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In silico micro-swimmers: runs and tumbles¹ SOOKKYUNG LIM,
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E. coli that can freely run by a flagellar bundle and tumble by motor reversals. The
Kirchhoff rod theory is used to model the elastic helical flagella and the rod-shaped
cell body is represented by a hollow ellipsoid that can translate and rotate as a
neutrally buoyant rigid body. The hydrodynamic interaction between the fluid and
the bacteria is described by the regularized version of Stokes flow. In this talk, we
will focus on how bacteria can swim and reorient the course of swimming and how
parts of bacteria play a role in swimming.

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