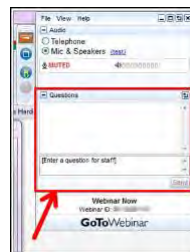
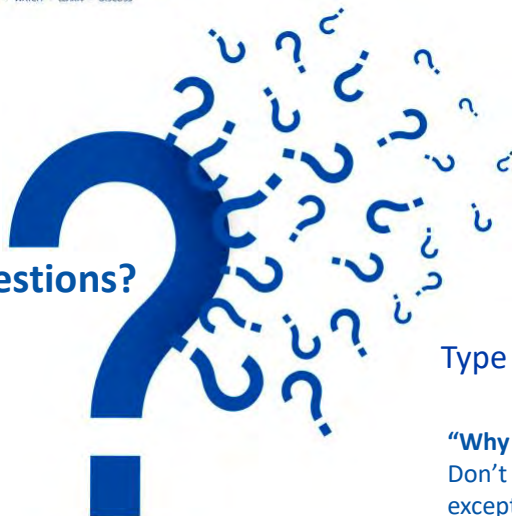




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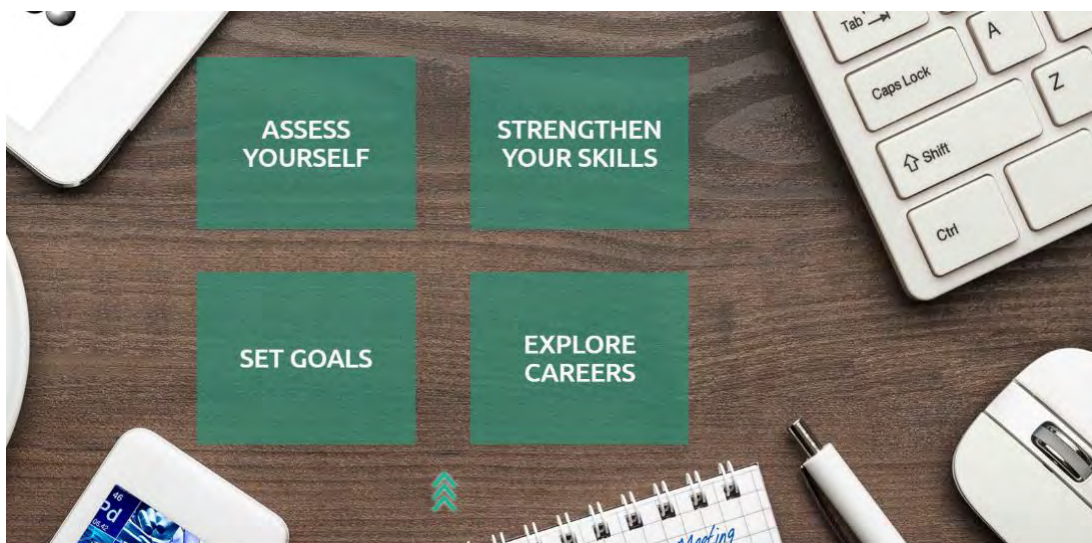


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## MATERIALS, DISINFECTION & REUSE DURING COVID-19



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## Face Masks: Materials, Disinfection, and Reuse During COVID-19



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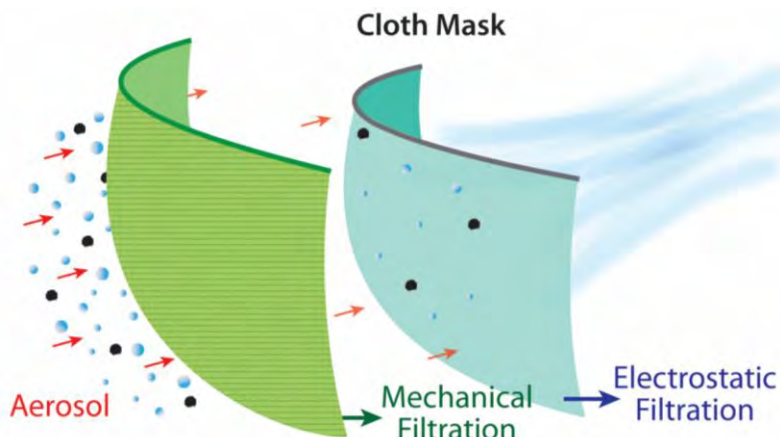
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## Aerosol Filtration Efficiency of Common Fabrics Used in Respiratory Cloth Masks

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Mask Type	Standards	Filtration Effectiveness		
Single-Use Face Mask 	China: YY/T0969	3.0 Microns: ≥95% 0.1 Microns: ✗		
Surgical Mask 	China: YY 0469	3.0 Microns: ≥95% 0.1 Microns: ≥30%		
	USA: ASTM F2100	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
		3.0 Microns: ≥95% 0.1 Microns: ≥95%	3.0 Microns: ≥98% 0.1 Micron: ≥98%	3.0 Microns: ≥98% 0.1 Microns: ≥98%
Europe: EN 14683	Type I	Type II	Type III	
Respirator Mask 	USA: NIOSH (42 CFR 84) China: GB2626	N95 / KN95	N99 / KN99	N100 / KN100
	Europe: EN 149:2001	3.0 Microns: ≥95% 0.3 Microns: ✗	3.0 Microns: ≥98% 0.1 Microns: ✗	3.0 Microns: ≥99.7% 0.1 Microns: ✗
		FFP1	FFP2	FFP3
		3.0 Microns: ≥80%	3.0 Microns: ≥94%	3.0 Microns: 99%

3.0 Microns: Bacteria Filtration Efficiency standard (BFE).

<https://smartairfilters.com/en/blog/comparison-mask-standards-rating-effectiveness>



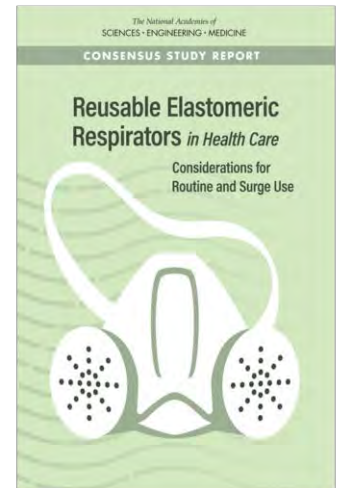
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### National Academy Report on Respirators (Mar 2019)

“.....Most U.S. health facilities use disposable filtering facepiece respirators, often called N95s. These respirators are to be discarded after one use. **Given recent concerns about pandemics and emergent diseases and the challenges experienced with supply chain limitations, reusable respirators are recommended.**

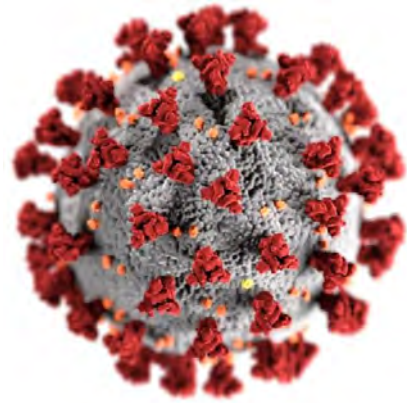
**Reusable respirators** (specifically, reusable half-facepiece elastomeric respirators) are the standard respiratory protection device used in many industries. **Their durability and reusability make them desirable for stockpiling for emergencies**, during which large volumes of respirators can be needed.....”





## Motivation

- Cloth masks are being increasingly used
- Limited knowledge on the performance of different fabrics
- What is the effect of fit on the performance?
  - Modeled by introducing gaps



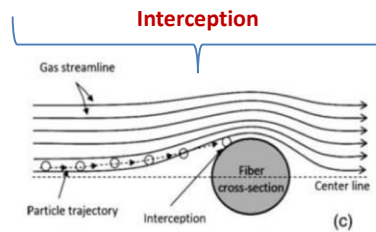
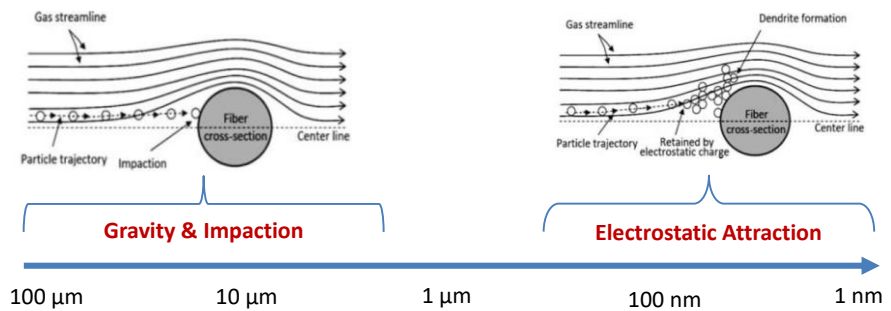
60 nm – 140 nm



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## Filtration Mechanisms



Textiles in air filtration, Lebo Maduna and Asis Patnaik



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## Microstructure vs. Performance

Fabric Name	Composition	Microstructure (Optical image)	Porosity (%)	Thread Diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Thread Pitch ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
Cotton Quilt	Two layers of 120 TPI cotton Filling: ~0.5cm (90% Cotton, 5% polyester, 5% other fibers)		20.1	227	300-400
Quilters Cotton #80	100% cotton		14	270	460-500
Cotton #600	100% cotton		<1	55-75	70-75
Flannel	100% cotton, 35% polyester		15	300-440	500-650
Chiffon	90% polyester, 10% spandex		3	200-250	220-320
Natural Silk	100% silk		1.5	180-260	270-500
Synthetic Silk	100% polyester		3	190-230	440-570
Satin	97% polyester, 3% spandex		11	210	165-520
Polyester	100% woven polyester		23	180-200	300-500

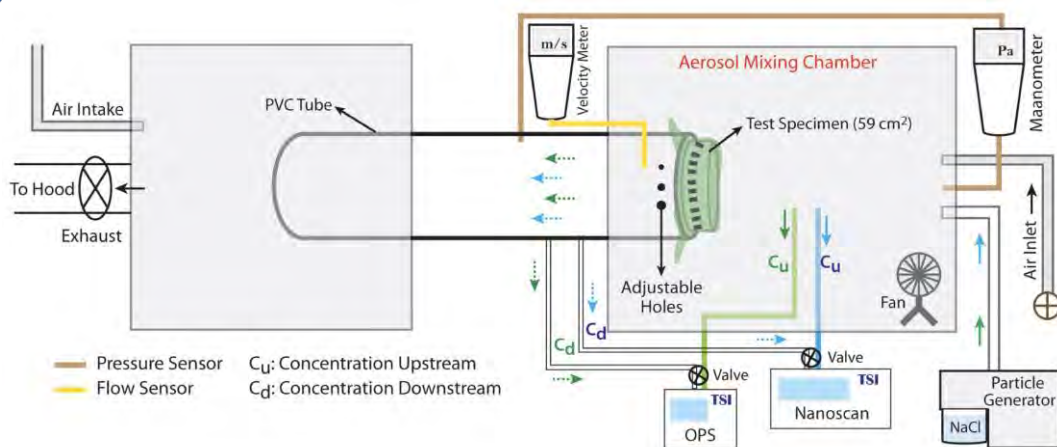
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## Experimental Set-up



Optical particle sizer (300 – 6000 nm)



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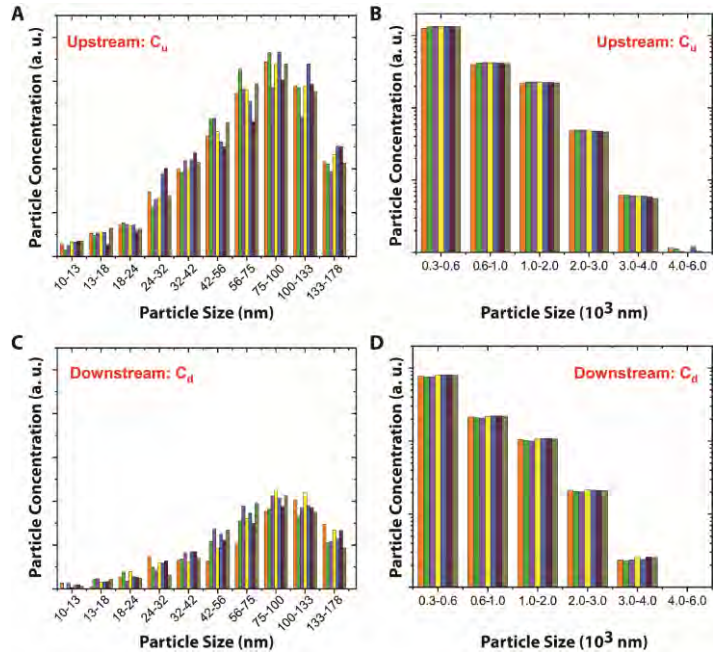


## Determining Filtration Efficiency

### Filtration Efficiencies

$$FE = \frac{C_u - C_d}{C_u}$$

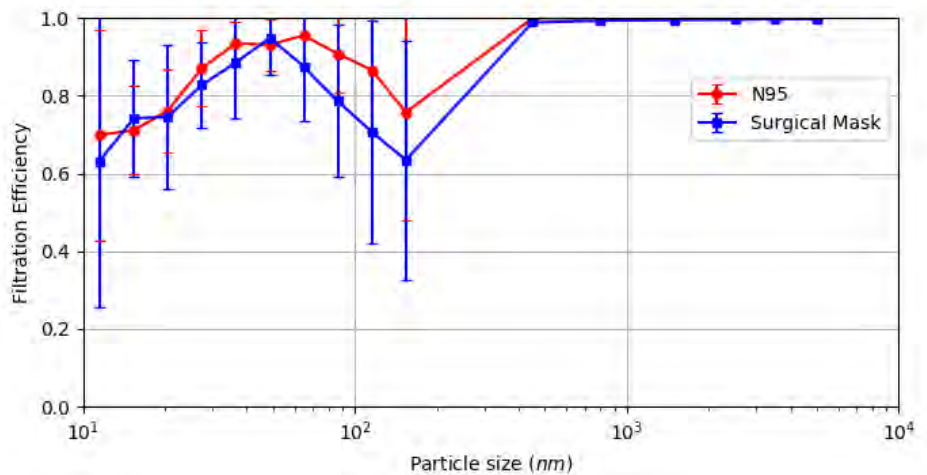
At least six measurements used to calculate weighted average



## Analyzing Concentration Data

### Filtration Efficiencies

$$FE = \frac{C_u - C_d}{C_u}$$

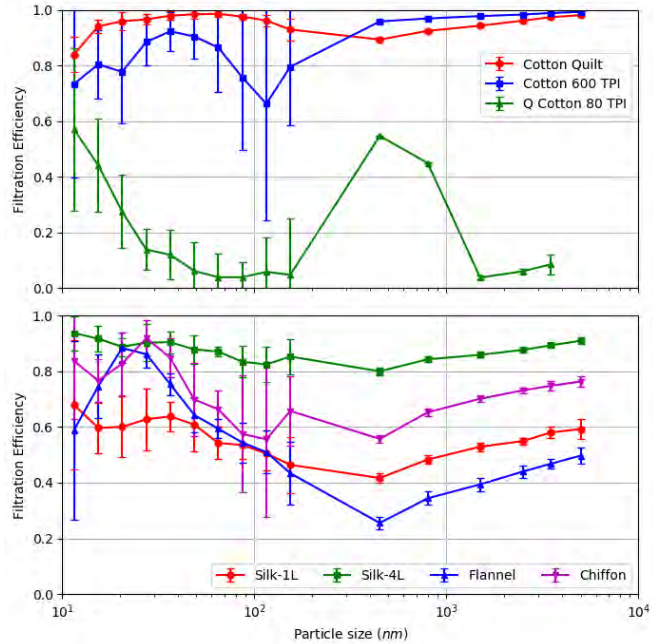




## Different Fabrics

- The performance is based on
    - Weave/tightness of threads
- Mechanical Filtration**

- The material properties
- Electrostatic Filtration**



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- With plans for reopening, strong demand for cloth masks from procurement offices
- Supply chain for cloth masks stressed

### DRAFT OF A "SPEC DOCUMENT" (MIKE SCHMOLDT, ARGONNE)

Samples will be evaluated on the level of protection provided (50%), ability to be worn effectively (40%) and durability (10%).

#### Materials of Construction:

- At least 2 layers of fabric or non-woven materials
  - For woven materials, a thread count of at least at >80 threads per inch, with higher thread counts up to 600 TPI preferred
  - A cotton or cotton blend outer layer
- A cotton, cotton blend or synthetic fabric inner layer

#### Exclusions:

- Open mesh fabrics such as jersey or spandex weaves or are not acceptable
- Exhalation valves are not acceptable

#### General Requirements:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and chin without gaps
- Be able to closely fit around the nose, preferably with an adjustable or moldable structure to fit snugly and retain its shape during use
- Be secured with ties or elastic ear loops
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be consumer laundered and machine dried multiple times without damage or change to shape
- Be a universal size for adult workers or provide more than one size for varying facial shapes and sizes



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## Outlook

- **Tight weaves better than open weaves**
- **Look for surface area**
- **Hybrids for combining electrostatic + mechanical filtration**
- **Effect of Humidity and washability**
- **Future opportunity → washable, reusable masks replace one-time use masks in many less critical circumstances.**



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## Facial Masks during COVID-19: Disinfection, Homemaking and Imaging

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**The DeMaND Team:** Prof. May Chu (Colorado), Selcen Kilinc-Balci (CDC/NIOSH), Brian H. Harcourt (CDC)  
Ying Ling Lin (WHO) and many others

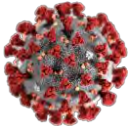
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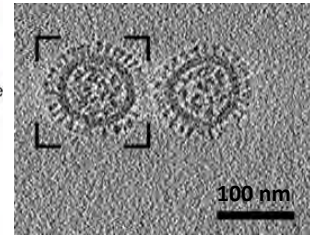
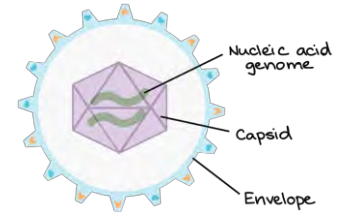
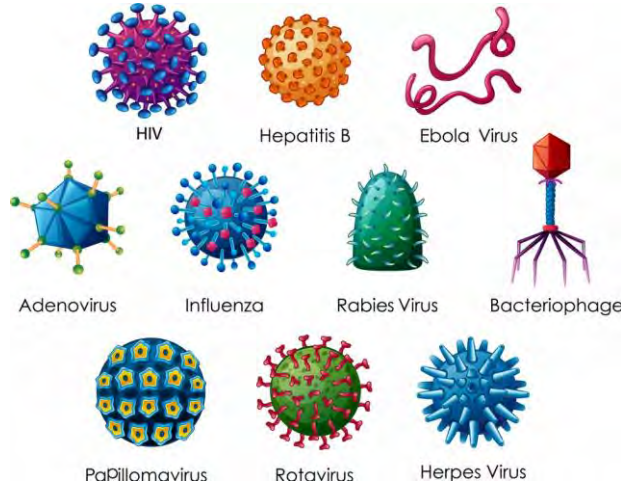
Virus sizes: 20 nm to 400 nm

Virus Structures

SARS-COV-2  
(~150nm)



- related to SARS and MERS
- spread *via* close contact
- infect lung cells
- cause pneumonia



Influenza virus

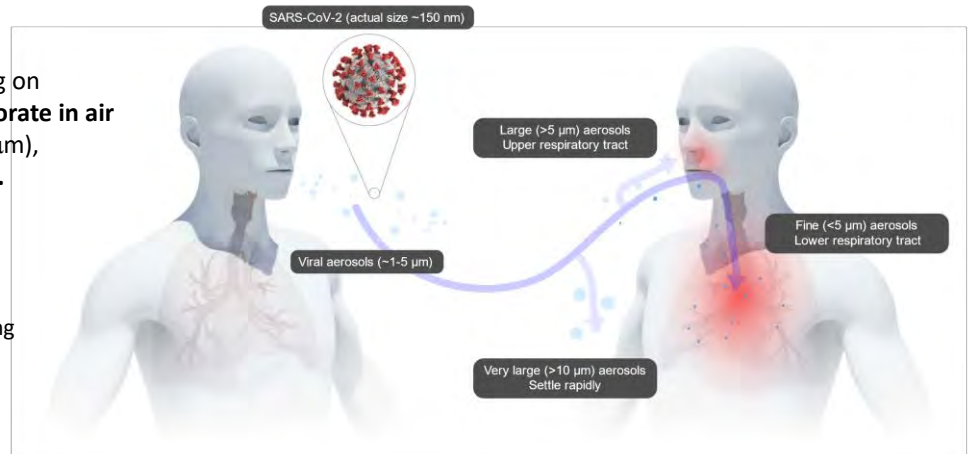
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After seconds (depending on humidity), droplets evaporate in air to become aerosols (<1 μm), which stay in air for days.

Indoor: wearing masks

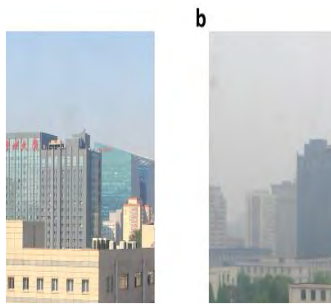
Outdoor: If crowded, wearing masks



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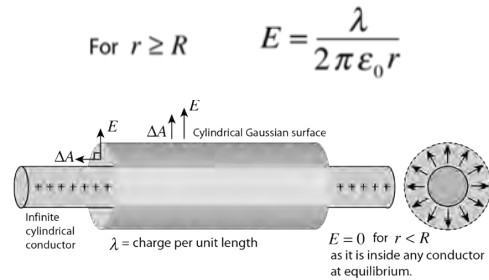


## Filtration materials in mask



1) Micronsize fibers (1–10 μm ) forming 3D structures with porosity ~90%

2) Need electric static charge to increase particle capture efficiency



Spunbond fibers: 10–40 μm diameter

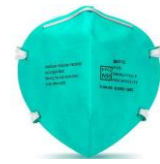
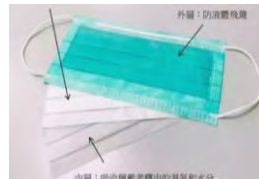
Meltblown fibers: 1–10 μm diameter

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/electric/elecyl.html>

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## Mask Standards



Mask Type	Single-use medical face mask	Surgical Mask	Protective face mask for medical use
Standards	YY/T 0969-2013	YY 0469-2011	GB19083-2010
Particle size	3μm bacteria aerosol	3μm bacteria aerosol 0.3μm NaCl aerosol	0.3μm NaCl aerosol
Filtration efficiency particle filtration efficiency (PFE) Bacteria filtration efficiency (BFE)	BFE≥95%	BFE≥95% PFE≥30%	PFE≥95% (I) PFE≥99% (II) PFE≥99.97% (III)
Liquid blocking capability, mmHg	/	≥120	≥80

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## Mask Standards

Mask types	Protective face mask for medical use	Industrial Protective Mask	Daily Protective masks
Standards	GB 19083-2010	GB 2626-2019	GB/T 32610-2016
Particle size	0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ NaCl aerosol (mass median size)	0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ NaCl aerosol	0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ NaCl aerosol
Filtration efficiency	PFE $\geq$ 95% (I)	PFE $\geq$ 90%	PFE $\geq$ 90% (III)
Particle filtration efficiency (PFE)	PFE $\geq$ 99% (II)	PFE $\geq$ 95%	PFE $\geq$ 95% (II)
Bacteria filtration efficiency (BFE)	PFE $\geq$ 99.97% (III)	PFE $\geq$ 99.97%	PFE $\geq$ 99% (I)
Liquid blocking capability, mmHg	80	/	/

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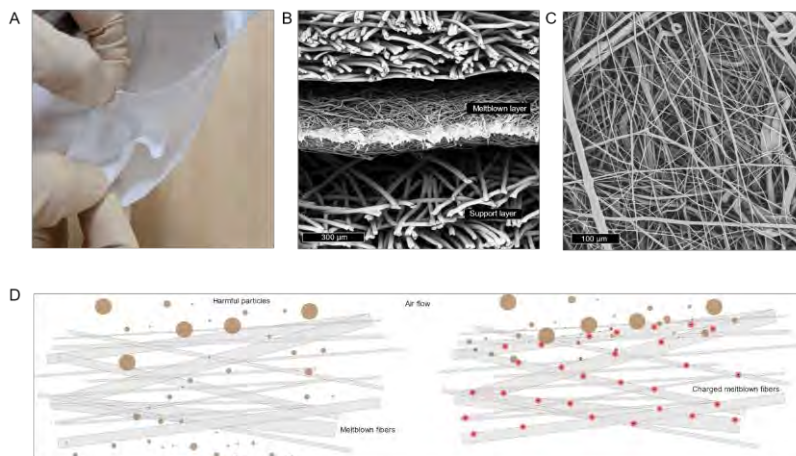
### Can N95 Respirators Be Reused after Disinfection? How Many Times?

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### Filtration materials in mask



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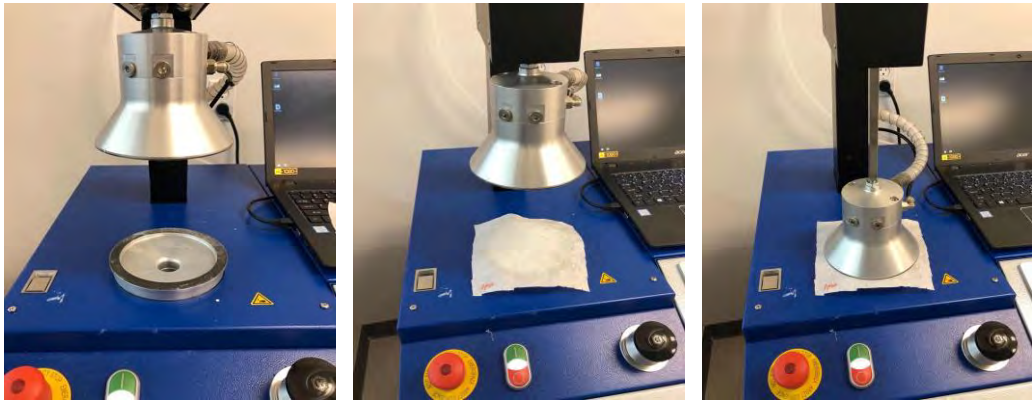


### Similar as the NIOSH-testing condition

TSI 8130A, 0.26um NaCl particles (mean mass diameter),

**Fabric level:** 32 L/min flow

**Mask level:** 85 L/min flow



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### N95 Meltblown Fabric Disinfection

TSI 8130A, 0.26um NaCl particles, 32 L/min flow

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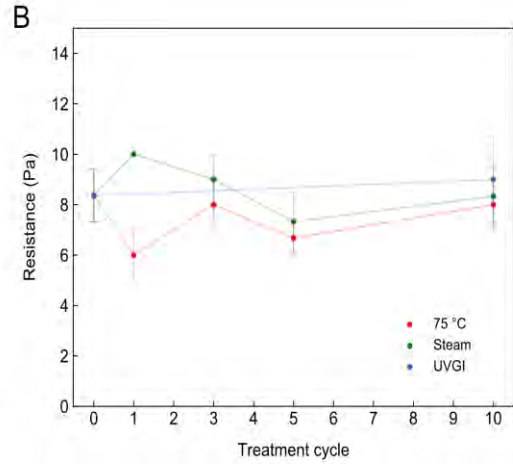
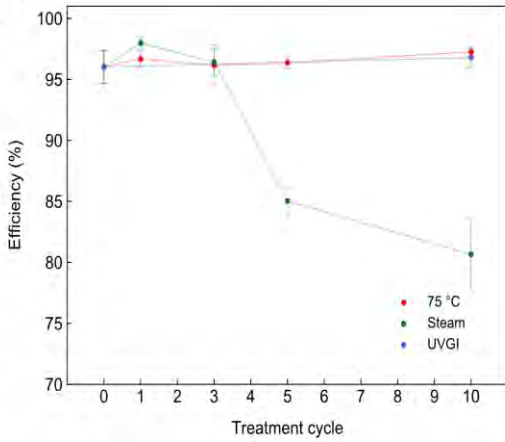
Samples	Meltblown fiber filtration media		Static-charged cotton		E. Coli. Disinfection Efficiency
	Filtration efficiency (%)	Pressure drop (Pa)	Filtration efficiency (%)	Pressure drop (Pa)	
70°C hot air in oven, 30min	96.60	8.00	70.16	4.67	>99%
UV light, 30min	95.50	7.00	77.72	6.00	>99%
75% alcohol, soaking and drying	56.33	7.67	29.24	5.33	>99%
Chlorine-based disinfection, 5min	73.11	9.00	57.33	7.00	>99%
Hot water vapor from boiling water, 10min	94.74	8.00	77.65	7.00	>99%
Initial samples before treatment	96.76	8.33	78.01	5.33	

#### Conclusion:

Do not use alcohol-based or Chlorine-related chemicals for mask disinfection since they will reduce the static charge in meltblown micron fibers and cottons, and thus reduce the filtration efficiency.

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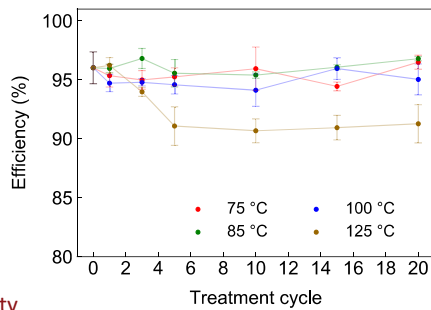
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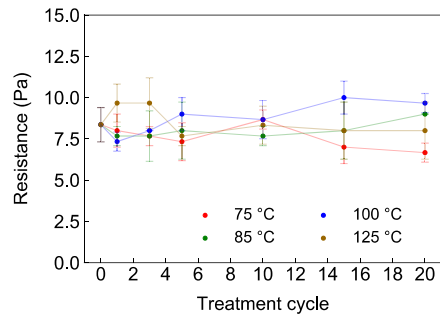


### N95 Meltblown Fabric Disinfecting Cycling

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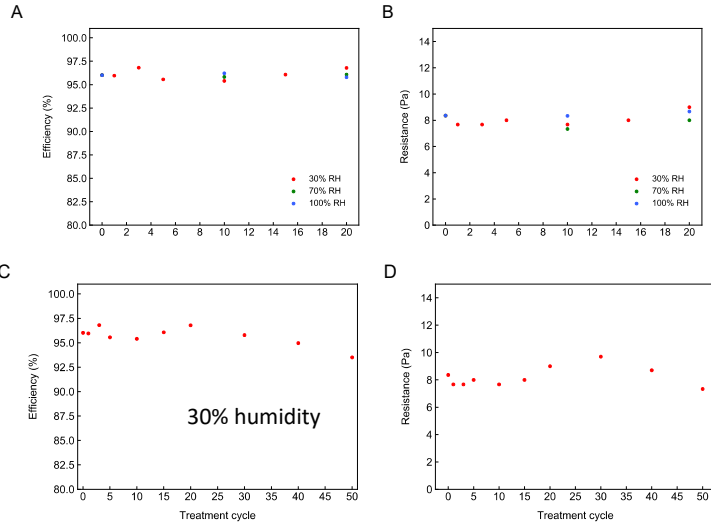
**Dry heat: <30% Humidity**

- 75°C, 30min
- 85°C, 20min
- 100°C, 10min
- 125°C, 10min

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### N95 Meltblown Fabric Disinfecting Cycling

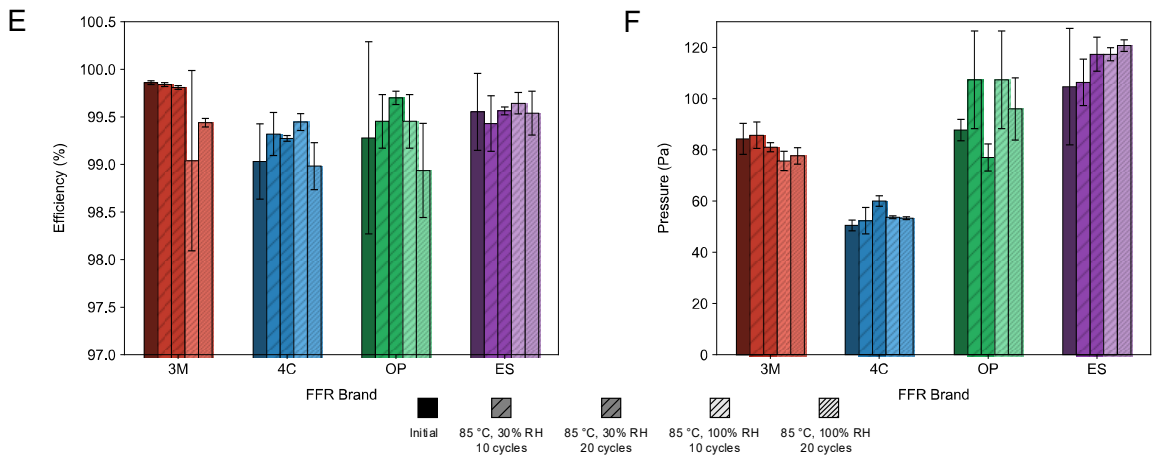


Each Cycle: 20 min 85°C/per cycle, different humidities

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### N95 Mask Disinfecting Cycling



20 min 85°C/per cycle

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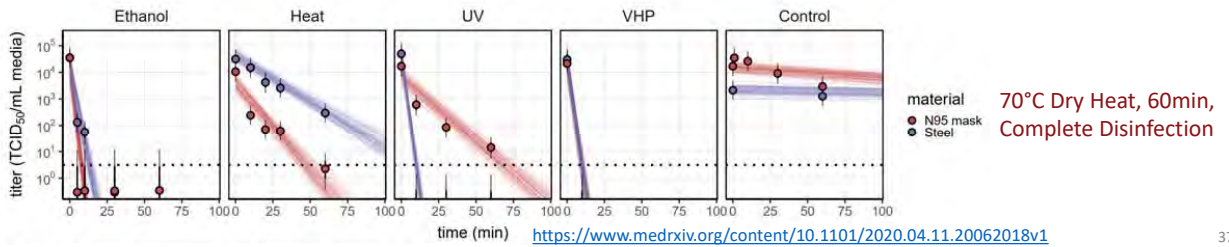
## Heat (dry, humid) on COVID-19 Disinfection

Table. Stability of SARS-CoV-2 at different environmental conditions.

Time	Virus titre (Log TCID <sub>50</sub> /mL)									
	4°C		22°C		37°C		56°C		70°C	
	Mean	±SD	Mean	±SD	Mean	±SD	Mean	±SD	Mean	±SD
1 min	N.D.	N.D.	6.51	0.27	N.D.	N.D.	6.65	0.1	5.34	0.17
5 mins	N.D.	N.D.	6.7	0.15	N.D.	N.D.	4.62	0.44	U	-
10 mins	N.D.	N.D.	6.63	0.07	N.D.	N.D.	3.84	0.32	U	-
30 mins	6.51	0.27	6.52	0.28	6.57	0.17	U	-	U	-
1 hr	6.57	0.32	6.33	0.21	6.76	0.05	U	-	U	-
3 hrs	6.66	0.16	6.68	0.46	6.36	0.19	U	-	U	-
6 hrs	6.67	0.04	6.54	0.32	5.99	0.26	U	-	U	-
12 hrs	6.58	0.21	6.23	0.05	5.28	0.23	U	-	U	-
1 day	6.72	0.13	6.26	0.05	3.23	0.05	U	-	U	-
2 days	6.42	0.37	5.83	0.28	U	-	U	-	U	-
4 days	6.32	0.27	4.99	0.18	U	-	U	-	U	-
7 days	6.65	0.05	3.48	0.24	U	-	U	-	U	-
14 days	6.04	0.18	U	-	U	-	U	-	U	-

70°C in solution, 5min,  
Complete Disinfection

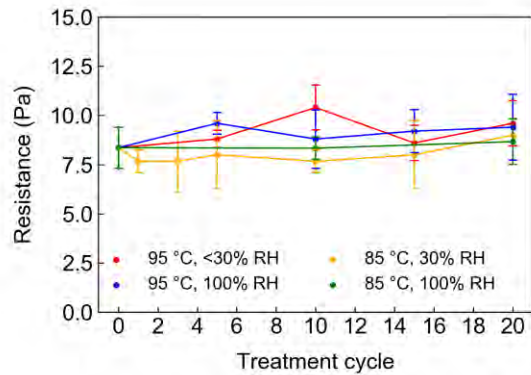
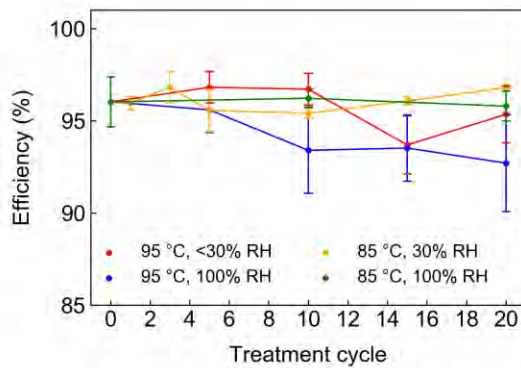
A) Temperature\* <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.03.15.20036673v2.full.pdf+html>



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## Heat Under Different Humidity on N95 Meltblown Fabric



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## Summary of Heating Methods

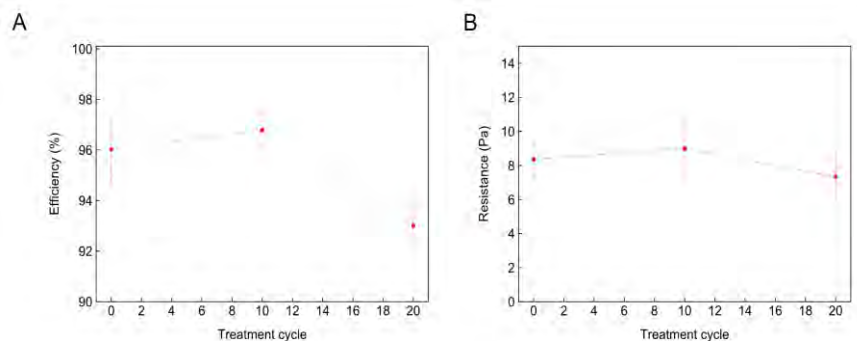
Dry heat below 100C is safe for N95 Meltblown Fabric

Humid heat below 95C (<100C ) is safe for N95 Meltblown Fabric

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## UV Testing, 254nm, 8W light bulb



### Notes on the UV-C methods:

- 1) Penetration; The shadow effects of 3D porous structures
- 2) UV illumination uniformity issue
- 3) UV Dose measurement
- 4) UV degradation of PP fibers and elastic straps.

Implementing the UV-C method requires good engineering control, probably more suitable for industry scale disinfection.

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## Notes on other disinfection methods

- 1) **Ethylene oxide:** toxic, needs to release the residue (need to good engineering control, Industry scale)
- 2) **Vaporized hydrogen peroxide:** cautious about the toxic byproduct, needs to release the residue (need to good engineering control, Industry scale)
- 3) **ClO<sub>2</sub>:** cautious about toxic by product, etching straps, needs to release the residue (need to good engineering control, Industry scale)
- 4) **Ozone:** cautious about toxic by product, needs to release the residue (need to good engineering control, Industry scale)

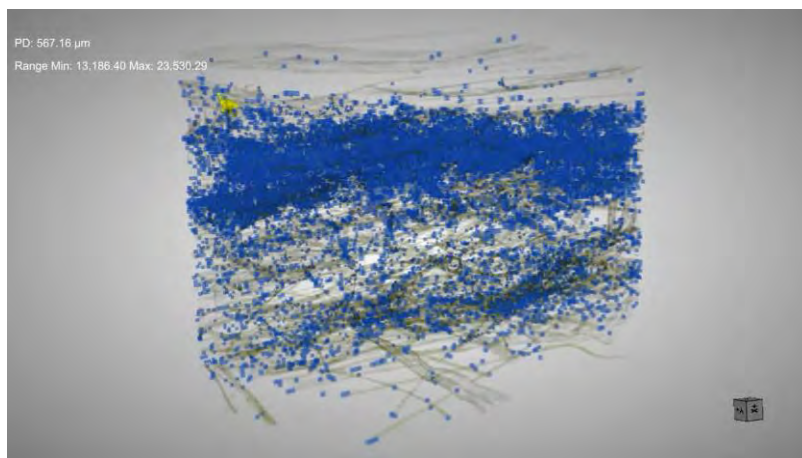
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NaCl particle distribution inside N95 Meltblown fabric



X-Ray CT

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## Household Materials for Homemade masks



Kitchen paper towel

Facial tissue

Xerox A4 paper



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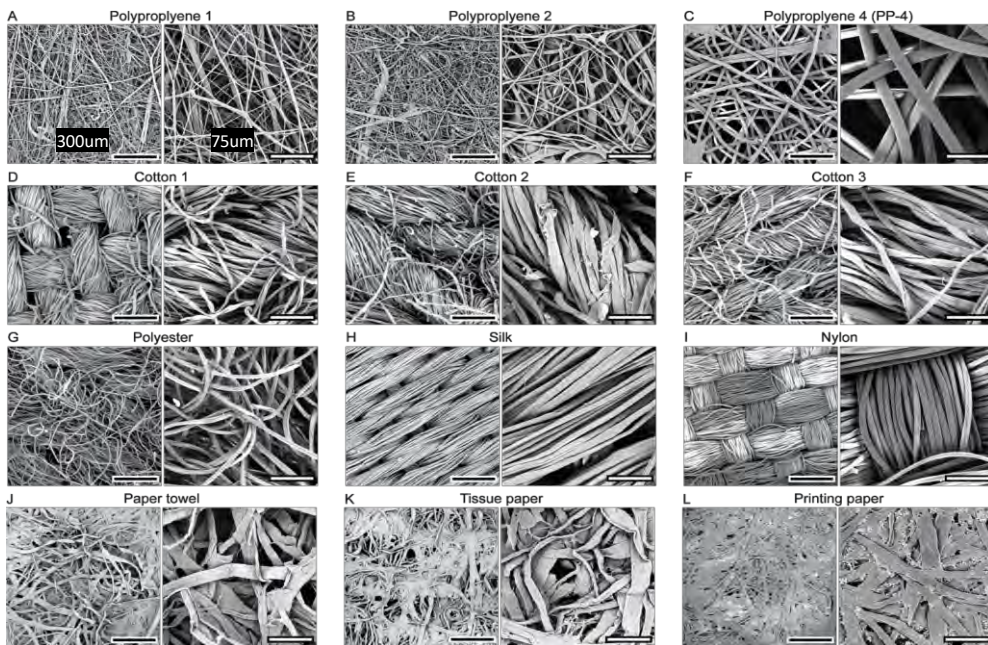
## Material selection

$$Q = -\frac{\log\left(1 - \frac{E}{100}\right)}{\Delta P}$$

Material	Source	Structure	Basis weight (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	Initial Efficiency (%)	Initial Pressure drop (Pa)	Filter quality factor, Q (kPa <sup>-1</sup> )
Personal Protection Materials						
Polypropylene 1	Particulate FFR	Meltblown (nonwoven)	25	95.94 ± 2	9.0 ± 2.0	162.7 ± 21.3
Polypropylene 2	Surgical mask	Meltblown (nonwoven)	26	33.06 ± 0.95	34.3 ± 0.5	5 ± 0.1
Polypropylene 3	Surgical mask	Meltblown (nonwoven)	20	18.81 ± 0.5	16.3 ± 0.5	5.5 ± 0.1
Household Materials						
Polypropylene 4 (PP-4)	Spunbond	Nonwoven	30	6.15 ± 2.18	1.6 ± 0.5	16.9 ± 3.4
Cotton 1'	Clothing	Woven	116	5.04 ± 0.64	4.5 ± 2.1	5.4 ± 1.9
Cotton 2'	Clothing	Knit	157	21.62 ± 1.84	14.5 ± 2.1	7.4 ± 1.7
Cotton 3'	Clothing	Knit	360	25.88 ± 1.41	17 ± 0.0	7.6 ± 0.4
Polyester	Clothing	Knit	200	17.5 ± 5.1	12.3 ± 0.5	6.8 ± 2.4
Silk	Napkin	Knit	84	4.77 ± 1.47	7.3 ± 1.5	2.8 ± 0.4
Nylon	Clothing	Woven	164	23.33 ± 1.18	244 ± 5.5	0.4 ± 0
Cellulose	Kitchen towel	Bonded	42.9	10.41 ± 0.28	11 ± 0.0	4.3 ± 2.8
Cellulose	Facial tissue	Bonded	32.8	20.2 ± 0.32	19 ± 1	5.1 ± 3.2
Cellulose	Copy paper	Bonded	72.8	99.85 ± 0.02	1883.6 ± 39.3	1.5 ± 0.2

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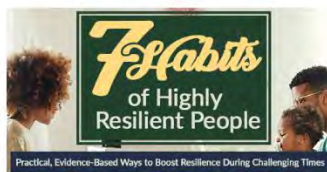
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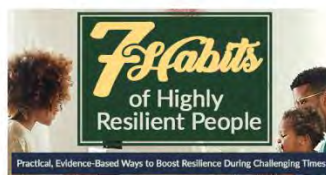
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