



# Control of Electrospun Jets Instabilities: In Pursuit of Perfect Continuous Nanofiber Alignment

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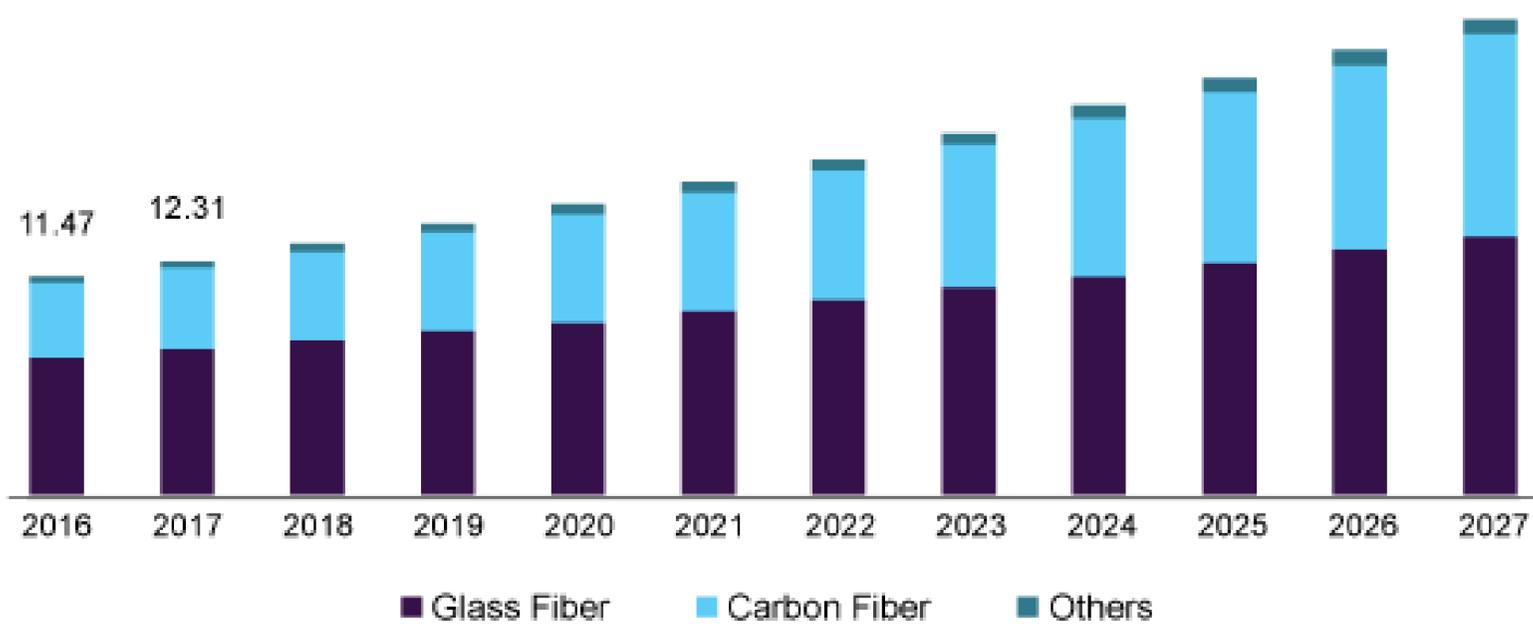


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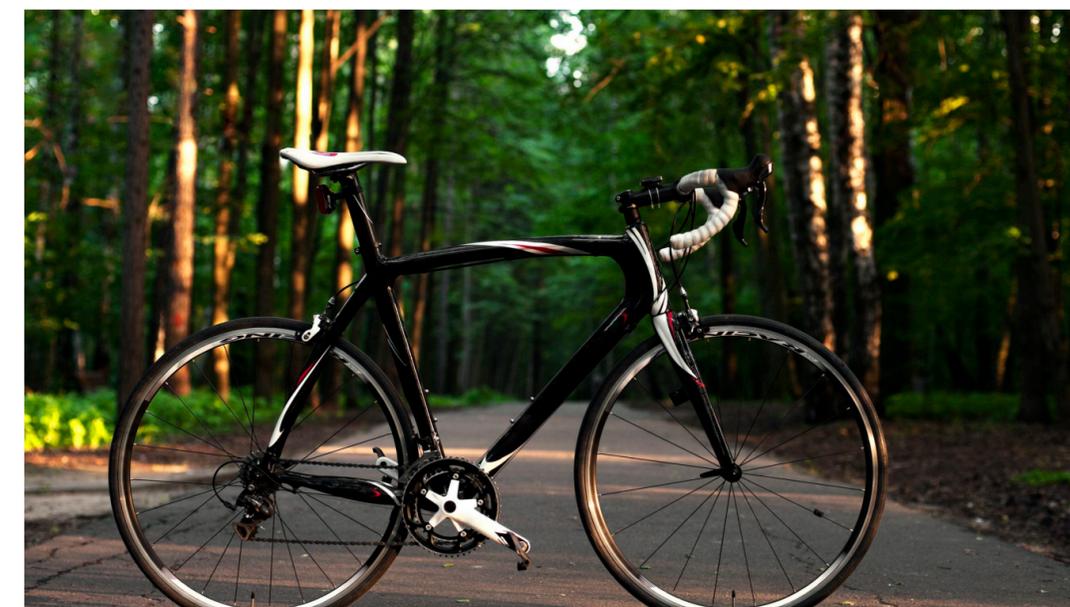
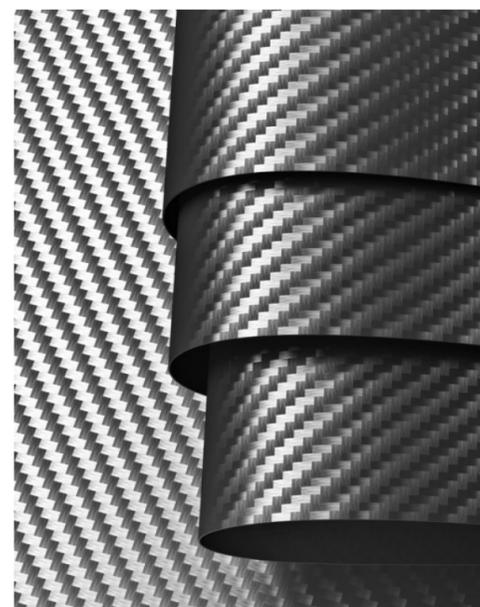
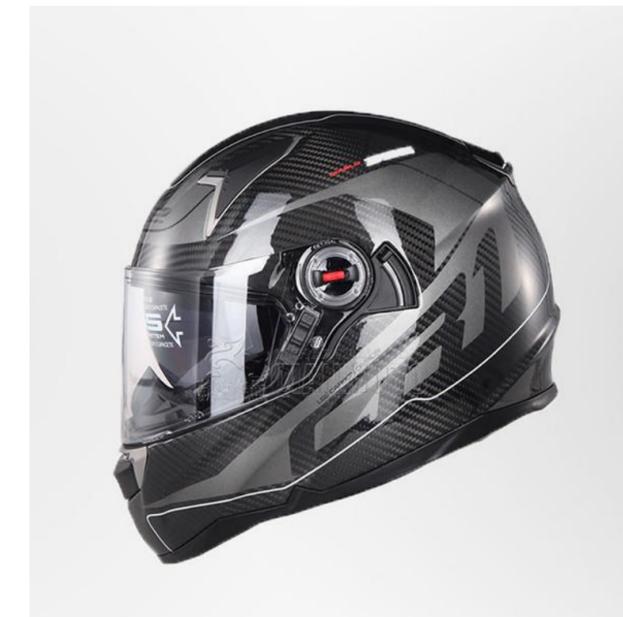


# Advanced Composites & Carbon Fiber

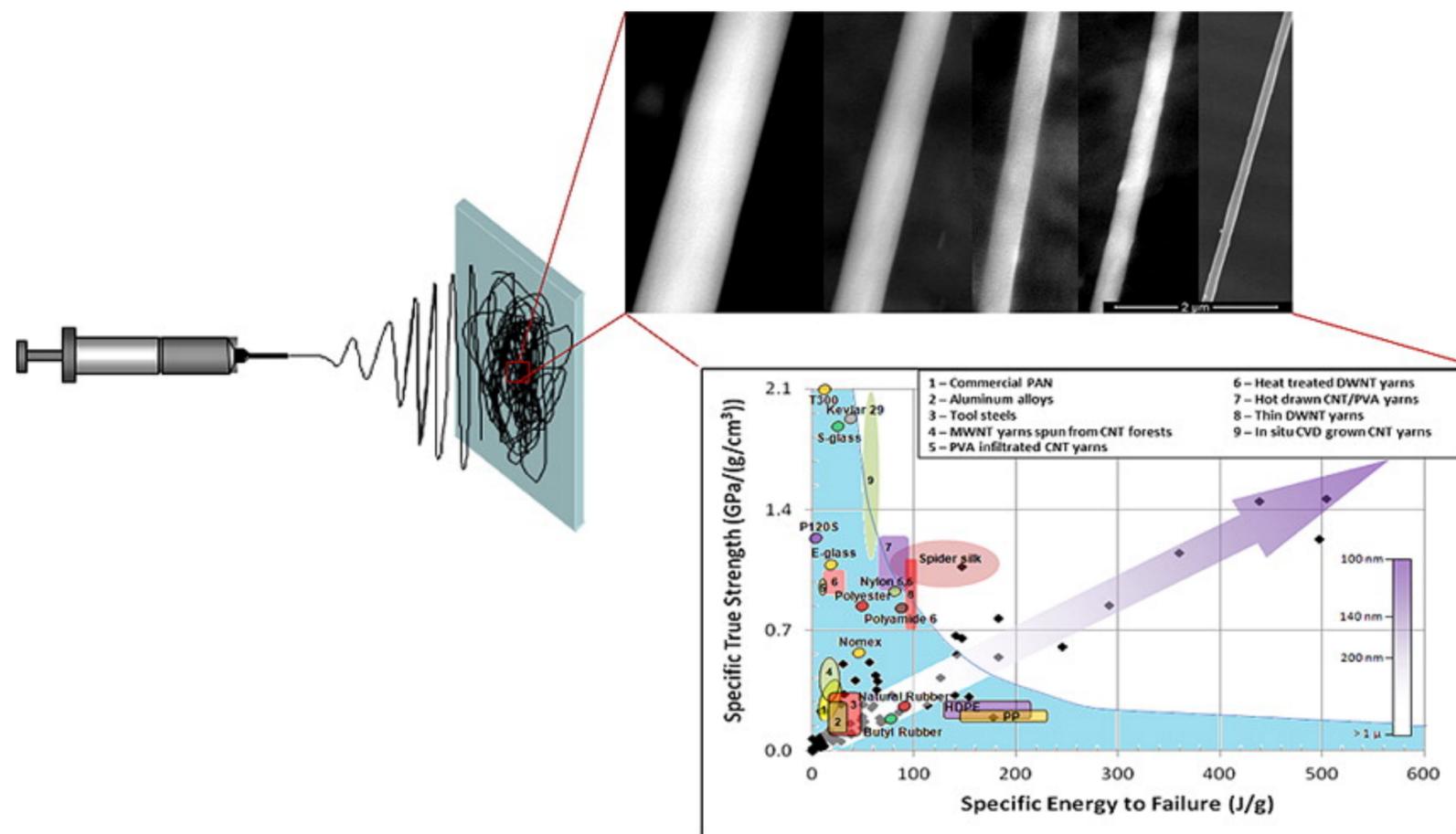
U.S. composites market size, by product, 2016 - 2027 (USD Billion)



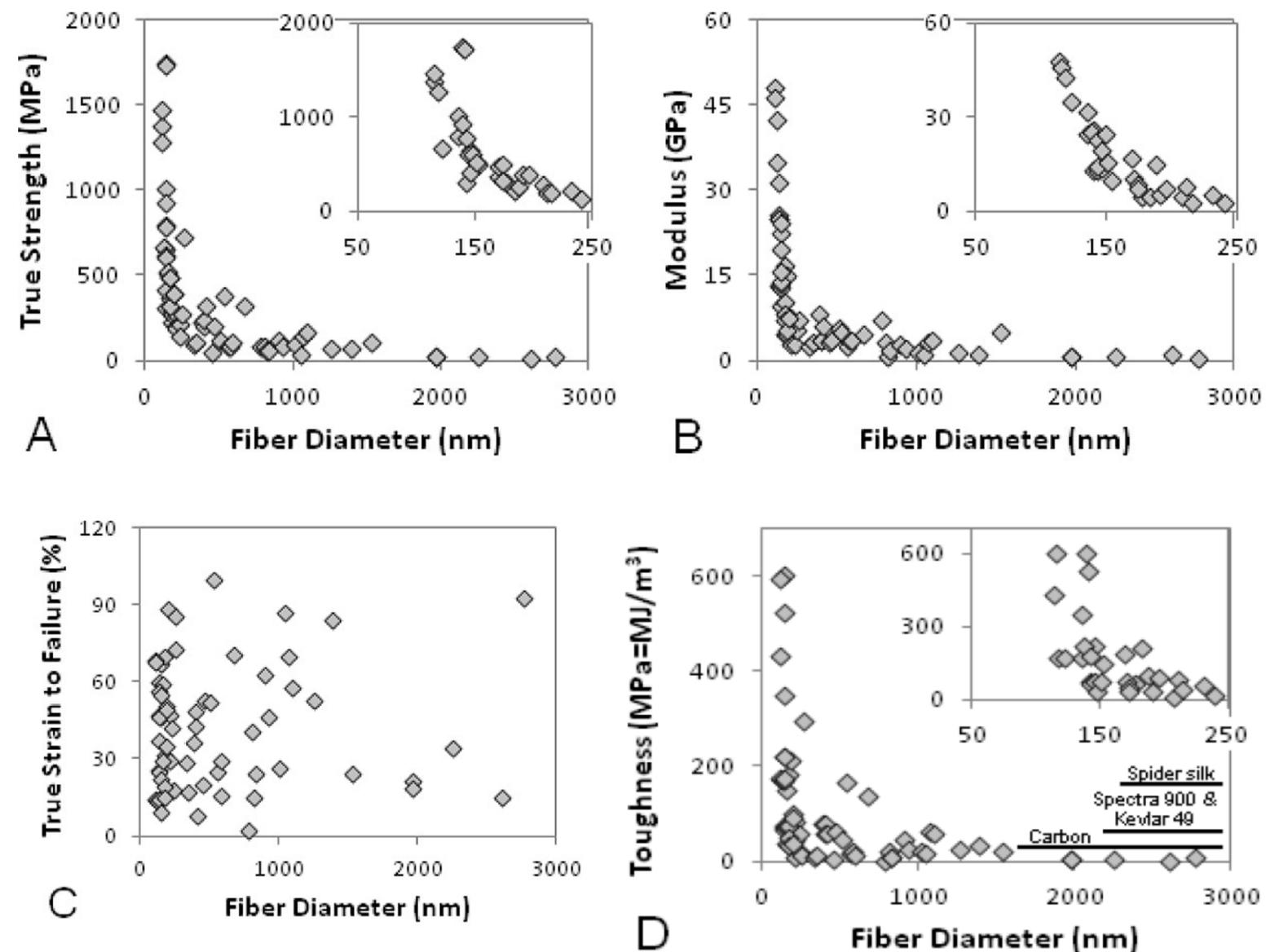
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# Demonstrated Size Effects in Mechanical Properties of Fibers

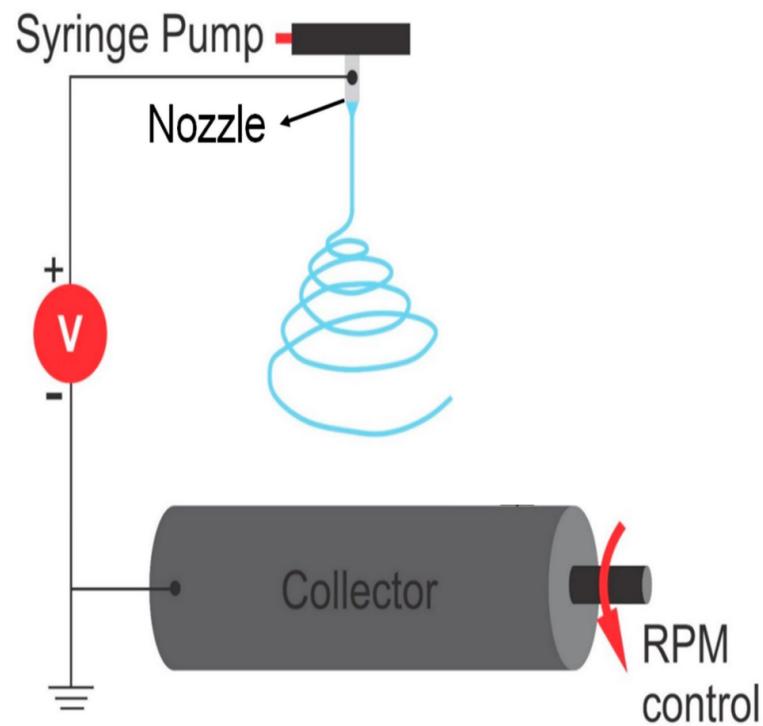


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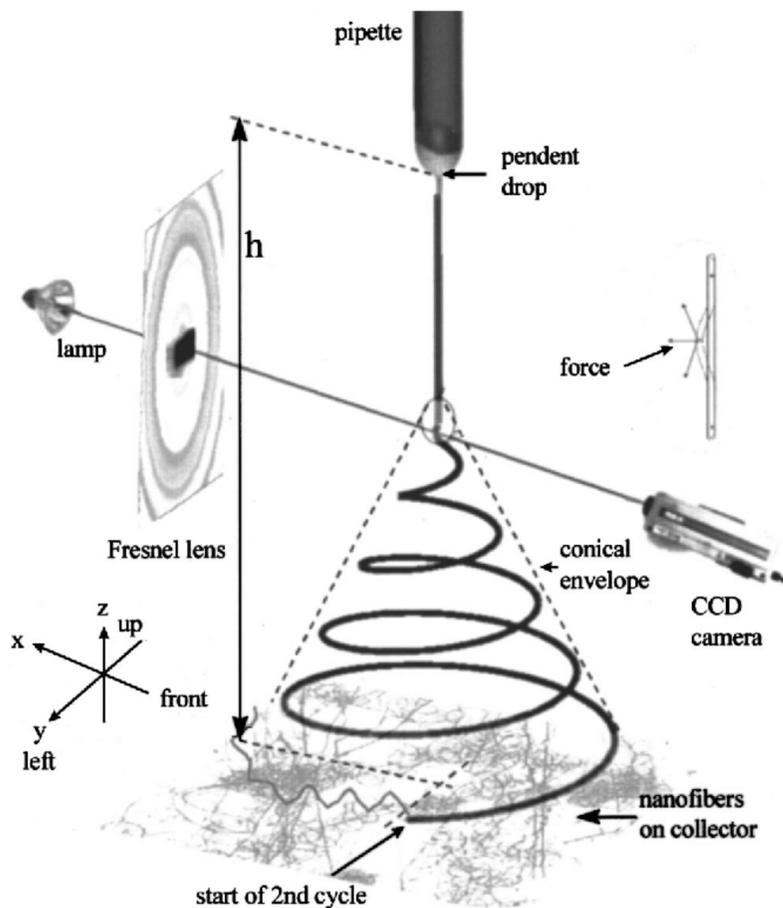


Size effects in mechanical properties and structure of as-spun PAN nanofibers. (A) True strength; (B) modulus; (C) true strain to failure; (D) toughness

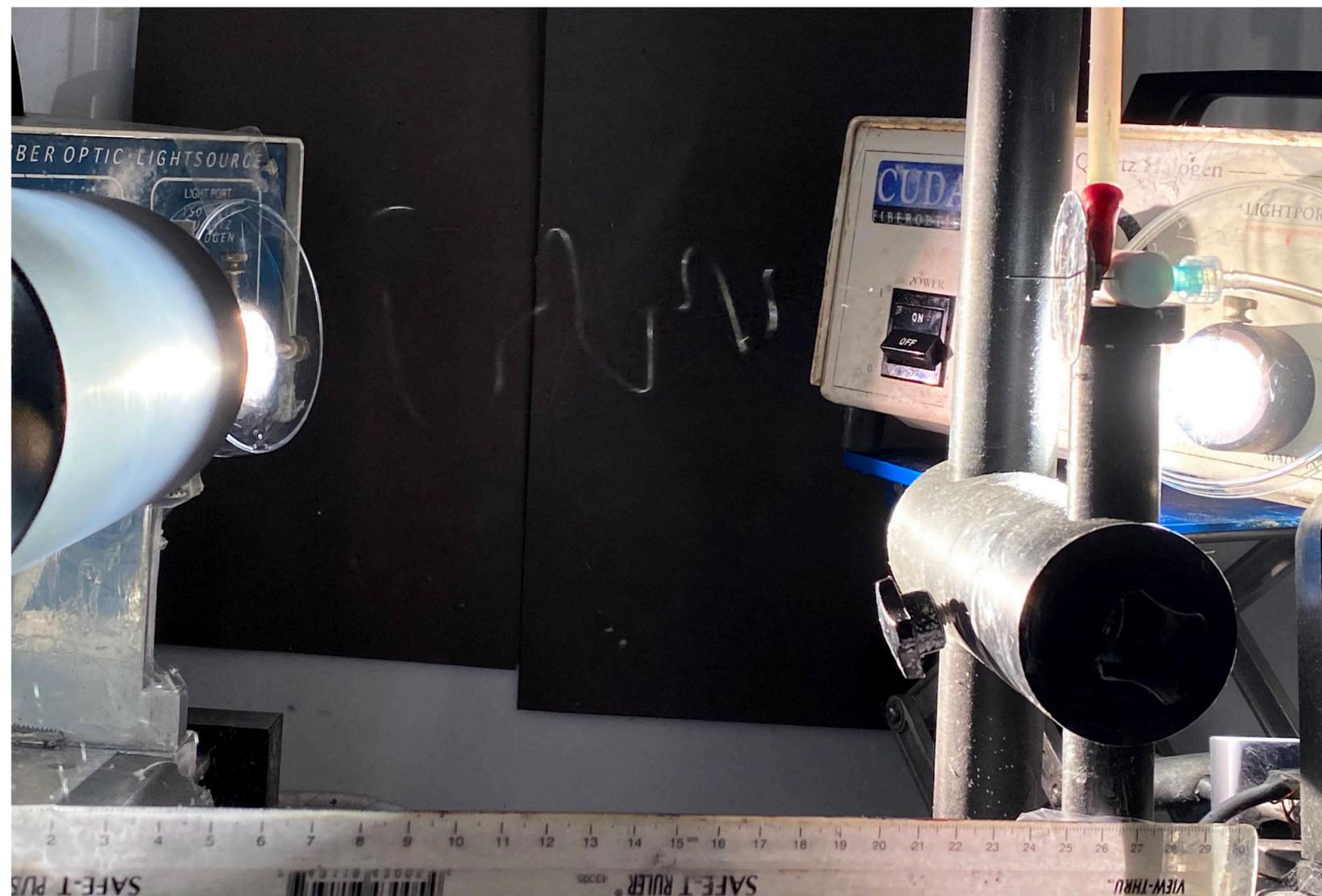
# Electrospinning Process



Electrospinning set up diagramed.



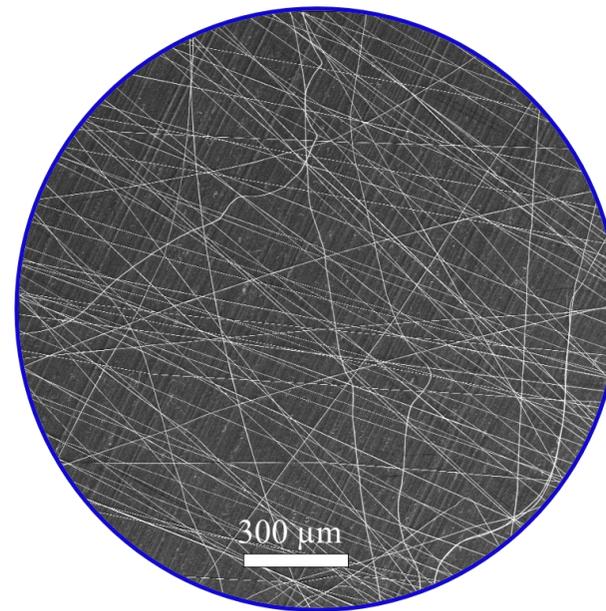
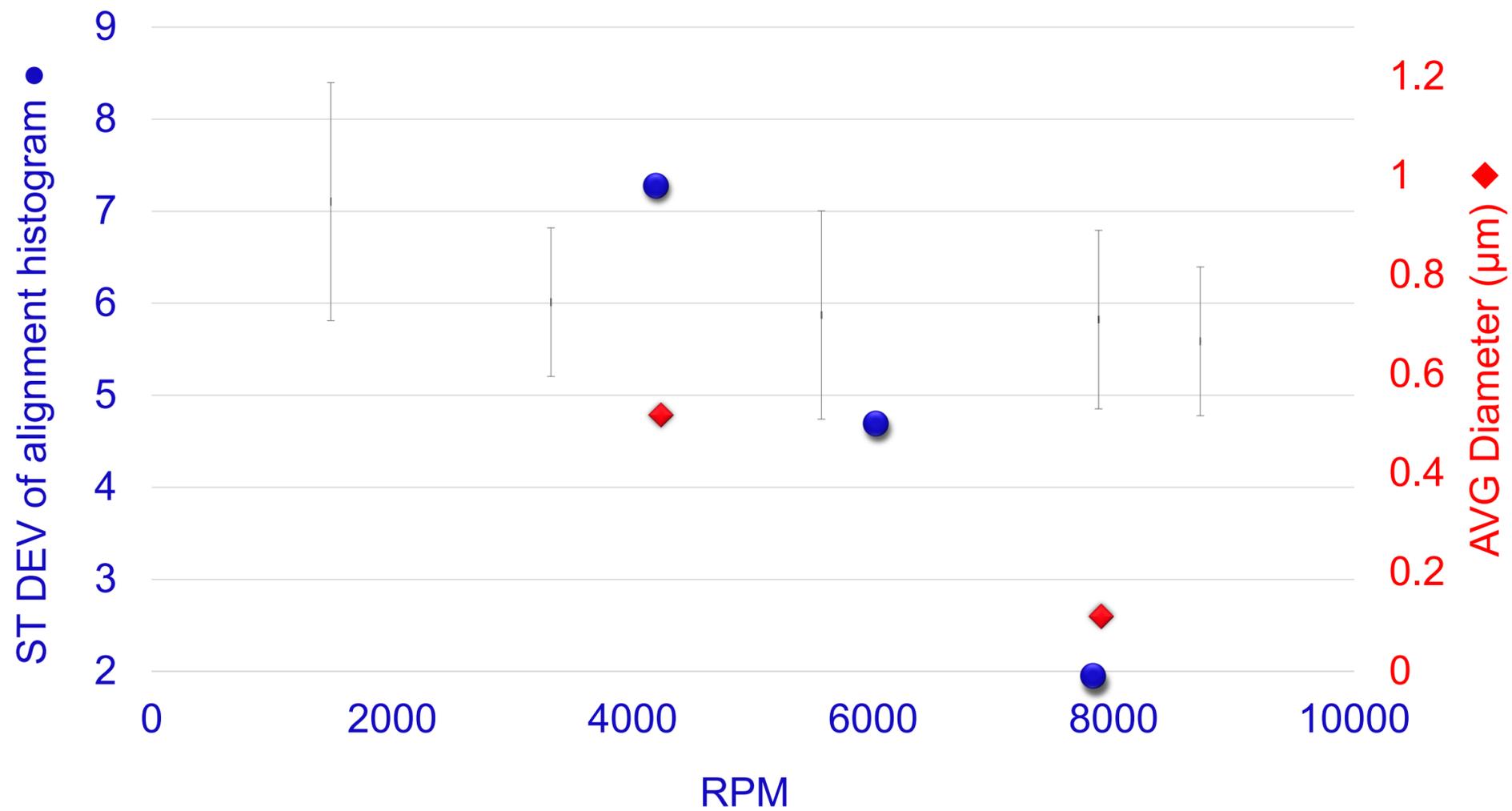
Bending instability of electrically charged liquid jets of polymer solutions in electrospinning, Darrell H. Reneker, Alexander Yarin, H. P. Fong, Sureporn Koombhongse, 2000.



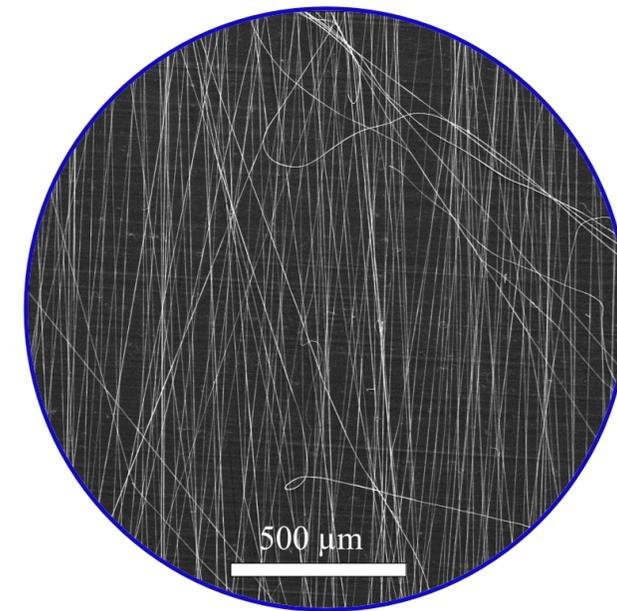
Electrospinning experimental set up



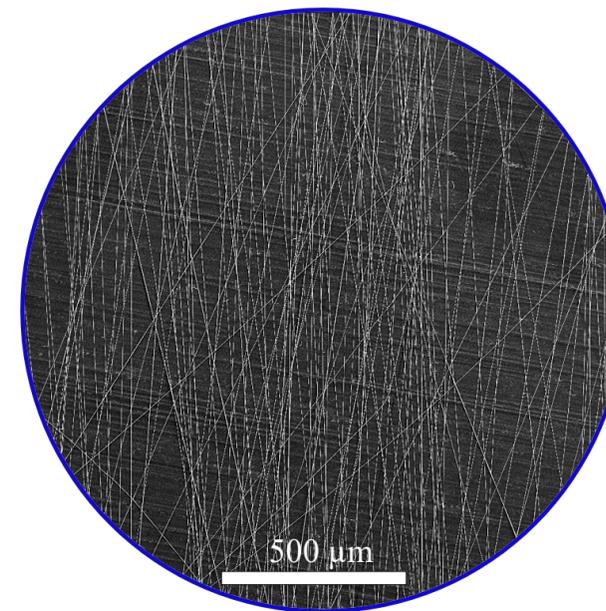
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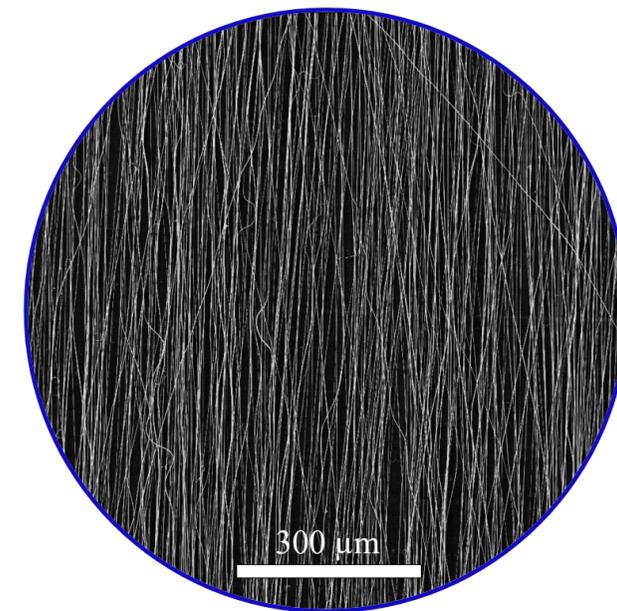
1490 RPM



3320 RPM

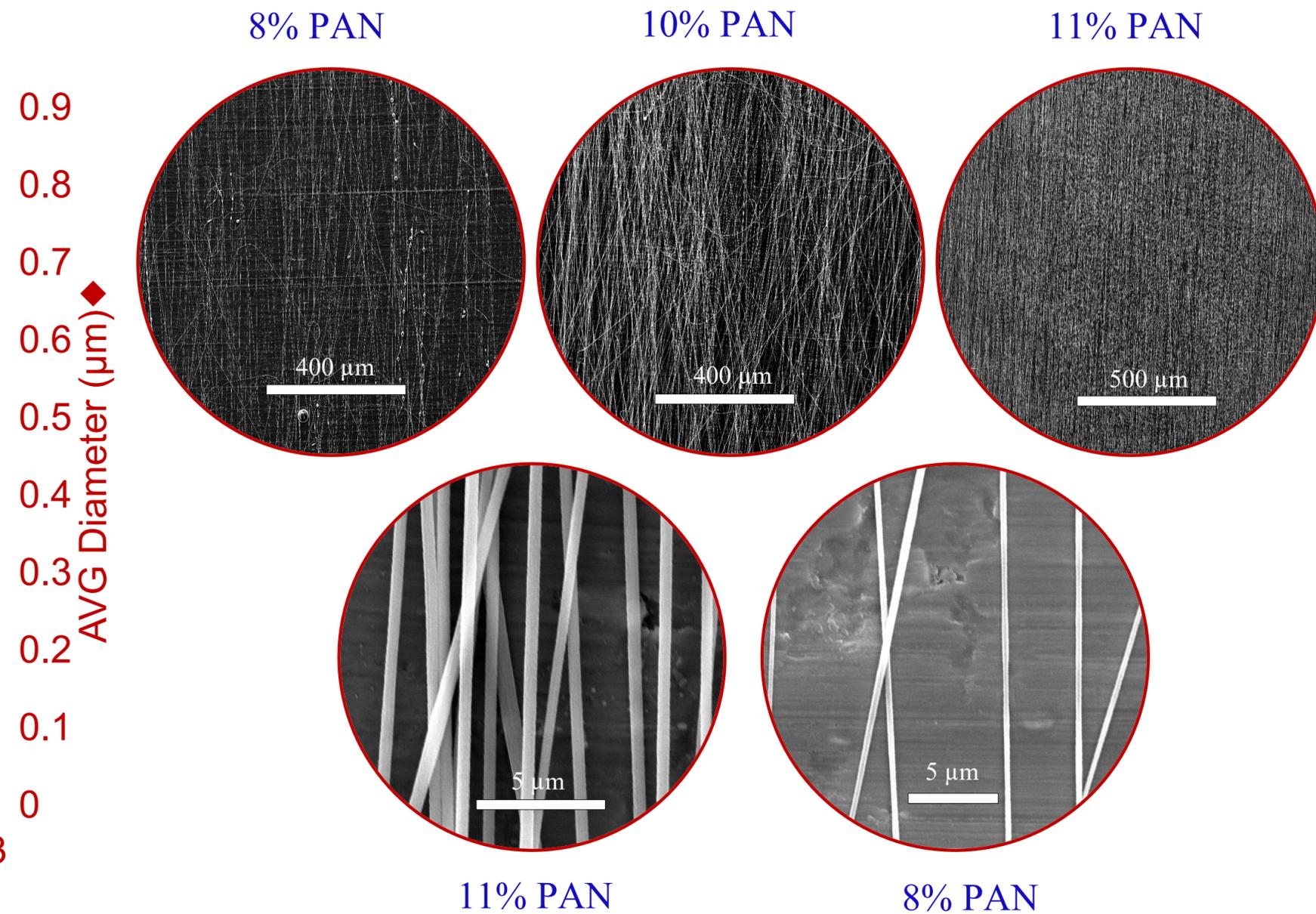
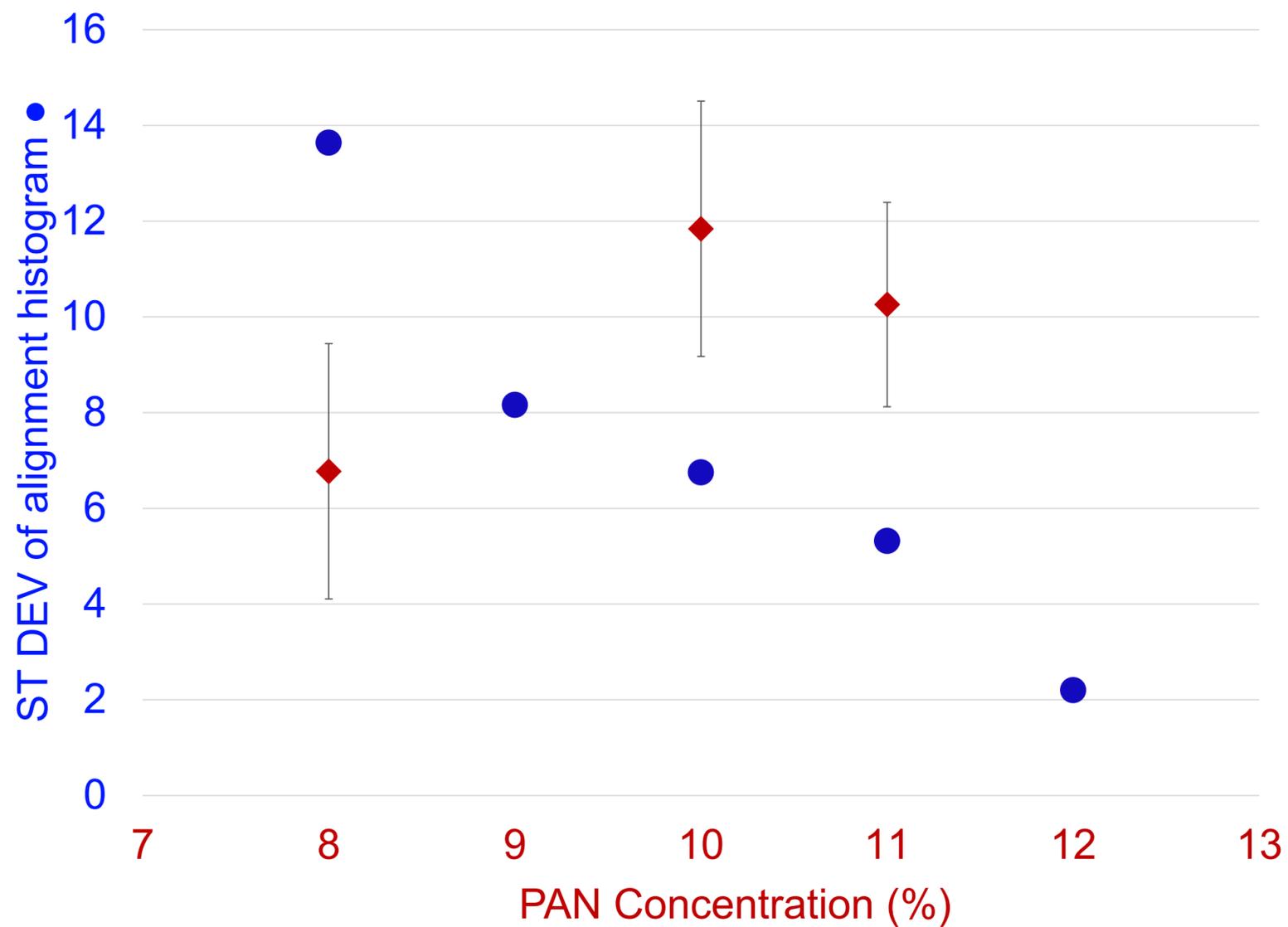


6780 RPM



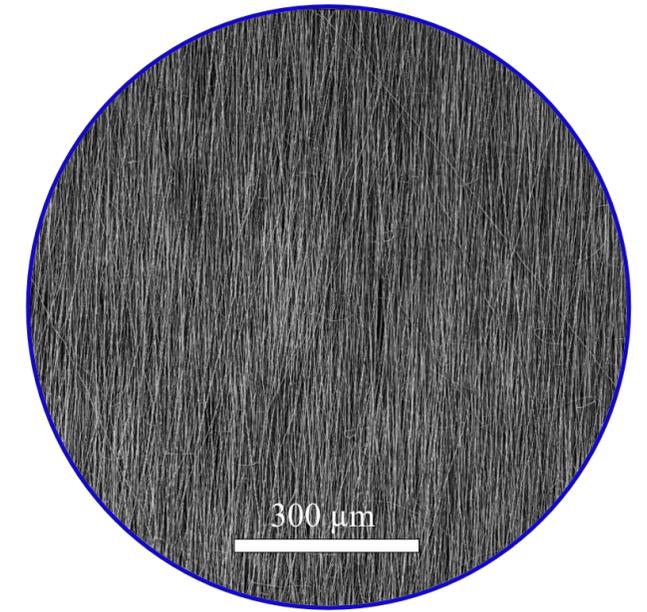
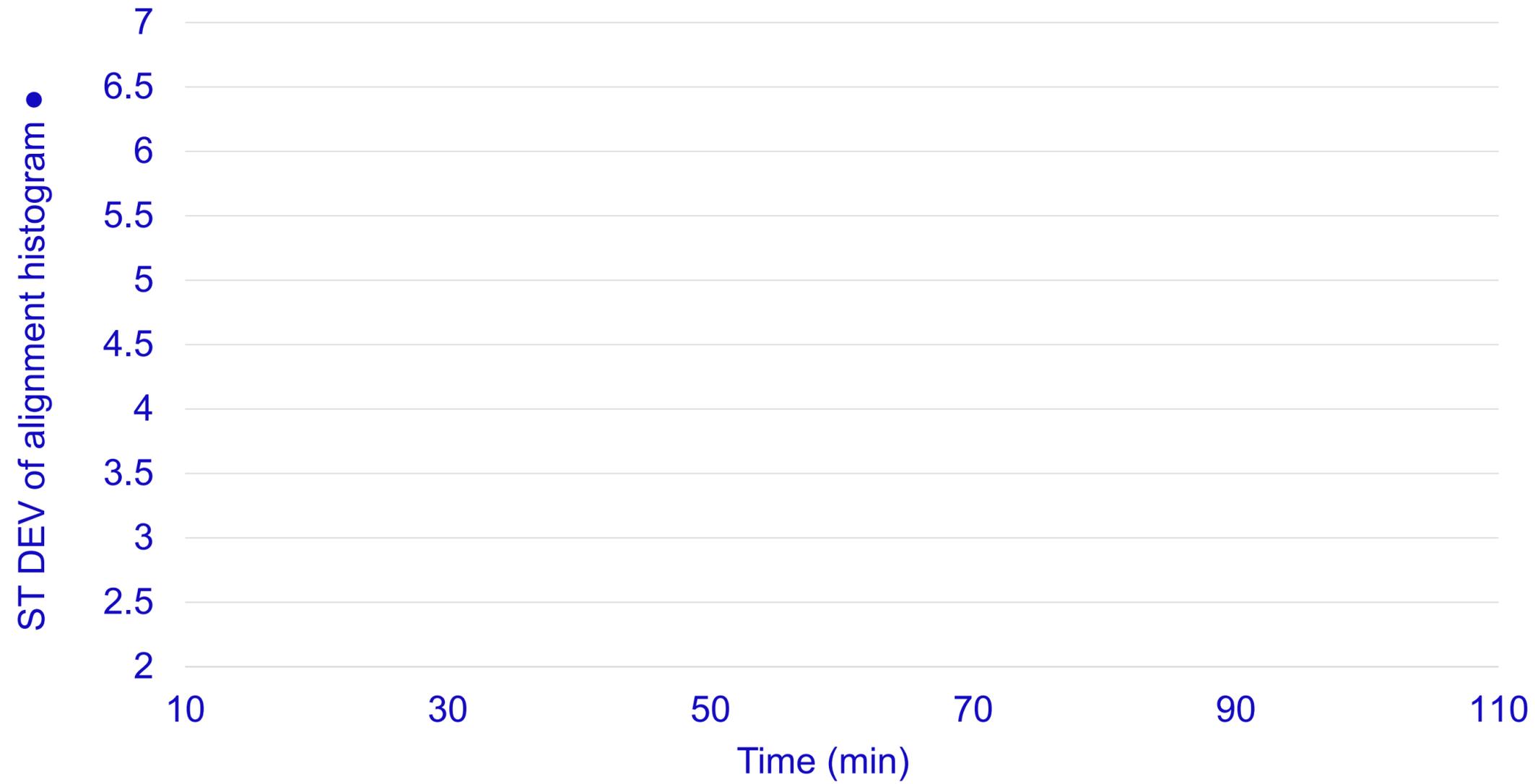
8720 RPM

# Polyacrylonitrile (PAN) effects on fibers alignment

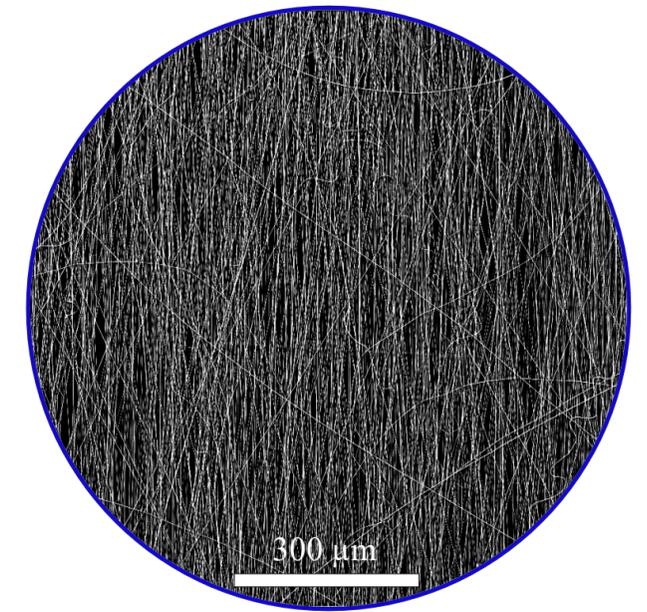




# Spinning duration effects on fibers alignment



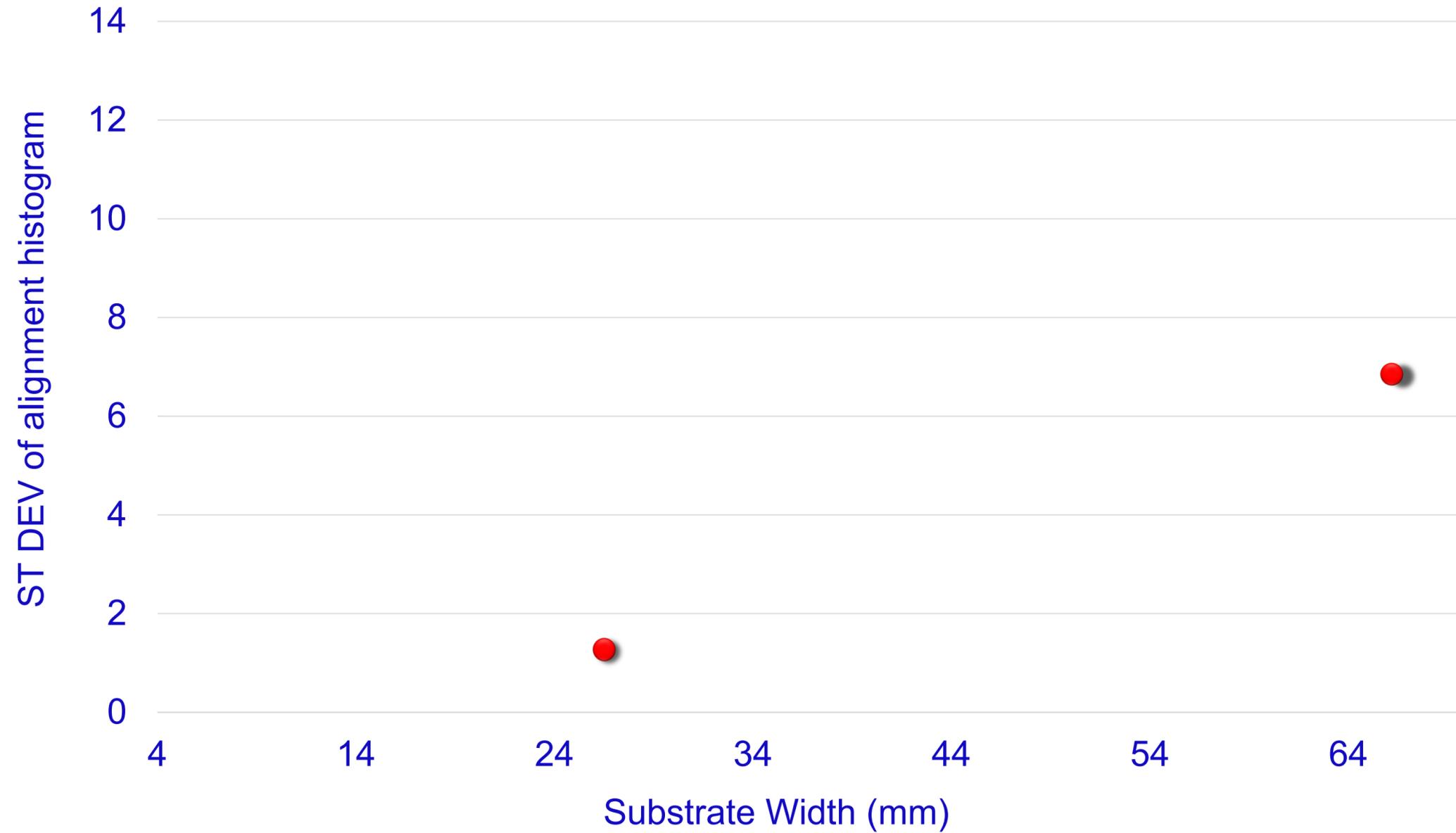
30 Min



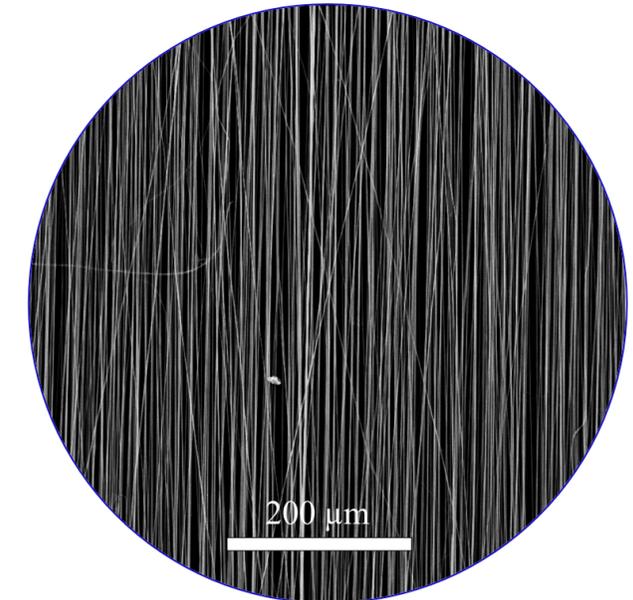
105 Min



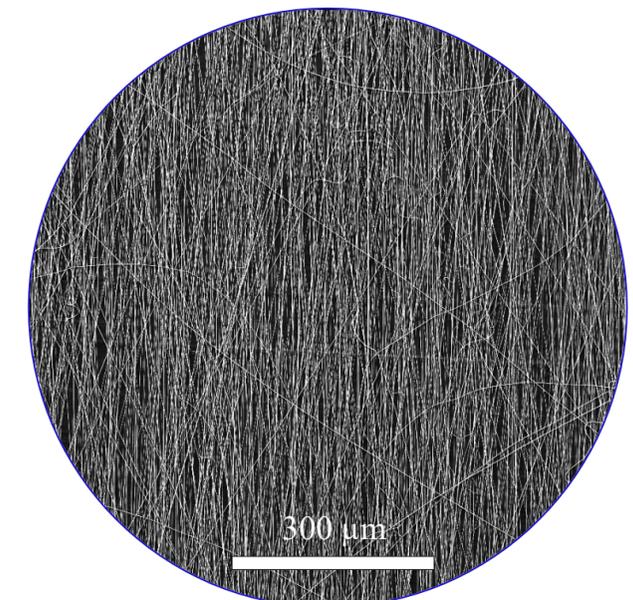
# Substrate width effects on fibers alignment



● 8700 RPM  
● 3300 RPM



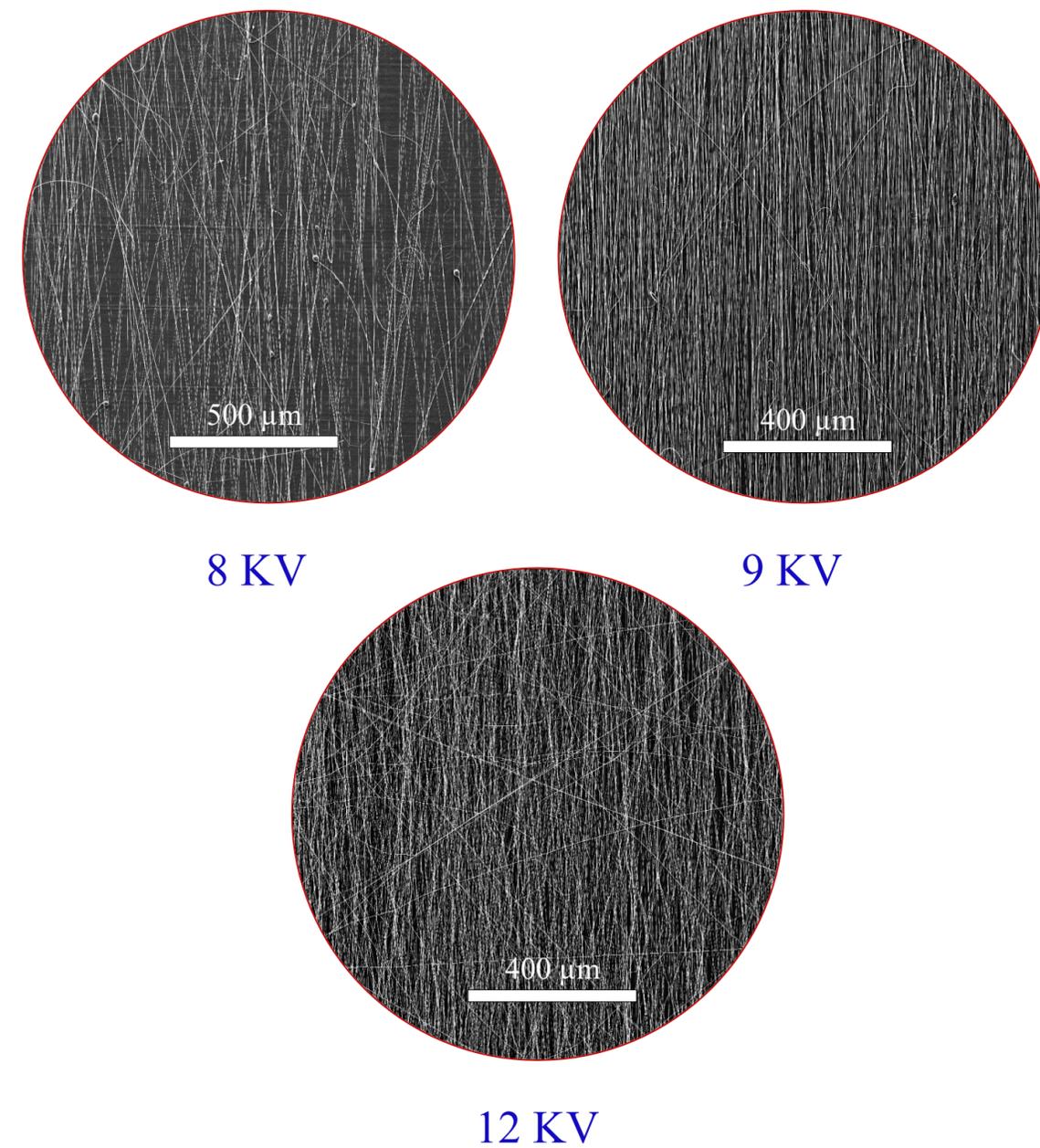
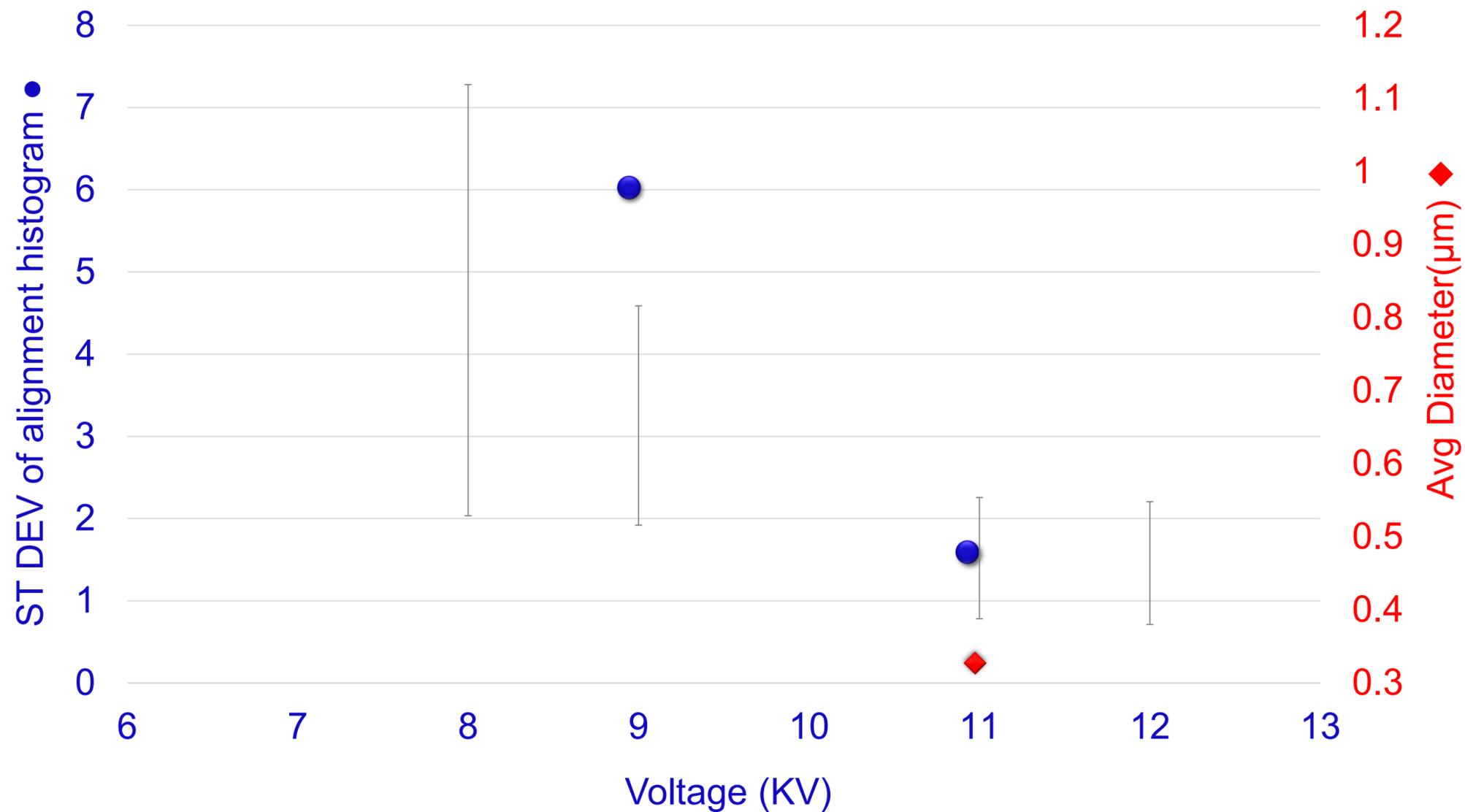
4 mm



60 mm



# Voltage effects on fibers alignment





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