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## APPENDICES

### Appendix A $\beta$ -phase Crystallinity Calculation

The  $\beta$ -phase crystallinity of BC/PVDF blend films and AgNP-BC/PVDF nanocomposite films were calculated as follow the equation 3.1

$$\text{Beer-Lambert's Law} \quad F(\beta) = \frac{X_\beta}{X_\alpha + X_\beta} = \frac{A_\beta}{1.26A_\alpha + A_\beta} \quad (3.1)$$

Where  $X_\alpha$  and  $X_\beta$  are the degree of crystallinity of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phases,  $A_\alpha$  and  $A_\beta$  are the absorbances of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phases at 765 and 840  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively.

**Table A1** The identification of FT-IR peaks analyzed of BC/PVDF blend films compared with neat PVDF

Sample	$A_\alpha$ (763 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$A_\beta$ (840 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$F(\beta)$
Neat PVDF	0.200	0.411	0.62
BC2.5PVDF97.5	0.136	0.305	0.64
BC5PVDF95	0.277	0.710	0.67
BC10PVDF90	0.379	0.887	0.65
BC15PVDF85	0.204	0.340	0.57

**Table A2** The identification of FT-IR peaks analyzed of AgNP-BC/PVDF nanocomposite films compared with BC2.5PVDF97.5

Sample	$A_\alpha$ (763 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$A_\beta$ (840 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$F(\beta)$
BC2.5PVDF97.5	0.136	0.305	0.64
ABP(0.125/2.375)	0.235	0.170	0.36
ABP(0.25/2.25)	0.180	0.132	0.37
ABP(0.5/2.0)	0.315	0.223	0.36

## Appendix B %Crystallinity Calculation

The %crystallinity of BC/PVDF blend films and AgNP-BC/PVDF nanocomposite films were calculated as follow the equation 3.2

$$\% \text{ crystallinity } (X_C) = \frac{\Delta H_m, \Delta H_c}{\Delta H_m^0, \Delta H_c^0 (1-\alpha)} \times 100\% \quad (3.2)$$

Where  $\Delta H_m$  is the melting enthalpy of the material under study,  $\Delta H_c$  is the crystallization enthalpy of the material under study and  $\Delta H_m^0$  is the melting enthalpy of totally crystalline material (100% crystalline),  $\Delta H_m^0$  for PVDF = 92.4 J/g, and  $\alpha$  is fiber weight content.

**Table B1** The identification of DSC peaks analyzed of BC/PVDF blend films with neat PVDF

Sample	$\Delta H_m$ (J/g)	$T_m$ (°C)	$X_c$ (%)	$\Delta H_c$ (J/g)	$T_c$ (°C)	$X_c$ (%)
Neat PVDF	45.10	170.7	48.81	45.58	138.5	50.53
BC2.5PVDF97.5	38.55	171.8	42.79	38.61	146.6	43.90
BC5PVDF95	36.72	174.4	41.83	35.18	147.7	41.05
BC10PVDF90	34.57	173.3	41.57	33.08	149.0	40.74
BC15PVDF85	37.49	172.9	47.73	40.25	149.1	52.49

**Table B2** The identification of DSC peaks analyzed of AgNP-BC/PVDF blend films with BC2.5PVDF97.5

Sample	$\Delta H_m$ (J/g)	$T_m$ (°C)	$X_c$ (%)	$\Delta H_c$ (J/g)	$T_c$ (°C)	$X_c$ (%)
BC2.5PVDF97.5	38.55	171.8	42.79	38.61	146.6	43.90
ABP(0.125/2.375)	34.73	172.0	38.55	36.24	147.8	41.21
ABP(0.25/2.25)	33.43	173.8	37.11	33.08	146.9	37.61
ABP(0.5/2.0)	32.05	171.9	35.57	33.52	147.9	38.11

### Appendix C Crystalline Size Calculation

The crystalline size of BC/PVDF blend films and AgNP-BC/PVDF nanocomposite films were calculated as follow the equation 3.3 (Hartono *et al.*, 2013)

$$\beta_{crys} = \frac{k\lambda}{L\cos\theta} \quad (3.3)$$

Where  $\beta_{crys}$  is the peak width of the diffraction peak profile at half maximum height resulting from small crystalline size in radians,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the x-ray used in nanometer (0.154 nm),  $\theta$  is the Bragg angle, L is the “average” crystallite size measured in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the specimen, and k is a constant. The constant k has been determined to vary between 0.89 and 1.39, but is usually taken as close to unity, the assumption that  $k = 1.0$  is generally justifiable.

**Table C1** The crystalline size of BC/PVDF blend films compare with neat PVDF

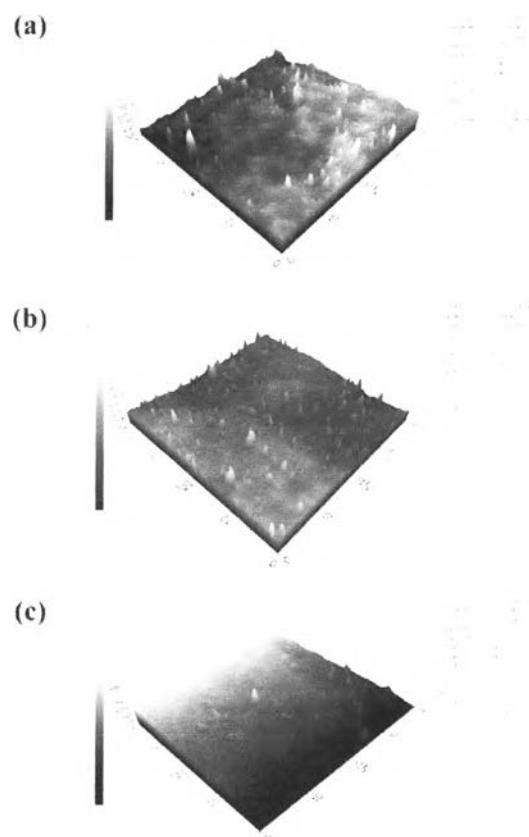
Sample	$2\theta$ (degree)	$\cos\theta$	$\beta$ (degree)	$\beta$ (rad)	Crystalline size (nm)	Crystalline size <sub>ave</sub> (nm)
neat PVDF	18.47	0.987	0.387	0.007	23.09	17.94
	20.05	0.985	0.354	0.006	25.29	
	26.61	0.973	1.669	0.029	5.43	
BC2.5PVDF97.5	18.43	0.987	0.477	0.008	18.74	16.10
	20.02	0.985	0.373	0.007	24.03	
	26.65	0.973	1.643	0.029	5.52	
BC5PVDF95	18.40	0.987	0.402	0.007	22.23	17.47
	19.99	0.985	0.369	0.006	24.26	
	26.67	0.973	1.535	0.027	5.91	
BC10PVDF90	18.51	0.987	0.426	0.007	20.98	17.07
	20.09	0.985	0.392	0.007	22.85	
	26.75	0.973	1.230	0.021	7.38	
BC15PVDF85	18.49	0.987	0.292	0.005	30.57	19.04
	19.98	0.985	0.429	0.007	20.86	
	26.41	0.974	1.590	0.028	5.70	

**Table C2** The crystalline size of AgNP-BC/PVDF nanocomposite films compare with BC2.5PVDF97.5

Sample	$2\theta$ (degree)	$\cos \theta$	$\beta$ (degree)	$\beta$ (rad)	Crystalline size (nm)	Crystalline size <sub>ave</sub> (nm)
2.5BC97.5PVDF	18.43	0.987	0.477	0.008	18.74	16.10
	20.02	0.985	0.373	0.007	24.03	
	26.65	0.973	1.643	0.029	5.52	
ABP(0.125/2.375)	18.36	0.987	0.409	0.007	21.87	17.40
	19.94	0.985	0.366	0.006	24.51	
	26.51	0.973	1.557	0.027	5.83	
ABP(0.25/2.25)	18.44	0.987	0.400	0.007	22.37	17.26
	20.01	0.985	0.365	0.006	24.55	
	26.53	0.973	1.867	0.033	4.86	
ABP(0.5/2.0)	18.45	0.987	0.299	0.005	29.86	19.90
	19.97	0.985	0.385	0.007	23.30	
	26.62	0.973	1.387	0.024	6.54	

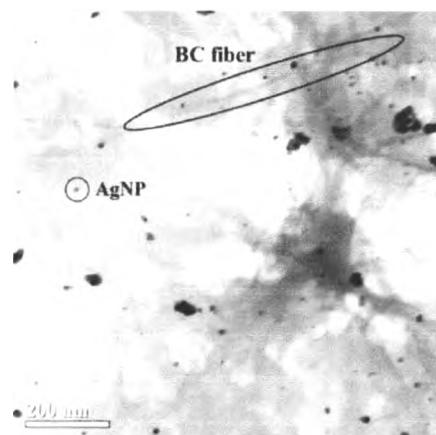
## Appendix D Surface Roughness

The morphology and surface roughness parameters were investigated by atomic force microscopy technique. The images were presented in 40  $\mu\text{m} \times 40 \mu\text{m}$  scanning area.

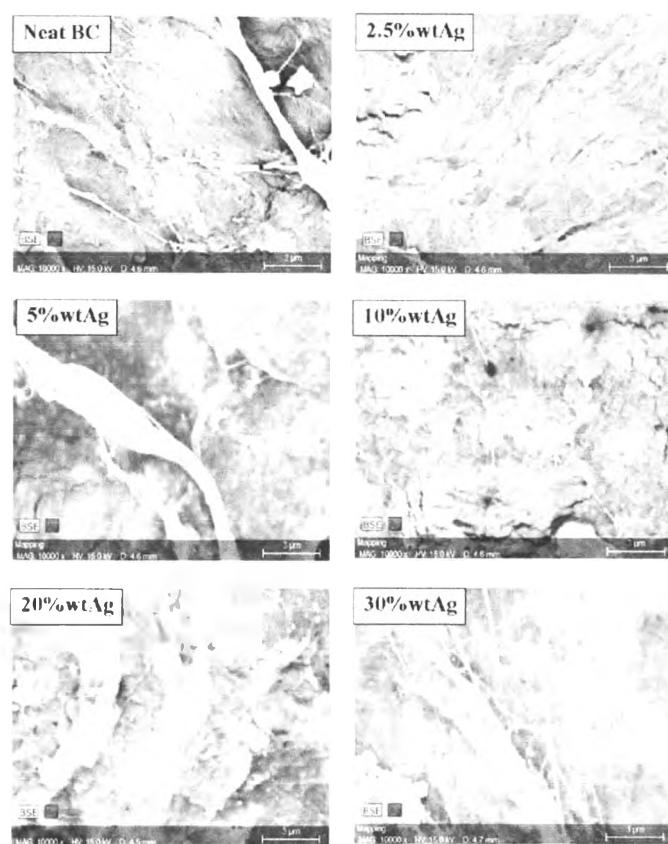


**Figure D1** Atomic force microscopic topology images of (a) neat PVDF, (b) BC2.5PVDF97.5, and (c) ABP(0.125/2.375).

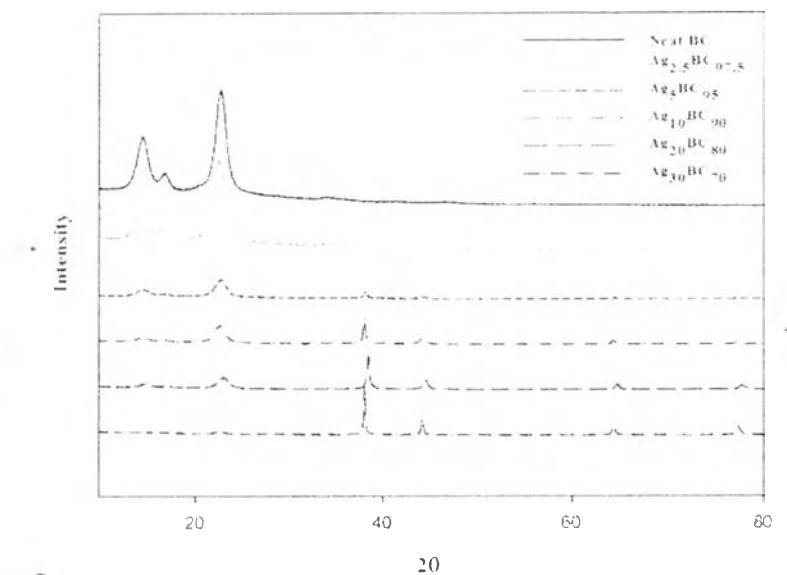
## Appendix E Preparation and Characterization of Silver Nanoparticles Filled Bacterial Cellulose



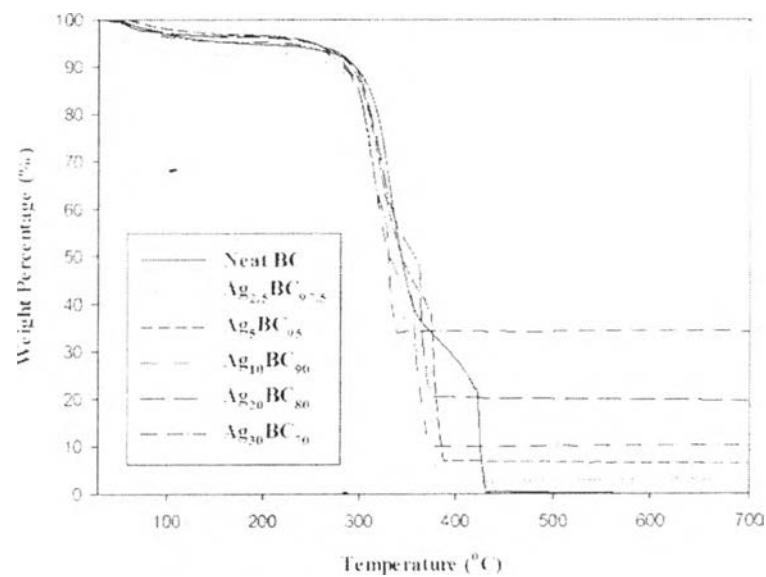
**Figure E1** TEM investigation of loaded Ag NP on bacterial cellulose suspension.



**Figure E2** SEM-EDS images of various amount AgNP in AgNP-BC.



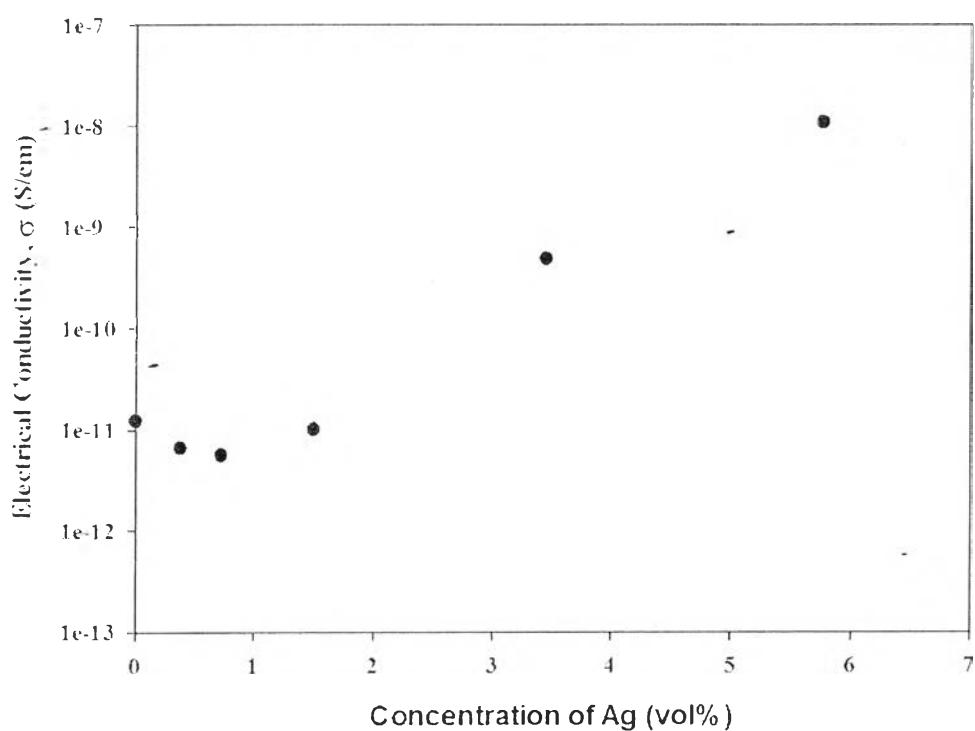
**Figure E3** XRD pattern of loaded AgNP on bacterial cellulose.



**Figure E4** STA thermograms of loaded AgNP on bacterial cellulose.

**Table E1** STA parameters of various amount of Ag loading in BC compared with neat BC

Sample	Ag (vol%)	%Residue	T <sub>d</sub> (°C)
Neat BC	0.0	0.00	360.4
2.5%wtAg	0.375	2.60	359.8
5%wtAg	0.73	5.97	355.4
10%wtAg	1.5	9.89	350.2
20%wtAg	3.45	19.25	338.5
30%wtAg	5.77	33.86	321.7



**Figure E5** Electrical conductivity of nanocomposite sheet at various amount of AgNP.

**Table E2** Electrical parameters at various amounts of silver in nanocomposite sheet

<b>Sample</b>	<b>Ag (vol%)</b>	<b><math>\rho</math> (ohm-cm)</b>	<b><math>\sigma</math> (sement/cm)</b>	<b><math>R^2</math></b>
Neat BC	0	$8.18 \times 10^{10}$	$1.22 \times 10^{-11}$	0.9924
2.5%wtAg	0.375	$1.53 \times 10^{11}$	$6.55 \times 10^{-12}$	0.9743
5%wtAg	0.73	$1.81 \times 10^{11}$	$5.53 \times 10^{-12}$	0.9265
10%wtAg	1.5	$9.96 \times 10^{10}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-11}$	0.9332
20%wtAg	3.45	$2.08 \times 10^{10}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-11}$	0.9243
30%wtAg	5.77	$9.28 \times 10^7$	$4.08 \times 10^{-8}$	0.9922

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