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Numerical Simulations Of Flagellated Micro-Swimmers¹ CECILIA RORAI, ANTON MARKESTELJN, Queen Mary University of London, MIHAIL ZAITSTEV, Moscow Institute for Nuclear Safety, Moscow, Russia, SERGEY KARABASOV, Queen Mary University of London — We study flagellated microswimmers locomotion by representing the entire swimmer body. We discuss and contrast the accuracy and computational cost of different numerical approaches including the Resistive Force Theory, the Regularized Stokeslet Method and the Finite Element Method. We focus on how the accuracy of the methods in reproducing the swimming trajectories, velocities and flow field, compares to the sensitivity of these quantities to certain physical parameters, such as the body shape and the location of the center of mass. We discuss the opportunity and physical relevance of retaining inertia in our models. Finally, we present some preliminary results toward collective motion simulations.

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