

Grade Profile: BGB Ultra™ Cellulose Nanocrystals Suspension (Technical Grade)

Blue Goose Biorefineries Inc. BGB Ultra™ CNC is an aqueous suspension of type I cellulose nanocrystals that forms a gel at 8.0% w/w. It is produced with a transition metal catalyzed oxidative process. Features of BGB Ultra™ include:

- Uniform crystal size
- Non-Newtonian fluid behaviour (thixotropic)
- Chiral nematic network formation in water
- Dried films are birefringent
- No sulfate half ester moiety

This is a technical grade, suitable for research purposes. This material is not suitable for human consumption.

Typical Values (Not Specifications)

Biomass Source: Viscose grade dissolving pulp (Wood source Aspen and Maple)

Appearance: Translucent gel

| <i>Parameter</i> | <i>Value</i> | <i>units</i> | <i>Test Method</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Crystallinity index | 80% | | Segal method |
| Crystal length | 100-150 | nm | TEM |
| Crystal diameter | 9-14 | nm | TEM |
| Hydrodynamic diameter | 150 | nm | DLS* |
| Zeta Potential | -35 | mV | DLS* |
| Carboxyl Content | 0.15 | mmol/g | Conductivity titration + FTIR |

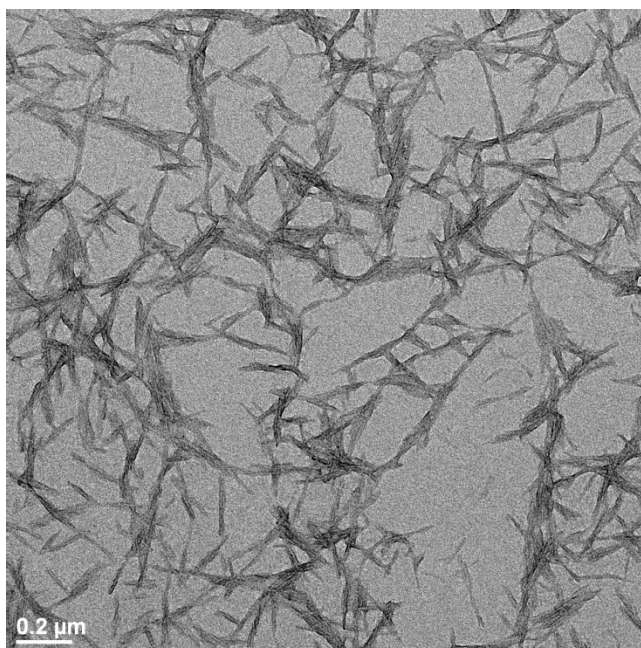


Image obtained using FEI Tecnai 12 BioTwin microscope at 120 kV. Uranyl acetate stain on copper TEM grid coated with amorphous silica.

*Using Malvern Zetasizer model Nano-ZS