

Red blood cell rheology

A Normal red blood cells





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White blood cell rolling, adhesion, and extravasation



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Interstitial fluid flow in cancer & drug delivery



Shieh and Swartz, Physical Biology, 2010

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Microbial biofilm growth and dispersion



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Reynold's Number: Inertial versus viscous forces



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Osborne Reynolds

Macroscopic Swimming in Fluids (Re >> 1)

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What are the forces on the glider?

Phase 1: acceleration

Phase 2: flight

Phase 3: landing





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What are the forces on the glider?

Phase 1: gravity versus water friction (plus some air friction)

Phase 2: gravity and inertia versus air friction

Phase 3: inertia versus a lot of water friction



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Life at low Reynolds Number is very different



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E. coli is a gram negative bacterium that propels itself using flagella

E. coli uses flagella to swim and "tumble"

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Length ~5-10 microns



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Speed ~ 30 microns/sec



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Q: How long does it take E. coli to "glide" to a halt if their flagella stop beating?

Length ~5-10 microns



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Speed ~ 30 microns/sec



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Q: How long does it take E. coli to "glide" to a halt if their flagella stop beating? A: Less than 1 Angstrom!

Length ~5-10 microns



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Speed ~ 30 microns/sec



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Q: What is the diffusivity of an E. coli?

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Speed ~ 30 microns/sec



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Q: What is the diffusivity of an E. coli? A: D = 0.1 um²/sec in water at room temp (using Stokes-Einstein with a = 1 um)

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Imaging E. coli swimming

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Movies of nanomotors in bacteria courtesy of Professor Howard Berg, from the Berg Laboratory, Bacterial Motility and Behavior: http://www.rowland.harvard.edu/labs/bacteria/index.html

Q: What is the diffusivity of an E. coli? A: 0.1 um2/sec in water at room temp.

Low Reynolds Number Flow: Re < 1 (How to swim in corn syrup)

Part 1:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4h079P7qRSw&feature=relmfu

Part II: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kkfHj3LHeE

Part III:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_5ygWhcxKk&feature=reImfu

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