Active Matter



Swimming bacteria



Bird Flocks [COBBS Lab, Rome]



Crawling cells [Poujade, PNAS 2007]

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A whole spectrum of questions ranging from applied maths to experimental physics

- Cécile Cottin-Bizonne: Active matter in real life
- Clément Erignoux: Exact coarse-grained descriptions of (some) active systems
- Liesbeth Janssen: Glasses, from passive to active
- Yariv Kafri: Random inhomogeneous active systems
- Martin Evans: Exact results on active lattice gases
- Mike Cates: Time-reversal symmetry in active field theories
- Vincent Calvez: How applied maths meet spreading organisms

First-order fluctuation-induced phase transition to collective motion

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Myxobacteria [Peruani *et al.*, PRL 2012]



Quincke rollers [Bricard *et al.*, Nature 2013]



Vibrated disks [Deseigne *et al.*, PRL 2010]

Minimal ingredients: Self-propulsion + Alignment





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A liquid-gas phase transition: nucleation, hysteresis, lever rule, finite-size scaling

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Can we understand (analytically) the nature of the transition ?

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- Alignment \longrightarrow Mean-field theory with local intensive magnetisation $\hat{m}(x) = \frac{m(x)}{\rho(x)}$

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- Q2: How generic is this?

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- · Other systems may lead to different choices

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- E.g: k nearest neighbours.
- Position-dependent interaction range y(x) such that

$$\int_{x-y(x)}^{x+y(x)} dz \rho(z) = k$$

• $\bar{m}(x)$ is averaged over [x - y(x), x + y(x)]:

$$\bar{m}(x)=\frac{1}{k}\int_{x-y(x)}^{x+y(x)}dzm(z)$$

- Landau term: $\mathcal{F} = 2m \cosh(\beta \bar{m}) 2\rho \sinh(\beta \bar{m}) \simeq 2m 2\rho \beta \bar{m} \frac{\rho \beta^3}{3} \bar{m}^3 + \beta^2 m \bar{m}^2$
- Mean-field hydrodynamics

• Predicts a continuous transition, in agreement with the literature

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 - Articles on the Active Ising model & the transition: [Solon, Tailleur, PRL 2013; PRE 2015; Solon, Tailleur, Chaté, PRL 2015]
 - Fluctuation-induced 1st-order scenario: [D. Martin *et al.* arXiv:2008.01397]

THANK YOU!

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