

Supplementary Material

3D Printing of Thermal Insulating

Polyimide/Cellulose Nanocrystal Composite

Aerogels with Low Dimensional Shrinkage

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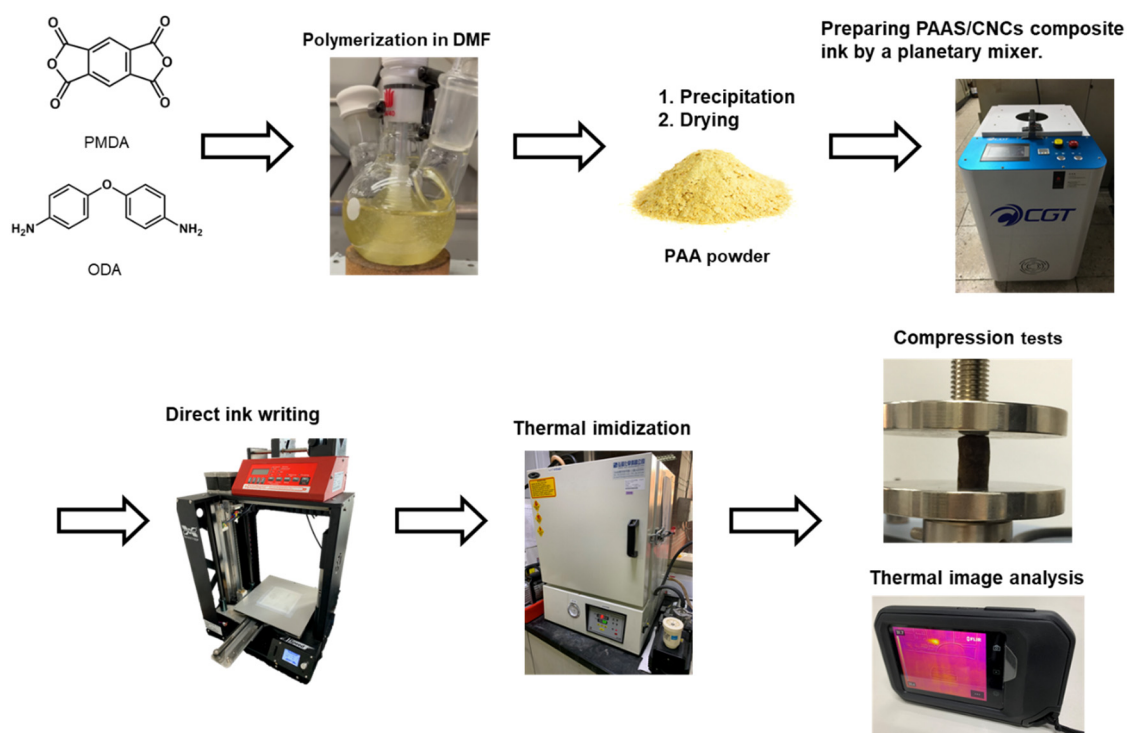


Figure S1. Synthesis and characterization of the 3D printable PI/CNCs composite aerogels.

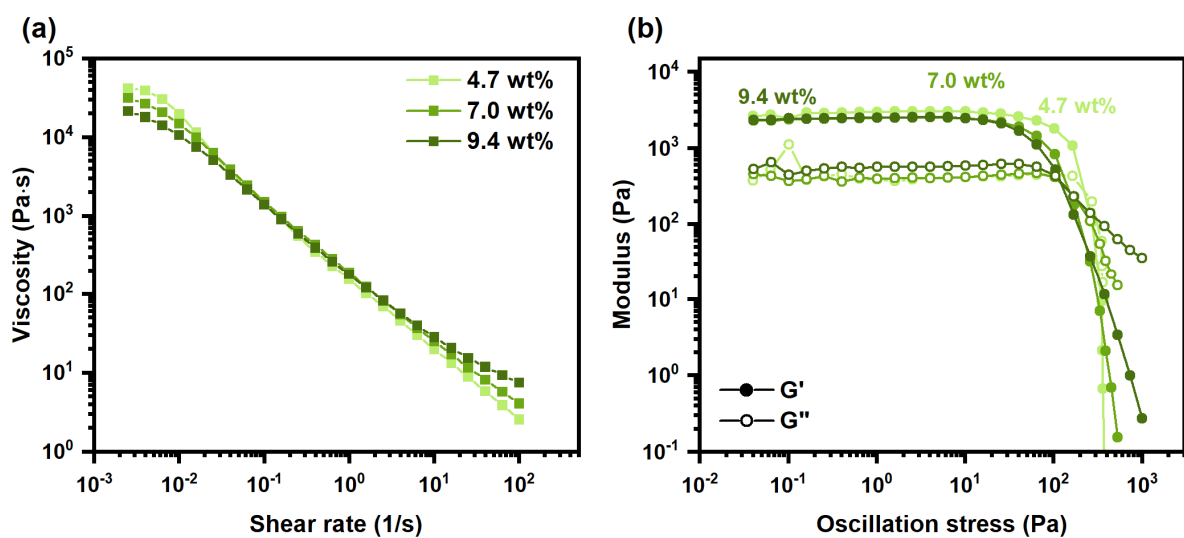


Figure S2. Rheological analysis of the inks under different concentrations of polyamic acid. (a) Steady-state shear viscosity of the ink. (b) Oscillatory rheological measurement.

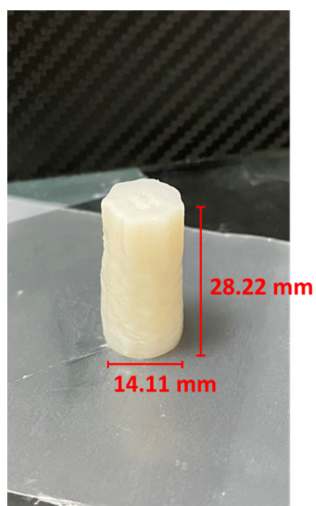


Figure S3. A 3D printed cylinder that shows the thickness achievable by the PAAS/CNCs ink. The concentrations of PAAS and CNCs were 7.0 wt% and 6.5 wt%, respectively.

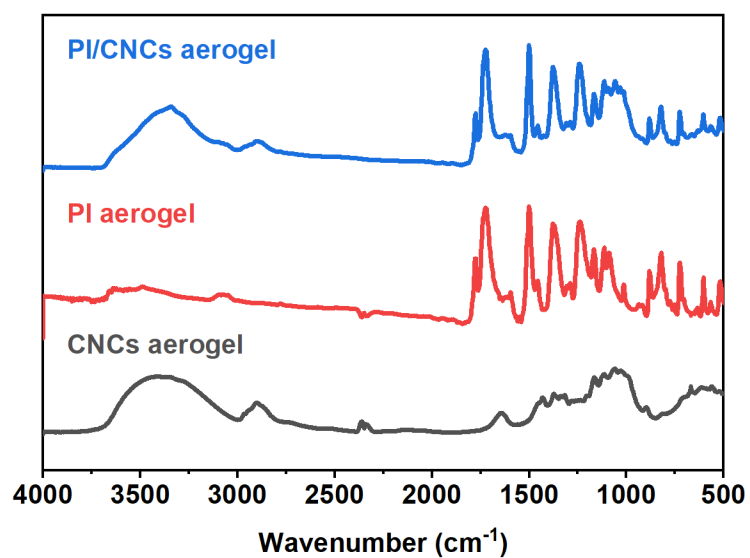


Figure S4. Full FT-IR spectra of different aerogels.

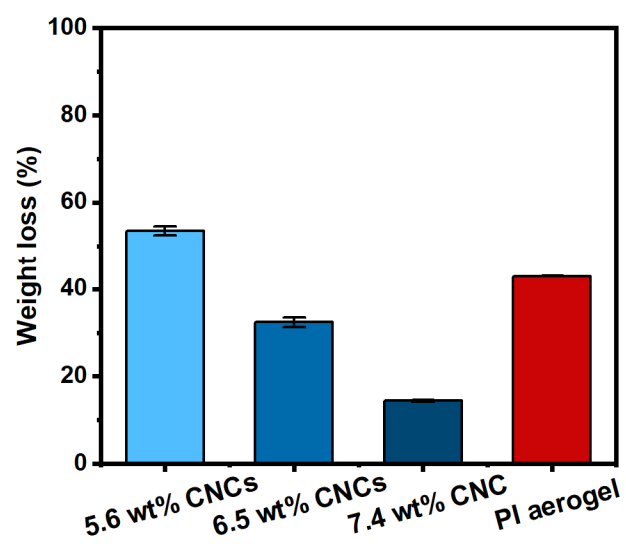


Figure S5. Weight loss of the freeze-dried samples after thermal imidization.

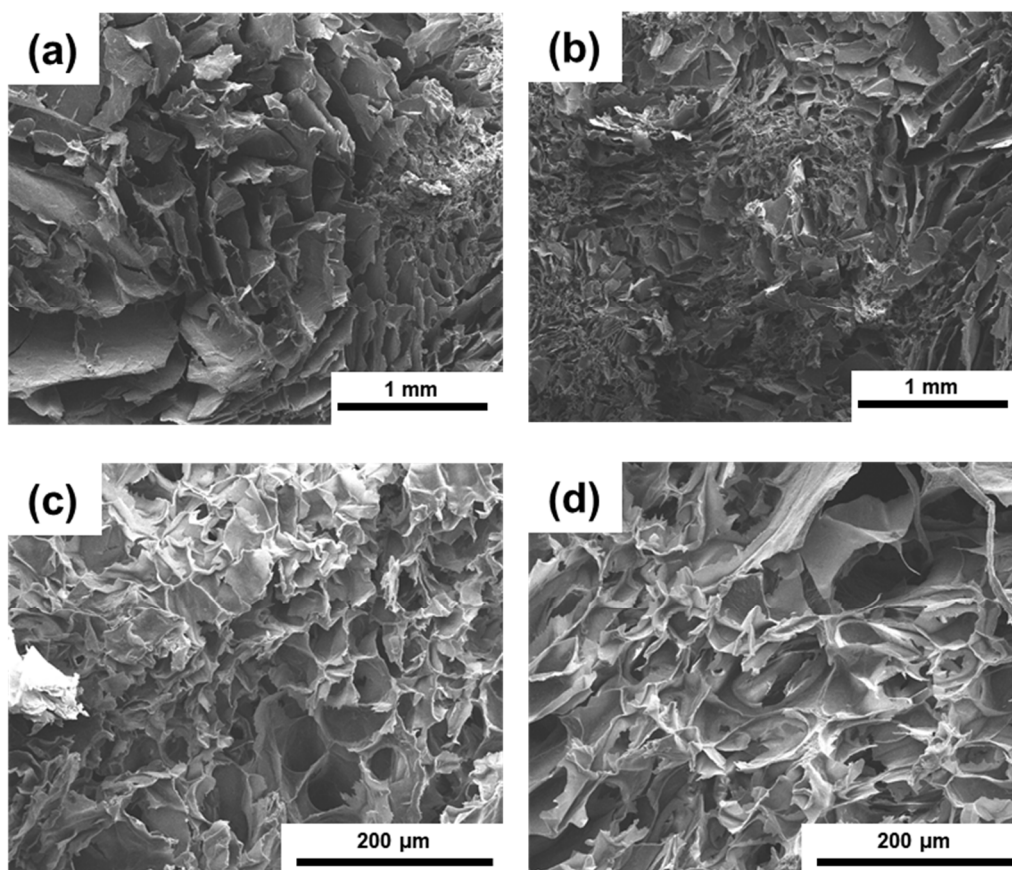


Figure S6. Cross-sectional SEM images of the composite aerogels after the thermal imidization process. **(a,c)** 5.6 wt% CNCs. **(b,d)** 7.4 wt% CNCs.

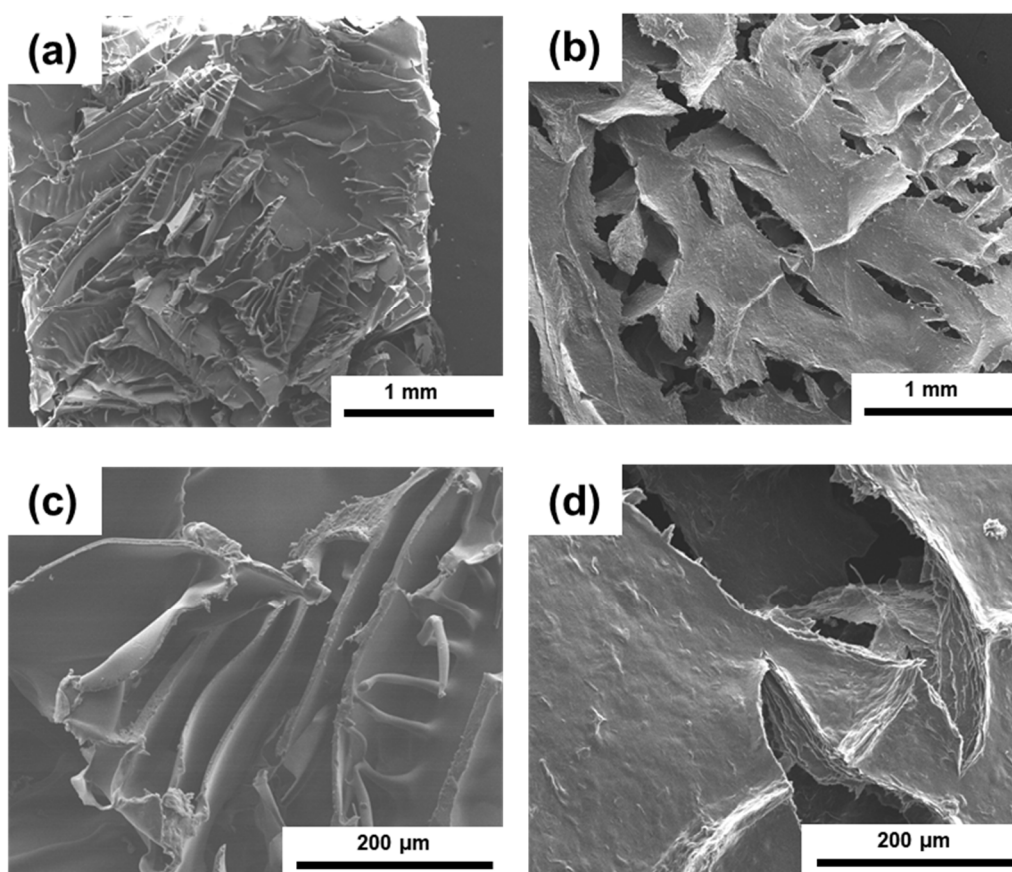


Figure S7. Cross-sectional SEM images. (a,c) Pure PAAS aerogels. (b,d) Pure CNC aerogels after freeze-drying.

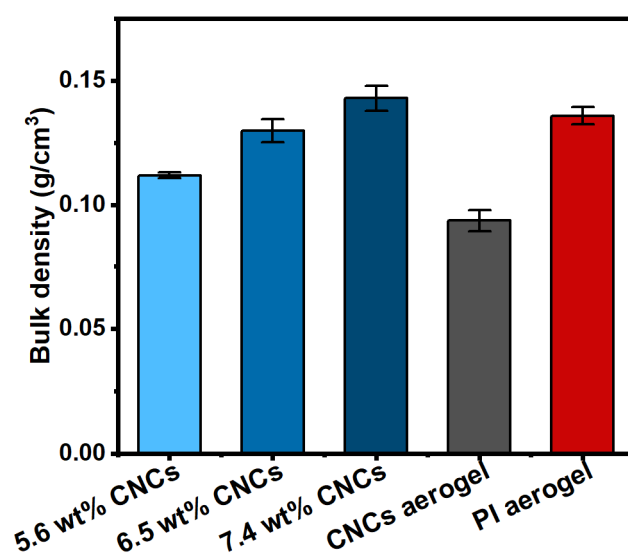


Figure S8. Bulk densities of PI/CNCs composite aerogels, CNCs aerogels, and PI aerogels.