

# Multiscale Developments of Cellular Potts Model

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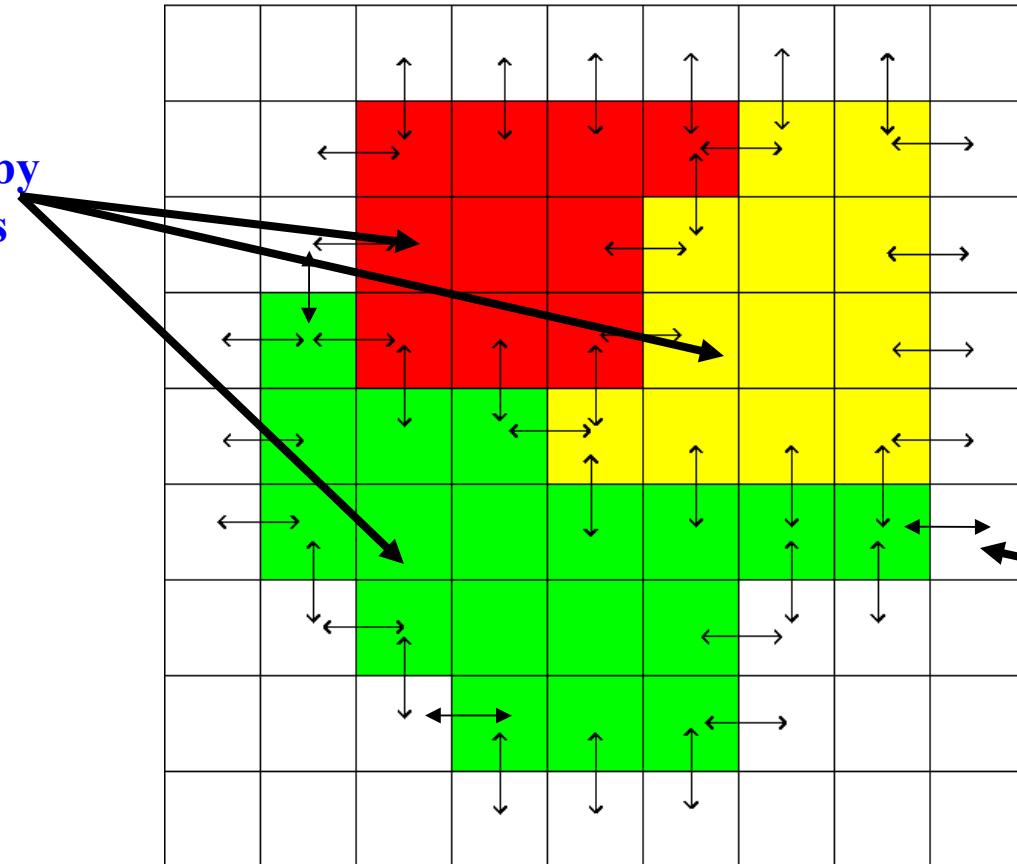
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# Classical Cellular Potts Model

A cell is represented by several nodes



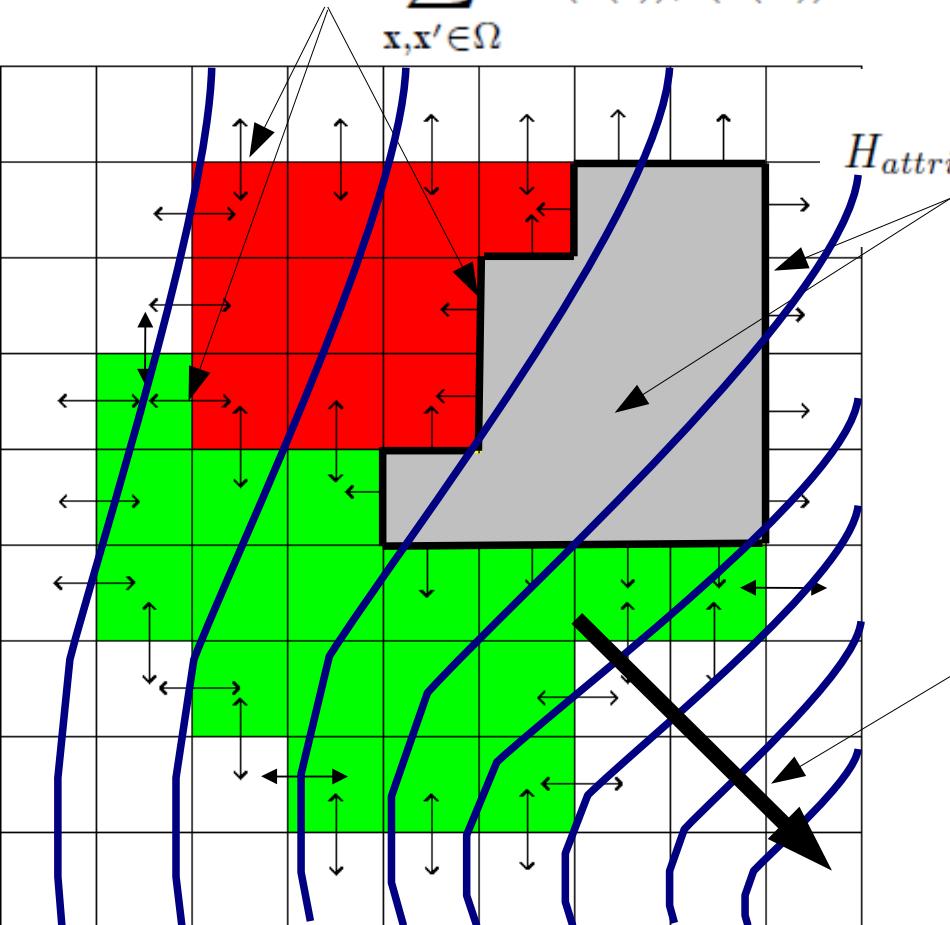
0-noded represent the outer environment, or the extracellular matrix

- Based on a generalized energy  $H$
- Evolution stochastically tries to minimize the system energy

# Cellular Potts Model

$$H(t) = H_{adhesion}(t) + H_{attribute}(t) + H_{force}(t).$$

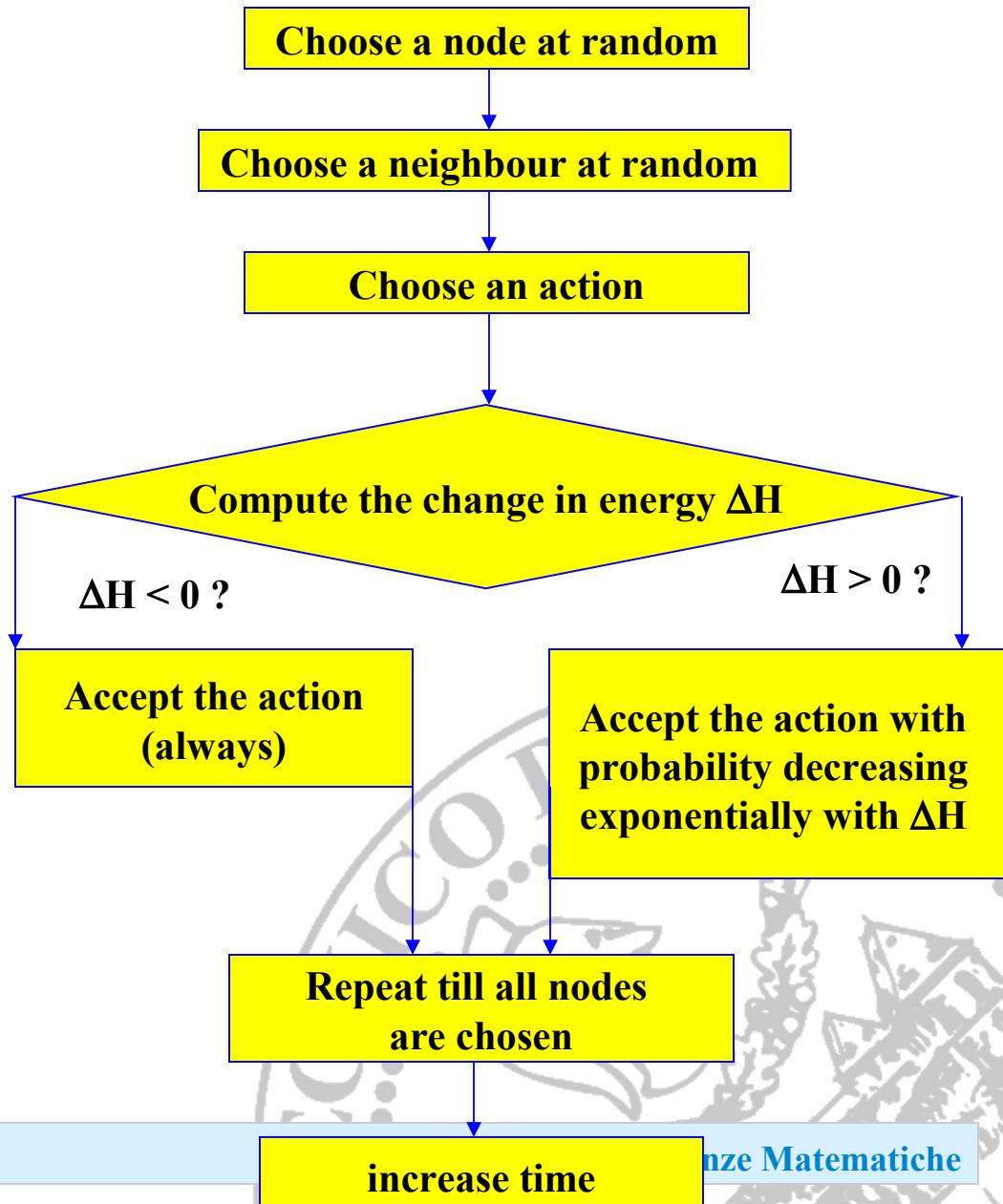
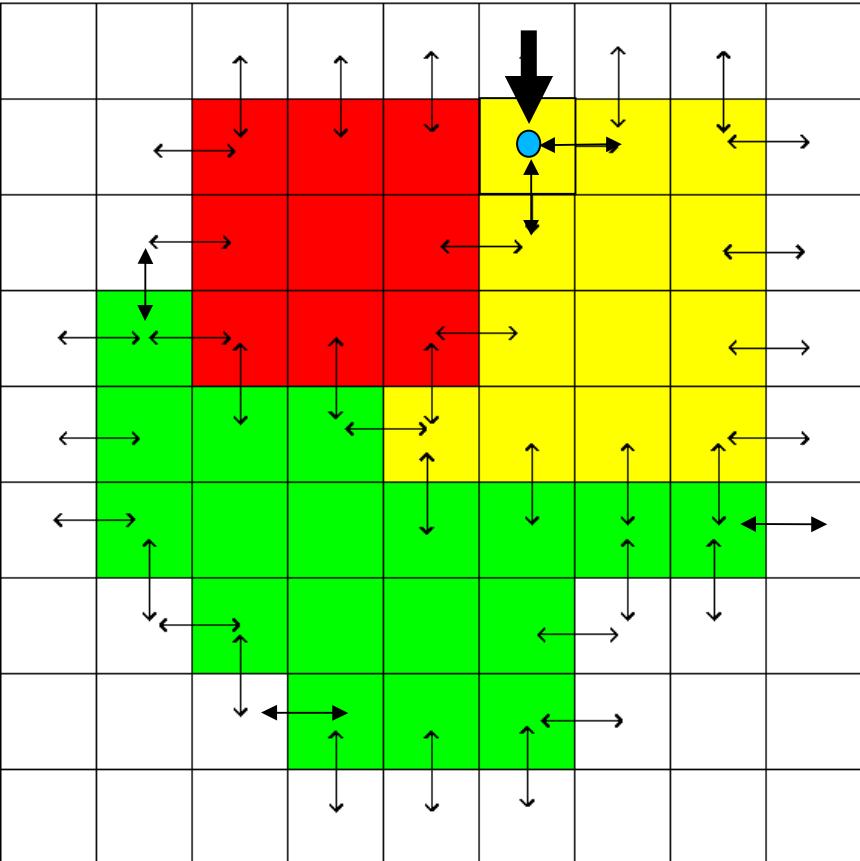
$$H_{adhesion}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \Omega} J_{\tau(\sigma(\mathbf{x})), \tau(\sigma(\mathbf{x}'))}(t) [1 - \delta_{\sigma(\mathbf{x}), \sigma(\mathbf{x}')}(t)],$$



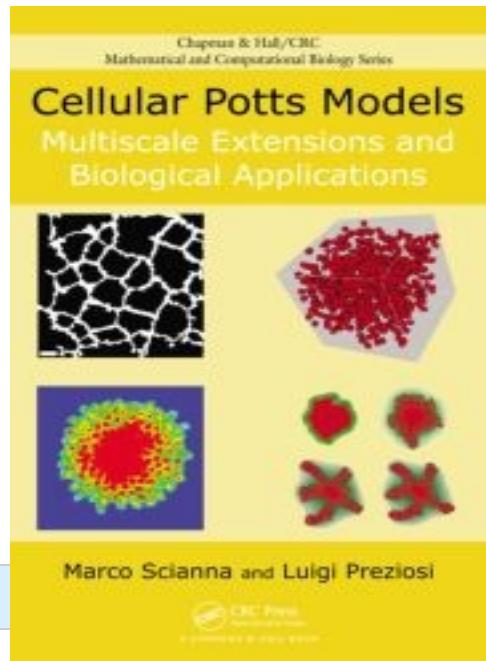
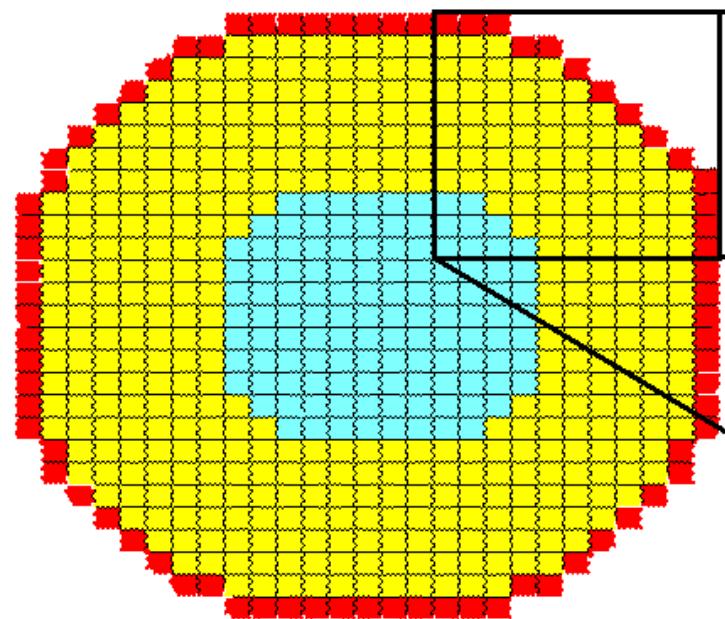
$$H_{attribute}(t) = \sum_{\eta, \sigma, i - \text{attribute}} \lambda_{\eta, \sigma}^i(t) \left| \frac{a_{\eta, \sigma}^i(t) - A_{\eta, \sigma}^i(t)}{a_{\eta, \sigma}^i(t)} \right|^p.$$

$$H_{force}^{chemical}(t) = - \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \sigma} \mu_{\sigma}(t) c(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

# Classical Cellular Potts Model



# Sub-Cellular Components in CPM

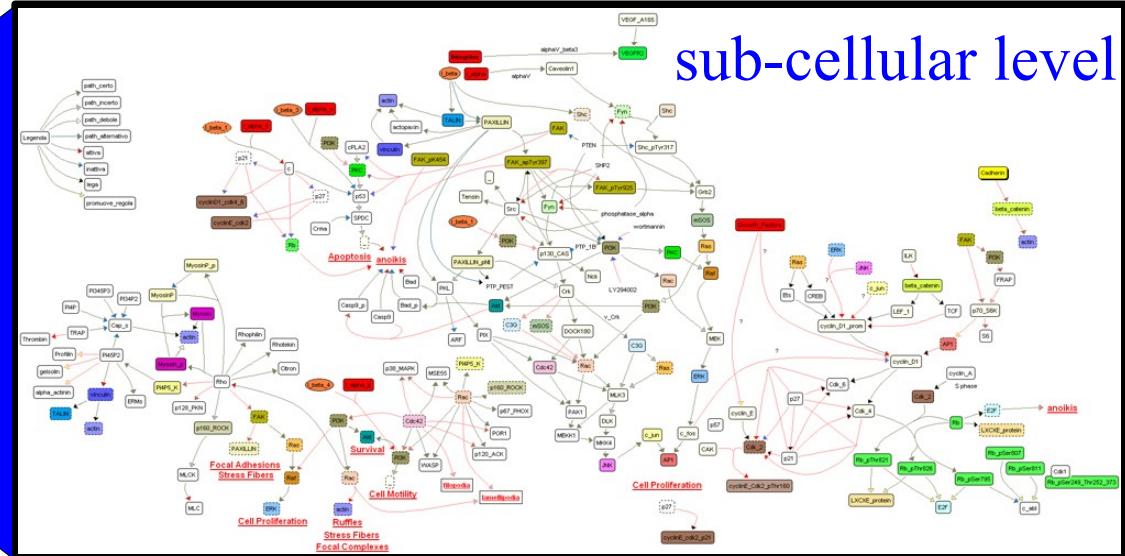
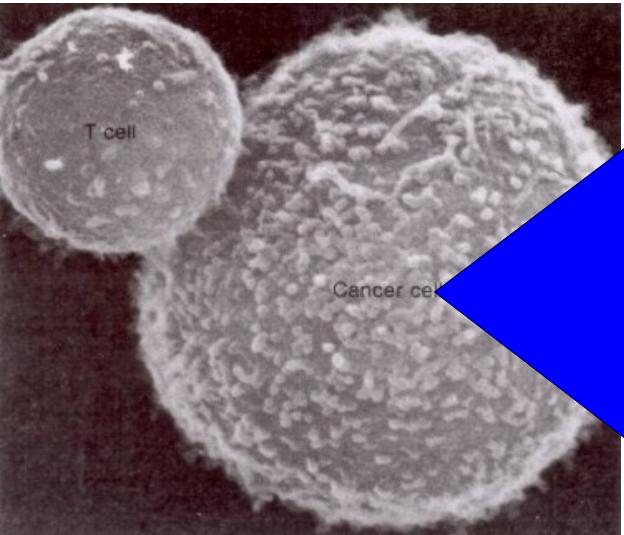


M. Scianna & L.P.,  
*Multiscale Model. Simul.*  
10, 342-382 (2012)

M	M	M	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
C	C	C	M	M	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
C	C	C	C	C	M	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
C	C	C	C	C	C	M	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
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C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	M	Q	Q
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	M	Q
N	N	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	M
N	N	N	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	M
N	N	N	N	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	M



# Protein Networks and Nested Approach



$$H(t) = H_{\text{adhesion}}(t) + H_{\text{attribute}}(t) + H_{\text{force}}(t).$$

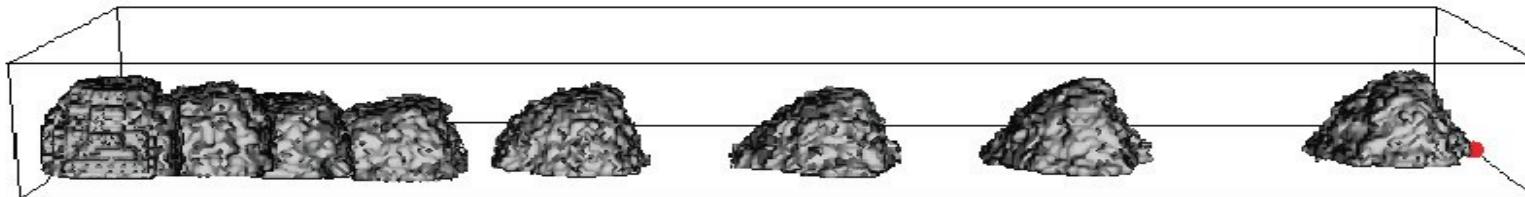
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$$H_{\text{attribute}}(t) = \sum_{\eta, \sigma, i-\text{attribute}} \lambda_{\eta, \sigma}^i(t) \left| \frac{a_{\eta, \sigma}^i(t) - A_{\eta, \sigma}^i(t)}{a_{\eta, \sigma}^i(t)} \right|^p.$$

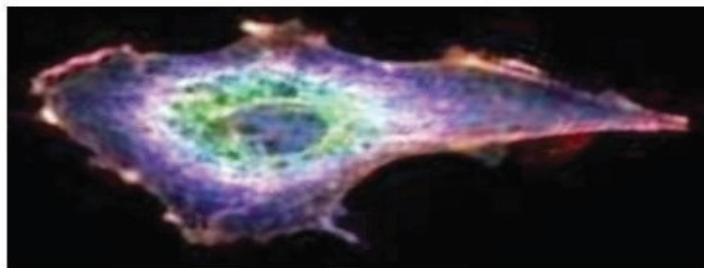
$$H_{\text{force}}^{\text{chemical}}(t) = - \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \sigma} \mu_{\sigma}(t) e(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

$$P(\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{\text{source}}) \rightarrow \sigma(\mathbf{x}_{\text{target}}))(t) = \tanh(\varepsilon T_{\Sigma_{\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{\text{source}})}}(t)) \min\{1, e^{-\Delta H|_{\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{\text{source}}) \rightarrow \sigma(\mathbf{x}_{\text{target}})}} / T_{\Sigma_{\sigma(\mathbf{x}_{\text{source}})}}(t)\}$$

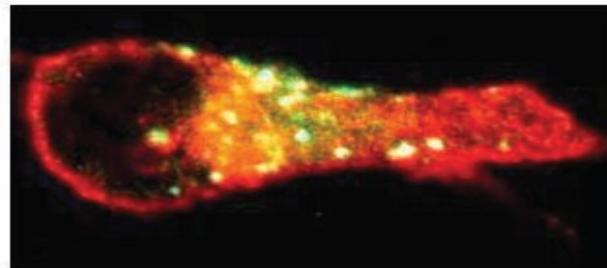
# Moving cell morphology with CPM



Classical CPM



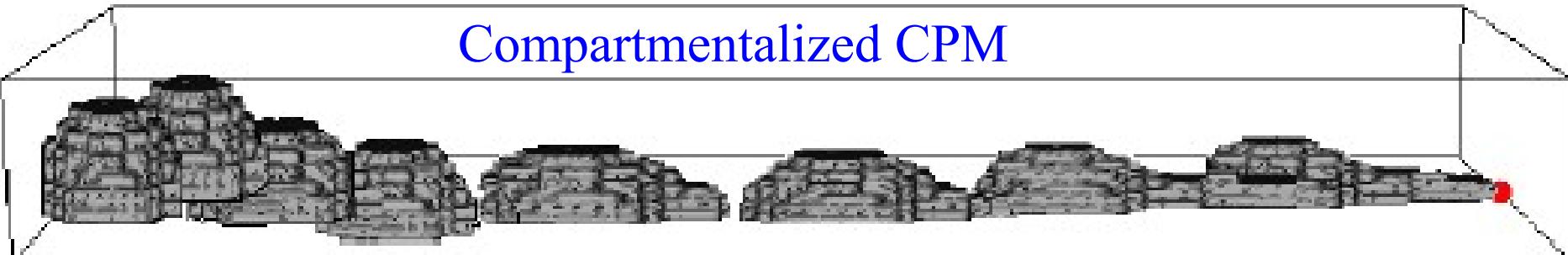
5  $\mu$ m



----- direction of movement ----->

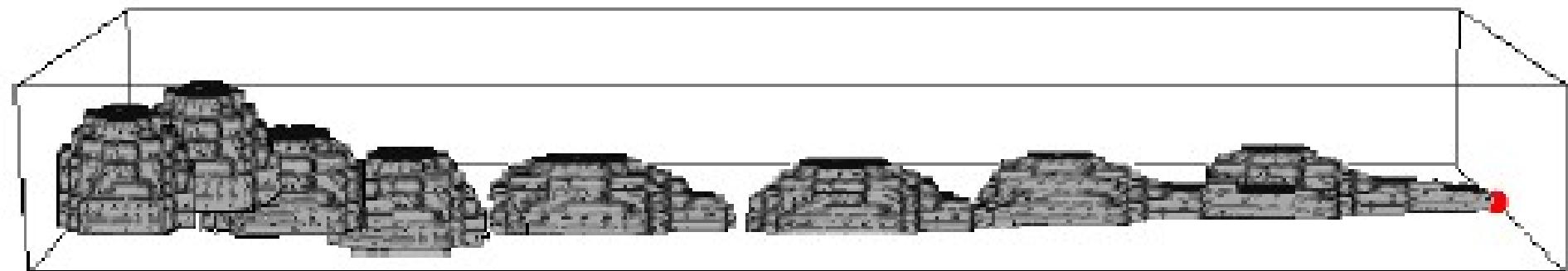
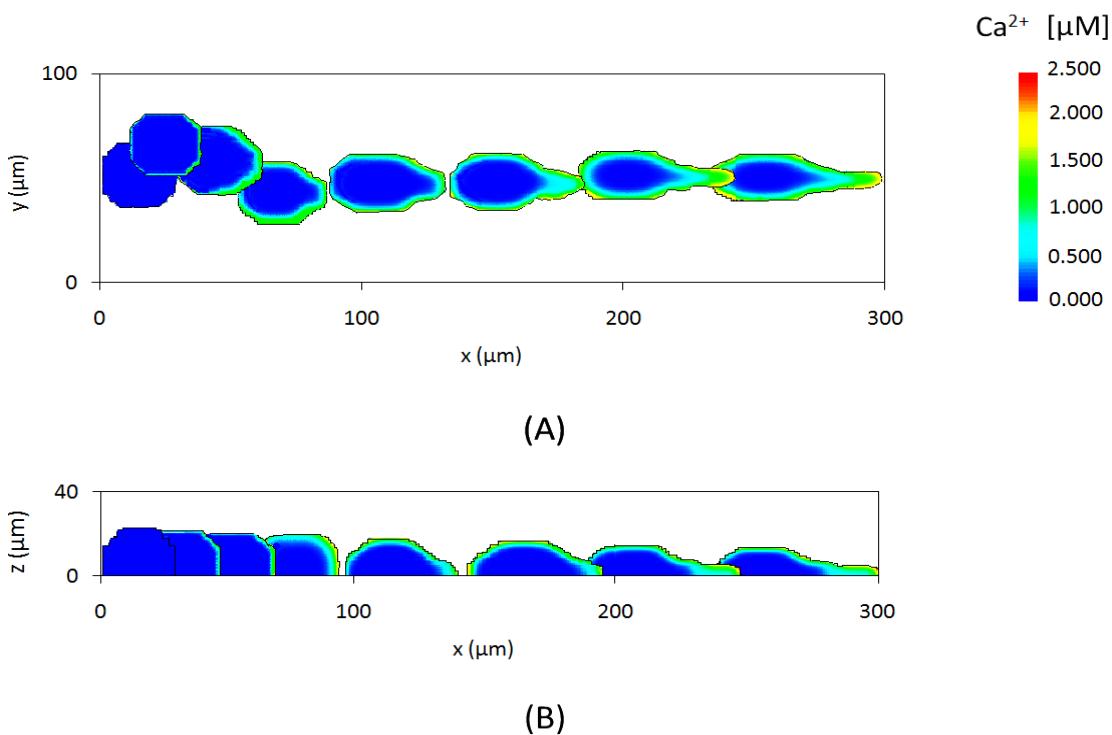
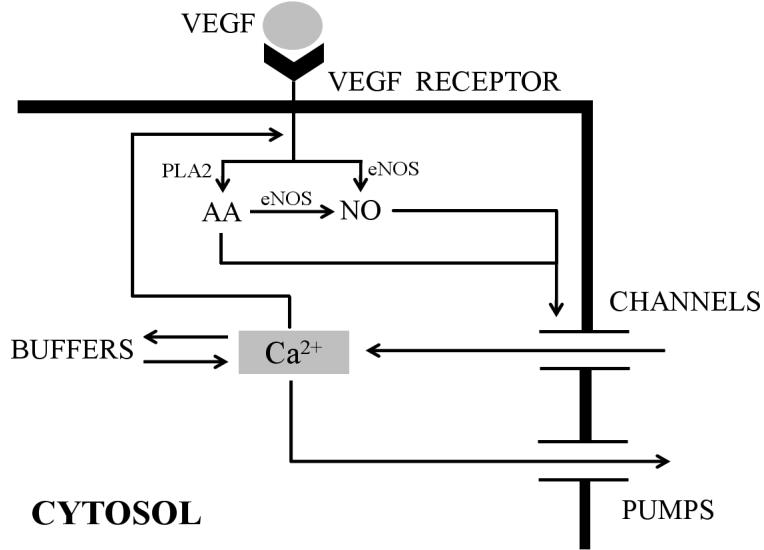


Compartmentalized CPM

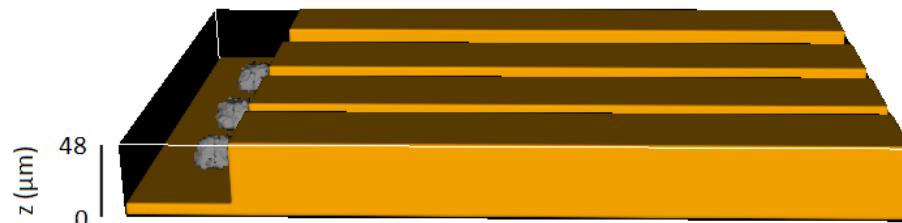
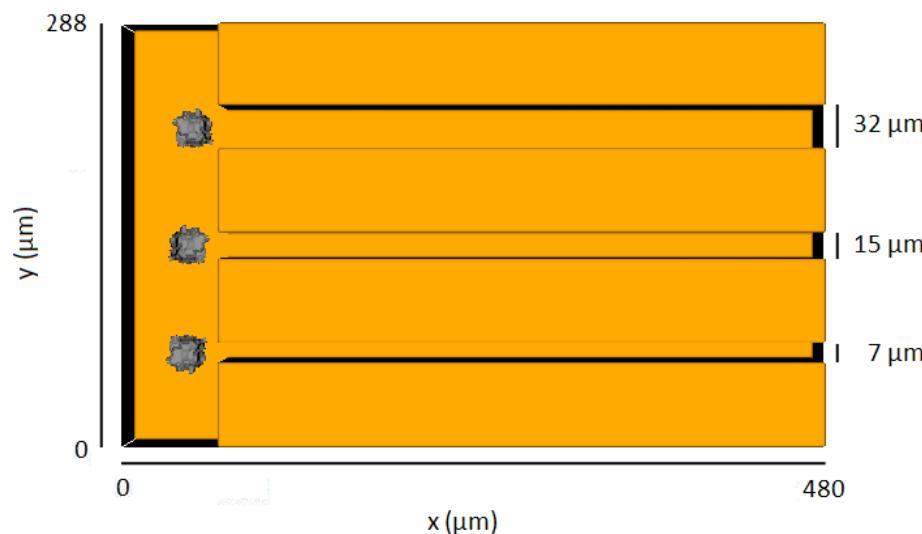


# Moving cell morphology with CPM

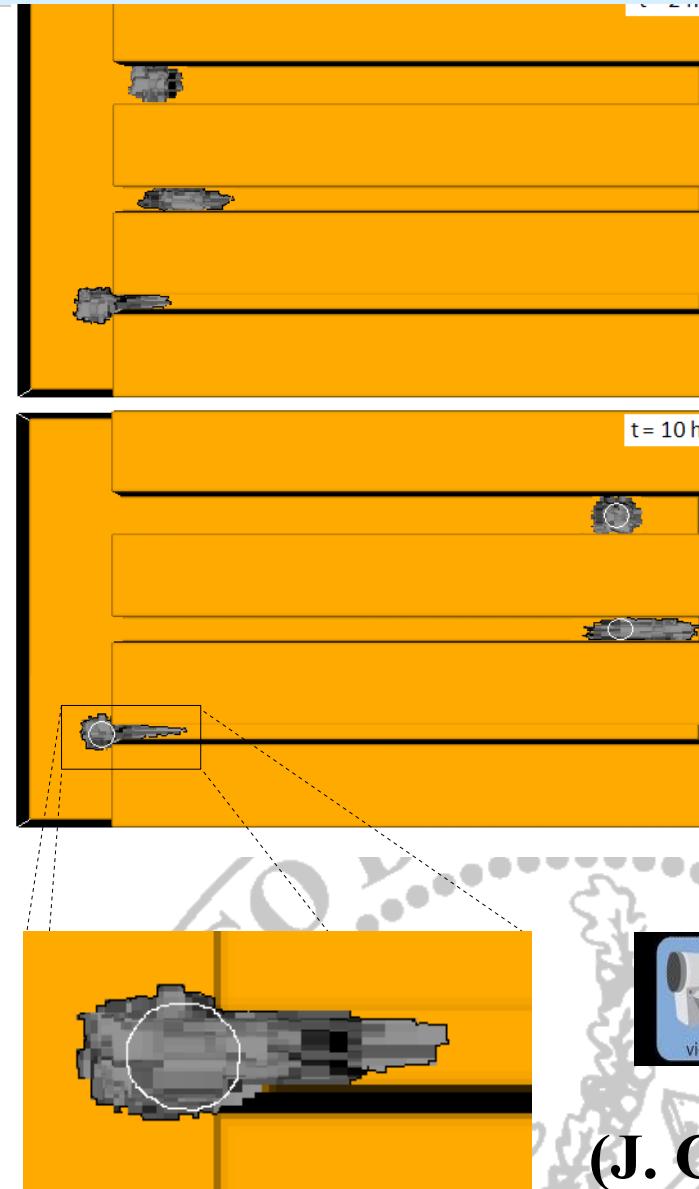
## EXTRACELLULAR ENVIRONMENT



# Rigid nucleus in microchannels



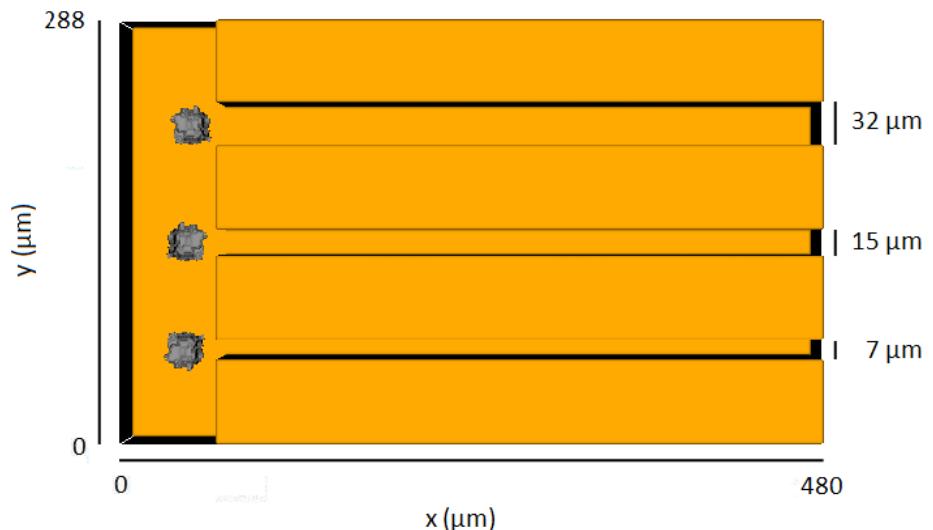
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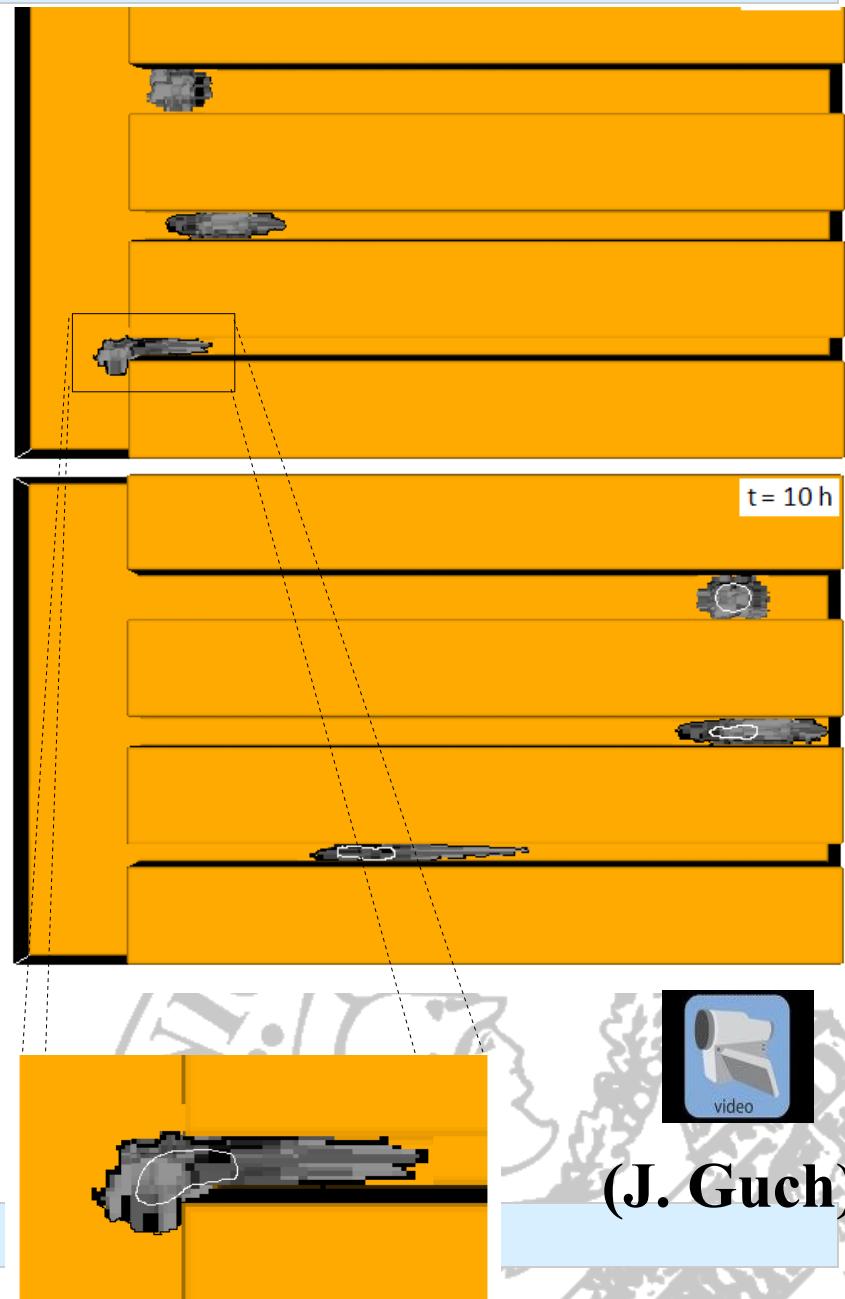
(J. Guch)

Rolli et al. PlosOne, 5, e8726 (2010)

# Deformable nucleus in microchannels



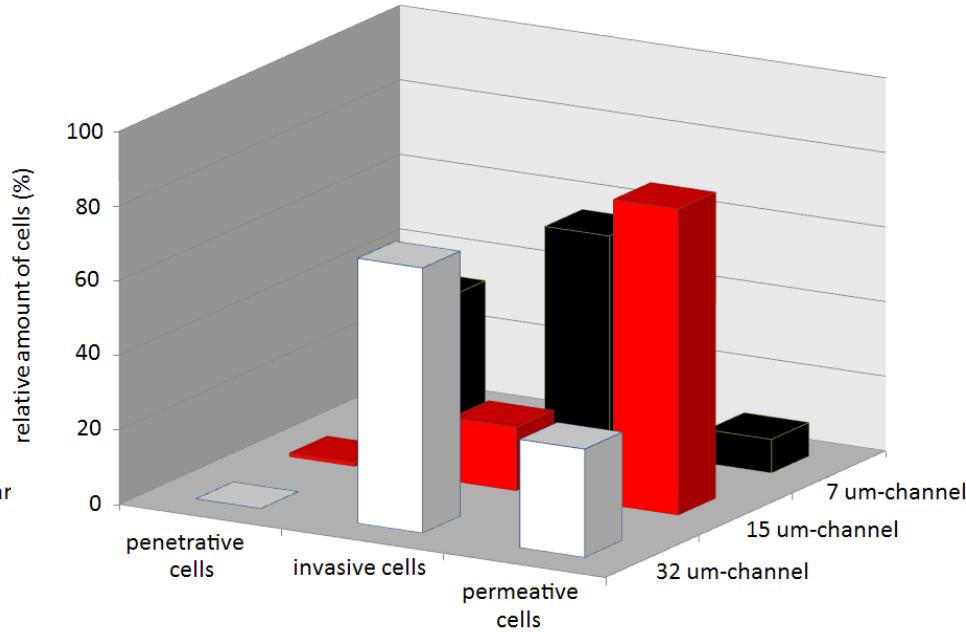
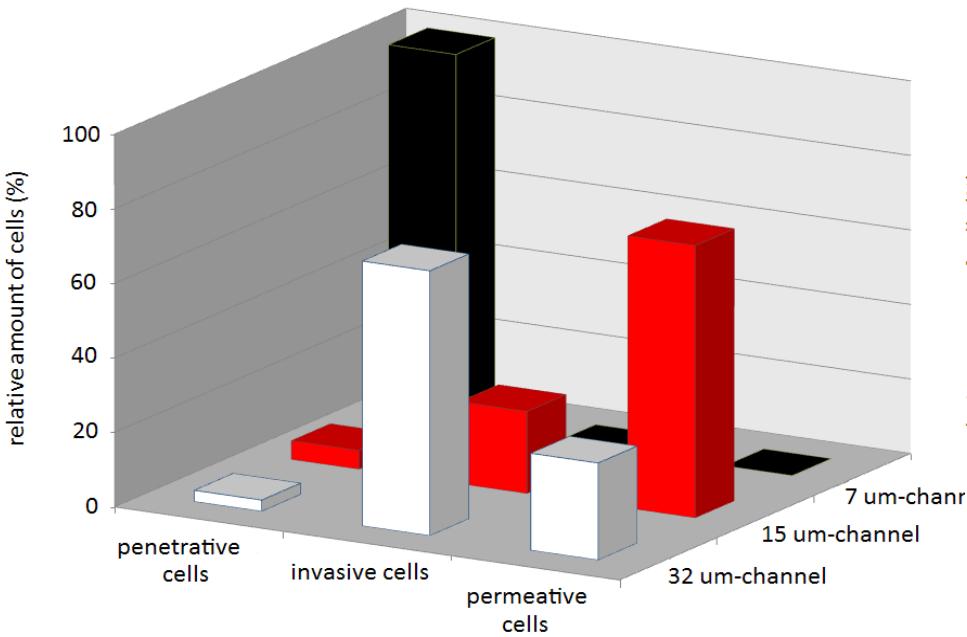
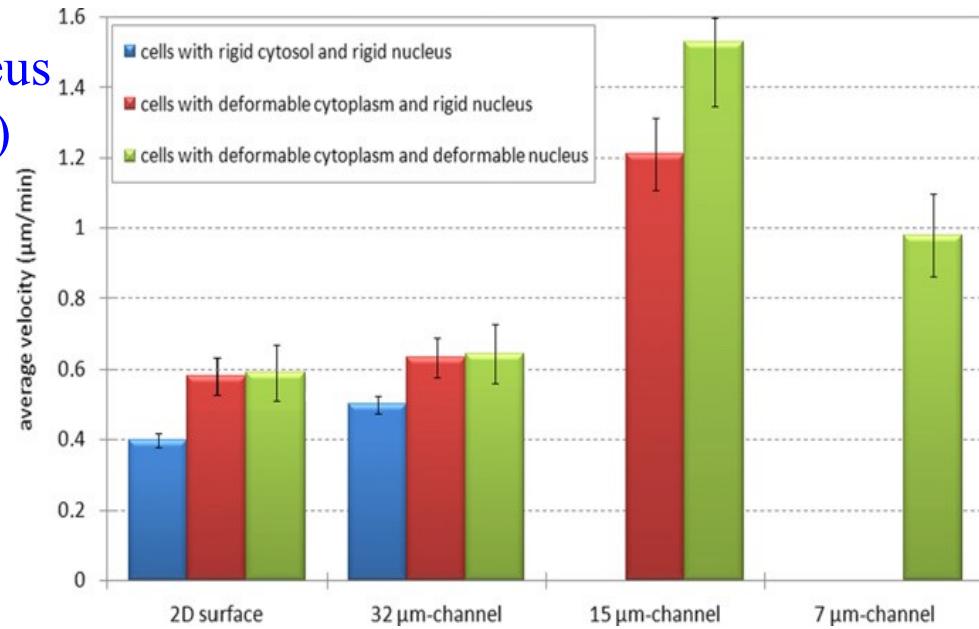
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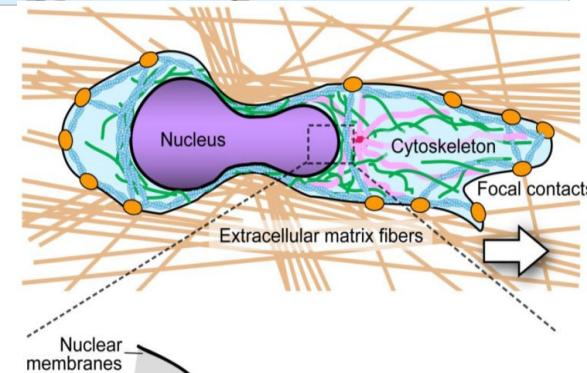
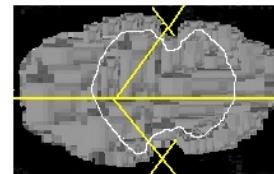
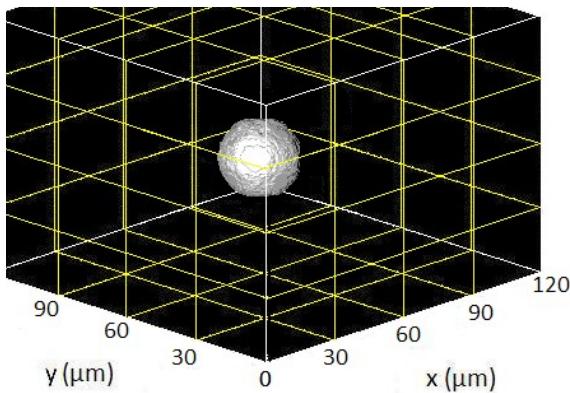
# Influence of nucleus rigidity

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- Invasive
- Permeative

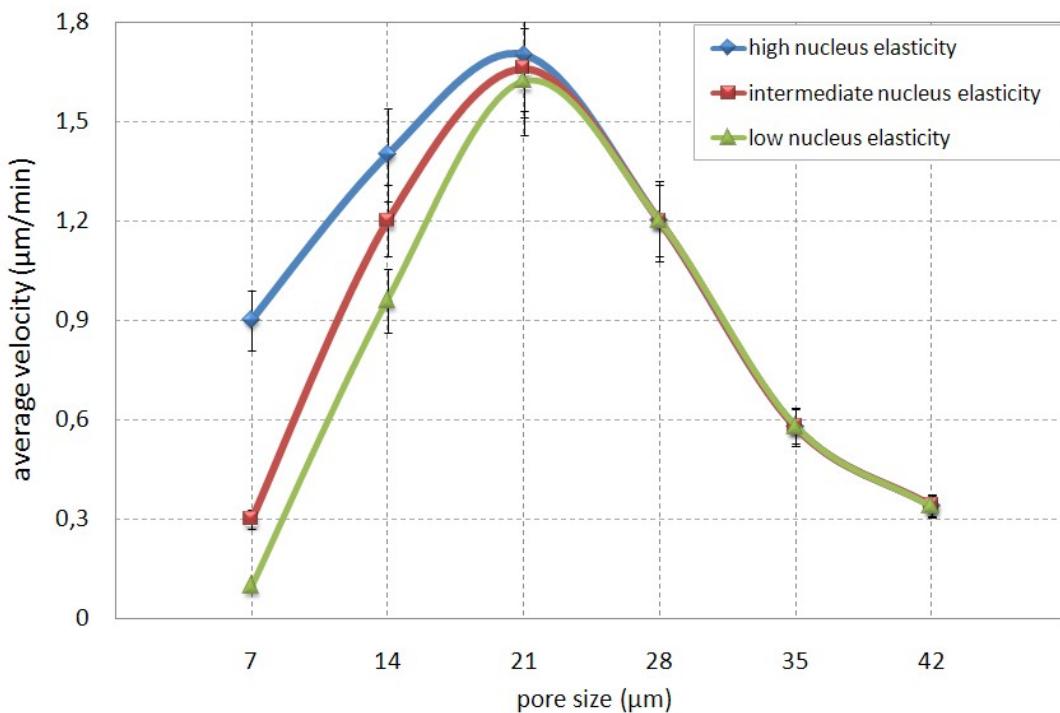
- = Stay out with the nucleus  
(not with the cytoplasm)
- = Enter but do not reach  
the other side
- = Enter and reach  
the other side



# Influence of nucleus rigidity



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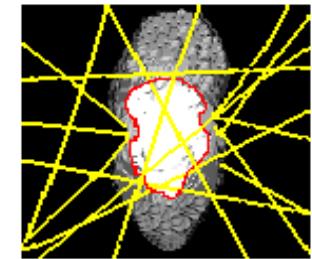
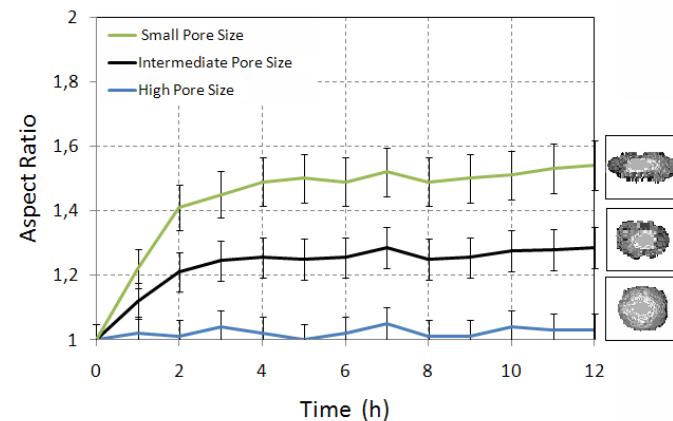
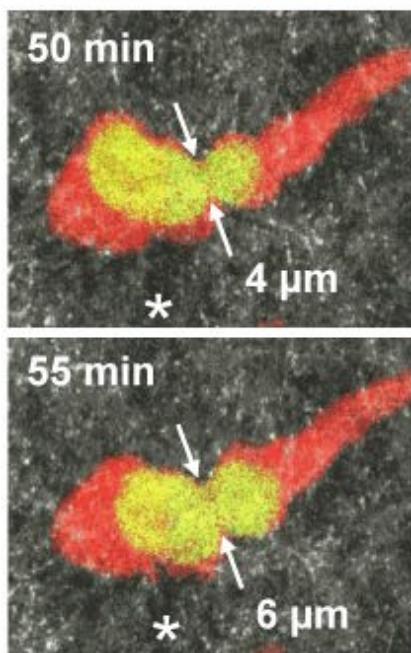
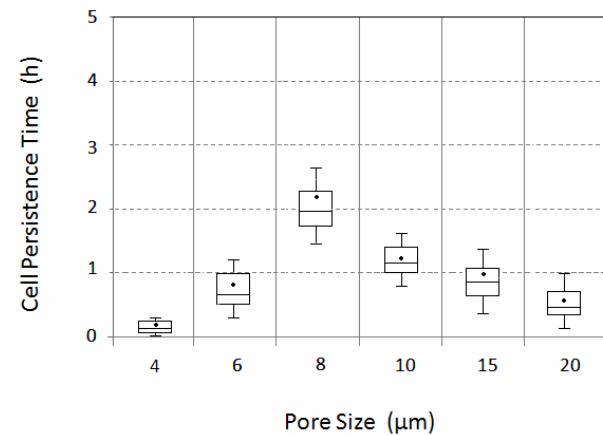
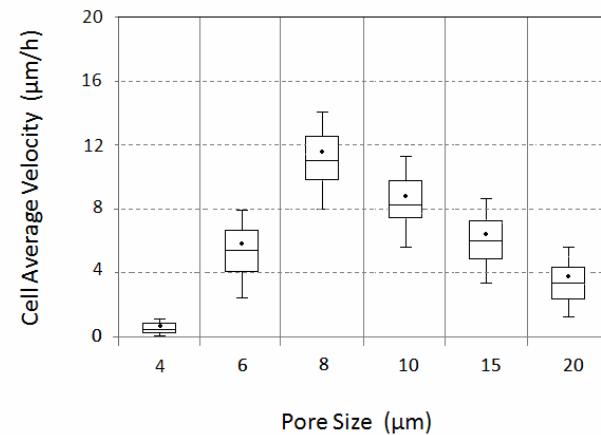
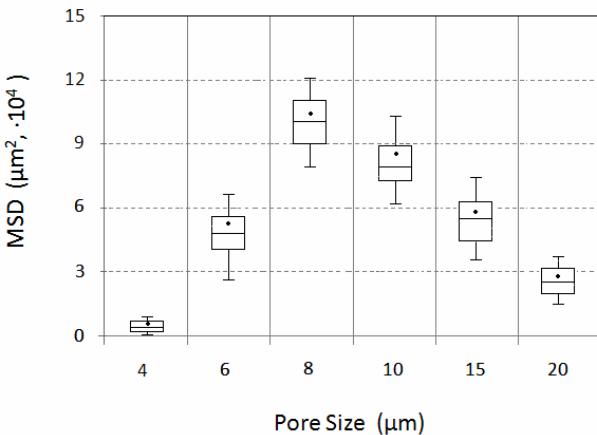


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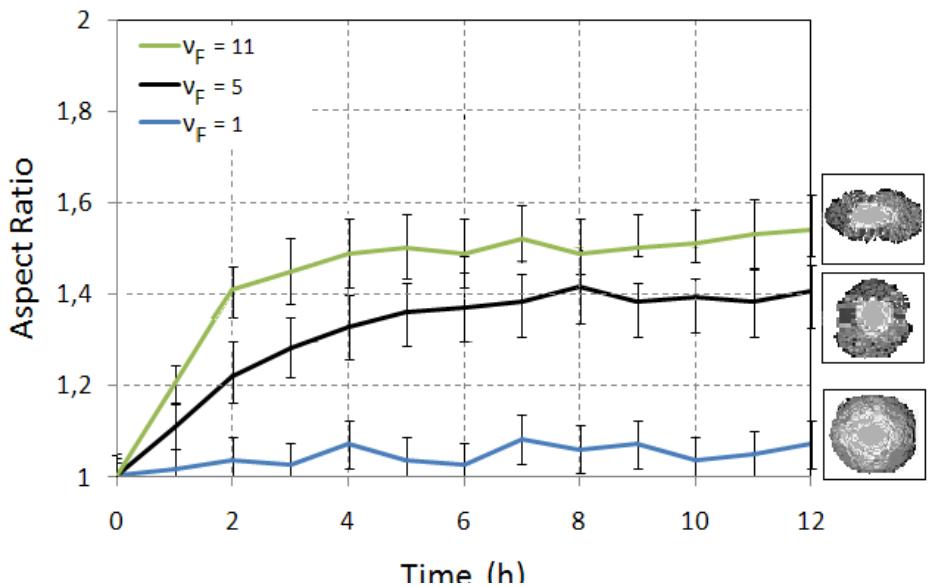
# Effect of pore size

pore size

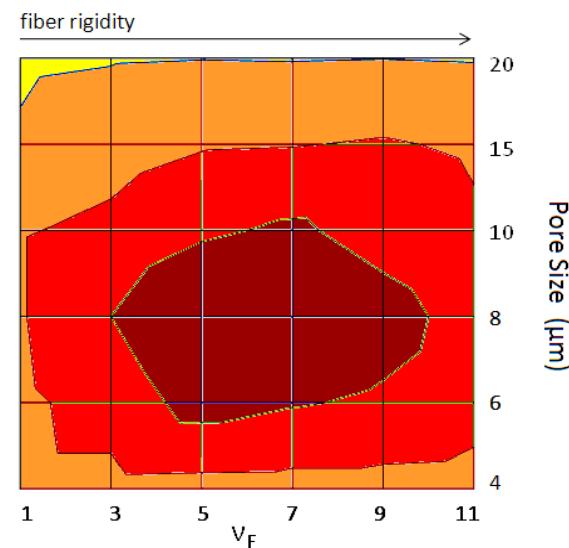
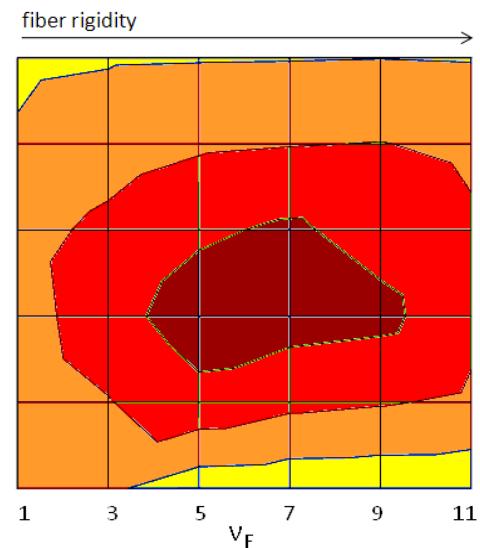
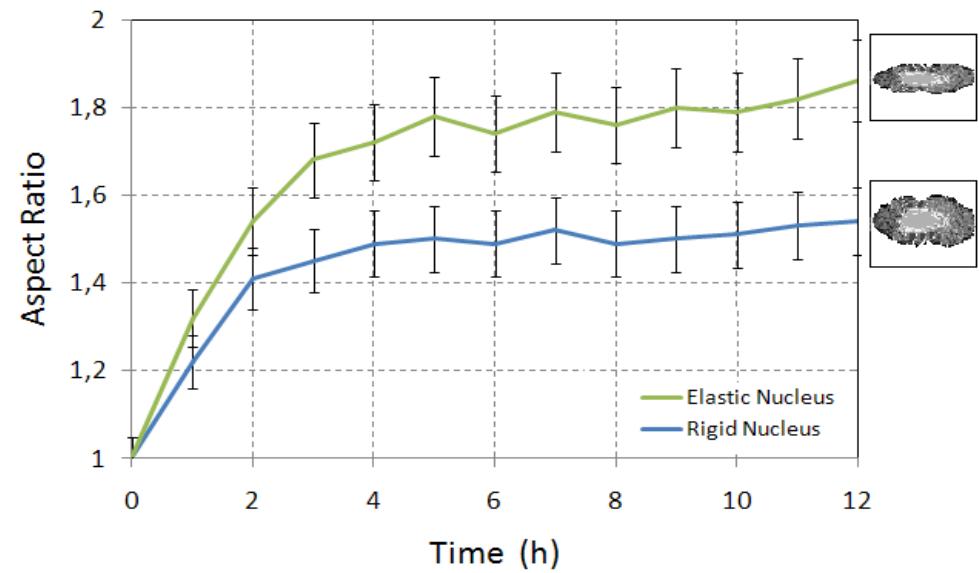


# Effect of deformability

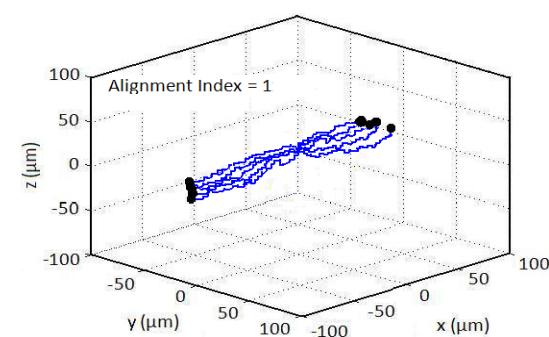
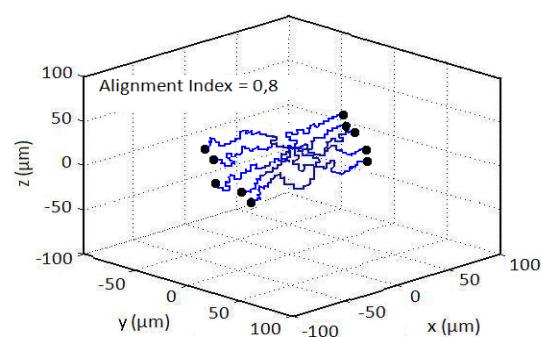
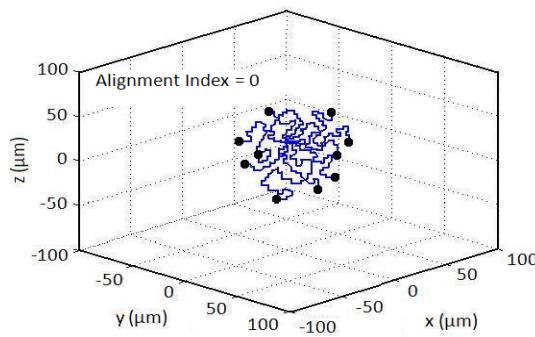
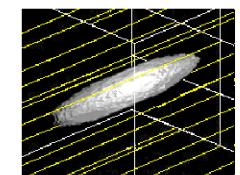
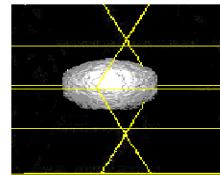
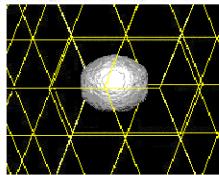
## Varying fiber elasticity



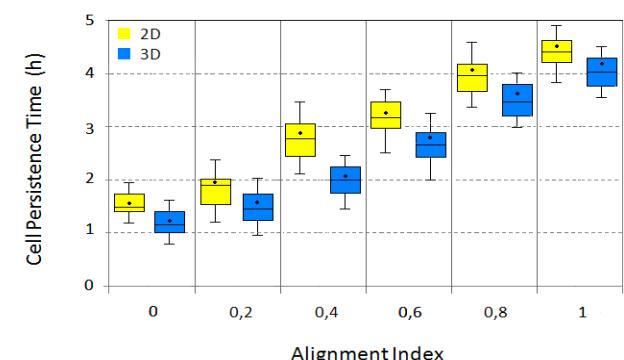
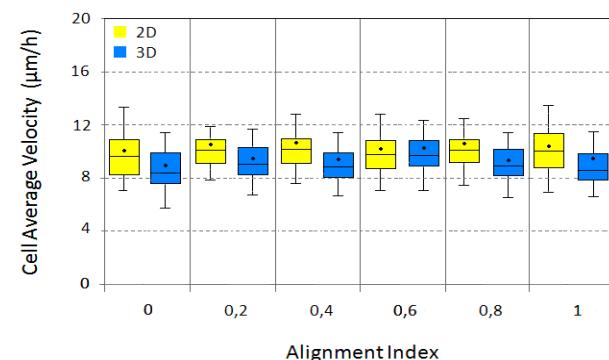
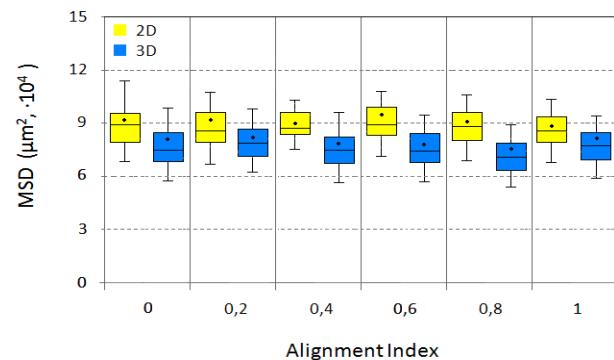
## Varying nucleus elasticity



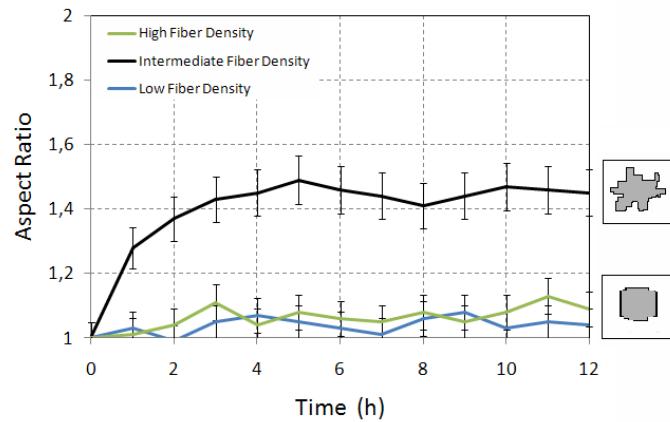
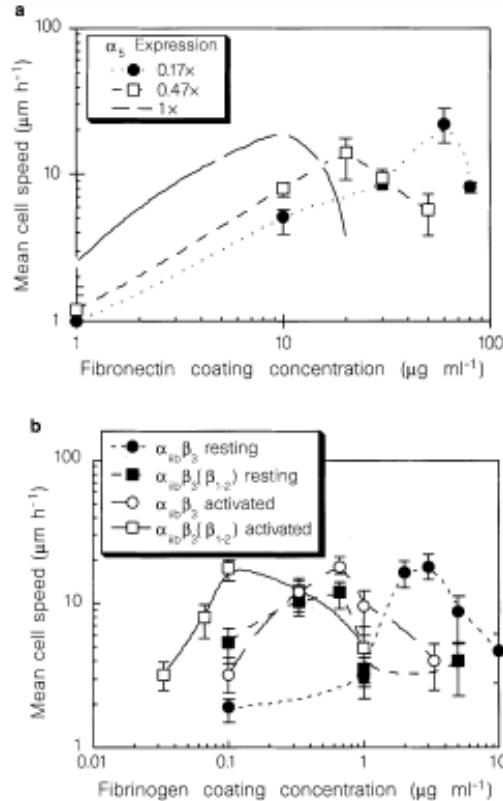
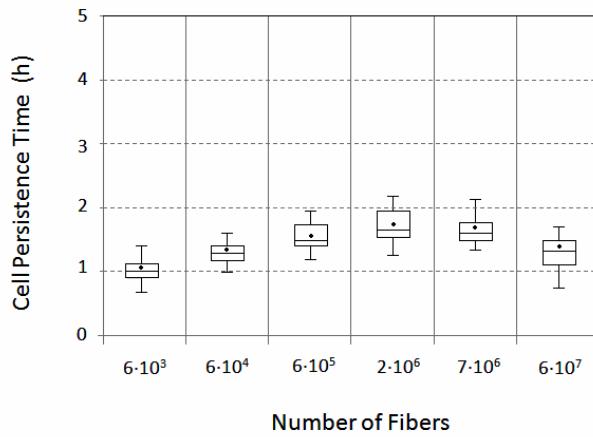
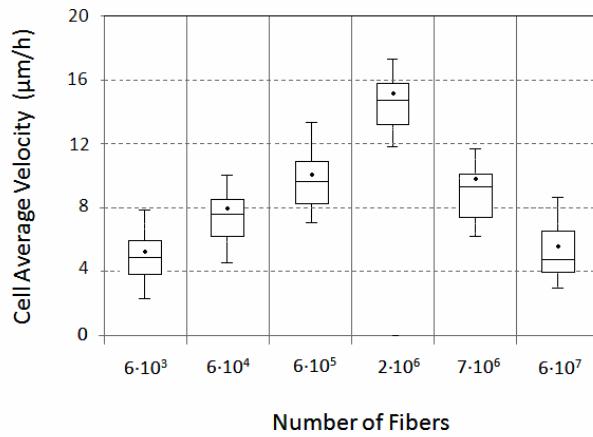
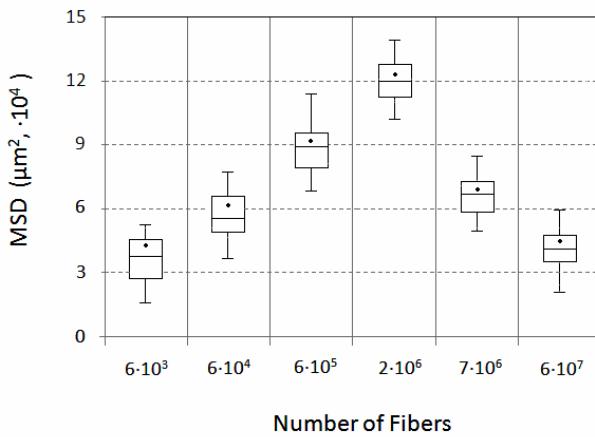
# Single cell invasion in anisotropic ECM



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# Effect of adhesion in 2D



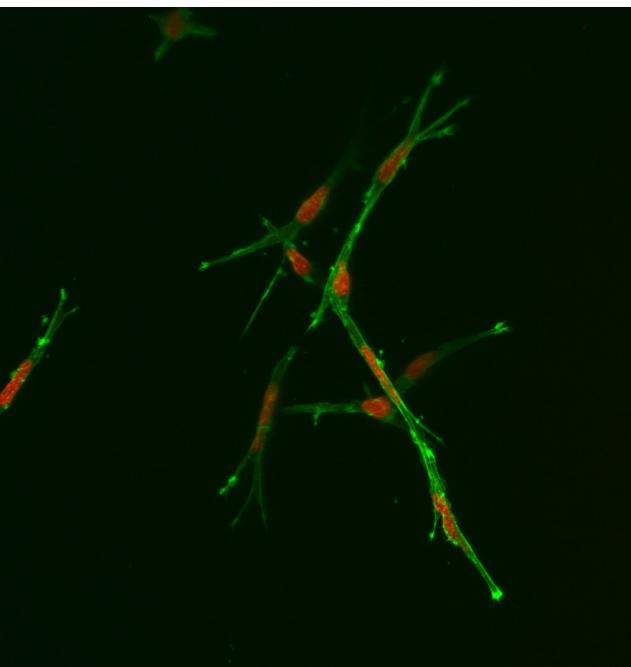
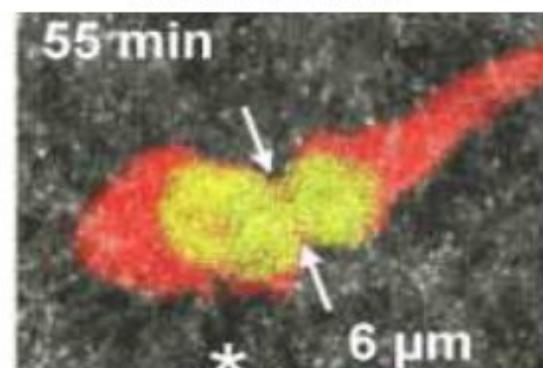
Palecek et al.,  
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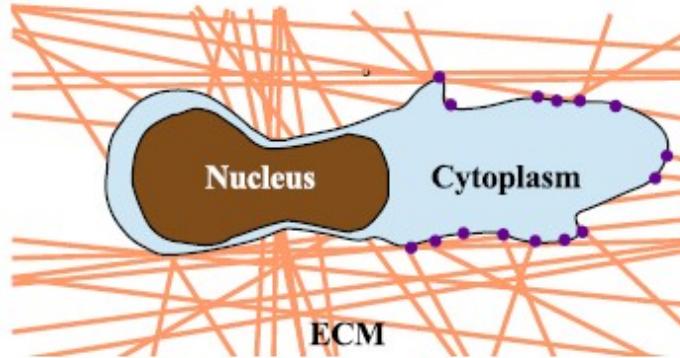
# Continuous Criterium for Invasion

Giverso & L.P., Biomech. Model. Mechanobiol.

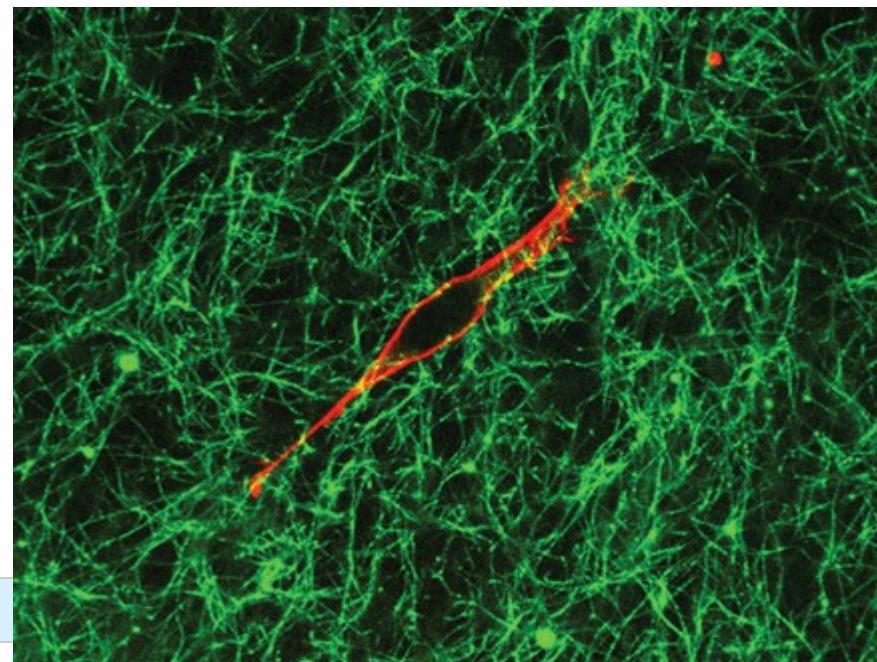
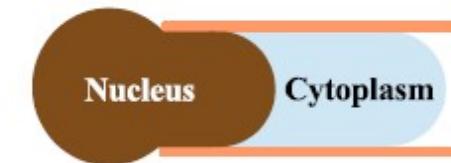
BIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENT



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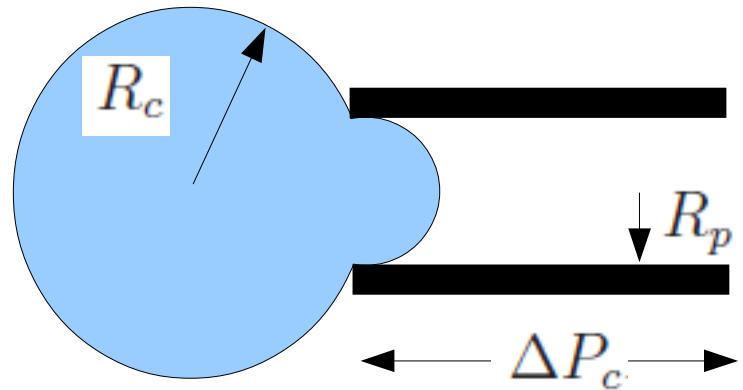


MATHEMATICAL REPRESENTATION



# Continuous Criterium for Invasion

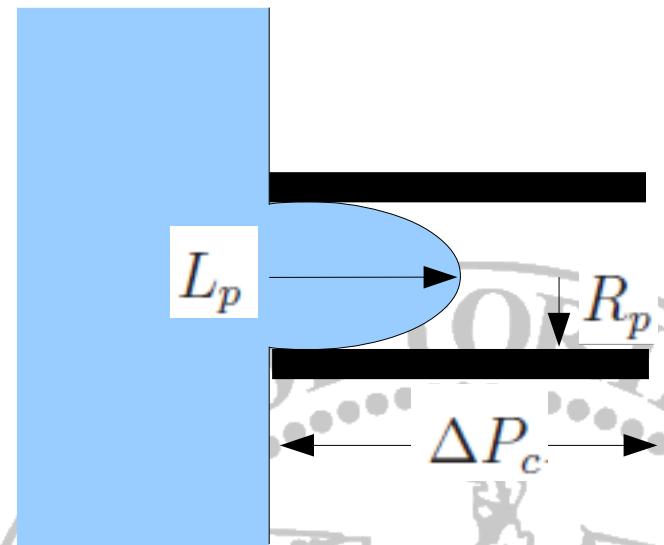
Evans:  $\frac{\Delta P_c R_p}{T_c} = 2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_p}{R_c} \right)$



Chien:  $\frac{\Delta P R_p}{\gamma} = 2.45 \frac{L_p}{R_p} \quad \left( \frac{L_p}{R_p} > 1 \right)$

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Shear elastic modulus of the membrane



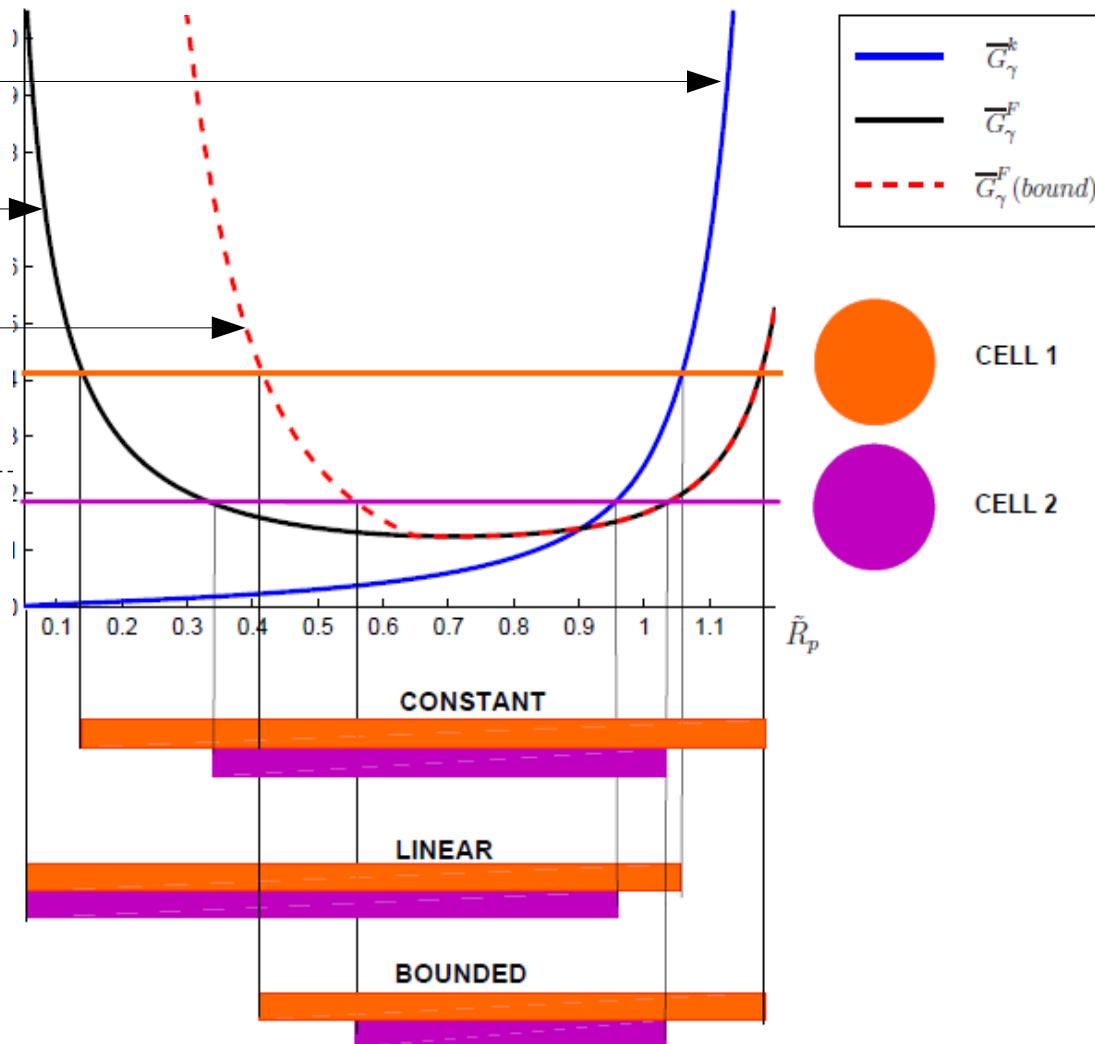
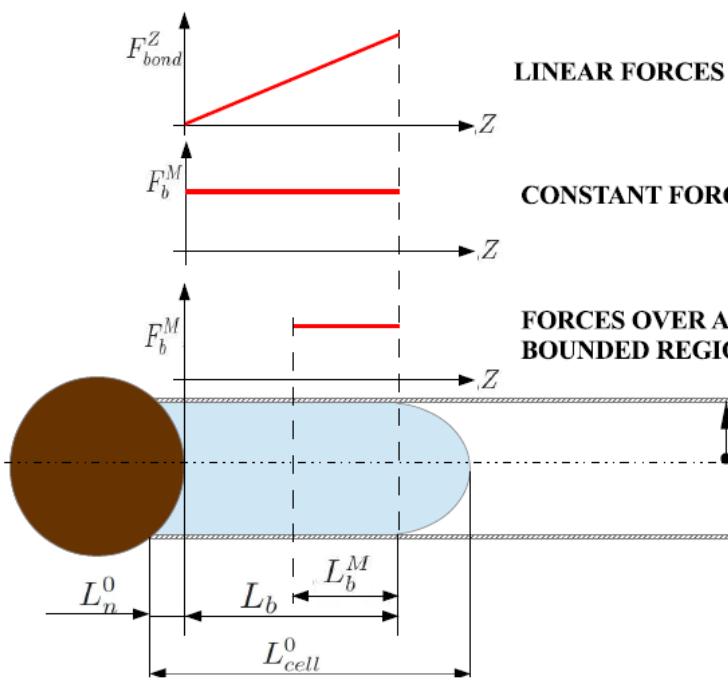
Brugués et al., *PNAS*, 107, 15415-15420 (2010)

# Chien's model

$$\pi R_p^2 \Delta P \approx F_{adhesion}^Z$$

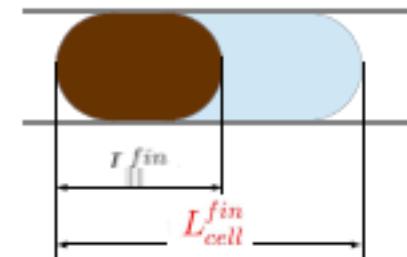
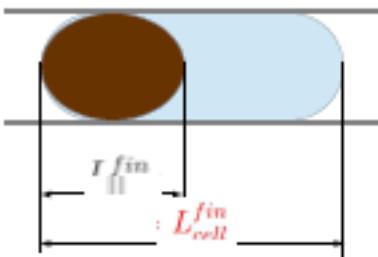
$$G_\gamma^F = \frac{\rho_b \alpha_{ECM} F_b^M R_n}{\gamma}$$

$$G_\gamma^k = \frac{\rho_b \alpha_{ECM} k_b R_n^2}{\gamma}$$



# Elastic membrane

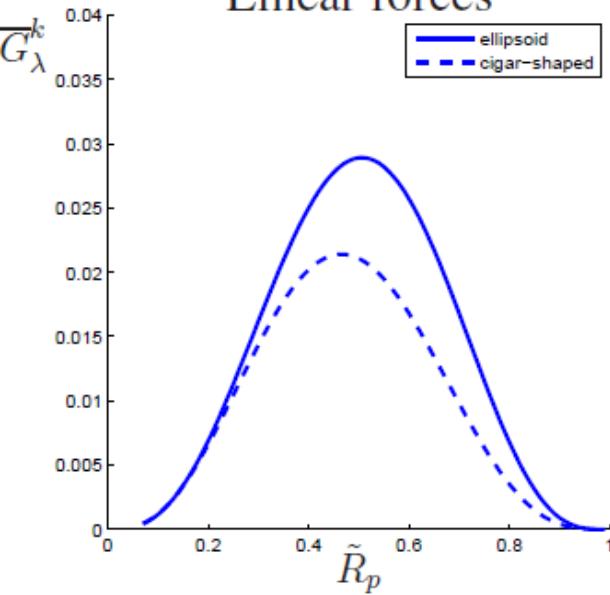
$$\mathcal{W}_{tot}^S = \lambda(\Delta S)^2$$



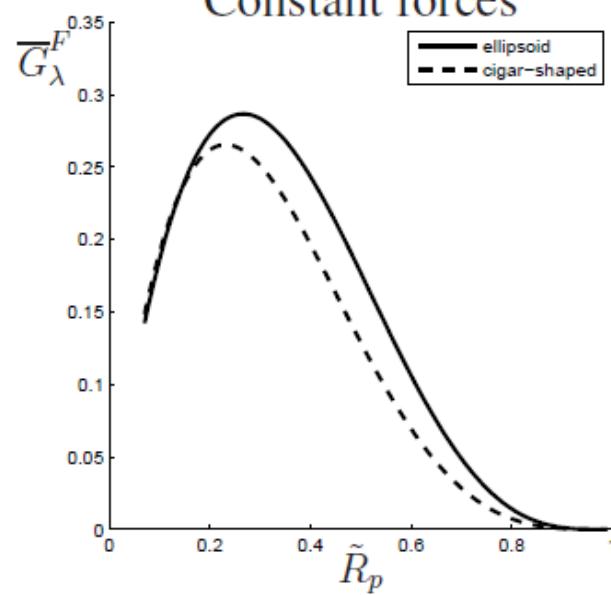
$$G_\lambda^k = \frac{\rho_b \alpha_{ECM} k_b}{\lambda}$$

$$G_\lambda^F = \frac{\rho_b \alpha_{ECM} F_b^M / R_n}{\lambda}$$

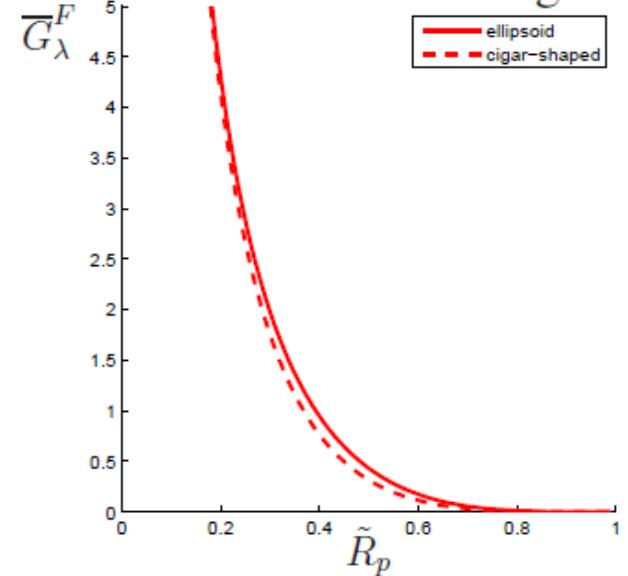
Linear forces



Constant forces

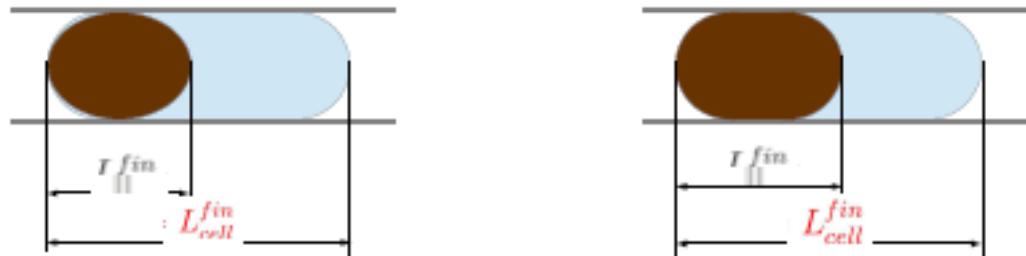


Bounded adhesive region



# Elastic solid

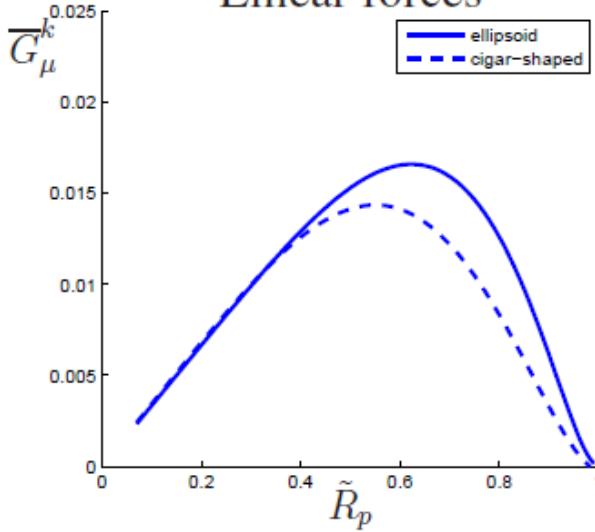
$$\mathcal{W}^V = \frac{\mu}{2} [\text{tr}(\bar{\mathbb{C}}) - 3]$$



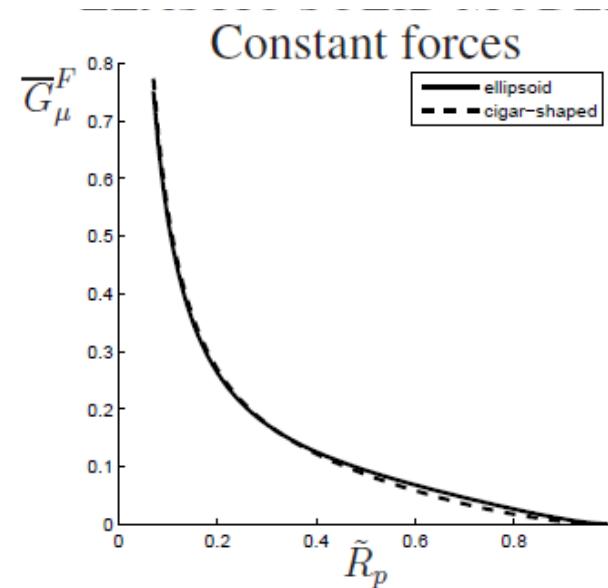
$$G_{\mu}^k = \frac{\rho_b \alpha_{ECM} k_b R_n}{\mu}$$

$$G_{\mu}^F = \frac{\rho_b \alpha_{ECM} F_b^M}{\mu}$$

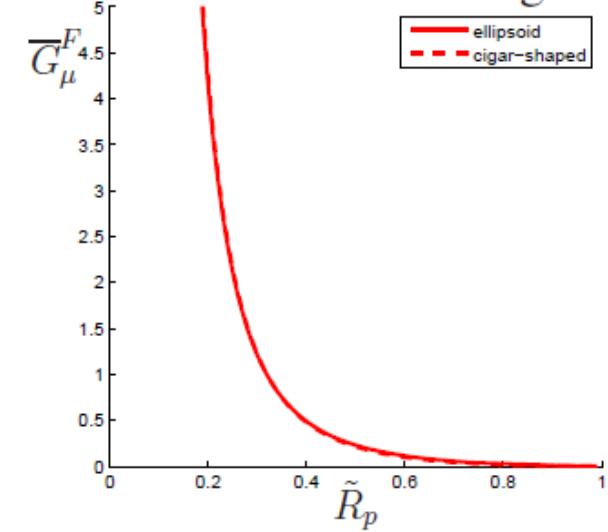
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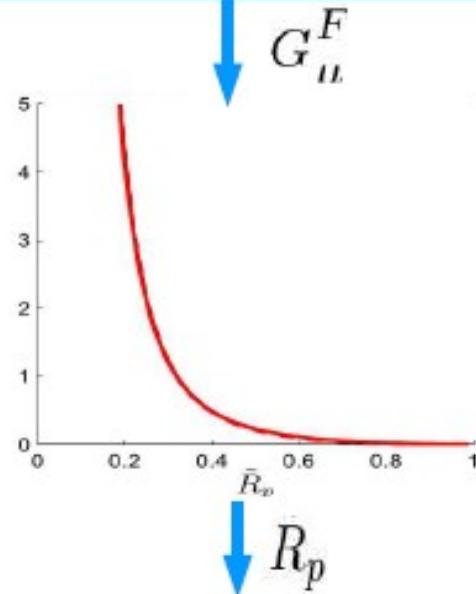
# Elastic solid

Ellipsoidal or Cigar

$$G_{\mu}^F = \frac{\rho_b \alpha_{ECM} F_b^M}{\mu}$$

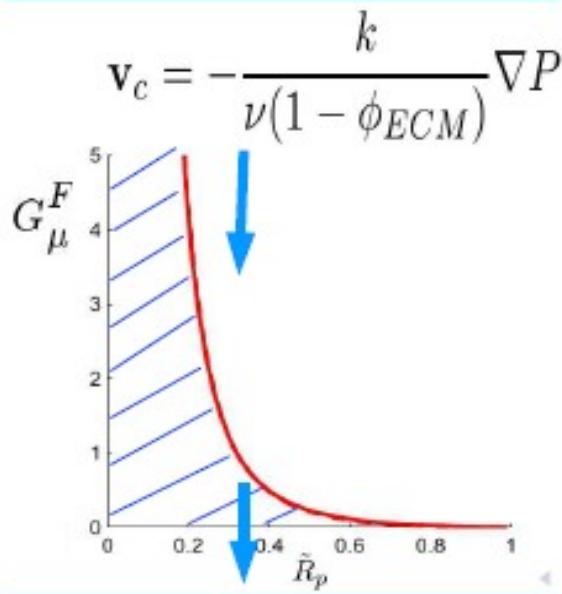
$$\overline{G}_{\mu}^F = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\left[ 2\tilde{R}_p^2 + \frac{1}{\tilde{R}_p^4} - 3 \right]}{\tilde{R}_p \tilde{L}_b^{(*)} \Delta \tilde{L}_{ellips}}$$

**CELL MECHANICAL AND ACTIVE PROPERTIES**



**MICROCHANNEL AND SCAFFOLD DESIGN**

**CELLS' MIGRATORY CAPABILITY**

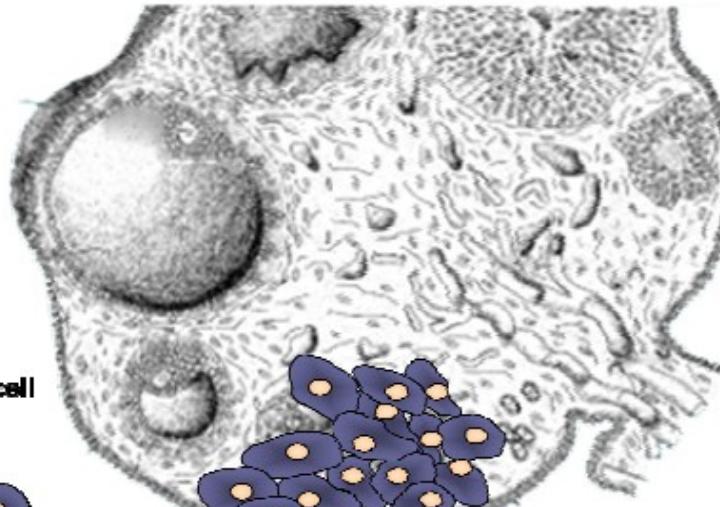


**NUL PERMEABILITY REGION  $k = 0$**



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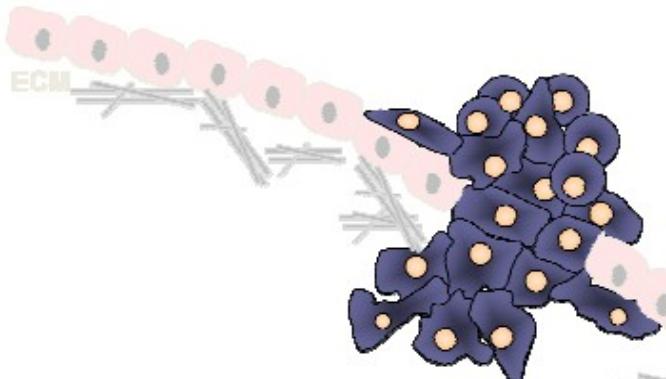
## Ovarian cancer dissemination



**1) Surface shedding**  
Initial disruption of cell-cell  
and cell-matrix contacts

**3) Retraction, sub-mesothelial adhesion**  
disruption of cell-cell contacts in  
multi-cellular aggregates

**2) Dissemination**  
as single cells or  
multi-cellular aggregates  
(spheroids)

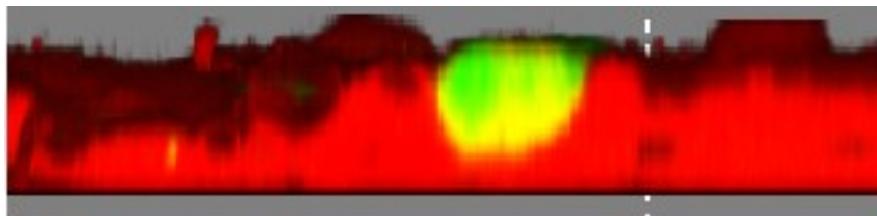
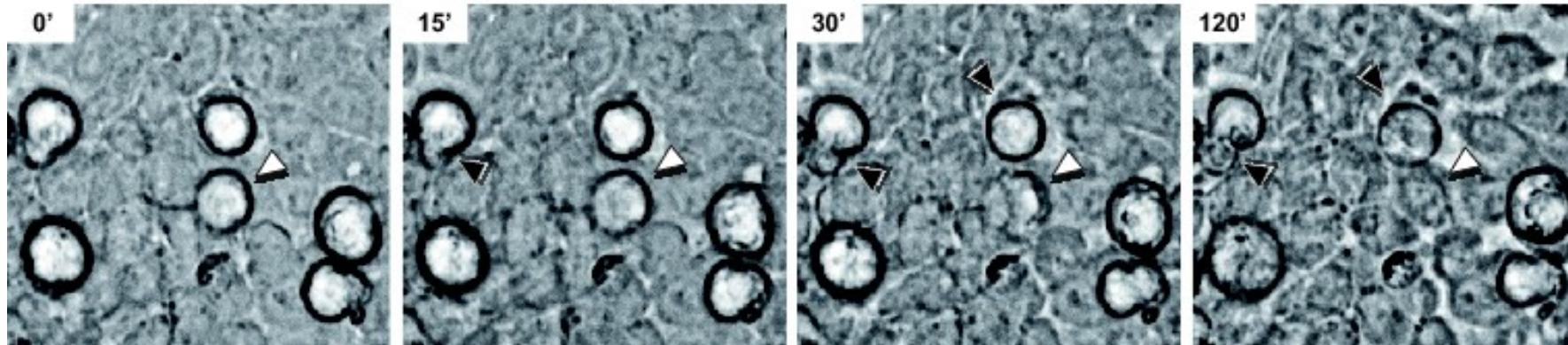


**4) Mesothelial anchoring**  
migration/invasion through mesothelial  
layer and into sub-mesothelial EC matrix

**5) Proliferation**  
to establish metastatic lesions within  
the pelvic/abdominal cavity and organs

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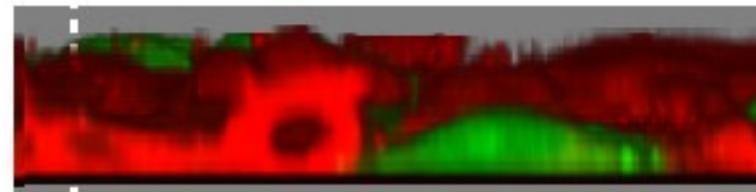
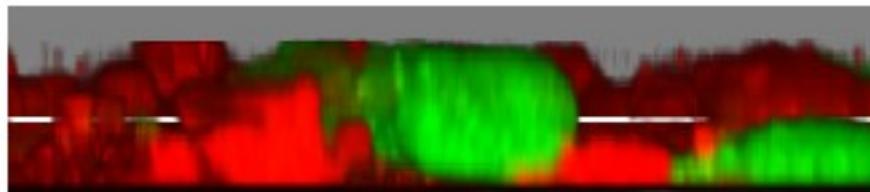
## Top view



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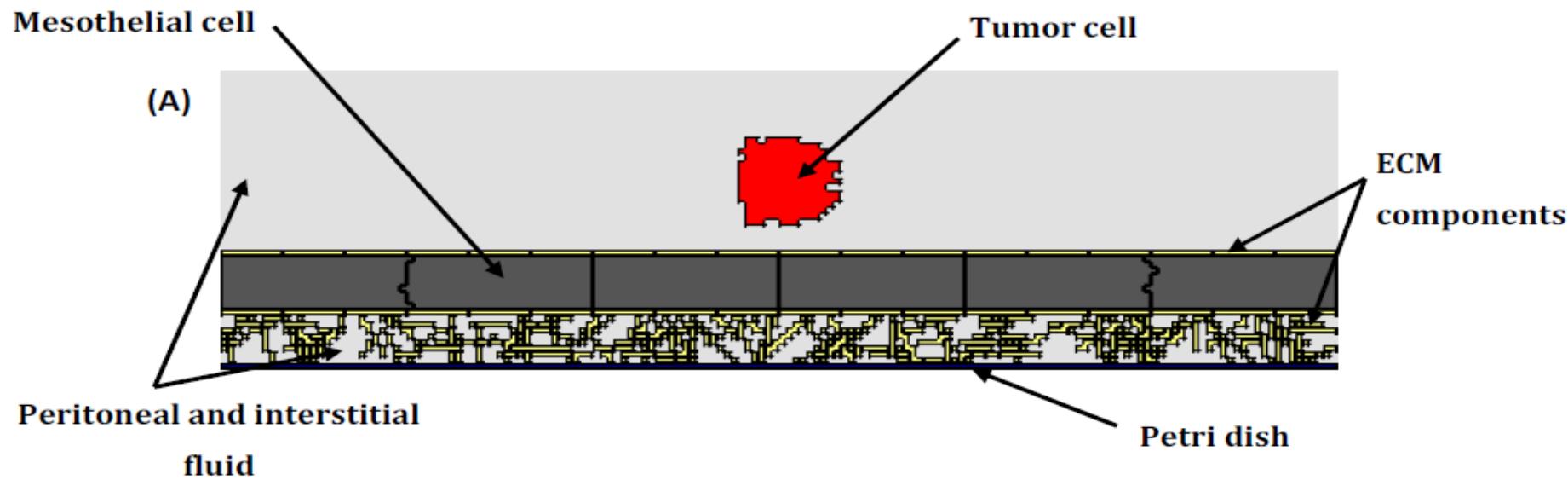
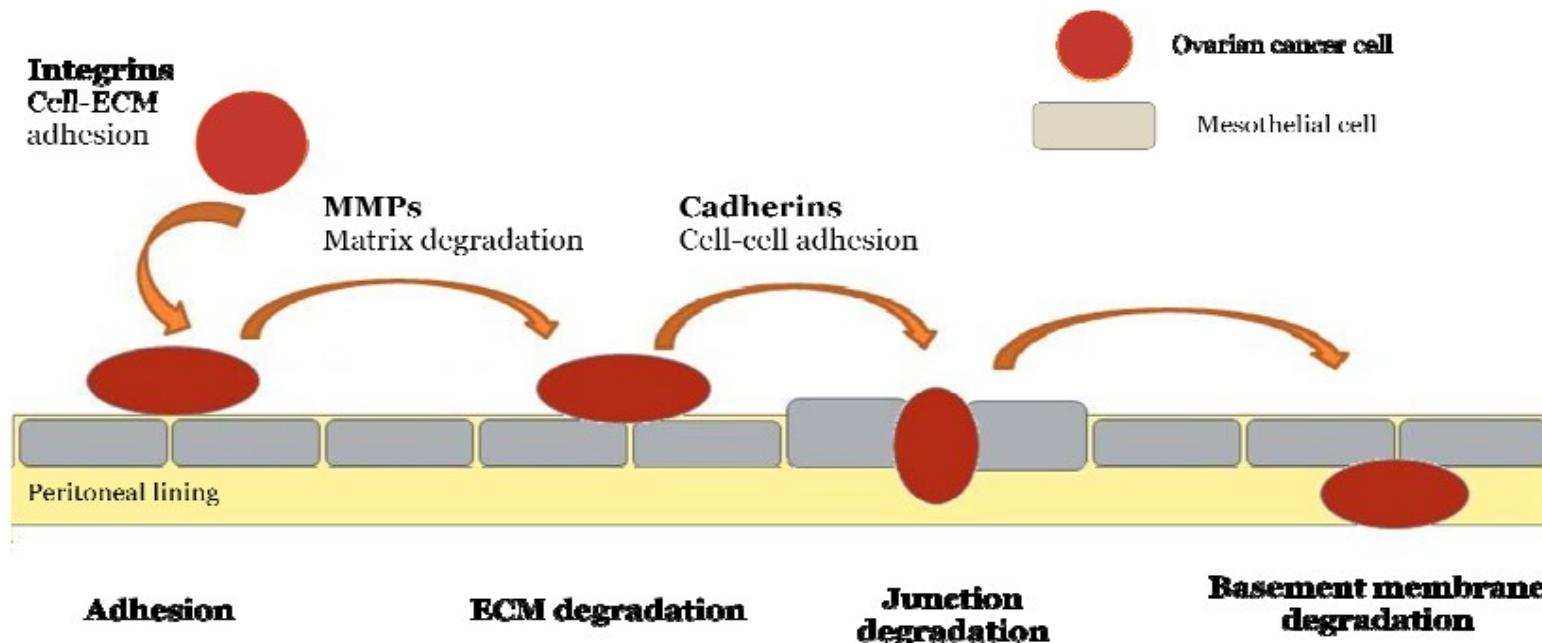
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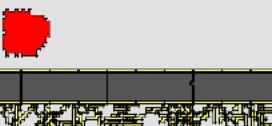


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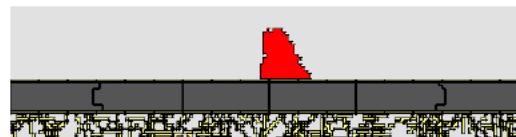
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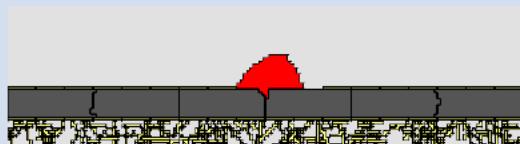
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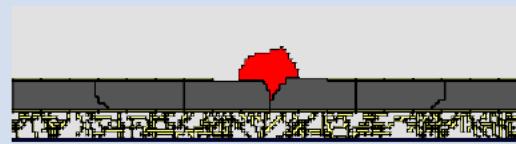
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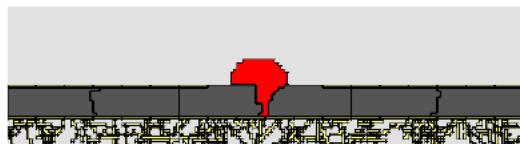
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700 MCS



750 MCS



800 MCS



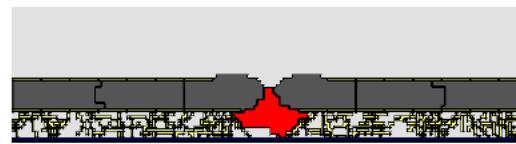
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1200 MCS



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1600 MCS



1800 MCS



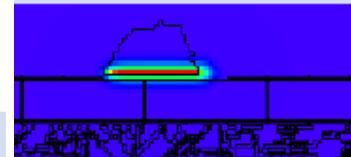
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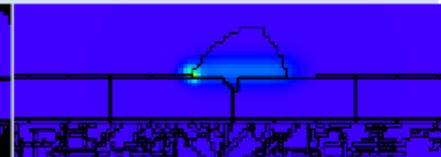
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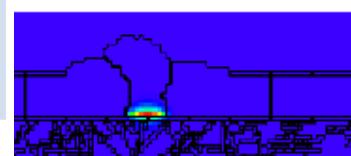
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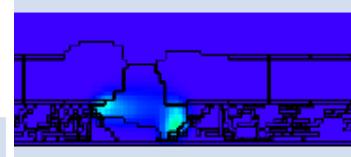
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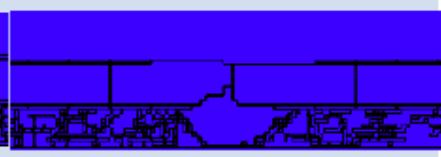
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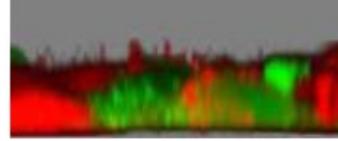
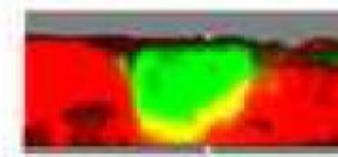
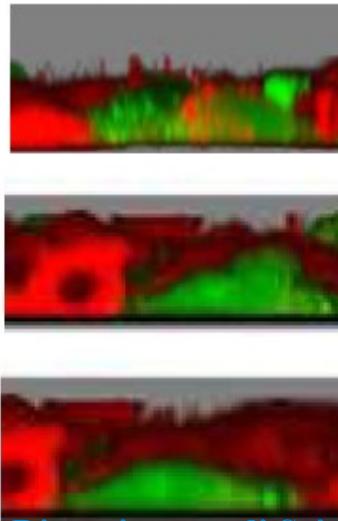
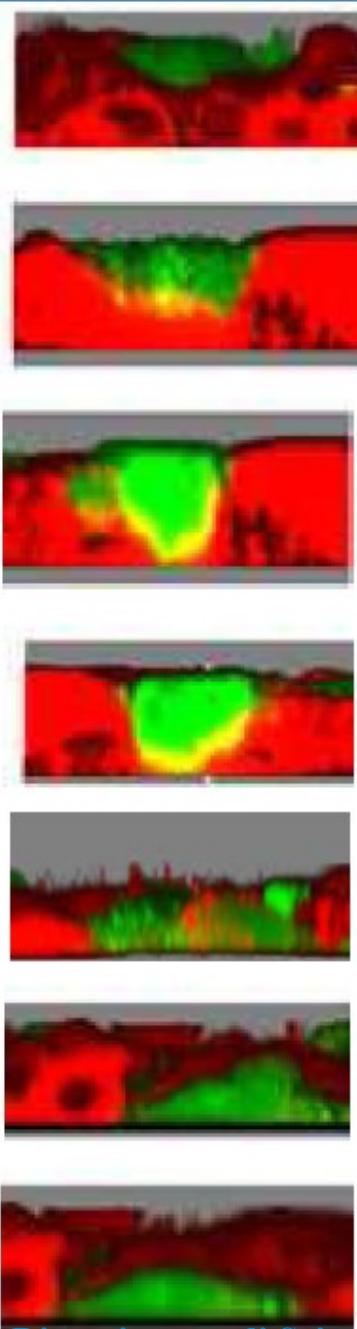
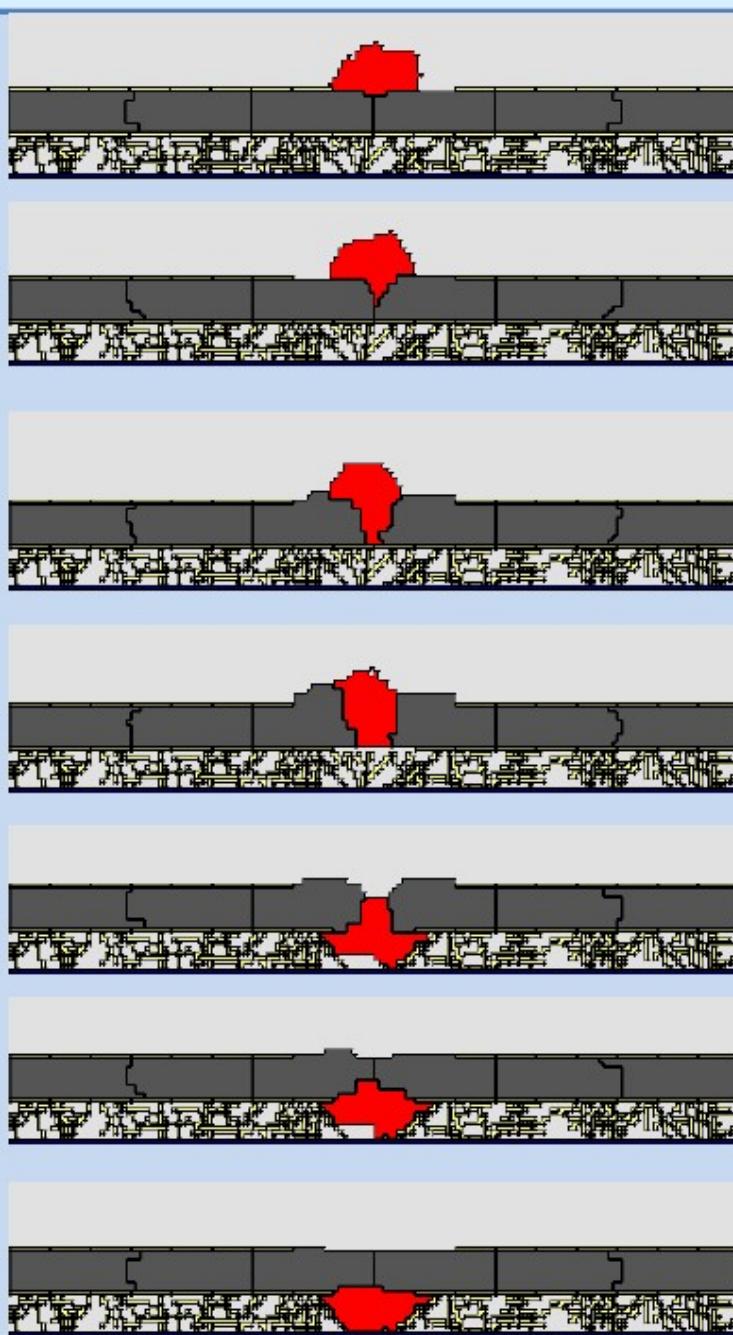


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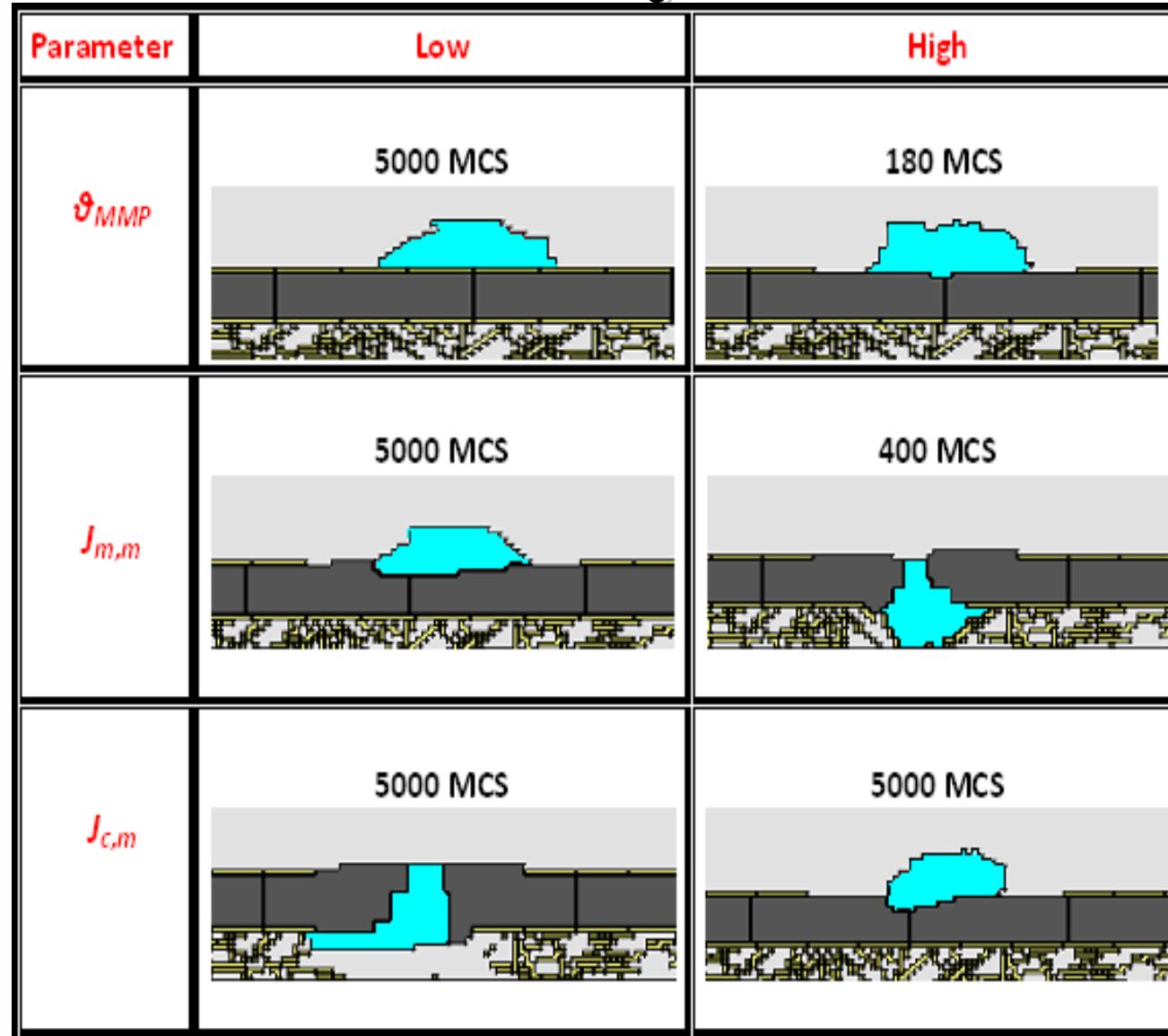


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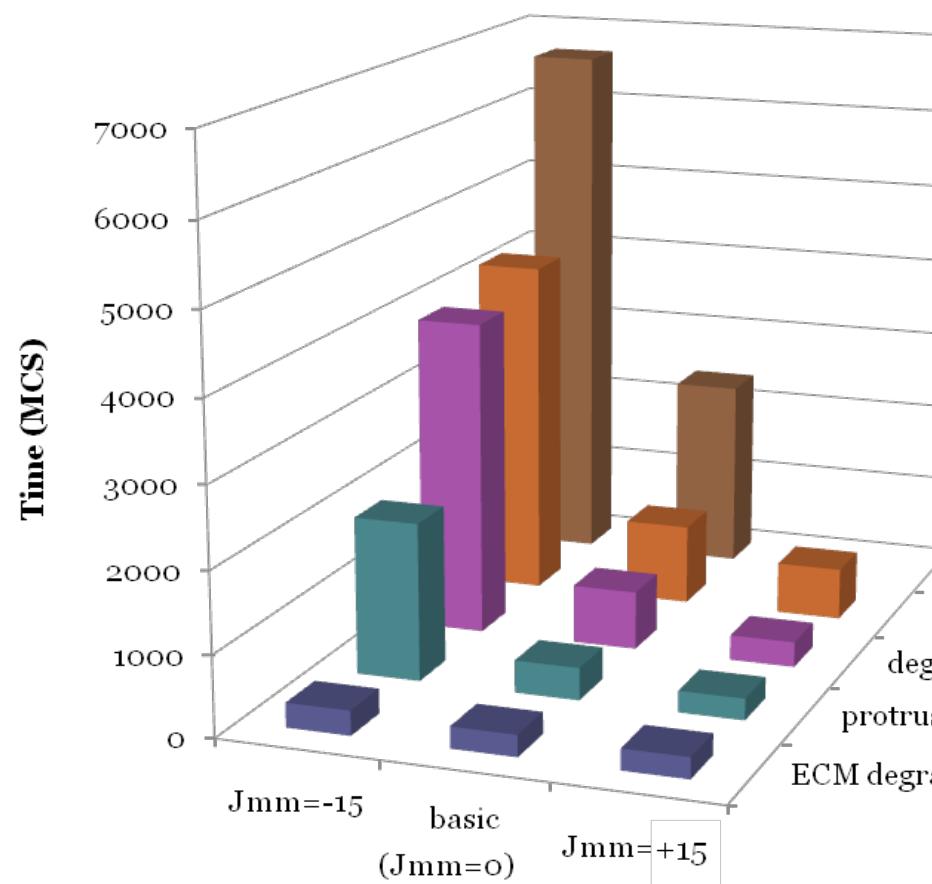




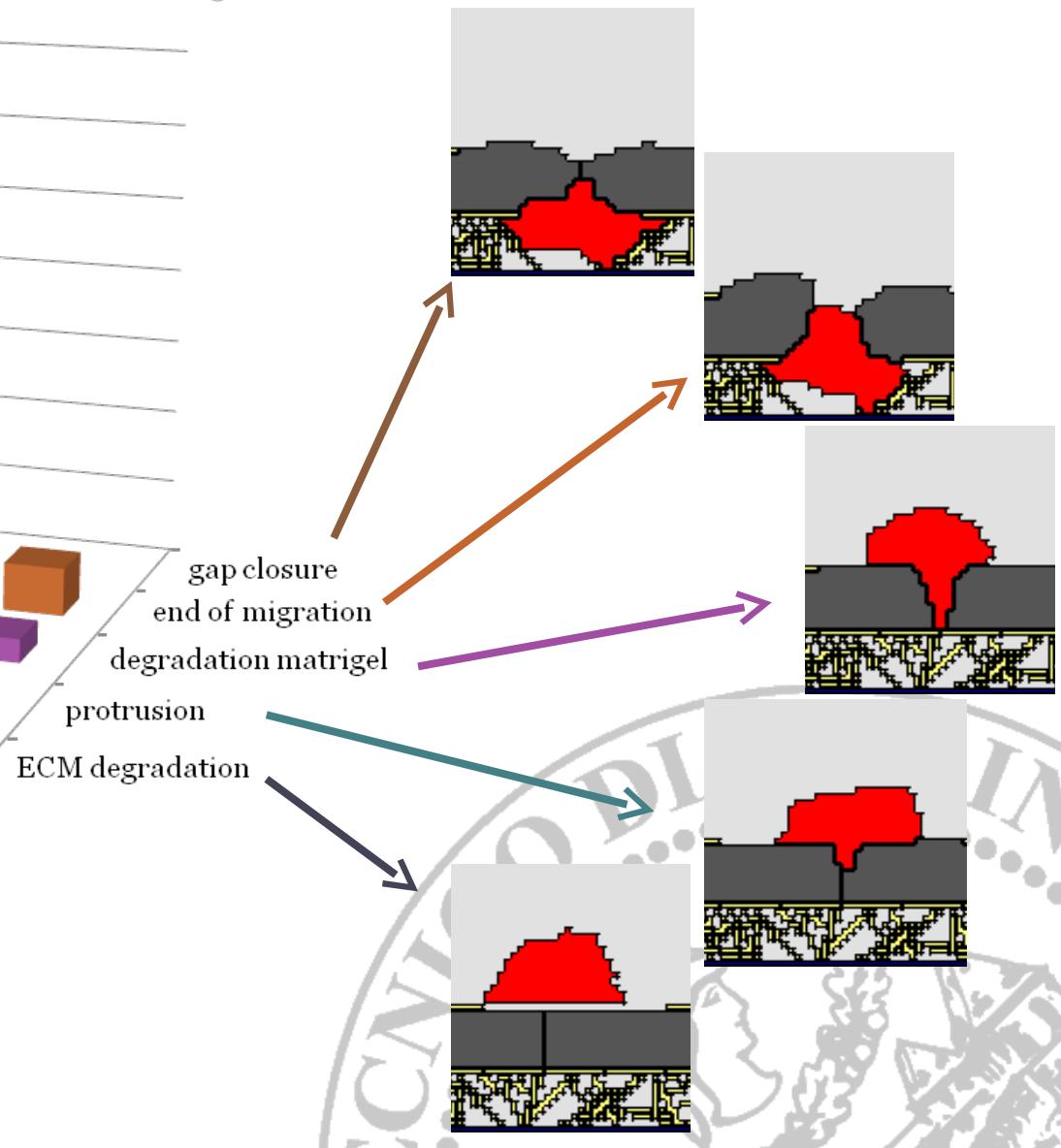
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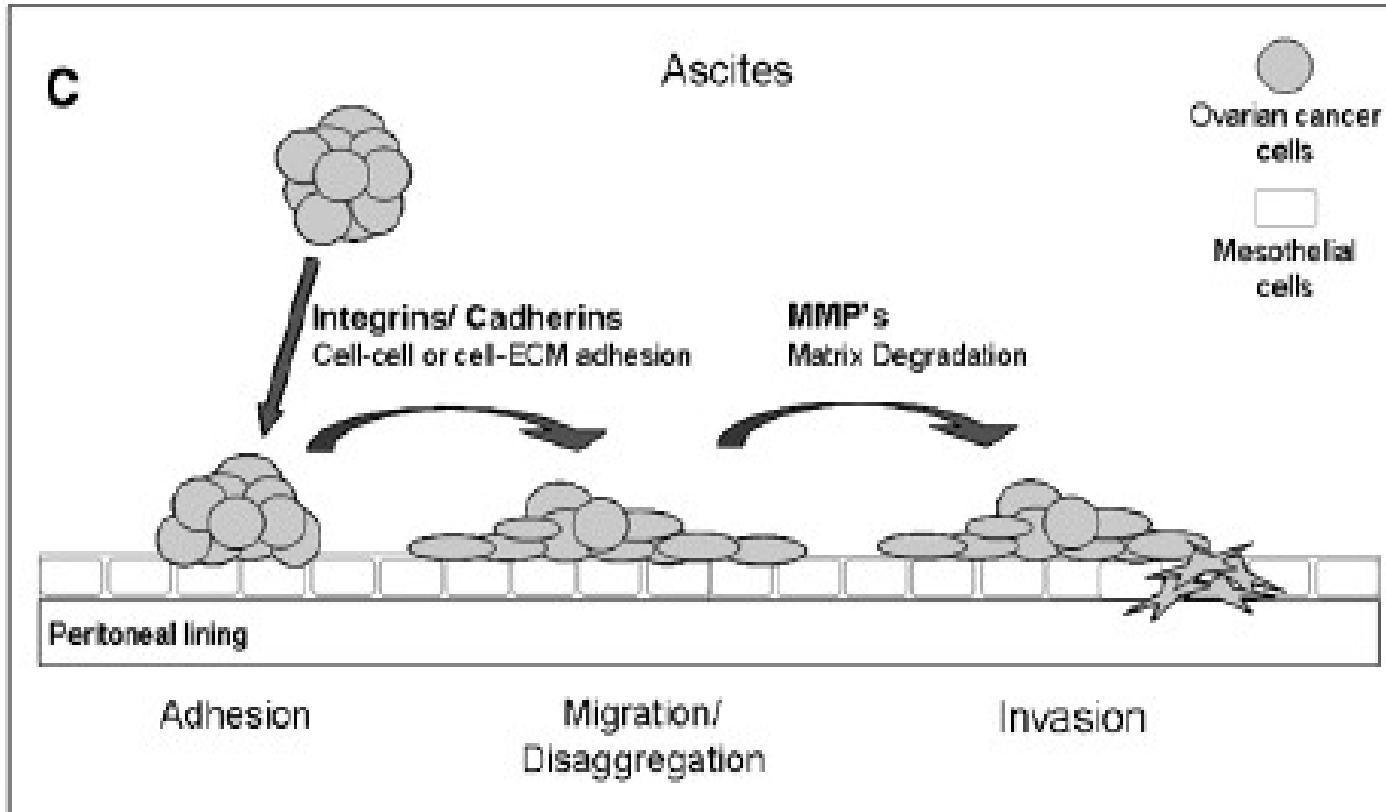


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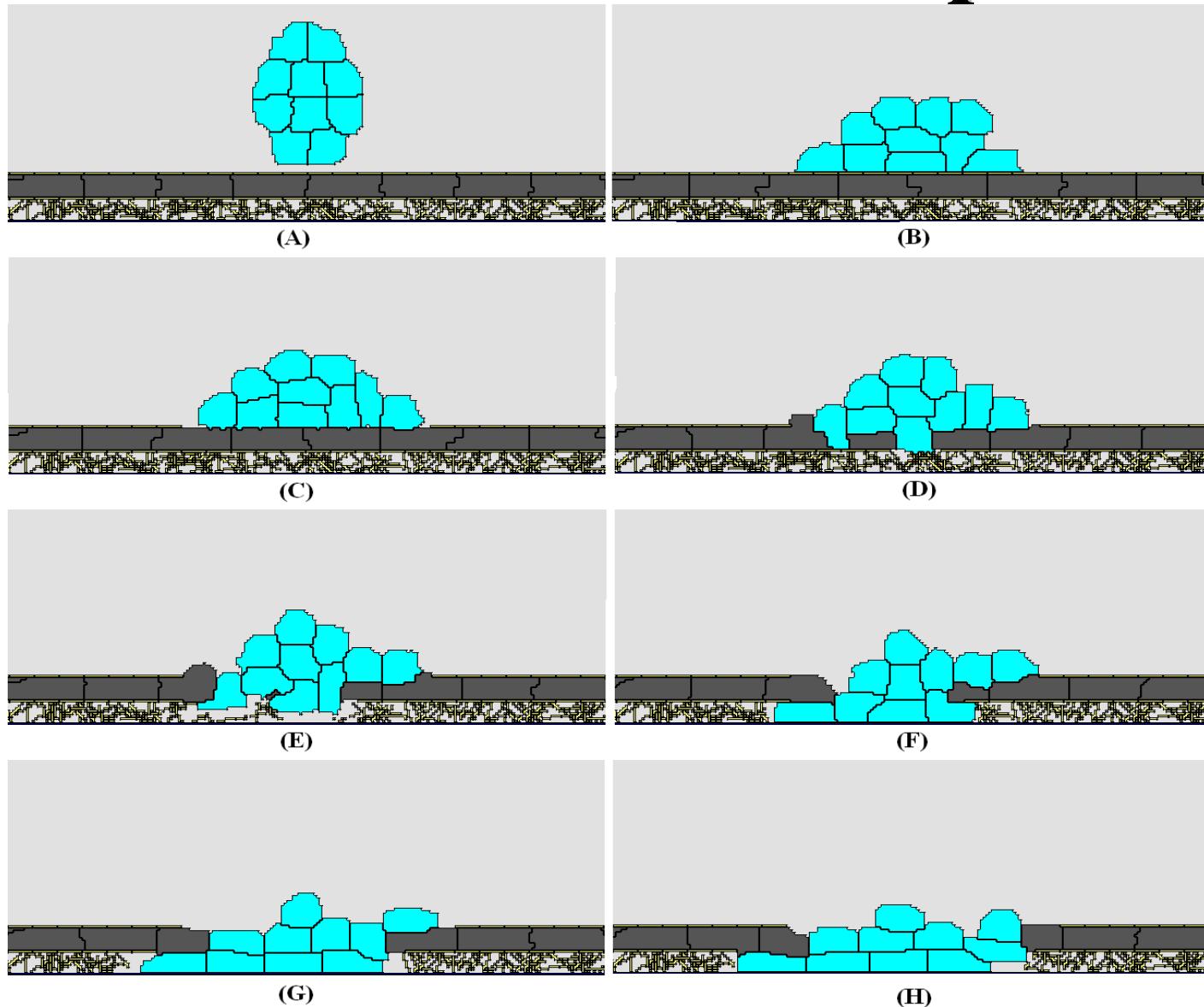
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## Top view



## Bottom view

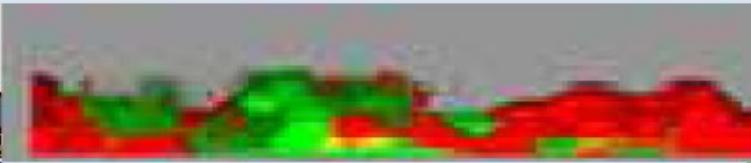
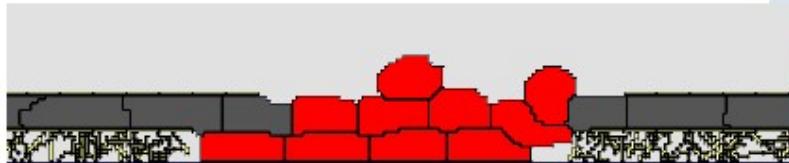
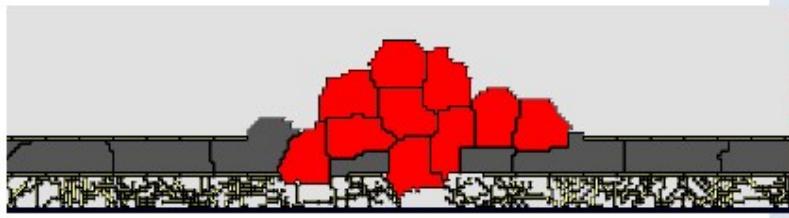
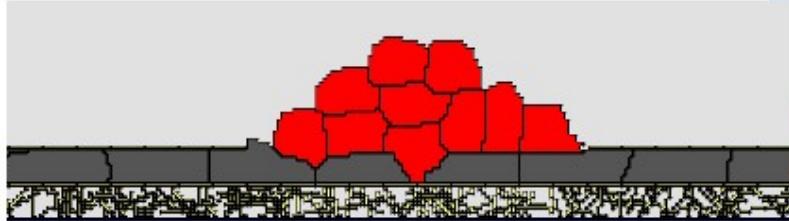
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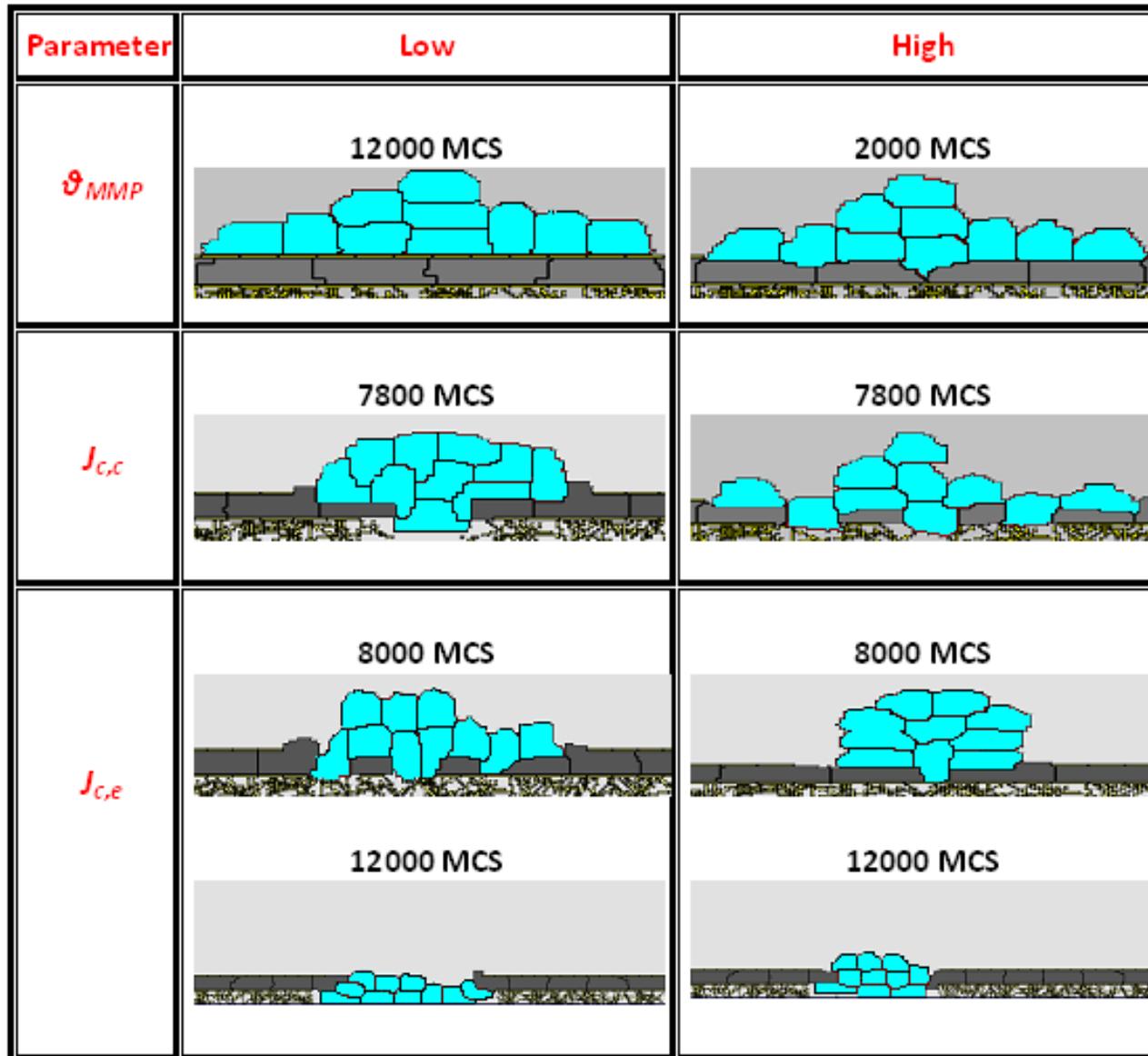
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Simulations

Biological assays

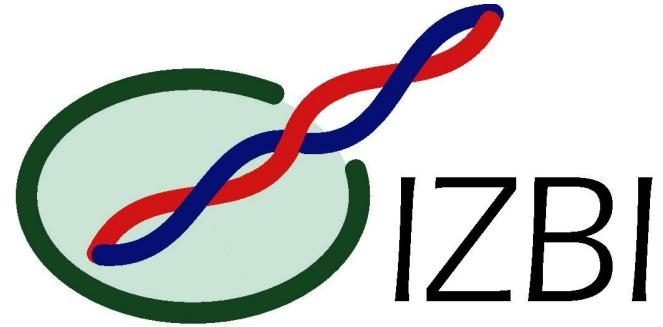
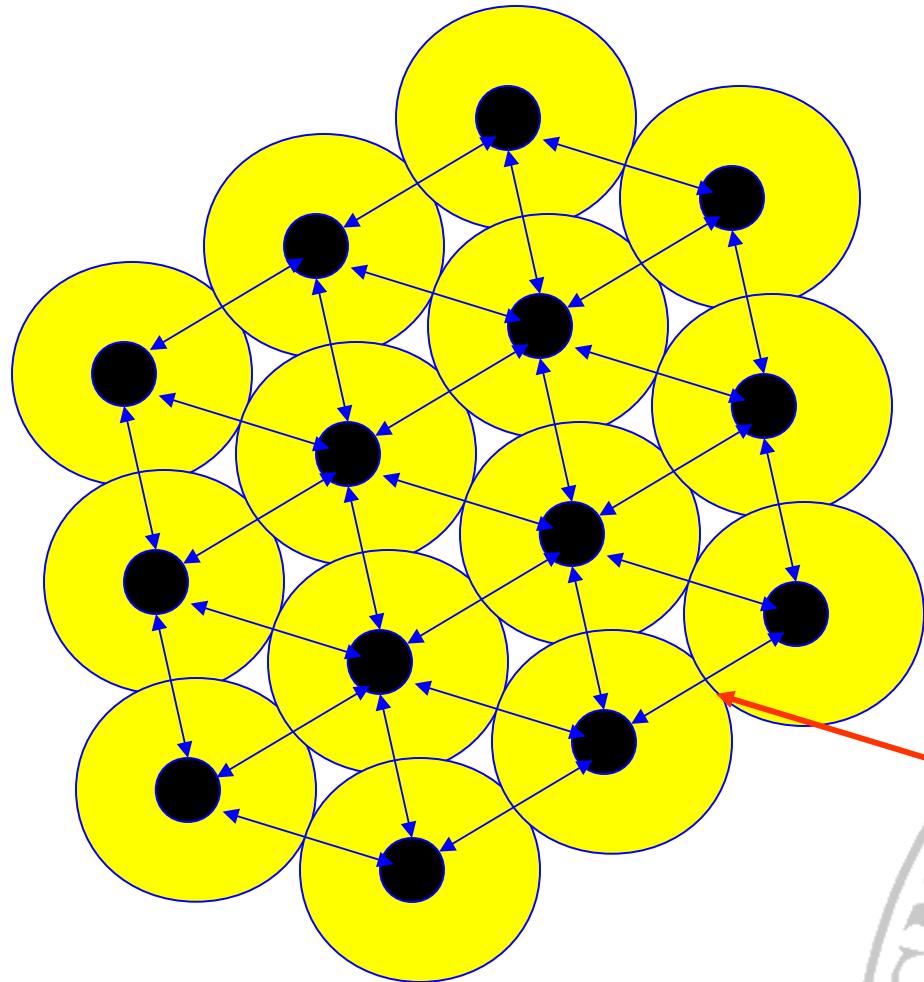


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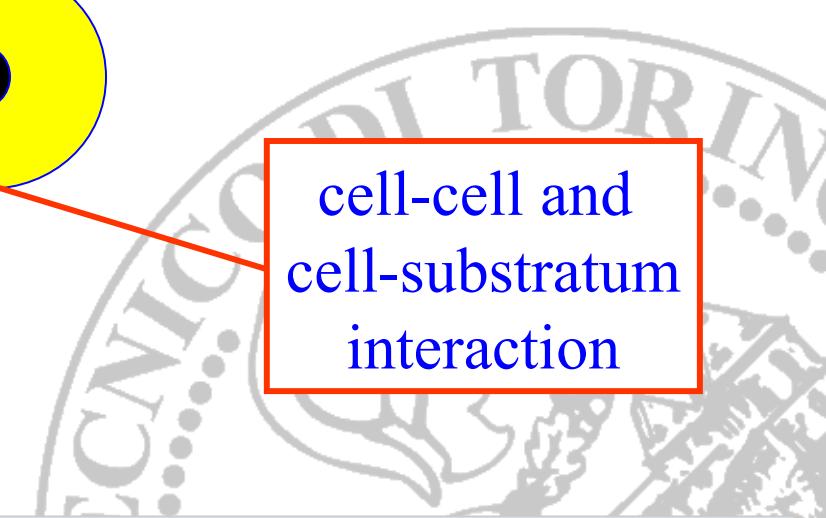
# Individual based models

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cell-cell and  
cell-substratum  
interaction



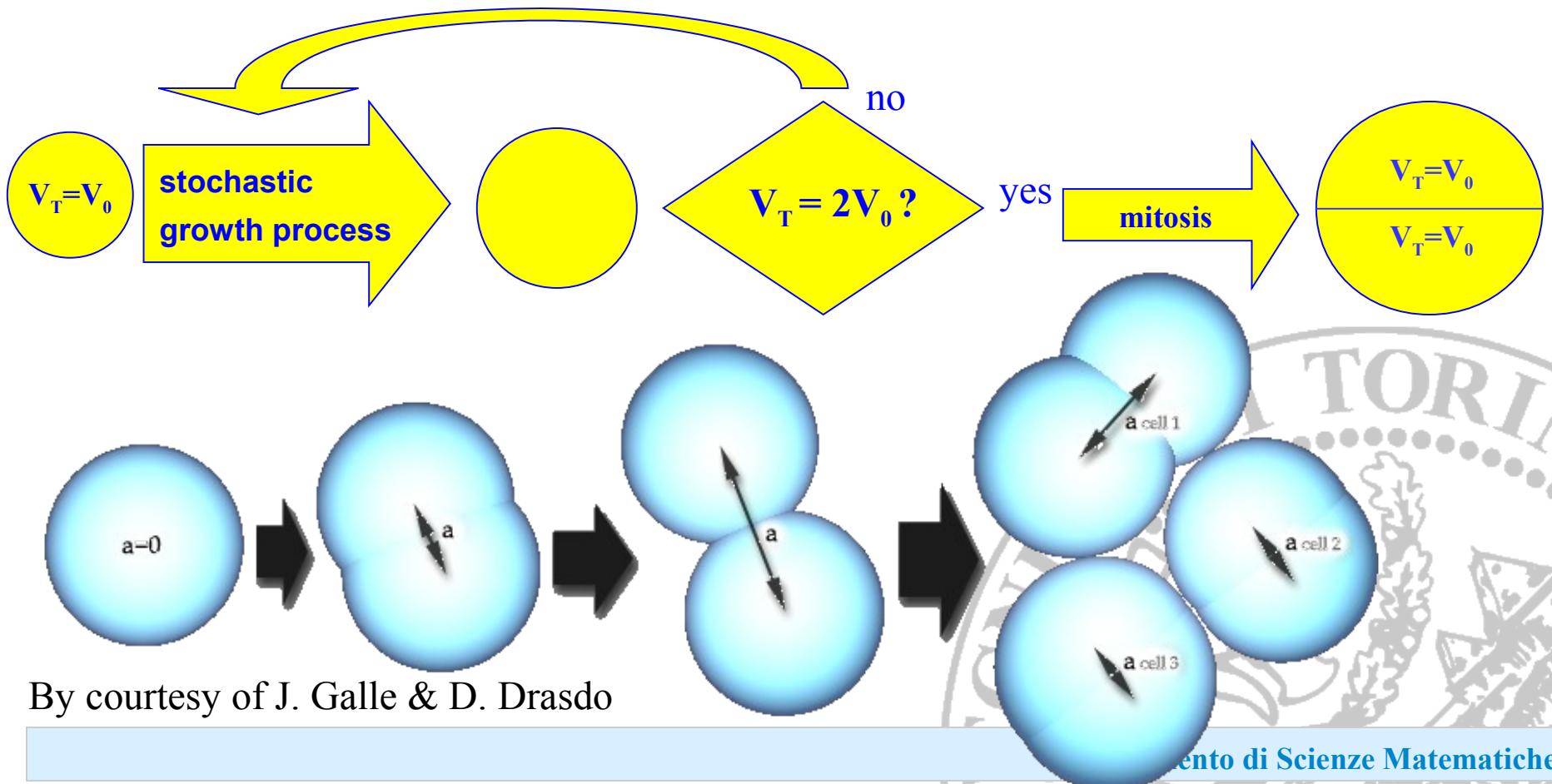
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# Cell cycle model

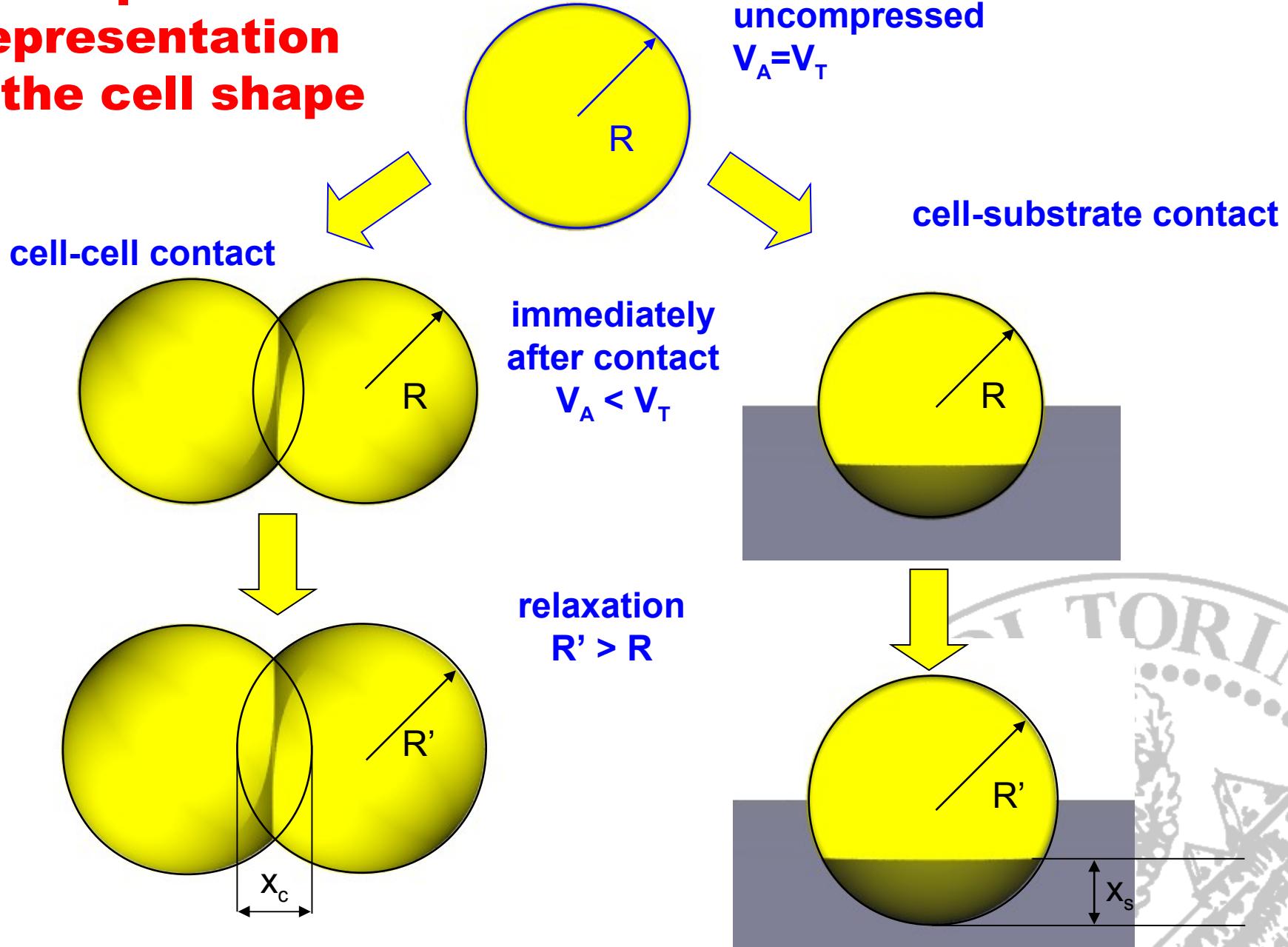
## 2-phase cell cycle

interphase cell doubles its target volume

mitotic phase cell divides into 2 daughter cells of equal target volume



# explicit representation of the cell shape

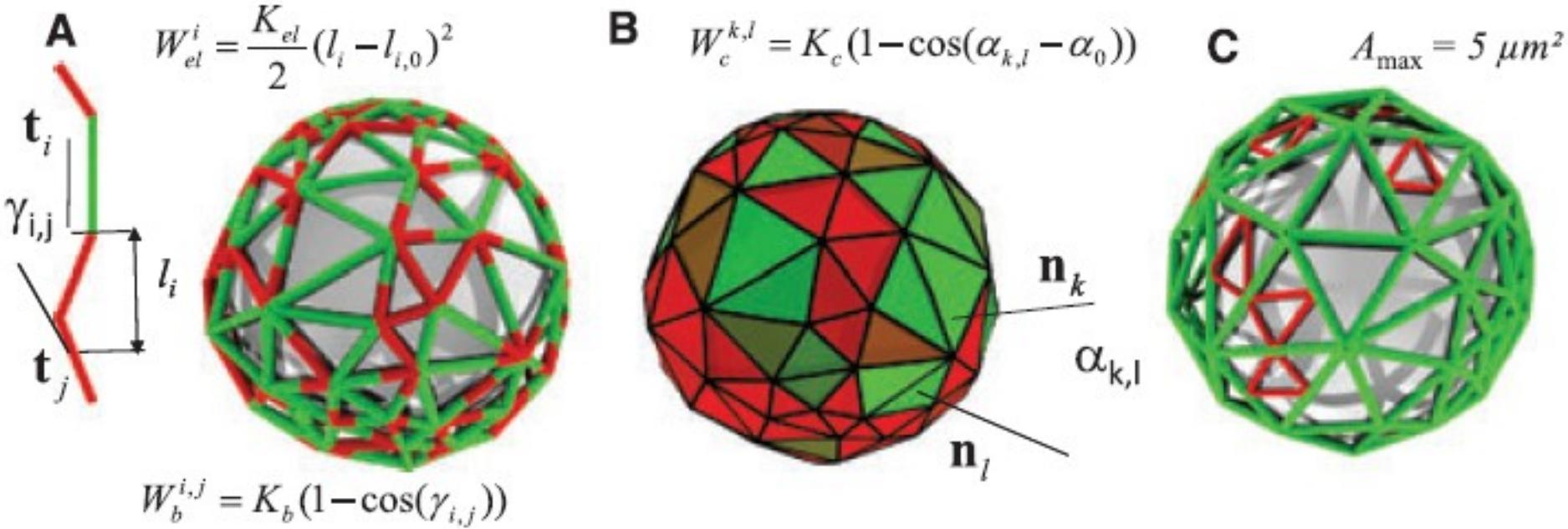


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# IBM interacting with a membrane

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## Model of a re-organisable and flexible basal membrane (BM)



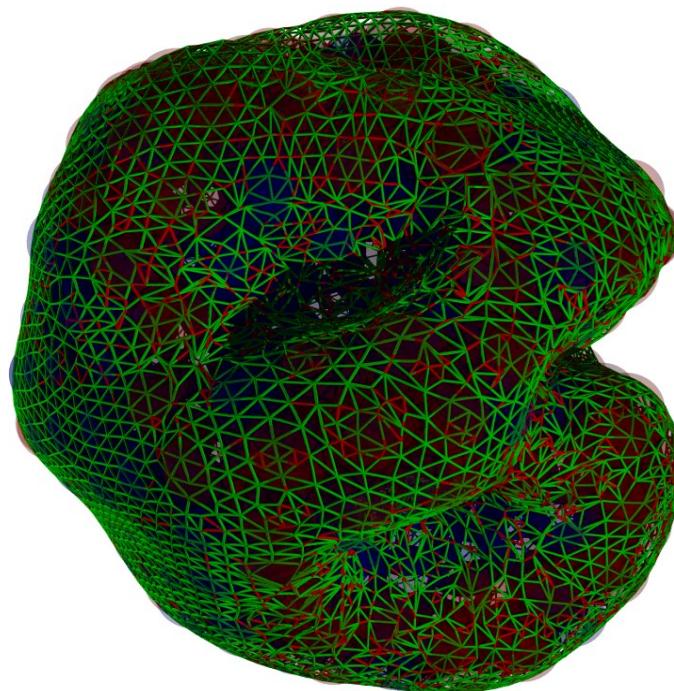
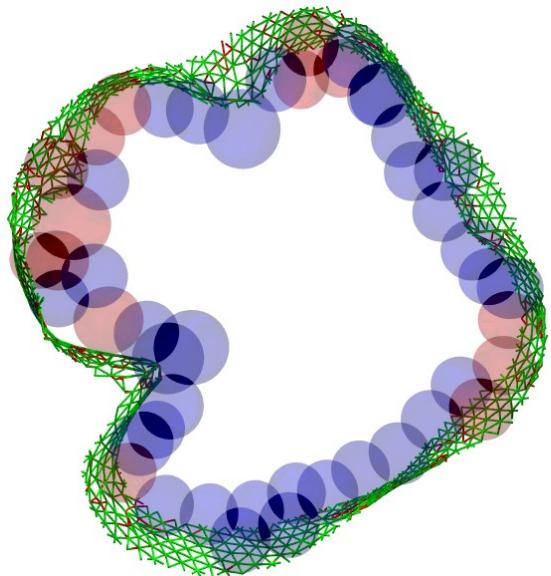
- Basal membrane consists of semiflexible elastic polymers
- Polymers are organized in triangles

- New triangles are added if a triangle area is too large
- Surface curvature potential controls shape

# IBM interacting with a membrane

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- Cells adhere to the basal membrane
- Cells modify its properties of the membrane



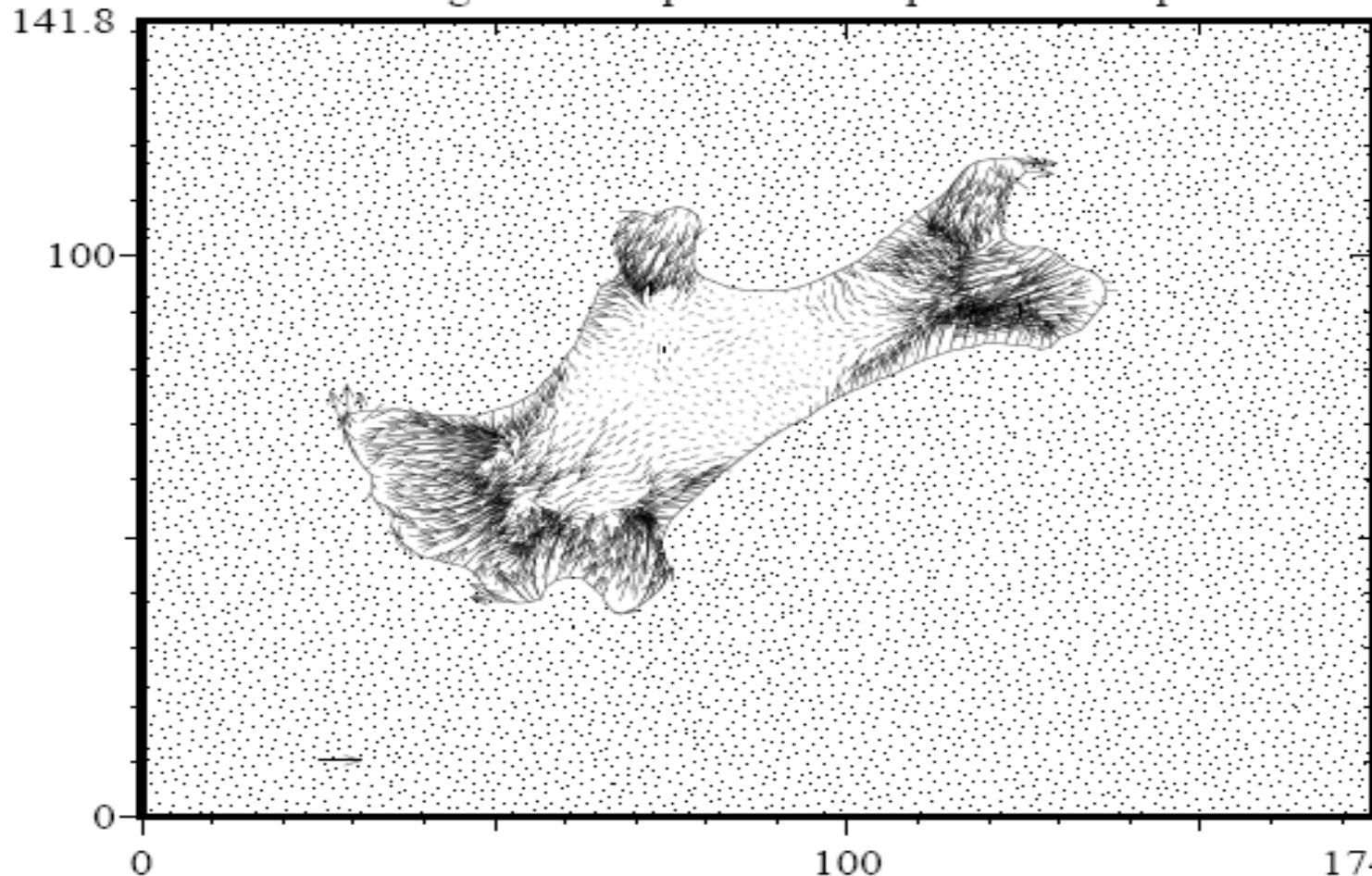
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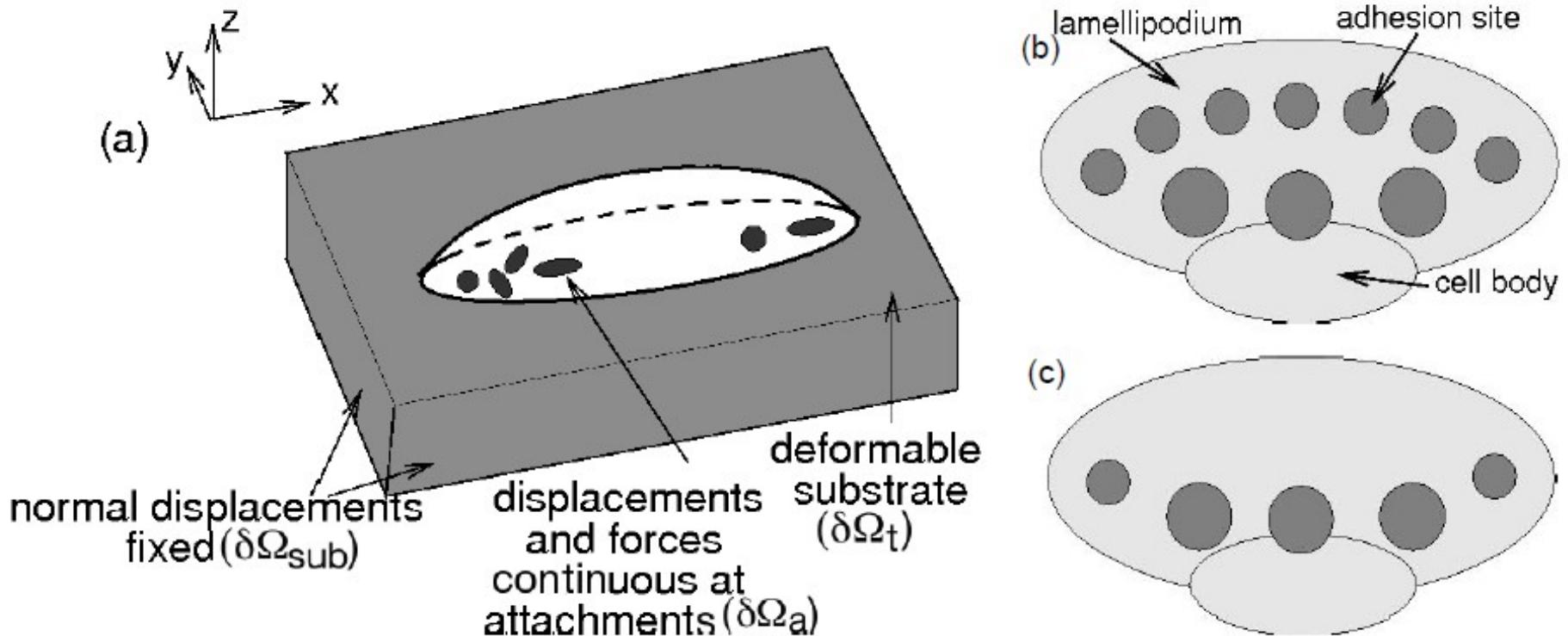
# What's missing? Active behaviours

## Force

arrow length = 10e2 picoNewton per micron square



# What's missing? Active behaviours

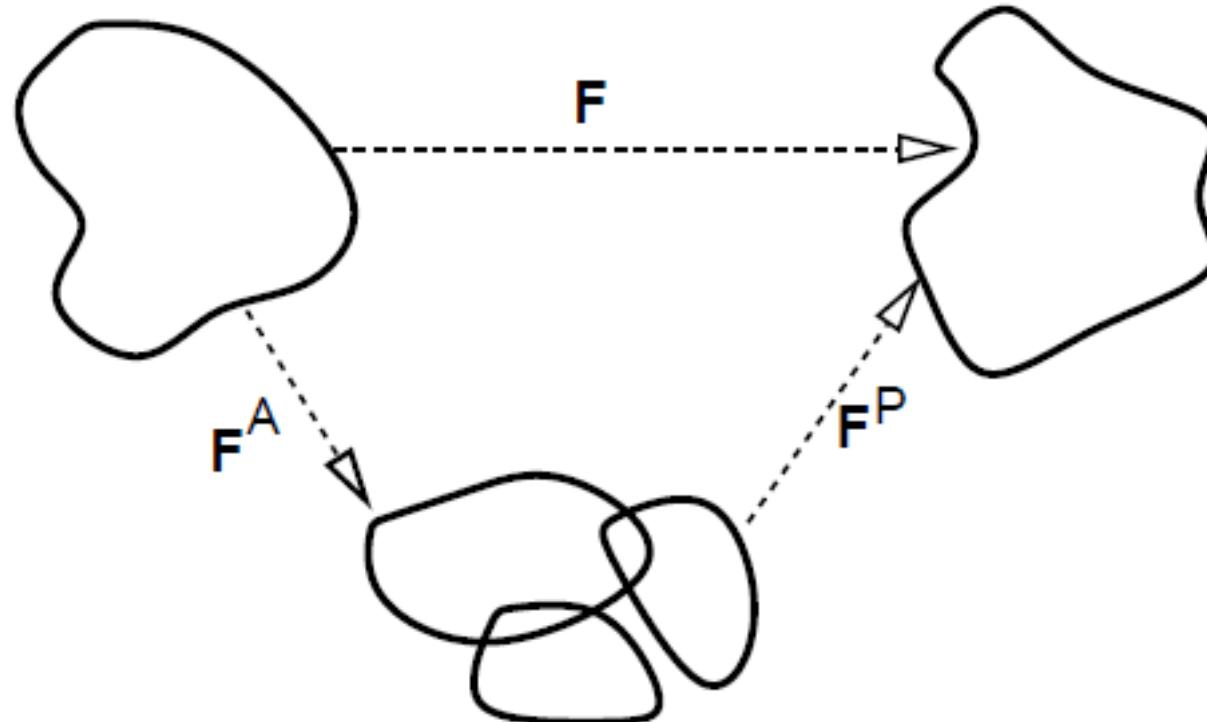


# What's missing? Active behaviours

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^P \mathbf{F}^A$$

Original configuration

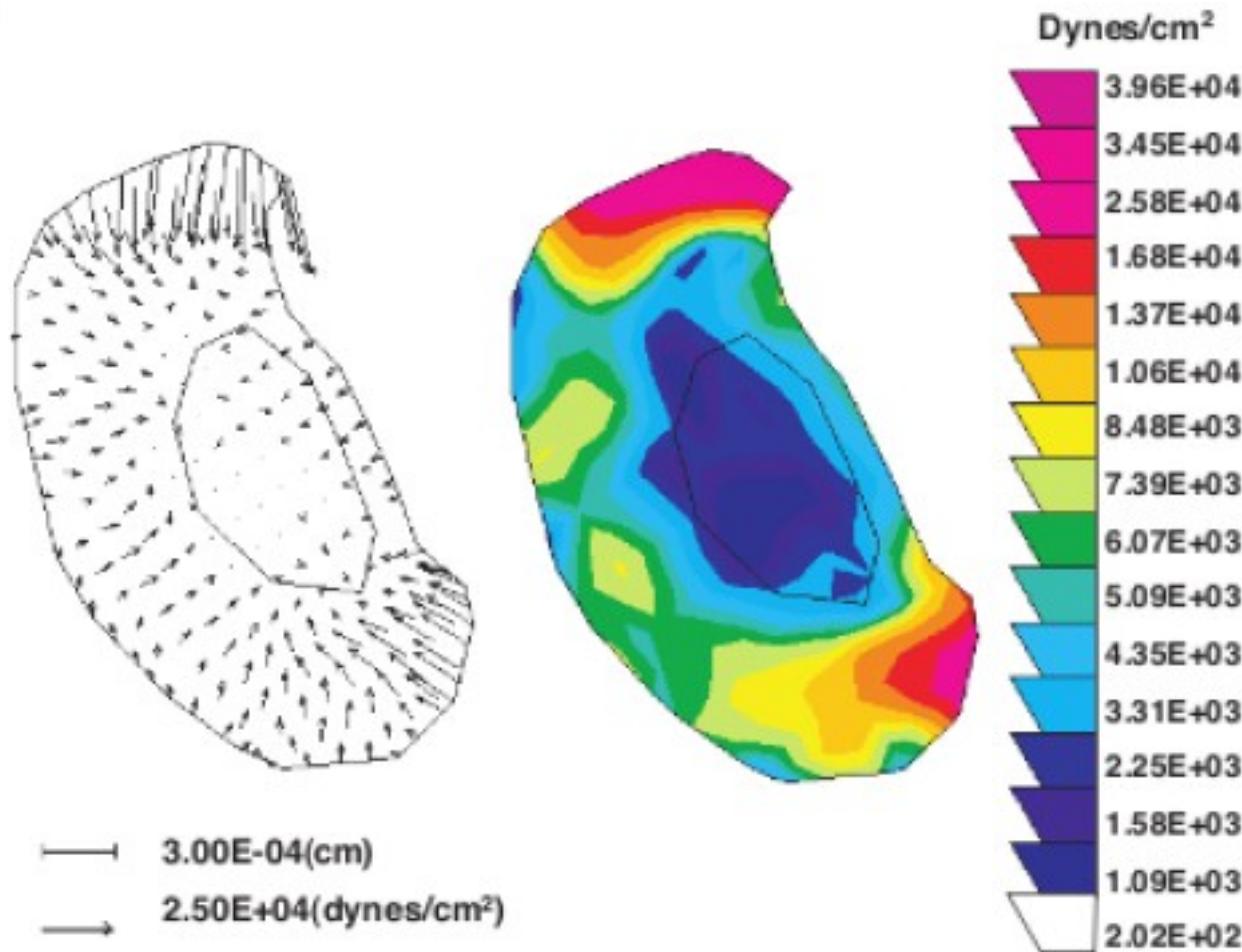
Current configuration



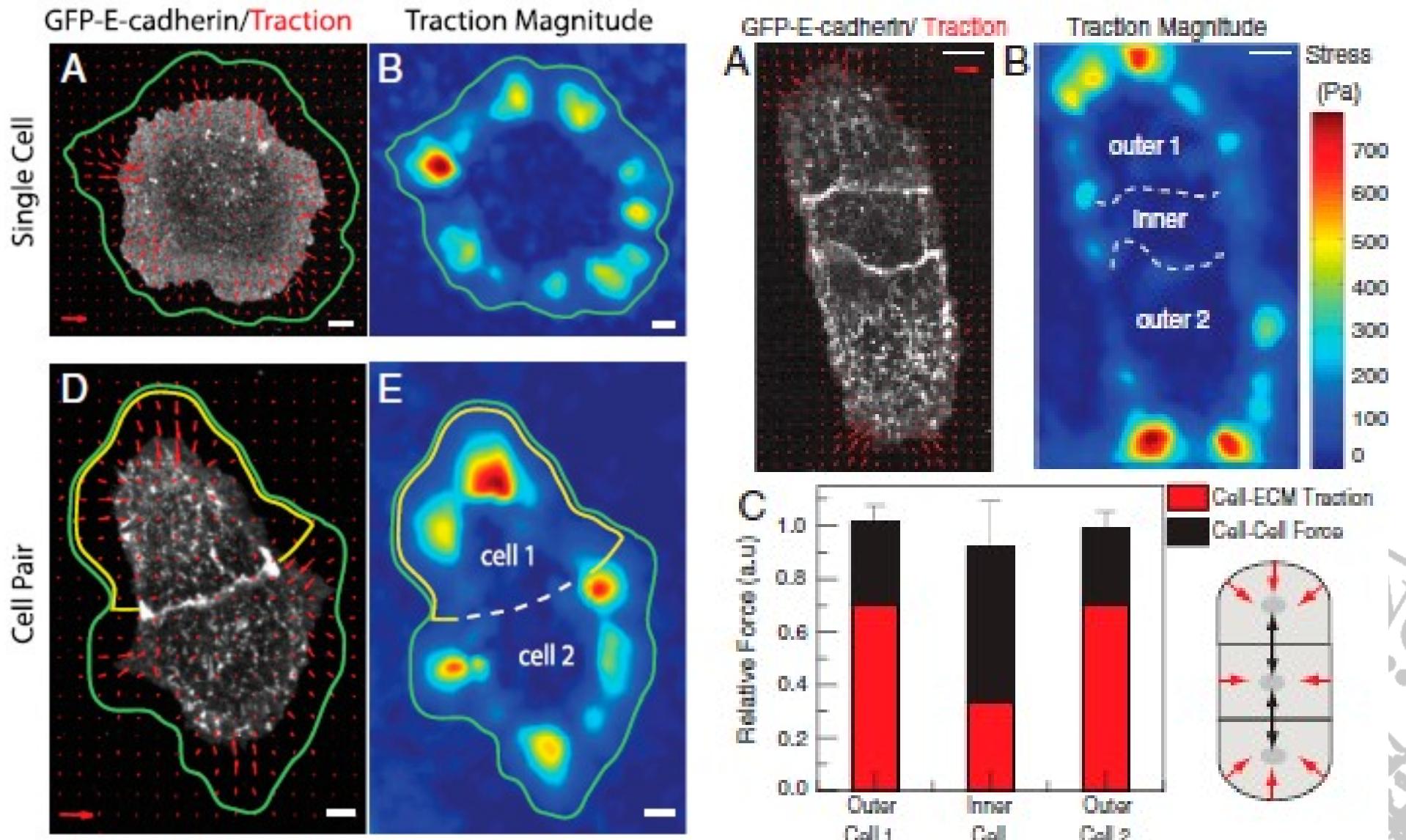
Intermediate stress-free  
configuration



# What's missing? Active behaviours



# What's missing? Active behaviours



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