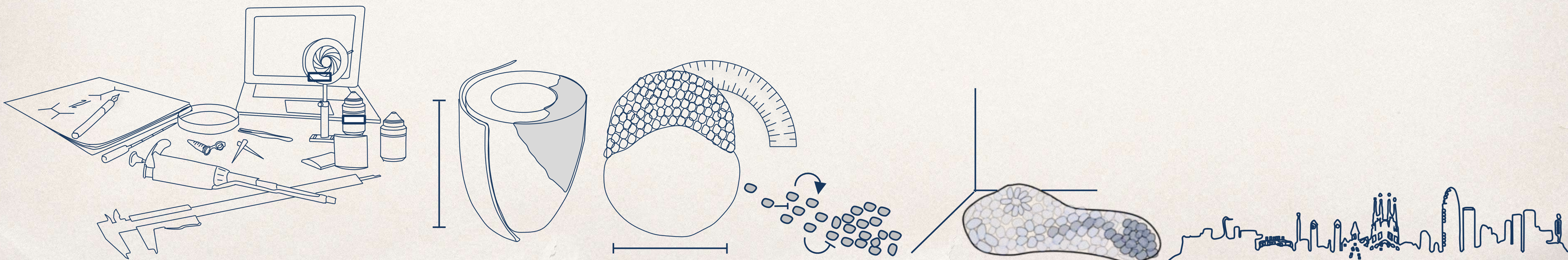


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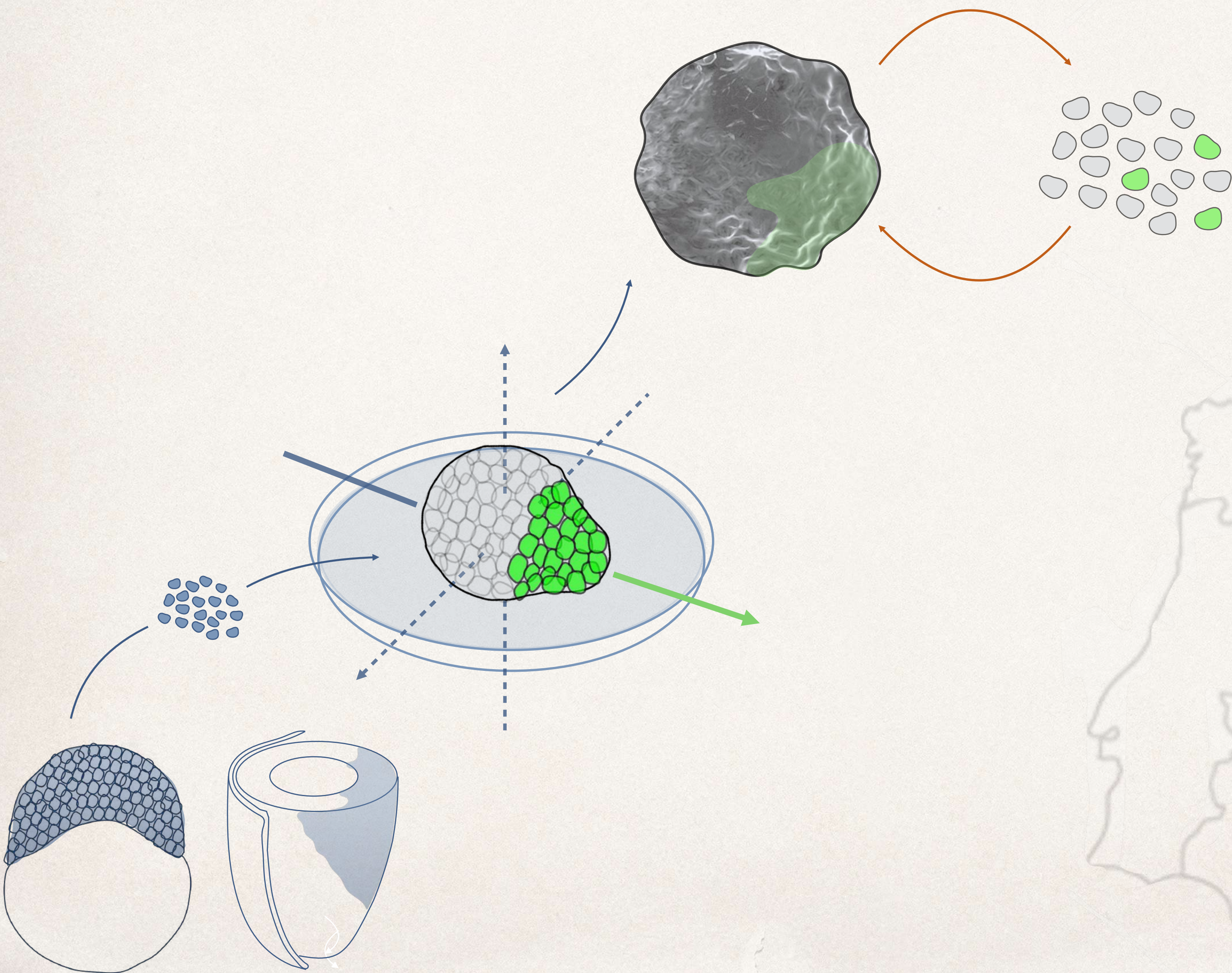
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# BREAKDANCE

Control mechanisms and robustness of multicellular symmetry breaking



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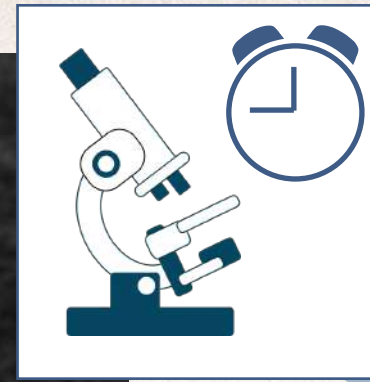


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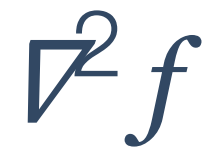
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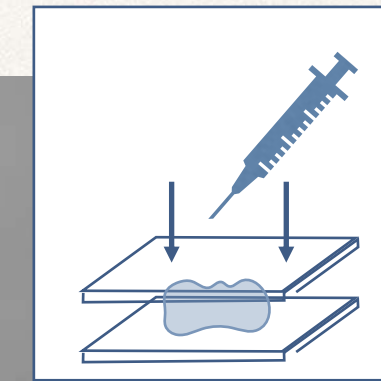
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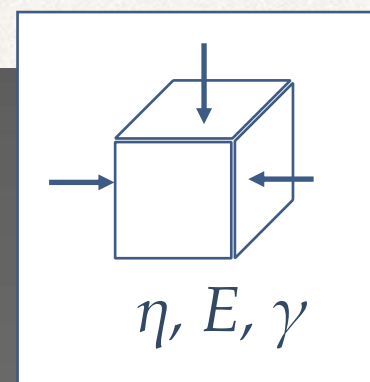
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- Rewarding (and not just in financial terms!)
- Demands willingness!
- Synergy is absolutely crucial!
- Demands time commitment

- Have multiple meetings to identify the 3 big aims
- Identify clear expertise for each partner
  - Have you collaborated before?
  - Is it synergy of questions or expertise or tools?
- We started with B2 first
  - Divided Big Aims into many small sub-aims
  - Big Aim had synergy but sub-aims were individual specific or with 2 partners

## Preparation of the interview

- Have multiple meetings to narrow down on the flow of slides
- Keep the focus on big picture (for a broad audience)
- Practice with colleagues well in advance to modify the slides
- Go to Brussels a day in advance and practice the logistics well