

# Growth and remodelling of soft biological tissues

## Competing remodelling mechanisms in saccular aneurysms

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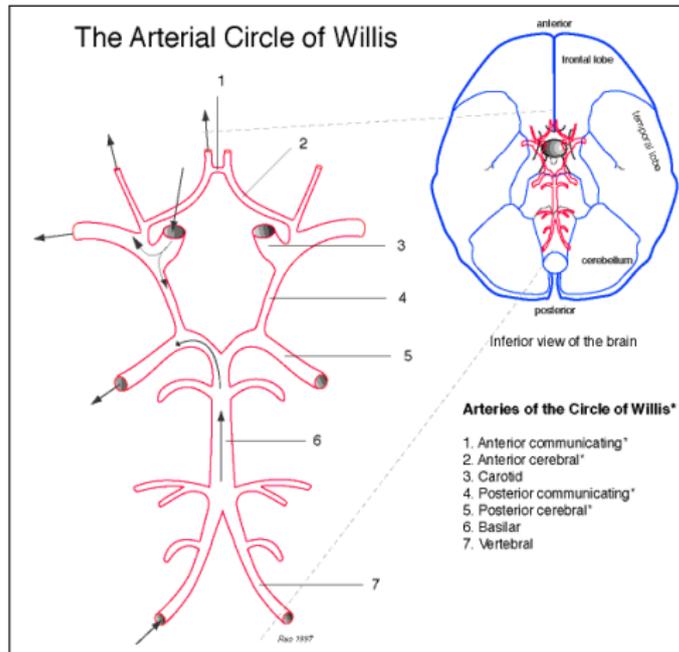
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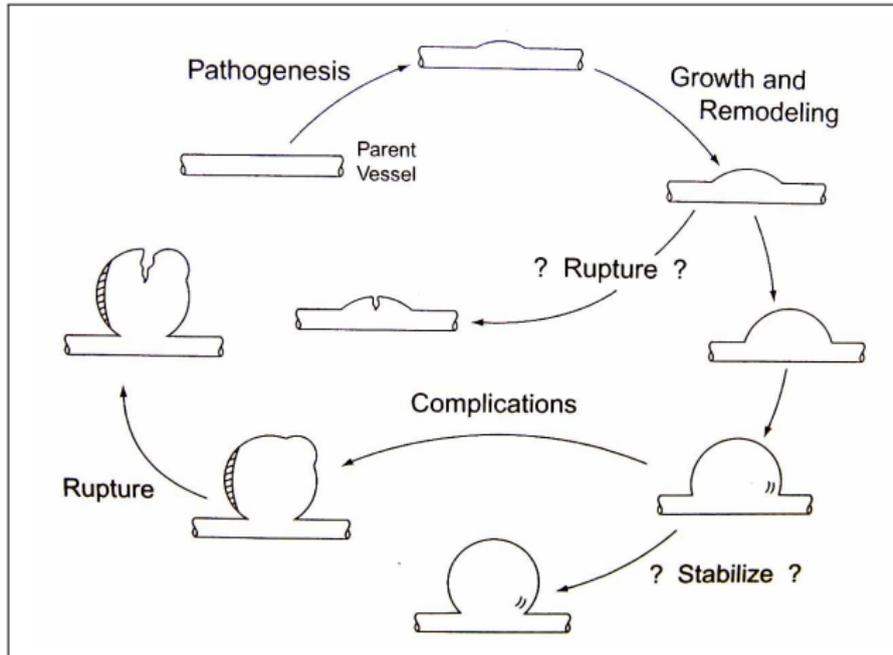
## Part I

# Aneurysms

### 1 Histology of saccular aneurysms

Intracranial saccular aneurysms are dilatations of the arterial wall.





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

	Time scale of development				Clinical presentation			
	Days–Months	Years	Decades	Multiple	Single	With SAH	Total	
				(148 aneurysms)	(232 aneurysms)	(30 aneurysms)	(380 aneurysms)	
				Mean follow up (months)				
				13.3	11.8	14.2	13.8	
Type 1								
Type 2				3 (2.0%)	1 (0.4%)		4 (1.0%)	
Type 3				9 (6.1%)	9 (3.9%)	4 (13.3%)	18 (4.7%)	
Type 4				136 (91.9%)	222 (95.7%)	26 (86.7%)	358 (94.2%)	

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

## Part II

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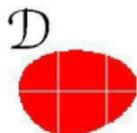
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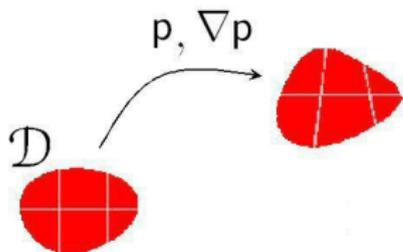
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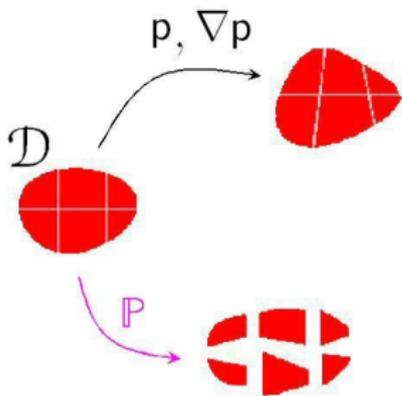
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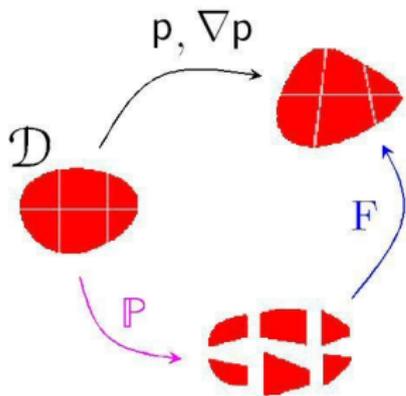
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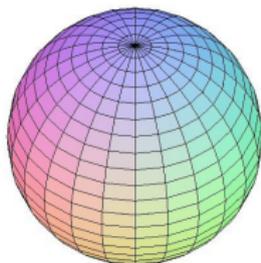
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spherical coordinates

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

spherically symmetric vector fields

$$\mathbf{v}(x) = v(\xi) \mathbf{e}_r(\vartheta, \varphi)$$

spherically symmetric tensor fields

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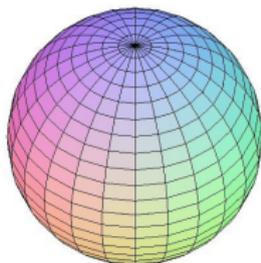
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*gradient of the gross placement*

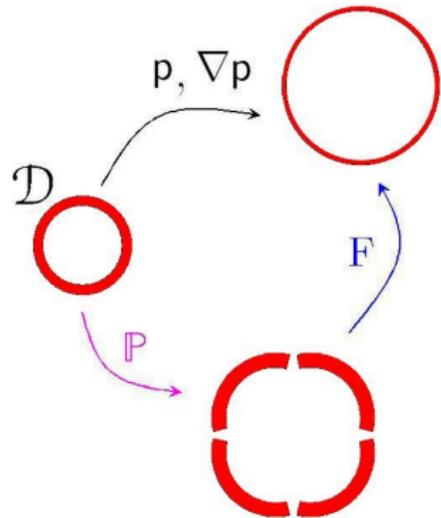
$$\nabla \mathbf{p} = \rho' P_r + \frac{\rho}{\xi} P_h$$

*prototype*

$$\mathbb{P} = \alpha_r P_r + \alpha_h P_h$$

*warp*

$$\mathbf{F} := (\nabla \mathbf{p}) \mathbb{P}^{-1} = \lambda_r P_r + \lambda_h P_h$$



## Refined motion

*Refined motion:*  $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbb{P})$

*Refined velocity:*  $(\dot{\mathbf{p}}, \dot{\mathbb{P}} \mathbb{P}^{-1})$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \dot{\rho} \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$\dot{\mathbb{P}} \mathbb{P}^{-1} = \frac{\dot{\alpha}_r}{\alpha_r} \mathbb{P}_r + \frac{\dot{\alpha}_h}{\alpha_h} \mathbb{P}_h$$

*Test velocity:*  $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbb{V})$

$$\mathbf{v} = v \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$\mathbb{V} = V_r \mathbb{P}_r + V_h \mathbb{P}_h$$

*(gross velocity and growth velocity)*

# Working

The basic balance structure of a mechanical theory is encoded in the way in which forces expend *working* on a general test velocity.

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} \left( \mathbb{A}^i \cdot \mathbb{V} - \mathbb{S} \cdot \nabla \mathbb{V} \right) + \int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathbb{A}^0 \cdot \mathbb{V} + \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \mathbf{t}_{\partial \mathcal{D}} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

## Balance laws

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2(S_r(\xi) - S_h(\xi)) + \xi S_r'(\xi) &= 0 \\ A_r^i(\xi) - A_r^o(\xi) &= 0 \\ A_h^i(\xi) - A_h^o(\xi) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (\xi_- < \xi < \xi_+)$$

$$\mp S_r(\xi_{\mp}) = t_{\mp}$$

# Energetics

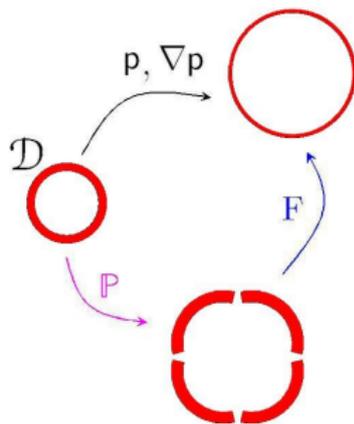
$$\Psi(\mathcal{P}) = \int_{\mathcal{P}} \mathbf{J} \psi, \quad \mathbf{J} := \det(\mathbb{P}) = \alpha_r \alpha_h^2 > 0$$

$\psi$  free energy per unit *prototypal* volume

$\mathbf{J} \psi$  free energy per unit *paragon* volume

(H1): the value of the free energy  $\psi(x)$  depends solely on the value of the warp  $\mathbf{F}(x)$

$$\psi(x) = \phi(\lambda_r(\xi), \lambda_h(\xi); \xi)$$



# Characterising the passive mechanical response

(H2): incompressible elasticity

$$\det \mathbf{F} = \lambda_r \lambda_h^2 = 1 \quad \iff \quad \lambda_r = 1/\lambda_h^2.$$

$$\tilde{\phi} : \lambda \mapsto \phi(1/\lambda^2, \lambda)$$

Fung strain energy density

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

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

# Dissipation principle

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \nabla \dot{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbb{A}^i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{P}^{-1} - (\mathbf{J} \tilde{\phi}) \cdot \geq 0$$

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*consistency*

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*But...*

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

*How to explain that?*  
*How to deal with that?*

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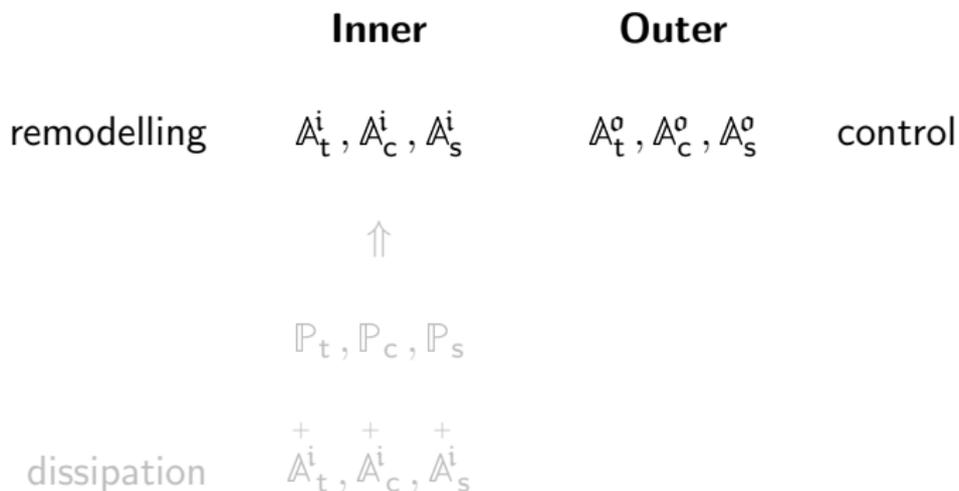
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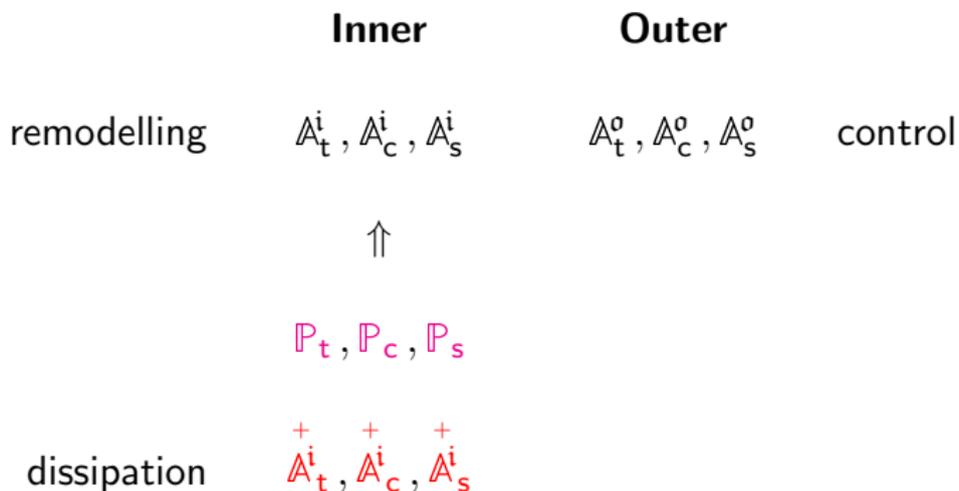
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# Characterising the dissipation

(H4): We assume that dissipation is only due to remodelling

$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{S}} = 0$$

$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{A}}_t^i = -J D_r^t \dot{\alpha}_r^t / \alpha_r^t P_r$$

$$\overset{+}{\mathbf{A}}_c^i = -J(D_r^c \dot{\alpha}_r^c / \alpha_r^c P_r + D_h^c \dot{\alpha}_h^c / \alpha_h^c P_h)$$

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# Evolution equations

*remodelling laws*

$$D^t \dot{\alpha}_r^t / \alpha_r^t = (T_r - \tilde{\phi}) + Q^t$$

$$D^c \dot{\alpha}_h^c / \alpha_h^c = (T_h - T_r) + Q^c$$

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$$D^t := D_r^t$$

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$$T_r = J^{-1} S_r \alpha_r \lambda_r$$

$$T_h = J^{-1} S_h \alpha_h \lambda_h$$

# Characterising controls

(H5<sub>s</sub>): slipping

$Q^s$

(H5<sub>c</sub>): recovery

$Q^c$

(H5<sub>t</sub>): tissue apposition

$Q^t$

$T_h^\diamond, T_r^\diamond$ : “target” values.

# Slipping

*null control on slipping mechanism*

$$D^s \dot{\alpha}_h^s / \alpha_h^s = (T_h - T_r) + Q^s$$

① passive slipping:

$$Q^s(t) = 0,$$

$$\dot{\alpha}_h^s / \alpha_h^s = 1/D^s (T_h - T_r).$$

# Recovery

*recovery tuned with respect to slipping*

$$D^c \dot{\alpha}_h^c / \alpha_h^c = (T_h - T_r) + Q^c$$

- ① sluggish recovery control—*stationary control* ( $g = 0$ ):

$$Q^c(t) = Q^\diamond,$$

$$\dot{\alpha}_h^c / \alpha_h^c = 1/D^c (T_h - T_r) + Q^c/D^c;$$

- ② prompt recovery control—*recovery immediately compensates slipping* ( $g = 1$ ):

$$Q^c(t) = - \left( 1 + \frac{D^c}{D^s} \right) (T_h - T_r),$$

$$\dot{\alpha}_h^c / \alpha_h^c = -1/D^s (T_h - T_r).$$

# Tissue apposition

*radial apposition driven by hoop stress*

$$D^t \dot{\alpha}_r^t / \alpha_r^t = (T_r - \tilde{\phi}) + Q^t$$

- ① sluggish apposition control

$$Q^t(t) = 0,$$

$$\dot{\alpha}_r^t / \alpha_r^t = 1/D^t (T_r - \tilde{\phi});$$

- ② apposition control parameterised by  $G^t$ :

$$Q^t(t) = G^t (T_h - T_h^\diamond) - (T_r - \tilde{\phi}),$$

$$\dot{\alpha}_r^t / \alpha_r^t = G^t / D^t (T_h - T_h^\diamond).$$

# Characterising controls

(H5<sub>s</sub>): null control on slipping mechanism

$$Q^s = 0$$

(H5<sub>c</sub>): recovery tuned with respect to slipping

$$Q^c = - \left( 1 + \frac{D^c}{D^s} \right) (g(T_h - T_r) + (1 - g)(T_h^\diamond - T_r^\diamond))$$

(H5<sub>t</sub>): radial apposition driven by hoop stress

$$Q^t = G^t(T_h - T_h^\diamond) - (T_r - \tilde{\phi})$$

$T_h^\diamond, T_r^\diamond$ : “target” values.

## Evolution equations

$$2(S_r(\xi) - S_h(\xi)) + \xi S'_r(\xi) = 0$$

$$\mp S_r(\xi_{\mp}) = t_{\mp}$$

$$\dot{\alpha}_h / \alpha_h = \gamma_h (\Delta T_h - \Delta T_r)$$

$$\dot{\alpha}_r / \alpha_r = -2\dot{\alpha}_h / \alpha_h + \gamma_r \Delta T_h$$

$$\Delta T_h := T_h - T_h^\diamond$$

$$\Delta T_r := T_r - T_r^\diamond$$

$$\gamma_h := (1/D^c + 1/D^s)(1 - g)$$

$$\gamma_r := G^t/D^t$$

## Part III

# Numerical simulations

- 3 Numerical simulations
  - Natural histories
  - Passive slipping, recovery, null tissue apposition
  - Passive slipping, slow recovery, tissue apposition

## Simulated natural histories

- Let us assume that an aneurysm, subjected to a constant intramural pressure  $p^\diamond$ , has reached a spherical shape in a homeostatic state with hoop and radial stress:

$$T_h^\diamond, \quad T_r^\diamond.$$

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

$$Q^\diamond := - \left( 1 + \frac{D^c}{D^s} \right) (T_h^\diamond - T_r^\diamond).$$

- Thus, the intramural pressure experiences a short-time bump:

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

# Simulated natural histories

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

# History #1: slow recovery, null apposition

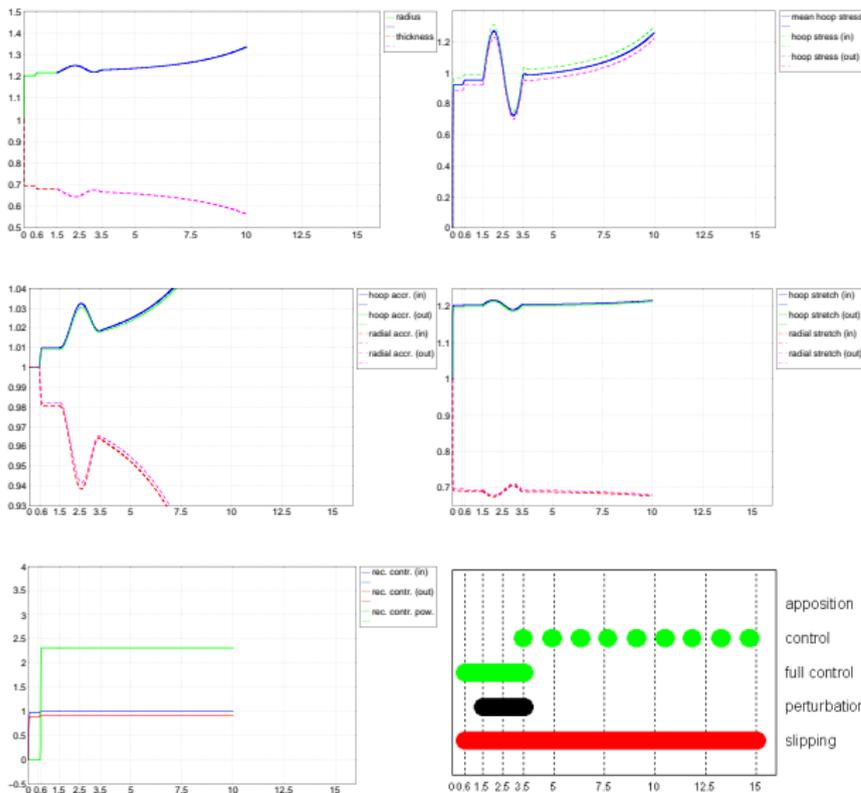
- 1  $Q^c$  is held fixed to the previous value for the rest of the time:

$$Q^c(t) = Q^\diamond,$$

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

- 2 negligible tissue apposition:

$$Q^t = -(\mathbb{T}_r - \tilde{\phi}).$$



## SLOW RECOVERY

[case-42-001]

$D^C/D^S$	1000
$D^C$	0.01
$D^S$	1e-005
char time	10
$\delta Q^C$ ampl	0
$\delta Q^C$ period	0
$\delta p$ ampl	0.25
$\delta p$ period	2
$Q^C$ factor $g$	0

A recovery control, held fixed to the previous homeostatic value, **is unable to keep the aneurysm in a homeostatic state** in response to a perturbation of the intramural pressure.

## History #2: fast recovery, null apposition

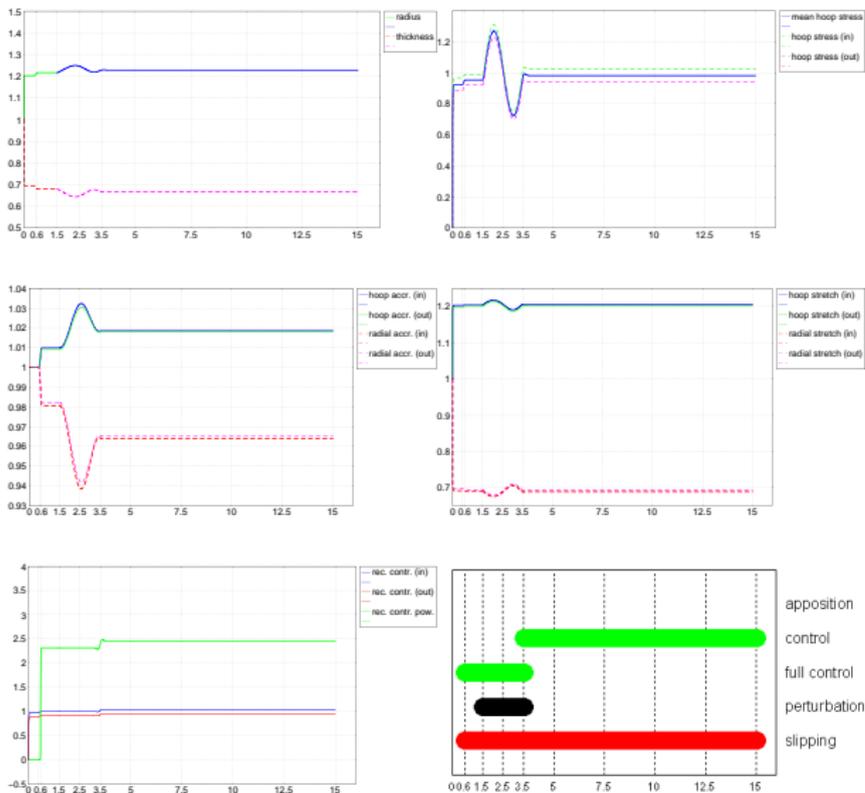
- 1  $Q^c$  is set to a full recovery control:

$$Q^c(t) = - \left( 1 + \frac{D^c}{D^s} \right) (T_h - T_r),$$

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

- 2 negligible tissue apposition:

$$Q^t = -(T_r - \tilde{\phi}).$$



## FAST RECOVERY

[case-41-001]

$D^C/D^S$	1000
$D^C$	0.01
$D^S$	1e-005
char time	10
$\delta Q^C$ ampl	0
$\delta Q^C$ period	0
$\delta p$ ampl	0.25
$\delta p$ period	2
$Q^C$ factor $g$	1

After the end of a short perturbation of the intramural pressure, a full recovery control drives the aneurysm to a **new homeostatic state, with a higher hoop stress.**

## History #3: delayed recovery, null apposition

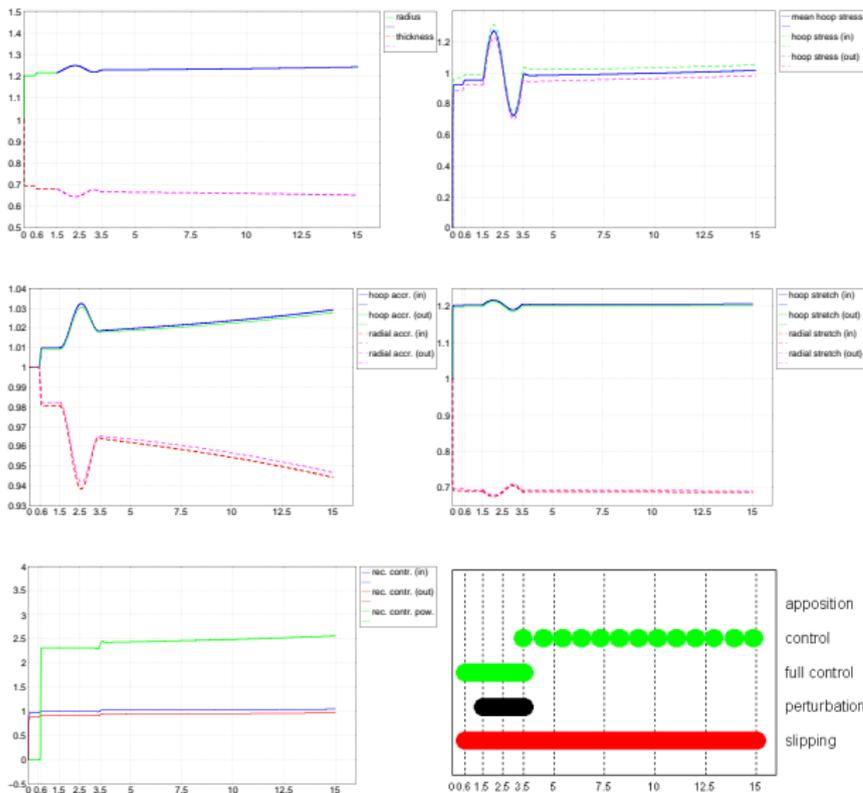
- 1  $Q^c$  is increased to a fraction of the value of a full recovery control:

$$Q^c = Q^\diamond - g \left( 1 + \frac{D^c}{D^s} \right) ((T_h - T_h^\diamond) + (T_r - T_r^\diamond)) ,$$

which is meant to simulate an impaired recovery control.

- 2 negligible tissue apposition:

$$Q^t = -(T_r - \tilde{\phi}) .$$



IMPAIRED RECOVERY

[case-41-003]

$D^C / D^S$	1000
$D^C$	0.01
$D^S$	1e-005
char time	10
$\delta Q^C$ ampl	0
$\delta Q^C$ period	0
$\delta p$ ampl	0.25
$\delta p$ period	2
$Q^C$ factor $g$	0.8

After the end of a short perturbation of the intramural pressure, a recovery control, though higher than the previous homeostatic value but lower than the optimal value, cannot prevent the unlimited increase of the radius.

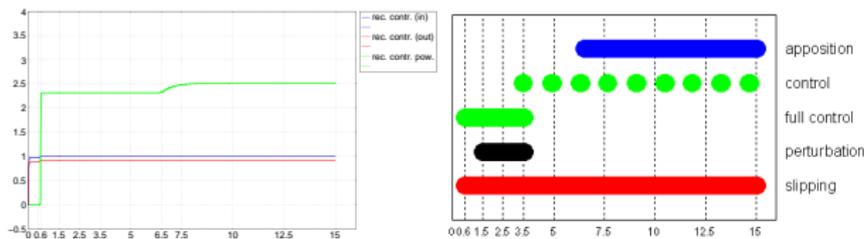
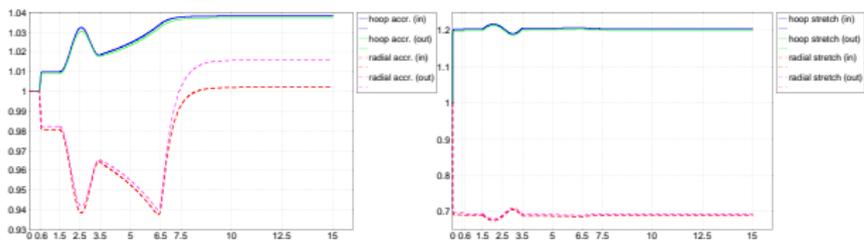
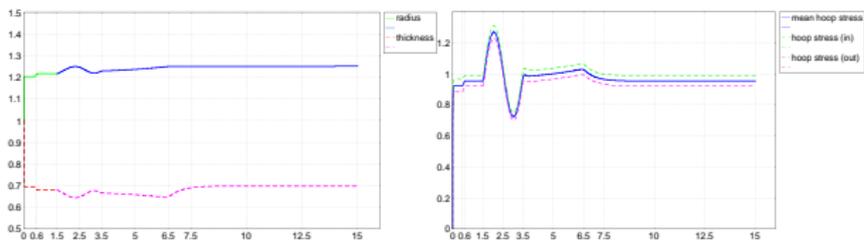
## History #4: slow recovery, tissue apposition

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

$$Q^c(t) = Q^\diamond;$$

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

$$Q^t = G^t(T_h - T_h^\diamond) - (T_r - \tilde{\phi}).$$

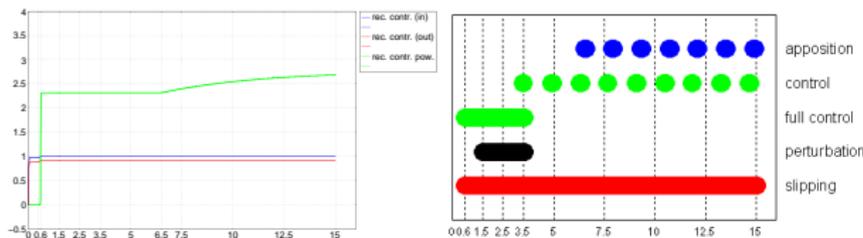
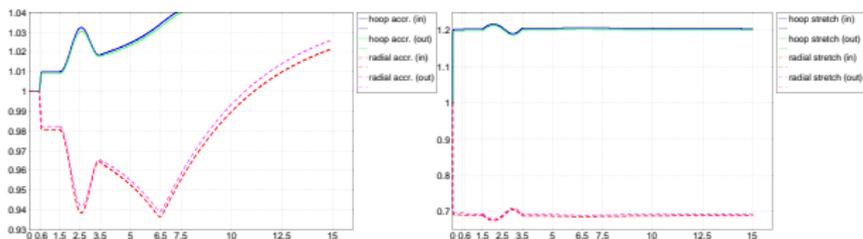
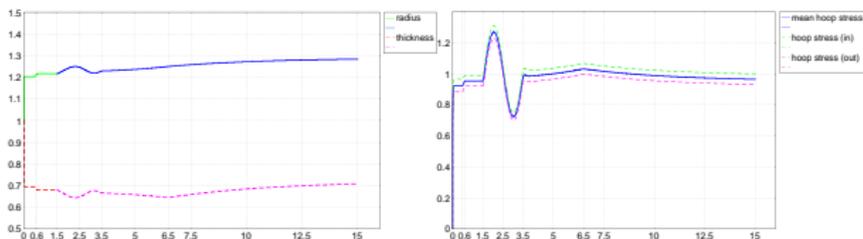


## SLOW RECOVERY STRONG APPPOSITION

[case-42-004]

$D^C / D^S$	1000
$D^C$	0.01
$D^S$	1e-005
char time	10
$\delta Q^C$ ampl	0
$\delta Q^C$ period	0
$\delta p$ ampl	0.25
$\delta p$ period	2
$Q^C$ factor $g$	0
$G^P$	4000
$D^P$	0.002

After the end of a short perturbation of the intramural pressure, radial tissue apposition goes into action making the aneurysm thicken and driving it to a new homeostatic state at the starting value of the hoop stress.



## SLOW RECOVERY WEAK APPPOSITION

[case-42-005]

$D^C / D^S$	1000
$D^C$	0.01
$D^S$	1e-005
char time	10
$\delta Q^C$ ampl	0
$\delta Q^C$ period	0
$\delta p$ ampl	0.25
$\delta p$ period	2
$Q^C$ factor $g$	0
$G^P$	1000
$D^P$	0.002

After the end of a short perturbation of the intramural pressure, a radial tissue apposition goes into action making the aneurysm thicken but **failing to drive it quickly to a new homeostatic state.**

# Summary

- Growth of saccular aneurysms
  - elastic deformation;
  - change of relaxed configuration.
- Multiple remodeling mechanisms
  - *slipping*: only passive;
  - *recovery*: slow/fast control;
  - *tissue apposition*: hoop stress driven control.
- Numerical evidence
  - only recovery control is unable to keep the aneurysm in a homeostatic state;
  - control on tissue apposition plays a central role.

# Future work

- Better characterization of material properties
  - evolution of elastic stiffness;
  - non uniform remodeling parameters.
- Weaker assumptions on symmetry
- Quantitative calibration and model validation

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