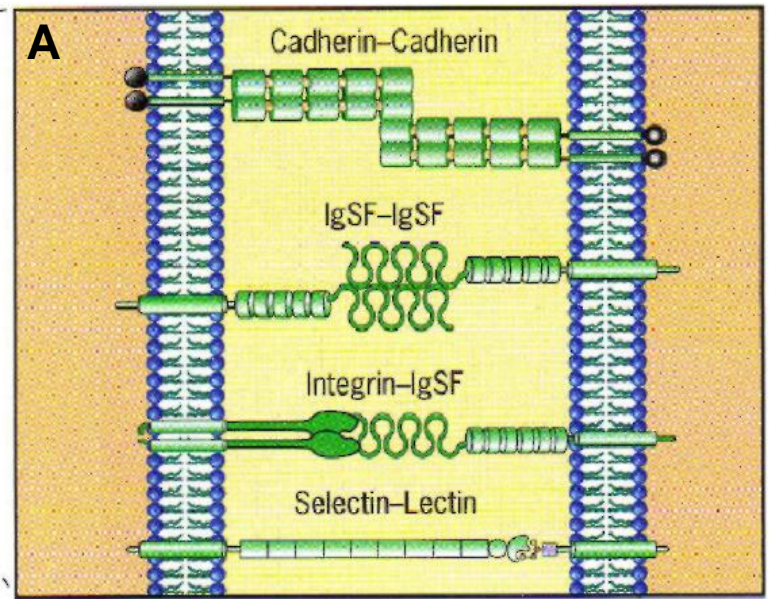
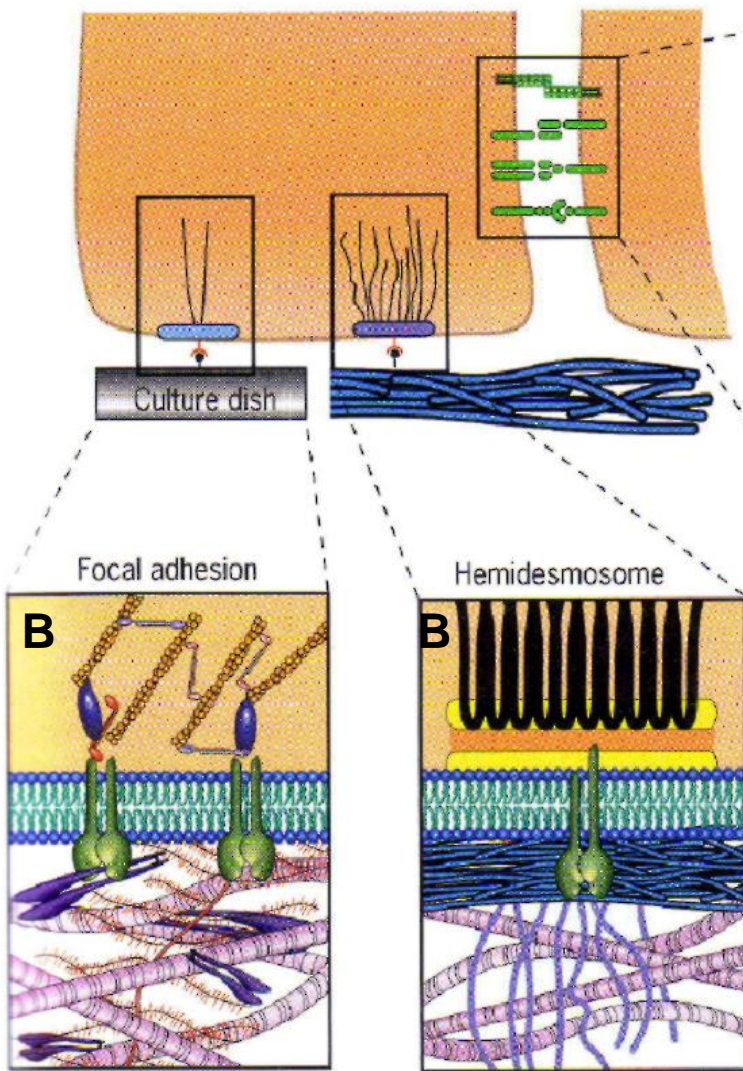


# **Cell Surface Interactions**

# Introduction to Cell/Surface Interactions

- The biomedical response to the introduction of an implant is controlled by the interaction between the cell and the implant's surface
- These interactions occur at multiple scales:
  - Meso
  - Micron
  - Sub-micron
  - Atomic

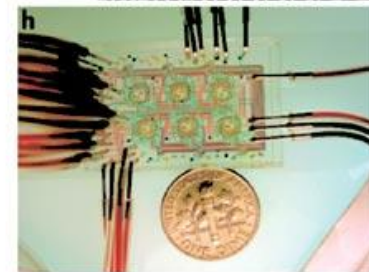
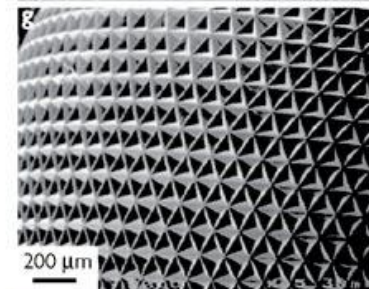
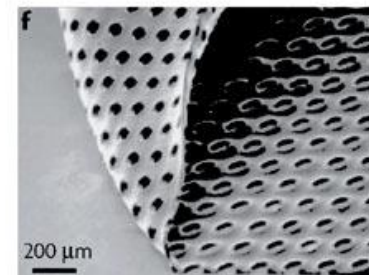
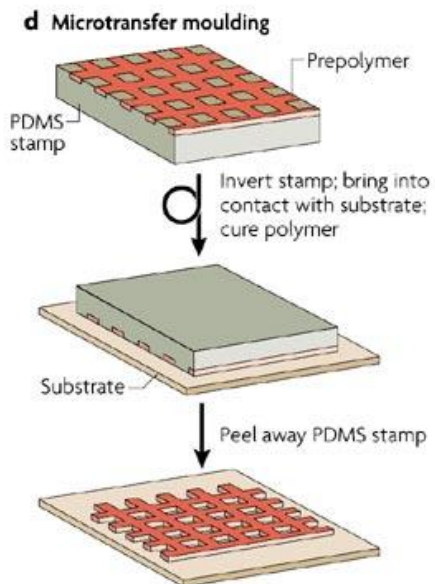
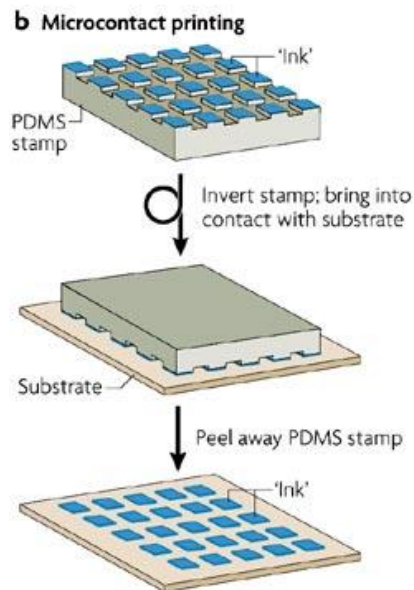
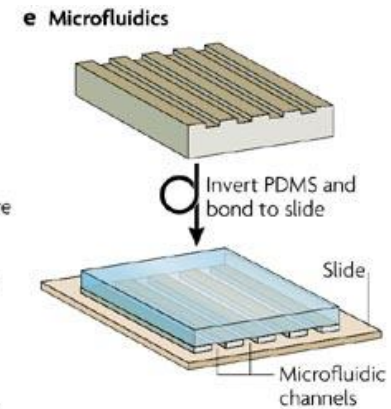
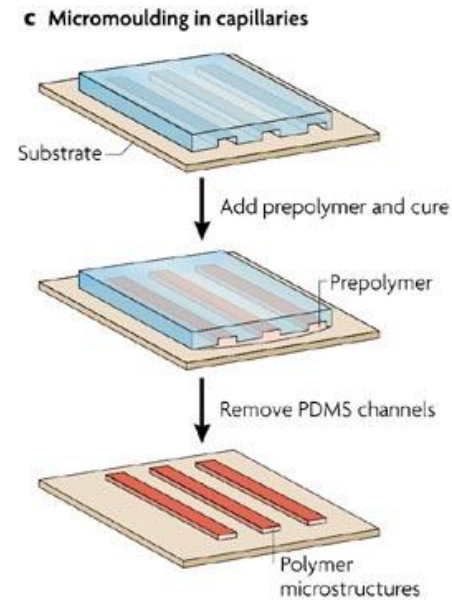
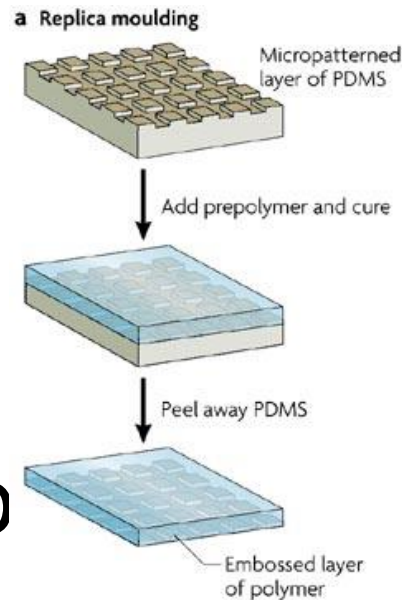
# Biochemical Structure of the Interface



- a) Four type of cell-cell adhesive interactions are shown
- b) Two types of interactions between cells and extracellular matrix

N.B. – Not all interactions depicted here do occur in all cell types (IgSF = Immunoglobulin Superfamily)

# Introduction to Patterned Biomedical Surfaces



# Application of Ti-6Al-4V in the Human Body

- Hip, knee, and dental implants – prosthetic devices
  - Several million people need implants every year
  - Problem is that the implants last only ~10-20 years
  - Implants often require major invasive surgeries
    - Mostly prescribed for older patients

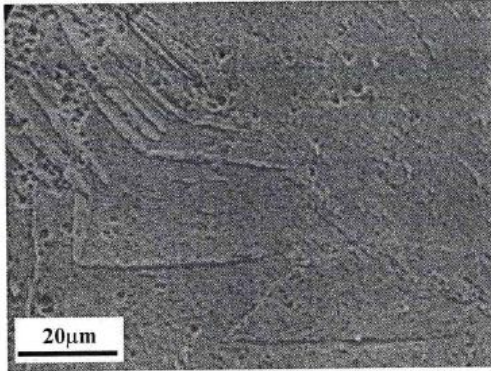


# Attachment of Titanium Implants to Cells

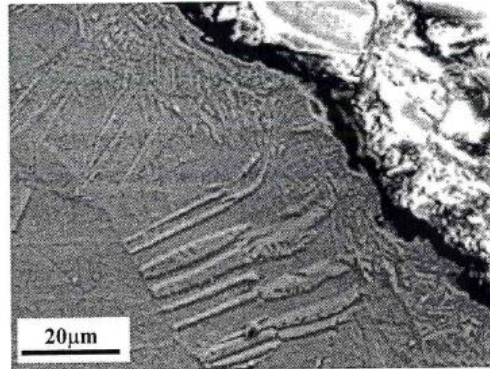
- **Titanium is one of the few metals that is not toxic to the human body**
- **Hence, widespread and increasing use of titanium and titanium alloys in prosthetic devices, e.g. Ti-6Al-4V, Ti-6Al-7Nb**
  - **tooth implants**
  - **hip implants (both dogs and humans!)**
- **Attachment of metal to cells is strongly dependent on hierarchy of size scales**
  - **molecular attachment to protein molecules**
  - **size of cells compared to grain size**
  - **size of cells compared to laser groove size**

# SEM of Ti-6Al-4V Specimens

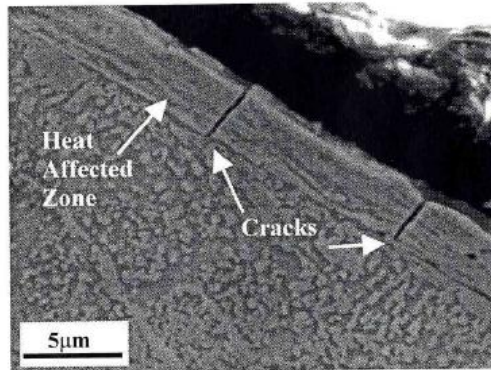
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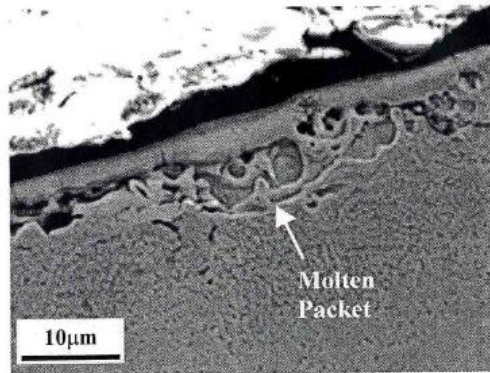
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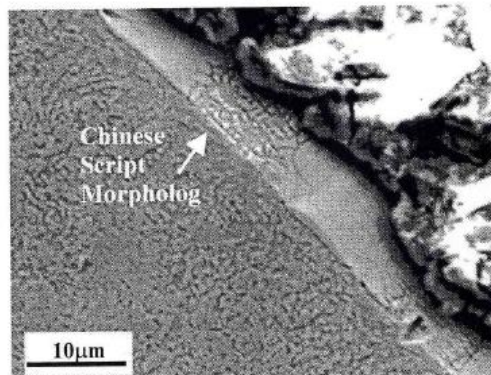
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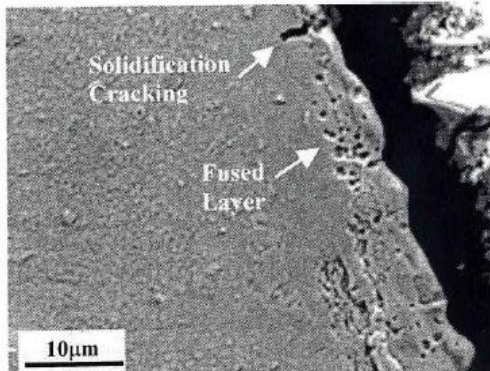
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(e)



(f)



SEM micrographs of Ti-6Al-4V specimens;

- (a) bulk material of polished specimen;
- (b) outer edge of grit blasted specimen;
- (c) heat affected zone, fused layer and solidification cracking in 8 $\mu$  circumferentially grooved specimen;
- (d) example of molten pocket of 8 $\mu$  circumferentially grooved specimen;
- (e) heat affected zone, fused layer, and solidification cracking in 12 $\mu$  circumferentially grooved specimen;
- (f) heat affected zone, fused layer, and solidification cracking in 12 $\mu$  longitudinally grooved specimen

# Schematic Illustration of Textured Ti-6Al-4 Surfaces

- Control Surfaces were produced by grit blasting and polishing
- Experimental surfaces for tooth and hip implants were produced by grit blasting, polishing and laser processing
- Initial characterization of surfaces were done by SEM

Control Implant Configuration



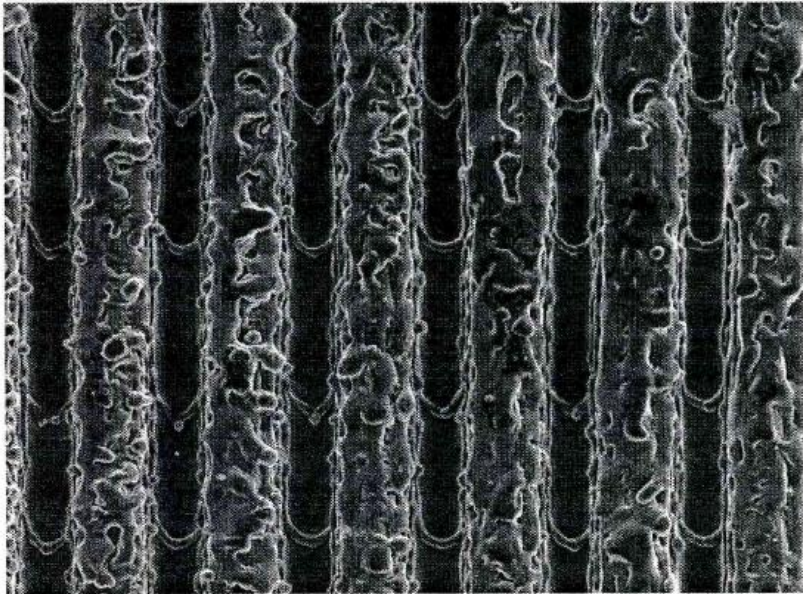
Experimental Implant Configuration





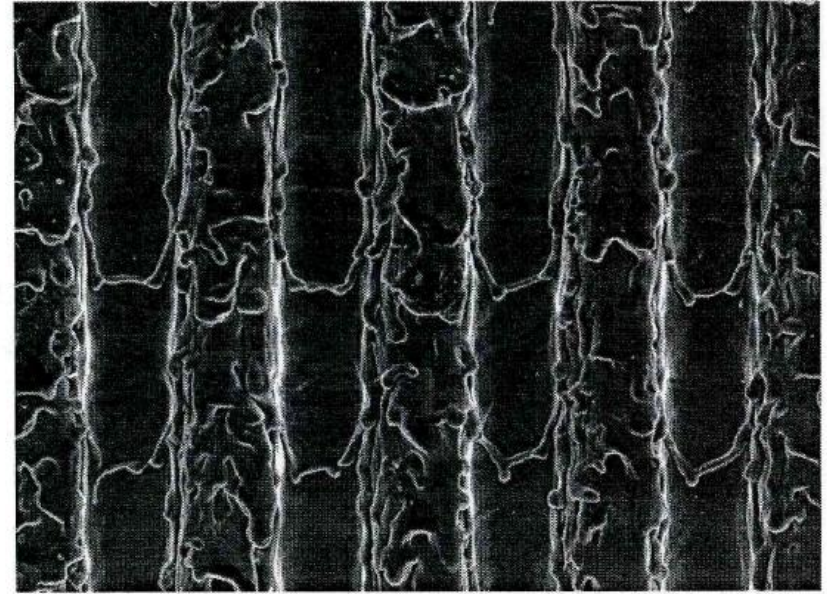
# Scanning Electron Micrographs of Dental Ti-6Al-4V Implant

8  $\mu\text{m}$  Grooves



10  $\mu\text{m}$

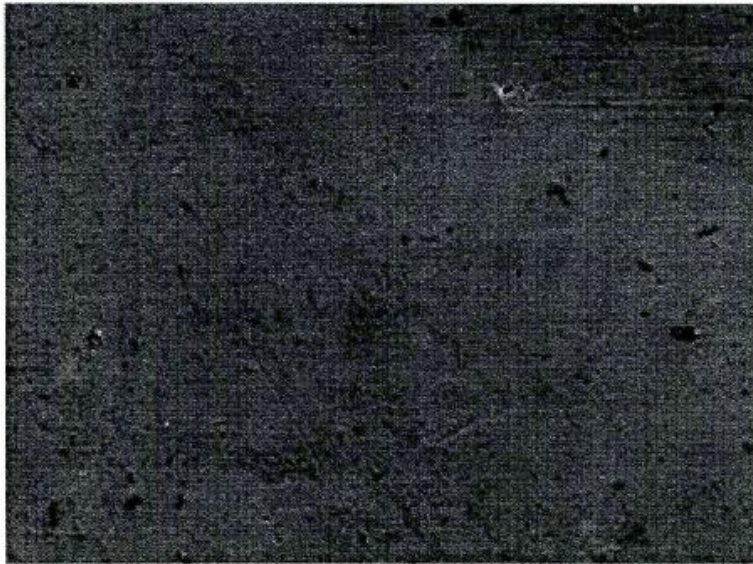
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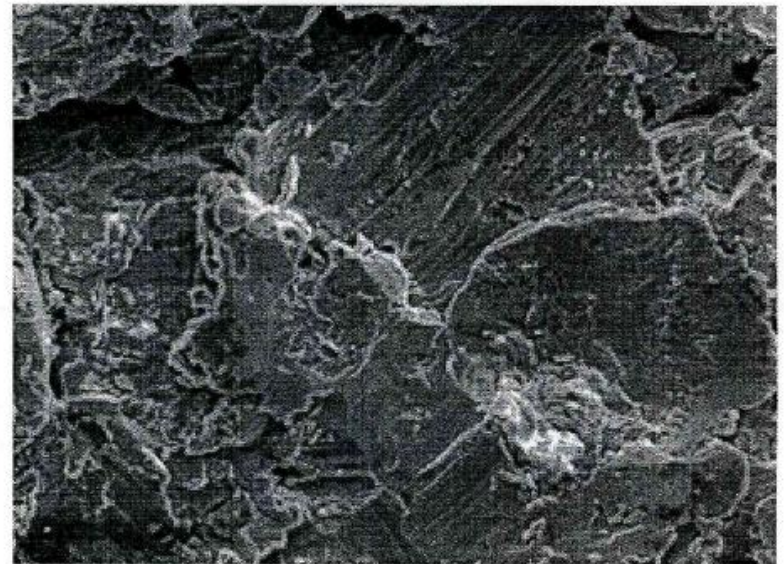
# SEM of Polished Surfaces vs Conventional Alumina Blasted Surface

Polished Surface



5  $\mu\text{m}$

Alumina Blasted Surface



10  $\mu\text{m}$

# SEM of Textured “dogbone” Ti-6Al-4V

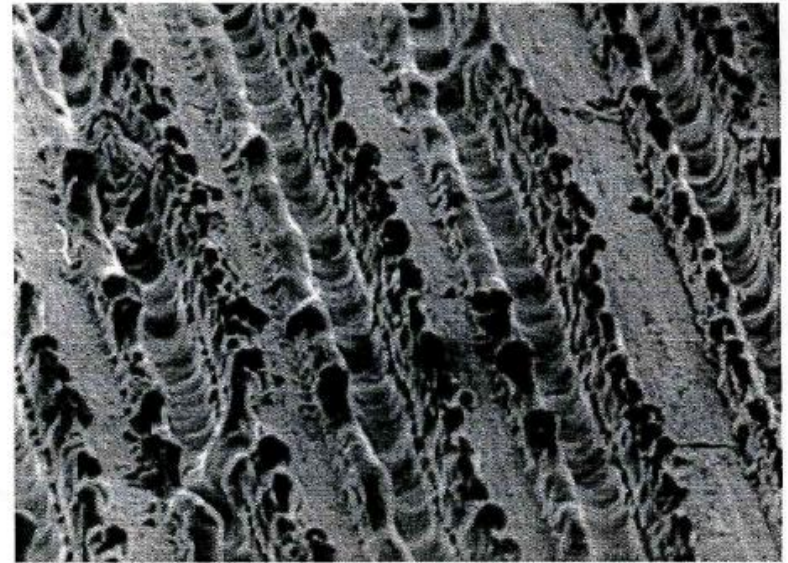
---Dogbone picture here---

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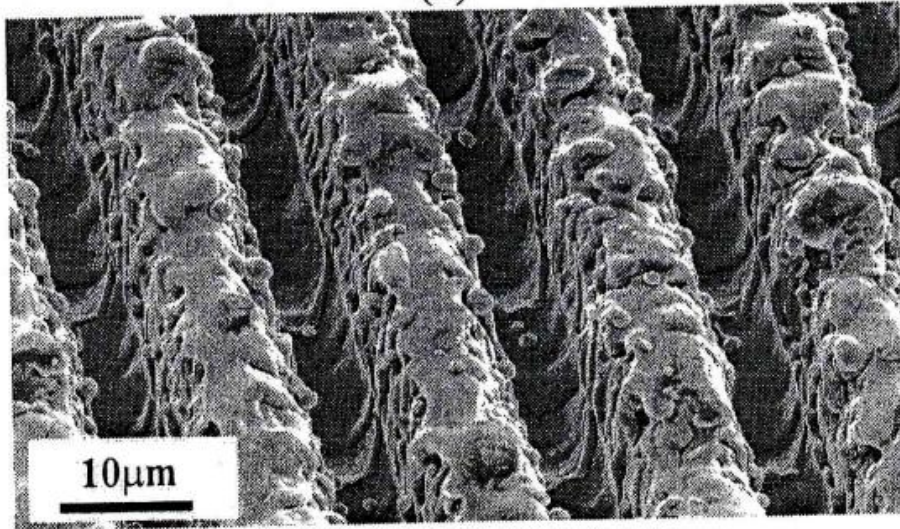
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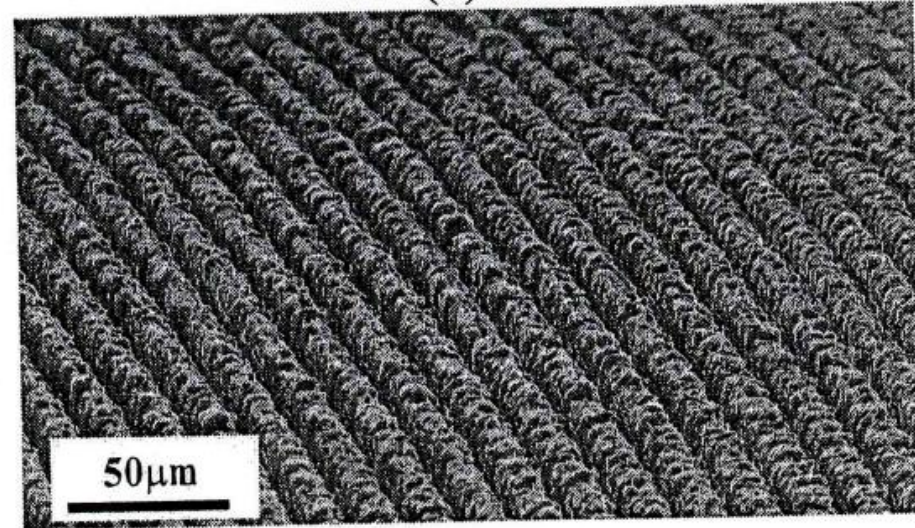
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# SEM of Textured Ti-6Al-4V Surfaces

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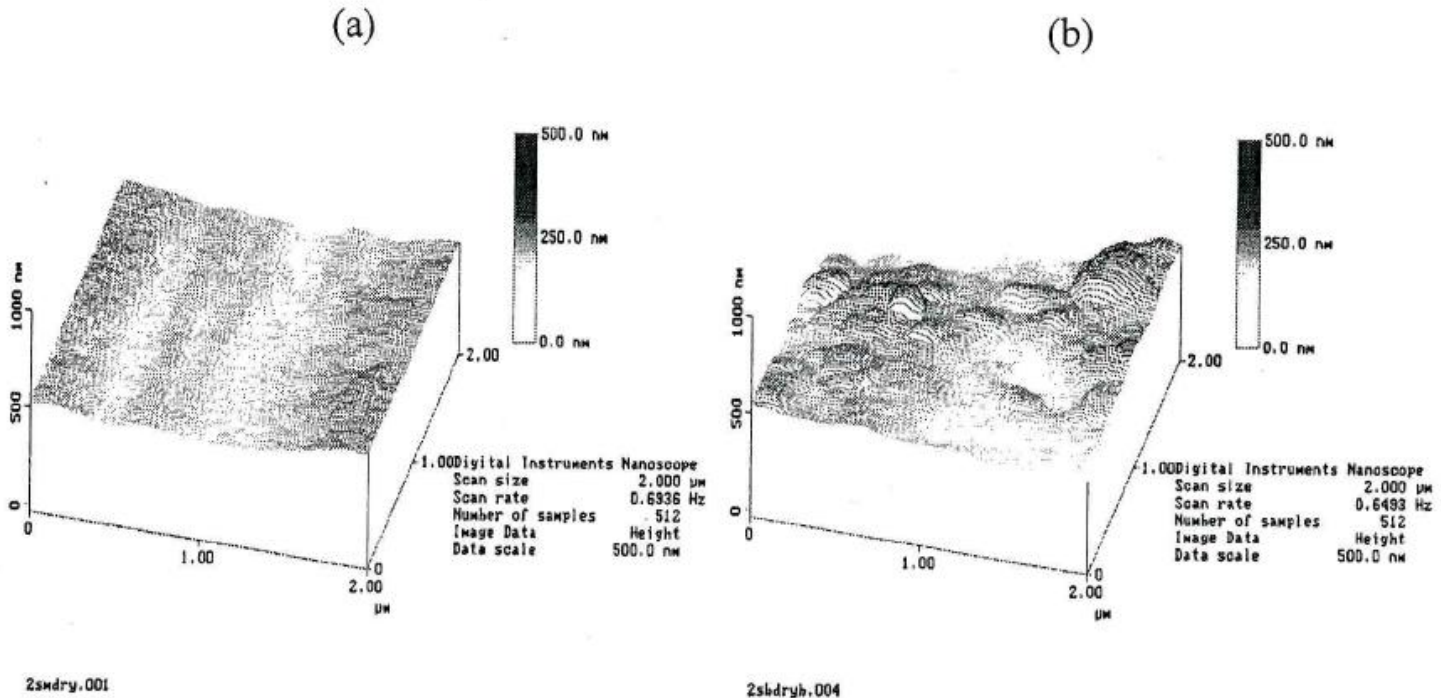


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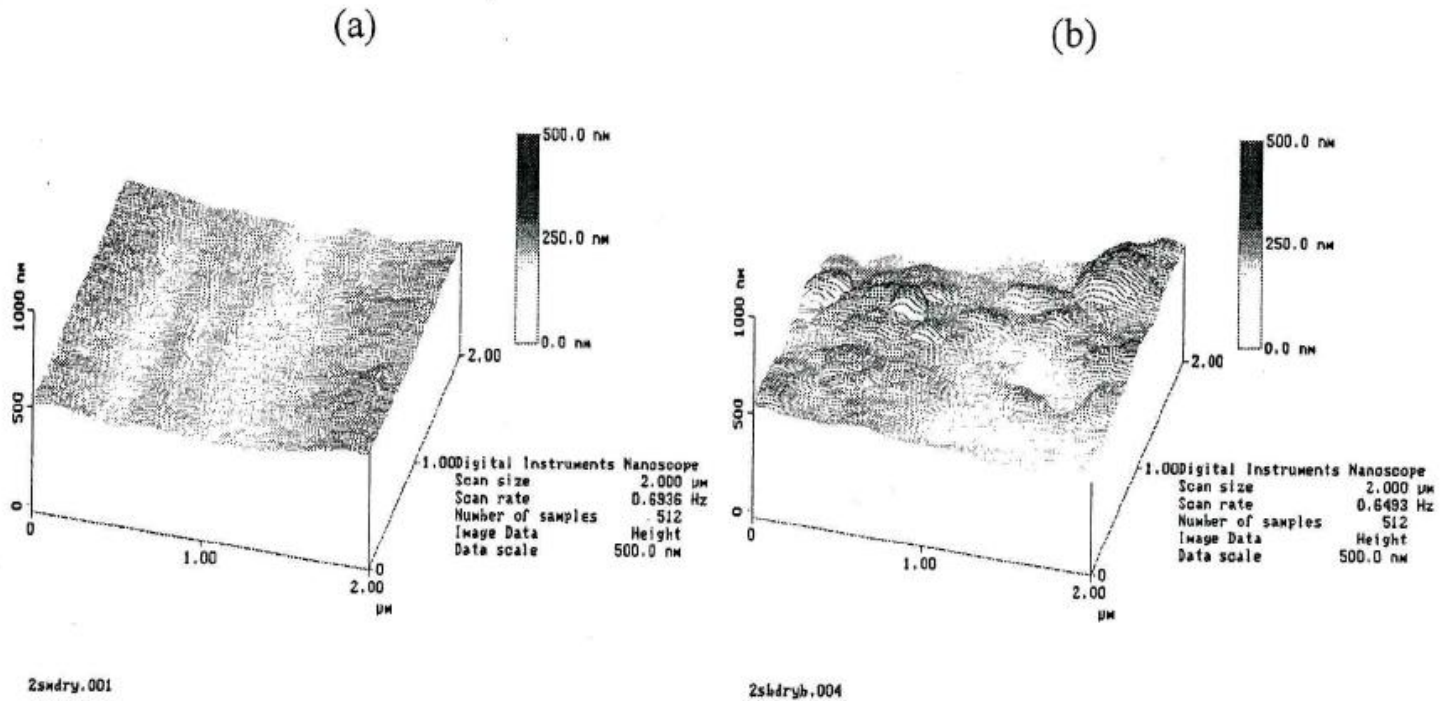
SEM photos of circumferential laser ablated grooves: (a) Longitudinal grooves and (b) Circumferential grooves

# Atomic Force Microscopy Images of Textured Ti-6Al-4V Surfaces



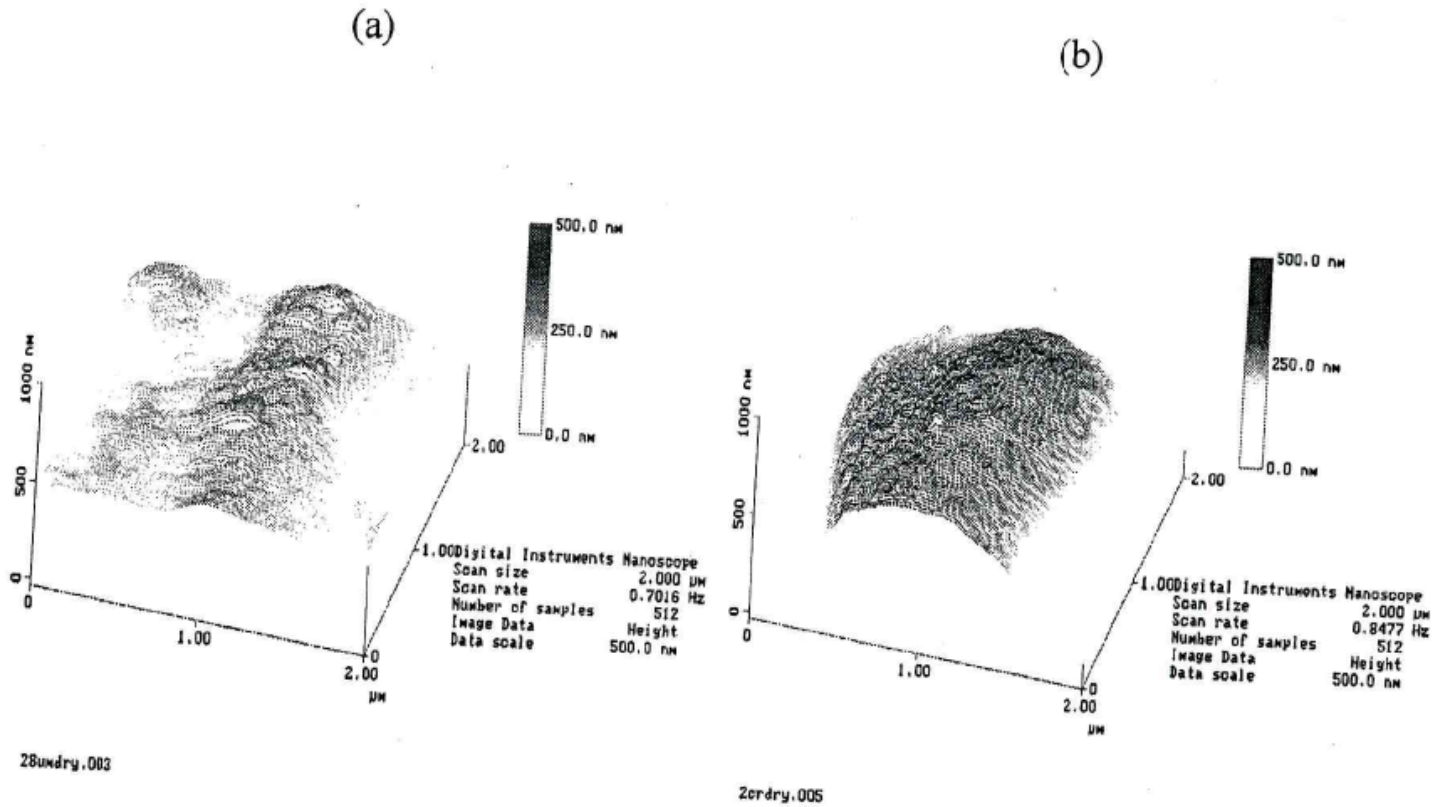
Tapping mode AFM images: (a) Polished surface and (b) Alumina blasted surface

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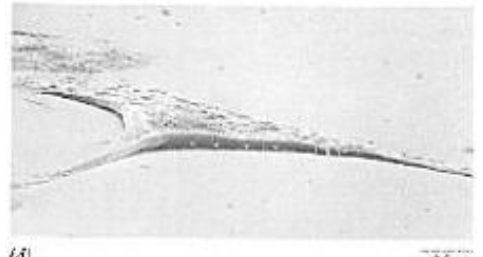
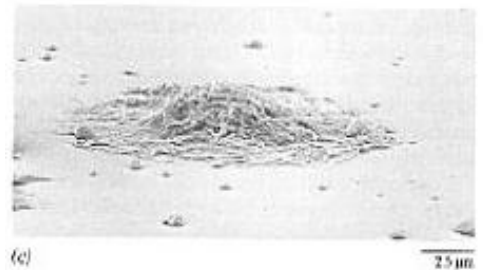
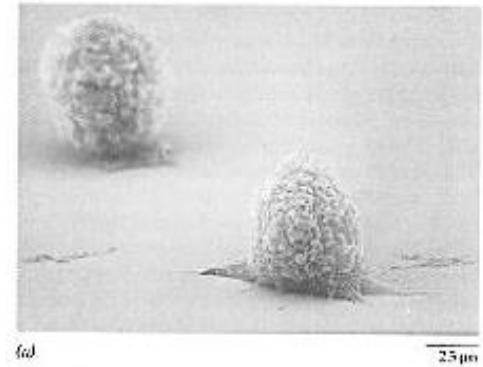
# Atomic Force Microscopy Images of Textured Ti-6Al-4V Surfaces



Tapping mode AFM images of laser textured surfaces: (a) Peak of 8 micron grooves and (b) peak of 12 micron grooves

# Introduction to Cell/Surface Interactions

- Cells in suspensions exhibit spherical morphology (*a*)
- Upon contact to a receptive surface, cells start to spread (*b*)
- Spreading continues until cells is properly “anchored” (*c*)
- Once attachment is completed, cells can migrate to areas of higher cell surface affinity (*d*)
  - Done through filopodiums and lamellipodiums (extension of the cytoplasm)

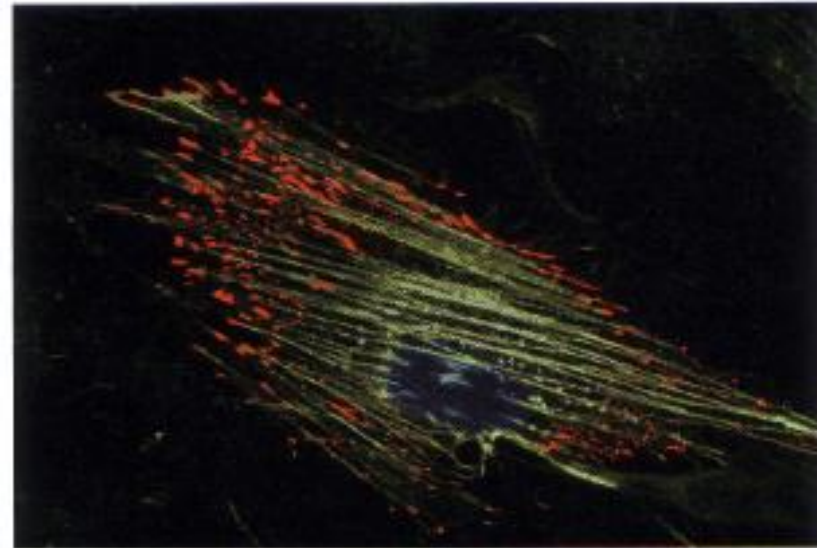




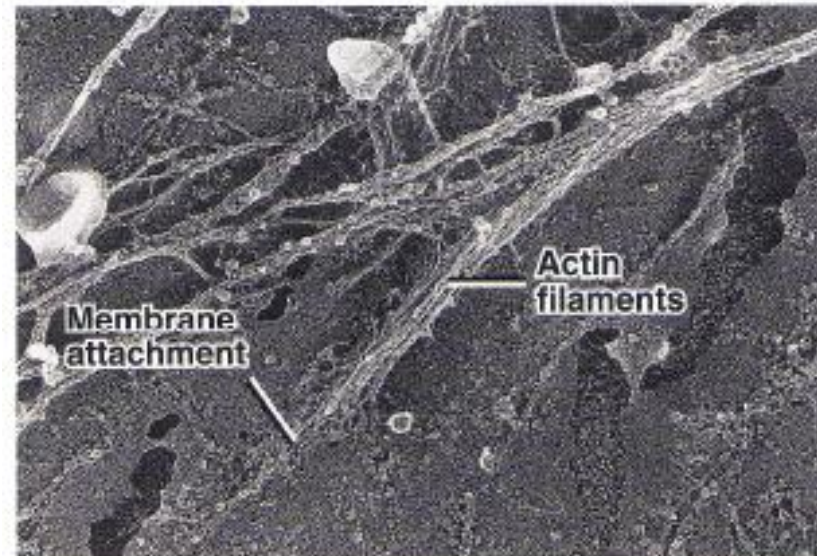
# Introduction to Cell/Surface Interactions

- Cell / surface interaction is achieved through focal adhesion points:
  - An agglomeration of multiple proteins from the extracellular matrix (ECM) and trans-membrane proteins

Major Focal Adhesion Point Proteins	
<u>ECM</u>	<u>Trans-Membrane</u>
Collagen	Actin/Actin filament
Fibronectin	Vinculin
Laminin	Integrin



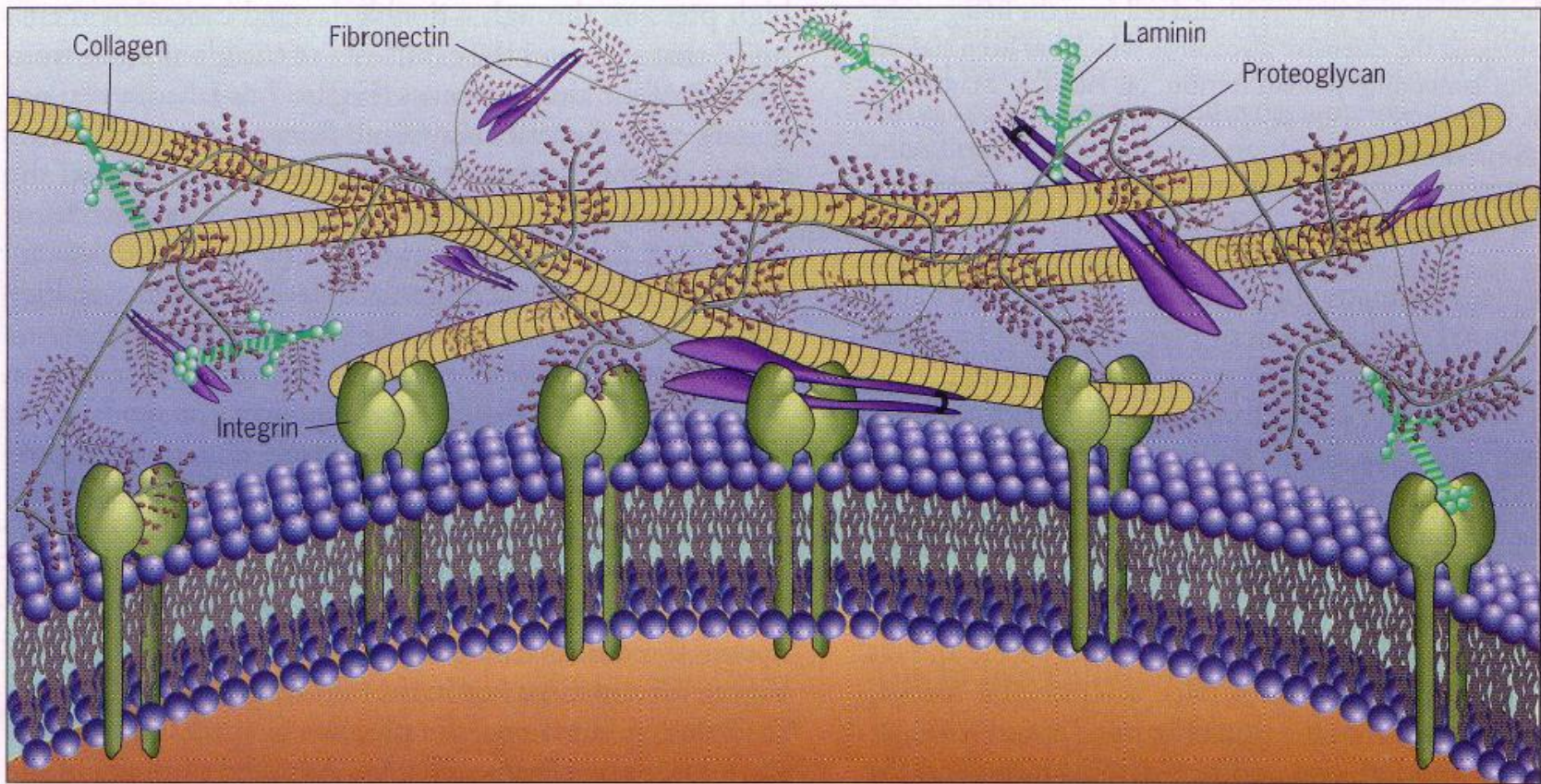
(a)



(b)

2.5  $\mu\text{m}$

# Introduction to Cell/Surface Interactions

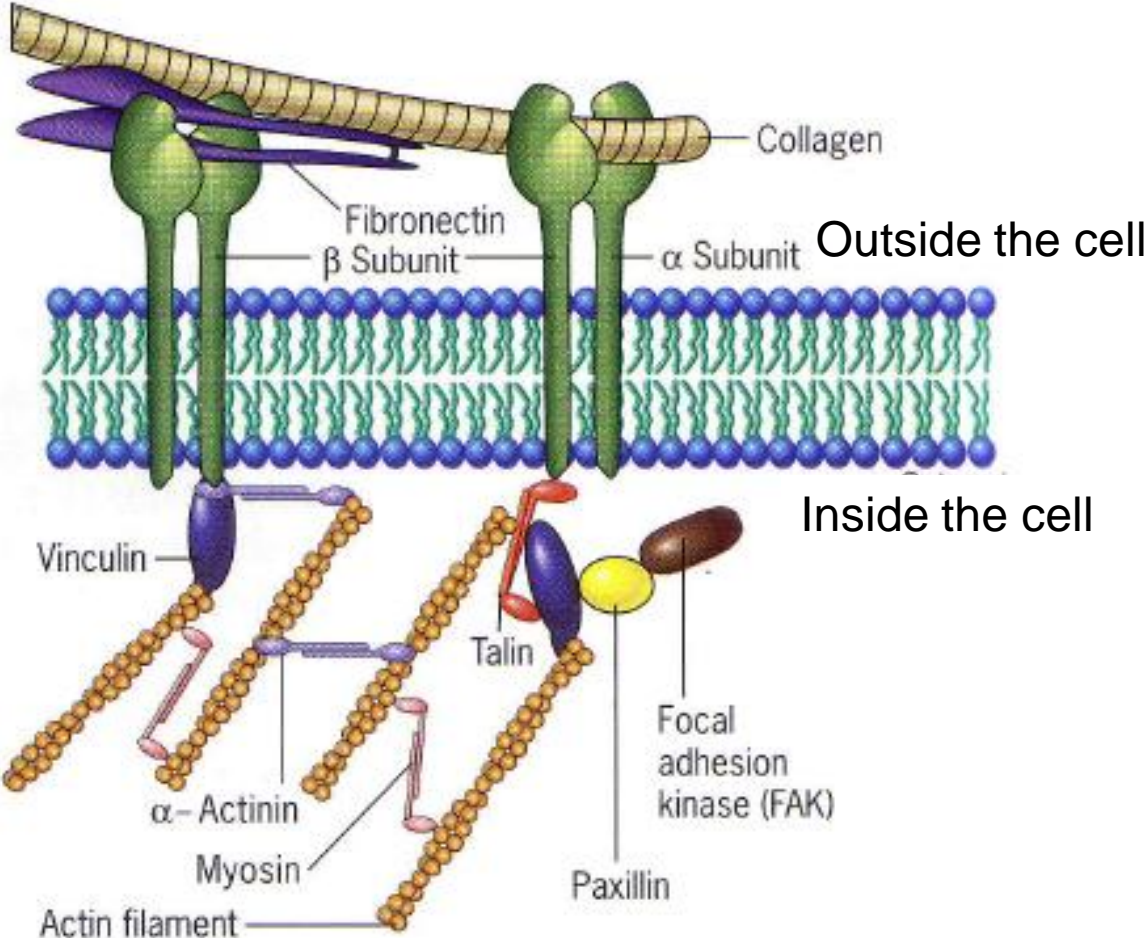


**FIGURE 7.5** An overview of the macromolecular organization of the extracellular matrix. The proteins and polysaccharides shown in this illustration will be discussed in the following sections. The proteins depicted (fibronectin, collagen, and laminin) contain bind-

ing sites for one another, as well as binding sites for receptors (integrins) that are located at the cell surface. The proteoglycans are huge protein-polysaccharide complexes that occupy much of the volume of the extracellular space.

# Introduction to Cell/Surface Interactions

Protein Interaction at a Focal Adhesion Point



# Introduction to Cell/Surface Interactions

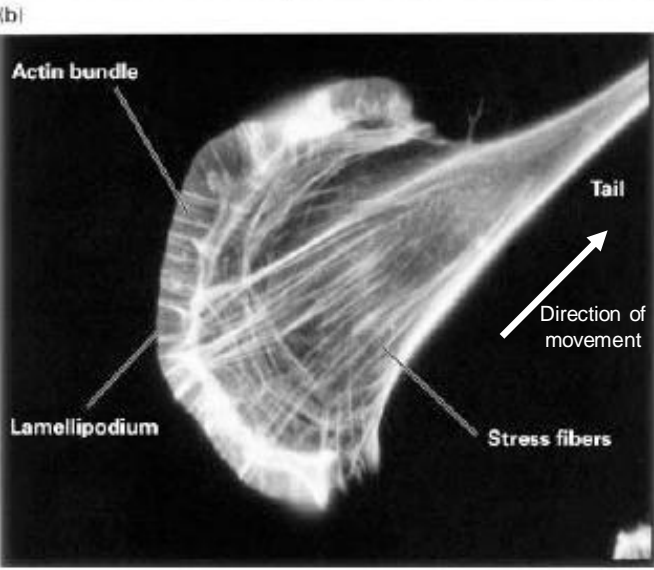
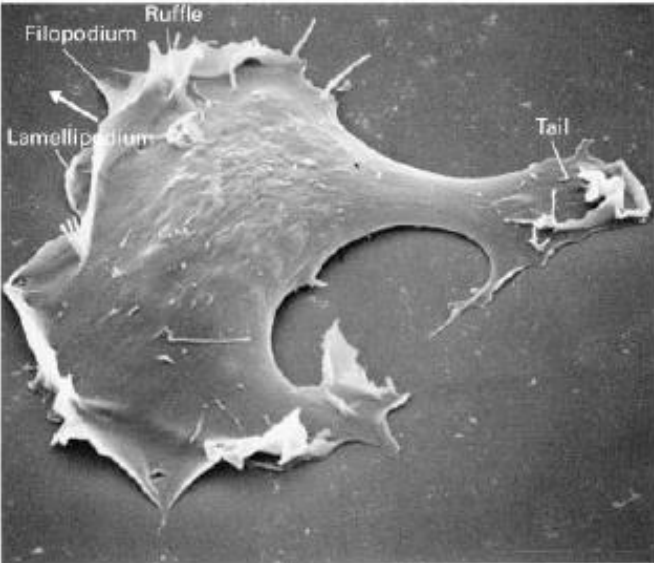
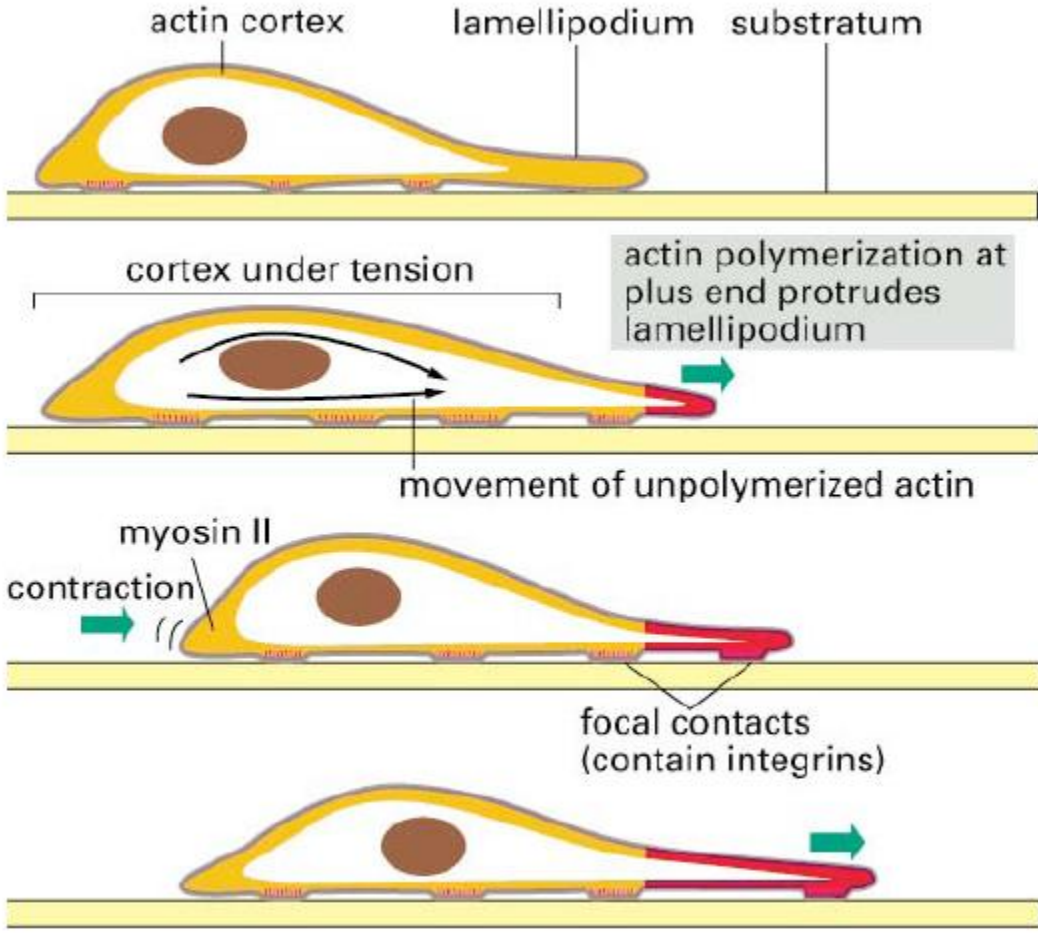
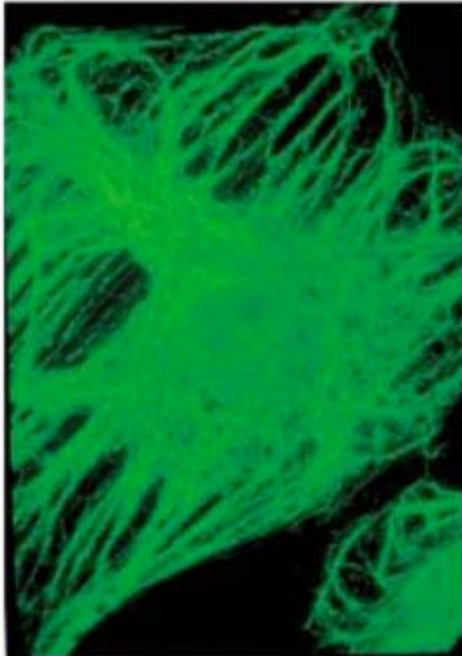


Figure 16-85. Molecular Biology of the Cell, 4th Edition.

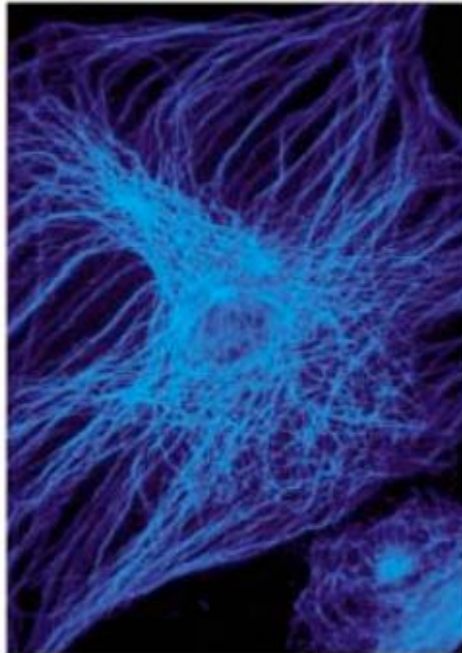
# Introduction to Cell/Surface Interactions

3 major cytoskeletal networks

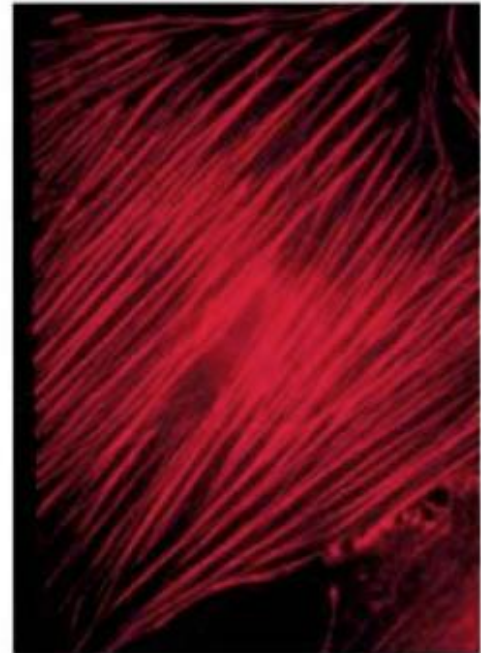
(a) Intermediate filaments  
(vimentin)



(b) Microtubules (tubulin)



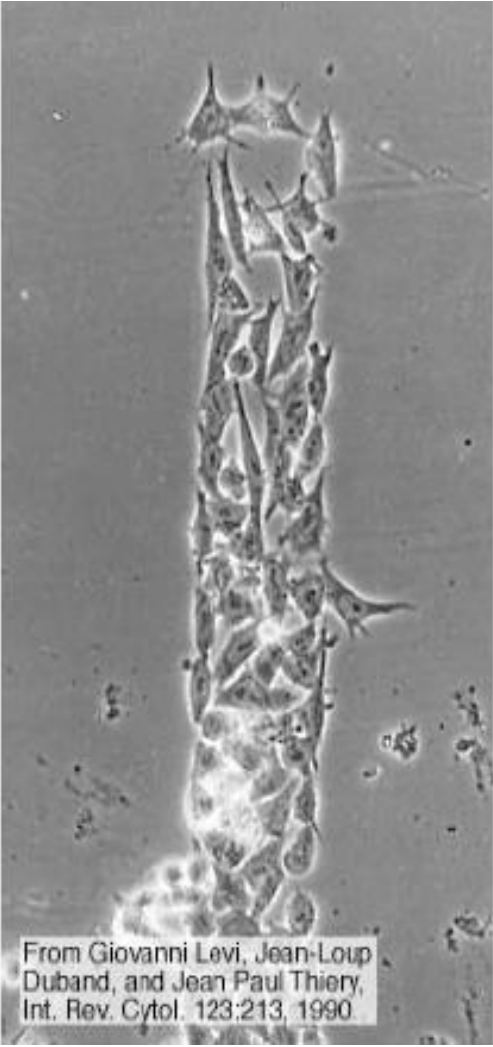
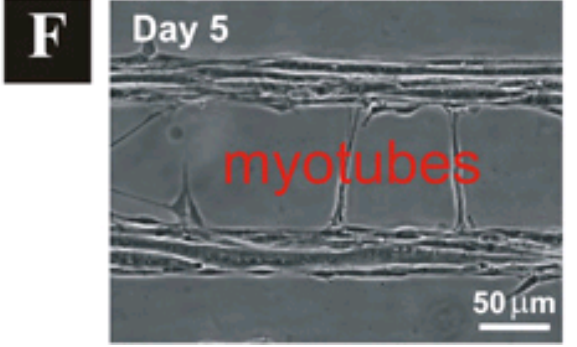
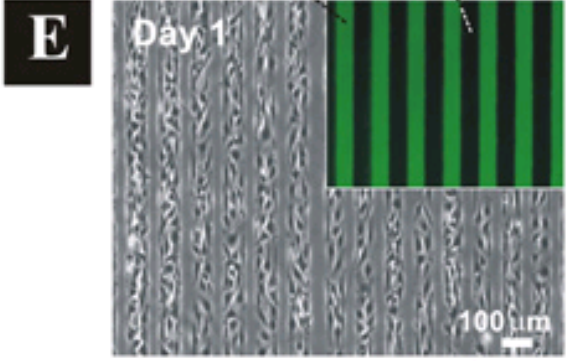
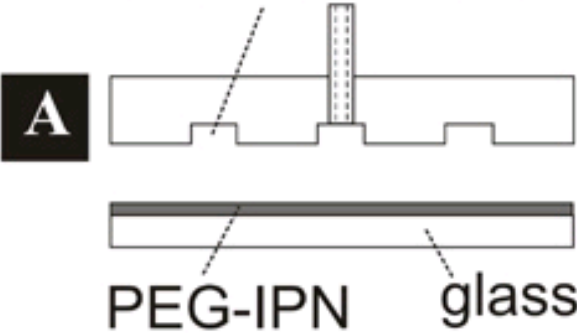
(c) Microfilaments (actin)



# Introduction to Cell/Surface Interactions

- Cells can be “tricked” into growing in a specific configuration using ECM proteins

PDMS microchannels



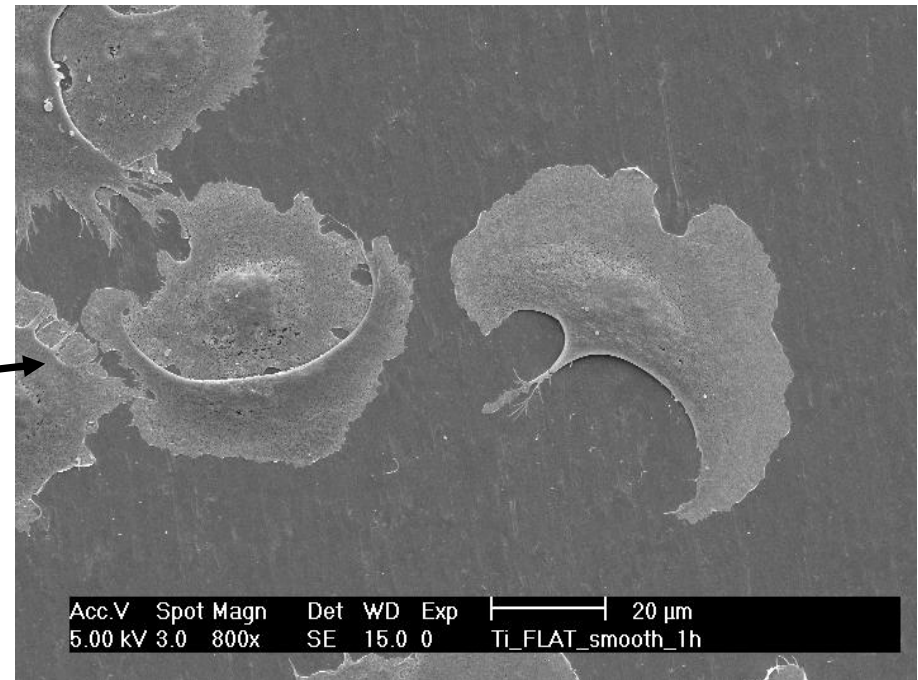
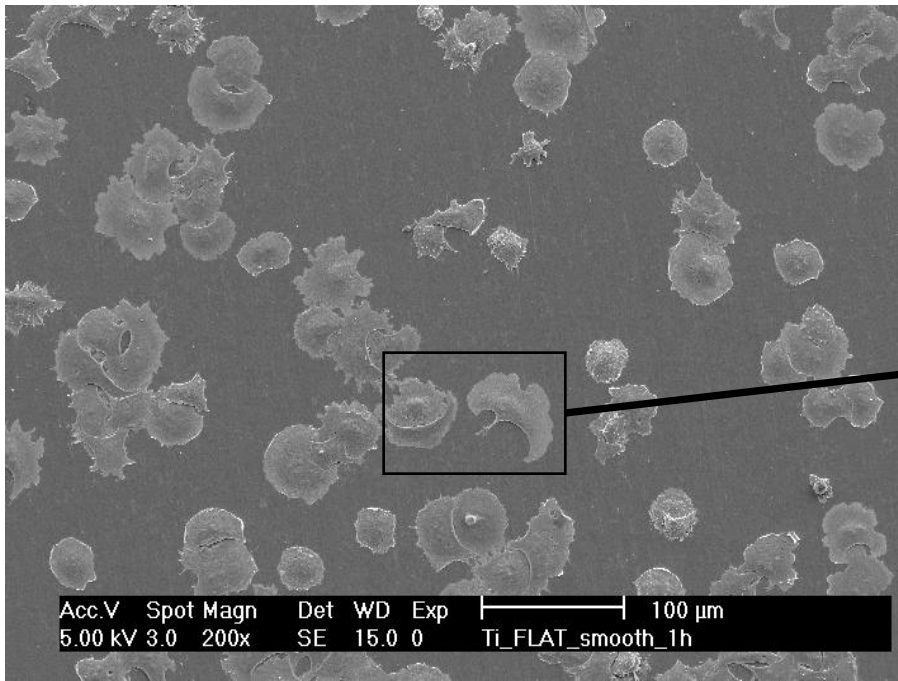
Fibroblast on collagen channel

# Experimental Study of Cell / Surface Interactions

- Cell culture experiments on Ti-6Al-4V substrates
  - Polished surface
  - Different size grooves
    - Experiments done by J. Chen 2006, Soboyejo's group
- Goal of study:
  - Observe cell/surface interaction over a period of days
    - Analyze the influence of the surface on cell interaction
    - Look for evidence of “cell guidance”

# SEM Views of Experimental Samples

- Cell growth on polished surfaces after 6 hrs incubation
  - Cell exhibit random formations
  - No particular directionality of the cytoplasm is observed

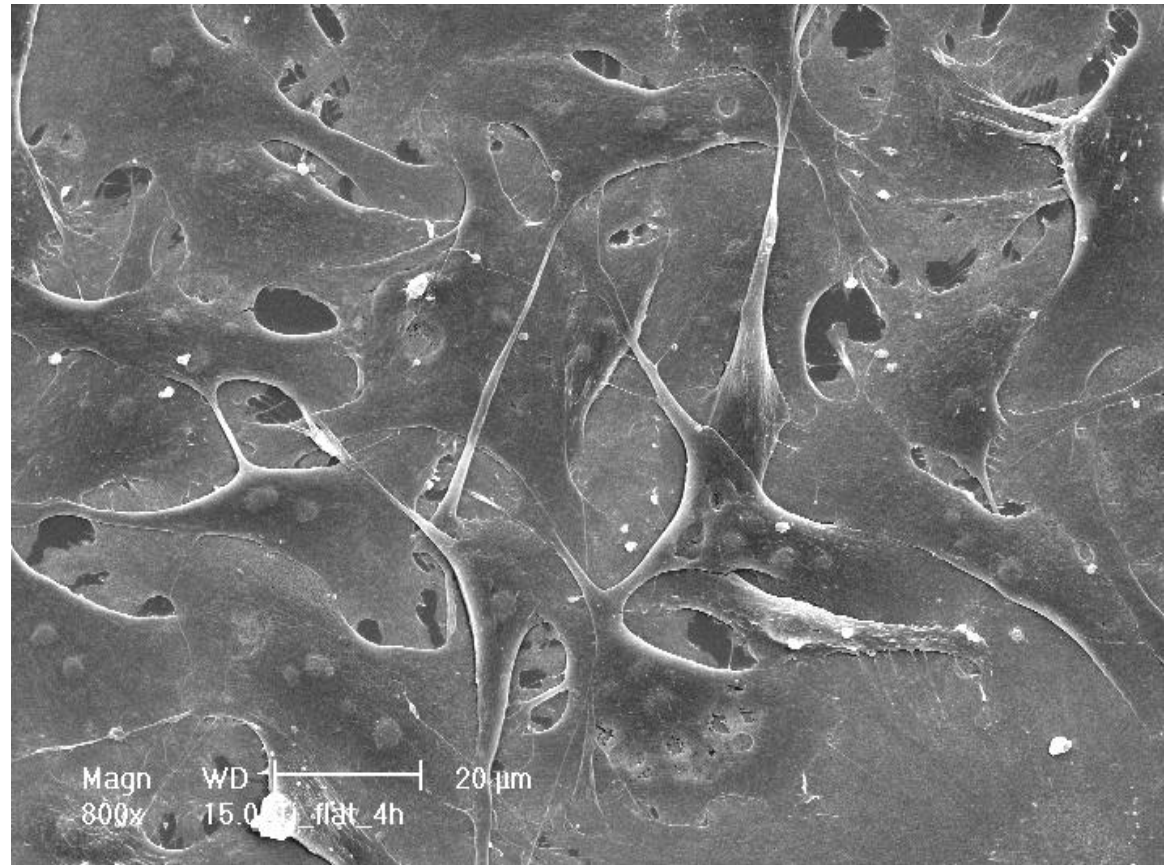




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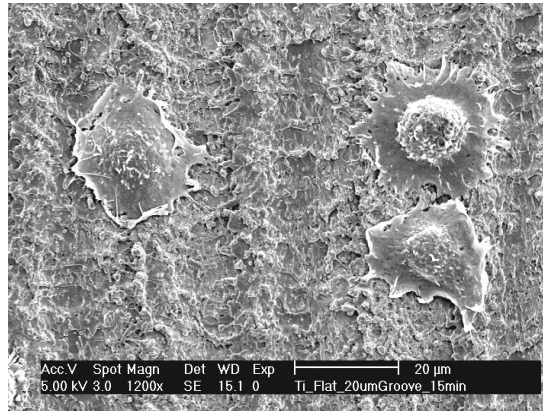
- Cell growth on polished surfaces after 48 hrs incubation

-Cell exhibit random cytoplasmic formations and no organizational pattern can be observed on the individual level  
-Cells are arranged in multiple layers with multiple bridges between layers

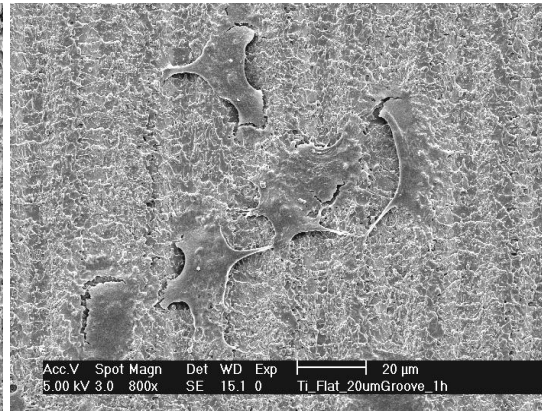


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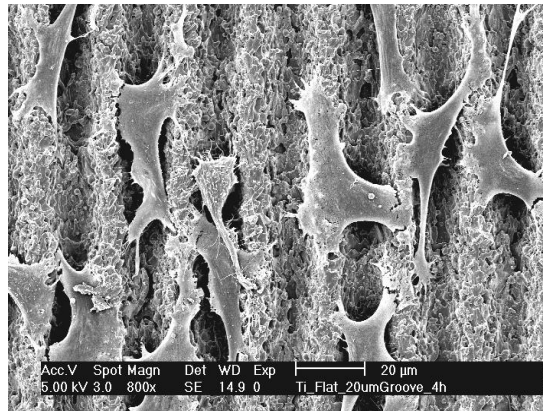
- Cell growth on grooved structures



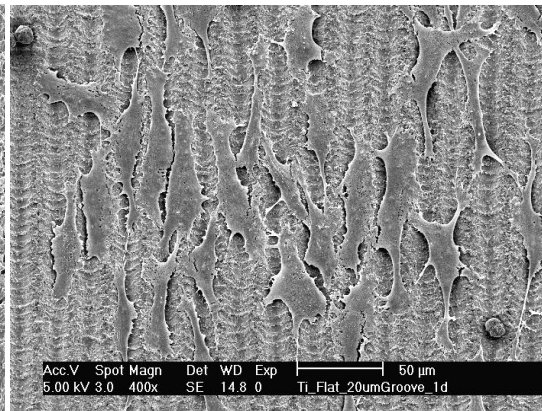
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1 hour



4 hour

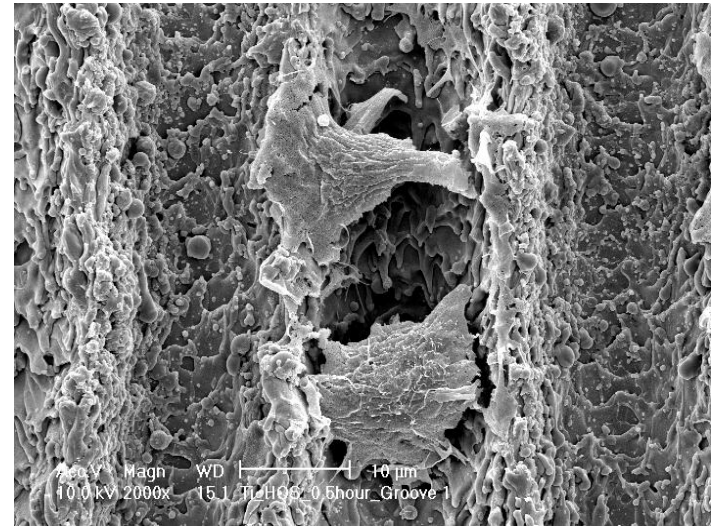
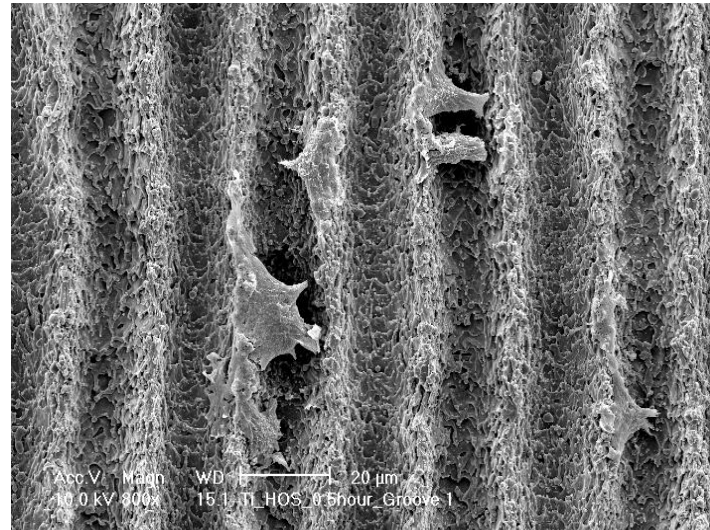
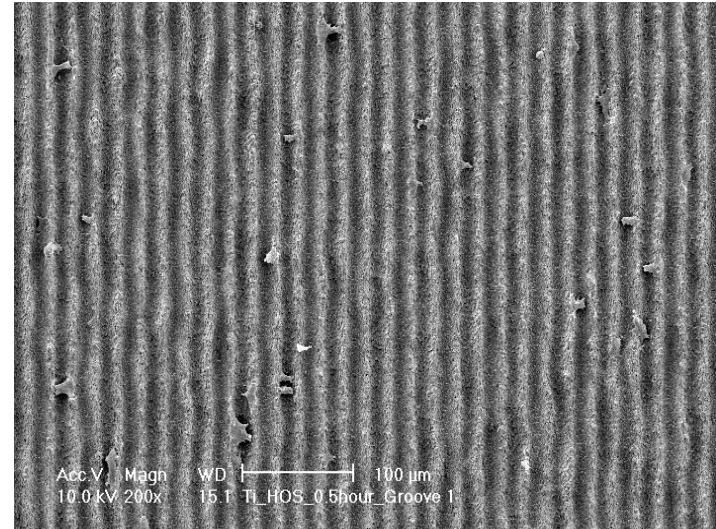
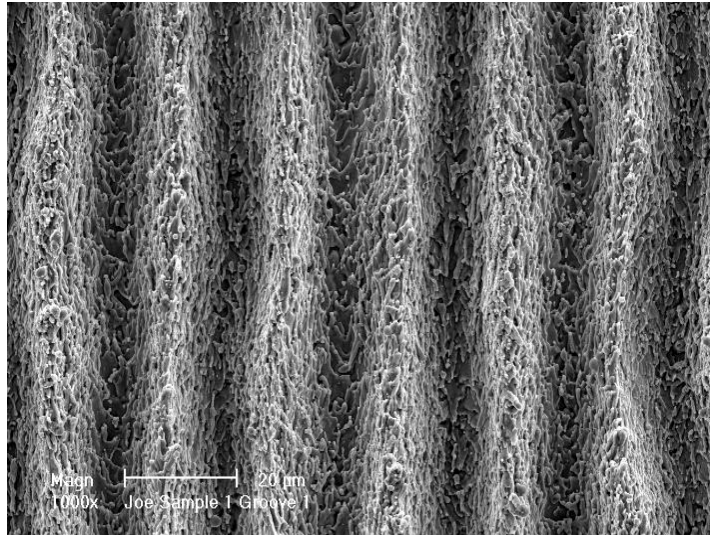


1 day



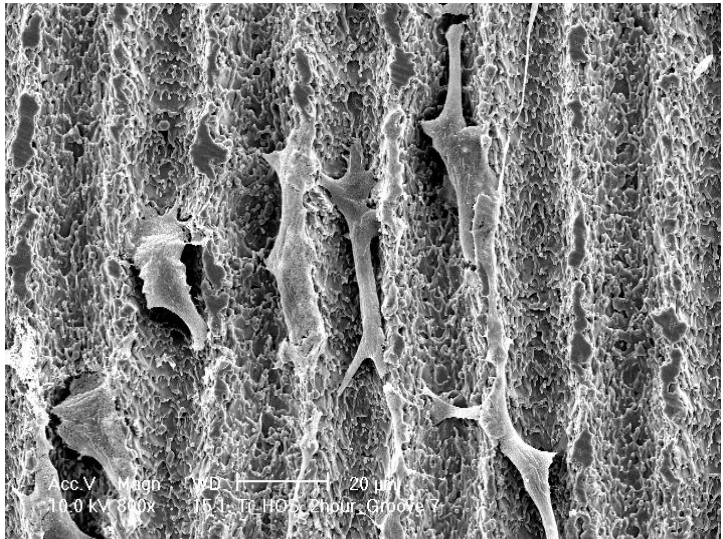
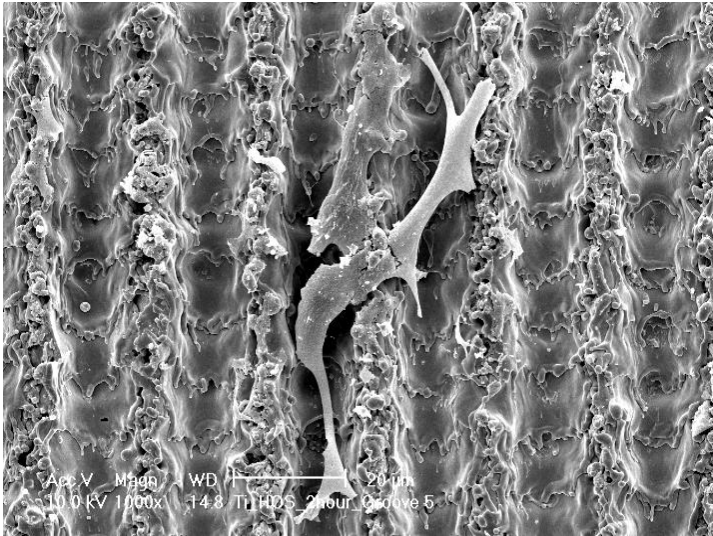
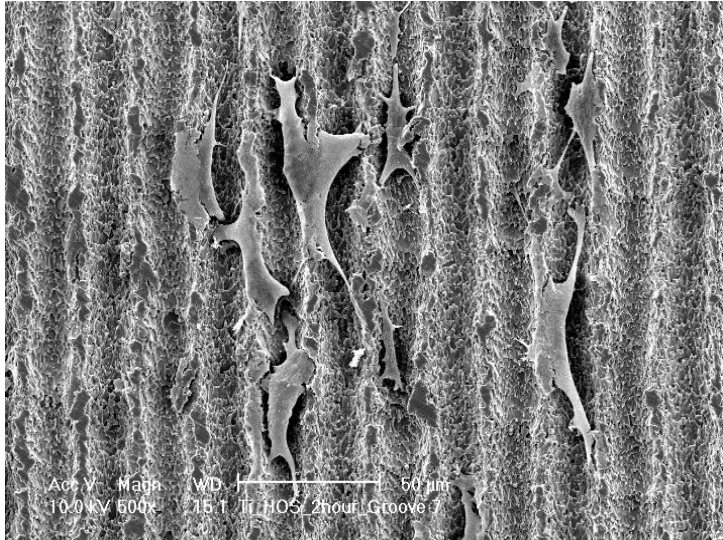
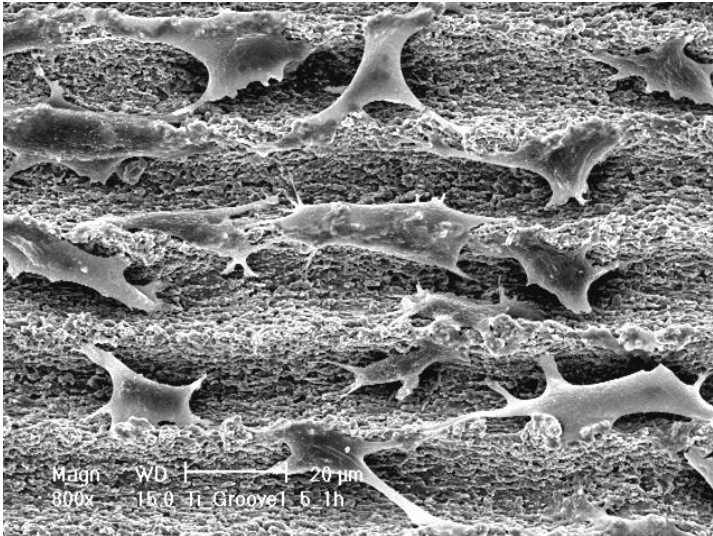
# SEM Views of Experimental Samples

- Cell growth on grooved surfaces



# SEM Views of Experimental Samples

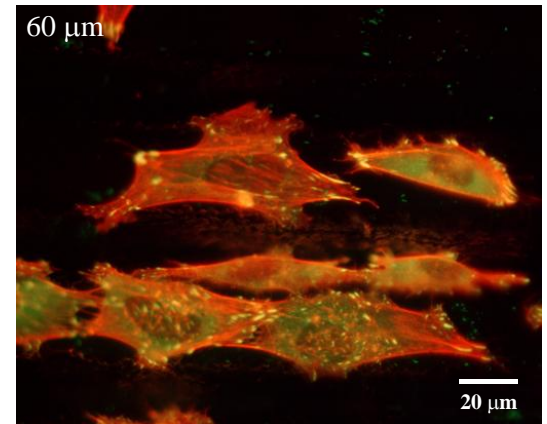
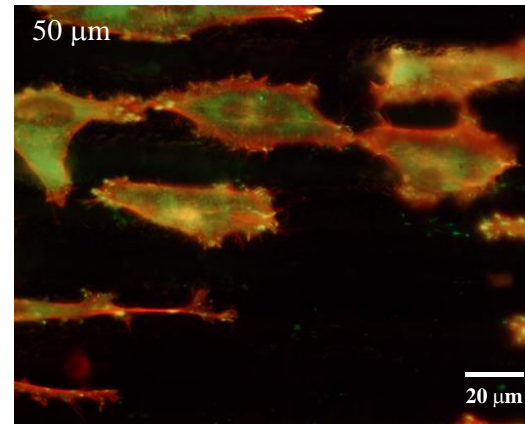
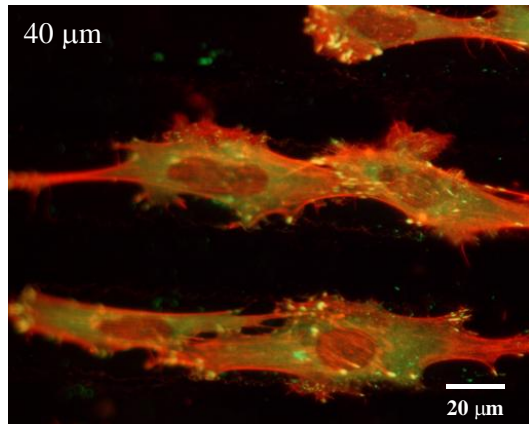
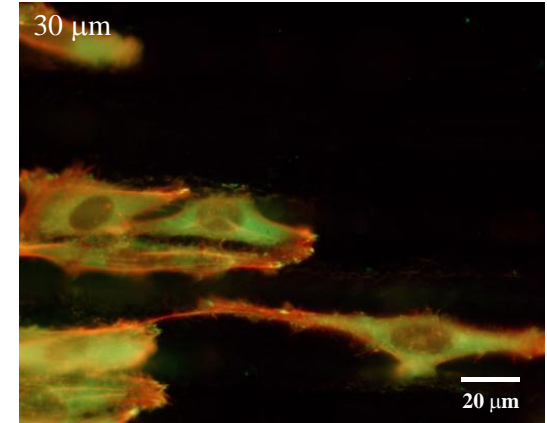
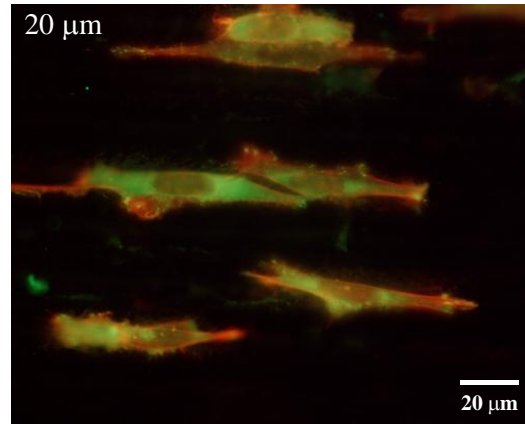
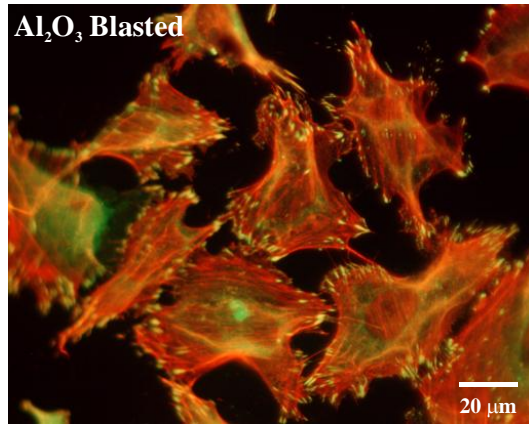
- Cell growth on grooved surfaces



# Confocal Views of Experimental Samples

Green → Actin

Red → Vinculin

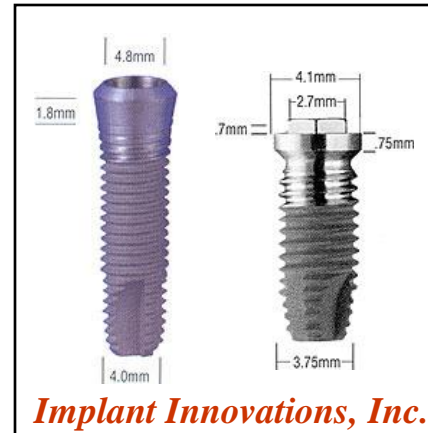
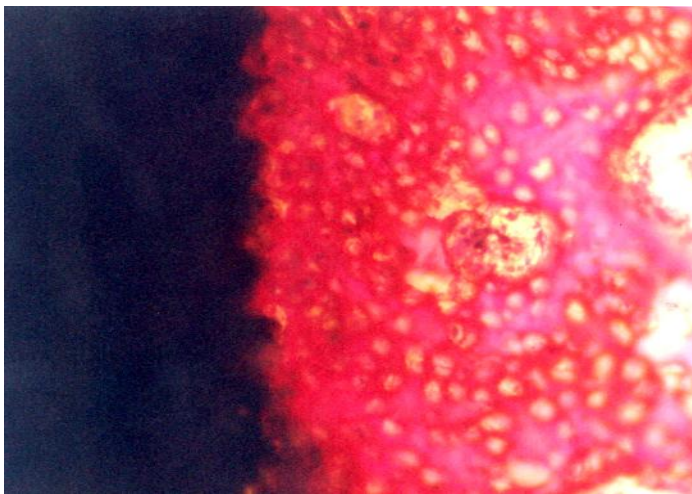
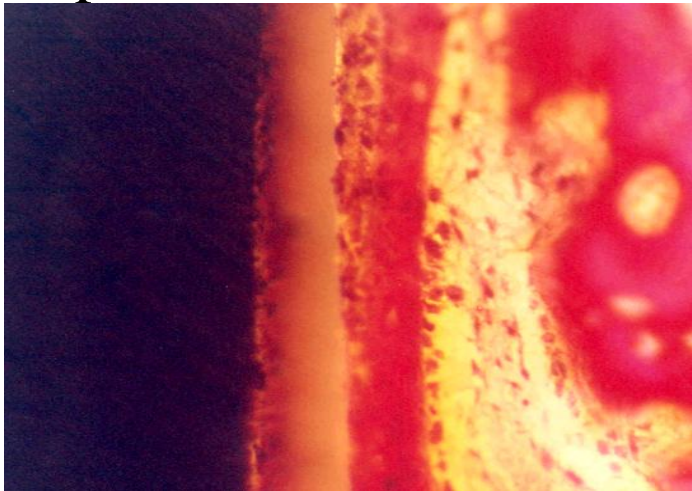


# Summary of Cell/Surface Interaction Observation

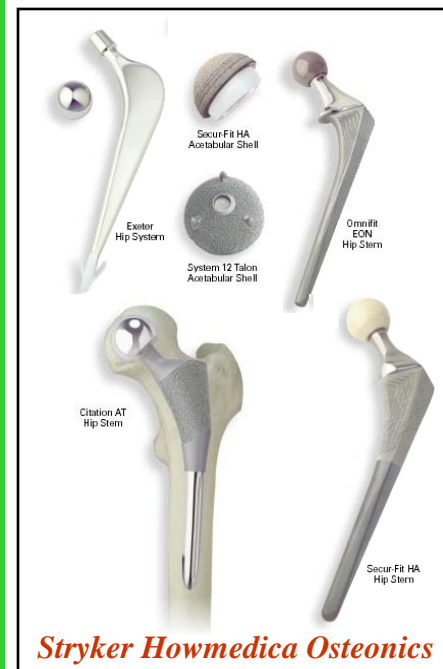
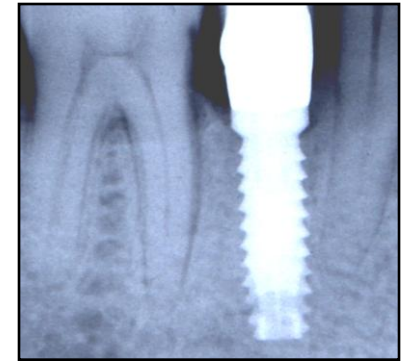
- Contact guidance clearly occurs in the 10 to 40 $\mu$ m grooves
- Extensive spreading observed on smooth surfaces – almost complete coverage after a few days but in sheet like manner
  - No evidence of contract guidance!

# Osteogenic Titanium Biomedical Systems

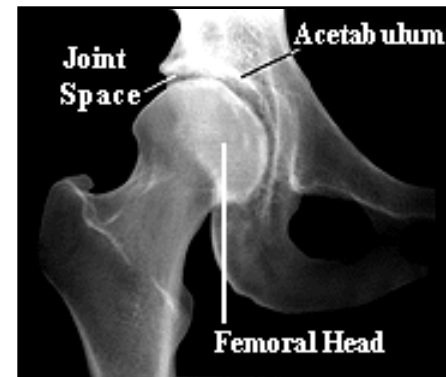
- An estimated 8-10 % of Americans have orthopedic implants - have a limited lifespan



## Dental Implants



## Hip Implants



# Implications of Cell/Surface Studies for Implants

- Surface texture on implants can be used to template cell/tissue orientation
  - Could promote tissue-implant integration
  - Could limit scar tissue formation
- Surface texture can be used to control cell/surface adhesion
- Surface texture of implant could lead to greater adhesion and thus improve durability and life time of:
  - Hip and knee implants
  - Dental implants