

# BUGS, MOTORS, COPPER RODS AND BROWNIAN INCHWORMS

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# DIRECTED MOTION

Herds, bird flocks

Fish schools, bacteria

Crawling cells/fragments, treadmilling actin

Cell extracts: motors + filaments

Rods on a vibrating surface

# MY INTEREST

Collective behaviour of *many* moving things

Approach: nonequilibrium statistical mechanics

Drawn to questions of how *one* thing moves:  
noise → directed motion

For this workshop: common features of treadmilling actin,  
translocating motors, granular arrowheads

# TALK PLAN

- Background, systems of interest
  - What are active particles?
- Self-propelled suspensions, force dipoles
  - Rheological consequences of activity
- Active granular matter
  - Apolar vs polar; giant number fluctuations
- Force dipoles, tension and propulsion from noise
  - Brownian inchworms
- Conclusion and prospect

# SYSTEMS OF INTEREST

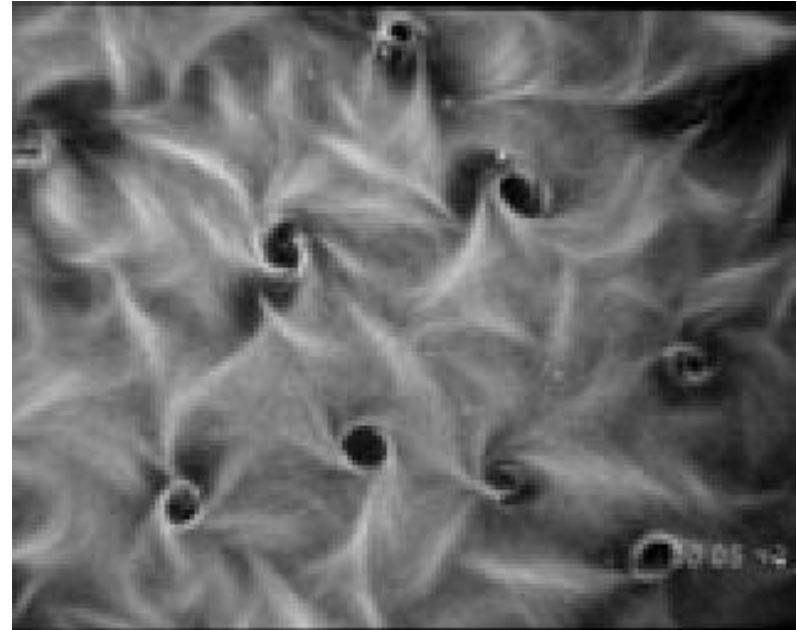
Fish  
liquid  
crystals



<http://fins.actwin.com/fish/marine-pics/anchovie.MOV>

# Active topological defects

kinesin + microtubules  
Nedelec et al. 1997



<http://www.cytosim.org/others/princeton/>

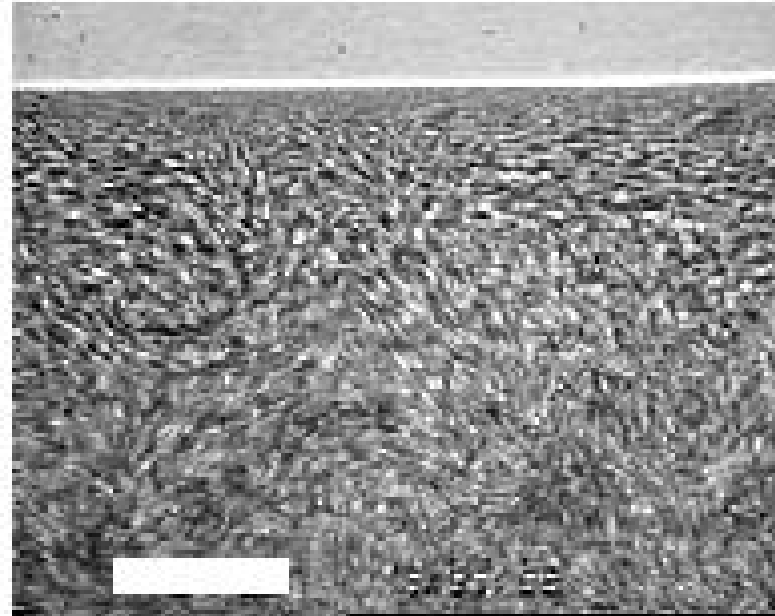


# Order and instabilities in bacterial suspensions

Ott, Kessler, Goldstein

U. of Arizona

*B. subtilis*



<http://math.arizona.edu/lega/UG/Colonies/Colonies.htm>

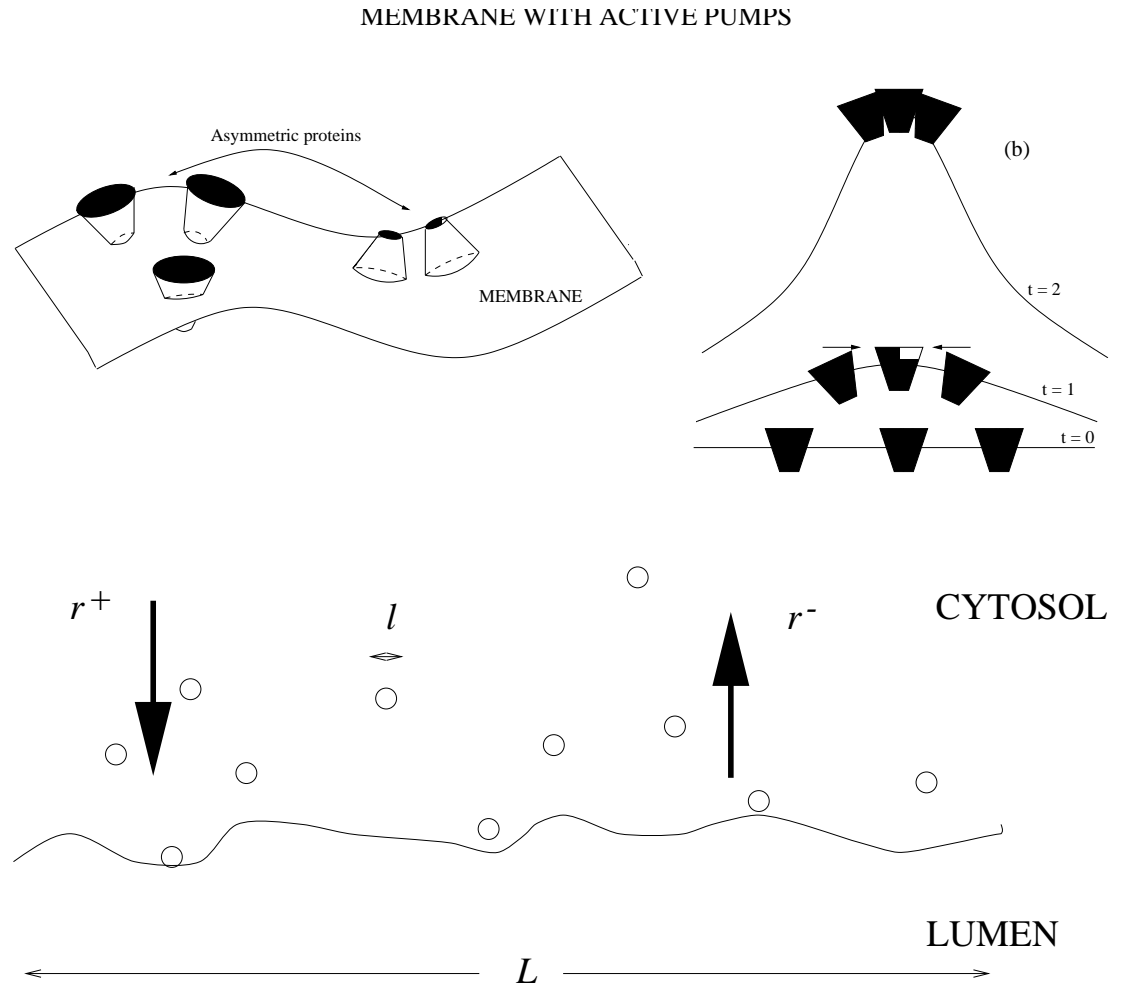
# Active membranes

Membranes

+ pumps

SR/Toner/Prost 2000

Bassereau *et al.* 2001



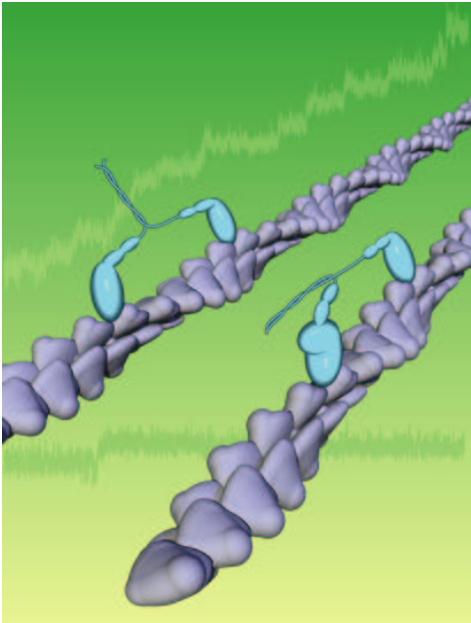
Active  
fission-fusion

Sarasij/Rao 2001

C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris 2 (2001), Série IV, 817

# Active filaments

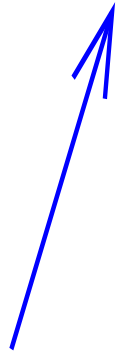
Actin-myosin (Spudich), treadmilling actin (Theriot),  
helicase (Schulten, Ha)



<http://www.dictybase.org/tutorial/myosinassays.htm>

<http://cmgm.stanford.edu/theriot/movies.htm>

# Polar and apolar particles



POLAR

FISH, BACTERIA

MOTOR-FILAMENT

fore-aft asymmetric

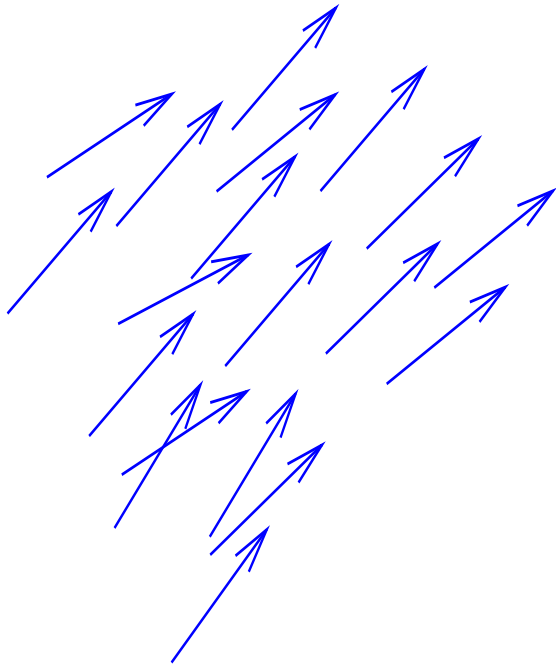


APOLAR

MELANOCYTES,  
SYMMETRIC RODS,  
BUNDLES

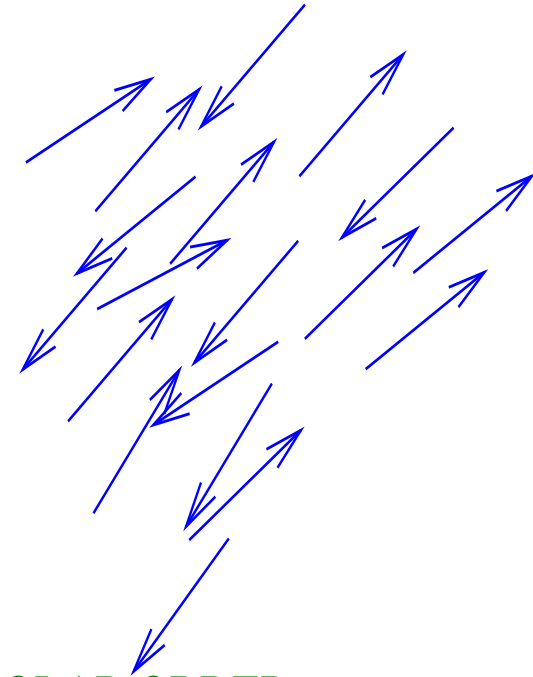
symmetric

# Polar and apolar order



POLAR ORDER

fore-aft asym particles



APOLAR ORDER

can order symmetrically

# APOLAR active systems

Melanocyte  
aggregates  
Kemkemer  
*et al.* 2000

R. Kemkemer *et al.*: Elastic properties of nematic arrangements formed by amoeboid cells

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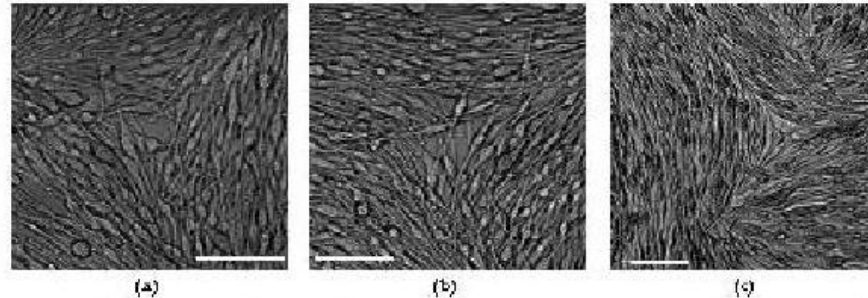


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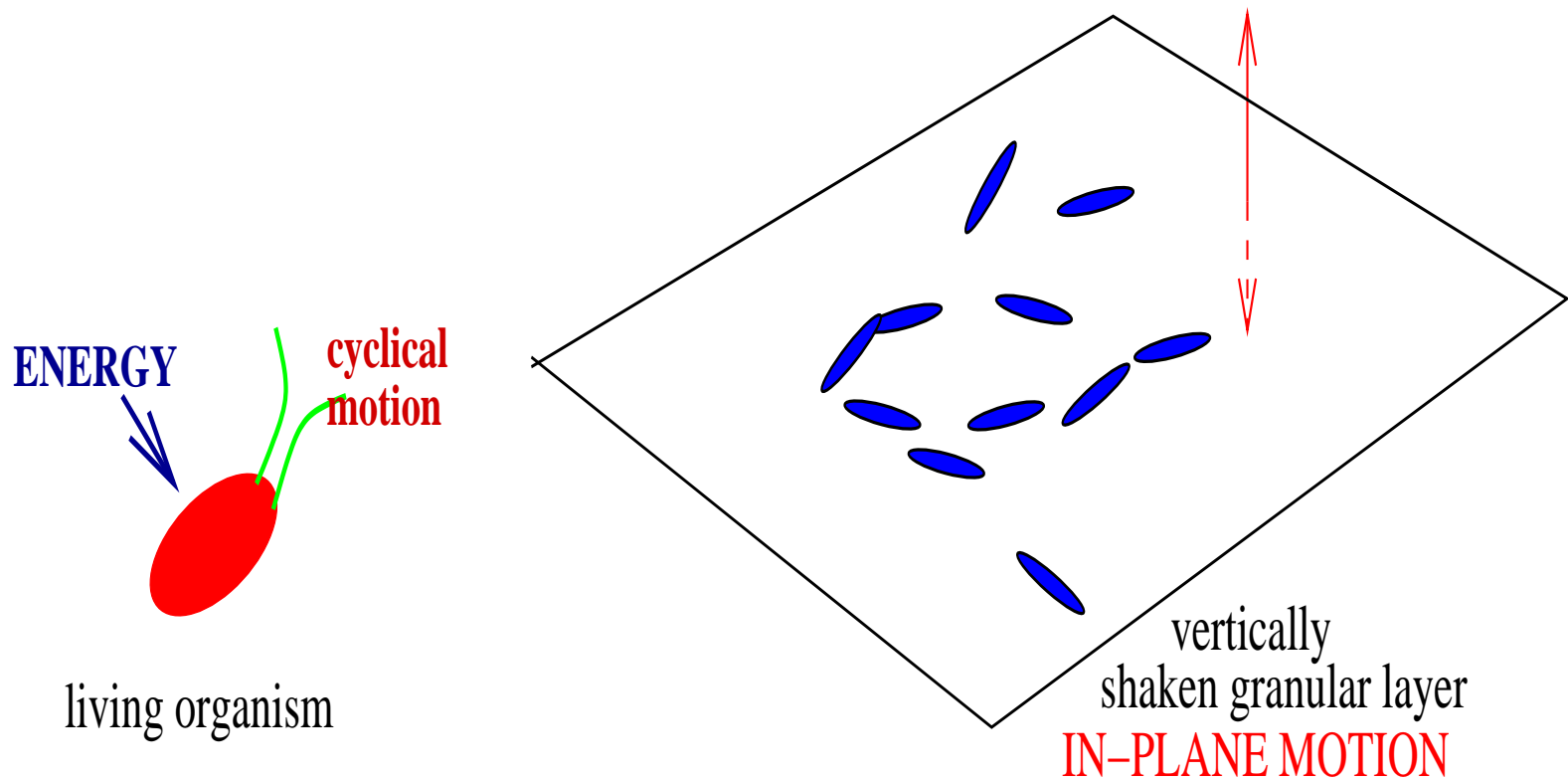
rotation

ordering

V Narayan, N Menon, SR



# Active particle: working definition



Absorb and dissipate energy: nonequilibrium steady state  
Motion self-directed

D. Chowdhury 2005, S. Sinha 2003, Ebeling *et al.* 2002

# Common features of our systems

Self-driven, interacting, correlated, noisy

Orientable particles: ordering?

Fixed energy *throughput*, not budget

All particles forced independently, not from boundary

not like shear flow or  $3d$  granular



# SELF-PROPELLED SUSPENSIONS

Why do they form?  
Mechanism of motion?

**HARD**

ASSUME in or near ordered  
state

**EASIER**

Response to disturbance?

Hydrodynamic  
approach

Fluctuation statistics?

Construct equations of motion for **slow variables**

Related: Lau, Lubensky PRL 2003, Kruse *et al.* PRL 2004

# Our interest

**Symmetry, conservation laws** → coarse-grained eqns of motion

**Nonequilibrium steady state; infer** statistics from eqns of motion: no Gibbs distribution, no Onsager symmetry.

**Focus: qualitative difference** from dead Brownian particles

## Earlier work

Reynolds 1987: computer graphics for movies

Vicsek et al 1995: simulations

Toner and Tu 1998: field theory – moving XY model

Only polar order: can't describe nematics

No fluid flow: misses physics of suspensions

Fluid dynamics literature (Lighthill, Pedley-Kessler): doesn't consider ordering

# Results

Generic hydrodynamic eqns for active-particle systems

## Ordered phases

- Travelling waves
- Giant number fluctuations, tails
- Ordered low-Re swimmers always break up into finite domains (**expts**)

Isotropic phase: novel rheology; nonequilibrium noise

- Increase correlations → stiffen or soften
- activity → giant noise-temperature, tails

**HOW?**

# Hydrodynamic approach; slow variables

Active-particle concentration  $c(\mathbf{x}, t)$

Momentum density of particles + fluid  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho \mathbf{u}$

$\mathbf{u}$  = hydrodynamic velocity field

Incompressible:  $\rho = \text{constant}$ ;  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$

Polar order parameter: active-particle velocity relative to solvent:  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$

Simha and SR PRL 2002

See also Kruse *et al.* “active gels” PRL 2004

# Building equations of motion

Number conservation:  $\partial_t c = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}$

Newton II:  $\partial_t \mathbf{g} = -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{F}_{ext}$

Order-parameter:  $\partial_t \mathbf{v} = \text{Forces and Torques}$

Express  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ ,  $\mathbf{J}$ , forces and torques in terms of slow variables.

## Easiest: concentration equation

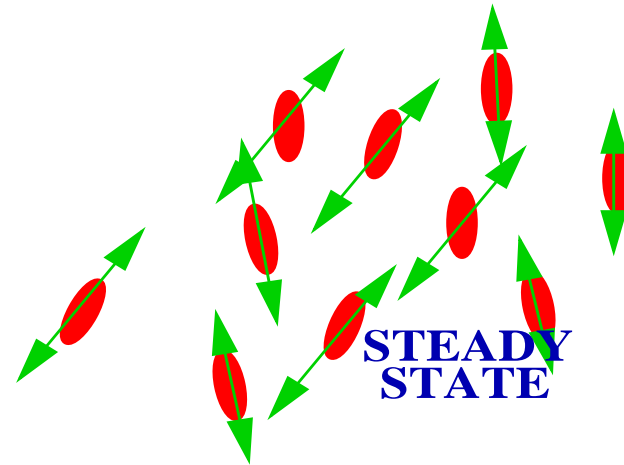
$$\partial_t c = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = c(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u})$$

$\mathbf{v}$  is *velocity relative to medium*

Galilean invariance of particles + fluid

# Momentum equation



Activity: internal forces: Total momentum (particles + solvent) conserved

$$\partial_t \mathbf{g} \equiv \partial_t(\rho \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}} = -\eta \nabla \mathbf{u} + p \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^a$$

viscosity      pressure      activity



# Modelling active stresses

Guess (symmetry permits)

$$\sigma_{ij}^a(\mathbf{x}, t) \propto c v_i v_j$$

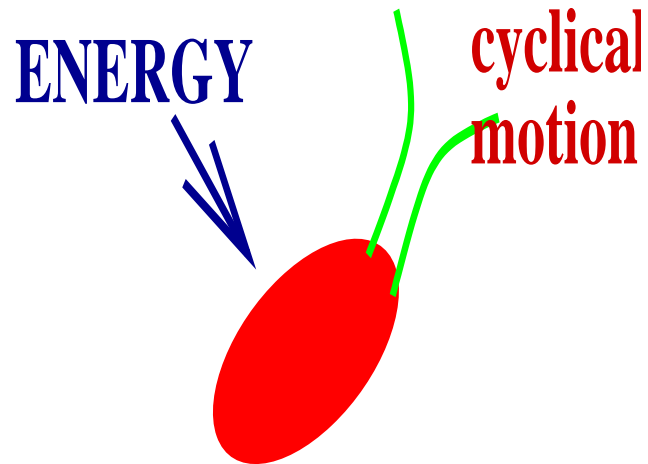
because of noneq activity

CONTRAST: for *thermal equilibrium* uniaxial phase

structure anisotropic, mean stress isotropic

More microscopically:

# One active particle



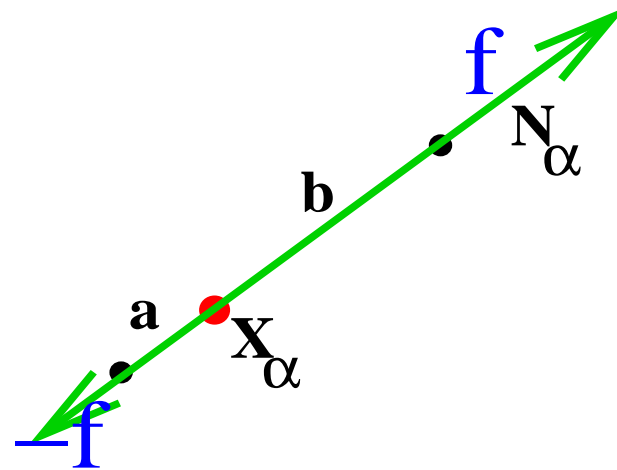
$$F_{ptcl-med} = -F_{med-ptcl}$$

Force-density has zero monopole moment

Active particle = permanent force dipole

Brennen and Winet 1977

# Force dipole model: movers and shakers



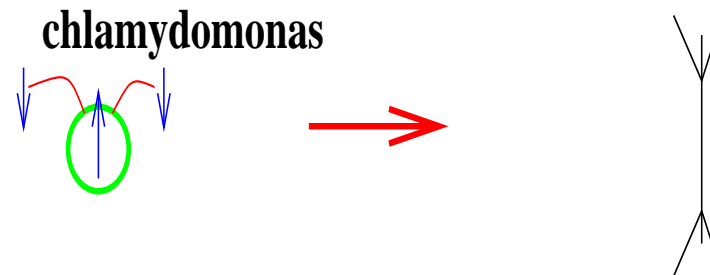
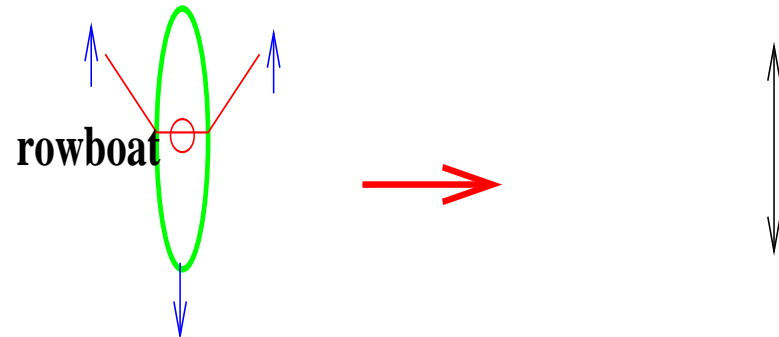
Point forces, equal magnitude, opposite direction

$a \neq b$ : **mover** (polar, vectorial); **velocity**  $\mathbf{v}_\alpha = v_0 \mathbf{N}_\alpha$

$a = b$ : **shaker** (apolar, nematic); **velocity**  $= 0$

**Coarse-grain:**  $\mathbf{v}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ ;  $\mathbf{v}_\alpha \mathbf{v}_\alpha - \frac{1}{3} v_\alpha^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{x}, t)$

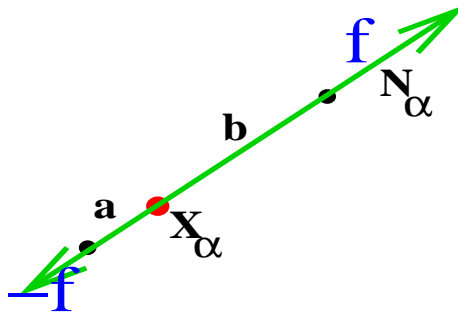
# Examples



steady-state activity  $\leftrightarrow$  permanent force dipoles

$$\sigma^a = K \mathbf{Q}; \text{sgn}(K)?$$

# Force-density



$$\text{Force density} = \rightarrow (a + b) f \nabla \cdot c \mathbf{Q} + (a - b) f \mathcal{O}(\nabla \nabla)$$

in continuum limit

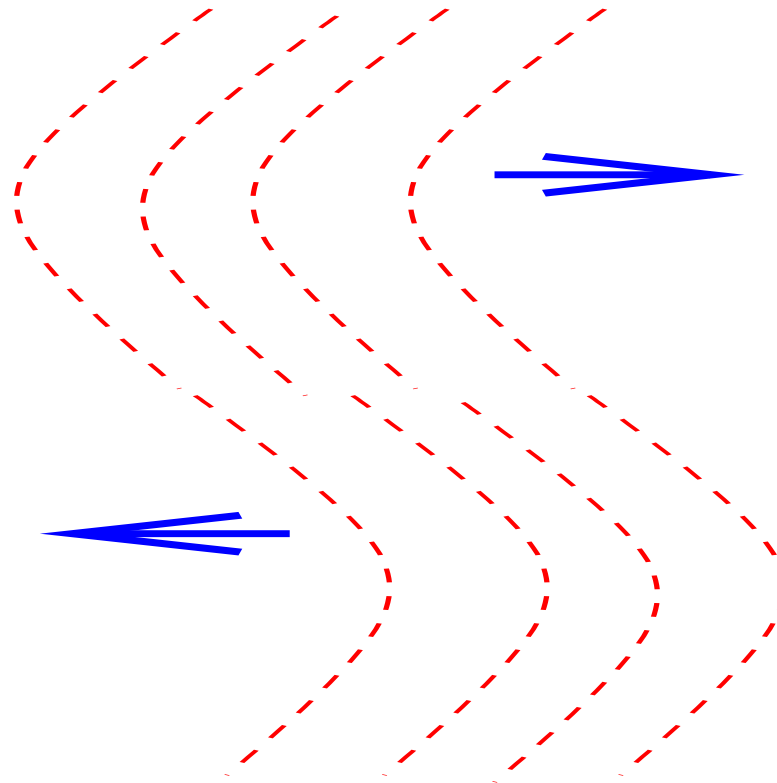
$c =$  local concentration

$\mathbf{Q} \sim \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} =$  local alignment tensor

Simha and SR PRL 2002

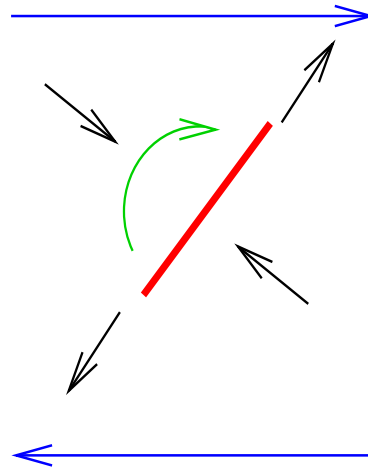
Motor-filament calculation: Liverpool and Marchetti 2006

# Consequences



Driven state: curvature (asymmetry)  $\rightarrow$  flow (Curie)

# Polar order-parameter dynamics



$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} \sim +(\nabla \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}) + \alpha \mathbf{v} - \beta |\mathbf{v}|^2 \mathbf{v} - \nabla(c\mathbf{Q}) + O(\nabla \nabla \mathbf{v}) + \dots$$

advection    speed limit    stress    elasticity

Toner-Tu + fluid flow  
Flow rotates orientation

# Bacteria: stokesian limit

Include viscosity, ignore inertia

Viscous forces balance active forces

$$-\eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_\perp \sim \partial_z \delta \mathbf{n}_\perp - \nabla c + \dots$$

$$\partial_t c \sim -\partial_z c - \nabla \cdot \delta \mathbf{n}_\perp + \dots$$

$$\partial_t \delta \mathbf{n}_\perp \sim \partial_z \mathbf{u}_\perp + \nabla_\perp c + \dots$$

$\Rightarrow$  Effective eqn of motion

$$(\partial_t + v_0 \partial_z) \delta \mathbf{n}_\perp \sim \tau^{-1} c^{\text{os}} 2\theta \delta \mathbf{n}_\perp$$

Instability near  $45^\circ$ !



# Numbers?

$$\tau \sim \eta / ac_0 f \sim .1 \text{ sec}$$

$a$  = particle size,  $c_0$  = mean conc.,  $f$  = active force

Convective instability for  $\text{Re} \ll qa \ll 1$

$q$  = wavenumber

Relevant regime for bacteria

Only *finite-scale* ordered domains!

Simha and SR PRL 2002

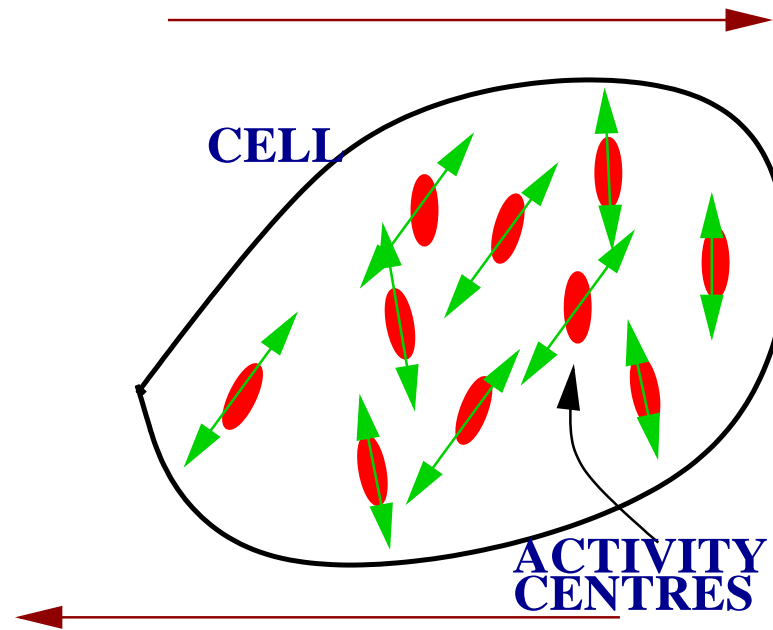
Experiments? Dombrowski *et al.* PRL 2004

Effect of shear (S Muhuri, Raman Instt)

Instabilities in film flow: SR in preparation

# Isotropic phase: active rheology

Y Hatwalne, S.R., M Rao, R A Simha PRL 98 (2004) 118101



$$\frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}} \equiv \frac{\sigma(\omega)}{\epsilon(\omega)} = G^*(\epsilon, \omega) = G_{struct}^* + G_{activ}^*$$

Liverpool et al 2001 (polymers) Liverpool-Marchetti, Fabry *et al.*,  
Lau, Lubensky

# Shape and activity

Assume flow-aligning



**SHEAR -- ORIENTED ACTIVITY**  
**ACTIVITY -- REDUCES FLOW**



**SHEAR -- ORIENTED ACTIVITY**  
**ACTIVITY ENHANCES FLOW**

# Active viscoelasticity

In general  $\rightarrow \partial_t \mathbf{Q} + \tau^{-1} \mathbf{Q} \sim \nabla \mathbf{u}$   
relaxation, coupling to flow

Active:

$$\partial_t \sigma^a + \tau^{-1} \sigma^a \sim K \dot{\epsilon} \text{ (shear-rate)}$$



$$G'_{activ} \sim K \frac{(\omega\tau)^2}{1+(\omega\tau)^2}$$

Strong viscoelasticity if  $K > 0$ ; strong softening if  $K < 0$ .  
This plus instability: fragile jammed matter à la Cates (SR +  
M Rao 2006)?

# Not like equilibrium

Contrast: equilibrium systems near orientational ordering transitions:

$$\sigma \sim \frac{\delta F}{\delta \mathbf{Q}} \text{ (field conjugate to } \mathbf{Q}; \rightarrow 0 \text{ at transition)} \sim T - T_*$$

$$G'_{passive} \sim \frac{\omega^2 \tau}{1 + (\omega \tau)^2}$$

All effects discussed on previous slide  $\rightarrow 0$  as system approaches ordering transition

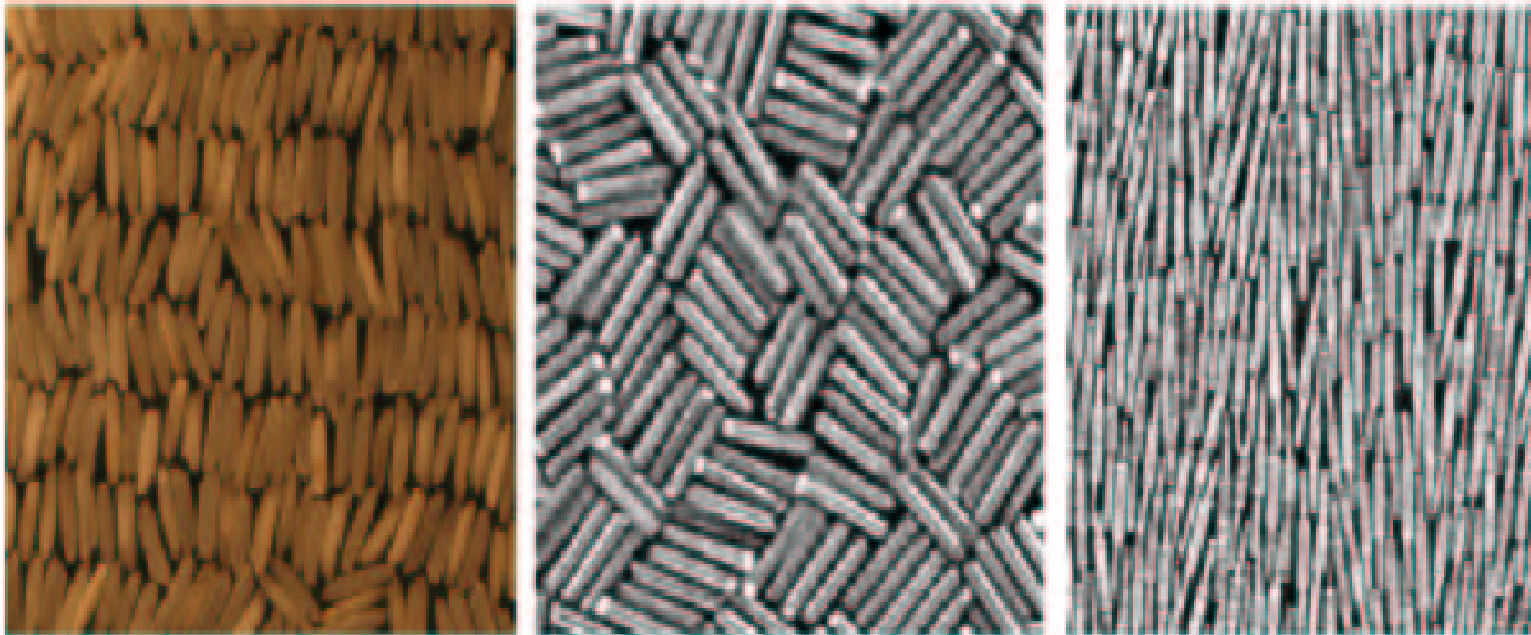
## Isotropic phase

Wu-Libchaber, Soni *et al.* – bacterial swimming

- Active stresses: noise source for dynamics of fluid velocity
- Estimate  $T_{eff}$  from variance of  $\sigma^a$
- Find  $10^5 - 10^6$  Kelvin, similar to Wu-Libchaber bacterial water-polo

# ACTIVE GRANULAR MATTER

Narayan et al. J Stat Mech 2005



Basmati: smectic?

flat tip: tetratic?

tapered: nematic

# Other apolar active systems

Melanocyte  
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Kemkemer  
*et al.* 2000

R. Kemkemer *et al.*: Elastic properties of nematic arrangements formed by amoeboid cells

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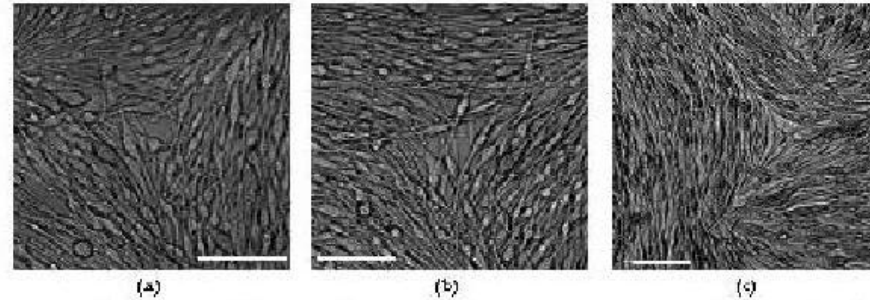


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rod monolayer  
V Narayan,  
N Menon, SR





# Shaken monolayers of rods

Blair, Neicu and Kudrolli 2003, Galanis *et al.* 2005, Fraden  
2005

V Narayan, N Menon, SR 2006

rod swirls

polar rods move

# Driven steady state

Not thermal equilibrium

Don't have Boltzmann-Gibbs

Must construct equations of motion by “pure thought”

Infer statistics from dynamics

# Active nematics: different

True nematic order: fore-aft symmetric, mean velocity zero  
Just like equilibrium nematic? Effective temperature?

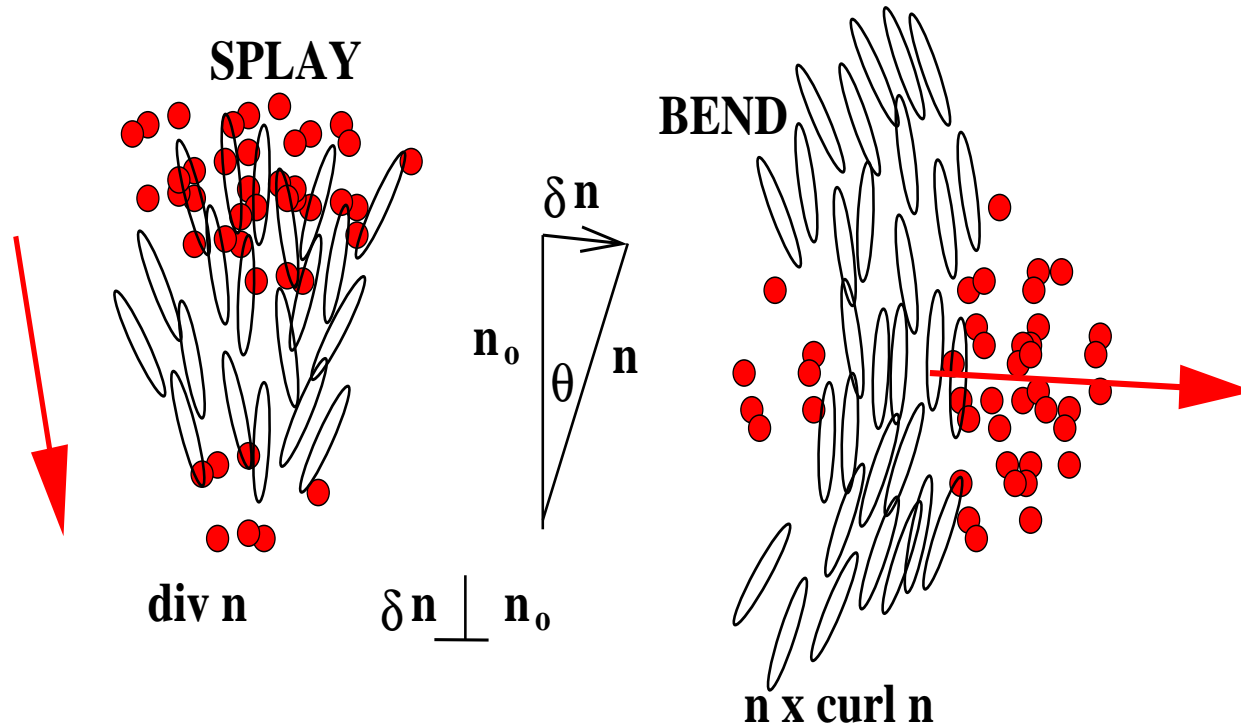
Variables:

Concentration  $c$ , 1 order parameter fluctuation  $\delta \mathbf{n}_\perp$

Ignore velocities

Substrate: momentum sink

# Splay or bend $\rightarrow$ current

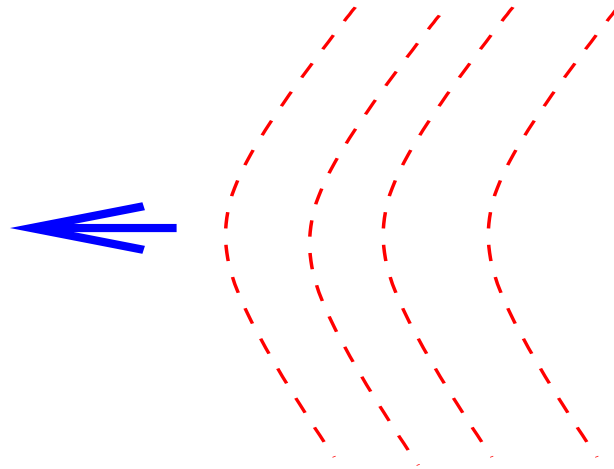


ASYMMETRY LEADS TO CURRENT

$$J_x \propto \partial_z \theta$$

$$J_z \propto \partial_x \theta$$

# Curvature $\rightarrow$ current



$$\mathbf{J}^{(a)} \propto \nabla \cdot \mathbf{Q}$$

Curvature  $\Rightarrow$  left-right asymmetry  $\Rightarrow$  current

# Giant number fluctuations

Recall

$$\langle (\delta\theta)^2 \rangle \sim \frac{T}{K} \ln \frac{L}{a}$$

and

$$\text{Flux} \propto \delta\theta$$

Thus concentration fluctuation (almost) indep of  $L$ .

$$\text{Hence } \delta N_{rms} \propto N.$$

Cf. particles sliding down fluctuating surface

Das-Barma-Majumdar, Drossel-Kardar

# Not an effective temperature

Note:

$$\langle |c(\mathbf{q})|^2 \rangle \sim q^{-2}$$

$$\text{system size } L \Rightarrow \langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle / N \propto L^2 \propto N^{2/d}$$

$d = 2$ : standard deviation  $\propto$  mean!

$$\langle \delta c(x, 0) \delta c(x, t) \rangle \sim \ln(1/t)$$

None of this can be described by effective temperature

# Phase separation?

Simulation: **Mishra and SR cond-mat/0603051** — particles actively advected by nematic fluctuations

Uniform distribution → coarsening:

**fluctuation dominated phase separation**

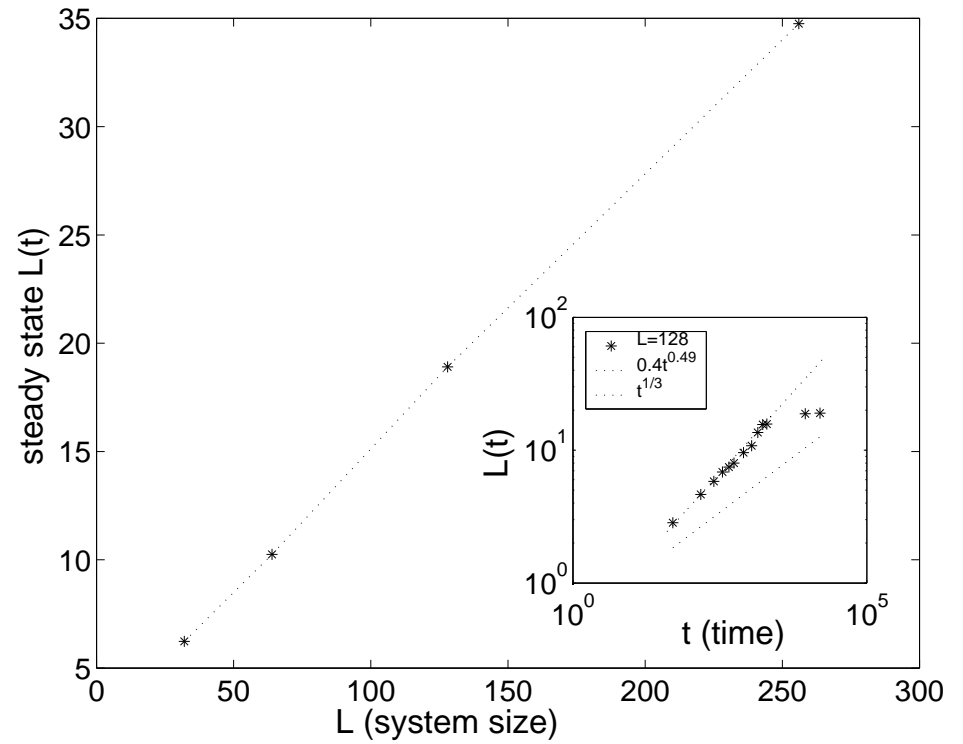
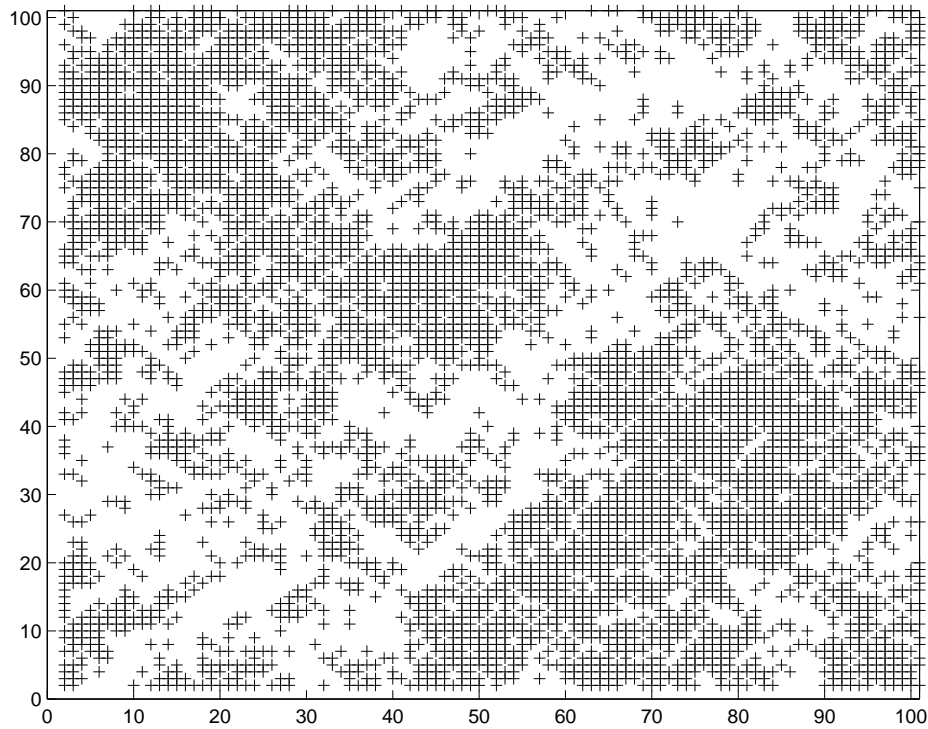
Das, Barma, Majumdar 2000

Chaté *et al.* PRL 2006: independent confirmation in computer experiment

Experiments on biological systems?



# Shradha's results



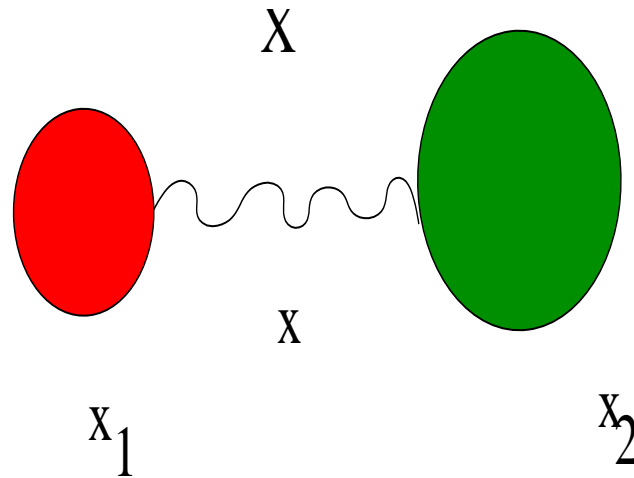
# TENSION AND PROPULSION FROM NOISE

## A BROWNIAN INCHWORM

Turn noise into directed motion?

No substrate sawtooth potential?

Build a moving dimer: K Vijay Kumar and M Rao



# Equations of motion

$$m_i \ddot{x}_i + \zeta_i \dot{x}_i = -\partial_i U(x) + f_i$$

$x, X$  = relative and C of M coordinates

$$\langle f_i(0) f_j(t) \rangle = A_i \delta_{ij} \delta(t)$$

Only  $\zeta_1$  depends on  $x$ ,  $\zeta_2, A_1, A_2$  don't.

$U$  symmetric,  $\zeta_1$  asymmetric, or vice versa  $\rightarrow$   
drift of  $X$ .

# The Brownian inchworm

one moving dimer

# Features

Clear analogy to Ha-Schulten 2006

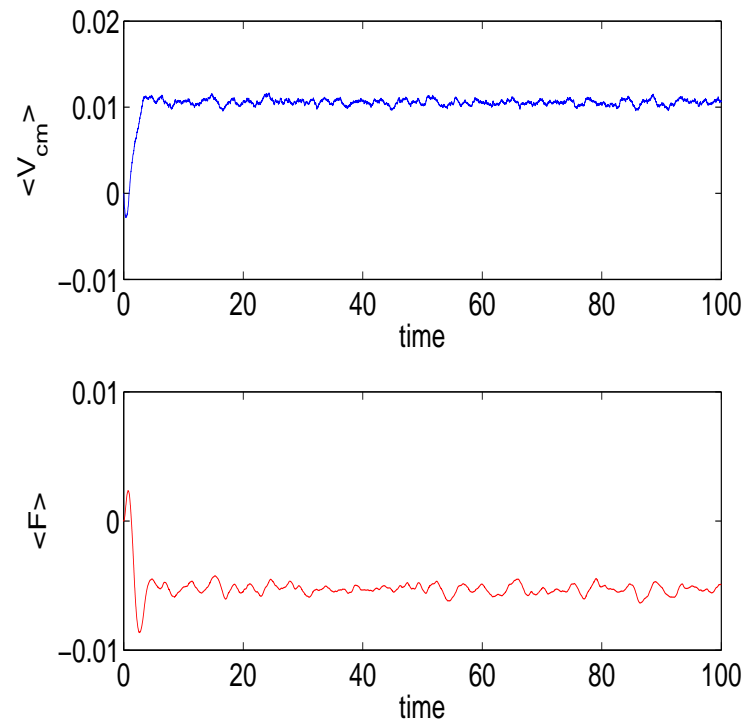
Relate their parameters to these?

Restoring equilibrium:  $A_1 \propto \sqrt{\zeta_1}$  kills drift

In noneq steady state,  $\langle \partial_1 U \rangle \neq 0$

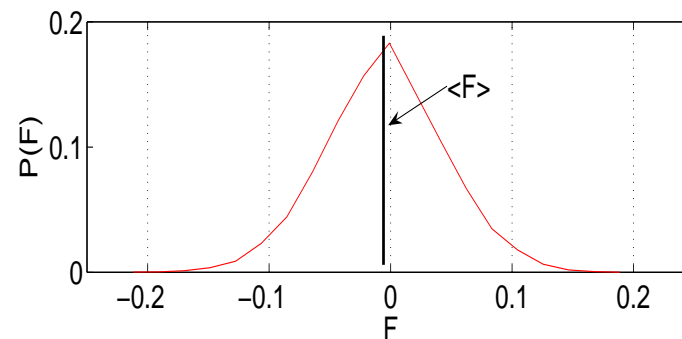
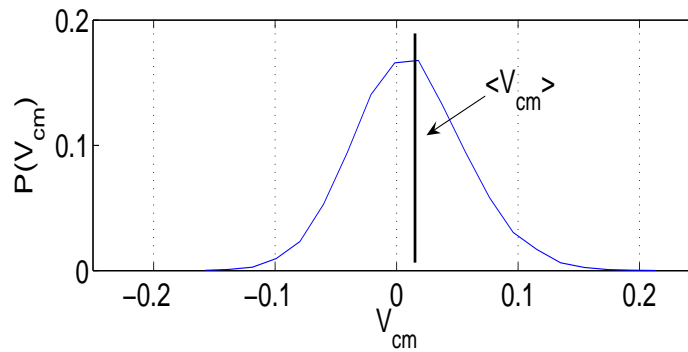
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Asymmetric damping, harmonic  $U(x)$ , no FDT



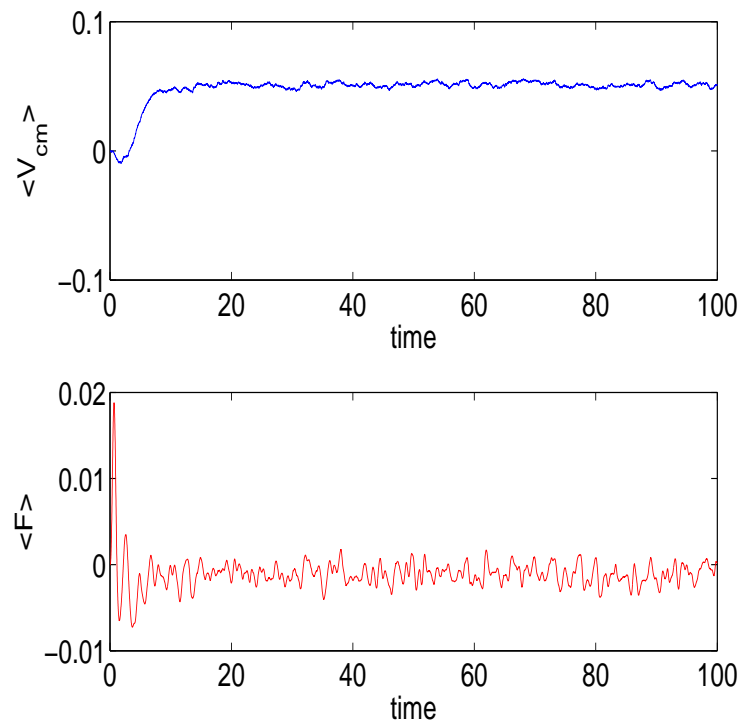
# Probability distributions

Asymmetric damping, harmonic  $U(x)$ , no FDT



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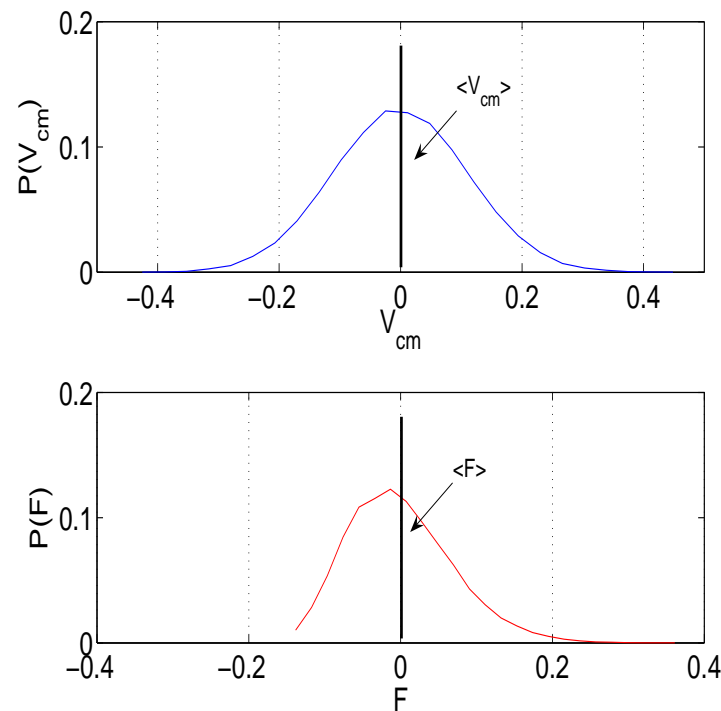
Symmetric damping, noncentrosym  $U(x)$ , no FDT





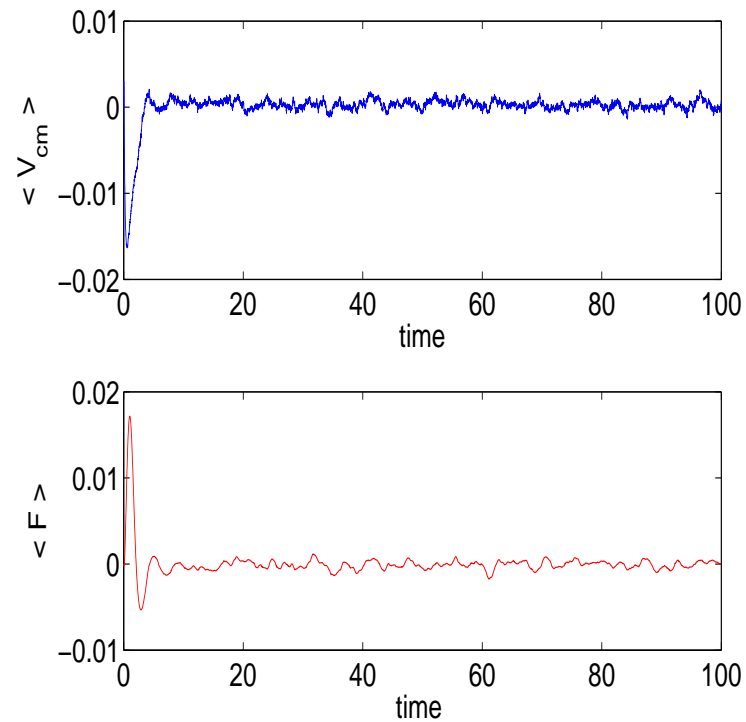
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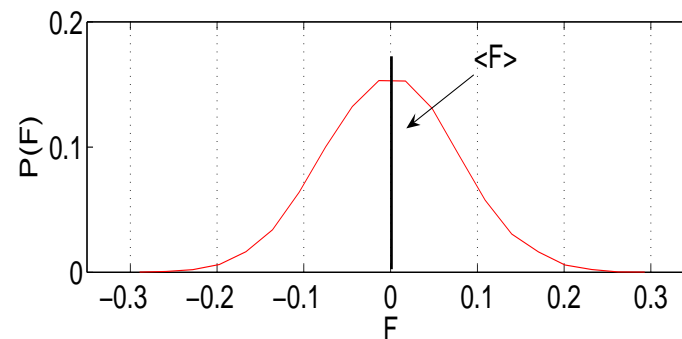
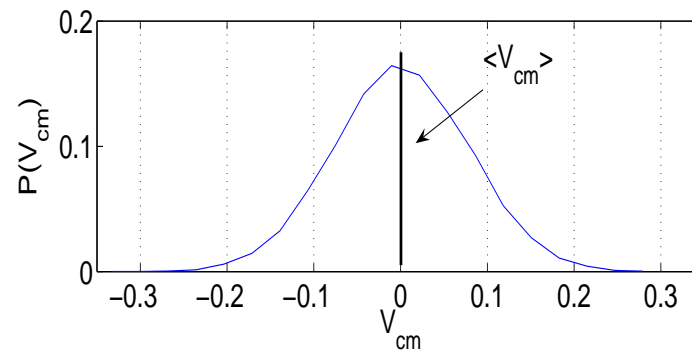
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# Dynamics of the distribution

distributions from an ensemble: equil vs noneq

# Features

Thus: steady state tension, spontaneous motion, force dipole

Can interpret  $x$  as length of actin treadmill, tilt of polar granular rod

Many obvious generalisations: collections of inchworms, longitudinal or transverse chain, immerse in fluid etc.

# CONCLUSION AND THE FUTURE

- Framework for mechanics of living soft matter
- Ordered phases
  - Orientational order → shear rigidity, waves
  - Giant number fluctuations, long-time tails
  - Long-ranged order unstable for low Reynolds no.
- Isotropic phase
  - Active shear-thickening of contractile filaments
  - Giant noise-temperature as in bacteria experiments
- Rod monolayers: promising analogue
- Simple Brownian inchworm model for individual active particles