

Supplementary Materials

In order to simplify the redaction of the manuscript, the usual designation for multi-wall carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs) was shortened to MNT and used hereafter.

Additionally, four different fabrication methods were used to fabricate the polymer nanocomposites: W-U (without ultrasound), F-U (Fixed frequency ultrasound-assist fabrication), V-U for variable-frequency ultrasound-assist fabrication and PT (Pretreatment of MNT in a fluidized air-bed with an ultrasound probe).

Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA). Thermogravimetric analysis for isotactic polypropylenes (iPP) homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

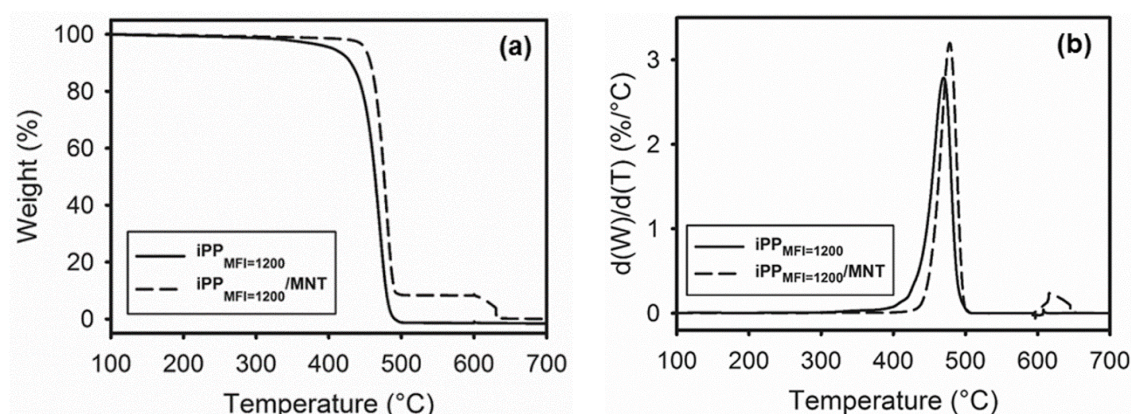


Figure S1. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) (a) and weight derivative (b) for isotactic polypropylenes (iPP) homopolymer fabricated by W-U and iPP/MNT nanocomposite fabricated by V-U.

Table S1. Degradation temperatures at 5% weight loss for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	426.87	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	419.22	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	405.54	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	455.76	455.48	455.19	432.87
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	452.92	452.52	452.48	439.64
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	449.98	449.73	449.74	437.96

Table S2. Degradation temperatures at 50% weight loss for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	465.27	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	464.62	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	463.74	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	478.12	477.50	477.37	459.34
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	477.77	477.15	477.57	464.95
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	475.99	476.23	476.25	463.35

Table S3. Degradation temperatures at peak weight loss for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	468.94	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	468.36	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	469.22	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	480.03	479.49	479.12	460.42
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	479.59	479.06	479.23	466.85
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	478.15	478.39	478.16	463.93

Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC). Differential scanning calorimetry for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

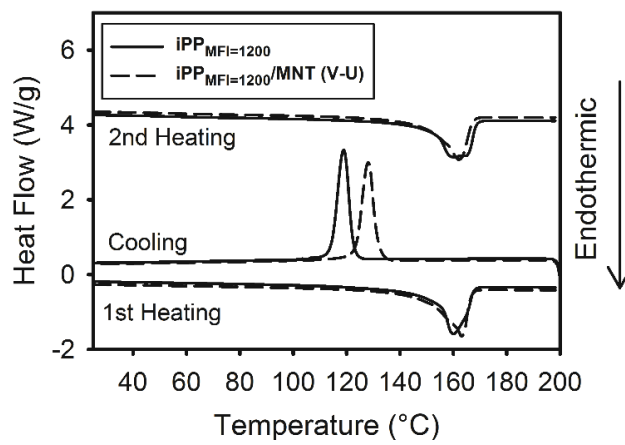


Figure S2. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) traces for iPP homopolymer fabricated by W-U and iPP/MNT nanocomposite fabricated by V-U.

Table S4. Melting temperature (°C) | enthalpy (J/g) during first heating for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	157.7 99.3	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	166.3 95.9	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	164.4 102.5	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	158.6 89.8	159.3 100.3	159.4 92.8	158.4 90.8
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	164.5 95.1	165.0 92.8	164.5 99.5	163.4 94.2
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	162.5 101.3	162.3 104.8	161.9 100.0	161.4 100.0

Table S5. Crystallization temperature (°C) | enthalpy (J/g) during cooling for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	115.8 99.8	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	117.2 102.5	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	118.9 103.5	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	123.9 95.2	123.2 98.2	123.0 91.6	123.7 95.9
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	126.6 98.3	126.3 94.6	126.6 99.0	126.6 98.5
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	127.8 102.6	128.6 104.7	128.1 100.6	127.7 103.3

Table S6. Melting temperature (°C) | enthalpy (J/g) during second heating for iPP homopolymers, and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	158.2 96.6	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	162.8 101.8	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	165.0 107.9	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	159.7 94.64	159.8 100.9	159.8 93.5	159.9 97.9
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	165.5 99.8	165.8 95.6	165.3 100.8	164.5 100.7
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	163.0 102.9	162.8 109.2	163.1 103.5	163.0 106.2

Dynamic Mechanical Analysis (DMA). Dynamical mechanical analysis for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

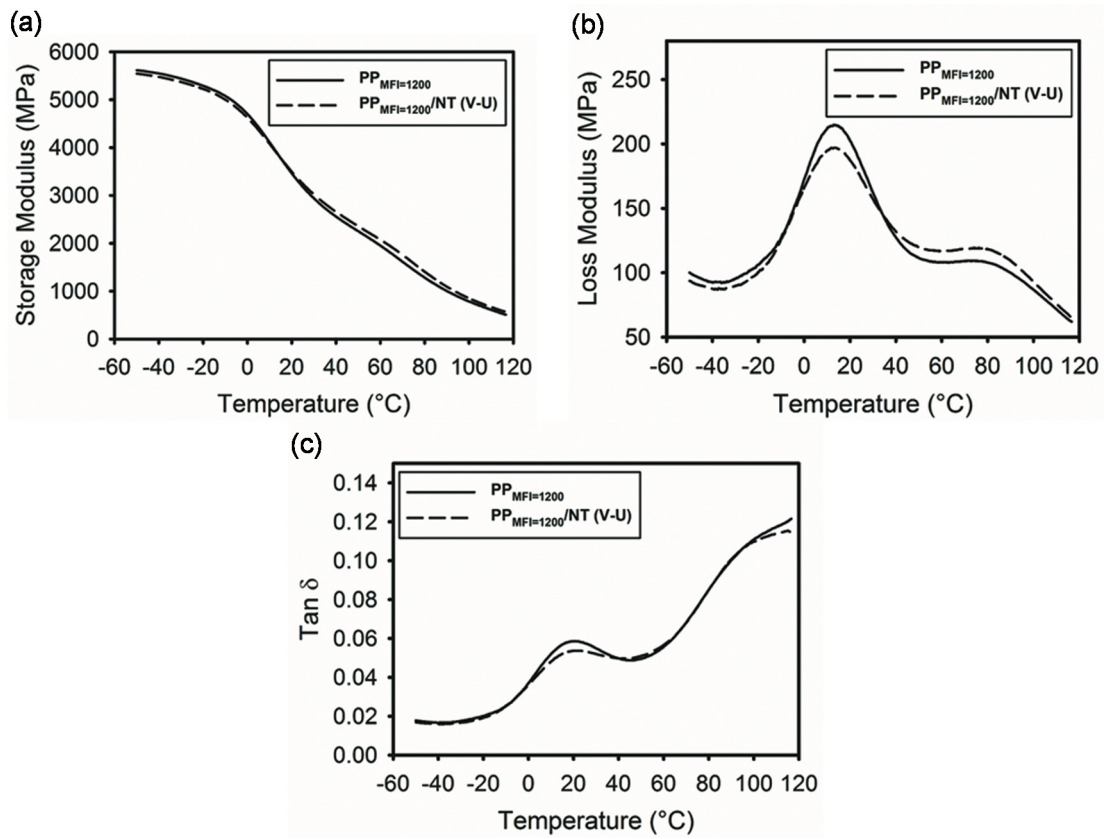


Figure S3. Dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA) results for iPP homopolymer fabricated by W-U and iPP/MNT nanocomposite fabricated by V-U. (a) Storage Modulus *vs.* Temperature; (b) Loss Modulus *vs.* Temperature; (c) Tan δ *vs.* Temperature.

Table S7. Storage modulus (MPa) | Loss modulus (MPa) evaluated at -50 °C for iPP homopolymers, and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	5579 109.6	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	4710 95.0	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	5616 100.0	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	7213 139.0	5255 108.2	6290 114.7	5707 114.4
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	6116 117.4	6052 104.7	5931 119.6	5750 104.2
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	6452 107.6	5960 101.6	5544 93.3	5735 93.3

Table S8. Loss modulus (MPa) evaluated at 18 °C | Loss modulus evaluated at 80 °C for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	210.8 96.1	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	174.5 88.1	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	214.9 107.8	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	265.1 134.3	190.7 99.7	225.2 114.9	205.1 105.1
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	212.4 121.2	194.9 114.8	201.7 112.7	194.5 109.5
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	214.8 134.3	207.0 121.5	197.1 118.1	197.3 121.2

Table S9. Glass transition temperature (°C) obtained from $\tan \delta$ vs. T for iPP homopolymers and iPP/MNT nanocomposites fabricated by different methods.

Sample	Fabrication Method			
	W-U	F-U	V-U	PT
iPP _{MFI = 2.5}	19.4	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 34}	22.7	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 1200}	19.9	-	-	-
iPP _{MFI = 2.5} /MNT	20.6	19.4	19.6	20.8
iPP _{MFI = 34} /MNT	23.2	22.5	21.3	23.4
iPP _{MFI = 1200} /MNT	18.9	18.0	22.0	20.4