# NANOFIBER ELECTROSPINNING SYSTEMS



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# **Electrospinning Method**

Major features of the electrospinning method is to spin a variety of materials (mainly polymers) into nanofiber shapes and control of fiber shapes is relatively easy. Research up to now realized electrospinning of the following

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- (See Fig.1)
- Industrial thermoplastic polymer
- Biodegradable polymer
- Polymer blend
- · Composite materials mixed with inorganic compounds

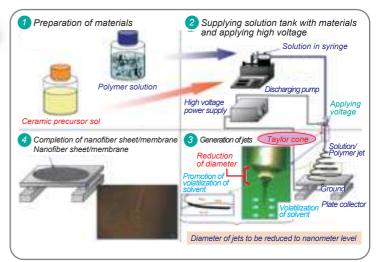


Fig. 1 Principles of electrospinning

In recent years spinning cases of the ceramic nanofibers such as Alumina, Zirconium oxide, Titanium oxide and Lead zirconate titanate are reported frequently.

Electrospinning method usually uses solutions in which materials dissolve in solvents as spinning materials. Electrospinning system, as shown in Fig. 1, consists of a high voltage power supply, polymer solutions, a storage tank, a spinneret and a grounded collector. Polymer solutions will be pushed out of a tank to a spinneret at a constant speed.

High voltage at 20kV to 40kV will be applied to a spinneret and polymer solution jet will be injected to a collector when electrical attraction exceeds surface tension of polymer solutions. Solvents in jets are gradually volatilized and jets will reduce to nanometer level when they reach a collector.

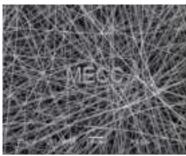
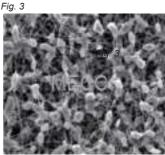


Fig. 2

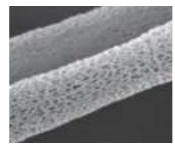
Electrospun nanofibers forms membranes shown in Fig. 2. Orientations of fibers depend on a collector. Nanofiber membranes are known that its total surface area

Nanofiber membranes are known that its total surface area per volume is much more than that of micrometer-size fiber membranes.





Beaded fiber



Porous fiber

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As a result, nanofibers obtain unprecedented characteristics by having chemical or physical modifications, and new applications in various fields are expected.

As shown in Fig. 3, even if the same polymer is spun, fibers in different shapes, such as smooth-surface fibers, beaded fibers and porous fibers can be made by changing spinning parameters.

Parameters in terms of electrospinning are generally divided into three groups of solution characteristics, spinning environment and spinning conditions. (Fig. 4)

# **Solution Characteristics**

- Solution concentration
- Viscocity
- Conductivity
- Elasticity
- Surface tension

# **Spinning Environment**

- Ambience temperature
- Humidity
- Barometric pressure

# **Spinning Conditions**

- High voltage output
- Feed rate of solutions
- Distance between collector and spinneret
- Winding speed of a collector

Fig. 4 Parameters of electrospinning method to influence shapes of nanofibers

**Applications** 

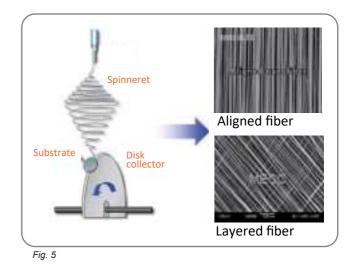
How to combine such parameters is "knowhow."

It is most difficult to find out the best spinning conditions to obtain desired shape of nanofibers, which usually takes a long time period.

So much time has been taken by many people to figure out relevancy between such parameters and shapes of fibers, however, it is becoming clearer in these days.

Polymer concentration of spinning solutions is obviously the most important factor to control diameters of polymer fibers. Also, design of a collector will be important to control orientation of fibers.

Aligned nanofiber samples made with a disk collector is shown in Fig. 5. There are several important parameters to be controlled such as fiber diameters, surface shapes and orientations.



**Applications of Nanofibers** 

Applications of nanofibers below are currently thought to be promising, and research in such fields is progressing at many colleges, laboratories and corporations.

- Environmental engineering Water filter, dust filter, face mask
- Functional goods Functional clothes, functional food
- Electronic materials Battery separators, high conductivity materials, transparent conductive film
- Medical/Health care, Biology Regenerative medicine, wound treatment, drug delivery system, cell culturing, blood vessel

# **Environmental engineering**

*In the field of environmental engineering nanofibers are well known with products such as filters or face masks.* 

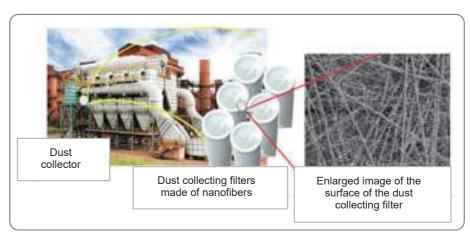
Targeted molecules can be eliminated at high efficiency with water processing filters made of nanofibers making use of their high performance filtering.

Also, face masks which can capture very small particles such as PM2.5 with a nanofiber layer are being globally developed to protect people from serious air pollution.



N95 nanofiber mask developed by NAMI

As one of the applications filters to eliminate cesium are under development. Extremely small particles of cesium, which were not collected only with meltblown nonwovens, can be collected by integrating nanofiber non-woven layers to meltblown nonwovens. (From the patent publication list)



Applications

# **Functional goods**

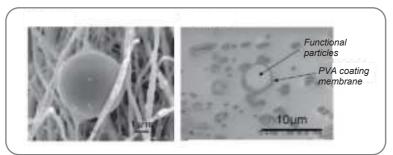
In recent years some research results report that a variety of textiles can be spun using not only a single and simple nanofiber but also composite materials of textiles, composite materials with particles or coating materials of functional objects.

A cooperative team of University of Lincoln in England and Iranian Food Science and Technology Research contributed a total analysis of electrospinning method suitable for food applications in an academic journal "Food Hydrocolloids".

Dr. Nick Tucker of University of Lincoln, one of the authors explains that the electrospinning method helps new supplementary food compound be produced, and design and performance of delivery system be progressed in this article. That is, nanofibers spun with the electrospinning method are expected to be used for food delivery system to protect nutrition between processing and storage or during transfer to another location inside a body.



Sports wear with a nanofiber layer of high breathability and waterproof performance



Nanofiber nonwovens containing functional particles (from the patent publication list)

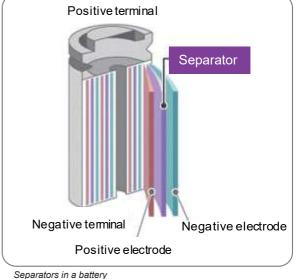
# **Electronic materials**

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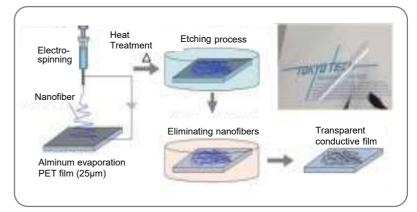
- Electrodes or separators for high efficiency solar batteries, fuel cells, and secondary batteries.
- Transparent conductive filters (electrodes) for displays, touch panels and functional glass.

The group of Associate Professor Matsumoto at Tokyo Institute of Technology is developing transparent conductive films, which are expected to be replacements for ITO that is currently used for electrodes and display panels.

Those films feature that they have as high visible light transmission rate as that of ITO at 80% and high conductivity at  $45\Omega$ /sq of surface resistance, and they are very thin, light, flexible and unbreakable.



Separators in a battery (from the website of Teijin Corporation)



Transparent conductive film (from the website of Tokyo Institute of Technology)

# Medical/Health care, Biology

Medical/health care or biology is one of important applications of nanofibers made with electrospinning method and is attracting researchers' interests. Some of products related to regenerative medicine are already commercialized overseas.

Japanese ministry of economy and industry reports that the market size of goods related to regenerative medicine is presumed to be USD 150billion worldwide and USD13billion in Japan in 2050. Also, it presumes that sales of medical materials such as culture mediums and scaffolds, which mostly employs nanofibers. will be USD 34.7 billion worldwide in 2050.

That shows use of nanofibers in medical area will be rapidly and widely expanded in the future.

Market size related to regenerative medicine

	JAPAN	World	
2012	170	170 2,400	
2020	950	11,00	
2030	5,500	52,000	
2050	13,000	150,000	
(14)			

(Million USD, JPY100/USD)

Market size related to culture mediums, serums and reagents (including scaffolds)

	JAPAN	World			
2012	40	545			
2020	148	1,815			
2030	969	11,610			
2050	2,300	34,664			

(Million USD, JPY100/USD)

# Features of nanofibers from a medical viewpoint

#### 1) Adhesiveness to cells

Easy to use as scaffolds of cells.

- 2) Bioabsorbability and biodegradability
  - To be absorbed or degraded in a body for a certain period.

# 3) Porosity and wide surface area

- Many spaces where solutions will permeate.
- High preservation of water.
- Easy to influence contacting biotissue

## 4) Adjustable strength

Strength and elasticity is adjustable.

# Typical applications in medical area

Applications in practical use are increasing year by year.

## • Assistance of human body's functions

Artificial blood vessel, artificial cornea, artificial skin, covered stent Prosthetic agent for artificial bones

## • Drug releasing/Drug delivery (DDS)

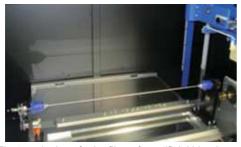
Drug releasing capsule, percutaneous absorption agent

#### Wound/disease treatment /

Transdermal patch to nerves / organs, surgical dressings Adhesive bandage, dialysis membrane, adhesion preventive agent

## • Cell culturing/Scaffolds for cell multiplication

Scaffold materials for regenerative medicine Culturing and separation of cells



Electrospinning of tube fibers for artificial blood vessels with a special mandrel collector





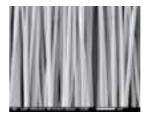
Emergency dialysis membrane (from the website of NIMS)



Tube fiber for covered stent (made by MECC)



Tube fiber for artificial blood vessel (made by MECC)



Aligned nanofiber sheets for scaffolds to culture cells

# **Electrospinning Equipment**

Here is a lineup of electrospinning equipment for laboratory use and pilot production. Specially-designed spinnerets (nozzles) and collectors are available to be integrated to such systems for special applications as required.

Please consult our sales representative or research staff to choose adequate combinations of devices.

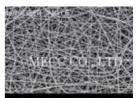
Also, we are willing to make nanofiber samples at our laboratory before introducing electrospinning equipment.

## For laboratory use

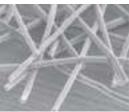
- NANON-01A Worldwide best-selling equipment to electrospin a variety of nanofibers.
- NEX-101 An entry model for experiments and to find spinning conditions.
- NF-103 A lab-use model of which functions were expanded from the NANON-01A.
- NF-500 A high-end model integrating a high voltage supply up to 50kV.

## • For pilot production

- NW-103 A system to spin nonwovens and core/shell nanofiber sheets. Effective spinning width at 850mm.
- NF-1001 A high-efficiency system to spin nonwovens and core/shell nanofiber sheets. Effective spinning width at 1000mm.









# NANON-01A Electrospinning System for R&D

The model NANON-01A is a nanofiber electrospinning system for lab use. A variety of materials can be easily spun by programming spinning conditions and combining system parts such as spinnerets and collectors.

The system has been supported by many researchers of nanofibers all over the world due to its operability and reliability. The system will save much time and cost for making samples and for developing products.

## Spinning high quality nanofiber sheets

Unique technology of MECC creates stable electric fields to spin nanofibers of uniform and thin fiber diameters.

## • A turn-key system to spin nanofibers

All component devices necessary to spin nanofibers such as a high voltage supply, a syringe pump, a spinneret, a collector and a conttrol panel are integrated to the standard system.

## • A variety of nanofibers to spin

With combination of spinnerets and collectors the device can make many types of nanofibers such as aligned fibers and core/shell sheets.

## • Thinking about operators' safety

The NANON-01A has safety features such as a high voltage interlock, a door lock during operation and instant high voltage shutoff and a signal tower thinking about operators' safety.

#### Cleaning mechanism

A programmable cleaning device is integrated to the system to clean a tip of a needle automatically.

#### [Standard parts]

Parts	Model	Part number	Parts	Model	Part
Collector	Plate collector	C-PL	Spinneret	Clip Spinneret_75	S-CL/75
(Optional	parts]				
Parts	Model	Part number	Parts	Model	Part nu
	Drum Collector_\0200W200	C-DR/D200W200		Tubeless spinneret	S-TU/75
	Drum Collector_\0100W200	C-DR/D100W200		Coaxial spinneret 18G	S-CA/180
	Drum Collector_\0200W30	C-DR/D200W30		Coaxial spinneret 22G	S-CA/220
Collector	Disk Collector	C-DI	Spinneret	Coaxial spinneret 27G	S-CA/270
	Mandrel Collector	C-MA/200		Multi-jet spinneret 4-holes	S-MJ/4S
	Y-axis slide collector	C-YA		Vertical clip spinneret	S-VCL/78
	R to R collector	C-RR/200	Pump	Syringe pump	YSP-101

**Electrospinning System** 



# NEX-101 Nanofiber Electrospinner for Experiments

The model NEX-101 is an entry model for nanofiber electrospinning and is suitable for experiments to make samples and to find and set spinning conditions.

The system integrates devices necessary to spin nanofibers such as a high voltage supply, a spinneret, a collector and a syringe pump.

# Easy setting of spinning conditions

- Following conditions can be easily set.
- High voltage: 0 to 30kV
- Spinning distance: 100 to 200mm
- Traversing distance: 0 to 200mm

## • Controllers on the front panel

All controllers and a display are on the front panel for easy operation.

#### Standard parts

# • Safety for operators

Thinking about operators's safety a metallic chassis, a high voltage lamp and an emergency stop switch are equipped with the system.

• Quick and easy spinning of nonwovens Using a traversing spinneret and a drum collectoor 150mm x 150mm nonwovens sample can be obtained quickly and easily.

Parts	Model	Model number		Parts	Model	Model number
Collector	Drum collector	-		Spinneret	Clip Spinneret	-
Pump	Syringe pump	YSP-10	-			



# **NF-500** Electrospinning System for R & D

The model NF-500 is a high-end-model electrospinning equipment for lab use. By integrating component units such as a 50kV high voltage power supply, a multi-jet spinneret and a roll-to-roll collector and a solution heating spinneret, it can spin a variety of nanofibers. \*A special model for medical use is also available. Please consult our

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#### Integrating a roll-to-roll collector

By the combination with multi-jet spinnerets it can spin 450mm-wide sheets of nanofibers continuously.

## Spinning aligned fiber sheets

With a drum collector the system can spin aligned nanofiber sheets typically used for cell culturing or electronic devices.

## Two built-in syringe pumps

The system can spin two different solutions at one time with two builtin pumps, which enables to create core/shell structure nanofibers.

Parts	Model	Model number
Collector	Plate collector	C-PL
Spinneret	Clip spinneret_100	S-CL/100

Parts	Model	Part number			
Power supply	High voltage supply	HVU-50P100*			
*Choose model HVLI-50N100 for negative polarity					

#### **Optional parts**

Standard parts

Parts	Model	Model number
	Plate collector	C-PL/600x150
	Plate collector	C-PL/600x600
	Drum collector	C-DR/D200W200
	Drum collector	C-DR/D200W300
Collector	Drum collector	C-DR/D200W30
	Disk collector	C-DI
	Mandrel collector	C-MA/600
	R to R collector	C-RR/450
	Y-axis slide collector	C-YA
	Tubeless spinneret	S-TU/100
Spinneret	Coaxial spinneret 18G	S-CA/18G/100
	Coaxial spinneret 22G	S-CA/22G/100

Parts	Model	Model number
	Coaxial spinneret 27G	S-CA/27G/100
	Multi-jet spinneret 4-holes	S-MJ/4
	Multi-jet spinneret 6-holes	S-MJ/6
Spinneret	Multi-jet spinneret 8-holes	S-MJ/8
opiniciet	Multi-jet spinneret 12-holes	S-MJ/12
	Vertical clip spinneret	S-VCL/100
	11-syringel clip spinneret	S-11N/100
	Solution heating spinneret	S-HU-100
Pump	-10kV negative supply*	HVU-10N100
Power supply	Induction heating supply	IHP-101
Controller	Temperature controller	for IHP-101



# **NF-103** Electrospinning System for R & D

The model NF-103 is an electrospinning equipment for lab use and is recommendable to a user who looks for extensibility of performance and up-to-date spinning technology.

## • Spinning aligned sheets and core/shell fibers

The system can spin aligned sheets with a 200mm-wide and 200mm diameter drum collector and core/shell structure nanofibers with two built-in pumps and a coaxial spinneret.

## • Quick and easy programming

Spinning parameters and cleaning of needles can be easily programmed with a touch panel.

## [Standard parts]

Parts	Model	Part number
Spinneret	Clip spinneret	S-CL/75
Collector	Plate collector	C-PL

	Parts	Model	Part number	
	Power supply	High voltage supply	HVU-40P100*	
	*Chooose model	HVU-40N100 for negative polarity.		

## [Optional parts]

Parts	Model	Part number	Parts	Model	Part number
	Drum collector	C-DR/D200W200		Coaxial spinneret 18G	S-CA/18G/75
	Drum collector	C-DR/D100W200		Coaxial spinneret 22G	S-CA/22G/75
	Drum collector	C-DR/D200W30		Coaxial spinneret 27G	S-CA/27G/75
Collector	Disk collector	C-DI	Spinneret	Multi-jet spinneret 4-holes	S-MJ/4
	Mandrel collector	C-MA/200		Multi-jet spinneret 6-holes	S-MJ/6
	R to R collector	C-RR/200		Multi-jet spinneret 8-holes	S-MJ/8
	Y-axis slide collector	C-YA		Multi-jet spinneret 12-holes	S-MJ/12
Spinneret	Tubeless spinneret	S-TU/100		Vertical clip spinneret	S-VCL/100

# Comparison of Functions; Lab Equipment

Electrospinning equipment for lab use	NEX-101	NANON-01A	NF-103	NF-500
Typical objects	Nonwovens sheet (150mm x 150mm)	Nonwovens sheet (200mm x 600mm) Aligned sheet Core/shell fibers	Nonwovens sheet (200mm x 600mm) Aligned sheet Core/shell fibers	Nonwovens sheet (450mm-wide sheet) Aligned sheet Core/shell fibers
Standard collector	Drum	Plate	Plate	Plate
Optional collector	n/a	Drum	Drum w200 Disk Mandrel w200 RtoR w200	Plate 600 x 600 Drum φ200 w300 Disk Mandrel w600 RtoR w450
Standard spinneret	Clip (50mm-wide)	Clip (75mm-wide)	Clip (75mm-wide)	Clip (100mm-wide)
Optional spinneret	n/a	Vertical clip Tubeless Coaxial Multi-jet 4hole	Vertical clip Tubeless Coaxial Multi-jet 4 hole Solution heating	Vertical clip Tubeless Coaxial Multi-jet 4/6/8/12 hole Solution heating 11-syringe
High voltage	30kV	30kV	40kV	50kV
Optional high voltage	n/a	n/a	n/a	-10kV
Syringe pump	YSP-101	1 built-in	2 built-in	2 built-in
Spinning distance	100 to 200mm	50 to 150mm	50 to 300mm	50 to 300mm
Traversing speed	20mm/sec	300mm/sec	300mm/sec	300mm/sec
Rotation speed	Drum 50rpm	Drum 150 to 3000rpm Disk 3000rpm Mandrel 50 to 100rpm	Drum 150 to 3000rpm Disk 3000rpm Mandrel 50 to 100rpm	Drum 150 to 3000rpm Disk 3000rpm Mandrel 50 to 100rpm
Control	Switches and knobs	10-key	Touch panel	Touch panel
Dimensions	750W x 500D x 880H (mm)	830W x 630D x 880H (mm)	1260W x 750D x 1910H (mm)	1460W x 950D x 2056H (mm)



# NW-103

# Nonwovens Spinning System for Pilot Production

The model NW-103 is a pilot production system to electrospin nanofiber nonwovens sheets with a roll-to-roll system.

With solutions such as PVDF, PAN and PVA the system makes nanofiber sheets of which fiber diameters are from several tens to hundreds of nanometers.

## High speed production of 850mm-wide membranes

The NW-103 can spin nonwovens of 850mm effective width at the conveyor speed of 10 meter/min with multiple multi-jet spinnerets on 4 or 6 rows.

100µm or thicker membranes

Connection of a negative high voltage supply to the collector creates membranes of  $100\mu m$  or thicker.

## • Use of 3 different solutions

The system integrates 3 gear pumps which can be controlled separately, enabling spinning of nanofiber sheets using 3 different solutions.



Multi-jet spinnerets

# **NF-1001** Electrospinning System for Pilot Production

The model NF-1001 is a pilot production system to electrospin nanofiber nonwovens sheets with a roll-to-roll system.

*Membranes of effective width at 1meter can be spun effectively and uniformly.* 

- 100μm or thicker membranes
   100μm or thicker membranes can be spun by use of +50kV and -30kV high voltage supplies.
- Special multi-jet spinnerets for high productivity State-of-the-art multi-jet spinnerets (MJS) be integrated on 6 rows (a maximum of 21 pcs) to spin wide and thick
- Easy connection with an existing Roll-to-roll unit An existing roll-to-roll unit can be easily connected to the NF-1001 by the input of sync signals from the system.
- **Programming on the touch panel** Spinning conditions can be quickly and easily programmed and memorized on the touch panel.

# **CFS-101** Core/Shell Nanofiber Production System

The model CFS-101 is an electrospinning equipment to spin core/shell structure nanofiber sheets for applications such as medical use or electronic devices.

Special coaxial spinnerets

3 - 12 coaxial spinnerets be integrated to electrospin core/shell structure nanofibers effectively.

# Programming via touch panel

Spinning conditions can be quickly and easily programmed and memorized via touch panel.



Coaxial spinnerets







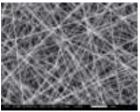
【 Typical Spinning Data 】

	Core materials	Shell materials		
1	Mineral oil	PVDF (15wt%)	4.2g/m <sup>2</sup>	
2	PVA (10wt%)	ABS (19wt%)	2.7g/m <sup>2</sup>	
3	PS (30wt%)	PVDF (15wt%)	2.1g/m <sup>2</sup>	
Number of nozzles: total of 14 pcs on 4 row				

# Comparison of Functions; Pilot Production System

Electrospinning equipment for pilot production	NW-103	NF-1001
Typical objects	Nonwovens Effective width: 680mm Core/shell structure sheets	Nonwovens Effective width: 1,000mm or more
Standard collector	Steel belt	Steel belt
Optional collector	Roll-to-roll unit (600mm)	Roll-to-roll unit (1000mm)
Standard spinneret	Multi-jet spinneret (MJS)	Multi-jet spinneret (MJS)
Optional spinneret	n/a	n/a
High voltage supply	Positive +40kV (3 units) Negative -10kV (1 unit)	Positive +50kV (3 units) Negative -30kV (1 unit)
	Gear pump (3 units)	Gear pump (3 units)
Solution supply	50 to 500ml/hour	50 to 500ml/hour
Spinning distance	100 to 300mm	100 to 400mm
Traversing	Traversing range: 100mm (+/- 50mm) Traversing speed: 0 to 100mm/sec	Traversing range: 400mm (+/- 200mm) Traversing speed: 0 to 300mm/sec
Conveyor speed	10,000mm/min or less	15,000mm/min or less
Control/Programming	PLC / Touch panel	PLC / Touch panel
Dimensions	2,038W × 1,285D × 2,170H mm	3,153W x 2,412D x 2,643H mm

# Nanofiber Sample Photos



Nonwovens (PAN)



Nonwovens (Cellulose acetate)



Hollow fiber (PMMA)



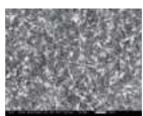
Nonwovens (Ethyl cellulose)



Nonwovens (Chitosan)



Interconnected structure (PCL)



Beaded fiber (PI)



Aligned sheet (PES)



Nonwovens (Gelatin)



Ribbon-shape fiber (PAN)



Aligned sheet (PLLA)



Nonwovens (Collagen)

# **Components for Electrospinning ; Collector series**

Nanofibers will be spun by polymer jets coming from a spinneret, when applying high voltage at 20 - 50kV, to a grounded collector.

Various shapes/modes of nanofibers can be made by choosing following collectors.

# **Plate Collector**



**Mandrel Collector** 

A collector to spin nonwoven sheets. Convenient to make samples quickly and to calculate spinning.

Sample size: • 200 x 150 mm • 600 x 150 mm

applications.

# **Drum Collector**



A collector to spin nonwovens and aligned sheets. Aligned nanofibers can be made by rotating the collector at high speed such as 3000 rpm.

Sample size:

- 200 x 600 mm
- 200 x 300 mm
- 30 x 600 mm
- 600 x 600 mm (No alignment)

# Disk Collector



A collector to spin aligned nanofiber bundles.

Sample length: 600mm

# **Roll to Roll Collector**



A collector to spin long nanofiber sheets. Alminum foils can be used as base materials.

A collector to spin nanofiber tubes

typically used for medical

Inner diameter of tubes: 1 / 2 / 3 / 4/ 6 / 8 / 10 mm Tube length: 150mm / 450mm

Typical sample size:

- 200 x 10 mm
- 450 x 10 mm

## Y-axis Slide Collector



A collector modiffied from the plate collector to move on Y-axis while moving a spinneret on X-axis.

Stroke: +/- 25mm Speed: 0 to 10mm Sample size: 250 x 125 mm

#### [Plate Collector]

Product	Model	System
Plate collector 250x150	C-PL/250x150	NANON, NF
Plate collector_600x150	C-PL/600x150	NF-500

## [Drum Collector]

Product	Model	
Drum Collector_\0200W200	C-DR/D200W200	NANON, NF
Drum Collector_ $\phi$ 100W200	C-DR/D100W200	NANON, NF
Drum Collector_\0200W30	C-DR/D200W30	NANON, NF
Drum Collector_q200W600	C-DR/D200W600	NF-500

#### [Disk Collector]

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Product	Model	System		
Disk collector	C-DI/D200	NANON, NF		

#### [Mandrel Collector]

Product	Model	System
Mandrel Collector	C-MA/L150	NANON, NF
Mandrel Collector	C-MA/L450	NF-500

#### [Roll to Roll Collector]

Product	Model	System
RtoR collector/W200	C-RR/200	NANON, NF
RtoR collector/W450	C-RR/450	NF-500
RtoR controller	C-RR-OP	NANON

#### [Y-axis Slide Collector]

Product	Model	System
Y-axis slide collector	C-YA	NANON
Y-axis collector controller	С-ҮА-ОР	NANON

# **Components for Electrospinning; Spinneret series**

Spinnerets also called "nozzles" receives high voltages at 20 to 50kV on their outlets and polymer solution jets will be injected to grounded collectors to spin nanofibers.

Various shapes/modes of nanofibers can be made by choosing following spinnerets by the combination with collectors.

## **Clip Spinneret**



A standard spinneret for NANON and NF series to spin various nanofibers quickly and easily. 3 syringes can be mounted.

Maintenance is also easy because no cleaning is required other than a metal connector.

# Vertical Clip Spinneret



A clip spinneret of vertical syringe arrangement to obtain nanofibers in wider area. Features easy handling and cleaning.

# 11-syringe Clip



A clip spinneret that can accommodate a maximum of 10 syringes. (There are 11 holes.)

Integratable only to NF-500. Features easy handling and cleaning.

## Multi-Jet Spinneret (MJS)



A spinneret with multiple jet outlets to spin nanofibers effectively.Numbers of outlets can be chosen in accordance with materials. Features spinning of high productivity at low voltages. Number of outlets: 4 / 6 / 8 /

#### [Clip spinneret / Vertical clip]

Product	Model	System
Clip Spinneret_75	S-CL/75	NANON, NF-103
Clip Spinneret_100	S-CL/100	NF -500
Vertical clip spinneret_75	S-VCL/75	NANON, NF-103
Vertical clip spinneret_100	S-VCL/100	NF-500

#### [11-syringe Nozzle]

Product	Model	System
11-syringe Nozzle_100	S-11N/100	NF

#### [Multi-jet spinneret (MJS)]

Product	Model	System
Multi-jet spinneret_*_75	S-MJ/*/75	NANON, NF-103
Multi-jet spinneret_*_100	S-MJ/*/100	NF-500
MJS holder	S-MJ-H/75	NANON, NF-103
MJS holder	S-MJ-H/100	NF-500
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\* number of jet outlets; 4, 6, 8, 12 or 22

# **Coaxial Spinneret**



A spinneret to spin core/shell-structure nanofibers.

Models for different syringes of 18G, 22G and 27G are available.

Inner diameter

18G: Core φ0.94mm Shell φ2.5mm 22G: Core φ0.48mm Shell φ1.4mm 27G: Core φ0.22mm Shell φ0.8mm

## **Tubeless Spinneret**



A spinneret directly to push a syringe to save solutions to be remained in a tube.

Ideal for evaluation of spinning performance of various solutions and

## Solution Heating



A spinneret to heat solutions up to 200 degreeC by iduction heating without direct contact.

Comes with a special power supply and a temperature controller.

Ideal for the case solvents cannot be used or materials cannot be spun at ordinary temperature.

#### [Coaxial Spinneret]

Product	Model	System
Coaxial spinneret 18G_75	S-CL/18G/75	NANON, NF-103
Coaxial spinneret 22G_75	S-CL/22G/75	NANON, NF-103
Coaxial spinneret 27G_75	S-CL/27G/75	NANON, NF-103
Coaxial spinneret 18G_100	S-CL/18G/100	NF-500
Coaxial spinneret 22G_100	S-CL/22G/100	NF-500
Coaxial spinneret 27G_100	S-CL/27G/100	NF-500
Coaxial spinneret for NW	S-CL/NW	NW-103

#### [Tubeless Spinneret]

Product	Model	System
Tubeless Spinneret_75	S-TU/75	NANON, NF
Tubeless Spinneret_100	S-TU/100	NF

### [Solution heating spinneret]

Product	Model	System
Solution Heating Unit	S-HU/100	NF-103, NF-500
Solution for Heating	S-H-S/100	NF-103, NF-500
Solution heating_75	S-MJ/****	NF-103
Solution heating_100	S-SH/100	NF-500
Induction heating power supply	IHP-101	NF-103, NF-500
MJS Holder_100	S-SH-TC	NF-103, NF-500



The DC high voltage power supply to apply high voltage at tens of kilovolts to spinnerets to spin nanofibers. There are 30kV/40kV/50kV models of positive or negative polarity, which can be integrated to the NF series. An induction heating power supply is also available to heat solutions without direct contact or solvents.



Product	Model	System
High Voltage Unit_30P100	HVU-30P100	+30kV, 100μA
High Voltage Unit_30N100	HVU-30N100	-30kV, -100μA
High Voltage Unit_40P100	HVU-40P100	+40kV, 100μA
High Voltage Unit_40N100	HVU-40N100	-40kV, -100μA
High Voltage Unit_50P100	HVU-50P100	+50kV, 100μA
High Voltage Unit_50N100	HVU-50N100	-50kV, -100μA
Induction Heating	IHP-101	Heating from 50 $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ to 200 $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$

### **HVU** series

# Syringe pump / Gear pump

A syringe pump and a gear pump to supply sppinerets with solutions.



Syringe pump

A syringe pump typically used to spin core/shell nanofibers.





# Gear pump

A gear pump for NW and NF-1001, which can supply solutions continuously.

Product	Model
Gear Pump	P-GR
Gear Pump Controller	P-GR-OP

Connectors



Syringe Pump

**TAC** connector



Metal connector



Luer-lock connector



**Needle connector** 

Connectors to joint syringe needles with spinnerets. There are some models for each spinneret.

Product	Model	Spinneret
Metal Connector M-539-055A	M-539-055A/CL	Clip
Metal Connector M-539-057	M-539-057/CA	Coaxial
Needle Connector M-539-755	M-539-755/TU	Tubeless
Luer-lock Connector VRF106	M-VRF106	
TAC Connector BF3.2-M3-SUS	M-TAC-BF3.2	
Hose Nipple MS-5H-6	M-MS-5H-6	

# **Miscellaneous**

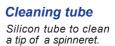


**Dehumidifier** Controls humidity inside the spinning chamber. (Off-the-shelf product only for the NANON.)



**Tefron tube** Supplies solutions between a syringe and a spinneret.





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**Charcoal Filter** To absorb organic solvents.

**Neutral Filter** To collect nanofiber particles.



Syringe Syringe to supply solutions. (Volume: 5ml)



Syringe Needle

27G (15mm, 22mm) 22G (15mm, 24mm) 18G (15mm, 24mm)

# Consultation / Sample Making

Experienced staff at MECC are willing to provide technical supports with knowledge and data that have been accumulated for a long time period.

They calculate spinning conditions to spin designated materials into nanofibers, which can save much time and cost to be spent by our customers.

Any orders for small quantity or wide / long sheets can be accepted.

# [Workflow of sample making]



# [List of materials electrospun to nanofibers]

Abbreviation	Chemical Name	Min/Max Fiber Diameter
PVDF	Polyvinylidene fluoride	300nm to 1.4µm
PEO	Polyethylene oxide	400nm to 1.3µm
PVA*	Polyvinyl alcohol	300nm to 2.3µm
PLLA*	Poly-L-lactic acid	400nm to 3.0µm
Nylon6,6	Nylon6,6	300nm to 2.7µm
Nylon6	Nylon6	100nm to 1.0µm
PET	Polyethylene terephthalate	400nm to 1.8µm
PS	Polystyrene	400nm to 8.5µm
PU	Polyurethane	400nm to 1.2µm
PMMA	Poly methyl methacrylate	900nm to 3.0µm
РР	Polypropylene	1.5µm to 12.0µm
PE	Polyethylene	900nm to 3.0µm
PSU	Polysulfone	400nm to 1.4µm
PAN	Polyacrylonitrile	300nm to 5.0µm
PCL*	Polycaprolactone	500nm to 15.0µm
PLGA*	Poly (lactic-acid-glycolic acid)	1.0µm to 3.0µm
PES	Polyethersulfone	400nm to 2.6µm
PEG	Polyethylene glycol	700nm to 2.4µm
CA*	Cellulose acetate	400nm to 5.1µm
PI	Polyimide	400nm to 600nm

\*Biodegradable polymer

Note: Materials of some manufacturers may be difficult to be spun or some materials may not be adequate for mass production.

# (Photo of samples)



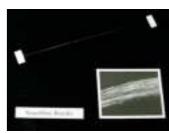
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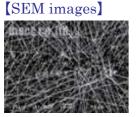
Nonwovens (PAN)



Nanofiber tube (PU)



Nanofiber bundle (PLLA)



Nonwovens



Aligned sheet



Beaded nanofiber



Nanofilament

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# **Typical Customers**

#### JAPAN

- Tokyo University
- Kyoto University
- Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Tohoku University
- Kyoto Institute of Technology
- Kyushu University
- Shinshu University
- Fukui University
- Nagoya University
- Kobe University
- Kobe C
- NIMS
   AIST
- RIKEN

# KOREA

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- UNIST
- Joowon Industrial

# SINGAPORE

- National University of Singapore
- Nayang Technology
- Clearbridge

#### THAILAND

TISTR

#### **CHINA**

- Zhejiang University
- · Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Sichuan University
- · Beijing University of Chemical Technology
- Nanjin Biaojiao Scientific and Technic

#### **TAIWAN**

- · National Taiwan University
- National Taiwan Normal University
- Ming-Chi University of Technology
- · Academia Sinica
- · Coating P. Materials

#### **SAUDI ARABIA**

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- KFUPM

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- · American University of Cairo

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- Università degli Studi di Pavia
- IRELAND
- Trinity College

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· IFTR of Polish Academy of Sciences

#### RUSSIA

Labtest

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#### U.S.A.

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- Vanderbilt University
- · Georgia Southern University

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- University of Guelph

# Corporate Profile

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Business Operation	<ul> <li>Development and manufacturing of electronic equipment</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Operation of cable television (broadcasting and internet provider)</li> </ul>
Number of Employees	55
Capital	JPY 40,000,000. (USD 400,000)
Establishment	May 1973
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MECC Headquarters



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