

Swimmers 3: many swimmers

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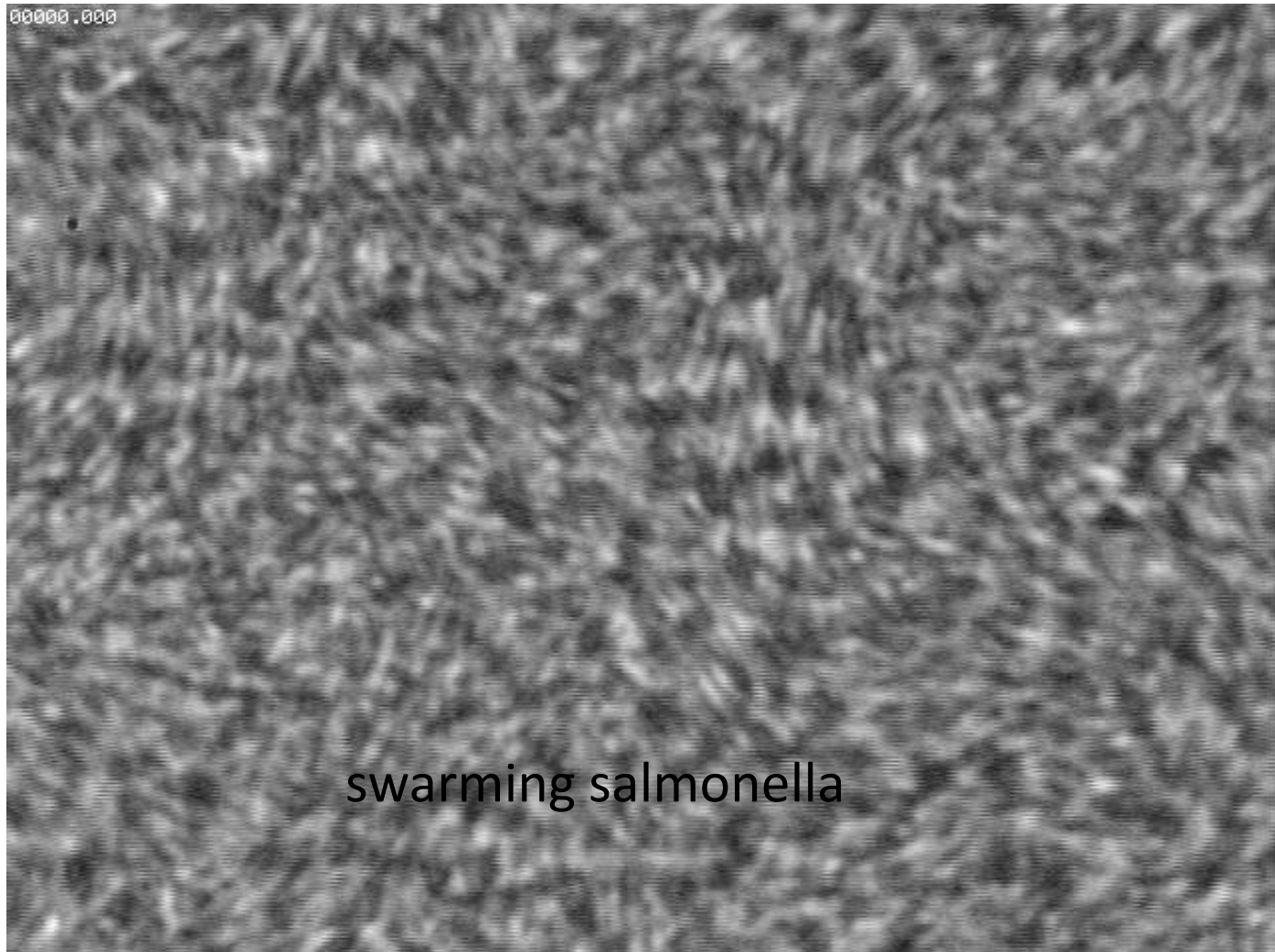
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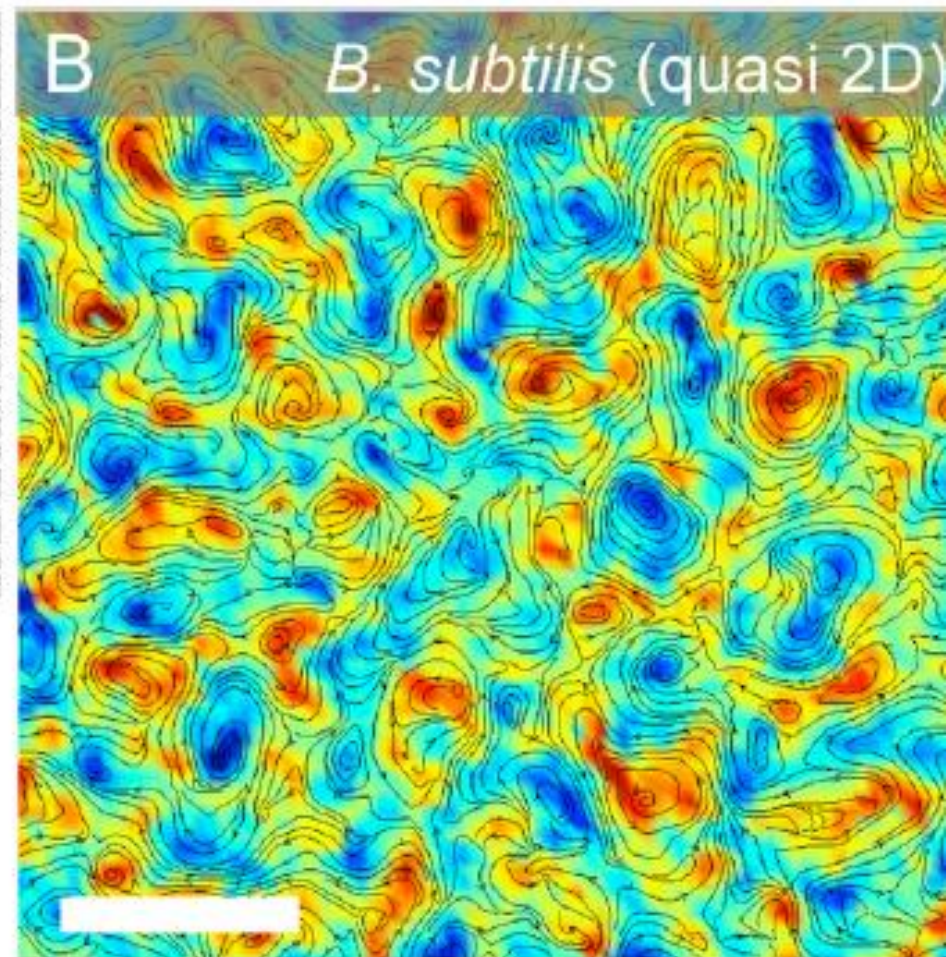
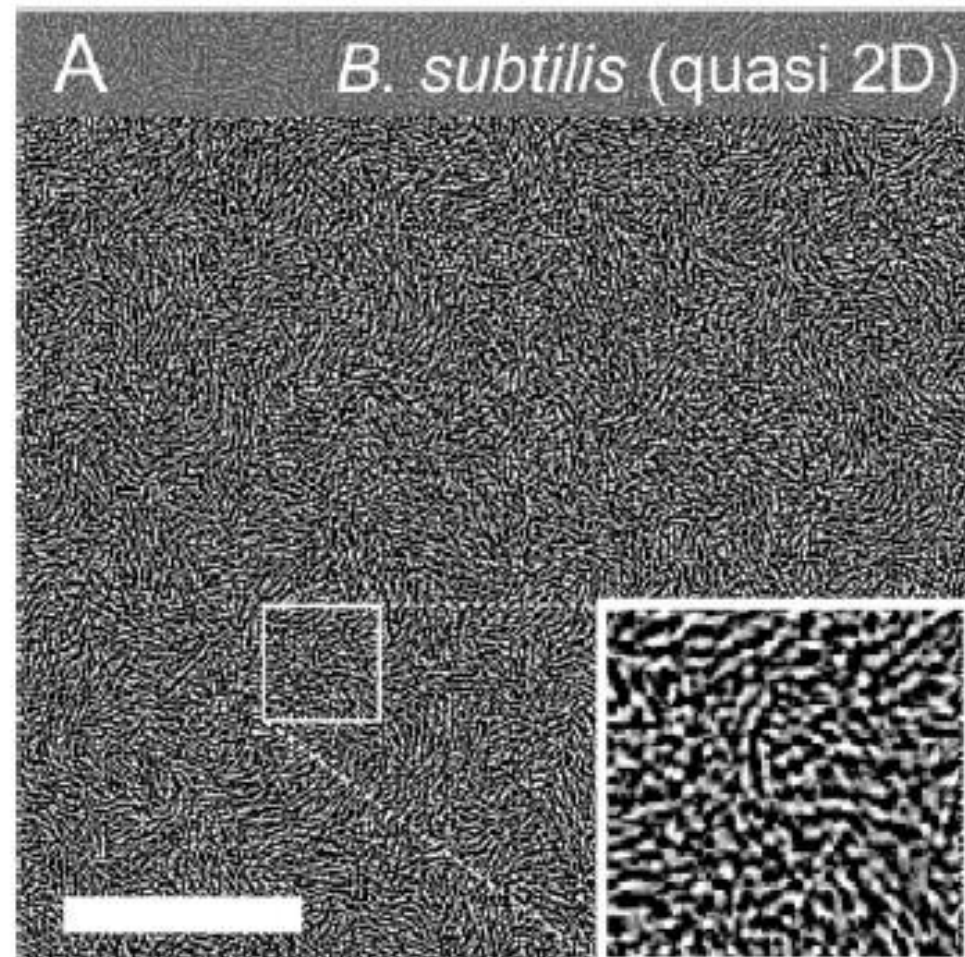
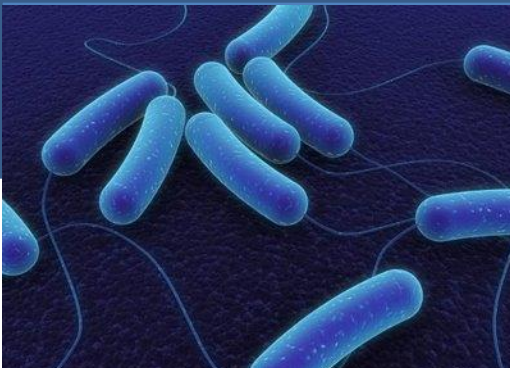
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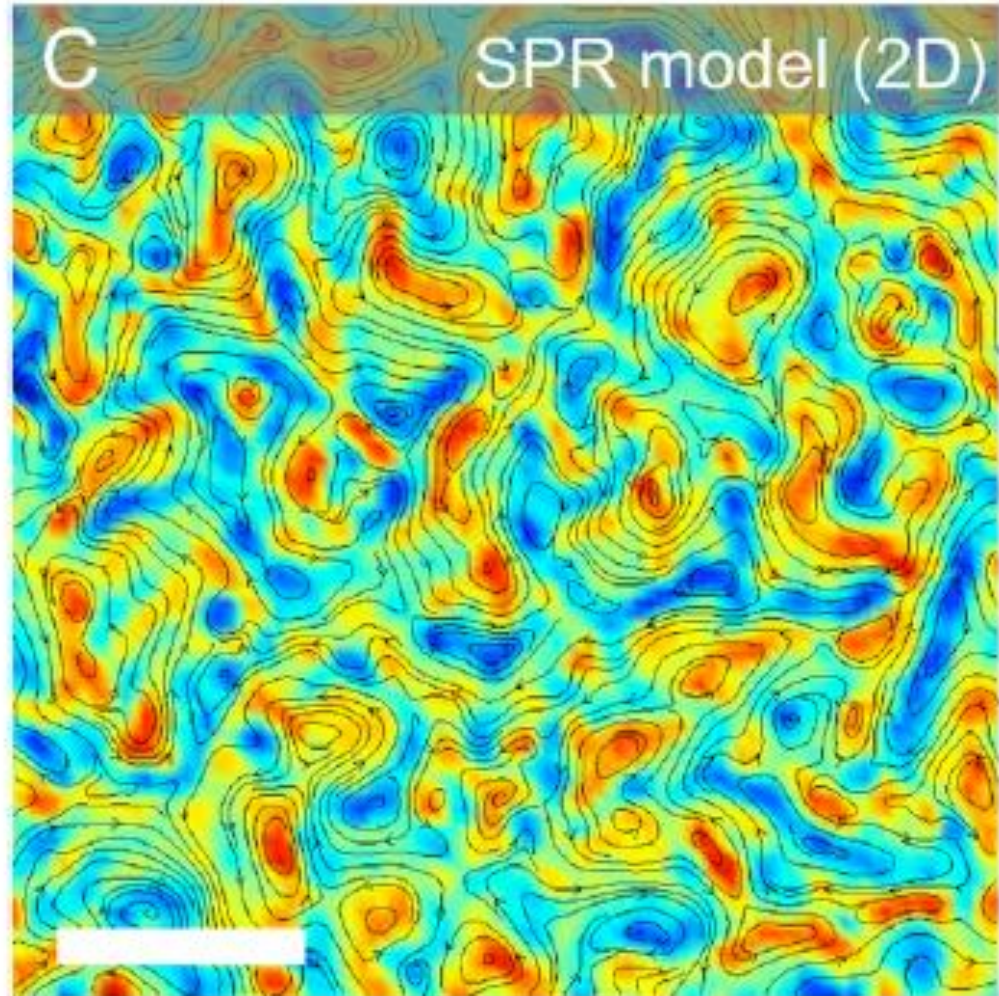


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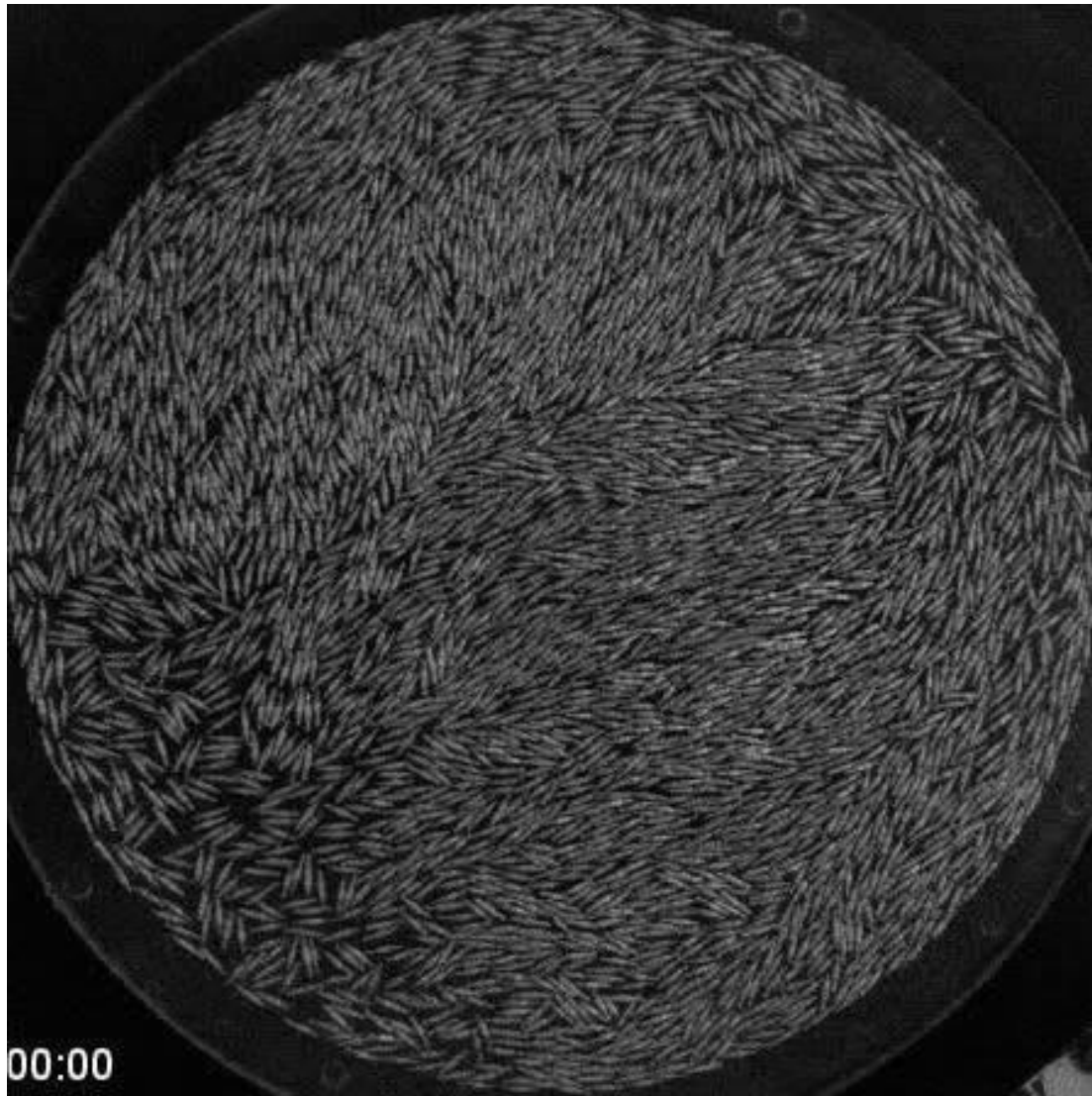
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Discrete simulations

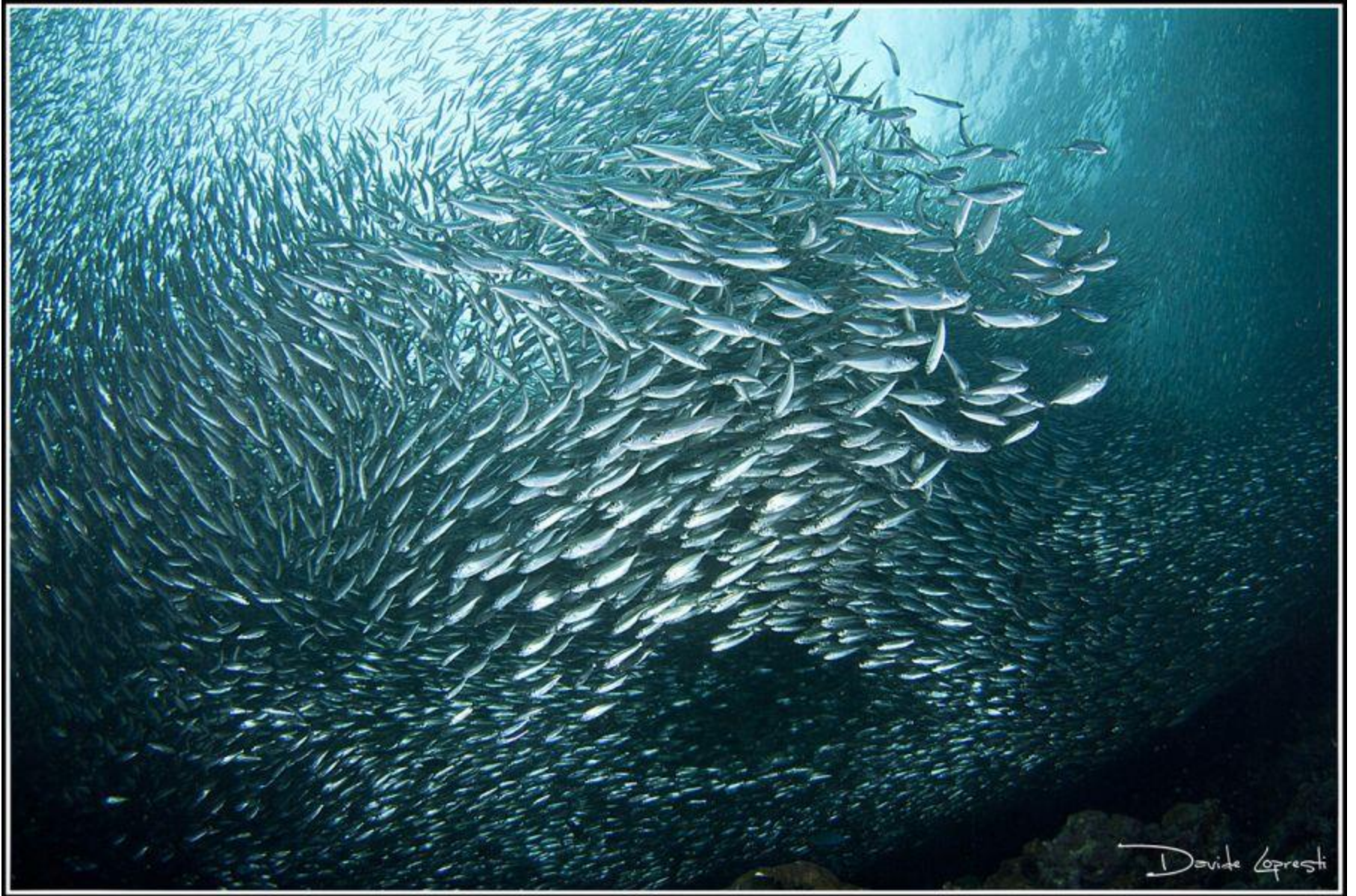


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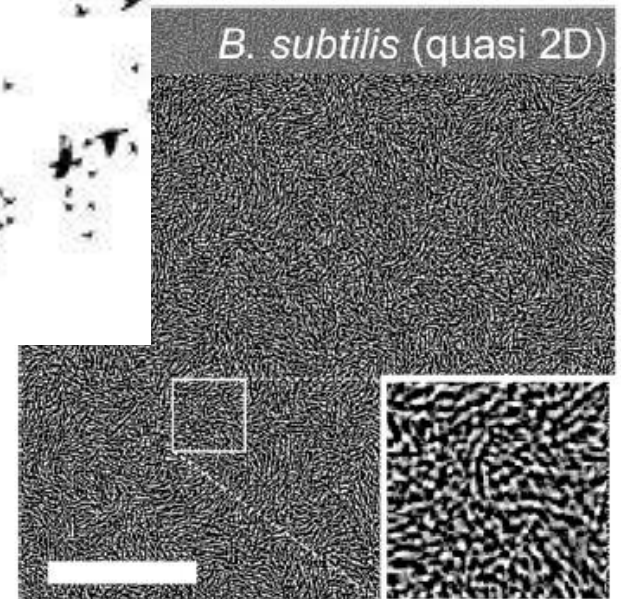
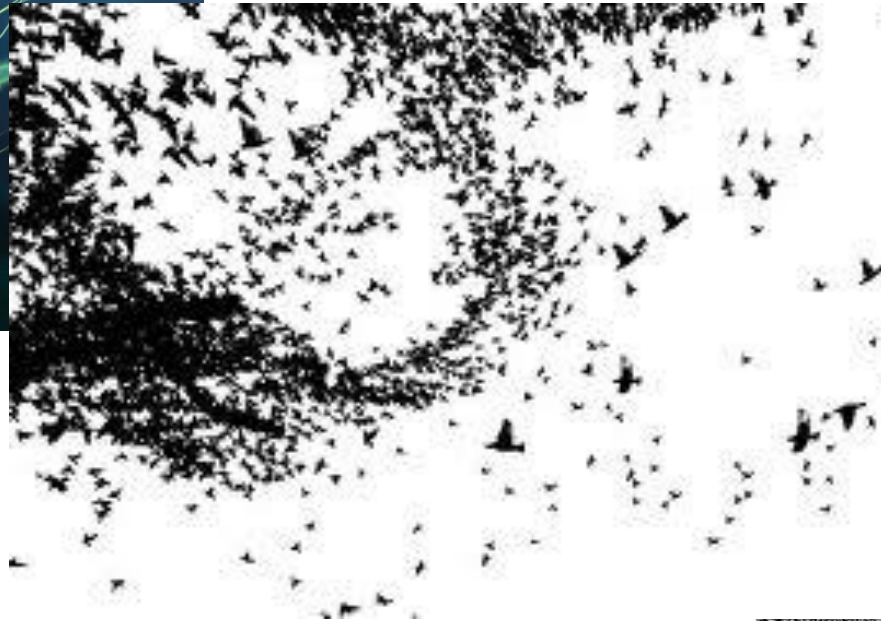
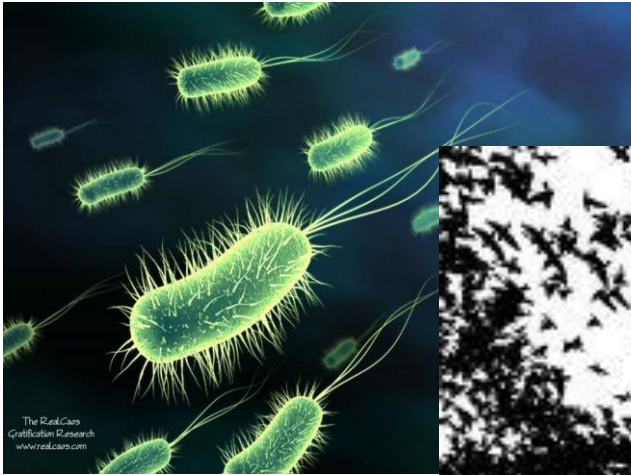


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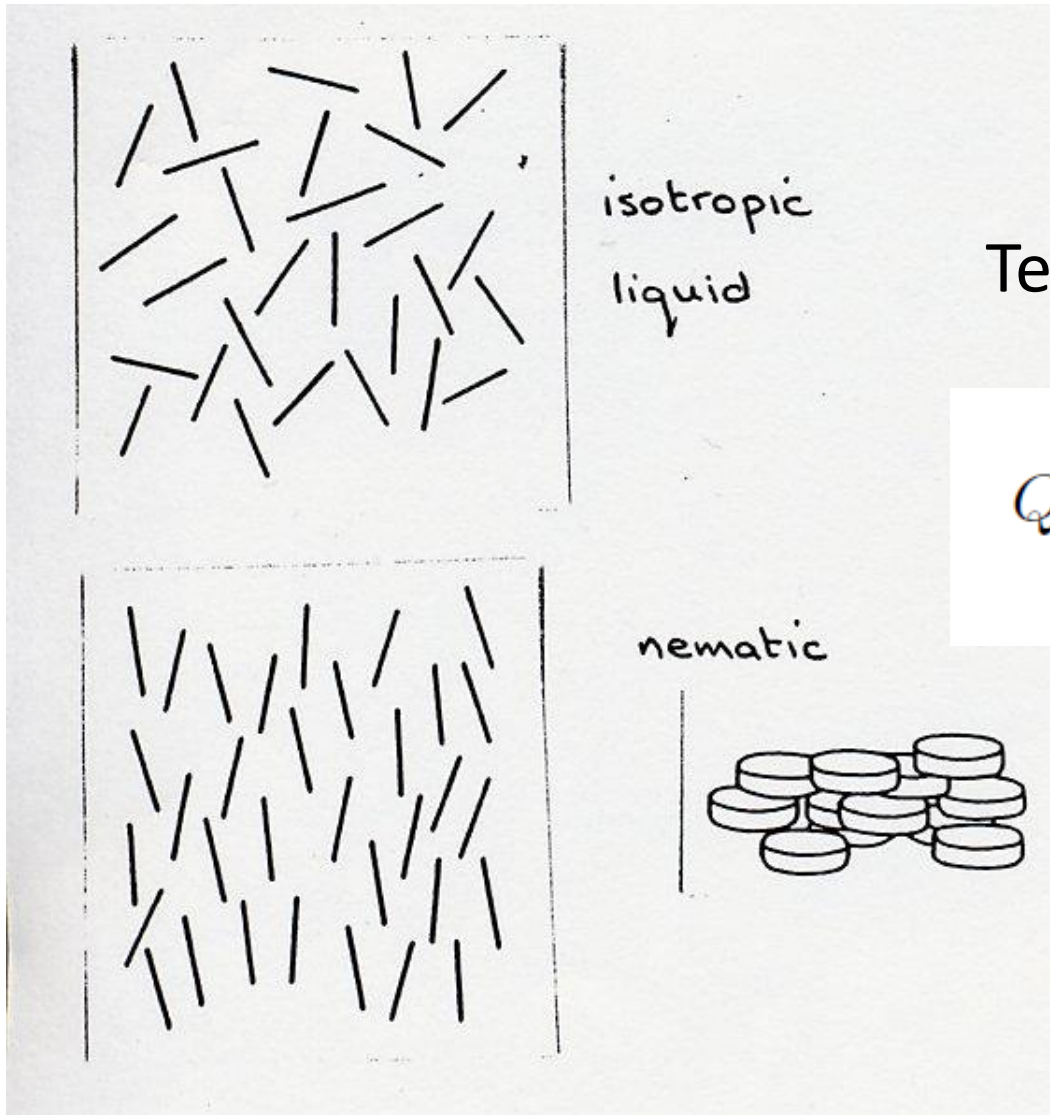
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concentration



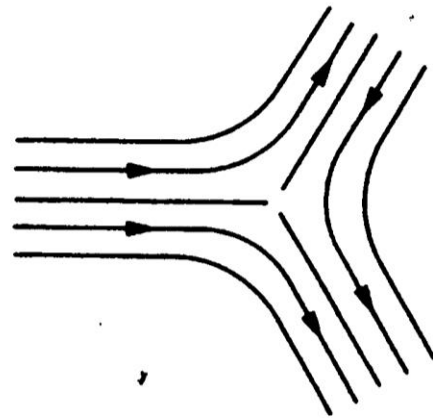
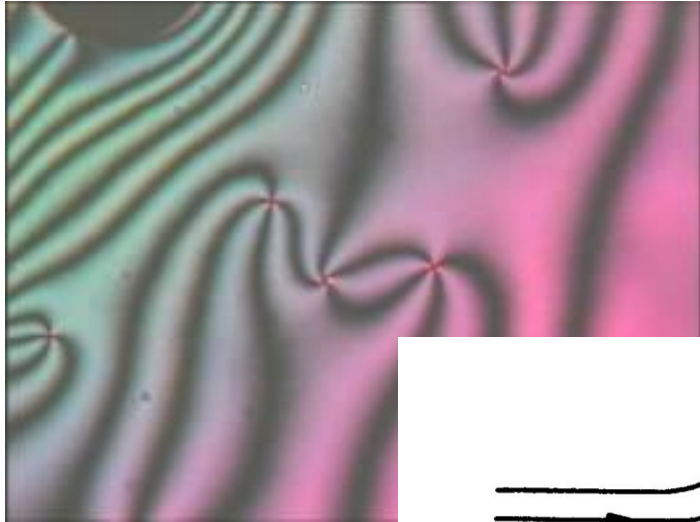
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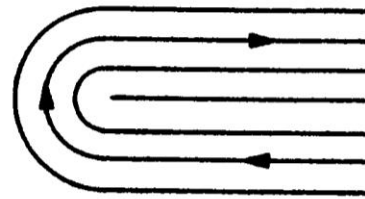
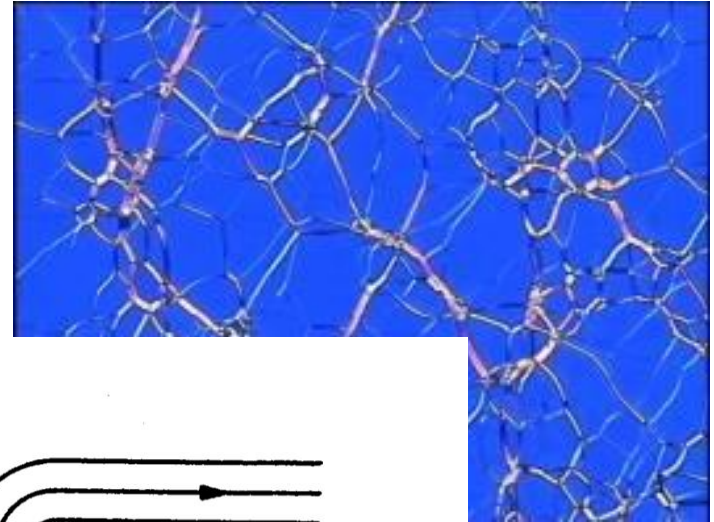
Tensor order parameter Q

$$Q_{ij} = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} (3n_i n_j - \delta_{ij}) \right\rangle$$

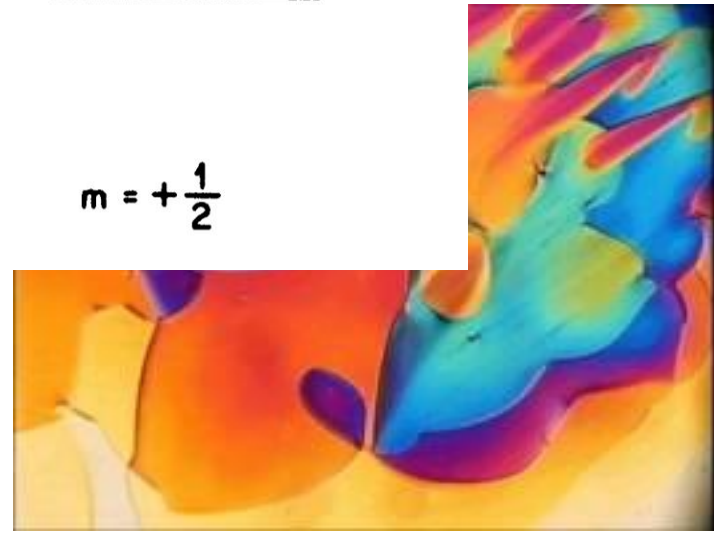
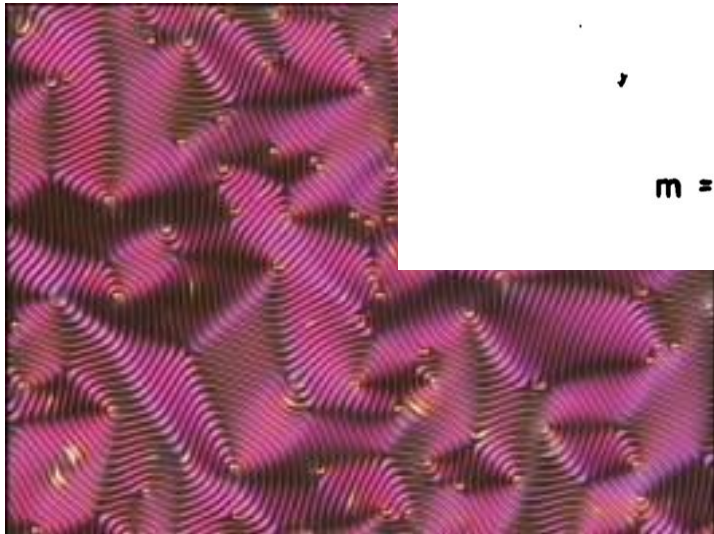
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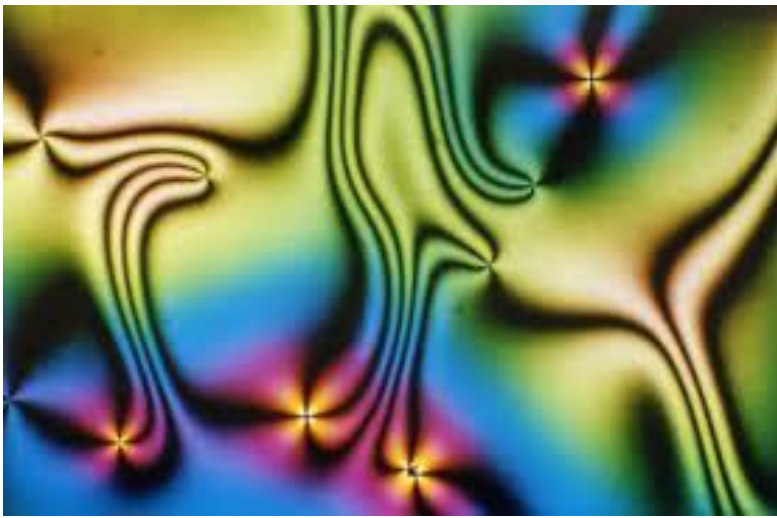


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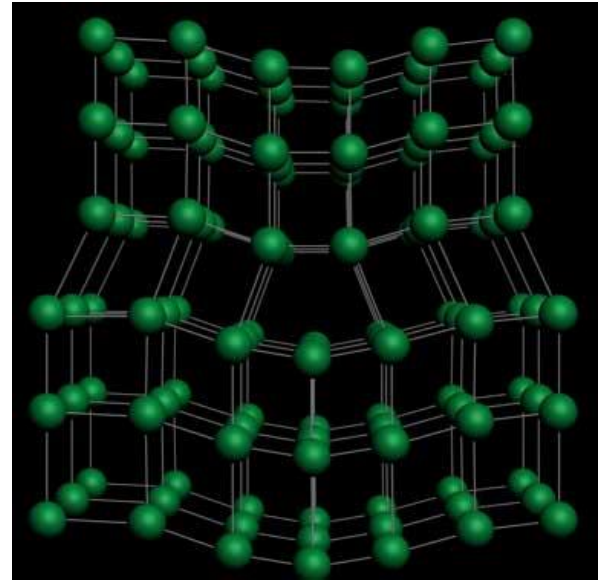


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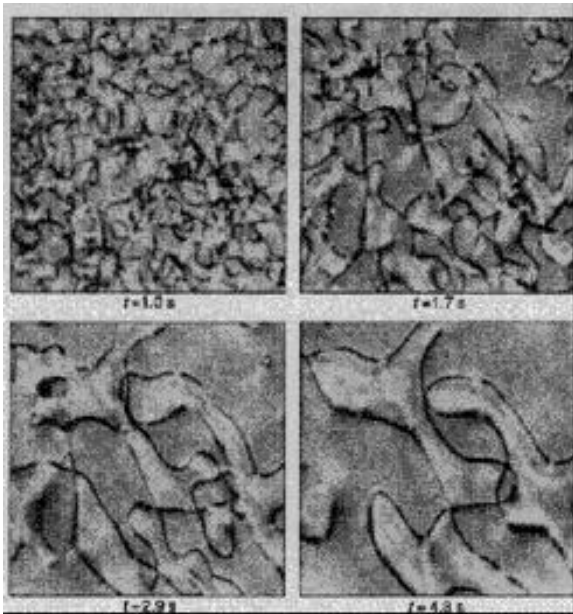




liquid crystals



crystal dislocations

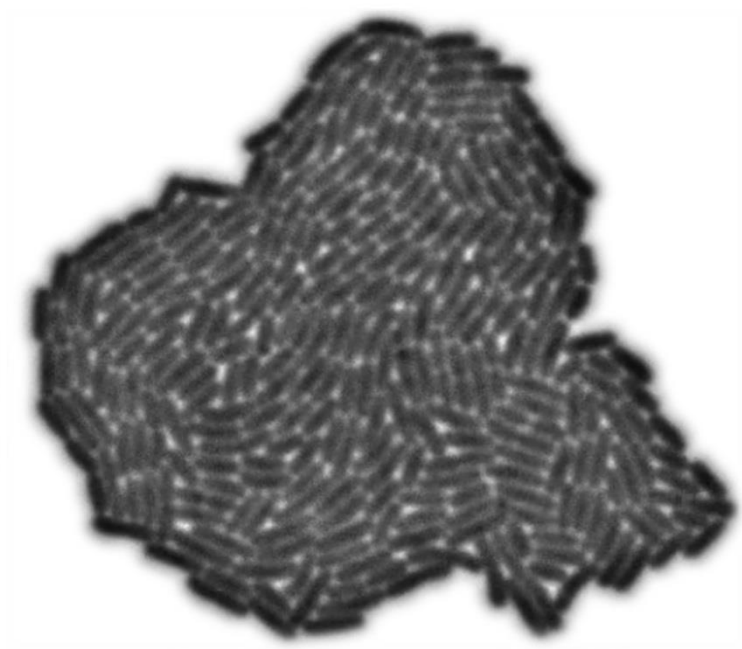


cosmic strings in the early universe

magnetic monopoles in spin ice

topological insulators

quantum vortex in a superfluid



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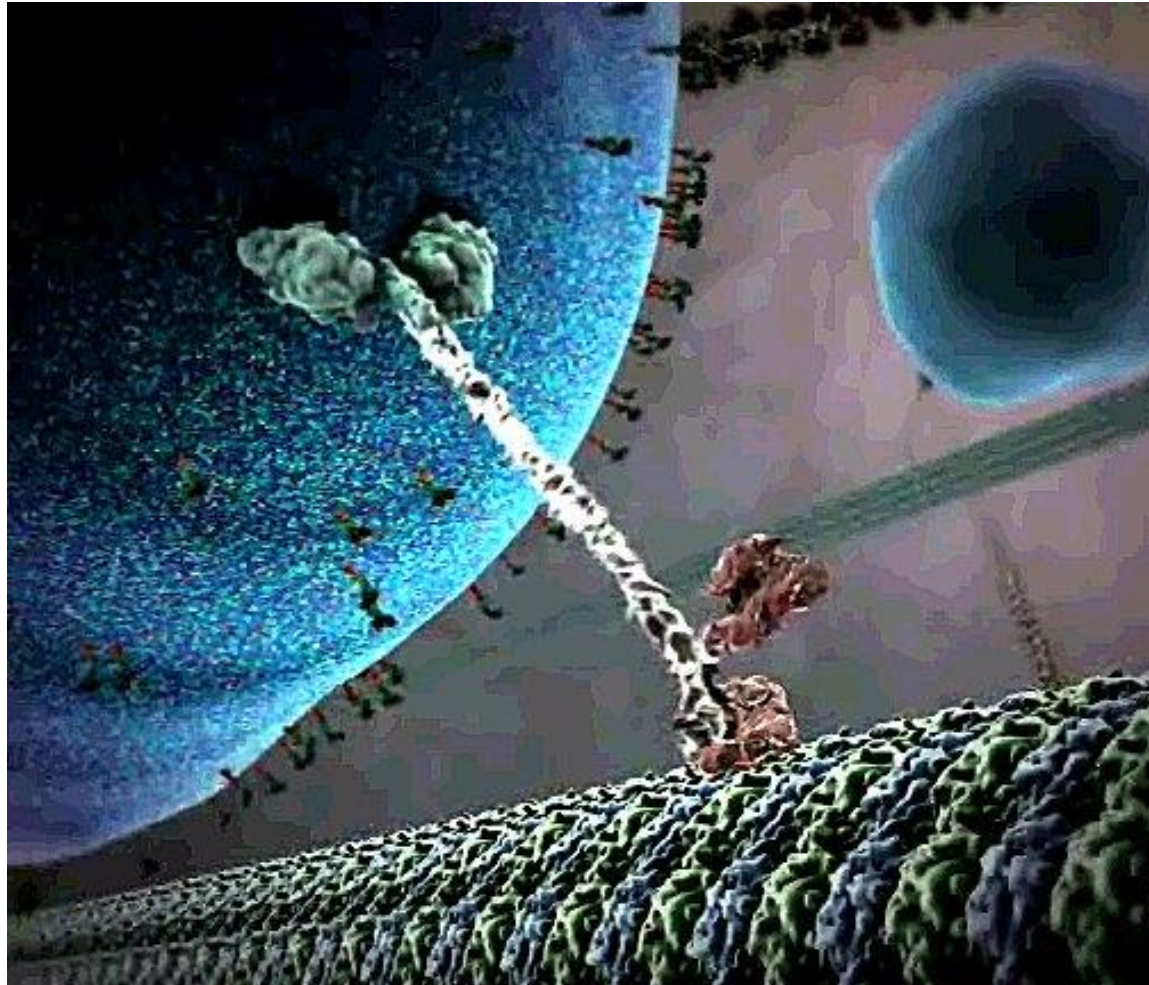
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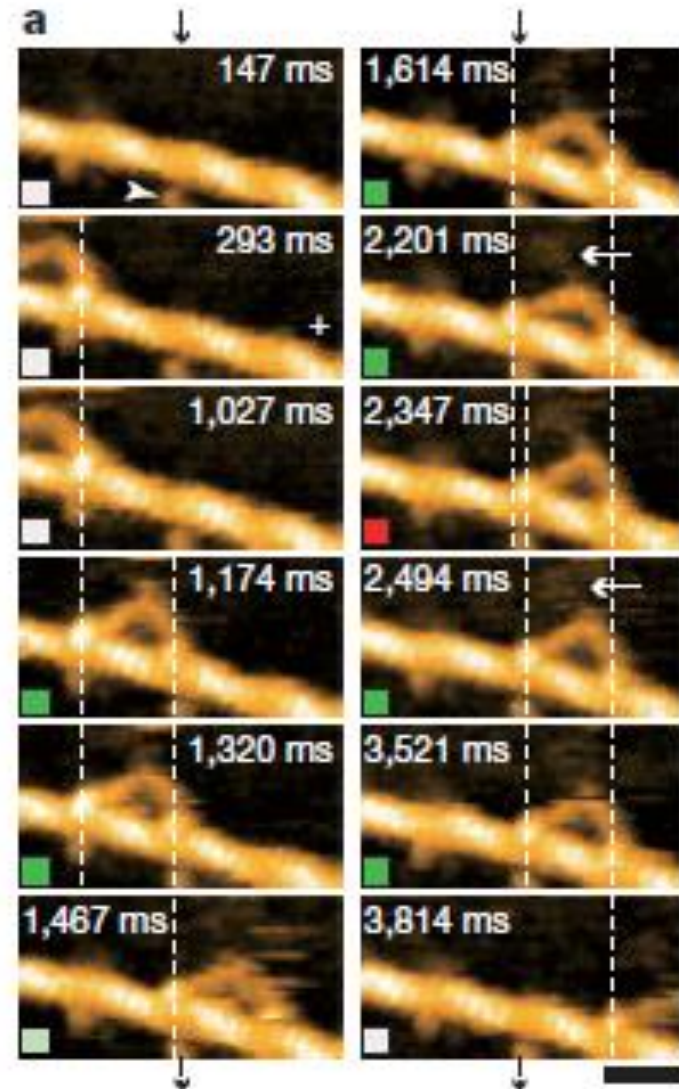
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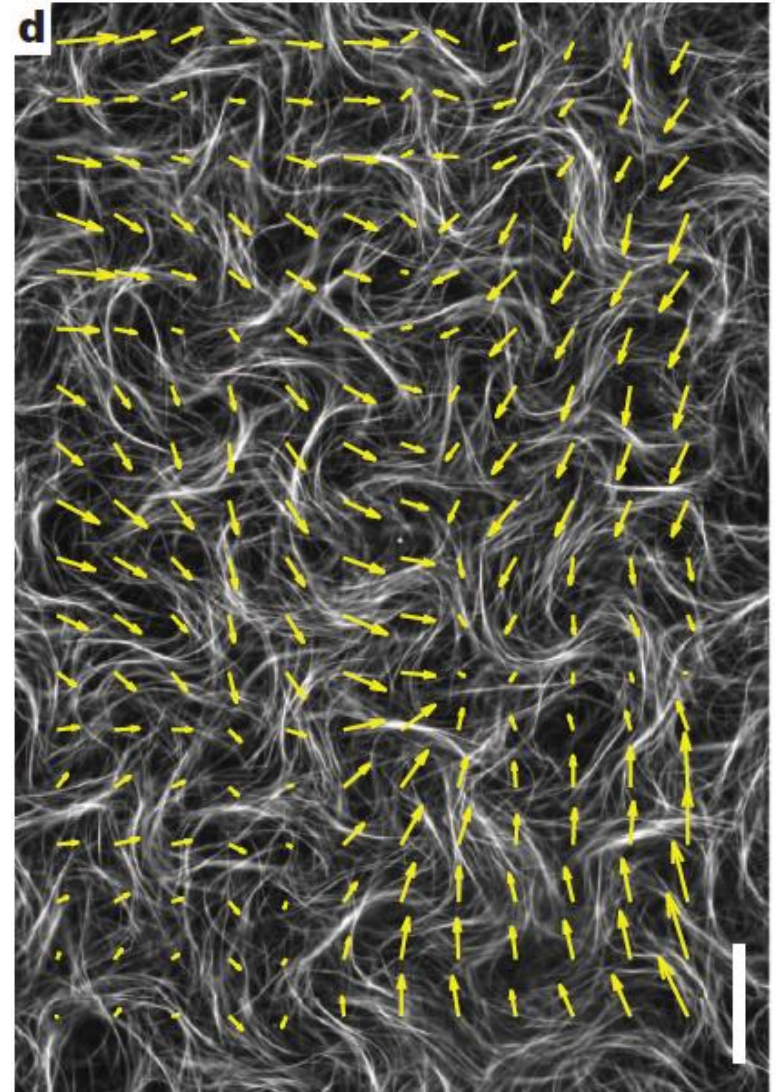
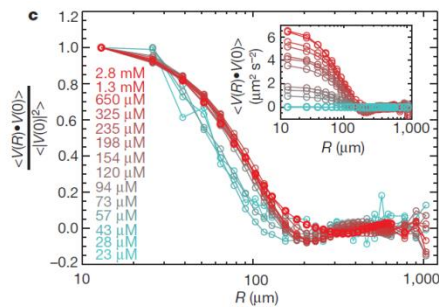
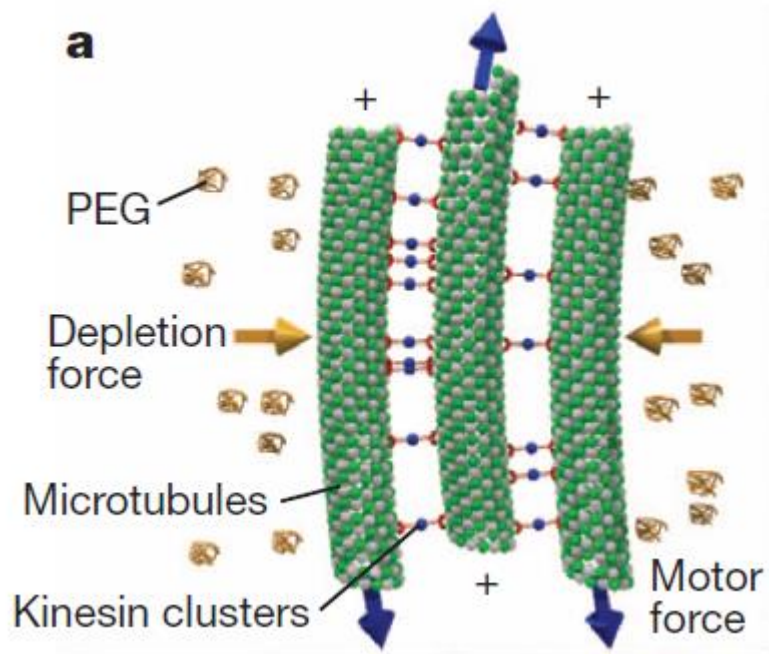


YouTube –Inner Life of a Cell



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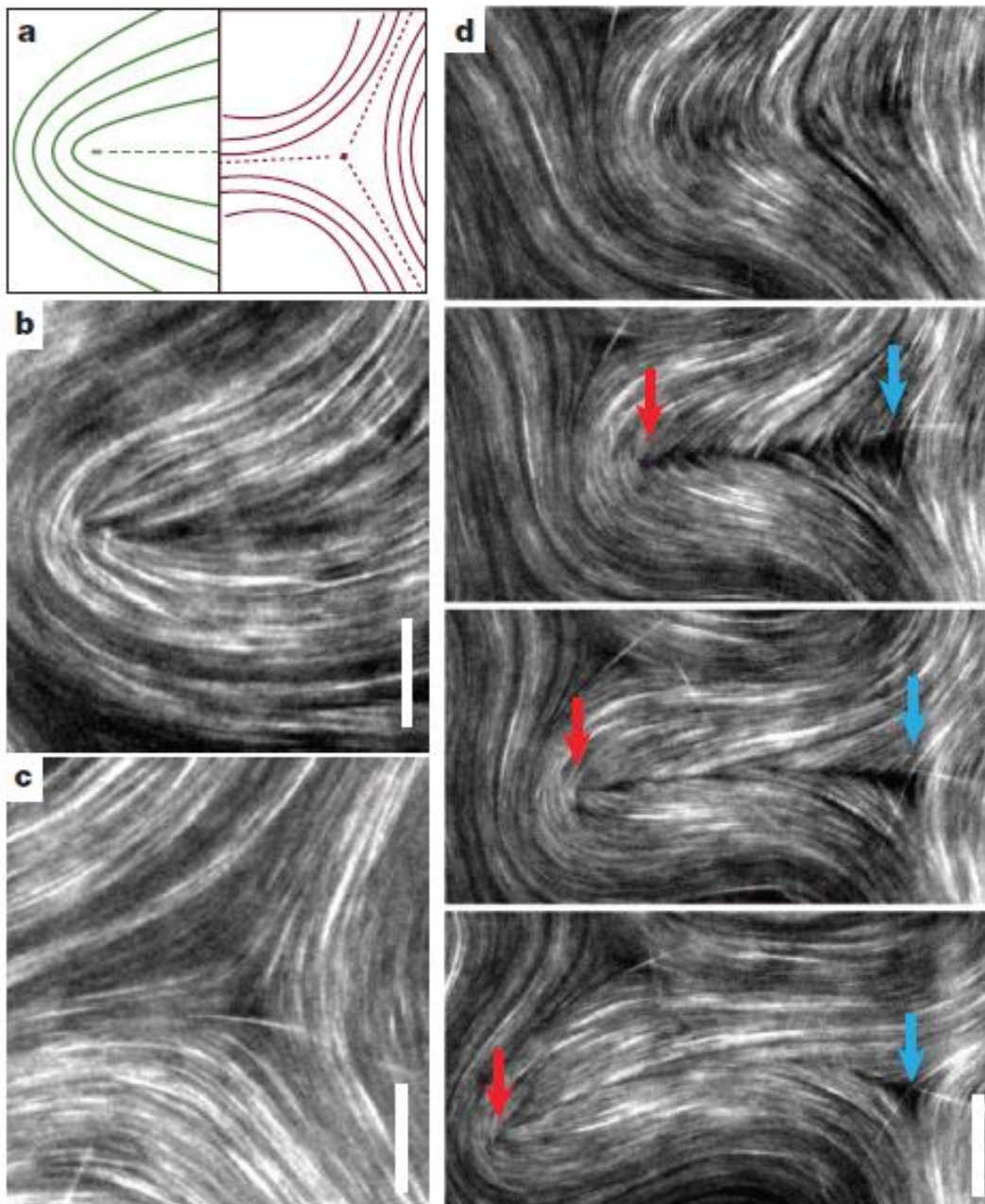
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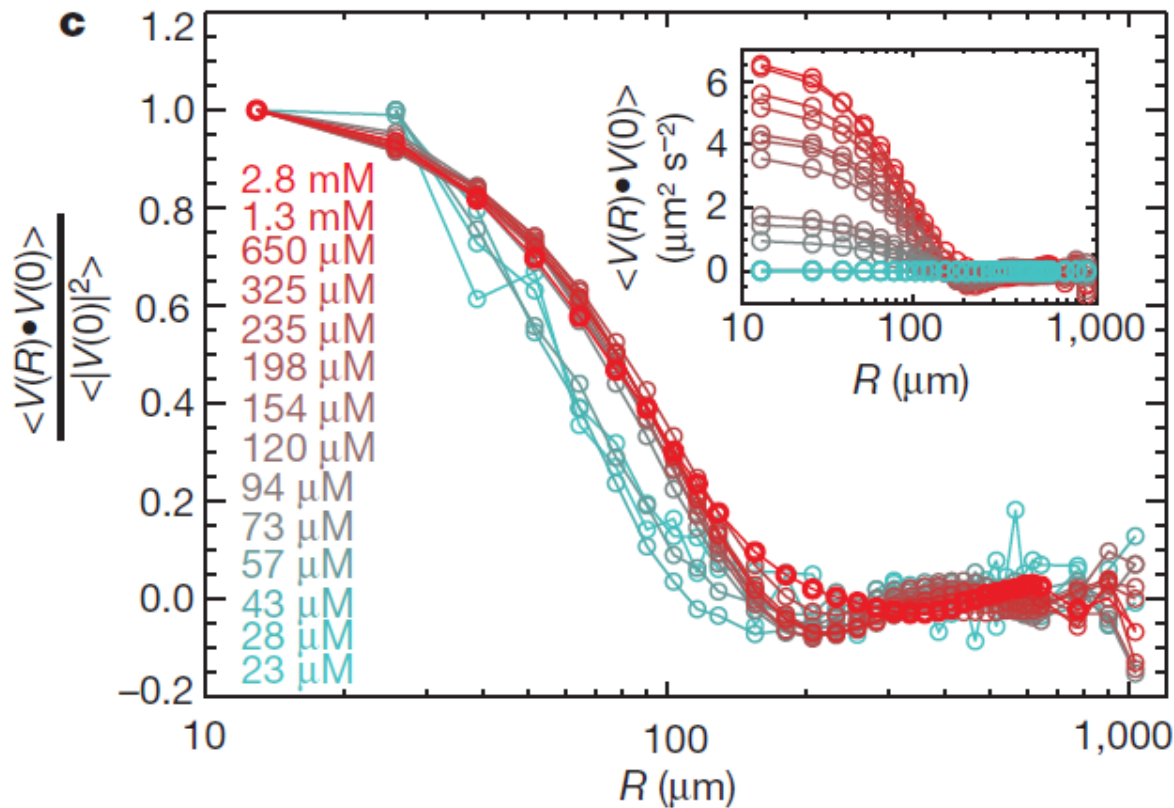
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$$\Pi_{ij}^{active} = -\zeta Q_{ij}$$

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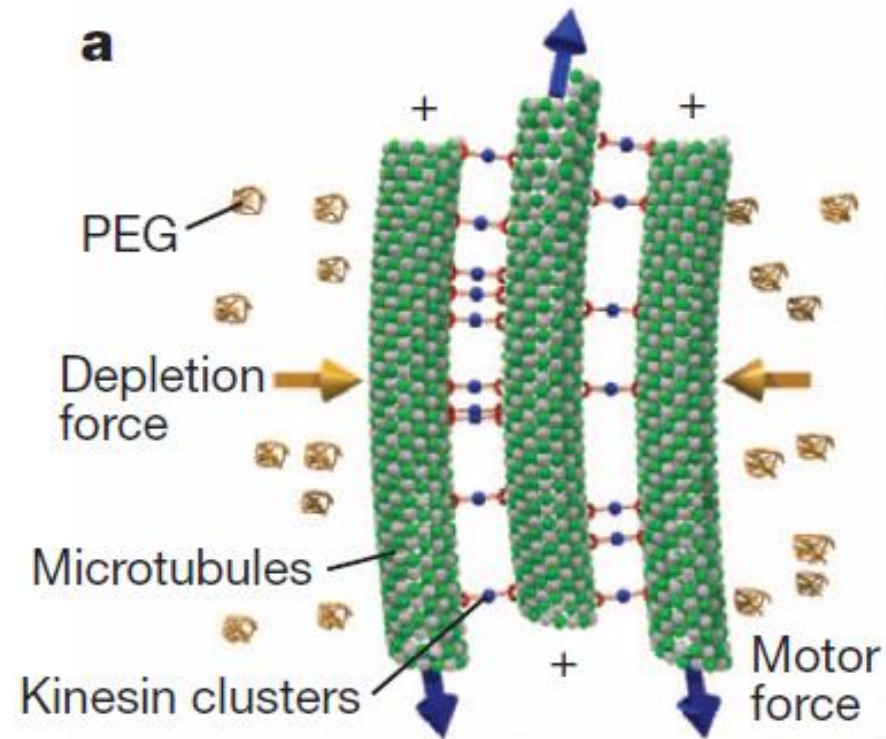
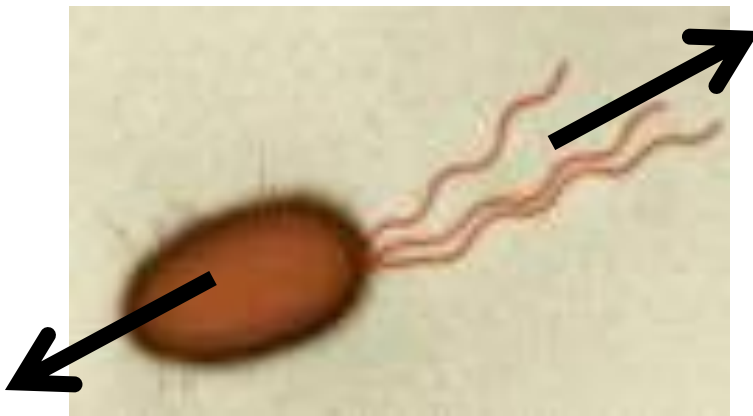
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Active term in the stress tensor

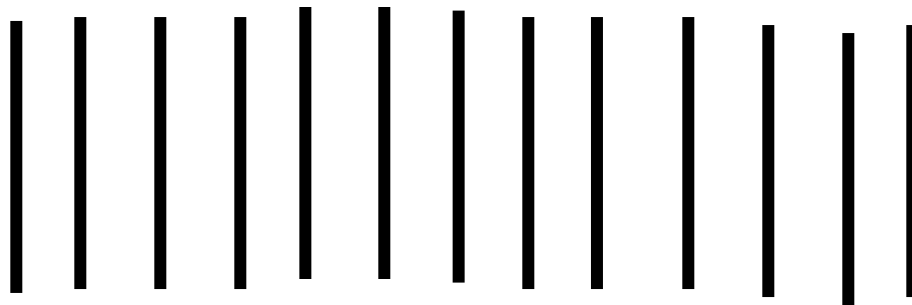
Active contribution to the stress $-\zeta Q_{\alpha\beta}$

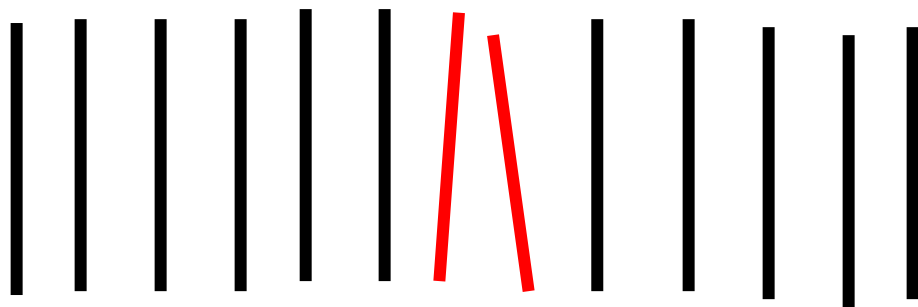
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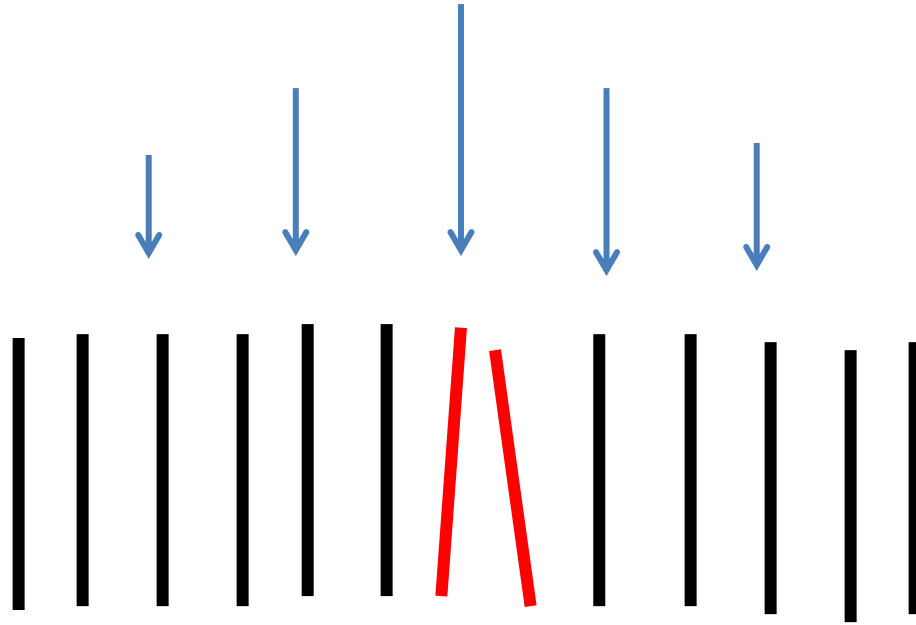
Consequence of a dipolar source term

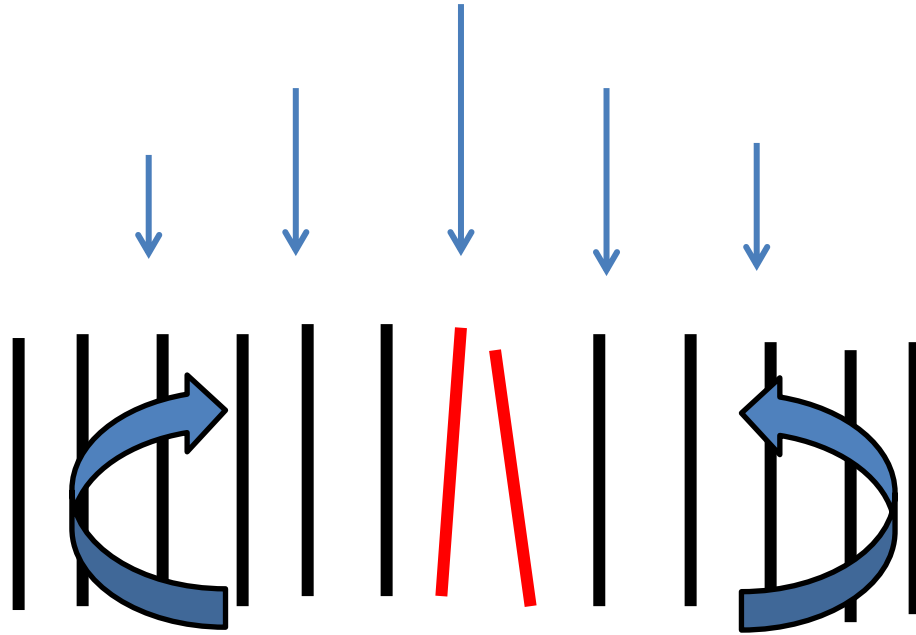


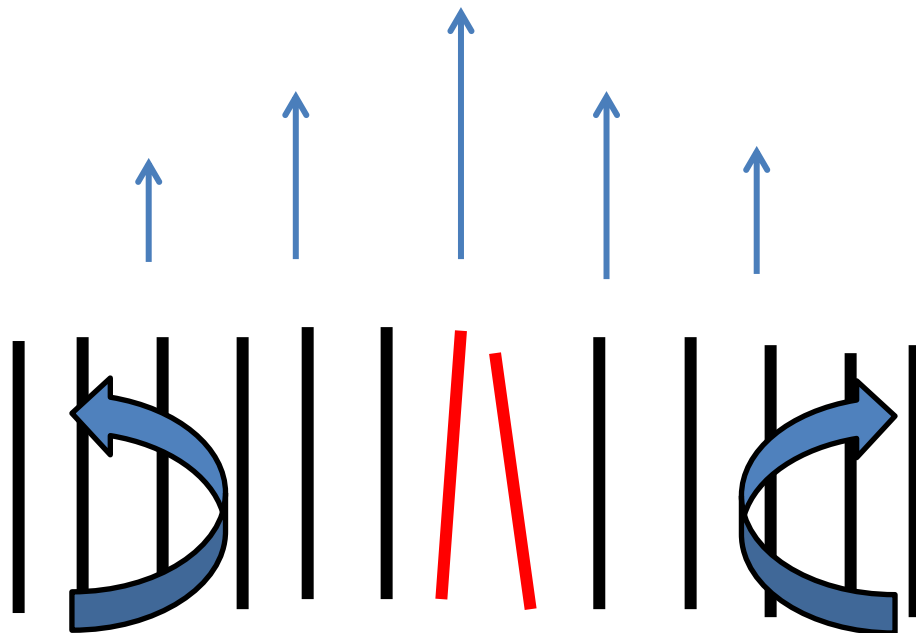
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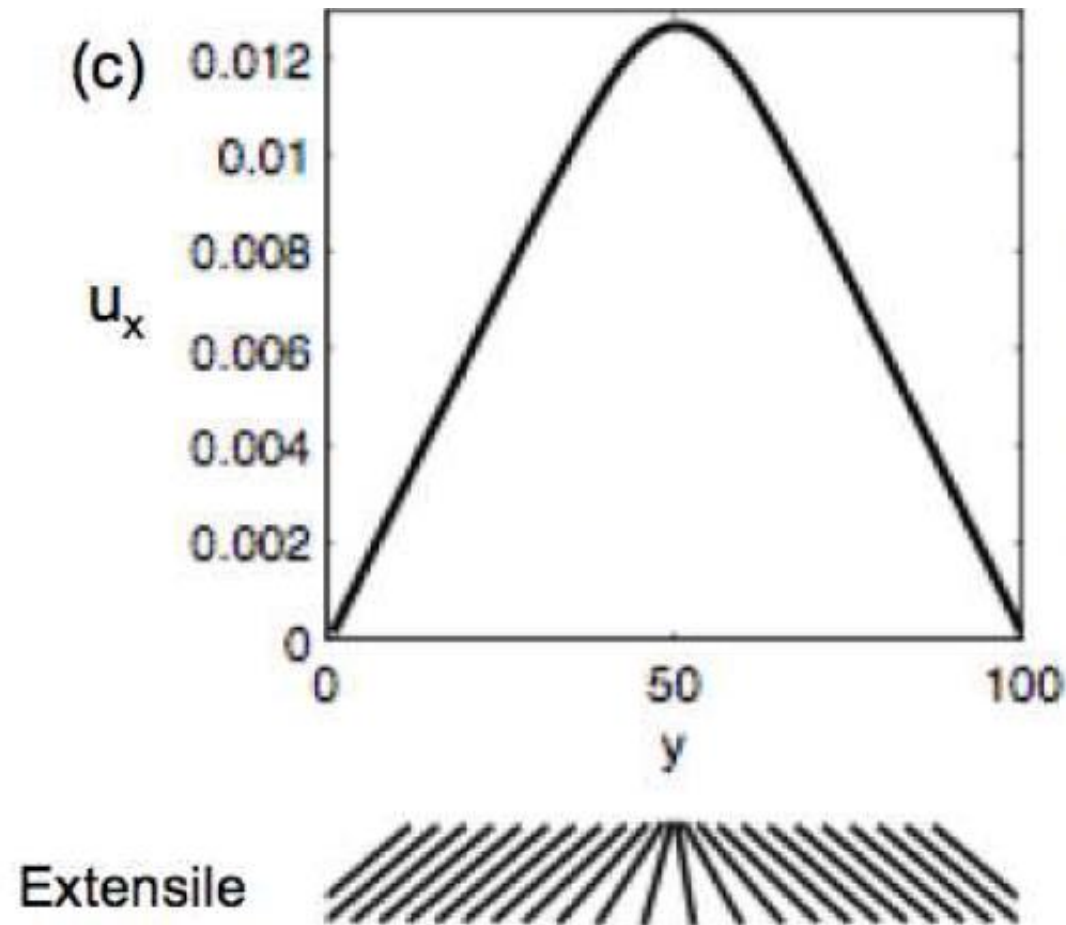








1D active flow



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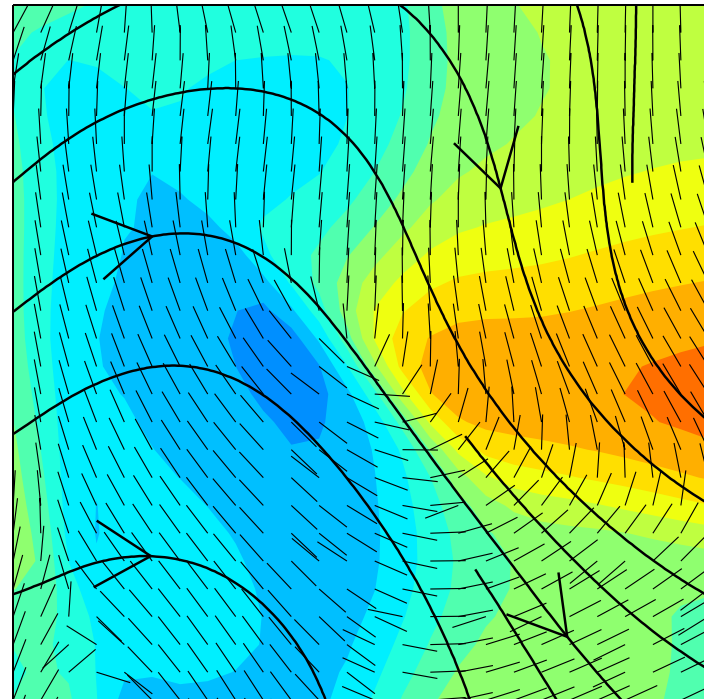
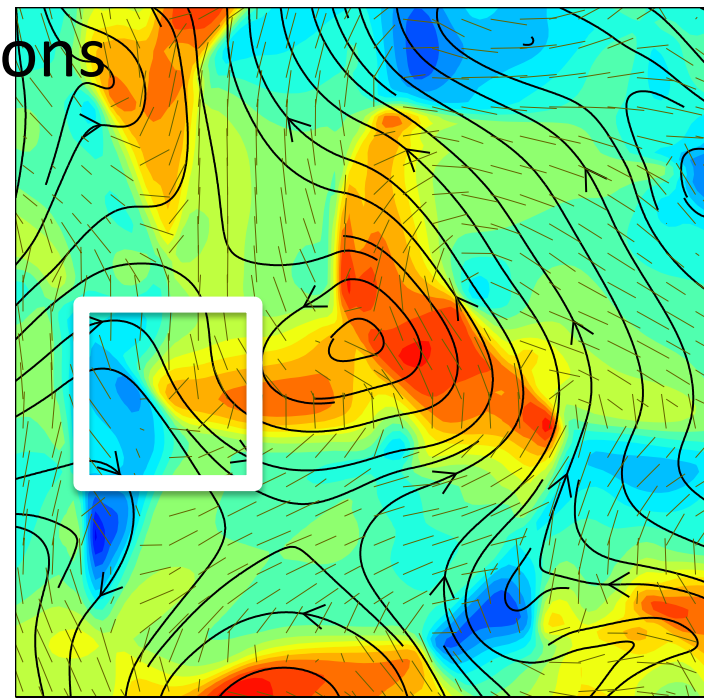
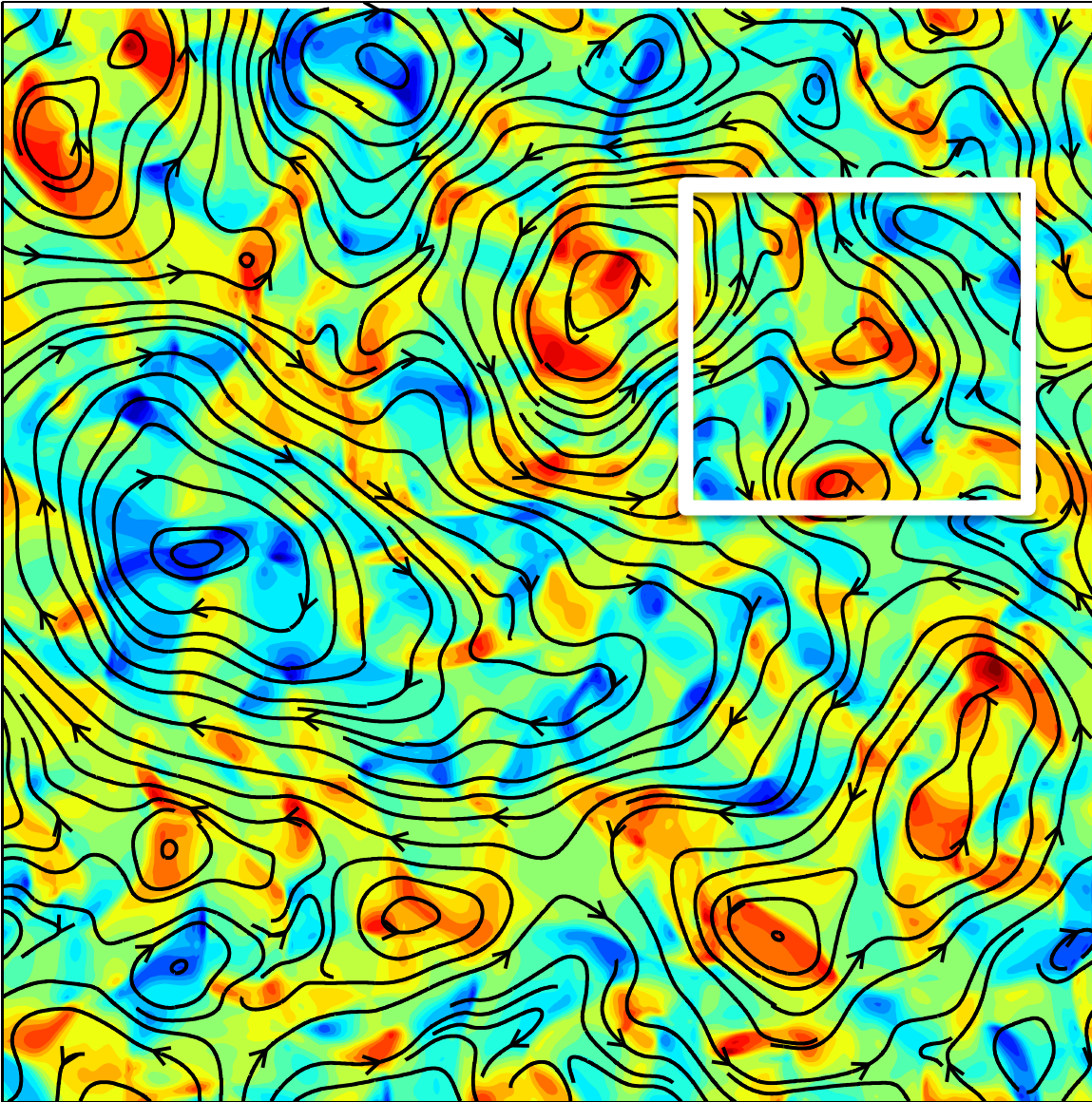
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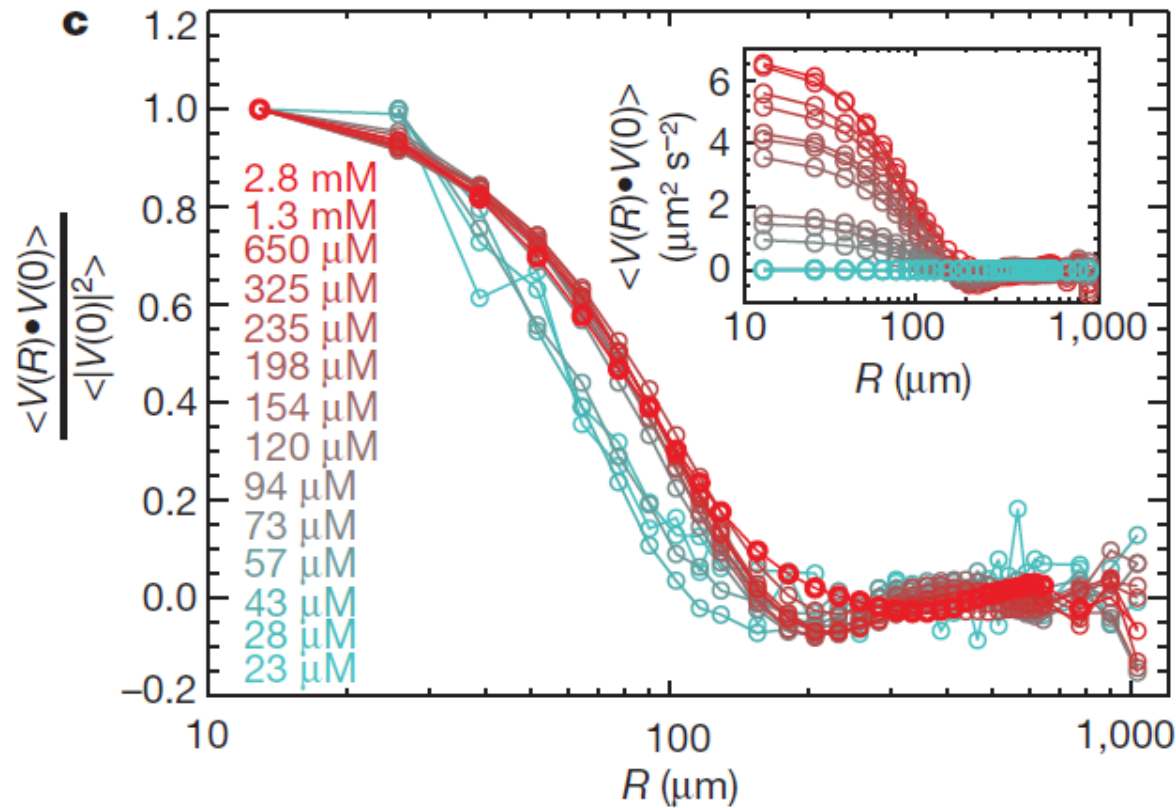
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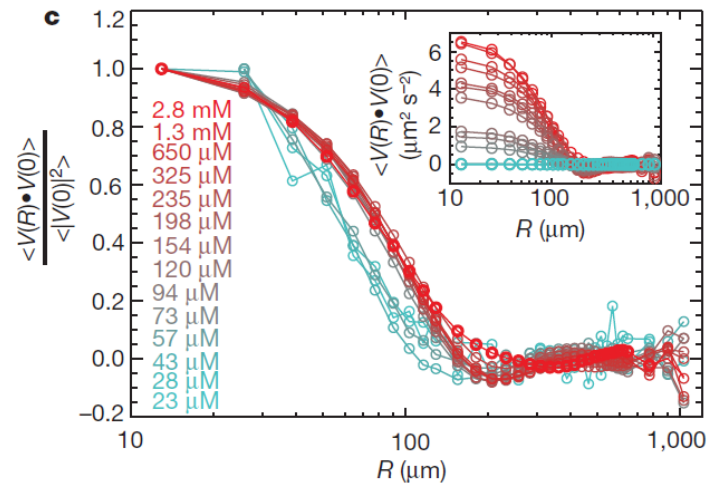
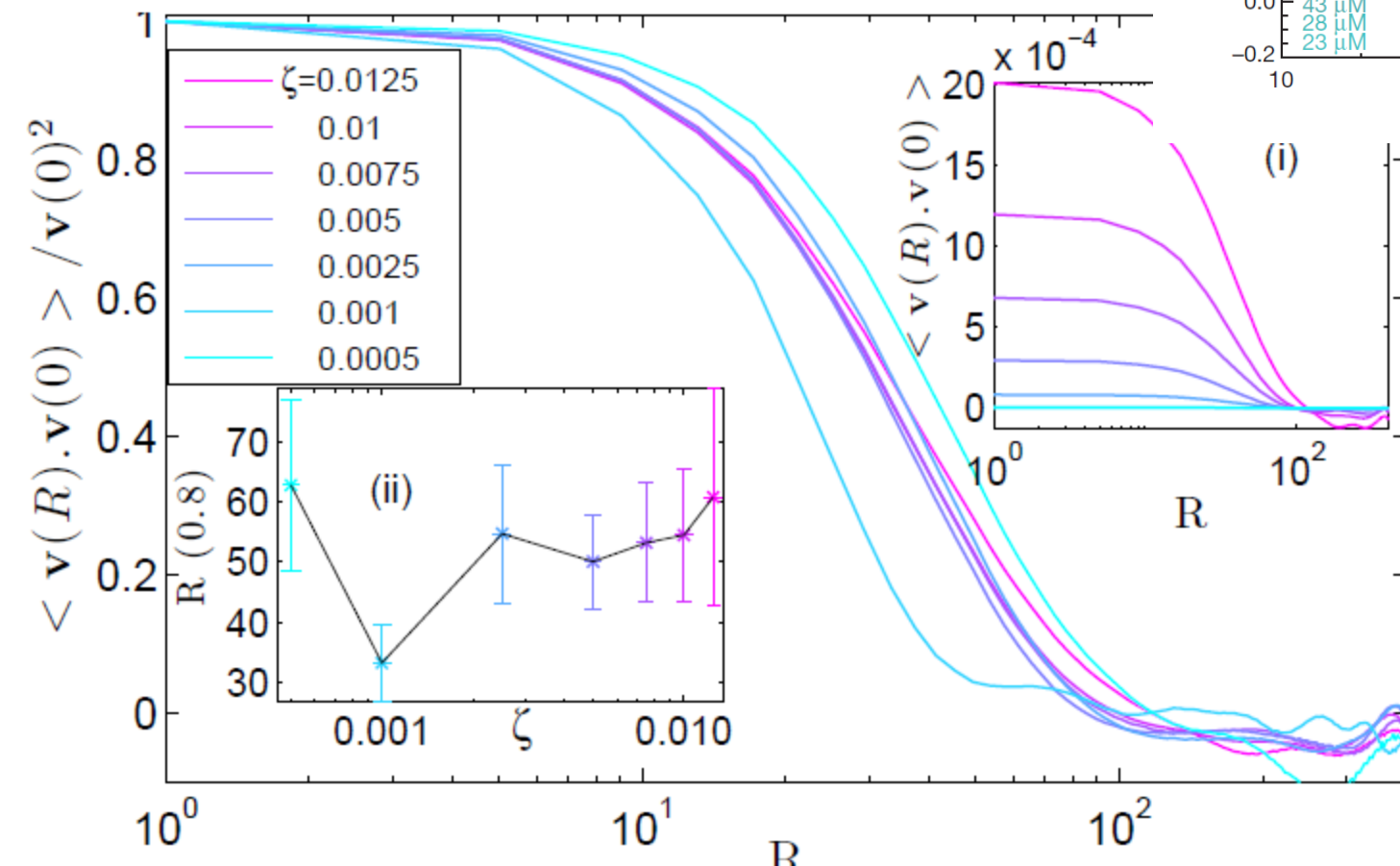
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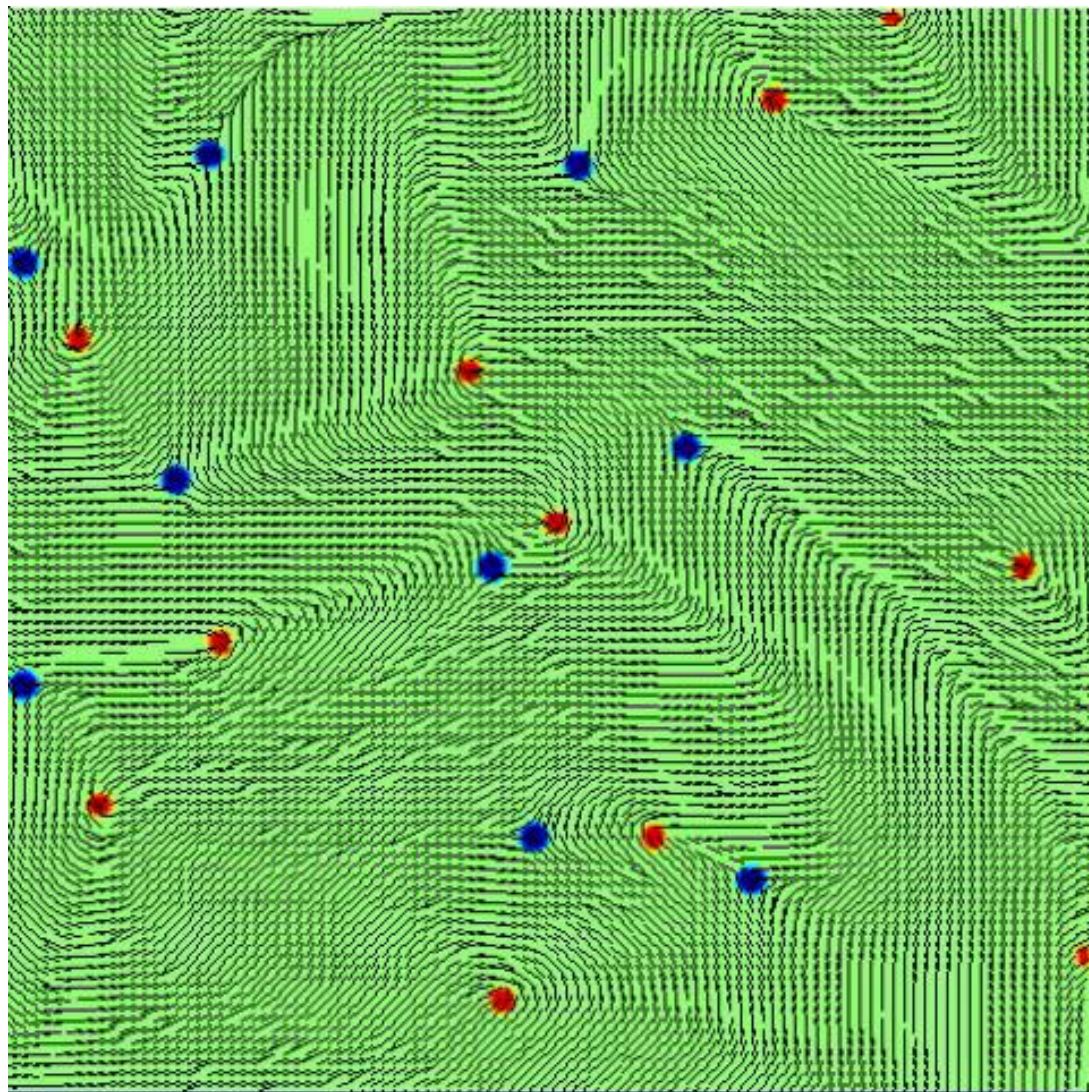


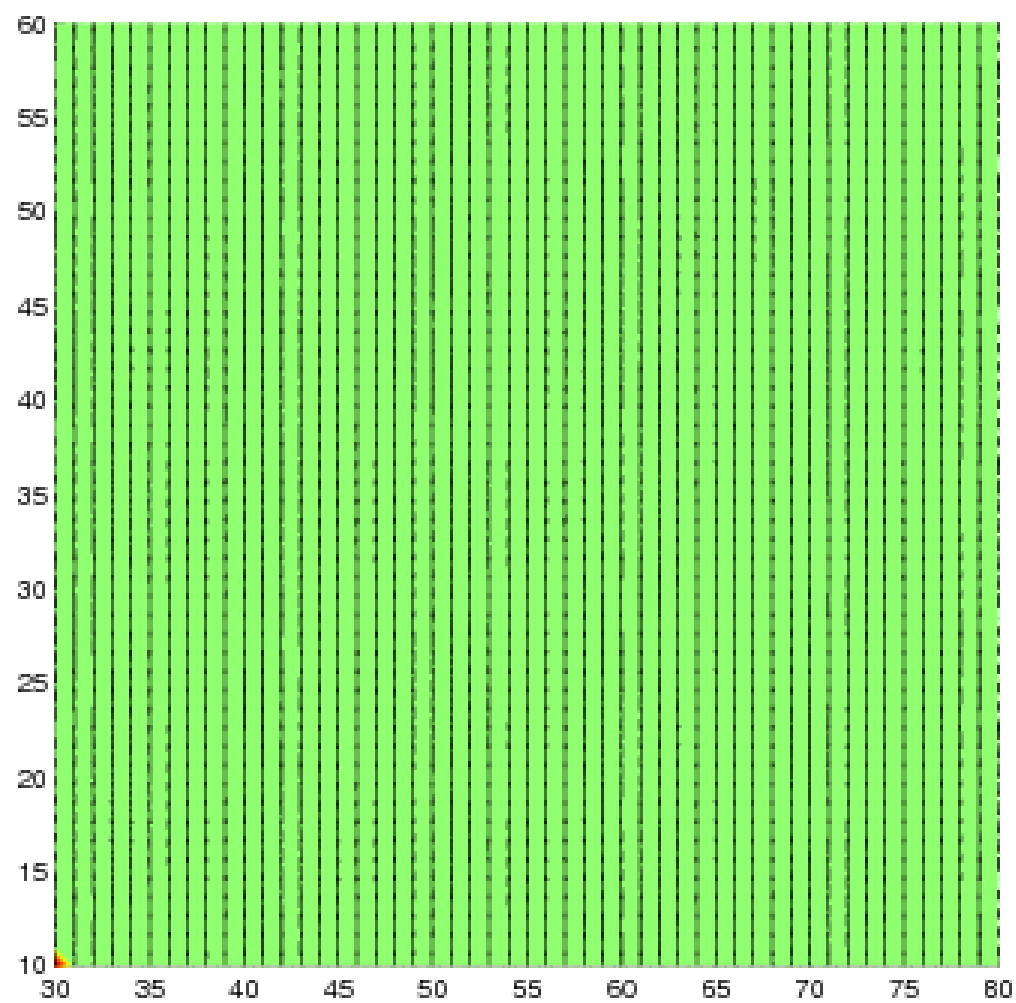
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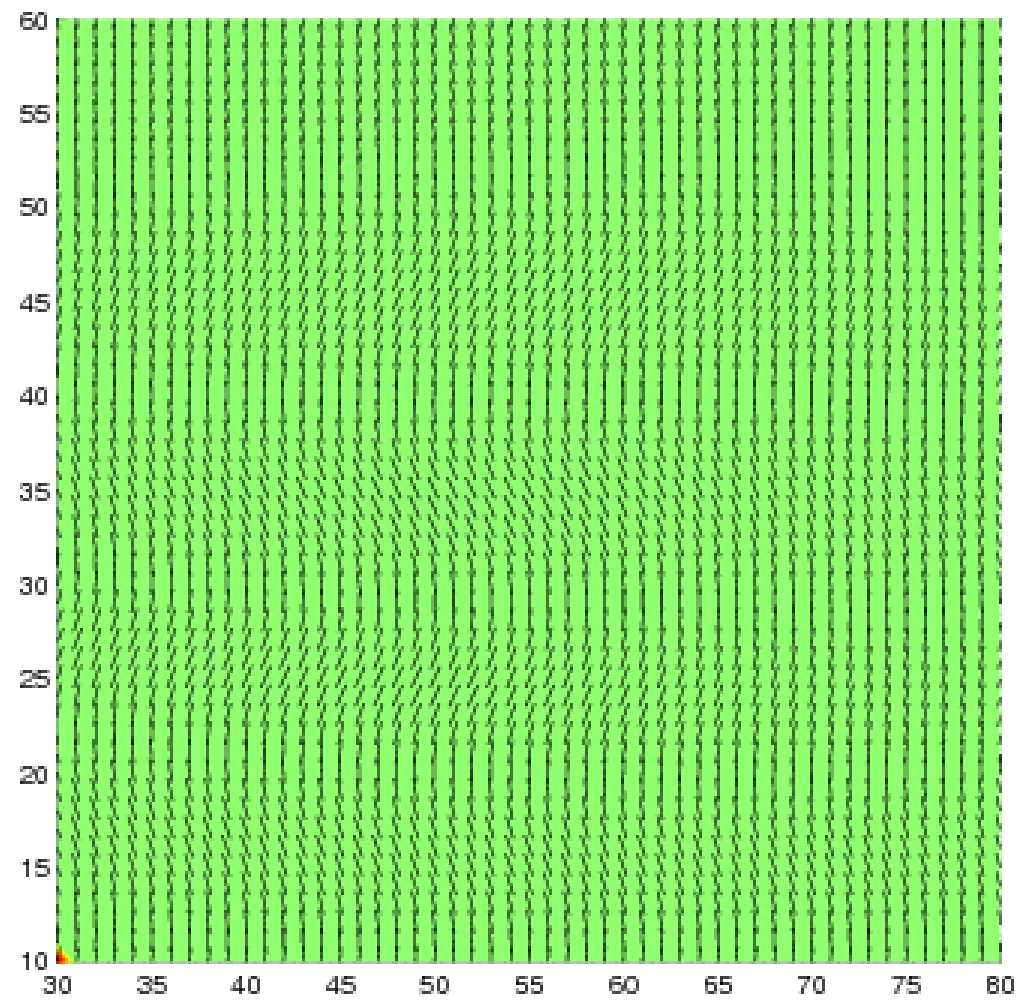
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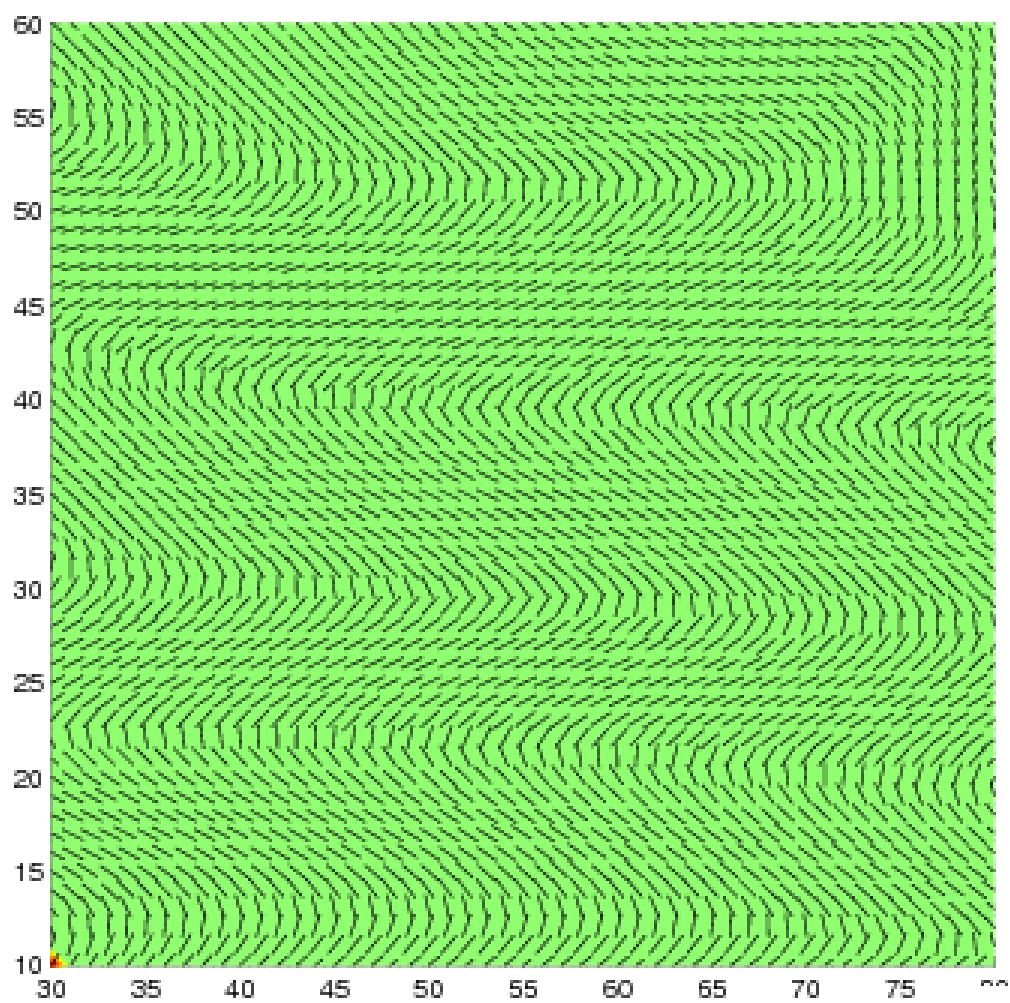
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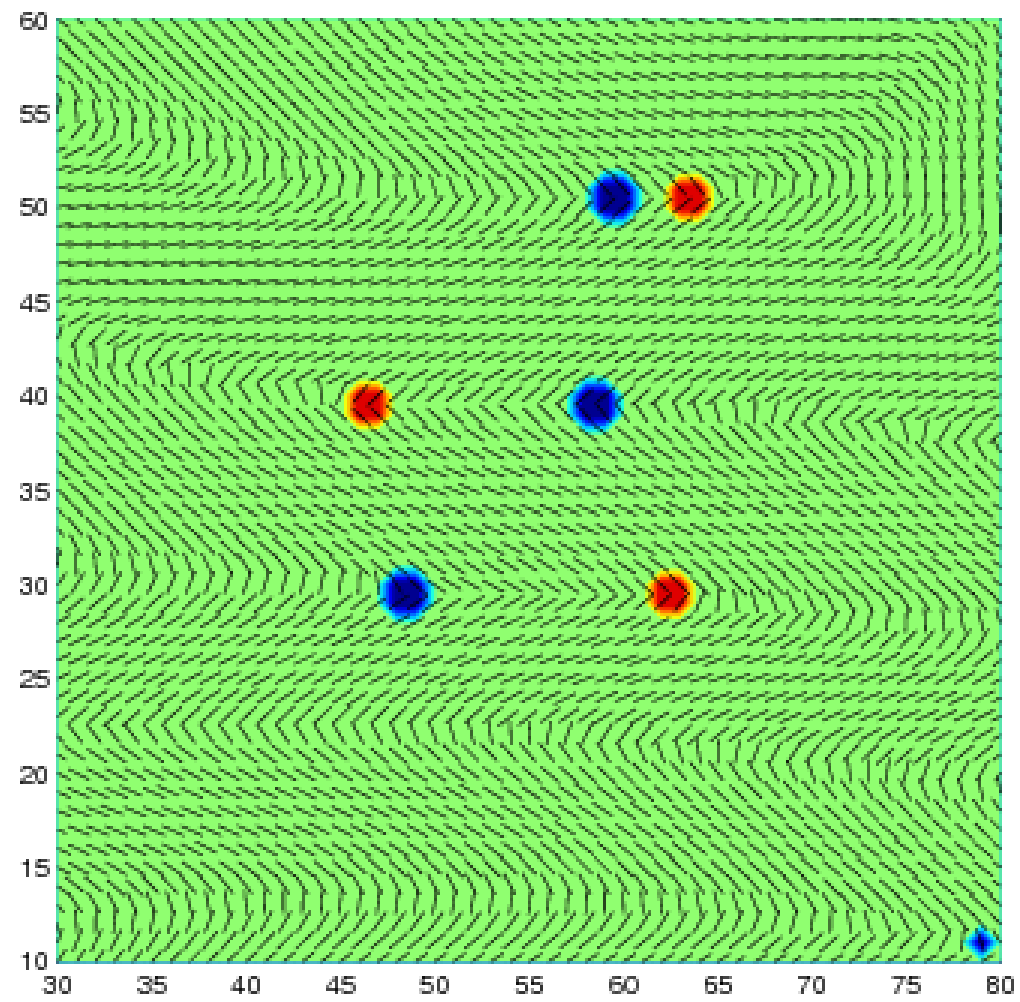


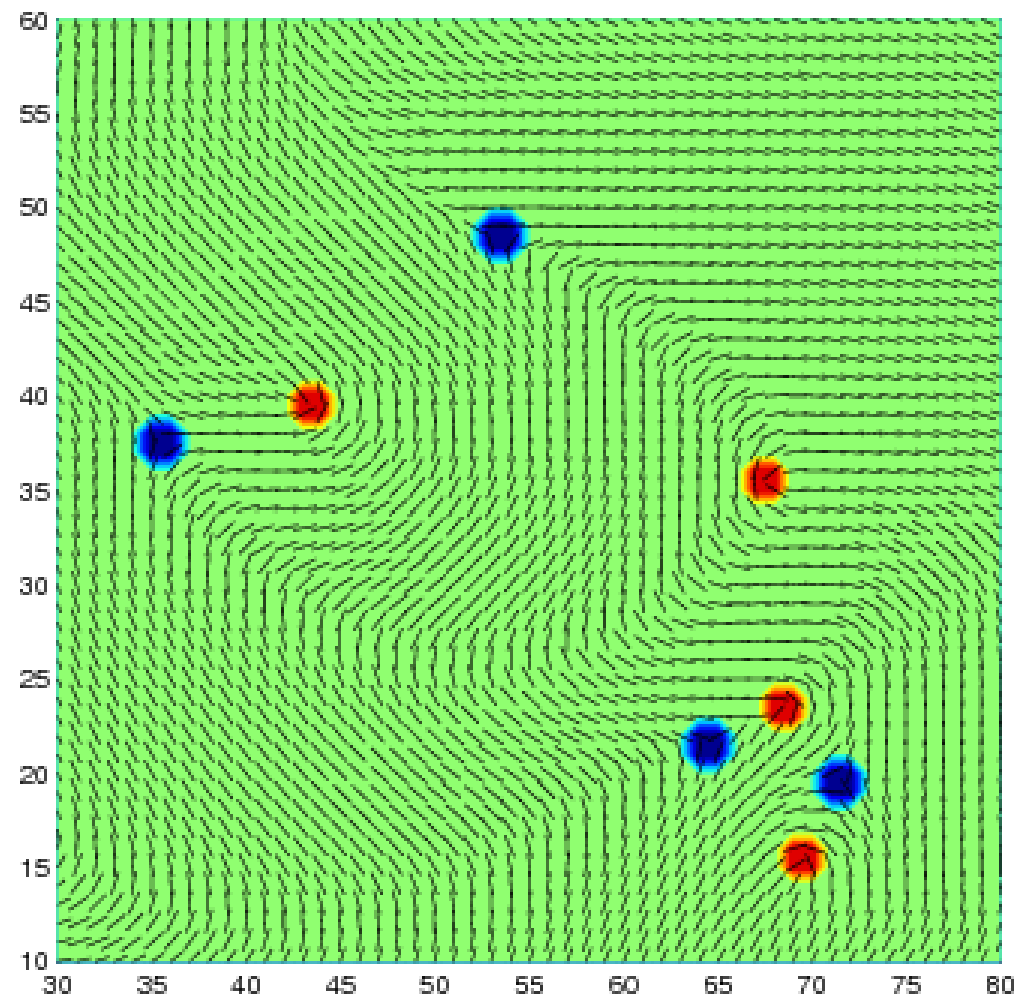




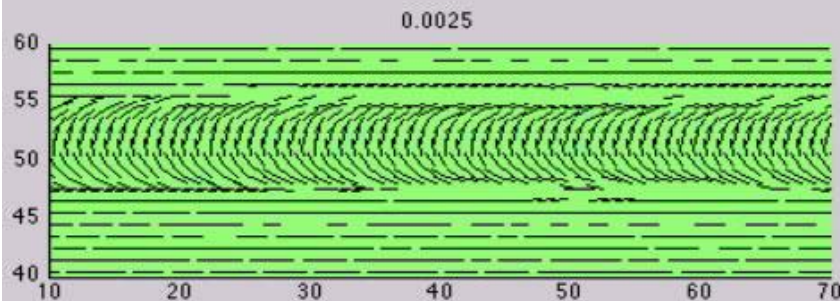
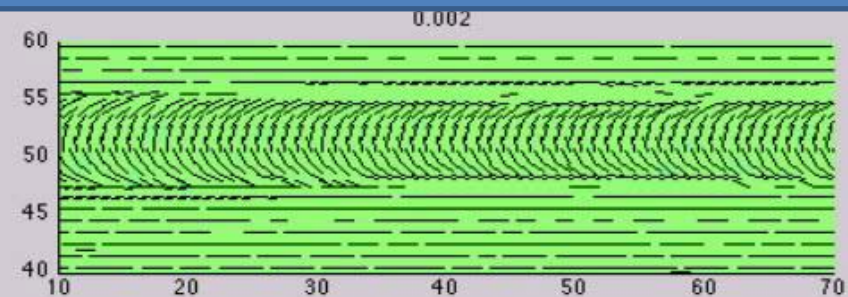
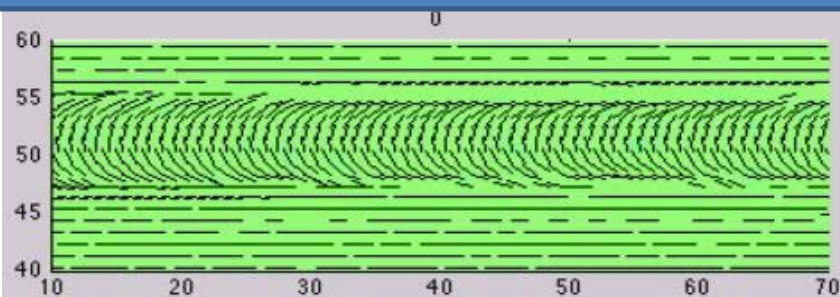


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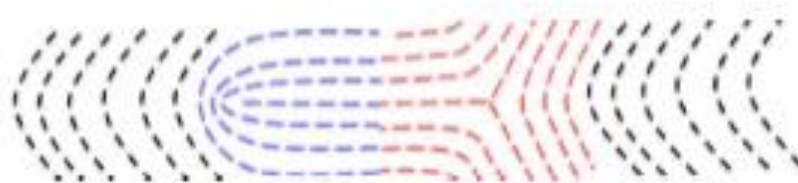
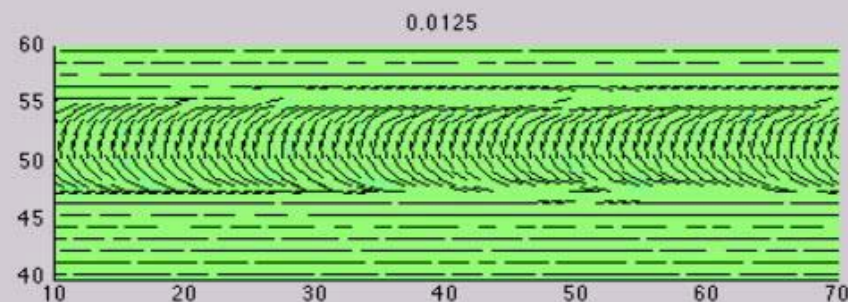
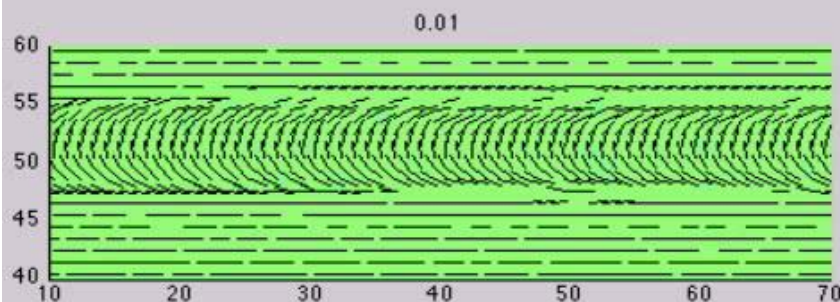
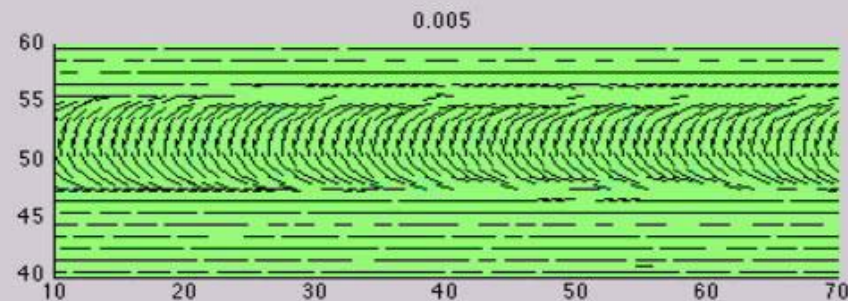




Defect formation: bend deformation



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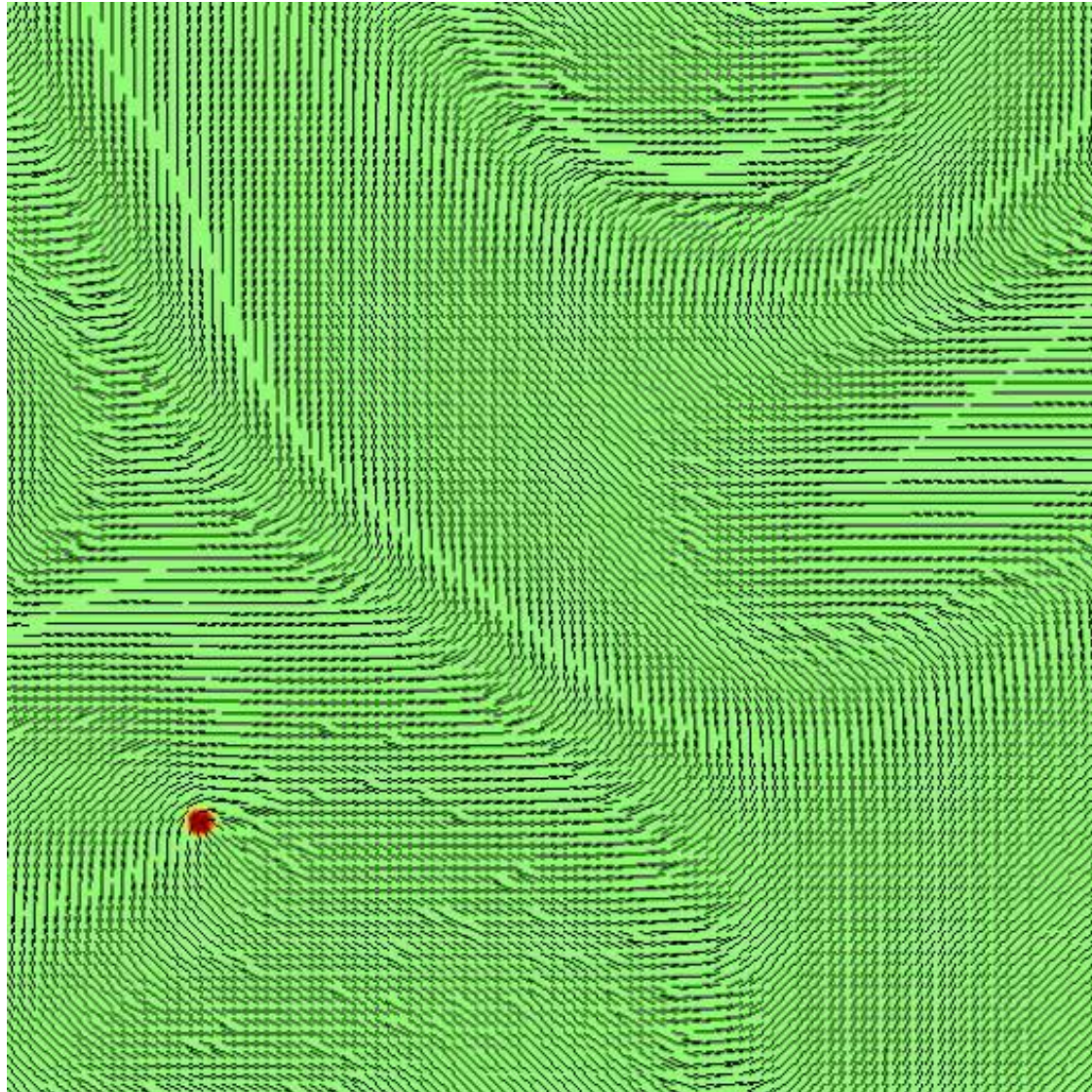


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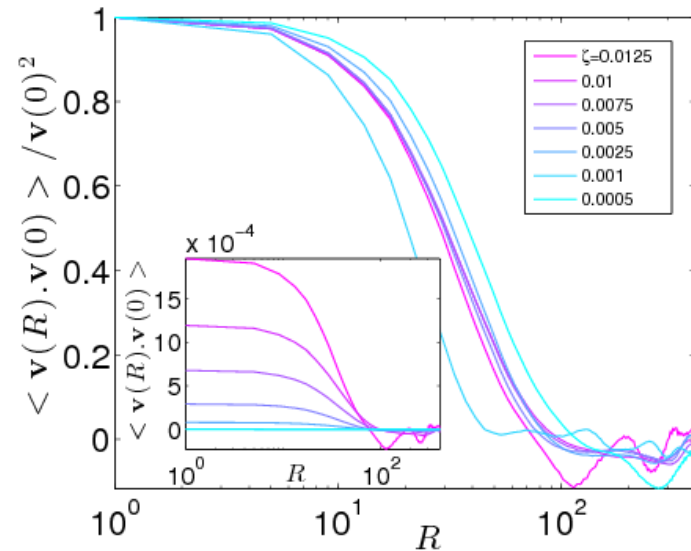


(f) annihilation

Low activities



scaling of correlation functions with activity



correlation functions of

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vorticity and order parameter

