



Current Progress of Electrospun Nanocarriers for Drug Delivery Applications

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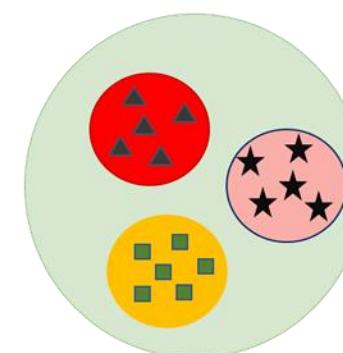
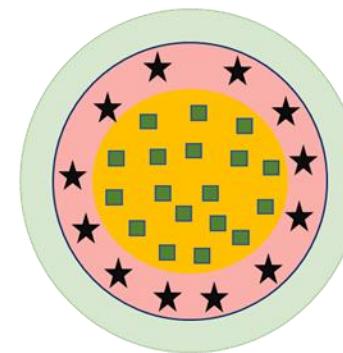
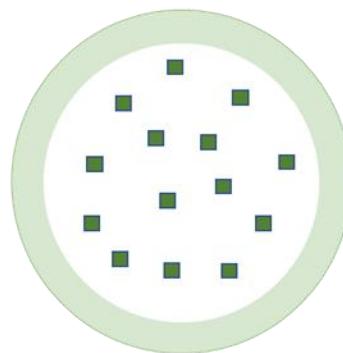
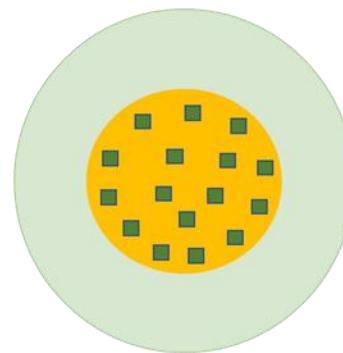
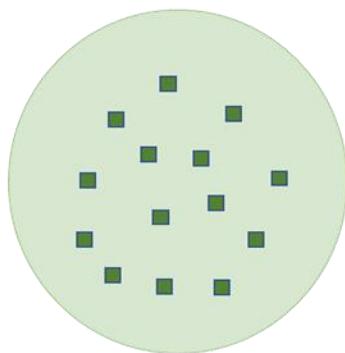
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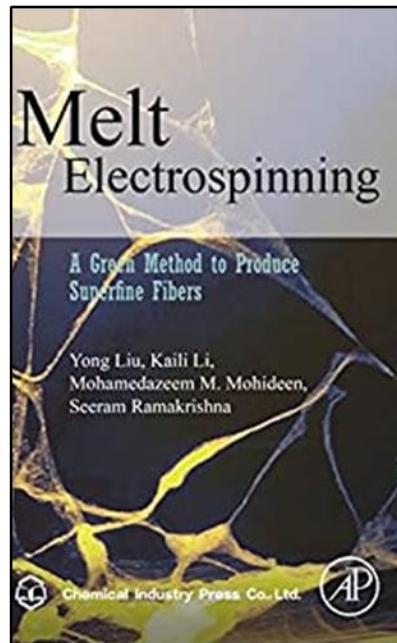
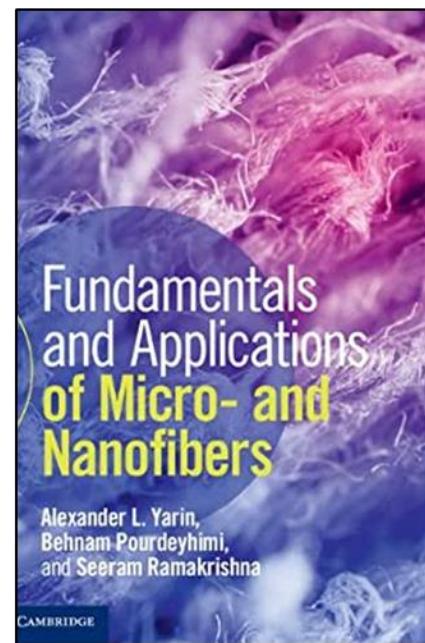
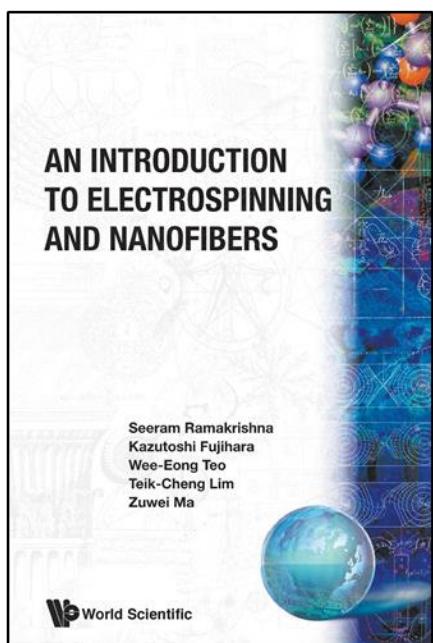
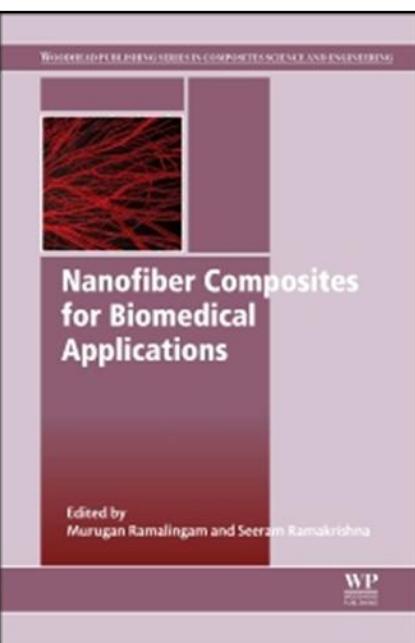
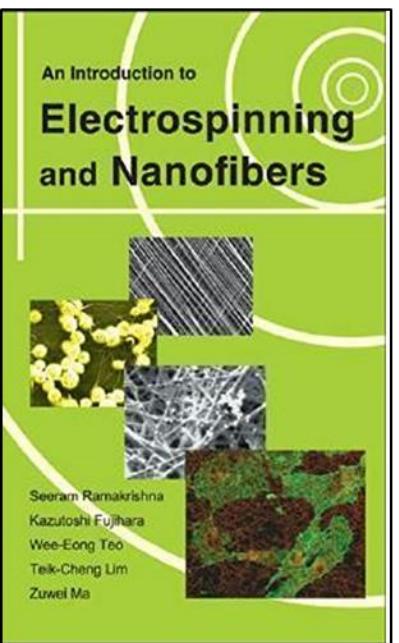
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Published book on electrospinning and nanofiber By Seeram Ramakrishna





Air Filtration



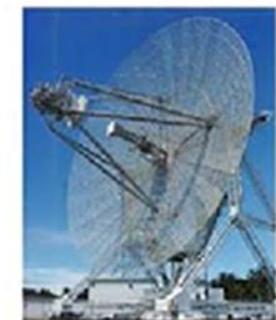
Defence



Food & Food Processing



Fast Moving Consumer Goods



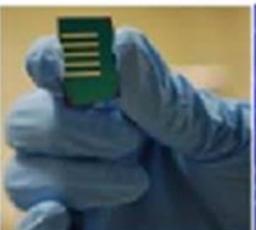
Robotics & Space technology



Oil & Gas Petroleum



Energy applications & Energy storage



Cosmetics

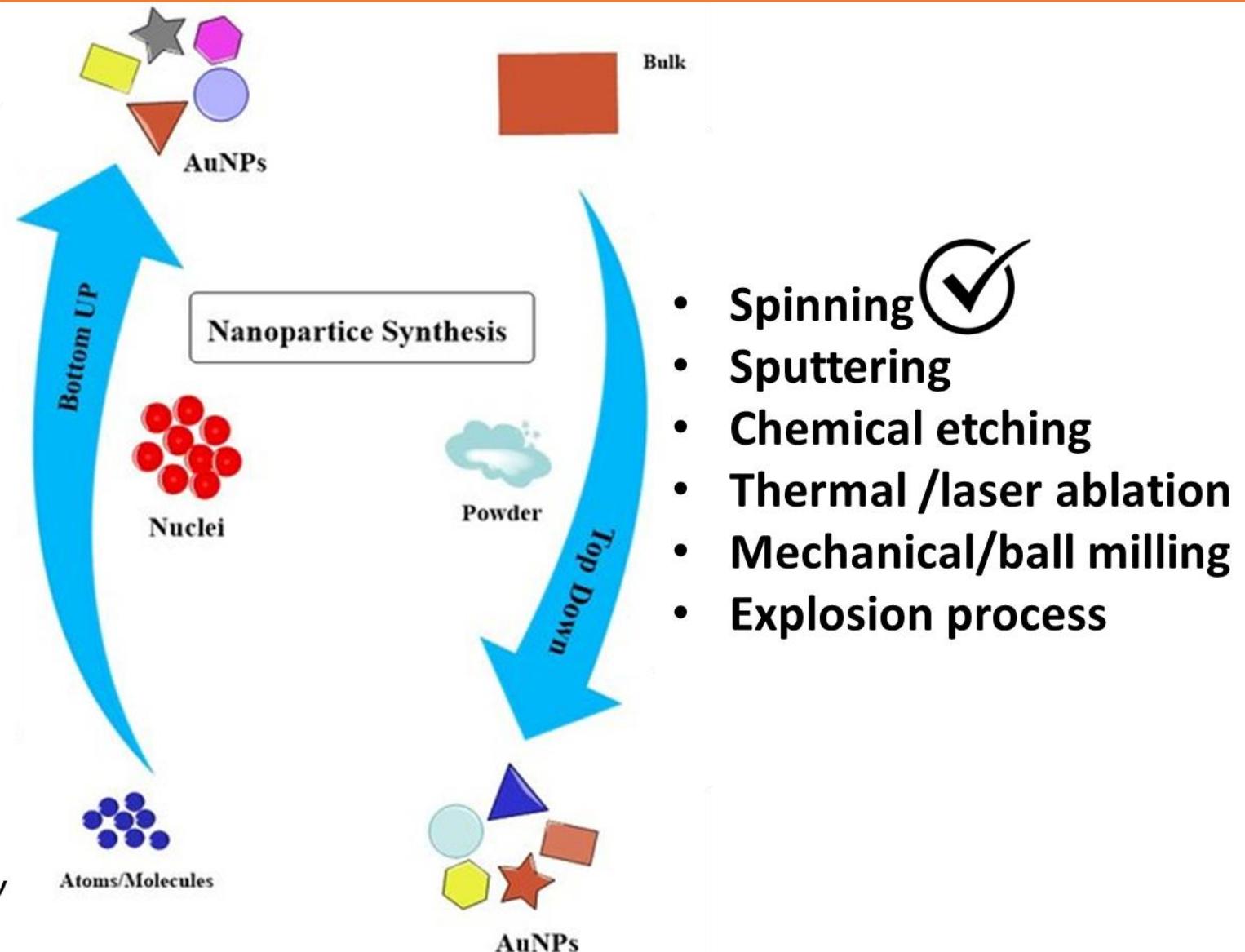


Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare



Nanomaterials synthesis techniques

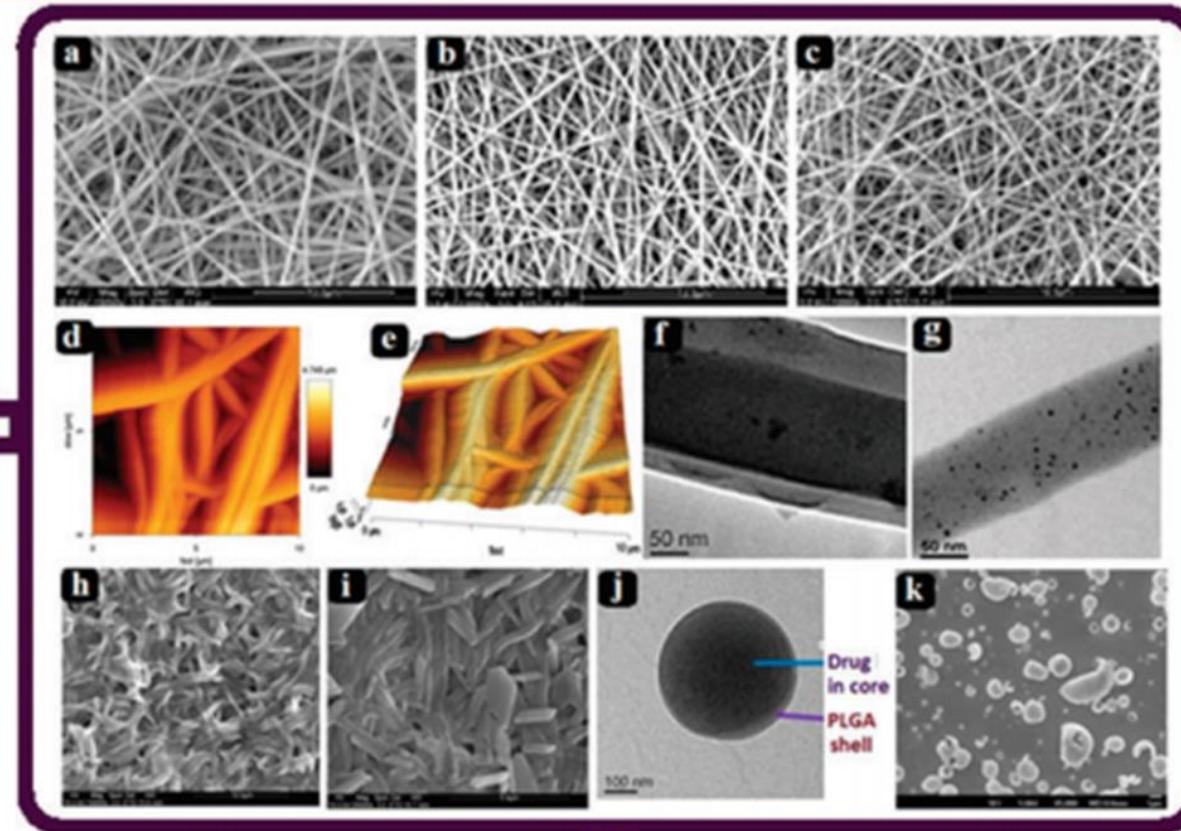
- **Atomic/ Molecular condensation**
- **Vapour deposition**
- **Sol-gel process**
- **Spray pyrolysis**
- **Chemical/ electrochemical deposition**
- **Aerosol process**
- **Bioretardation**





Electrospun and electrospray nanomaterials: their applications in various domains

Energy
Including (Solar cell,
battery, fuel cells,
electronics, oil and gas

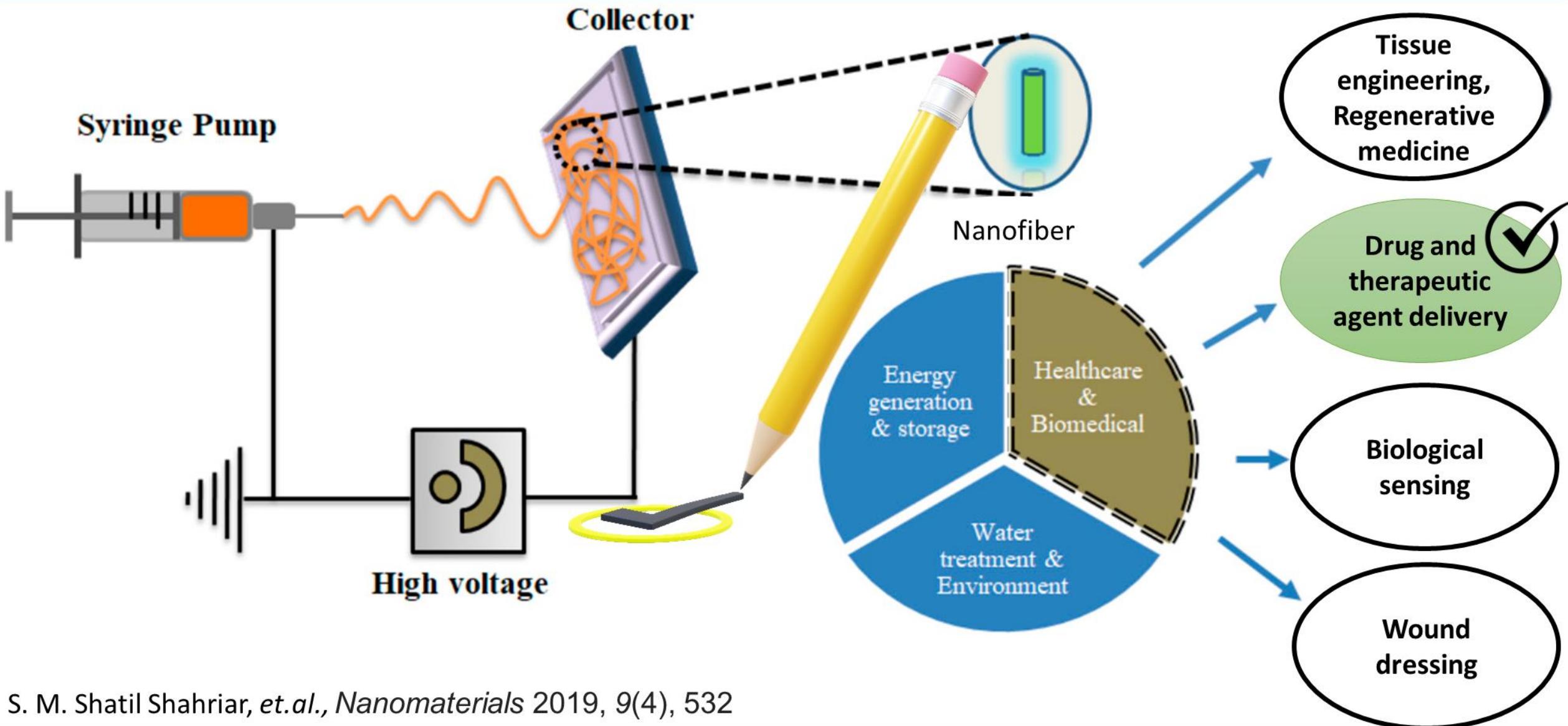


Health Care

**Water filtration,
Air filtration,
Defence**

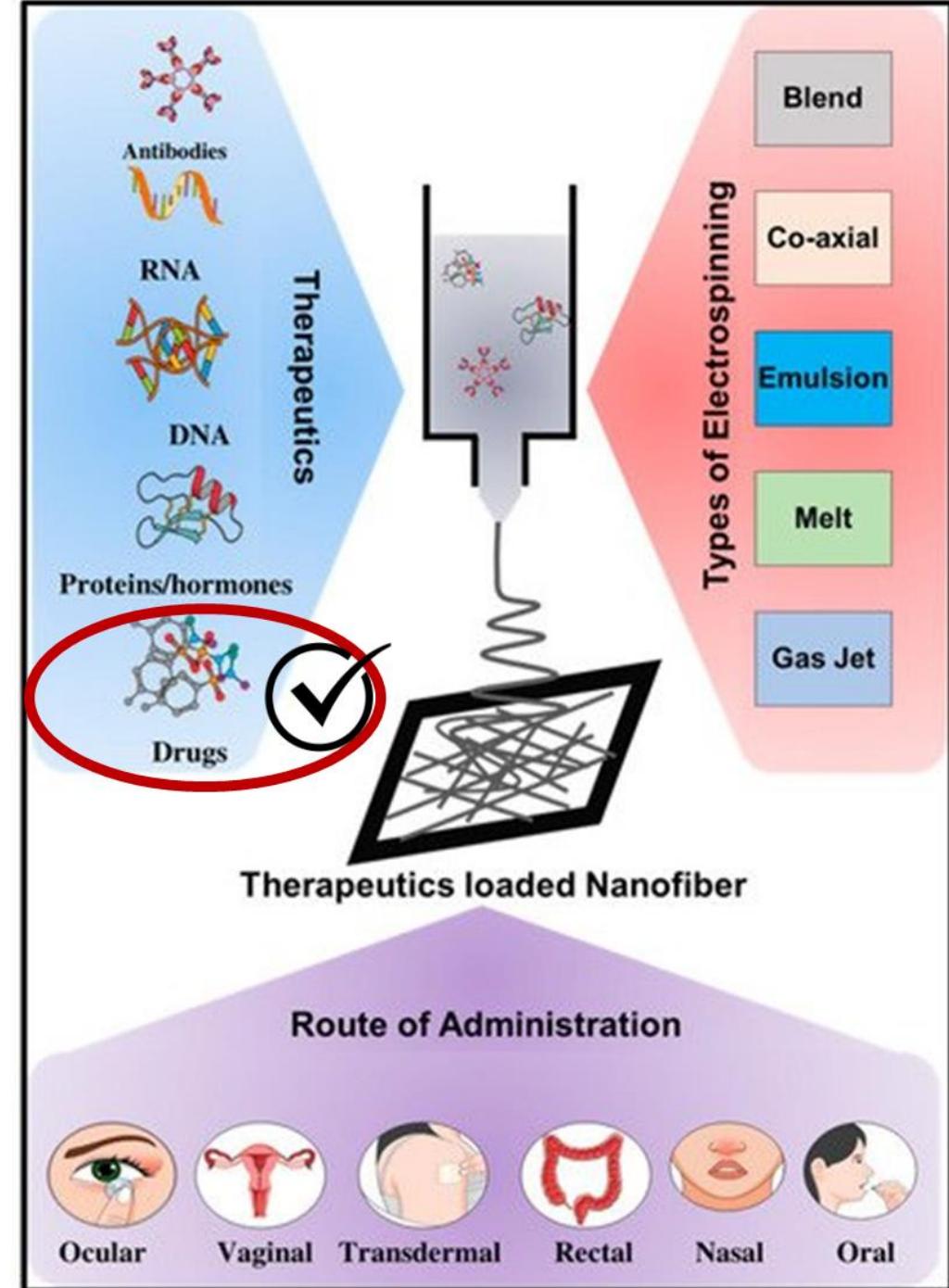


Electrospinning process and various healthcare and biomedical applications of nanofibers





Types of electrospinning, different therapeutics-loaded nanofibers and their route of administrations



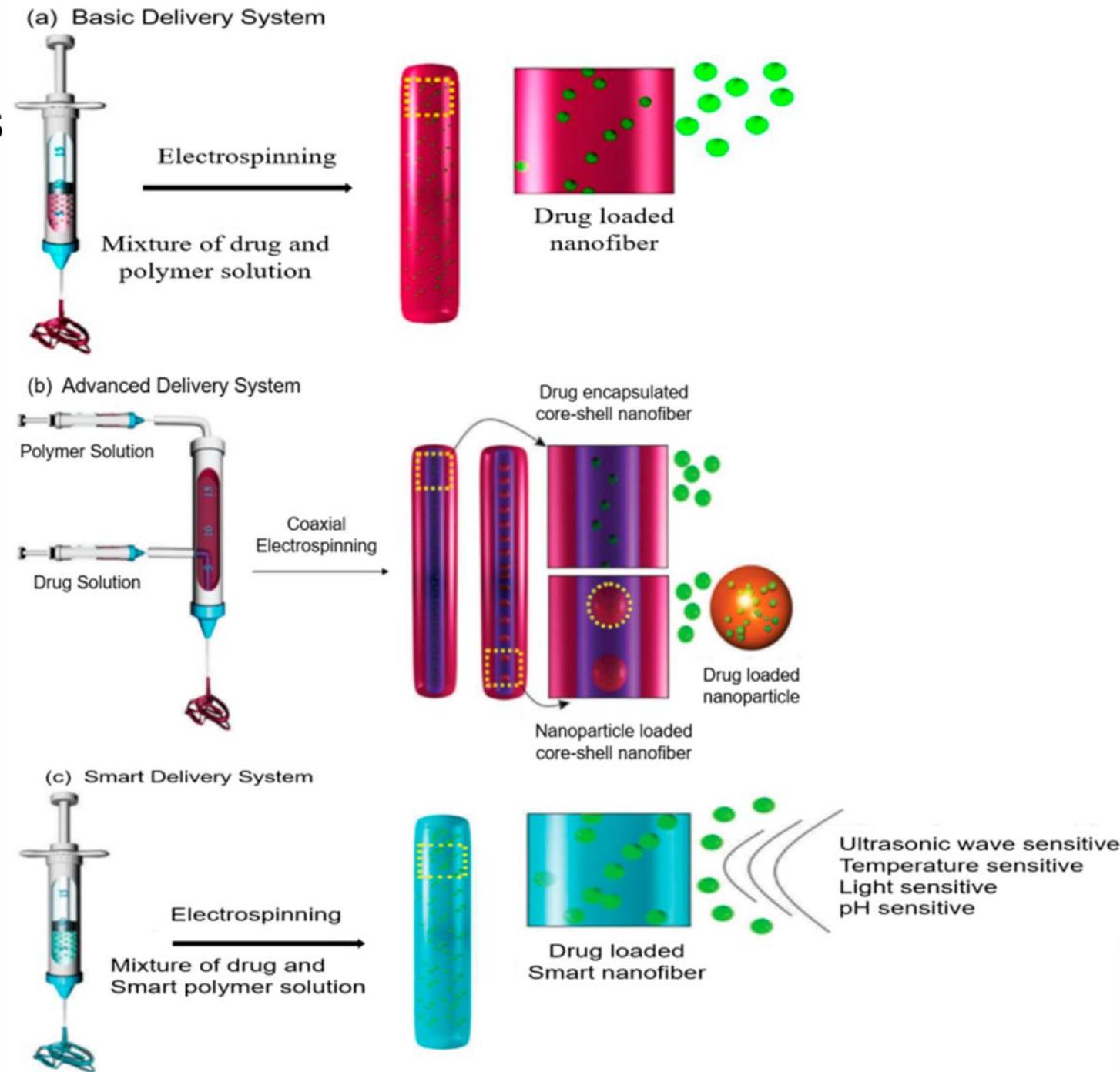


Drug loading strategies to nanofibers

(a) Basic antibacterial delivery systems,

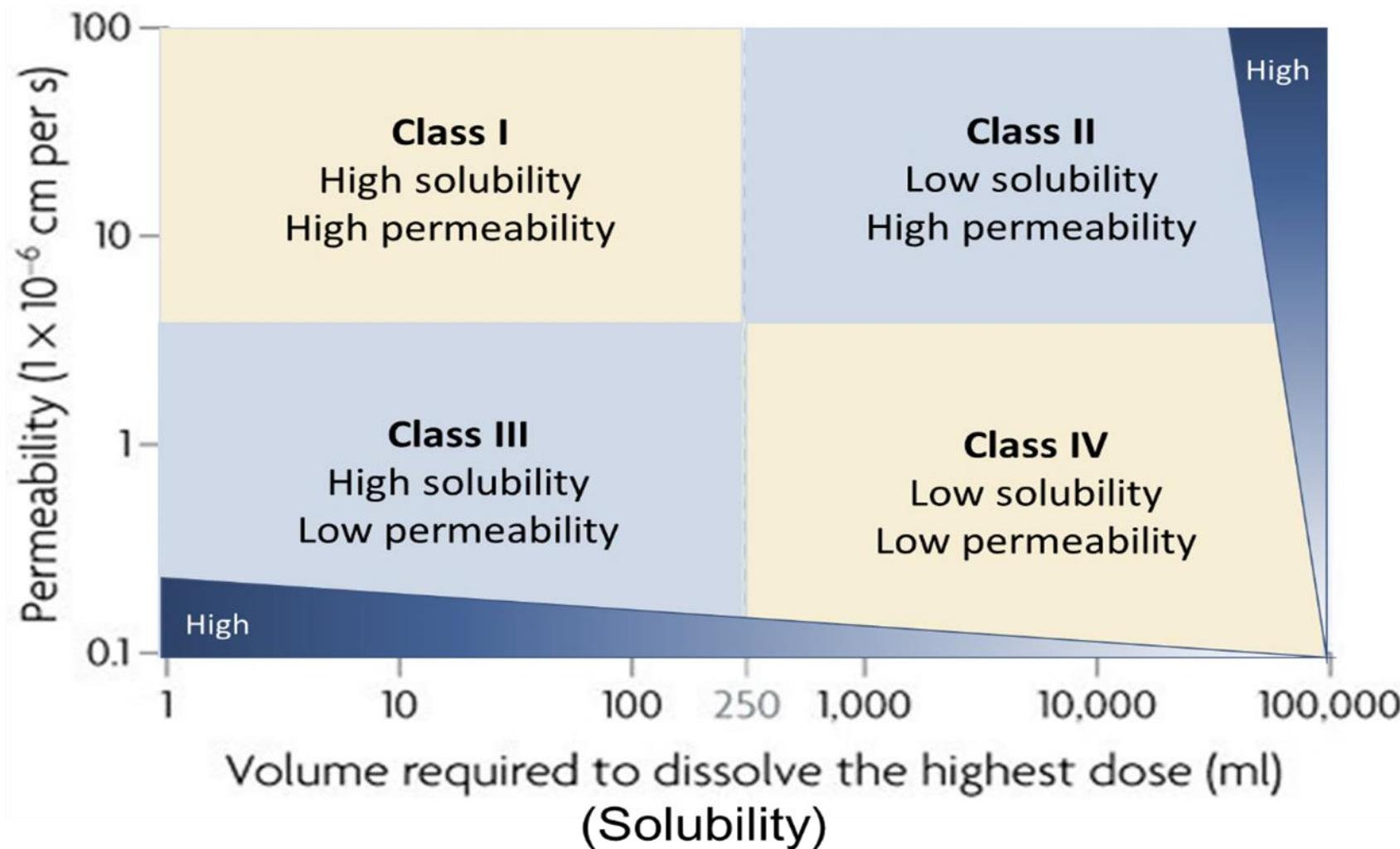
(b) Advanced antibacterial delivery systems (core–shell structure, nanoparticle decorated and multidrug loaded),

(c) Smart delivery systems (stimuli responsive)



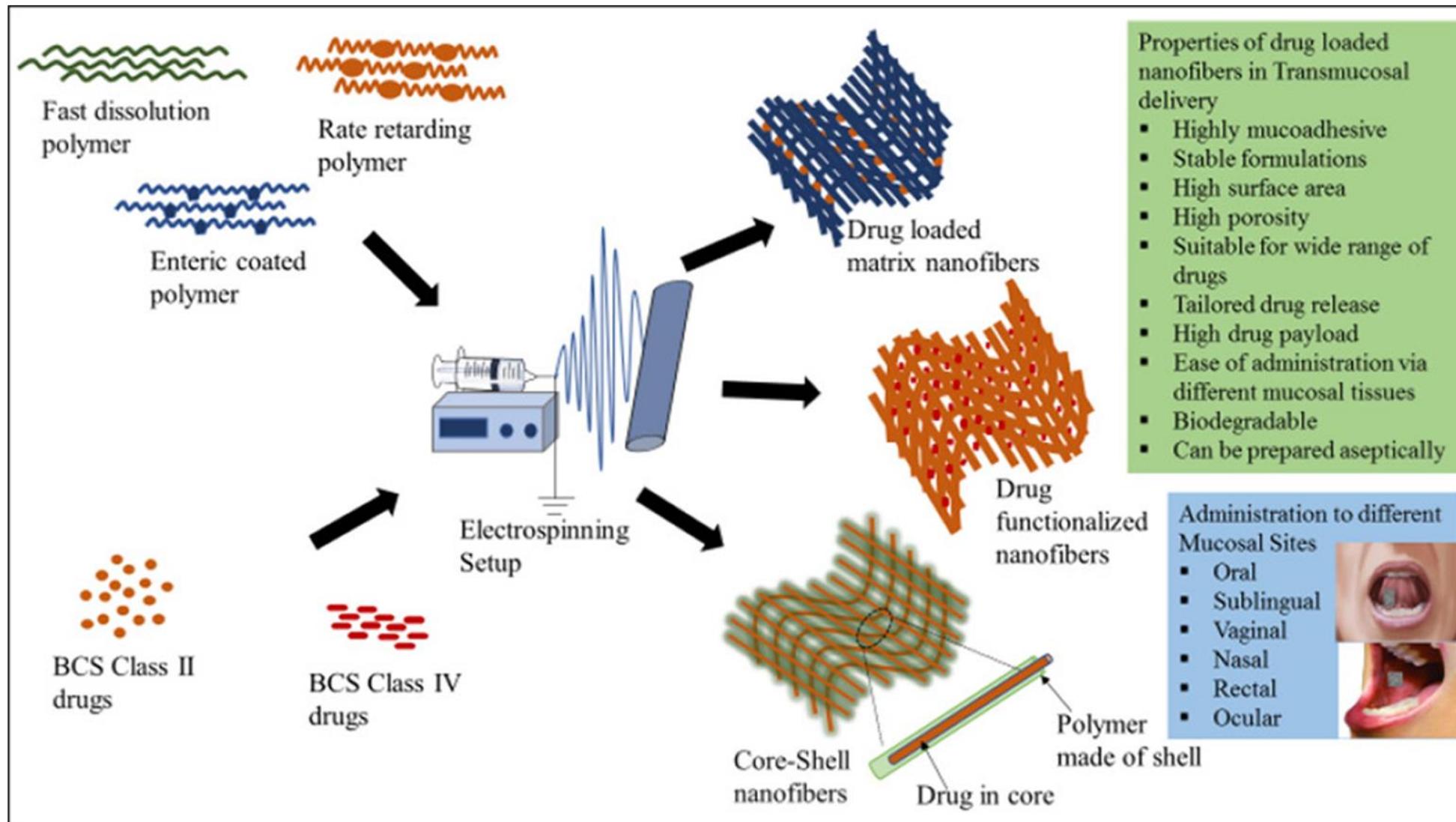


The biopharmaceutical classification system based on solubility and permeability



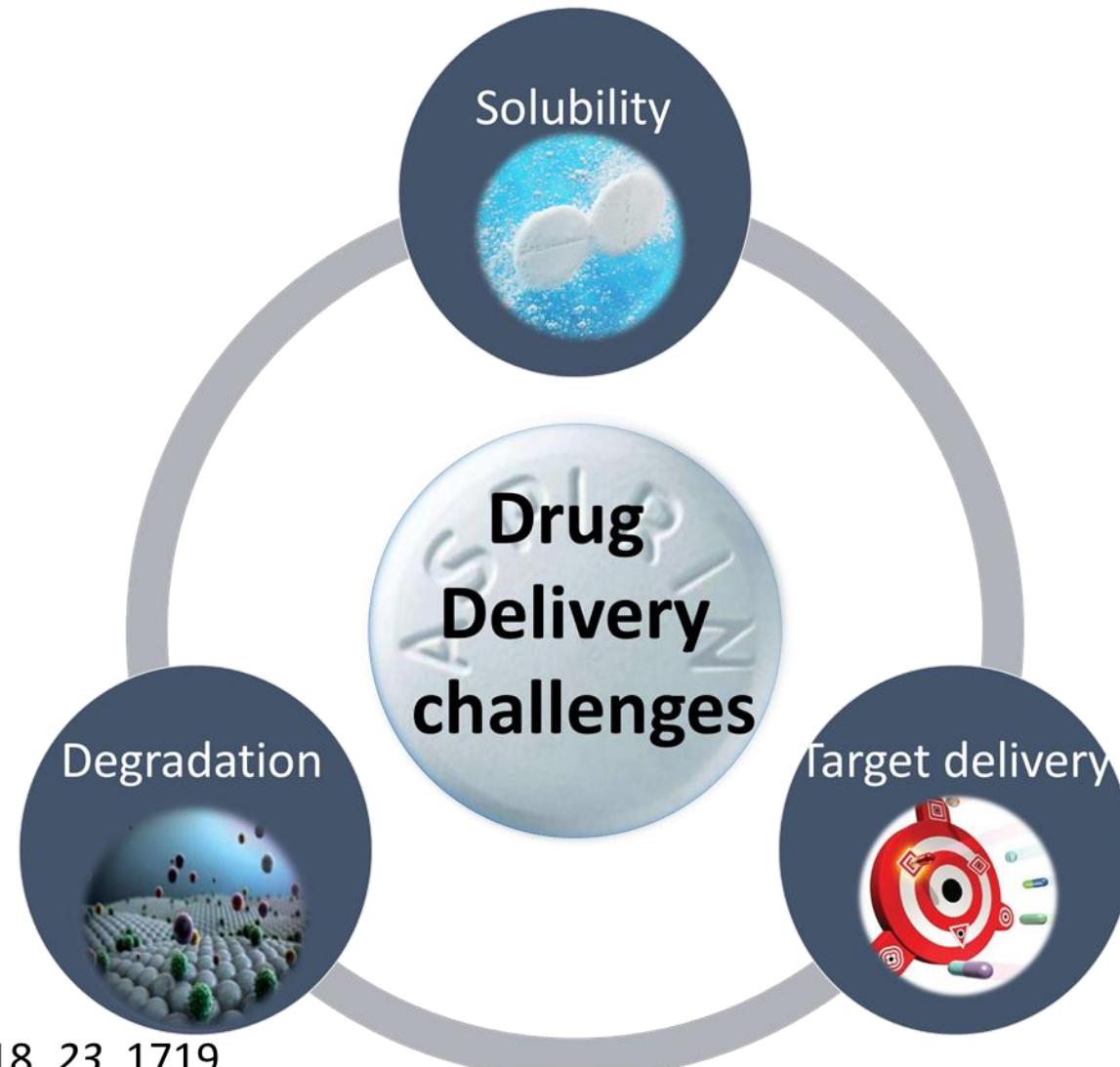


Electrospun nanofibers for the delivery of active drugs through nasal, oral and vaginal mucosa



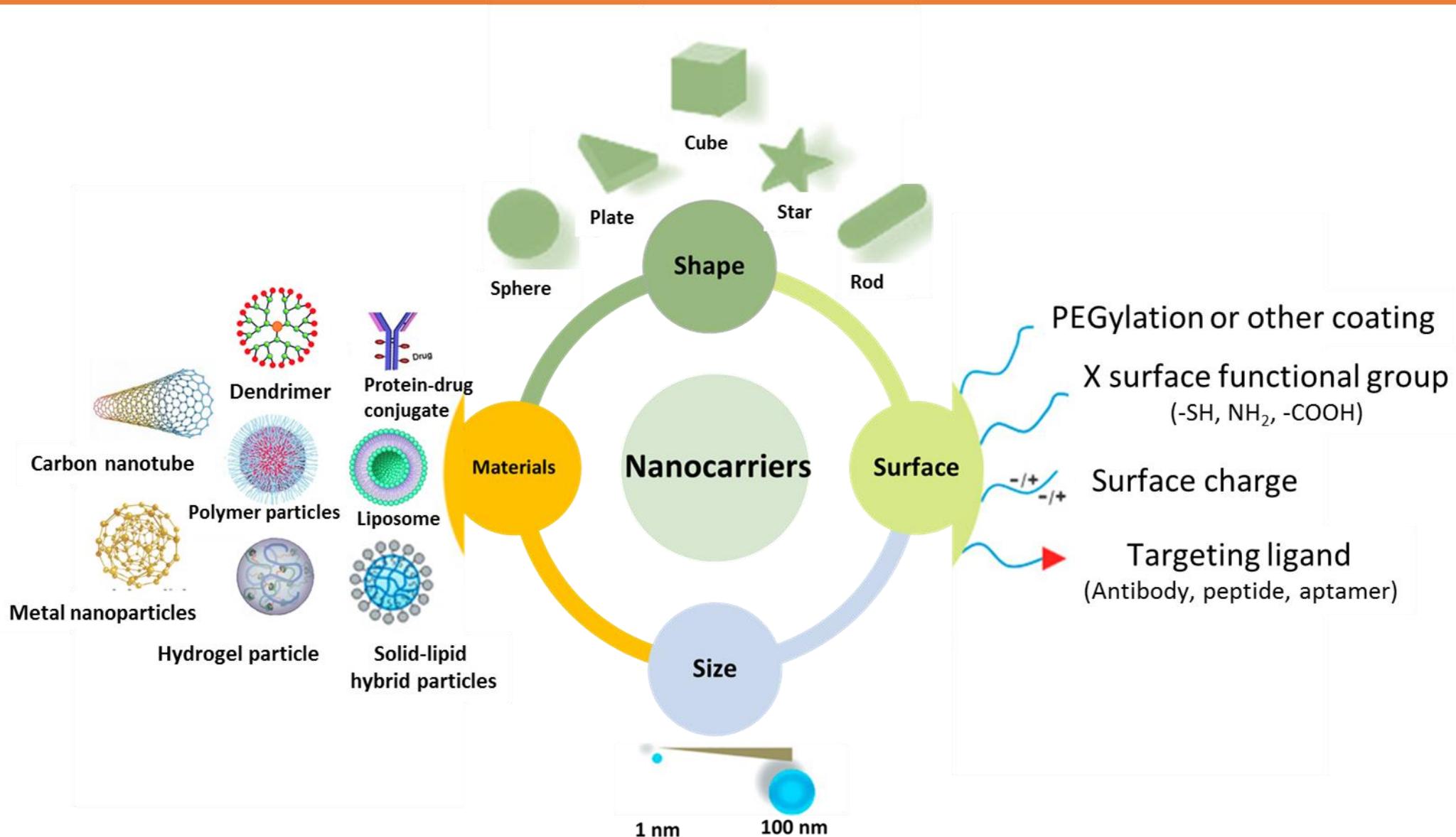


Drug delivery challenges





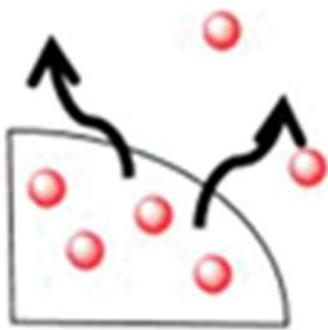
Nanocarriers for drug delivery and biophysicochemical properties



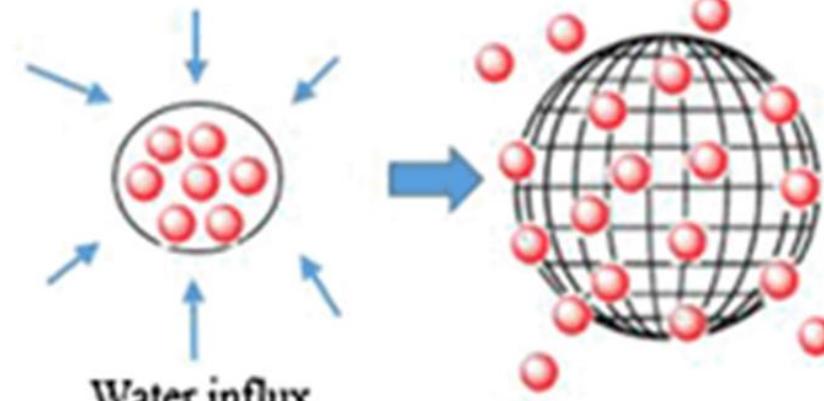


Various mechanisms of drug release from nanocarriers

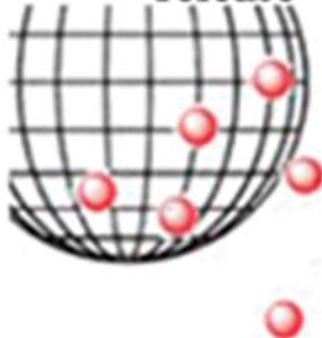
Diffusion-controlled release



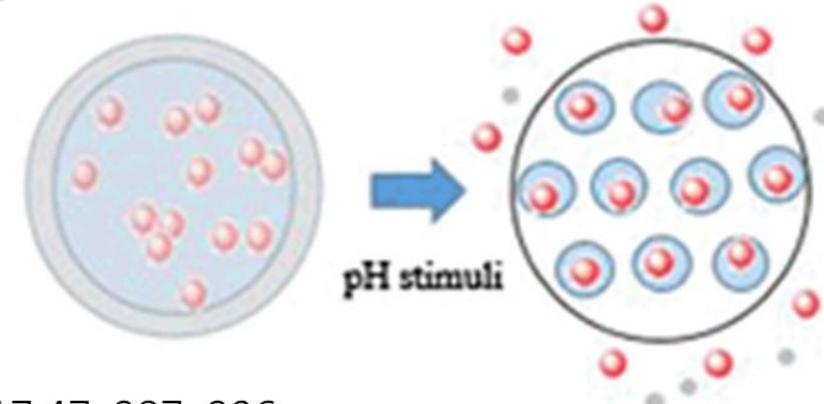
Solvent-controlled release



Polymer-degraded release

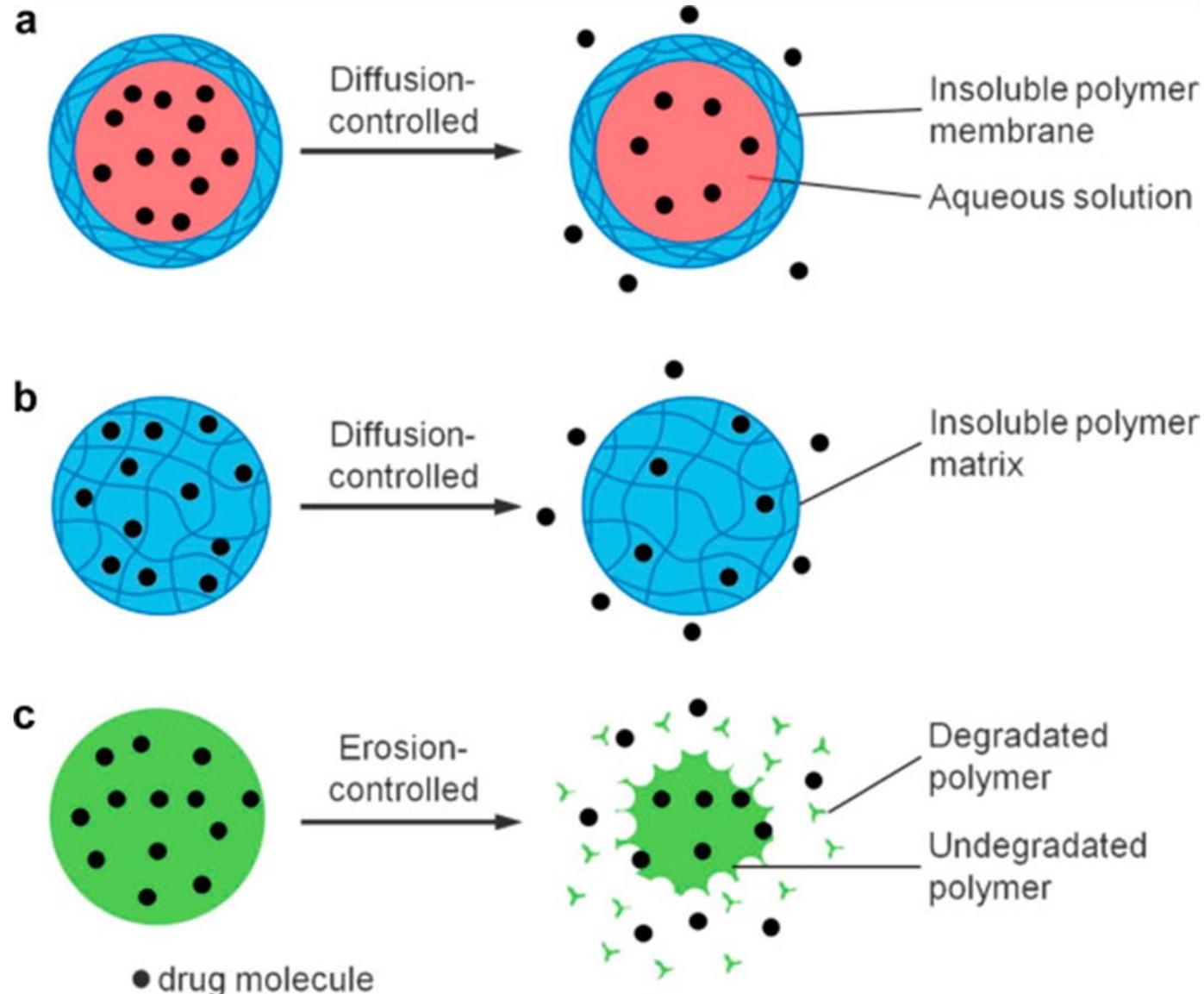


pH-sensitive release





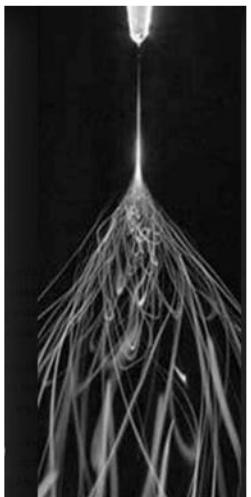
Solvent control release



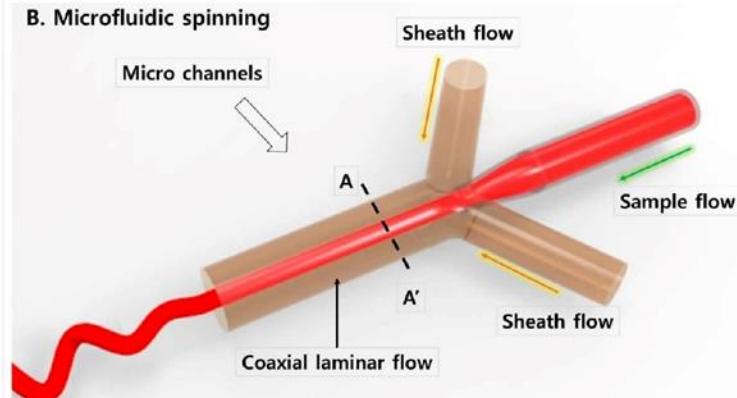


Current spinning methods

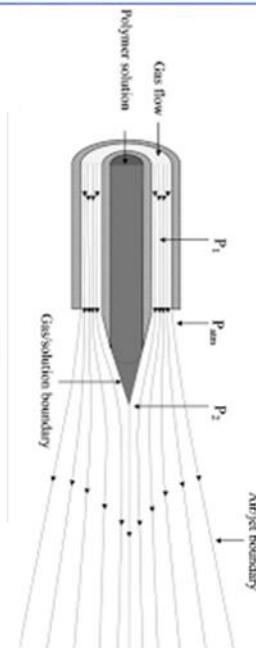
Electrospinning



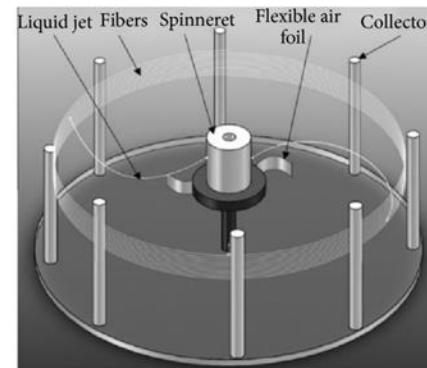
Microfluid
spinning



Solution blow
spinning



Centrifugal
spinning

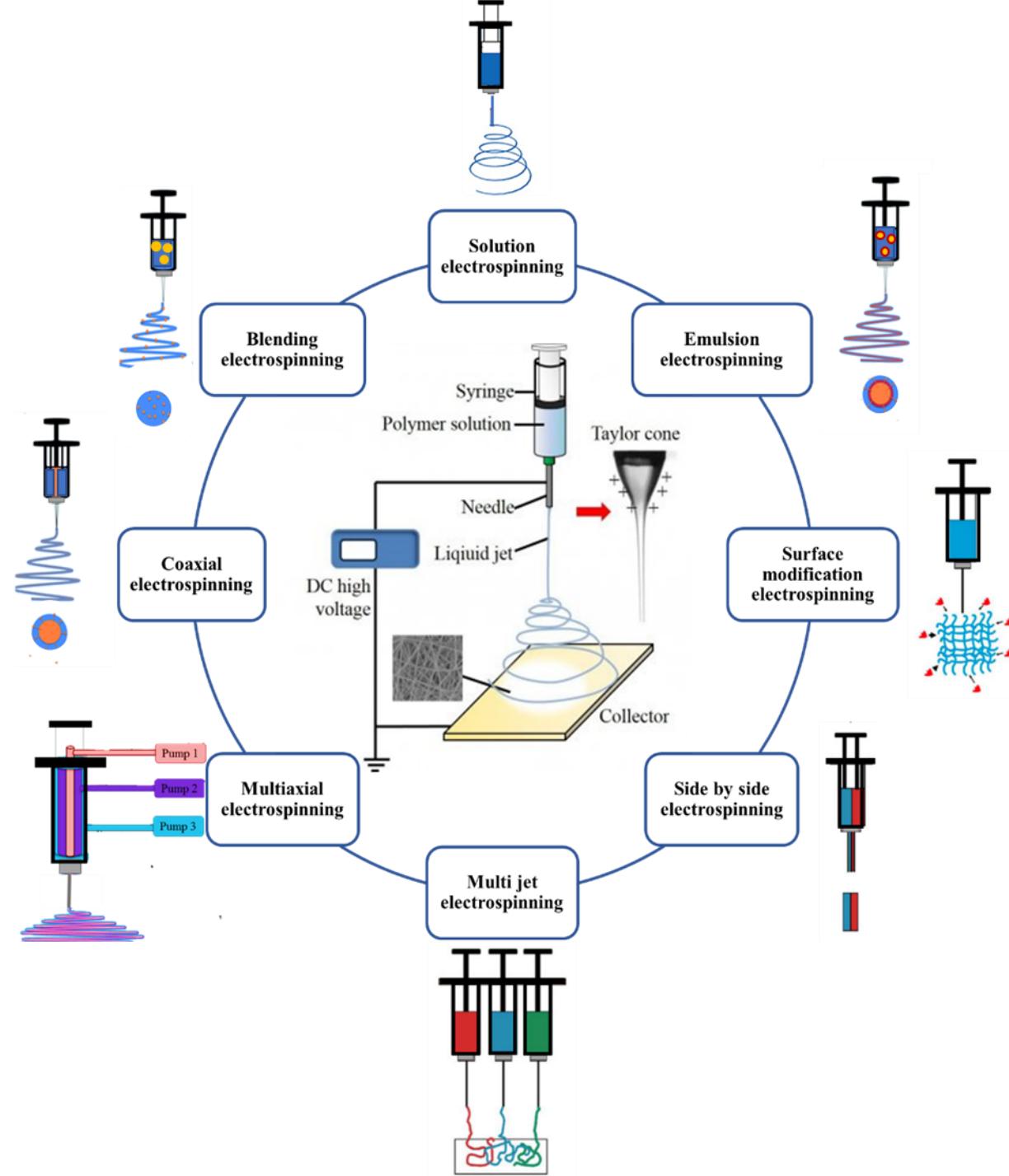


Electrospray





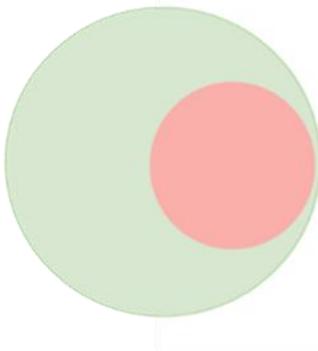
Types of electrospinning for fabrication of nanocarriers for drug delivery applications



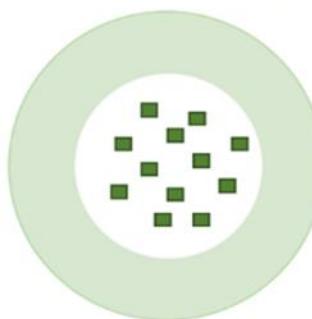


Nanofiber Cross section

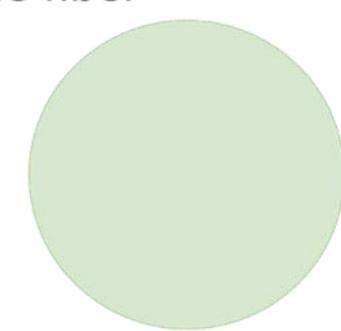
Core shell



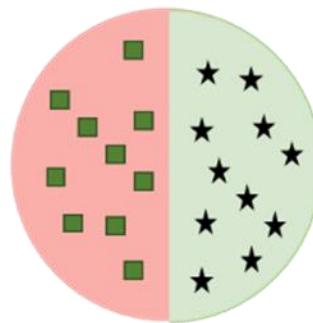
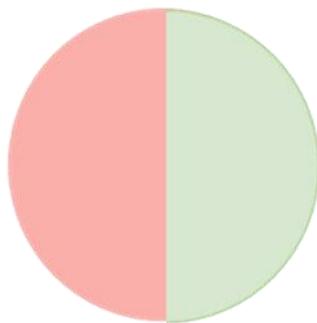
Hallow



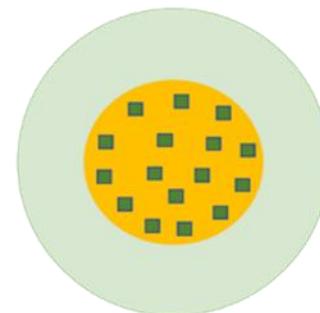
Single fiber



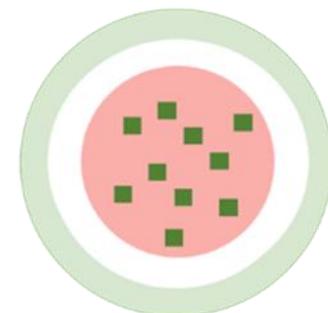
Side by side/ Janus



Coaxial



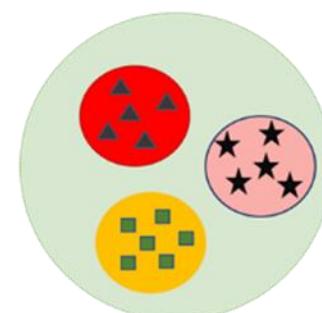
Triaxial

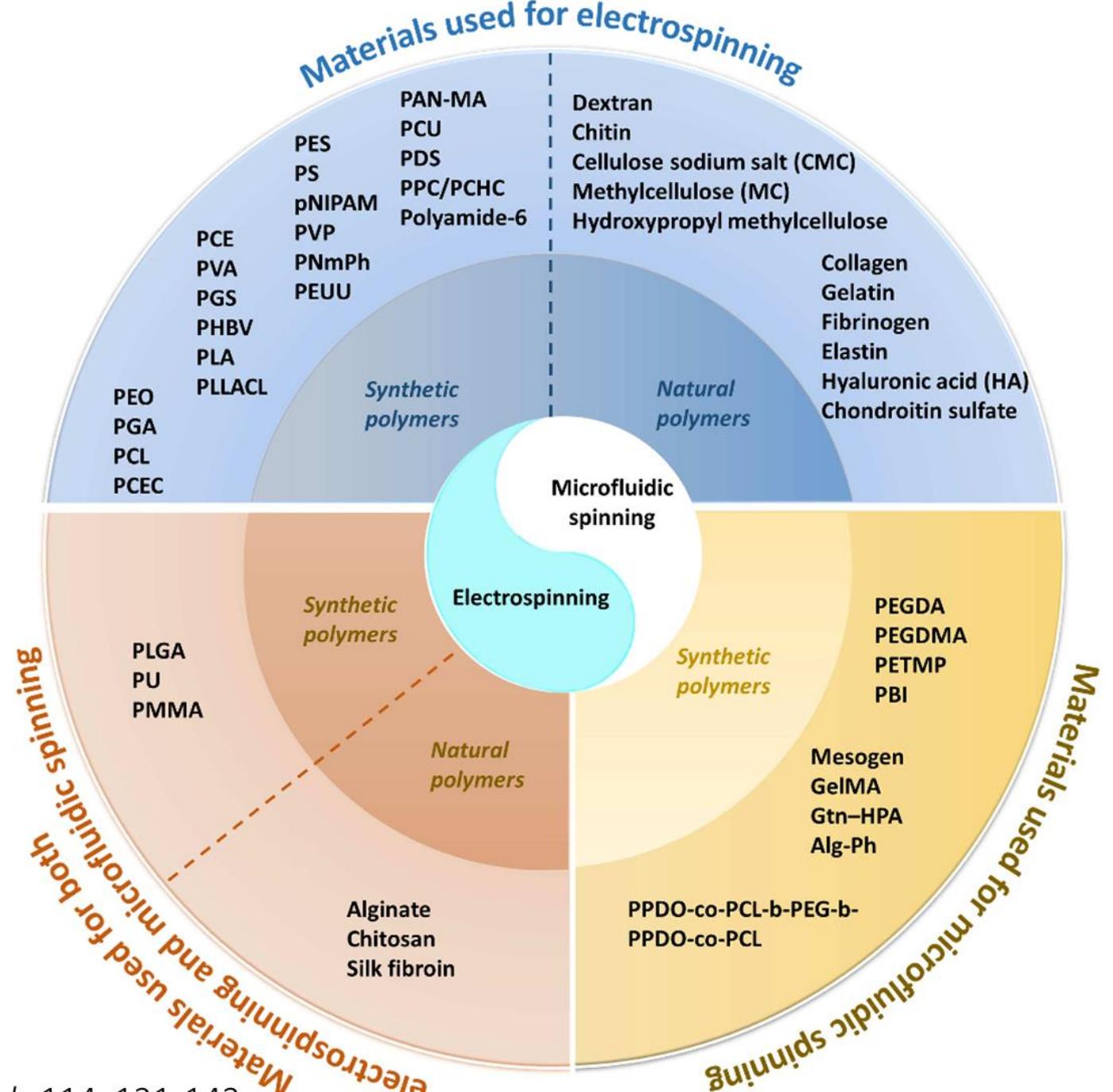


Multiaxial



Islands-in-the-sea







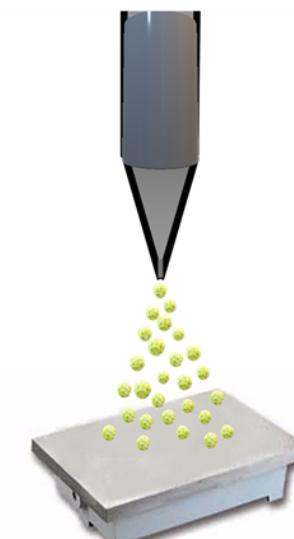
List of potential drug delivery applications of electrospun nanocarriers

Morphology	Polymer materials system	Drug types	Applications	Ref.
Particles	PLGA	Doxorubicin	Antineoplastic drugs	[1]
Particles in fiber	PHB	hydroxyapatite nanoparticle	Antineoplastic drugs	[2]
Fiber	Chitosan, PEO	Insulin	Transbuccal insulin delivery	[3]
Fiber	PVP	Carvedilol	Buccal delivery of Carvediol	[4]
Particles	triglyceride tristearin	Superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles and fluorophore	Theranostic agent	[5]
Particles	Lactose	Dry powder inhaler	Pulmonary drug delivery	[6]
Particles	Alginate	Silica supraparticles	Long term drug delivery	[7]
Fiber	PCL	Metronidazole/ciprofloxacin	Antimicrobial	[8]
Particles in fiber	PLGA	$\text{NaYF}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$	Antineoplastic drugs	[9]
Fiber	PCNU	Antimicrobial oligomer (AO)	Antimicrobial	[10]
Fiber	Poly(methyl vinyl ether-alt-maleic ethyl monoester)	Salicylic acid/methyl salicylate capsaicin	Psoriatic lesions treatment	[11]
Particles	PLGA	Curcumin	Antineoplastic drugs	[12]



Conclusion

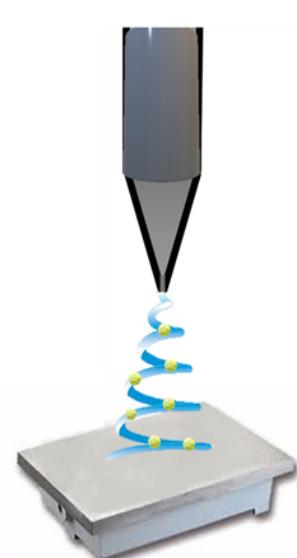
- In conclusion, it is clear that the electrospinning method by the generation of desired nanofibers and nanoparticles possesses excellent potential in pharmaceutical applications.
- However, optimization of the different factors is crucial to generate nanocarriers with the desired function and morphology for drug delivery application.
- Also, the electrospinning approach is an effective strategy for sustainable drug release, target delivery, and encapsulation of drugs.
- Moreover, there are drawbacks to this system for the commercialization of nanocarriers for drug delivery. Therefore, further studies, standardization, and understanding of public health concern are required to develop marketable products.



Electrospray Nanoparticles as drug carriers



Electrospun nanofibers are drug carriers



Electrosprayed Nanoparticles +
electrospun nanofibers as drug carriers



Thank You



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