"RESIDUAL STRAINS IN CONDUIT ARTERIES"

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Definitions

- Residual strain : strain that exists in a solid when all external loads are removed
- Opening Angle (OA) : used to measure circumferential residual strain; angle formed by intersection of lines from the ends of the open inner arc at the midpoint of the inner arc
- Stretch ratio (λ) : ratio of change in length

Measurement of residual strain



no load state

0

- Residual circumferential stress ratio λ_{Θ}
- Residual circumferential Green strain e_θ

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Experimental setup



Measuring OA

- Rapid initial opening followed by more gradual opening
- Effect of temperature not significant
- Rings are actually non-circular

Effects of residual strain

- Homogenize circumferential stress distribution
- Increase arterial lumen, wall tension, and mean circumferential stress
- Decrease wall shear
- Increases compliance

Growth

- Arteries sensitive to alterations in mechanical environment
- Long-term response to changing environment
- Changes of arterial geometry
- Volumetric growth

OA Patterns

- General pattern : fall in OA towards periphery of subject
- Smooth muscle contraction
- Birth to puberty/After puberty (in rats)
- Induced hypertension

Obtaining zero stress state

One radial cut vs. additional circumferential cut



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Porcine Aorta

My research

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 Characterize growth in native ovine pulmonary trunk tissue

 How different aspects change with growth

Connection to tissue engineering

- Ultimate goal is to have engineered tissue mimic growth of native tissue
- Applications: pediatric valve replacements