

# Supporting Information

## Confinement-Induced Change in Chain Morphology of Ultra Thin Polymer Fibers

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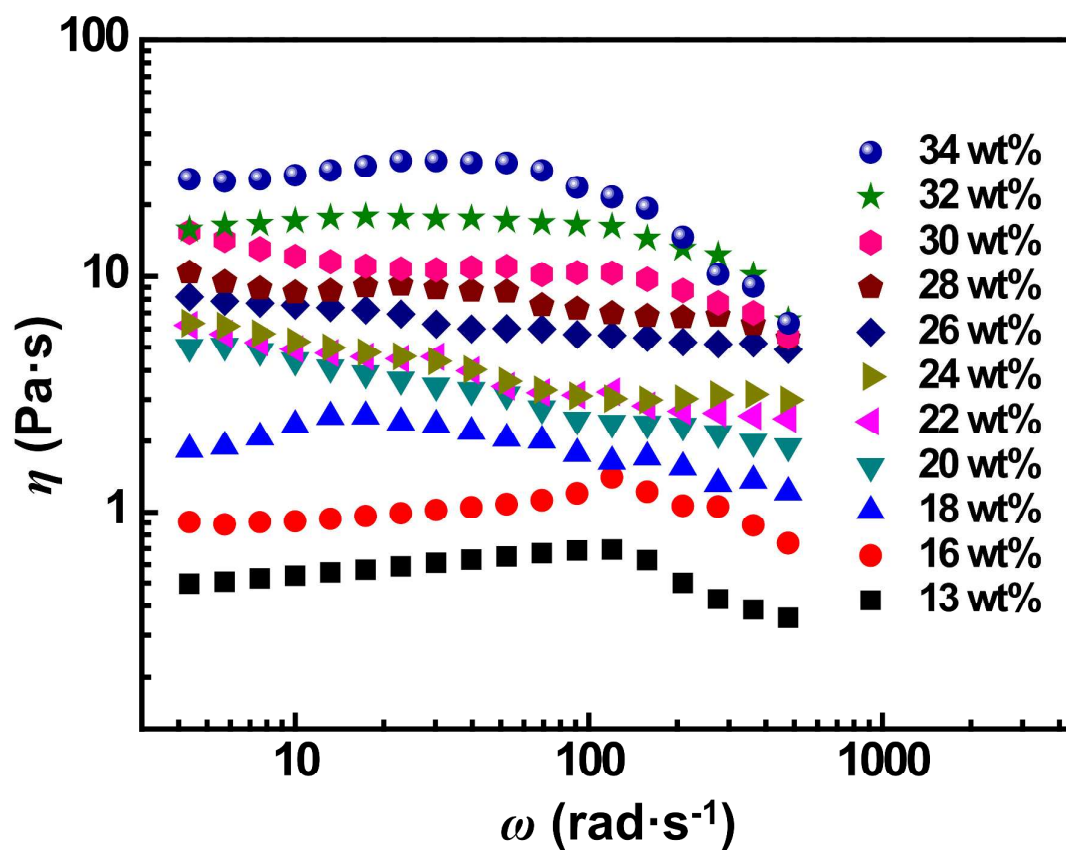
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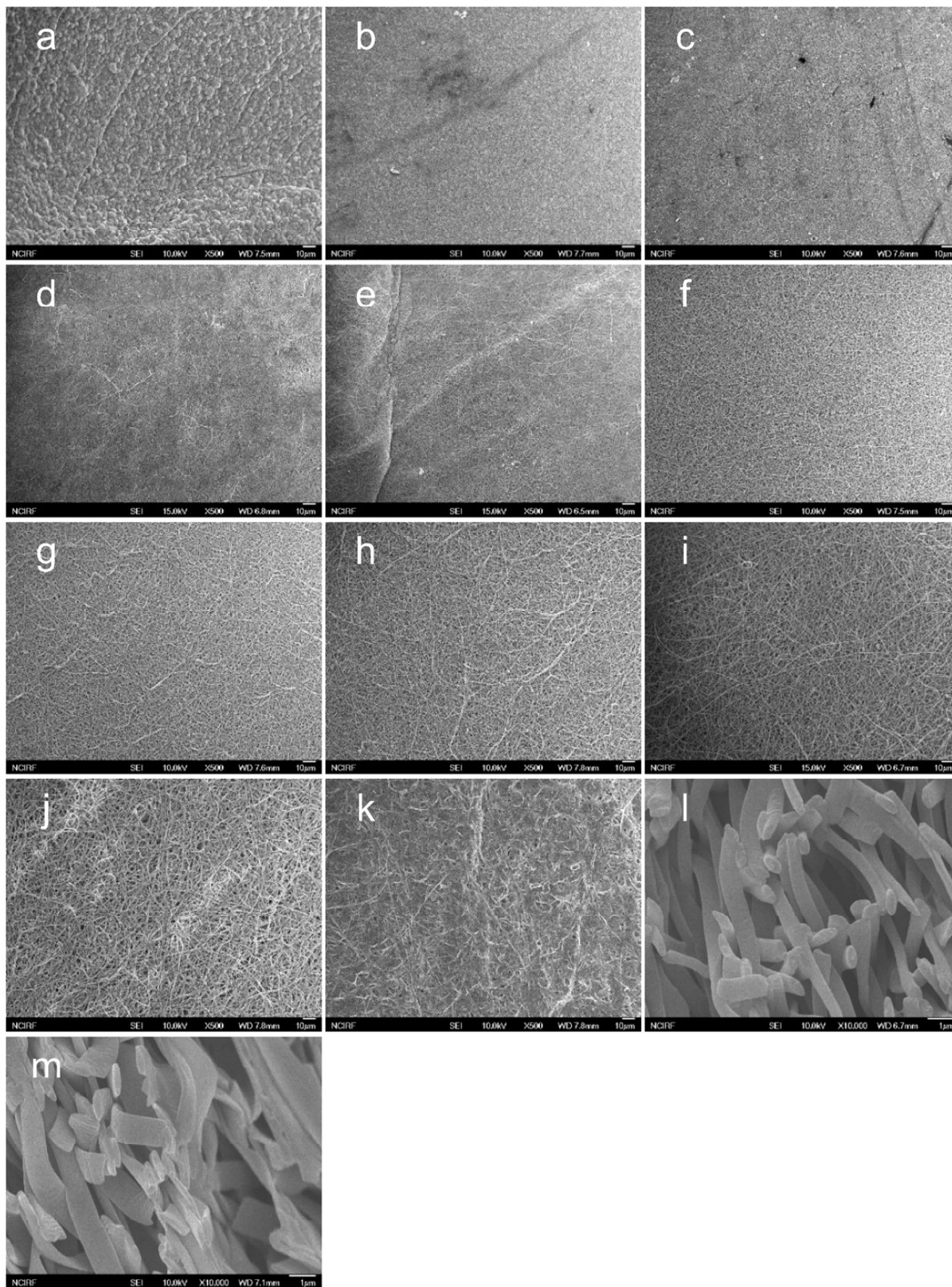
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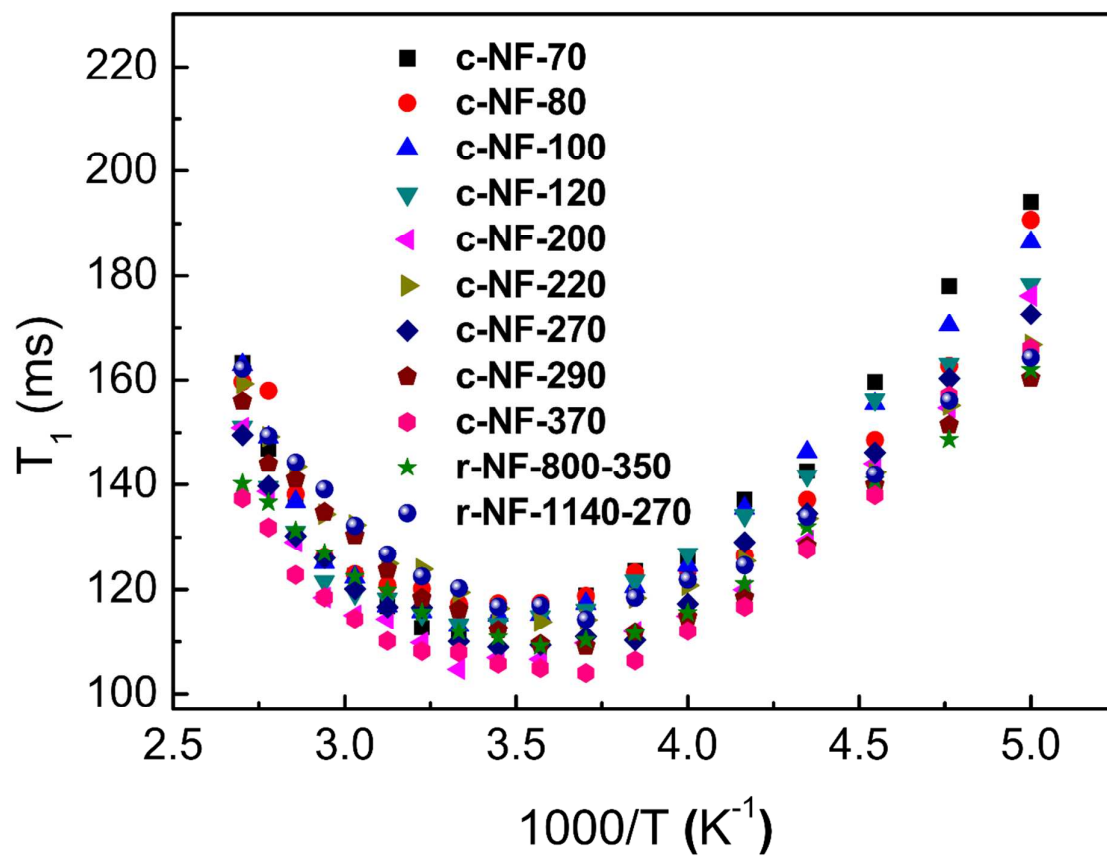
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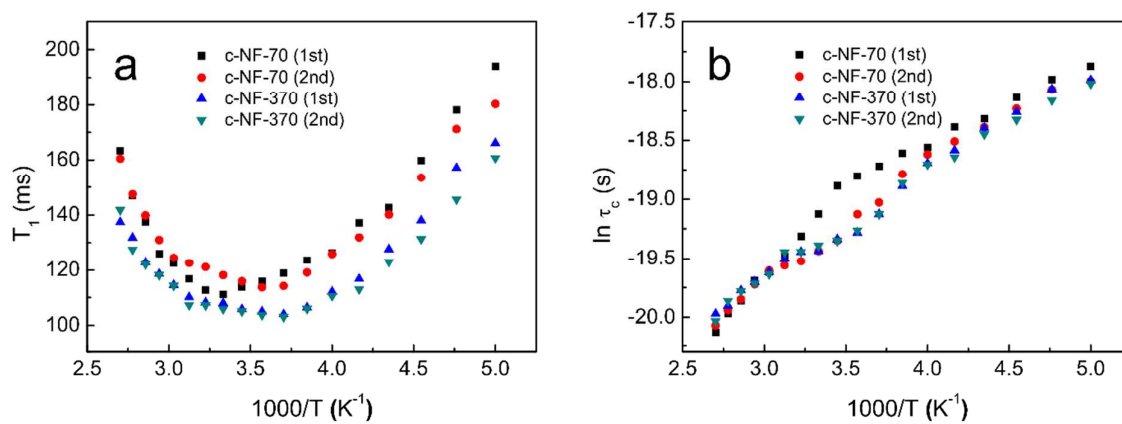
**Figure S1.** Steady shear viscosity of nylon 6/formic acid solution with different concentration from 13 to 34 wt%.



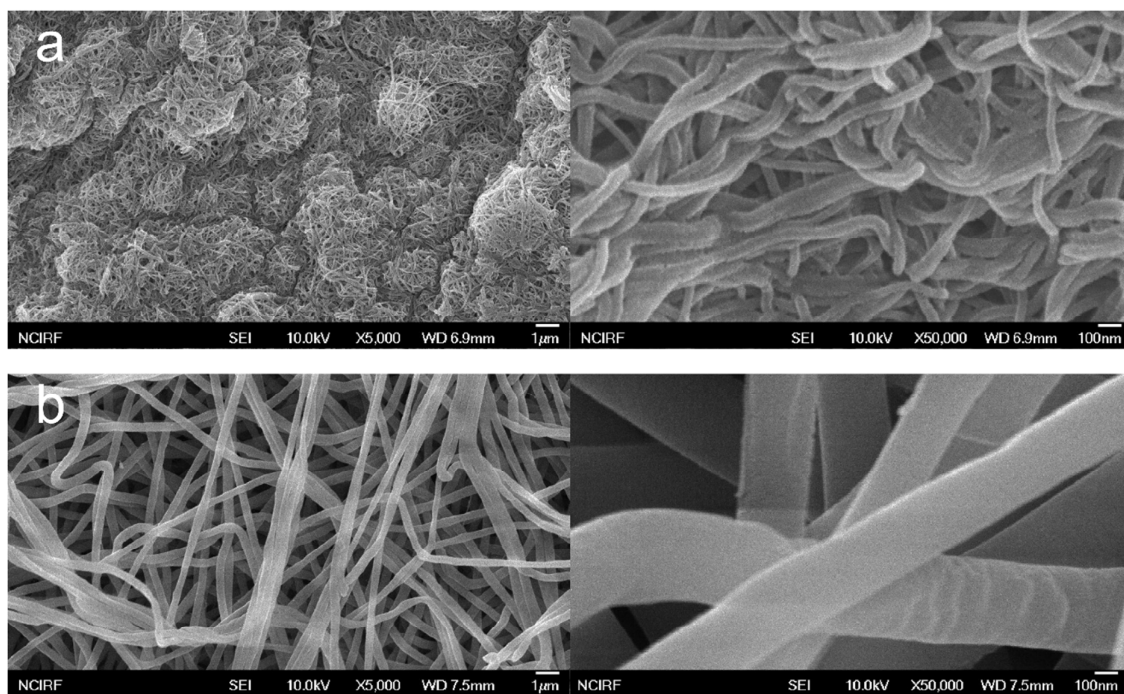
**Figure S2.** FE-SEM images of (a) c-NF-70, (b) c-NF-80, (c) c-NF-100, (d) c-NF-120, (e) c-NF-200, (f) c-NF-220, (g) c-NF-270, (h) c-NF-290, (i) c-NF-370, (j) r-NF-800-350, (k) r-NF-1140-270 at low magnification and cross-section of (l) r-NF-800-350 and (m) r-NF-1140-270 at high magnification.



**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$   $T_1$  vs the inverse temperature ( $1000/T$ ) of Nylon 6 nanofibers with different size and shape



**Figure S4.** (a)  $^1H$   $T_1$  vs the inverse temperature ( $1000/T$ ) and (b) logarithmic plot of the correlation time,  $\tau_c$  vs the inverse temperature ( $1000/T$ ) of c-NF-70 and c-NF-370 during the two heating cycles



**Figure S5.** FE-SEM images of (a) c-NF-70 and (b) c-NF-370 after the measurement of  $T_1$  at a temperature range from 200 to 370 K.

**Table S1.** Composition of rhodamine B-loaded Nylon 6 nanofibers and the amount of rhodamine B released for 24 h.

Sample	Rh-NF-60	Rh-Nf-140	Rh-NF-250
RhB/Nylon 6 (wt%)	0.58	0.61	0.82
Dye release at 24 h (%)	42.0 $\pm$ 1.9	56.9 $\pm$ 4.0	50.8 $\pm$ 1.2