## Robustness of tissue growth to cell mechanics

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## Tissue growth: cells as polygons, tissues as networks

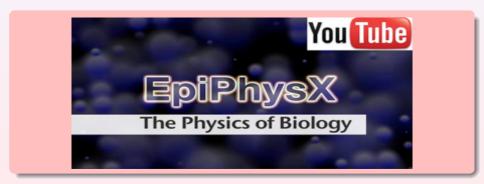
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- Do quantitative genetics traits predict bimodal distributions in the absence of selection?

#### Genomes

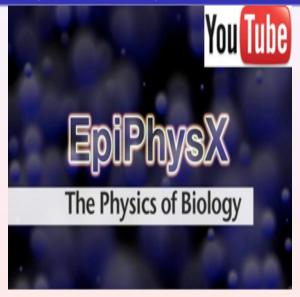


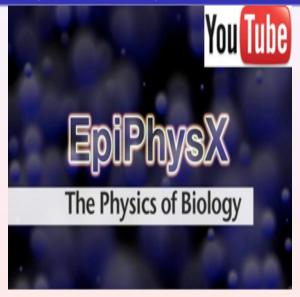
#### Genomes in a mating graph

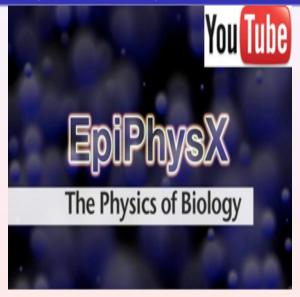


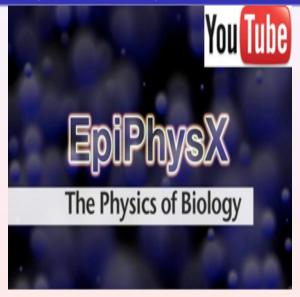


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#### Radiations: theory



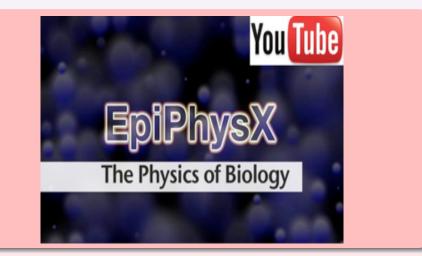
#### Radiations: data



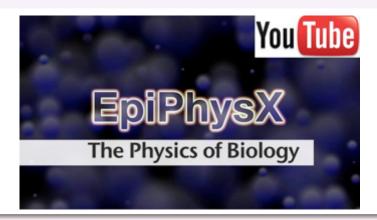
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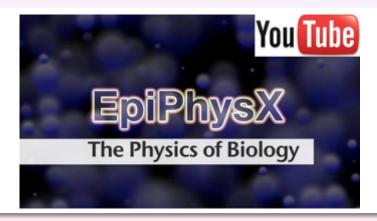
## Eco-devo-evo spatial dynamics



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- 2 An incipient and testable framework to connect quantitative traits, speciation and biodiversity dynamics in ecological networks.

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