# Shear Migration of Chiral Particles in a Shear Flow

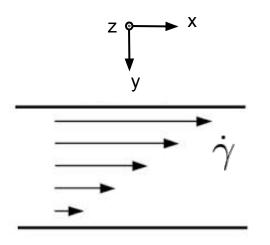
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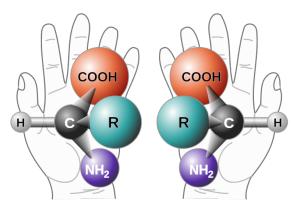
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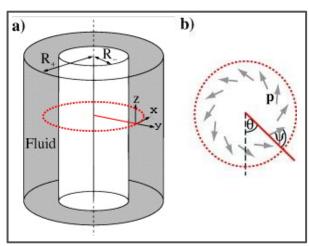
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- Motivation -Sperm Rheotaxis, etc.
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- Procedure Position, Orientation vs. Time
- Results-
- Conclusions

### Review

- Chirality
- Shear Flow
  - Taylor-Couette flow





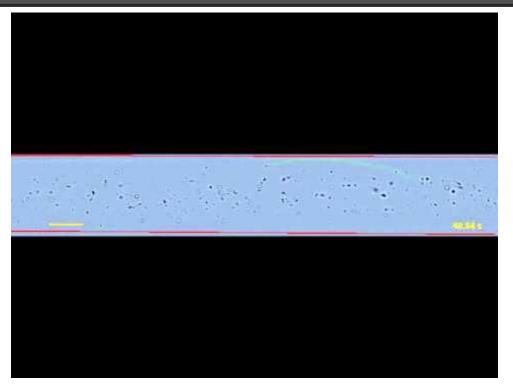


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### Motivation

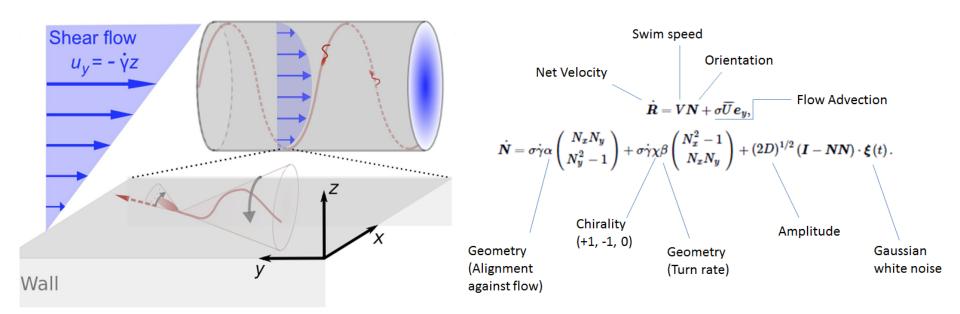
- To better understand how chiral objects behave in a shear flow
- To experimentally verify the paper by M.
   Makino and M. Doi

# Motivation: Sperm Cell Rheotaxis



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# Theory

Navier Stokes' equation

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{f}$$

Peclet number 
$$Pe = \frac{\eta a^3 \dot{\gamma}}{k_B T}$$

**Brownian Motion** 

# Theory

$$< V_z>=0$$
 For non chiral particle  $< V_z>=-< V_z'>$  For different chirality  $< V_z>=Ba\dot{\gamma}{
m Pe}^2$  For Pe << 1  $< V_z>=Ca\dot{\gamma}$  For Pe >> 1

Particle shape

# Theory

• Exponential displacement:  $\dot{z} = Ca^{\Omega z}$ 

$$\dot{z} = Ca \frac{da}{d}$$

$$z = z_0 e^{Ca\Omega t/d}$$

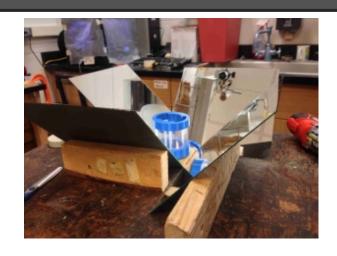
Makino's work shows that:

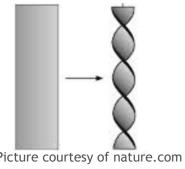
$$\langle V_z \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g} \dot{\gamma} \left\langle u_{3x}^2 - u_{3y}^2 \right\rangle$$

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### **Apparatus**

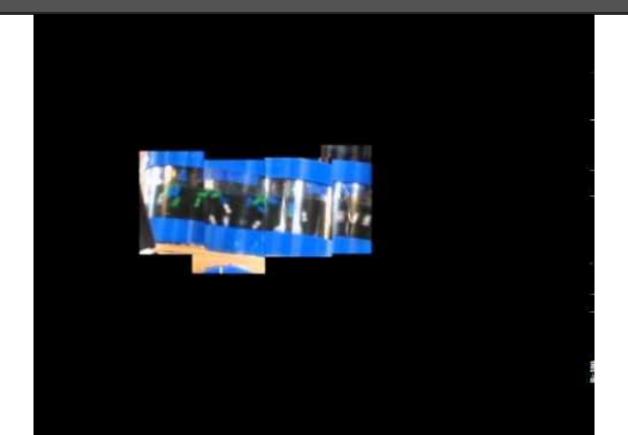
- 3-D printed Taylor-Couette cylinder generates shear flow
- Used corn syrup as viscous fluid (1.3806 Pa·s)
- Ribbon shaped chiral particles and flat particles, color coded



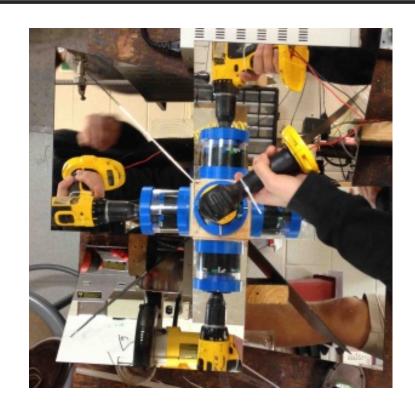


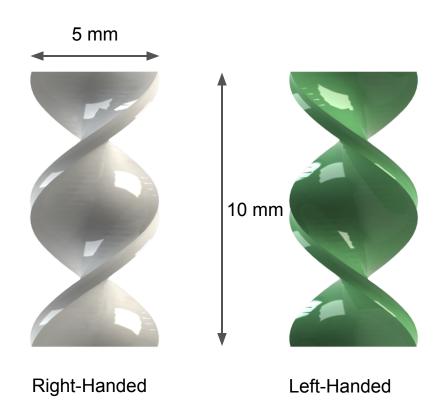
Picture courtesy of nature.com

### All Sides Simultaneous View

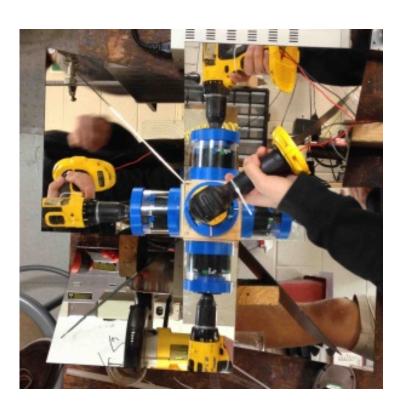


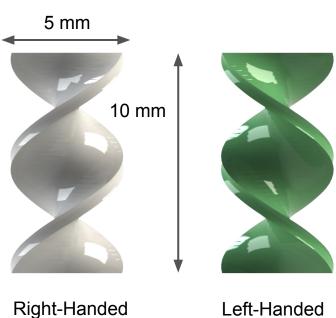
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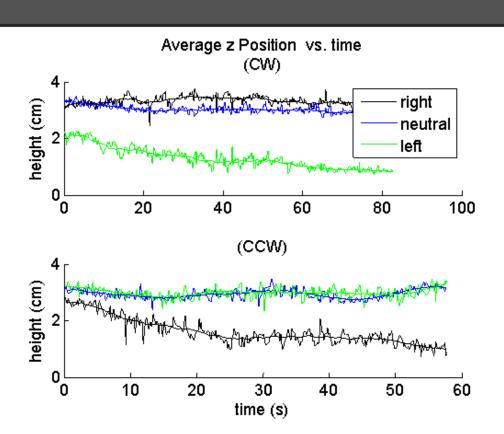
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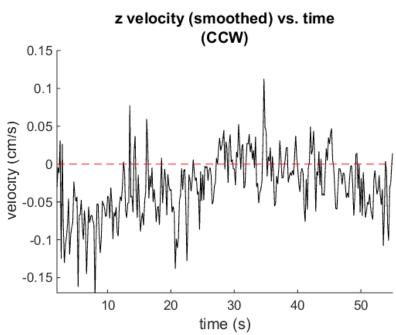
Non-Chiral

### Procedure

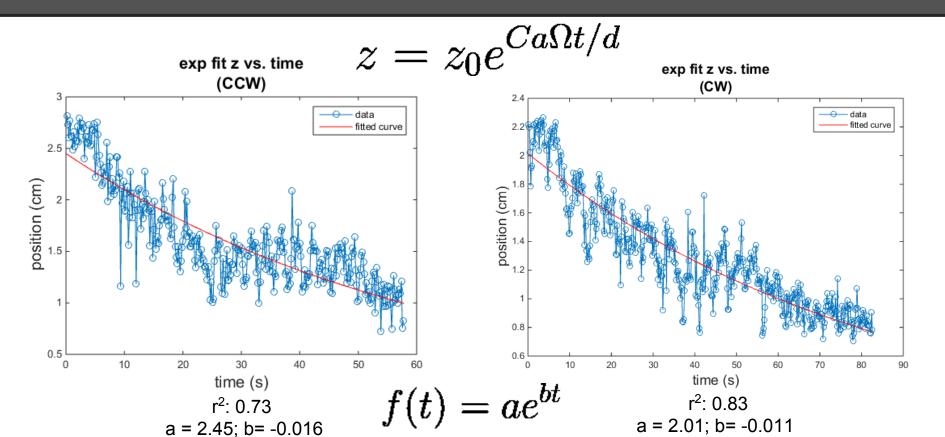
- Spun dowel using power drill with voltage controlled power supply and recorded particle motion
  - o clockwise, 5V- 1.4 rev/sec
  - counter-clockwise
- Projection of orientation on camera plane for single particles
  - 2 particle system

### Results

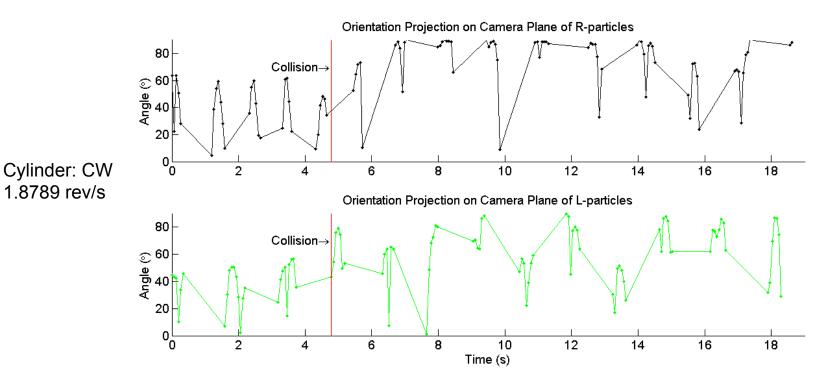




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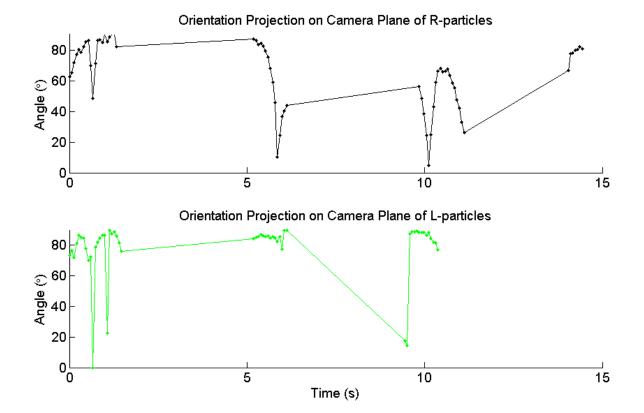


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Cylinder: CW 0.5781 rev/s

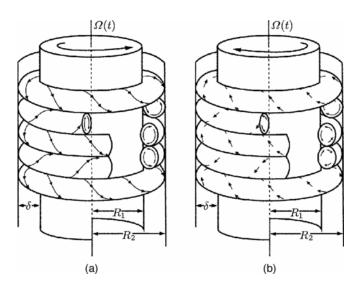


### Conclusions

- Clearly observed separation
- Separation is exponential, which agrees with theory
- Particles do not seem to orient themselves over time
- Possible periodicity in orientation

### **Future Considerations**

- At high flow rate Taylorcouette flow profile has vortices
- Collision reduction
- Increased tank height
- Improved tracking methods



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