

Microswimmers in Flow

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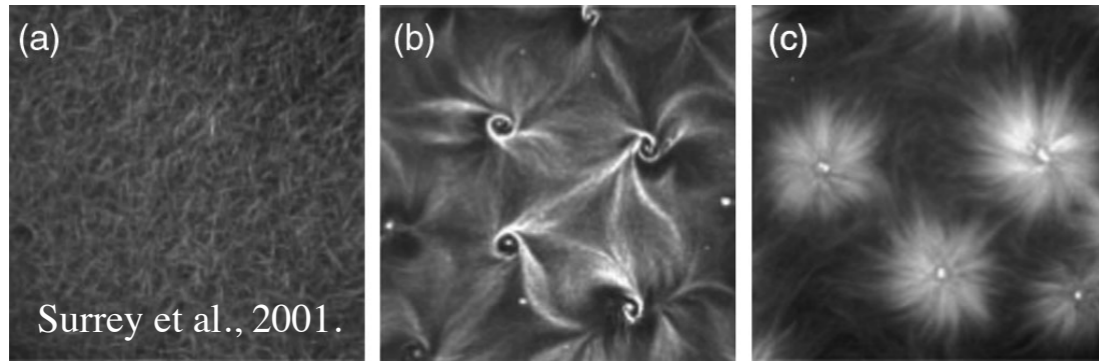
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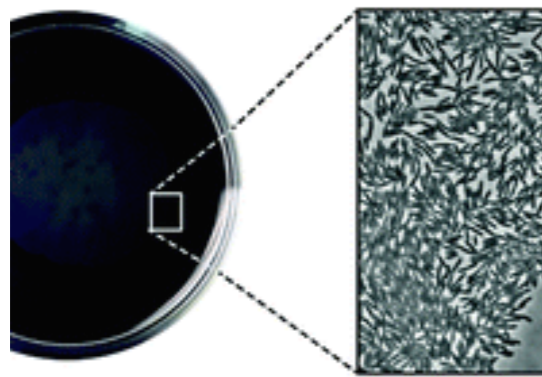
Active Matter



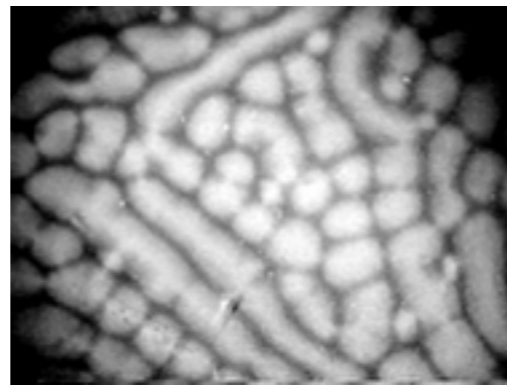
Motor proteins



Fish school



Bacterial biofilm



Bioconvection

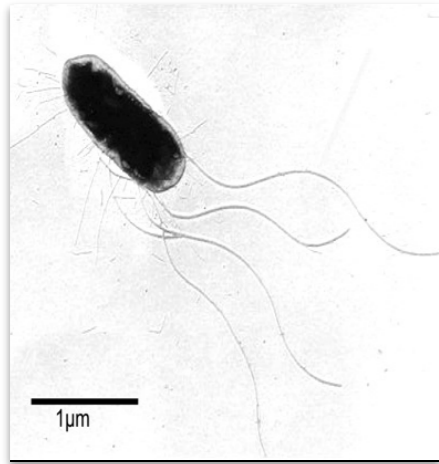


Plankton bloom

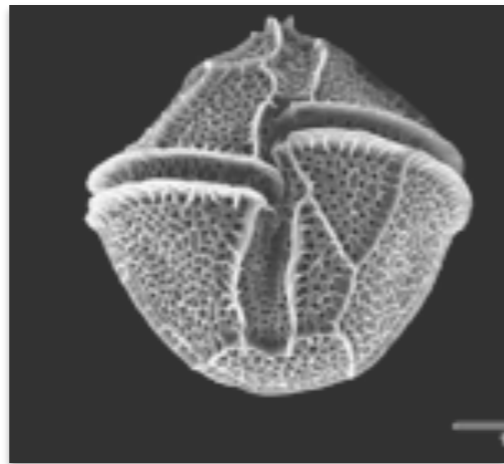


Starling flock

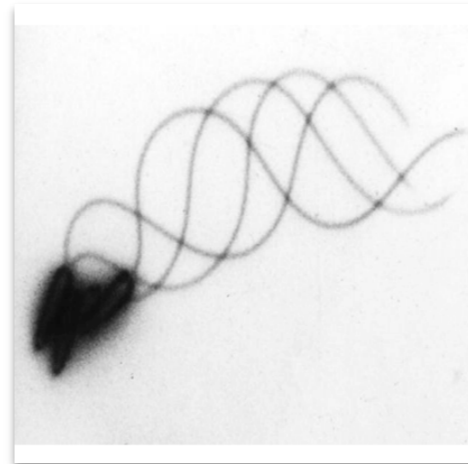
Living microswimmers



E. Coli



Gonyaulax



Sperm cell



Paramecia



❖ Full name: *Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii*

❖ *Microalga*

❖ Size: 10 μm

❖ Shape : Quasi-spherical

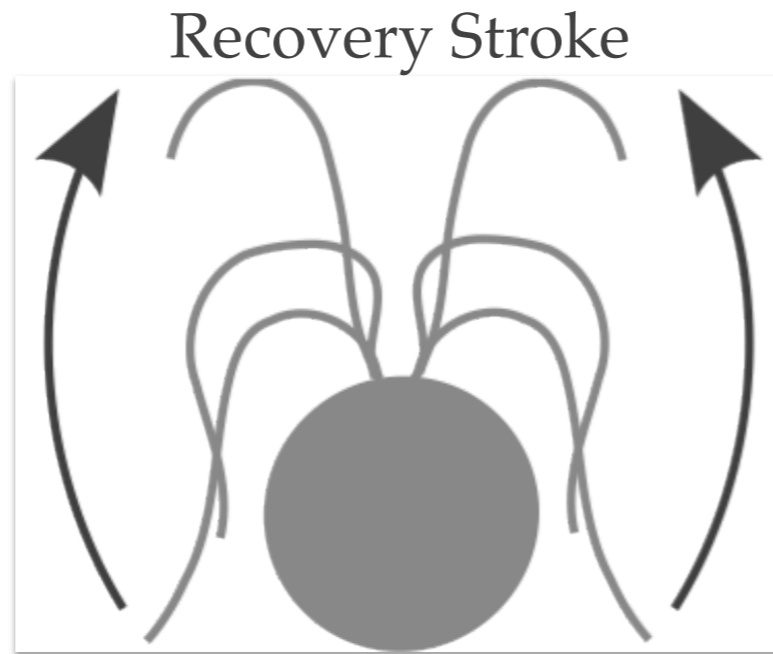
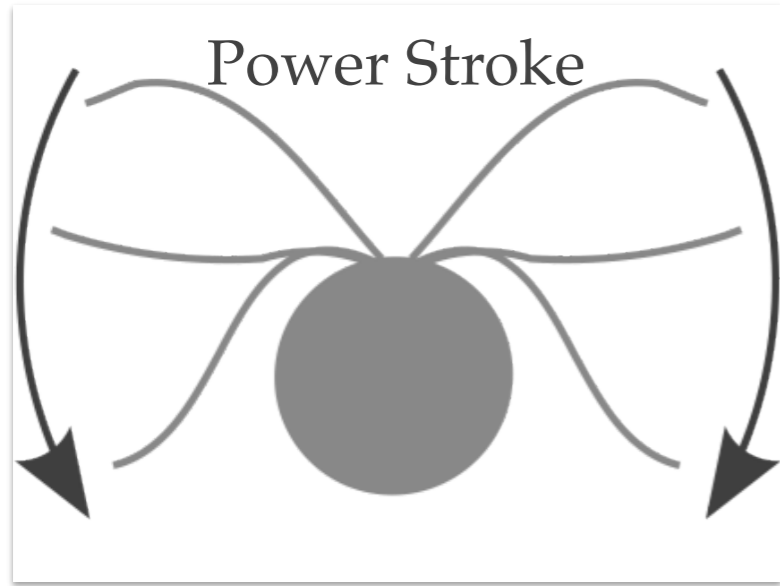
❖ Gender : Puller-type

❖ Velocity ~100 μm / s

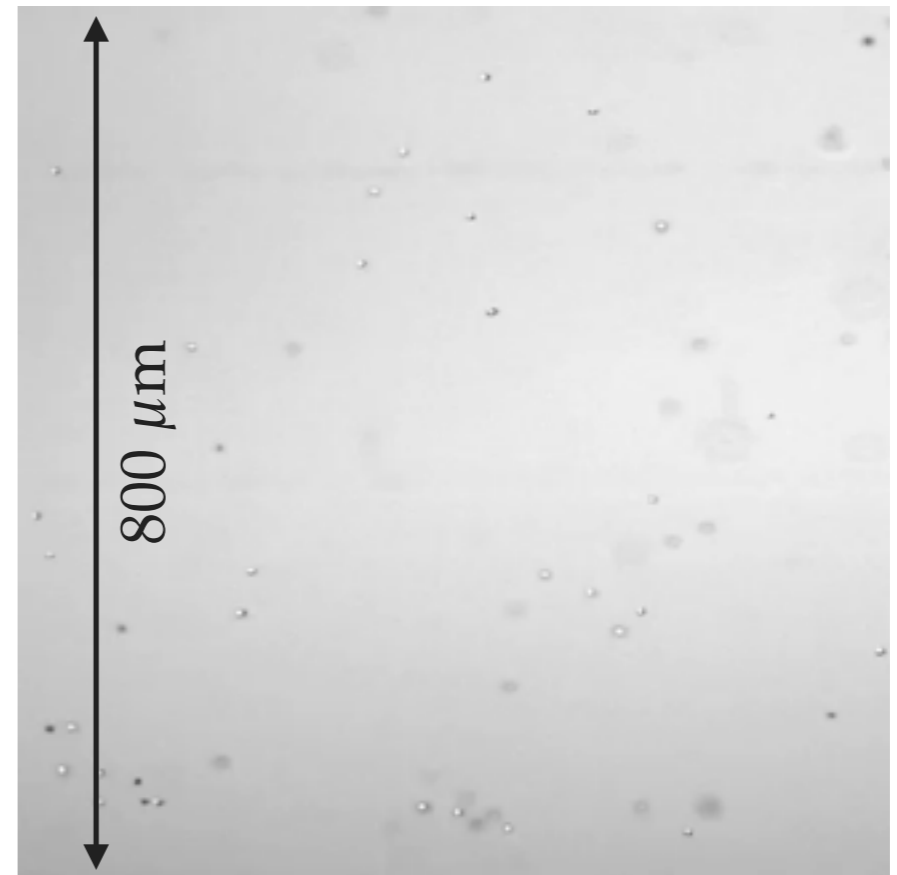
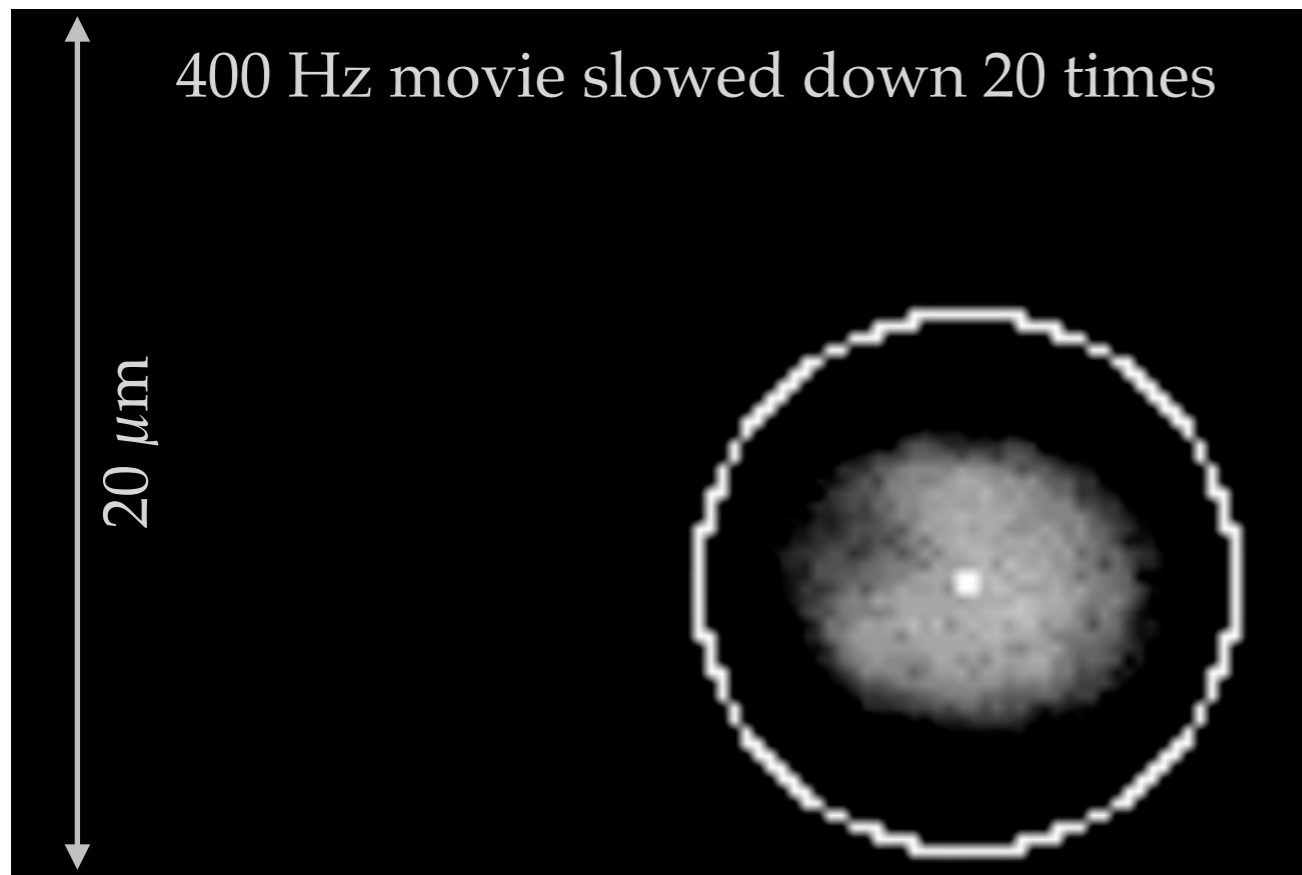
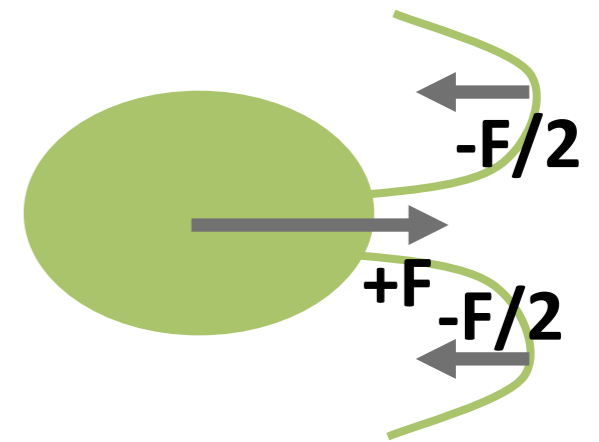
❖ favorite drinking: freshwater + nutrients



The complex random walk of Chlamy

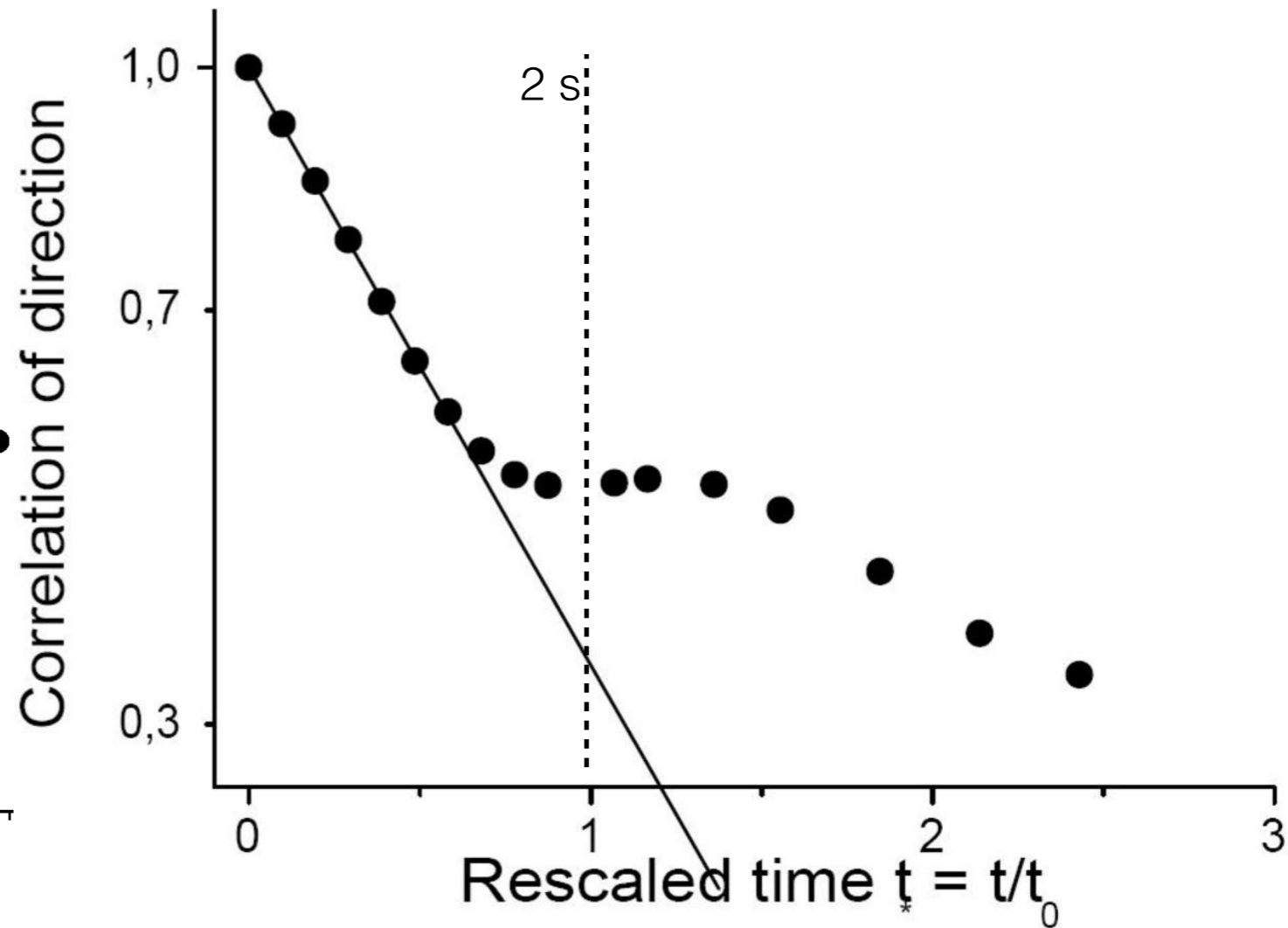
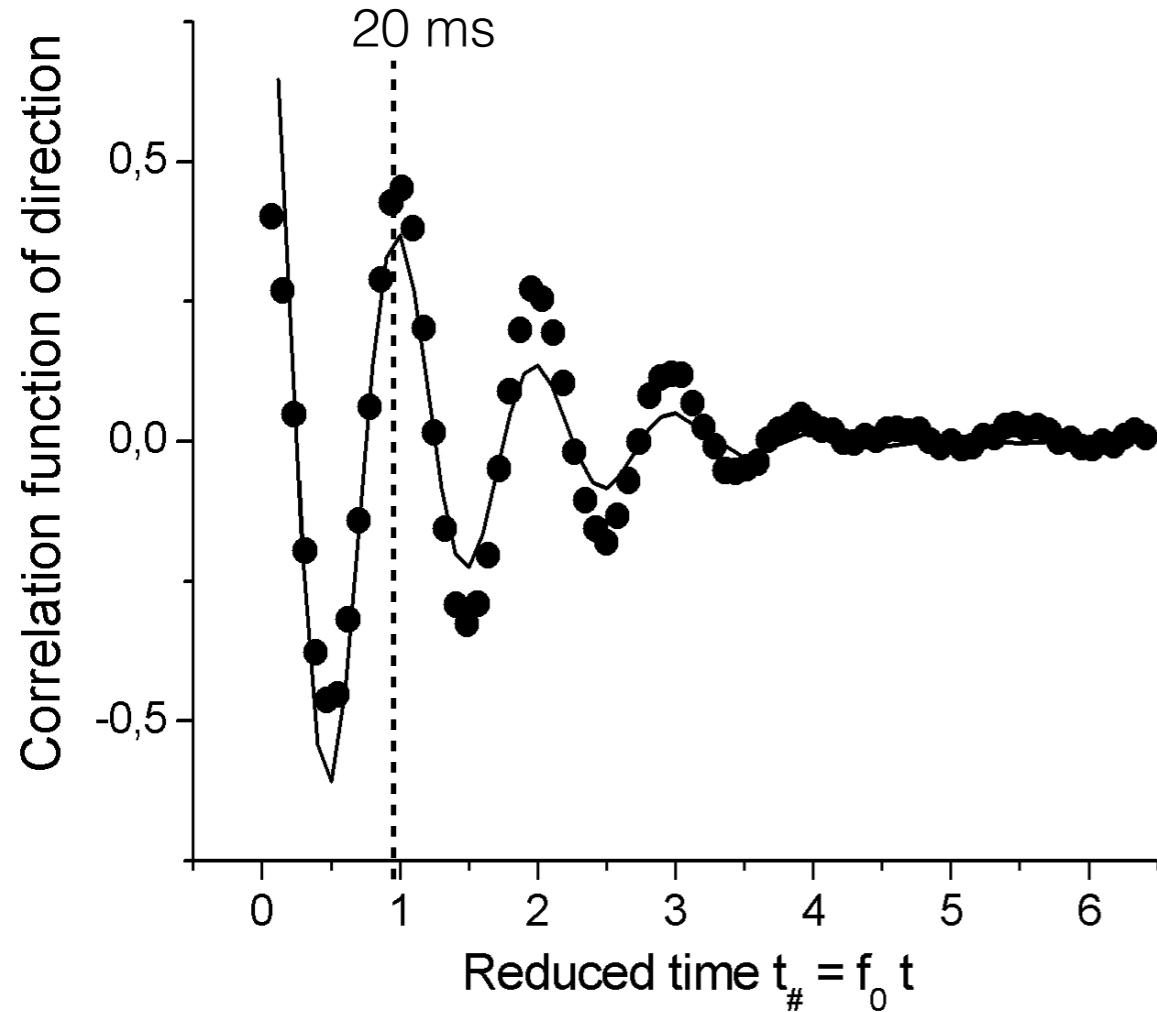
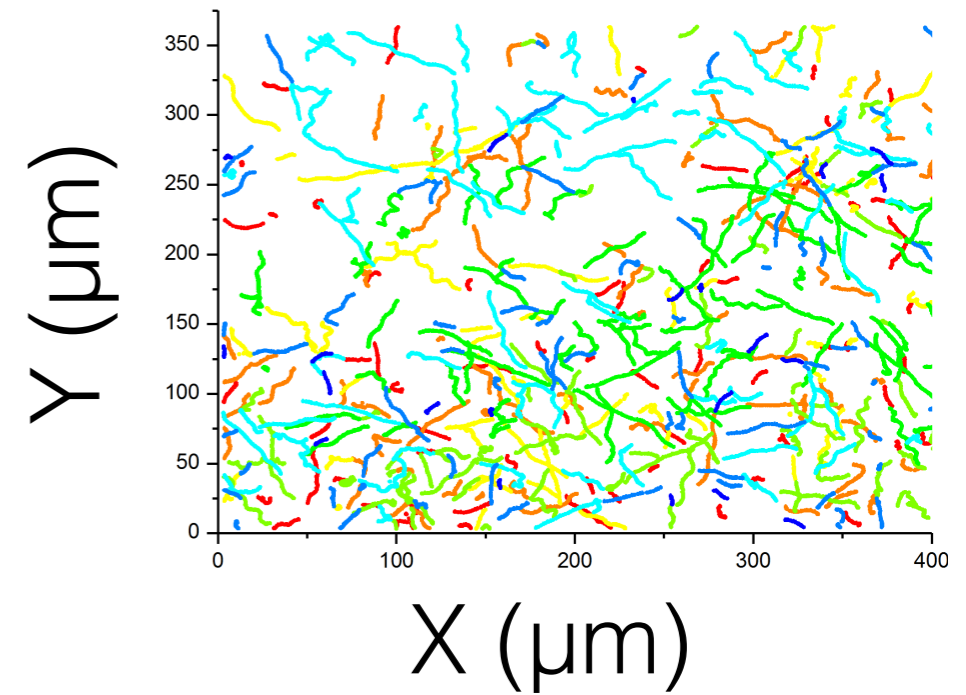


$Re = 10^{-4}$



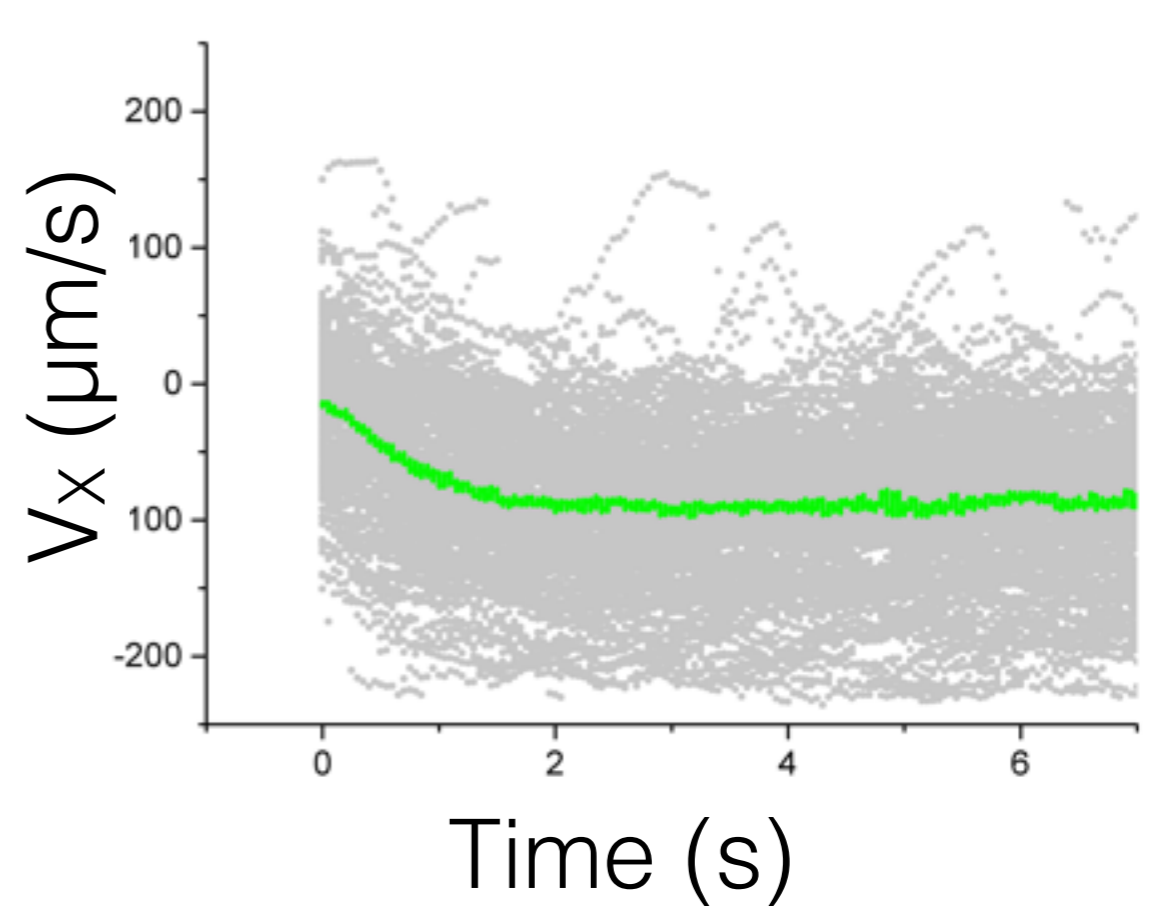
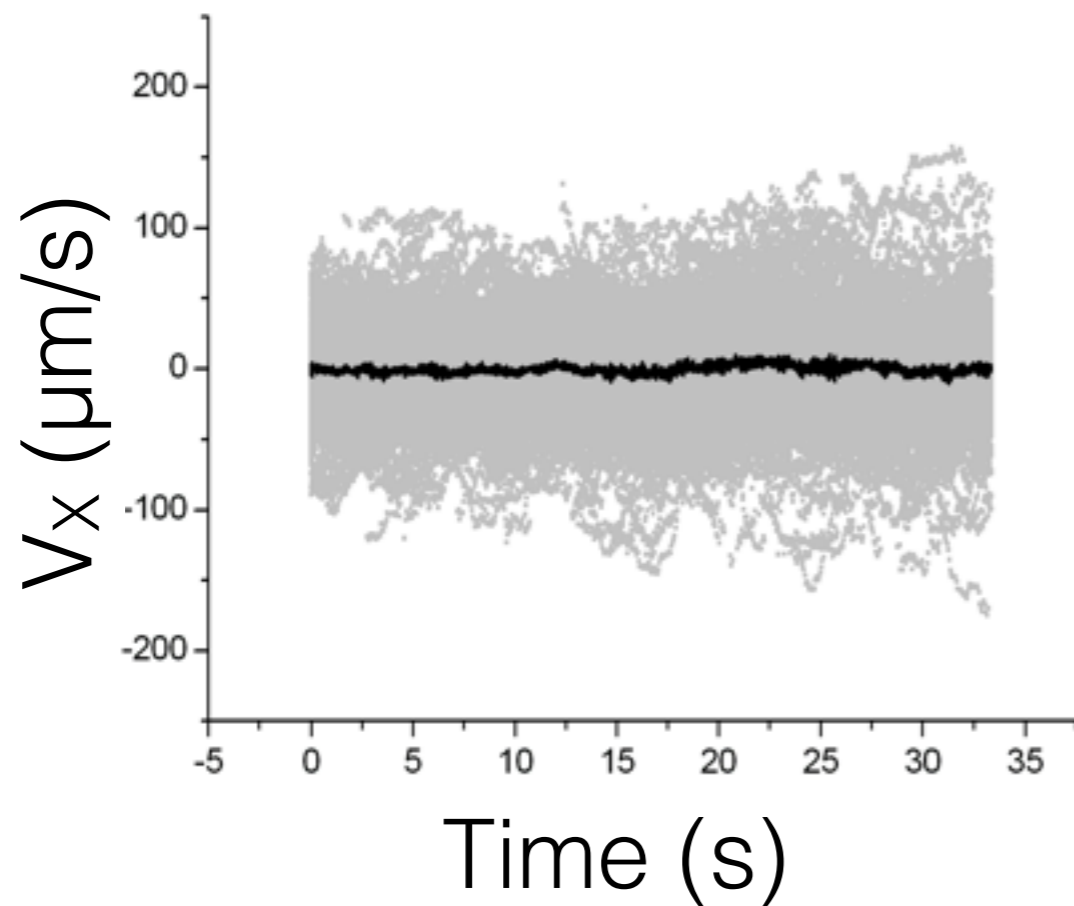
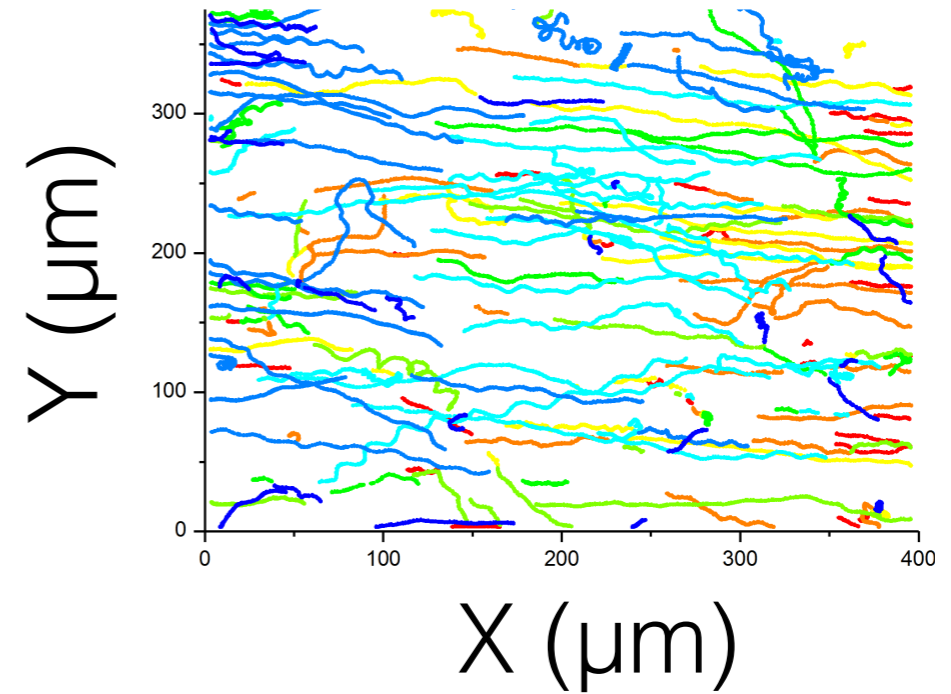
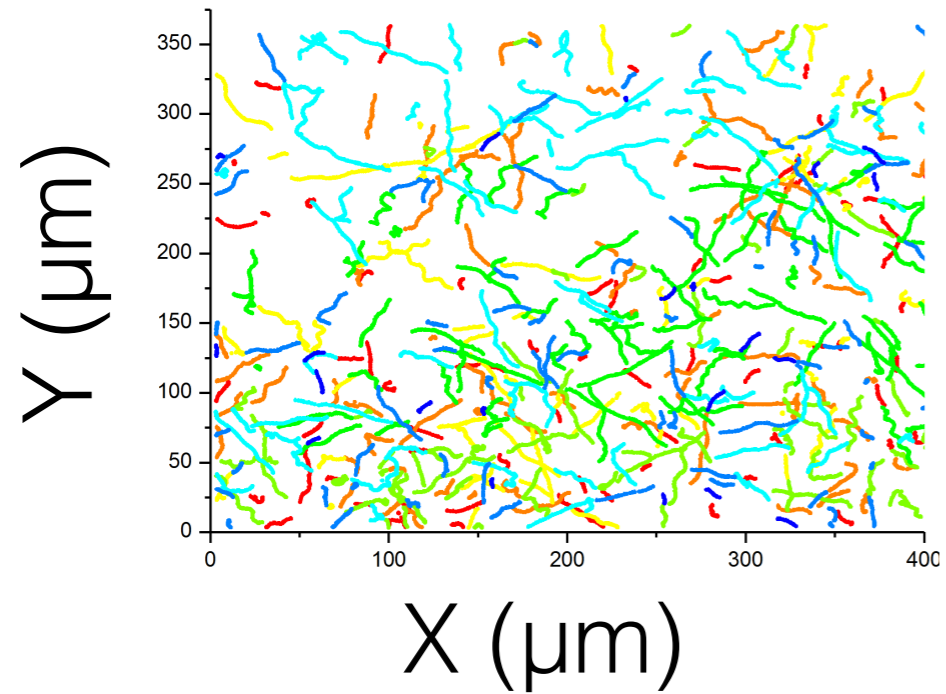
Particle tracking and classical analysis

A persistent random walk

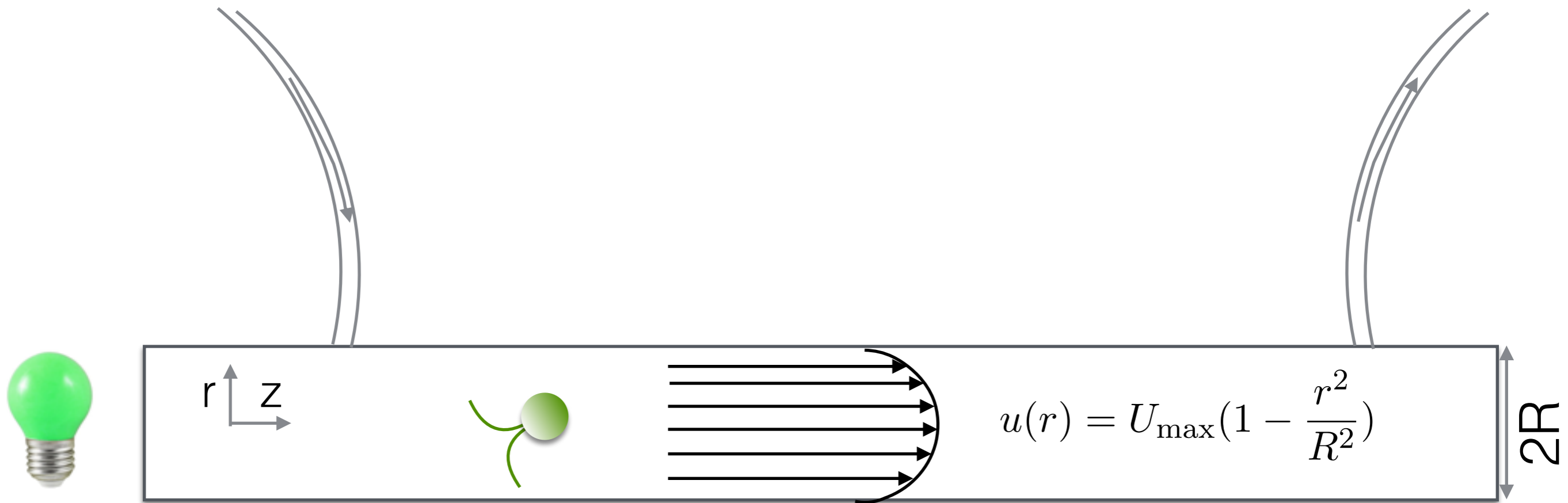


M. Garcia, S. Berti, P. Peyla & S. Rafai
Phys. Rev. E (R) (2011)

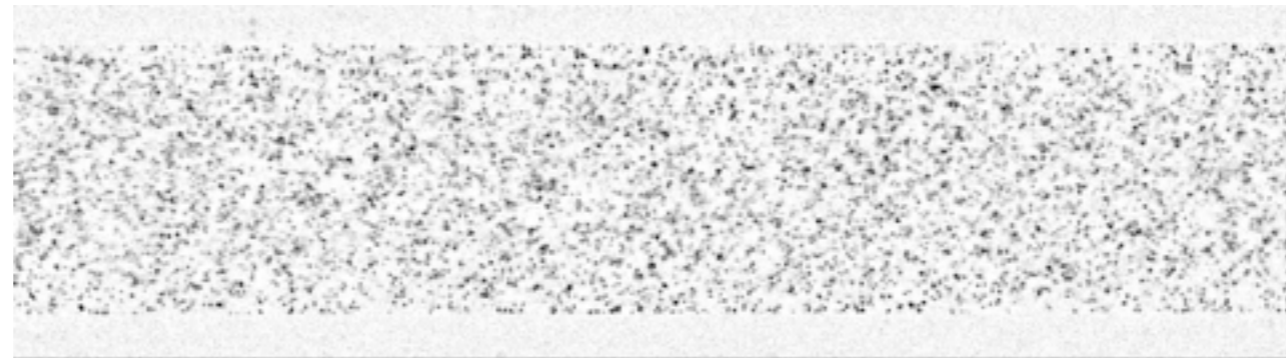
Chlamy & phototaxis



Phototaxis & Poiseuille flow



Phototaxis & Poiseuille flow: Photofocusing

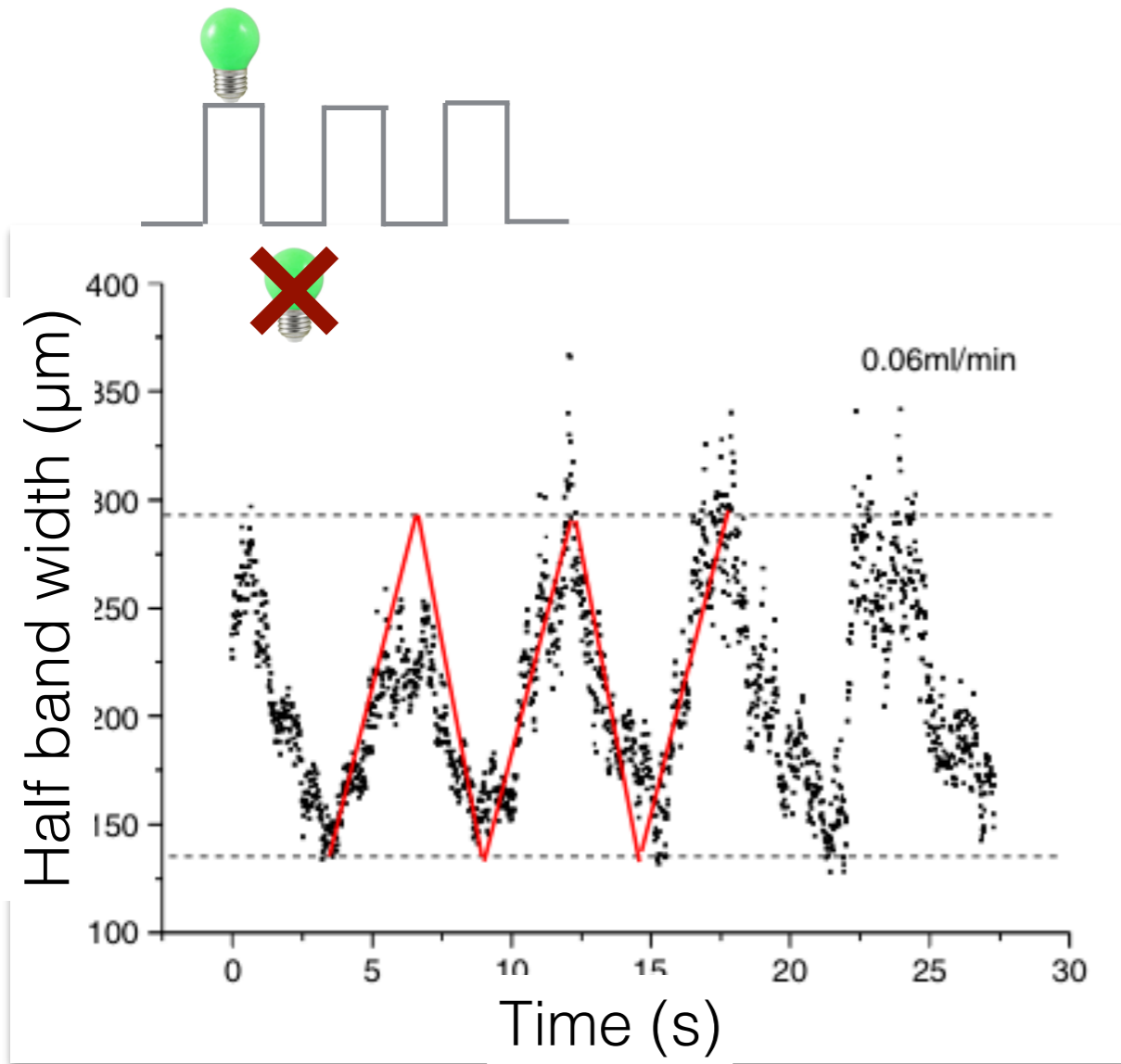
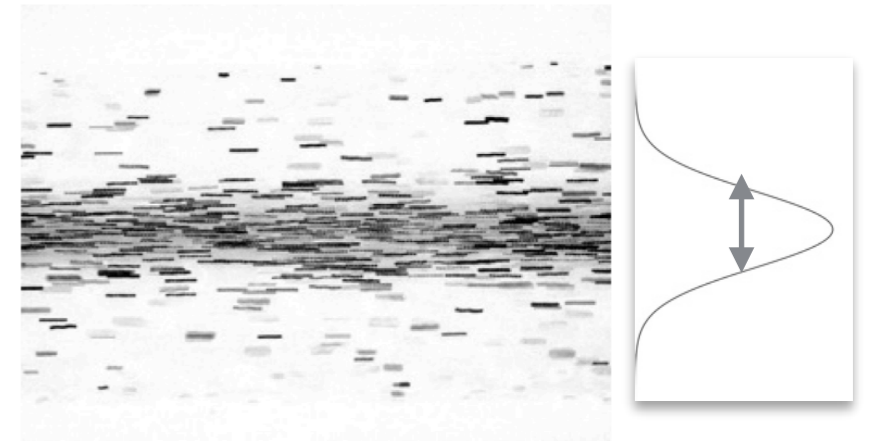


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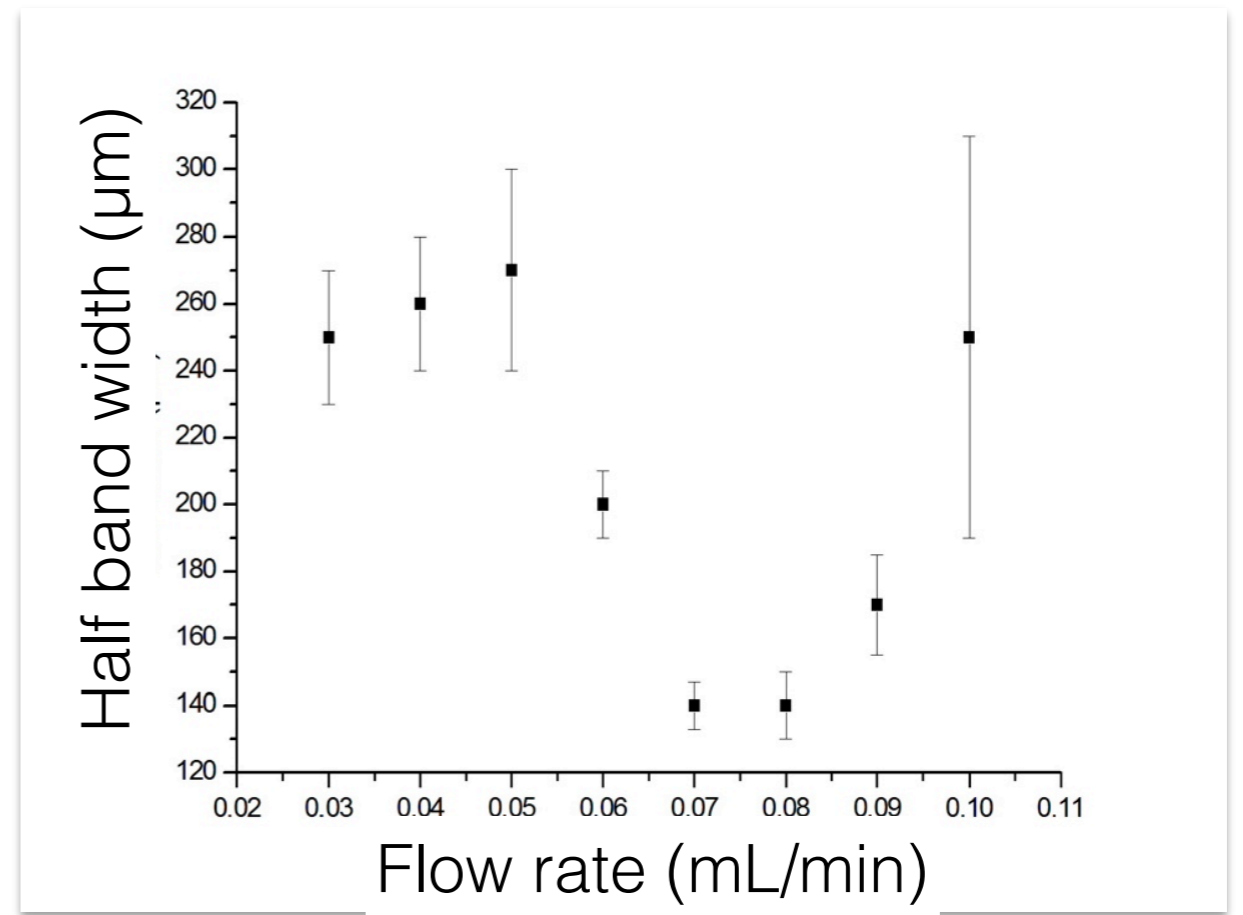
Light Control of the Flow of Phototactic Microswimmer Suspensions

X. Garcia, S.Rafai & P.Peyla (2013) Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 , 138106

Photofocusing: a reversible effect



Microswimmer velocity controls the dynamics



A range of flow rate where focusing occurs

Swimming in the flow

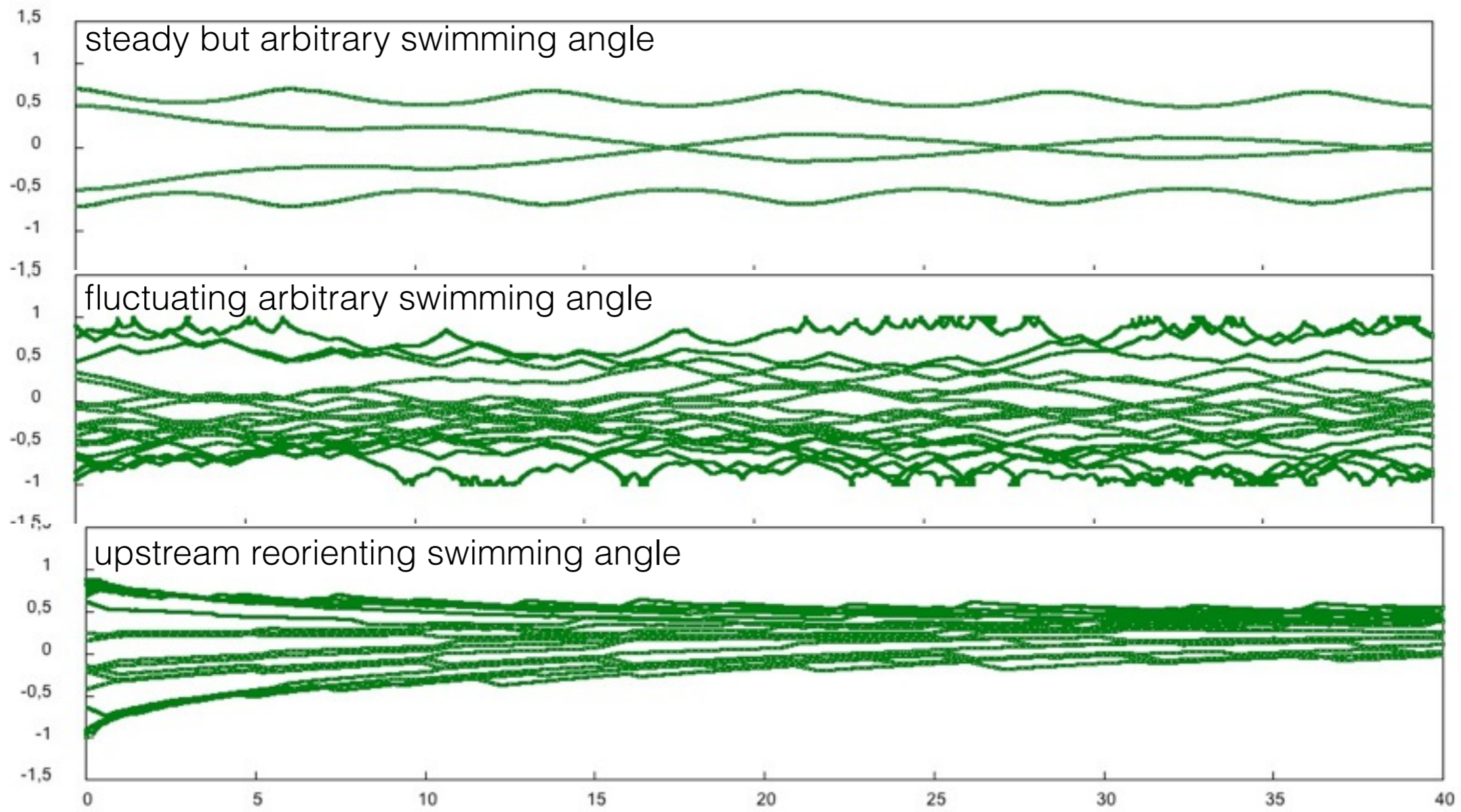
A non linear model: swimming speed V_{swim} + flow speed u

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dr}{dt} = V_{swim} \sin \theta(r) \\ \frac{dz}{dt} = V_{swim} \cos \theta(r) + u(r) \end{cases}$$

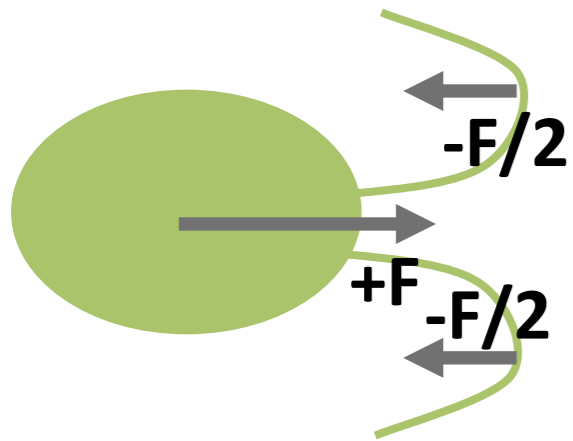
$$u(r) = U_{max} \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$$

$$\theta(\mathbf{r}) = \int_0^t \omega(\mathbf{r}) dt'$$

$2R$

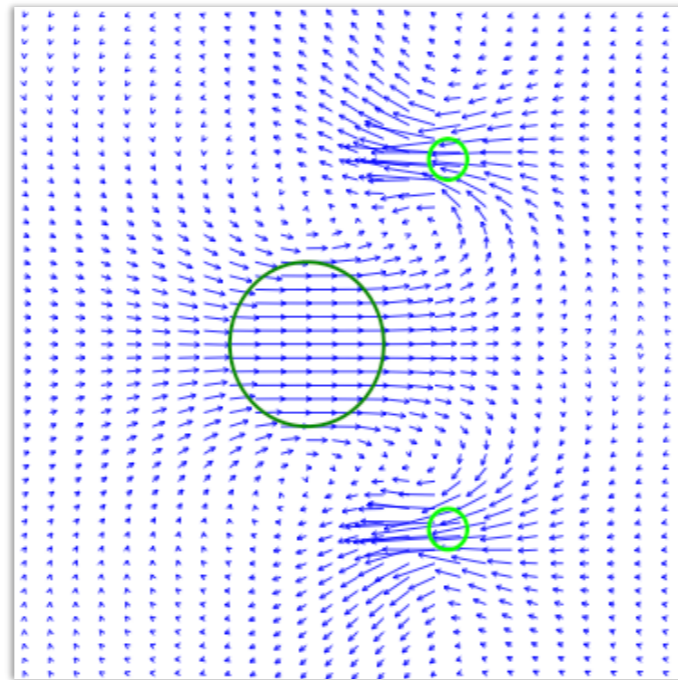


Modeling with full hydrodynamics

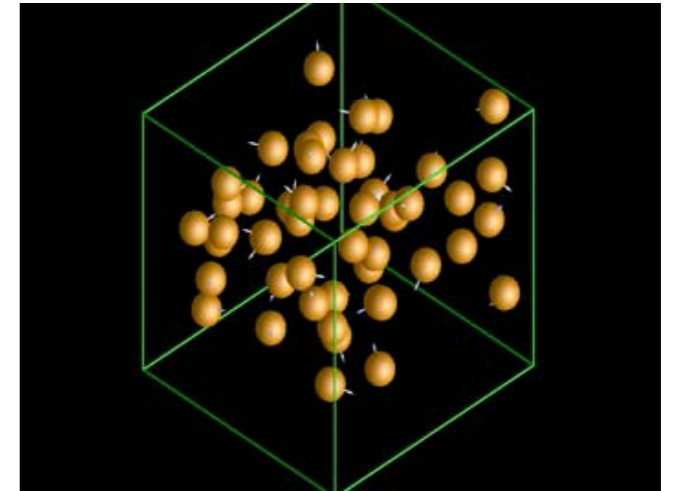


Phantom flagella model

Mehandia & Nott
J. of Fluid Mech. 2008



consistent with
Experimental hydrodynamic field
Drescher et al. Phys Rev Lett 2010



3D Fluid Particle Dynamics
Peyla et al. J. Fluid Mech. 2012

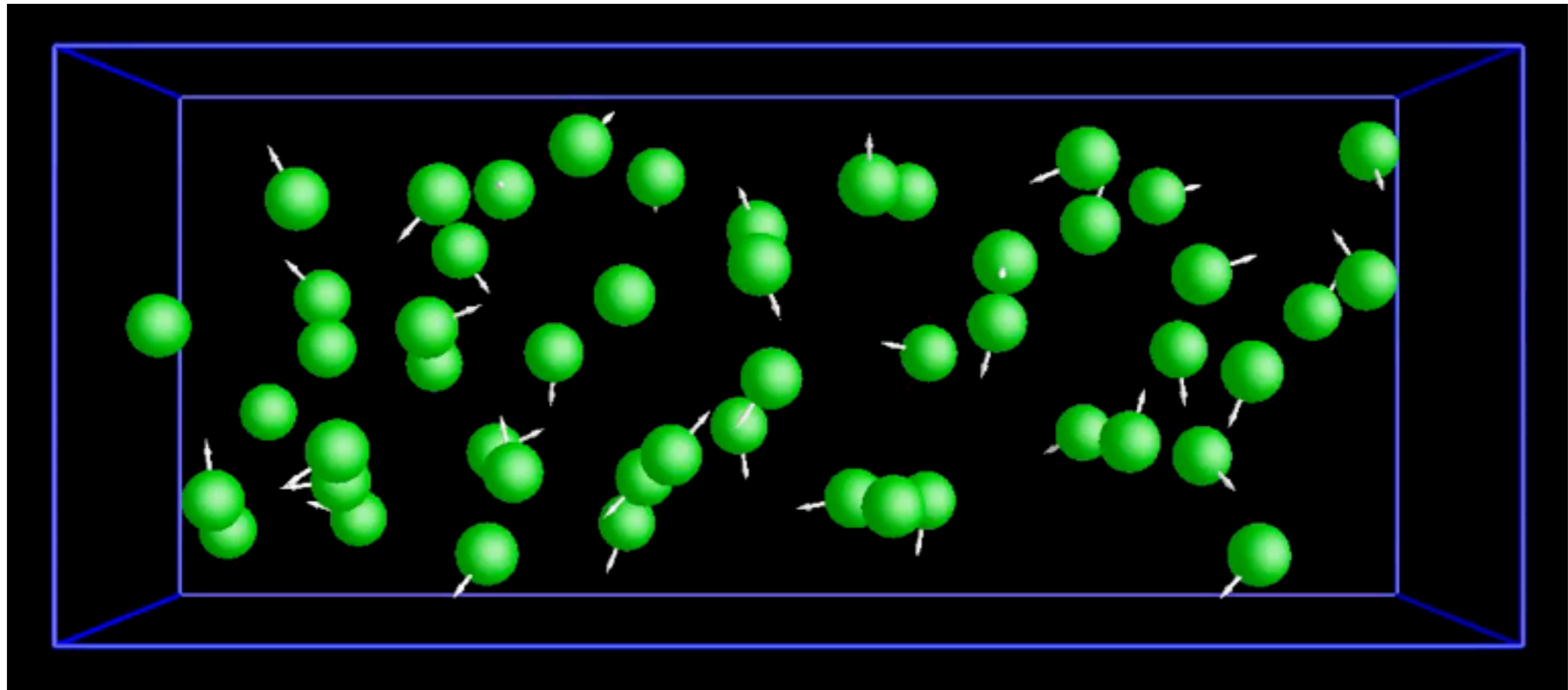
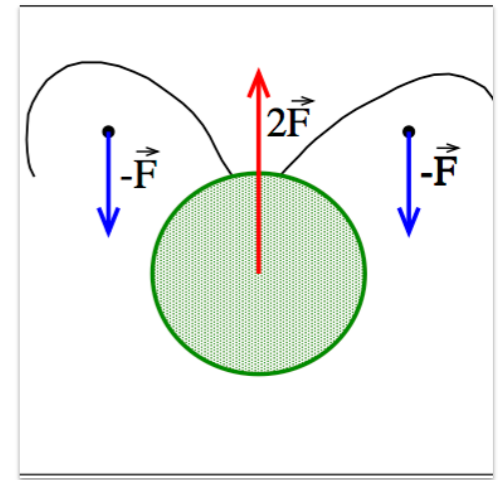
$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla P + \nabla \cdot [\eta(\mathbf{r})(\nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla \mathbf{v}^t)] + \mathbf{f}$$

Navier Stokes + Active forces

Penalization method

Tanaka 2D (PRL 2000),
Peyla 3D (EPL 2007)

Clustering



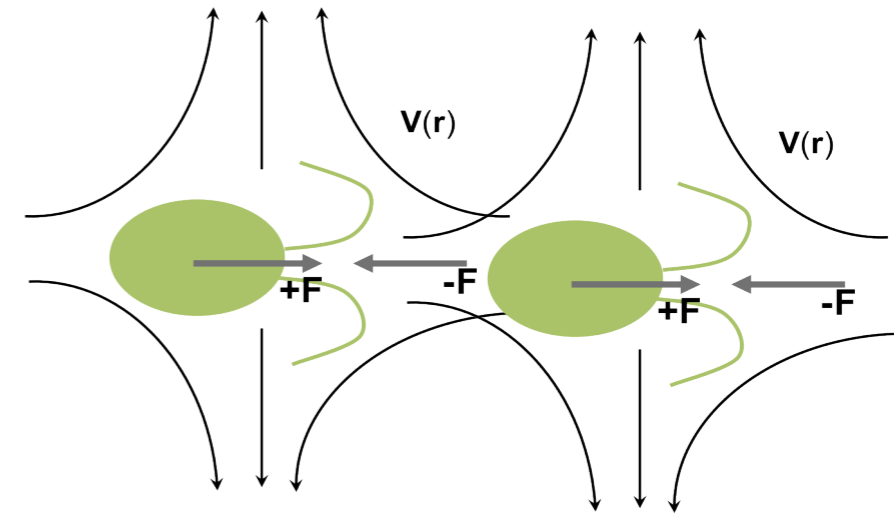
Full hydrodynamics numerical simulations (FPD method)

Self-focusing and jet instability of a microswimmer suspension
L. Jibuti et al. (2014) Phys. Rev. E, 90, 063019

Perspectives

together with Philippe Peyla (Prof. UJF)

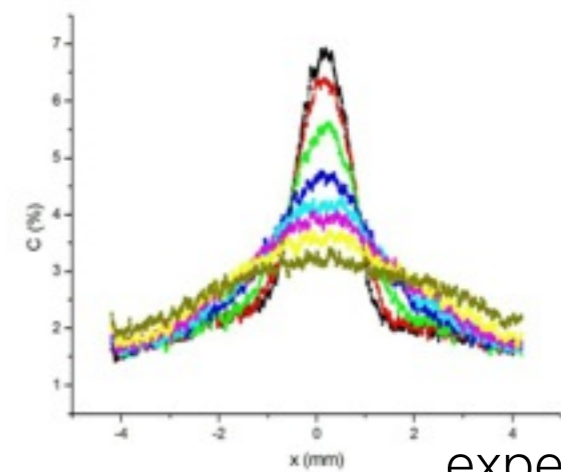
Experimental evidence of clustering?



Effect of hydrodynamic interactions on the dispersion of μ swimmers



numerics



experiments

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