

Webinar

The Physical and Cellular Basis of Epithelial Packing and Self-Assembly

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Multicellularity requires cells to pack and maintain stereotypical organization over the lifespan of an organism. My research focus is to understand how cells with divergent morphologies and physical properties self-organize into tissue. Specifically, the talk will address how; 1) Purely geometric effects of differential cell size can influence epithelial organization, and 2) Dramatic cell shape changes associated with proliferation are accomplished in animal tissues. By establishing a link between cell heterogeneity and epithelial packing, these results extend our understanding of how tissues with diverse cell types attain stereotypical form and how aberrant cell geometry can perturb tissue architecture in human disease.

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