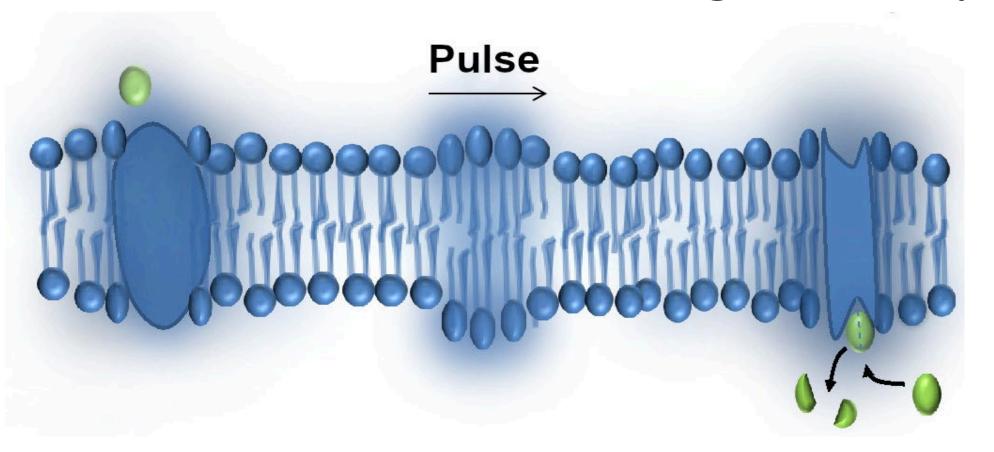


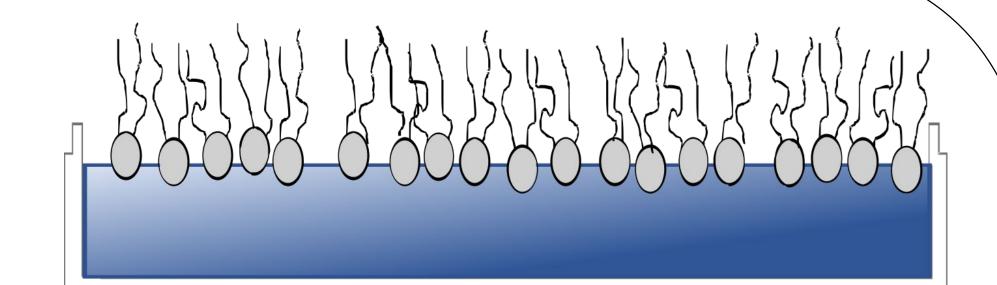
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Ansatz: Physical principles determine biological function



Momentum conservation → communication

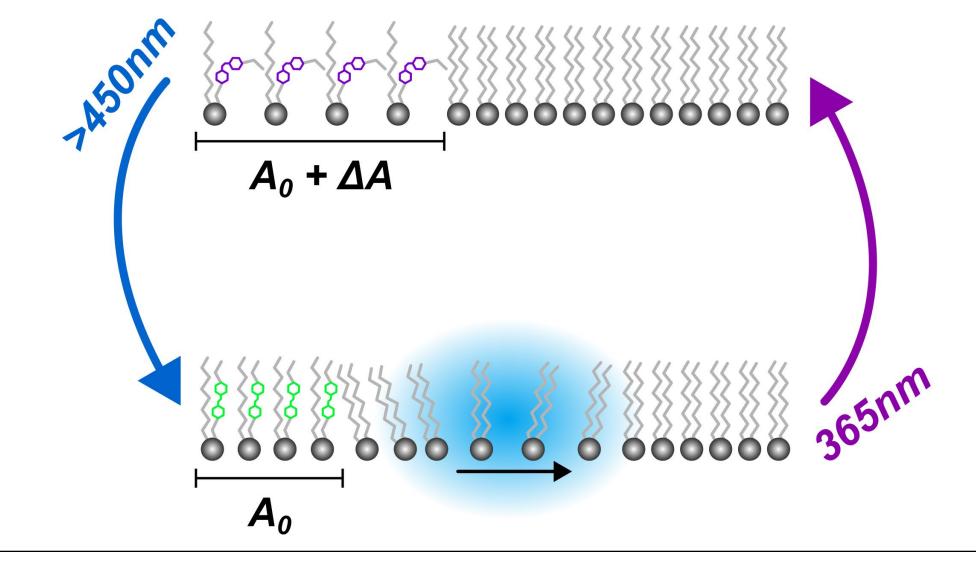
#### Monolayer



Pulses in monomolecular lipid films

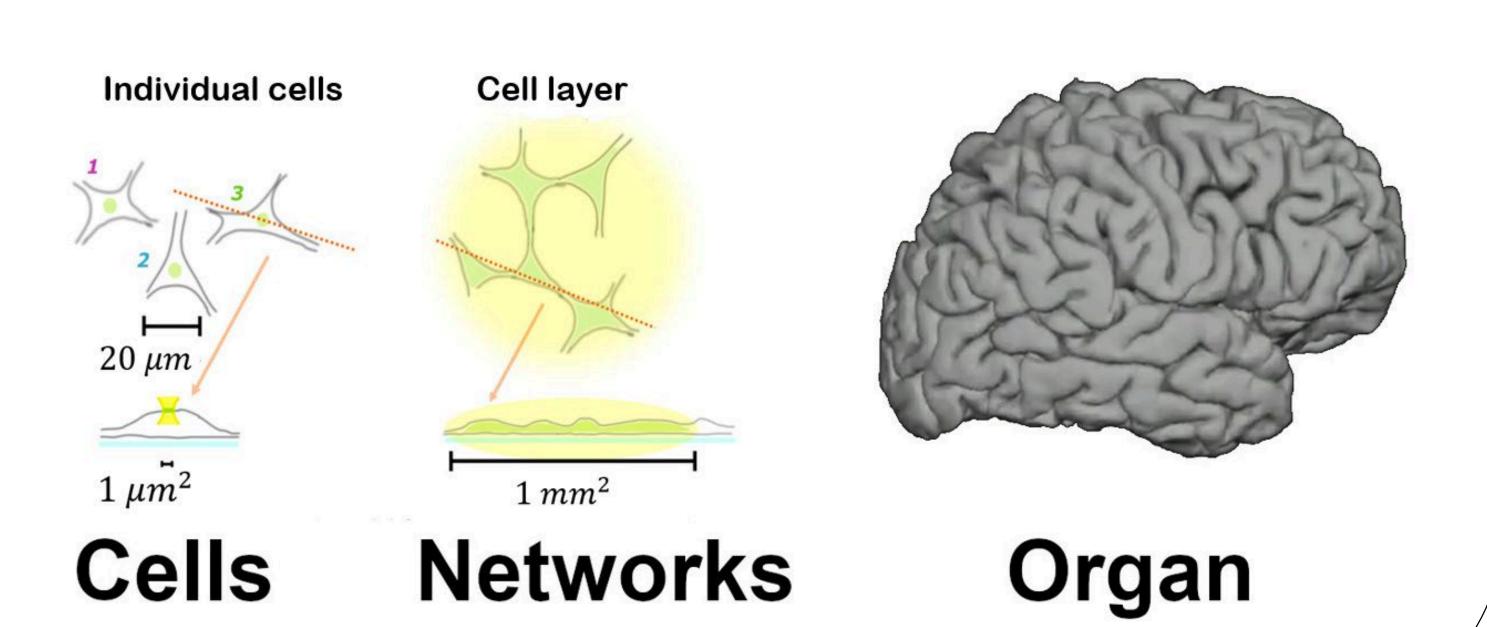
How can 2D mechanical pulses be excited?

How do pulses propagate and influence enzymes?



#### Cells and Cell Networks

How do single cells form robust functional networks that work together as an "orchestrated" organ?



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#### Paramecium (Pantoffeltierchen)

The "swimming neuron" has a Phase Transition in its outer membranes

"Drunken" Paramecia?

How do anesthetics work?

How does this relate to the swimming behavior of the Paramecia?

## Algae: Pulses in Living Systems



What influences such pulses?

What determines the excitation threshold?

### Robustness/Adaptation

Cells are robust instead of fragile and adapt to their environment.

Substrate stiffness determines whether brain or bone cells develope.

Similar adaptation processes with regard to anti cancer drugs possible?

