

# Modelling cell-extracellular matrix interactions: From microscopic to macroscopic scale

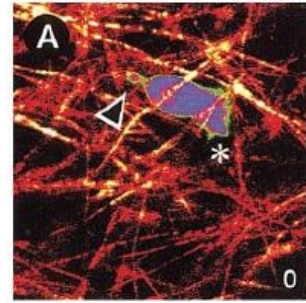
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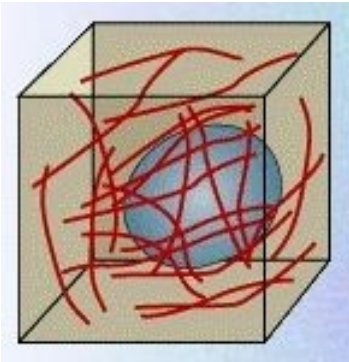
# The Extra-Cellular Matrix

- a complex set of macromolecules, essentially composed by collagen
- a natural complex scaffold cell adhere to
- anisotropic and heterogeneous fibrous medium



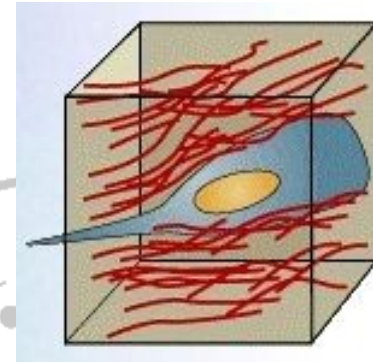
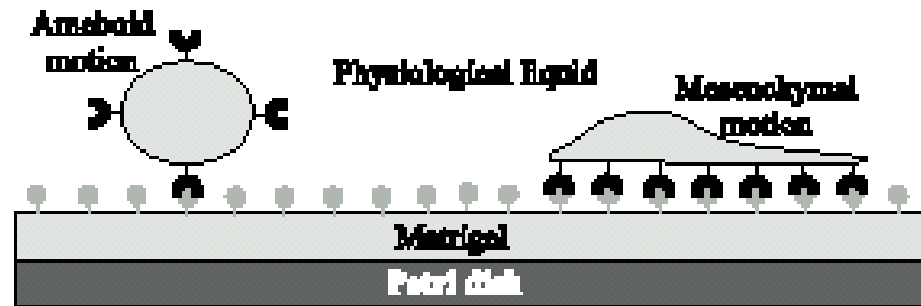
## Types of motion:

### Ameboid motion:



- high deformation of cells
- weak adherence to the surrounding tissue
- no degradation of the ECM
- high migration speed

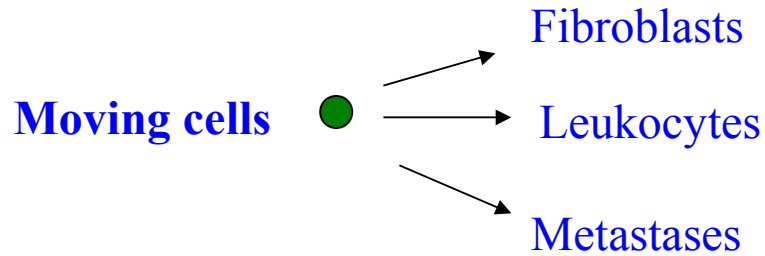
### Mesenchymal motion:



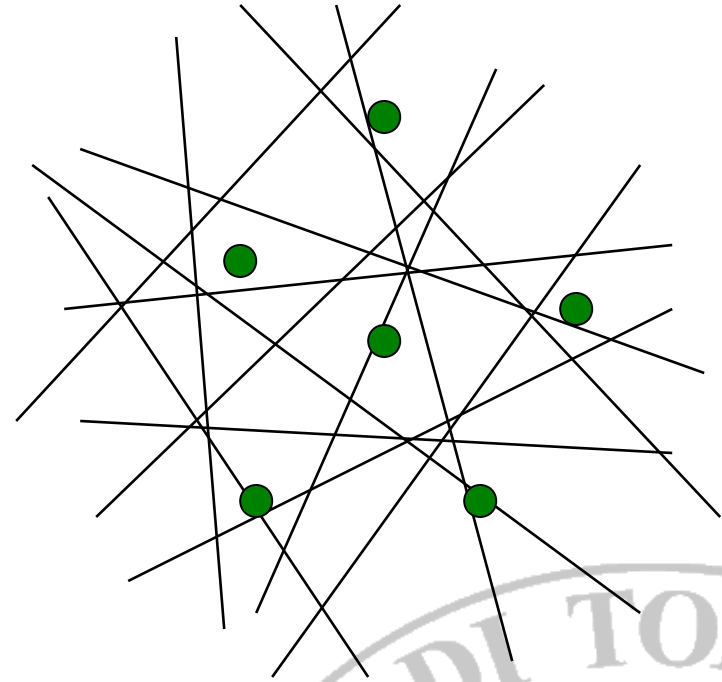
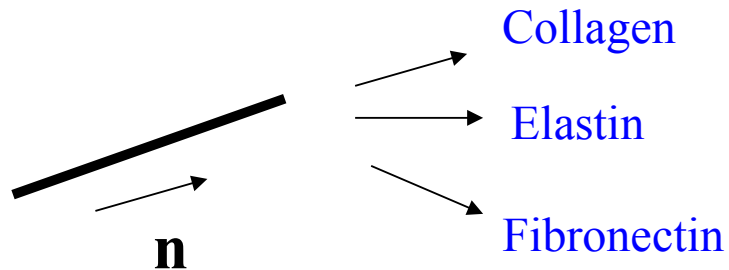
- strong adherence
- ECM degradation by enzymes (MMP)
- fibers deformation and/or rupture
- low migration speed

# The Kinetic Framework

Two populations



**Fixed oriented fibers of the ECM**



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# Statistical representation

**Cells:** Distribution density  $p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$

- Position  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$
- Velocity  $\mathbf{v} \in V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$

**Fibers of the network:** Distribution density  $m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n})$

- Non-oriented fiber direction  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} \in S_+^2$
- $m^e(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = \begin{cases} m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) & \text{for } \mathbf{n} \in S_+^2 \\ m(t, \mathbf{x}, -\mathbf{n}) & \text{for } \mathbf{n} \in S_-^2 \end{cases}$

# The cell movement equation

⇒ Chemotactic effect  $\mathbf{f}(\mathcal{C}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  depending on a chemical profile  $\mathcal{C}(t, \mathbf{x})$

- $\mathbf{f}(\mathcal{C}) = \lambda \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{C}$

⇒ Cell-cell interactions

- Operator  $J_c$

⇒ Cell-ECM interactions

- Operator  $J_m$

Mass conservative interactions

- $\int_V J_c d\mathbf{v} = 0$

- $\int_V J_m d\mathbf{v} = 0.$

**Transport equation for cell movement:**

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p + \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot [\mathbf{f}(\mathcal{C})p] = J_m + J_c$$

# Macroscopic quantities

## Moments of the distribution function:

Zero-th order: cell number density  $\rho(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_V p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v}$

First order: momentum  $\rho(t, \mathbf{x})\mathbf{U}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_V p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v}$

## Pressure tensor:

$$\mathbb{P}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_V p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) [\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{U}(t, \mathbf{x})] \otimes [\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{U}(t, \mathbf{x})] d\mathbf{v}$$

# Macroscopic description of the fiber network

## Fiber number density:

- $$M(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_{S^2_+} m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S^2} m^e(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n}$$

## Orientation tensor:

Symmetric and positive tensor

- $$\mathbb{D}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{3}{M(t, \mathbf{x})} \int_{S^2_+} m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n} d\mathbf{n}$$

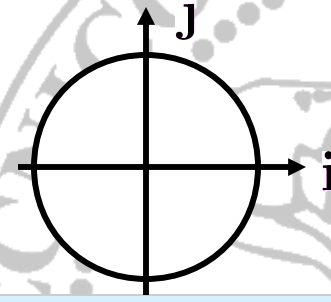
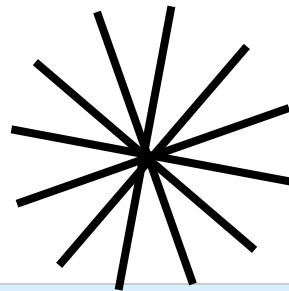
Visualization: By the ellipsoid  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbb{D}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = 1$

The eigendirection  $\mathbf{r}_m$  of the maximum eigenvalue  $\lambda_m$

→ the main fiber network direction

## Isotropic case:

- $$m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = m(t, \mathbf{x})$$



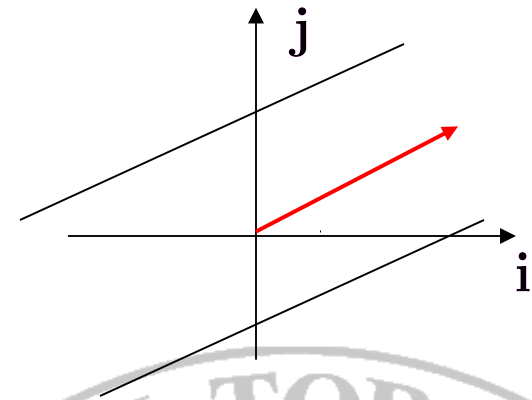
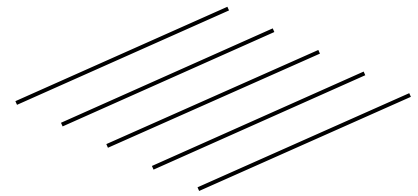
# Macroscopic description of the fiber network

## One only direction:

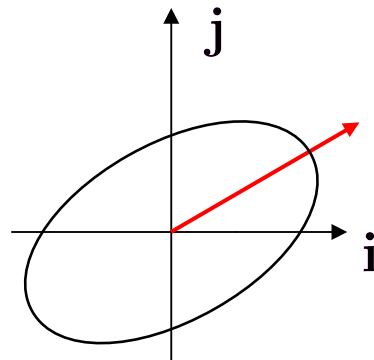
- $m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = m(t, \mathbf{x})\delta(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{n}_0)$

- $\mathbb{D} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2(\theta) & \cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) & \sin^2(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$

- $\lambda_m = 2$       •  $\mathbf{r}_m = \mathbf{n}_0$



## General case:





# Macroscopic description of the fiber network

A particular case for two directions: (typical of arteries)

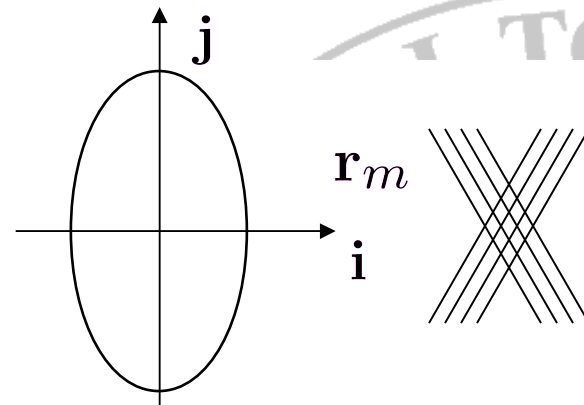
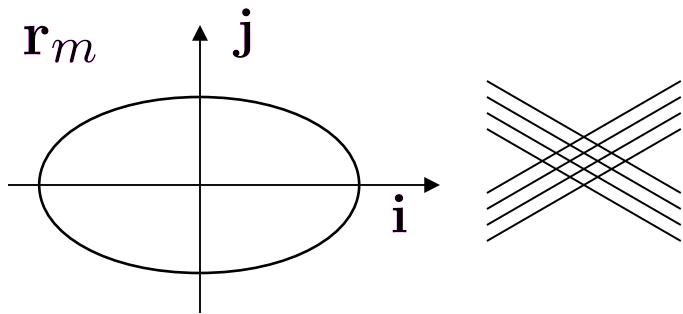
- $m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = m(t, \mathbf{x}) [\delta(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{n}_0) + \delta(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{n}_1)]$

- $\theta_0 + \theta_1 = \pi$

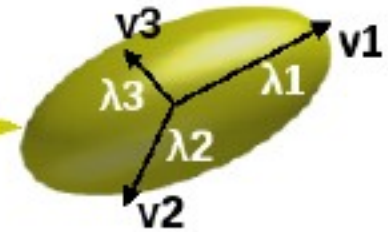
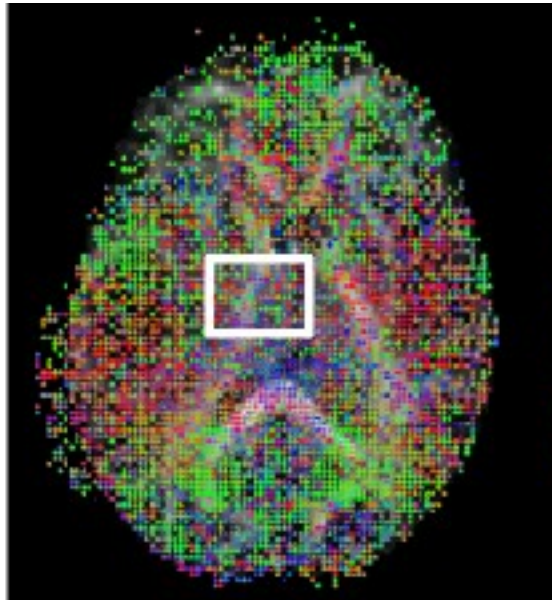
- $\mathbb{D} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2(\theta_0) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin^2(\theta_0) \end{pmatrix}$

- $\theta_0 = \frac{\pi}{6}$   $\mathbb{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

- $\theta_0 = \frac{\pi}{3}$   $\mathbb{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$



# Macroscopic description of the fiber network



Diffusion Ellipsoid  
Surface is an  
isosurface of the  
probability of diffusion

Jagersand, Murtha, Beaulieu, 2000

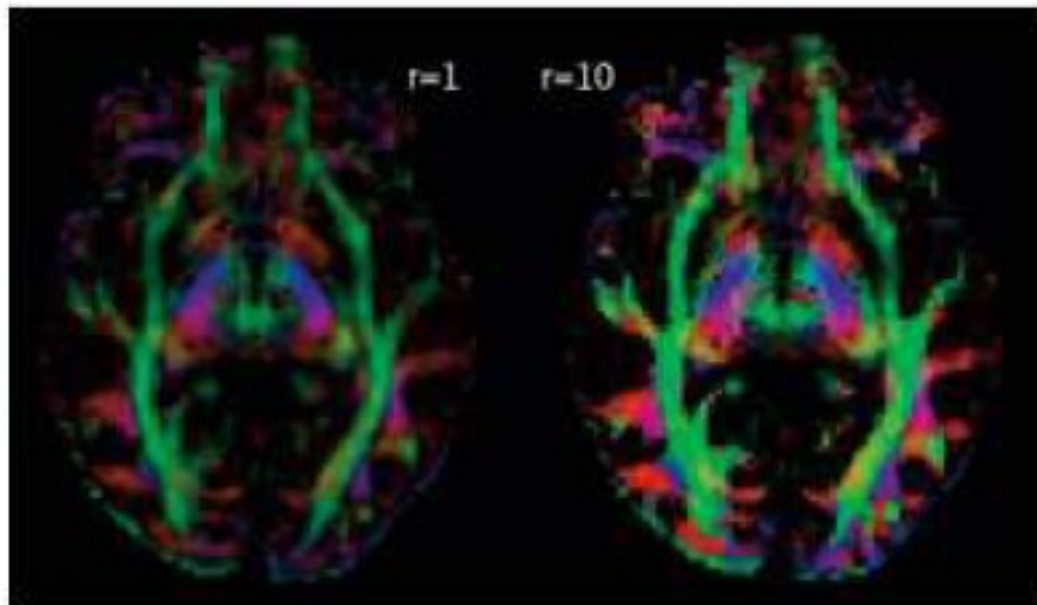


FIG. 1. RGB color maps of the tensor's principal diffusion directions. Left: tensor with no change in tumor cell diffusion anisotropy compared to water anisotropy ( $r = 1$ ). Right: Tensor with change in tumor cell anisotropy ( $r = 10$ ).

Jbabdi et al. 2005

# Moment expansions

Integration of the transport equation over  $V$ :

$$\int_V \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} d\mathbf{v} + \int_V \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p d\mathbf{v} + \underbrace{\int_V \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{f}p) d\mathbf{v}}_{= 0} = \underbrace{\int_V J_m d\mathbf{v}}_{= 0} + \underbrace{\int_V J_c d\mathbf{v}}_{= 0}$$

Assumption:

Mass conservative interactions



Mass conservation equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{U}) = 0$$

# Moment expansions

Integration, over  $V$ , of the transport equation multiplied by  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\int_V \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (p\mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v} + \int_V [\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p] \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} + \int_V [\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{f}p)] \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} = \boxed{\mathbf{j}_m} + \boxed{\mathbf{j}_c}$$

Cell-ECM interaction force

$$\mathbf{j}_m = \int_V J_m \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v}$$

Cell-cell interaction force

$$\mathbf{j}_c = \int_V J_c \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v}$$

Using

$$\begin{aligned} [\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{f}p)] \mathbf{v} &= \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{f}p) - \mathbf{f}p \cdot [\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}] \\ &= \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{f}p) - \mathbf{f}p \end{aligned}$$

Finally 
$$\int_V [\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{f}p)] \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} = \rho \mathbf{f}(c)$$

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➡ Momentum balance equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathbf{U}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{U} \otimes \mathbf{U}) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbb{P} + \rho \mathbf{f}(c) + \mathbf{j}_m + \mathbf{j}_c$$

and using the mass conservation equation

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{U} \right) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbb{P} + \rho \mathbf{f}(c) + \mathbf{j}_m + \mathbf{j}_c$$

# Cell-cell interaction modeling

## Main hypothesis:

The transition probability density does not depend on the incoming velocities

$$\psi_c((\mathbf{v}', \mathbf{v}'_*) \rightarrow \mathbf{v}) \equiv \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \bar{\psi}_c(v)$$

Collision operator:

$$\begin{aligned} J_c &= \eta_c \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) \int_V \int_V p(\mathbf{v}') p(\mathbf{v}'_*) d\mathbf{v}' d\mathbf{v}'_* - \eta_c p(\mathbf{v}) \int_V p(\mathbf{v}'_*) d\mathbf{v}'_* \\ &= \eta_c \rho [\rho \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) - p(\mathbf{v})], \end{aligned}$$

Mass preserved:

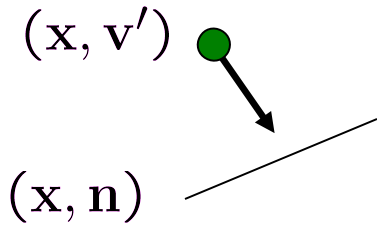
$$\int_V J_c d\mathbf{v} = \eta_c \rho \int_V [\rho \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) - p(\mathbf{v})] d\mathbf{v} = 0$$

Momentum contribution  
is a drag:

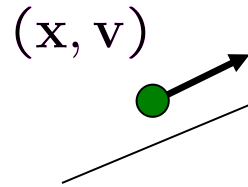
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{j}_c &= \int_V J_c \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} = \eta_c \rho \int_V [\rho \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} - p(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v}] d\mathbf{v} \\ &= -\eta_c \rho^2 \mathbf{U}, \end{aligned}$$

# Cell-ECM Interaction

Before interaction



After interaction



**Main hypothesis:**

independently of the incoming velocities

$$\psi_m((\mathbf{v}', \mathbf{n}') \rightarrow \mathbf{v}) \equiv \psi_m(\mathbf{n}'; \mathbf{v}) = \psi_m(v) \frac{1}{2} [\delta(\mathbf{n}' - \hat{\mathbf{v}}) + \delta(\mathbf{n}' + \hat{\mathbf{v}})]$$

Collision operator:

$$J_m = \eta_m \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho \psi_m(v) m^e(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) - M p(\mathbf{v}) \right]$$

Mass preserved:

$$\int_V J_m d\mathbf{v} = \eta_m \rho \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \psi_m(v) v^2 dv \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int_{S^2} m^e(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) d\hat{\mathbf{v}} - M \right] = 0$$

Momentum contribution  
is a drag:

$$\mathbf{j}_m = \int_V J_m \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} = -\eta_m M \rho \mathbf{U}$$

# Transport equation and moment expansion

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p + \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{f} p) = \eta_c \rho [\rho \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) - p(\mathbf{v})] \\ + \eta_m \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho \psi_m(v) m^e(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) - M p(\mathbf{v}) \right]$$

Mass conservation equation:  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{U}) = 0$

Momentum balance equation:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{U} \right) = \underbrace{-\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbb{P}}_{\text{Pressure tensor}} + \rho \mathbf{f}(\mathcal{C}) - \underbrace{(\eta_m M + \eta_c \rho) \rho \mathbf{U}}_{\text{Drag forces due to:}}$$

Pressure tensor

Drag forces due to:

- Cell-cell interaction
- Cell-ECM interaction

System not closed:

The pressure tensor depends on the distribution



# Diffusion limit

Parabolic scaling:  $\tau = \varepsilon^2 t$     $\xi = \varepsilon \mathbf{x}$     $\mathbf{f} = \varepsilon \hat{\mathbf{f}}$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial p}{\partial \tau} + \varepsilon \nabla_{\xi} \cdot (p \mathbf{v}) + \varepsilon \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{f}} p) = J_m + J_c$$

Hilbert expansion:  $p_{\varepsilon} = p_0 + \varepsilon p_1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$

•  $\varepsilon^0$ :  $J_m + J_c = 0 \Rightarrow$  Equilibrium:  $p_0 = p_0(\tau, \xi, \mathbf{v}; \rho_0)$

$$0 = \eta_m \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \psi_m(v) m^e(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) - M p_0(\mathbf{v}) \right] + \eta_c \rho_0 \left[ \rho_0 \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) - p_0(\mathbf{v}) \right]$$

$$p_0(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\rho_0}{\eta_m M + \eta_c \rho_0} \left[ \frac{\eta_m}{2} \psi_m(v) m^e(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) + \eta_c \rho_0 \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) \right]$$

$$\rho_0 = \int_V p_0(\mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{U}_0 = \frac{1}{\rho_0} \int_V p_0(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

# Diffusion limit

$\varepsilon^1$  :

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\xi} \cdot [p_0(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{v}] + \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot [\hat{\mathbf{f}}p_0(\mathbf{v})] &= \eta_m \left[ \frac{1}{2} \rho_1 \psi_m(v) m^e(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) - Mp_1(\mathbf{v}) \right] \\ &+ \eta_c \left[ \rho_1 (2\rho_0 \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) - p_0(\mathbf{v})) - \rho_0 p_1(\mathbf{v}) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}p_1(\mathbf{v}) &= \frac{1}{\eta_m M + \eta_c \rho_0} \left[ -\nabla_{\xi} \cdot [p_0(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{v}] - \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot [\hat{\mathbf{f}}p_0(\mathbf{v})] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \rho_1 \left( \frac{\eta_m}{2} \psi_m(v) m^e(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) + \eta_c [2\rho_0 \psi_c(\mathbf{v}) - p_0(\mathbf{v})] \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_V p_1(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\eta_m M + \eta_c \rho_0} \left[ -\nabla_{\xi} \cdot \int_V p_0(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} + \rho_0 \hat{\mathbf{f}} \right]$$

# Pressure tensor at the equilibrium

$$\frac{\partial \rho_0}{\partial \tau} + \nabla_{\xi} \cdot \int_V p_1(\mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_0}{\partial \tau} = \nabla_{\xi} \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla_{\xi} \cdot \mathbb{P}_0 - \rho_0 \hat{\mathbf{f}}}{\eta_m M + \eta_c \rho_0} \right]$$

$$\mathbb{P}_0 = \frac{\rho_0}{\eta_m M + \eta_c \rho_0} (\eta_m \sigma_m M \mathbb{D} + \eta_c \sigma_c \rho_0 \mathbb{I})$$

- $\sigma_m, \sigma_c$  : macroscopic coefficients (variance)

Assumption:

➡ The intensity of after-interaction velocities does not depend on the interaction type

$$\sigma_m = \sigma_c \equiv \sigma$$

➡ 
$$\mathbb{P}_0 = \sigma \rho_0 \mathbb{I} + \frac{\eta_m \sigma M}{\eta_m M + \eta_c \rho_0} (\mathbb{D} - \mathbb{I}) \rho_0$$

# Dimensionless Equation

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\mathcal{P}_e \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \left[ \frac{\rho \mathbf{f}(c)}{M + \alpha \rho} \right]}_{\text{Chemotactic advection}} = \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}(\rho)}{M + \alpha \rho} \right]}_{\text{Isotropic spatially varying diffusion}}$$

Chemotactic advection

Isotropic spatially varying diffusion

$$+ \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{M + \alpha \rho} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \left( \frac{M(\mathbb{D} - \mathbb{I})\rho}{M + \alpha \rho} \right) \right]}_{\text{Anisotropic spatially varying diffusion due to the fibers direction}}$$

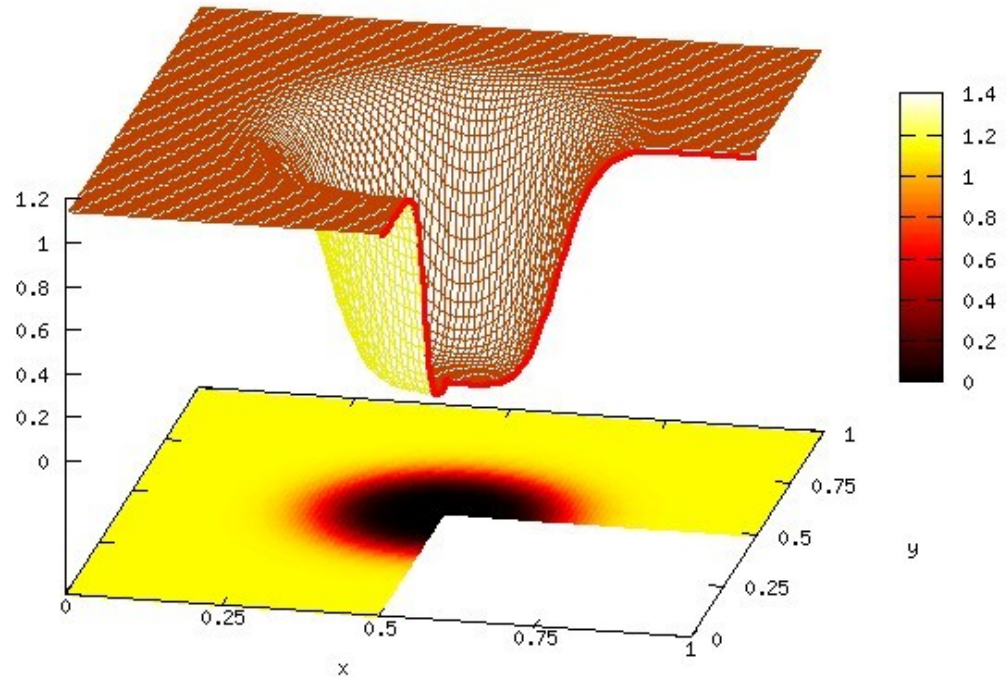
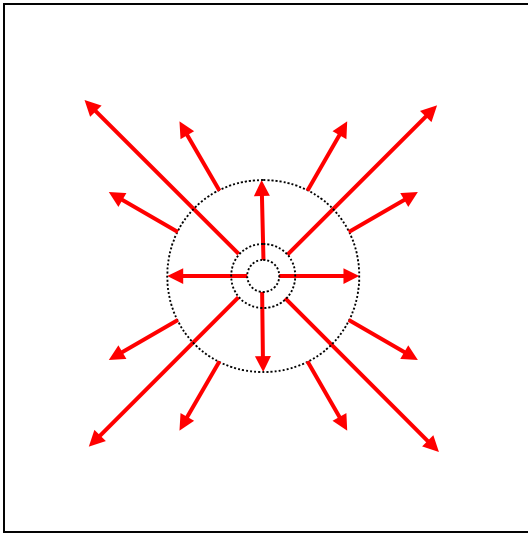
Anisotropic spatially varying diffusion due to the fibers direction

$$\Rightarrow \text{Parameters of the model: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ Peclet number} \\ \mathcal{P}_e = FL/\sigma \\ \bullet \alpha = \eta_c/\eta_m \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{External data: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ the chemotactic force } \mathbf{f} \\ \bullet \text{ the description of the ECM} \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M \Rightarrow \text{Heterogeneity} \\ \mathbb{D} \Rightarrow \text{Anisotropy} \end{array} \right.$$

# The stationary solution

- Configuration: a radial chemo-repellent force



Exercise: stationary configuration

$$\mathcal{P}e \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \left[ \frac{\rho \mathbf{f}(c)}{M + \alpha \rho} \right] = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}(\rho)}{M + \alpha \rho} \right]$$

# The heterogeneous case

- Case 1 : Example with symmetry

- uniform initial condition

$$\rho(t = 0, \mathbf{x}) \equiv C_0$$

- short time

- homogeneous

$$M(\mathbf{x}) \equiv C_0$$

- long time

- isotropic

$$\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathbb{I}$$

- Case 2 :

- uniform initial condition

$$\rho(t = 0, \mathbf{x}) \equiv C_0$$

- short time

- inhomogeneous

$$M(\mathbf{x}) \neq C_0$$

- long time

- isotropic

$$\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathbb{I}$$

- Case 3 :

- non uniform initial condition

$$\rho(t = 0, \mathbf{x}) \neq C_0$$

- short time

- homogeneous

$$M(\mathbf{x}) \equiv C_0$$

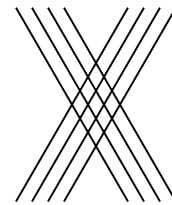
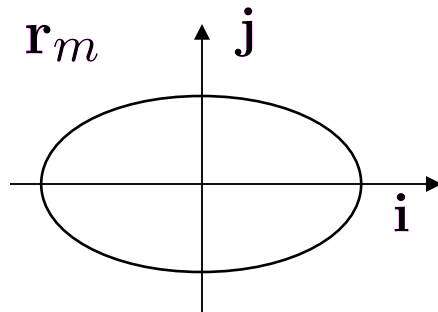
- long time

- isotropic  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathbb{I}$

# The anisotropic case

- uniform initial condition  $\rho(t = 0, \mathbf{x}) \equiv C_0$
- homogeneous  $M(\mathbf{x}) \equiv C_0$
- **anisotropic**  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{x}) \neq \mathbb{I}$

$$\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{x}) = Cste = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

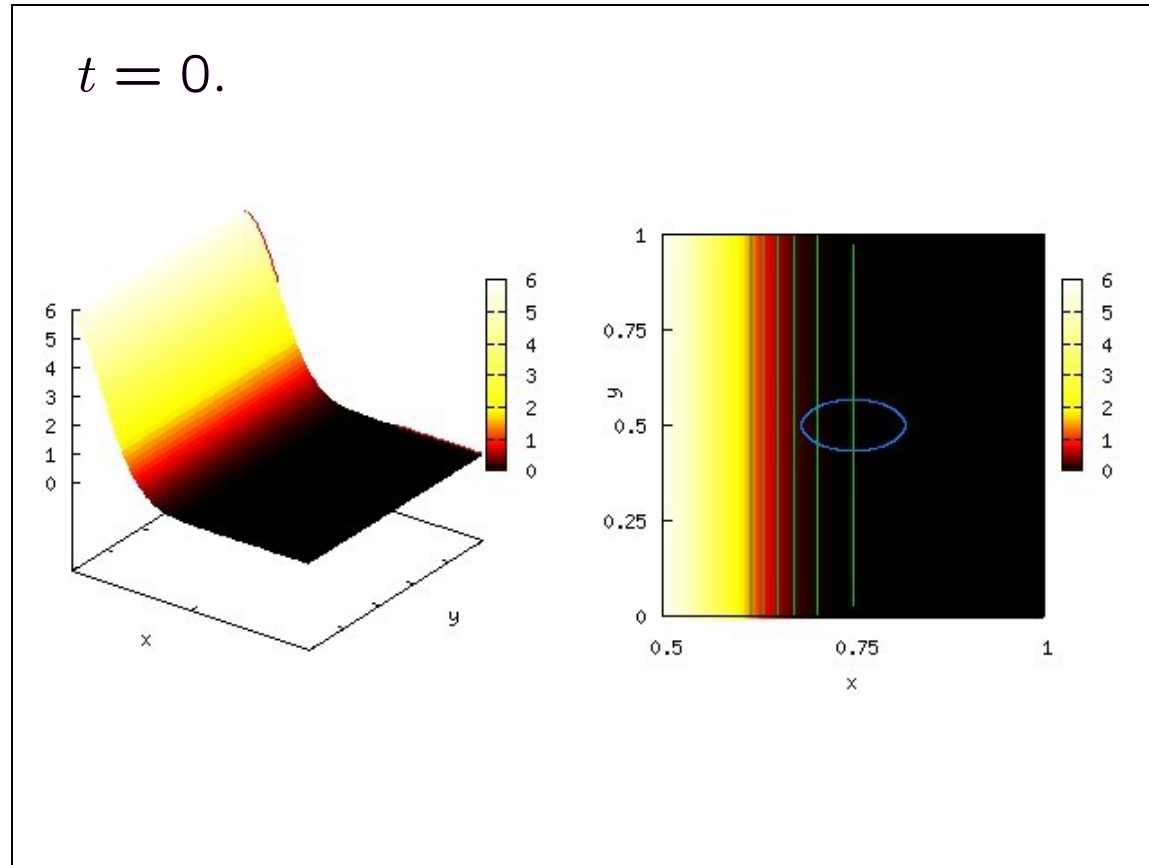


$$\left\langle \frac{2\pi}{3} \right\rangle$$

• movie

# Heterogeneous ECM

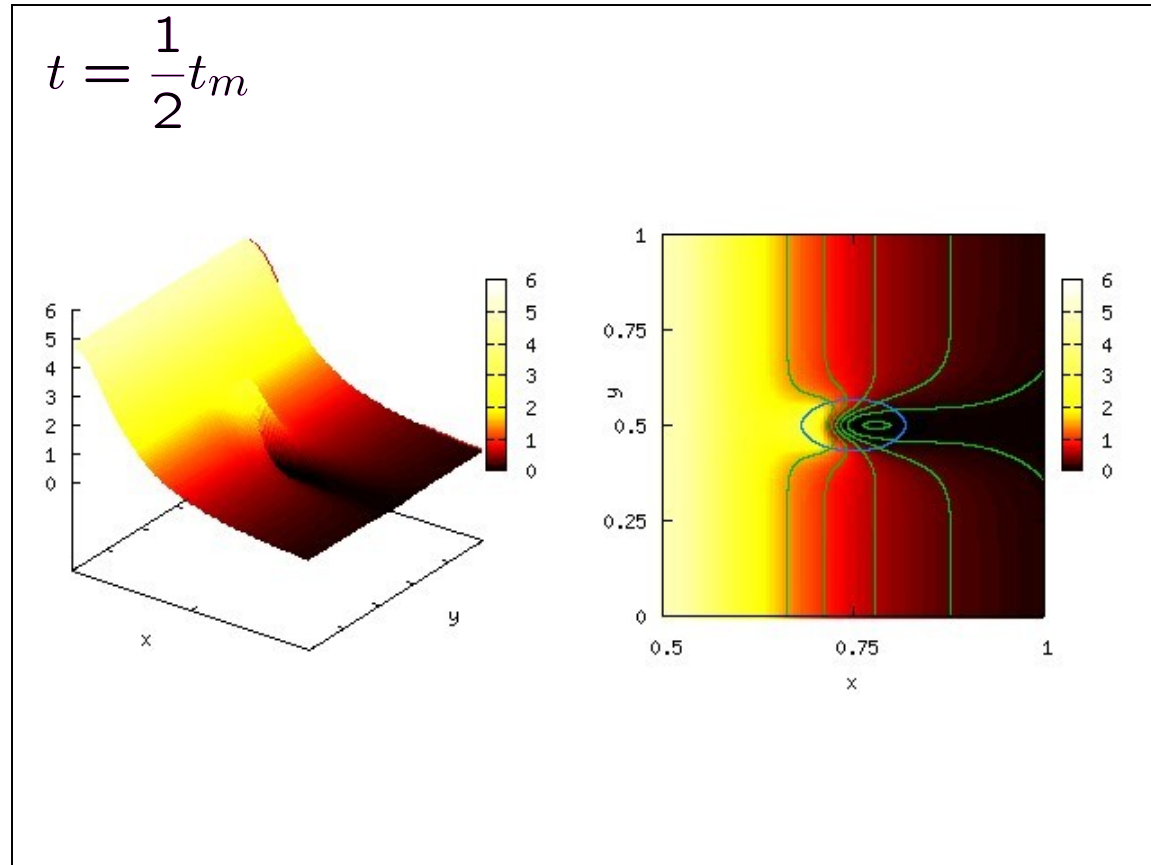
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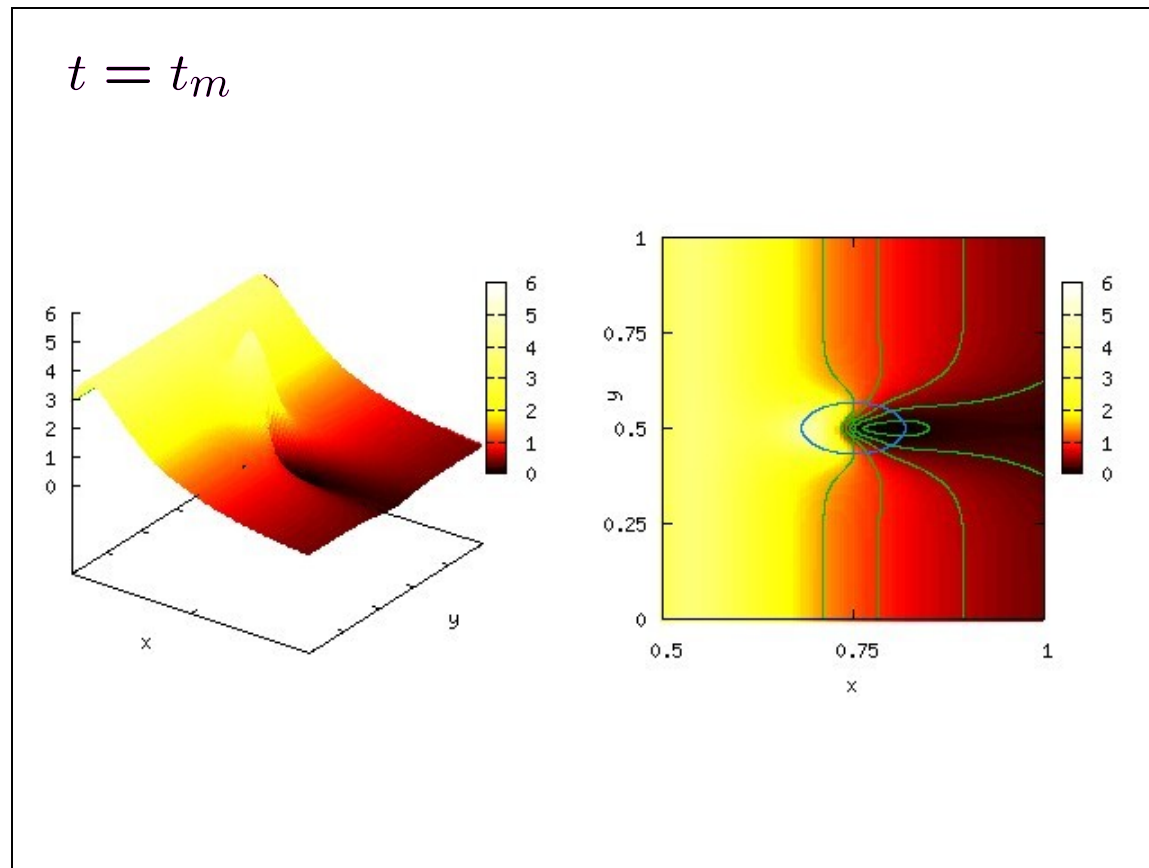
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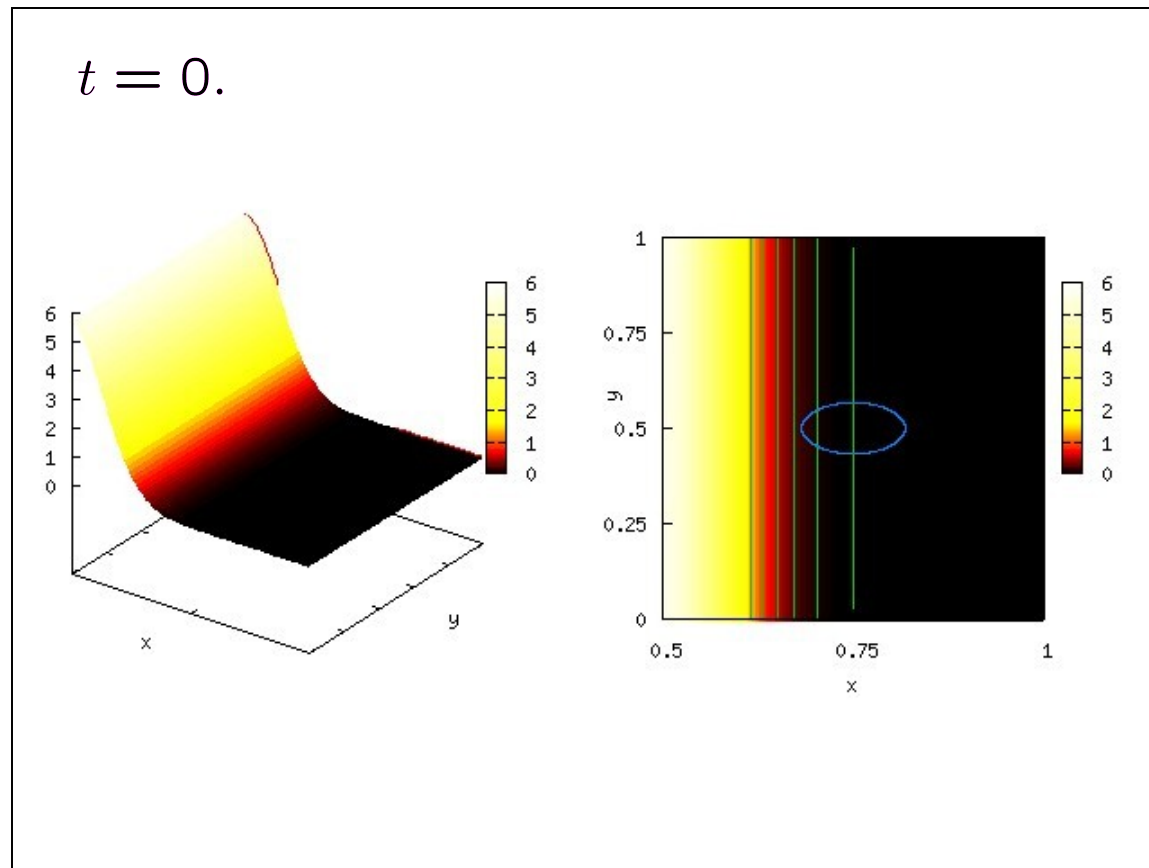
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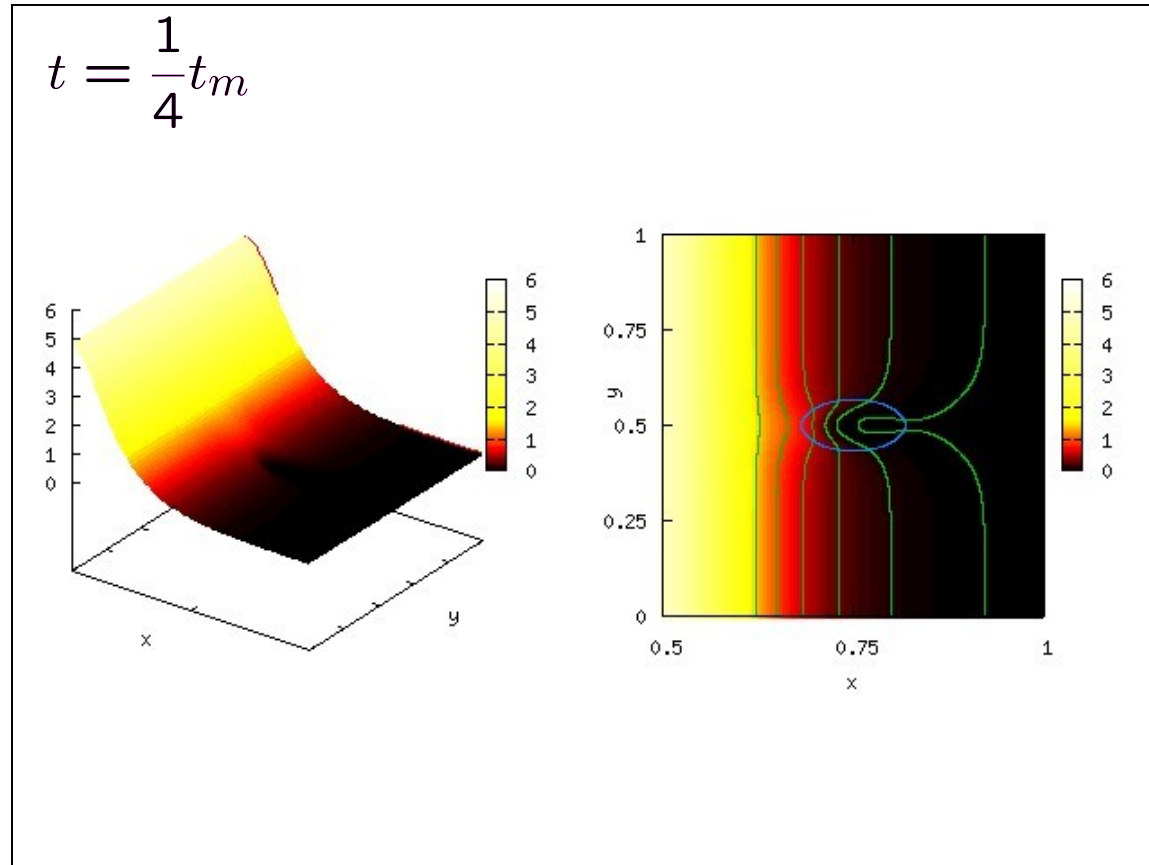
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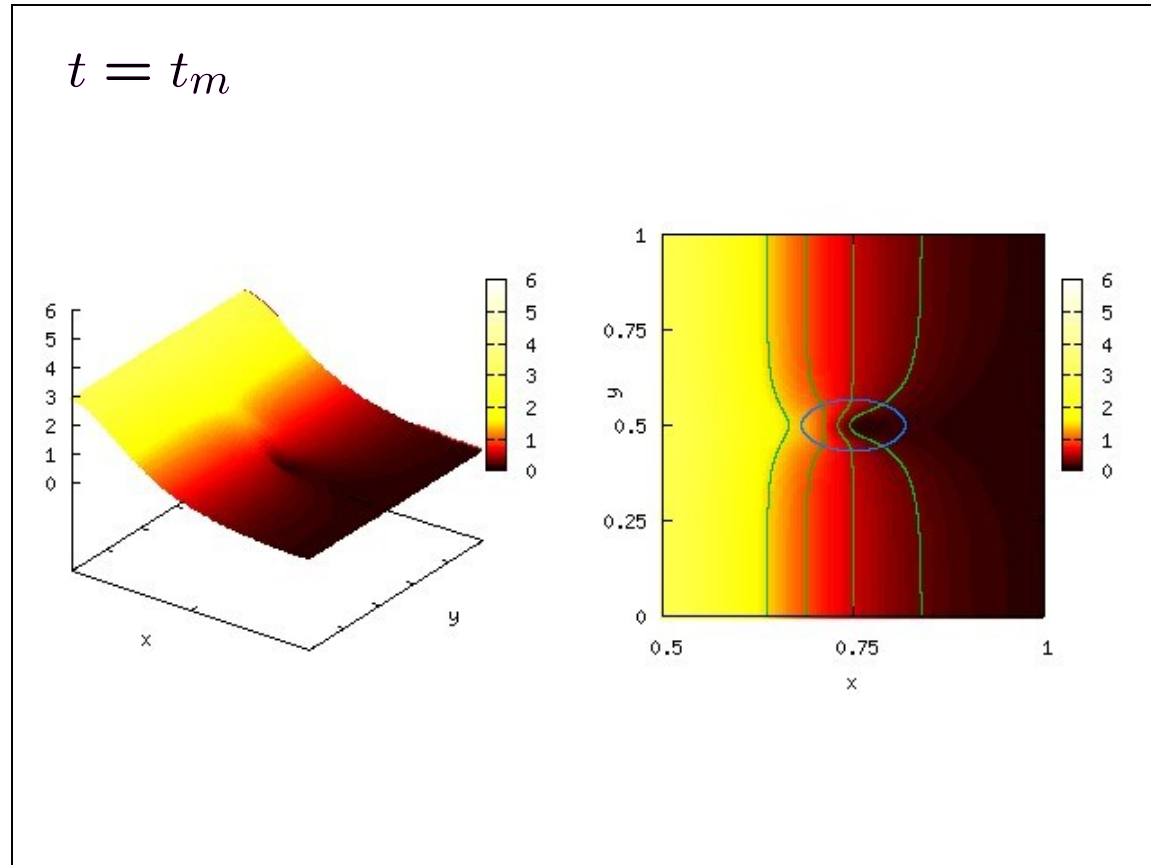
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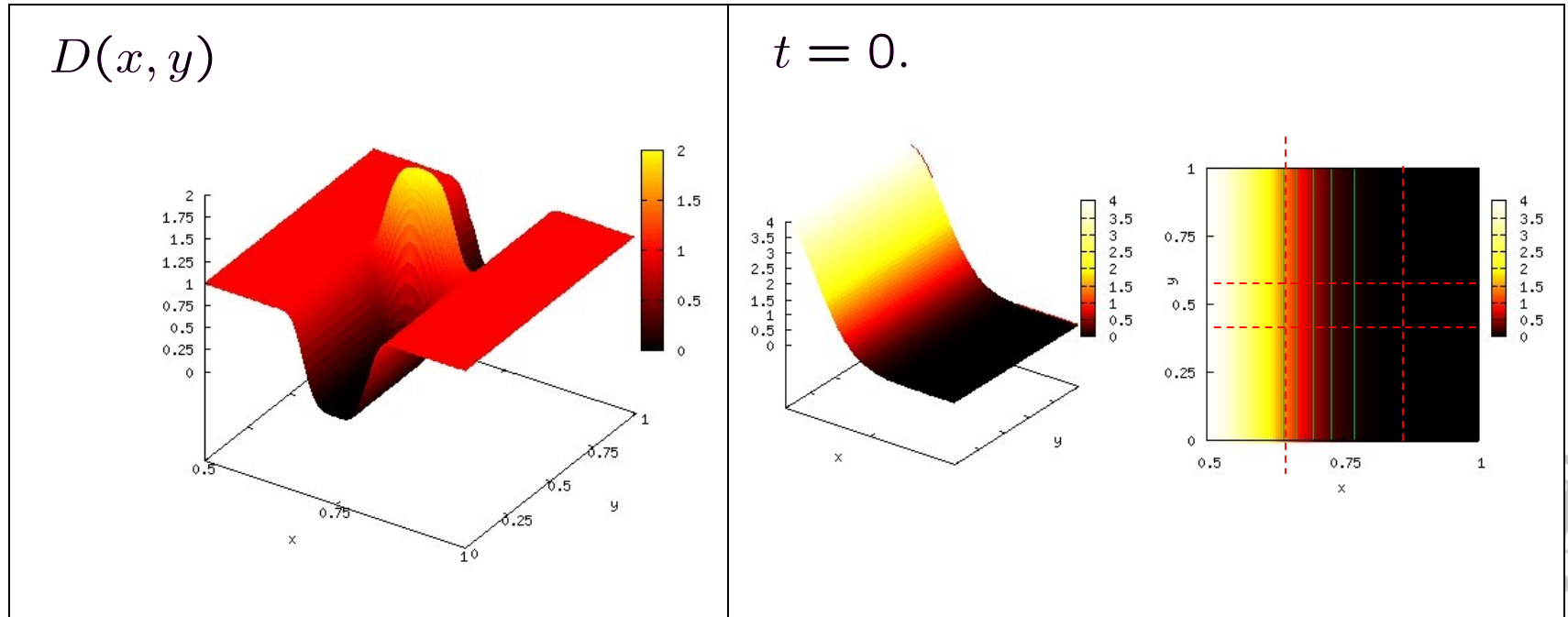
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movie



# Anisotropic ECM

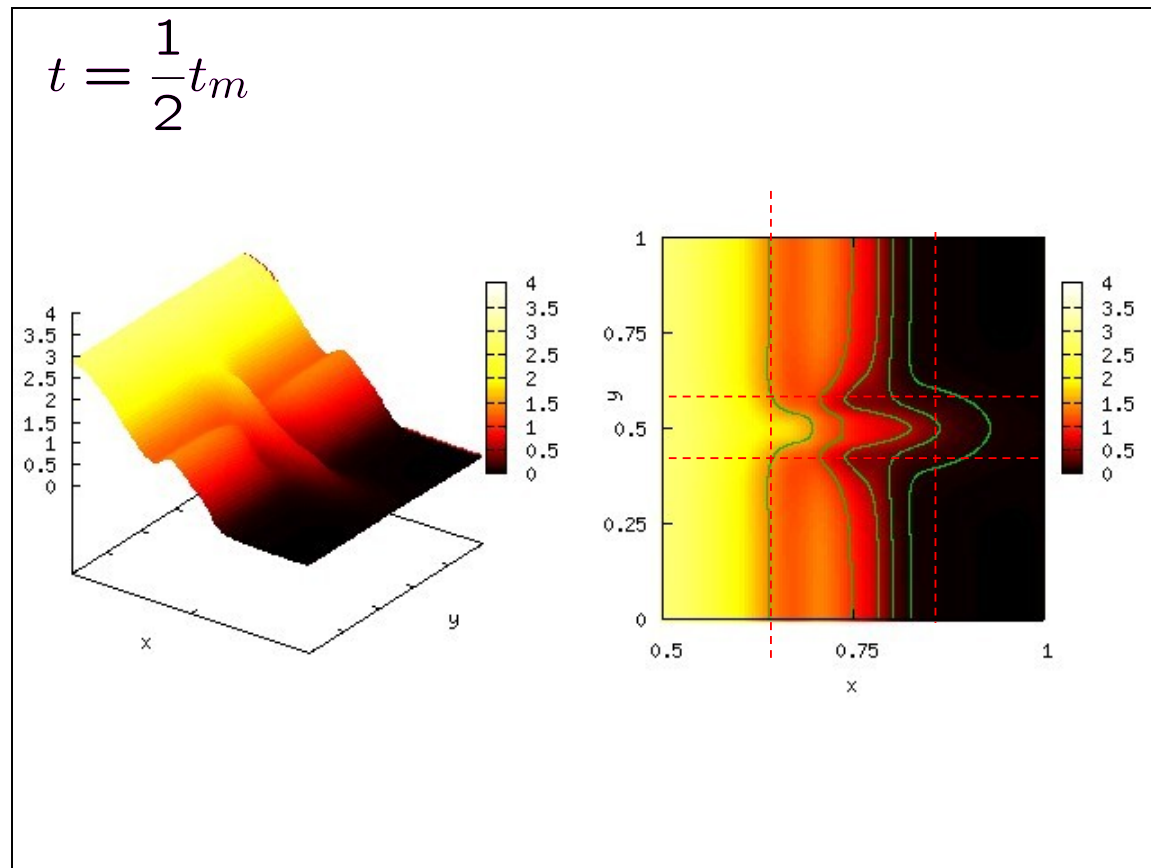
- Parameters  $\begin{cases} \mathcal{P}_e = 1 \\ \alpha = 0.5 \end{cases}$



- $\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} D(x, y) & 0 \\ 0 & 2 - D(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$

# Anisotropic ECM

- Parameters  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P}_e = 1 \\ \alpha = 0.5 \end{array} \right.$

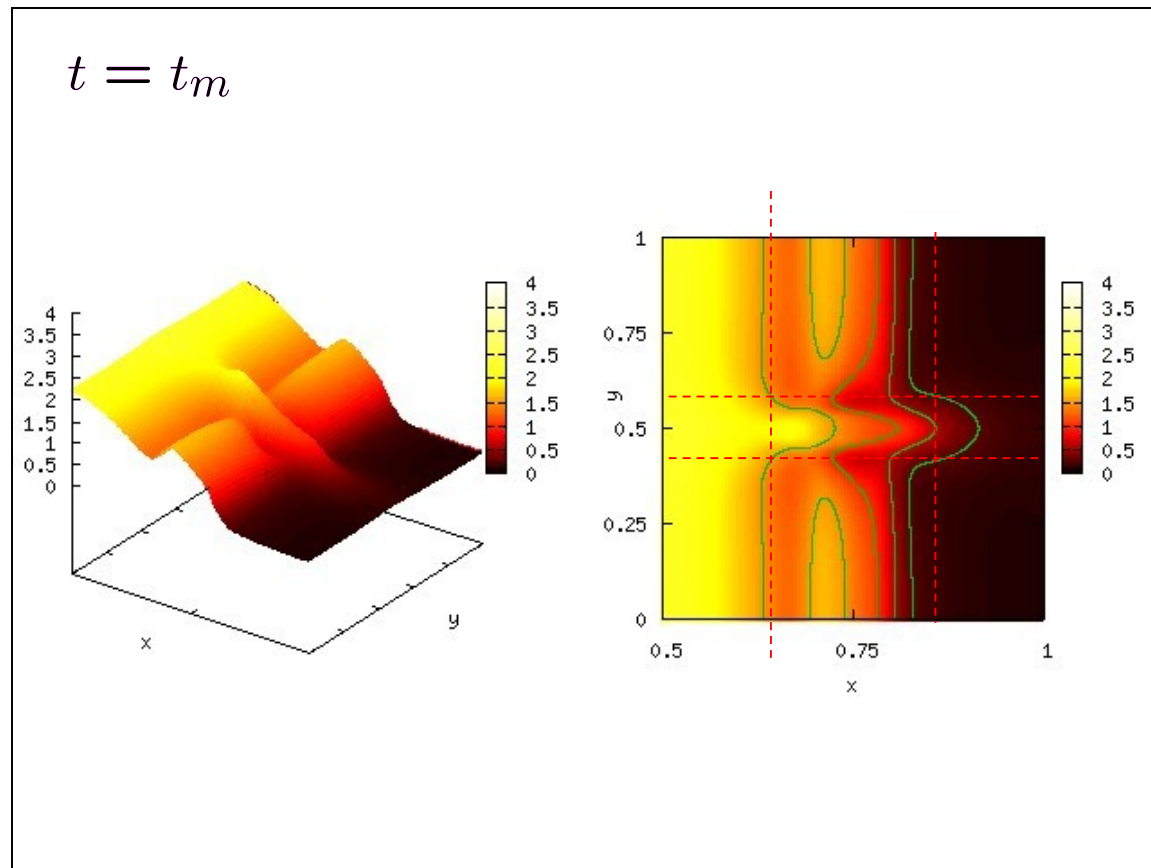


# Anisotropic ECM

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● Parameters

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{P}_e = 1 \\ \alpha = 0.5 \end{cases}$$





# Biased interactions

$$J_m^{\mathcal{B}}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \eta_m M(\mathbf{x}) \left( \rho(t, \mathbf{x}) \psi(v) \frac{m^e(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{v}})}{2M(\mathbf{x})} [1 + \mathcal{B}(t, \mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{v}})] - p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \right)$$

$$J_c^{\mathcal{B}}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \eta_c \rho(t, \mathbf{x}) \left( \rho(t, \mathbf{x}) \frac{\psi(v)}{\mathcal{V}_d} [1 + \mathcal{B}(t, \mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{v}})] - p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{B}(t, \mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{v}}) = \pm \Gamma \frac{\nabla \mathcal{S}(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}}{\beta_{\mathcal{S}} + \mathcal{S}(t, \mathbf{x})}$$

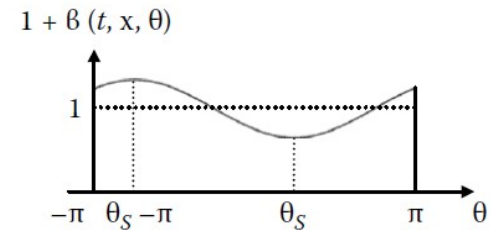
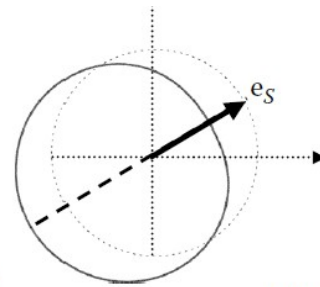
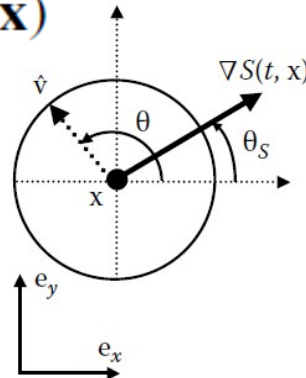
$$\frac{\partial \rho^{(0)}}{\partial t} \pm \kappa \nabla \cdot \left[ \rho^{(0)} \frac{\mathbb{T}^{(0)} \nabla \mathcal{S}}{\beta_{\mathcal{S}} + \mathcal{S}} \right] = \sigma \nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla \cdot [\mathbb{T}^{(0)} \rho^{(0)}]}{M + \alpha \rho^{(0)}} \right]$$

# Biased interactions

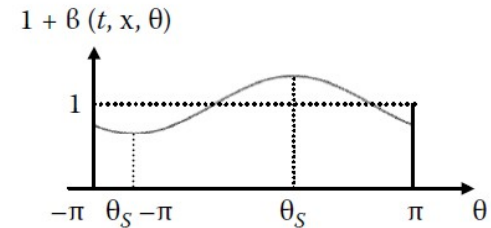
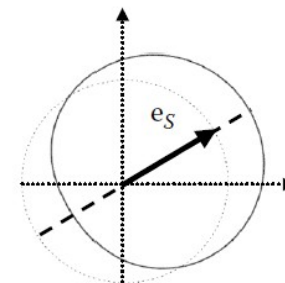
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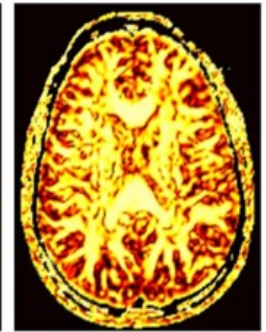
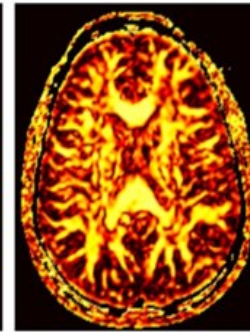
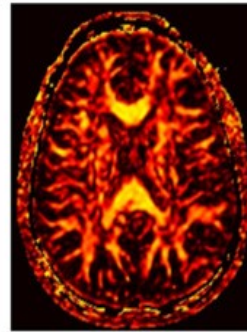
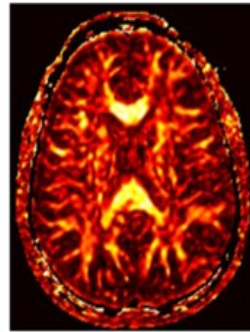
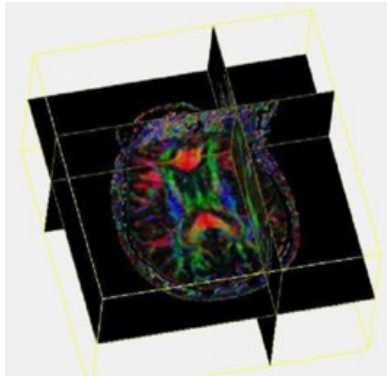


(a) Repellent bias



(b) Attractive bias

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k=0

k=5

k=10

k=20

k = sensitivity of the cell to directional cues

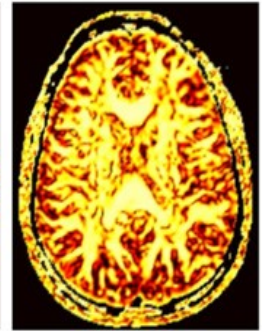
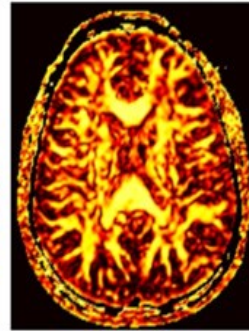
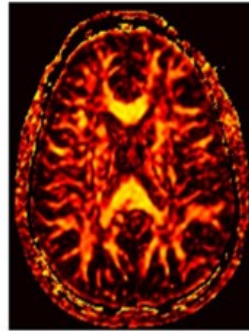
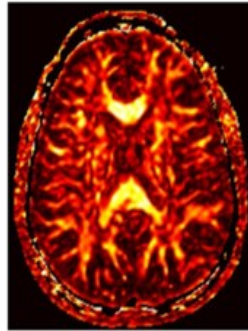
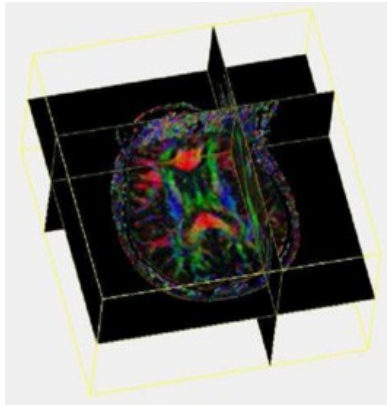
$\delta$  = ratio of random turning

$\varphi$  = eigendirection

$$D_C(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{s^2}{3\mu} \left[ \left( \delta + (1-\delta) \left( \frac{\coth k}{k} - \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \right) \mathbb{I} + (1-\delta) \left( 1 - \frac{3 \coth k}{k} + \frac{3}{k^2} \right) \varphi_1 \varphi_1^T \right].$$

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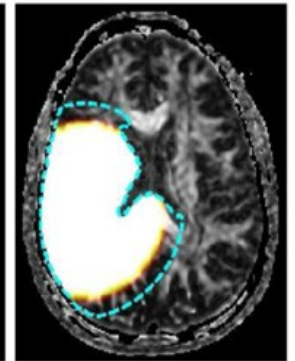
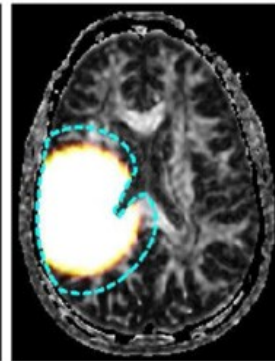
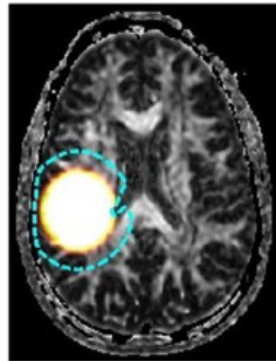
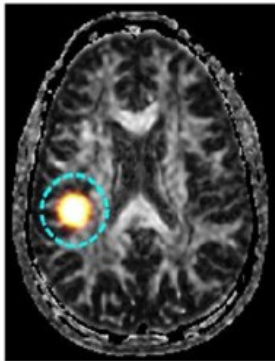
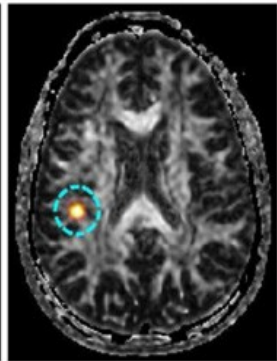
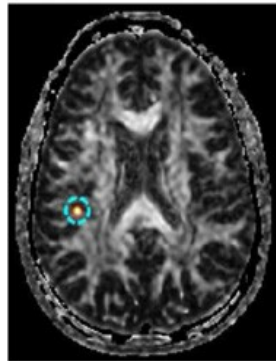


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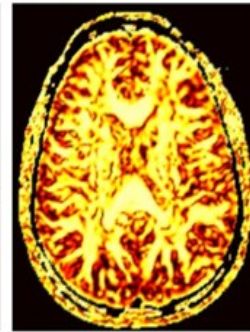
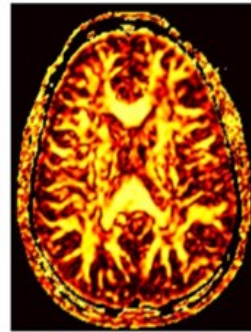
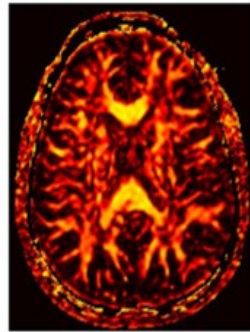
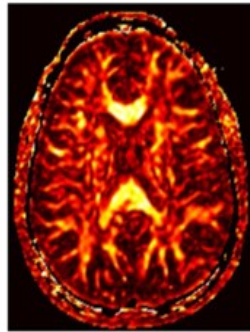
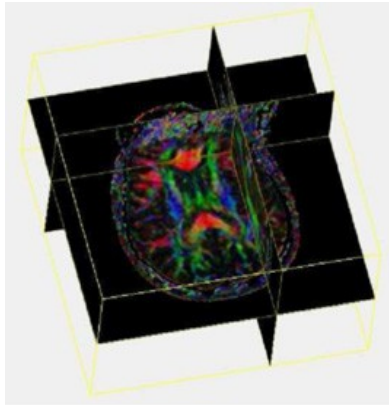
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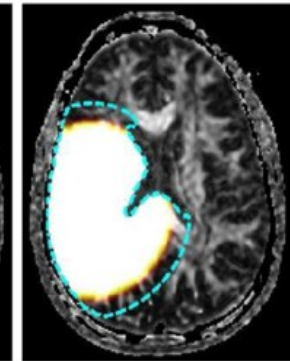
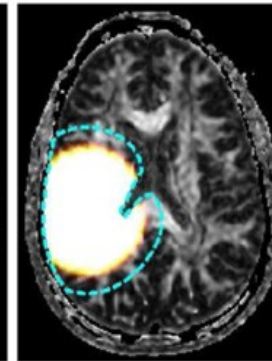
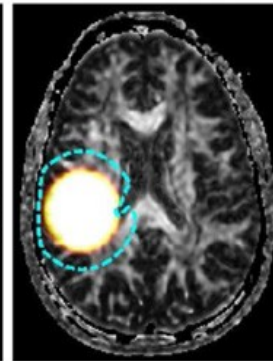
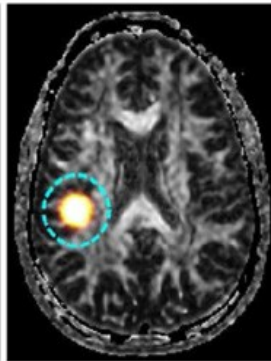
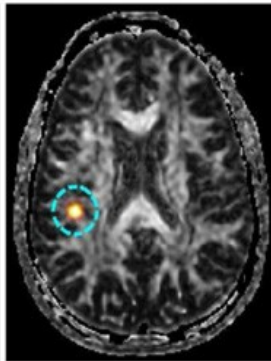
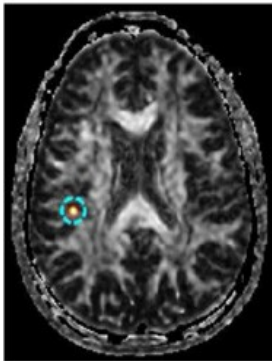
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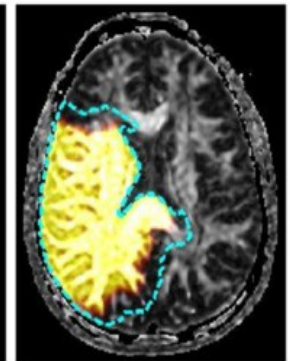
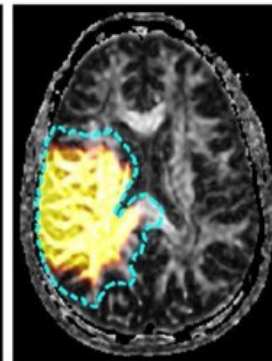
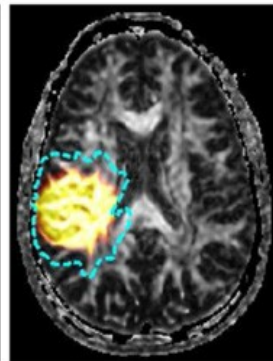
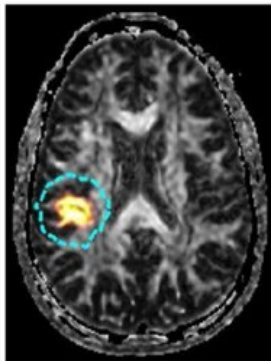
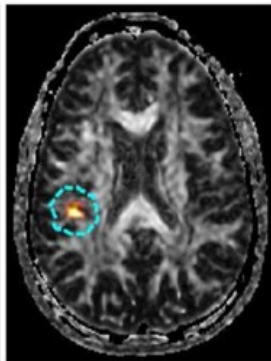
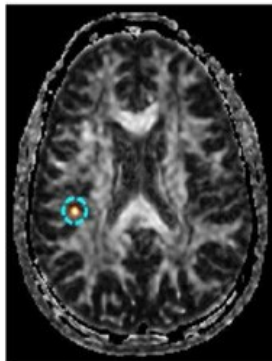
$k=10$

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# ECM Remodelling

- Fibers don't move
- They are degraded by the interaction with the cells

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial t}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = -\mathcal{L}_m(p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}), \mathbf{n}) (m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) - m_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}))$$

$$\mathcal{L}_m \equiv \mathcal{L}_m(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = \int_V \eta_m K(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{n}) p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v}$$

- If fibers on the way of the cells are cut and those along the direction of cell motion are not, e.g.,

$$\bar{K}(|\hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{n}|) = \mu(1 - |\hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{n}|^\beta)$$

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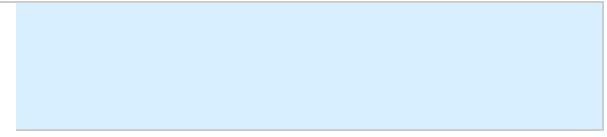
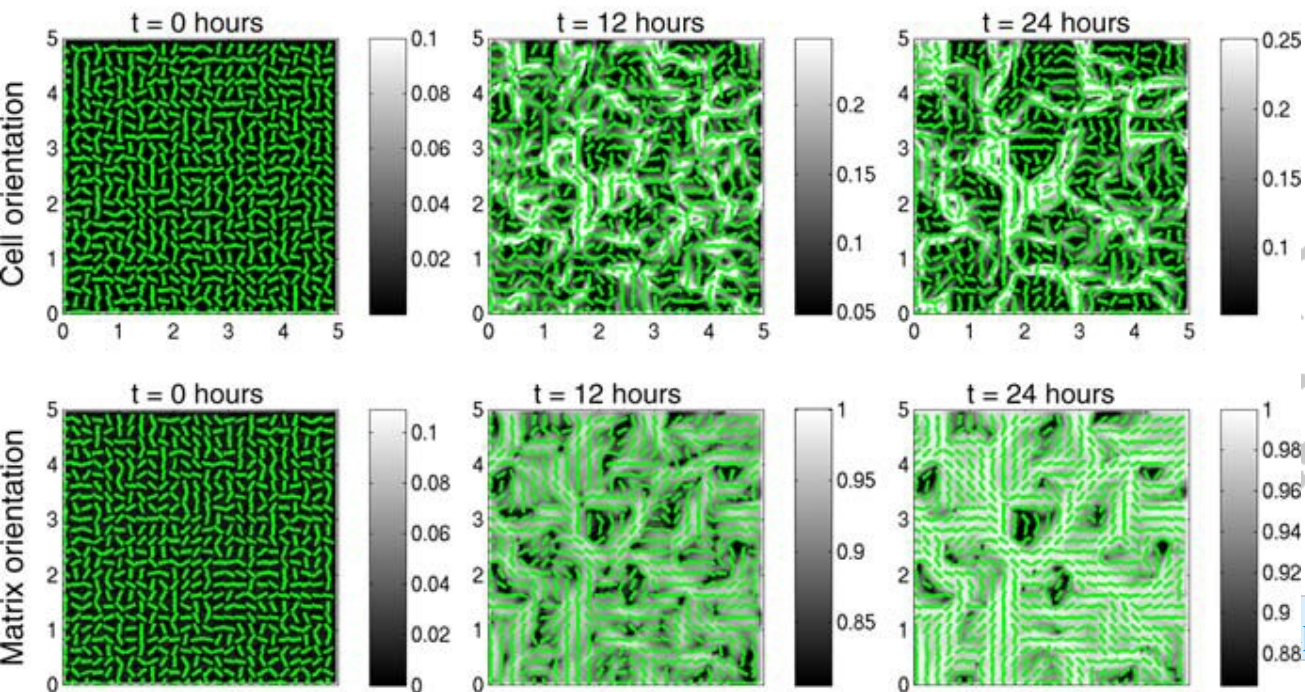
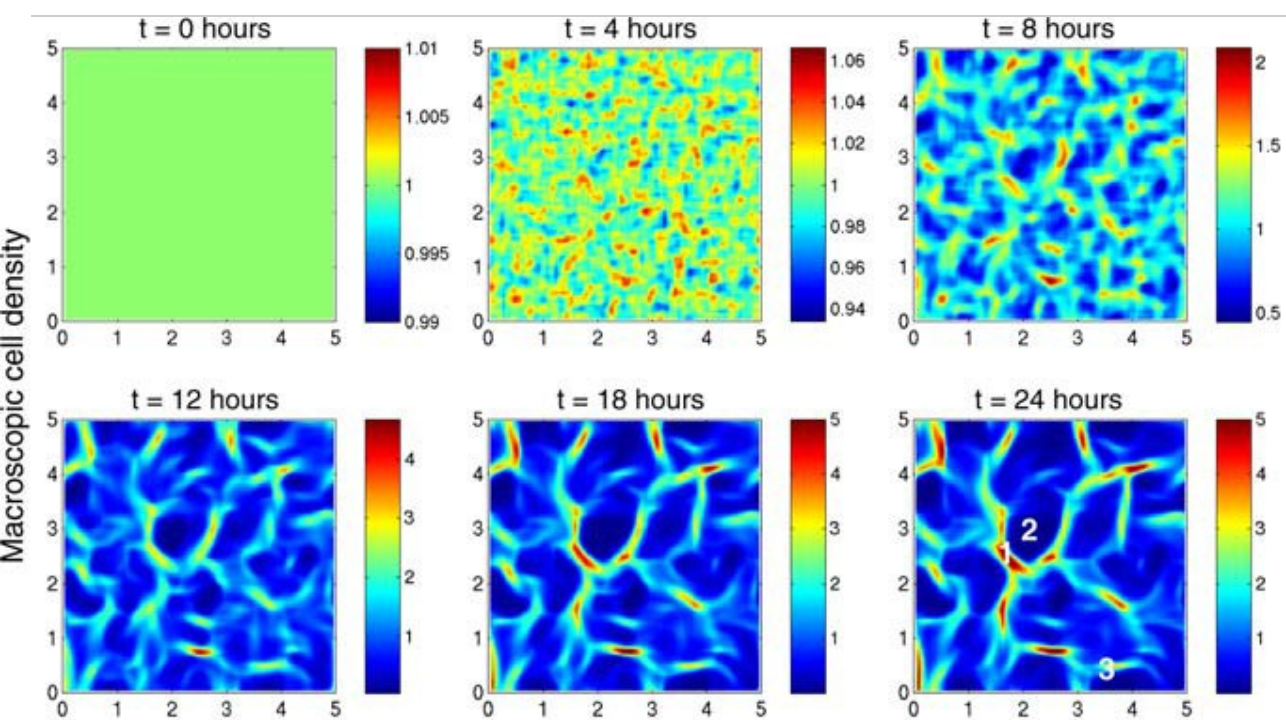
$$c(\mathbf{x}, \theta, t)_t + s_0 \nabla \cdot c(\mathbf{x}, \theta, t) (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

$$= -\mu c(\mathbf{x}, \theta, t) + \mu \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} T(\theta, \theta') c(\mathbf{x}, \theta', t) d\theta'$$

$$m(\mathbf{x}, \phi, t)_t = -\delta \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1 - \psi |\cos(\theta - \phi)|) c(\mathbf{x}, \theta, t) d\theta \right) m(\mathbf{x}, \phi, t).$$

$$T(\theta, \theta') = \begin{cases} \frac{1-b}{2\pi} + b \frac{m(\theta)}{2\bar{m}} & \text{if } \theta \in (-\pi, 0] \\ \frac{1-b}{2\pi} + b \frac{m(\theta - \pi)}{2\bar{m}} & \text{if } \theta \in (0, \pi] \end{cases}$$

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