Osteoporosis

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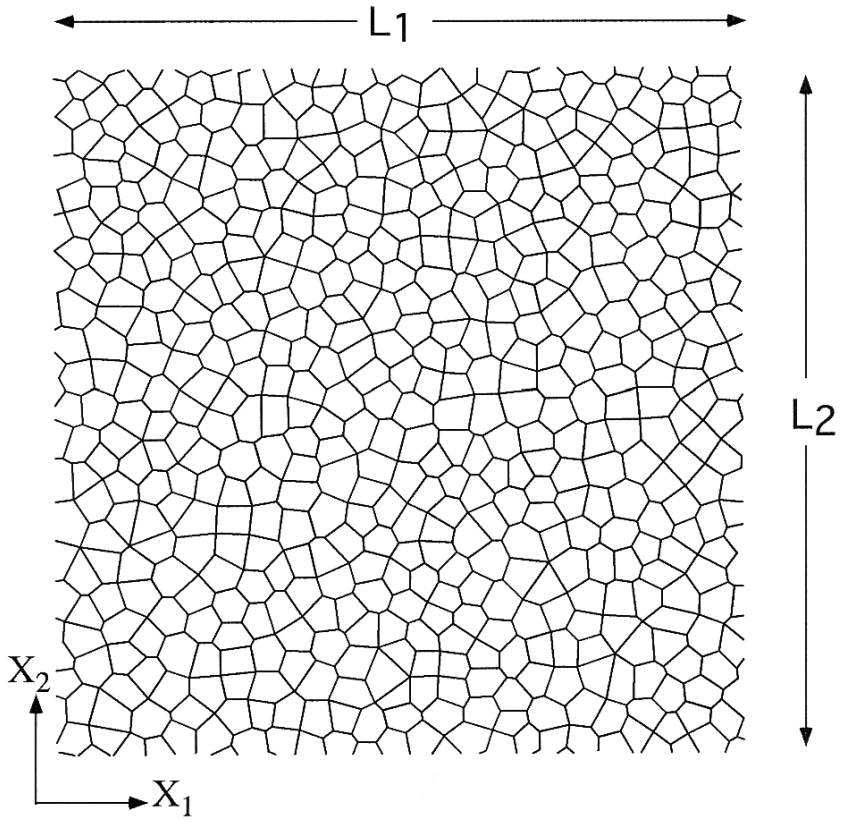
- as trabeculae thin - buckling easier $\sigma^* \propto (\rho/\rho_s)^2$
- once trabeculae begin to resorb, connectivity reduced, strength drops dramatically
- Modelling
  - can't use unit cell or dimensional analysis (need to model local effects)
  - finite element modelling
  - initially - 2D Voronoi honeycomb
    - 2D representation of vertebral bone] Matt Silva
    - 3D Voronoi foam - Shrekha Vajjhala

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 25×25 cells in each)
  - modulus is average of stiffness over entire material

Modelling: 2D Voronoi



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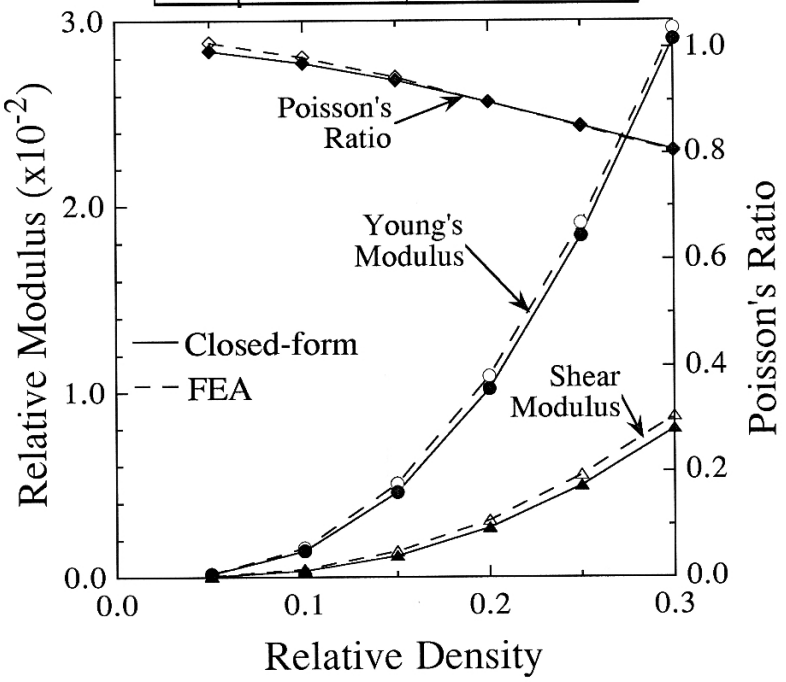
2D Voronoi

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 Voronoi honeycombs
- each cell wall 1-3 beam elements
- model non-linear elasticity + failure behaviour
- 15 x 15 cells in model (random seeds ≈ isotropic)
- cell wall assumed to be elastic-perfectly plastic $\sigma_{ys}/E_s = 0.01$ $\nu = 0.3$
- for this value of σ_{ys}/E_s, transition between elastic buckling + plastic collapse stress at $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.035$ in regular hex. honeycomb

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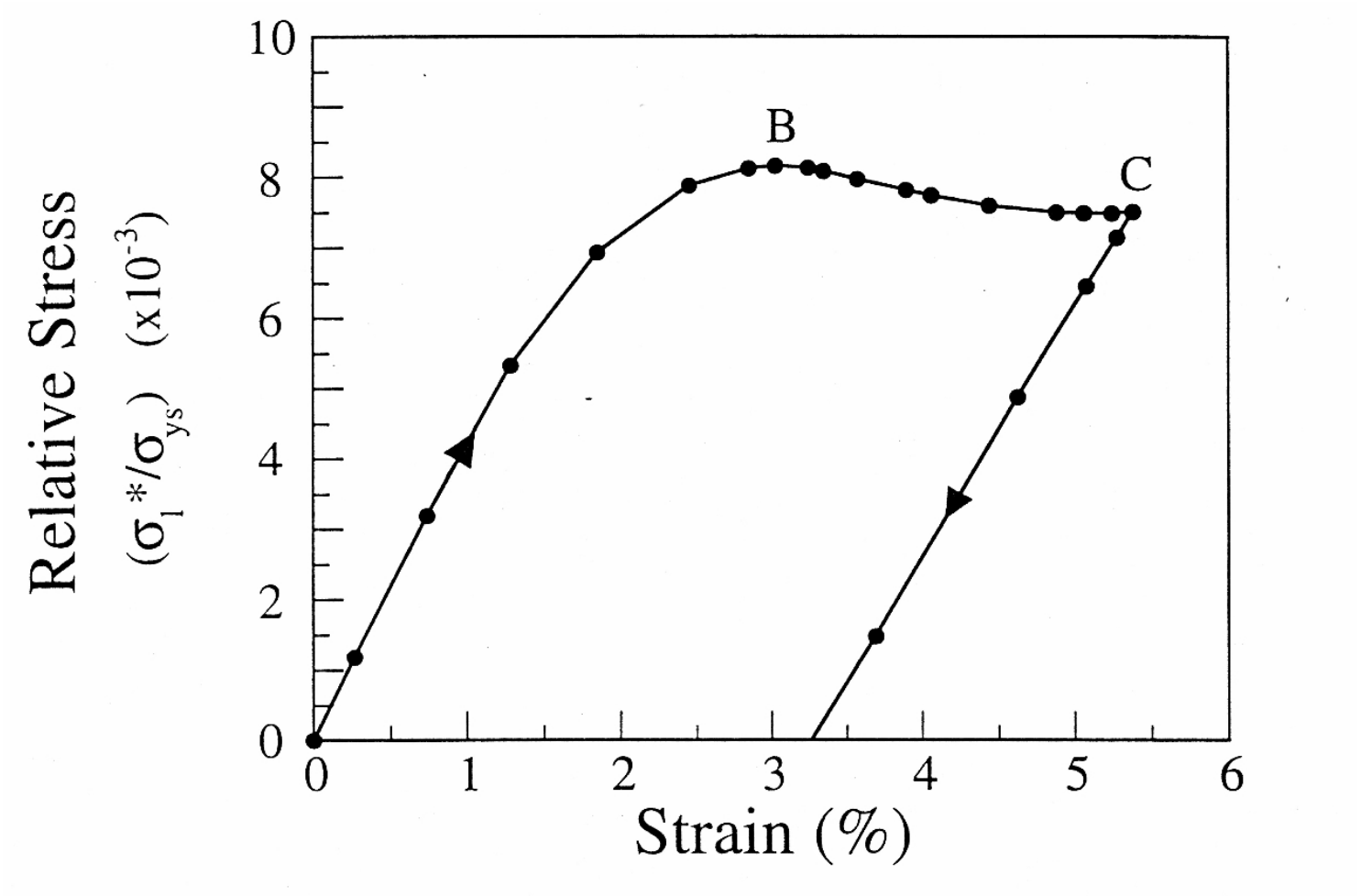
- calculated compressive strength of honeycombs with $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.015, 0.035, 0.05$ & 0.15
- generated 5 different Voronoi honeycombs at each ρ^*/ρ_s
- compressive σ-ϵ behaviour:

  $\rho^*/\rho_s \geq 0.05$ - strain softening, permanent def^n 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 $\sigma^*_{periodic}$

2D Voronoi



Relative density = 15% Plastic failure

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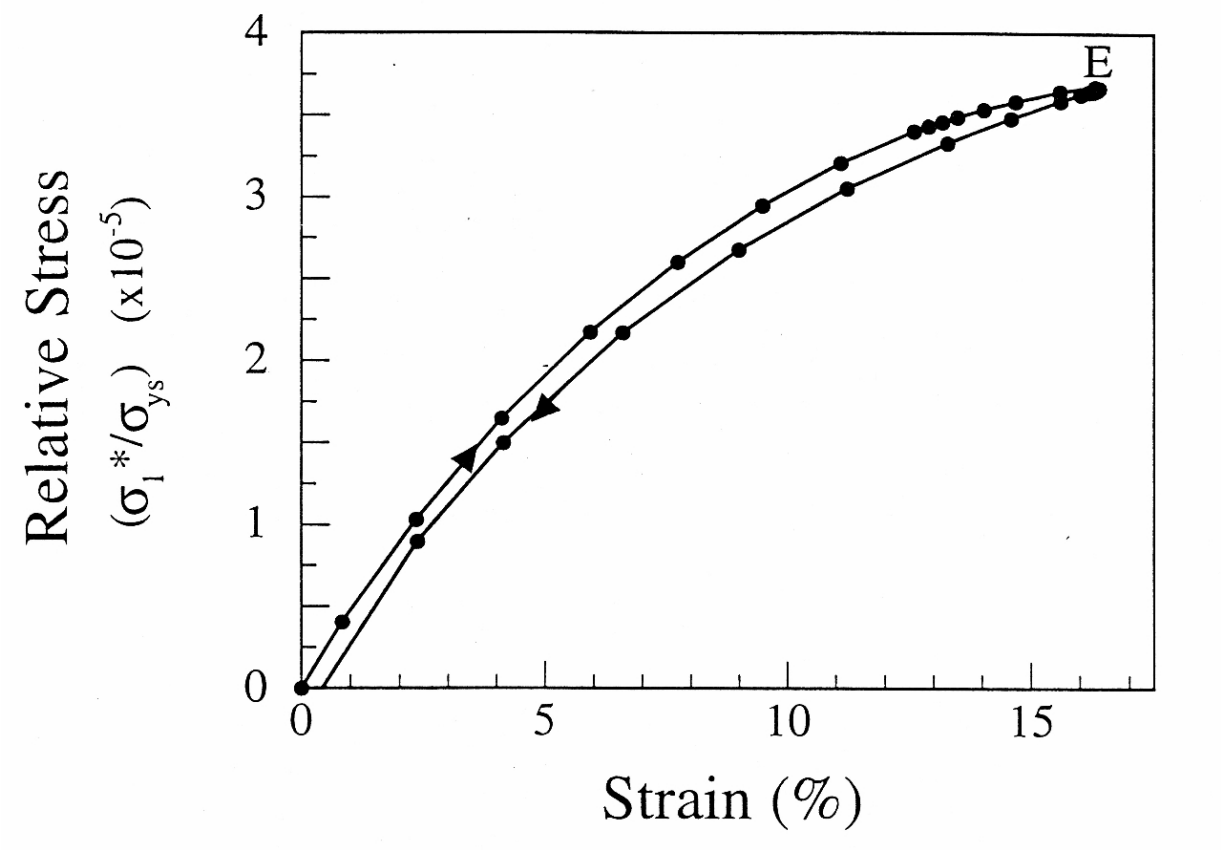

Relative density 1.5%; elastic buckling failure

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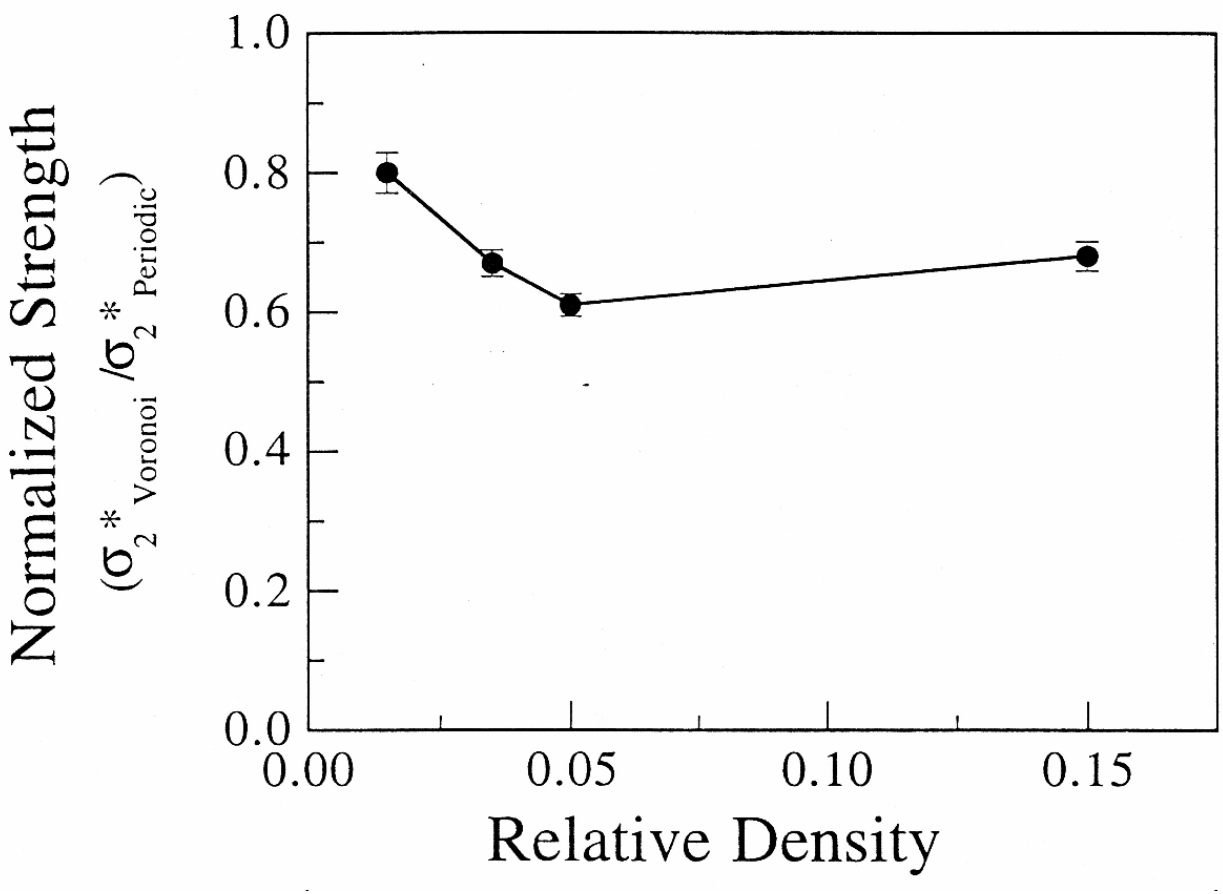

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- max. normal strains at nodes in honeycombs (linear elastic)
  - Voronoi honeycombs - normal distribution
  - regular hexagonal honeycombs - dashed lines on plot
  - normal strain in vertical cell walls in regular hex. honeycomb ≈ mean normal strain in Voronoi
  - oblique walls - bending - larger strains
  - Voronoi honeycomb 5% of strains outside of range of strain in regular hex. honeycomb

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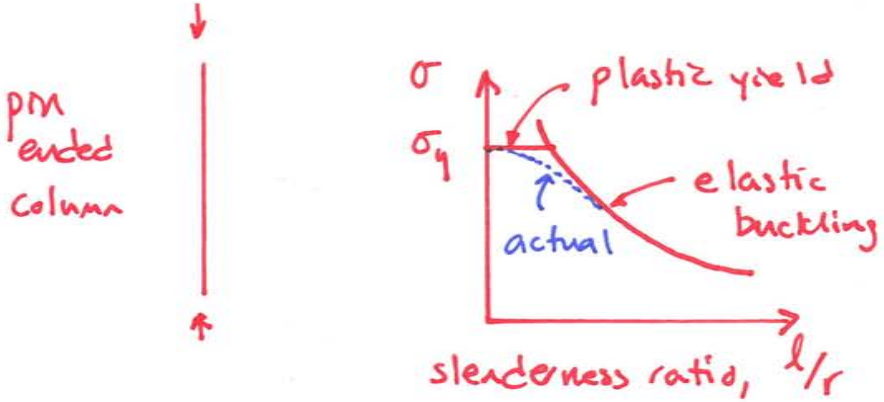
- decrease in strength associated with broader range of strains in Voronoi honeycombs
- minimum strength @ $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.05$
  - interaction between elastic buckling + plastic yield



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

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Voronoi honeycombs - defects

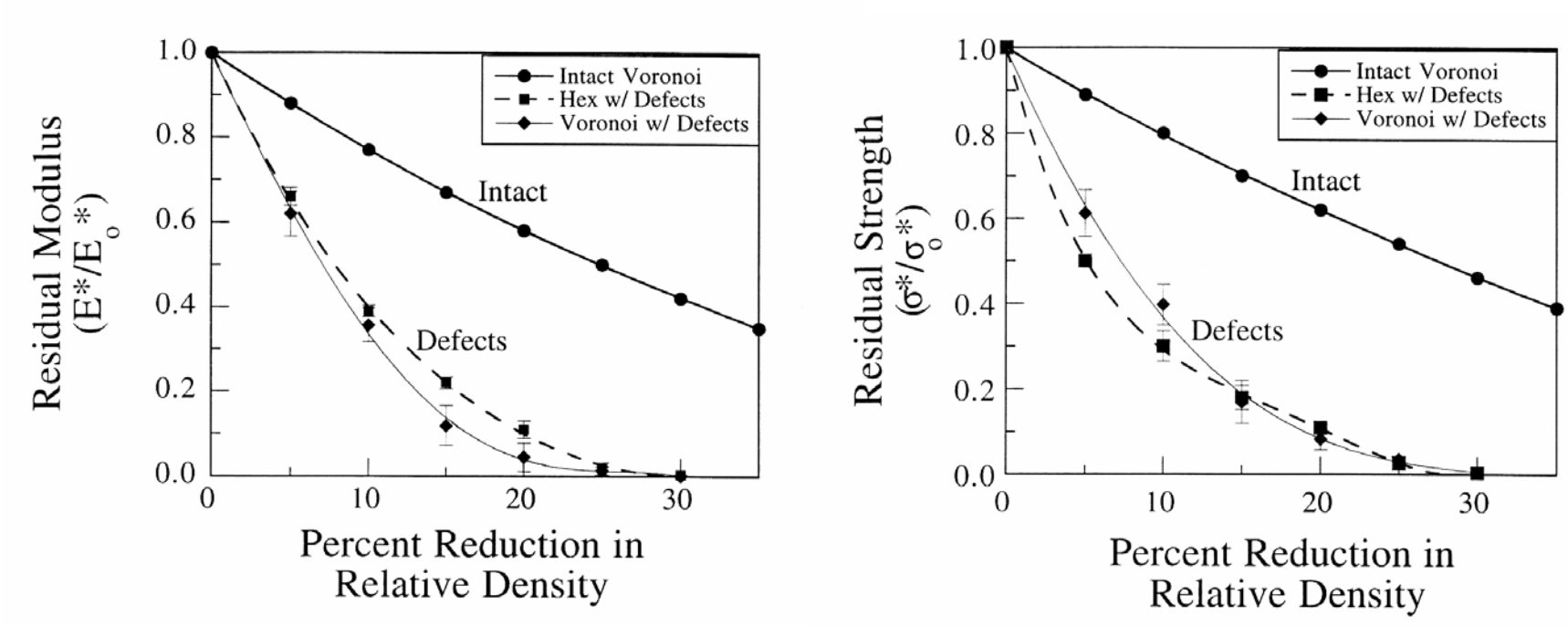
- randomly removed cell walls in both Voronoi + reg. hex. honeycombs
- analyzed both by FEA
- dramatic decrease in modulus + strength, compared with equivalent reduction in density by thinning of cell walls
- $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.15$ failure by yielding
- $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.015$ " " elastic buckling

- Modulus + strength reduction similar for Voronoi + reg. hex. honeycombs
- percolation threshold for 2D network hexagonal cells ⇒ 35% struts removed

Vertebral trabecular bone - 2D model

- model adapted to reflect trabeculae more aligned in vertical + horizontal directions
- perturbed a square array of struts to get similar orientation of struts as in bone
- looked at reduction in number + thickness of longitudinal + transverse struts (independently)

2D Voronoi



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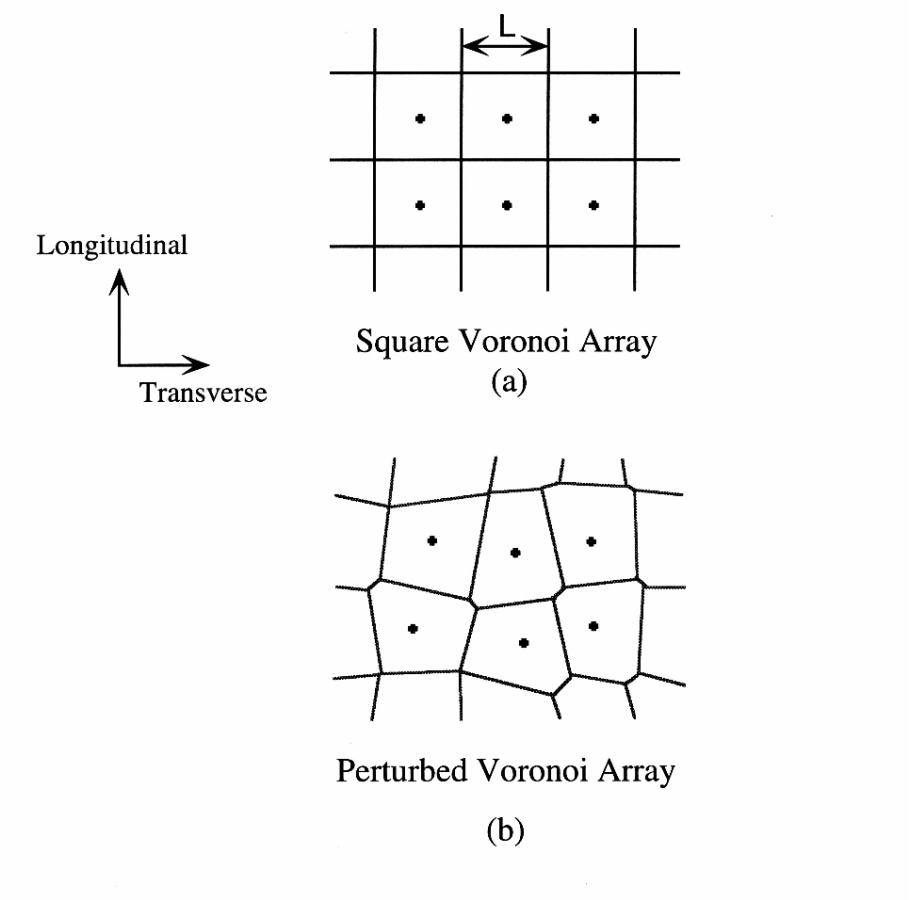

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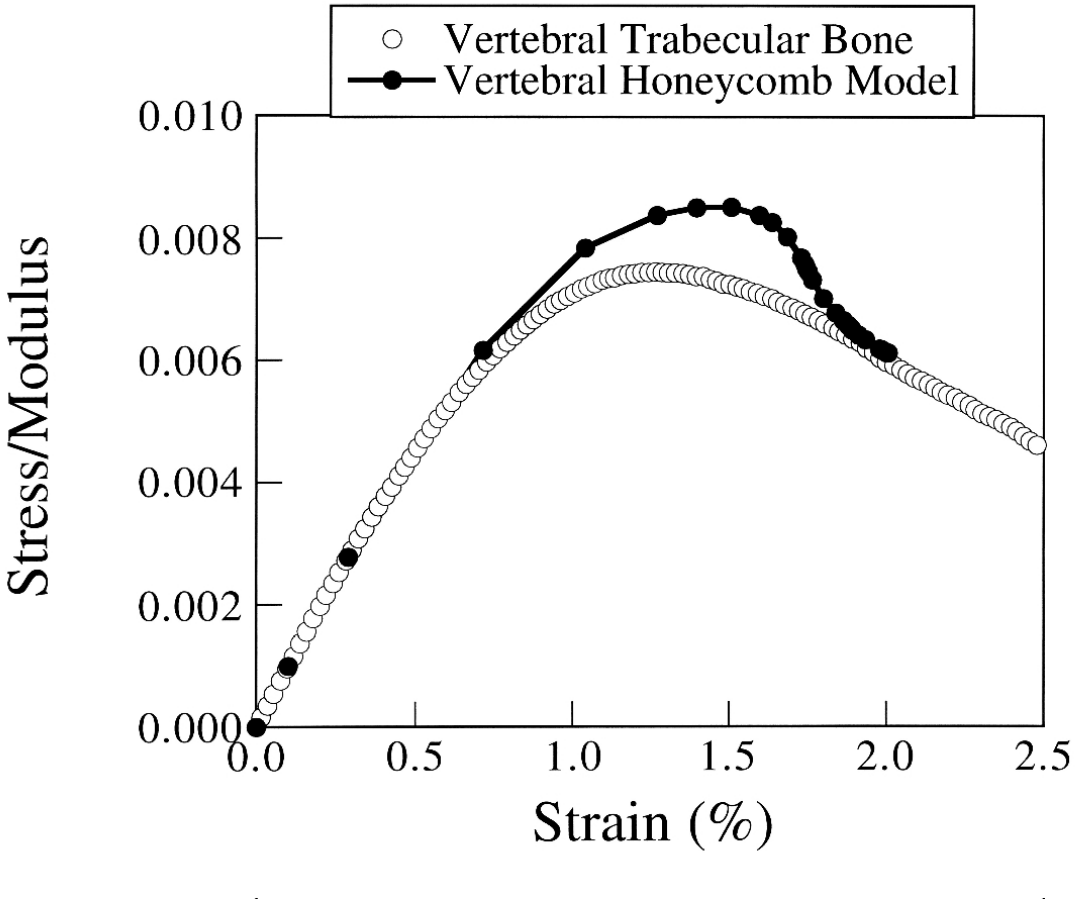

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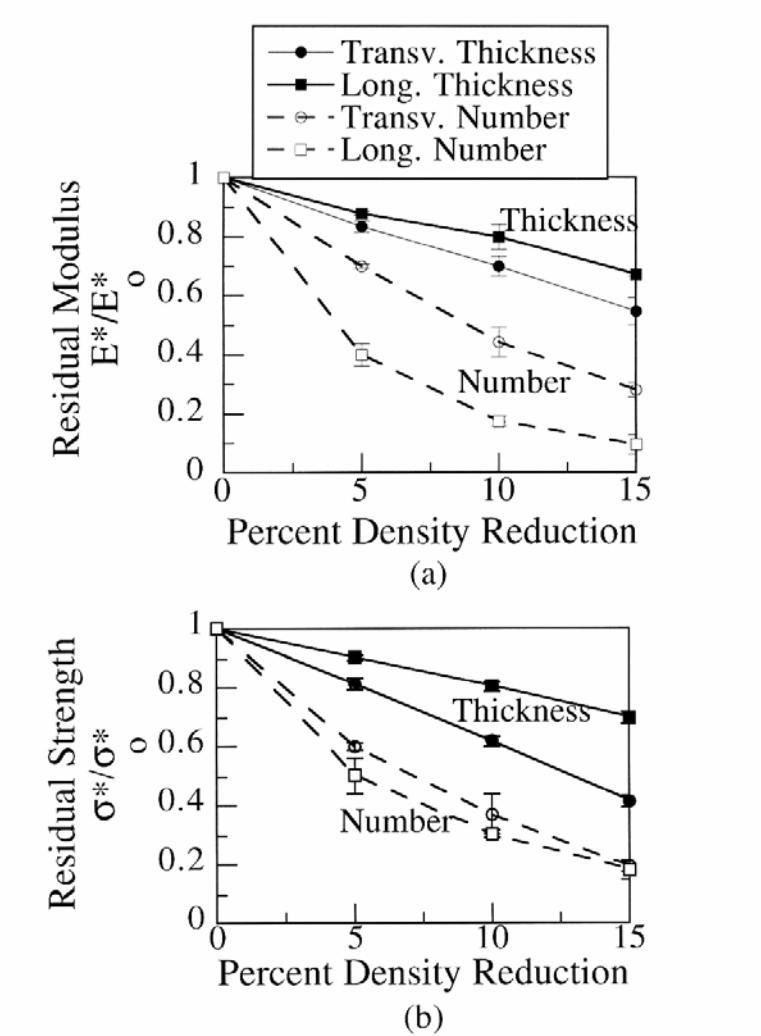

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3D Voronoi model

- same analysis, now with 3D Voronoi model
- periodic $3 \times 3 \times 3$ cells, $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.1$
- used beam elements, FEA, linear elastic only
- percolation threshold ~ 50% struts removed
- Comparison of 2D + 3D results for modulus: in 3D, modulus reduction more gradual than in 2D
- also for 2D + 3D - modulus reduction similar for regular + Voronoi structures

3D Voronoi Model

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Metal foams as bone substitute materials

- metals used in orthopaedic implants (eg. hip, knee)
- Co-Cr, Ti, Ta, stainless steel alloys
- biocompatible, corrosion resistant
- but moduli of metals > moduli of bone

  e.g. E_{Ti} = 110 GPa $E_{cortical}$ = 18 GPa $E_{trab.bone}$ = 0.01 – 2 GPa

- stress shielding can lead to bone resorption.

- to improve mechanical interaction between implant + 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, replication of PU foam by slurry infiltration and sintering

Ti, fugitive phase

Ti, foaming agent

Ti, expansion of Ar gas

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Ti, freeze-casting (freeze-drying)

Ti, selective laser sintering

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

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Processing

(a) replicate open cell polyurethane foam

- pyrolize PU foam → 2% dense vitreous carbon
- coat with Ta by CVD ⇒ struts 99% Ta, 1% C
- cell size 400-600 μm; coating thickness 40-60 μm $\rho^*/\rho_s = 0.15 - 0.25$
- "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 + cool, then submerge in simulated body fluid (ion conc. matches human blood plasma) ⇒ get apatite coating on foam struts, which bonds to bone

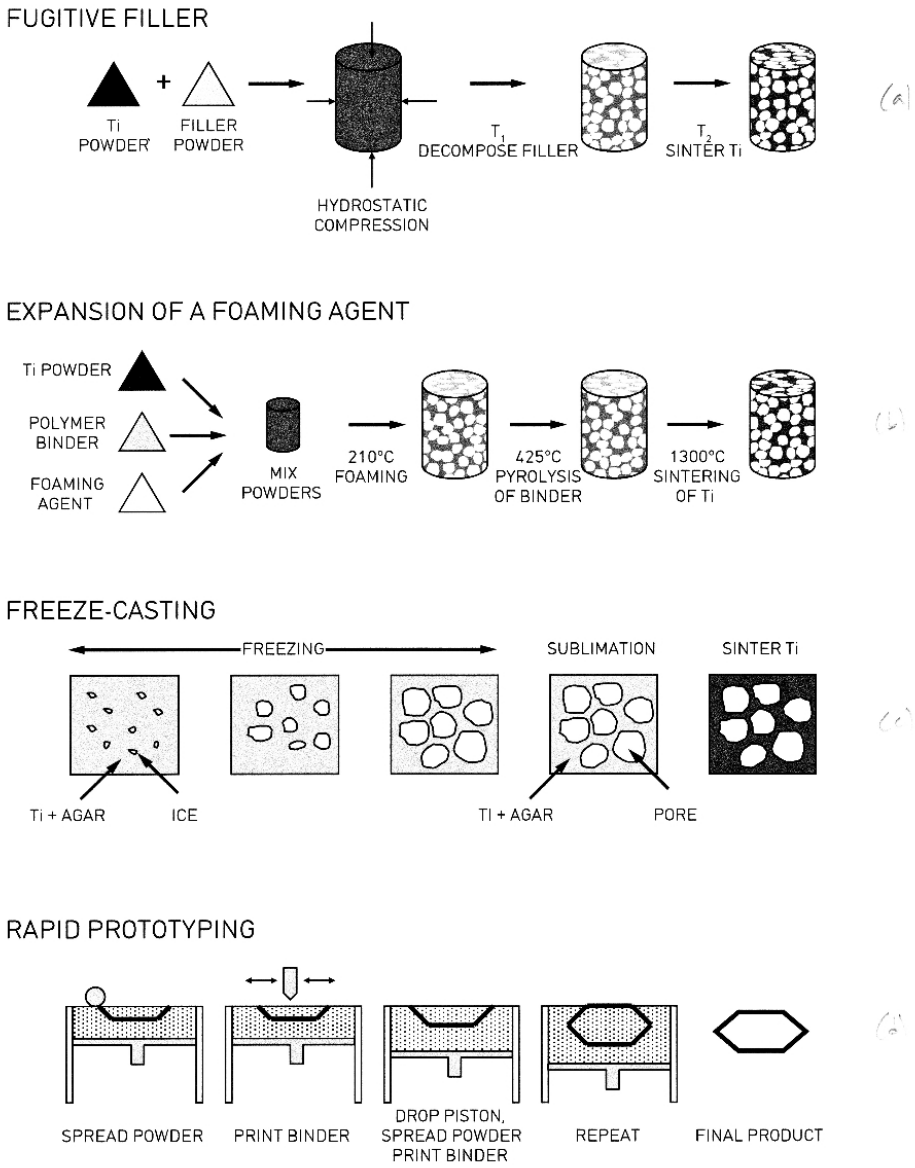
(b) infiltrate slurry of titanium hydride into open cell foam

- heat treat to decompose TiH_2
- sinter remaining Ti (also removes initial foam)

(c) fugitive phase methods

- mix TiH_2 powder + fugitive phase powder
- heat to T_1 (~200°C) to decompose filler, then to T_2 (1200°C) to sinter Ti powder

Metal Foams: Processing



Foaming agent evolves gas at temperature at which polymer is liquid

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Processes

(d) expansion of foaming agent

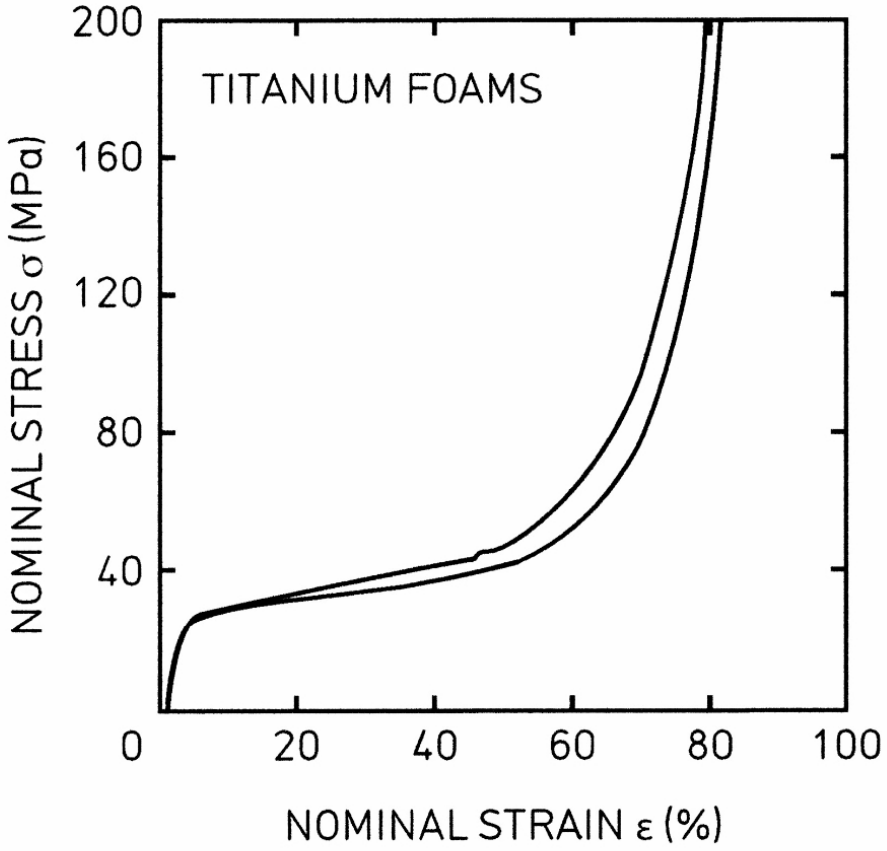
(e) freeze casting (freeze drying)

(f) rapid prototyping (3D Printing, selective laser sintering)

σ-ϵ curves - similar to other foams

data for E^*, σ_c^*

Ti Foam: Stress-strain



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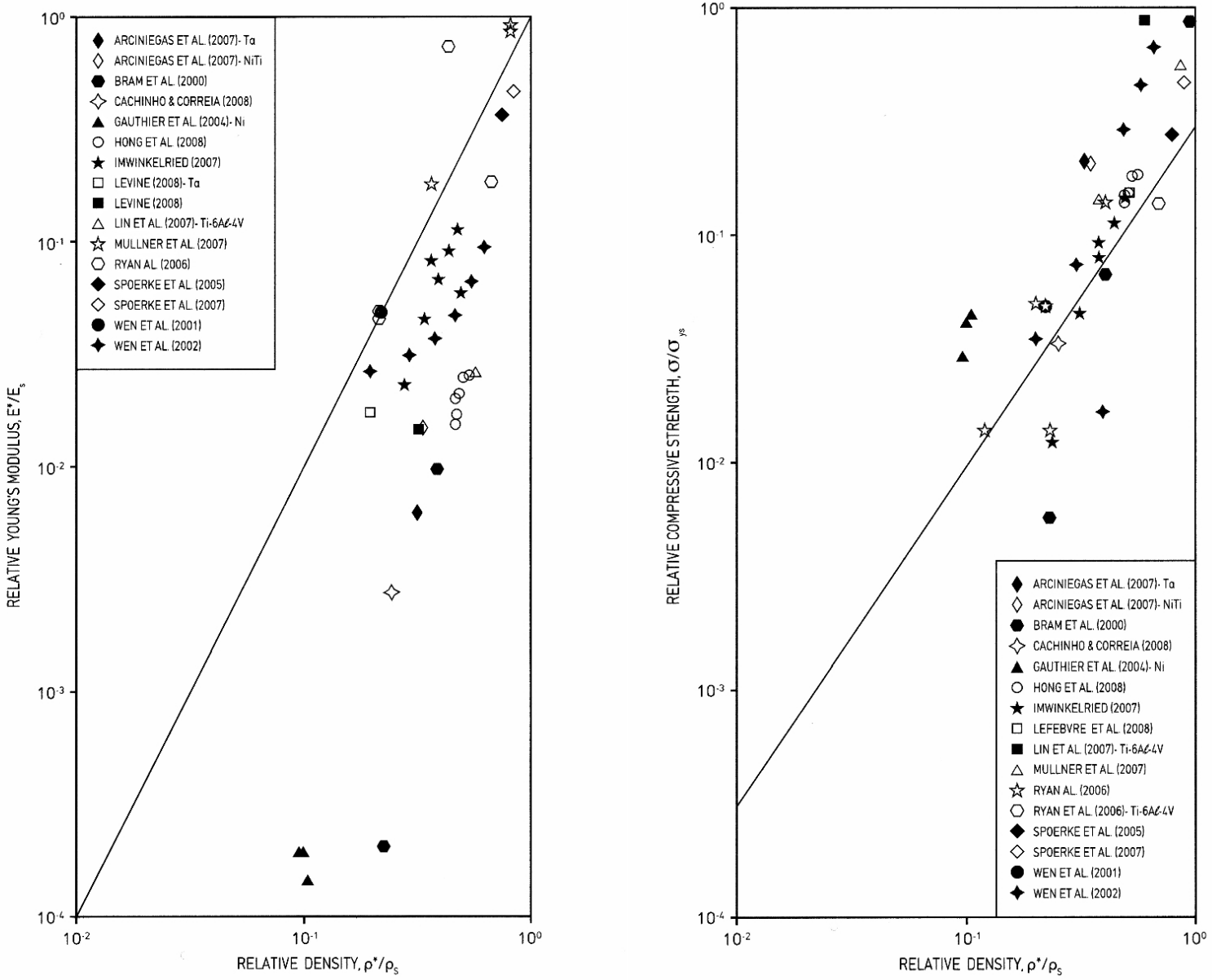

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Bone in Evolutionary Studies

Bone structure in evolutionary studies

- phylogenetic chart - big picture - structural biomaterials (mineralized)
- sponges - first multicelled animal
  - calcarea: $CaCO_3$ spicules (needles)
  - hexactinellida: SiO_2 - "glass sponges"
  - demospongiae: most sponges - some have SiO_2 spicules
    - spongin (type of collagen)

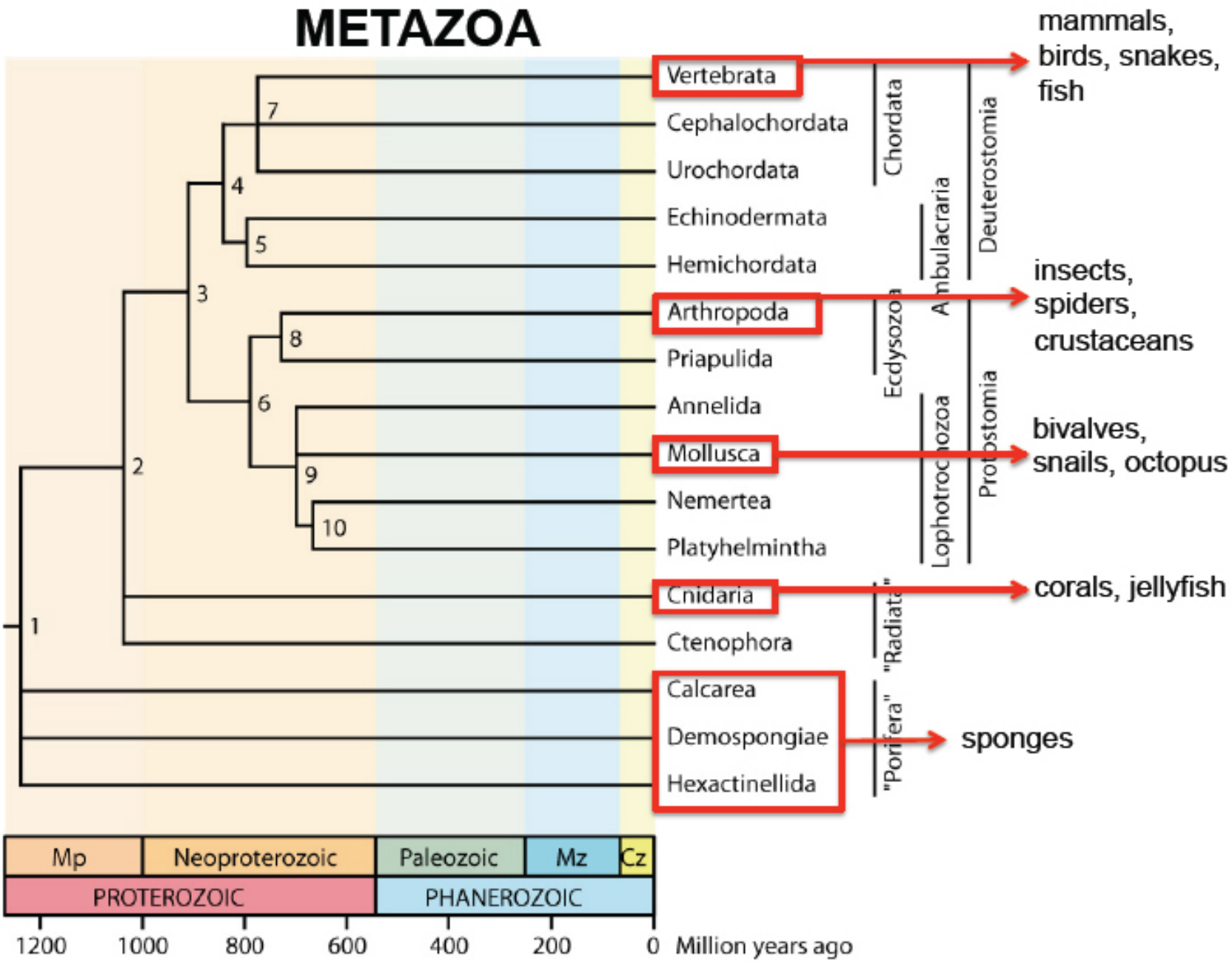
- cnidarians - eg. corals, jellyfish
  - corals $CaCO_3$
- Mollusca - bivalves, snails, octopus
  - if mineralized $CaCO_3$
- arthropods eg. hexapoda (insects), arachnide (spiders), crustaceans (shrimp, lobster)
  - exoskeleton of insects + spiders: chitin
  - crustaceans: chitin may be mineralized with $CaCO_3$

Vertebrates

- cyclostomata - jawless fish - lampreys hagfish
  - no vertebra - notochord
  - no bone
- chondrichthyes - sharks, rays, skates
  - cartilaginous skeleton - some mineralization, but not true bone
- actinopterygii - ray finned fish
  - true bone
  - 450 million years ago (MYA)

Bone structure + loading

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



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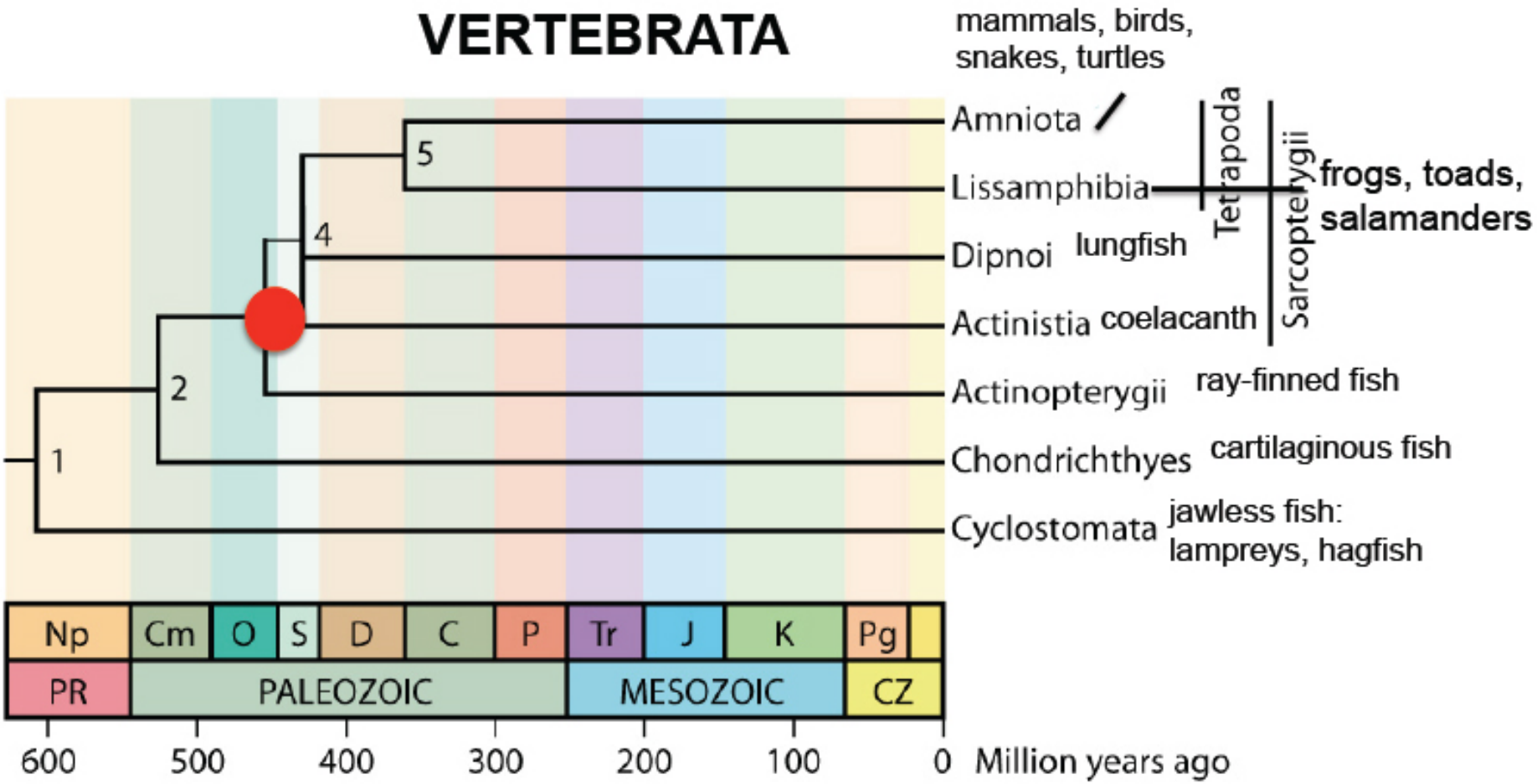
Hedges and Kumar, 2009

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



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Common ancestor of all boned vertebrates roughly 450 MYA

(Hagfish video)

Trabecular bone studies in human evolution

Oreopithecus bambolii (Rook et al, 1999)

- 7-9 MYA late Miocene hominid, found in Italy
- quadruped or biped?
- compared trabecular architecture in ilium in apes, O. bambolii, humans
- only had 2 fragments of ilium - left + right
- took radiographs of both + digitally reconstructed a single ilium

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Comparisons

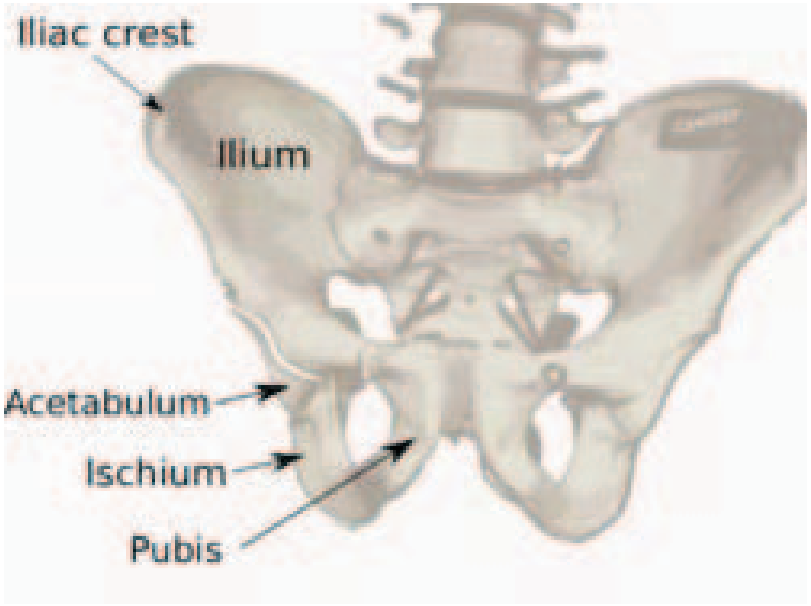
(a) posterosuperior margin - marginal handles thicker than apes

(b) anterosuperior 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)



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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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