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# Term Paper Project

## Enzymatic Targeting of the Stroma Ablates Physical Barriers to Treatment of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma (PDA)

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## Hyaluronan, fluid pressure, and stromal resistance in pancreas cancer

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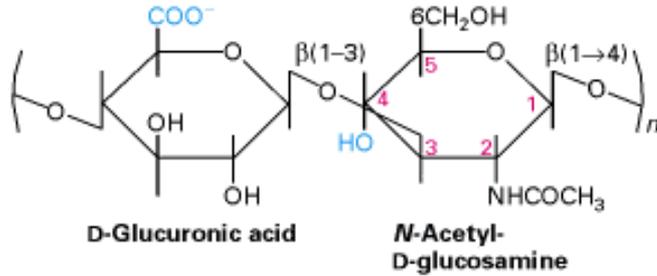
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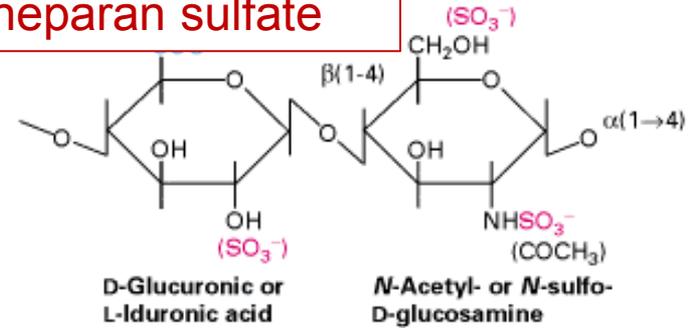
# Family of Glycosaminoglycans (GAG Chains):

→ Glycosylation of “Core Protein (addition of sugar moieties)

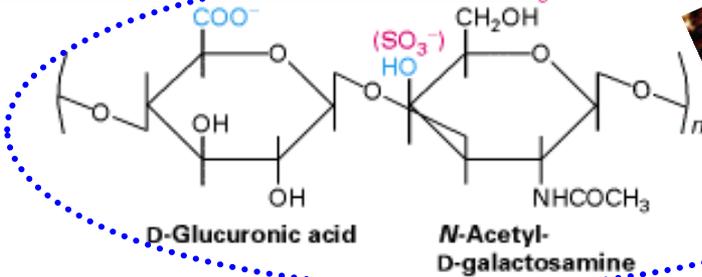
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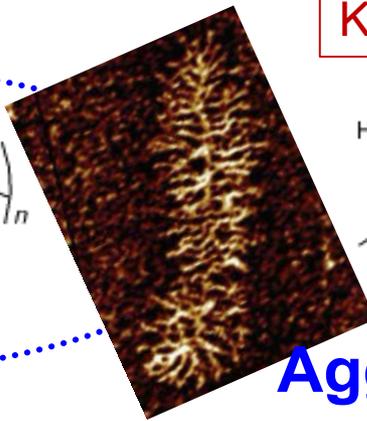
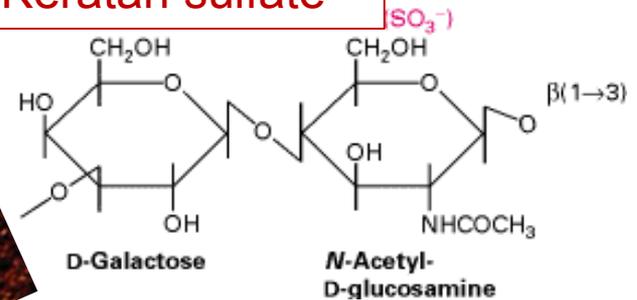
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## Chondroitin sulfate

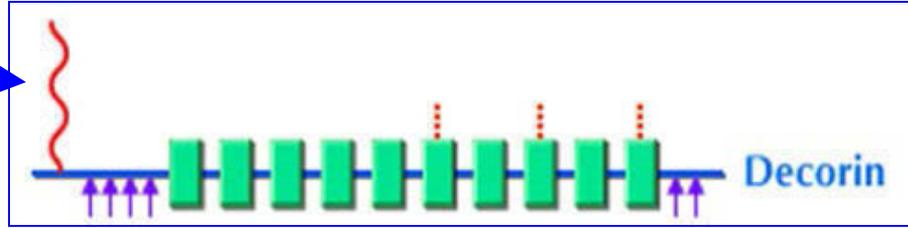
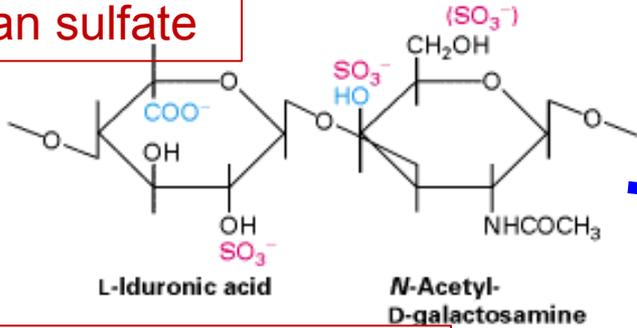


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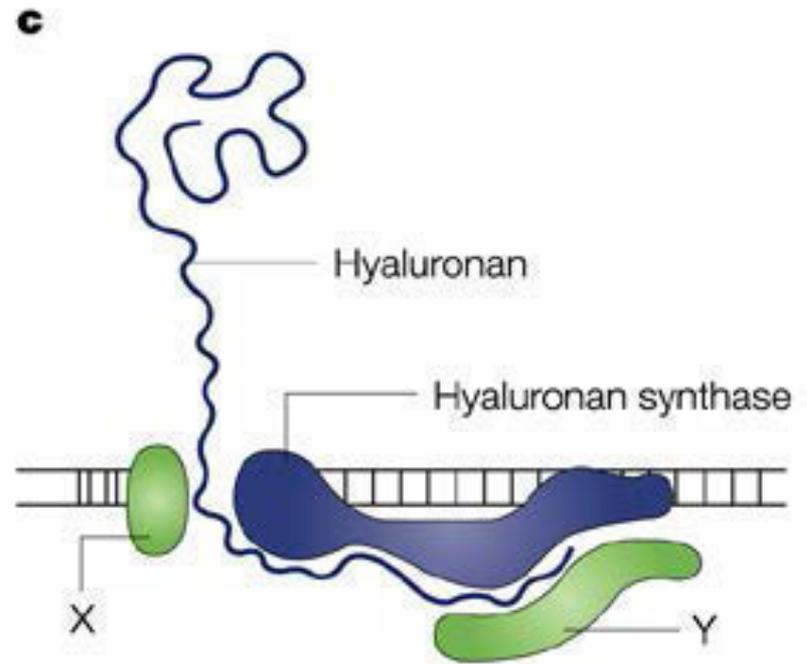
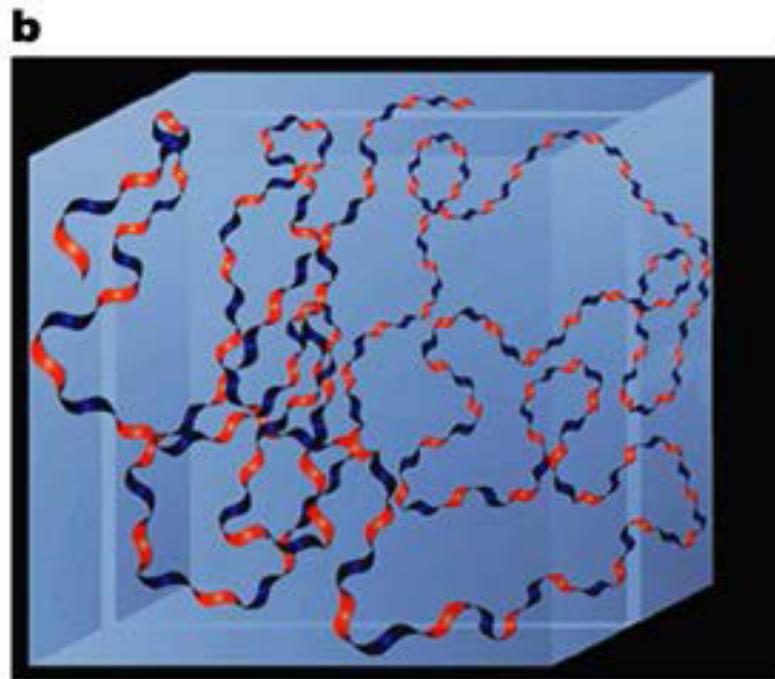
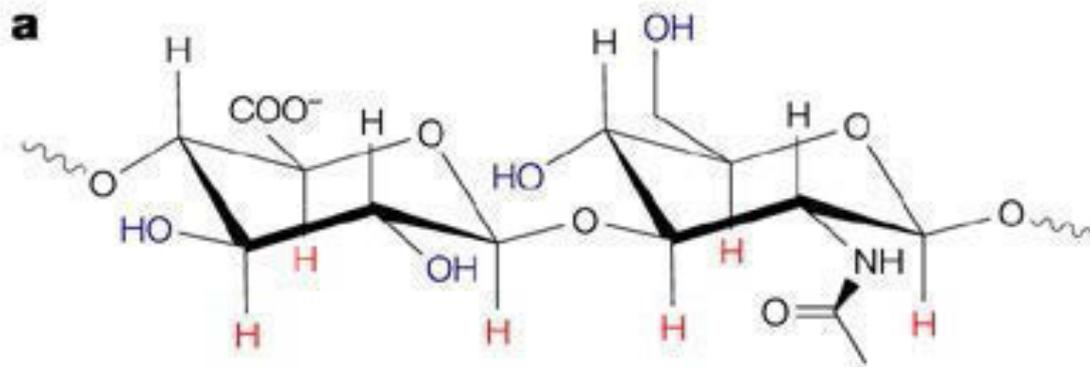
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## Dermatan sulfate



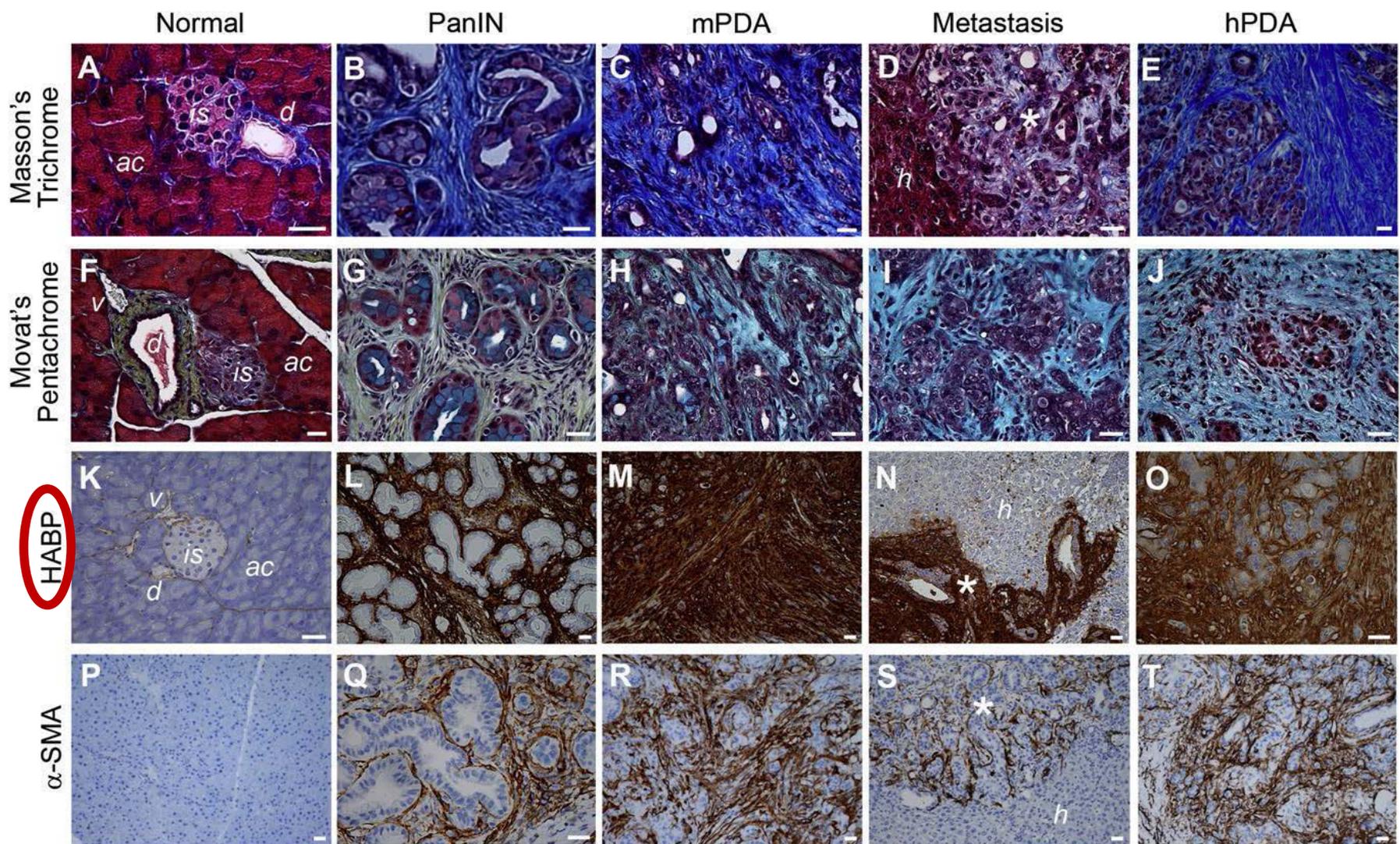
## Dermatan sulfate

# Cell Synthesis of HA



Nature Reviews | **Cancer**

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### Figure 1. Evolution of the Desmoplastic Reaction in Murine and Human PDA

(A–E) Masson's trichrome histochemistry shows robust collagen deposition (blue) at all stages of disease.

(F–J) Movat's pentachrome histochemistry reveals collagen (yellow), GAGs and mucins (blue), and their colocalization (turquoise/green).

(K–O) Histochemistry with HA-binding protein (HABP) reveals intense HA content beginning with preinvasive disease (PanIN).

(P–T) Activated PSC express  $\alpha$ -smooth muscle actin ( $\alpha$ -SMA) and are abundant in preinvasive (Q), invasive (R) and metastatic mPDA (S) and hPDA (T), but not in normal pancreata (P). *ac*, acini; *is*, islet; *d*, duct; *v*, venule; *h*, hepatic parenchyma; \*, metastatic lesions. Scale bars, 25  $\mu$ m. See also Figure S1.

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## Study of **Gemcitabine** + PEGPH20 vs Gemcitabine Alone in Stage IV Previously Untreated Pancreatic Cancer

**This study has been completed.**

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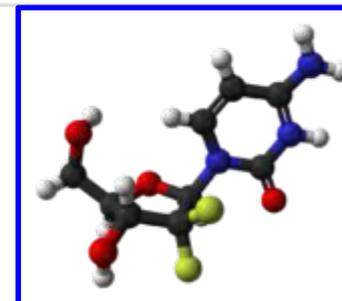
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### ▶ Purpose

Phase 1B: Open label (all patients receive PEGPH20+gemcitabine), dose escalation, safety and tolerability study to determine the safe dose of PEGPH20 to use in combination with gemcitabine in Stage IV previously untreated pancreatic cancer patients.

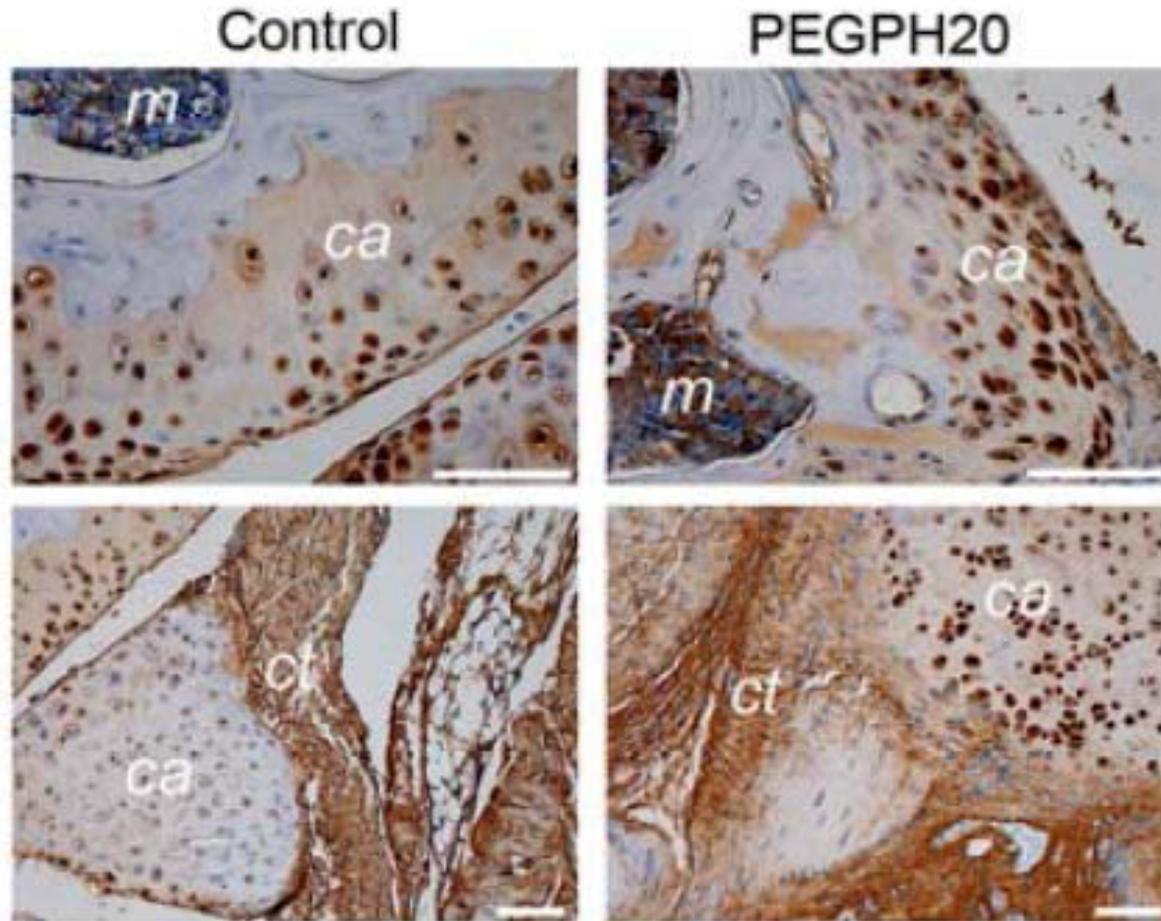
Phase 2: Randomized, double blind study to compare the effect of overall survival of gemcitabine plus PEGPH20 vs gemcitabine plus placebo in Stage IV previously untreated pancreatic cancer patients.

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Intervention</u>	<u>Phase</u>
Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer	Drug: Gemcitabine Drug: PEGPH20+ gemcitabine	Phase 1 Phase 2



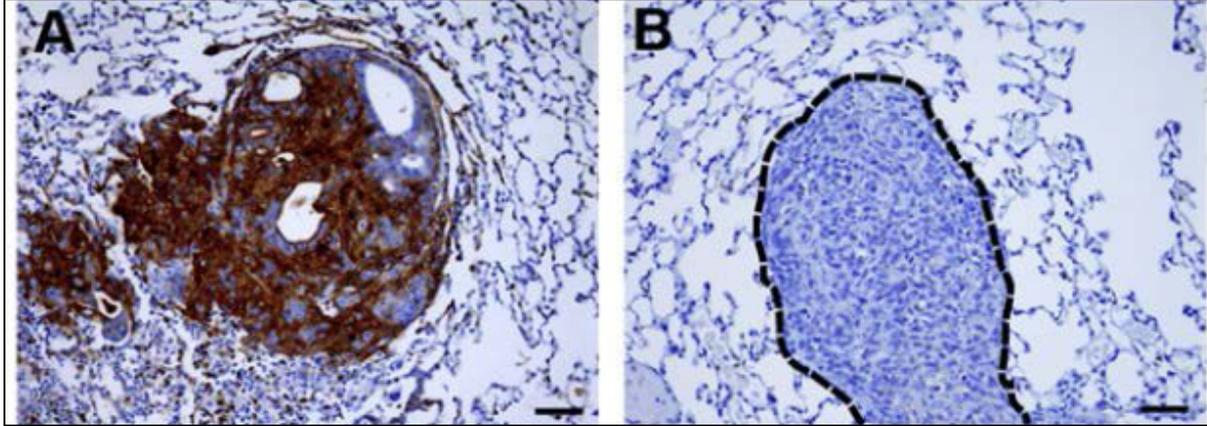
- Halozyme's FDA-approved, ***HYLENEX***<sup>®</sup> recombinant human **hyaluronidase**, rHuPH20, is administered subcutaneously and temporarily and reversibly degrades HA to facilitate the absorption and dispersion of other injected drugs or fluids and for subcutaneous fluid administration.
- However, rHuPH20 acts only locally at the injection site, is rapidly inactivated in the body, and does not survive in the blood.
- **An investigational PEGylated form of rHuPH20 (~60 kDa), PEGPH20 (~90 kDa), is under development by Halozyme to increase the half-life of the compound in the blood and allows investigation for intravenous administration.**

# PEGPH20 can't remove HA from Cartilage 😊



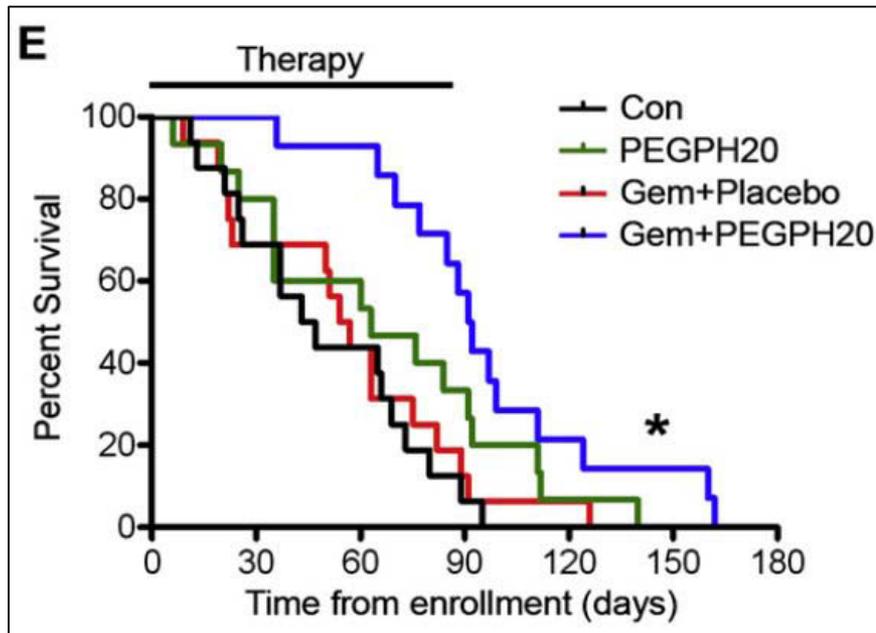
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(F) HA expression is specifically retained within cartilage (ca) and the joint space. *m*, bone marrow; *ct*, connective tissue; Scale bars, 50  $\mu$ m.



HA expression in lung metastases from untreated (A) and PEGPH20-treated (B) animals.

**Figure 6. Gemcitabine+PEGPH20 Combination Therapy Decreases Metastatic Tumor Burden and Improves Survival**



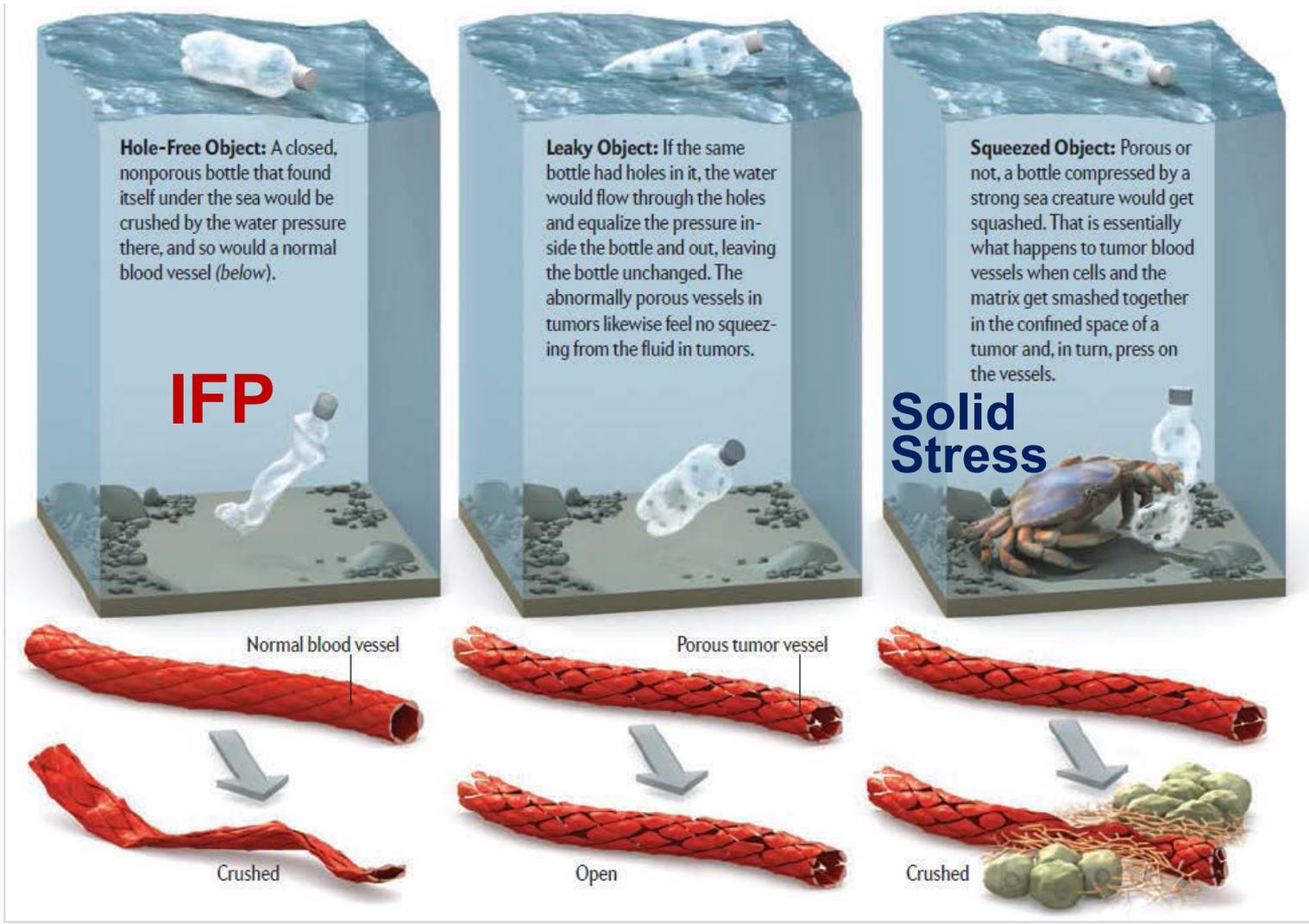
Survival curves from time of enrollment in control (Con; n = 16), **Gem** (n = 16), **PEGPH20** (n = 15), and **Gem+PEGPH20-treated** KPC animals (n = 14).

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Scientific American 310, no. 2 (2014): 46-53.

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**IFP** squeezes  
vessels shut

# Dr. Jain's Argument

Jain: **Solid Stress**  
squeezes vessels  
shut, porous or not!



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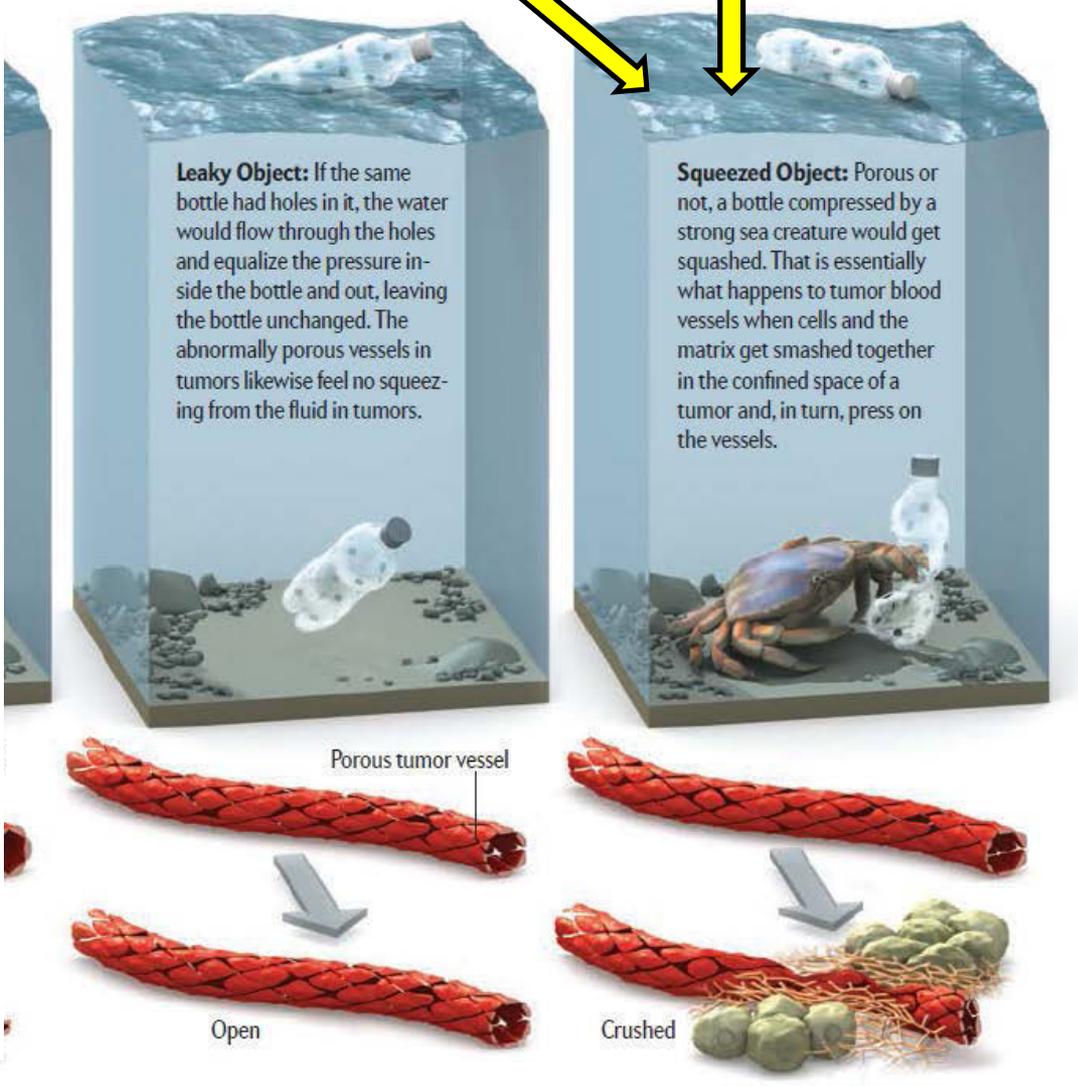
“Diffusion is driven by concentration gradients between intravascular and interstitial compartments; ...Convection is driven by pressure gradients composed of hydrostatic and oncotic components”

**Source of profoundly elevated fluid pressures and vascular collapse in PDA?? :**

**HA organizes a hydrogel containing “immobilized fluid” ....that also has an elastic modulus....a property of solids; Gel has “fluid pressure, colloid osmotic pressure caused by **Donnan equilibrium**.....”**

**Provenzano/Hingorani: Donnan also increases IFP (porous or not) !!**

**Jain: Solid Stress squeezes vessels shut, porous or not!**



Examining Starling's principles of fluid flux reveals that IFP need not be limited by microvascular pressure. The Staverman-Kedem-Katchalsky solute transport equation formally defines fluid flux ( $J_F$ ) based on Starling's principles as:

$$J_F = L_\rho \cdot A [(p_v - p_i) - \sigma (\pi_v - \pi_i)]$$

in which  $L_\rho$  is the hydraulic conductivity;  $A$  is the surface area of the vascular bed;  $p_v$  and  $p_i$  are the hydrostatic pressures in the vessels and interstitium, respectively;  $\pi_v$  and  $\pi_i$  are the oncotic pressures in the same respective spaces; and  $\sigma$  is the reflection coefficient of the endothelium (Kedem and Katchalsky, 1961).

**Jain and colleagues assume  $\pi_i$  is always lower than  $\pi_v$ ....**

From Letter-Reply DelGiorno et al., Cancer Cell 2014

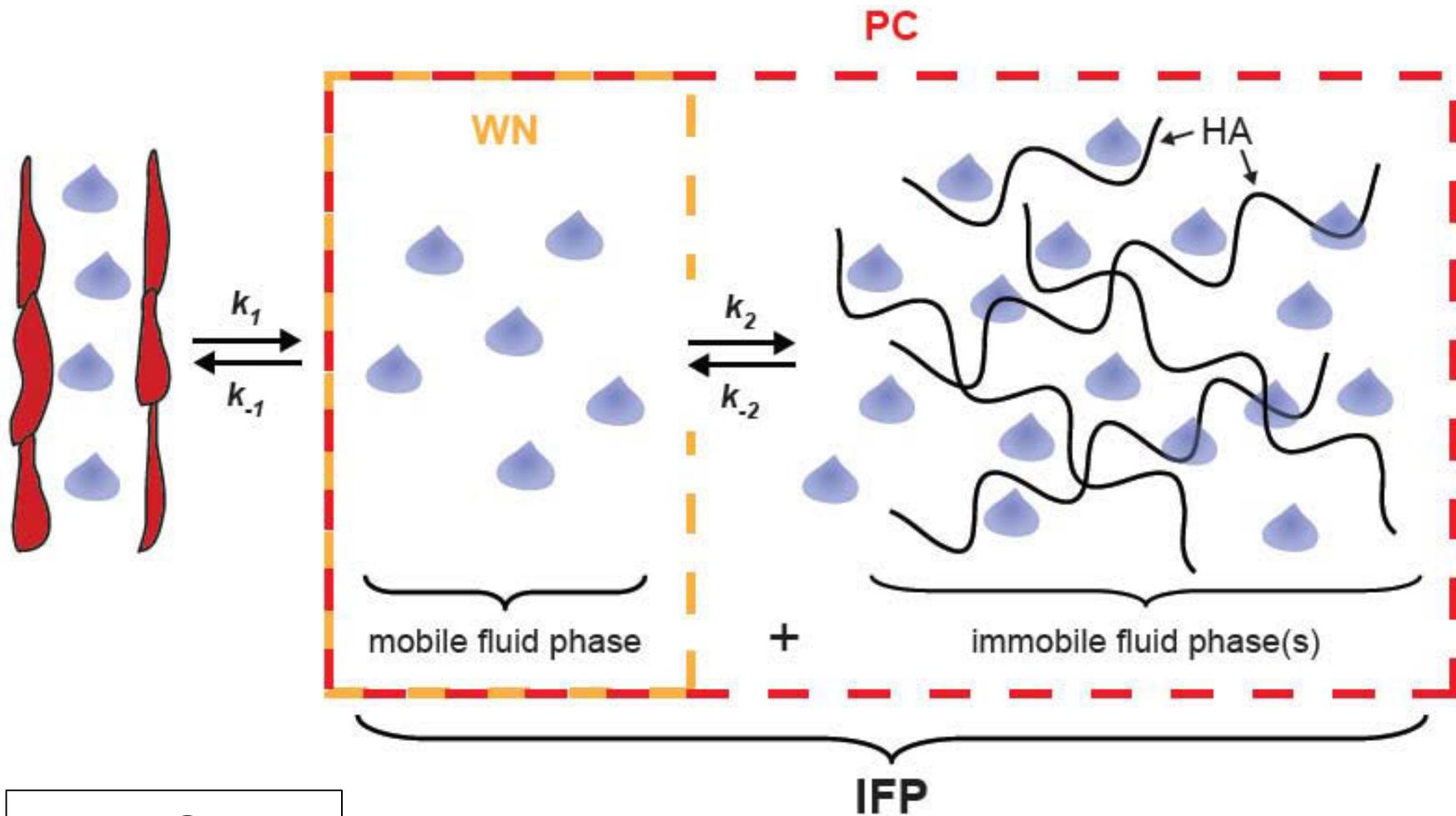


Fig. S1 H

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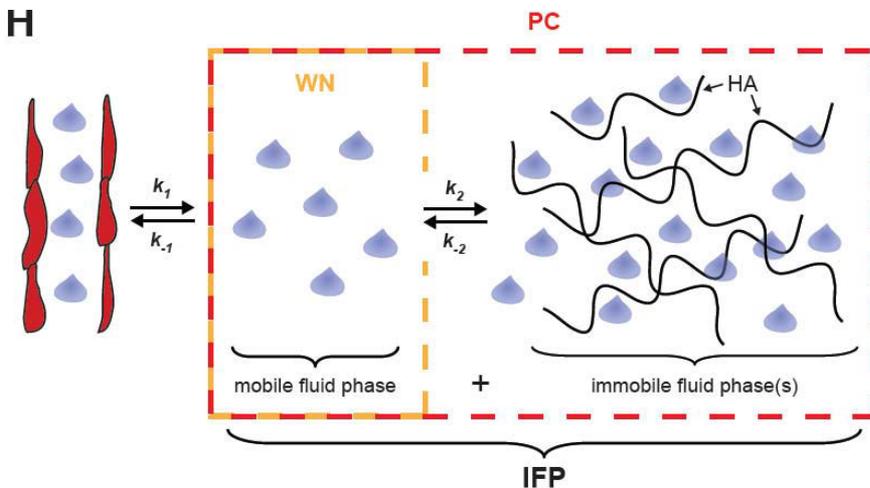
## Calculating total interstitial fluid pressure (IFP<sub>total</sub>)

The majority of interstitial fluid is **immobile(?)**.

Hyaluronan, or **hyaluronic acid, HA**, a naturally occurring, megadalton polyelectrolyte **avidly binds water (?)** and contributes extensively to both hydrostatic and oncotic fluid pressures in the interstitium (Guyton et al., 1971; Ogston, 1966; Tanford, 1961).

Building on Starling's insights, a more complete formula for interstitial fluid pressure that takes into account both the freely mobile and less mobile fluid phases is:

$$\text{IFP}_{total} = p_v - \sigma (\pi_v - \pi_i) + \underbrace{\{P_{immobile} + \Pi_{immobile}\}}_{?}$$

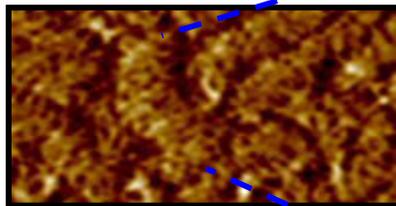


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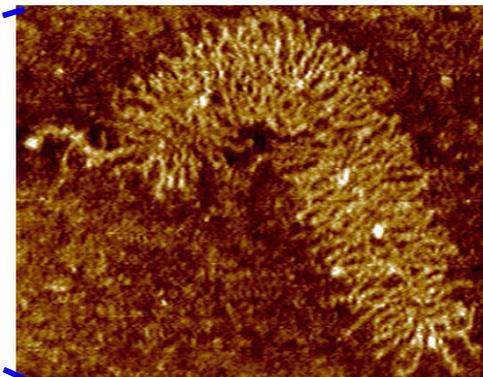
- $P_{imm}$  is comprised of an elastic recoil component from structural elements in the interstitium, together with the electrostatic repulsion of negative charges on HA that contributes to its tendency to expand or swell. This term includes pressure exerted from the collagen network in tension as it resists the expansion of hydrated HA.
- $\Pi_{imm}$  is defined largely by the Donnan potential, the unequal distribution of diffusible cations as a result of non-diffusible negative charges, plus a minor component from van't Hoff forces. Together, these terms represent a complete depiction of interstitial fluid pressures (Figure S1H)

- Thus, it is important to remember that **in addition to resisting compression, HA also expands** and this **swelling pressure stresses the collagen fibrils**, which are loaded in response through cell contraction in an effort to maintain tensional homeostasis.
- We propose, therefore, that **fibrillar collagen** represents an **additional target** to decrease transmitted fluid pressure, and hypothesize further that its removal or inhibition would cause an incremental or stepwise drop in pressure rather than complete normalization.



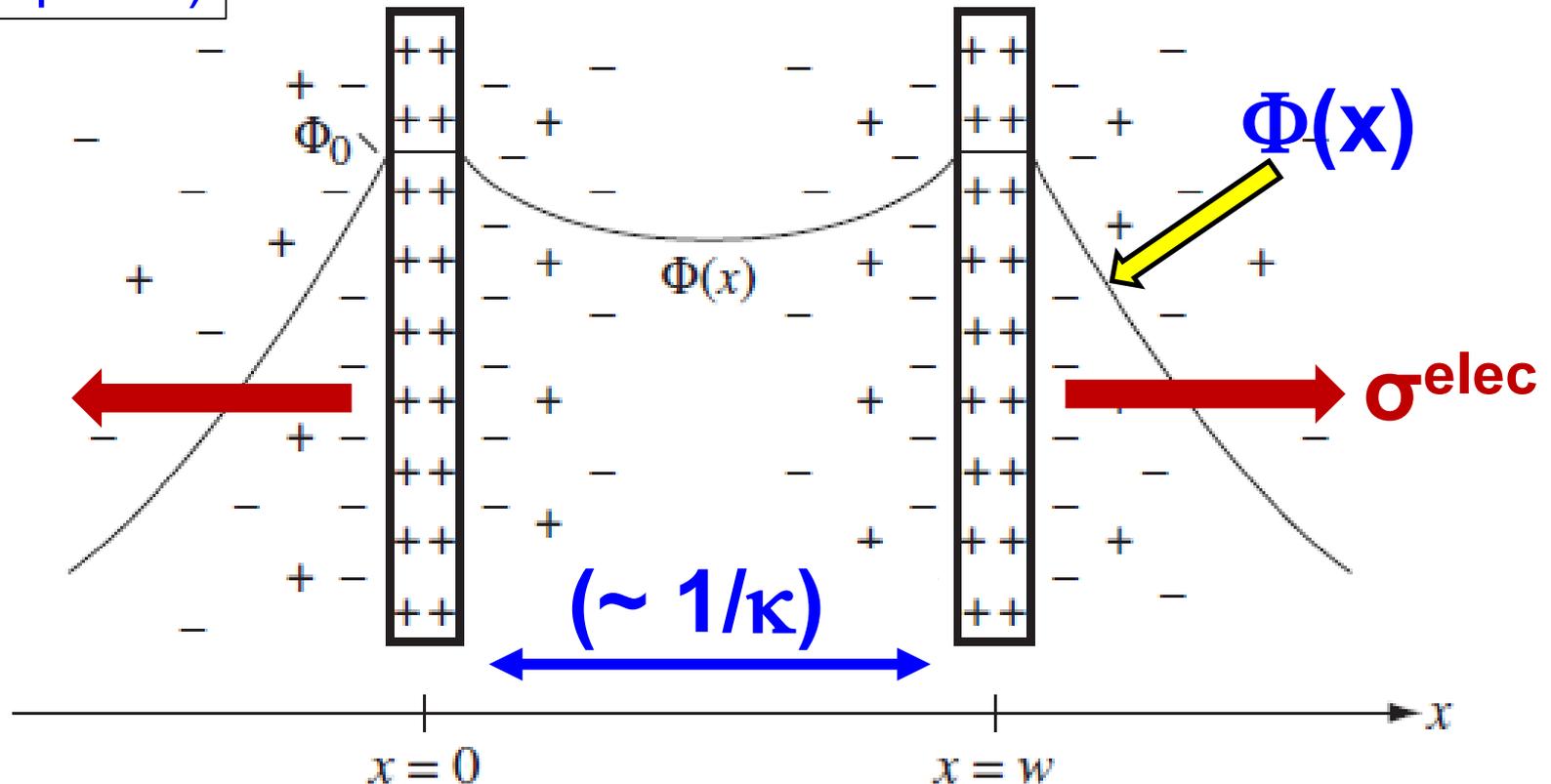
Astronauts gain 1-2 inches in height during space flight: swelling of the intervertebral discs under 0-gravity:

"swelling pressure" of highly charged ECM: aggrecan GAG chains



# “Double Layer repulsion: Nano “DLVO Theory”

(Chapter 4)



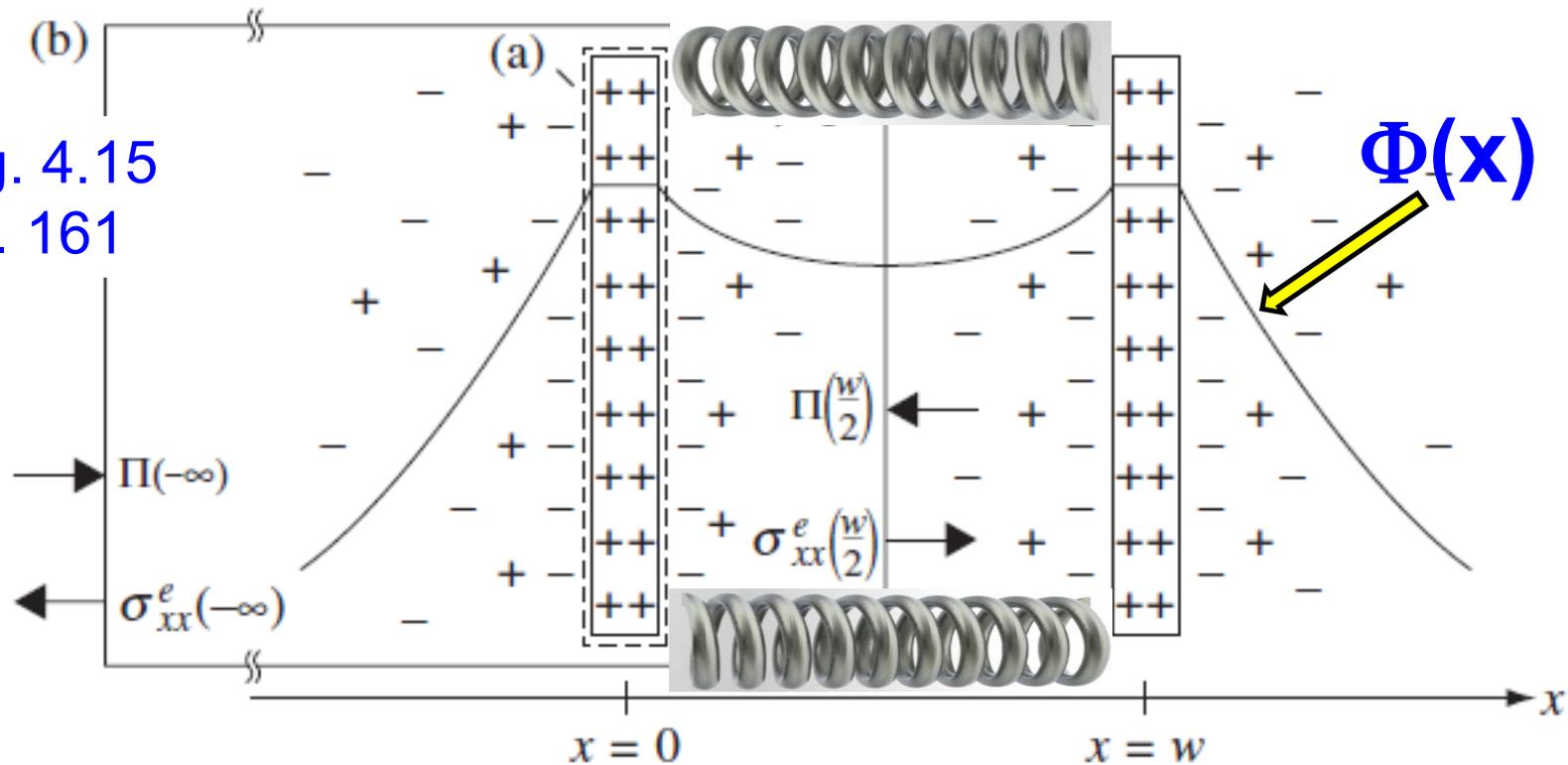
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**Figure 4.14** The potential profile for plane parallel interacting double layers. Local  $E_x = -(d\Phi/dx) \rightarrow$  “**double layer repulsion**”

$$\text{electrical stress: } \sigma^{\text{elec}} \sim (\sigma_d E) \propto E(x)^2$$

**In Equilibrium, the SUM of the  
[electrical + osmotic + “elastic recoil”] stresses = 0**

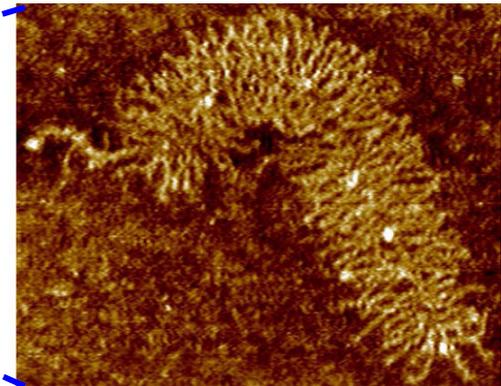
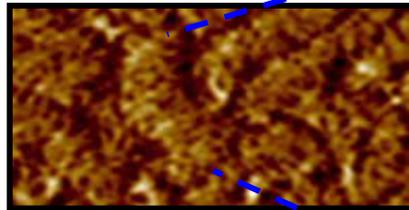
Fig. 4.15  
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**x-linked  
HA “Hydrogel”**

van't Hoff (local/molecular):

$$\Pi^{os} = RT \left( \sum c_i(x) - \sum c_{i_0}^{bath} \right)$$

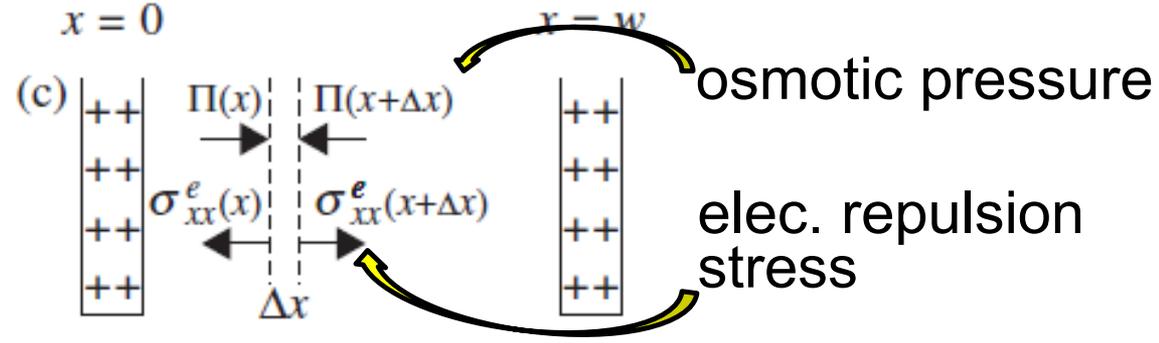
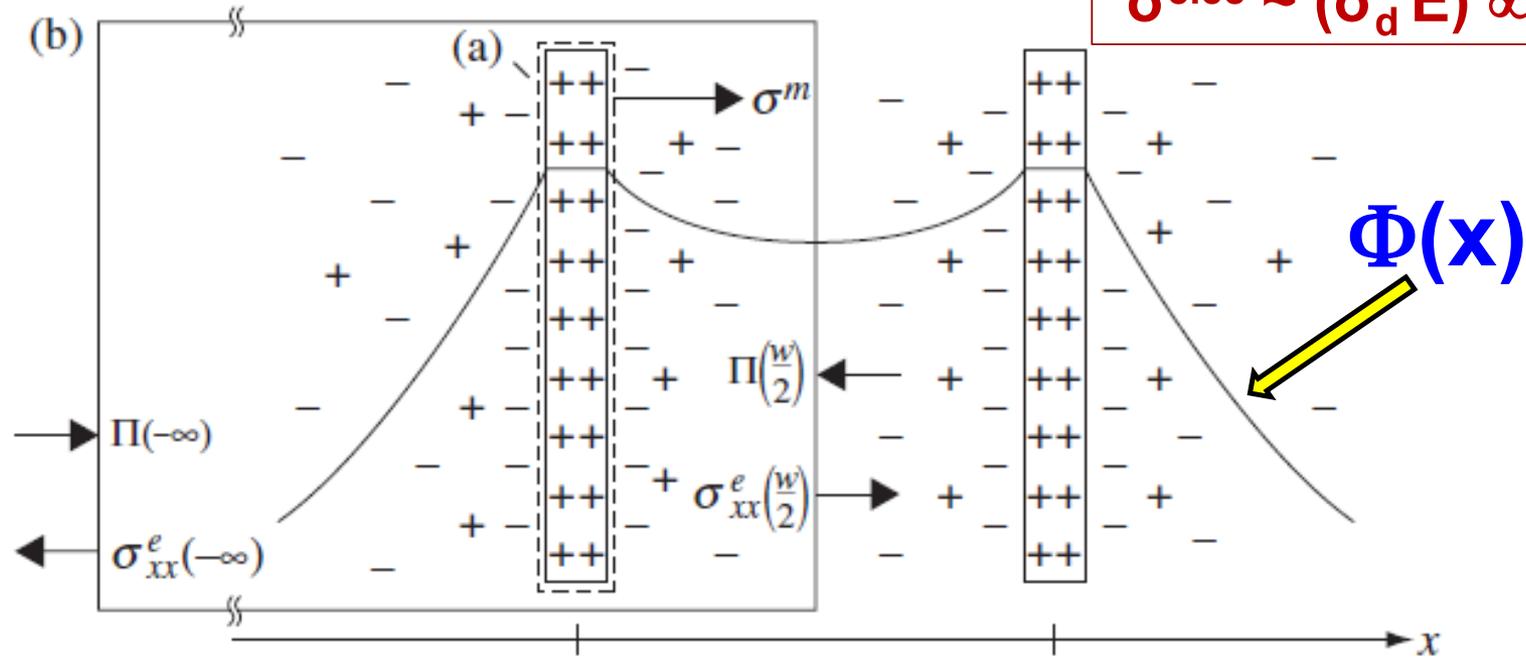


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**Collagen  
Hydrogel**

**Medium**

- 0.15M NaCl
- pH 7

**Midterm: Find  $\bar{c}_i$**

**Macro Donnan  
Model**

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**Boltzmann (for all species)**

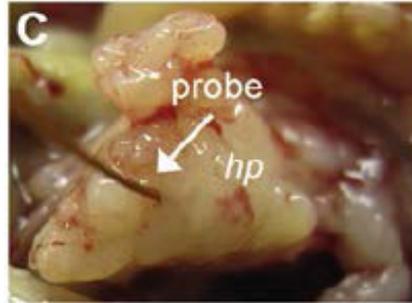
$$\left( \frac{\bar{C}_i}{C_i^{\text{bath}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{z_i}} = \text{const} = \frac{\bar{C}_{\text{Na}}}{C_{\text{Na}}^{\text{bath}}} = \frac{\bar{C}_{\text{H}}}{C_{\text{H}}^{\text{bath}}} = \frac{C_{\text{Cl}}^{\text{bath}}}{\bar{C}_{\text{Cl}}} = \frac{C_{\text{OH}}^{\text{bath}}}{\bar{C}_{\text{OH}}}$$

**Electroneutrality (with approximations):**

$$\bar{\rho}_m + F(\bar{C}_{\text{Na}} - \bar{C}_{\text{Cl}}) = 0$$



# Term Paper: $\pi^{os}$ in PDA



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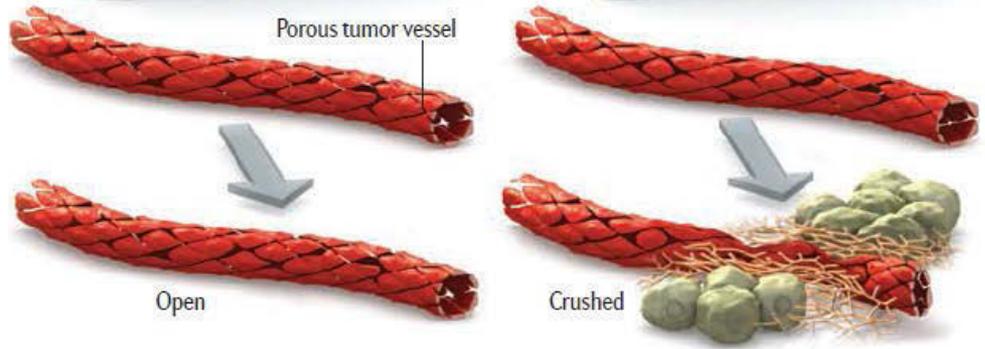
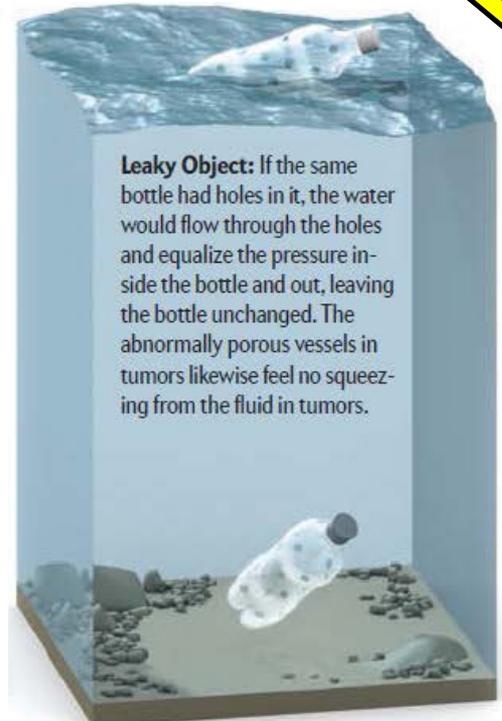
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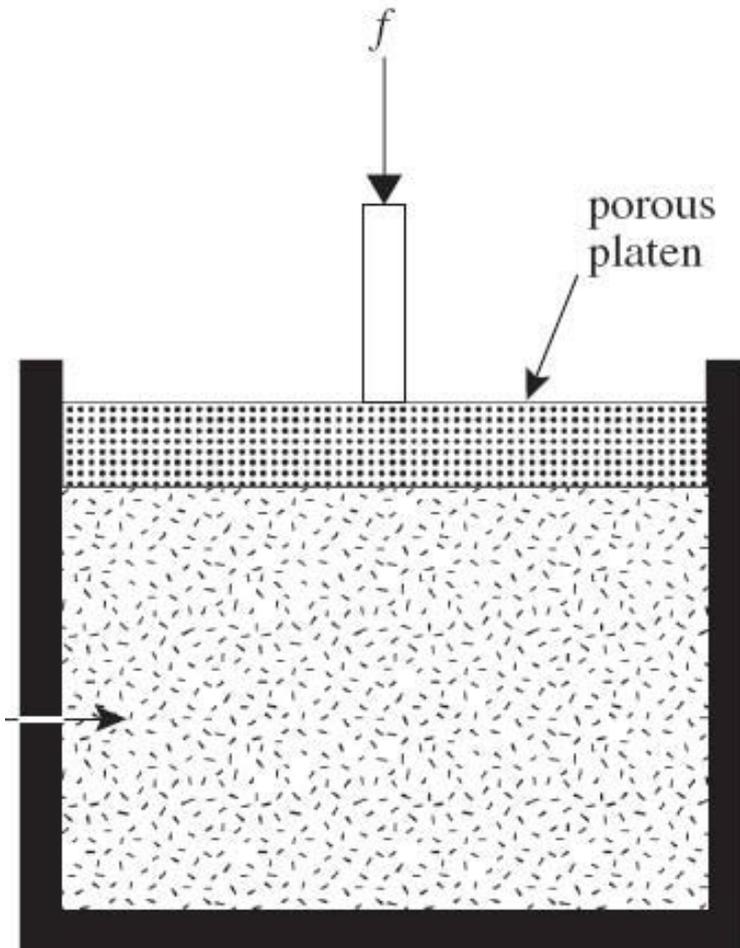
**HA organizes a hydrogel** containing “immobilized fluid” ....that also has an **elastic modulus**....a property of solids;

...and gel has “fluid pressure”; **gradients in pressure drive convective fluid flow**

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Gels are also  
Poroelastic



# Role of Extracellular Matrix Assembly in Interstitial Transport in Solid Tumors<sup>1</sup>

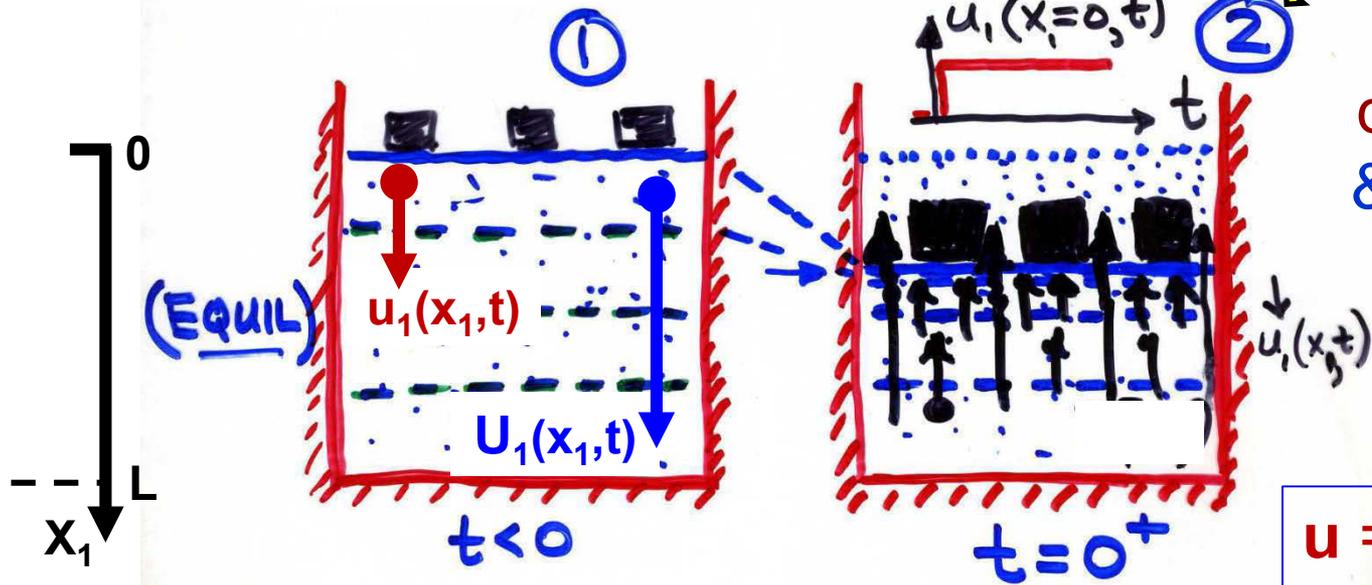
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## ABSTRACT

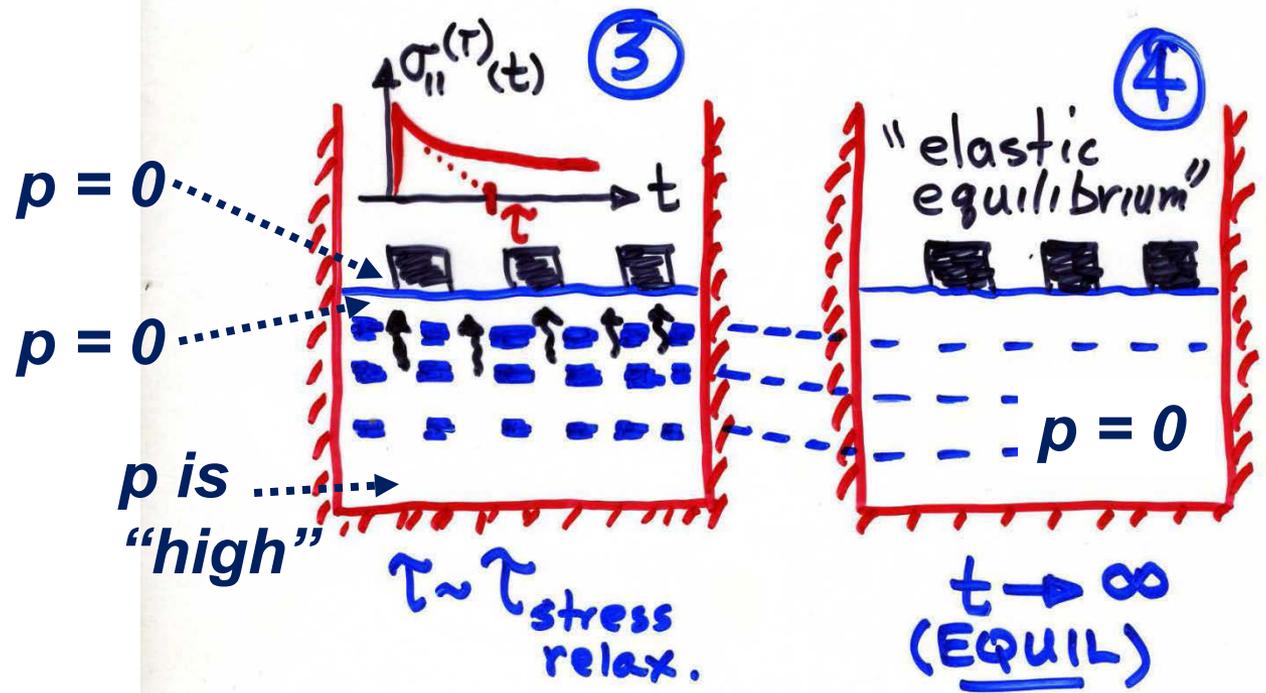
- The extracellular matrix may contribute to the drug resistance of a solid tumor by preventing the penetration of therapeutic agents. We measured differences in interstitial resistance to macromolecule (IgG) transport in 4 tumor types and found an unexpected correspondence between transport resistance and the mechanical stiffness.
- The interstitial diffusion coefficient of IgG was measured *in situ* by FRAP. Tissue elastic modulus and hydraulic permeability were measured by confined compression of excised tissue (using poroelastic theory).
- **Conclusions:** collagen influences tissue resistance to macromolecule transport, possibly by binding and stabilizing the GAG component of ECM ...findings suggest a new method to screen tumors for resistance to macromolecule-based therapy.... Moreover, collagen & collagen-proteoglycan bonds are ..... potential targets of treatment to improve delivery.

# Poroeleasticity: Stress relaxation



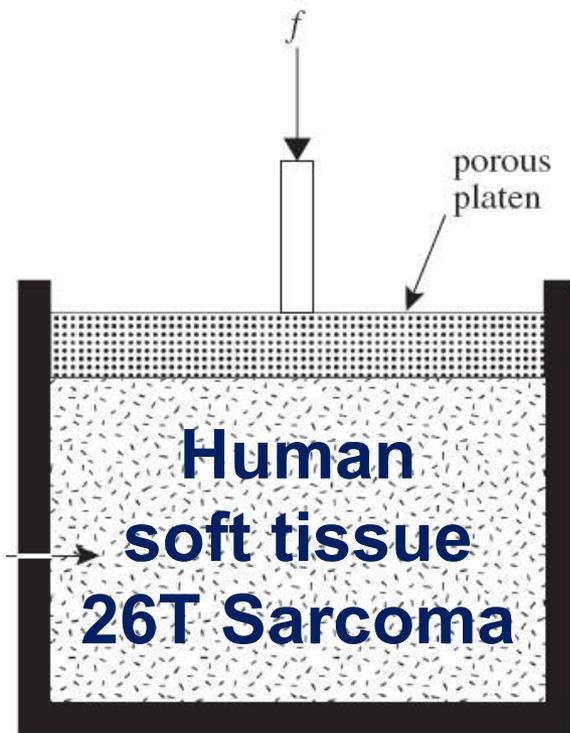
Apply a "step" in compressive displacement  $u_1$  & hold thickness constant

$u$  = displacement  
 $U$  = "macro" fluid velocity



$$\tau_{\text{gel}} = \frac{L^2}{\pi^2 D_{\text{gel}}}$$

$$D_{\text{gel}} = H \cdot k$$

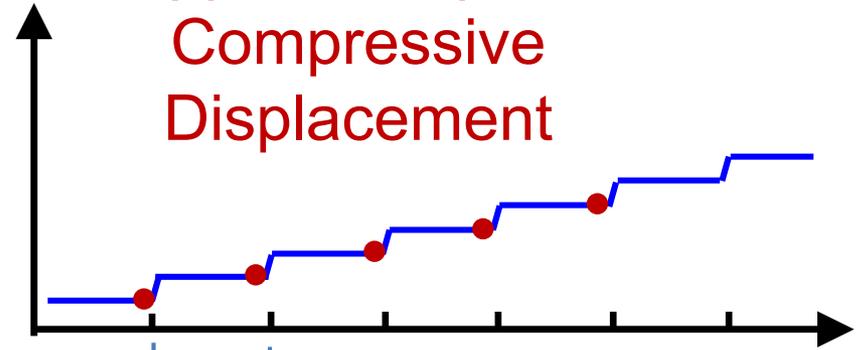


$$\tau_n = \frac{L^2}{n^2 \pi^2 Hk}$$

$n = 1$  exponential curve fit to estimate hydraulic permeability  $k$

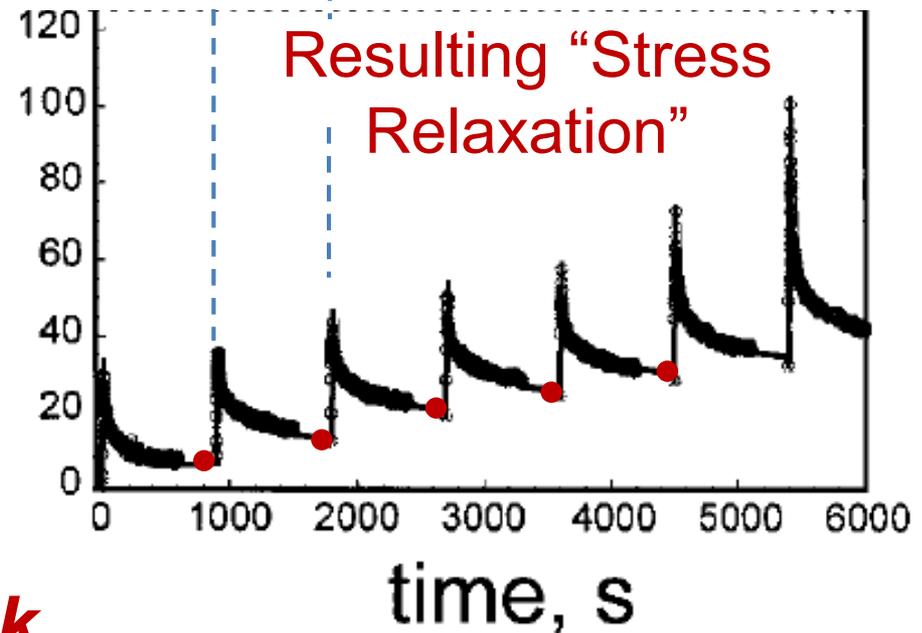
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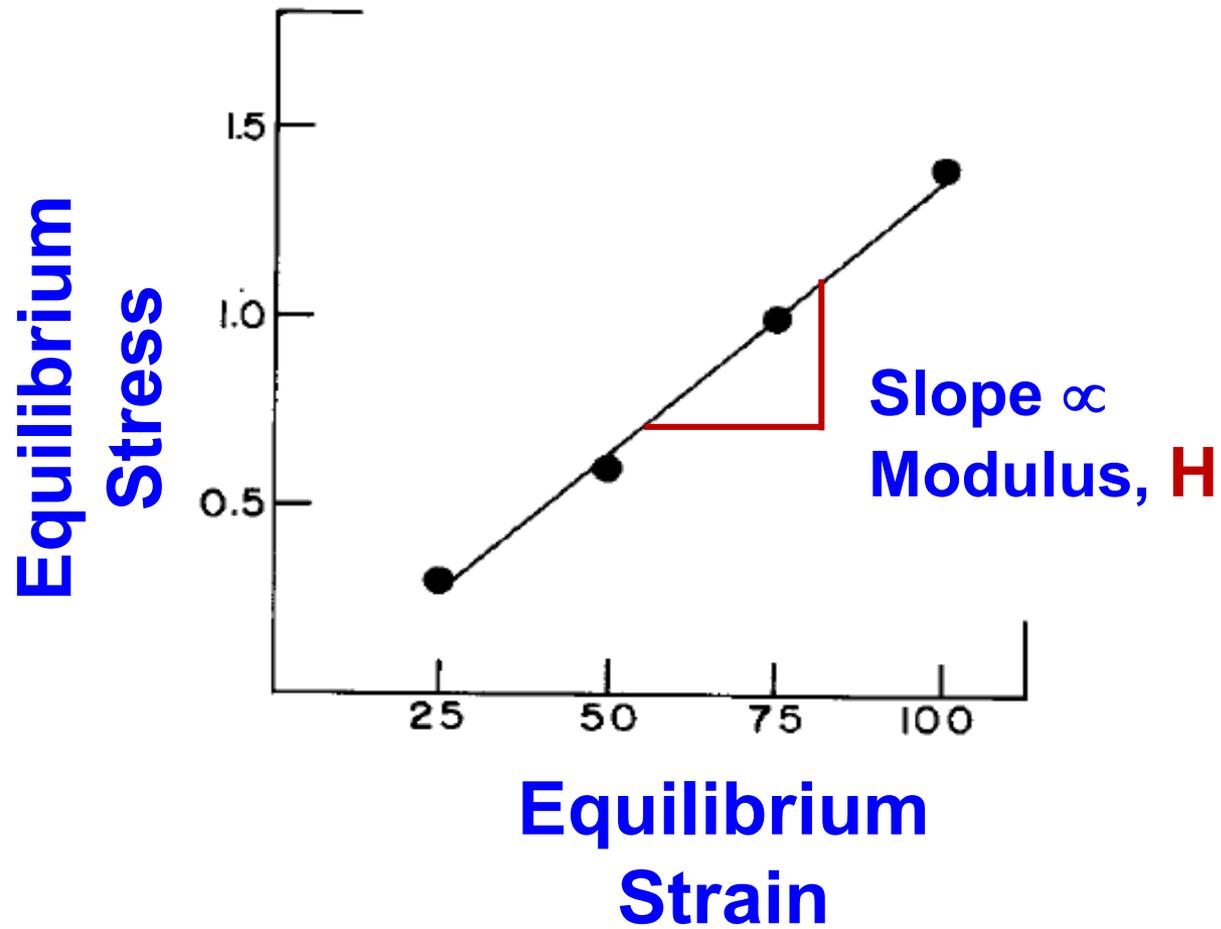
Applied Steps in  
Compressive  
Displacement



Stress

Resulting "Stress  
Relaxation"





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# Kinetics of swelling of gels

Toyoichi Tanaka and David J. Fillmore

(J Chem Phys, 1979)

**Gel displacement  $u$  satisfies  
a poroelastic  
diffusion equation!**

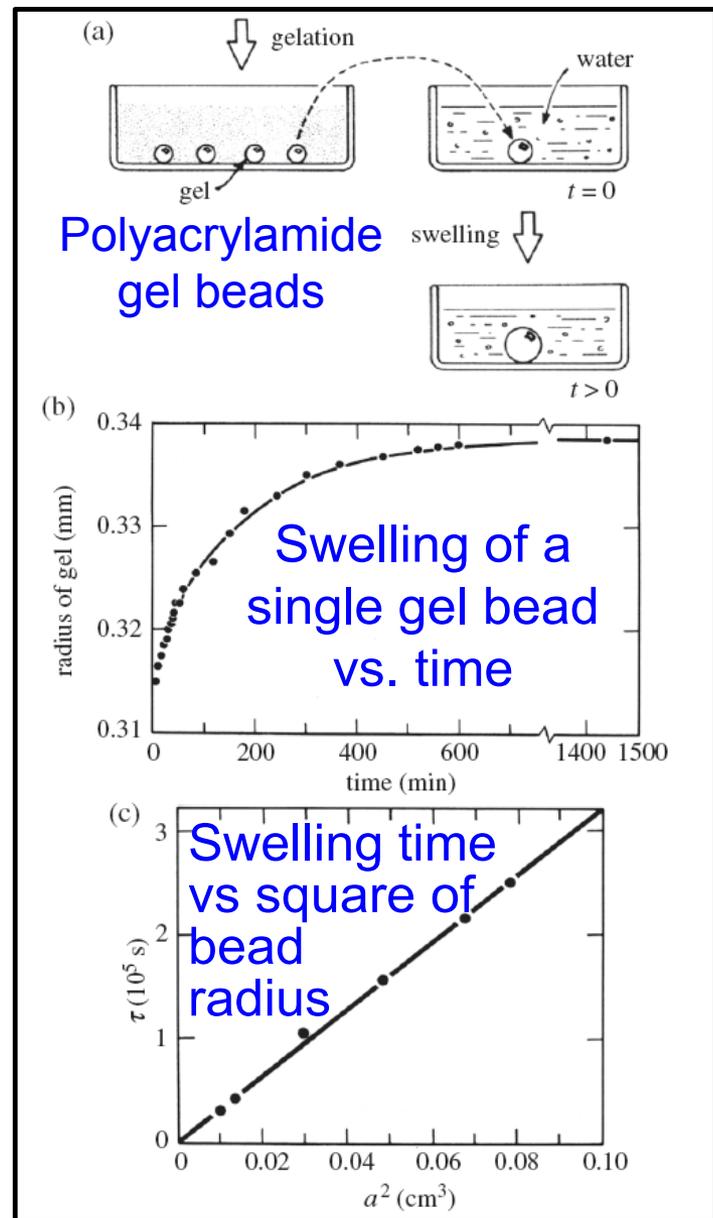
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D_{\text{gel}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 u) \right) \right]$$

$$\tau_{\text{gel}} = \frac{L^2}{\pi^2 D_{\text{gel}}}$$

$$“D_{\text{gel}}” = “H” \cdot “k”$$

**H = (2G +  $\lambda$ ) gel elasticity**

**k = gel hydraulic permeability**

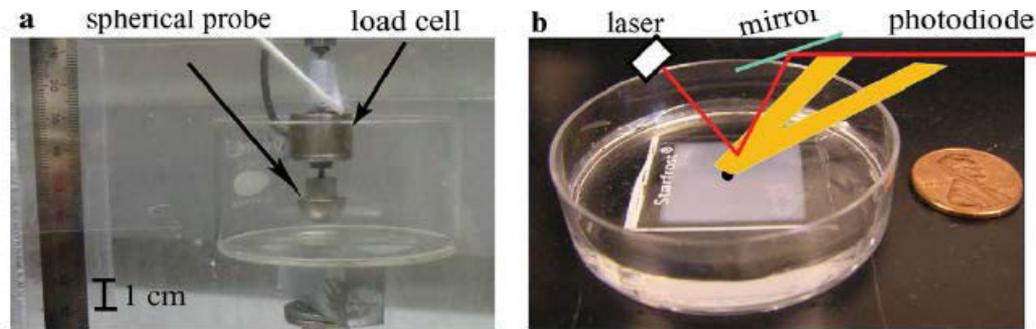


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# From macro- to microscale poroelastic characterization of polymeric hydrogels *via* indentation†

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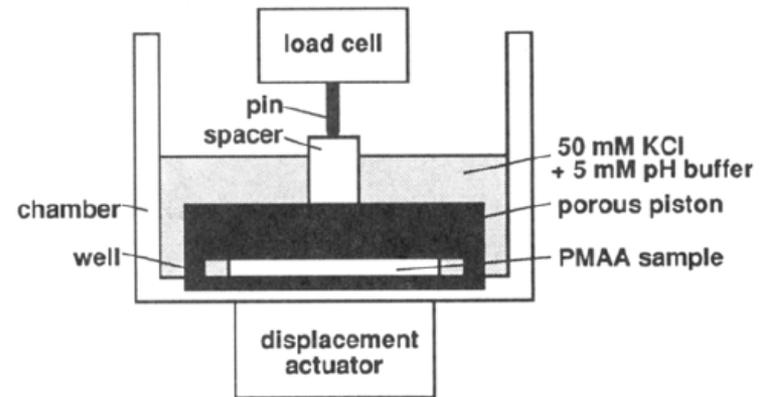
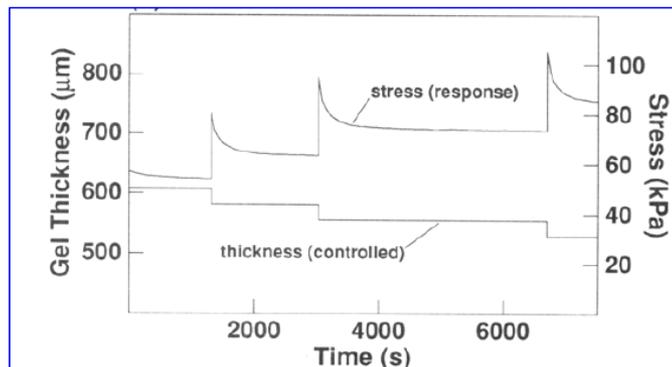


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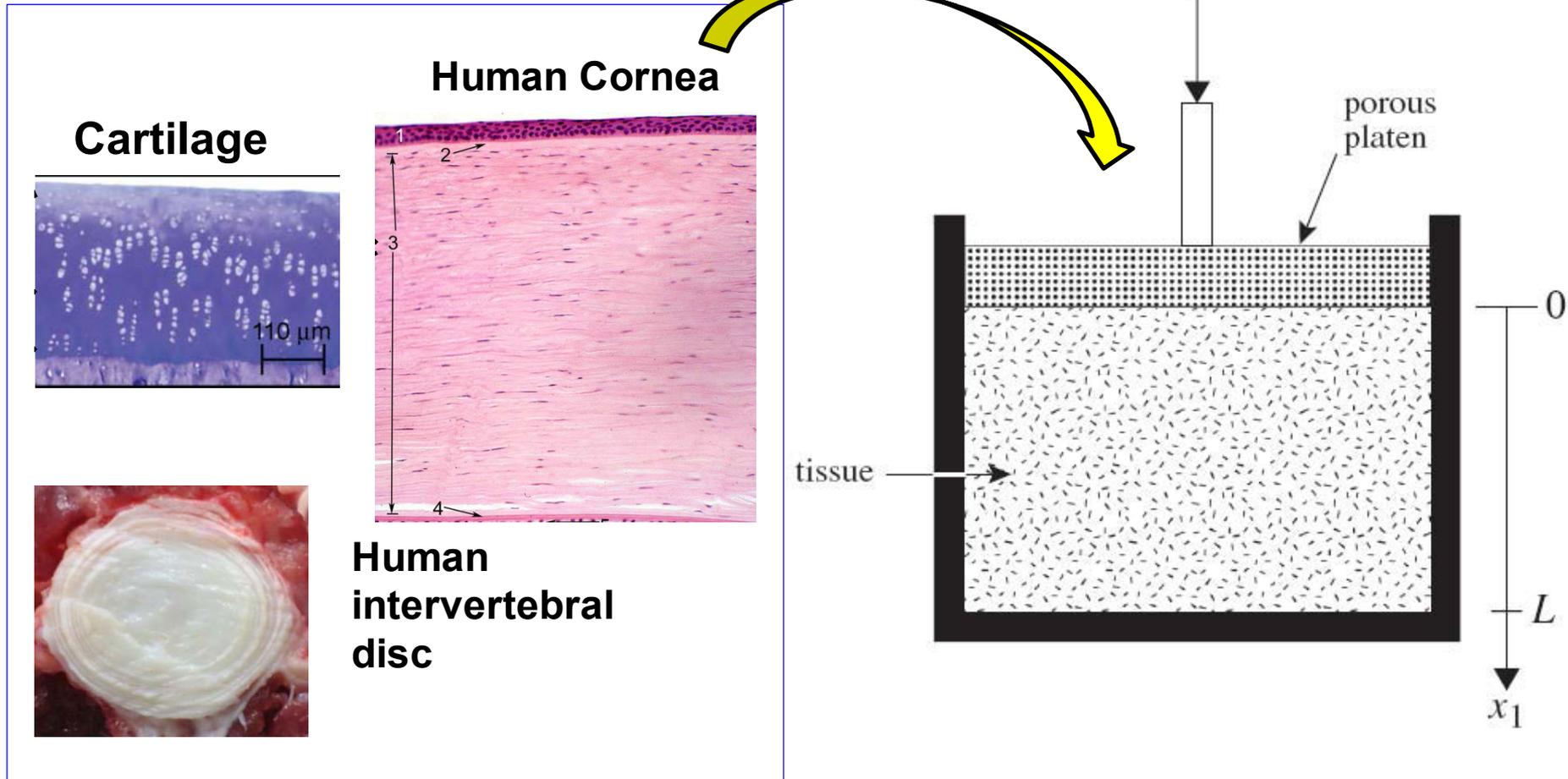


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