

What is active matter?

Why is it interesting?

Why is it interesting now?















Trajectories of catalytic microswimmers (Jon Howse, Univ of Sheffield)

Active particles convert chemical energy to motion

Energy enters the system on a single particle level

Meant to exist out of thermodynamic equilibrium

Dynamics of microswimmers + molecular motors

Collective behaviour – what is generic

Testing ground for non-equilibrium statistical physics

Applications as efficient machines



L. Angelani, R. Di Leonardo, Ruocco G., *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **102**, 048104, (2009)

Video related to research article appearing in *Lab on a Chip*

Bradley J Nelson et al. "Artificial Bacterial Flagella for Micromanipulation"

Read the article at http://xlink.rsc.org/?DOI=C004450B





active self assembly

Koumakis Nature Comms. 2013



Bacterial flagellar motor

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one active particle

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inertial terms

viscous terms

$$\tilde{v} = \frac{v}{V_0} \qquad \qquad \tilde{x} = \frac{x}{L_0}$$

$$\tilde{\nabla} = L_0 \nabla$$
 $\tilde{t} = \frac{V_0}{L_0} t$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{t}} = \frac{L_0}{V_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$

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Low Re



High Re

Stokes equations

 $\nabla p = \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f}$ $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$

Why did the chicken cross the Mobius strip?

To get to the same side.



Purcell's Scallop Theorem

$$\nabla p = \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f} \qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

No time dependence implies the Scallop Theorem

A swimming stroke must be non-invariant under time reversal



Purcell's Scallop Theorem

A swimmer strokes must be non-invariant under time reversal









effective stroke



recovery stroke







Najafi, Golestanian

Dumbbell swimmers



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What does its flow field look like?

Green function of the Stokes equation (Stokeslet)

$$\nabla p = \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f} \qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$



$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mathbf{f}}{8\pi\mu} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{I}}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{rr}}{r^3}\right)$$

$$v_i(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f_j}{8\pi\mu} \left(\frac{\delta_{ij}}{r} + \frac{r_i r_j}{r^3}\right) \equiv G_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) f_j$$

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For derivation see Maciej Lisicki http://www.fuw.edu.pl/~mklis/publications/Hydro/ oseen.pdf

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For a force in the z-direction:

$$v_x = \frac{f}{8\pi\mu} \left(\frac{zx}{r^3}\right)$$

$$v_y = \frac{f}{8\pi\mu} \left(\frac{zy}{r^3}\right)$$

$$v_z = \frac{f}{8\pi\mu} \left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{z^2}{r^3}\right)$$

Things expand when heated: that's why days are longer in the summer Swimmers have no external forces or torques acting on them.

So all driving forces must act in equal and opposite pairs.





Far flow field of a swimmer



Far flow field of a swimmer

$$v_r = \frac{f}{4\pi\mu} \frac{L}{r^2} \left(3\cos^2\theta - 1\right)$$

Swimmers have dipolar far flow fields because they have no net force acting on them

Dipolar flow field



puller (contractile)

pusher (extensile)

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Swimmer and colloidal flow fields



$$v \sim \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$v \sim \frac{1}{r}$$



(a)

5 µm



E-coli





Chlamydomonas

Results from Goldstein group, University of Cambridge







Dresher et al, PRL 105 (2010) PNAS 108 (2011)

Quadrupolar swimmers

three sphere swimmer

Najafi and Golestanian,



quadrupolar symmetry



Spirillum volutans

Helical cell body with a short flagellar bundle at each end



From the Howard Berg Lab http://www.rowland.harvard.edu/labs/bacteria/index_movies.html Lecture 1: The mathematics and physics of bacterial swimming

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Index notation, etc

$$f_j r_j = f_x x + f_y y + f_z z = \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{r}$$

 f_j

$$G(\mathbf{r}-\xi) = G(\mathbf{r}) - \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi_k}(\mathbf{r})\xi_k + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial \xi_k \partial \xi_l}(\mathbf{r})\xi_k\xi_l\dots$$

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$$G_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \left(\frac{\delta_{ij}}{r} + \frac{r_i r_j}{r^3} \right)$$
$$G_{ij}(\mathbf{r} - \xi) = \frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \left(\frac{\delta_{ij}}{|\mathbf{r} - \xi|} + \frac{(\mathbf{r} - \xi)_i (\mathbf{r} - \xi)_j}{|\mathbf{r} - \xi|^3} \right)$$



$$8\pi\mu\left(|\mathbf{r}-\xi|\right) = 8\pi\mu\left(|\mathbf{r}-\xi|\right)$$

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$$= G_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) \int f_j(\xi) \, d\xi - \frac{\partial G_{ij}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \xi_k} \int \xi_k f_j(\xi) \, d\xi + \dots$$

$$\equiv G_{ij}(\mathbf{r})F_j - \frac{\partial G_{ij}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \xi_k}D_{jk} + \dots$$

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$$D_{jk} = \int \xi_k f_j \ d\xi.$$
 stresslet
$$\int f_{jk} - \frac{1}{3} D_{ii} \delta_{jk} = S_{jk} + T_{jk}$$
 rotlet

$$S_{jk} = \frac{1}{2} \int (\xi_k f_j + \xi_j f_k) \, d\xi - \frac{1}{3} \int \xi_i f_i \, \delta_{jk} \, d\xi$$







stresslet

rotlet

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$$S_{jk} = \frac{1}{2} Fa(n_k n_j + n_j n_k) - \frac{1}{3} Fan_i n_i \delta_{jk} = Fa(n_j n_k - \frac{\delta_{jk}}{3})$$

$$Fa = Fa = Fa$$

$$S_{xx} = -\frac{Fa}{3}, \qquad S_{yy} = -\frac{Fa}{3}, \qquad S_{zz} = \frac{2Fa}{3}$$

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