

Jamming and glassy behavior in biological tissues

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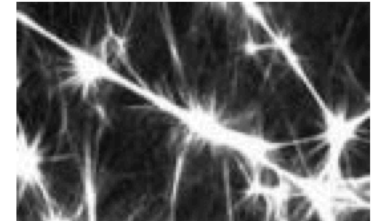
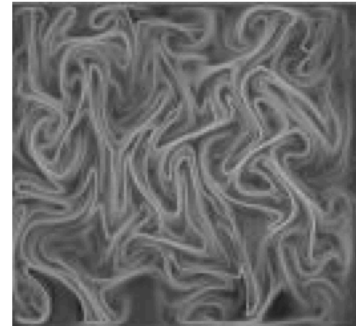
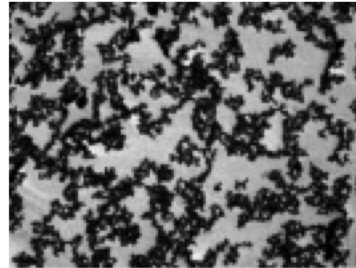
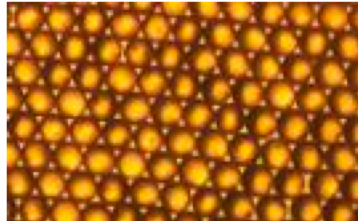
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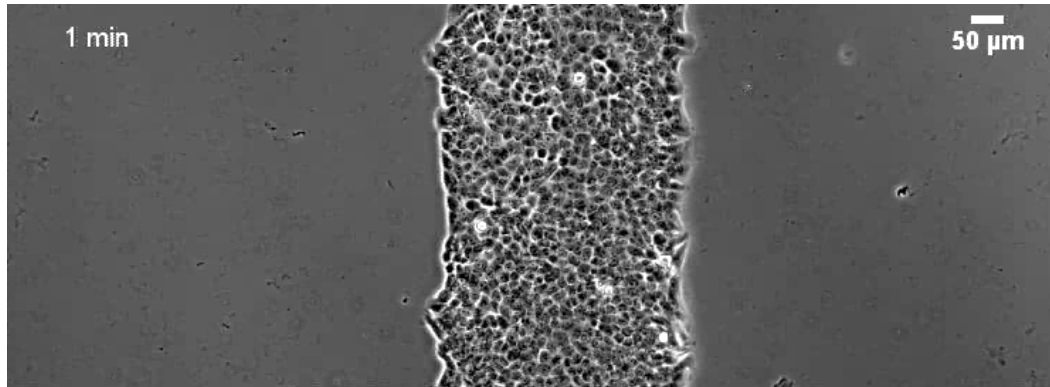
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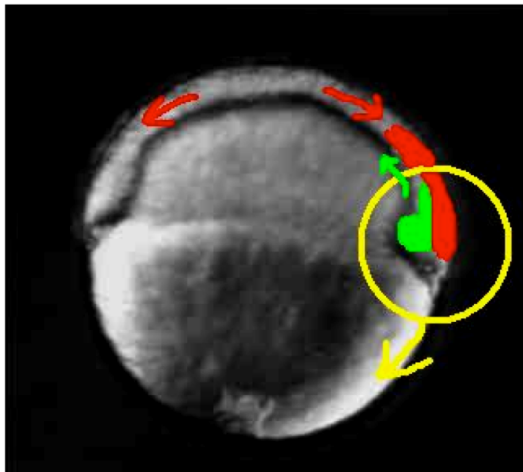
Why study cell motion in dense tissues?

Wound healing

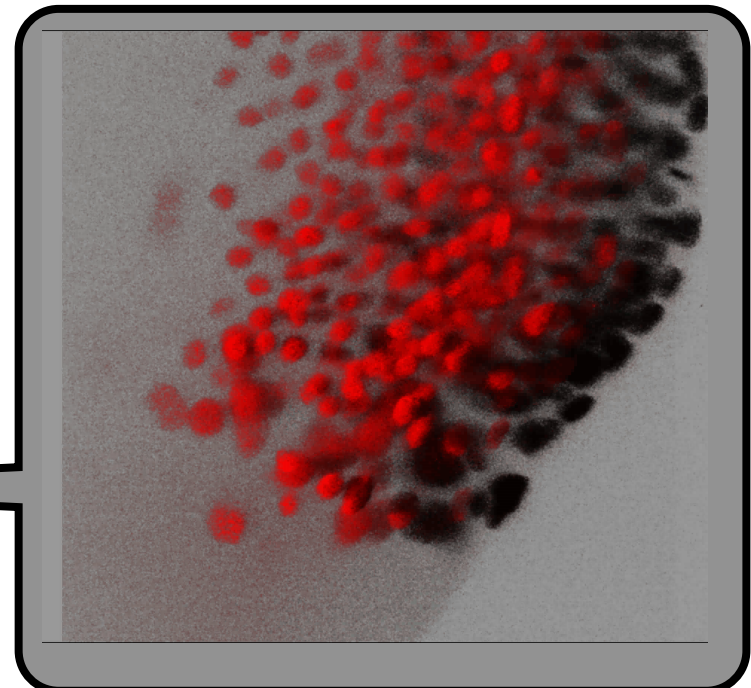


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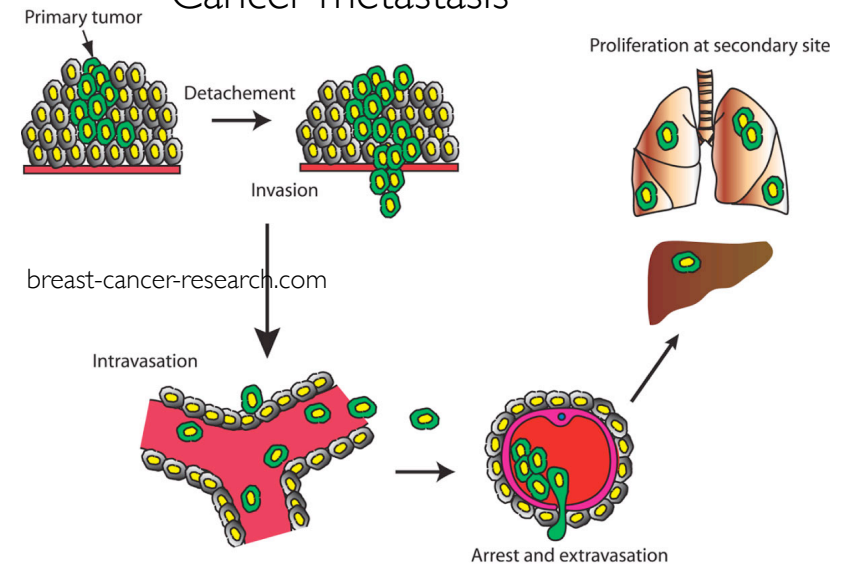
Embryonic development
Differential Adhesion Hypothesis:
Steinberg, Science 1962



Schoetz 2008



Cancer metastasis

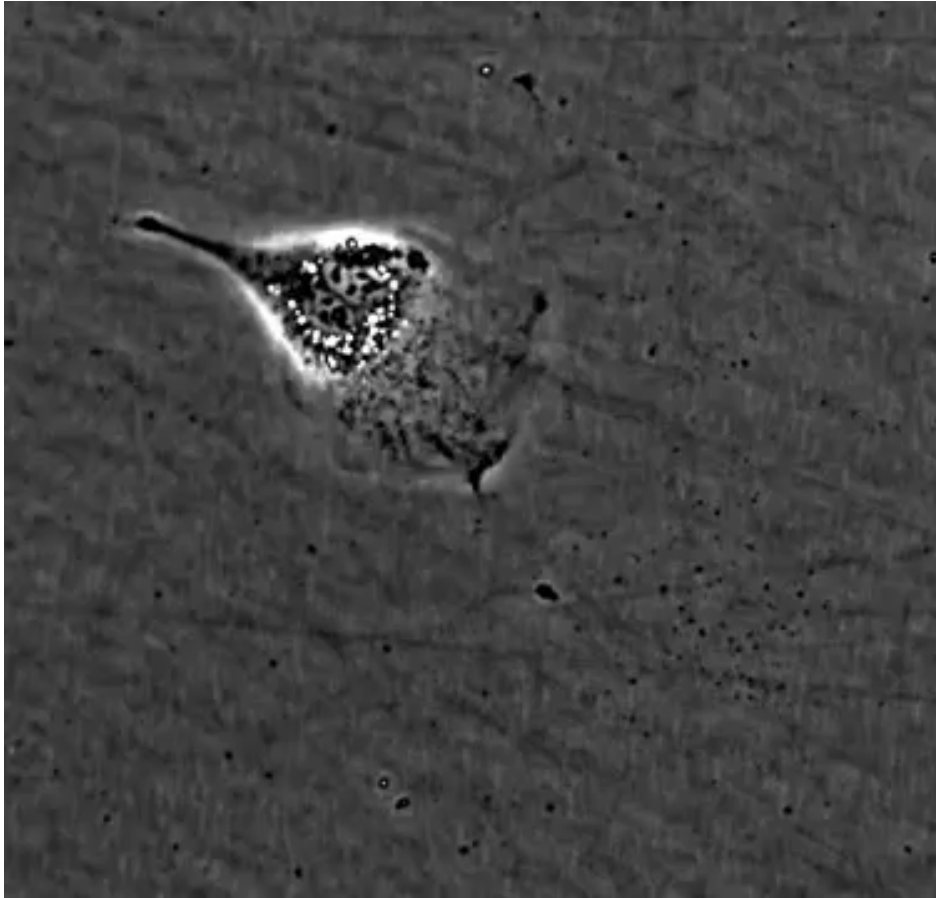


How do cells move?

In isolation

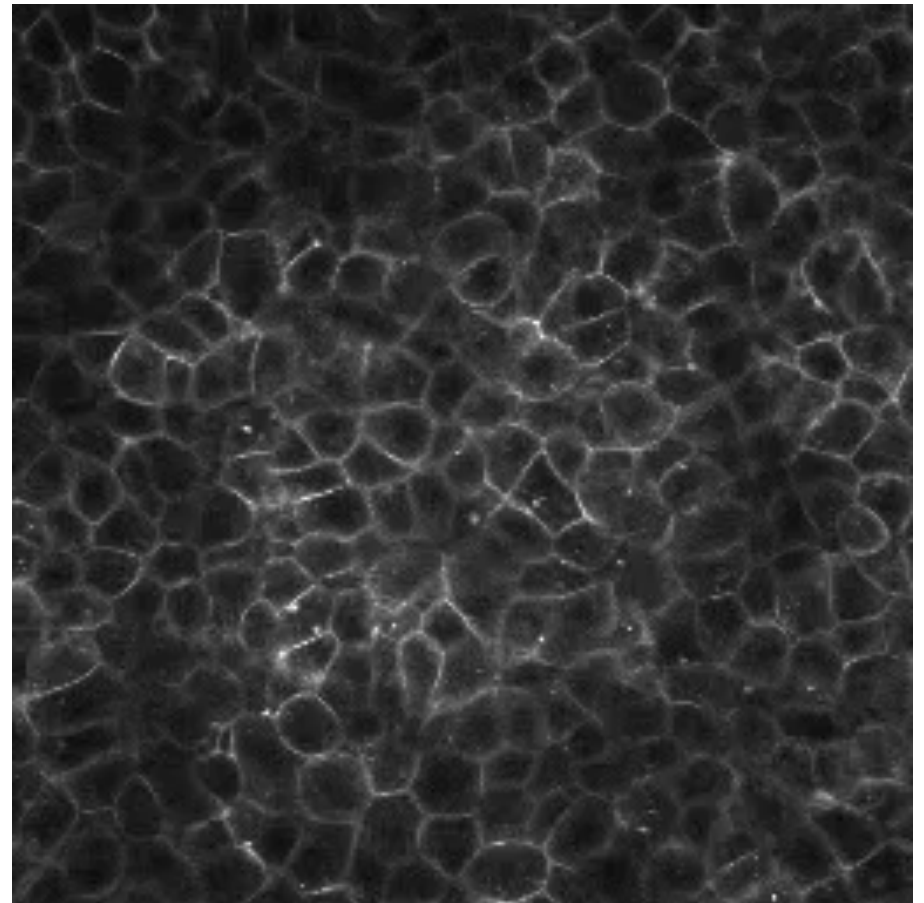
vs.

in dense tissue



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUIDCfCTto>

Human bone cancer cell on
fibronectin



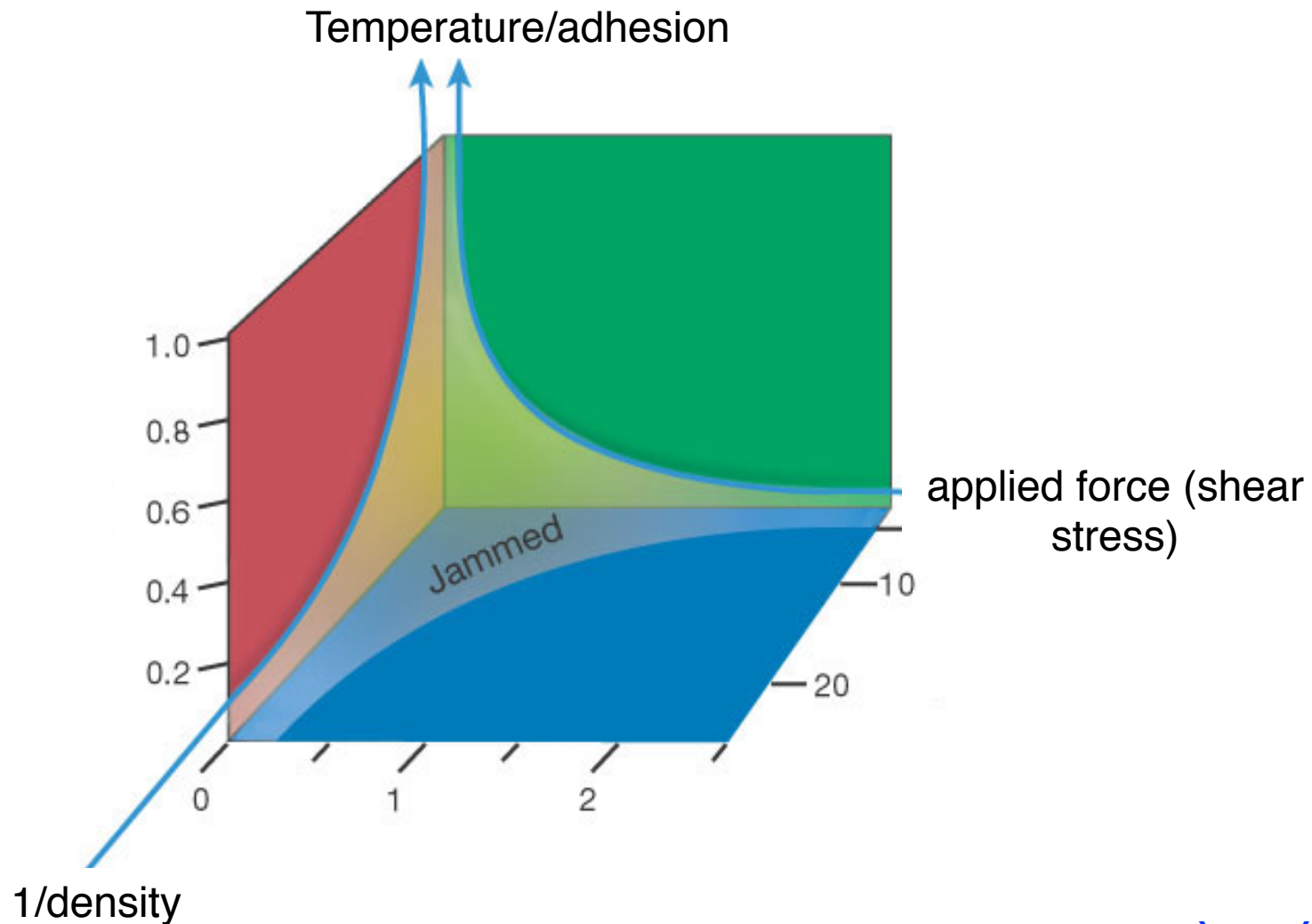
Zebrafish embryo
Schoetz Lab, UCSD

Perhaps some features of cell motion in tissues are a simple consequence of being crowded together

How do we quantify this?

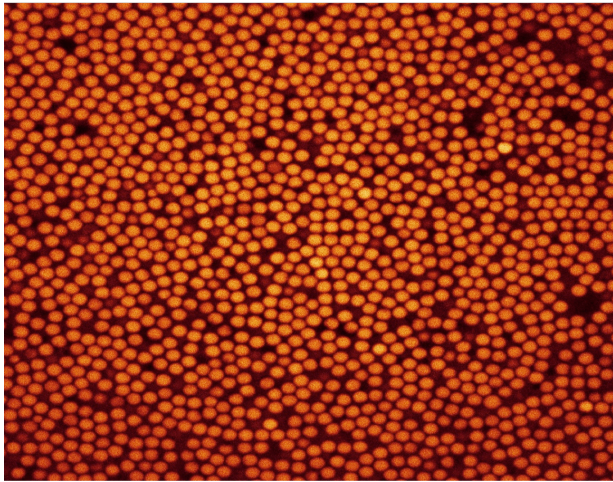
Use tools from jamming and the glass transition

Jamming phase diagram for inert matter

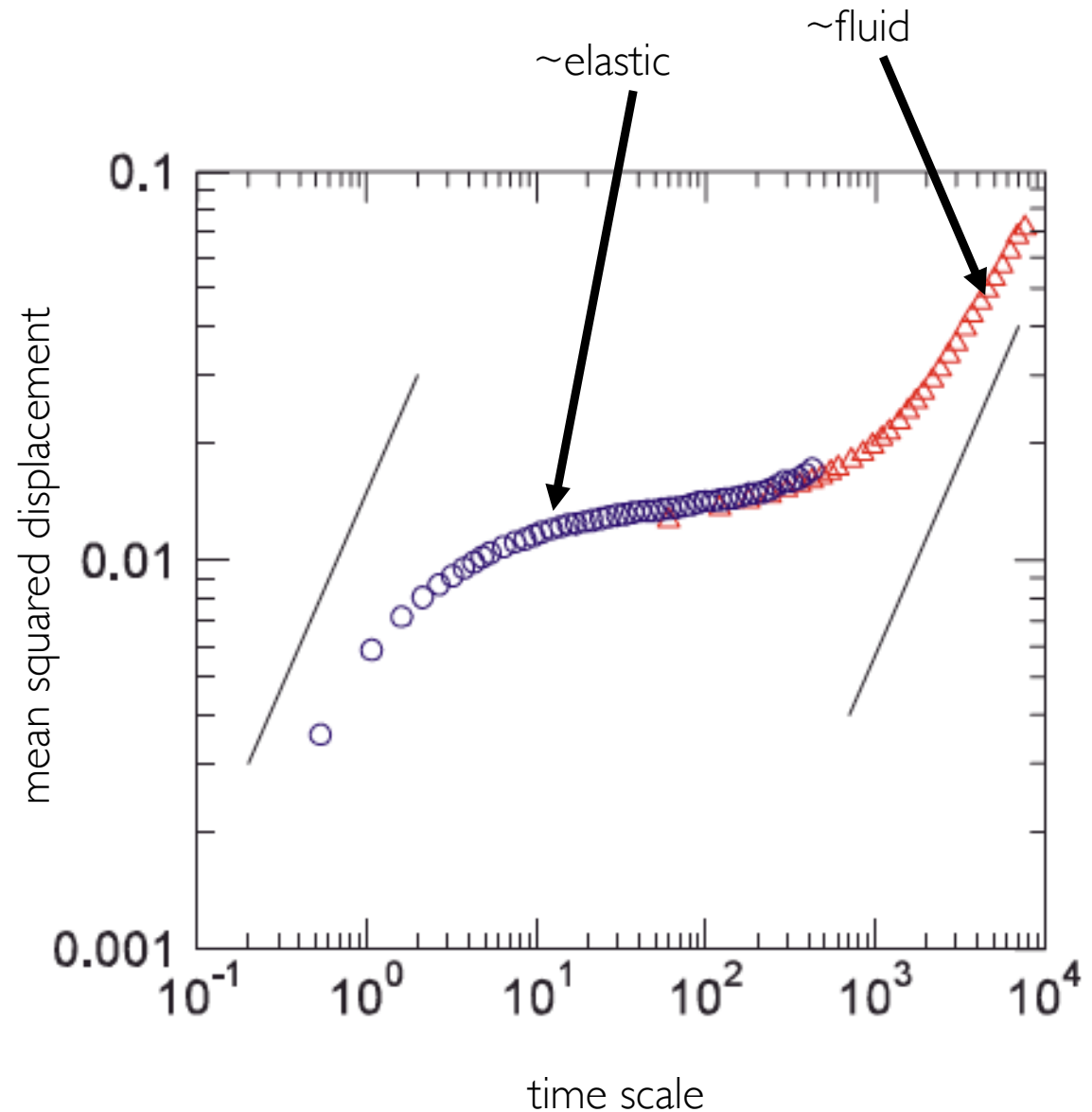


Trappe et al, *Nature* **411**, 772-775 (2001)

two-point correlation function: mean squared displacement

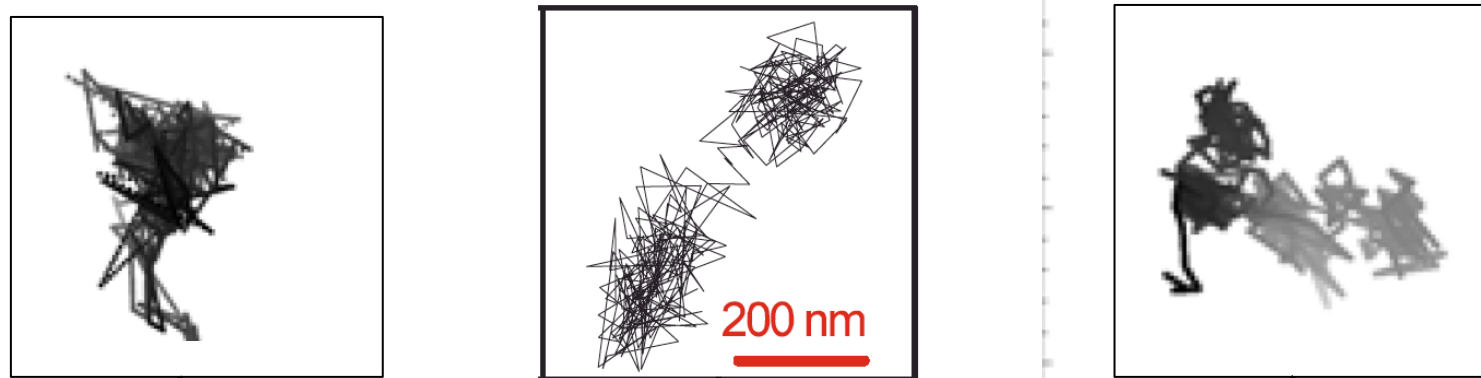


A colloidal glass.

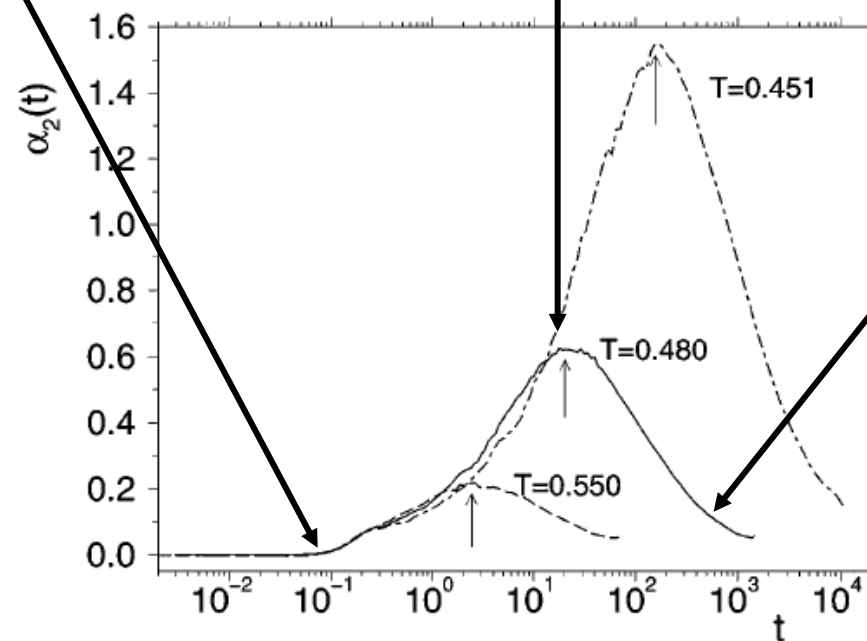


Non-gaussian parameter

Weeks, Crocker, Weitz (2004)

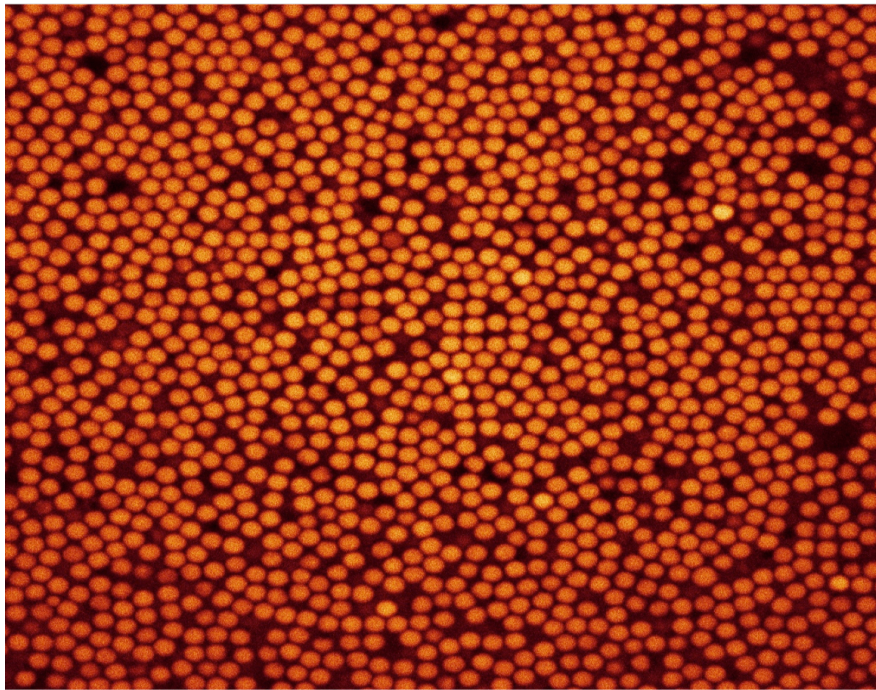


Caging behavior
measured by
non-gaussian
parameter

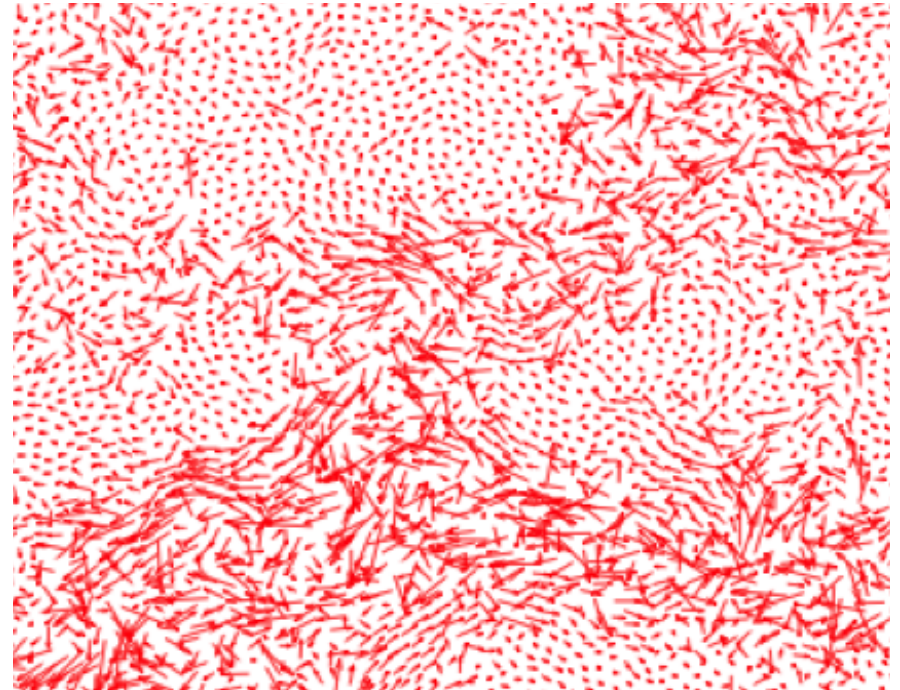


Kob et al, PRL 79 15 2827 (1997)

Dynamical heterogeneities



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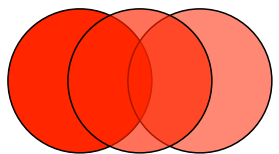


Displacement profile in simulation
of a 2-d glass former.
Berthier PRL 2011

Four point correlation functions:
captures “swirls” or “dynamical heterogeneities”

$$G_4((r - r'); (t - t')) = \langle \rho(r', t') \rho(r', t) \rho(r, t') \rho(r, t) \rangle$$

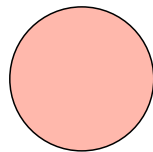
$$Q_t(l, \tau) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i, \quad w_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{overlap} > l \\ 0, & \text{overlap} < l \end{cases}$$



$t \quad t + \tau_1 \quad t + \tau_2$

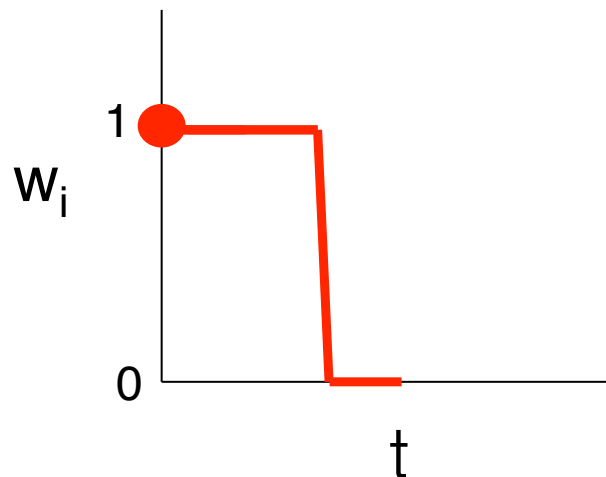
$$w_i = w_i^1 = 1$$

$$l = \frac{1}{2} d$$



$t + \tau_3$

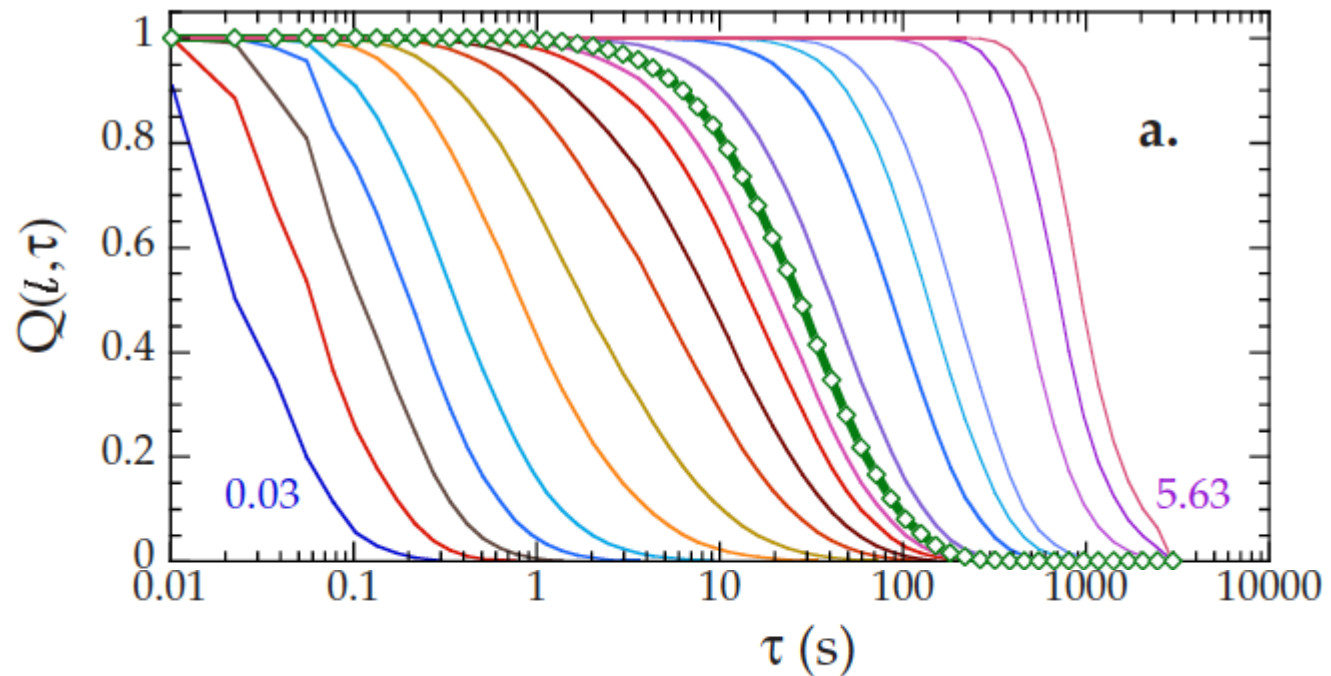
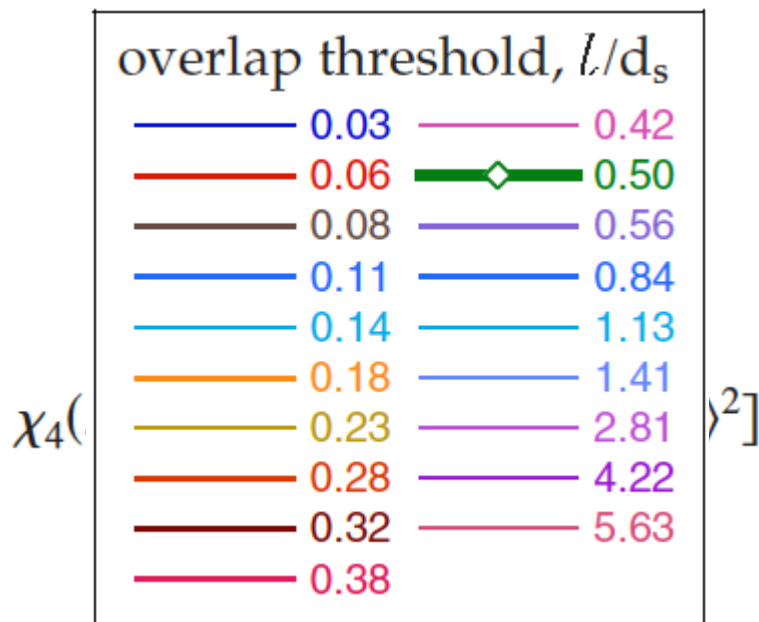
$$w_i = 0$$



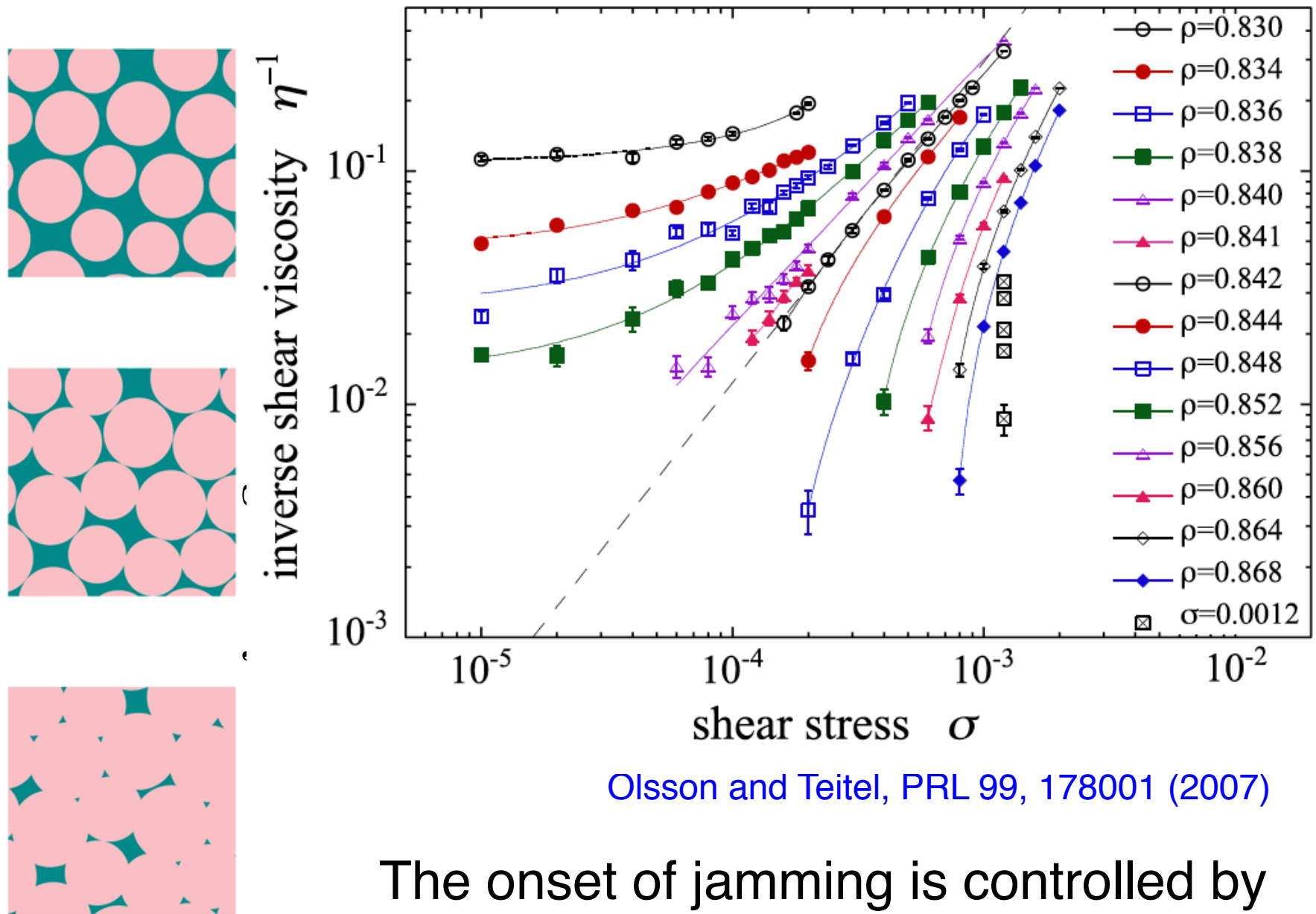
Four point correlation functions

$$Q_t(l, \tau) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i,$$

$$Q(l, \tau) = \langle Q_t(l, \tau) \rangle,$$



What type of transition? 1st order? 2nd order?

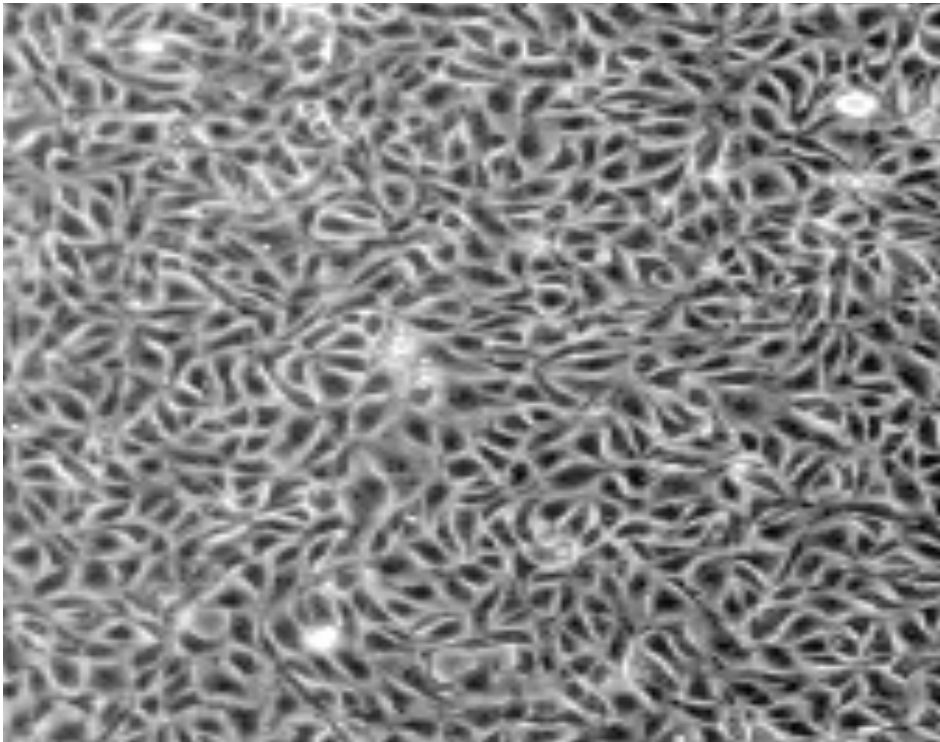


Olsson and Teitel, PRL 99, 178001 (2007)

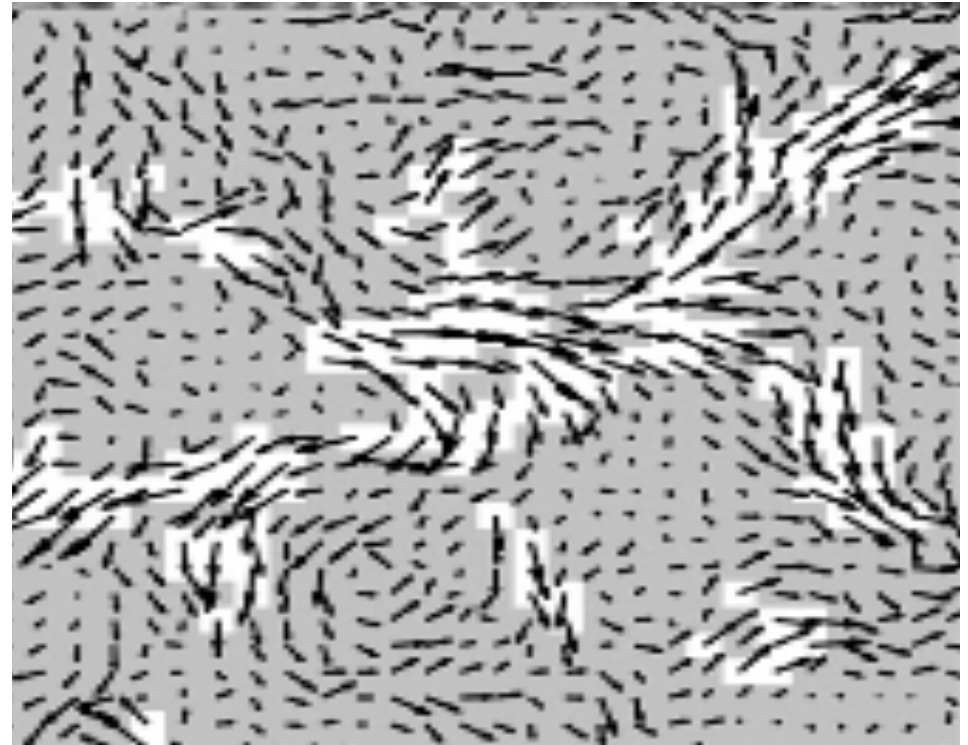
The onset of jamming is controlled by the **area density**: $(r-r_c)$

What happens in dense
tissues?

Epithelial sheets show collective “swirls”: dynamical heterogeneity



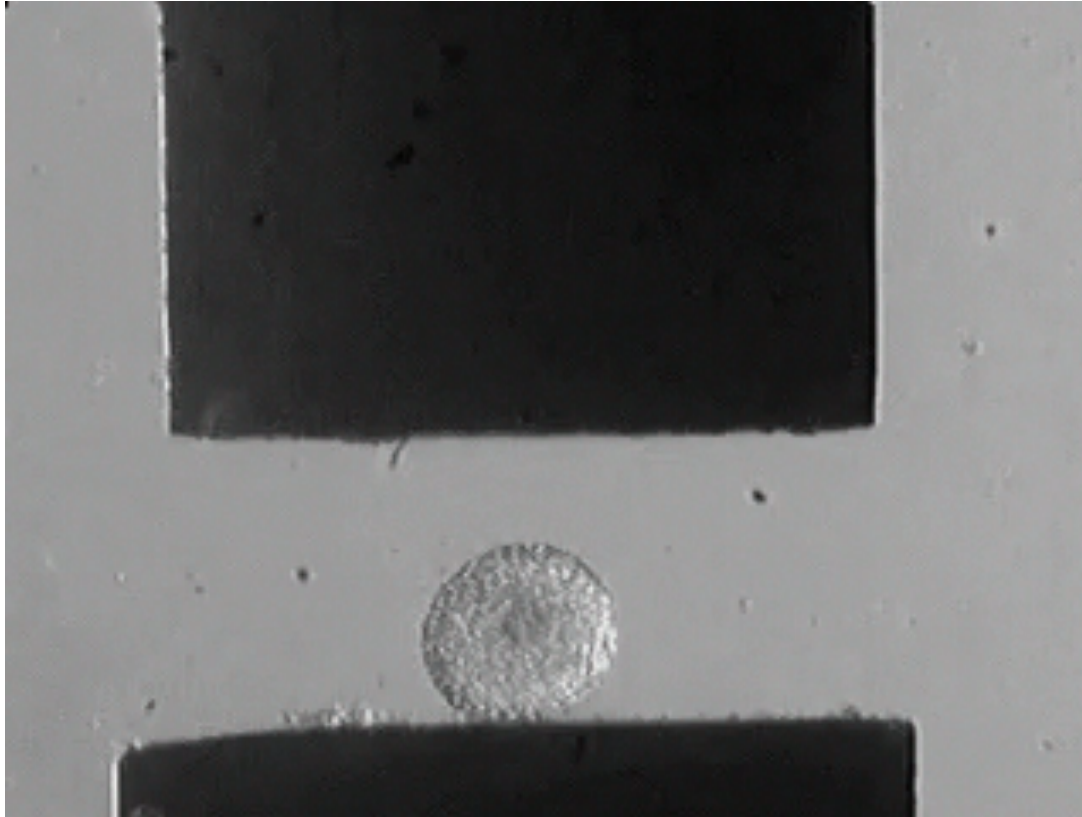
Madin-Darby canine kidney (MDCK) cells forming a 2-d confluent layer.



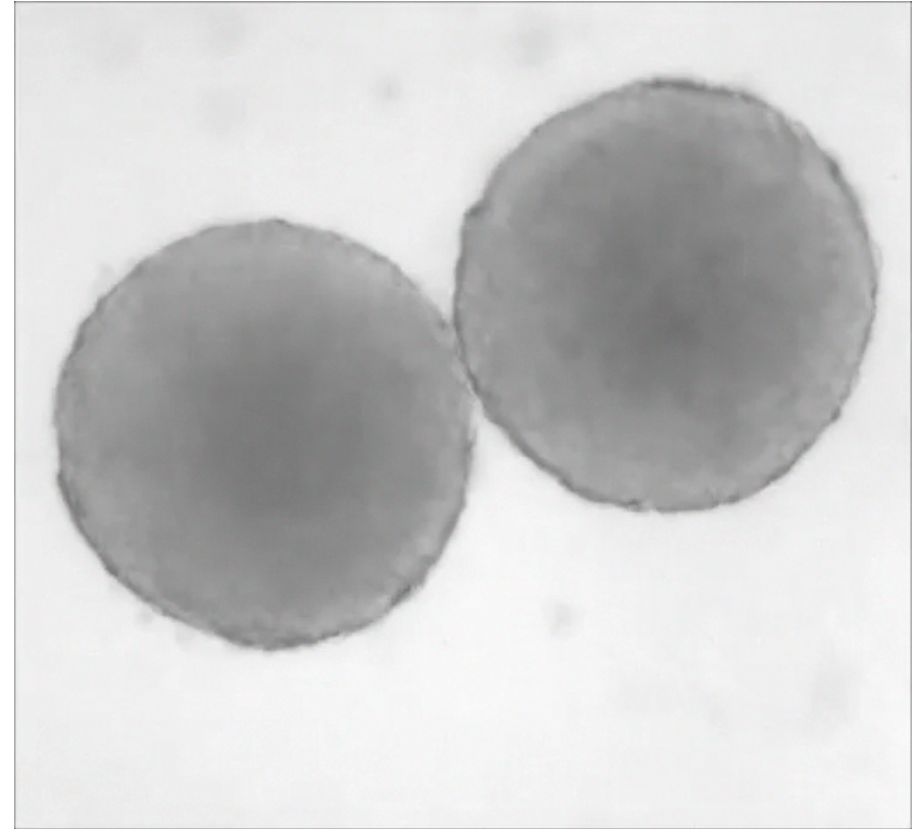
Velocity profile of cells show the spatially heterogeneous pattern in MDCK tissue.

Early embryonic tissues are viscoelastic

timescale \sim seconds

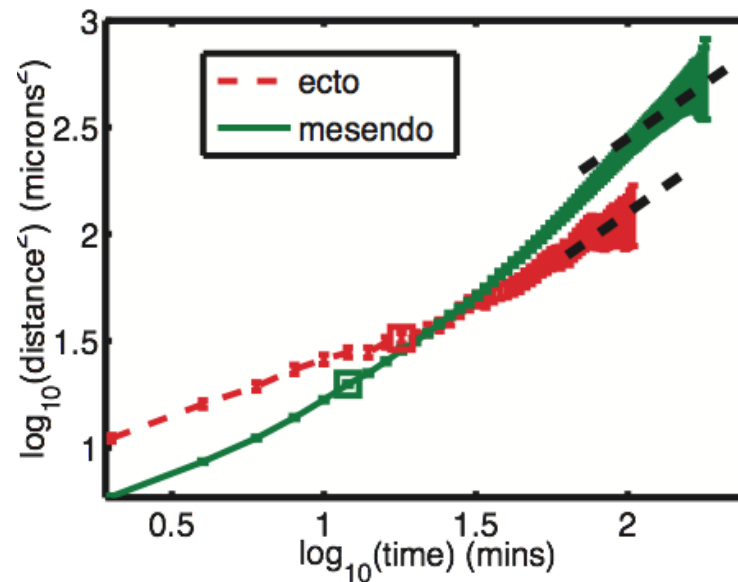
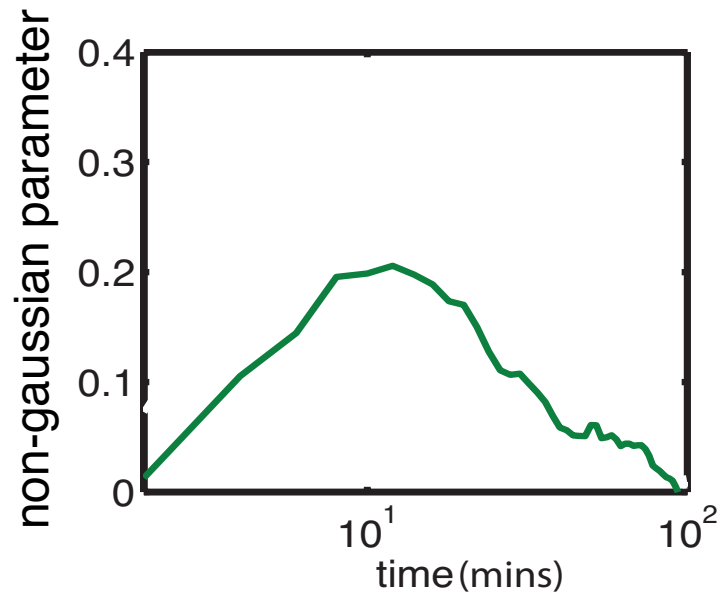
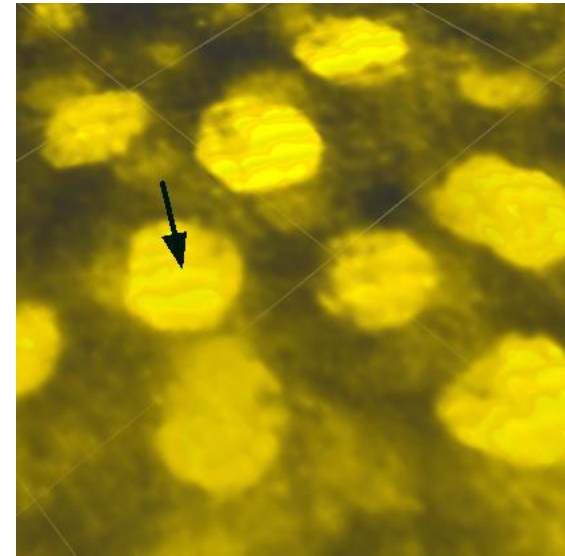
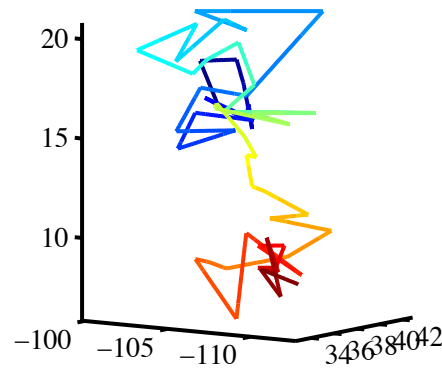
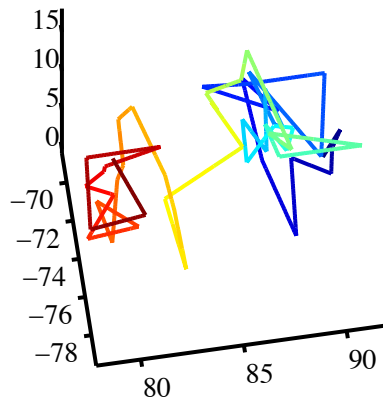


timescale \sim hours



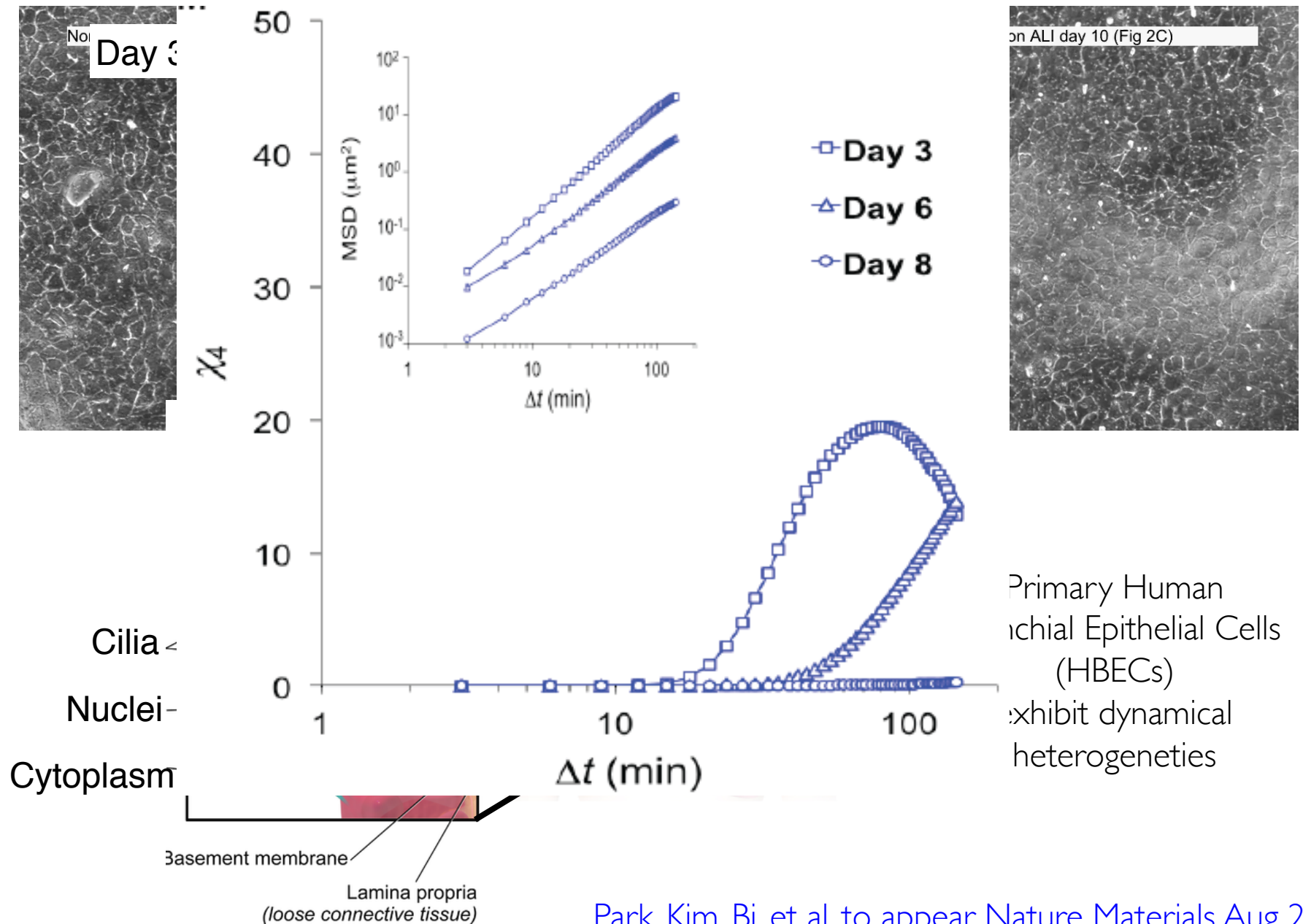
Schoetz, Lanio, Talbot, **MLM**
J. R. Soc. Interface (2013)

Caging behavior in tissues



Schoetz, Lanio,
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Four-point correlations



What happens in **models** for
dense tissues?

in other words, can we explain this?

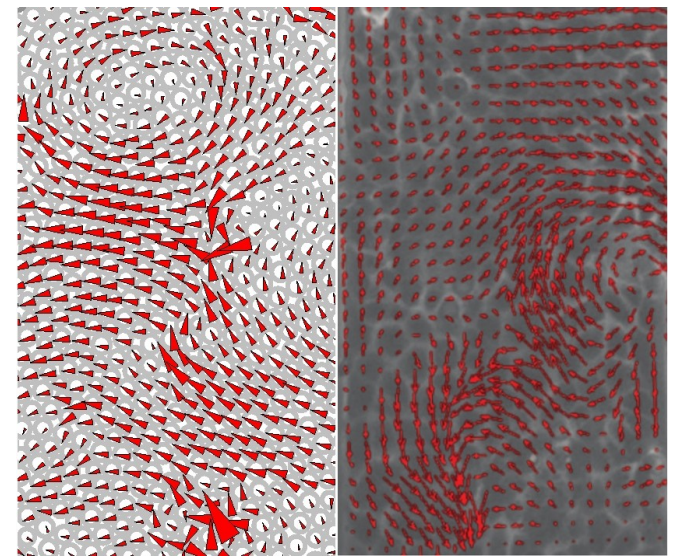
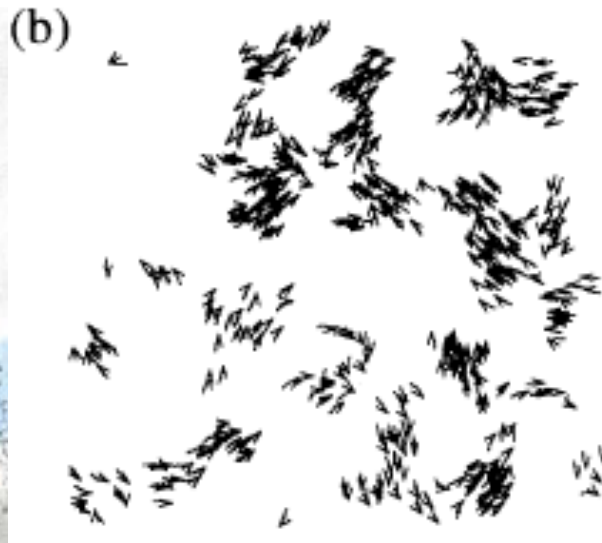
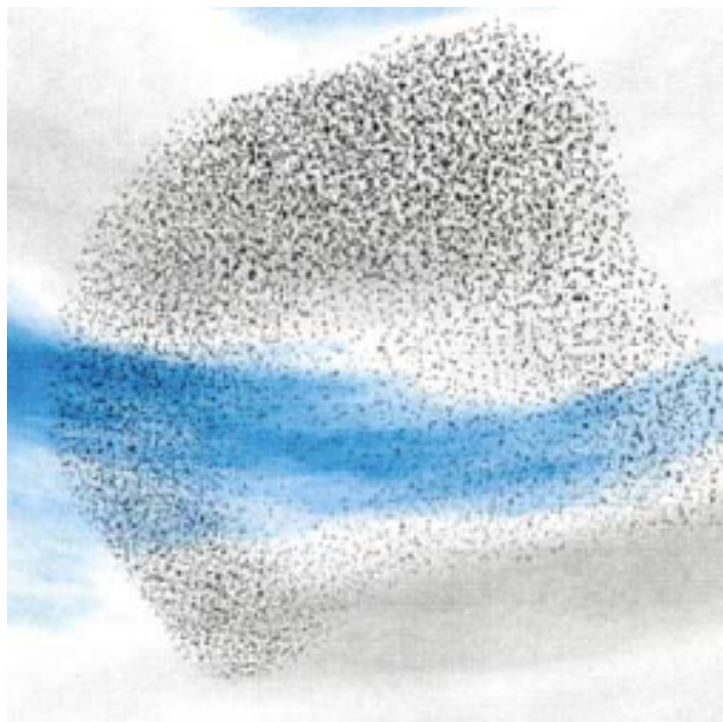
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Let's do physics!

Active particle models

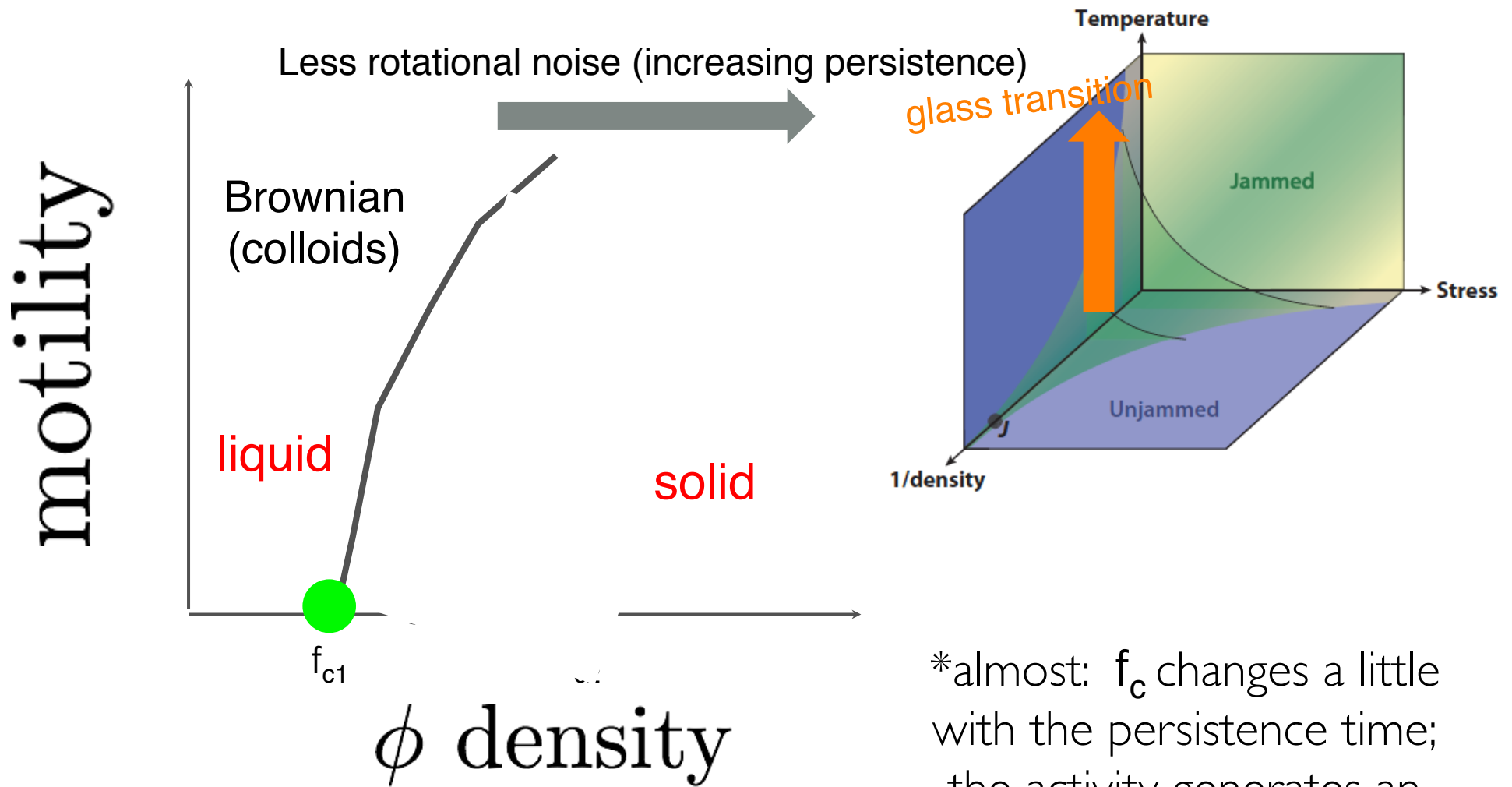
Talks this week and next by Marchetti, Dogic, etc.

Use “self propelled particle models”, add short-range repulsive (and maybe attractive) interactions to mimic cells



Vicsek et al PRL **76** 6 (1995), Chate et al EPJB **64**, 451–456 (2008), Henkes et al PRE **84**, (2011), Basan et al, HFSP **3** (4) 265 (2009), Ranft et al PNAS **107** (49) 20863 (2010), Schoetz, Lanio, Talbot, **MLM** J. R. Soc. Interface **10**(89), 20130726 (2013), Yang, **MLM**, Marchetti Soft Matter(2014)

Glass transition in self-propelled particle models is identical to adhesive colloids*

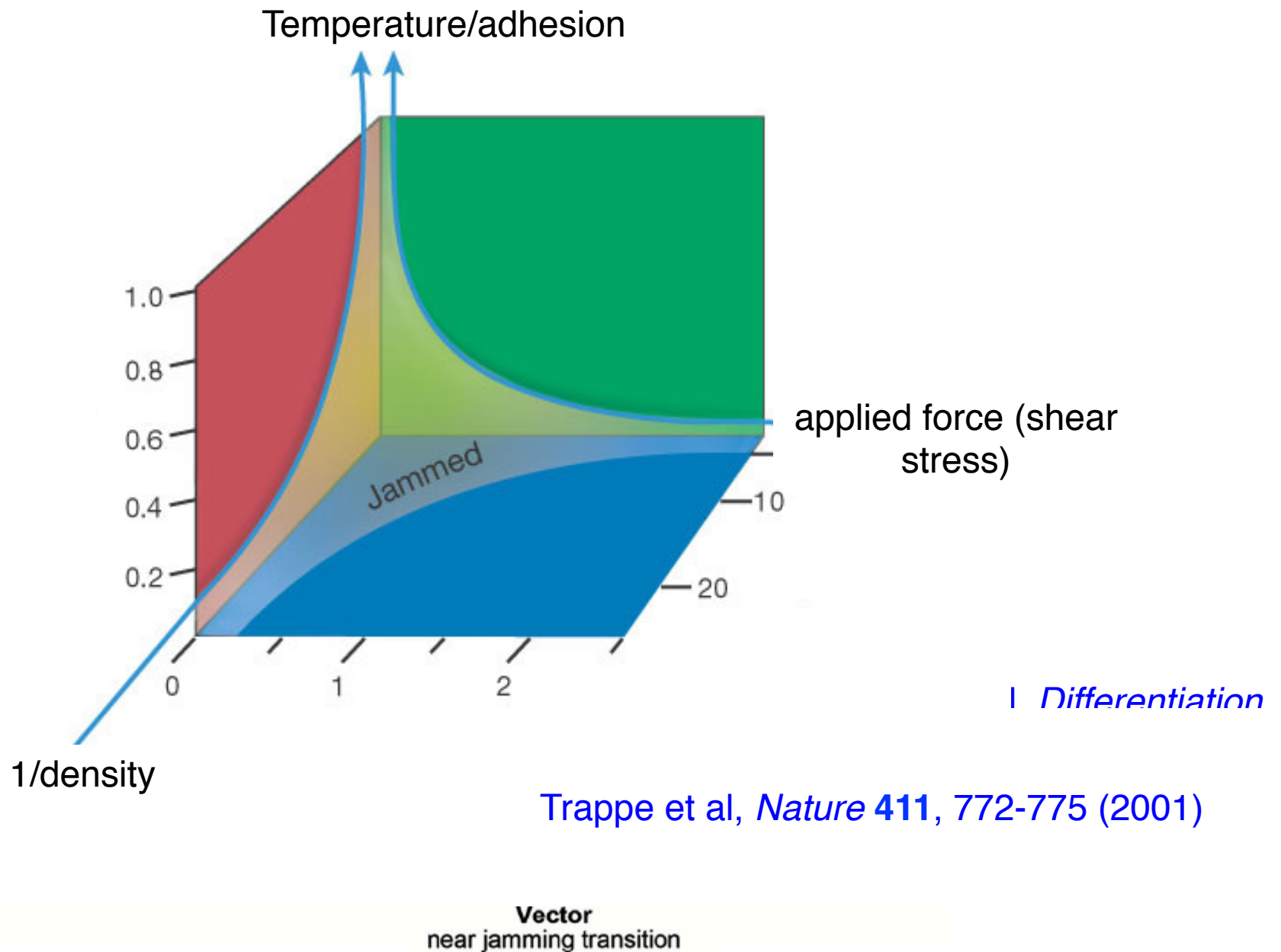


*almost: f_c changes a little with the persistence time; the activity generates an effective adhesion

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Fily, Henkes & Marchetti Soft Matter 2014

Jamming phase diagram for biological tissues



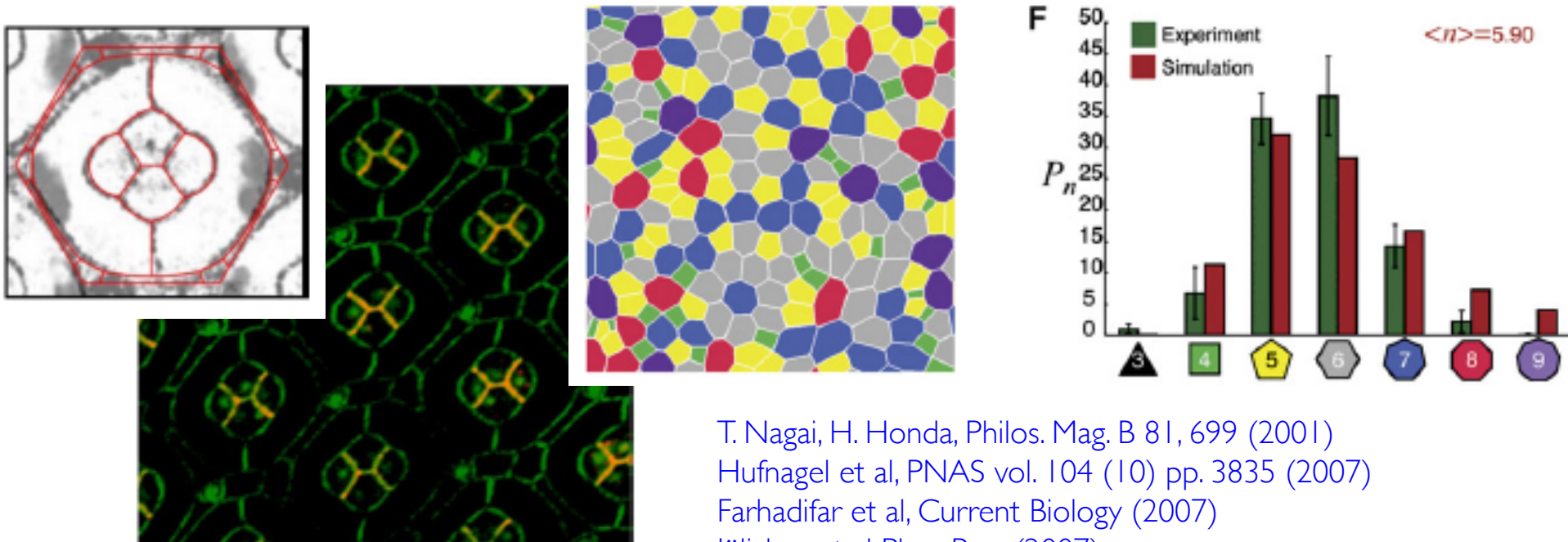
In many tissues, a density-driven transition is impossible

e.g. confluent tissues where there are no gaps between cells
and the packing fraction is one

Is there some analogue to the
jamming transition for
confluent tissues?

Vertex models for tissues

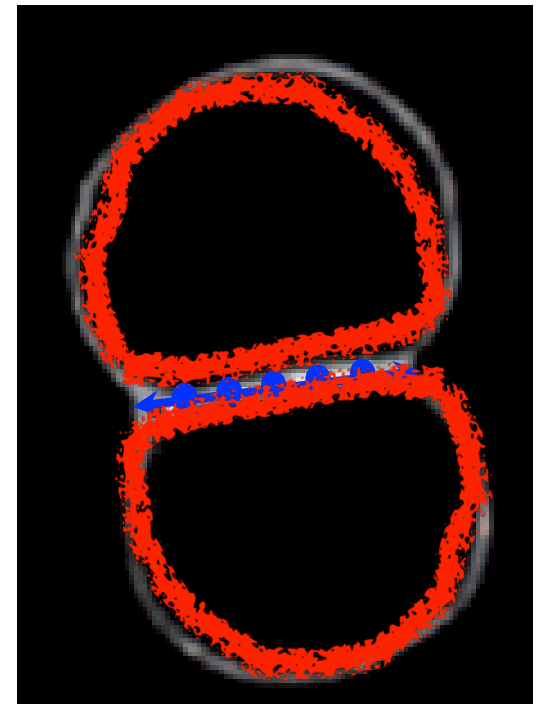
- Developed about 15 years ago
- Good agreement with experimentally observed cell shapes
- Explain/predict mechanically stable cell shapes and statistical properties



T. Nagai, H. Honda, Philos. Mag. B 81, 699 (2001)
Hufnagel et al, PNAS vol. 104 (10) pp. 3835 (2007)
Farhadifar et al, Current Biology (2007)
Jülicher et al Phys. Rep. (2007)
Hilgenfeldt et al, PNAS 105 3 907–911 (2008)
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Chiou et al PLOS Comp Bio 8 (5) e1002512 (2012)

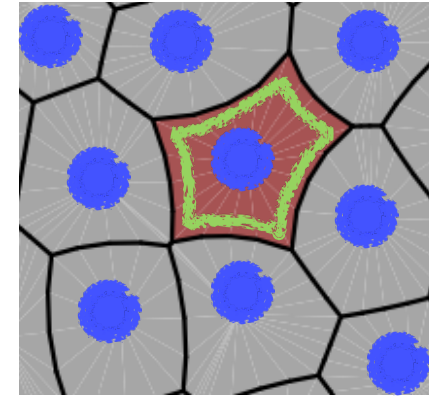
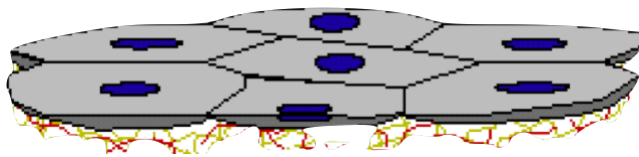
“Shape equilibrium” or “vertex” model: what mechanical forces act to generate cell shapes?

1. **Cell-cell adhesion**: cadherins, alpha-catenin, beta catenin, etc.
2. **Active cortical tension**: myosin II, actin
(Experiments: Evans, Theory: Joanny, Prost et al)
3. Bulk effects: fluid **resists dialation/ compression**, cytoskeleton resists shear
4. Cortical elasticity: cytoskeletal networks



Devries et al,
Development **131**,
4435–4445 (2004)

Vertex model equations



$$E_{cell} = k_A(A - A_0)^2 + k_P(P - P_0)^2$$

$$= k_A(A - A_0)^2 + k_P(P^2 - 2P_0P + P_0^2) \quad A = \text{area}, P = \text{perimeter}$$

3D Incompressibility + resistance to height fluctuations
actomyosin contractility
Interfacial tension: adhesion and cortical tension

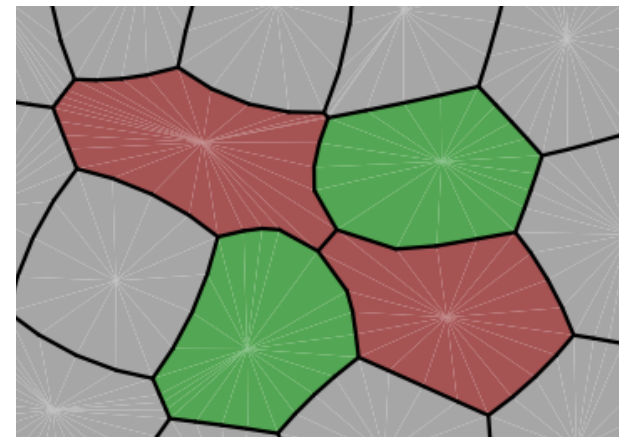
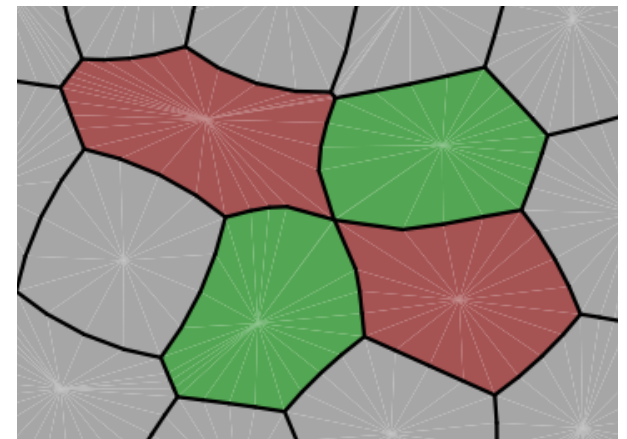
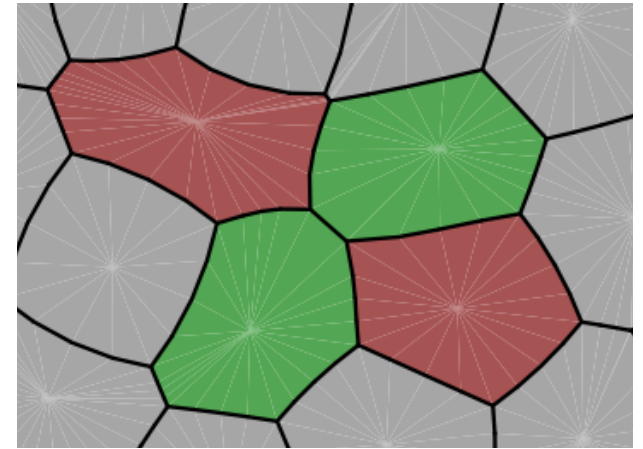
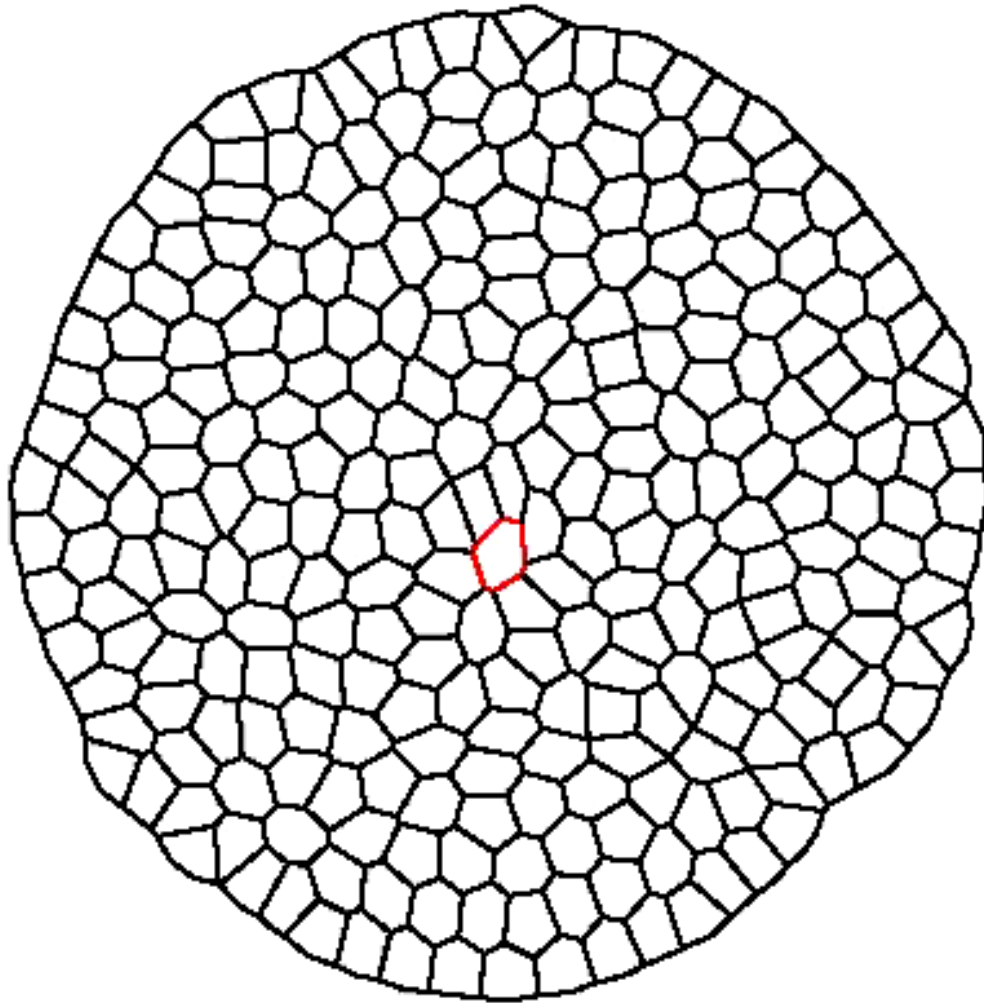
$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{\beta A_0} \sum_i^N E_i = \sum_i \left[(a_i - 1)^2 + \frac{(p_i - p_0)^2}{r} \right]$$

Non-dimensionalized mechanical energy

Our model has two parameters:

- p_0 = preferred perimeter: interfacial tension generated by adhesion and cortical tension
- r = inverse perimeter modulus: resistance to height fluctuations normalized by perimeter contractility OR ratio between bulk stiffness and interface stiffness

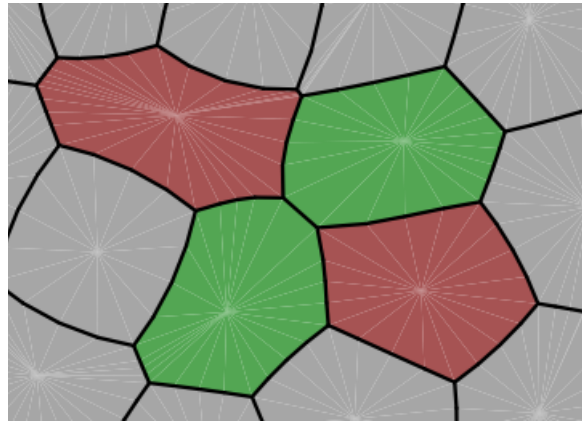
Rearrangements and migration in tissues via T-I transitions



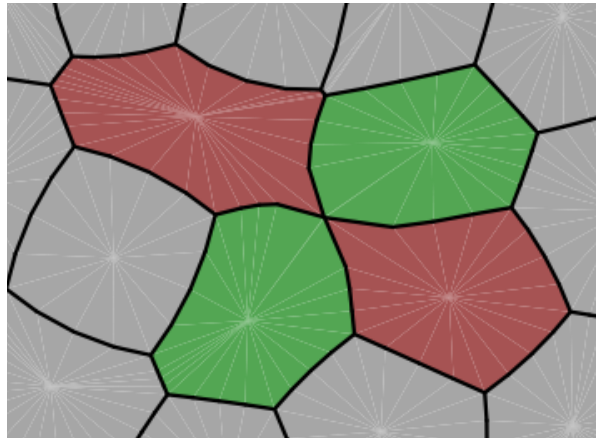
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Energy trace for T-I transitions

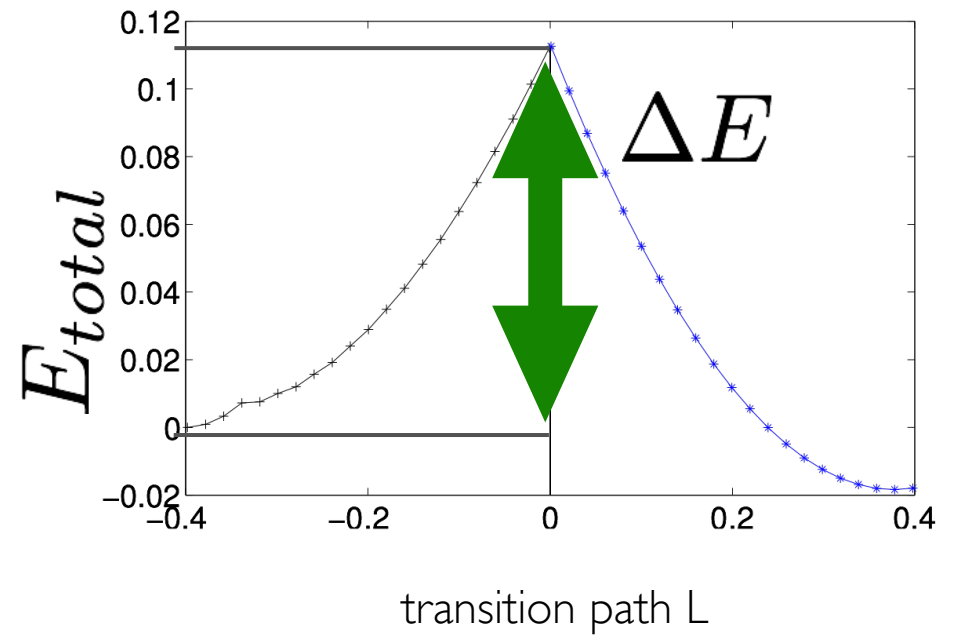
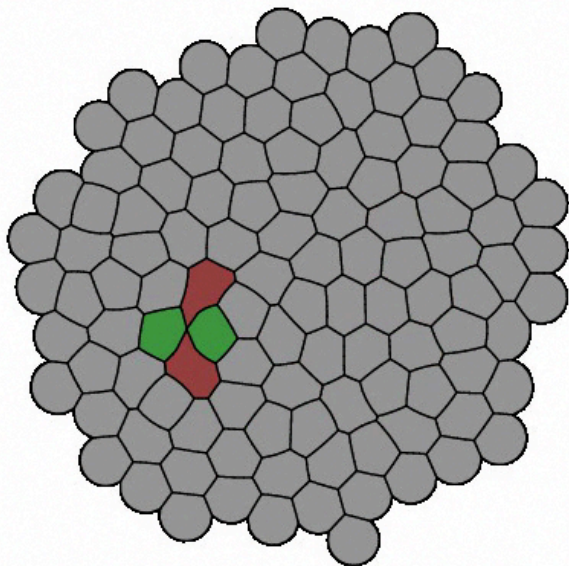
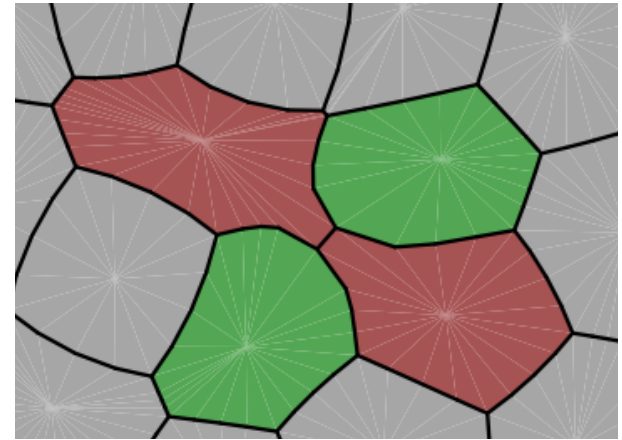
Shrink edge before T-I



At T-I

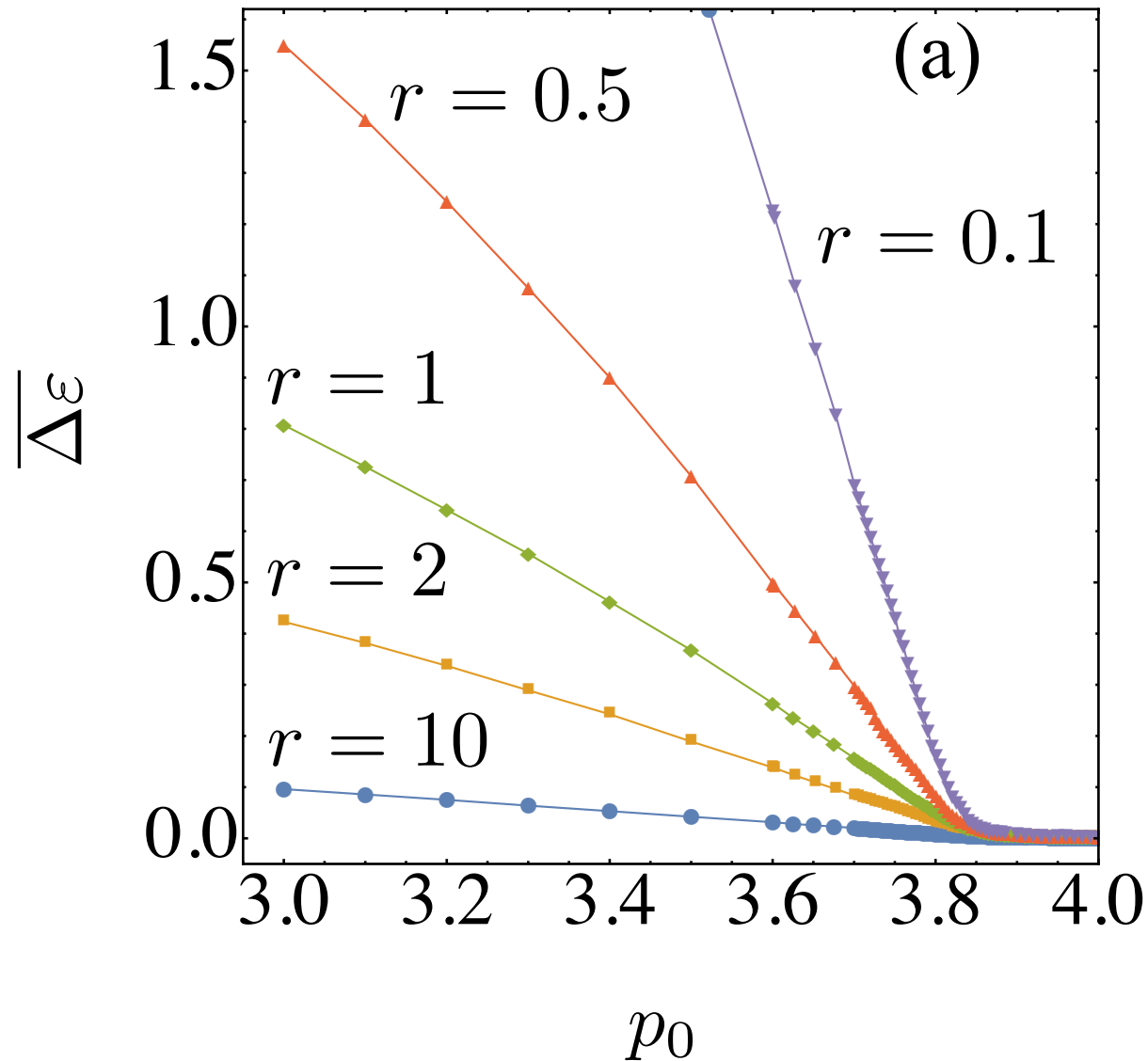


Grow edge after T-I

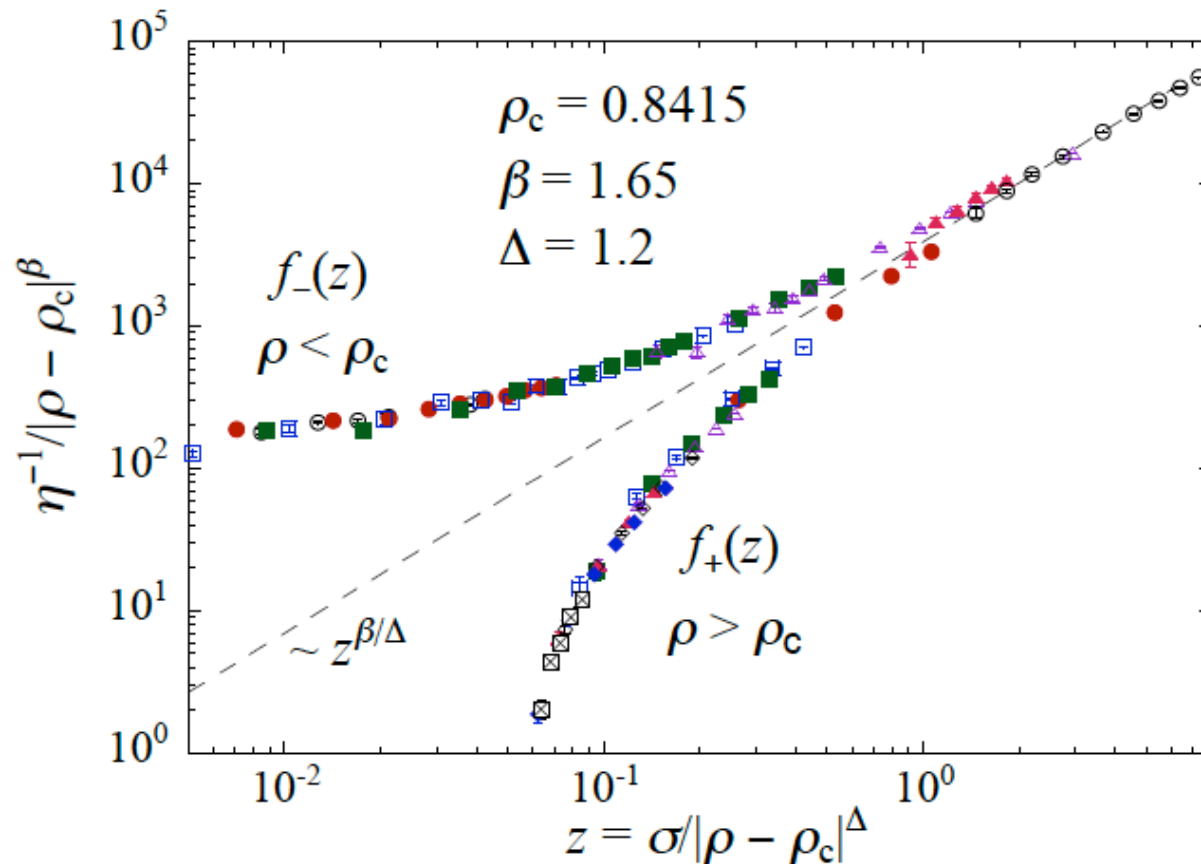


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Average energy barrier height vanishes at $p_0^* \sim 3.81$



Scaling collapse for jamming in inert matter:



Olsson and Teitel, PRL 99, 178001 (2007)

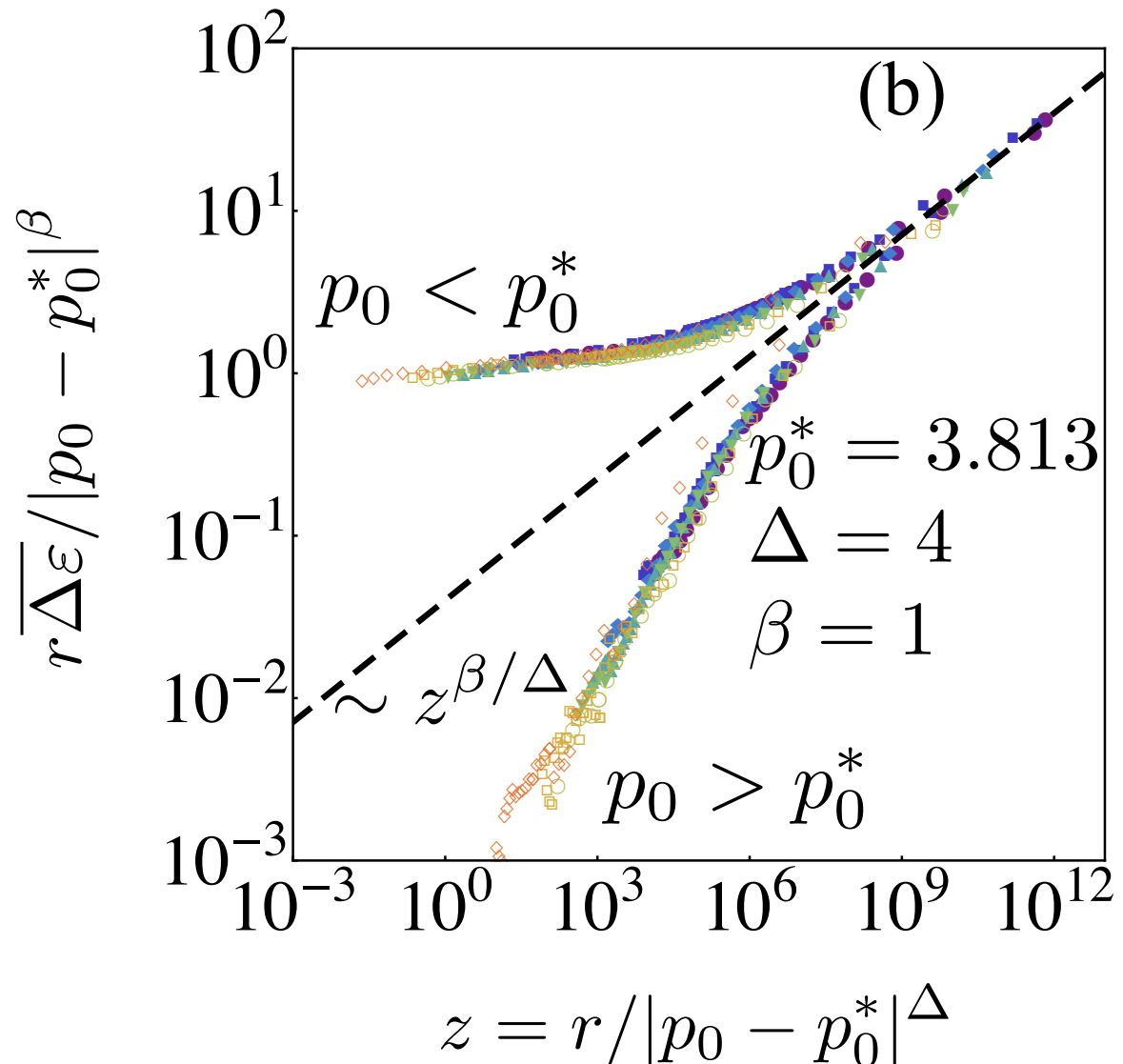
The onset of jamming is controlled by the **area density**: $(r-r_c) \sim \text{pressure}$

A critical rigidity transition controlled by p_0 :

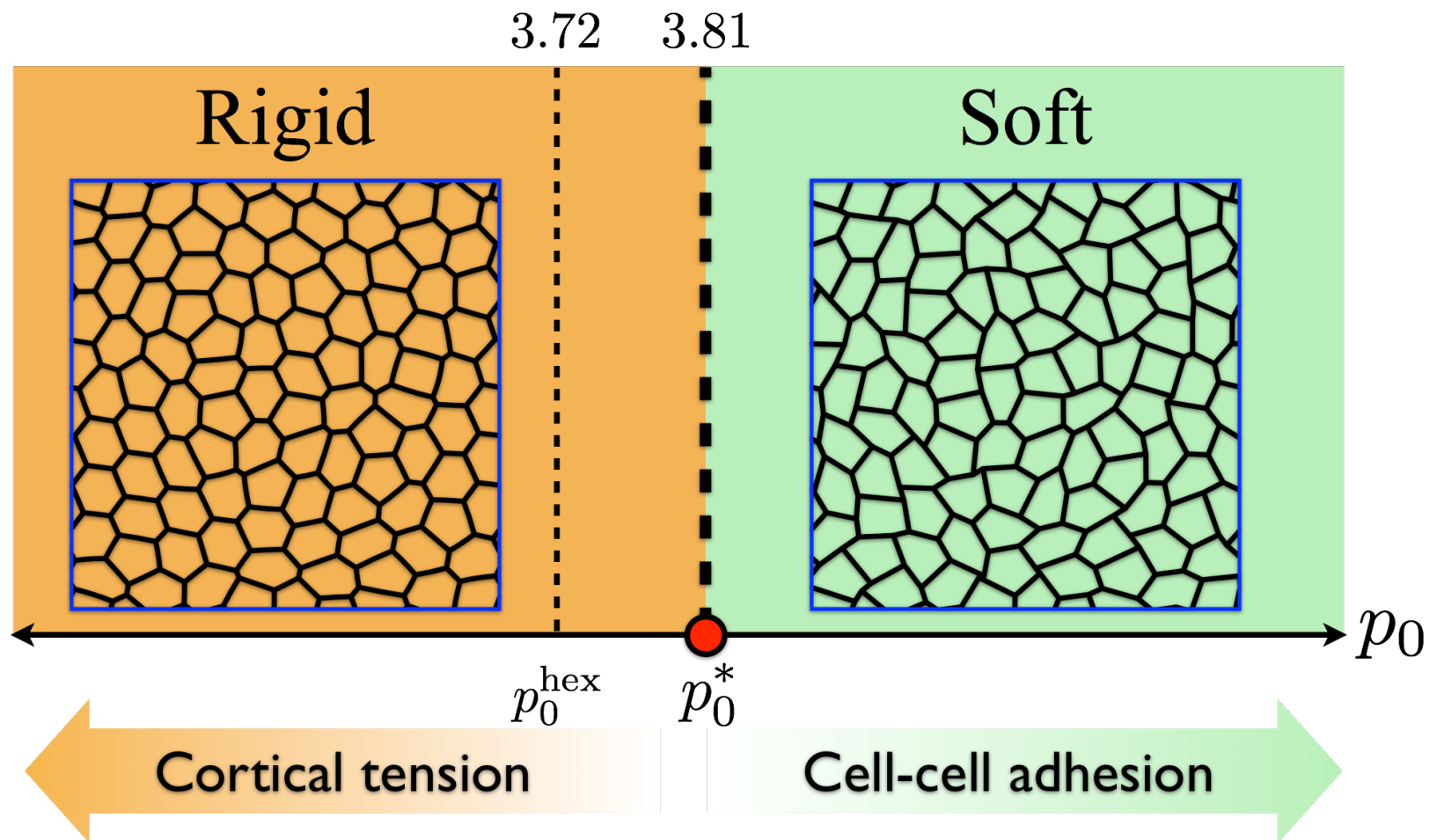
CHEAT SHEET:
Average energy
barrier height \sim yield
stress

inverse perimeter
modulus $r \sim$ strain
rate

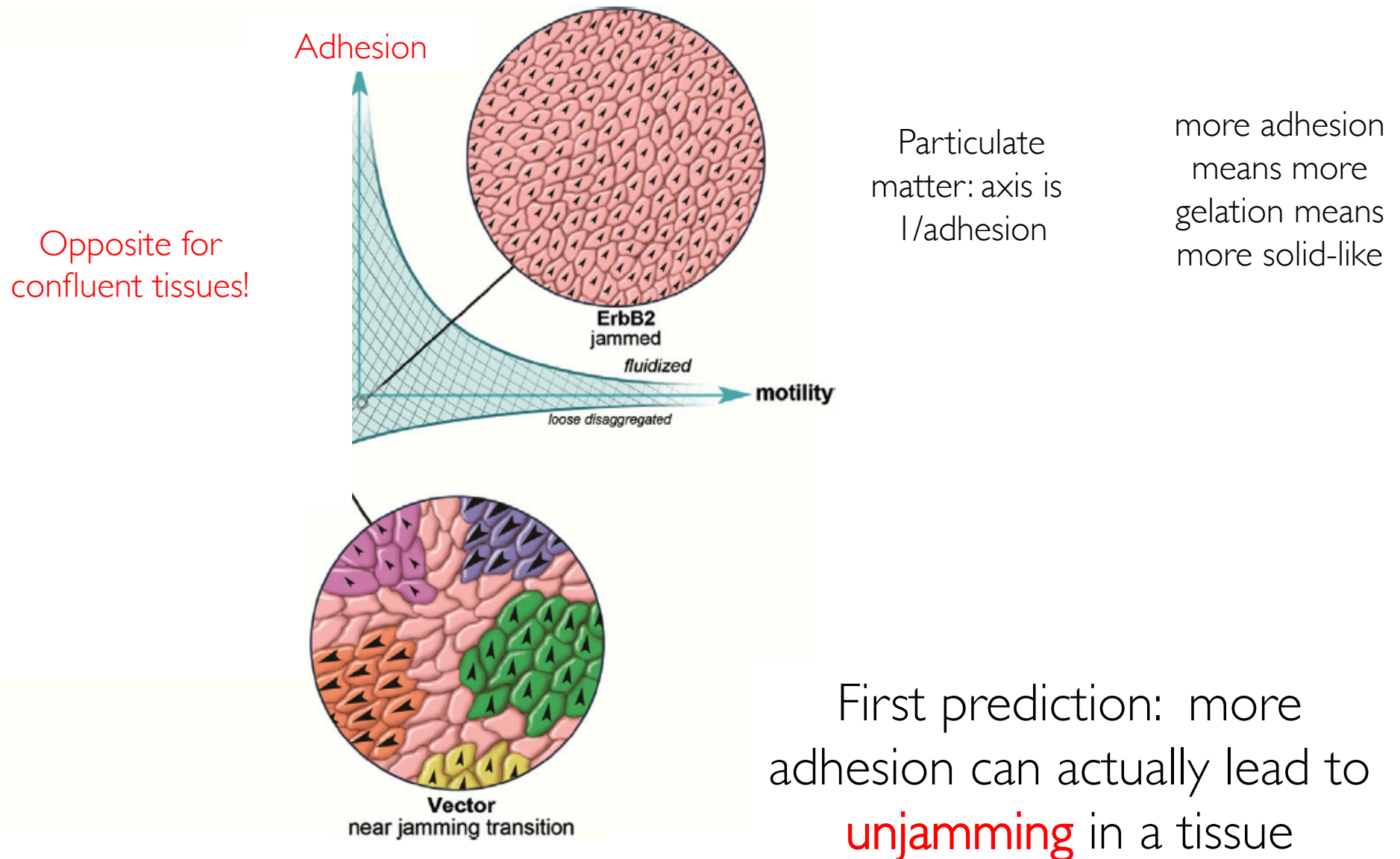
preferred perimeter
 $p_0 \sim$ density



A critical rigidity transition at zero cell motility



New rigidity phase diagram for biological tissues



New order parameter: shape index

Recall: p_0 is a **model parameter**,
which is the target perimeter-to-
area ratio.

Define the observable
shape index p :

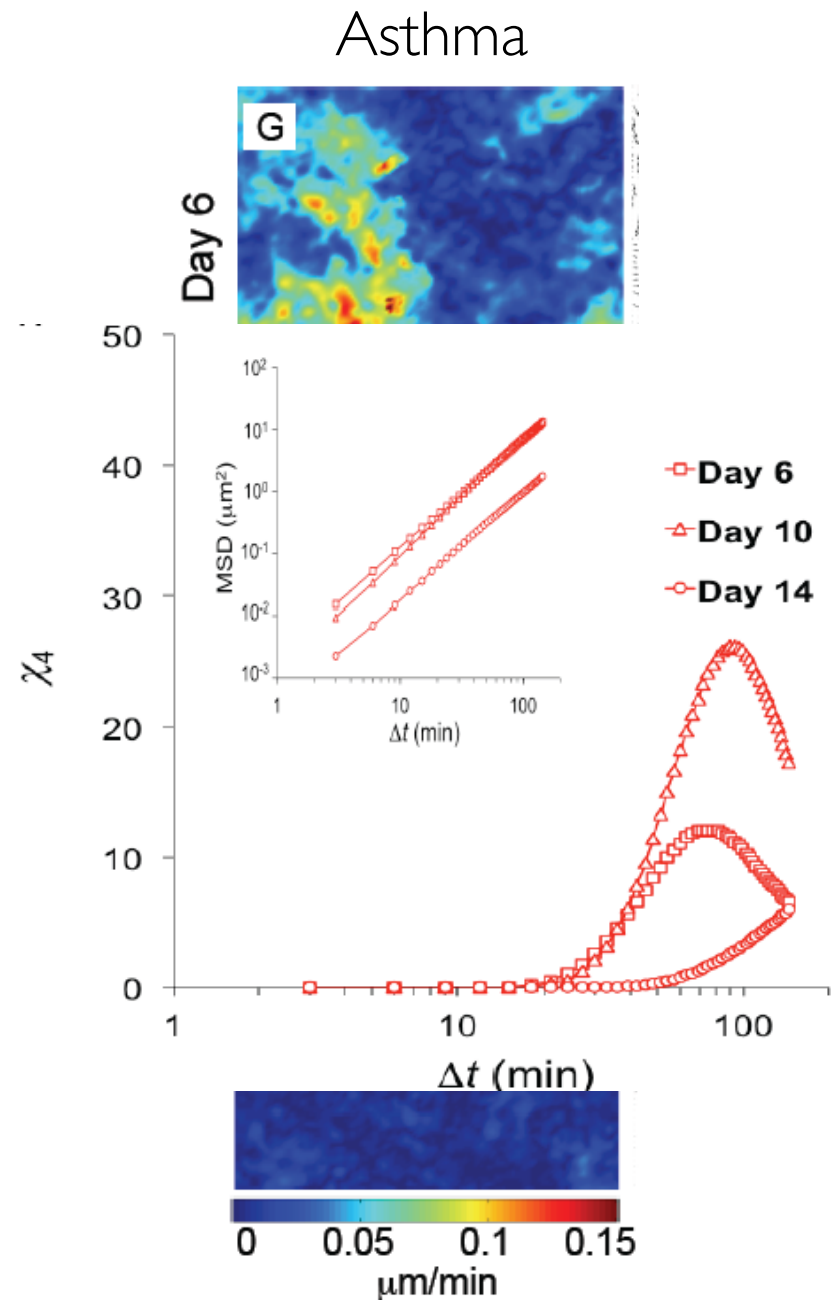
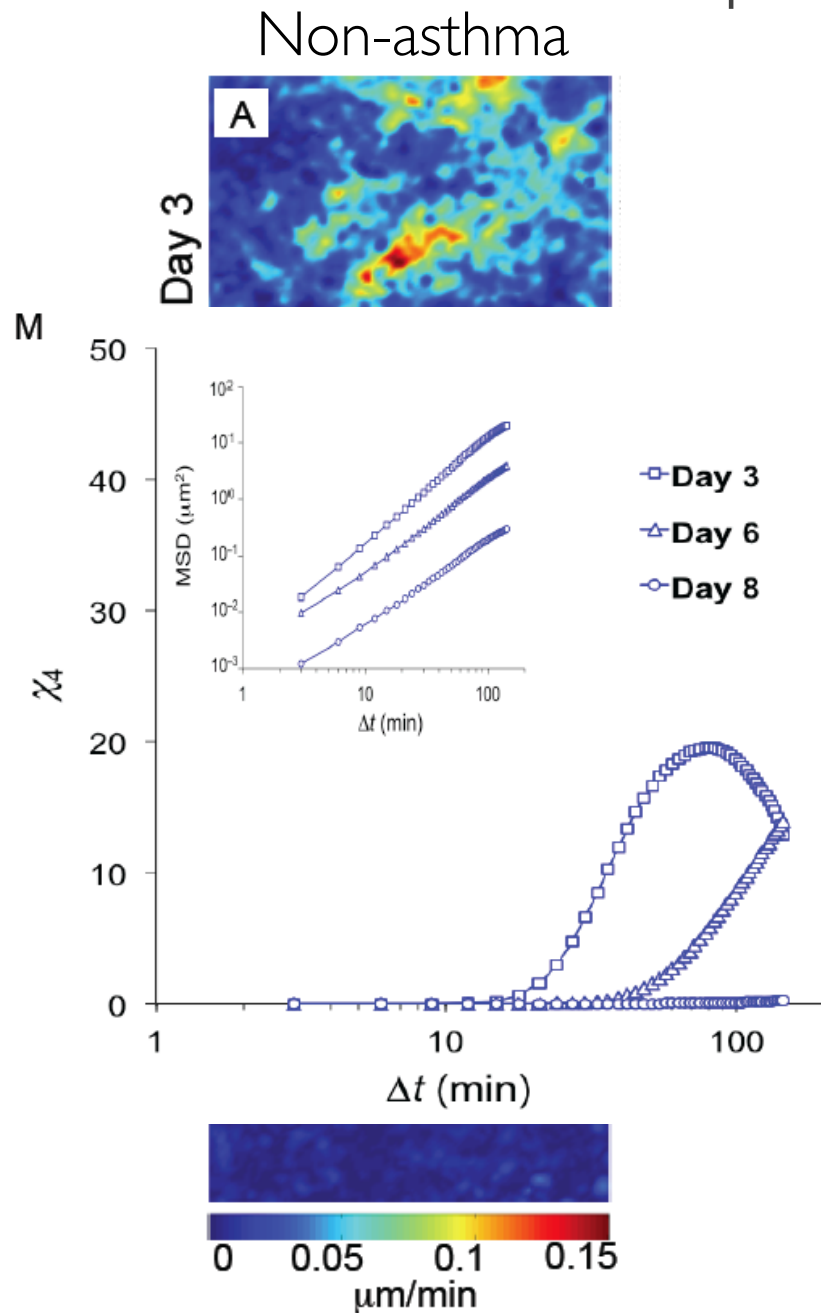
$$p_i = \frac{P_i}{\sqrt{A_i}}; \quad \bar{p} = \text{median}\{p_i\}$$

Simulations of vertex model
suggest \bar{p} is an order parameter

Pre

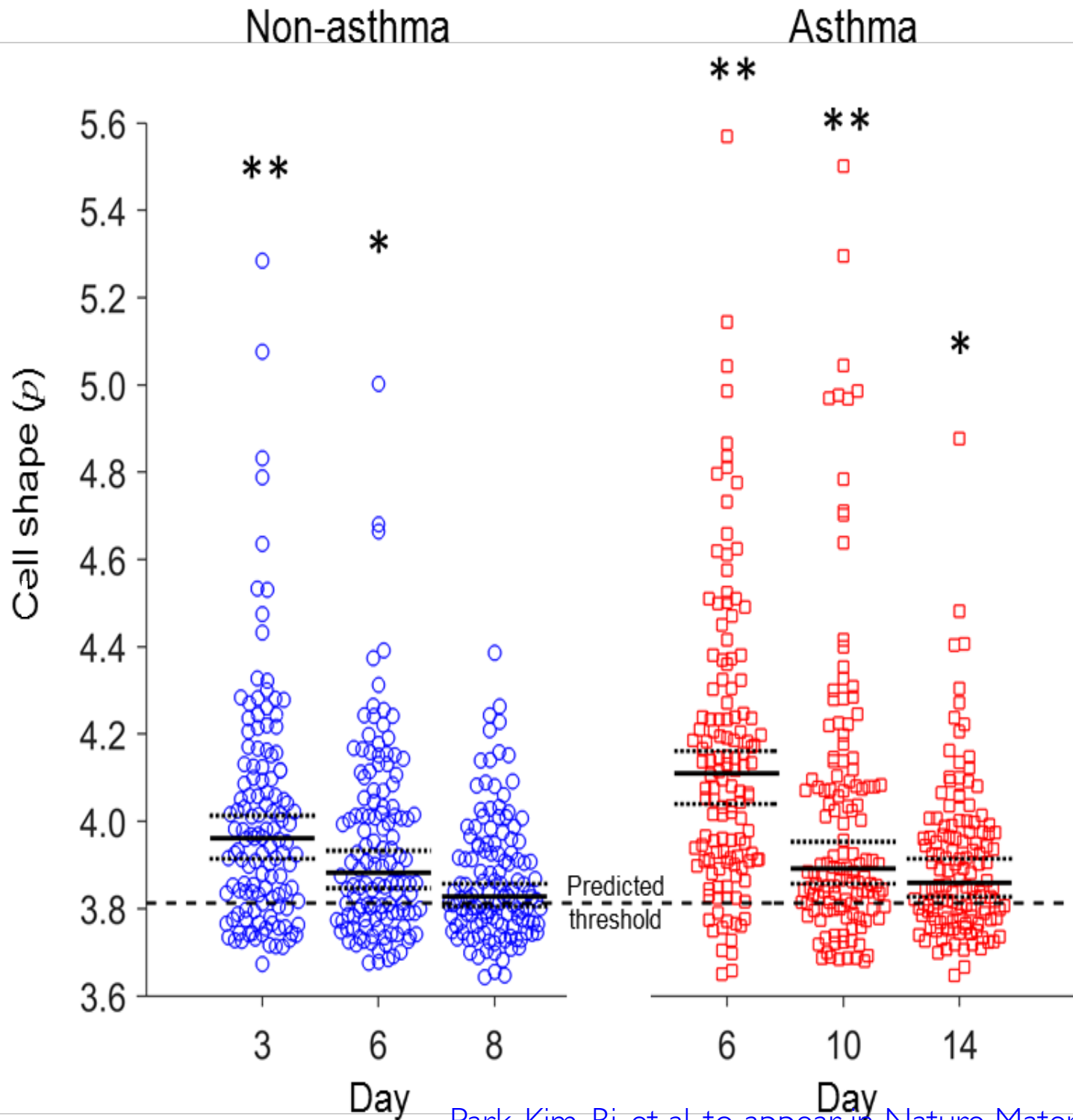
A jammed tissue should have a \bar{p} that is precisely 3.81.
As a tissue becomes more unjammed, its \bar{p} should increase above 3.81.

A jamming transition in primary human bronchial epithelial cells



Sha

Purely structural quantity!



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Almost
ammed

Effect of finite cell motility?

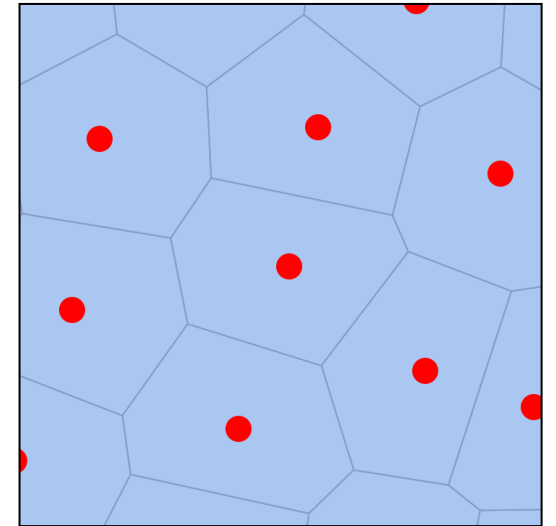
Add an equation for cell polarization with a finite velocity v_0 (like in Vicsek model introduced by Prof. Marchetti), called self-propelled voronoi (SPV)

$$E = \sum^N [K_A(A_i - A_0)^2 + K_P(P_i - P_0)^2]$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt} = \mu \mathbf{F}_i + v_0 \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \quad \mathbf{F}_i = -\nabla_i E$$

$$\partial_t \theta_i = \eta_i(t)$$

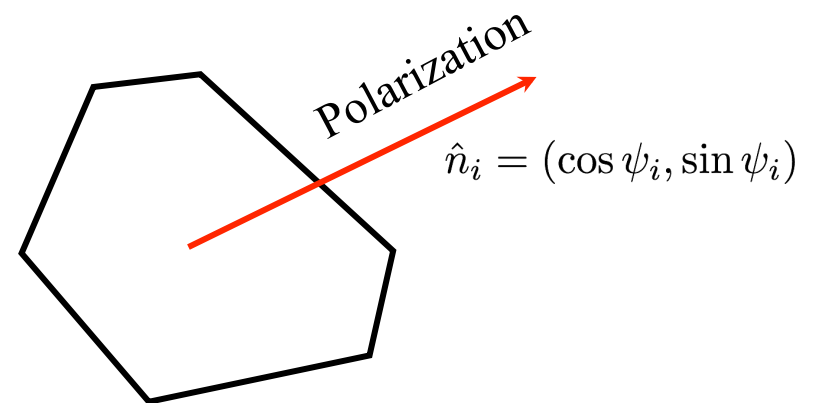
$$\langle \eta_i(t) \eta_j(t') \rangle = 2D_r \delta(t - t') \delta_{ij}$$



Two parameters:

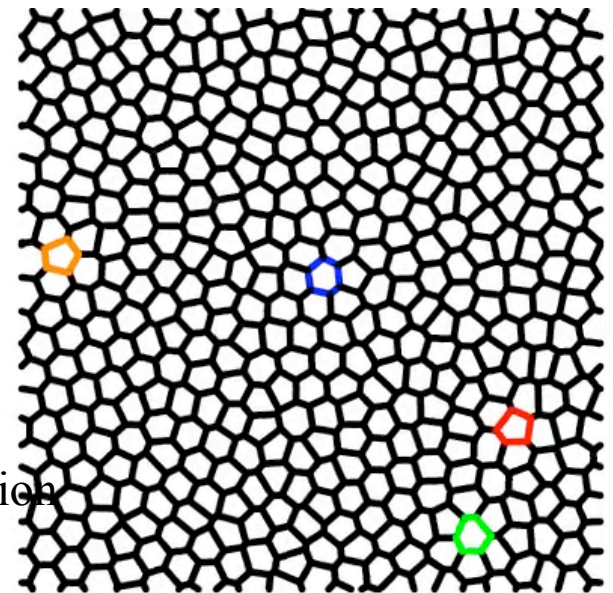
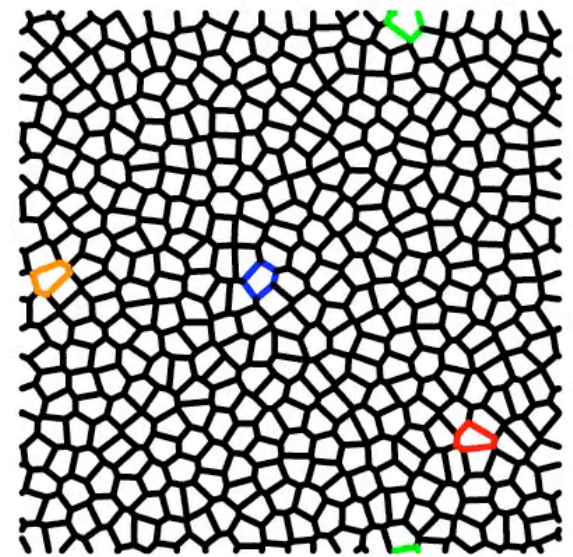
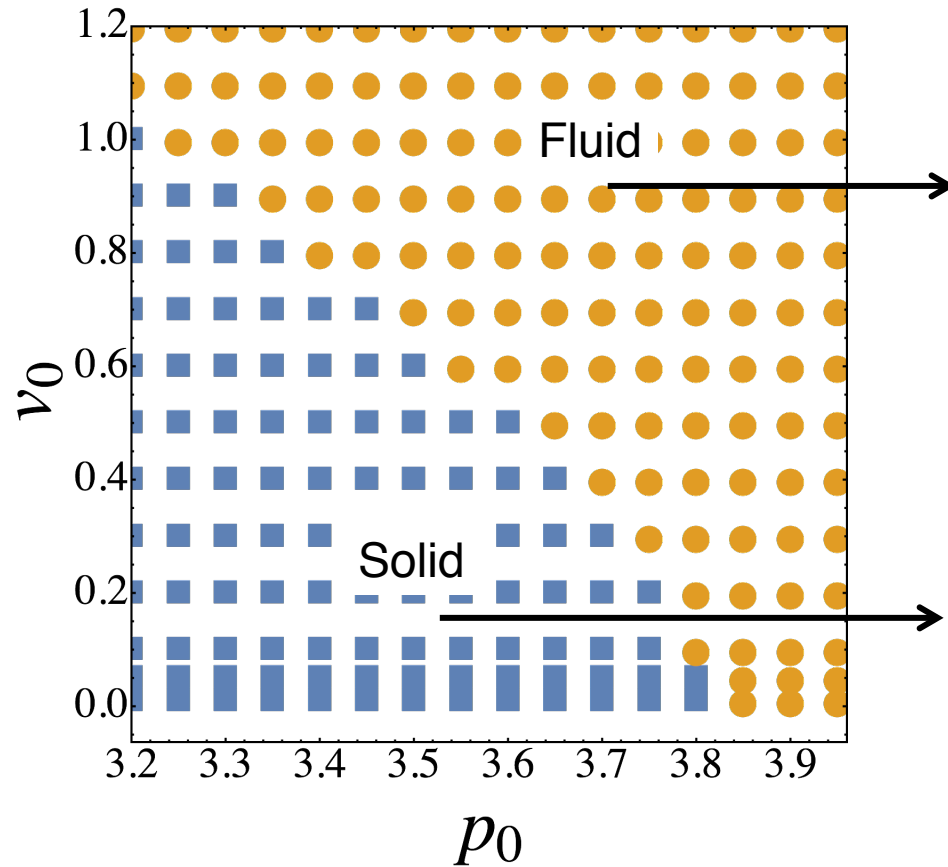
v_0 and D_r .

Focus on changing \mathbf{v}_0 in limit $D_r \rightarrow \infty$



Bi, Yang, Marchetti, Manning, in preparation (2015)

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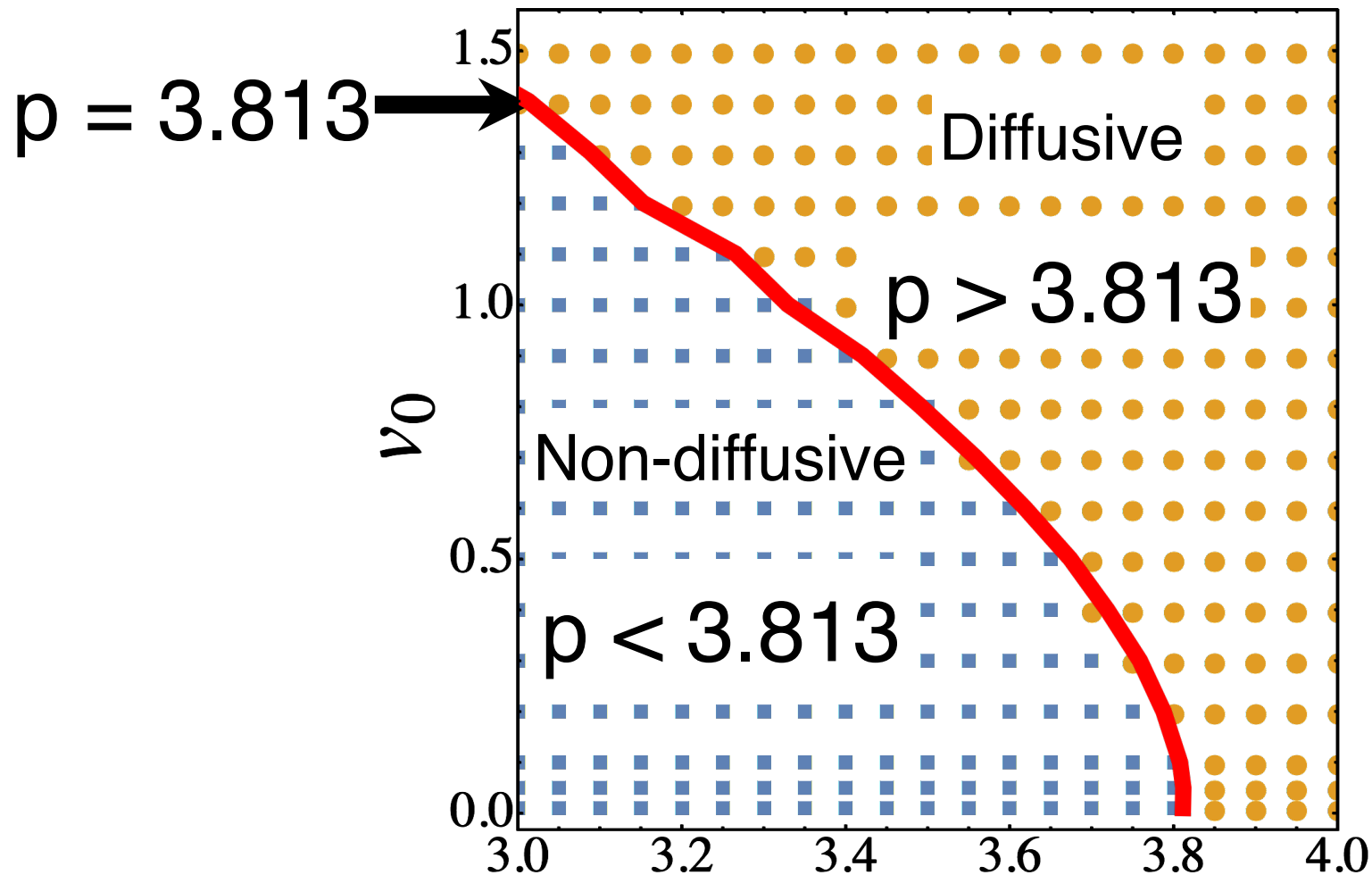


increasing cortical tension

increasing cell-cell adhesion

Solid/liquid phases determined by
diffusion constant

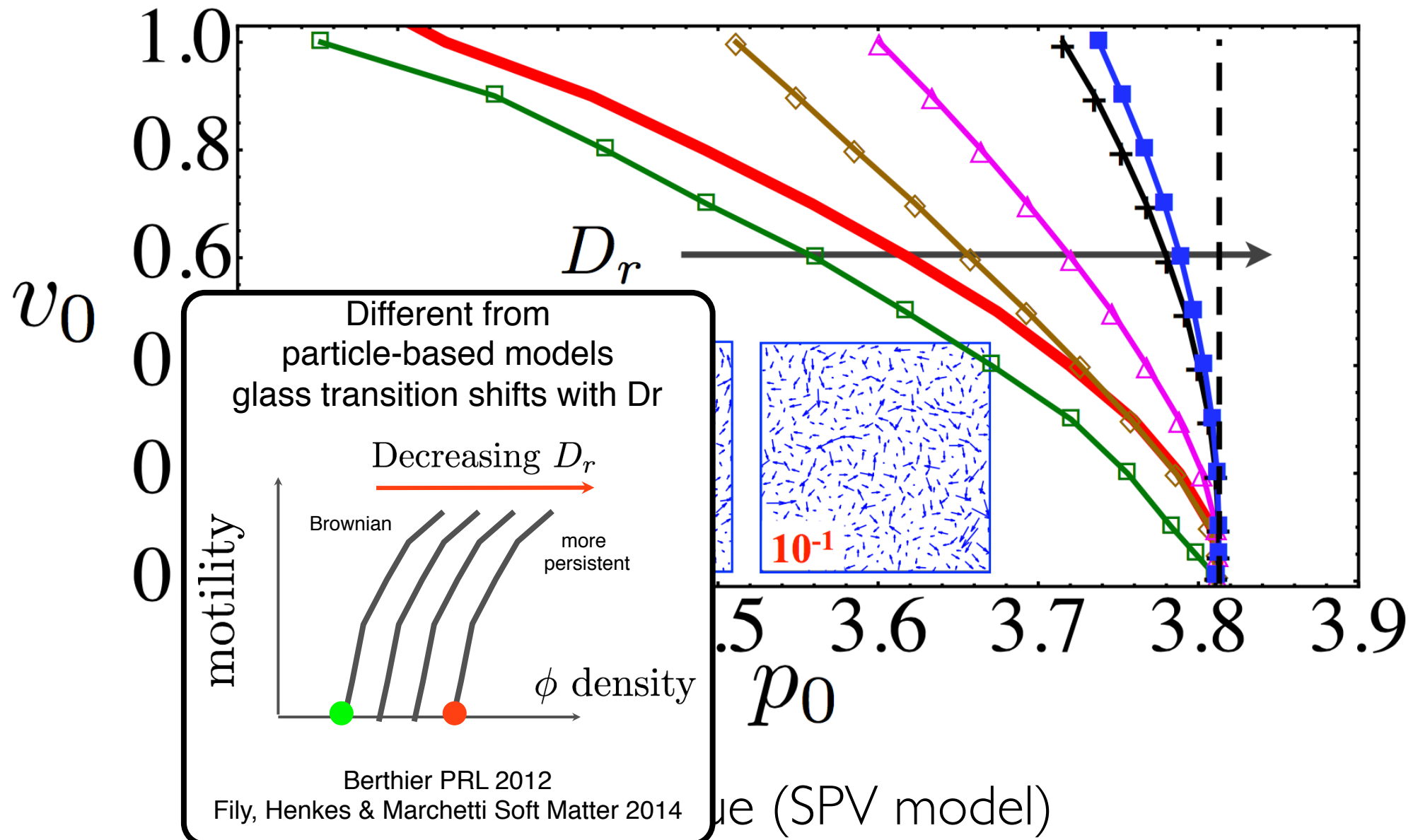
Does the shape index still indicate a fluid to solid transition?



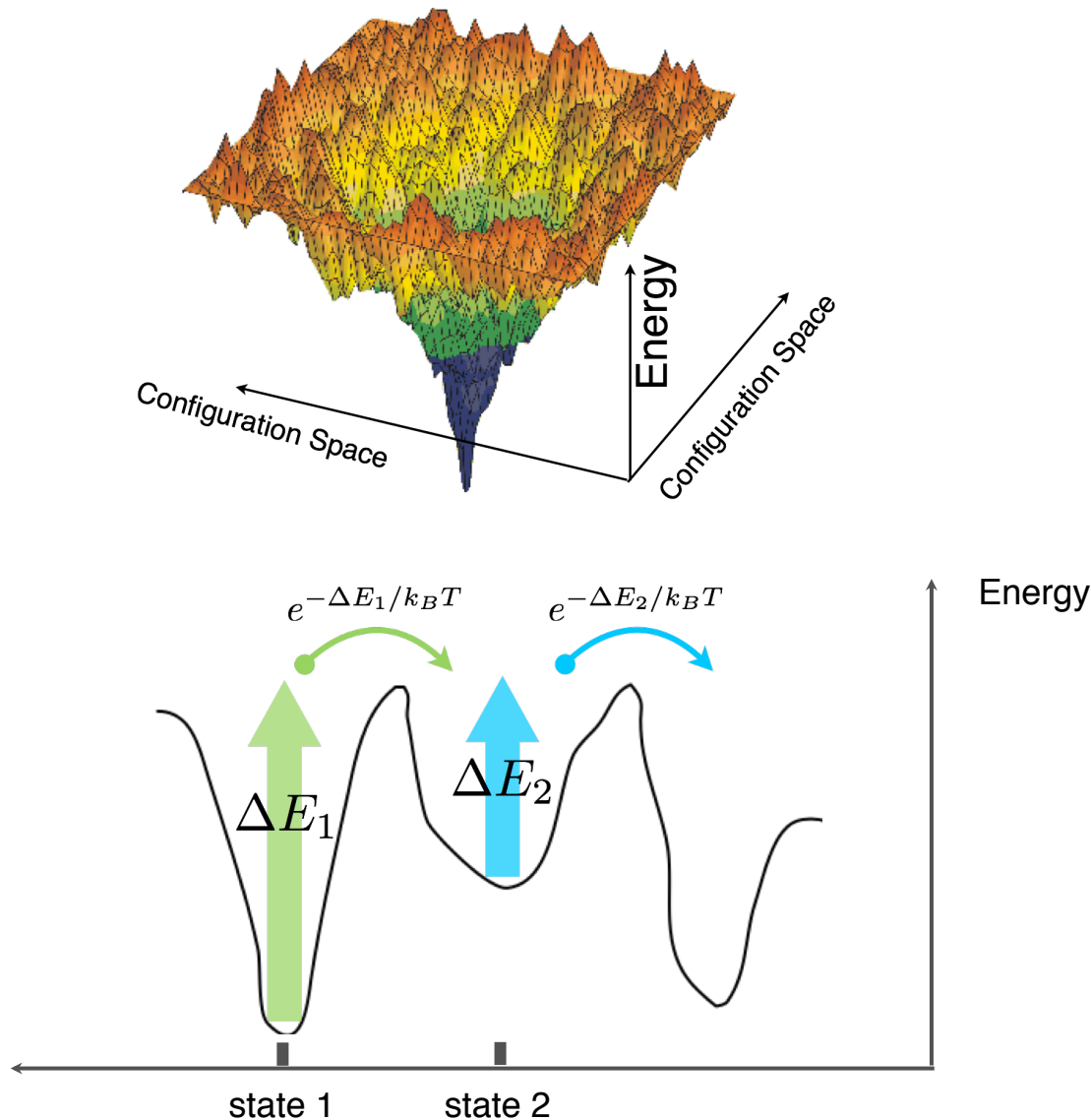
Yes!

p_0
shape order parameter: $p = \langle \text{perimeter} / \sqrt{\text{area}} \rangle$

Now, what happens if you change the rotational noise D_r ?



Theories for glass transitions: effect of fluctuations



Complex potential energy
landscape

+

system close to energy
landscape surface

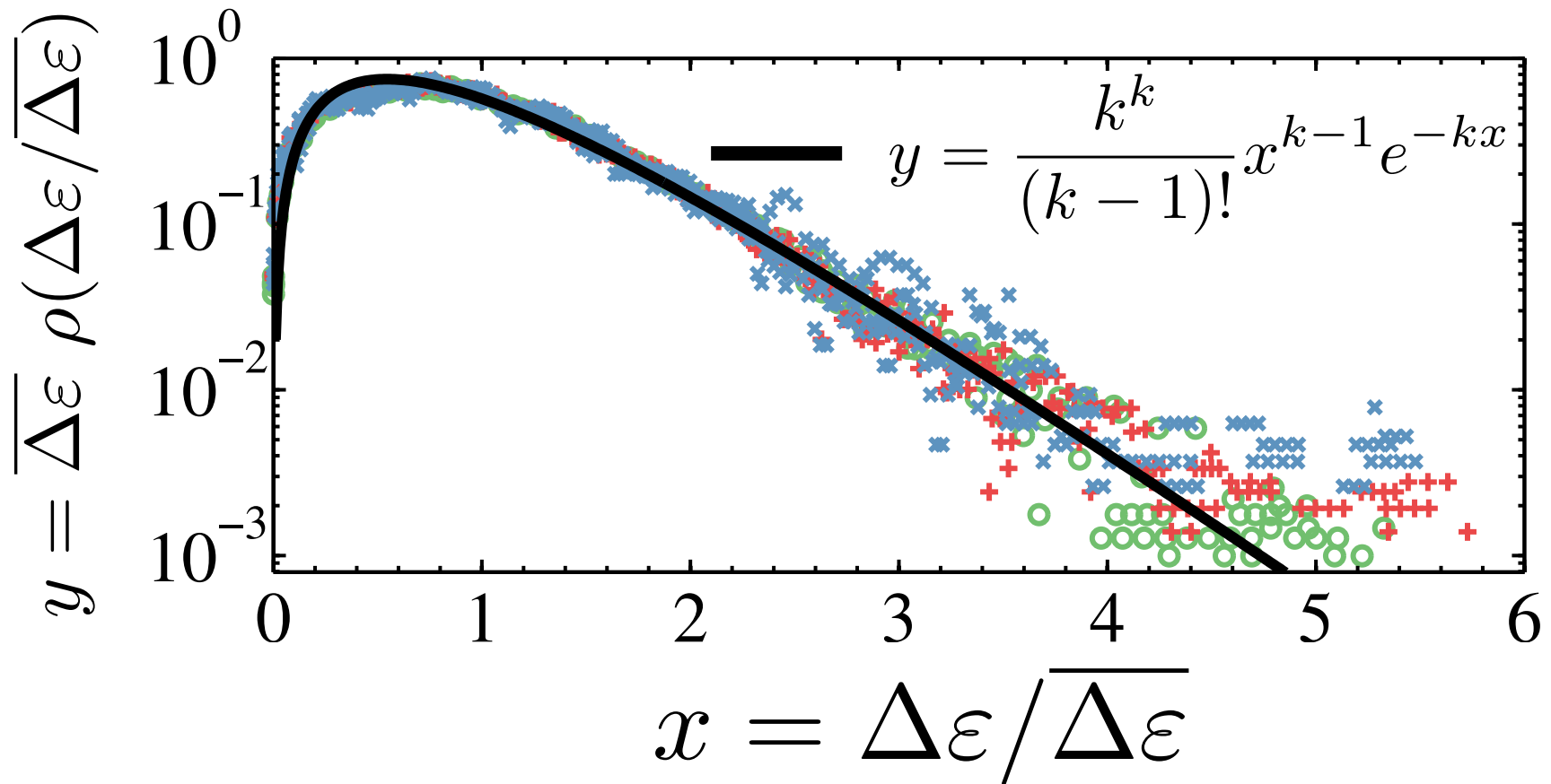
System is “trapped” in a
metastable state until a rare
fluctuation allows it to escape:

trap model C. Monthus and J.-P.
Bouchaud, J. Phys. A 29, 3847
(1996)

soft glassy rheology Sollich et
al, PRL 78 2020 (1997)

System is glassy if and only if trap depths have exponential tail

Unlike many other models, we can enumerate and calculate distribution of trap depths



P(De) has a simple exponential tail

Modify SGR for biological systems:

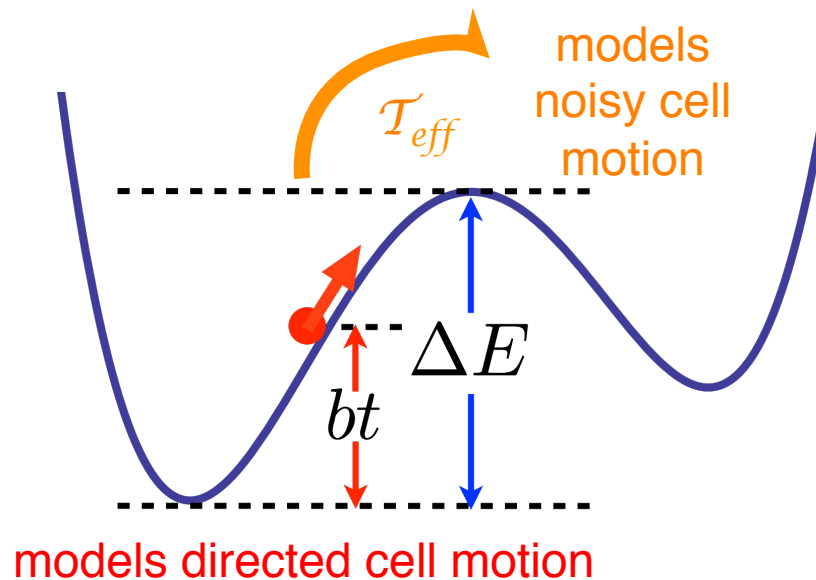
noisy fluctuations:
effective temperature
 T_{eff}

directed motion: cell
motility b

trap model: C. Monthus
and J.-P. Bouchaud, J.
Phys. A 29, 3847 (1996)

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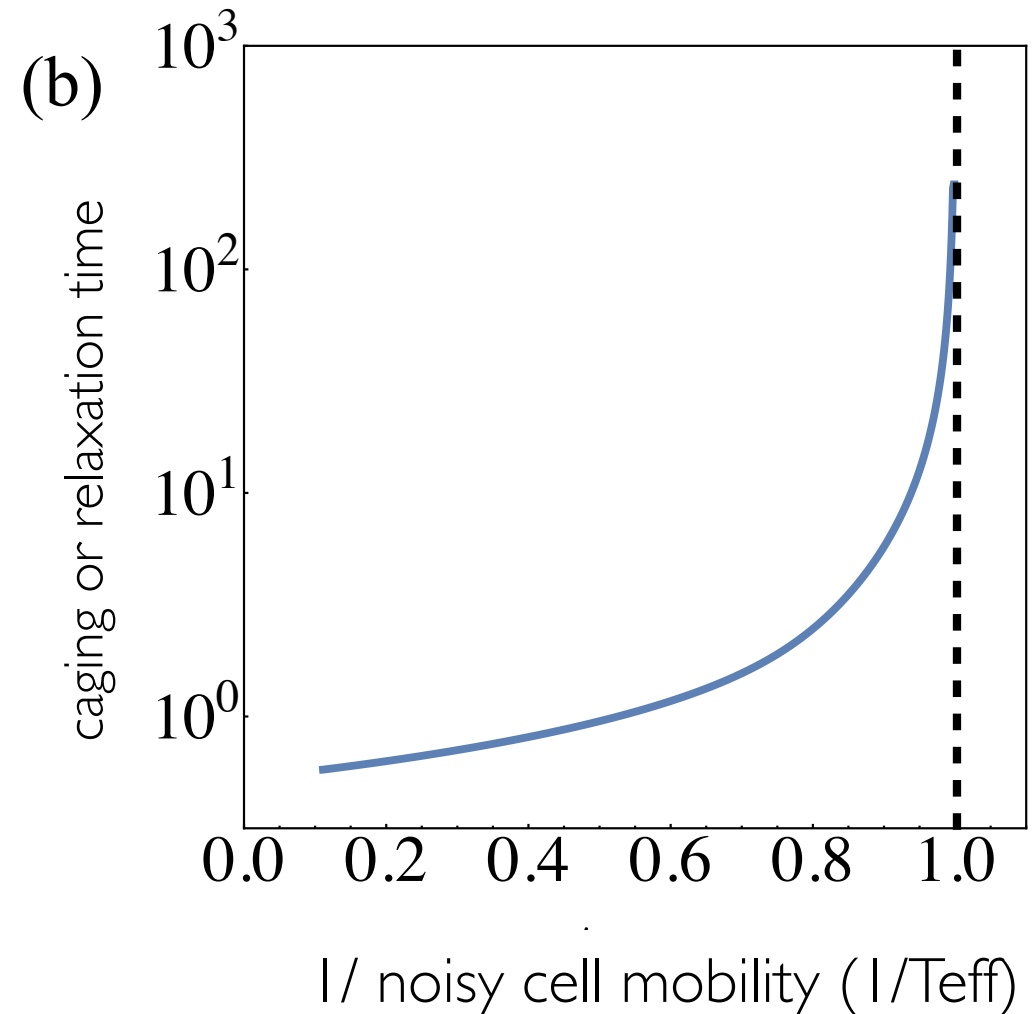
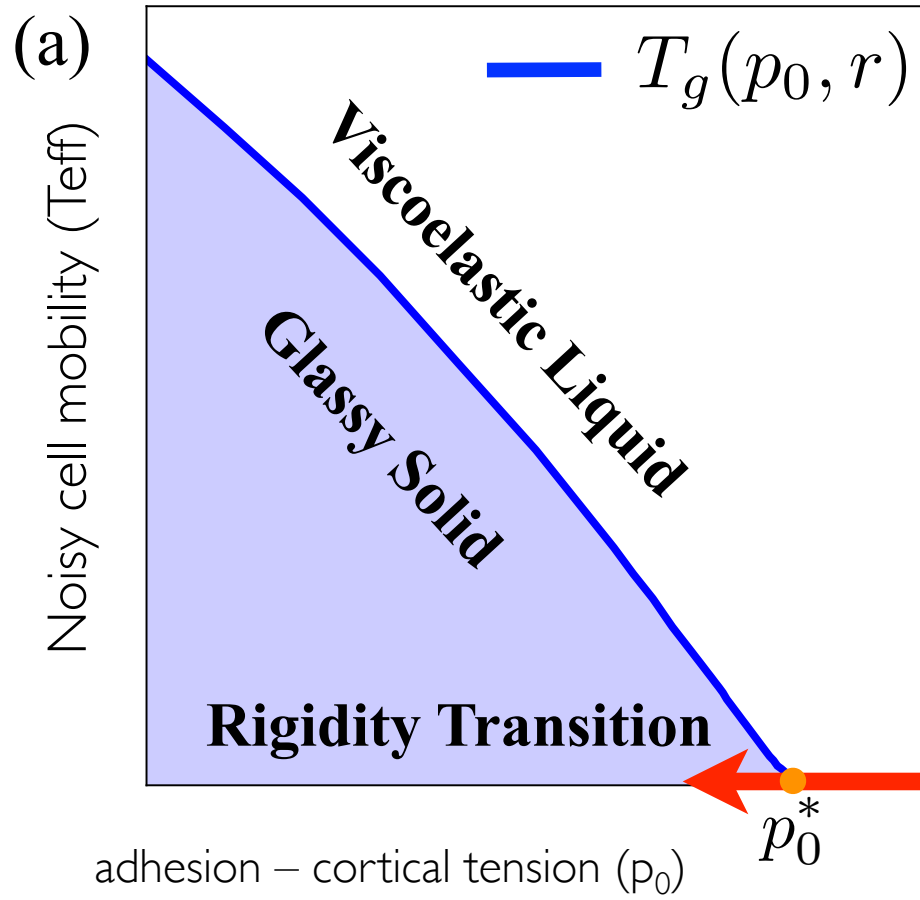
$$R_{\text{hopping}} = R_0 \exp [-(\Delta E - bt)/T_{\text{eff}}]$$



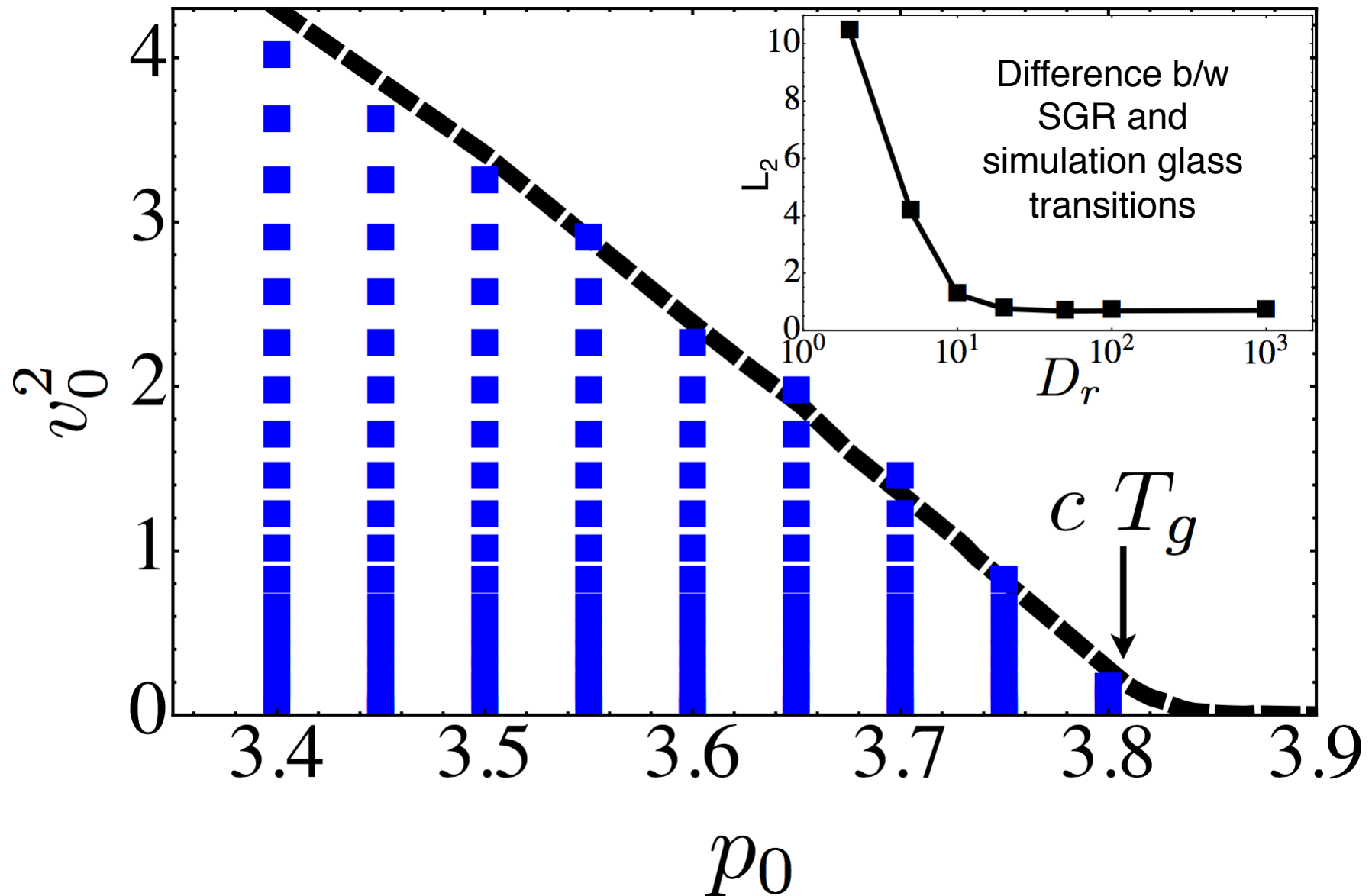
In the limit $D_r \rightarrow \infty$, $T_{\text{eff}} \sim v_0^2$, $b = 0$

How does cell mobility alter the rigidity transition?

use a trap model to go from energy barriers to cell dynamics



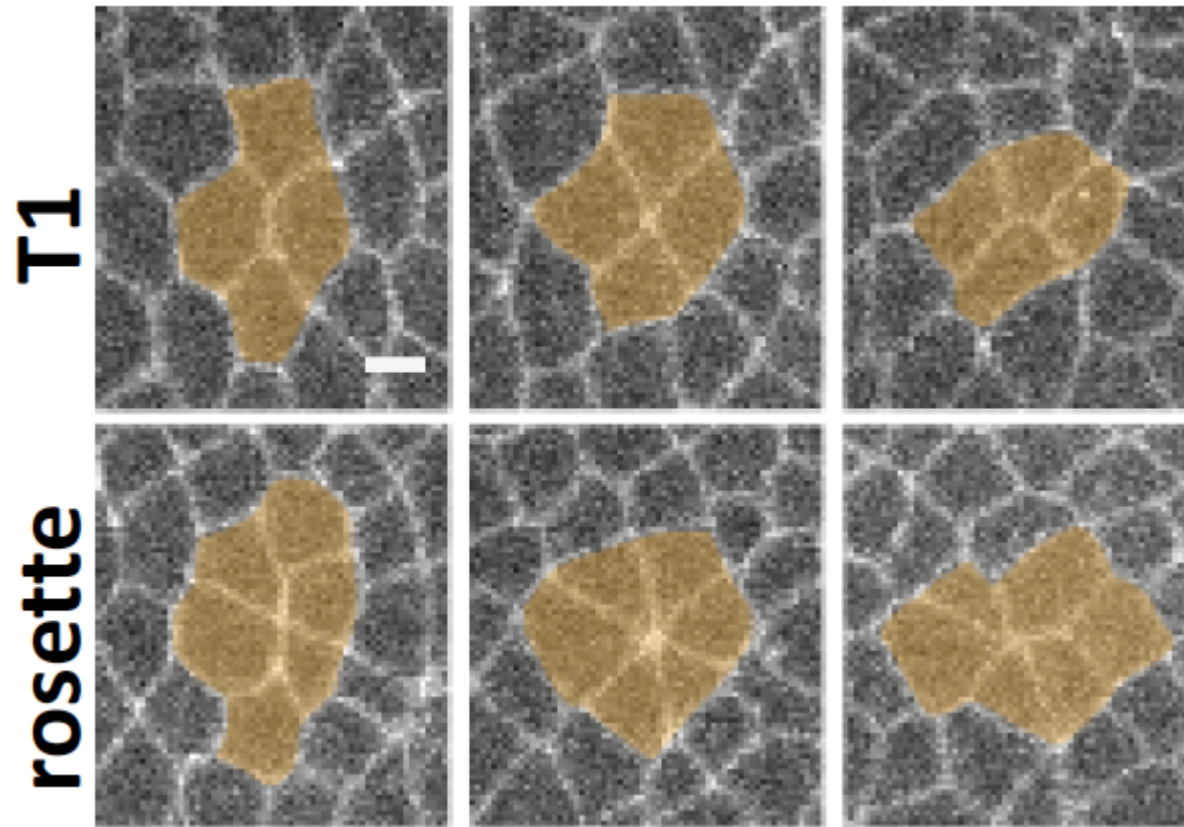
SGR prediction matches simulation data in high D_r limit



What next?

Rosette formation

Drosophila (Fruit fly) embryonic epithelia during convergent extension

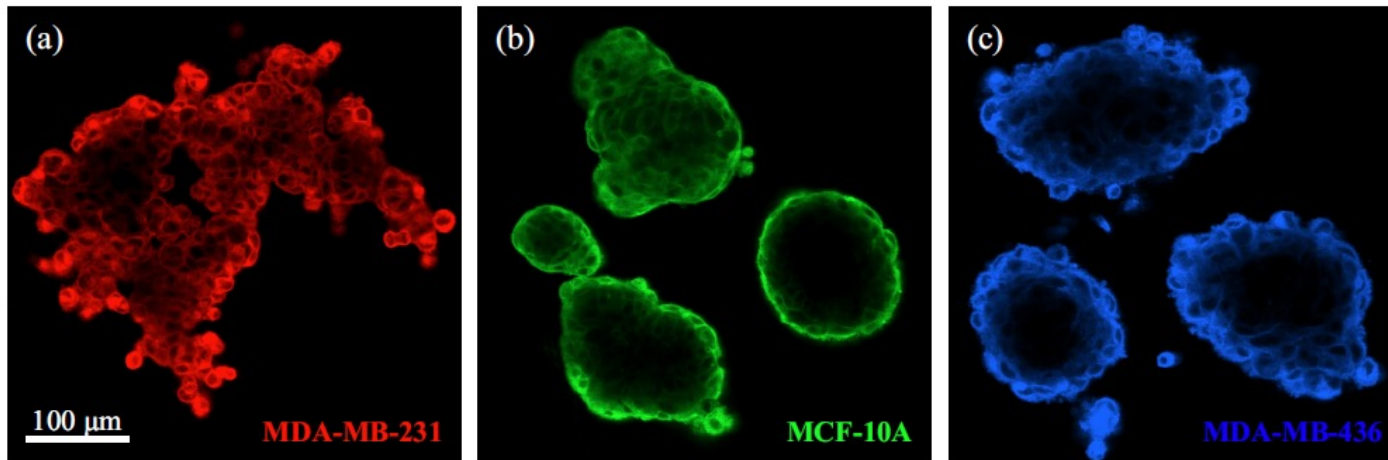


Existing vertex models: 3-fold coordinated vertices and 4-fold transition points

What about higher order transitions?

Kasza and Zallen, PNAS 2014

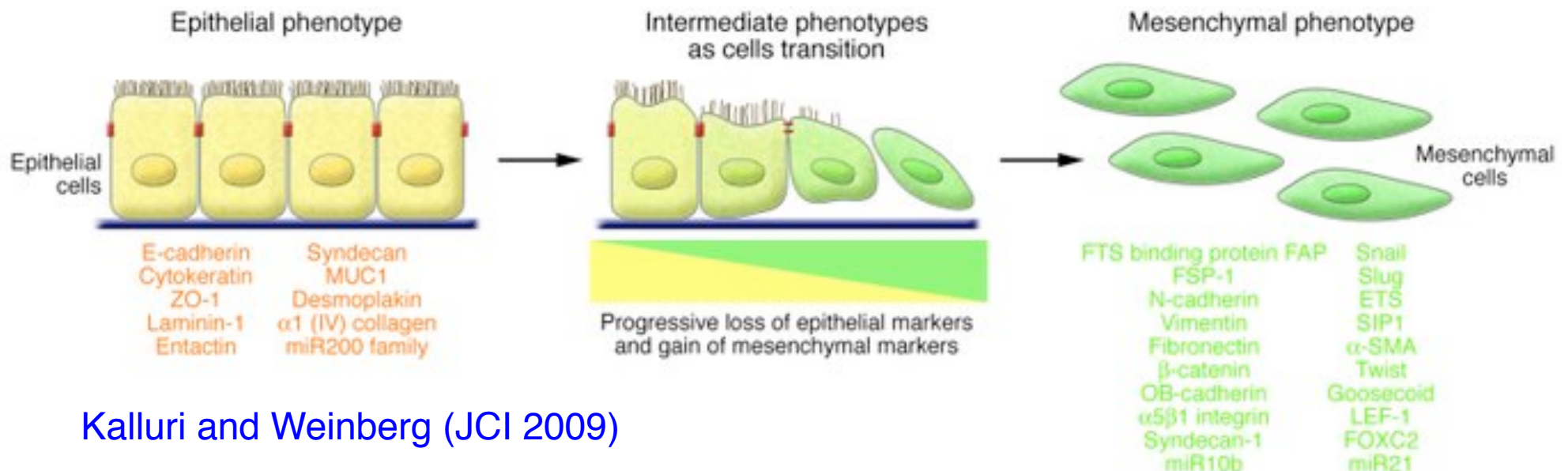
Cancer tumor boundaries and the EMT transition



Cancer cell sorting not driven by differential adhesion/ tissue surface tension!

Pawlizak ... MLM, Kaes, to appear in New J. Phys (2015)

- Could the EMT transition be thought of as a change in p_0 – the ratio between the cell area and perimeter?
- If so, mesenchymal cells metastasize easily because they are on liquid side of rigidity transition?



Kalluri and Weinberg (JCI 2009)

Conclusions

- Biological tissues are materials, with material properties that are important for biological function
- Many tissue types are apparently close to a glass transition
 - migration rates are dominated by collective effects
- The vertex model for confluent tissues exhibits a novel type of density-independent rigidity transition
 - control parameter is p_0 , which is proportional to single-cell adhesion or preferred cell perimeter
- The predictions of this model are precisely realized in primary human bronchial epithelial cells
 - perimeter-to-area ratio ≈ 3.813 indicates jamming threshold
 - asthmatic patients have a delayed jamming transition
- A new SPV model predicts that the rigidity transition controls a line of glass transitions
 - Again, different from particulate matter, matches SGR model
- This is a rich framework with lots more to do (EMT?)

Thanks so much for your attention!

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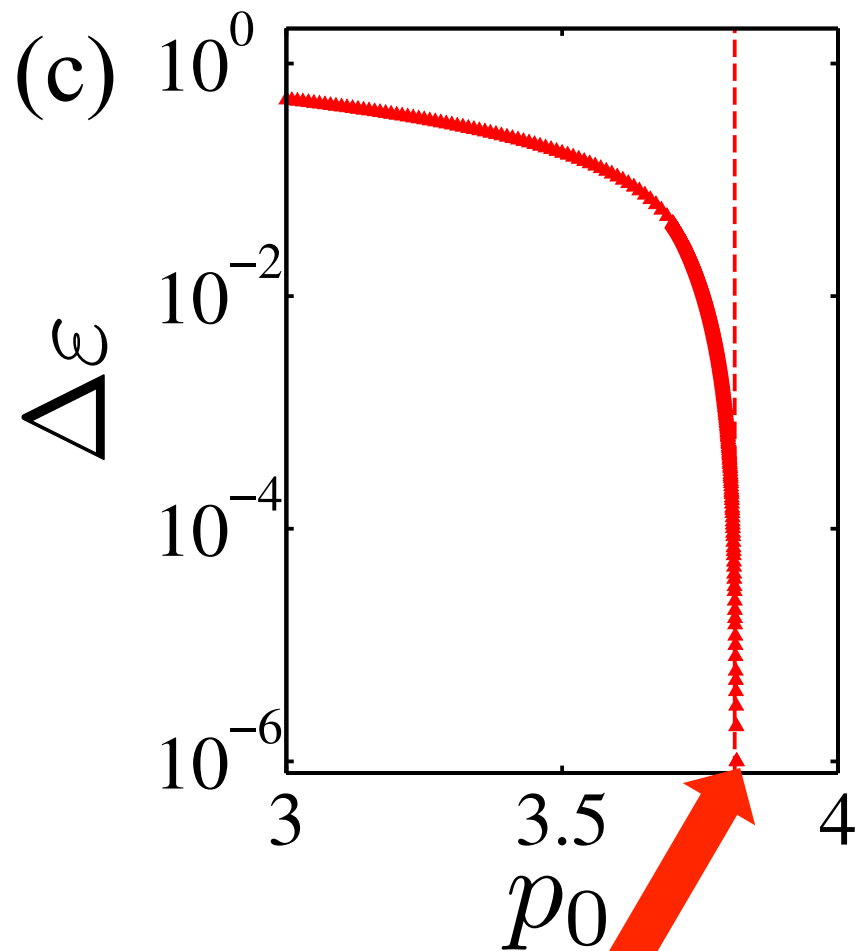
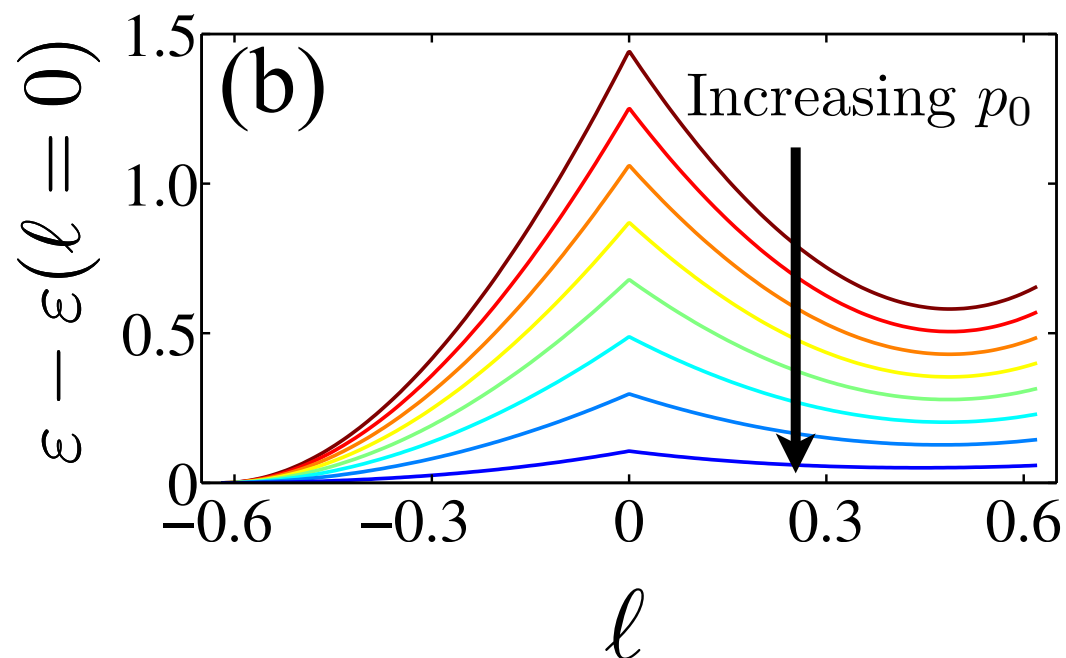
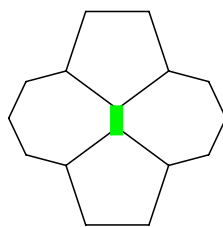
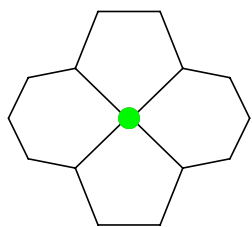
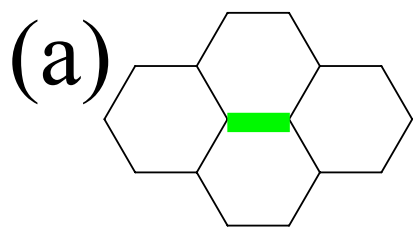
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Fixed area, four cells

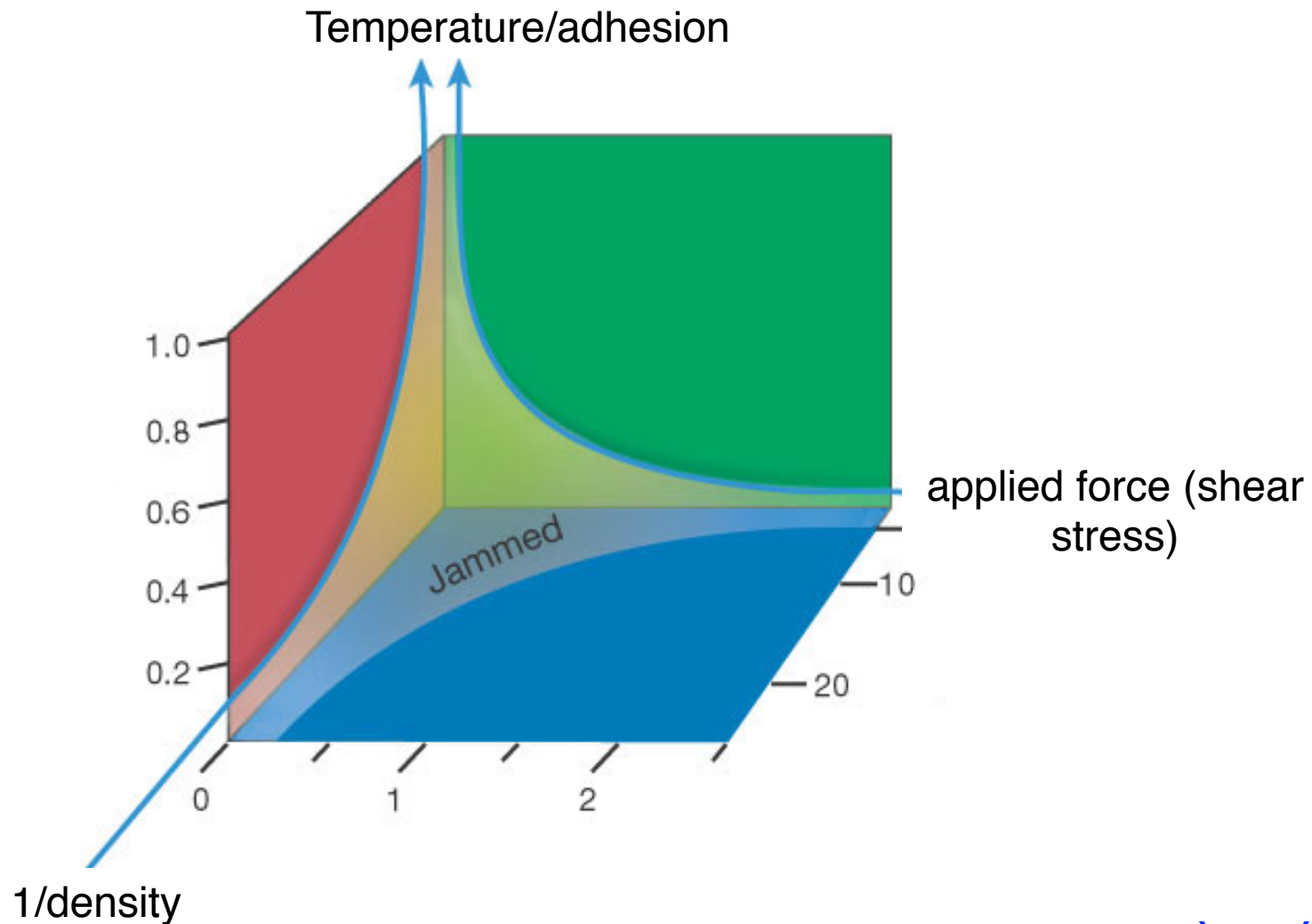
p_0 only control parameter



Bi, Lopez, Schwarz, MLM submitted(2015)

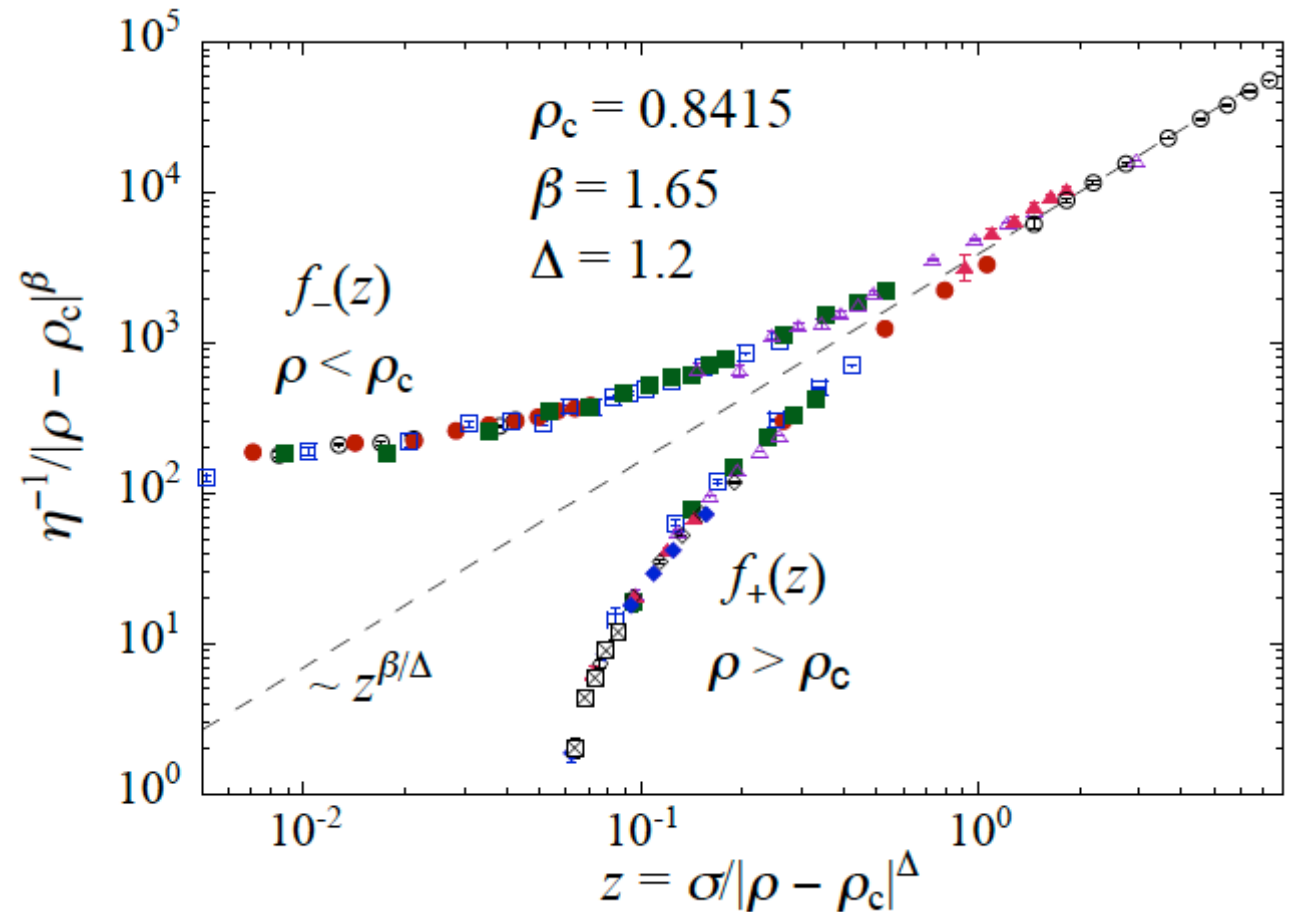
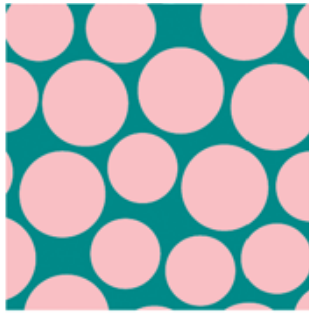
Transition point $p_0^* = 3.813 =$
perimeter of regular pentagon
with unit area

Jamming phase diagram for inert matter



Trappe et al, *Nature* **411**, 772-775 (2001)

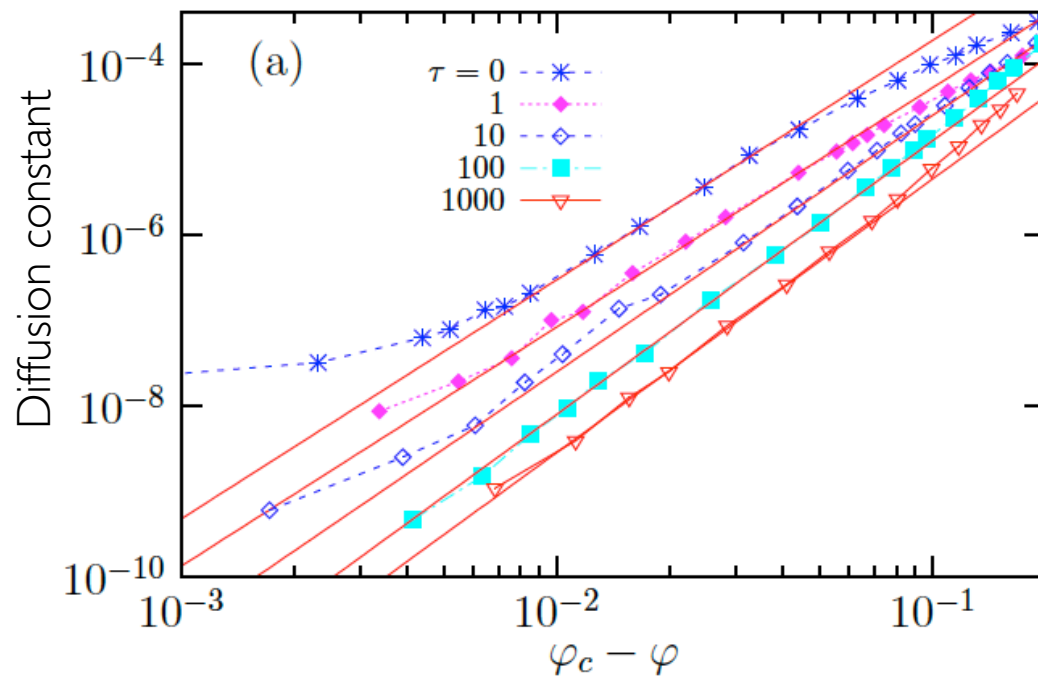
Proving the existence of a critical jamming transition



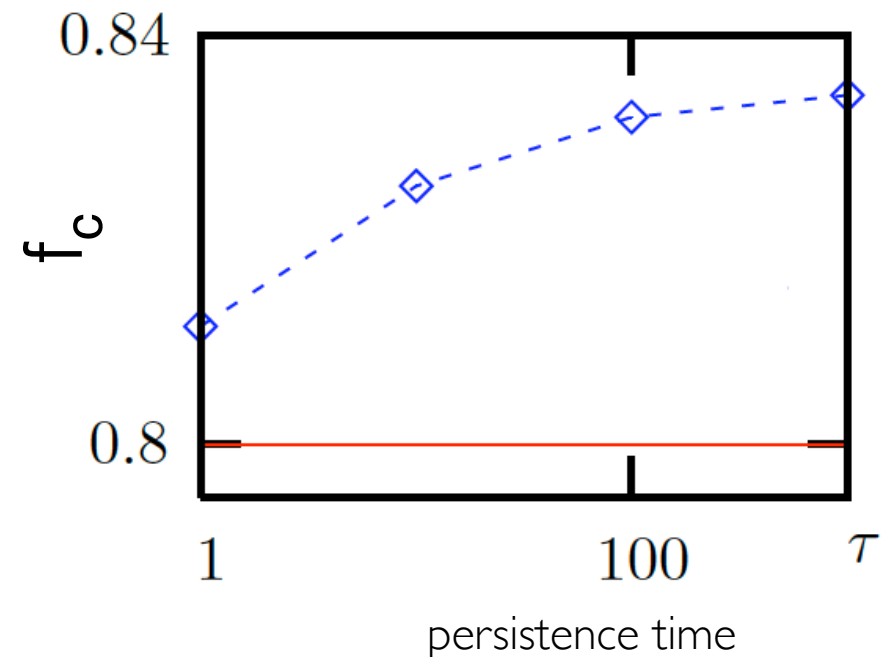
Olsson and Teitel, PRL 99, 178001 (2007)

The onset of jamming is controlled by
the **area density**: $(r-r_c)$

Jamming and glass transitions in self-propelled particle models are identical to adhesive colloids*



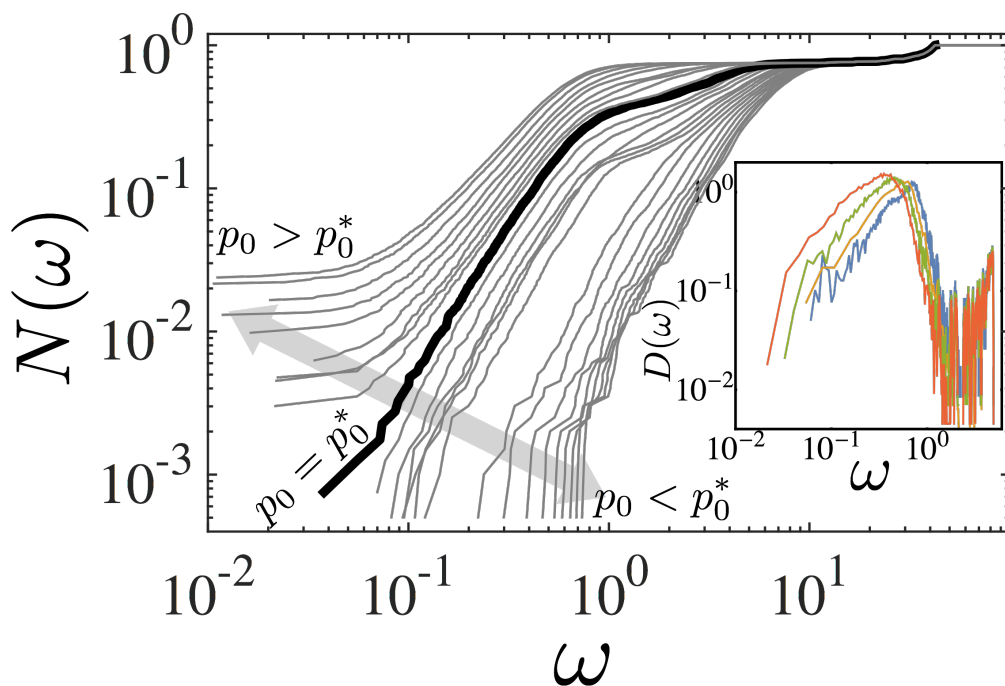
f_c is the critical density at which there is no diffusion



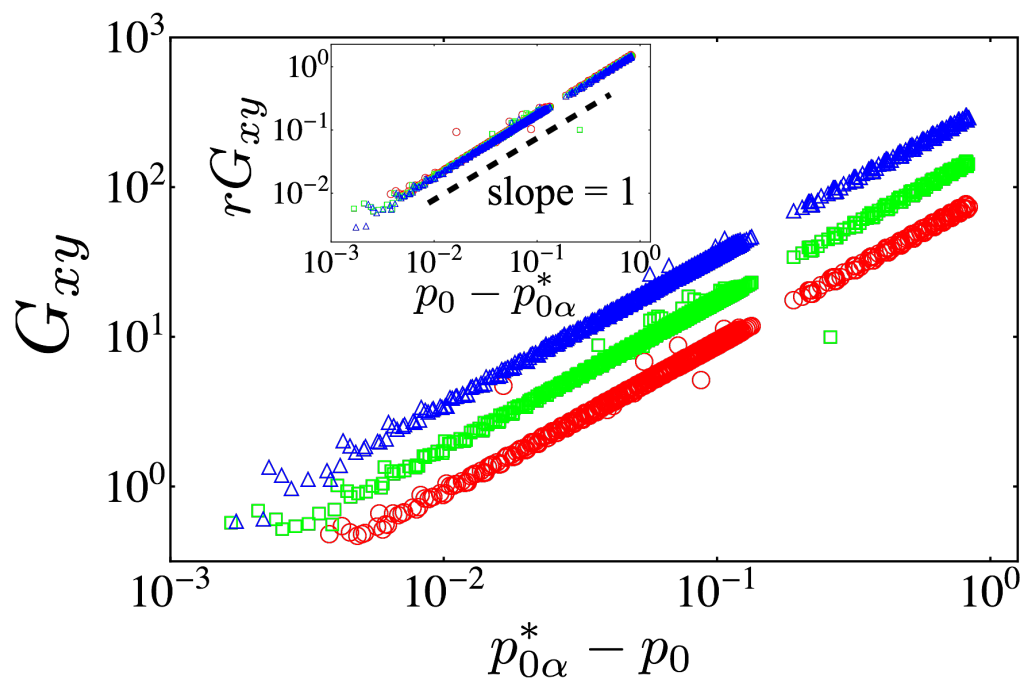
*almost: f_c changes with the persistence time;
 the activity generates an effective adhesion

We can also look at linear mechanical response

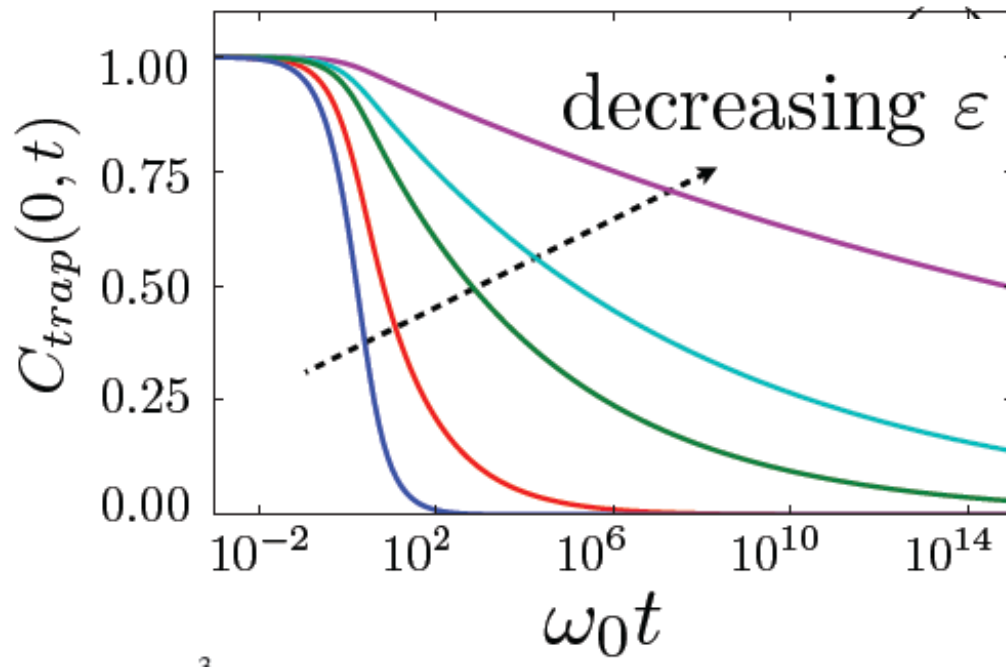
Emergence of linearly unstable modes at p_0^*



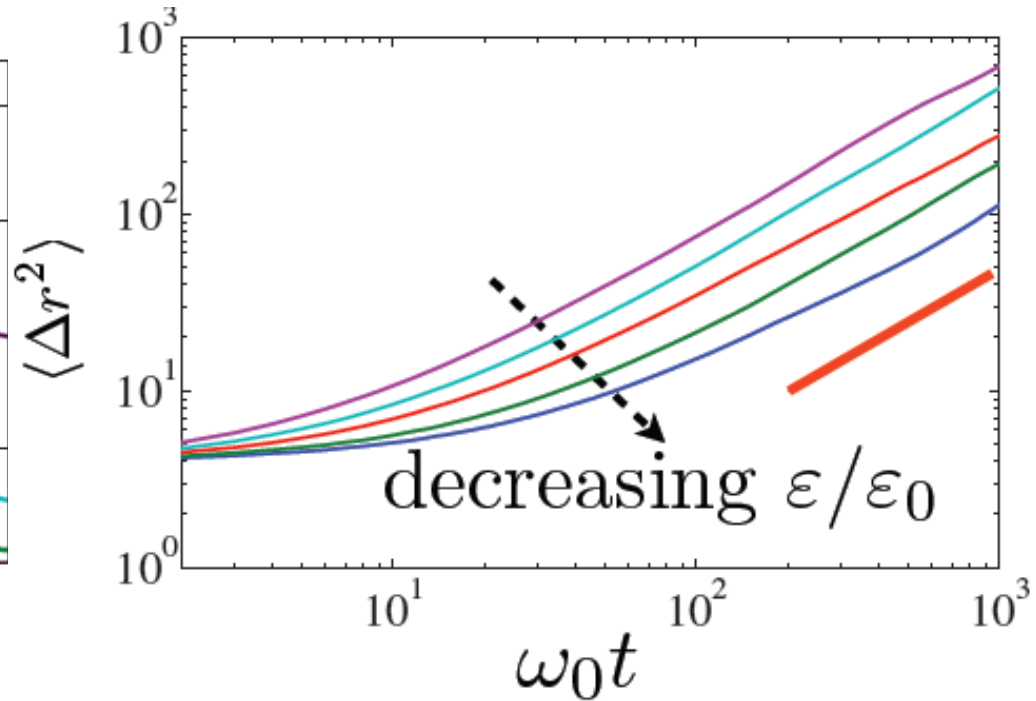
Vanishing shear modulus at p_0^*



From energy barriers to cell migration:



Analytic calculation

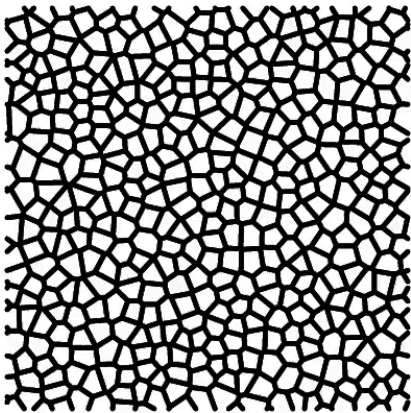


random walkers

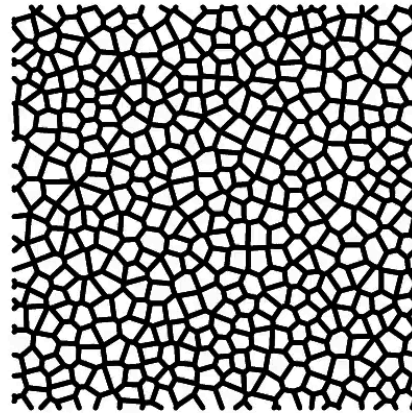
Bi, Lopez, Schwarz, **MLM** Soft Matter 10 (2014)

Effect of finite cell motility?

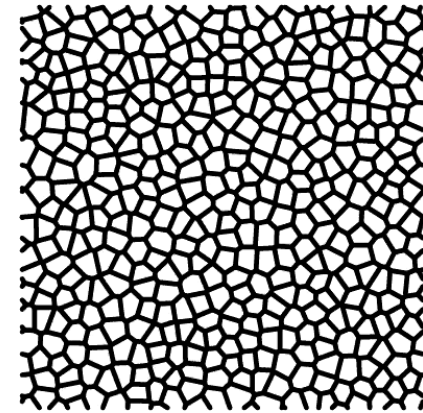
$$v_0 = 0.5, p_0 = 3.5$$



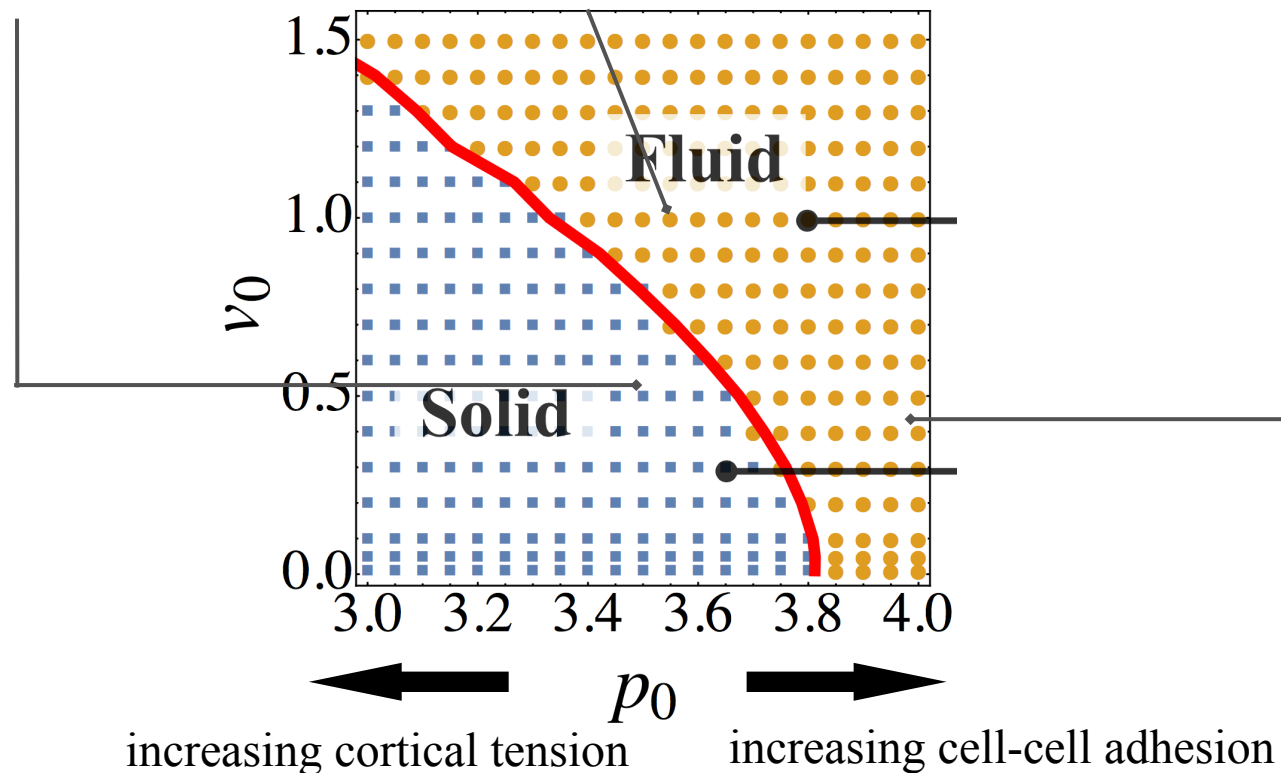
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$$v_0 = 1, p_0 = 4$$

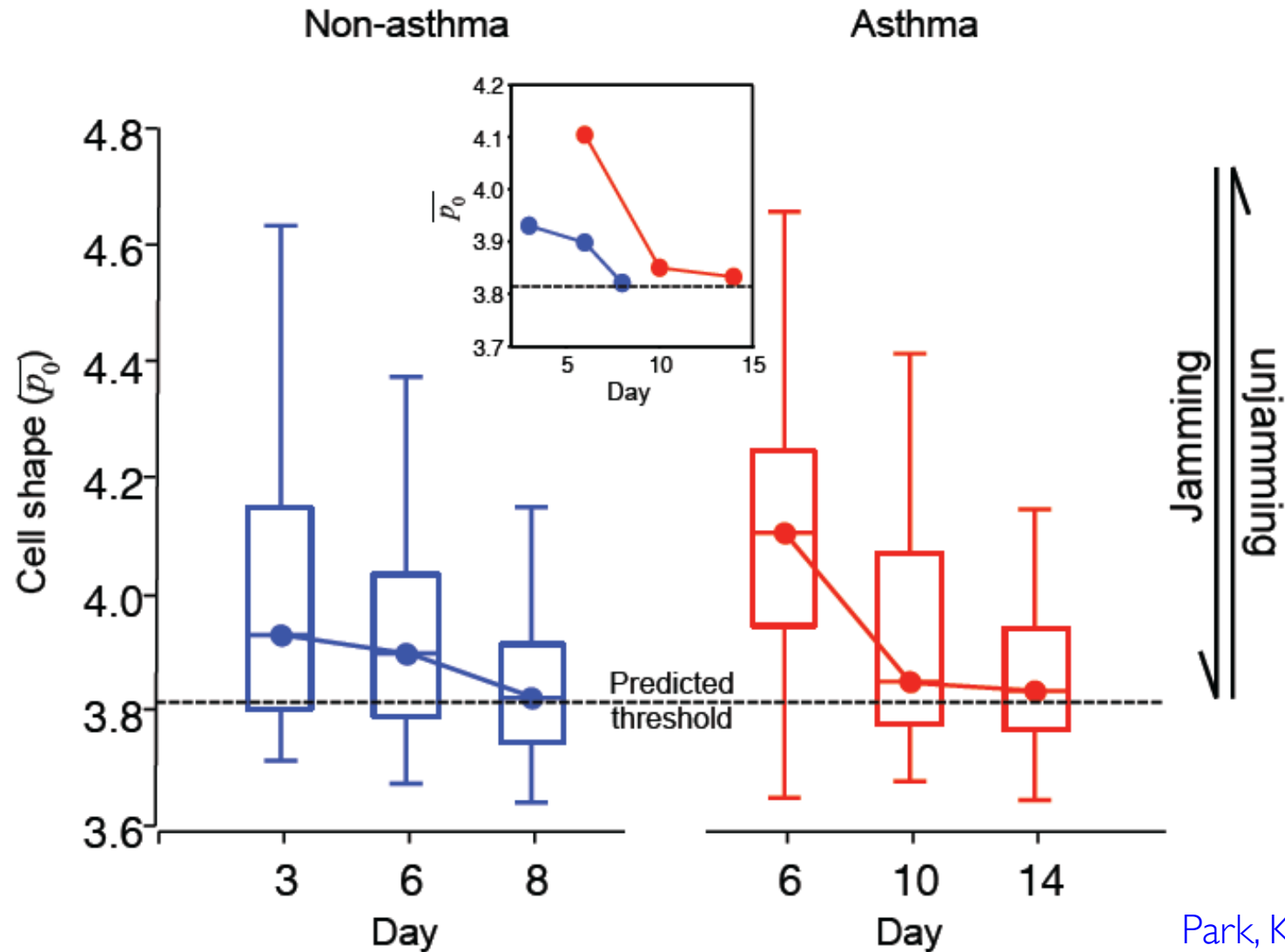


Add an equation
for cell
polarization with
a finite velocity
 v_0 (like in self-
propelled
particle models)

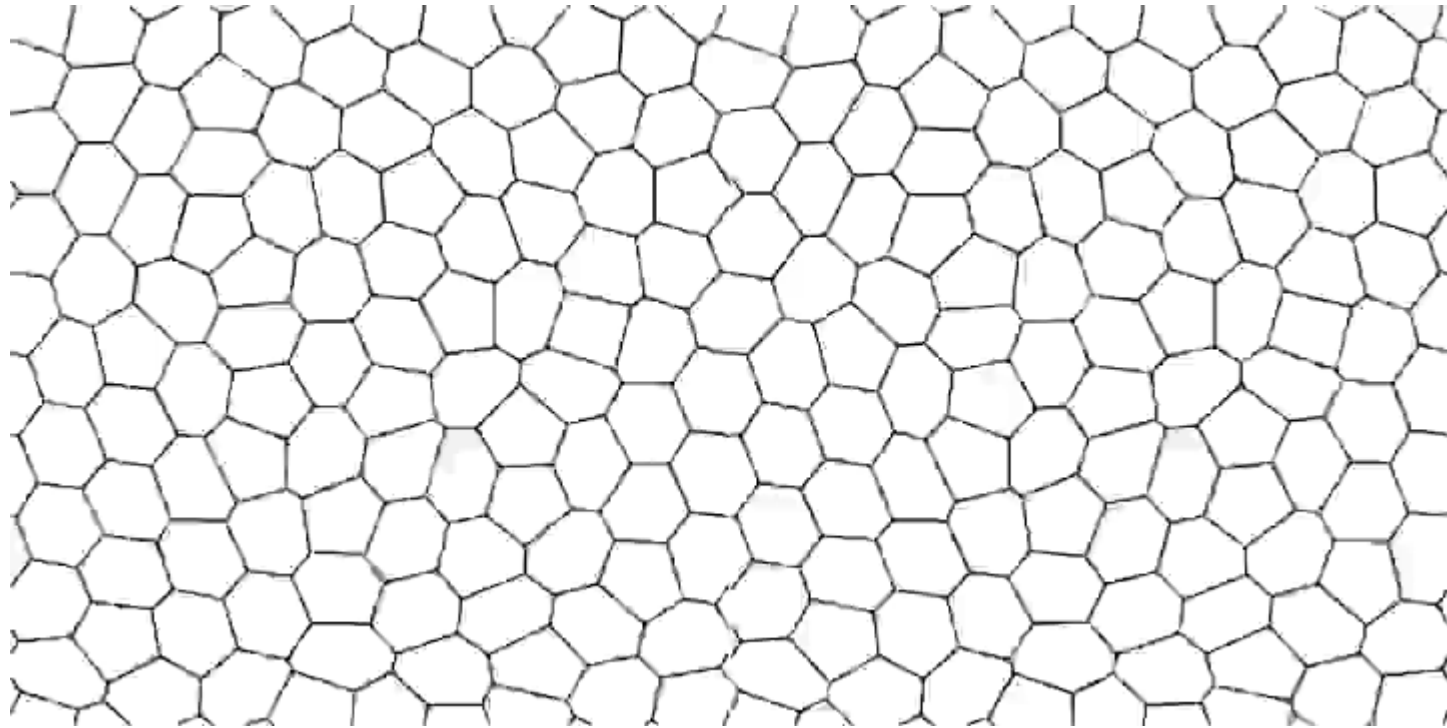


Bi, Yang, Marchetti, Manning, in preparation (2015)

Perimeter to area ratio approaches precisely the predicted value at jamming



Effect of finite cell motility?

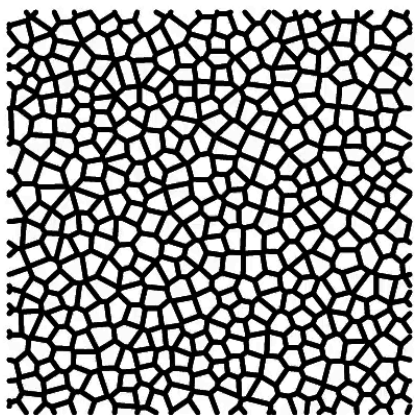


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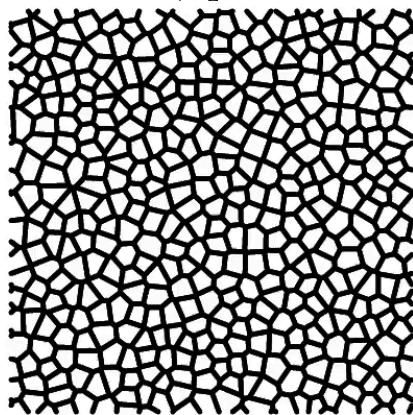
$$p_0 > p_0^*$$

Add an equation for cell polarization (like in self-propelled particle or Vicsek models)

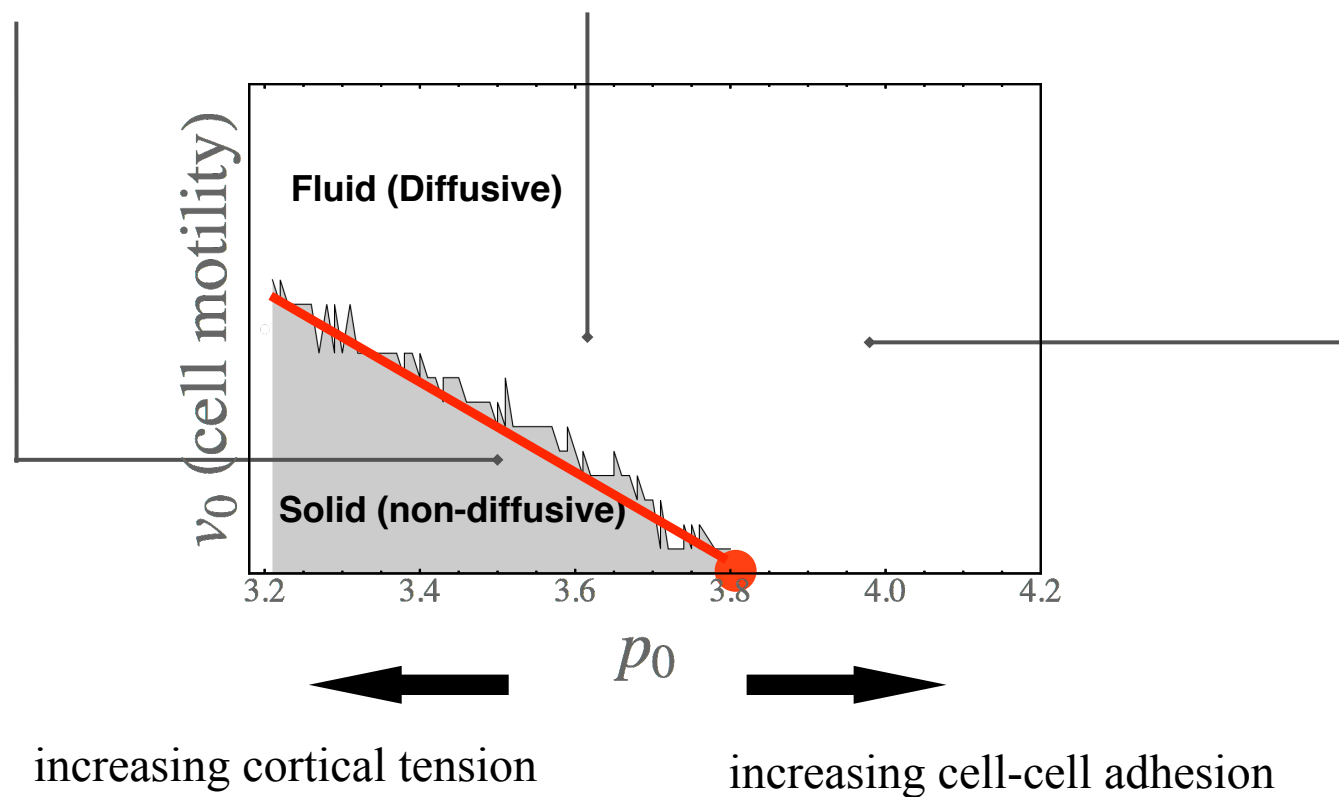
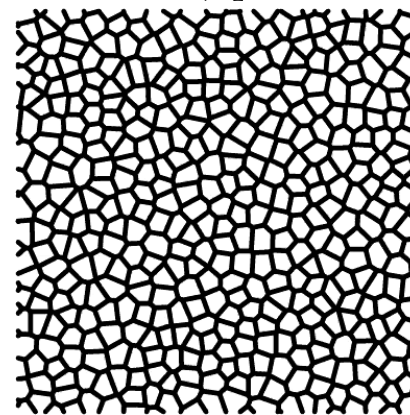
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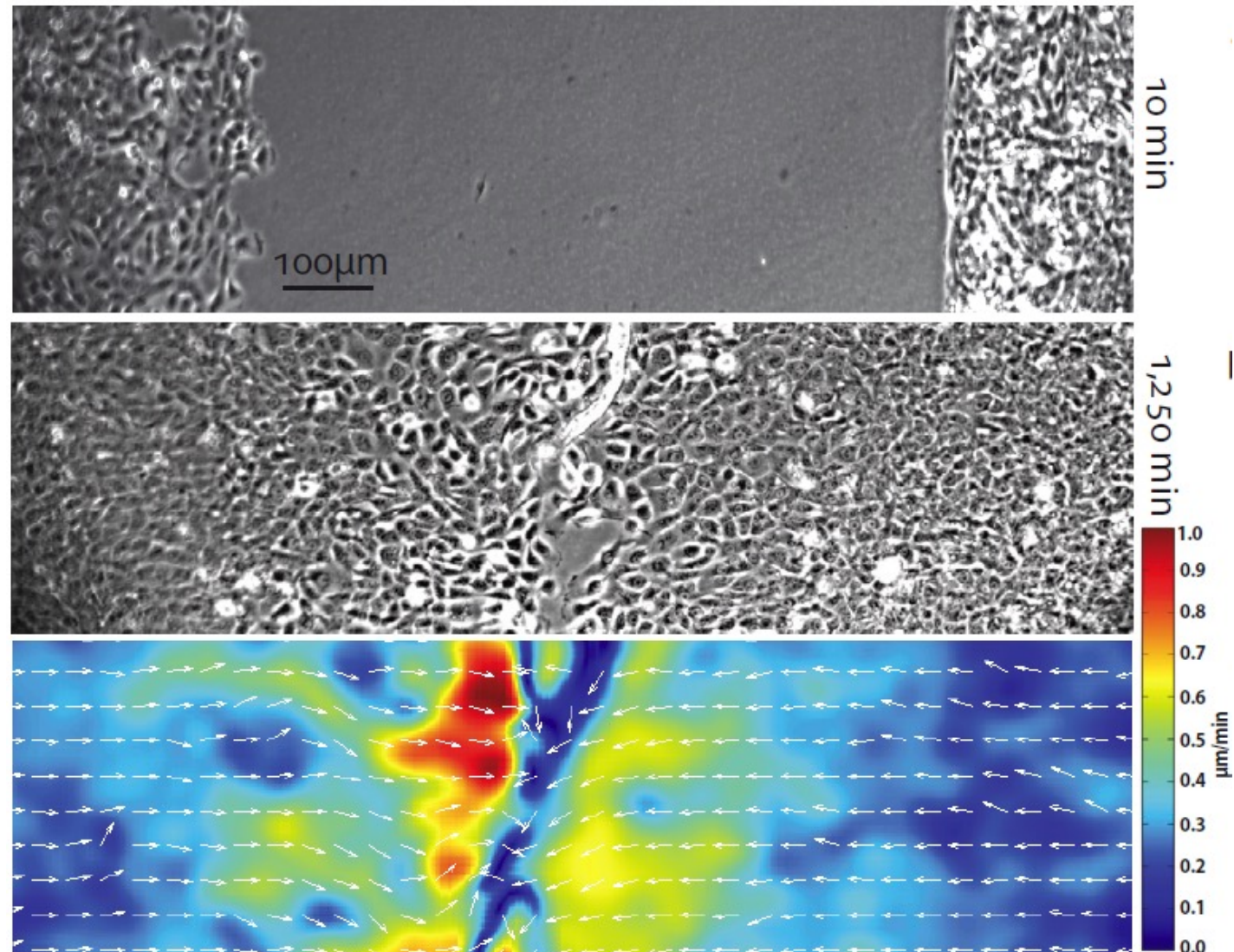


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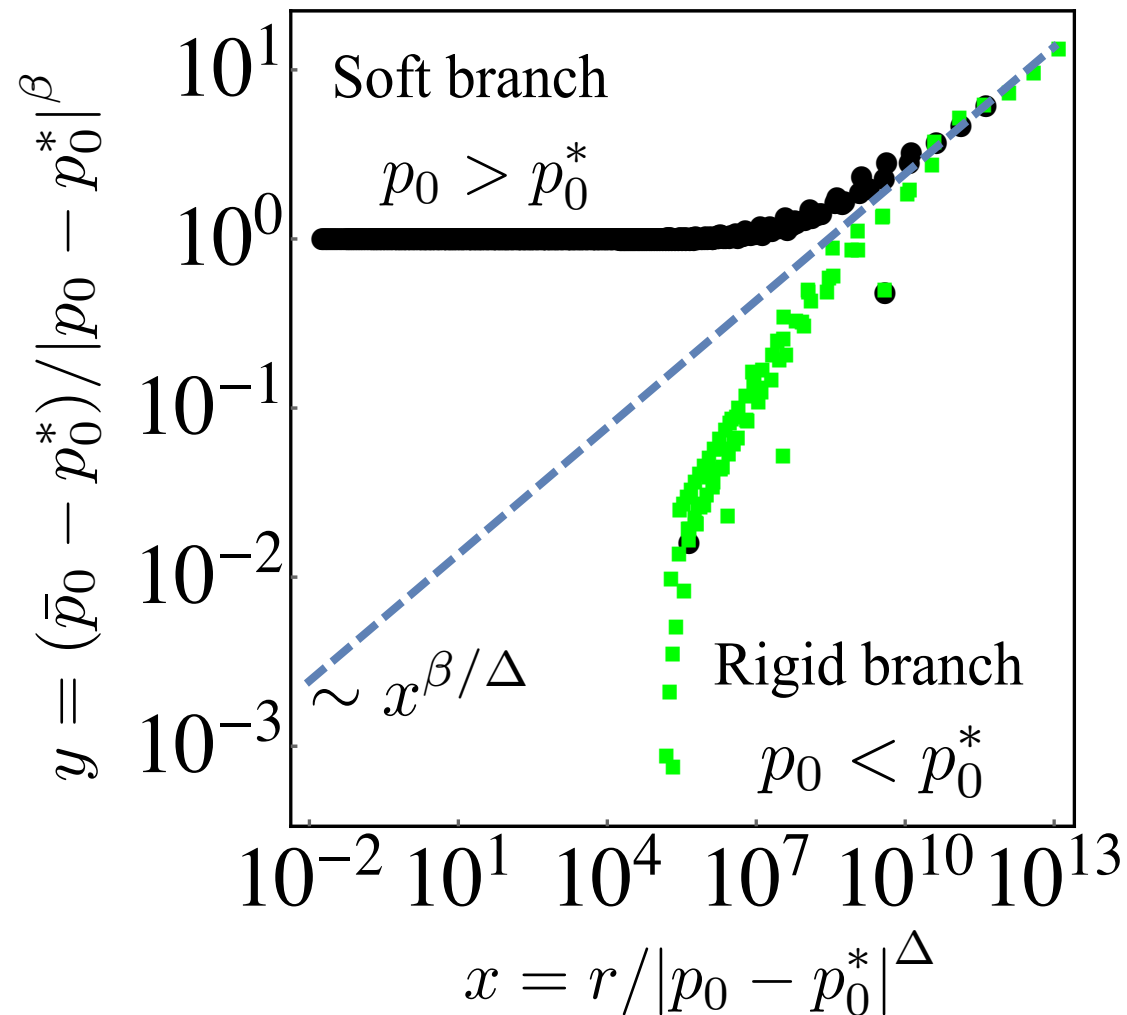


Jamming in transformed (cancer-like) cell lines generates boundaries

MCF-10A cell monolayer
Nhetu et al NJP 2012



What else does this predict for experiments?



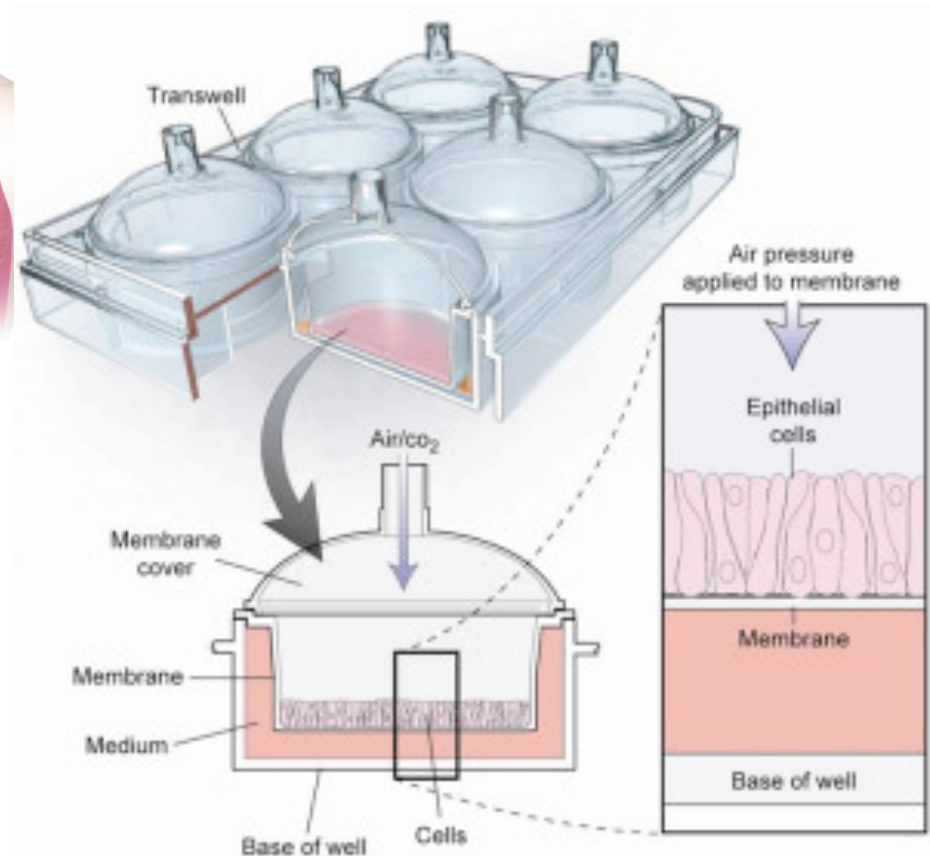
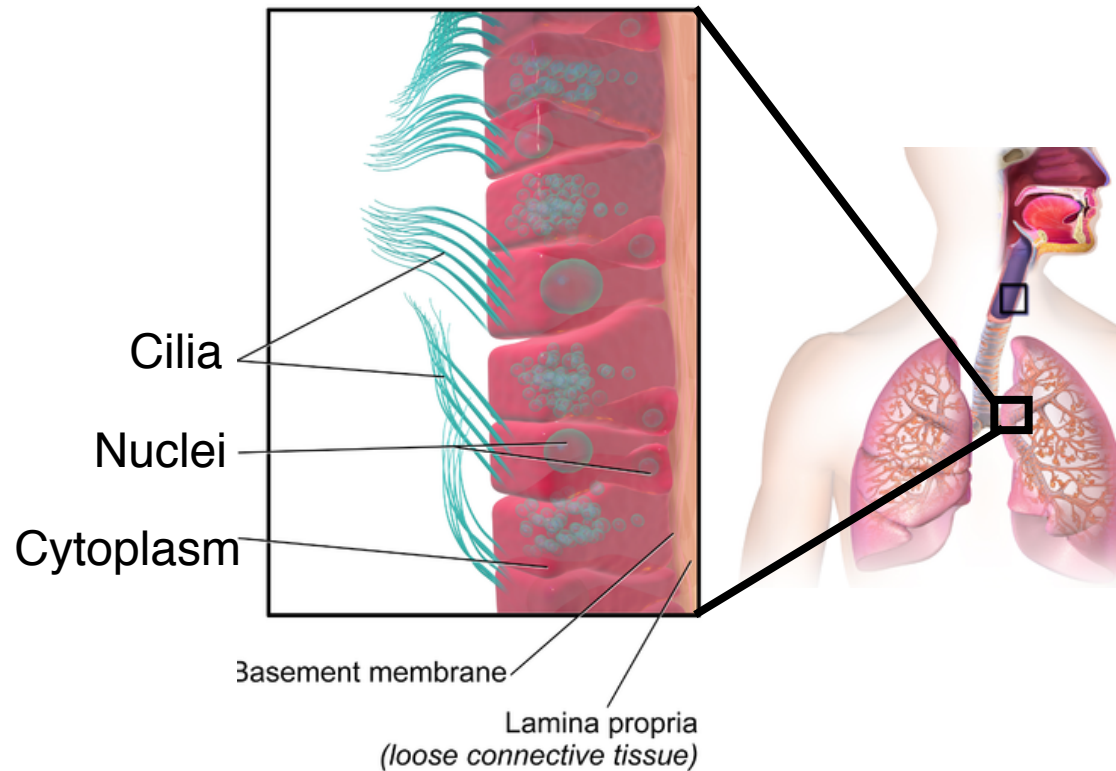
$$\bar{p}_0 = \langle p \rangle / \sqrt{\langle a \rangle}$$

This also has a critical scaling!

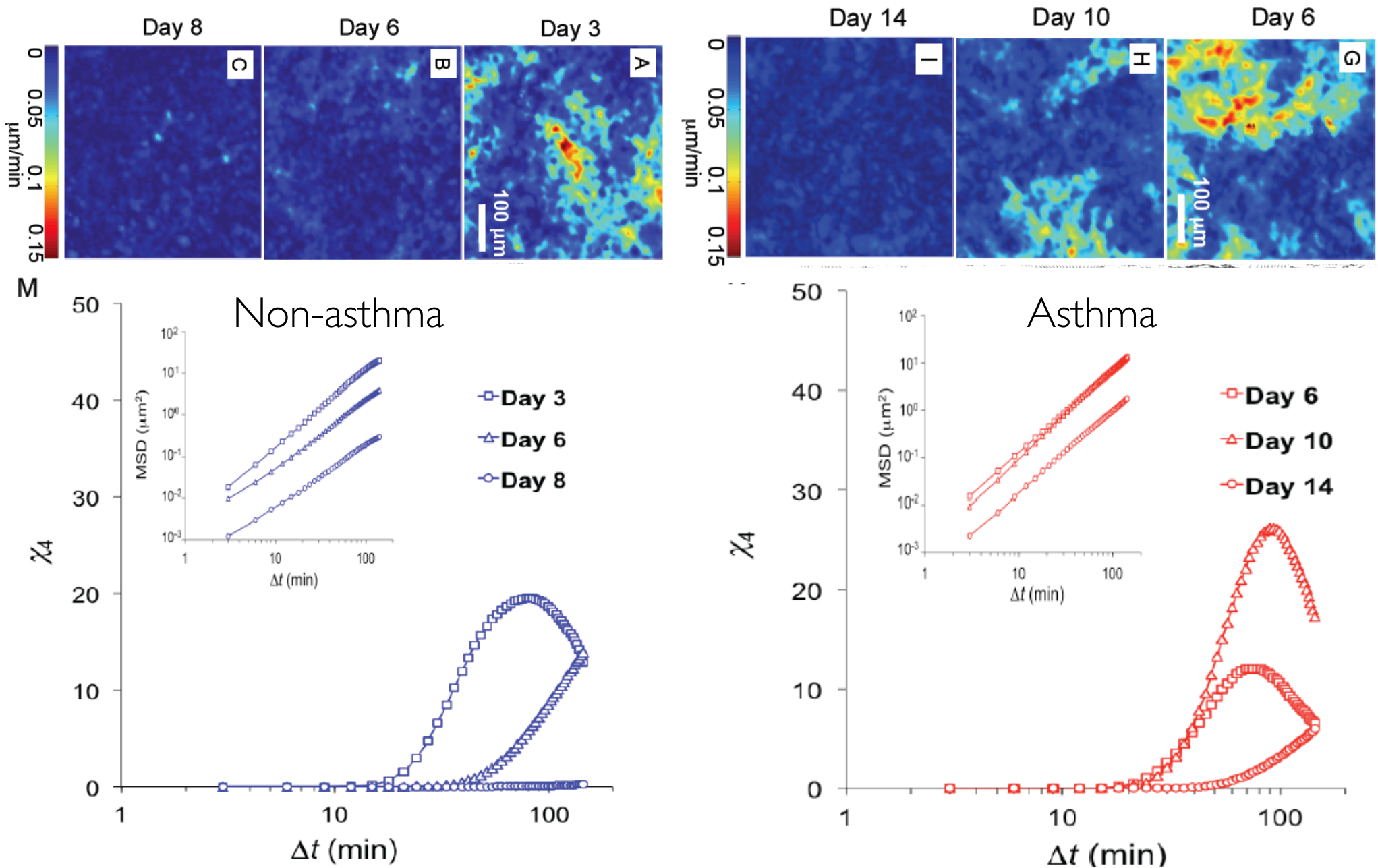
Experiments in primary human bronchial epithelial cells (HBECEs)

with Fredberg group, Harvard School of Public Health

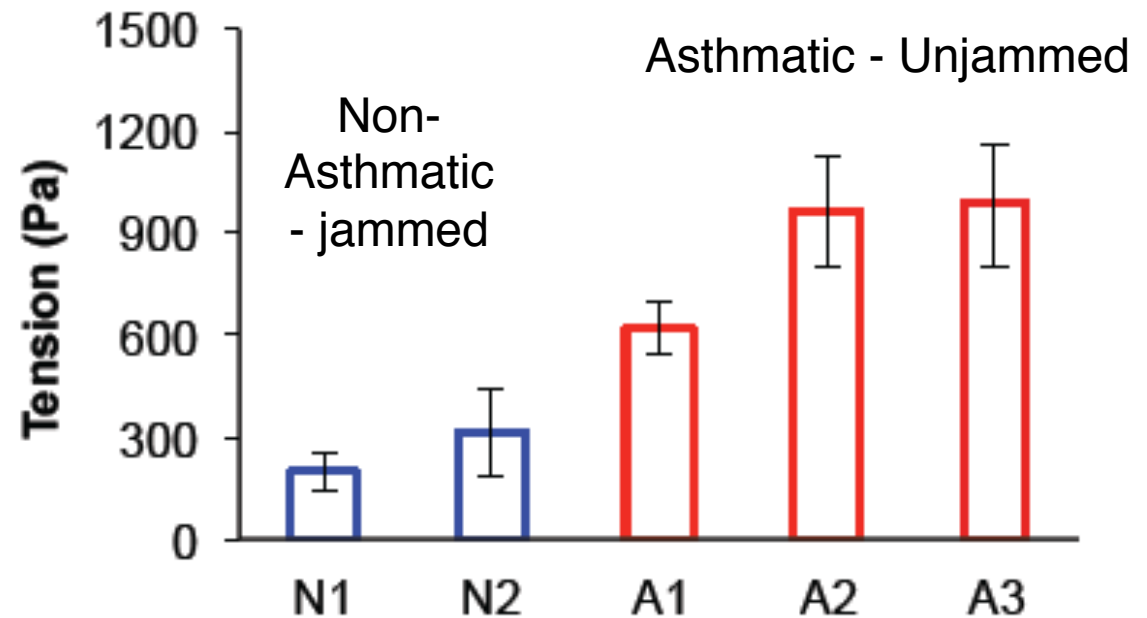
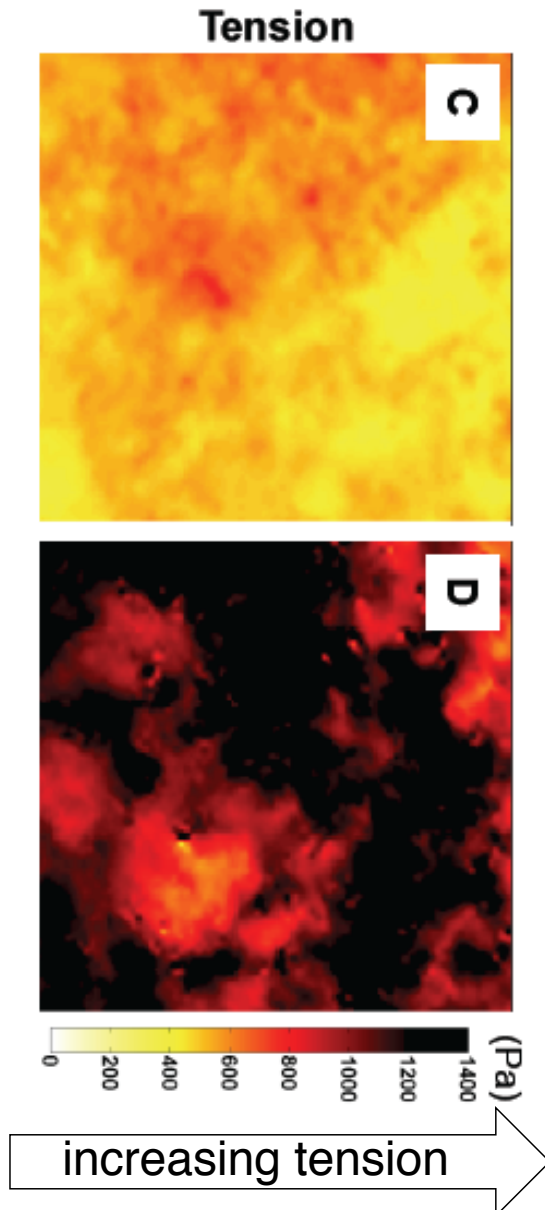
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A jamming transition in primary human cell culture



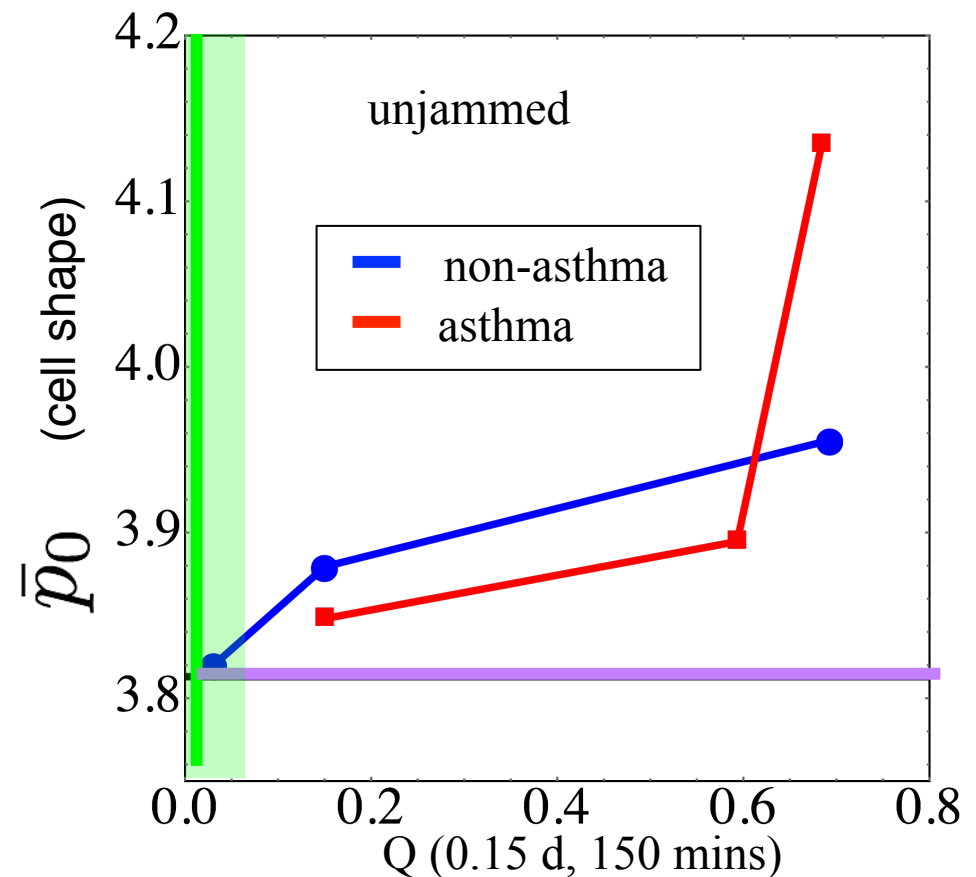
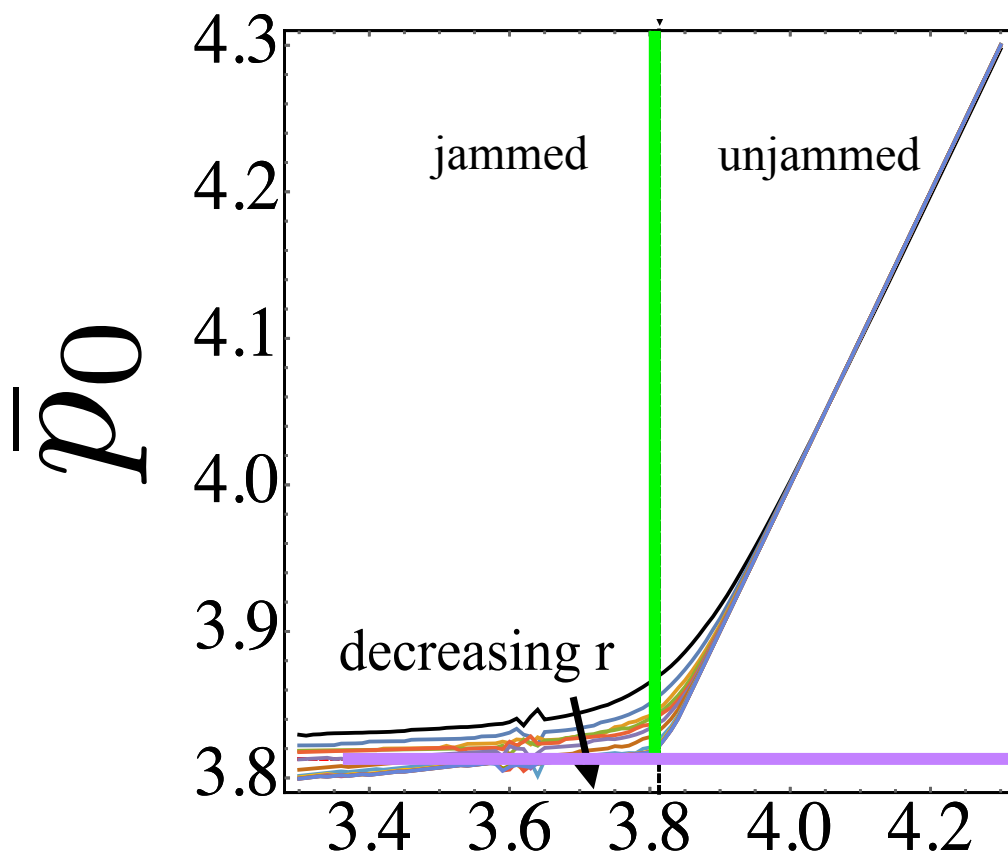
Intra-tissue tension higher in asthmatic tissues



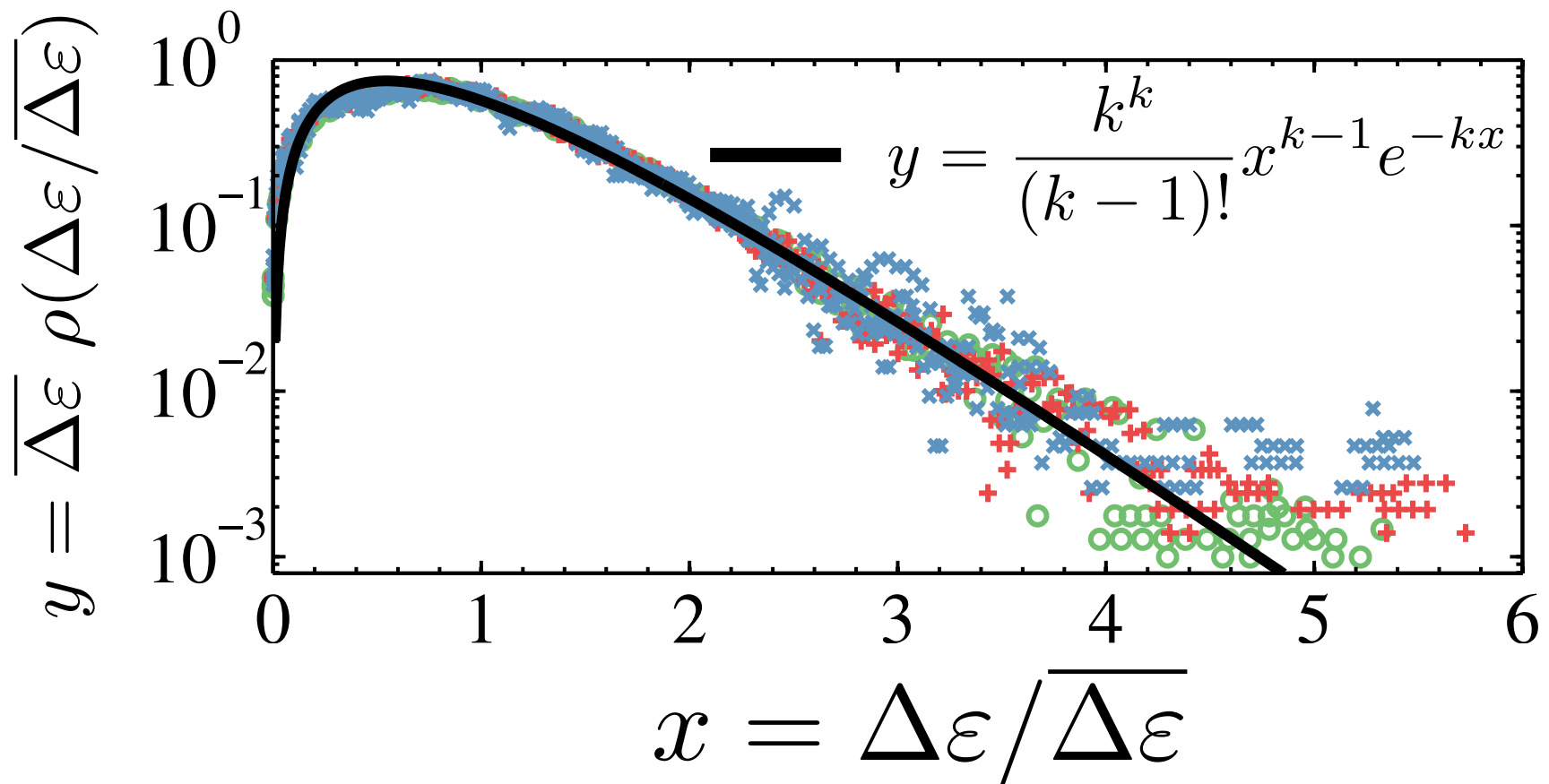
Unjammed tissues support higher tensile stresses (not less)

Consistent with idea that **adhesive interactions are stronger** in the unjammed tissues

Perimeter to area ratio approaches precisely the predicted value at jamming



Large tissues: energy barrier statistics determined entirely by the mean energy barrier height



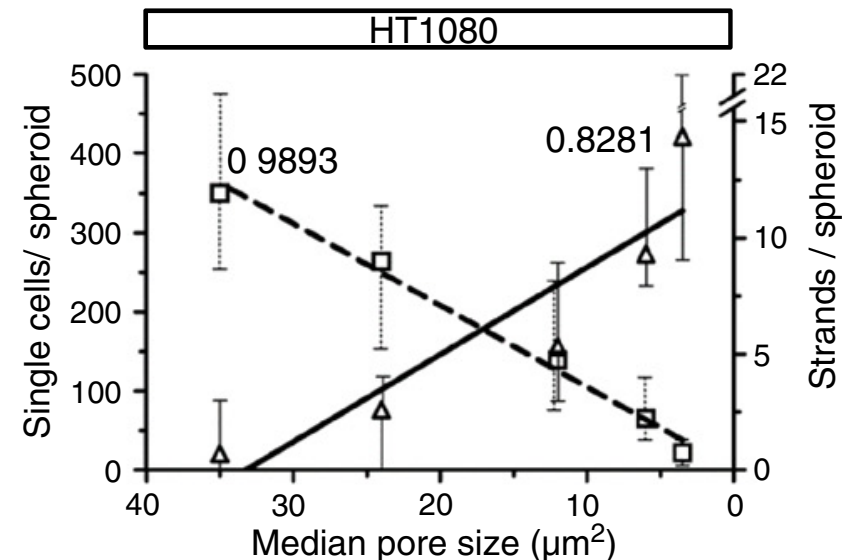
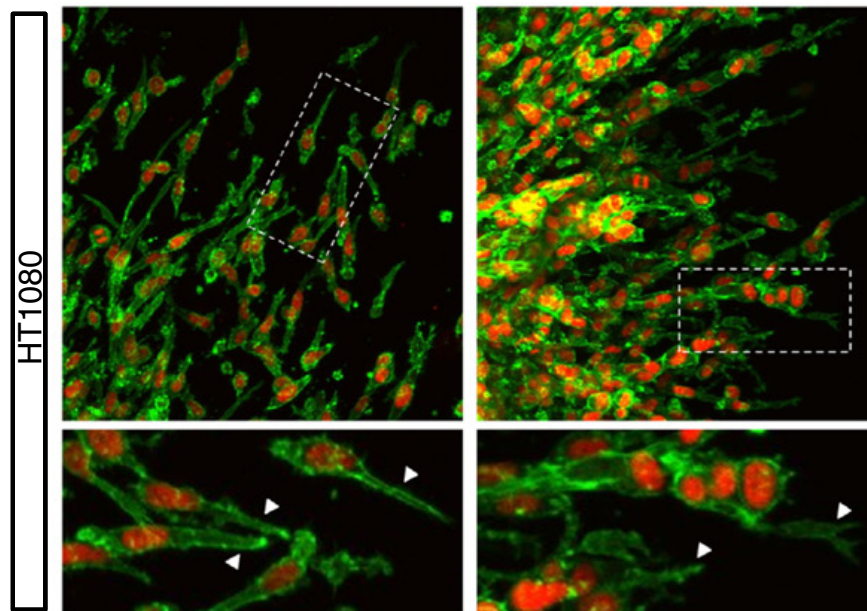
k -gamma distribution with one fit parameter: $k=2.2 \pm 0.2$
(found in many cellular systems e.g. [Aste & Matteo, PRE 2008](#))

Cancer cells change invasion strategies depending on confinement

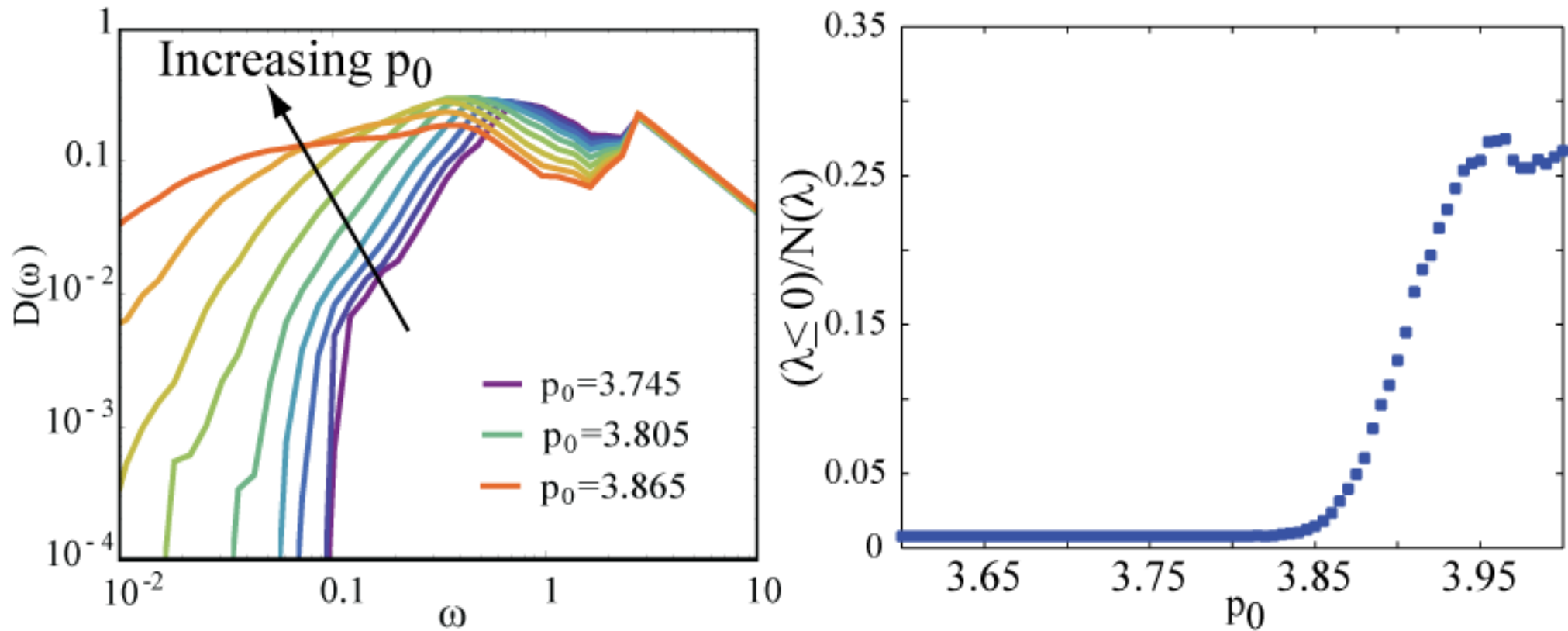
Cell jamming: Collective invasion of mesenchymal tumor cells imposed by tissue confinement ☆

Anna Haeger^{a,1}, Marina Krause^{a,1}, Katarina Wolf^{a,1}, Peter Friedl^{a,b,c,*,1}

Biochimica et Biophysica Acta 1840 (2014) 2386–2395



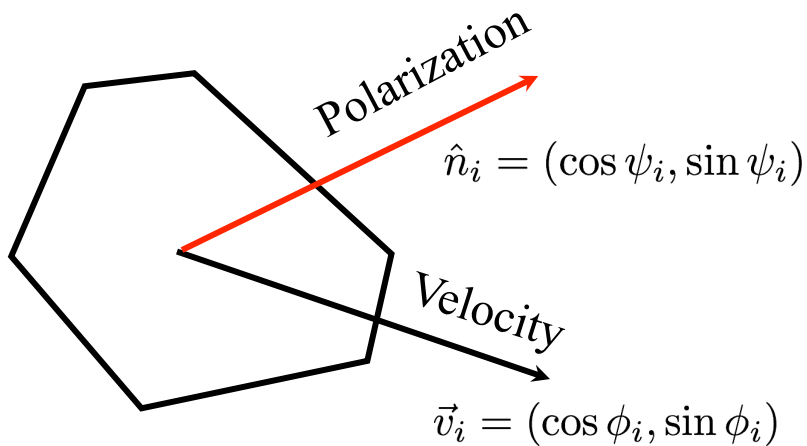
What about normal modes? Collective behavior? Is it okay to study localized TIs?



From rigidity transition to glass transition

“Active Vertex Model” (ongoing work)

At each vertex, simulate the overdamped equation of motion:



$$b \frac{d\vec{r}_\nu}{dt} = - \underbrace{\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \vec{r}_\nu}}_{\text{Forces depend on shape of cell}} + v_0 \underbrace{\sum_{i \leftrightarrow \nu} \hat{n}_i}_{\text{Cell Motility Force}}$$

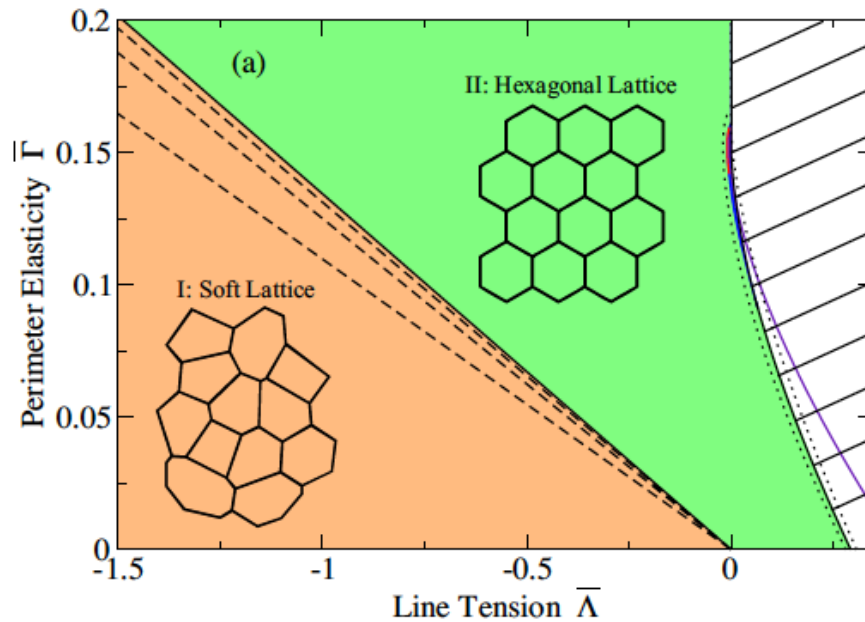
Polarization Dynamics:

Polarization vector tends to align with cell velocity

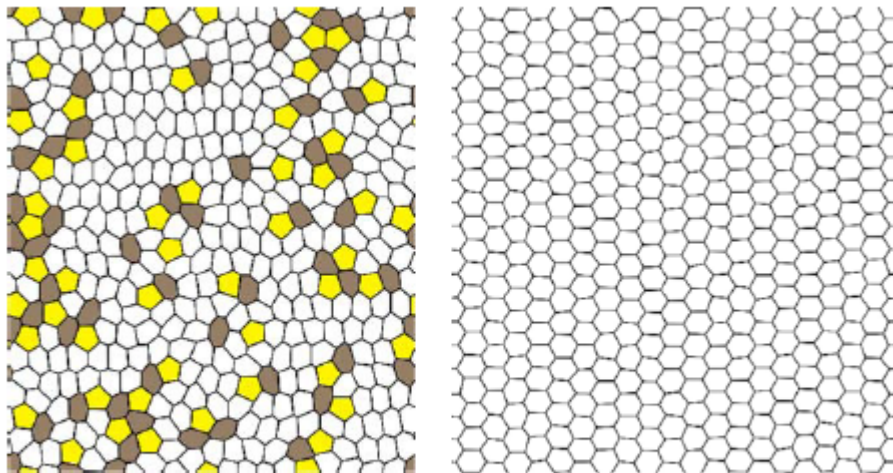
$$\frac{d\psi_i}{dt} = - \frac{\psi_i - \phi_i}{\tau} + \eta_i$$

$$\langle \eta_i \eta_j \rangle = \sigma^2 \delta_{ij} \delta(t - t')$$

Previous results on ground states:



Staple et al EPJE 33 (2010)



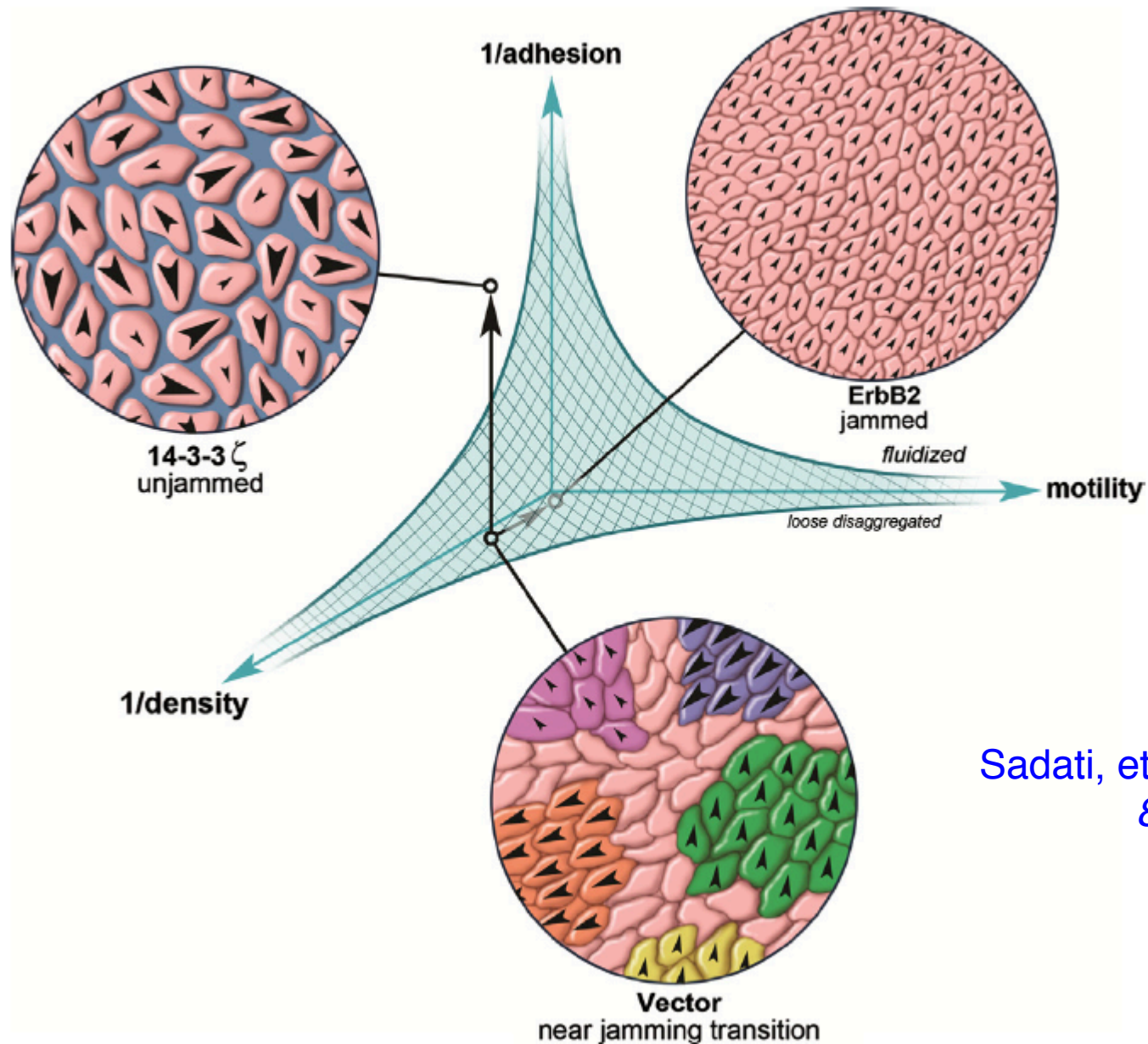
$a = 0.86$

$a = 0.90$

$$a = \frac{4\pi A}{L^2}$$

Hocevar and Ziherl PRE 80 11904 (2009)

Jamming phase diagram for biological tissues



Sadati, et al. *Differentiation*
86 (2013)

why might tissues generically be close to a glass transition?

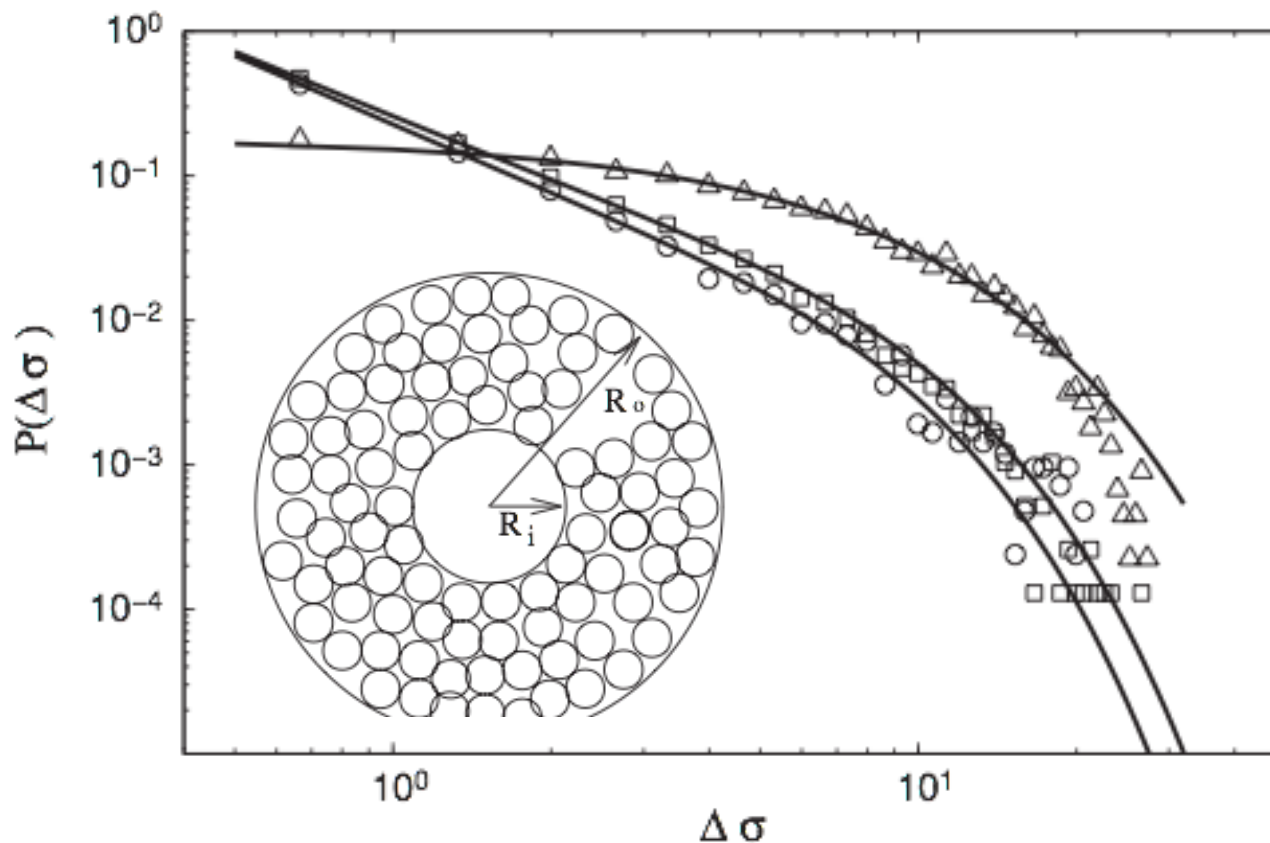
For wound healing, embryonic development, cancer invasion:

- initially need large scale flows (i.e. a fluid-like rheology)
- subsequently need to support forces and shear stresses (i.e. a solid-like rheology)

What is the evidence for this
idea?

Where did it come from?

Energy barrier statistics, foams and grains

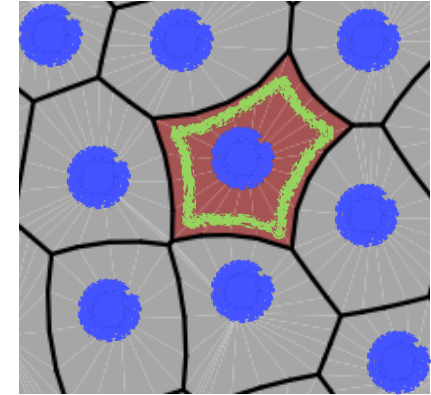
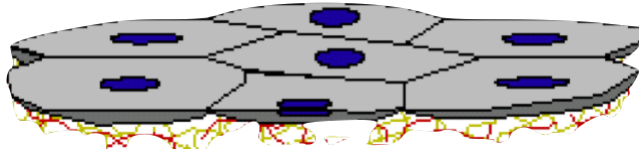


Behringer et al PRL 101 268301 (2008)

Energy
barriers are
power-law
distributed
(with a cutoff)

Why? conjecture: energy is injected globally and failure occurs at special soft spots in materials that are tuned near a critical point

Vertex model equations



$$E_{cell} = k_A(A - A_0)^2 + k_P(P - P_0)^2$$

$$= k_A(A - A_0)^2 + k_P(P^2 - 2P_0P + P_0^2) \quad A = \text{area}, P = \text{perimeter}$$

3D Incompressibility +
resistance to height
fluctuations

actomyosin contractility

Interfacial tension: adhesion and cortical tension

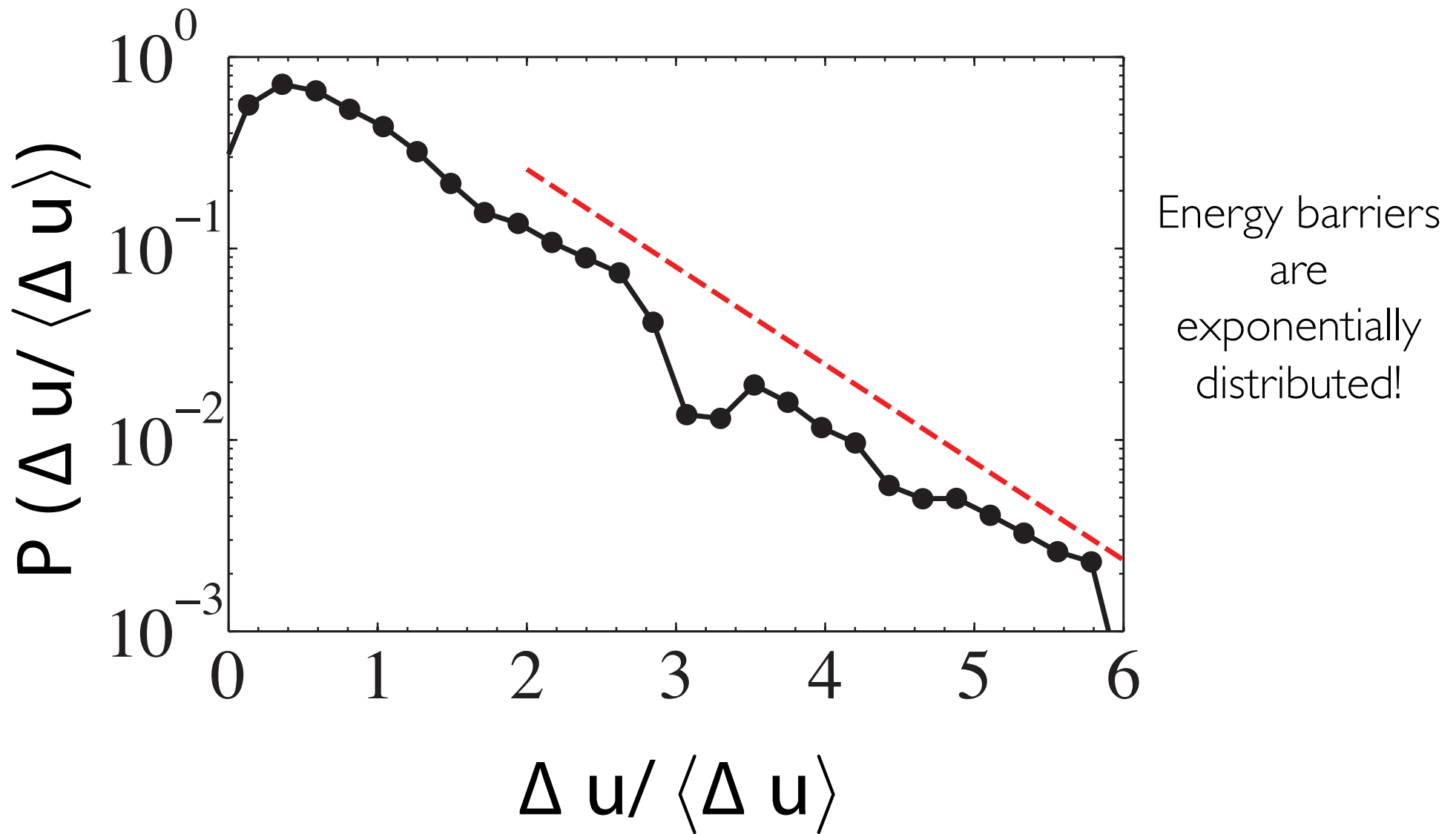
$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{\beta A_0} \sum_i^N E_i = \sum_i \left[(a_i - 1)^2 + \frac{(p_i - p_0)^2}{r} \right]$$

Non-dimensionalized
mechanical energy

but that was all for one set of
parameter values!

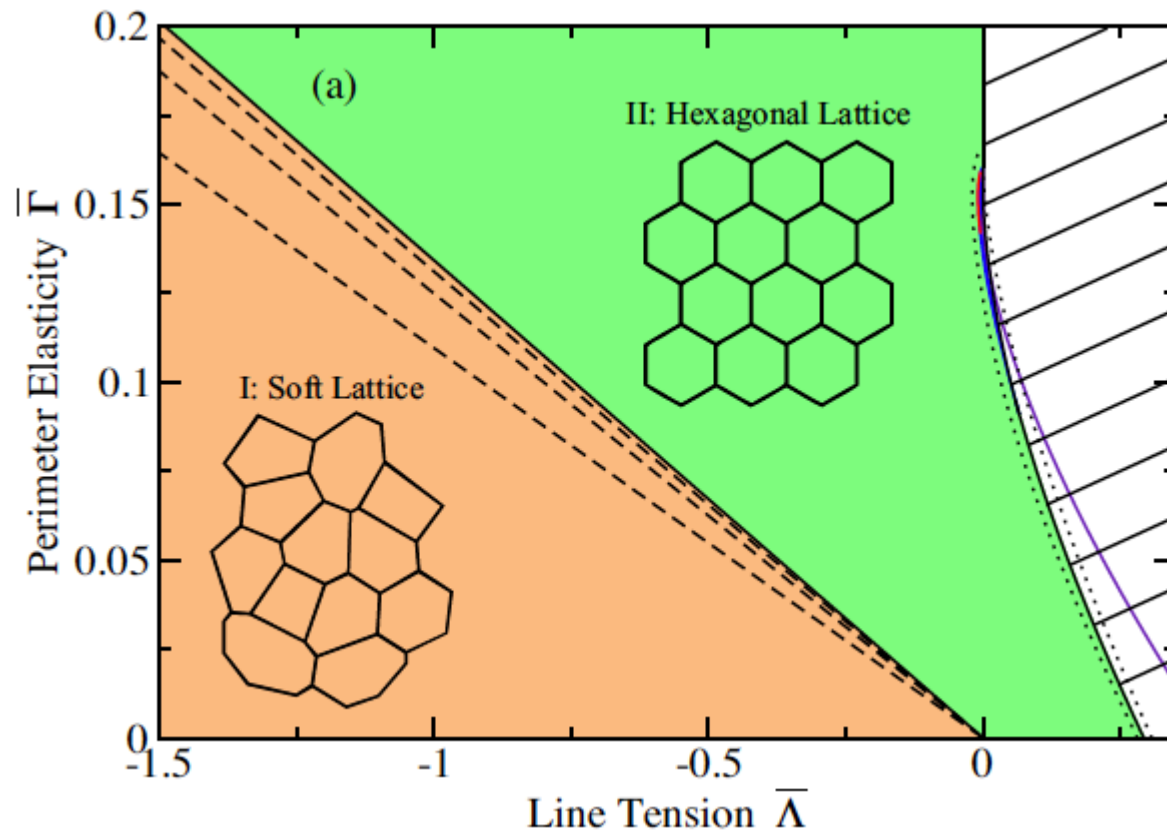
what is the phase diagram for the vertex
model?

Energy barrier statistics, tissue simulation

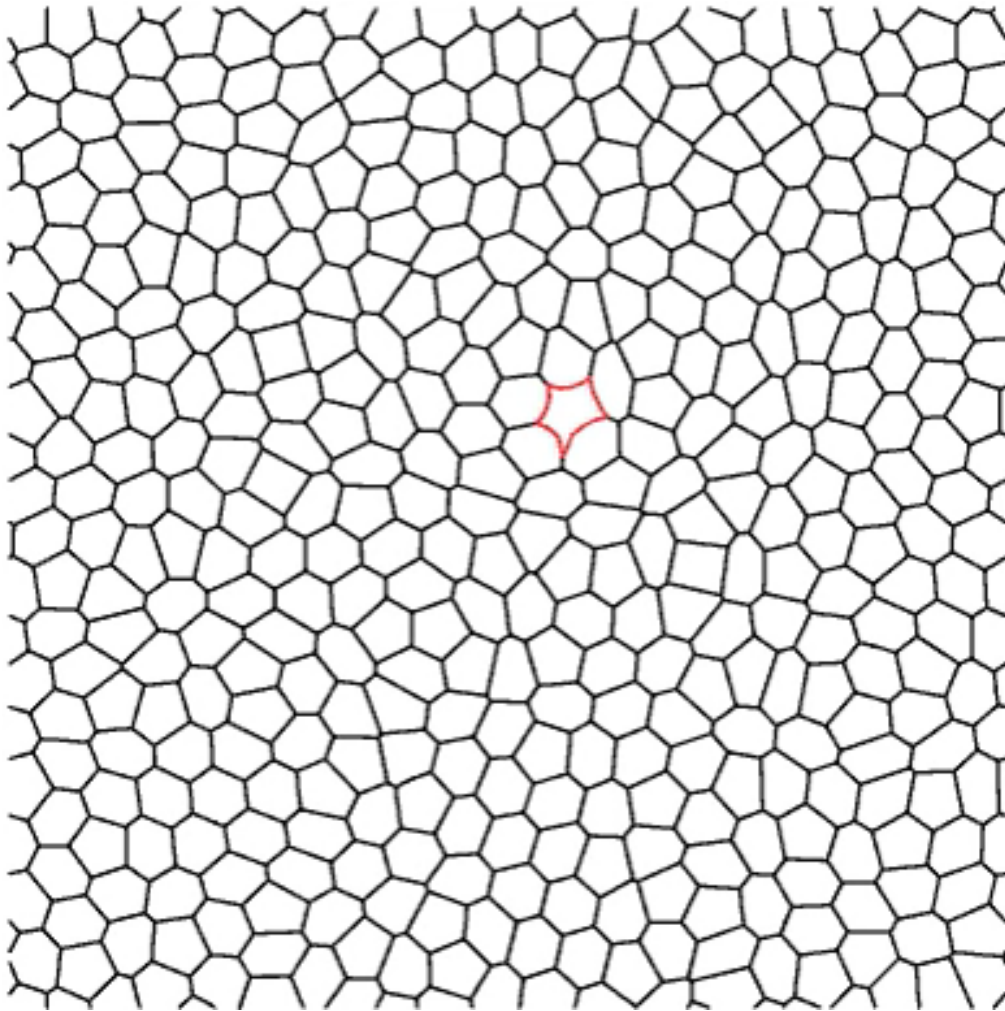


Energy is injected locally, all sites are probed

Ordered vs. disordered branches, linear vs. nonlinear response



Work in progress



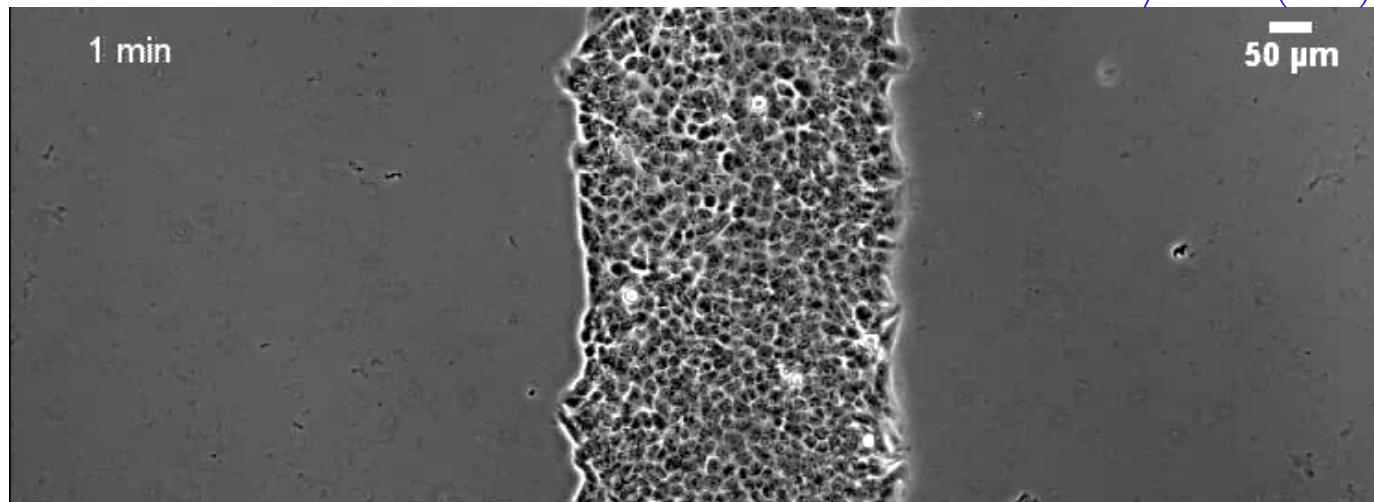
“Abnormal”
cancer-like cell
embedded in
normal cells

Work in progress

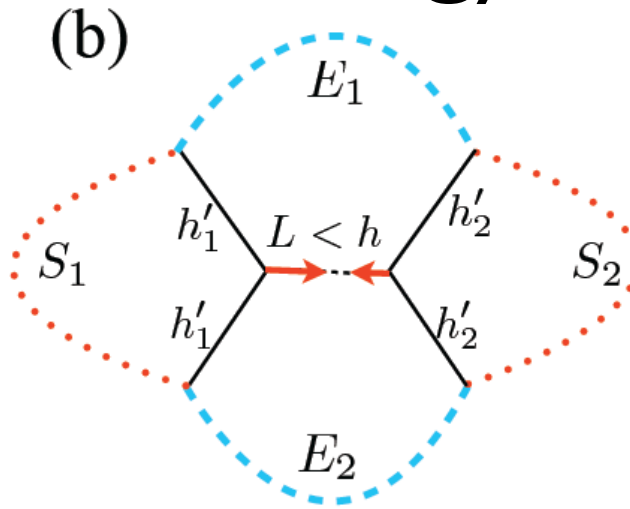
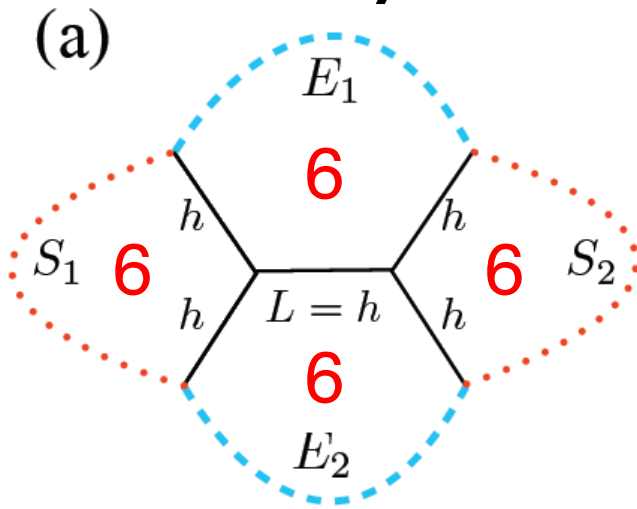


adding cell
divisions and cell
polarization to
shape equilibrium
model for full
dynamics

[Serra-Picamal et al Nature Phys. 8 628 \(2012\)](#)

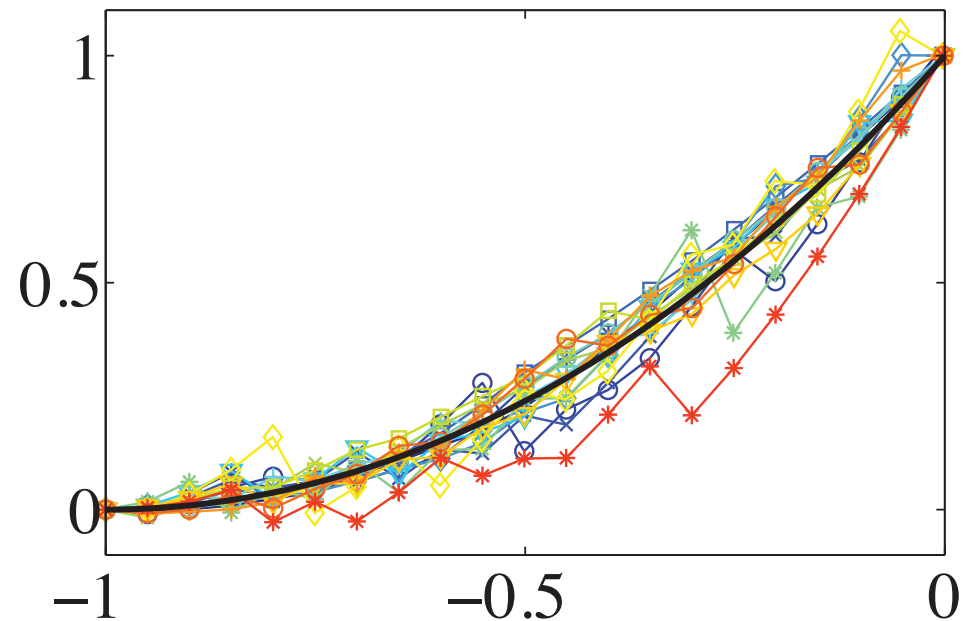
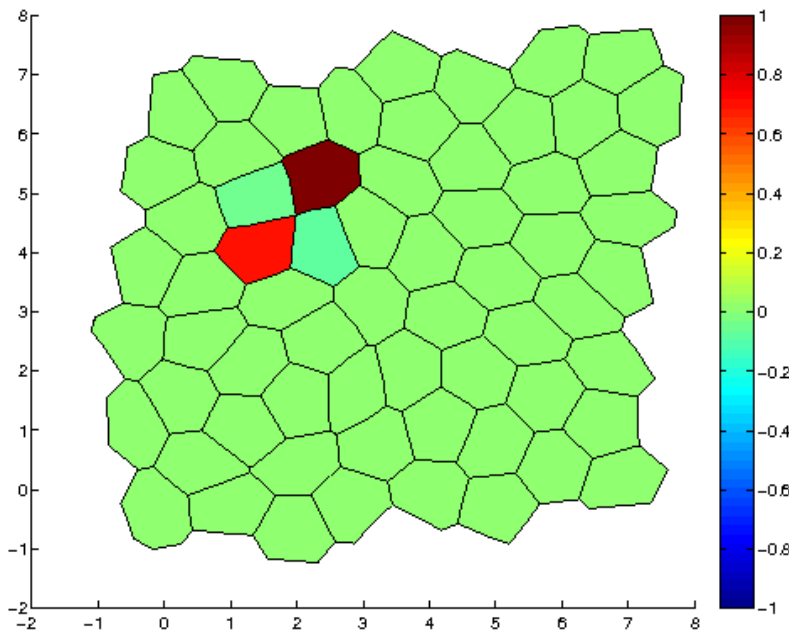


Analytic results: energy barrier shape

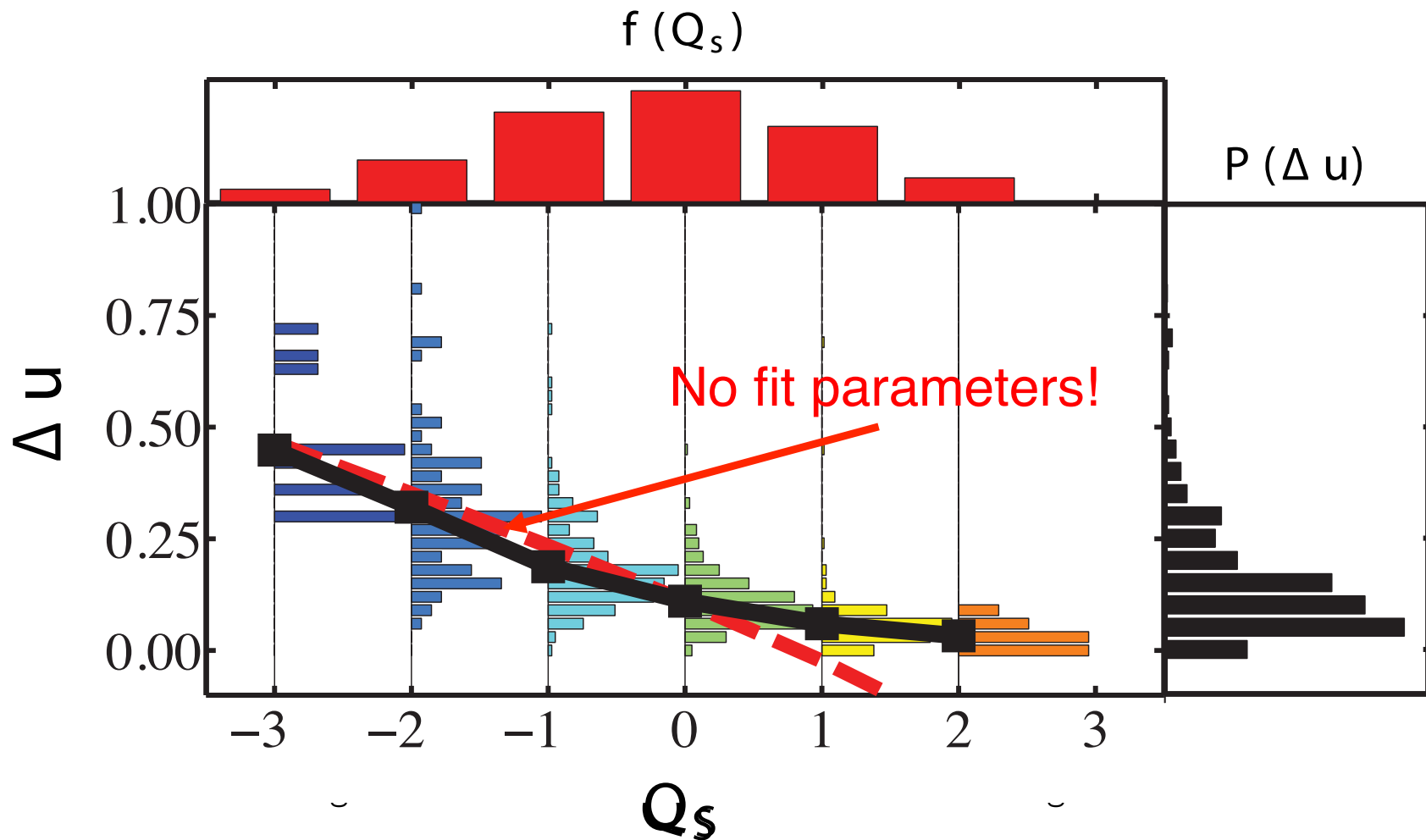
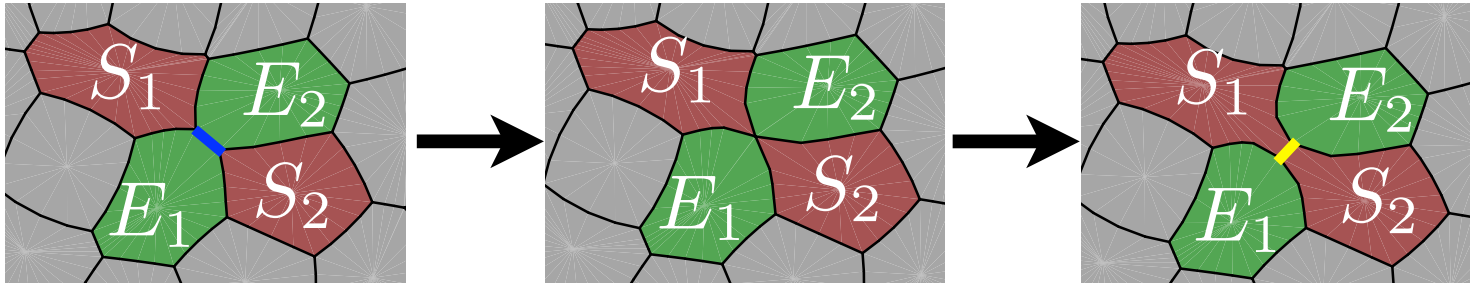


Mean field model:

- energy change is localized to 4 cells
- all cells have 6 sides (on average, required by Gauss-Bonnet Theorem)



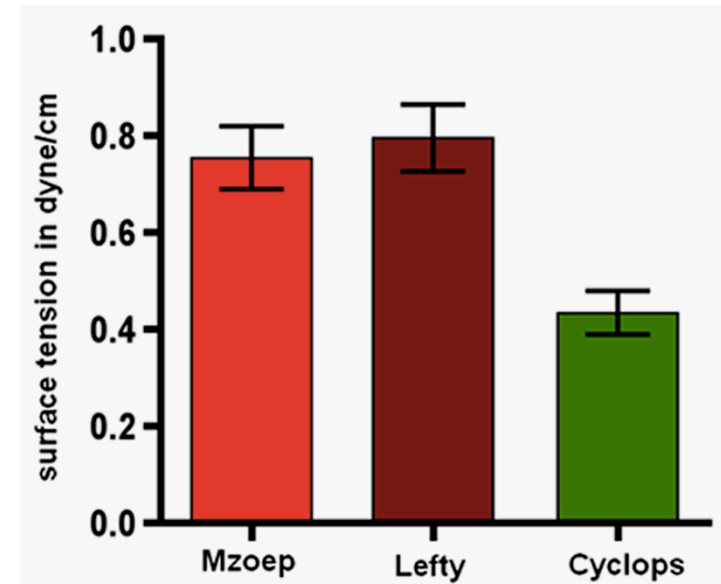
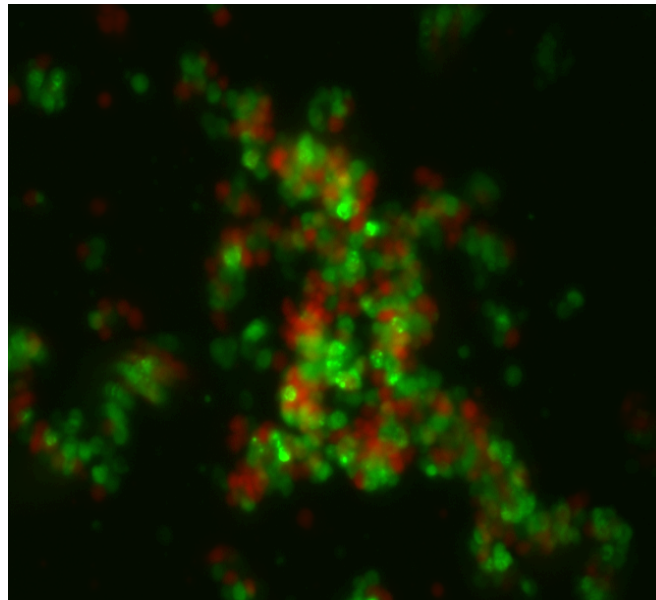
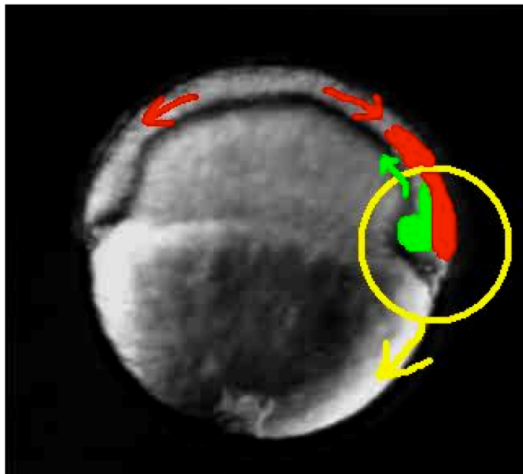
Energy barrier depends on a cell's number of neighbors



successful predictions based
on mechanically stable states

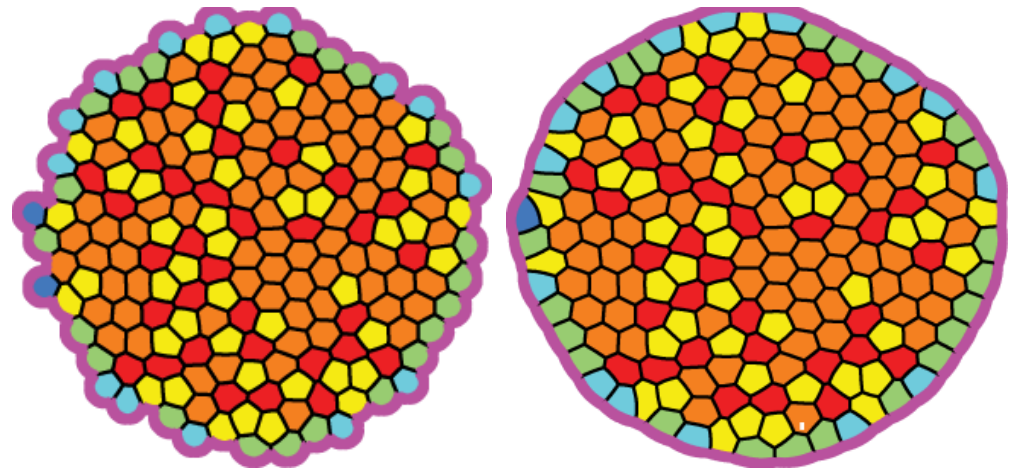
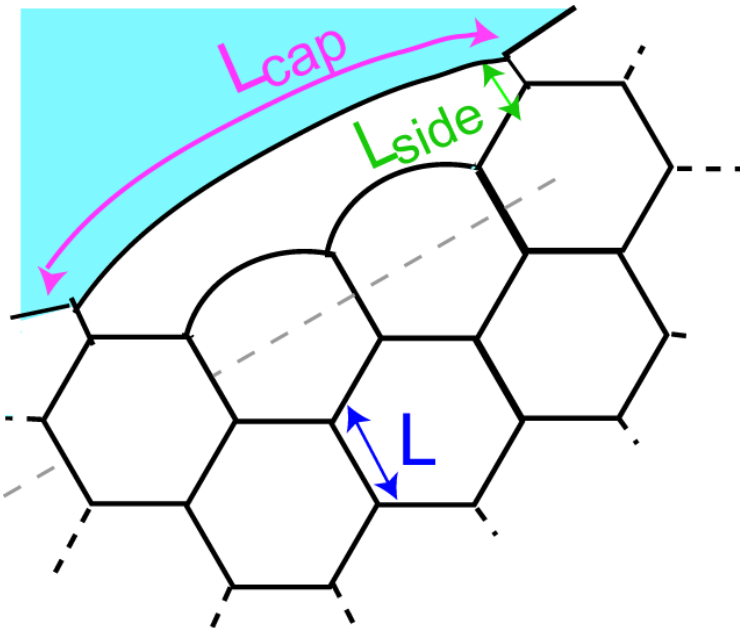
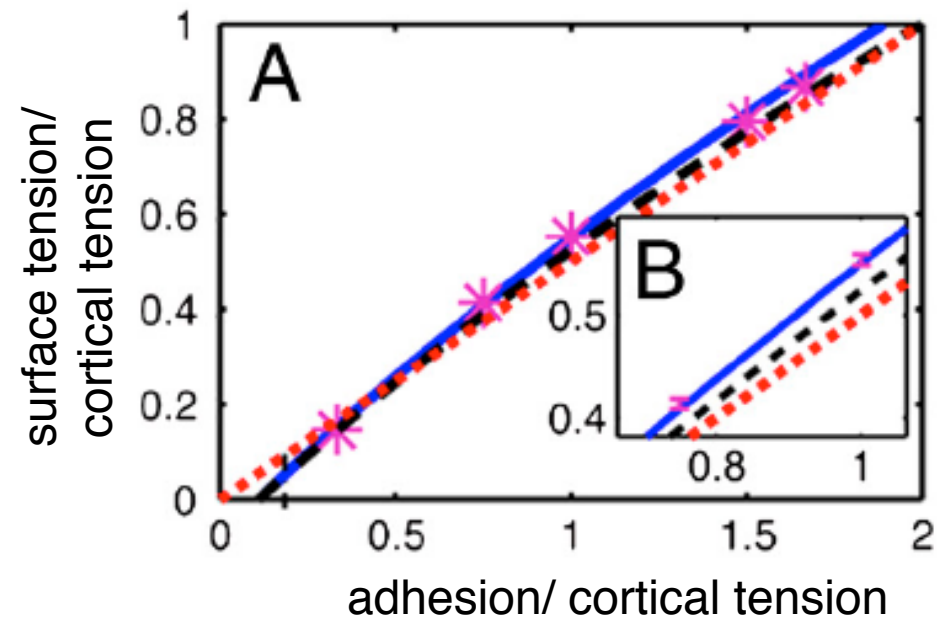
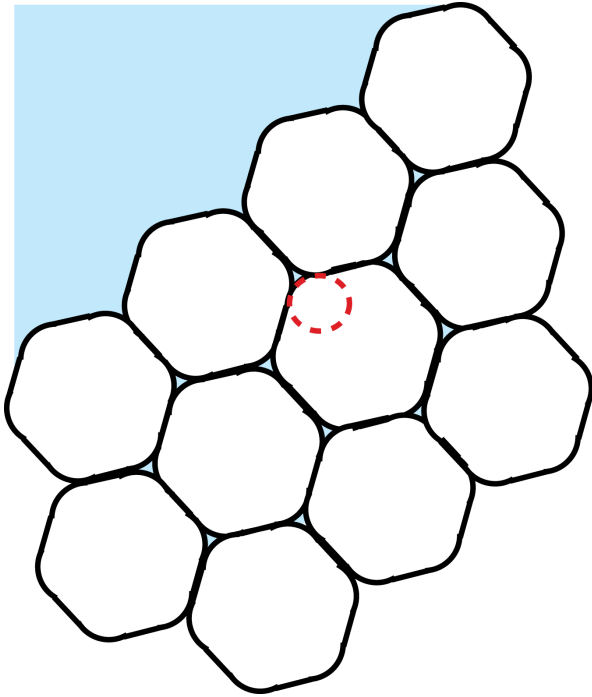
Tissue surface tension governs motion in early embryos

Schoetz, 2008



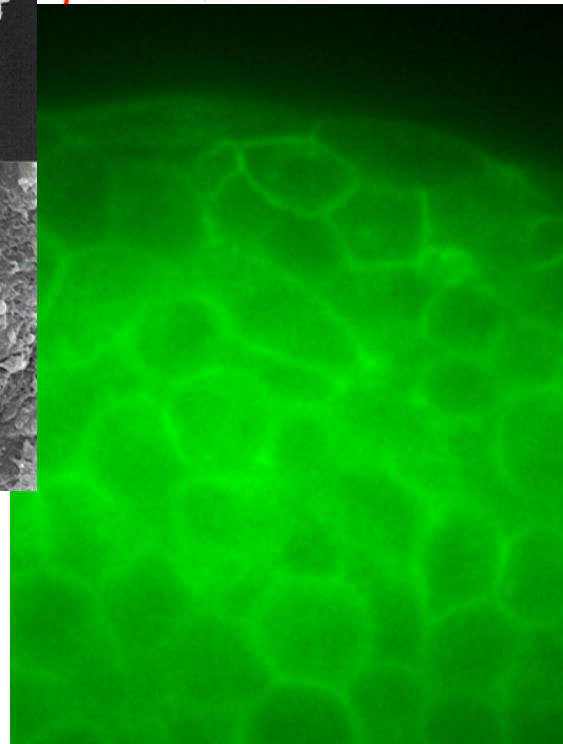
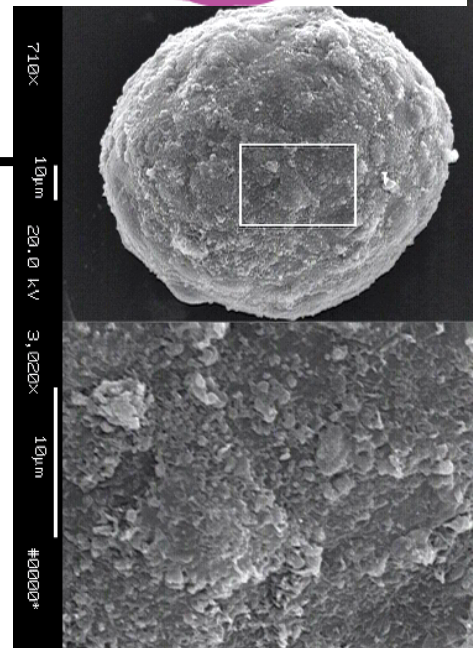
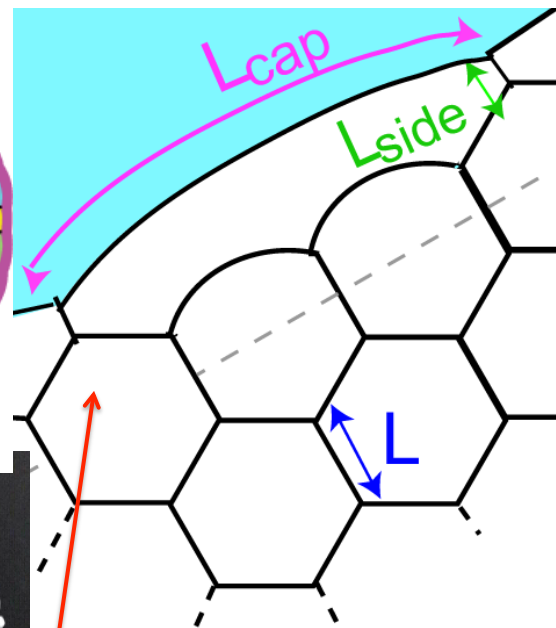
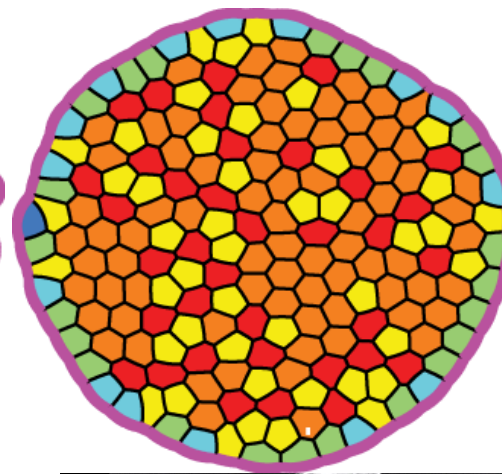
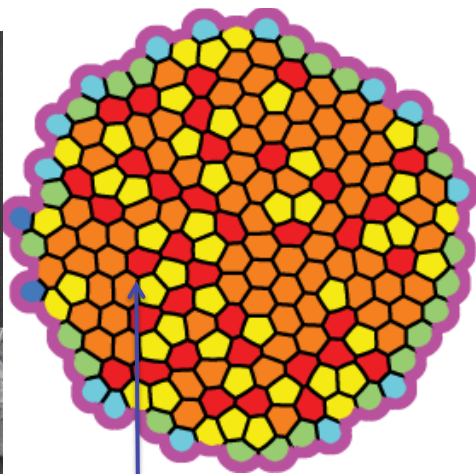
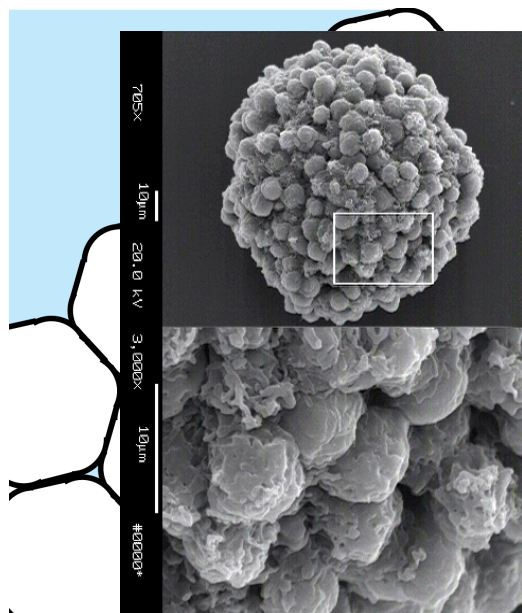
Differential Adhesion Hypothesis: Steinberg, Science 1962

Surface tension in tissues:



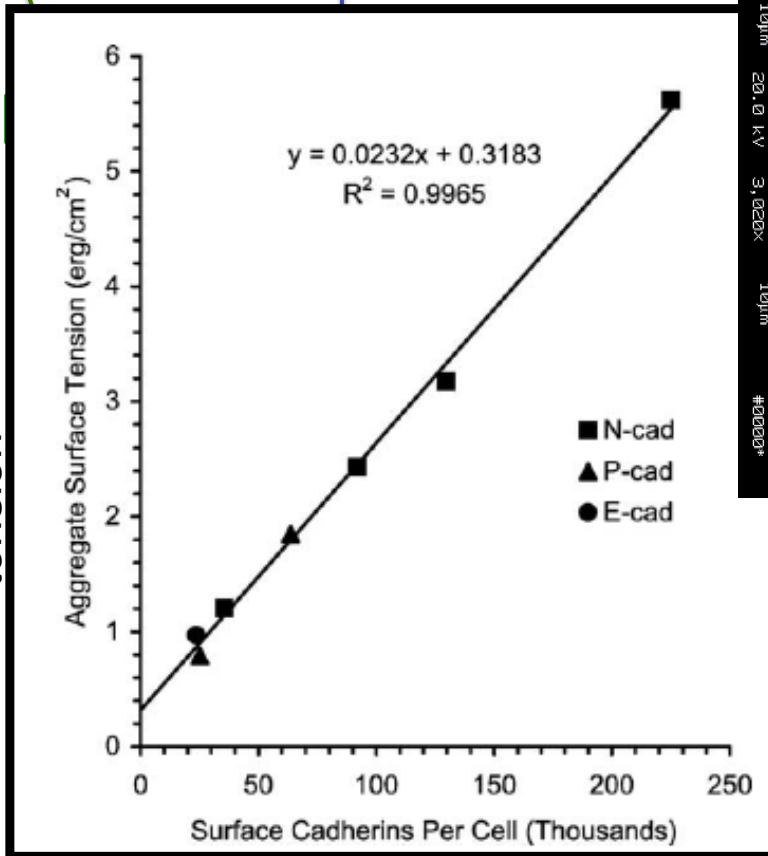
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surface tension/ cortical tension



effective adhesion/ cortical tension

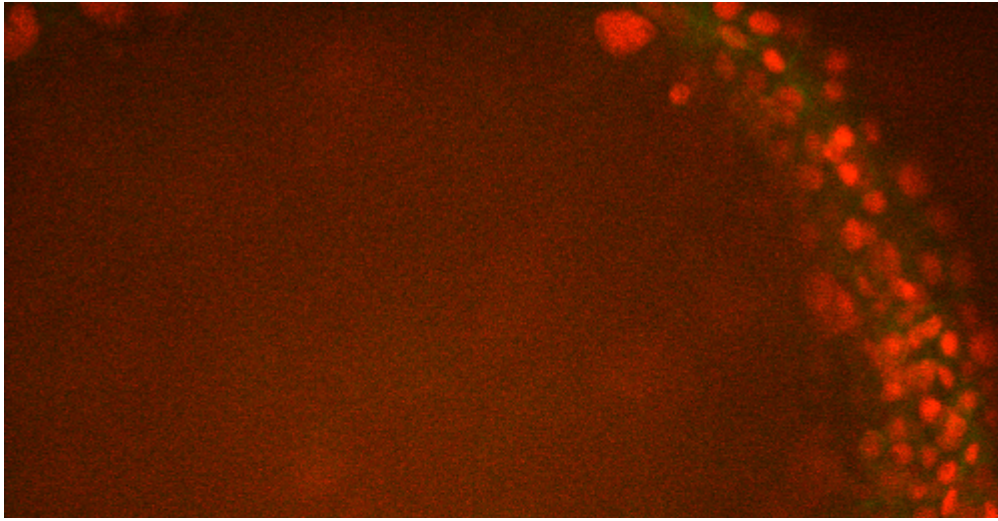
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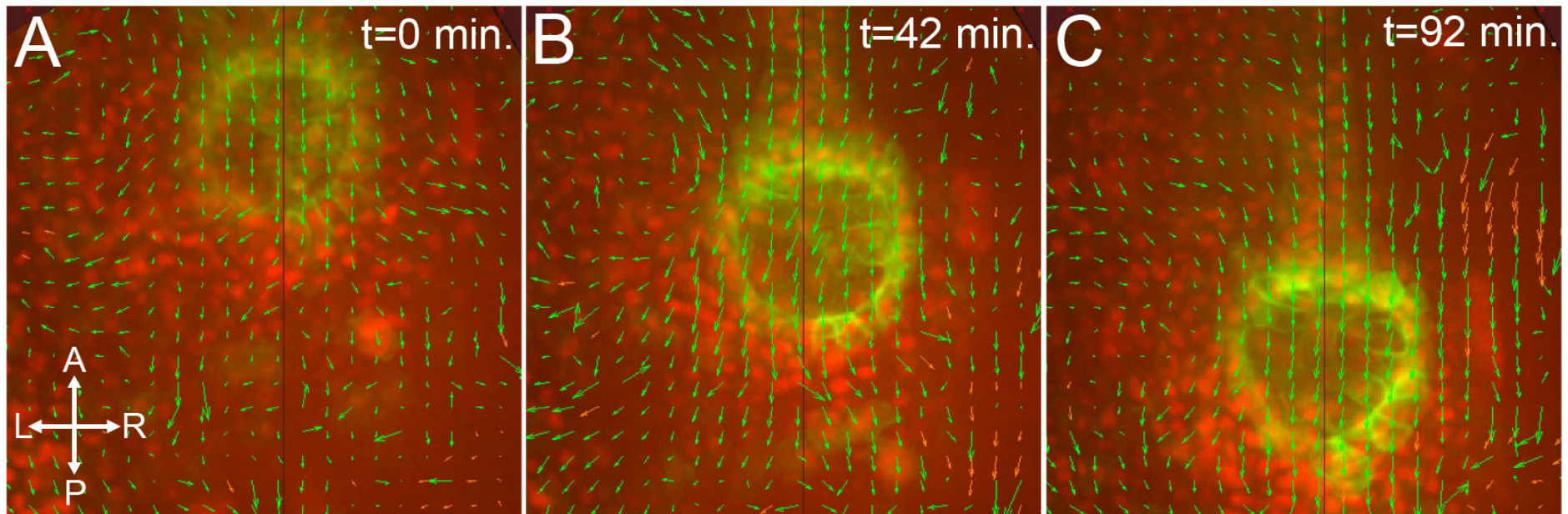
But what about the dynamics of cell rearrangements?

Can the tissues explore metastable states or
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cells can move through tissues?

Future work

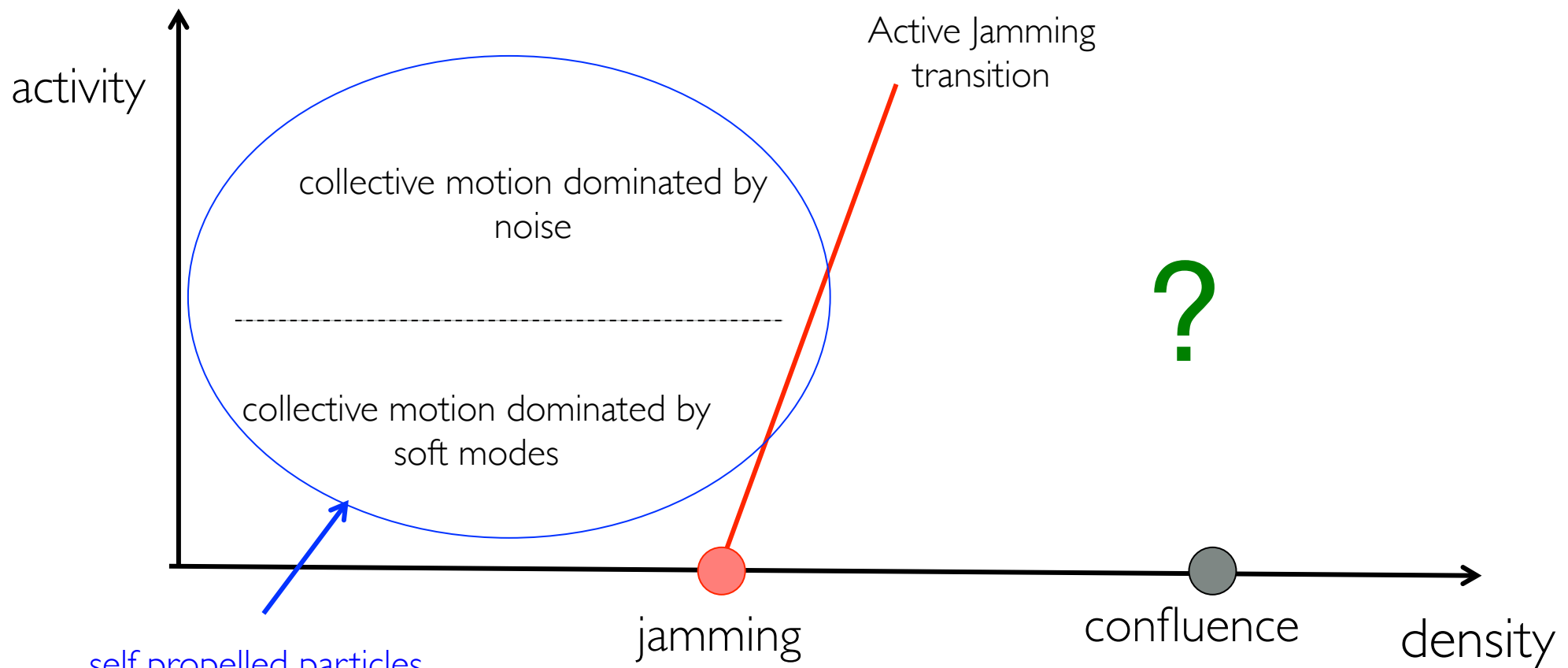


studying the
motion of the KV
through
surrounding tissue



Future work

What do we really mean by glass transition in confluent tissues?

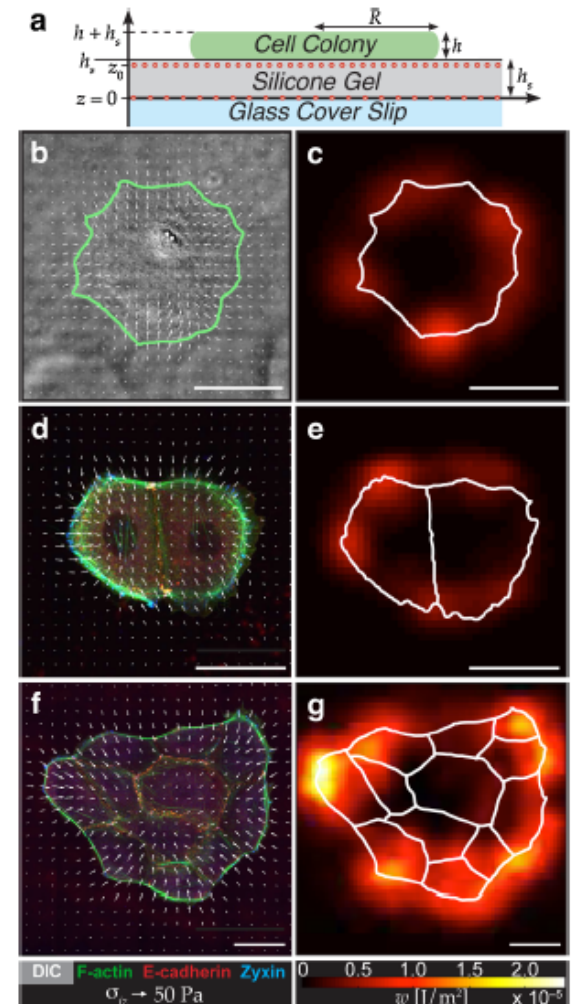
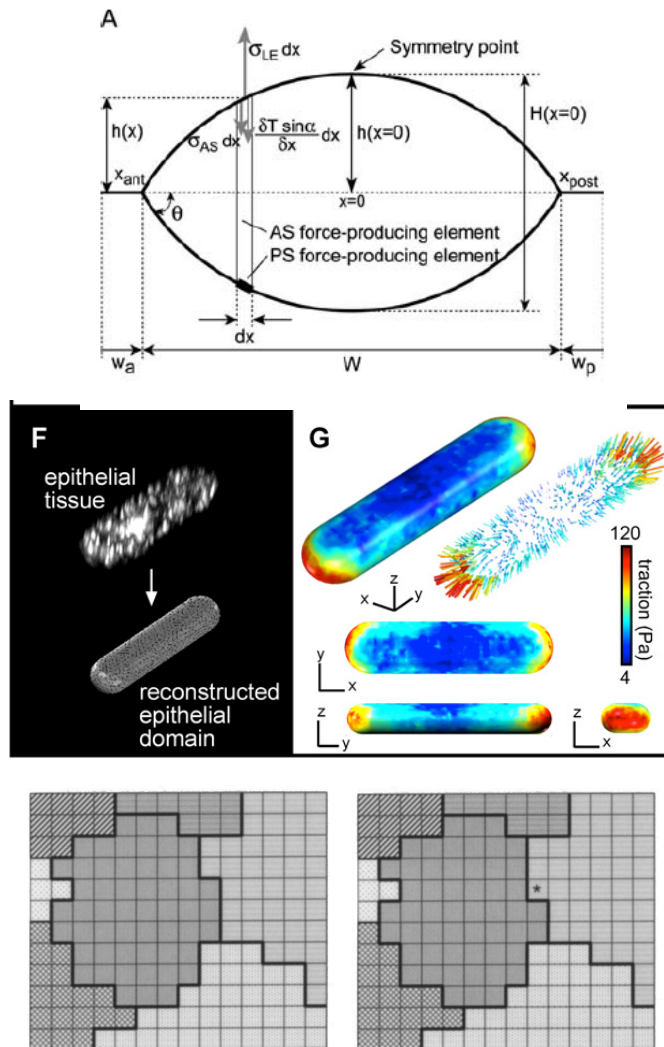


self propelled particles,
hydrodynamic theory (e.g.
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Models for the mechanics of tissues

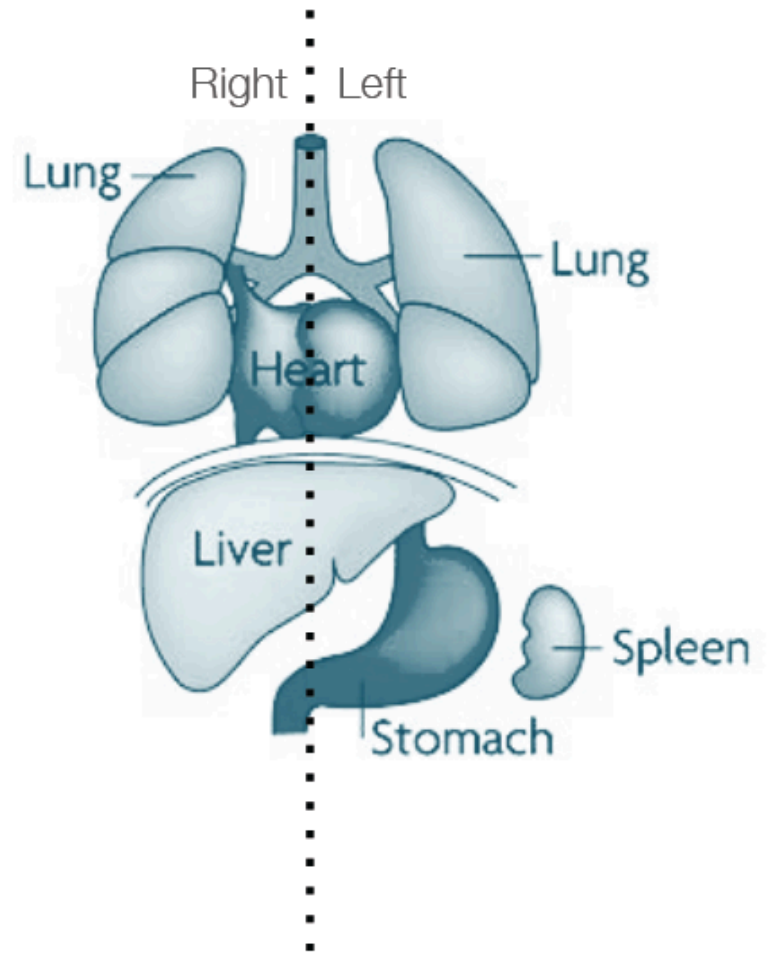
Many others:

- PDEs in confined geometries
- finite element code
- tensegrity models
- cellular potts models
- active elastic films

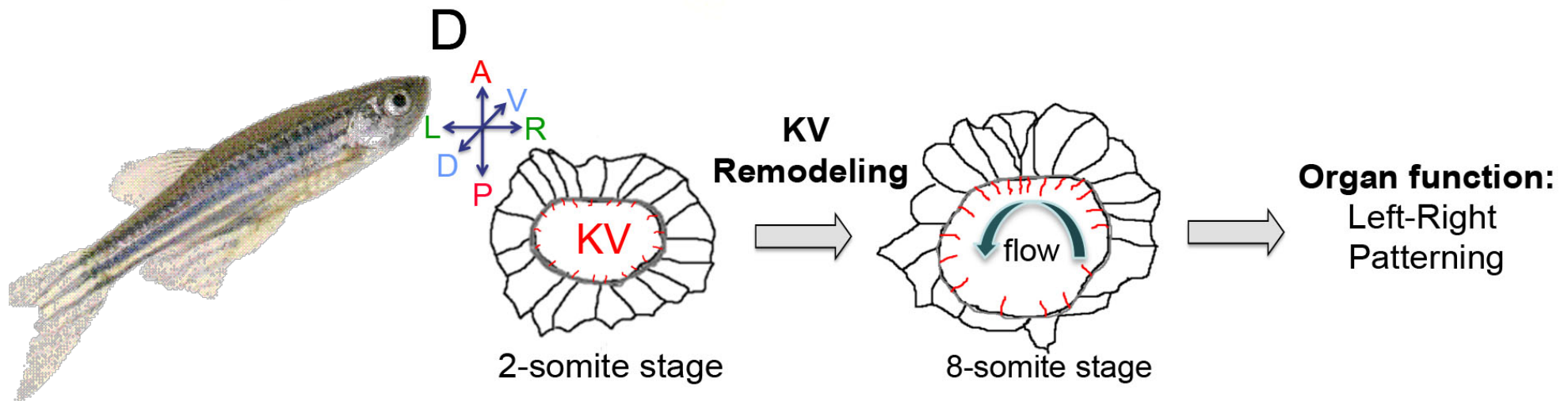
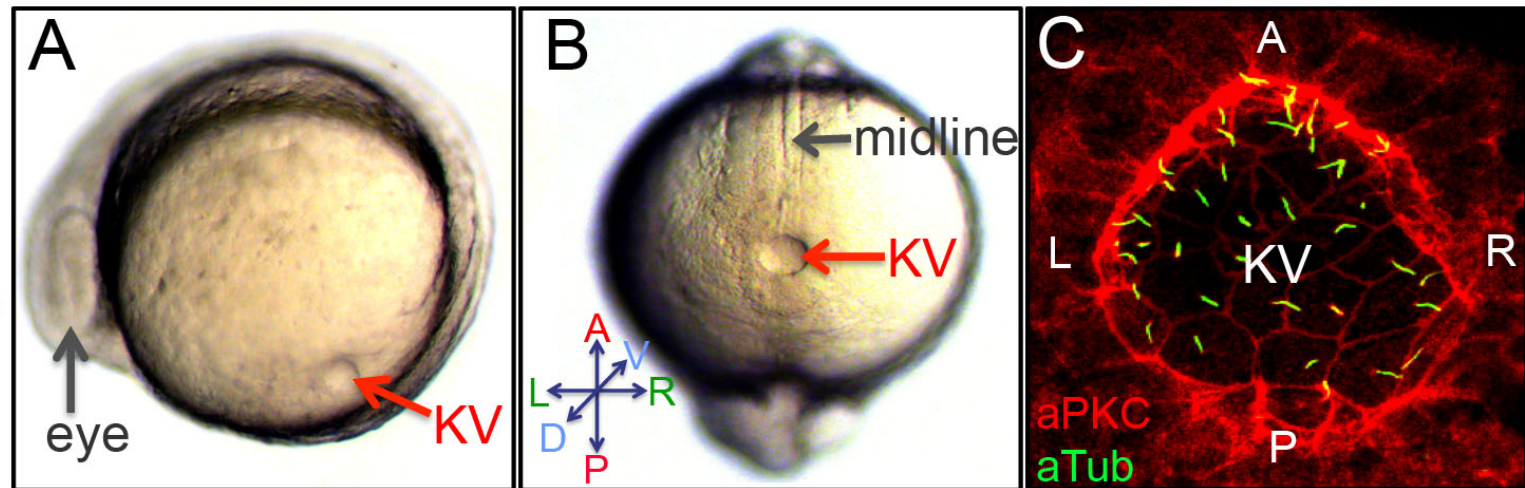


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asymmetries along left-right axis in vertebrates

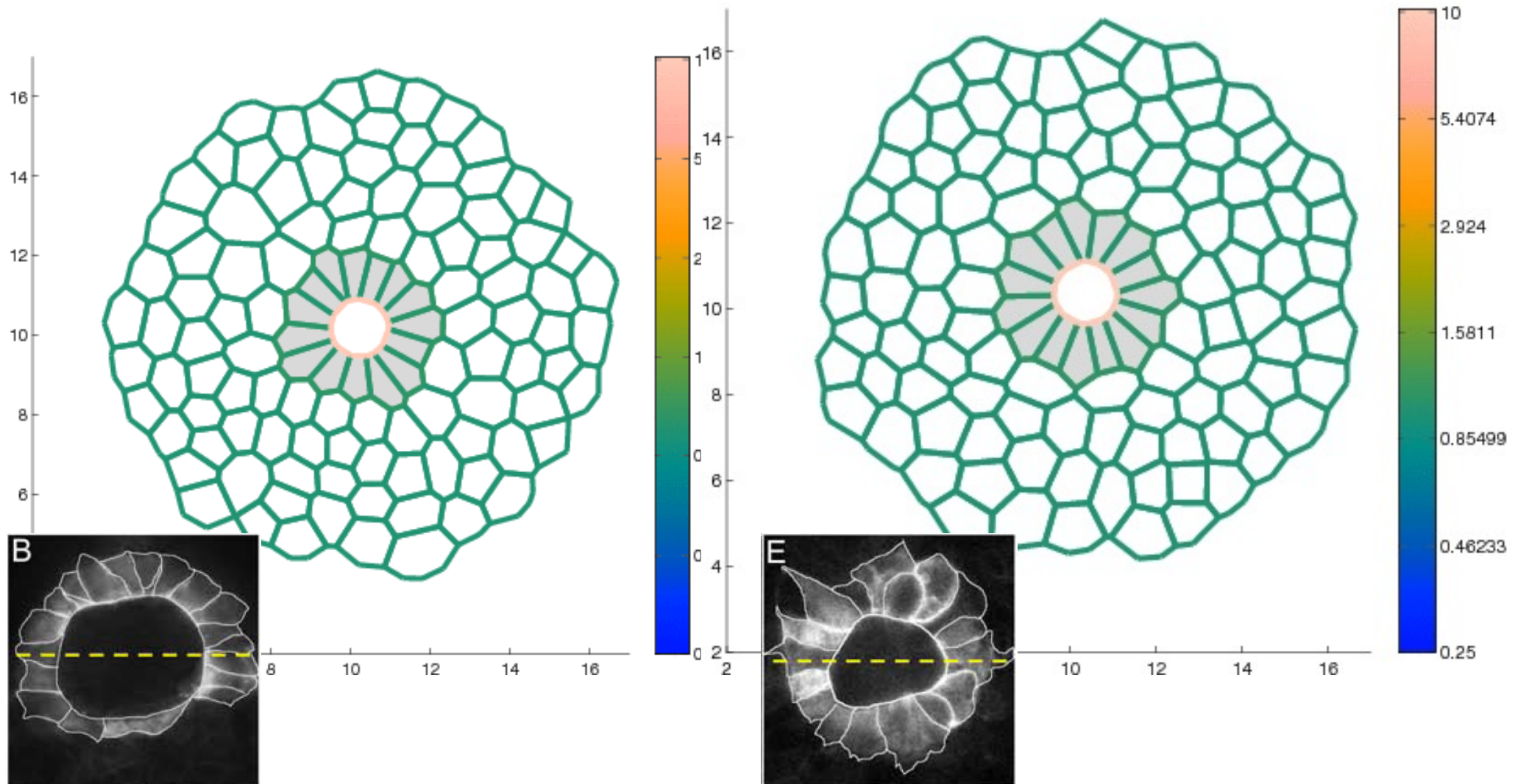


Kupffer's vesicle(KV): model for organogenesis and left-right symmetry breaking in zebrafish

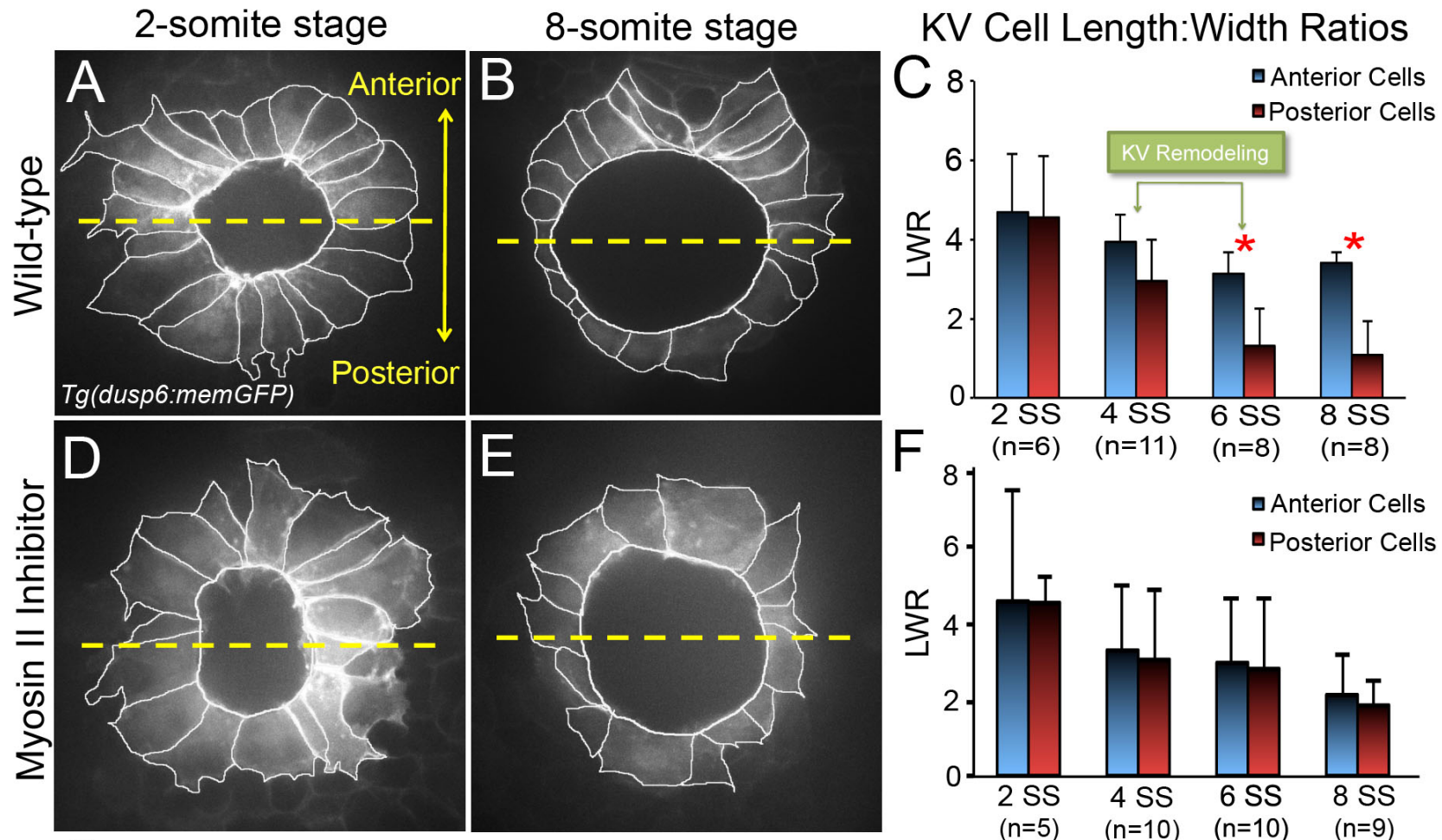


“Shape equilibrium” modeling of KV

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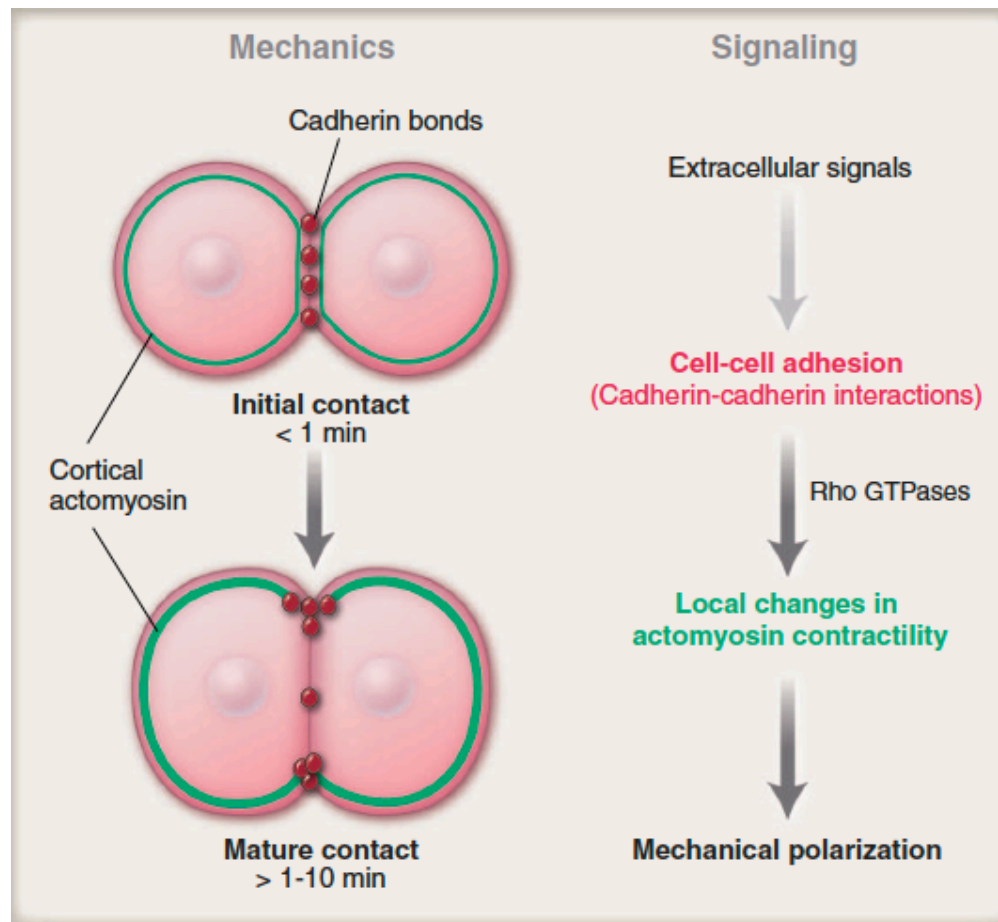


Experiment: reduce all interfacial tensions



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Resolves a paradox:
adhesion 4 orders of magnitude too
small to explain surface tension

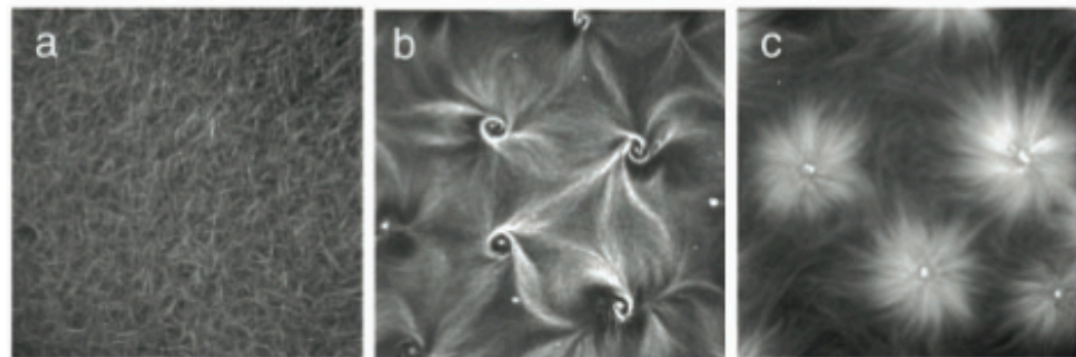
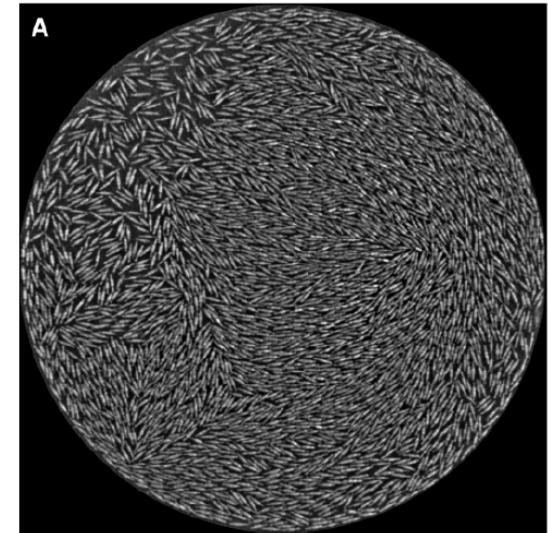


$$\gamma = \Gamma - 2\Delta\beta$$

γ (effective adhesion)
 Γ (free energy cadherin bonds per unit area)
 $2\Delta\beta$ (difference in cortical tension along contacting and non-contacting interfaces)

Models for the mechanics of tissues

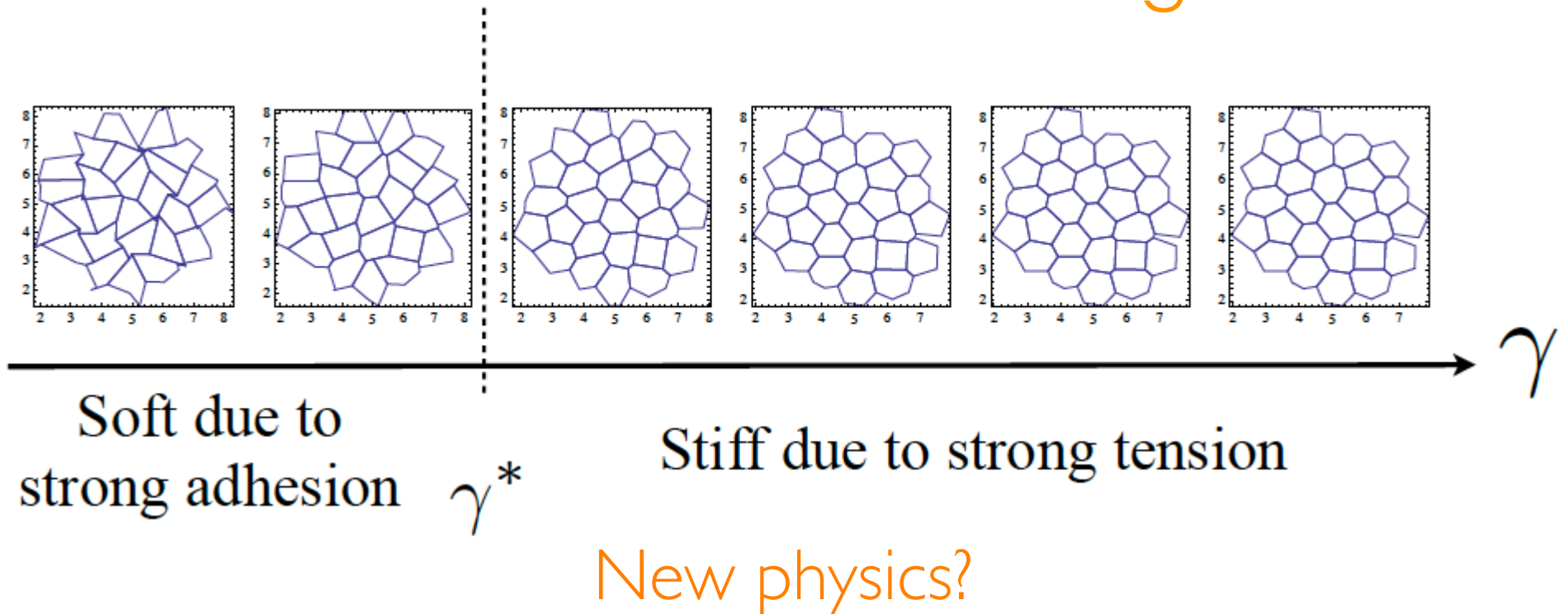
- Continuum or hydrodynamic active matter descriptions
- New physics:
 - flocking
 - giant number fluctuations
- Interesting phase transitions/
pattern formation



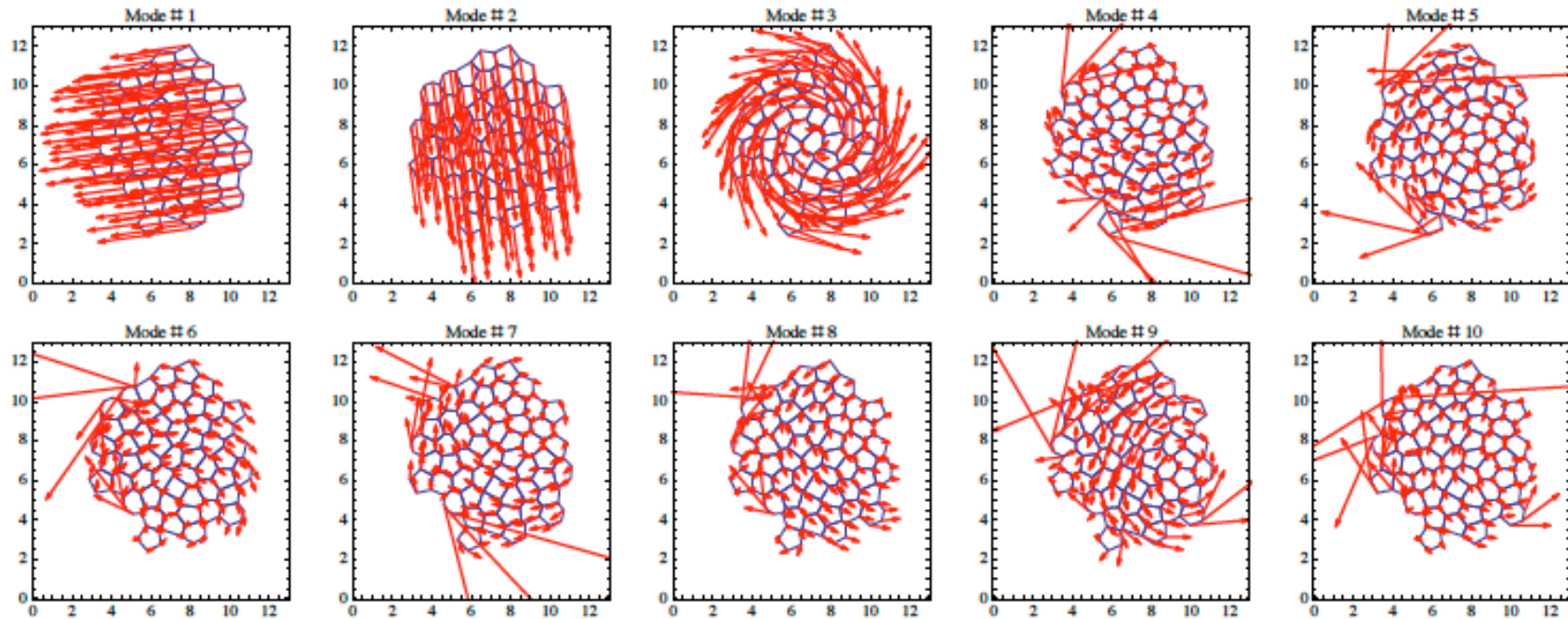
Toner and Tu PRL 75 (1995) , Surrey et al Science (2001), Narayan, et al. Science 317, 105 (2007), Marchetti et al. RMP 85 3 (2013)

Work in progress

This CONFLUENT system has a thermodynamic order-disorder transition (and accompanying rigidity transition) as a function of interfacial tension γ



Work in progress



Soft modes in these models tend to be extended (not likely to have low energy barriers except at jamming transition)

Analytic results: energy barrier statistics

Energy is quadratic in edge
lengths or perimeters
(verified in simulations)

$$\begin{aligned} E_{cell} &= k_A(A - A_0)^2 + k_P(P - P_0)^2 \\ &= k_A(A - A_0)^2 + k_P(P^2 - 2P_0P + P_0^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta u(L) \propto L^2$$

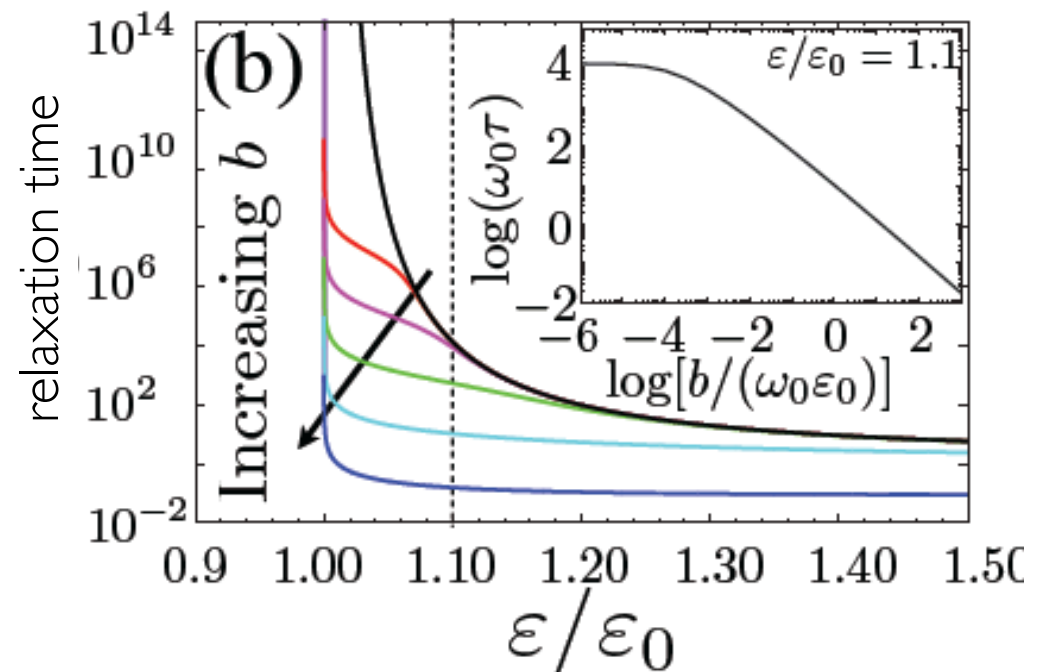
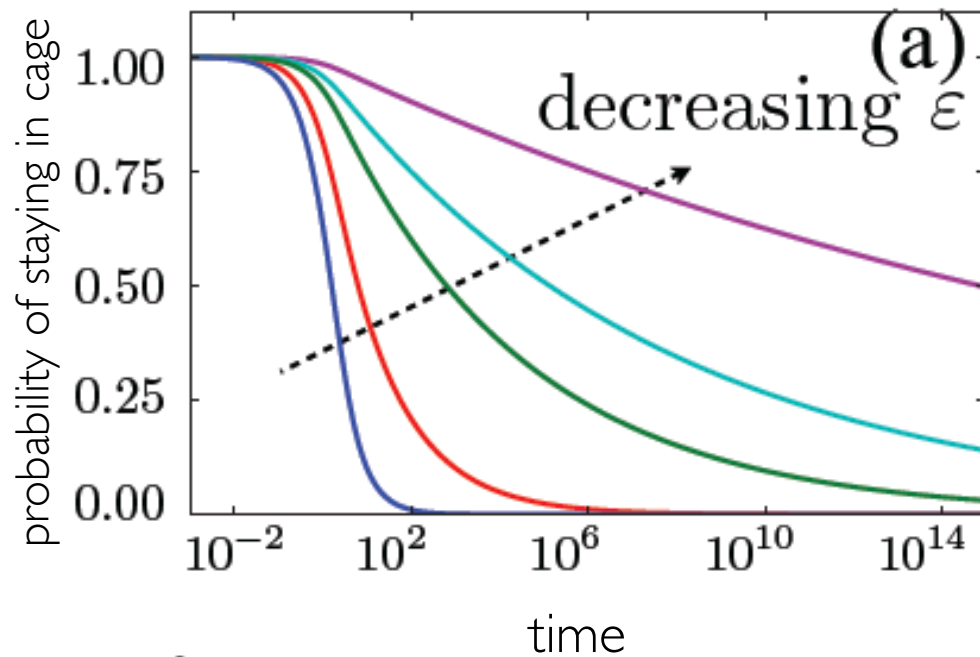
Metastable mechanical states have
gaussian distribution of edge lengths
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$$p(L) \propto \exp\left(\frac{-(L - L_0)^2}{\sigma}\right)$$

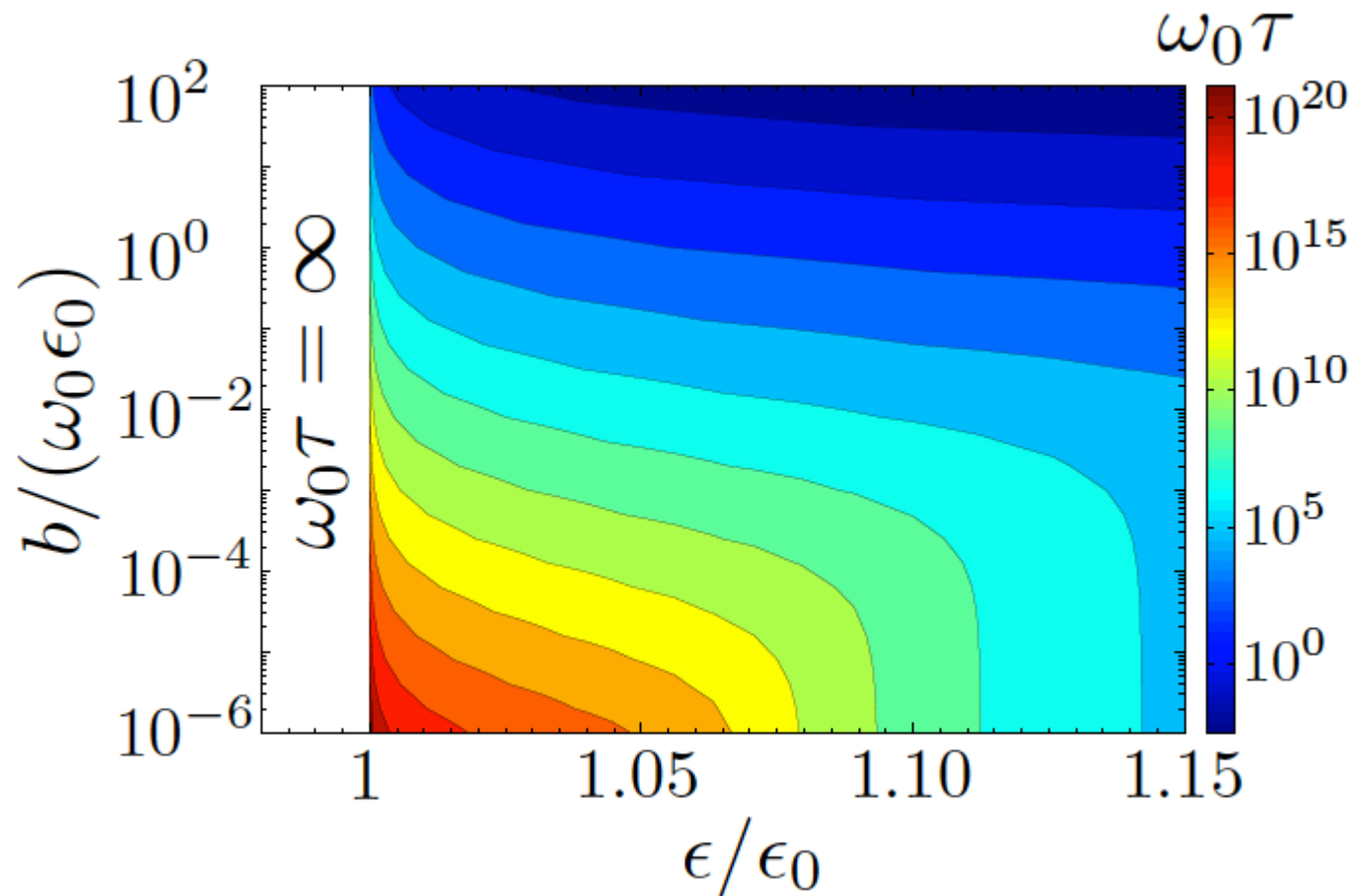
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$$p(\Delta u) \propto \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta u}{u^*}\right)$$

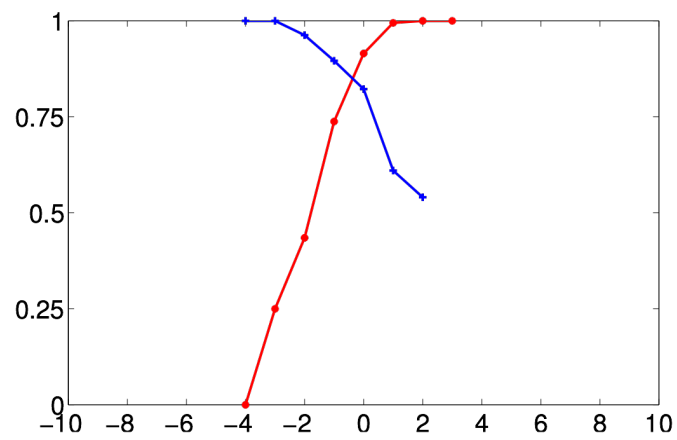
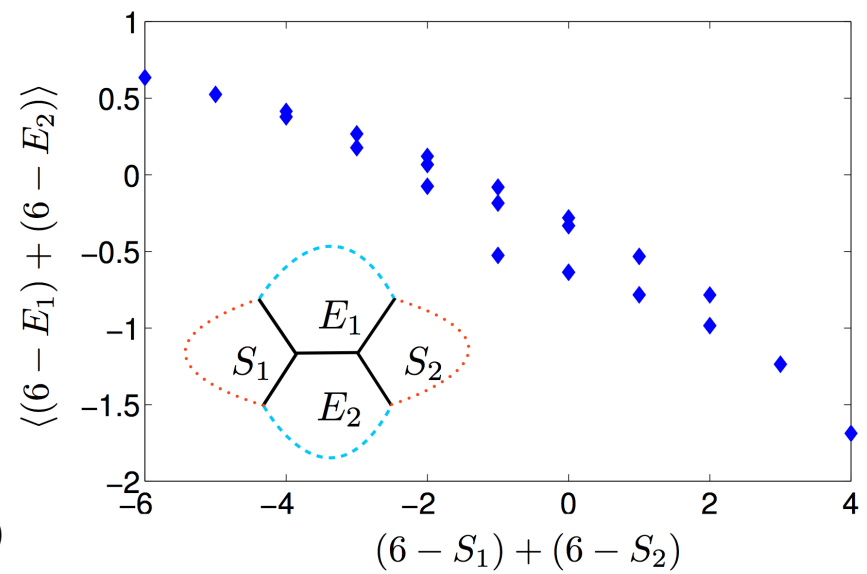
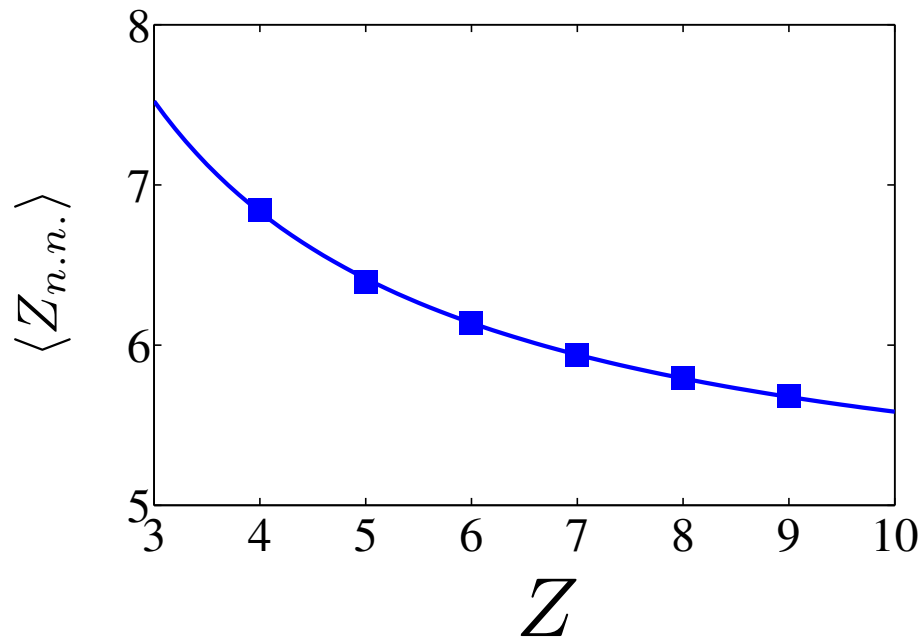
From energy barriers to cell migration:

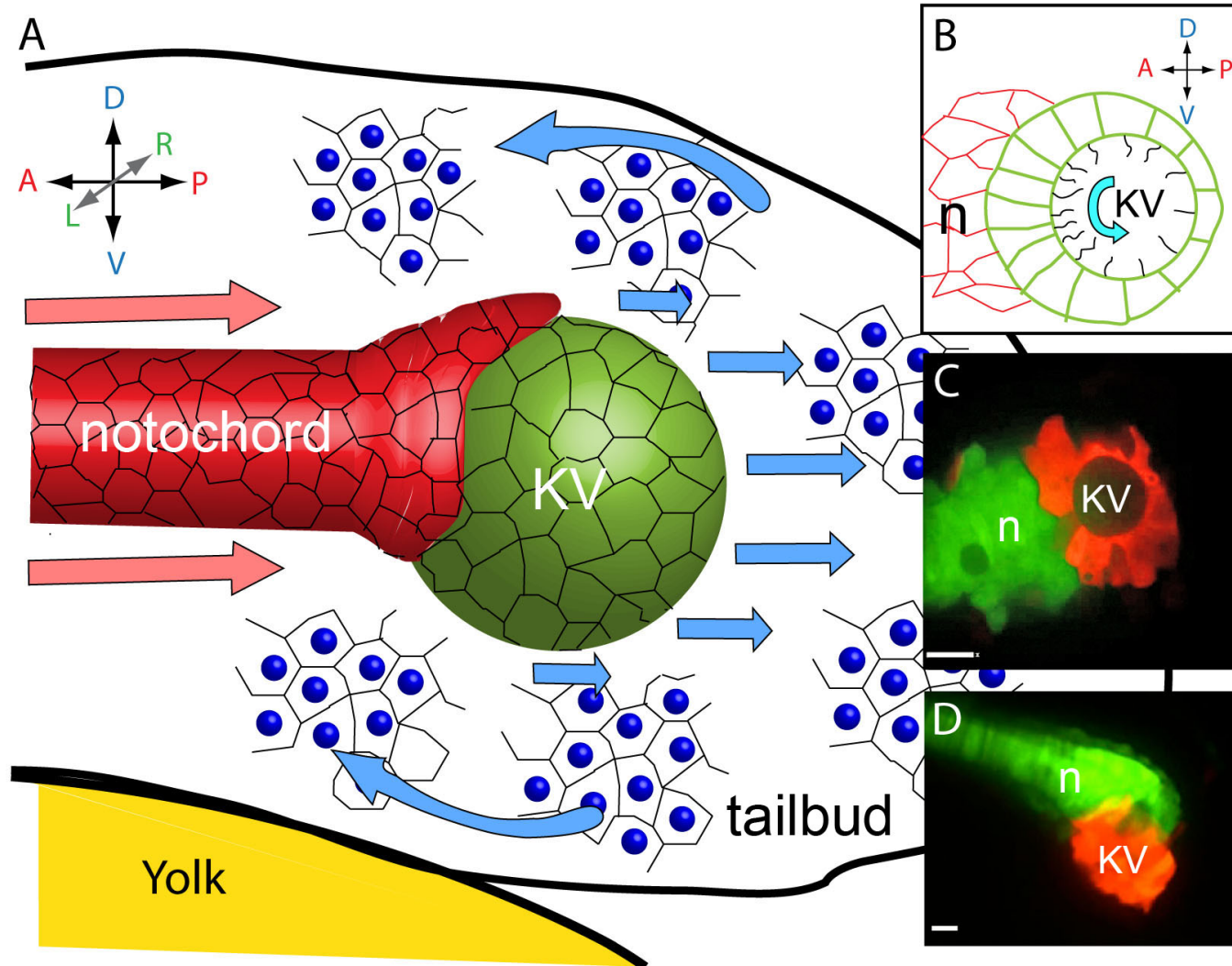


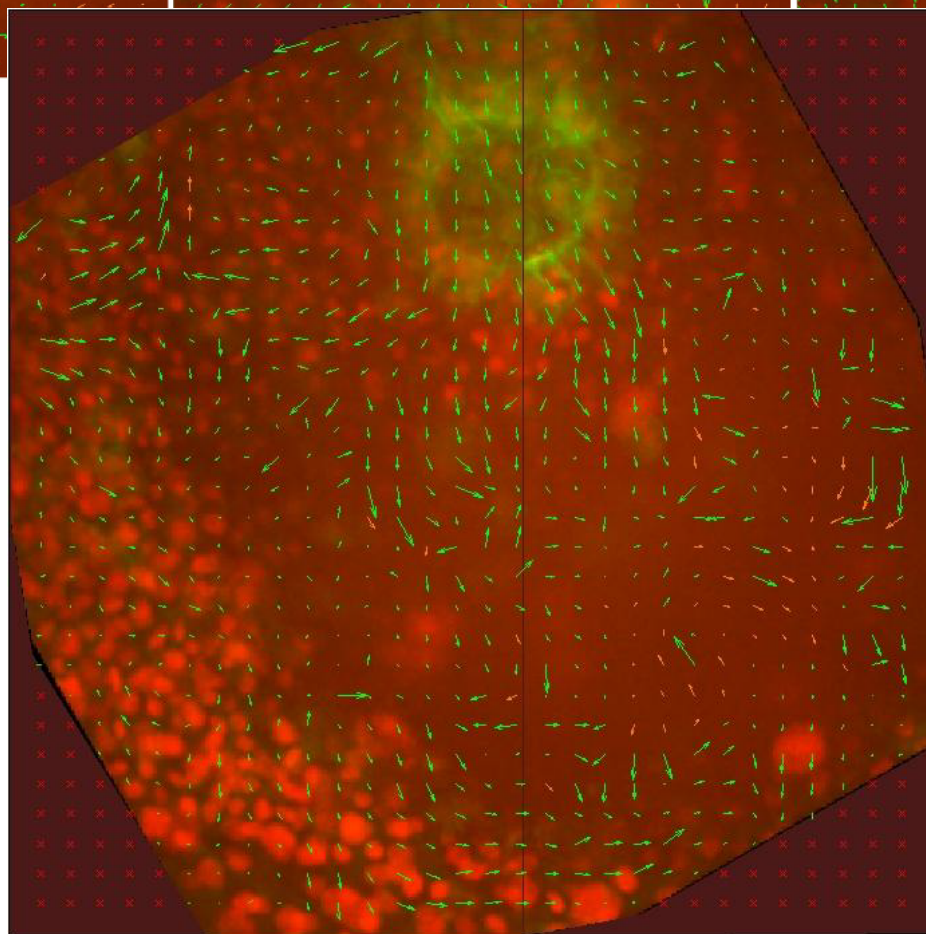
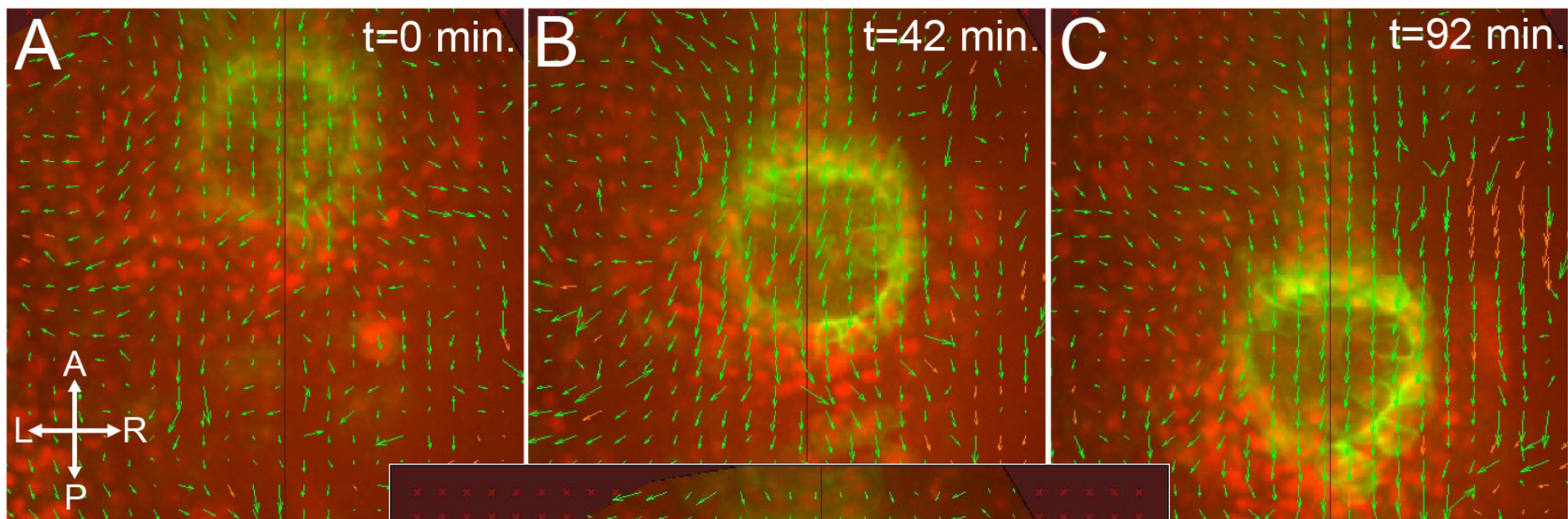
relaxation time phase diagram

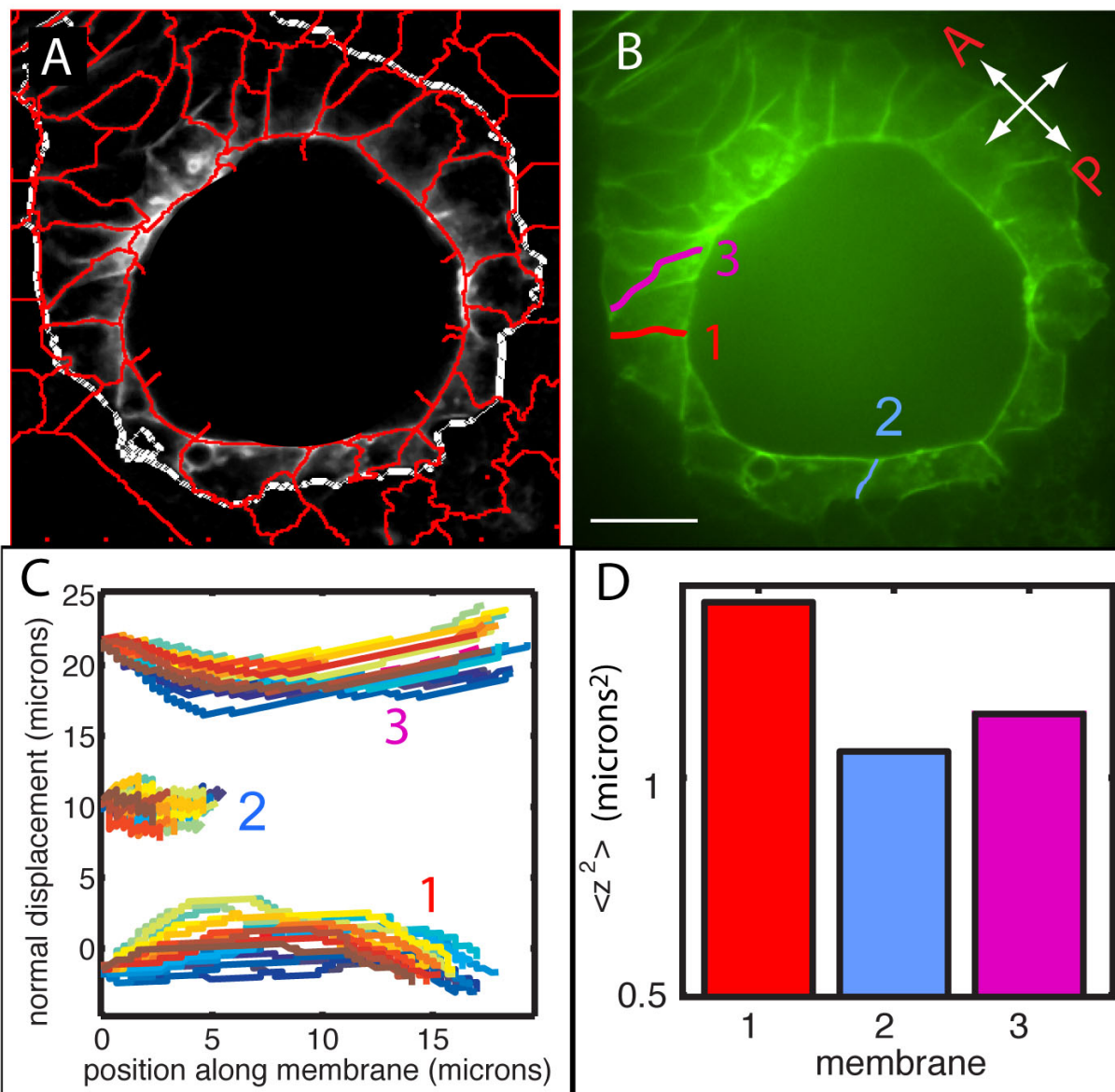


Aboav-Weaire law



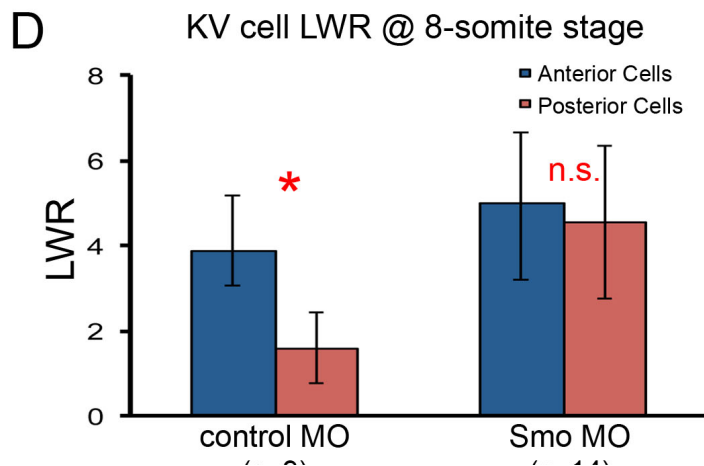
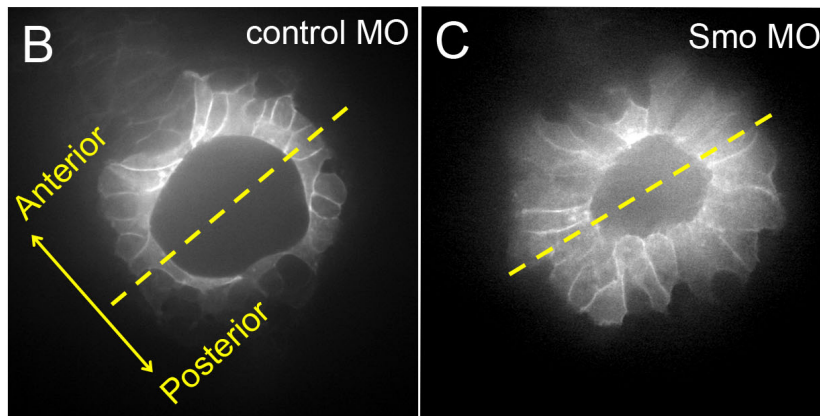
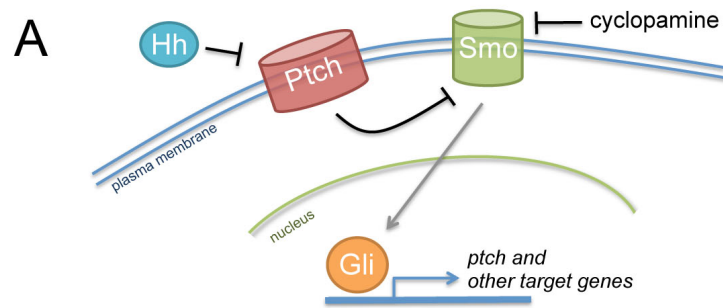






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Perhaps we
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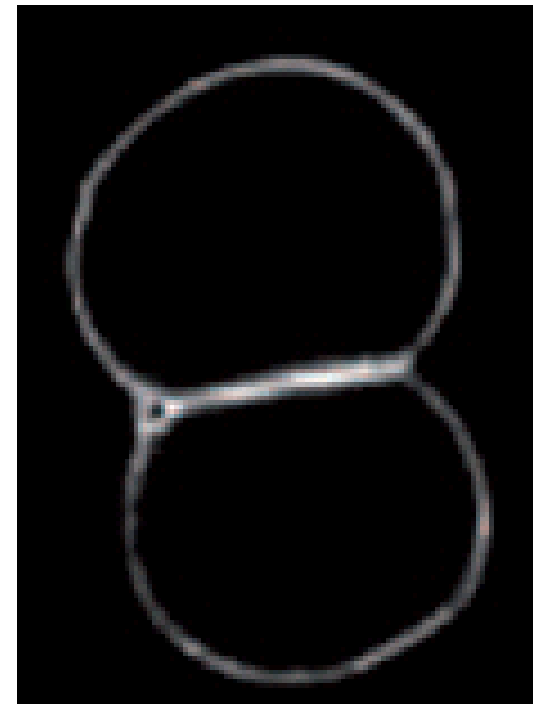


What could be driving the asymmetric tension?

Possible mechanism: signaling molecules generated from the notochord cells (on Anterior side of KV)

“Shape equilibrium” or “vertex” cell model: what mechanical forces act to generate steady state cell shapes?

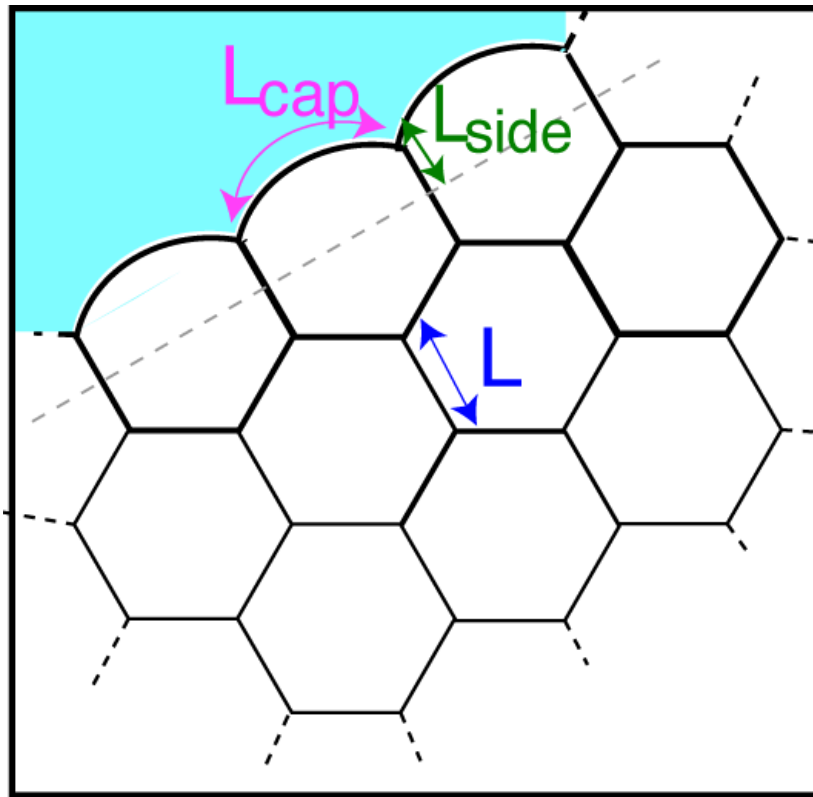
1. Surface adhesion: cadherins
2. Active cortical tension: myosin motors
(Joanny, Prost et al)
3. Bulk effects: fluid resists dialation/
compression, cytoskeleton resists shear
4. Cortical elasticity: cytoskeletal networks



Devries et al,
Development **131**,
4435–4445 (2004)

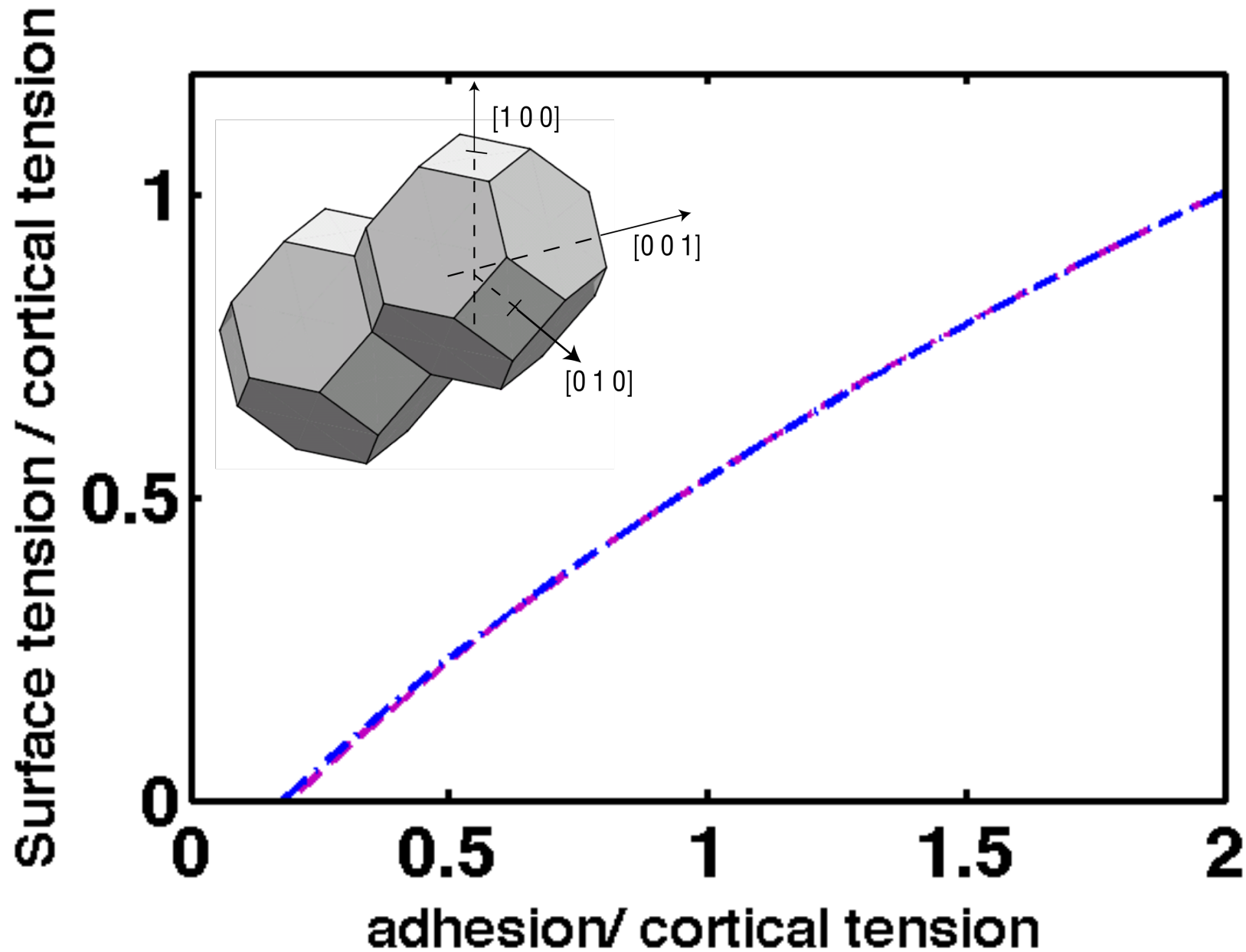
Goal: steady state cell shapes

Find the local minimum energy shapes for a collection of cells subject to constraints

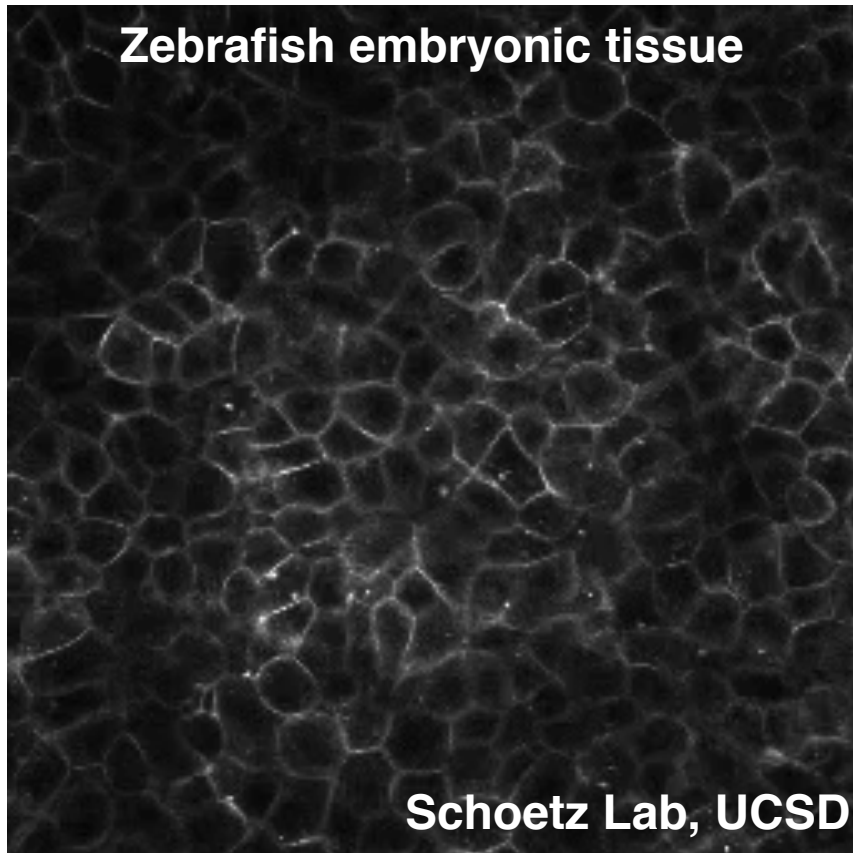


- difficult in general (functional shape derivatives)
- exact solution(!) for 2D ordered packing

3D- ordered solution



How do cells move within a tightly packed tissue?



Structure

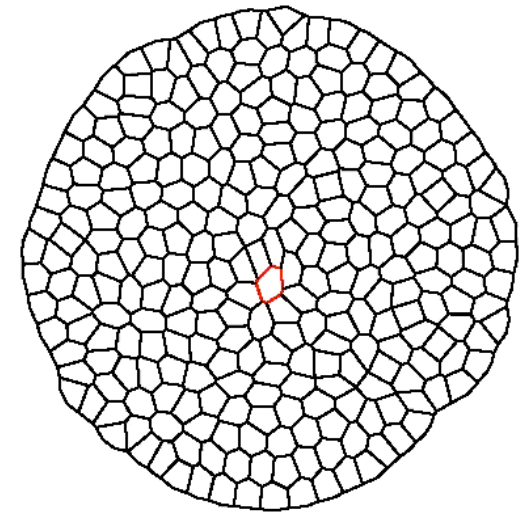
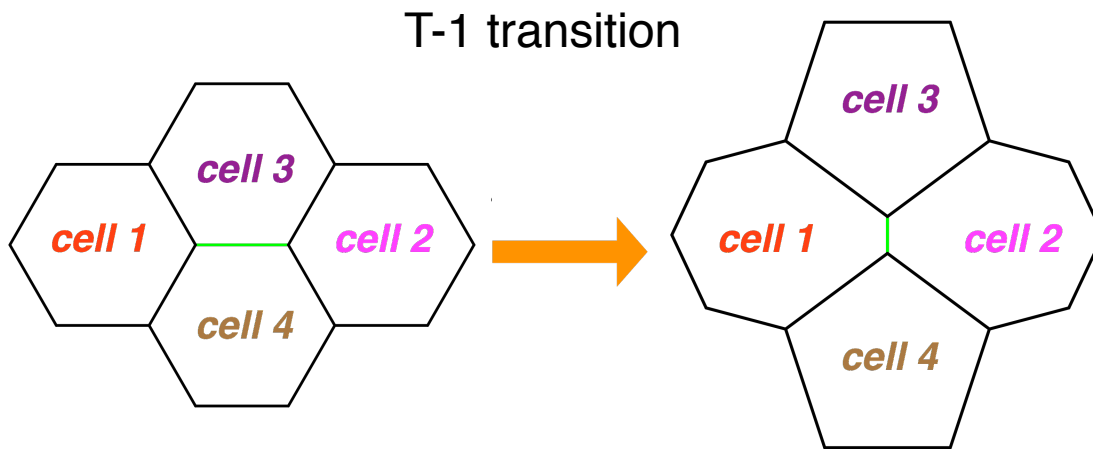
- Nearly confluent
- Disordered

Dynamics

- Cell shape change through active processes
- Cells move past one another by developing protrusions and exerting tension on new contacts
- ‘Jiggling’ seen here is non-gaussian **Cell divisions do happen, but rare. Can have interesting behavior with just local rearrangements**

Modeling Cell Migration

In a confluent tissues in 2-d, cells can rearrange via T-1 moves only (assuming no cell death):



What are the energy barriers associated?

Existing models for modeling cells in tissues

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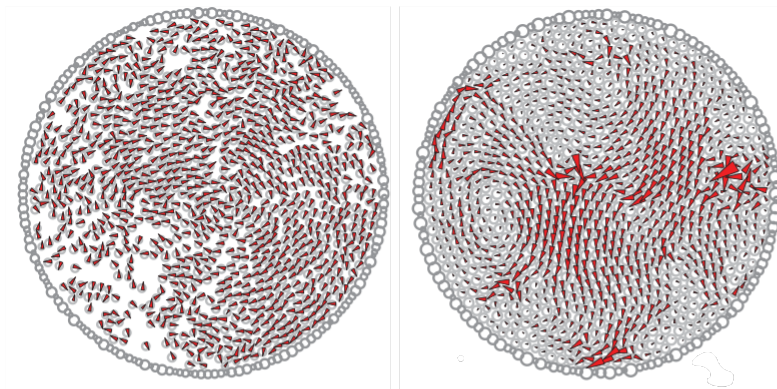
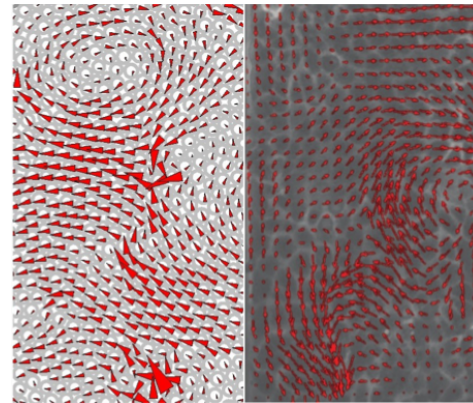
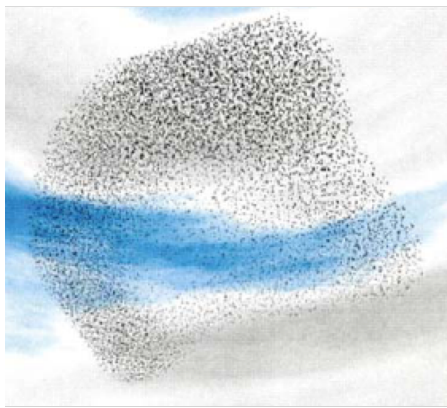
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Simple model for glassy behavior based on Soft Glassy Rheology

- Energy consumption due to single cell motility:

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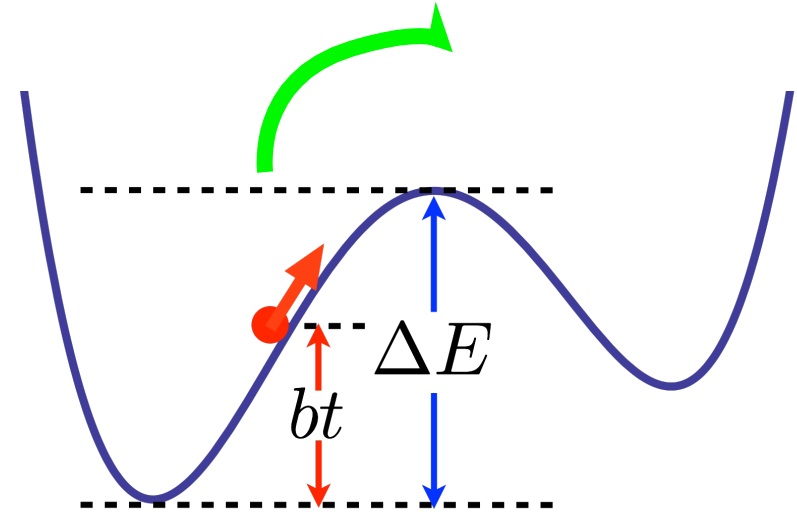
- Active fluctuations in cell shape:

- Energy landscape ‘shape’ taken from simulations:

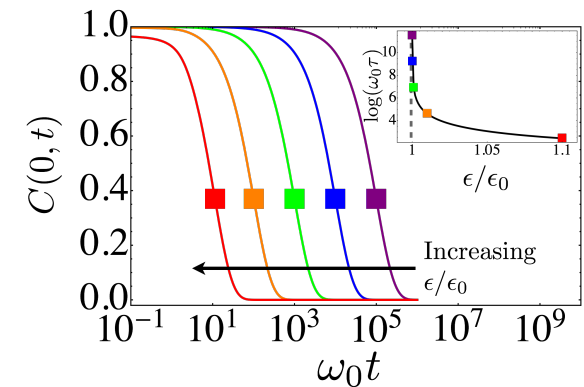
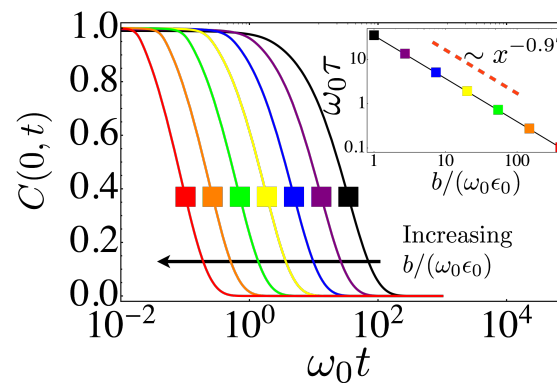
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$$\rho(\Delta E) = e^{-\Delta E/\epsilon_0}$$

$$R = \omega_0 \exp [-(\Delta E - bt)/\epsilon]$$



★ Predict two-time correlation function:



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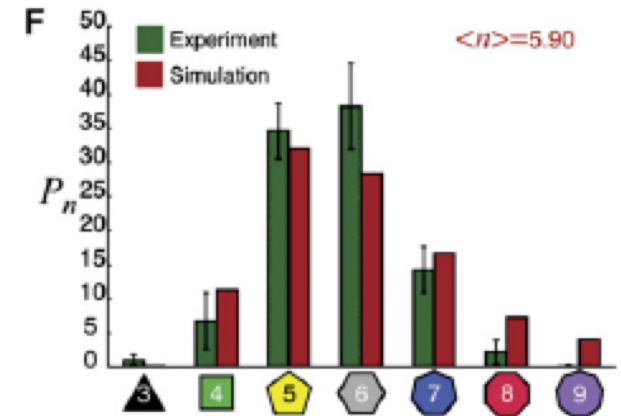
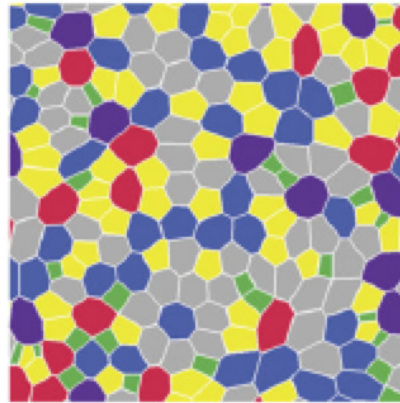
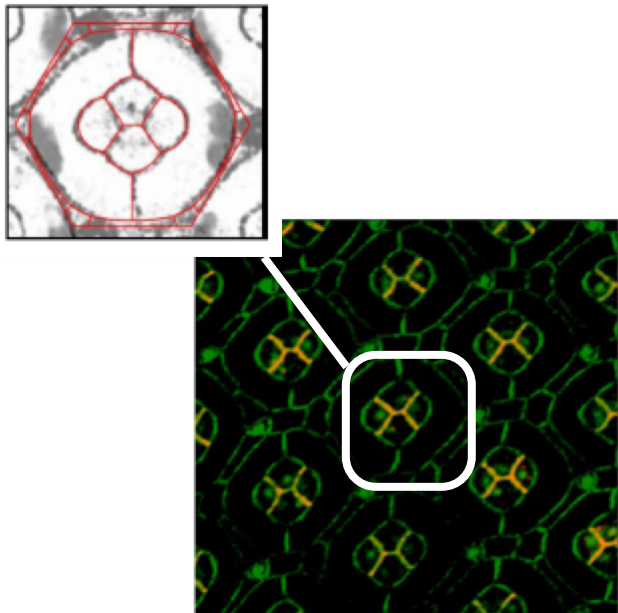
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Fruit fly eye development



Hilgenfeldt et al, PNAS 105 3 907–911,
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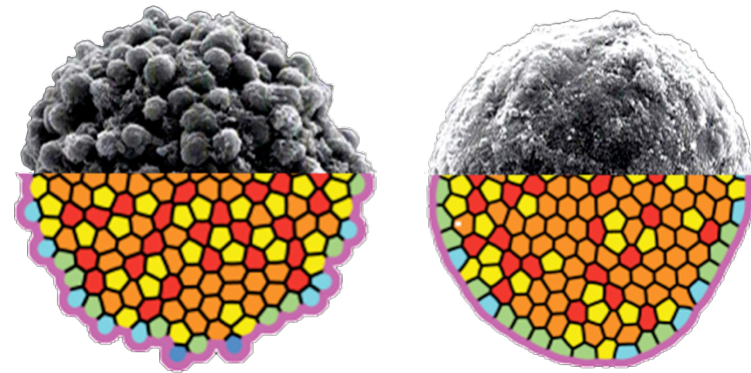
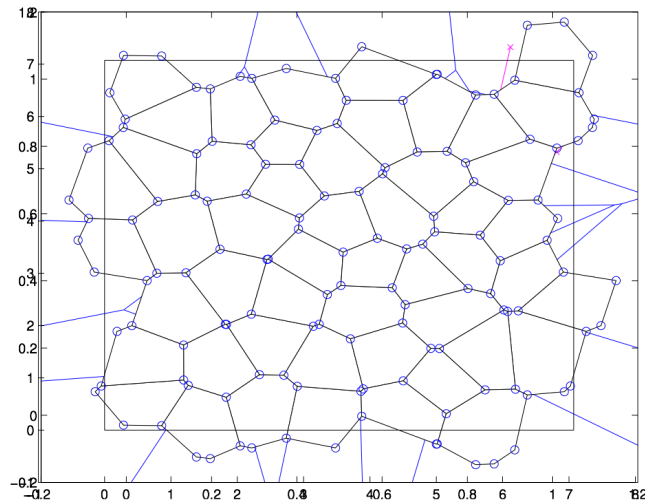
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Numerical Modeling

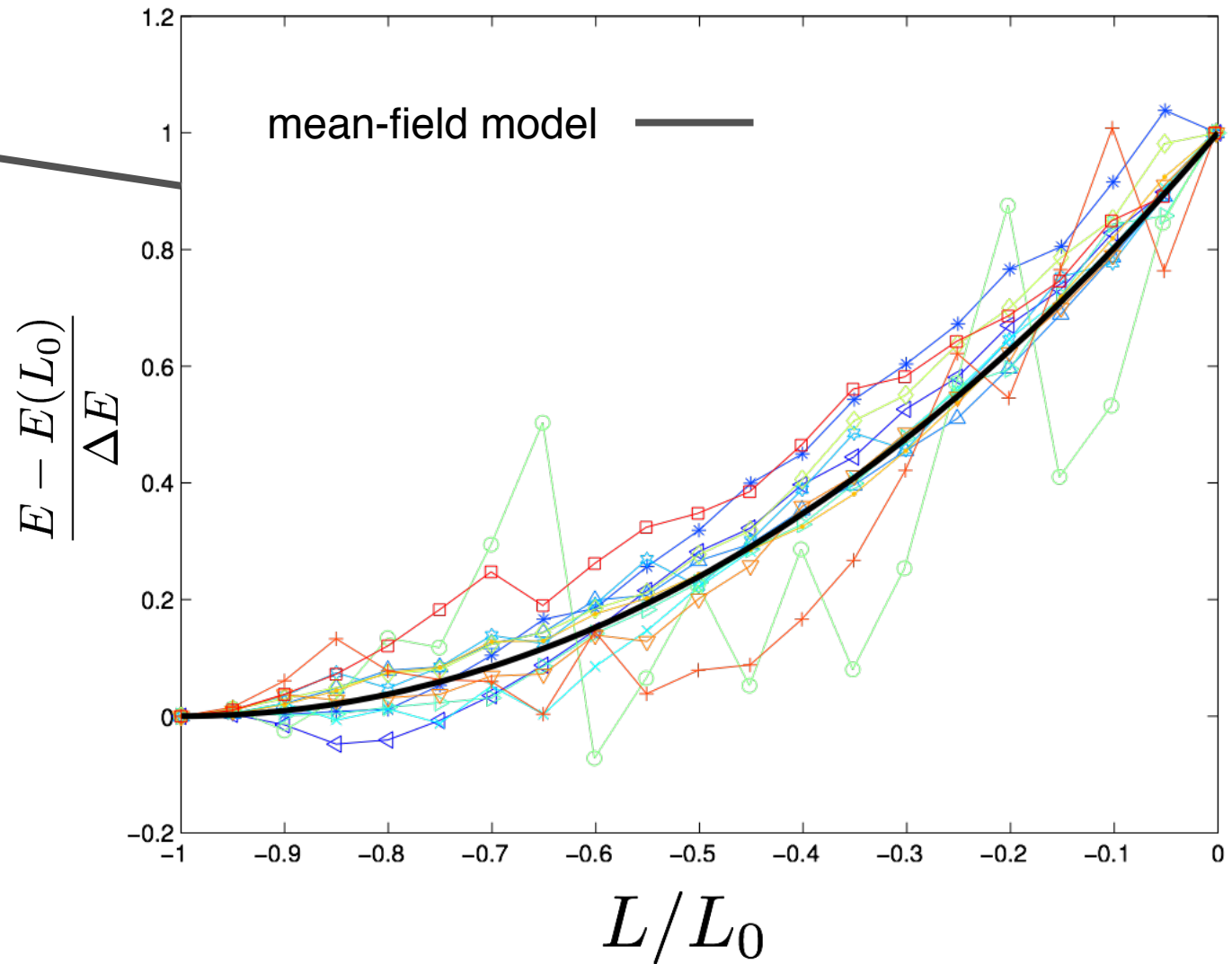
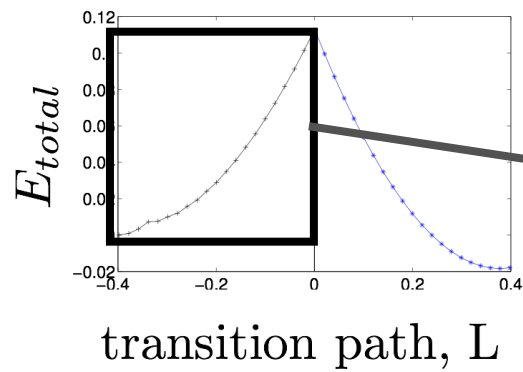
- * Modeling tissues using **Surface Evolver**

- Using refined polygon tiling to represent 2-d confluent monolayer
- Configurations obtained by minimizing
$$E_{tot} = \sum_{cell} E_{cell}$$

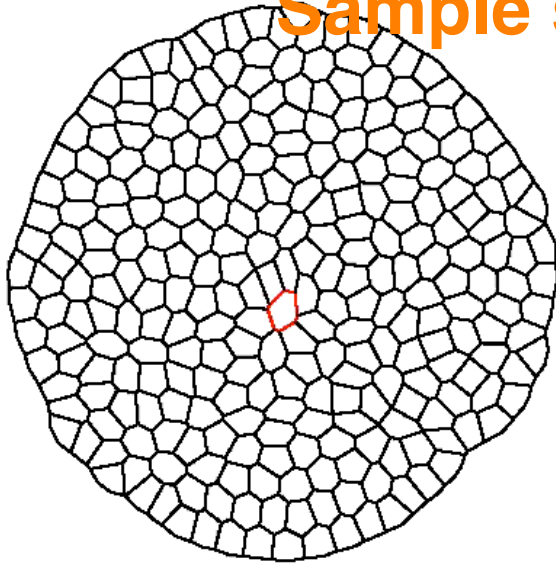
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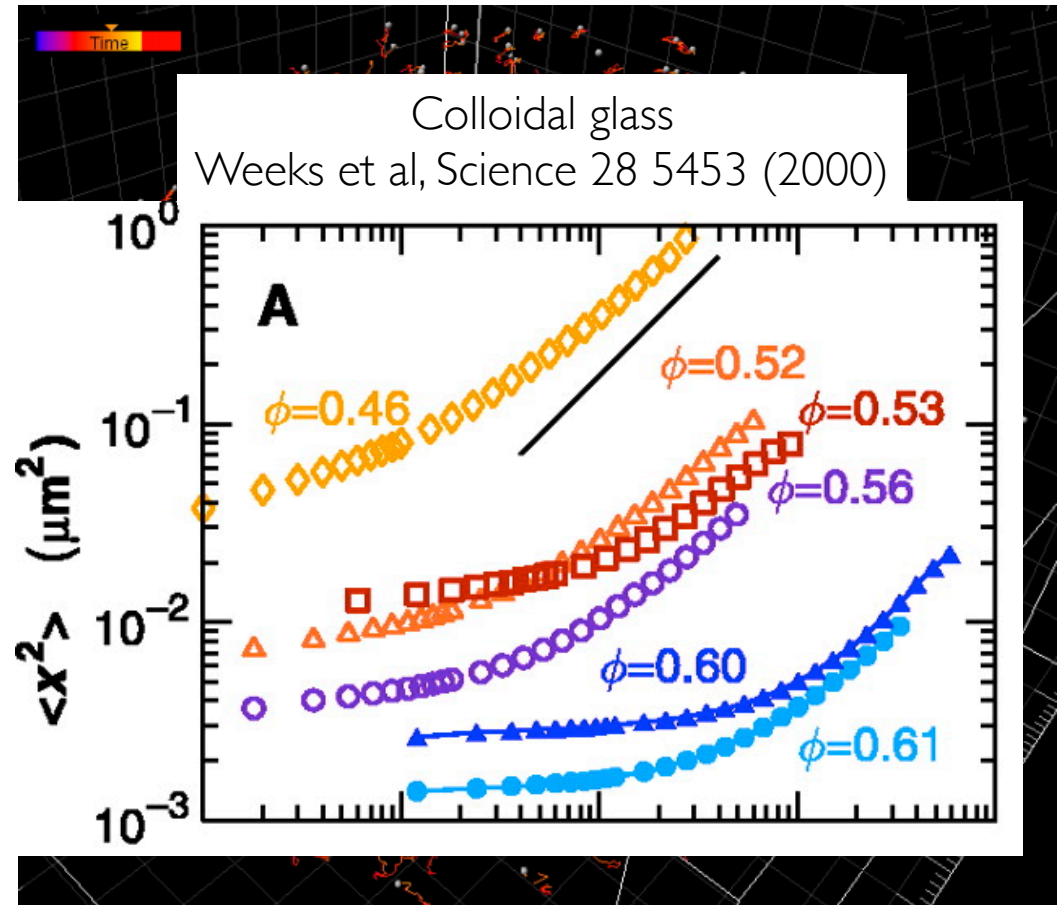
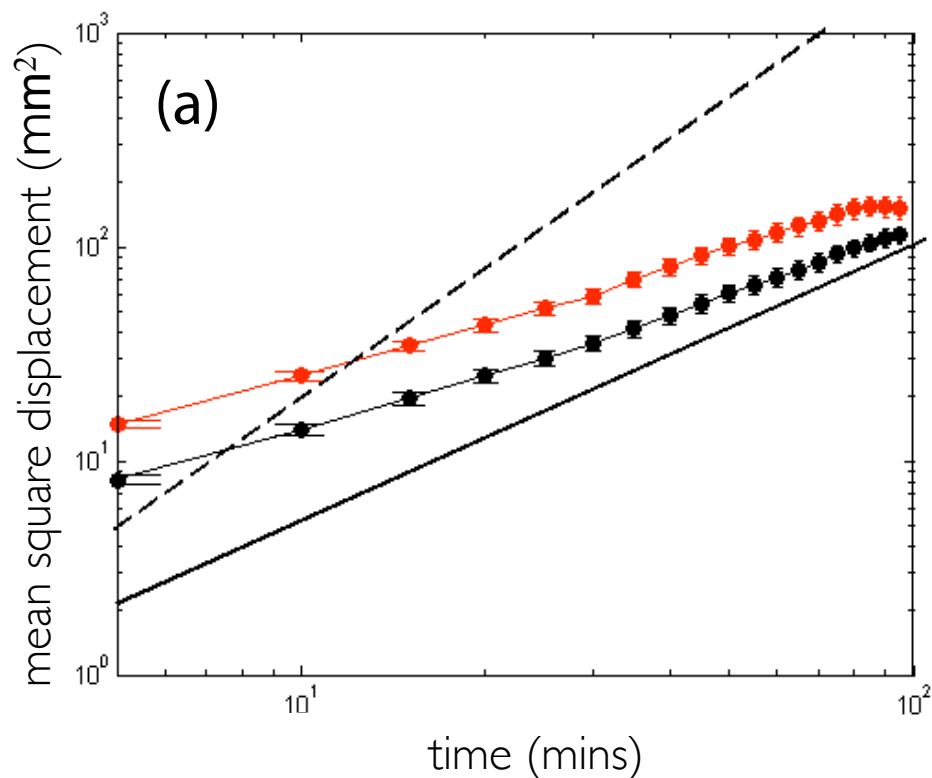
Shape of the energy barrier: universal? prediction using mean-field model



Sample single cell migration



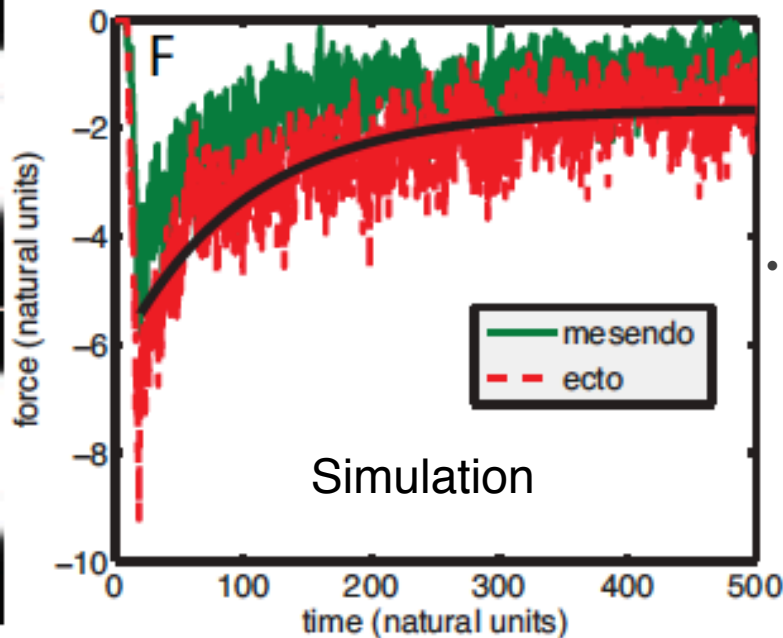
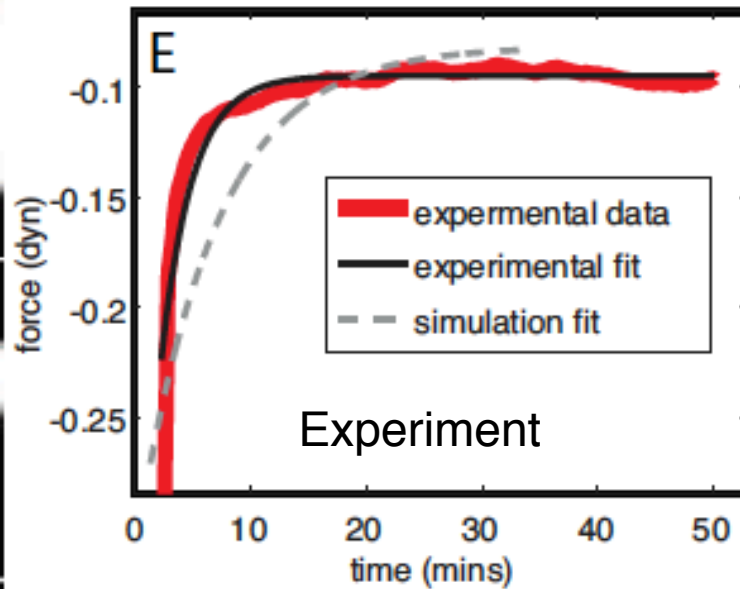
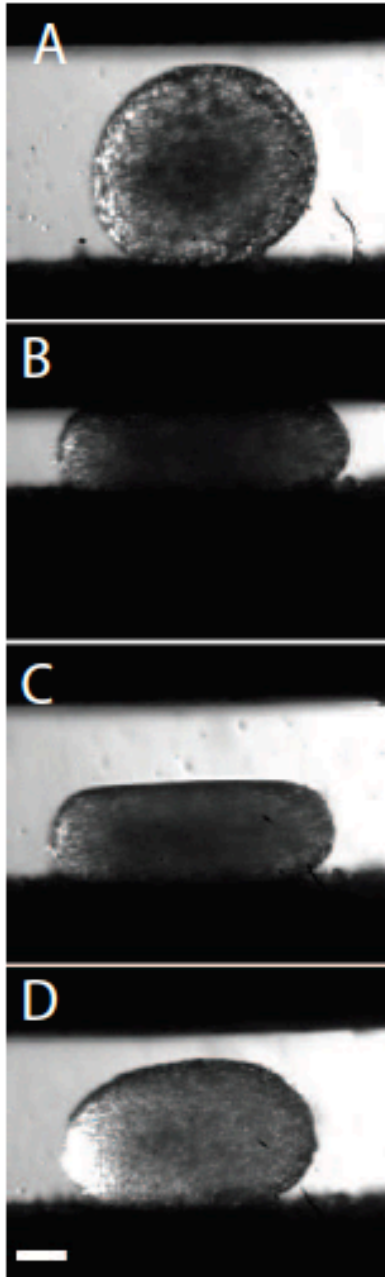
Cell trajectories also change with timescale



How is structure related to flow in tightly packed, disordered materials?

Prediction: Tissue compression

No fit parameters



- Qualitative behavior identical (GOOD)

- viscous relaxation:

- experiment: 8 min

- simulation: 11 min

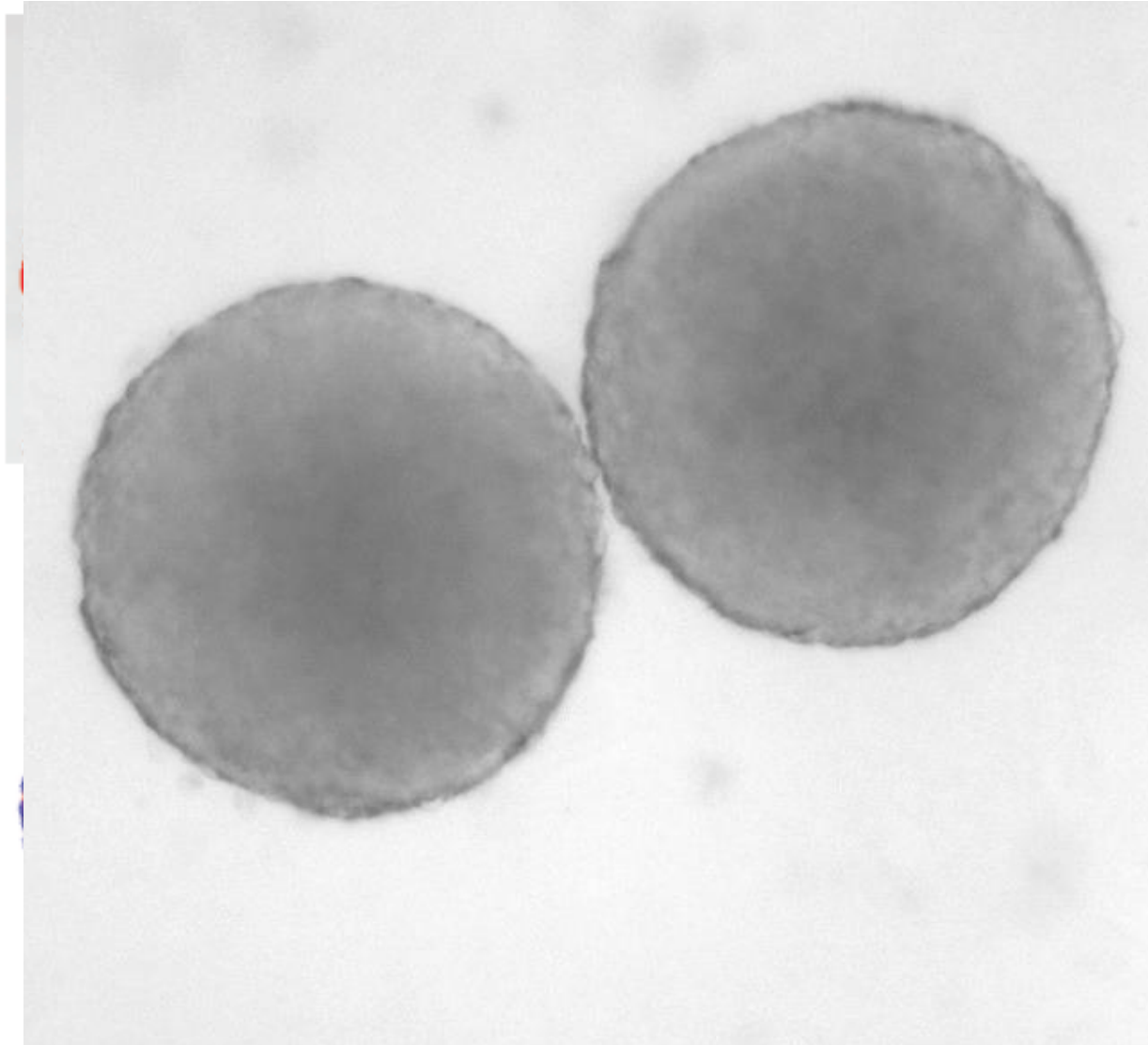
- GOOD

- But surface tension off by a factor of 30!

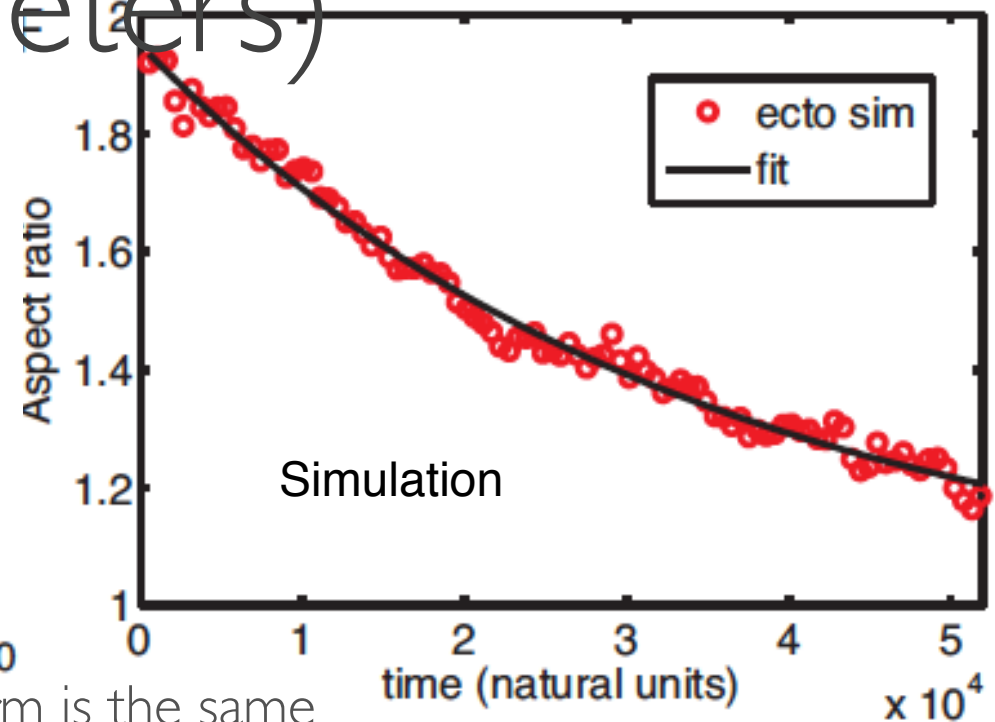
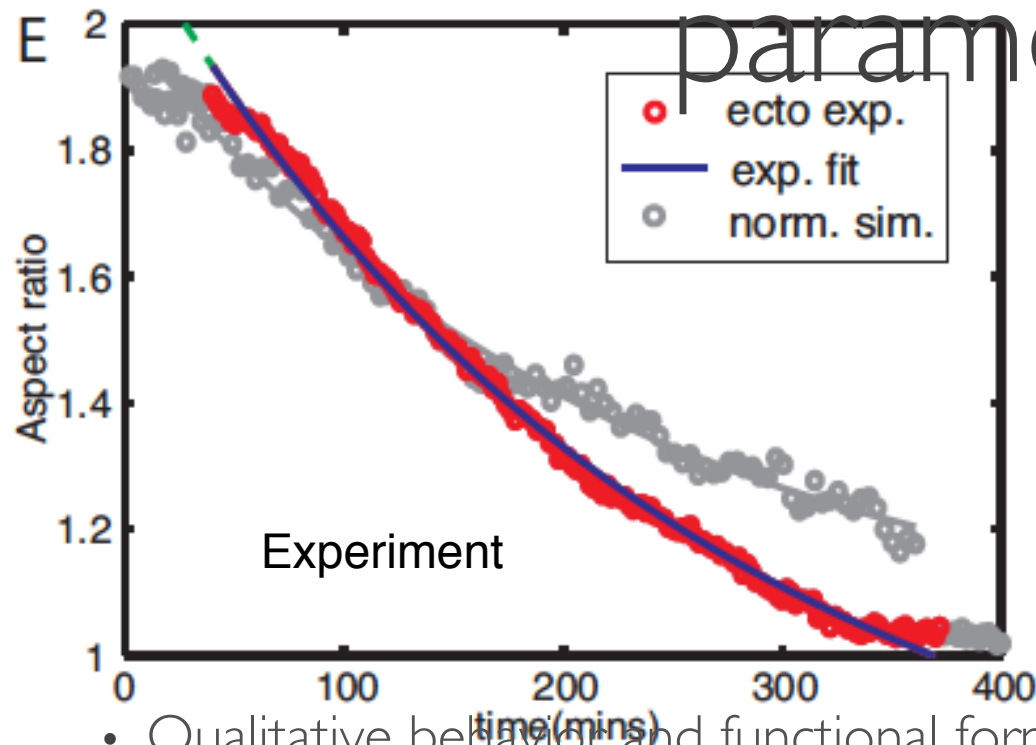
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- We think this is due to a biologically driven feedback at the surface
[Schoetz, Lanio, Talbot and Manning, submitted \(2012\)](#)

Fusion measurement: convex hull



Prediction: Fusion assay (no fit parameters)



- Qualitative behavior and functional form is the same
- Accounting for difference in volume and surface tension (Young, 1939) with no fit parameters
- relaxation time: experiment = 100 min, simulations = 160 min, **GOOD**