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Cell Motility and Jamming across the EMT STEFFEN GROSSER,
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Leipzig — We use single-cell tracking and cell shape analysis to highlight the different roles that cell jamming plays in the behaviour of epithelial vs. mesenchymal mammary breast cell lines (MCF-10A, MDA-MB-231) in 2D adherent culture. An automatic segmentation allows for the evaluation of cell shapes, which we compare to predictions made by the self-propelled vertex (SPV) model [Bi et al, Nat. Phys. 2015]. On top of that, we employ co-cultures to study the emerging demixing behaviour of these cell lines, demonstrating that the mesenchymal MDA-MB-231 cell line forms unjammed islands within the jammed collective.

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