

# RESULTS OF IN-VIVO TESTING OF A NOVEL MACRO-SCALE OSSEOINTEGRATION SURFACE MORPHOLOGY

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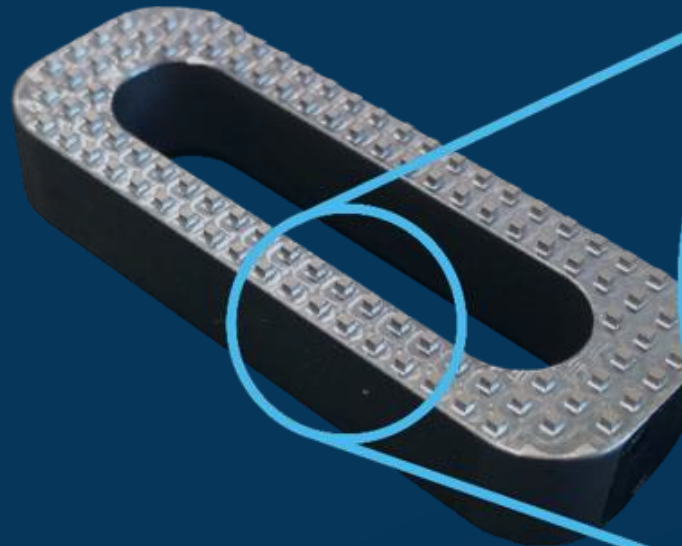
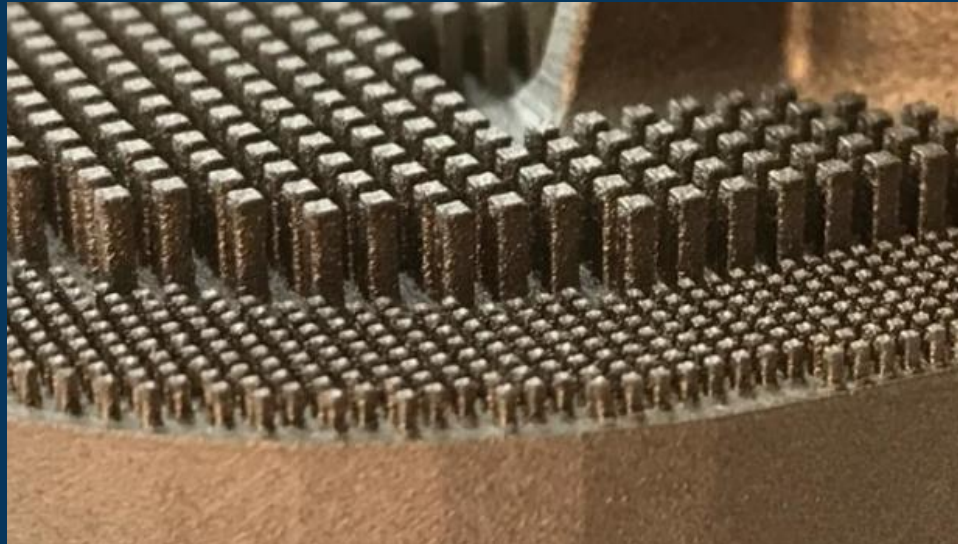
PLATFORM TECHNOLOGY FOR ORTHOPEDIC SURFACES

OPEN ARRAY OF MACRO-SCALE PILLARS ENABLING CONTINUOUS BONY IN-GROWTH

COMPLIMENTARY TO MICRO/NANO TECHNOLOGY

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Continuous Bone Fixation Interface



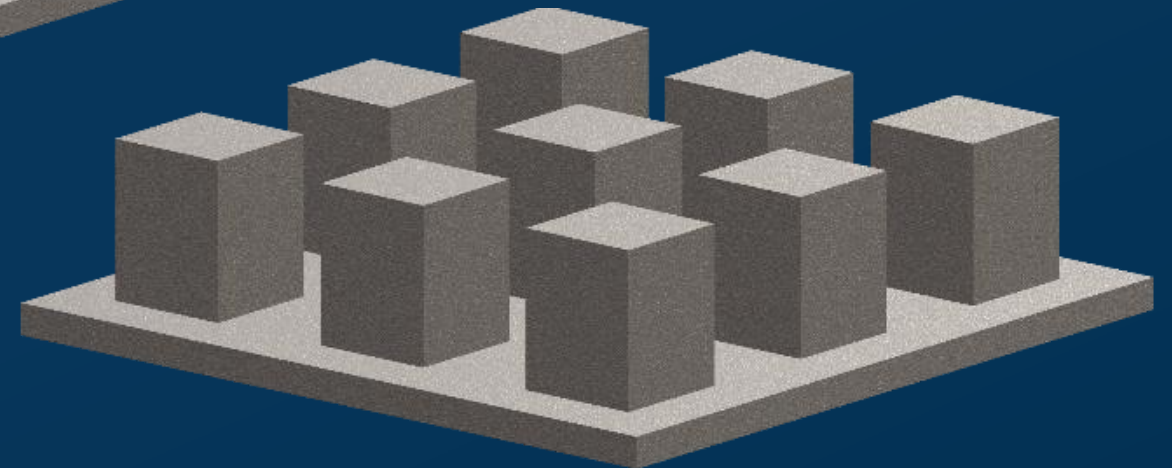
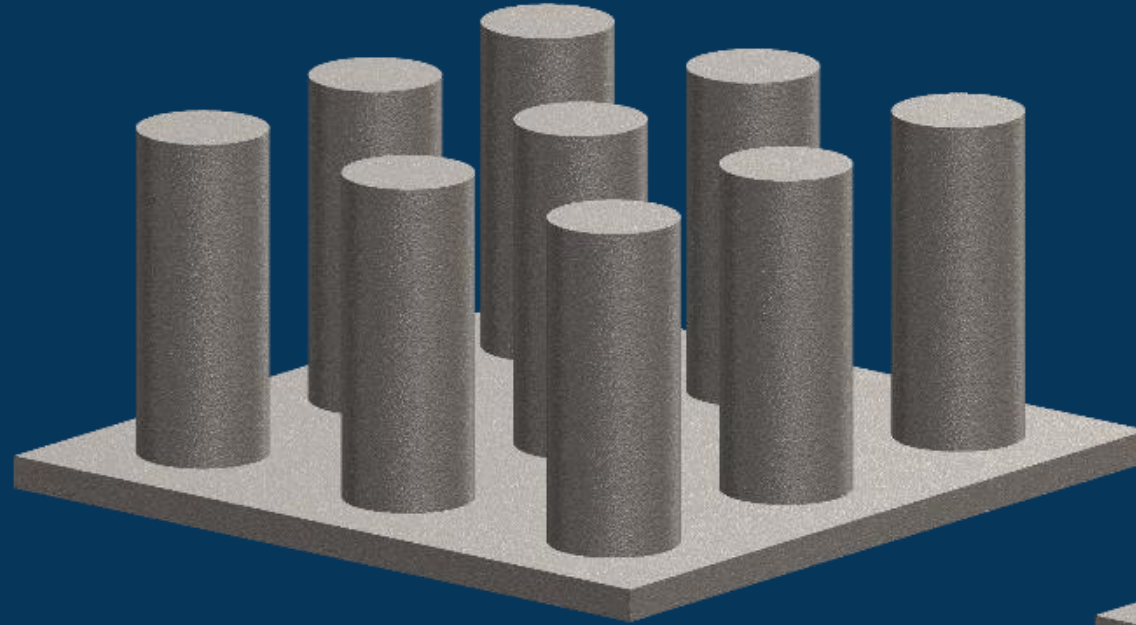


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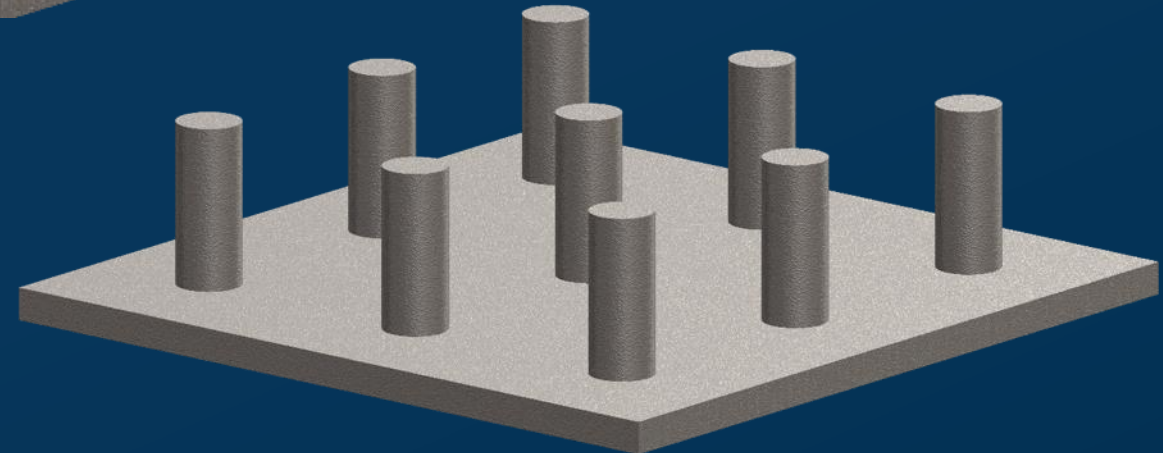
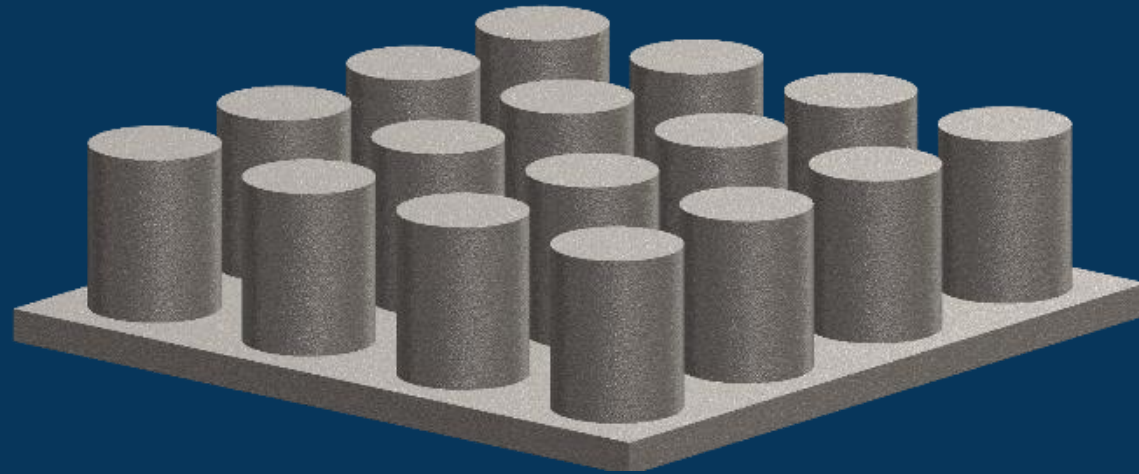
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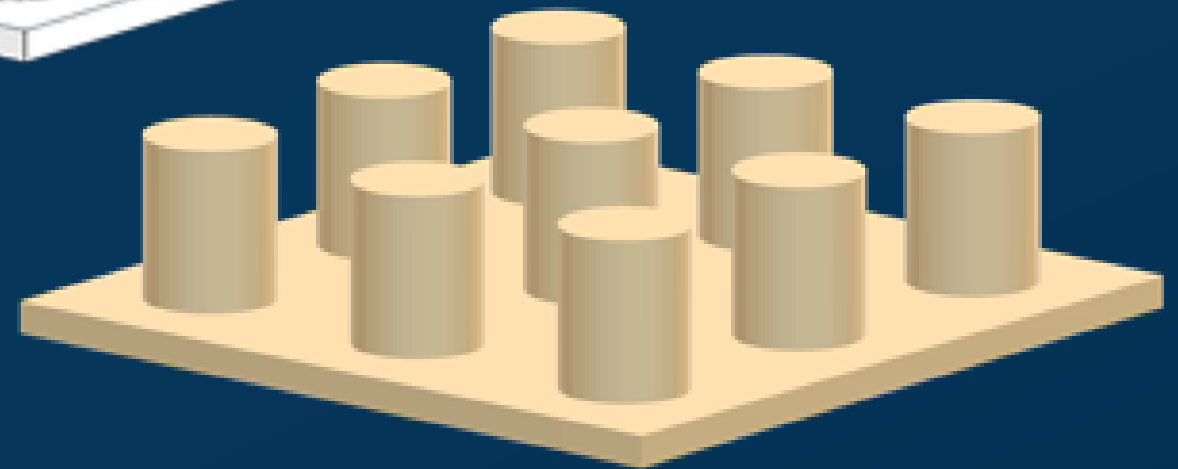
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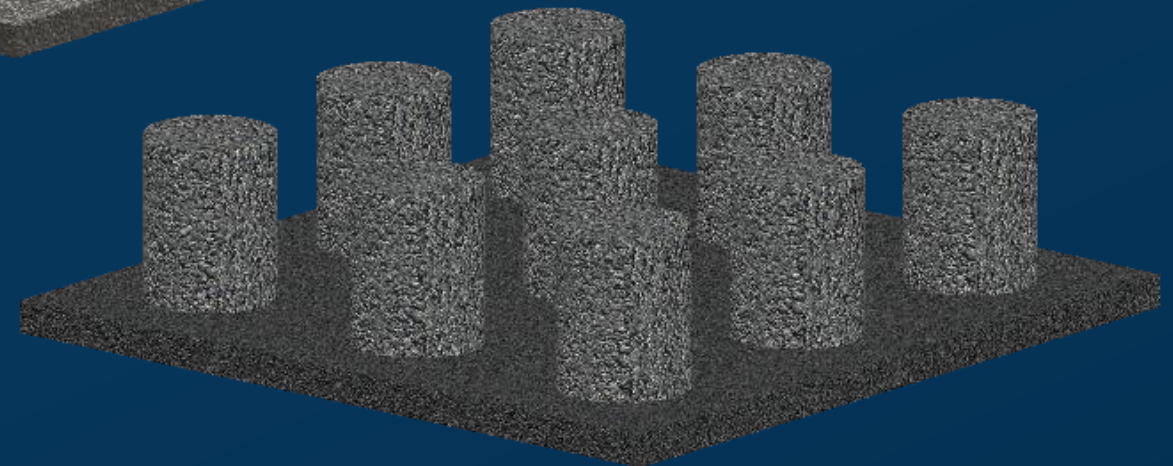
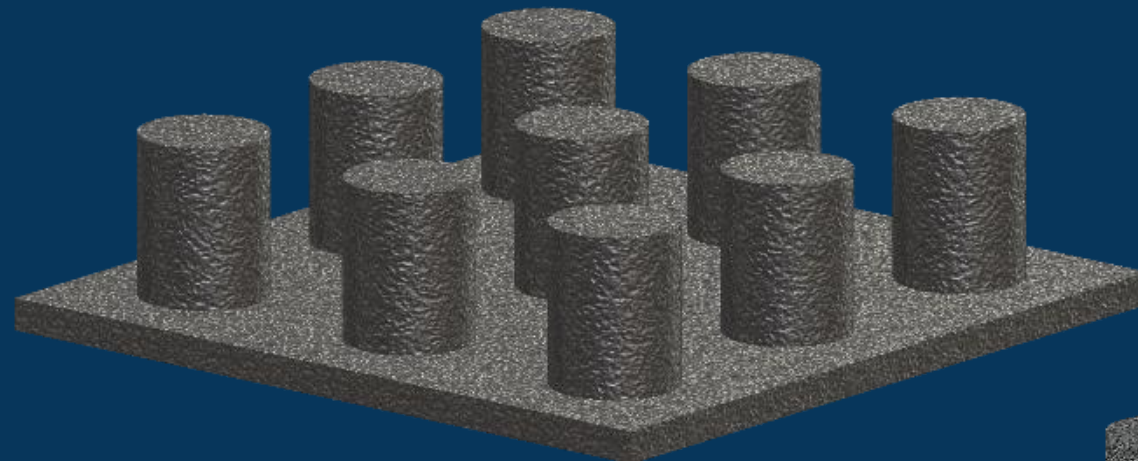
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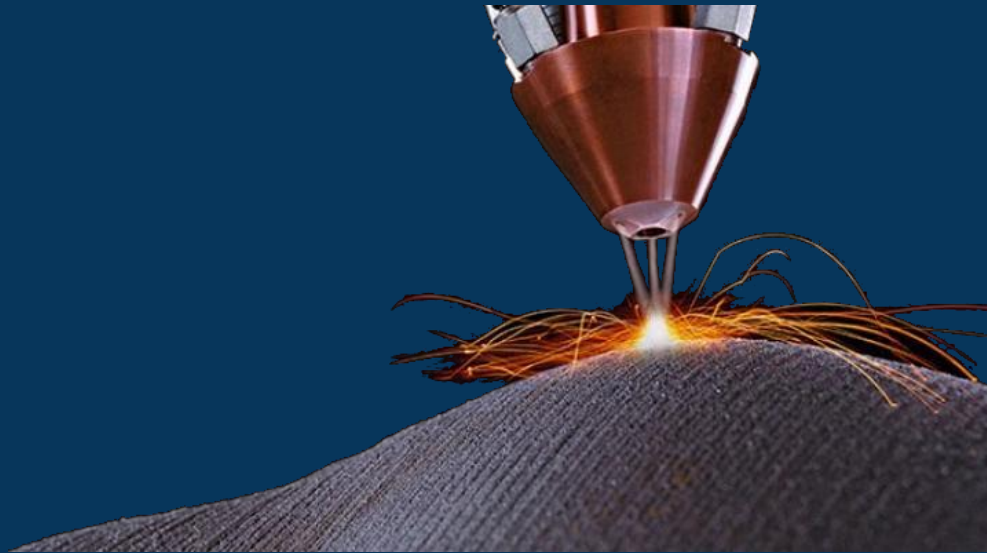
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## MANUFACTURING

ADDITIVE  
SUBTRACTIVE  
MOLDING





# BIOLOGIC: CONTINUOUS BONY PHASE

CONTINUOUS BONE &  
DISCONTINUOUS  
IMPLANT

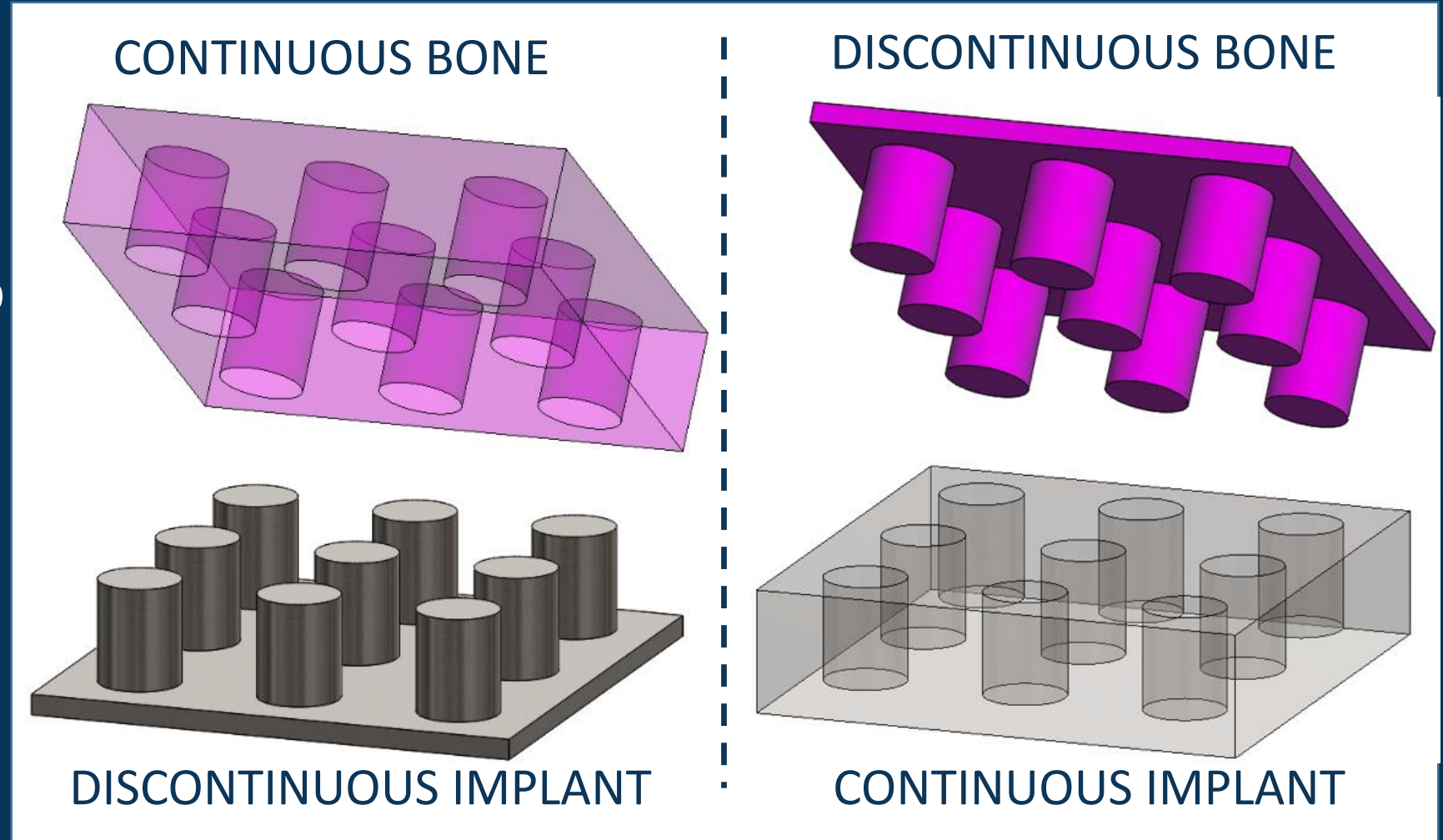
CONTINUOUS PHASE  
ENABLES

ROBUST INTERDIGITATED  
BONE IN-GROWTH

LARGE VOID VOLUME

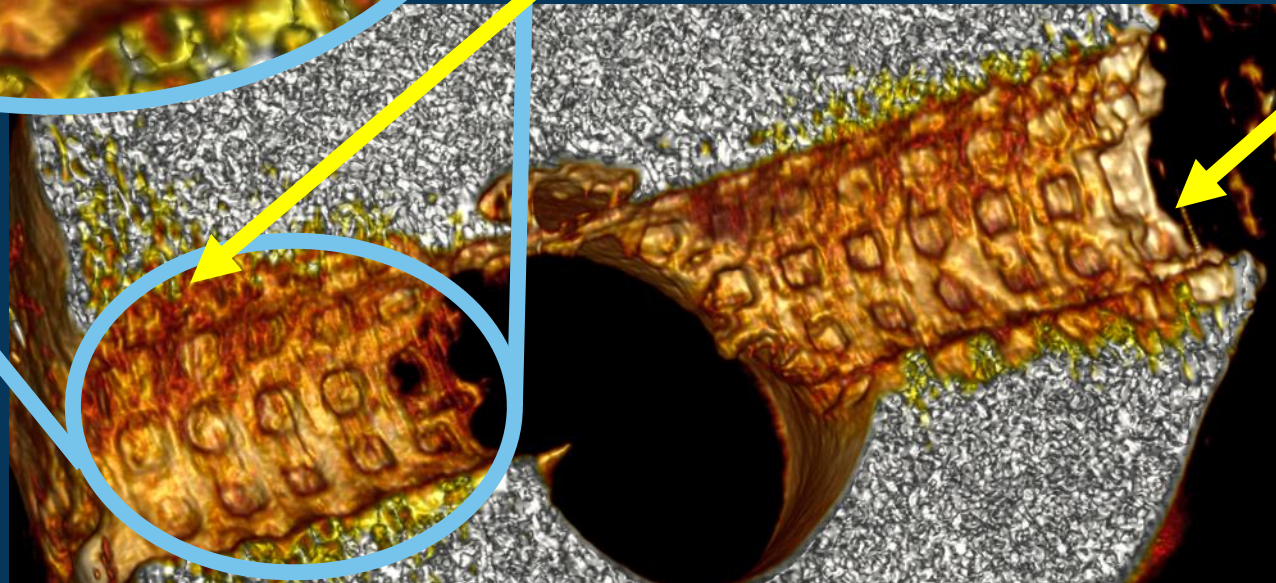
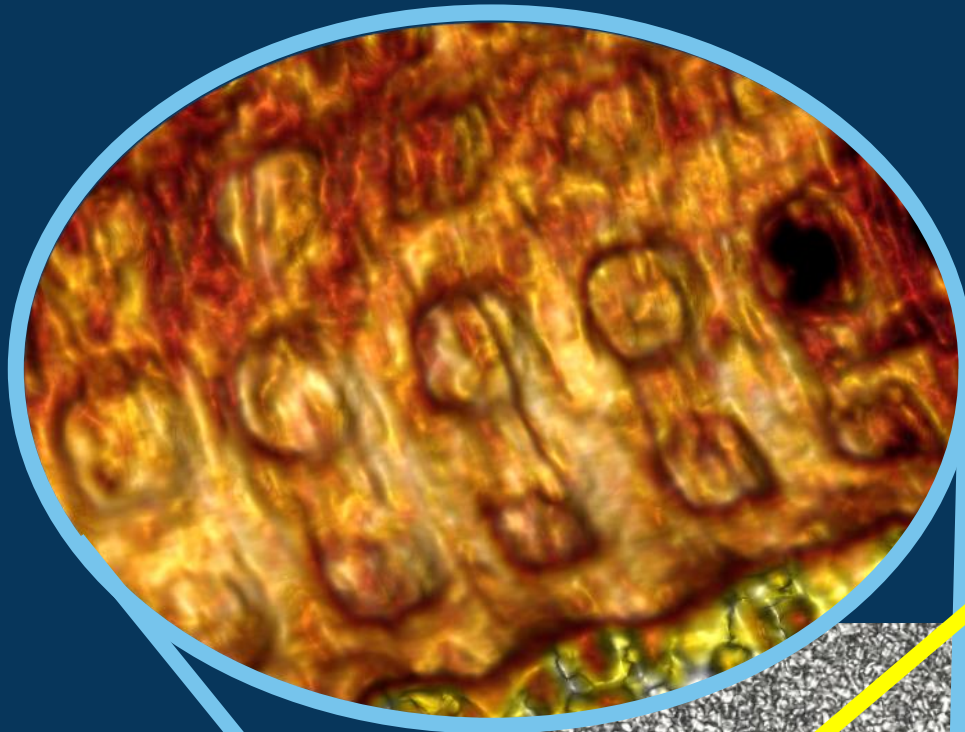
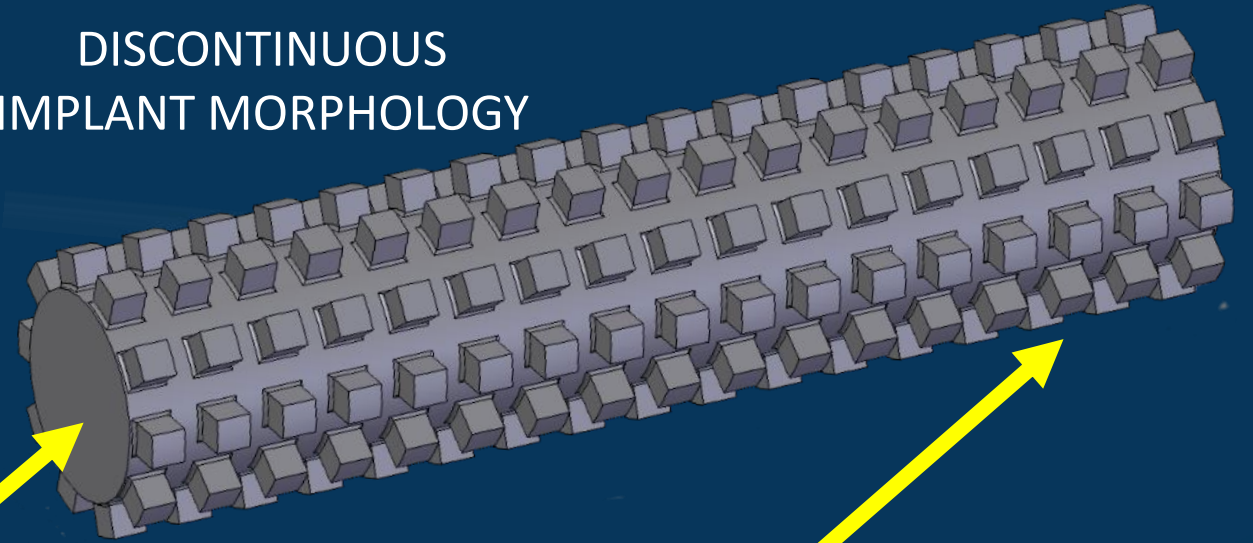
HIGHLY AND FULLY  
INTERCONNECTED  
GROWTH SPACE

EASILY ACCESSIBLE  
GROWTH SPACE



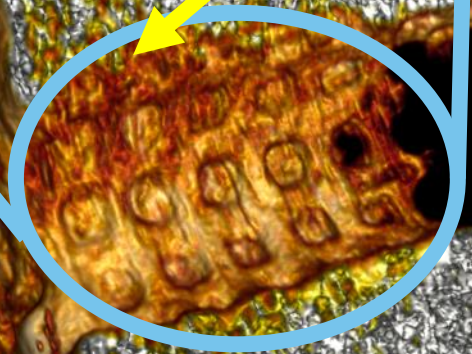
# BIOLOGIC: CONTINUOUS BONY PHASE

DISCONTINUOUS  
IMPLANT MORPHOLOGY



OVINE TIBIA  $\mu$ CT  
RECONSTRUCTION

CONTINUOUS  
BONY PHASE



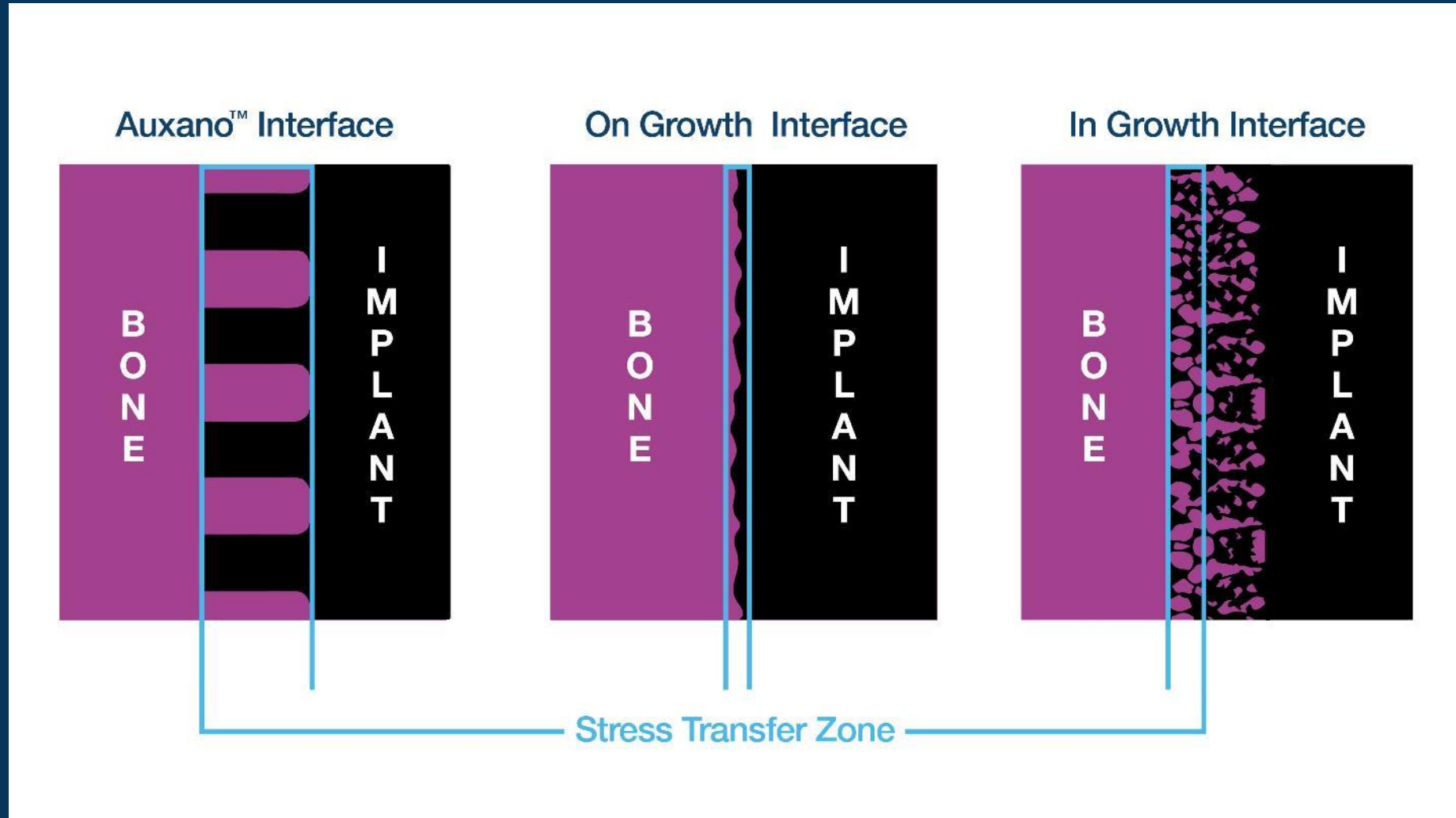


# BIOMECHANICAL: STRESS TRANSFER

STRUCTURAL  
MORPHOLOGY TO  
EFFECTIVELY TRANSFER  
STRESS

GRADUAL STRESS  
TRANSFER THROUGH  
TRANSITION ZONE

DISTRIBUTION OF  
MATERIAL





# IN-VIVO PHASE I: PROOF OF CONCEPT, PILLAR SPACING

## 2009 CANINE STUDY, PEEK IMPLANTS

DETAILS: 6 CANINES, 6WK

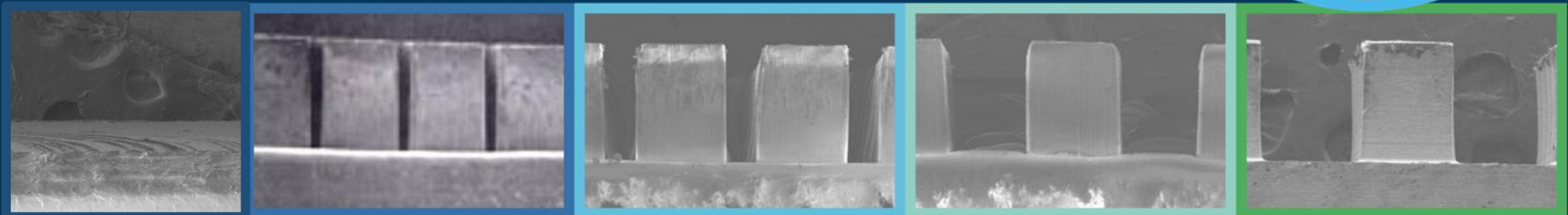
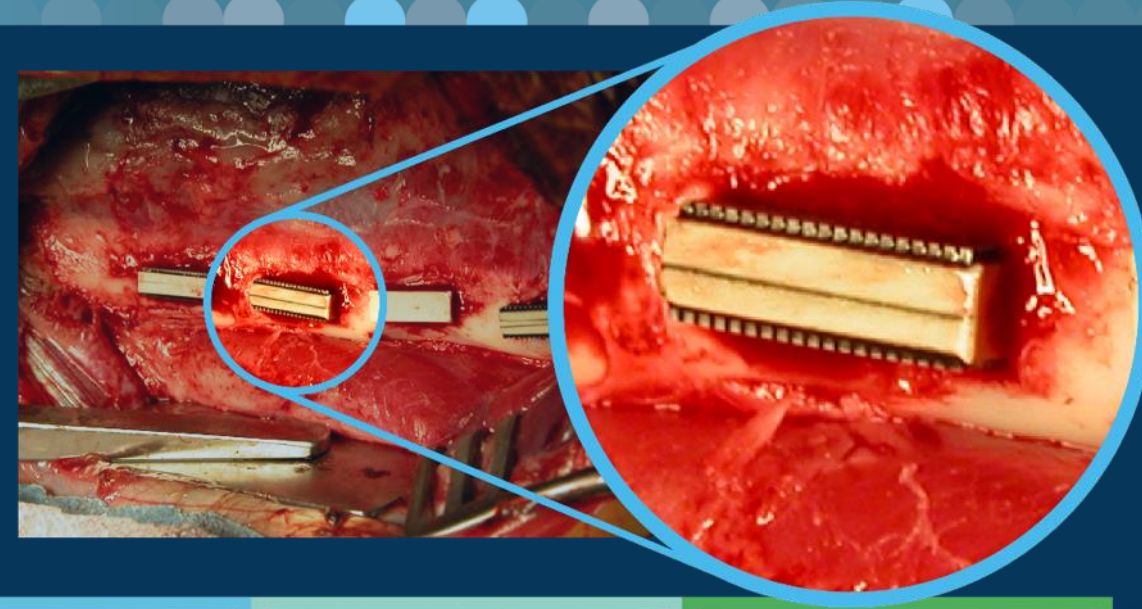
IMPLANTS: 12x8x4mm PLATES, PEEK

END POINTS: HISTOLOGY, PUSHOUT

MAIN FINDINGS: OVER 50% VOID VOLUME:

SOLID BONY IN-GROWTH

INCREASED PUSHOUT RESISTANCE



<b>PILLAR GEOMETRY</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>400x400µm x 500µm TALL</b>			
<b>PILLAR SPACING</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>100µm</b>	<b>200µm</b>	<b>400µm</b>	<b>400µm</b>
<b>MATERIAL</b>		<b>PEEK</b>			<b>TITANIUM</b>
<b>VOID VOLUME %</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>

# IN-VIVO PHASE II: GEOMETRY ASSESSMENT

2015 OVINE STUDY – W.R. WALSH PH.D. – UNSW

DETAILS: 8 SHEEP, 4 EACH AT 4&12 WK

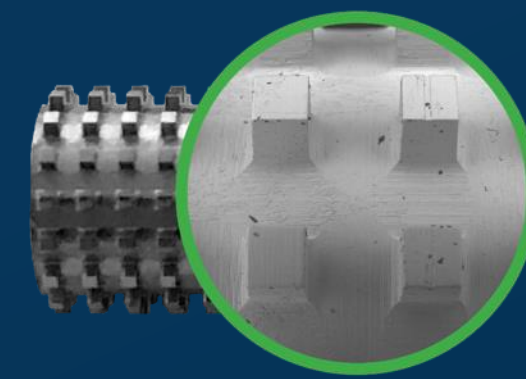
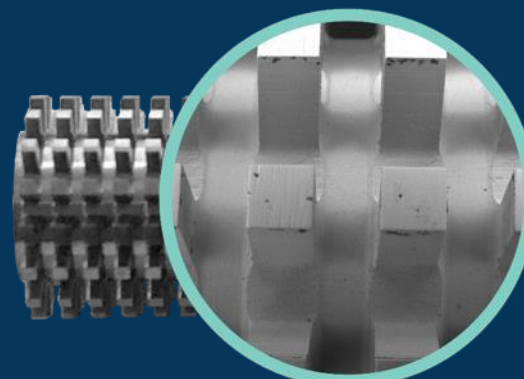
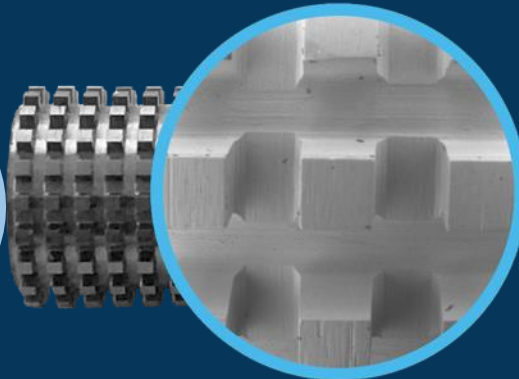
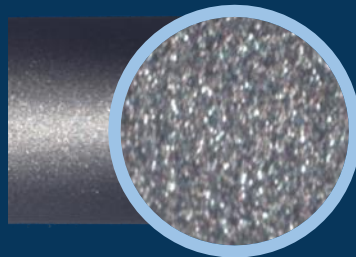
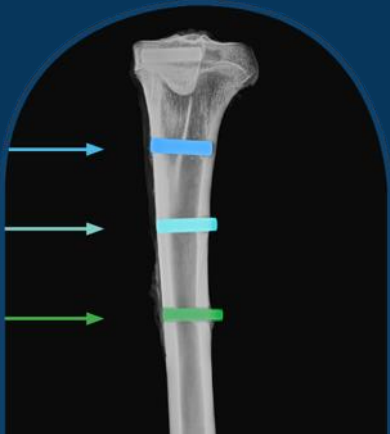
IMPLANTS: 6mm DOWELS, LINE TO LINE FIT

END POINTS: HISTOLOGY, PUSHOUT

MAIN FINDINGS:

FULLY IN-GROWN BONE

INCREASED PUSHOUT RESISTANCE



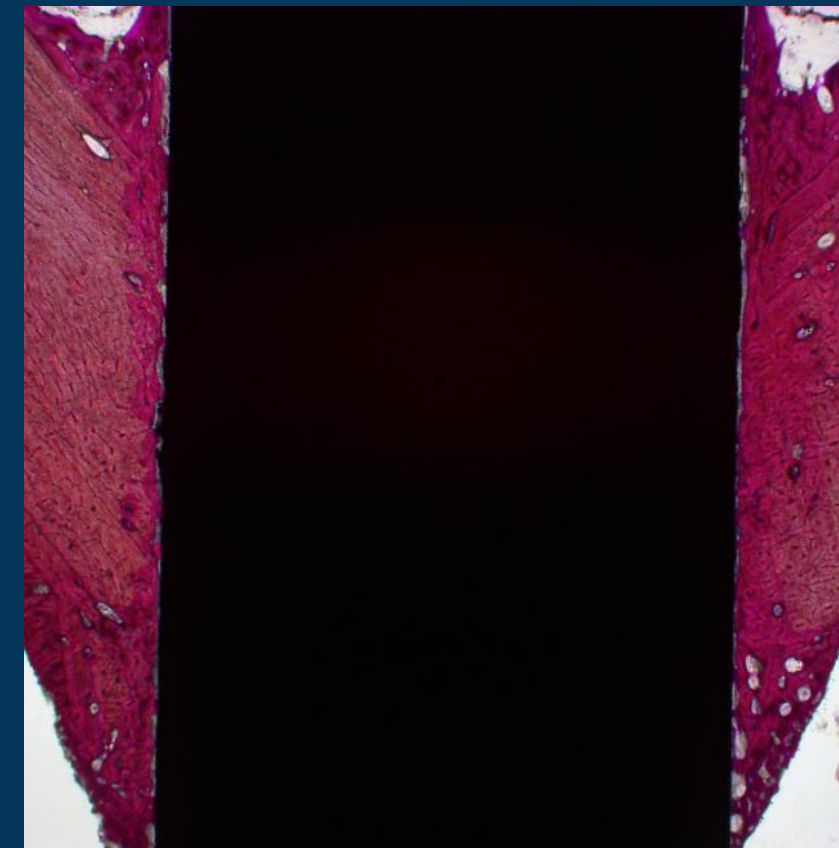
PILLAR HEIGHT	N/A	500µm	1000µm	500µm
PILLAR SPACING	N/A	400µm	400µm	600µm
VOID VOLUME %	0%	77%	80%	85%



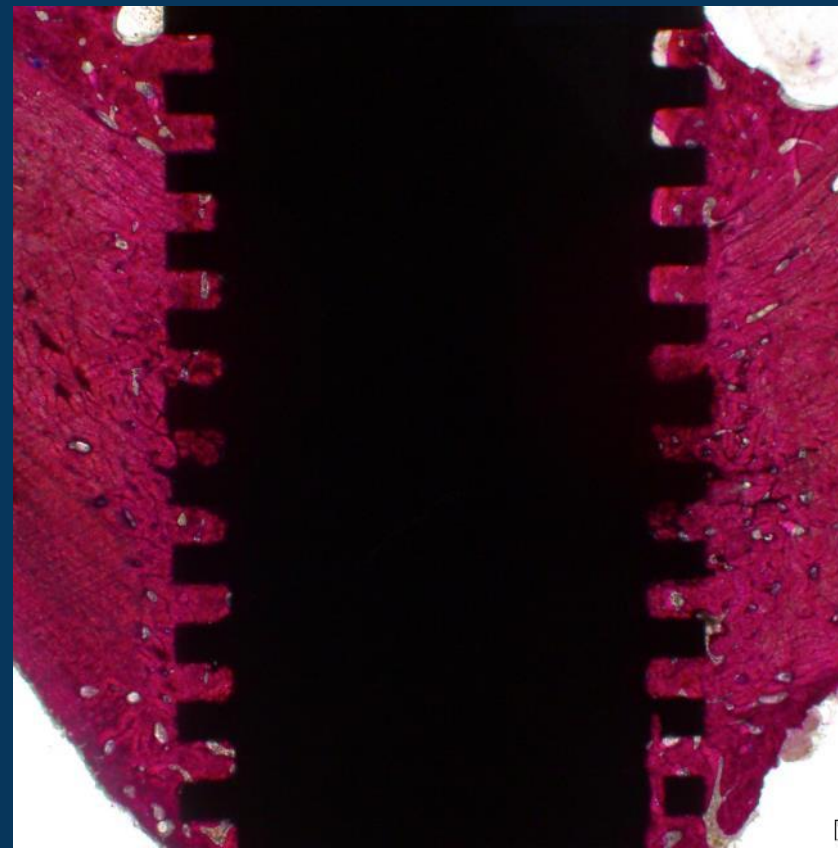
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## 12 WEEK HISTOLOGY



TITANIUM GRIT  
BLAST



TITANIUM  
400µm SPACING



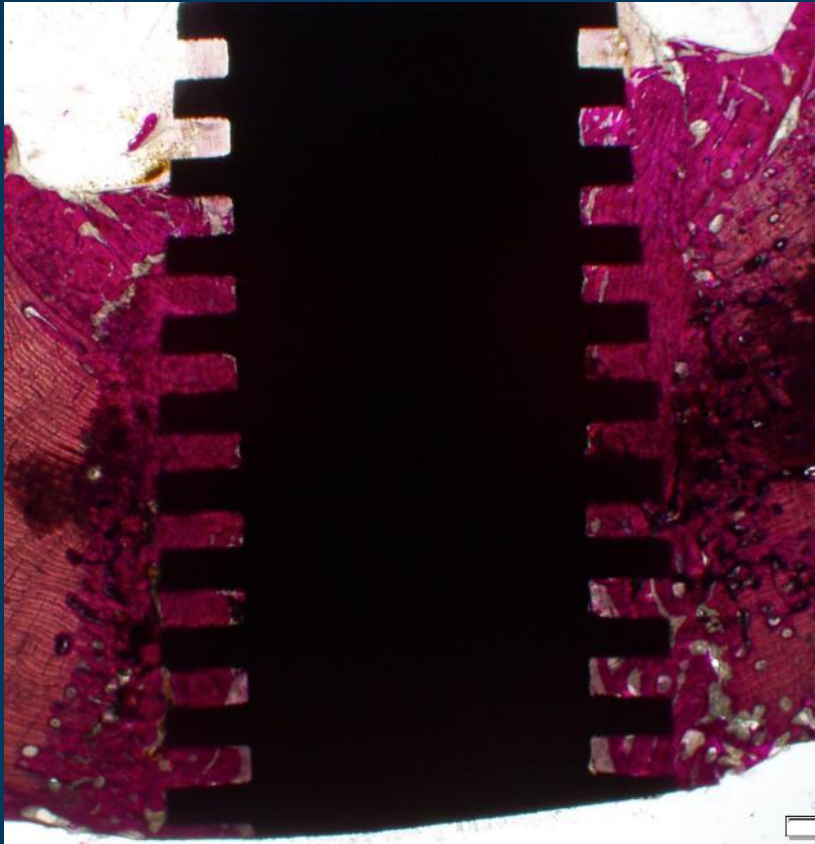
TITANIUM  
600µm SPACING



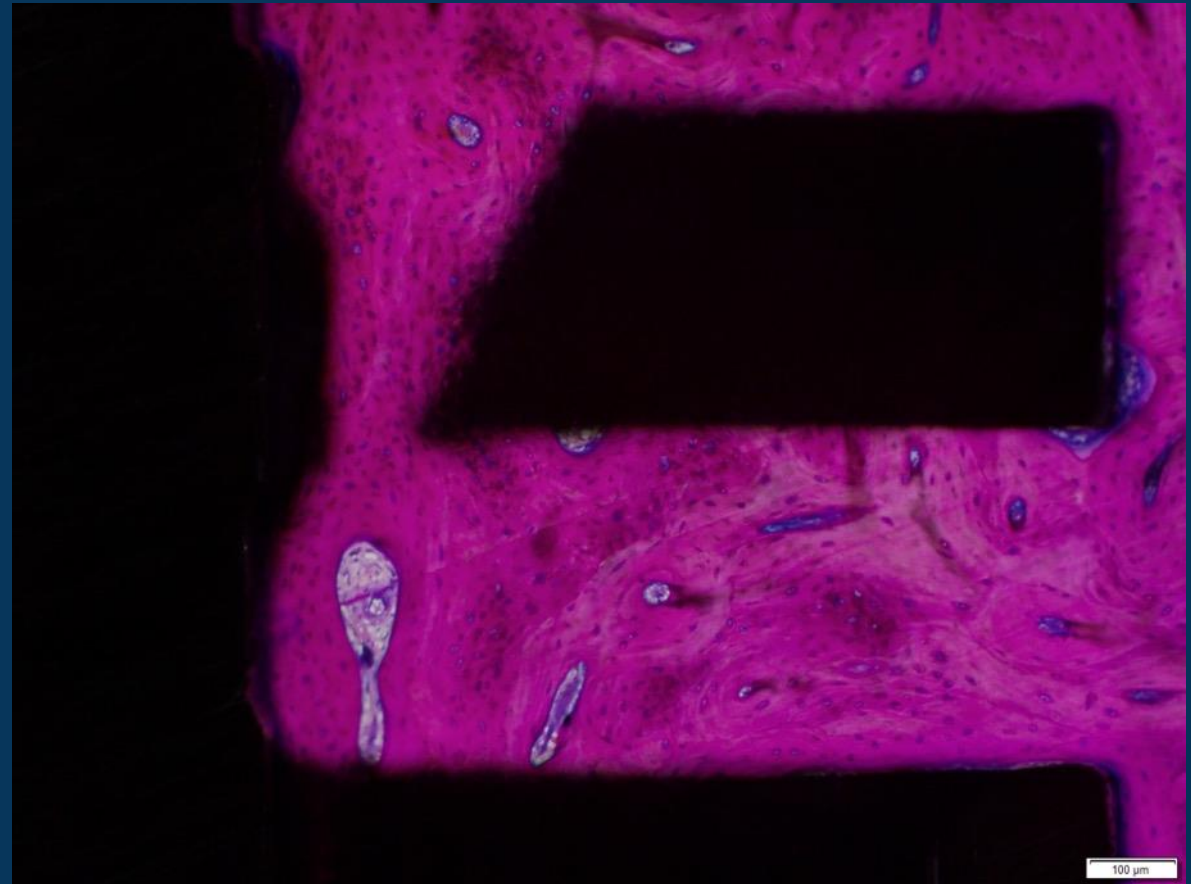
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400µm SPACING



TITANIUM TALL 400µm  
SINGLE PILLAR VIEW

# IN-VIVO PHASE III: MATERIAL COMPOSITION

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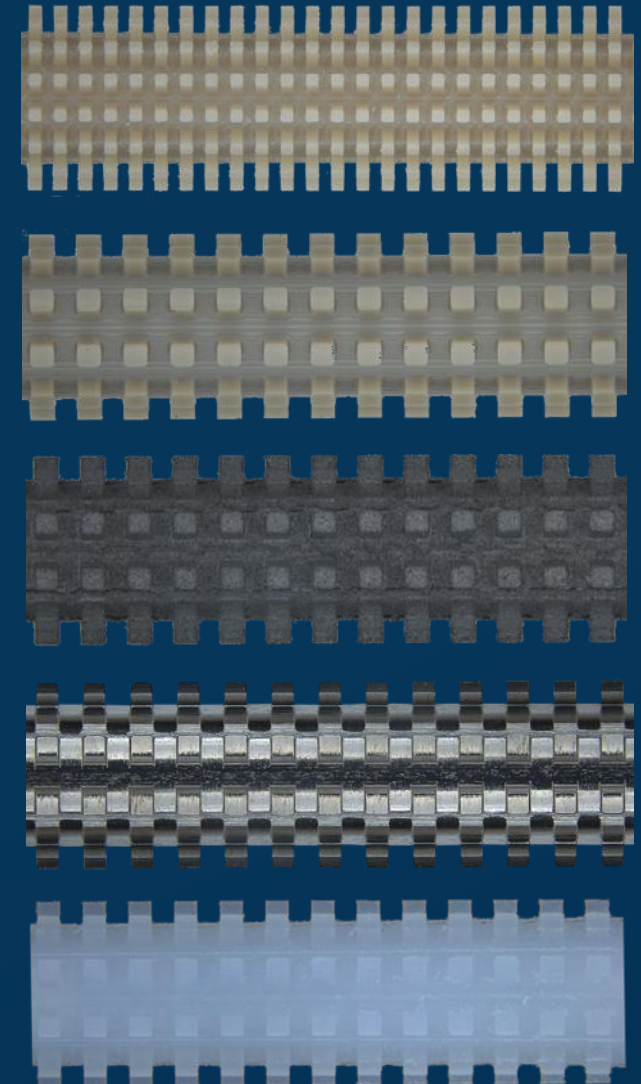
DETAILS: 12 SHEEP, 6 EACH AT 6&12 WK

IMPLANTS: 6mm DOWELS, LINE TO LINE FIT

END POINTS: HISTOLOGY,  $\mu$ CT, PUSHOUT

MAIN FINDINGS:

ROBUST BONY IN-GROWTH INTO ALL MATERIALS  
IN-GROWTH AGNOSTIC TO IMPLANT MATERIALS



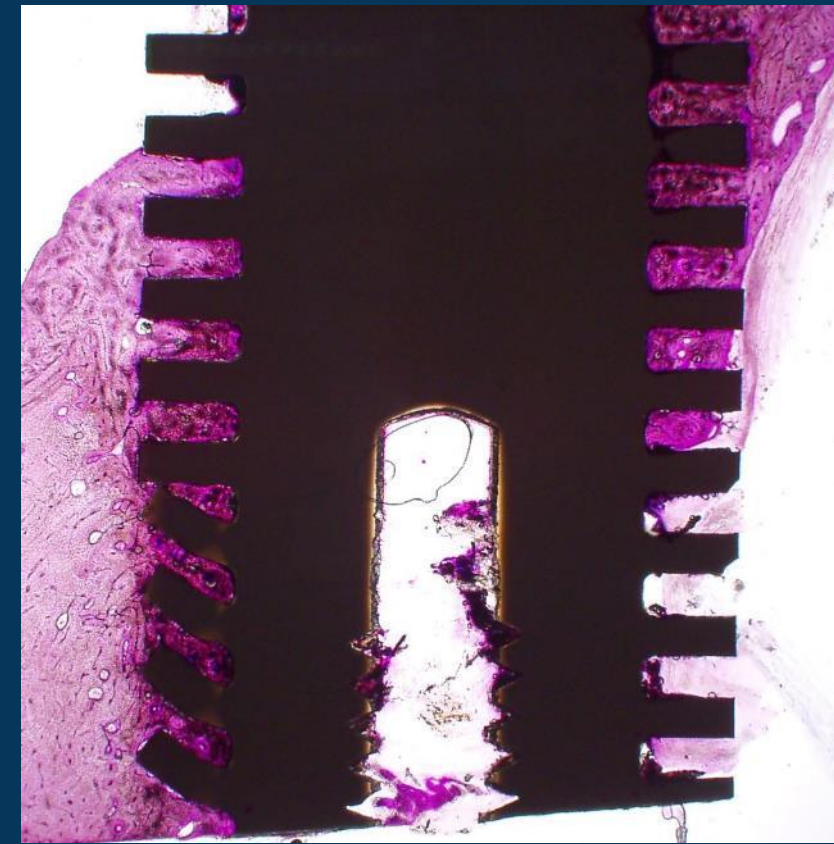
MATERIAL	SQUARE PILLAR WIDTH	PILLAR HEIGHT	PILLAR SPACING	VOID VOLUME %
TALL PEEK*	400 $\mu$ m	1000 $\mu$ m	400 $\mu$ m	80%
PEEK*	750 $\mu$ m	750 $\mu$ m	665 $\mu$ m	77%
PEEK HA $\xi$				
PEEK* TI COATED $\phi$				
TITANIUM				
UHMWPE				



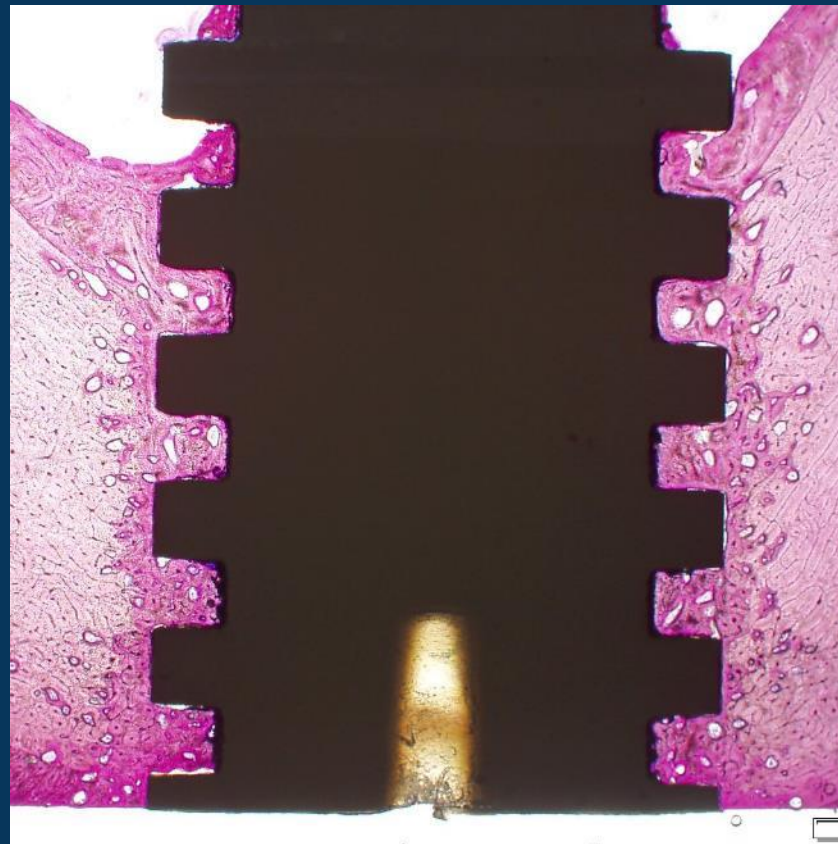
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12 WEEK HISTOLOGY PILLARED IMPLANT



TALL PEEK, 400 $\mu$ m



PEEK



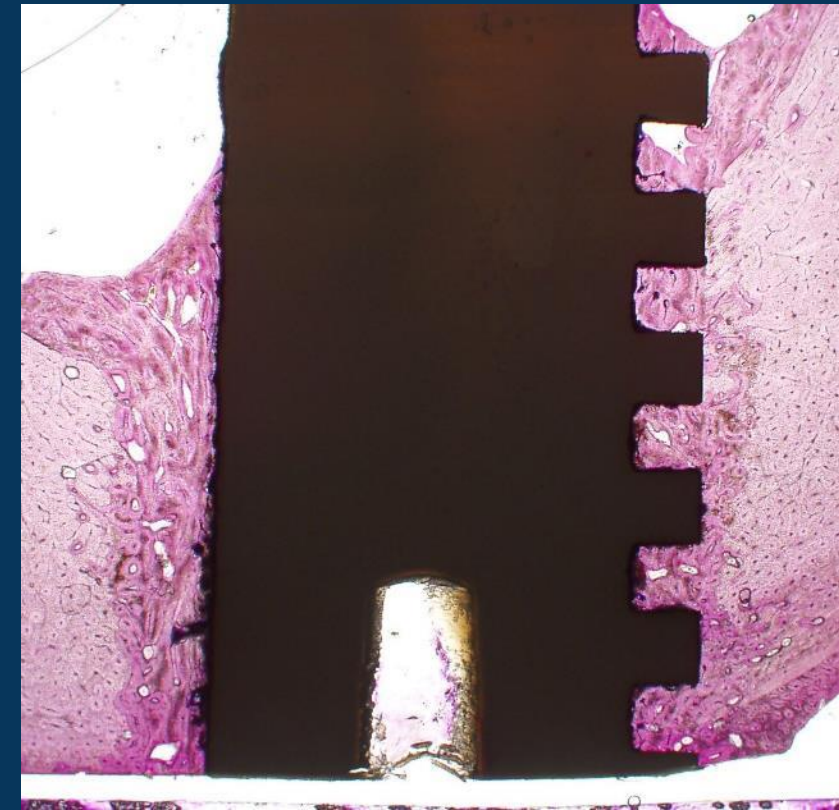
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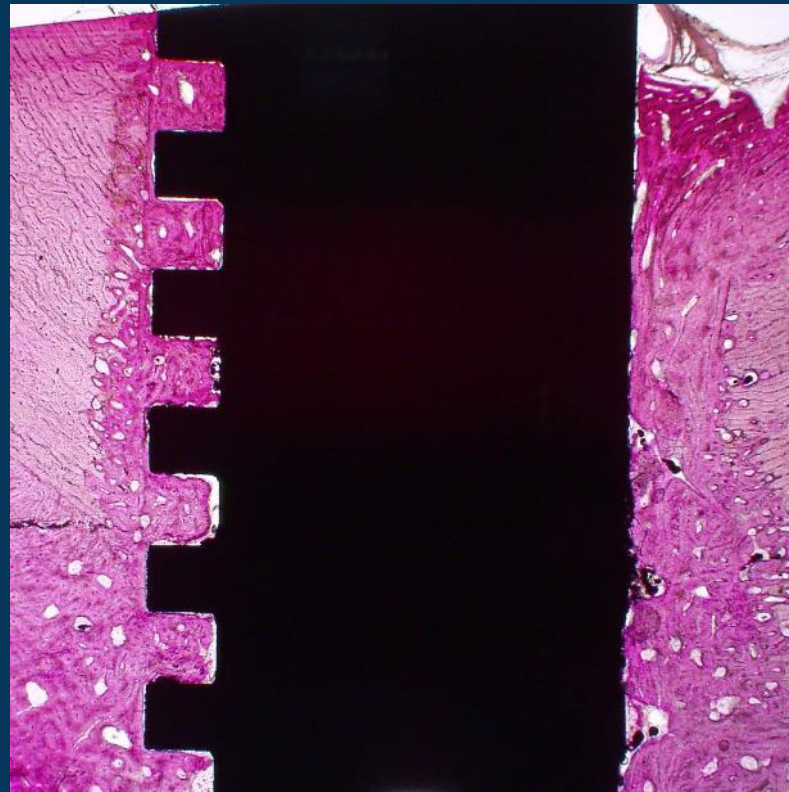
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12 WEEK HISTOLOGY PILLARED IMPLANT



TI COATED PEEK



TITANIUM



UHMWPE

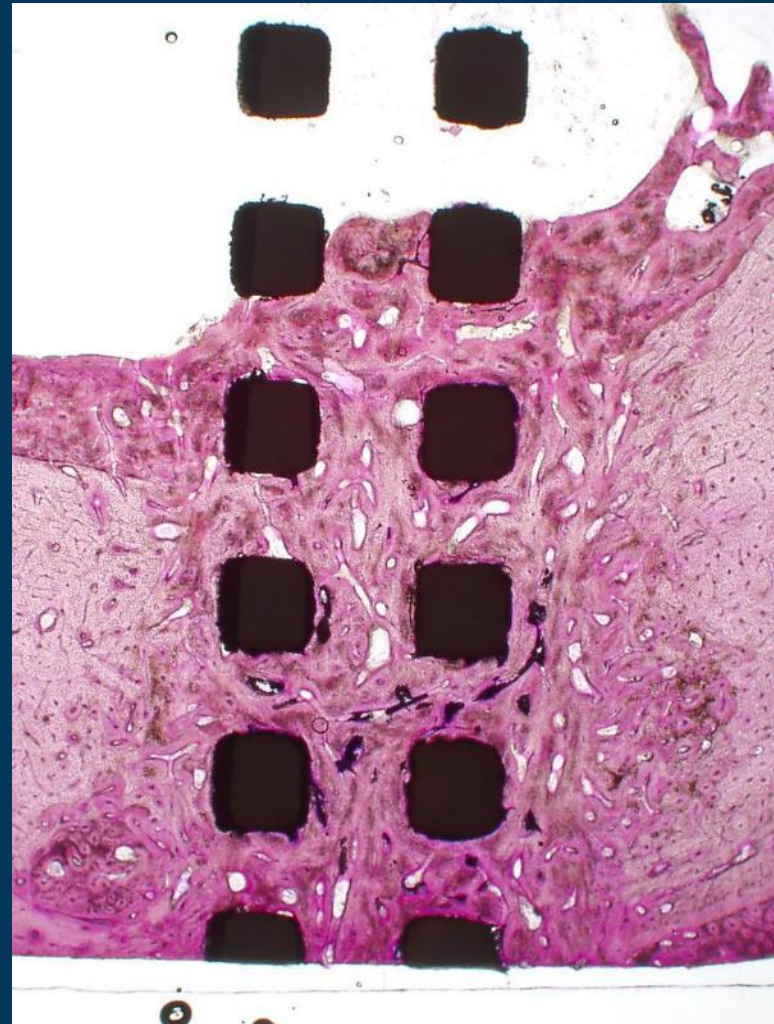
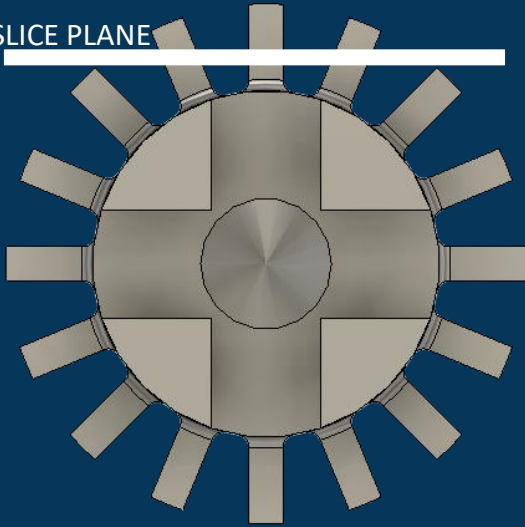


# IN-VIVO PHASE III: MATERIAL COMPOSITION

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12 WEEK HISTOLOGY: OFF-AXIS SLICE PLANE THROUGH PILLARES

SLICE PLANE



TI COATED PEEK



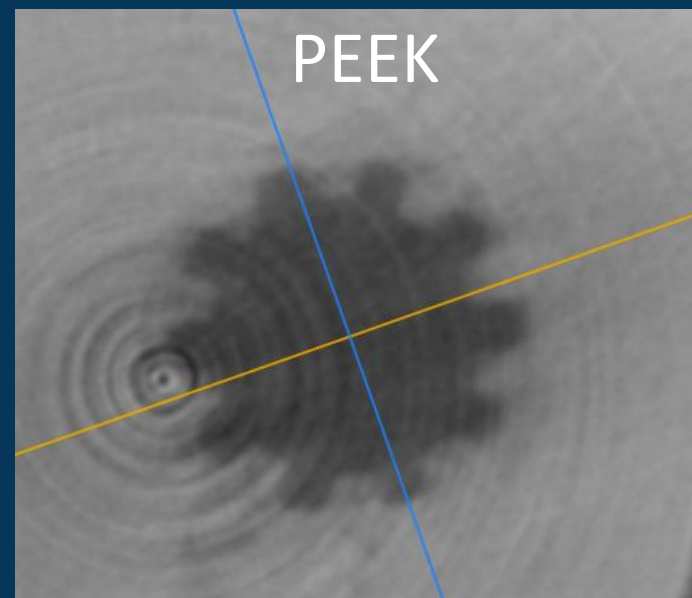
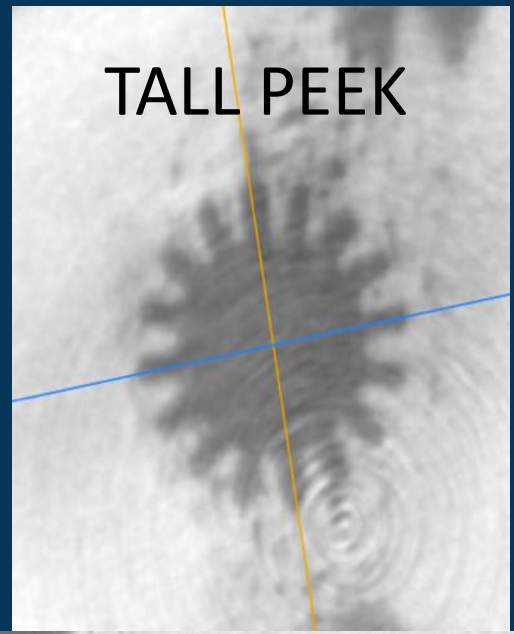
TALL PEEK, 400µm SPACING



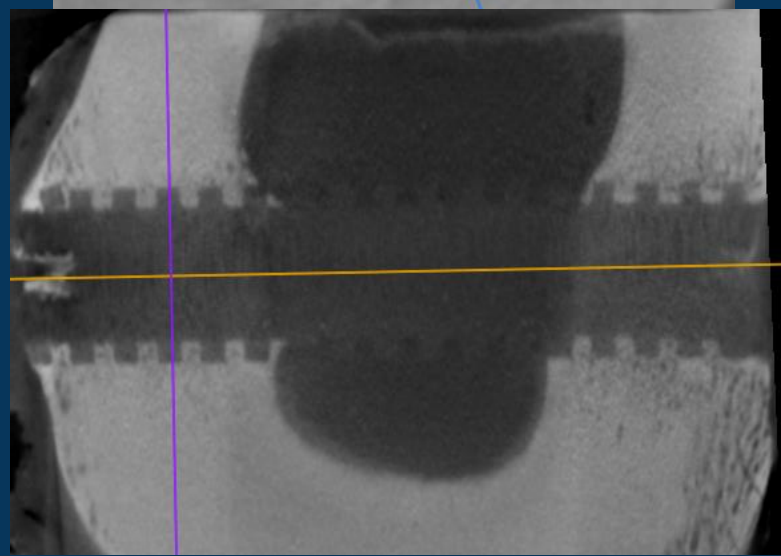
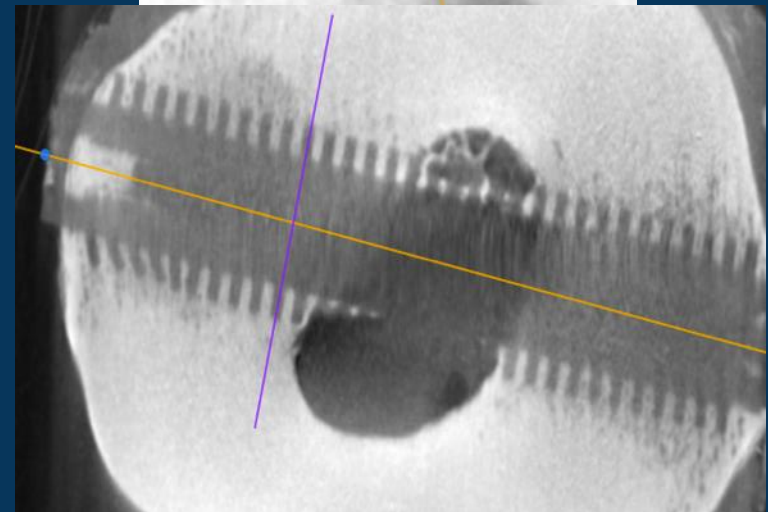
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12 WEEK  $\mu$ CT PILLARED IMPLANT



PR 44  $\mu$ m 83%  
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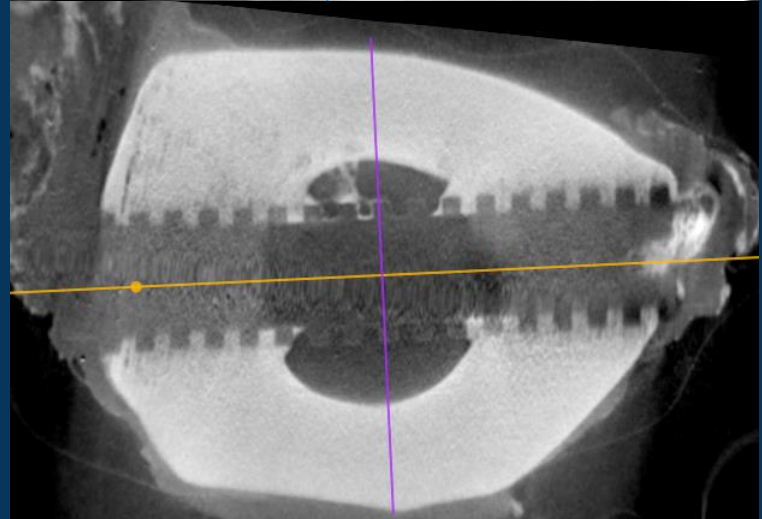
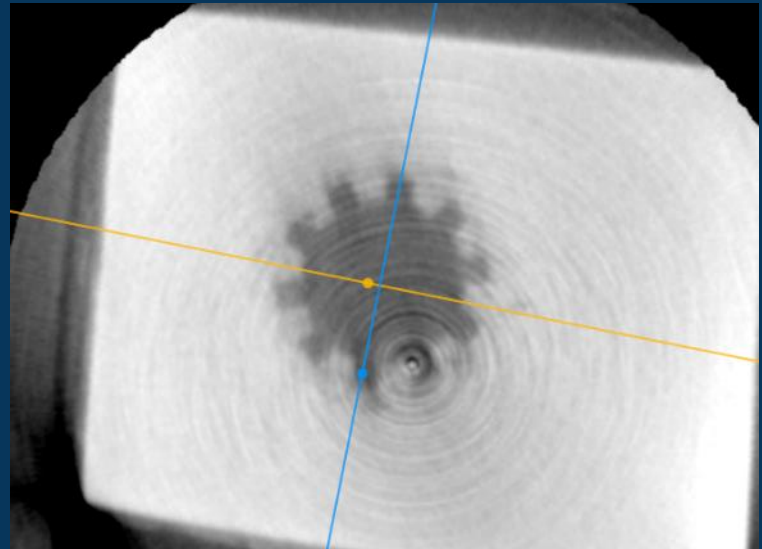




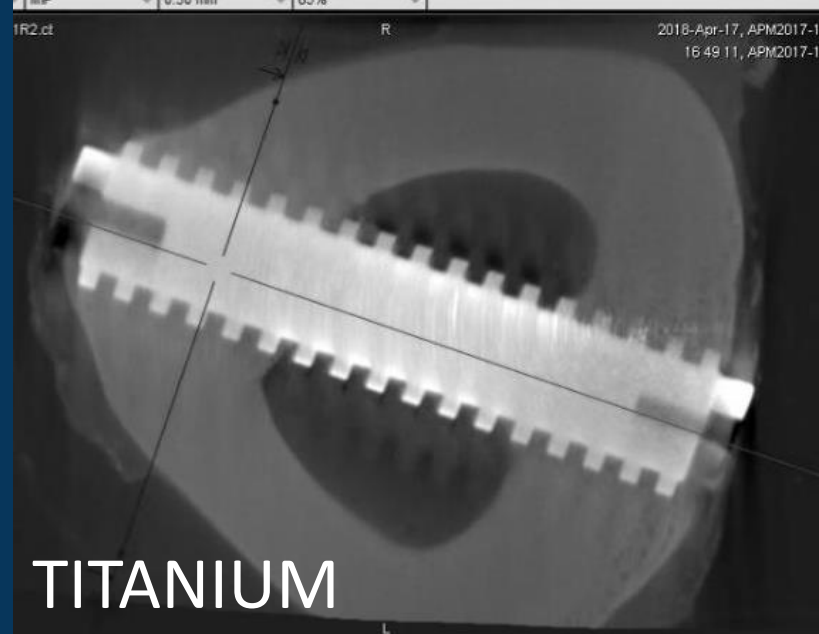
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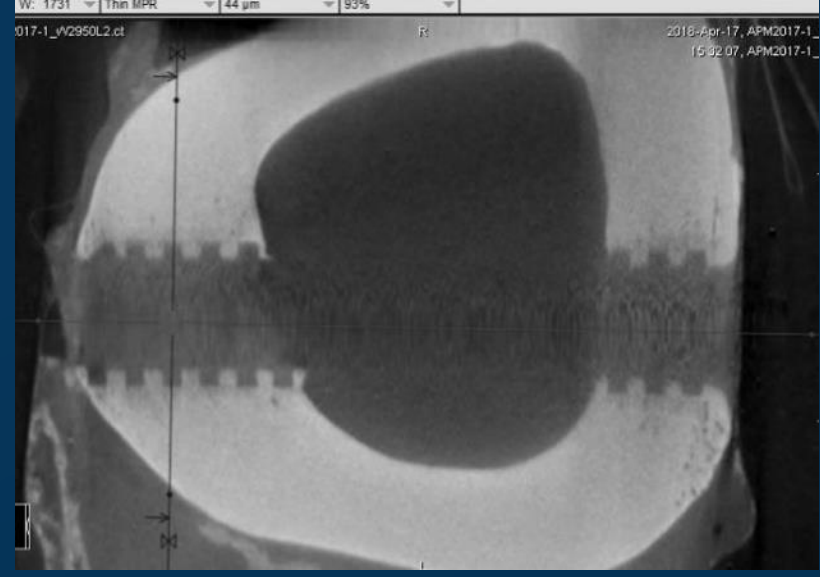
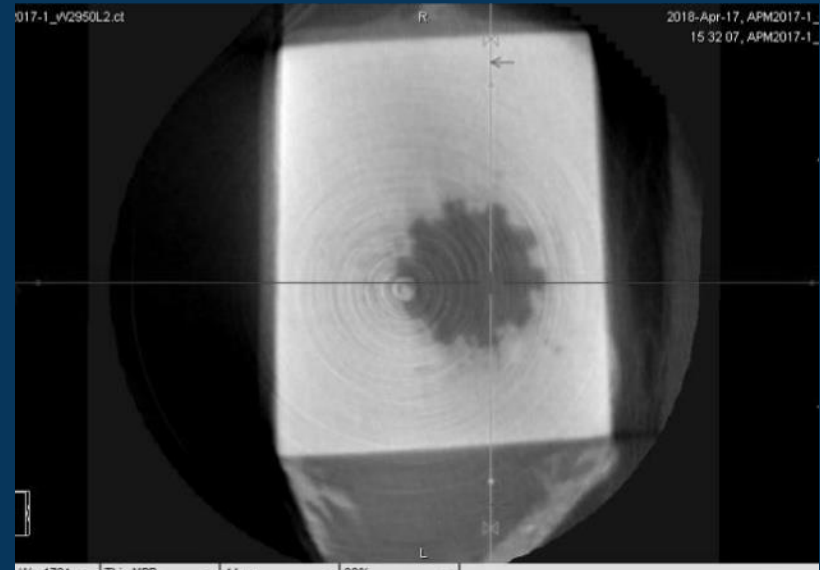
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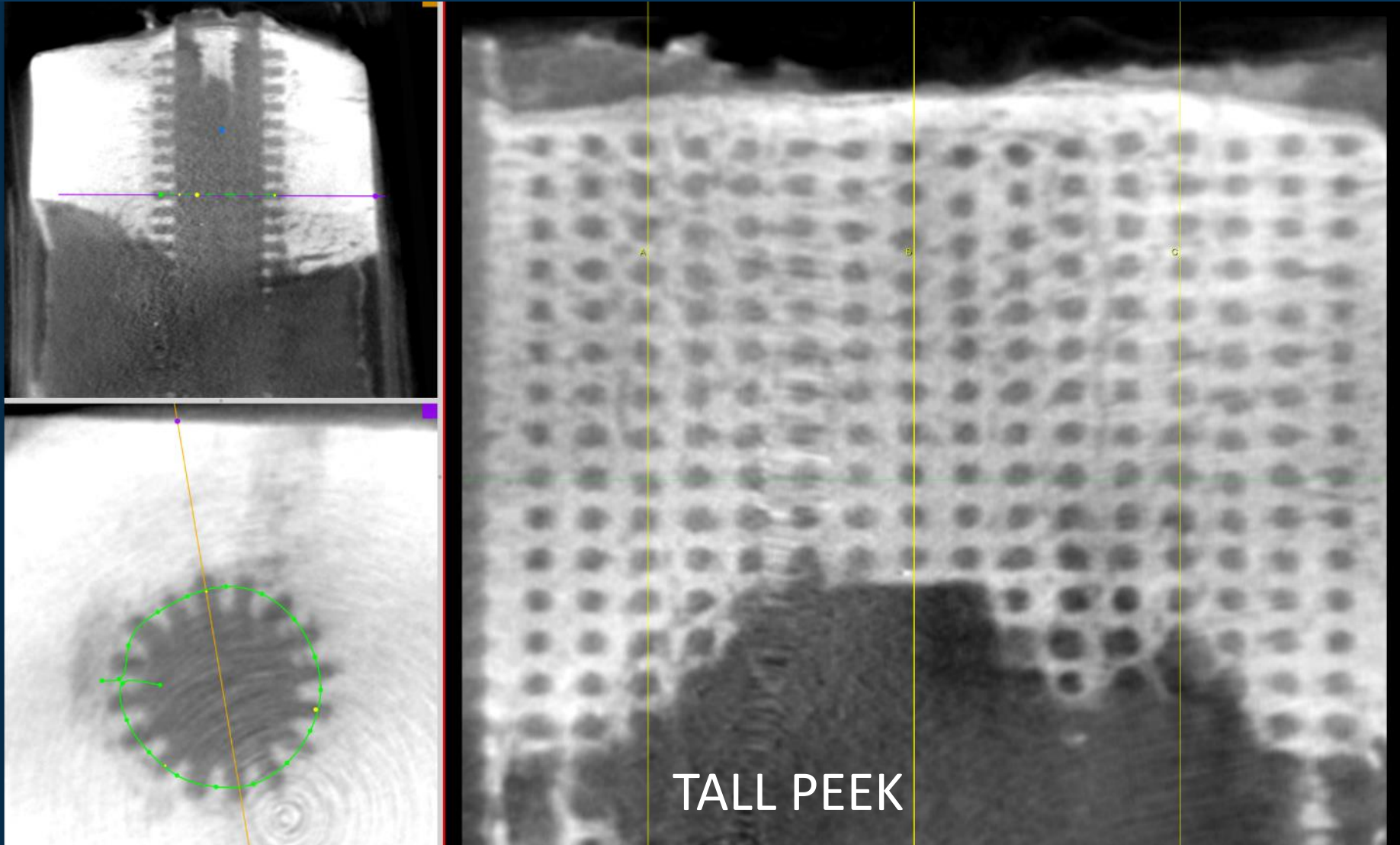


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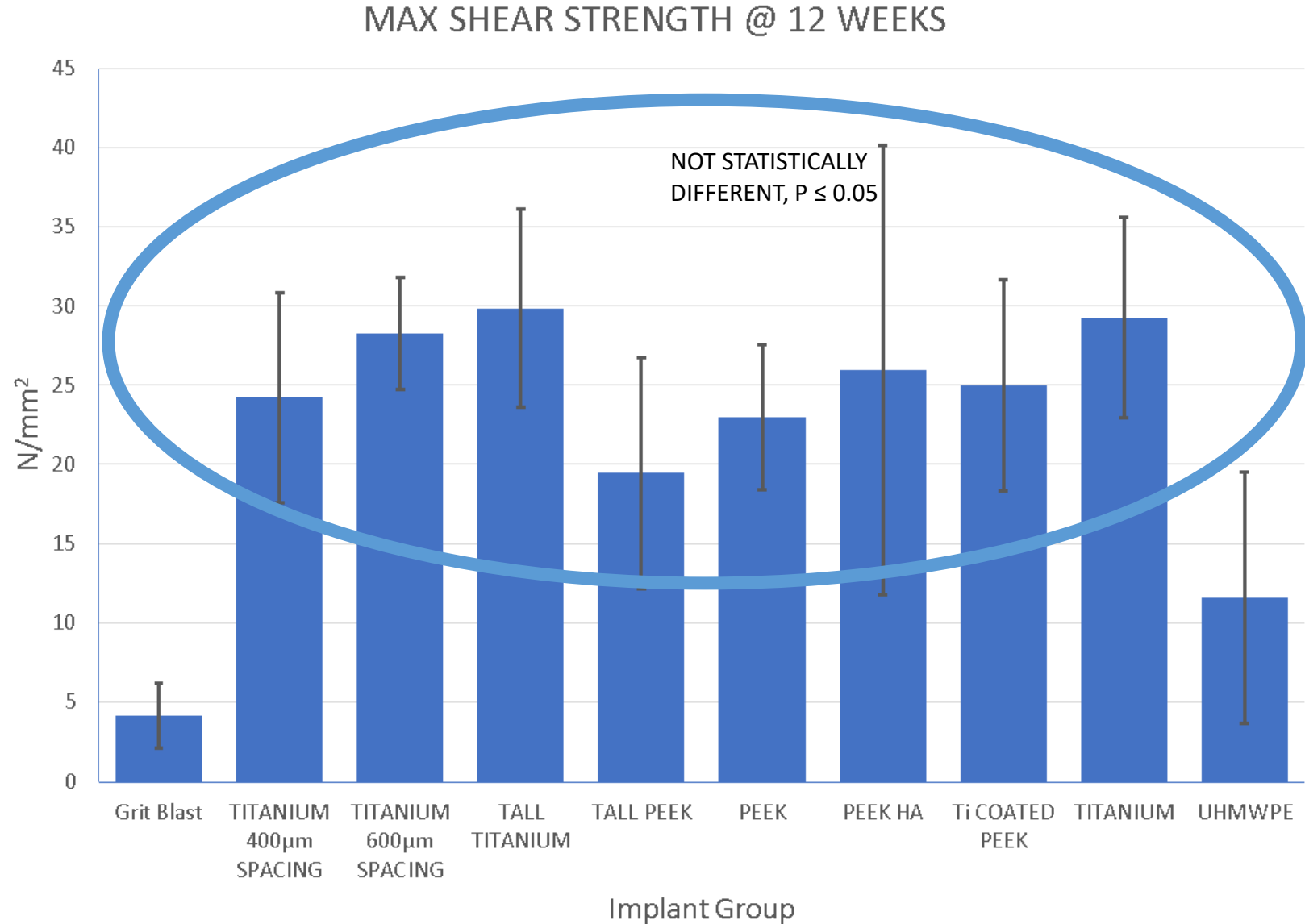
12 WEEK  $\mu$ CT: “UNWRAPPED” SLICE PLANE, TALL PEEK, 400 $\mu$ m SPACING



# PUSHOUT TESTING: INTERFACE STRENGTH / STIFFNESS

NO DIFFERENCE  
IN PUSHOUT  
BETWEEN PEEK  
AND TITANIUM  
PILLARS

SMALL SAMPLE  
SIZE AND LARGE  
STANDARD  
DEVIATION

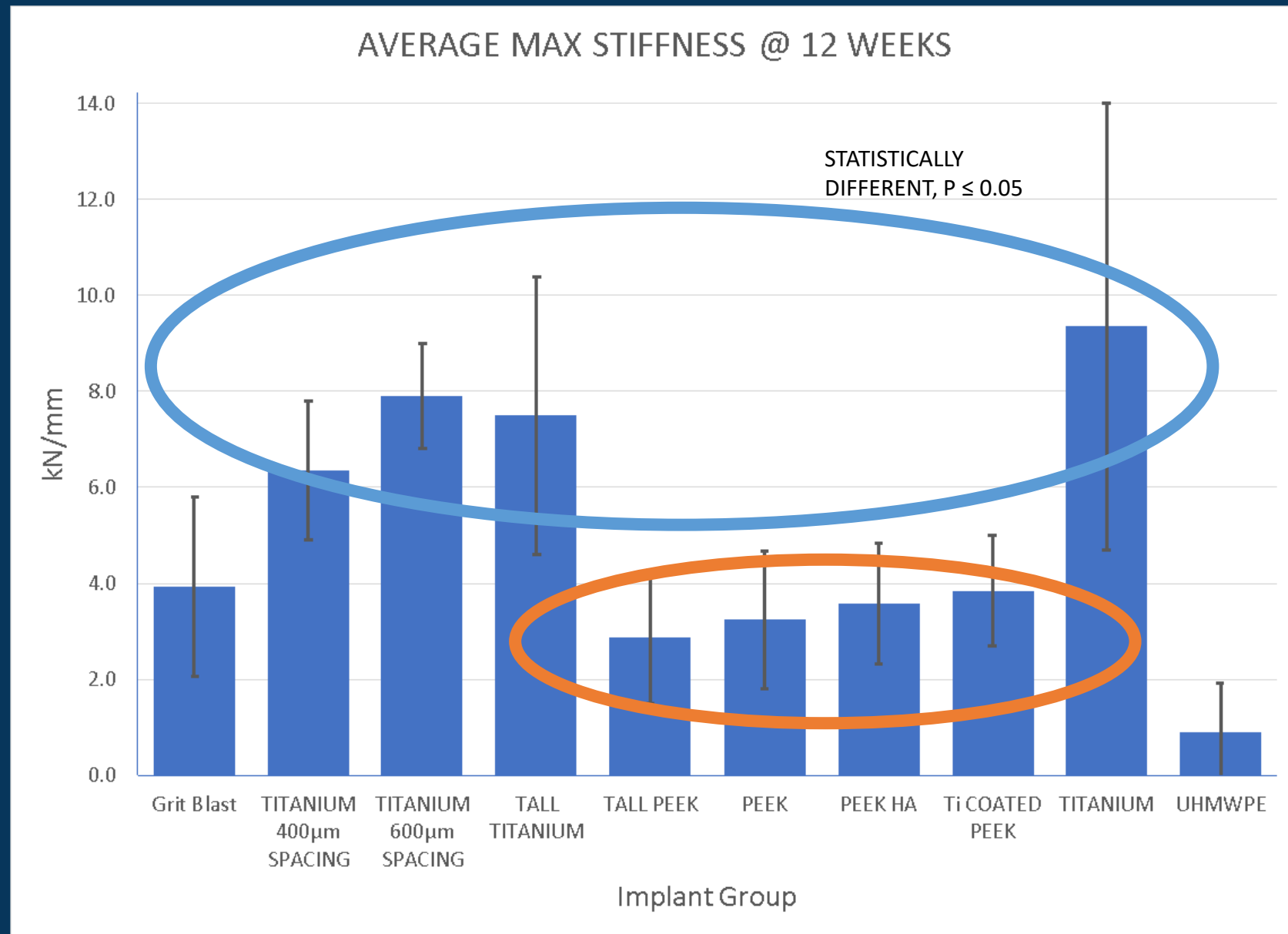




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TITANIUM PILLAR  
INTERFACE IS  
STIFFER THAN  
PEEK PILLAR  
INTERFACE

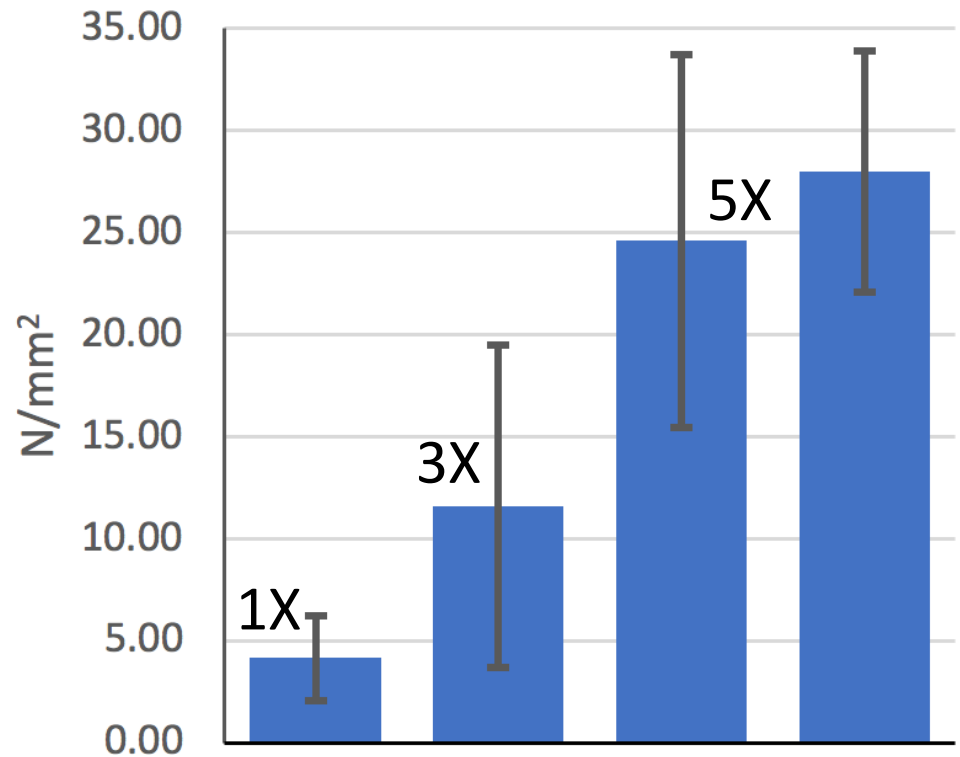
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# PUSHOUT TESTING: INTERFACE STRENGTH VS STIFFNESS

METAL ON-GROWTH SURFACE VS POLYMERS WITH PILLARED SURFACE GEOMETRY

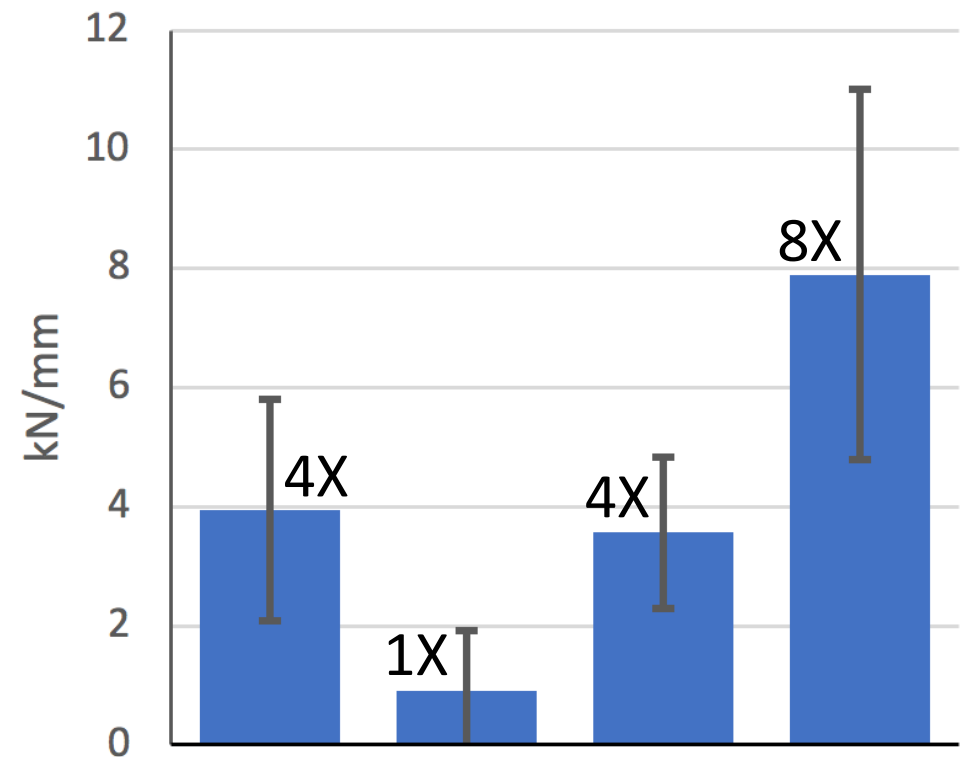
## MAX SHEAR STRENGTH



\* PEEK, PEEK HA, Ti COATED PEEK

\*\* ALL TITANIUM IMPLANTS

## MAX STIFFNESS



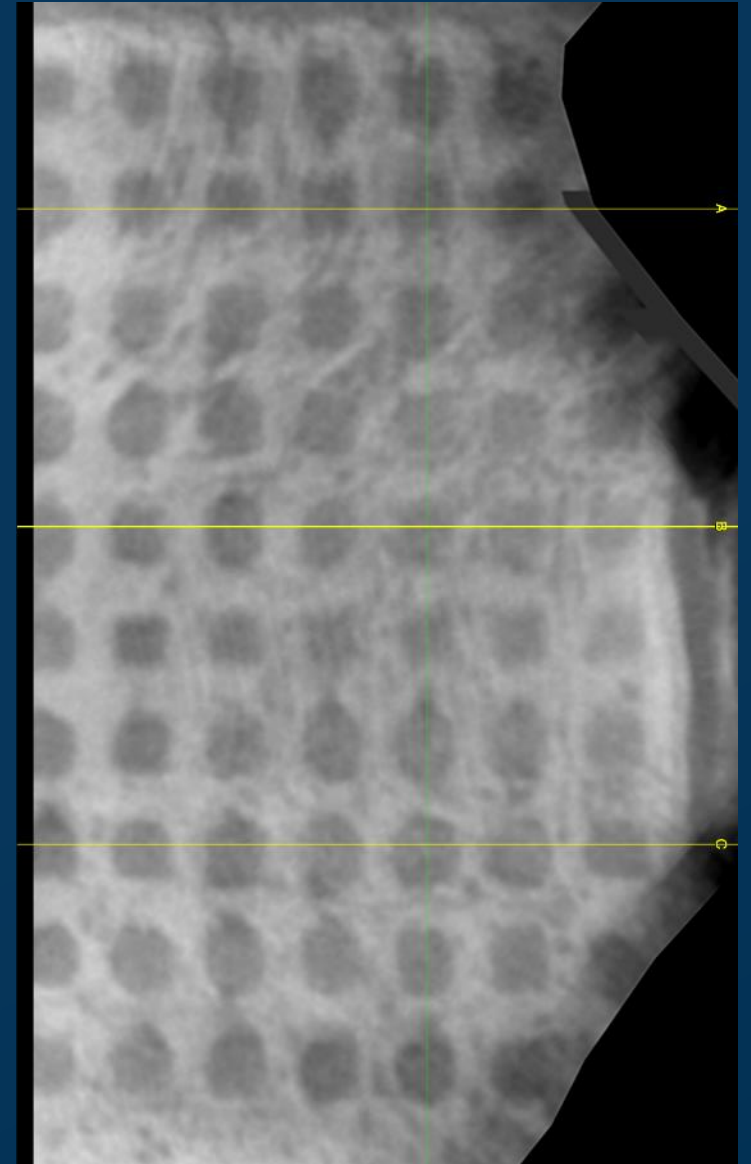
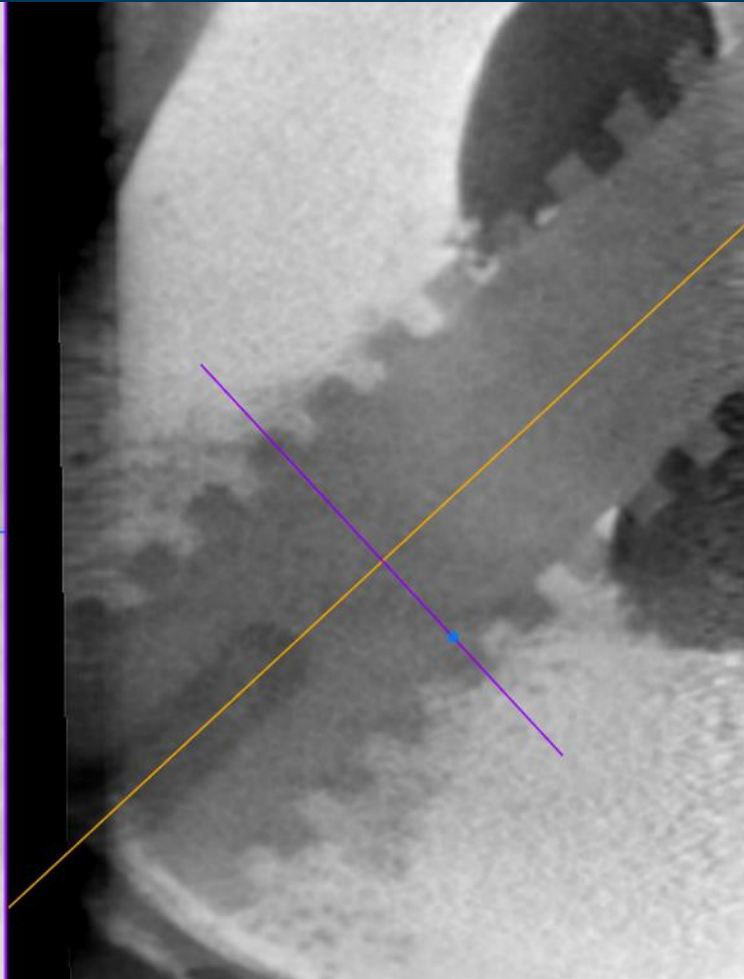
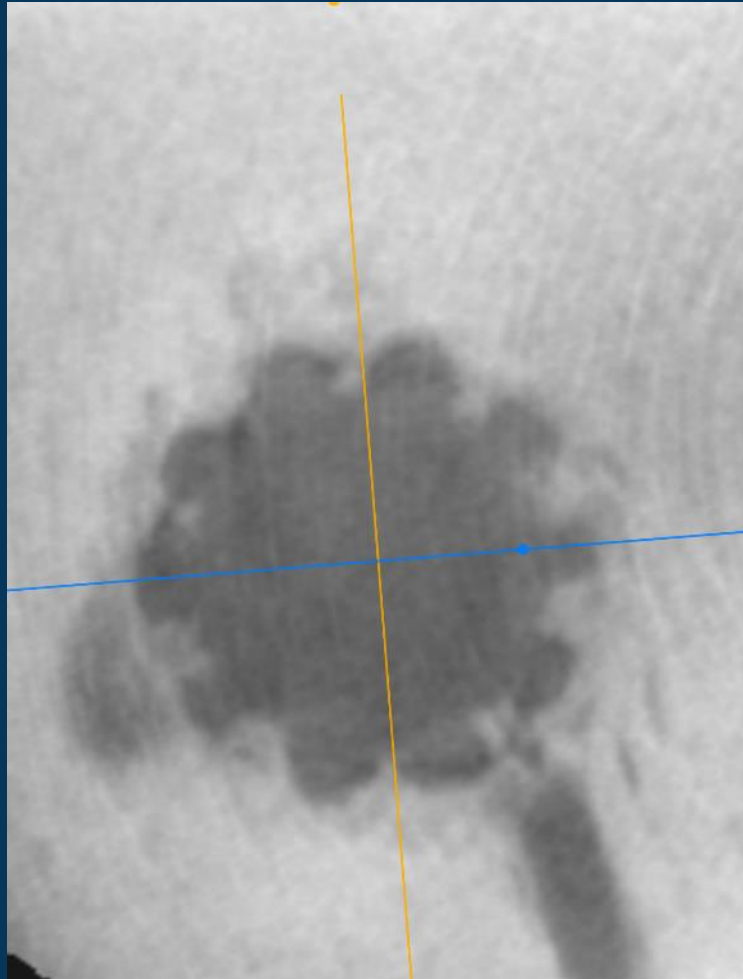
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# PUSHOUT TESTING: INTERFACE STRENGTH VS BULK MATERIAL PROPERTIES

PEEK HA

$\mu$ CT DEMONSTRATED SOLID BONY IN-GROWTH AT 12 WEEKS

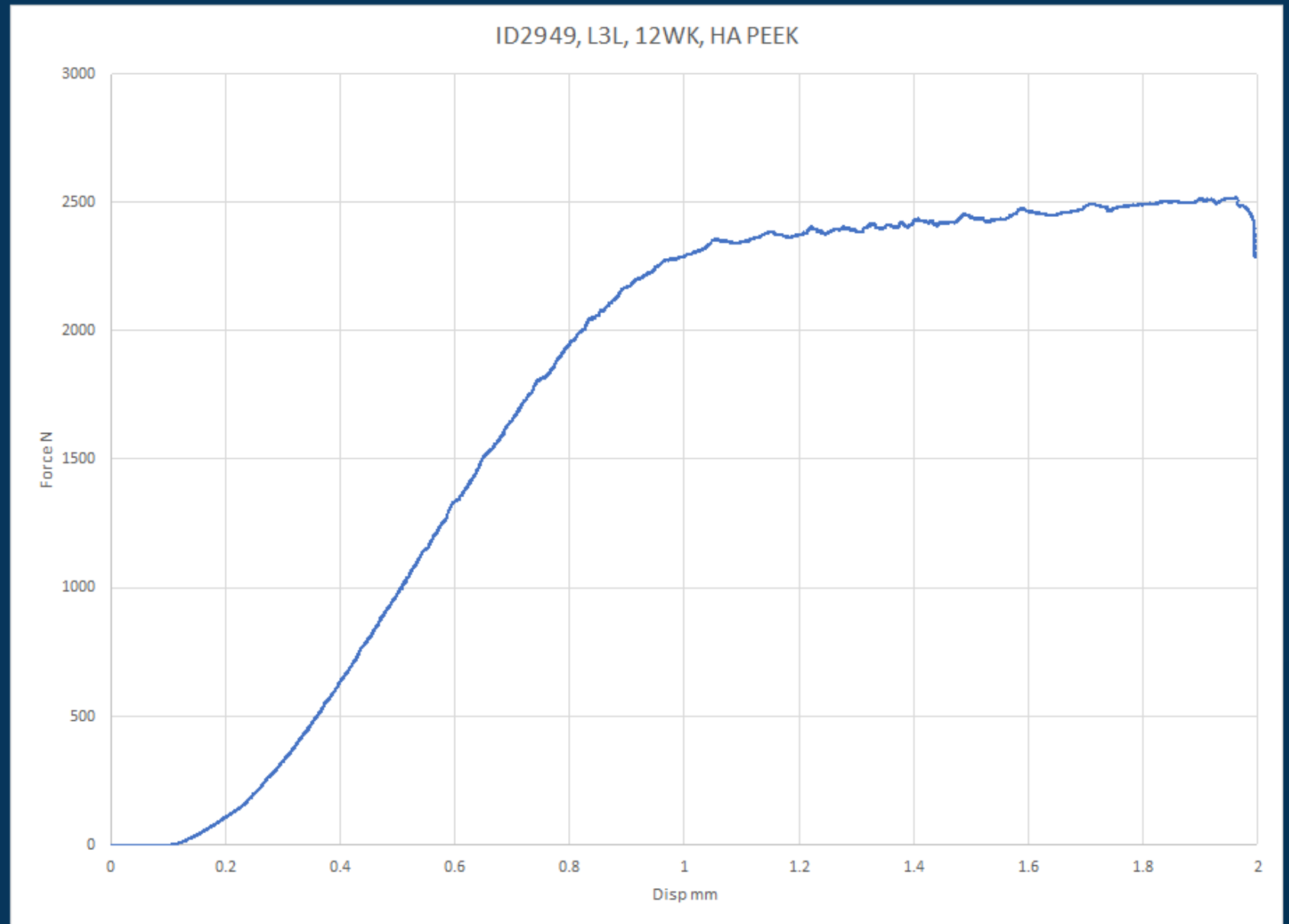




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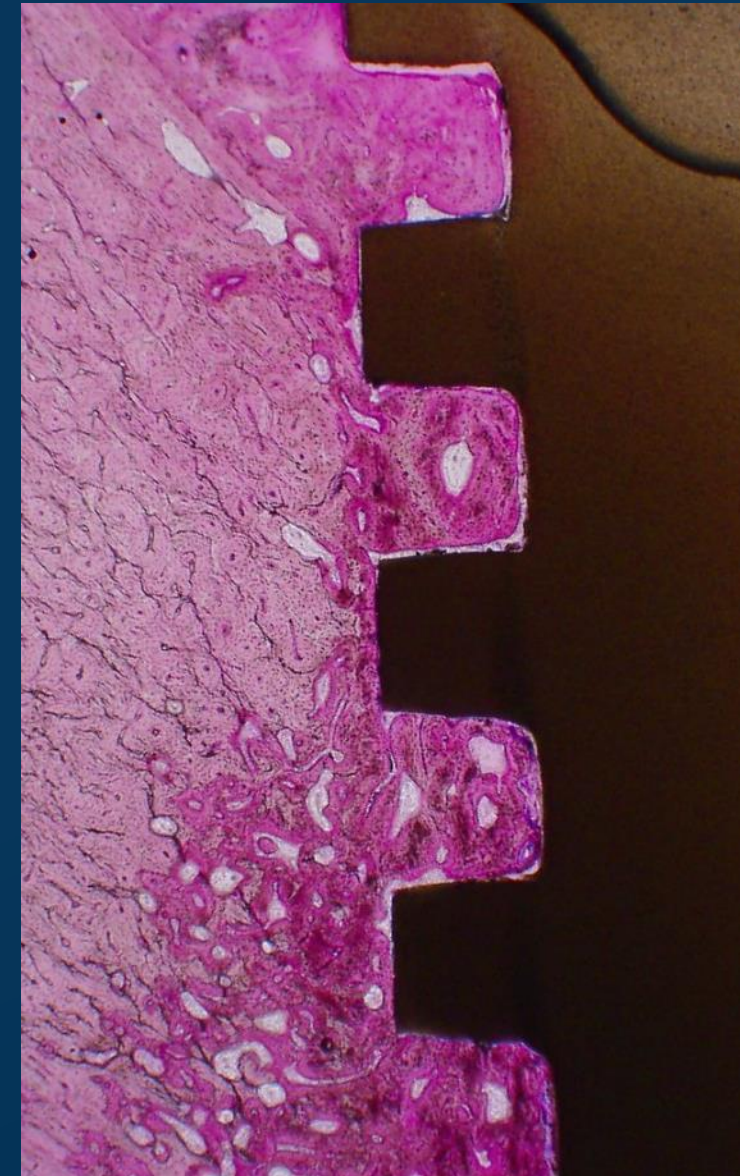
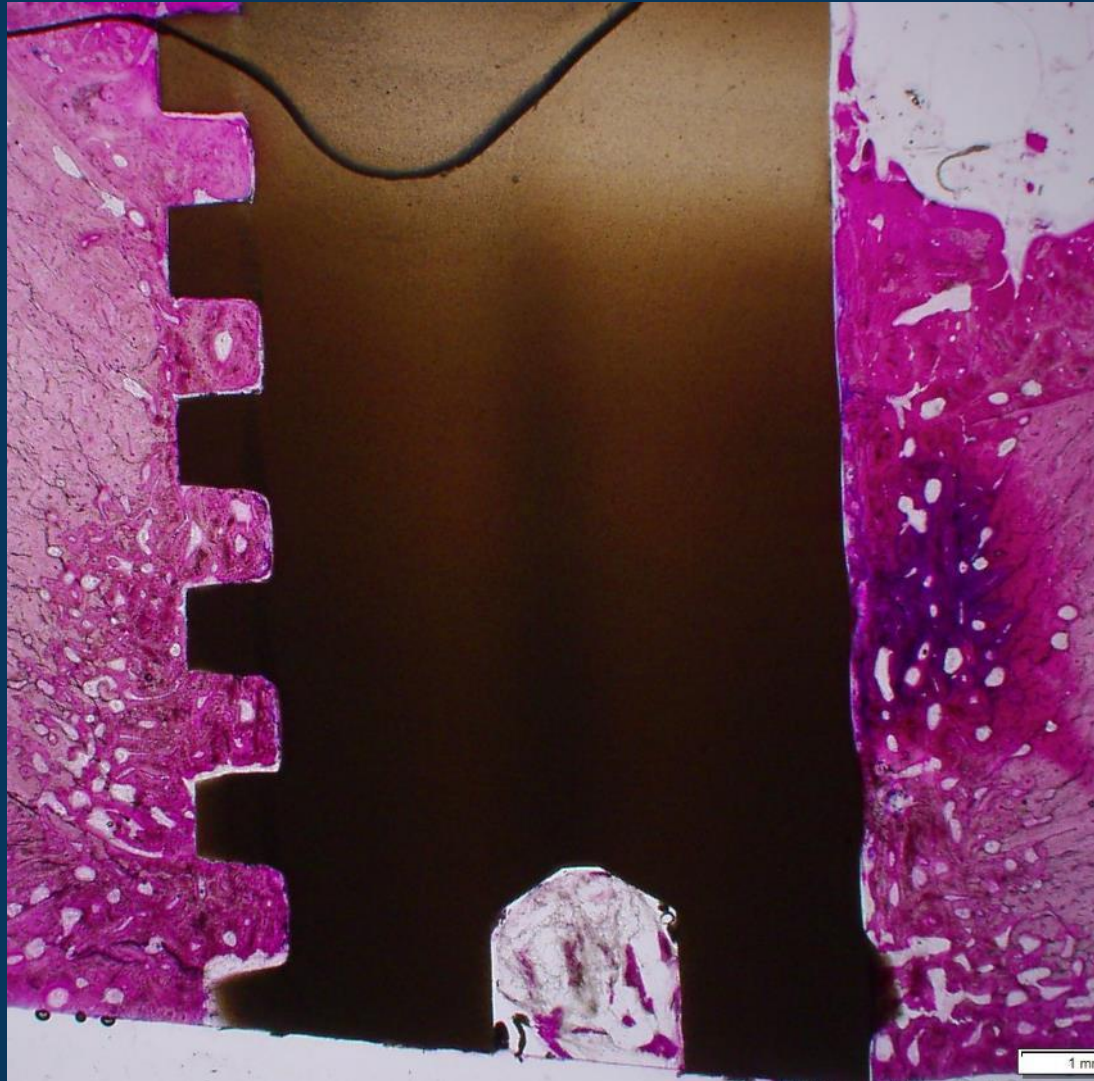
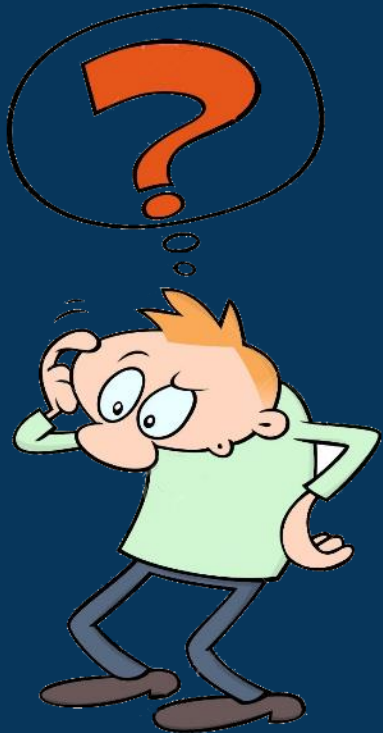
2500N OF FORCE AT  
2mm DISPLACEMENT

EXAMINE HISTOLOGY  
TO REVIEW FAILURE  
MODE AND  
DISPLACEMENT



# PUSHOUT TESTING: INTERFACE STRENGTH VS BULK MATERIAL PROPERTIES

HISTOLOGY SHOWED  
LITTLE TO NO  
DISPLACEMENT AT  
THE BONE /  
IMPLANT INTERFACE





# PUSHOUT TESTING: INTERFACE STRENGTH VS BULK MATERIAL PROPERTIES

PRE AND POST TEST IMAGES

ULTIMATE STRENGTH OF INTERFACE WAS GREATER THAN THE STRENGTH OF THE BASE MATERIAL



PRE-TEST



POST-TEST



# CONCLUSION/FUTURE WORK

## CONCLUSIONS

IN TITANIUM AND PEEK PILLARS  
EQUIVALENT BONY IN-GROWTH  
EQUIVALENT PUSHOUT STRENGTH

PEEK PILLAR INTERFACE EXCEEDS  
STRENGTH OF PEEK MATERIAL

DESIGNING THE INTERFACE STIFFNESS

PILLAR MORPHOLOGY HAS LARGE VOID  
VOLUME: 75-85%

PRIMARY FIXATION EVIDENCED BY BONE  
GROWTH

NO INFLAMATION, LITTLE SOFT TISSUE

## FUTURE WORK

IDENTIFY CLINICAL APPLICATION: MOVE  
TO COMMERCIALIZATION

IN-VIVO LOAD BEARING IMPLANT  
STUDIES

BIOMECHANICAL STUDIES: INITIAL  
FIXATION AND DYNAMIC RESPONSE

EXPLORE STRENGTH VS STIFFNESS NEEDS  
OF DIFFERENT CLINICAL APPLICATIONS