

The Role of Tissue Mechanics in Biological Responses to Mechanical Loading

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Welcome

On behalf of the organizing committee and the University I would like to extend a warm welcome to Notre Dame. In addition to attending the scientific sessions, we hope that you will have an opportunity to tour our campus and enjoy the brisk Northern Indiana autumn.

This is the third in a series of workshops organized by the Notre Dame Center for the study of biocomplexity. The theme of this meeting is “The Role of Tissue Mechanics in Biologic Responses to Mechanical Loading.” We are pleased to have brought together this distinguished group of invited speakers, who will present research and educational talks on mechanical behavior of biological materials ranging from the cellular to the organ level. In addition to the 26 invited lectures we are happy to have Dr. Steven Vogel of Duke University present a “pre-workshop warmup talk” and Dr. Stephen Cowin to present our Keynote address, which will highlight the importance of Mechanobiology. Several submitted talks will also be presented throughout the weekend.

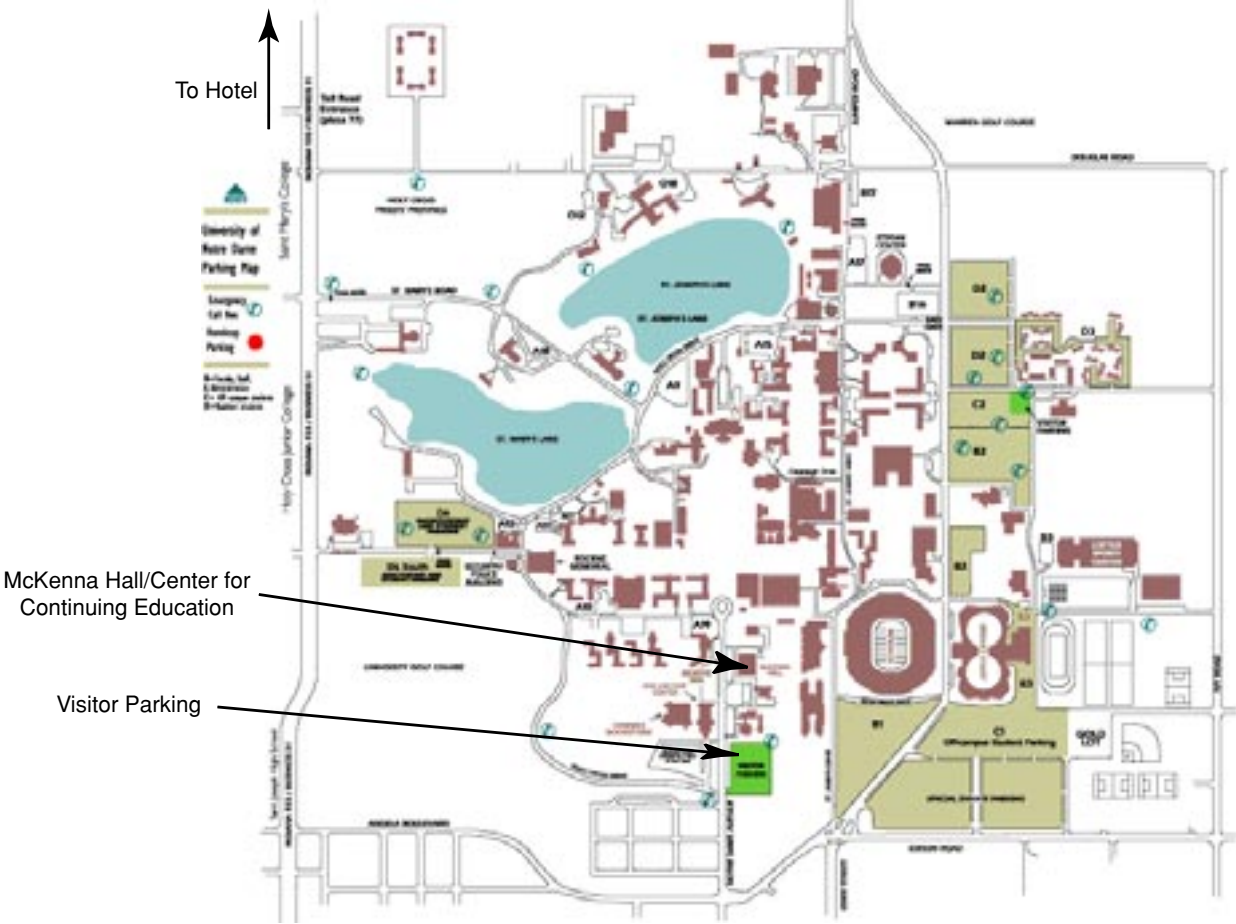
We have organized several social events, including Friday and Saturday lunches, a Friday reception following the Keynote Address, and a Saturday Banquet. It is our intent that these social gatherings will provide opportunities for discussions and will foster future collaborations.

Please do not hesitate to contact the organizers or the staff at the Center for Continuing Education if you need information or assistance during your time here.

Enjoy the workshop.

Glen L. Niebur, Ph.D.

Campus Map



The mechanical properties of biological tissues have been studied by mathematicians and mechanicians for centuries. Biological tissues are of interest from an applied perspective, as they form the structural components that allow organisms to interact with their environment. From a theoretical standpoint, the mechanics of biological materials range from simple linear elasticity to complex coupled fluid-solid-electrochemical models, providing ample challenges for mathematicians, physicists and engineers.

Perhaps the most interesting characteristic of biological tissues is that cells on the surface, embedded within, or in close proximity to the tissue cause active or passive responses of the tissue to mechanical loading. Thus, tissues are not only structural components, but also act as transmitters and modulators of mechanical stimuli from the environment to cells. The cells in turn respond to these stimuli, resulting in altered mechanical properties or structure of the tissue.

This symposium will explore the function of biological tissues as modulators of mechanical stimuli applied to cells and as transducers of mechanical forces. A wide variety of lectures will be presented, ranging from tissue formation and remodeling, to methodologies for probing the mechanical properties of tissues and cells.

Thursday, November 7

4:00 – 5:00 *The Biomechanics of Ancient Tasks* Steven Vogel
Duke University

Friday, November 8

8:00 *Welcome* Jeff Kantor, Vice-
President for Research
Carlo Montemagno
UCLA

8:15 – 8:55 *Nanobiotechnology: The convergence of
engineering with modern biology* Charles Pell
Duke University

8:55 – 9:35 *TBA*

9:35 – 9:45 *Break*

9:45 – 10:25 *Torsional versus flexural stiffness in natural
structures* Steven Vogel
Duke University

10:25 – 11:05 *Tissue Liquidity and Organogenesis* Malcolm Steinberg
Princeton

11:05 – 11:15 *Break*

11:15– 11:30 *Reaction Diffusion Mechanisms for Cell
Condensation During Avian Limb Development* Tilmann Glimm
Emory University

11:30 – 11:45 *Response of Guinea Pig Spinal Cord Ventral
Matter to Controlled Stretch* Riyi Shi
Purdue University

11:45 – 12:00 *Mechanics of Lipid Membranes* Yi Jiang
LANL

12:00 – 1:00 *Lunch - McKenna Center Dining Room*

1:00 – 1:40 *Mechanical Interactions and Mechanosensing
during Fibroblast Migration* Yu-Li Wang
Massachusetts

1:40 – 2:20 *Nanoelectromechanical Transduction in Auditory
Hair Cells* Rob Rafael
Rice

2:20 – 2:30 *Break*

2:30 – 3:10 *Membrane Free Volume Theory for
Mechanochemical Transduction* John Frangos
La Jolla
Bioengineering Inst.
M. van der Meulen
Cornell

3:10 – 3:50 *Mechanobiology*

4:00 – 5:00 **Keynote Address:**
How does nature build tissues? Stephen Cowin
CUNY

5:00 – 7:00 *Reception – Morris Inn Donors Room*

Saturday, November 9

8:00 – 8:40	<i>TBA</i>	Elliot Rosen Notre Dame
8:40 – 9:20	<i>Probing polymerization forces using actin-propelled lipid vesicles</i>	Arpita Upadhyaya MIT
9:20 – 9:30	<i>Break</i>	
9:30 – 10:10	<i>Biomechanics of the intracellular environment studied with magnetic tweezers</i>	Gabor Forgacs Missouri
10:10 – 10:50	<i>Biomechanical Adaptation of Cells</i>	Wes Jackson California
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 – 11:40	<i>Atomic Force Microscopy in Cells</i>	Agnes Ostafin Notre Dame
11:40 – 11:55	<i>Multi-dimensional measurements of tissue micro-biomechanical behavior</i>	Blayne Roeder Purdue
12:00 – 1:00	<i>Lunch – Morris Inn Donors Room</i>	
1:00 – 1:40	<i>The Plasticity of Skeletal Muscle: Mechanical Consequences</i>	Vince Caiozzo U. California Irvine
1:40 – 2:20	<i>Micromechanics of heart valve tissues</i>	Michael Sacks Pittsburgh
2:20 – 2:35	<i>Force Transmission within Smooth Muscle Tissues</i>	Richard A. Meiss Indiana University School of Medicine
2:35 – 2:45	<i>Break</i>	
2:45 – 3:25	<i>Mechanics of Cardiovascular Development</i>	Larry Taber Washington University, St. Louis
3:25 – 4:05	<i>Negative Diffusion and Aggregation of Blood Cells due to Elastic Deformation in Shear Flow</i>	Chia Chang Notre Dame
4:05 – 4:15	<i>Break</i>	
4:15 – 4:55	<i>Cartilage Mechanics and Tissue Engineering</i>	Gerard Ateshian Columbia
4:55 – 5:35	<i>Contractile response of fibroblasts on a collagen-based matrix used in tissue engineering</i>	Lorna Gibson MIT
6:00	<i>Banquet – Morris Inn Donors Room</i>	

Sunday, November 10

8:00 – 8:40	<i>Modulation of Cell Adhesion during Migration</i>	William Parks Washington University, St. Louis
8:40 – 9:20	<i>Matricellular proteins: Extracellular modulators of bone cell biology</i>	Kurt Hankenson University of Michigan
9:20 – 9:30	<i>Break</i>	
9:30 – 10:10	<i>Nonlinearities in bone remodeling</i>	Charles Turner Indiana University School of Medicine
10:10 – 10:50	<i>Bone Adaptation after Joint Replacement</i>	Rick Sumner Rush Medical Center
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 – 11:40	<i>Implications of Fluid Flow for Bone Function, from an Organ to a Cellular Level</i>	Melissa Knothe Tate Cleveland Clinic
11:40 – 11:55	<i>Interstitial Flow and the Organization of the Interstitium: Implications for Tissue Engineering</i>	Melody Swartz Northwestern
12:00 – 1:00	<i>Lunch – On your own</i>	
1:00 – 1:40	<i>The Relationship Between Bone Microstructure and Its Mechanical Properties</i>	Subrata Saha Alfred University
1:40 – 2:00	<i>Bone remodeling studied by stochastic lattice models</i>	Richard Weinkamer Austrian Academy of Sciences
2:00 – 2:40	<i>How to Find out When Bones Break</i>	Gemunu Gunaratne Houston