#### Scaffold Fabrication in Tissue Engineering



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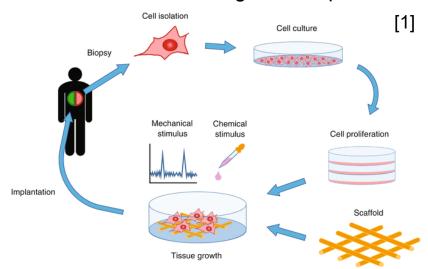
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## Tissue Engineering

- A multidisciplinary field that seeks to repair, replace, maintain, or improve tissue and organ function
- Focuses on the interaction of cells and scaffolds
  - Scaffolds mimic the extracellular matrix
  - Cells are seeded onto scaffolds to grow and proliferate



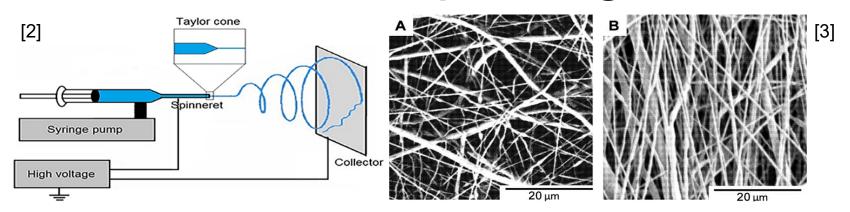


#### Scaffold Fabrication

- Mimic the extracellular matrix
- Engineered to cause desirable cellular interactions, such as:
  - Cell attachment, cell migration, cell proliferation, mechanical strength. nutrient/biochemical factor diffusion
- Made from a variety of materials, both natural and synthetic
  - Natural: Collagen, Synthetic: polycaprolactone (PCL), polyethylene glycol (PEO)
- Created using a variety of techniques
  - Electrospinning
  - Freeze Drying

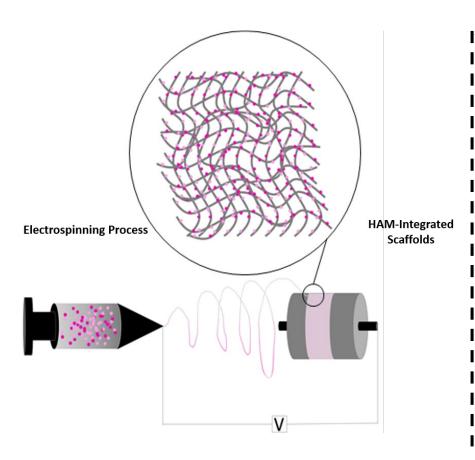


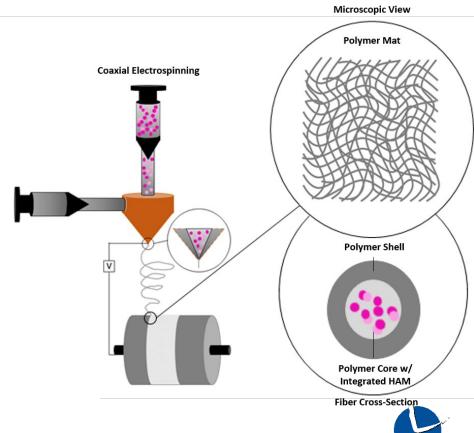
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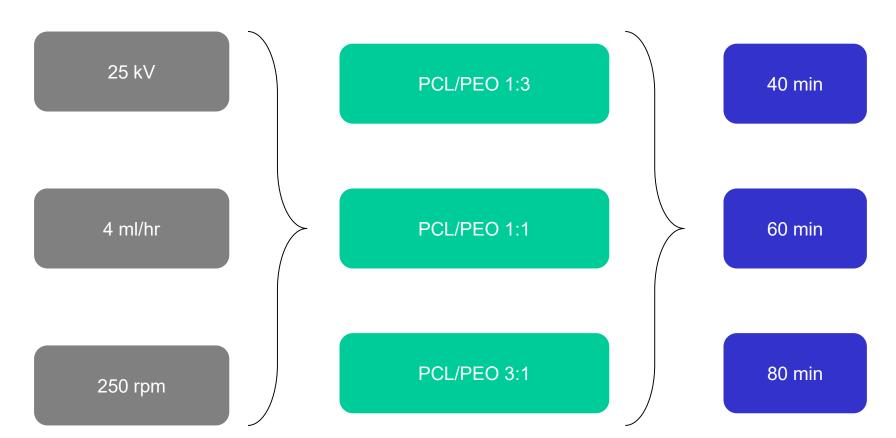
- Process parameters: solution properties, electric potential, flow rate, distance, needle gauge, collector design, ambient parameters
- Types: Blend electrospinning, coaxial electrospinning

#### Blend Electrospinning Coaxial Electrospinning



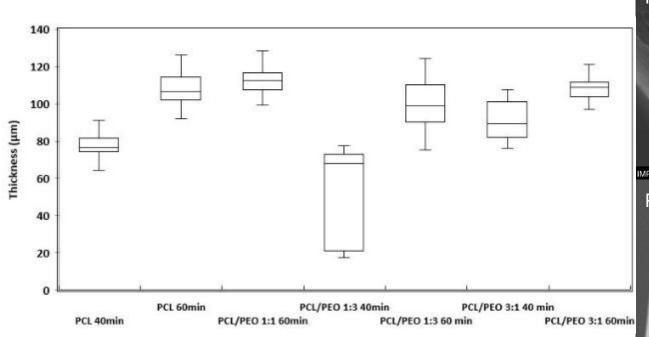


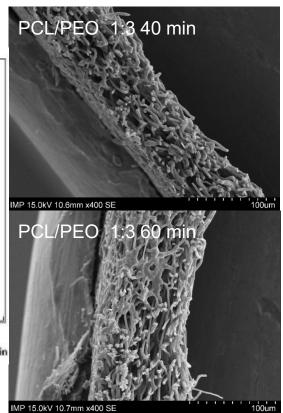
#### **Blend Fiber Mats**





#### Blend Results - Thickness

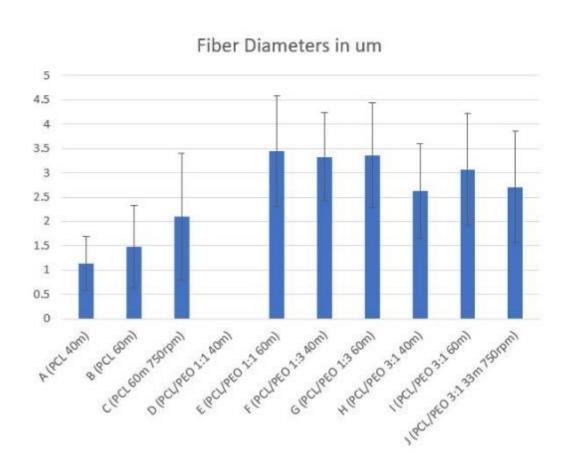


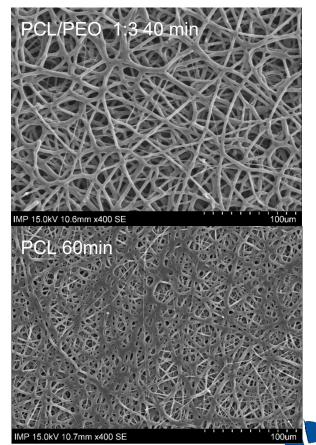






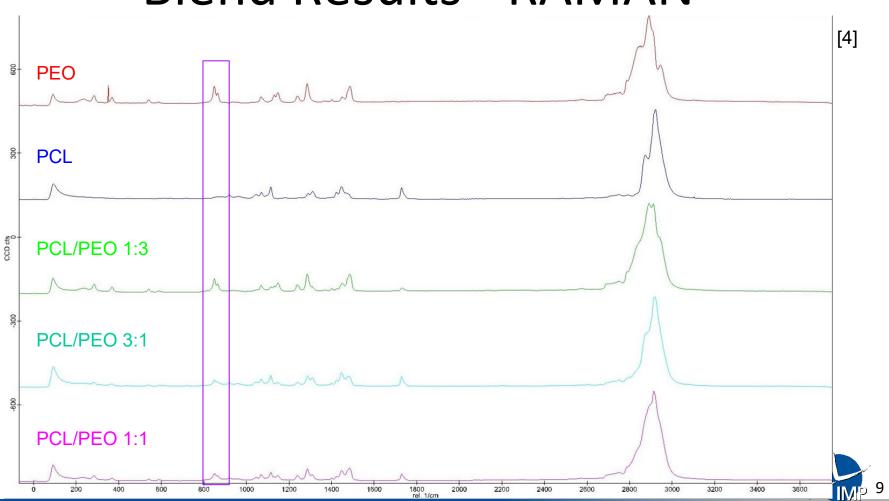
#### Blend Results - Fiber Diameter



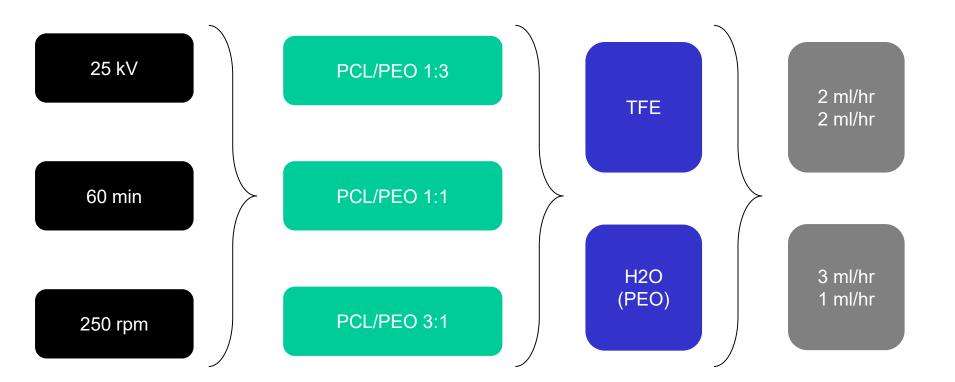




#### Blend Results - RAMAN

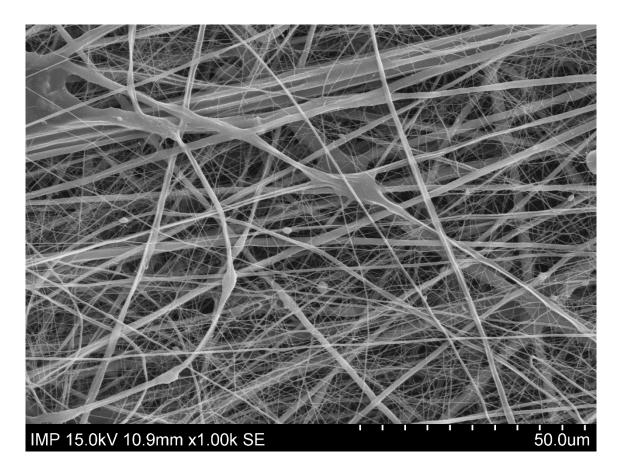


#### **CoAxial Fiber Mats**



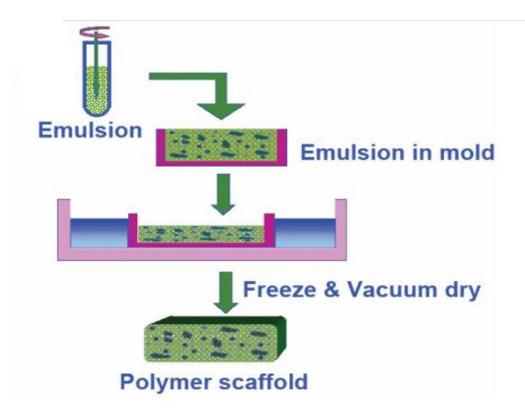


## **Coaxial Results**



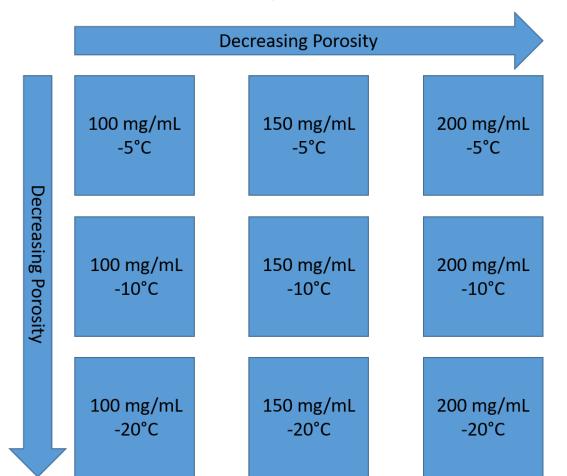


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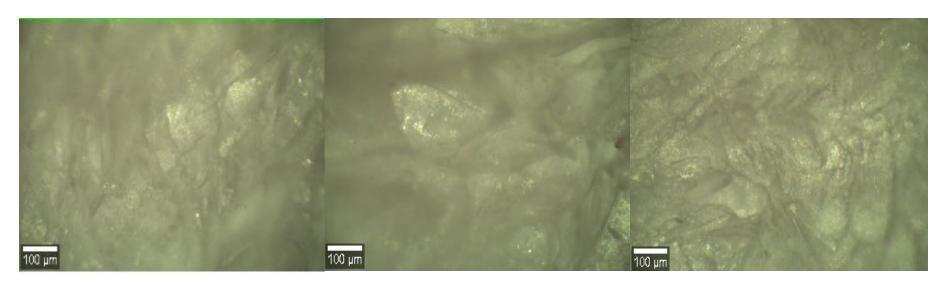


## Freeze Dry Results

10% PCL Scaffold

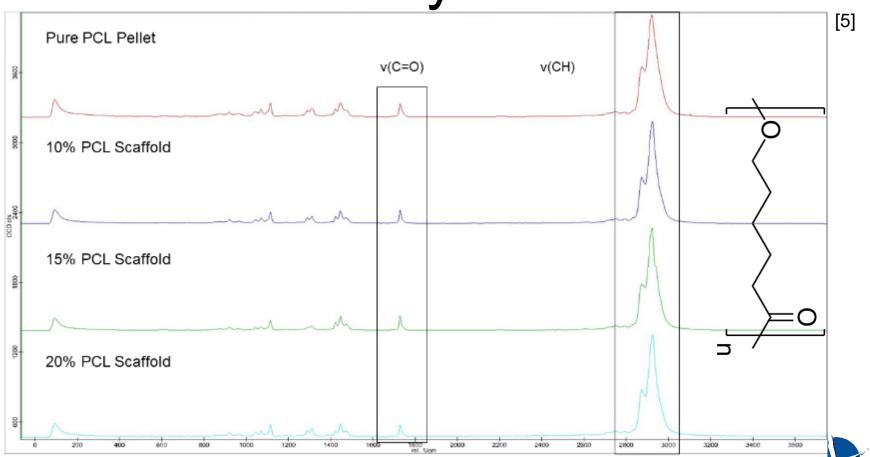
15% PCL Scaffold

20% PCL Scaffold





Freeze Dry Results



## Freeze Dry Scaffolds

#### +Advantages:

- +Relatively straightforward method
- +Proven with a variety of polymers<sup>6</sup>
- +High pore interconnectivity<sup>6</sup>

#### -Disadvantages:

- -Long processing time<sup>6</sup>
- -Small and irregular pore size<sup>6</sup>
- -More difficult manipulation



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## Experience in Germany





#### Differences

- Public Transportation
- Graffiti

Green Space







Food



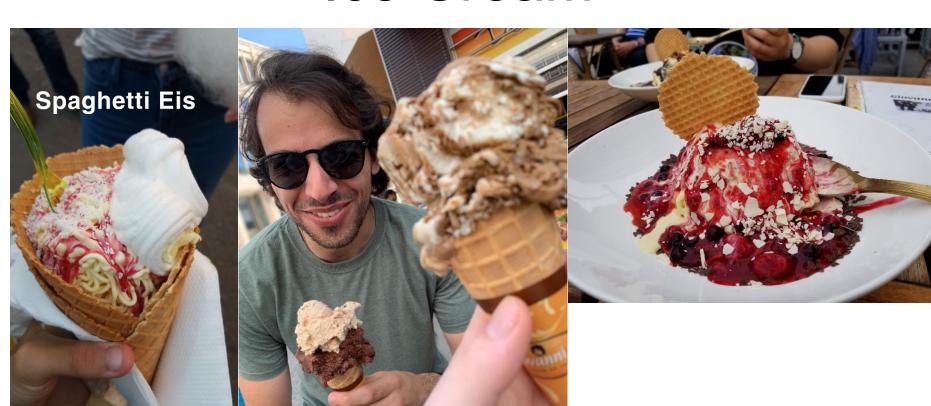
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### Ice Cream

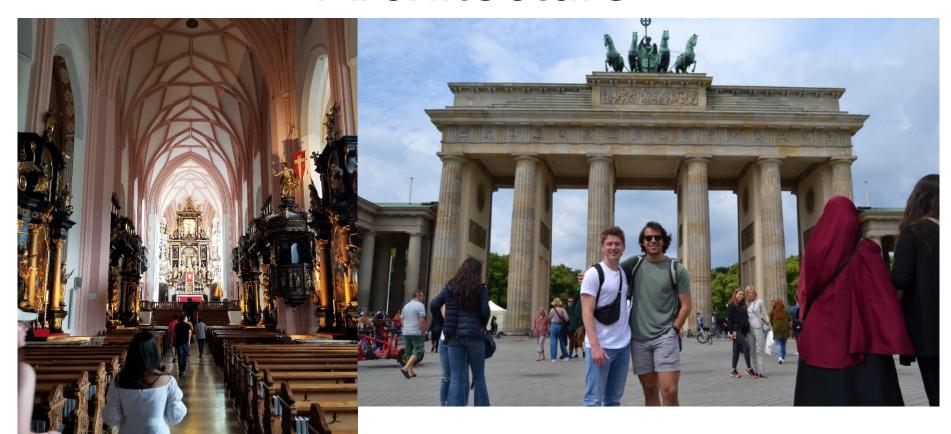




### Architecture



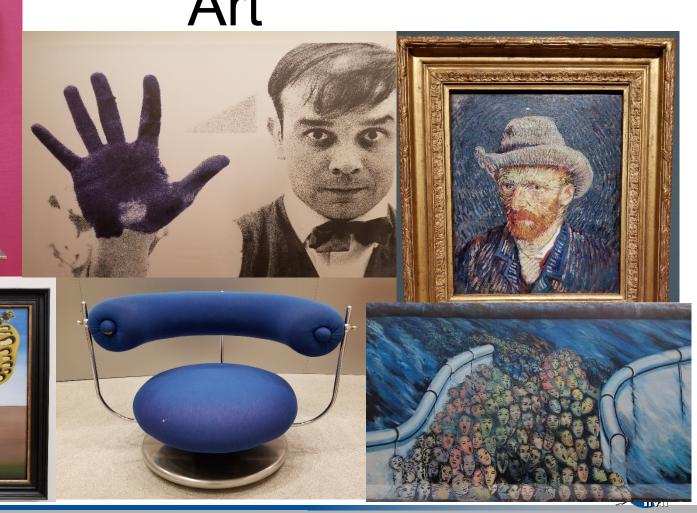
#### Architecture







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