

Students' Annual Seminar

Instabilities and turbulence in self-propelled fluids with inertia

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We study the hydrodynamics of self-propelled fluids with polar orientational order, using linear stability analysis and direct numerical simulations. We show that fluid inertia at the linearised level and system dimension lead to a threshold for the instability of such systems to spontaneous distortion, with a diffusive growth rate at small wavenumber, and we confirm numerically the prediction (Simha & Ramaswamy 2002) of long-wavelength propagating modes. We illustrate the varieties of disturbance growth and explore the effects of self-propulsion and fluid inertia on active turbulence.

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05:00 PM (Tea/Coffee at 04:30 PM)

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