Tendon Growth and Healing: The Roles of Reaction, Transport and Mechanics

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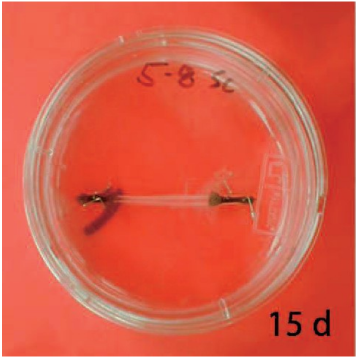

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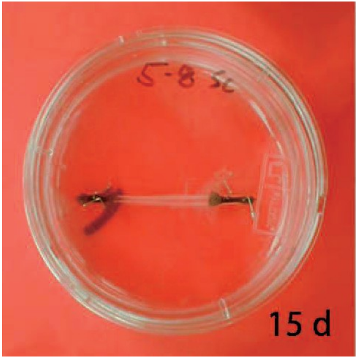

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Cylinder: $\sim$ 12 mm long, 1 mm^2 in cross section

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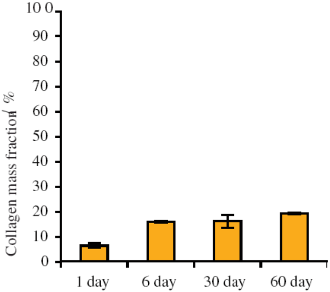

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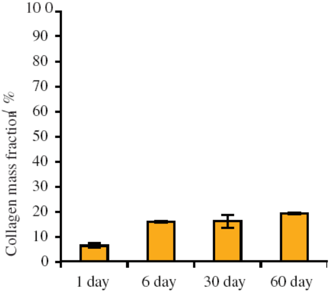

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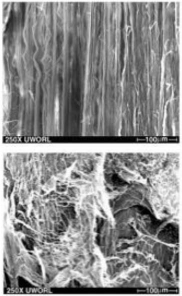

Damaged Ligament [Provenzano et al., 2003]

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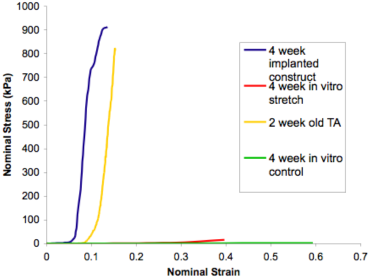

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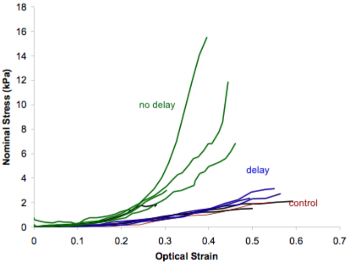

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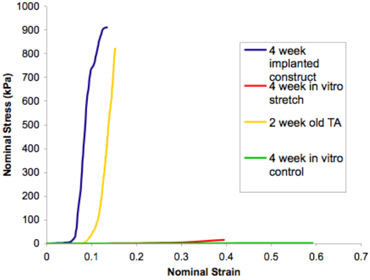

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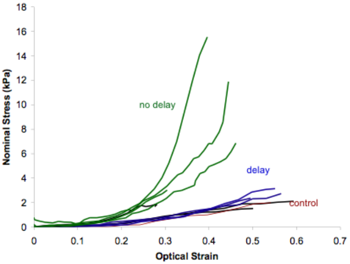

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Increase in collagen content and microstructural distribution

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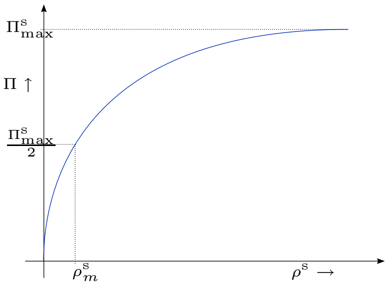

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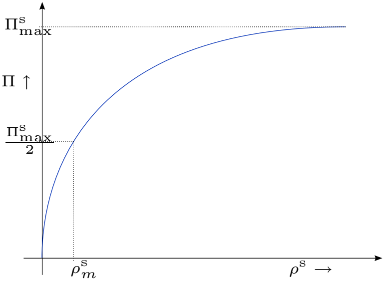

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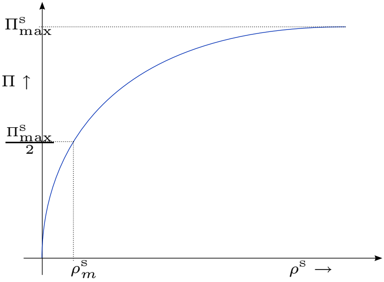

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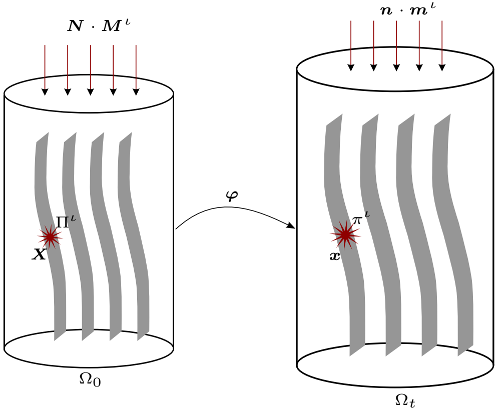

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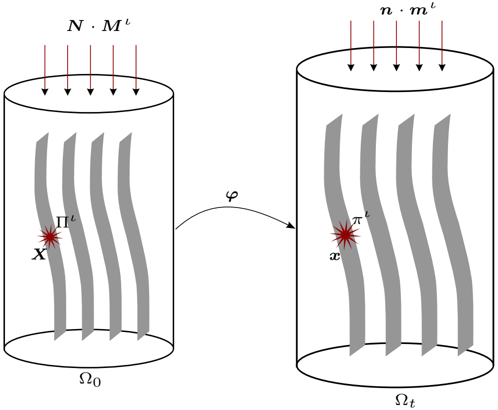

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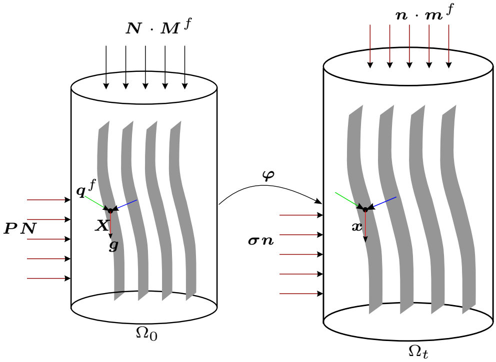

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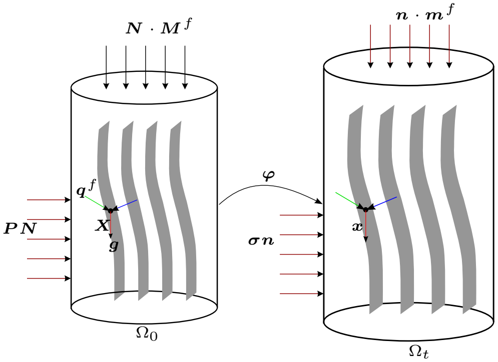

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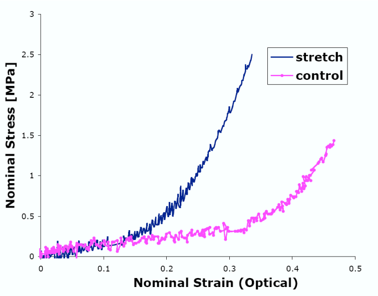

Stress-strain response curves of self organized tendon [Arruda et al.]

- Hyper-elastic material compatible with dissipation inequality

Worm-like chain model based internal energy density

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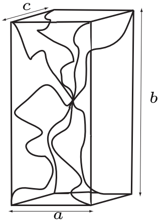

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{Nk\theta}{4A}\left(\frac{r^2}{2L}+\frac{L}{4(1-r/L)}-\frac{r}{4}\right)\\
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&+ \frac{\gamma}{\beta}(J^{\mathrm{e}^{\iota}-2\beta}-1)+2\gamma\mathbf{1}:\boldsymbol{E}^{\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{c}}}
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- Embed in multi chain model [Bischoff et al., 2002]
  $r=\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^2\lambda_1^{\mathrm{e}^2}+b^2\lambda_2^{\mathrm{e}^2}+c^2\lambda_3^{\mathrm{e}^2}}$
- λ_I^{e} – elastic stretches along a, b, c
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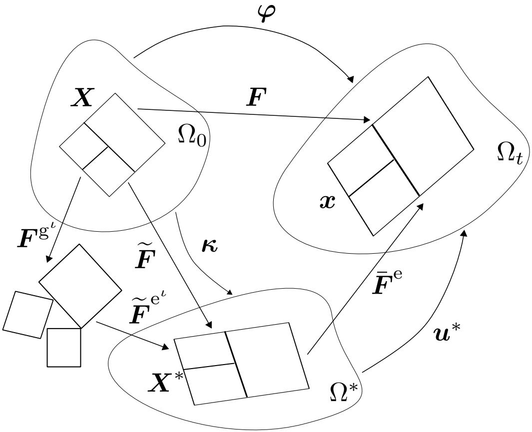

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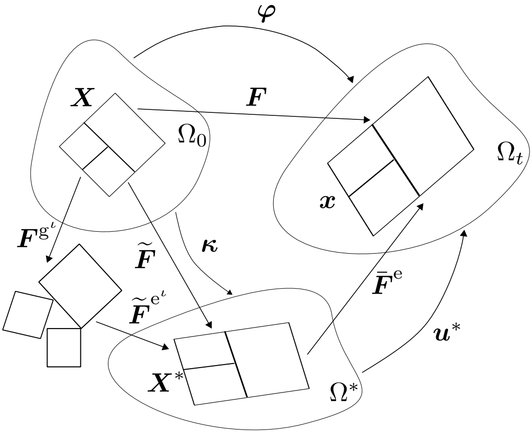

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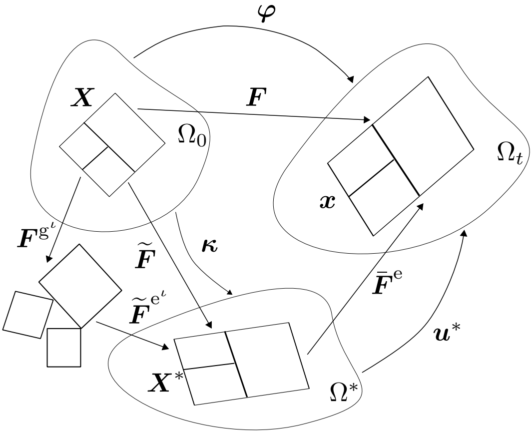

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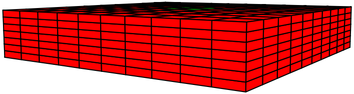

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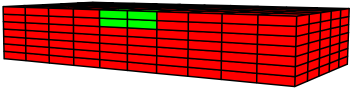

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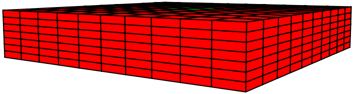

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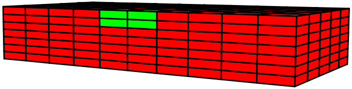

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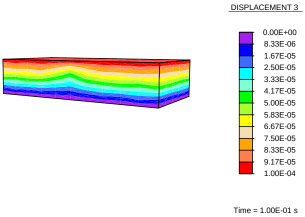

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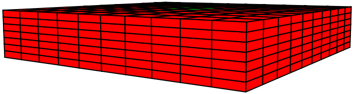

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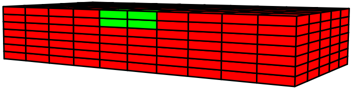

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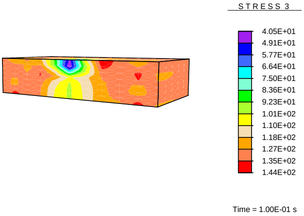

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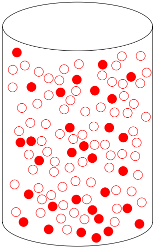
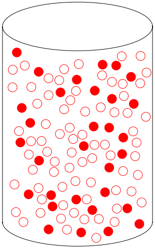


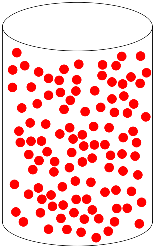
Configuration 1



Configuration 2

- Change in configurational entropy with distribution of solute particles . . . **if** solvent is not saturated with solute

Saturation and Fickian diffusion



only possible configuration

- Saturated ⇒ single configuration ⇒ no Fickian diffusion
- Still have concentration-gradient driven transport due to stress gradient contribution to flux