

# Controlling cells with optogenetics

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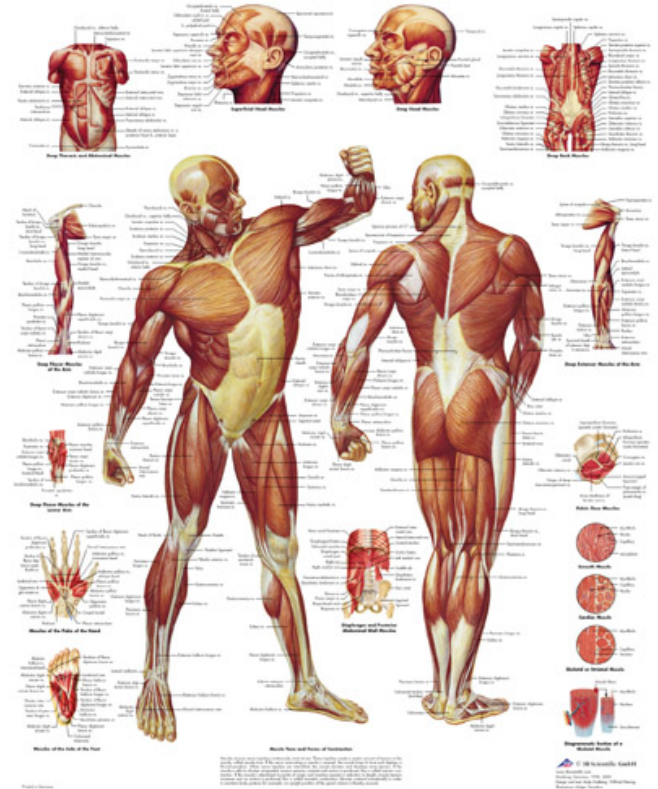


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# Search for principles

Genome  
1 Gb



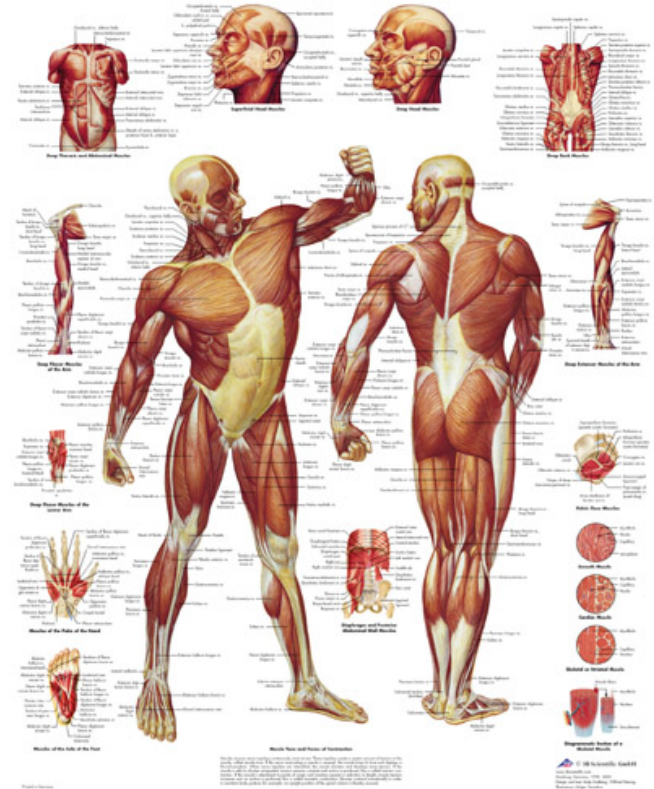
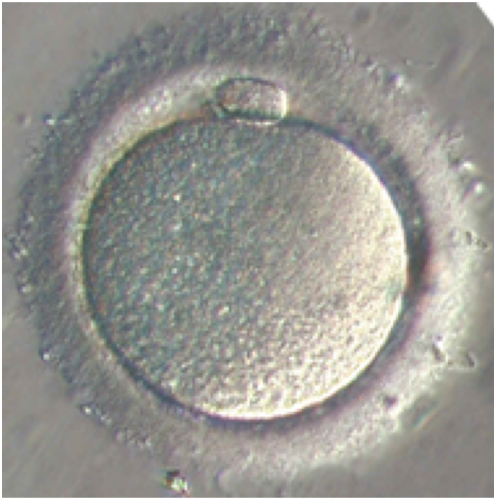
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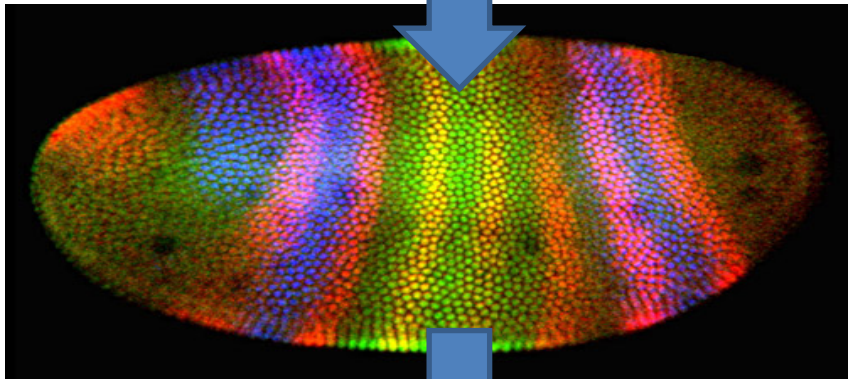
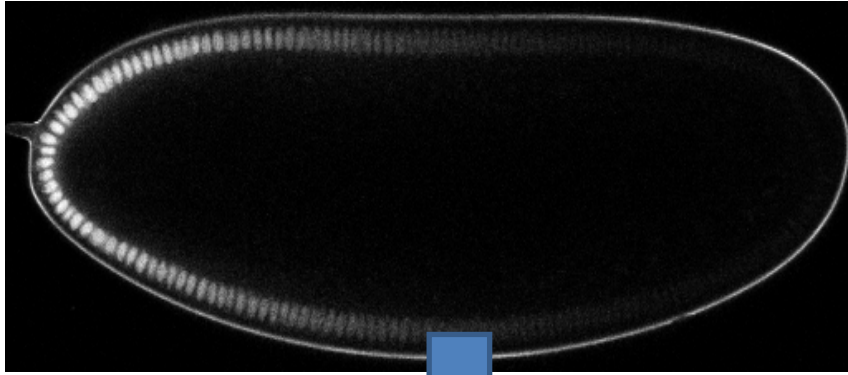
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*“Template”*

... Gb?

# Ex of a template: the morphogen gradient

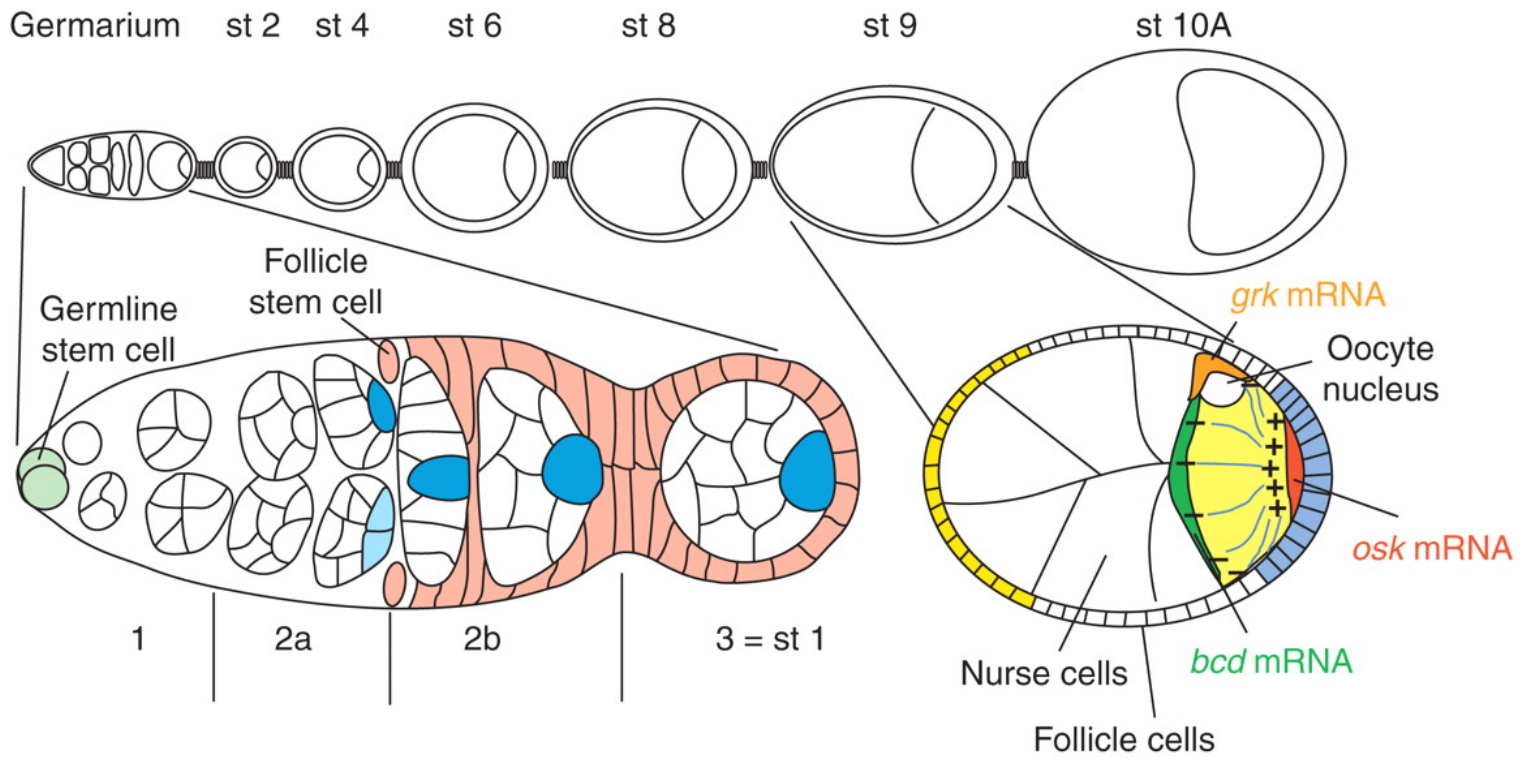
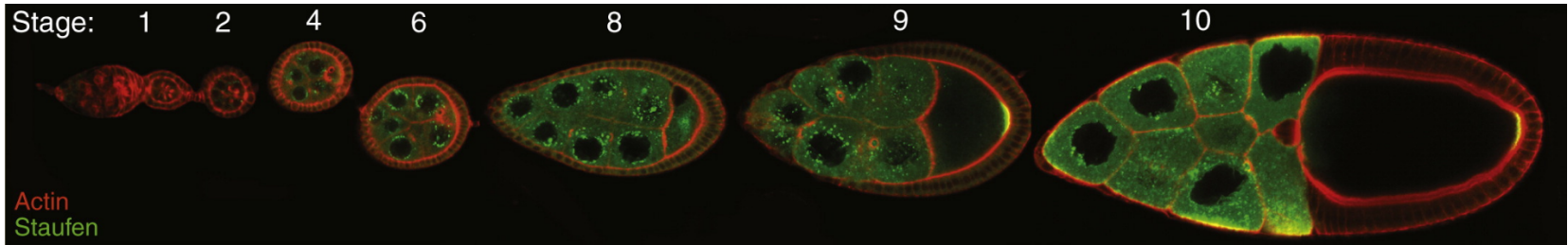


*Work from Thomas Gregor et al.*

- Enough bits in maternal gradients to specify gap gene domains with cellular resolution
- Positional information persists up to the final organism



# Where the template comes from?



# Genome + templates are enough?

➤ **Homunculus: preformation**,  
miniature prefiguration of the  
future organism in the semen



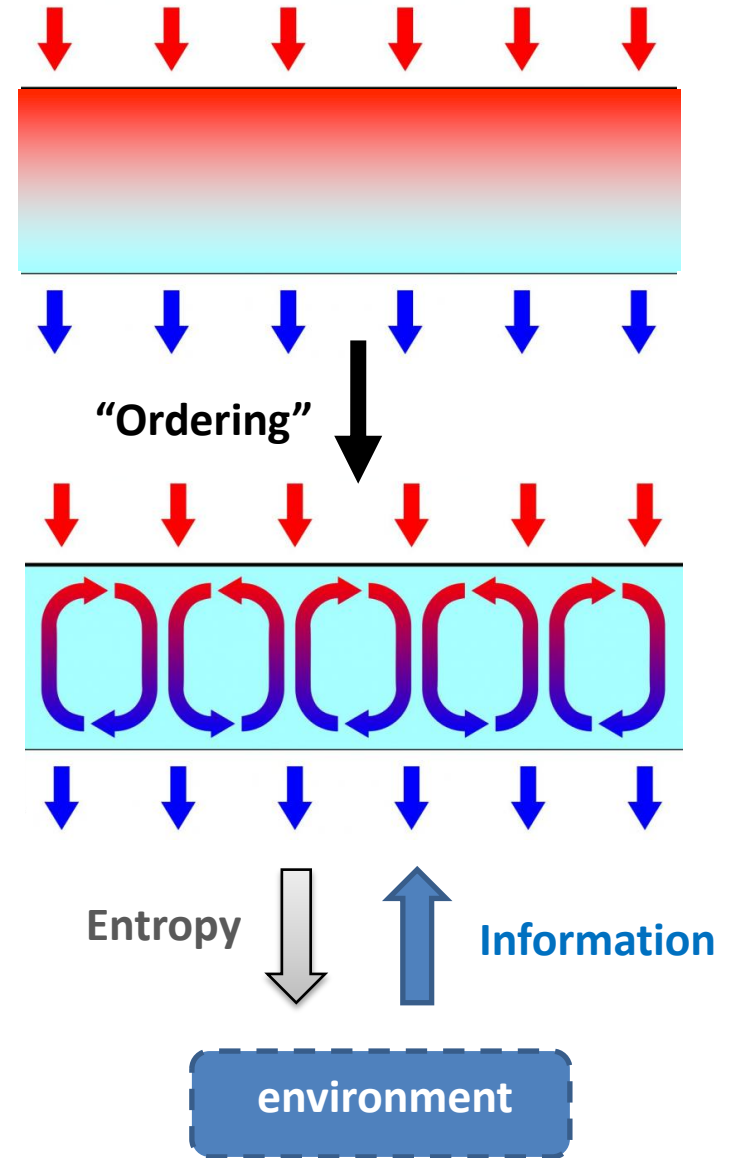
*Homunculus  
(XVII century)*

➤ **Aristotle: Epigenesis**,  
synthetic creation, progressive  
formation of new material from  
unformed matter



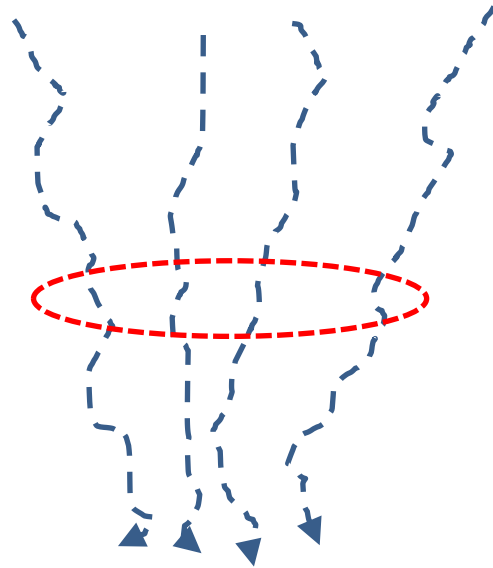
# Self-organization as a source of information

Convection

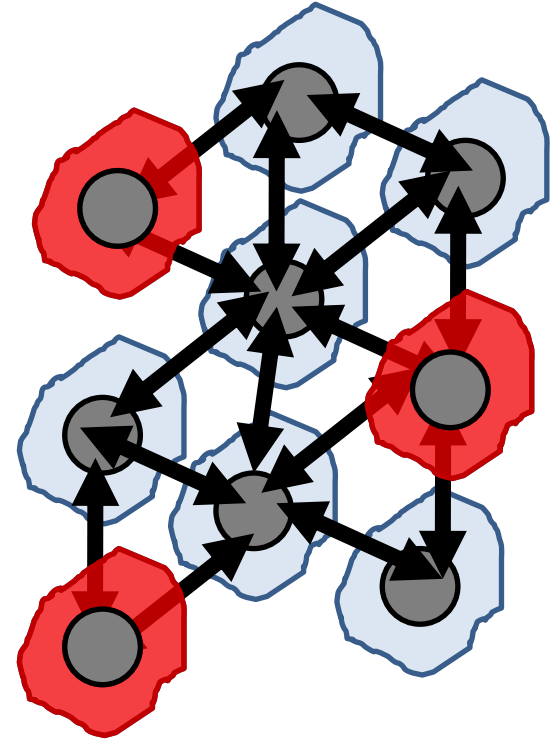


# Morphogenesis: searching for principles

Self-organizing system  
-many bits-



Templates  
-few bits-



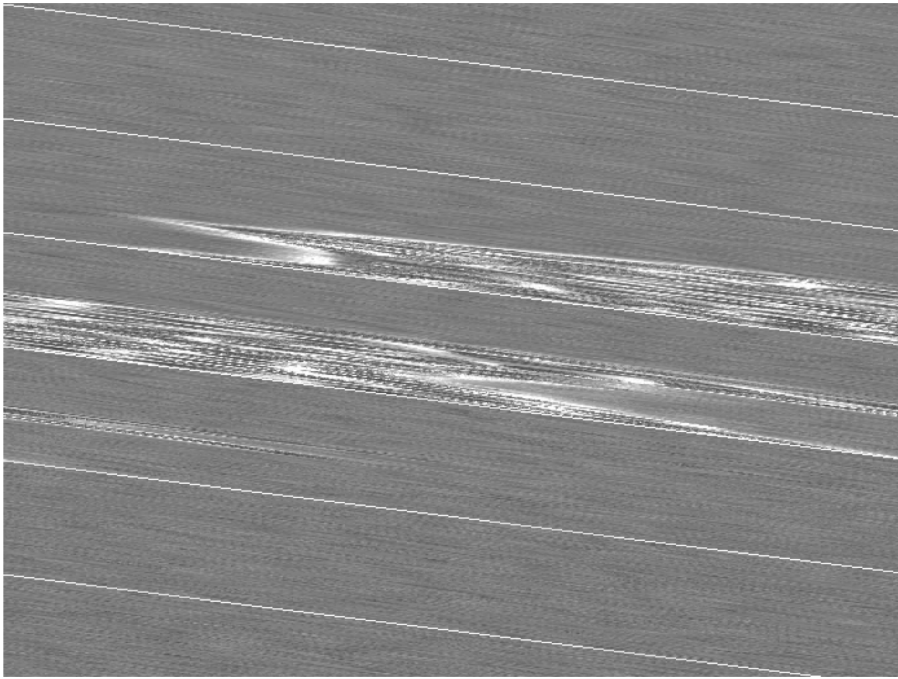
What are the ***control principles*** of self-organized matter?  
... of collective systems?



**cell migration**

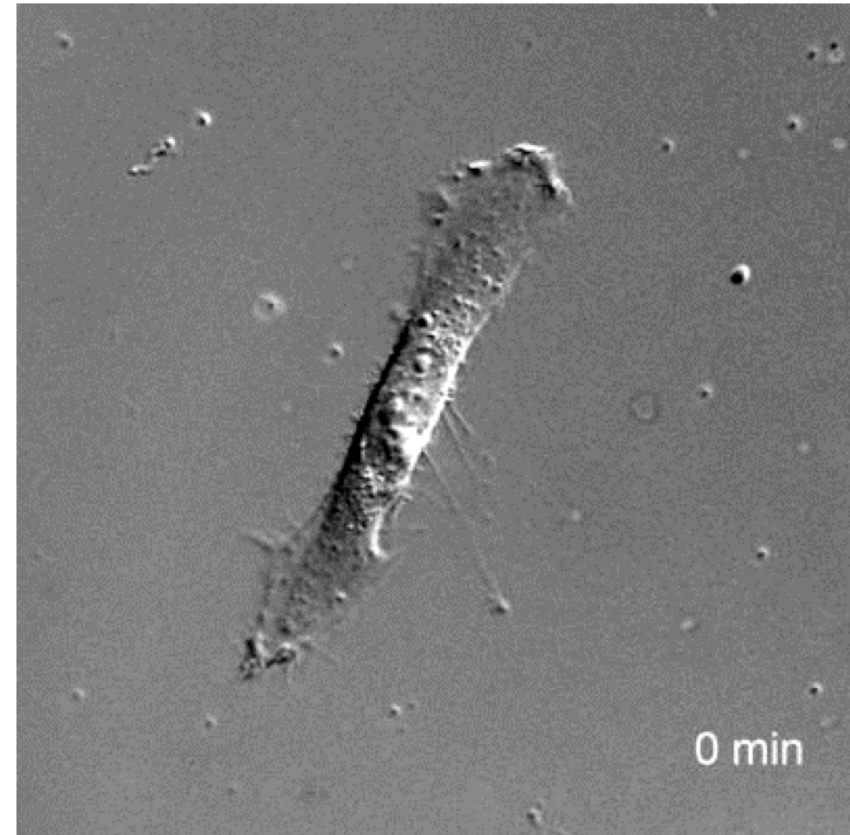
# Cell migration

## Random collective migration



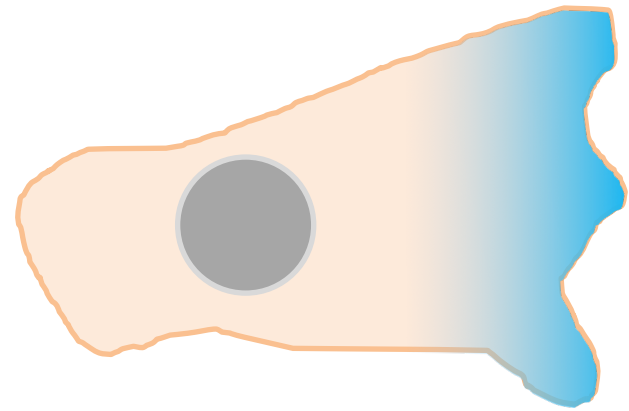
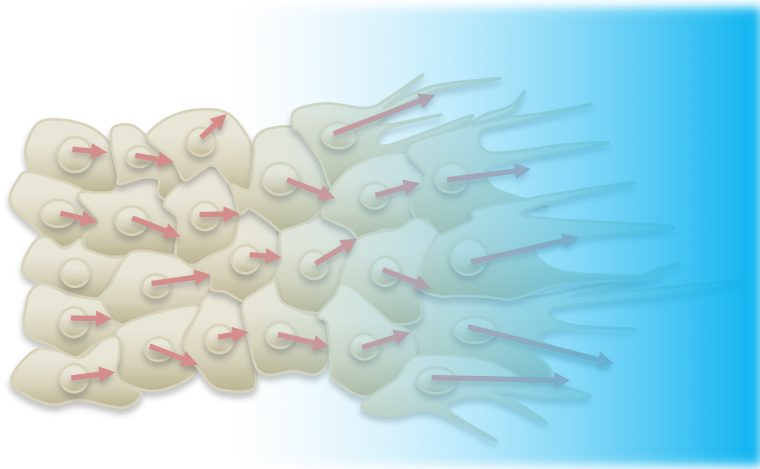
Yamaguchi et al, Scientific Reports 2015

## Random single cell migration

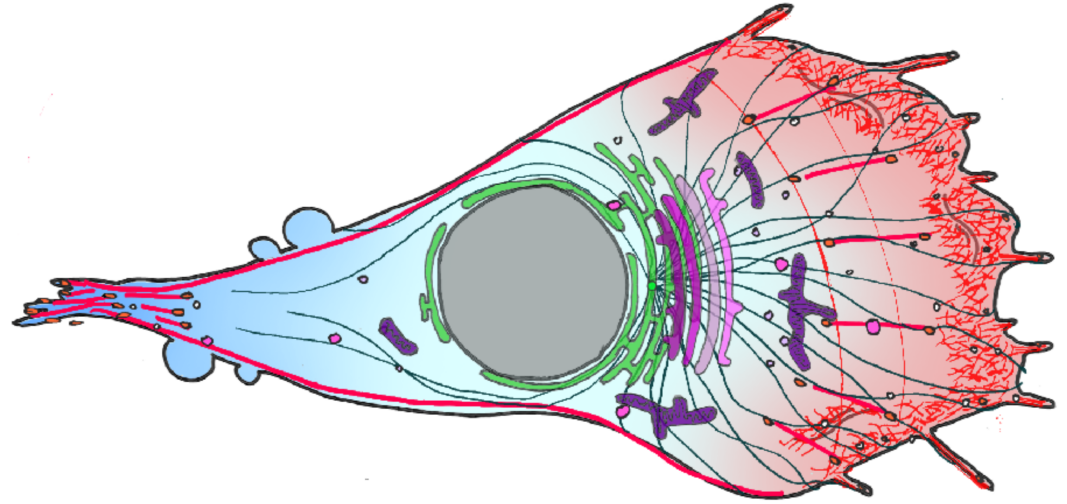
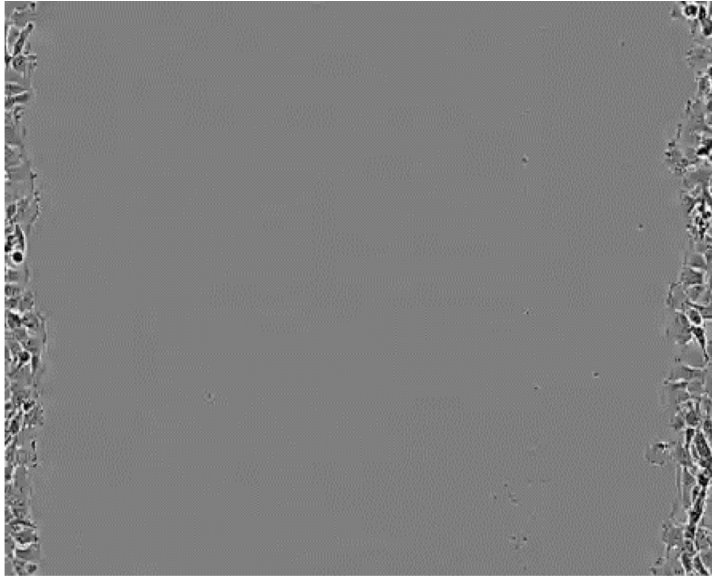


From Kotryna

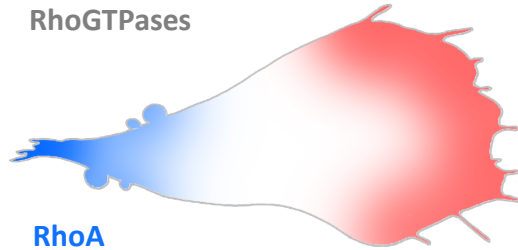
# Control by system-scale gradients



# Eukaryotic cell migration



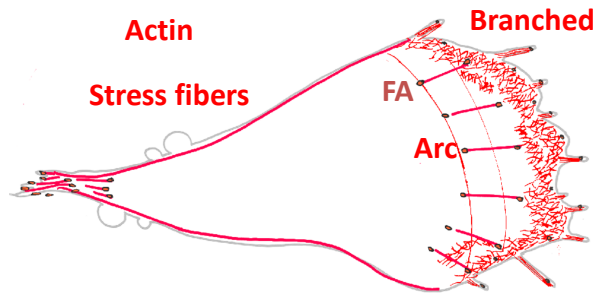
RhoGTPases



RhoA

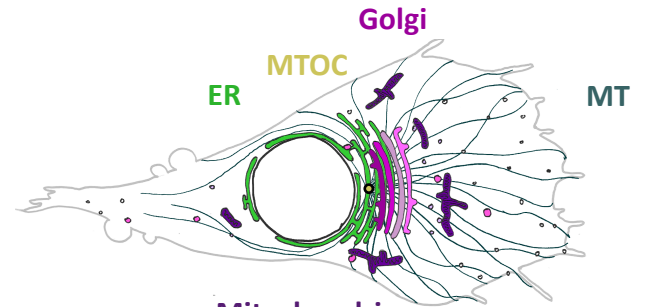
Rac1/Cdc42

Actin  
Stress fibers



Bundled

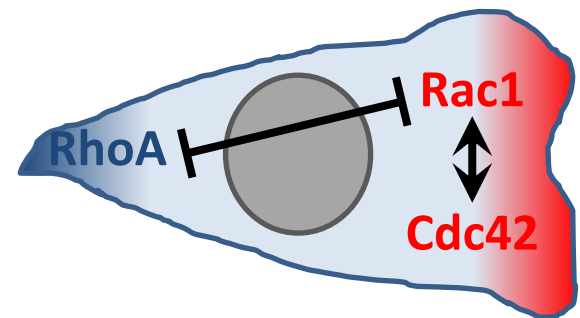
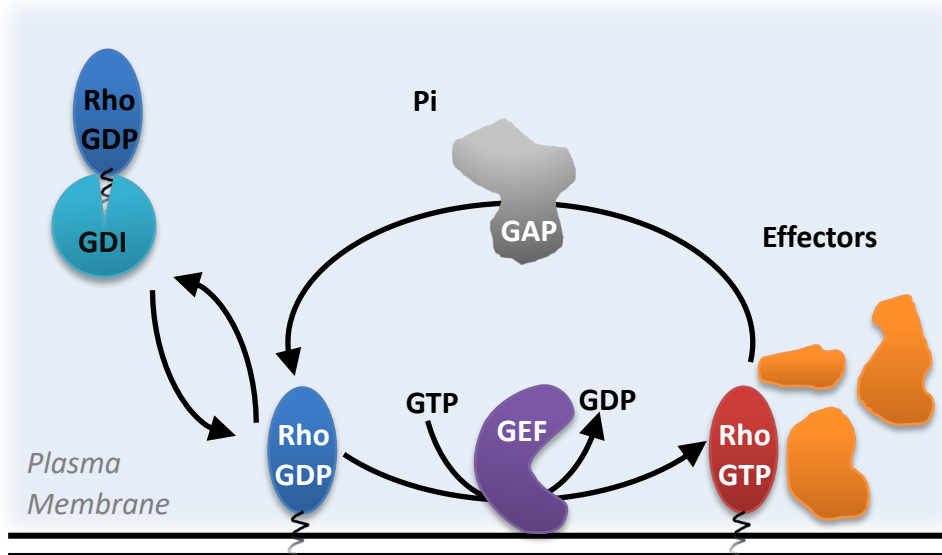
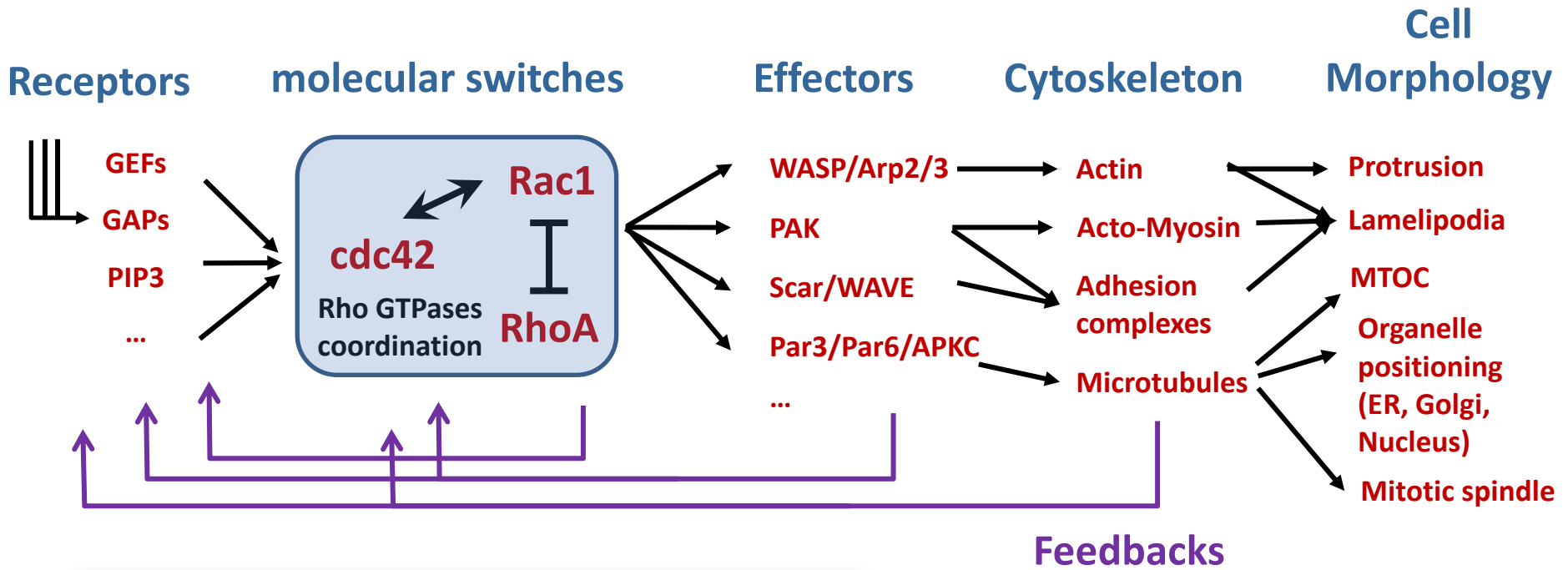
Golgi  
MTOC  
ER  
MT



Mitochondria

Vesicles

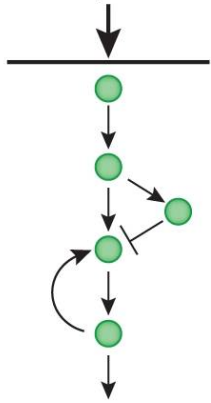
# Rho GTPases signaling



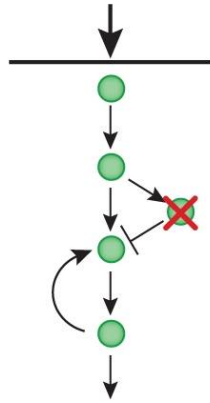
**optogenetics**

# Optogenetic dissection

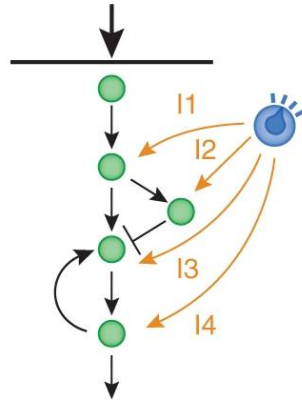
Input  
Extracellular ligand  
Chemical perturbation



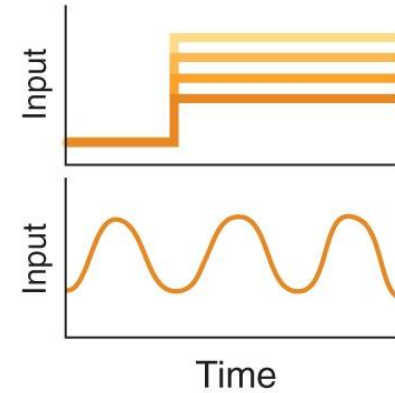
Output  
Transcription  
Fluorescent fusion  
protein levels



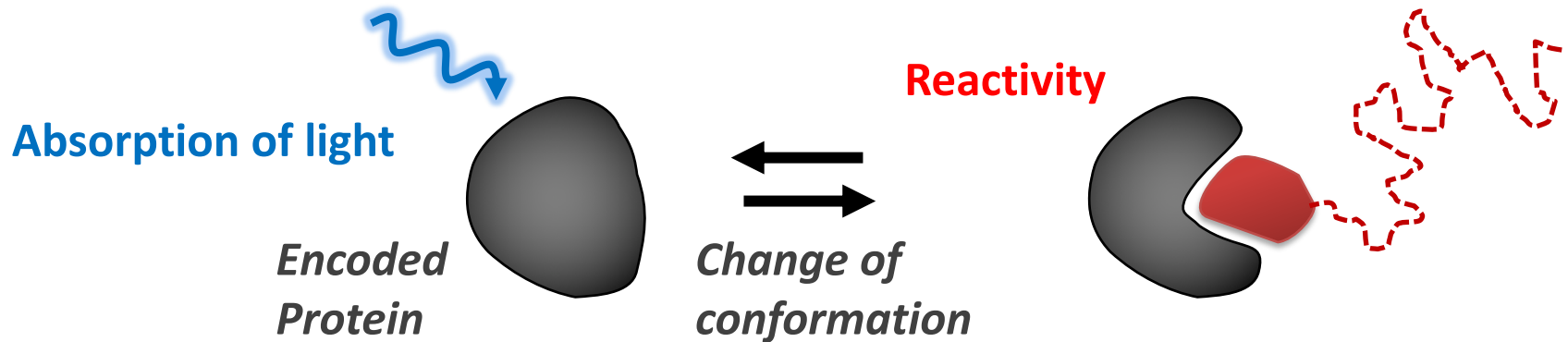
Loss of function:  
identify necessary  
components for  
phenotype



Intracellular  
variable input:  
measure input-  
output logic

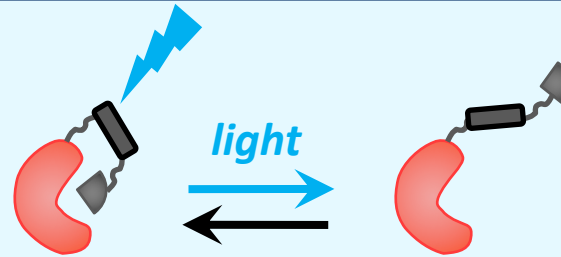


J. Toettcher et al., Nature Methods 2011

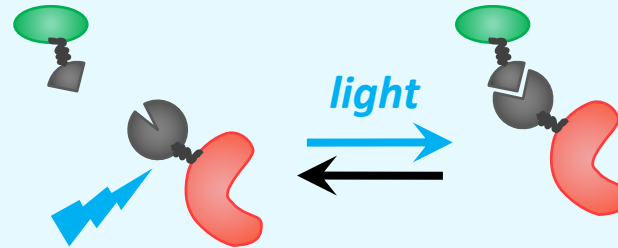


# Main modalities for controlling cells

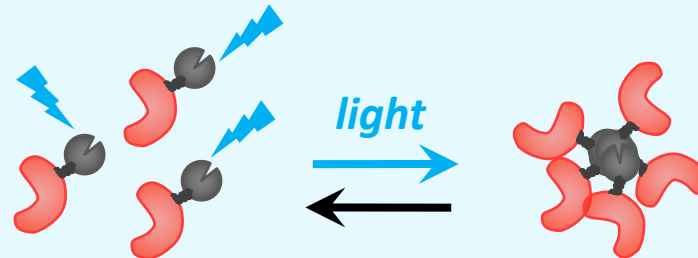
**Gating/allosteric**



**Dimerization**

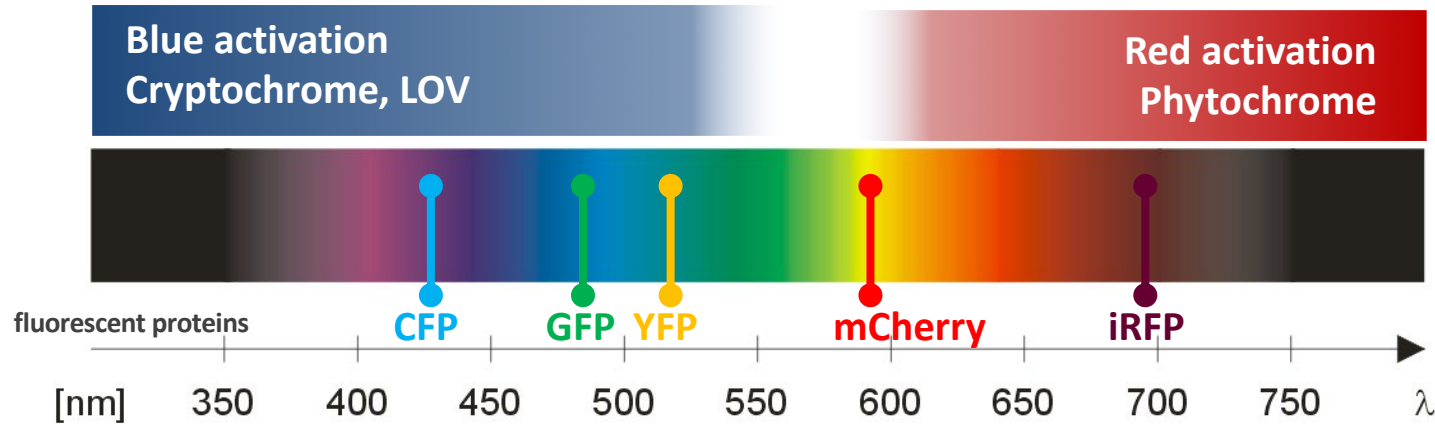
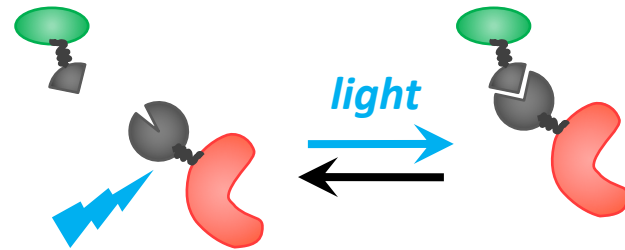


**Clustering/  
oligomerization**



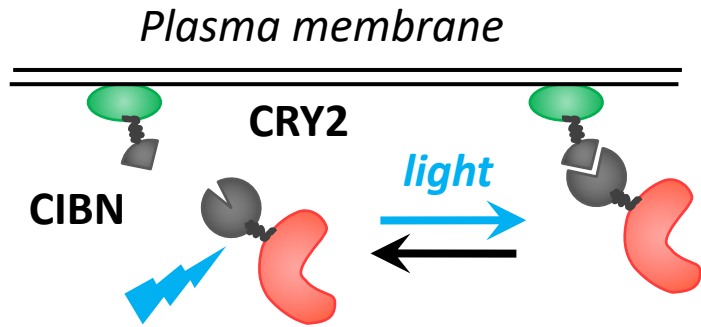


# Light activated proteins for heterodimerization

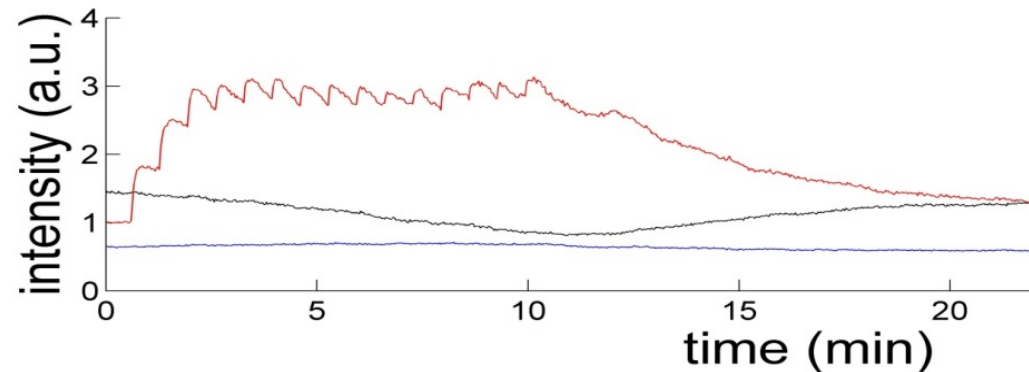
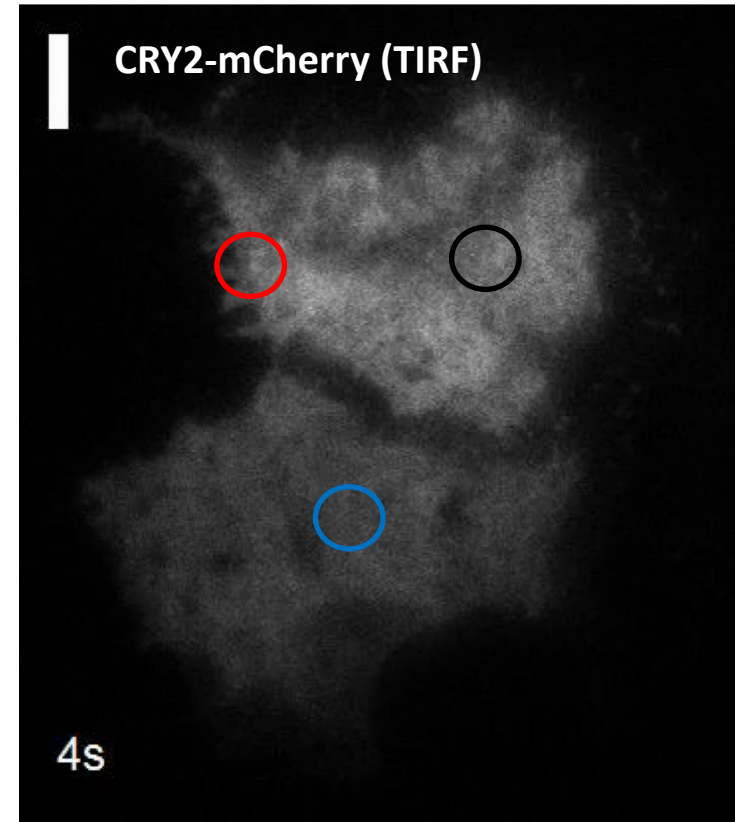
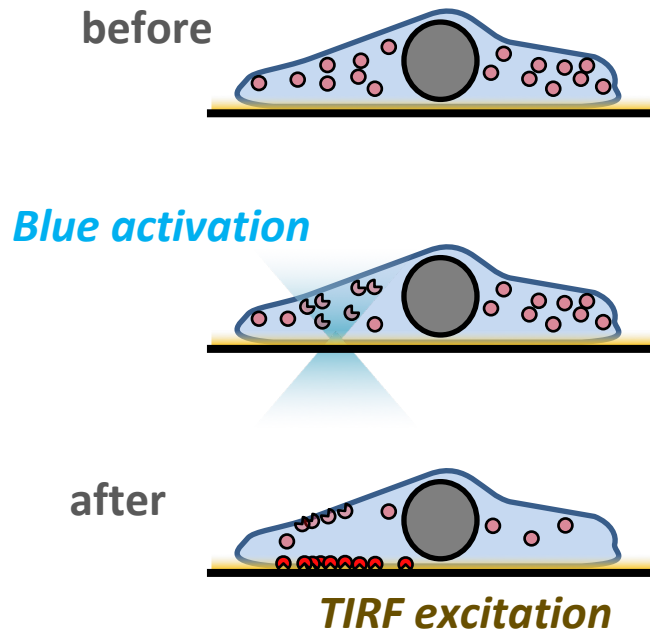


| Photosensitive protein | Turn-on speed | Turn-off speed ( $t_{1/2}$ )                                  | Chromophore requirement                      | Compatible imaging wavelengths (nm) | $\lambda_{on}$ (nm) | $\lambda_{off}$ (nm) | Effector affinity   |
|------------------------|---------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| PHYB                   | Seconds       | • Seconds (illuminated at 750 nm)<br>• Hours (dark reversion) | PCB; exogenous or synthesized <i>in situ</i> | $\leq 514$                          | 650                 | 750                  | • $< 100$ nM (post 650 nm)<br>• $> 100$ $\mu$ M (post 750 nm) |
| CRY2                   | Seconds       | 5 minutes   | Flavin; endogenous                           | $\geq 561$                          | 405–488             | NA                   | Not determined  |
| LOV                    | Seconds       | Tens of seconds to minutes                                    | Flavin; endogenous                           | $\geq 514$                          | 440–473             | NA                   | • 1 $\mu$ M (dark)<br>• 100 $\mu$ M (light)                   |

# Manipulating protein localization

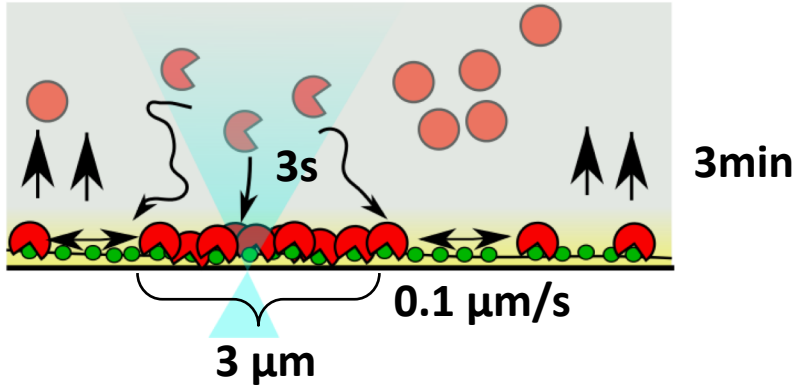


Predictive Spatiotemporal Manipulation of Signaling  
Perturbations Using Optogenetics  
Leo Valon *Biophysical Journal* 2015

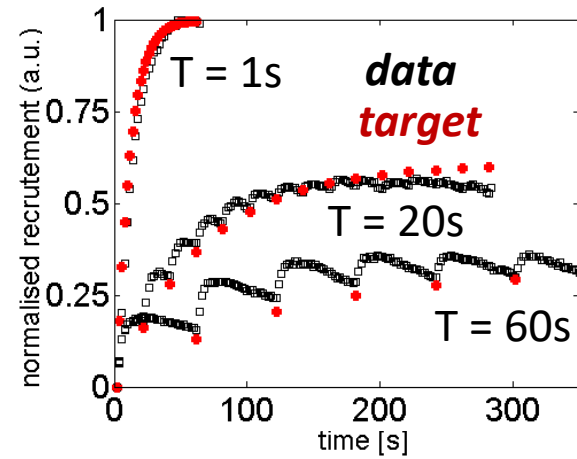


# Predictive quantitative control

## Biophysical picture



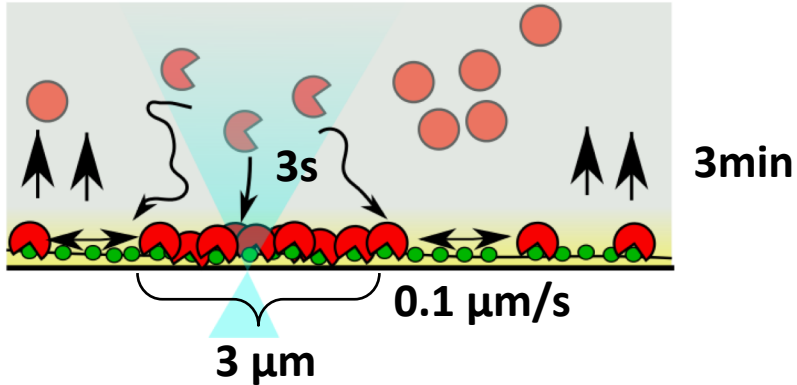
## ➤ level control



$T$  : pulse frequency

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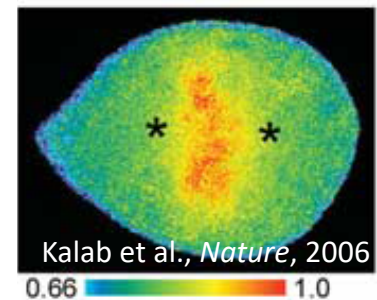
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$$\lambda = \sqrt{D\tau_{\text{off}}} \sim 5\mu\text{m}$$

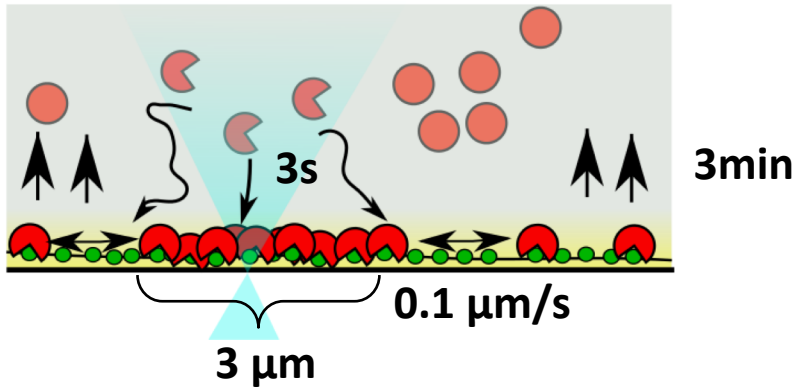


*Ran* activity  
gradient



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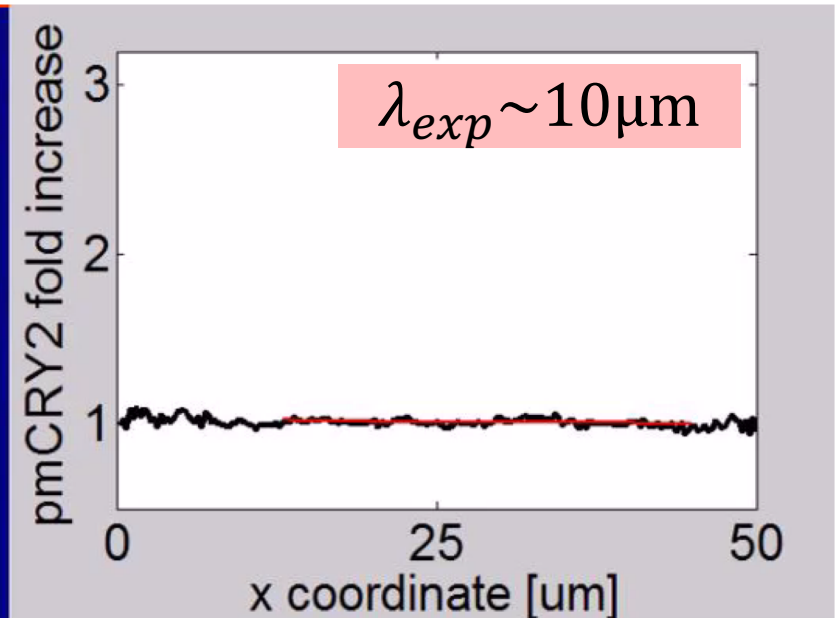
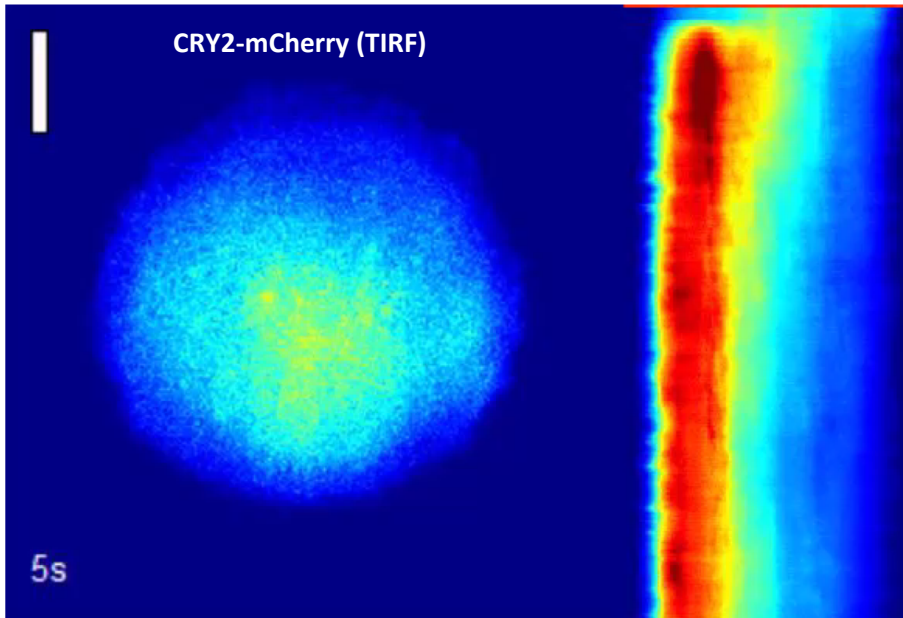
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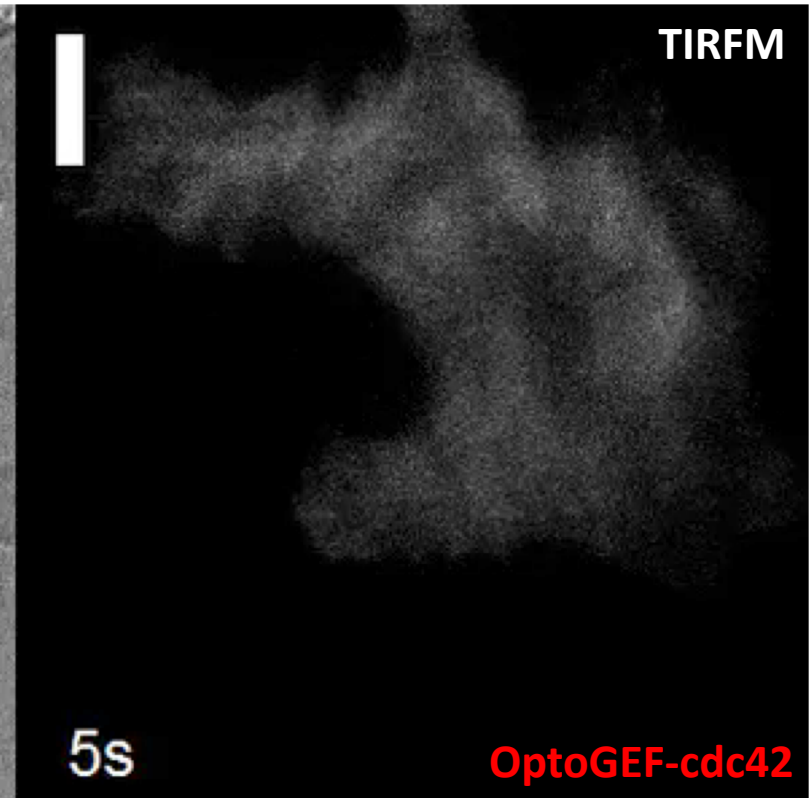
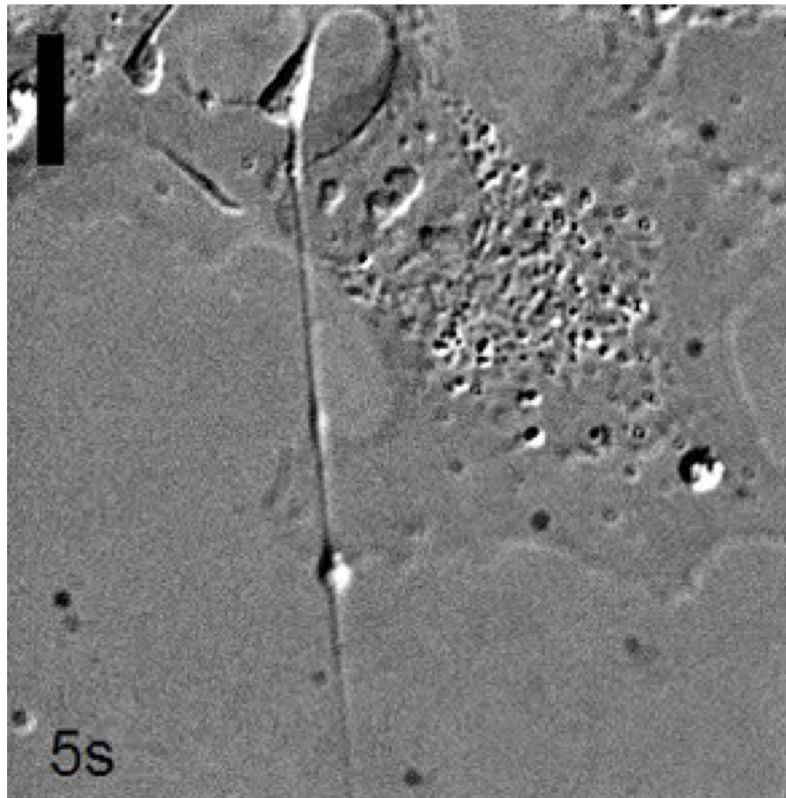
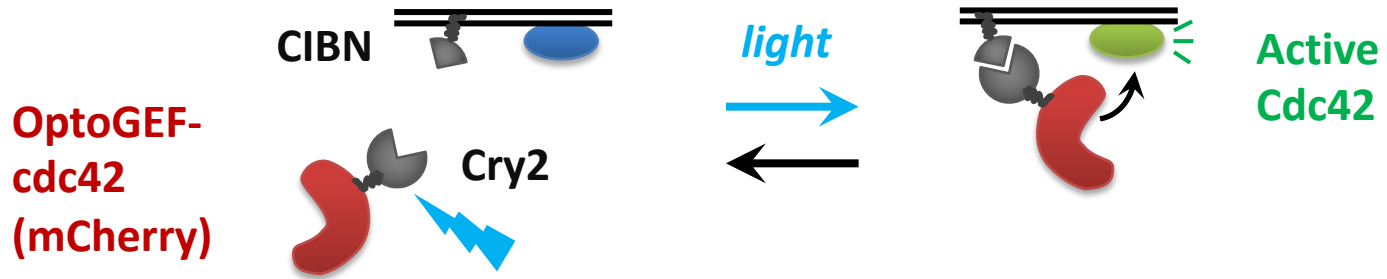
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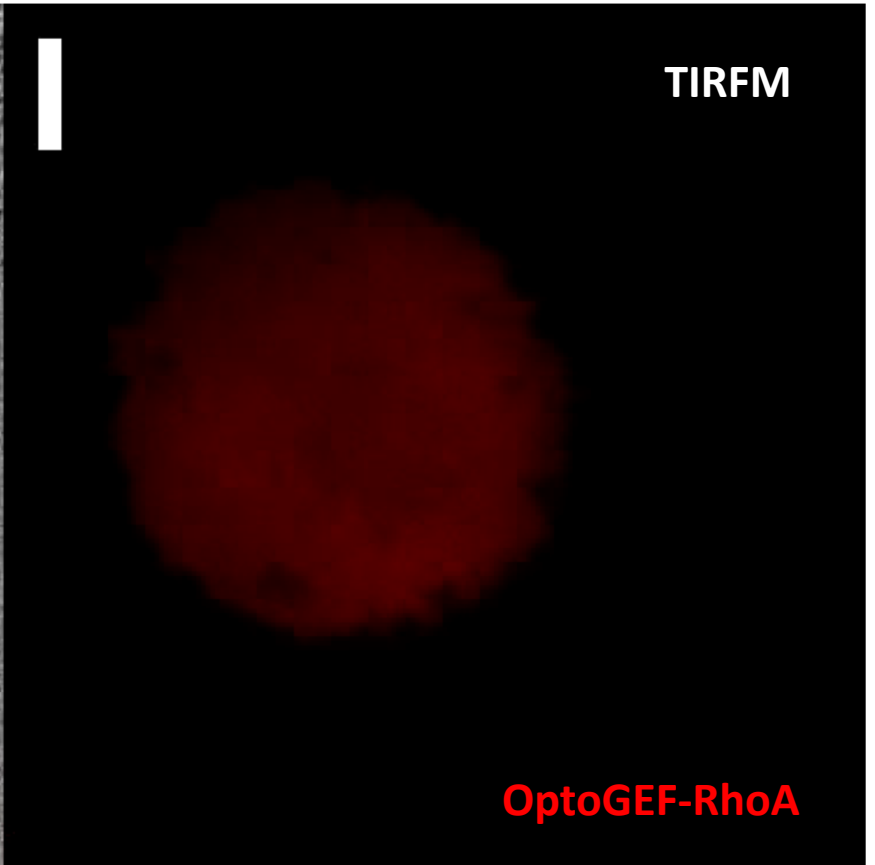
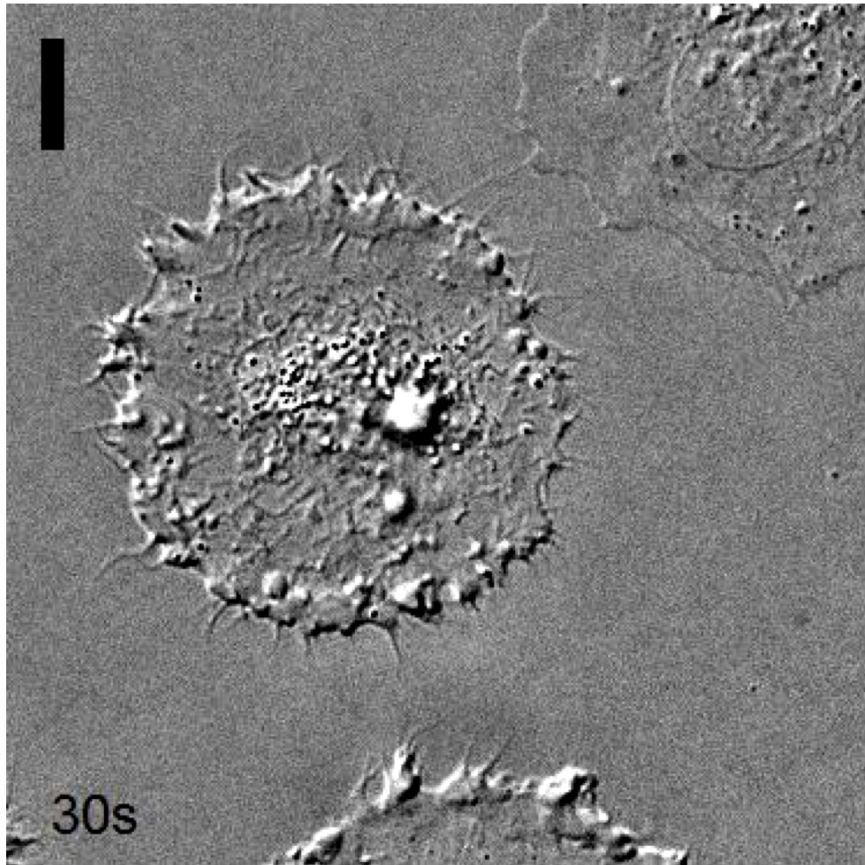
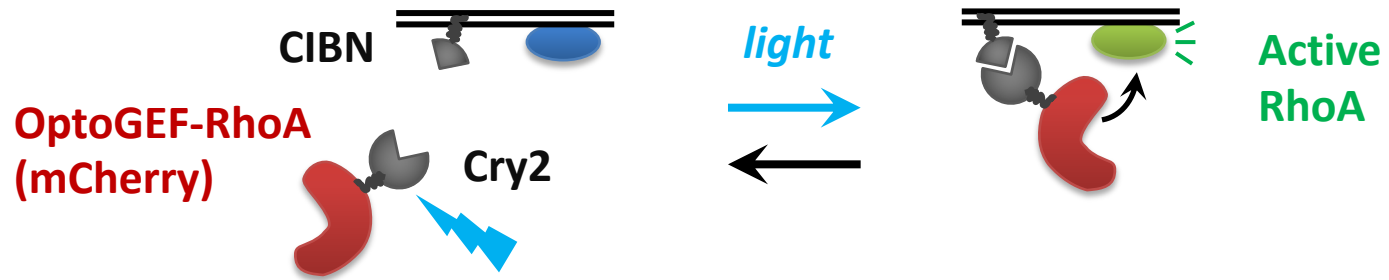




# Local cdc42 perturbation induces migration



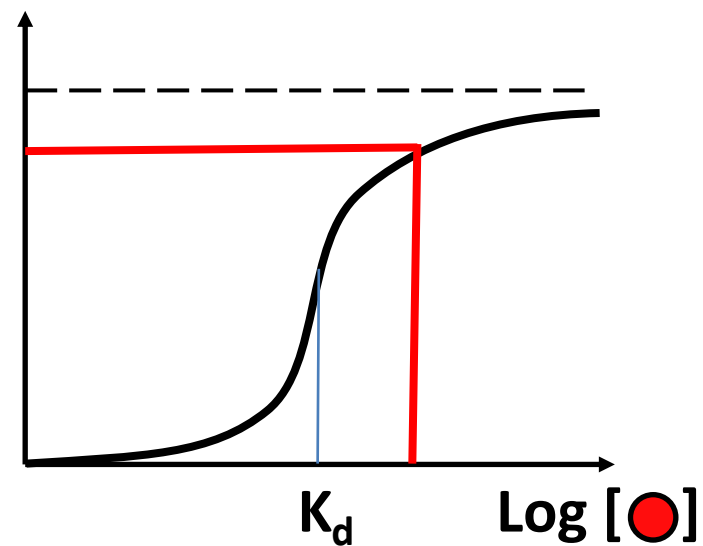
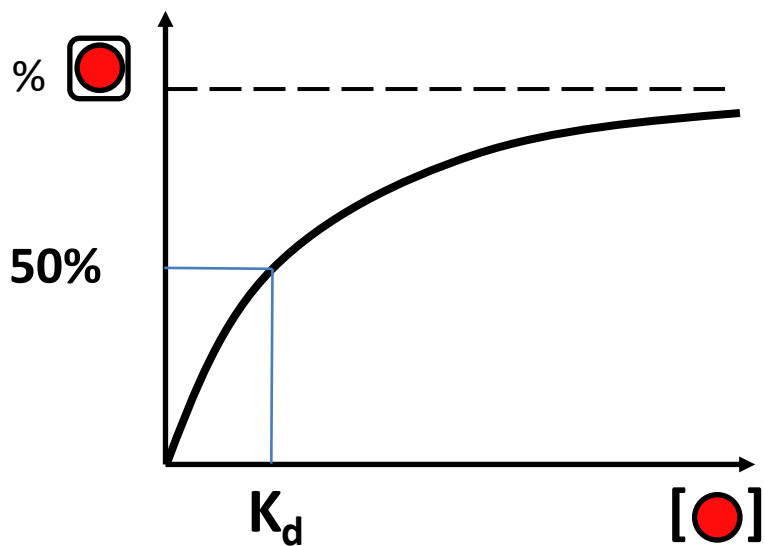
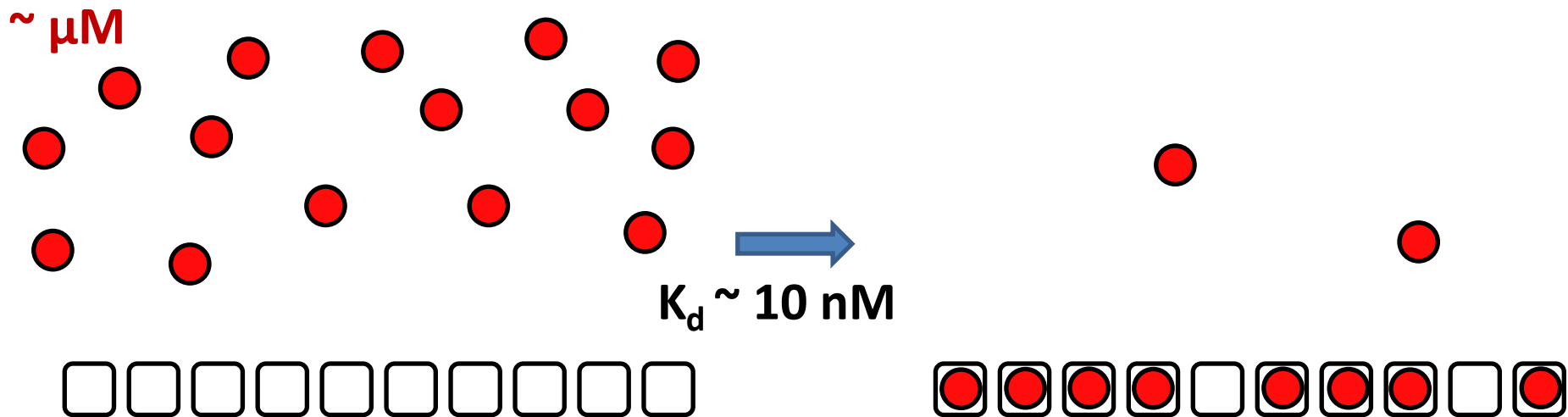
# Local RhoA perturbation induces *reverse* migration



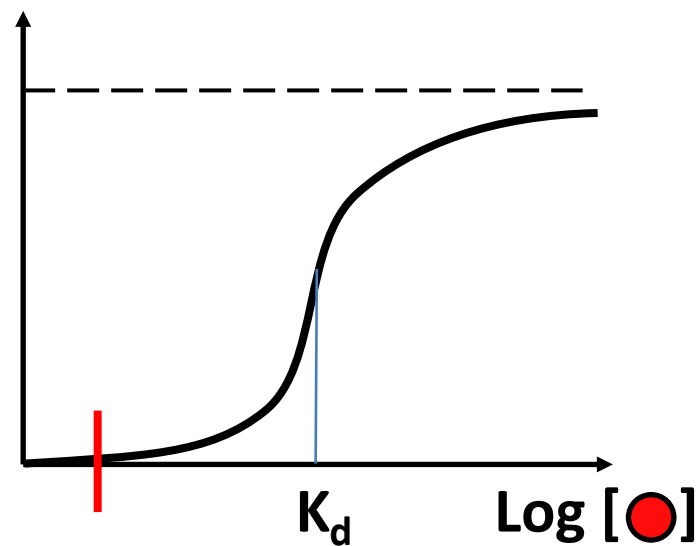
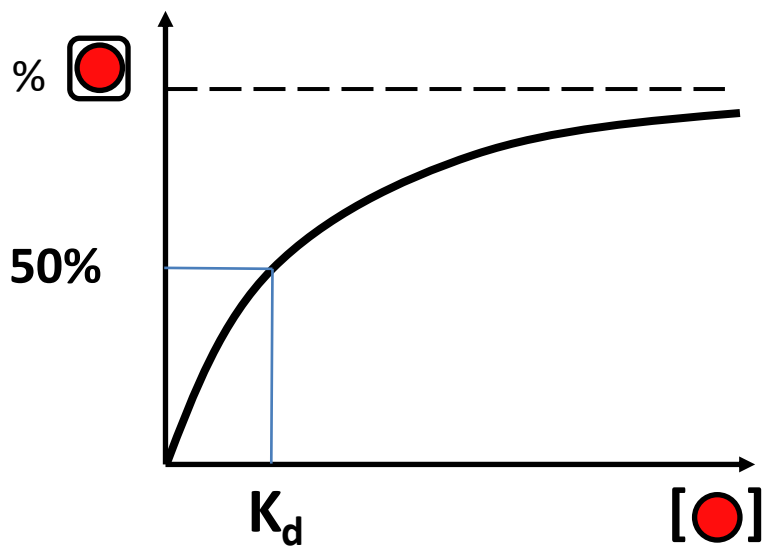
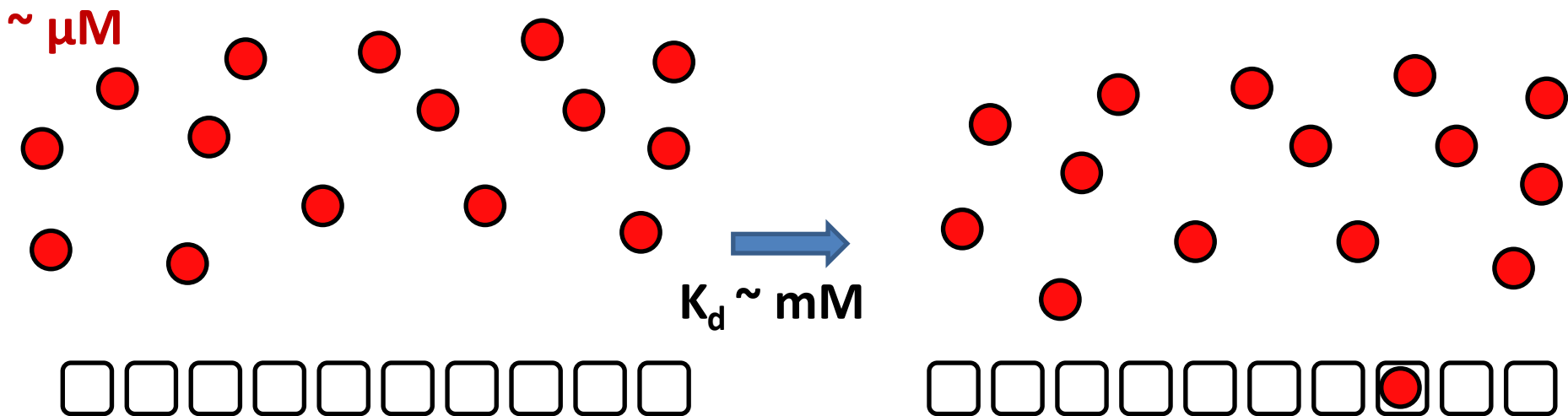


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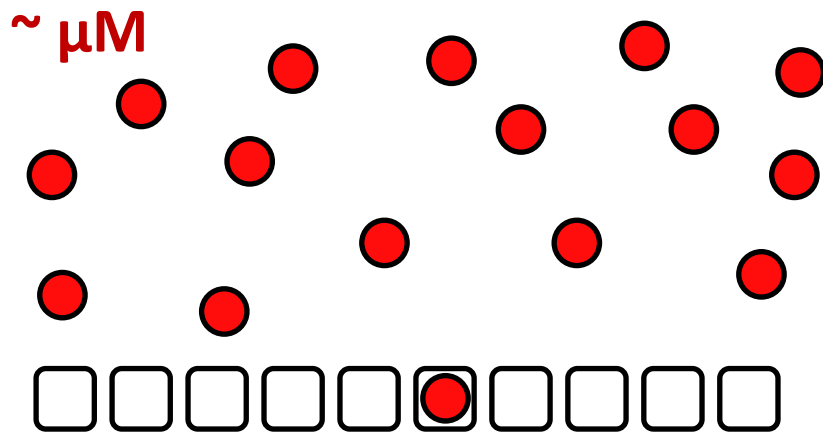
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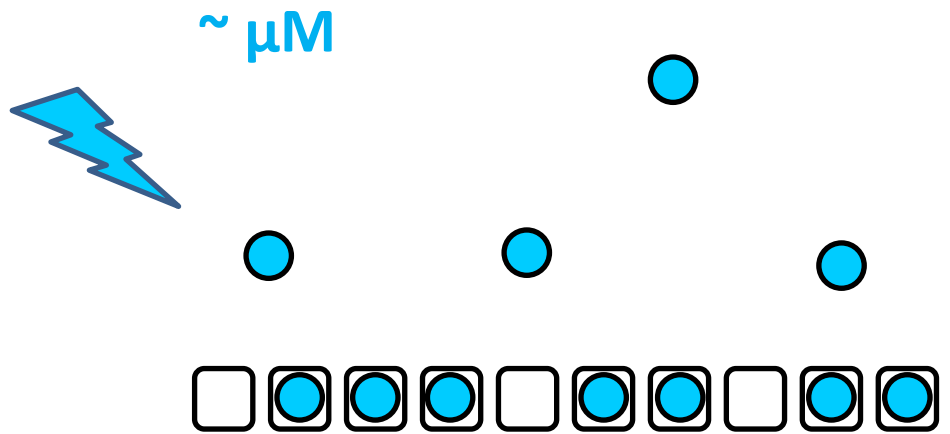
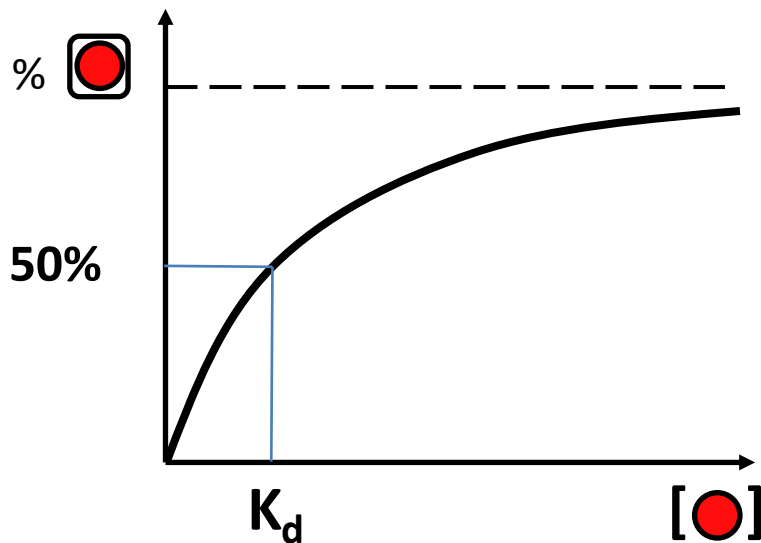
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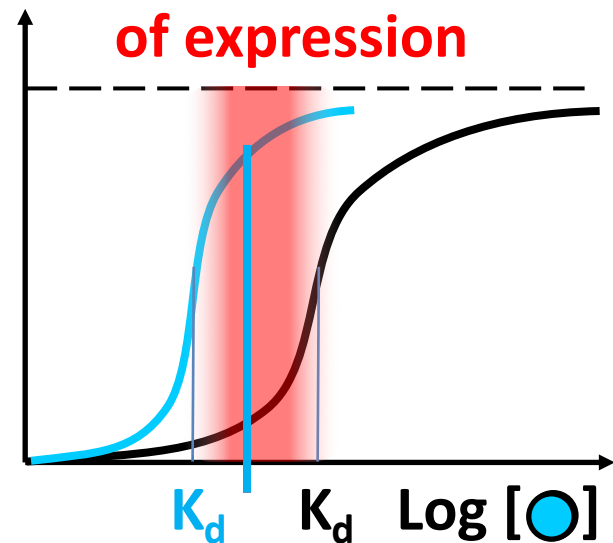


Dark state  $K_d \sim \text{mM}$



Lite state  $K_d \sim \mu\text{M}$

Right range  
of expression



# Choosing the right dynamic range

## Benchmarking dimerizers

Correlating in vitro and in vivo Activities of Light Inducible Dimers: a Cellular Optogenetics Guide  
Brian Kuhlman ACS synthetic biology 2015

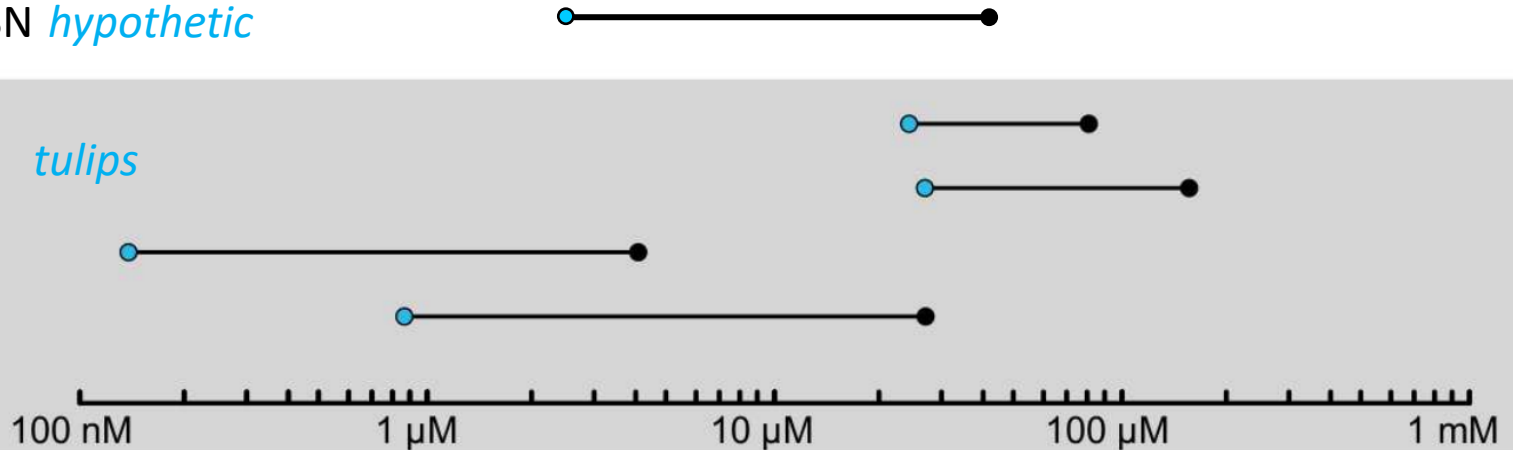
CRY2/CIBN *hypothetic*

LOVpep

LOVpep+

iLID nano

iLID micro



## New variants

Tuning the Binding Affinities and Reversion Kinetics of a Light Inducible Dimer Allows Control of Transmembrane Protein Localization  
Brian Kuhlman Biochemistry 2016

iLID SspB\_nano

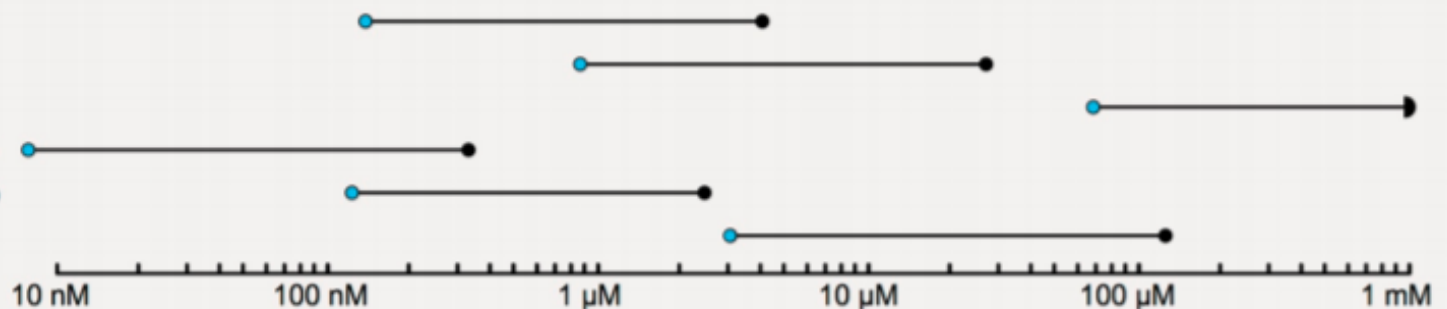
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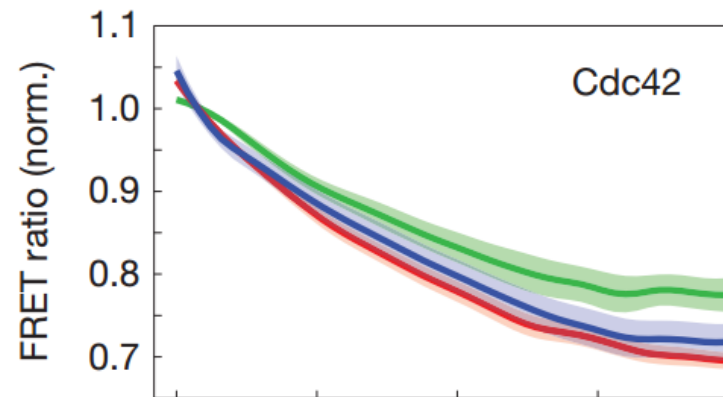
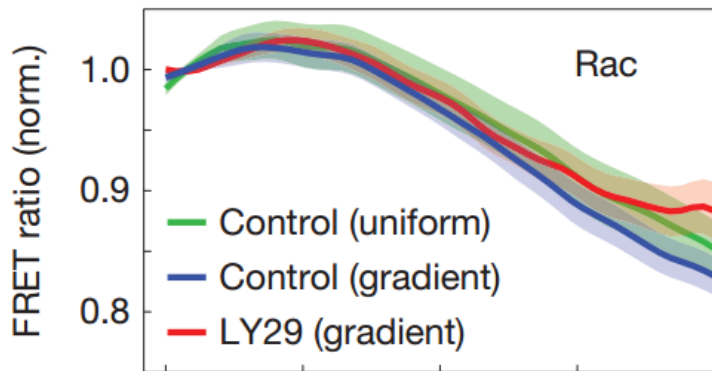
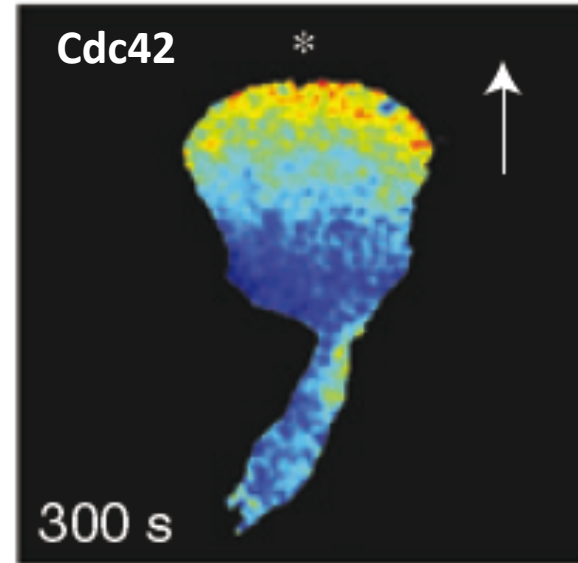
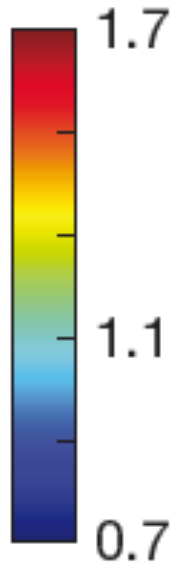
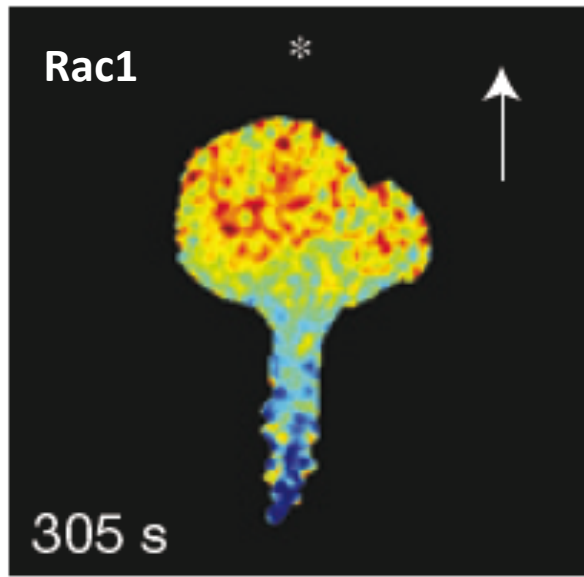
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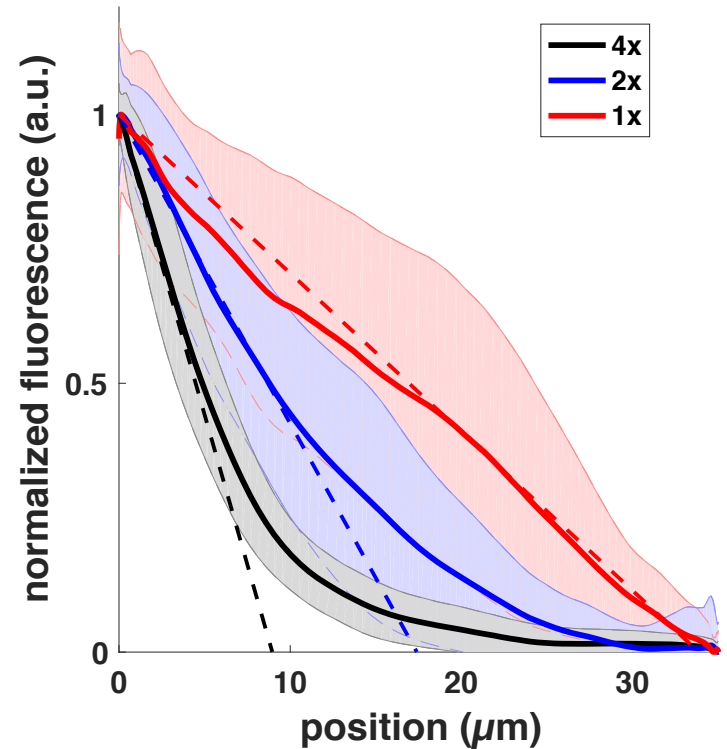
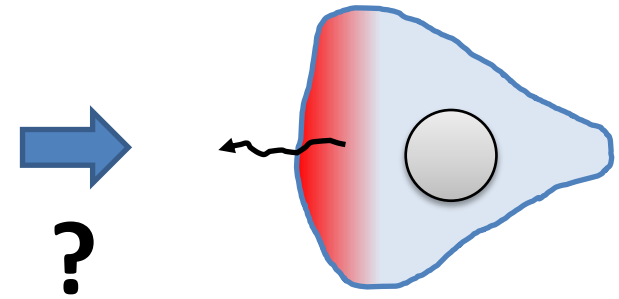
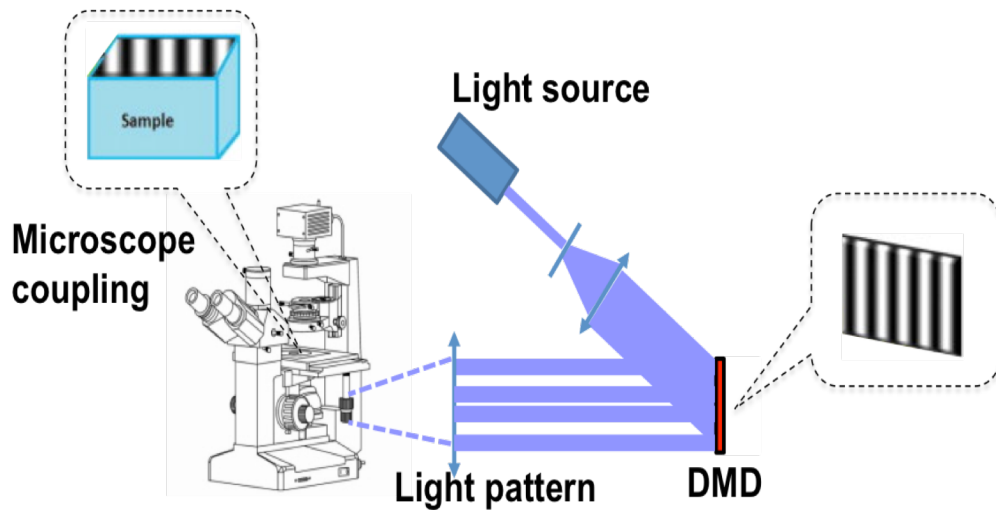
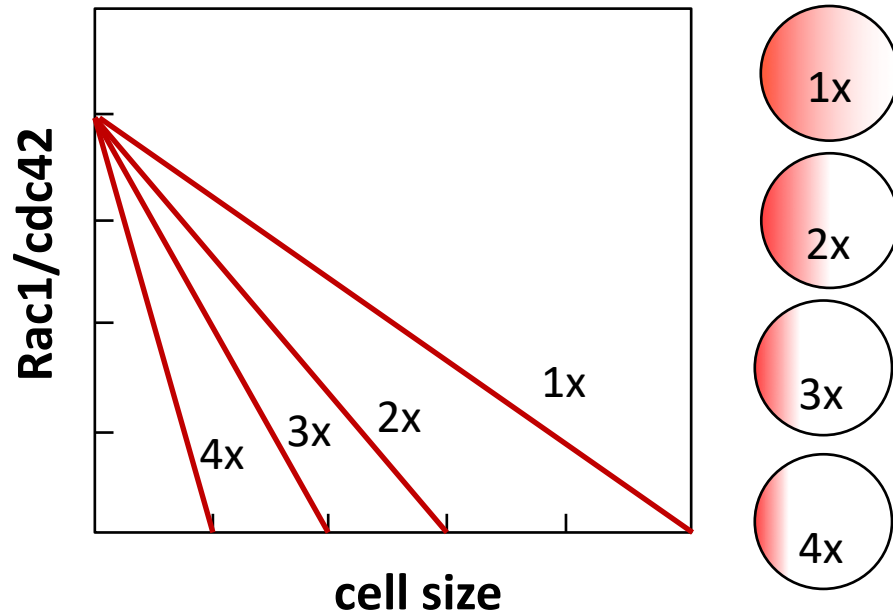


# Engineered RhoGTPase gradients

# Shape of RhoGTPase gradients



# Engineered gradients

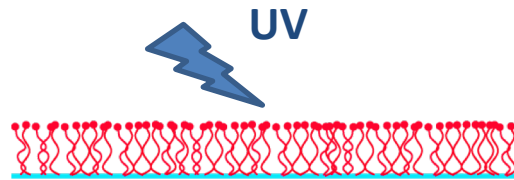




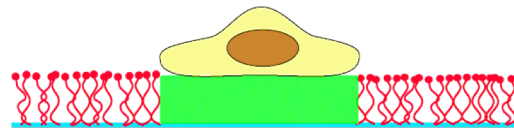
# Controlled initial conditions

**APP**

Cell repellent coating

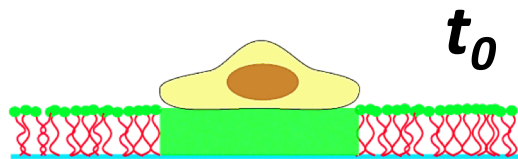
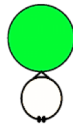


Isotropic confined cells

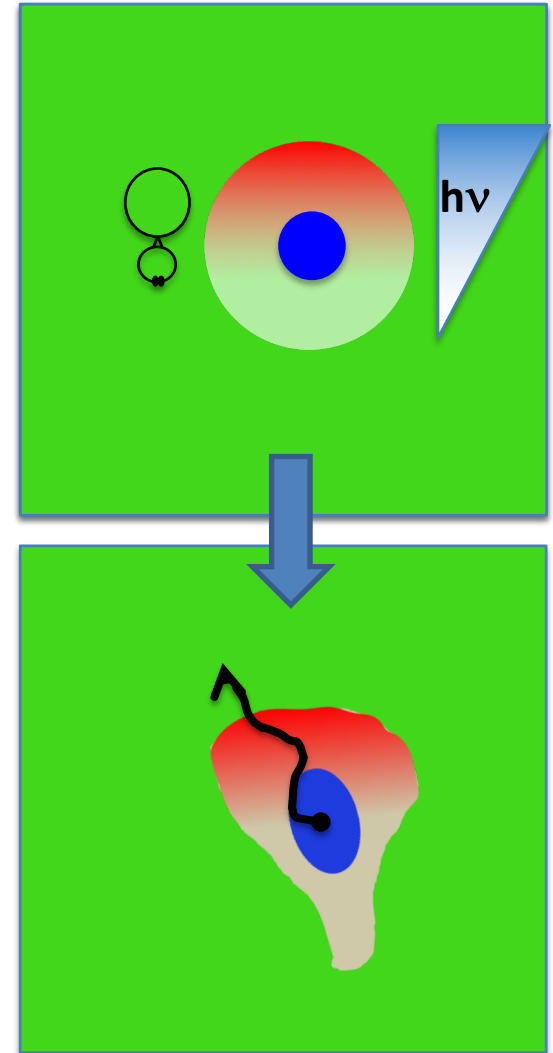
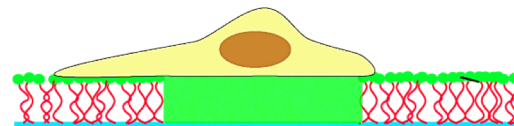


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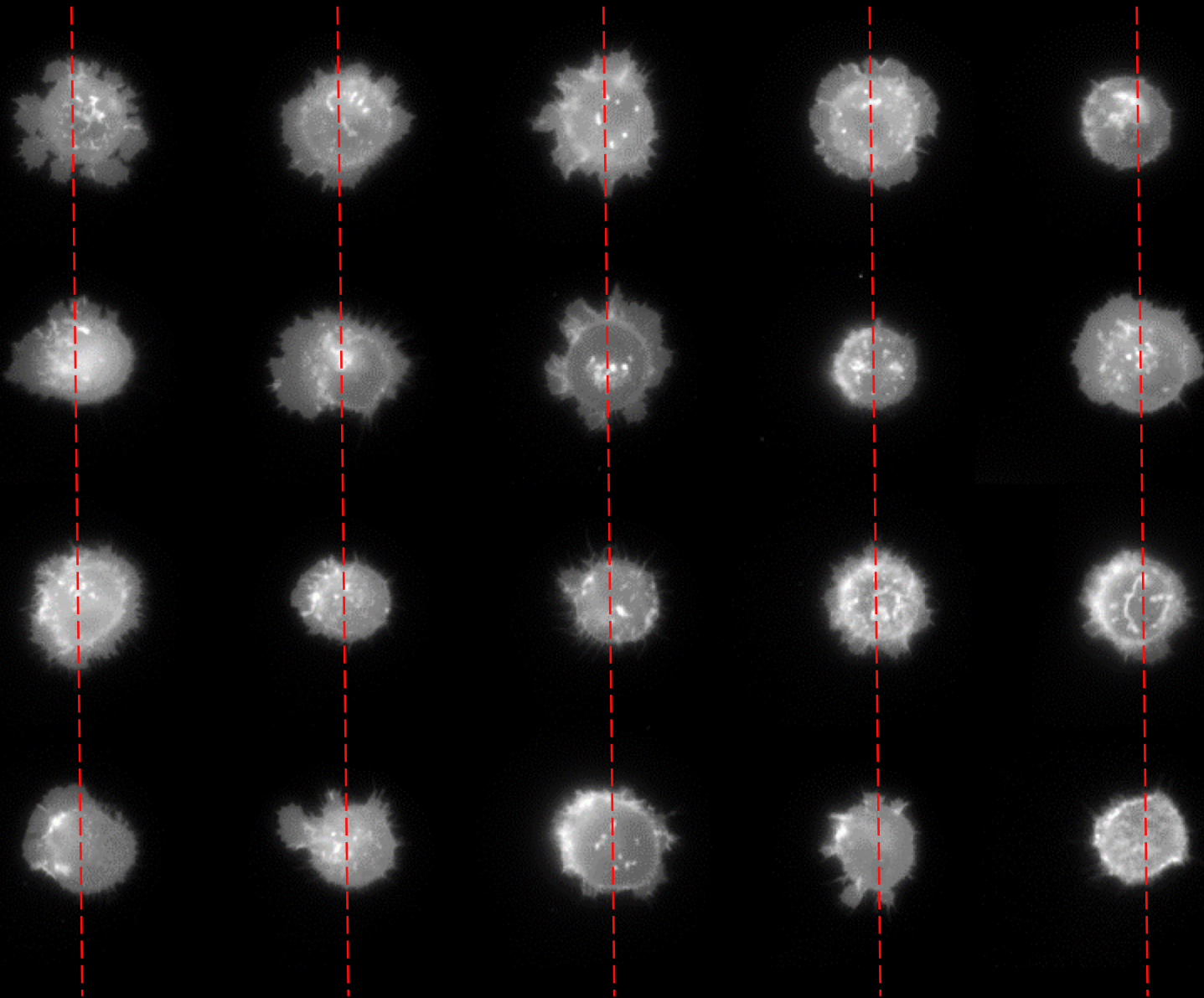
Fully adhesive surface



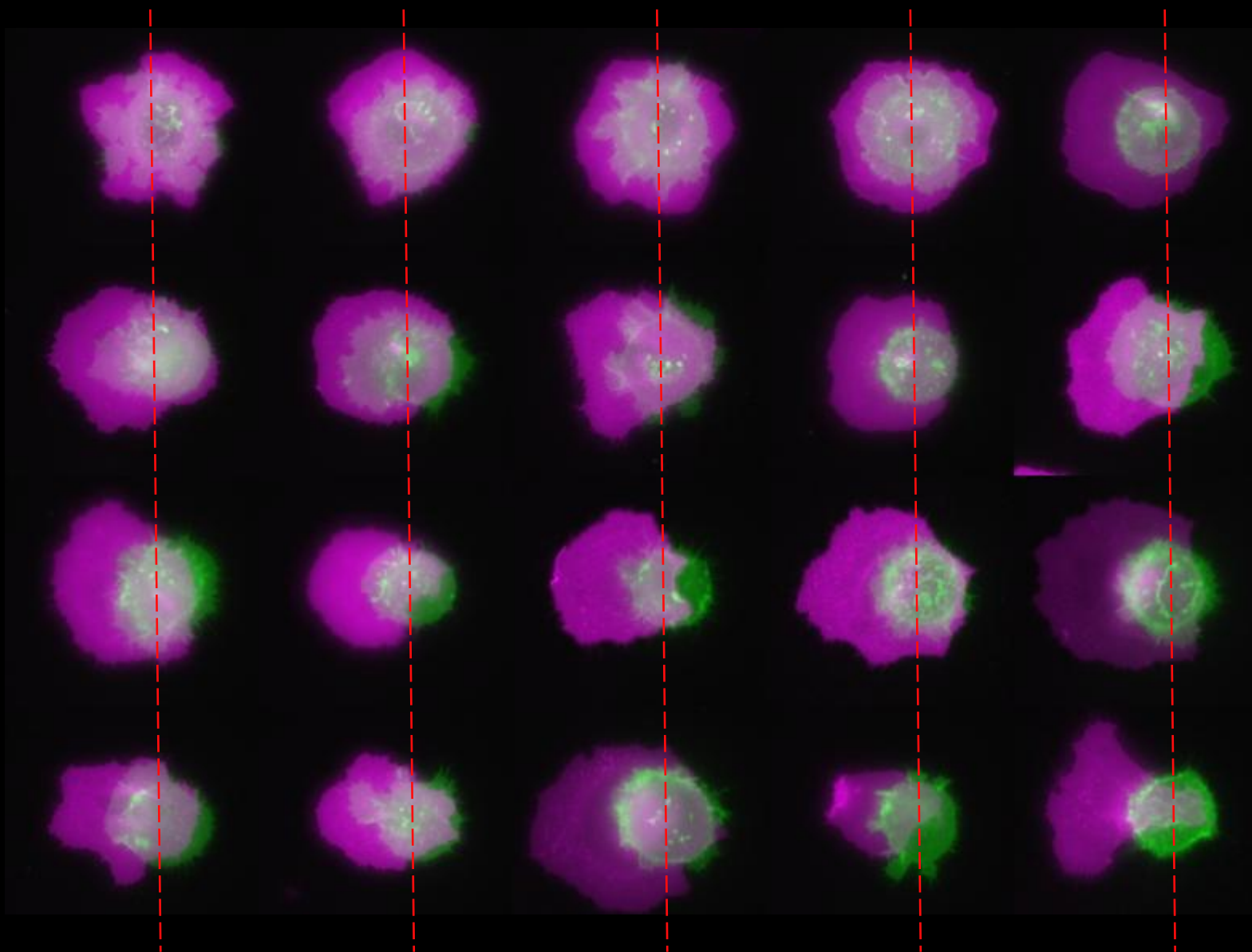
Released migration



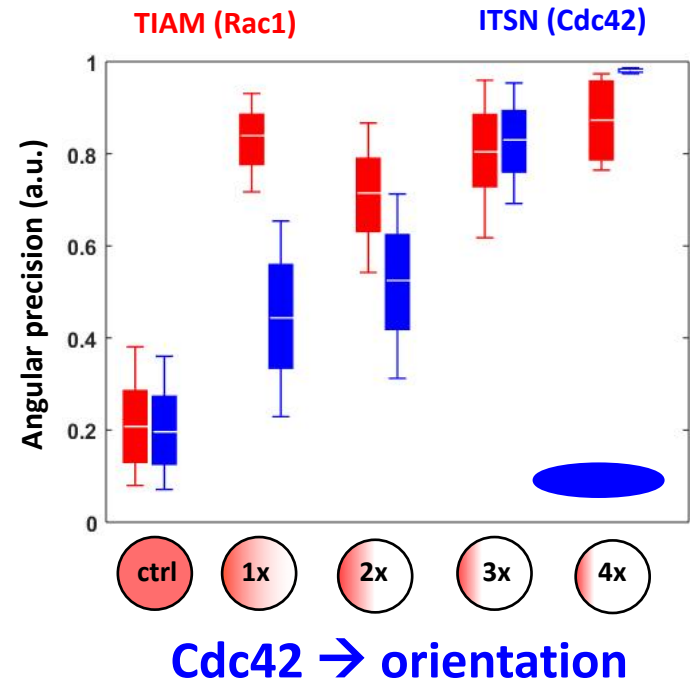
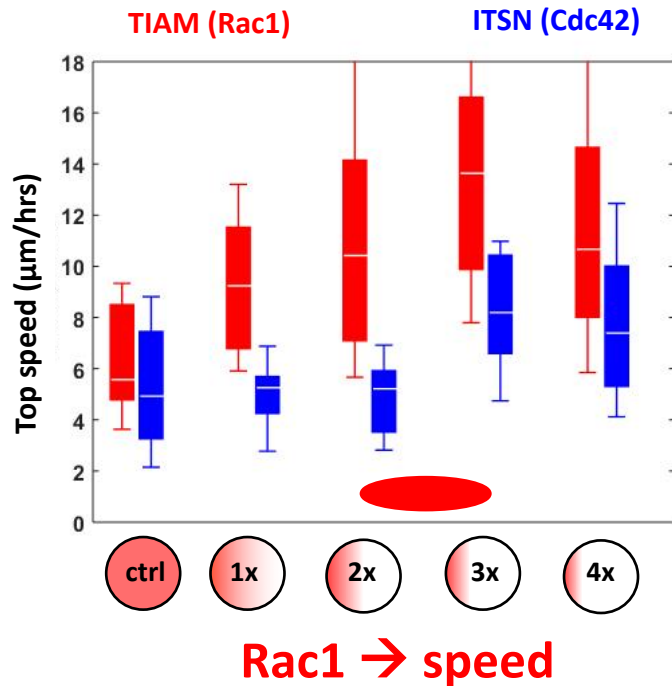
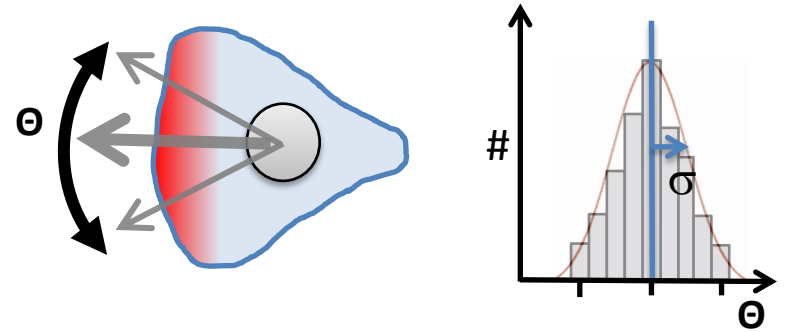
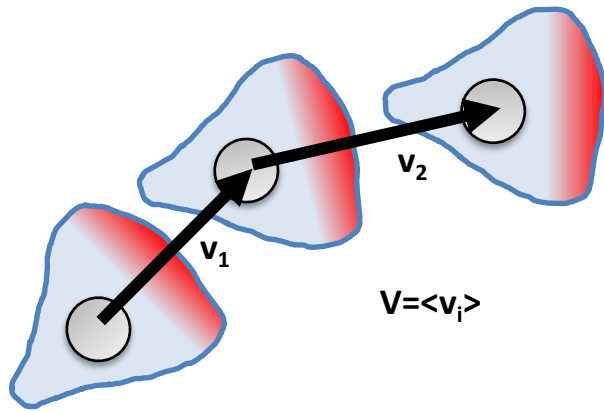
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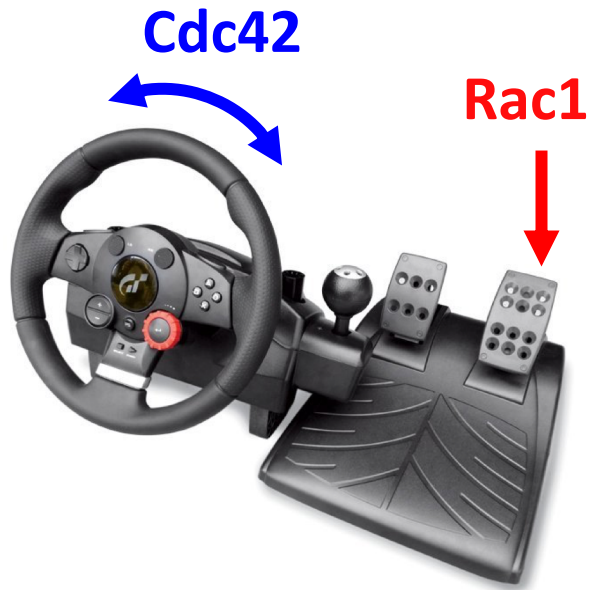
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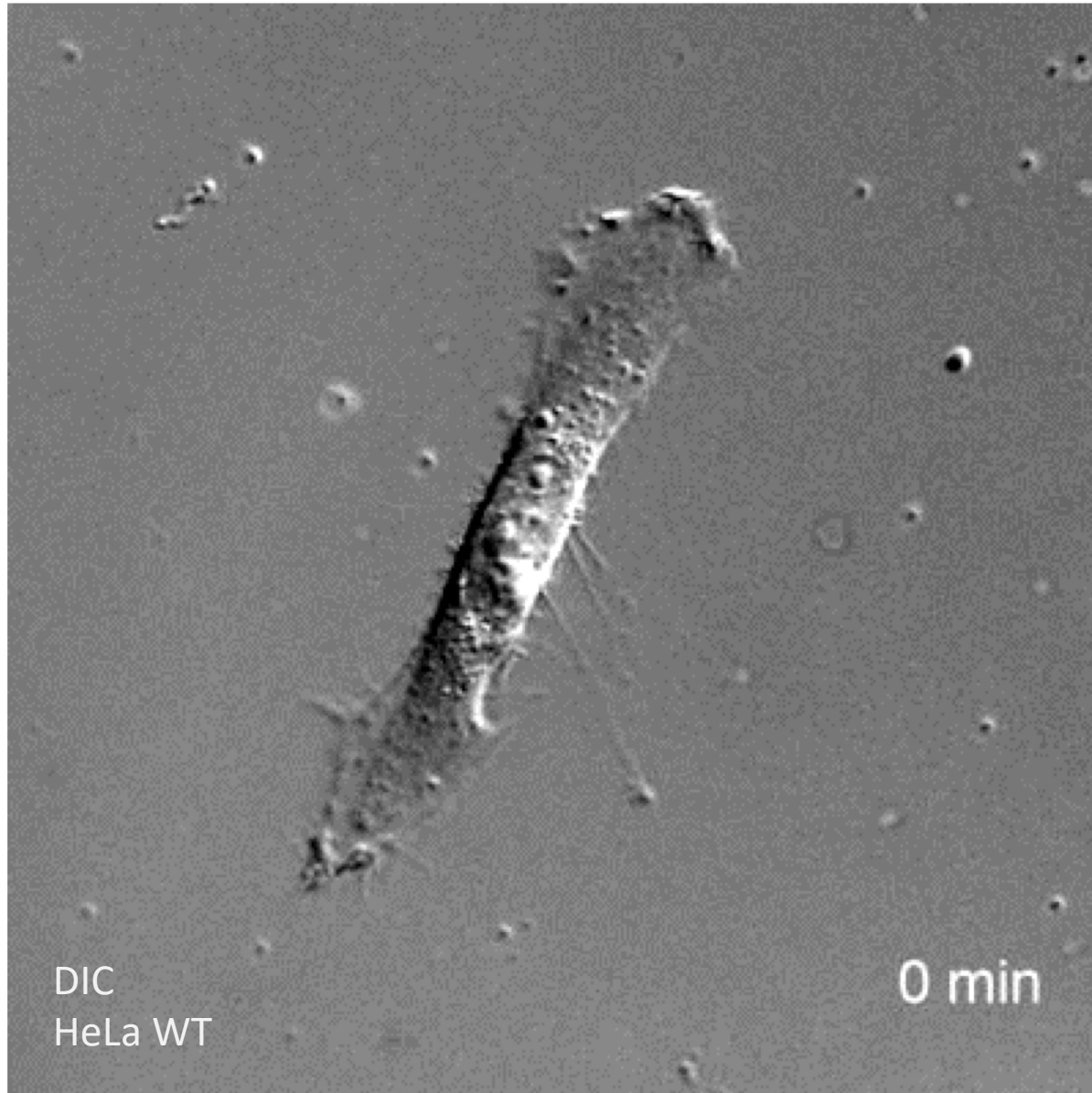
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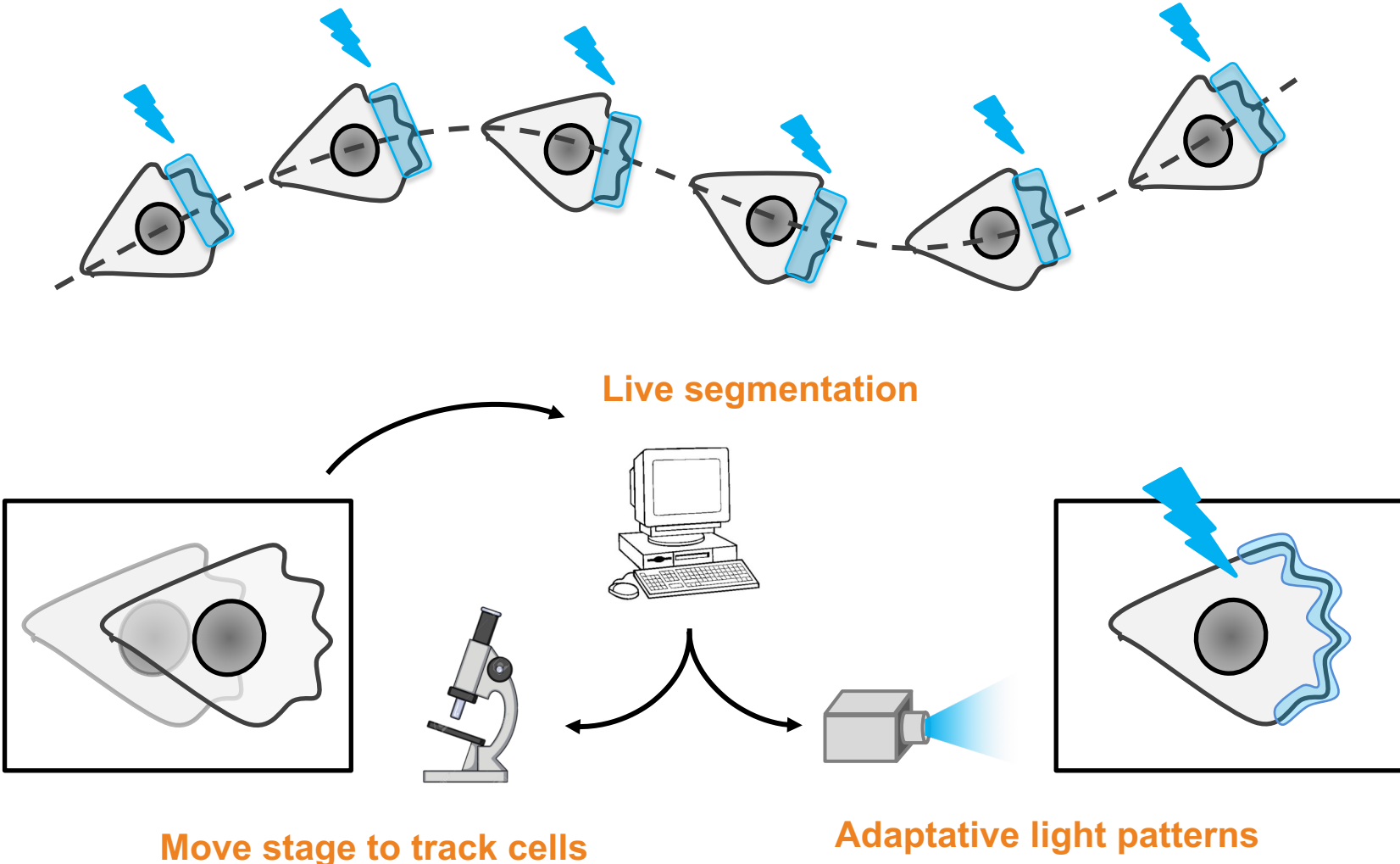
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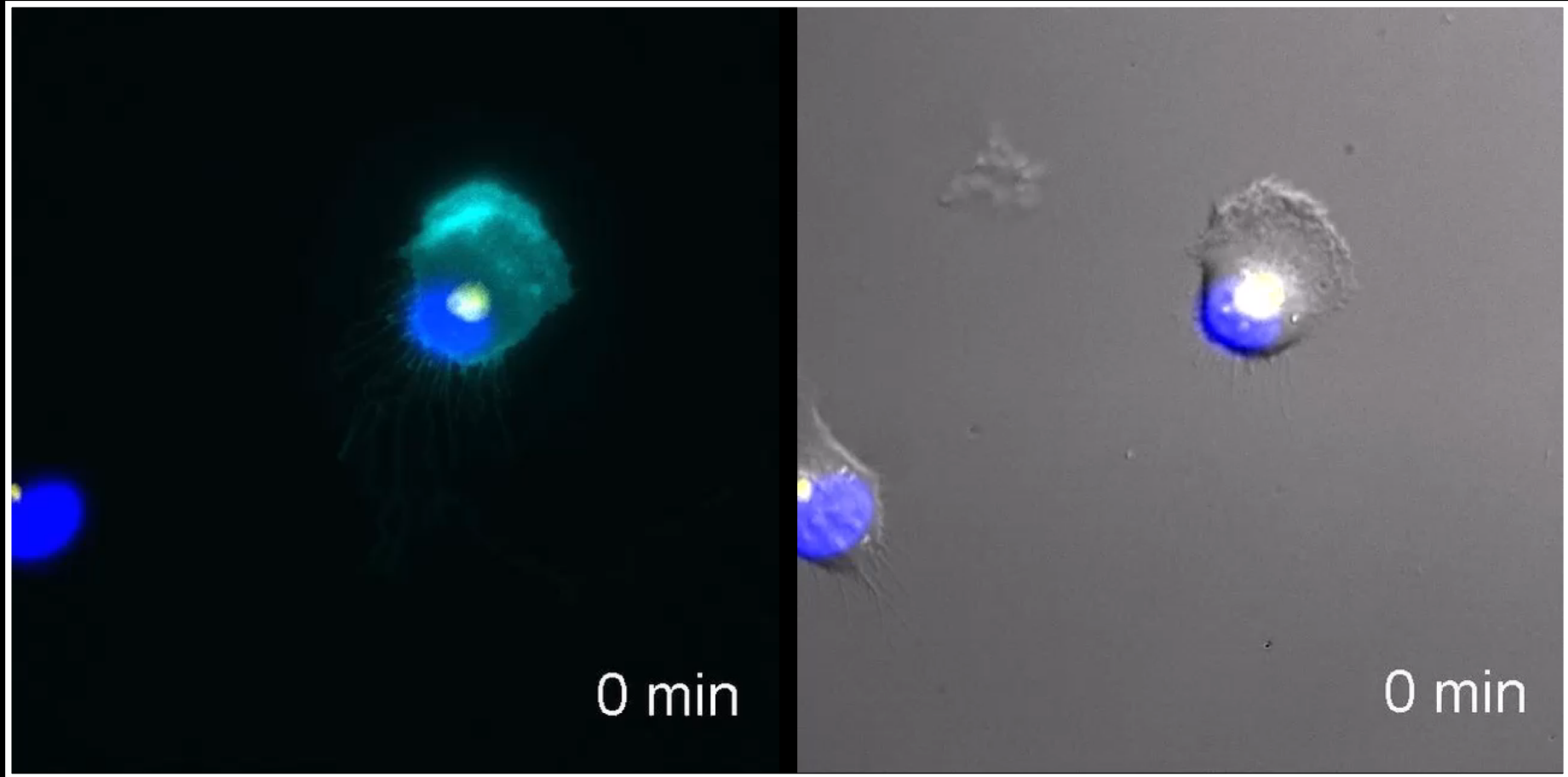
# Eukaryotic random cell migration



# Ongoing: optogenetic feedback



# Live cell tracking and imaging



**Membrane label** - myr-iRFP

**Golgi label** - GFP-Rab6A

**Nuclear label** - Hoechst 33342

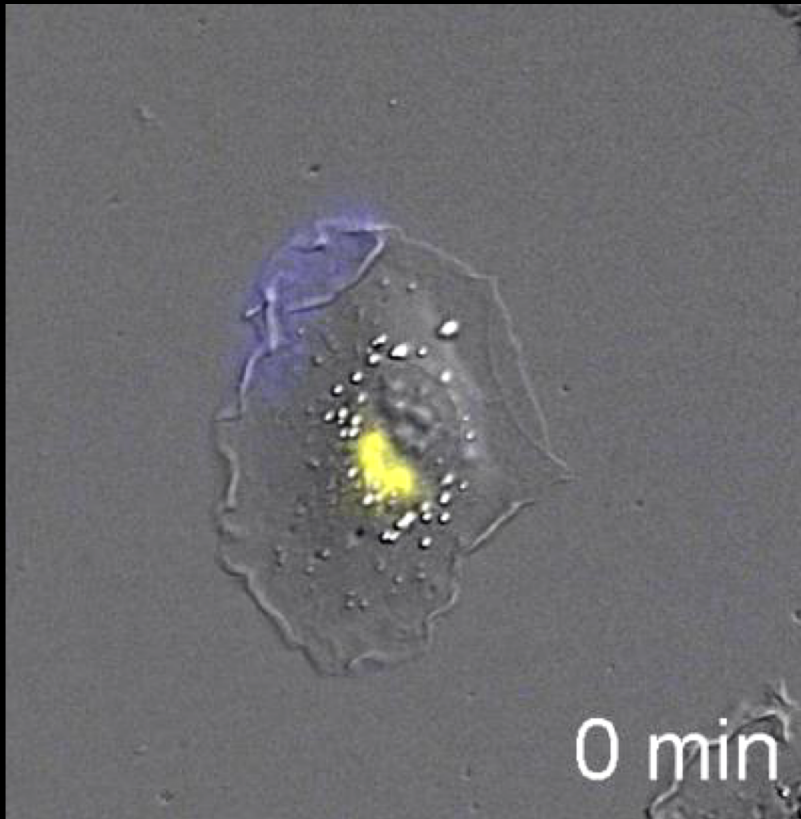


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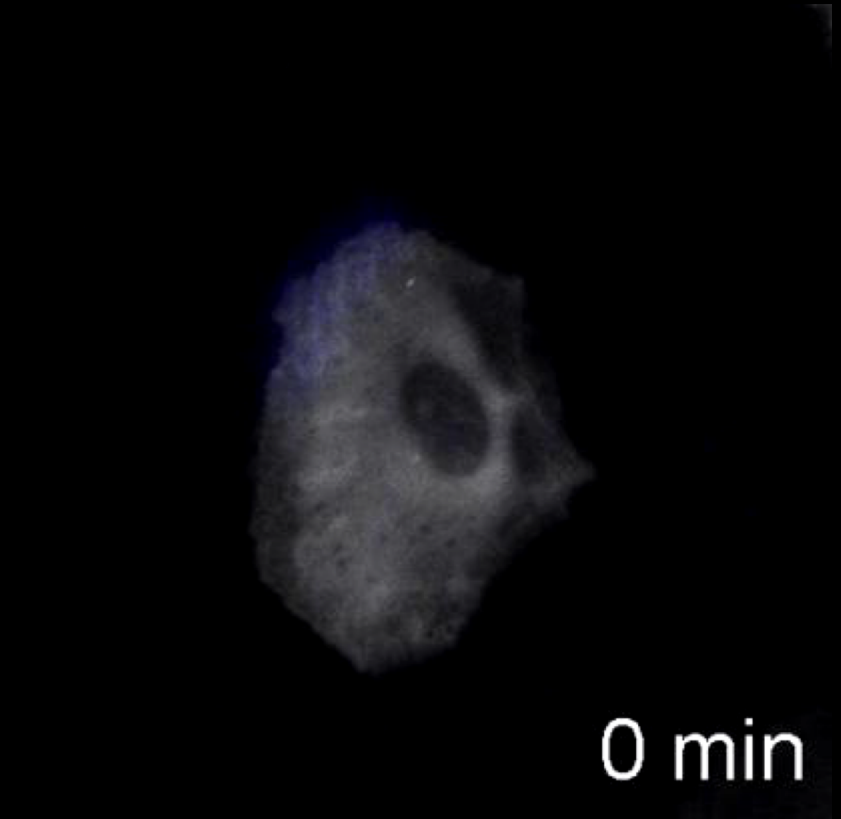


Duration - 15h in total

# Imposed Cdc42 gradient reorient the Golgi

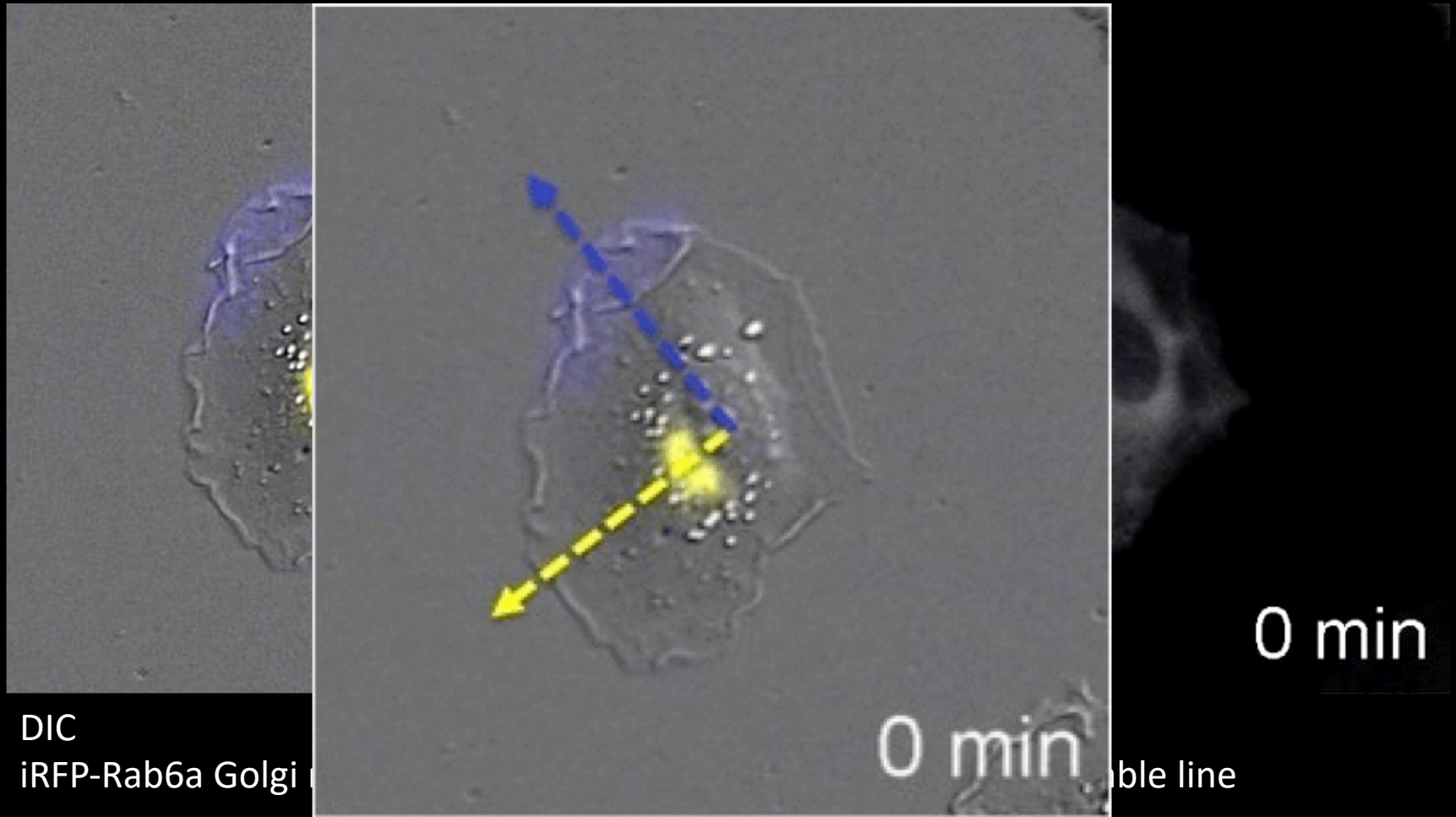


DIC  
iRFP-Rab6a Golgi reporter

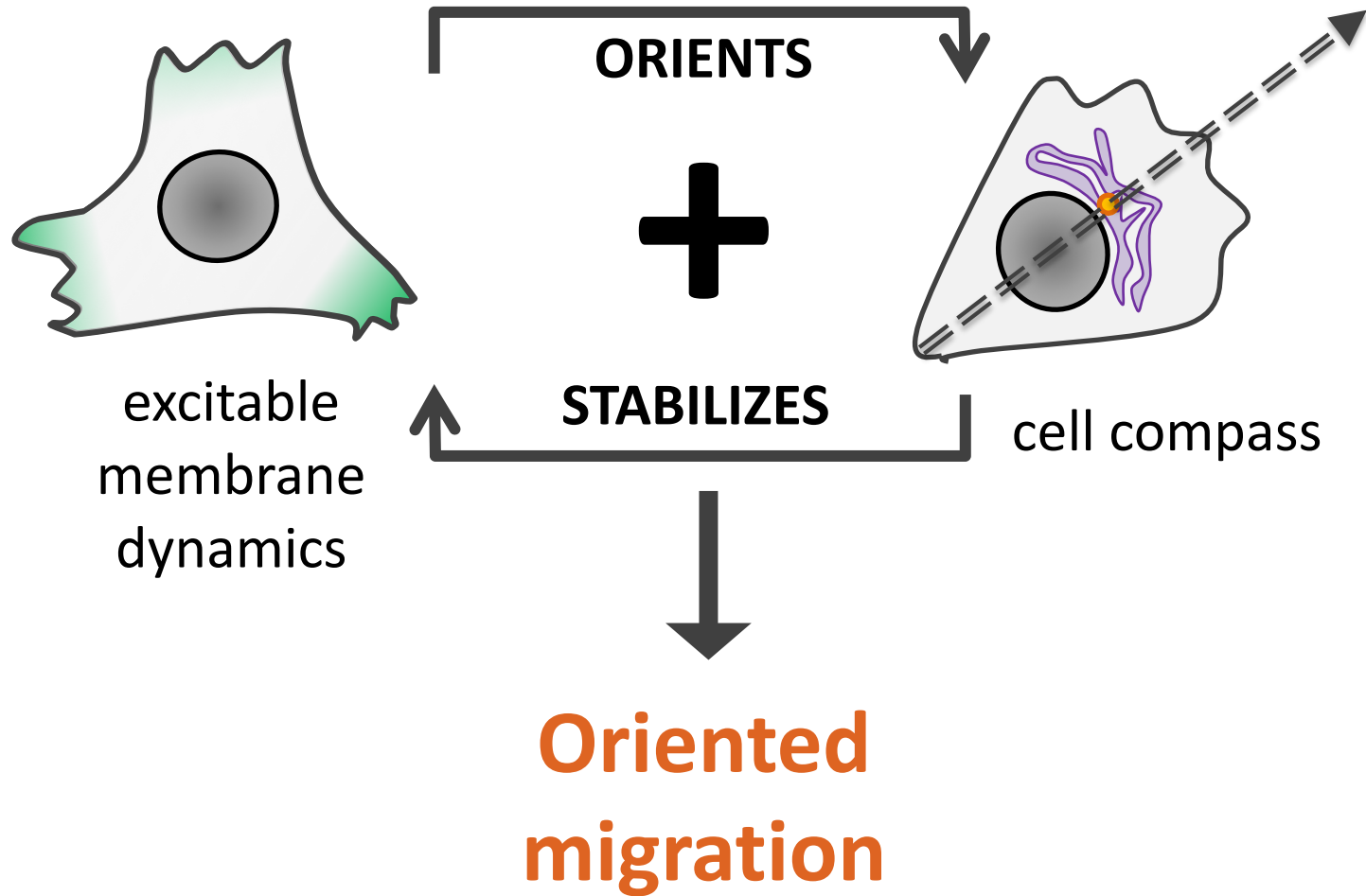


TIRF 561nm  
RPE1-ITSNwt-iLID stable line

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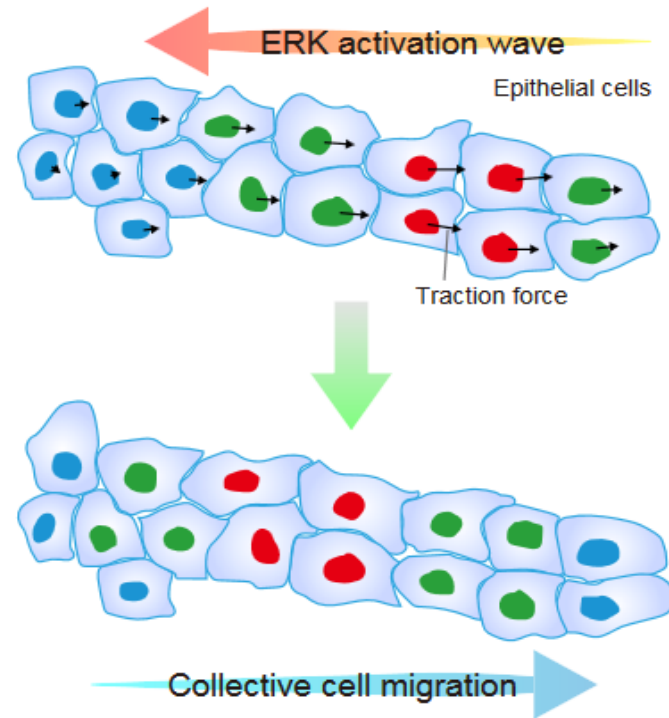
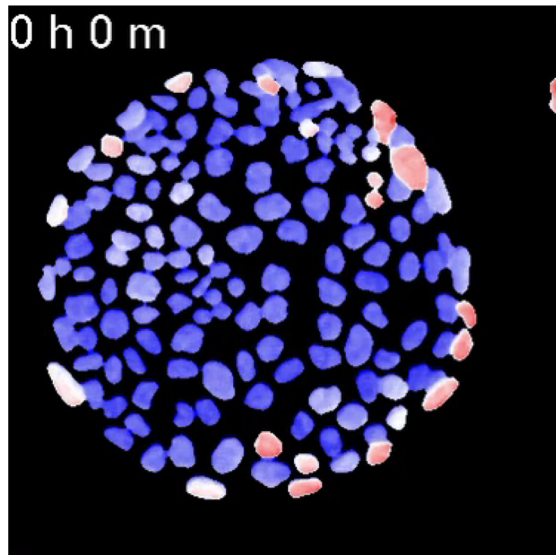
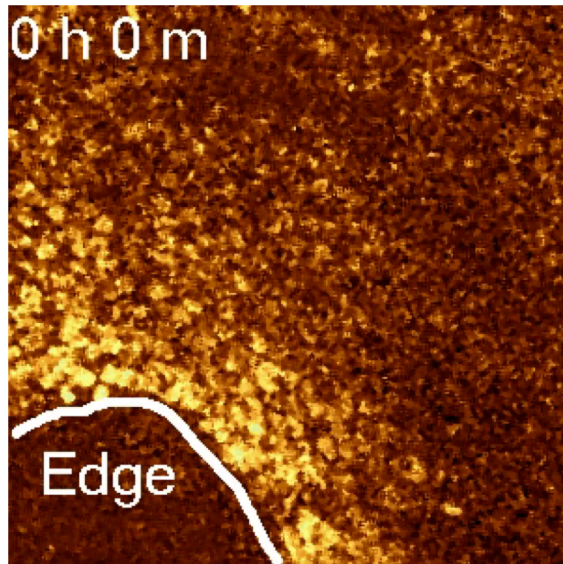


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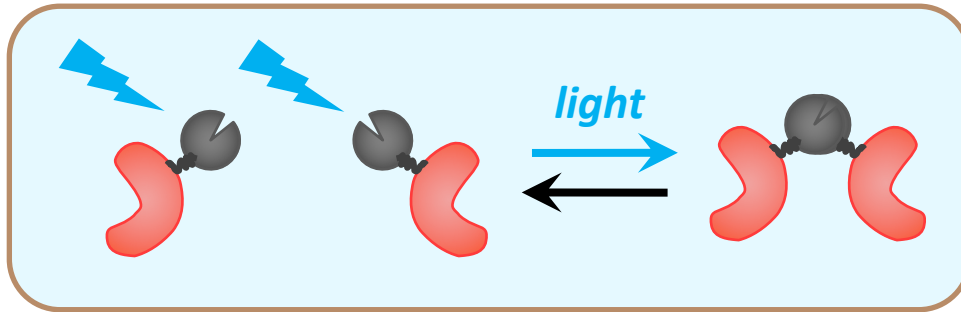
**This week project(s)**

# Project 4a: ERK signaling Waves

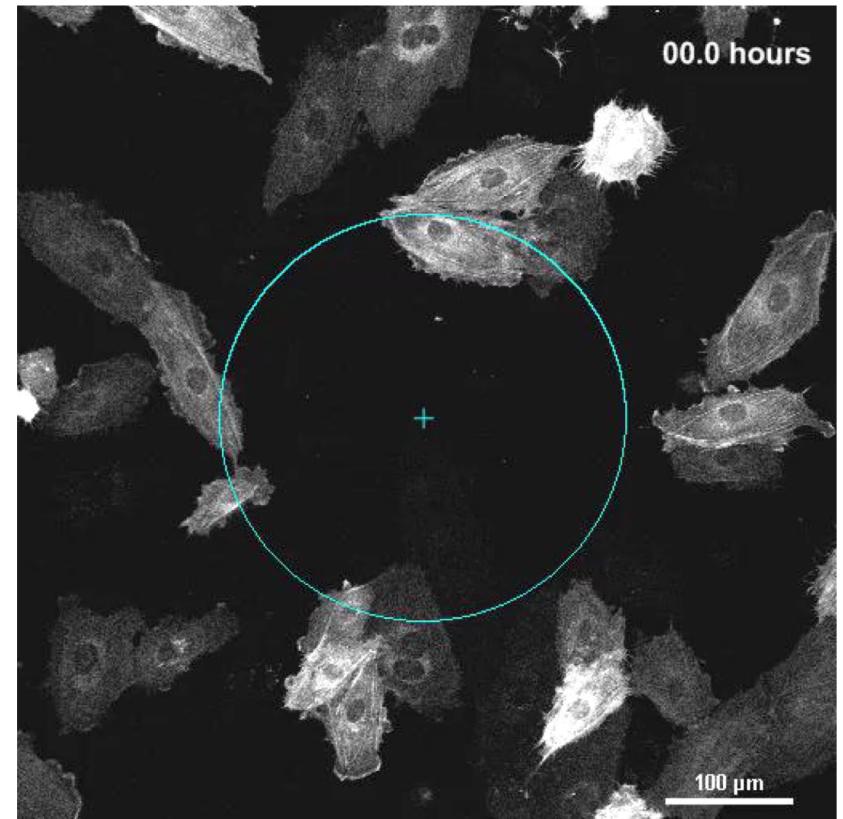
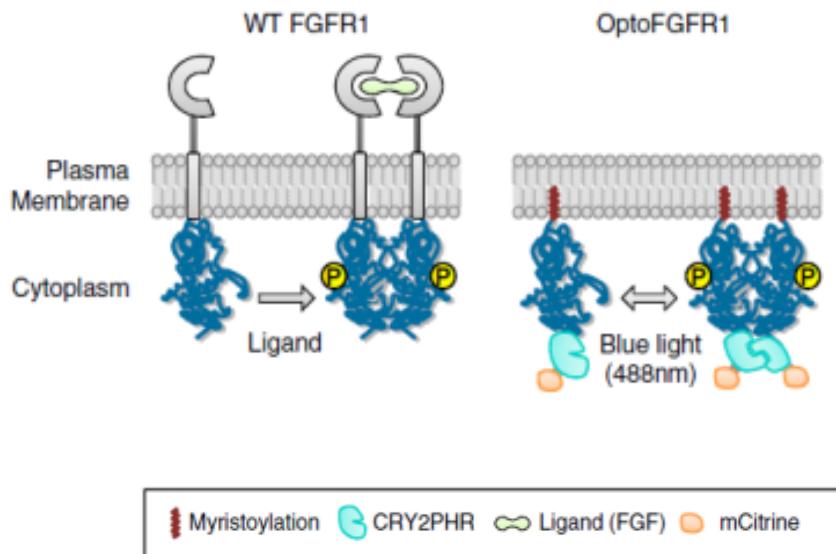


Aoki et al, **Dev Cell** 2017

# Intracellular control of receptors

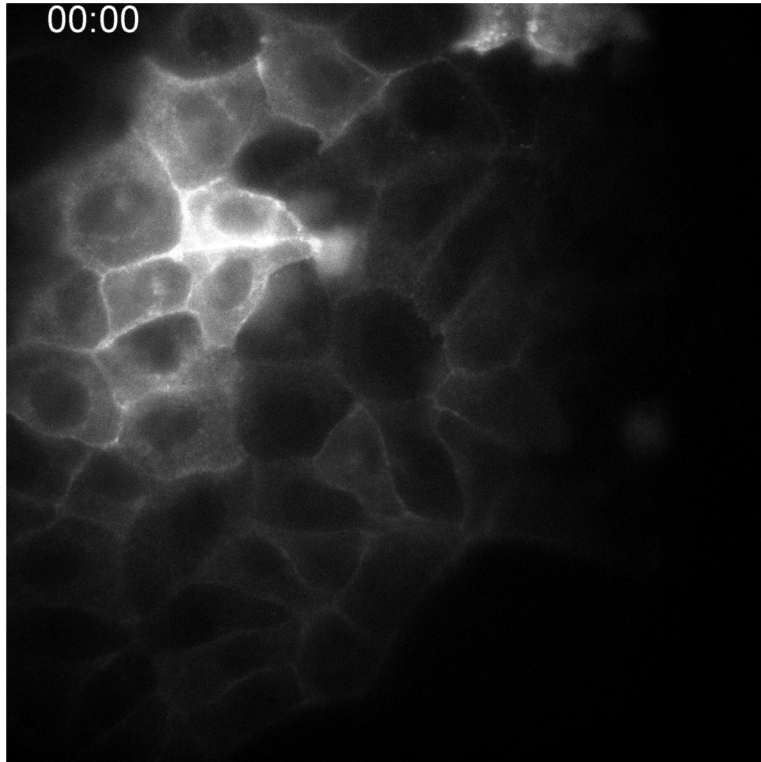


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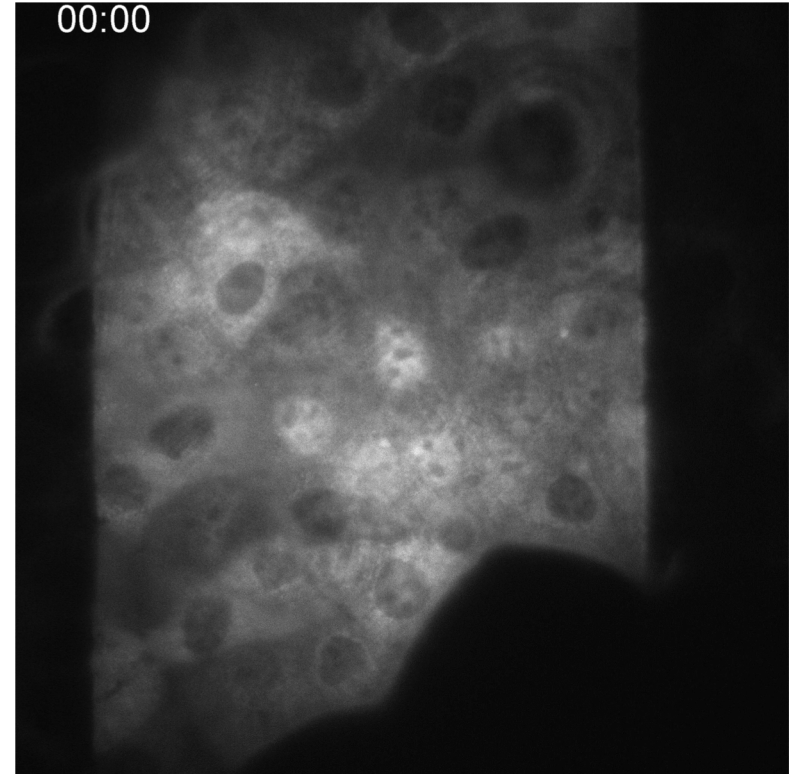
# Engineered epithelial MDCK cells

optoFGFR1



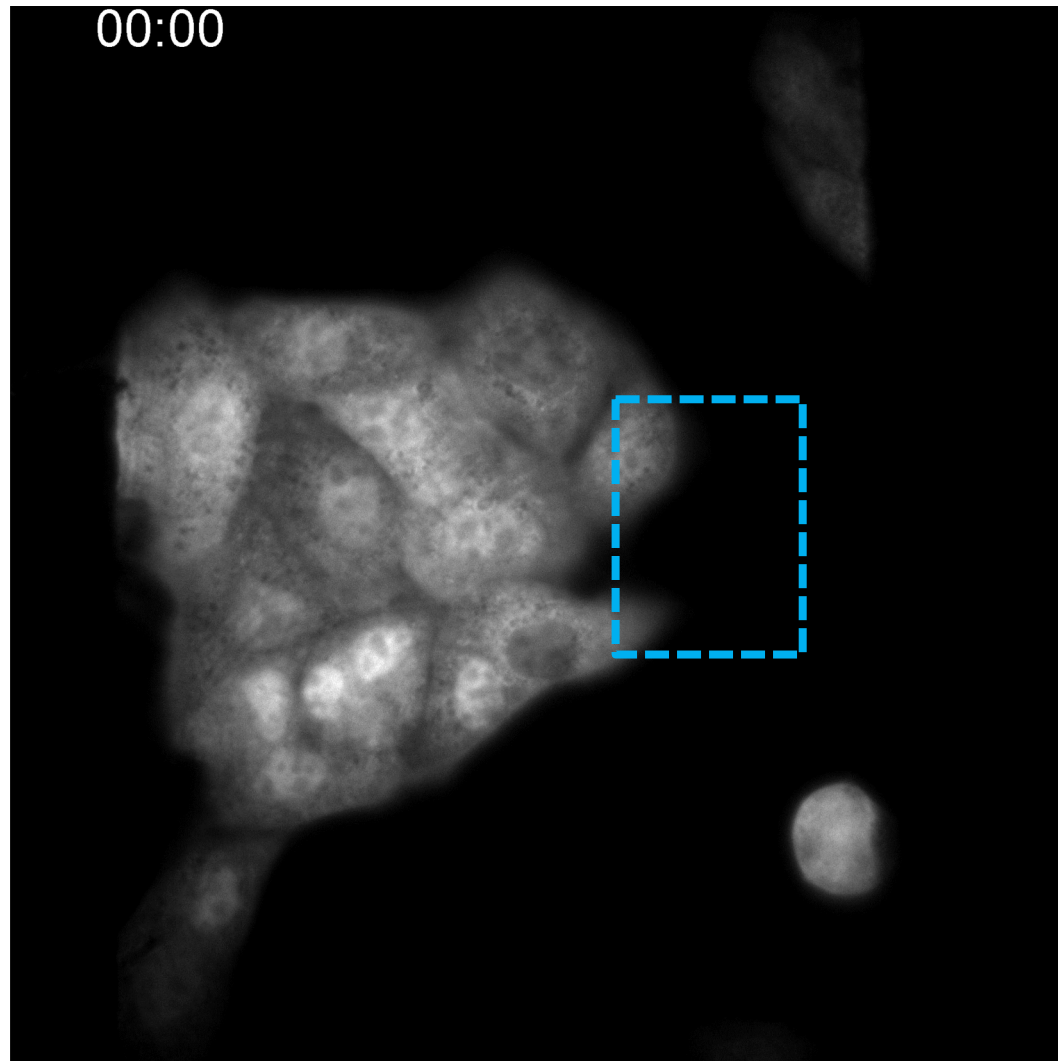
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ERK biosensor



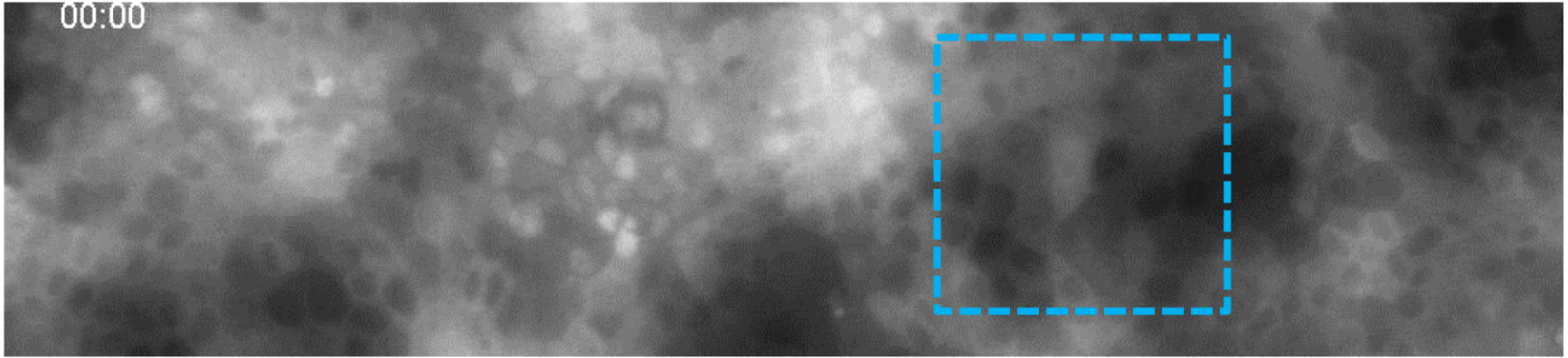


# FGFR1 local activation induces ERK waves



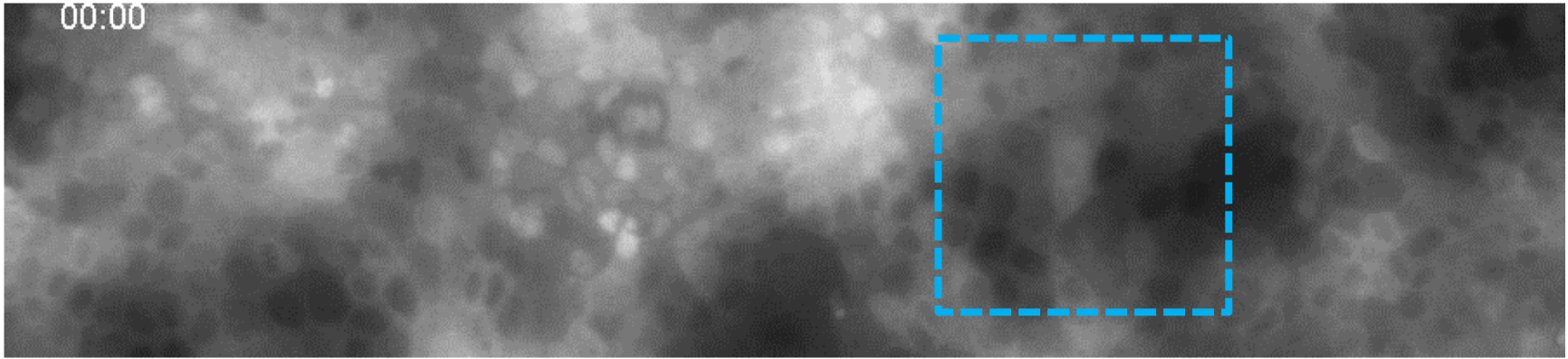
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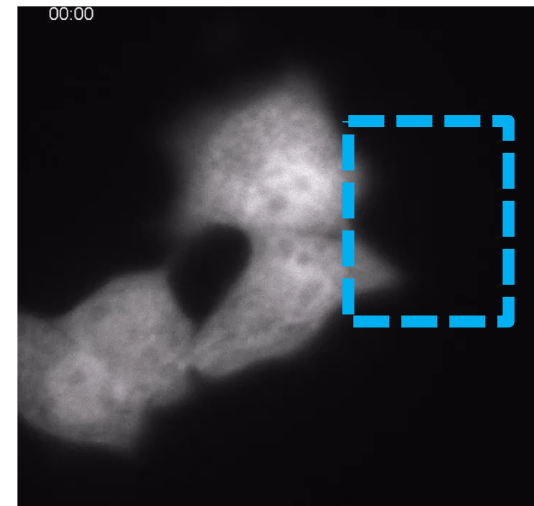
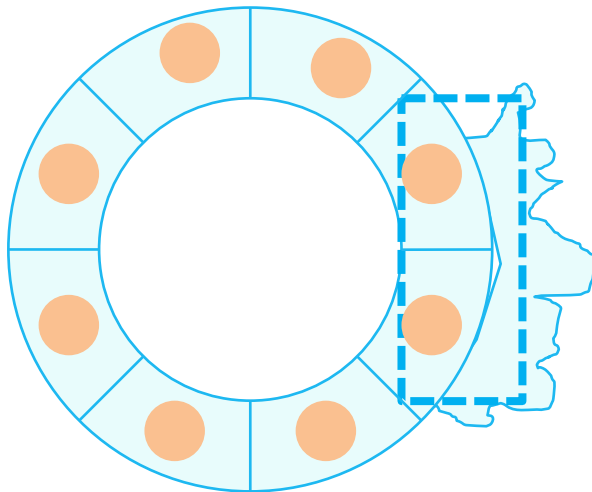


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- Induce EMT/Gastrulation in cyst



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