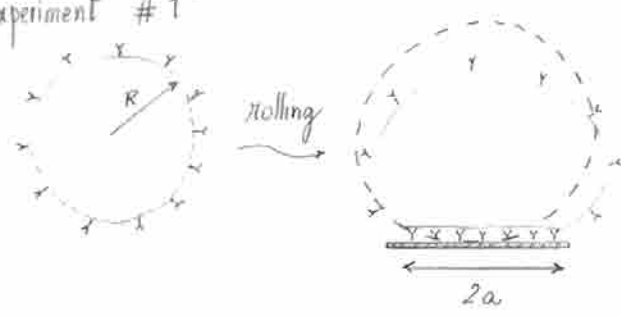
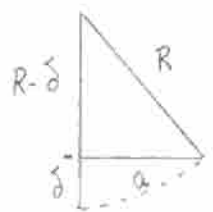


Adhesion - scaling relationships

experiment #1



initial configuration --- R: radius of the cell  
after adhesion --- delta: vertical height change due to flattening  
how are R, delta and a related?



$$R^2 = a^2 + (R - \delta)^2 = a^2 + R^2 - 2R\delta + \delta^2$$

$$\delta \sim \frac{a^2}{R}$$

analysis: idea "it takes energy to deform an elastic body, which is due to adhesion energy."

- elastic energy  $\sim E \epsilon^2 dV$
- adhesion energy  $\sim J a^2$

- E Young's modulus
- dV scales as  $a^3$  (volume of deformation)
- $\epsilon$  strain  $\sim \frac{\delta}{a}$
- J adhesion energy / unit area  
energy of receptor-ligand interaction  
\* number of molecules per area

balance elastic  $\sim$  adhesion

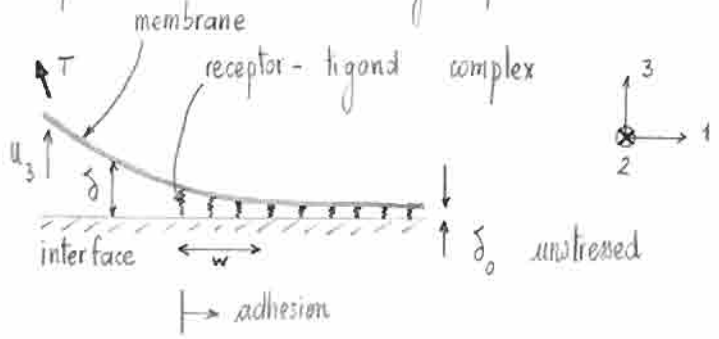
$$E \delta^2 a \sim E \frac{a^5}{R^2} \sim J a^2$$

$$J \sim E \frac{a^3}{R^2} \quad \text{or} \quad a \sim \left(\frac{J}{E}\right)^{1/3} R^{2/3}$$

more rigorous (with prefactors!) : JKR theory  
static experiment!

$$a = \left(\frac{9\pi J R^2 (1-\nu^2)}{2E}\right)^{1/3}$$

experiment #2 Peeling of a membrane



Question: in what region are complexes stored?  
w?

Assume: bending dominates  $\Rightarrow$  pure bending

$$p = K_B \frac{\partial^4 u_3}{\partial x_1^4}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  due to pressure stress of bond stretching

$$p \sim N_c f \quad \text{with} \quad N_c \neq \text{complexes / area}$$

$f$  force per bond

Assume  $f \sim k(\delta - \delta_0)$ ,  $k$ : spring constant

$f \sim k u_3$

hence  $K_B \frac{\partial^4 u_3}{\partial x_1^4} \sim N_c k u_3$

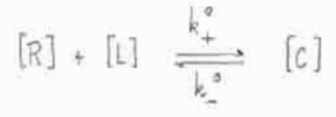
$K_B \frac{u_3}{w^4} \sim N_c k u_3$

or  $w \sim \left( \frac{K_B}{N_c k} \right)^{1/4}$

localized contribution of complexes in region  $w$

Dynamics vs equilibrium

• affinity:  
 R = receptors  
 L = ligands  
 C = complexes



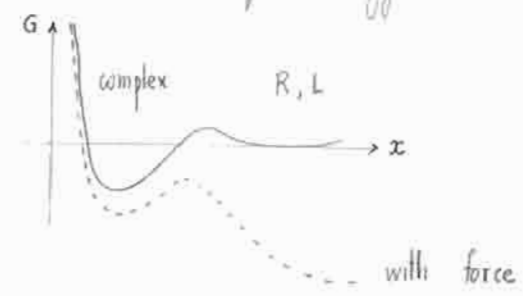
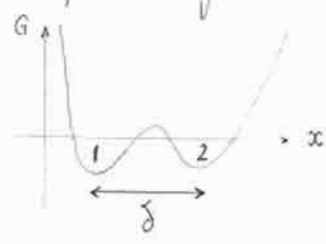
affinity  $K^0 = \frac{k_+^0}{k_-^0}$  " " " no force applied

in 2D  $[R] \sim \mu m^{-2}$   
 $k_+^0 \sim \mu m^{-2} s^{-1}$   
 $k_-^0 \sim s^{-1}$

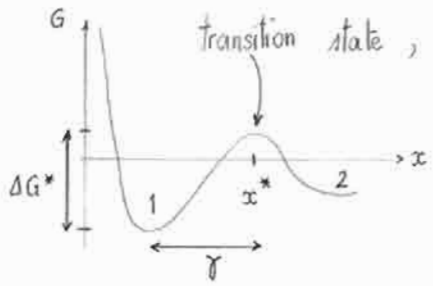
• how does force change affinity? force changes state of equilibrium, tilts free energy coordinate

$G \approx G^0 - Fx$

$K^F = K^0 \exp\left(\frac{F\delta}{k_B T}\right)$



transition state



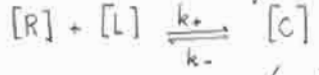
transition state, or activated state  $[E_A]$

Using Boltzmann  $\frac{[E_A]}{[E_1]} = \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G^*}{k_B T}\right)$

Breakdown of  $E_A$  at rate  $A$

> rate of formation of product 2:  $k_+ = A \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G^*}{k_B T}\right)$

The Bell model for adhesion



$k_- = k_-^0 \exp\left(\frac{\gamma F}{k_B T}\right)$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_-^0 \text{ without force} \\ \gamma \text{ relative to transition state; responsiveness of bond to force.} \end{array} \right.$