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“Biomedical microsystems for interacting at a cellular level”

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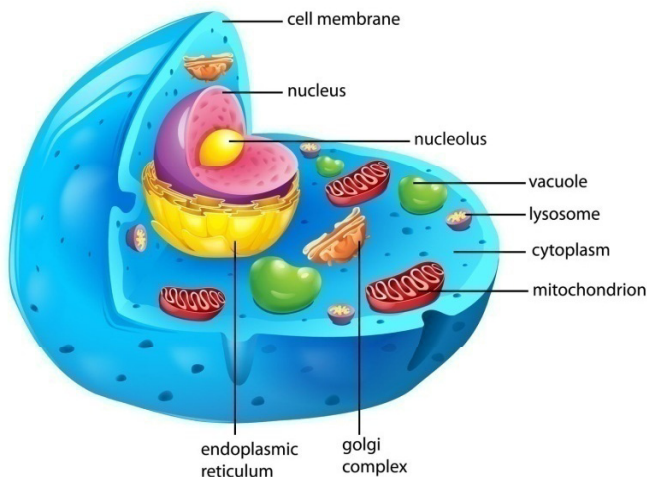
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1.- Introduction: Cells and biomaterials

1.1.- The cell: A complex multi-scale and multi-physical/biochemical living system

The eukaryotic cell: The basic unit of life, which operates on the basis of its genetic information and of the complex interactions with the local micro-environment that provides physical and chemical support and signals for survival and regulation (cell niche).



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Stem cells: are defined as cells with self-renewal abilities and with the capability of differentiation into specialized cell types.

These cells are fundamental in tissue repair and regeneration strategies.

The behavior and fate of stem cells is not just dependent on genetic information, but is also regulated by other biochemical and mechanical cues and signals (epigenetic cues), which come from their micro-environment.

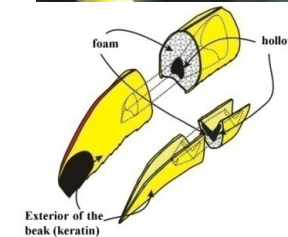
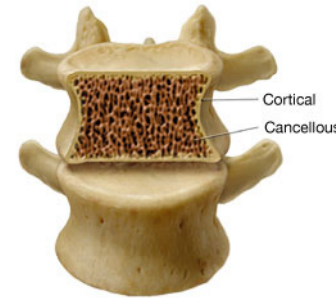


1.- Introduction: Cells and biomaterials

1.2.- Biomaterials and biodevices for interacting with cells and driving their behavior

Natural materials and man-made materials are different in terms of:

- Elasticity and strength
- Structure – porosity – morphology
- Surface topography / texture
- Fatigue performance
- Self-healing abilities
- Aesthetics



Pics. sources: American Medical Association & M.A. Meyers

Current trends for biomimetic and biomechanic solutions:

Design, modeling and manufacture of (bio)materials and related (bio)devices with:

- 1) porous and lattice geometries;
- 2) functional gradients of properties;
- 3) controlled surface topographies; and
- 4) geometries defined at different scales (among other trends including surface biofunctionalization, biofabrication...)

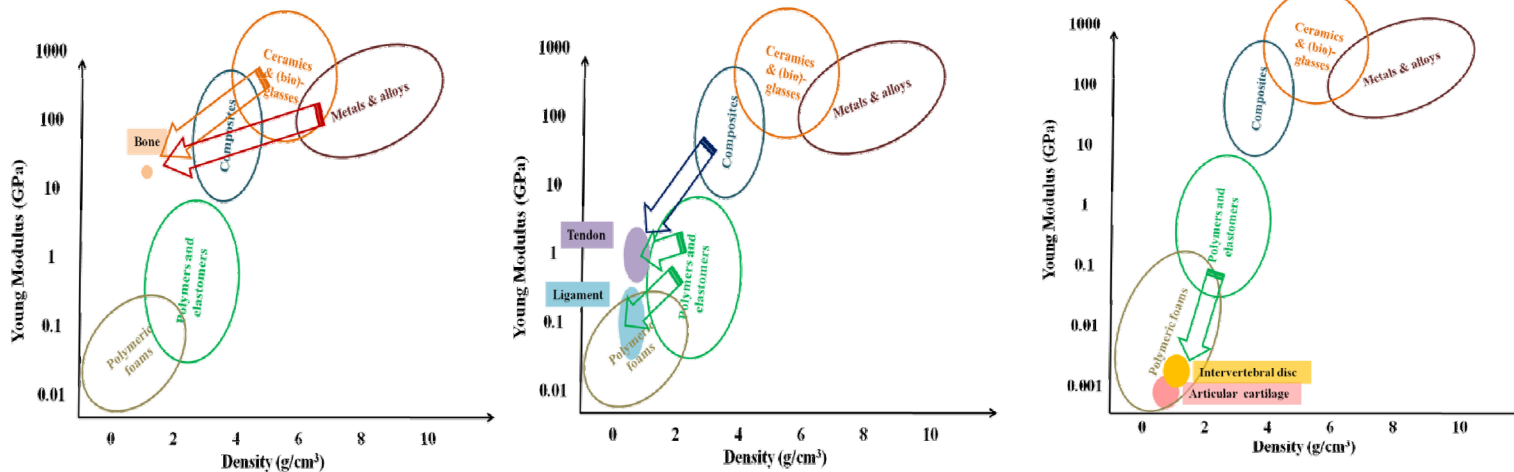


2.- Biomimetic modeling & manufacturing strategies

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2.1.- Modeling and manufacturing porous and lattice (bio)materials and (bio)devices Conventional prostheses vs. human materials



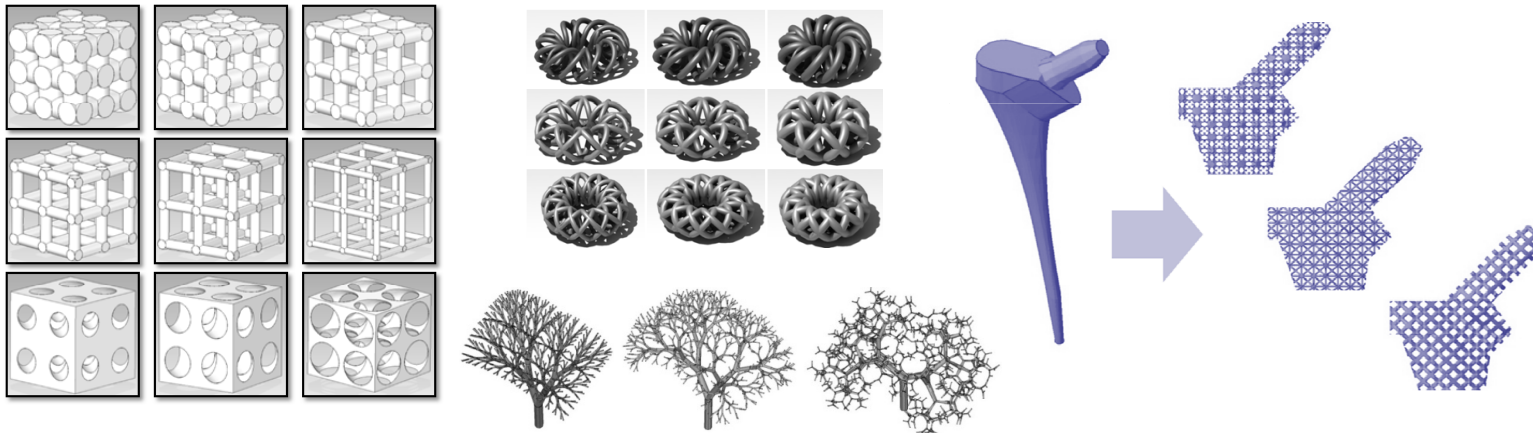
**Mechanical mismatches → Inadequate epigenetic cues for cells and tissues
Potential benefits of biomimetic and biomechanical materials for enhanced response**

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2.1.- Modeling and manufacturing porous and lattice (bio)materials and (bio)devices Computer-aided design and engineering of porous and lattice structures



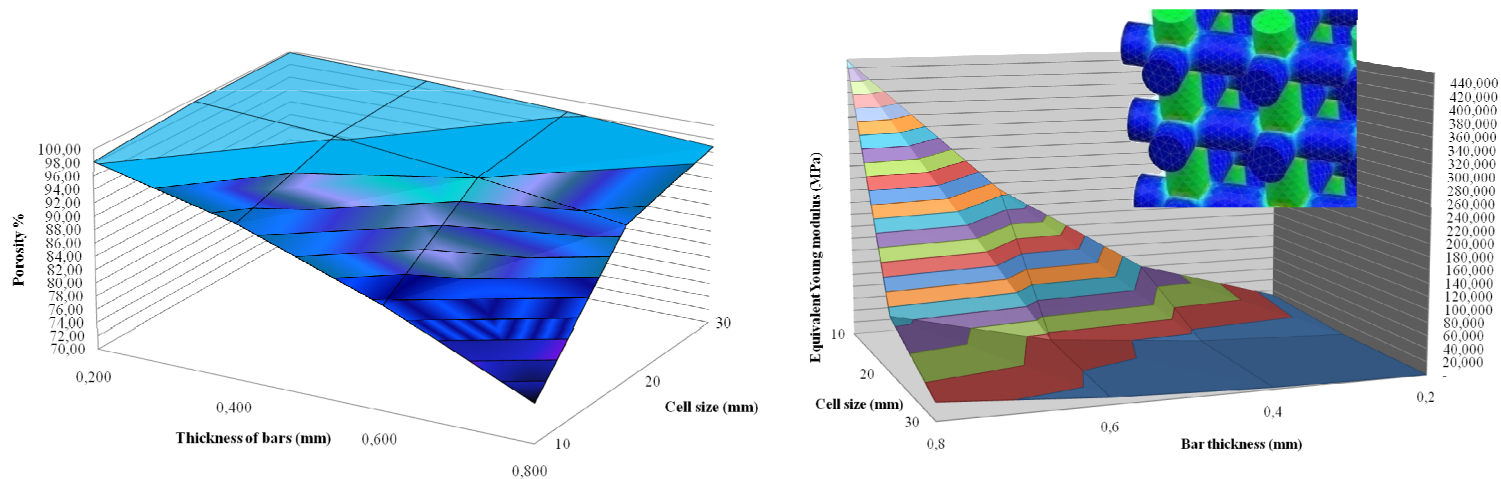
Biomimetic CAD libraries rapidly obtained by means of parametric tools
The use of boolean operations easily promotes connection with final applications

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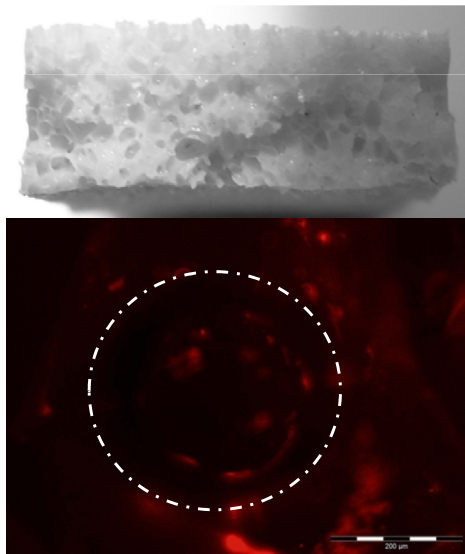
Systematically developed CAD libraries + assessment via modeling resources leads to fundamental information regarding the adequacy for final applications



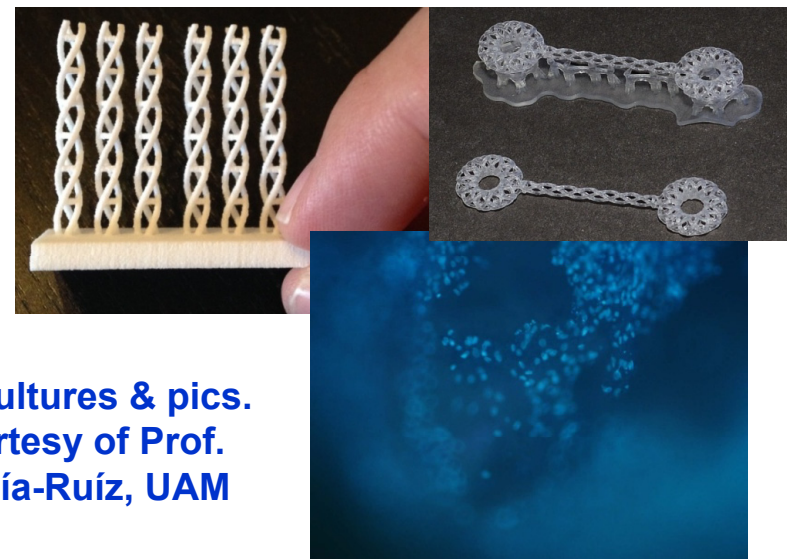
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Processes based on phase-separation, particle leaching...



Current trends based on additive manufacturing approaches



Cell cultures & pics.
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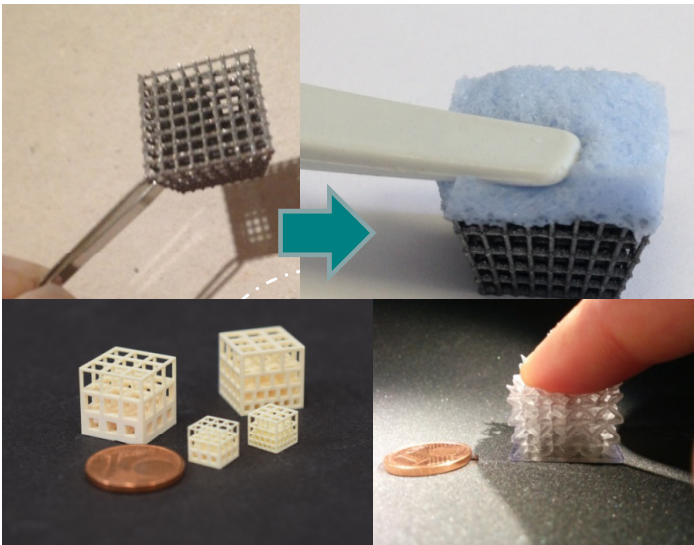
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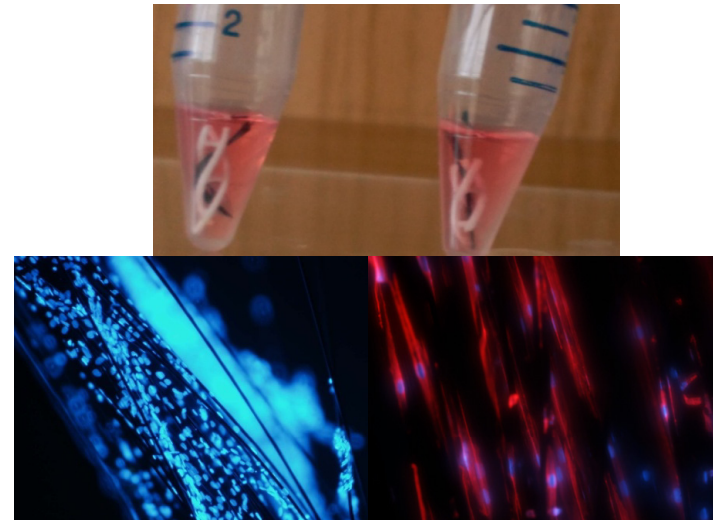
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Lattices with functional gradients of mechanical properties by AMT



Combined materials and technologies towards biomimetic constructs



Cell culture: Prof. García-Ruíz, UAM

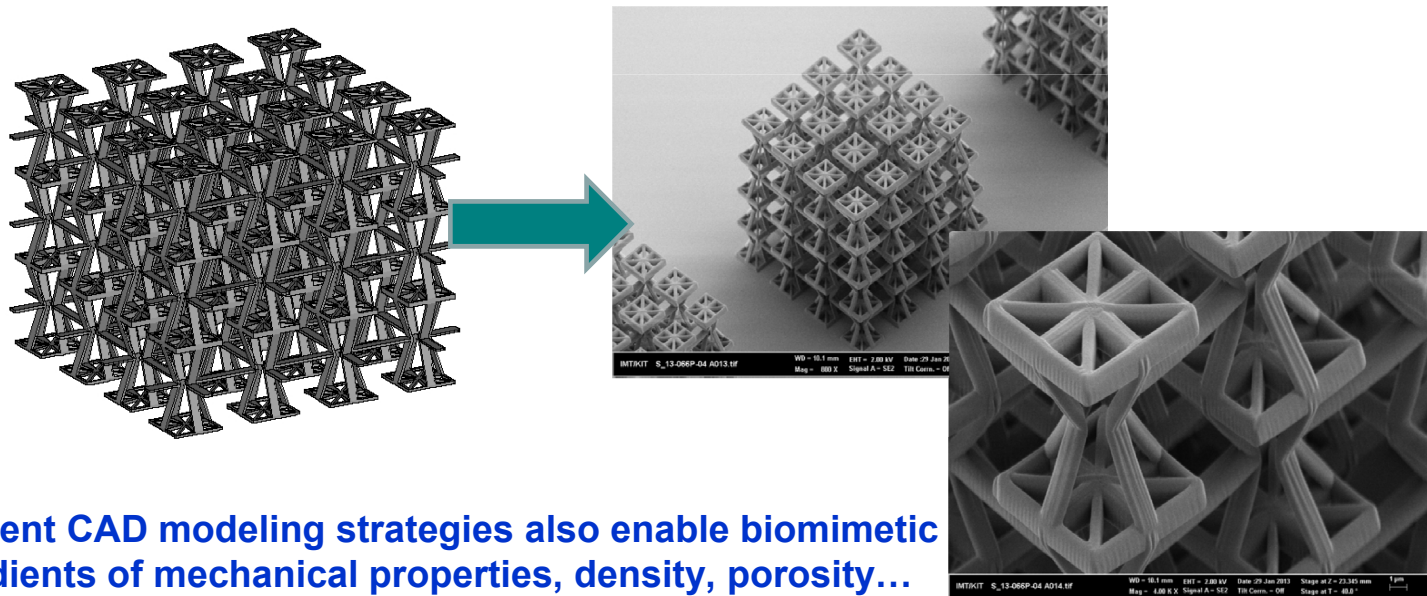
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2.2.- Modeling and manufacturing porous and lattice biomaterials and biodevices Computer-aided design and engineering of lattice and porous structures Manufacturing resorting to additive approaches



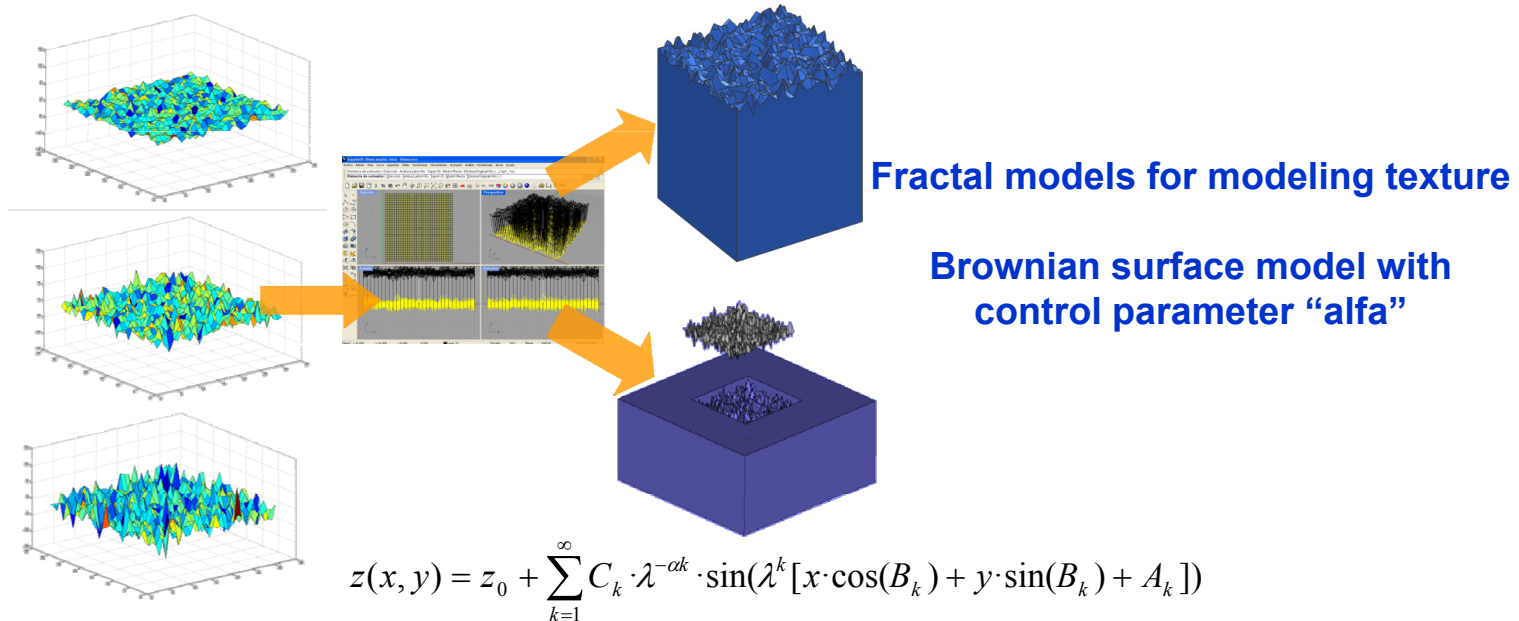
Different CAD modeling strategies also enable biomimetic gradients of mechanical properties, density, porosity...

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2.3.- Modeling and manufacturing microtextured (bio)materials and (bio)devices Computer-aided design and engineering of microtextures and topographies

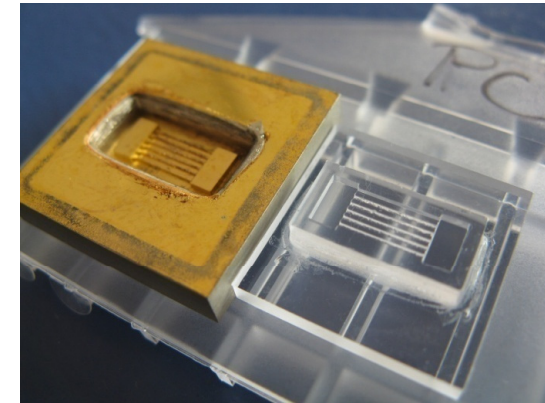
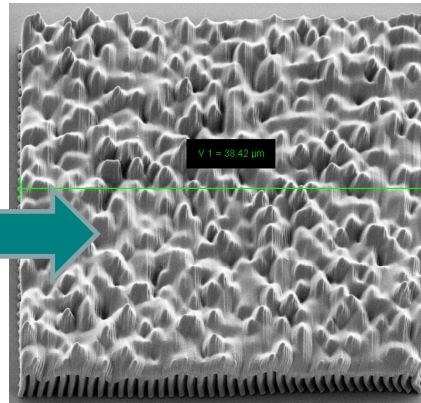
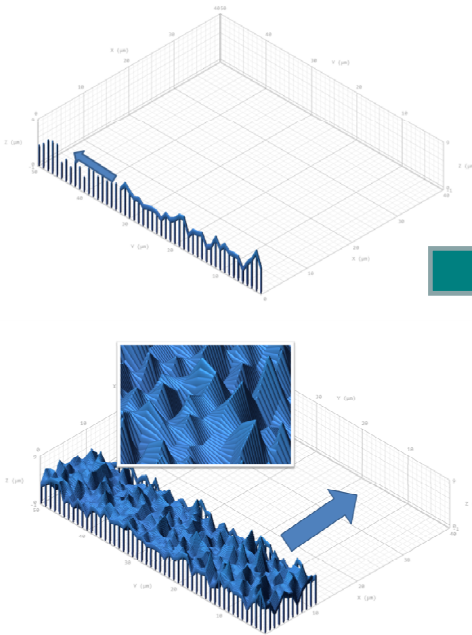


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2.3.- Modeling and manufacturing microtextured (bio)materials and (bio)devices Additive manufacturing applied to obtaining micro-textures and topographies



Prototype of microtextured surface, microtextured mold insert and mass-produced microsystem

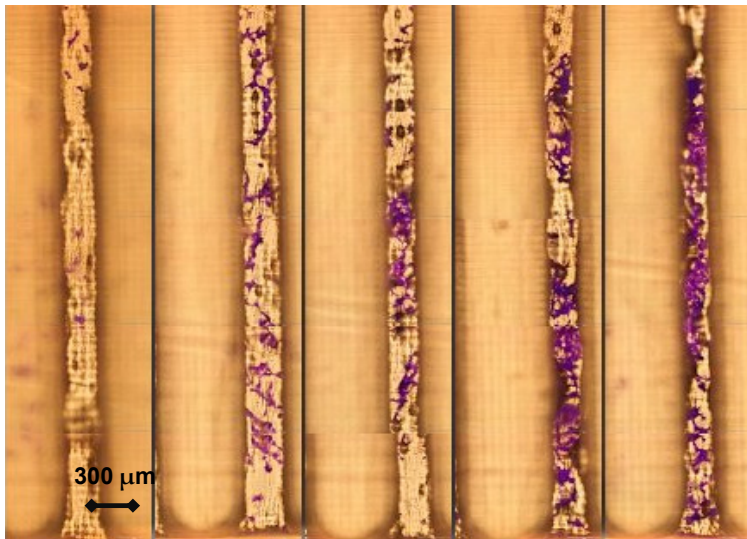
Linking additive manufacturing and mass production

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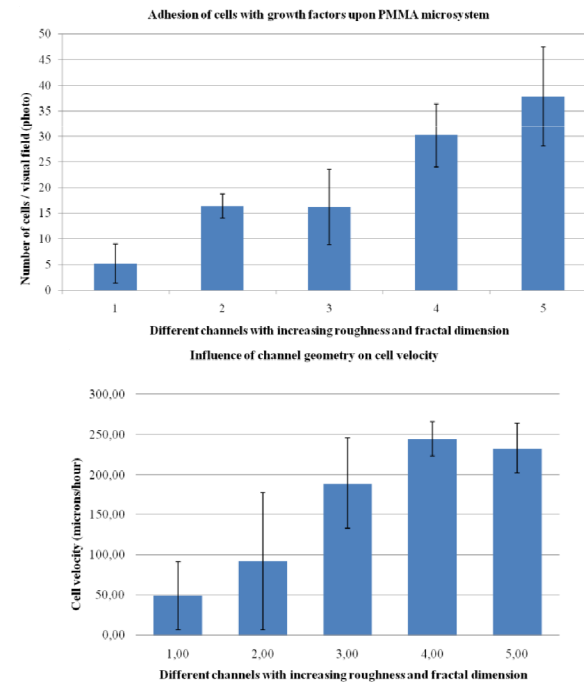


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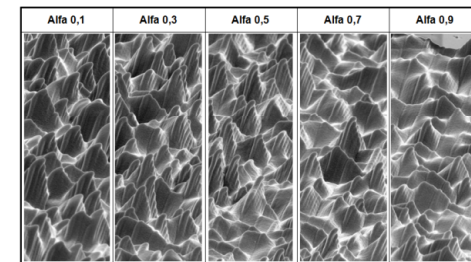
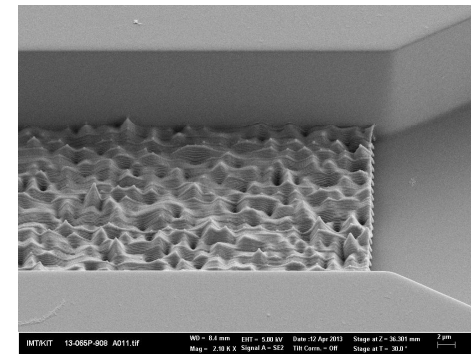
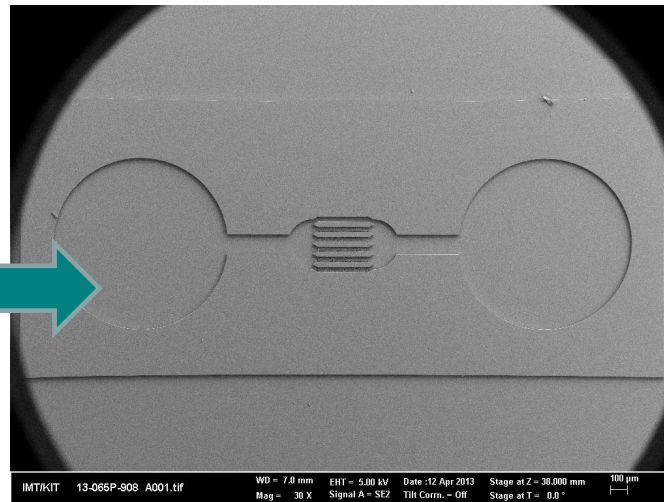
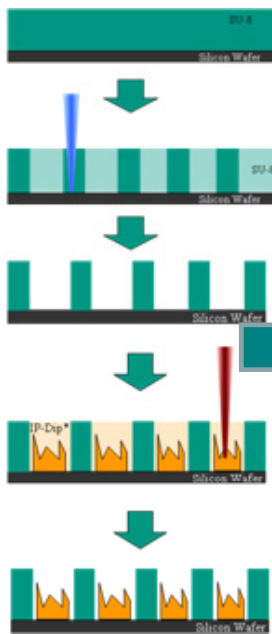
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2.4.- Modeling and manufacturing multi-scale (bio)materials and (bio)devices Combined manufacturing processes applied to obtaining multi-scale geometries



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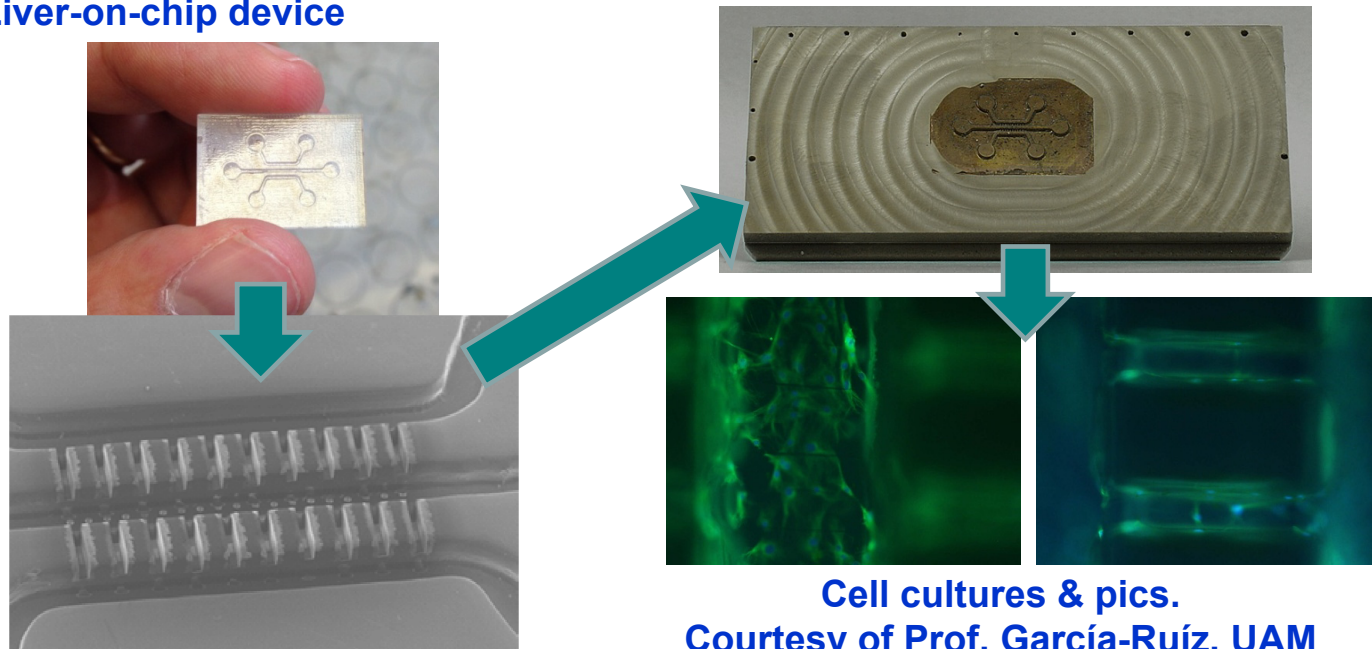


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2.4.- Modeling and manufacturing multi-scale (bio)materials and (bio)devices

Combining additive manufacturing, laser ablation and metallization towards mass production via micro-injection molding: Application to organs-on-chips

Liver-on-chip device



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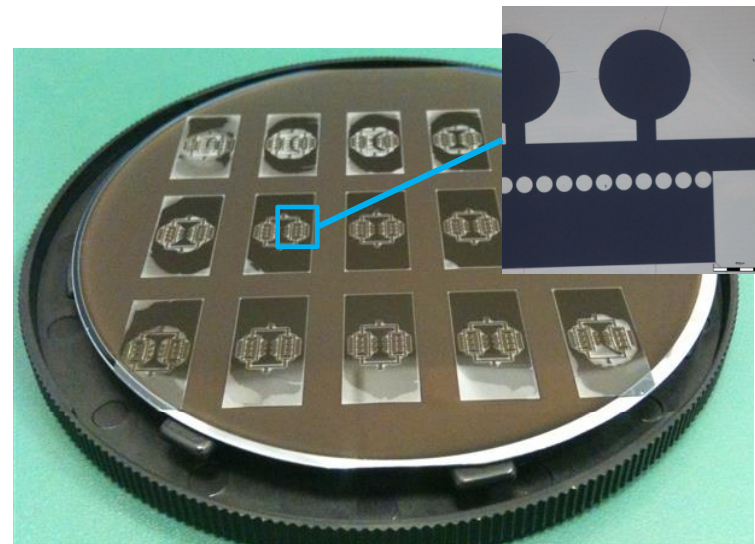
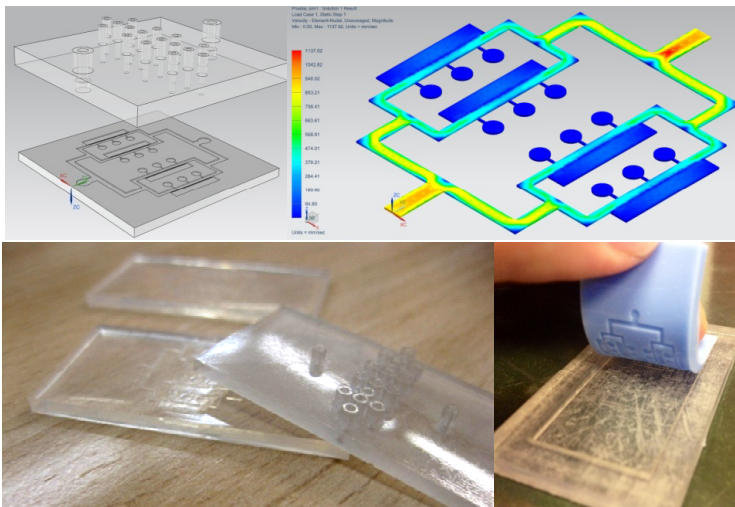
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Blood-brain barrier on chip



Laser stereolithography + soft lithography Direct laser writing for enhanced precision

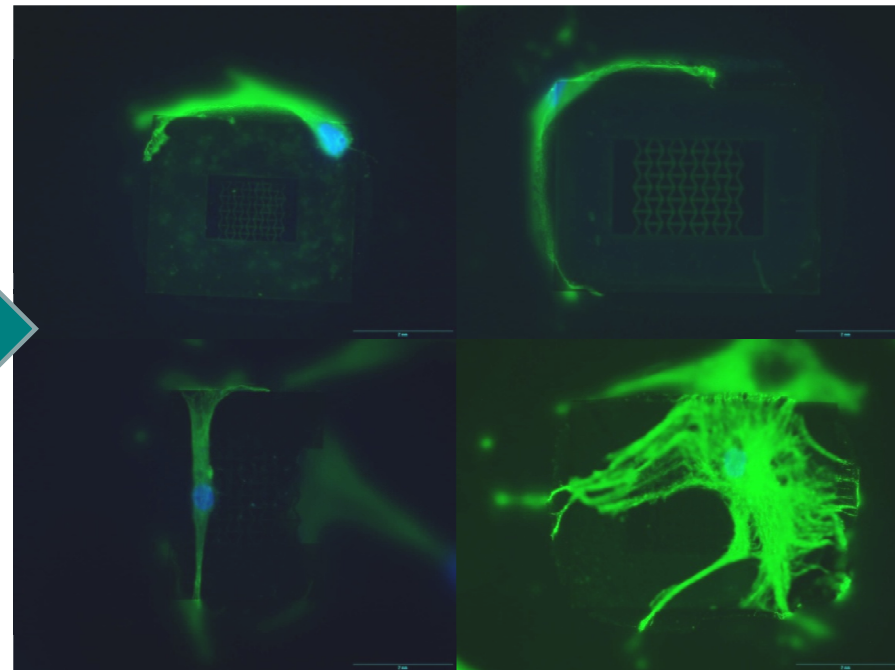
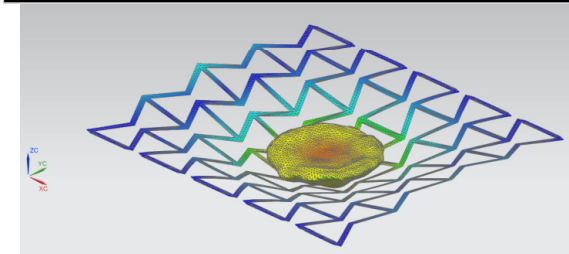
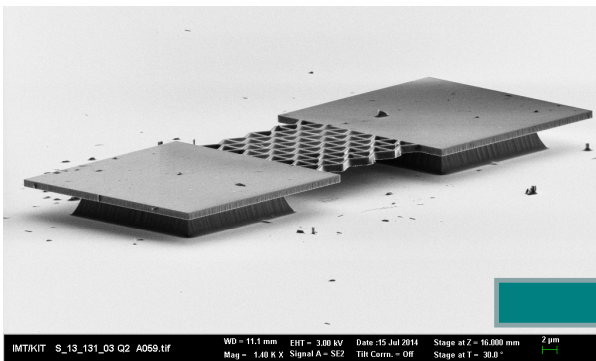


3.- Current challenges and future proposals

3.1.- Current technological limits and challenges

Multi-scale modeling and manufacturing processes are needed

Precision and part size are linked in micro-/nano-manufacturing technologies



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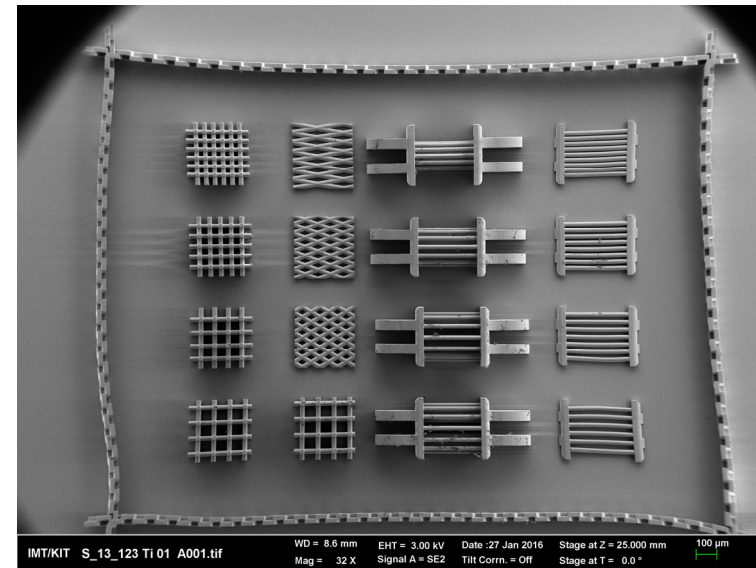
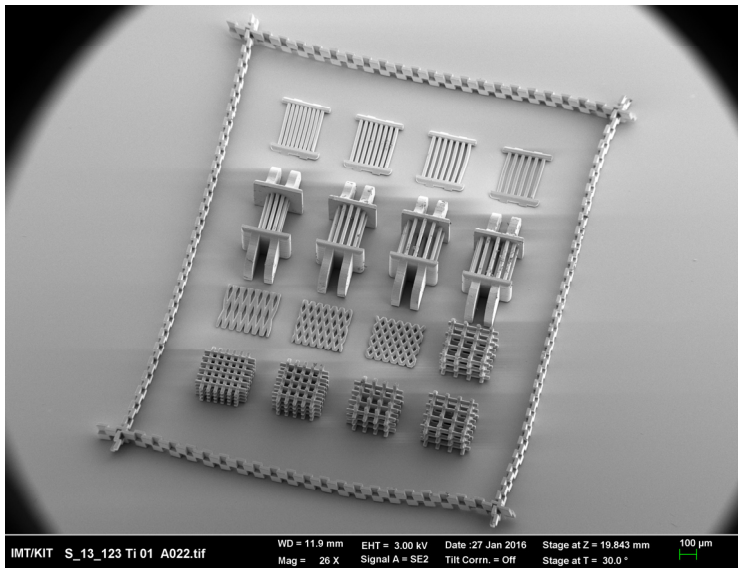


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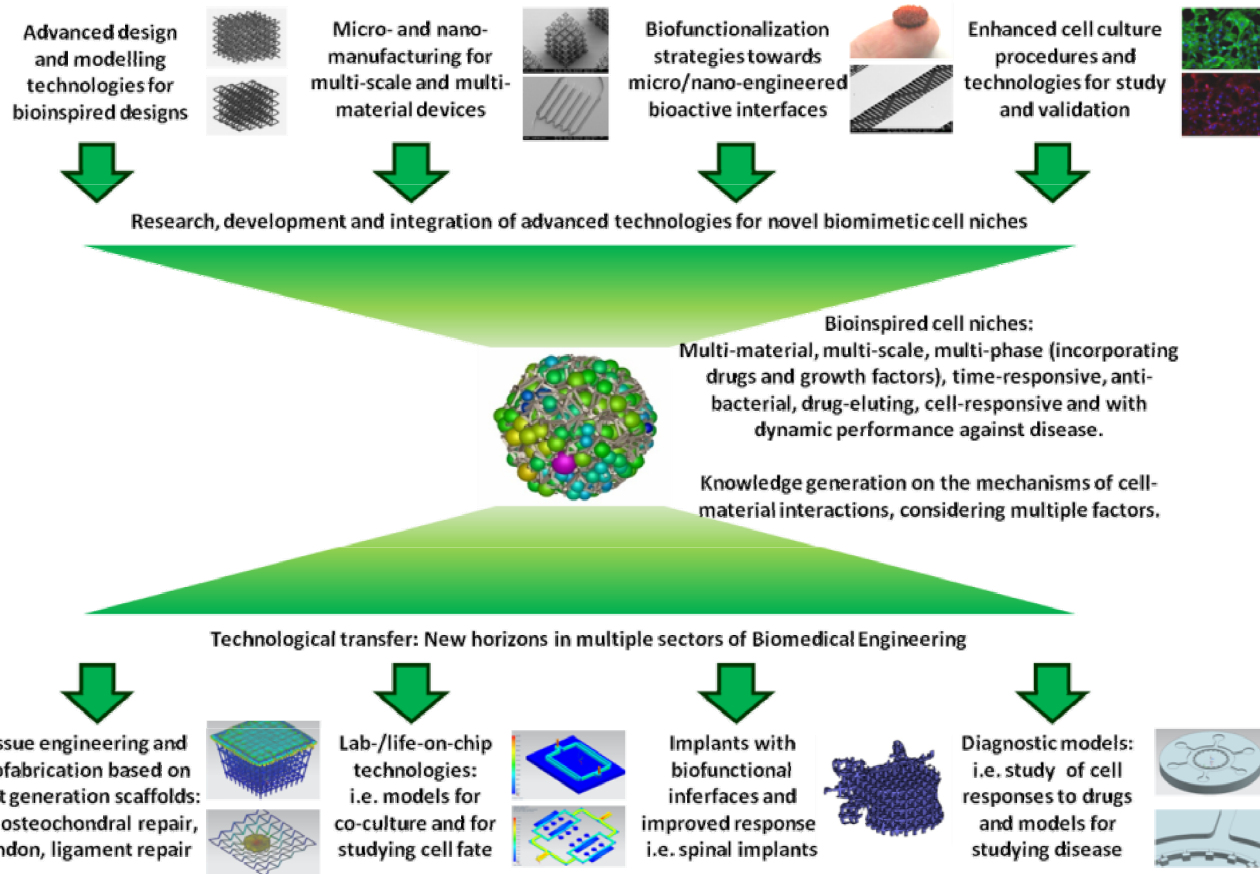


Nano “playground” for cells: Multi-culture platform for studying the impact of several extracellular matrices on cell behavior in a single experiment



3.- Current challenges and future proposals

3.2.- Future proposals and research directions





4.- Main conclusions

Main conclusions:

- Designing, modeling and manufacturing biomimetic materials may enhance the performance of several types of biomedical devices.
- Strategies for taking into account the common porosities, hierarchical geometries and textures of biomaterials have been described.
- Computer aided design and engineering resources help to model and assess the potential performance of the proposed biomaterials, even integrated into complex devices.
- Combining advanced manufacturing resources constitutes a very adequate approach for the development of new biomaterials and their integration into biomedical microdevices for enhanced performance.
- Solutions developed on the basis of biomimetic approaches have impact in several industries, including: health, transport, energy, space.



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