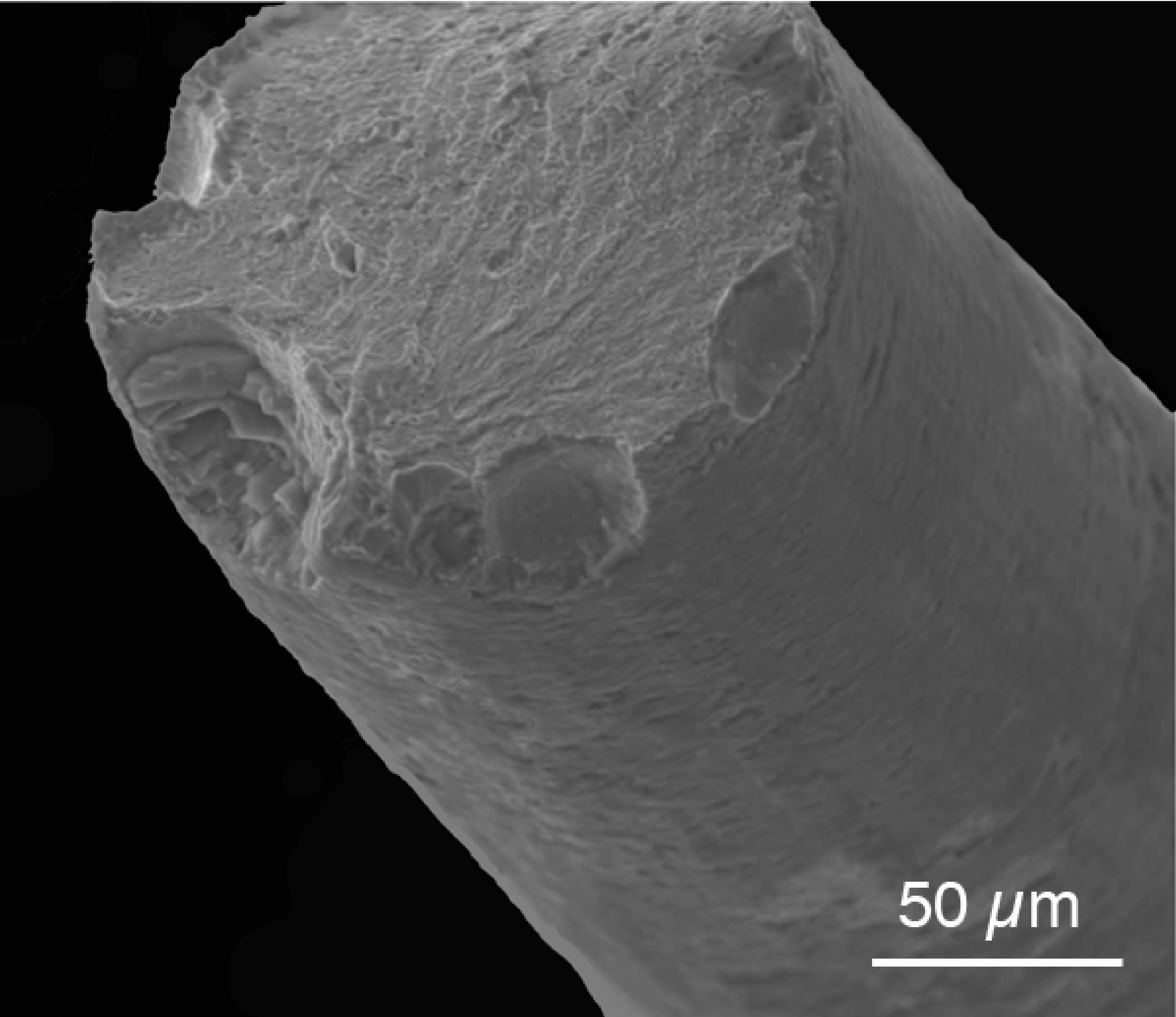


A grayscale micrograph of a metal surface, likely Nitinol, showing significant corrosion. The surface is covered with dark, irregular corrosion products and numerous small, circular pits of varying sizes. The background metal surface has a fine, granular texture.

CORROSION BEHAVIOR OF NITINOL VASCULAR DEVICES

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Corrosion and Biocompatibility Depend on Surface Processing



Jetty, et al. J Vasc Surg 2013

Select Updates for Non-Clinical Engineering Tests and Recommended Labeling for Intravascular Stents and Associated Delivery Systems

This guidance provides updates for the following topics:

- Pitting corrosion potential;
- Galvanic corrosion;
- Surface characterization; and
- Nickel ion release.



Designation: F2129 – 17

Standard Test Method for Conducting Cyclic Potentiodynamic Polarization Measurements to Determine the Corrosion Susceptibility of Small Implant Devices¹



Designation: F3044 – 14

Test Method for Standard Test Method for Evaluating the Potential for Galvanic Corrosion for Medical Implants¹

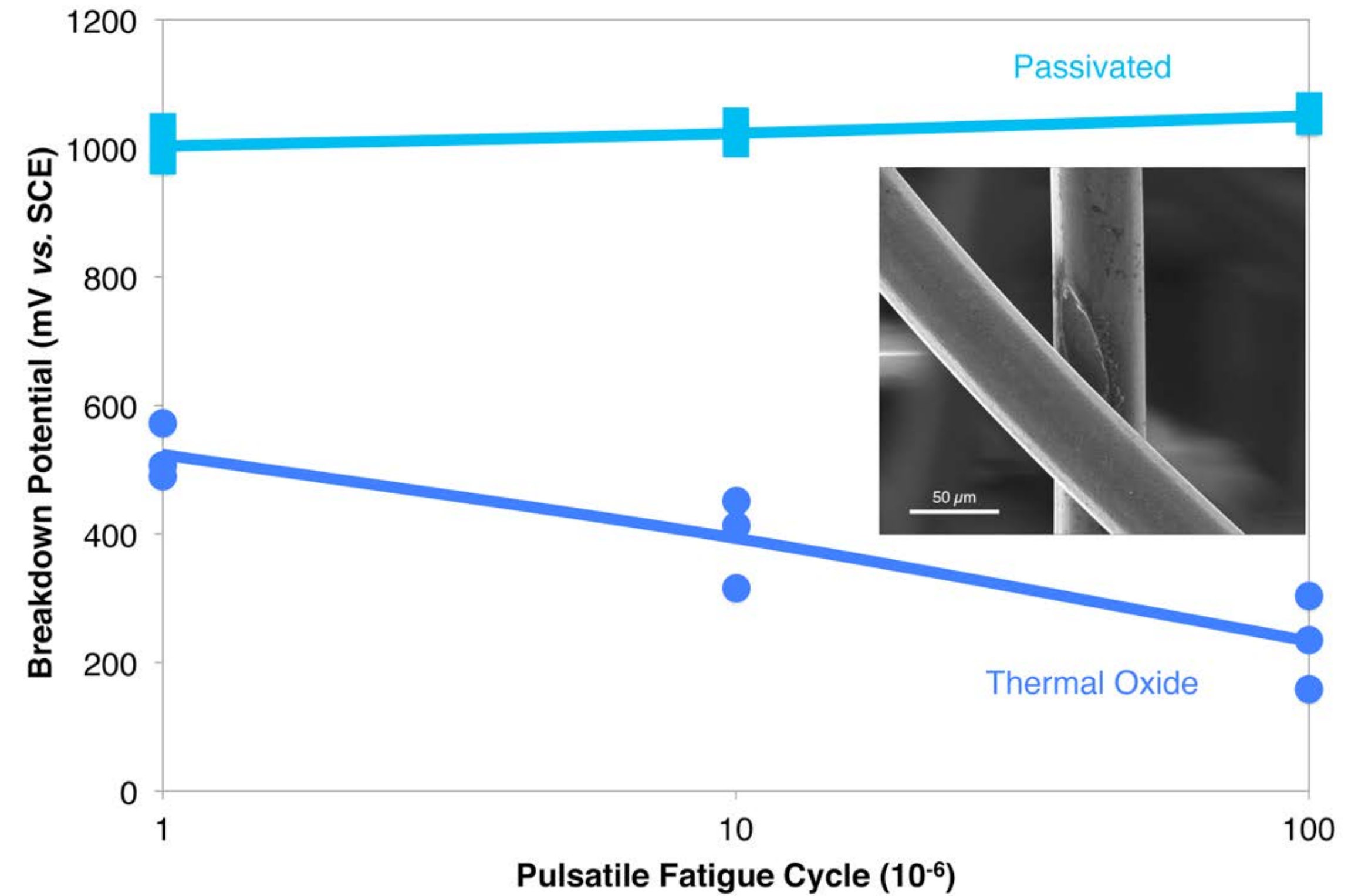
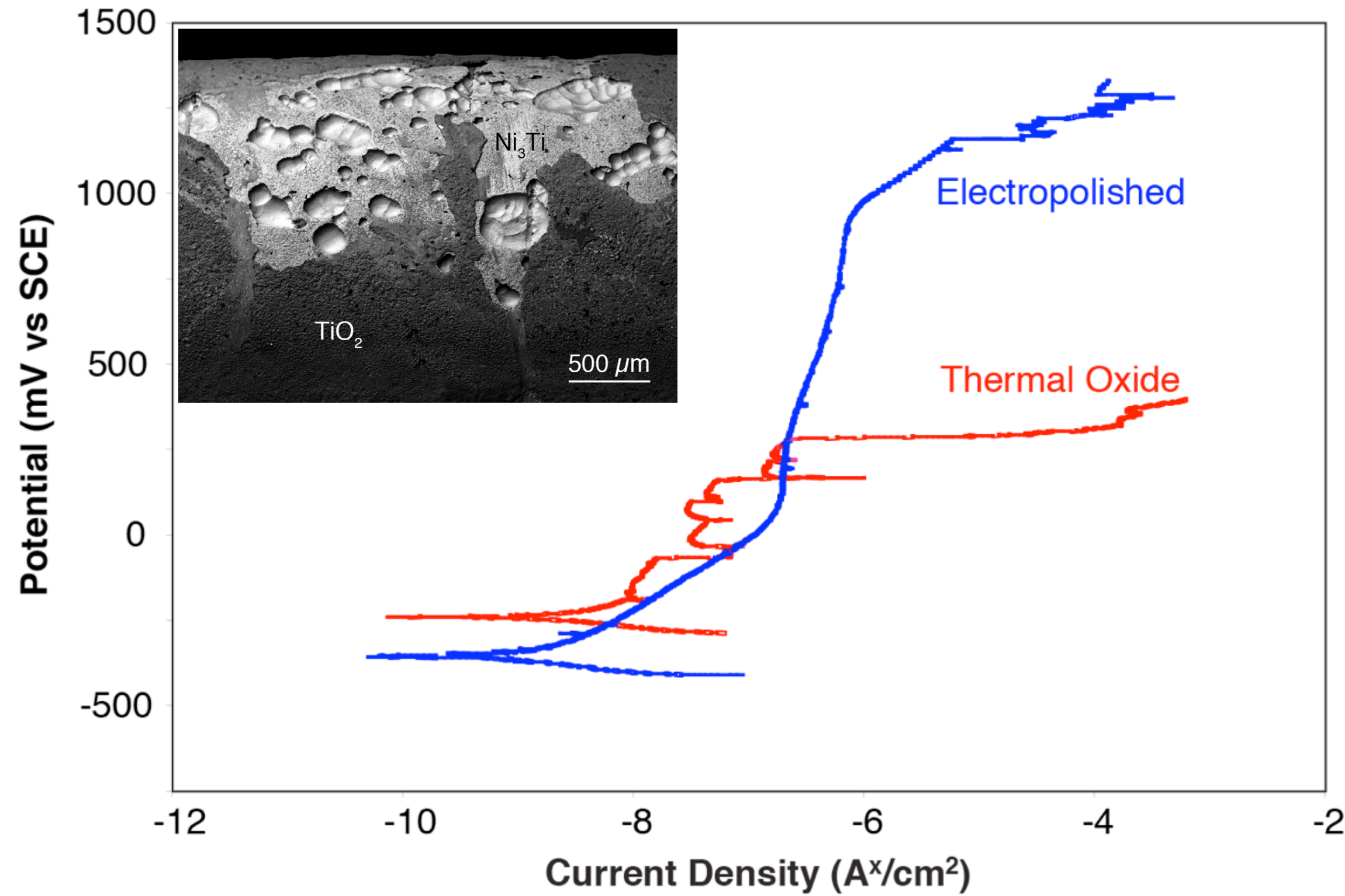
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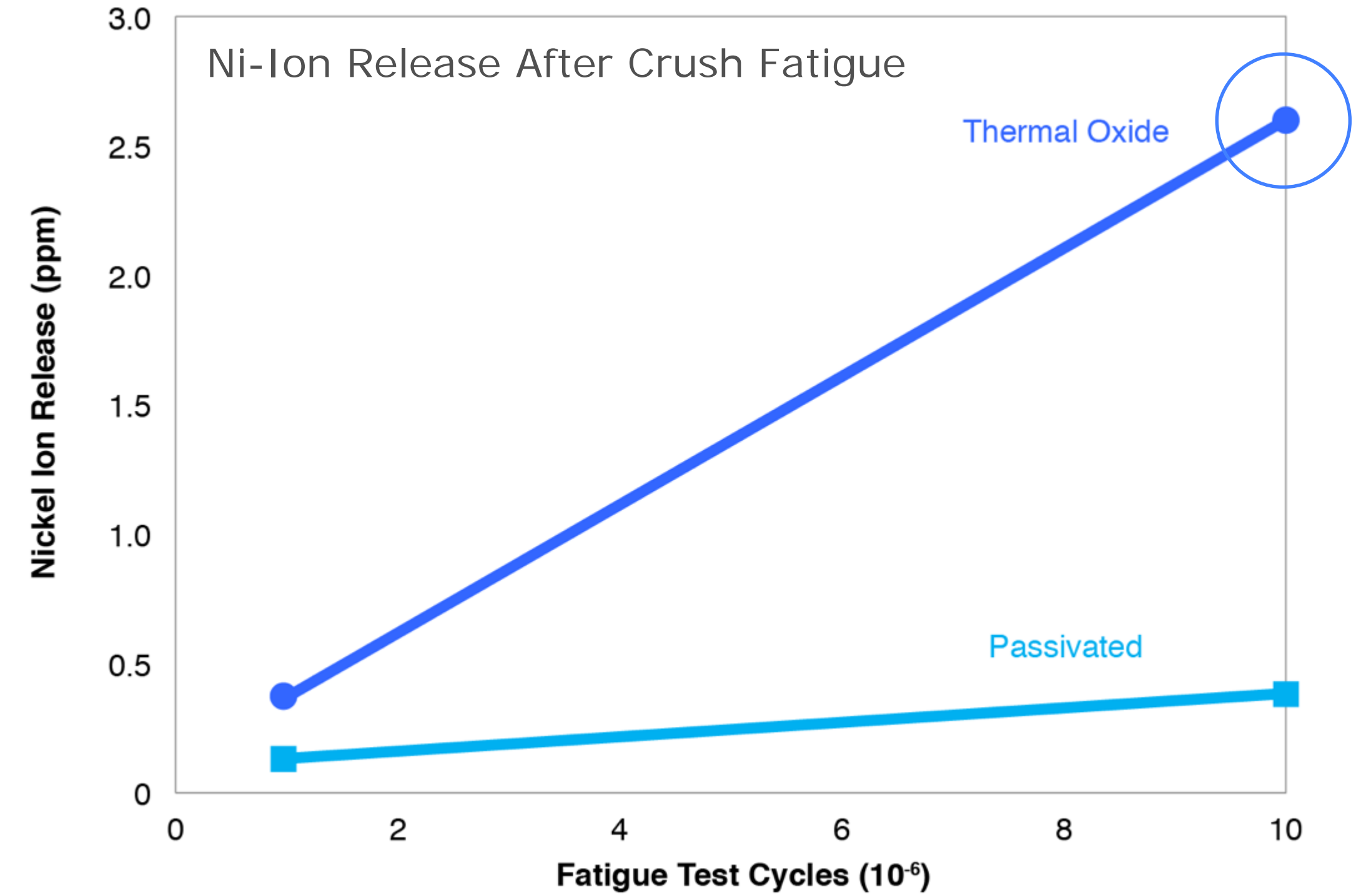
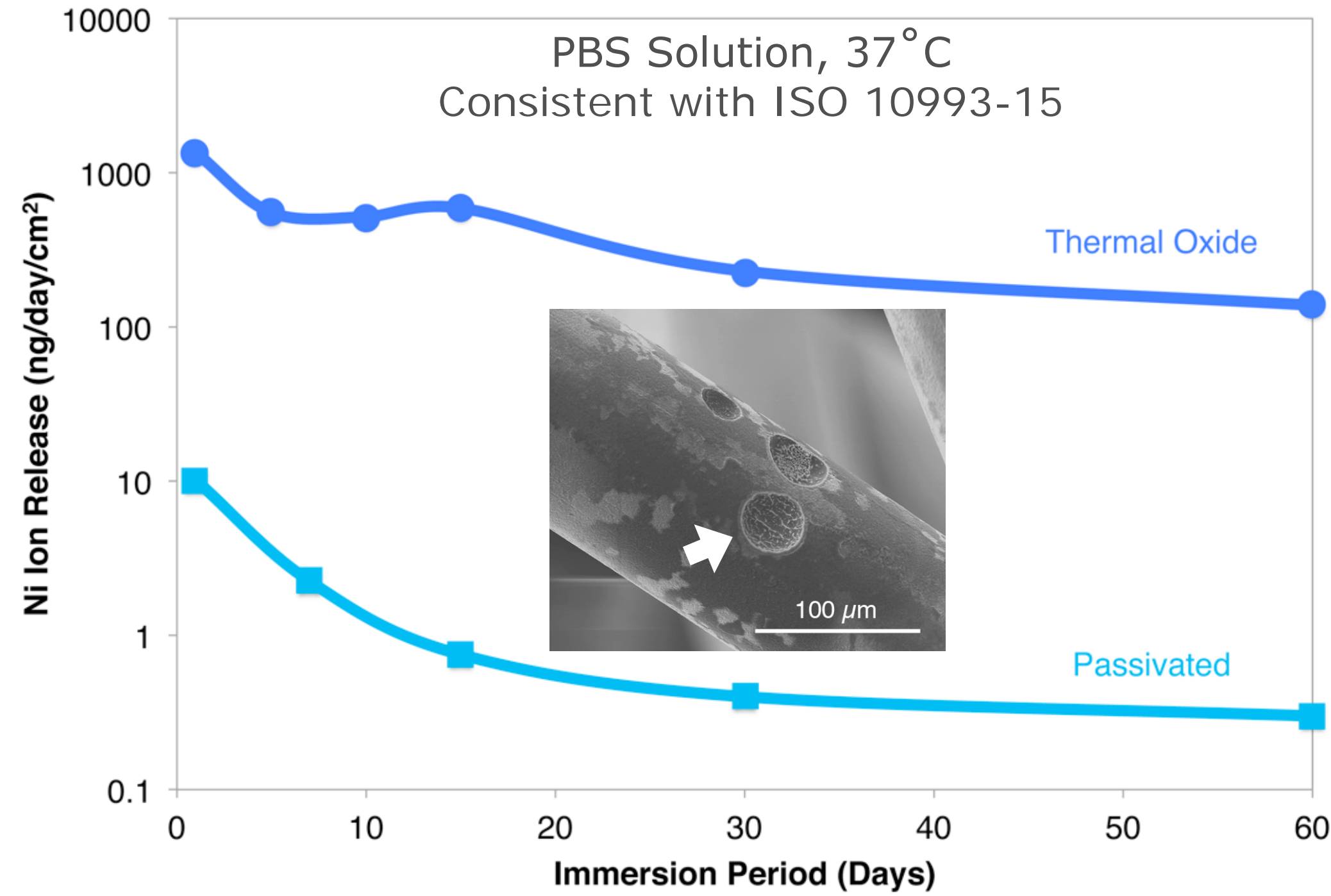
Biological evaluation of medical devices—Part 15: Identification and quantification of degradation products from metals and alloys

Anodic Polarization Corrosion Resistance: Passivated and Thermal Oxide Surface

ASTM F2129, PBS, 37°C



Thermal Oxide: Greater Ni-ion Release From Devices



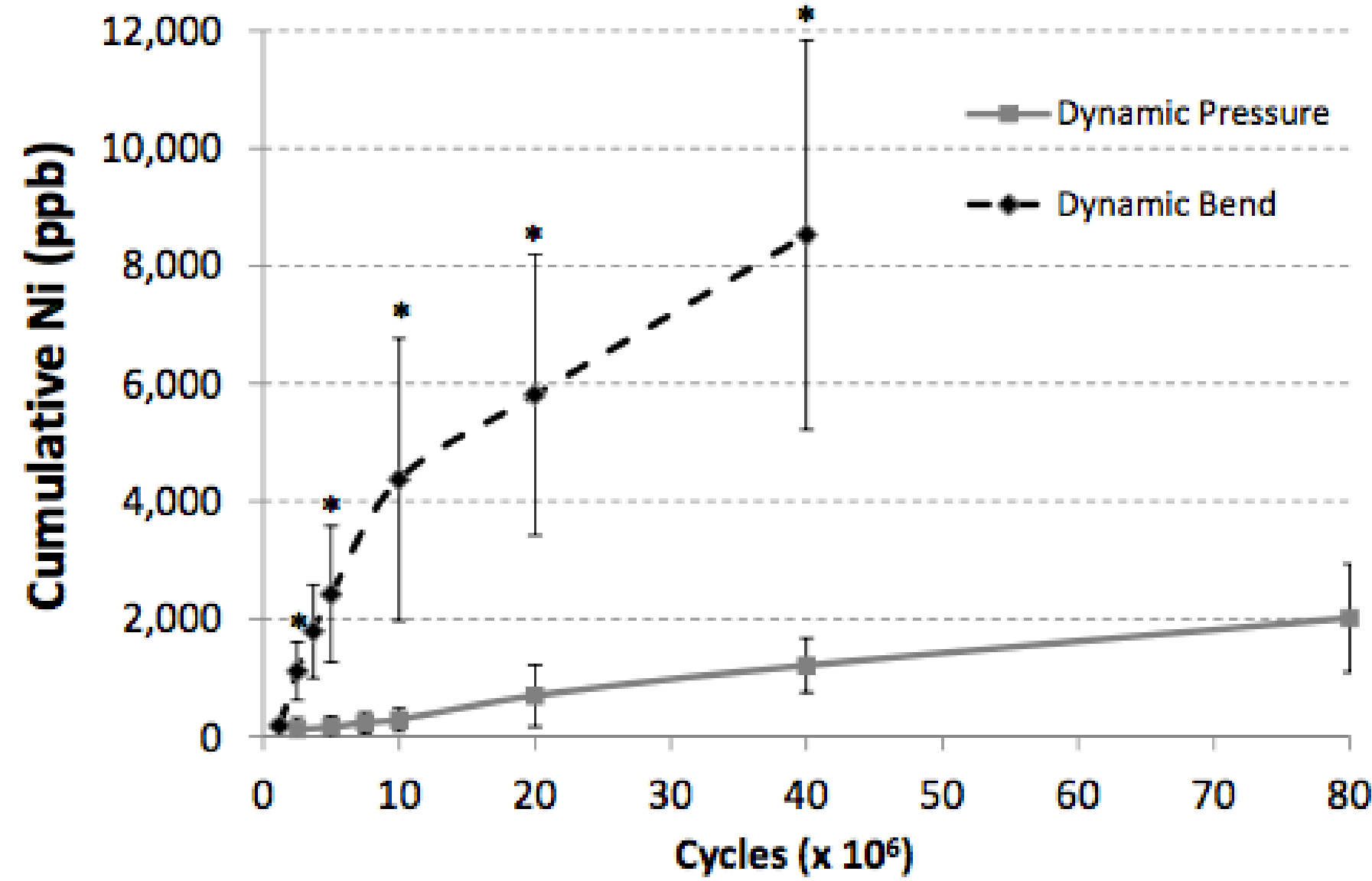
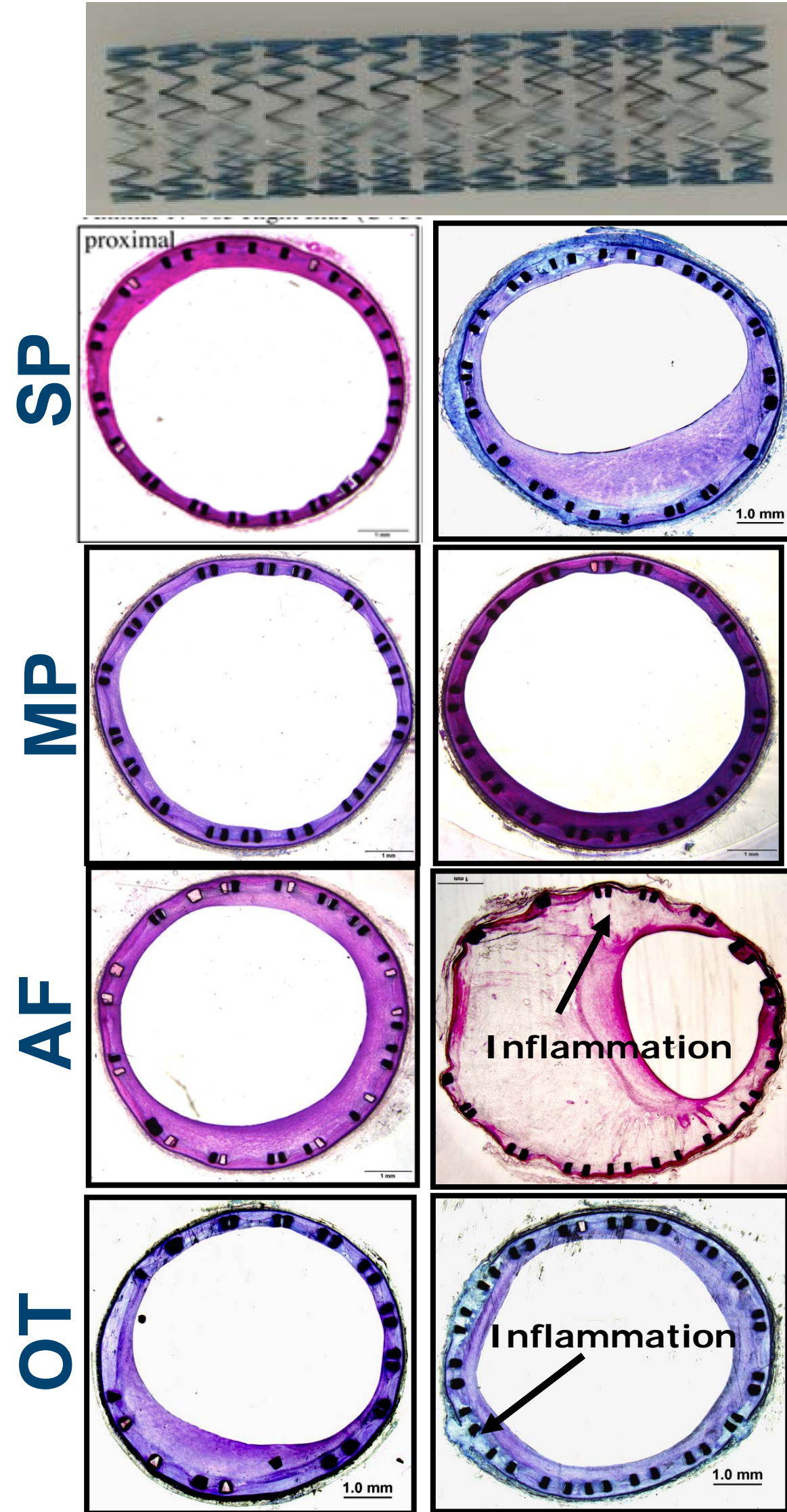
Pelton and Blaiçh SurFACTS in Biomaterials 2017

Acute **Ni** intoxication in dialyzed patients **Ni ~ 3 ppm** (Webster, *et al.* 1980)

Ni cytotox response at > 6 ppm (Messer, *et al.* 2005); 9 ppm (Shih, *et al.* 2000)

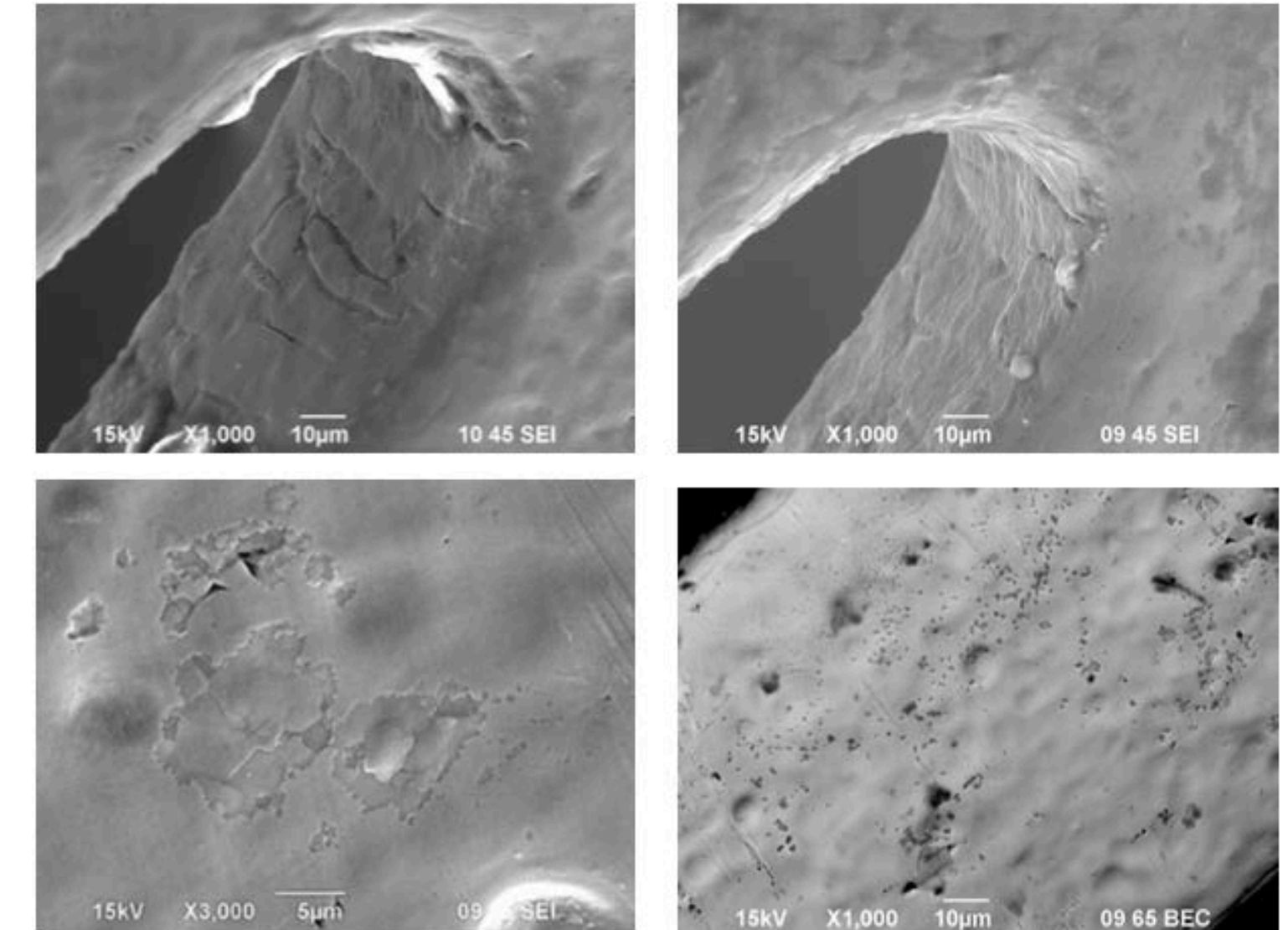
Ni release rate in blood should not exceed 35 µg/day (Sunderman, 1983)

in vitro and Six-Month Animal Investigation



Ni release is not correlated to pitting potentials from ASTM F2129

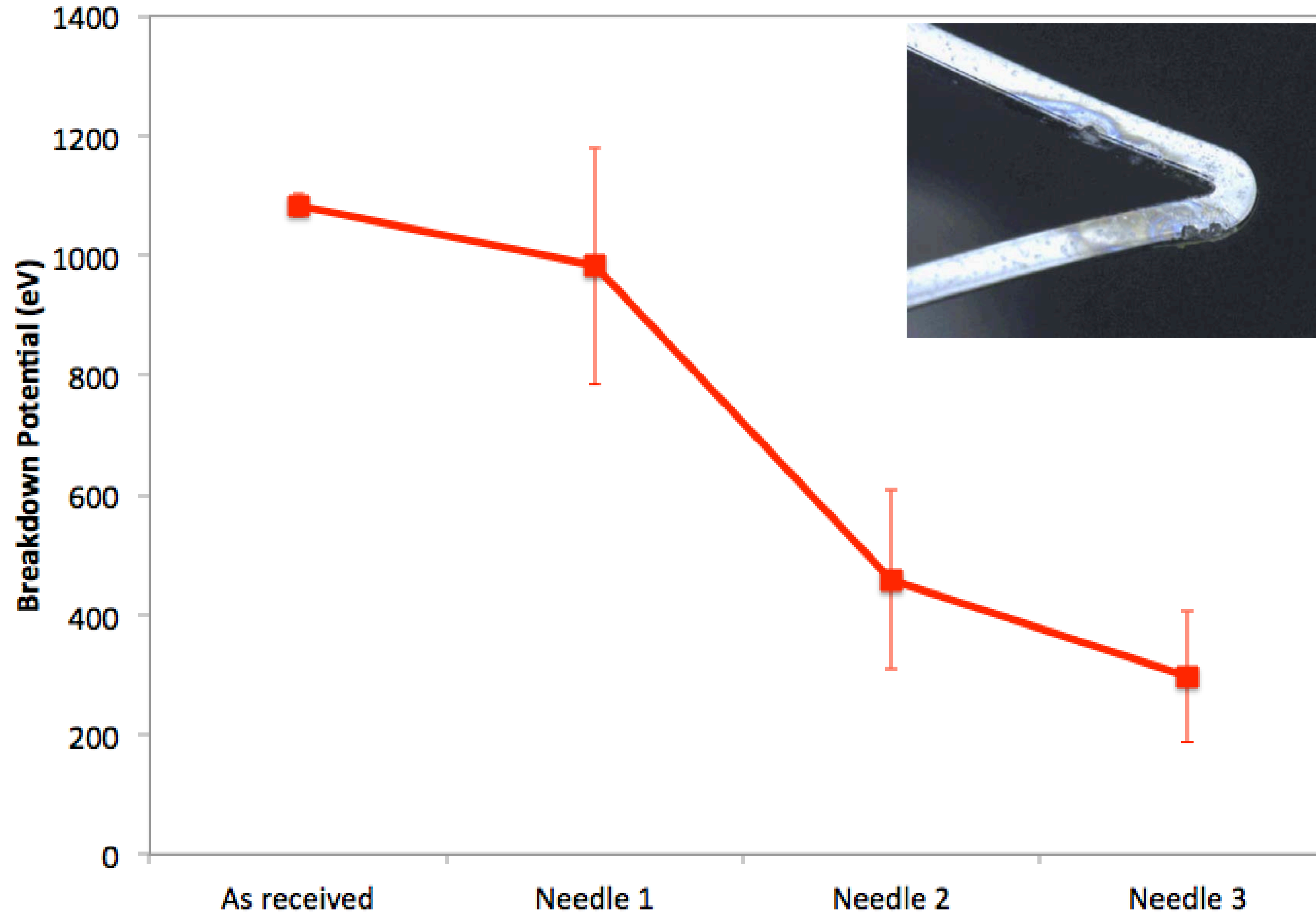
Nagaraja *et al.*, SMST 2017



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Needle Selection for Graft Suturing Affects Corrosion



Imperative to remove Ni + Ni₃Ti + TiO₂ after thermal processing

Create Ni-free amorphous Ti-O surface for passivation

2015 FDA Guidelines *necessary but not sufficient* to predict chronic corrosion behavior

Recommend dynamic corrosion and Ni-ion release testing for vascular devices

Thank You!

