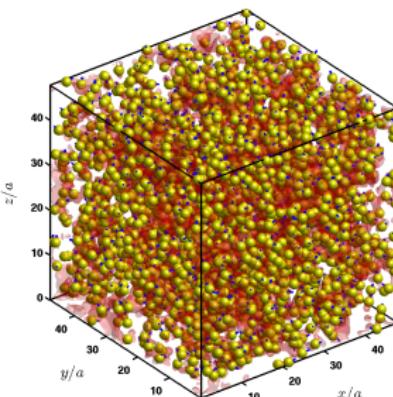


# Large populations of swimming micro-organisms and individual modelling



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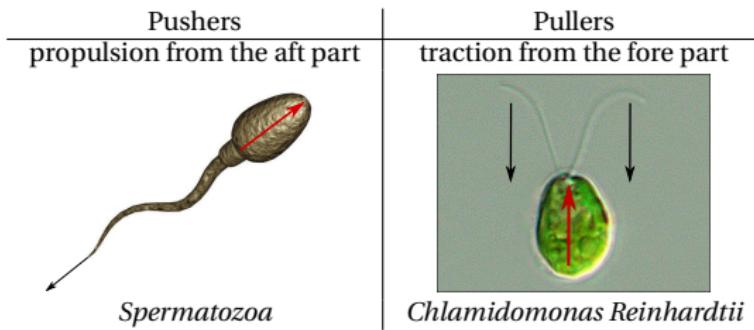


Active particles: microswimmers



# What is a microswimmer ?

- Self-locomoting microorganism,
- Characteristic length  $L \sim \mu\text{m}$
- Two types of swimming gaits:



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# Swimming dynamics

## Example for a spermatozoon (pusher)

Low Reynolds number:  $\text{Re} = \frac{\text{Inertial force}}{\text{Viscous force}} = \frac{\rho U L}{\eta}$

$\rho$	$\eta$	$U$	$L$
Density of semen	Vicosity of semen	Swimming velocity	Length
$10^3 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$	$10^{-3} \text{ N.s.m}^{-2}$ at $37^\circ\text{C}$	$\approx 100 \mu\text{m.s}^{-1}$	$\approx 60 \mu\text{m}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{Re} = 10^{-3} \approx 0$$

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = 0$$

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## Example for a spermatozoon

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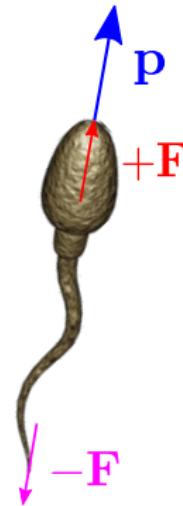


Head drag + Flagellum thrust = **0**



Microswimmer = Moving symmetric force dipole (Stresslet)

$$\mathbf{D}_{sw} = \underbrace{\frac{L}{2} F}_{S_{push}} \left( \mathbf{p} \otimes \mathbf{p} - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{I} \right)$$



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# Swimming dynamics

## Example for a puller

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$$

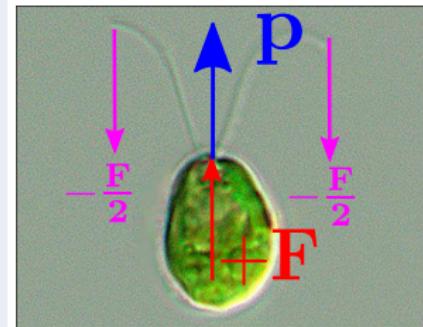
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$$\text{Head drag} + \text{Cilia thrust} = \mathbf{0}$$

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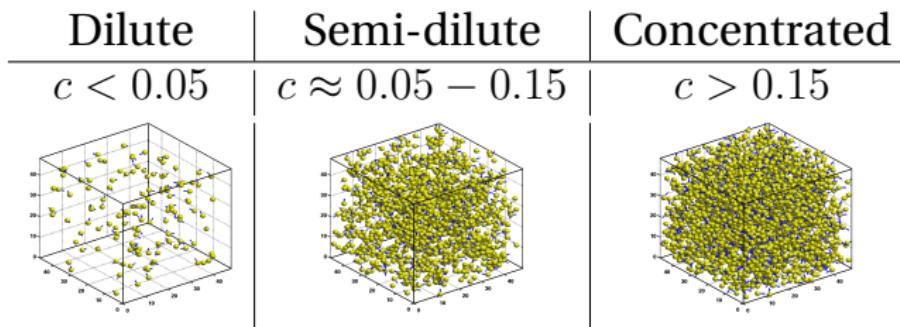
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# Interactions between swimmers

- Present work : **steric** and **hydrodynamic interactions**,
- Effects of hydrodynamic interactions depend on :
  - the swimming gait,
  - swimmer's geometry,
  - swimmer volumic fraction  $c$ .





Concentrational and orientational effects

# Suspension dynamics

Swimmers provide extra-stress contribution to the fluid

$$\Sigma = \frac{N_p}{V} S (\langle \mathbf{p} \otimes \mathbf{p} \rangle - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{I})$$

where  $S$  depends on their size/swimming gait

$\frac{N_p}{V}$  depends on their concentration



Fluid disturbances

Reorientations



Orientation correlations

Concentration fluctuations



Position correlations

**Coherent motion / Suspension instability**



# Examples of coherent motion

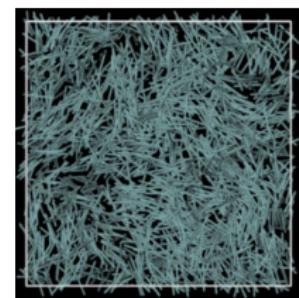
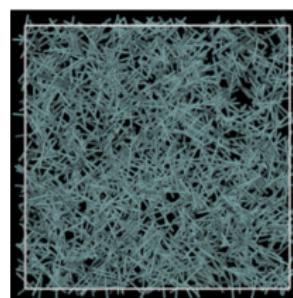
Mammal Semen:



Highly concentrated  $2000 \times 2000 \times 150 \mu m^3$  ram sperm sample, observed with phase contrast microscopy.



Computer simulations:



3D periodic simulations of active rods in the semi-dilute regime ( $c \approx 0.05$ ). Birth of collective motion from isotropic random state. [Saintillan et Shelley 2012]

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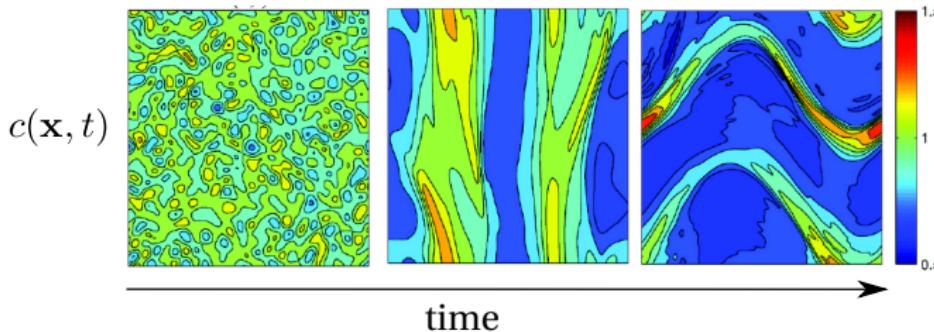


# Macroscopic parameters to characterize coherent motion

## ① density parameter

[Saintillan & Shelley PRL 2008, Baskaran & Marchetti PNAS 2009, Ezhilan *et al.* POF 2013]

$$c(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_p} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Y}^\alpha(t)) / N_p.$$



Concentration fluctuations: isotropy → unsteady ordered state [Saintillan & Shelley PRL 2008].



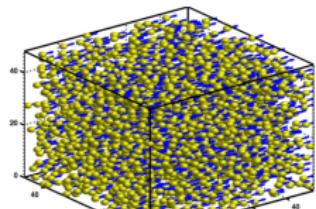
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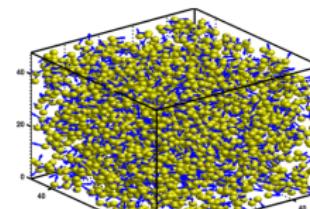
$$P(t) = \left| \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_p} \mathbf{p}^\alpha(t) \right| / N_p \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{\mathbf{p}}(t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_p} \mathbf{p}^\alpha(t) / N_p.$$

Polar order



$$P = 1, \bar{\mathbf{p}} = (1, 0, 0)$$

Isotropy



$$P \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_p}}, \bar{\mathbf{p}} = (0, 0, 0)$$

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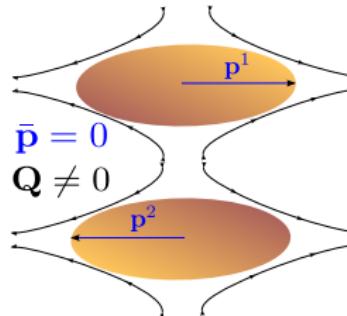


# Macroscopic parameters to characterize coherent motion

- ① density parameter,
- ② polar order parameter,
- ③ nematic order parameter (same structure as swimming dipole  $\Sigma$ )

[Simha & Ramaswamy PRL 2002, Saintillan & Shelley PRL 2007-2008 JRSI 2012, Baskaran & Marchetti PNAS 2009]

$$Q_{ij}(t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_p} (p_i^\alpha p_j^\alpha - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij}) / N_p.$$



# The Force Coupling Method

Force coupling method (FCM) validated for **passive particles** :

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## What about active particles ?

# Governing Equations

Stokes equations ( $\text{Re} \approx 0$ ) :

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0 \\ 0 = -\nabla p(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) \end{cases}$$

whith

- $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  : fluid velocity field,
- $p(\mathbf{x}, t)$  : pressure field,
- $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  : forcing term, account for the presence of swimmers in the fluid,
- $\mu$  : fluid viscosity,

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# Forcing ?

Question :

**How to correctly model the forcing term  $f(x, t)$  due the presence of swimmers ?**



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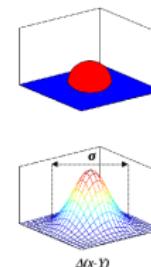
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# Method (1/5)

- 3D Gaussian enveloppe,

$$\Delta(\mathbf{x}, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{x}|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right),$$



- Distribution of forces  $\mathbf{F}$  and dipoles  $\mathbf{D}$

$$f_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_p} \left( \mathbf{F}_i^\alpha \Delta_F (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Y}^\alpha(t), \sigma_F) + \mathbf{D}_{ij}^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \Delta_D (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Y}^\alpha(t), \sigma_D) \right)$$

- $\mathbf{Y}^\alpha$ : position of particle  $\alpha$ ,
- $\mathbf{F}^\alpha = \mathbf{F}_{lub}^\alpha + \mathbf{F}_{steric}^\alpha$ : lubrication + steric forces,
- $\mathbf{D}^\alpha = \mathbf{D}_r^\alpha + \mathbf{D}_{sw}^\alpha$ : dipole to resist strain + swimming dipole.

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# Method (2/5)

- $\mathbf{D}^\alpha = \mathbf{D}_r^\alpha + \mathbf{D}_{sw}^\alpha$ : dipole to resist strain + swimming dipole.
- $\mathbf{D}_r^\alpha$  ensures no deformation within the particle:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \Delta_D (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Y}^\alpha(t)) d^3 \mathbf{x} = 0$$

- Iteratively solved linear system

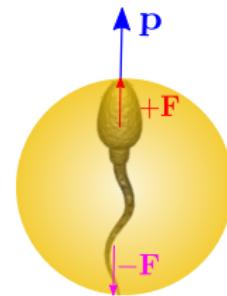
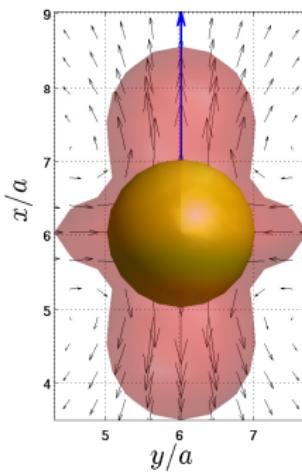
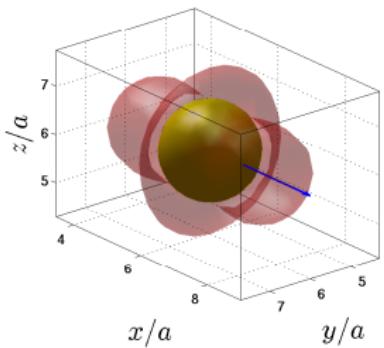
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## The Force Coupling Method

## Method (3/5)

- Velocity perturbations  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  induced by  $f_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$



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## Method (4/5)

- Swimmer induced velocity  $\mathbf{V}_{ind}^\alpha$  and rotations  $\Omega^\alpha$ : averaging  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$

$$\mathbf{V}_{ind}^\alpha(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) \Delta_M (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Y}^\alpha(t)) d^3\mathbf{x}$$

$$\Omega_i^\alpha(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_j}(\mathbf{x}, t) \Delta_D (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Y}^\alpha(t)) d^3\mathbf{x}$$

- Total swimmer translational velocity

$$\mathbf{V}_{tot}^\alpha = \mathbf{V}_{ind}^\alpha + \mathbf{V}_{sw}^\alpha$$

$\mathbf{V}_{sw}^\alpha$  : intrinsic swimming velocity

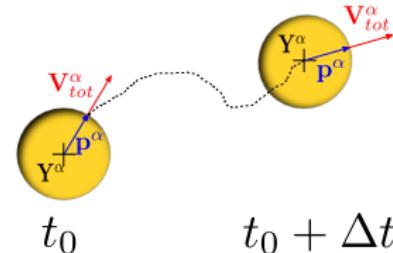
$$\mathbf{V}_{sw}^\alpha = V_{sw}^\alpha \mathbf{p}^\alpha.$$

# Method (5/5)

- Swimmers trajectories and orientations time-integrated (Adam-Bashforth 4 scheme)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Y}^\alpha}{dt} = \mathbf{V}_{tot}^\alpha$$

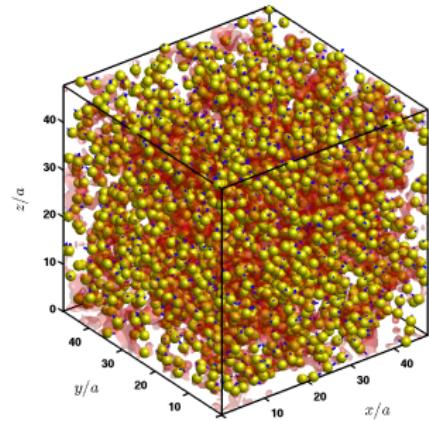
$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}^\alpha}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\Omega}^\alpha \times \mathbf{p}^\alpha$$



- New set of forces and dipoles distributed over the new positioned Gaussian enveloppes.

# Simulation configurations

- Spherical pushers or pullers with radius  $a$ ,
- Periodic box  $V \approx (48a)^3$ ,
- Concentrations  $c = 0.05 - 0.3 \rightarrow N_p = 1132 - 7992$ ,
- Stokes solver: P3DFFT (FFTW3) parallelized with MPI.



$$N_p = 2664, c = 0.1.$$

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# Stability of polar order

## Goal

Reach isotropic state from polar order as predicted by theories and previous computations:

$$P = 1 \rightarrow P \sim 1/\sqrt{N_p} \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$P(t)$

(a)  $P(t)$ ,  $c = 0.1$ ,  $N_p = 2664$ .

(b) Visualisation



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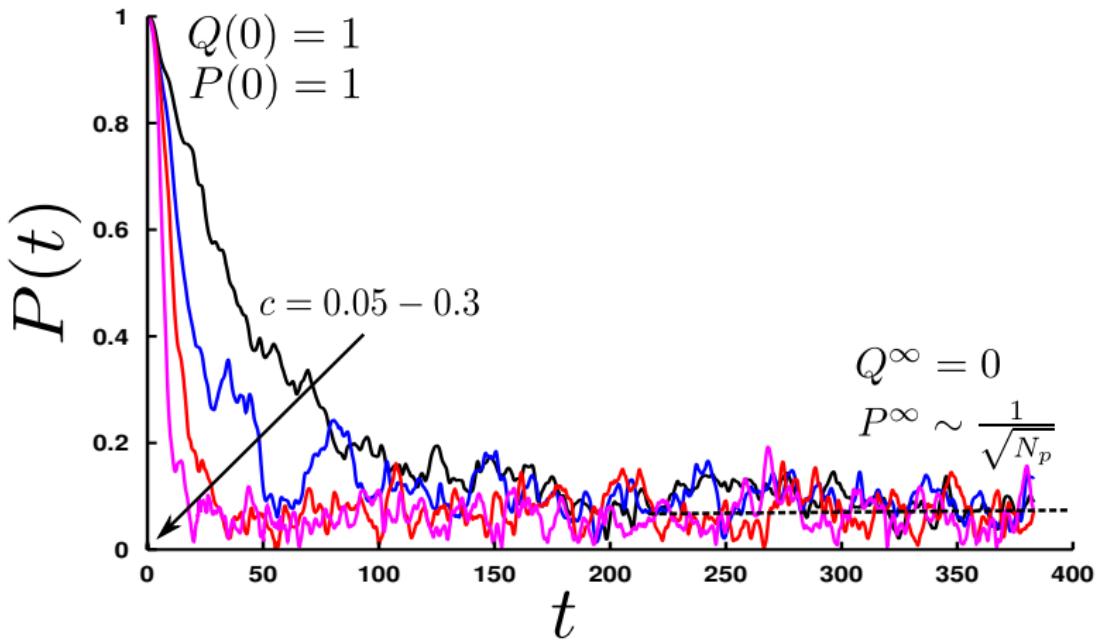
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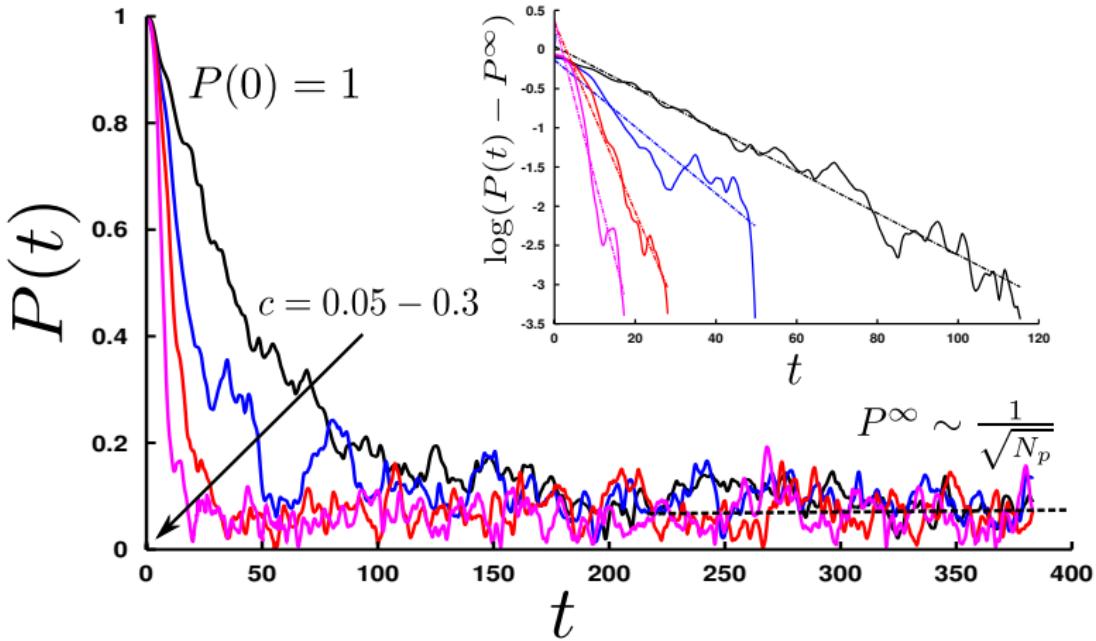
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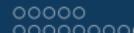
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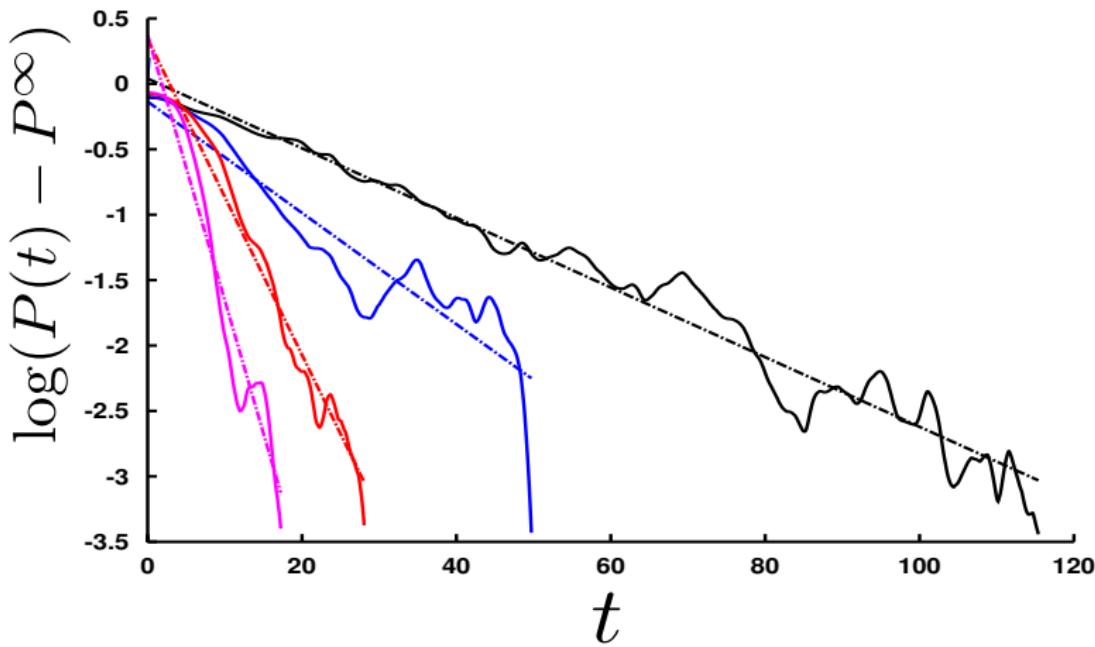


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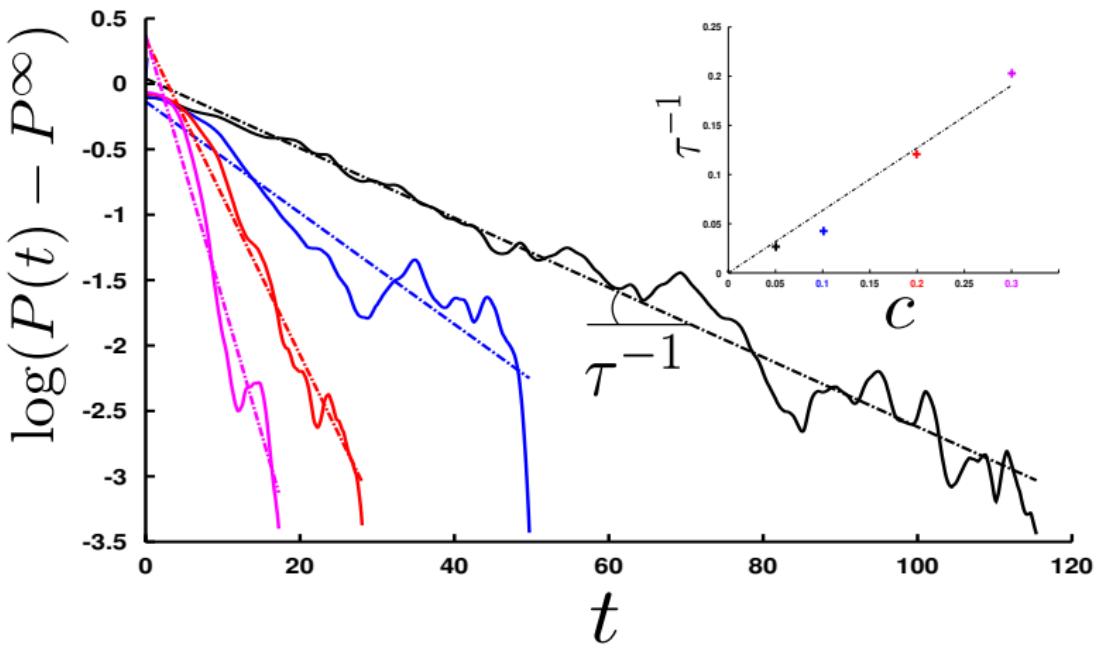
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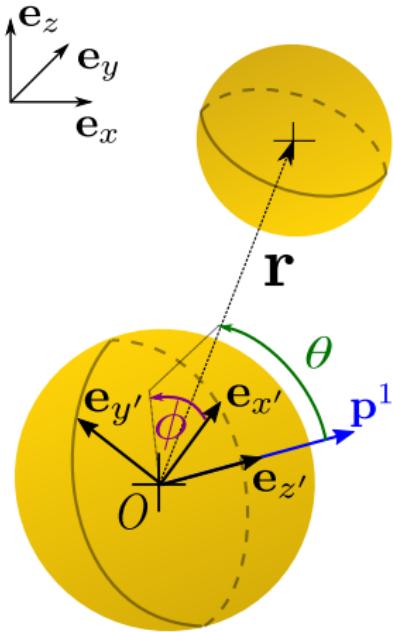


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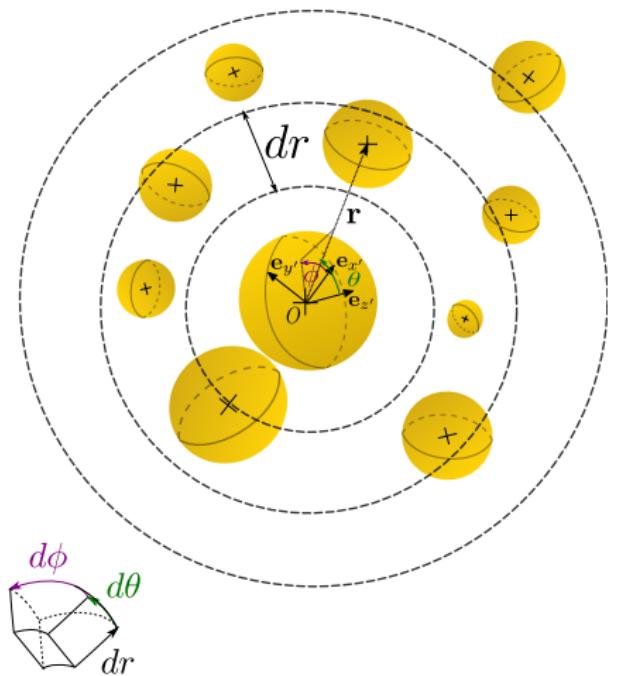


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- $(r, \theta, \phi)$ ,
- $\mathbf{r}$ : neighbour position relative to local origin,

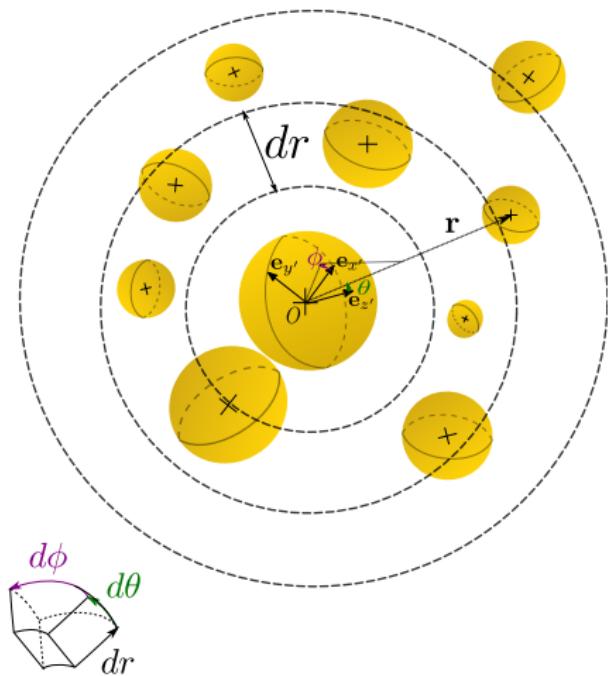
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**Pair distribution function  $\mathcal{P}(r, \theta, \phi)$ :**

likelihood of finding a neighbour at the position  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ , with a swimmer of radius  $a$  at the local origin.

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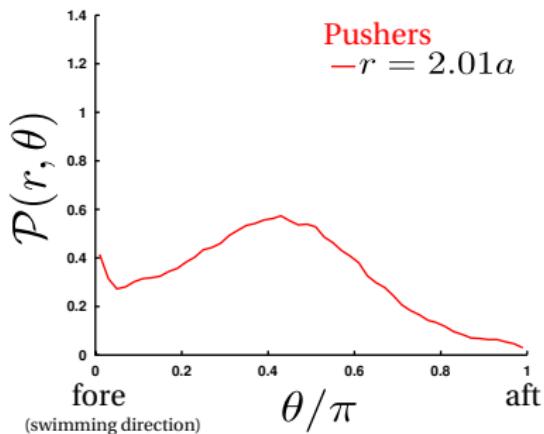
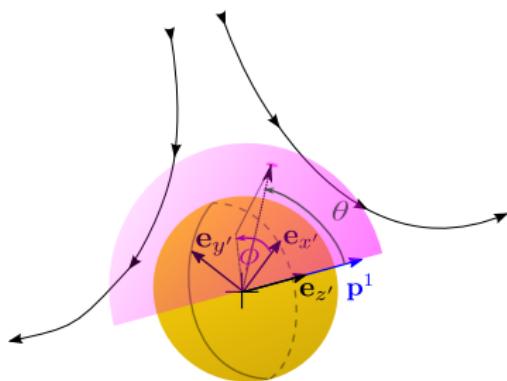
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$$\mathcal{P}(r, \theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} \mathcal{P}(r, \theta, \phi) d\phi$$

# Position correlations, $c = 0.2$

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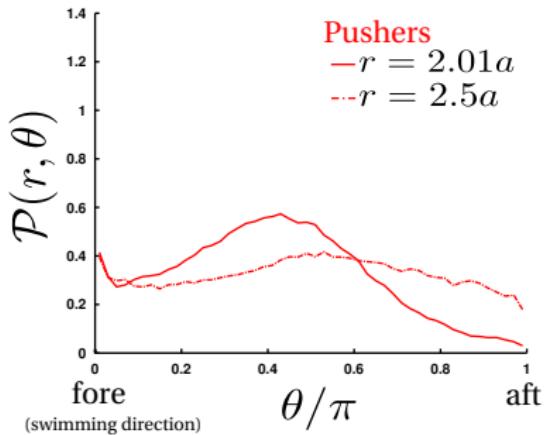
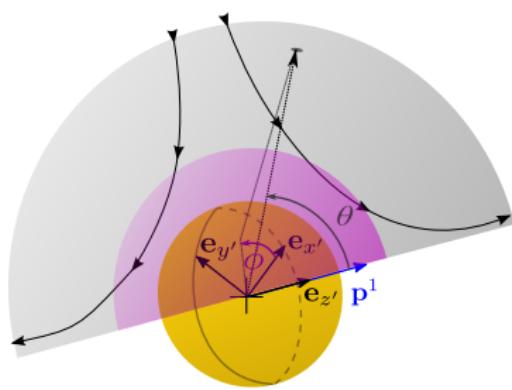
- Near field ( $r = 2.01a$ ):



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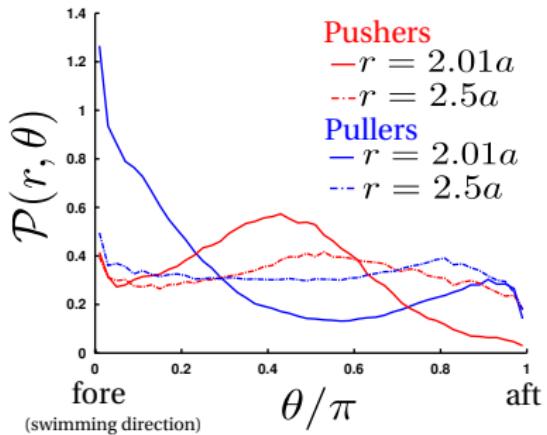
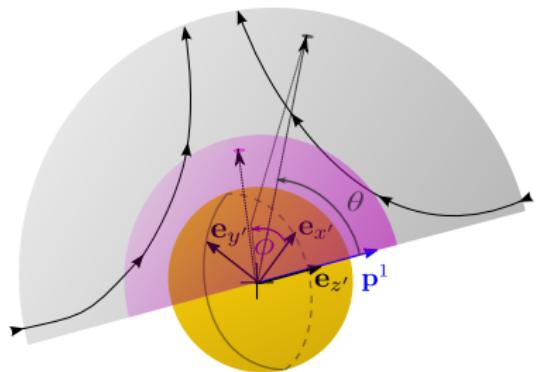
- Far field ( $r = 2.5a$ ):



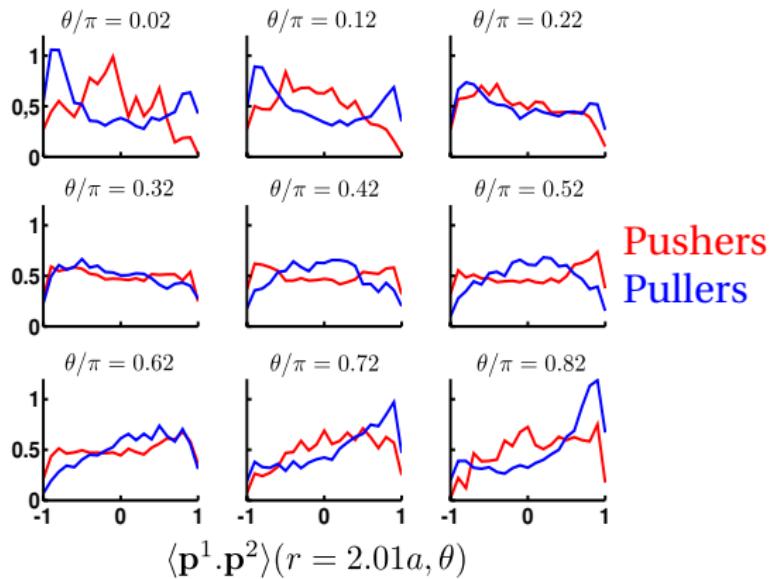
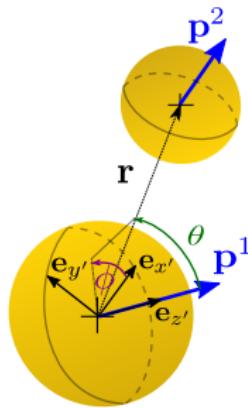
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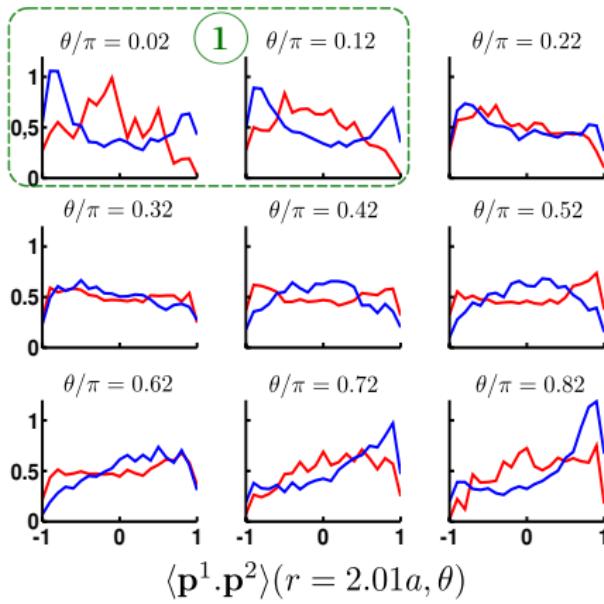
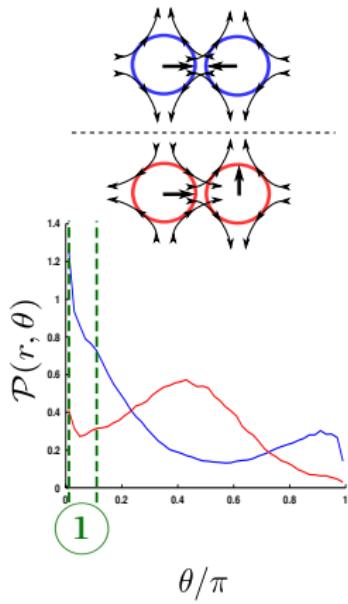
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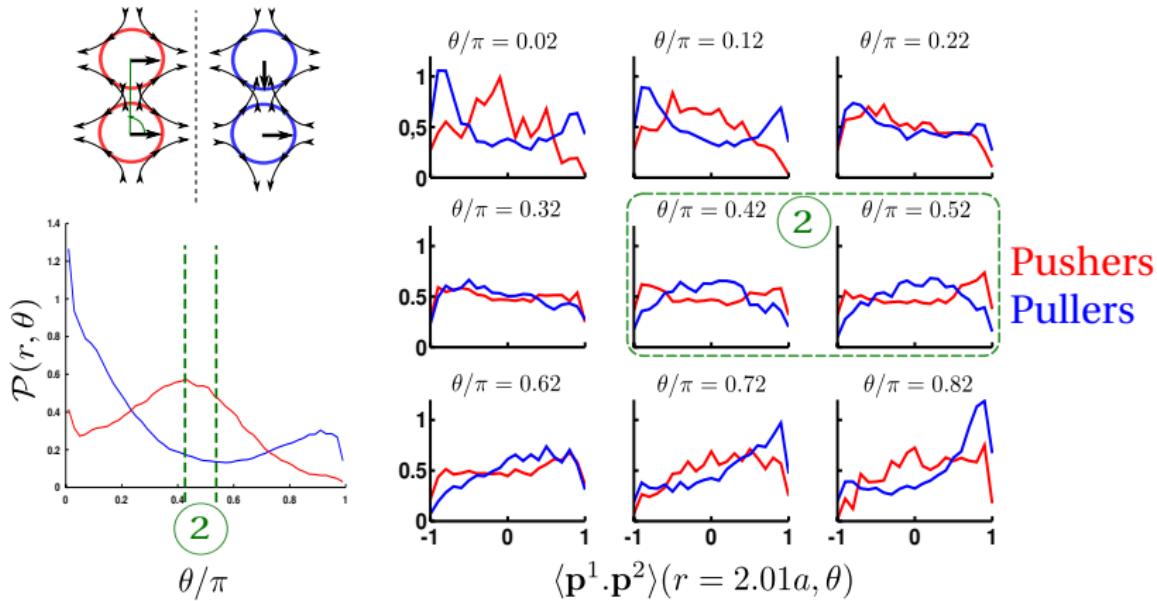


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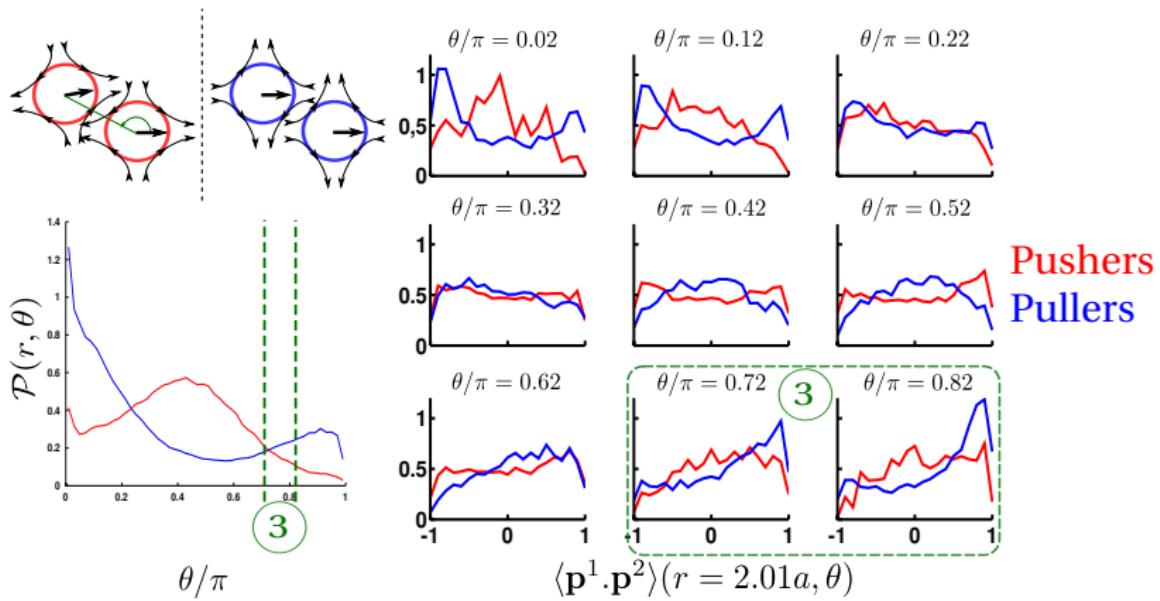


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Conclusions

# Major Insights

- Extension of FCM to active suspensions,
- Up to 7992 swimmers,
- No large scale coherent motion for spherical swimmers,
- Polar order relaxation time scales with  $c^{-1}$ ,
- Position and orientation correlations on individual scale,
- Correlations highly depend on swimming gait.



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Why individual modelling ?

# Goals

- Build a simple model to reproduce sperm swimming gait depending on its internal properties,
- Understand impact of chemical substrates on flagellum mechanical properties,
  - Comparison with I3S/INRA segmented images,
  - Flagellum mechanical parameter calibration using inverse modelling,



(c) I3S segmentation



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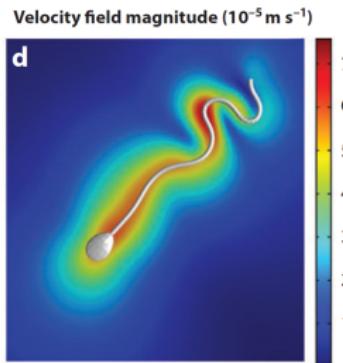
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- Modelling approach:
  - fluid/structure interactions,



[Smith *et al.* JFM 2009]



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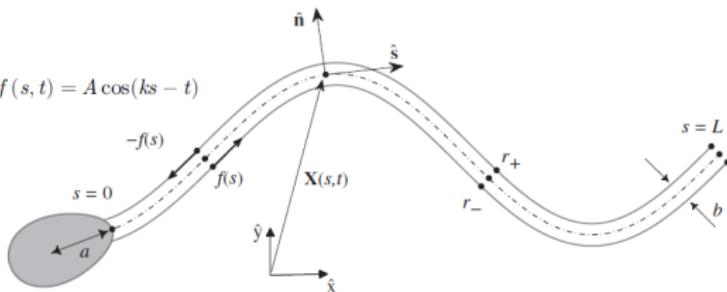
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# How to proceed ?

- Modelling approach:
  - fluid/structure interactions,
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[Gadhela *et al.* JRSI 2010]

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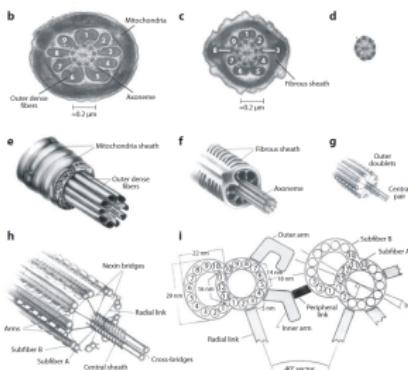
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[Gaffney *et al.* ARFM 2011]



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## Bead Model



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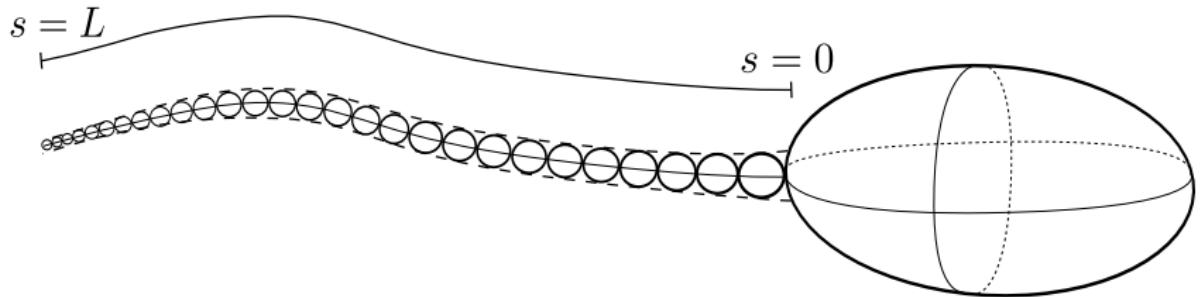
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- Rigid/flexible body made up of  $N_b$  bonded spheres,

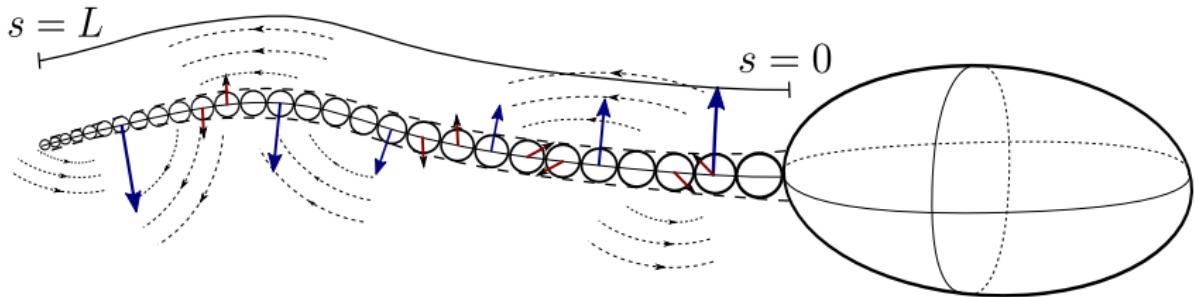




## The Bead Model

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- Flexible:
  - any geometry,
  - adjustable precision on body mechanics or hydrodynamics.

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The Bead Model

# Applications

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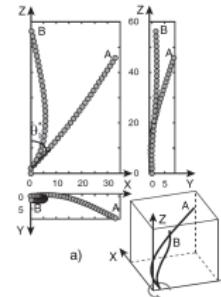
- Fibers/Polymers,

[Yamamoto & Matsuoka JChemPhys 1992,

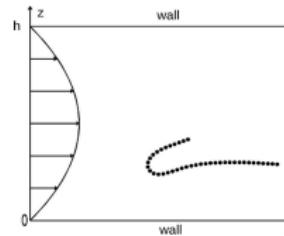
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Rotating filament [Manghi *et al.* PRL 2006].



Sheared fiber [Slowicka *et al.* JChemPhys 2012].

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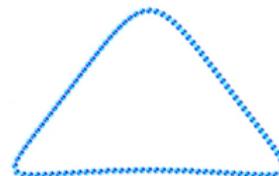
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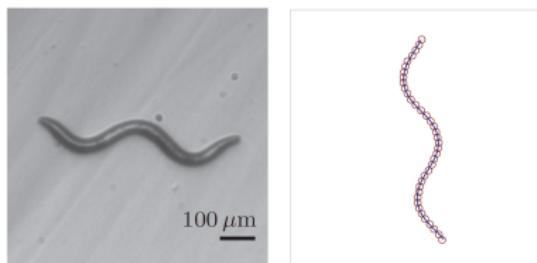
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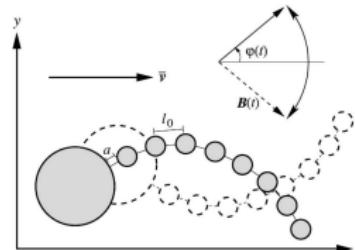


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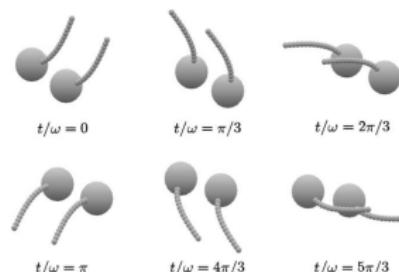
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  - Microorganisms,
  - Artificial microswimmers,

[Gauger and Stark PRE 2006,  
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Magnetic swimmer [Gauger and Stark PRE 2006 ].



Comoving magnetic swimmers [Keaveny and Maxey PRE 2008].

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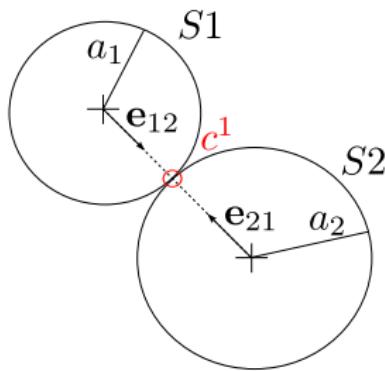
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# Kinematic Constraints: Gears Model

- Connectivity and the no-slip condition between beads.
- Kinematic vectorial constraint

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{C}^1(\dot{\mathbf{r}}_1, \omega_1, \dot{\mathbf{r}}_2, \omega_2)}_{\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2} = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_1 - a_1 \mathbf{e}_{12} \times \omega_1 - \dot{\mathbf{r}}_2 - a_2 \mathbf{e}_{21} \times \omega_2 = 0, \quad (2)$$



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# Kinematic Constraints: Gears Model

- $\mathbf{C}^1$  is linear in  $\dot{\mathbf{r}}_1$ ,  $\omega_1$ ,  $\dot{\mathbf{r}}_2$  and  $\omega_2$

$$\mathbf{C}^1(\underbrace{\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2}_{\mathbf{V}}) = \mathbf{J}^1 \mathbf{V} \quad (3)$$

$\mathbf{J}^1$  is the Jacobian matrix of  $\mathbf{C}^1$ :

$$J_{kl}^1 = \frac{\partial C_k^1}{\partial V_l}, \quad k = 1..3, \quad l = 1..6 \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}^1 &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_3 & -a_1 \mathbf{e}_{12}^\times & -\mathbf{I}_3 & a_2 \mathbf{e}_{21}^\times \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_1^1 & \mathbf{J}_2^1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where

$$\mathbf{e}^\times = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -e_3 & e_2 \\ e_3 & 0 & -e_1 \\ -e_2 & e_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$



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# Kinematic Constraints: Gears Model

- Total Jacobian matrix  $\mathbf{J}_{tot}$ , block bi-diagonal

$$\mathbf{J}_{tot} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{J}_1^1 & \mathbf{J}_2^1 & & \\ & \mathbf{J}_2^2 & \mathbf{J}_3^2 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \mathbf{J}_{N_p-1}^{N_p-1} & \mathbf{J}_{N_p}^{N_p-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$\mathbf{J}_\beta^\alpha$ :  $3 \times 6$  Jacobian of vectorial constraint  $\alpha$  for bead  $\beta$ .

- Kinematic constraints for the whole assembly:

$$\mathbf{J}_{tot} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{0} \quad (8)$$

$\mathbf{V}$ : generalized velocities of each bead.



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# Contact Forces

- Euler-Lagrange formalism:

$$\mathcal{F}^c = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_1^c \\ \mathbf{T}_1^c \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{F}_{N_p}^c \\ \mathbf{T}_{N_p}^c \end{pmatrix} = -\mathbf{J}_{tot}^T \lambda \quad (9)$$

$\lambda$  contains the  $3 \times (N_b - 1)$  Lagrange multipliers associated to the  $N_b - 1$  vectorial constraints.



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Contact forces/torques

# Contact Forces

- Including contact forces and torques

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{\mathbf{V}}_{\text{Velocities}} &= \underbrace{\mathbf{M}}_{\text{Hydro}} \left( \underbrace{\mathcal{F}}_{\text{Elastic}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{F}^c}_{\text{Contact}} \right) \\
 &= \mathbf{M} (\mathcal{F} - \mathbf{J}_{tot}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda})
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

- adding kinematic constraints

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{M} (\mathcal{F} - \mathbf{J}_{tot}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}) \\ \mathbf{J}_{tot} \mathbf{V} = 0 \end{cases} \tag{11}$$



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# Contact Forces

- $\lambda$  obtained by inverting

$$\mathbf{J}_{tot} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{J}_{tot}^T \lambda = \mathbf{J}_{tot} \mathbf{M} \mathcal{F} \quad (12)$$

- resulting bead velocities are computed

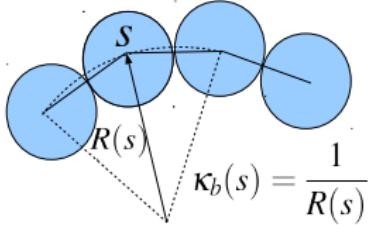
$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{M} \left( \mathcal{F} - \mathbf{J}_{tot}^T \lambda \right). \quad (13)$$

# Flagellum Elasticity

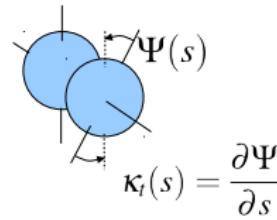
- Bending stiffness  $k_b(s) \propto E$  / torsional rigidity  $k_t(s) \propto G$ ,
- Elastic responses to bending / twisting:

$$\mathbf{T}_{bend}(s) = k_b(s) (\kappa_b(s) - \kappa_{b,0}(s)) \quad / \quad \mathbf{T}_{twist}(s) = k_t(s) (\kappa_t(s) - \kappa_{t,0}(s))$$

- $\kappa_b$ : local curvature, ( $\kappa_{b,0}$  equilibrium value),
- $\kappa_t$ : local twist rate, ( $\kappa_{t,0}$  equilibrium value).



Bending



Twisting

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# Hydrodynamic interactions: mobility operator M

- Far-field model: Rotne-Prager-Yamakawa (RPY) tensor
  - matrix formulations  $M$ ,
  - bead pairwise interactions,
  - frequently used in physics

[Manghi *et al.* PRL 2006,

Gauger and Stark PRE 2006,

Wada and Netz EurPhysLett 2006,

Gao *et al.* PRE 2012]



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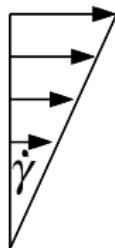
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# Sheared rigid fiber

- Rigid spheroid in shear flow  $\dot{\gamma}$  with aspect ratio  $r$ ,
- Rotation orbit and period  $T$  analytically known : Jeffery's orbits [Jeffery Proc. Royal Soc. 1922]

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\dot{\gamma}} \left( r_{eff} + r_{eff}^{-1} \right)$$

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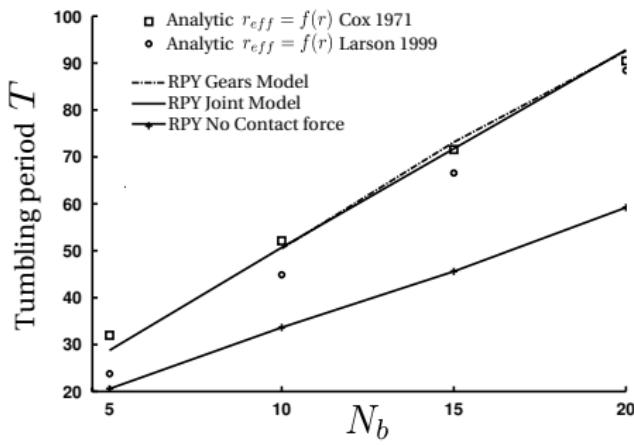


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# Buckling

- Fibre with small intrinsic curvature:

$$\kappa_{b,0} \ll 1$$

- Shape instability (buckling) due to flow compression

[Forgacs & Mason JColloidSc 1959, Skjetne *et al.* JChemPhys 1997, Becker & Shelley PRL 2001, Tornberg & Shelley JCP 2004, Li *et al.* (JFM) 2013,...]

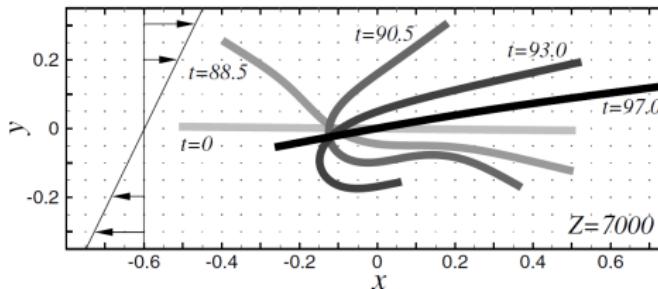


FIG. 3. Nonlinear dynamics vs time of an elastic rod in the plane of shear at flow strength  $Z = 7000$ .

[Becker & Shelley 2001]

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Buckling observed for  $BR = 0.01$  and  $\kappa_{b,0} = 0.004$



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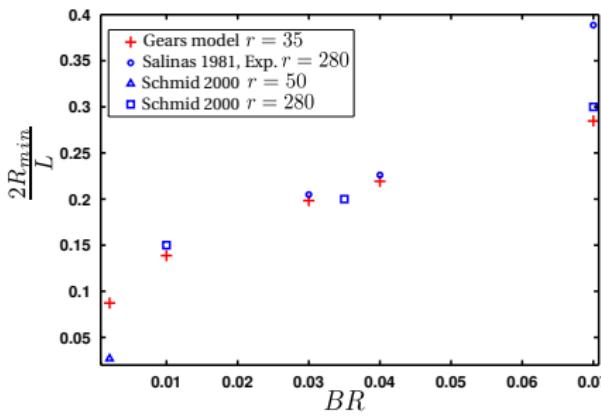
# Max curvature

- Maximal curvature of sheared flexible fibers

$$\kappa_{max} = \frac{1}{R_{min}}$$

- Depends on bending rigidity  $BR$ ,
- Experiments and simulations

[Salinas & Pittman PolymEngSc 1981, Schmid et al JRheo 2000, Lindstrom & Uesaka POF 2007]



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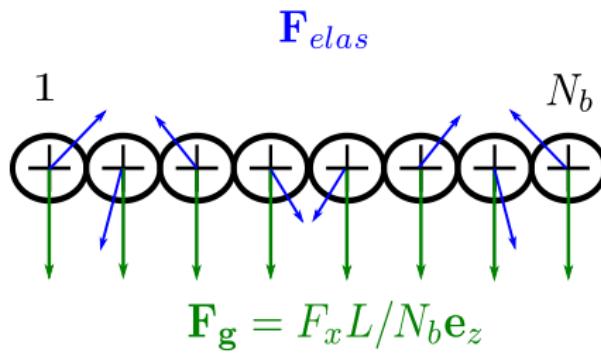
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# Settling fiber

- Elastic settling fiber:  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{elas} + F_x L/N_b \mathbf{e}_z$ ,
- Elasto-gravitation number:

$$B = \frac{L^3 F_x}{k_b}$$



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# Settling fiber

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- Elasto-gravitation number:

$$B = \frac{L^3 F_x}{k_b}$$

- Nonlinearities observed for  $B \gg 1$ .

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Nonlinear shape,  $B = 5000$ 

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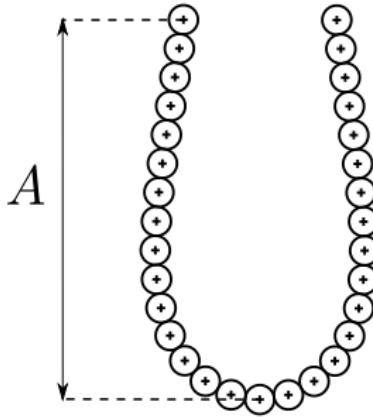


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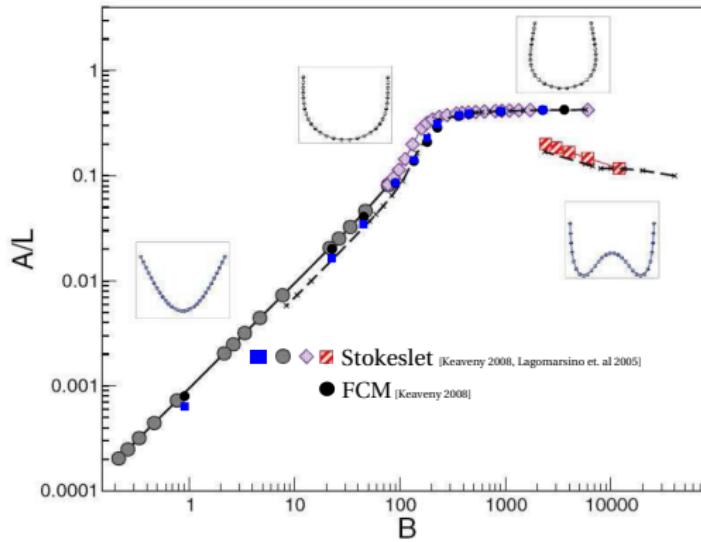




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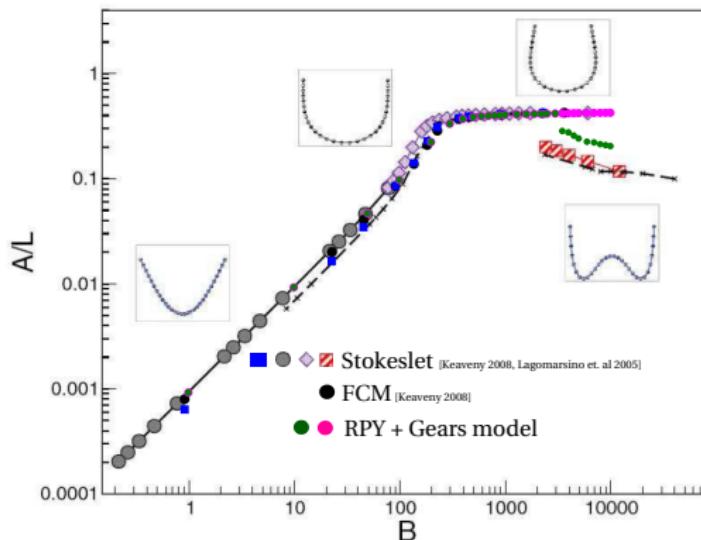




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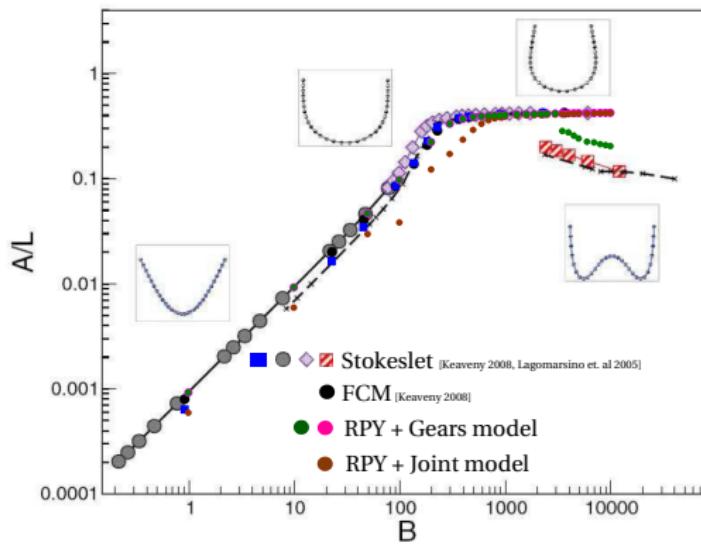


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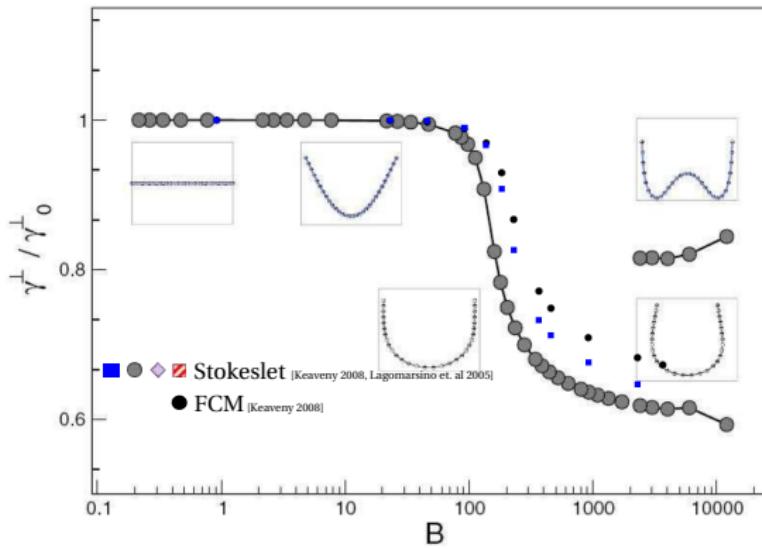
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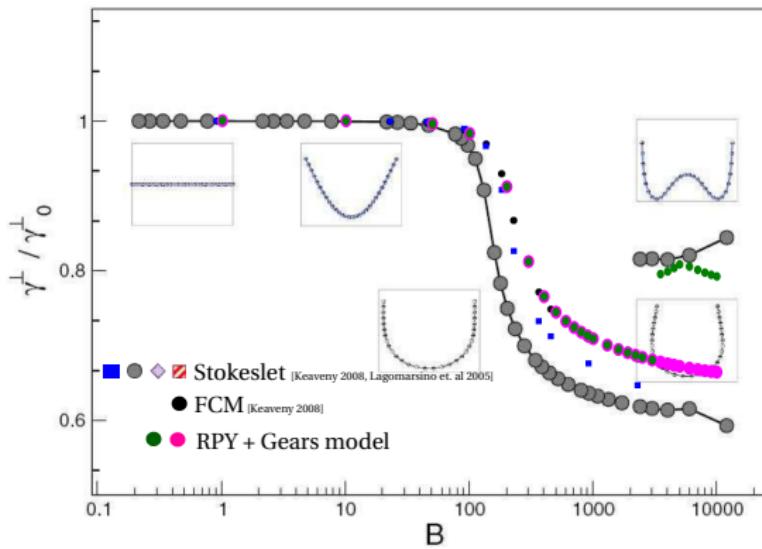




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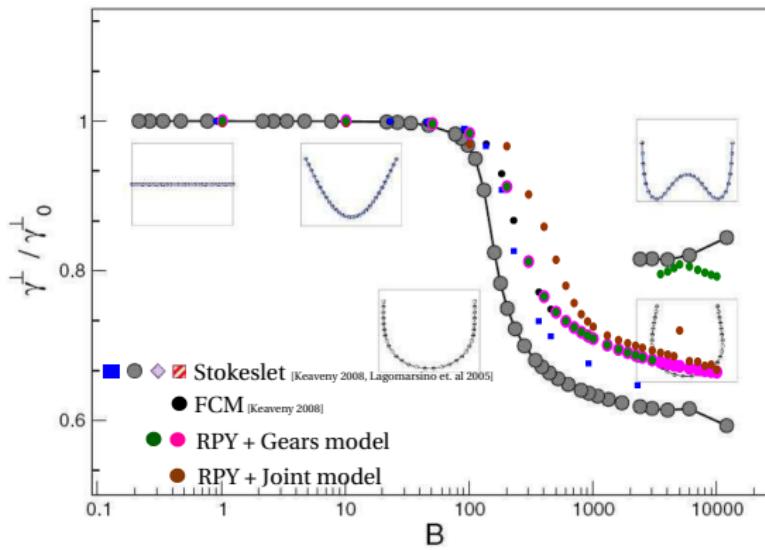


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# Next Step

- Active forcing validation.

(d) Preliminar simulation

(e) I3S segmentation



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# The End

Thank you for your attention,  
any question ?



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 P &= |\bar{\mathbf{p}}| \\
 &= \frac{1}{N_p} \sqrt{\left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} p_{i,1} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} p_{i,2} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} p_{i,3} \right)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{N_p} \sqrt{\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{N_p} (p_{i,1}^2 + p_{i,2}^2 + p_{i,3}^2)}_{=1} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \sum_{j \neq i} (p_{i,1} p_{j,1} + p_{i,2} p_{j,2} + p_{i,3} p_{j,3})}
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 \end{aligned}$$

$p_{i,k}$ ,  $i = 1 \dots N_p$ ,  $k = 1 \dots 3$ , are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) with  $\mathbb{E}(p_{i,k}) = 0$ , and  $\mathbb{V}(p_{i,k}) = \sigma^2$ .

Thus,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \sum_{j \neq i} (p_{i,1} p_{j,1} + p_{i,2} p_{j,2} + p_{i,3} p_{j,3}) = \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l)$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \xrightarrow{N_p \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

because

$$\mathbb{E}(p_k p_l) = \mathbb{E}(p_k) \mathbb{E}(p_l) = 0$$



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# Isotropic value of Polar Order $P(t)$

$$P = \frac{1}{N_p} \sqrt{\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{N_p} (p_{i,1}^2 + p_{i,2}^2 + p_{i,3}^2) + \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \sum_{j \neq i} (p_{i,1}p_{j,1} + p_{i,2}p_{j,2} + p_{i,3}p_{j,3})}_{=1}}$$

Hence

$$P(t) \sim \frac{1}{N_p} \sqrt{N_p + 0}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_p}}$$

How fast does it converge with  $N_p$  ?



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# Isotropic value of Polar Order $P(t)$

$$X = P - \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_p}},$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = 0,$$

$$\mathbb{V}(X) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{V}(X) &= \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(X) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(X^2)\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}X^2 &= \left( \frac{1}{N_p} \sqrt{N_p + \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l)} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_p}} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N_p^2} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) - \frac{2}{N_p \sqrt{N_p}} \sqrt{N_p + \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l)} + \frac{2}{N_p}\end{aligned}$$



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# Isotropic value of Polar Order $P(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}(X^2) &= \frac{3N_p}{N_p^2} \mathbb{E}(p_k p_l) - \frac{2}{N_p \sqrt{N_p}} \mathbb{E}\left(\sqrt{N_p} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l)}\right) + \frac{2}{N_p} \\
 &= 0 - \frac{2}{N_p} \mathbb{E}\left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l)}\right) + \frac{2}{N_p}
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$$2^{nd} \text{ order Taylor expansion of } (1+x)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!} x^2 + o(x^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l)} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2N_p} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \dots \\ &\dots - \frac{1}{8N_p^2} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \dots \\ &\dots + o \left( \left( \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \right)^2 \right)\end{aligned}$$



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# Isotropic value of Polar Order $P(t)$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(X^2) &= -\frac{2}{N_p} \mathbb{E} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2N_p} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) - \frac{1}{8N_p^2} \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \right) \dots \\
&\quad \dots + \frac{2}{N_p} \\
&= -\frac{2}{N_p} \left( 1 + 0 - \frac{1}{8N_p^2} \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k p_l) \right) \right) + \frac{2}{N_p} \\
&= \frac{1}{4N_p^3} \mathbb{E} \left( 2 \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} (p_k^2 p_l^2) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^{3N_p} \sum_{\substack{j \neq i \\ j \neq l}} (p_k p_l p_i p_j) \dots \right. \\
&\quad \dots \left. + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq l}}^{3N_p} (p_k^2 p_l p_i) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4N_p^3} \left( 2 \sum_{k=1}^{3N_p} \sum_{l \neq k} \mathbb{E}(p_k^2) \mathbb{E}(p_l^2) + 0 + 0 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2N_p^3} 3N_p (3N_p - 1) \sigma^4 \\
\mathbb{E}(X^2) &= \left( \frac{9}{2N_p} - \frac{3}{2N_p^2} \right) \sigma^4
\end{aligned}$$



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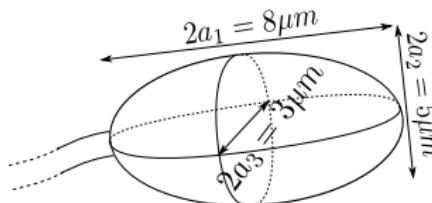
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# Prospects

- Simulations of ellipsoidal swimmers (similar to sperm head)



- Large scale coherent motion should appear (nematic order)
- Microstructure should reveal anisotropic correlations as steric interactions are not.

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# Main stability results

Parameter	Instability	Characteristics	References
Polar	$\text{Polar} \rightarrow \text{Isotropy}$ $P = 1 \rightarrow P = 1/\sqrt{N_p}$ $\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Generic instability: all type of swimmers.	[?] <sup>Num</sup>
Nematic	$\text{Isotropy} \rightarrow \text{Nematic}$ $\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\underline{\underline{Q}} = 0 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{Q}} \neq 0$ $c_0 \rightarrow c(\mathbf{x}, t)$	Spheroidal or rod-like shaped swimmers. - Pullers: above a threshold concentration $c_{pull}$ . - Pushers: always unstable.	[?] <sup>Num</sup> [?] <sup>Num</sup> [?] <sup>Th</sup> , <sup>Num</sup> [?] <sup>Th</sup> [?] <sup>Num</sup> [?] <sup>Num</sup>

**Table:** Characteristics of identified instabilities in dilute swimmer suspensions. Superscript “ $^{Th}$ ” : results obtained from theoretical stability analysis. Superscript “ $^{Num}$ ” : results obtained from numerical simulations.



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# Pros and cons of simulation methods

	Pros	Cons
Continuum theories	Computationally cheap	Only for (semi-)dilute suspensions
"Fast" numerical simulations	Reliable Statistics	Coarse hydrodynamics
Detailed numerical simulations	Short range hydrodynamics Steric interactions Concentrated regime	Small amount of swimmers $\sim \mathcal{O}(10^2)$ Slow statistical convergence Costly

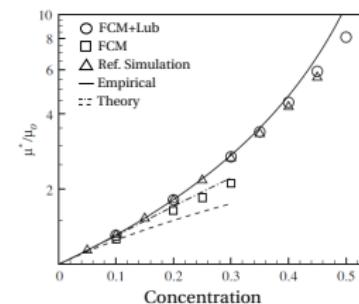
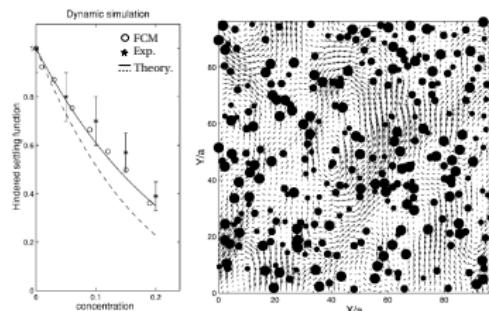
**Need of an efficient, accurate numerical investigation on large ( $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$ ) concentrated ( $c \geq 0.1$ ) populations.**



# Brief description

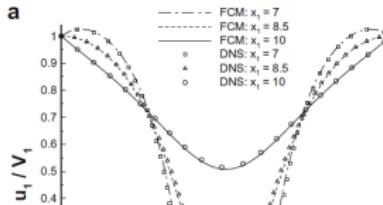
Force coupling method (FCM) validated for passive particles :

- Designed by Maxey Patel 2001,
- numerous validations for suspensions of passive particles up to  $c = 0.5$ ,
- suited for large populations  $\sim \mathcal{O}(10^3)$ ,
- detailed short-range hydrodynamic interactions: finite size effects + lubrication.



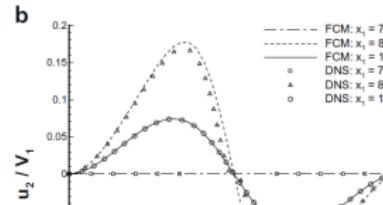
## Validations for settling suspensions

(Abbas POF 2006, Climent IJMF 2003).

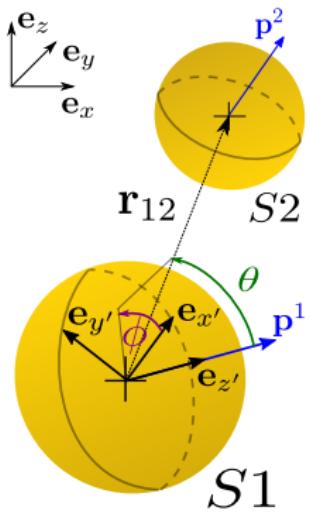
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## Viscosity of sheared suspension depending on concentration $c$

(Yeo JCP 2010).

**b**

# Correlations



- Consider a swimmer denoted  $S1$  with local frame  $(\mathbf{e}_{x'}, \mathbf{e}_{y'}, \mathbf{e}_{z'})$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_{z'} \parallel \mathbf{p}^1$ ,
- one of its neighbours  $S2$ , with orientation  $\mathbf{p}^2$ ,
- defining spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ , one can compute pair correlations,
- to quantify near field interaction impact.