



RESEARCH ON BIOMATERIALS AND BIOLOGICAL TISSUES AT THE INSTITUTE FOR MECHANICS OF MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES, VIENNA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

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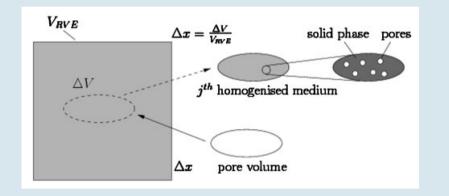
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Ceramics-Based Materials: Mechanical Models and Characterization

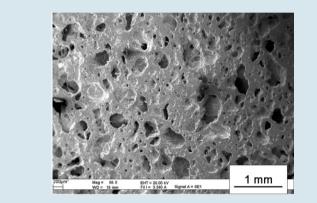
STIFFNESS AND STRENGTH DETERMINATION of glass-

ceramic scaffolds: Malasoma et al. (2008), Adv Appl Ceram 107: 277-286

• Prediction via micromechanicsbased homogenization models

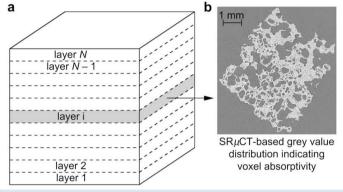


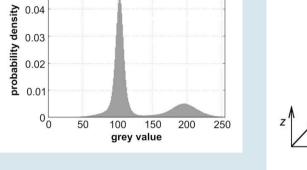
• Sample characterization (experimental validation) through ultrasonics and uniaxial compression tests

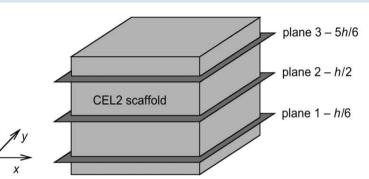


MODELS FOR HYDROXYAPATITE BIOMATERIALS:

CT IMAGE-TO-STIFFNESS CONVERSION, applied to glassceramic scaffolds:

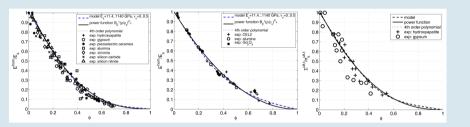






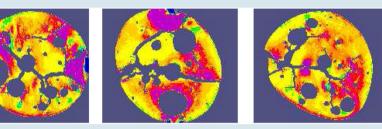
- Retrieval of 3D nanoporosity field from CT image
- Micromechanics-derived 3D stiffness field
- Finite Element simulation of uniaxial compression test

• Micromechanical homogenization for (poro-) elasticity and strength



Fritsch et al. (2009), / Biomed Mater Res A 88: 149-161; Fritsch et al. (2010), Philos Trans A Math Phys Eng Sci 368: 1913-1935; Fritsch et al. (2013), J Appl Mech 80: 020905

• CT-based elasticity analysis of hydroxyapatite-based granules



Dejaco et al. (2012), J Biomech 45: 1068-1075

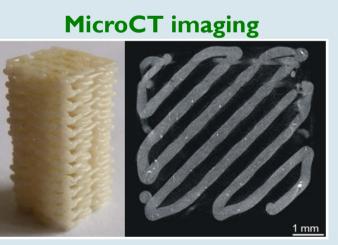
Computation of macroscopic sample stiffness

FURTHER WORKS:

- Gyspum: Elasticity and strength homogenization Sanahuja et al. (2010), J Eng Mech 136: 239-253
- Cementitious materials: (Visco-) elasticity and strength homogenization E.g. Scheiner et al. (2009), *J Eng Mech* 135: 307-323; Pichler et al. (2011), *Cem Concr* Res 41: 467-476

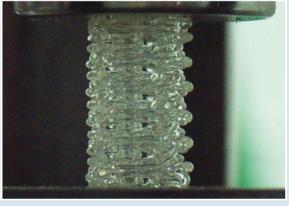
Composite Materials: Mechanical/Metabolic Models and Characterization

STUDIES ON POLYMER-BASED COMPOSITE MATERIALS:

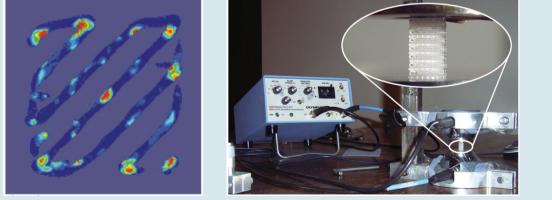


Computation of macroscopic stiffness SY S

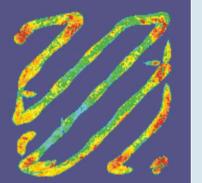
Uniaxial loadingunloading tests



FE-based utilization assessment

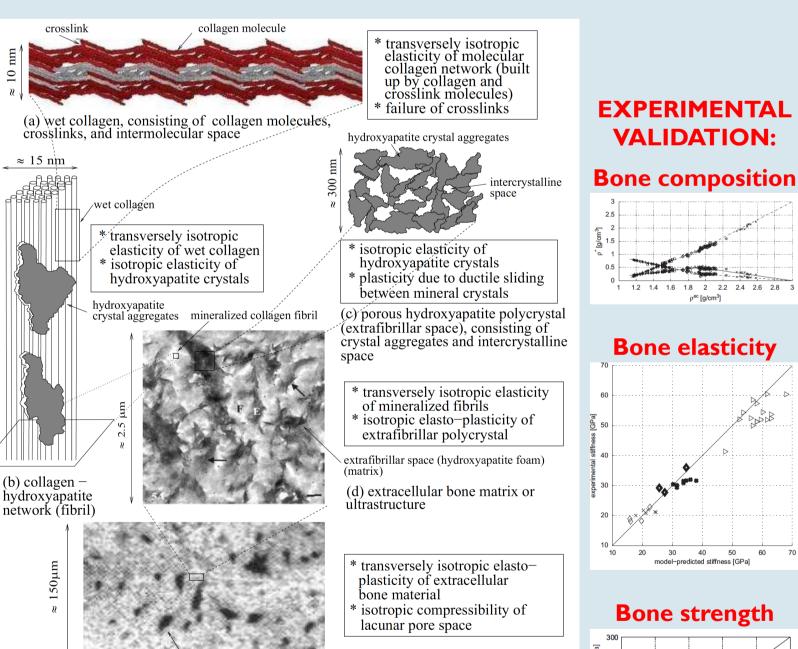


4 6 number of elements [–] **CT-to-elasticity** conversion



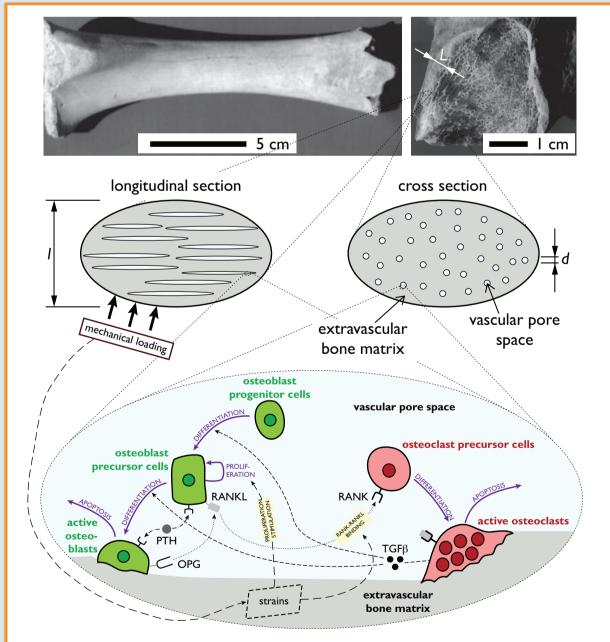
Ultrasonics tests for stiffness determination

STRENGTH AND PORO-ELASTICITY HOMOGENIZATION OF BONE TISSUE:



COMPUTATIONAL MODELING OF BONE REMODELING:

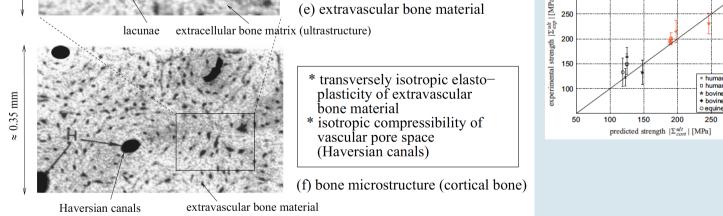
Approach: Integration of the concepts of micromechanics and systems biology





Accompanied by nanoindentation tests for material characterization on the millimeter scale

Luczynski et al. (2012), CMES-Comp Model Eng 87: 505-528; Luczynski et al. (2013), J Biomed Mat Res A 101A: 138-144; Hum et al. (2013), Strain 49: 431-439



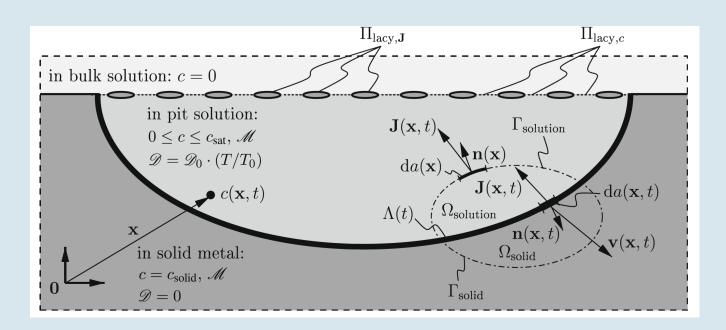
E.g. Fritsch et al. (2009), J Theor Biol 260: 230-252; Hellmich et al. (2009), J Eng Mech 135: 382-394; Vuong and Hellmich (2011), *J Theor Biol* 287: 115-130

Successful simulation of...

- ✓ Mechanical disuse ("microgravity")
- ✓ Postmenopausal osteoporosis
- \checkmark Drug treatment (by means of denosumab)

Scheiner et al. (2013), Comp Meth Appl Mech 254: 181-196; Scheiner et al. (2014), Int | Numer Meth Bio 30: 1-27

Metallic Materials: Corrosion Models



Modeling through combination of:

- Mass balance for continua with progressing fronts;
- Classical electrochemical (Butler-Volmer-type) kinetics law;
- Fick's law of diffusion
- Numerical solution

Computation of corrosion pit profiles, following from specific electrochemical boundary

conditions

Scheiner and Hellmich (2007), Corr Sci 37:1947-1967; Scheiner and Hellmich (2009), Comp Meth Appl Mech Eng 198: 2898-2910

