

# The Micromechanics of Colloidal Dispersions

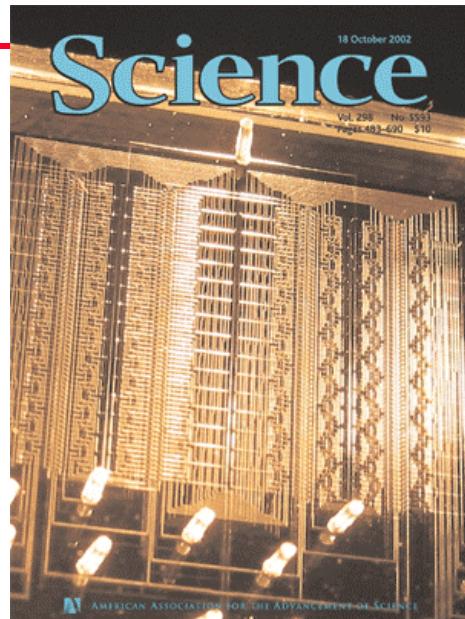
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*Multiscale Modeling and  
Simulation of Complex Fluids*  
University of Maryland  
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## Complex Fluids/Complex Flows



S. Quake

## Some Examples/Applications

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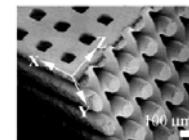
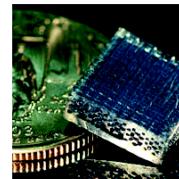
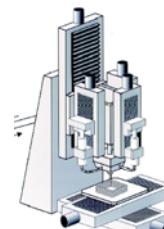
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Organic Ink Helps Scientists 'Write' Tiny Fluid Factories

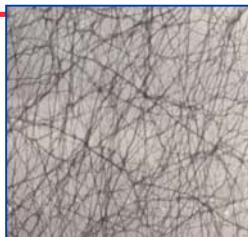
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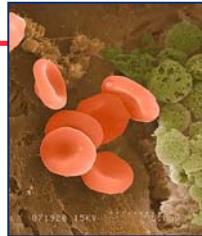
'Nanowriting'

- Food stuffs & additives
- Personal care products
- Biological fluids & cells
- Ceramics, colored glass
- MR/ER fluids
- Resins, catalysts
- Paints, coatings, inks

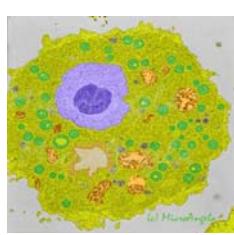
## Biological Fluids



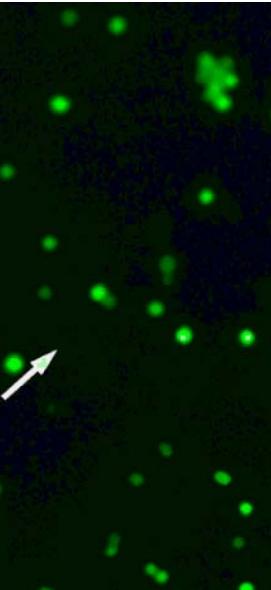
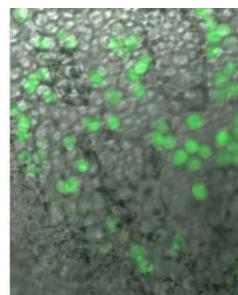
Actin network  
Weitz lab., Harvard.



Red blood cells  
Microangela EM gallery



Macrophage  
Microangela EM gallery



Liz Jones (2002)

## Swimming

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*Eutreptiella flagellate*

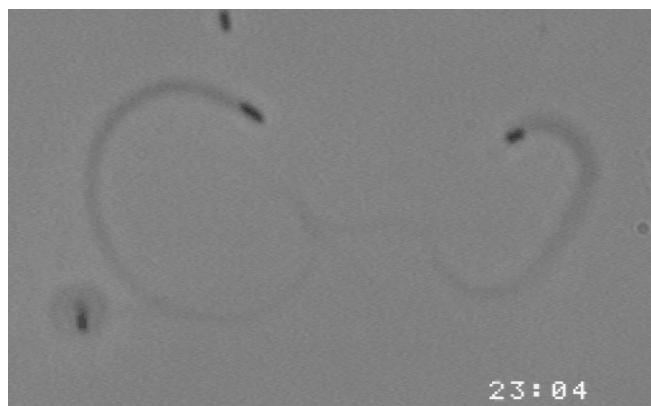


*Molecular Biology of the Cell*, 4th Edition, by Alberts, Johnson, Lewis, Raff, Roberts, Walter

## Propelling

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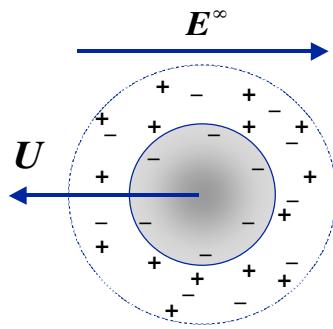
**Listeria Bacteria**



Props itself by enzymatic synthesis of actin -- the 'comet tail'

## Colloid science & microfluidics

- Electrophoresis



Electrophoresis of DNA



J. Han and H.G. Craighead, Cornell University  
<http://www.hgc.cornell.edu/biofab/videotest.htm>

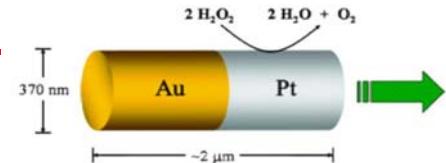
$$U = -\frac{\varepsilon \zeta}{\eta} E^\infty$$

## Nonliving -- nanomotors

- Catalytic nanomotor



Paxton *et al.* (2004)



The mechanism of self-propulsion is unknown. Some candidates: surface tension gradients caused by the catalytic reaction on the Pt surface, electrochemical flows between Pt and Au, etc.



Janus

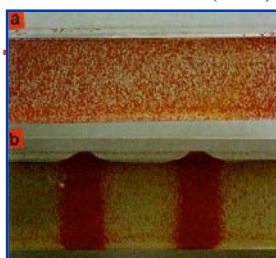
## Autonomous Motion or Science Fiction?

- Design or construct ‘objects’ at the micro-, nano- or molecular scales that can move themselves.
- Have truly portable devices (*e.g.* sensors, drug delivery, lab-on-a-chip).
- Learn something about biological systems.



‘surgeon nanobot’  
Erik Viktor

Tirumkudulu *et al* (1999)



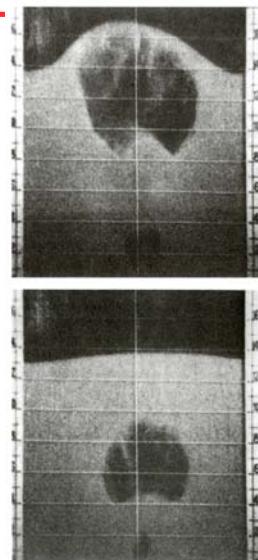
Shinbrot & Muzzio (2000)



## Pattern Formation

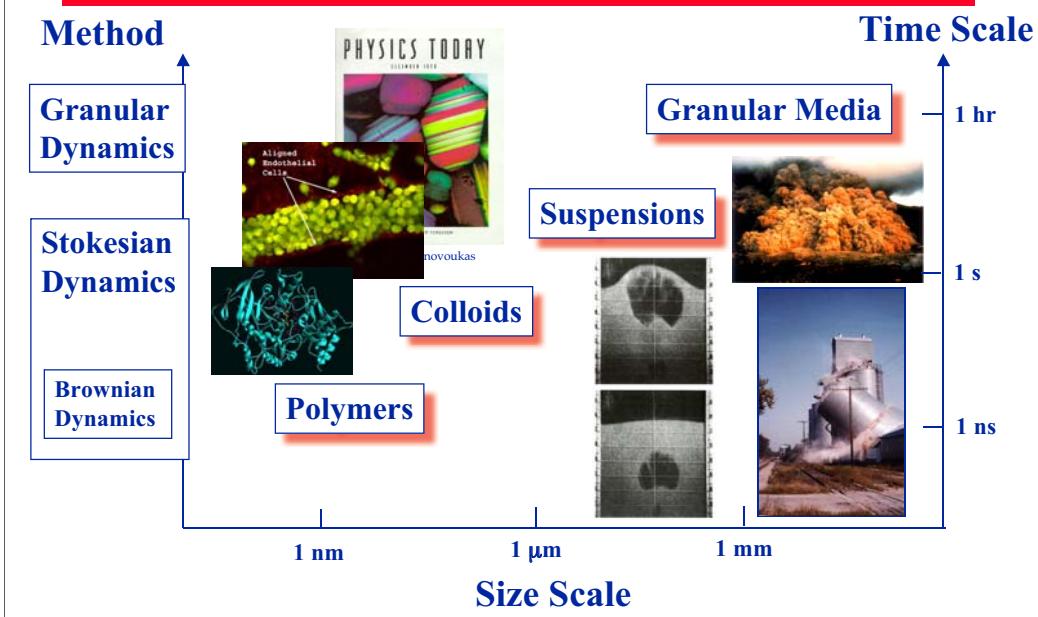


Zoueshtiagh & Thomas (2000)

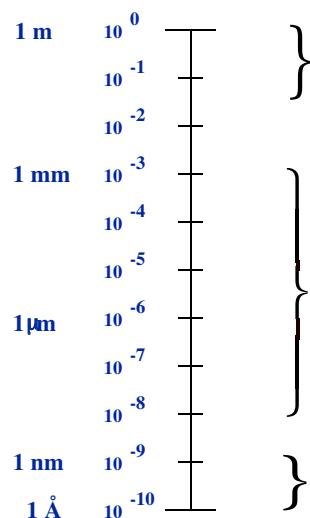


Fluidized bed (Jackson 2000)

## Length and Time Scales of Complex Fluids



### Particle Size Scale



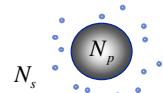
### Simulation Method

Granular Dynamics ( $St \gg 1$ )  
Bubble Dynamics ( $\nabla \times u = 0$ )

Stokesian Dynamics ( $Re \ll 1$ )

$$Re = \frac{\rho U a}{\eta} < 1 \quad , \quad St = \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} Re \quad , \quad Pe = \frac{v}{D} Re \quad \text{arbitrary}$$

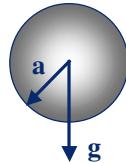
Molecular Dynamics



$$\frac{N_s}{N_p} \sim \left( \frac{a_p}{a_s} \right)^3 \quad , \quad \frac{\tau_p}{\tau_s} \sim \left( \frac{a_p}{a_s} \right)^3 \quad , \quad CPU \sim \left( \frac{a_p}{a_s} \right)^6 N_p$$

## Characteristic Scales: A Simple Example

Spherical particle of  $0.5\mu\text{m}$  of specific gravity 2 falling in water.



Particle Size :  $a = \frac{1}{2}\mu\text{m}$

Fall Speed :  $U = \frac{1}{2}\mu\text{m/s}$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{inertial} \\ \text{viscous} \end{array} \right) \quad Re = \frac{\rho U a}{\eta}$$

Reynolds Number :  $Re = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-6}$

Diffusivity :  $D = \frac{1}{2}(\mu\text{m})^2/\text{s}$

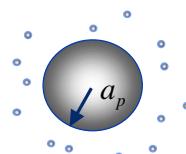
$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{advection} \\ \text{diffusion} \end{array} \right) \quad Pe = \frac{U a}{D}$$

Peclet Number :  $Pe = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{Stokes - Einstein - Sutherland Relation : } D = k T R^{-1} = \frac{kT}{6\pi\eta a}$$

## Micromechanics

**Continuum Approximation:**  $a_p \gg a_s$

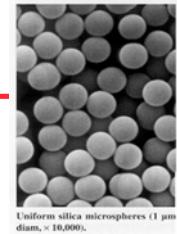


$$N_s \sim (a_p/a_s)^3 N_p$$

$$\tau_s \sim a_s / \sqrt{3kT/m} \approx 10^{-13} \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_s \sim a_s^2 / \nu , \nu = \eta / \rho$$

$$\tau_p / \tau_s \sim (a_p/a_s)^2$$



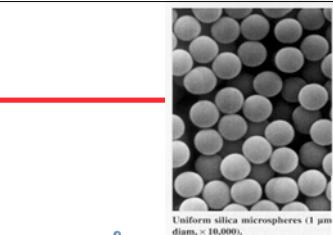
**Therefore, the solvent can be treated as a continuum :**

$$Re = \frac{\rho U a}{\eta} \ll 1 \quad \cancel{\rho \frac{Du}{Dt}} = -\nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} , \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

## Micromechanics ( $Re \ll 1$ )

Langevin equation for particle motion:

$$m \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}^H + \mathbf{F}^B + \mathbf{F}^P$$



Uniform silica microspheres (1  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.,  $\times 10,000$ ).

**Hydrodynamic:**  $\mathbf{F}^H = -\mathbf{R}_{FU} \cdot \mathbf{U} = -6\pi\eta a \mathbf{U}$

Stokes drag

$$\tau_p \sim O(m / 6\pi\eta a)$$

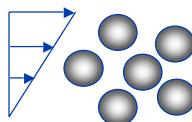
$$\approx 10^{-8} \text{ s}$$

**Multiparticle:**  $\mathbf{F}^H = -\mathbf{R}_{FU}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}^\infty)$

Fluid Motion:  
Stokes Equations

$$0 = -\nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

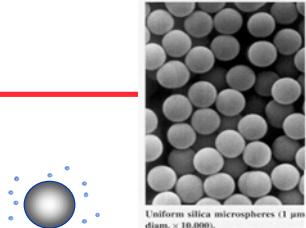


$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{x} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}$$

no slip at  
particle surfaces

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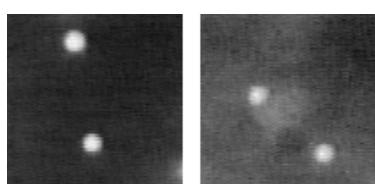
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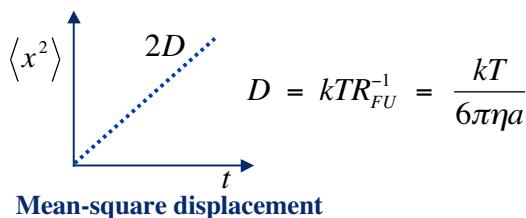
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**Brownian:**  $\overline{\mathbf{F}^B} = 0$ ,  $\overline{\mathbf{F}^B(0)\mathbf{F}^B(t)} = 2kT\mathbf{R}_{FU}(\mathbf{x})\delta(t)$   $\tau_s \ll \tau_p$

$$O(10^{-13} \text{ s})$$

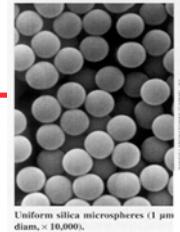
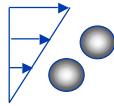


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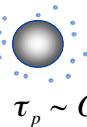


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Stokes drag

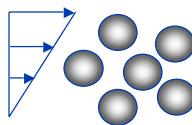


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**Interparticle/  
external:**  $\mathbf{F}^P = \Delta\rho V_p \mathbf{g}$ , electrostatic, etc.

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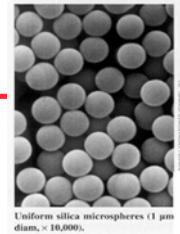
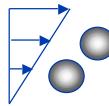


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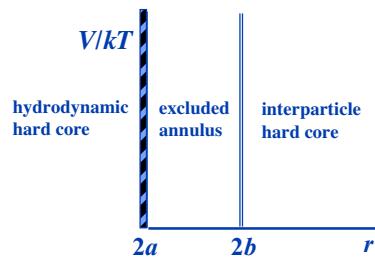
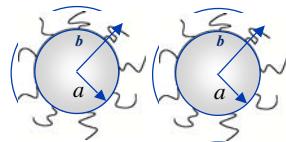
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**Displacement  
in momentum  
relaxation time**  $\frac{\Delta x}{a} = Re \ll 1 \Rightarrow 0 = \mathbf{F}^H + \mathbf{F}^B + \mathbf{F}^P$

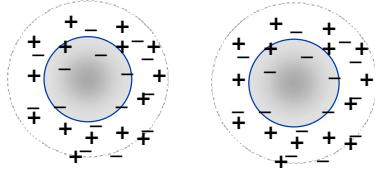
Only configurational degrees of freedom!!

## Interparticle forces

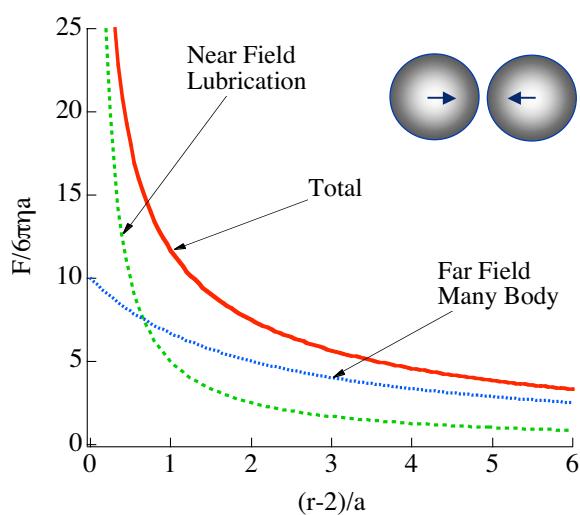
### Steric Stabilization



### Electrostatic Stabilization



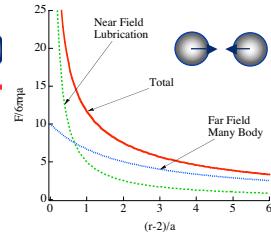
## Nature of Hydrodynamic Forces: $F^H = -R(x) \cdot U$



## Stokesian Dynamics Method: $O(N \ln N)$

Split the hydrodynamic interactions into near- and far-field parts:

$$F^H = -R \cdot U = -R_{nf} \cdot U - R_{ff} \cdot U$$



**Near field:** Lubrication interactions are two-body effects and can be added pairwise.

Calculations can be done in  $O(N)$  operations

$$R_{nf} = R_{nf}^{2B}$$

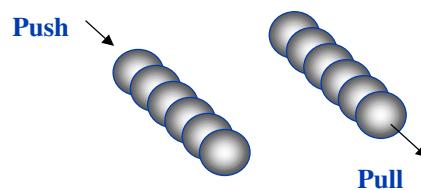
**Far field:** Many-body effects are computed by representing the particles as force densities on a grid and using Fast Fourier Transforms (FFT) to compute the velocity field.

The force is then computed via Faxen laws and determined iteratively (convergence is rapid after the initial time step).

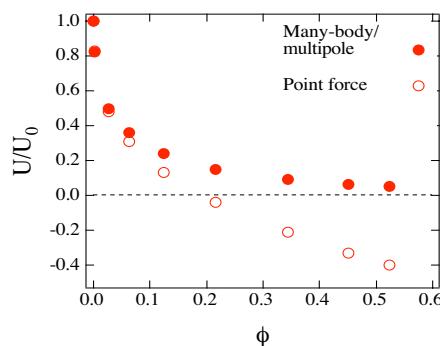
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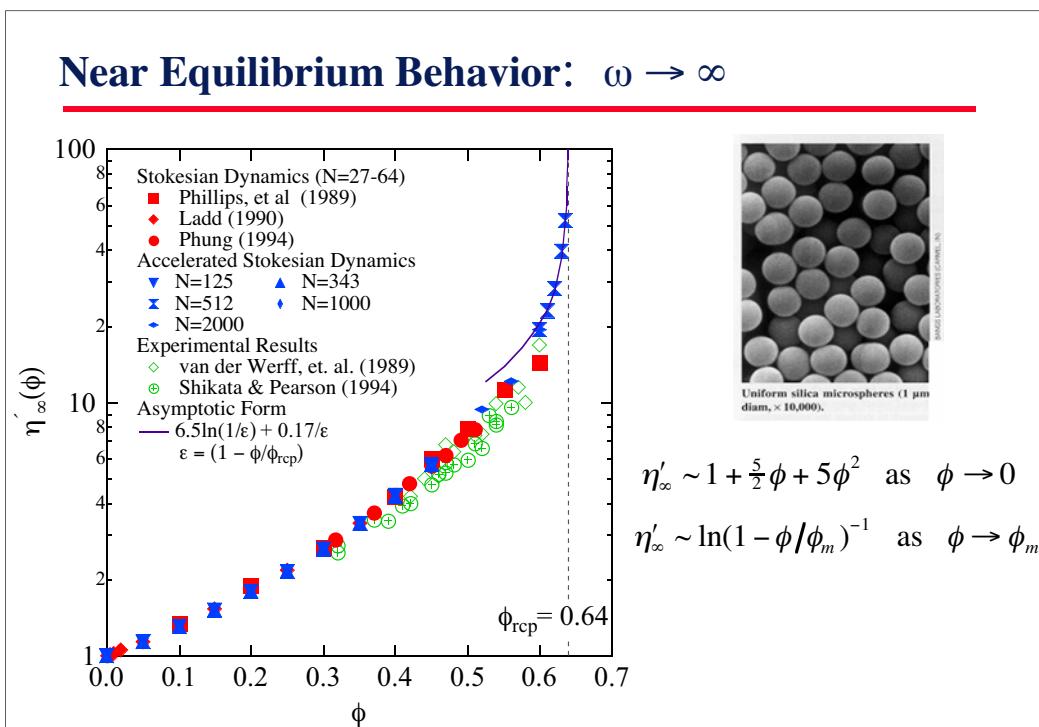
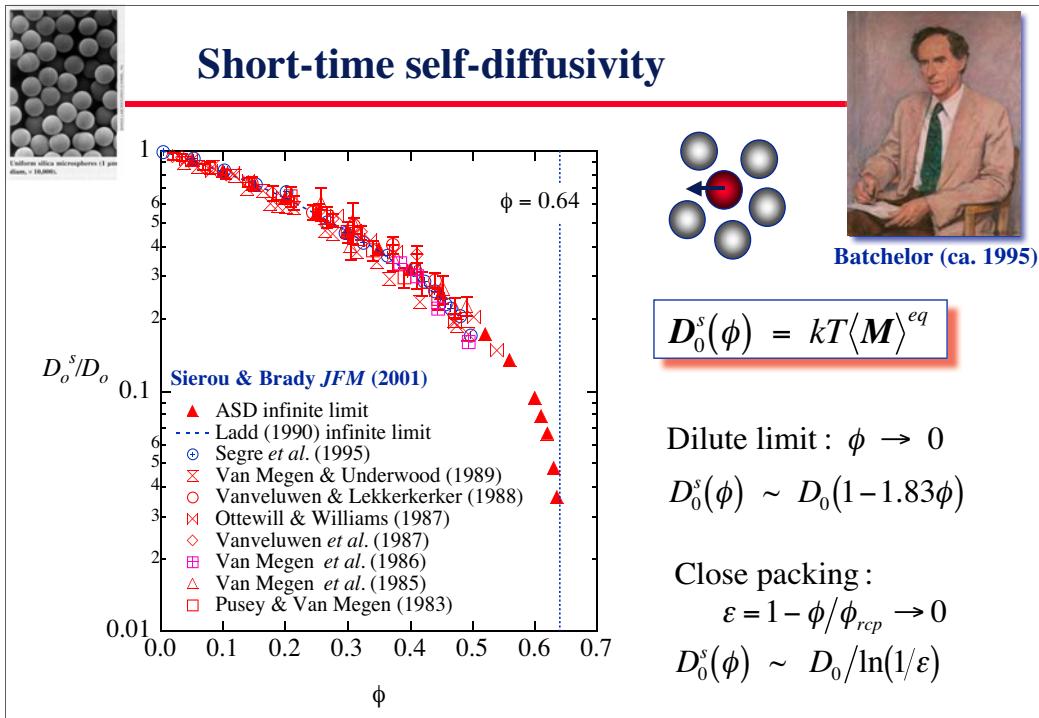
## Hydrodynamic Interactions

**Lubrication:** closely spaced particles move as a single (rigid) rod, whether you push or pull.

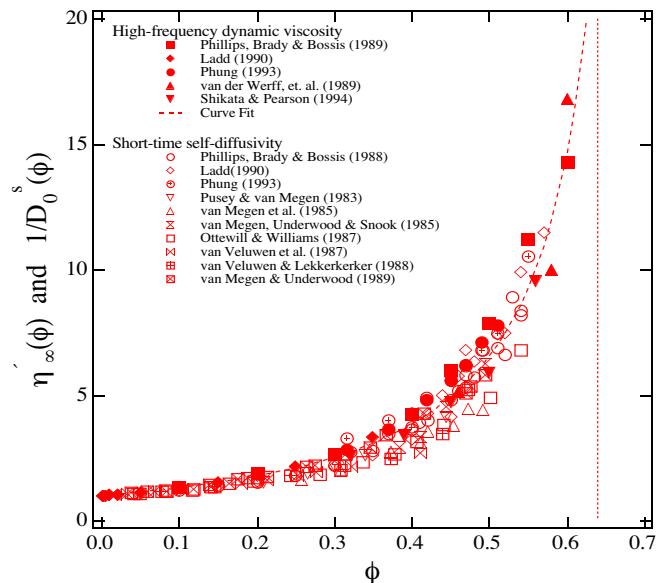


**Many-body:** “point” particles falling due to gravity have a *negative* fall speed at high concentrations.

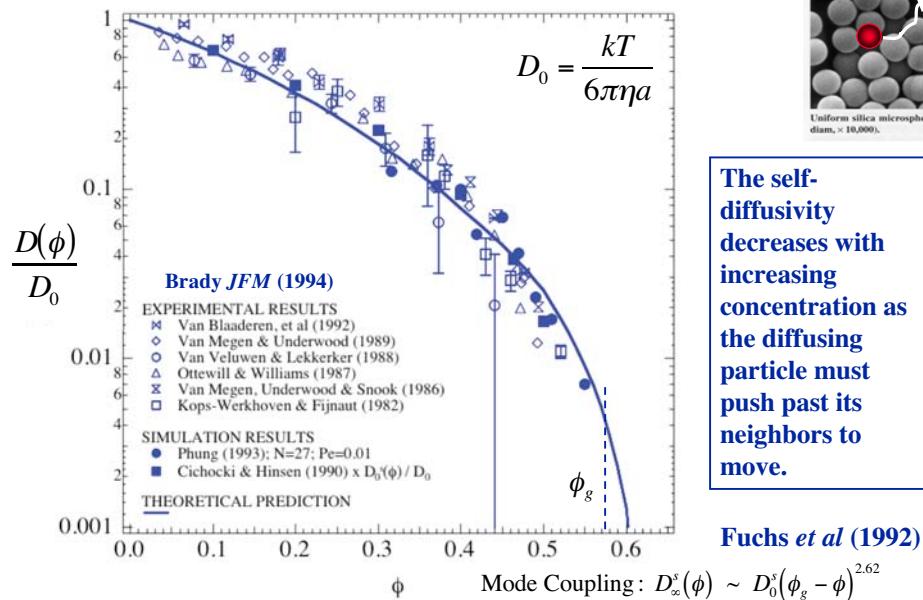




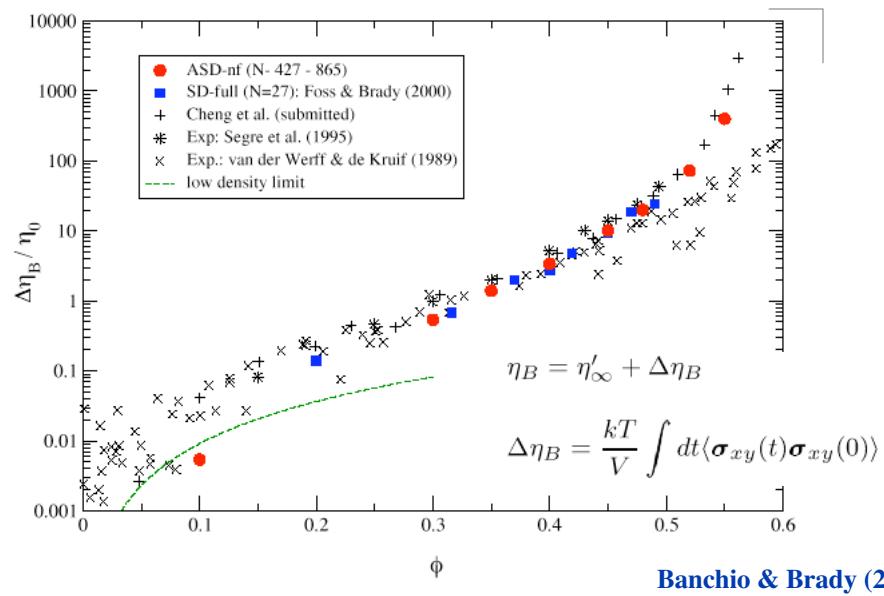
## High-frequency dynamic viscosity & short-time self-diffusivity



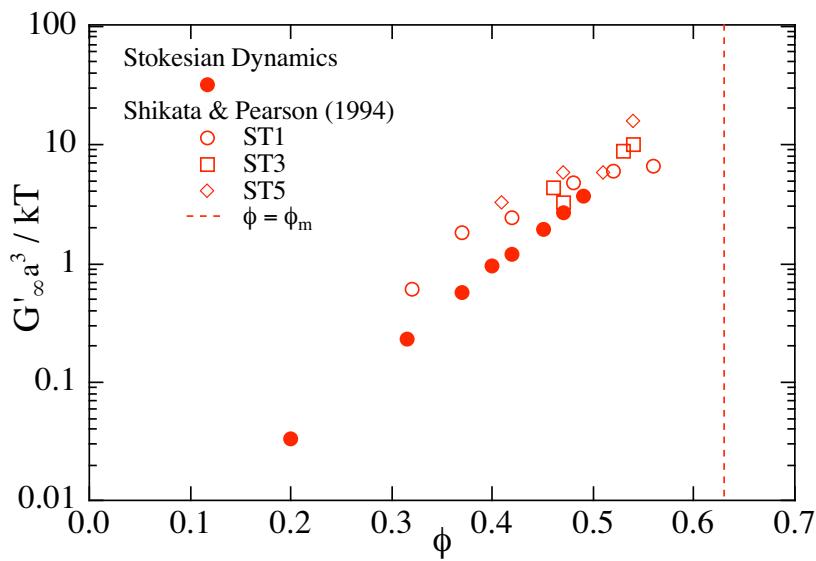
## Brownian Self-Diffusivity (long-time)



## Zero-shear Brownian viscosity ( $Pe = 0$ )



## High Frequency Elastic Modulus



## Summary

### Langevin Equation:

$$\underline{m} \cdot \frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = \underline{F}^H + \underline{F}^P + \underline{F}^B \text{ or random & Brownian}$$

↓      ↗  
 hydrodynamic      interparticle/external

$$\underline{F}^B = 0$$

$$\underline{F}^P(t) \underline{F}^B(t) = 2kT R_{\text{eff}} \delta(t)$$

= time average

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{F}^H \\ \underline{S}^H \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} R_{FU}^{-1} & R_{FE}^{-1} \\ R_{SU}^{-1} & R_{SE}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{u} - \underline{u}^\infty \\ -\underline{E}^\infty \end{pmatrix}$$

### Diffusion Equation:

$$\Delta \underline{x} = \underbrace{\underline{u}^\infty(\underline{x}) dt}_{\text{hydrodynamic velocity}} + \underbrace{\underline{R}_{FU}^{-1} - \underline{R}_{FE}^{-1}}_{\text{interparticle force}} \underline{E}^\infty dt + \underbrace{\underline{R}_{FU}^{-1} \cdot \underline{F}^P dt}_{\text{interparticle force}}$$

$$+ kT \nabla \cdot \underline{R}_{FU}^{-1} dt + \underline{X}^B(dt)$$

$$\overline{\underline{X}^B} = 0, \quad \overline{\underline{X}^B(dt) \underline{X}^B(dt)} = 2kT \underline{R}_{FU}^{-1} dt$$

### Smoluchowski Equation: $P_N(x, t)$

$$\frac{\partial P_N}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \underline{j}_N = 0, \quad t=0: P_N(x, 0) = P_N^0(x) \quad \text{initial condition}$$

$$\underline{j} = (\underline{u}^H + \underline{R}_{FU}^{-1} \cdot [\underline{F}^P - kT \nabla \ln P_N]) P_N$$

$$-\underline{R}_{FU}^{-1} \cdot kT \nabla \ln P_N = \underline{u}^B \quad \text{Brownian velocity}$$

The hydrodynamic resistance tensors,  $R_{\mu\nu}$ , etc. are functions of the configuration - size, shape, relative separation, orientation, etc., - of the  $N$  particles. For a given configuration,  $\mathbf{X}$ , of the  $N$  particles, determining the resistance tensors is a well posed problem in low Reynolds number hydrodynamics.

With  $R$  determined for each (and every) configuration, we then need to either integrate the diffusion equation numerically to have the configuration evolve from some initial state (Stokesian Dynamics), or solve the Smoluchowski equation, analytically if possible. Note that the diffusion equation is just a discretized version of the Smoluchowski equation.

→ This completes the description of the micro dynamics. We now turn to the computation of macroscopic properties from these micro dynamics. (We shall also revisit the long-range interactions and convergence problems.)

↑ Note, in the absence of a shearing motion and with an interparticle force derivable from a potential  $F^P = -\nabla V$ , the equilibrium solution of the Smoluchowski equation  $\underline{f} \equiv 0$ , is simply

$$P_V \sim \exp(-V/kT).$$



## Macroscopic Properties

$$(1) \text{ Sedimentation Velocity: } \langle \underline{\underline{v}} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \underline{\underline{v}}_\alpha \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} M_{\alpha\beta} \cdot F_{\beta}^2 \right\rangle$$

avg. over configurations      sum over particles

$$\therefore \langle \underline{\underline{v}} \rangle = \langle \underline{\underline{M}} \rangle \cdot \underline{\underline{F}}^2 \quad [\text{Note, coupling is } M_{\alpha\beta}]$$

$$(2) \text{ Permeability: } \langle F^H \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N F_{\alpha}^H \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \sum_{\beta=1}^N R_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \langle \underline{\underline{v}} \rangle \right\rangle$$

imposed avg. vel.  
through bed of fixed  
particles

$$\langle F^H \rangle = \langle \underline{\underline{R}} \rangle \cdot \langle \underline{\underline{v}} \rangle$$

$$\text{Darcy's Law: } \nabla p = - \eta K^{-1} \cdot \langle \underline{\underline{v}} \rangle$$

$$\therefore K^{-1} = n \langle \underline{\underline{R}} \rangle \quad [\text{Note, coupling is } R_{\text{REV}}]$$

## (3) Diffusion:

$$\text{Short-time self-diffusivity } D_0^S = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N kT (R_{\text{REV}}^{-1})_{\alpha\alpha} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N kT M_{\alpha\alpha} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Short-time hindered diffusivity } D_0^H = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N R_{\alpha\alpha}^{-1} \right\rangle$$

There are analogous rotational diffusivities.

### Collective / Mutual / Gradient Diffusivity

$$D^C = \langle M \rangle \frac{\phi}{1-\phi} \left( \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \phi} \right)_{P,T} = kT \langle M \rangle \frac{d}{d\phi} (\phi Z(\phi)),$$

where the osmotic compressibility  $Z(\phi) = \Pi/nkT$ , with  $\Pi$  the osmotic pressure.

Long-time self-diffusion:  $D_s = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \langle (x - \langle x \rangle)(x - \langle x \rangle) \rangle$

$$t \gg a^2/D, D = kT/6\pi\eta a$$

Not be determined from the dynamics

### (4) Bulk or Macroscopic Stress (Low Reynolds #) (no body couple $L^B = 0$ )

$$\langle \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \rangle = -\langle p \rangle \underline{\underline{I}} + 2\eta \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \rangle + n \{ \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^E \rangle + \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^P \rangle + \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^B \rangle \} - nkT \underline{\underline{I}}$$

$$\langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^E \rangle = - \left\langle \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{UV}} \cdot \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{FU}}^{-1} \cdot \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{FE}} - \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{SE}} \right\rangle \cdot \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \rangle$$

$$\langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^P \rangle = - \left\langle \left( \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{UV}} \cdot \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{FU}}^{-1} + \underline{\underline{Z}} \right) \cdot \underline{\underline{F}}^P \right\rangle$$

$$\langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^B \rangle = -kT \left\langle \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{UV}} \cdot \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{FU}}^{-1} \right\rangle \quad \nabla \cdot \text{last index of } \underline{\underline{R}}_{\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}_{UV}}^{-1}$$

$\langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^E \rangle$  due to the fact that the individual particles do not strain as a fluid element.  $\langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^P \rangle$  "elastic" stress of type found in polymeric systems, and  $\langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^B \rangle$  is a direct contribution from Brownian motion - entropic stress of the structure is out of equilibrium (deviator part).

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