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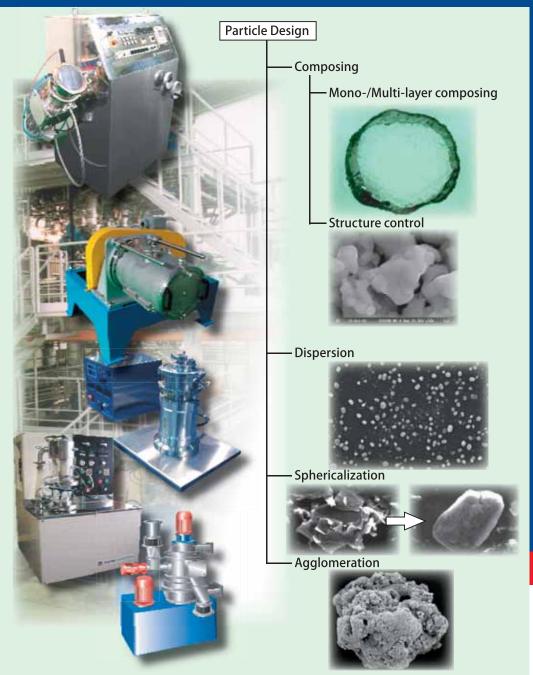


### **HOSOKAWA MICRON CORPORATION**

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# **Particle Design**





## Particle designing technology in Hosokawa Micron Group

- Creation of high value particles by Nano particle technology -

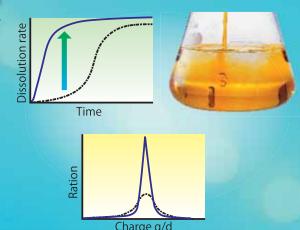
## What is Particle Design?

"To improve powder characteristics and/or to create new powder characteristics without changing any chemical properties" quoted from the Particle Design Engineering, edited by "The Society of Powder Technology, Japan (Sangyo-Tosho)".

## What can be done by the particle design?

- Enhancing flowability and packing density of powder
- Improving thermal-, mechanical- and electrical characteristics
- Improving solubility
- Controlling dissolution rate
- Combining multi functions on an individual particle
- Improving chemical reaction speed

These effects have been confirmed.



## Why do we need the particle design now?

Agglomeration and sticking problem of powders are well known. Especially Nano powders, which draw much attention recently, have very stronger tendency of those problems than conventional micron powders. In order to pull out own high performance of nano powder for solving the problems, chemical method has been also considered. However the mechanical particle designing technology, which does not use any additives is paid attention today because the product finally has high dispersion and purity.

## Particle design by Dry and Wet methods

#### Wet method

Polymerization, Precipitation onto particle surface, Sol-Gel, Wet synthesis Features

- -High sphericity particles
- -Composite particles with very homogeneous coating layer

#### Disadvantages

- Chemical reaction is generally used therefore there are limitation in raw material
- -Reduction of environment load is difficult since the wet method usually uses organic solvents.
- -Usually drying is required after the process therefore there are problems of re-agglomeration and high costs.

#### Dry method

Using equipment which are developed from grinding machines or mixers.

#### Features

- -Infinite combination of raw materials (Org.-Org., Org.-Ino., Ino.-Ino.)
- -Drying process is not necessary.
- -Simple process
- -Low energy cost

#### Disadvantage

Coating layer not so completely homogeneous as wet method

## Individual functions and purposes of particle designing technology

1.Composing: The method is to combine different particles into one particle. It is possible to enhance

chemical reaction, flowability and heat resistance, controlling electric performance and

solubility, and these combinations.

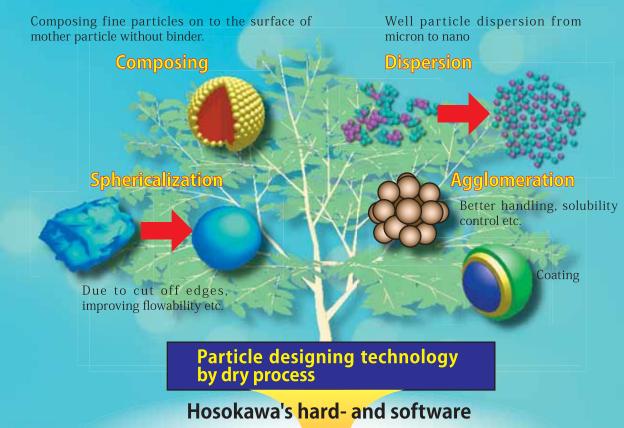
2.Dispersion: Especially using nano powders, it is possible to improve color tone, reactivity,

calcinations ability and mechanical intensity and so on.

3.Sphericalization: By sphericarization it is possible to improve flowability and packing density.

4.Agglomeration: It is possible to achieve easy handling with controlled agglomeration size and then

control of solubility etc. with coating of other kind of particles.



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[Electric, Electronic]

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[Biotechnology]

[Cosmetics]

[Architecture]

Others



Mechano Chemical Bonding, Nano particle composite production system

# **NANOCULAR**

The state-of-the-art system for production of nano particle composites by Mechano Chemical Bonding technology using nano powder raw materials.

Creating new value-added material by functionalization of particles and composing of nano

Extra energy

powders under optimized condition.

## The state-of-the-art nano particle composing technology, What's Mechano Chemical

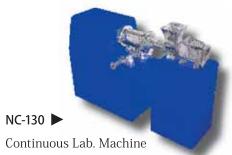
In conjunction with mechanical energy, press and shear forces, the machine utilizes extra energy such as plasma or

high magnetic field energy enabling the creation of new functional materials.

## **Features**

Bonding(MCB)?

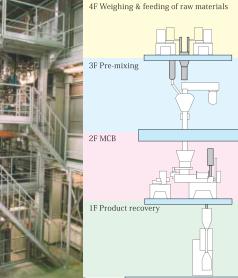
- -Firm and dense mechano chemical bond of nano powders
- -Dry process on batch or continuous operation -To achieve particle structure control such as
- -To achieve operation under low temperature plasma, vacuum and inert gas condition



nomo-, multi layer composite etc.

NC-400 ► Continuous production system

utilities -Pre-mixer -Vacuum pump -Chiller unit



Host particle

Schematic figure of MCB technology

Firm & dense bonding

## **Specification**

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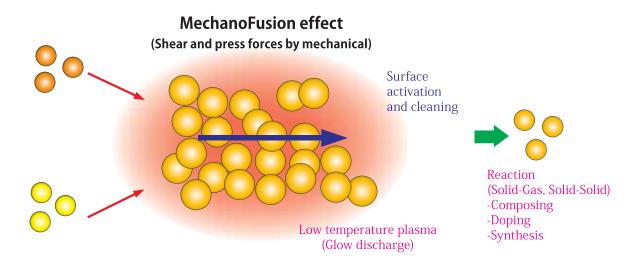
型式	NC-LAB	NC-130	NC-400
Motor [kW]	2.2	7.5	30
Rotor [rpm]	4,000	6,000	2,200
Capacity [kg/h]	0.1L/Batch	1 ~ 10	10 ~ 100
Width: W[mm]	900	600	1,240
Length: L[mm]	1,350	1,010	1,540
Height: H[mm]	1,450	550	1,150
Weight [kg]	450	230	1,100



#### \* NC-( )P: Plasma type

## Low temperature plasma + MechanoFusion

Applying Plasma MCB to the mixture of two kinds of powders, like in the figure bellow, composing, doping, reaction and so on occurs. The surface of powders is cleaned and activated by plasma energy in conjunction with shear and press forces. At the same time powders are dispersed to primary particles and mixed, then occurs the chemical reaction for composing or doping between particles or with inert gas.



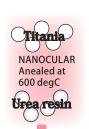
# **Application examples**

## Photo catalytic capability

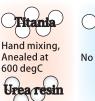
Decomposition of methylene blue under luminescence light (Color change by oxidation, Blue -> Clear)

Titania and Urea resin were composed by NANOCULAR-P, MechanoFusion and Hand mixing. Photo catalyst capability was evaluated by oxidate decomposing methylene blue solution.

The result shows the product from NANOCULAR-P only caused photo decomposition. In addition to this, nitrogen doping was confirmed by chemical analysis. Thus the powder approved generation of new particles.

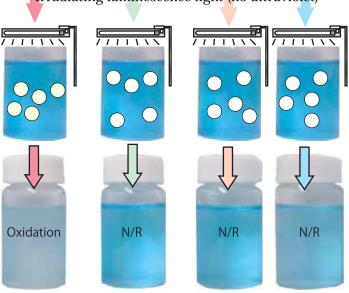








Adding the powder into methylene blue solution Irradiating luminescence light (no ultraviolet)





New-Generation of Powder Processor for Precision Mixing and Composing Treatment Technology

# **NOBILTA** ®

The Nobilta is the New-Generation powder processor designed to perform rapid precision mixing of macro to micro powders, surface modification to create and treat composite materials and sphericalization of particles in accordance with specific requirements in one processor.





NOB-700 Production scale (100 Liters)

#### **Features**

- To process precision mixing, composition, surface modification, sphericalization etc. in one machine
- To reduce operation time

Lab. Machine

(0.5 Liters)

- To achieve particle design in the nano range
- Process of wide range powders from nano to micronsizes
- High energy efficiency
- High suitability for difficult materials such as heat-sensitive material, abrasive material, adhesive material, etc.

(10 Liters)

- Easy to dismantle for inspection, maintenance and cleaning
- Compact, low energy consumption, low capital and operating costs

#### Specification

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Model	NOB-130	NOB-300	NOB-450	NOB-700	NOB-1000
Motor [kW]	5.5	30	55	110	200
Rotor [Max.rpm]	6,000	2,600	1,700	1,100	780
Volume [L]	0.5	10	30	100	300
Width: W[mm]	600	800	1,700	2,000	2,800
Length : L[mm]	1,010	2,270	2,400	2,500	3,500
Height : H[mm]	550	1,260	1,600	1,700	2,300
Weight [kg]	230	1,000	3,000	5,000	10,000

#### **Applications**

Energy storage Improved capability of fuel cell electrode materials and high performance separator. Improved

packing density and burning ability for secondary batteries.

**Copy & Photos** Better flowability of Toner. Surface modification of carrier particles.

Better color tone by high dispersion **Pigments** 

Chemicals Functional resin (nano filler + resin), High performance catalysts, Effective high temperature

treatment

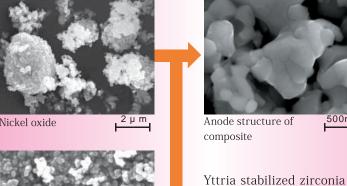
Cosmetics Controlled refraction, Improved flowability by surface modification

High resistance to environment, High temperature resistance and high intensity material, Gradient Architecture

functional composite

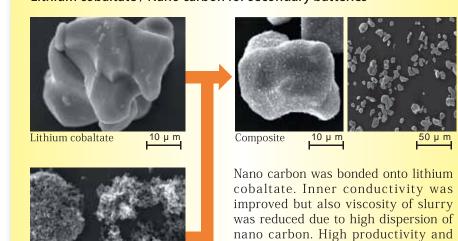
Improvement of catalytic performance, effective high temperature treatment and high stability to **Environment** 

#### Nickel oxide / YSZ for fuel cell materials

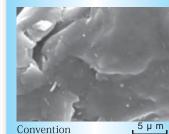


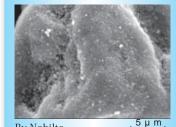
Yttria stabilized zirconia was bonded onto nickel oxide. It is realized to reduce operating temperature of SOFC due to wider interface between both materials, where the chemical reaction occurs.

#### Lithium cobaltate / Nano carbon for secondary batteries



#### **Toner / Additives for Toner**





Fine additives were bonded onto toner with higher dispersion and shorter operation time against the

convention. In addition to this, flowability was improved a lot.

low operating cost were achieved.

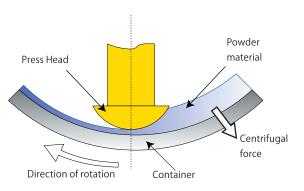


Composite particle production system

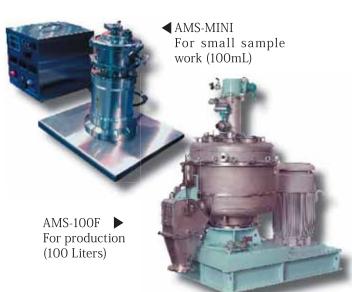
# **MECHANOFUSION®**

Creation of new functional materials by mechano chemical reaction, applying mechanical energy into the mixture

Not only very fine dispersion but also composing or particle shape control can be realized. MechanoFusion has been accepted in wide range of today's market. Varieties of machine sizes are released from laboratory to production size.



Basic principle of the MechanoFusion System



#### **Features**

Short operation time for composing and fine dispersion

- -No need of drying or heating after the process
- -Inert gas operation is possible
- -Various machine sizes
- -Possible to compose abrasive materials
- -Possible to control inner powder temperature, can be used for even heat sensitive materials
- -Good product quality without liquid binder

# For pharmaceutical GMP application AMS-MINI-GMP ▼ For small sample work (100mL) ▲ AMS-LAB-GMP For pilot (1 Liter)

#### **Specification**

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Model	AMS-MINI	AMS-LAB	AMS-30F	AMS-60F	AMS-100F
Motor [kW]	0.75	3.7	Max 30	Max <b>7</b> 5	Max 150
Rotor [rpm]	6,000	2,600	1,500	1,100	900
Volume [L]	0.1	1.2	20	80	200
Width: W[mm]	400	800	600	900	1,300
Length : L[mm]	700	2,270	1,200	1,900	2,900
Height : H[mm]	350	1,260	1,800	2,400	3,250
Weight [kg]	60	250	1,000	2,500	5,000

#### **Application**

**Energy storage** Improved packing density and sintering ability for secondary battery and improved capability of

fuel cell

Better flowability of Toner. High density storage memory Pharmaceutical Drug Delivery System (controlled solubility, high dissolution) Bio Prevention of quality change, High environmental resistance Chemicals Improved characteristics and burning ability of catalysts

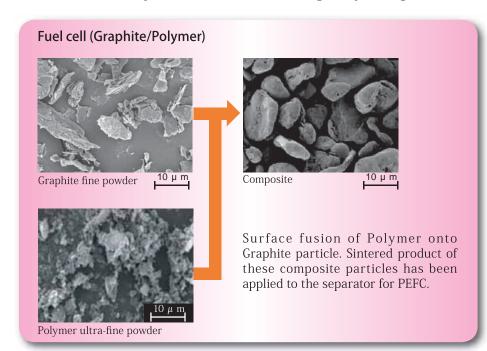
Cosmetics Controlled refraction, improved flowability by surface modification

**Pigments** Better color tone by high dispersion

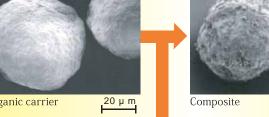
Architecture Prevention of quality change, high resistance to environment, high temperature resistance and

high intensity material, gradient functional composite

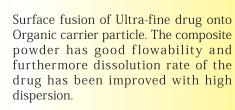
Improved characteristics, sintering ability and high resistance to environment **Environment** 



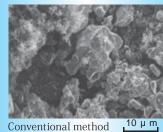


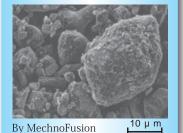


Pharmaceuticals (Carrier/Drug)



#### Secondary battery (Lithium cobaltate / conductive carbon)





By MechnoFusion

There was no agglomeration by MechanoFusion against the conventional method. The electro conductivity has been improved then final battery performance will become much higher.

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Cross section 20 µ m



Multi-functional processing unit for particle design

# **Faculty** \*



Faculty provides mechanical energy to the particles, and by separation of coarse particles and fine particles various functionalization can be achieved.

#### **Features**

Multi function

Besides classification of fines, the unit can be used for various applications like sphericalization, increase of filling quantity and high functionalization by increase of bulk density, separation of the ingredients, value adding by removal of non value ingredients.

- -Reduction of process steps
- -Easy operation and maintenance

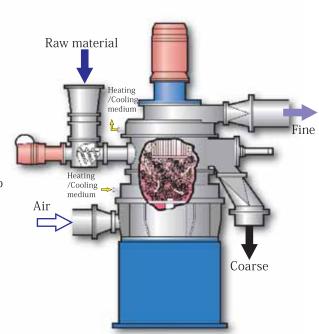


Fig.1 Construction



(Flow sheet Fig.2, 3)

Fig.2: Standard system by screw feeder

Fig.3: Pneumatic feeding system (directly place Faculty into pneumatic conveying line)

#### Construction

The unit is internally provided with a processing device which can give sufficient energy suited for the purpose and a high functional classifier. The center of the casing has a discharge outlet for coarse product. (Fig.1)

#### **Application**

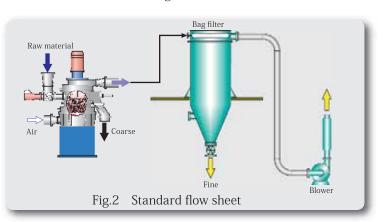
**Electric, Electronic:** Improvement of packing density by sphericalization of secondary battery

IT: Sphericalisation and fine removal for Toner

**Foods:** Separation of ingredients

Chemicals: Removal of whiskers from plastic powder

Recycling: Removal of unburnt carbon from fly ash. Recycling of wasted building material. Recycling of printed circuit board.



### Sphericalization of the toner and removal of the fine

Sphericalization of the toner is usually done by giving hot air or giving mechanical surface treatment on the particles which removes the fine. In case of Faculty, it might use the powders which are fine-ground as the feed material. Fines removal and sphericalization can be done at the same time.

# egree of sphericalisation: ounded edged shape Sharp edged shape Sines are included

Toner:Feed material

Toner:Processed material

## Increase of filling property by increase bulk density of natural graphite and high functionalization for the battery material

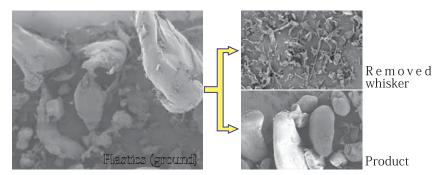
Improving round shape and reducing specific surface area. Thus the bulk density has been increased, therefore very high functional battery material is obtained.



Product of natural graphite

### Removal of whisker of plastic

Plastic particles, which is obtained by grinding process, usually contains fibrous portion called as "whiskers". This portion often gives bad influence on the products. Faculty can remove such fibrous portion.



#### **Recycling of waste building material**

Waste building material such as foamed urethane backed with paper, can be processed with Faculty. Papers can be removed from the coarse side, and urethane is discharged from the fine side.

#### Recycling of the waste printed board

By processing the waste printed board active ingredients such as copper, can be collected.

#### Specification

Model	F-LAB	F-300	F-400	F-600
Process motor [kW]	1	15	30	55
-Rotor [rpm]	22,000	8,700	6,000	4,300
Classifier motor [kW]	1	5.5	7.5	22
-Rotor [rpm]	22,000	10,250	7,300	5,200
Scale up factor [-]		0.5	1	2~3
Width :W[mm]	2,000	1,800	2,100	2,500
Length:L[mm]	1,300	1,600	2,500	2,500
Height:H[mm]	2,000	2,200	2,200	3,000
Weight[kg]	750	1,600	2,500	5,000

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Multi-functional agglomeration unit Grinding, Agglomeration, Coating, Drying

# **AGGLOMASTER**®

Fine agglomeration in the micron range. Surface modification and coating of individual primary particles are possible.

Enhancing powder handling of nano powder by agglomeration to micron size.



#### **Features**

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- ☐ Granulation, Dispersion, Coating, Agglomeration, Drying in one unit.
- ☐ Opposed-pulse-jet achieves fine particle coating and composing by high dispersion effect.
- $\square$  SD model can produce granules directly from solution. Two functions are combined in one unit; Spray drying and fluidised bed layering.
- ☐ MINI model: For laboratory size, required small volume powder, less than 200mL
- ☐ SD model can be tailored for sterilized drug production as CS model.

#### Specification PJ model

Model	AGM-2PJ	25PJ	35PJ	50PJ	75PJ	100PJ	125PJ	150PJ	200PJ
Chamber volume [L]	2.5	10	30	80	230	550	850	1,250	2,200
Fluidizing air [m <sup>3</sup> /min]	3.5	7	14	32	55	90	125	220	-
Motor [kW]	0.4	1.5	2.2	3.7	7.5	15	22	30	45
Air heater capacity									
electric heater [kW]	2	6.5	12.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
steam [m³/min]	-	-	-	19,500	44,500	76,500	126,000	174,000	225,000
Spray nozzle [-]	1	1	1	2	3	3~4	4~6	4~6	4~6
Pulse jet nozzle [-]	3	3	3	5	6	8	8	8	8
Width [mm]	800	1,400	1,500	1,700	2,000	2,200	3,300	4,000	6,000
Length [mm]	1,000	1,600	1,600	1,800	2,200	2,400	3,800	4,400	7,000
Height [mm]	1,700	2,500	2,900	3,300	3,600	4,200	5,000	6,000	9,000

#### **Application**

Electric, Electronic : High performance anode, cathode and separator for fuel cells, High packing density for

secondary battery materials, Granulation of ferrite for molding purpose, High packing density

of Barium titanate, etc.

Foods : Good flowability, good dissolubility, coating for cocoa, sugar, salt, starch, etc. **Pharmaceuticals** : Agglomeration and coating for sterilized drug, lactose, corn starch, chemicals, etc.

Chemicals : Good flowability and wax coating for water-absorb-resin, epoxy resin, etc.

> Nano-carbon surface supported by Platinum was coated by Polymer. Affinity to electrolyte

and powder handling

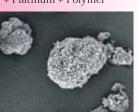
were improved.

#### **Application examples**

#### Fuel cell material (PEFC, catalyst-electrolyte)



Acetylene black + Platinum + Polymer



Ketjen black + Platinum + Polymer

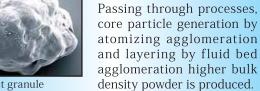
## Pharmaceutical application (Ethenzamide)



Core particles produced by spraying agglomeration



Spraying & Fluidized-bed-Agglomeration, layered



#### **Specification SD model**

Model	AGM-2SD	35SD	75SD	100SD	125SD	170SD
Chamber diameter [mm]	156	350	750	1,000	1,250	1,700
Fluidizing air [m³/min]	1.2	7 ~ 12	30 ~ 50	55 ~ 90	100 ~ 170	160 ~ 220
Max. inlet air temp. [°C]	120	200	200	200	200	200
Water evap. cap. [kg/h]	~ 1.2	8 ~ 17	33 ~ 75	70 ~ 135	110 ~ 210	200 ~ 360
Bottom spray nozzle [-]	1	1~2	4	6	8	10
Width [mm]	1,000	1,600	2,600	3,000	3,000	3,400
Length [mm]	800	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	3,200
Height [mm]	1,700	3,600	5,100	5,700	6,300	9,300

#### **Specification GMP model**

Model	AGM-1MP
Effective volume [L]	0.1 ~ 1.0
Fluidizing air [m3/min]	1.5
Motor [kW]	0.1
Rotation speed [rpm]	0 ~ 500
Max. inlet air temp. [°C]	100
Comp. air [L/min]	50 ~ 400
Electricity	4,000VA
· ·	200Vsingle phase
Material	Stainless steel 304
Surface finish (in-, outside)	Buff 320

## Specification AGM-MINI PJ

Model	AGM-MINI PJ
Effective volume [L]	0.1 ~ 0.35
Fluidizing air [m3/min]	Max. 0.5
Rotation speed [rpm]	80 ~ 1,600
Max. inlet air temp. [°C]	100
Comp. air [L/min]	120
Weight [kg]	250
Width [mm]	700
Length [mm]	700
Height [mm]	850
Electricity	4,000VA
	200V single phase

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