## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL for:

## Modelling active cell movement with the Potts model

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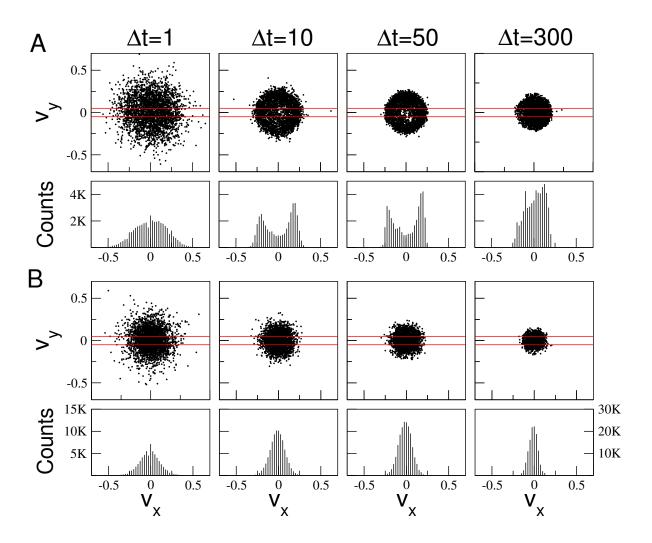
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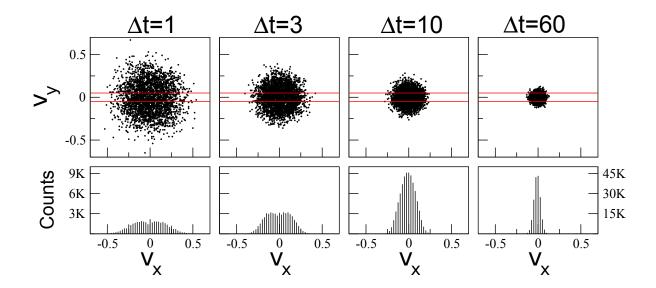
**Supp.** movie 1: Animated movie of *in-silico* cells in a low density culture medium. The driving force angle  $\Theta$  is updated according to Eq. (3). Parameters used:  $\rho = 0.2$ ,  $\tau = 10$  MCS and  $\phi = 0.95$ . Simulation carried on a lattice of  $256 \times 256$  sites during 10000 MCS and snapshots are taken each 10 MCS.

**Supp. movie 2:** Animated movie of *in-silico* cells in a high density culture medium. The driving force angle  $\Theta$  is updated according to Eq. (3). Parameters used:  $\rho = 0.9$ ,  $\tau = 10$  MCS and  $\phi = 0.95$ . Simulation carried on a lattice of  $256 \times 256$  sites during 10000 MCS and snapshots are taken each 10 MCS.

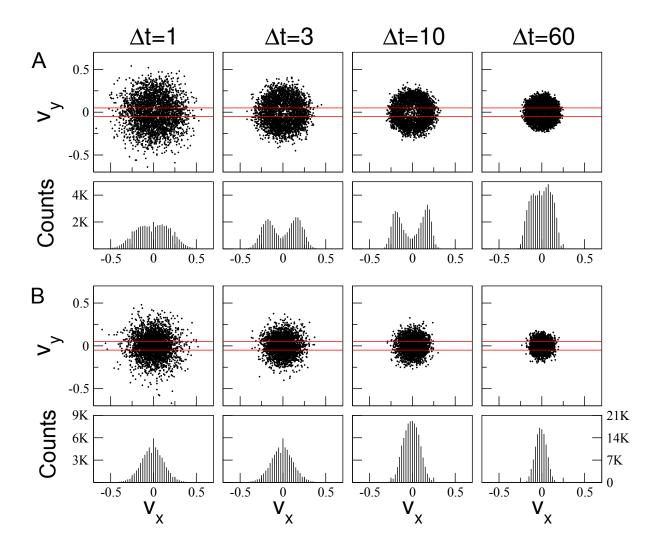
## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



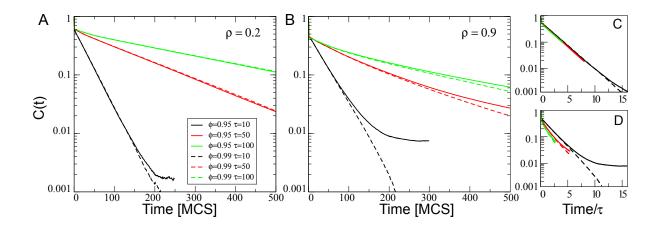
Supp. Fig. 1. Cell velocities  $v_x$  vs  $v_y$  calculated for different values of the time interval  $\Delta t$  (upper panels). Histogram of the cell velocity component  $v_x$  computed over the  $v_y$  window indicated by red bars (lower panels). Two different values of densities were used:  $\rho = 0.2$  (A) and  $\rho = 0.9$  (B). Parameters used:  $\tau = 50$  MCS and  $\phi = 0.95$ .



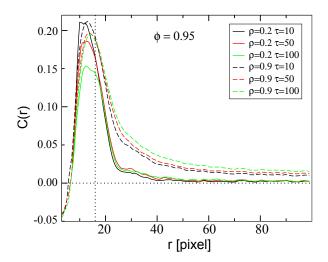
Supp. Fig. 2. Cell velocities  $v_x$  vs  $v_y$  calculated for different values of the time interval  $\Delta t$  (upper panels). Histogram of the cell velocity component  $v_x$  computed over the  $v_y$  window indicated by red bars (lower panels). Parameters used:  $\rho = 0.2$ ,  $\tau = 1$  MCS and  $\phi = 0.95$ .



Supp. Fig. 3. Cell velocities  $v_x$  vs  $v_y$  calculated for different values of the time interval  $\Delta t$  (upper panels). Histogram of the cell velocity component  $v_x$  computed over the  $v_y$  window indicated by red bars (lower panels). Two different values of densities were used:  $\rho = 0.2$  (A) and  $\rho = 0.9$  (B). Parameters used:  $\tau = 10$  MCS and  $\phi = 0.99$ .



Supp. Fig. 4. Semi-log plot of C(t) as obtained by using Eq. (5) for the actualization of the angle of the driving force  $\Theta$ , and averaged over all cells in the simulation. The plots correspond to three different values of  $\tau$ , two values of  $\phi$  (0.95 solid lines and 0.99 dashed lines) and for two different densities:  $\rho = 0.2$  (A) and  $\rho = 0.9$  (B). Panels (C) and (D) show the collapse of the curves by rescaling the horizontal axes by  $\tau$ , for the simulations at low and high density, respectively.  $\Delta\Theta = \pi/3$ .



Supp. Fig. 5. C(r) as obtained by using Eq. (5) for the actualization of the angle of the driving force  $\Theta$ , for  $\rho = 0.2$  and 0.9 (continuous and dashed lines, respectively), and different values of  $\tau$ , as indicated. The vertical dashed line represents the average cell diameter equal to 16  $\mu m$  as discussed in Section II B. Data were obtained by averaging between 0 and 4000 MCS and over 50 and 10 samples, for  $\rho = 0.2$  and 0.9, respectively. Parameters used:  $\phi = 0.95$  and  $\Delta\Theta = \pi/3$ .