

Osteoporosis

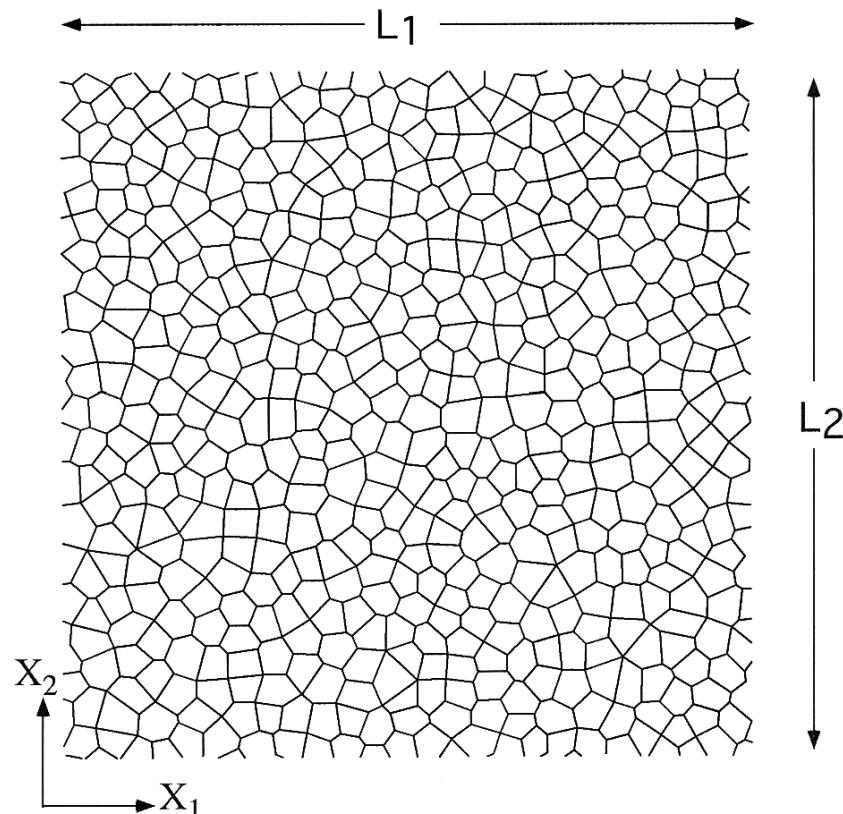
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- As trabeculae thin - buckling easier $\sigma^* \propto (\rho/\rho_s)^2$
- Once trabeculae begin to resorb, connectivity reduced, strength drops dramatically
- Modeling:
 - Can't use unit cell or dimensional analysis (need to model local effects)
 - Finite element modeling
 - Initially:
 - 2D Voronoi honeycombs
 - 2D representation of vertebral bone
 - 3D Voronoi foam — Surekha Vajjala

Voronoi honeycomb

- Random seed points, draw perpendicular bisectors
- Use a minimum separation distance to get cells of approximately uniform size
- FE analysis — each trabecula a beam element
- First calculated elastic moduli
 - FEA results close to analytical model for random (isotropic) honeycomb (40 models, all same ρ^*/ρ_s , about 25x25 cells in each)
 - Modulus is average of stiffness over entire material

Modelling: 2D Voronoi

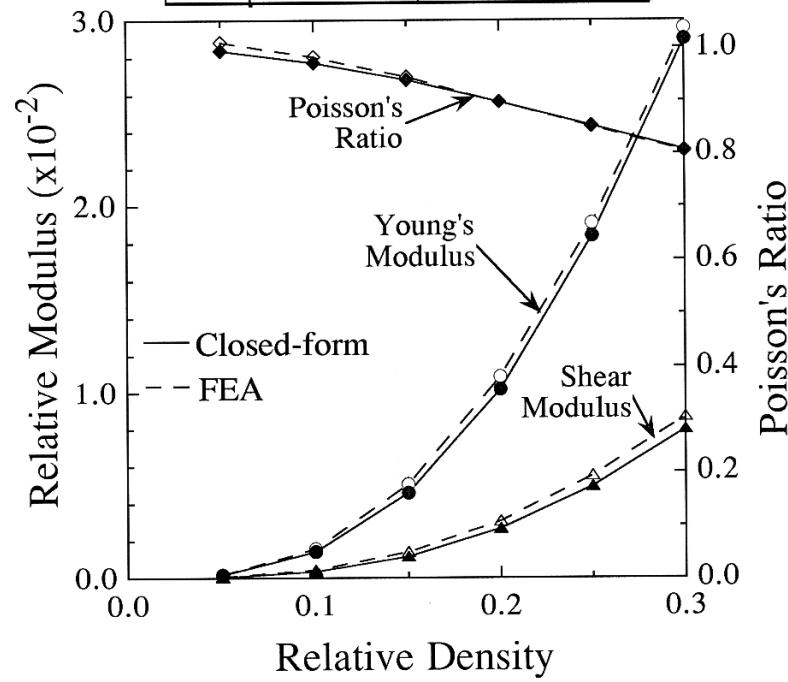


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2D Voronoi

E^*/E_s	FEA	$y=0.56x^{2.43}$
E^*/E_s	Equation (1a)	$y=0.63x^{2.54}$
G^*/E_s	FEA	$y=0.18x^{2.53}$
G^*/E_s	Equation (3d)	$y=0.20x^{2.68}$
ν^*	FEA	$y= -1.20x^{1.38} + 1.0$
ν^*	Equation (1b)	$y= -1.30x^{1.55} + 1.0$



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- Next, calculated compressive strength of Voroni honeycombs
- Each cell wall 1-3 beam elements
- Model non-linear elasticity and failure behavior
- 15x15 cells in model (random seeds \approx isotropic)
- Cell wall assumed to be elastic – perfectly plastic $\sigma_{ys}/E_s = 0.01 \quad v_s = 0.3$
- For this value of σ_{ys}/E_s , transition between elastic buckling and plastic collapse stress at $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.035$ in regular hexagonal honeycomb
- Calculated compressive strength of honeycombs with $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.015, 0.035, 0.05, 0.15$
- Generated 5 different Voronoi honeycombs at each ρ^*/ρ_s
- Compressive $\sigma - \epsilon$ behavior:

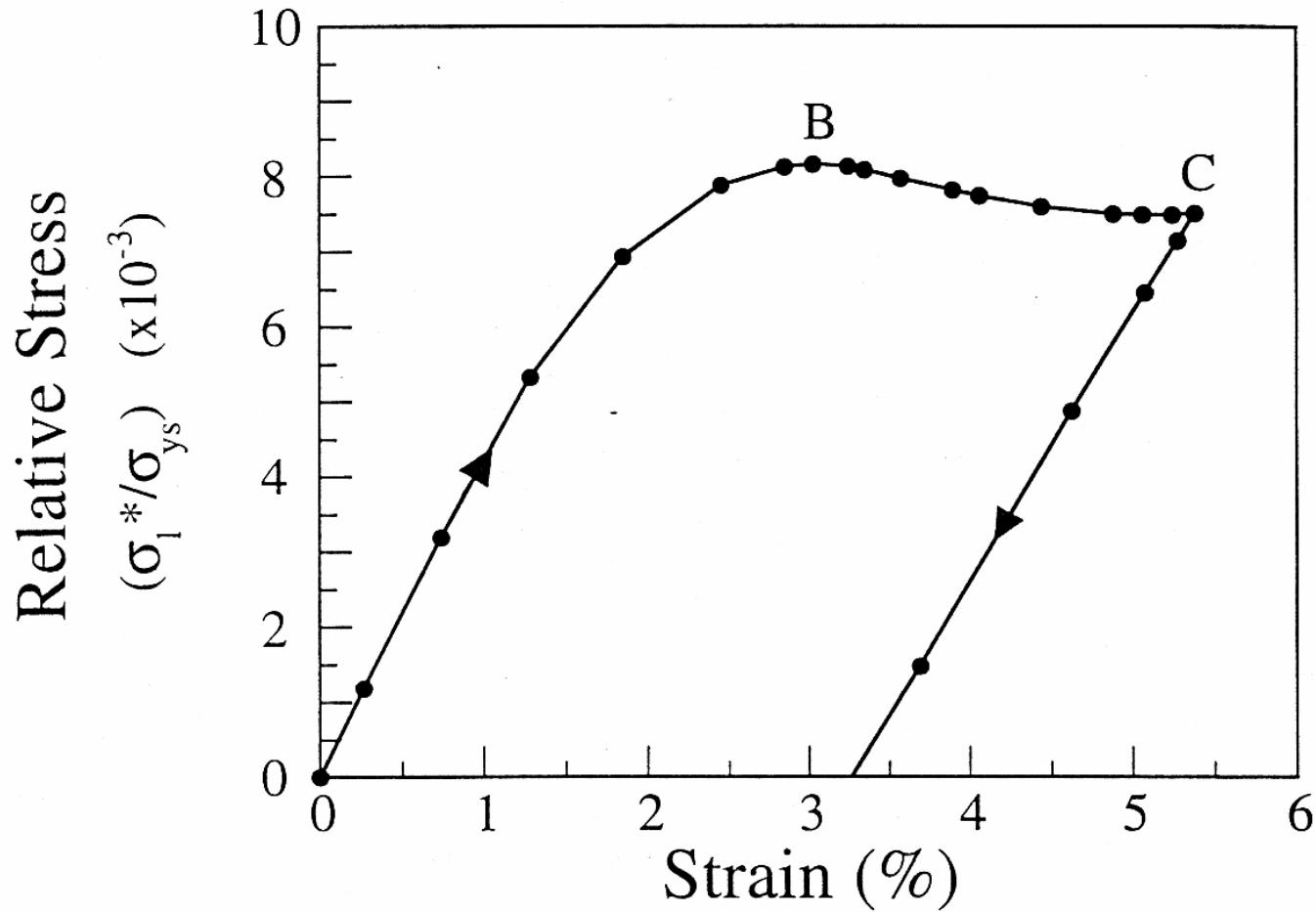
$\rho^*/\rho_s \geq 0.05$ -strain softening, permanent deformation on unloading

-plastic hinge formation, cell collapse in narrow localized bands

$\rho^*/\rho_s < 0.035$ -non-linear elastic deformation - recoverable

Strength: 0.6 to 0.8 of $\sigma_{periodic}^*$

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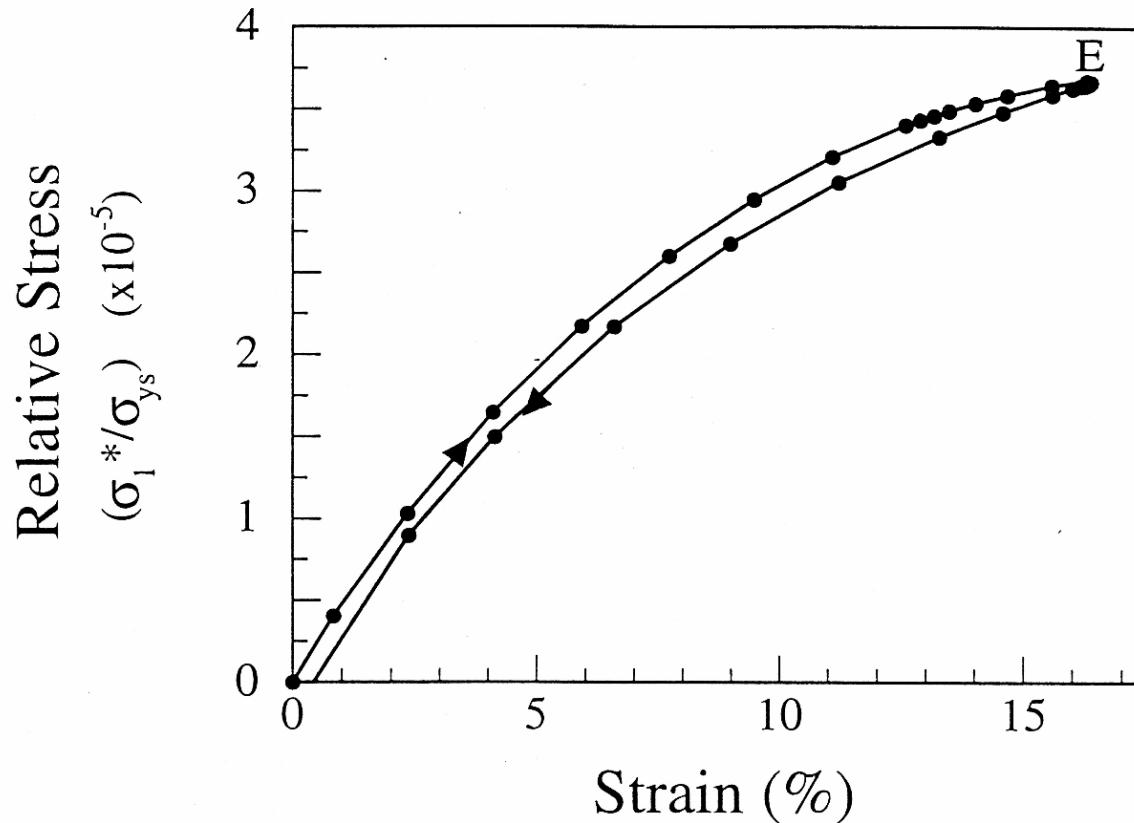


Relative density = 15% Plastic failure

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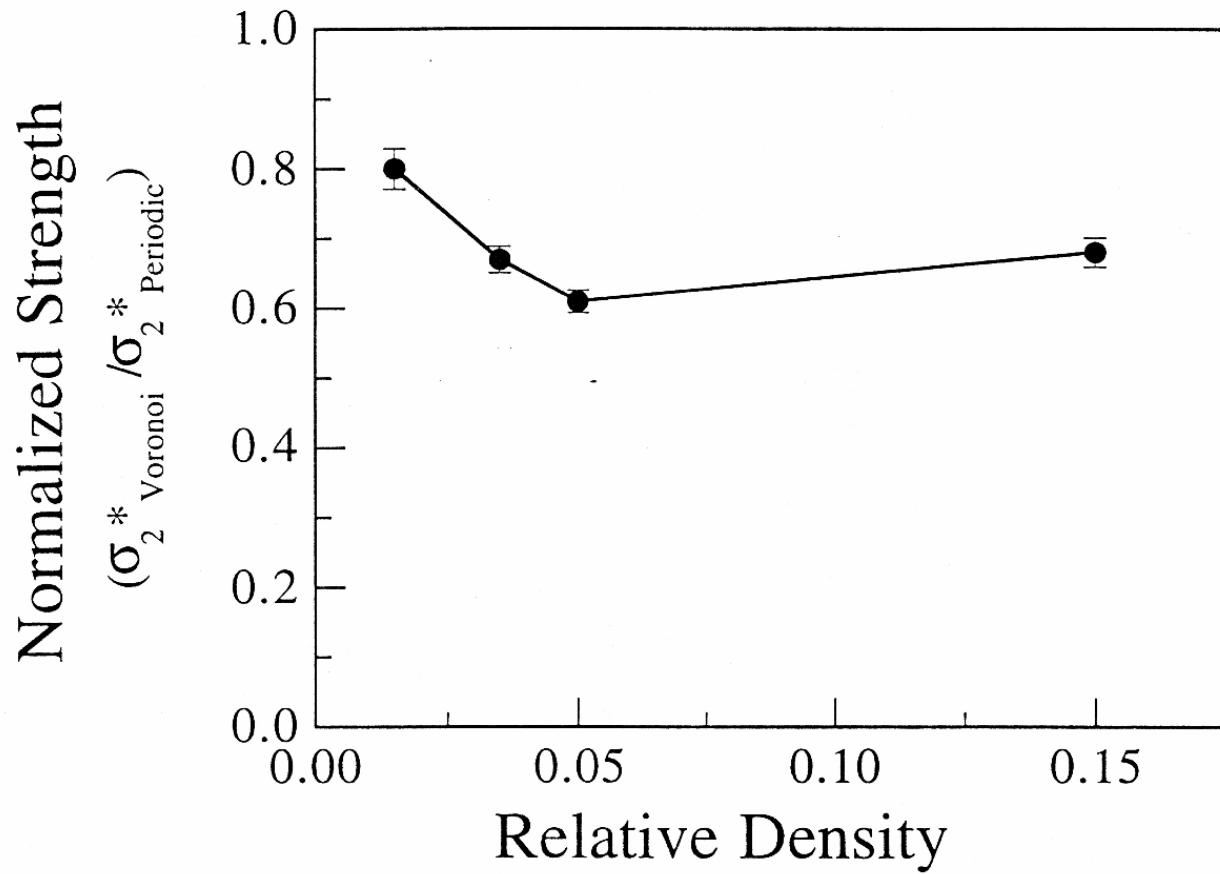


Relative density 1.5%; elastic buckling failure

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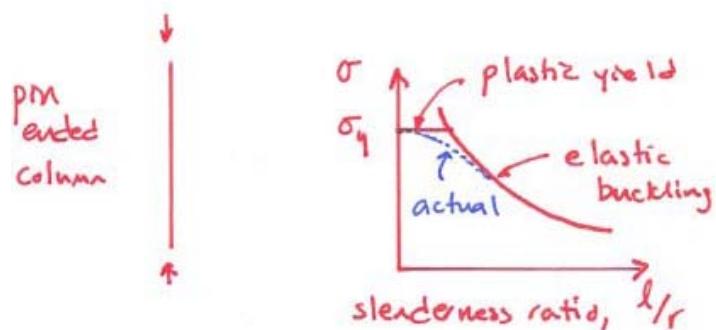
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- Max. normal strains at nodes in honeycombs (linear elastic).
 - Voronoi honeycombs — normal distribution
 - Regular hexagonal honeycombs — dashed lines on plot
 - Normal strain in vertical cell walls in regular hexagonal honey combs — mean normal strain in Voronoi
 - Oblique walls — bending — larger strains
 - Voronoi honeycomb 5% of strain outside of range of strain in regular hexagonal honeycomb
 - Decrease in strength associated with broader range of strains in Voronoi honeycombs
 - Minimum strength at $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.05$
 - Interaction between elastic buckling and plastic yield



$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{l^2} = \frac{\pi^2 E \pi r^4}{4 l^2 \pi r^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{4} E \left(\frac{r}{l}\right)^2$$

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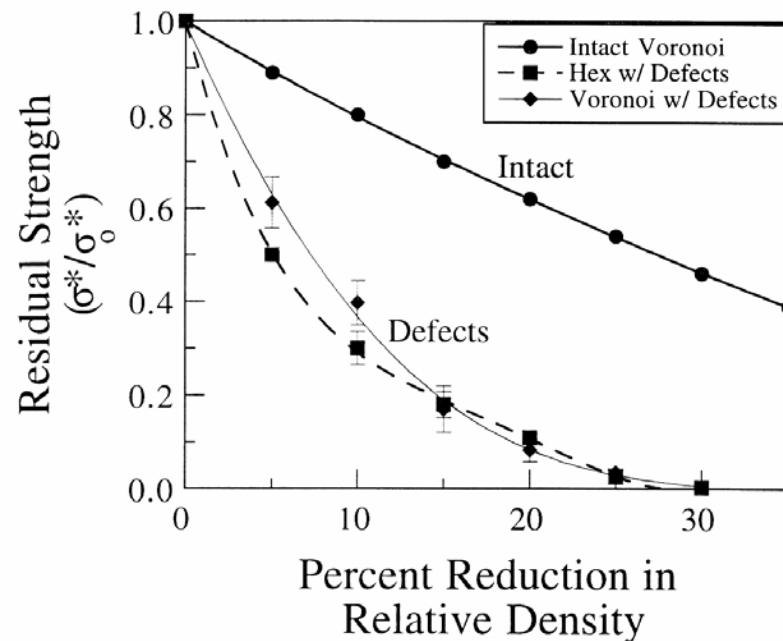
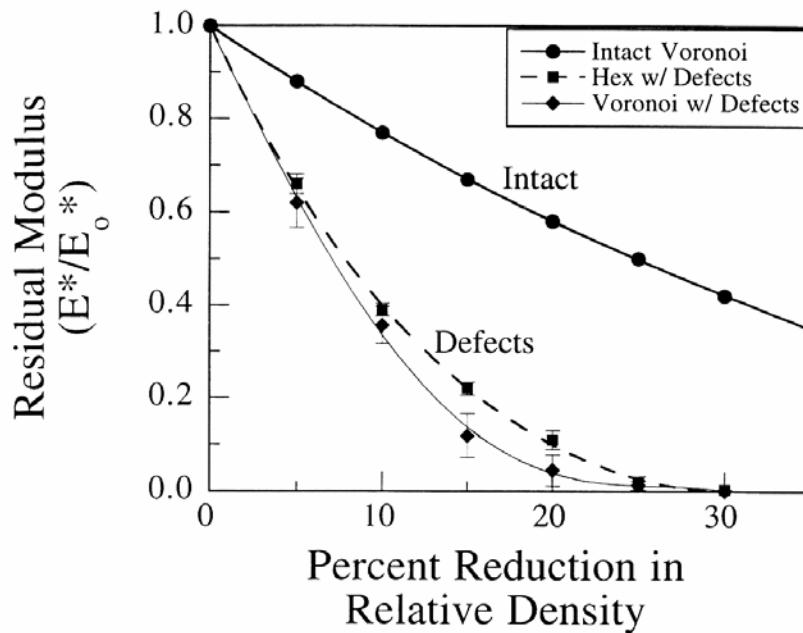
Voronoi honeycombs - defects

- Randomly removed cell walls in both Voronoi and regular honeycombs
- Analyzed both by FEA
- Dramatic decrease in modulus and strength, compared with equivalent reduction in density by thinning of cell walls
- $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.15$ failure by yielding
- $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.015$ failure by elastic buckling
- Modulus and strength reduction similar for Voronoi and regular hexagonal honeycombs
- Percolation threshold for 2D network hexagonal cells \Rightarrow 35% struts removed

Vertebral trabecular bone - 2D model

- Model adapted to reflect trabeculae more aligned in vertical and horizontal directions
- Perturbed a square array of struts to get similar orientation and struts as in bone
- Looked at reduction in number and thickness of longitudinal and transverse struts (independently)

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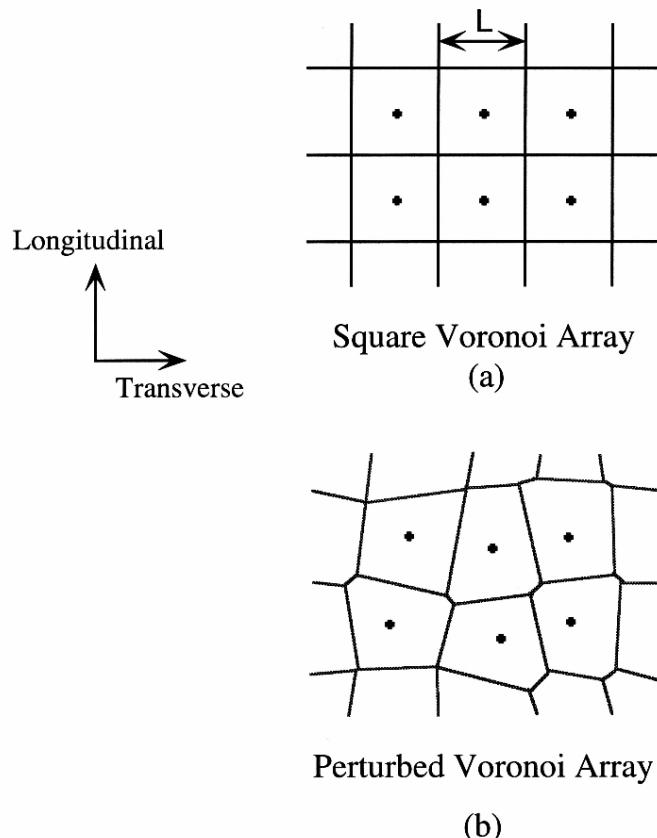
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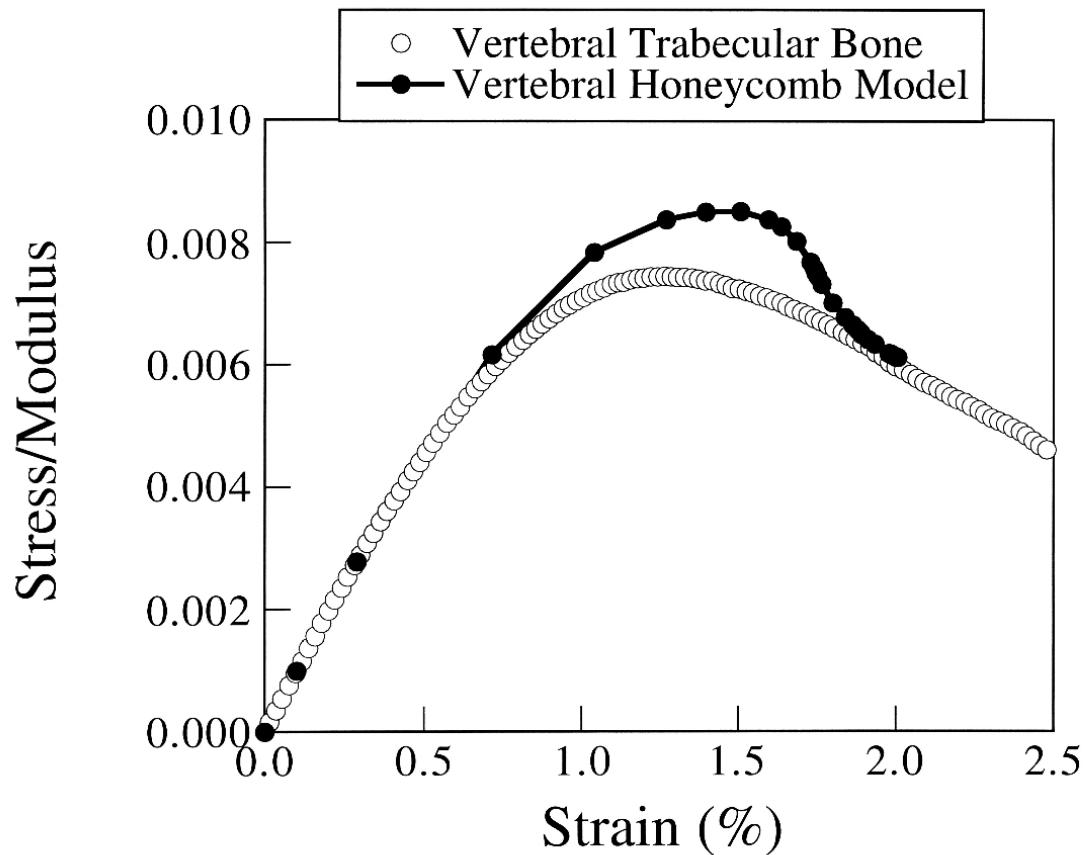
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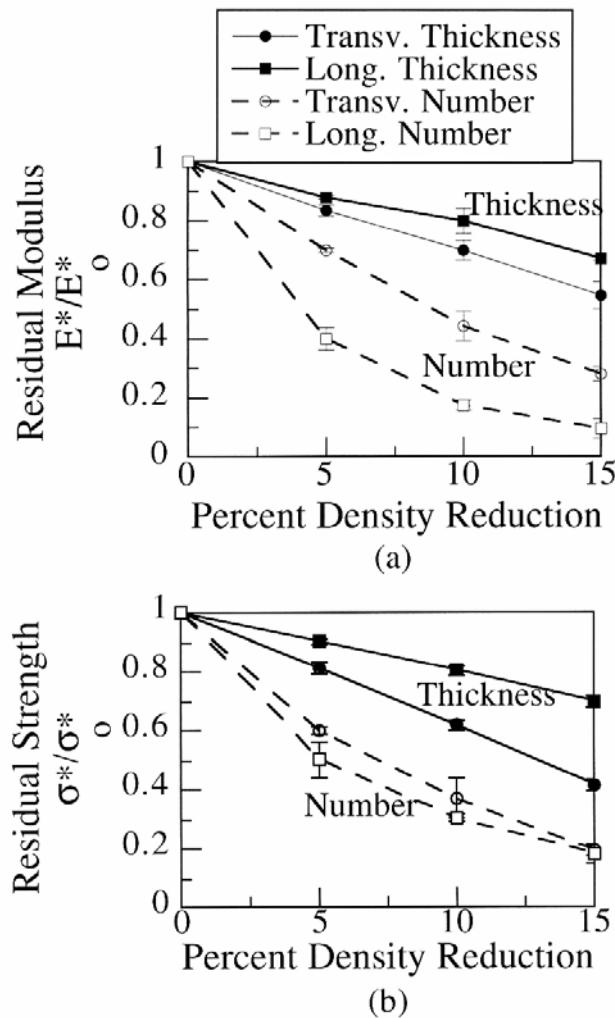
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3D Voronoi Model

- Same analysis, now with 3D Voronoi model
- Periodic 3x3x3 cells, $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.1$
- Used beam elements, FEA, linear elastic only
- Percolation threshold $\sim 50\%$ struts removed
- Comparison of 2D and 3D results for modulus: in 3D, modulus reduction more gradual than in 2D
- Also for 2D and 3D — modulus reduction similar for regular and Voronoi structures

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Metal foams as bone substitute materials

- Metals used in orthopedic implants (e.g. hip, knee)
- Co-Ci, Ti, Ta, stainless steel alloys
- Biocompatible, corrosion resistant
- But moduli of metals are greater than modulus of bone
 - e.g. $E_{\text{Ti}} = 110 \text{ GPa}$, $E_{\text{cortical}} = 18 \text{ GPa}$, $E_{\text{trab.bone}} = 0.01 - 2 \text{ GPa}$
- Stress shielding can lead to bone resorption
- To improve mechanical interaction between implant and bone:
 - porous sintered metal beads used to coat implants - promote bone ingrowth
 - also, wire mesh coatings have been developed, primarily for flat implant surfaces
 - recently, interest in using metal foams as coatings
 - longer term, interest in using in replacement vertebral bodies
- Variety of processes for making metal foam implant coatings

Metal Foams: Microstructure

Ta, replicating PU foam
with CVD

Ti, fugitive phase

Ti, expansion of Ar gas

Ti, selective laser
sintering

Image sources given in
Cellular Materials in Nature
and Medicine

Ti, replication of PU
foam by slurry infiltration
and sintering

Ti, foaming agent

Ti, freeze-casting
(freeze-drying)

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Ni-Ti, high temperature
synthesis (powders
mixed, pressed and
ignited by, for example,
tungsten coil heated by
electrical current)

Processing

(a) Replicate open cell polyurethane foam

- Pyrolyze PU foam → 2% dense vitreous carbon
- Coat with Ta by CVD ⇒ struts 99% Ta, 1% C
- Cell size $400 - 600 \mu\text{m}$; coating thickness $40 - 60 \mu\text{m}$, $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.15 - 0.25$
- “Trabecular metal” (Zimmer) trade name
- Ta forms surface oxide Ta_2O_5 — does not bond to bone
- But, if treat with dilute NaOH, then heat to 300°C and cool, then submerge in simulated body fluid (ion concentration matches human blood plasma)
⇒ get apatite coating on foam struts, which bonds to bone

(b) Infiltrate slurry of titanium hydride into open cell foam

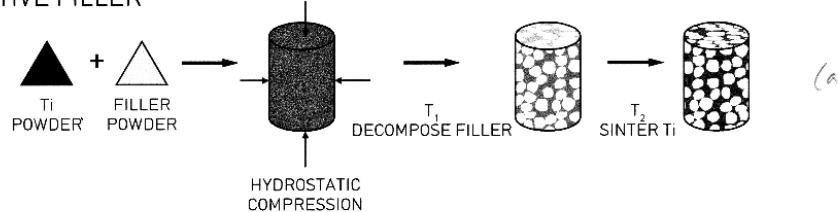
- Heat-treat to decompose TiH_2
- Sinter remaining Ti (also removes initial foam)

(c) Fugitive phase methods

- Mix Ti powder and fugitive phase powder
- Heat to T_1 ($\sim 200^\circ\text{C}$) to decompose filler, then to T_2 (1200°C) to sinter Ti powder

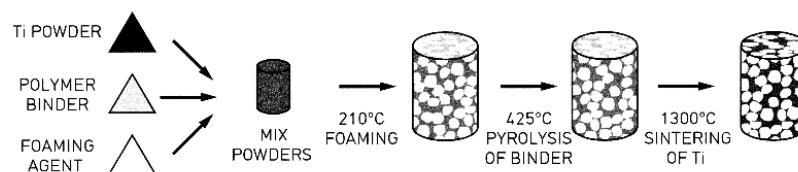
Metal Foams: Processing

FUGITIVE FILLER



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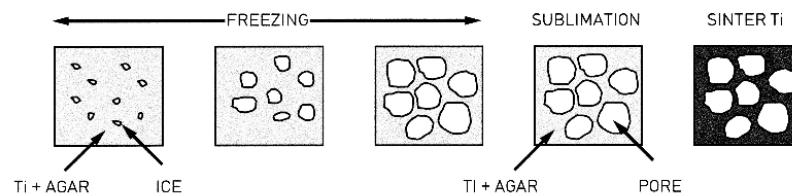
EXPANSION OF A FOAMING AGENT



(b)

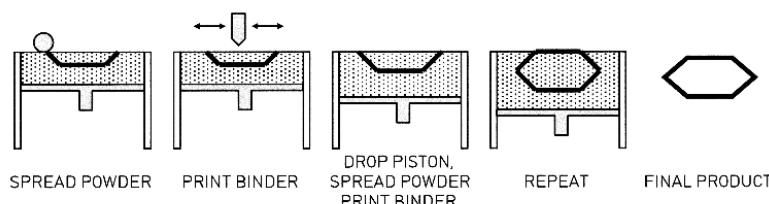
Foaming agent evolves gas at temperature at which polymer is liquid

FREEZE-CASTING



(c)

RAPID PROTOTYPING



(d)

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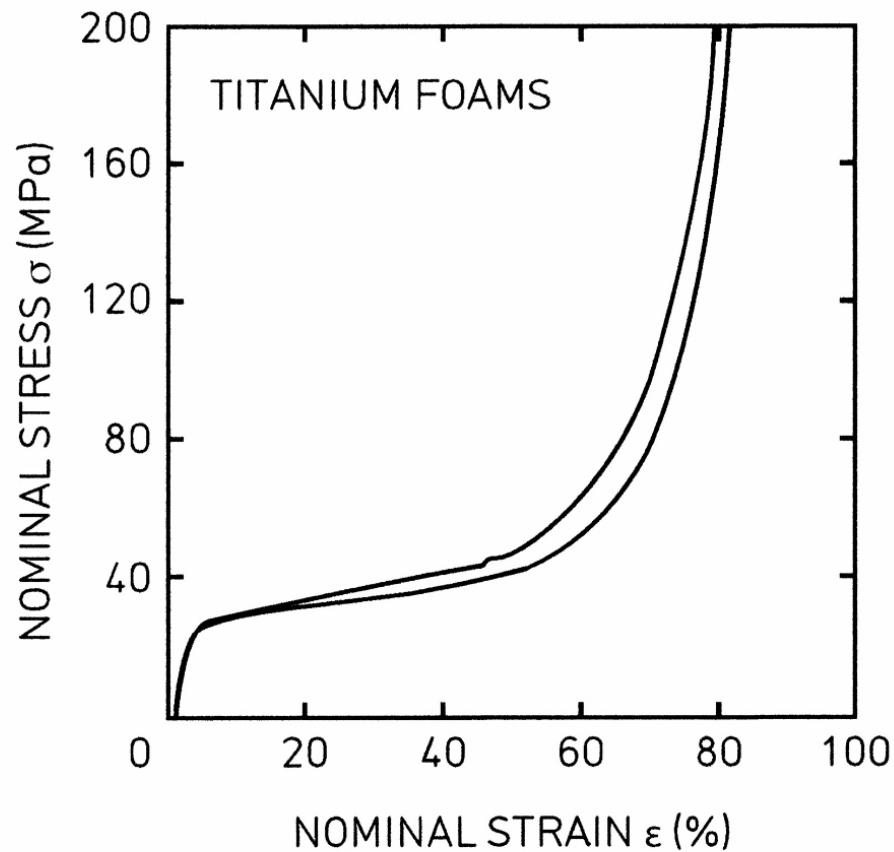
Processes

- (d) Expansion of foaming agent
- (e) Freeze casting (freeze drying)
- (f) Rapid prototyping (3D Printing, selective laser sintering)

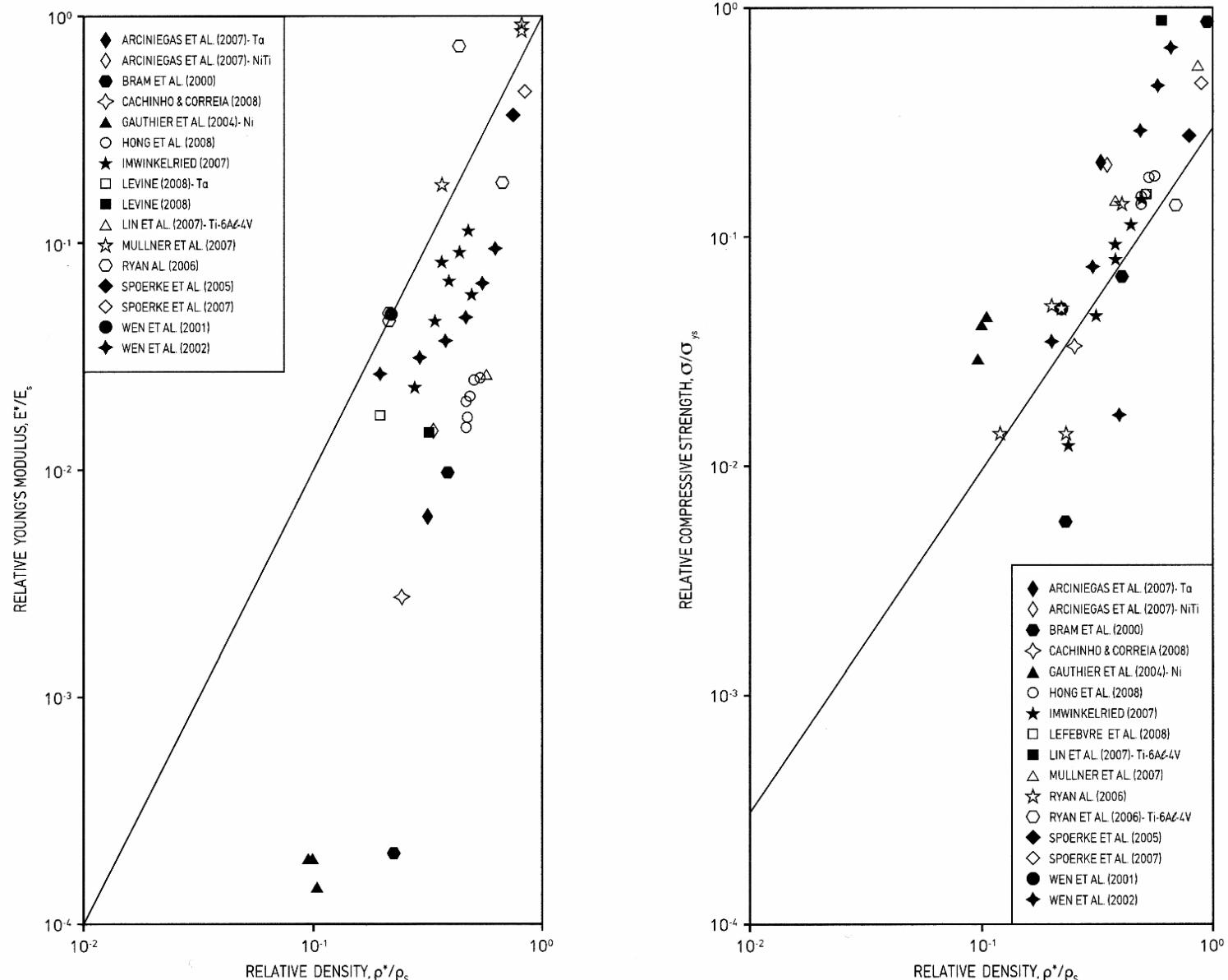
$\sigma - \epsilon$ curves - similar to other foams

Data for E^* , σ_c^*

Ti Foam: Stress-strain



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Bone in Evolutionary Studies

Bone structure in evolutionary studies

- Phylogenetic chart — big picture — structural biomaterials (mineralized)
- Sponges — first multi-celled animal
 - calcarea: CaCO_3 spicules (needles)
 - hexactinellida: SiO_2 — “glass sponges”
 - demospongiae: most sponges — some have SiO_2 spicules
— spongin (type of collagen)
- Cnidarians - e.g. corals, jellyfish
 - Corals CaCO_3
- Mollusca — bivalves, snails, octopus
 - if mineralized CaCO_3
- Arthropods e.g. hexapoda (insects), arachnide (spiders), crustaceans (shrimp, lobster)
 - Exoskeleton of insects and spiders: chitin
 - Crustaceans: chitin may be mineralized with CaCO_3

Vertebrates

- Cyclostomata
 - jawless fish — lampreys hagfish
 - no vertebra — notochord
 - no bone
- Chondrichthye
 - sharks, rays, skates
 - cartilagenous skeleton — some mineralization, but not true bone
- Actinopterygii
 - ray-finned fish
 - true bone
 - 450 million years ago

Bone structure and loading

- Bone grows in response to loading
- Bone structure reflects mechanical loading and function; e.g. quadruped vs. biped
- Evolutionary studies have looked at trabecular bone architecture and density

METAZOA

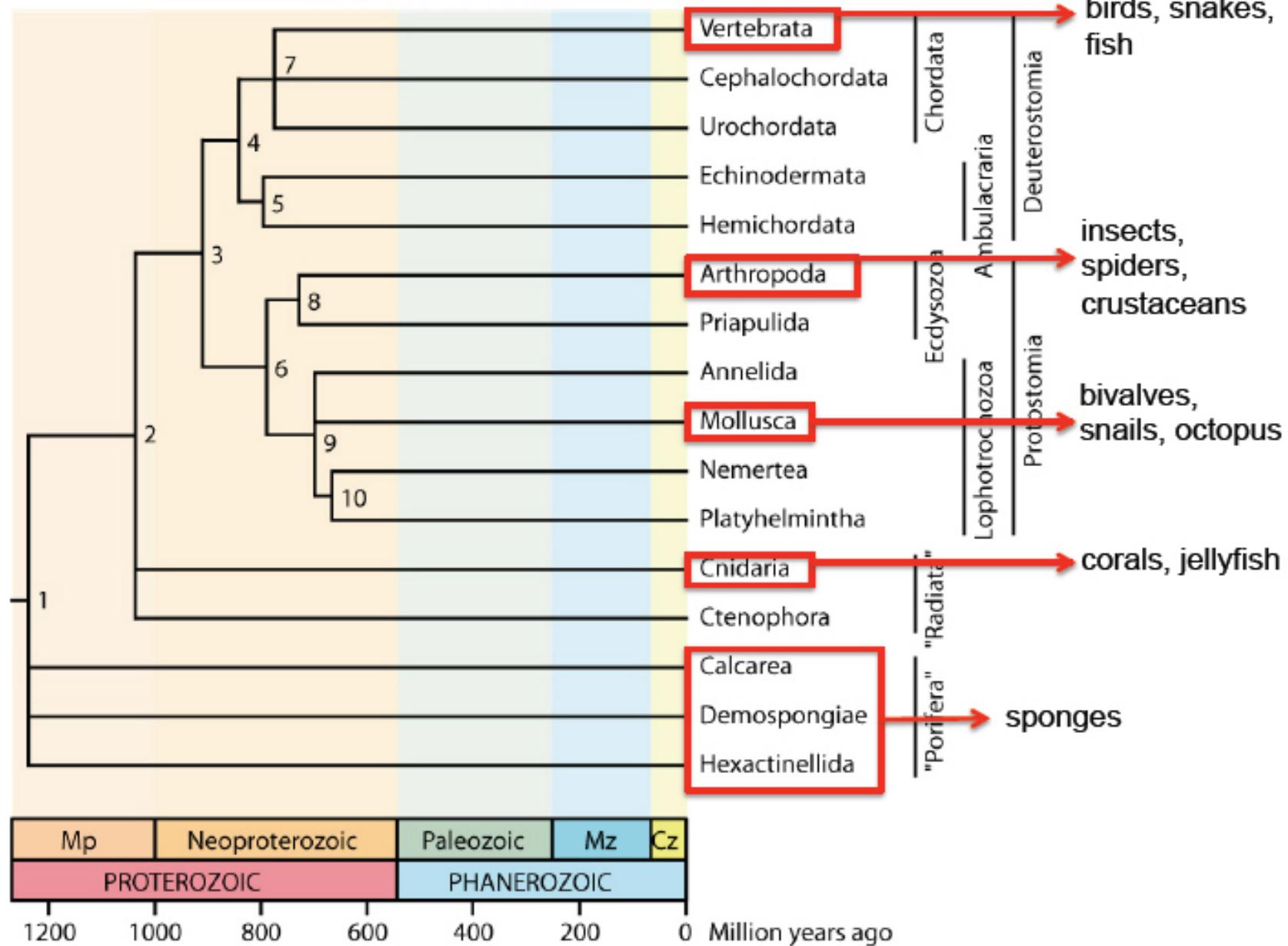


Fig. 2 A timetree of metazoan phyla. Divergence times are shown in Table 1. Abbreviations: Cz (Cenozoic), Mp (Mesoproterozoic), and Mz (Mesozoic).

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Venus Flower Basket (*Euplectella aspergillum*)

- Hierarchical structure
- Remarkably stiff, tough
- Joanna Aizenberg (Harvard)
- Aizenberg et al (2004) Biological glass fibers: correlation between optical and structural properties. PNAS

VERTEBRATA

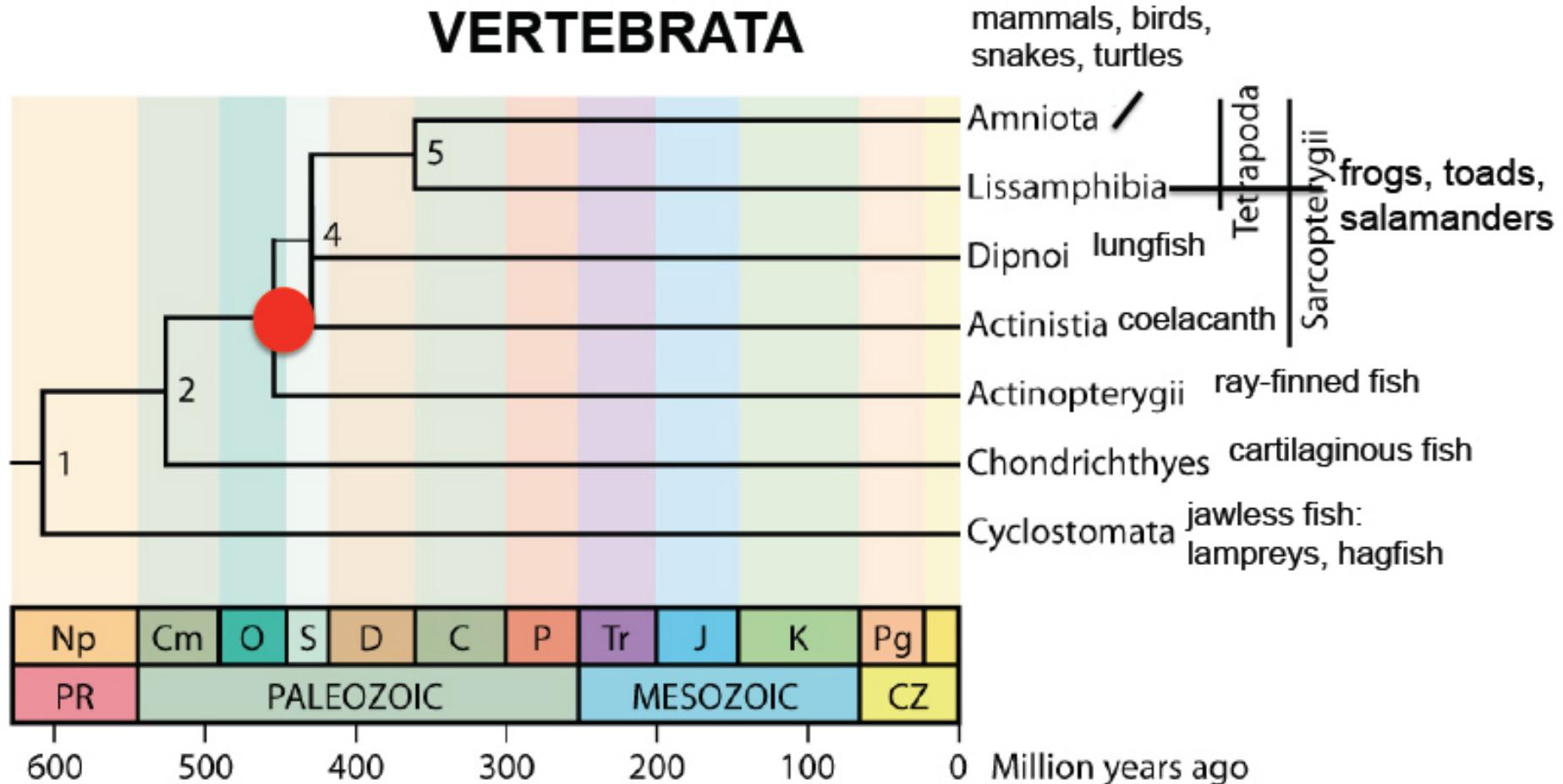


Fig. 2 A timetree of vertebrates. Times of divergence are averages of estimates from different studies listed in Table 1. Abbreviations: C (Carboniferous), Cm (Cambrian), CZ (Cenozoic), D (Devonian), J (Jurassic), K (Cretaceous), Np (Neoproterozoic), O (Ordovician), P (Permian), Pg (Paleogene), PR (Proterozoic), S (Silurian), and Tr (Triassic).



Common ancestor of all boned vertebrates roughly 450 MYA

(Hagfish video)

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Trabecular bone studies in human evolution

Oreopithecus bambolii (Rook et al, 1999)

- 7-9 Million years ago, late Miocene hominid, found in Italy
- Quadruped or biped?
- Compared trabecular architecture in ilium in apes, *o. bambolii*, humans
- Only had two fragments of ilium — left and right
- Took radiographs of both and digitally reconstructed a single ilium

Comparisons

- (a) Posterosuperior margin — marginal handles thicker than apes
- (b) Anteriosuperior margin — iib bundle relatively structured compared to apes
- (c) Anteroinferior margin — well-developed a-i spine not seen in apes
- (d) Supra acetabular area — high density region
 - Collectively, observations suggest *O. bambolii* trab. architecture in ilium more similar to humans than apes
 - Suggests habitual bipedal locomotion (humans — obligatory bipeds)

Oreopithecus bambolii: Ilium

Rook et al. (1999)

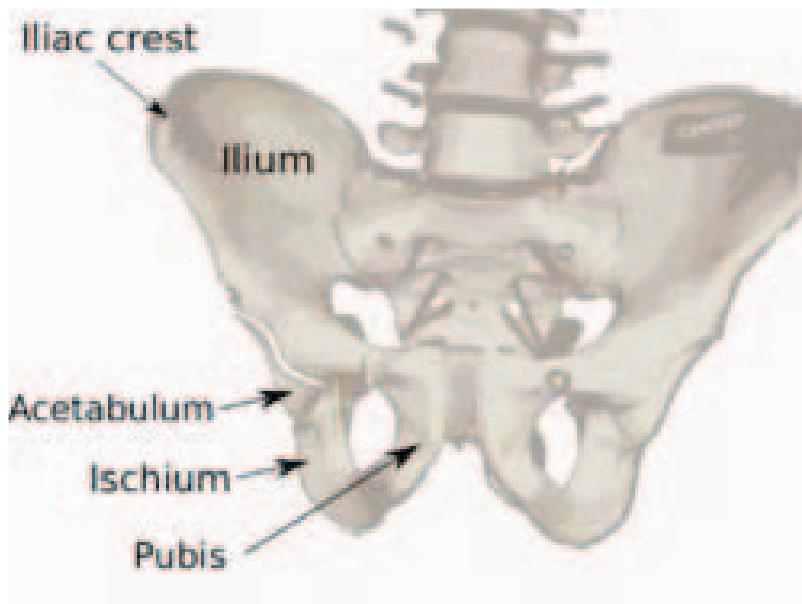


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Trabecular architecture: Ilium

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Digitally reconstructed ilium

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Comparison of trabecular architecture

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