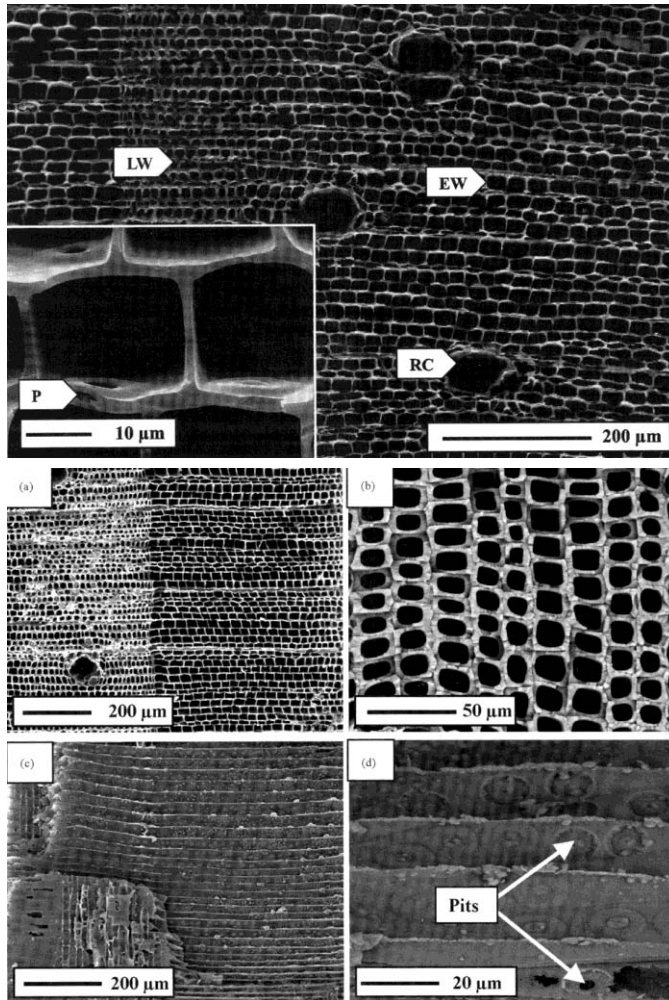


Biomimicking

Wood: Biocarbon Template



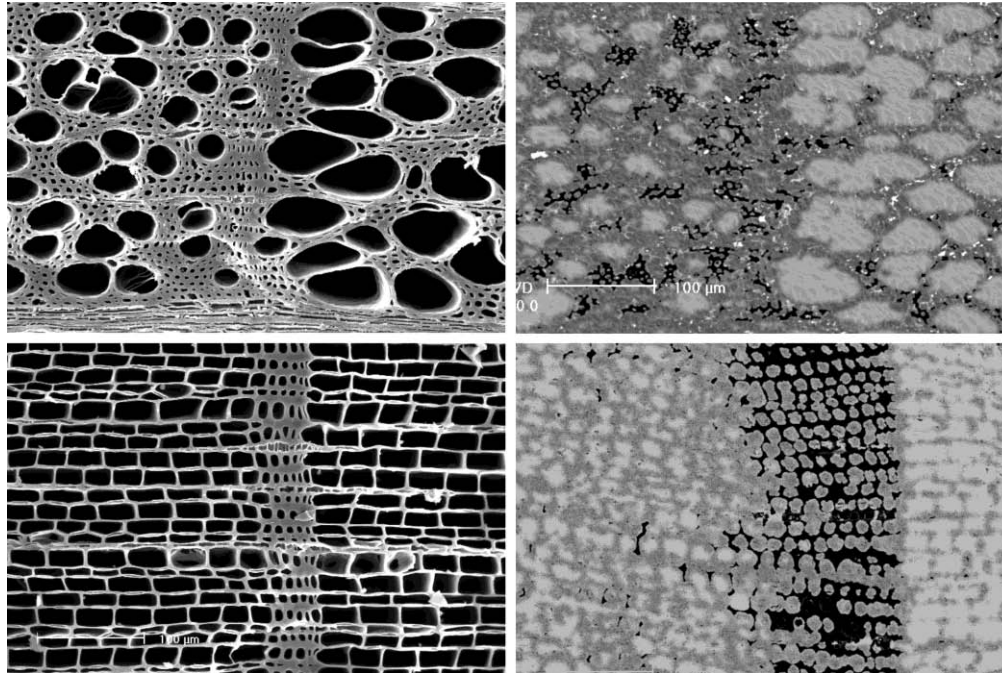
Pyrolized pine
(biocarbon template)
EW: early wood
LW: late wood
RC: sap channel
P: pit

SiC ceramic made by
pyrolizing pine then Si
vapor infiltration

Source: Vogli, E., H. Sieber, and P. Griel. "Biomorphic SiC-ceramic prepared by Si-vapor phaseinfiltration of wood." *Journal of the European Ceramic Society* 22 (2002): 2663. Courtesy of Elsevier. Used with permission.

Vogli et al., 2002

Wood: Si-SiC composites



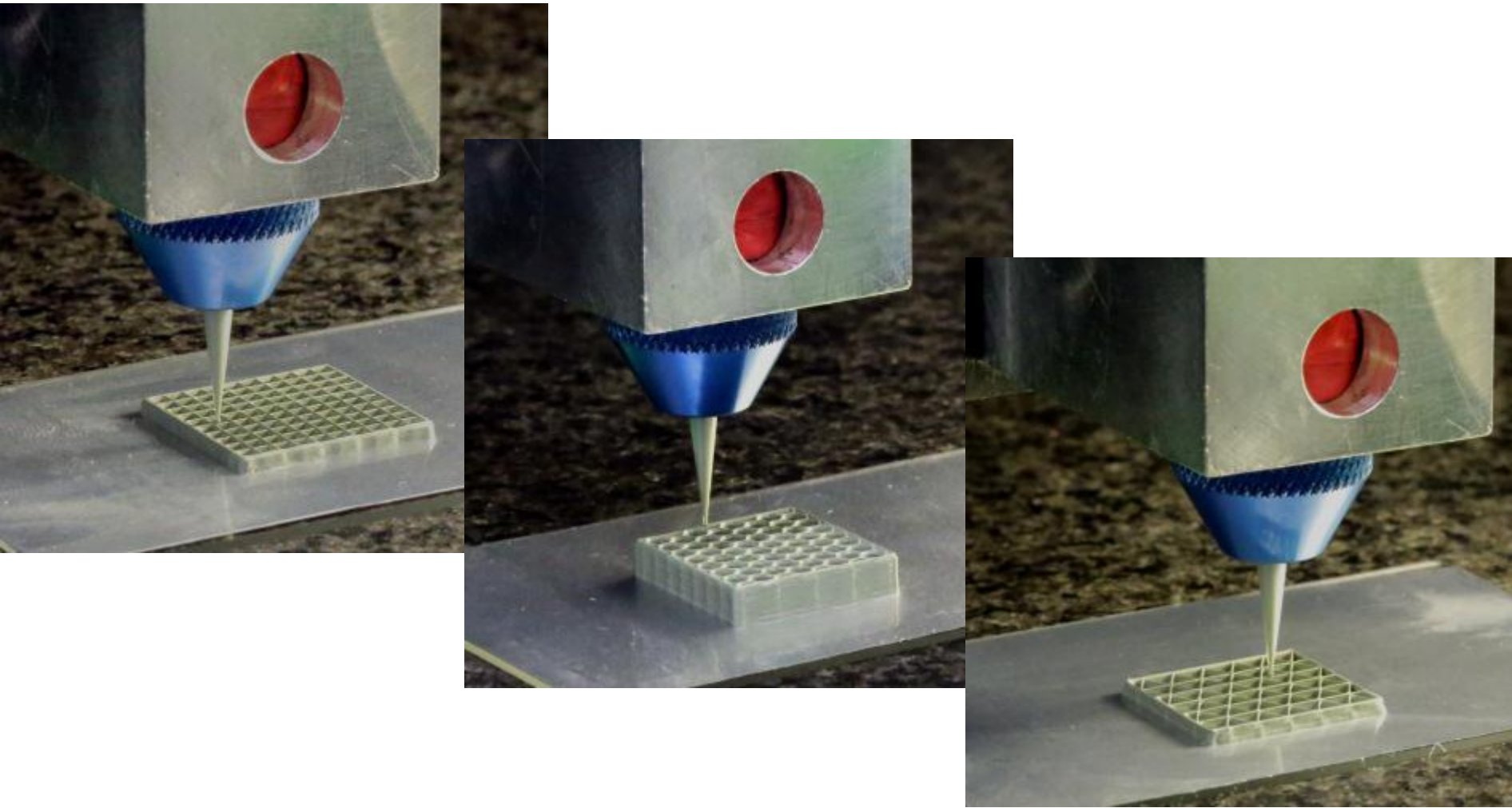
Source: Zollfrank, Cordt, and Heino Sieber. "[Microstructure and phase morphology of wood derived biomorphous SiSiC-ceramics](#)." *Journal of the European Ceramic Society* 24 (2004): 495. Courtesy of Elsevier. Used with permission.

Biocarbon template
of beech, pine

Si-SiC composites
made by liquid
infiltration of Si into
the SiC replicas

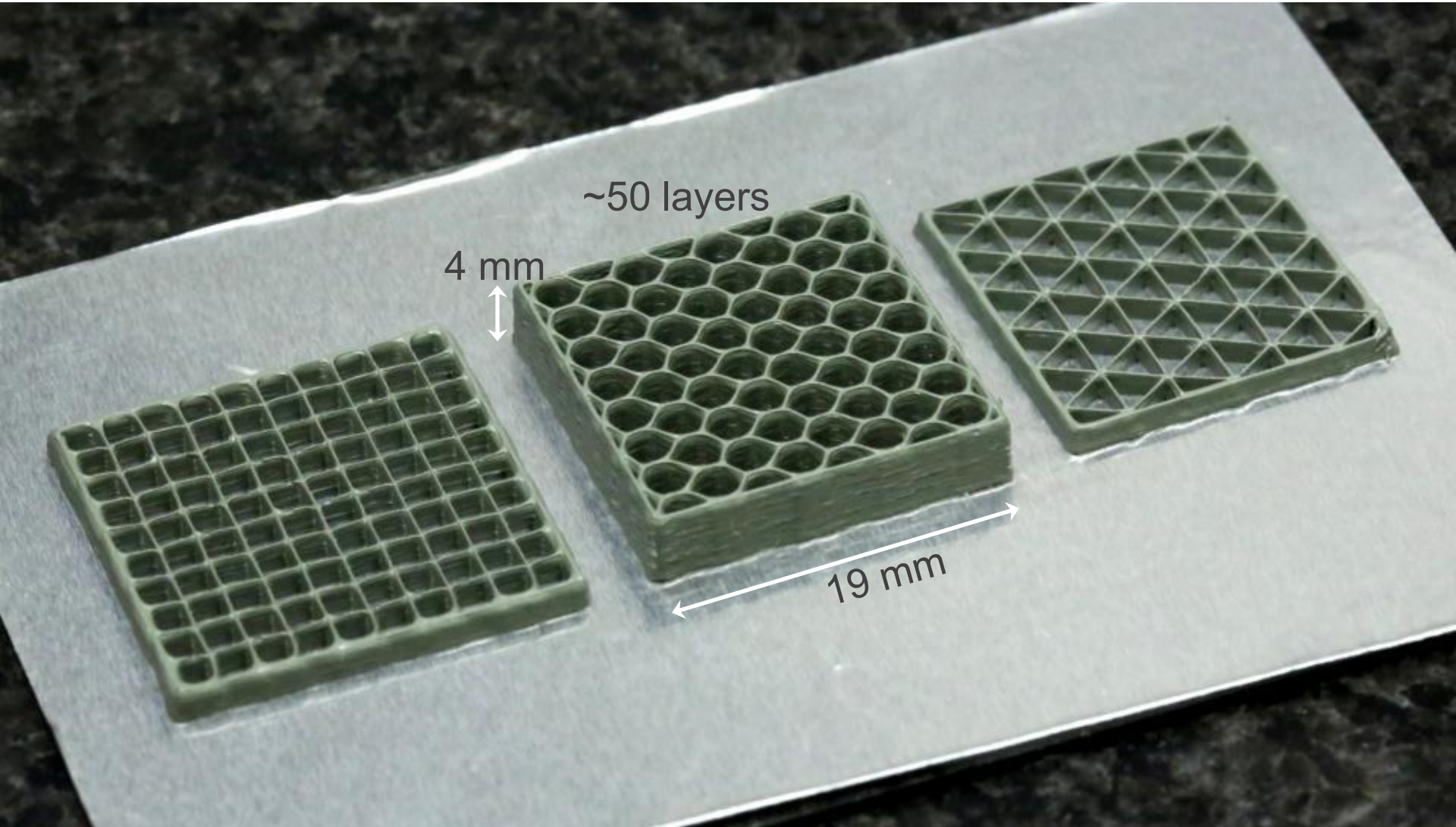
Zollfrank and Sieber, 2004

Printing honeycomb specimens



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Honeycomb specimens



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Fiber reinforced walls

Trabecular Bone: Metal Foam

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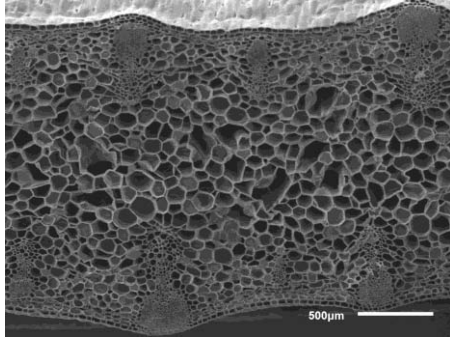
Trabecular bone
Muller

Tantalum foam
Bobyne et al, 1999

Extracellular matrix: Tissue engineering scaffolds

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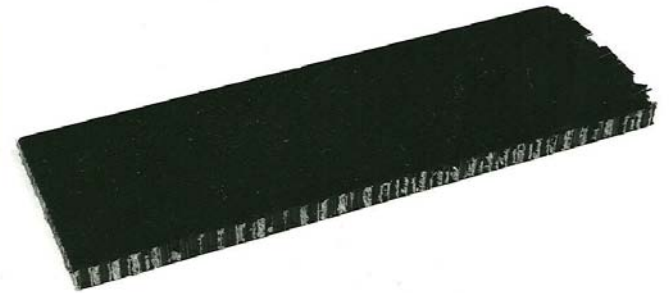
Leaves, skulls: Sandwich panels



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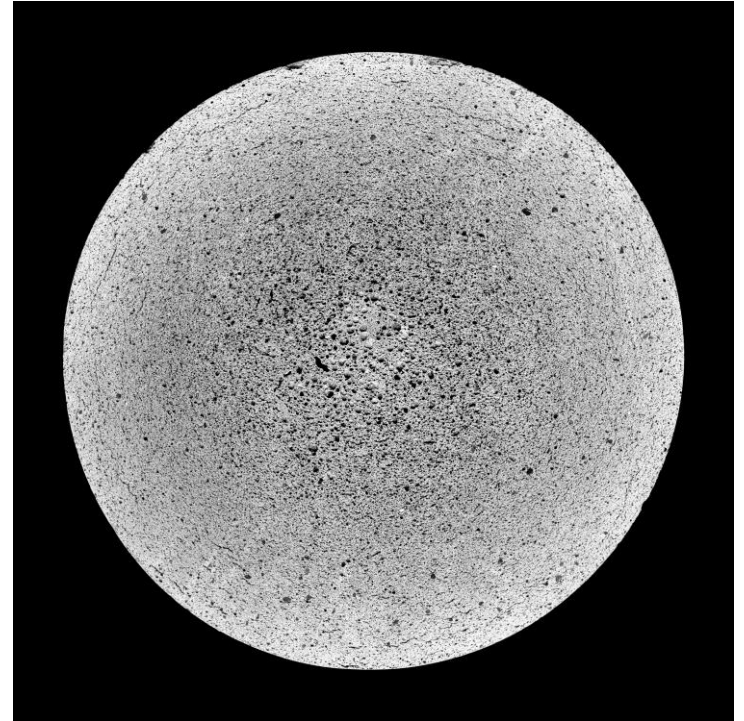
(b)

Gibson, L. J., and M. F. Ashby. *Cellular Solids: Structure and Properties*. 2nd ed. Cambridge University Press. © 1997. Figure courtesy of Lorna Gibson and Cambridge University Press.

Palm: Density Gradients

- Can replicate structure of plant materials with density gradients using same methods as for woods
- Projects at MIT on density gradients in foamed cements, using either gravity or centrifugal force to produce density gradient

Density Gradients: Concrete

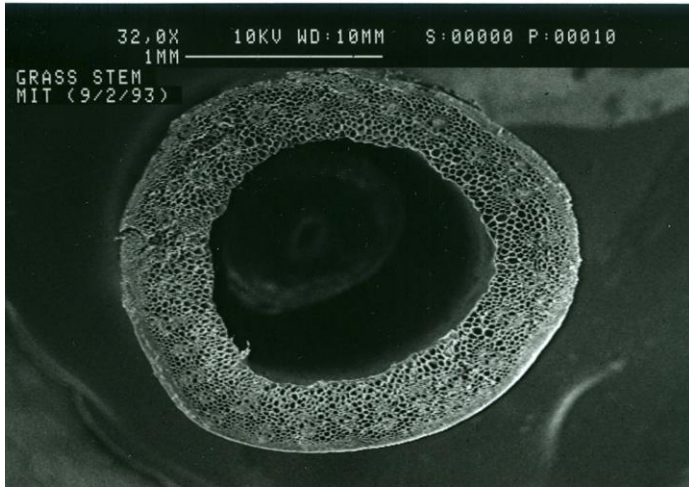


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Timothy Graham Cooke, MArch Thesis, MIT 2012

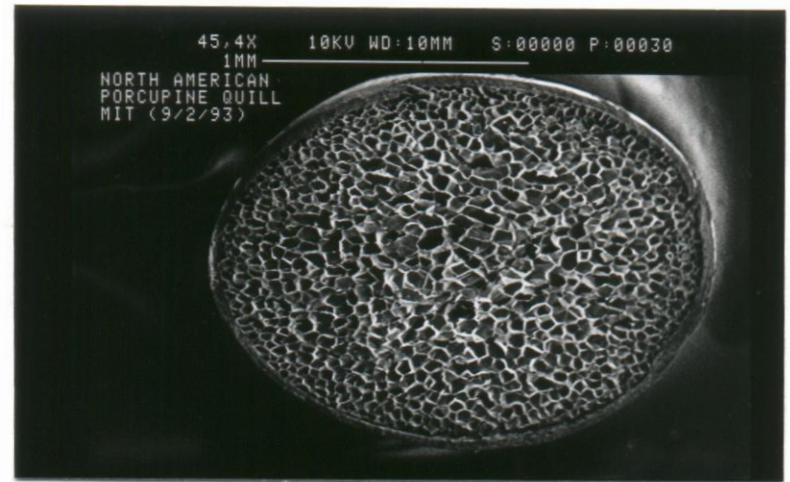
Animal Quills, Plant Stems

Cylindrical shells with
foam/honeycomb core

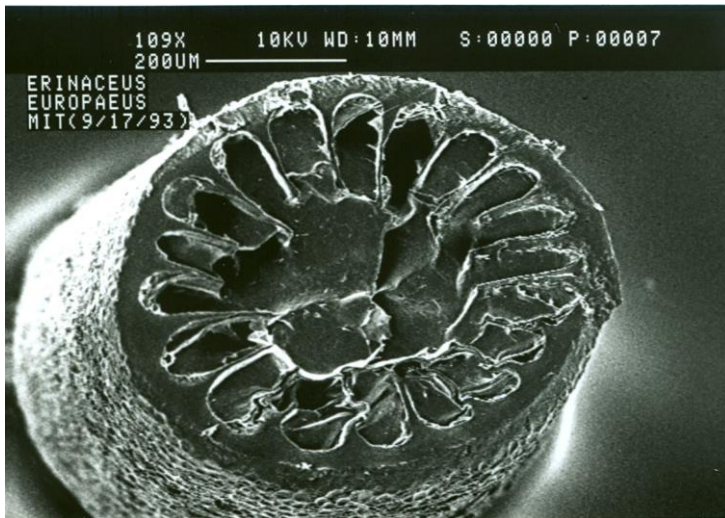


Grass

Karam and Gibson 1995

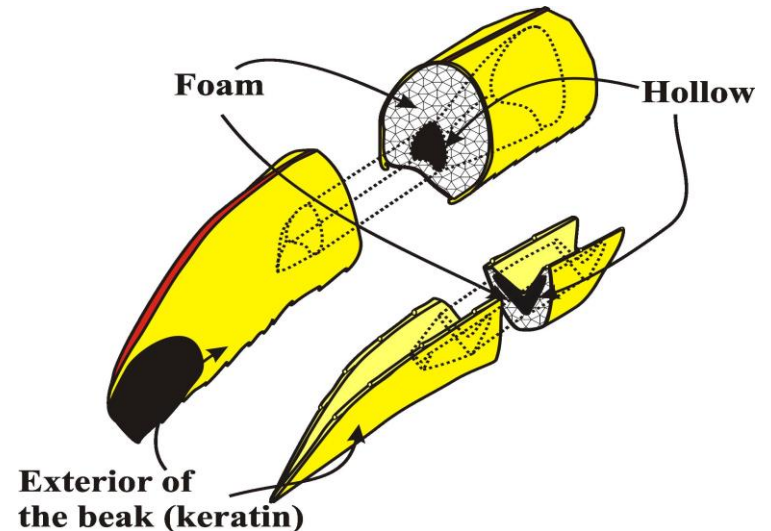


Porcupine quill



Hedgehog spine

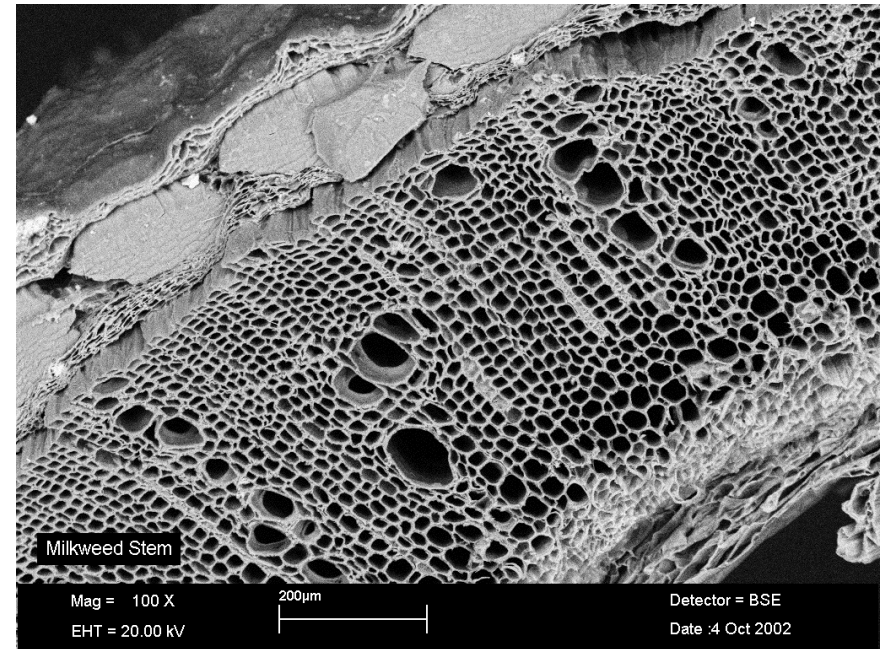
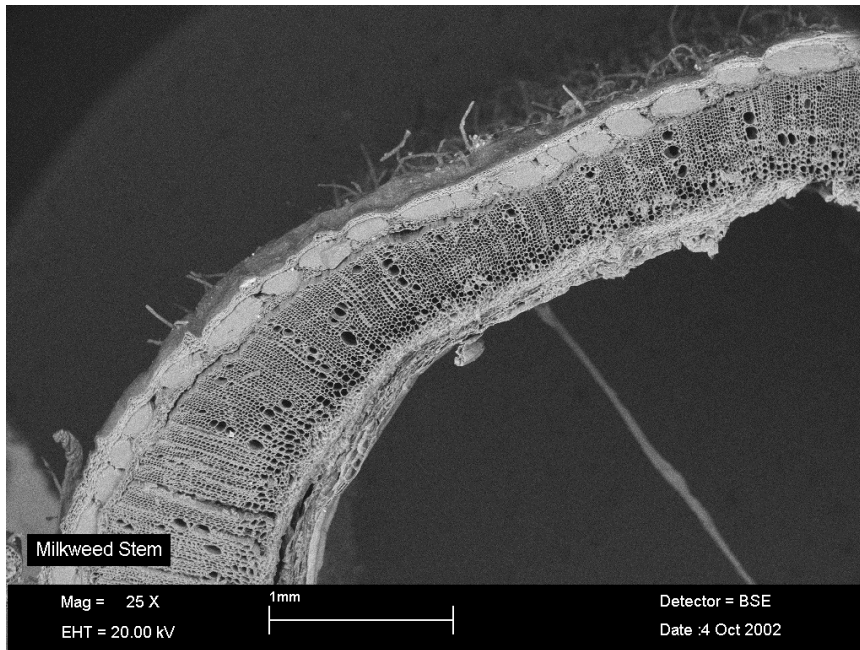
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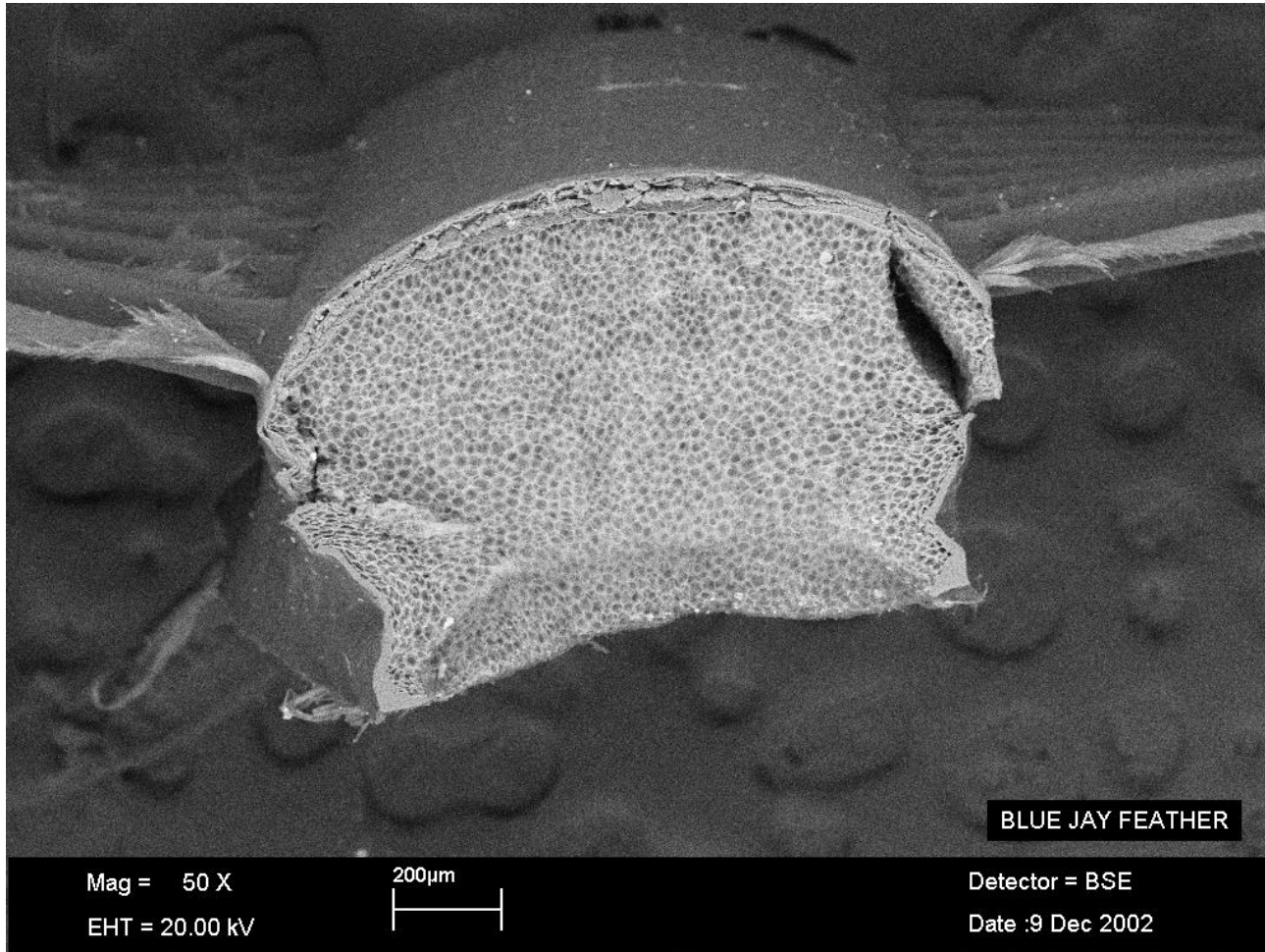
Toucan beak
 (Meyers et al., 2008)

Milkweed stem



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Blue jay feather



Gibson Ashby and Harley, 2010

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Cylindrical shells with compliant cores

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Milwich et al., 2006

Cylindrical shells with compliant cores

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