

Nonlinear Dynamics: Theory and Experiment

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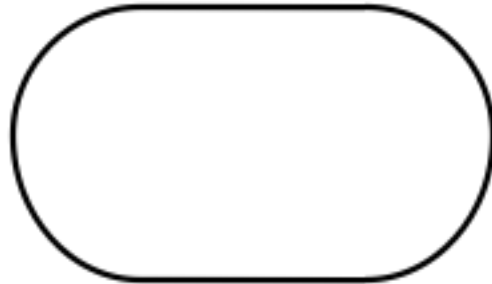


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Wave Chaos

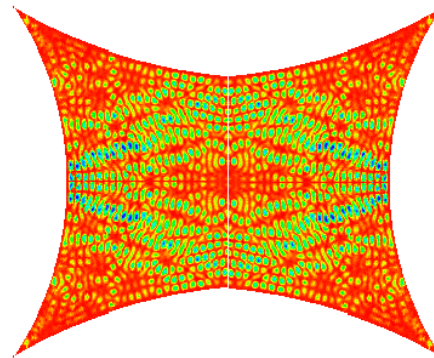
Ed Ott[†], Tom Antonsen[†], Steve Anlage[†], Ming Jer Lee^{*}, Trystan Koch^{*}, Jen Hao Yeh^{*}

- Consider a two-dimensional infinite square-well potential that shows chaos in the classical limit:



- Now solve the electromagnetic wave equation (or Shroedinger equation in the same well)
- Examine solutions in the semi-classical regime: $l \ll L$

What happens?

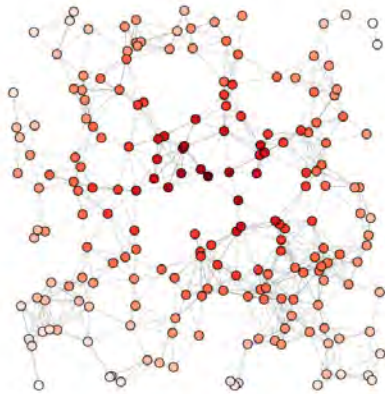


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Sample publications:

Phys. Rev. E 86, 046204 (2012)
Phys. Rev. E 85, 015202 (2012)
J. Appl. Phys. 108, 114911 (2010)
Appl. Phys. Lett. 95, 114103 (2009)

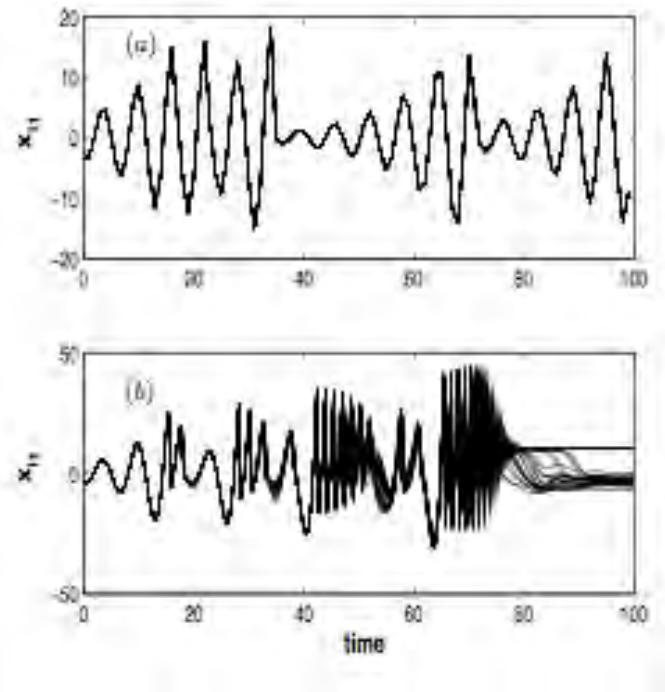
Adaptive synchronization of dynamics on evolving complex networks



Ed Ott[†], Raj Roy[†], Tom Murphy[†], Francesco Sorrentino[‡], Bhargava Raveori^{*}, Adam Cohen^{*}

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* Graduate student

- Each node represents a dynamical system capable of exhibiting chaotic dynamics
- Nodes are coupled together in a complex network that evolves slowly with time
- Nodes receive only an aggregate signal from their neighbors
- Nodes adapt in order to maintain synchronization
- Application: sensor networks, communication networks



Sample publications:

Phys. Rev. Lett., 110, 064104 (2013)

Chaos 20, 013103 (2010)

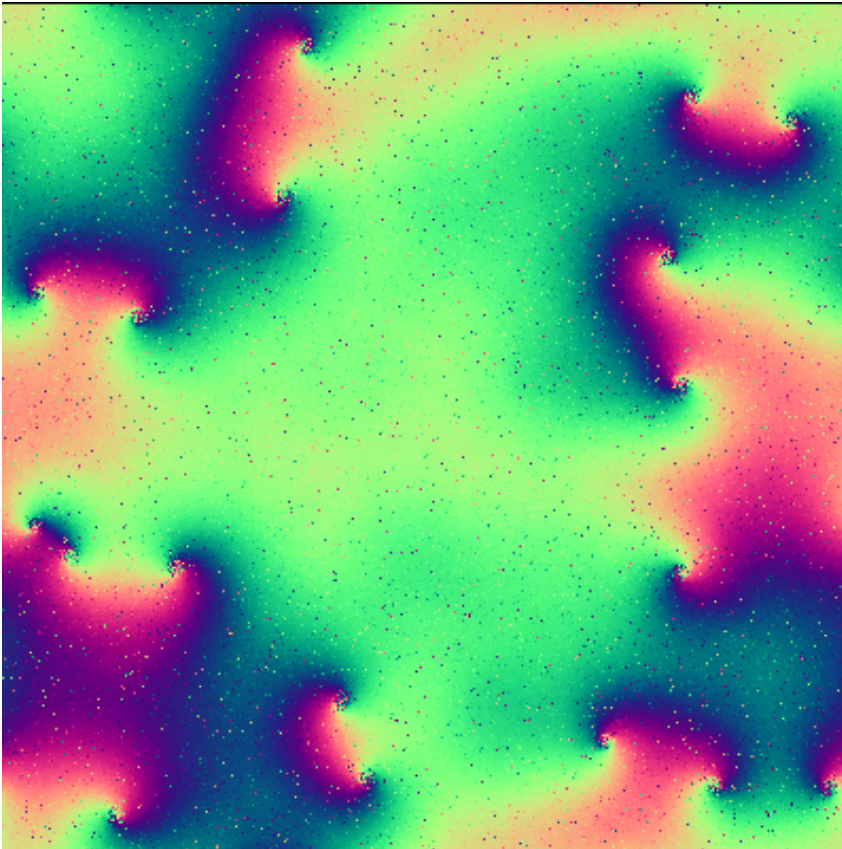
Phys. Rev. Lett., 100, 11, 114101, (2008)

What effect does the adaptive strategy have?

- Top: Adaptation implemented
- Bottom: Adaptation not implemented
- Networks start synchronized in both cases

Spatial and Network Coupling of Phase Oscillators

Ed Ott[†], Tom Antonsen[†], Michelle Girvan[†], Wai-Shing Lee^{*}, Gilad Barlev^{*}, John Plutig^{*}



† Faculty member
* Graduate student

- Application: Chemical and biological oscillations
- Time delay equations
- Exhibit rich behavior:
 - Hysteresis
 - Propagating fronts separating coherent and incoherent regions
 - Oscillating spots
 - Spiral waves (with incoherent cores)

Sample publications:

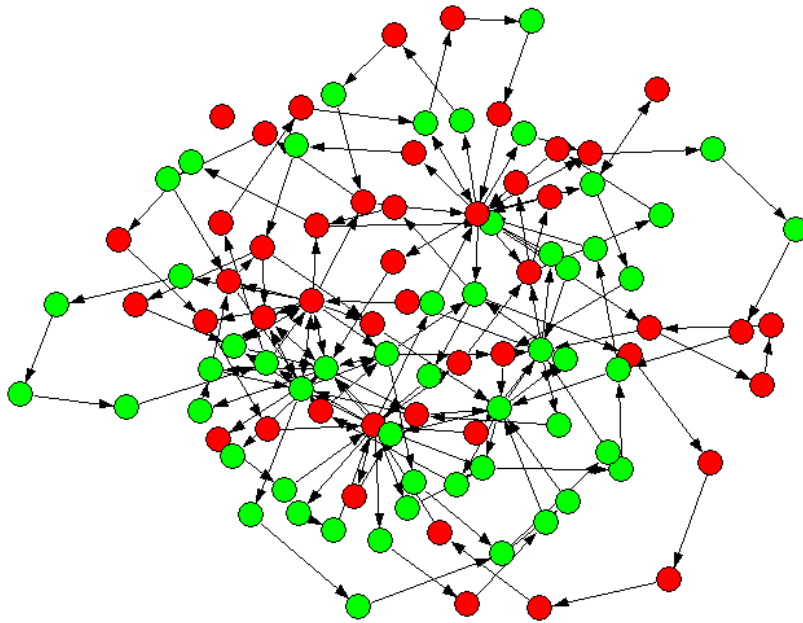
Chaos 22, 013102 (2012)

Chaos 21, 025103 (2011)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 044101 (2009)

Modeling Gene Networks

Michelle Girvan[†], Wolfgang Losert[†], Ed Ott[†], Andrew Pomerance^{*}, Shane Squires^{*}



- Genes on or off
- Discrete updates
- Update function is a random function of neighbor states
- Can predict whether the system's dynamics will not change significantly under small perturbation (stable) or whether its dynamics are ultimately effected.

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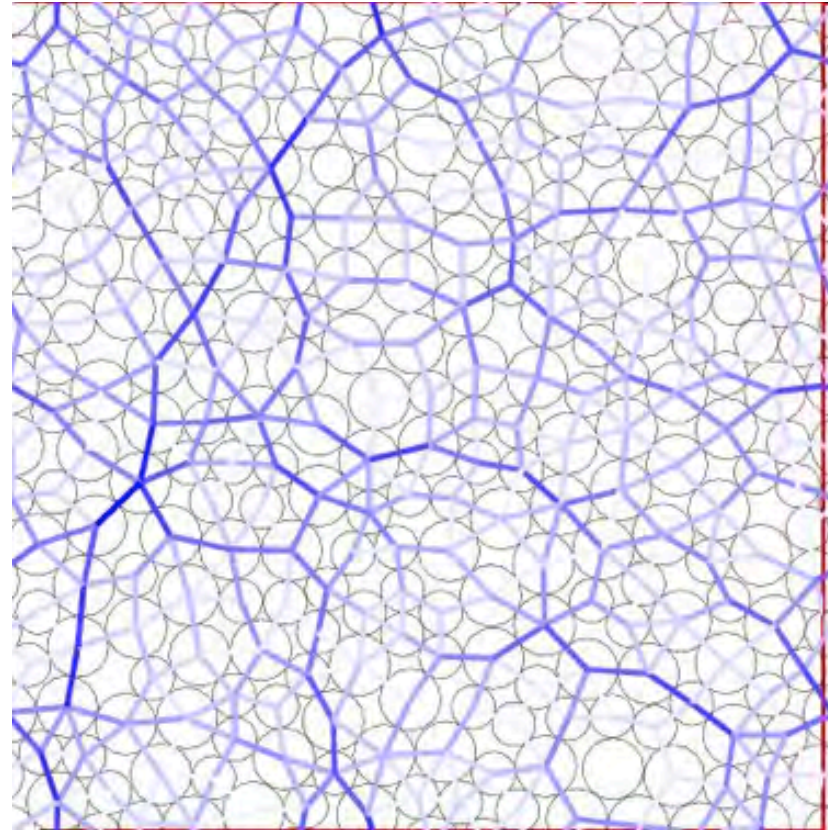
Sample publications:

Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 085701 (2012)
PNAS 106, 8209-8214 (2009)

Granular Networks

Michelle Girvan[†], Wolfgang Losert[†], Mark Herrera^{*}, Mitch Mailman[‡]

- Granular materials have been extensively explored at the macroscale (pdes) and at the microscale (particles).
- Networks provide a mesoscale tool with which to investigate granular materials
- We are interested exploring what kinds of insights can be gained by exploring phenomena like jamming, fracture, and reversibility at the network scale



From Corey O'Hern

Sample publications:

Phys. Rev. E 85, 021309 (2012)

Phys. Rev. E 83, 061303 (2011)

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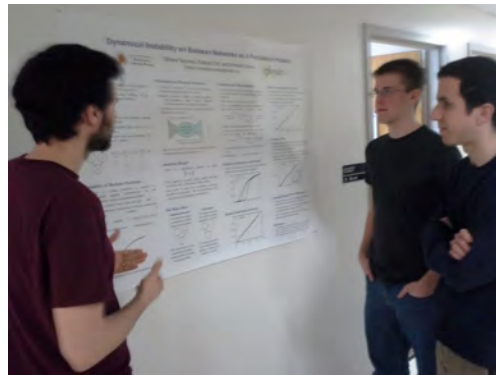
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* Graduate student

Other theory projects not covered here

- **Data assimilation for large spatiotemporally chaotic systems, with emphasis on weather forecasting:** Ed Ott[†], Brian Hunt[†], Young-Noh Yoon^{*}, Matt Kretchmer^{*}, Dagmar Merkova^{*}
- **Alternative ways of defining community structure in networks:** Michelle Girvan[†], Ed Ott[†], Sanjeev Chauhan^{*}, Geet Duggal^{*}
- **Gene annotation networks:** Michelle Girvan[†], Wolfgang Losert[†], Ed Ott[†], Kimbie Glass^{*}
- **Modeling the dynamics epigenetic patterns:** Ed Ott[†], Michelle Girvan[†], Wai Lim Ku^{*}
- **Methods for genome assembly:** Jim Yorke[†], Michelle Girvan[†], Aleksey Zimin[‡], Karl Schmitt^{*}
- **Nonlinear dynamics of cold trapped atoms:** Tom Antonsen[†], Ed Ott[†], Mark Herrera^{*}
- **Flocking dynamics:** Ed Ott[†], Tom Antonsen[†], Nick Mecholsky^{*}
- And more...

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‡ Research scientist
* Graduate student



Sponsors:



Nonlinear Dynamics in Optical Systems

Physics Department External Review

Overview of Research

Roy-Murphy Lab



L to R (in IREAP lab)

Stephanie Miller

Biophysics PhD program

Aaron Hagerstrom

Physics PhD program

Caitlin Williams

Physics PhD program

Hien Dao

Chemical Physics PhD program

Tom Murphy

ECE Professor, Director of IREAP

Other collaborators, 2013

John Rodgers, IREAP

Francesco Sorrentino, U New Mexico Mech Engg

Louis Pecora, Naval Research Lab

Visiting Professor Ulrike Feudel (April – Oct 2013)

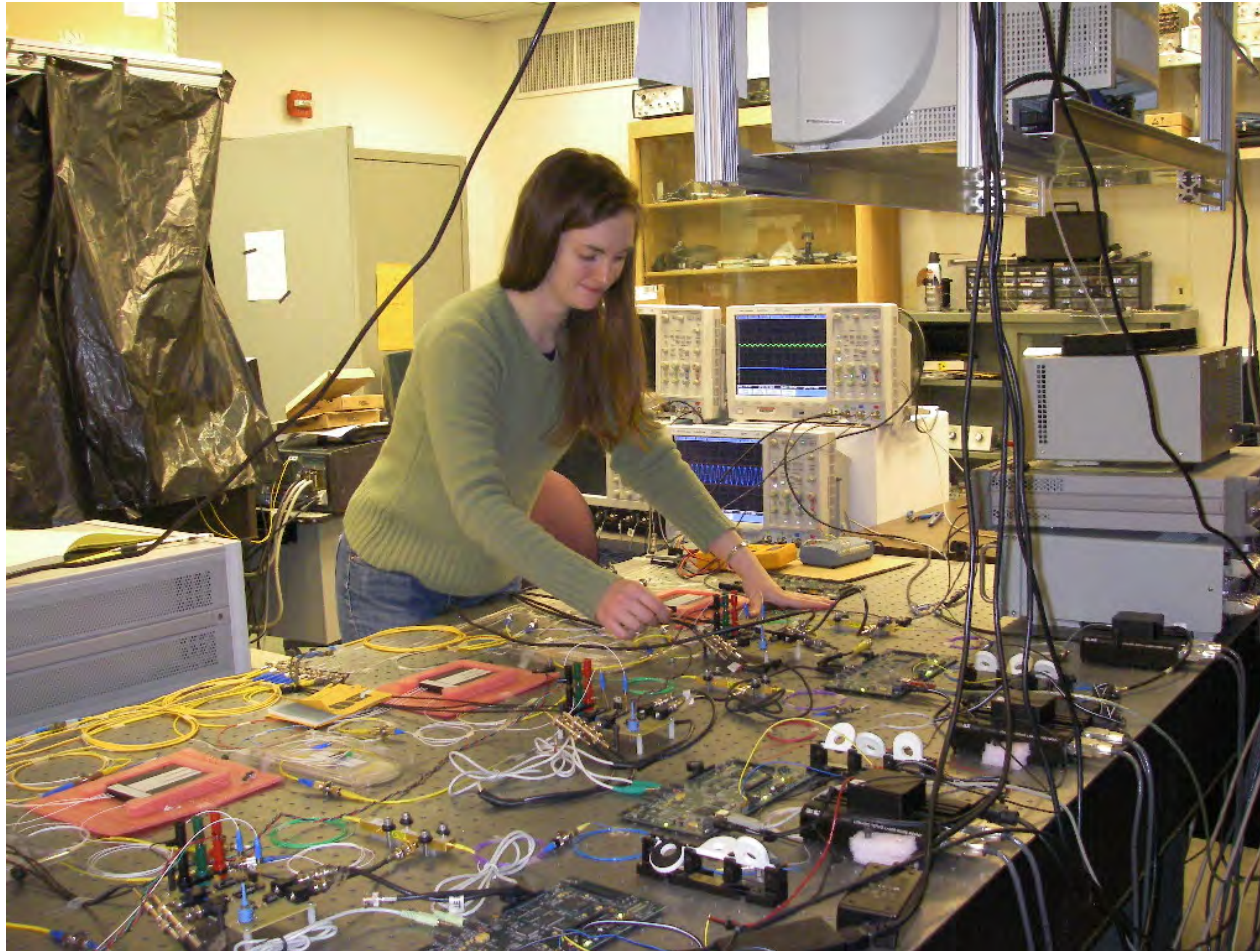
Rafael Setra (REU student Summer 2013)

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UMD Nonlinear Dynamics Group: Experiment

Optoelectronic Network Synchrony

Predictive Sync, Adaptive Sync, Optimal Sync, Group Sync,



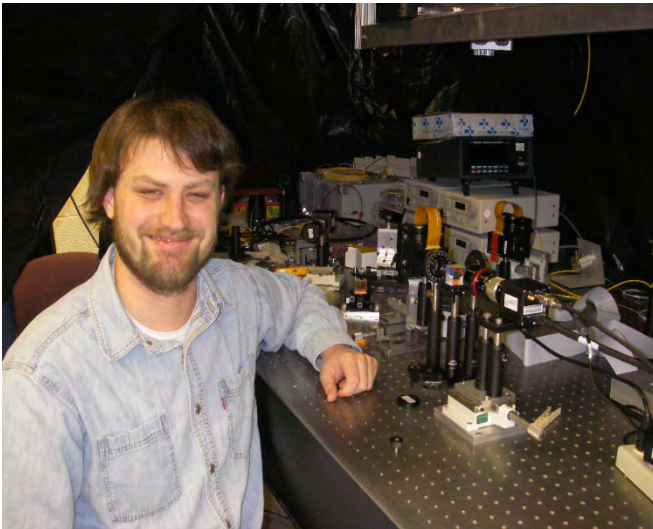
Caitlin Williams in Optics Lab

Sample Publications

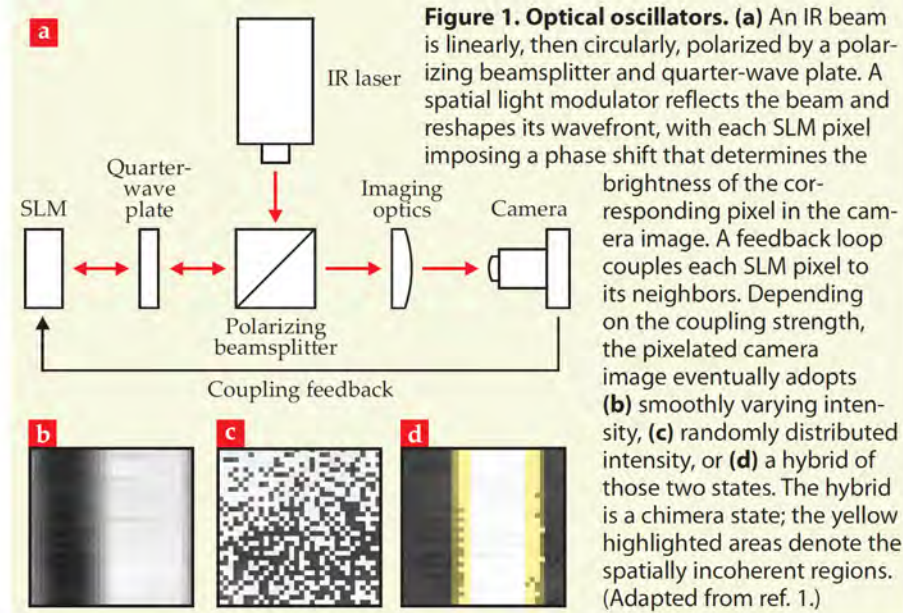
1. PRL **101**, 154102 (2008).
2. Phil. Trans. Royal Soc. A **368**, 343-366, (2010)
3. Chaos **20**, 043142 (2010)
4. PRL **107**, 034102 (2011)
5. PRL **110**, 064104 (2013)

Chimera States in Light

Hagerstrom et al., Nature Physics 8, 658-661 (2012)
Coupled-Map Lattices in the Lab



Aaron Hagerstrom with Liquid Crystal Spatial Light Modulator apparatus



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Sync and desync oscillators coexist in large ensembles
of non-locally coupled, identical nonlinear dynamical phase oscillators
Can they be observed in real experimental systems?

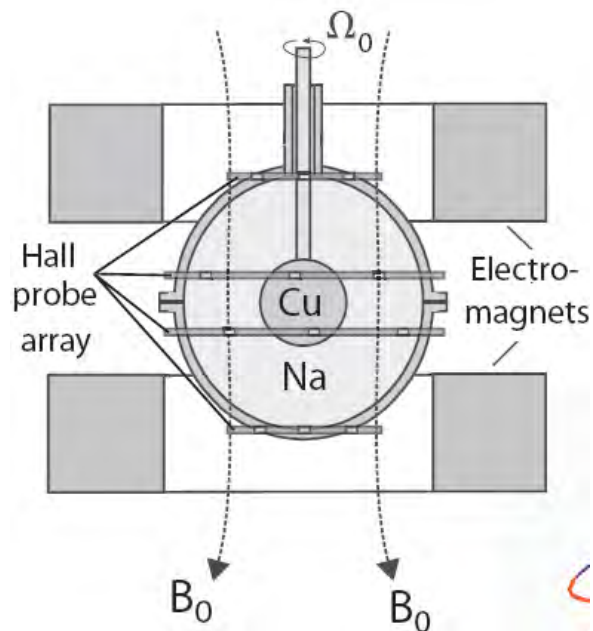
Theory and predictions since 2002

by Y. Kuramoto, S. Strogatz, Carlo Laing, Danny Abrams.....

Rapidly Rotating Experiments

as laboratory models of planetary cores

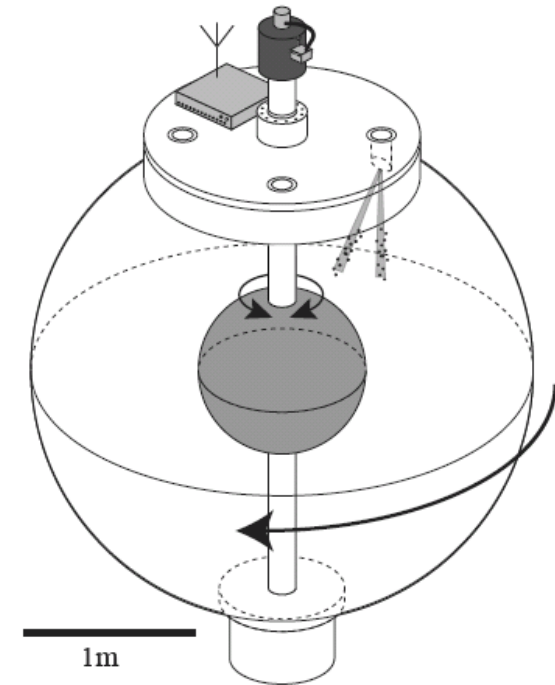
30 cm diameter
Sodium Experiment



(Lathrop)



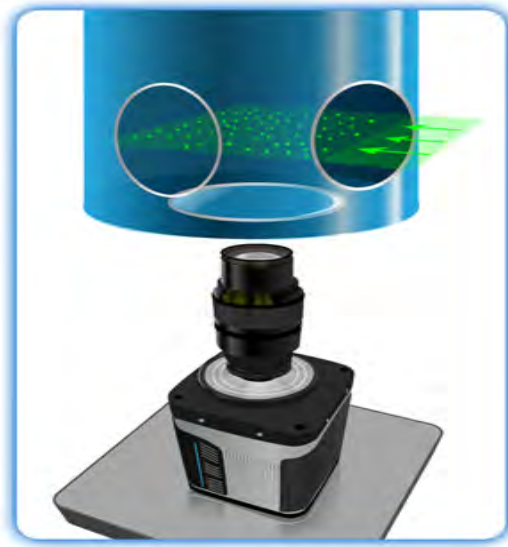
3 m diameter
Sodium Experiment



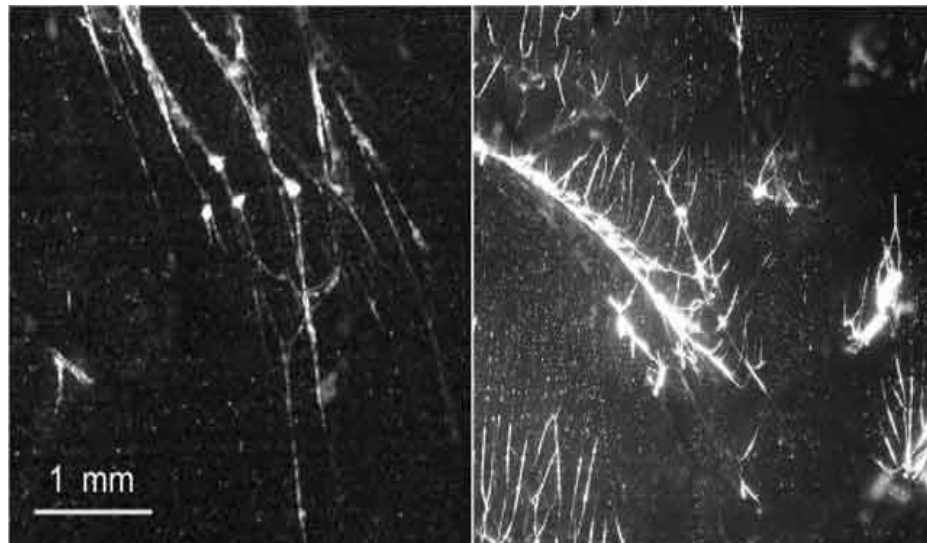
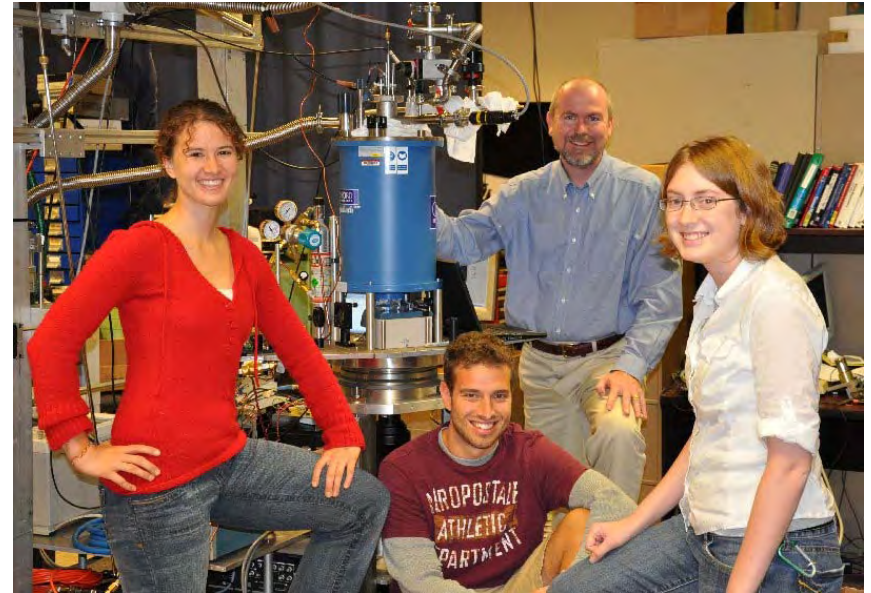
Research Goals:

- Create a homogeneous, Earth-like dynamo in the lab
- Demonstrate a self-generating magnetic field in an unconstrained flow
- Characterize the nature of the transition to dynamo action
- Explore the mechanism which causes Earth's magnetic field to saturate
- Understand the dynamics of the saturated field, with particular interest in pole reversals

Quantum Turbulence (*Lathrop*)



Visualizing
Flows in
Superfluid
Helium



Research Goal:

Understand the dynamics of vortex defects and their impact on phase transitions

Awards:

Andreas Acrivos Dissertation Award (Matthew Paoletti, 2010)

Stanley Corrsin Award (Daniel P. Lathrop, 2012)

Cell Dynamics (Losert)

Students

Desu Chen

Can Guven

Deborah Hemingway

Mark Herrera

Rachel Lee

Eleanor Ory

(w/ Upahyaya)

Joshua Parker

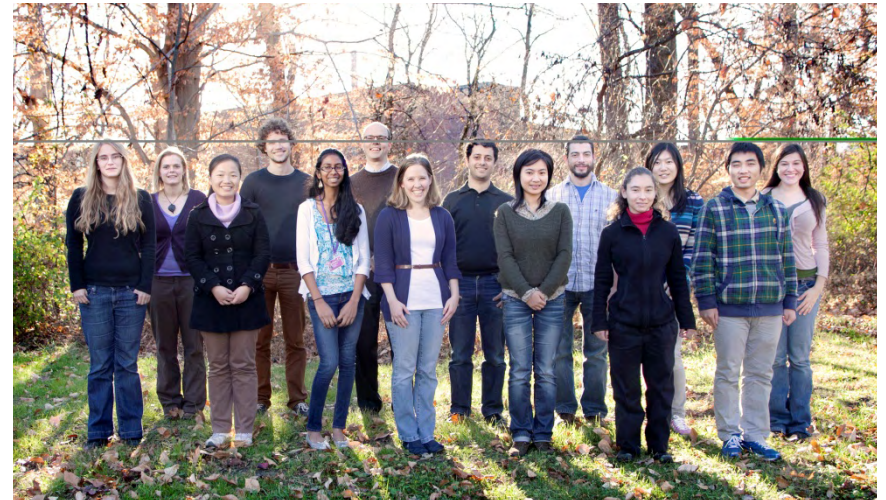
Yang Shen

Xiaoyu Sun

Chenlu Wang

Postdoc

Julian Candia

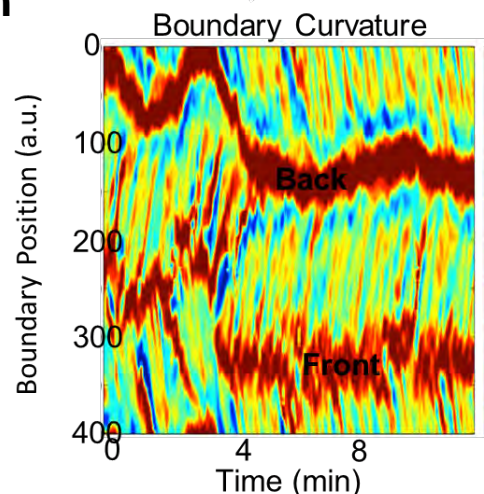
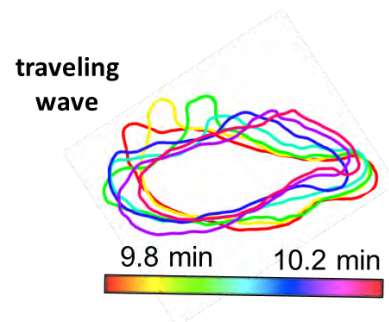


Experiment

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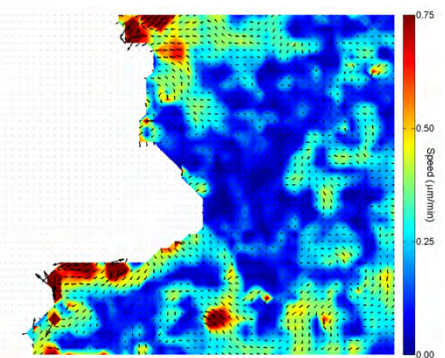
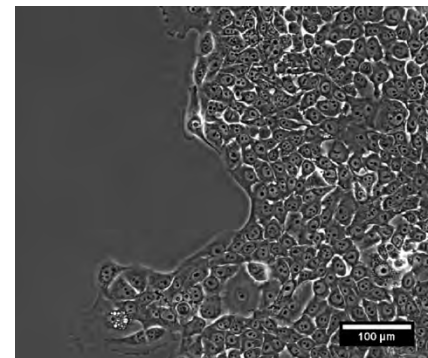
migrating cells.

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Applied tools from fluid and sand flows to **quantify collective cell migration.**

Connecting collective motion and “metastatic potential”



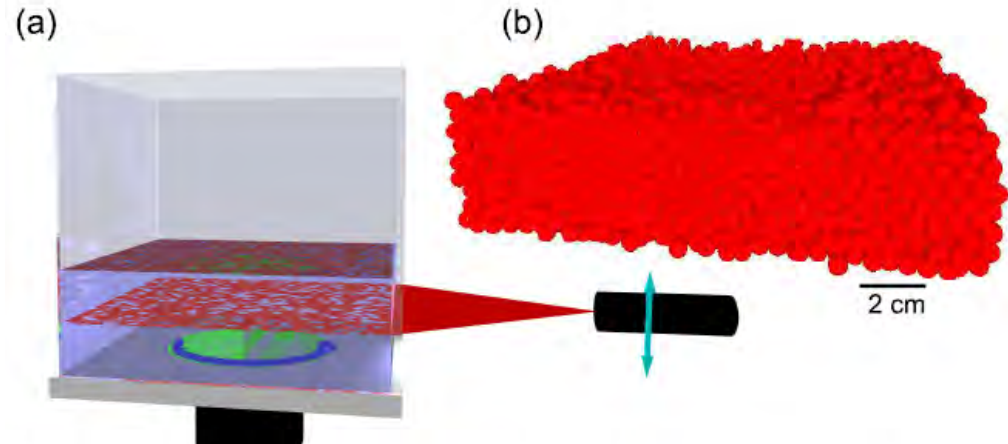
Weiger et al, PLOS One (2012)

Lee et al, New Journal of Physics (2013)

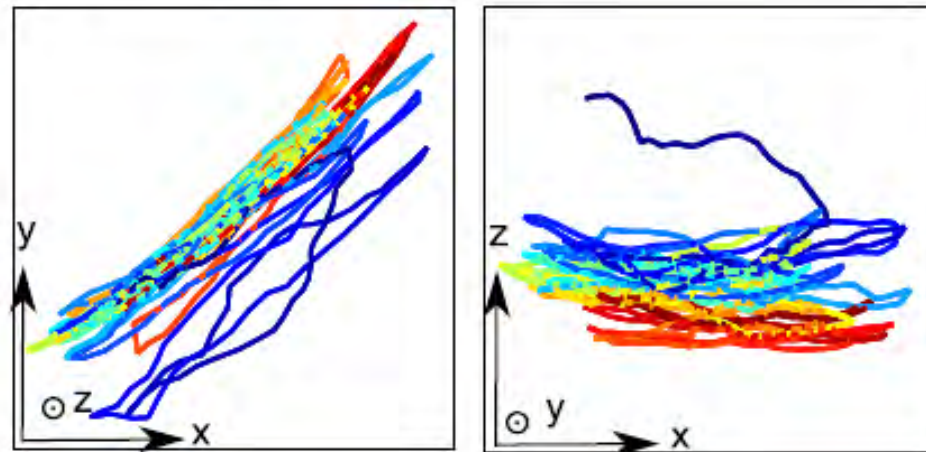
Driscoll et al, Physical Biology (2011), PLOS Comp. Biol.(2012)

Granular Dynamics (*Losert*)

Developed 3D imaging of particle motion and rotation inside granular matter



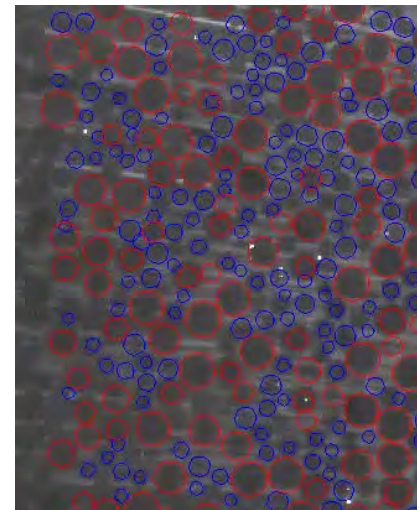
How reversible are particle trajectories?



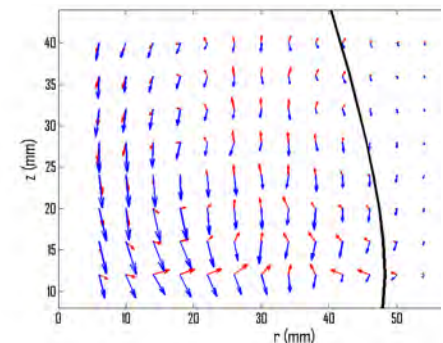
Slotterback et al PRL (2008), PRE (2012)

Dijksman et al PRE (2010), J. Sci Instruments (2011)

How do mixtures segregate at the particle scale?



Harrington et al



Biological Physics



Jayanth Banavar



Michelle Girvan



Arthur La Porta



Wolfgang Losert



Rajarshi Roy



Arpita Upadhyaya

- Theory: Dynamics of Living Systems – emergent properties
Raj Roy, Michelle Girvan, Jayanth Banavar
- Experiment: Cell Mechanics and Dynamics
Arpita Upadhyaya, Wolfgang Losert, Arthur La Porta

Biophysics Group Activity 1: New Biophysics Graduate Program

The Program, started in 2009 brings together faculty from biology, chemistry, biochemistry, engineering, applied math, and physics

The curriculum is tailored to each student's background and research interests by a committee of three faculty members.

19 Graduate students
6 mentored by Physics faculty

Strong Connections to National Labs:
3 students NIST co-advised
2 students NIH co-advised



Biophysics Group Activity 2: Partnership with the NIH

Official Partnership between the University of Maryland and the National Institutes of Health (with the National Cancer Institute as lead), initiated by the Physics Department, started in 2010

Goal: Apply Nonlinear Dynamics, Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Bioinformatics expertise to problems in Cancer Research

Physics Participants: Banavar, Girvan, Losert (Partnership Director), Upadhyaya

Seed Support (from NCI-CCR director)

-4 new seed projects every year

-3 physics students since 2010

Outcomes:

-Publications by joint students

-NIH funding



Annual UMD-NCI Workshop

Emergent Properties of living Systems – PI: Jayanth Banavar

From cellular characteristics to disease diagnosis

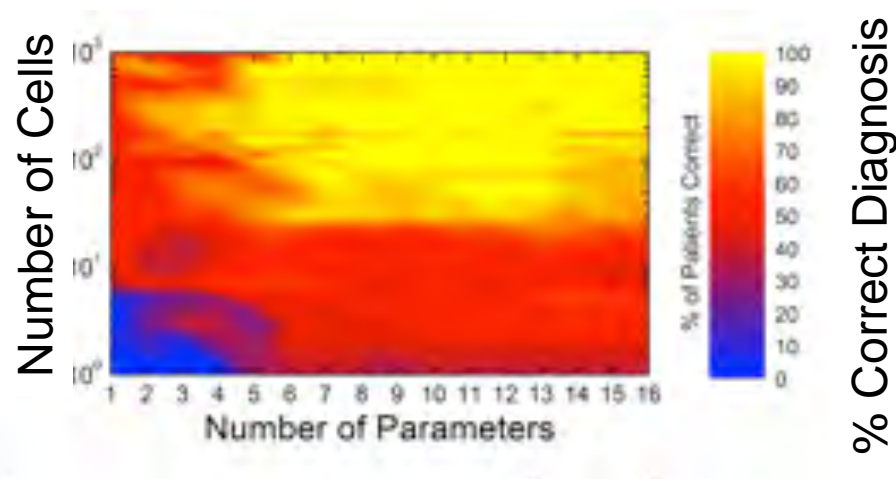
Julian Candia, Yang Shen, Wolfgang Losert, Jayanth Banavar
Robert Nussenblatt (NEI,NIH), Curt Civin (UM Medical School)

Novel Data: Multiparameter single cell measurements

High throughput microscopy

Single cell genomics

Questions: Are disease characteristics inherent to each cell or an emergent property of multiple cells / markers?



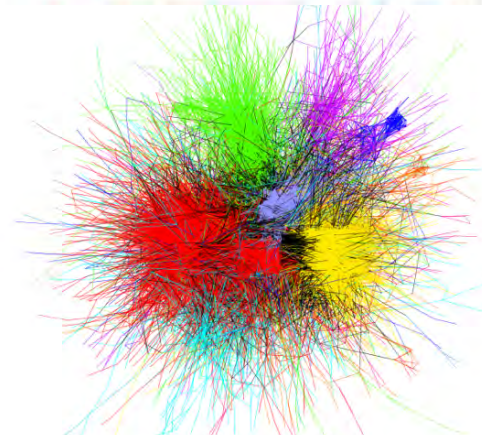
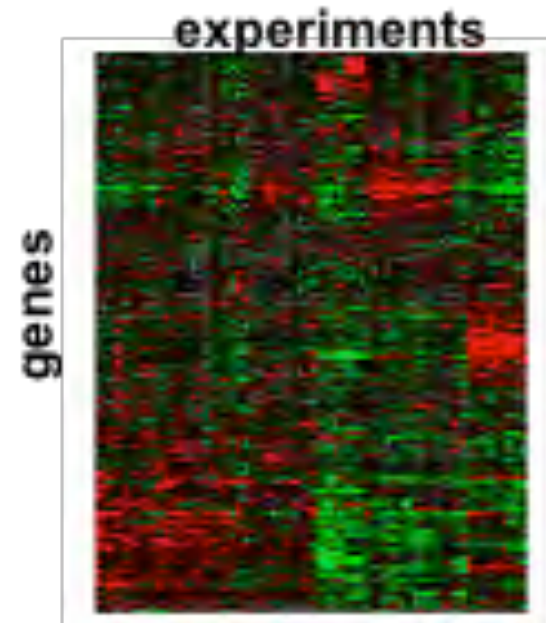
Gene Networks and Dynamics: PI Michelle Girvan

Gene Expression in Cancer

John Platig, Michelle Girvan, Ed Ott, Wolfgang Losert, Lou Staudt (NIH)

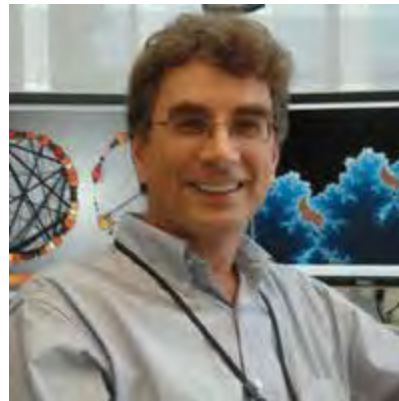
Tasks:

- Infer a gene network from expression data across experiments
- By analyzing the network structure, identify the transcription factors that play key regulatory roles in cancerous cells



Neuroscience: Dynamics, Information, Synchronization: PI Raj Roy

Collaboration with D. Plenz, NIH



Hongdian Yang, Dietmar Plenz and Woodrow Shew

Hongdian Yang (First Ph.D of the Biophysics Graduate Program at UMD, 2011)
Is a postdoc in Neuroscience at Johns Hopkins since June 2012.

Woody Shew is now Assistant Professor of Physics at the U of Arkansas in Fayetteville
since Jan 2012

Neuroscience: Dynamics, Information, Synchronization: PI Raj Roy

Neuronal Avalanches and Criticality Balance between excitation and inhibition

Neuronal Avalanches Imply Maximum Dynamic Range in
Cortical Networks at Criticality

J. Neuroscience

29 (49):15595–15600 (2009).

Woodrow L. Shew,¹ Hongdian Yang (杨冀典),^{1,2} Thomas Petermann,¹ Rajarshi Roy,² and Dietmar Plenz¹

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72 citations

J. Neuroscience **31**,
55-63 (2011).

Information Capacity and Transmission Are Maximized in
Balanced Cortical Networks with Neuronal Avalanches

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Maximal Variability of Phase Synchrony in Cortical
Networks with Neuronal Avalanches

J. Neuroscience **32**,
1061-1072 (2012)

Hongdian Yang (杨冀典),^{1,2} Woodrow L. Shew,¹ Rajarshi Roy,³ and Dietmar Plenz¹

"Peak Variability and Optimal Performance in Cortical Networks at Criticality,"
Hongdian Yang, W. L. Shew, Rajarshi Roy and D. Plenz, Chapter to appear in
Criticality in Neural Systems (2013), edited by D. Plenz, E. Niebur and H. G.
Schuster.

Cell and Cytoskeletal Mechanics – PI: Arpita Upadhyaya

Research focused on understand various aspects of biological motion – in particular its physical basis and its biochemical control.



Funding: Sloan Foundation

NSF (Physics of Living Systems)

NSF (Cellular Systems Cluster)

UMD/NCI Cancer Technology

Recent Honors for Students:

Christy Ketchum (ARCS Fellowship)

Collaborators:

Dr. Larry Samelson (NIH)

Dr. Wenxia Song (UMD)

Students

King Lam Hui (Grad)

Echo Ory (Grad) (w/ Losert)

Christy Ketchum(Grad)

Ming Zhang (UG)

Sae In Kwak (UG)

Brian Grooman (Grad)

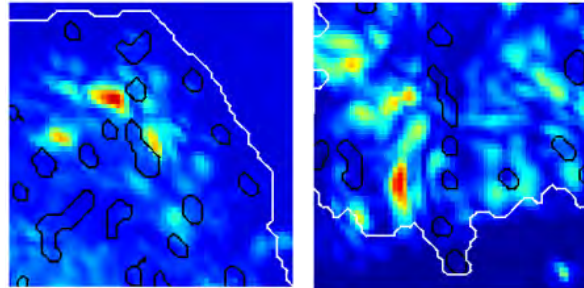
Jessica Wayt (UG)

Mike Azatov (Grad)

Shirong Zhang (UG)

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Membrane topography and fluctuations correlate with signaling assemblies

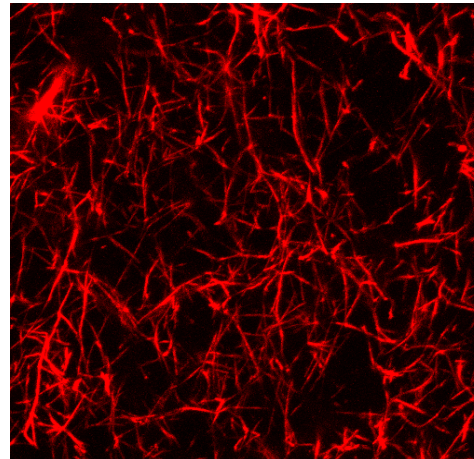


Hui et al, Biophys. J., 2012

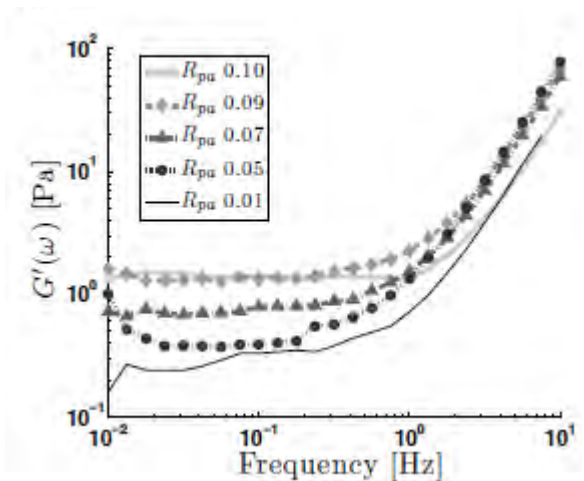
Microstructure of crosslinked actin networks determines their mechanical properties

Grooman et al., PLoS One, 2012

Brian Grooman



Confocal image of a crosslinked actin network



Rheometry measurement of network viscoelasticity

Cell Statistics and Dynamics – PI: Wolfgang Losert

Experiment and modeling of emergent dynamical properties of migrating Cells and Tissues.

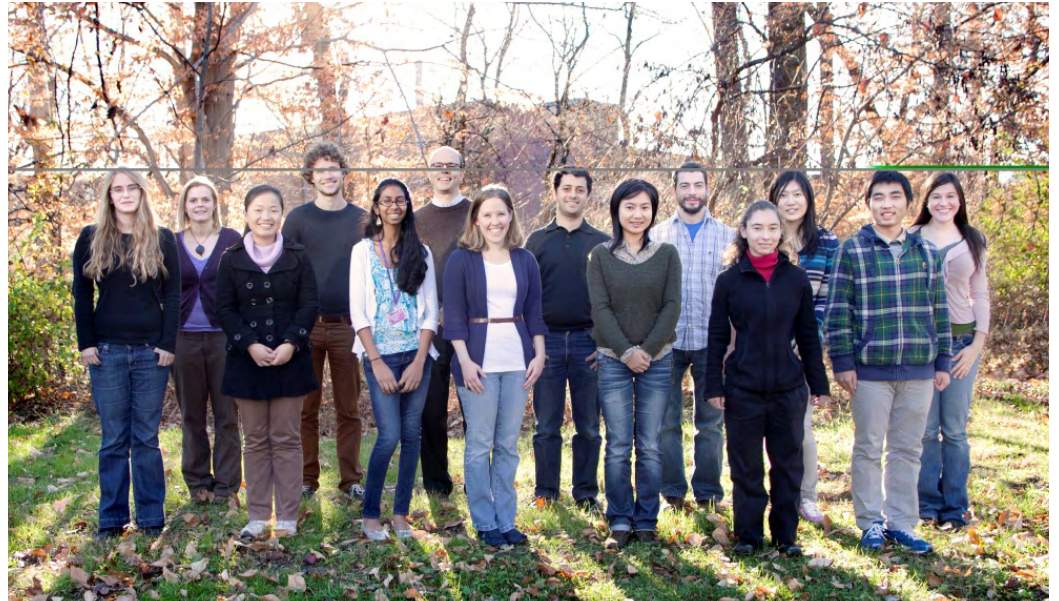
A special focus is on applications to cancer research.

NIH-R01

NSF-Physics of Living System

DOD-Era of Hope Award (PI

Stuart Martin, UM Medical School)



Honors /Fellowships for Students/Postdocs:

Erin Rericha (Burroughs Wellcome Award)

Mark Herrera (DOD Fellowship)

Joshua Parker (DOD Fellowship)

Rachel Lee (ARCS Fellowship)

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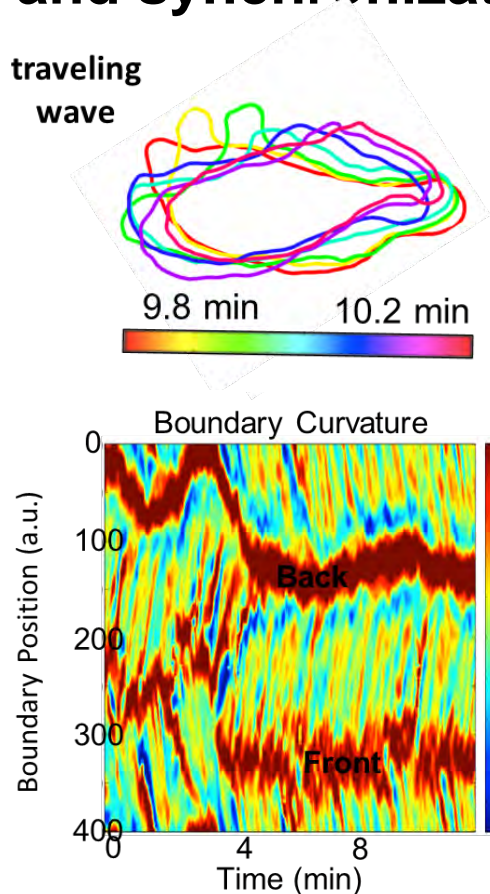
Postdoc

Julian Candia

Cell Statistics and Dynamics – PI: Wolfgang Losert

Discovered **wave-like character of migrating cells.**

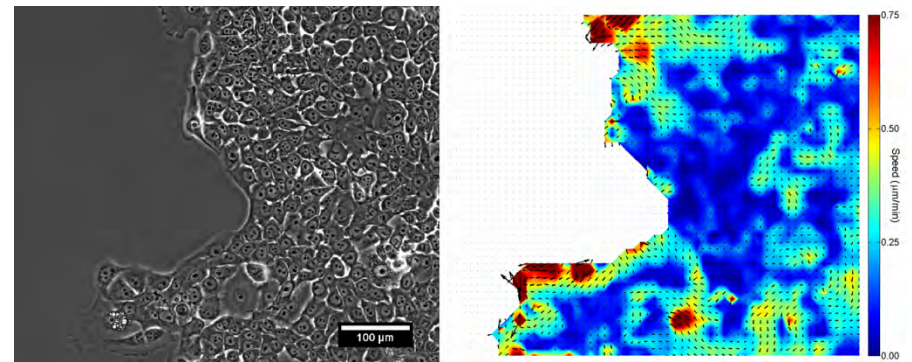
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Phenotyping the Dynamics of Development (With Janelia Farms)