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Motility-Induced Phase Separation in Active Matter: a generic formalism for active brownian particles and run-and-tumble particles

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In this talk I will show that several classes of active particles admit an identical coarse-grained description in terms of fluctuating hydrodynamic fields. This equivalence holds as long as the microscopic parameters (e.g. swim speed v, diffusivity or tumbling rate), that may be spatially varying, depend on the local density ρ of particles but not on their orientation. This equivalence can thus extend to interacting particles and shows that motility-induced phase separation is generic in these systems: a steeply enough decreasing $v(\rho)$ generates phase separation in dimensions d=1,2,3. I will discuss the consequences of this phenomenon for pattern formation in bacterial colony and effective temperatures in Active Matter.