





## 微生物の集団遊泳と 懸濁液内の輸送現象

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# The role of the infinitely small in nature is infinitely large.

Louis Pasteur (1822-1895)

#### Micro-organisms in the ocean

50% of biomass Bottom of food chain →Oceanic ecosystem

Absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> Nitrogen cycle →Global environment



Plankton blooms around Australia and New Zealand Picture from Byatt et al. (2001)





#### Micro-organisms in bioreactors

Making food Yeast, Lactic acid bacterium →Food industry

#### Sewage treatment →Plant industry

Algae fuel an alternative to fossil fuel ➡Energy revolution?











#### Micro-organisms in human body

## hundreds of species about 10<sup>14</sup> cells

Digestion helped by enterobacteria (vitamin K)



## Reproduction owed to sperm swimming



## Helicobacter pylori in the stomach



from Introduction to Microbiology

#### Infection by salmonella



from Introduction to Microbiology



from Introduction to Microbiology





#### **Artificial Micro-swimmers**



Thutupalli, et al. (2011)



Dreyfus et al. (2005)

Sanchez, et al. (2011)





In order to understand variety of micro-organisms' phenomena Ecology, Biology & Chemistry have been used.

# One example of bacterial phenomena

In this suspension, chemical substances spread 10<sup>3</sup> times more than the Brownian diffusion.

Can we explain this by ecology, biology or chemistry?



A suspension of Escherichia coli

Biophysics & biomechanics can contribute more in this field



## **Bottom-up Strategy**





Macroscopic level **Rheological and Diffusion properties** Strong influence Mesoscale level **Collective motions, Coherent structures** Strong influence



Cellular level Cell-cell interactions

**Bottom-up Strategy** 







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• Collective swimming in meso-scale

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**Conclusions** 







#### In terms of swimming motion







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#### Flow field

Size of a single cell:  $1-100\mu$ m Swimming speed: 1-10 body length / sec  $\implies$  Re =  $10^{-6} - 10^{-3}$ Stokes flow (Inertia-free)

Force-Torque condition of a cell Force is almost free Torque may not be free (bottom-heaviness)

**Review paper** 

Brennen & Winet, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech. (1977) Lauga & Powers, Rep. Prog. Phys. (2009)

When two cells come close, what happens?



## **Experiment of** Paramecia







## **Biological reaction**







## Avoiding Reaction (AR) Anterior end: $Ca^{2+}$ channel

## Escape Reaction (ER) Posterior end: *K*<sup>+</sup> channel

Ishikawa and Hota, J. Exp. Biol. (2006)



## Hydrodynamic interaction





#### Initially facing each other

Two orientation vectors initially have a large angle

Ishikawa and Hota, J. Exp. Biol. (2006)





#### Ratio of three kinds of interaction

The total number of experimental cases recorded in this study is 301, and the total number of cells is 602.

Kinds of interaction	Number of cells	Percent [%]
Hydrodynamic Interaction (HI)	510	84.7
Avoiding Reaction (AR)	29	4.8
Escape Reaction (ER)	63	10.5

Ishikawa and Hota, J. Exp. Biol. (2006)

## Mainly hydrodynamic interaction





#### Squirmer model

assumed to propel itself by generating tangential velocities on its surface. Surface velocity is given as a B.C.

## Velocity field around Paramecium





experimental results

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#### Paramecium: Force-free, Torque-free

## Flow Field: Boundary Element Method

Ishikawa et al., J. Fluid Mech. (2006)

$$u_i(\mathbf{x}) - \left\langle u_i(\mathbf{x}) \right\rangle = -\frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \int_{A_\alpha} J_{ij}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) q_j(\mathbf{y}) dA_y$$

- **q** : single-layer potential
- A : surface of a particle
- **u** : velocity
- **J** : Green function





## **Numerical Results**





Ishikawa and Hota, J. Exp. Biol. (2006)





#### A waltzing motion was found by R.E.Goldstein's group.



for fertilization?

http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/gold/

Mechanism: Biological? Hydrodynamical?





#### $G_{bh}=50$ : bottom-heavy ( $\lambda = 5 \text{deg}$ )



Waltzing motion does appear





The waltzing motion can be reproduced by introducing:

(a) A wall boundary(b) Bottom-heaviness(c) Swirl velocity

Mechanism = Hydrodynamics

Drescher et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2009)









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## **Bio-convection**





#### A suspension of *Chlamydomonas*

Mechanism: upswimming of cells that are slightly denser than water generates unstable density stratification which leads to overturning



## **Other collective motions**



# Band formation

Band formation of magnetotactic bacteria.Picture from Guell *et al.*,*J. Theor. Biol.* (1988)

# Colonies on agar gel

Complex patten of bacterial colonies. Picture from Ben-Jacob & Levine (2006)









Cell motions of *Bacillus subtilis*. Movie from Goldstein Lab,

#### Mechanism = Physics? Mechanics?





#### Micro-organism : Spherical squirmer model

 $\begin{aligned} Multipole \ Expansion \ of the \ boundary \ integral \ equation \\ u_i(\mathbf{x}) - \left\langle u_i(\mathbf{x}) \right\rangle &= -\frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \int_{A_\alpha} J_{ij}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) q_j(\mathbf{y}) dA_y \ : Ewald \ sumation \\ &= \frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{6} \nabla^2 \right) J_{ij} F_j^{\alpha} + R_{ij} L_j^{\alpha} + \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{10} \nabla^2 \right) K_{ijk} S_{jk}^{\alpha} + \nabla_k \nabla_l J_{ij} Q_{klj}^{\alpha} + \cdots \right] \end{aligned}$ 

$$Faxen Laws$$

$$U_{i}^{\alpha} - \langle u_{i}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}) \rangle = \frac{F_{i}^{\alpha}}{6\pi\mu a} + \frac{2}{3}B_{1}^{\alpha}e_{i}^{\alpha} + \left(1 + \frac{a^{2}}{6}\nabla^{2}\right)u_{i}'(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha})$$

$$\Omega_{i}^{\alpha} - \langle \omega_{i}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}) \rangle = \frac{L_{i}^{\alpha}}{8\pi\mu a^{3}} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{ijk}\nabla_{j}u_{k}'(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha})$$

$$- \langle E_{ij}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}) \rangle = \frac{S_{ij}^{\alpha}}{\frac{20}{3}\pi\mu a^{3}} + \frac{1}{5}\mu a^{2}B_{2}^{\alpha}\left(3e_{i}^{\alpha}e_{j}^{\alpha} - \delta_{ij}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{a^{2}}{10}\nabla^{2}\right)\left(\nabla_{j}u_{i}'(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}) + \nabla_{i}u_{j}'(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha})\right)$$

Ishikawa et al., J. Fluid Mech. (2008)





#### Then, inclusion of near-field lubrication forces



cf. Brady & Bossis, Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech. (1988)

For details : Ishikawa et al., J. Fluid Mech. (2008)



## **Results: Aggregation**



Monolayer Non-bottom-heavy  $\phi_a$ =0.1

Periodic B.C.

Hydrodynamic interaction only

Ishikawa & Pedley Phys. Rev. Lett. (2008)





## **Results: Band formation**



Monolayer Bottom-heavy  $\phi_a$ =0.5,  $G_{bh}$ =100



Ishikawa & Pedley Phys. Rev. Lett. (2008)





## **Results: 3D Large scale**



#### Bioconvection

#### Bottom-Heavy Sedimentation Periodic B.C.







## **Coherent structures**



Various collective motions observed in former experiments can be expressed

- Meso-scale spatiotemporal motion
- Ordered motion



#### How coherent structures affect transport phenomena?

- Diffusion of particles Wu & Libchaber (2000)
- Energy is transported towards larger scale?





Desktop PC



Sample confocal image



## Energy transport in a bacterial bath



### In-plane vorticity

Iso-surfaces of  $\Omega_z = 1.3$ and -1.3 s<sup>-1</sup> are drawn by red and blue, respectively.

Energy dissipation on meso-scale  $\nu |\operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v}|^2 \approx 5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ J/(s.mL)}$ / number density of  $3 \times 10^{10}$ = individual bacteria dissipate energy of  $2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/(s.cell)}$  on the meso-scale. Is this a large portion of energy input?







## Energy dissipation of a solitary bacteria

BEM model Cell body: ellipsoid (2 × 1 μm) Flagella length: 6 μm Swimming velocity: 20 μm/s

Energy input:  $4 \times 10^{-16}$  J/s Giacche *et al.*, *PRE* (2010) Used for swimming:  $7 \times 10^{-18}$  J/s (=0.36pN × 20µm/s) Used for the coherent structure:  $2 \times 10^{-19}$  J/s

Gain from the coherent structure: Enhanced diffusion High swimming velocity

Ishikawa, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2011)

Useful to expand the biosphere?







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Stress field generated by a solitary cell Stress field is opposite A bottom-heavy cell in a shear flow g **Orientation changes** 





#### Shear viscosity (compared to dead cell suspensions)

Horizontal shear	Vertical shear
Increase	Decrease
Decrease	Increase





#### Shear viscosity : Suspension of Squirmers



Ishikawa & Pedley, J. Fluid Mech. (2007)





## Cell Conservation (continuum model)

$$\frac{Dn}{Dt} = -\nabla \cdot \left( n \mathbf{V}_c + \mathbf{J}_r \right)$$
 [+ birth, death, etc]



where  $V_c$  = mean cell swimming velocity,  $J_r$  = flux due to random cell swimming

$$\mathbf{J}_r = -\mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla n \ ?$$

Definition of **D** 

$$\mathbf{D} = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\left\langle \left[ \mathbf{r}(t + t_0) - \mathbf{r}(t_0) \right] \left[ \mathbf{r}(t + t_0) - \mathbf{r}(t_0) \right] \right\rangle}{2t}$$





#### Self-diffusion of cells



The spreading is correctly described as a diffusive process



## Large Scale Example in Nature



Thin layers of plankton are important hotspots of ecological activity



Durham et al., Science (2009)

Continuum model:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\nabla \left[ \left( \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{U}_d \right) c \right] + \nabla \left[ \mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla c \right]$$

Thin layer is also formed in this system.









#### Engineering settings: Horizontal Poiseuille flow

Flow: 2D, parabolic Cells: Bottom-heavy squirmers Inlet concentration: uniform (c = 0.02)



High concentration appears near the upper wall.



Volume fraction of bottom-heavy cells in the channel becomes larger than that at the inlet.

Ishikawa, J. Fluid Mech. (2012)





## Microbial flora in the intestine

Simultaneously solving:

- Flow field generated by peristalsis
- Concentrations of oxygen and nutrient
- Densities of anaerobes and aerobes



(d) nutrient

Ishikawa et al., J. Theor. Biol. (2011)



## Conclusions



# By using the bottom-up strategy, suspension biomechanics of swimming microbes can be clarified much further.



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REVIEW

#### Suspension biomechanics of swimming microbes

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# Such mathematical modeling should be expanded to various phenomena in nature.











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