

**Rheology of Marine Sponge Tissue Reveals Anisotropic Mechanics & Tuned Dynamics** 

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## **Sponges Are Also Auxetic!**



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## In conclusion

- Sponge bodies are composed of heterogeneous tissue highly specialized for filtering
- Different growth forms are achieved by tissue mechanical strategies such as orthotropy
- Auxeticity is a possible route to a cellular mechanobiological response
- A maximum dissipation at some frequency and strain amplitude implies tunability / memory

A freshwater sponge I found recently at an inlet of Owasco Lake in Upstate New York



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