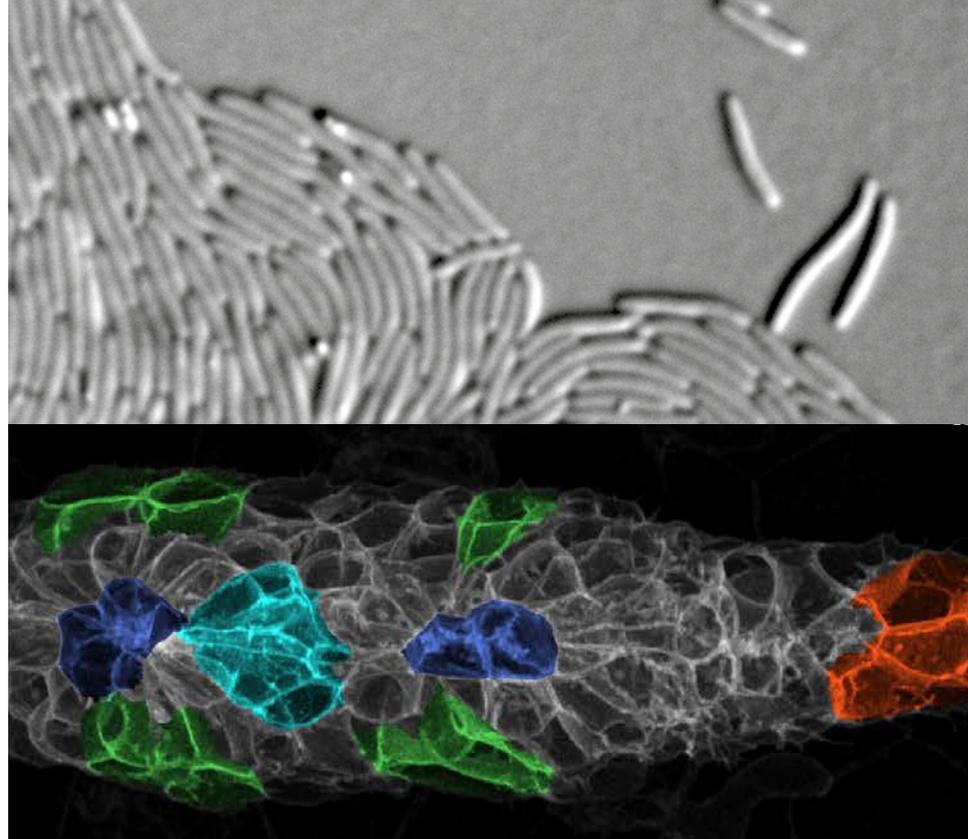


# Cellular Motility



## Course 4: Collective motility in development

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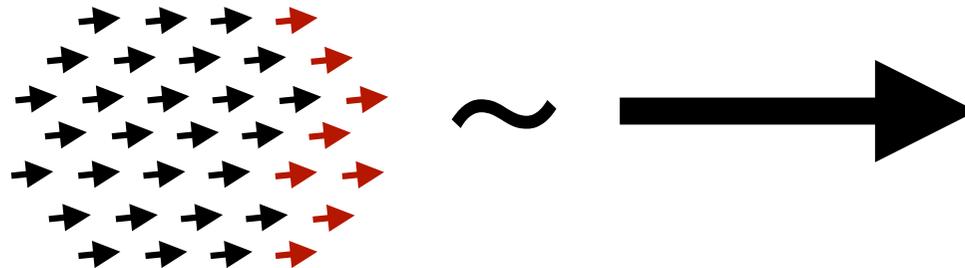
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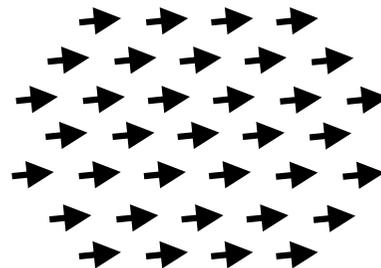
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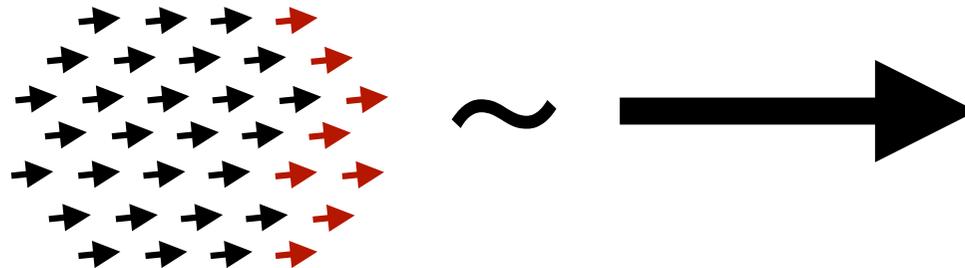


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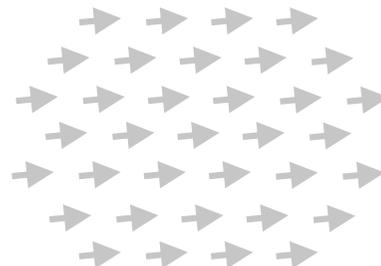
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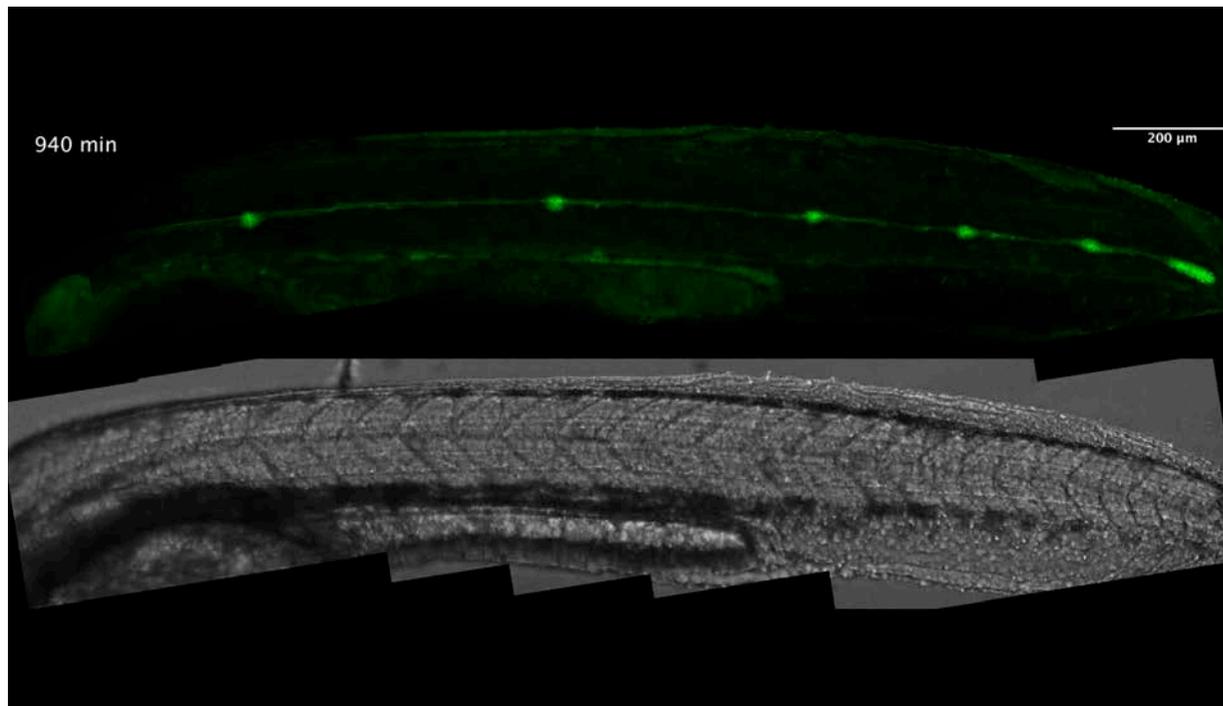
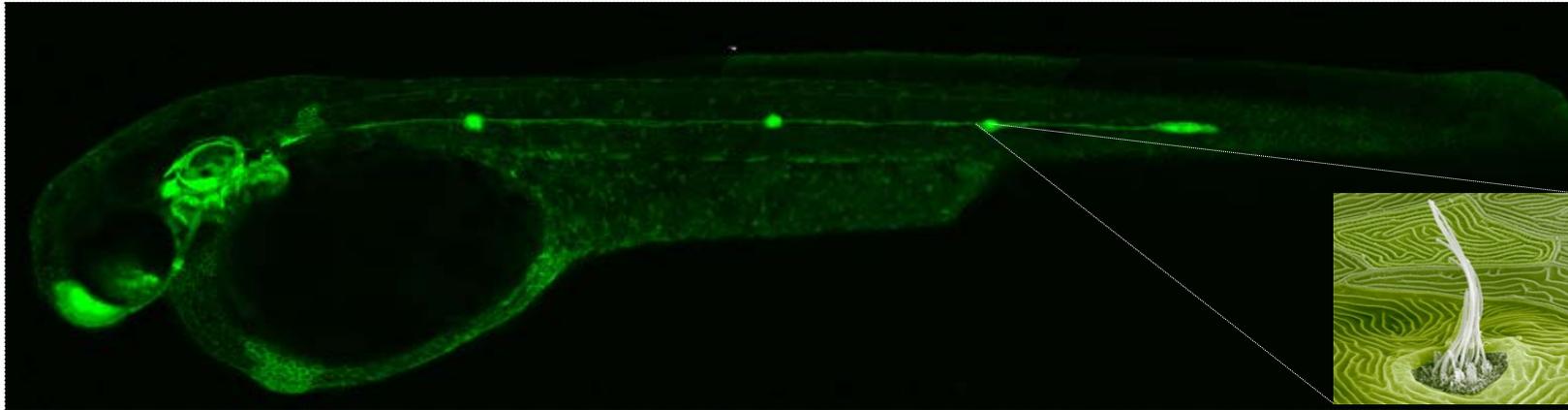


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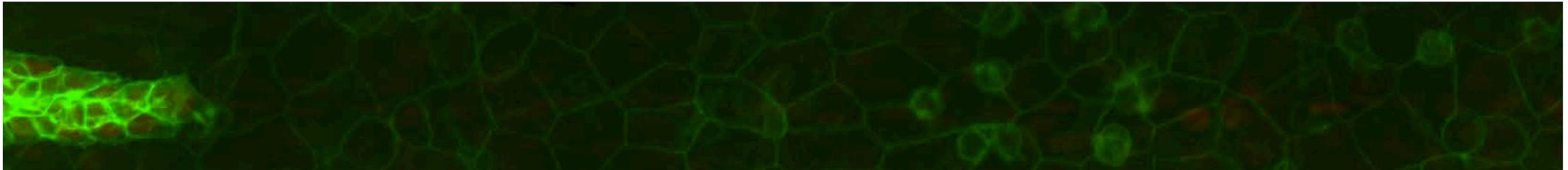
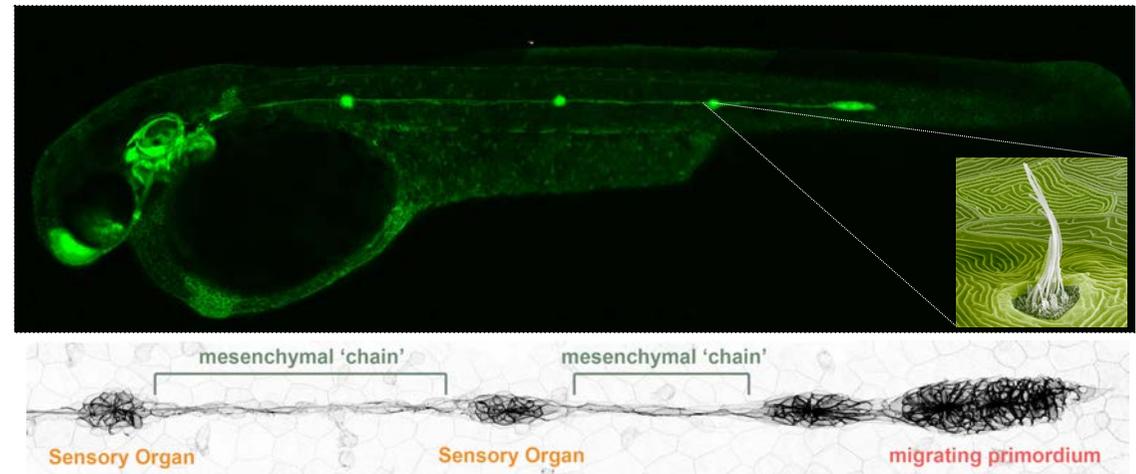
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# Collective migration in fish lateral line

- Migration of the primordial of sensory organ

The lateral line is comprised of a series of mechanosensory hair cell organs (neuromasts) that are deposited throughout the skin by the posterior lateral line primordium (pLLP), a cohesive mass of more than 100 migrating cells.

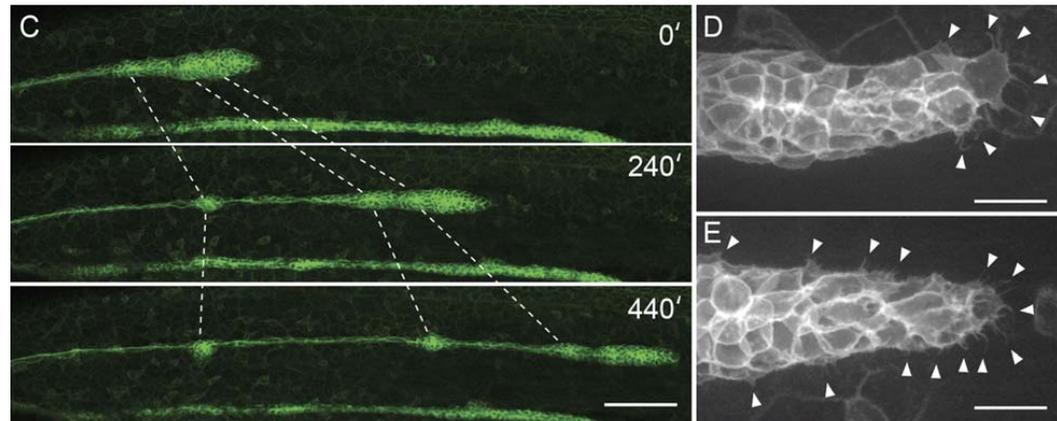


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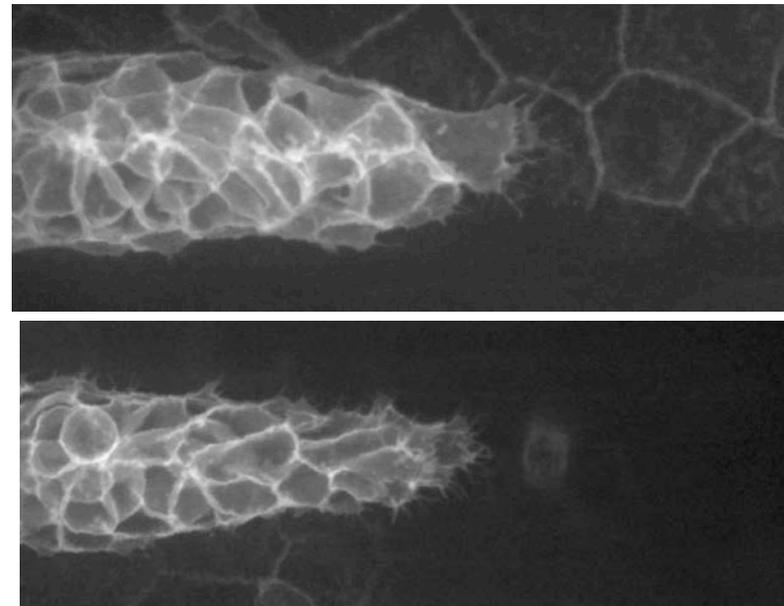
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# Collective migration in fish lateral line

- All cells in the primordium are motile



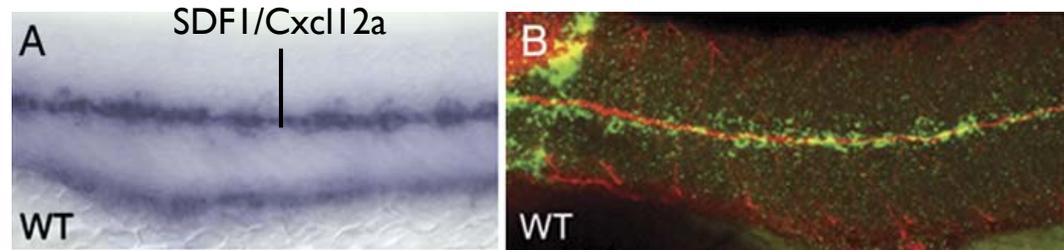
- All cells in the primordium, at the front but also in the bulk exhibit filopodia and therefore likely respond to guidance cues



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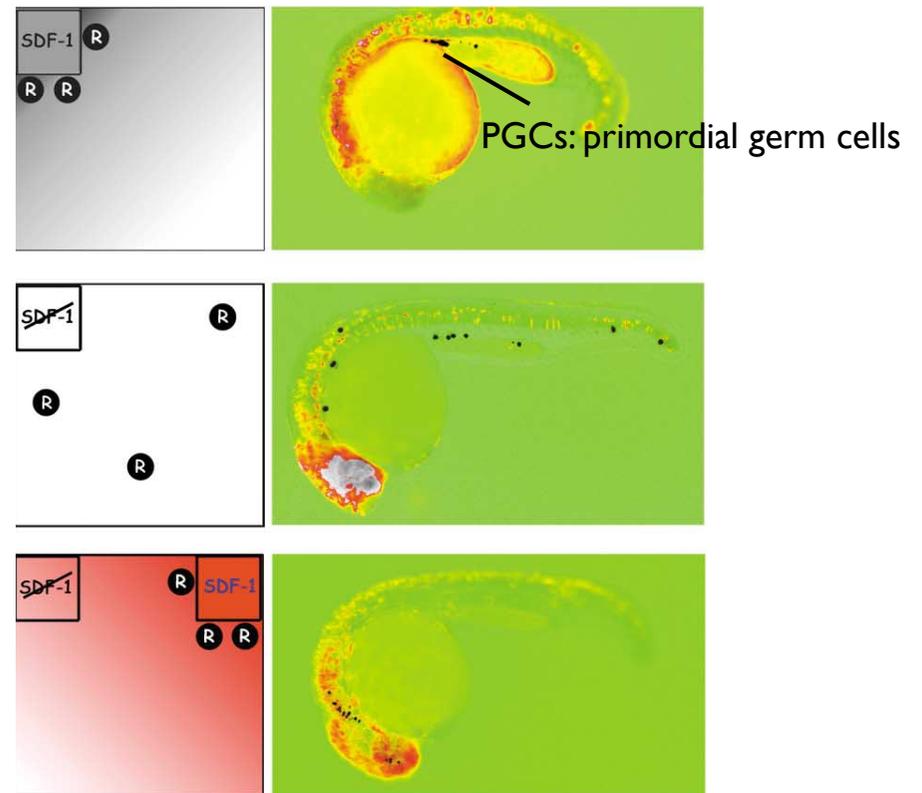
# Collective migration in fish lateral line

- A chemoattractant is expressed in a track along the lateral line



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- The chemoattractant SDF1/Cxcl12a is expressed along the lateral line where the primordia migrate
- SDF1 is a potent chemoattractant in a variety of biological contexts (eg. leukocytes, neurons, primordial germ cells etc).
- SDF1 operates via its receptor CXCR4, a GPCR.
- SDF1 attracts primordial germ cells (PGCs) to specific locations in zebrafish

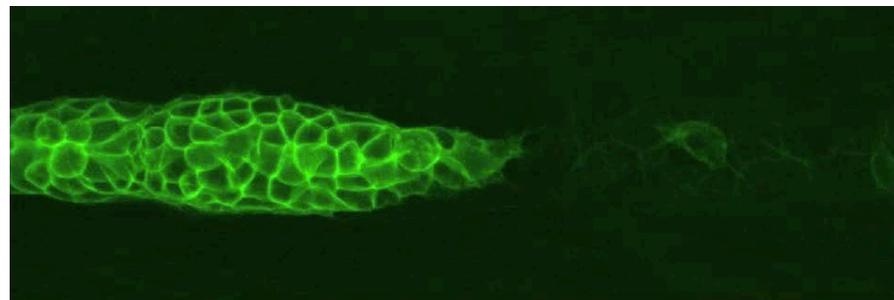
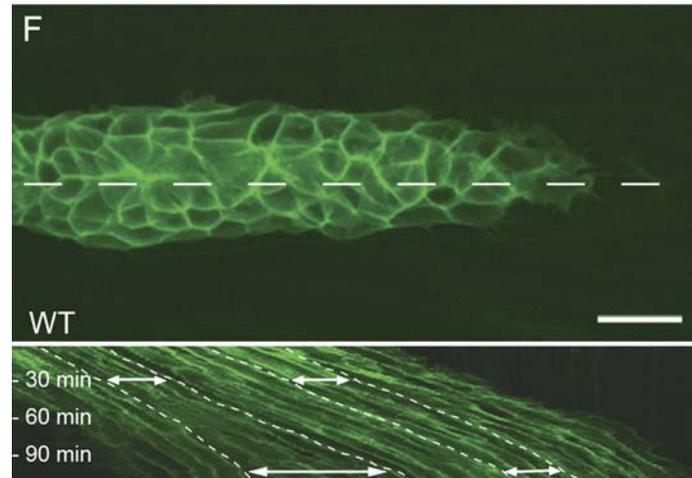


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# Collective migration in fish lateral line

- Polarized organisation of the primordium in response to chemoattractant

- The movement of cells in a wild type primordia is orderly.
- The movement of cells in a CXCR4b mutant is affected.  
Cells are intrinsically dynamic within the primordia but the movement is not directed towards the posterior
- The morphology of primordia is no longer polarized globally
- Overall the primordia fail to move directionally

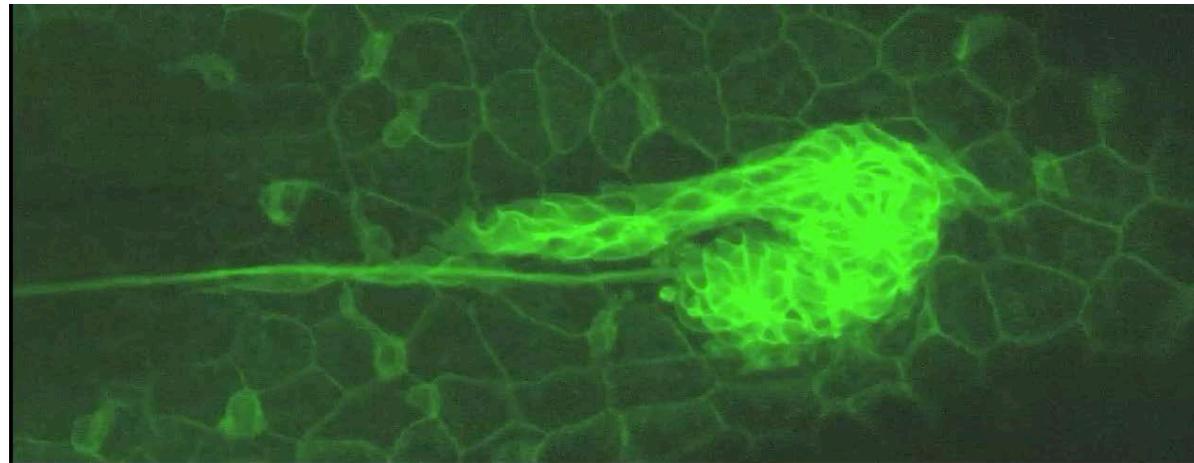
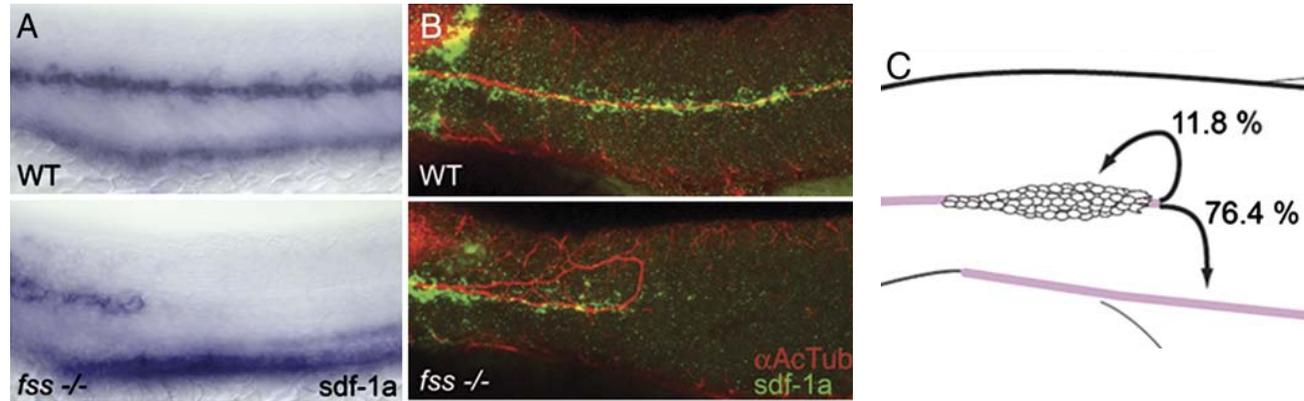


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Intrinsic polarity

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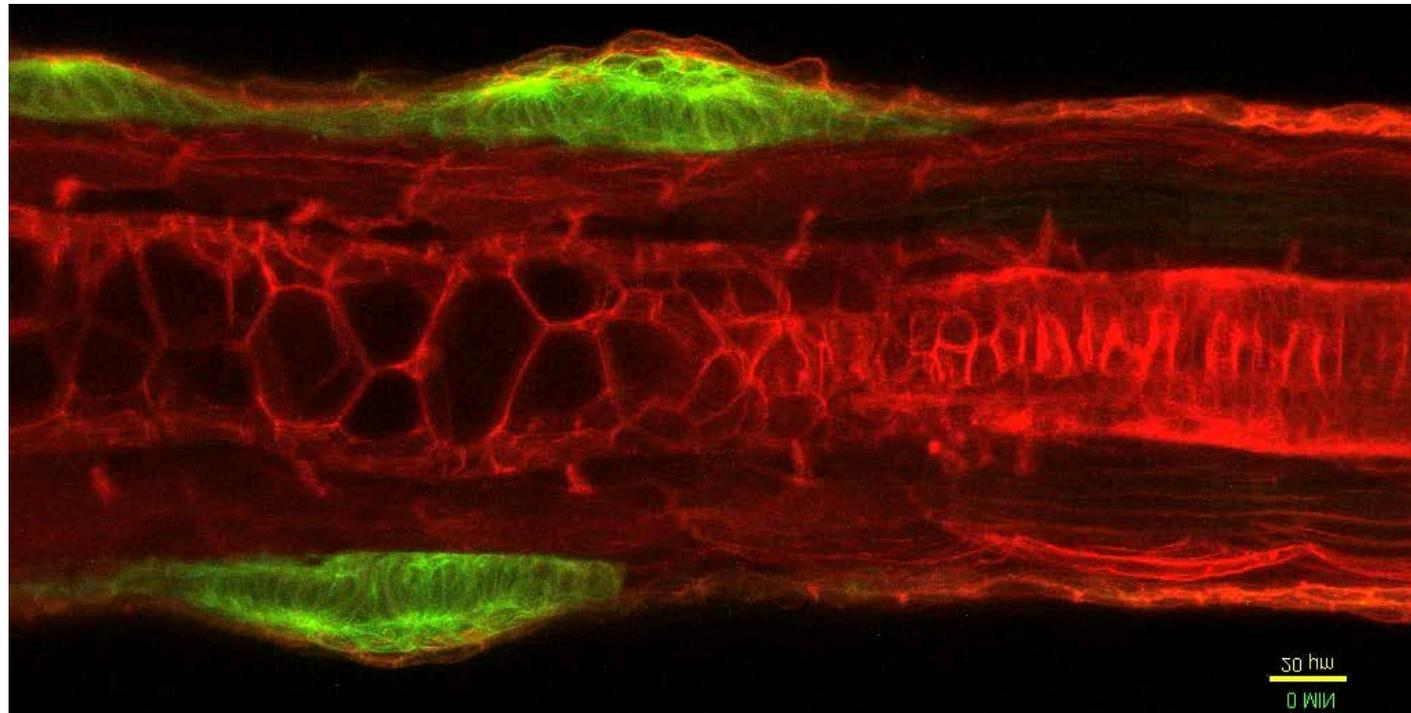
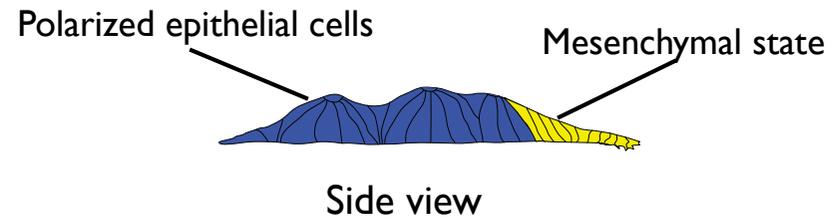
- Structural polarity of cell cluster underlies directionality

- In a mutant where SDF1 expression is reduced to a shorter region, primordia often U-turn
- Primordia do not change polarity/direction: trailing cells do not become leader cells
- This suggests that primordia have an intrinsic global polarity



# Collective migration in fish lateral line

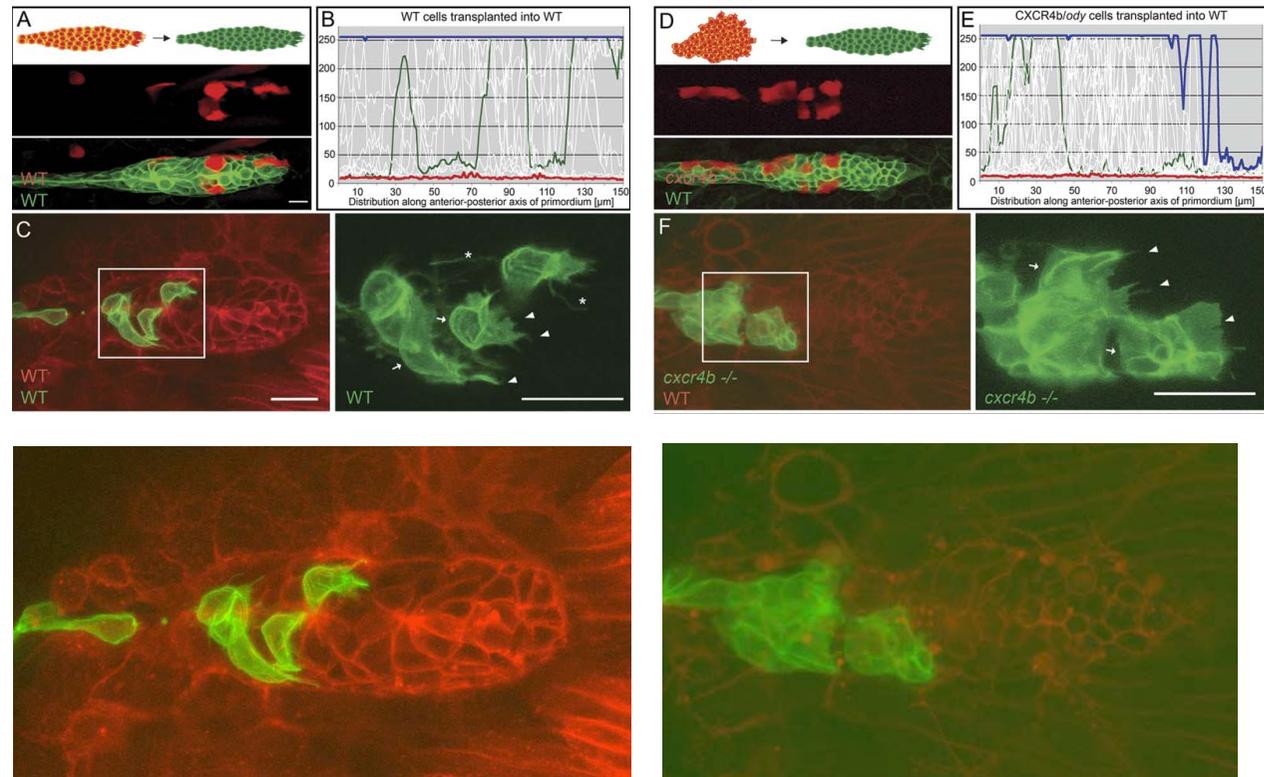
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# Collective migration in fish lateral line

- Chemoattractant signaling is required at the leading edge of cluster

- Mosaic experiments of control cells into a control host primordium.
- When mutant cells are grafted into a wildtype host CXCR4 mutant cells can be co-opted into a host and move with the primodium.
- Wildtype and mutant cells adopt a polarized behavior with filopodia extended to the tip of primodium, independent of CXCR4
- They maintain their position within primordia and move directionally via interactions with neighbors independent of CXCR4 activity.
- Mutant cells never adopt an anterior most position in primordia suggesting they are excluded from leading position

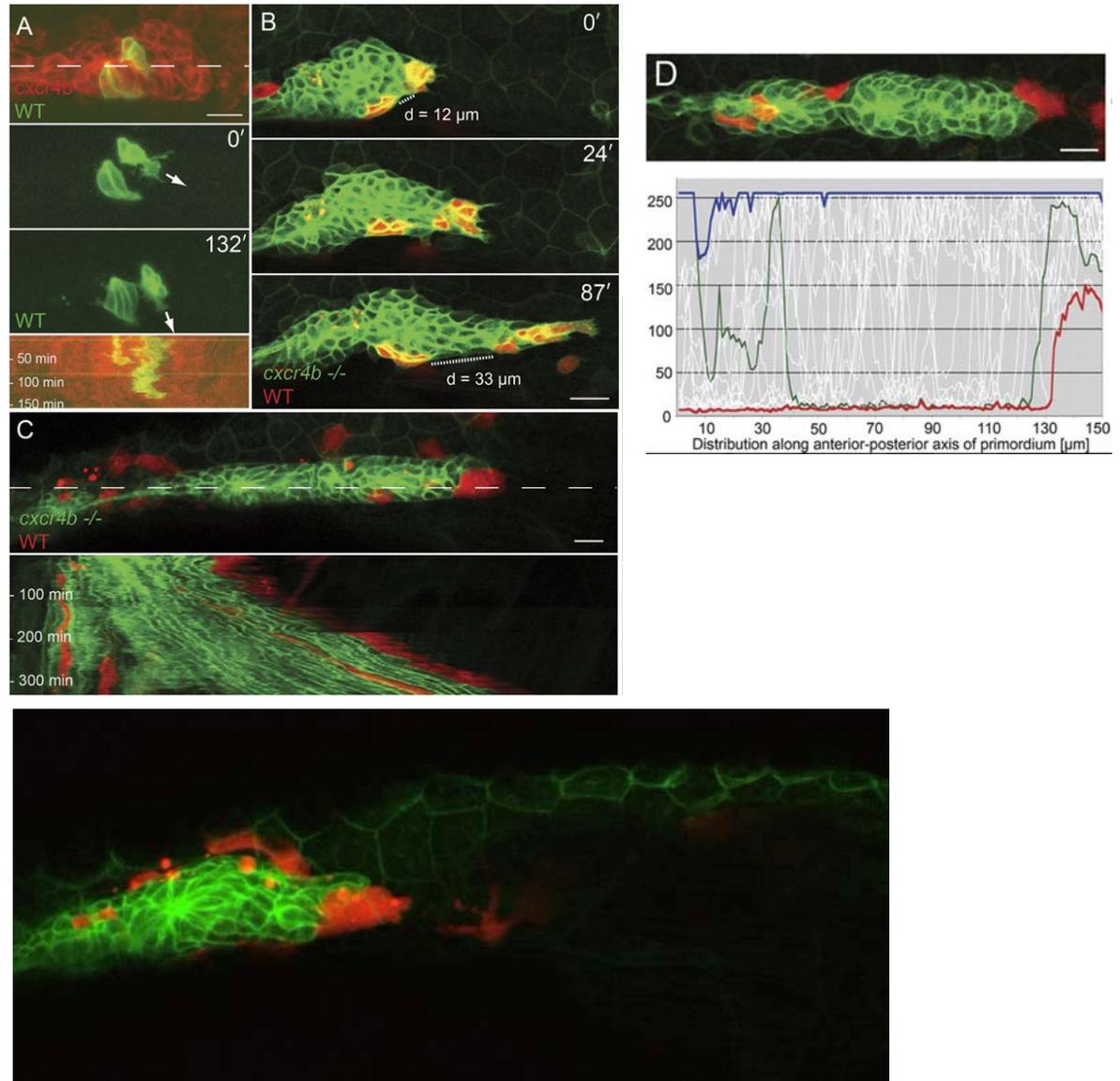


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# Collective migration in fish lateral line

- The leading edge functions as an organizing center for collective motility

- Leading edge organizing center in the primordium:
- Wildtype cells in a mutant primordium do not translocate to the front. They remain in a fixed position within the primordium. They are not attracted towards an SDF1 source per se.
- A few wild type cells can rescue a CXCR4 mutant primordium.
- They get to the leading edge via the tumbling at early stages of primordium development

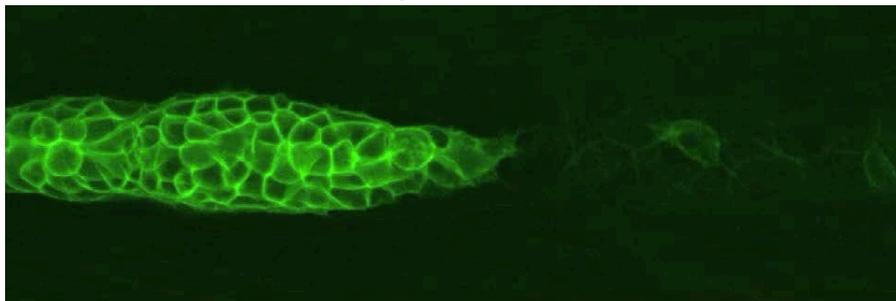


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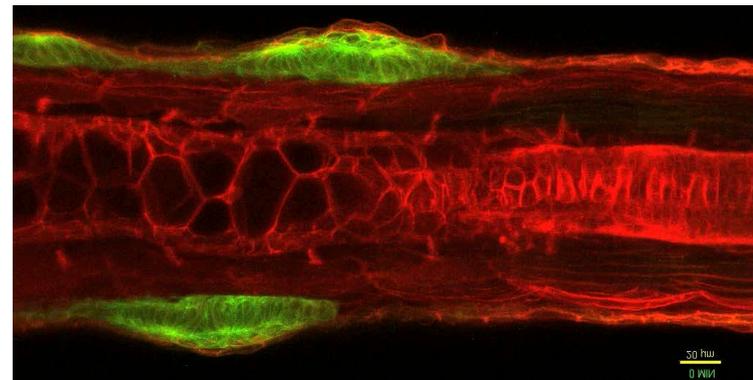
- **Conclusions:**

- The lateral line primordium is a cluster of 100 cells that moves directionally to the posterior
- Directionality requires the existence of a track of SDF1/Cxcl12a chemoattractant
- **Chemoattractant sensing is required in the leading edge cells** in the cluster
- Yet directionality of cluster cannot be determined by pre-patterned SDF1 chemical gradient per se: clusters can move in both directions on track.
- Directionality requires the **global polarization** of the cell cluster which is **independent of chemoattractant** signaling.

Top view



Side view

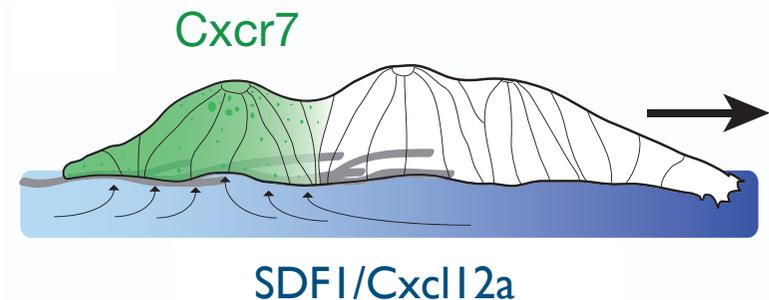
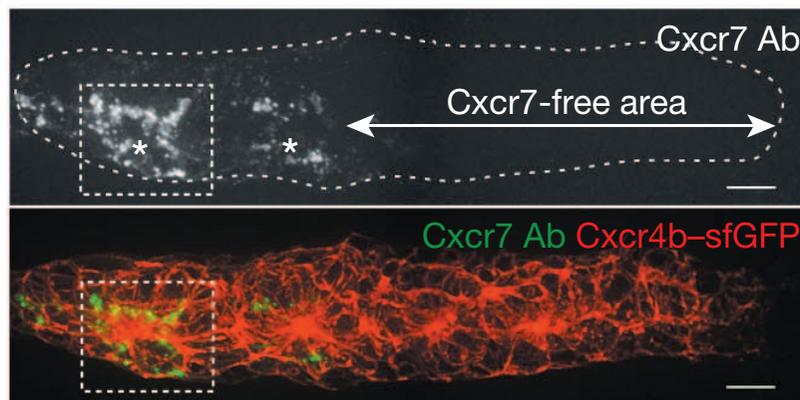


# Collective migration in fish lateral line

## Hypothesis :

- Cluster motility requires **self-generated gradient** of chemoattractant
- Depends on intrinsic polarity of cell cluster
- For instance internalisation of SDF1/Cxcl12a at the rear by CXCR7 which works as a sink?

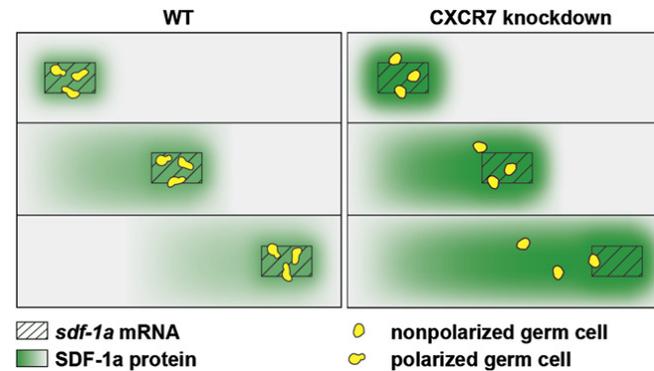
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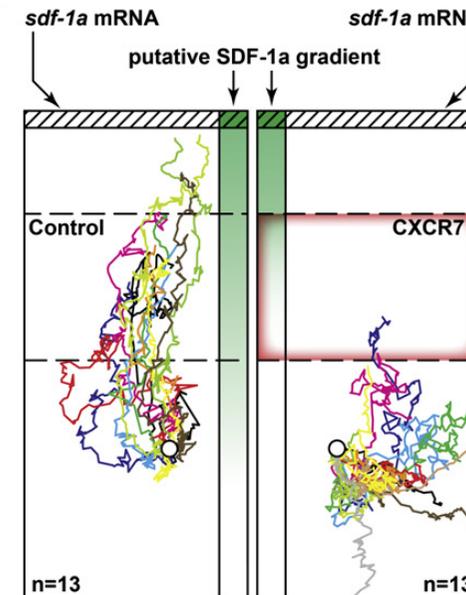
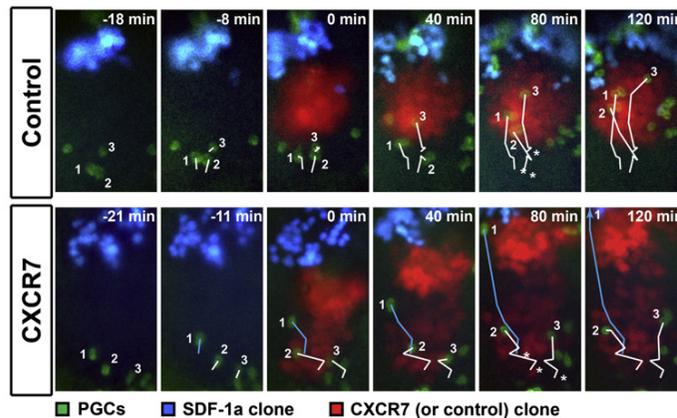
- A chemoattractant sink via receptor endocytosis

- Primordial Germ cells (PGCs) are guided by an SDF1a gradient that arises from moving source of SDF1 and endocytic activity of CXCR7 by PGCs
- CXCR7 works as a chemoattractant sink.



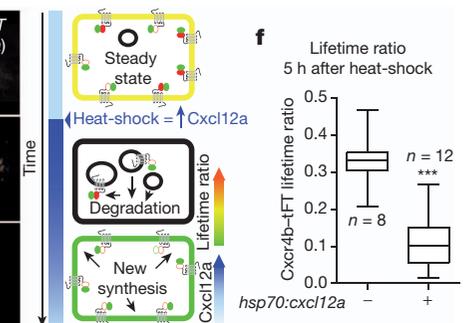
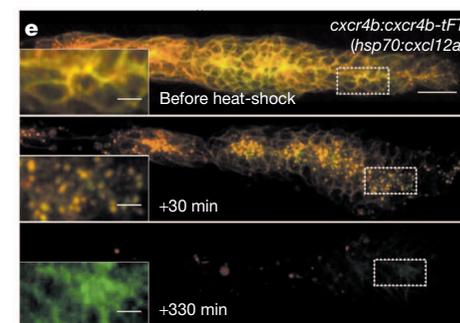
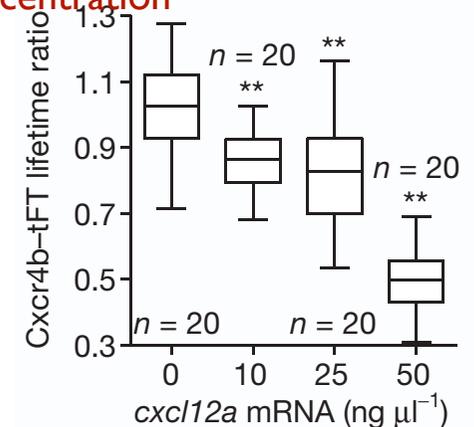
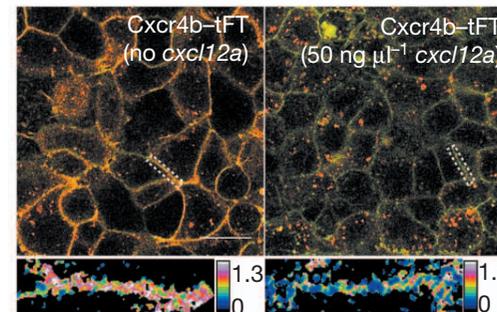
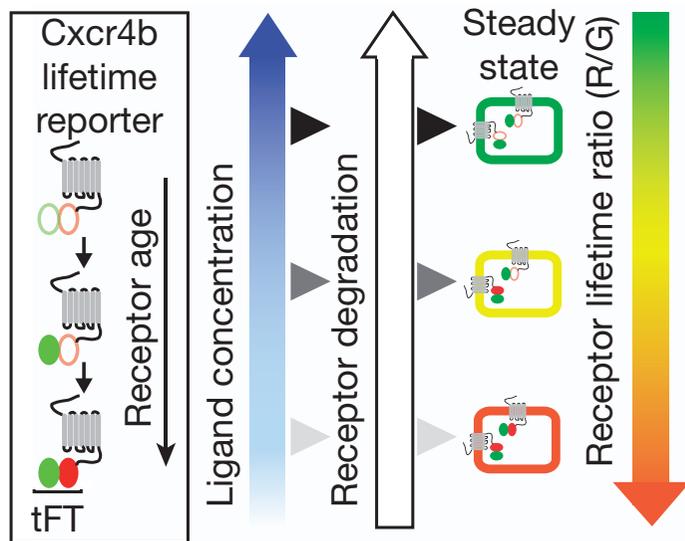
- Overexpression of CXCR7 in the soma blunts the SDF1 gradient and affects PGC migration

SDF1 clone in SDF1 mutant



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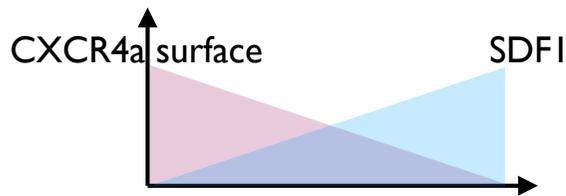
- Probing chemoattractant receptor lifetime at the cell surface
- Assay to monitor surface CXCR4a lifetime and indirectly SDF1/Cxcl12a gradient: based on fusion in tandem with fast maturing GFP and slow maturing RFP.
- Rationale: high concentration of chemoattractant induces receptor internalisation and lowers surface receptor lifetime
- **CXCR4 receptor lifetime ratio depends on SDF1/Cxcl12a ligand concentration**



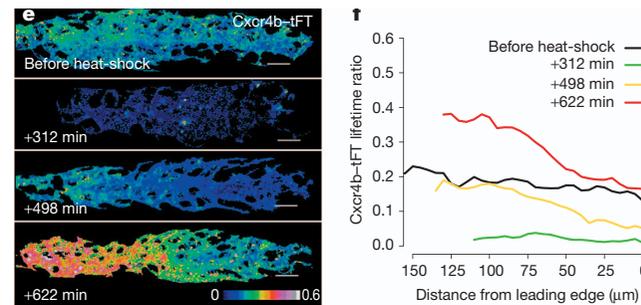
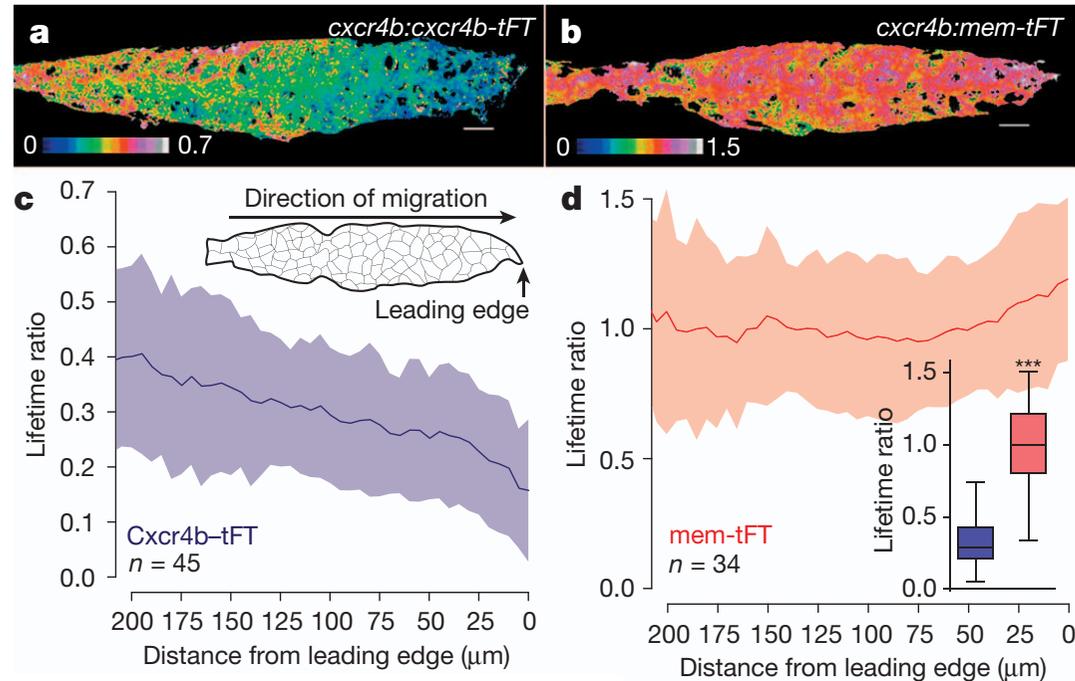
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- Opposite gradient of ligand and receptor lifetime in primordium

- CXCR4 lifetime ratio is present in a gradient from anterior to posterior and reflects an opposite SDF1/Cxcl12a gradient



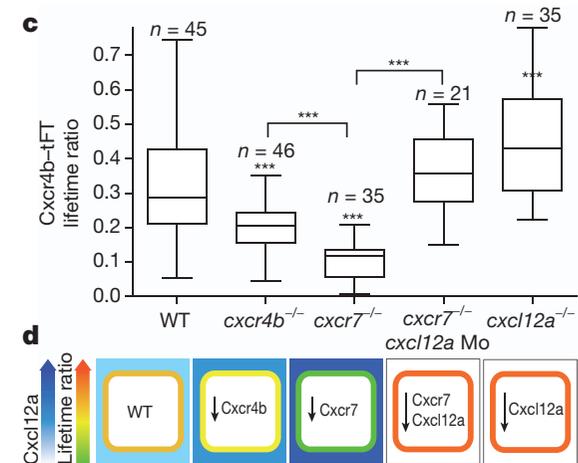
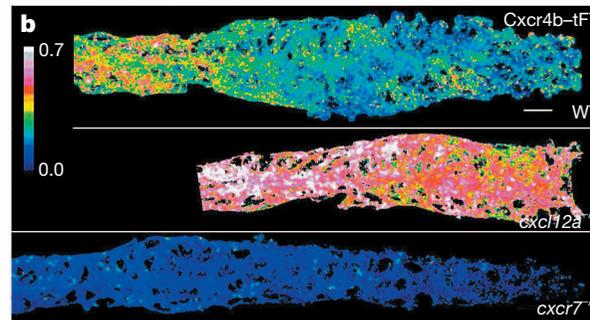
- A pulse of Cxcl12a expression abrogates CXCR4 lifetime gradient.
- The gradient then reforms spontaneously.



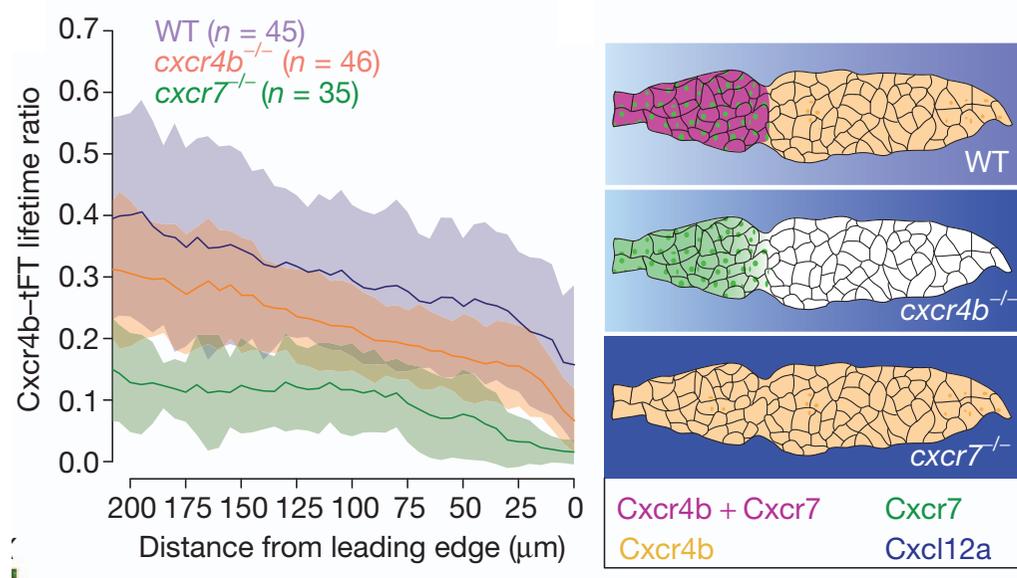
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- Receptor antagonism in primordium underlies self-generated ligand gradient

- Interplay between CXCR4 and 7:
- In a CXCR7 mutant, CXCR4 ratio is lower because the receptor is less present at the surface because 1) more ligand is present and 2) ligand dependent internalisation is enhanced



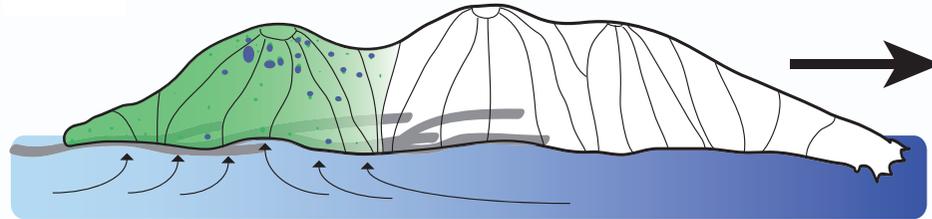
- Overexpression of CXCR7 blocks emergence of self-generated ligand concentration gradient.



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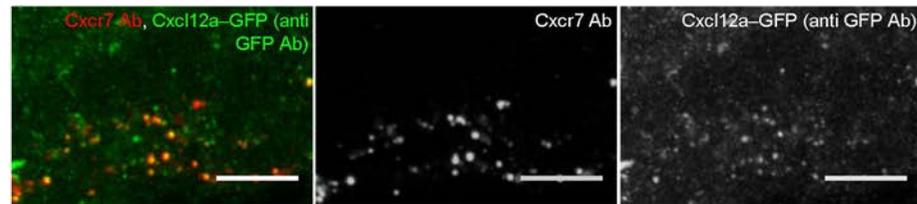
- Internalisation of ligand by CXCR7

Cxcr7

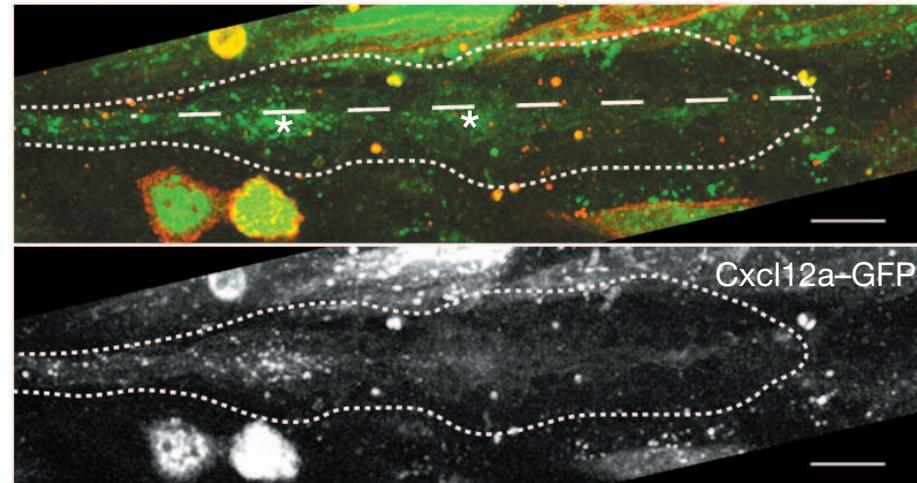


- Internalisation of CXCR7 and its ligand SDF1/Cxcl12a

- The chemoattractant SDF1/Cxcl12a is present in a gradient.



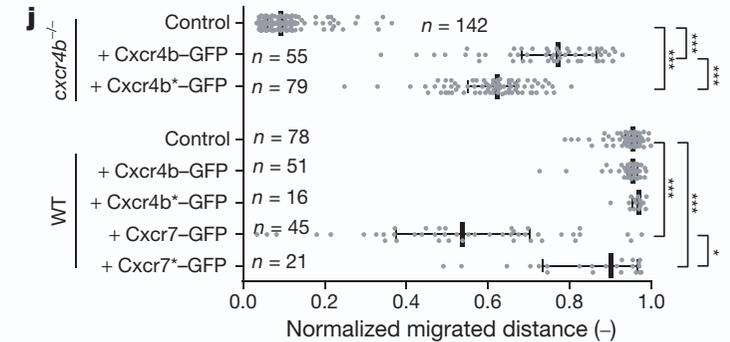
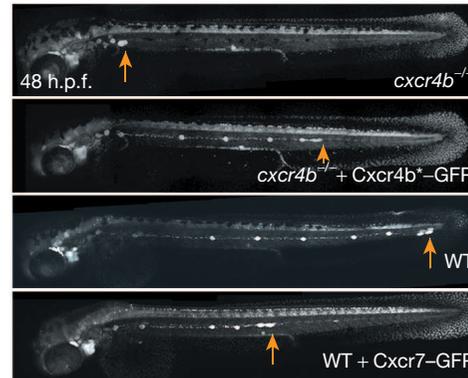
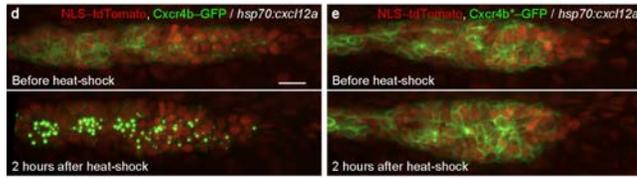
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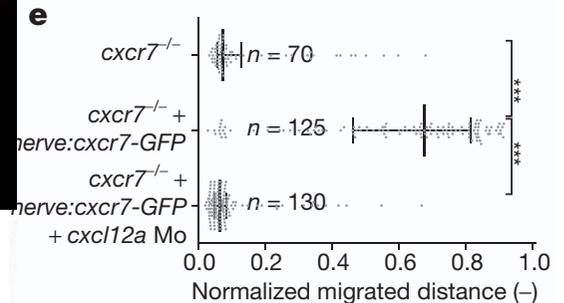
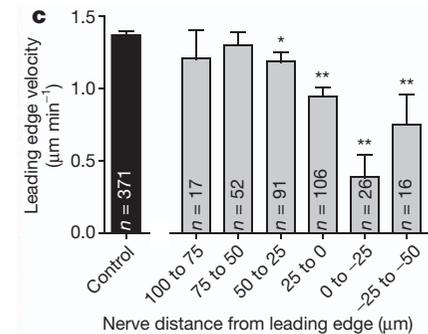
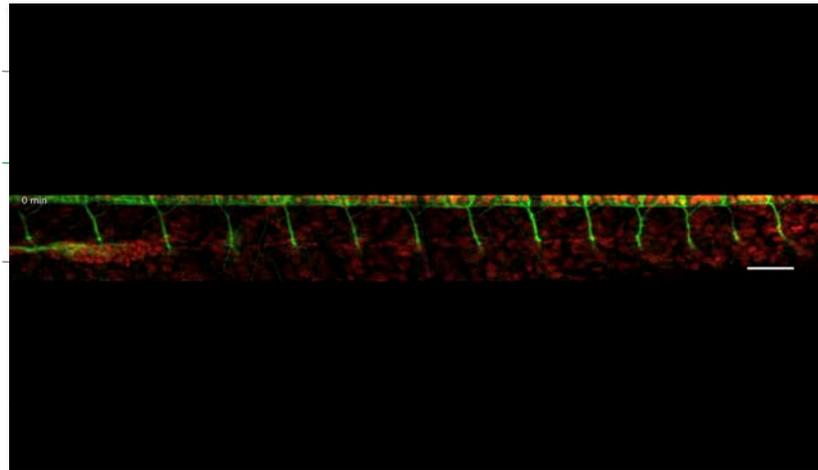
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- CXCR7 endocytosis is necessary and sufficient for primodium motility

- CXCR7 endocytosis is required for collective motility
- Use of endocytosis deficient CXCR4 and 7 receptors.
- CXCR4 endocytosis is dispensable.

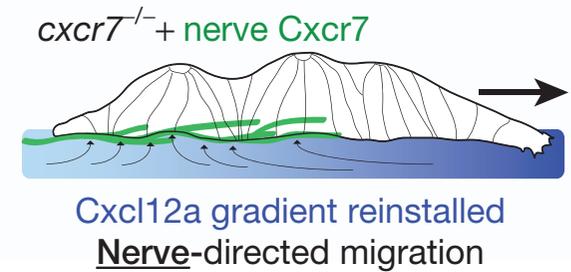
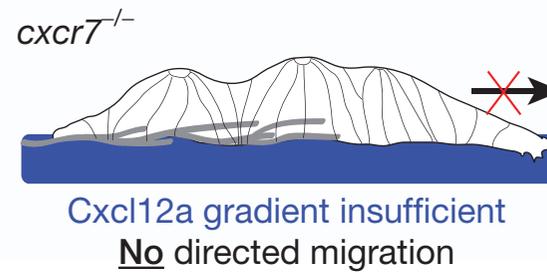
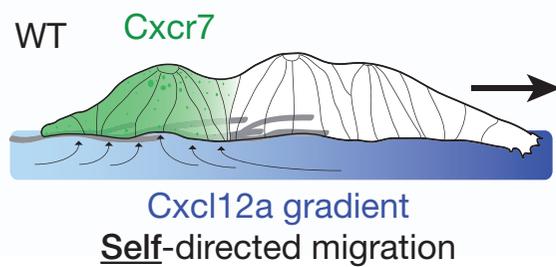


- Expression of CXCR7 in the nerve cells can rescue CXCR7 mutation in the primordium.
- CXCR7 expression in posterior of cluster is sufficient to drive collective motility



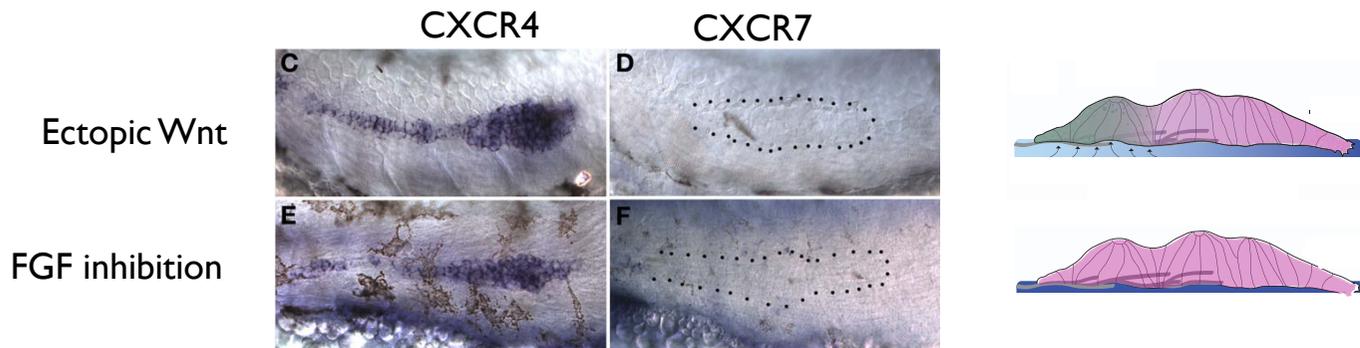
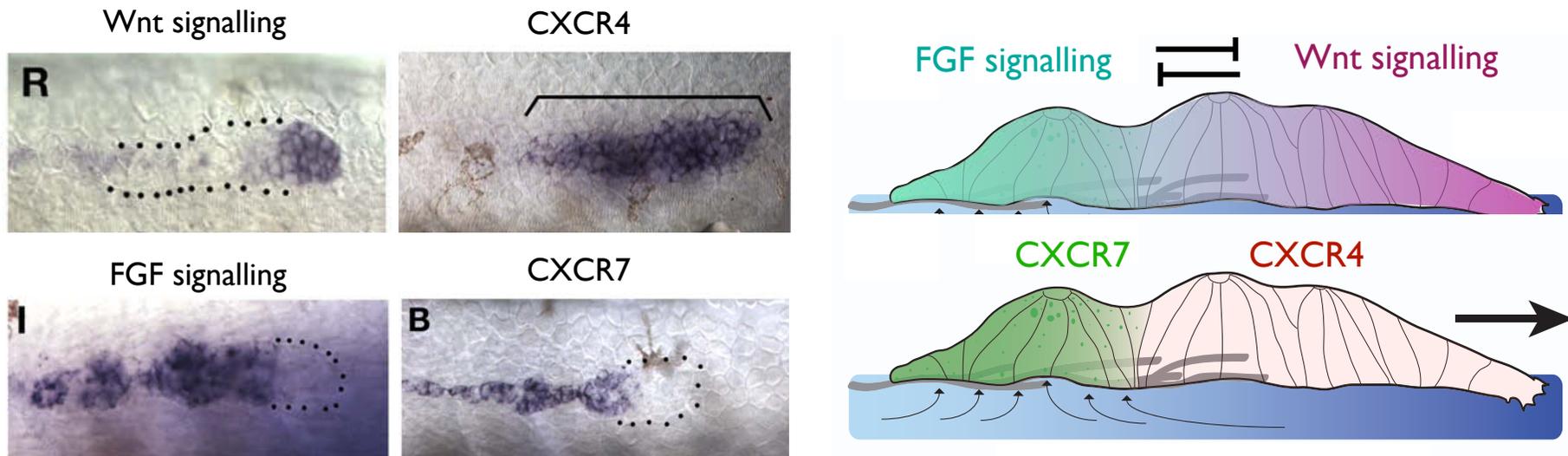
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- Summary



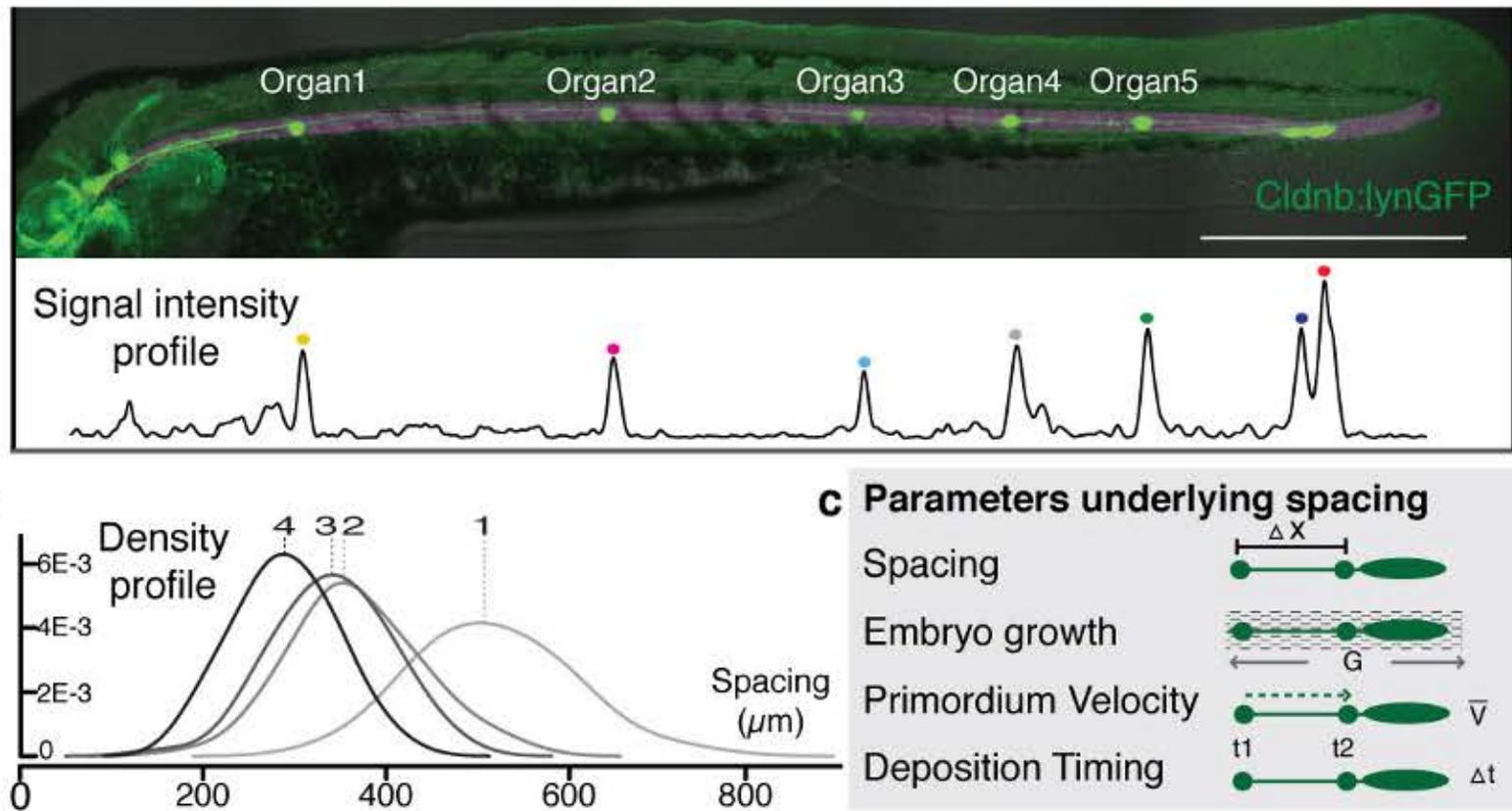
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- Intrinsic polarity of the primordium guides directionality of cell cluster



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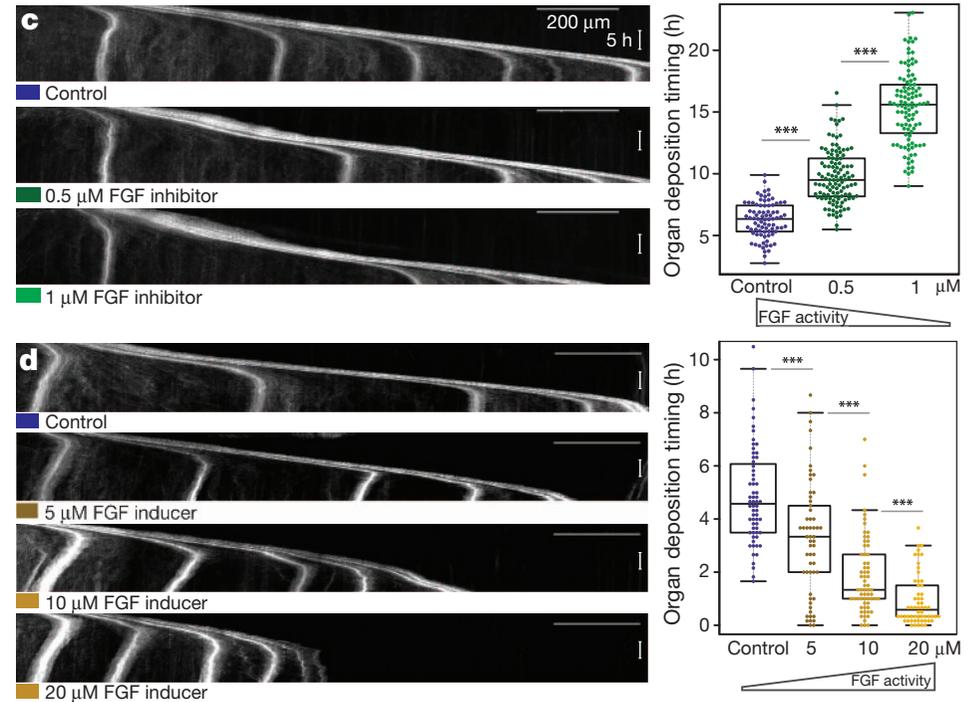
- Organ deposition and cluster motility
- Organs are deposited sequentially at the rear of the primordium



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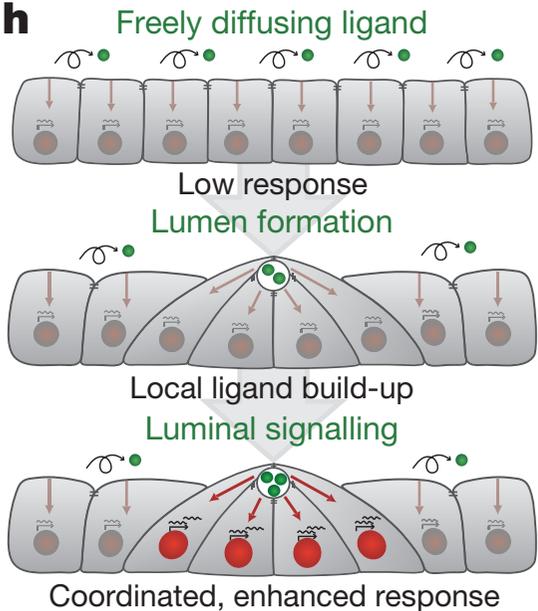
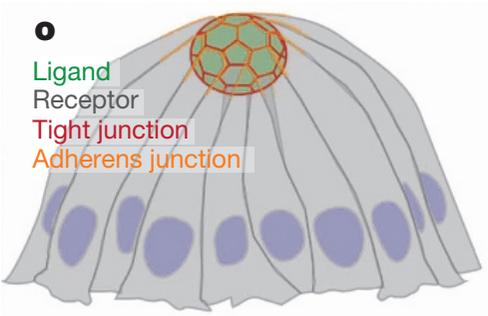
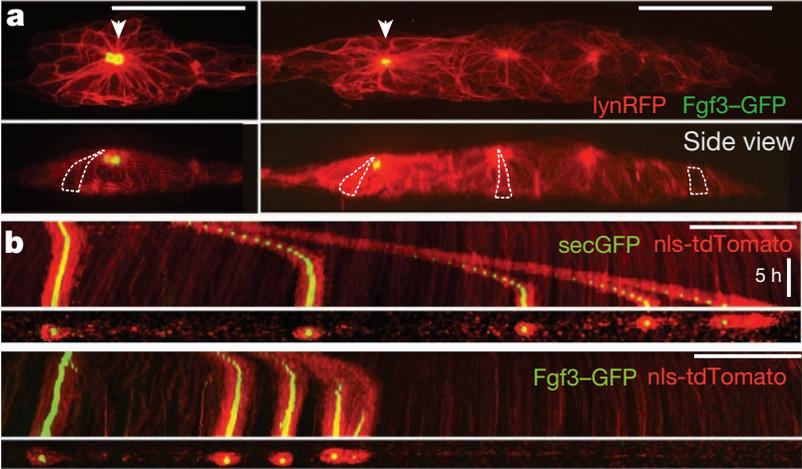
- Organ deposition at rear of organ is tuned by FGF signaling

- FGF signaling tunes the timing of organ deposition
- Reduced FGF slows down organ deposition
- Increased FGF accelerates organ deposition



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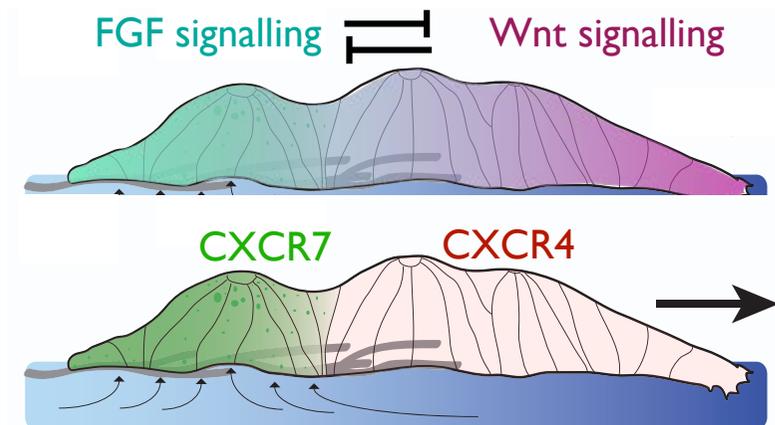
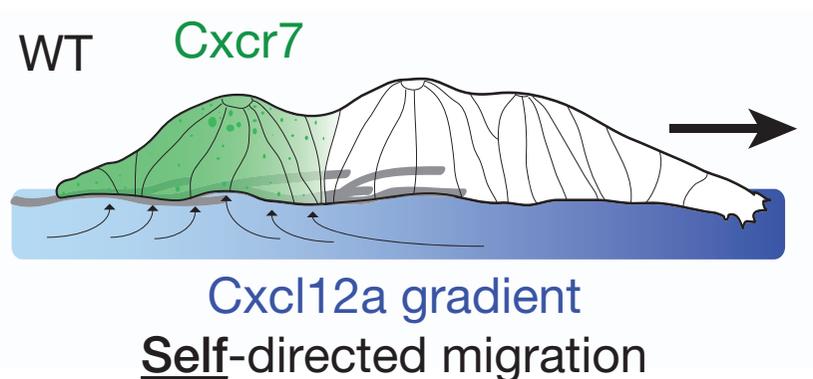
- FGF is present in lumen of posterior cell cluster



# Collective migration in fish lateral line

- **Conclusions:**

- Chemoattractant sensing is required in the leading edge cells in the cluster
- **Directionality of cluster is not determined by pre-patterned SDF1 chemical gradient** per se
- Directionality requires the global polarization of the cell cluster which is independent of chemoattractant signaling.
- **Directionality imparted by intrinsic structural polarization of cell cluster:**
  - This is partly **self-organized** via local SDF1 gradient formation
  - But also partly **pre-patterned** by FGF/Wnt dependent regulation of CXCR7 expression.

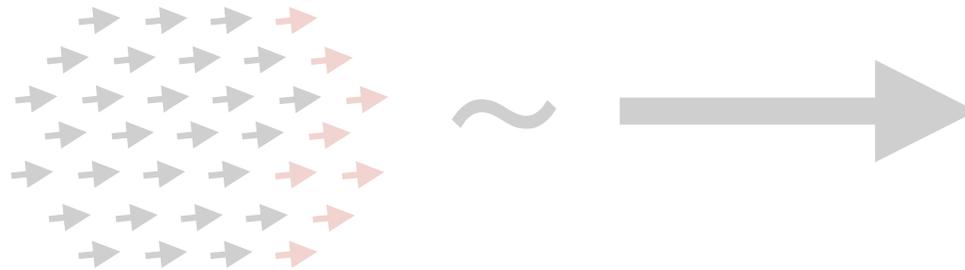


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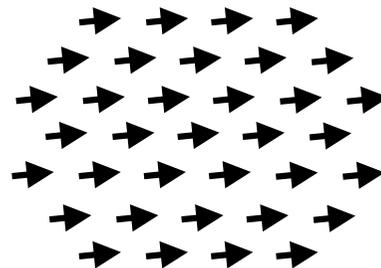
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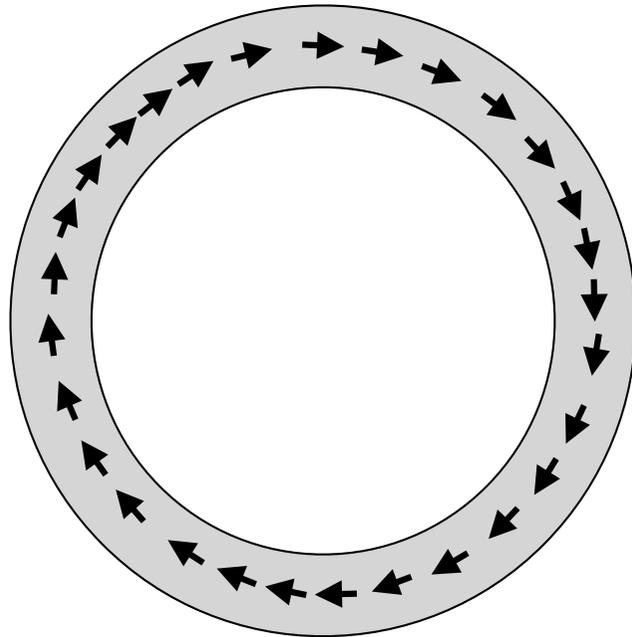
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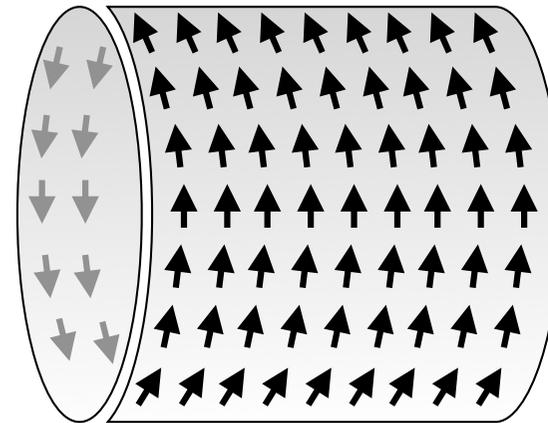
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- Tissue rotation

2D



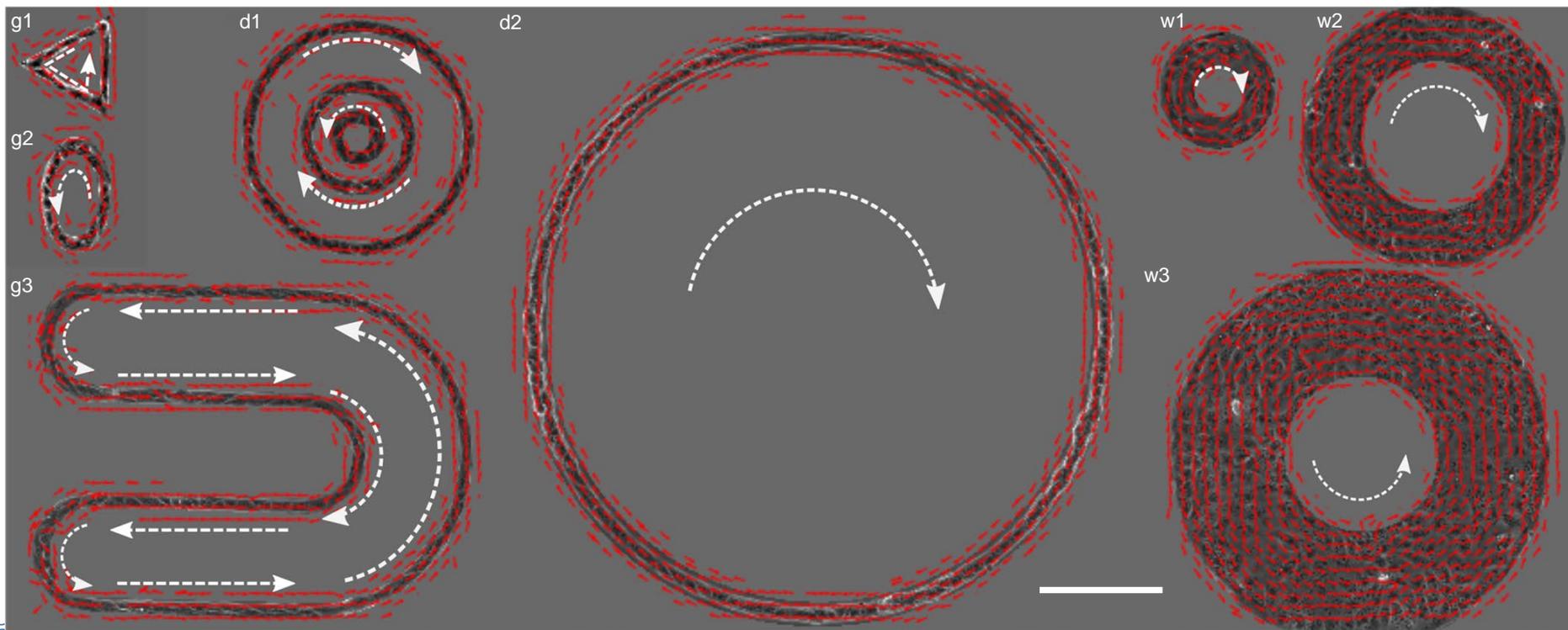
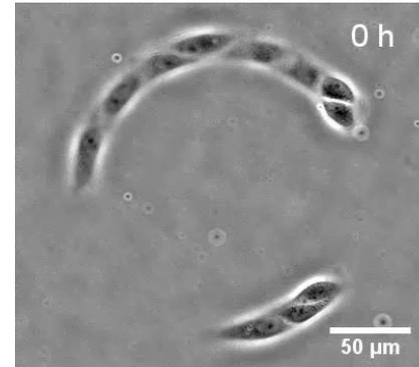
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## ● Tissue rotation in 2D

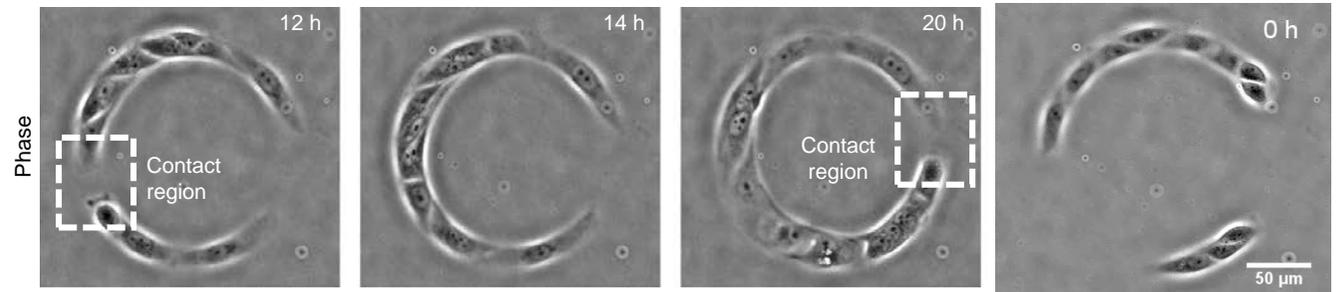
- MDCK cells on a ring of Fibronectin
- Emergence of global order at confluence in a variety of geometric patterned substrates
- Tissue rotation is arbitrarily clockwise or anticlockwise



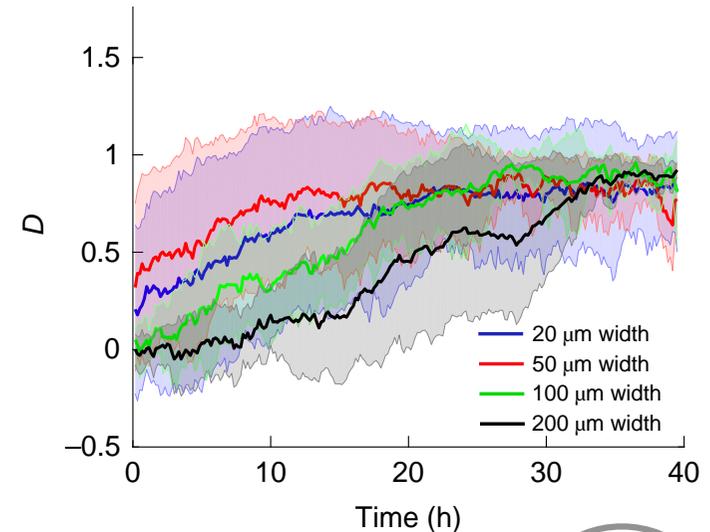
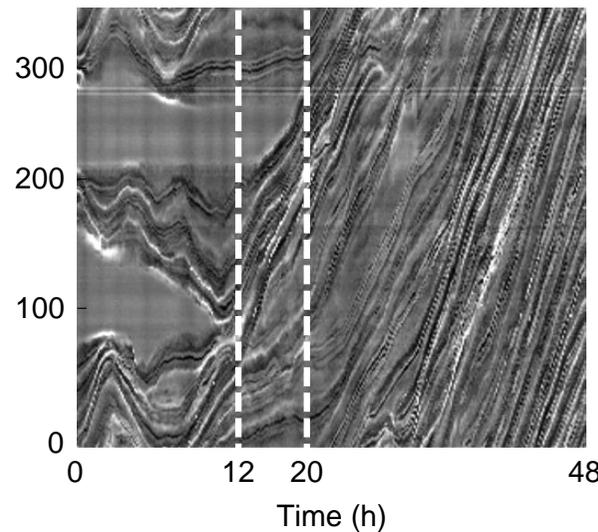
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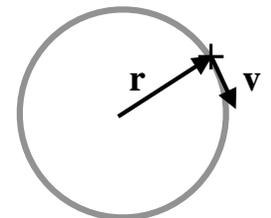
- Emergence of global alignment of cell velocities



- Trains of MDCK cells with CW or CCW rotation collide head to head
- Global alignment of velocity following collision of cell trains
- Coordination parameter  $D$  measures the degree of alignment of velocities (+1 if CW, -1 if CCW and 0 if random motion of cells)



$$D = \frac{1}{n} \sum \frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$$

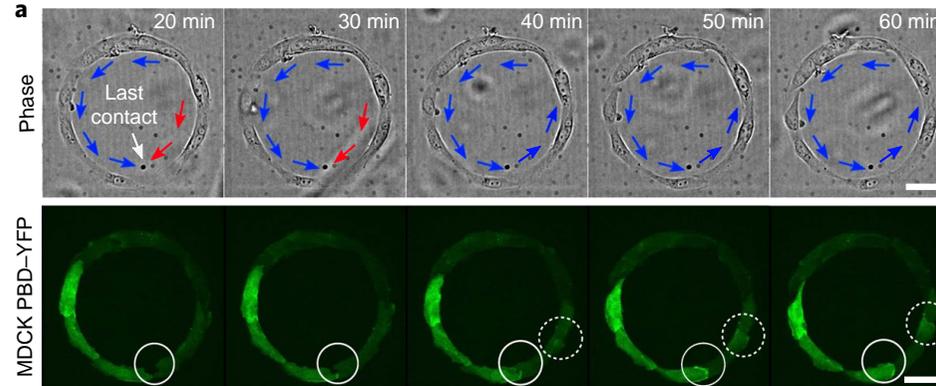


# Collective motility without free boundary

## ● Tissue rotation in 2D

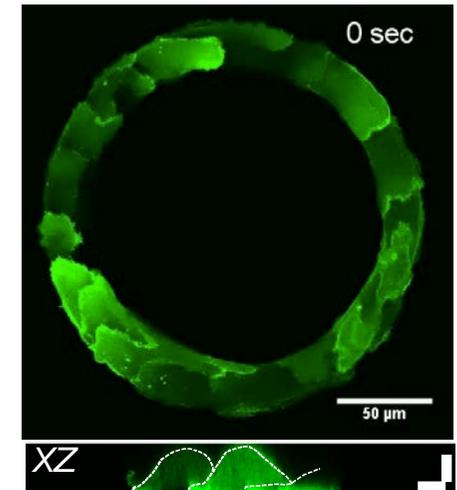
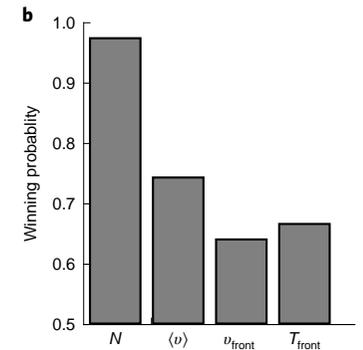
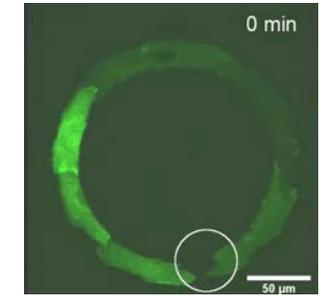
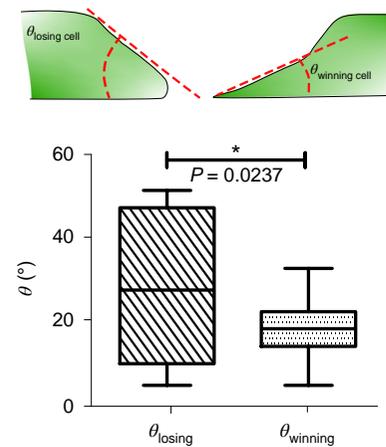
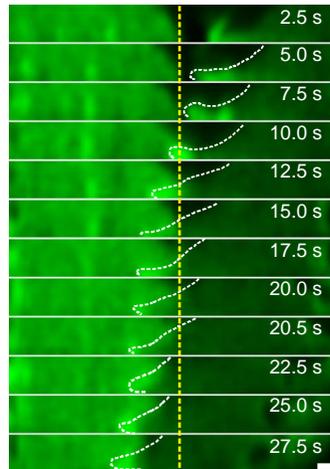
- Cells have an intrinsic polarity and repolarize at contact sites

- Front-Back polarity is assessed with RacGTP sensor (PDB-YFP)
- Cells have an intrinsic polarity



- Following collision, cells repolarize to yield global order

- The longer, faster moving cell train tends to keep its polarity
- A cryptic lamellipode forms at cell contacts. Cells with largest lamellipodes tend to maintain their polarity following contacts
- Stochastic distribution of polarities gives rise to global polarity

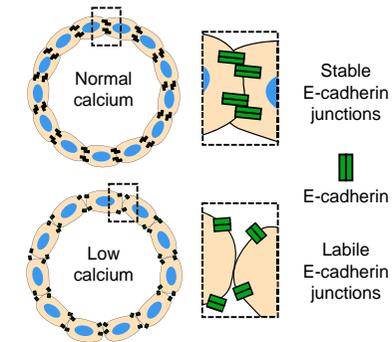
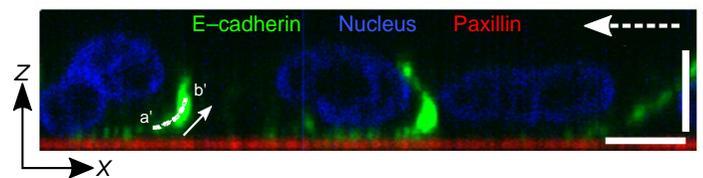


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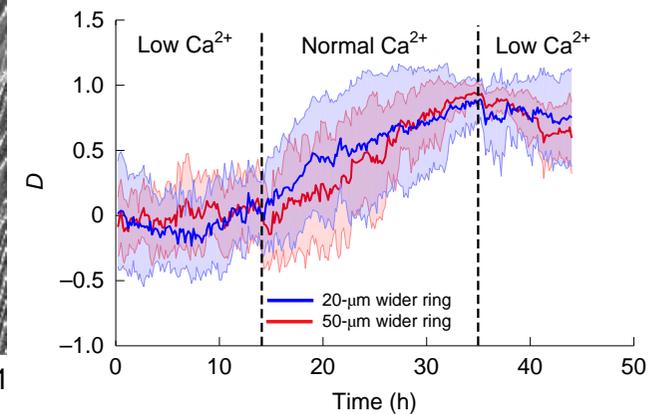
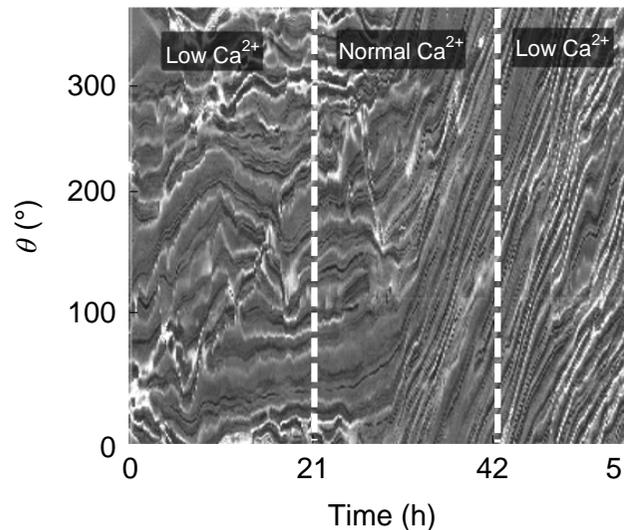
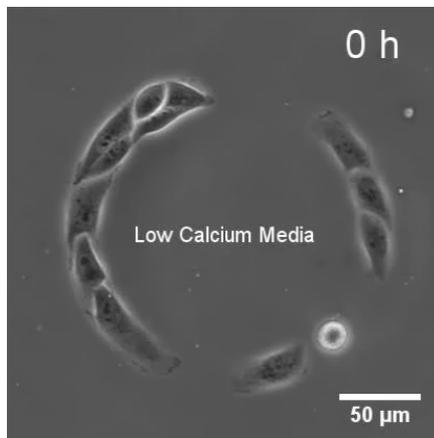
## ● Tissue rotation in 2D

- Cell-cell adhesion is required for the emergence of global order but not for maintenance

- E-cadherin is polarized and mediates cell cell contacts
- Low calcium is used to disrupt E-cadherin adhesion



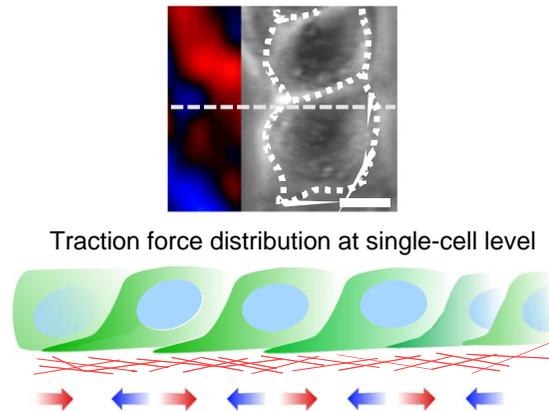
- Without cell-cell adhesion (low calcium or alpha-catenin KD), cells keep random polarity and fail to re-polarize following contacts



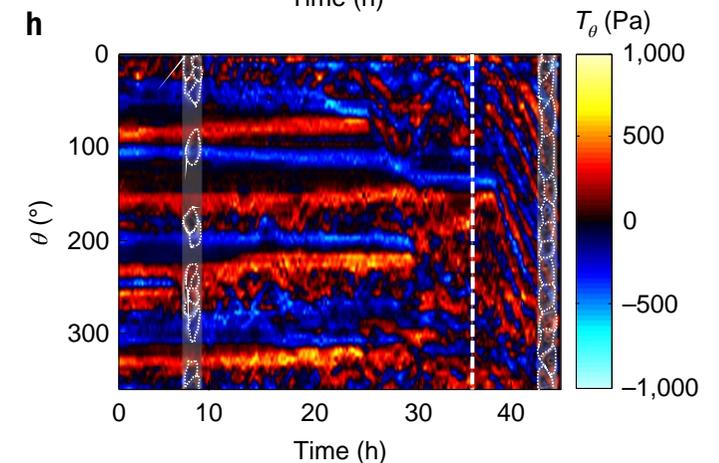
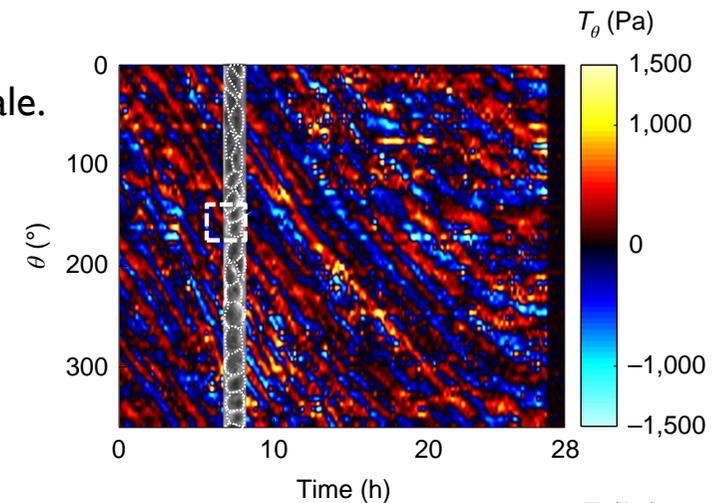
# Collective motility without free boundary

## ● Tissue rotation in 2D

- Cells exhibit local force dipole characteristic of intrinsic motility
- There is no evidence of global intercellular coupling and physical ordering when velocity alignment emerges
- Traction force microscopy: force dipoles at the single cell scale.



- Small cell clusters show **collective force dipole** characteristic of intercellular mechanical coupling via adhesion proteins.
- But, **at confluence**, following velocity alignment, **force dipoles are local, at the single cell scale.**

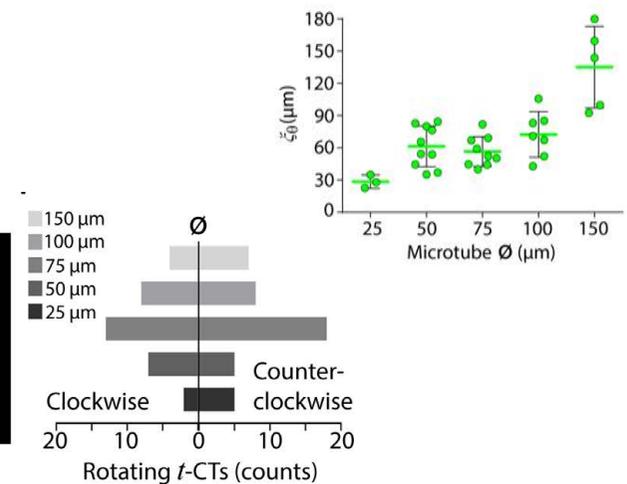
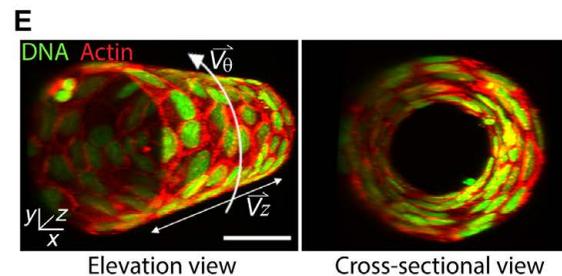
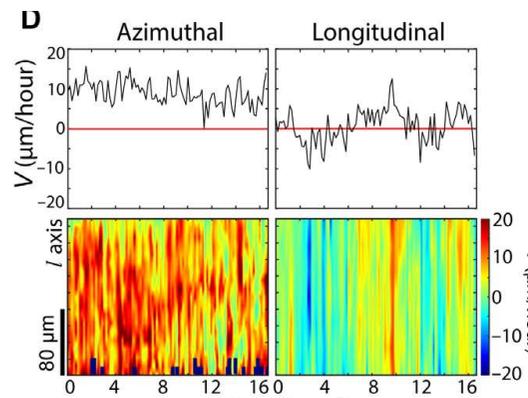
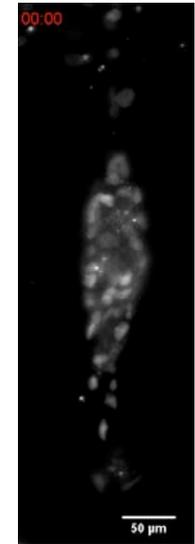
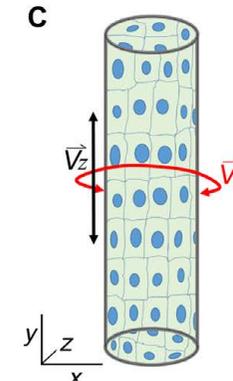
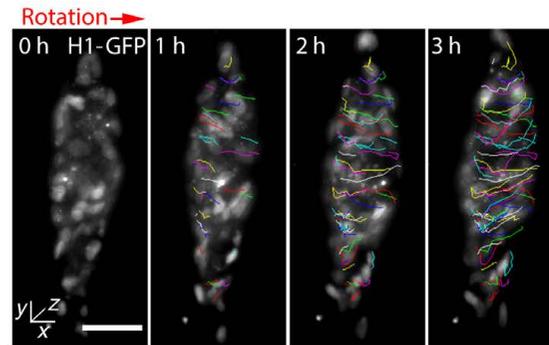


# Collective motility without free boundary

## ● Tissue rotation in 3D

- Emergence of tissue rotation on a concave curved surface

- Velocity is azimuthal, CW or CCW.
- Rotation is found over a wide range of tube diameter. Above  $150\mu\text{m}$ , there is no longer rotation. This may reflect the velocity correlation length scale in MDCK cells  $\sim 200\mu\text{m}$ , on flat unconfined surfaces.
- On curved surfaces, this correlation length  $\xi_\theta$  increases with tube diameter

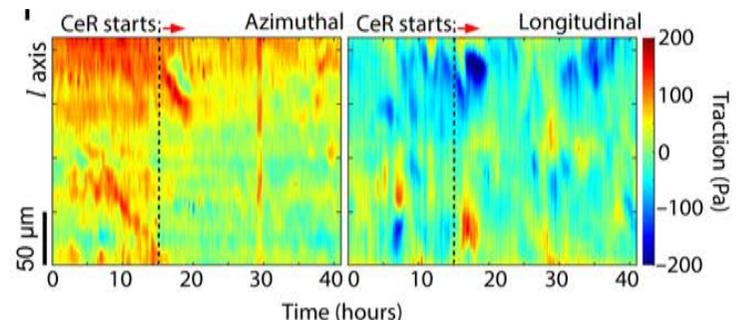
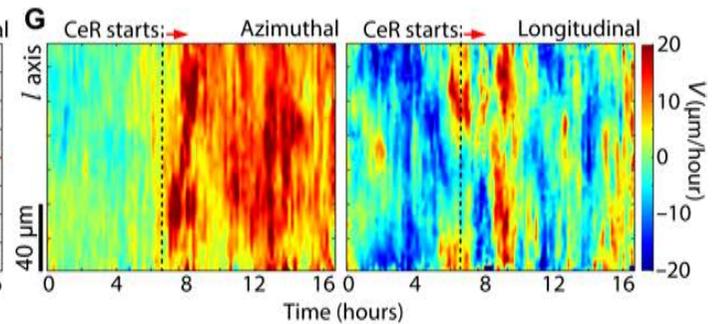
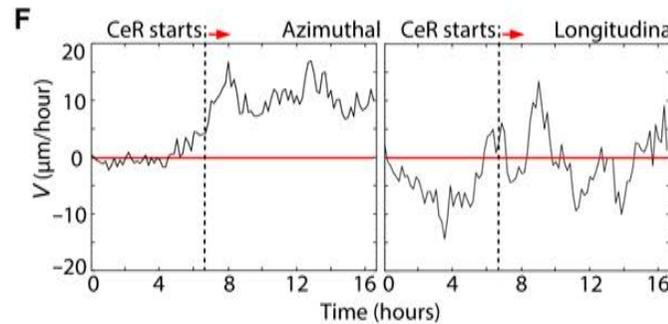
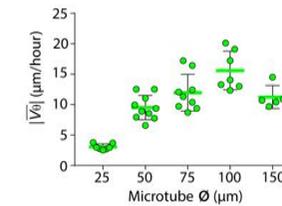
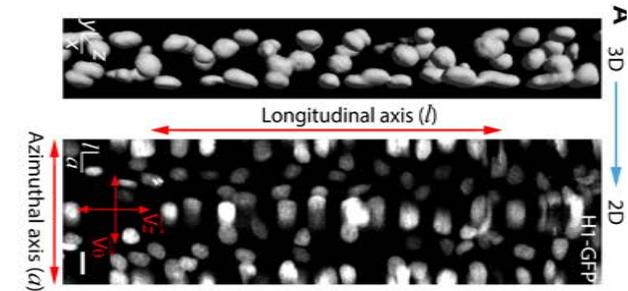
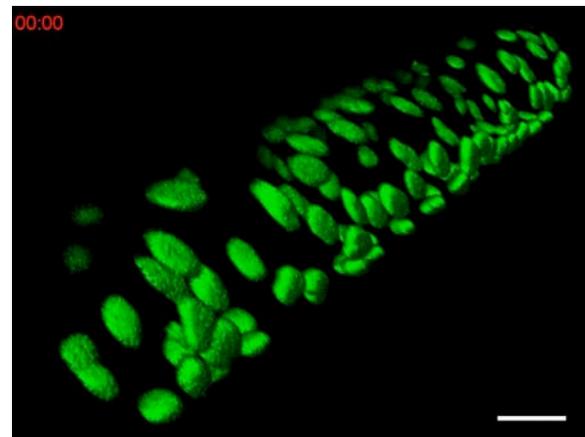


# Collective motility without free boundary

## ● Tissue rotation in 3D

- Emergence of tissue rotation on a concave curved surface

- In a first phase, cell motility is random
- Rotation emerges after 2h with global alignment of velocity, clockwise or counterclockwise
- This is associated with a global reduction in traction forces

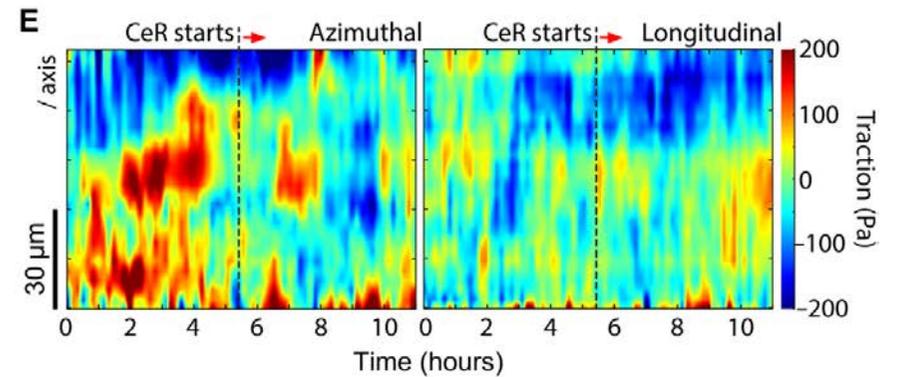
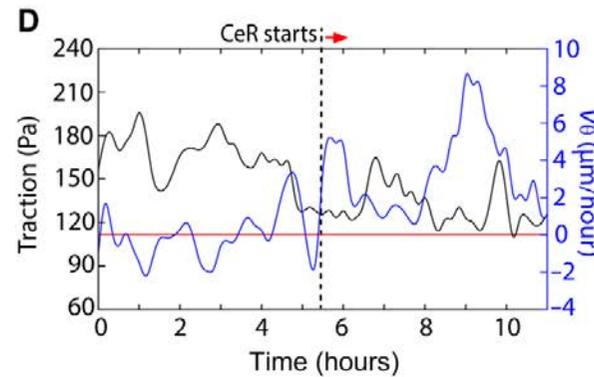
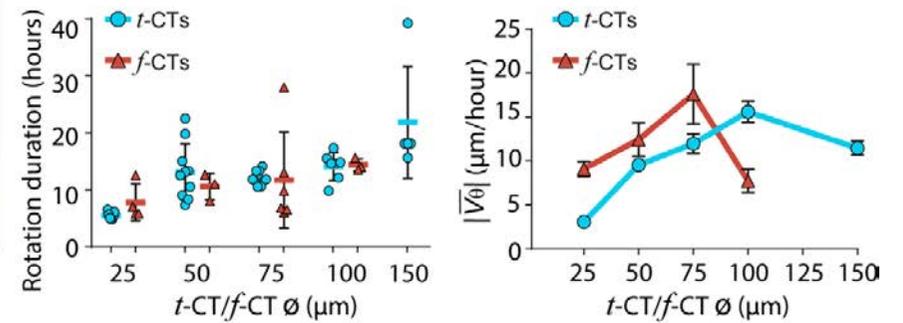
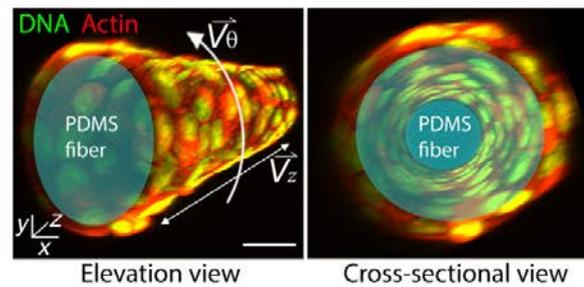


# Collective motility without free boundary

## ● Tissue rotation in 3D

- Emergence of tissue rotation on a convex surface

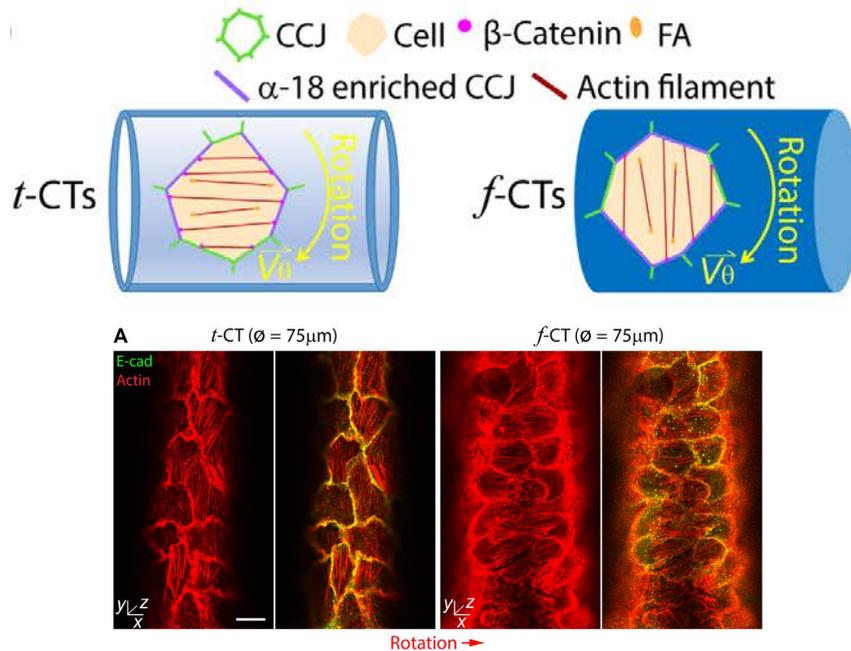
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f-CT: convexe tissue on fiber



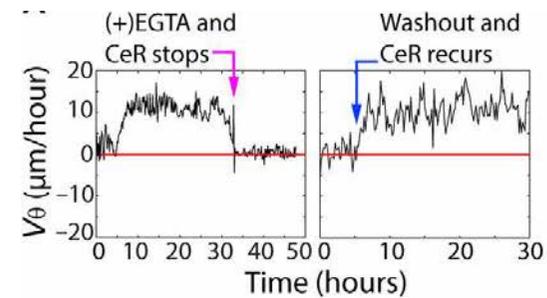
# Collective motility without free boundary

## ● Tissue rotation in 3D

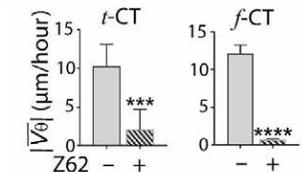
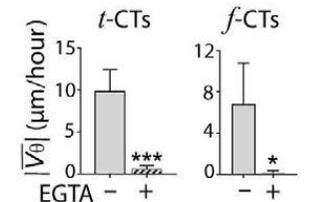
- Cells exhibit orthogonal cell polarity in concave and convex curvatures
- Rotation requires cell adhesion, and cell polarization (Rac I)



t-CT: tubular curved tissue  
f-CT: convex tissue on fiber



Adhesion inhibitor



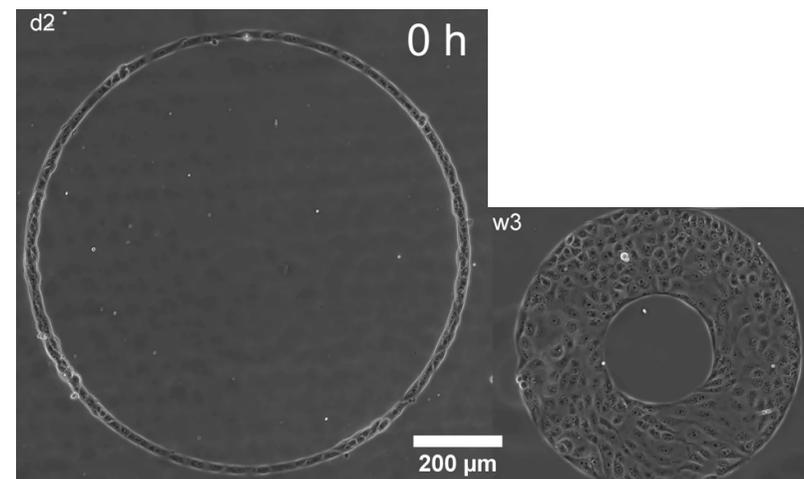
Rac inhibitor

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# Collective motility without free boundary

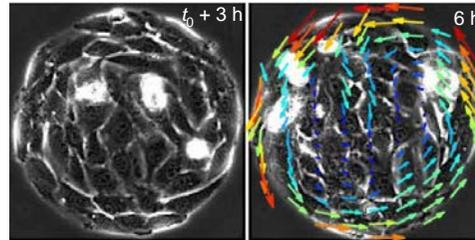
## ● Tissue rotation in 2D and 3D: conclusions

- Intrinsic capacity to **break symmetry at cellular scale**
- **Cell interactions reorganize local polarities and lead to local ordering**
- Global ordering emerges at high density when all cells interact.
- This involves **coupling between curvature, velocity and polarity** (the mechanisms are not understood, phenomenological model)
- There is **no need for long range ordering** (by mechanochemical gradients, eg, chemotactic cues or durotactic signals).
- Yet such long range cues could potentially increase robustness or velocity alignments (ie. Increase the velocity and polarity correlation lengths).



# Collective motility without free boundary

- Topological defects in polarity field is linked to chiral symmetry breaking



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Cultured myoblasts

## Nematic order parameters

- Nematic tensor order (in 2D)
 
$$Q_{ij} = \langle u_i u_j \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} \quad (=0 \text{ for disordered state})$$

2nd statistical moment
- Scalar order
 
$$S = 1 - \langle \delta\theta^2 \rangle \quad \theta_i = \bar{\theta} + \delta\theta_i$$

## Topological charge in a tissue

$$m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C d\theta$$

Topological charge

m = 0

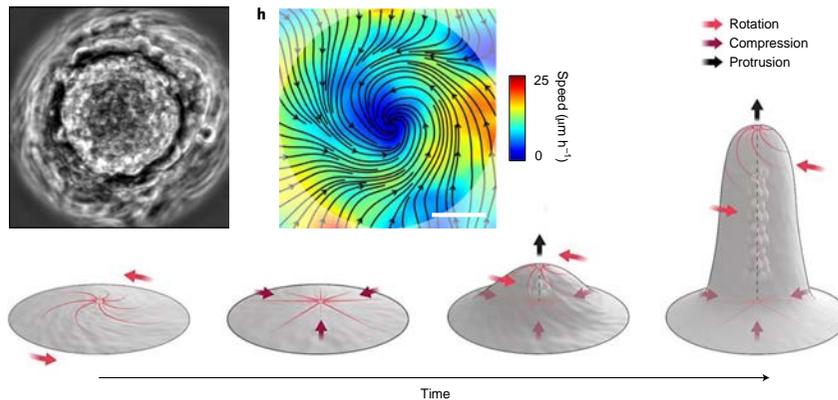
m = 1

m = -1/2

m = +1/2

# Collective motility without free boundary

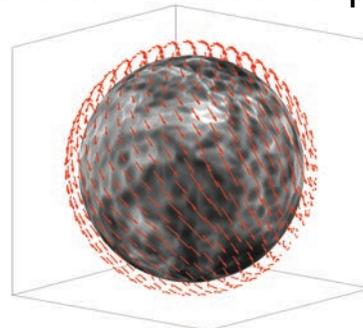
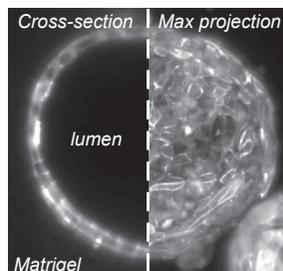
- Topological defects in polarity field is linked to chiral symmetry breaking
- Integer topological defects organize stresses driving tissue morphogenesis



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- Asters and spirals form around integer topological defects in cultured myoblasts
- Stresses accumulate at integer topological defects
- Mounds and spirals in 3D emerge

- Emergent chirality in active solid rotation of pancreas spheres

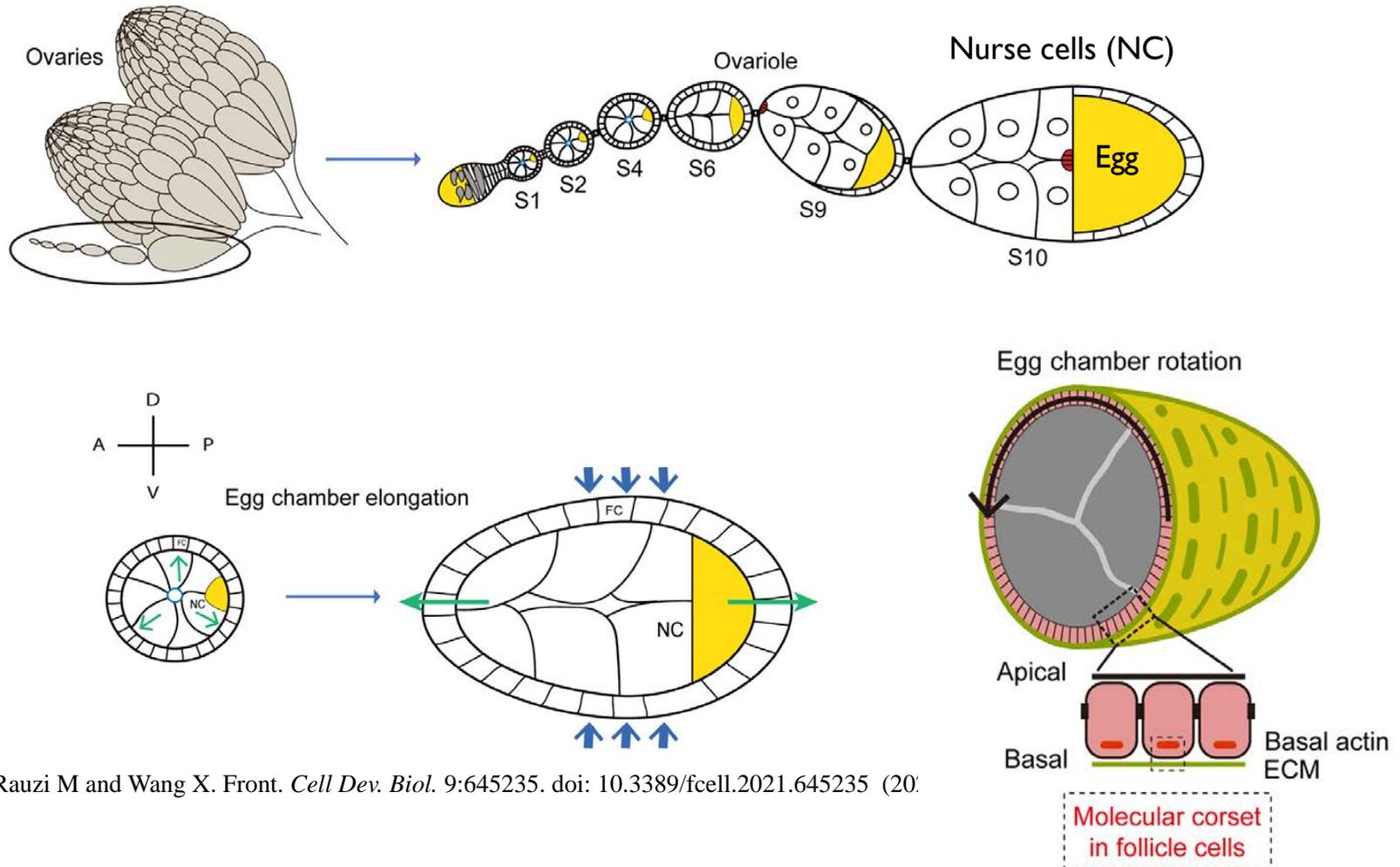


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# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

## • Egg chamber morphogenesis in *Drosophila*

- The egg grows and elongates.
- Egg elongation requires active remodeling by the surrounding epithelium

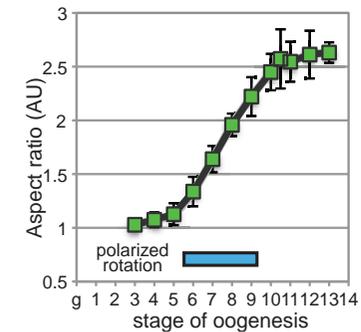
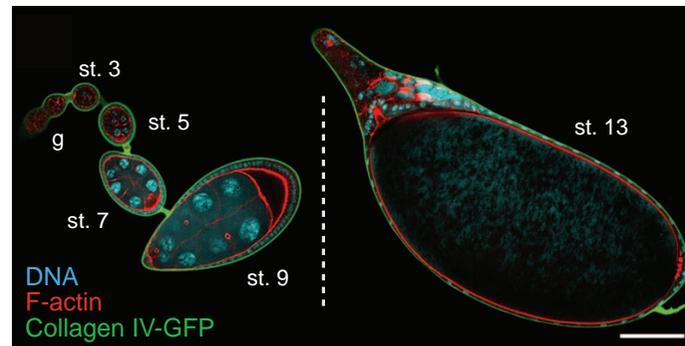


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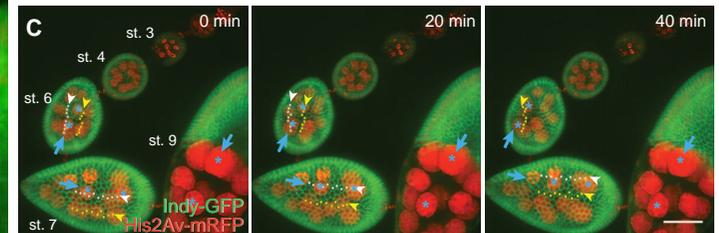
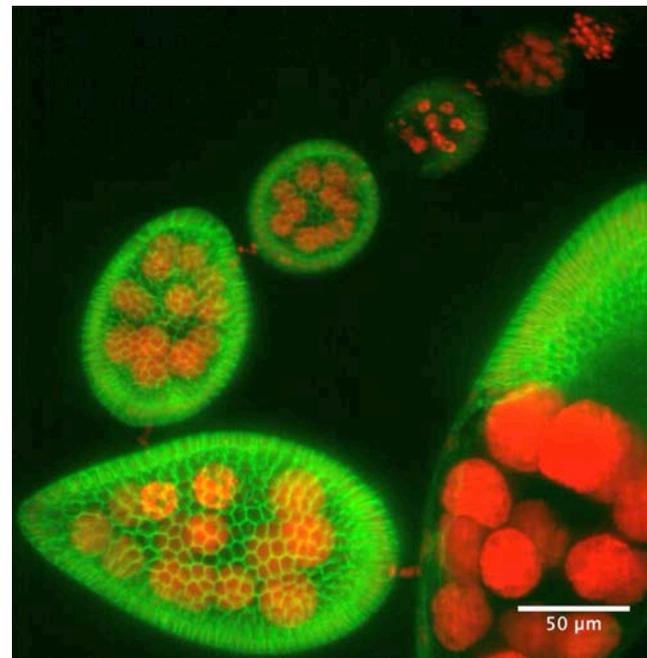
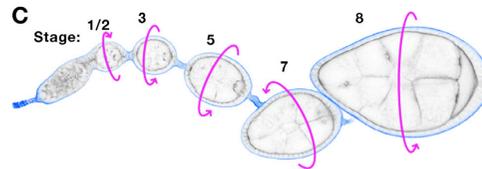


# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

- Egg chamber rotation occurs simultaneously with elongation

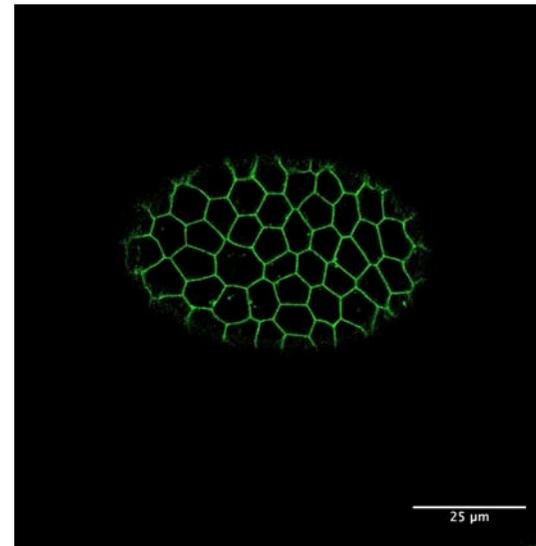


- Egg chamber rotation has no predetermined orientation
- The follicular epithelium rotates together with the egg and nurse cells



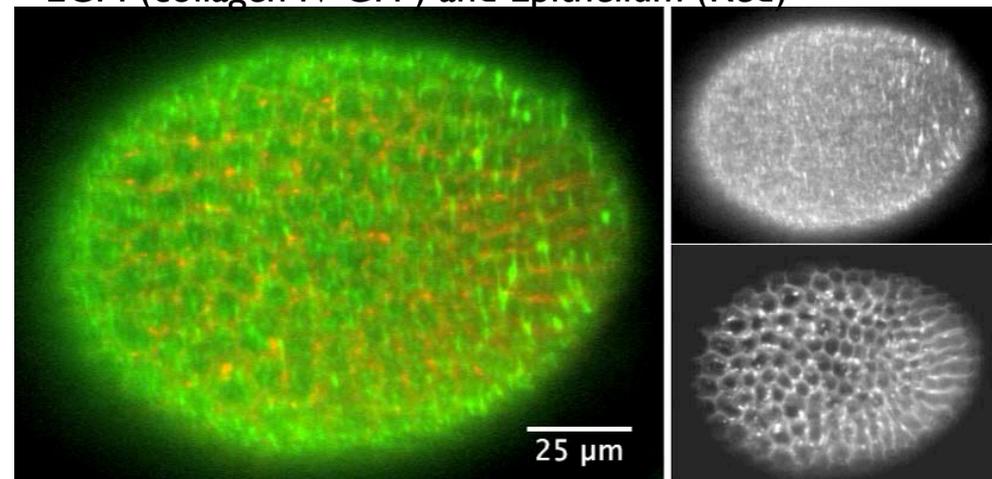
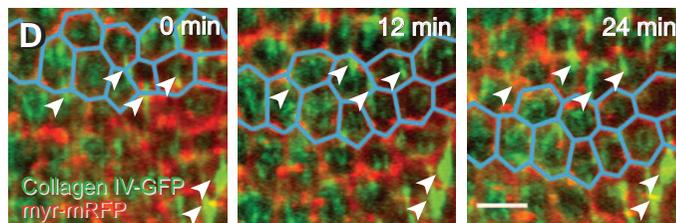
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- The follicular epithelium rotates but the outer extracellular matrix layer composed of Collagen IV is a static substratum



Epithelium rotation

ECM (collagen IV-GFP) and Epithelium (Red)



# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

- Integrin adhesion and ECM are required for tissue rotation

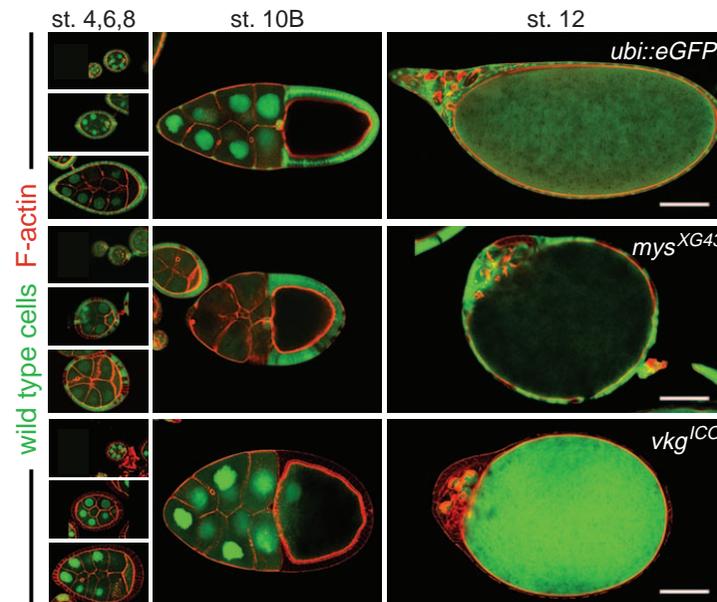
- Integrins and Collagen-IV are both required for:
  - Egg chamber Elongation
  - And Rotation

*mys*: gene encoding  $\beta$ -integrin

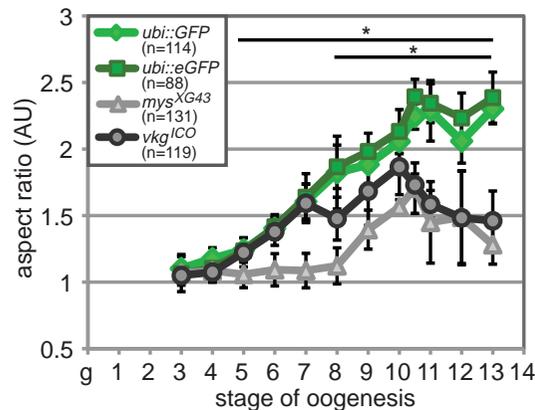
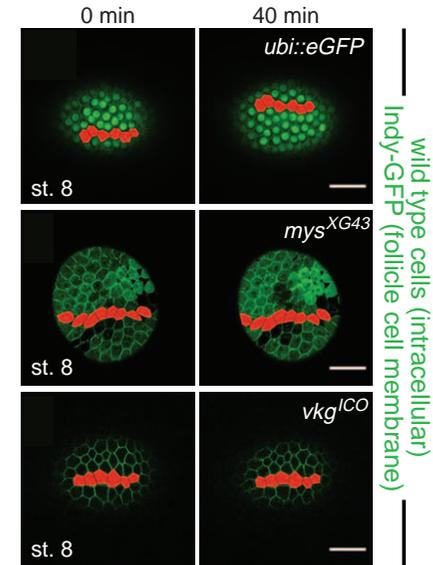
*vkg*: gene encoding Collagen-IV

Similar defects are observed following collagenase treatment

## Egg chamber Elongation



## Egg chamber Rotation



stage	5	6	7	8
<i>ubi::GFP</i> (n=19)	71.4 ↕↕↕	100 ↕↕↕	100 ↕↕↕	100 ↕↕↕
<i>ubi::eGFP</i> (n=30)	83 ↕↕↕	100 ↕↕↕	100 ↕↕↕	100 ↕↕↕
<i>mys<sup>XG43</sup></i> (n=18)	25 ↕↕↕	0 —	14 ↕↕↕	0 —
<i>vkg<sup>ICO</sup></i> (n=19)	100 ↕↕↕	50 ↕↕↕	57 ↕↕↕	12.5 ↕↕↕

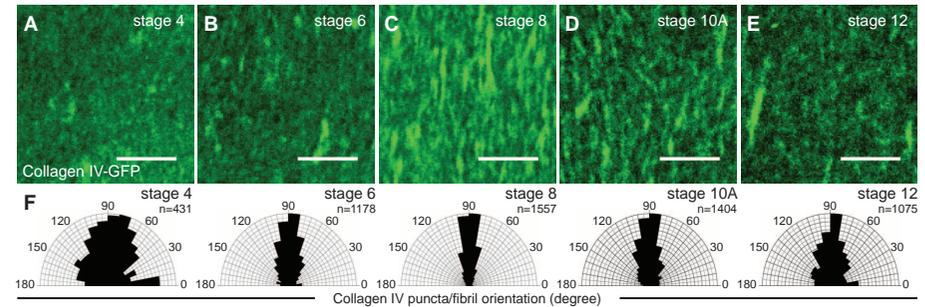
percentage (%), by stage

↕↕↕ polarized rotation  
↕↕↕ off-axis rotation  
— no rotation

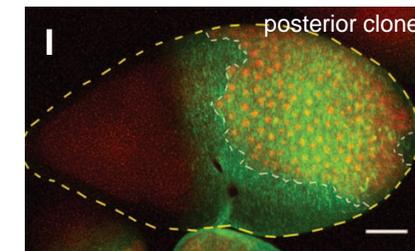
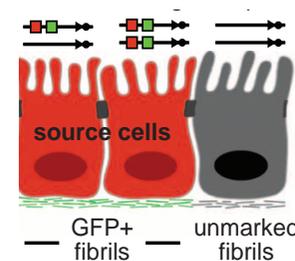
# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

- Tissue rotation orients the secreted ECM in a circumferential molecular corset

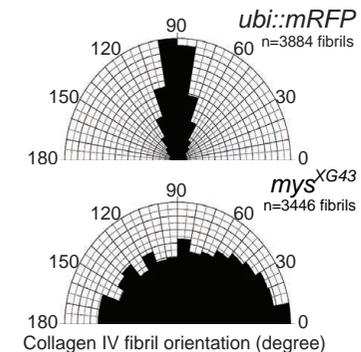
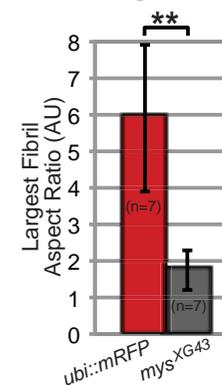
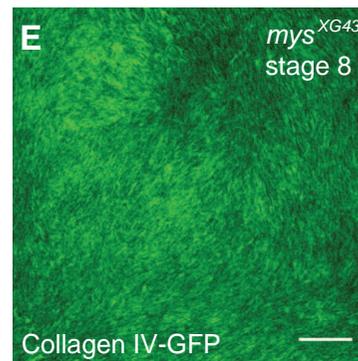
- Collagen-IV forms polarized fibrils around the circumference of rotating egg chamber



- Collagen is deposited by the rotating tissue

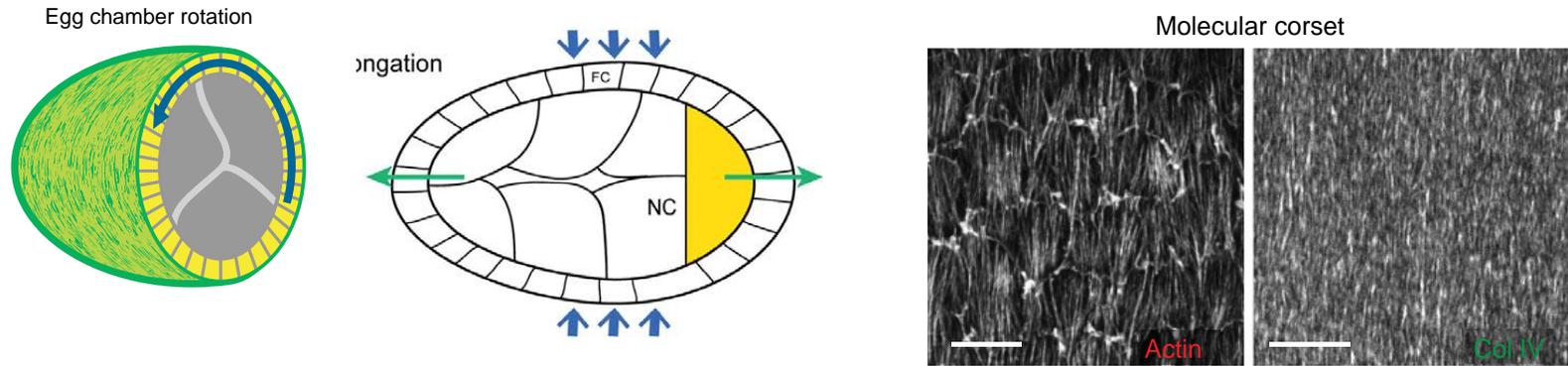


- When Integrins are absent and tissue rotation blocked, the collagen fibrils are no longer polarized.

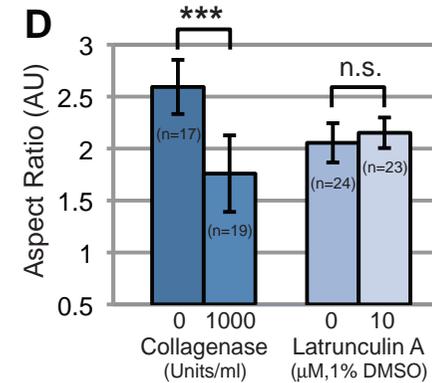
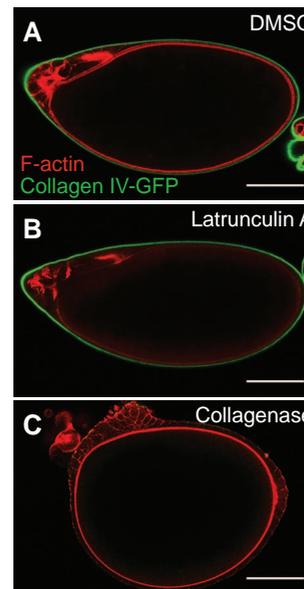


# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

- **Hypothesis:** A molecular corset constrains egg growth along the antero-posterior axis



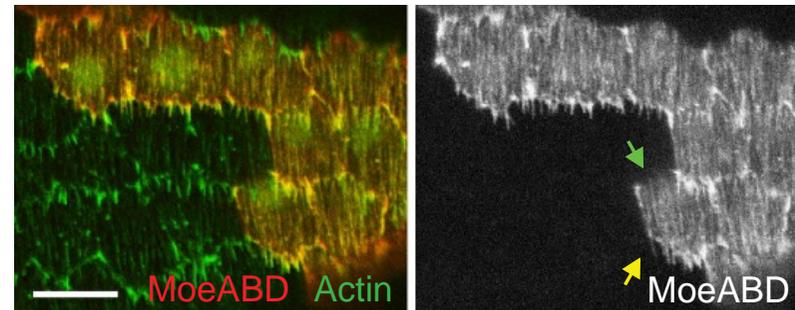
- The corset comprises actin filaments and Collagen IV, yet actin is dispensable for egg elongation, but Collagen is required



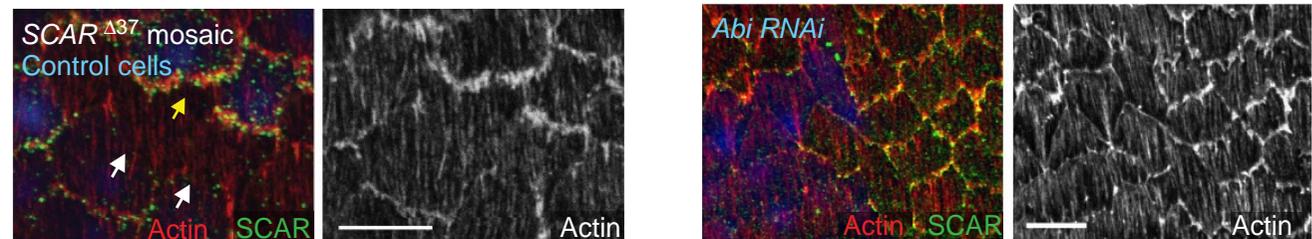
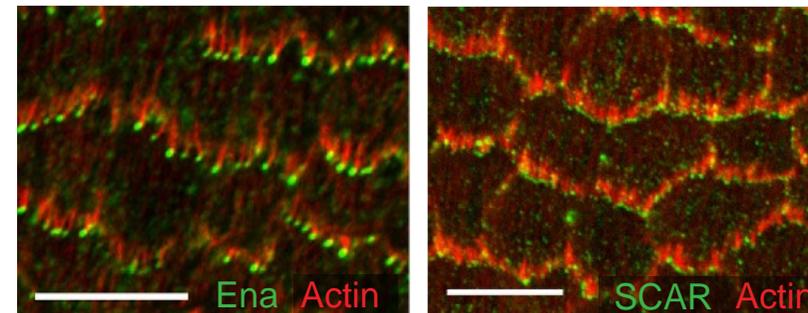
# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

- **Question:** What drives collective motility during tissue rotation?

- The basal surface of follicle epithelial cells have protrusions at their leading edge: filopodia and lamellipodia



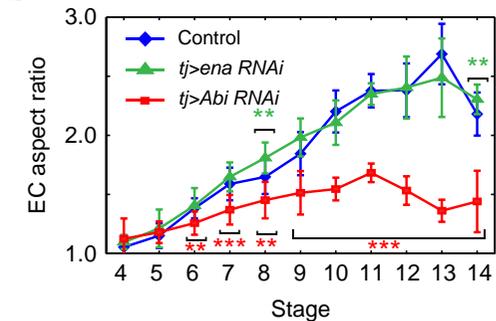
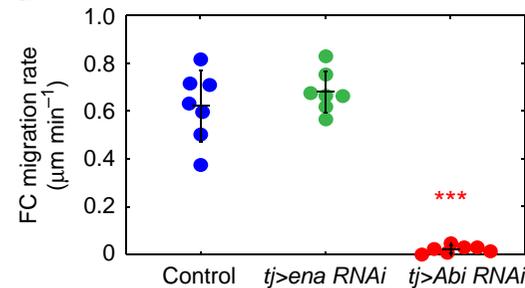
- Ena marks the tip of filopodia
- SCAR (regulator of Arp2/3 and branched actin nucleation) is concentrated at lamellipodia.
- SCAR and Abi, control actin nucleation at the leading edge.



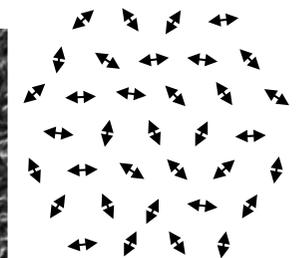
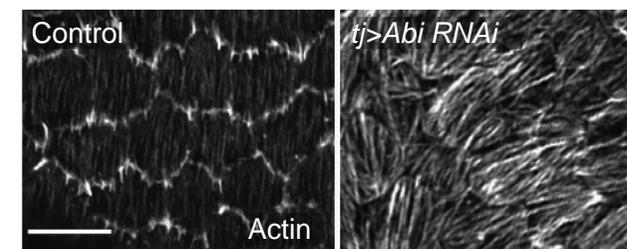
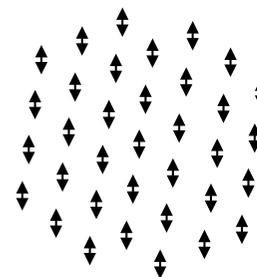
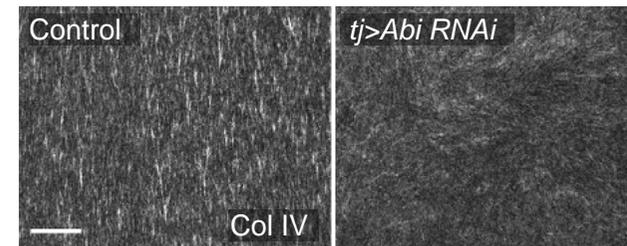
# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

- Branched actin nucleation at the leading edge is required for tissue rotation and global tissue polarization

- SCAR and Abi are both required for migration of follicle epithelial cells and tissue rotation
- And for tissue elongation
- ENA and filopodia are dispensable for migration and elongation.



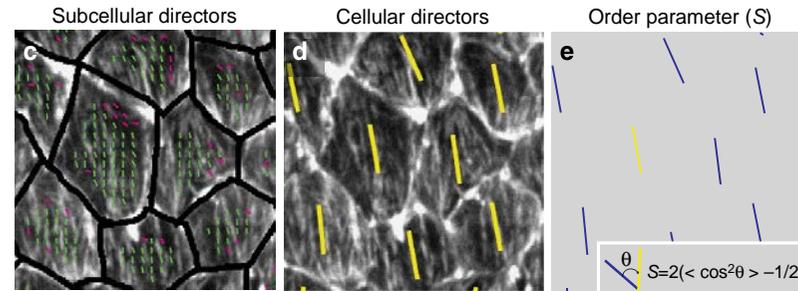
- In the absence of lamellipodia (Abi KD), follicle epithelial cells have an intrinsic axial organisation but fail to coordinate the emergence of a global polarity at the tissue level.
- Collagen IV is no longer globally polarized.



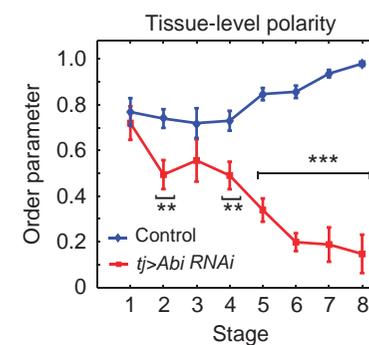
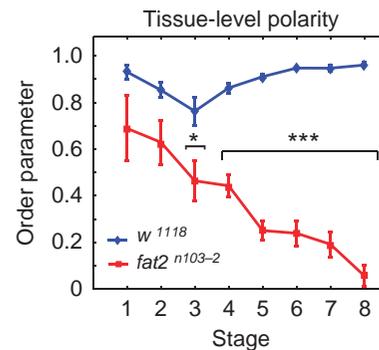
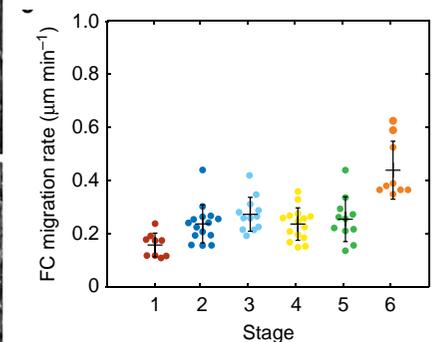
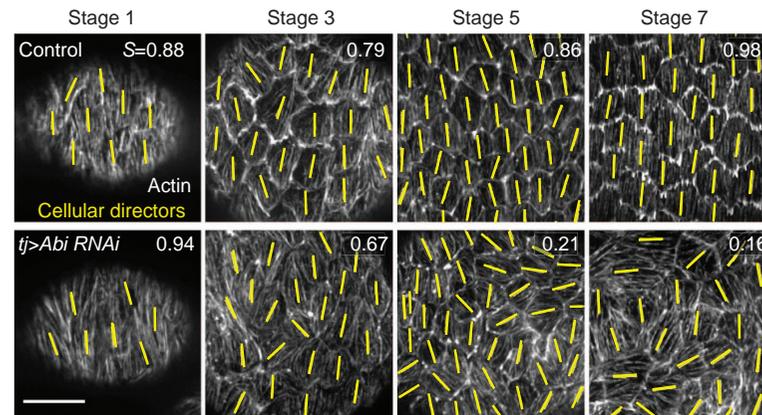
# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

- Cell alignment requires collective cell migration

- Nematic order of actin bundles in follicle epithelial cells

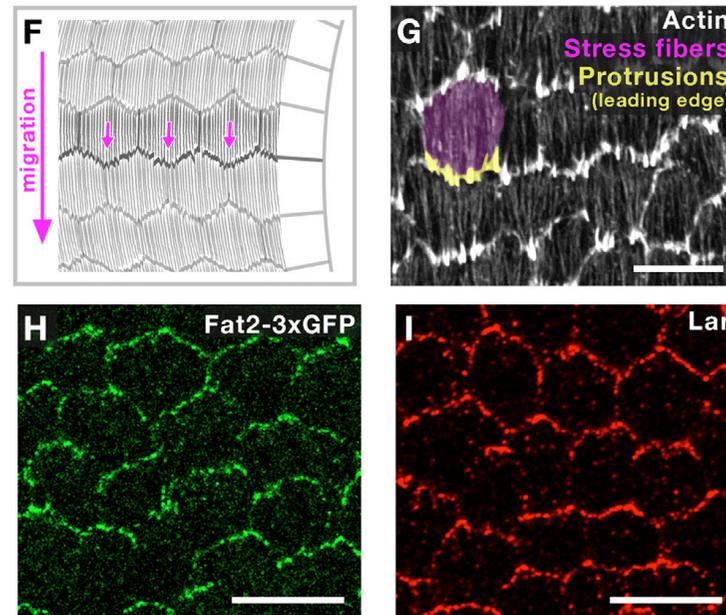


- Nematic order emerges early and persists
- Cell migration (controlled by *Abi* and the adhesion molecule *Fat2*) is required for maintenance of cell ordering/alignment.
- Early ordering is independent of tissue rotation



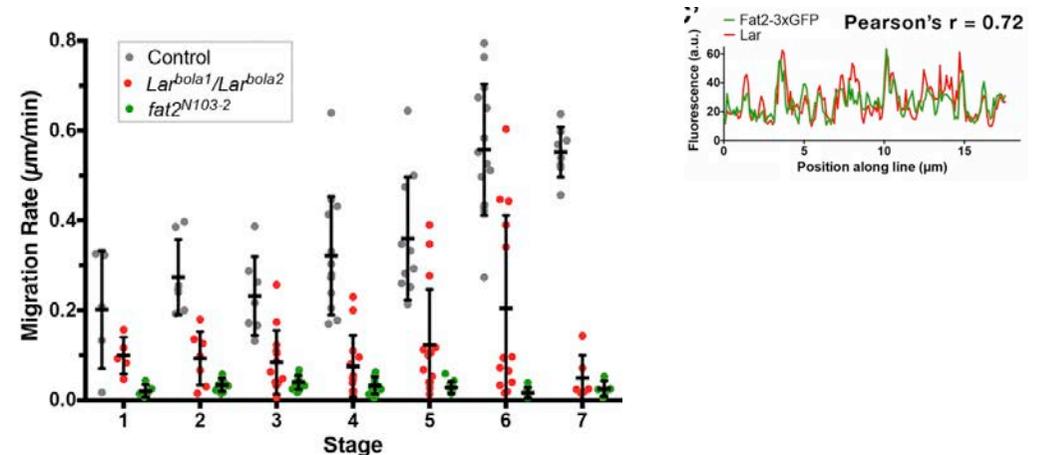
# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

- Coordination of cell polarization at the tissue scale by cell signaling



- The adhesion protein Fat2 and the cytoplasmic protein Lar are localized at cell contacts at the base of follicle epithelial cells

- Fat2 and Lar both required for collective cell motility and tissue rotation

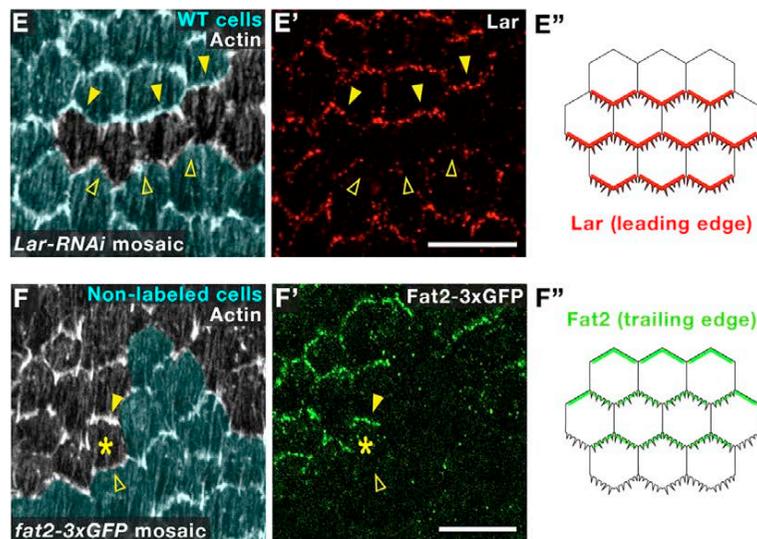


# Collective motility and **Tissue rotation in vivo**

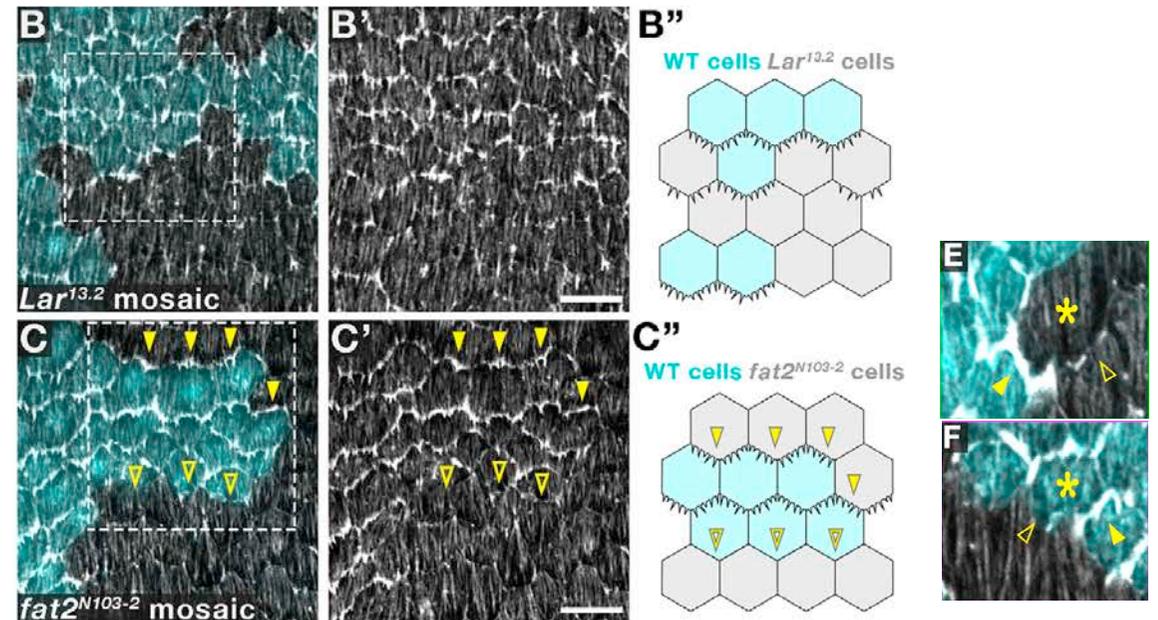
- Coordination of cell polarization at the tissue scale by cell signaling

- Mosaic experiments reveal that Lar localizes at the leading edge and Fat2 at the trailing edge of follicle epithelial cells

- Lar is required for cell protrusions at the leading edge cell autonomously
- **Fat2 is required non-cell autonomously**: it promotes protrusions in cell *behind* from the contacting, trailing edge.



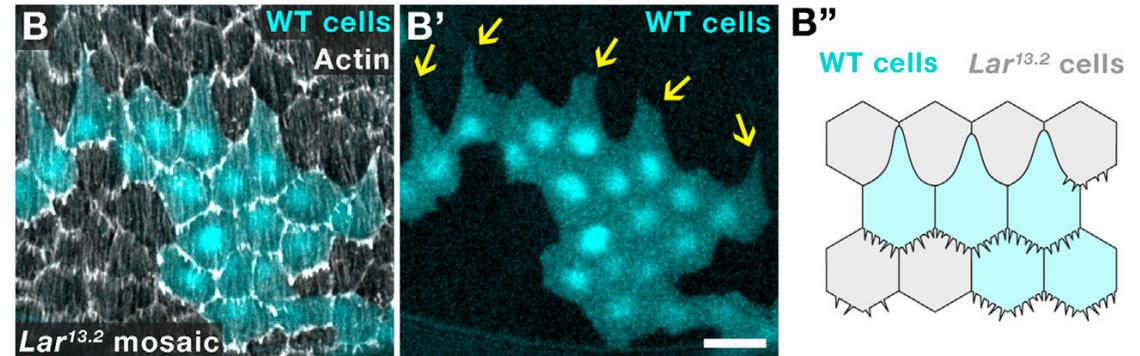
Wildtype cells are marked in blue  
Mutant cells are black



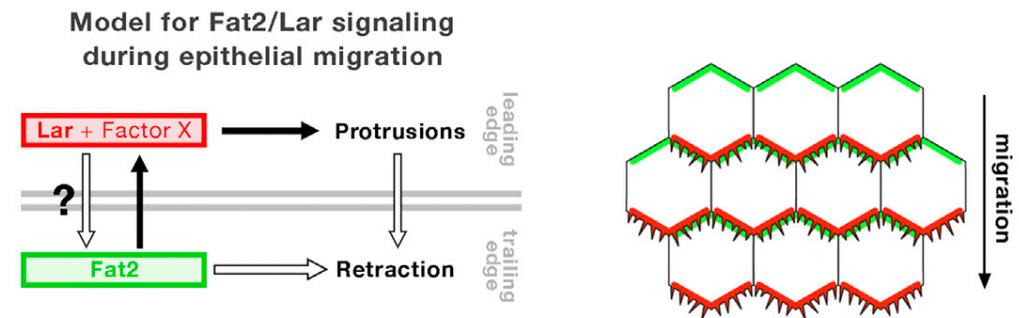
# Collective motility and **Tissue rotation in vivo**

- Coordination of cell polarization at the tissue scale by cell signaling

- **Lar promotes non cell autonomously cell retraction** at trailing edge of anterior cell



- Fat2 is required for proper polarization of Lar. But Lar is only weakly required for Fat2 polarization.
- Parallel Semaphorin-5c Plexin A signaling has the same function.

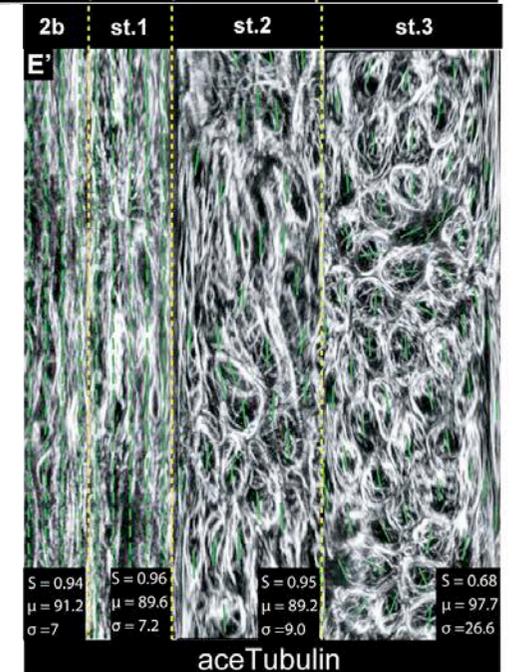
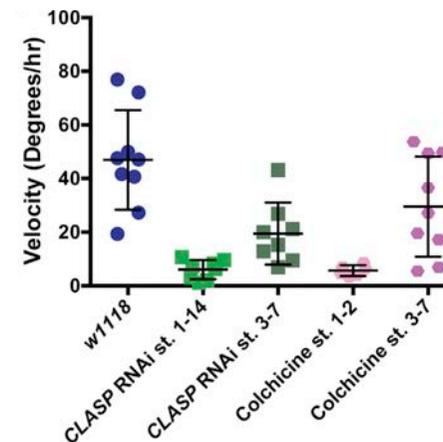
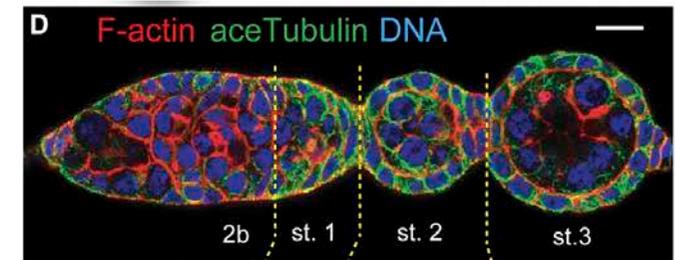
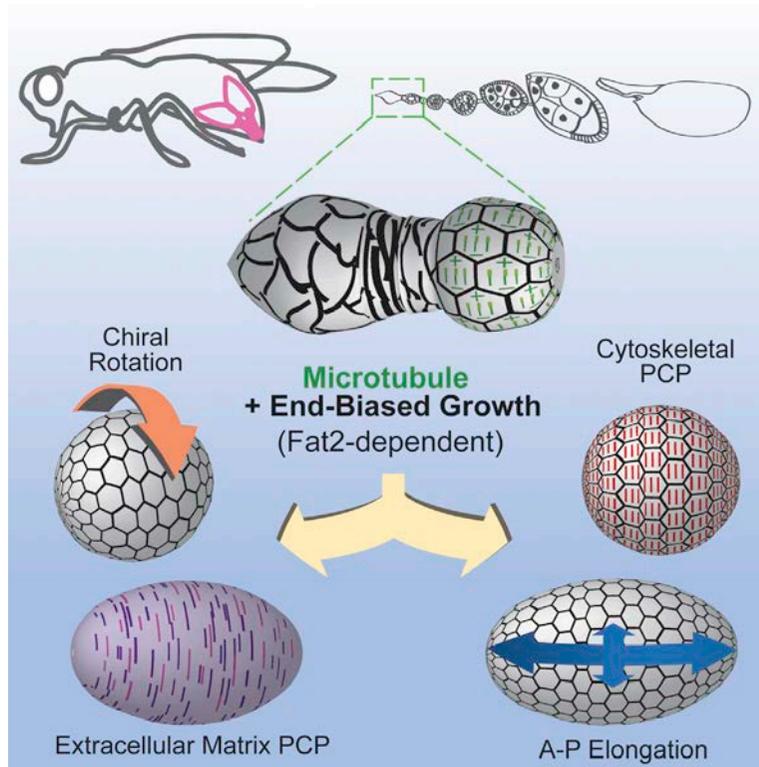


Fat2-Lar: K. Barlan et al., and S. Horne-Badovinac. *Developmental Cell* 40, 467–477 (2017)

Sema5c-PlexA: C. Steven et al and S. Horne-Badovinac. *Current Biology* 29, 908–920 (2019)

# Collective motility and **Tissue rotation in vivo**

- Symmetry breaking in the egg chamber involves microtubule biased growth
- Fat2 is required for microtubule biased growth



# Collective motility and Tissue rotation in vivo

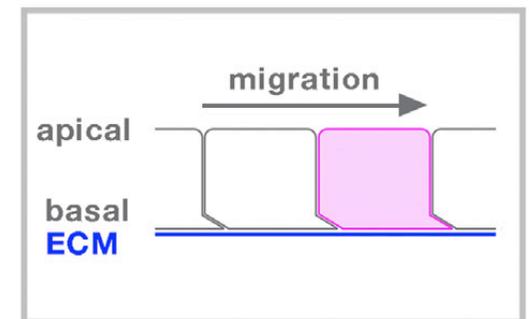
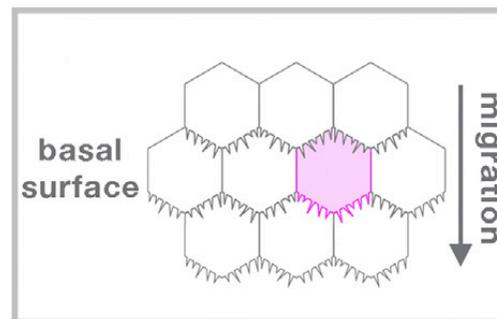
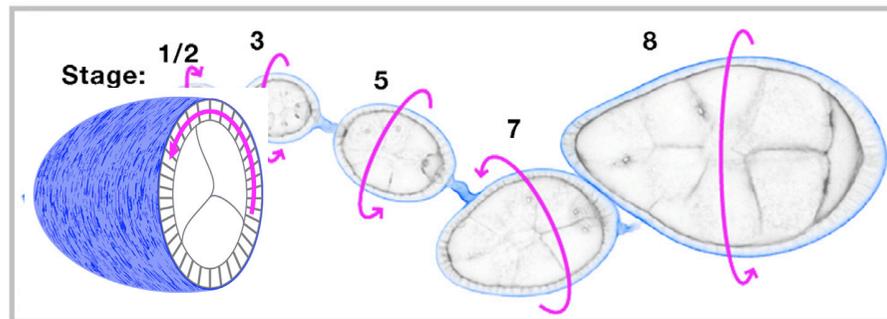
- **Conclusions:**

— Developmental context:

- **Collective motility of epithelial sheet drives tissue rotation** (periodic boundary condition)
- Tissue rotation patterns the assembly of a **molecular corset** in the surrounding ECM layer consisting of Collagen IV.
- This **molecular corset is required for elongation** of the growing egg chamber.

— Mechanisms:

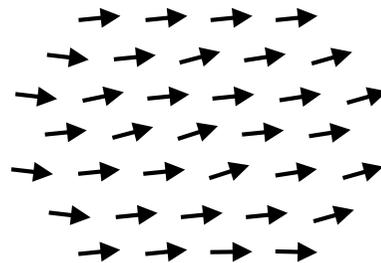
- Cells are **intrinsically polarized** with a leading edge and a trailing edge.
- **Cells are also collectively organized** to yield a nematic order within the tissue.
- **Global polarization** involves first microtubule alignment via biased +end growth mediated by the adhesion protein Fat2.
- This is followed by **local cell coordination via two planar polarity systems**: Fat2-Lar and Sema5c-PlexA.



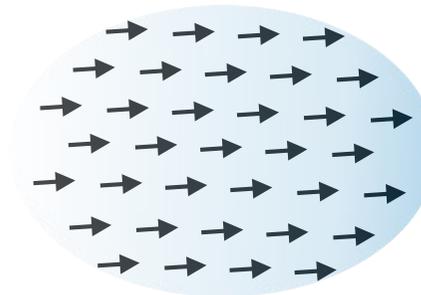
# Collective motility without leaders

## ● Conclusions

- Intrinsic capacity to **break symmetry at cellular scale**
- **Cell interactions reorganize local polarities and lead to local ordering**
- This involves **coupling between curvature, velocity and polarity** (the mechanisms are not understood, phenomenological model)
- Role of local polarity coupling mechanisms using PCP signaling systems
- There is no need for long range ordering (by mechanochemical gradients, eg, chemotactic. Cues or durotactic signals).
- Yet such long range cues could potentially increase robustness or velocity alignments (ie. Increase the velocity and polarity correlation lengths).



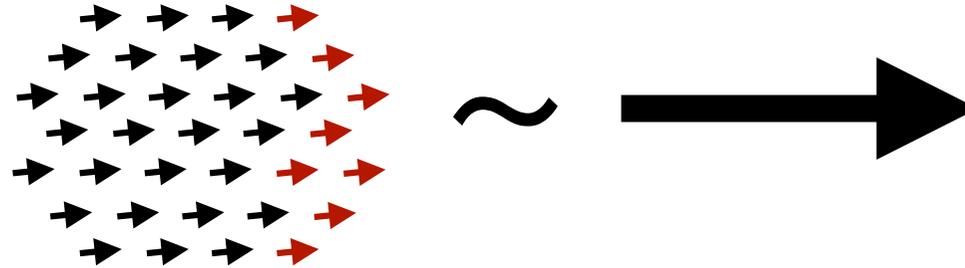
Purely self-organized



Biased & self-organized

# Conclusions

- Collective migration with leaders:



- Collective migration without leaders:

