Competing growth mechanisms in the development of saccular aneurysms Stress-driven growth and control laws

V. Sansalone ^a, A. Di Carlo ^b, A. Tatone ^c, V. Varano ^b

^a Université Paris 12–Val-de-Marne/Paris Est, France
 ^b Università degli Studi "Roma Tre", Italy
 ^c Università degli Studi dell'Aquila, Italy

The Geometry and Mechanics of Growth in Living Systems Cargèse, July 14-26, 2008

Outline



- 2 Mechanical model
 - Geometry & kinematics
 - Working & balance
 - Constitutive issues
 - Discussion
- 3 Multiple growth mechanisms
 - Mechanical model
 - Biomechanical characterisation



Histology and pathology

Part I

Saccular aneurysms



V. Sansalone Competing growth mechanisms in saccular aneurysms

Histology and pathology

Aneurysms









V. Sansalone Competing growth mechanisms in saccular aneurysms

æ

Aneurysms

Intracranial saccular aneurysms are pouches of the arterial wall.





< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

Aneurysms



[J.D. Humphrey, Cardiovascular Solid Mechanics, 2001]

・ロト ・聞 ト ・ ヨ ト ・ ヨ ト

Aneurysms



[M. Yonekura, Neurologia medico-chirurgica, 2004]

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Part II

Mechanical model

2 Mechanical model

- Geometry & kinematics
- Working & balance
- Constitutive issues
- Discussion

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Growth mechanics

Growth as change in the zero-stress state.

ex vivo

zero-load



э

V. Sansalone Competing growth mechanisms in saccular aneurysms

< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

Geometry & kinematic: Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Growth mechanics

Growth as change in the zero-stress state.



[Y. C. Fung, Biomechanics: Mechanical Properties of Living Tissues, 1993]

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Growth mechanics

Growth as change in the zero-stress state.



[Y. C. Fung, Biomechanics: Mechanical Properties of Living Tissues, 1993]

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Growth mechanics

Growth as change in the zero-stress state.



[Y. C. Fung, Biomechanics: Mechanical Properties of Living Tissues, 1993]

	Geometry &
1echanical model	Working & I Constitutive

Growth mechanics

Growth as change in the zero-stress state.



- p: gross placement
- $abla \mathsf{p}: \quad \mathsf{gradient} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{gross} \ \mathsf{placement}$

・ 同 ト ・ ヨ ト ・ ヨ ト

э

- G: growth
- A : warp (purely elastic)

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Growth mechanics

Growth as change in the zero-stress state.



- p: gross placement
- abla p: gradient of the gross placement

< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

э

- G: growth
- A : warp (purely elastic)

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Growth mechanics

Growth as change in the zero-stress state.



- p: gross placement
- abla p: gradient of the gross placement

- 4 同 6 4 日 6 4 日 6

-

- \mathbb{G} : growth
- A : warp (purely elastic)

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Growth mechanics

Growth as change in the zero-stress state.



- p: gross placement
- ∇p : gradient of the gross placement

< A >

- ₹ 🖬 🕨

-

- \mathbb{G} : growth
- A: warp (purely elastic)

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Saccular aneurysms

paragon shape ${\mathfrak D}$ of the vessel

$$\mathcal{B}(x_{o},\xi_{+})-\bar{\mathcal{B}}(x_{o},\xi_{-})$$





spherical coordinates

$$\widehat{\xi}(x), \widehat{\vartheta}(x), \widehat{\varphi}(x)$$

spherically symmetric vector fields

$$\mathbf{v}(x) = \mathbf{v}(\xi) \, \mathbf{e}_{\mathsf{r}}(\vartheta, \varphi)$$

spherically symmetric tensor fields

 $L(x) = L_{\mathsf{r}}(\xi) \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{r}}(\vartheta, \varphi) + L_{\mathsf{h}}(\xi) \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{h}}(\vartheta, \varphi)$

orthogonal projectors

$$P_r := \mathbf{e}_r \otimes \mathbf{e}_r$$
$$P_h := I - P_r$$

- 4 同 🕨 - 4 目 🕨 - 4 目

Mechanical	model	

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Saccular aneurysms

 $\textit{paragon shape } \mathfrak{D}$ of the vessel

$$\mathcal{B}(x_{o},\xi_{+})-\bar{\mathcal{B}}(x_{o},\xi_{-})$$





spherical coordinates

$$\widehat{\xi}(x), \widehat{\vartheta}(x), \widehat{\varphi}(x)$$

spherically symmetric vector fields

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{v}(\xi) \, \mathbf{e}_{\mathsf{r}}(\vartheta, \varphi)$$

spherically symmetric tensor fields

 $L(x) = L_{\mathsf{r}}(\xi) \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{r}}(\vartheta, \varphi) + L_{\mathsf{h}}(\xi) \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{h}}(\vartheta, \varphi)$

orthogonal projectors

$$P_r := \mathbf{e}_r \otimes \mathbf{e}_r$$
$$P_h := I - P_r$$

4 3 b

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Geometry & kinematics

gross placement

$$p = x_o + \rho e_r$$

gradient of the gross placement

$$\nabla \mathbf{p} = \rho' \,\, \mathbf{P_r} + \frac{\rho}{\xi} \,\, \mathbf{P_h}$$

growth

$$\mathbb{G} = \gamma_{\mathsf{r}} \, \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{r}} + \gamma_{\mathsf{h}} \, \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{h}}$$

warp

$$\mathbf{A} := (\nabla \mathsf{p}) \, \mathbb{G}^{-1} = \, \alpha_{\mathsf{r}} \, \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{r}} \, + \alpha_{\mathsf{h}} \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{h}}$$



< A >

3

ъ

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Geometry & kinematics

refined motion: (p, G)

refined velocity: $(\dot{p}, \dot{\mathbb{G}} \mathbb{G}^{-1})$

$$\begin{split} \dot{\mathbf{p}} \; &= \; \dot{\rho} \, \mathbf{e}_{\mathsf{r}} \\ \dot{\mathbb{G}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-1} \; &= \; \frac{\dot{\gamma}_{\mathsf{r}}}{\gamma_{\mathsf{r}}} \, \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{r}} + \frac{\dot{\gamma}_{\mathsf{h}}}{\gamma_{\mathsf{h}}} \, \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{h}} \end{split}$$

test velocity: (v, V)

 $v = v \mathbf{e}_r$

$$\mathbb{V} = \mathrm{V}_{\mathsf{r}} \, \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{r}} + \mathrm{V}_{\mathsf{h}} \, \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{h}}$$

(gross and growth velocity)



< A

Mechanical model Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Working

Goal:

• To describe the energetic balance of growth

Working

• (brute) elasticity

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} -\mathbf{S}\cdot\nabla\mathbf{v} + \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{t}_{\partial\mathcal{D}}\cdot\mathbf{v}$$

• growth + elasticity

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} \Big(\, \mathbb{Q}^i \cdot \mathbb{V} - S \cdot \nabla v \Big) \, + \int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Q}^o \cdot \mathbb{V} \, + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} t_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \cdot v$$

< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Working

Goal:

• To describe the energetic balance of growth

Working

• (brute) elasticity

$$\int_{\mathfrak{D}} -S\cdot\nabla v + \int_{\partial\mathfrak{D}} t_{\partial\mathfrak{D}} \cdot v$$

• growth + elasticity

$$\int_{\mathfrak{D}} \Big(\, \mathbb{Q}^i \cdot \mathbb{V} - S \cdot \nabla v \Big) \, + \int_{\mathfrak{D}} \mathbb{Q}^o \cdot \, \mathbb{V} \, + \int_{\partial \mathfrak{D}} t_{\partial \mathfrak{D}} \cdot v$$

< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

Mechanical model Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Working

Goal:

• To describe the energetic balance of growth

Working

• (brute) elasticity

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} -S \cdot \nabla v + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} t_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \cdot v$$

• growth + elasticity

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} \left(\,\mathbb{Q}^{\mathsf{i}} \cdot \mathbb{V} - S \cdot \nabla v \right) \, + \int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Q}^{\mathsf{o}} \cdot \,\mathbb{V} \, + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} t_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \cdot \, v$$

< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Balance laws

balance of *(brute) stress* $2(S_{r}(\xi) - S_{h}(\xi)) + \xi S'_{r}(\xi) = 0$ $\mp S_{r}(\xi_{\mp}) = t_{\mp}$

 \mathbb{D}

- 4 同 6 4 日 6 4 日 6

э

balance of *accretive stress*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}_{\mathsf{r}}^{\mathsf{i}}(\xi) - \mathbf{Q}_{\mathsf{r}}^{\mathfrak{o}}(\xi) &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{Q}_{\mathsf{h}}^{\mathsf{i}}(\xi) - \mathbf{Q}_{\mathsf{h}}^{\mathfrak{o}}(\xi) &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Balance laws

balance of (brute) stress

$$2(S_{\mathsf{r}}(\xi) - S_{\mathsf{h}}(\xi)) + \xi S_{\mathsf{r}}'(\xi) = 0$$

$$\mp S_{\mathsf{r}}(\xi_{\mp}) = t_{\mp}$$

balance of *accretive stress*

$$Q_r^i(\xi) - Q_r^o(\xi) = 0$$

$$Q_h^i(\xi) - Q_h^o(\xi) = 0$$



э

▲ @ ▶ < ≡ ▶</p>

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Characterising the passive mechanical response

- Energetics
- Dissipation principle



Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Energetics

$$\Psi(\mathscr{P}) = \int_{\mathscr{P}} \mathbf{J} \psi, \qquad \qquad \mathbf{J} := \det(\mathbb{G}) > 0$$

(H1₁): the value of $\psi(x)$ depends solely on the value of the warp A(x) $\psi(x) = \phi(\alpha_{r}(\xi), \alpha_{h}(\xi); \xi)$

(H1₂): incompressible elasticity $\det A = \alpha_{\rm r} \, {\alpha_{\rm h}}^2 = 1$

Fung strain energy density

$$\widetilde{\phi}(\alpha) = (c/\delta) \exp((\Gamma/2) (\alpha^2 - 1)^2)$$



- 4 同 6 4 日 6 4 日 6

Geometry & kinematic: Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Energetics

$$\Psi(\mathscr{P}) = \int_{\mathscr{P}} \mathbf{J} \psi, \qquad \qquad \mathbf{J} := \det(\mathbb{G}) > 0$$

(H1₁): the value of $\psi(x)$ depends solely on the value of the warp A(x) $\psi(x) = \phi(\alpha_{r}(\xi), \alpha_{h}(\xi); \xi)$ \mathcal{D}

- 4 同 6 4 日 6 4 日 6

(H1₂): incompressible elasticity $\det \mathbf{A} = \alpha_{\mathsf{r}} \alpha_{\mathsf{h}}^{2} = 1$

Fung strain energy density

$$\widetilde{\phi}(\alpha) = (c/\delta) \exp((\Gamma/2) (\alpha^2 - 1)^2)$$

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Energetics

$$\Psi(\mathscr{P}) = \int_{\mathscr{P}} \mathbf{J} \psi, \qquad \qquad \mathbf{J} := \det(\mathbb{G}) > 0$$

(H1₁): the value of $\psi(x)$ depends solely on the value of the warp A(x) $\psi(x) = \phi(\alpha_{r}(\xi), \alpha_{h}(\xi); \xi)$



(H1₂): incompressible elasticity $\det A = \alpha_{\rm r} \, {\alpha_{\rm h}}^2 = 1 \label{eq:harden}$

Fung strain energy density

$$\widetilde{\phi}(\alpha) = (c/\delta) \exp((\Gamma/2) (\alpha^2 - 1)^2)$$

< 🗇 > < 🖃 >

-

Geometry & kinematics Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Energetics

$$\Psi(\mathscr{P}) = \int_{\mathscr{P}} \mathbf{J} \psi, \qquad \qquad \mathbf{J} := \det(\mathbb{G}) > 0$$

(H1₁): the value of $\psi(x)$ depends solely on the value of the warp A(x) $\psi(x) = \phi(\alpha_{r}(\xi), \alpha_{h}(\xi); \xi)$

(H1₂): incompressible elasticity $\det A = \alpha_r \alpha_h^2 = 1$

Fung strain energy density

$$\widetilde{\phi}(\alpha) = (c/\delta) \exp((\Gamma/2) (\alpha^2 - 1)^2)$$



0.8

 $\widetilde{\phi}$

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Dissipation principle

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \nabla \dot{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbf{i}} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}} \mathbb{G}^{-1} - (\mathbf{J} \, \widetilde{\phi})^{\cdot} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\left(\mathbf{S}\,\mathbb{G}^{\top}-\mathbf{J}\,\frac{\mathrm{d}\widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d}A}\right)\cdot\dot{A}-\left(\mathbb{Q}^{i}-A^{\top}\mathbf{S}\,\mathbb{G}^{\top}+\mathbf{J}\widetilde{\phi}\,\mathsf{I}\right)\cdot\dot{\mathbb{G}}\,\mathbb{G}^{-1}\geq\mathsf{0}$$

consistency

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{J} \frac{\mathrm{d}\widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{A}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-\top} + \frac{\mathbf{\dot{S}}}{\mathbf{S}}, \quad \mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{i}} = \mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{S} \, \mathbb{G}^{\top} + \mathbf{J}\widetilde{\phi} \, \mathbf{I} + \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{i}}}$$

reduced dissipation inequality

$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} \mathbb{G}^{\top} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{i}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{G}} \mathbb{G}^{-1} \ge \mathbf{0}$$

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Dissipation principle

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \nabla \dot{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbb{Q}^{i} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}} \mathbb{G}^{-1} - (\mathbf{J} \, \widetilde{\phi})^{\cdot} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\left(\mathbf{S}\ \mathbb{G}^{\top} - \mathbf{J}\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{A}}\right) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \left(\mathbb{Q}^{i} - \mathbf{A}^{\top}\mathbf{S}\ \mathbb{G}^{\top} + \mathbf{J}\widetilde{\phi}\ \mathsf{I}\right) \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}\ \mathbb{G}^{-1} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

consistency

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{J} \frac{\mathrm{d}\widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{A}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-\top} + \frac{\mathsf{t}}{\mathbf{S}}, \quad \mathbb{Q}^{\mathsf{i}} = \mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{S} \, \mathbb{G}^{\top} + \mathbf{J}\widetilde{\phi} \, \mathsf{I} + \overset{\mathsf{t}}{\mathbb{Q}^{\mathsf{i}}}$$

reduced dissipation inequality

$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} \mathbb{G}^{\top} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{i}} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}} \mathbb{G}^{-1} \ge \mathbf{0}$$

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Dissipation principle

$$\mathrm{S}\cdot \nabla \dot{\mathsf{p}} - \mathbb{Q}^{\mathfrak{i}} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}} \mathbb{G}^{-1} - (\mathrm{J}\,\widetilde{\phi})^{\cdot} \geq 0$$

$$\left(\mathbf{S}\ \mathbb{G}^\top - \mathbf{J}\frac{\mathrm{d}\widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{A}}\right)\cdot\dot{\mathbf{A}} - \left(\mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{i}} - \mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{S}\ \mathbb{G}^\top + \mathbf{J}\widetilde{\phi}\ \mathsf{I}\right)\cdot\dot{\mathbb{G}}\ \mathbb{G}^{-1} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

consistency

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{J} \frac{\mathrm{d}\widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{dA}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-\top} + \frac{\mathbf{t}}{\mathbf{S}}, \quad \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbf{i}} = \mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{S} \, \mathbb{G}^{\top} + \mathbf{J}\widetilde{\phi} \, \mathbf{I} + \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbf{i}}}$$

reduced dissipation inequality

$$\overset{\scriptscriptstyle +}{\mathbf{S}} \mathbb{G}^\top \cdot \dot{\mathrm{A}} - \overset{\scriptscriptstyle +}{\mathbb{Q}^i} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}} \mathbb{G}^{-1} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Dissipation principle

$$\mathrm{S}\cdot
abla \dot{\mathsf{p}} - \mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{i}} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-1} - (\mathrm{J} \, \widetilde{\phi})^{\cdot} \geq 0$$

$$\left(\mathbf{S}\ \mathbb{G}^{\top} - \mathbf{J}\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d}A}\right) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \left(\mathbb{Q}^{i} - \mathbf{A}^{\top}\mathbf{S}\ \mathbb{G}^{\top} + \mathbf{J}\widetilde{\phi}\ \mathsf{I}\right) \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}\ \mathbb{G}^{-1} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

consistency

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{J} \frac{\mathrm{d}\widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{A}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-\top} + \frac{\mathsf{t}}{\mathbf{S}}, \quad \mathbb{Q}^{\mathsf{i}} = \mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{S} \, \mathbb{G}^{\top} + \mathbf{J}\widetilde{\phi} \, \mathsf{I} + \overset{\mathsf{t}}{\mathbb{Q}^{\mathsf{i}}}$$

reduced dissipation inequality

$$\overset{\scriptscriptstyle +}{\mathbf{S}} \mathbb{G}^\top \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \overset{\scriptscriptstyle +}{\mathbb{Q}^i} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-1} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

Geometry & kinematic Working & balance Constitutive issues Discussion

Mechanical model

Kinematics

gross placement	р	=	$x_{o} + \rho \mathbf{e}_{r}$
growth	G	=	$\gamma_{\rm r} {\sf P}_{\rm r} + \gamma_{\rm h} {\sf P}_{\rm h}$
warp	Α	=	$\frac{\alpha_{r}}{P_{r}} + \frac{\alpha_{h}}{P_{h}} P_{h}$



ъ

э

Working

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} \left(\, \mathbb{Q}^{\mathsf{i}} \cdot \mathbb{V} - \mathrm{S} \cdot \nabla \mathrm{v} \right) \, + \int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{Q}^{\mathsf{o}} \cdot \, \mathbb{V} \, + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \mathrm{t}_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \cdot \, \mathrm{v}$$

(Reduced) dissipation inequality

$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} \mathbb{G}^{\top} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{i}} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}} \mathbb{G}^{-1} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

▲ 同 ▶ → 三 ▶



$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} \mathbb{G}^{\top} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{i}} \cdot \dot{\underline{\mathbb{G}}} \mathbb{G}^{-1} \ge \mathbf{0}$$

In this framework, in a homeostatic state ($\mathbb{G} = \text{stat.}$), no dissipation is associated with growth.

< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >


 $\dot{\mathbf{S}} \mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{i}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{G}} \mathbf{G}^{-1} > 0$

In this framework, in a homeostatic state ($\mathbb{G} = \text{stat.}$), no dissipation is associated with growth.

But...

Even if the relaxed configuration does not evolve, some energy may be dissipated.

How to explain that? How to deal with that?

<日本

Part III

Multiple growth mechanisms

3 Multiple growth mechanisms

- Mechanical model
- Biomechanical characterisation

(s) slipping, (c) recovery, and (t) tissue apposition/resorption $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{G}_t \mathbb{G}_c \mathbb{G}_s$

- s sliding of tissue constituents passive
- c any action directly contrasting the slipping active
- t fiber deposition/removal, cell proliferation/destruction active



(s) slipping, (c) recovery, and (t) tissue apposition/resorption

- s sliding of tissue constituents passive
- c any action directly contrasting the slipping active
- t fiber deposition/removal, cell proliferation/destruction active



(s) slipping, (c) recovery, and (t) tissue apposition/resorption

- s sliding of tissue constituents passive
- c any action directly contrasting the slipping active
- t fiber deposition/removal, cell proliferation/destruction active



(s) slipping, (c) recovery, and (t) tissue apposition/resorption

- s sliding of tissue constituents passive
- c any action directly contrasting the slipping active
- t fiber deposition/removal, cell proliferation/destruction active



(s) slipping, (c) recovery, and (t) tissue apposition/resorption

- s sliding of tissue constituents passive
- c any action directly contrasting the slipping active
- t fiber deposition/removal, cell proliferation/destruction active



(s) slipping, (c) recovery, and (t) tissue apposition/resorption $\mathbb{G}=\mathbb{G}_t\ \mathbb{G}_c\ \mathbb{G}_s$

growth velocity

$$\dot{\mathbb{G}}\,\mathbb{G}^{-1} = \dot{\mathbb{G}}_t\,\mathbb{G}_t^{-1} + \dot{\mathbb{G}}_c\,\mathbb{G}_c^{-1} + \dot{\mathbb{G}}_s\,\mathbb{G}_s^{-1}$$

test velocity

$$\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{V}_{\mathsf{t}} + \mathbb{V}_{\mathsf{c}} + \mathbb{V}_{\mathsf{s}}$$

working

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathcal{D}} \Big(\mathbb{Q}_{t}^{i} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{t} + \mathbb{Q}_{c}^{i} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{c} + \mathbb{Q}_{s}^{i} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{s} - S \cdot \nabla v \Big) \\ &+ \int_{\mathcal{D}} \big(\mathbb{Q}_{t}^{\mathfrak{o}} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{t} + \mathbb{Q}_{c}^{\mathfrak{o}} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{c} + \mathbb{Q}_{s}^{\mathfrak{o}} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{s} \big) + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} t_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \cdot v \end{split}$$

Dissipation principle

$$\mathrm{S} \cdot \nabla \dot{p} - \left(\, \mathbb{Q}_t^i \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_t \, \mathbb{G}_t^{-1} + \mathbb{Q}_c^i \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_c \, \mathbb{G}_c^{-1} + \mathbb{Q}_s^i \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_s \, \mathbb{G}_s^{-1} \right) - (\mathrm{J} \, \widetilde{\phi})^{\cdot} \geq 0$$

consistency

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{J} \, \frac{\mathrm{d} \widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d} \mathbf{A}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-\top} + \overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} \\ \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbf{i}}_{\bullet} &= \left(\mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{S} \, \mathbb{G}^{\top} - \mathbf{J} \, \phi \, \mathbf{I} \right) + \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbf{i}}_{\bullet}}, \quad \bullet \in \{ \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{t} \} \end{split}$$

reduced dissipation inequality

$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} \mathbf{G}^\top \cdot \dot{\mathbf{A}} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^i_t} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{G}}_t \ \mathbf{G}_t^{-1} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^i_c} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{G}}_c \ \mathbf{G}_c^{-1} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^i_s} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{G}}_s \ \mathbf{G}_s^{-1} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

・ 同 ト ・ ヨ ト ・ ヨ

Dissipation principle

$$\mathrm{S} \cdot \nabla \dot{p} - \left(\, \mathbb{Q}_t^i \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_t \, \mathbb{G}_t^{-1} + \mathbb{Q}_c^i \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_c \, \mathbb{G}_c^{-1} + \mathbb{Q}_s^i \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_s \, \mathbb{G}_s^{-1} \right) - (\mathrm{J} \, \widetilde{\phi})^{\cdot} \geq 0$$

consistency

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{J} \, \frac{\mathrm{d} \widetilde{\phi}}{\mathrm{d} \mathbf{A}} \, \mathbb{G}^{-\top} + \overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} \\ \mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{i}}_{\bullet} &= \left(\mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{S} \, \mathbb{G}^{\top} - \mathbf{J} \, \phi \, \mathsf{I} \right) + \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{i}}_{\bullet}}, \quad \bullet \in \{ \mathsf{s}, \mathsf{c}, \mathsf{t} \} \end{split}$$

reduced dissipation inequality

$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} \mathbb{G}^\top \cdot \dot{\mathrm{A}} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^i_t} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_t \ \mathbb{G}_t^{-1} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^i_c} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_c \ \mathbb{G}_c^{-1} - \overset{+}{\mathbb{Q}^i_s} \cdot \dot{\mathbb{G}}_s \ \mathbb{G}_s^{-1} \geq \mathbf{0}$$

▲ □ ▶ ▲ □ ▶ ▲ □ ▶

(s) slipping, (c) recovery, and (p) tissue apposition

 $\mathbb{G}=\mathbb{G}_t\,\mathbb{G}_c\,\mathbb{G}_s$

growth velocity

$$\dot{\mathbb{G}}\,\mathbb{G}^{-1} = \dot{\mathbb{G}}_t\,\mathbb{G}_t^{-1} + \dot{\mathbb{G}}_c\,\mathbb{G}_c^{-1} + \dot{\mathbb{G}}_s\,\mathbb{G}_s^{-1}$$

test velocity

$$\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{V}_{\mathsf{t}} + \mathbb{V}_{\mathsf{c}} + \mathbb{V}_{\mathsf{s}}$$

working

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathcal{D}} \Big(\, \mathbb{Q}_{t}^{i} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{t} + \mathbb{Q}_{c}^{i} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{c} + \mathbb{Q}_{s}^{i} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{s} - \mathrm{S} \cdot \nabla \mathrm{v} \Big) \\ &+ \int_{\mathcal{D}} \left(\, \mathbb{Q}_{t}^{\mathfrak{o}} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{t} + \mathbb{Q}_{c}^{\mathfrak{o}} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{c} + \mathbb{Q}_{s}^{\mathfrak{o}} \cdot \mathbb{V}_{s} \right) + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \mathrm{t}_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \mathrm{t}_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \mathrm{v} \end{split}$$

(人間) ト く ヨ ト く ヨ ト

Characterising the accretive couples



(人間) ト く ヨ ト く ヨ ト

Characterising the accretive couples



同 ト イ ヨ ト イ ヨ ト

Characterising the accretive couples



Characterising the growth mechanisms

- (H2₁): We assume that only \mathbb{G}_t changes volume, while neither \mathbb{G}_s nor \mathbb{G}_c affects volume
- (H2₂): We assume that tissue apposition is only radial

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{G}_t &= \gamma_r^t \, \mathsf{P}_r + \mathsf{P}_h \\ \mathbb{G}_c &= \gamma_r^c \, \mathsf{P}_r + \gamma_h^c \, \mathsf{P}_h \\ \mathbb{G}_s &= \gamma_r^s \, \mathsf{P}_r + \gamma_h^s \, \mathsf{P}_h \end{split} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \gamma_r^c (\gamma_h^c)^2 = 1 \\ \gamma_r^s (\gamma_h^s)^2 = 1 \end{array} \end{split}$$

・ 同 ト ・ ヨ ト ・ ヨ ト

Characterising the growth mechanisms

- (H2₁): We assume that only \mathbb{G}_t changes volume, while neither \mathbb{G}_s nor \mathbb{G}_c affects volume
- (H2₂): We assume that tissue apposition is only radial

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{G}_t &= \gamma_r^t \, \mathsf{P}_r + \mathsf{P}_h \\ \mathbb{G}_c &= \gamma_r^c \, \mathsf{P}_r + \gamma_h^c \, \mathsf{P}_h \\ \mathbb{G}_s &= \gamma_r^s \, \mathsf{P}_r + \gamma_h^s \, \mathsf{P}_h \end{split} \qquad \qquad \gamma_r^c (\gamma_h^c)^2 = 1 \end{split}$$

・ 同 ト ・ ヨ ト ・ ヨ ト

Characterising the dissipation

(H3₁): We assume that dissipation is only due to growth(H3₂): Linear viscous dissipation

$$\begin{split} \stackrel{+}{\mathrm{S}} &= 0 \\ \mathbb{Q}_{t}^{i} &= -\mathrm{J} \, D_{r}^{t} \, \dot{\gamma}_{r}^{t} / \gamma_{r}^{t} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{r} \\ \mathbb{Q}_{c}^{i} &= -\mathrm{J} (D_{r}^{c} \, \dot{\gamma}_{r}^{c} / \gamma_{r}^{c} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{r} + D_{h}^{c} \, \dot{\gamma}_{h}^{c} / \gamma_{h}^{c} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{h}) \\ \mathbb{Q}_{s}^{i} &= -\mathrm{J} (D_{r}^{s} \, \dot{\gamma}_{r}^{c} / \gamma_{r}^{s} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{r} + D_{h}^{s} \, \dot{\gamma}_{h}^{s} / \gamma_{h}^{s} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{h}) \end{split}$$

同 ト イ ヨ ト イ ヨ ト

Characterising the dissipation

(H3₁): We assume that dissipation is only due to growth(H3₂): Linear viscous dissipation

$$\begin{split} \stackrel{+}{\mathrm{S}} &= 0 \\ \mathbb{Q}_{t}^{i} &= -\mathrm{J} \, \mathcal{D}_{r}^{t} \, \dot{\gamma}_{r}^{t} / \gamma_{r}^{t} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{r} \\ \mathbb{Q}_{c}^{i} &= -\mathrm{J} (\mathcal{D}_{r}^{c} \, \dot{\gamma}_{r}^{c} / \gamma_{r}^{c} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{r} + \mathcal{D}_{h}^{c} \, \dot{\gamma}_{h}^{c} / \gamma_{h}^{c} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{h}) \\ \mathbb{Q}_{s}^{i} &= -\mathrm{J} (\mathcal{D}_{r}^{s} \, \dot{\gamma}_{r}^{c} / \gamma_{r}^{s} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{r} + \mathcal{D}_{h}^{s} \, \dot{\gamma}_{h}^{s} / \gamma_{h}^{s} \, \, \mathsf{P}_{h}) \end{split}$$

伺 ト イヨト イヨト

Evolution equations

growth

$$\begin{split} & D^{t} \dot{\gamma}_{r}^{t} / \gamma_{r}^{t} = (\mathrm{T}_{r} - \widetilde{\phi}) + \mathrm{Q}^{t} \\ & D^{c} \dot{\gamma}_{h}^{c} / \gamma_{h}^{c} = (\mathrm{T}_{h} - \mathrm{T}_{r}) + \mathrm{Q}^{c} \\ & D^{s} \dot{\gamma}_{h}^{s} / \gamma_{h}^{s} = (\mathrm{T}_{h} - \mathrm{T}_{r}) + \mathrm{Q}^{s} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &\mathbb{Q}_{t}^{\circ}/J = \mathcal{Q}_{r}^{t} \operatorname{P}_{r} & \mathbb{Q}_{c}^{\circ}/J = \mathcal{Q}_{r}^{c} \operatorname{P}_{r} + \mathcal{Q}_{h}^{c} \operatorname{P}_{h} & \mathbb{Q}_{s}^{\circ}/J = \mathcal{Q}_{r}^{s} \operatorname{P}_{r} + \mathcal{Q}_{h}^{s} \operatorname{P}_{h} \\ &\mathbb{Q}^{t} := \mathcal{Q}_{r}^{t} & \mathbb{Q}^{c} := (\mathcal{Q}_{h}^{c} - \mathcal{Q}_{r}^{c}) & \mathbb{Q}^{s} := (\mathcal{Q}_{h}^{s} - \mathcal{Q}_{r}^{s}) \\ &\mathbf{D}^{t} := \mathcal{D}_{r}^{t} & \mathbf{D}^{c} := (2\mathcal{D}_{r}^{c} + \mathcal{D}_{h}^{c}) & \mathbf{D}^{s} := (2\mathcal{D}_{r}^{s} + \mathcal{D}_{h}^{s}) \end{split}$$

$$T_r \!=\! J^{-1} S_r \, \gamma_r \, \alpha_r \qquad T_h \!=\! J^{-1} S_h \, \gamma_h \, \alpha_h$$

э

Characterising the controls



 T_{h}^{\diamond} , T_{r}^{\diamond} : physiological "target" values.

Characterising the controls

$(H4_s)$: null control on slipping mechanism

 $\mathbf{Q}^{\,\mathsf{s}}=\mathbf{0}$

(H4_c): recovery tuned with respect to slipping

$$\mathrm{Q}^{\,\mathrm{c}} \sim \textit{G}^{\mathrm{c}}\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{h}} - \mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{r}}\right) + \left(1 - \textit{G}^{\mathrm{c}}\right)\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{h}}^{\diamond} - \mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{r}}^{\diamond}\right)$$

(H4_t): radial apposition driven by hoop stress

 $\mathrm{Q}^{\,t} \sim \textit{\textbf{G}}^{t} \big(\mathrm{T}_{h} - \mathrm{T}_{h}^{\diamond} \big)$

 T_{h}^{\diamond} , T_{r}^{\diamond} : physiological "target" values.

(日) (同) (三) (三)

Characterising the controls

(H4_s): null control on slipping mechanism

 $\mathbf{Q}^{\,\mathsf{s}}=\mathbf{0}$

$(H4_c)$: recovery tuned with respect to slipping

$$\mathrm{Q}^{\,\mathsf{c}} \sim \mathit{G}^{\mathsf{c}}\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{h}} - \mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{r}}\right) + \left(1 - \mathit{G}^{\mathsf{c}}\right)\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{h}}^{\diamond} - \mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{r}}^{\diamond}\right)$$

(H4_t): radial apposition driven by hoop stress

 $\mathrm{Q}^{\,t} \sim \textit{\textbf{G}}^{t} \big(\mathrm{T}_{h} - \mathrm{T}_{h}^{\diamond} \big)$

 T_{h}^{\diamond} , T_{r}^{\diamond} : physiological "target" values.

< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

Characterising the controls

(H4_s): null control on slipping mechanism

 $\mathbf{Q}^{\,\mathsf{s}}=\mathbf{0}$

 $(H4_c)$: recovery tuned with respect to slipping

$$Q^{c} \sim G^{c} \left(T_{h} - T_{r}\right) + (1 - G^{c}) \left(T_{h}^{\diamond} - T_{r}^{\diamond}\right)$$

(H4_t): radial apposition driven by hoop stress

$$Q^{t} \sim G^{t}(T_{h} - T_{h}^{\diamond})$$

 T_{h}^{\diamond} , T_{r}^{\diamond} : physiological "target" values.

イロト イポト イラト イラト

Evolution equations

gross motion

$$2(\operatorname{S}_{\mathsf{r}}(\xi) - \operatorname{S}_{\mathsf{h}}(\xi)) + \xi \operatorname{S}'_{\mathsf{r}}(\xi) = 0$$
$$\mp \operatorname{S}_{\mathsf{r}}(\xi_{\mp}) = t_{\mp}$$

growth

$$\dot{\gamma}_{h}/\gamma_{h} = \kappa_{h} \left(\Delta T_{h} - \Delta T_{r}\right)$$

 $\dot{\gamma}_{r}/\gamma_{r} = -2\dot{\gamma}_{h}/\gamma_{h} + \kappa_{r} \Delta T_{h}$

$$\begin{split} \Delta \mathbf{T}_{\mathsf{h}} &:= \mathbf{T}_{\mathsf{h}} - \mathbf{T}_{\mathsf{h}}^{\diamond} & \Delta \mathbf{T}_{\mathsf{r}} &:= \mathbf{T}_{\mathsf{r}} - \mathbf{T}_{\mathsf{r}}^{\diamond} \\ \kappa_{\mathsf{h}} &:= \left(1/\textit{D}^{\mathsf{c}} + 1/\textit{D}^{\mathsf{s}}\right) \left(1 - \textit{G}^{\mathsf{c}}\right) & \kappa_{\mathsf{r}} &:= \textit{G}^{\mathsf{t}}/\textit{D}^{\mathsf{t}} \end{split}$$

э

- 4 同 6 4 日 6 4 日 6

Part IV

Numerical simulations



- Natural histories
- Passive slipping, recovery, null tissue apposition
- Passive slipping, slow recovery, tissue apposition

- A - E - M

Simulated natural histories

 Let us assume that an aneurysm, subjected to a constant intramural pressure p[◊], has reached a spherical shape in a homeostatic state with hoop and radial stress:

 $\mathrm{T}^\diamond_{\mathsf{h}}\,,\qquad \mathrm{T}^\diamond_{\mathsf{r}}\,.$

• Let Q^{\diamond} be the value of the control Q^{c} necessary to maintain this homeostatic state:

$$Q^\diamond \sim \mathrm{T}^\diamond_{\mathsf{h}} - \mathrm{T}^\diamond_{\mathsf{r}}$$
.

• Thus, let the intramural pressure experience a short-time bump:

$$p(t) = p^{\diamond} + \delta p(t) \,.$$

Simulated natural histories

 Let us assume that an aneurysm, subjected to a constant intramural pressure p[◊], has reached a spherical shape in a homeostatic state with hoop and radial stress:

 $\mathrm{T}^\diamond_{\mathsf{h}}\,,\qquad \mathrm{T}^\diamond_{\mathsf{r}}\,.$

• Let Q^{\diamond} be the value of the control Q^{c} necessary to maintain this homeostatic state:

$$Q^\diamond \sim \mathrm{T}^\diamond_{\mathsf{h}} - \mathrm{T}^\diamond_{\mathsf{r}}$$
.

• Thus, let the intramural pressure experience a short-time bump:

$$p(t) = p^{\diamond} + \delta p(t)$$
 .

Simulated natural histories

- Efficient vs. Inefficient recovery
- Negligible vs. Non-negligible tissue apposition



< A >

3 N 4 3 N

History #1: slow recovery, null apposition

Q^c is held fixed to the previous value for the rest of the time:

$$\mathbf{Q}^{\mathsf{c}} = \mathbf{Q}^{\diamond} \sim \mathrm{T}^{\diamond}_{\mathsf{h}} - \mathrm{T}^{\diamond}_{\mathsf{r}}$$

simulating the inability of the recovery control to keep pace with a sudden perturbation

e negligible tissue apposition:

 $Q^t \sim 0$

- 同 ト - ヨ ト - - ヨ ト

SLOW RECOVERY ($G^{c} = 0$), null tissue apposition





< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

SLOW RECOVERY ($G^{c} = 0$), null tissue apposition



< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

History #2: fast recovery, null apposition

• Q^c is set to a full recovery control:

 $Q^{\,\text{c}} \sim \mathrm{T}_{\text{h}} - \mathrm{T}_{\text{r}}$

simulating the capability of the recovery control to immediately keep pace with a sudden perturbation

e negligible tissue apposition:

 $Q^t \sim 0$

(4月) (1日) (日)

FAST RECOVERY ($G^{c} = 1$), null tissue apposition



< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

FAST RECOVERY ($G^{c} = 1$), null tissue apposition



< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >

History #3: delayed recovery, null apposition

Q Q^{c} is a fraction of the full recovery control:

$$\mathrm{Q}^{\,\mathsf{c}} \sim \, \textit{G}^{\,\mathsf{c}} \left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{h}} - \mathrm{T}_{\mathsf{r}}
ight) + \left(1 - \, \textit{G}^{\,\mathsf{c}}
ight) \left(\mathrm{T}^{\diamond}_{\mathsf{h}} - \mathrm{T}^{\diamond}_{\mathsf{r}}
ight)$$

which is meant to simulate an impaired recovery control

e negligible tissue apposition:

 ${
m Q}^{\,t}\sim 0$

- 4 周 ト 4 戸 ト 4 戸 ト

DELAYED RECOVERY ($G^{c} = 0.8$), null tissue apposition



< 日 > < 同 > < 三 > < 三 >
DELAYED RECOVERY ($G^{c} = 0.8$), null tissue apposition



DELAYED RECOVERY ($G^{c} = 0.8$), null tissue apposition



Natural histories Passive slipping, recovery, null tissue apposition Passive slipping, slow recovery, tissue apposition

History #4: slow recovery, tissue apposition

Q Q^{c} is held fixed to the previous value for the rest of the time:

 $\mathbf{Q}^{\mathsf{c}}(t) = Q^{\diamond}$

a radial tissue apposition goes into action through a stress-driven control law:

 $\mathrm{Q}^{t} \sim \textit{G}^{t} \big(\mathrm{T}_{h} - \mathrm{T}_{h}^{\diamond} \big)$

イロト イポト イラト イラト

Natural histories Passive slipping, recovery, null tissue apposition Passive slipping, slow recovery, tissue apposition

radius

hoop accr. (in

hoop accr. (out)

radial accr. (in)

radial accr. (out)

э

12.5 15

12.5 15

(日) (同) (三) (三)

thickness

Slow recovery ($G^{c} = 0$), FAST TISSUE APPOSITION ($G^{t} \gg$)



Numerical simulations

Natural histories Passive slipping, recovery, null tissue apposition Passive slipping, slow recovery, tissue apposition

Slow recovery ($G^{c} = 0$), FAST TISSUE APPOSITION ($G^{t} \gg$)



(日) (同) (三) (三)

Natural histories Passive slipping, recovery, null tissue apposition Passive slipping, slow recovery, tissue apposition

Slow recovery ($G^c = 0$), SLOW TISSUE APPOSITION ($G^t \ll$)



(日) (同) (三) (三)

Numerical simulations

Natural histories Passive slipping, recovery, null tissue apposition Passive slipping, slow recovery, tissue apposition

Slow recovery ($G^c = 0$), SLOW TISSUE APPOSITION ($G^t \ll$)



Summary

• Evolution of saccular aneurysms

- elastic deformation;
- growth, *i.e.* change of relaxed configuration.

• Multiple remodelling mechanisms

- slipping: only passive;
- recovery: slow/fast control;
- tissue apposition: hoop stress driven control.
- Numerical evidence
 - recovery control is unable to maintain homeostatis;
 - tissue apposition plays a central role.

Future work

• In tight connection with biologists, physicists and clinicians...

- Better characterisation of the biological system
 - description of the growth mechanisms;
 - evolution of elastic properties;
 - non uniform material properties.
- Weaker assumptions on symmetry
- Quantitative calibration and model validation

Future work

- In tight connection with biologists, physicists and clinicians...
- Better characterisation of the biological system
 - description of the growth mechanisms;
 - evolution of elastic properties;
 - non uniform material properties.
- Weaker assumptions on symmetry
- Quantitative calibration and model validation

References

- A. Di Carlo and S. Quiligotti, Growth and balance, Mechanics Research Communications, 29, 449–456, 2002.
 - Conceptual framework of growth mechanical theory.
- A. DiCarlo, V. Sansalone, A. Tatone, and V. Varano, Living Shell-Like Structures, in *Applied and Industrial Mathematics In Italy - II*, World Scientific, 2007.

• First application to saccular aneurysms.

 V. Sansalone, A. Tatone, V. Varano, and A. DiCarlo, Competing growth mechanisms in the development of saccular aneurysms, *in preparation*. (Ask me for preprint.)

e-mail: vittorio.sansalone@univ-paris12.fr