

HAV904V: Cell Fate & Plasticity

Coordinators: Francois Fagotto and Alenka Copic (CRBM)

October 13-24, afternoons + 22 October Minisymposium “Cell Membranes and Cytoskeleton”

Final exam (January): Analysis of data from scientific article + questions on the lectures

Prerequisite: Cell Molecular Biology (Master 1)

The detailed schedule will be posted on this Master BS site

Central theme:

From molecules to cells to complex organisms: a Cell Biology perspective

Cellular mechanisms involved in **determination**, **differentiation** and **function** of different cell types

How do cells adhere and move in very regulated ways to **build and maintain sophisticated body structures** (tissues and organs)

When things go wrong: Tissue-specific **pathologies** and **cancer**

When cells get **old** (**senescence**)

+ Completing the toolkit of the perfect Cell Biologist:

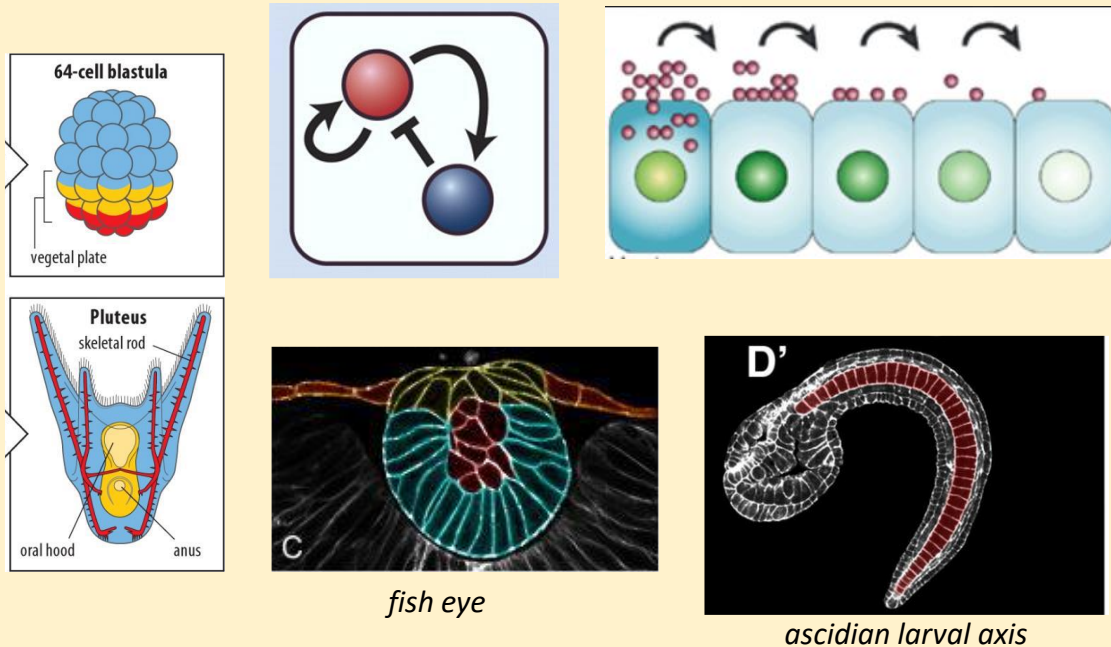
From basic to highly sophisticated cell and molecular approaches

Critical interpretation of results

Moving beyond simple loss- and gain-of-function experiments

Think “out of the box” to extract biological significance

General lecture: Introduction to cell fate determination



All you need to know about cell fate: morphogens, induction, commitment, competence and more...

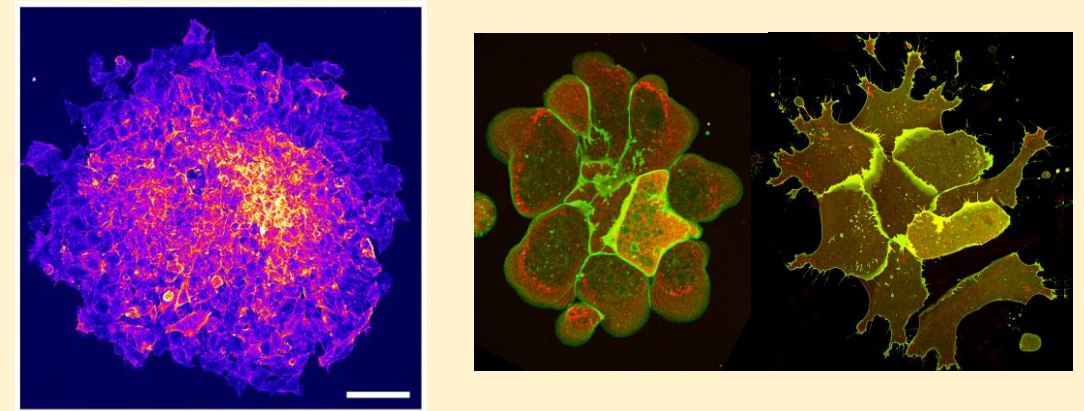
Principles + examples at the cellular and molecular level

General lecture: Introduction to morphogenesis



Cellular mechanisms that shape tissue and organisms

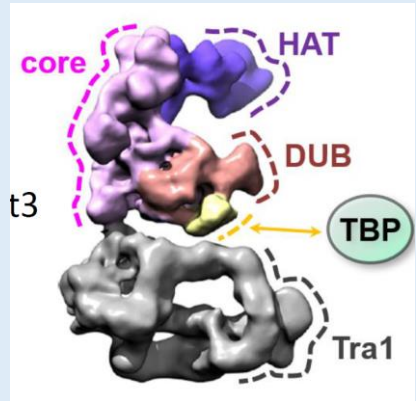
General lecture: Epithelial to mesenchymal transition



Making cell “invasive” in embryos and in cancer

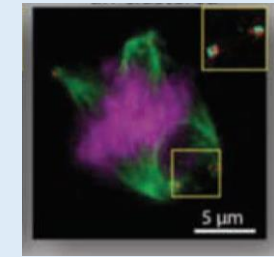
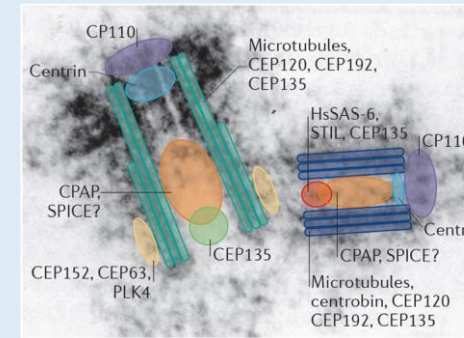
HAV904V: Cell Fate & Plasticity

Gene expression regulation during cellular differentiation

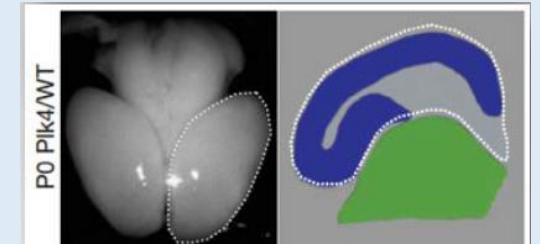


Combining yeast genetics and biochemistry to tackle basic question in transcriptional regulation

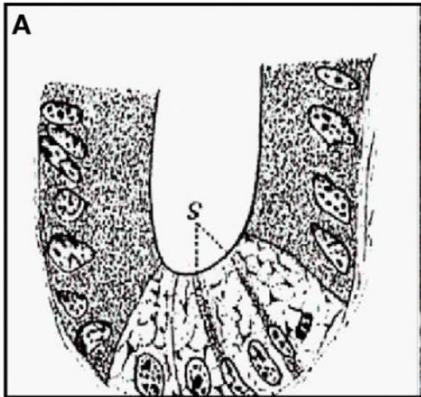
Centrosomes, asymmetric cell division, kidney formation (and pathologies)



Aneuploidy
-> cancer



Intestinal stem cell maintenance, differentiation and plasticity

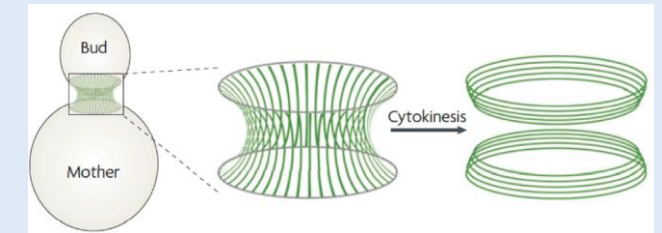
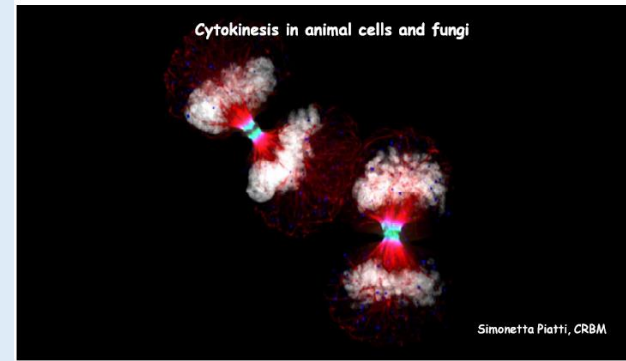


Hand-drawn crypts
"S": small cells
(Paneth 1887)



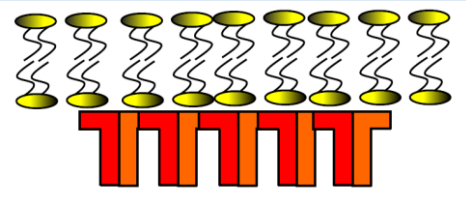
Control of cytokinesis

How to separate two daughter cells?
Actomyosin ring, septins and other tricks ...

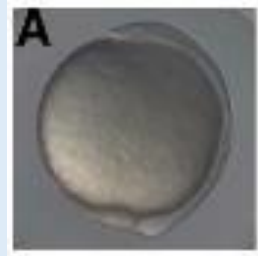
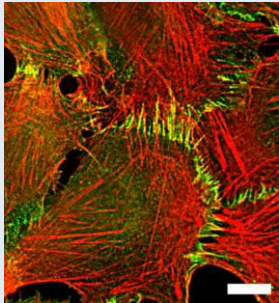


HAV904V: Cell Fate & Plasticity

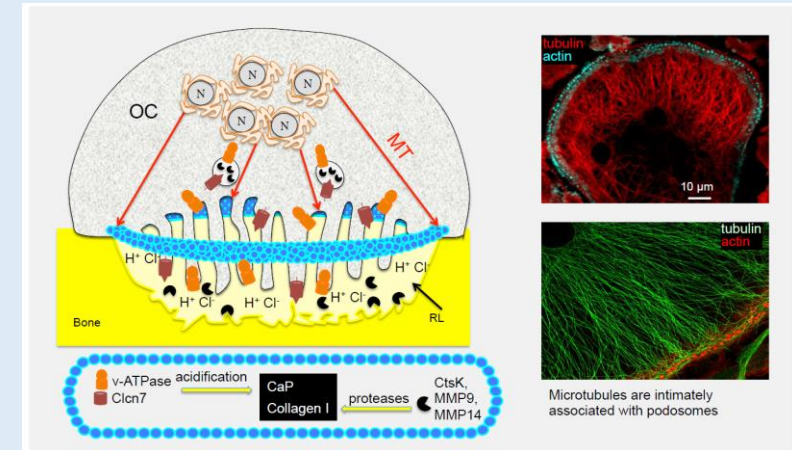
Integrin- and cadherin-mediated adhesion and signalling



From membrane microdomains to embryonic development (and cancer)

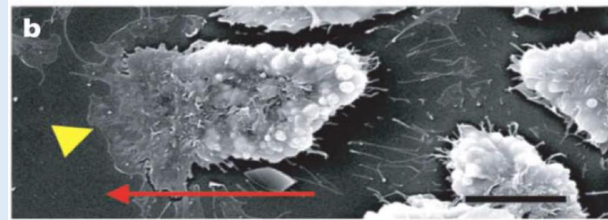
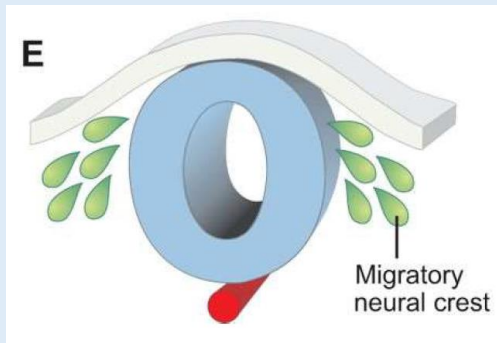


Physiopathology of osteoclasts



How cells eat bone and why?

Neural crests



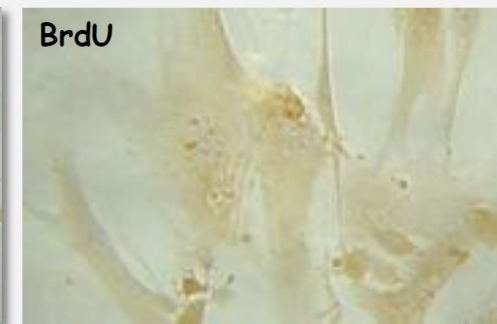
Crazy cells that migrate far away and can build any type of tissue...

Cellular senescence, ageing and cancer

Human fibroblasts (HDF)

Young

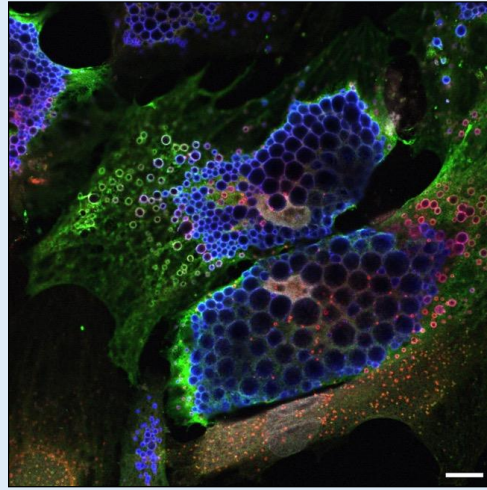
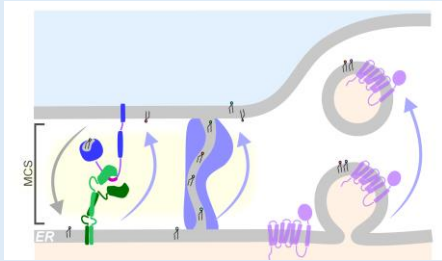
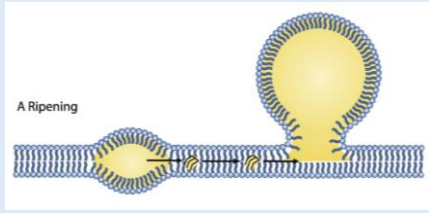
Senescent



What makes cells getting old?

HAV904V: Cell Fate & Plasticity

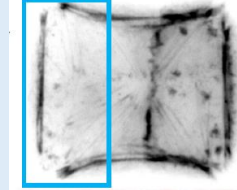
Lipids synthesis, transport and adipogenesis



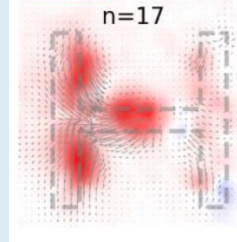
Making membranes but also different types of fat

Introduction to (simple) biophysics

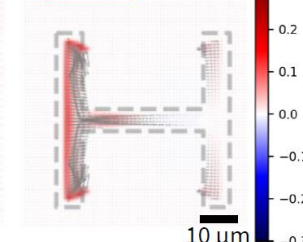
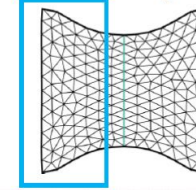
Experiment



n=17



Theory



Invasive cancer cells get softer: How do we know it, how can we play with forces...

... and discovering a new universe by diving deeper into cellular and supramolecular structures

