A grayscale microscopy image showing numerous circular, monolayered cell cultures, likely cancer organoids, arranged in a grid pattern. Some cultures contain small, irregular clusters of cells. A scale bar labeled "200 μm" is visible in the bottom left corner.

Modelling cancers, Variations around organoids

Fanny Jaulin
Gustave Roussy Institute

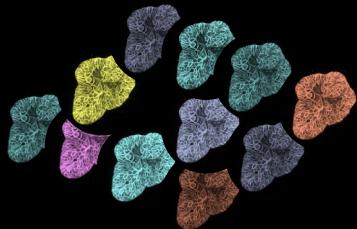
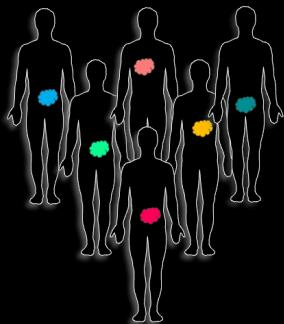
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www.jaulinlab.com

Relevant cancer models

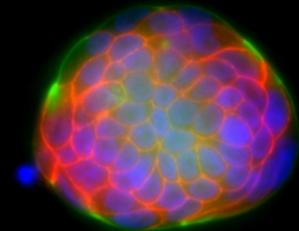
To generate new knowledge
To improve translatability to patients



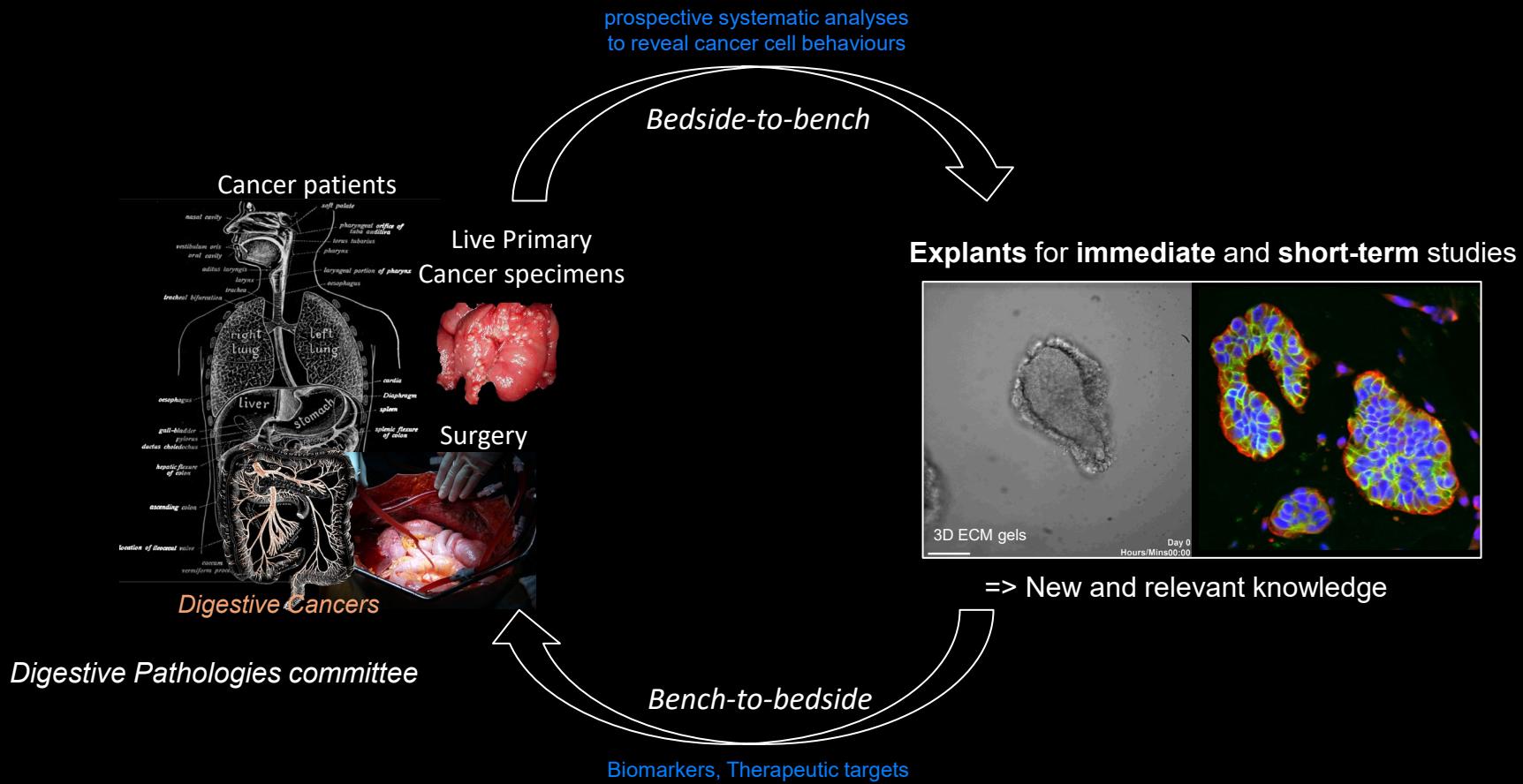
Cancer is a heterogenous
& complex tissue disease

Underperforming oncology R&D
4% of drug candidates validated in the clinic

1- Modelling cancers

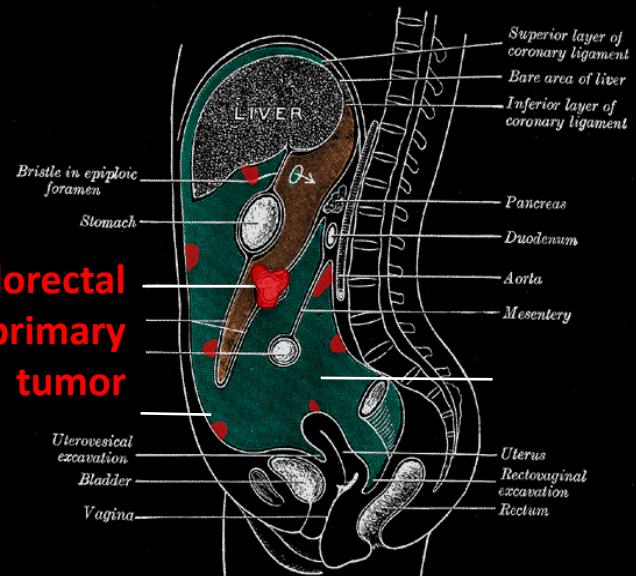


Translational Cell Biology

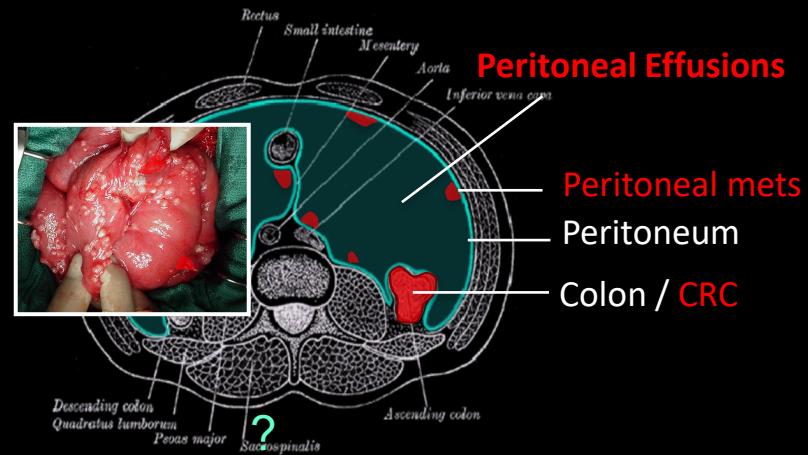


Hollistic approaches from large cohorts of CRC patients

>20 CRC patients at early stage

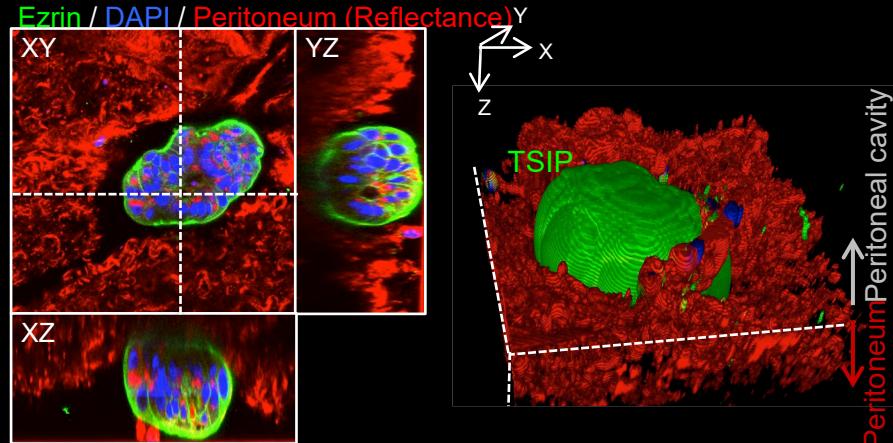


>50 CRC patients with advanced metastatic disease

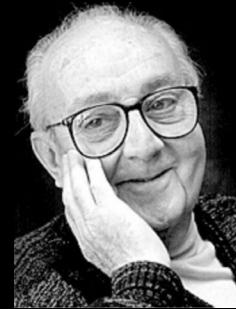


Hollistic approaches from large cohorts of CRC patients

- Pros: Account for complexity & heterogeneity
Generate new & relevant knowledge (TSIPs, collective amoeboid migration)
- Cons: Complicated mechanistic studies
Does not “capitalize” on this precious resources to build collection



« All Models are wrong,
but some are useful »

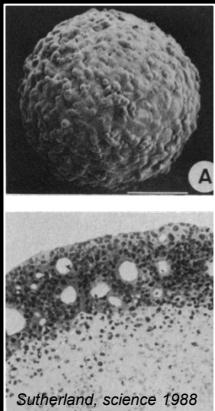


George Box
(1919 – 2013)

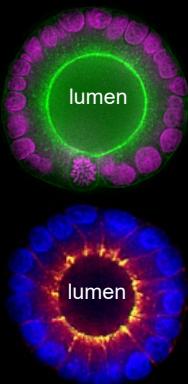
Ex vivo model systems for Research

3D Models

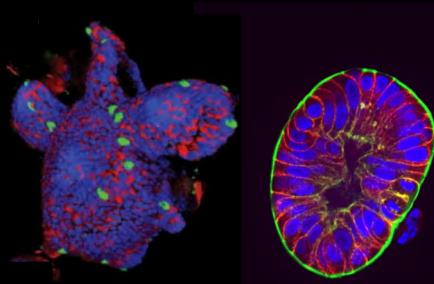
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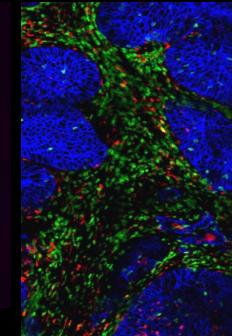
Cysts/Acini



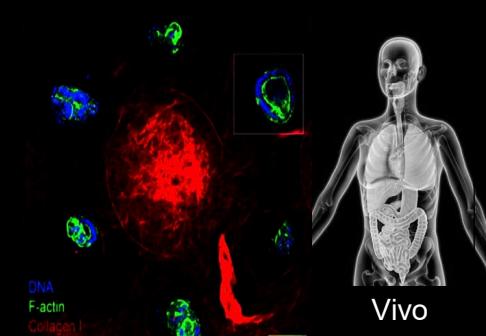
Organoids /Tumoroids



Tissue slices



Organ-on-Chip



2D/stiff
culture

80's

90's
(M. Bissell, J Brugge)

2009
(Clevers, Knoblich)

(E Donnadieu)

(S Decroix)

Vivo

Culture
system

Artificial substrates

Physiological hydrogels (ECM-based)

Native tissue

Microfluidics

Cell lines

Stem cells / Tumor fragments

Multiple cell types

Cells

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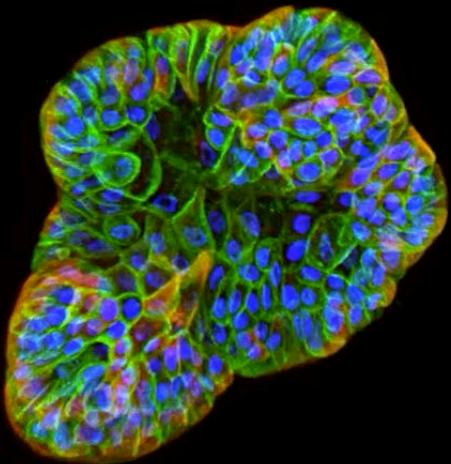
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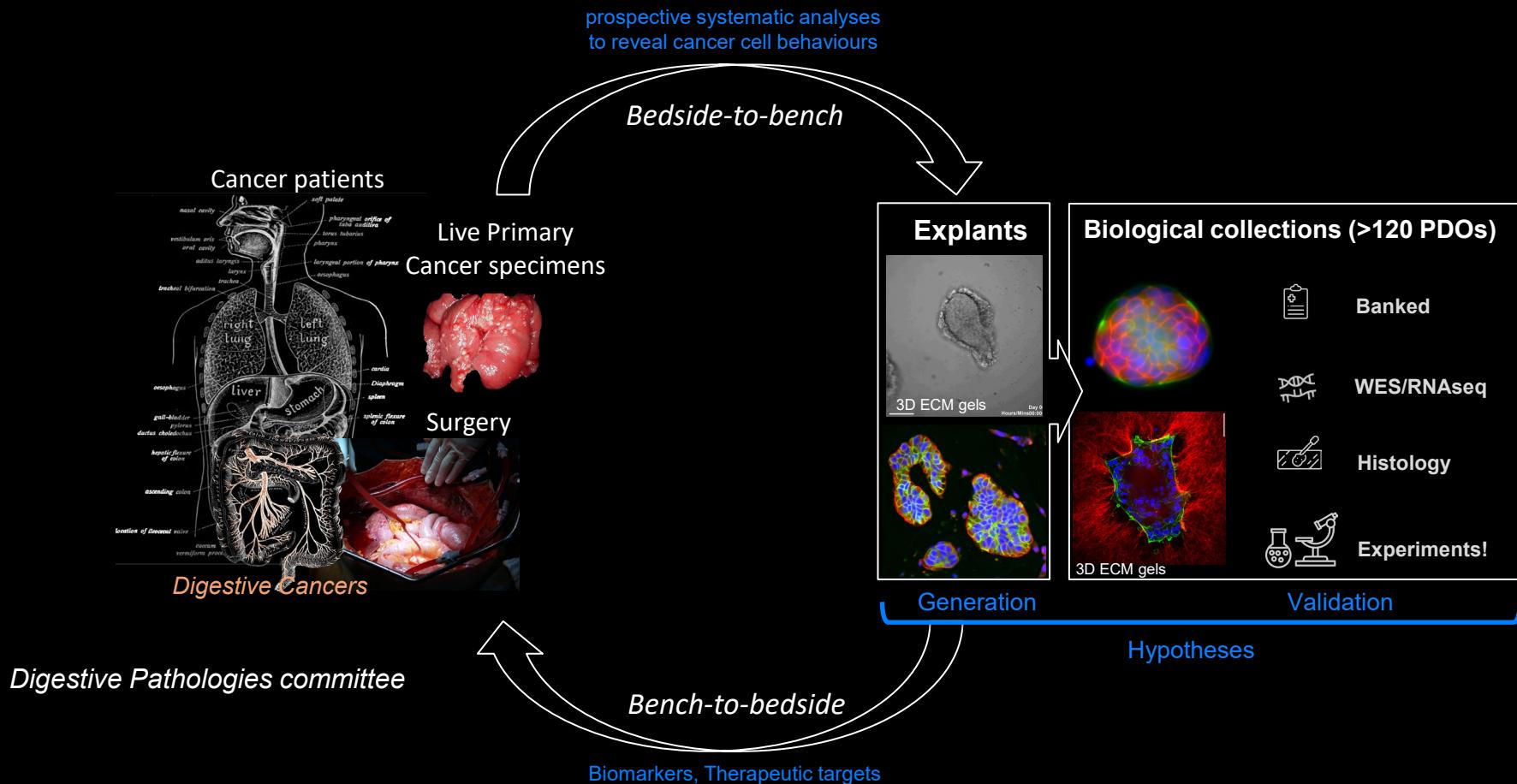
TME

Patient-derived (tumor) organoids -PDOs-

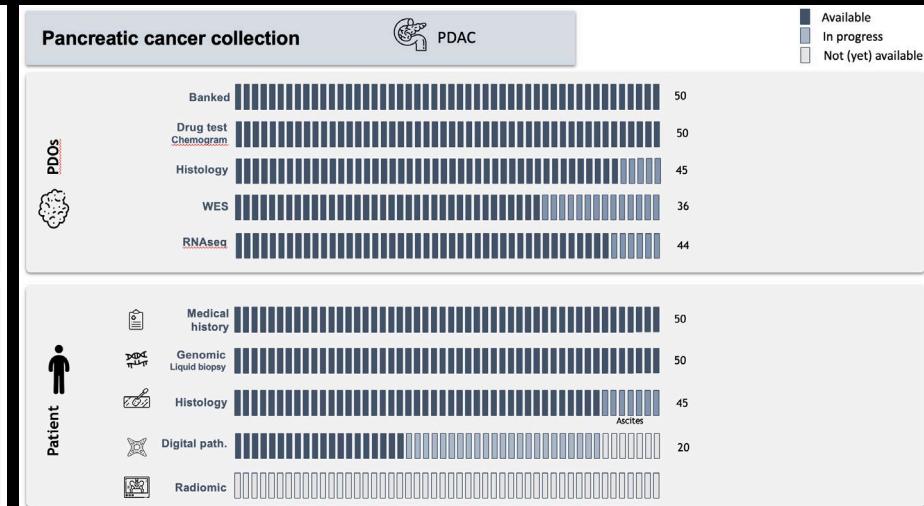
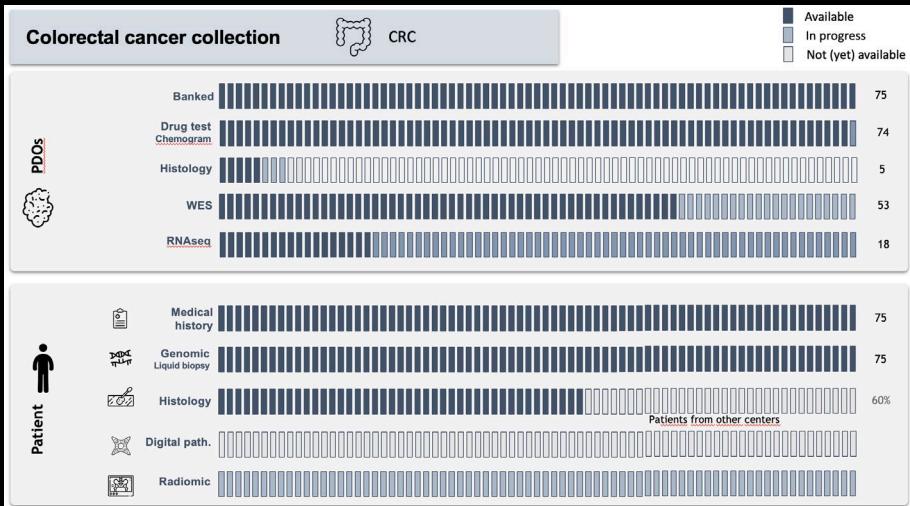


- **Live specimen amplified *ex vivo* “indefinitely”**
- **Cryopreserved to build large collections capturing cancer heterogeneity**
- **Most faithfull tumor avatar to date**
 - Molecular make-up
 - Behaviors (vs explants)
- **Versatile & scalable at the population level**

Translational Cell Biology

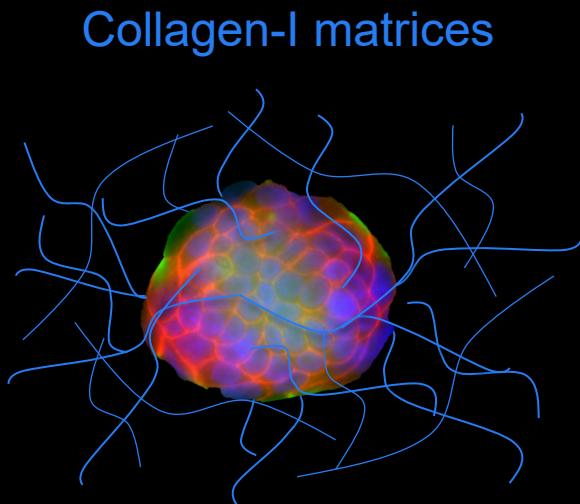


Ex vivo tumor avatars collection that captures cancer complexity & heterogeneity at the population scale

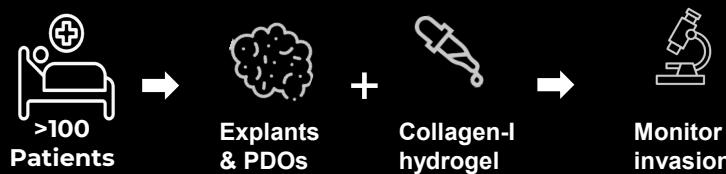


2- Fundamental research: tumor cell invasion

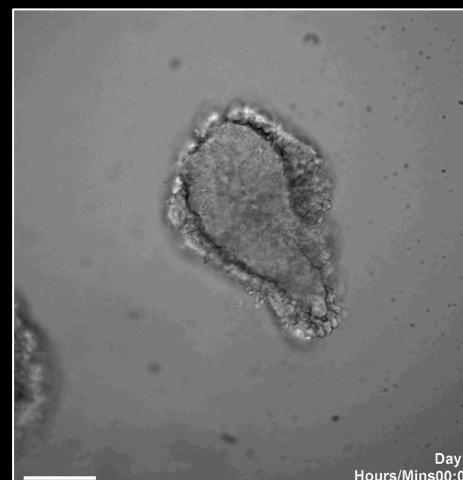
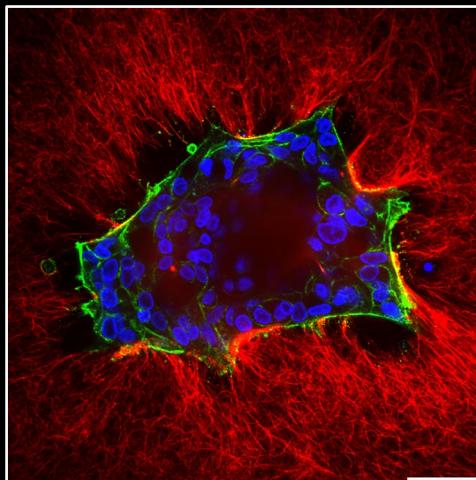
Extra-cellular matrix represents
up to 60% of the tumor mass
Henke et al, 2020



Simple collagen-I gel reveals invasive behaviors from explants and PDOs

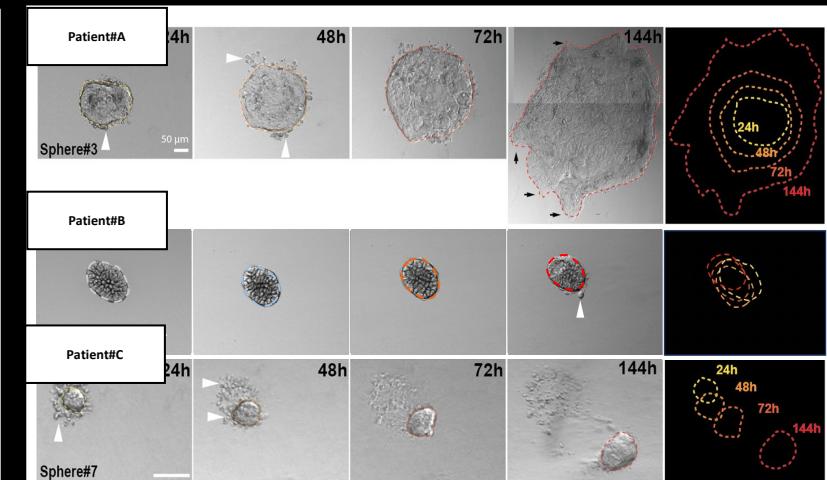


=> Profiling patterns reveals invasive behaviors & tumor heterogeneity



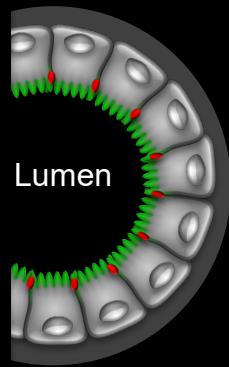
PDO

Primary explant

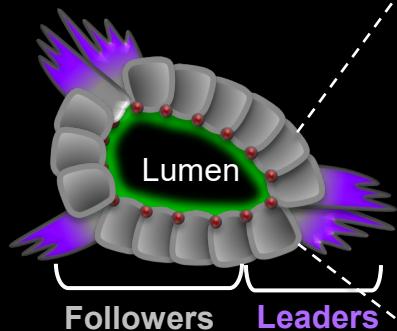


ROCK2 inhibition triggers leader cell formation & collective invasion

CRC "In situ"



Collective Invasion

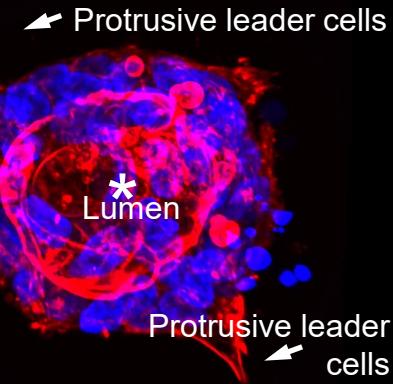


R O C K 2

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Myo-II FARP2

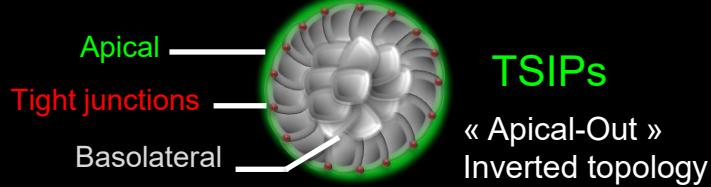
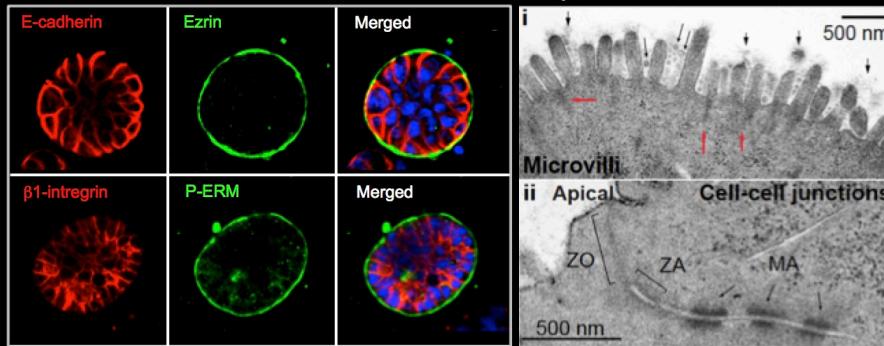
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Rac1

Leader cell
formation

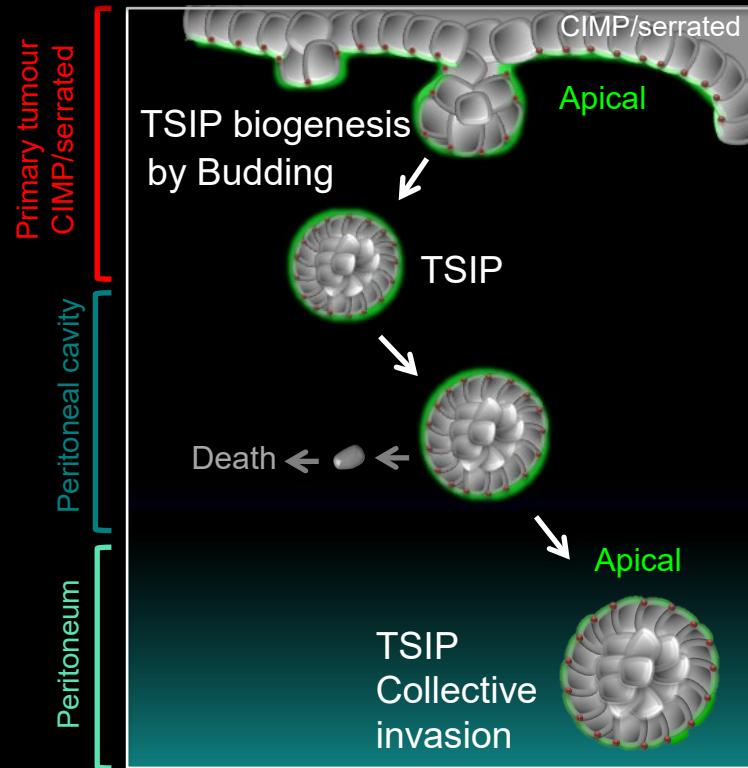


TSIPs are malignant tumor intermediates underlying the metastatic spread of serrated hypermethylated CRCs

50% of effusions from metastatic CRC patients contain TSIPs



Zajac et al. *Nat cell Biol* 2018



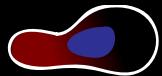
There is a 4th mode of cell migration, that is collective & amoeboid

Single cell

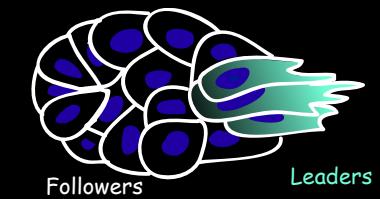
Mesenchymal



Amoeboid

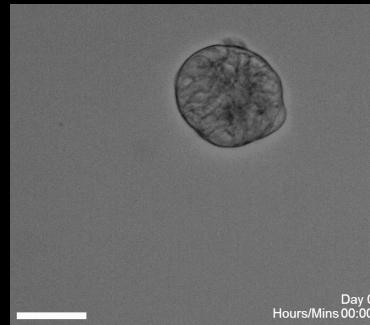


"Propulsion"
Contraction/Back



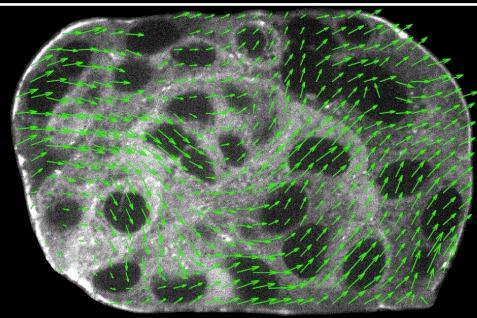
Collective

No protrusive leaders,
no traction forces



PIV in microfluidics

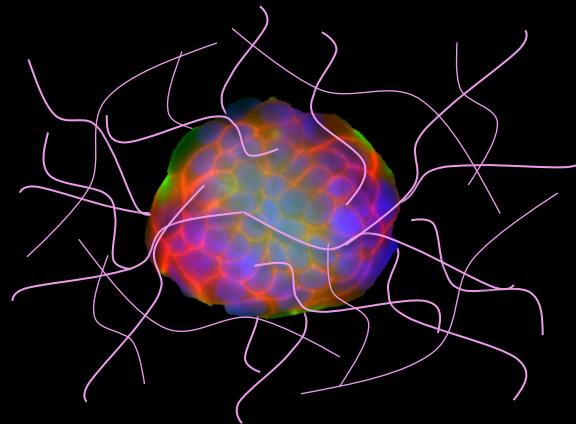
0 min



20 μm

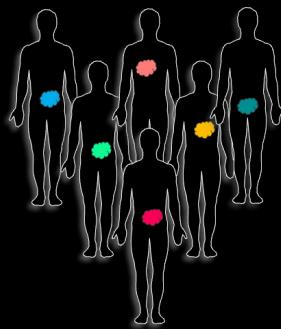
3- Clinical applications: implement PDO to guide personalized medicine strategies

in Laminin-rich hydrogels
Matrigel derived from murin EHS tumors



Cancer patients require personalized medicine

Improve patient survival
& spare toxicities



Select from growing number
of therapeutic options

Match the right drug to the right patient



Genomic approaches only benefit 7-15% patients*

Functional precision medicine works for leukemias**

Are PDOs relevant tumor “avatars” for solid tumors?

*Le Tourneau et al., Lancet Oncol. 2015, Massard et al., Cancer Dis. 2017, Rodon et al., Nat medicine. 2019

**Kornauth et al. Cancer Dis. 2022 Malani et al., Cancer Dis. 2022

Missions

1

Implement PDO technology within patient clinical path & standardize the assays
Can we establish PDO for each patient? For the population?

2

Assess PDO clinical validity in this setting
How faithful are PDOs to the patient's tumor?

3

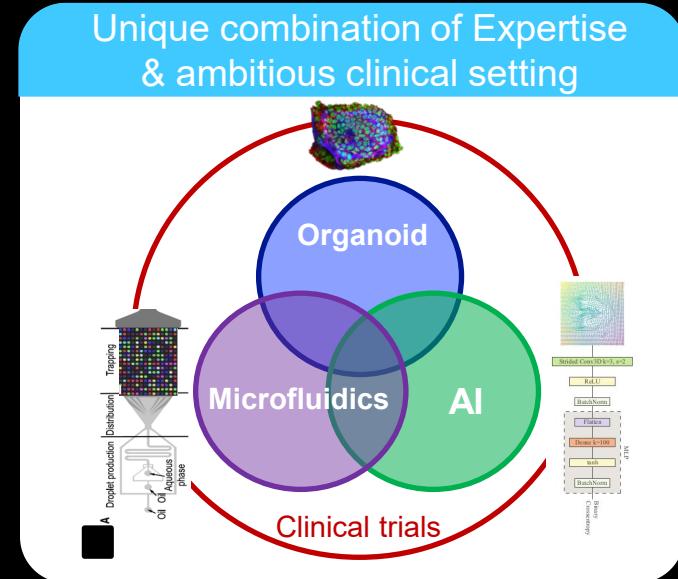
Determine the clinical utility of “functional” personalized medicine
How PDO can benefits to patient?

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Leverage the pharmacotyping technology for all drugs
Expand current assays (chemograms) to immuno-oncology (immunograms)

RHU-ORGANOMIC

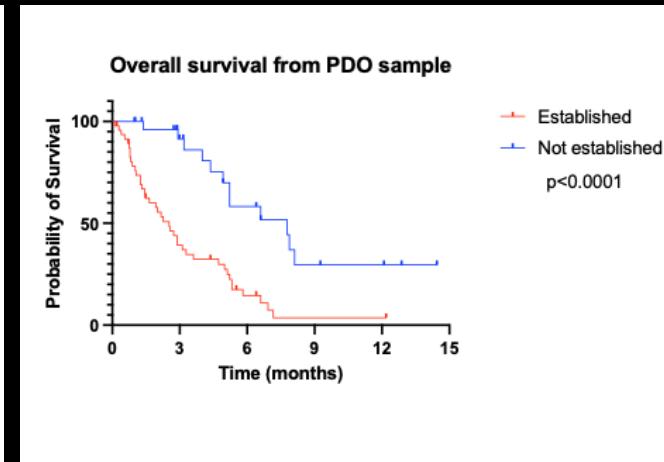
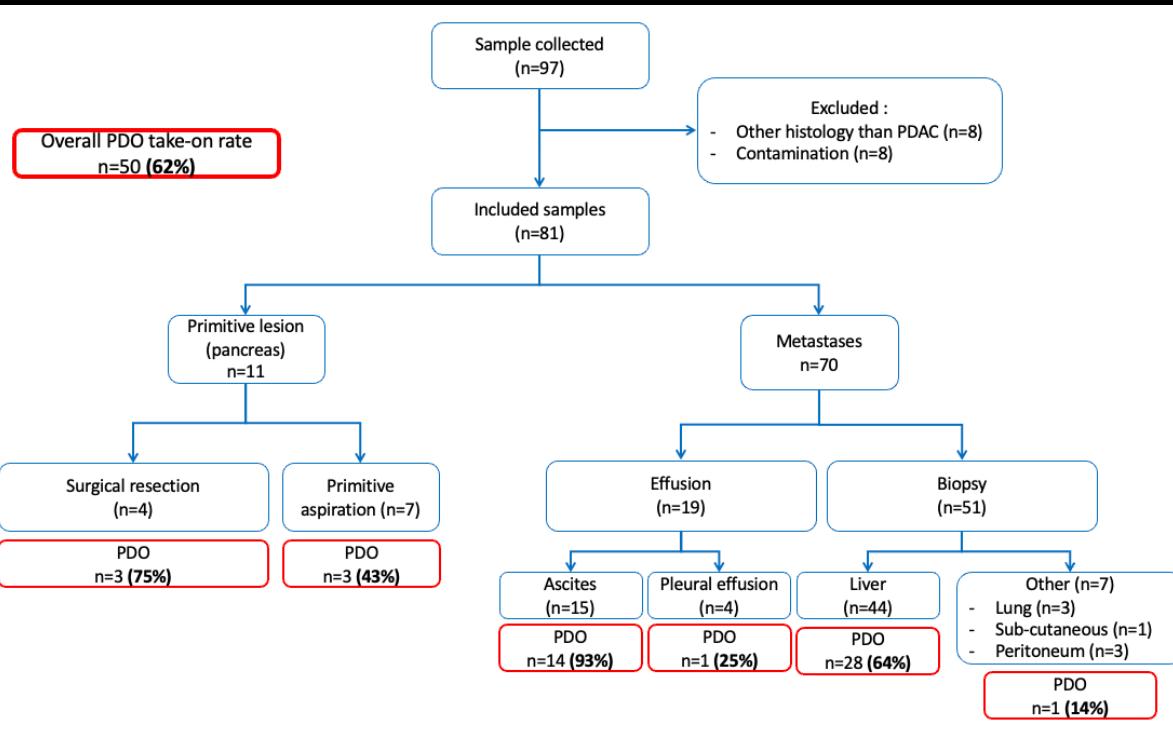
Organoid-based assays for functional
personalized medicine strategies



Implement PDO technology within patient clinical path

1

We establish PDOs for all patients with different success rates



Standardize the assays & solve technological bottlenecks

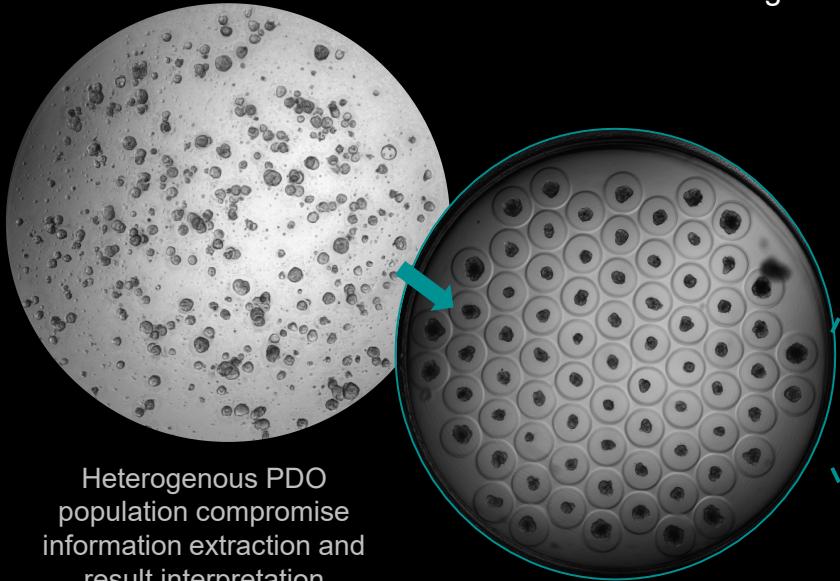
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Time & space resolved microscopy

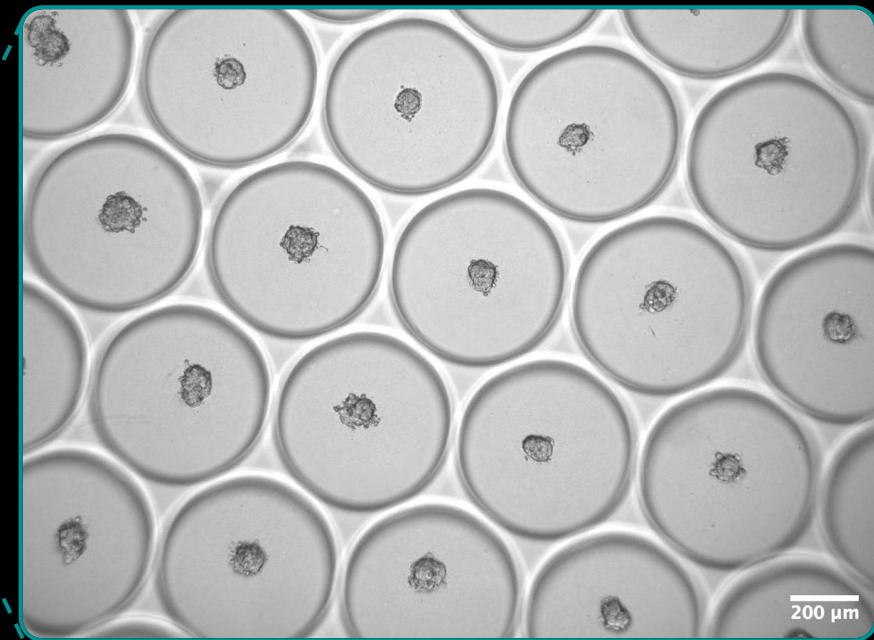
To standardize, automatize for scaling-up screening capacities

To resolve intratumoral heterogeneity

To leverage artificial intelligence for upgraded read-outs (dynamic)



Micro-engineering
(Microfluidics & microwells)

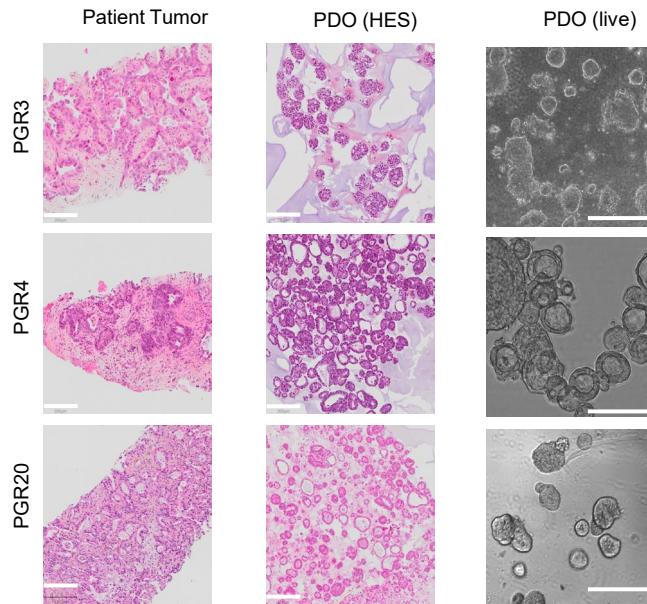


PDO from CRC patient in microwells over 4days (Jaulin lab, Gontran/Cartry/Bedja)

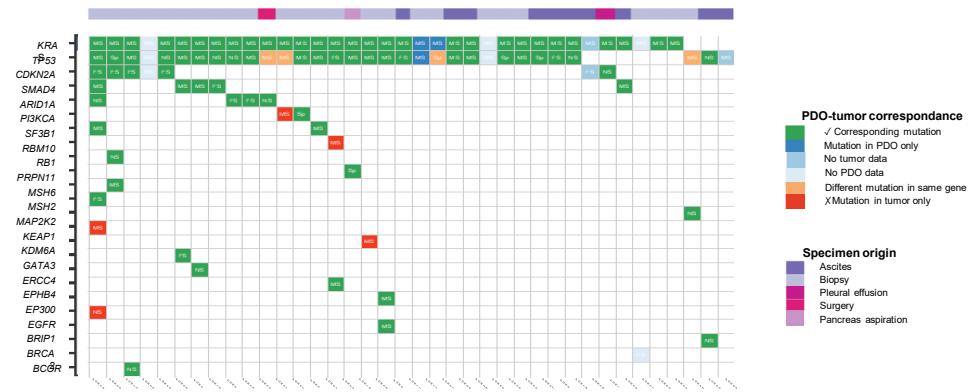
Biological concordance between PDOs & patient tumors

2

Histological concordance (cell autonomous multicellular organisation)



Genomic concordance (93%) (Early passages, MSS stable)

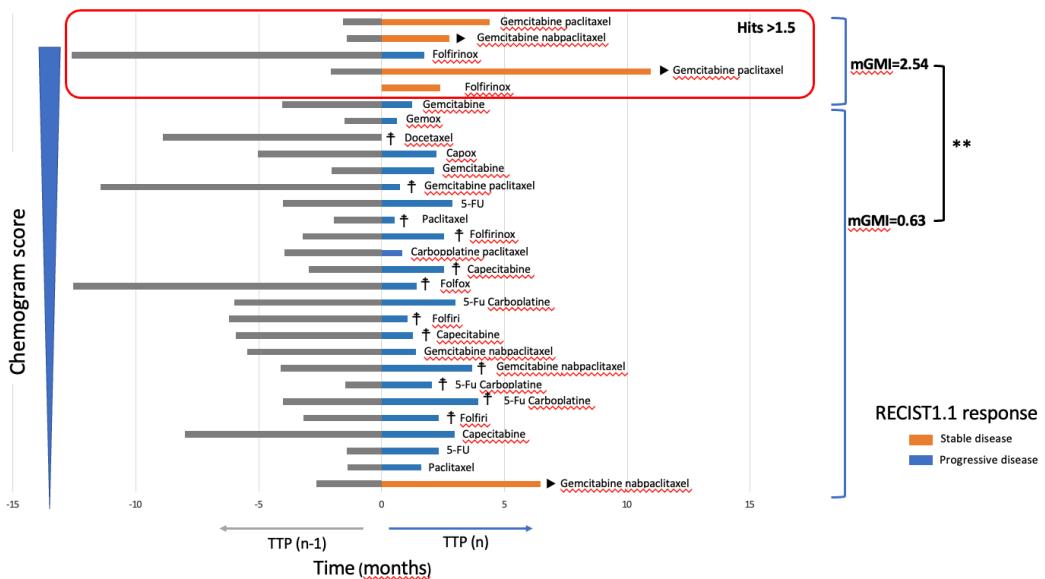


Exome sequencing from 40 tumors and associated organoids from pancreatic cancer patients

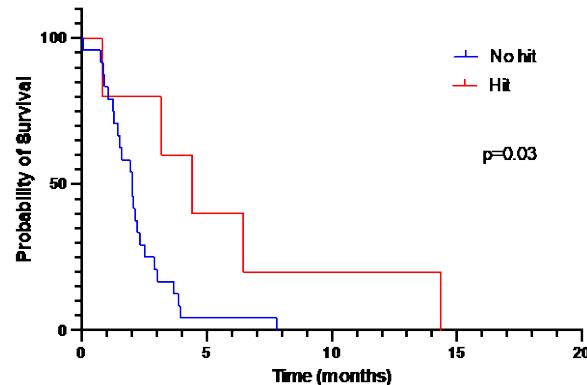
Clinical concordance

2

PDOs predict patient response (34 assessable patients)



...& correlate with patient survival



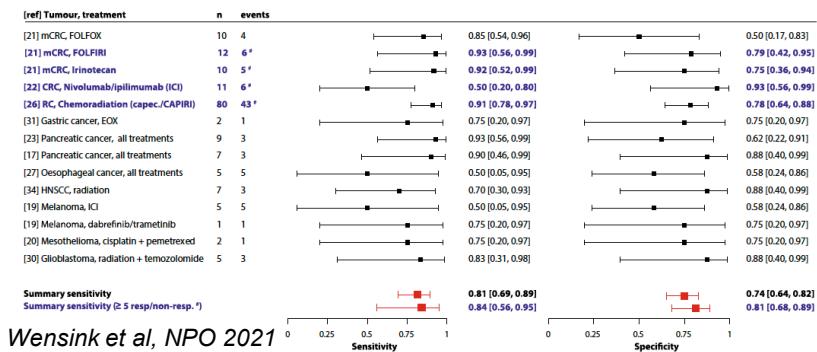
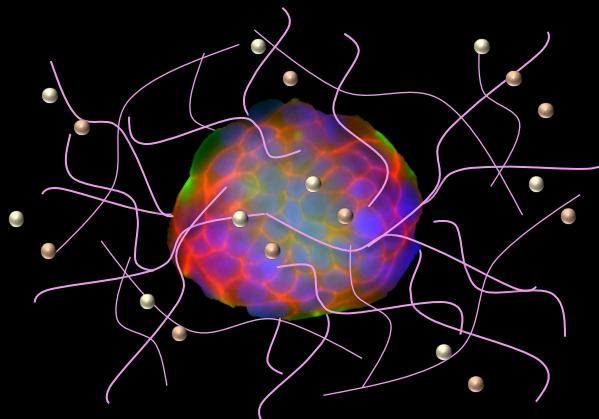
Clinical concordance

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PDAC
(34 patients) CRC
(8 patients)

Sensitivity	83.3%	75%
Specificity	92.9%	75%
Positive pred. Value	71.4%	75%
Negative pred. Value	91.3%	75%

=> “Simple” PDO/matrigel culture predicts patient drug response to chemo & targeted therapies in clinical setting



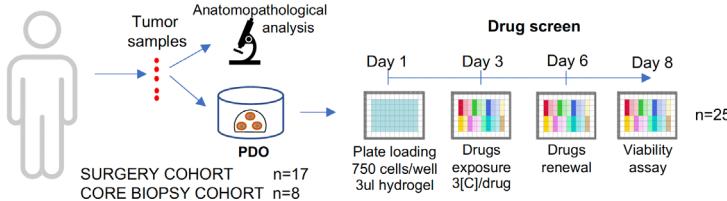
« Culture media composition influences patient-derived organoid ability to predict therapeutic responses in gastrointestinal cancers » Hogenson et al, JCI insight 2022

ORGANOTREAT Clinical trial

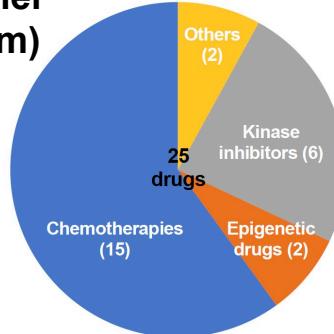
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Interventional clinical trial aiming to orient patient treatment

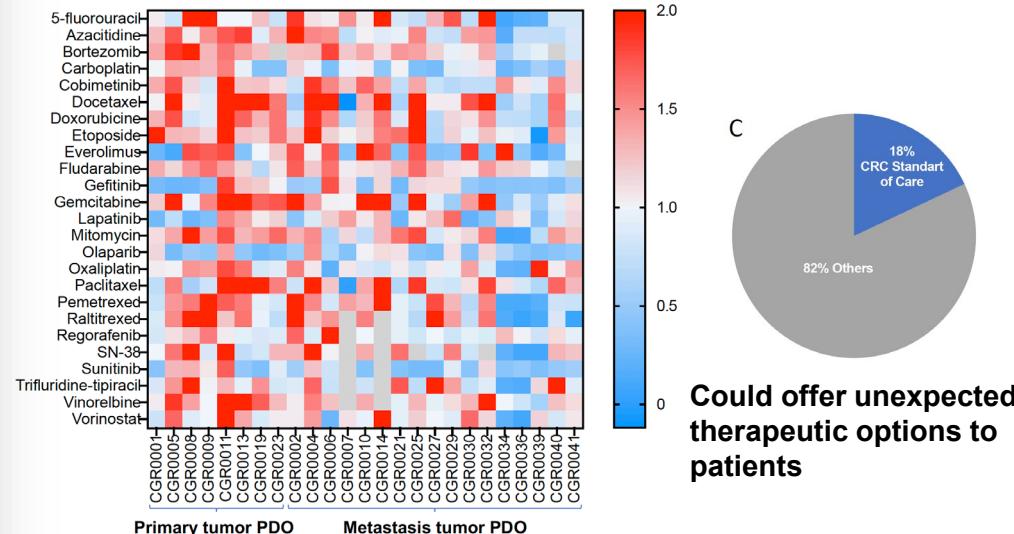
Chemogram



25-drug panel (Chemogram)



Drug response landscape in 25 patient pilot study



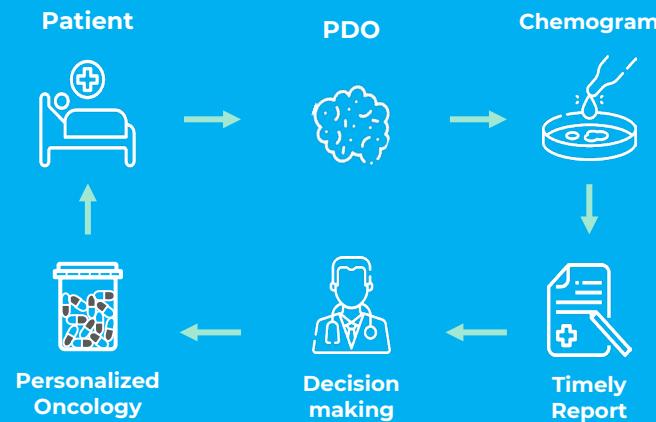
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Prospective multicenter study evaluating the feasibility and efficacy of tumor organoid-based precision medicine in patients with advanced refractory solid tumor



ALL solid tumors, >1000 patients



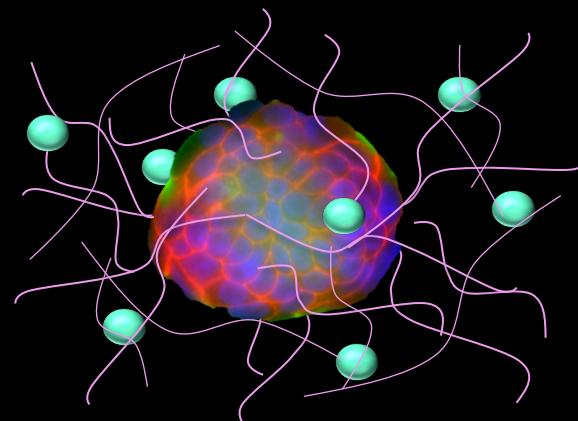
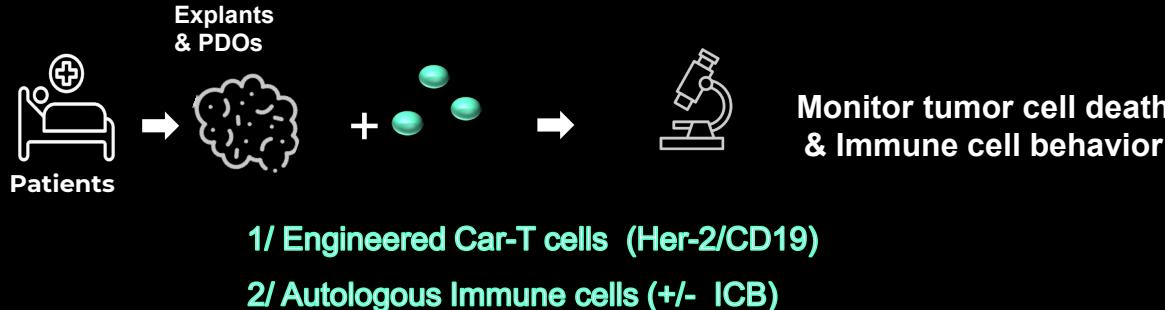
Jerome Cartry and Sabrina Bedja

Interventional trial

Leverage the pharmacotyping technology for all drugs

4

From chemograms to immunograms



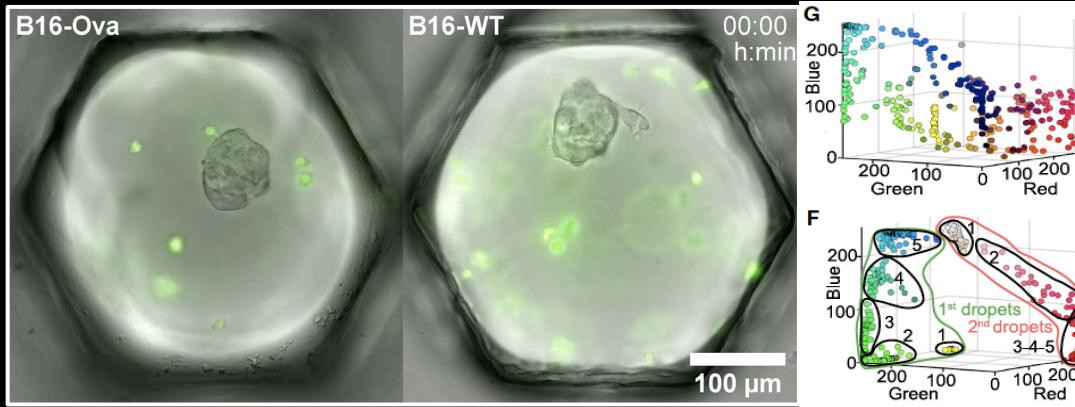
IMMUNOGRAM

Capture tumor immunogenicity
& predict response to Immune
Checkpoint Blockers (ICB)

Leverage the pharmacotyping technology for all drugs

4

From chemograms to immunograms



Ronteix et al. 2022

Charles Baroud, PhD
Group leader, Professor at Polytechnique
Physic-based approaches to droplet microfluidic



Philippe Bousso, PhD
Dir. Immunology department
Dynamic of immune response



Depend on:

- The question you ask
- The angle: holistic (relevance) or reductionist (mechanism, causality)
- The mission (cognitive, clinical application)
- Practical considerations (scalability, cost...)

« All Models are wrong,
but some are useful »

We chose the patient-derived organoids as *ex vivo* tumor models (and happy about it!)

BUT, missing a lot of the tumor microenvironment

Adding specific cellular component will only **partially recover tissue complexity**

Restrict our understanding of disease, but will enable progresses



J. Cartry
Project leader

Patients! (My) Dream Team !



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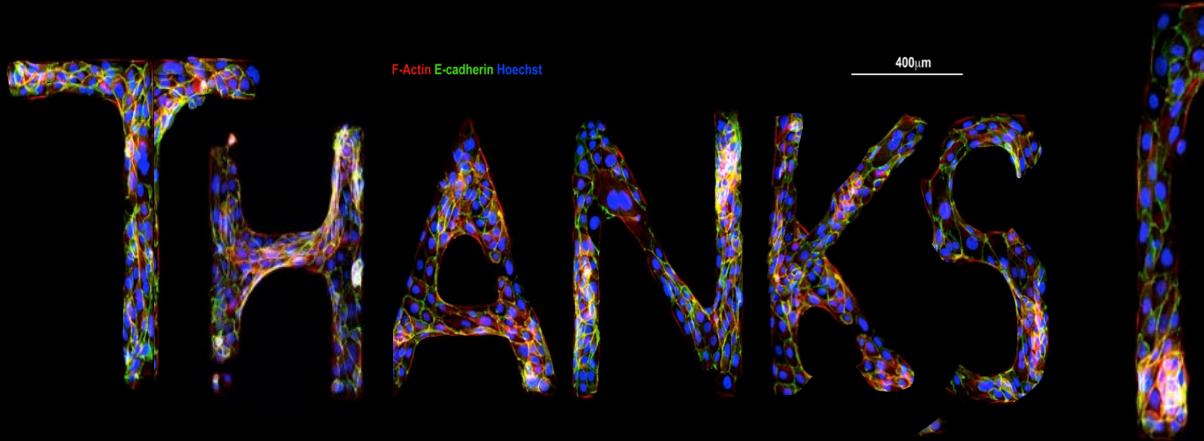
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Financements





Jobs opportunities for Organoids fans!

- Postdoctoral position / RHU Organomic
- Senior Organoid Scientist / Orakl-oncology
- Head of Lab / Orakl-oncology

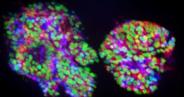
Send applications to fanny.Jaulin@gustaveroussy.fr

Functional personalized medicine



Starting last line of treatment

Core needle biopsies



PDO establishment

70%
Take-on rate

5.3
weeks
turnaround time

Orientation of Patient treatment



Chemogram
tumor board



Personalized
oncology



CHEMOGRAMs

PDO drug test



25
FDA approved
drugs

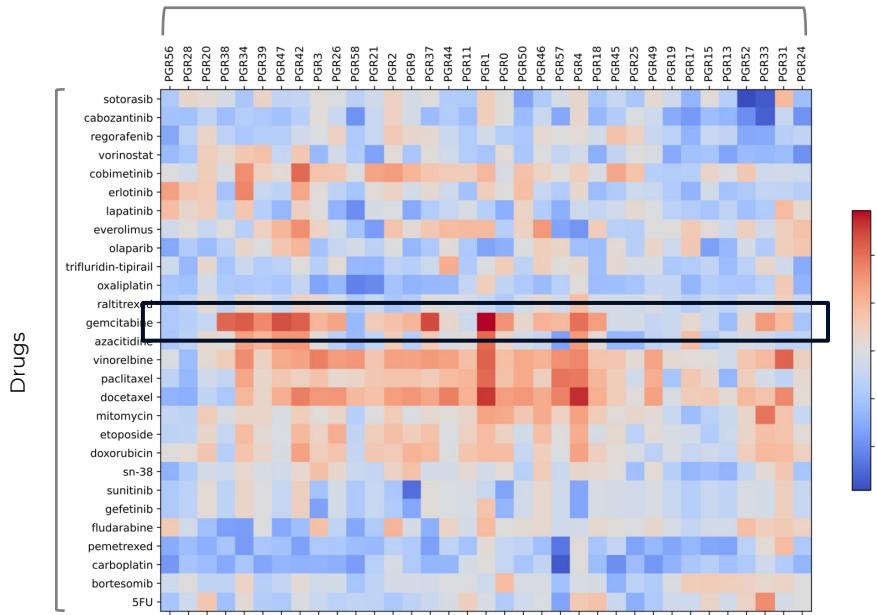
PDO response Analysis & report



PANORAMIC: PDO drug response landscape

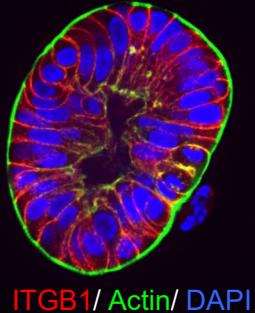
PDO drug response reflects **individual diversity**
& known sensitivity at the **population scale**

PDOs (PDAC)

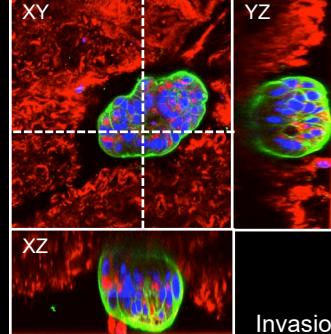


Collective migration without traction/adhesion???

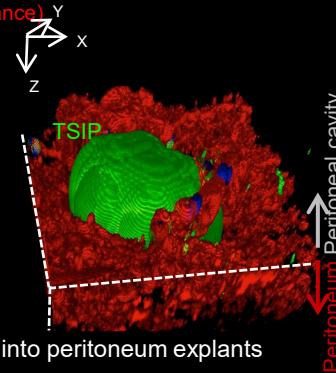
TSIP (Tumor Spheres with Inverted Polarity)



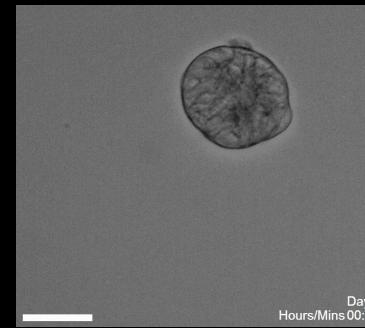
Ezrin / DAPI / Peritoneum (Reflectance)



Invasion into peritoneum explants



No protrusion? No leader?



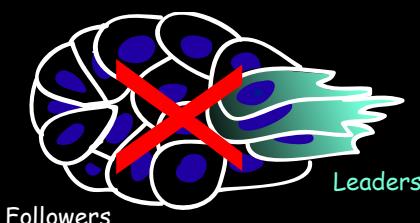
Migration into Collagen-I gels

Cell-autonomous

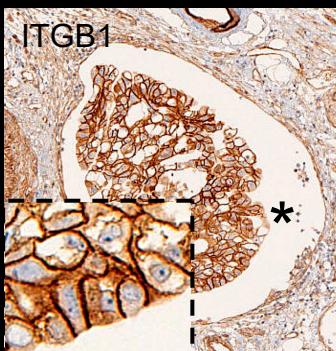
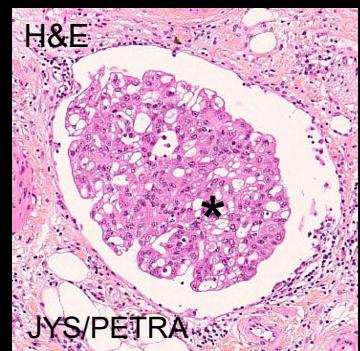
Zajac et al. 2018
Canet-Jourdan 2022

Collective

“Traction”
Adhesion/front



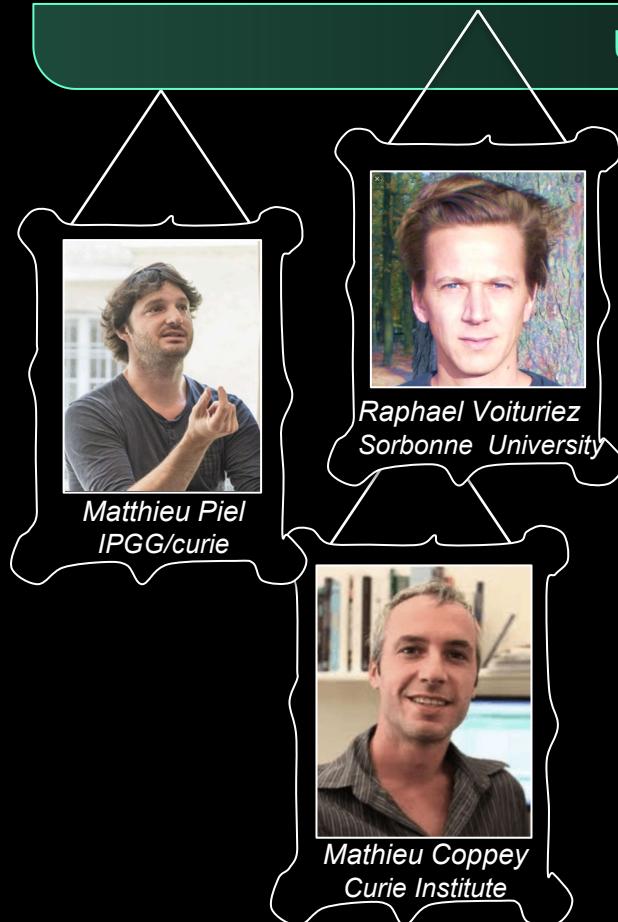
Mismatch
between tumor
cell adhesion
repertoire & local
ECM in the
dissemination
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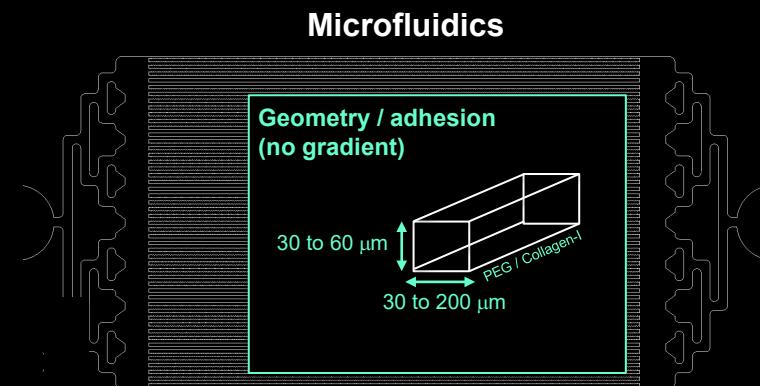
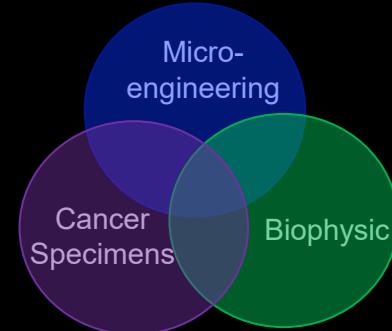
CRC tumour embolies into lymphatic vessels

Non Cell-autonomous

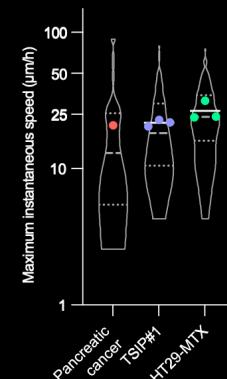
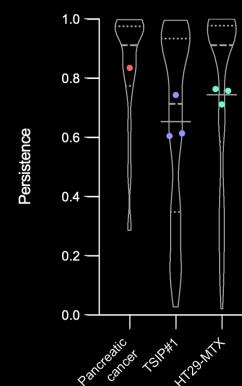
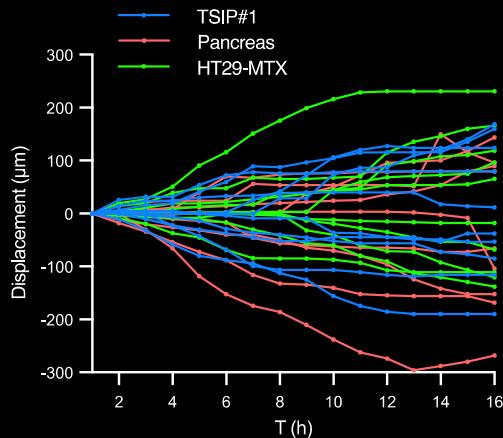
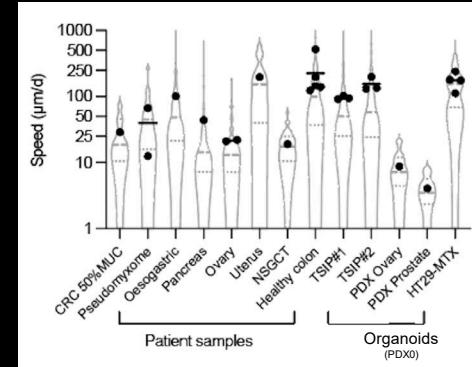
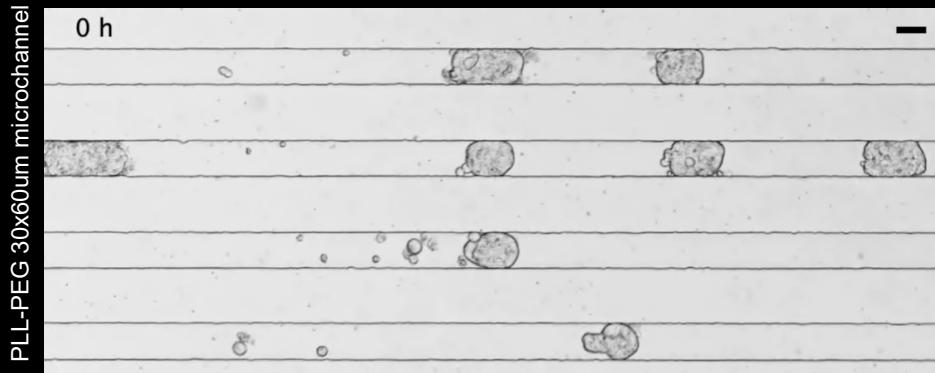
Uncovering collective amoeboid migration



... from physicians to physicists!



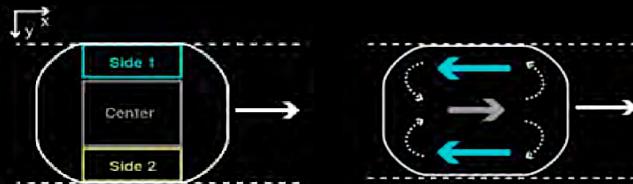
Most cancer cell clusters migrate into non-adhesive microchannels



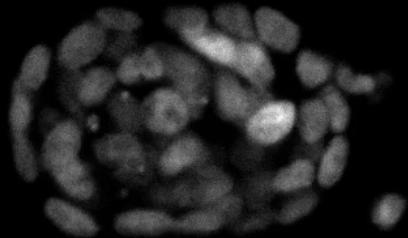
- No contribution of focal adhesion & traction forces
- Integrins participate in migration by exerting friction forces
(In line with Berget et al. NCB 2015)

Cluster migration does not involve persistent retrograde flows of cells

How are propulsive forces generated?



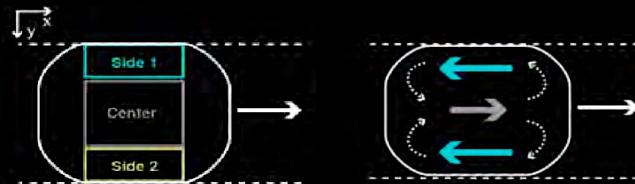
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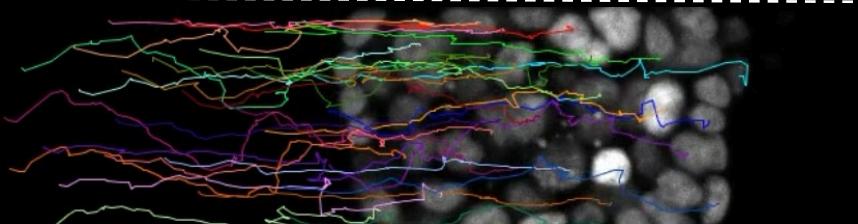
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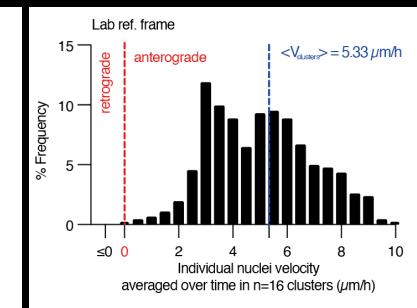
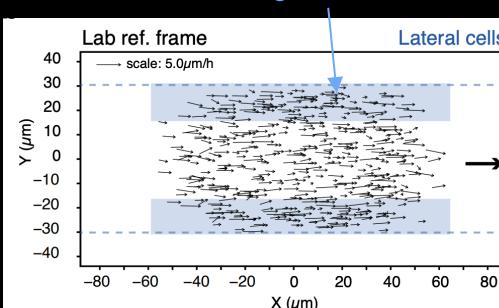


=> No cell Treadmilling !!

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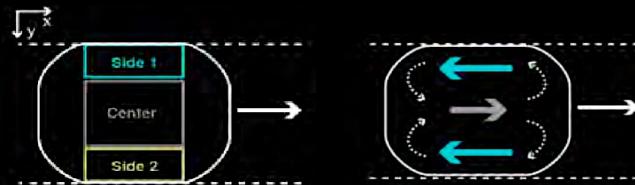


Average over time & clusters (n=16)

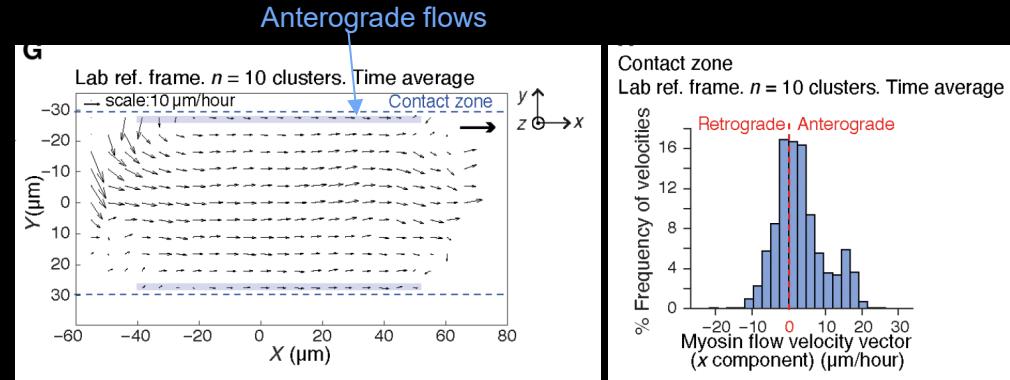
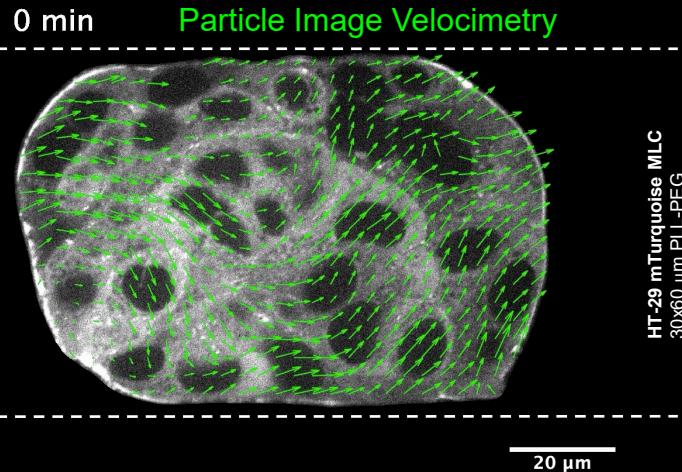
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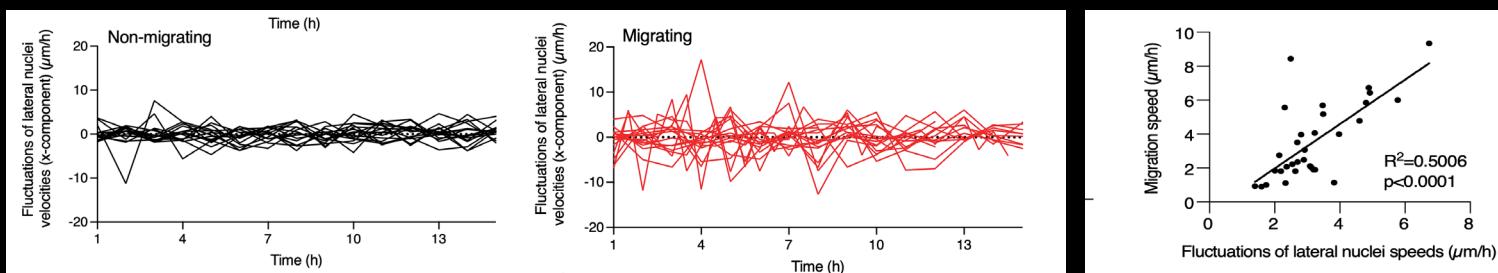
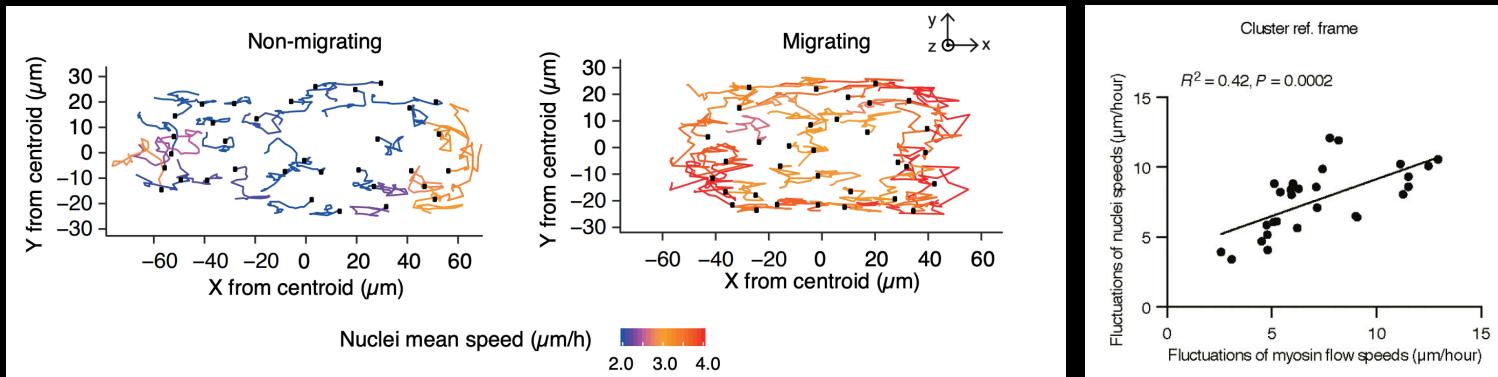


=> No persistent acto-myosin retrograde

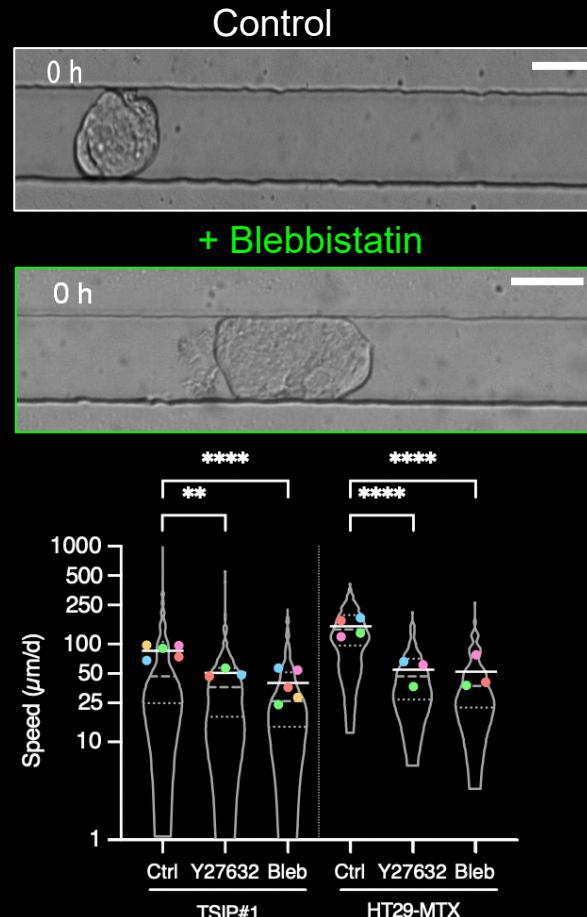
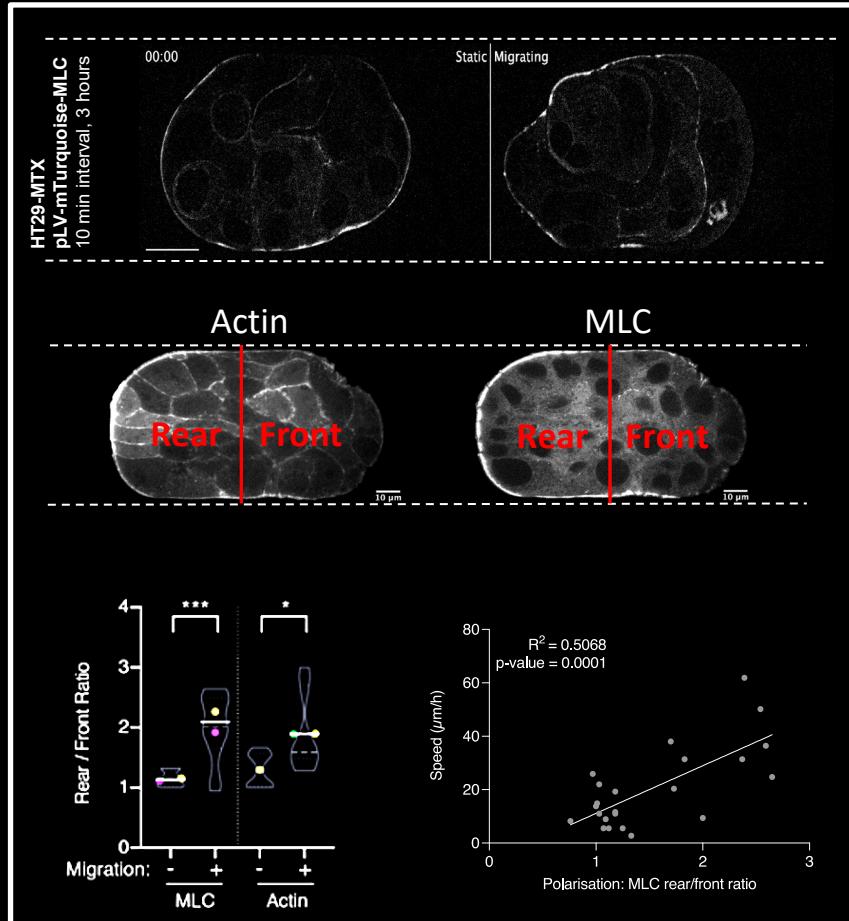


Fluctuation of myosin flow associated to cell « Jiggling »

Fluctuation of nuclei displacements



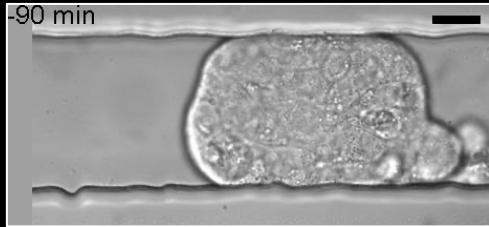
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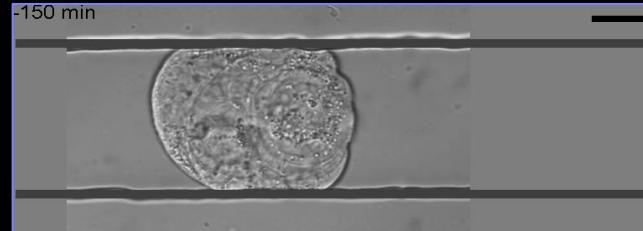
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Optogenetic activation of Rho-A controls directionality

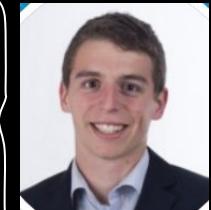
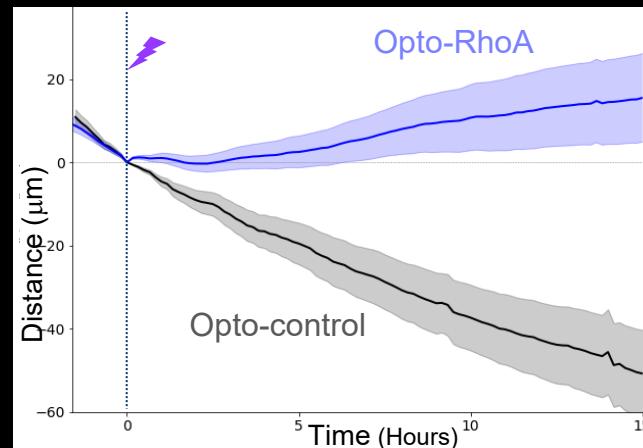
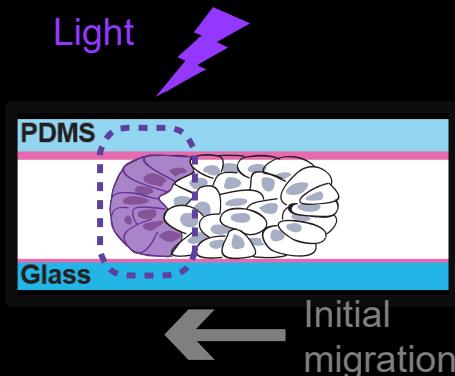
Opto-control



Opto-RhoA



Light



Jean De Seze (X)
(Coppey lab)

There is a 4th mode of cell migration, not powered by persistent retrograde flows

Single cell

Mesenchymal



Amoeboid



Collective



Cell-ECM adhesion

Contractility

4 Migration strategies

Cell-cell adhesion

Collective Amoeboid Migration:

- Independent of focal adhesion
- Driven by a polarised supracellular acto-myosin cortex
- Fueled by stochastic myosin flows (unique!)
- Enabled by cell autonomous or non-autonomous factors