

Stokes flow experiment in biological tissues:
comparison with an active abiotic system

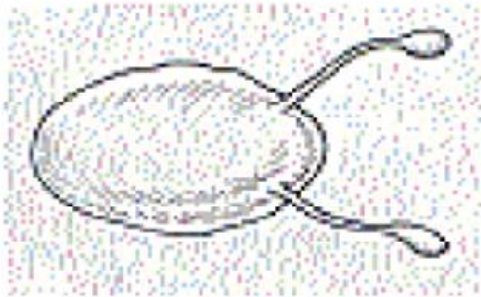
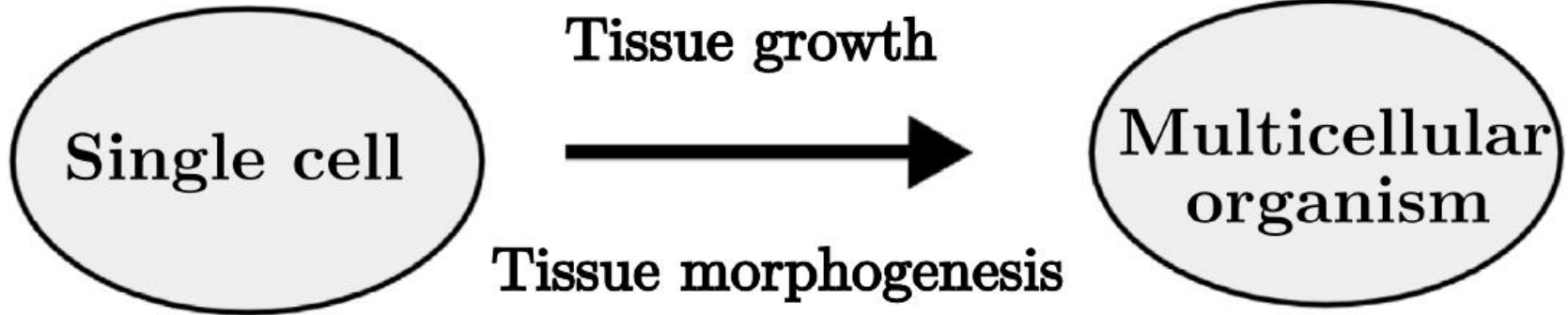
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Outline

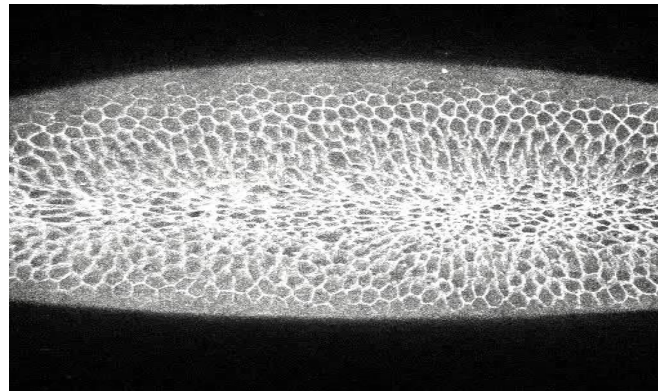
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Biological motivations:

Morphogenesis= morphe (shape) + genesis (creation)

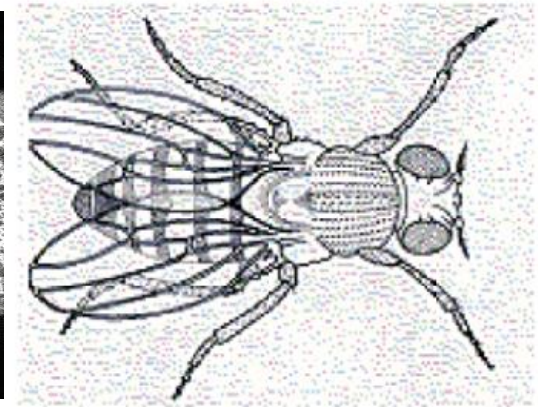


Fertilized egg



Developing embryo

25 μm



Adult drosophila

Questions for a physicist:

What are the tissue mechanical properties?

- How does a tissue respond to an imposed force?
- Respective intercellular and intracellular contributions to tissues mechanical properties?
- Differences with a passive cellular material like a foam?
- Differences with active particles?

Underlying question: what is the best way of Modeling Tissues?

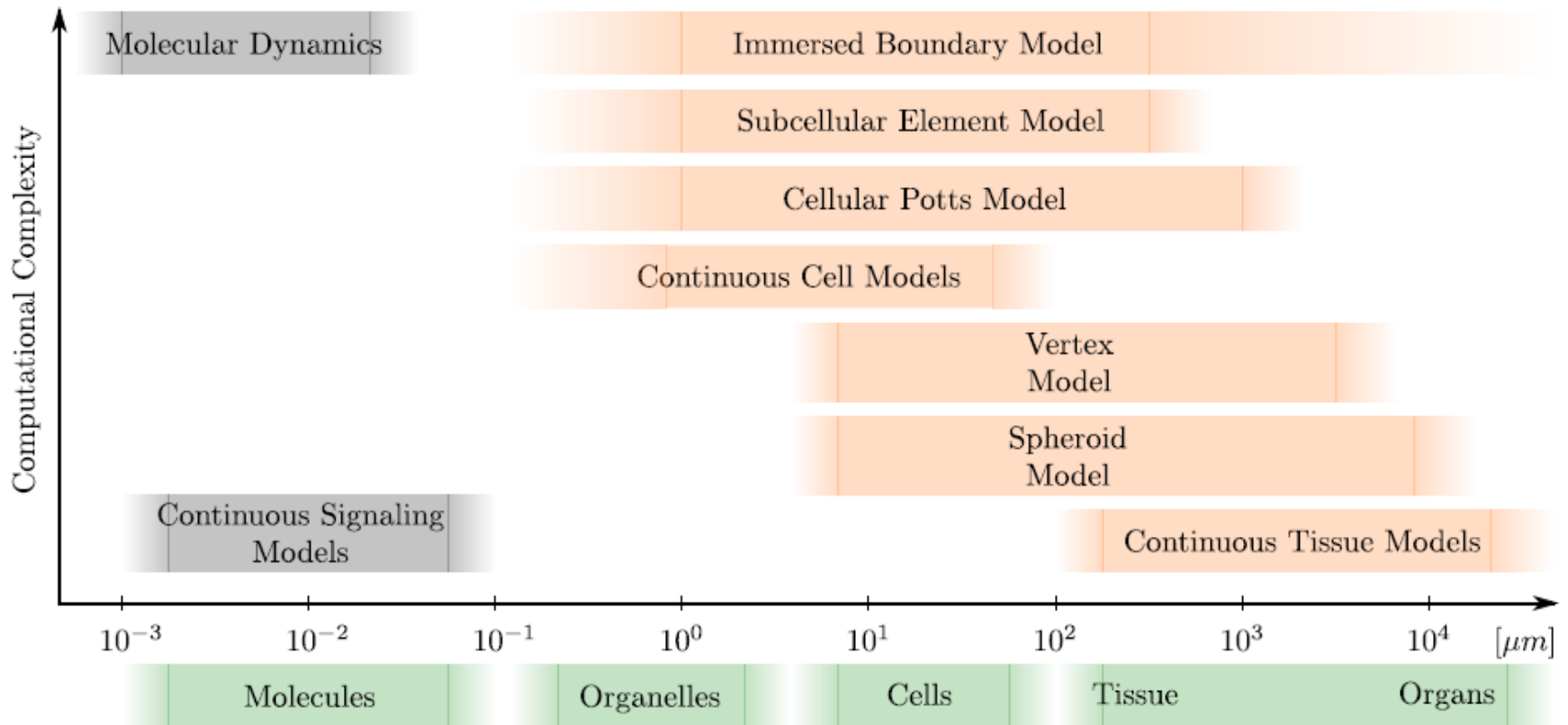
e Continuum mechanics

-) Solid mechanics (elastic & plastic)
-) Visco-elastic materials
-) Fluid mechanics

e Discrete Tissue Models

-) Subcellular elements
-) Cellular elements
-) Coarse-grained discrete models

Cell-based Modelling



Tanaka, Simulation Frameworks for Morphogenetic Problems, MDPI Computation, 2015

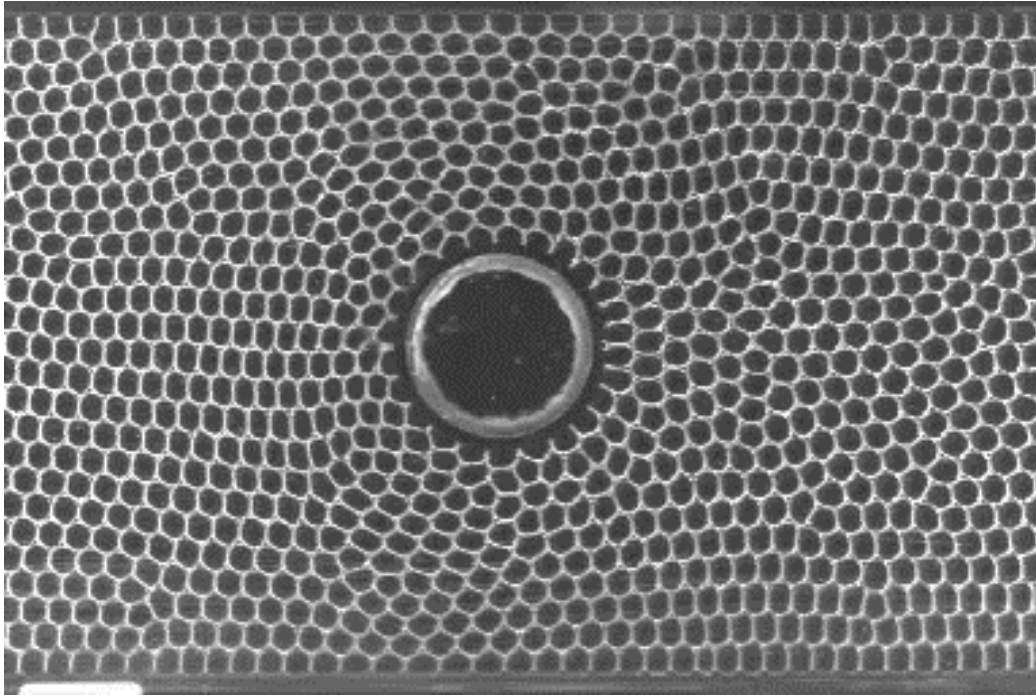
Centroid based model (ex: Viszek) versus Contour based models (ex: Vertex)?

Beatrici et al., Soft Matter 2023

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The Stokes' Experiment: methodology from foams



B. Dollet, F. Graner

+Bidimensionnal foam

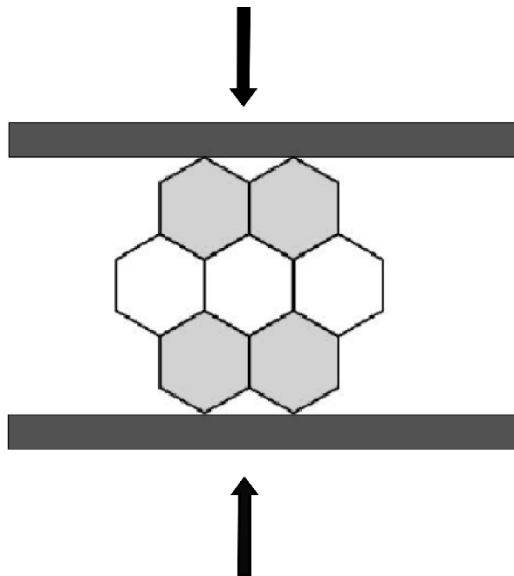
+Heterogeneous flow in:

- velocity
- deformation
- gradient of velocity

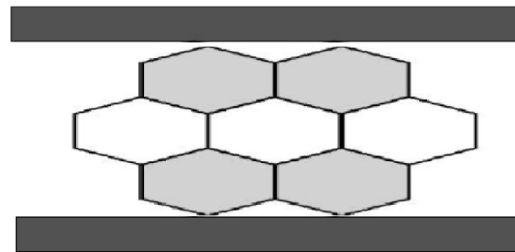
Individual cell deformation versus cell rearrangements

$$\text{Cell deformation rate} + \text{Rearrangement rate} = \text{Total deformation rate}$$

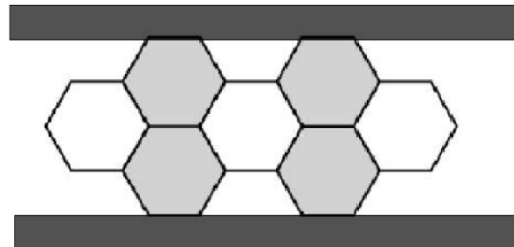
Compression



Cell shape changes



Cell rearrangements



The actors :



Sham Tlili



Melina Durande



François Graner

MDCK: (Madin-Darby Canine Kidney) epithelial tissue

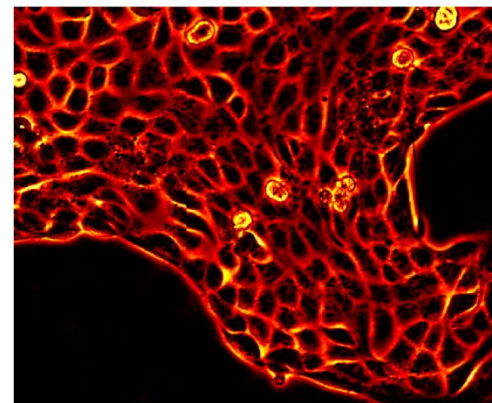
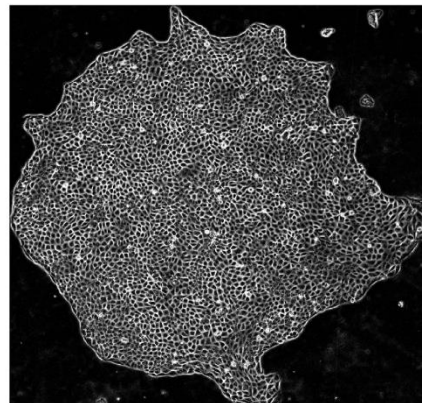
1000 μ m

50 μ m

Cell monolayers

One cell thick layer

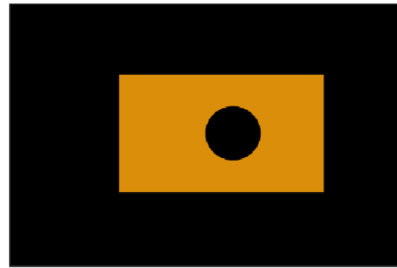
Cells adhere :
to the substrate
to each other



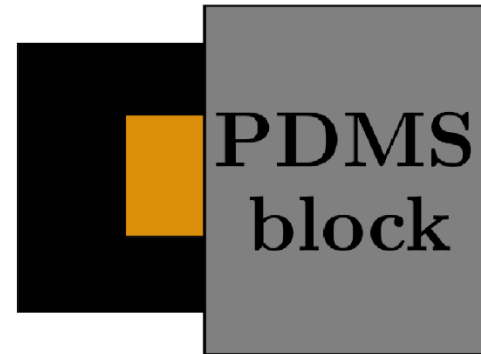
Making cell monolayers collectively migrate

PDMS +

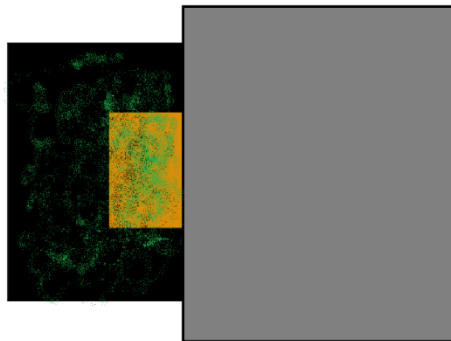
Fibronectin pattern



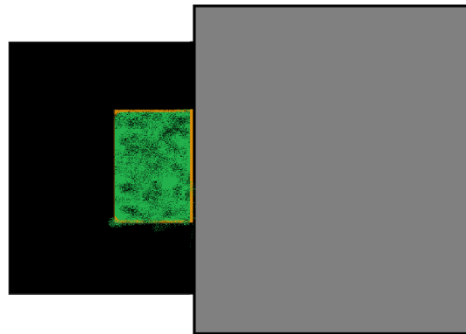
Non adhesive part



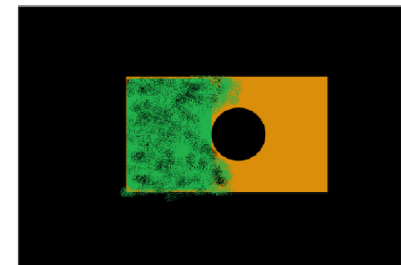
Cells



Confluent Tissue

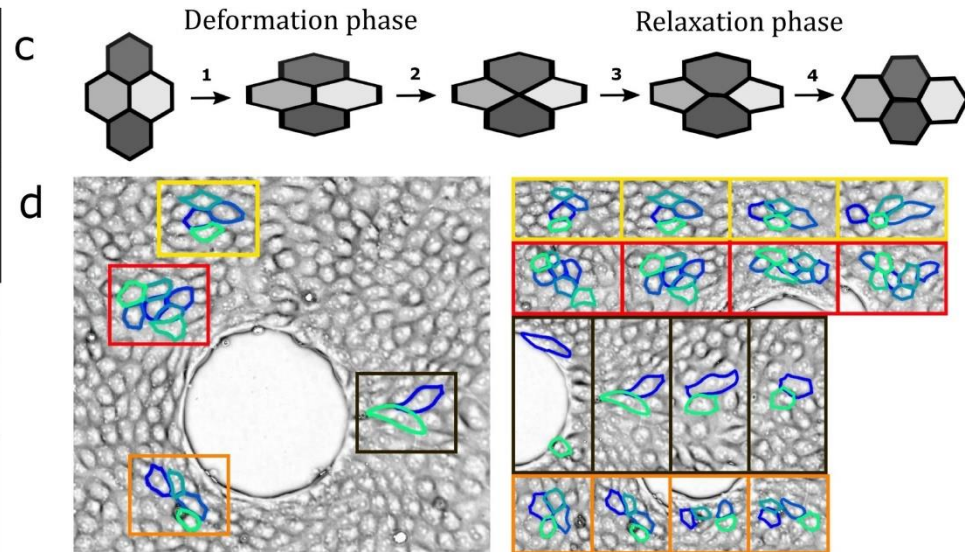
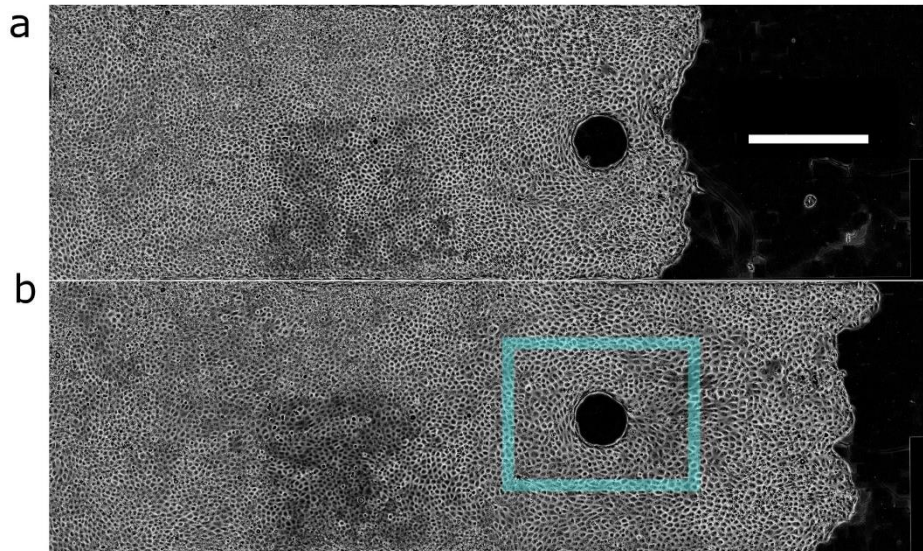
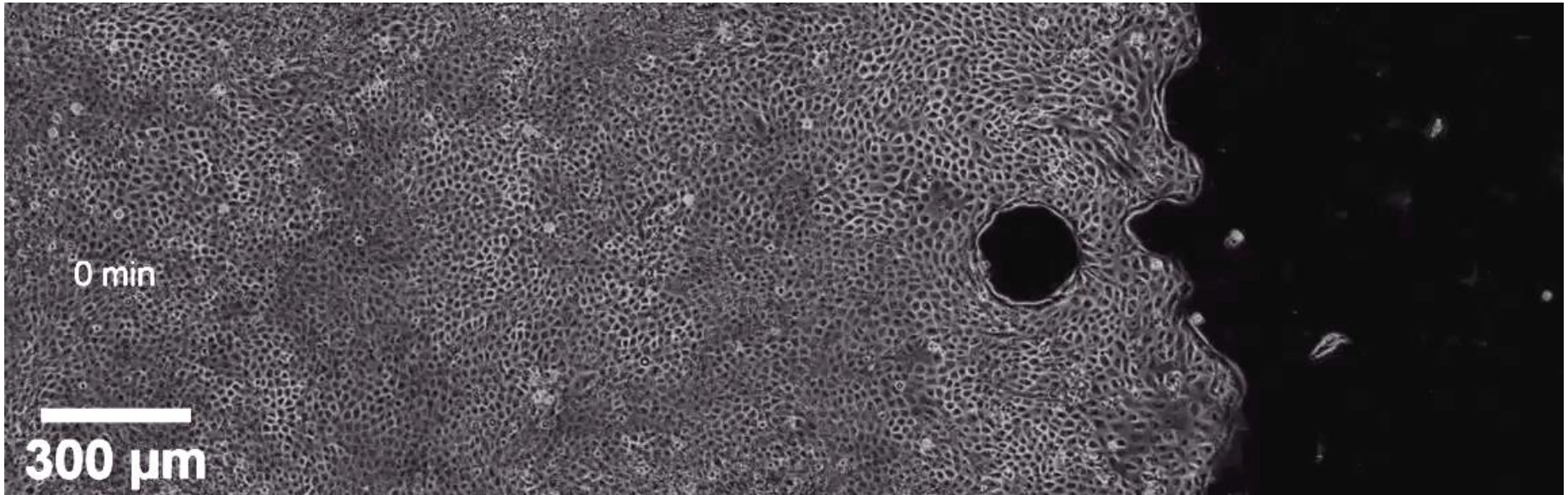


Migrating monolayer



=chemical obstacle

Now the Stokes experiment



The idea...

Intracellular

Intercellular



$\dot{\epsilon}_{intra}$

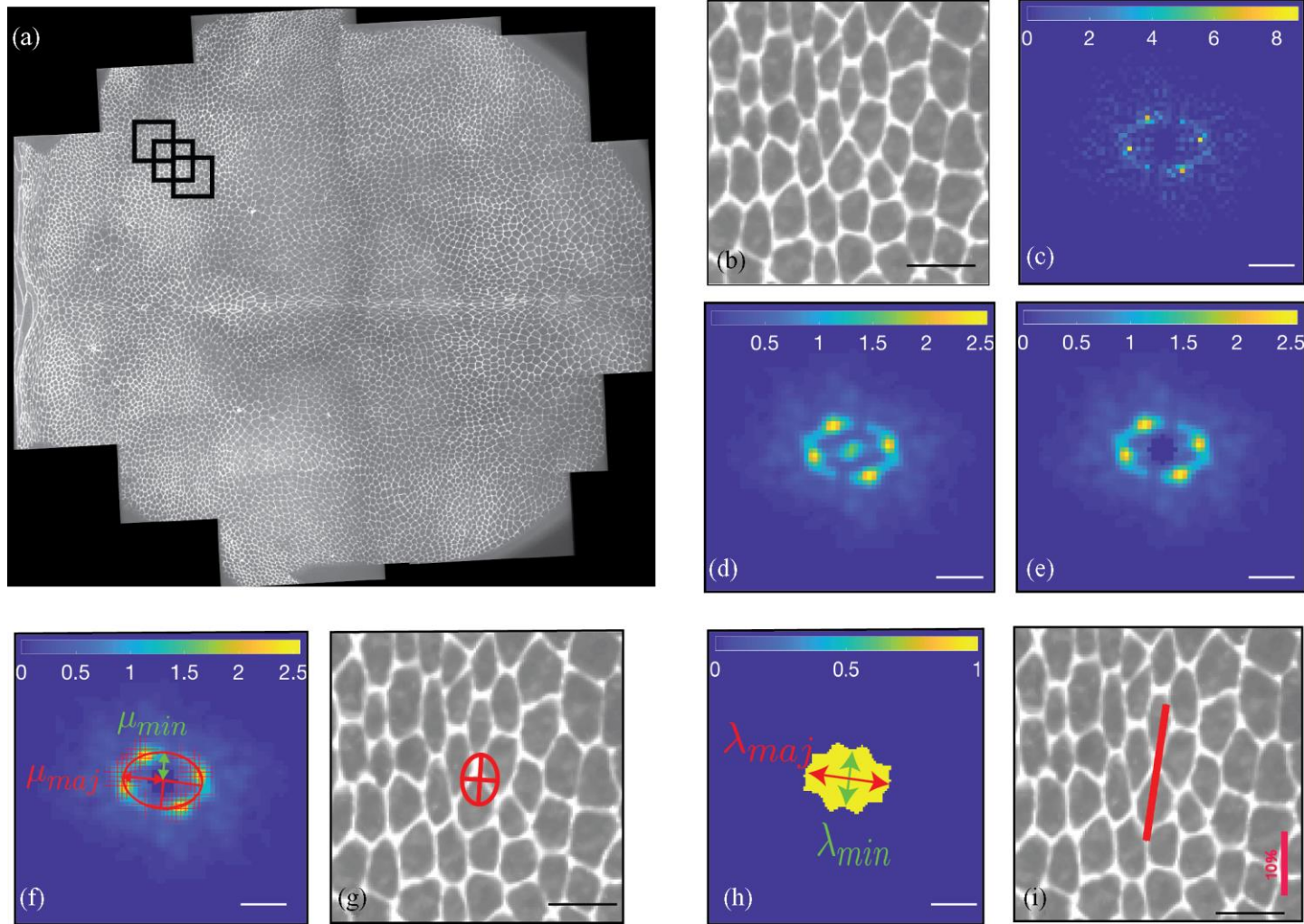
+

$\dot{\epsilon}_{inter}$

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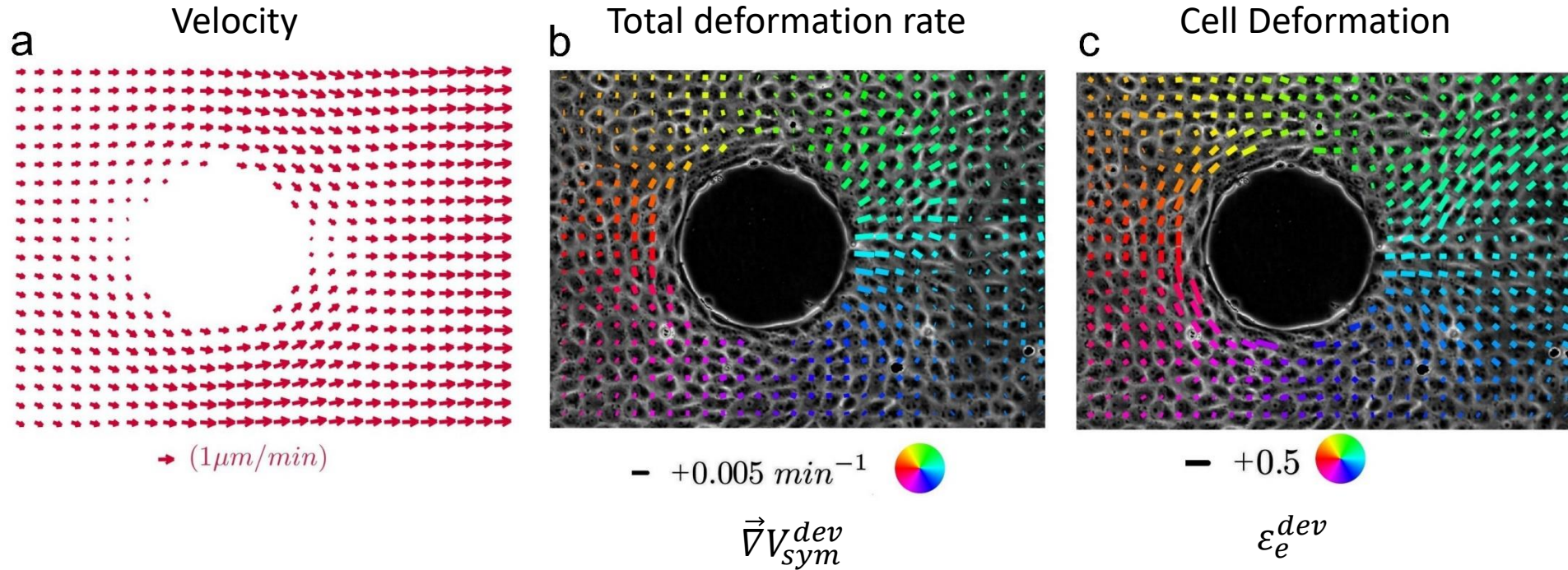
$\vec{\nabla} \vec{v}$

Measuring average local cell anisotropy and size using FFT



Durande, M., Tlili, S., Homan, T., Guirao, B., Graner, F., & Delanoë-Ayari, H. (2019). Fast determination of coarse-grained cell anisotropy and size in epithelial tissue images using Fourier transform. *Physical Review E*, 99(6), 062401.

Image analysis: Tensors calculation



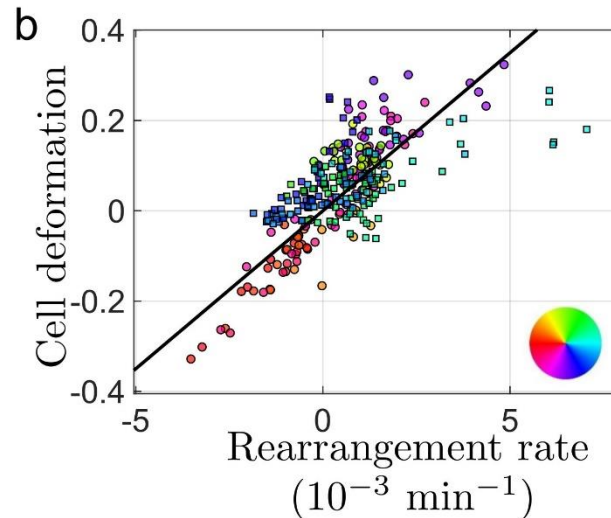
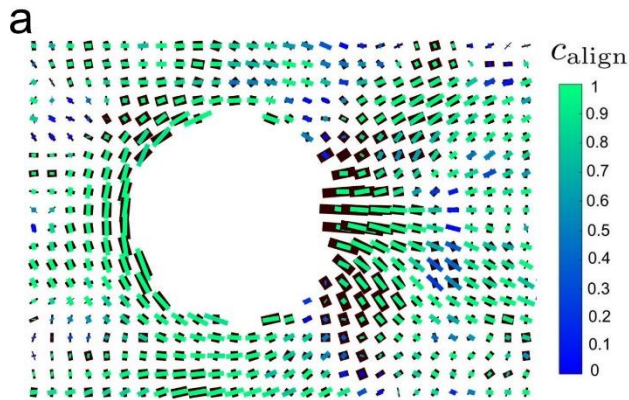
$$\langle \dot{\epsilon}_r \rangle = \left\langle \nabla v_{\text{sym}} - \frac{\partial \epsilon_e}{\partial t} - \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \epsilon_e \right\rangle$$

MDCK cell monolayers=Maxwell liquid



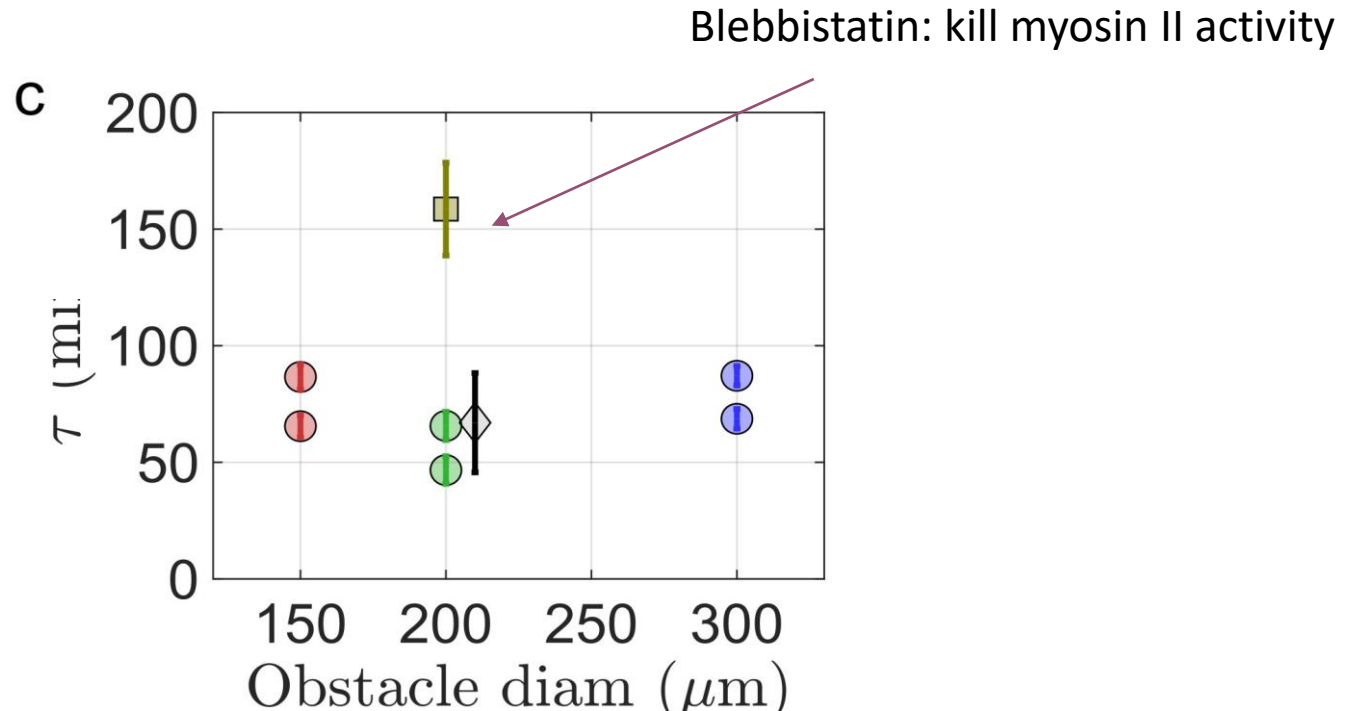
$$\sigma = E\varepsilon = \eta\dot{\varepsilon}_r$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\eta\dot{\varepsilon}_r}{E} = \tau\dot{\varepsilon}_r$$



- Black : $\dot{\varepsilon}_r \cdot \tau$
- Green/blue: ε

What about activity?



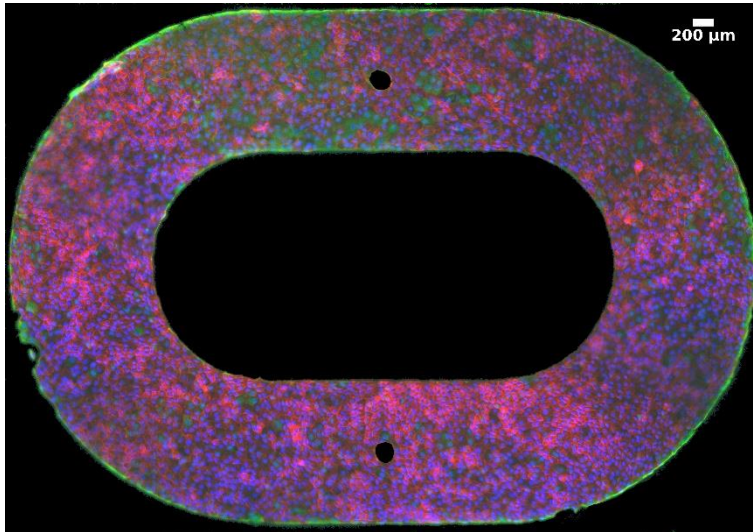
This would be coherent with recent works showing that activity is at the origin of a shear-thinning property of the tissue.

Oriola, D., Alert, R., & Casademunt, J. (2017). Fluidization and Active Thinning by Molecular Kinetics in Active Gels. *Physical Review Letters*, 118(8), 1–6.

Other questions and measurements:

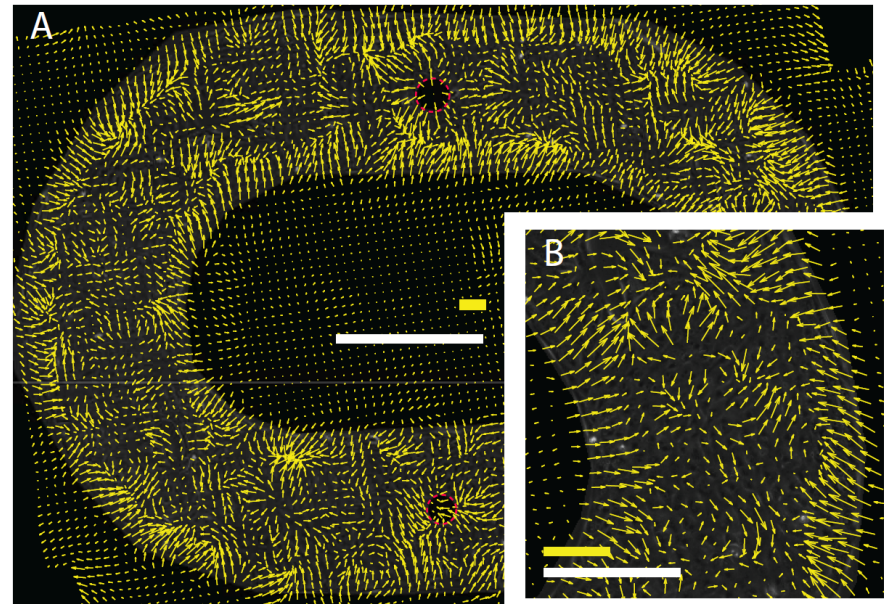
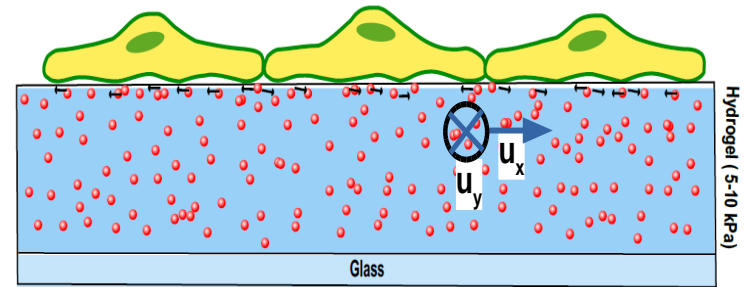
Influence boundary conditions

Racetrack: no free front



Flows and standing waves

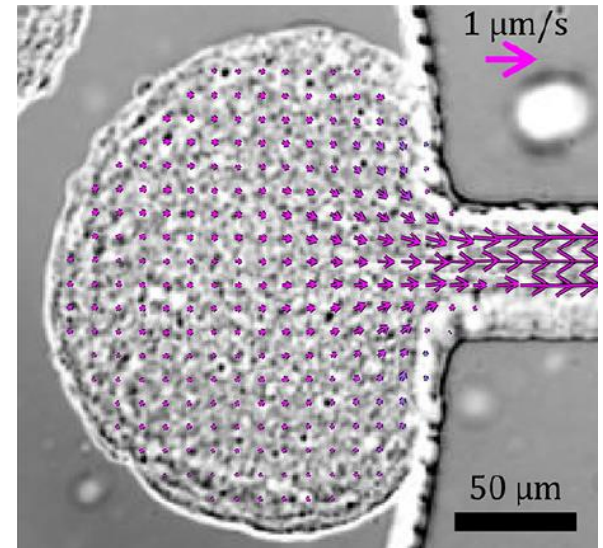
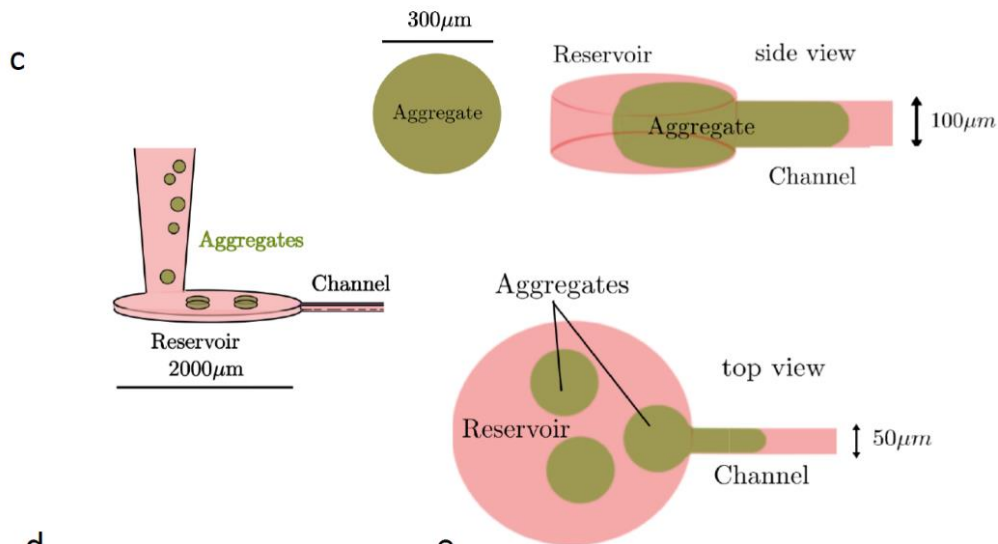
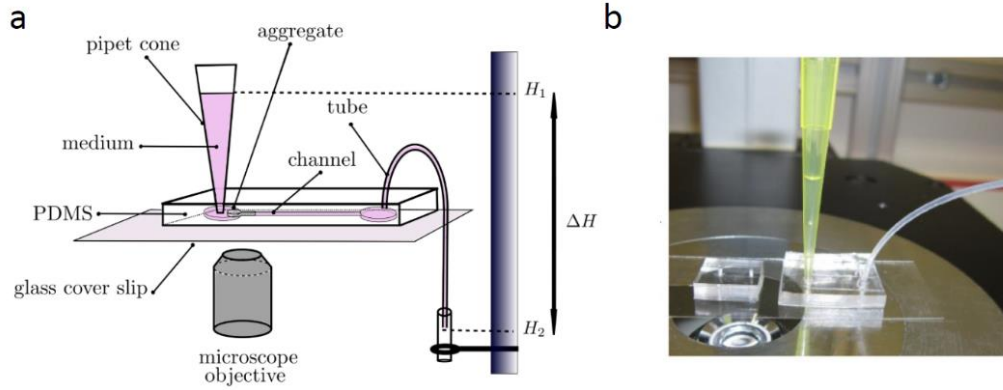
Measure forces and stresses



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Very same idea in 3D experiments in a constriction (no motility)



Same idea with a Lagrangian approach

Intracellular

Intercellular

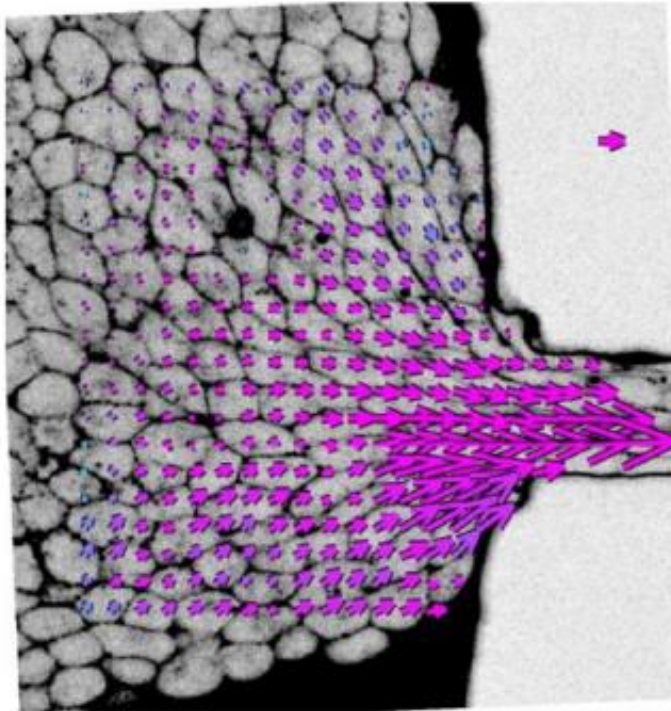


$$\dot{\epsilon}_{intra} + \dot{\epsilon}_{inter} = \vec{\nabla} \vec{v}$$

Output: $\tau_{viscoelastic}$

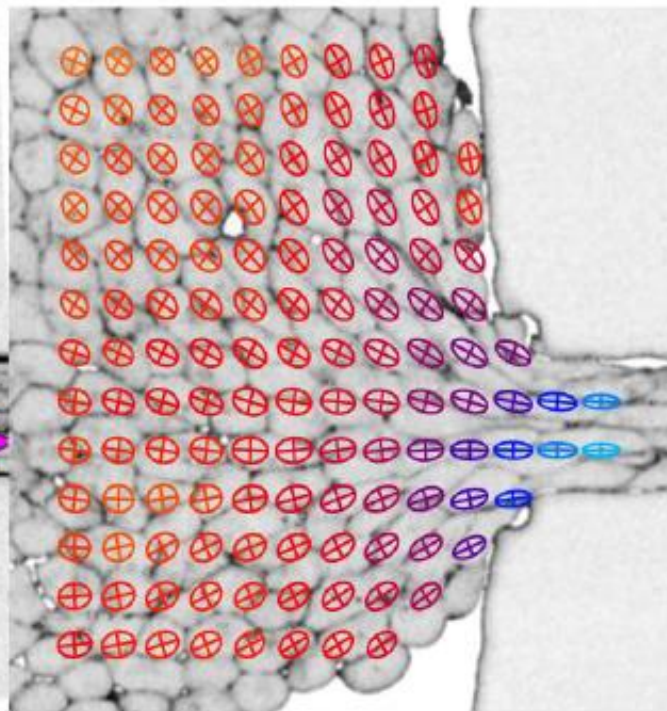
Same tools for Quantification as in 2D

Velocity field

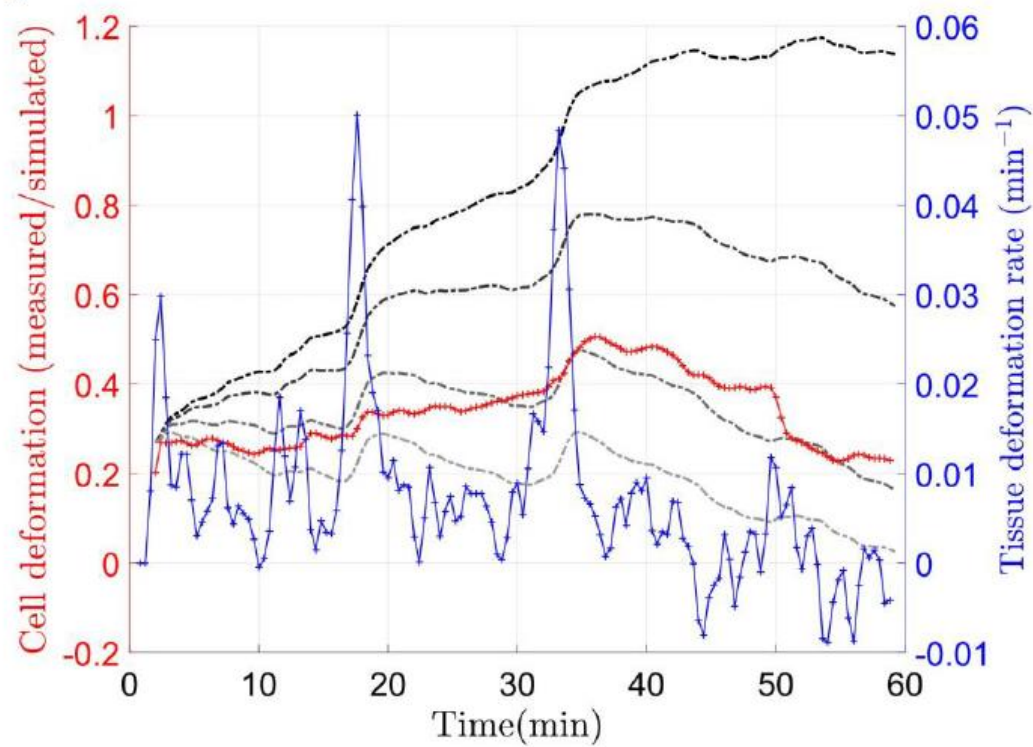
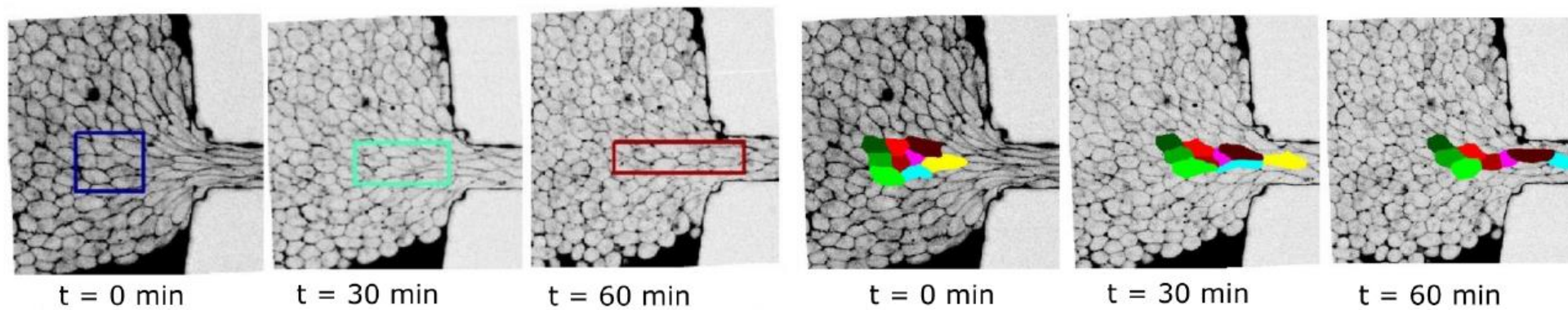


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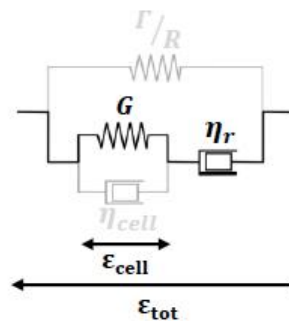
Cell shape



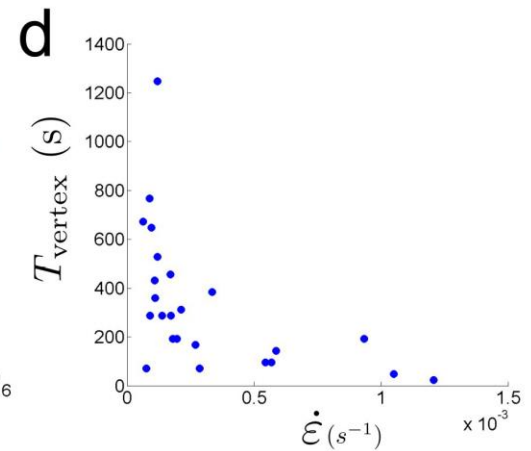
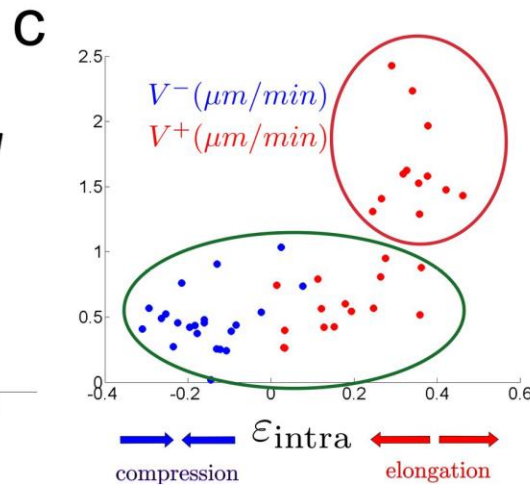
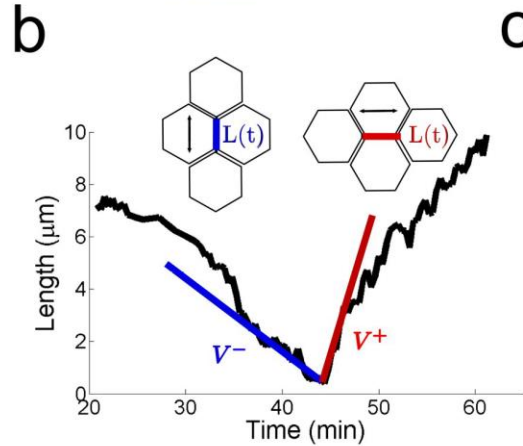
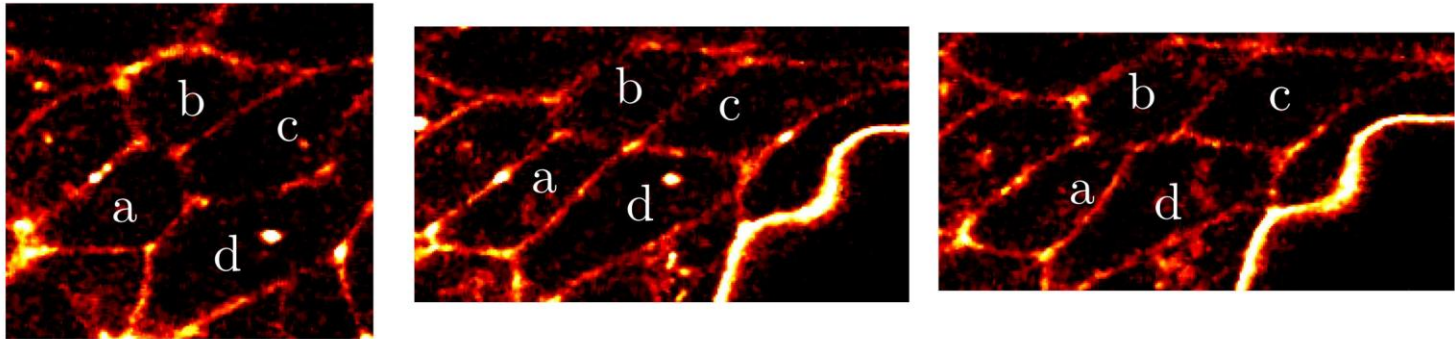
Fourier, segmentation



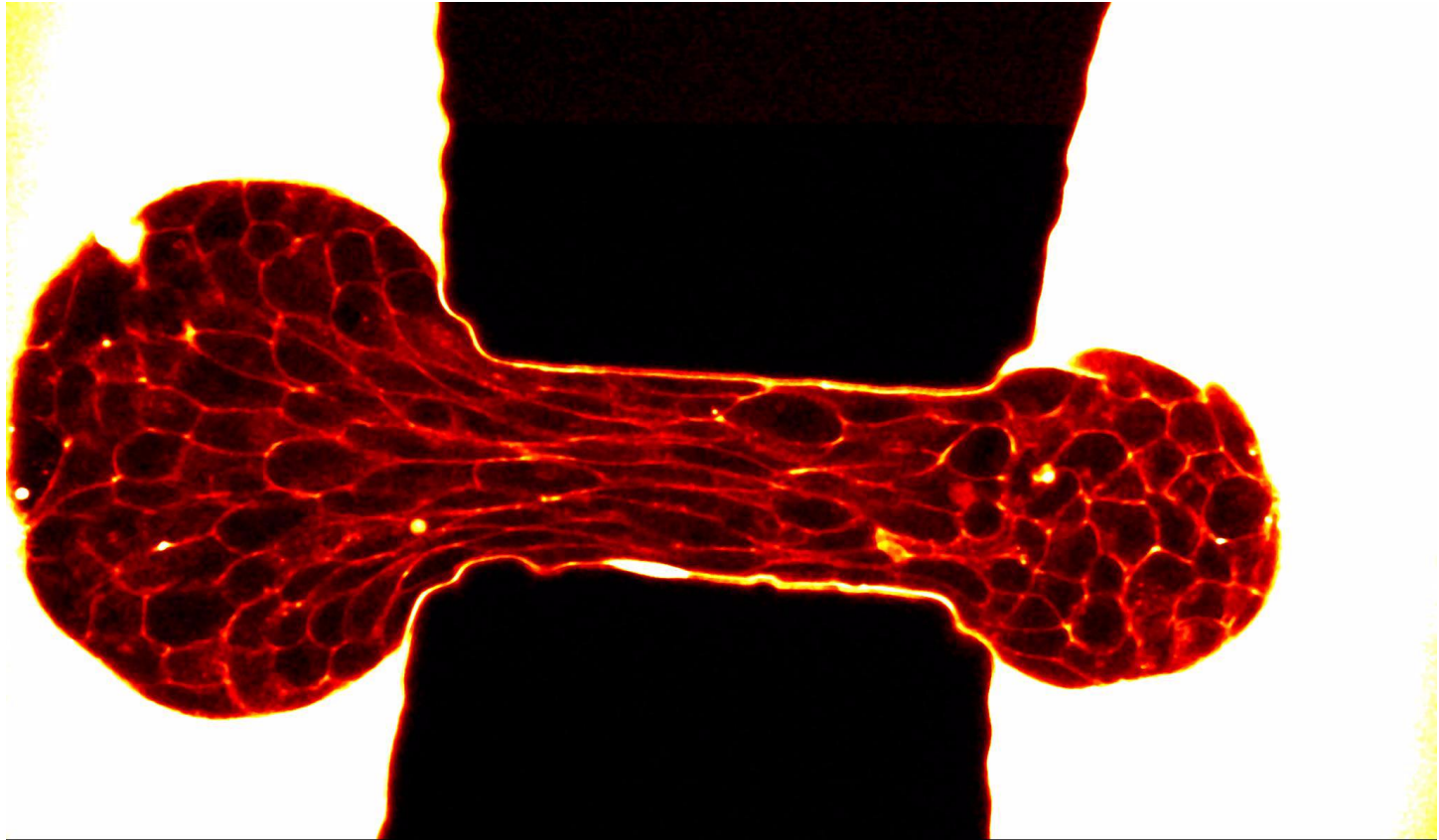
- $\tau_r \rightarrow +\infty$
- $\tau_r = 60 \text{ min}$
- $\tau_r = 20 \text{ min}$
- $\tau_r = 10 \text{ min}$
- +— cell deformation
- +— deformation rate



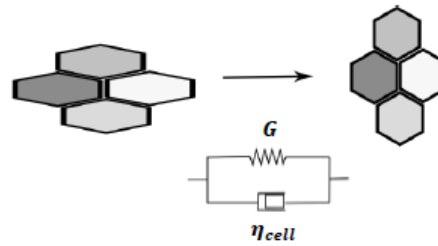
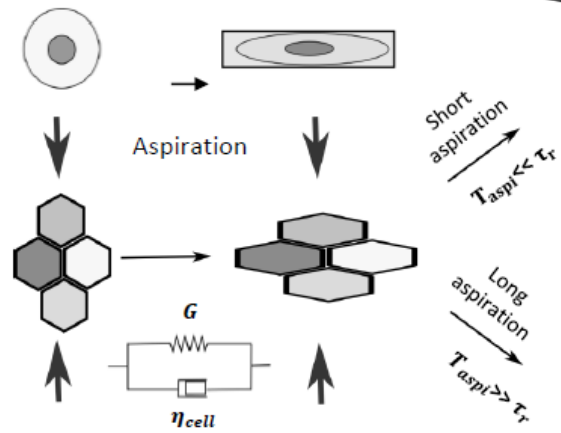
Microscopic Events, microscopic relaxation times



Fast aspiration

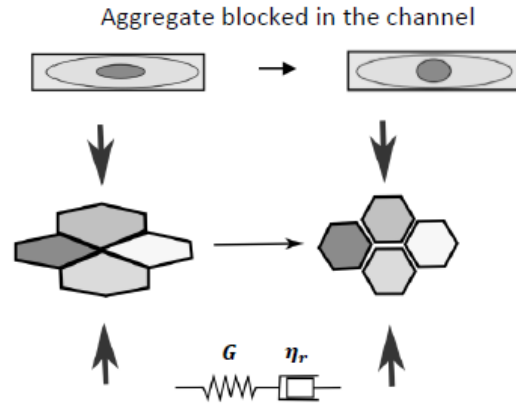


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Short aspiration
 $T_{aspl} \ll \tau_r$

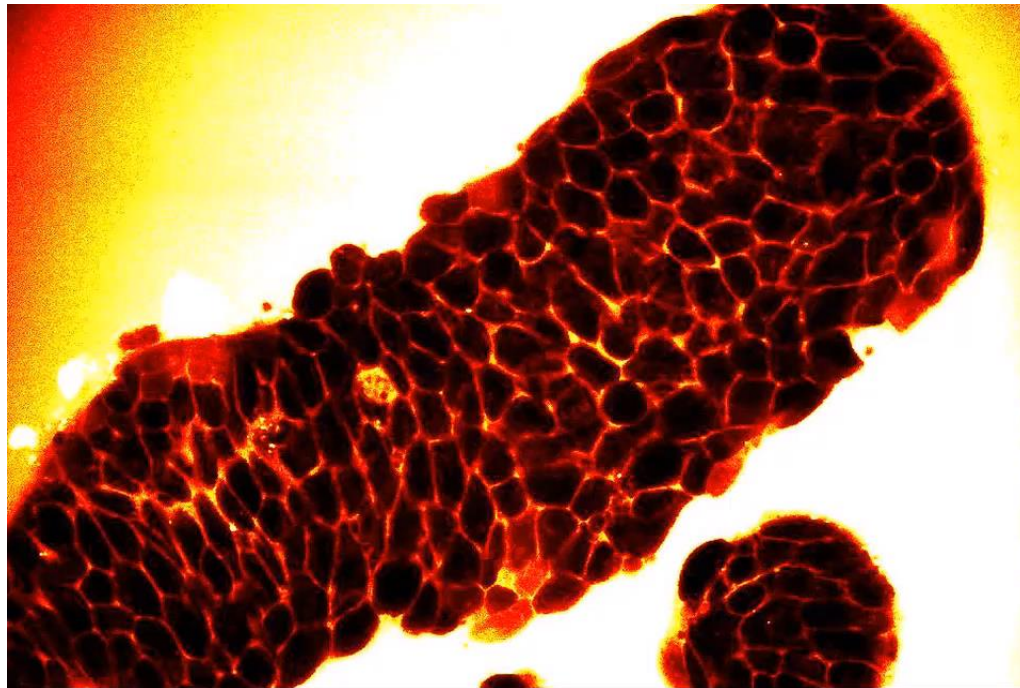
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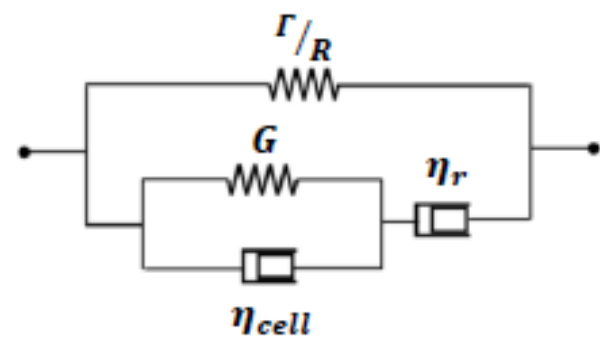
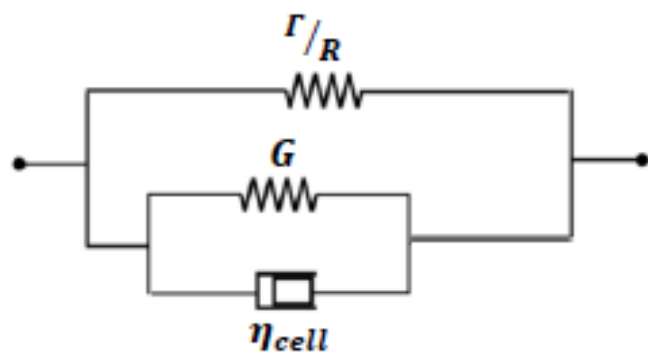
Aggregate blocked in the channel

Long aspiration
 $T_{aspl} \gg \tau_r$

Relaxation after slow aspiration



Relaxation after a long aspiration $T_{aspi} \gg \tau_r$



Extract typical mechanical parameters

<i>quantity</i>	<i>symbol</i>	<i>value</i>
cell group scale visco-elastic relaxation time	τ_r	10^3 s
cell group scale viscosity	η_r	10^5 Pa.s
elastic modulus	G	10^2 Pa
cell scale visco-elastic relaxation time	τ_{cell}	10^2 s
cell scale viscosity	η_{cell}	10^4 Pa.s
aggregate scale capillary modulus	(Γ/R)	10^2 Pa

- + Description as a passive material,
- + What is specific to tissue and to activity?
- + Difference between cells and particles?

Perspectives : for more quantitative analysis

+ On the experimental Side: Segmentation using deep learning

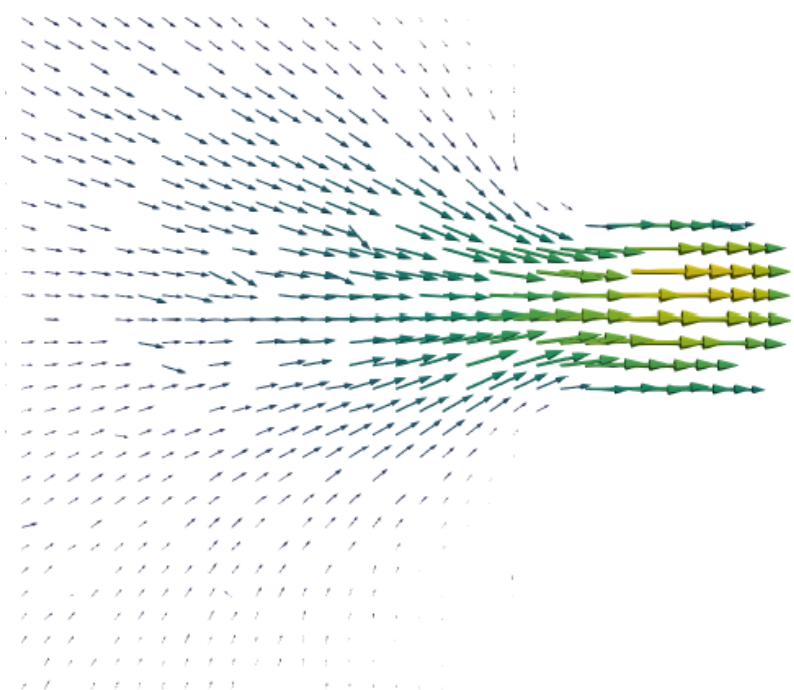
+ modeling: Finite Element Modelling of tissues

Collaboration N. Shourick, M. Renard P. Saramito, I. Cheddadi

Oldroyd Model of viscoelastic fluid,
With FENE models (Finitely Extensible Non-Linear Elastic)

Experiments

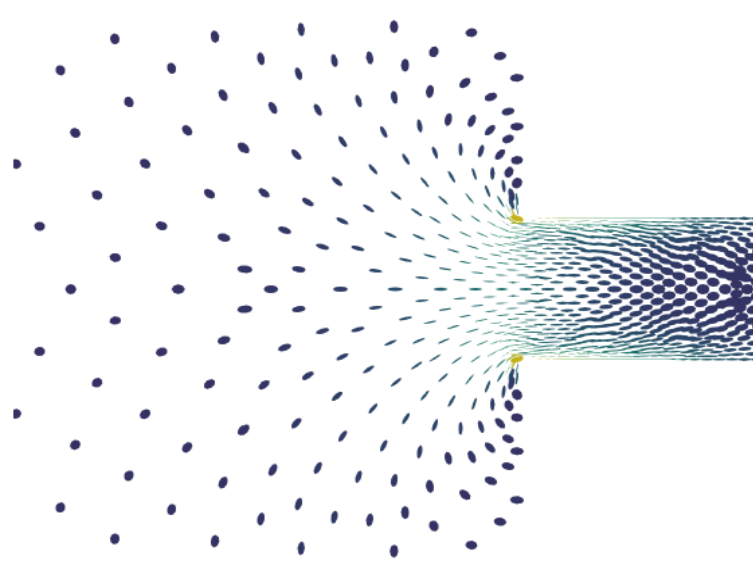
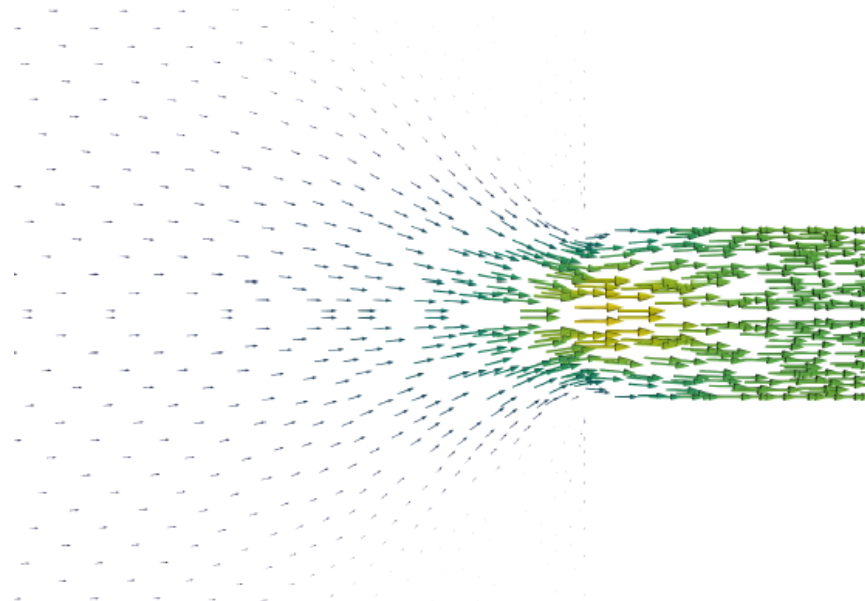
Velocity



Conformation tensor



Simulations



Active abiotic system : Colloïds



Cécile Cottin-Bizonne

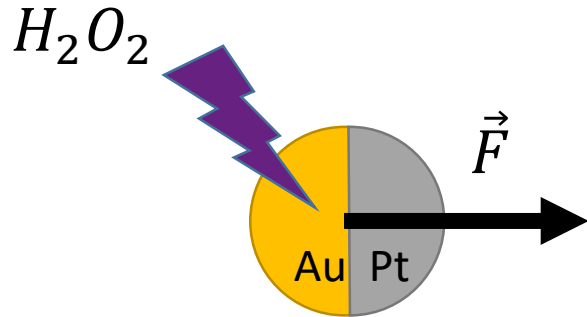


Mathieu Leocmach

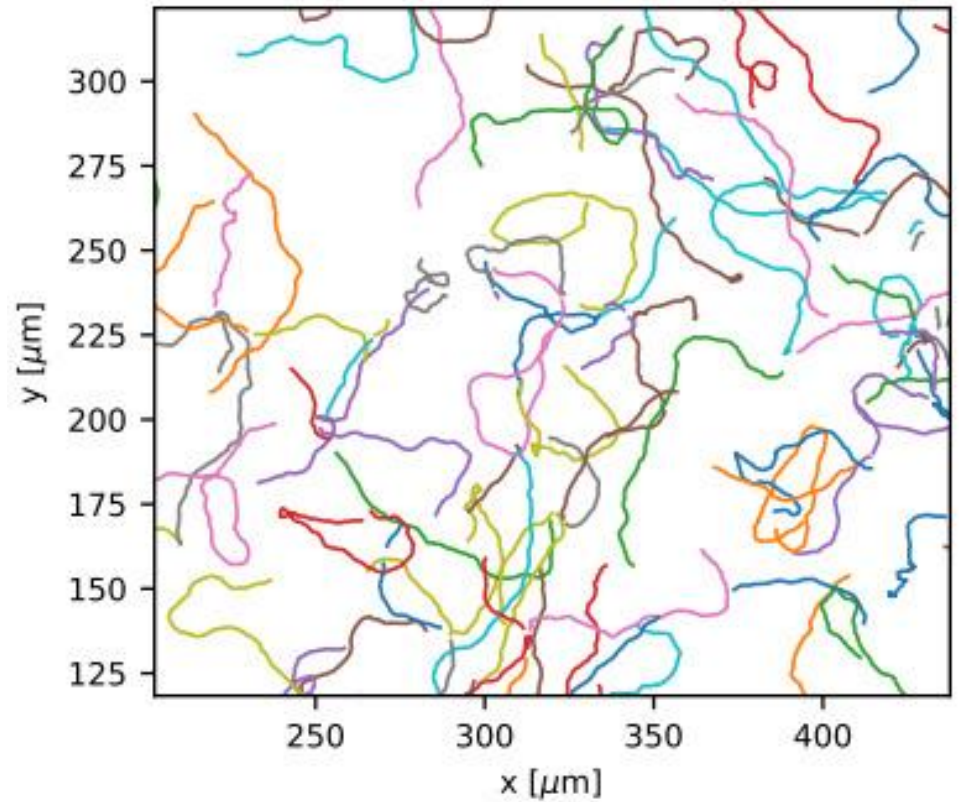
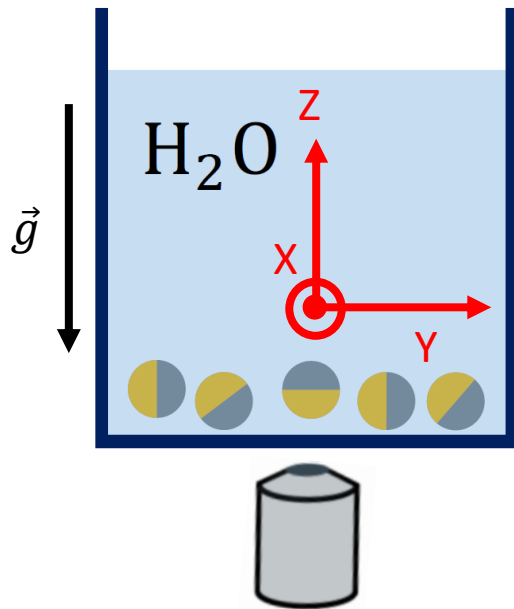


Guillaume Duprez,
PhD student

Our active system: active colloids



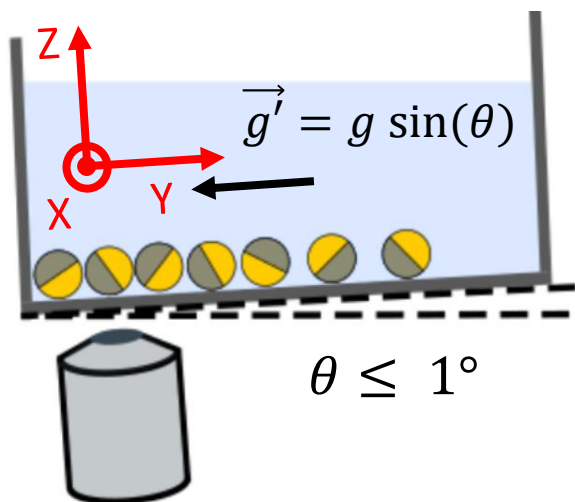
H_2O_2 fuel for **self-propulsion**
(I. Theurkauff *et al.* PRL 2012)



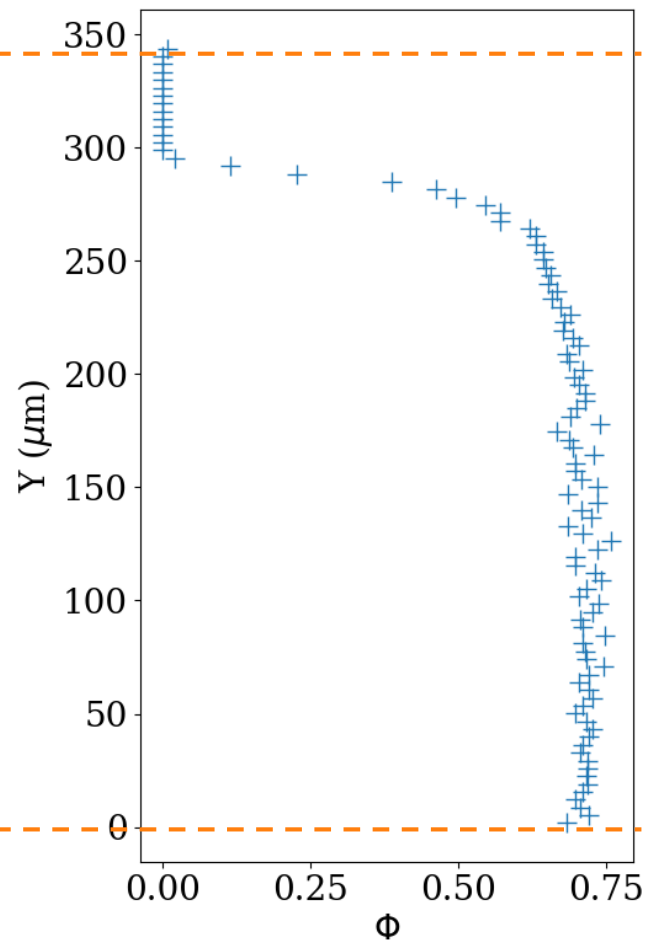
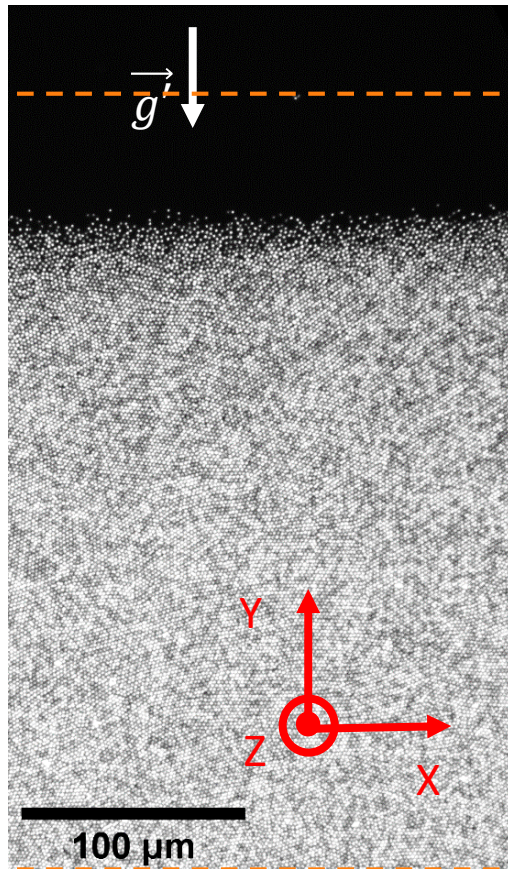
Trajectories of active colloids

How to make dense assemblies?

Tilting the container

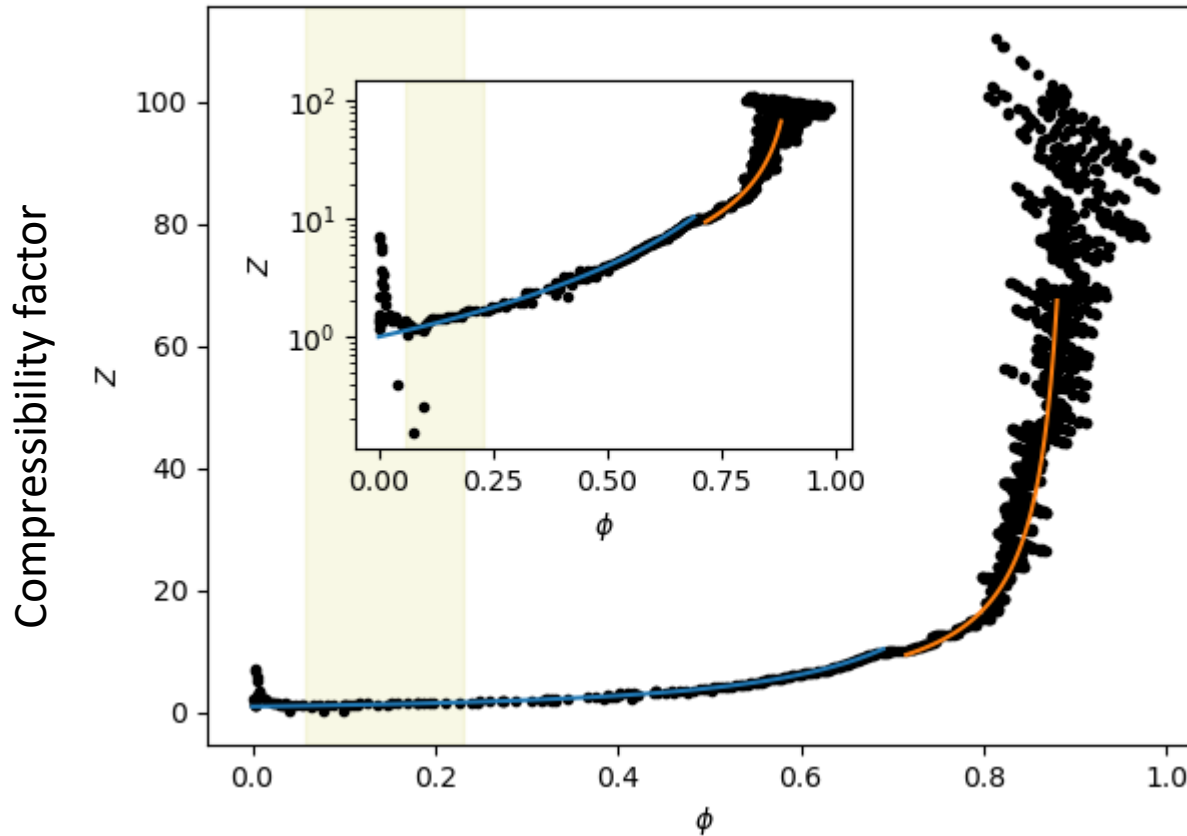


g' : in-plane gravity



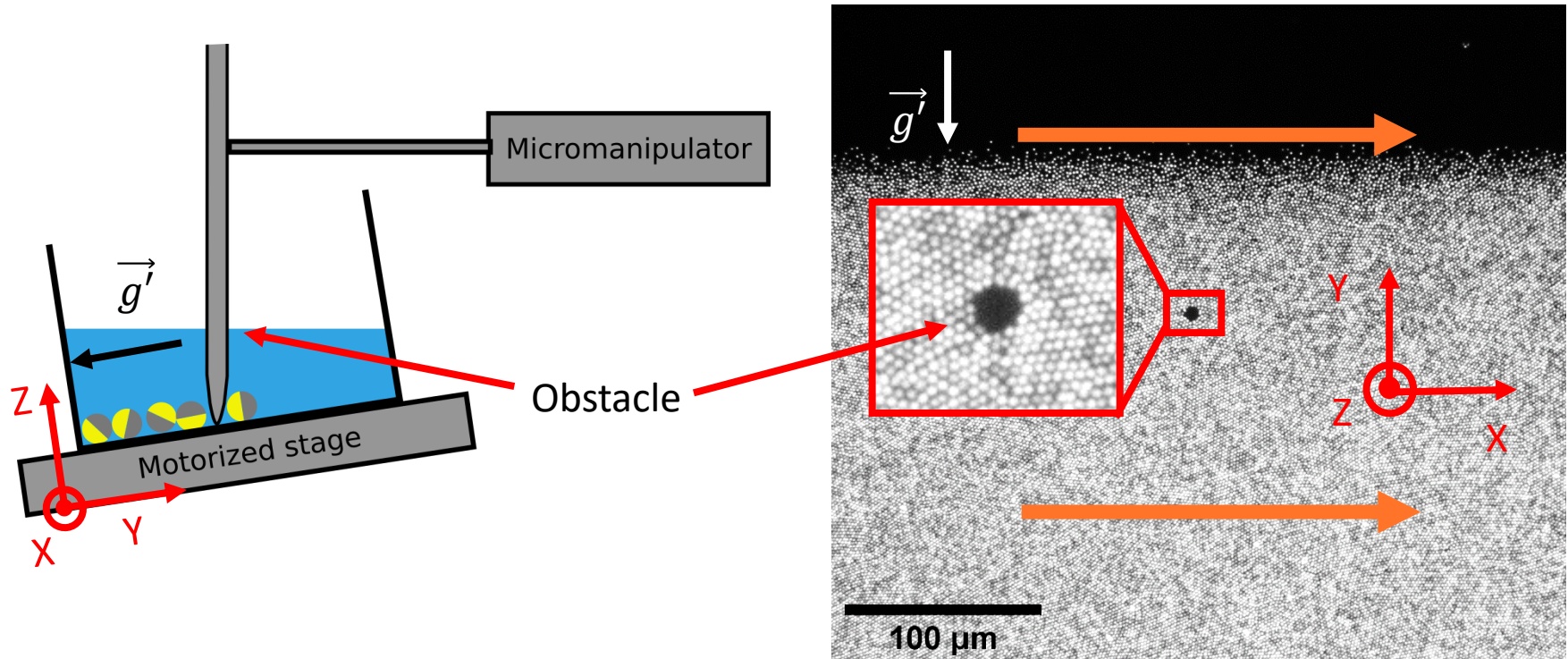
Volume fraction

Equation of states for a gaz of hard sphere (blue gaz, orange liquid)



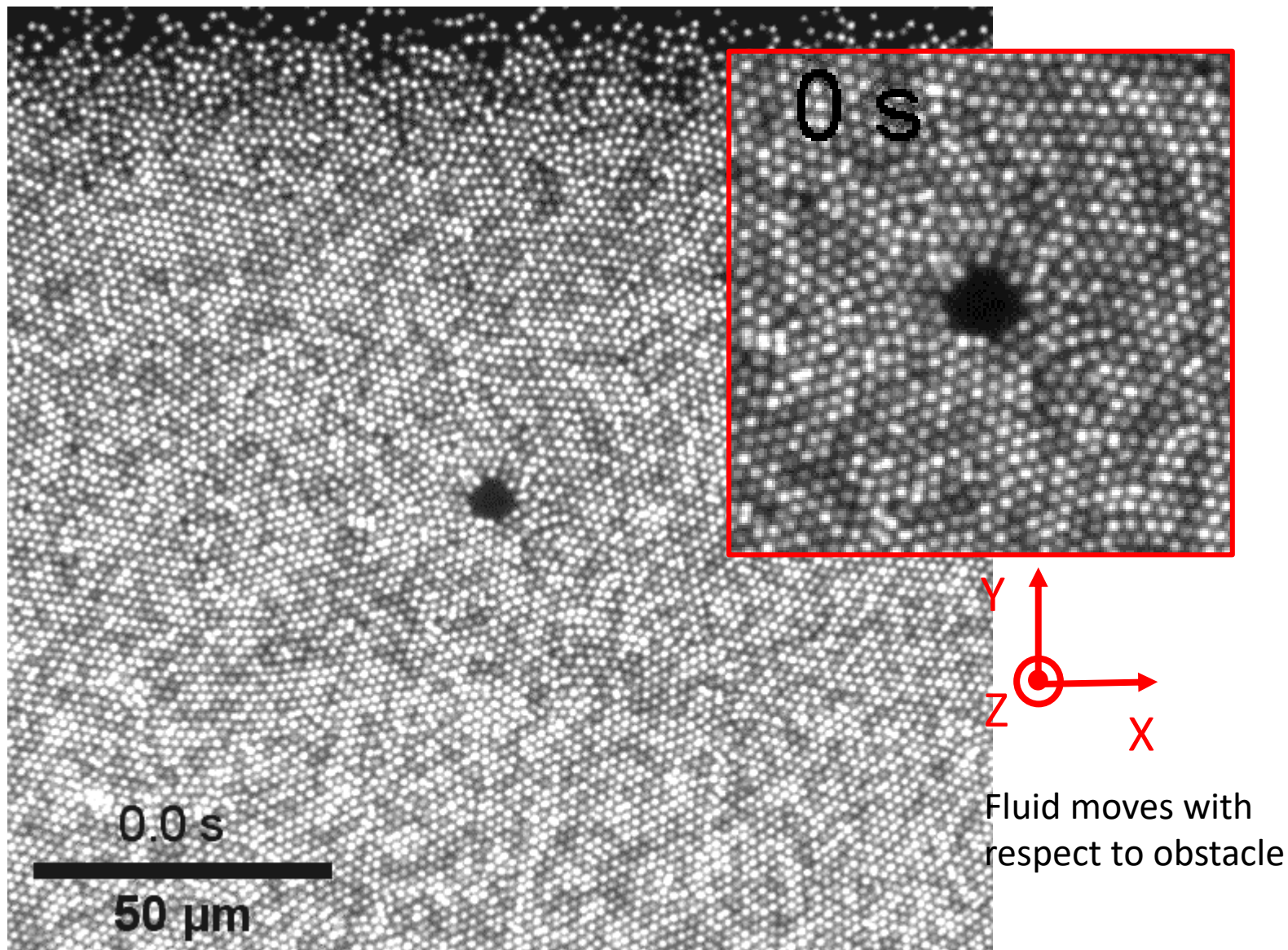
Fit of the blue part, gives access to an effective Temperature
And so to a quantification of activity

Probing the microrheology



- **10 μm obstacle** : glass rod approach with the micromanipulator
- **Movement** : induced by the motorized stage on the whole sediment

It's better to see it !



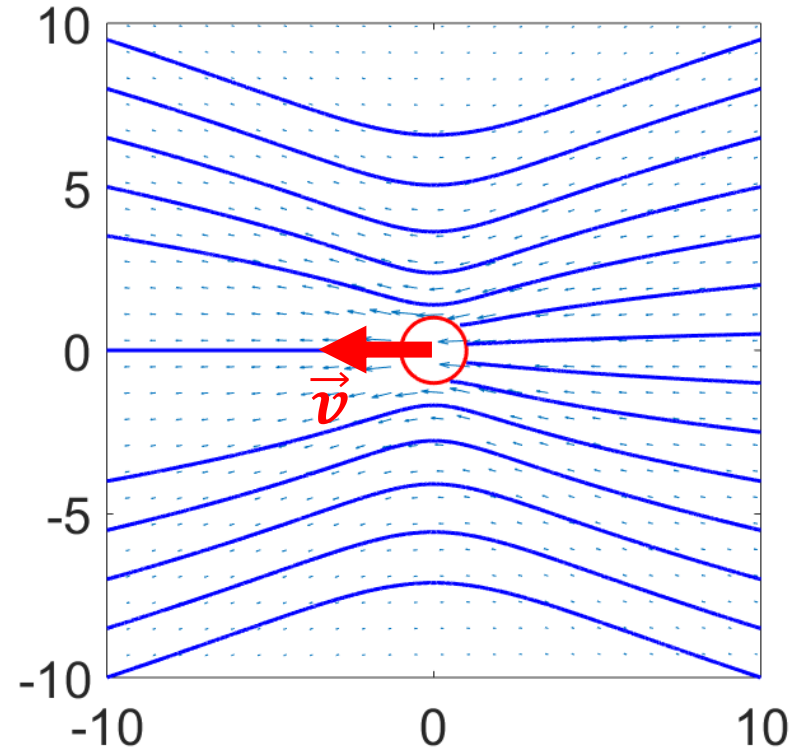
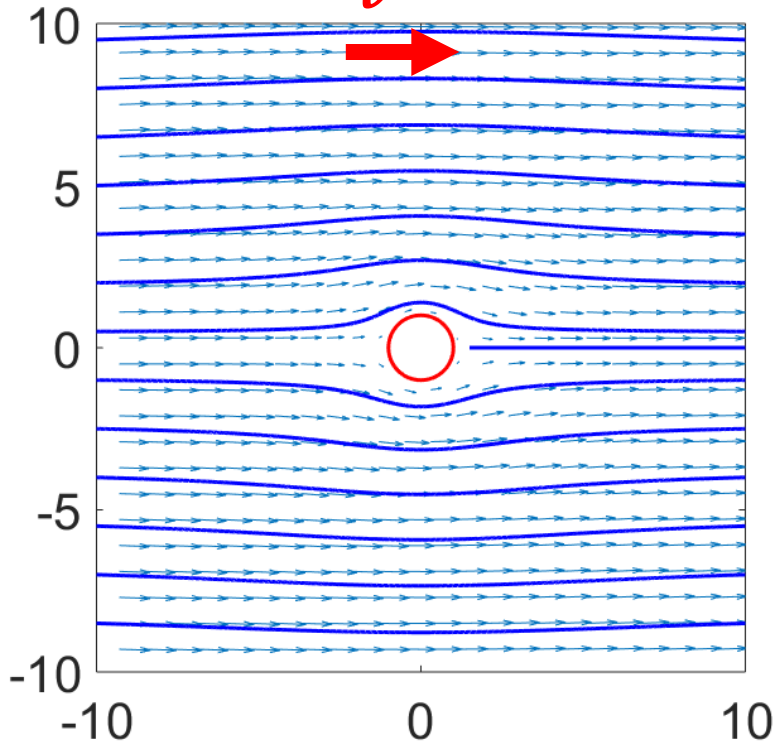
Two different points of view

Obstacle referential

Fluid referential

\vec{v}

Example: Newtonian fluid in Stokes flow



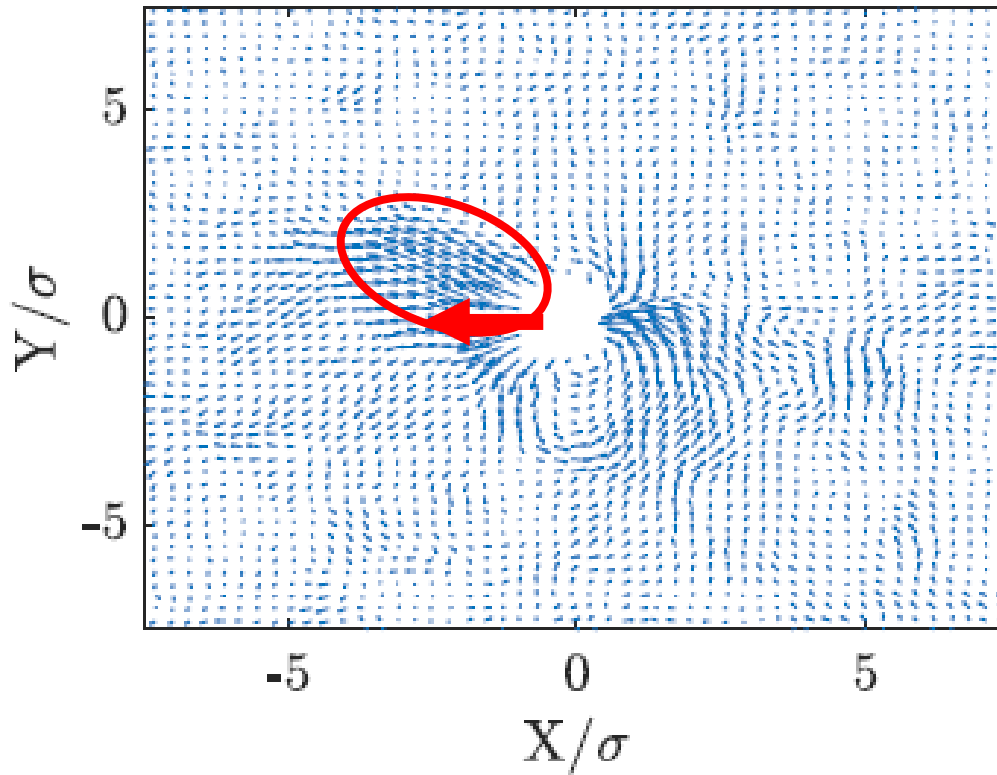
Coordinates in obstacle size units.

Our observables: Velocity field, Density

Our referential: Fluid

First observations:

Flow field of passive colloids



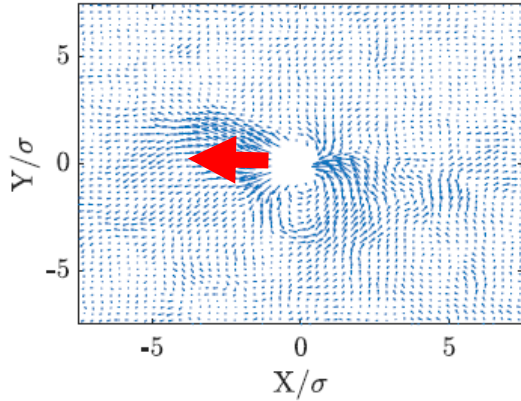
Velocity fields averaged over 4 s. Fluid referential

Observations :

- Heterogeneity
- Block movements
- Fluctuating

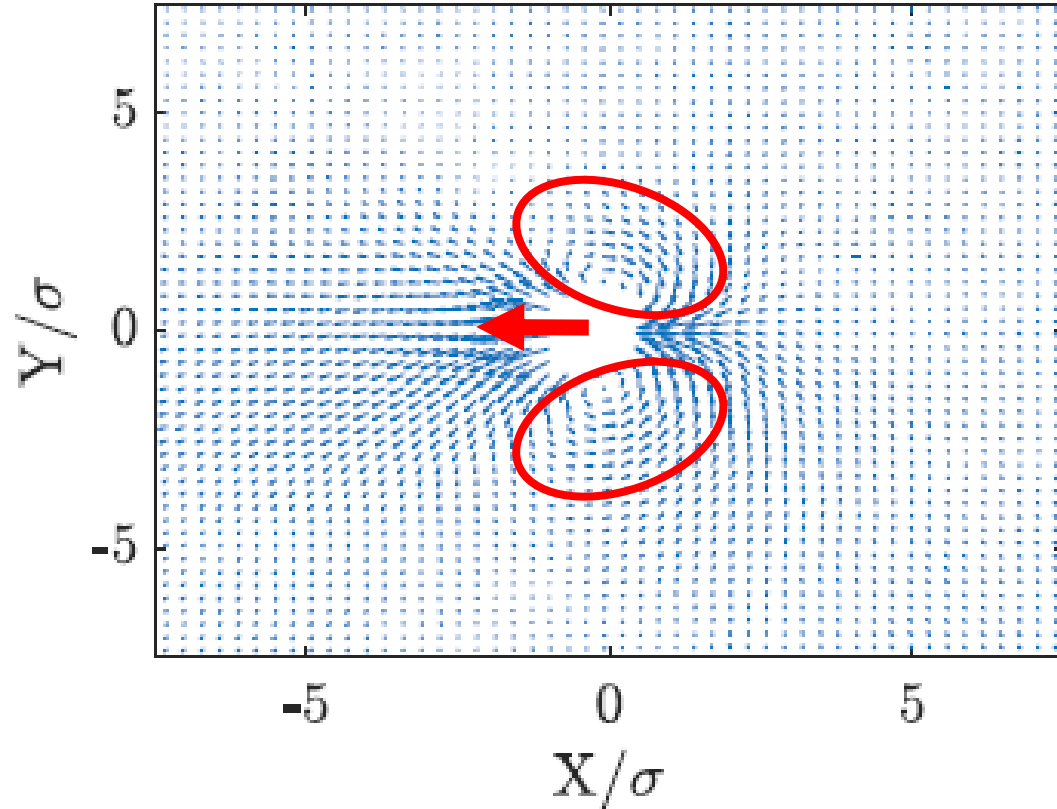
Yield stress fluid
behaviour?

Mean flow field of passive colloids



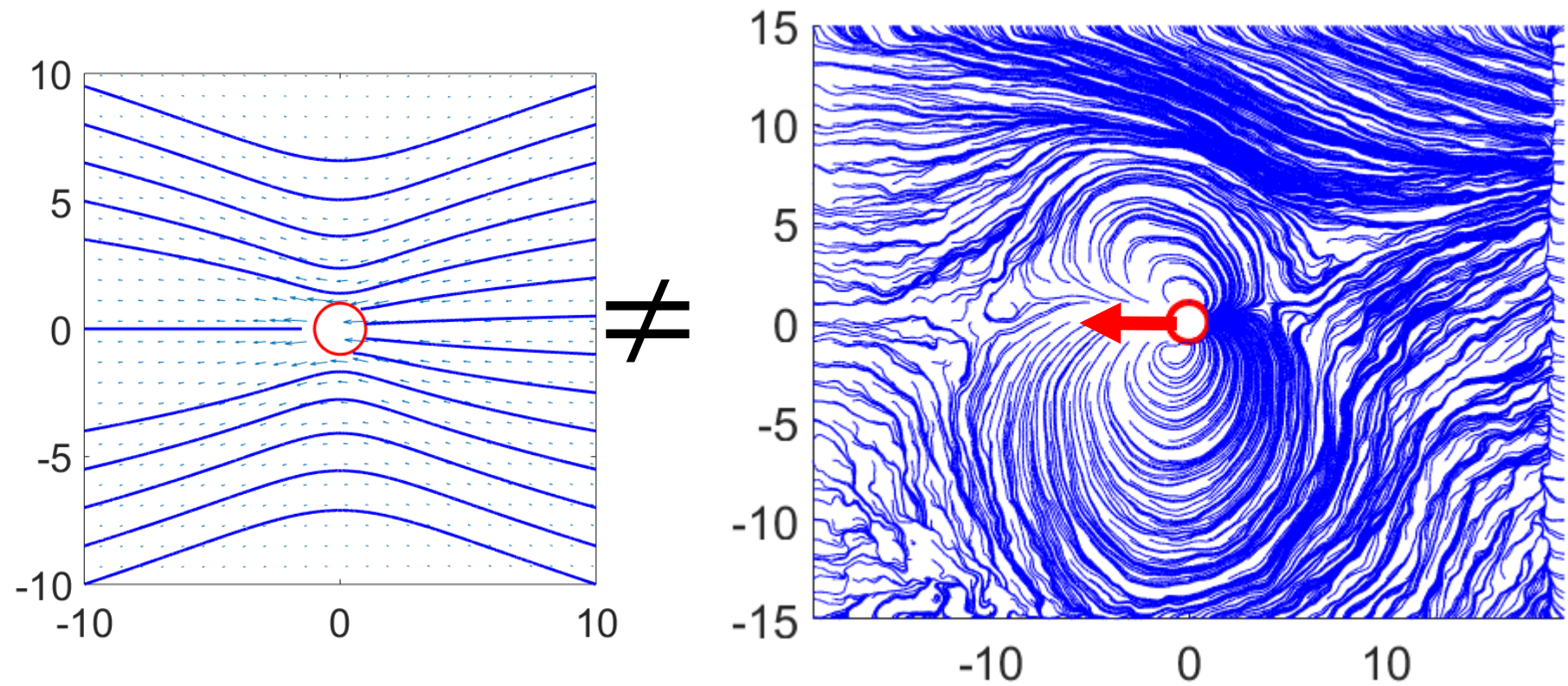
Observations :

- Smoother
- Recirculation



Velocity field mean over a whole run (> 100 s)

Mean streamlines for passive colloids

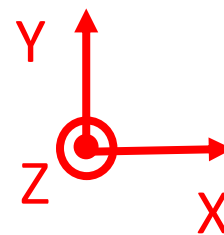
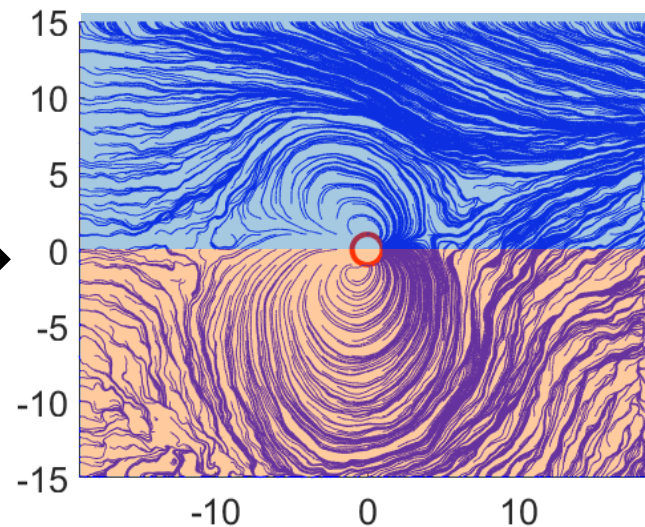
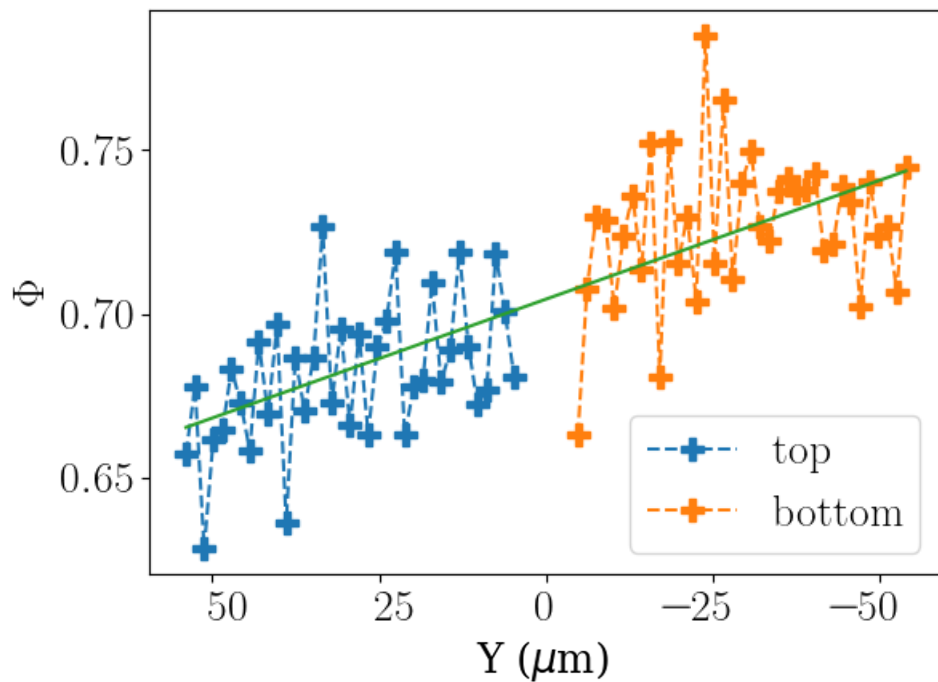


Theoretical Newtonian fluid
No slip and infinite fluid

Experimental passive colloids

- **Non Newtonian? Boundary conditions?**
 - **Asymmetries?**

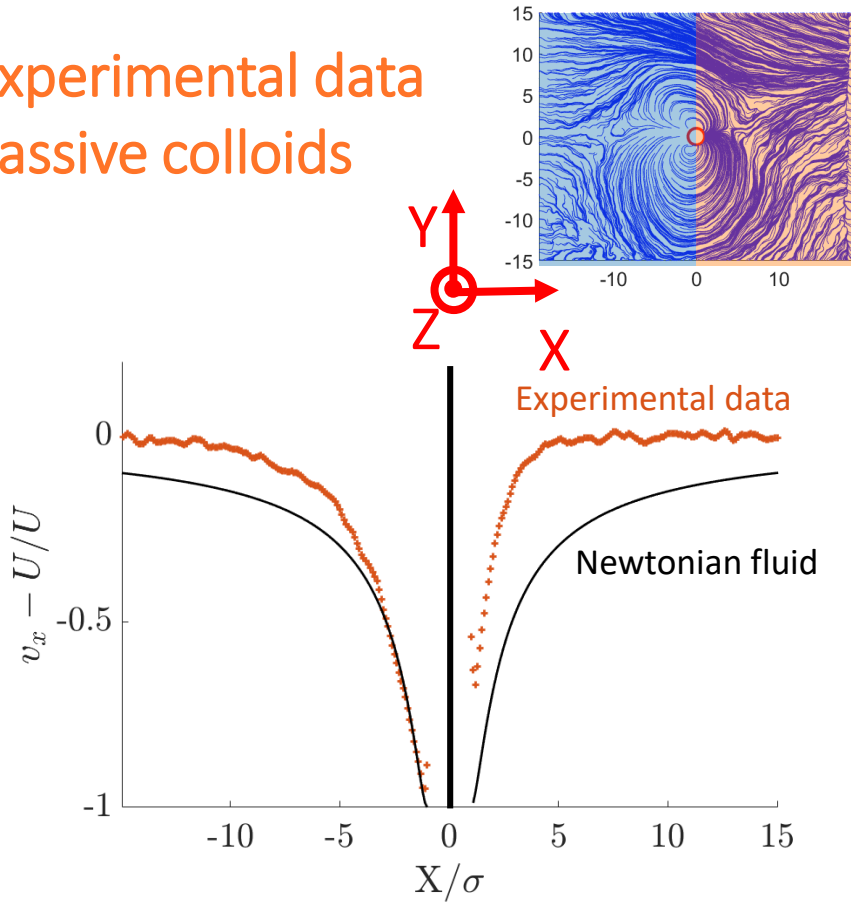
Asymmetry top/bottom



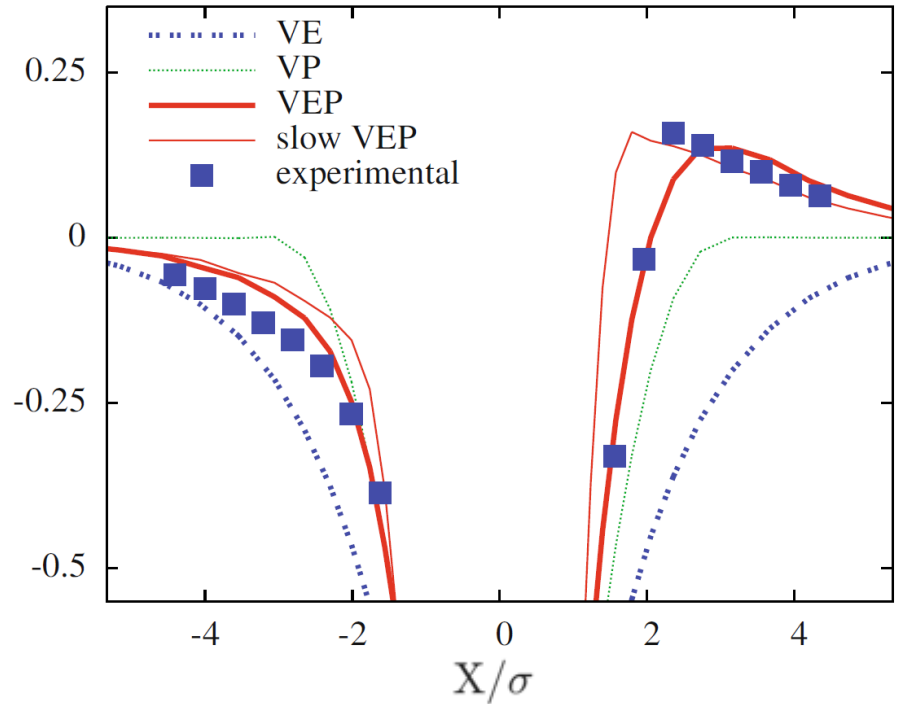
Imposed by the sediment

Front/back asymmetry in velocity

Experimental data
Passive colloids



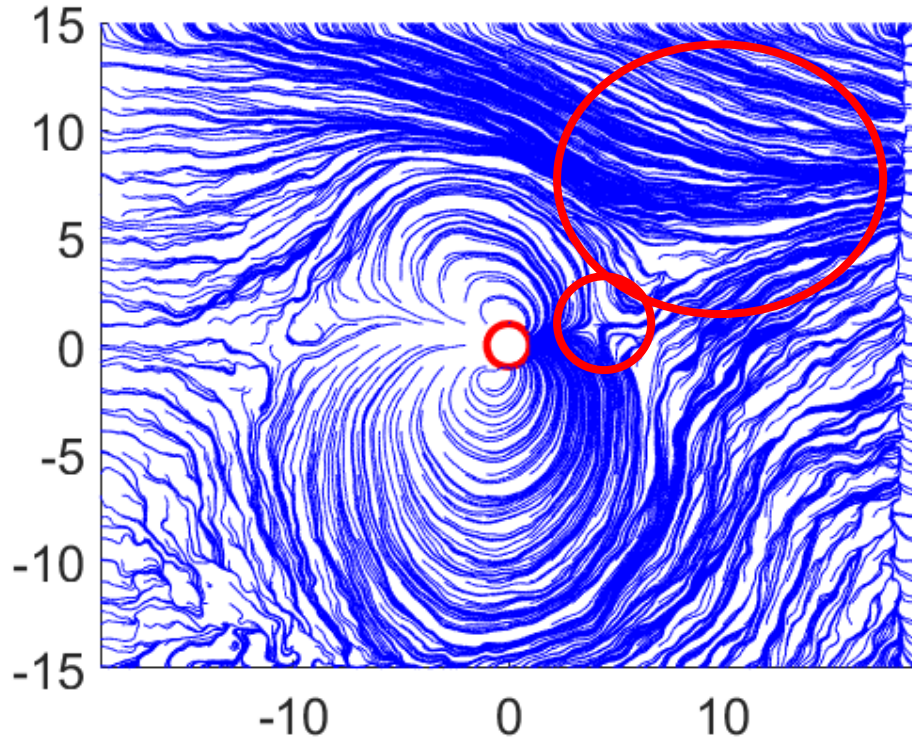
Experimental data foam



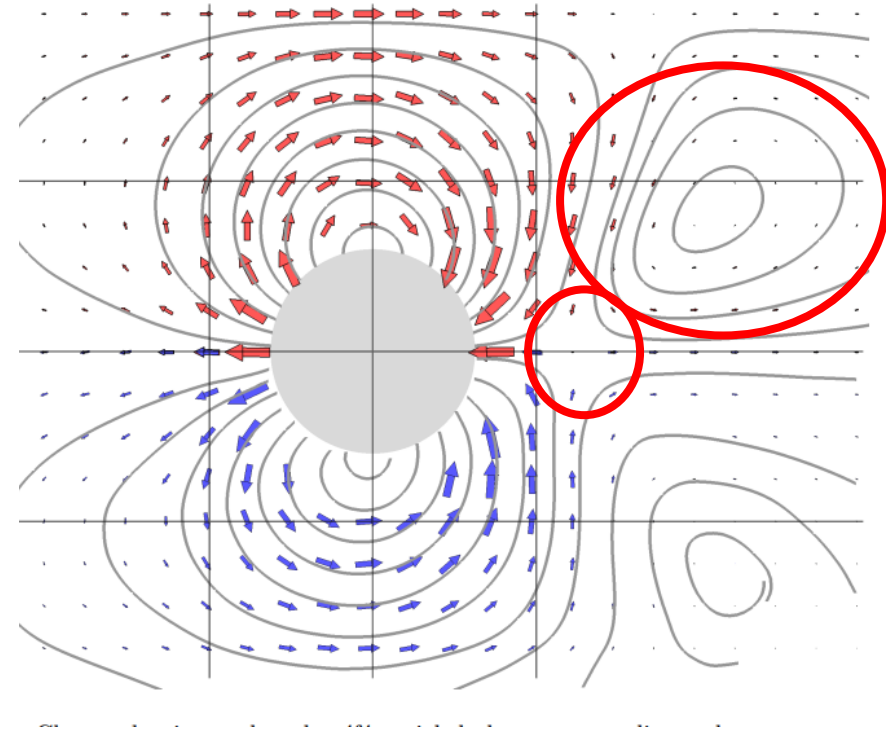
I. Cheddadi *et al.* Eur. Phys. J. E 2011

Asymmetry in the velocity profile:
characteristic of a visco-elasto-plastic fluid

Streamline of the colloids



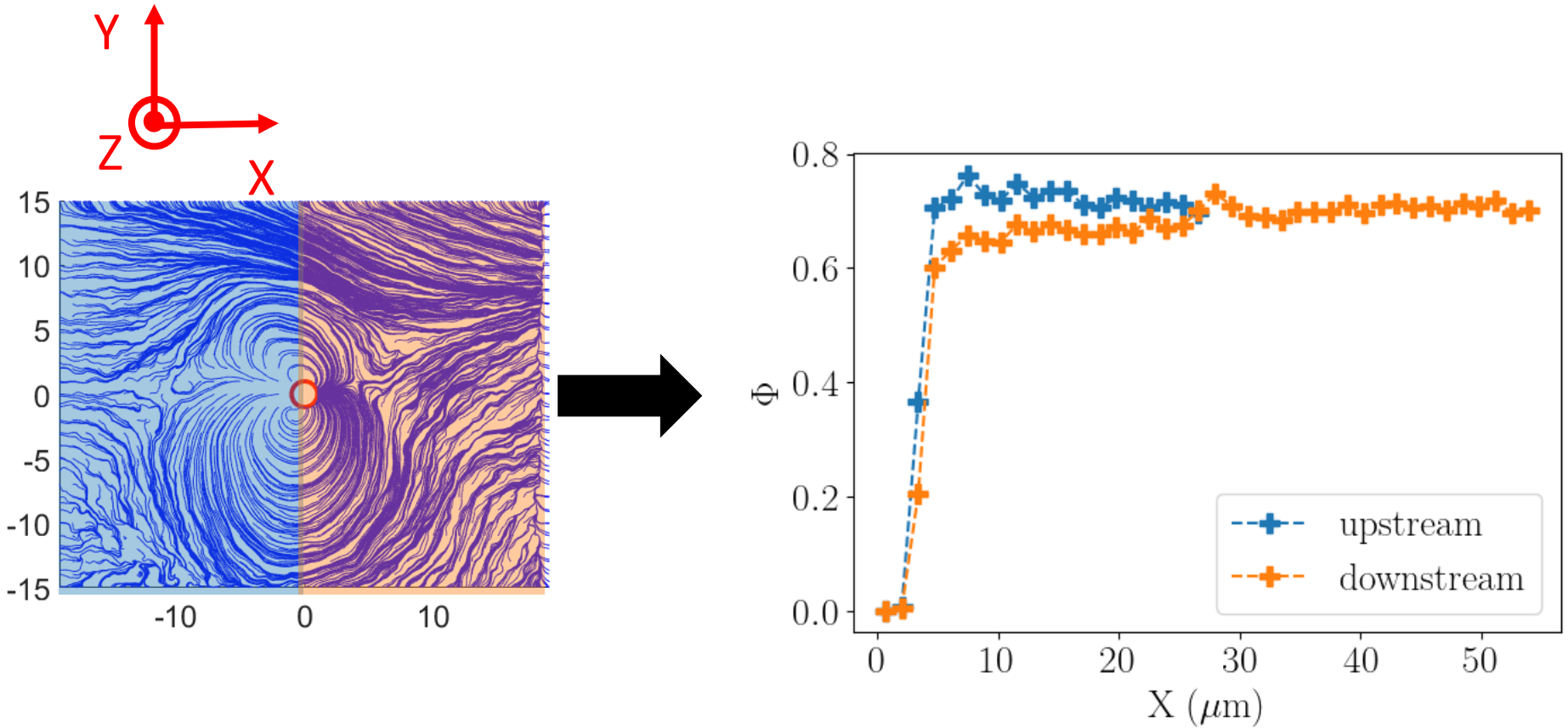
Streamline in foam
(up model prediction/down data)



I. Cheddadi PhD 2010

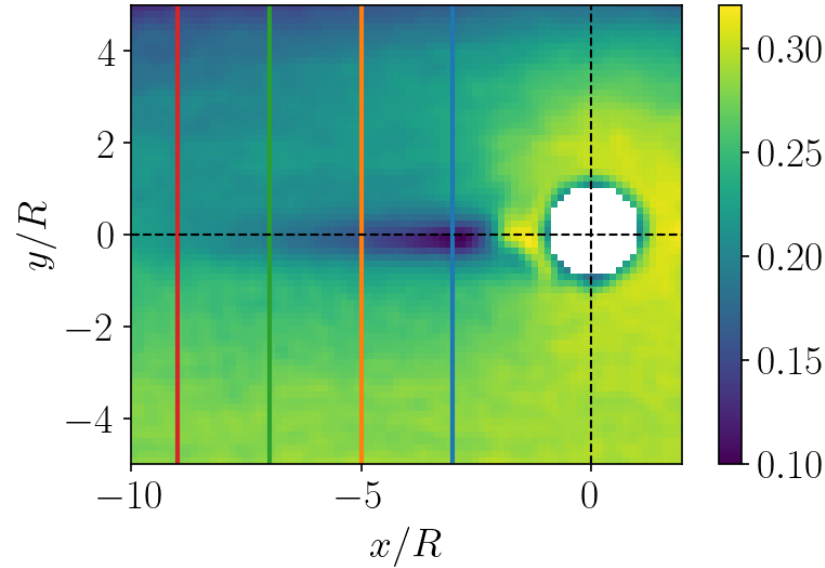
Also observed with carbopol (D. Fraggedakis *et al.* Soft Matter 2016)

Front/back asymmetry in density



Compressible flow of the colloids

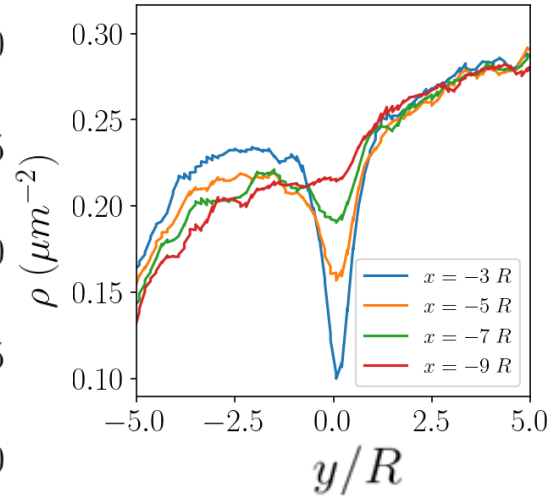
Healing behind the obstacle



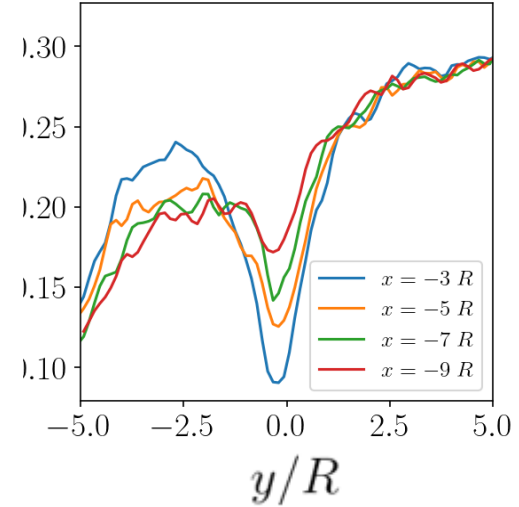
$$R = 9.5\mu\text{m}$$

Healing slower in the active case
Is it due to persistency?

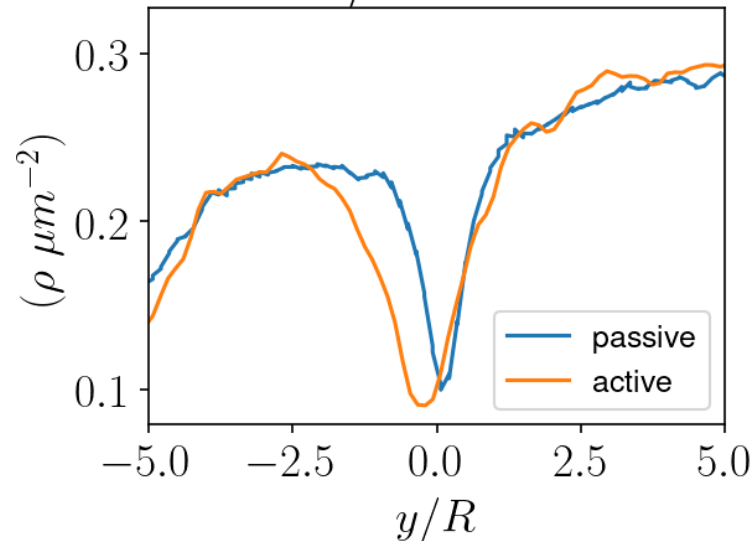
Passive



Active



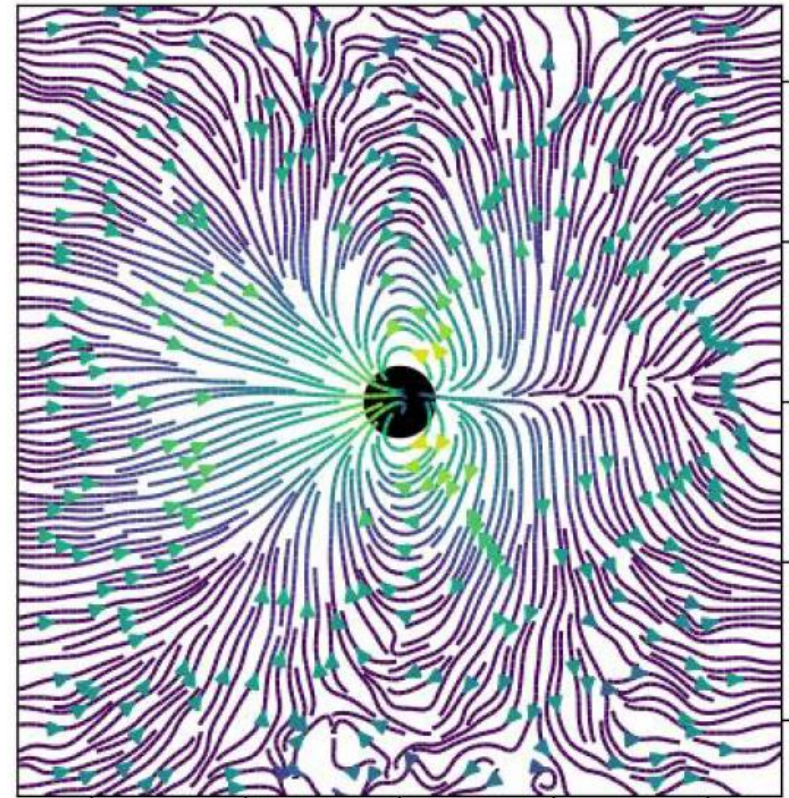
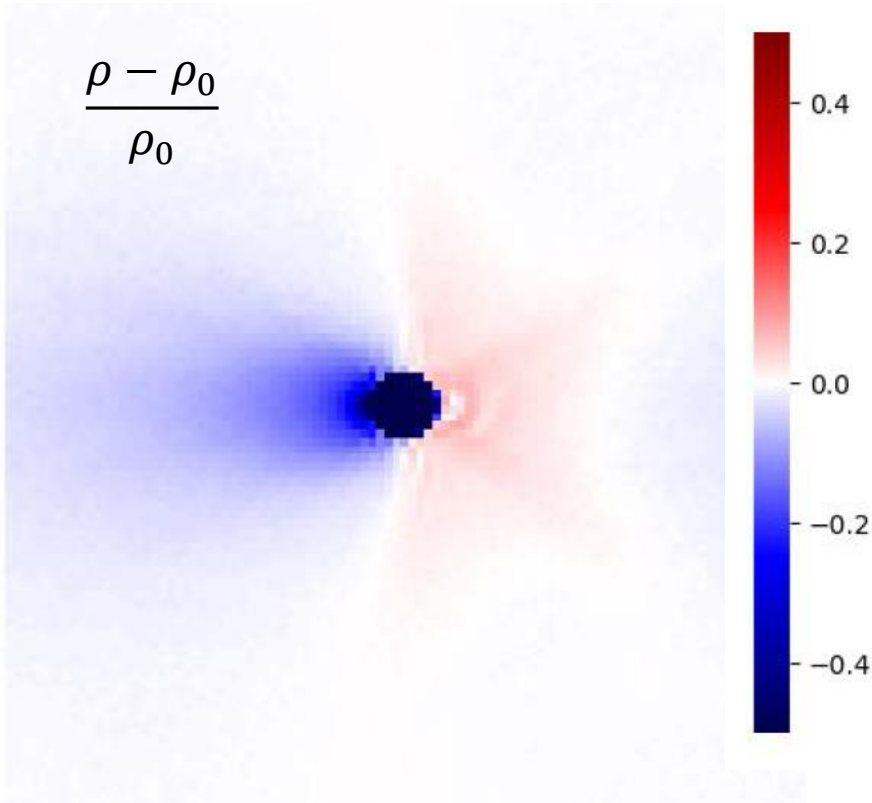
$x/R = -3$



Particle Based Models

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = v_0 \mathbf{u}(\theta_i) + \mu \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{F}_{ji} + \sqrt{2D_t} \boldsymbol{\eta}_i + f_g \mathbf{e}_y + \mathbf{f}_s(\mathbf{R}(t))$$

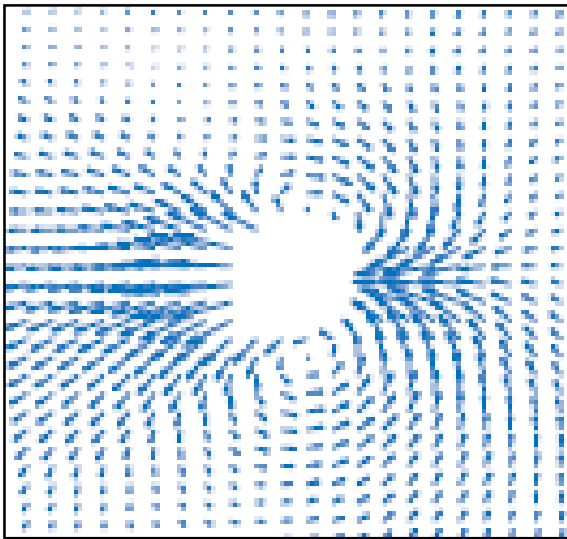
$$\dot{\theta} = \sqrt{2D_r} \xi \quad V(r) = \begin{cases} 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^6 \right] & \text{if } r < r_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } r \geq r_0 \end{cases}$$



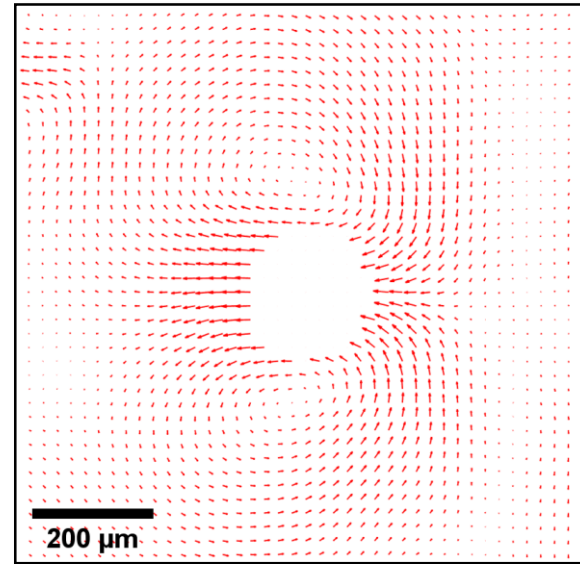
Simulation G Spera, F. Graner

Conclusion and Perspectives:

- Experiments leads to very rich and discriminative outputs



Passive colloids



Cells – S. Tlili PhD 2015

- **Qualitatively similar, quantitatively?**
- **Role of activity?**

A clear need of thorough comparisons with simulations. Which ones?



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