Many hands make light work: How cells use tiny forces to shape big tissues

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How do we get assembled?





Diverse tissue dynamics shape the developing embryo



Nature Methods 9:755 (2012)

Mechanical inputs can modulate diverse cell behaviors



Mechanical inputs can drive pathological cell behaviors



Basement membrane Cell contacts Nuclei

Nat Rev MCB 25:647 (2014) Cancer Cell 8:241 (2005)

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Part I: The players

What tissue movements promote development? What cell behaviors drive tissue dynamics? What are the molecular forces that underlie cell behavior?

What tissue behaviors sculpt the developing organism?



Tissue elongation: Drosophila germband extension



Nat Cell Bio 17:1247 (2015)

What cell behaviors drive tissue morphogenesis?



Cell reorganization drives germband extension: Single cell contact remodeling







Nature 429:667

Cell reorganization drives germband extension: Multicellular contact remodeling





Dev Cell 11:459

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Cell adhesion and actomyosin tension drive cell dynamics



Adhesion originally considered dominant force



Nature 431:647 (2004)







Quantification of adhesion and cortical tension in cells



Nature Cell Biol 10:429 (2008)

Does surface tension or adhesion predict sorting behavior?





Surface tension predicts sorting; adhesion does not

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Cells can systematically polarize



Development 134:647 (2007)

Adhesion and contractile proteins polarize during cell intercalation



Dev Cell 11:459 2006 Dev Cell 17:736 (2009)

Contractile proteins increase tension on vertical junctions



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Dev Cell 17:736 (2009)

Tension itself enhances recruitment of Myosin!



Molecules and forces are organized across subcellular & multicellular domains



Molecules and forces are polarized within the cell Tissue level polarity cues and local forces both organize

Suggests model in which stable tension biases rearrangements to favor vertical intercalation and horizontal elongation Actomyosin exhibits pulsed flow at the surface of remodeling cells







F-actin Myosin

Nature 468:1110

Cell surface actomyosin correlates with junction shrinking



Nature 468:1110

Laser ablation of surface myosin reverses junction constriction



Pulsed cell and molecular dynamics are everywhere!



Dorsal closure/ "wound healing"

Cell 137:1331 (2009) COGD 21:671 (2011) Nature 457:495 (2009)





Gastrulation/EMT

Blocking pulsed constriction disrupts cell & tissue dynamics



Why are pulsed dynamics so important?

Integrate time scales 'Sample' energy states? Allow for more dynamic/robust regulation? Coordination of cell behavior



Morphogenesis is a multiscale problem



No (epithelial) cell is an island



Junction expansion requires help from neighbors

E-cad::GFP Myoll::mCherry 03:52 5 um 07:26 09:37



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Time

Junction expansion requires constriction in left-right neighbors



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Constriction in neighboring cells is sufficient to induce contact remodeling



We can do more biggerer





http://www.gofigure2.org/

Quantitative 4D analyses of epithelial folding during Drosophila gastrulation





Development 2014 141: 2895

Segmentation and Tracking of Adherens Junctions in 3D for the Analysis of Epithelial Tissue Morphogenesis



PLOS Computational Biology | DOI:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1004124 April 17, 2015

TissueMiner: A multiscale analysis toolkit to quantify how cellular processes create tissue dynamics



Elife 2016:e14334

Mechanical interactions between tissues regulate cell polarity and intercalation



Cell 142:773 (2010)

Cell junction tension suggests hinge pulls on wing



Cell 142:773 (2010)

Blocking tension input prevents tissue polarization, cell flow, and elongation



Cell 142:773 (2010)

Tension and cell flow reorganize the wing during elongation



Trying to put it all together...



Some unanswered questions

Which are the initiating events? What mechanisms control pulsed forces? How do other mechanical properties such as stiffness or protrusion contribute? Lots of positive feedback mechanisms, but how do these pathways get attenuated?

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