

ME 470: Mechanics of Soft and biological matter.

LECTURE 12: ADHESION OF MEMBRANES

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5. ADHESION OF MEMBRANES

5.1. MOTIVATION.

HOW DO CELL COLLECTIVES MAINTAIN THEIR STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY?

⇒ THERE EXISTS ADHESION BY MOLECULAR BOND.

CELL-SUBSTRATE: e.g. **INTEGRINS**, ORGANIZED IN FOCAL ADHESION

CELL-CELL: e.g. **CADHERINS**, ORGANIZED IN DESMOSOMES

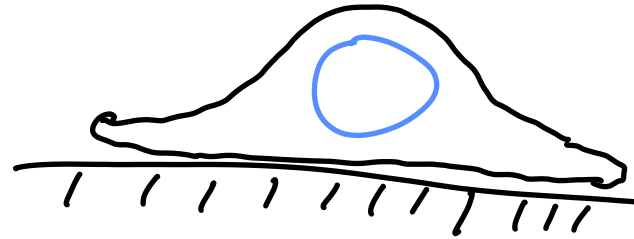
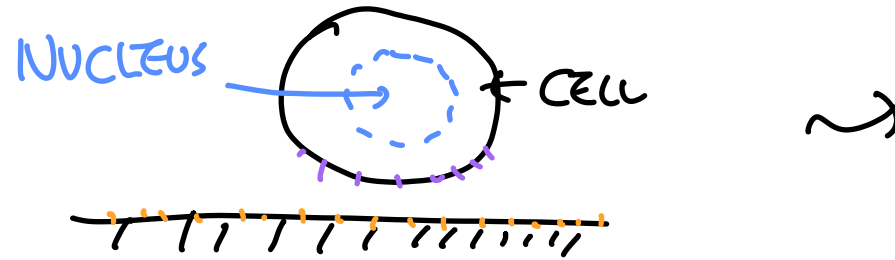
⇒ DESCRIBE AS $\frac{\text{ADHESION ENERGY}}{\text{AREA}} \equiv W$

• TYPICAL BOND ENERGIES OF ADHESION MOLECULES: $\sim k_B T \dots 35 k_B T$

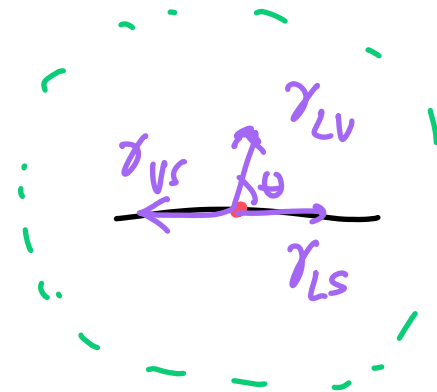
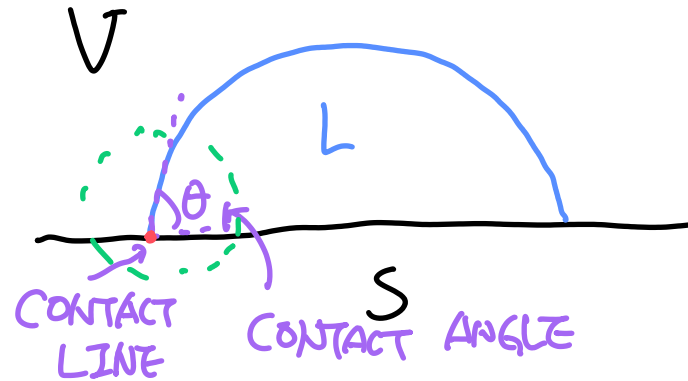
• TYPICAL ADHESION ENERGY $\rightarrow W \sim 10^{-5} \text{ J/m}^2$

⇒ MOLECULE DENSITY $n \sim 5 \times 10^{16} \text{ 1/m}^2$

5.2. CONTACT LINES & ADHESION.



ANALOGOUS TO DROPLET SPREADING?



$$\gamma_{VS} = \gamma_{LS} + \gamma_{LV} \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\gamma_{VS} - \gamma_{LS}}{\gamma_{LV}}$$

(YOUNG'S EQN)

ALTERNATIVELY, MINIMIZE ENERGY

$$E_{\text{TOT}} = \gamma_{LV} \cdot A_{\text{CURVED}} + \gamma_{LS} \cdot A_{\text{FLAT}} + \gamma_{VS} (A_0 - A_{\text{FLAT}})$$

← CONSTANT.

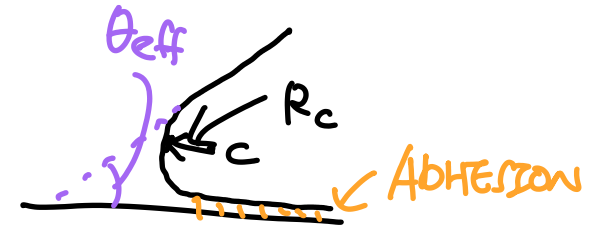
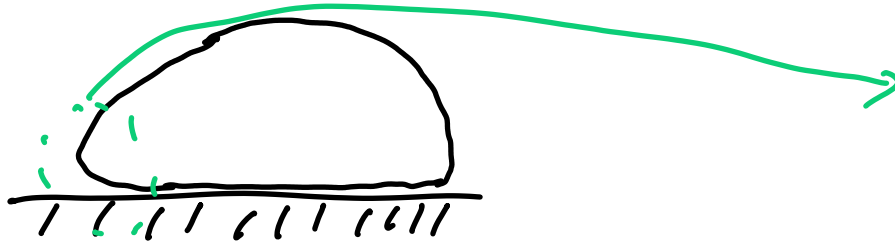
$$dE_{\text{TOT}} = \gamma_{LV} dA_c + (\gamma_{LS} - \gamma_{VS}) dA_f$$

USE GEOMETRY. $\frac{dA_c}{dA_f} = \cos \theta$, $dE_{\text{TOT}} = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma_{LV} \cdot \cos \theta = \gamma_{VS} - \gamma_{LS}$ ✓

6.3, MEMBRANE - SUBSTRATE ADHESION.

DROPLET PICTURE HAS DIVERGENT H (a) CONTACT LINE

$\Rightarrow$ DIVERGENT U_{bend}



SIMPLE ENERGY BALANCE:

$$U_{\text{bend}} + U_{\text{adh}} = U_{\text{tot}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} K_b \left[2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{R_c} + 0 \right) \right]^2 \cdot R_c \cdot (\pi - \theta_{\text{eff}}) + (-W) [L_0 - R_c (\pi - \theta_{\text{eff}})] = U_{\text{tot}}$$

$\swarrow$ CONSTANT.

$$\Rightarrow \delta U_{\text{tot}} = \left[\frac{1}{2} K_b \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{R_c^2} \right) \cdot dR_c + W dR_c \right] \cdot (\pi - \theta_{\text{eff}}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{W = \frac{k_b}{2R_c^2}} \quad \text{OR} \quad \boxed{R_c = \sqrt{\frac{k_b}{2W}}}$$

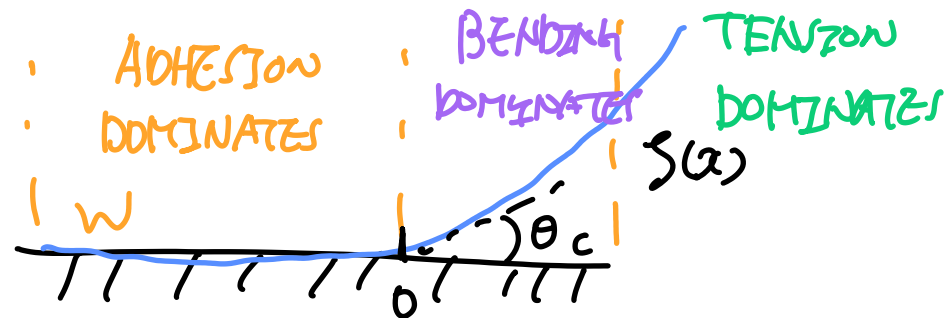
ESTIMATE, ASSUMING ONLY LOCAL CHANGE OF GEOMETRY (NEAR CONTACT LINE), BUT, GENERALLY VALID IN 2D AND 3D OBJECTS

[SEIFERT & LIPOWSKY, PRA, 1990, 1991]

WHAT IF THERE IS ALSO A TENSION τ IN MEMBRANE?

$$U_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2} k_b \int (2H)^2 dA + \tau \int dA - W \int_{\text{flat}} dA$$

LOCAL MODEL [SIMSON ET AL. BIOPHYS. JR. 1998]



$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{U}_{\text{tot}} &= \frac{1}{2} K_b \int_0^\infty \gamma''(x)^2 dx - W \int_{-\infty}^0 dx + \tau \int_0^\infty dx + \tau \int_0^\infty \sqrt{1 + \gamma'(x)^2} dx \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{2} K_b \gamma''(x)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \tau \gamma'(x)^2 \right) dx - \underbrace{W \int_{-\infty}^0 dx + \tau \int_0^\infty dx}_{\text{CONSTANT}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{EXPAND.} \\ \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2} \gamma'(x)^2 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

VARIATION $\Rightarrow -\frac{d}{dx} \cdot (\tau \gamma'(x)) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (K_b \gamma''(x)) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{K_b}{\tau} \cdot \gamma^{(4)} - \gamma'' = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma(x) = A e^{x/l} + B e^{-x/l} + Cx + D \quad (l^2 \equiv K_b/\tau)$$

REGULARITY: $A=0$ $\gamma(0)=0 \Rightarrow B=-D$

AND $\gamma(x) = (\tan \theta_c) x$ AS $x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow C = \tan \theta_c$

AND $\gamma''(x=0) = \frac{B}{l^2} e^{-x/l} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{R_c} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{K_b}} \Rightarrow B = l^2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2W}{K_b}} = \sqrt{2W K_b / \tau^2}$

BALANCE ADHESION $\Leftrightarrow$ CURVATURE

$$\Rightarrow \zeta(x) = (\tan \theta_c) x + \sqrt{\frac{2WK_b}{\tau^2}} \cdot (e^{-x/\ell} - 1)$$

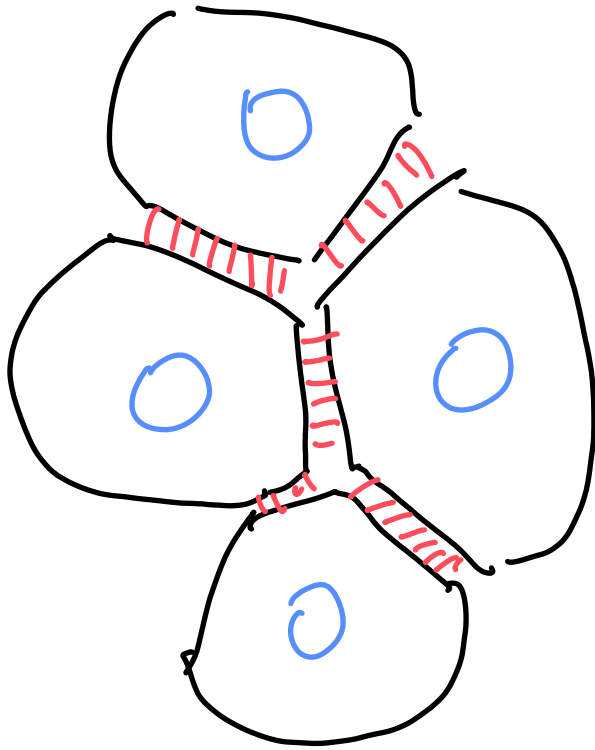
AND USE $\zeta'(x=0)=0$ (MEET SUBSTRATE @ π) :

$$(\tan \theta_c) = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\tau}}$$

$$\zeta(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\tau}} x + \sqrt{\frac{2WK_b}{\tau^2}} (e^{-\sqrt{\tau/K_b} \cdot x} - 1)$$

MAYBE, PLOT THIS IN MATHEMATICA?

6.4. CELL-CELL ADHESION



6.4.1. DIFFERENTIAL ADHESION HYPOTHESIS (DAH)

ALSO, GENERALIZED AS DIFFERENTIAL INTERFACIAL TENSION HYPOTHESIS

CONSIDER CELL TYPE A, B : MODEL AS DROPLETS WITH UNIFORM SURFACE TENSION, γ AND SPECIFIC SURFACE TENSIONS

$$\gamma_{AA} = \gamma - W_{AA}$$

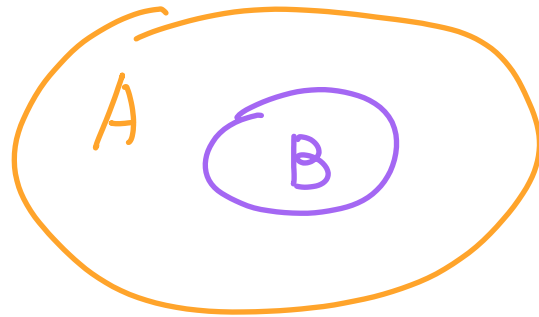
$$\gamma_{AB} = \gamma - W_{AB}$$

$$\gamma_{BB} = \gamma - W_{BB}$$

ADHESION STRENGTH SUCH THAT

$$W_{AA} > W_{AB} > W_{BB}$$

$\Rightarrow$ TISSUE SEGREGATION.

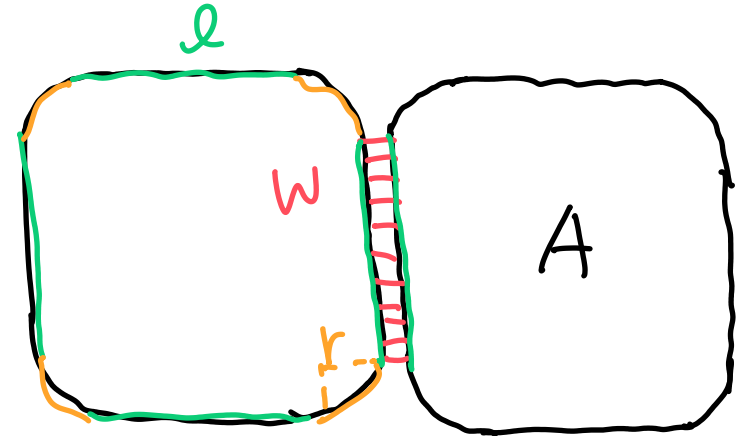


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FORTY, & STEINBERG, INT J. DEV. BIOL. 204]

6.4.2. COMPETITION BETWEEN ADHESION & BENDING

SIMPLE MODEL:
(2D, UNIFORM IN $\hat{z}$)



ASSUME THAT THERE IS NO VOLUME CHANGE

$$\Rightarrow A = \text{CONSTANT} = l^2 + 4rl + \pi r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\pi} (-2l + \sqrt{(4-\pi)l^2 + A\pi}) = r(l)$$

PER
CELL

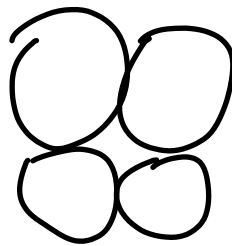
$$U_{\text{TOT}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} K_b \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot 2\pi r}_{\tilde{U}_b} - w \cdot 4l \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tilde{U} = \frac{U_{\text{TOT}}}{K_b} = \frac{\pi}{r(l)} - 2\tilde{w}l$$

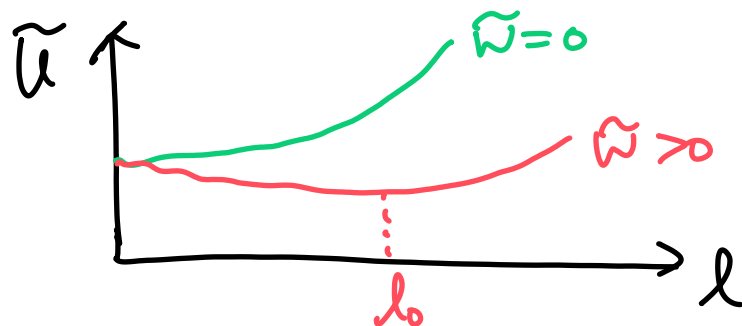
$$(\tilde{w} \equiv \frac{w}{K_b})$$

$$W=0$$

EXPECT, $l=0$



Q: IS THERE A CRITICAL ADHESION $\hat{W}$ FOR FINITE ATTACHMENT?



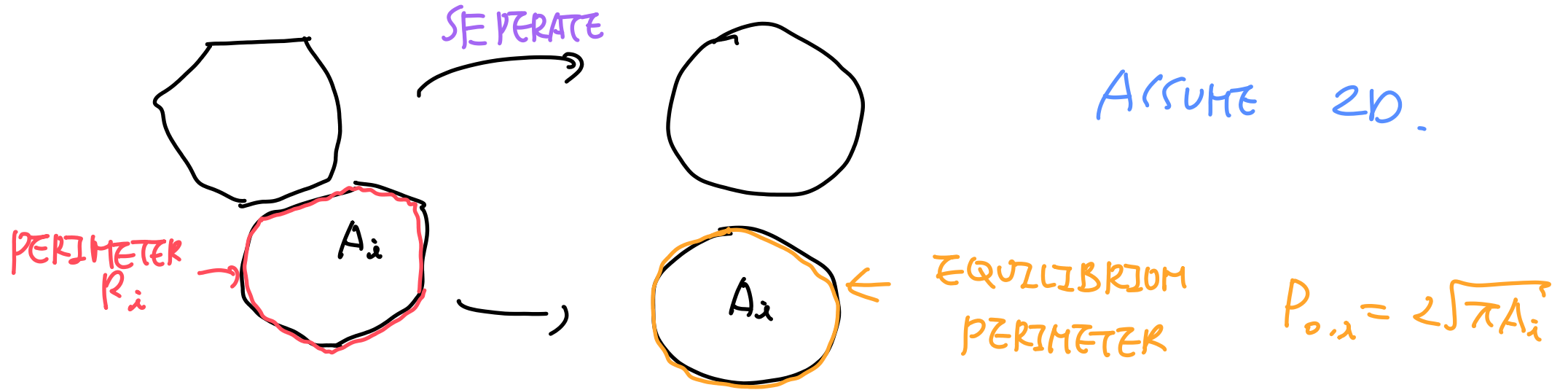
$\Rightarrow$ TO HAVE FINITE l , AT EQUILIBRIUM, WE NEED A CONDITION

S.F. $\frac{d\tilde{U}}{dl} \Big|_{l=0} < 0$, $\frac{d\tilde{U}}{dl} = \frac{-\pi}{r(l)^2} \cdot \frac{dr}{dl} - 2\tilde{W}$

$$\frac{dr}{dl} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(-2 + \frac{(4-\pi)l}{\sqrt{(4-\pi)l^2 + A\pi}} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dl} \Big|_{l=0} = -\frac{2}{\pi} , \quad r^2(0) = \frac{A}{\pi}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{U}}{dl} \Big|_{l=0} = -\frac{\pi^2}{A} \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{\pi} \right) - 2\tilde{W} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{W} = \frac{\pi}{A} \quad W = \frac{\pi}{A} K_b}$$

6.4.3. COMPETITION BETWEEN ADHESION, & STRETCHING.



$$U_{\text{STRETCH},i} = \frac{1}{2} K_A \frac{(P_i - P_{i,0})^2}{P_{i,0}}$$

$\frac{1}{2} K_A \int \epsilon_{el}^2 dl$

$$U_{\text{adh},i} = -\frac{1}{2} W \cdot P_i$$

↑
ASSUME PERFECTLY
CONFLUENT SYSTEM

⇒ MINIMIZE ENERGY TO GET TISSUE EQUILIBRIUM STRUCTURES

⇒ CAN ^{also} ADD A BENDING ENERGY TERM.

$$U_{b,ij} = \frac{1}{2} K_b C_{ij}^2 \cdot L_{ij} \quad (\text{BETWEEN CELL } i \text{ AND } j) \quad K_b \simeq \frac{1}{12} K_A \cdot h^2$$

6.5. EMERGENT PROPERTIES OF BIOLOGICAL TISSUES.

BIOLOGICAL TISSUES ARE MAINLY COMPOSED OF CONSTITUENT CELLS.

⇒ INTERACTIONS BETWEEN CELLS DETERMINES EMERGENT PROPERTIES OF TISSUES.

BUT, TISSUES INCLUDE A LARGE NUMBER OF CELLS SO

ANALYTIC APPROACHES HAVE A LIMITATION.

⇒ NUMERICAL CALCULATION.

① DISCRETIZE CELLS AND IMPLEMENT INTERACTIONS

② EXPLORE DIFFERENT CELLULAR PROPERTIES, AND THEIR ROLE

IN TISSUE MECHANICS

⇒ INTRODUCE DIFFERENT MODELLING APPROACH.



