"Fly Magnetism"

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Planar Cell Polarity



Wing disks





Asymmetric localization of proteins





Mosaic flies



d FZ::GFP localization (green) non-expressing cells (white) in *pk*⁻ cells



b FZ::GFP localization (green) *stan*⁻ cells (white)



• DS localization (red) *ds*⁻ cells (white) c FZ::GFP localization (green) non-expressing cells (white)



f DS localization (red) *ds*⁻ *ft*⁻ cells (white)



Chimeric mutants



Ma, Yang, McNeill, Simon, Axelrod (2003)

Red: fat mutant.

Green: wild type cells

- Fat mutants maintain local order
- show swirling pattern, reminiscent of models of magnets

Salient features

- Individuals cells are polarized
- orient each other via interactions on the membrane
- a global signal that sets the preferential orientations
- w/o global signal, local order persists, but is lost on larger scales

All of the above are features of magnets

XY model of magnetism



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Changing the amount of fz

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