



# *Synthesis and Characterization of Crosslinked Electrospun Fiber Mats from Allyl-functionalized Polysuccinimide*

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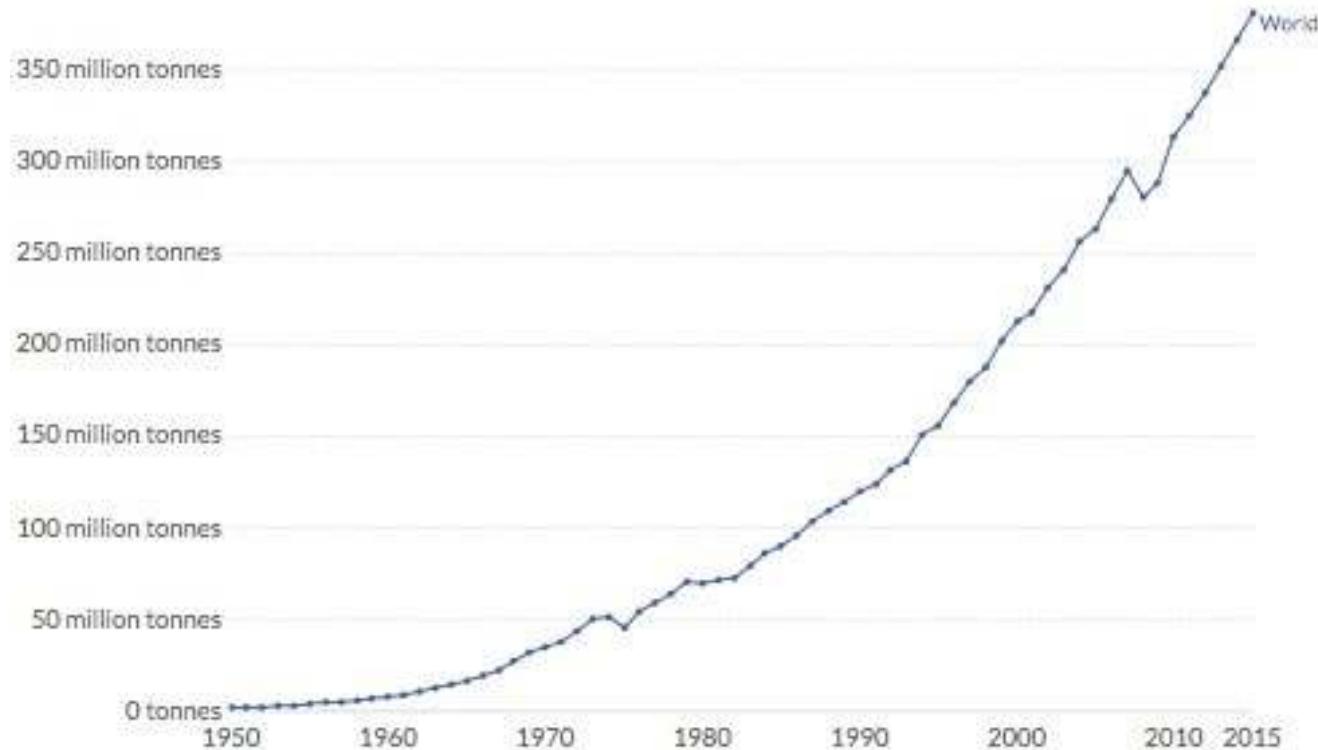
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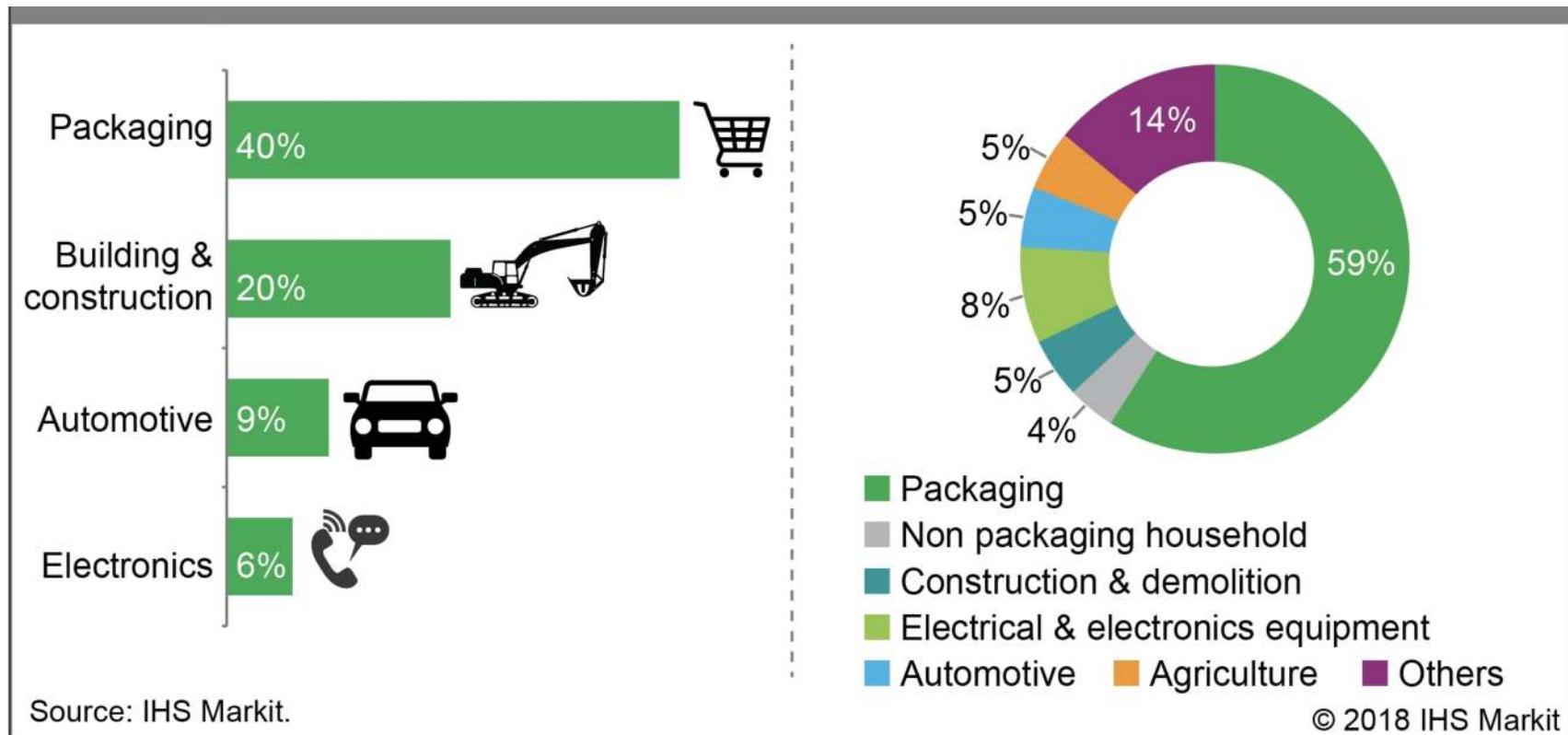
# *World Production of Plastics*



The world has produced (by 2015), 7.8 billion tons of plastic  
more than 1 ton for every person alive today!

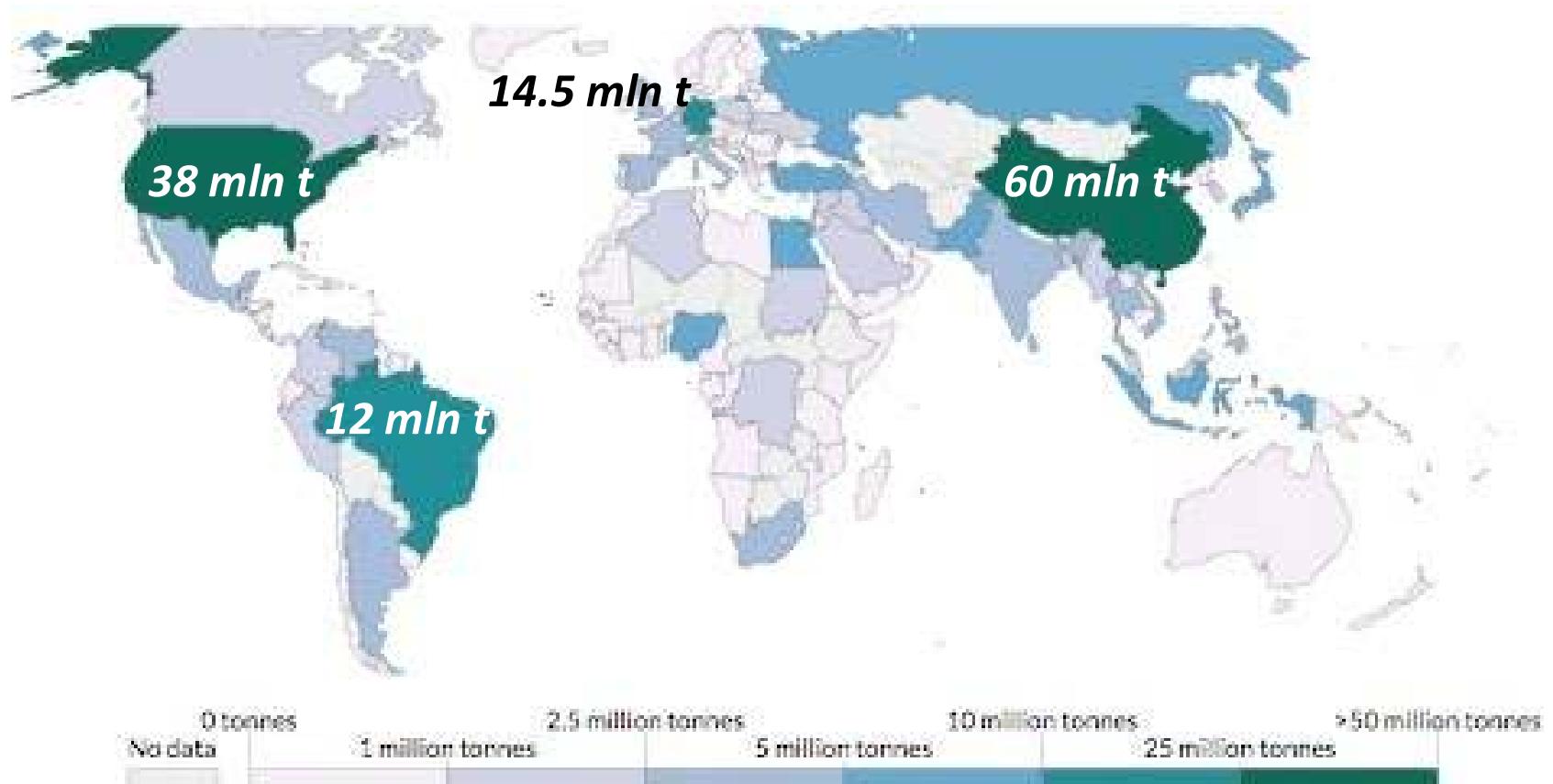


# Global Plastics Usage and Waste Generation





# *Plastics Waste Generation*

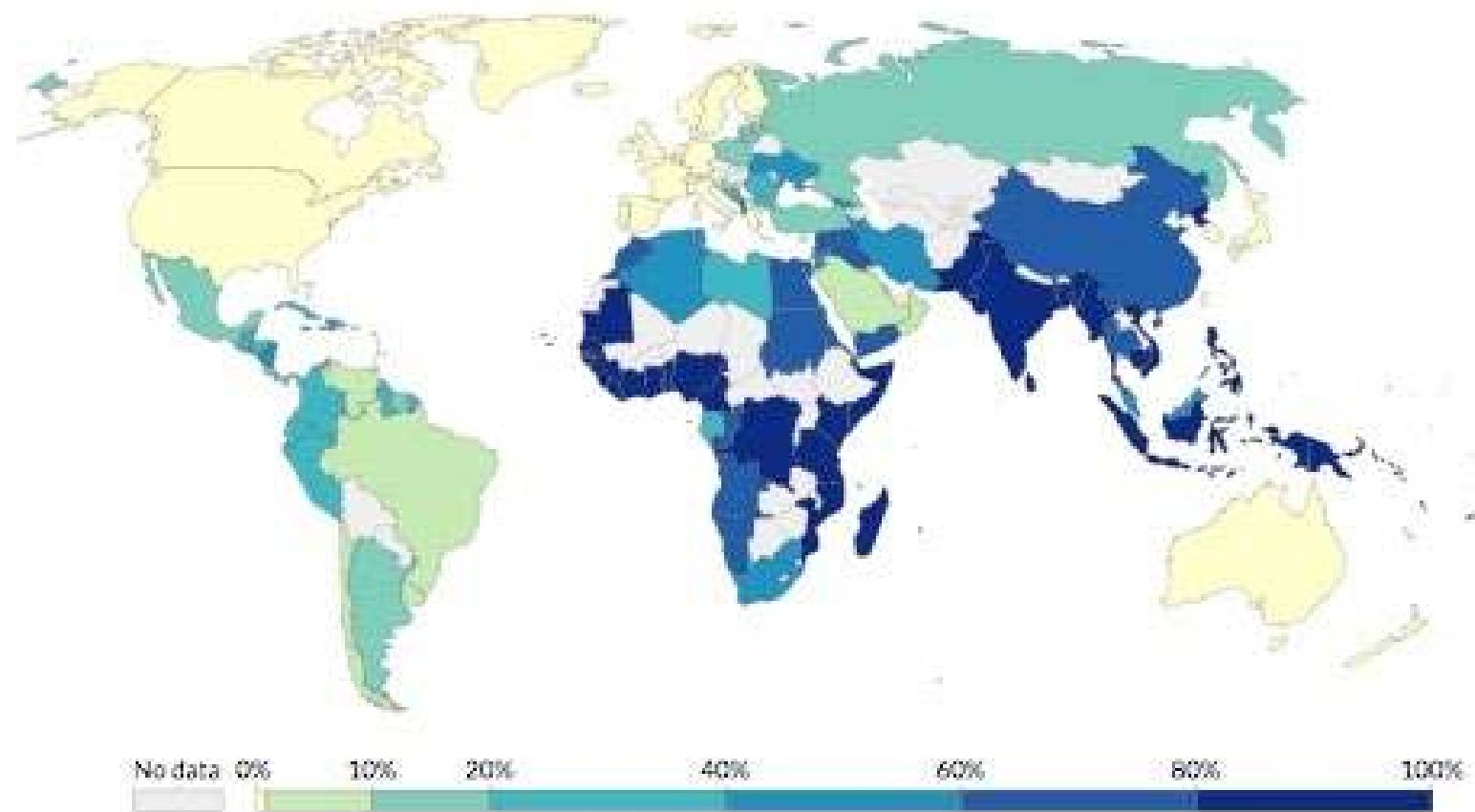


Source: OWM based on Jambeck et al. (2015) & World Bank

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# *Mismanaged Plastic Waste*



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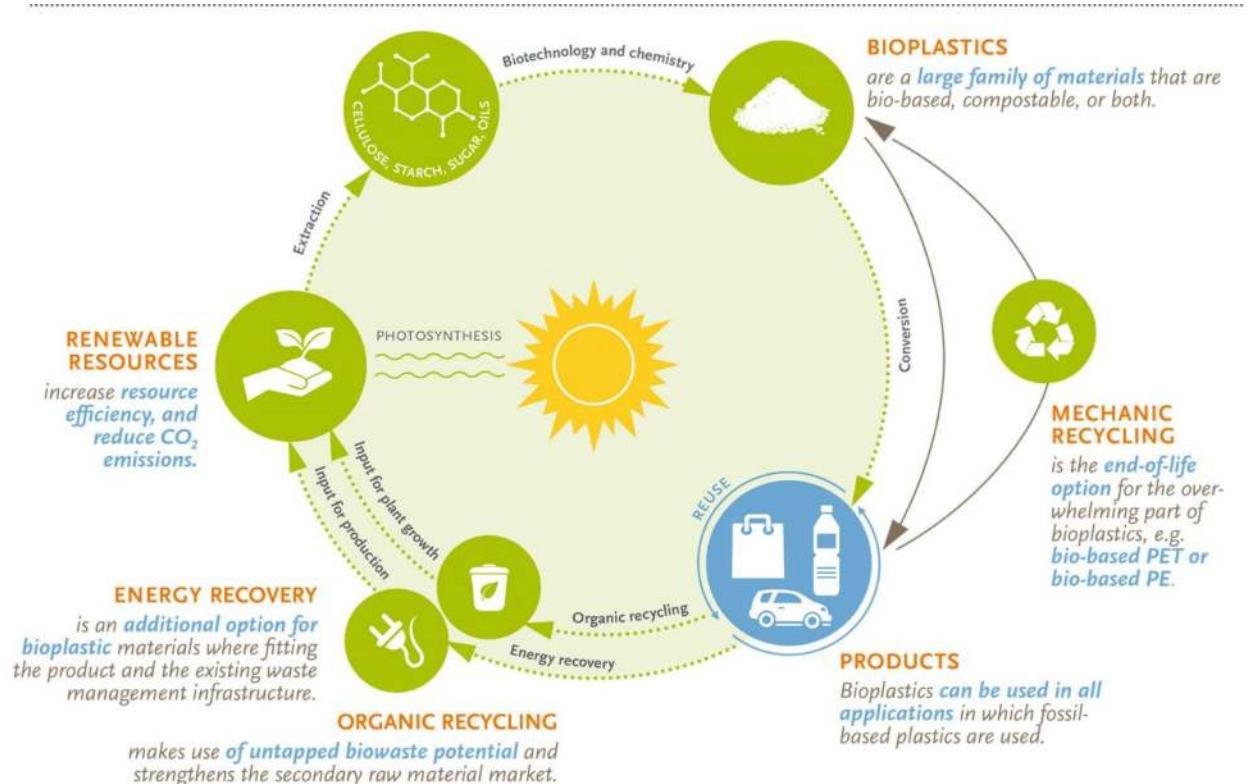
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# “Green” Polymer Chemistry



Plastic waste



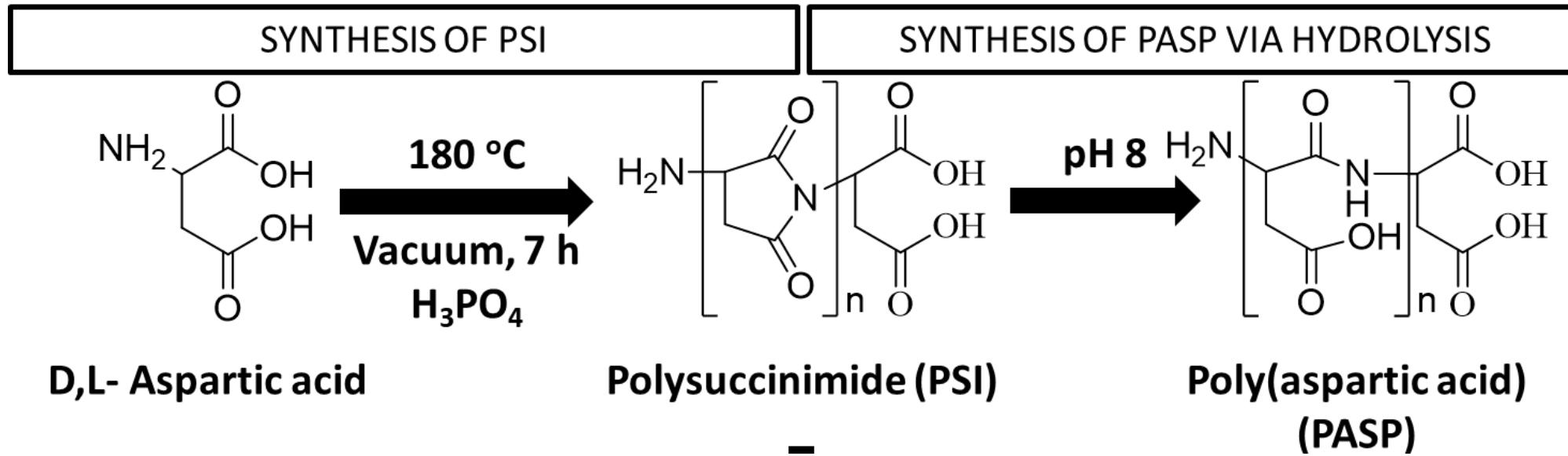
Source: European Bioplastics e.V.

Bioplastics: Closing the Loop

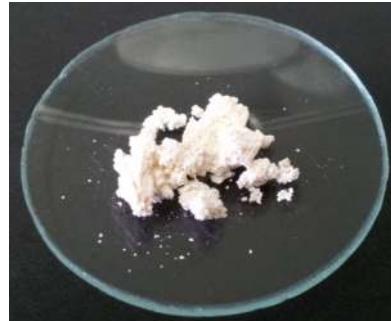
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# Polymers from Renewable Resources



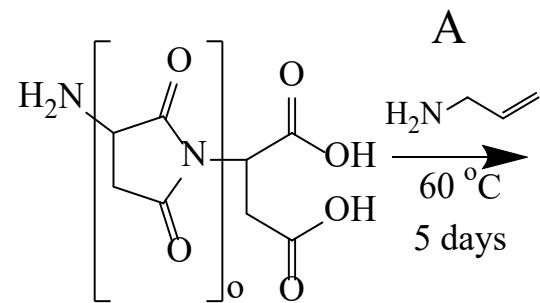
Commercial production: fermentation



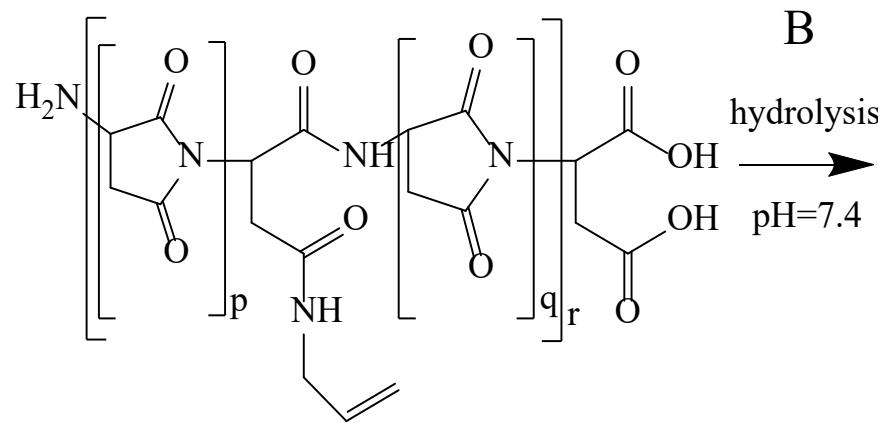
Crosslinked Swollen Hydrogel



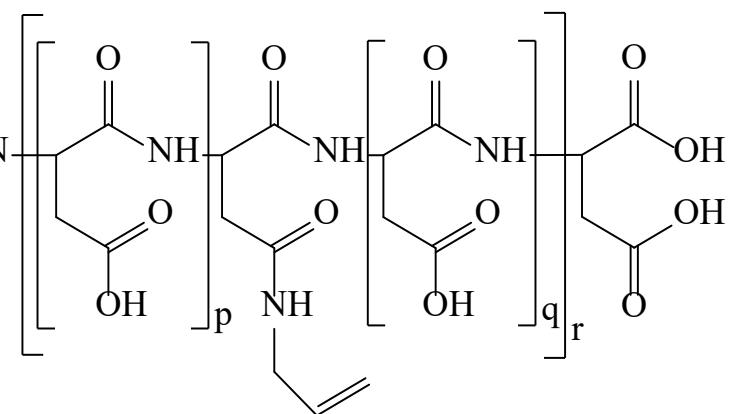
## *Modification of PSI*



polysuccinimide (PSI)



allylamine modified PSI (PSI-AA)

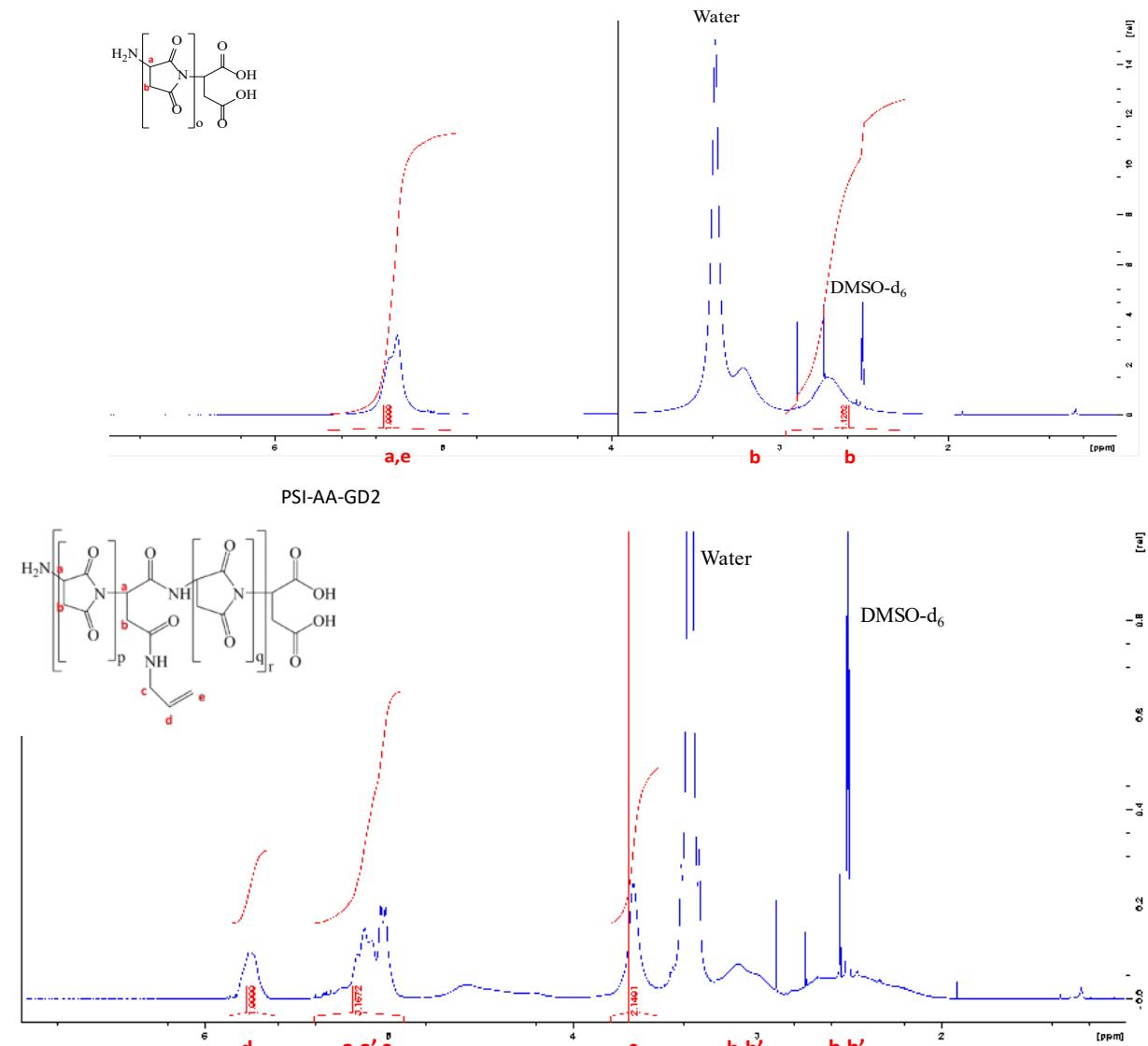
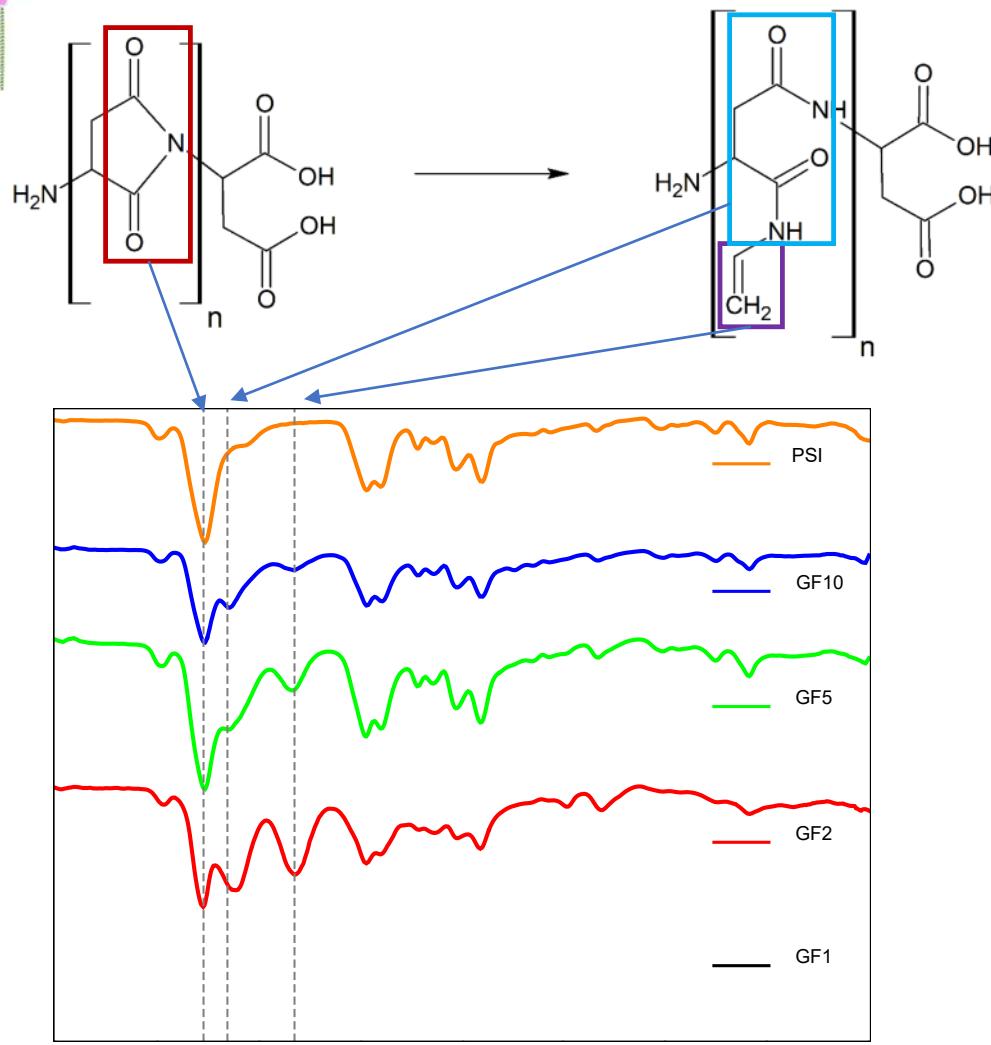


allylamine modified poly(aspartic acid) (PASP-AA)

Grafting Frequency: GF1, GF2, GF5, GF10

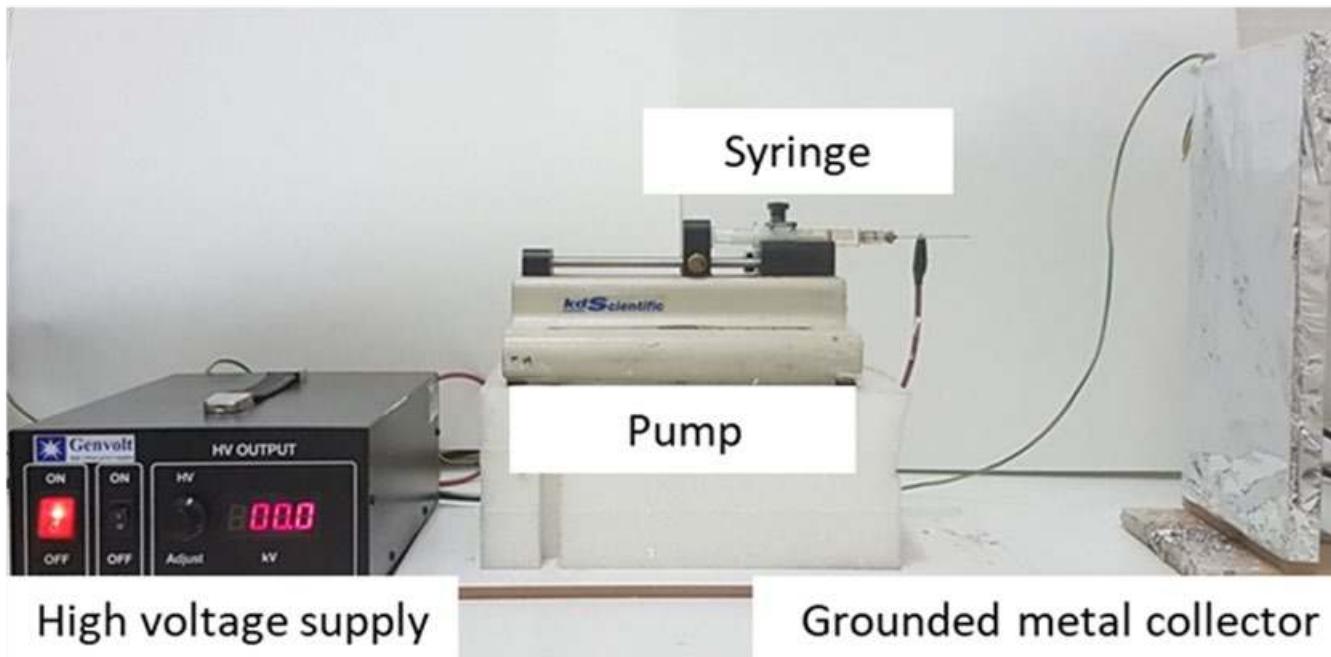


# FTIR and NMR

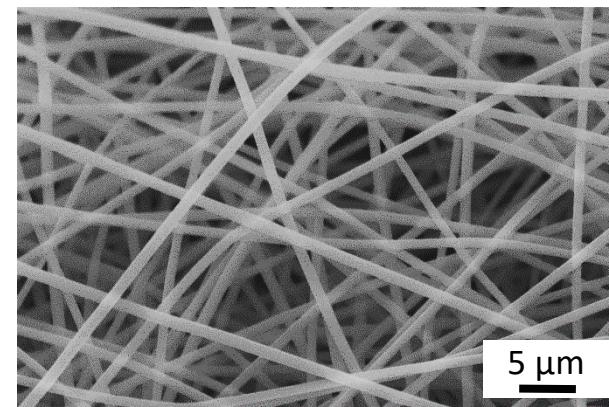
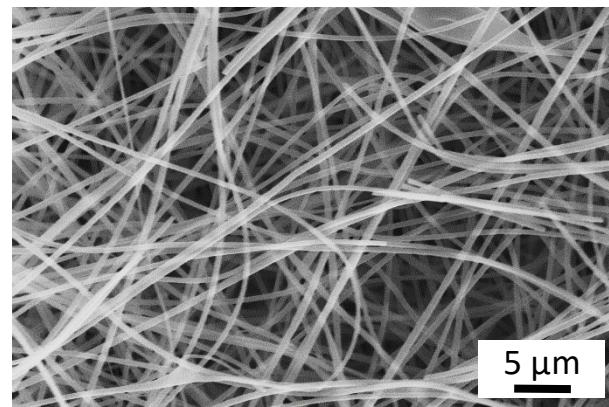
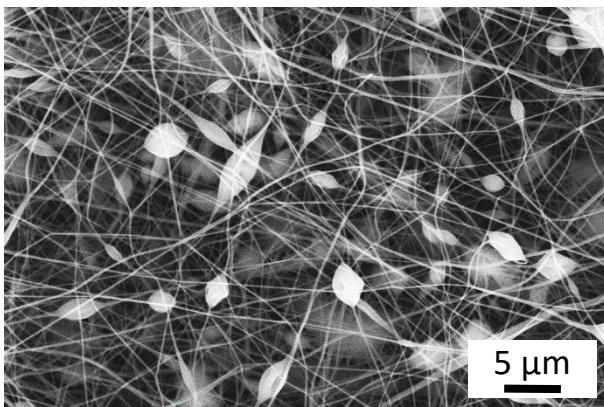




# Electrospinning



$Q = 1 \text{ ml/h}$
$V = 1 \text{ ml}$
Distance = 15 [cm]
15



Polymer concentration:

35 wt%

40 wt%

45 wt%



# Plasma Treatment

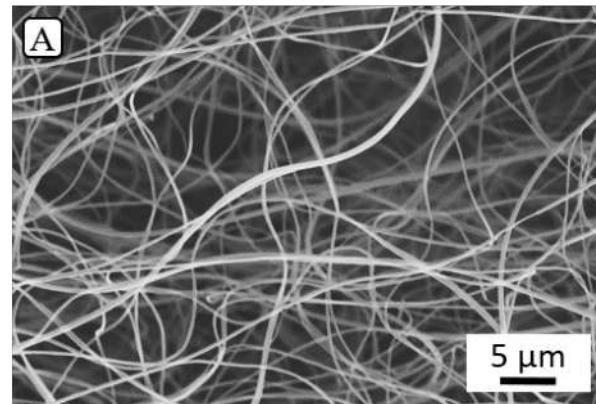


Before

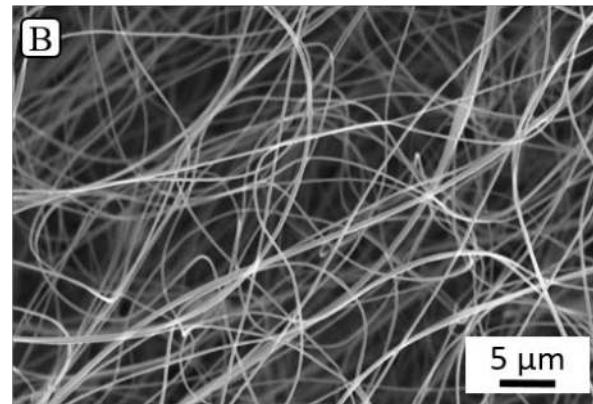
Low pressure air  
13 minutes, 25 W



After



Soluble



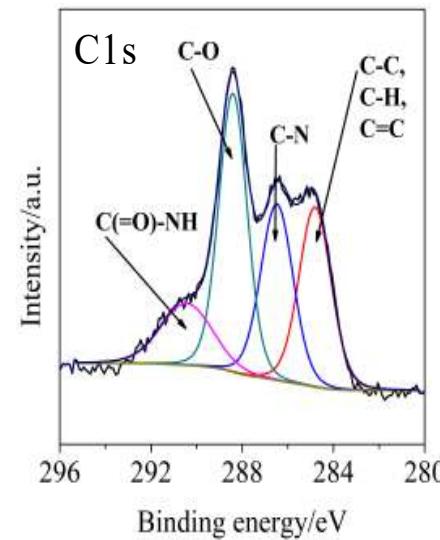
Insoluble



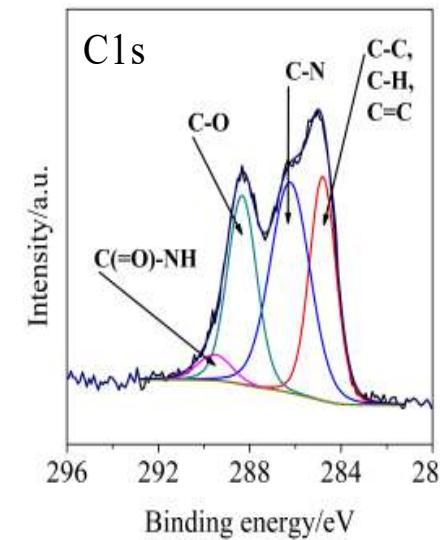
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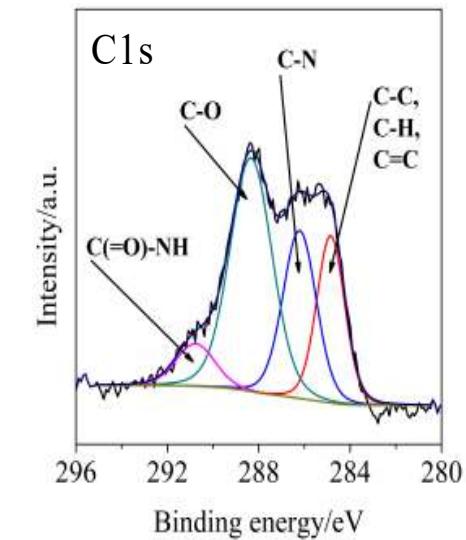
PSI



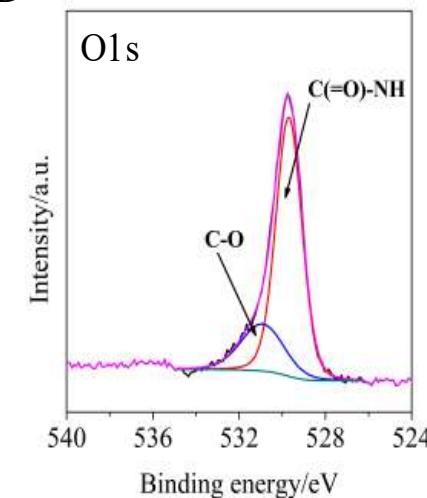
PSI-A



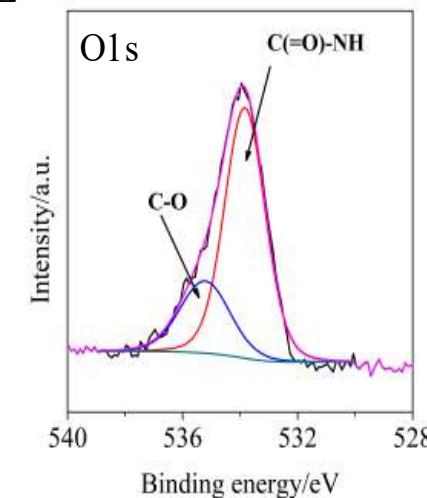
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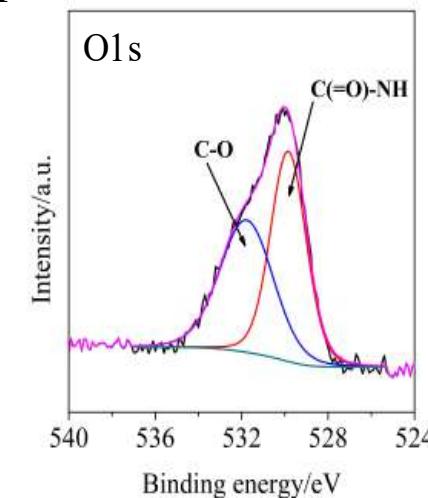
O1s



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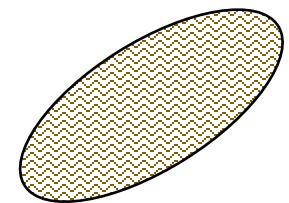


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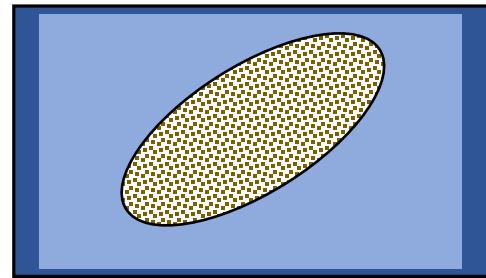




# *Hydrolysis*



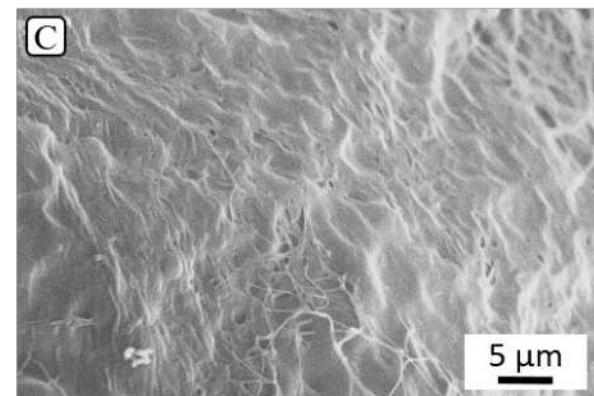
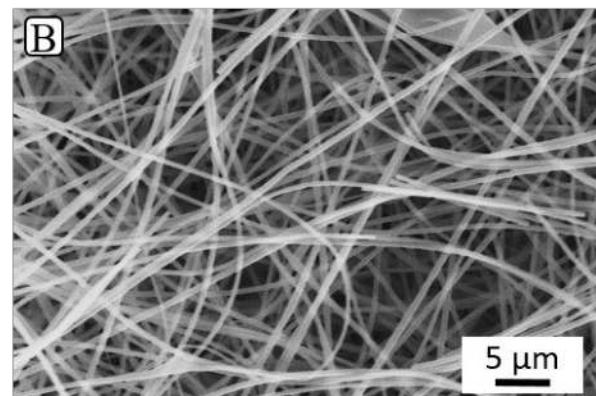
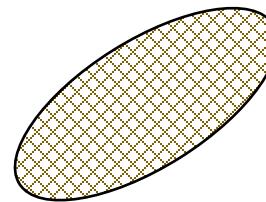
Plasma treated  
mat



Hydrolysis, pH 7,4



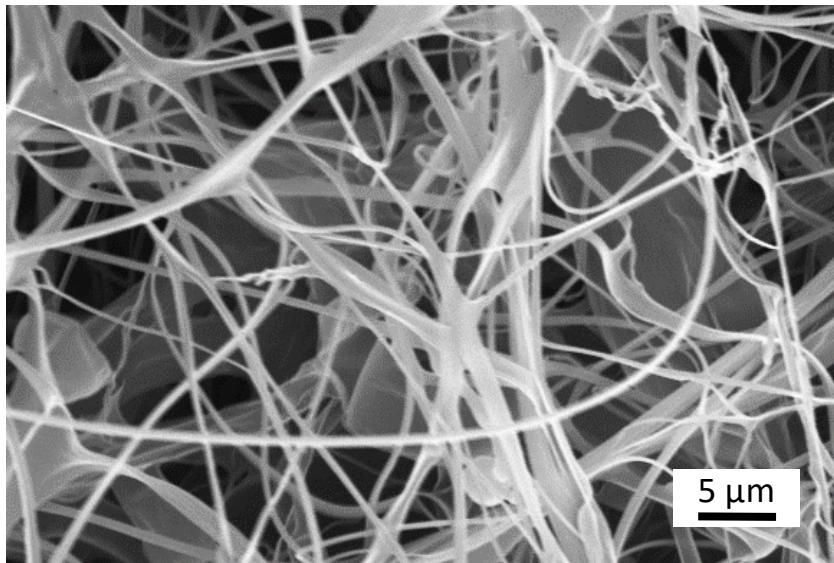
Wash (MilliQ),  
Lyophilization



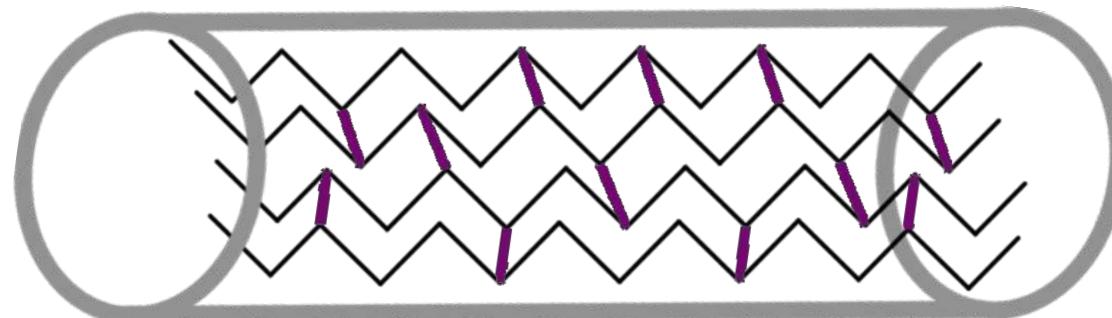
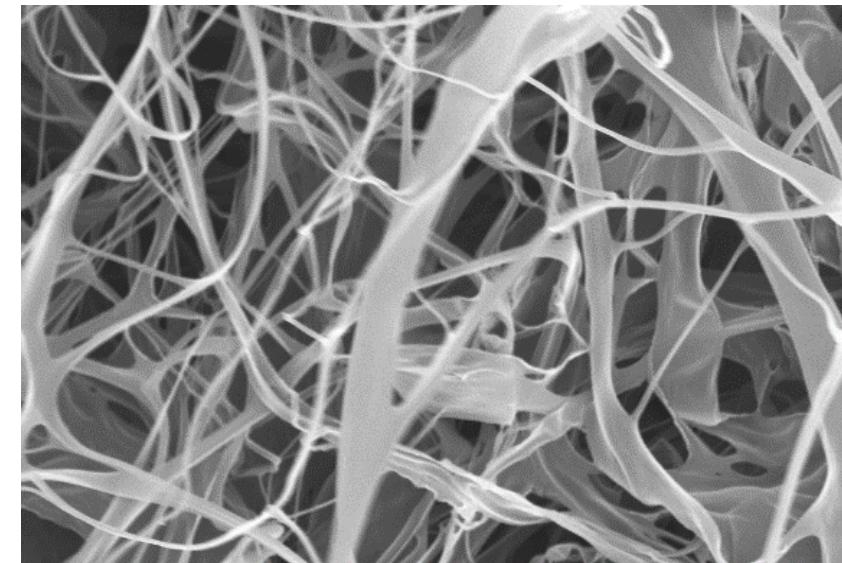


# *Optimization of Plasma Treatment*

Plasma **100W 17 minutes**



Hydrolysis



Crosslinked and sterilized mat



# Sterility Test



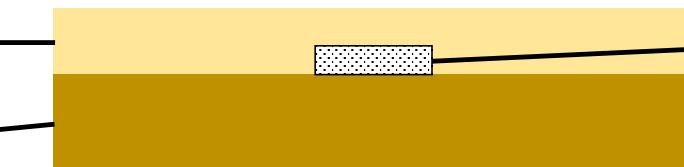
24 hours

Incubation at 37 °C, CO<sub>2</sub>  
moisture

48 hours

Soft agarose gel + buffer

Hard agarose gel

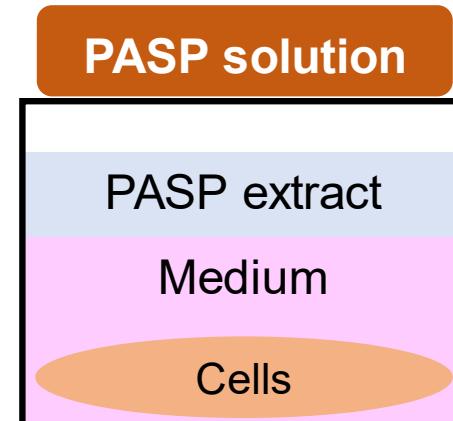
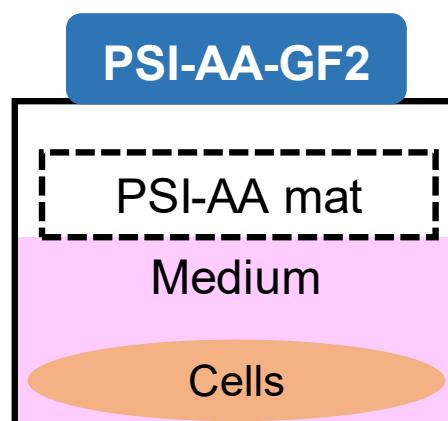
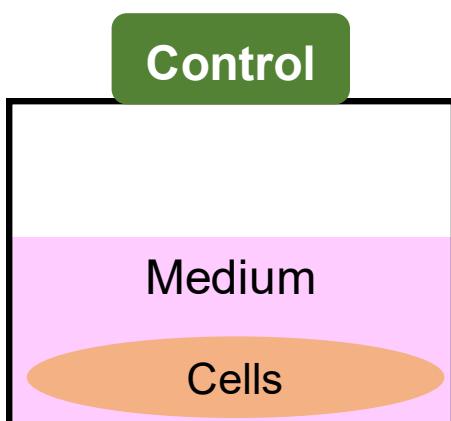
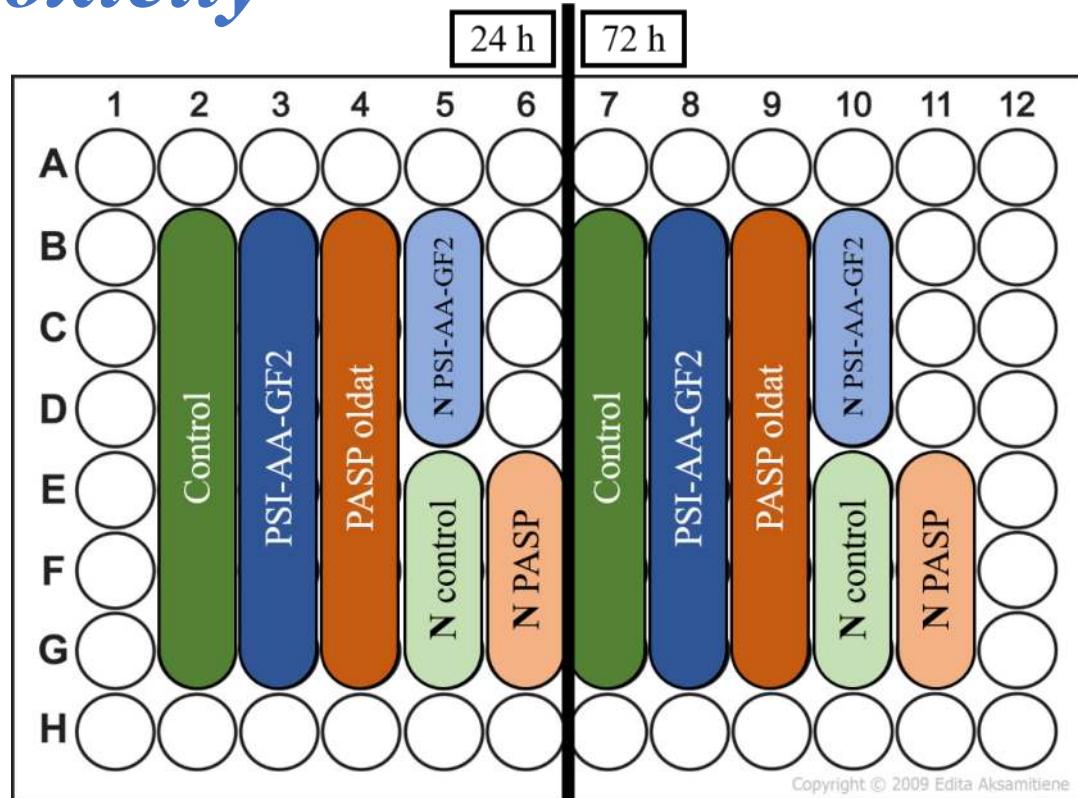


Sample



# Cytotoxicity

MG63 osteosarcoma cell line  
3700 cell/well  
96 well plate  
WST-1 reagents, 24h, 72h

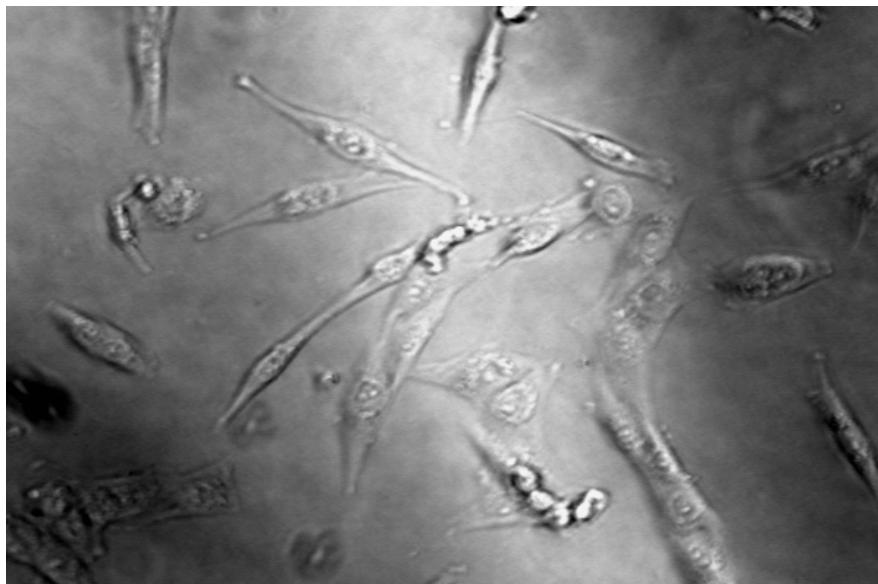




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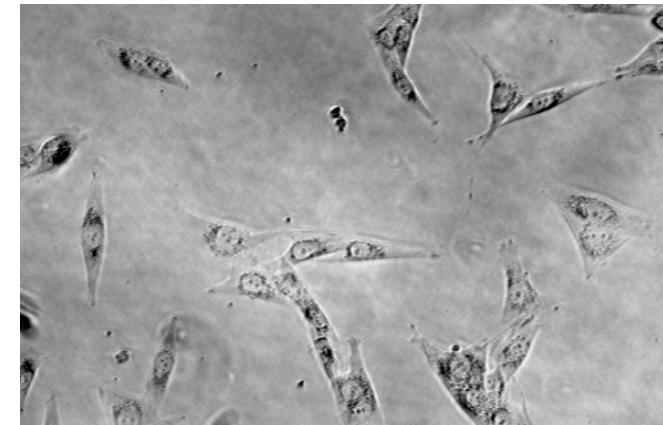


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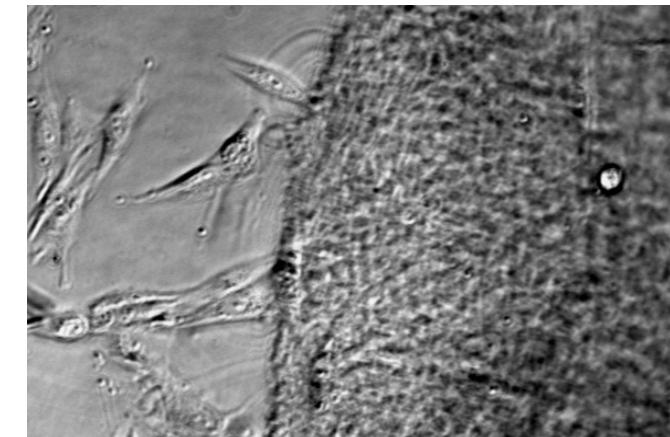


24 hrs

PASP solution



PSI-AA mat



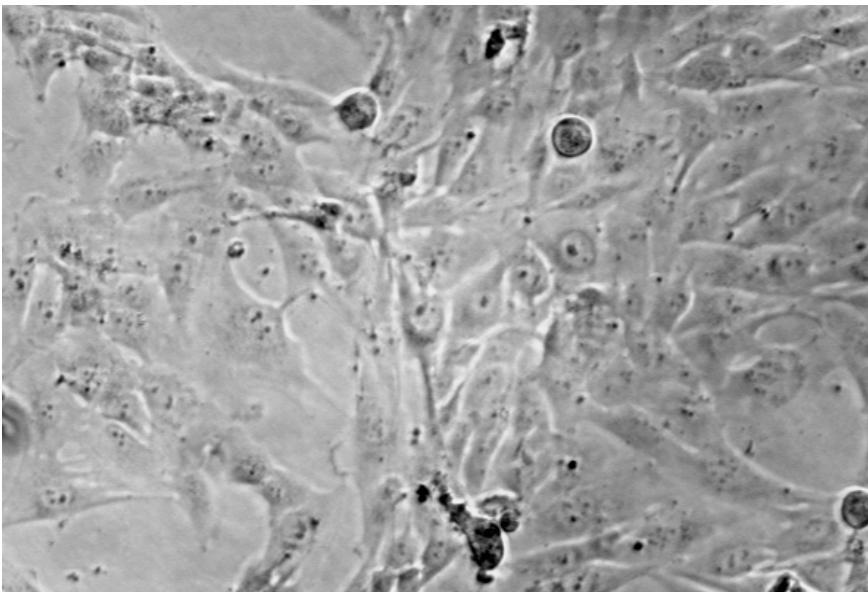


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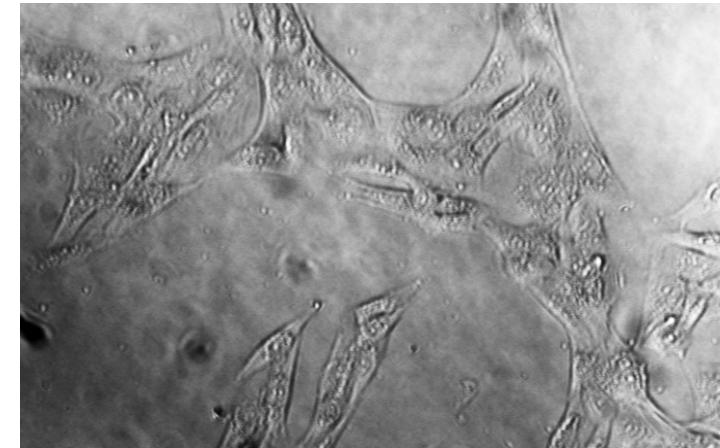


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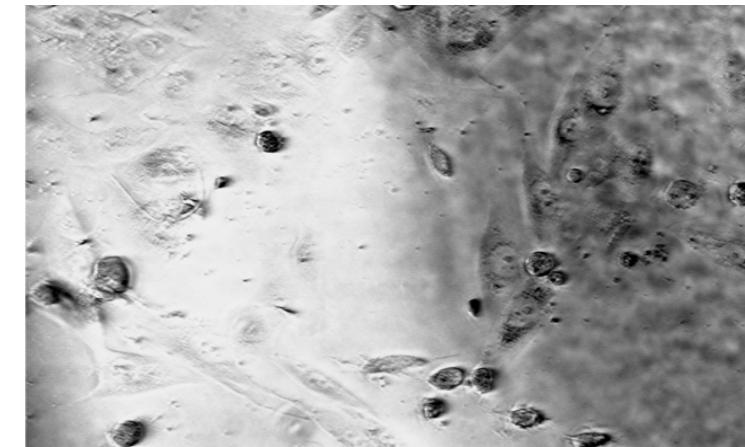
Control



72 hrs



PSI-AA mat

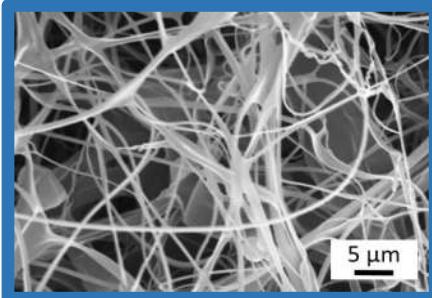
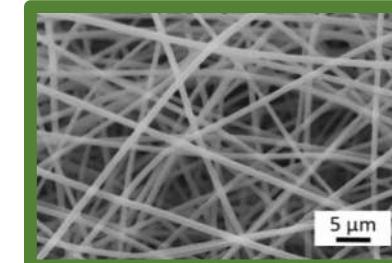


# *Summary*



Polymer synthesis from renewable resources;  
Allyl grafting

Electrospinning



Hydrolysis

Plasma treatment



Steril, crosslinked mats with no  
cytotoxicity





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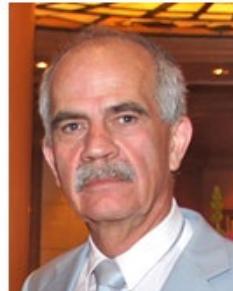
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