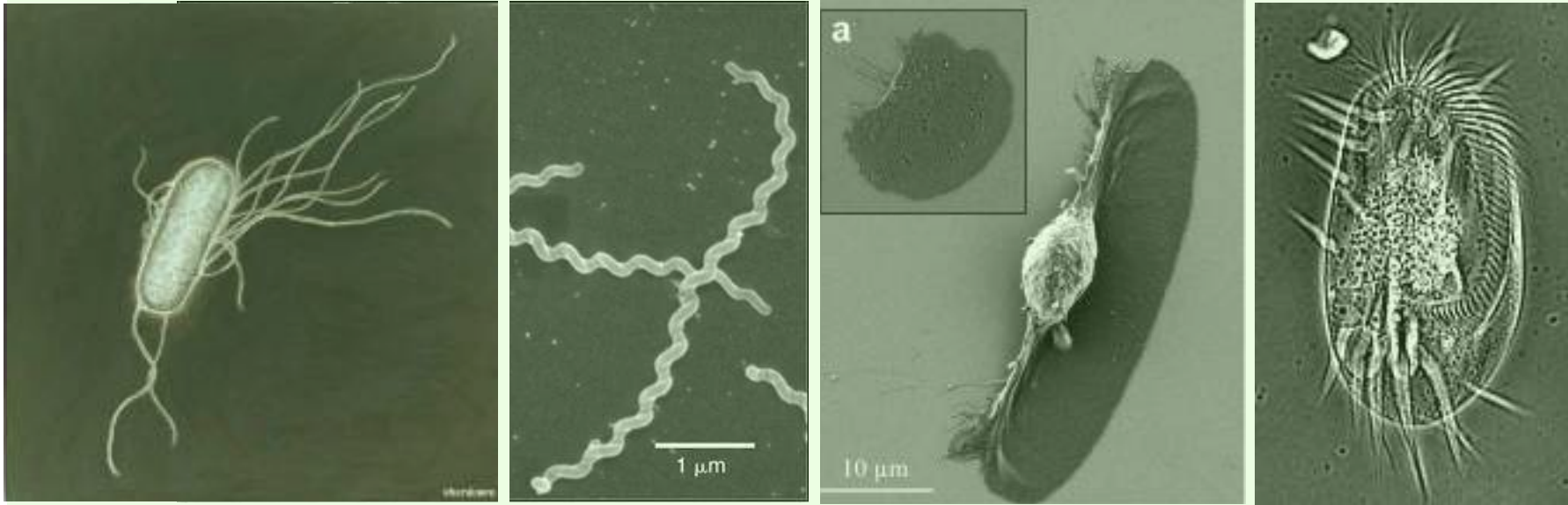


Cellular Motility



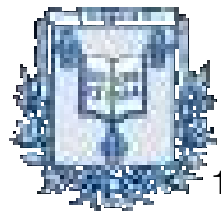
Course 1: Introduction – Principles of motility

Thomas Lecuit

chaire: Dynamiques du vivant

<https://www.nies.go.jp/chiiki1/protoz/morpho/ciliopho/euplotes.htm>

http://nikhil.superfacts.org/archives/2010/02/bacteria_dont_h.html



COLLÈGE
DE FRANCE
— 1530 —

Historical perspective

Movement is a defining feature of living organisms:

- movement of parts or of whole organism
- what is different between movement of living and inert matter?

Aristotle: 4 types of movement: δύναμις (*Physics*, III, 1)

- quantitative: growth/shrinkage
- qualitative: aspect (shape, color etc) μεταβολή,
- displacement: in geometrical space. κινήσεις
- genesis/corruption Υένεσις

XVIIth: Local movement only: Descartes, Galileo, Newton



Causes of movement:

- Mechanical view: Galileo, Descartes, etc.
 - Geometric representation. Organisms respond passively to external source of movement (eg. heat) as in a machine
- Leibnitz:
 - Cause of movement is internal. Living matter is active



Organism and cell motility

Ubiquity of cell movement:

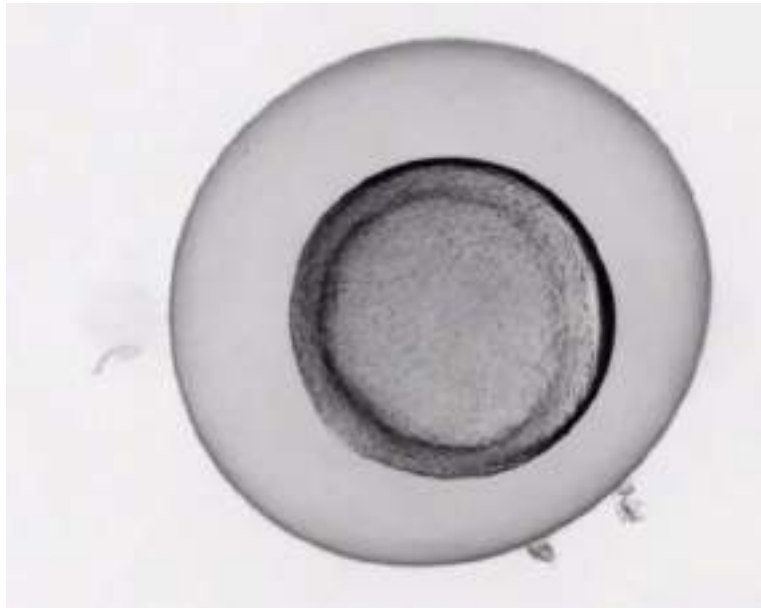
Fonction

- source of energy/nutrition:
phototaxis (eg. *Volvox*, *Euglena*), glucose (*E. coli*), anaerobic conditions (e.g. magnetotactic bacteria)
- reproduction: sperm cells
- escape from predators/toxins
- patrolling: immune defense (eg. dendritic cells)
- embryonic development
- regeneration-repair

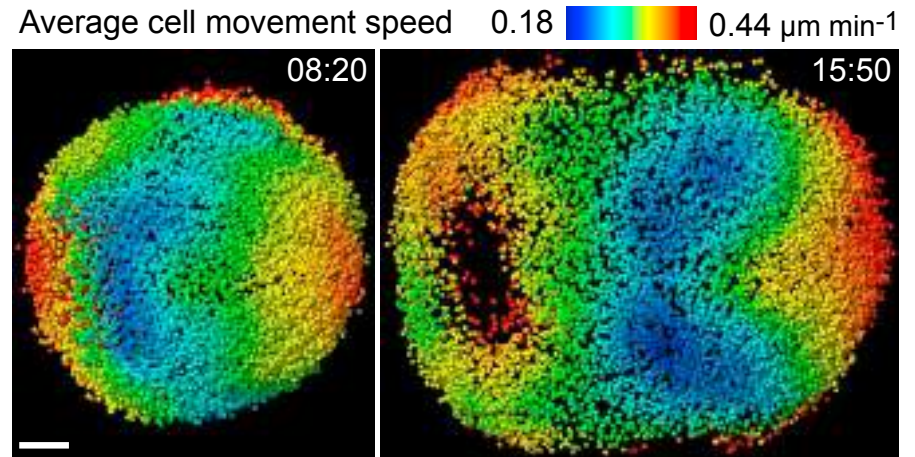


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Tissue shape changes and cell movement

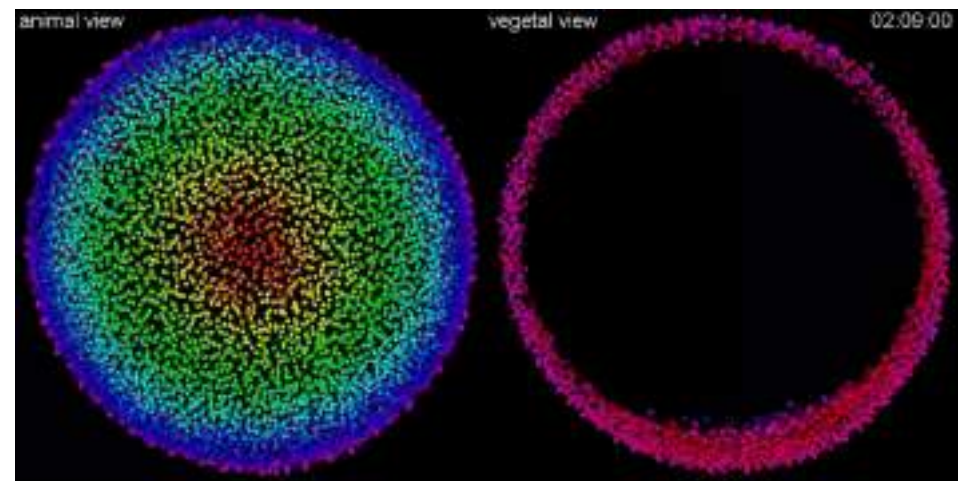


Zebrafish Embryo



Mouse cell embryo

McDoleK and Guignard L. et al., *Cell* 175, 859–876 (2018)



Cell tracking in Zebrafish

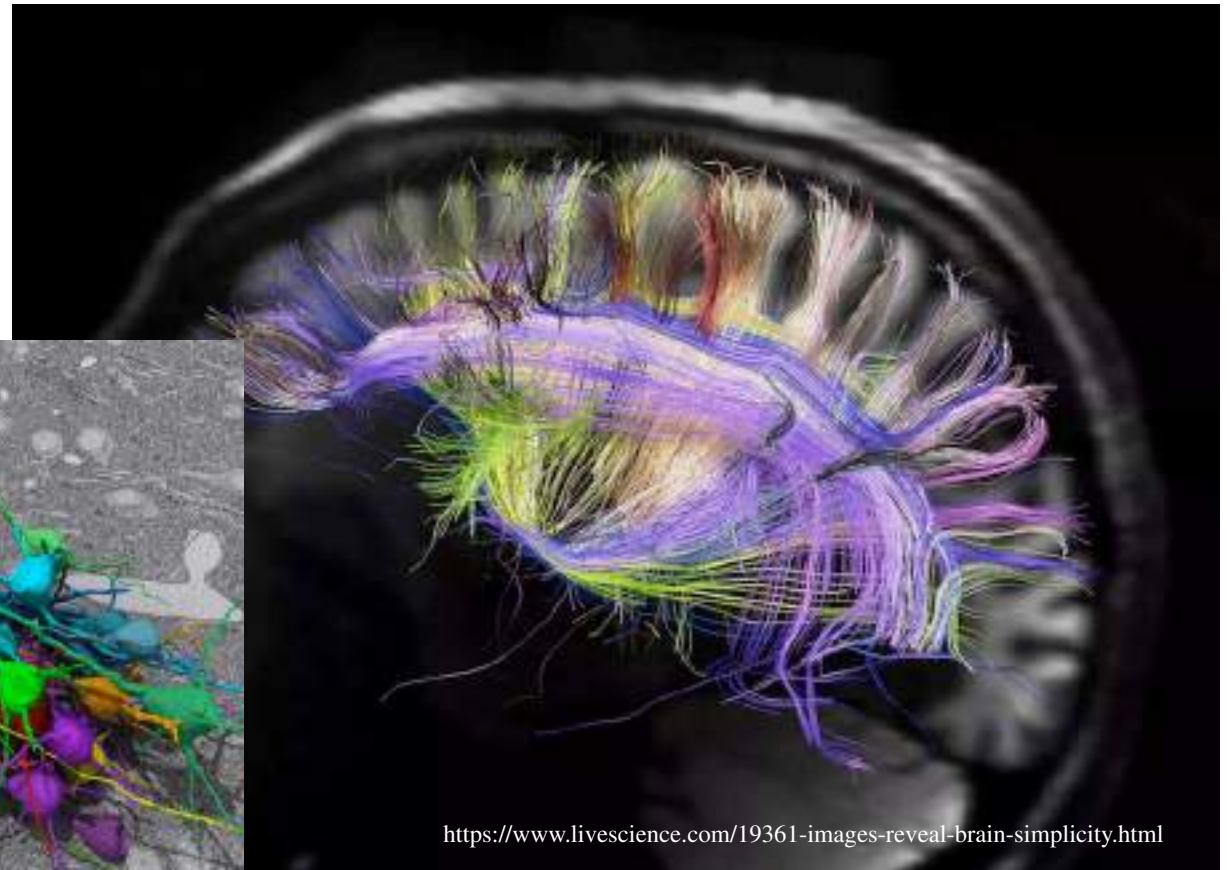
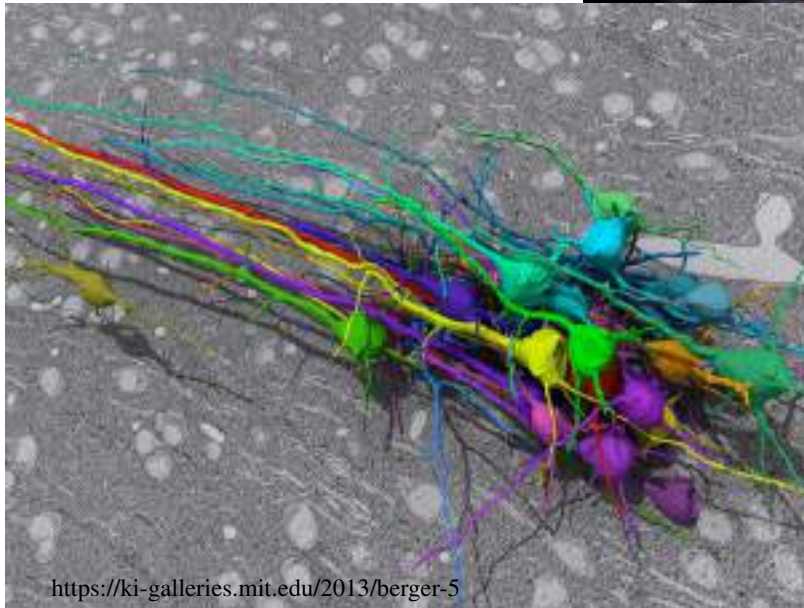
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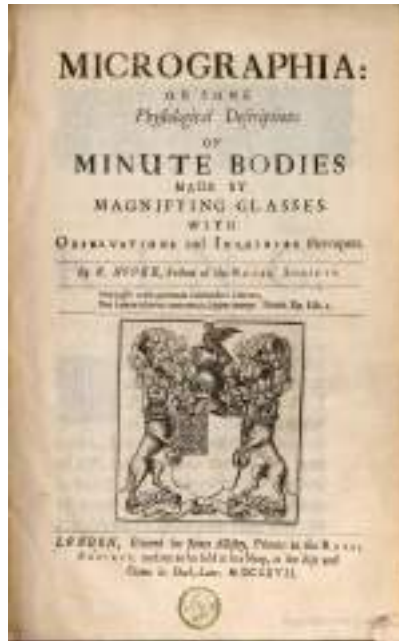
The nervous system illustrates the magnitude of cell motility

Wiring the human brain requires the laying down of about 1 million km of neurites, all proceeding through the crawling motility of growth cones.

Pollard and Borisy *Cell*, Vol. 112, 453–465 (2003)



Discovery of cell motility



Robert Hooke (1635-1703)

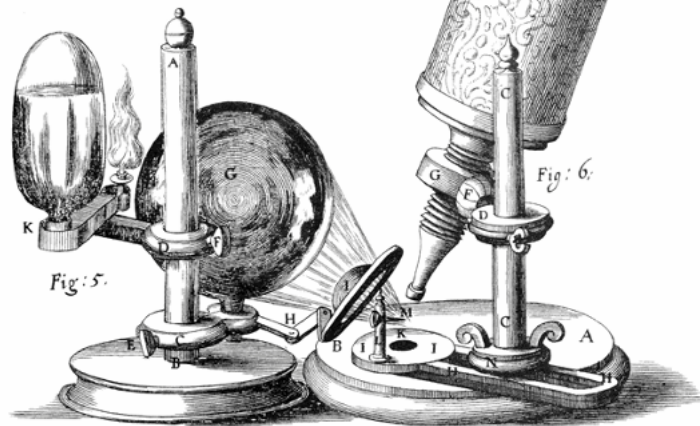
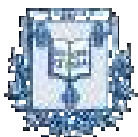
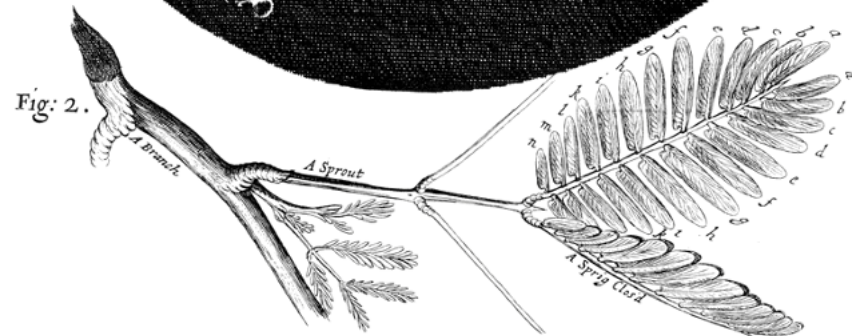
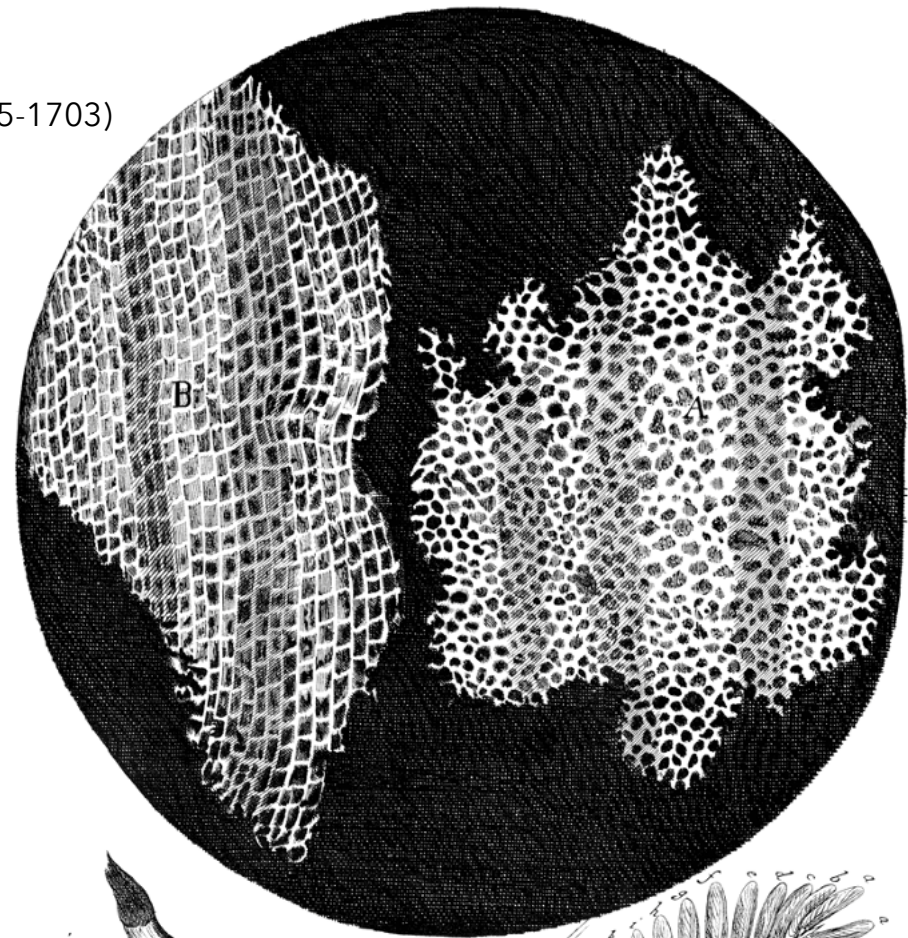


Fig:1.



Discovery of cell motility

First observation of bacteria and movement

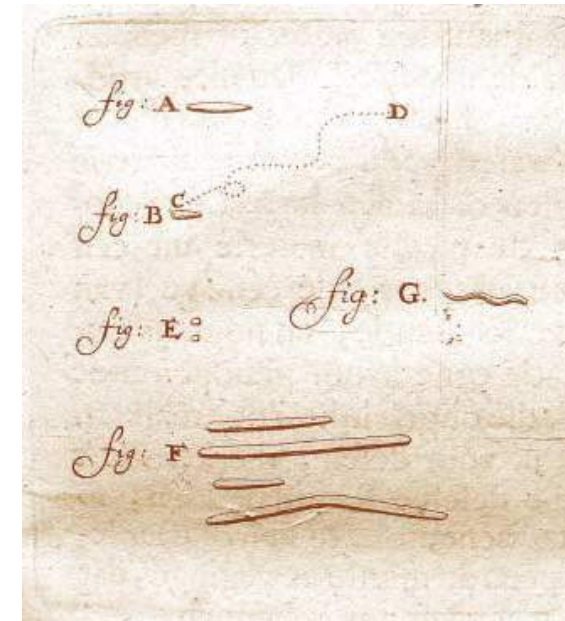
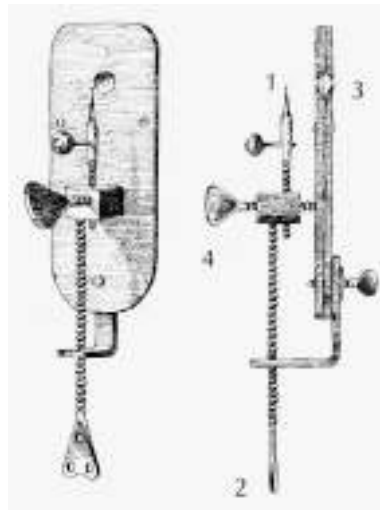
« I then most always saw, with great wonder, that in the said matter there were many very little living **animalcules**, very prettily a-moving. The biggest sort. . . had a **very strong and swift motion**, and shot through the water (or spittle) like a pike does through the water. The second sort. . . oft-times **spun round like a top**. . . and these were far more in number. »

« The biggest sort. . . bent their body into curves in going forwards. . . Moreover, the other animalcules were in such enormous numbers, that all the water. . . seemed to be alive. »

September 17, 1683
Letter to Royal Society



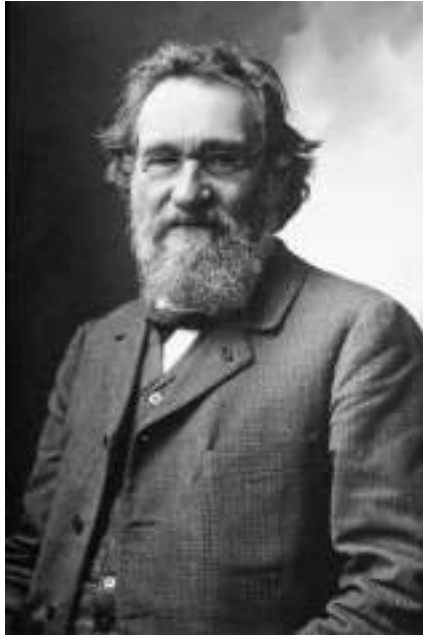
Antoni van Leeuwenhoek (1632-1723)



A) is a motile *bacillus*. B) *Selenomonas buccalis* & the track of its movement (C to D). E) Micrococci. F) *Leptothrix buccalis*. G) A spirochaete,

<https://pixels.com/featured/leeuwenhoek-microscope-granger.html>

Discovery of cell motility



Ilya Metchnikoff (1845-1905)

Metchnikoff observed in Sicily (Messina) starfish larvae, noticed motile cells and hypothesized that this might underly response to external agents.

Used rose thorns under larval skin and observed leukocyte chemotaxis and phagocytosis



Metchnikoff's drawing of phagocytes at a site of inflammation (induced by silver nitrate) in the caudal fin of a Triton embryo.

Metchnikoff, E. *Lectures on the Comparative Pathology of Inflammation*. (Reprinted by Dover, New York, 1968).

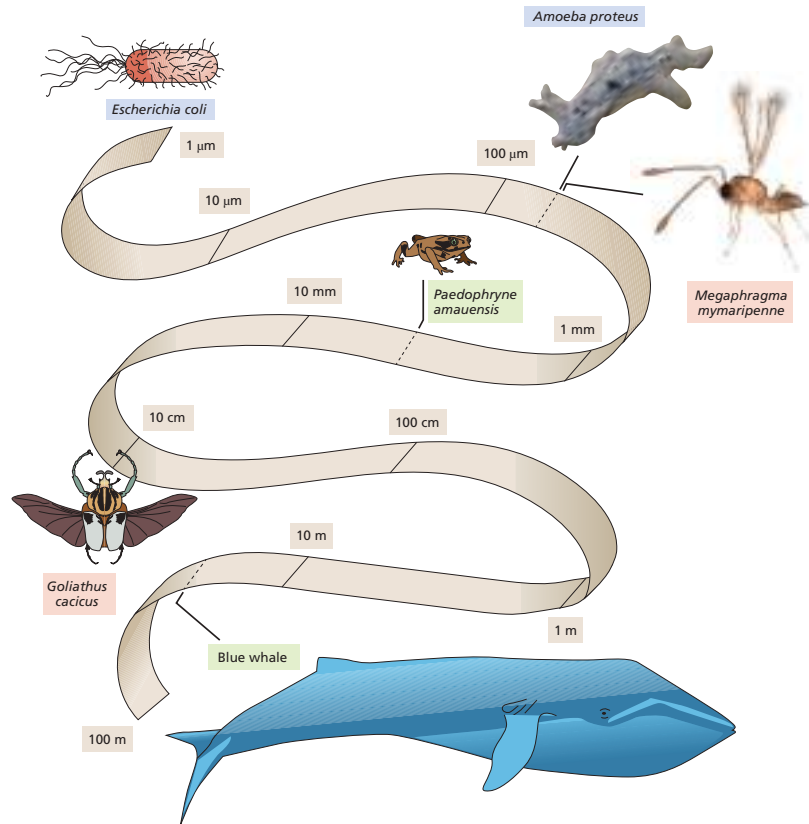
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Organism motility across scales

- All organisms except plants and fungi are motile: swimming, flying, walking, crawling, creeping etc m

- Variation in size:
(6 orders of magnitude in Metazoa)



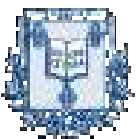
Bacillus subtilis



Sperm whale



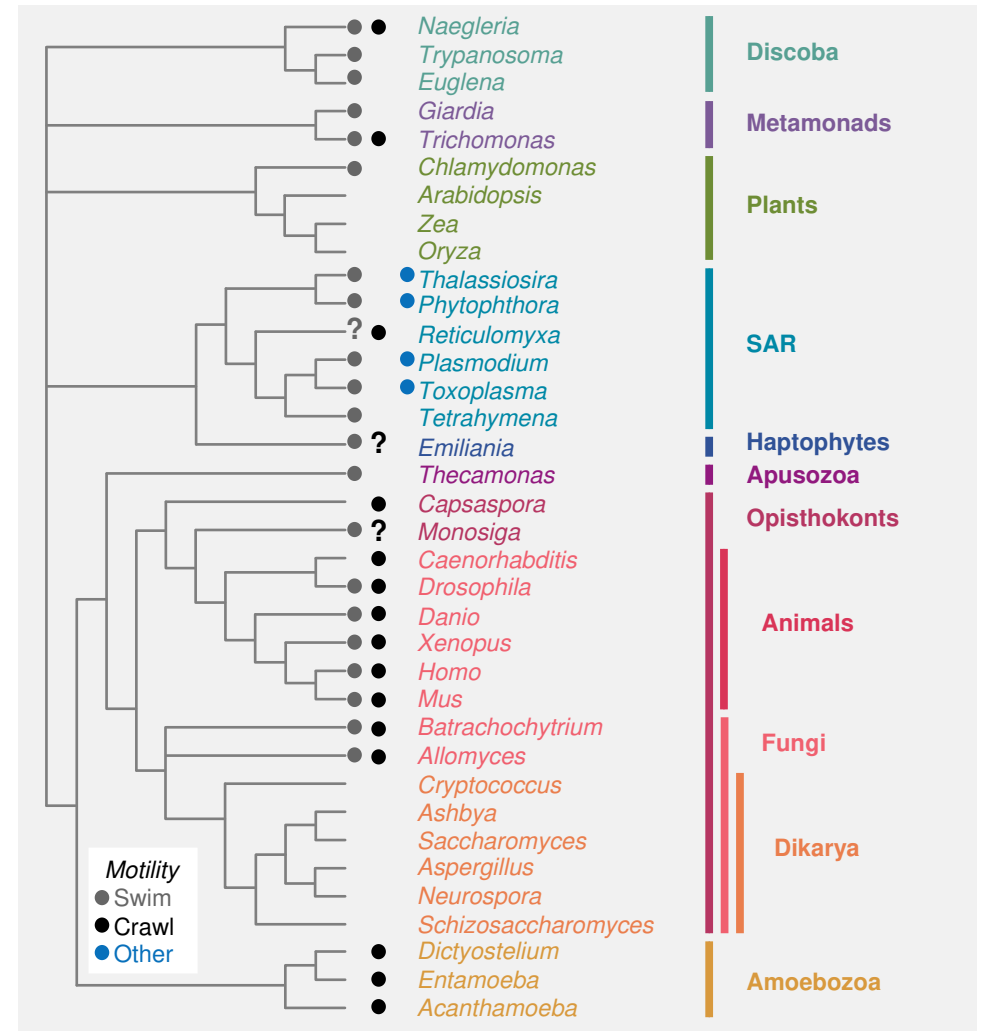
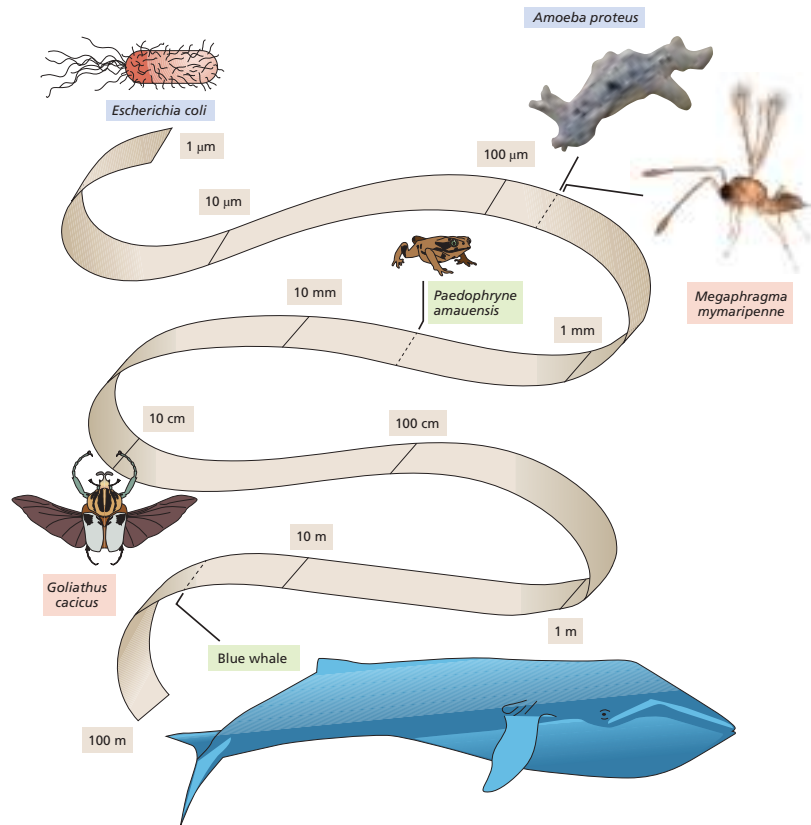
G. Néry. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnvQgy3Ezw>



Organism motility across scales

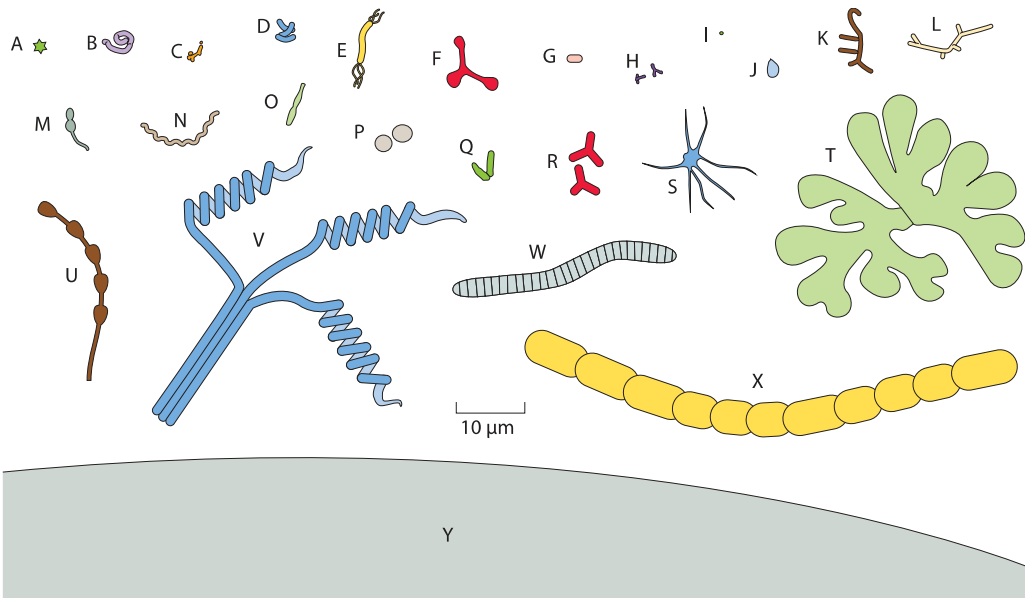
- All organisms except plants and fungi are motile: swimming, flying, walking, crawling and more

- Variation in size:
(6 orders of magnitude in Metazoa)



Cell motility across scales

- Motility in aqueous (viscous) or visco-elastic environments (host, mud etc)
- Bacteria 1 μm - few 10 of μm
- Protozoans 0.2 - 2 mm long



Bland J. Finlay
Science 296, 1061 (2002);
 DOI: 10.1126/science.
 1070710

(A) *Stella* strain IFAM1312 (380); (B) *Microcyclus* (a genus since renamed *Ancylobacter* *flavus* (367)); (C) *Bifidobacterium bifidum*; (D) *Clostridium cocleatum*; (E) *Aquaspirillum autotrophicum*; (F) *Pyroditium abyssii* (380); (G) *Escherichia coli*; (H) *Bifidobacterium* sp.; (I) transverse section of ratoon stunt-associated bacterium; (J) *Planctomyces* sp. (133); (K) *Nocardia opaca*; (L) Chain of ratoon stunt-associated bacteria; (M) *Caulobacter* sp. (380); (N) *Spirochaeta halophila*; (O) *Prostheobacter fusiformis*; (P) *Methanogenium cariaci*; (Q) *Arthrobacter globiformis* growth cycle; (R) gram-negative *Alphaproteobacteria* from marine sponges (240); (S) *Ancalomicrobium* sp. (380); (T) *Nevskia ramosa* (133); (U) *Rhodomicrobium vannielii*; (V) *Streptomyces* sp.; (W) *Caryophanon latum*; (X) *Calothrix* sp. (Y) A schematic of part of the giant bacterium *Thiomargarita namibiensis* (290). All images are drawn to the same scale. (Adapted from K. D. Young, *Microbiology & Molecular Bio. Rev.*, 70:660, 2006.)

Scale range among motile single cells: X 2000



Cell motility across scales

Prokaryotes

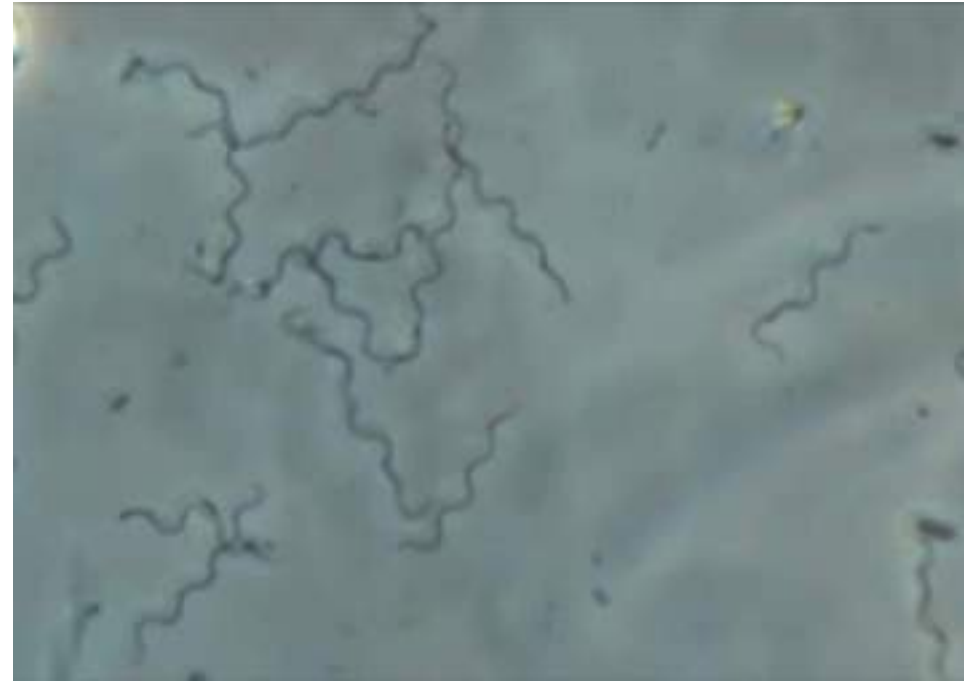
Escherichia coli motility



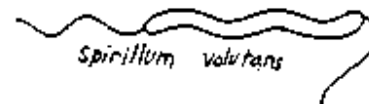
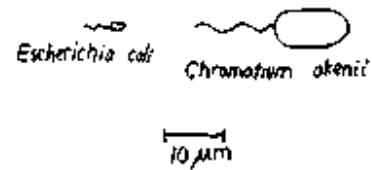
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Howard Berg

Spirochetes motility (Lyme, disease, siphylis, leptospirosis etc)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXYfT5hSLoQ>

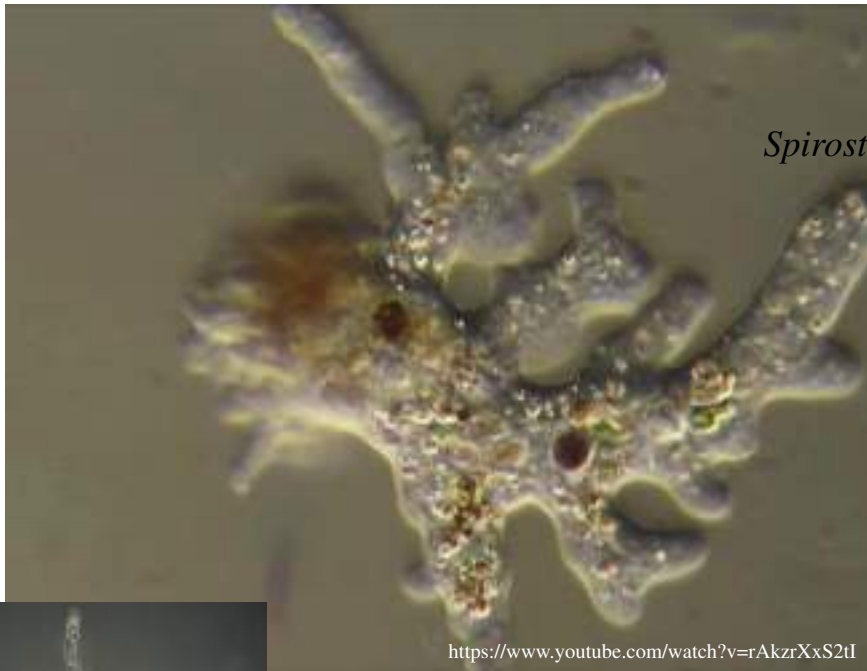


Cell motility across scales

Eukaryotes

- Giant cell motility > 1mm

Amoeba proteus (phylum: Amoebozoa)



Spirostomum



<http://www.edu.upmc.fr/biomedica/>

Ferry Siemensma

Cell motility across scales

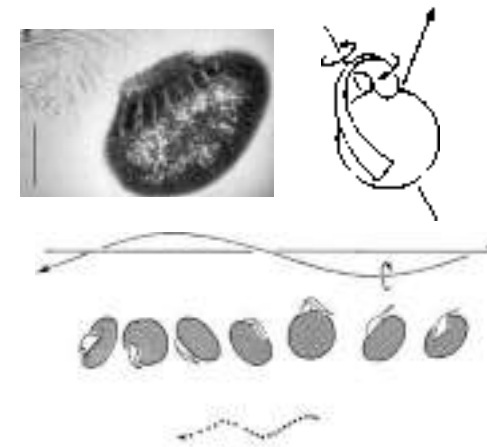
Velocities

Prokaryotes

organism	speed	speed in body lengths (bl) per sec	BNID and comments
bacteria and archaea			
<i>Ovobacter propellens</i>	1000 $\mu\text{m/s}$	200 bl/s	111235
<i>Thiovulum majus</i>	600 $\mu\text{m/s}$	90 bl/s	107652, 111231, cell length $\approx 7 \mu\text{m}$
<i>Methanocaldococcus jannaschii</i>	400 $\mu\text{m/s}$	200 bl/s	107649, measured at $\approx 80^\circ\text{C}$
<i>Bdellovibrio bacteriovorus</i>	160 $\mu\text{m/s}$	160 bl/s	101969, has to catch other bacteria it preys on
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	40-100 $\mu\text{m/s}$	20-50 bl/s	108083, sodium ion motor, one polar flagellum
<i>Caulobacter crescentus</i>	40 $\mu\text{m/s}$	20 bl/s	108085, proton motor, one polar flagellum
<i>Spirochete Brachyspira hyodysenteriae</i>	40 $\mu\text{m/s}$	8 bl/s	104904, assuming 5 μm cell length
<i>E. coli</i>	16-30 $\mu\text{m/s}$	8-15 bl/s	101793, 106819, 108082, proton motor, 4-8 lateral flagella
<i>S. typhimurium</i>	30 $\mu\text{m/s}$	15 bl/s	106818
<i>Synechococcus</i>	5-25 $\mu\text{m/s}$	2-10 bl/s	109314, mysterious propulsion by one third of wild isolates
<i>Myxococcus Xanthus motility system S</i>	>20 $\mu\text{m/min}$	>10 bl/min	106811
<i>Myxococcus Xanthus motility system A</i>	2-4 $\mu\text{m/min}$	1-2 bl/min	106811
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	6 $\mu\text{m/min}$	3 bl/min	106823 <i>in vitro</i> motility assays
<i>Halobacterium halobium</i>	2-3 $\mu\text{m/min}$	1 bl/min	111147

swim

glide
twitch



T; Fenchel *FEMS Microb. Ecol.* 48:231–238 (2004)

Sailfish *Istiophorus platypterus*: 30 m/s, 15 bl/sec, like *E. coli*

Michael Phelps: 100m in 50s, 1 bl/sec (for 1 min)

- swimming speed ranges from 5-1000 $\mu\text{m/s}$ (200 fold range)
- gliding/twitching speed ranges from 2-20 $\mu\text{m/min}$ (10 fold range)
- swimming about 1000 fold faster than gliding/twitching

Cell motility across scales

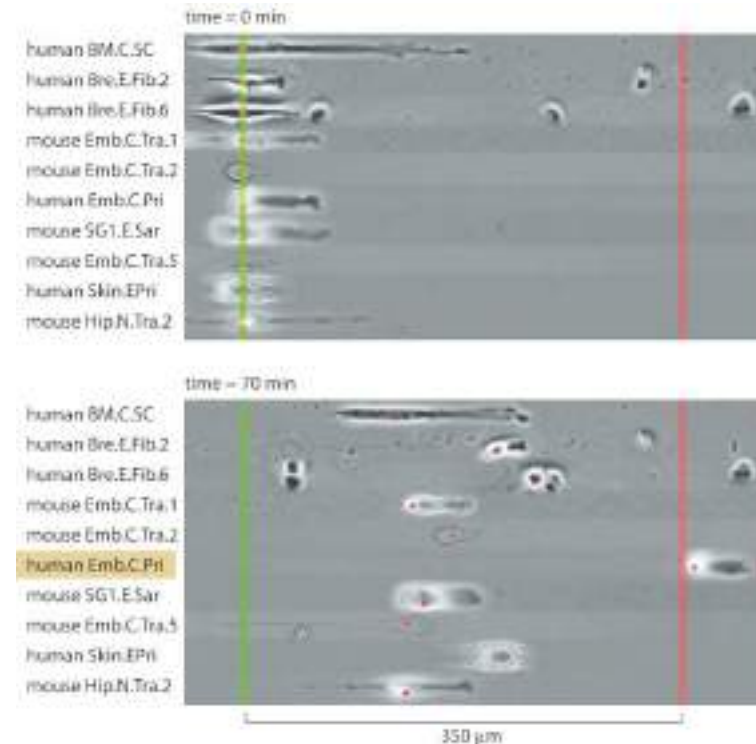
Velocities

Finals of the World Cell Race (Théry & Piel et al)

Eukaryotes

eukaryotes

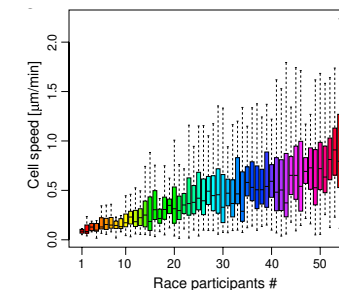
swim	<i>Ciliate Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	100–1000 $\mu\text{m/s}$	1–5 bl/sec	108087, ciliated, assuming 200 μm cell length
	<i>Tetrahymena thermophila</i>	200–400 $\mu\text{m/s}$	4–8 bl/sec	111429, 111435, 111436, ciliated
	<i>Gyrodinium dorsum</i>	300 $\mu\text{m/s}$	10 bl/sec	111432, flagellated
	green algae <i>Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii</i>	50–150 $\mu\text{m/s}$	5–15 bl/sec	108086, 111430
crawl	fish keratocytes - wound healing fibroblasts of the cornea	10–50 $\mu\text{m/min}$	0.7–3 bl/min	106807, 106817
	<i>Amoeba Dictyostelium discoideum</i>	10 $\mu\text{m/min}$	≈ 1 bl/min	106825
	human neutrophil	9 $\mu\text{m/min}$	≈ 1 bl/min	106809
	glioma cells	50 $\mu\text{m/hour}$	4 bl/hour	106810
	mouse fibroblastoid L929 cells	30 $\mu\text{m/hour}$	2 bl/hour	106808
	human H69 small cell lung cancer cell	16 $\mu\text{m/hour}$	1 bl/hour	106815



Race track: 4 μm - and 12 μm -wide fibronectin lines

Cell Biology by the numbers. Ron Milo, Rob Phillips, illustrated by Nigel Orme. Garland Science 2012

- swimming speed ranges from 50–1000 $\mu\text{m/s}$ (20 fold range)
- crawling speed ranges from 16–3000 $\mu\text{m/hour}$ (200 fold range)
- swimming about 1000 fold faster than crawling



Maiuri, P., et al. (2012). The first world cell race. *Curr. Biol.* 22, R673–R675.

Physical constraints on cell motility

— Newton's second Law: $F = m \cdot a$

- inertia: movement at constant speed ($a=0$) without applied force (e.g. force is not necessary at all time: eg. swimming)
- This is not true for cells and small objects: force needs to be constantly applied for motion.
- Life operates at so called low Reynolds number



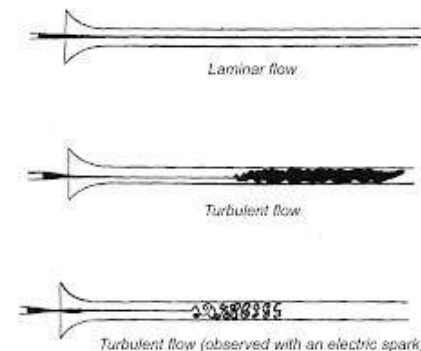
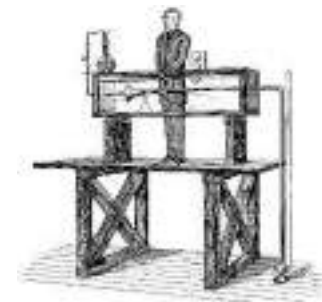
Osborne Reynolds
(1842-1912)

- Fluid mechanics: studied the impact of flow speed on nature of flow and conditions in which flow remains laminar
- This depends on ratio of inertial forces and viscous forces.
- Reynolds the number is a dimensionless parameter that compares the effect of inertial and viscous forces

$$\text{Re} = \frac{UL\rho}{\eta}$$

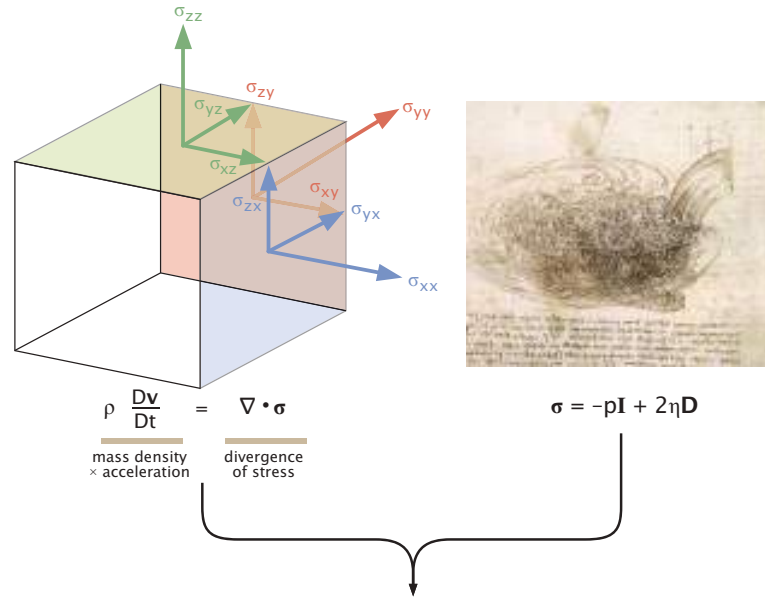
U length scale of system
 L velocity scale of system
 ρ density
 η viscosity

η/ρ kinematic viscosity



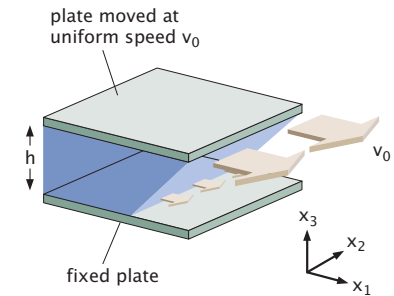
Low Reynolds number world

FORCE BALANCE



CONSTITUTIVE LAW FOR NEWTONIAN FLUID

relates shear stress and strain in fluid



strain rate tensor:

$$D_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} \right).$$

NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$$

Navier stokes equation

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v},$$

inertial term viscous term

Dimensionless version:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^*}{\partial t^*} + \mathbf{v}^* \cdot \nabla_* \mathbf{v}^* \right) = -\frac{1}{Re} \nabla_* p^* + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla_*^2 \mathbf{v}^*.$$

$$v^* = \frac{v}{U} \quad x_i^* = \frac{x_i}{L}, \quad p^* = \frac{p}{(\eta U/L)} \quad t^* = \frac{t}{(L/U)}.$$

When $Re \ll 1$, the right hand term dominates the inertial term on the left

Low Reynolds number world

Analysis of the swimming of microscopic organisms

BY SIR GEOFFREY TAYLOR, F.R.S.

(Received 25 June 1951)

Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A 209:447-461 (1951) doi: 10.1098/rspa.1951.0218



G.I. Taylor
(1886-1975)

Life at low Reynolds number

E. M. Purcell

Lyman Laboratory, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

(Received 12 June 1976)

American Journal of Physics, Vol. 45, No. 1, January 1977

American Journal of Physics 45, 3 (1977); <http://doi.org/10.1119/1.10903>



Edward Purcell
(1912-1997)

$$\text{Re} = \frac{UL\rho}{\eta}$$

water: density ρ 1g/cm³

viscosity η 10⁻² g/cm.s (=1mPa.s or 1cP)

Fish: 1 cm and: $U=10$ cm/s $\text{Re} = 10^3$

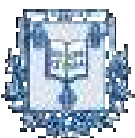
Human (max): 2m, 2m/s. $\text{Re} = 4 \cdot 10^6$

Whale: up to 30 m and max 45km/h (12.5 m/s) $\text{Re} = 3 \cdot 10^8$

but for a Bacterium: 1 μm and 10 $\mu\text{m/s}$ $\text{Re} = 10^{-5}$

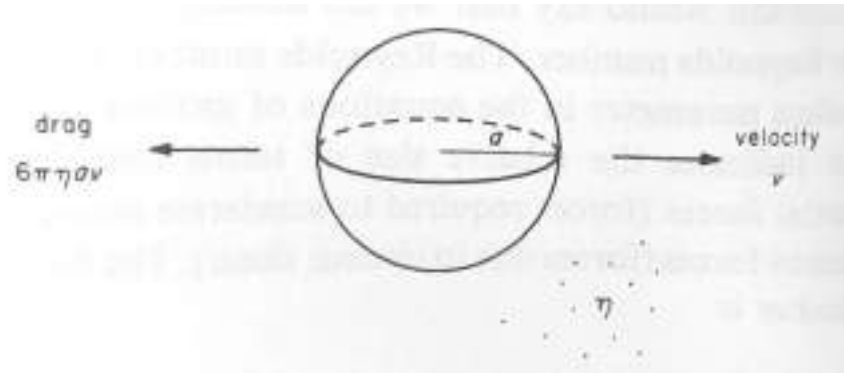
dominated by inertia

dominated by viscosity



Low Reynolds number world

Stokes law:

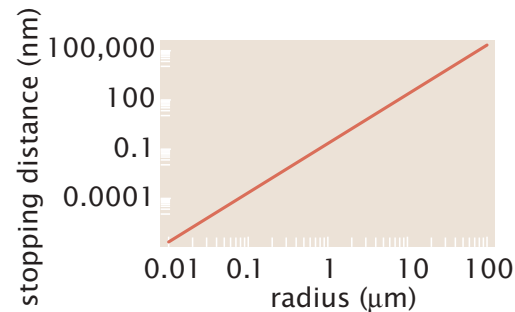


<http://www.rowland.harvard.edu/labs/bacteria/movies/ecoli.php>

Motion of a bacterium (modeled as a sphere): $m(-dv/dt) = 6\pi\eta av$

$$v(t) = v(0)e^{-t/\tau}, \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = \frac{m}{6\pi\eta a} = \frac{2a^2\rho_s}{9\eta}$$

With $a = 1\mu\text{m}$, this is $0.2\mu\text{s}$. So a bacterium stops in about $1\mu\text{s}$
Starting at $20\mu\text{m/s}$, a bacterium coasts 0.004 nm



Physical constraints on cell motility

- Consequences of Low Reynolds number (no inertia) for motion in a fluid:

$$\nabla p - \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{F},$$

Body force

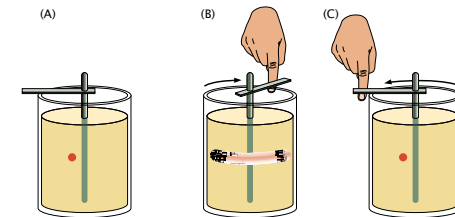
The Scallop Theorem



There is no explicit consideration of time:

E.M. Purcell *American Journal of Physics* 45, 3 (1977)

- Reciprocal movement is time symmetric.**
Corresponds to 1 degree of freedom in configuration space

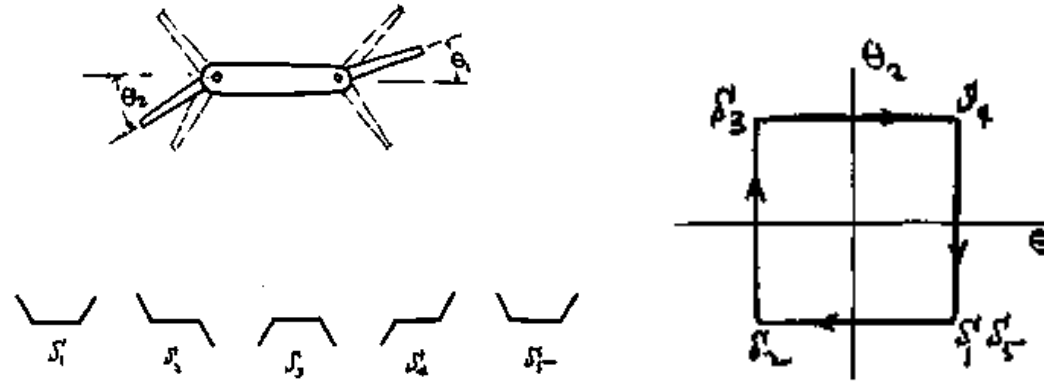


National Committee for Fluid Mechanics: G.I. Taylor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51-6QCJTAjU&list=PL0EC6527BE871ABA3&index=9>

Physical constraints on cell motility

- However: **Non-reciprocal** movement leads to net forward movement at low Reynolds number

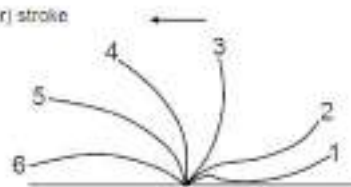


- Beating of *flexible* filament (e.g. cilia)

The flexible oar



Forward (power) stroke

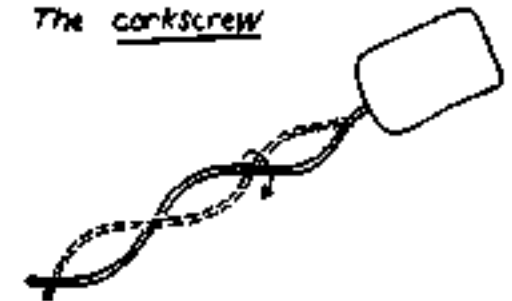


Backward (recovery) stroke

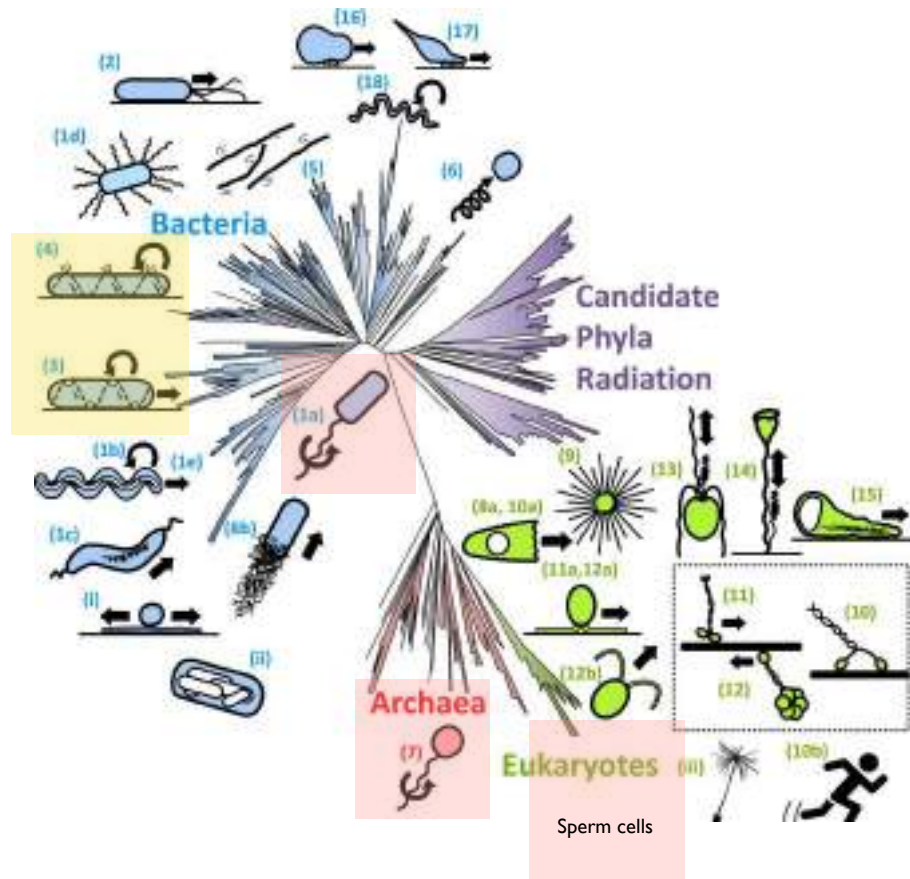


- Rotation of *helical* structure (e.g. flagellum)

The corkscrew



The Tree of cell motility



- **5 Systems based on motor system:**
Bacterial flagella, Actin polymerization and Motor proteins (Myosin, Kinesin, Dynein)
- 18 classes based on **force/movement-producing protein architectures**
- Movement requires **coupling between motor output and the cell envelope** to propel the cell via interactions with environment.
- Evidence of **widespread evolution of motility mechanisms**: extensive in Bacteria (envelope), not in Archea (no envelope)
- **Evidence of convergent evolution:**
 - flagella in Bacteria (1a) and archaella in Archea (7), flagella in Eukarya sperm
 - helix rotation at cell periphery (3, 4) *Myxococcus xanthus* (ProteoB), and *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* (Bacteroidetes)

Miyata M, Robinson RC, Uyeda TQP, et al. Tree of motility – A proposed history of motility systems in the tree of life. *Genes Cells.* 2020;25:6–21. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gtc.12737>

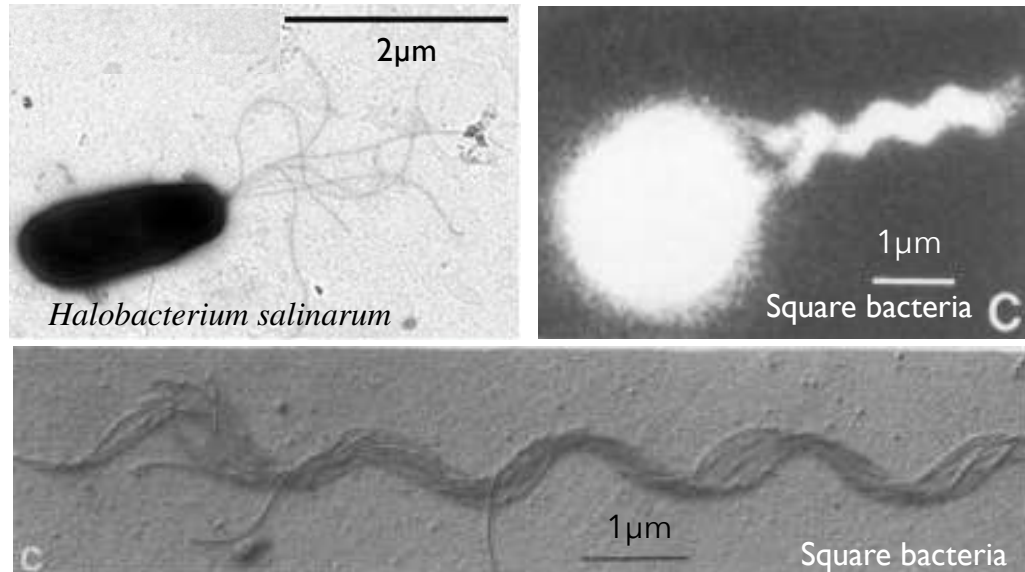
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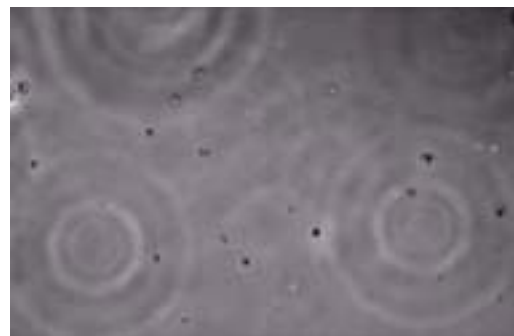
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Alam et al. EMBO Journal, 1984, 3:2899-2903

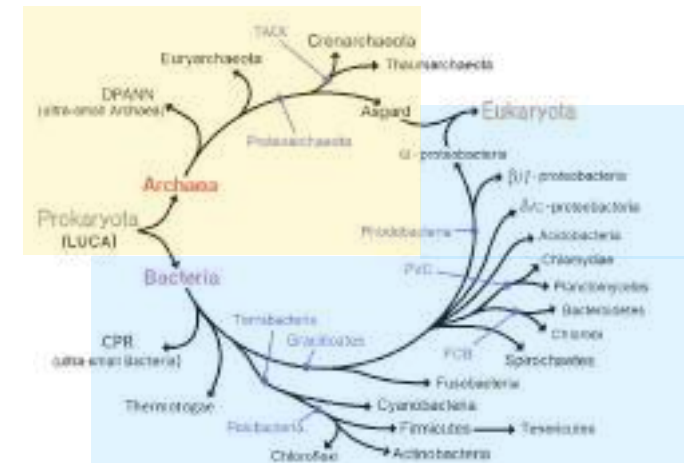
Archaea — Sulfolobaceae

Sulfolobus acidocaldarius



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Rotates clockwise and counterclockwise



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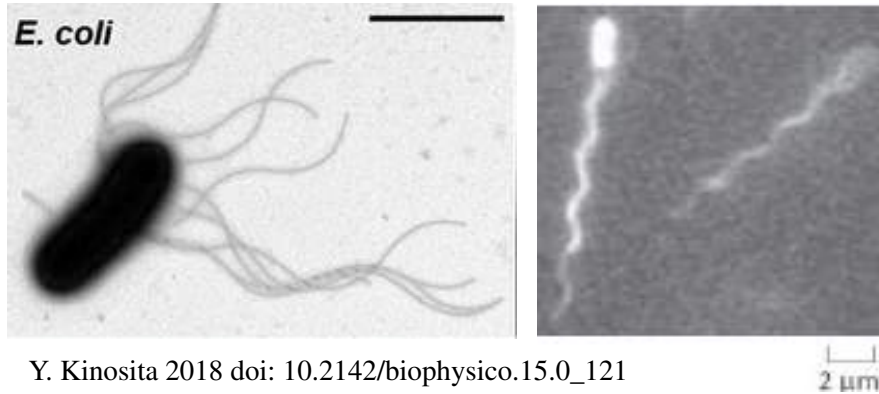
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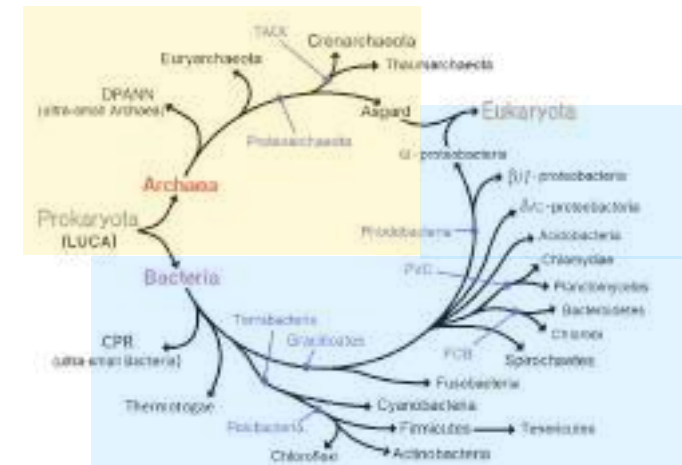
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Howard Berg

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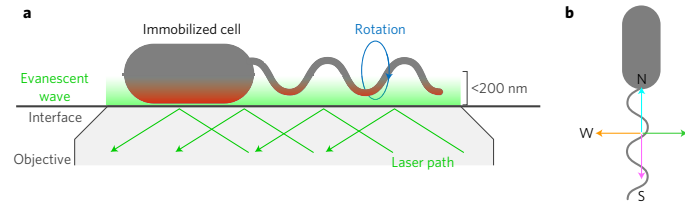
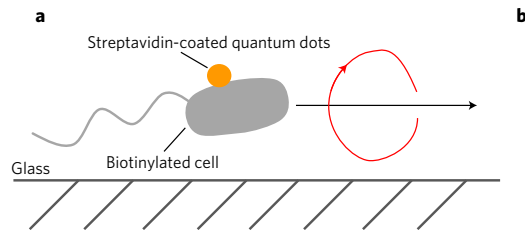
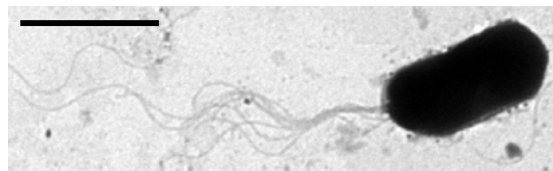
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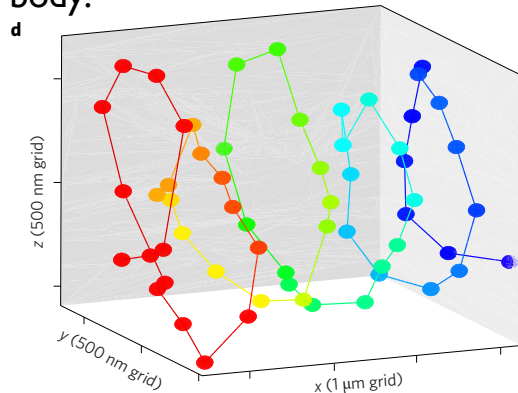
Propeller: helical structure powered by a rotary motor anchored to cell periphery
archaella use the free energy of ATP to rotate.

Halobacterium salinarum

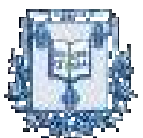
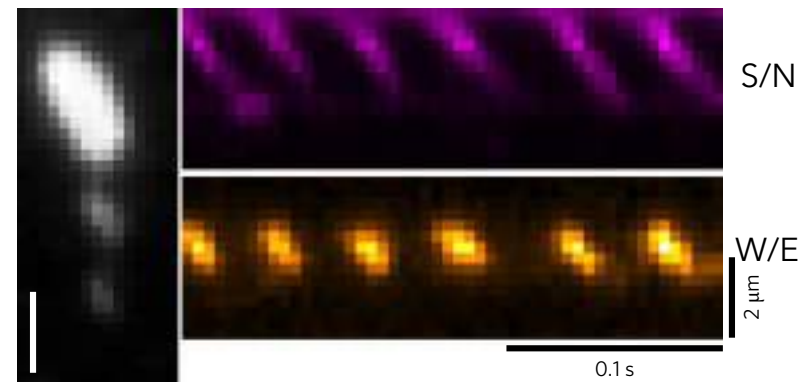


Right-handed helical structure of archaeella with a rotation speed of 23 ± 5 Hz
Estimated torque of 50 pN.nm

Rotation of cell body:



Direct observation of rotation



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Y. Kinosita *et al.* *Nat Microbiol* 26;1(11):16148. (2016)
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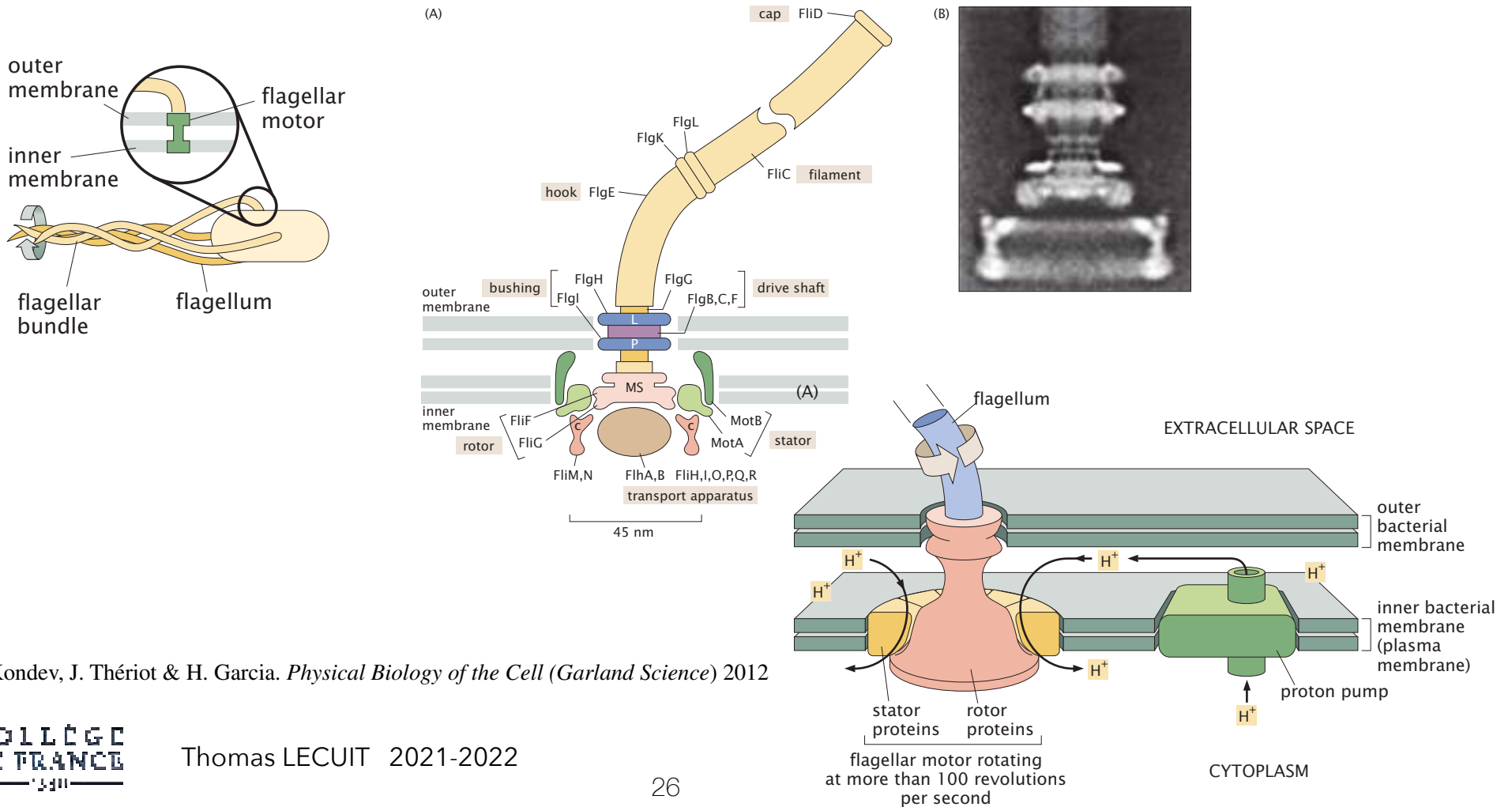
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Flagella use the free energy of H^+ gradient to rotate

Rotation speed: 100Hz or more



R. Phillips, J. Kondev, J. Thériot & H. Garcia. *Physical Biology of the Cell* (Garland Science) 2012



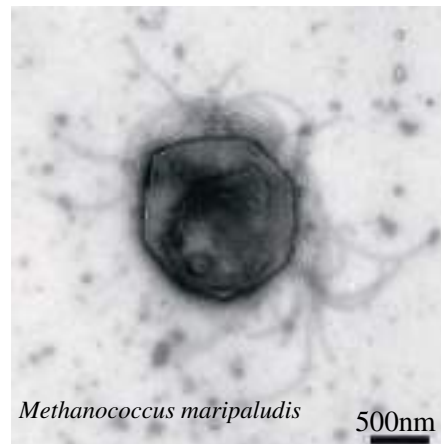
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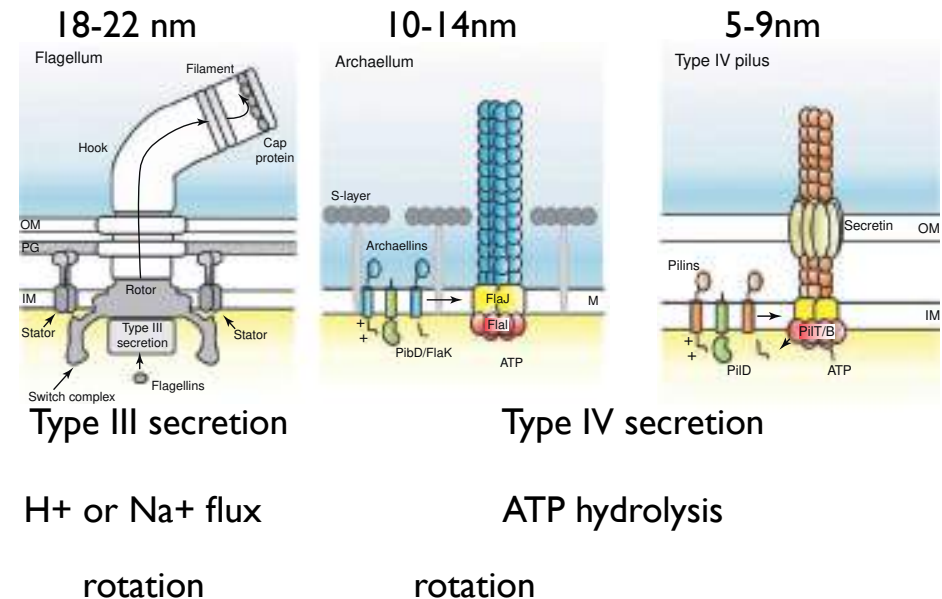
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Propeller: helical structure powered by a rotary motor anchored to cell periphery

- The **archaellum** comprises a rigid helical filament that is attached to the cell membrane by a molecular motor
- Archaea do not code for any of the proteins that are part of the flagellum
- Archaeella are evolutionarily and structurally related to type IV filament systems (TFF)
- TFF diversified into archaeella, Type IV Pili etc.



K. Jarrell and S-V. Albers. *Frontiers in Microbiology*, 2015, 6:23.



K. Jarrell and S-V. Albers. *Trends in Microbiology*, 2012, 20: 307-312

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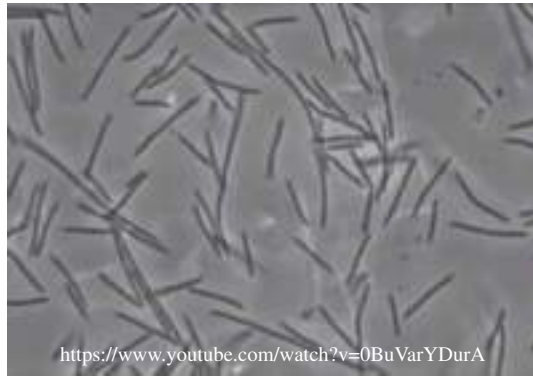


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Case study 2: Rotary gliding on a substrate

— helix rotation at periphery of cell resisted by adhesion on cell surface
Myxococcus xanthus (ProteoB), and *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* (Bacteroidetes),

Flavobacterium johnsoniae (Bacteroidetes)

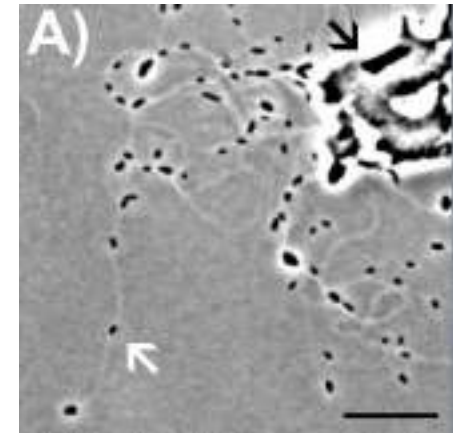


Moves at 2µm/s

Moves at 2-4 µm/min

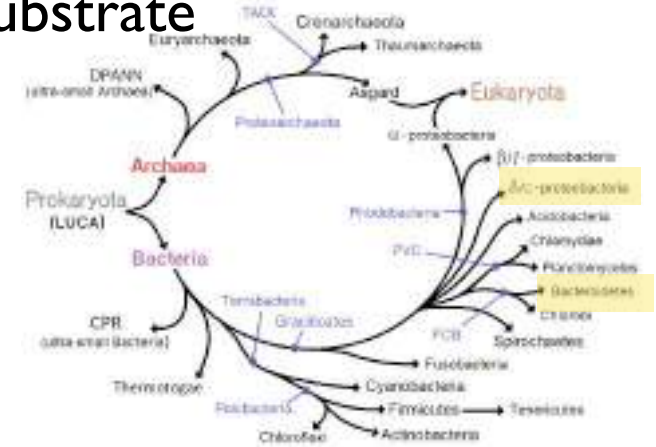


Myxococcus xanthus (ProteoB),



cells secrete components that enhance adhesion: stigmergy

S.T. Islam, T. Mignot / *Seminars in Cell & Developmental Biology* 46 (2015) 143–154



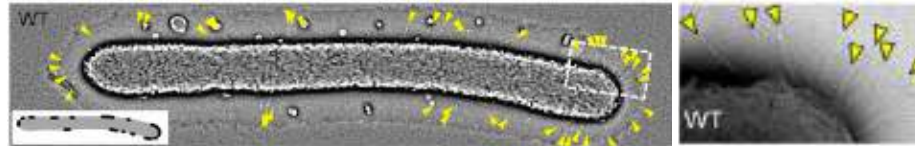
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Case study 2: Rotary gliding on a substrate

— *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* (Fj, Bacteroidetes)

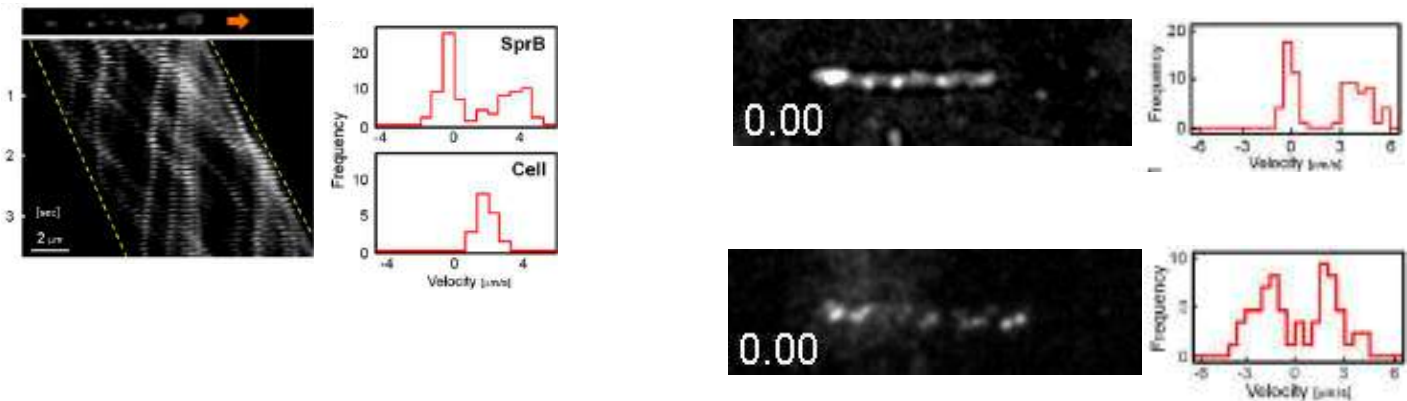
Fj is covered with 150nm SprB filaments at the cell surface.



SprB moves along helical path on cell surface in both directions



In substrate referential, movement of SprB is asymmetric if the cell moves (at 2μm/s):
Forward movement in substrate referential at average 4μm/s or 0μm/s:
Retrograde movement in cell is immobile in substrate referential



BUT: In immobile cells, SprB movement is symmetric in substrate referential

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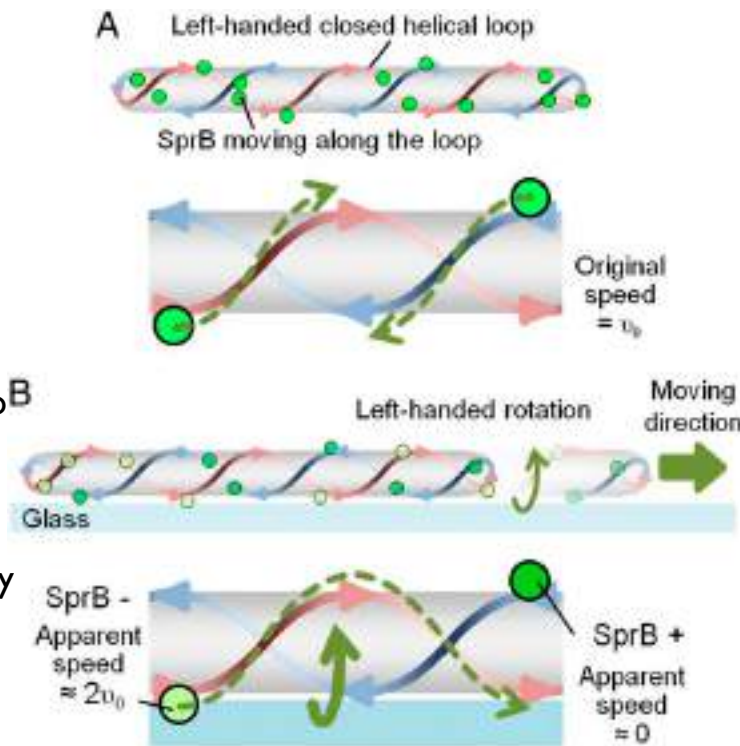
Case study 2: Rotary gliding on a substrate

— *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* (Fj, Bacteroidetes)

Model: screw-like mechanism

A nontranslocating cell.
Adhesin SprB moves along the left-handed helical loop with a speed of u_0 .

In a translocating cell, SprB moving toward the rear of the cell adheres to the surface, generating left-handed rotation and right-directed translocation of the cell. SprB moving toward the front of the cell apparently runs twice as fast with respect to the glass surface than SprB on a nontranslocating cell.



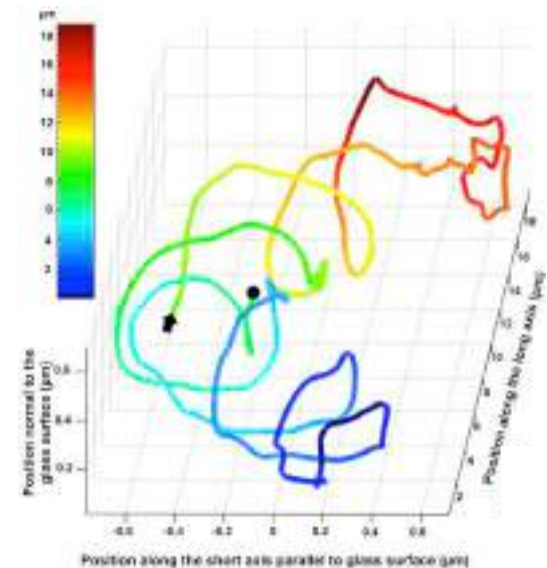
D. Nakane et al, and K. Nakayama. 2013 *PNAS*, 110: 11145–11150

Experimental test:

Cells roll on substrate

Gold nanoparticles coated with SprB antibody rotate right-handedly on cell surface

So if cell adhered to substrate instead of nanoparticle, it would rotate in opposite direction as particle



Shrivastava et al. and H. Berg, 2016 *Biophysical Journal* 111, 1008–1013

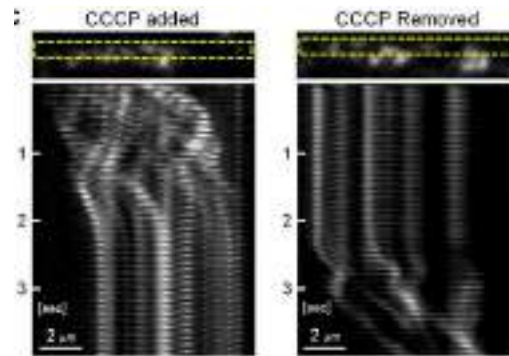
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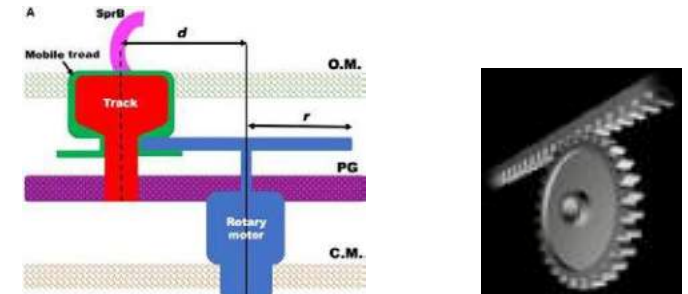
Energy source: Surface helicoidal movement of SprB requires proton gradient

D. Nakane et al, and K. Nakayama. 2013 *PNAS*, 110: 11145–11150

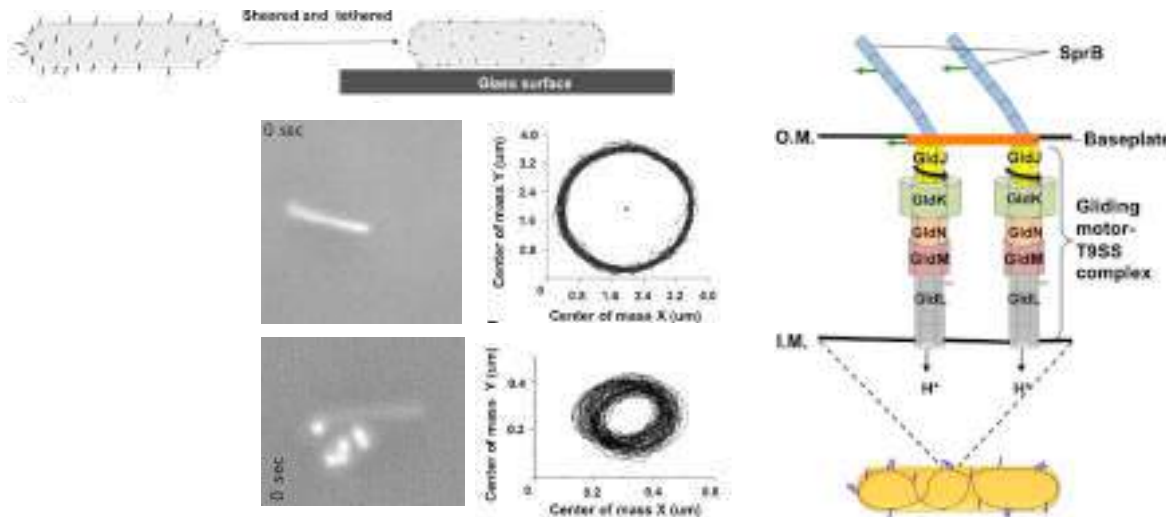


Model: Rack and pinion

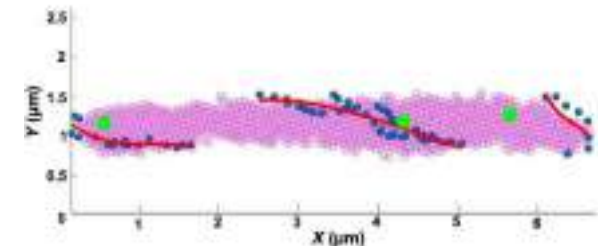
Motor and track are fixed. The motor works as a pinion engaged in mobile tread on fixed track



Motor: A cell attached to a single motor GldL rotates and exerts torque



GldL localizes within 90nm of SprB helicoidal tracks



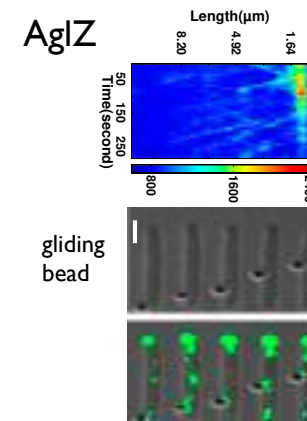
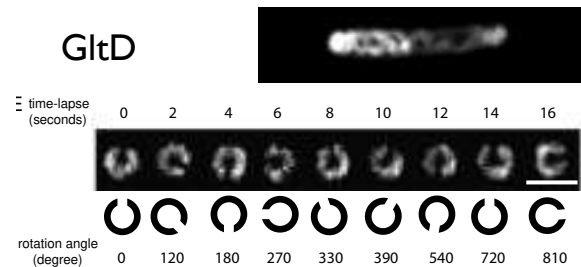
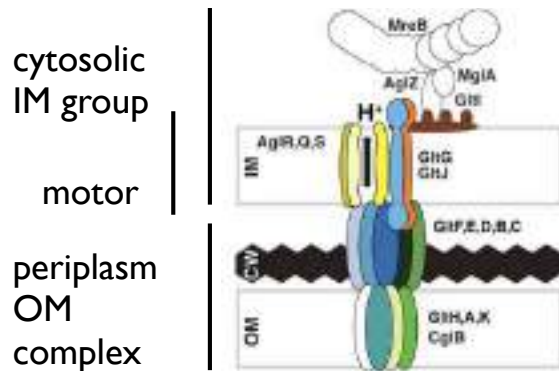
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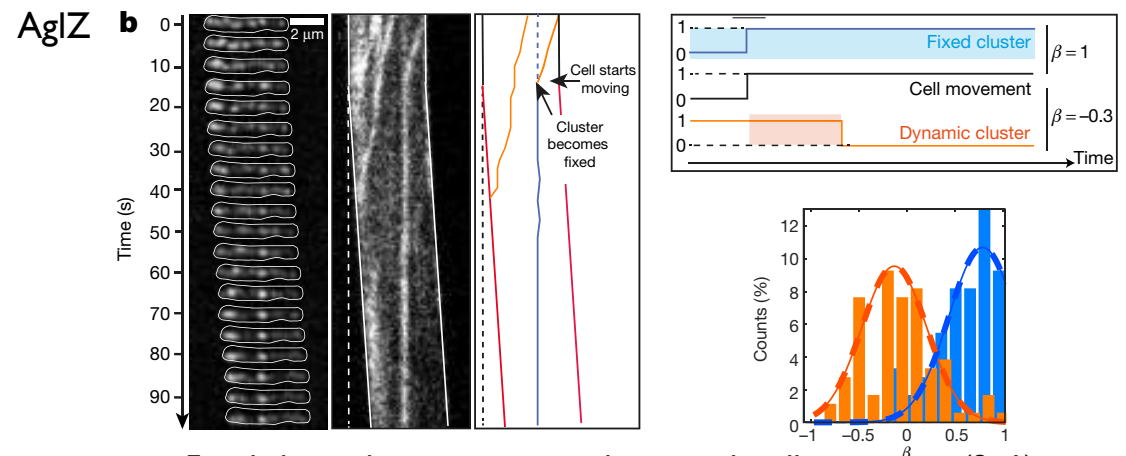
— *Myxococcus xanthus* (Mx, Deltaproteobacteria)

- Existence of Motility complex
- Components of Motility Complex move along right-handed helical tracks on cell
- Movement of the complex requires a proton gradient



B. Nan et al. and G. Oster and D. Zusman. 2011. *PNAS* 108:2498-2503
M. Sun et al and T. Mignot 2011. *PNAS* 108: 7559-7564

- Motile complex is immobile in substrate referential when the cell is moving
- Formation of Focal adhesion sites are required for cell movement



Fixed cluster has positive correlation with cell movement ($\beta=1$)
Dynamic cluster is weakly negatively correlated

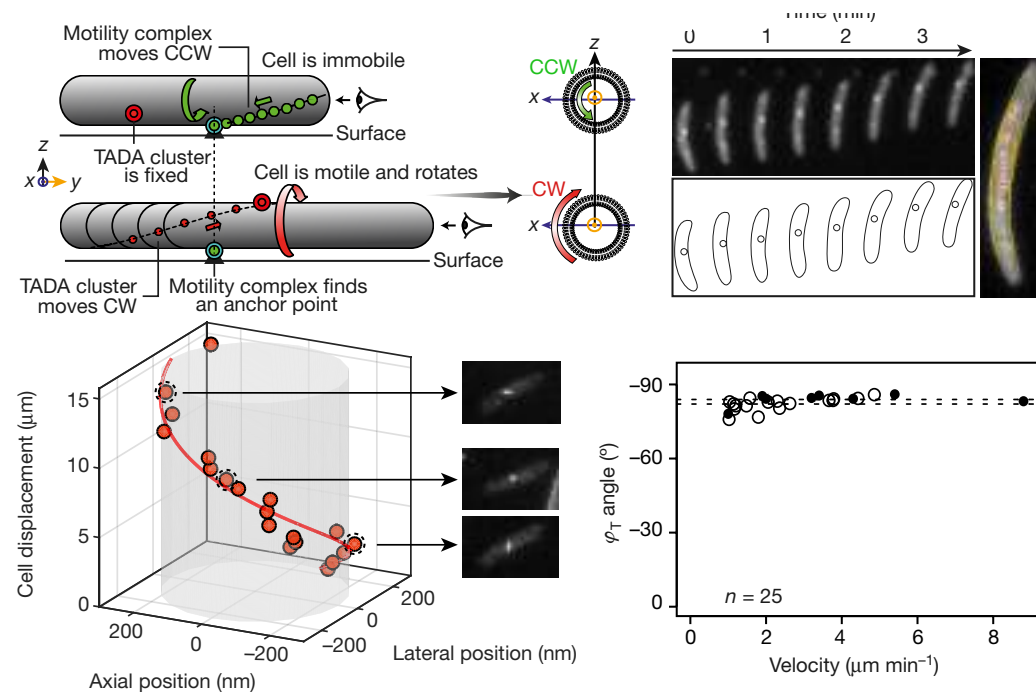
L. Faure et al, and T. Mignot *Nature* 2016, 539:530-535

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Case study 2: Rotary gliding on a substrate — *Myxococcus xanthus* (Mx, Deltaproteobacteria)

- Cells rotate and cell rotation is coupled to cell motility

Propulsion is linked to the counterclockwise movement of the motility complex (AgIZ–YFP), because a fiducial marker at the cell surface rotates along a helical path of opposite handedness to cells

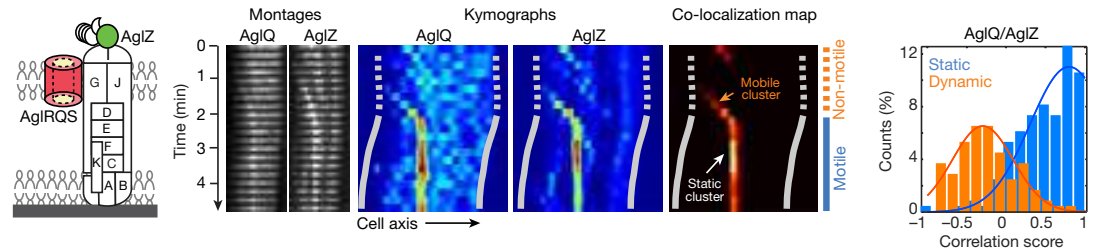


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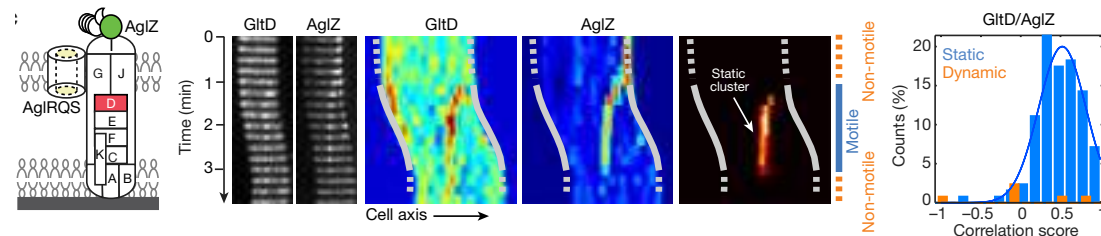
Case study 2: Rotary gliding on a substrate — *Myxococcus xanthus* (Mx, Deltaproteobacteria)

- Inner membrane components of motility complex and Motor co-localize in dynamic and static clusters

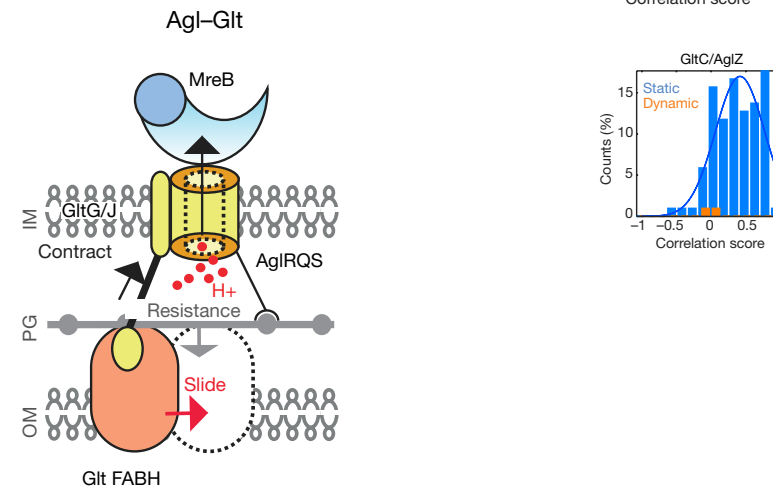
Only static such clusters correlate with cell movement



- Periplasmic and Outer membrane components co-localize with Motor in static clusters only, and this correlates with cell movement



- **Model:** Contact and Mechanical coupling between inner and outer-membrane components is required for cell propulsion



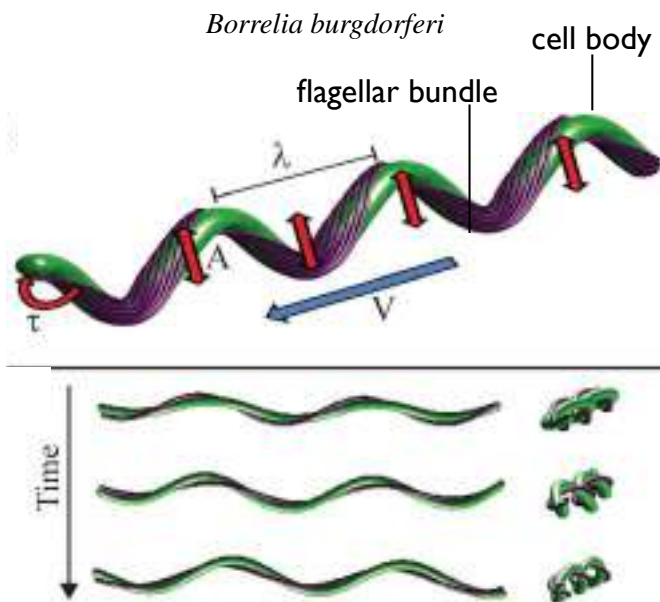
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Case study 2: More on « screwing motility »

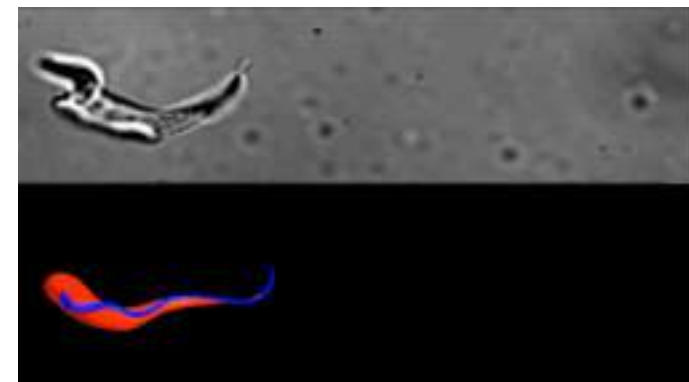
Trypanosoma vs Spirochetes: corkscrew spiraling motility

Bacteria: *Spirochetes* motility: Syphilis, Lyme disease, etc
Motility on viscous substrates in vivo and in vitro

Trypanosoma brucei



Gull Lab courtesy of Sue Vaughan, Wellcome Images



Intracellular bundle of flagella form a helical bundle that applies torque to cell body
Cell body stiffness exerts opposite torque
This gives rise to planar wave of cell body that rotates

M. Harman et al. C. Wolgemuth. (2013) *Biophysical Journal* 105(10) 2273–2280

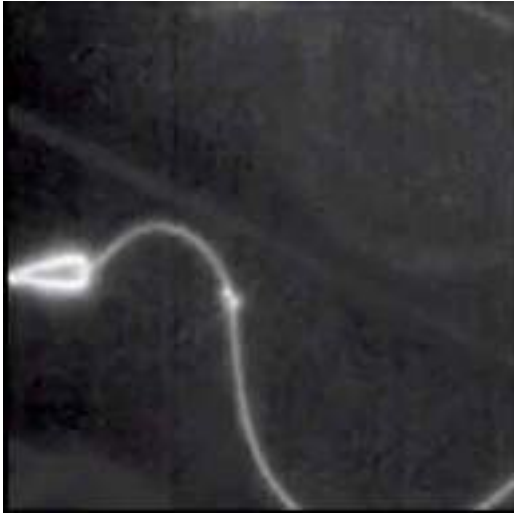


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Eukaryotic cilia and flagella bending and beating

- Flagella — Sperm cell (sea Urchin)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vsYNPwSZks>



Brokaw CJ. 1989. *Science* 243:1593–1596. doi: 10.1126/science.2928796 **20μm**

Brokaw CJ. *J Cell Biol.* 114 (6): 1201–1215. (1991)

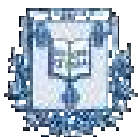
- Cilia - swimming protists

Pharyngomonas kirbyi

Protist, 162, 691–709 (2011)

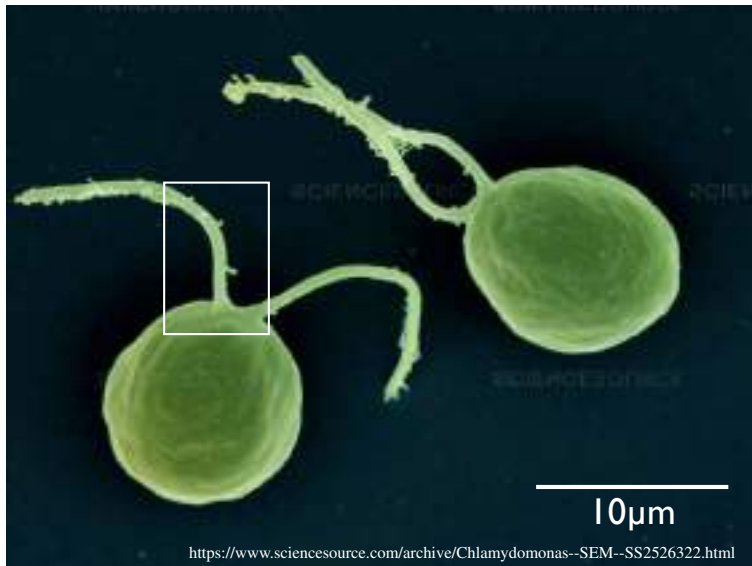


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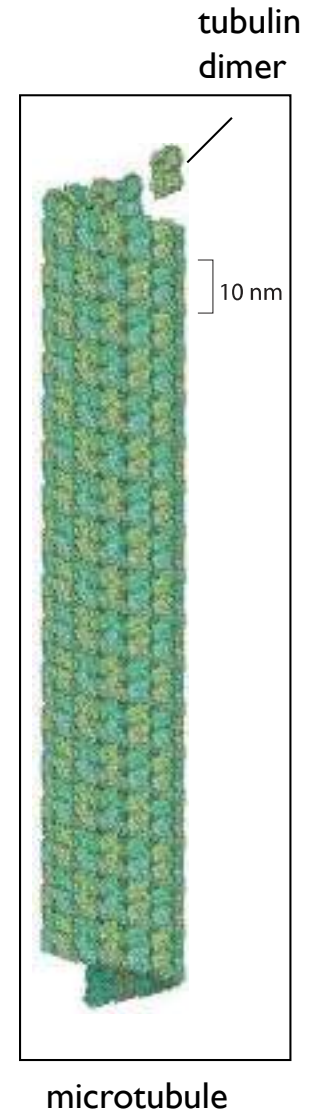
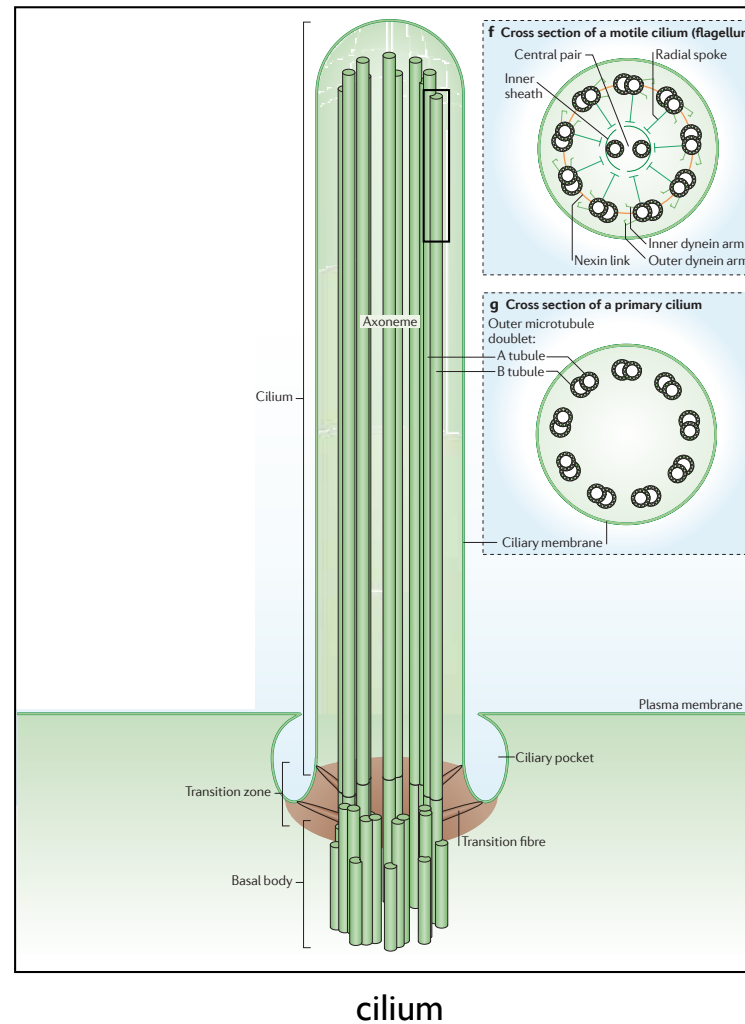


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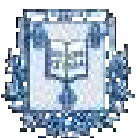
— Ultrastructure



Chlamydomonas reinhardtii
Green algae



H Ishikawa and WF Marshall *Nature Reviews Mol Cell Biol* 12: 222-234 (2011)



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— Bending models

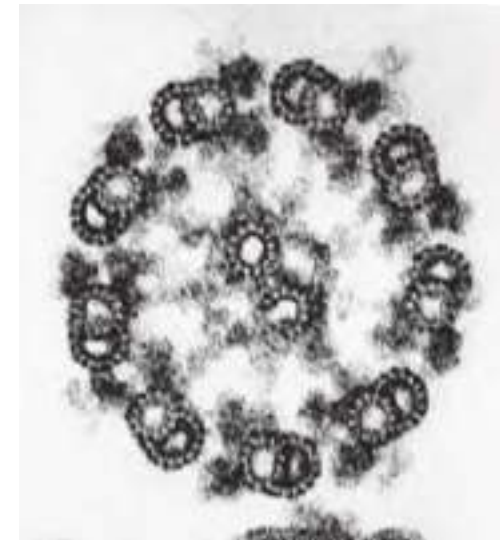
STUDIES ON CILIA

II. Examination of the Distal Region of the Ciliary Shaft and the Role of the Filaments in Motility

PETER SATIN

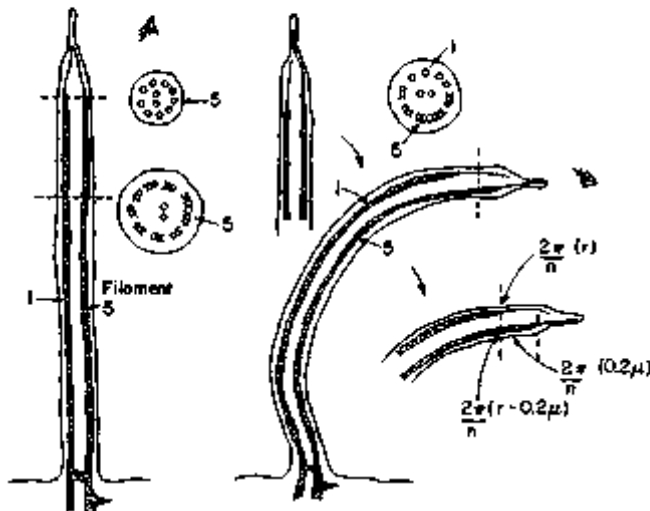
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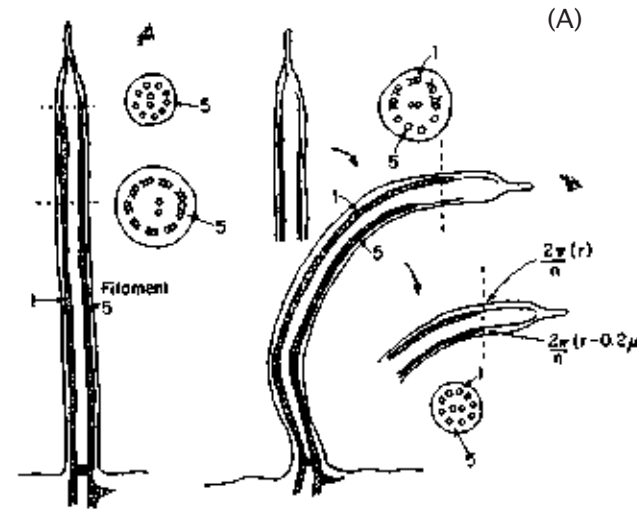


(A) 100 nm

Axoneme



- Sliding model



- Contraction model
Filaments shorten on one side to bend cilium

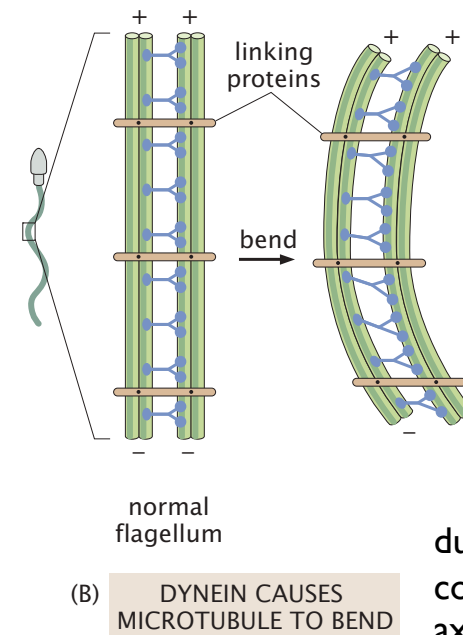
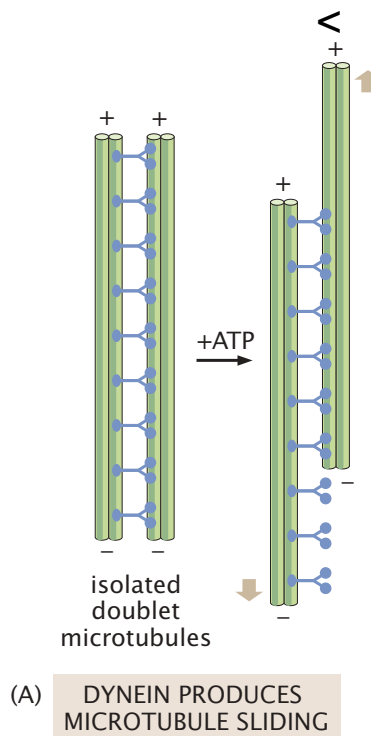
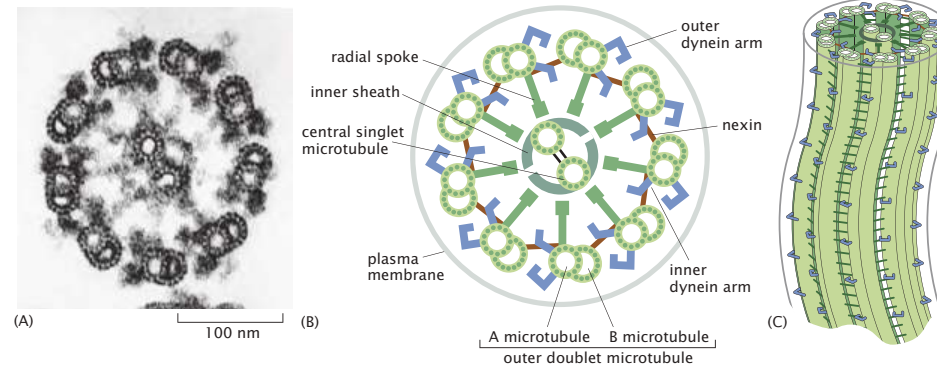


Eukaryotic cilia and flagella bending and beating

— Motor driven sliding forces

- Cilia bend in response to Dynein motor activity
- Dynein induce sliding forces at doublets interfaces

Dynein motors convert the chemical energy of $\sim 10^5$ ATP per beat into a relative sliding motion among the nine microtubule doublets of the axonemal sheath. This causes a tension of ~ 10 nN to build up between neighbouring doublets.

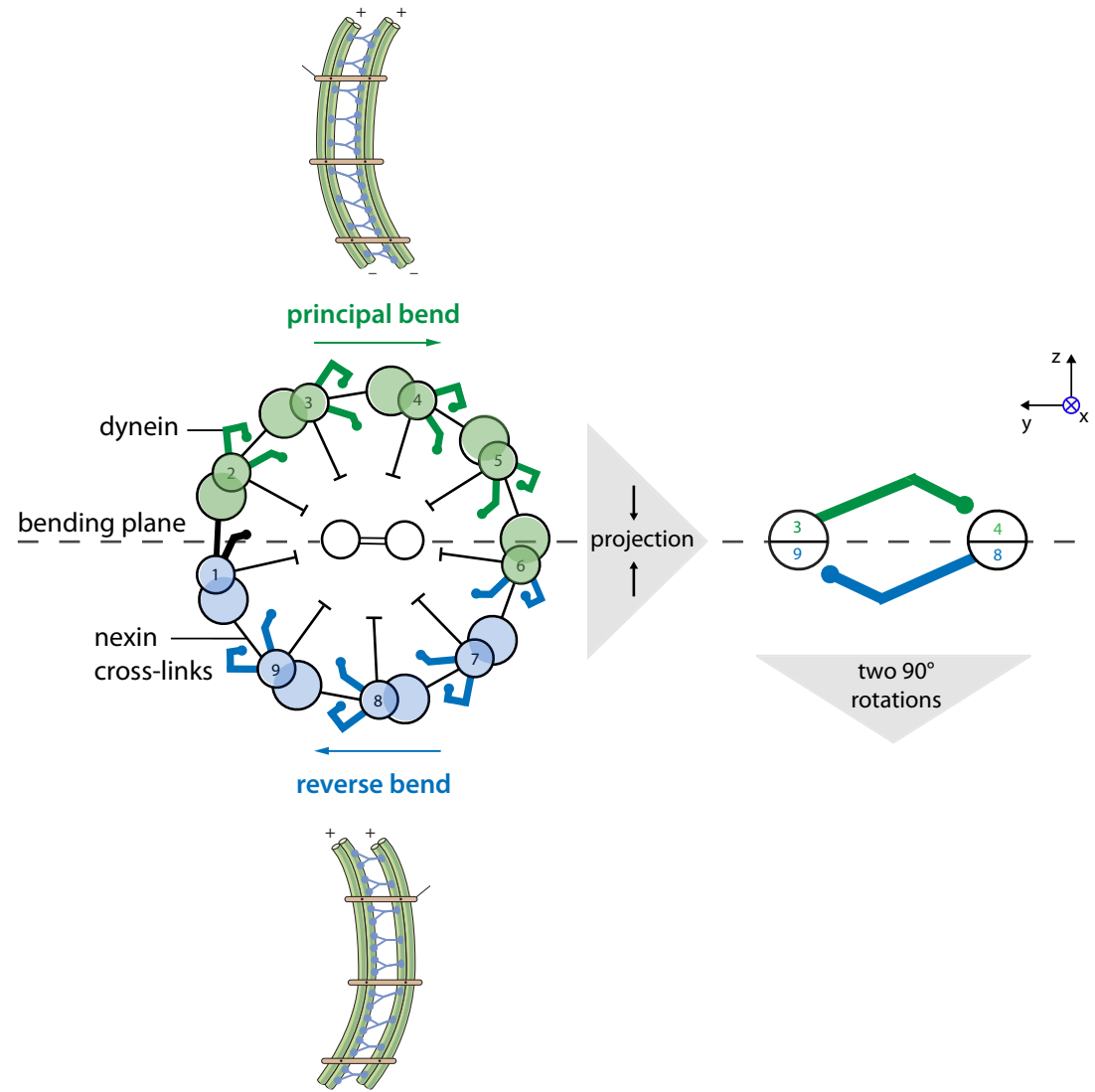


due to crosslinks and constraints at the base of axoneme

Eukaryotic cilia and flagella **beating**

— Beating models: Mechanical Feedbacks

- Bending and beating require spatial and temporal coordination of motor activity on both sides of axoneme
- **Bending induces stresses that feedback on and regulate motor activity**
- Dynein motor activity needs to alternate between the 2 sides of axoneme. If forces are equal, then they cancel each other and no bending occurs
- Motor switching is rapid (2x per cycle @ 100Hz in *Chlamydomonas*) :
- **Mechanical feedback model**



Physical constraints on cell motility

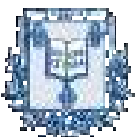
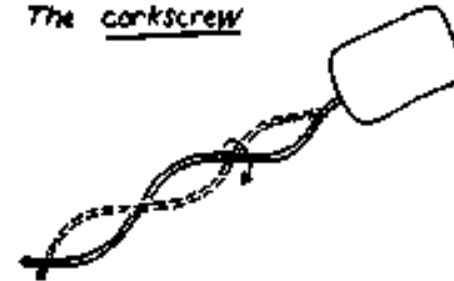
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- Consequences of Low Reynolds number (no inertia) for motion in a fluid or visco-elastic medium

The flexible oar



The conkscrew



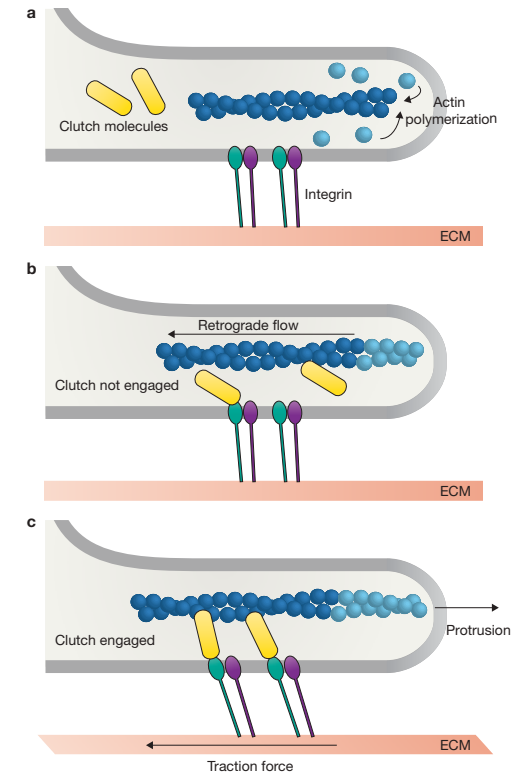
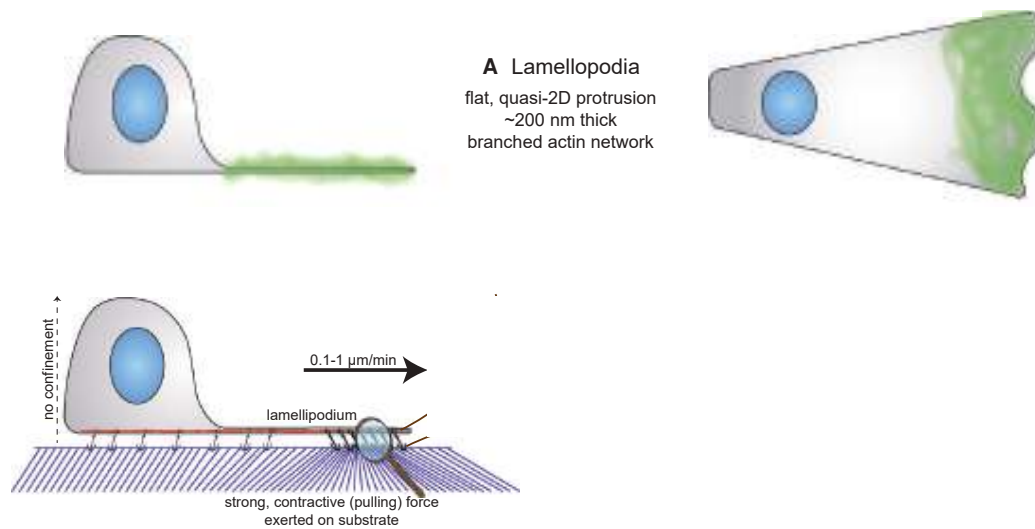
Motility: 3 general problems

1. **Decoding the environment:** What is the nature of cues?
 - Cells don't move randomly but sense an external cue
 - What is the nature of external cues? Diversity of cues (chemical, mechanical, electric, light)
 - Temporal vs spatial decoding
2. **Processing the cue:** Cell polarisation
 - Symmetry breaking: converting external gradient into vectorial cell organisation
 - Deterministic vs Stochastic processing
 - Polarisation of a cell or a trajectory
3. **Mechanical response:** Principles of movement
 - Depends on environment
 - **Force generation:** Active processes: actin pushing forces, actin flow, actomyosin contractility
 - **Force transmission:** Passive resistance: friction/adhesion, viscous resistance of medium.

Mechanics of cell motility

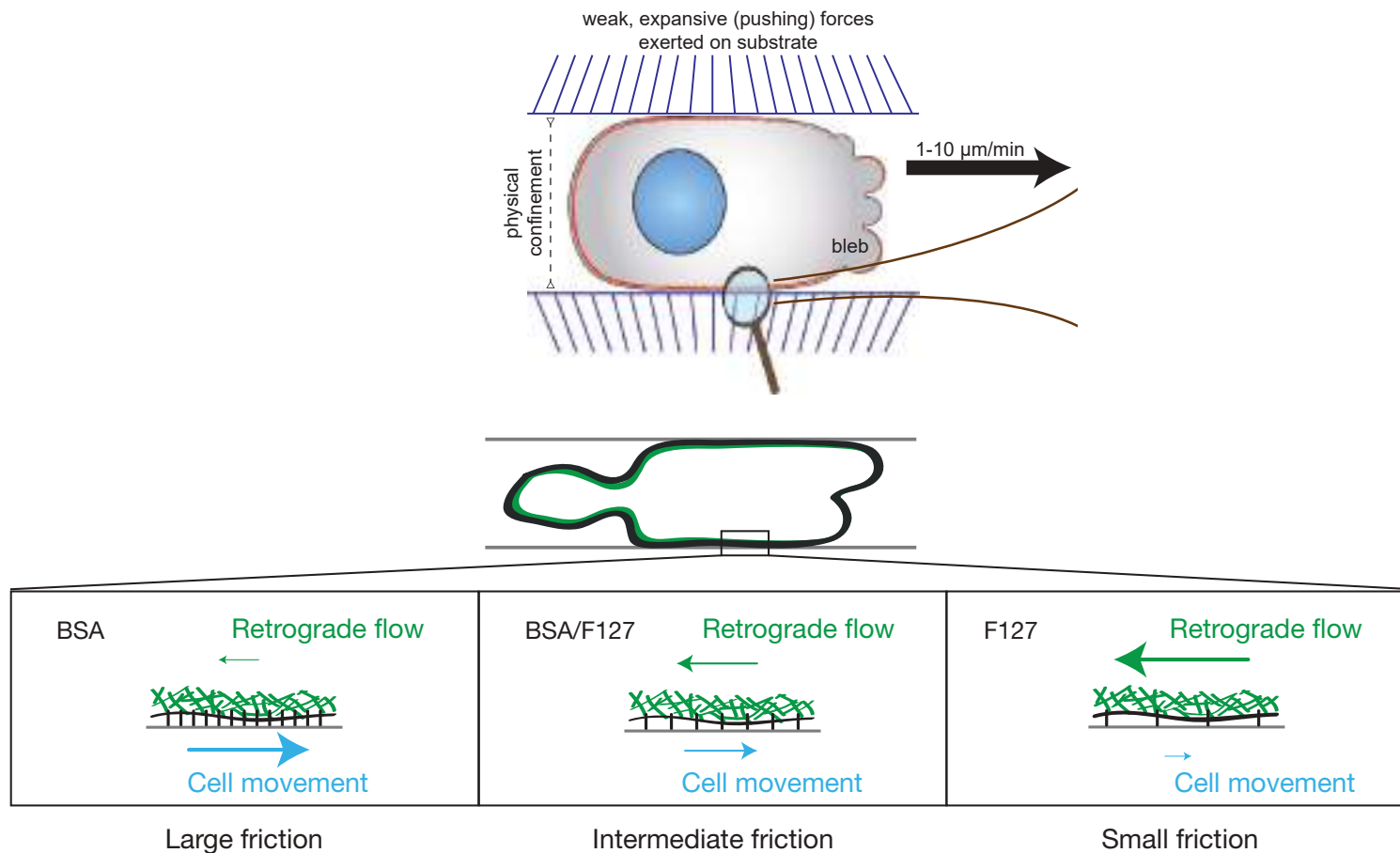
- Adhesion dependent motility: on 2D substrates

- Force generation: actin polymerization (front), contractility (rear)
- Force transmission: adhesion



Mechanics of cell motility

- Adhesion independent motility: induced by 3D confinement
 - Force generation: actin retrograde flow (induced by contractility)
 - Force transmission: friction and/or topography of environment

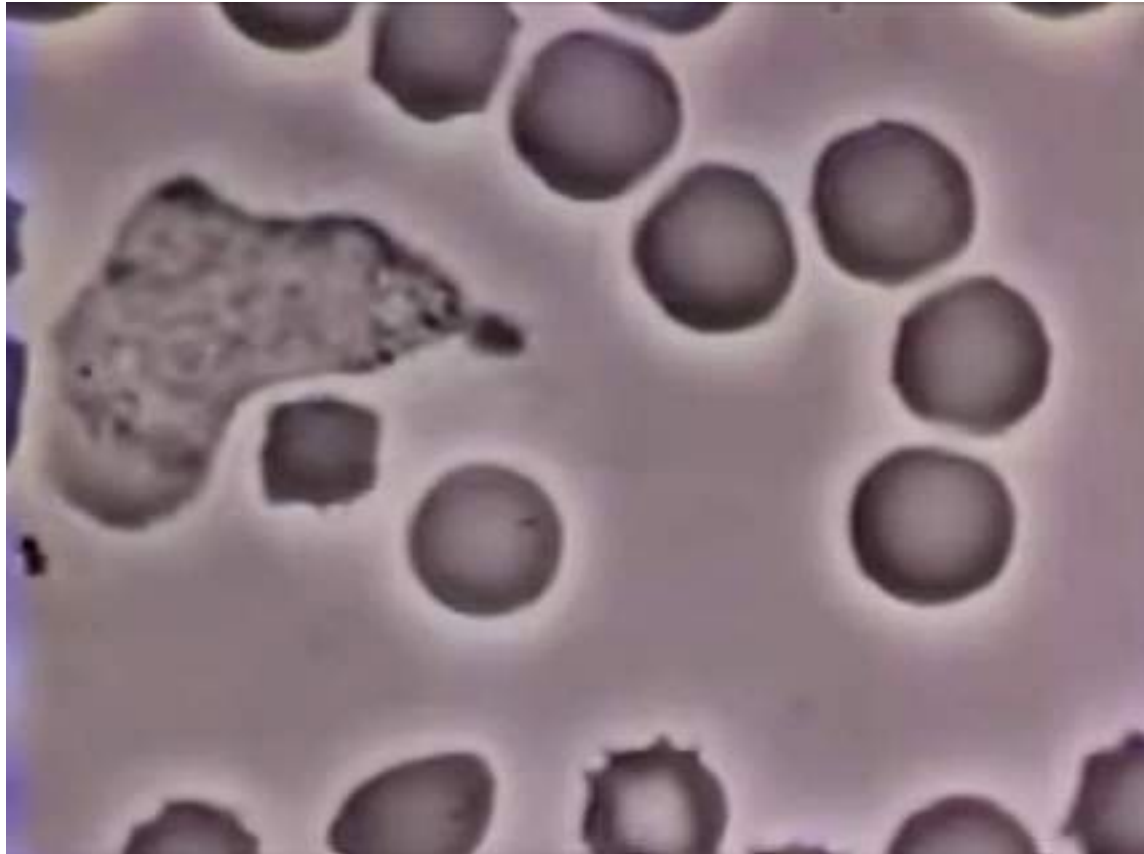


Bergert et al, G. Salbreux and E. Paluch. *Nat Cell Biol.* 17(4):524-9 (2015)

Bodor et al. and E. Paluch. *Developmental Cell.* 52: 550-562 (2020)

Guidance of cell motility

- Neutrophil chasing a bacterium (*Staphylococcus aureus*)



David Rogers at Vanderbilt University.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_xh-bkiv_c

Deterministic vs Stochastic Guidance

Deterministic:

- **Spatial mechanism:** comparison of chemoattractant concentration along cell length
- **Temporal mechanism:** comparison of chemoattractant at different positions

Stochastic:

- **Statistical mechanism: biased random walk.**
 - probability of changing direction is a function of chemoattractant concentration: Asymmetric runs up and down a gradient of chemoattractant (temporal comparison)

Stochastic Guidance

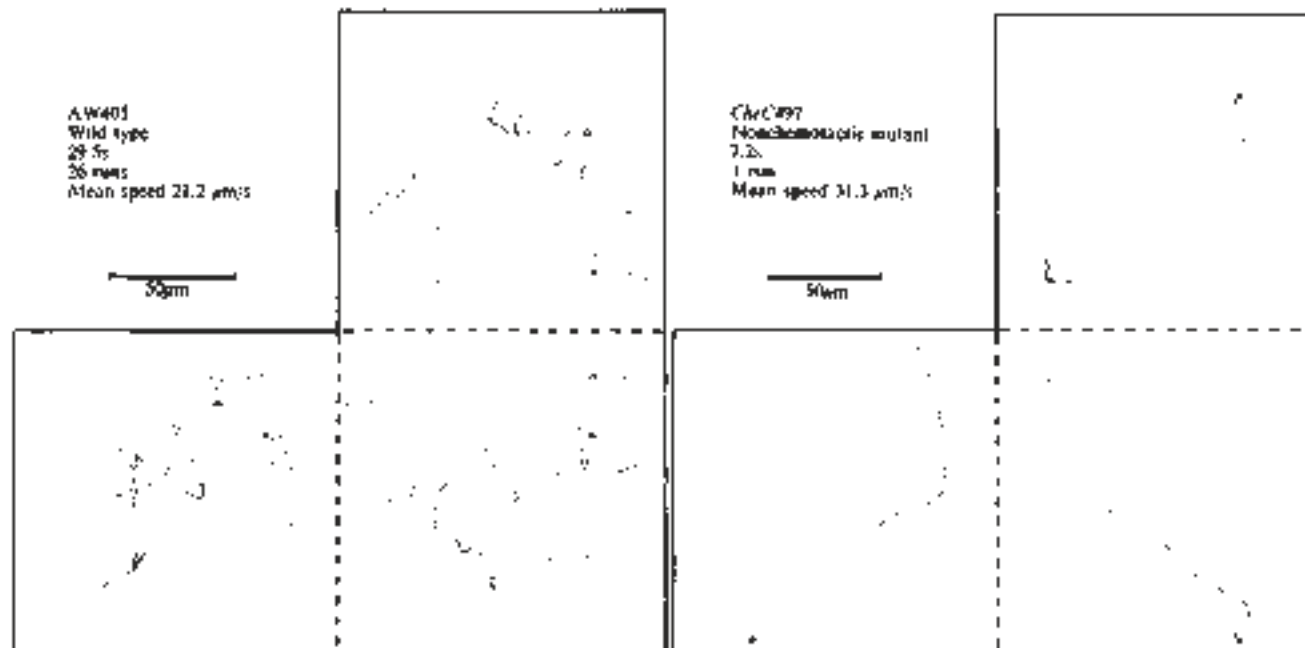
–runs and tumbles: biased random walk in *Bacteria*

Chemotaxis in *Escherichia coli* analysed by Three-dimensional Tracking

HOWARD C. BERG & DOUGLAS A. BROWN

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Chemotaxis toward amino-acids results from the suppression of directional changes which occur spontaneously in isotropic solutions.

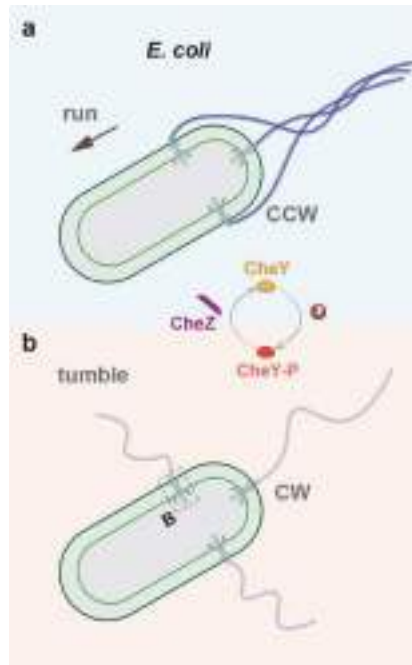


Stochastic Guidance

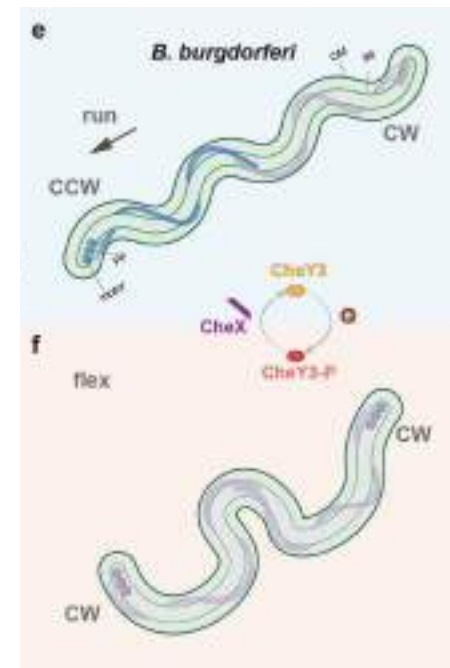
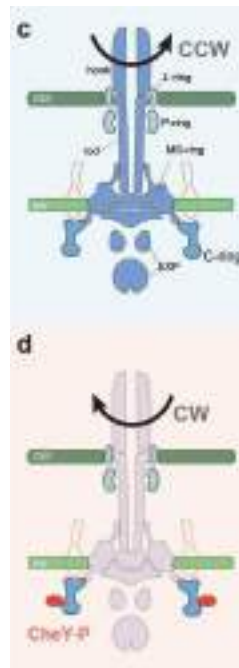
–runs and tumbles and polarity switches

- orientation of motor rotation

• run



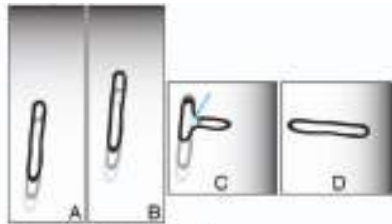
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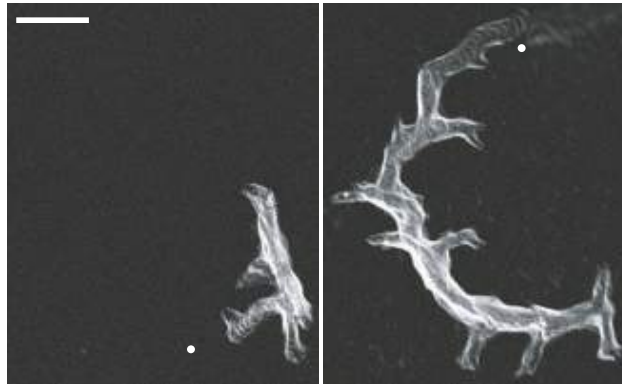
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Deterministic vs Stochastic Guidance

-Informed choice model

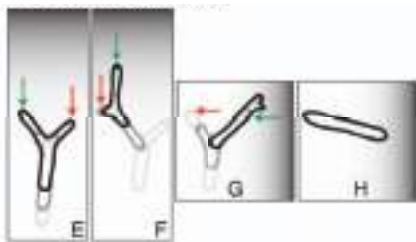


compass choice model

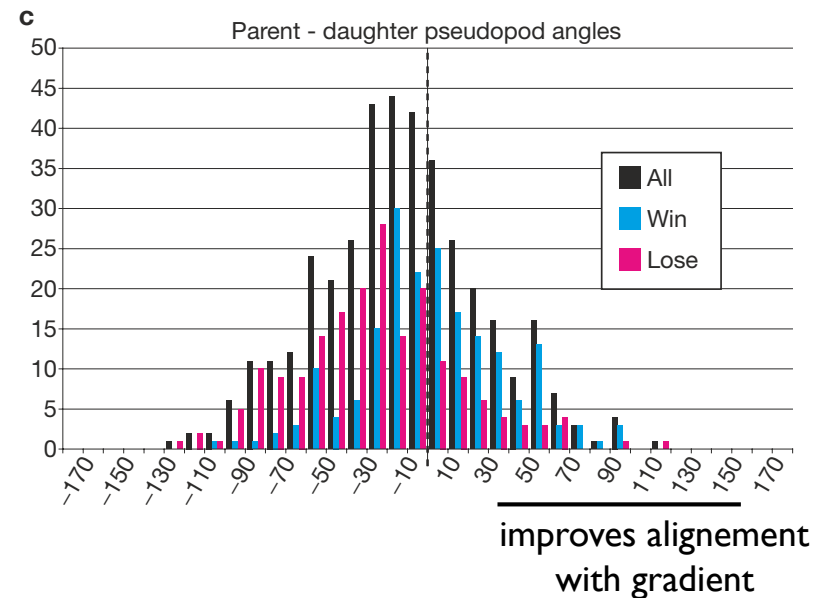
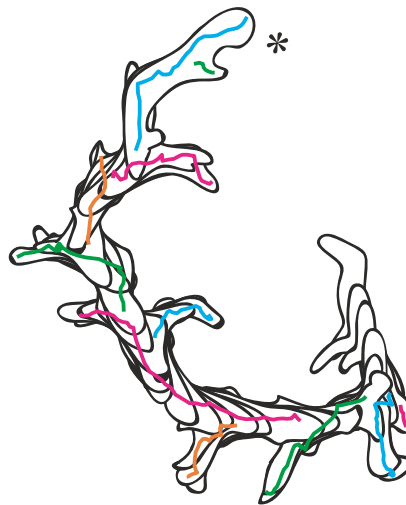


Dictyostelium discoideum

- Cells make many pseudopods at regular intervals and select the better ones up the gradient
- The pseudopods that are better aligned with the gradient have an increased survival (bias for survival)



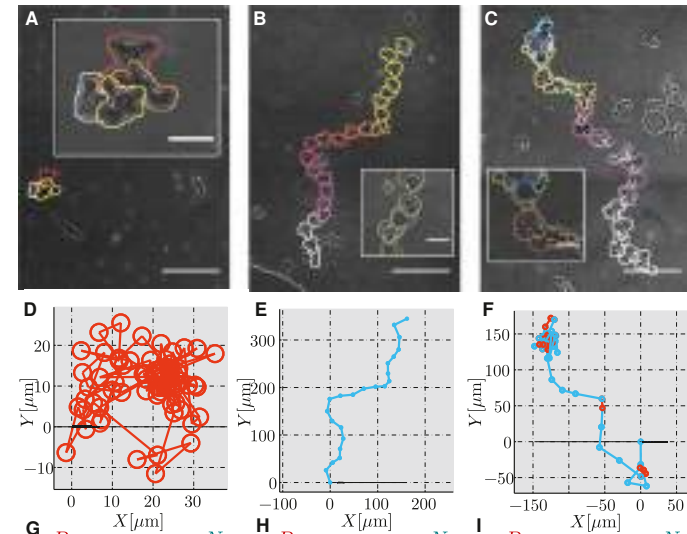
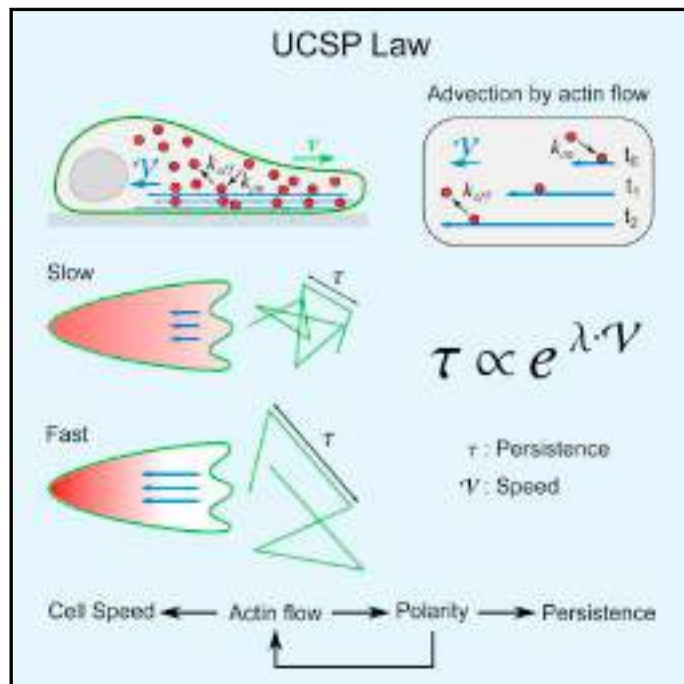
Informed choice model
Reinforcement of most up gradient protrusion



Stochastic Guidance

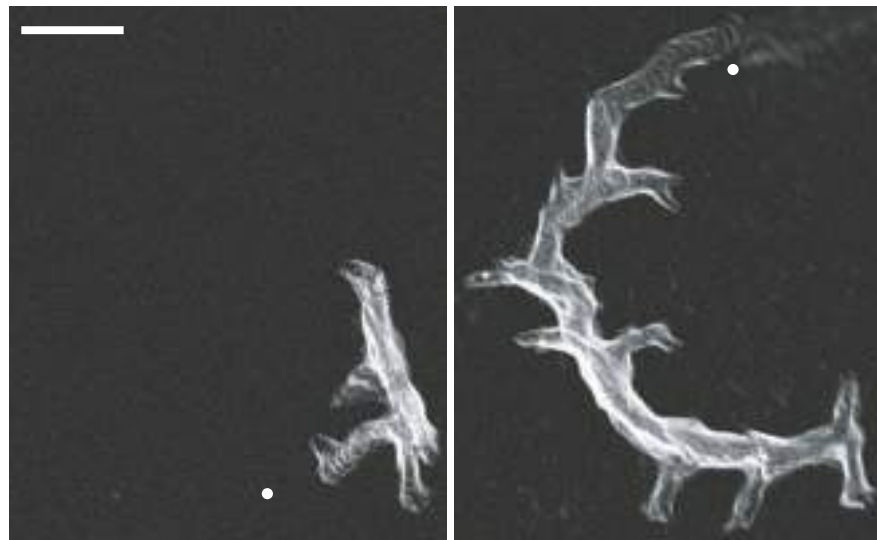
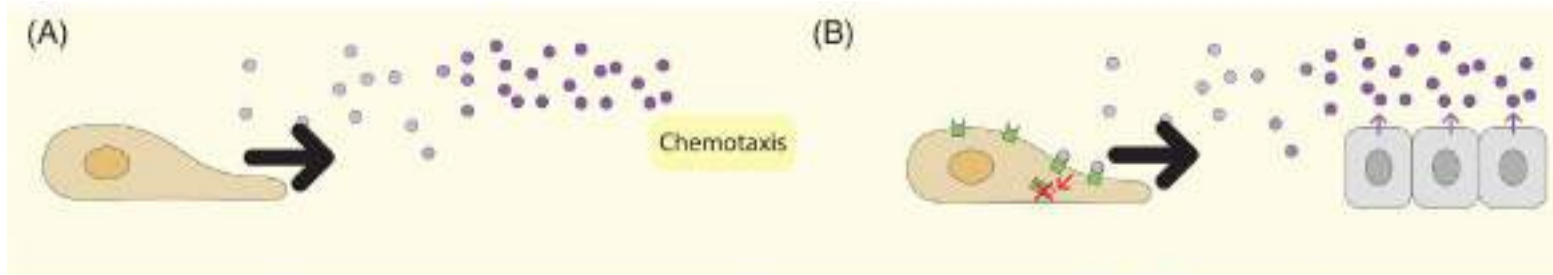
–runs and tumbles: biased random walk in Eukaryotes

- Cells exhibit different persistence during motility
- Faster cells are more persistent
- **Universal coupling between speed and persistence**
- This stems from feedback between polarity and retrograde actin flow



Nature of guidance cues

– Chemotaxis



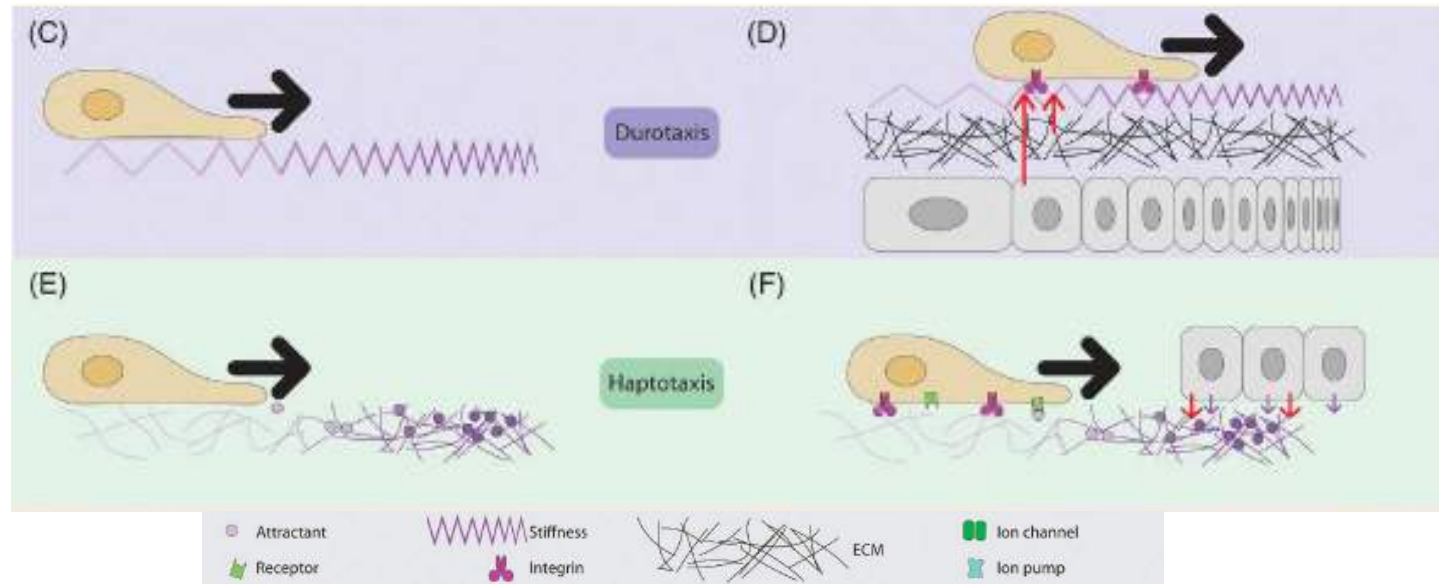
Dictyostelium discoideum

Migration mode	Cue	Signal generation
Chemotaxis	Diffusible chemical released from cells or deposited extracellular vesicles	Simple diffusion Regulated removal by degradation of the chemoattractant or decoy receptors Release of extracellular vesicles

Nature of guidance cues

– Mechanical guidance:

- Substrate stiffness gradient
— Durotaxis
- Adhesion gradient
— Haptotaxis



Migration mode	Cue	Signal generation
Haptotaxis	Substrate-bound chemical cues such as an immobilized chemokine or ECM	ECM secretion and deposition Binding of soluble factors to a substrate (mostly ECM) Exposing new sites on the substrate through enzymatic action
Durotaxis	Differential substrate compliance	Passive: creating a stiff substrate by crosslinking of ECM components or ECM deposition Active: cells or tissues exerting a force on the substrate that is sensed by other cells

S. SenGupta, C. A. Parent and J. E. Bear, *Nature Rev Mol. Cell Biol.* 2021
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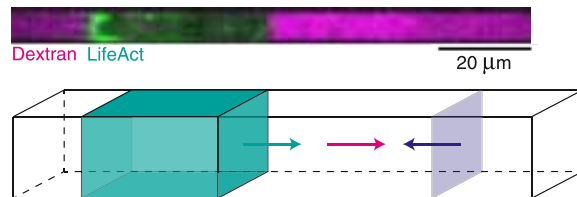
Nature of guidance cues

– Mechanical guidance:

— Barotaxis

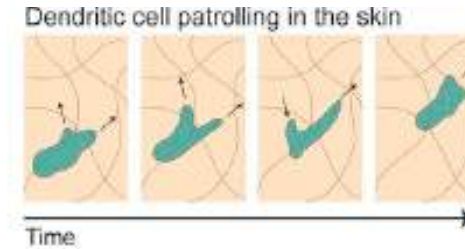
- Cell migration is resisted by the pressure associated with fluid in front of a cell in a confined environment
- Guidance by hydraulic resistance arises from small force imbalance which is amplified by actomyosin contractility

Confined impermeable cell

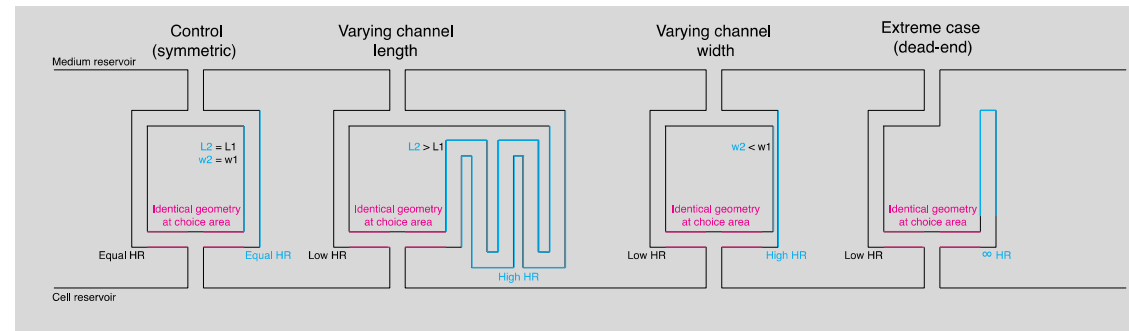
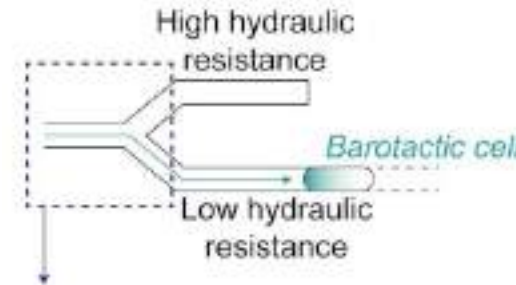


1. Cell migrates
2. Fluid is being pushed
3. HR is generated

Hélène Moreau and Ana-Maria Lennon-Duménil.
Current Opinion in Cell Biology 2021, 72:131–136



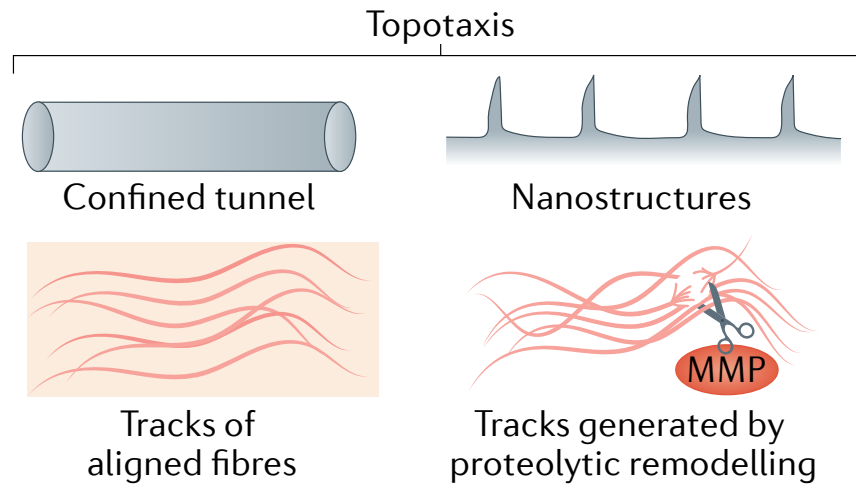
- Cells « read » their environment ahead of time and take the path of least hydraulic resistance: shortest path and avoidance of dead-end



Nature of guidance cues

– Mechanical guidance:

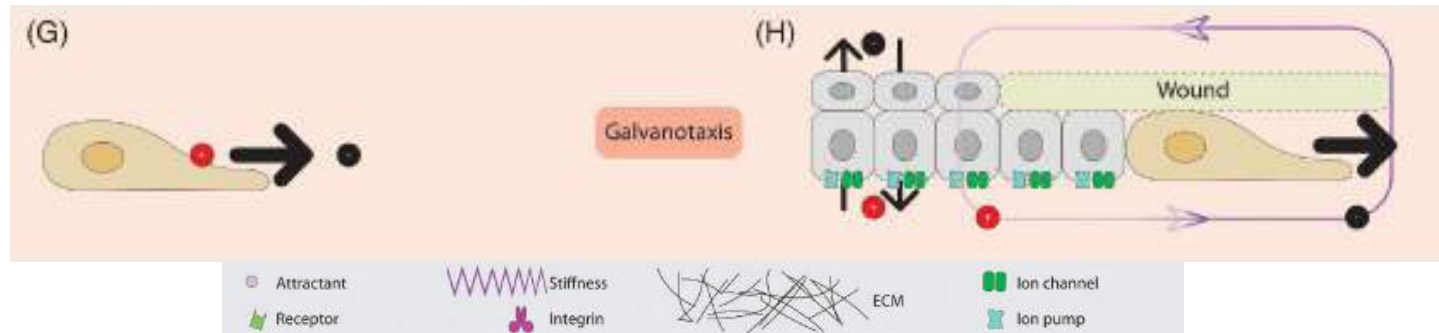
— Topotaxis



Migration mode	Cue	Signal generation
Topotaxis	Geometric properties of the migration substrate irrespective of mechanical or chemical properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preformed tunnels created by other cells Trails created by proteolytic ECM remodelling Topological features created by non-lytic ECM deformation 1D fibrils such as bundles of collagen Topology of natural tissue elements

Nature of guidance cues

— Galvanotaxis



Migration mode	Cue	Signal generation
Galvanotaxis	Electric fields	Ionic differences generated by transepithelial barriers such as in the skin, disrupted by wounding

Nature of guidance cues

— Magneto-aerotaxis

Magnetotactic Bacteria

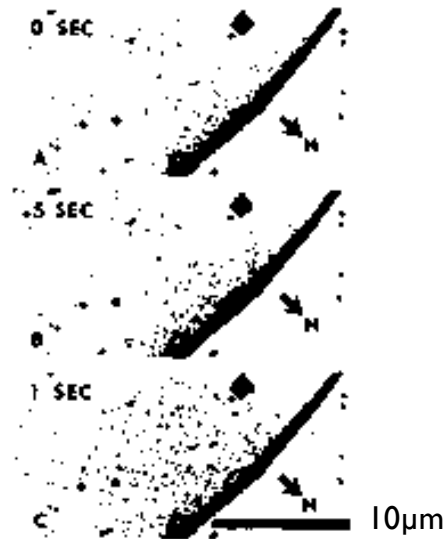
Abstract. Bacteria which migrate directed by the local geomagnetic field have been observed in marine sediments. These magnetotactic microorganisms possess flagella and contain novel structured particles, rich in iron, within intracytoplasmic membrane vesicles. Conceivably these particles impart to cells a magnetic moment. This could explain the observed migration of these organisms in fields as weak as 0.5 gauss.

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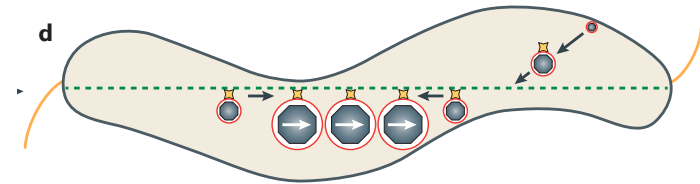
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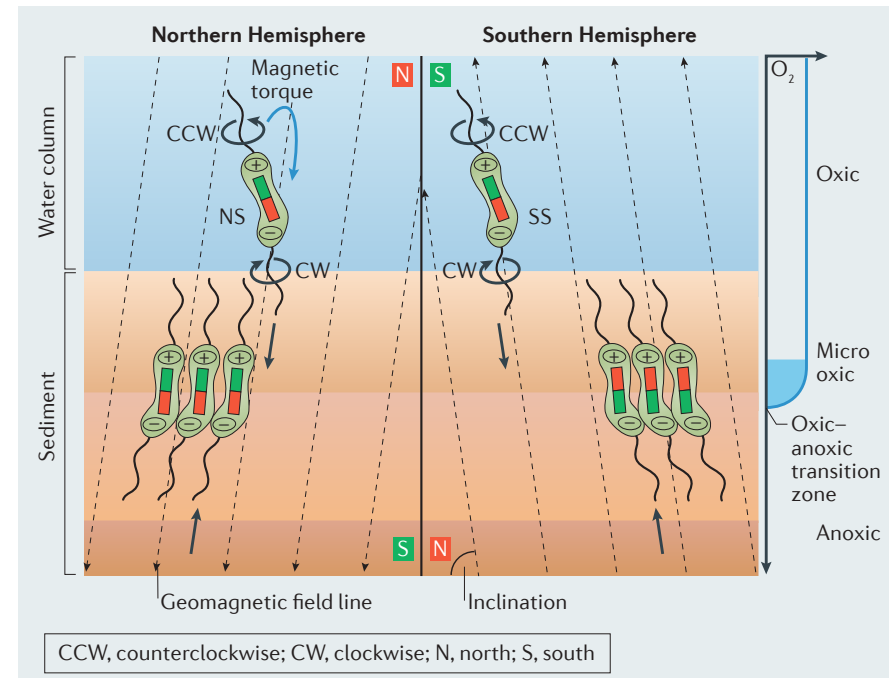
Geomagnetic pole (N)
Reverse magnetic field



Magnetosome

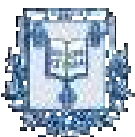


Magnetosome: curvilinear magnetite crystals
Magnetospirillum gryphiswaldense



R. Blackmore. *Science* 190:377-379 (1975)

R. Uebe and D. Schüler. *Nature Rev MicroBiology* 14, 621-637 (2016)



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Deterministic vs Self-organised Guidance

How do cells navigate over long range in situ
(development, immune system, cancer)?

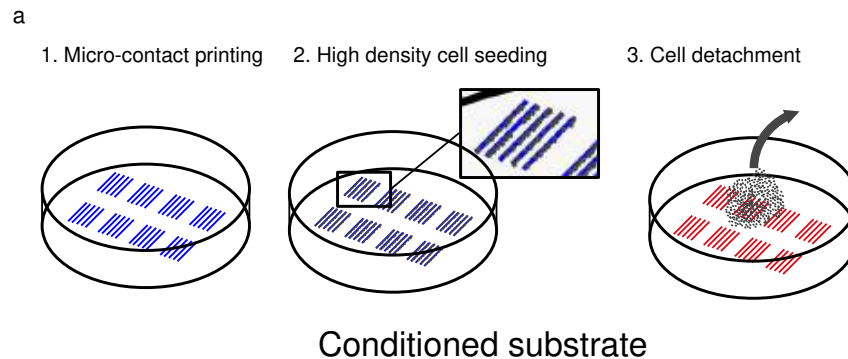
>> **Interaction between cells and environment:**

cells generate/modify their own guidance cue through such interactions

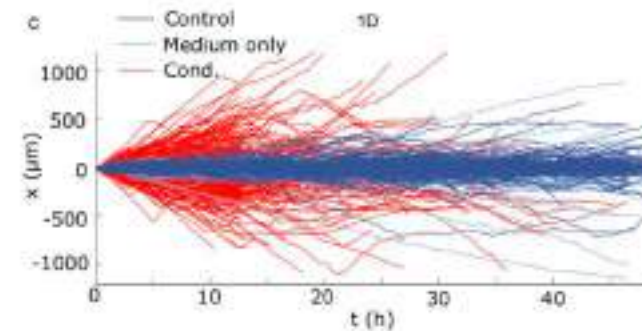
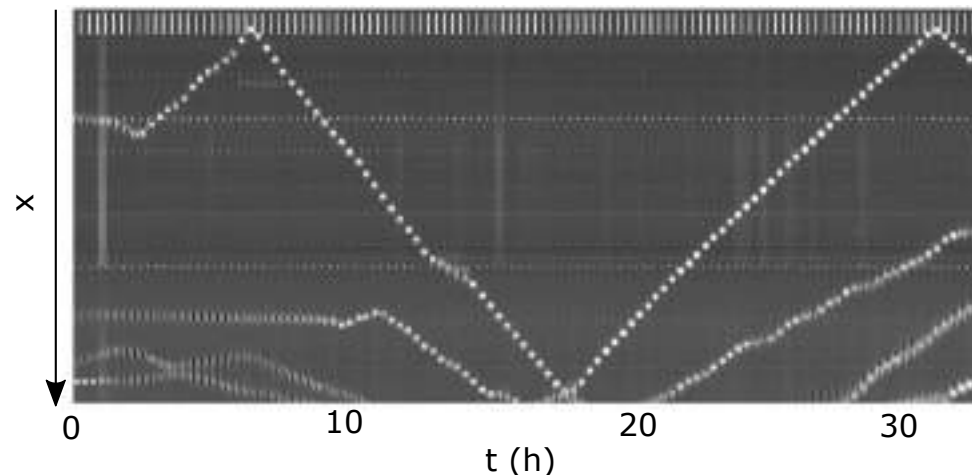
The structure of the environment matters (eg. confinement)

Self-organised guidance

Reinforcement of guidance landscape by cells: spatial memory akin to stigmergia

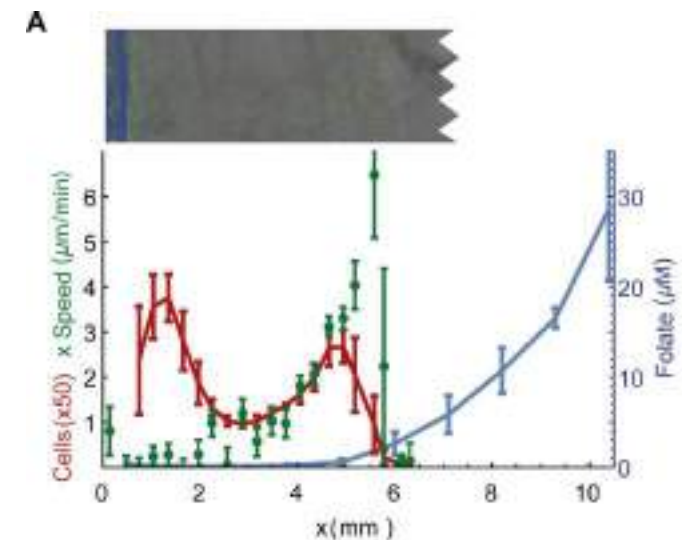
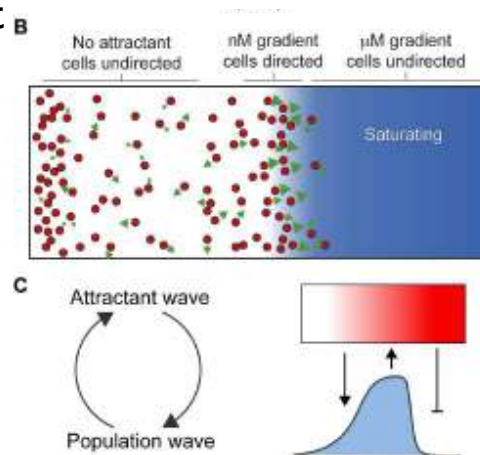
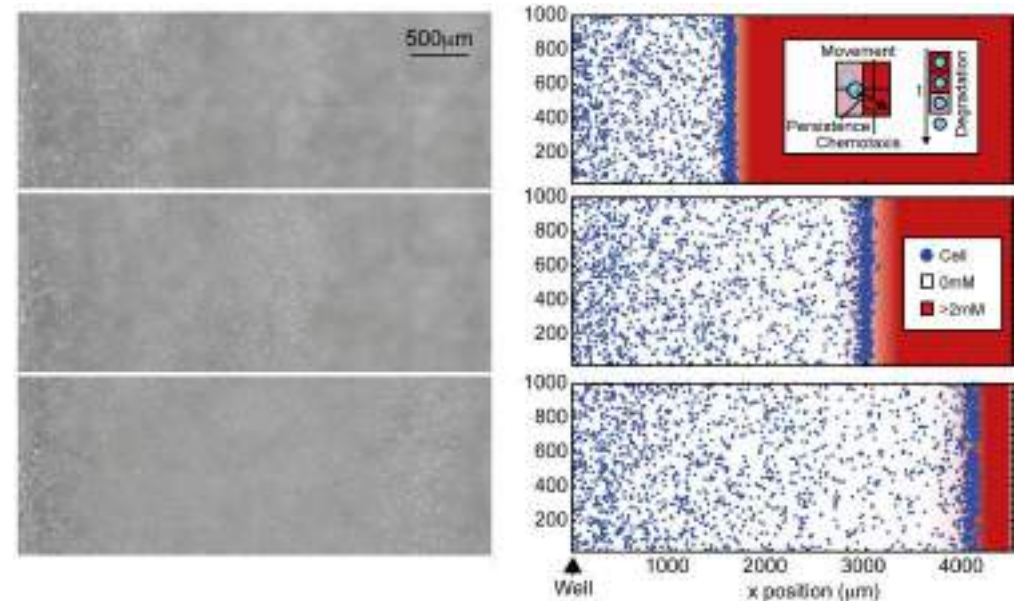


- Conditioned substrate enhances cell motility
- Oscillatory migration in 1D channels



Self-organised chemotaxis

- Cells produce an activity that degrades the chemoattractant
- A **gradient of attractant is formed at the edge of cell cluster**, that steers cells forward leaving behind no attractant where cells have random motility.
- A front wave emerges that self-propagates
- Self-reinforcing process: if a few cells go pass the front, they will adopt random motility because they can't produce a new gradient of chemoattractant. If attractant diffuses behind the front, it will attract more cells



Self-organised mechanical guidance

J. Embryol exp. Morph. 80, 1-20 (1984)

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Generation of spatially periodic patterns by a mechanical instability: a mechanical alternative to the Turing model

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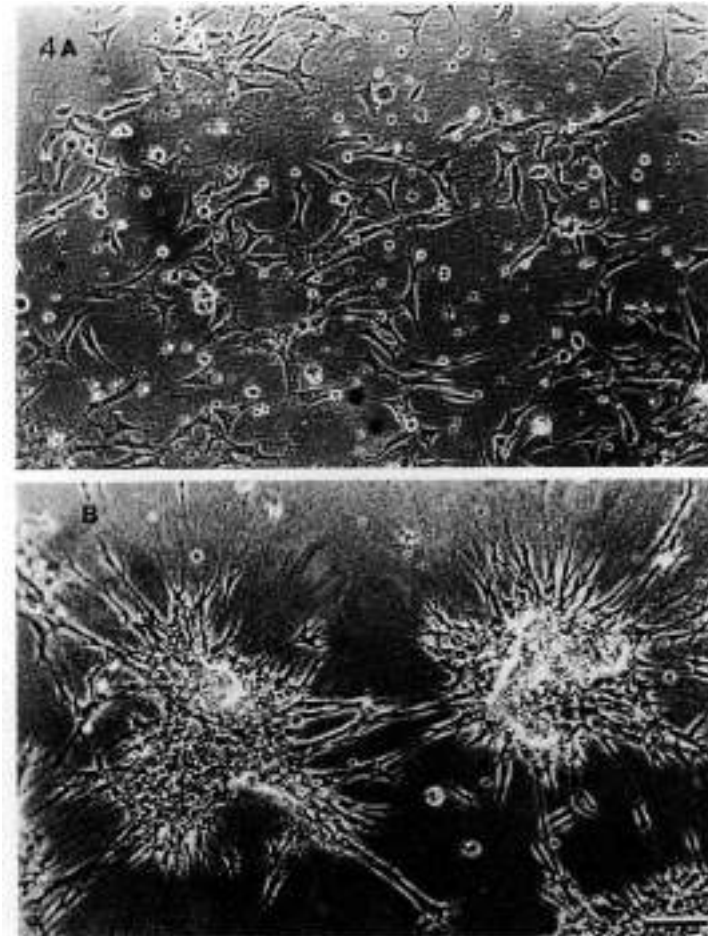
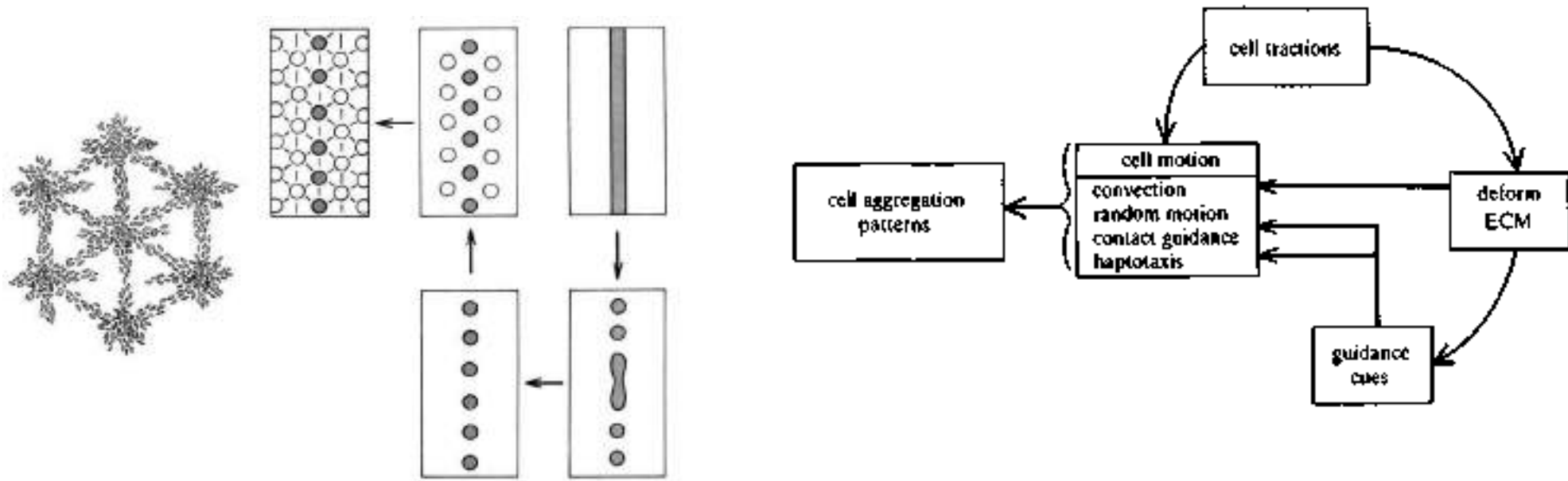


Fig. 4. Time sequence of pattern development. A. 24 h after plating, fibroblasts are still evenly distributed. B. After 6 days, the formation of periodic condensations is complete. The scale bar equals 100 μ m.



Self-organised mechanical guidance

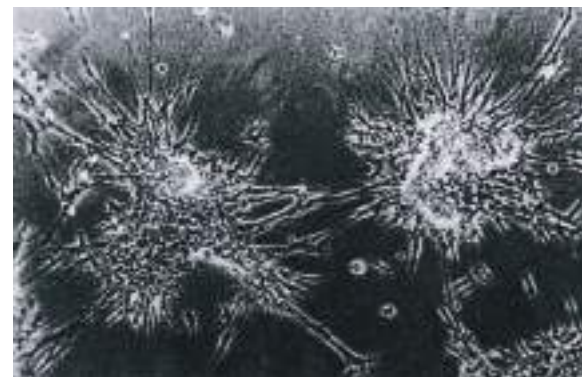
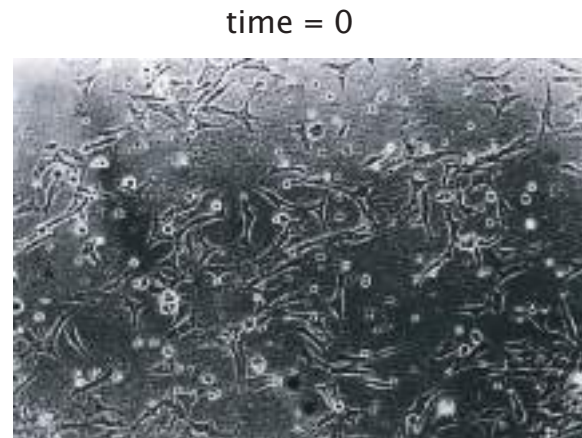
- Feedback mechanism between cells and the matrix: traction forces due to cell motility causes matrix deformation which steers cell motility



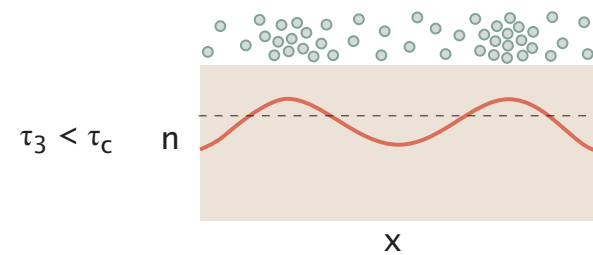
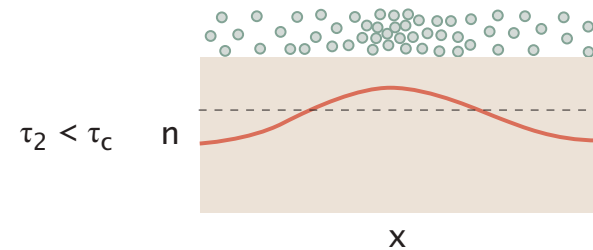
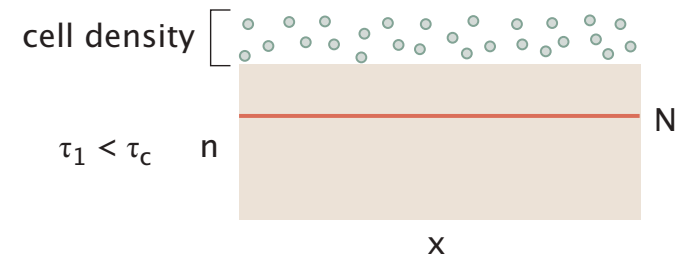
See lecture 27 Nov 2018
Mechanochemical instabilities

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Self-organised mechanical guidance



100 μm



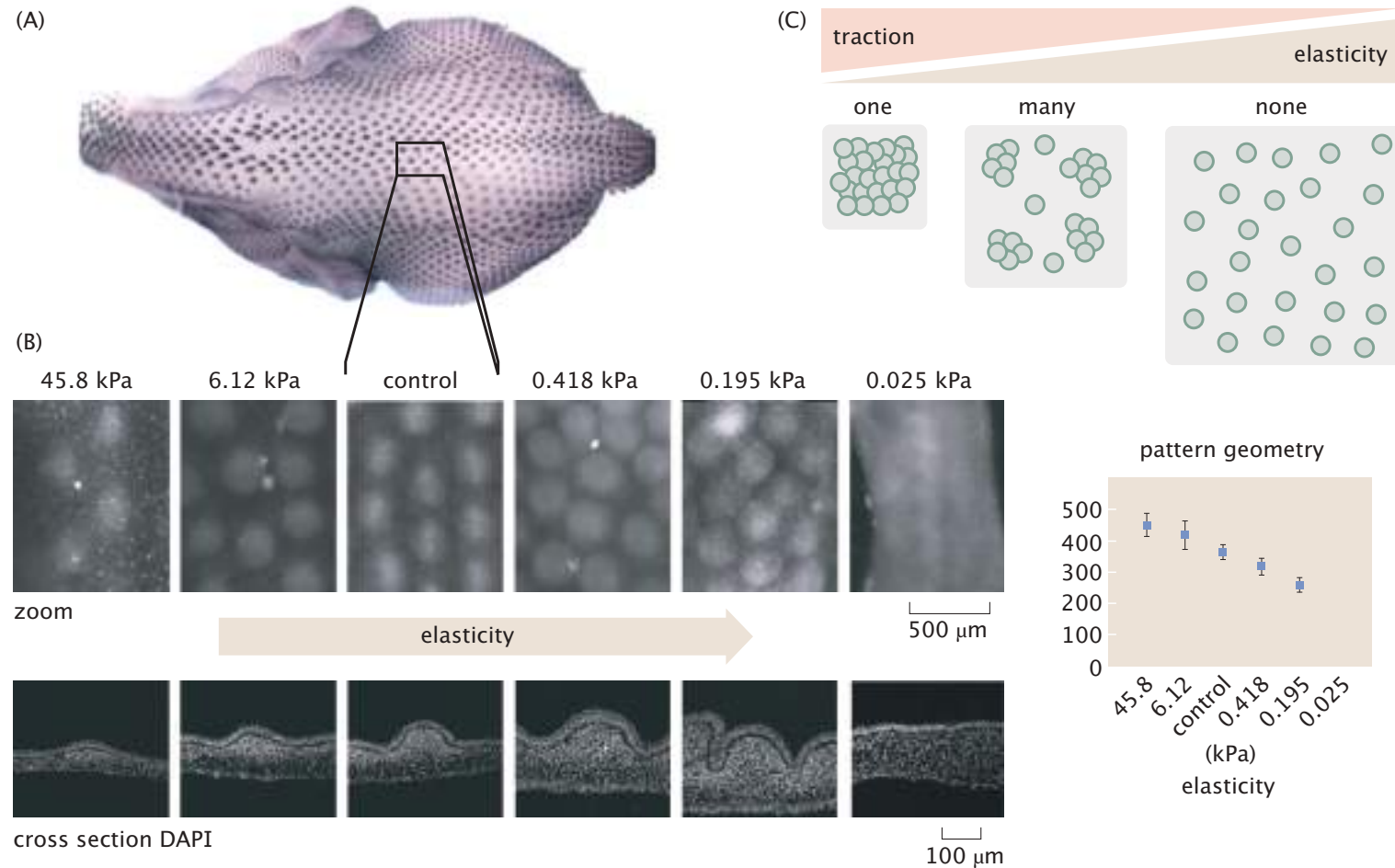
τ = traction force

force balance

$$\nabla \cdot [\sigma_{\text{viscous}} + \sigma_{\text{elastic}} + \sigma_{\text{traction}}] = 0$$

Self-organised mechanical guidance

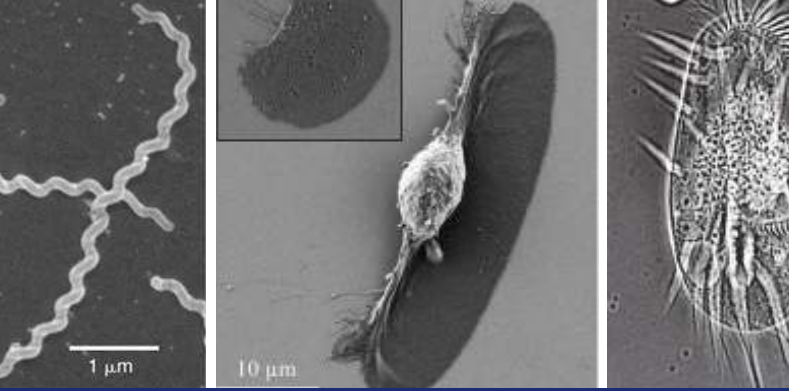
- Emergence of cellular patterns during development



Conclusions

1. Phenomenology across scales: diversity and convergence
2. Mechanics
 - Physical constraints
 - Invariant modalities
3. Guidance
 - Deterministic and
 - self-organised

Plan du cours



09 novembre > 14 décembre

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Motilité de cellules uniques

Cours

Les mardis, de 10h à 11h30
Amphithéâtre Guillaume Budé

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Introduction : principes généraux de la motilité cellulaire

16 novembre 2021

Mécanique de la motilité I - (sur substrats)

23 novembre 2021

Mécanique de la motilité II - (confinement)

30 novembre 2021

Mécanique de la motilité III - (nage)

07 décembre 2021

Guidage chimique

14 décembre 2021

Guidage mécanique