

## **I. Executive Summary**

## **II. Modeling actomyosin dynamics in the *C. elegans* cortex**

### **A. Introduction**

1. The biology of cortical flow
2. Soft-condensed matter of biopolymer networks
3. Active matter and myosin contractility
4. The biophysics of filament recycling

### **B. The impact of filament recycling on cortical flow in animal cells**

1. Measurements of cortical flow in *C. elegans* embryos
2. Understanding in vivo turnover rates with SMpReSS
3. Disruption of flow through recycling inhibition

### **C. Modeling 2D active networks with recycling** methods from paper and benchmarking

### **D. How filament recycling shapes active and passive properties of networks**

The bulk of the results from paper

### **E. A closer look at the distinct timescales of passive relaxation** The modeling results from Jon's paper

### **F. The role of upstream regulators in shaping activity** The modeling results from Jon's paper

### **G. Discussion and pilot experiments** A mention of the cell squishing experiments

## **III. Teaching and Broader Impacts**

### **A. Workshop on modeling in biology**

### **B. Reducing power consumption in high performance computing**

### **C. An after-school program in computer programming**

### **D. Artistic interpretations of filament recycling**

### **E. TECH-VIVO a biotechnology blog**

## **IV. Appendices**

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