# The geometry and mechanics of morphogensis in leaves 



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$3 D \longrightarrow 1 D \longrightarrow 2 D$

+leaves


How to build tapered or flat organs?

## Outline

## Ruffles in leaves

B. Audoly, A.B.


Leaf vasculature
F. Corson, M. Adda-Bedia, A.B.


## Yeast growth mechanics


N. Minc, F. Chang, A.B.


## Ruffes in leaves, petals, and more



## Ruffes in leaves



## Ruffes in leaves



## Ruffes in torn plastic sheets



Eran Sharon et al 2002

## Ruffles in torn plastic sheets



## Ruffles



## Ruffles

Up to 5 generations with wavelenghts $\lambda, \lambda / 3, \lambda / 9$, $\lambda / 27, \lambda / 81$.


## Venation networks


conserved: midvein, secondary veins variable: higher order ... ; areoles

## Venation networks



## Sachs, Mitchison... 1980 <br> Rolland-Lagan \& Prusinkiewicz 2005 <br> Feugier et al. 2005-2006



Dimitrov \& Zucker 2006

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Couder et al 2002
Laguna et al 2008

## Venation networks

## Main motivations

- Tissue with two cell types - a minimal system for 2D morphogensis Goal:
- understand reorganisation of network as leaf grows
- compare with observations and suggest future experiments Model:
- cell based
- elastic walls slowly yielding to tension
- growth driven by
- cell division
- two cell types with different mechanical properties
- division of areoles



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viscoelastic walls $T_{i}=\mu h\left(\frac{l_{i}}{l_{i}^{0}}-1\right)=\frac{\nu_{i} h}{l_{i}^{0}} \frac{\mathrm{~d} l_{i}^{0}}{\mathrm{~d} t}$

quasi-static, energy minimisation

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\mathcal{E}=\sum \frac{\mu h}{2}\left(\frac{l_{i}}{l_{i}^{0}}-1\right)^{2}-\sum P S_{i}
$$

update $l_{i}^{0}$
cell division: when $S=1$ according to smallest axis of inertia

periodic boundary conditions

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areole division: from sides to centroid minima of distance to centroid 2 or 3 new veins according to areole shape


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Scarpella, Francis \& Berleth 2004


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force balance at junctions

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## properties of junctions



leaf data by Bohn, Andreotti, Douady, Muzinger \& Couder 2002

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reorganisation in young leaves


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## Conclusion

- A 'simple' growth program leads to complex forms
- venation networks growth and reorganisation seems to be driven by mechanical forces - assuming differences in stiffness
- experimental tests: A. Peaucelle ; N. Nakayama ; E. Sharon
- Future: integrate genetic \& hormonal regulation


## Ruffles

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