

# Nanofibers- preparation and potential applications

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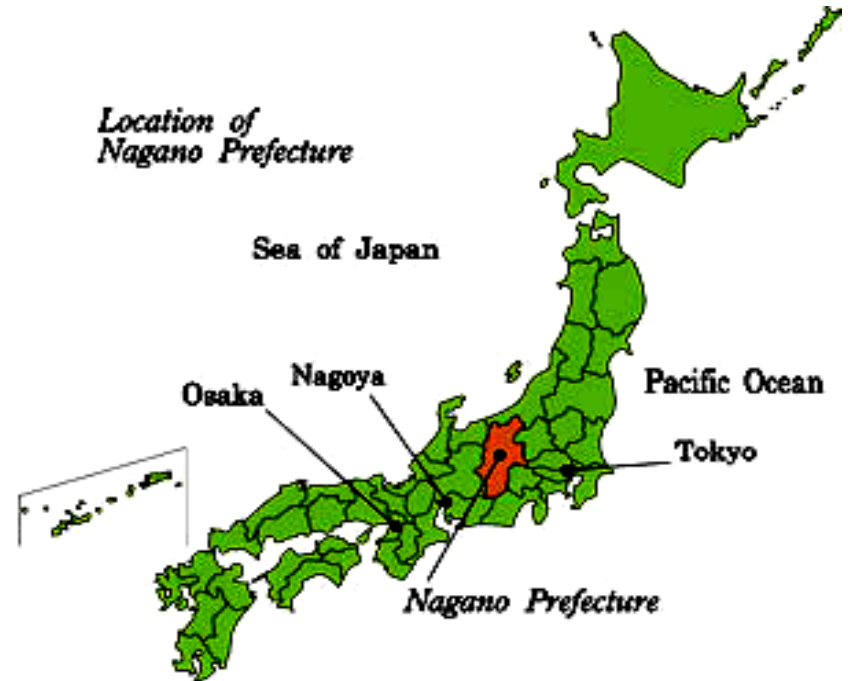
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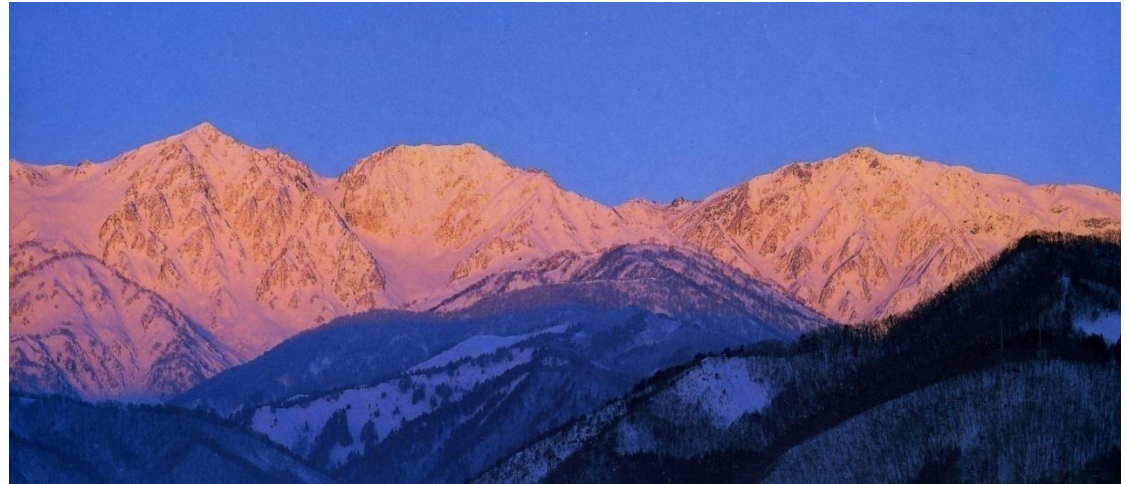
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**The Japan Alps**



Winter Olympic Game in 1998



**Old castle**



**Hot spring**



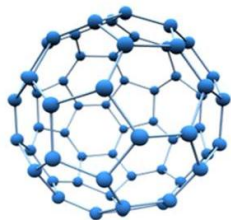
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# What is Nano?

1 nm is to a tennis ball  
what a tennis ball is to the Earth



$1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9}$



Tennis ball

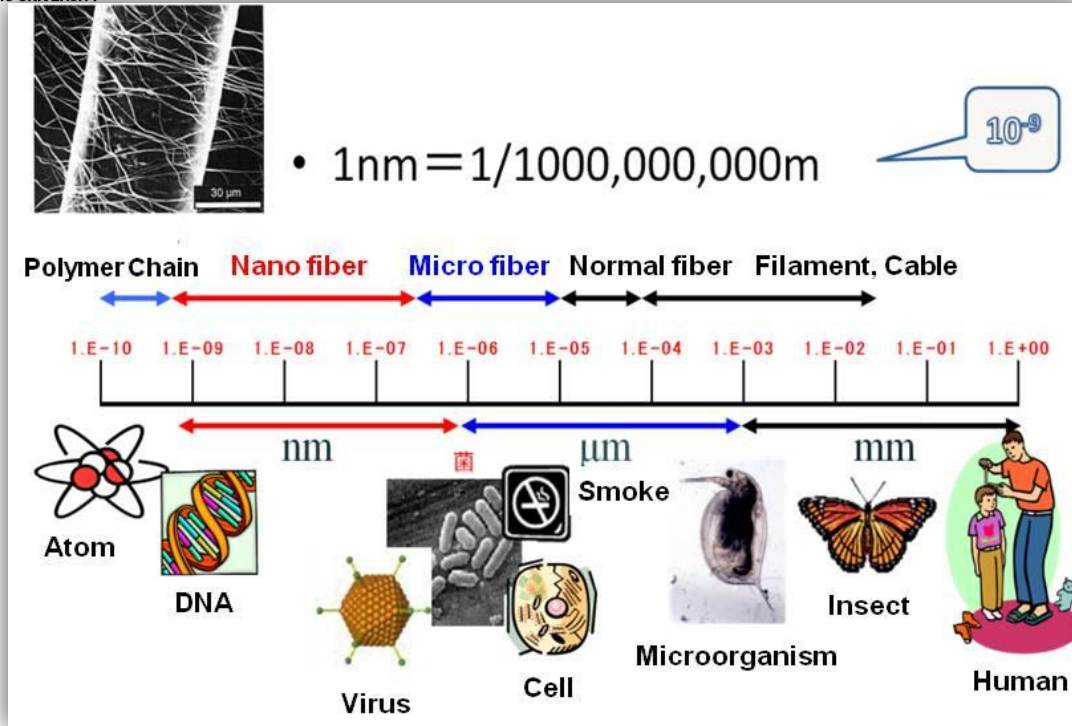


$10^7 \text{ m}$

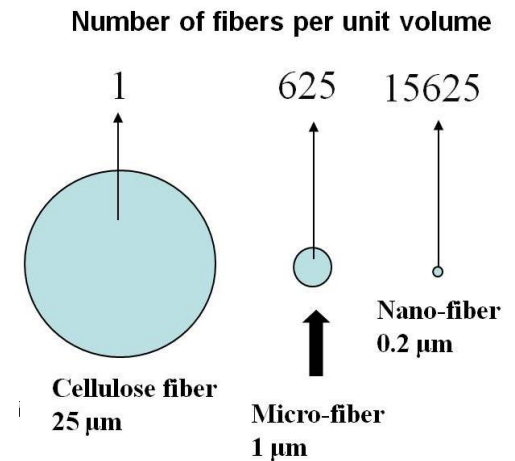
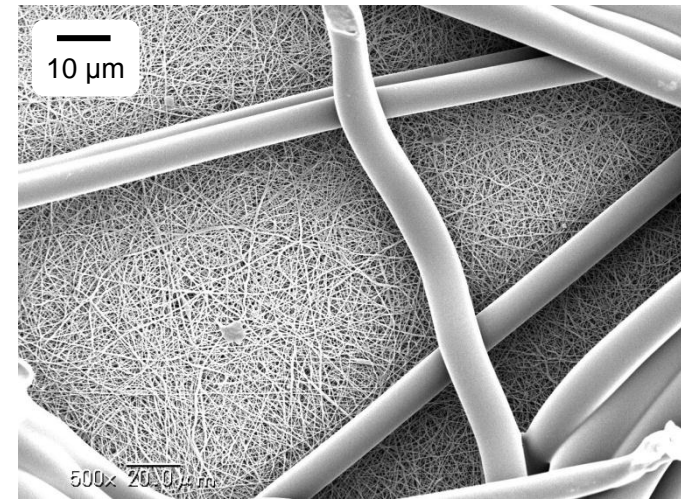
The weight needed to stretch to the Moon from the Earth  
Microfiber: 450g Nanofiber: 0.15g







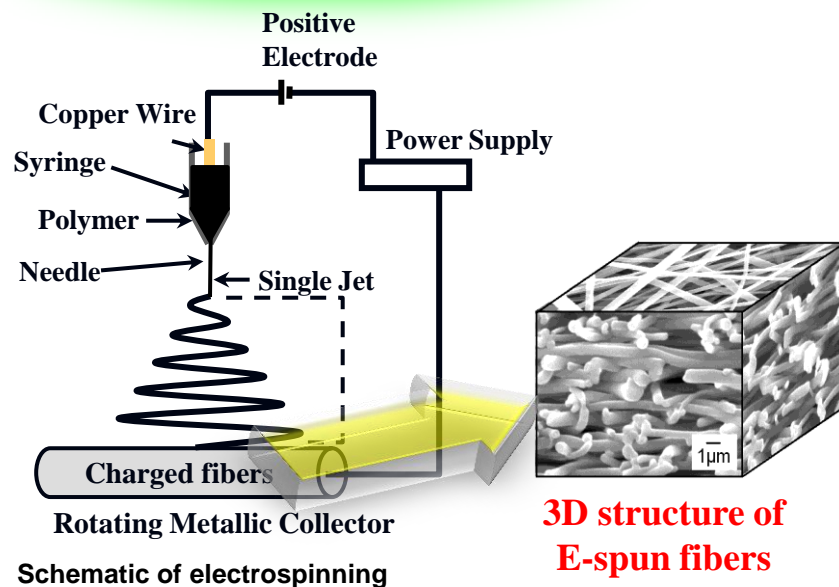
**Small but Great Effect !**



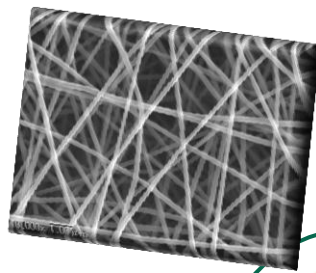
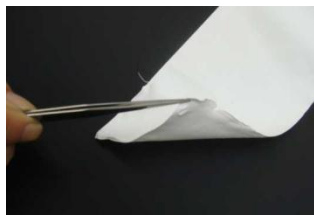
from Phillip Gibson and Heidi Schreuder-Gibson,  
U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Natick

# Electrospun Nanofibers: Electrostatic Spinning

## Nanofiber ...



*One of top-down manufacturing processes to produce polymer fibers*



## Electrospinning

### History

1902	Initiative
1934	Patenting (By Formhals)
Early 1990s	Activation (By Reneker)

### Characteristics of electrospinning;

- Various polymers are available
- Low cost for production
- Controlled diameter of the fibers from nano- to micrometers
- Easy processing
- Direction preparation of fabric sheets

### System parameters

- Mw & MWD, architecture (branched, linear etc.) of the polymer
- Solution properties (viscosity, conductivity, and surface tension)

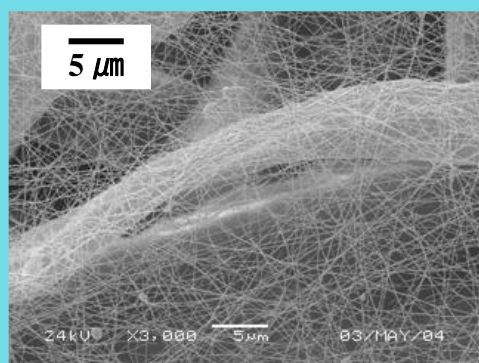
### Processing parameters

- Applied voltage, flow rate, concentration, distance between the capillary tip and collector, ambient parameters (temperature, humidity, air velocity in the chamber)
- Motion of collector

# Organic Polymers for Electrospinning

Nylon6, Nylon66,  
PVC, PU, PVC/PU,  
PVA, PVAc, PAN,  
PEI, PC, PSF, etc.

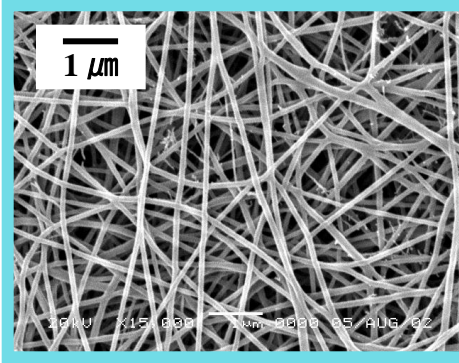
## Coating



Nylon6, Nylon66, PU,  
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etc.

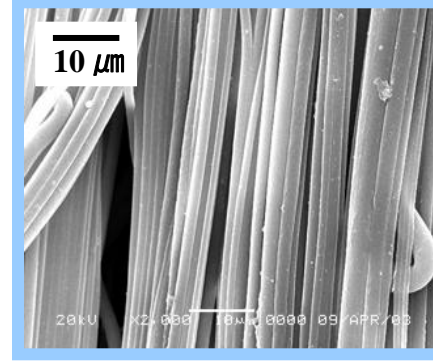
-Biodegradable  
polymers :PCL, PLA,  
PLGA, etc.

## Nonwoven



PU, PU/PVC, PCL  
Nylon6, Nylon66,  
PSF, etc.

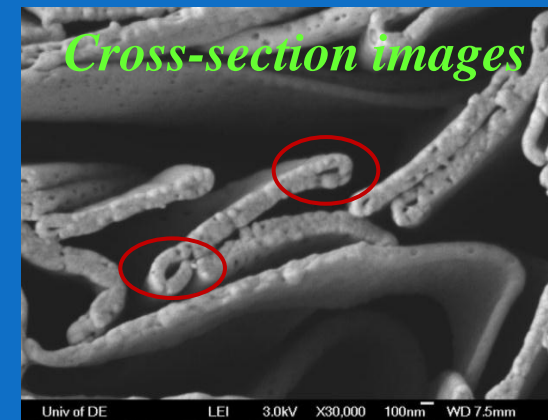
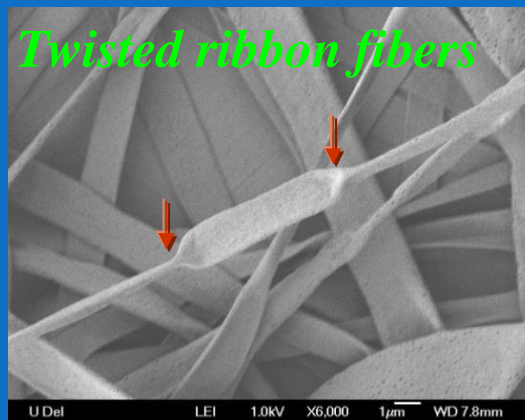
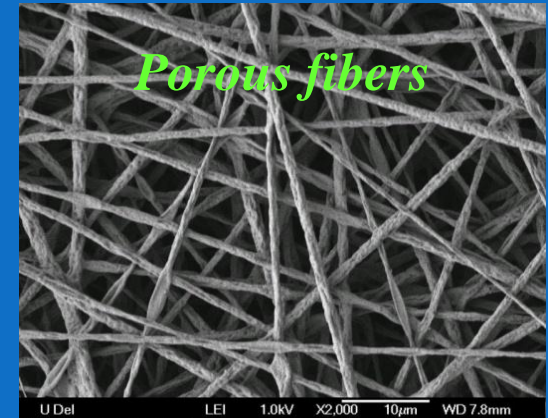
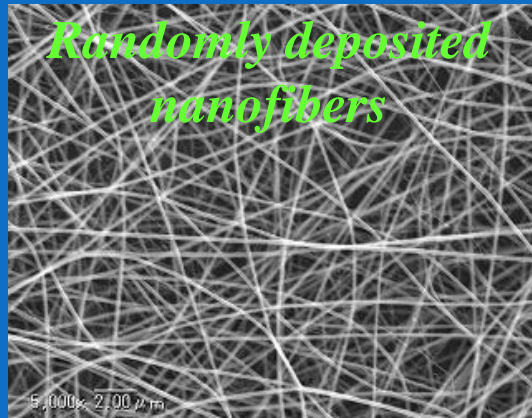
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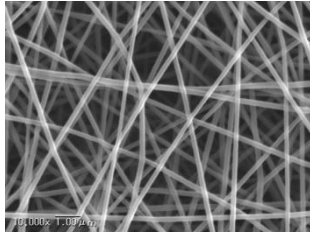
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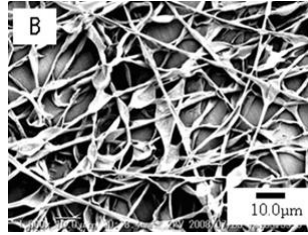
# Various Nanostructured Electrospun Nanofibers



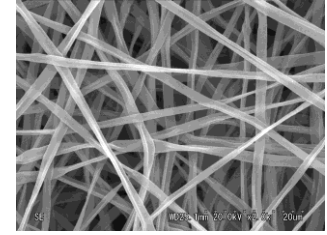
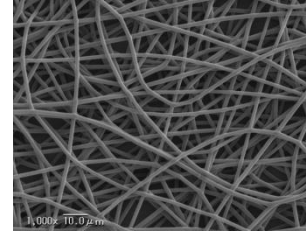
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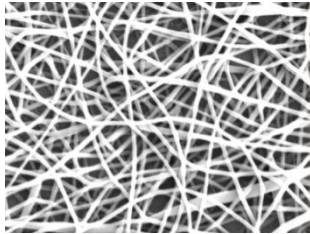
Poly(1-butene)



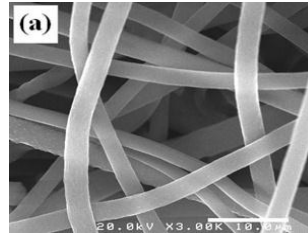
Polyvinyl acetate (PVAc) Poly-L-lactic acid (PLLA)



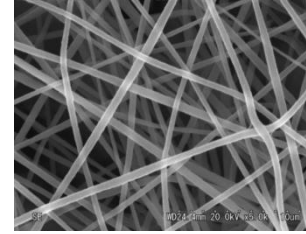
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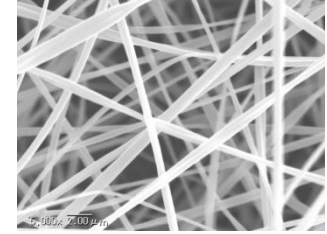
Polystyrene(PS)



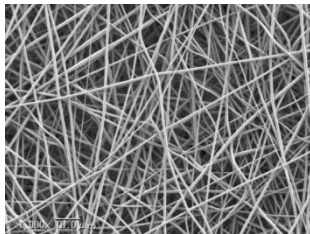
Poly(vinylidene fluoride)(PVDF)



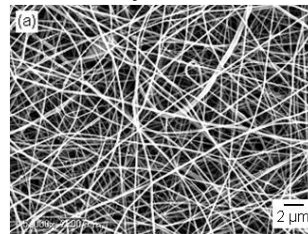
Cellulose acetate



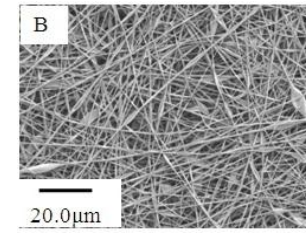
PVP



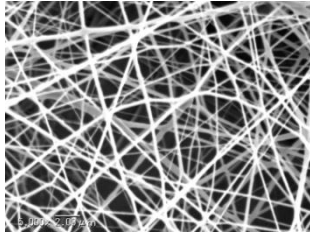
Nylon-6



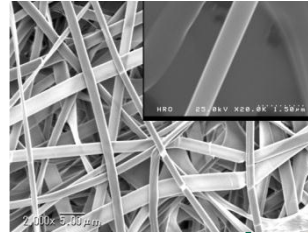
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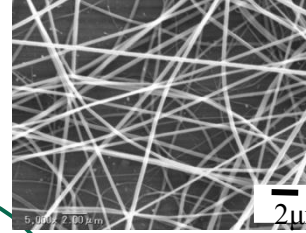
PU



Silk

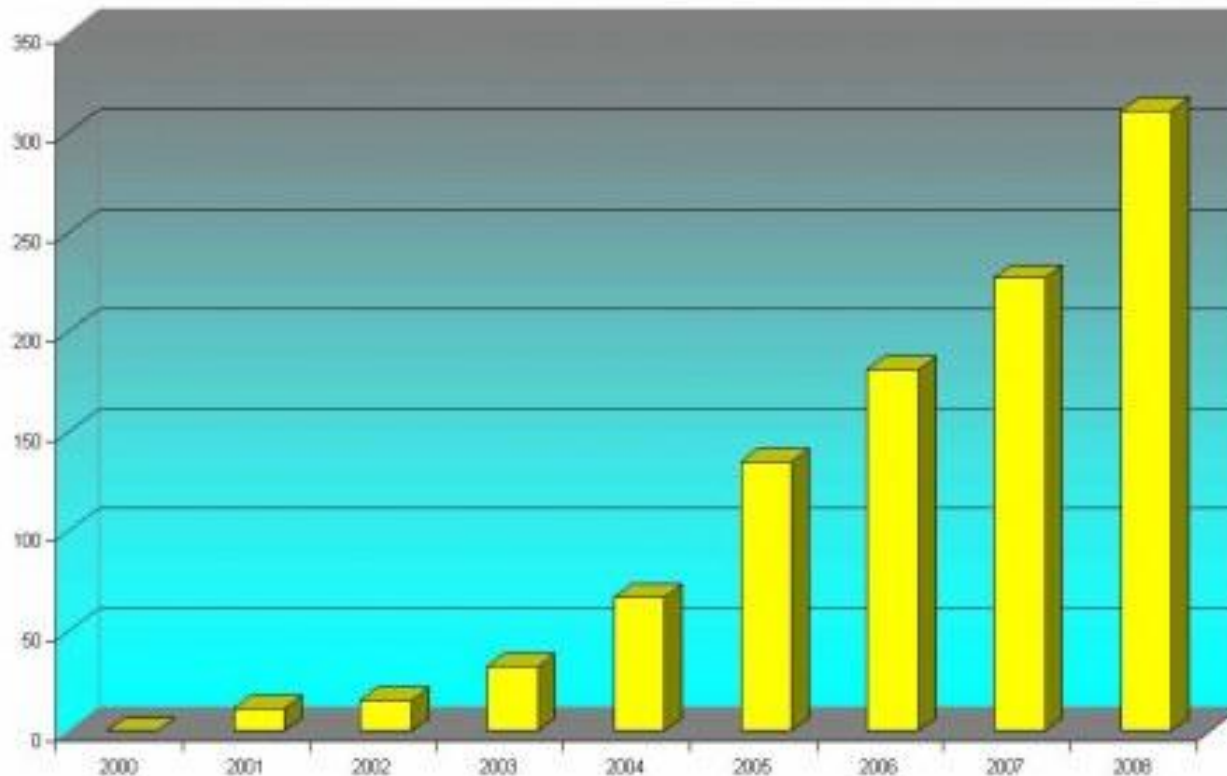


Poly(ether ketone)



**Nylon66, PVC, PAN,  
PES, PCL, PLA etc.**

# Nanofibers: volumetry in biomedical publications since 2000

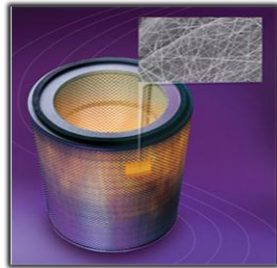


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# Potential Applications & Recent Research Achievements

# Various Applications



**Air filter**



## Advantages

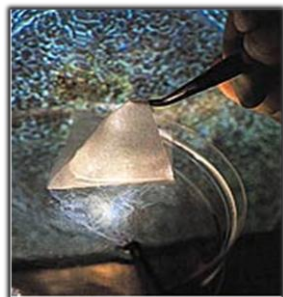
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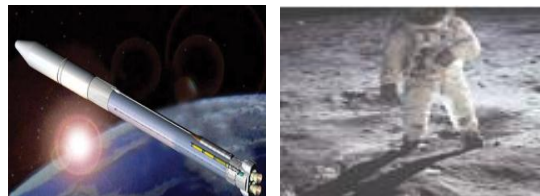
**Liquid filter**



**Battery separator**



**Medical uses**



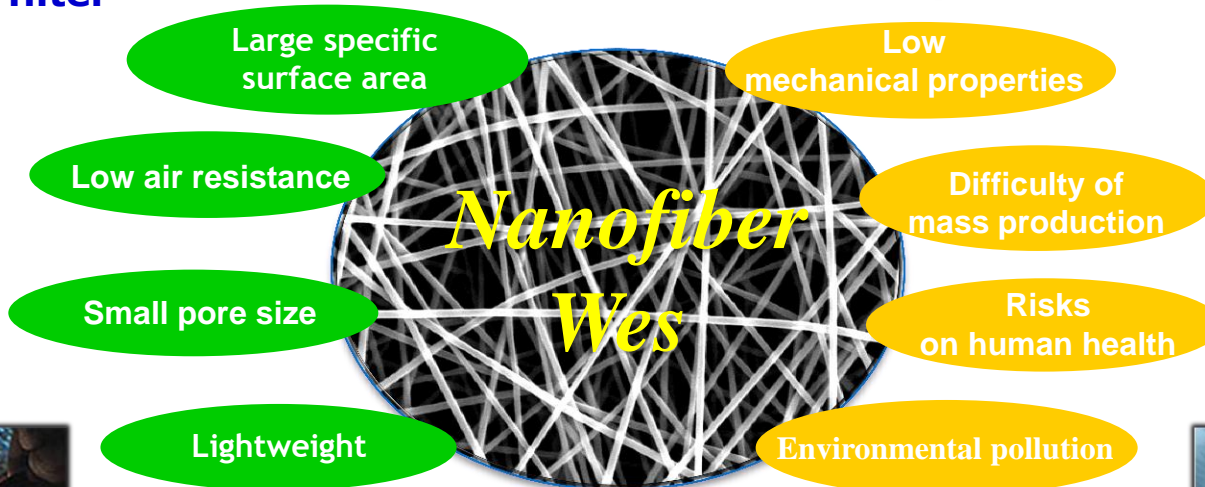
**Carbon Fiber**



**Clean-room wiper**



**Outdoor wear**



# Recent Research Achievements

## Advanced Electrospinning

### Spinning Techniques

Solution electrospinning  
Melt-blown electrospinning  
Hand spinning  
Ultrasonic Electrospinning

## Nanofiber Assembly

### Nanofiber filaments

High strength nanofiber filaments  
Shape memory nanofiber filaments  
Nanofiber tubes  
Nanofiber capsules

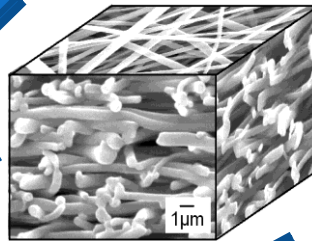
## Energy

### Electrics/Electronics

#### Metal nanofibers

Catalysts  
EMI shielding materials  
Filters  
Separators  
Electrodes

## Nanofibers



## Healthcare

### Biomedical

#### Nanofibrous scaffolds

Wound dressing  
Drug delivery carriers  
Hydrogel nanofibers

## Nano-Characterization

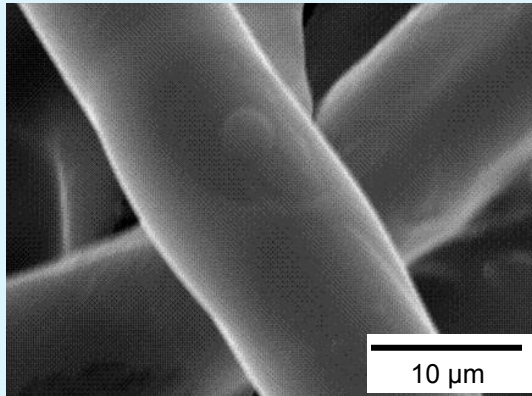
Tensile test of single nanofibers  
Friction test

## Mass Production System

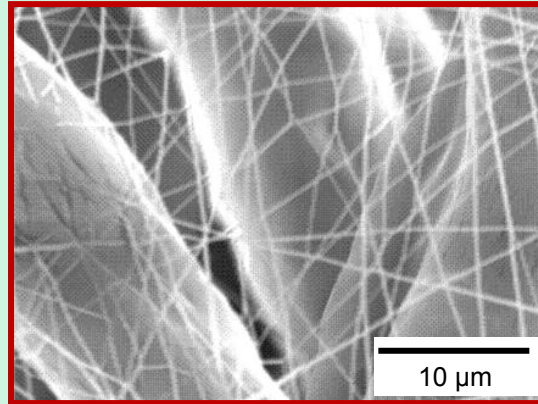
Nanofiber Mass Production System



## Marketed Filter



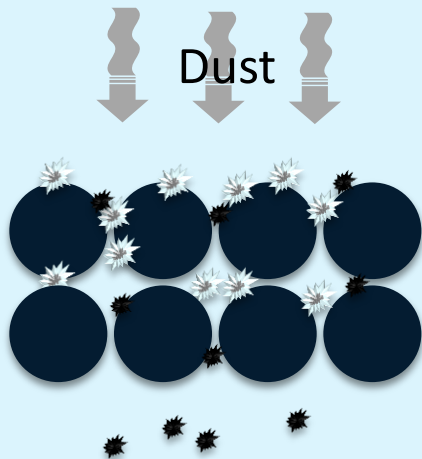
## With Nanofiber



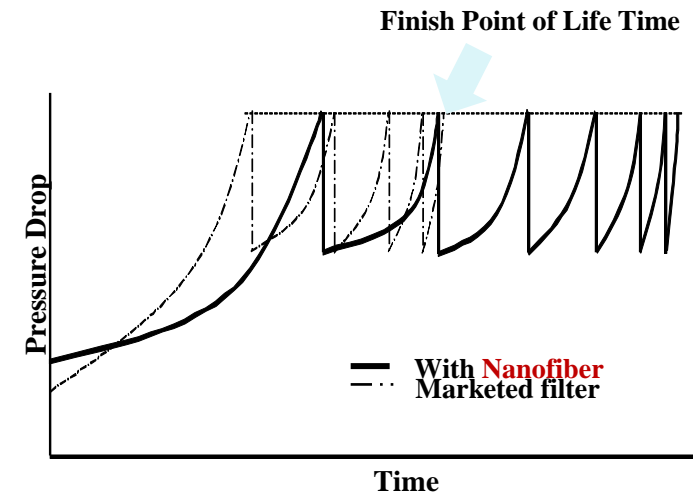
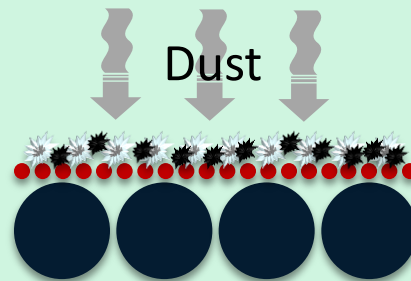
## Nano Filter Advantage

- 低い圧力損失
- 高い集塵効率
- 長寿命, リサイクル  
(表面濾過方式による)

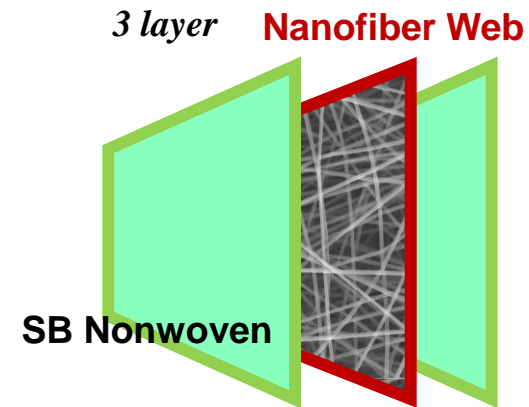
### Depth Filtration



### Surface Filtration



## ULPA, HEPA and Nanofiber



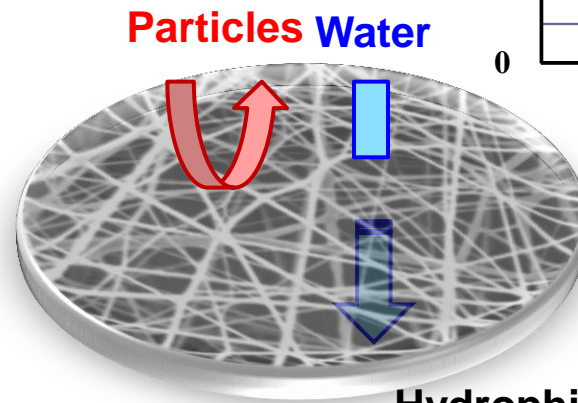
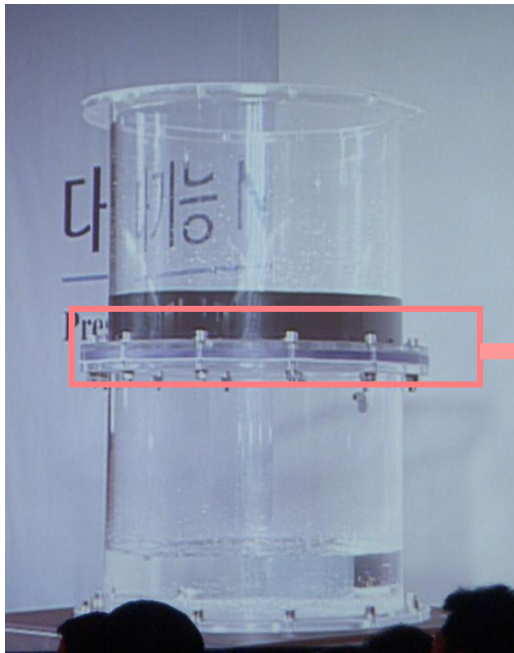
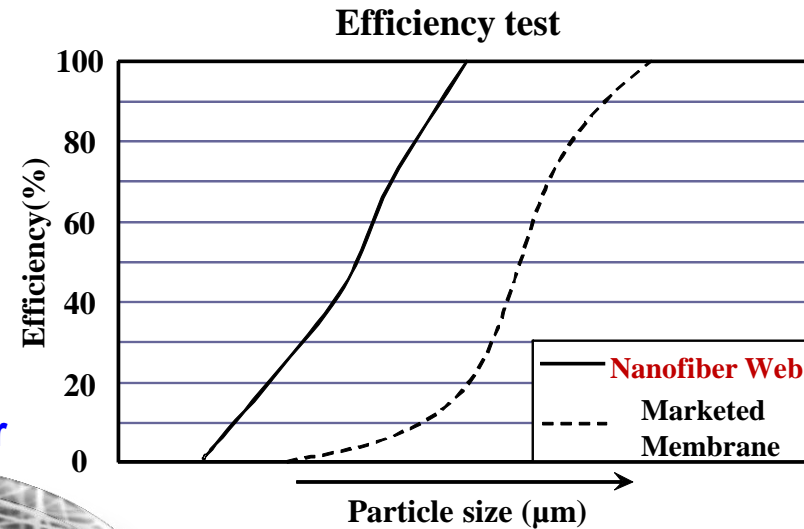
	Air Permeability (cc/cm <sup>2</sup> /sec)	Pressure drop (mmH <sub>2</sub> O)	Efficiency (%)
HEPA	5.4	20.5	99.9
Nanofiber	14.7	5.8	HEPA同等
ULPA	2.01	34.7	99.999
Nanofiber	11.5	7.8	UEPA同等



# Filters



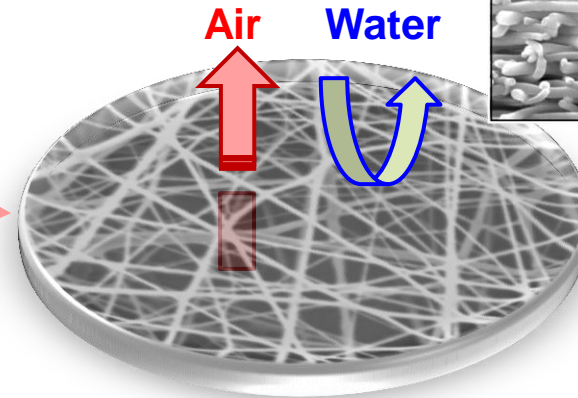
	Marketed Filter	Nanofiber Filter
Trapping mechanism	Mechanical capture (pore size)	Mechanical capture (pore size)
	Adsorption (Ionic bond, etc.)	Bacteria retention ability
Removal efficiency (%)	80 ~ 99	99.999





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# Breathable Waterproof Fabric



**Hydrophobic Polymer (PU, etc)  
Nanofiber Membrane**

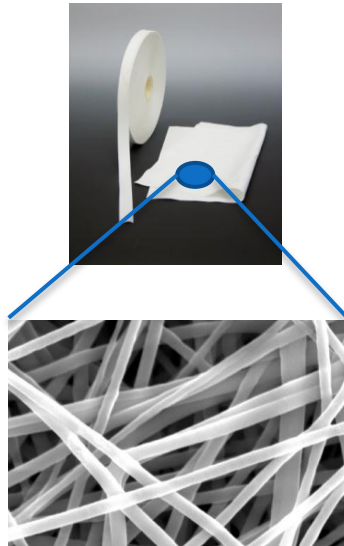


Physical Property	Sample 2005	Sample 2007	Test Method
Thickness (micron)	15	14	JIS L1096
Air Permeability (cc/cm • sec)	0.80 ± 0.05	0.50 ± 0.05	JIS L1096A
Water-proofness (mmH <sub>2</sub> O)	5,000 ± 100	12,000 ± 500	JIS L1092B
Vapor Transmission Rate(g/m <sup>2</sup> • 24hr)	140,000 ± 5,000	160,000 ± 5,000	JIS L1099B-2

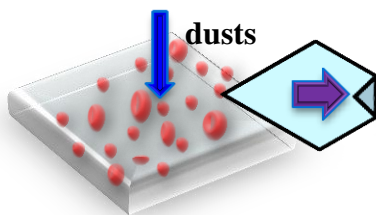
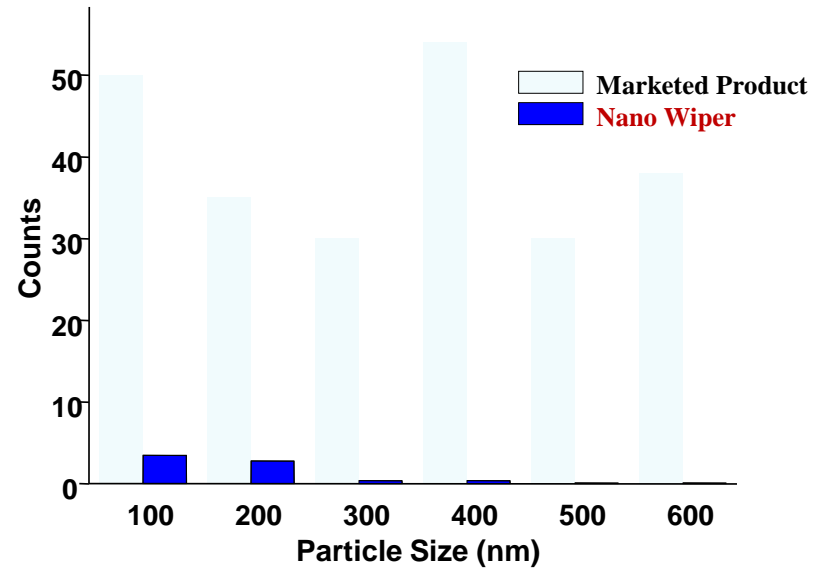




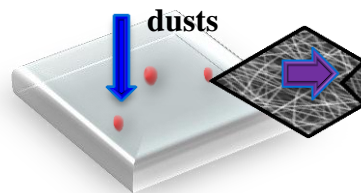
# Nano-Wiper



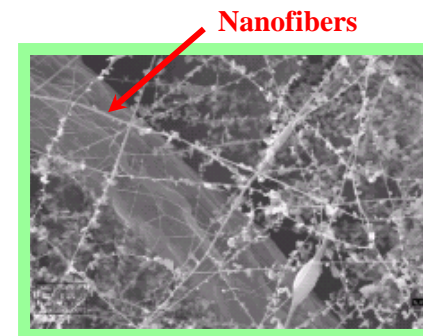
## Airborne Particle Counter



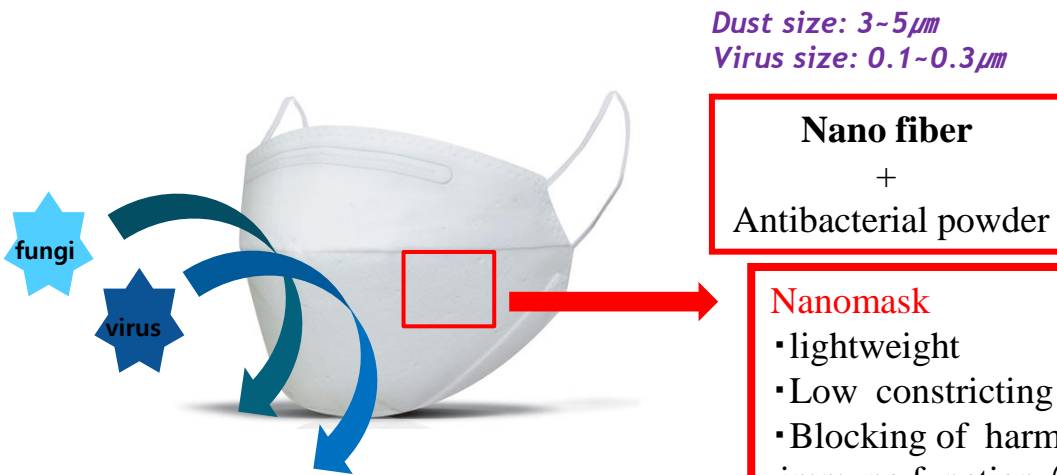
Commercial wiper



Nano wiper

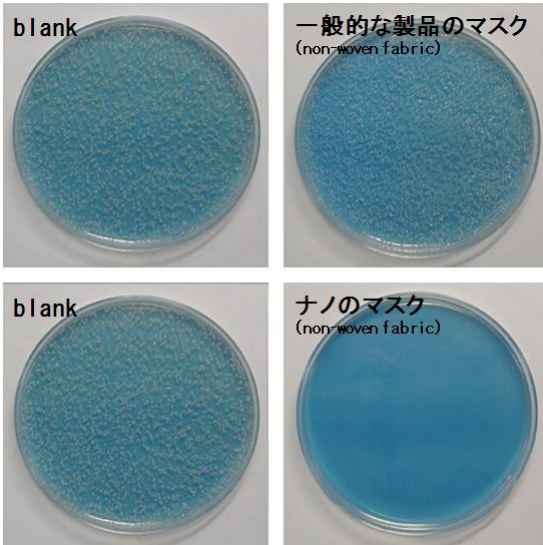


*Contains the size of particles ranging from 0.1 to 1.0 microns*



# Nanofiber-Mask

*Bacteria : Klebsiella pneumoniae ATCC 4352*  
Standard fabric : Cotton



		Blank	Sample
Normal Mask	At beginning	$2.0 \times 10^4$	$2.0 \times 10^4$
	After 18 hrs	$4.5 \times 10^7$	$5.8 \times 10^7$
	Bacteriostatic reduction rate	-	0
Nanofiber Mask	At beginning	$2.0 \times 10^4$	$2.0 \times 10^4$
	After 18 hrs	$4.5 \times 10^7$	<10
	Bacteriostatic reduction rate	-	99.9



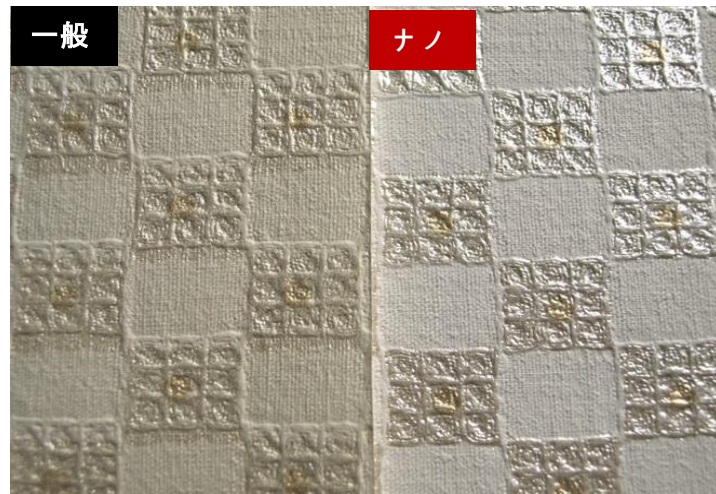
# Nanofiber-Wallpaper

Nano Wallpaper (Nanofilm+Paper+Nonwoven)

After 2 weeks



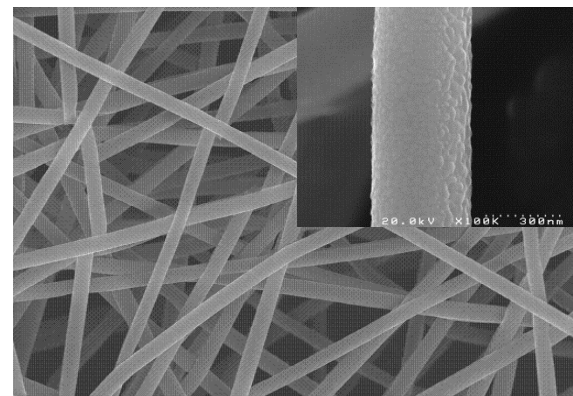
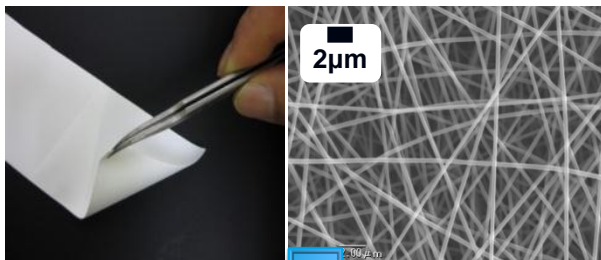
\*We see only a stain that is not mold.



# Metallized nanofibers

## Metallized Nanofibers

### Electrospinning

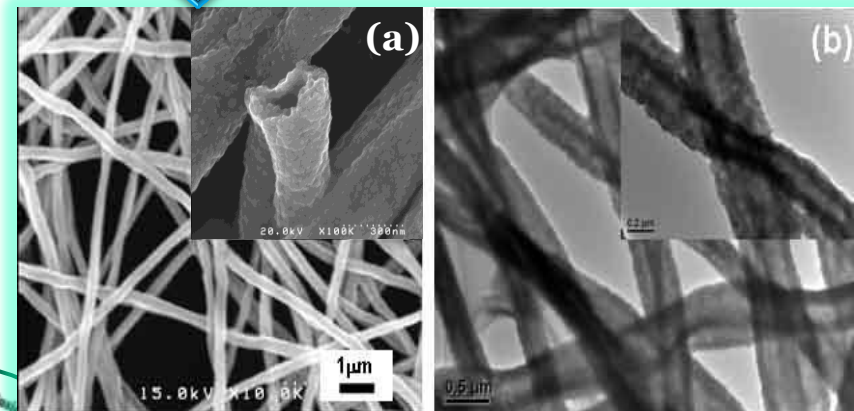
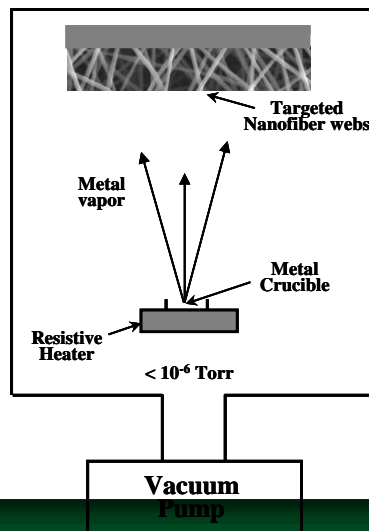


**Ag:** Antimicrobial  
**Cu:** Electrical conductivity  
**Au, Ni:** Catalytically / electrical  
**TiO<sub>2</sub>:** Anti-UV / photocatalysis  
 Other materials

**Metal deposited PU nanofiber web**

**Calcination at 400°C**

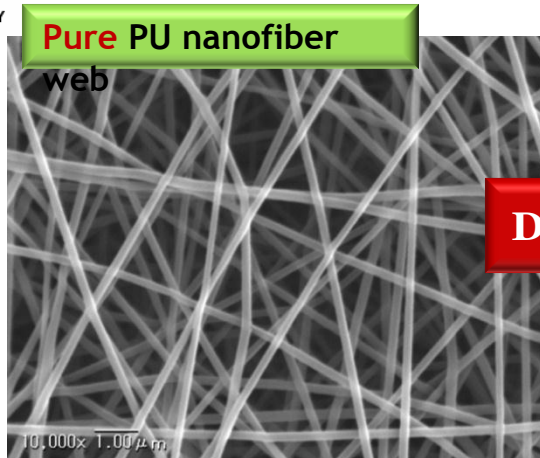
### Metal Deposition





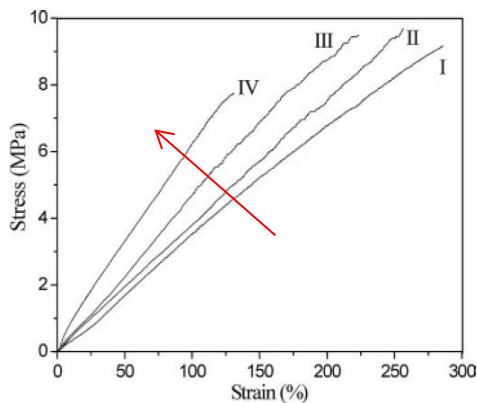
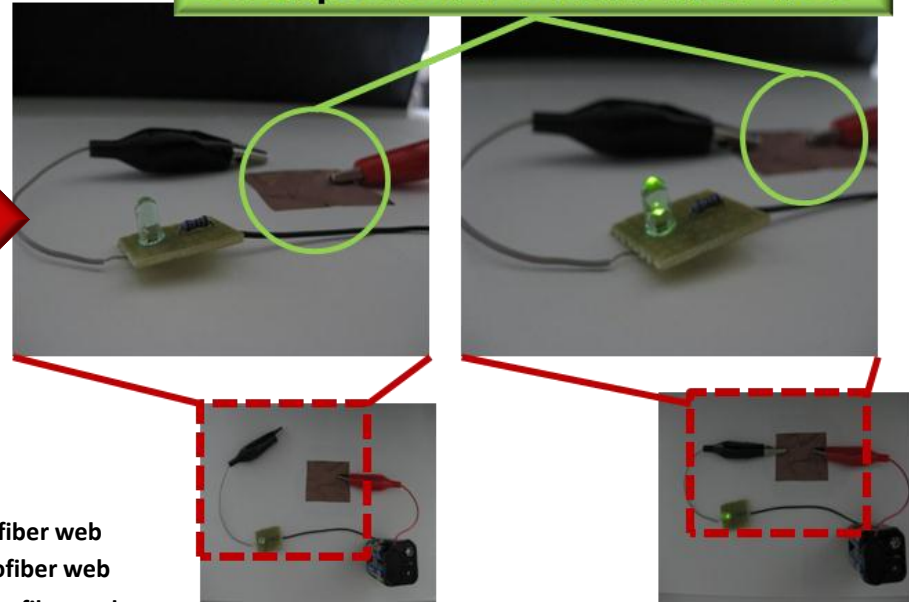
# Metallized nanofibers

## Metal nanofibers

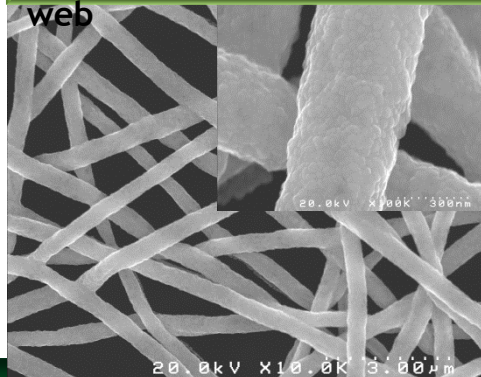


Deposition

## Cu-deposited PU Nanofiber web

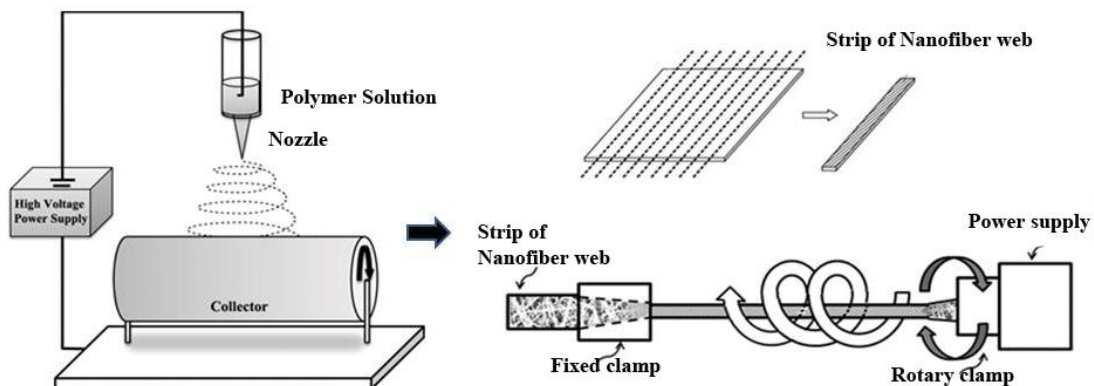


## Metal deposited PU nanofiber web



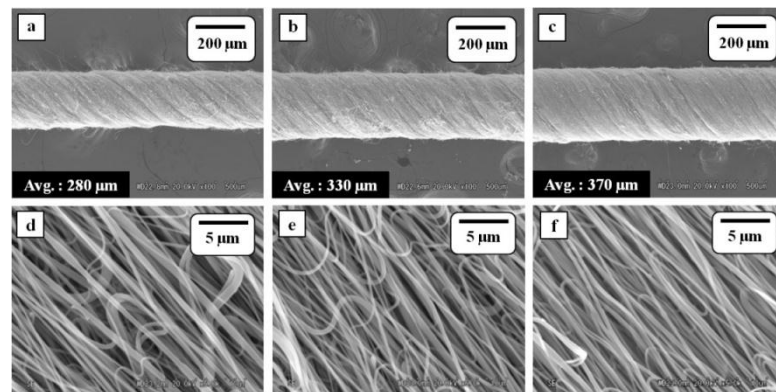
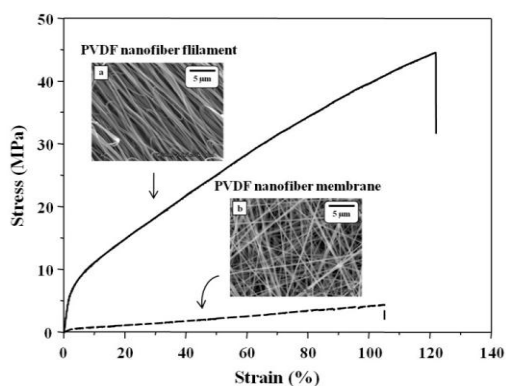
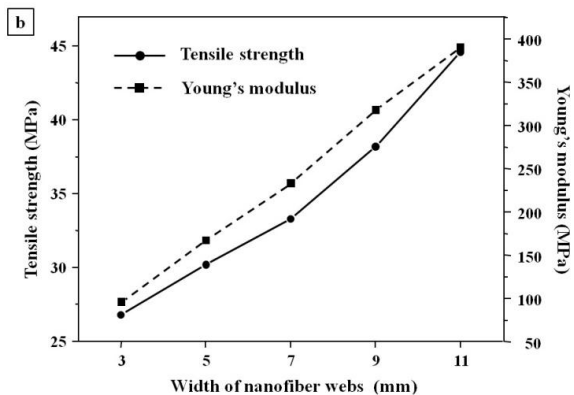
Enhanced  
mechanical property  
and electrical  
conductivity

## High strength nanofiber filaments

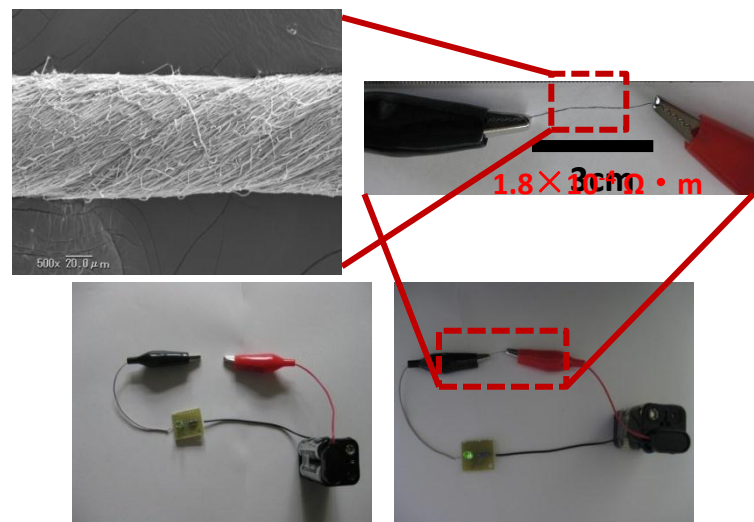


1) Electrospinning

2) Slitting and twisting

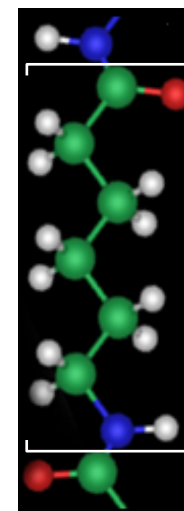
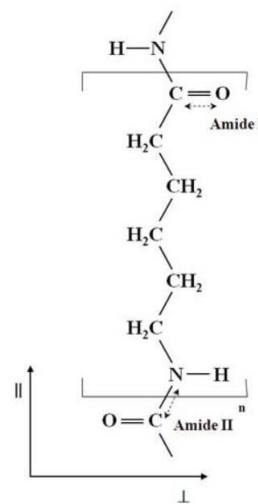
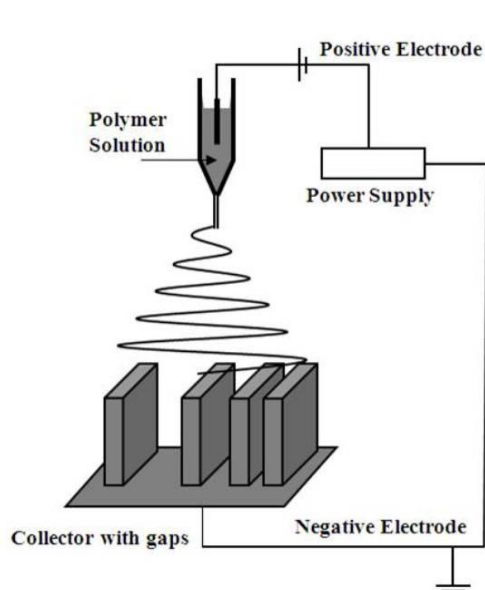
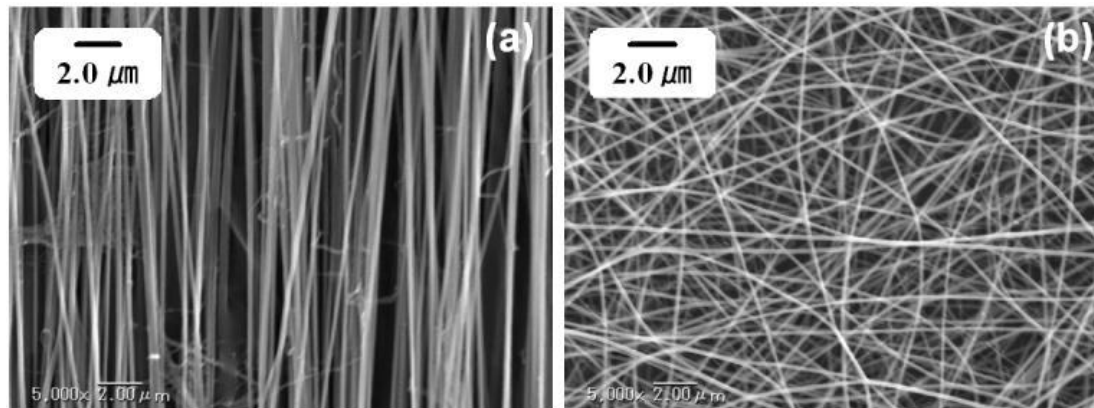


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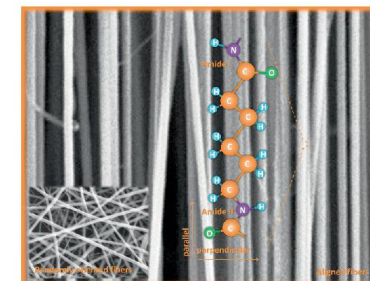


# Nanofiber Assembly: Aligned Nanofibers

## Aligned nanofibers



Macromolecular  
Materials  
and Engineering



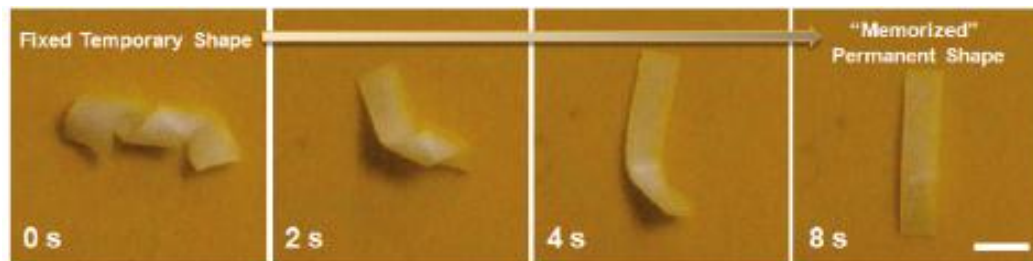
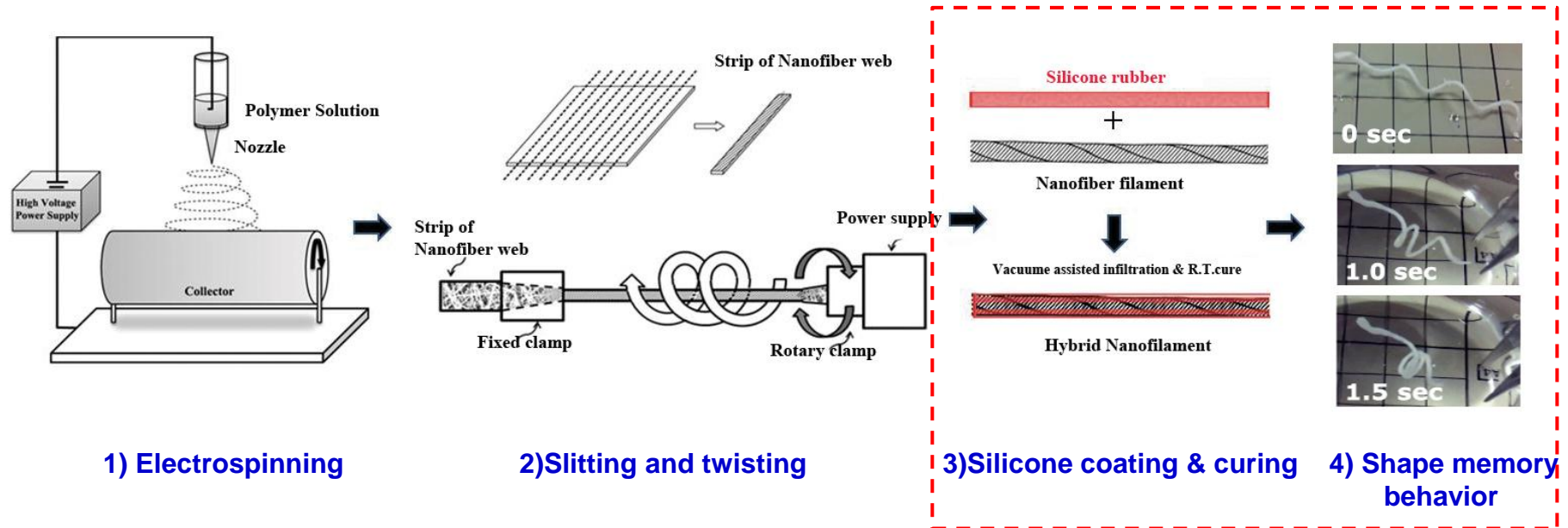
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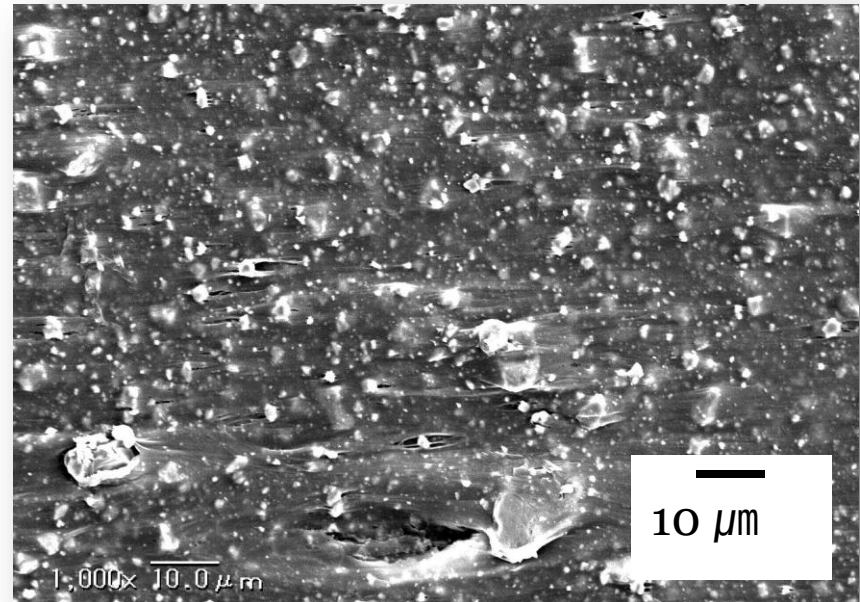
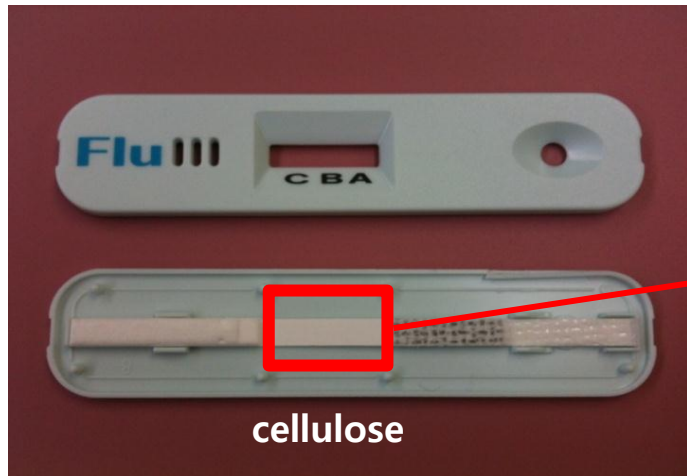
## Shape memory nanofiber filaments



Y. Lee, et al., to be submitted (2011).



# Blood Sugar Bio-sensor

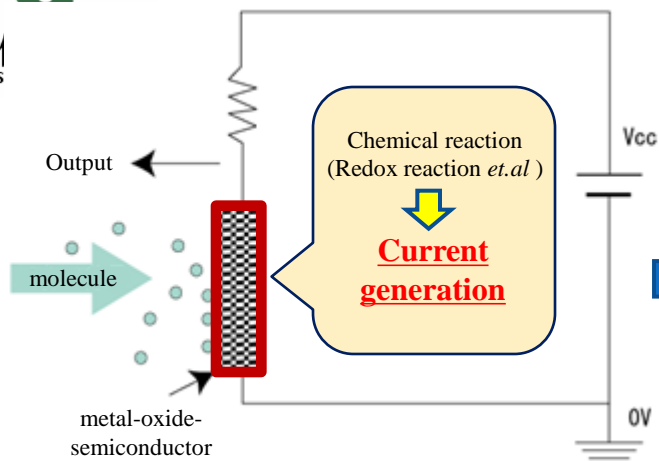


*Expected blood sugar Bio-sensor*

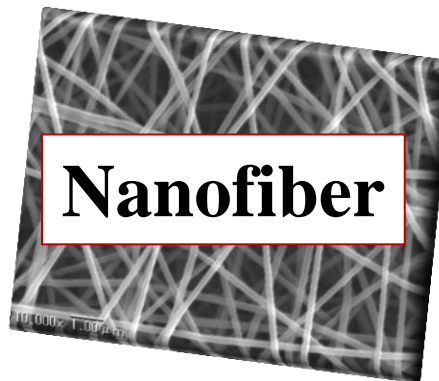
**Using Nano-fibers**

- **Very high sensitive**
- **Faster**

# Sensor Field



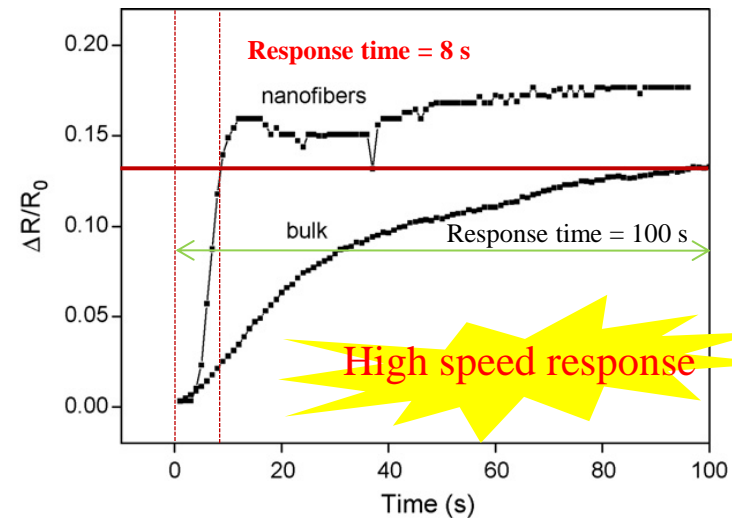
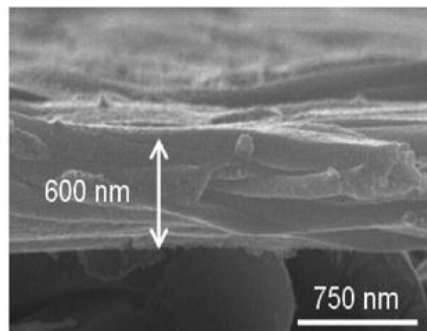
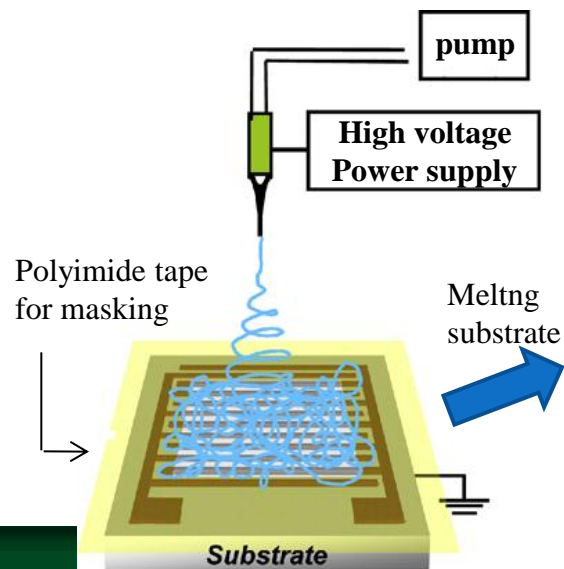
**Sensor mechanism**  
(Gas sensor, humidity sensor *et.al.*)



**High Sensitive Sensor**

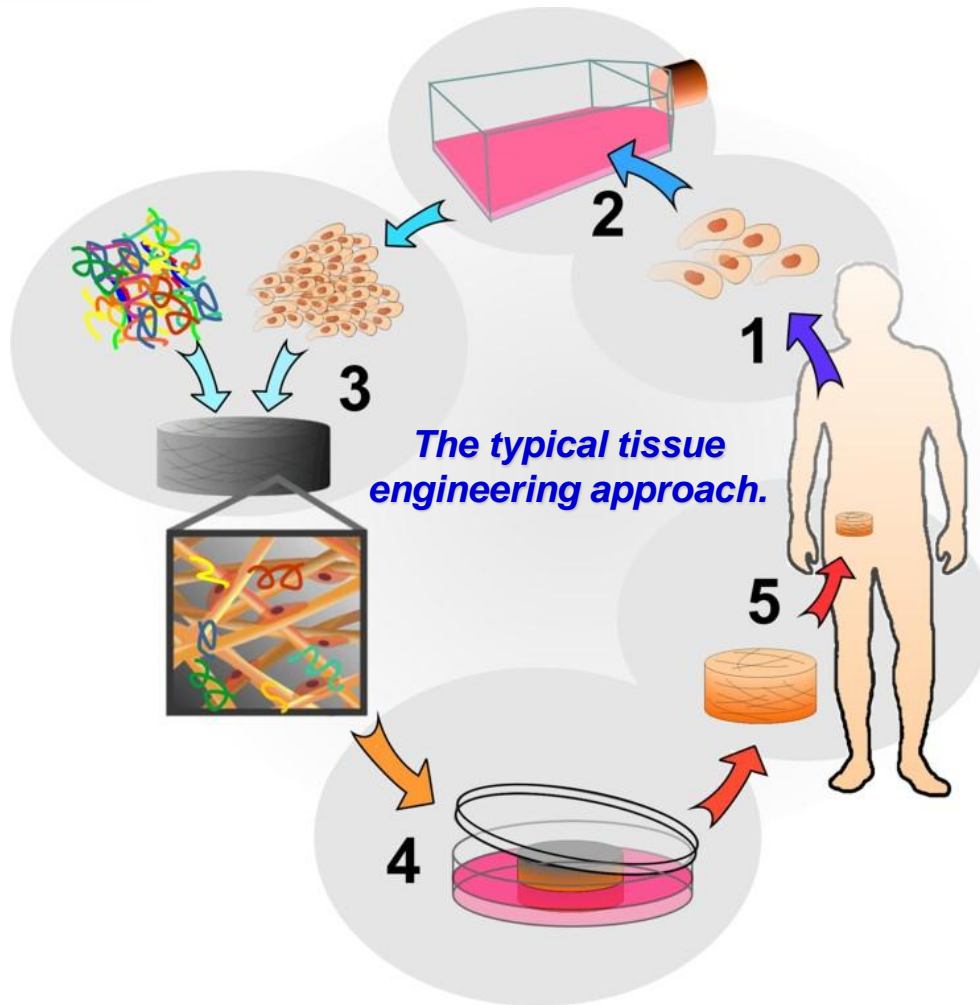
*Because...*

**High surface-to-volume ratio**  
→ reaction area up!!



Comparing response of bulk PPy and PPy nanofibers upon exposure to 20ppm of  $\text{NH}_3$ .

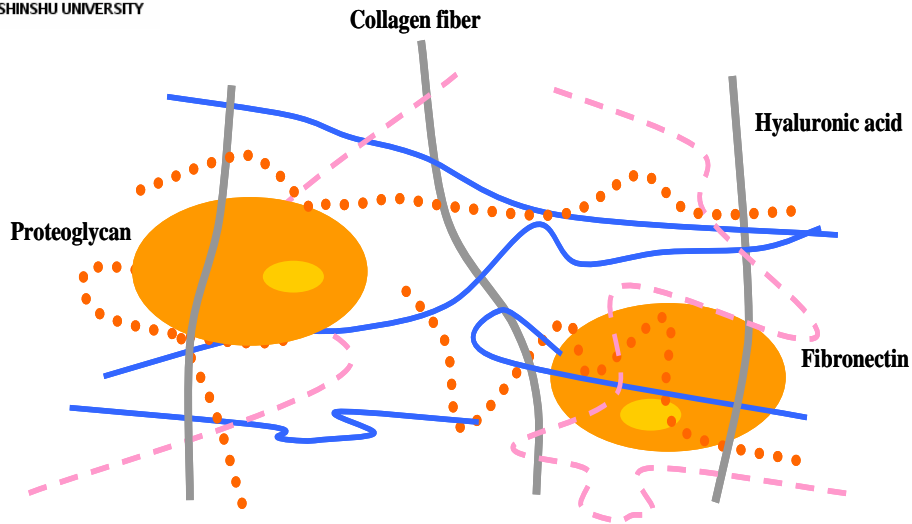
# Tissue Engineering



## Combination

- Cells
- Engineering
- Materials
- Suitable biochemical
- Physio-chemical factors

1. Remove cells
2. Expand number in culture
3. Seed onto an appropriate scaffold
4. Place into culture
5. Re-implant engineered tissue repair damaged site



## Extracellular Matrix (ECM)

The extracellular matrix is part of animal tissue that usually provides structural support to the cells in addition to performing various other important functions.

Seeking to **imitate the functions of ECM**, we used many method. These mainly involve the use of synthetic scaffolds fabricated from biocompatible materials to **carry, support** and **guide** cells towards tissue regeneration.

## Function of scaffold material

- Biocompatibility
- Moderate strength
- Supporting to cell proliferation and differentiation

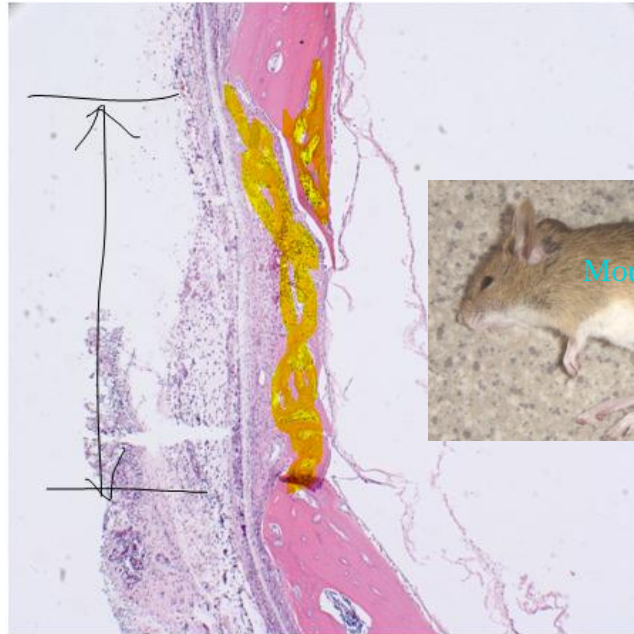




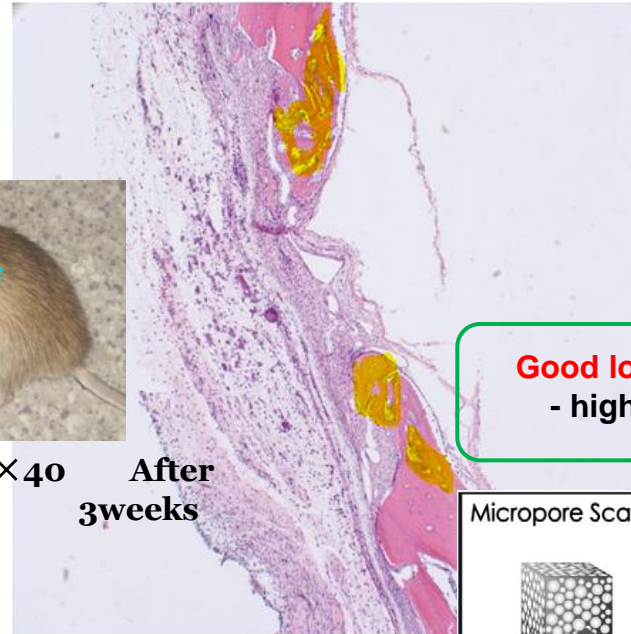
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With **Nanofiber**

Without

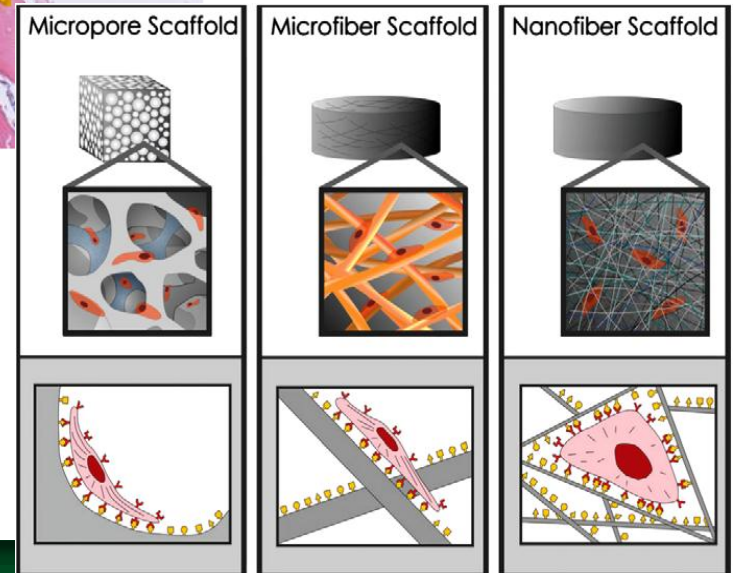


×40 After  
3 weeks

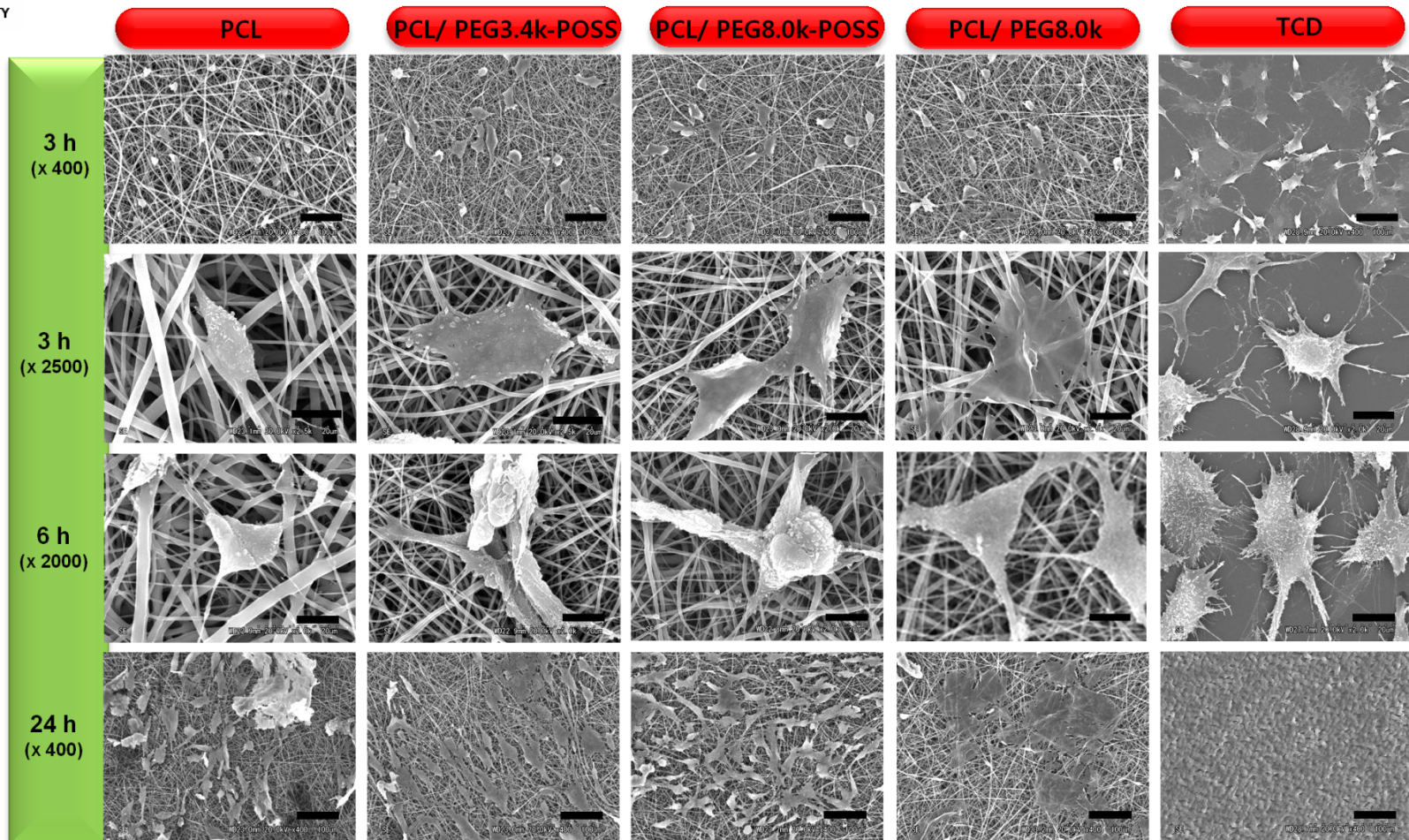


**Good loosely connected 3D porous mats**  
- high porosity and high surface area

- **Commercially available synthetic polymer** polylactide (PLA), polycaprolactone (PCL), poly(glycolic acid) (PGA), and their copolymers etc. and especially synthesised novel biomaterials that are designed



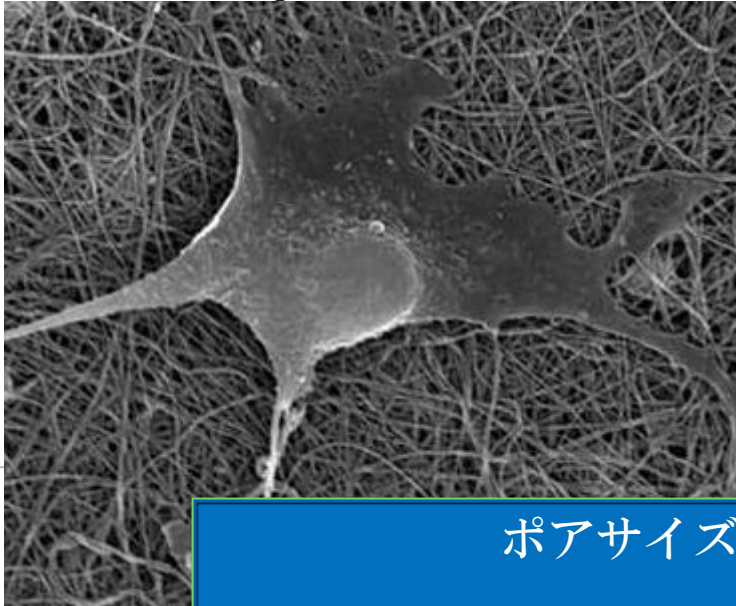
# SEM Images of Cultured PCL/PEG-POSS Scaffolds



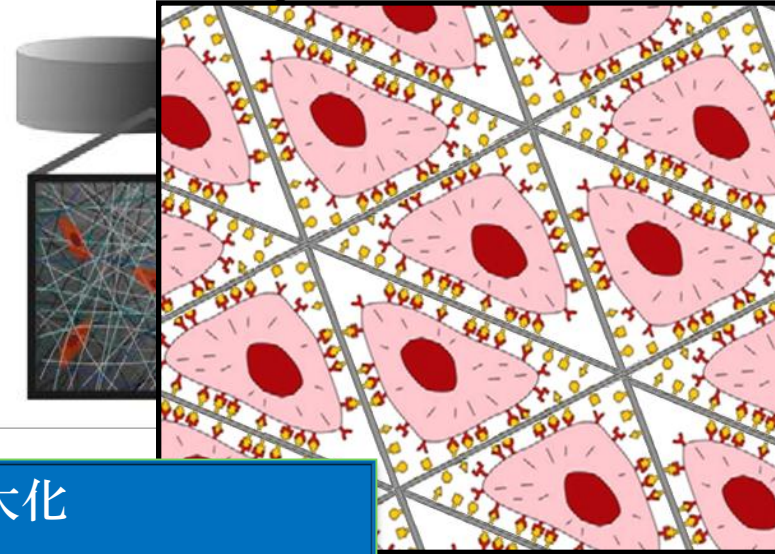


# 3D Nanofibrous Scaffolds for Cell Culture

Microfiber Scaffold



Nanofiber Scaffold



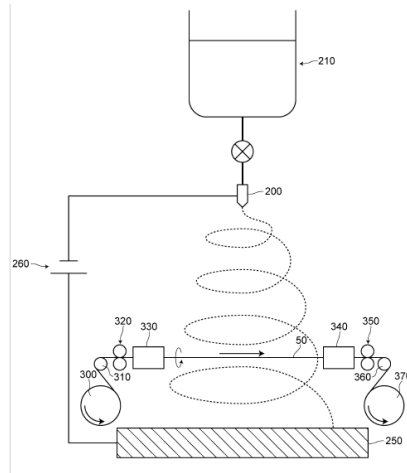
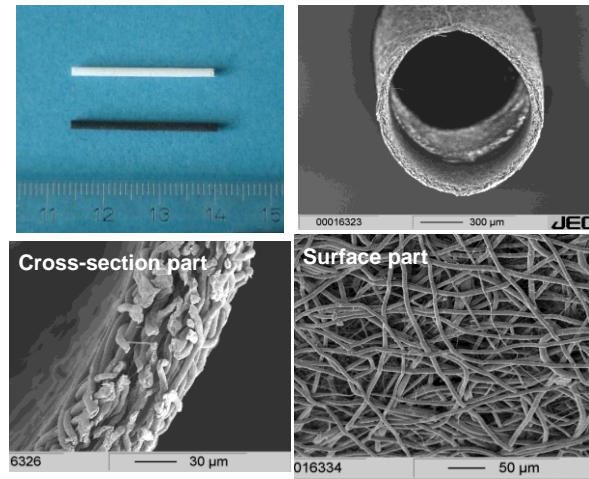
ポアサイズの拡大化

Kai Wei, Yuan Li,  
Abe, Guo-Qiang Chen, Ick-Soo Kim.  
Fabrication of nano-hydroxyapatite on electrospun  
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JOURNAL OF BIOMEDICAL MATERIALS

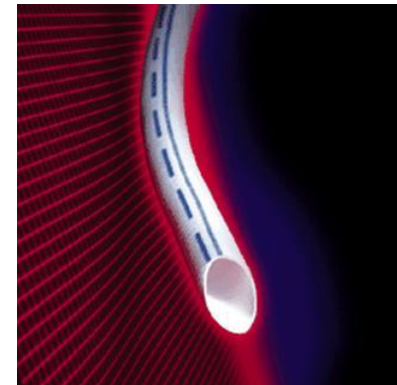
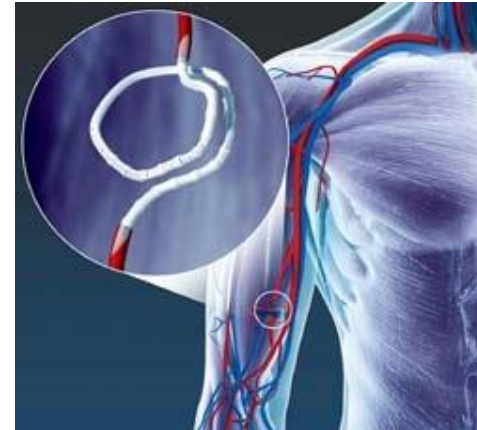
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## Nanofiber tube

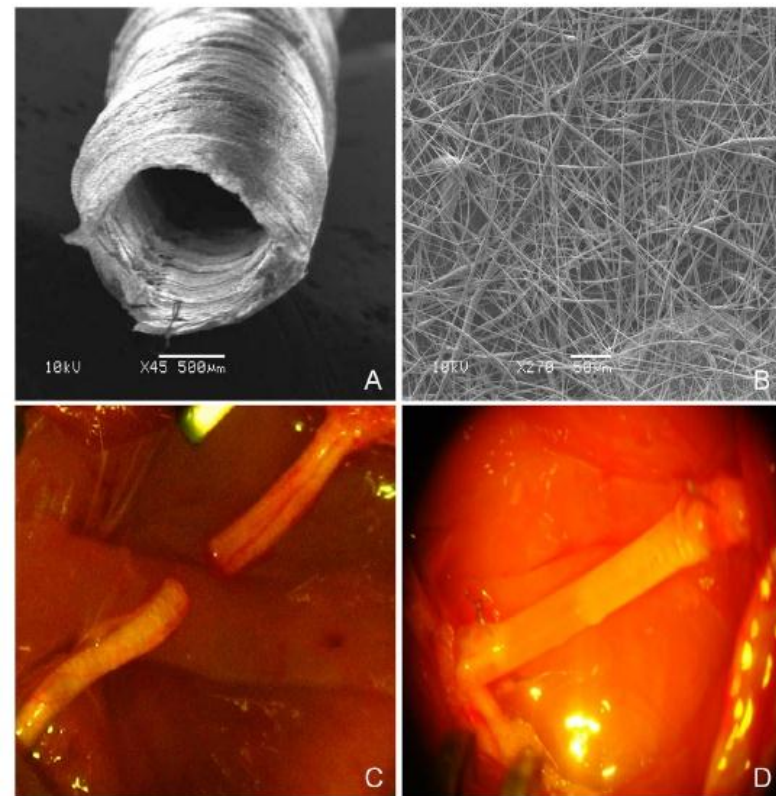


## Blood vessel prosthesis



*Meadox Exxcel™  
ePTFE Vascular Grafts*

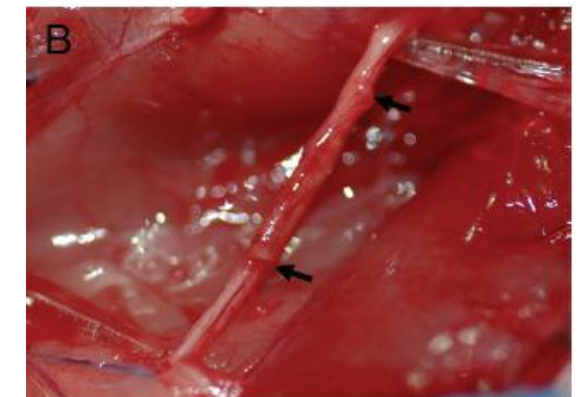
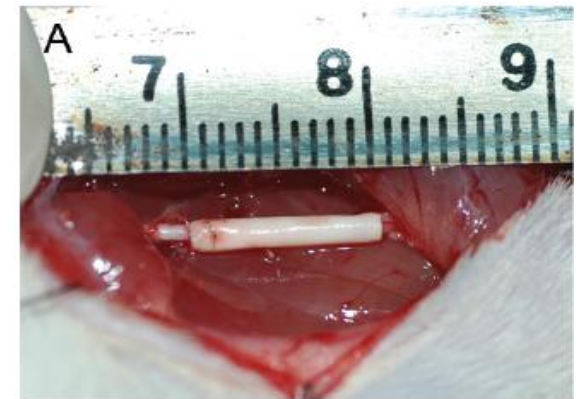




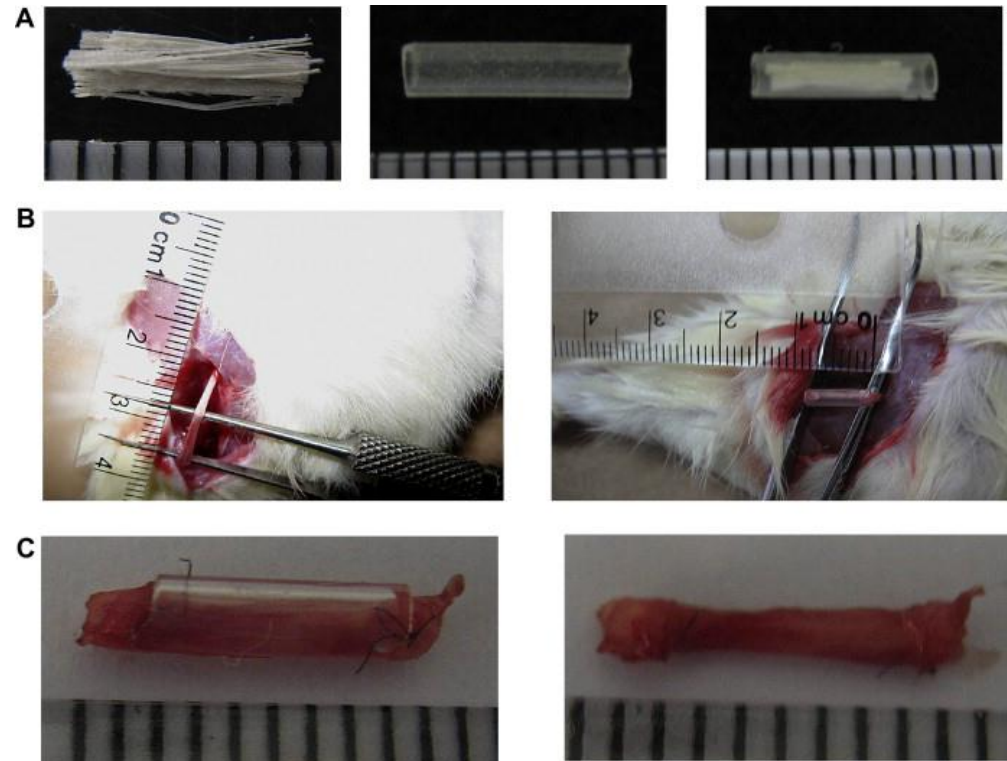
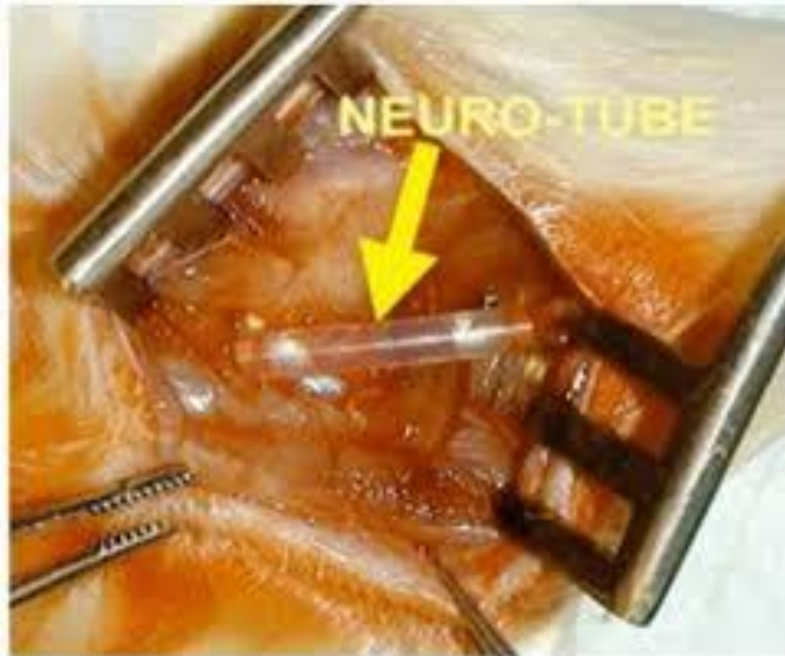
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guide conduit

Post operation,  
regenerated  
nerve

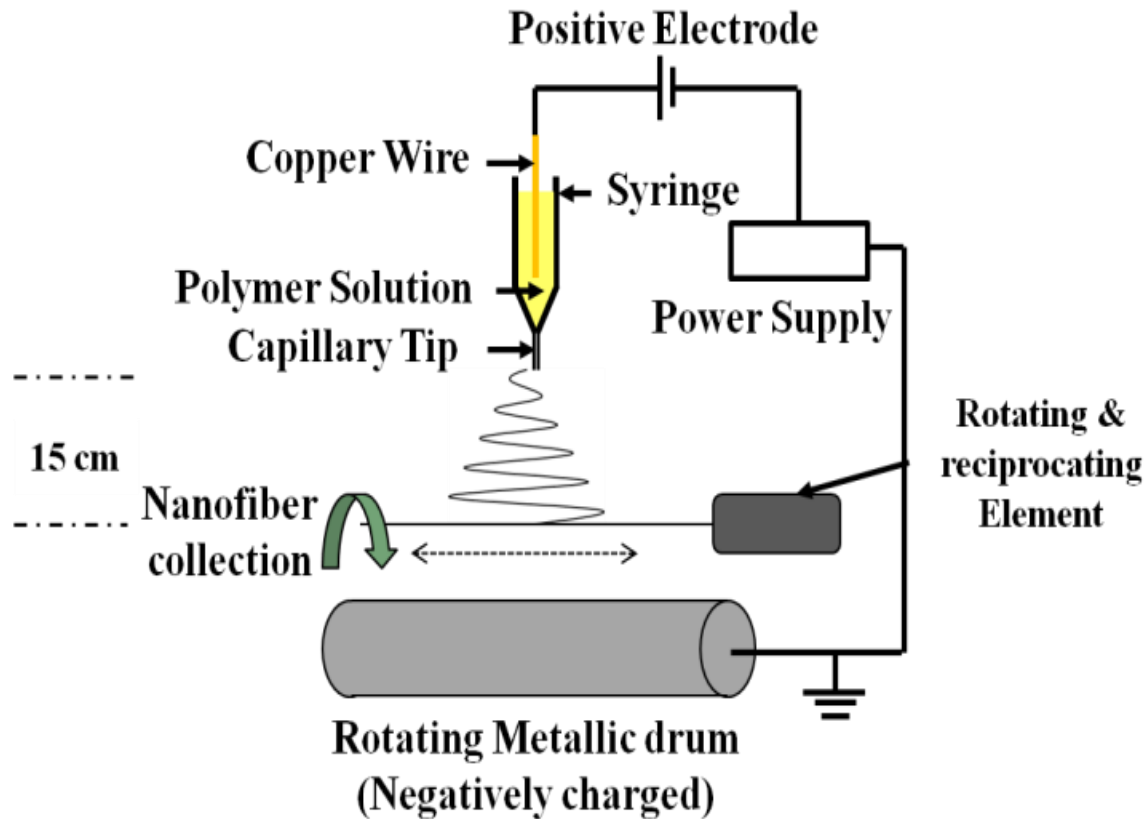
4 months



Electrospun Collagen/PCL  
nerve guide conduit



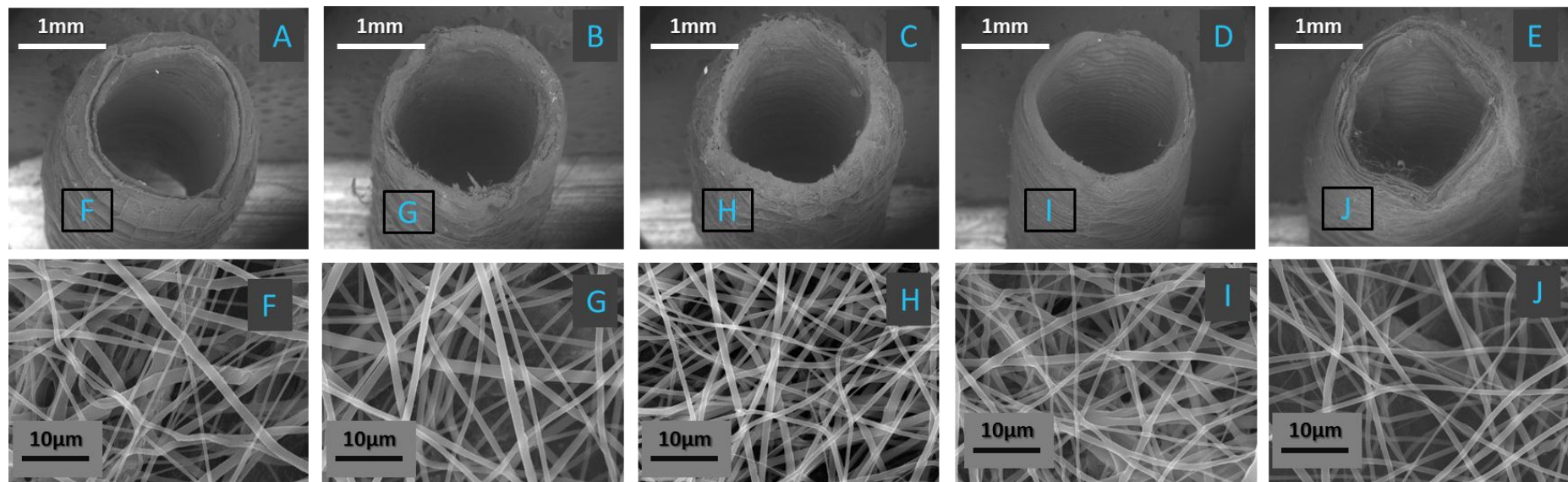
# Electrospinning setup



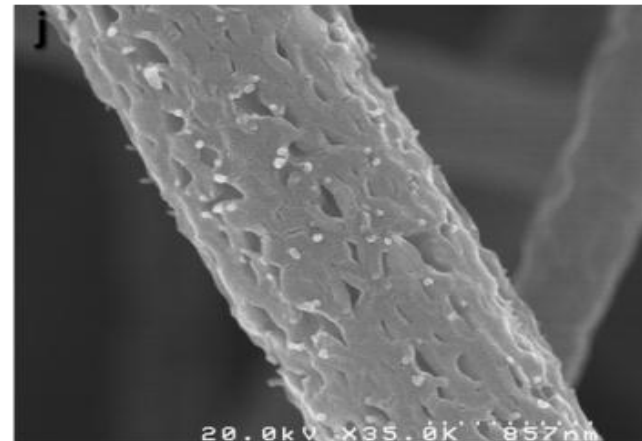
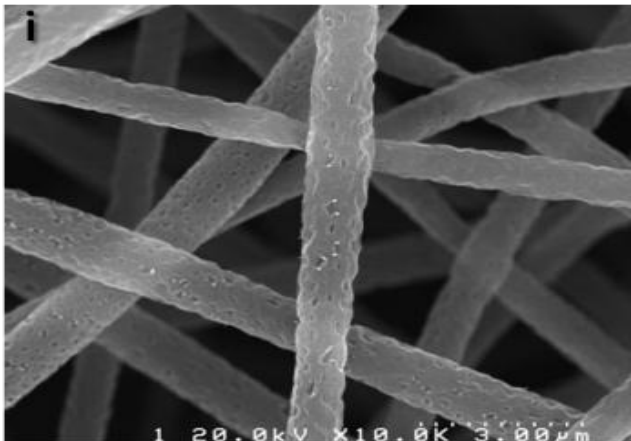
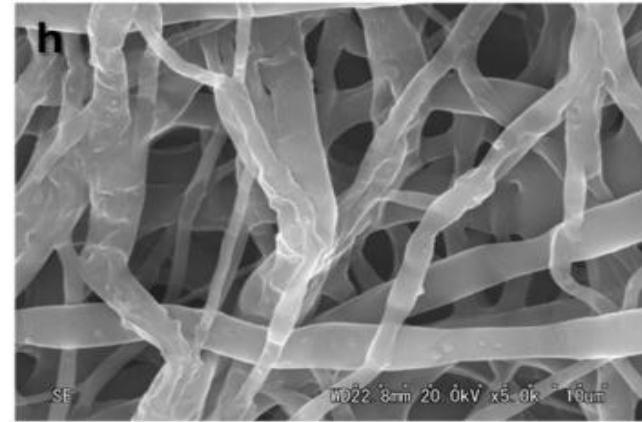
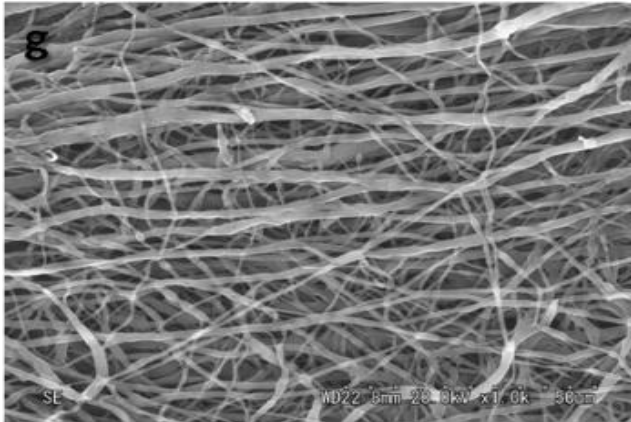




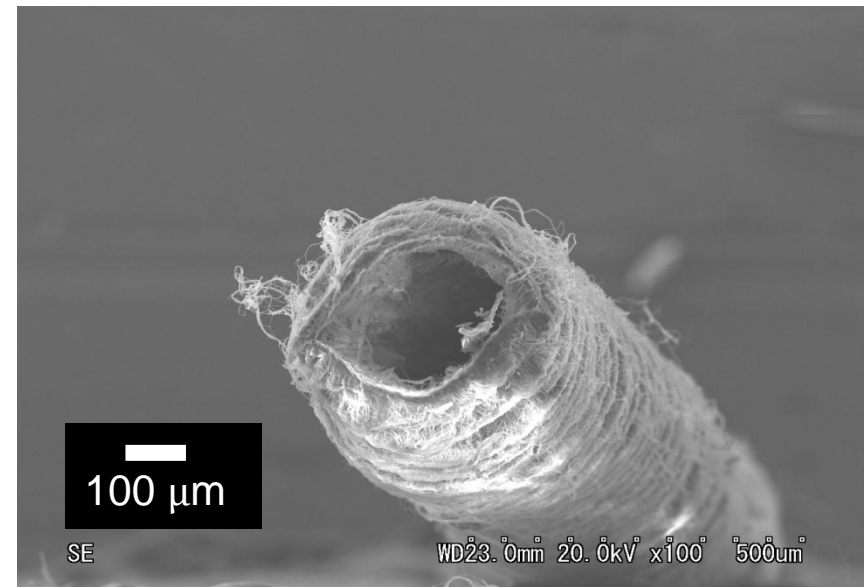
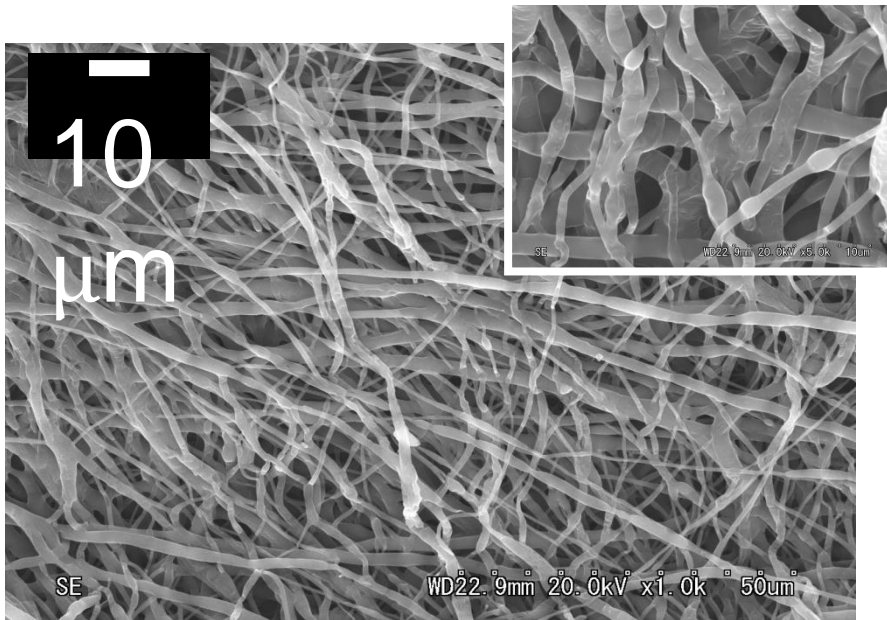
# Morphology of nerve guides



# Morphology of nanofibers

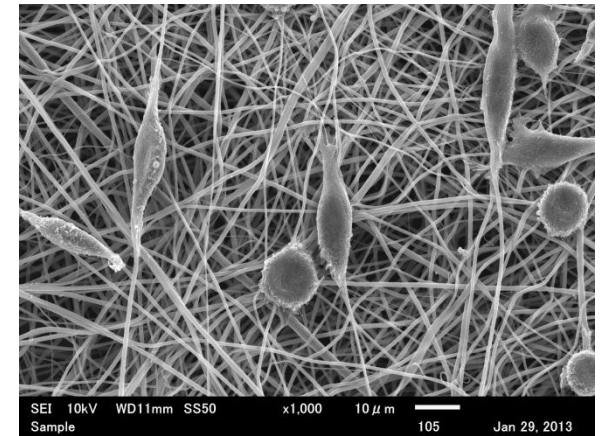
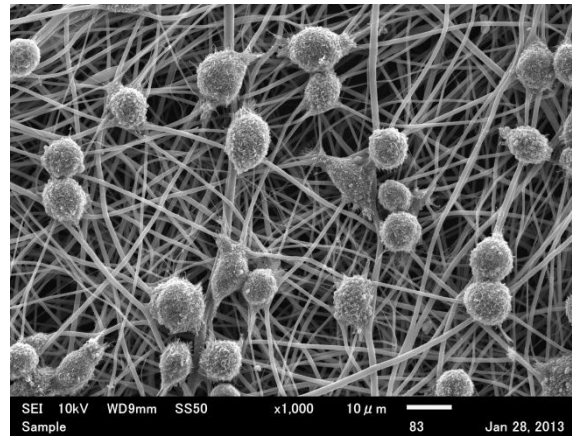
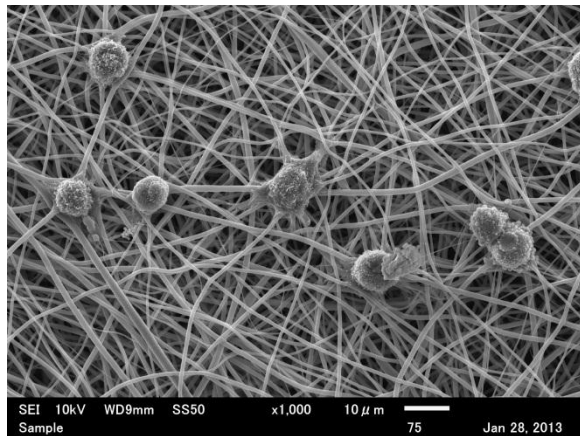


# PCL nerve guide- 0.3mm



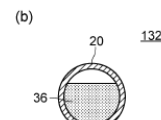
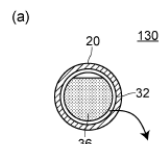
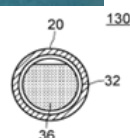
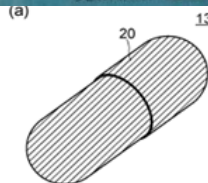


# Cell Adhesion Behavior

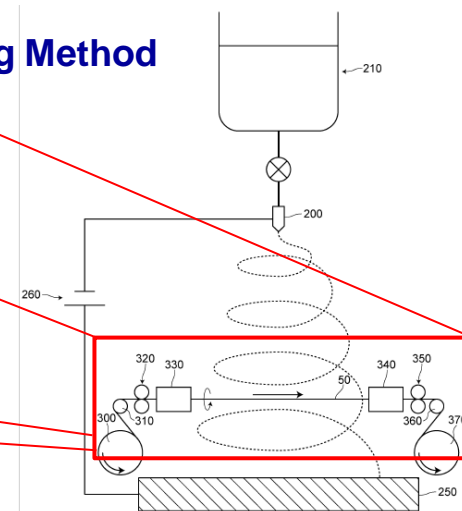
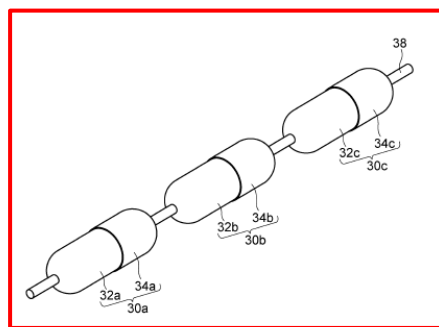




# Nanofiber capsule : 3D wrapping/coating by Electrospinning Method

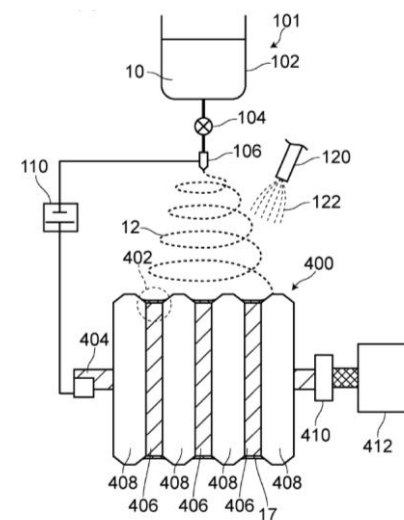
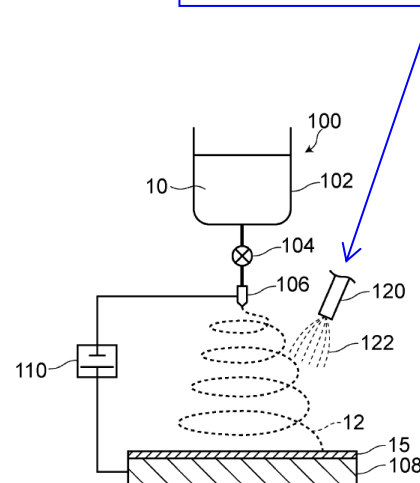
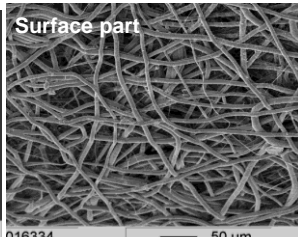
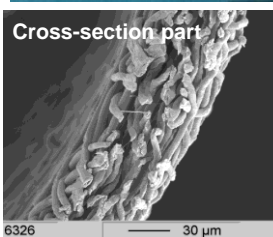
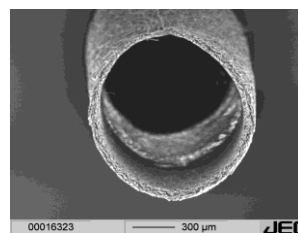
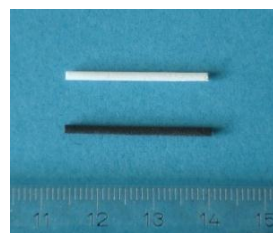


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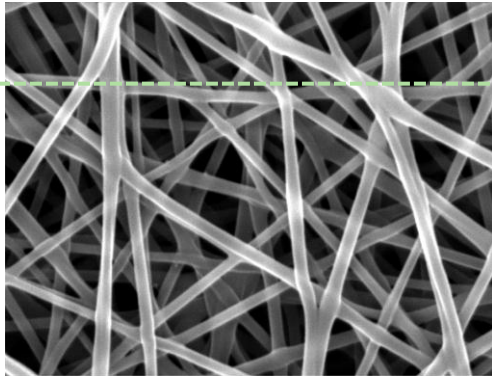


- Nanoparticles (ex.  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZnO}_3$ , Silica, Etc.)
- Nano micelles with drugs

## Nanofiber tube

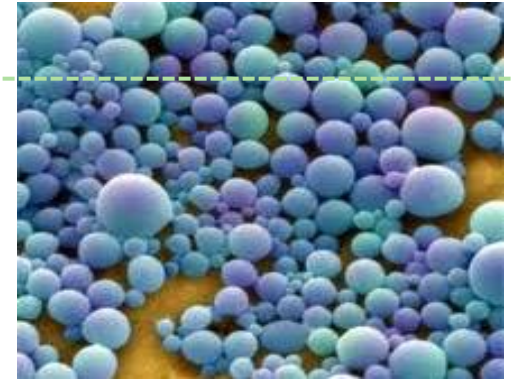
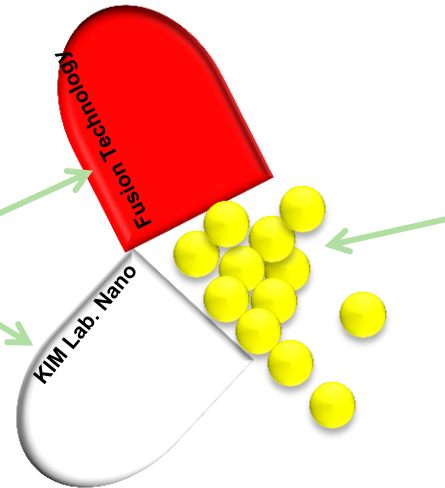


# Smart drug delivery



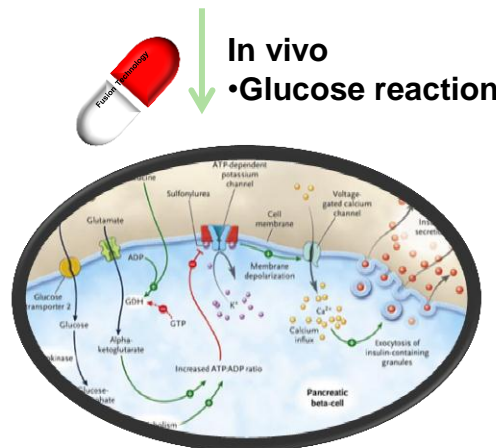
## Nanofibers

- To enhance the therapeutic activity by prolonging drug half-life
- To be released through diffusion system



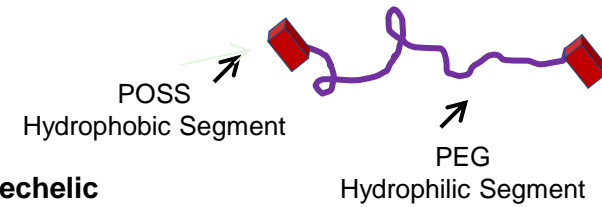
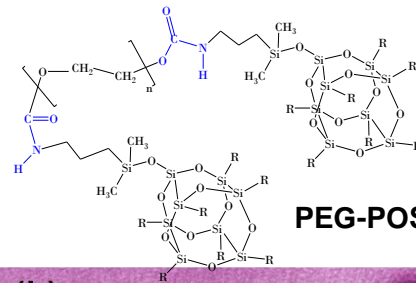
## Nanoparticles

- Improving solubility of hydrophobic drugs
- Reducing potential immunogenicity

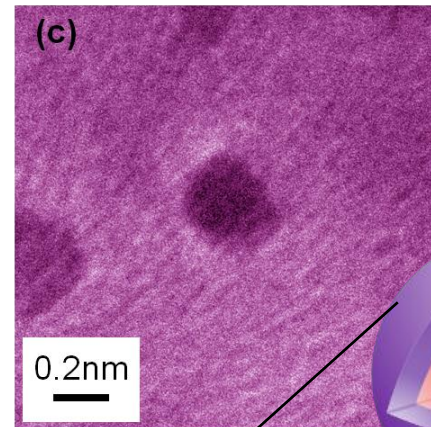
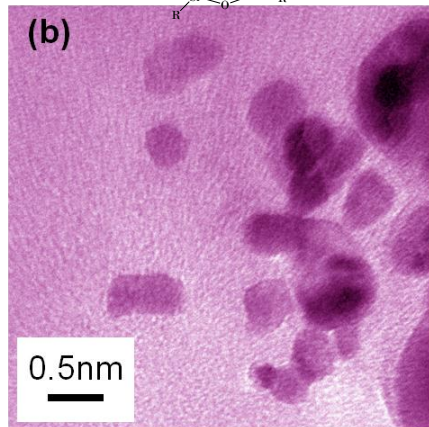
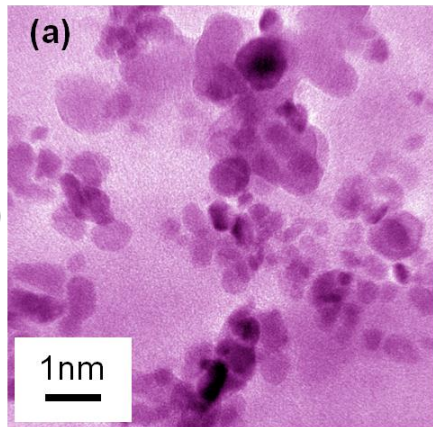




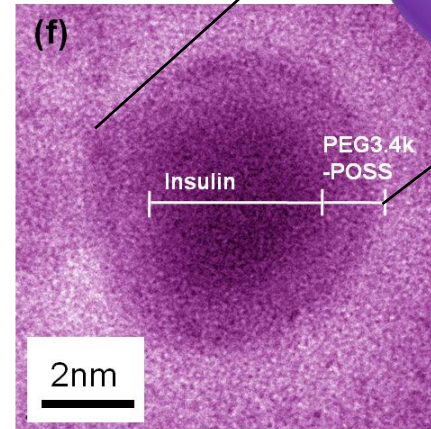
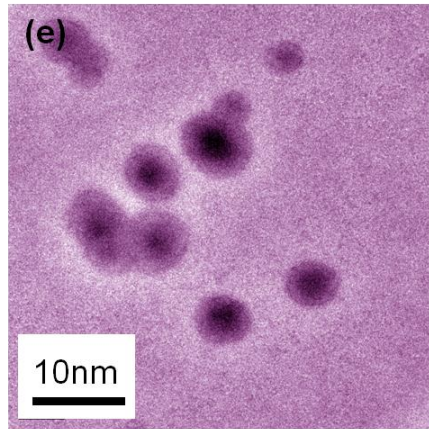
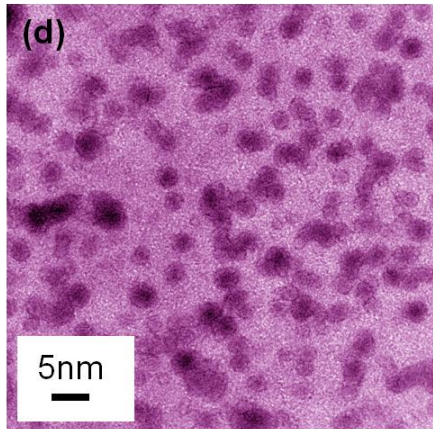
# Core-Shell Nanostructured Particles



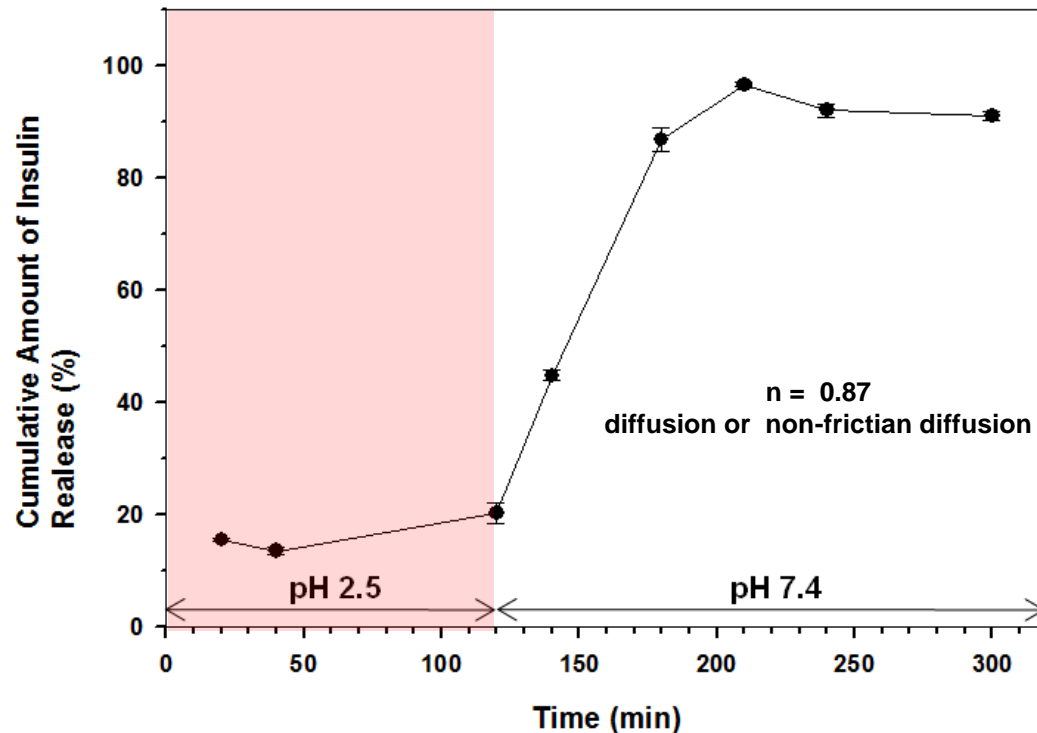
PEG3.4k-POSS NPs



PEG3.4k-POSS/Insulin NPs



# In-vitro Insulin Release Behavior



## ▪ Diffusion controlled mechanism

The drug release behavior according to diffusion controlled mechanism is usually governed by the following equation,

$$M_t/M_\infty = kt^n$$

where  $M_\infty$  is the total amount of insulin in dosage form,  $M_t$  is the amount of insulin released at time  $t$ ,  $k$  is kinetic constant, and  $n$  is diffusion or release exponent constant.

K.O. Kim, B.S. Kim, I.S. Kim, *Journal of Biomaterials and Nanobiotechnology*, 2011, 2, 201-206.



# Nanofiber Production Systems



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# Global Companies Worldwide for Nanofiber Production



E 社  
-Czech Republic



N 社  
-Turkey



F 社  
-Japan



M 社  
-Japan



K 社  
-Japan

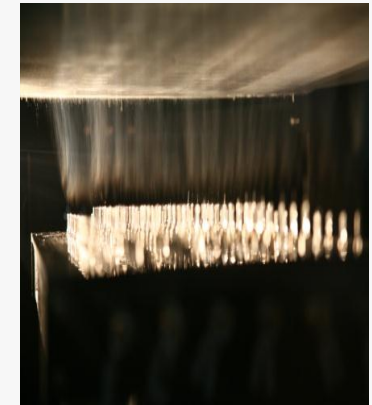


D 社  
-USA

- Development of nanofiber production equipment by global companies worldwide
- Currently developed equipment in lab scale: 60cm in width and max. 0.5m/min in capacity
- For mass production of the nanofibers, facility development, polymer recipe, electrical, electronics, and control of the complex technologies should be proceeded.



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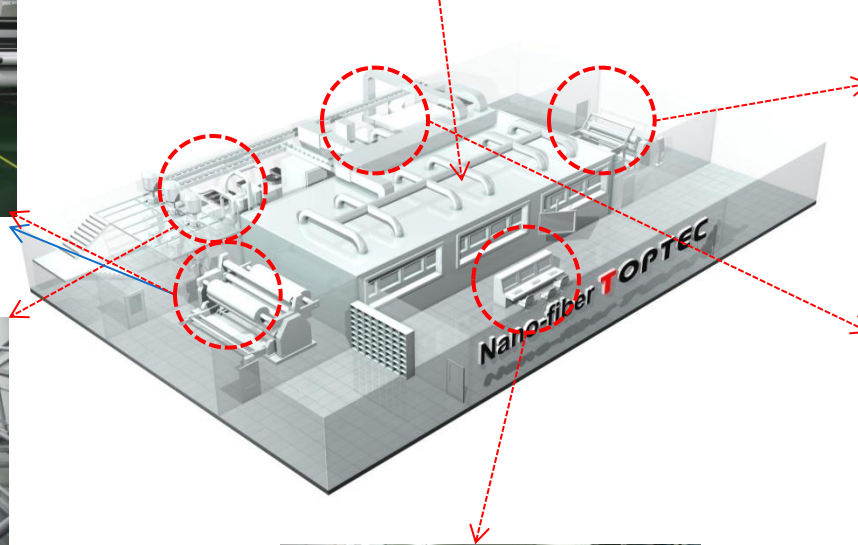




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# TOPTEC's Unique Nanofiber Production System

## Nanofiber Mass Production Plant



Thank  
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Many thanks for your attention



# Questions & Comments

