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#### *Abstract*

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# 1 Summary

TABLE 1.1: Electrospun Polymer Solutions - Solution and Process Parameters

Polymer	Solvent	NFES Variant	Polymer Solution and Process Properties	Fiber Characterization	Reference
Poly(ethylene oxide) (PEO)	Deionized water	Low-Voltage and Low- Electrical Field NFES	<ul> <li>PEO Concentration: 1, 2, and 3 wt%</li> <li>Rise in solution conductivity with the increase in PEO concentration</li> <li>Solution Stirring: 24 h of free diffusion followed by 96 h of stirring at 30 rpm</li> <li>3 mL syringe</li> <li>27 gauge type 304 stainless steel needle</li> <li>Solution deposition rate: lower than 1 μL/h</li> <li>needle-to-collector distance: 1 mm</li> </ul>	• Diameter: 50-425 nm	[1]

TABLE 1.2: Electrospun Polymer Solutions - Solution and Process Parameters

Polymer	Solvent	NFES Variant	Polymer Solution and Process Properties	Fiber Characterization	Reference
			<ul> <li>NFES process initiated by an air interference with a glass microprobe tip (1 to 3 μm tip diameter) to overcome the surface tension</li> <li>Time to produce a stable continuous jet: 45 min</li> <li>Polymer jet initiated at 400-600 V and dispensed at 200-400 V</li> <li>Collector linear speed: 10-40 mm/s</li> <li>The voltage turned on when the solution formed a full-sized droplet of 500 μm diameter at the needle tip.</li> </ul>		[1]
Poly[2-methoxy-5- (2-ethylhexyloxy)- 1,4- phenylenevinylene] (MEH-PPV) with Poly(ethylene oxide) (PEO)	acetonitrile / toluene mixture (65 / 35); acetic acid / toluene (1' / 83); pure toluene	7	<ul> <li>Concentrations:</li> <li>MEH-PPV solution: 10 mg of MEH-PPV in 2 mL of toluene</li> <li>500 μL of MEH-PPV solution with 250 mg of PEO in 3.5 mL of acetonitrile / toluene (65 / 35)</li> <li>500 μL of MEH-PPV solution with 250 mg of PEO in 3 mL of acetic acid / toluene (17 / 83)</li> </ul>		[2]

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TABLE 1.3: Electrospun Polymer Solutions - Solution and Process Parameters

- The resulting MEH-PPV/PEO concentration is 1:100
- Solution Stirring:
  - MEH-PPV solution stirred for 4 h
  - PEO solution stirred for 8 h
  - MEH-PPV/PEO solution stirred and ultrasonically agitated
- Collector substrate: SiO2/Si (oxide thickness = 800 nm)
- needle-to-collector distance: 500 μm
- *µm*-diameter tip Tungsten spinneret in a 26 gauge needle
- Solution deposition rate: 50 μL/h
  Electrostatic voltage: around 1.3 kV
- x-y stage velocity: 50 *cm/s*

- distance between adjacent fibers: around 100  $\mu m$
- Fiber diameter: around 100 *nm*

TABLE 1.4: Electrospun Polymer Solutions - Solution and Process Parameters

Polymer	Solvent	NFES	Polymer Solution and Process Properties	Fiber Characterization	Reference
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