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Enhancing bone regeneration through capillary forces

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(this) French-American collaboration made possible by:

tissue engineering
and bone



Chair of Excellence award

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Dillon FONG aims to develop in-situ X-ray synchrotron scattering techniques for the study of oxide thin film growth – down to the atomic-scale. He is at Argonne National Lab in Illinois.



David CEPERLEY is a theoretical physicist. He is a world expert in the area of the development and the application of the Quantum Monte Carlo's methods for the precise calculation of the fundamental state and the spectral properties of models of increasing complexity.



Jian Min ZUO is a materials scientist who works on the development of electron Coherent Diffractive Imaging (CDI) for structure characterization of nanoparticles and carbon nanotubes.



About

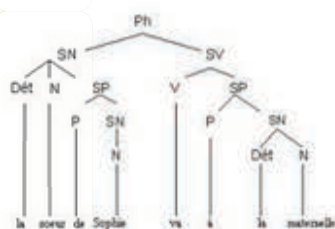
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French Connections at the University of Illinois

Animal Sciences

Keith W. Kelley - Professor, Immunophysiology

Project: **Nutrition and Neuroinflammation** - Members: Robert Dantzer, Keith W. Kelley, Rod W. Johnson (Professors, UIUC). French Connection: Sophie Laye (Université de Bordeaux II).

Contact: Robert Dantzer [click here](#)

David Miller - Associate Professor, Animal Sciences Project: **Function of the oviduct in sperm storage before fertilization** - French connection: Xavier Druart

Contact: David Miller [click here](#)

Anthropology

Alma Gottlieb - Professor, Anthropology & African Studies

Project: **Visiting Professor** - EHESS (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales) Fall, 2010.

Contact: Prof. Hamit Bazarlan (EHESS) [click here](#)

Chemistry

Thomas Rauchfuss - Professor, Chemistry

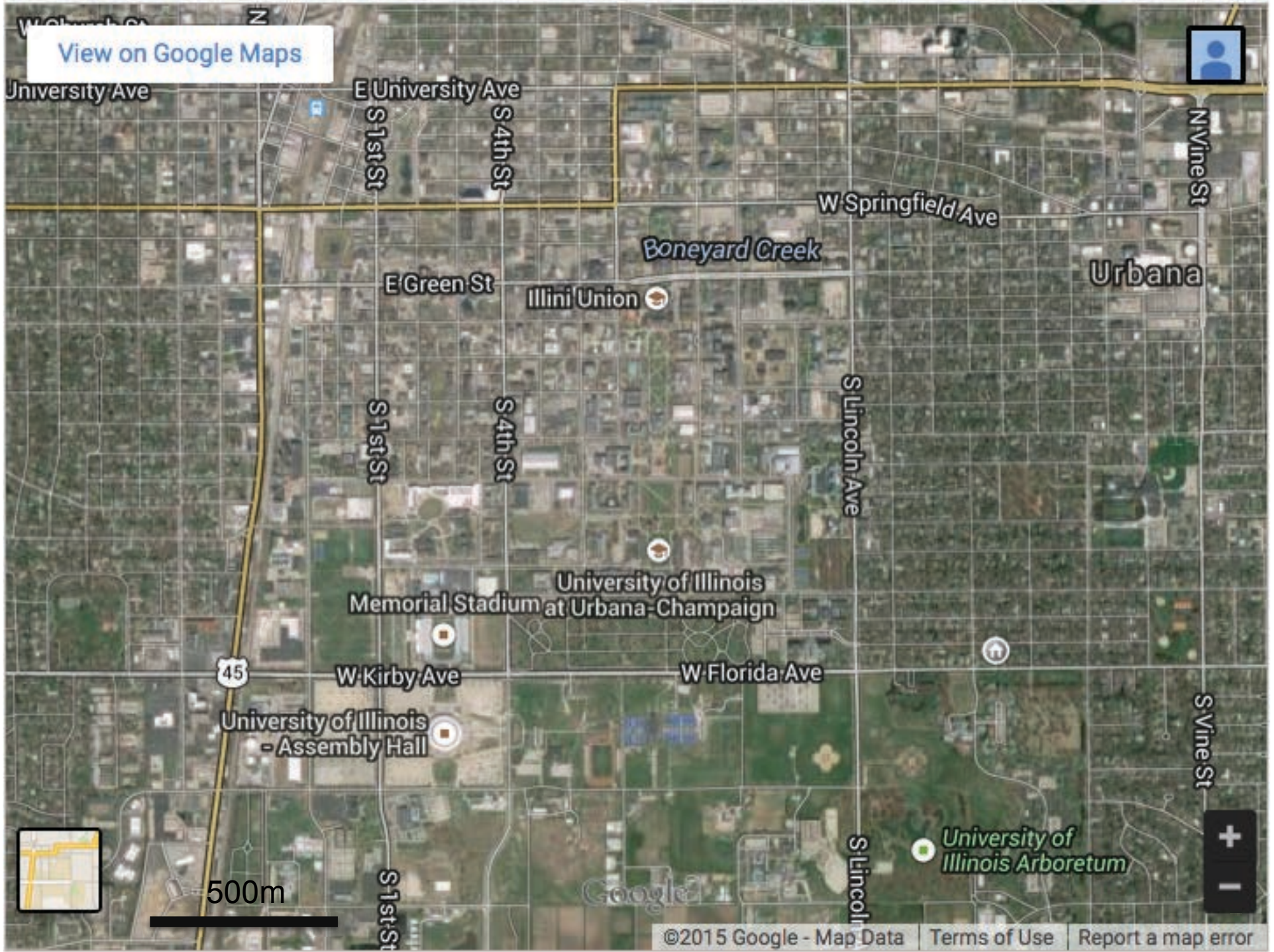
Project: **Formal Collaboration** - Frederick Gloaguen, Thomas Rauchfuss.

Contact: Thomas Rauchfuss [click here](#)

Deborah Leckband - Professor, Chemistry

Project: **Formal Collaboration** - Team members: Deborah Leckband (Chemical Sciences, UIUC), Paul Braun (Materials Science, UIUC). French Team: Giovanna Fragneto (Institute Laue Langevin, Grenoble); Avraham Halperin (Université de Grenoble).

Contact: Deborah Leckband [click here](#)



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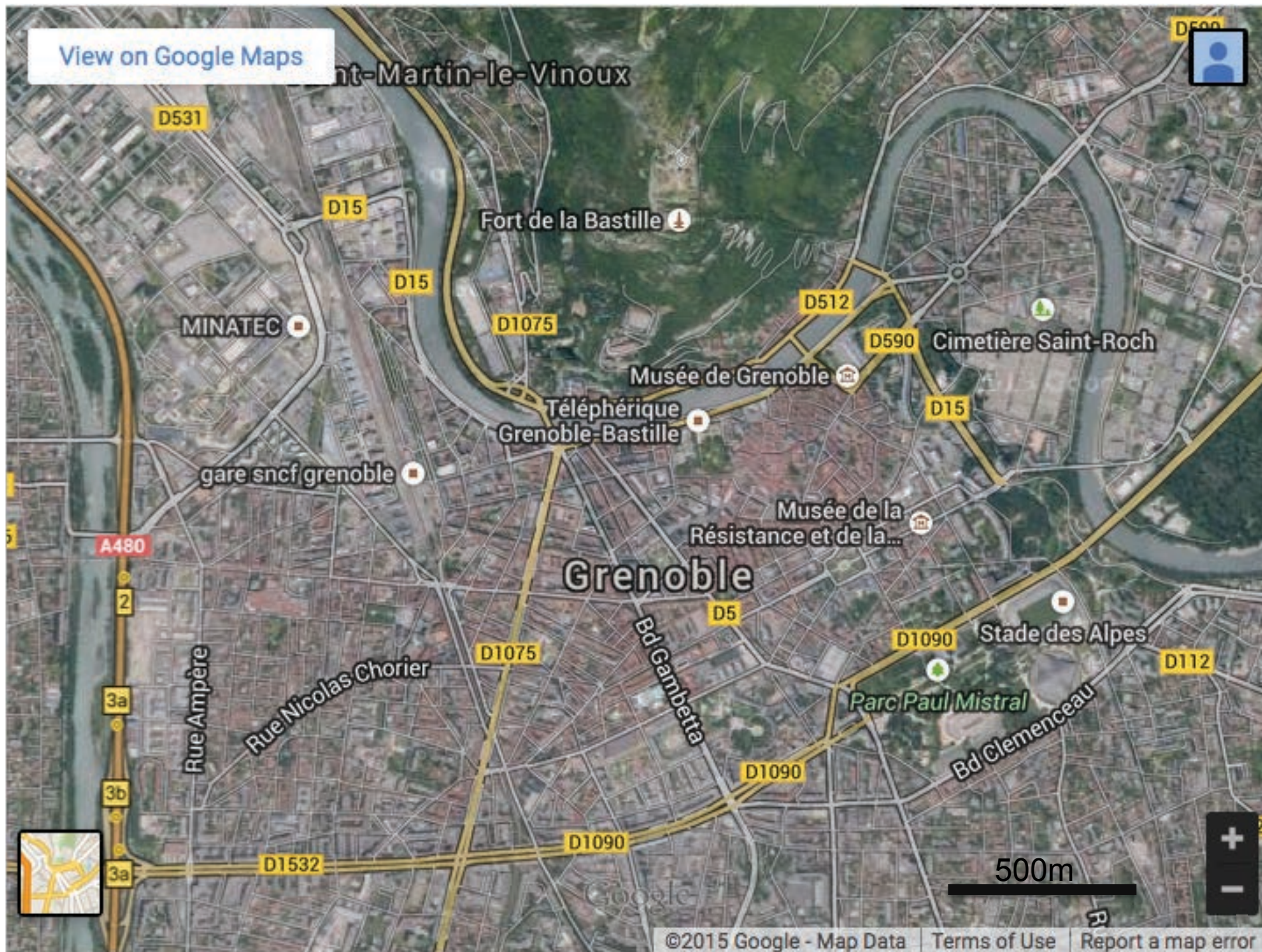
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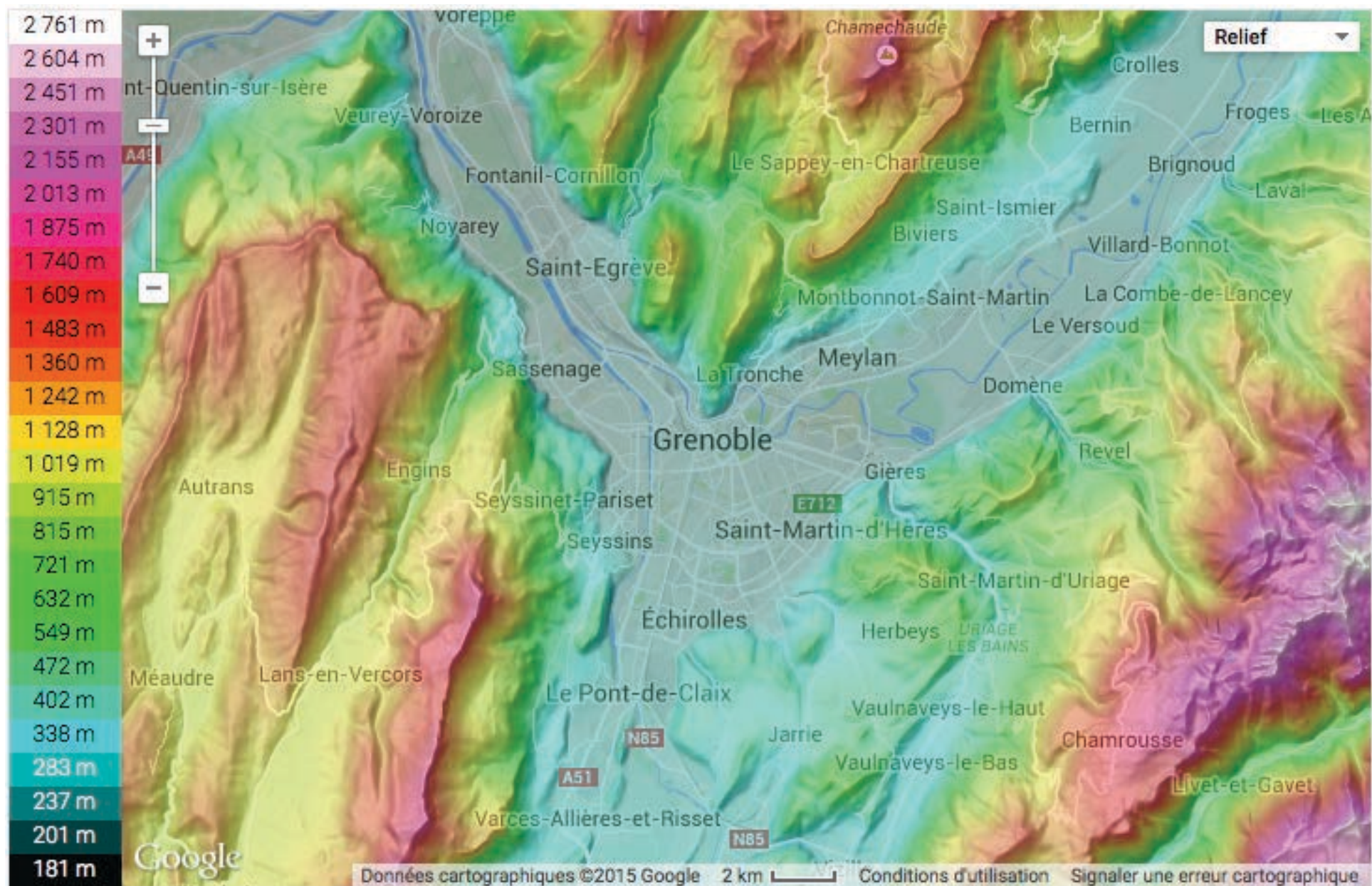
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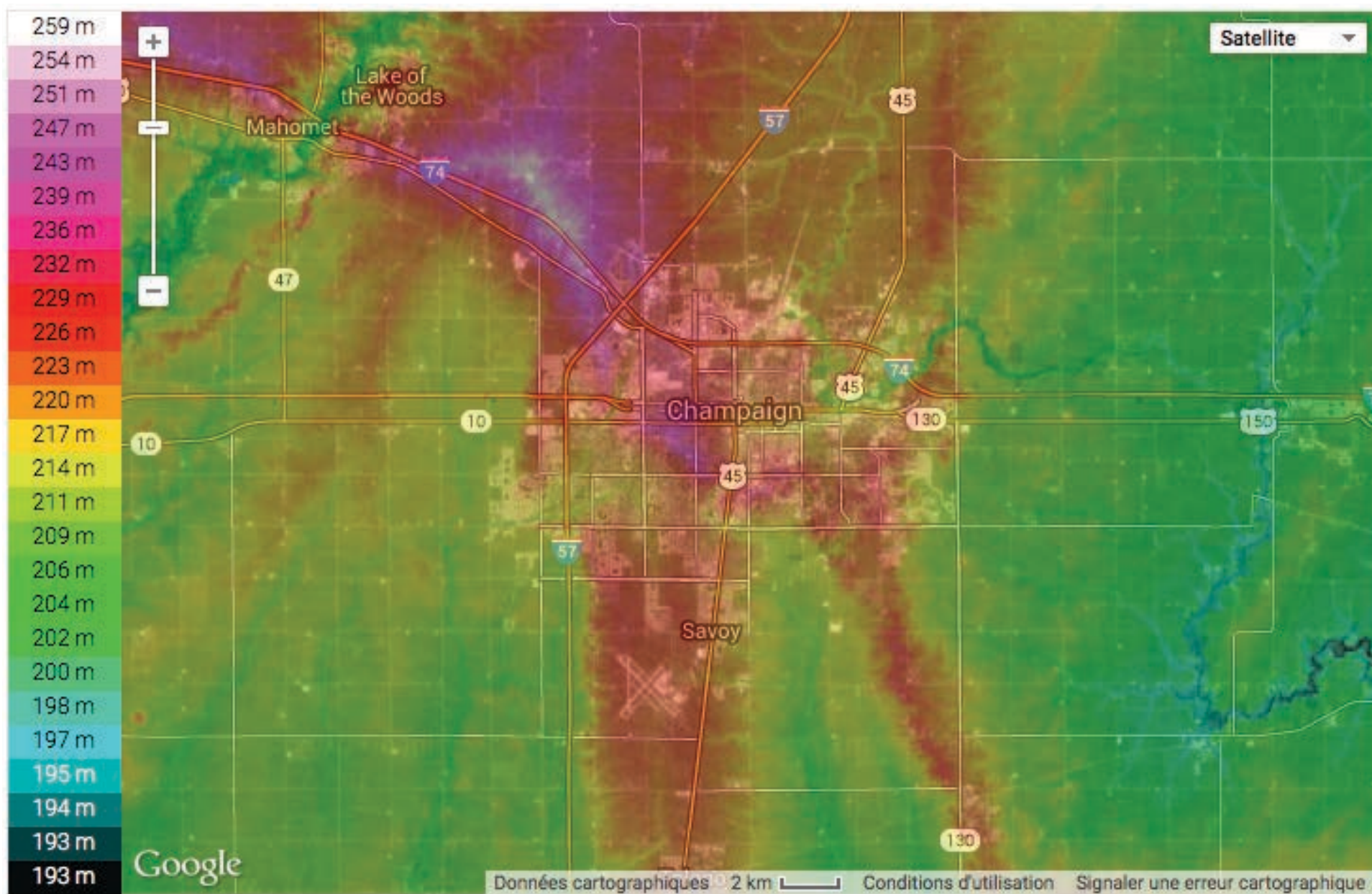
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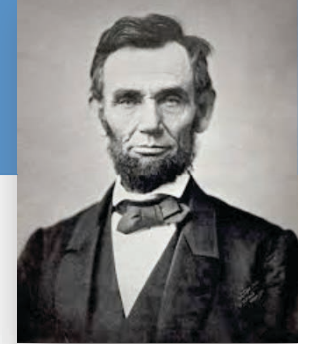
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History

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is one of the original 37 public land-grant institutions created after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act in 1862.

emphasis on engineering, agriculture, military science

1867

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Some notable scientific achievements of faculty

9 Nobel laureates

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Quantum-well laser and LED Nick Holonyak, first graduate student under two-time Nobel Prize winner John Bardeen, also from U Illinois, has accomplishments that have changed the world. He introduced the quantum-well laser and invented the first practical light-emitting-diode. Today, all L-E-Ds and lasers use Holonyak's quantum well lasers.

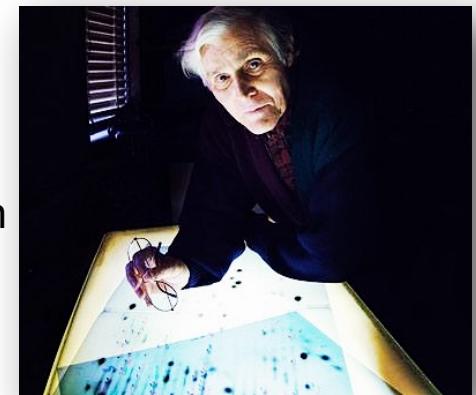


Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

Paul C. Lauterbur received the 2003 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for his development of MRI, which has become invaluable to the medical field.

Discovery of 3rd Branch of the 'Tree of Life'

Archaea Carl Woese revolutionized molecular biology when he announced that life came in three forms, not two (bacteria and all else). Woese discovered the third branch, Archaea.



Some scientific & technological achievements of alumni

10 Nobel laureates

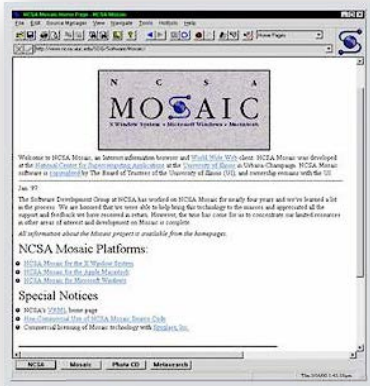
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First Graphical Browser Students Marc Andreessen and Eric Bina created the prototype for Mosaic, the first browser in 1993. Mosaic was credited with enabling the Web to gain widespread popularity. He was co-founder of Netscape.



Development of Radioimmunoassay Rosalyn Sussman Yalow shared 1977 Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology for the discovery and development of radioimmunoassay, a technique that employs radioactive isotopes to detect and measure the levels of insulin and hormones. Yalow was the 2nd woman to win the Nobel Prize in medicine.

Inventor of pH meter. Arnold O. Beckman



Co-founder of YouTube Steve Chen

Creator of Eudora Steve Dorner



Co-founder of PayPal Max Levchin

What is tissue engineering?

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"...an interdisciplinary field that applies the principles of engineering and life sciences toward the development of biological substitutes that restore, maintain, or improve tissue function or a whole organ".

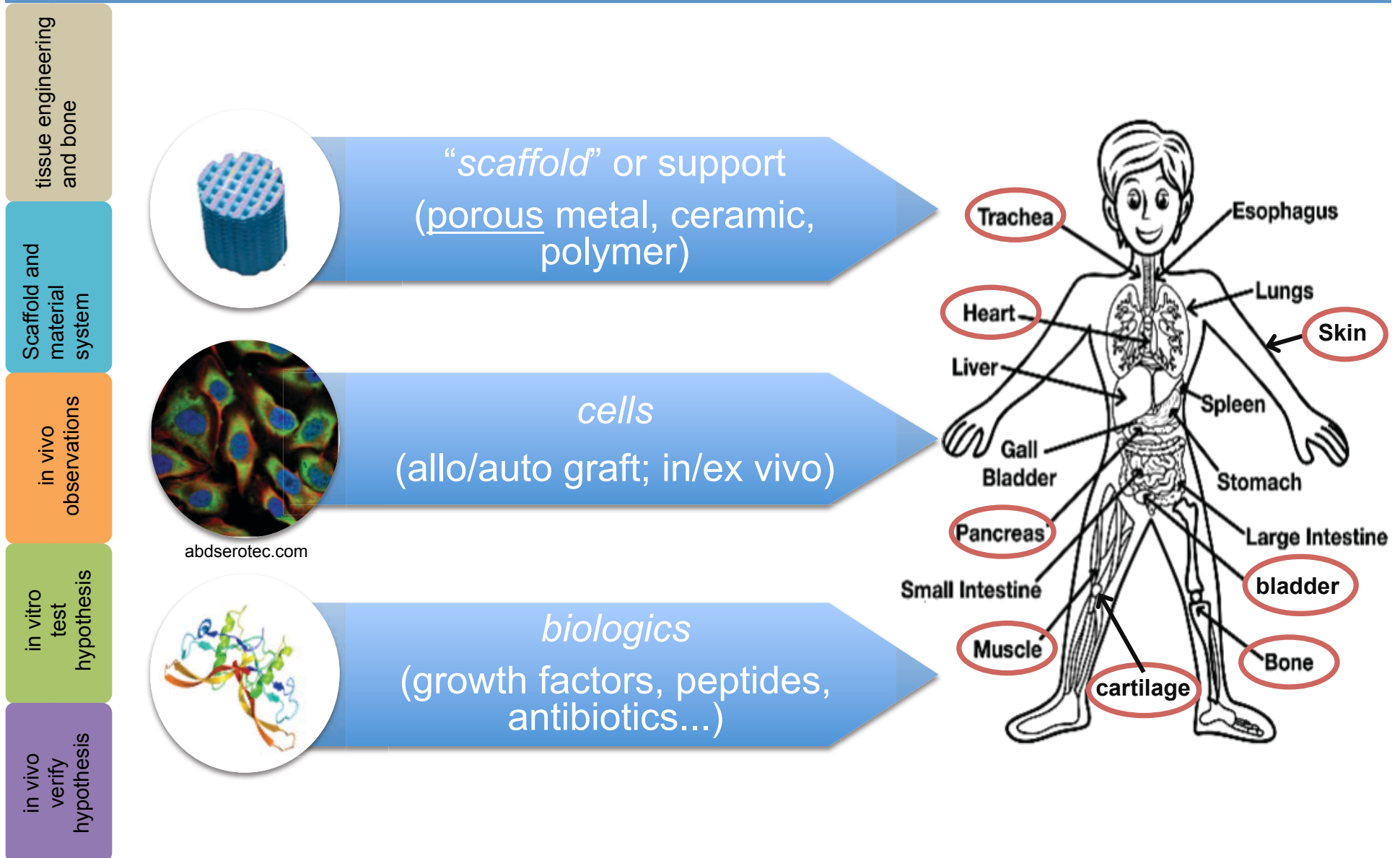
~ Prof. Bob Langer and Dr. Joseph Vacanti, MD.

Langer R; Vacanti JP (May 1993). "Tissue engineering". *Science* **260** (5110): 920–6.

Indication	Procedures or patients per year
Skin	
Burns*	2,150,000
Pressure sores	1,500,000
Venous stasis ulcers	500,000
Diabetic ulcers	600,000
Neuromuscular disorders	200,000
Spinal cord and nerves	40,000
Bone	
Joint replacement	558,200
Bone graft	275,000
Internal fixation	480,000
Facial reconstruction	30,000
Cartilage	
Patella resurfacing	216,000
Chondromalacia patellae	103,400
Meniscal repair	250,000
Arthritis (knee)	149,900
Arthritis (hip)	219,300
Fingers and small joints	179,000
Osteochondritis dissecans	14,500
Tendon repair	33,000
Ligament repair	90,000
Blood vessels	
Heart	754,000
Large and small vessels	606,000
Liver	
Metabolic disorders	5,000
Liver cirrhosis	175,000
Liver cancer	25,000
Pancreas (diabetes)	728,000
Intestine	100,000
Kidney	600,000
Bladder	57,200
Ureter	30,000
Urethra	51,900
Hernia	290,000
Breast	261,000
Blood transfusions	18,000,000
Dental	10,000,000

*Approximately 150,000 of these individuals are hospitalized and 10,000 die annually.

Engineered tissues and components



Why *bone* tissue engineering? (statistics)

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- Bone and joint disease (www.boneandjointburden.org)
 - leading cause of disability in US
 - > 1 in 4 Americans
 - \$849 billion/year – 7.7% of GDP
- Increasing numbers due to aging population
 - Number over 65 will double in next 25 years
(US Census Bureau, 2010)

Why *bone* tissue engineering? – *aging/disease*

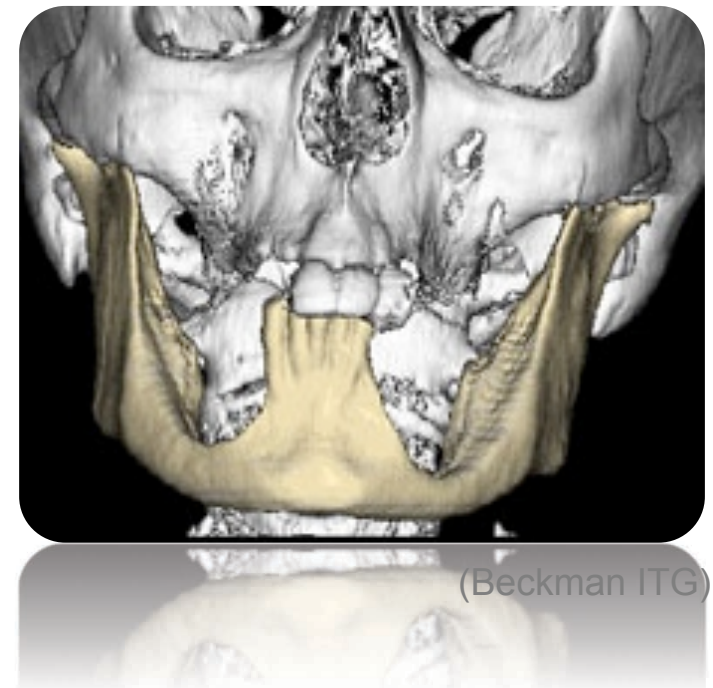
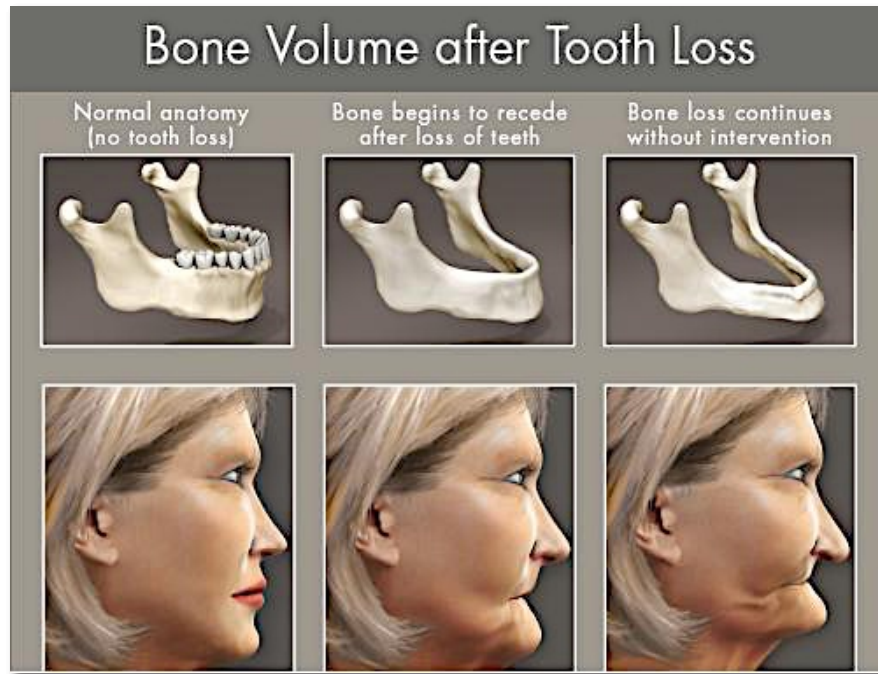
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Why *bone* tissue engineering? - *cancer*

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Roger Ebert

Film critic



Roger Joseph Ebert was an American film critic, journalist, and screenwriter. He was a film critic for the Chicago Sun-Times from 1967 until his death in 2013. In 1975, Ebert was the first film critic to win the Pulitzer Prize for Criticism. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: June 18, 1942, [Urbana, Illinois, United States](#)

Died: April 4, 2013, [Chicago, Illinois, United States](#)

also trauma,
congenital defects...

Current "gold standard" for bone defect repair

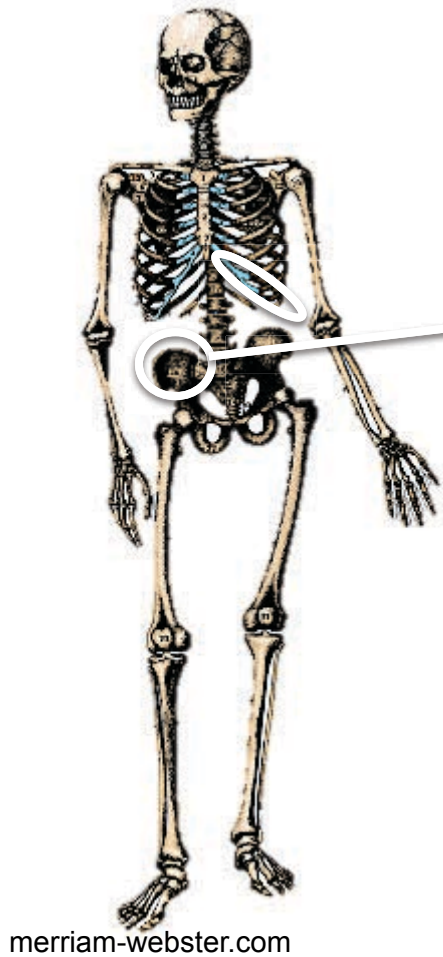
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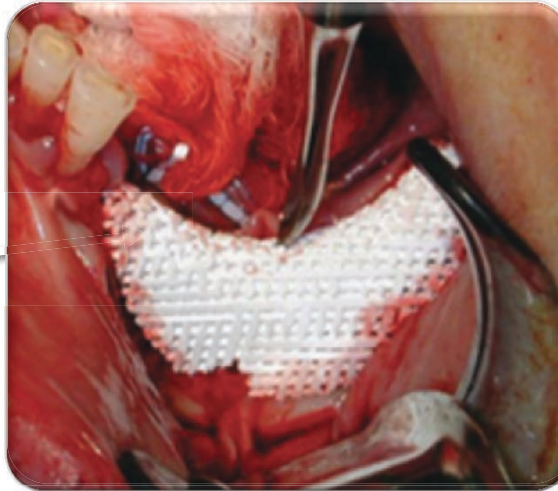
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Autograft (self)

- Limited supply
- Donor site complications
 - Nerve injury
 - Infection
 - Chronic pain
 - others

8.5 – 20% of
operations

(Giannoudis, 2005)



(Beckman ITG)
(Cesarano, 2005)

Allograft (donor)

- Limited supply
- Disease transmission
(e.g HIV)
- Property degradation

Ultimate goal: the site specific implant

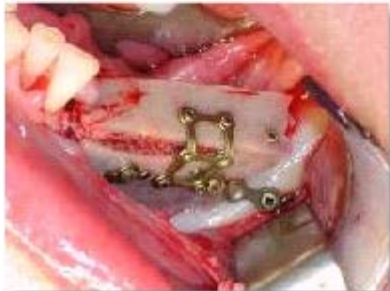
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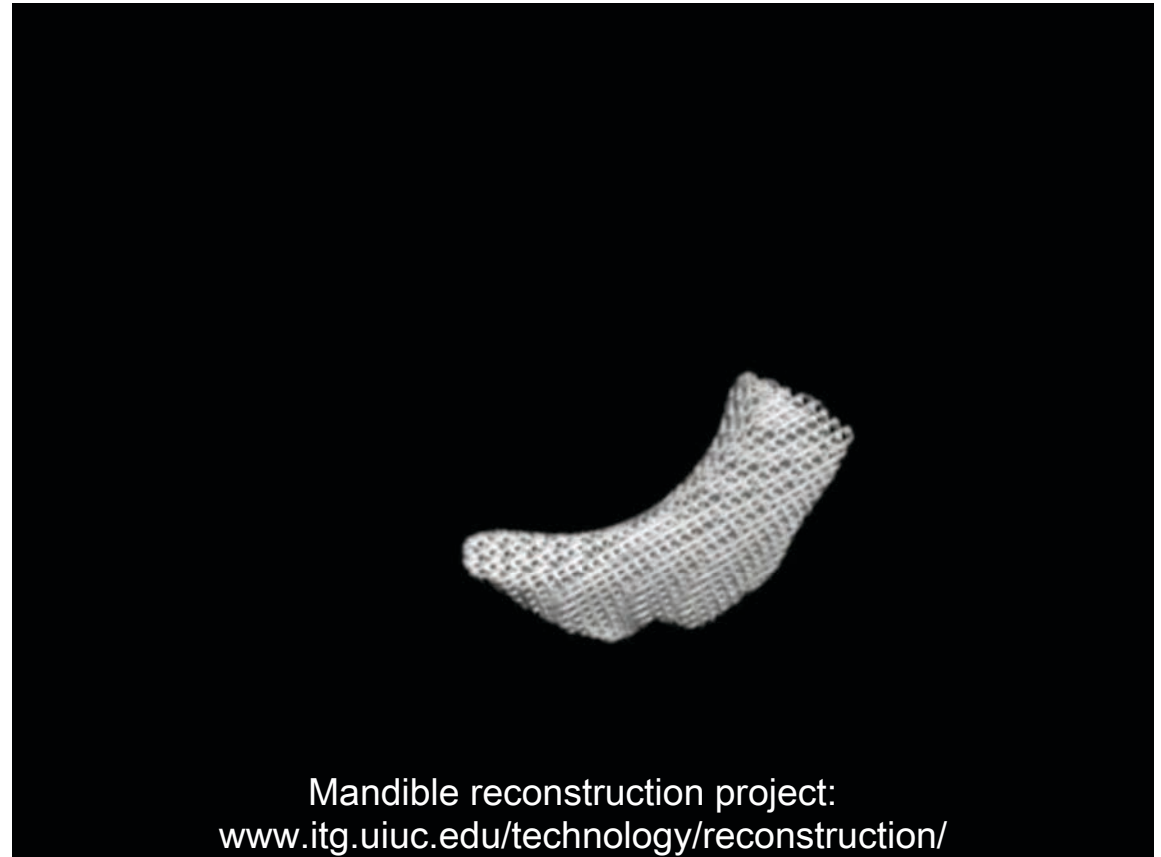
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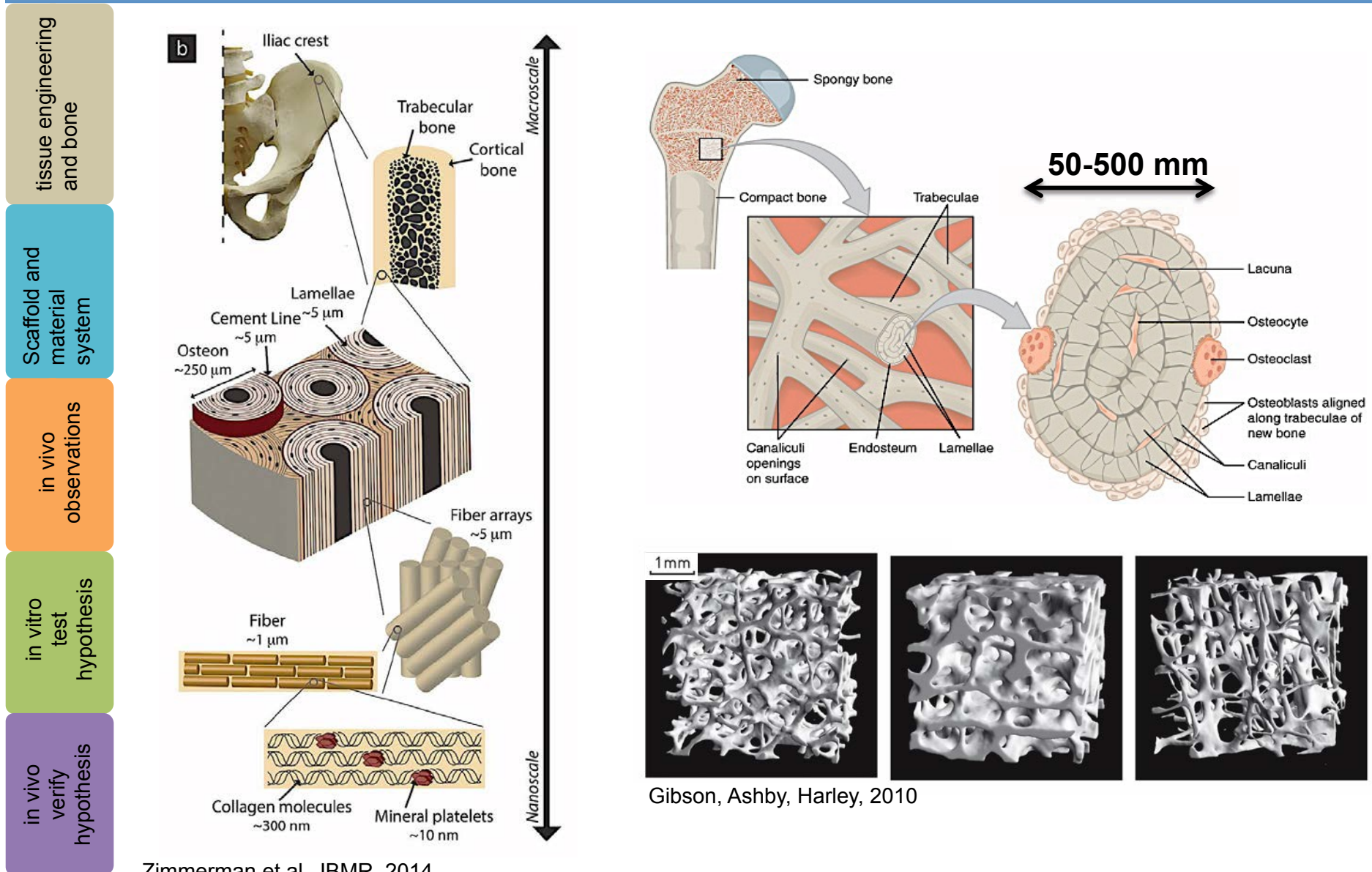
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Optimize for specific size, shape, mechanics, etc.



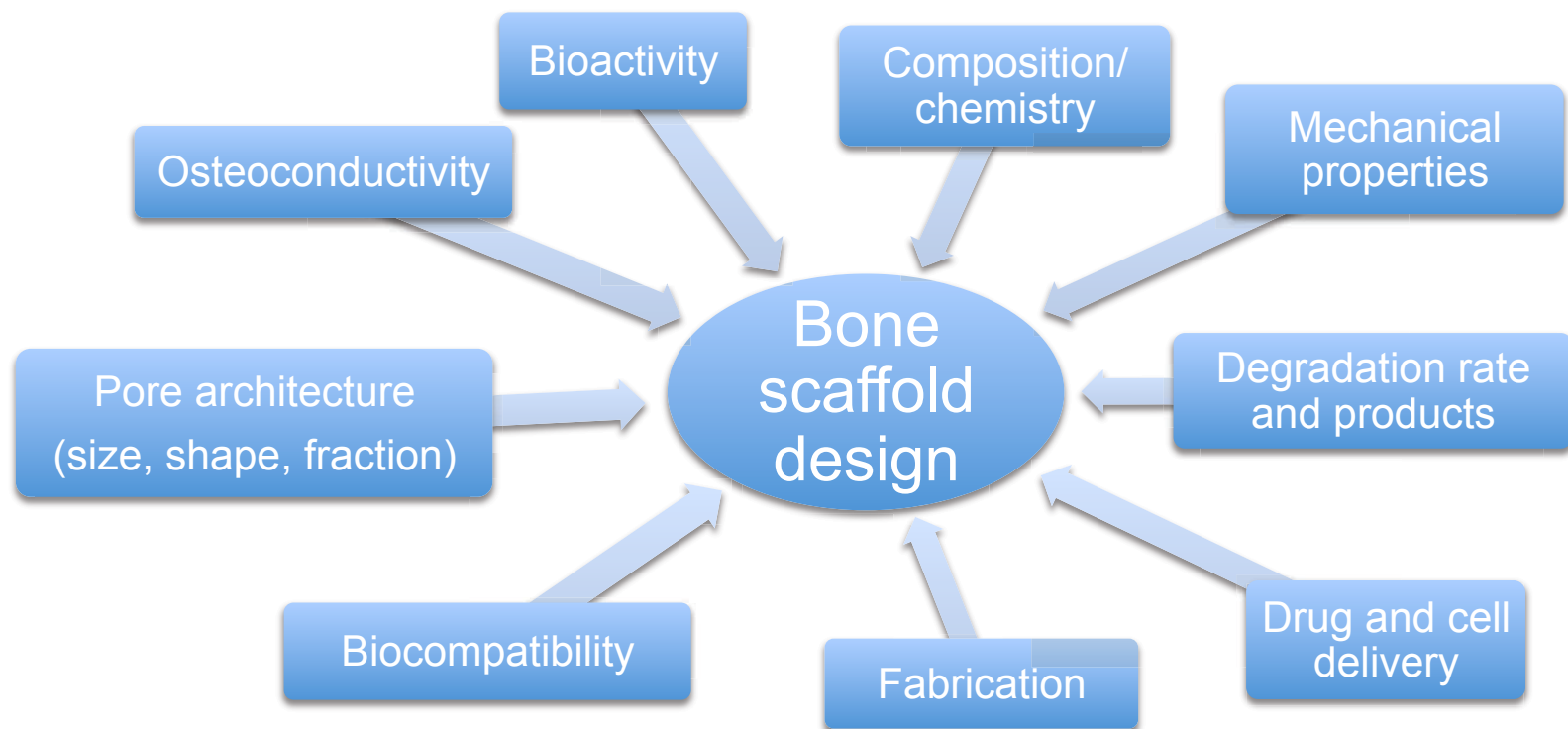
Bone has a complex hierarchical structure



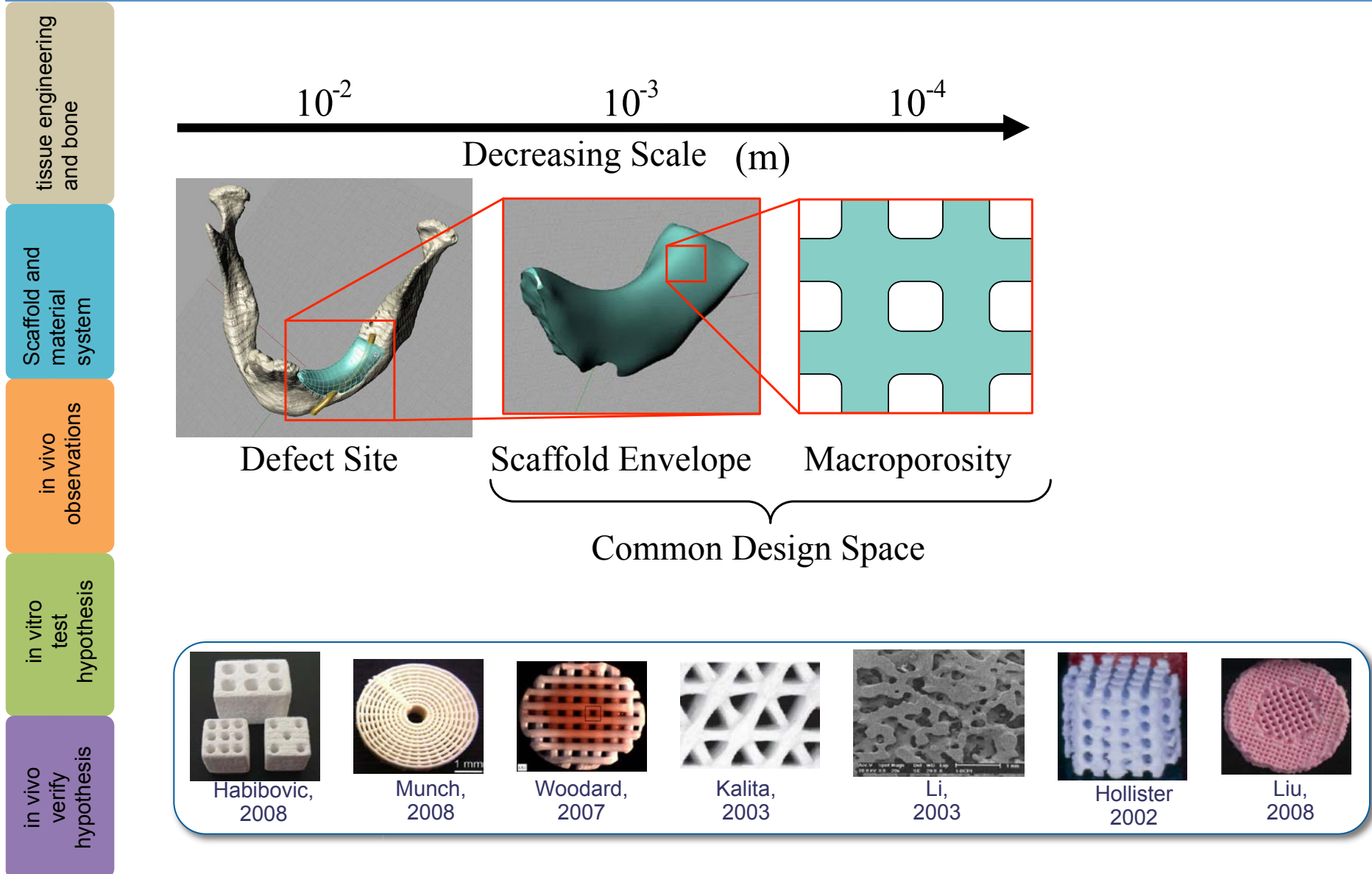
Zimmerman et al, JBMR, 2014

A long list of considerations in scaffold design

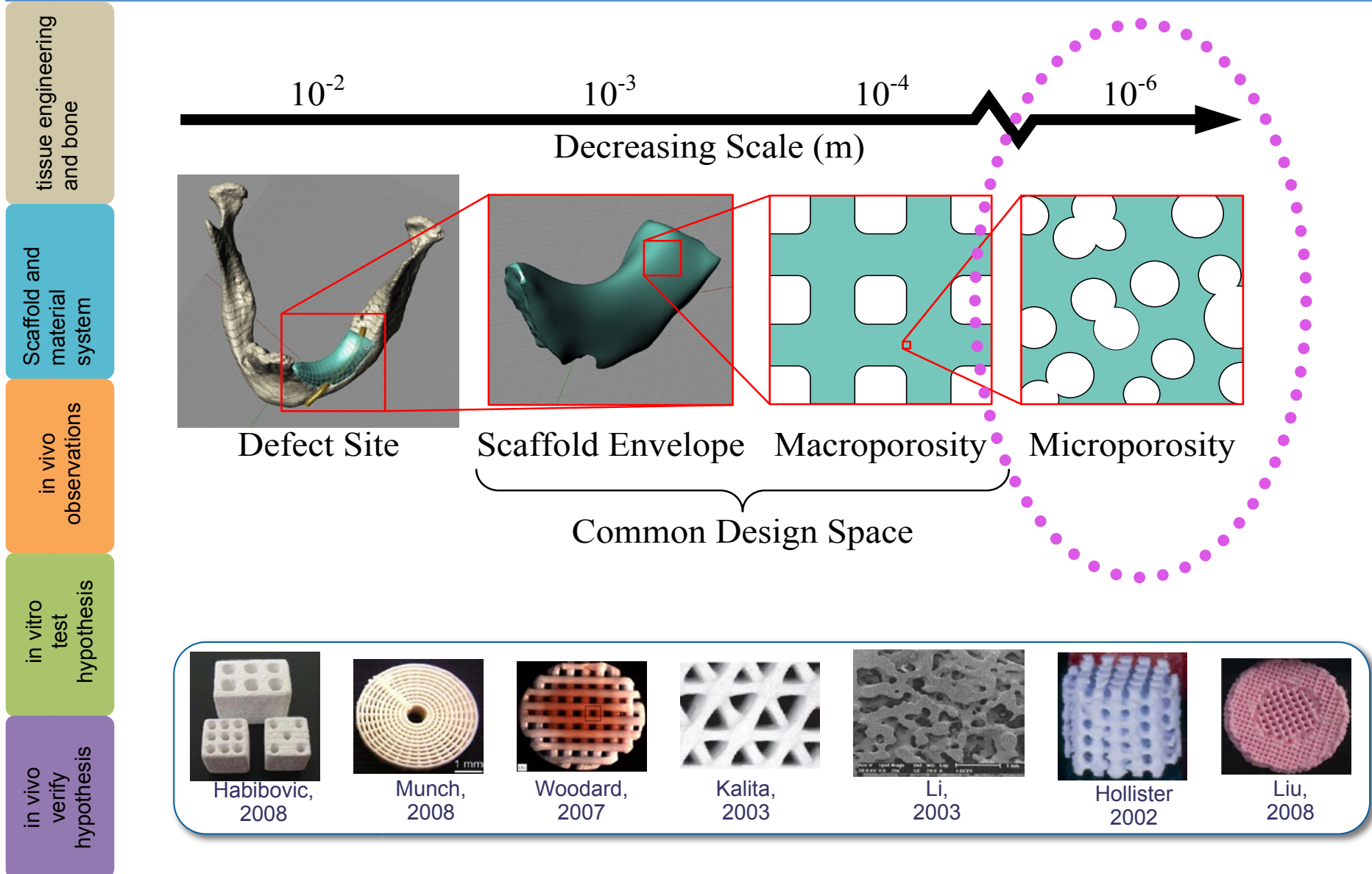
Biggest challenge: complex, large, load bearing defects



“...pores must be $> 100\ \mu\text{m}$ for bone ingrowth...”



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Our material system – biphasic calcium phosphate (BCP)

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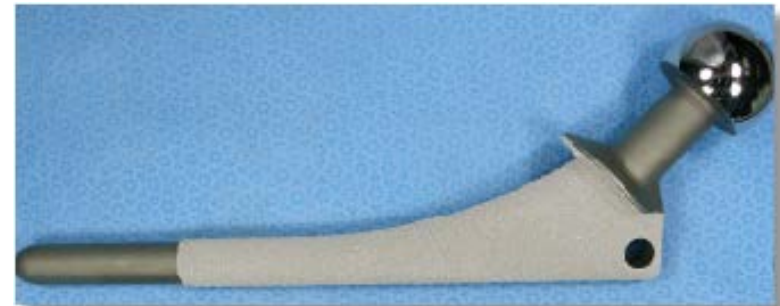
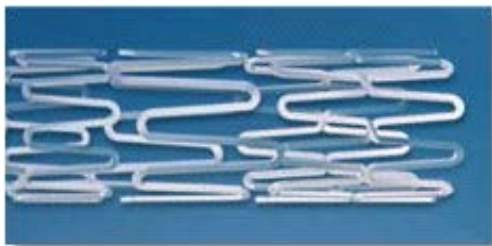
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CaPs are everywhere...

Supplement Facts		
Serving Size: 4 Tablets		
Amount Per Serving		%Daily Value
Vitamin C (as ascorbic acid)	100 mg	167%
Vitamin D-3 (as cholecalciferol)	200 IU	50%
Vitamin E (as d-Alpha tocopheryl acetate)	30 IU	100%
Vitamin B-6 (as pyridoxine HCl)	16 mg	800%
Calcium (75% as citrate / 25% as hydroxyapatite)	1000 mg	100%
Magnesium (as oxide)	300 mg	75%
Manganese (as sulfate)	20 mg	1000%



Scaffold fabrication and characteristics

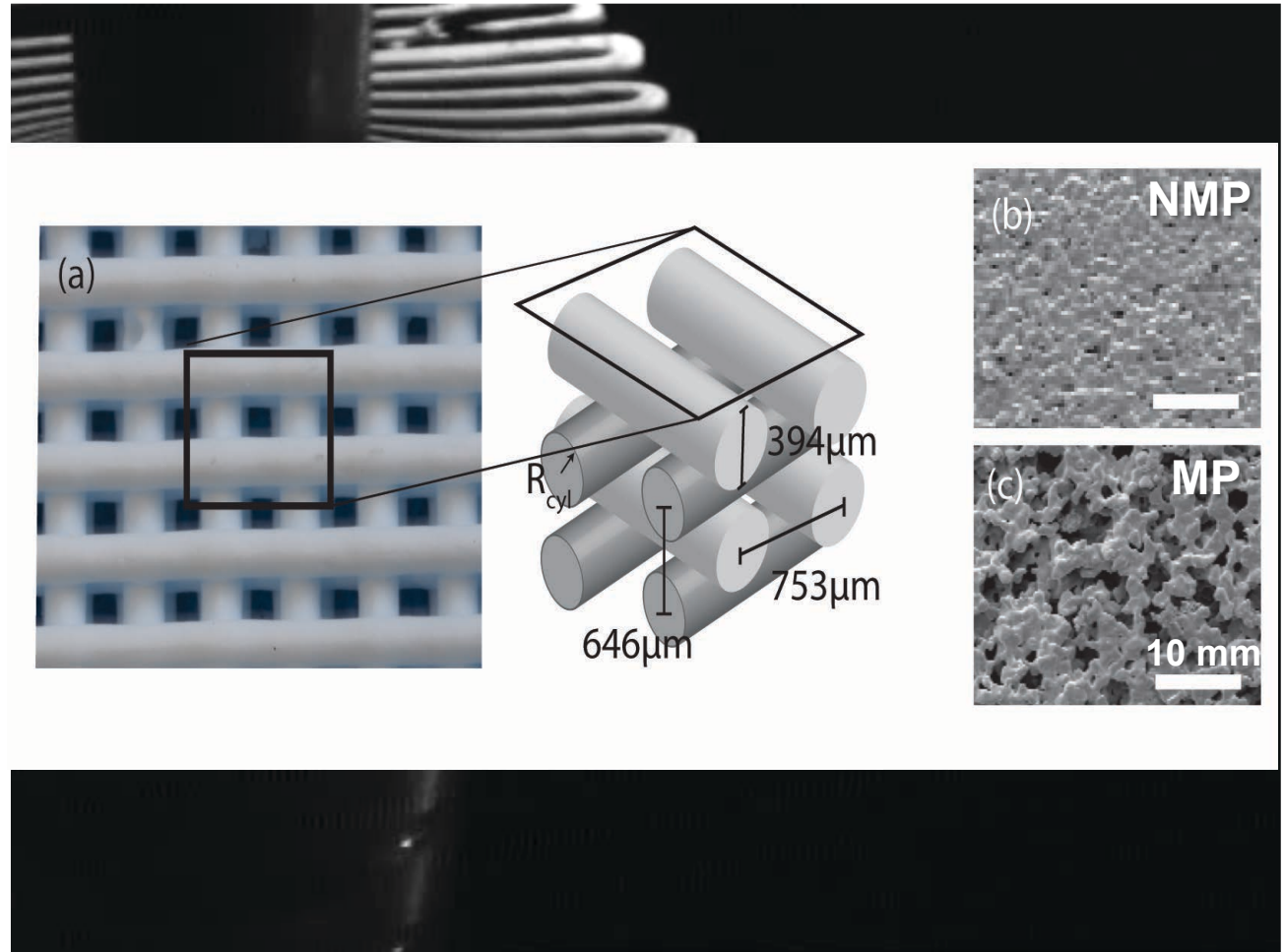
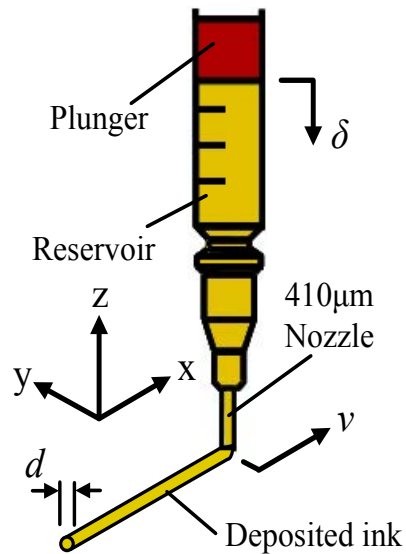
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Micropores introduced via sacrificial polymer beads

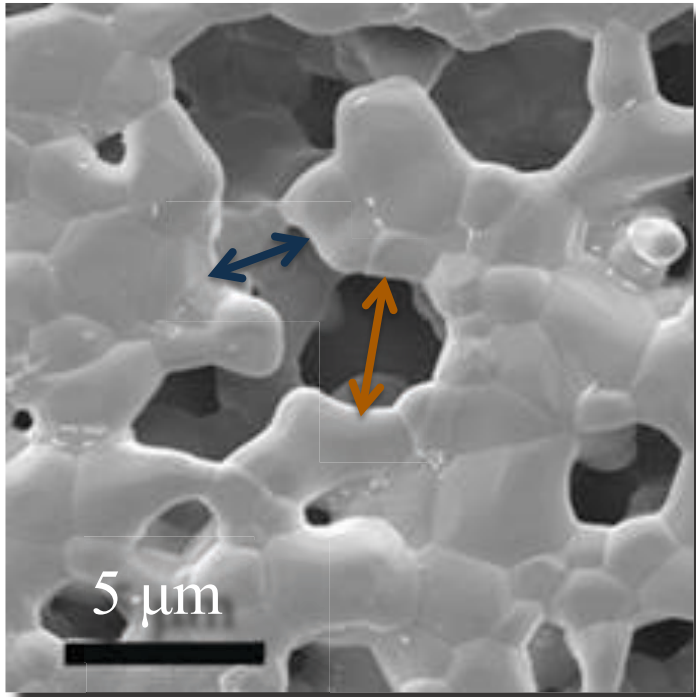
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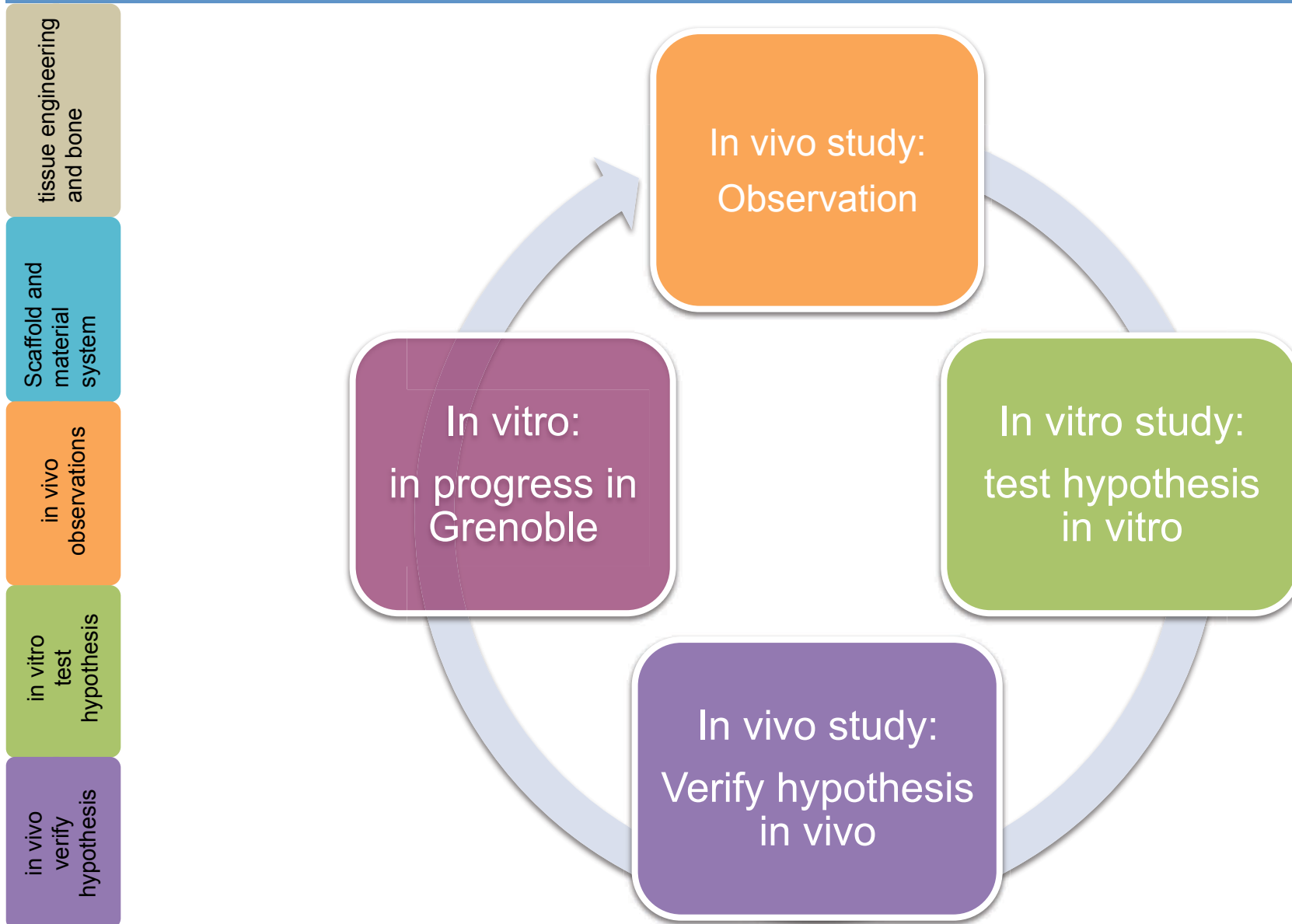


micro porosity in scaffold rods

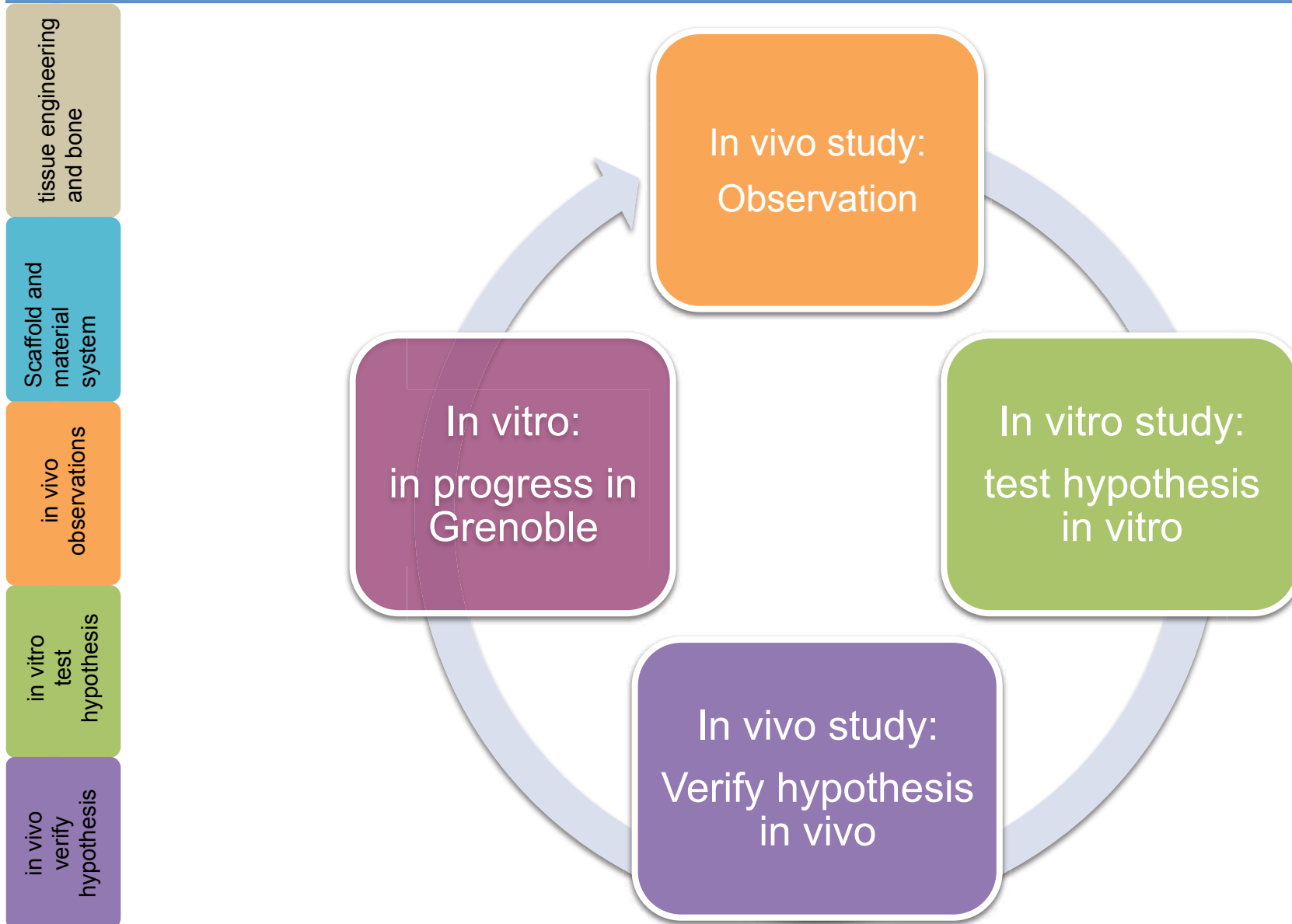
- Sacrificial porogen
 - PMMA beads
 - Burn out - sintering 1300C, 2hrs
- ~46% microporous
- **$4.86 \pm 3.62 \mu\text{m}$ diameter pores**
 - ***Line intercept method***
- **$2.15 \mu\text{m}$ interconnections**
 - ***Mercury intrusion porosymmetry (MIP)***

Woodard et al Biomater, 2007; Lan Levengood et al Biomater, 2010; Lan Levengood et al Acta Biomater, 2010; Polak et al Acta Biomater 2011

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Microporous scaffolds: *more bone, more uniform bone*

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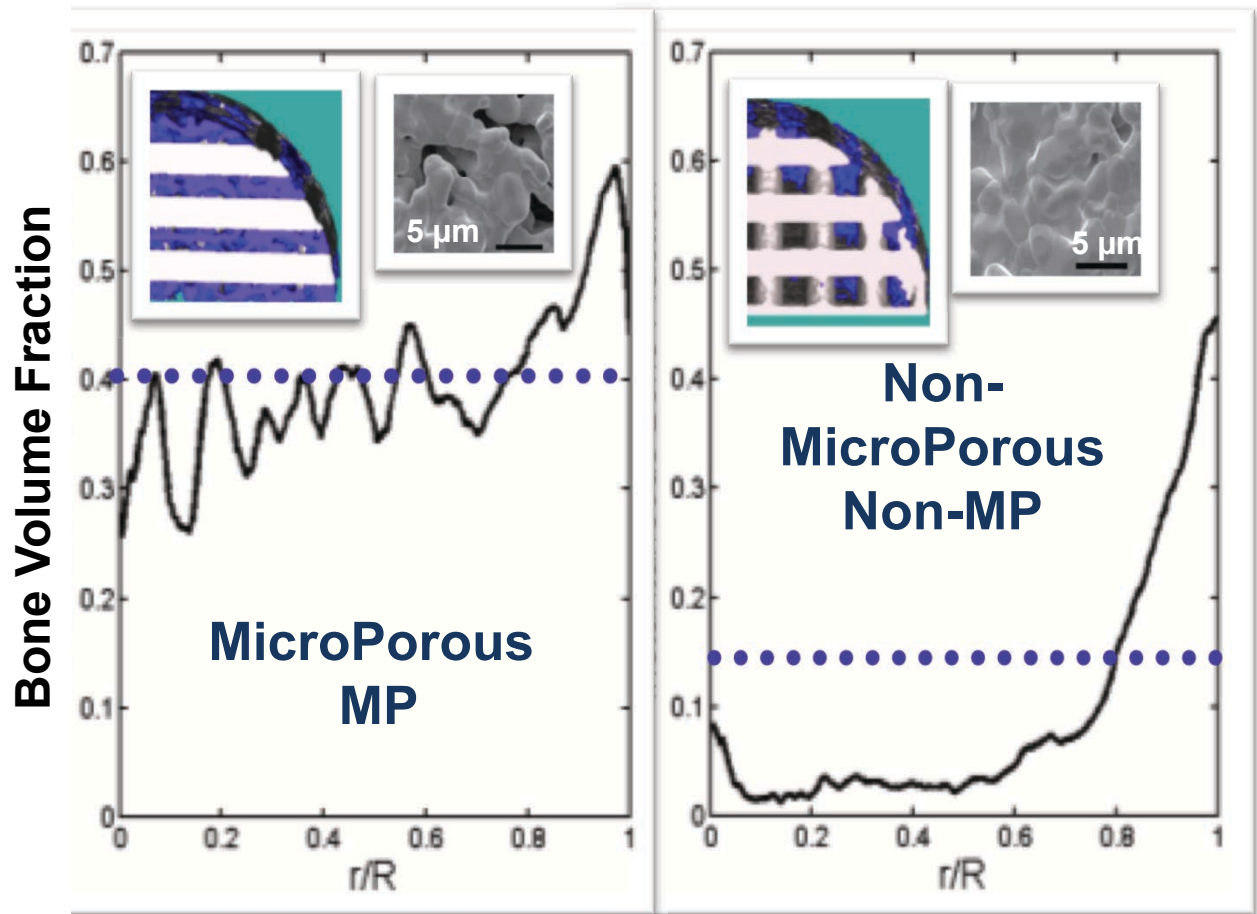
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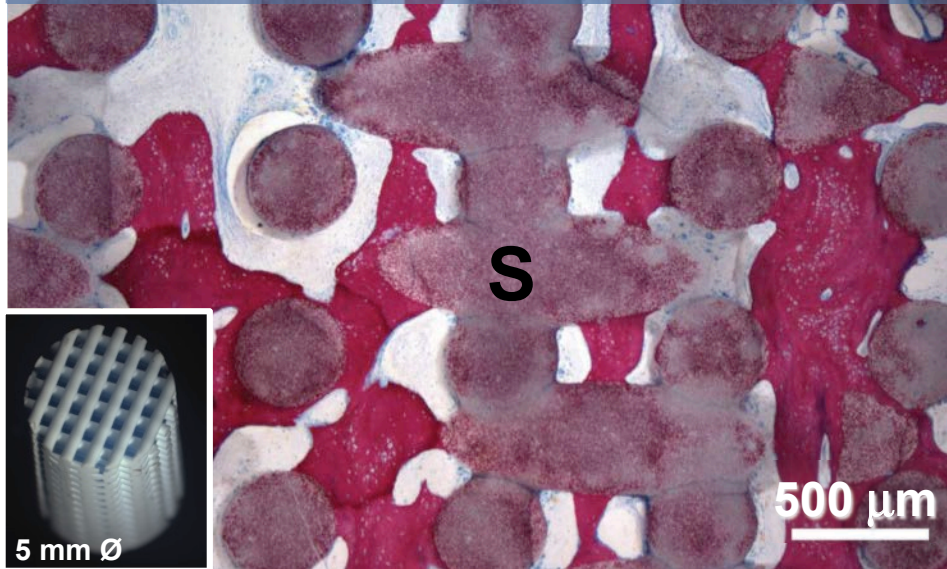


Results based on 3D micro-ct data analysis



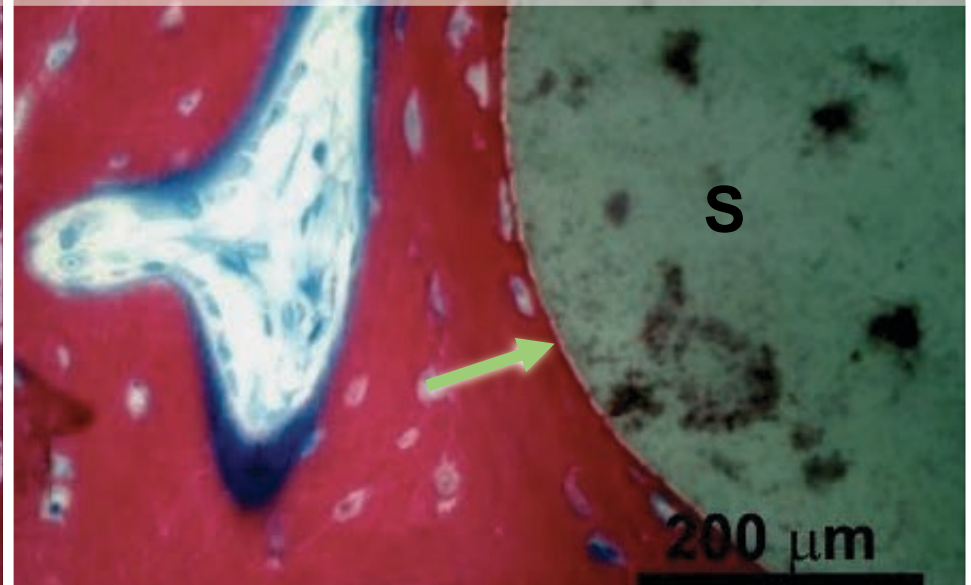
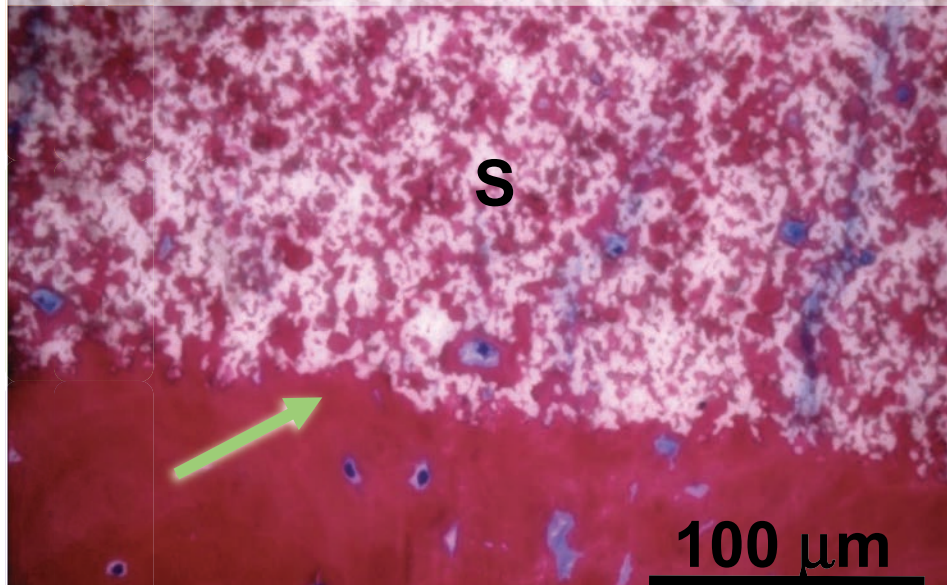
Polak et al, Acta Biomater 2010; Polak et al. Comp. Med Imag Graphics, 2011

Microporous scaffolds: multiscale osteointegration



MicroPorous scaffold/bone interface

Non-MicroPorous interface



[plastic embedded, sanderson's rapid bone stain & acid fuchsin counterstain]

Lan Levensgood et al, Biomater. 2010 & Acta Biomater 2010, Polak et al, Acta Biomater 2010.

Cells and bone in micropores ~5 μm

50 μm

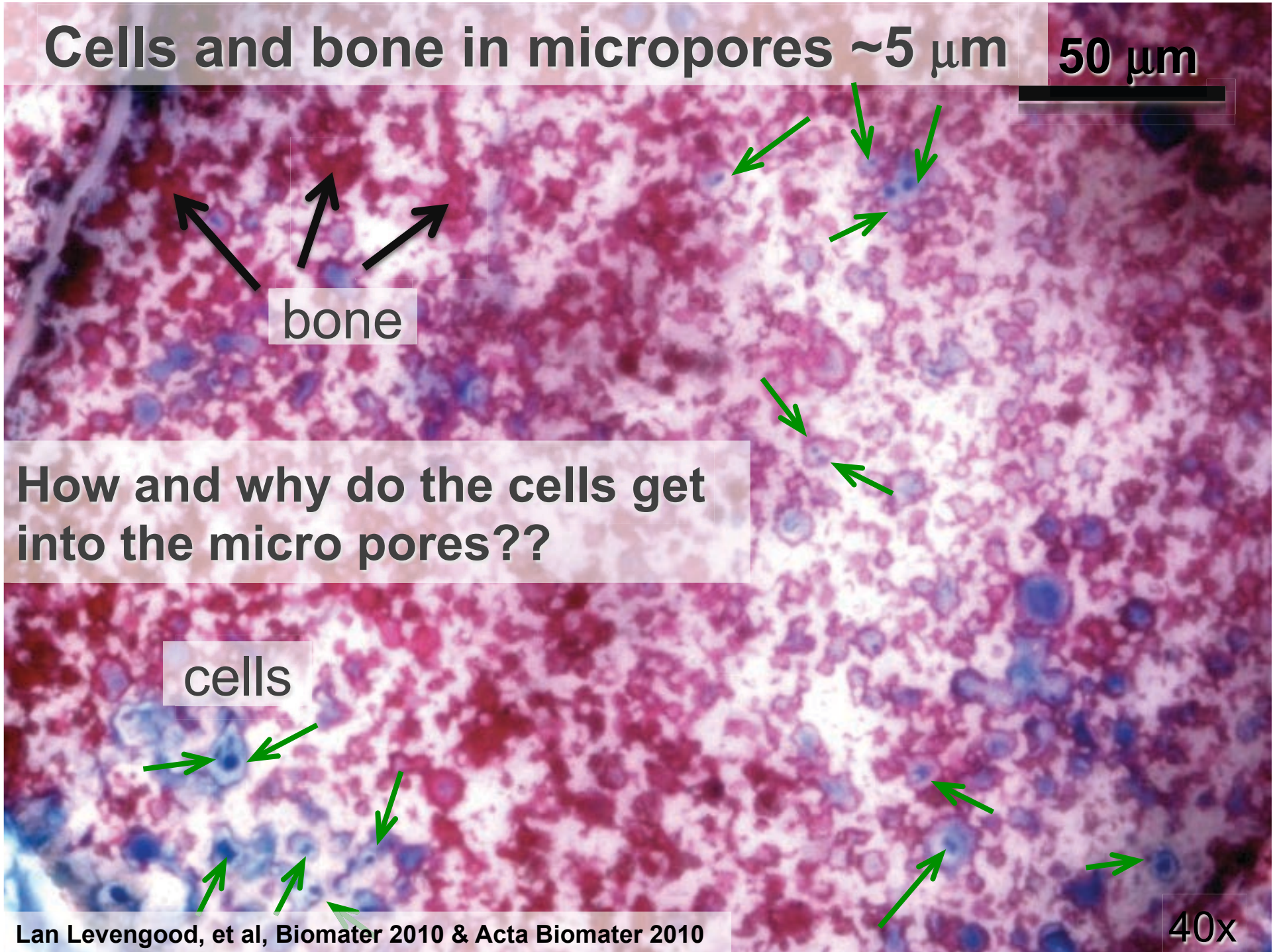
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How and why do the cells get into the micro pores??

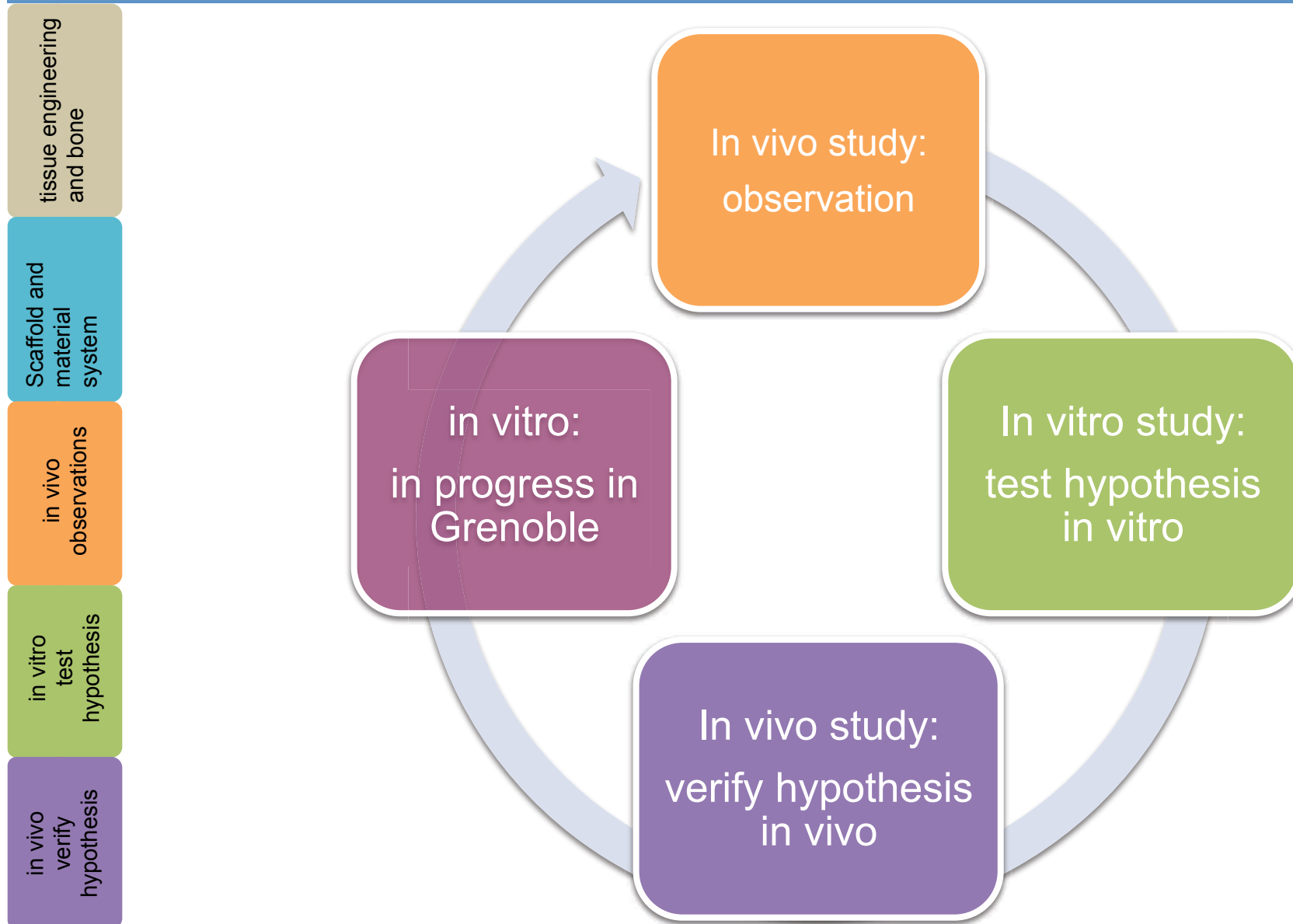
cells

Lan Levensgood, et al, Biomater 2010 & Acta Biomater 2010

40x



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Can cells be drawn in via capillary forces?

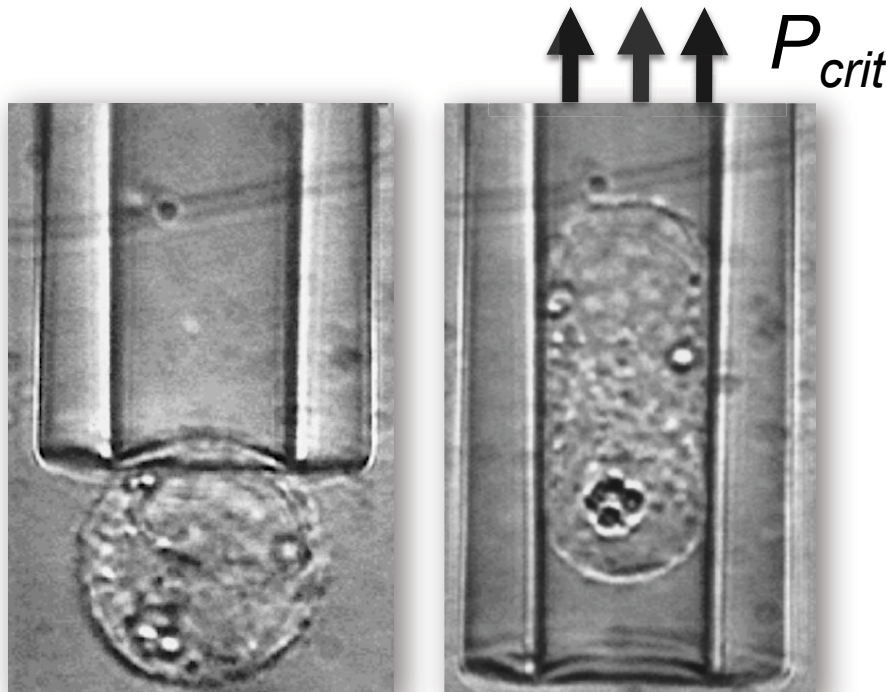
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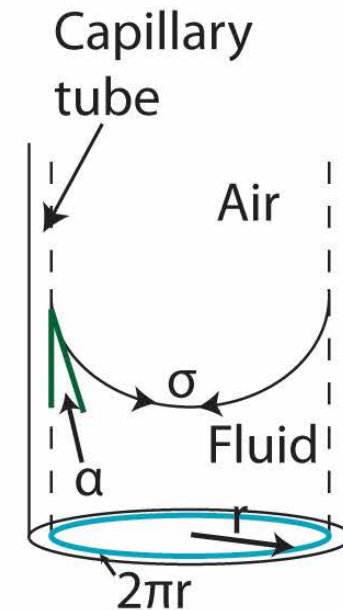
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Cells deform to enter pipette



$$F_c = 2\pi r \sigma \cos(\alpha)$$

$$P_{crit} = 2\gamma_{ten} \left(\frac{1}{R_p} - \frac{1}{R_c} \right)$$

γ_{ten} : cortical tension of cell (stiffness)

R_p : pore radius

R_c : cell radius

Critical pressure for cell to enter pore

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Cell	$\gamma \cdot 10^{-6}$ (kg/s ²)	R _c (mm)	P _{crit} (Pa)
Neutrophil	24	4.2	7.77
Osteoblast (OB)	520	7.5	277
MSC	520	11.5	326
Chondrocyte	2200	4.5	1131
D1 (pre-OB)	N/A	7.5	N/A
E1 (OB)	520	6.9	265

$$P_{crit} = 2\gamma_{ten} \left(\frac{1}{R_p} - \frac{1}{R_c} \right)$$

γ_{ten} : cortical tension of cell
 R_p : pore radius (~2.5 μm)
 R_c : cell radius

Capillary rise experiments

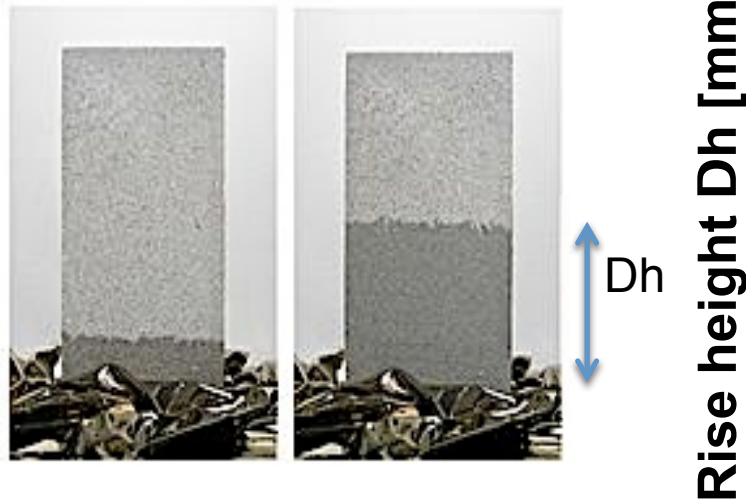
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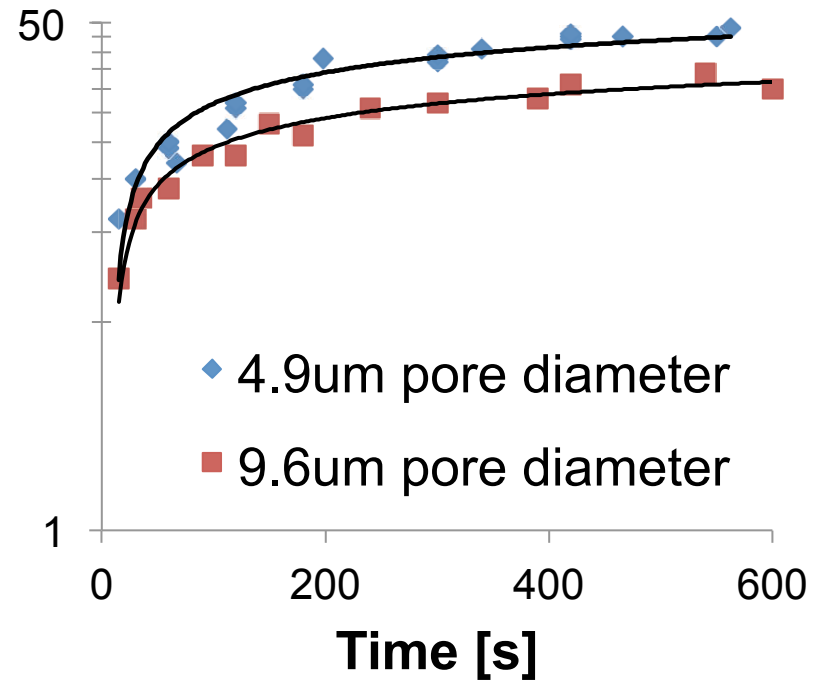
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$$\Delta P = \rho g \Delta h$$

$$\Delta P = 588 \text{ Pa (5 } \mu\text{m)}$$

$$\Delta P = 412 \text{ Pa (10 } \mu\text{m)}$$



$$\Delta h = 60 \text{ mm, (5 } \mu\text{m)}$$

$$\Delta h = 42 \text{ mm, (10 } \mu\text{m)}$$

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Pressure generated in 4.9 μm dia. pore substrate: 588 Pa

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Microstructural model to predict capillary forces

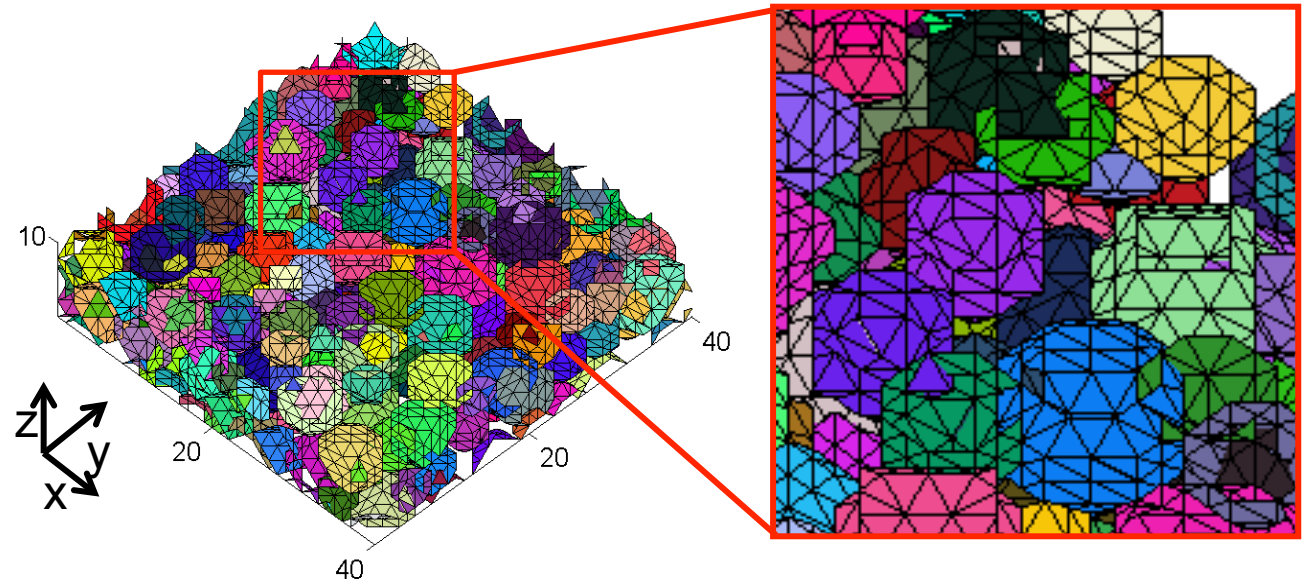
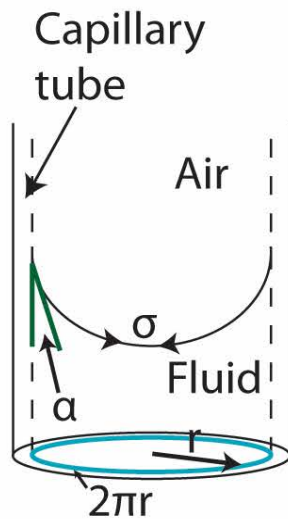
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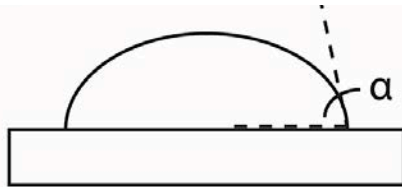
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$$F_c = 2\pi r \sigma \cos(\alpha)$$

Measured $\alpha = 89.8 \pm 5.0$



Non-overlapping spheres

$4.9 \pm 3.6 \mu\text{m}$ diameter pores

Wetted perimeter from model to predict capillary forces

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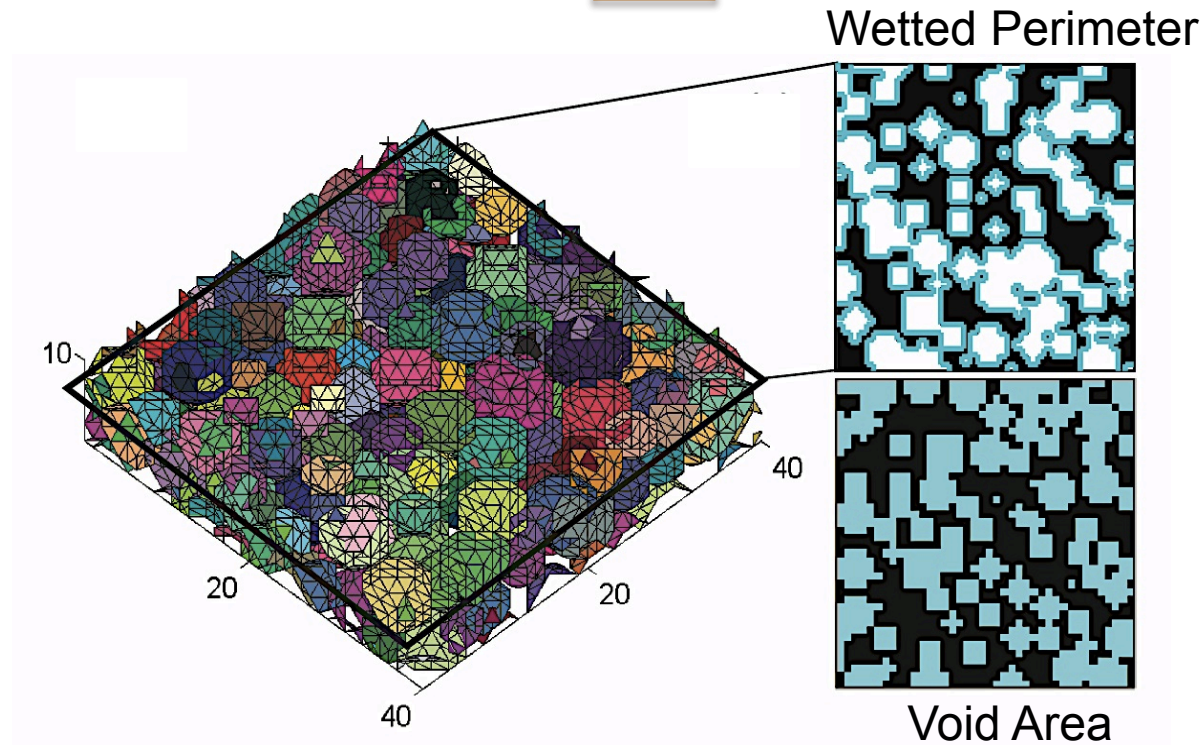
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Wetted perimeter

$$F_c = 2\pi r \sigma \cos(\alpha)$$



Model predicts:

584 Pa $4.9 \pm 3.6 \mu\text{m}$ diameter pores
345 Pa $9.6 \pm 6.7 \mu\text{m}$ diameter pores

Experiments validate model

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$$\Delta P = \rho g \Delta h$$

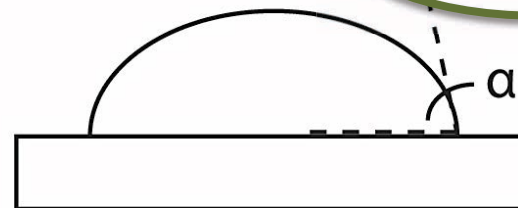
$$\Delta h = 60 \text{ mm}, 4.9 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

$$\Delta h = 42 \text{ mm}, 9.6 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

$$F_c = 2\pi r \sigma \cos(\alpha)$$

Pore ϕ (μm)	P (Pa) measured	α ($^\circ$) calculated
4.9	588	89.3
9.6	412	89.2

Measured $\alpha = 89.8 \pm 5.0$



Capillary forces localize cells to surface

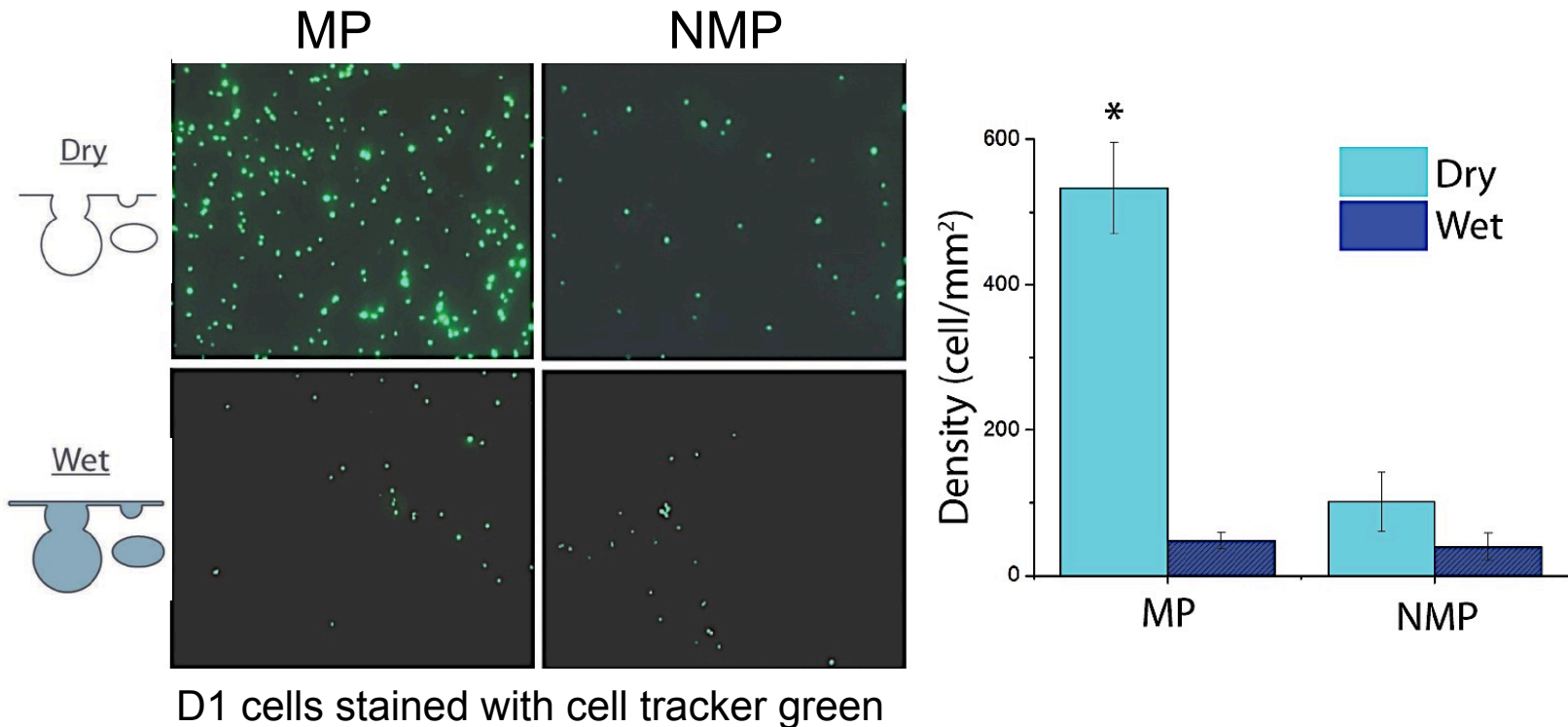
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Capillary forces, and not other surface characteristics (roughness, surface area), dominate the localization.

Cells penetrate micropores, depth cell-type dependent

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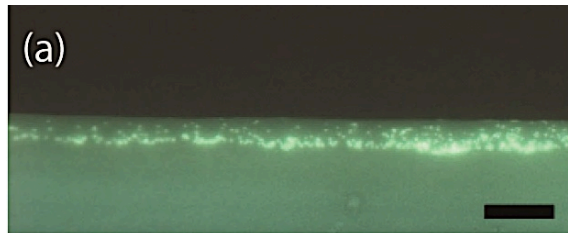
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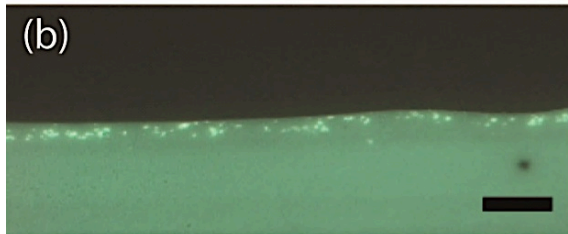
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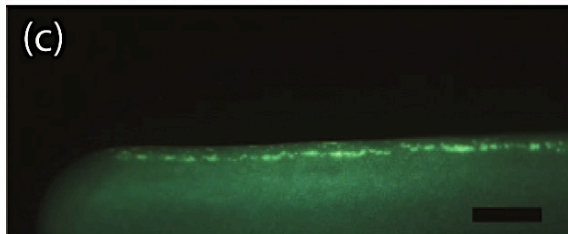
E1 (MC3T3)
Cell line
Murine
Osteoblast-like



MSC
Primary cells
Rat

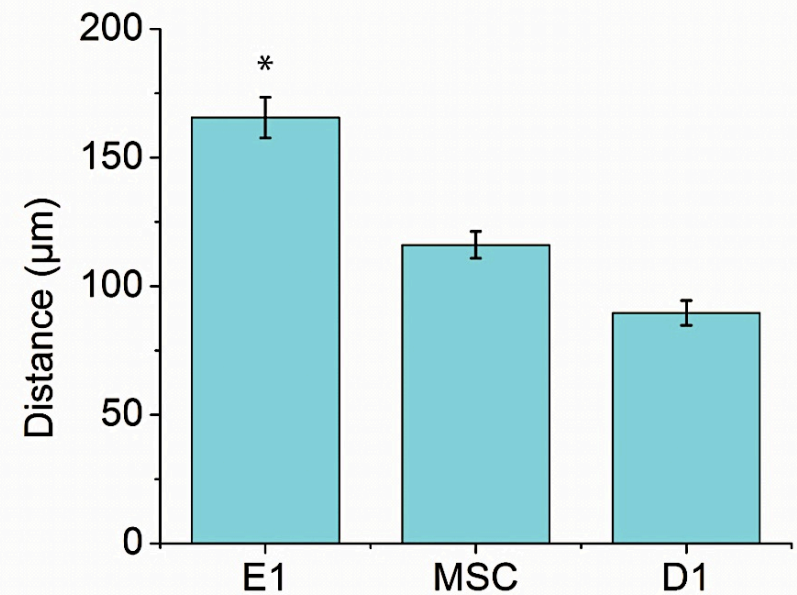


D1 (ORL UVA)
Cell line
Murine
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Scale bar = 500 μ m

(d)



Penetration distance consistent with critical pressure

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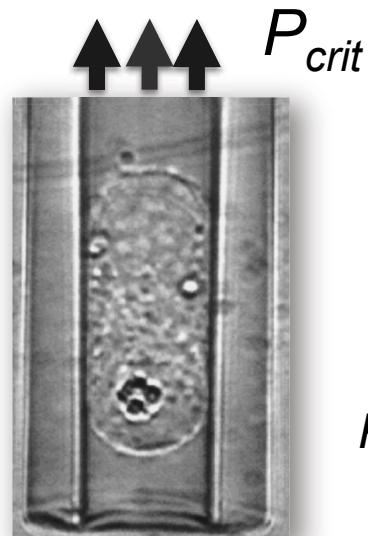
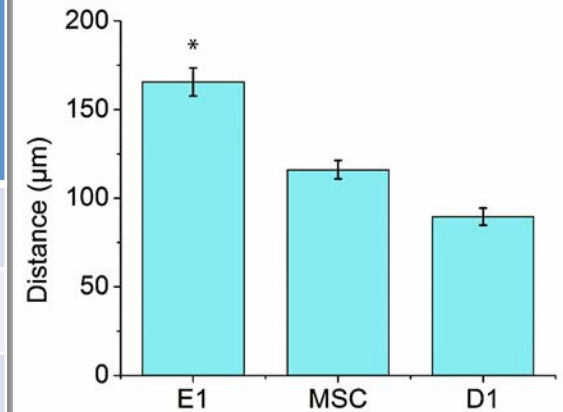
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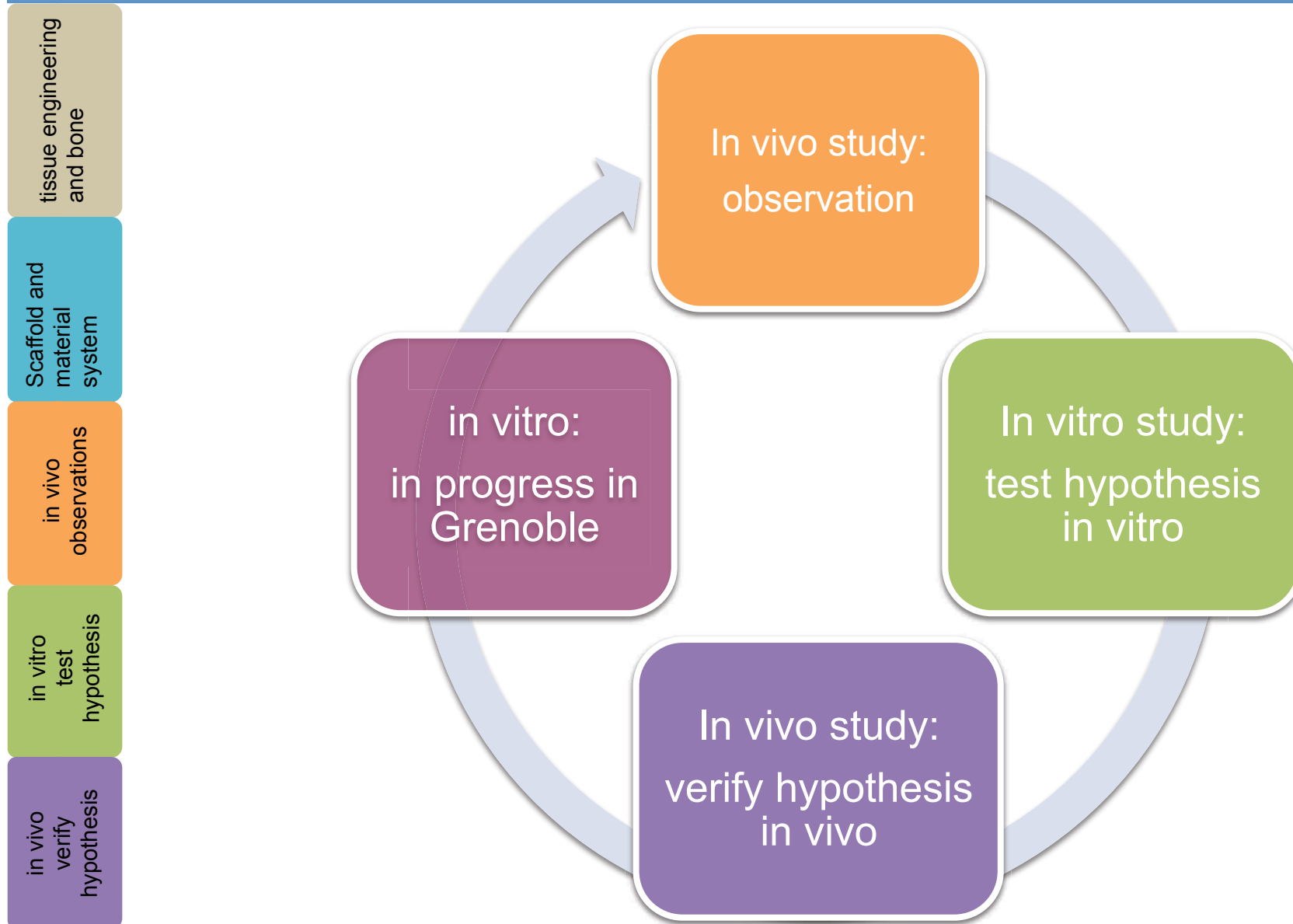
Cell	$\gamma \cdot 10^{-6}$ (kg/s ²)	R _c (μm)	P _{crit} calculated (Pa)	Distance measured (μm)
E1 (OB)	520	6.9	265	165
MSC	520	11.5	326	116
D1 (pre-OB)	N/A	7.5	>MSC	89.6



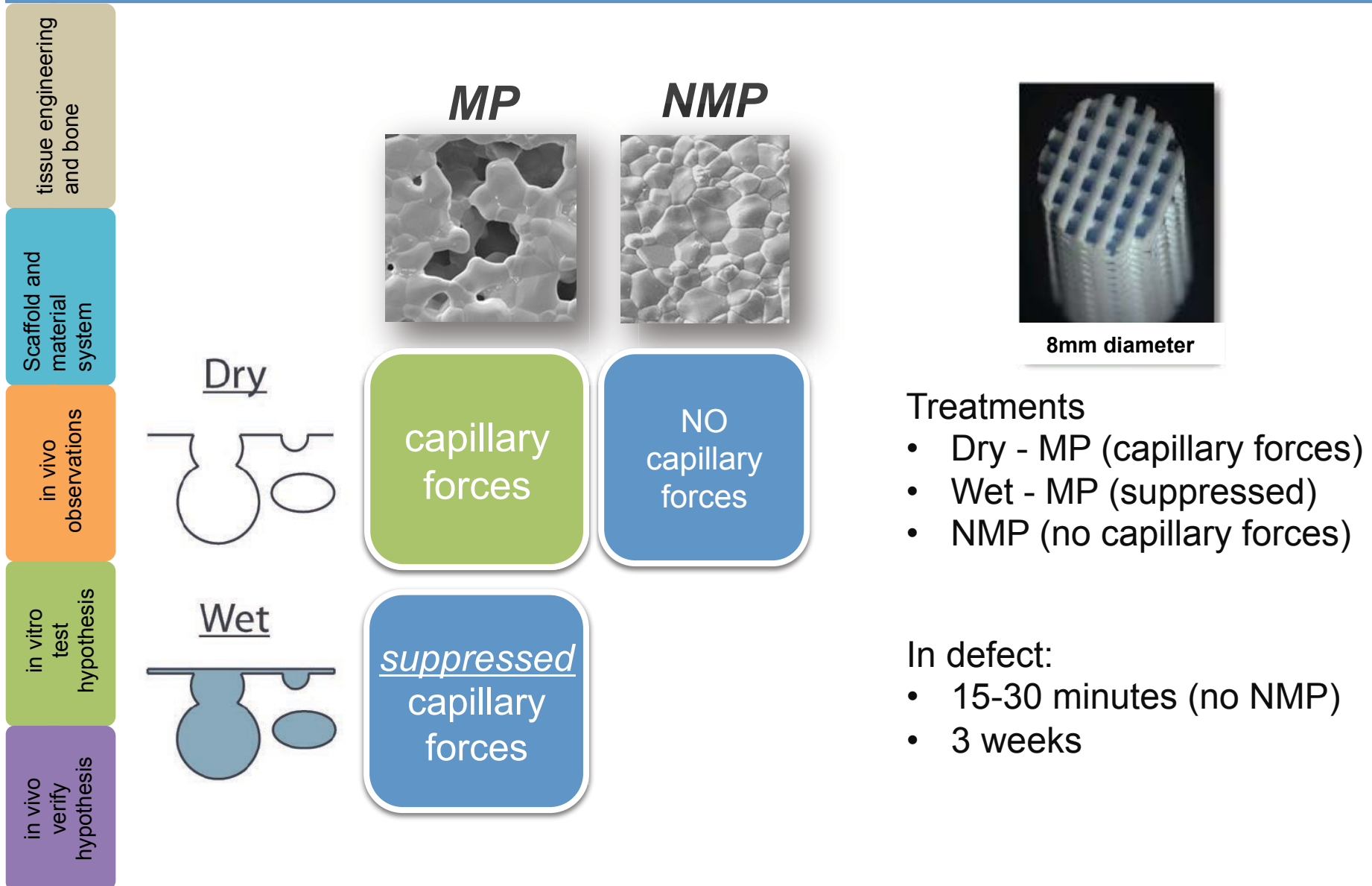
$$P_{crit} = 2\gamma_{ten} \left(\frac{1}{R_p} - \frac{1}{R_c} \right)$$

Pressure generated: 588Pa

Our series of studies...



What role do capillary forces play in vivo?



Cells penetrate DRY micropores at implantation

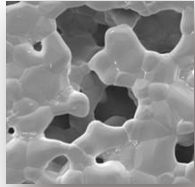
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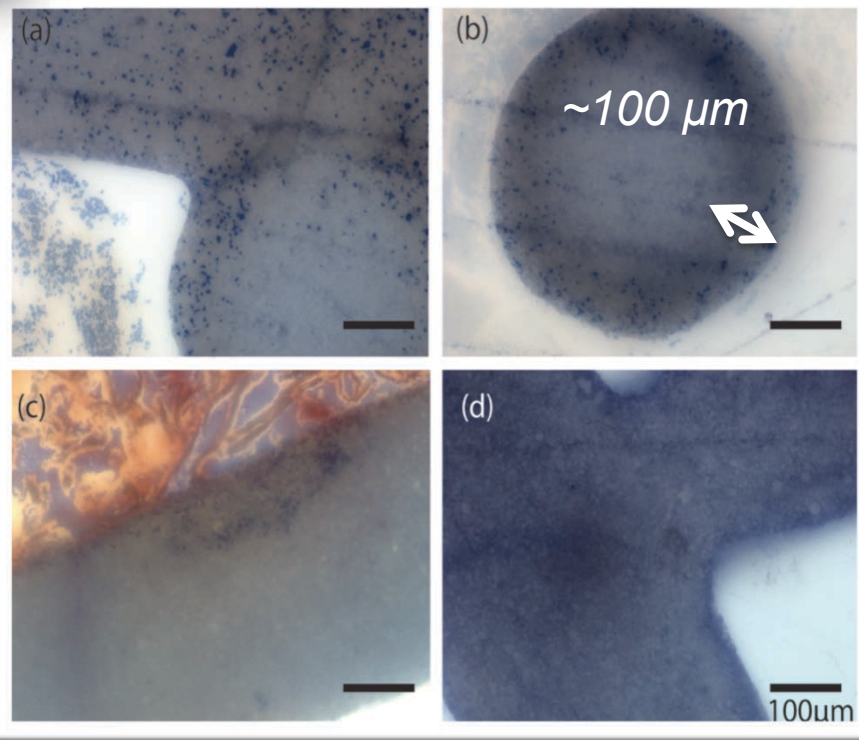
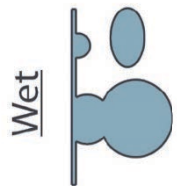
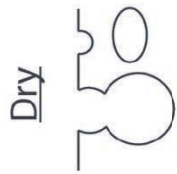
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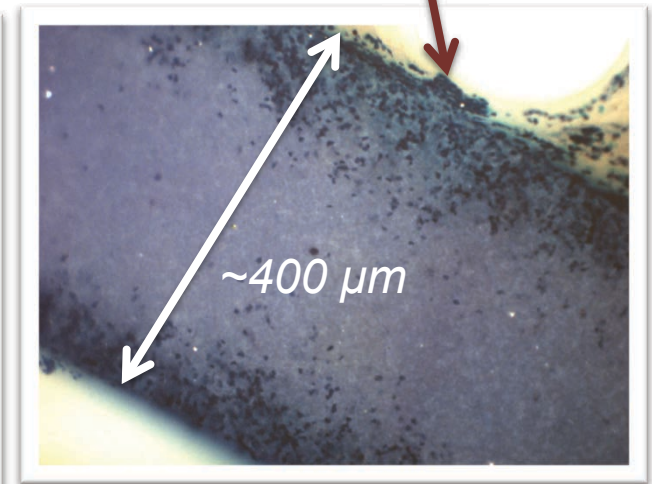
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MP



cell localization



15-30 min in defect, hard plastic embedding

Bone volume fraction and distribution (3 weeks)

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Quantification of radial bone distribution

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Capillary forces and bone growth

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Use MP and capillary forces to instruct bone formation

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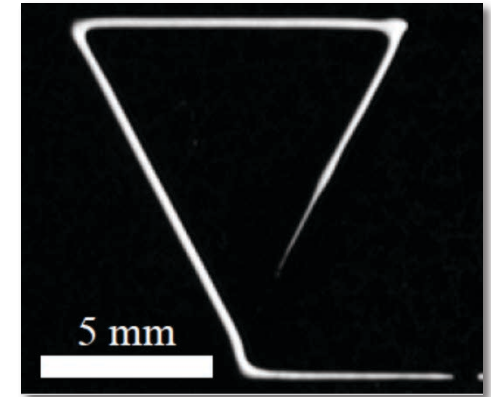
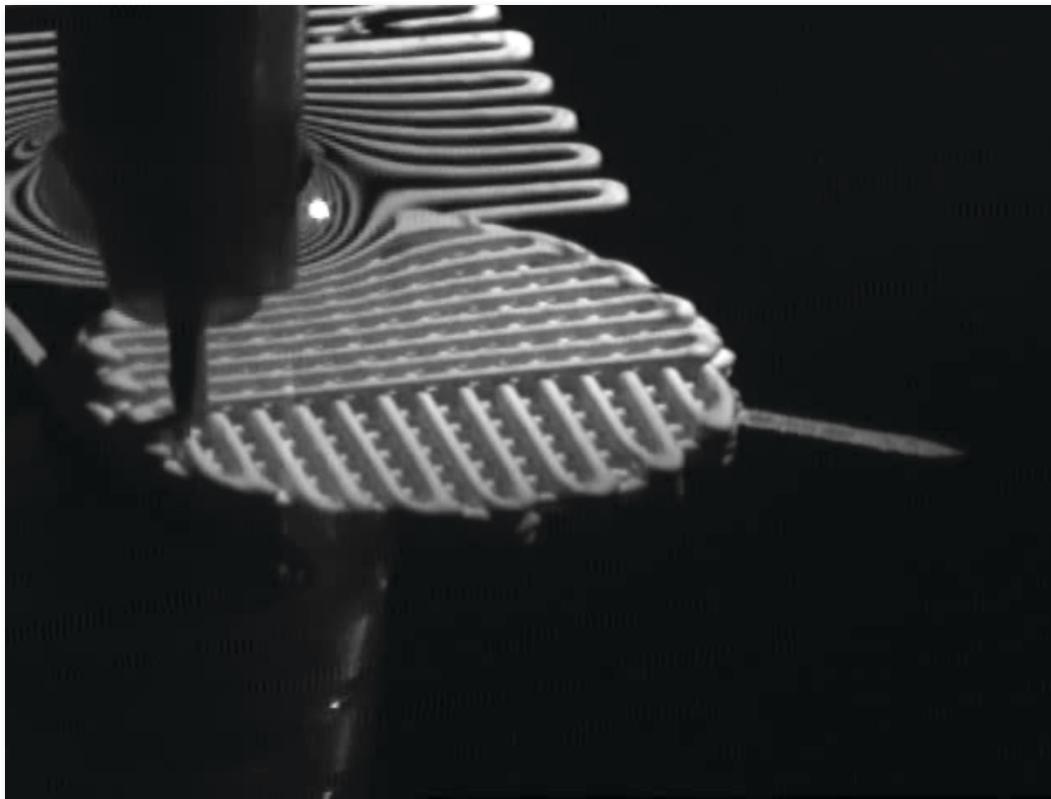
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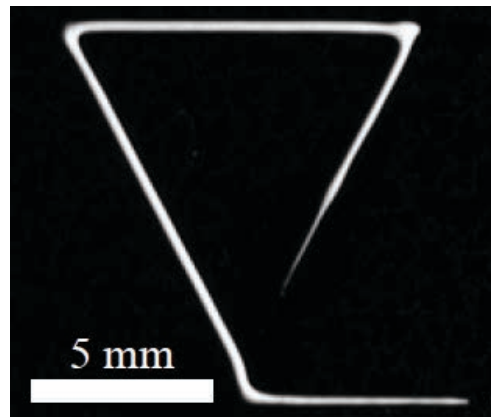
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- Not possible with standard printing approach



Complex fabrication to instruct/direct bone formation

- Vision-based, iterative learning control for multiple materials



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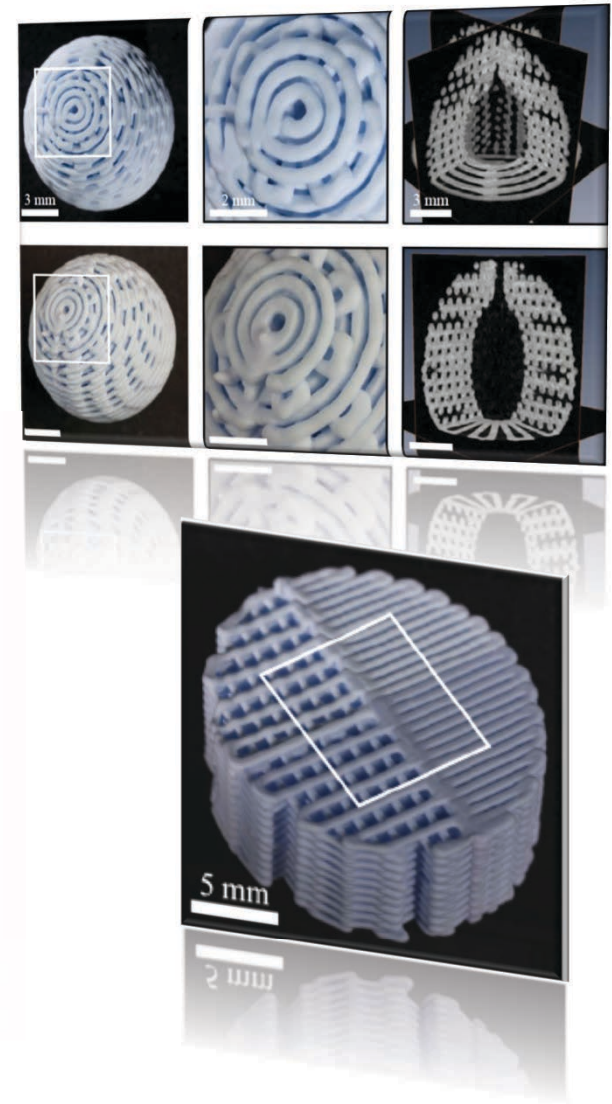
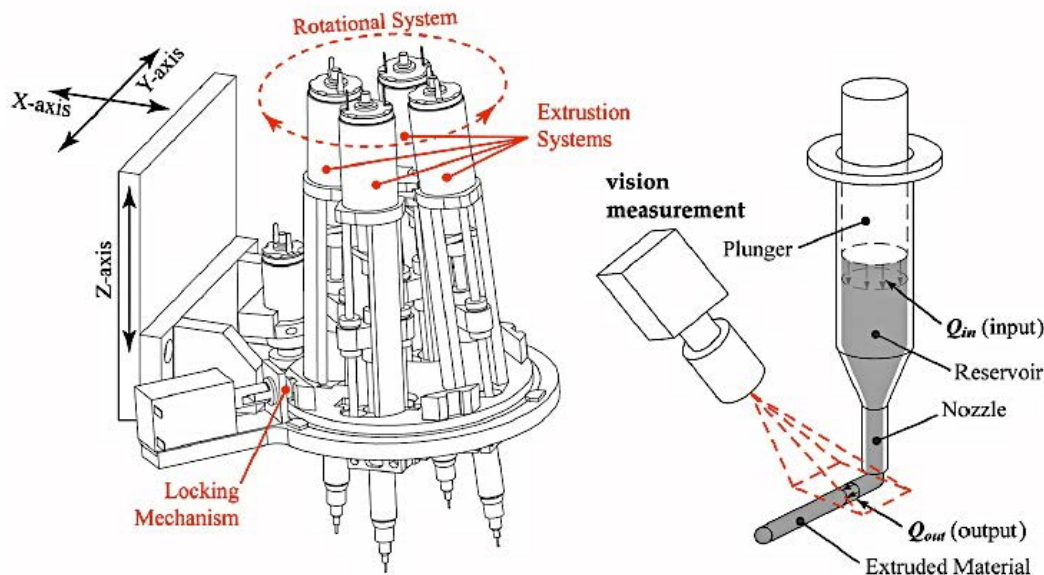
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- Now can make complex, multi-material structures
- Use patterns to instruct bone growth
- Yield heterogeneous characteristics (like bone)



Microporosity and capillarity – to instruct bone growth in MP domains vs Non-MP domains

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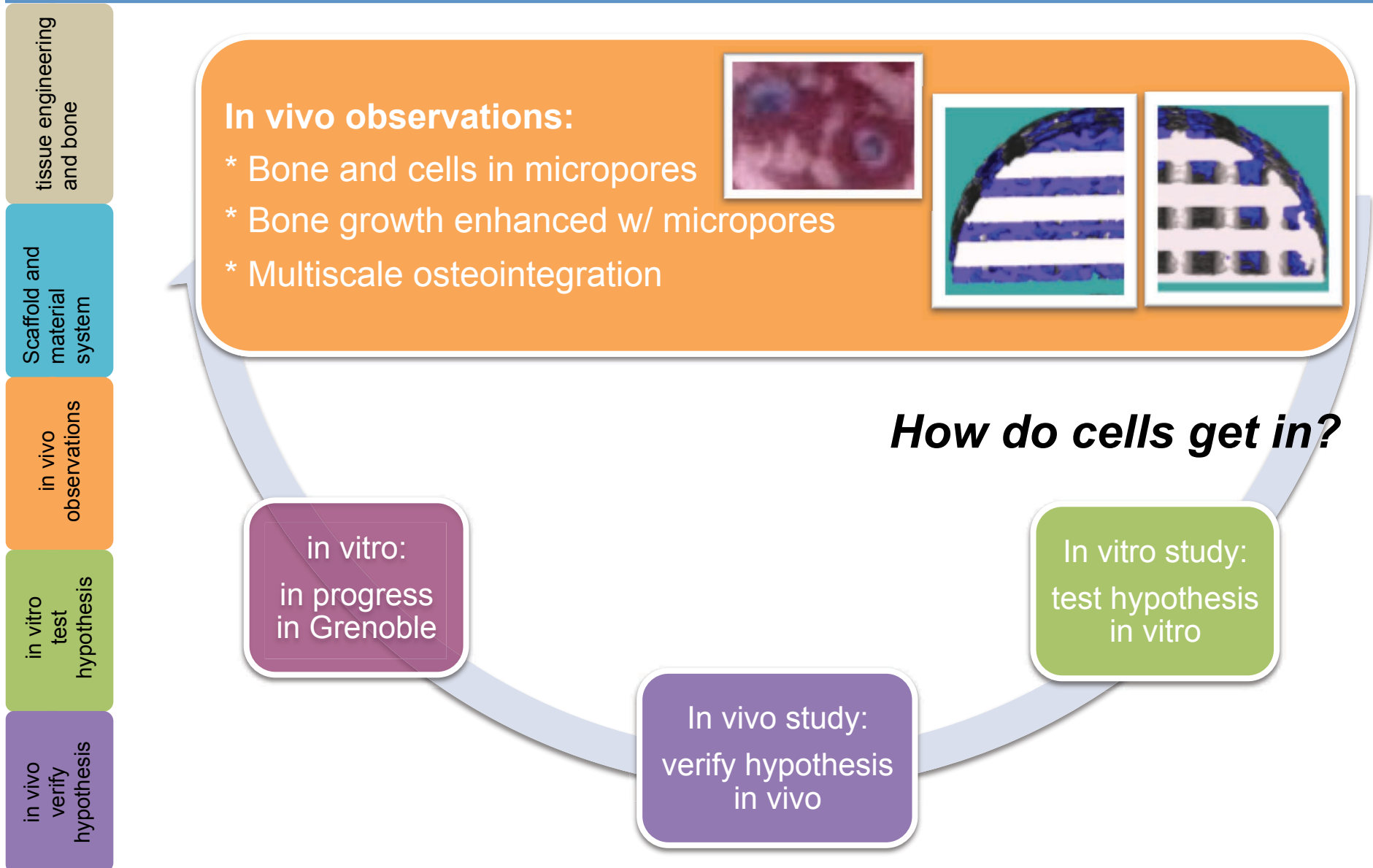
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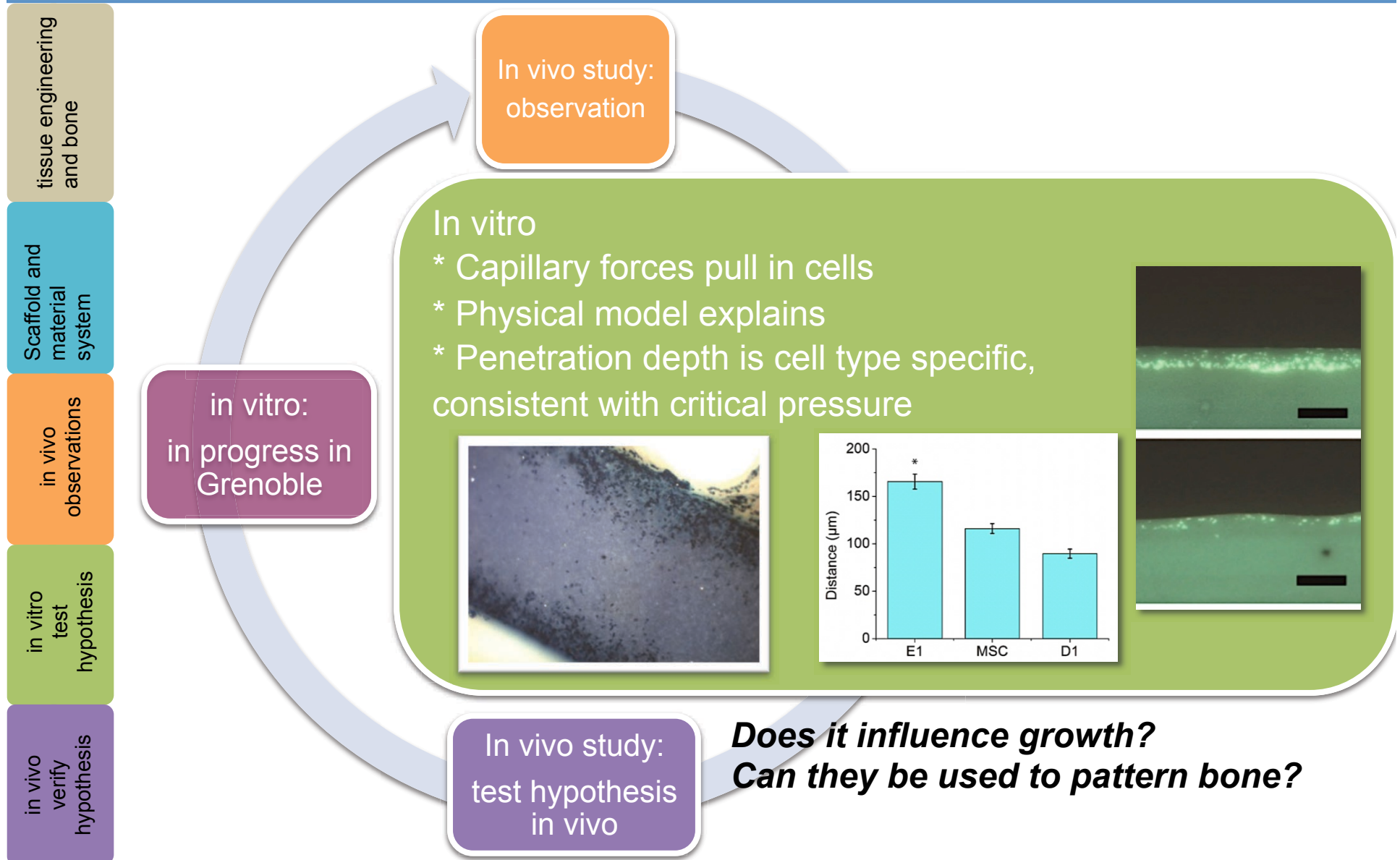
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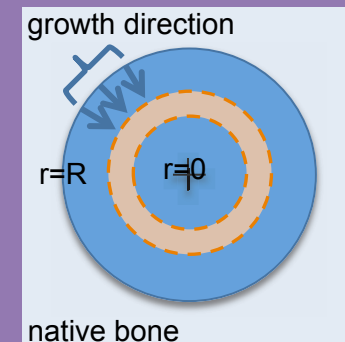
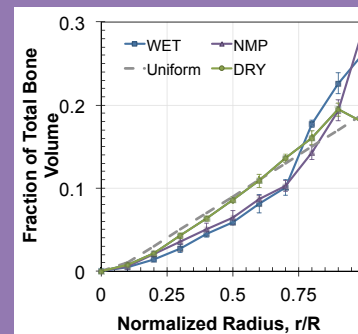
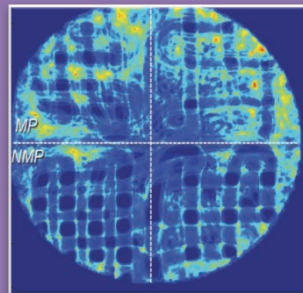
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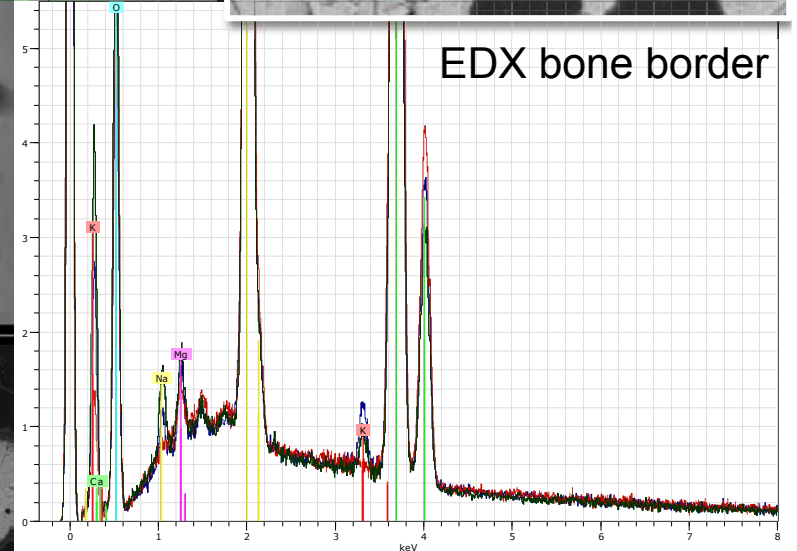
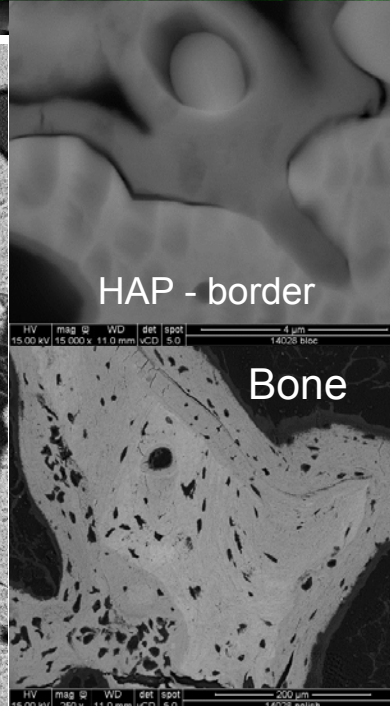
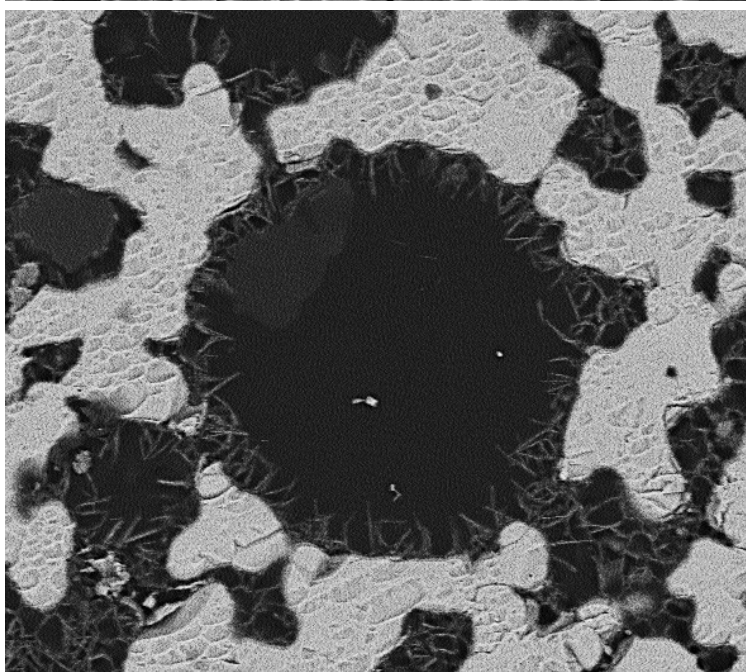
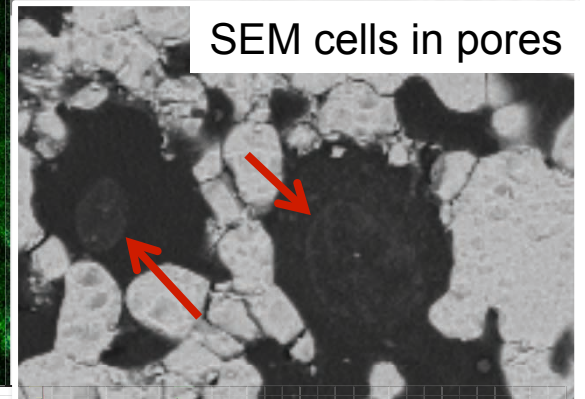
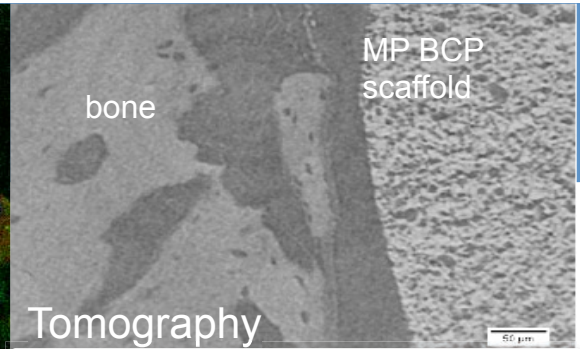
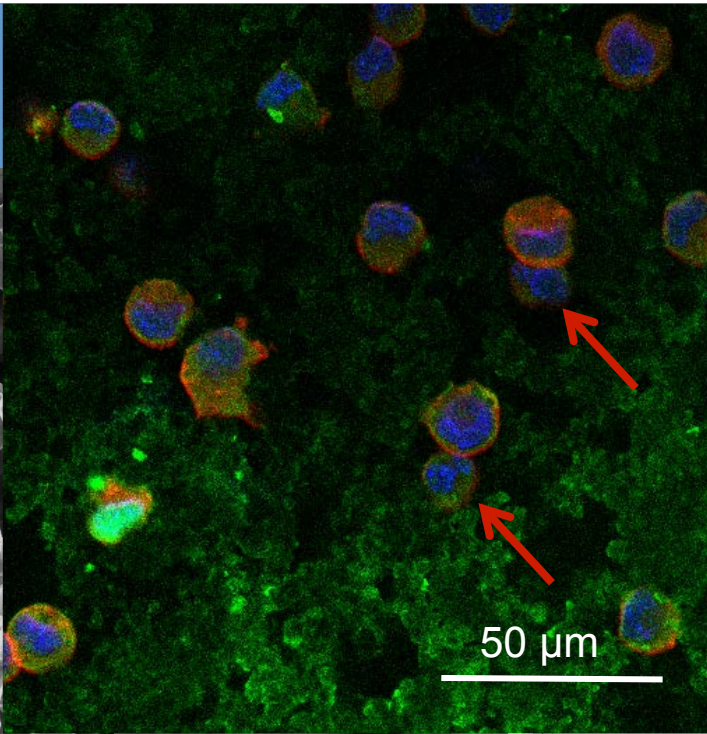
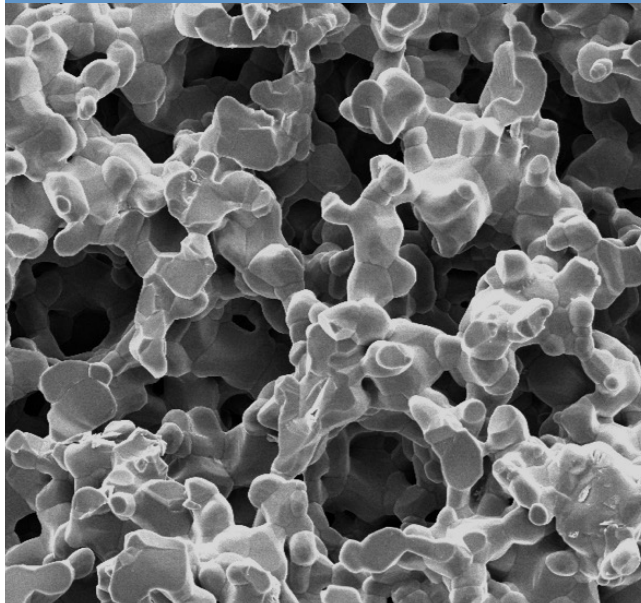
***Does it influence growth?
Can they be used to pattern bone?***

In vivo

- * Scaffolds with active capillarity have better bone distribution and more complete growth
- * This mechanism can be used to pattern growth in complex scaffolds



In Grenoble...



Ca/P Ratios:

- HAP : 1.37 ± 0.03 (N=6 measures)
- Border : 1.32 ± 0.06 (N=10 measures)
- Bone : 1.25 ± 0.02 (N=8 measures)

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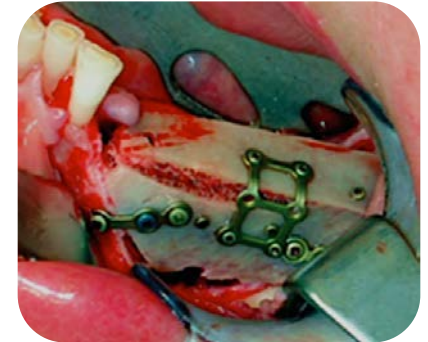
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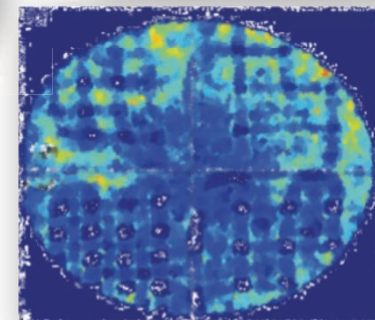
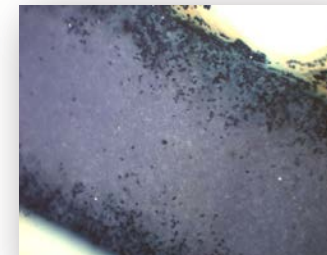
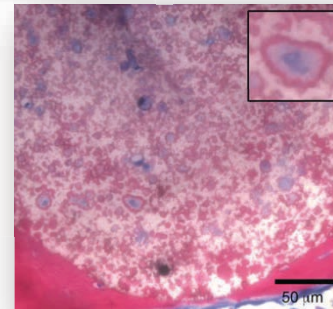
- Bone tissue engineering

- Why we care
- Challenges
- Current solutions



- Our unique approach

- Multi-scale osteointegration
- Use of capillary forces
- Use of microporosity and manufacturing technology to pattern bone



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