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# Odd dynamics in living chiral crystals

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### Emergent phenomena in living matter

Mitotic spindle (~1um)



Fielmich et. al. 2018 eLife



Bird flocks (~1 m)



Keller Lab 2014

Jukin media

# Active matter as a unifying framework

Active matter: microscopic particles consume energy for organized motion + interactions  $\rightarrow$  macroscopic states



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**Cytoskeleton as active nematics** 









Keber et. al. Science 2014

Duclos et. al. Science 2020

Wensink et. al. 2012 PNAS

### Chiral active matter with 'odd' properties

Chiral active matter: constituent particle inject both *energy* (broken time reversal symmetry) and angular momentum (broken chiral symmetry) at microscopic level



Brandenbourger et. al. arXiv 2021

Transverse response

#### Edge modes and currents



Souslov et. al. PRL 2019

Yamauchi et. al. arXiv 2020

Review: "Odd Viscosity and Odd Elasticity" Fruchart et. al. 2023, Annu. Rev. Condens. Matter Phys

#### Starfish embryos self-assemble into living chiral crystal







100um

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#### Single embryo hydrodynamics









#### Pairwise embryo hydrodynamic







# Minimal model of chiral crystal formation

#### Longitudinal Forces



Theory colloborator: Alexander Mietke (Dunkel Group, currently U. of Oxford)

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#### Odd elasticity and strain cycles



Scheibner et. al. 2020 Nature Physics

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Can extract work from quasistatic cycle



- Odd elastic materials can exhibit odd elastic wave, even when system is overdamped
- Trajectory of wave in strain space traces out a cycle
- Emergence of self-sustaining elastic engine cycle (internal energy converted into mechanical work)

Scheibner et. al. 2020 Nature Physics

# Vibrational modes of living chiral crystal

 $\mathbf{F}(r) = (-k\hat{\mathbf{r}} + k^{\mathrm{a}}\hat{\mathbf{\phi}}) \,\,\delta r$ 

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#### Signatures of odd elasticity in strain cycles



### Can we measure the odd elastic moduli?

Shear Angle  $\alpha$ 

- Crystal harbors defects like edge dislocations
- Defect strain field encodes information about material moduli.

Topological Defects in Solids with Odd Elasticity

Lara Braverman, Colin Scheibner, Bryan VanSaders, and Vincenzo Vitelli Phys. Rev. Lett. **127**, 268001 – Published 20 December 2021

# Inferring odd moduli from defect strain field



#### Moduli from best fit

Modulus	Estimate	Standard Error
$A/\mu$	7.7	0.61
$K^o/\mu$	7.1	0.59

Moduli from model coarse-graining  $A = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( k_a + \frac{F_0^{\perp}}{r_0} \right) \approx 1.9 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$   $A, K^o > 0$   $K^o = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left( k_a - \frac{F_0^{\perp}}{r_0} \right) \approx 0.8 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}.$ 

CCW cycles do work on the environment



#### How to excite the wave?



Defect dynamics  $\Leftrightarrow$  wave dynamics



Geometric frustration of the

#### Autonomous order-disorder transition in living chiral crystal



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