

# Nonequilibrium soft matter: self-propelled, drifting, and stuck

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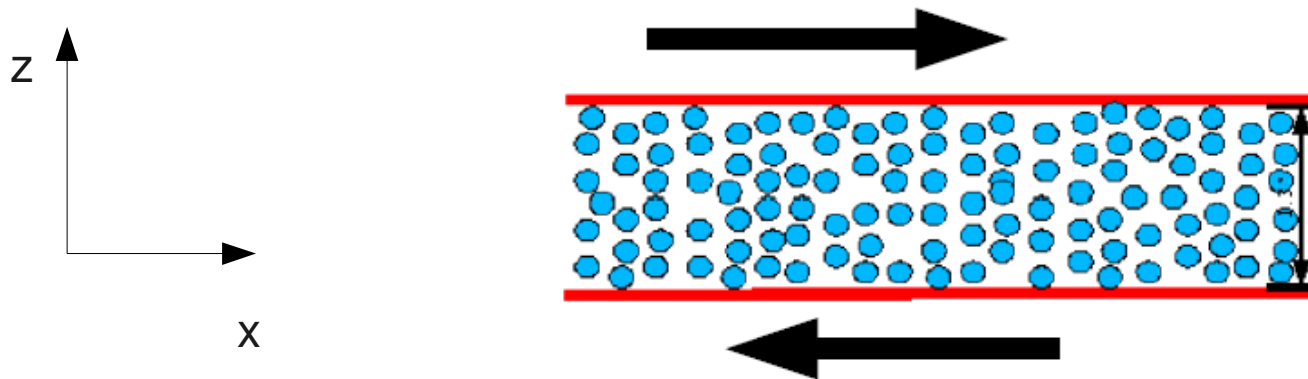


# Outline: in three parts

- Active matter
  - swimmers, motors, cytoskeleton self-propelled
- Driven particulate flows
  - sedimentation, electrophoresis drifting
- Confined liquids
  - friction, the glass transition stuck

# Stuck: viscosity of confined fluids

# Confined fluids and glassiness

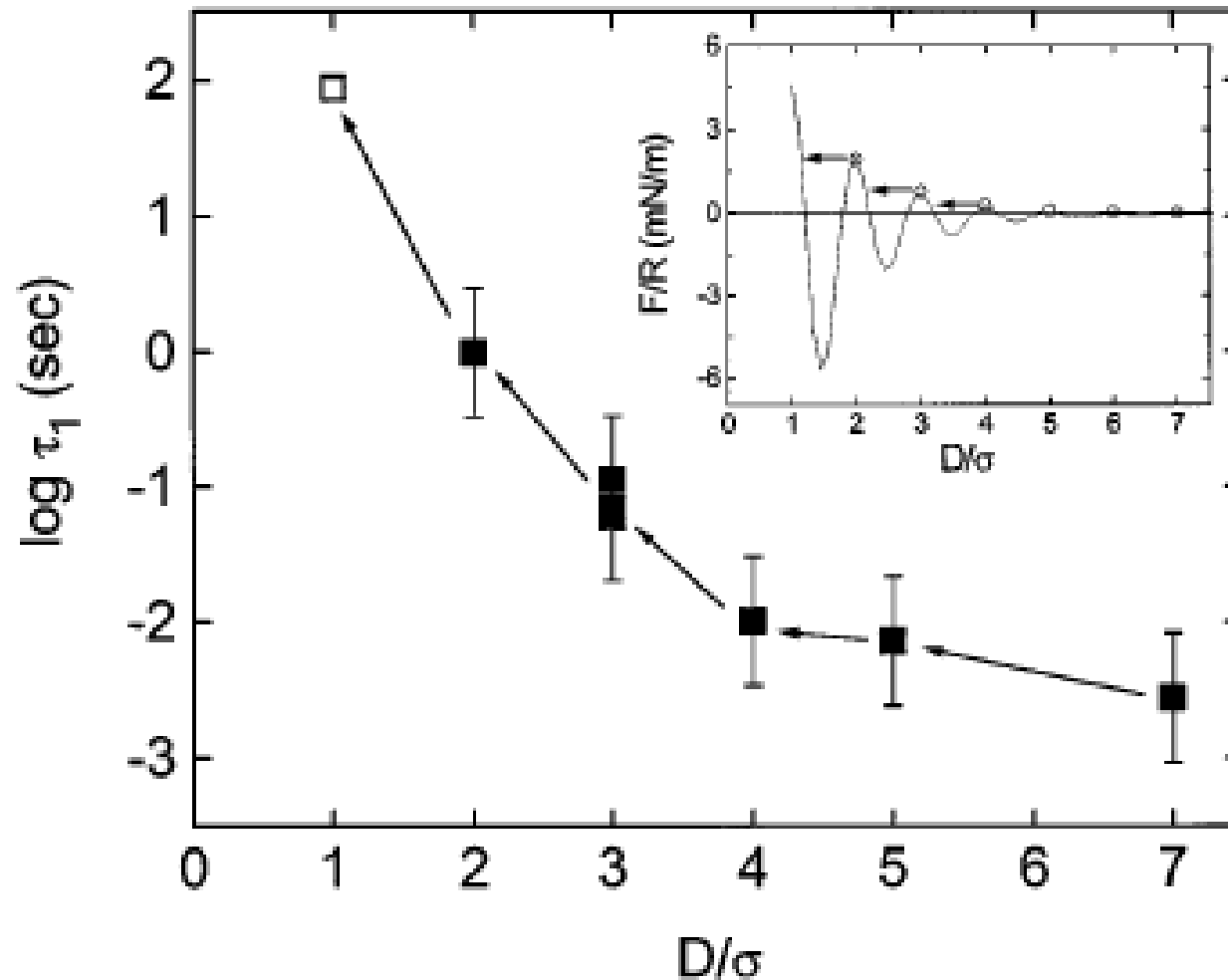


Granick et al. 1990s:  
surface force apparatus  
shear measurements  
simple organic liquids

Confine to 3 – 10 molecular layers

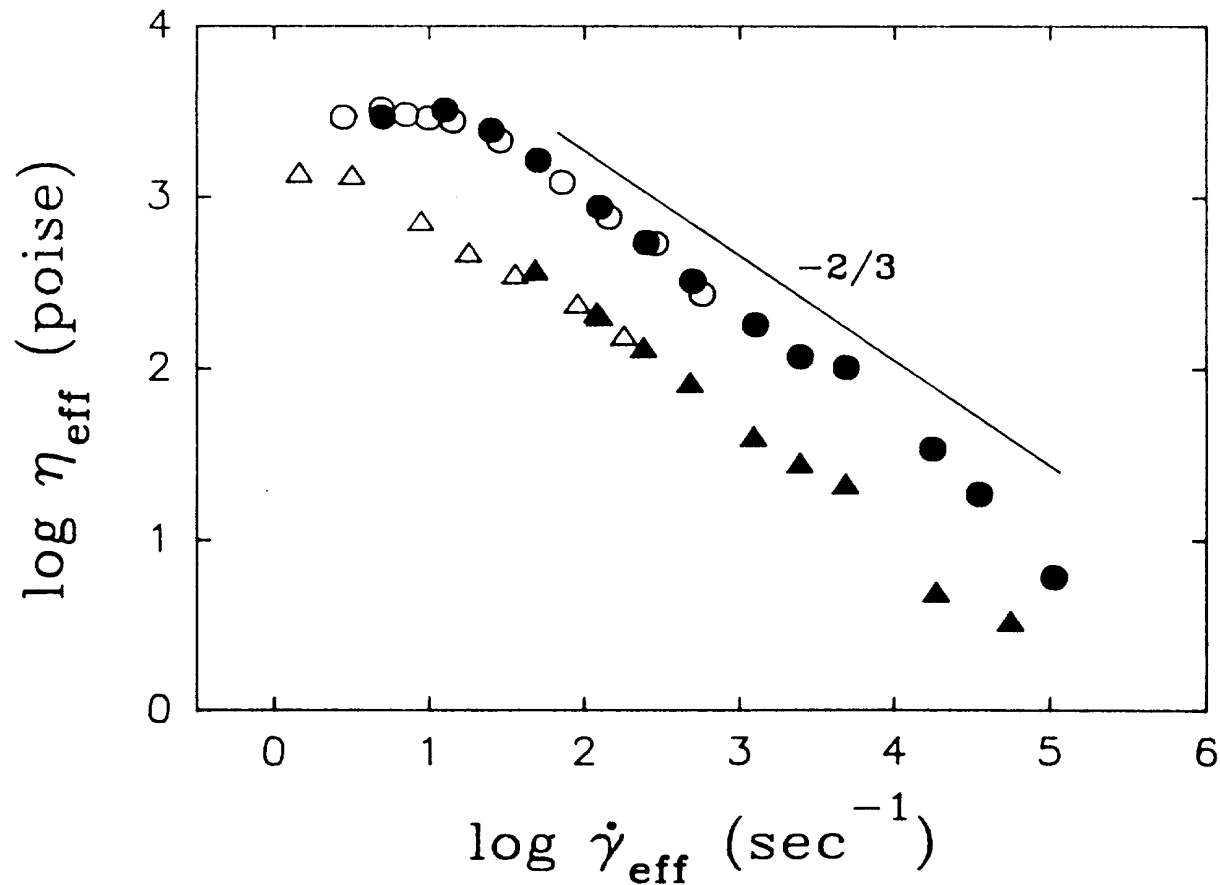
- huge viscosity enhancement
- shear thinning at modest flow rates
- not crystallization
- confinement promotes the glass transition

# Stuck: confined liquids and the glass transition



Macroscopic relaxation time  
Demirel, Granick  
PRL 77 (1996) 2261

FIG. 2. Longest relaxation time  $\tau_1$  plotted logarithmically against film thickness expressed in multiples of the molecular dimension of OMCTS. Data at different thickness were ac-



Strong shear-thinning  
 Hu *et al.* PRL **66** (1991) 2758

FIG. 2. Log-log representation of changes in the effective viscosity as a function of strain rate. Circles: dodecane film specified in Fig. 1. Triangles: OMCTS film of thickness 2.7 nm and net normal pressure 0.14 MPa. Open symbols: amplitude varied at constant frequency. Solid symbols: frequency varied at constant amplitude.

# Prelude to theory

- Velocity along  $x$ , gradient along  $z$ 
  - modes with wavevector along  $x$  involved
  - layering not central issue
- Confinement: momentum sink, density diffuses
  - emergence of zero-wavenumber friction?
  - slowing down: feedback of density diffusivity

## Related work

- Krakoviack 2007
  - Microscopic approach to mode-coupling theory
  - Disordered confining medium: random potential
- Biroli-Reichman
  - Inhomogeneous mode-coupling theory
- Karmakar *et al.* 2009
  - System smaller than critical droplet can't relax
  - Indrani *et al.* 1991: first sign that small is slow



# Possible mechanisms

- Suppressed modes NO
  - Confinement cuts off long-wavelength modes
  - Naively, this should speed up dynamics
- No-slip boundary conditions NO
  - Should yield diffusivity  $\sim \text{gap}^2$
  - Trivial, kinematic effect, scales out, can't feed back
- Periodic potential of walls YES
  - Slows down some density modes
  - Should enhance MCT feedback

# Mode-coupling theory for beginners

- Maxwell: step shear-strain  $\varepsilon$  on a fluid
  - $G_{\text{inf}}$  = infinite-freq shear modulus
  - Instantaneous response  $\sigma = G_{\text{inf}} \varepsilon$
  - Wait a time  $\tau$ , strain unrecoverable
  - Therefore strain rate =  $\varepsilon/\tau$ , viscosity  $\eta = G_{\text{inf}} \tau + \eta_0$  (bare)
- Plausibly:  $\tau = A \eta$ 
  - $\eta = G_{\text{inf}} \tau + \eta_0 / (1 - A G_{\text{inf}})$  diverges at large  $A$

## Mode-coupling for beginners contd.

The stress tensor  $\sigma$ , strain tensor  $\epsilon$  and infinite frequency shear modulus is  $G_\infty$ , then  $\dot{\epsilon} = \epsilon/\tau$  and  $\frac{\sigma}{G_\infty} = \epsilon$

$$\frac{\sigma}{G_\infty \tau} = \frac{\epsilon}{\tau} = \dot{\epsilon} \Rightarrow \delta\eta = G_\infty \tau$$

$$\eta = \eta_0 + \delta\eta \tag{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta = \frac{\eta_0}{1 - AG_\infty} \tag{2}$$

$T \downarrow$  or density  $\uparrow \Rightarrow G_\infty \uparrow \rightarrow \eta$  diverges.

(T. Geszti, J. Phys. C: Solid State Phys. 16, 5805 (1983))

# How does confinement affect this?

- Walls impose periodic potential  $u^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$ 
  - Some density modes frozen
  - density  $\rho(\mathbf{r},t) = m(\mathbf{r}) + \delta\rho(\mathbf{r},t)$
  - $m(\mathbf{r})$  stands in for  $u^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$
- Redo mode-coupling theory in terms of  $m(\mathbf{r})$ 
  - increase amplitude of  $m(\mathbf{r})$  --> MCT glass transition
  - enough to do one-dimensional theory

# Technical details

Density field  $\rho$ , velocity field  $\mathbf{v}$

free energy functional  $F^u[\rho]$  includes wall potential  $u^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$

bare viscosities  $\eta$ ,  $\zeta$ , combination =  $D_L$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + (\zeta + \eta/3) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - \rho \nabla \frac{\delta F^u}{\delta \rho}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta F^u = & \int_{\mathbf{r}} \left[ \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \ln \left( \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\rho_0} \right) - \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'} c(r - r') \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}', t) + \beta \int_{\mathbf{r}} u^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \end{aligned}$$

# Mode-coupling equations as in Krakoviack 2007

- Stresses  $\sim m \delta\rho$  and  $\delta\rho \delta\rho$
- Autocorrelate  $m \delta\rho$ 
  - damps momentum at zero wavenumber
  - thus density diffuses
- Autocorrelate  $\delta\rho \delta\rho$ 
  - enhance viscosity and hence friction
  - Effect enhanced as  $m$  increases

# Results of mode-coupling with walls

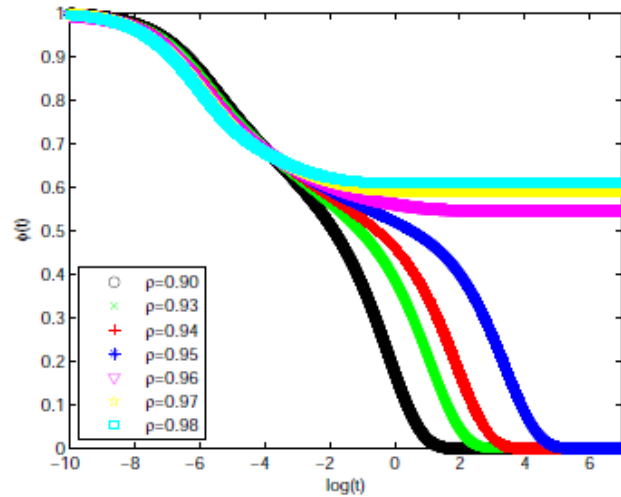


FIG. 4: The correlation function as a function of the logarithm of time for various density

Extension to shear, higher dimension:  
straightforward but complicated  
will see shear-thinning at low flow-rates etc

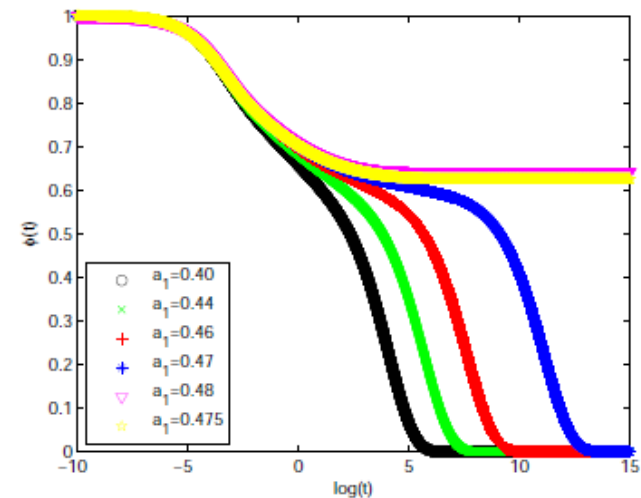


FIG. 5: Change of potential strength at a particular density when the fluid is in liquid state.

# Drifting: noise in electrophoresis



# Background: colloids in electric fields

## Aggregation in AC field

NADAL, ARGOUL, HANUSSE, POULIGNY, AND AJDARI

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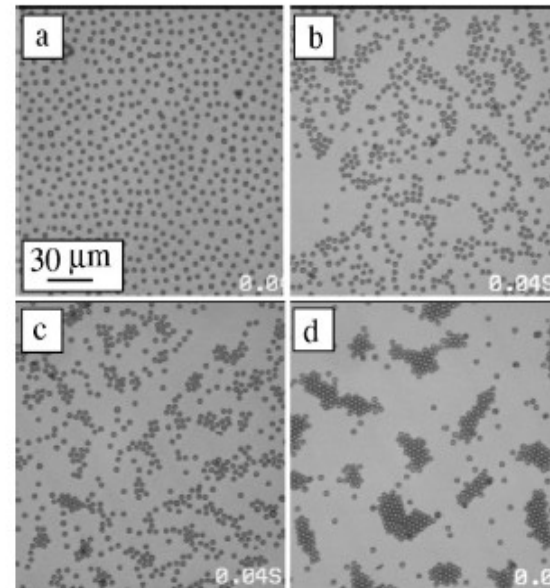
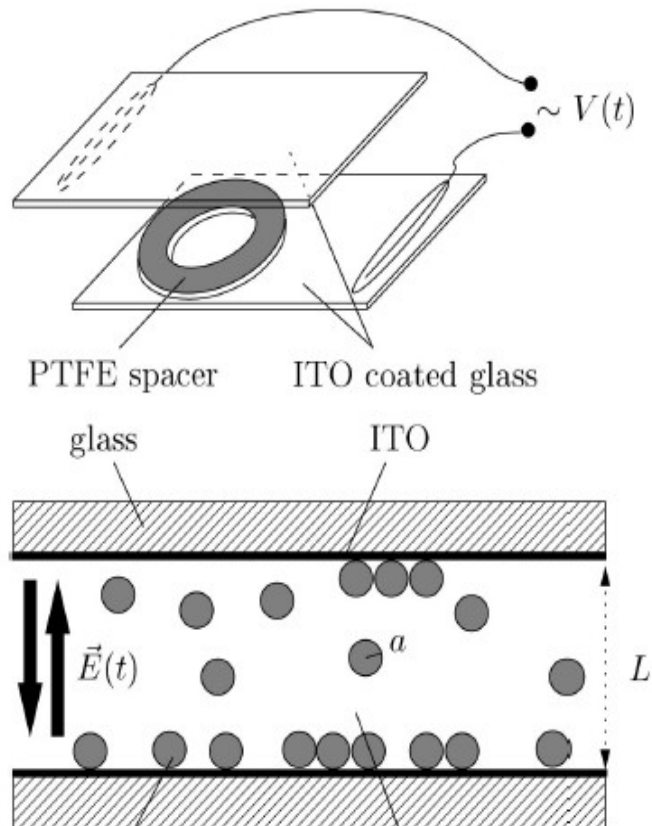


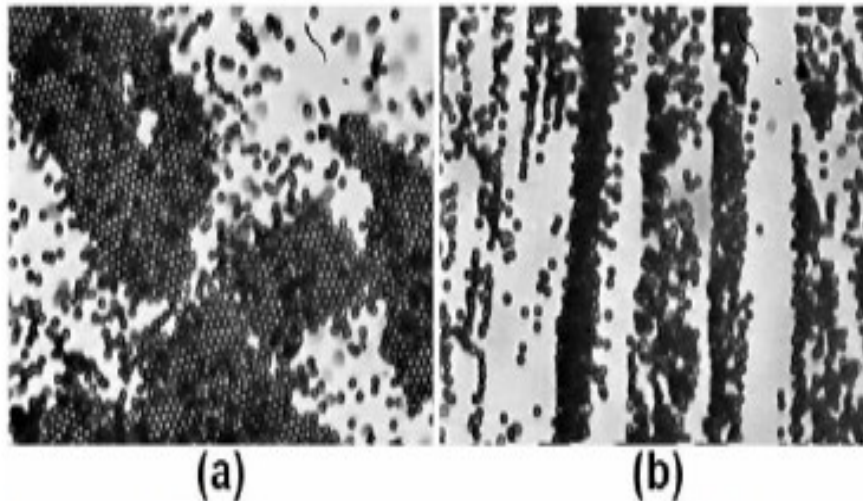
FIG. 2. Stationary patterns on the bottom plate obtained with a dispersion of latex particles,  $a = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$  in diameter, for different frequencies. (a)  $\nu = 2$  kHz, (b)  $\nu = 1.5$  kHz, (c)  $\nu = 1.3$  kHz, (d)  $\nu = 1$  kHz.  $E_0 = V_0/L = 185 \text{ V cm}^{-1}$ .

# Background: colloids in electric fields

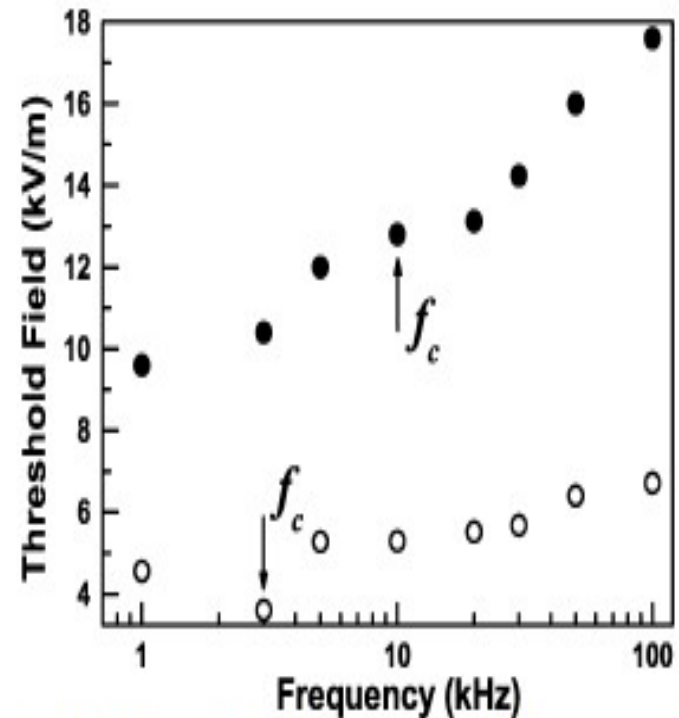
## Aggregation morphology changes with frequency

11624 *Langmuir*, Vol. 21, No. 25, 2005

*Negi et al.*



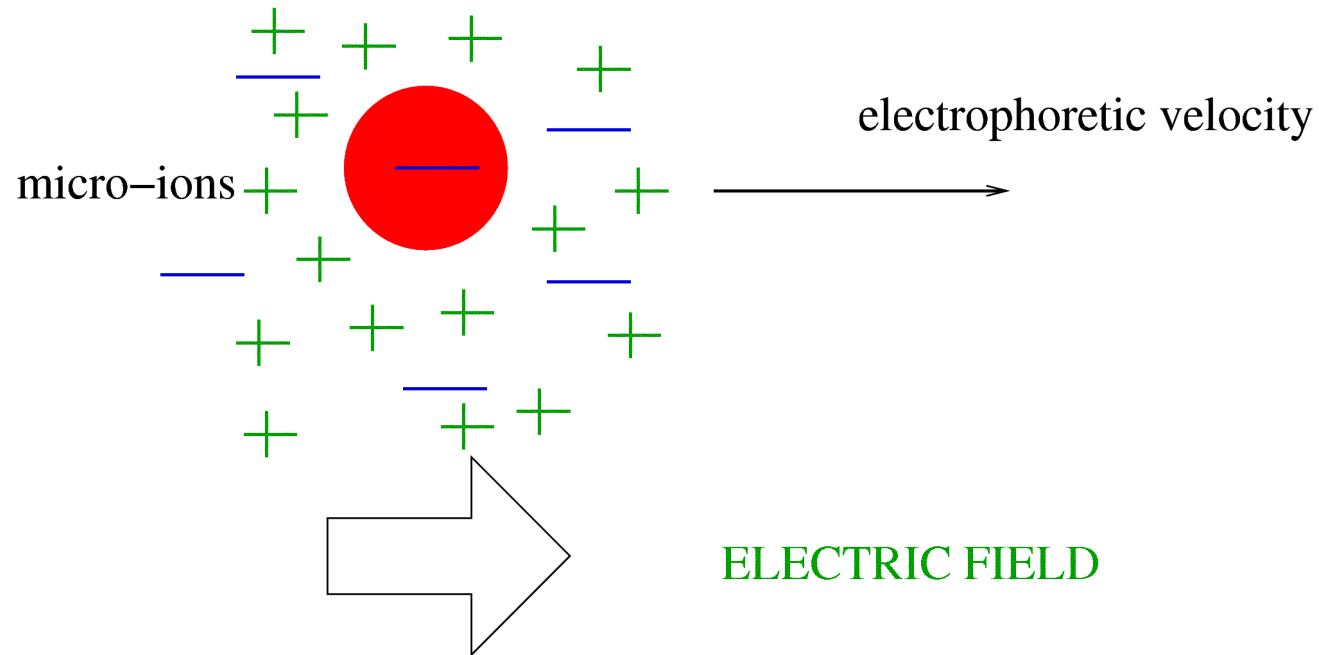
**Figure 1.** Morphology of the clusters depends on the frequency of the applied electric field. (a) Randomly shaped isotropic cluster. Frequency = 1 kHz, applied voltage = 3 V. (b) Elongated cluster. Frequency = 100 kHz, applied voltage = 6 V. The particles shown here have diameter  $2.1 \mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure 2.** Threshold field increases with frequency for both  $2.1 \mu\text{m}$  (open circles) and  $0.98 \mu\text{m}$  (filled circles) particles.

# Background: colloids in electric fields

## electrophoresis



- **Controlled colloidal assembly**
- **Separation technologies**
- **Low-Re number mixing, pumping**

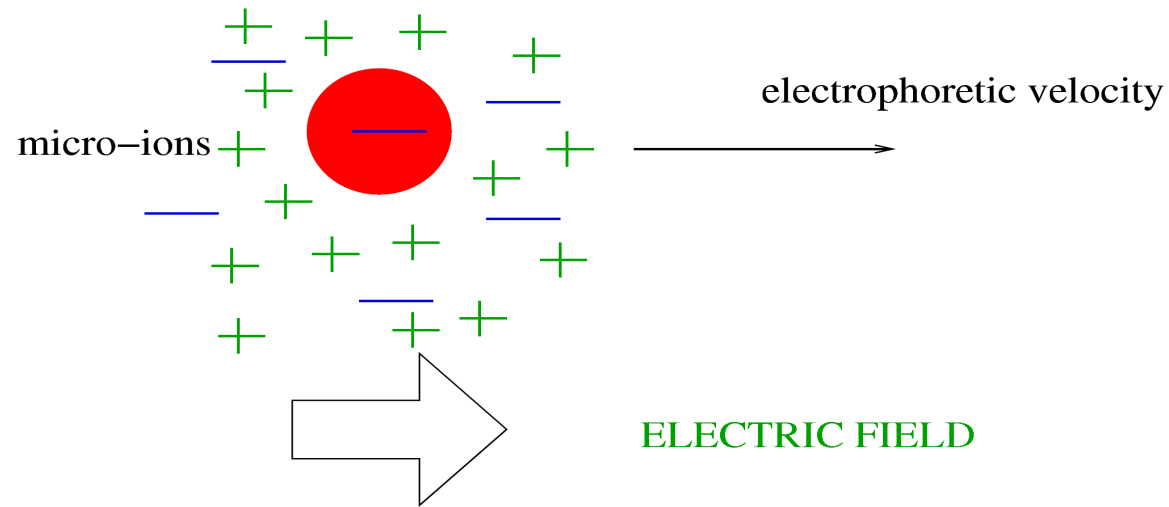
# Background: colloids in electric fields

A hard problem

- Colloids, counterions, impurity ions
- Interactions: Coulomb + hydrodynamic
- Electrostatic stresses
- Noise

# This work

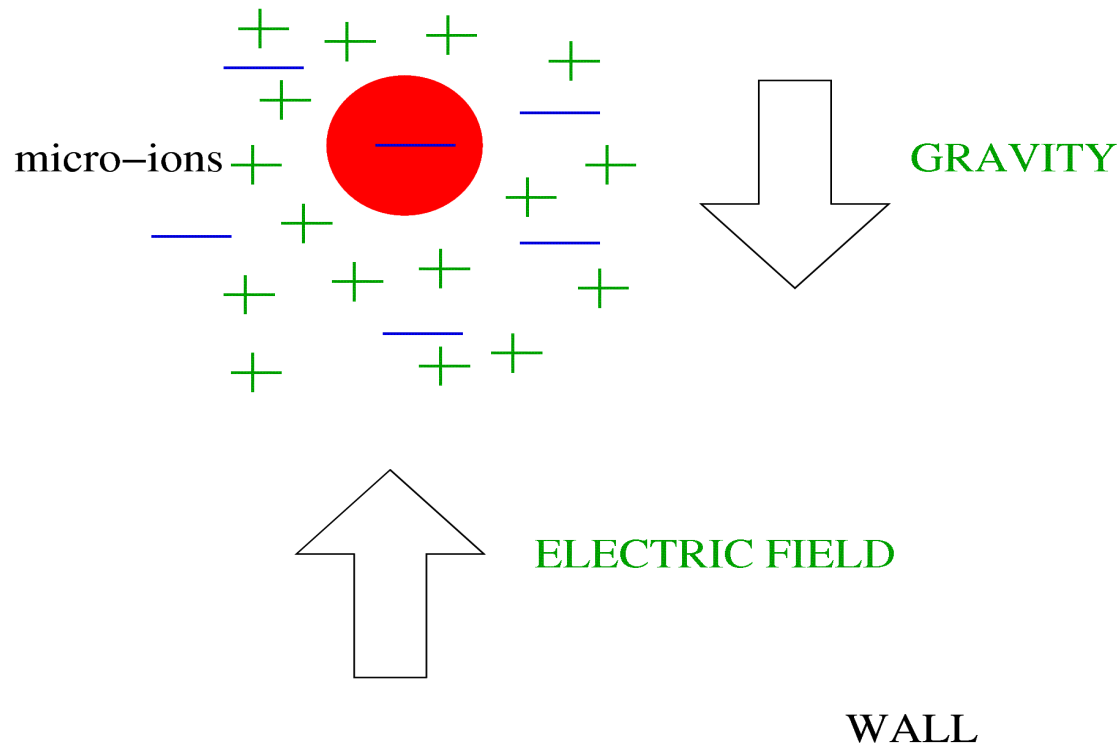
Simple model problems: focus on noise



One colloid + micro-ions + electric field + Stokes flow

# This work

Simple model problems: focus on noise



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One colloid + micro-ions + electric field + gravity + wall + Stokes flow

# This work: result summary

S Saha and SR  
arxiv:0907.0469

- Large excess noise in effective colloid dynamics
  - variance  $\sim (\text{electric field})^2$
  - 1 to 1000 times thermal noise strength
  - strongly anisotropic
- “Temperature” from correlation/response ratio
  - Strongly frequency dependent
  - anisotropic
- Superdiffusion for times upto  $\sim 1/(D \kappa^2)$ ;  $\kappa = 1/\text{Debye length}$
- $V_{\text{eff}}$  from colloid position pdf: shallower than in Squires 2001

Nonequilibrium signatures from measurements on colloid position alone

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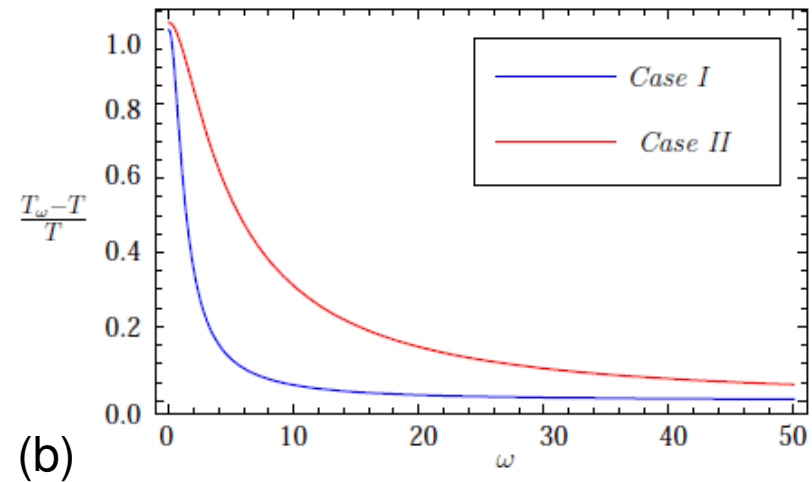
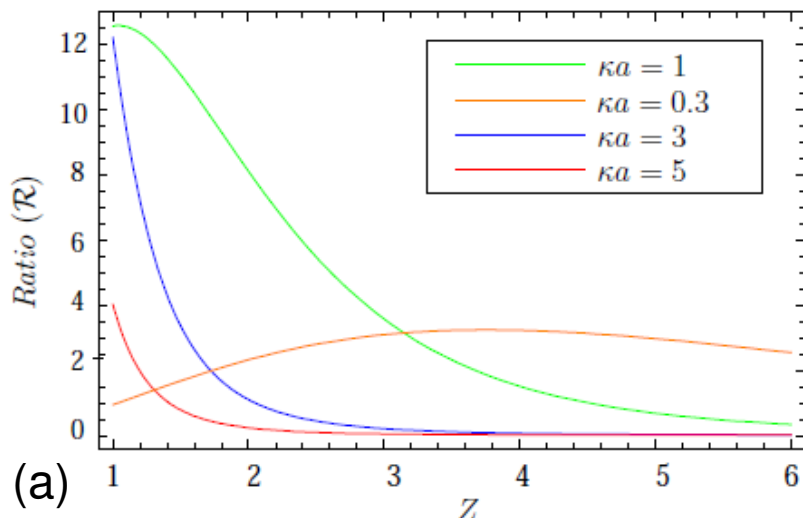


FIG. 1: (a) Ratio  $\mathcal{R}$  of excess to thermal noise strength versus particle position  $Z$  for various values of  $\kappa a$ ; (b) Fractional excess "temperature"  $(T_\omega - T)/T$  versus frequency  $\omega$



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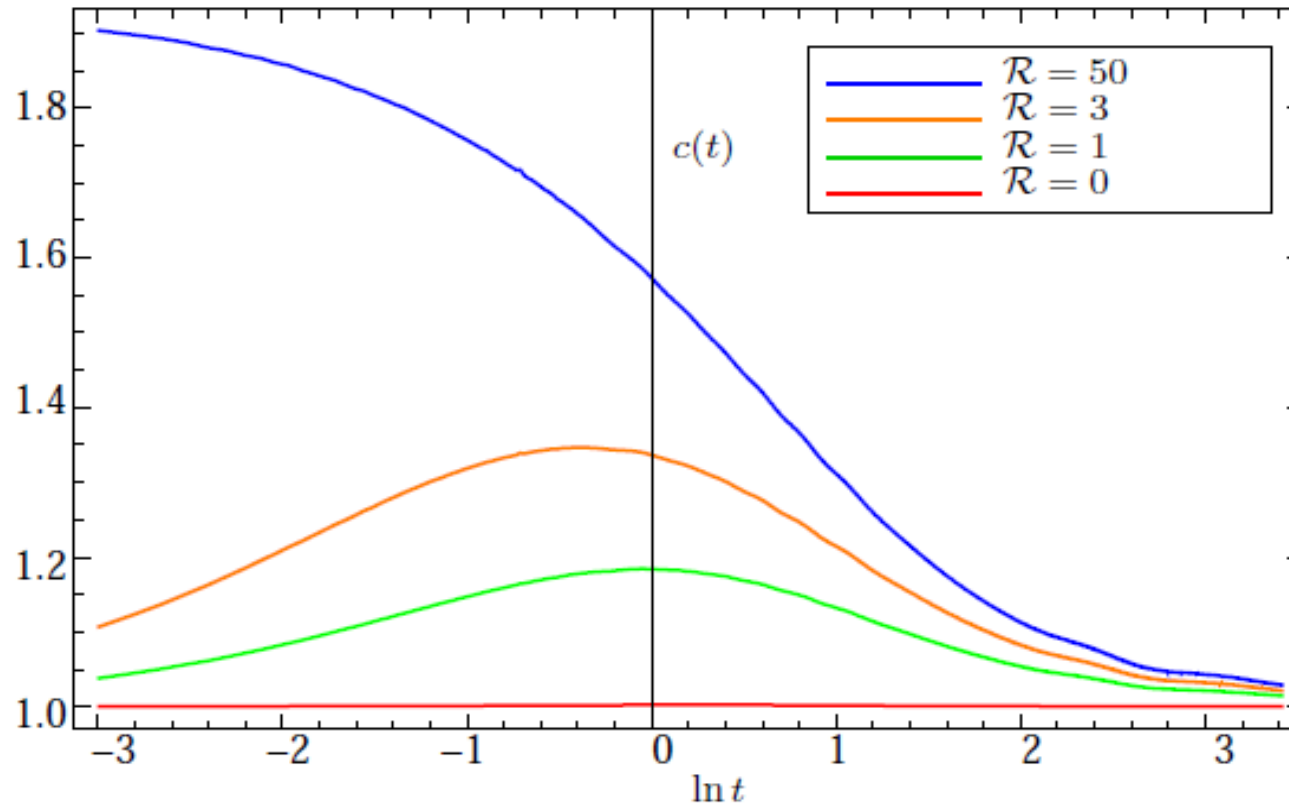


FIG. 2: The regimes of the effective exponent  $c(t) \equiv d \ln \Delta R^2 / d \ln t$  for the mean square displacement  $\Delta R^2$  for various values of  $\mathcal{R}_{zz}$ .

## Detailed theory

Want effective Langevin equation for colloid

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{f} + \zeta$$

$\mathbf{R}$  = colloid position,  $\mathbf{v}_0(\mathbf{R})$  = drift velocity

$\mathbf{f}$  = thermal noise,  $\zeta$  = noise due to electric field

Where does this come from?

Why a noise due to E field?

## Detailed theory

Assume colloid carried by fluid

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{R}(t)) = \text{fluid velocity at colloid location}$$

Stokes equation + electrostatic force density + thermal noise

$$\eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} - \nabla p + \rho \mathbf{E} + \sqrt{2k_B T \eta} \boldsymbol{\xi} = 0; \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

Leads to extra noise

$\rho$  = total charge density: colloid + all micro-ions

$\boldsymbol{\xi}$  = thermal noise, Gaussian, spacetime white, solenoidal

## Detailed theory: charge conservation, Gauss, Ohm

$$\frac{\partial n^+}{\partial t} = D\nabla^2 n^+ - \mu\nabla \cdot (n^+ \mathbf{E}) + \nabla \cdot (\sqrt{2n^+ D} \mathbf{f}^+)$$

$$\frac{\partial n^-}{\partial t} = D\nabla^2 n^- + \mu\nabla \cdot (n^- \mathbf{E}) + \nabla \cdot (\sqrt{2n^- D} \mathbf{f}^-)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$n^+$ ,  $n^-$  ionic number densities

$\mathbf{E}$  = total electric field

$\mathbf{f}^+$  and  $\mathbf{f}^-$  are independent Gaussian noise

$$\mu = D/ek_B T$$

# Detailed theory: solution method

- Linearize everywhere
- Continuity equations: charge densities in terms of noise sources
- Insert into electrostatic force density in Stokes equation
- Fluctuating charge density  $\delta\rho$  leads to fluctuating force density

$\delta\rho$  E in Stokes equation

- Solve Stokes to get velocity field; evaluate at colloid position

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_0 + \overset{\text{Thermal noise}}{\mathbf{f}} + \zeta \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{From } \delta\rho \text{ E} \\ \text{in Stokes} \end{array}$$

# Detailed theory: what Squires did

Squires 2001

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}}{dt} = v_0(\mathbf{R}) \quad \text{Let vertical coordinate} = h$$

$$v = -b_{\perp}(h)F_g + M_{\perp}(h)E_{\infty} \quad \text{b, M are ordinary and electrophoretic mobilities}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = 0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left[ v(h)P - D_{\perp}(h)\frac{\partial P}{\partial h} \right]$$

$$D_{\perp} = k_B T b_{\perp}(h)$$

Squires retains only equilibrium thermal noise

# Detailed theory: what Squires did

Squires 2001

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$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = 0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left[ v(h)P - D_{\perp}(h) \frac{\partial P}{\partial h} \right]$$

$$\Phi_{\text{ps}}(h) = F_g h - \int^h \frac{M_{\perp}(h')E_{\infty}}{b_{\perp}(h')} dh'$$

This effective potential misses the nonequilibrium noise

# Detailed theory: effect of nonequilibrium noise

$$\mathcal{R}_{ij} \equiv \frac{\int_0^\infty dt \langle \zeta_i(0) \zeta_j(t) \rangle}{\frac{1}{3} \int_0^\infty dt \langle f_k(0) f_k(t) \rangle}$$

Relative strength of driven and equilibrium noises

$$\mathcal{R}_{zz} / \mathcal{R}_{xx} \simeq 8 \quad \mathcal{R}_{zz} \propto \frac{\epsilon E_0^2 \kappa^{-1} a a_{mic}}{k_B T}$$

$a$  = colloid radius,  $a_{mic}$  = microion radius

Excess noise is *not* a temperature: anisotropic, frequency dependent  
See this by fluctuation-dissipation ratio



# Detailed theory: not an effective temperature

$S_\omega, \chi_\omega$ : correlation and response functions

of colloid position at frequency  $\omega$

Define “effective temperature”  $\omega S_\omega / 2\text{Im}\chi_\omega \equiv T_\omega$

$$\text{Find } \frac{T_\omega - T}{T} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\mathcal{R}_{zz}(\kappa a)^3}{\Omega\sqrt{\Omega + (\kappa a)^2}}$$

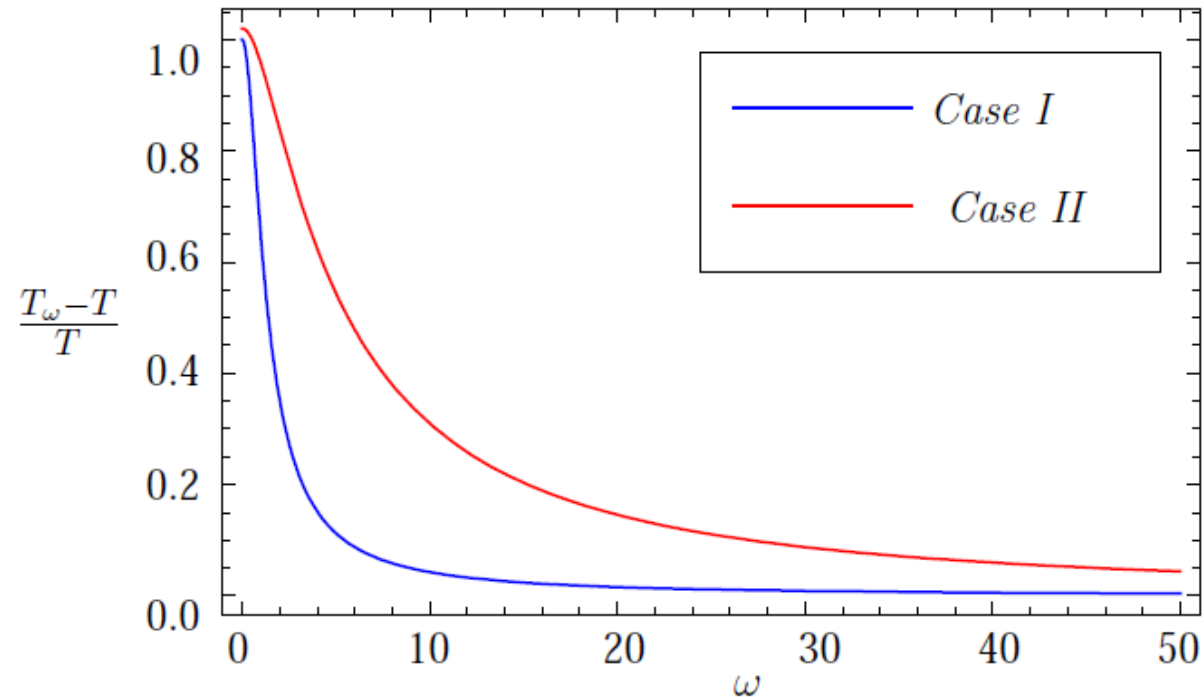
$$\Omega \equiv \sqrt{(\kappa a)^4 + \omega^2 / (D\kappa^2)^2}$$

For freely electrophoretically moving colloid,  
must introduce trap to calculate response

Also calculate mean-square  
displacement vs time, get results  
shown earlier

# Recall results

S Saha and SR  
arxiv:0907.0469



FD ratio far from constant: not to be interpreted as temperature  
Fast degrees of freedom at equilibrium

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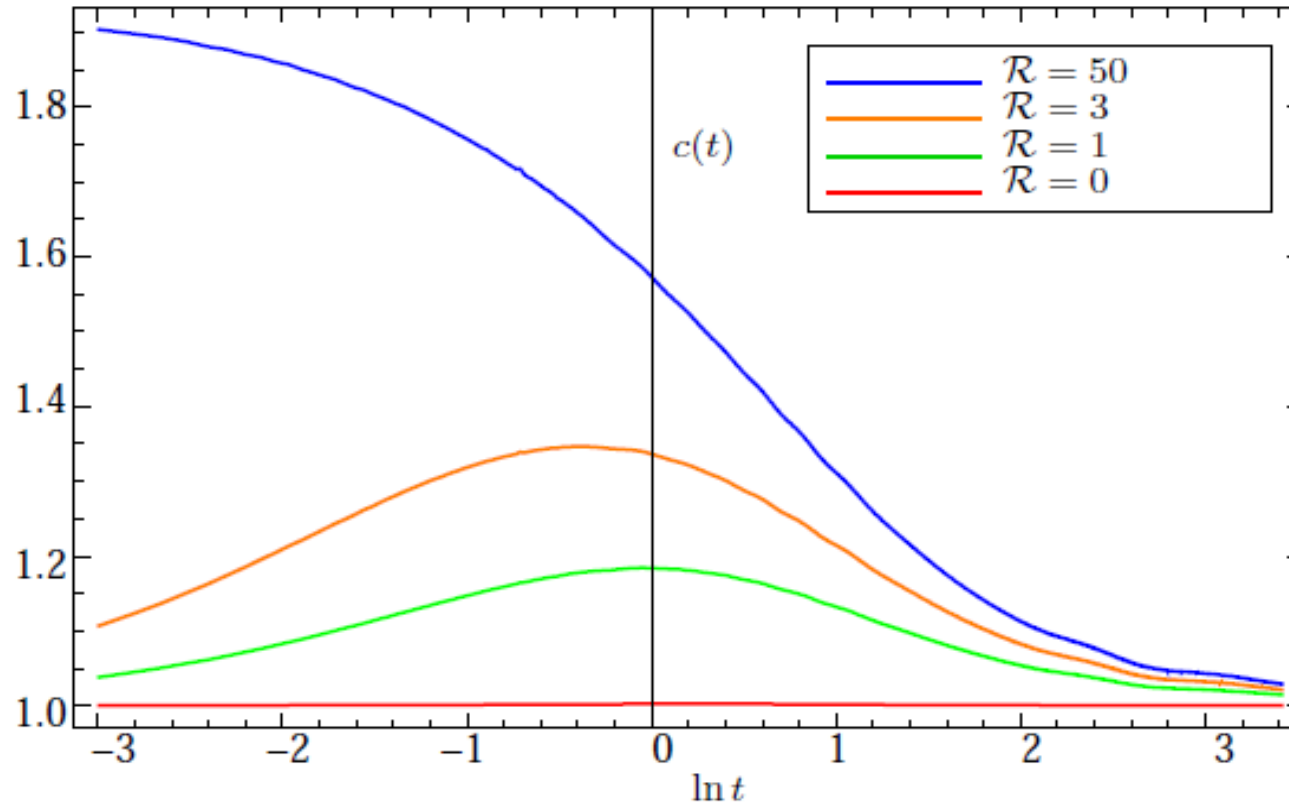
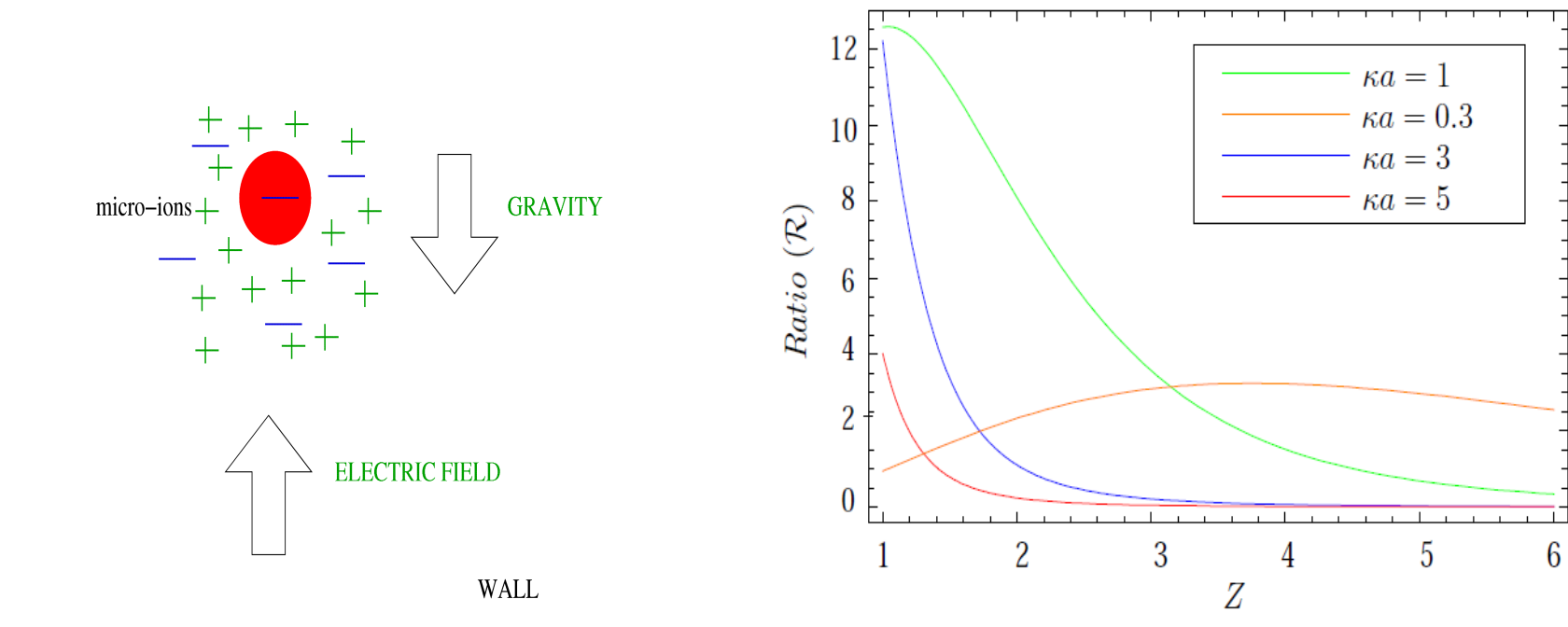


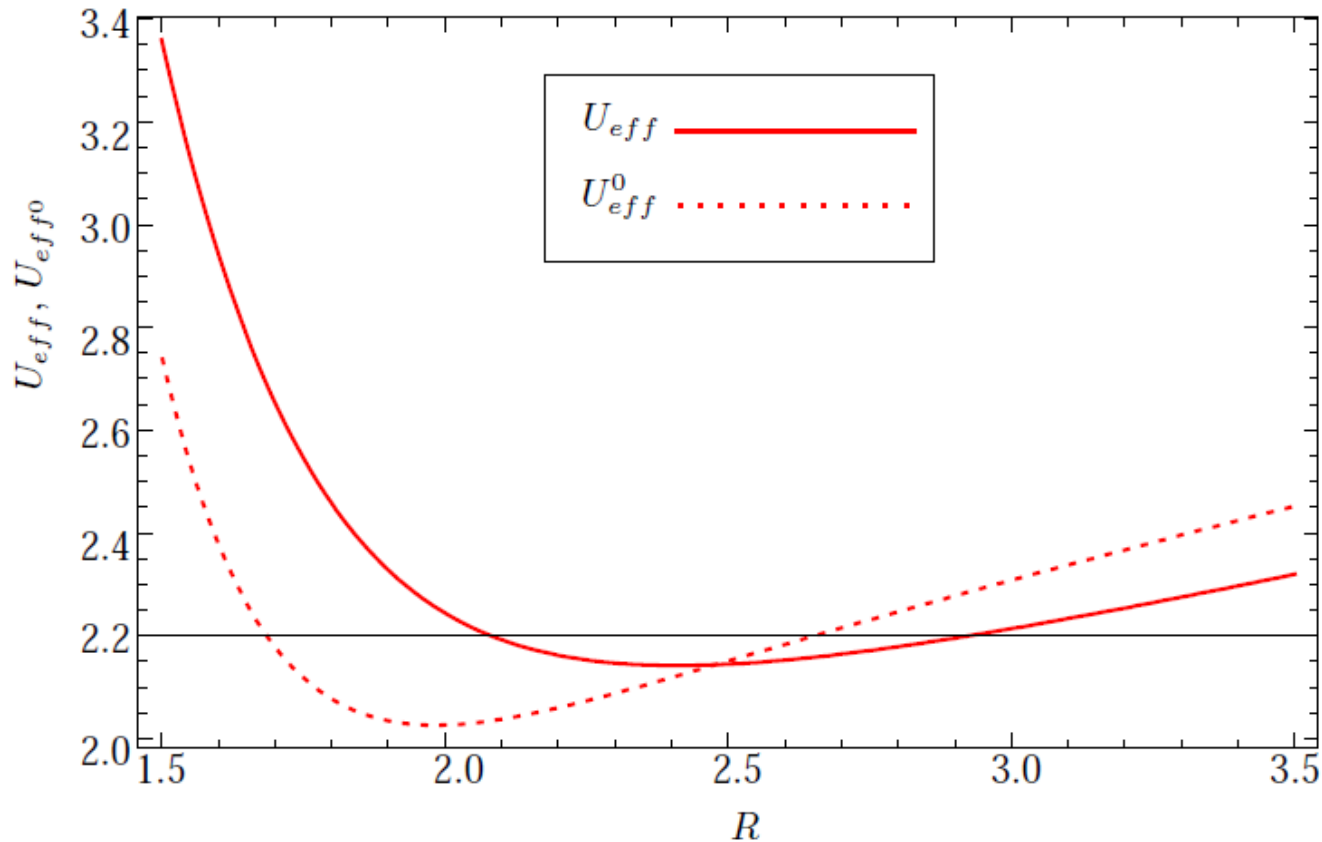
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# Detailed theory: electrostatically levitated particle



Impose no slip, no penetration at wall by method of images  
electric field normal to wall: for details see [arxiv:0907.0469](https://arxiv.org/abs/0907.0469)

# Detailed theory: effective potential



Fokker-Planck equation from effective Langevin equation: get effective potential from log of stationary solution: significantly shallower than Squires's  $\Phi_{ps}$  because of excess noise. For details see [arxiv:0907.0469](https://arxiv.org/abs/0907.0469)

# Drifting: outlook

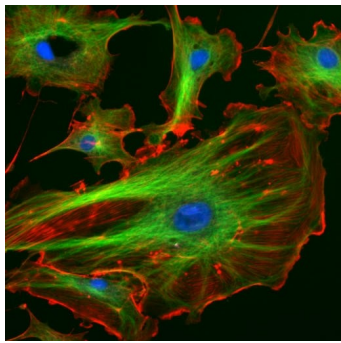
- Built statistical dynamics of single colloid in static electric field.
- Not an effective Gibbsian equilibrium problem
- Effective Langevin equation for colloid gets nonequilibrium noise from Brownian motion of micro-ions in field
- Strong departures from FD theorem; testable in experiments
- Role of this noise in field-induced colloidal ordering?
- Many colloids? Particle shape? AC fields?

# Self-propelled: actively moving particles

Toner, Tu, SR Ann Phys NY 2005

Juelicher et al Phys Rep 2007; Joanny & Prost HFSP Jour 2009

SR: Annual Review of Condensed Matter Physics 2010

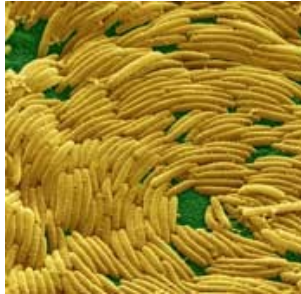
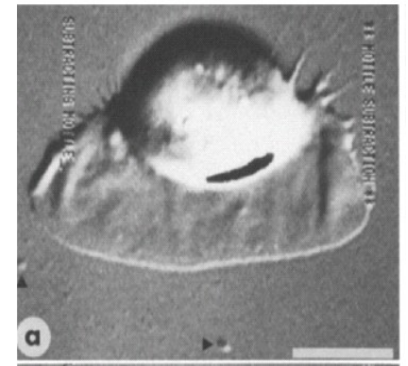


active cytoskeleton

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:FluorescentCells.jpg>

lamellipodium

Small *et al.* J Cell Biol **129** (1995) 1275



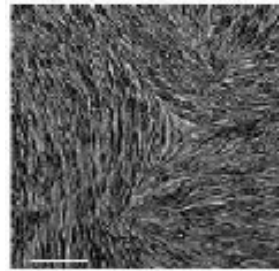
myxococcus

[www.bio.indiana.edu/facultyresearch/faculty/Velicer.html](http://www.bio.indiana.edu/facultyresearch/faculty/Velicer.html)

## ORDERED ACTIVE MATTER ON MANY SCALES

Melanocytes

Kemkemer *et al.* EPJE 1999



Fish shoals

[www.flickr.com/photos/pmforster/496918483](http://www.flickr.com/photos/pmforster/496918483)

Vibrated rods

Narayan *et al.* 2007



Starling flock over Rome

<http://angel.elte.hu/starling/>



The Mechanics and Statistics of Active Matter

SR: *Annual Review of Condensed Matter Physics* 2010



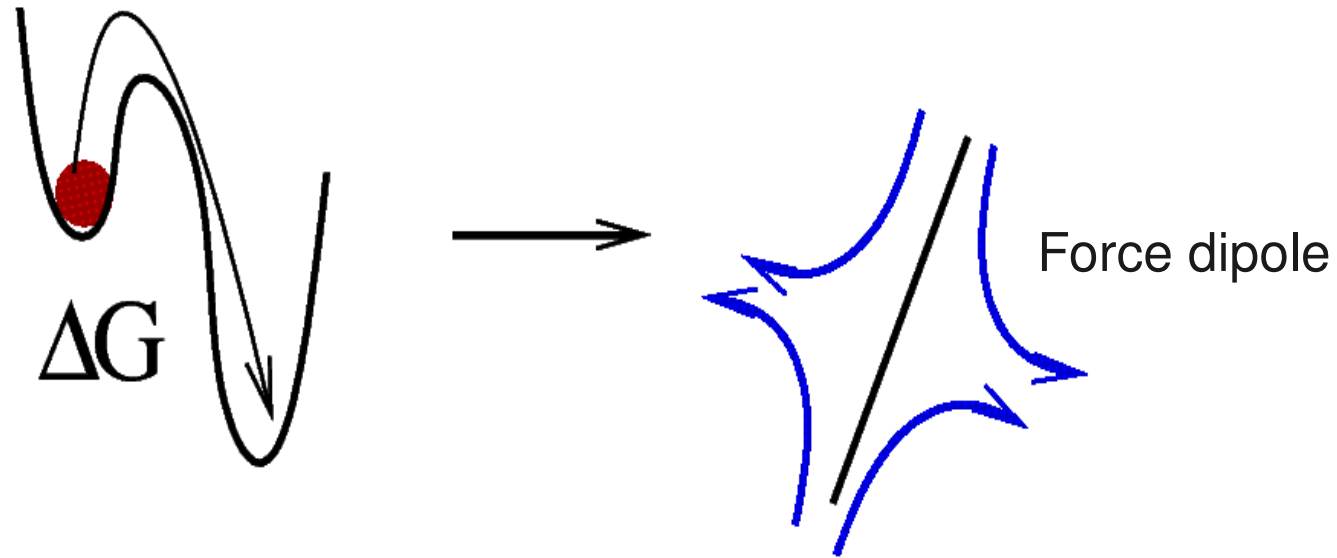
# Who should care and why

- Physicists, engineers, materials scientists
  - new kind of matter, new laws
  - order, fluctuations and response?
  - phases and phase transitions
  - uses: stirring, pumping, swarming
  - inanimate mimics of active matter?

# Who should care and why

- Cell biologists, biochemists, ethologists
  - collective dynamics of motors
  - single and collective cell mechanics
  - mechanism for strong inhomogeneity
  - biofilms, quorum sensing
  - tissue mechanics and growth
  - animal flocks, swarms, migration

# A minimal active particle



Active particles consume free-energy

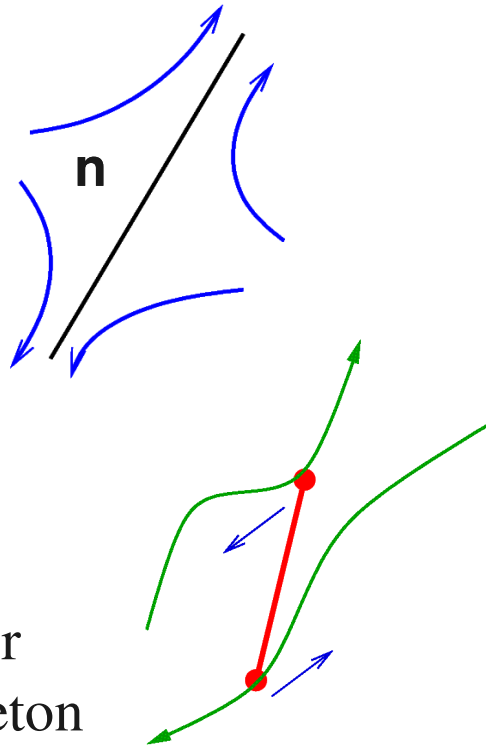
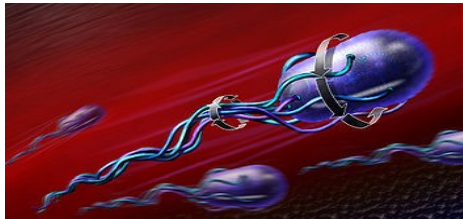
Move and stir surrounding medium

Require no *external* force:

Lighthill; Brennen & Winet 1977; Pedley and Kessler 1992

# Elementary active objects

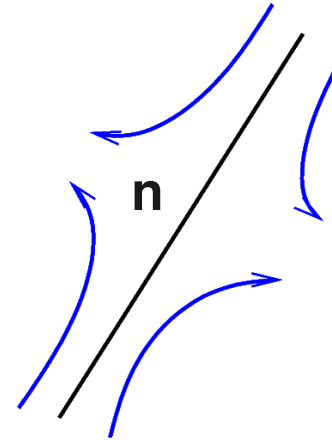
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Bipolar motor cluster  
tugging on cytoskeleton

Self-driven particles: permanent force dipoles  
**bacteria: tensile; algae, motors + filaments: contractile**

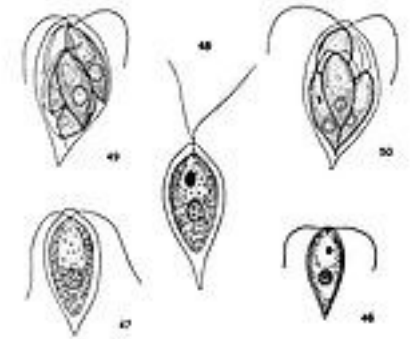
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chlamydomonas>



T E Hazen, Bull. Torrey Botanical Club. April, 1922, pp. 87-92

**Flock: spontaneously ordered collection  
of active particles**

Active stresses,  
active currents

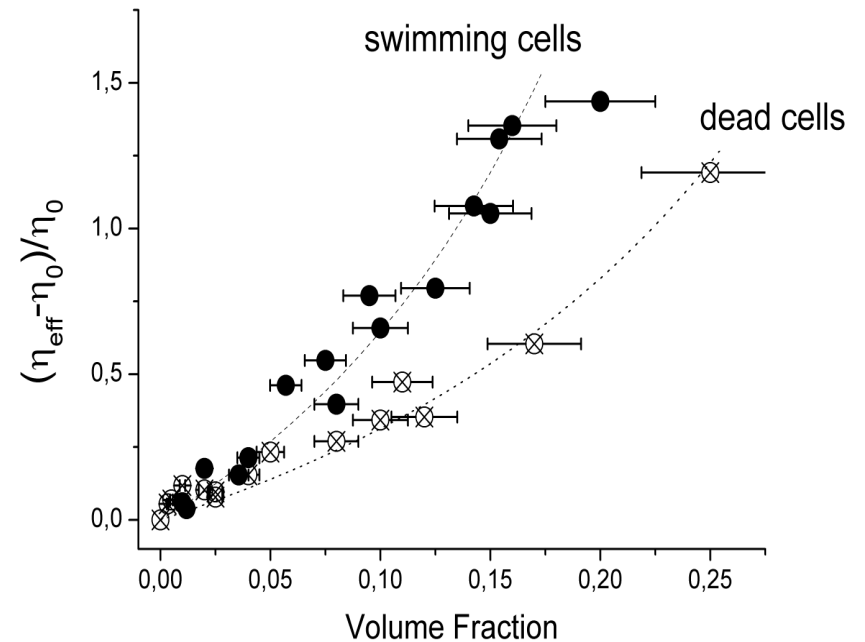
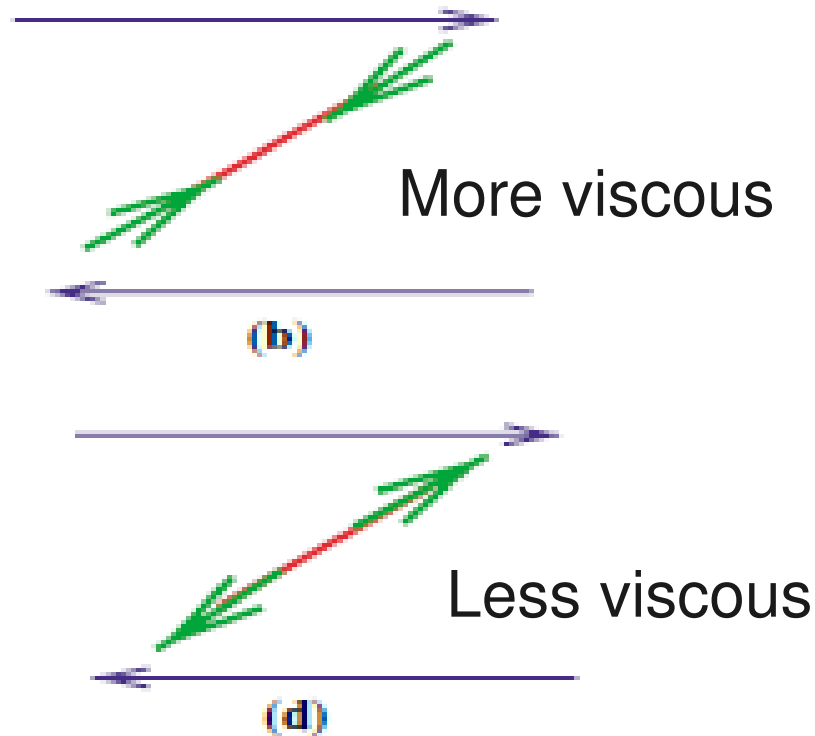


FIGS. 41-50. *CHLAMYDOMONAS REINHARDTII* BILÉ  
 41. Young cell, "dorsal view," showing typical position of nucleus, stigma, and pyrenoid. 42. Older cell with thickened wall. 43. Similar cell in "lateral view." 44. Typical arrangement of daughter cells. 50. Unusual arrangement of daughter cells. All,  $\times 700$ , approximately.

# Many predictions

- Bacteria can't swim straight in bulk viscous fluid
- Experiments: low-Re turbulence in microorganisms
- Confinement stabilizes
- Flocks have giant density fluctuations
- Granular experiments confirm
- Oscillations, contractile ring (Curie/Dresden/ESPCI)

# Swimming alters viscosity: experiments!



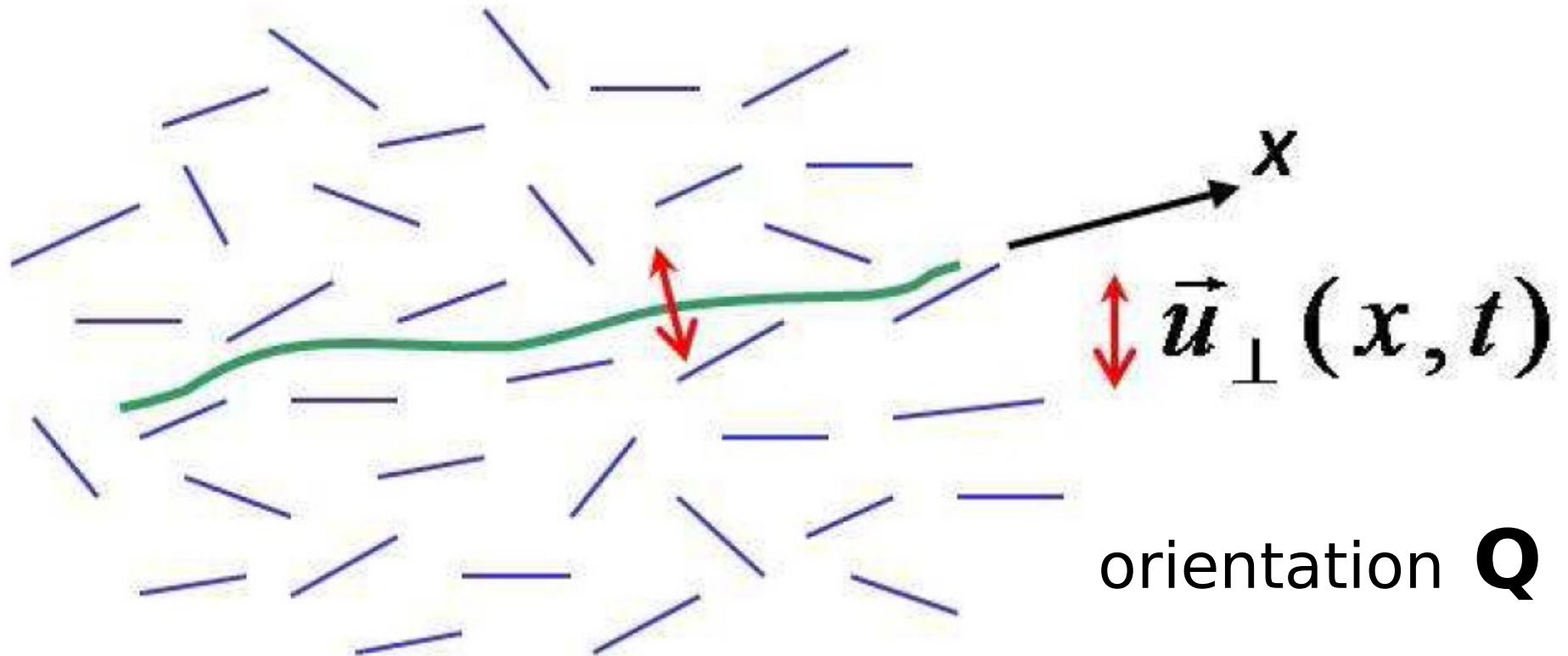
Prediction: Hatwalne, SR, Rao, Simha PRL 2004

Expts: Rafai *et al.* arxiv 0909.4193v1; Sokolov & Aranson PRL 2009

Commentary by SR -- [www.condmatjournalclub.org/?p=760](http://www.condmatjournalclub.org/?p=760)

Microrheology: Wu-Libchaber PRL 2000; U Penn PRE 2009

# A filament in an active medium



What happens to a stiff filament surrounded by activity?  
How does actin-myosin activity affect microtubules?

Kikuchi, Ehrlicher, Koch, SR, Rao, Kaes PNAS **106** (2009) 19776-19779

# A simple model

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u}_\perp - \mathbf{v}_\perp(x, \mathbf{r}_\perp = \mathbf{0}, t) = -\frac{1}{\gamma} \delta F / \delta \mathbf{u}_\perp + \mathbf{f}_\perp$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{Q} = -\frac{1}{\zeta} \delta F / \delta \mathbf{Q} + \boldsymbol{\eta},$$

$\mathbf{u}_\perp(x, t)$  transverse fluctuations

$\mathbf{v}$  hydrodynamic velocity field

$\mathbf{Q}$  nematic order parameter

$F[\mathbf{u}_\perp, \mathbf{Q}]$  free-energy functional



Free-energy: ordering, elasticity, anchoring

$$F[\mathbf{u}_\perp, \mathbf{Q}] = F_f[\mathbf{u}_\perp] + F_{LD}[\mathbf{Q}] + F_{anc}[\mathbf{u}_\perp, \mathbf{Q}]$$

$$F_f[\mathbf{u}_\perp] = \int_0^L dx [(\sigma/2) (\partial_x \mathbf{u}_\perp)^2 + (\kappa/2) (\partial_x^2 \mathbf{u}_\perp)^2]$$

$$F_{LD}[\mathbf{Q}] = \int dx \int d^2 r_\perp [(a/2) \mathbf{Q}^2 + (K/2) (\nabla \mathbf{Q})^2]$$

$F_{anc}[\mathbf{u}_\perp, \mathbf{Q}]$  Favours normal or parallel alignment of medium and filament

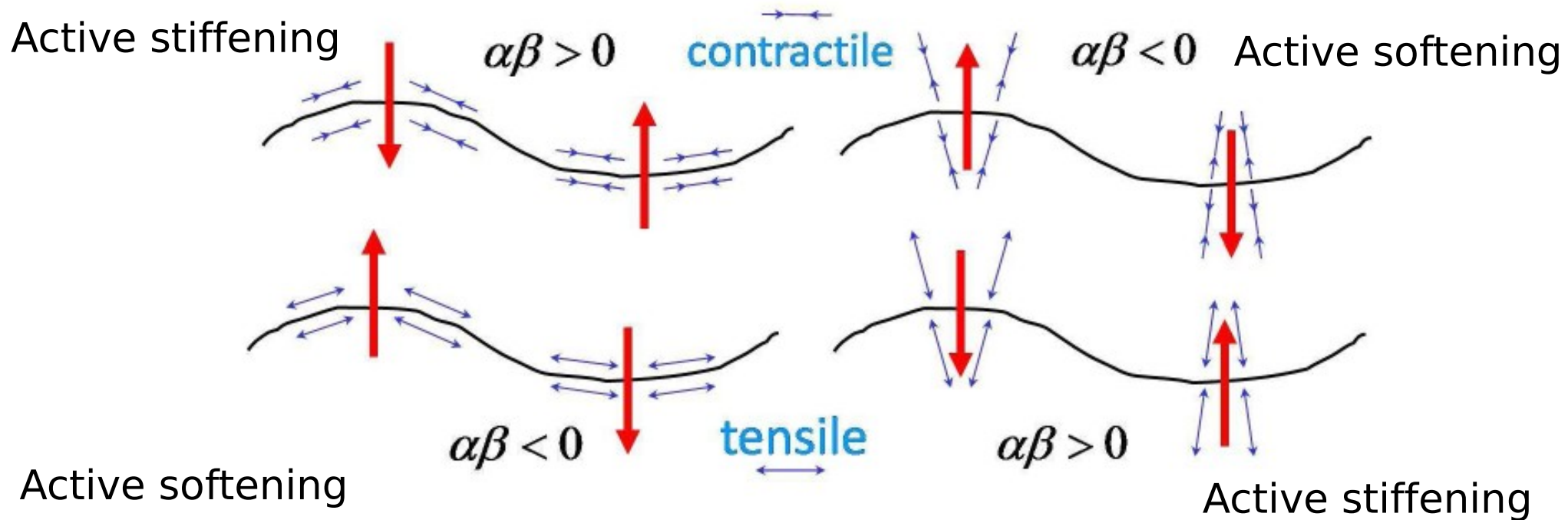
# Where's activity?

$$\mathbf{v}_{\perp}(x, \mathbf{r}_{\perp}, t) = -(Wc_0/\Gamma)\partial_x \mathbf{Q}_{x\perp}(x, \mathbf{r}_{\perp}, t)$$

Force balance: friction against active stresses  
"Rouse" approximation: local damping

Combine these elements

# Interplay: anchoring and activity



- Stiffening: strictly nonequilibrium effect
- At equilibrium, coupling to additional degree of freedom always reduces elastic constant
- Buckling: provides basis for Brangwynne *et al.* 2008

# Fluctuation-dissipation ratio

$$R_{q_x \omega} = \frac{N_1 \gamma}{k_B T} \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha (\alpha N_2 / N_1 + \beta) (\zeta / K)^2 q_x^2 \Sigma(q_\omega)}{1 - \alpha \beta (\zeta / K)^2 q_x^2 \Sigma(q_\omega)} \right]$$

- A mess: should be **unity** if **effective temperature**
- **Depends on activity** through  $\Sigma$
- **Can turn negative** at finite frequency
- **Close analogy**: Martin *et al* PNAS '01 auditory hair cells

Kikuchi, Ehrlicher, Koch, SR, Rao, Kaes PNAS **106** (2009) 19776-19779

# Conclusion to part 3

- Theory of mechanics and statistics of living matter
- Relevance: flocks, cytoskeleton, analogues
- Predictive: now some confirmation in experiments
- Many obvious extensions
- Need: clean experiments on model systems