



Hydrodynamics, phase behaviour and rheology of active suspensions

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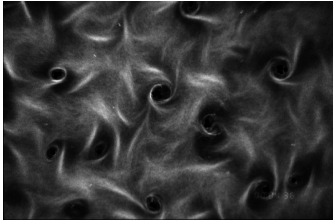


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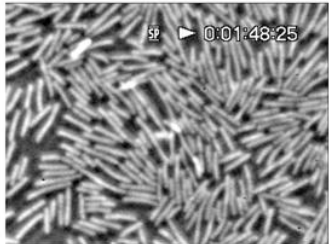


Active matter: examples

Nedelec et al.



Berg et al.

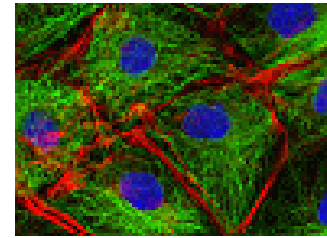


Narayan et al.



- Cytoskeleton and its extracts
- Biological tissues
- Suspensions of bacteria, protozoa
- Shoals of fish, flocks of birds
- Self-propelled synthetic colloids
- Vibrated granular monolayers

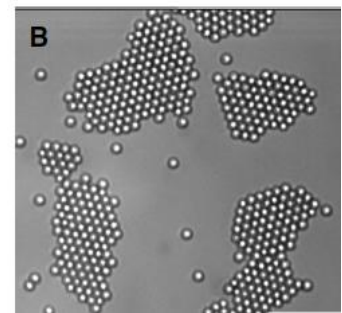
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Palacci et al.



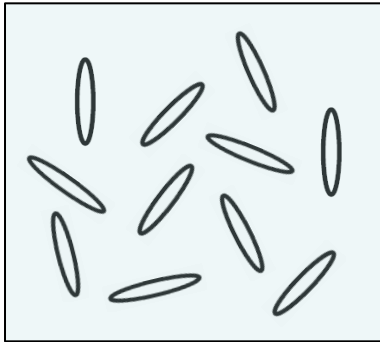
Emergent phenomena

- Spontaneous flows without external driving
- Chaotic/turbulent internal flows at zero Reynolds number
- Non-equilibrium ordering transitions
- Swarming
- Giant number fluctuations
- Activity-induced phase separation

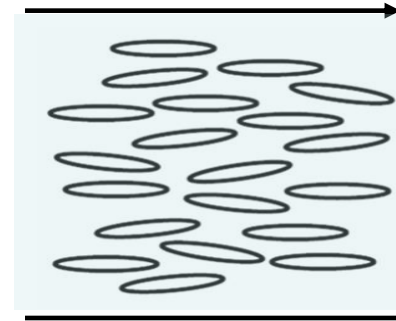
Toner, Tu, Ramaswamy Ann. Phys. (2005); Kruse et al. Phys. Rep. (2007)
Ramaswamy Ann. Rev. Cond. Matt. (2010); Marchetti et al. Rev. Mod. Phys. (2013)

Active matter as a complex fluid

Complex fluid: internal mesoscopic substructures



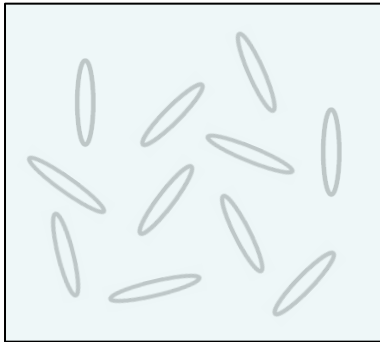
slow relaxation
processes



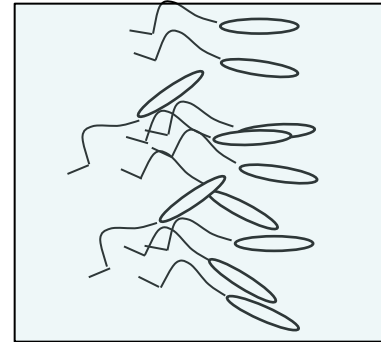
easily driven
out of equilibrium

Active matter as a complex fluid

Active complex fluid: self propelled substructures



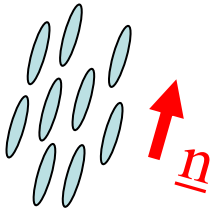
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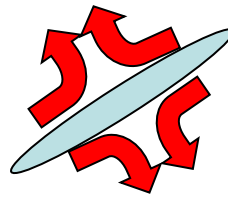
out of equilibrium
"from within"

Contractile versus extensile

passive

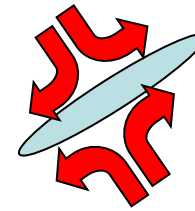


active contractile



microtubules/motors

active extensile



bacterial suspensions

Activity induces dipolar flow

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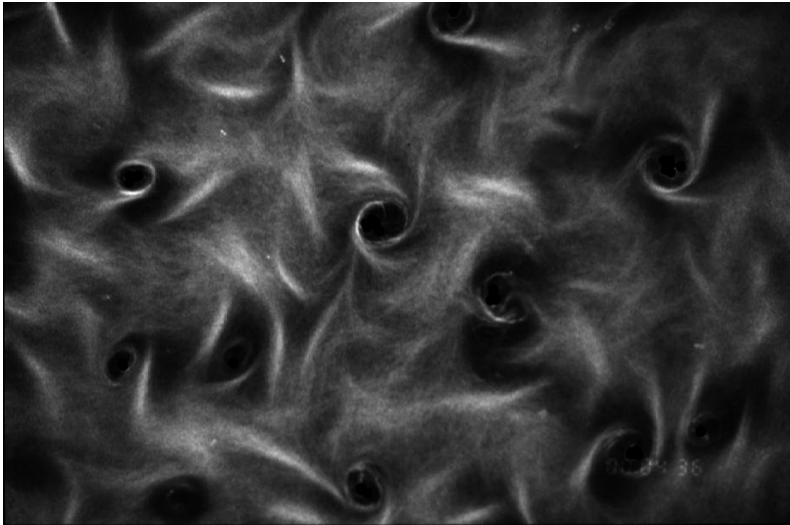
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Experimental phenomenology

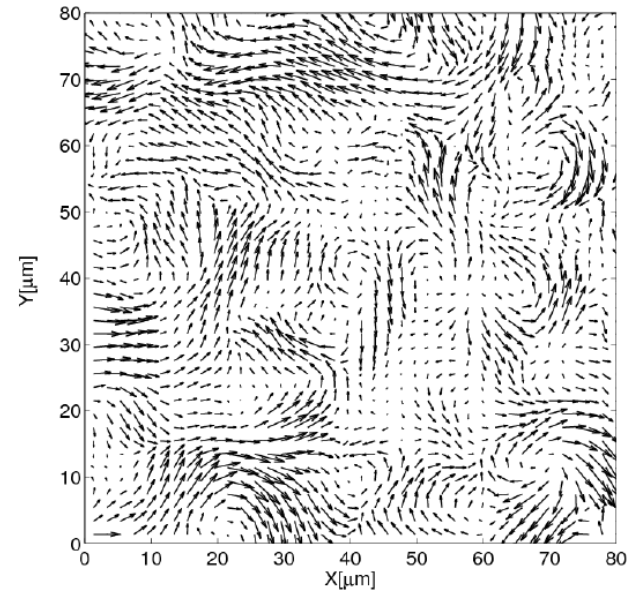
active contractile



Spontaneously rotating vortices
in microtubules/motors

[F. Nedelec et al., Nature, 97]

active extensile



“Bacterial turbulence”
in *B subtilis* suspensions

[L. Cisneros et al., Exp. Fluids, 07]

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Continuum description: nematics hydrodynamics + activity

Navier Stokes

$$\rho(\partial_t + u_\beta \partial_\beta)u_\alpha = \partial_\beta(\Pi_{\alpha\beta}) + \eta\partial_\beta(\partial_\alpha u_\beta + \partial_\beta u_\alpha)$$

Stress tensor

$$\Pi_{\alpha\beta} = -P_0\delta_{\alpha\beta} + 2\xi(Q_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{3}\delta_{\alpha\beta})Q_{\gamma\epsilon}H_{\gamma\epsilon} - \xi H_{\alpha\gamma}(Q_{\gamma\beta} + \frac{1}{3}\delta_{\gamma\beta})$$

$$- \xi(Q_{\alpha\gamma} + \frac{1}{3}\delta_{\alpha\gamma})H_{\gamma\beta} - \partial_\beta Q_{\gamma\nu} \frac{\delta\mathcal{F}}{\delta\partial_\alpha Q_{\gamma\nu}} + Q_{\alpha\gamma}H_{\gamma\beta} - H_{\alpha\gamma}Q_{\gamma\beta} - \zeta Q_{\alpha\beta}$$

Order parameter relaxation

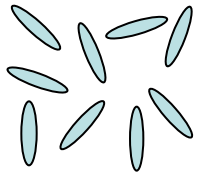
$$D_t Q_{\alpha\beta} = \Gamma H_{\alpha\beta}$$

active terms

Molecular field

$$H_{\alpha\beta} = -(1 - \varphi/3 + \lambda/\Gamma)Q_{\alpha\beta} + \varphi(Q_{\alpha\zeta}Q_{\zeta\beta} - \delta_{\alpha\beta}Q_{\zeta\delta}^2/3) - \varphi Q_{\zeta\delta}^2 Q_{\alpha\beta} + K\partial_\zeta^2 Q_{\alpha\beta}$$

Isotropic – nematic transition



Isotropic (I)
for $\phi < 3$



Nematic (N)
for $\phi > 3$

Here study:

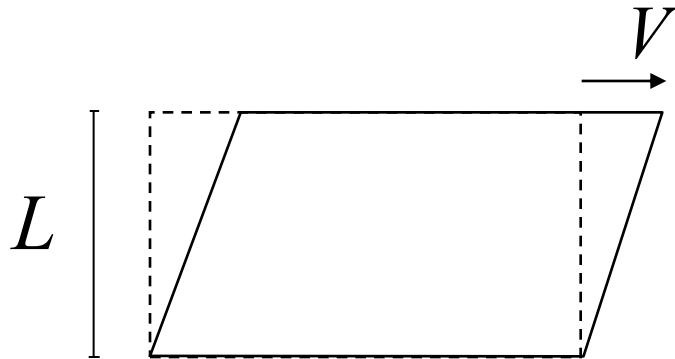
rheology of active suspension in vicinity of this I-N transition

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Rheology primer: Shear rheology



apply shear flow of rate

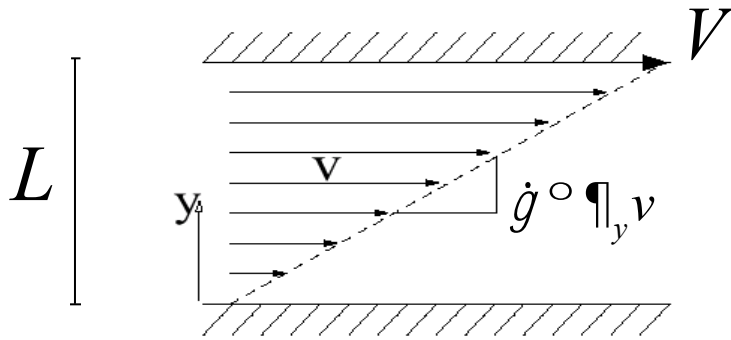
$$\dot{\gamma} \circ V / L$$

for all times $t > 0$

Measure shear stress response $S(\dot{\gamma}, t)$

Plot "flow curve" $S(\dot{\gamma})$ in steady state $t \rightarrow \infty$

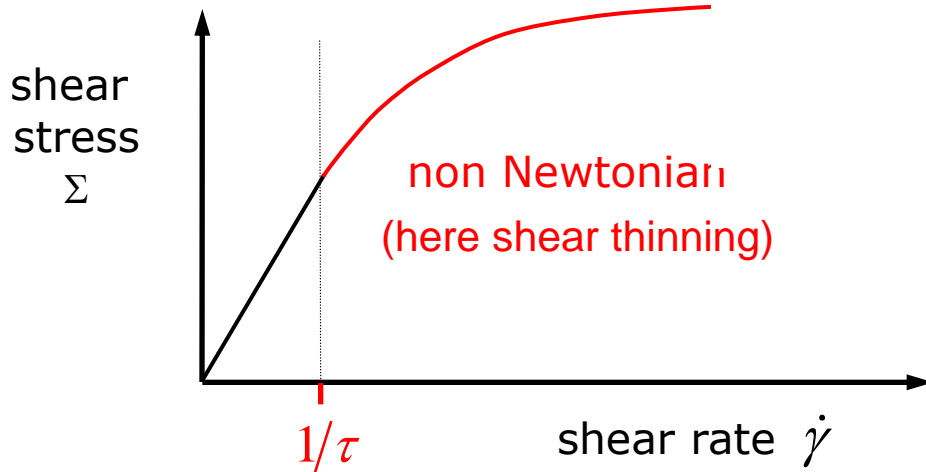
Rheology primer: steady state shear flow



$$\dot{\gamma} = \partial_y v = V / L$$

everywhere across cell

(assumed homogeneous)

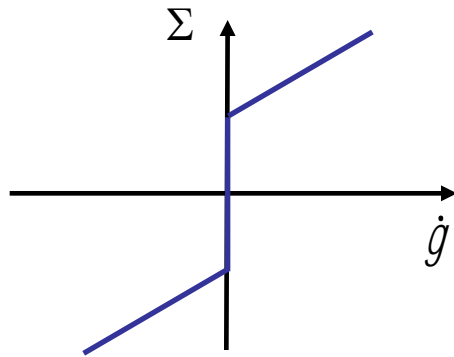
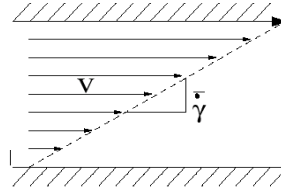


flow curve

viscosity $\eta_{app} = \Sigma / \dot{\gamma}$

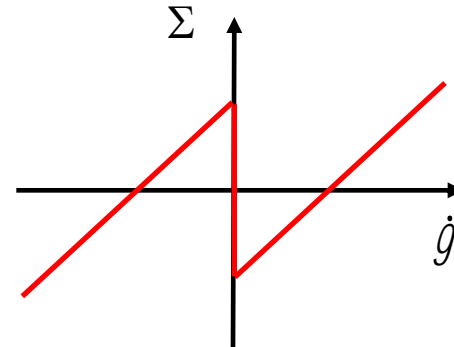
decreases with increasing $\dot{\gamma}$

0D active rheology: homogeneous shear flow $\phi \geq 3.0$



active contractile

conventional yield stress



active extensile

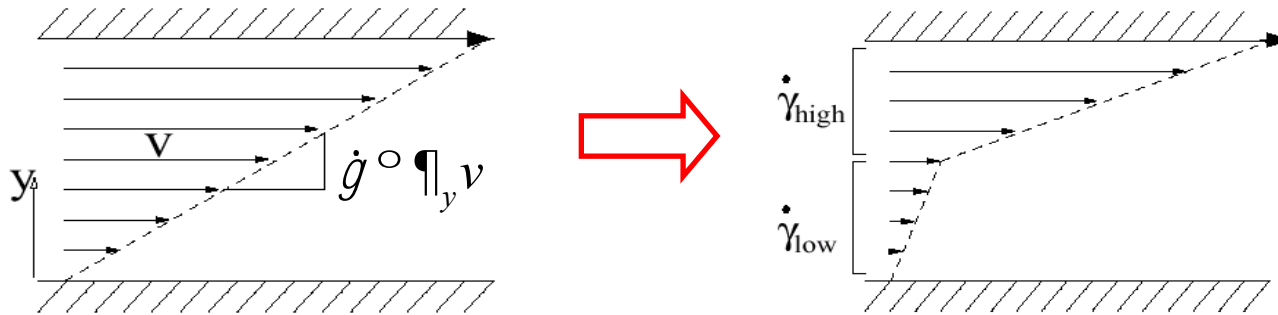
negative yield stress?!

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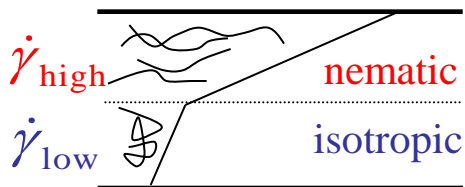
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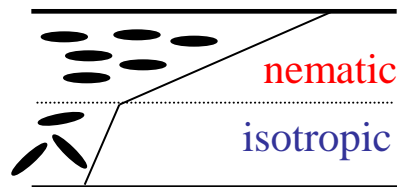
Rheology primer: shear banding - widespread in complex fluids



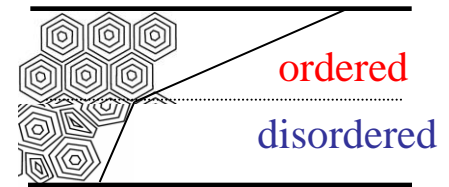
Wormlike surfactants



Liquid crystals

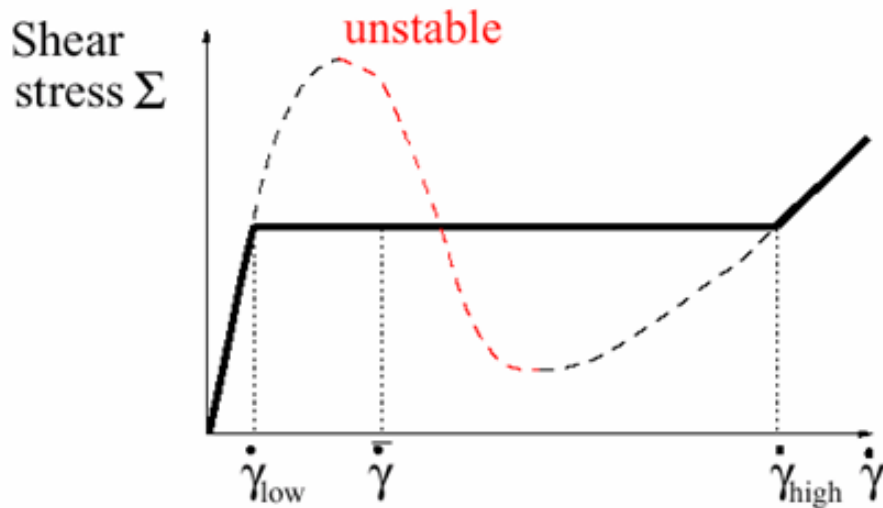
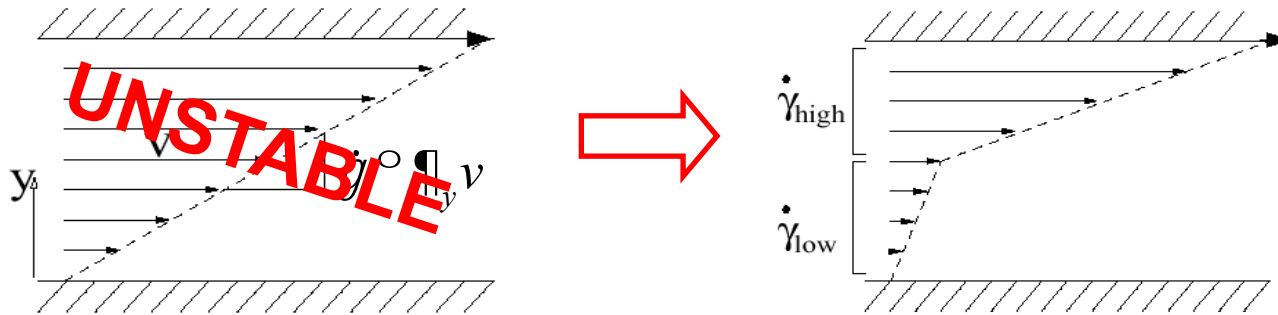


Onion surfactants



Cause: non-monotonic underlying “constitutive curve”

$$S(\dot{\gamma})$$



flow curve $S(\dot{\gamma})$

shows plateau in

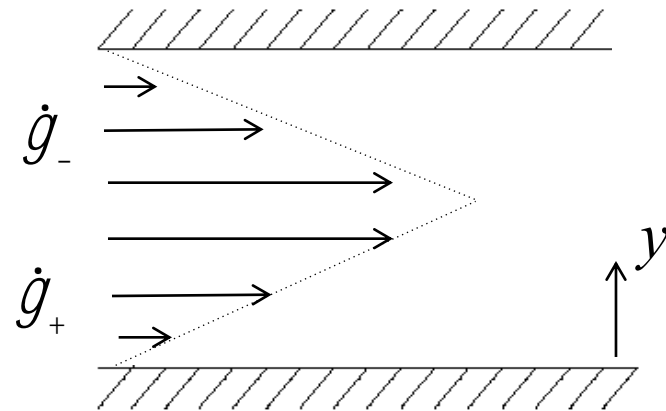
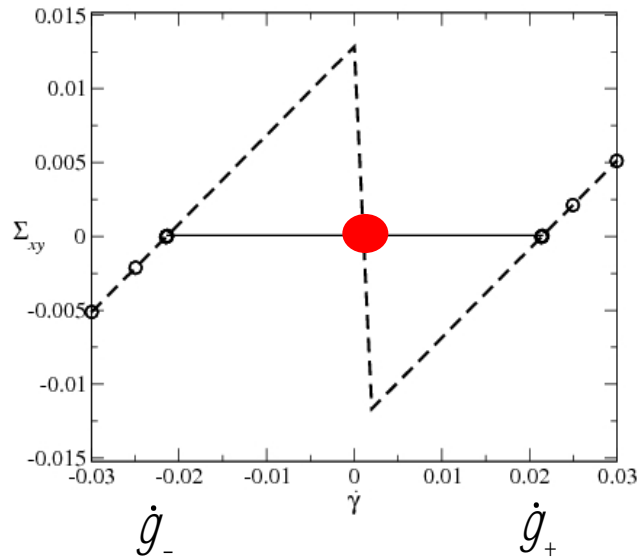
banded steady state

1D active rheology, extensile systems for $\phi \geq 3.0$

Negative yield stress in 0D

→

coexisting shear bands in 1D



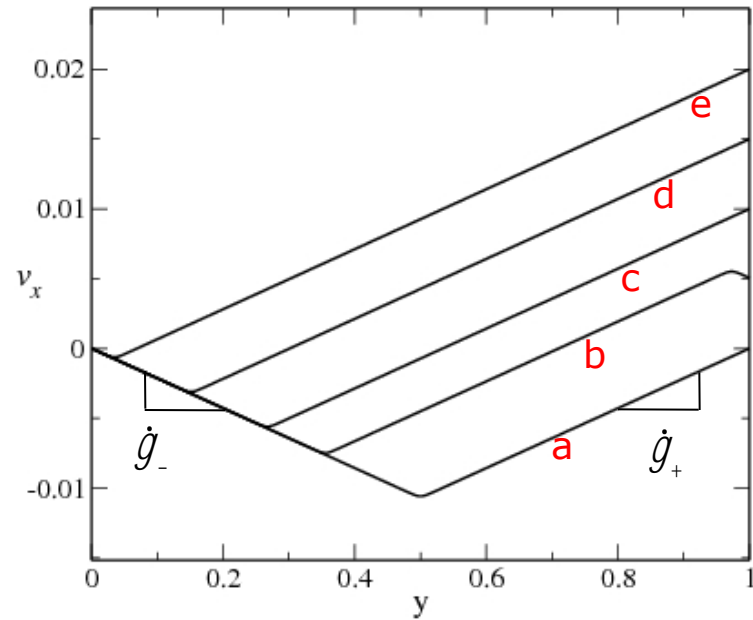
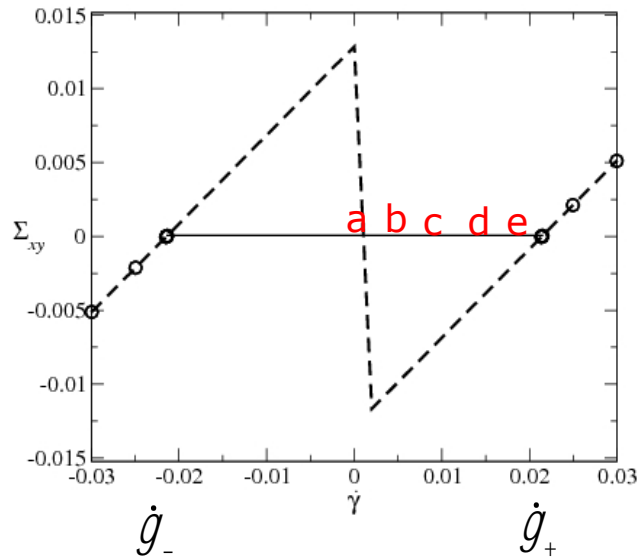
Bands of equal, opposite shear rates even in globally unsheared system!

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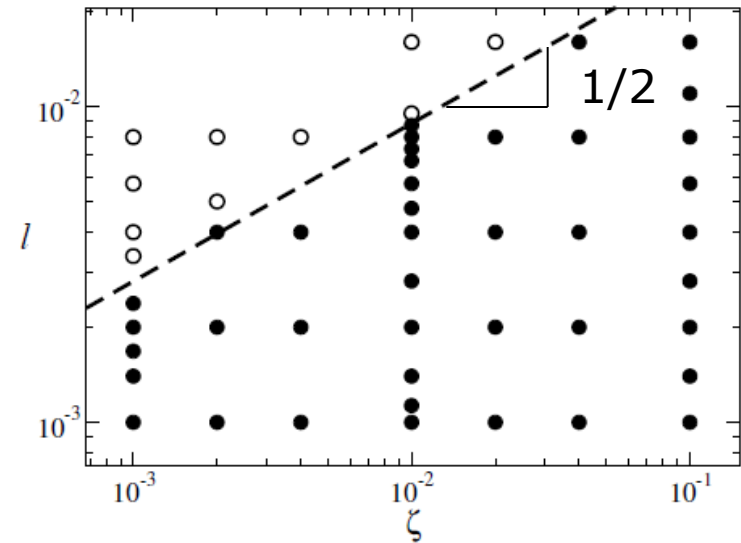
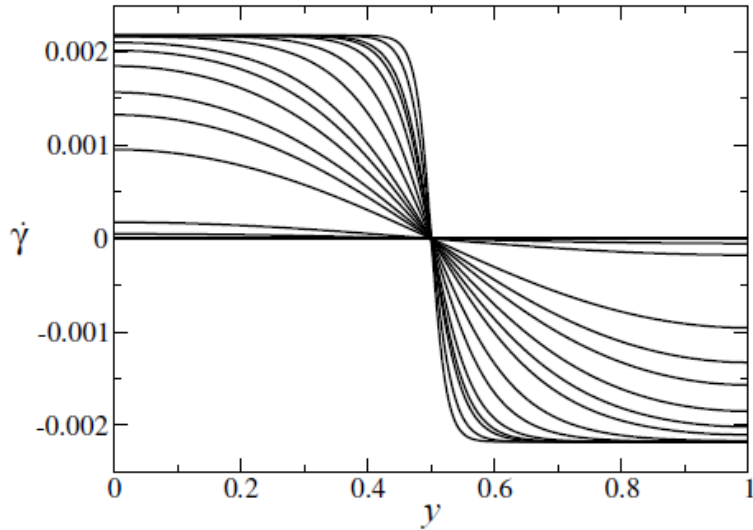
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Effect of spatial gradients $K\partial_y^2\mathbf{Q} \rightarrow l^2\partial_y^2\mathbf{Q}$



Fixed activity, ζ

No spontaneous flow for large l

○ No flow

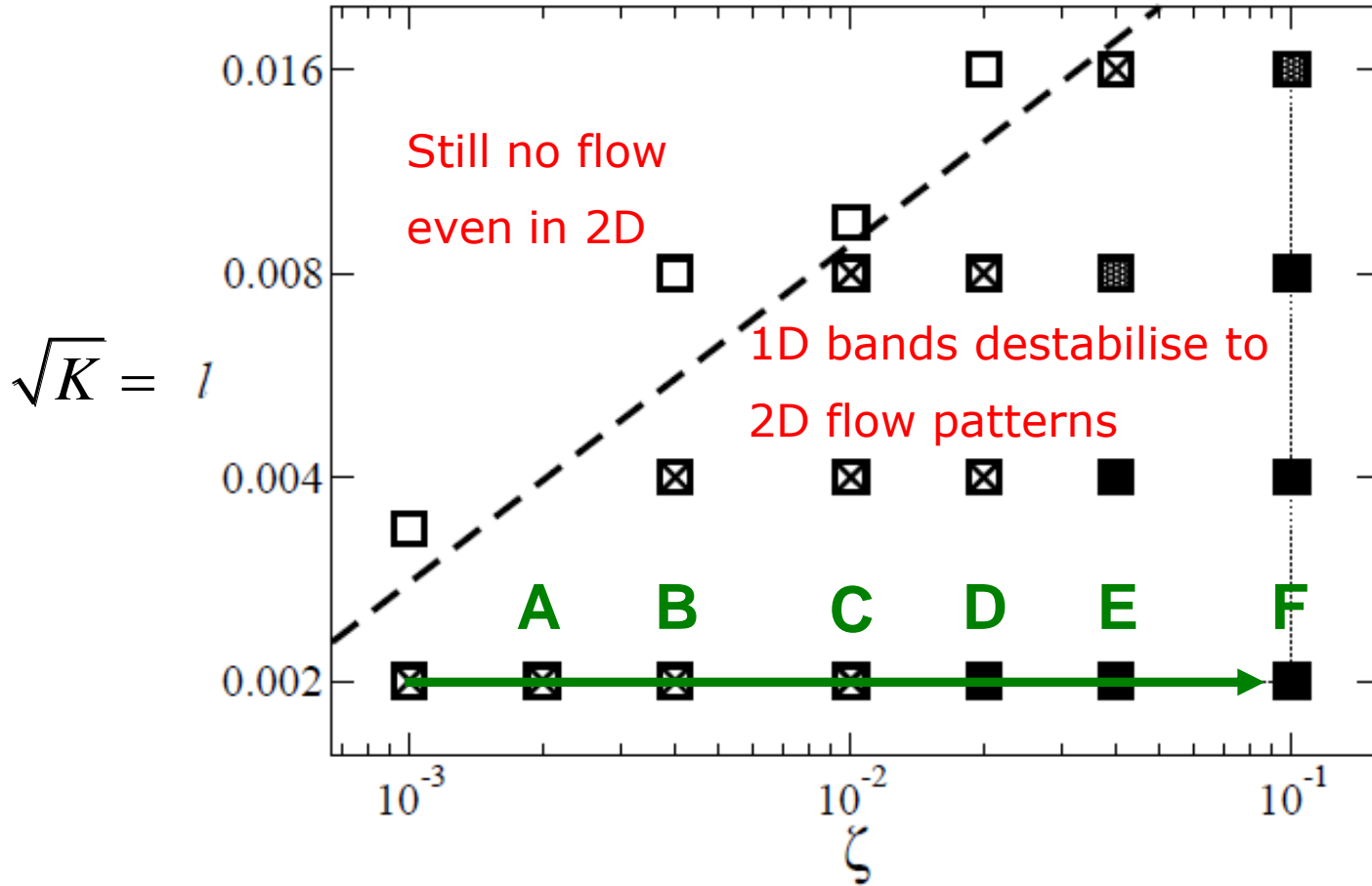
● Spontaneous flow

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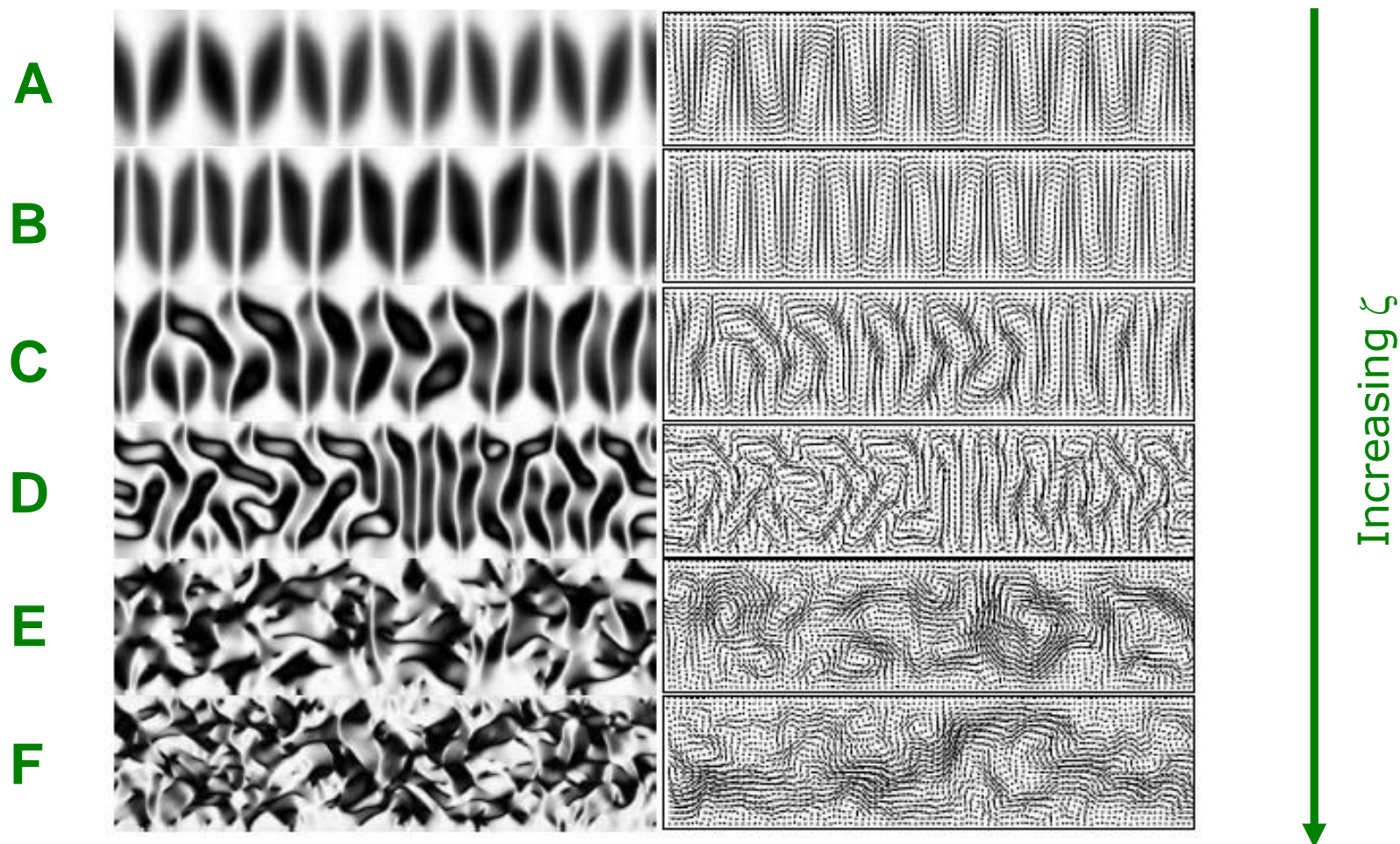
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2D systems: “phase diagram” for extensile at zero global shear



2D spontaneous flow patterns



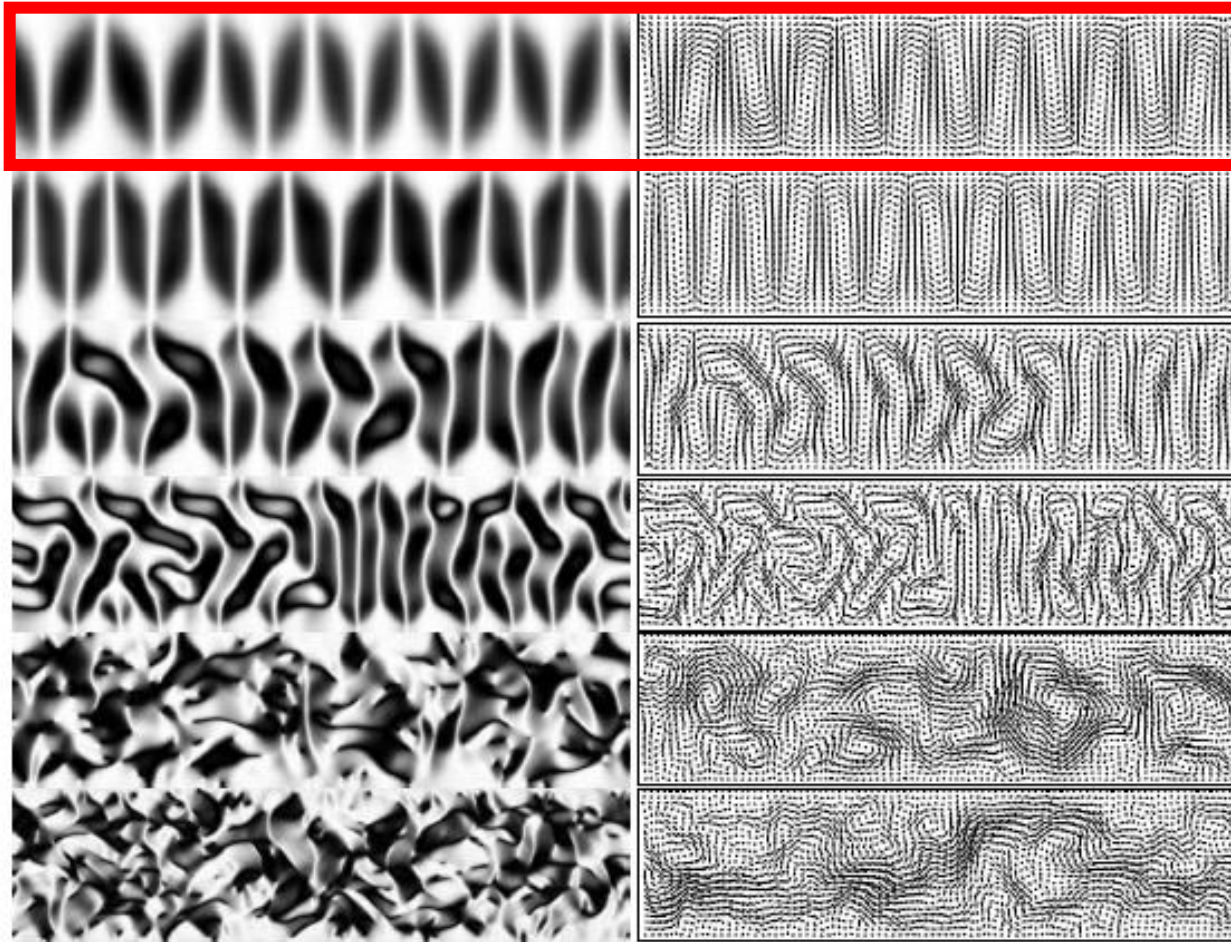
[Also: Hernandez-Ortiz et al. PRL 05; Ishikawa et al. JFM 08; Saintillan + Shelley PRL 08; Giomi + Marchetti Soft Matter 12]

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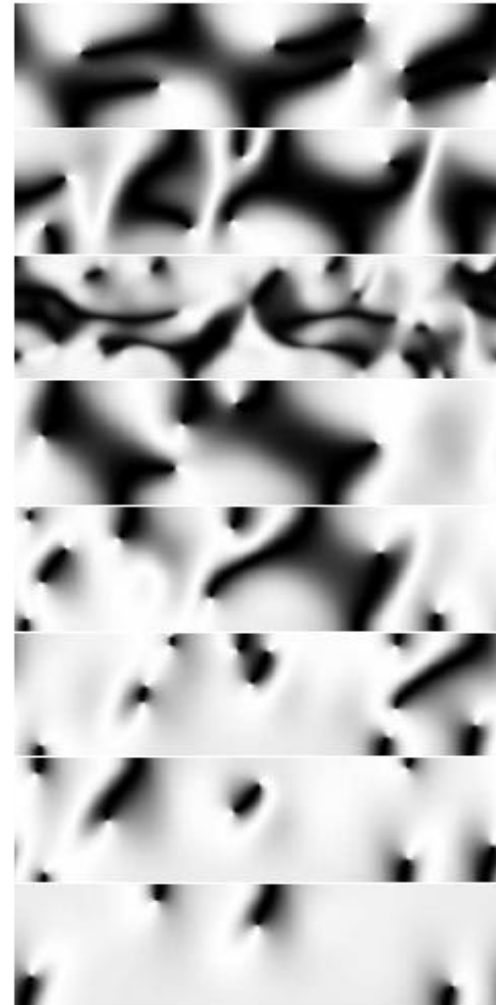
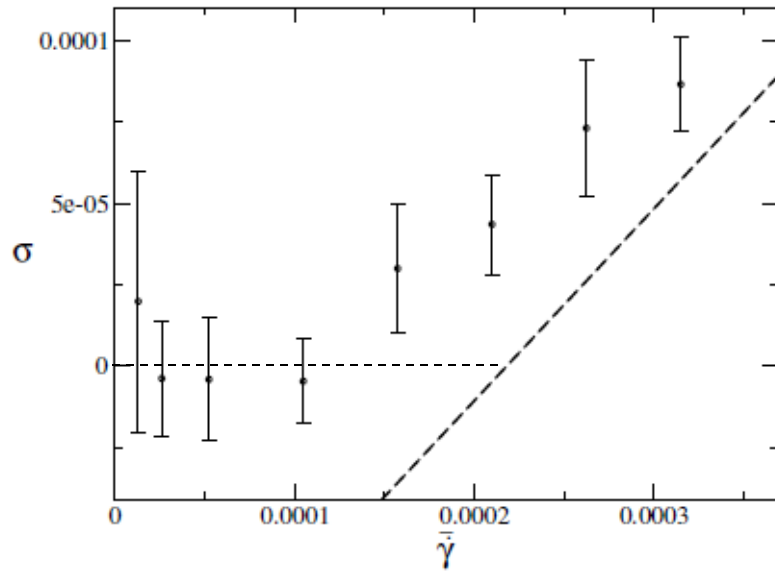
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Shear roll-like state (next slide)



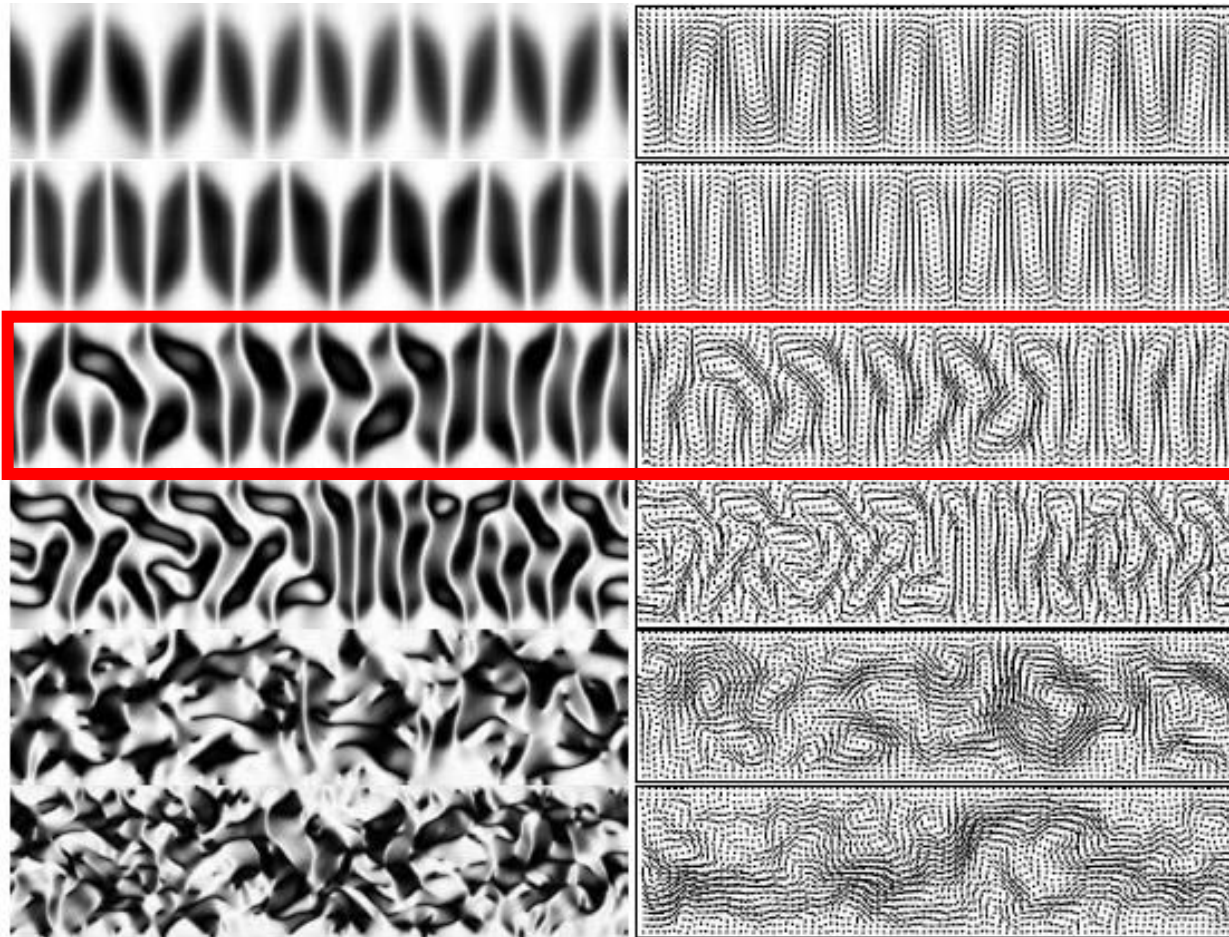
Shearing roll-like state

Flow curve



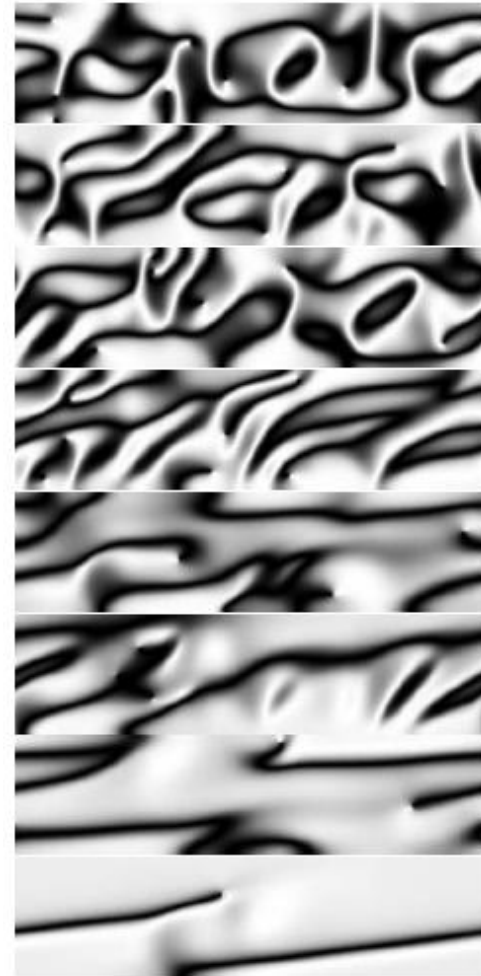
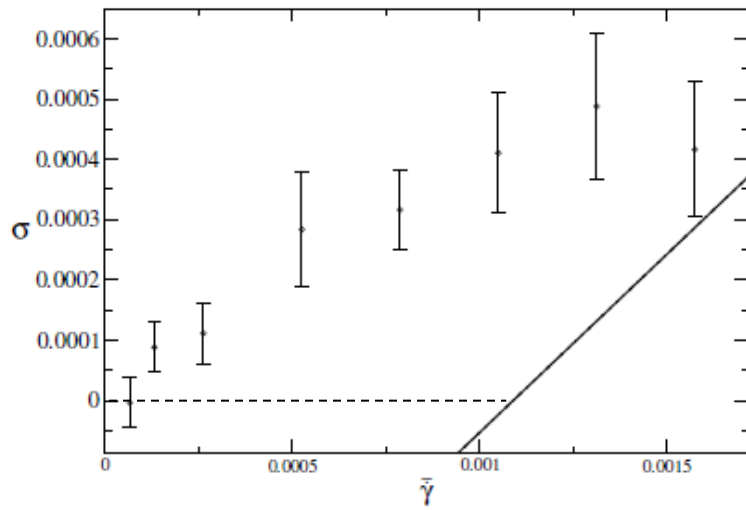
Increasing shear rate

Shear wavy rolls (next slide)



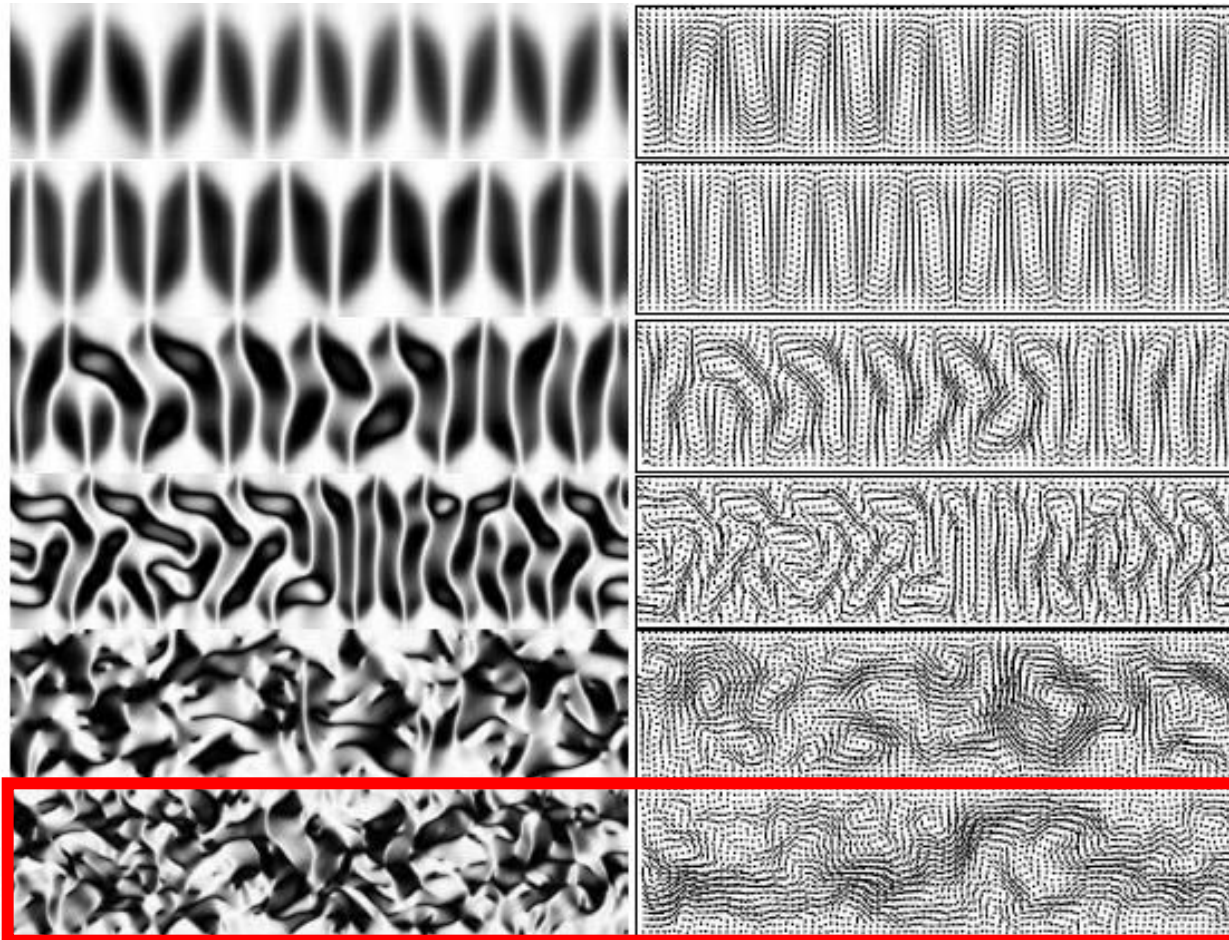
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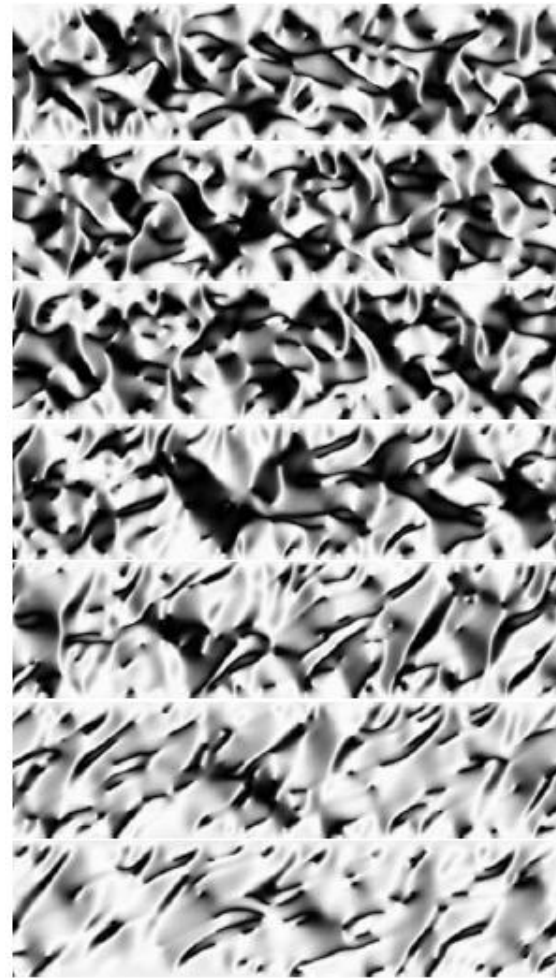
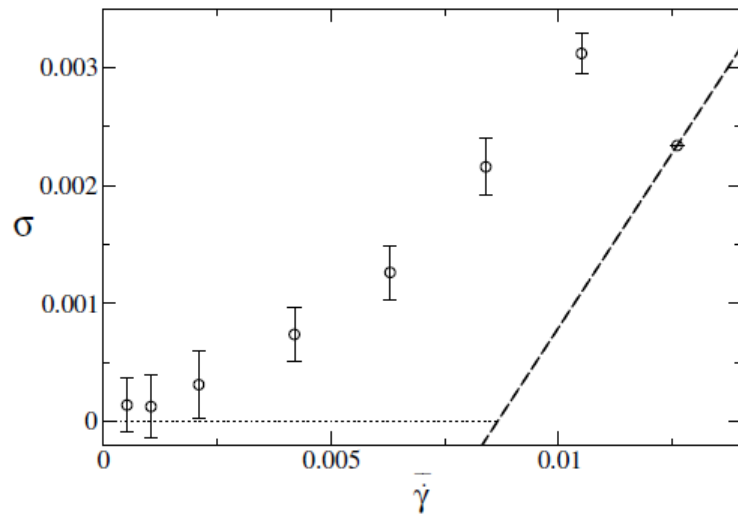
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Shear “turbulent” state (next slide)



Shearing “turbulent” state

Flow curve



Increasing shear rate

Summary of part I

Explored hydrodynamics and rheology of active gels

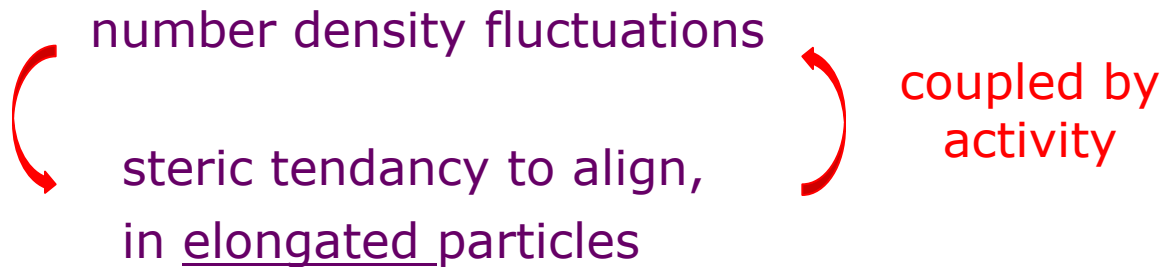
- Used Lattice Boltzmann & finite difference simulations
- Both methods well placed to explore strongly nonlinear regimes
- Need much more insight into parameter values
- Viscosity divergence (contractile)
- Superfluidity (extensile)
- Mechanistic link to bulk flow curve
- Shear banding in 1D
- Modulated by boundary terms (not shown here)
- Spontaneous rolls and turbulent states in 2D (extensile)

Part II: Hydrodynamics & activity induced phase separation (or not)

- Mechanisms for motility induced phase separation (MIPS)
- Presence of MIPS in suspensions of active Brownian discs
- Absence of MIPS in suspensions of active squirming discs (cylinders!)
- Possibility mechanism of suppression of MIPS by hydrodynamics
- Conclusions

Emergent phenomena: **activity induced phase separation**

- **Mechanism I:** [Narayan et al. Science (2007); Chate et al. PRL (2006)]



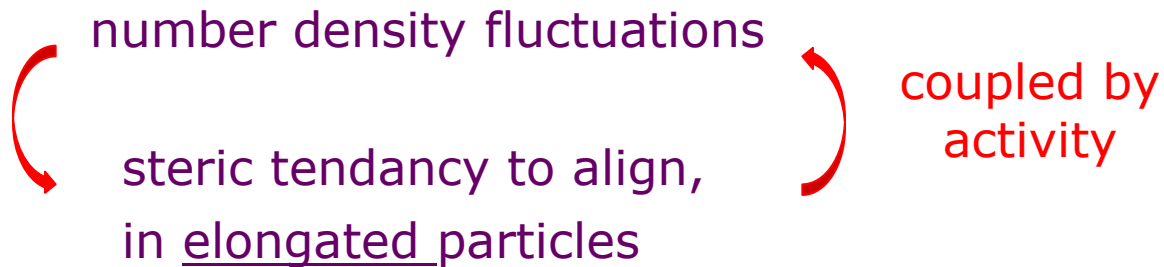
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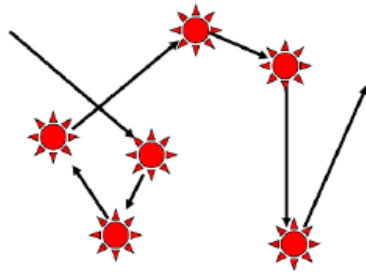
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Here: simulation study of when this does/doesn't arise (for disks)

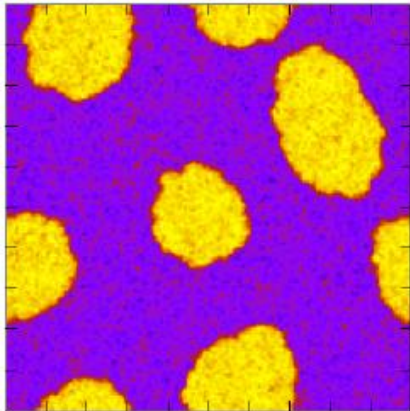
Motility-induced phase separation (MIPS): prediction



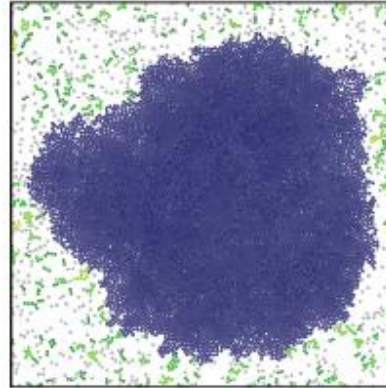
volume fraction of particles		f
run	→	speed v
tumble		event rate $1/t_0$

MIPS in simulations of dense packings of disks

Thompson et al.
J. Stat. Mech. (2011)



run + tumble
lattice model



Fily + Marchetti PRL ('12);

See also:
Redner et al. PRL ('13)

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = v_0 \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i + m \dot{\mathbf{a}}_{j^*i} \mathbf{F}_{ij}$$

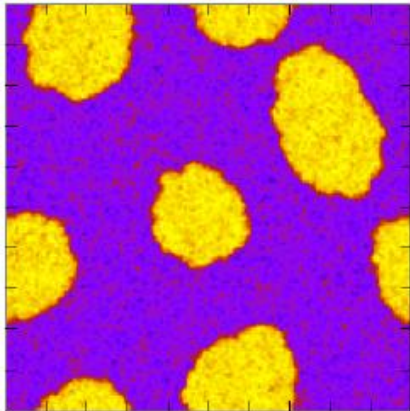
run + excluded volume

$$\dot{q}_i = h_i(t), \quad \langle h_i(t) h_j(t') \rangle = 2n_r d_{ij} d(t - t')$$

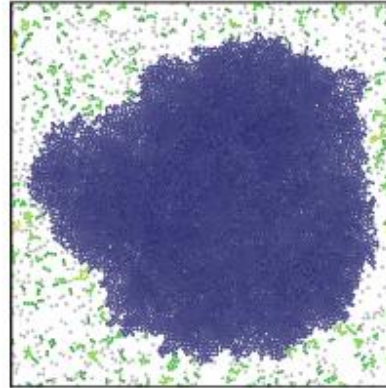
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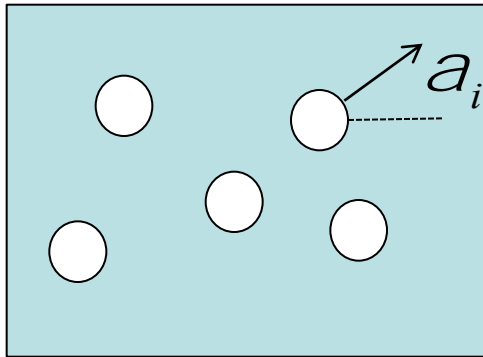
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Brownian angular dynamics

But hydrodynamics unaccounted for. What effect will this have?

Ishikawa, Pedley, et al. PRL 2008, JFM 2008; Blake JFM 1971

Simulation: active squirming disks with full hydrodynamics



tangential velocity round i^{th} disc edge

$$v_{\text{slip}, i} = B_1 \sin(q_i - a_i) + B_2 \sin 2(q_i - a_i)$$

free swim speed $B_1/2$; direction a_i

Fully solve Stokes equation for  so fully capture:

➡ far-field power-law propagators

➡ near-field lubrication effects

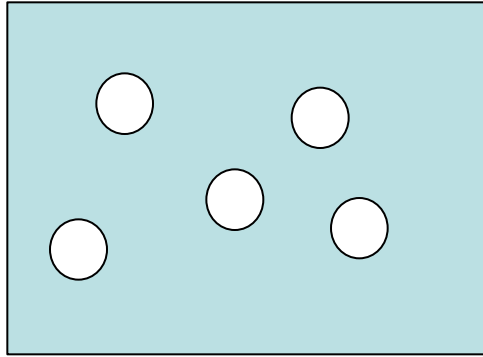
Computer effort $O(N^3)$ so far smaller N than for Brownian

Hydrodynamics

vs.

Brownian

Squirm + excl. vol. + hydrodyn.



$N = 256$ disks

$R = 1$ disk radius

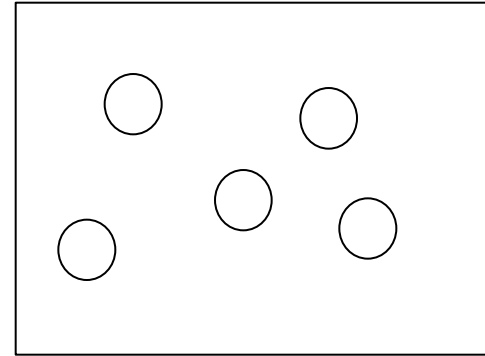
L box size

$h = 1$ fluid viscosity

$\frac{1}{2} B_1 = v_0 = 1$ free swim speed

B_2 push vs pull

Run + excl. vol. + Brownian



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$m^{-1} = 1$ drag

$v_0 = 1$ free swim speed

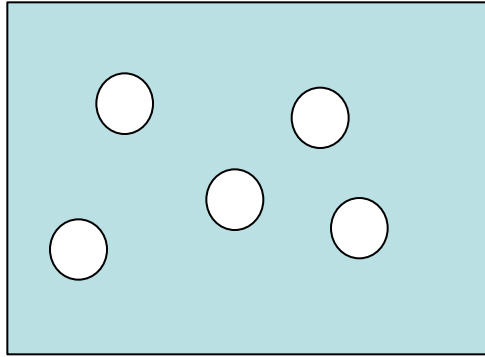
$n_r = t_0^{-1}$ reorient rate

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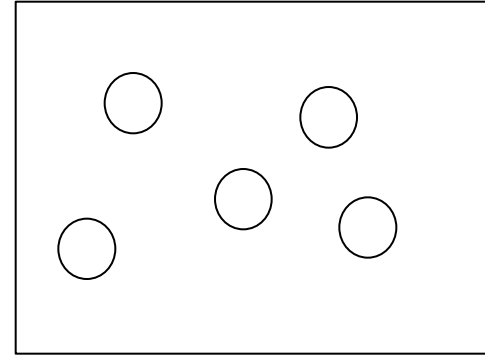
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→ explore

area fraction $f = N\rho \frac{R^2}{L^2}$

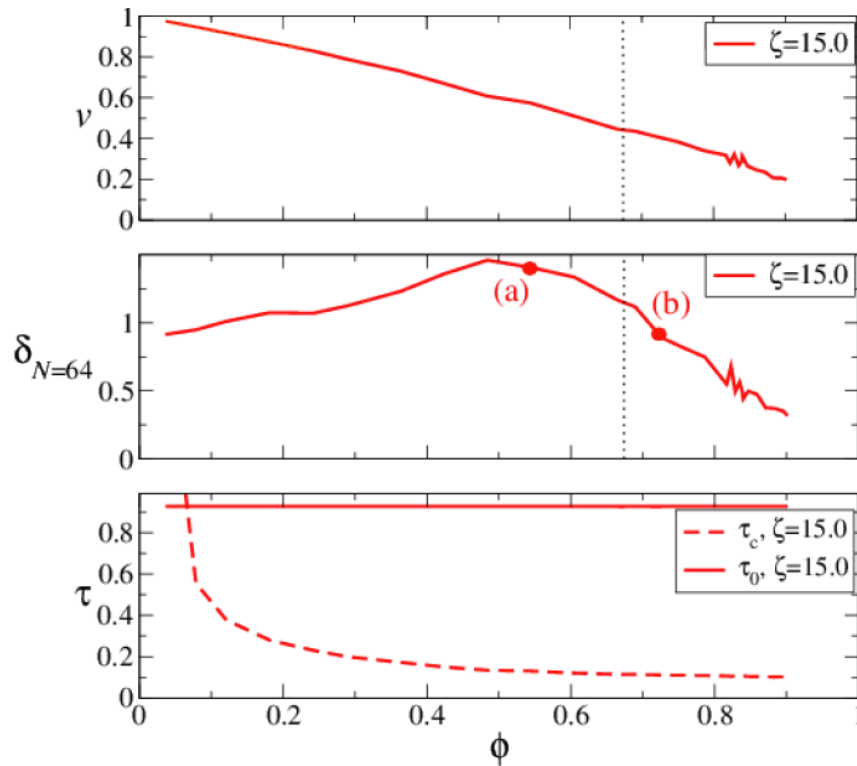
push vs pull $b = \frac{B_2}{B_1}$

→ explore

area fraction $f = N\rho \frac{R^2}{L^2}$

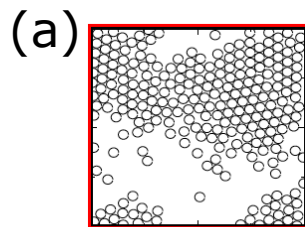
reorient time/
scatter time $Z = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}} \frac{t_o}{t_c}$

Results: Brownian dynamics → phase separation

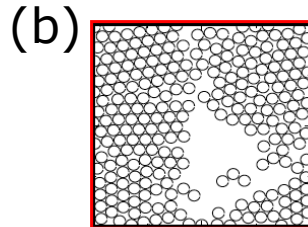


By imposing large Z
reorientation slower
than collision time,
as in earlier work

Recall
$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}} \frac{t_o}{t_c}$$



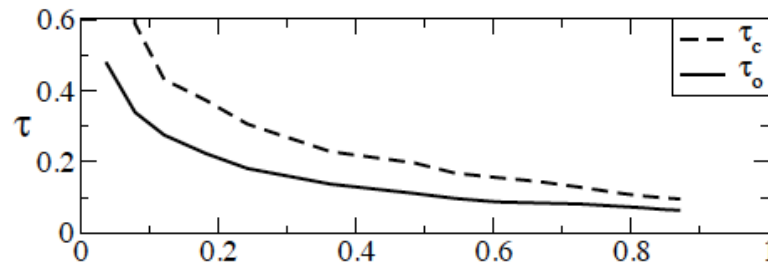
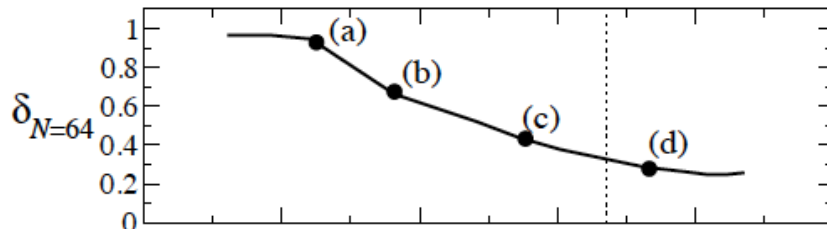
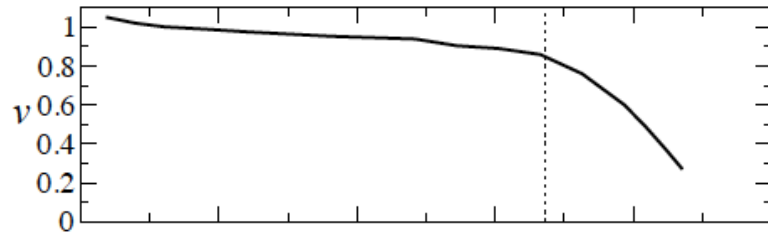
(a) $\zeta = 15.0, \phi = 0.5445$



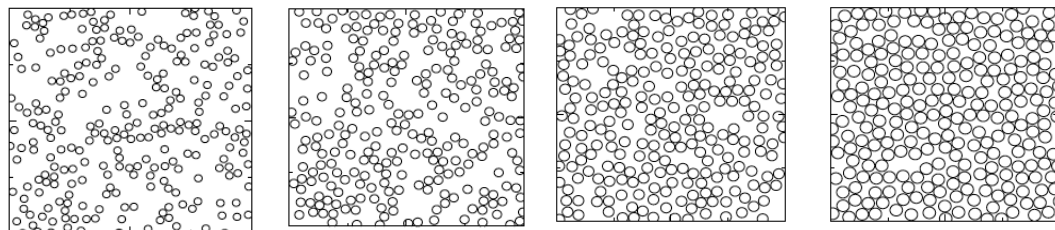
(b) $\zeta = 15.0, \phi = 0.726$

Fily + Marchetti PRL '12

Results: hydrodynamics → no phase separation



(a) (b) (c) (d)



No way of imposing $\frac{t_o}{t_c}$

Reorientation emerges

naturally due to

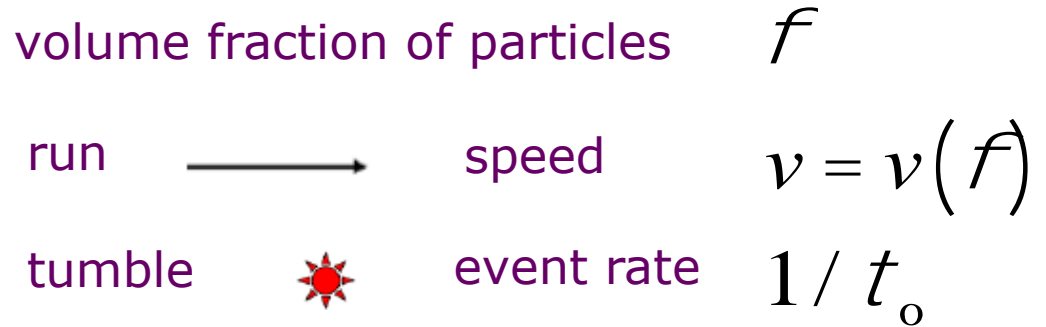
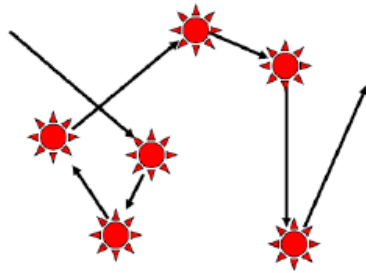
hydrodynamic interactions

as particles collide

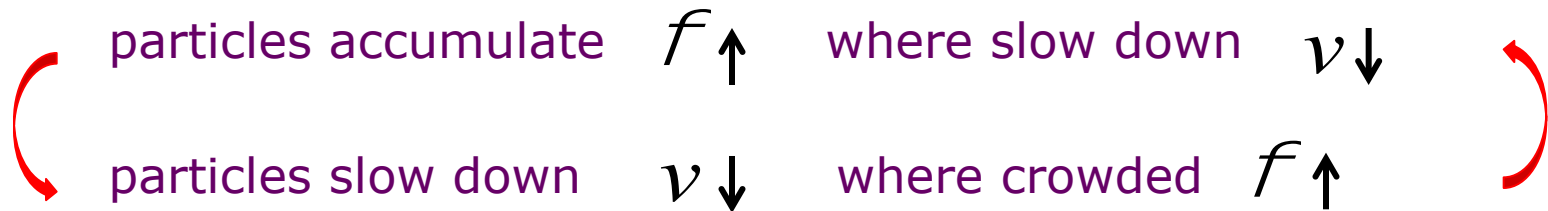
So $t_o \gg t_c$

Checked $b = \pm\infty, \pm 5, \pm 1, 0$

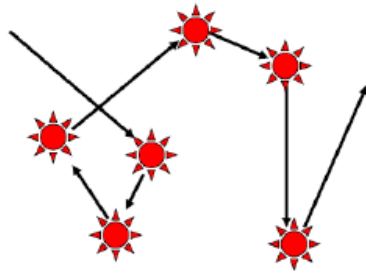
Why no phase separation with hydrodynamics? Revisit...



Positive feedback mechanism

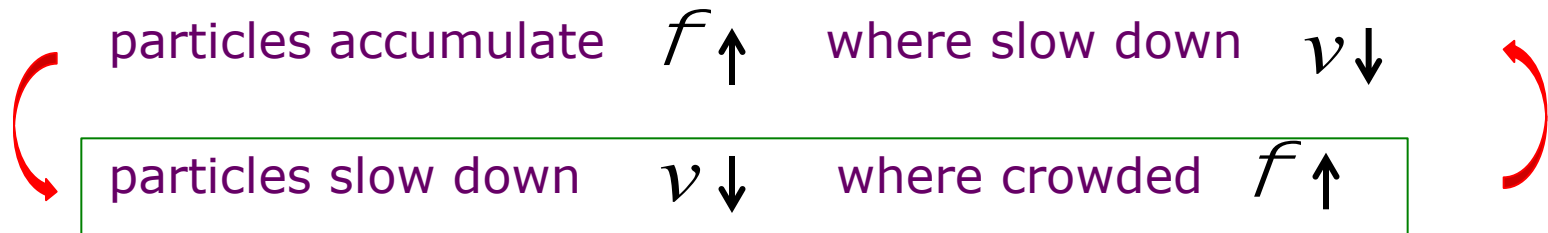


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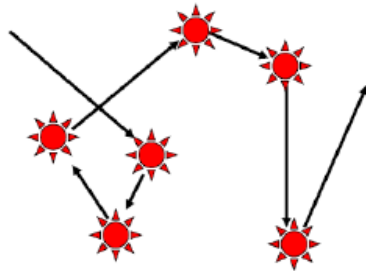
volume fraction of particles f
 run \longrightarrow speed $v = v(f)$
 tumble \star event rate $1/t_o$

Positive feedback mechanism



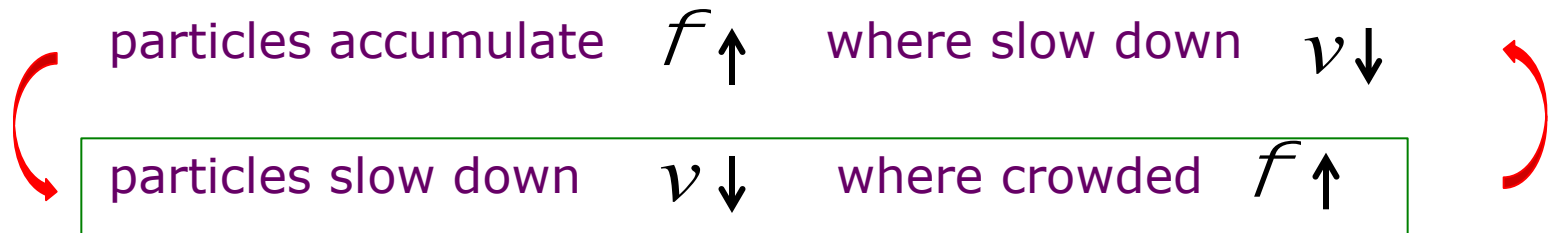
To experience a decreasing $v = v(f)$ during runs, must collide many times during a run, between tumbles, *i.e.* $t_o \gg t_c$

Why no phase separation with hydrodynamics? Revisit...



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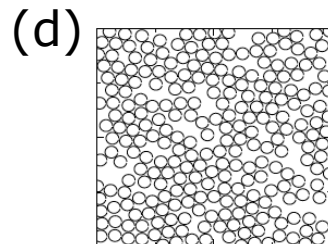
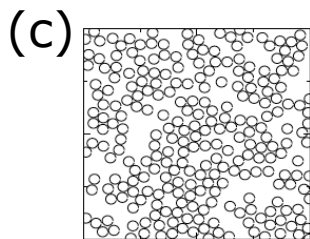
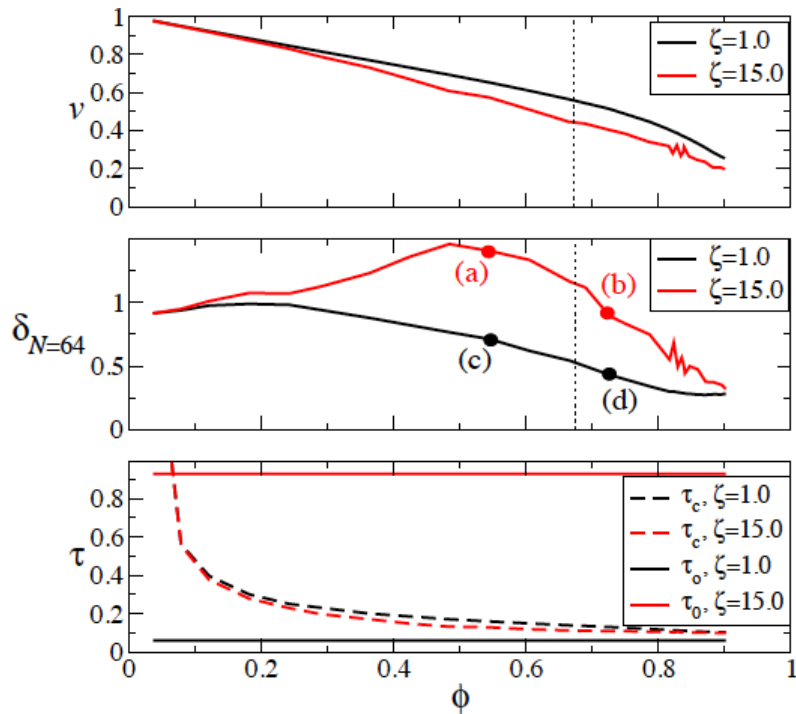
Positive feedback mechanism



Hydrodynamic system has $t_o \gg t_c$

Feedback mechanism breaks down \rightarrow no phase separation

Test this idea: re do Brownian dynamics



Now impose $Z = O(1)$

Reorientation same order as collision time,

Recall
$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}} \frac{t_o}{t_c}$$

Phase separation suppressed
as in hydrodynamic case

Preprint arxiv.org/abs/1210.5464, submitted.

See also arxiv.org/abs/1309.4352 Zottl + Stark PRL 2013

Conclusions, perspectives...

- MIPS predicted to arise generically in active matter
- May be suppressed in systems where hydrodynamics important
- Suggest mechanism concerns $t_o \gg t_c$

• Effects of particle elongation and link with “mechanism 1”?

• Effects of dimensionality (hydrodynamics + packings) ?

Ishikawa et al. JFM 2008 3D + 3D -> no phase separation

Ishikawa + Pedley PRL 2008 3D + 2D -> phase separation



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