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Discussion session: Bacterial “Sheets”

Jörn Dunkel

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Model organisms

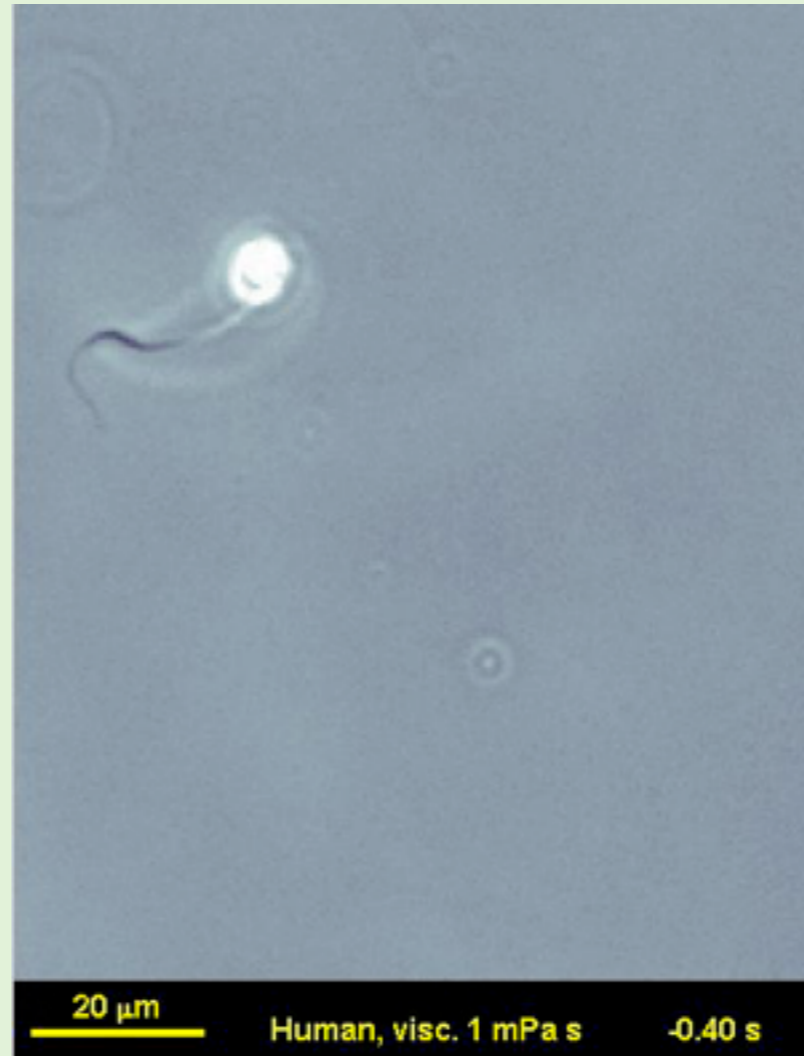
Chlamydomonas alga



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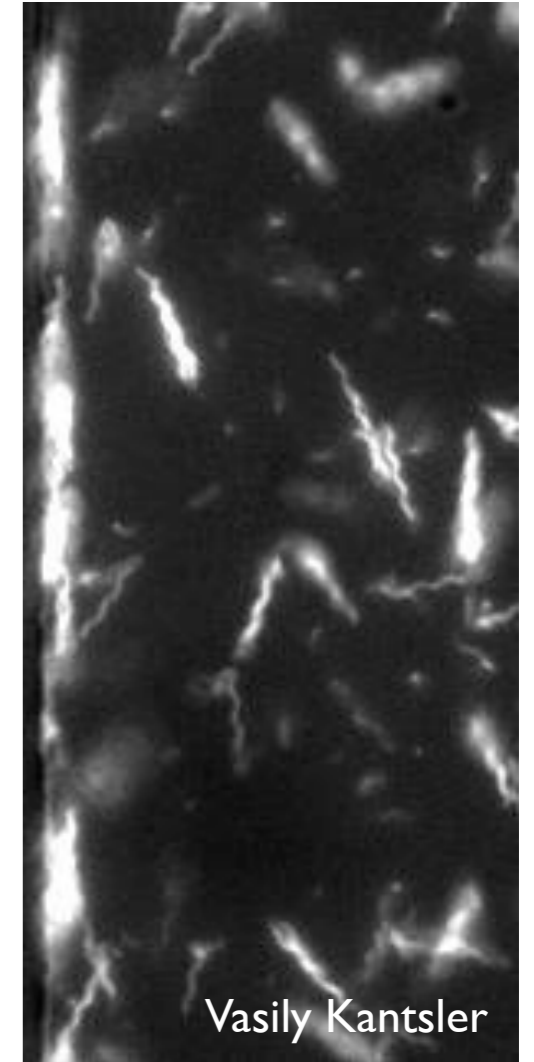
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Bacteria



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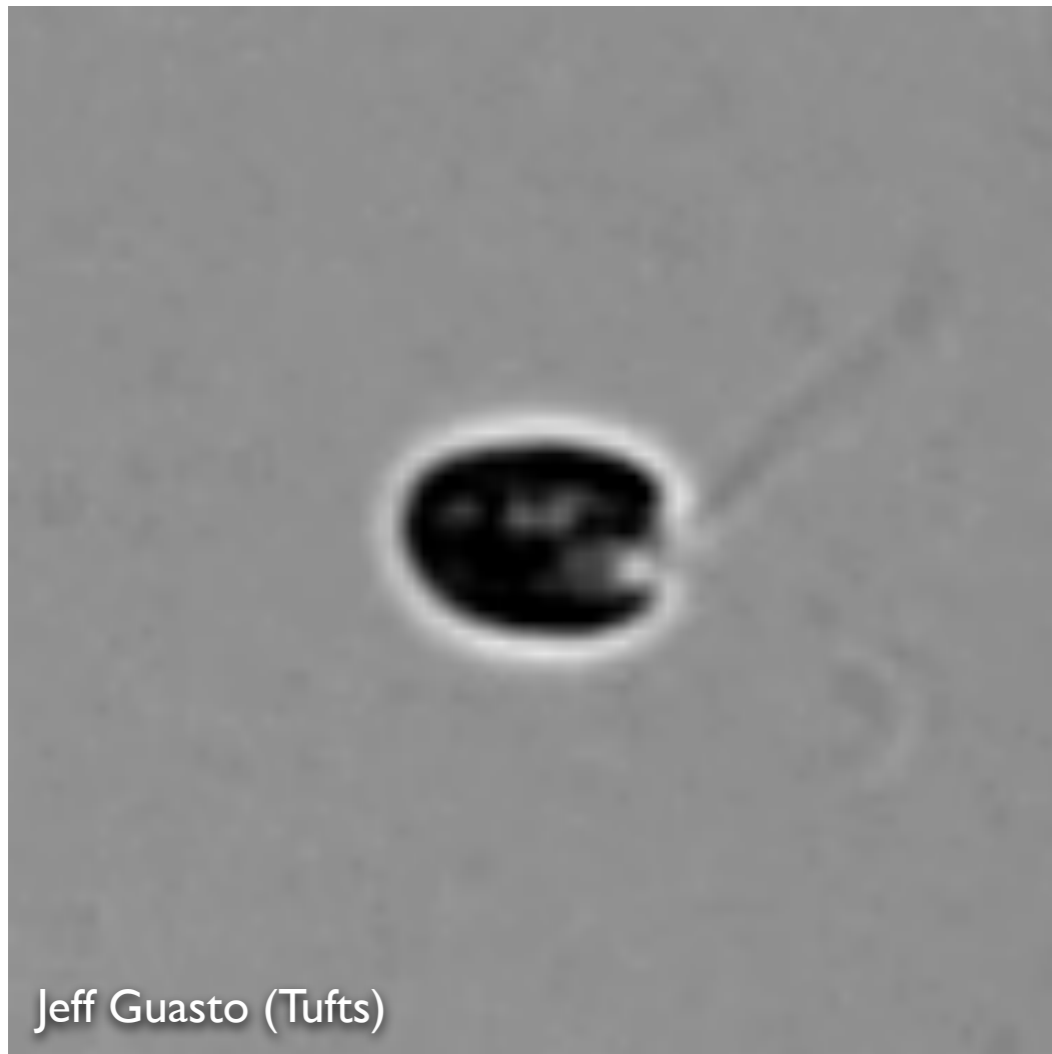
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Eukaryotes

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Swimming strategies

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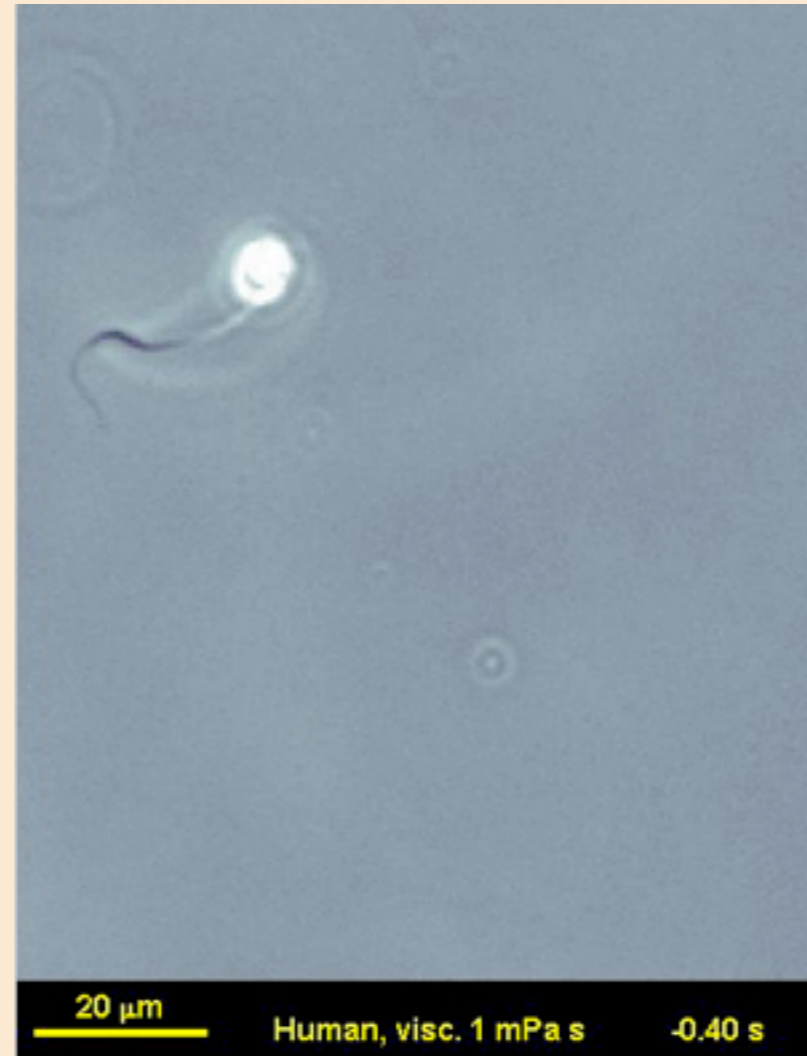


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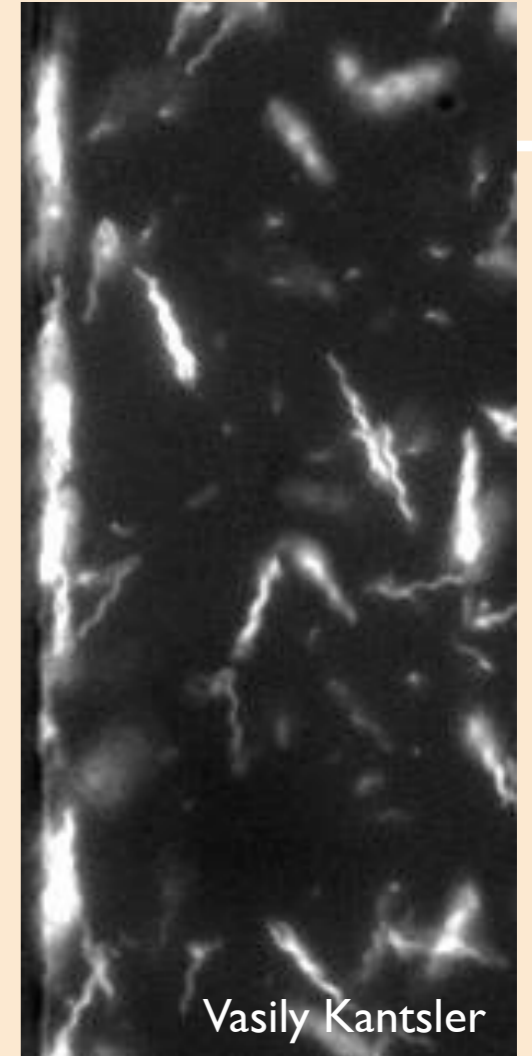
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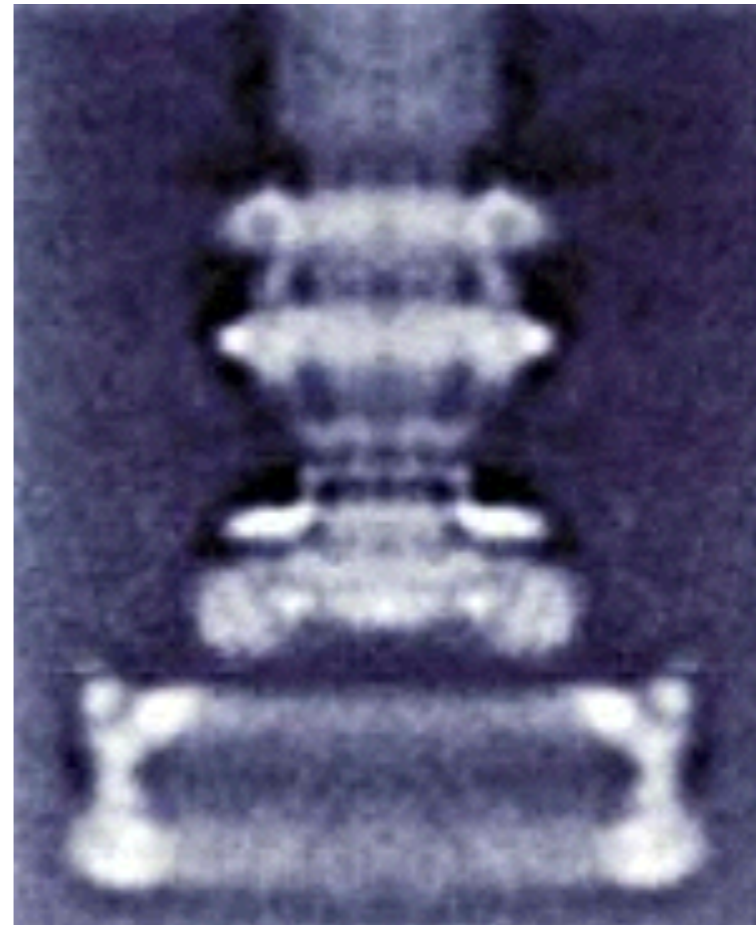
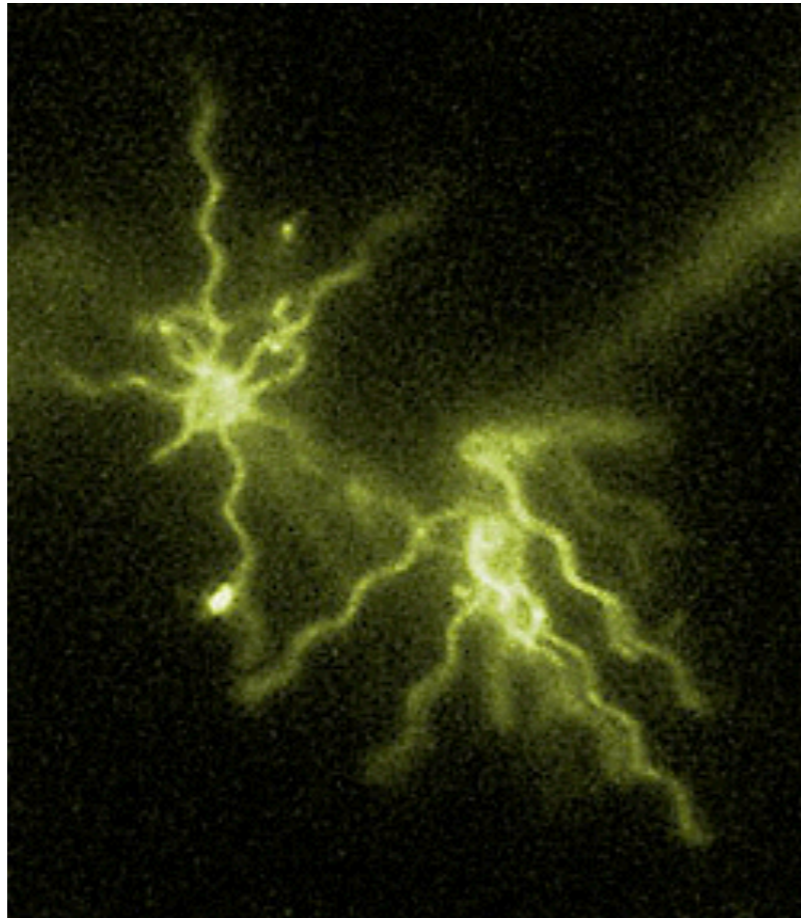
Pusher

Bacteria



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Bacterial Hydrodynamics*

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<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1509.02184v1.pdf>

Swimming at low Reynolds number

Navier - Stokes:

$$-\nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \vec{v} = \cancel{\rho \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t}} + \cancel{\rho (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v}}$$

If $\mathcal{R} \sim UL\rho/\eta \ll 1$

Time doesn't matter. The pattern of motion is the same, whether slow or fast, whether forward or backward in time.

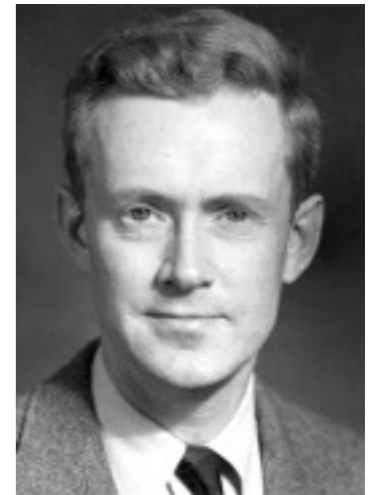
The Scallop Theorem



Geoffrey I Taylor



James Lighthill



Edward Purcell

$$0 = \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} - \nabla p + \mathbf{f},$$

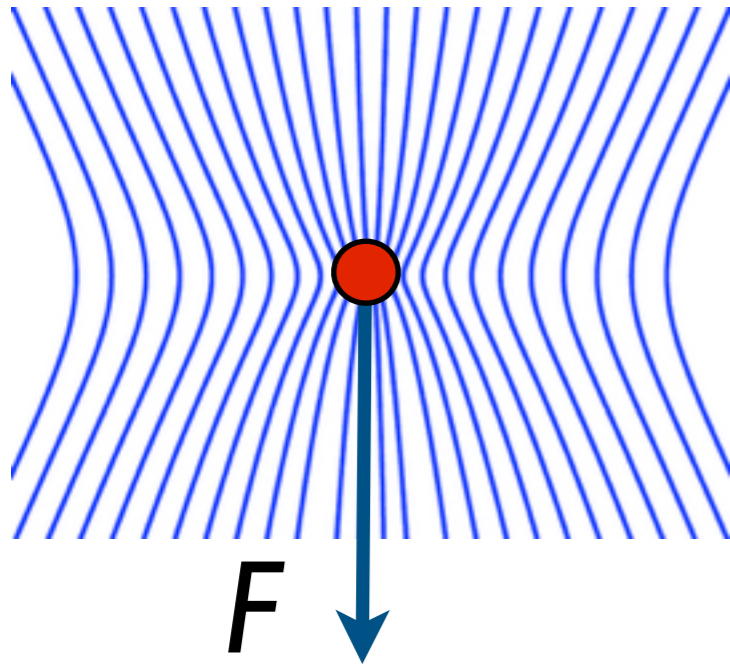
$$0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}.$$

+ time-dependent BCs

Superposition of singularities



3D stokeslet



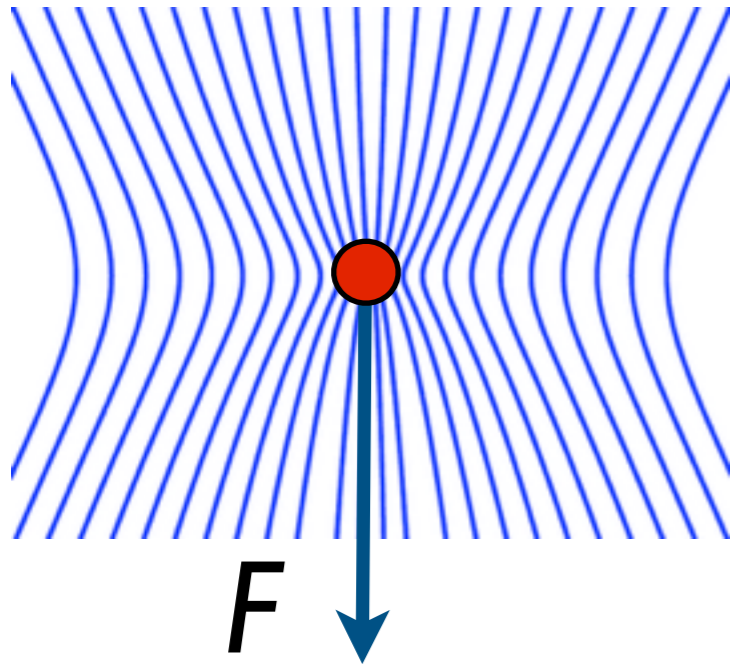
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$$\text{flow} \sim r^{-1}$$

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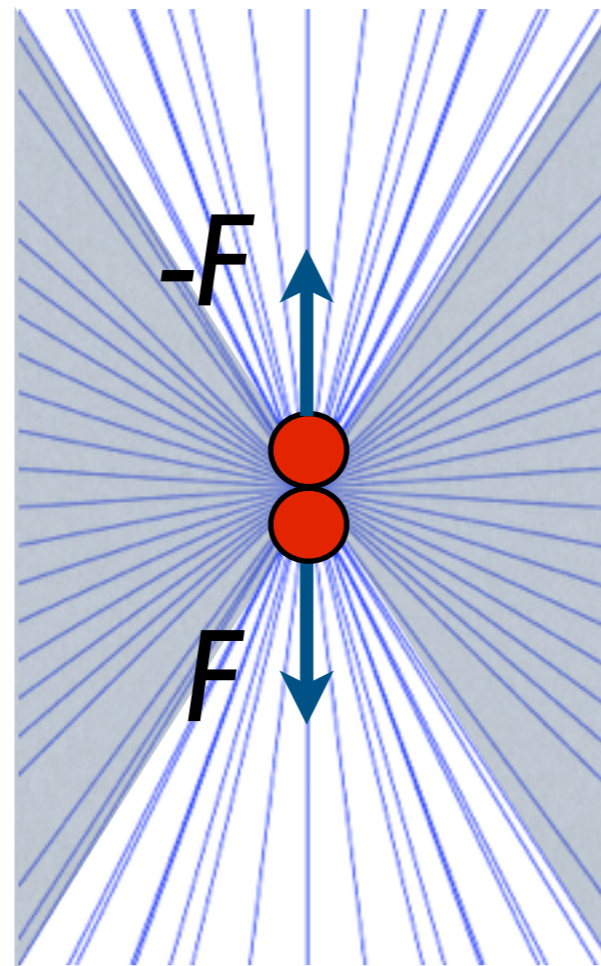


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symmetric dipole



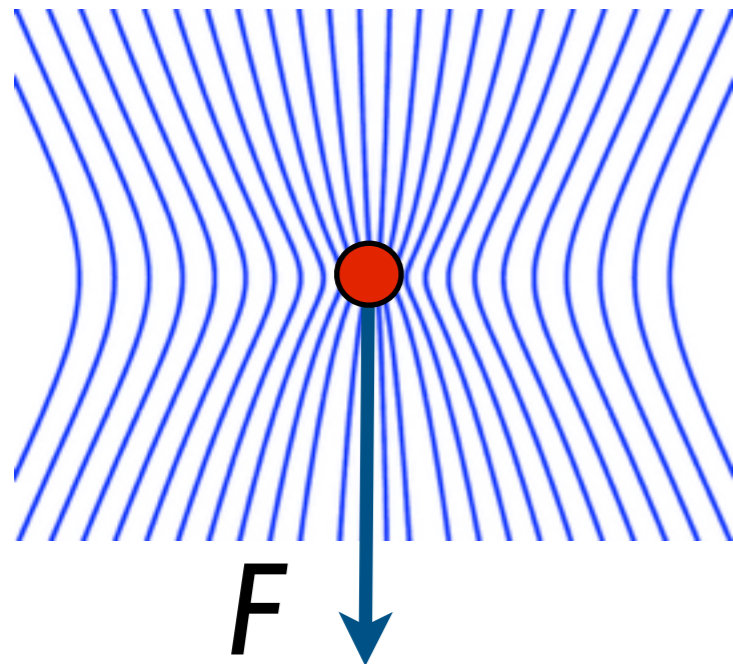
r^{-2}

'pusher' dipole

Superposition of singularities



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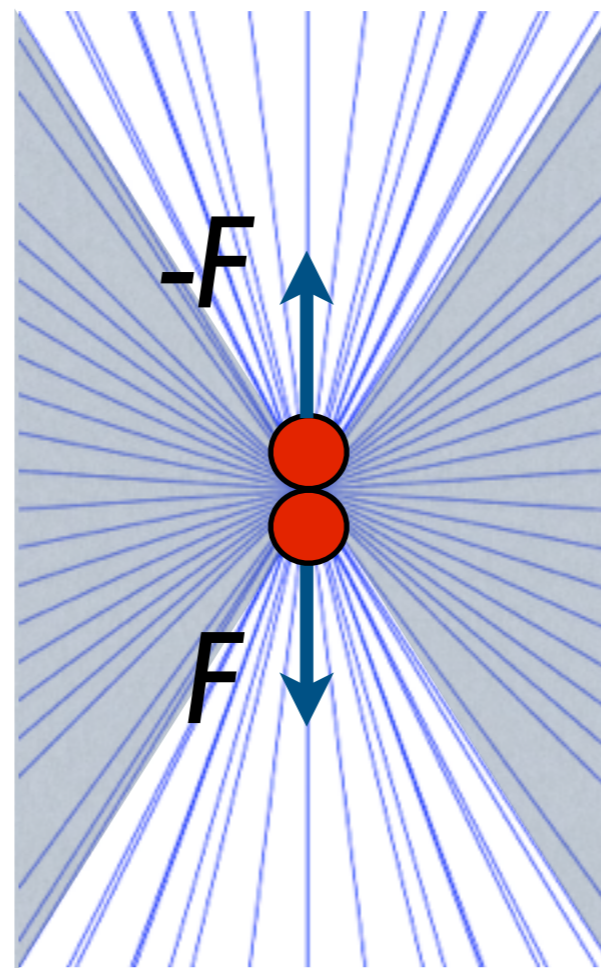


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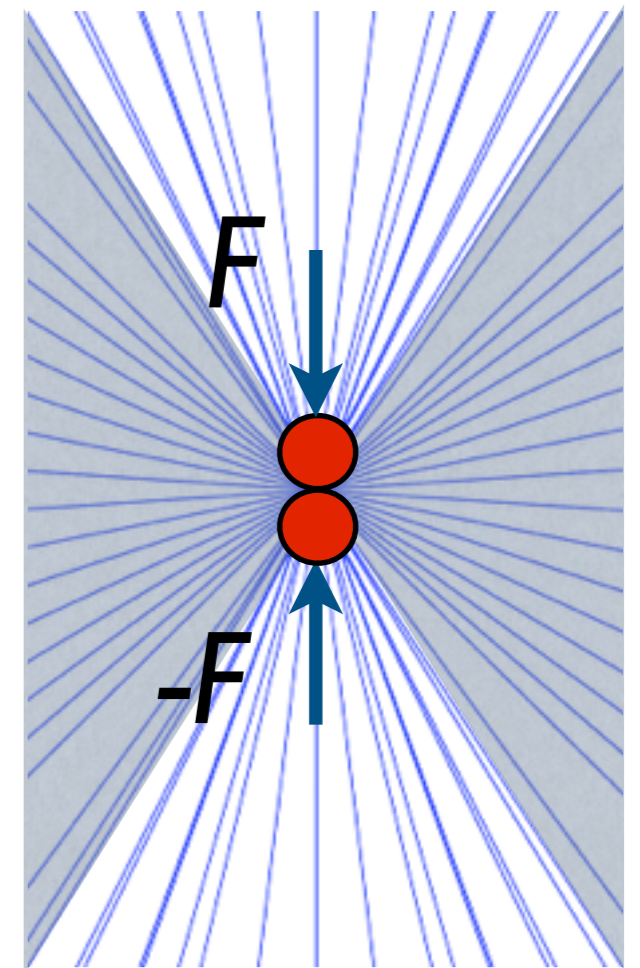
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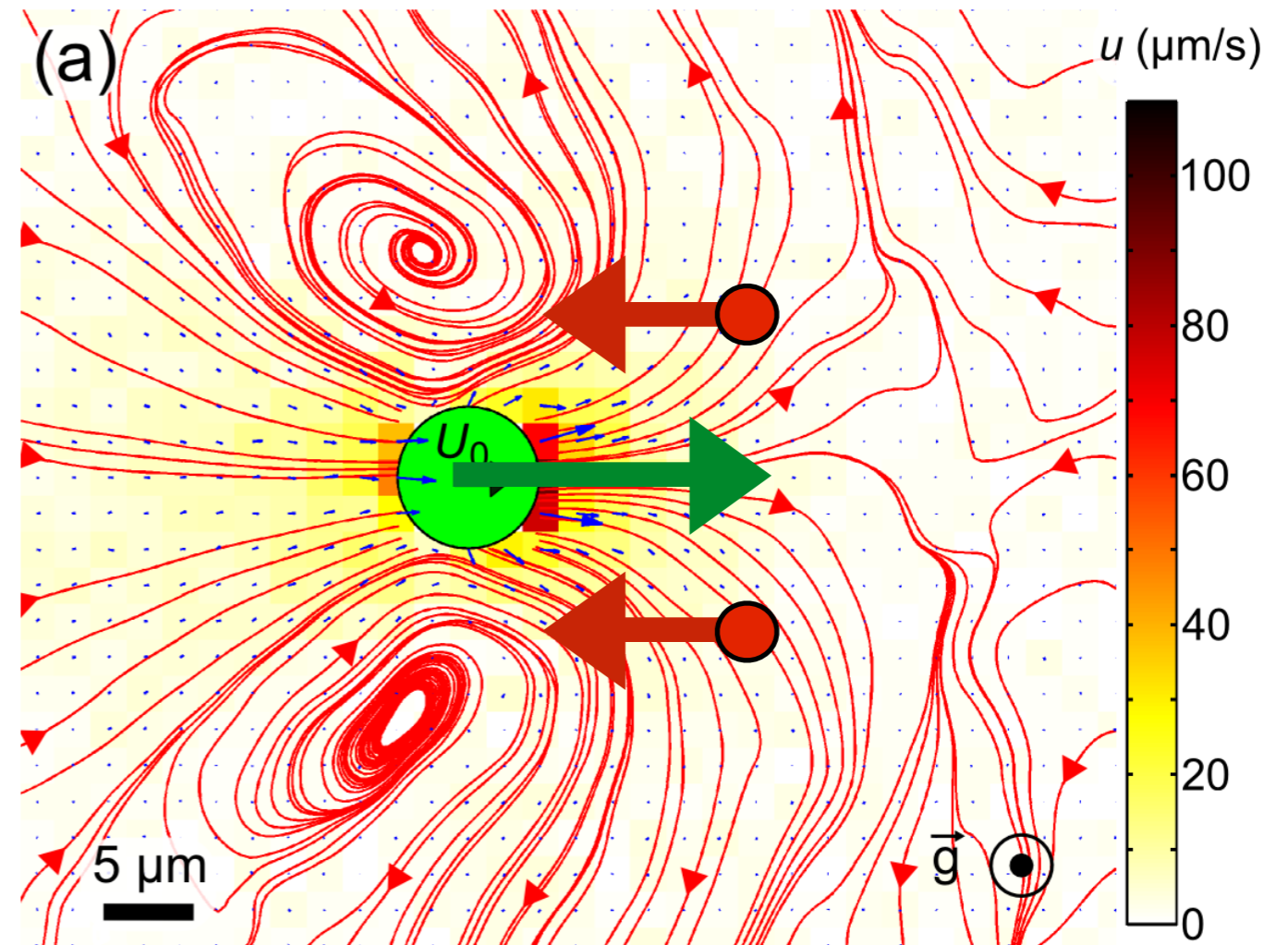
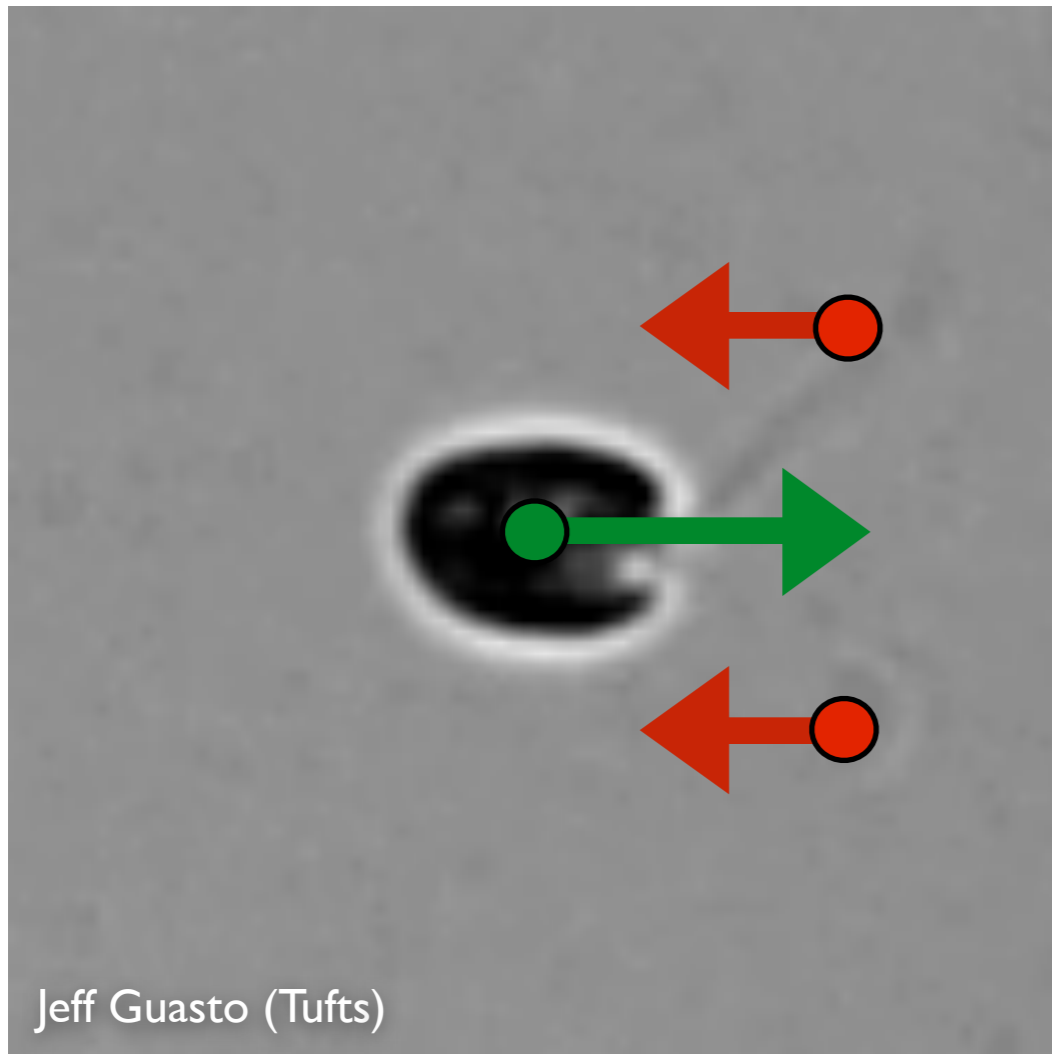


r^{-2}

'puller' dipole

Algal flow field: not a dipole

Chlamydomonas alga

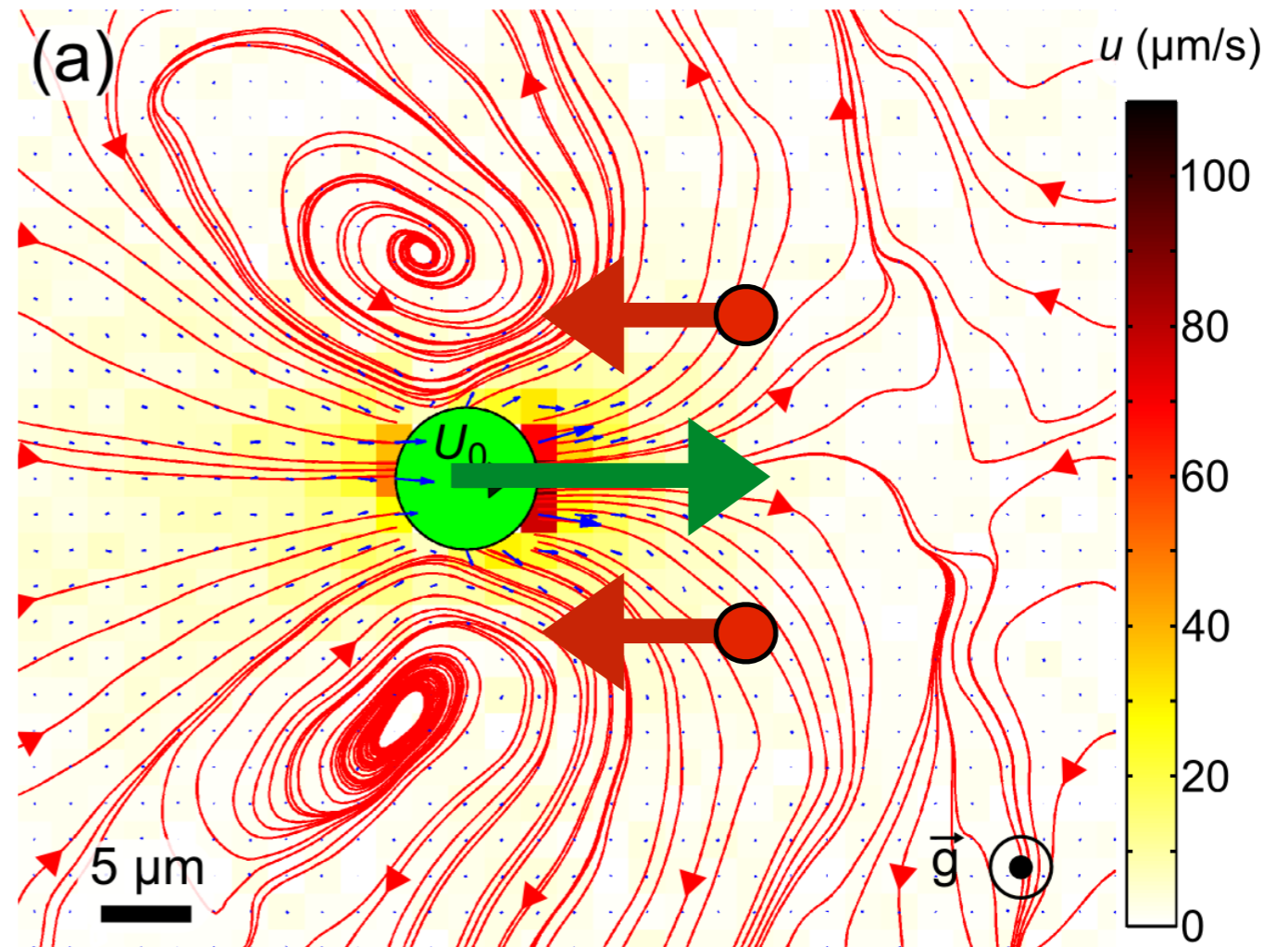
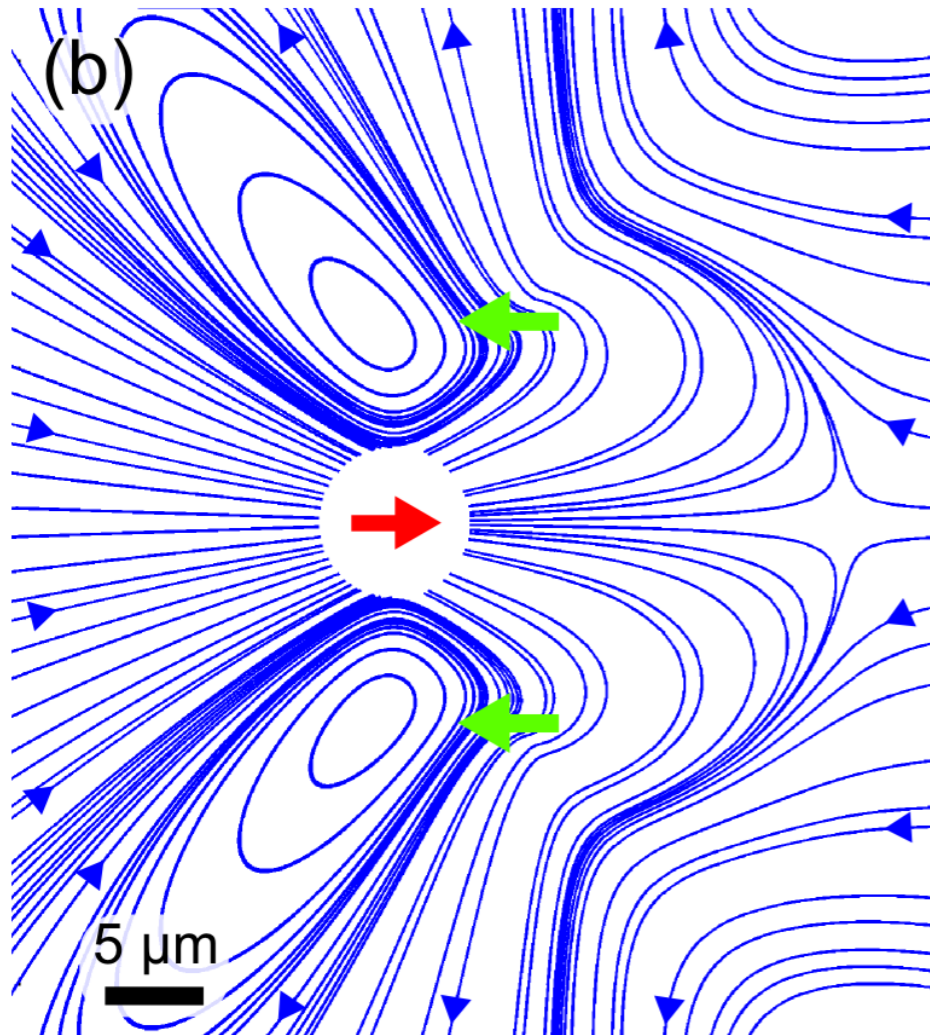


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speed: $100 \mu\text{m/s}$
beat frequency: 30 Hz

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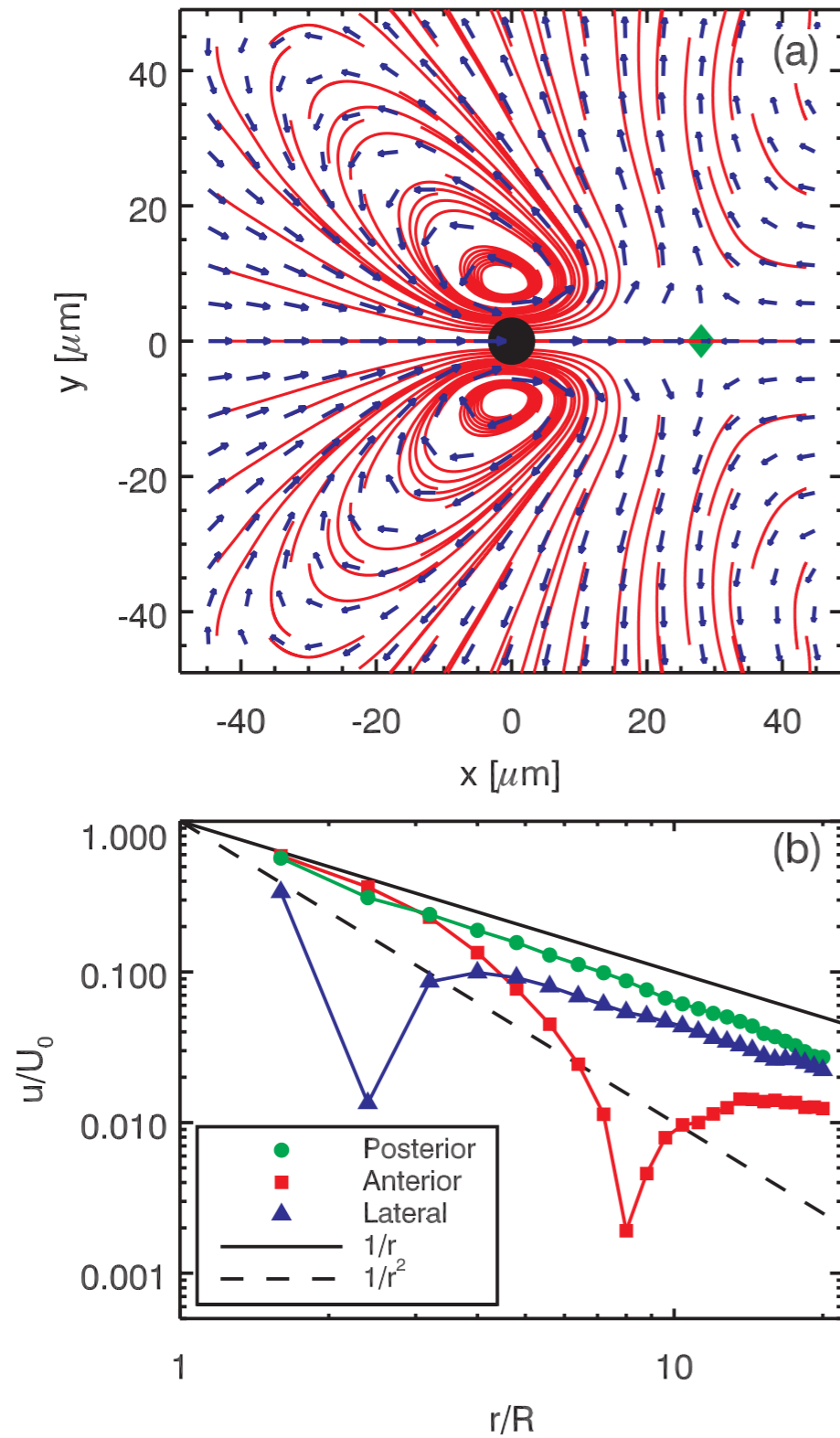
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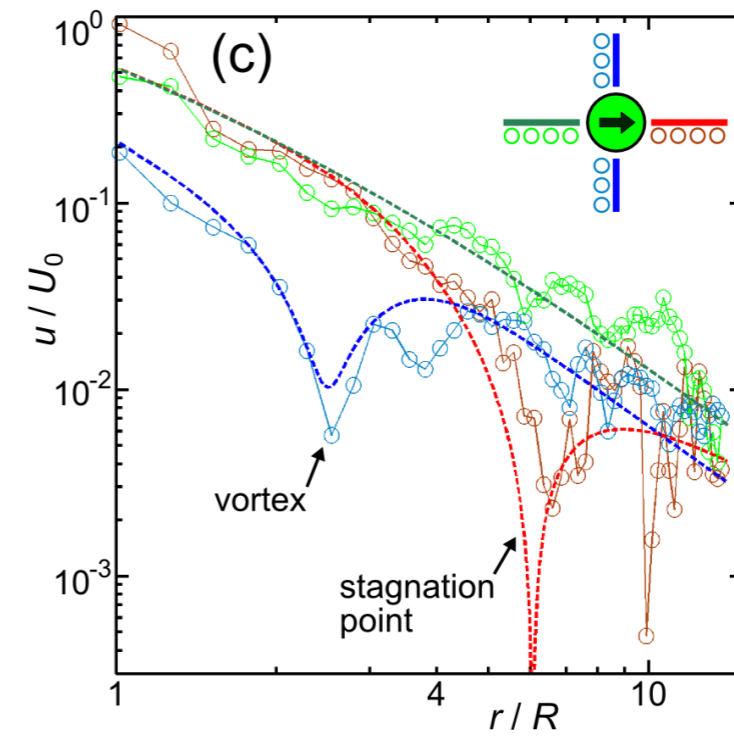
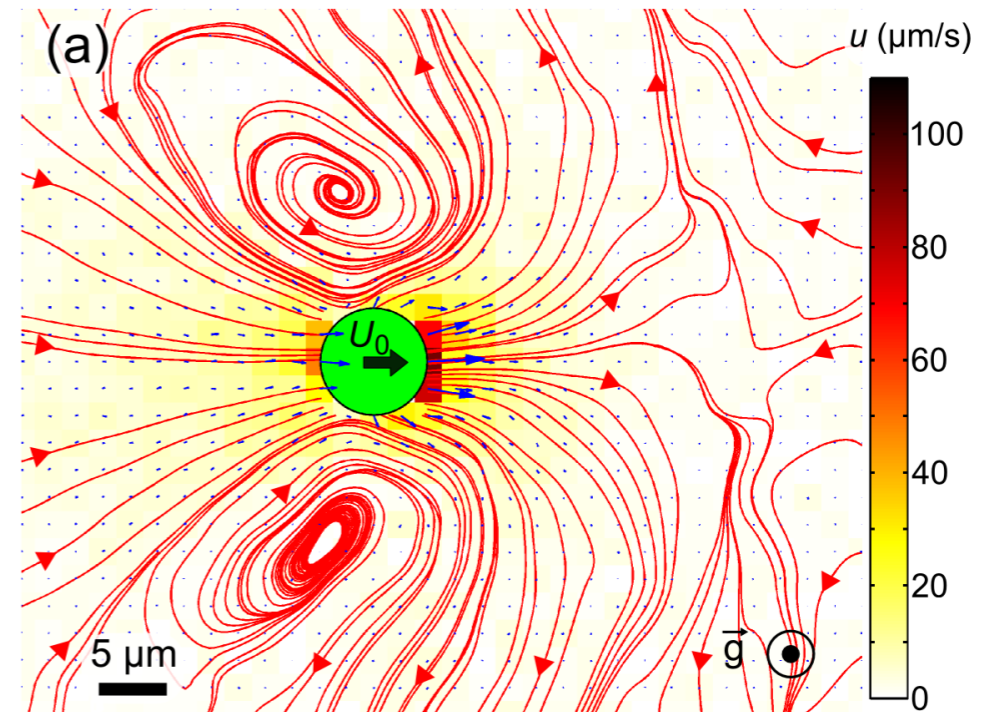
2D

vs.

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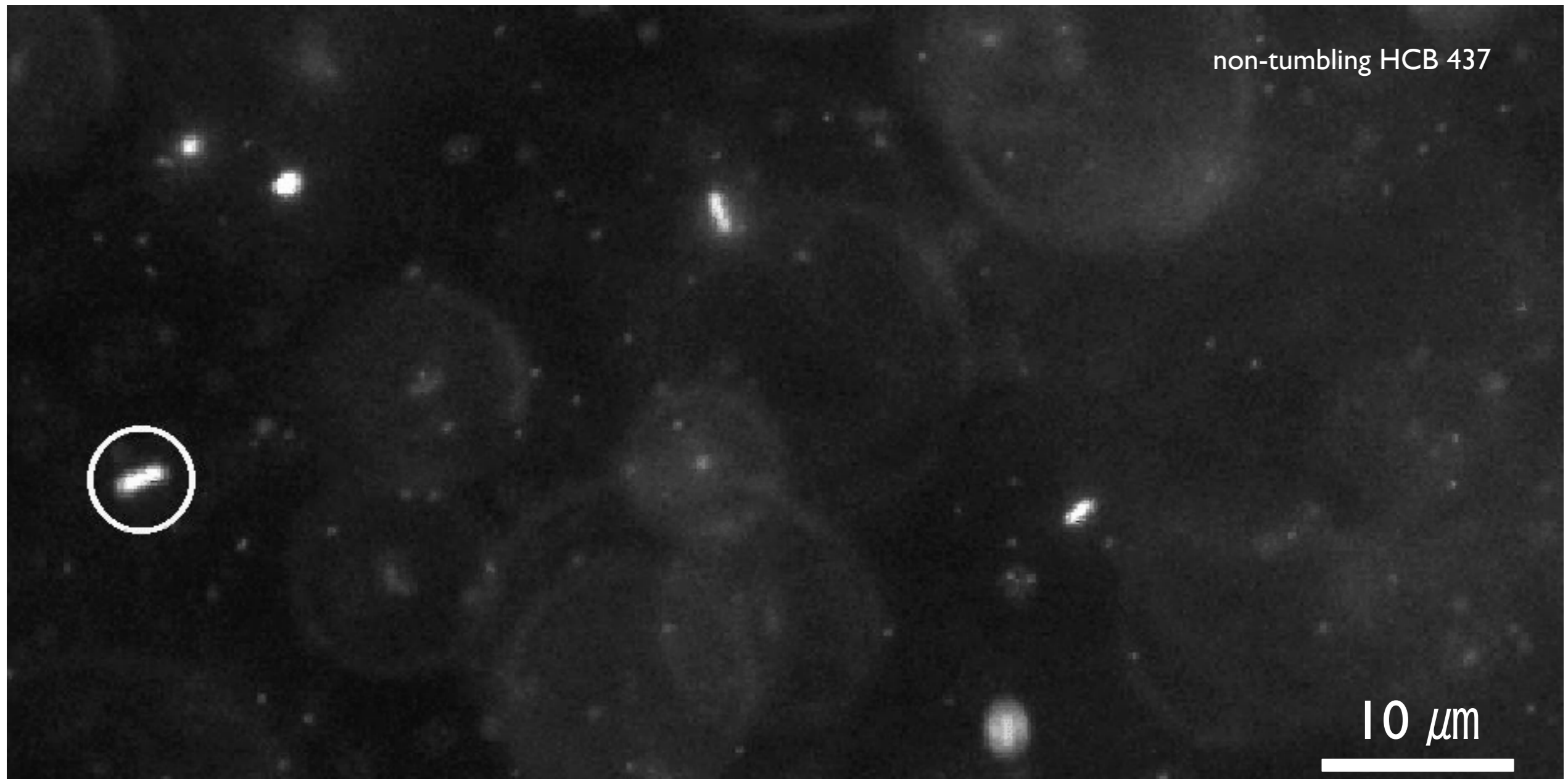


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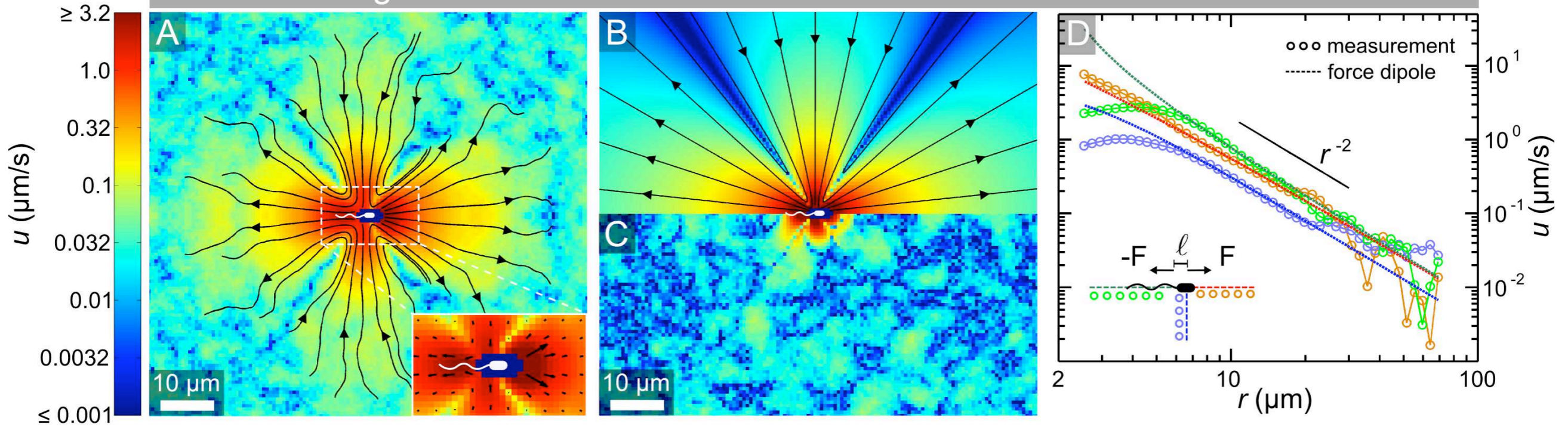
E. coli (non-tumbling)



Drescher et al (2011) PNAS

E.coli (non-tumbling HCB 437)

Free swimming



$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{A}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} \left[3(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{d}})^2 - 1 \right] \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \quad A = \frac{\ell F}{8\pi\eta}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|}$$

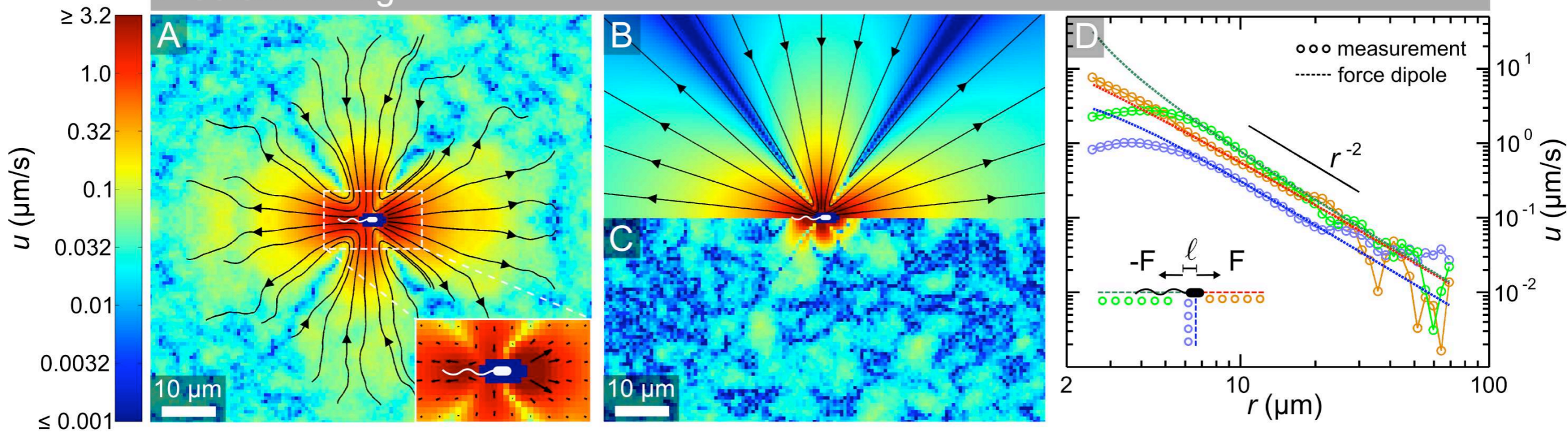
$V_0 = 22 \pm 5 \mu\text{m/s}$
 $\ell = 1.9 \mu\text{m}$
 $F = 0.42 \text{ pN}$

‘pusher’ dipole

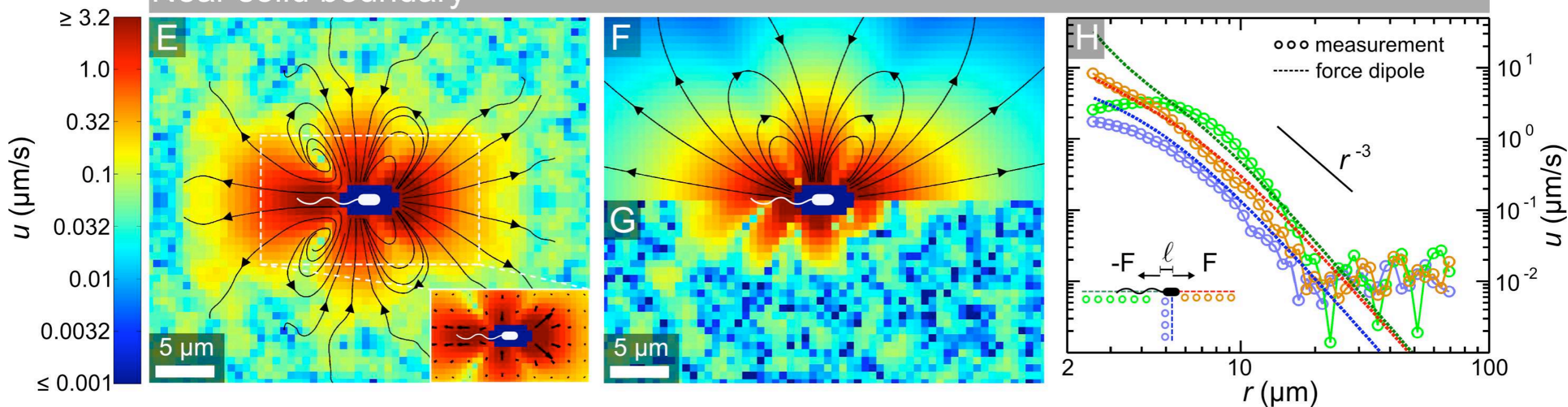
E.coli (non-tumbling HCB 437)



Free swimming



Near solid boundary



Hydrodynamic scattering



dipole flow

$$\mathbf{v} \sim \frac{A}{r^2}$$

vorticity

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \nabla \times \mathbf{v} \sim \frac{A}{r^3}$$

encounter time

$$\tau \sim \ell/V$$

HD rotation

$$\langle |\Delta\phi|^2 \rangle \sim (\omega\tau)^2 \sim \left(\frac{A\tau}{r^3} \right)^2$$

rotational diffusion

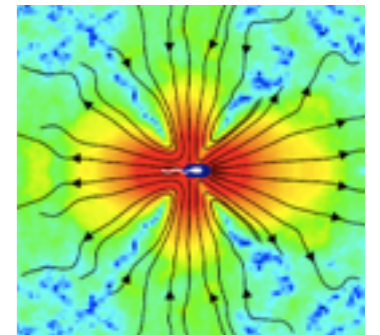
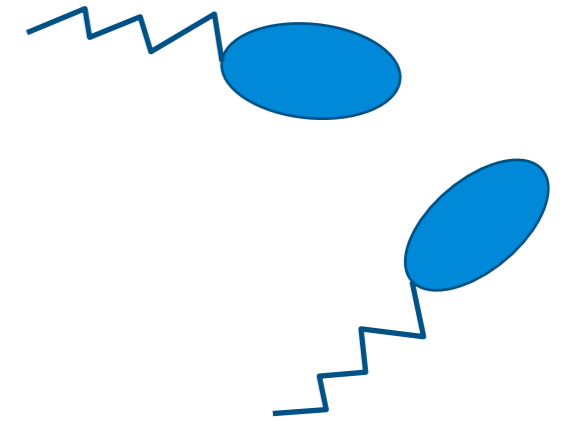
$$\langle |\Delta\phi|^2 \rangle \sim D_r\tau$$

$$D_r = 0.057 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}$$

balance

$$r_H \sim \left(\frac{A^2\tau}{D_r} \right)^{1/6}$$

3.3 μm for *E. coli*

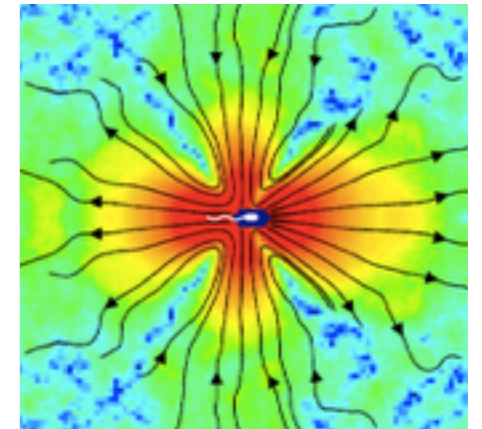


Implications for collective swimming



✓ hydrodynamic advection

$$v \sim \frac{A}{r^2}$$



✓ steric alignment

• hydrodynamic alignment **less** important

$$\omega = \nabla \times v \sim \frac{A}{r^3}$$

✓ intrinsic rotational noise
much larger than thermal noise

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Self-Concentration and Large-Scale Coherence in Bacterial Dynamics

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B. subtilis

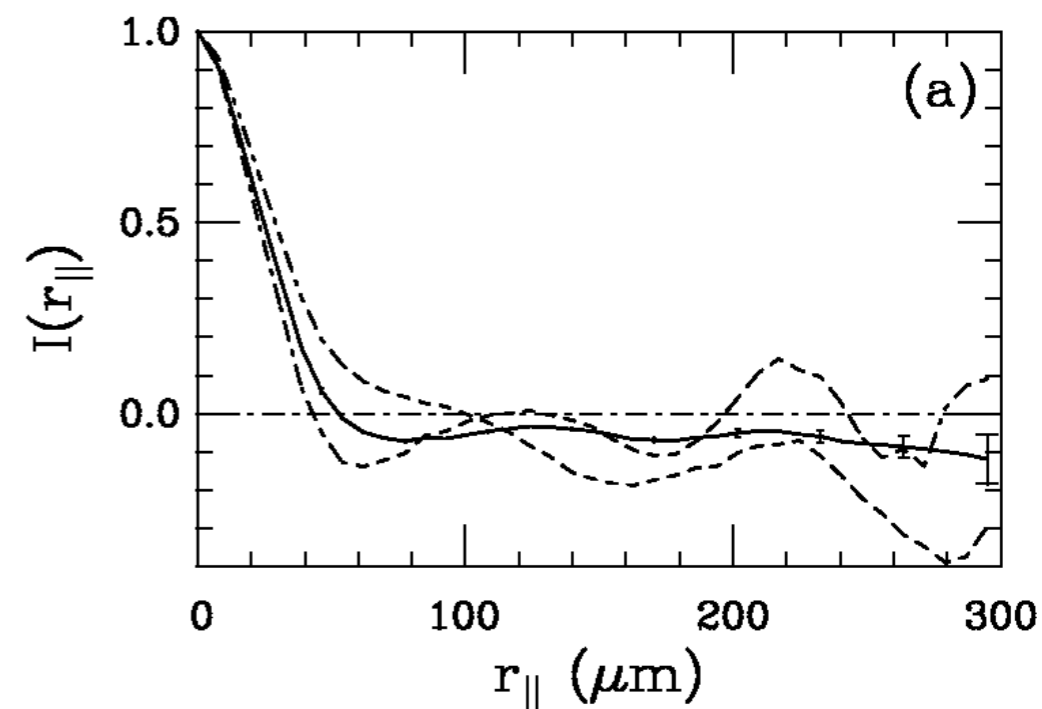
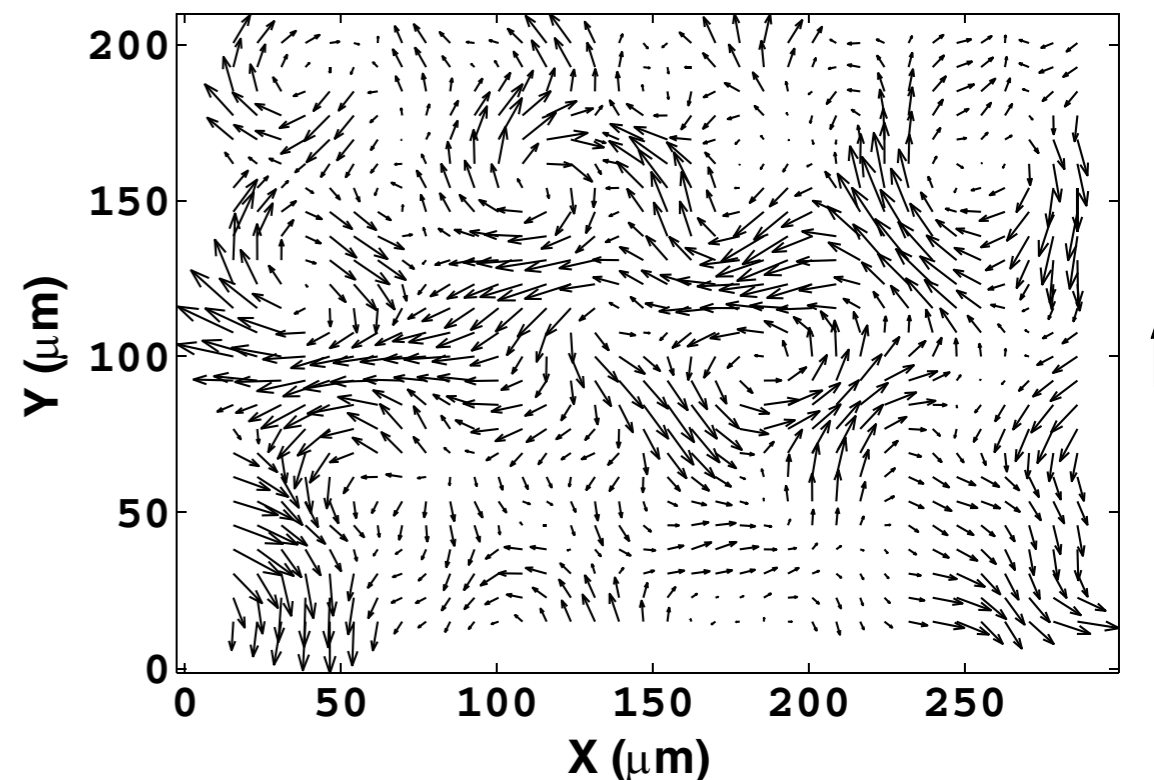
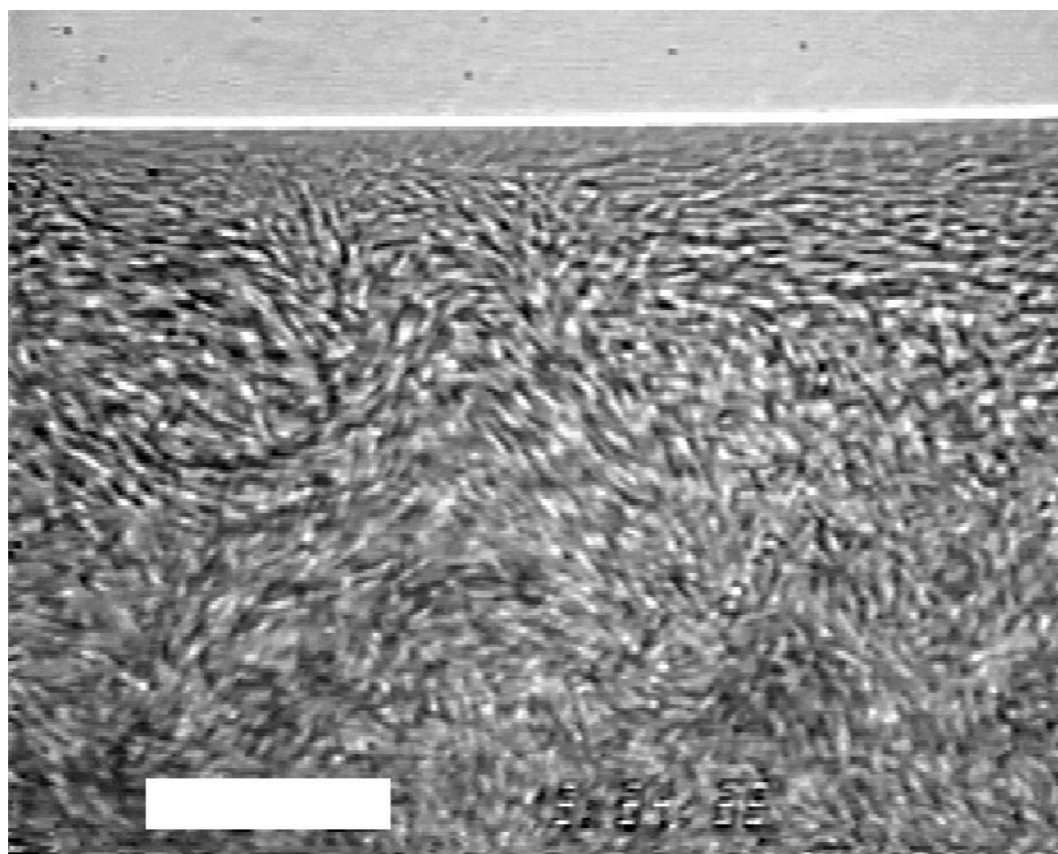


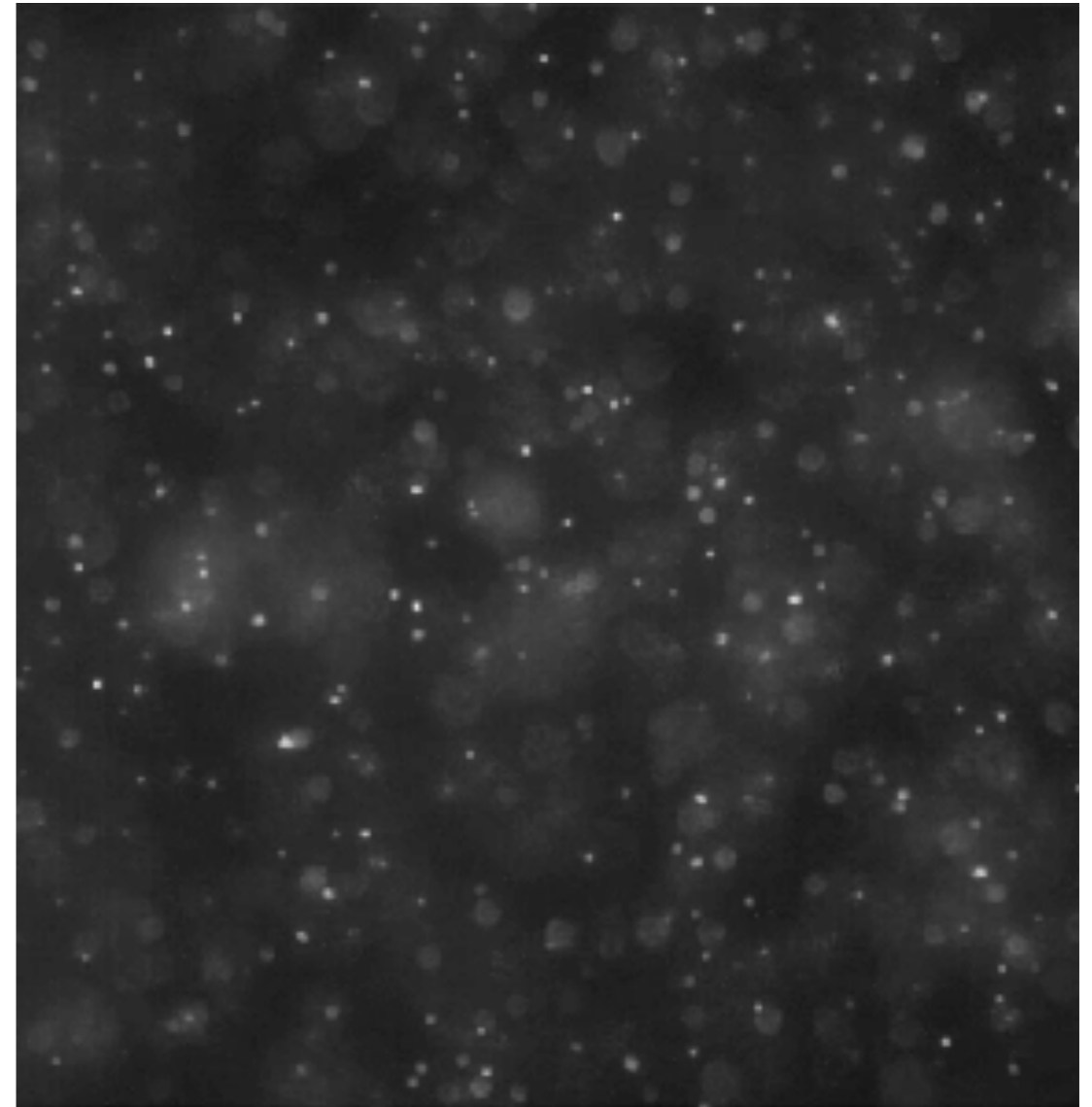
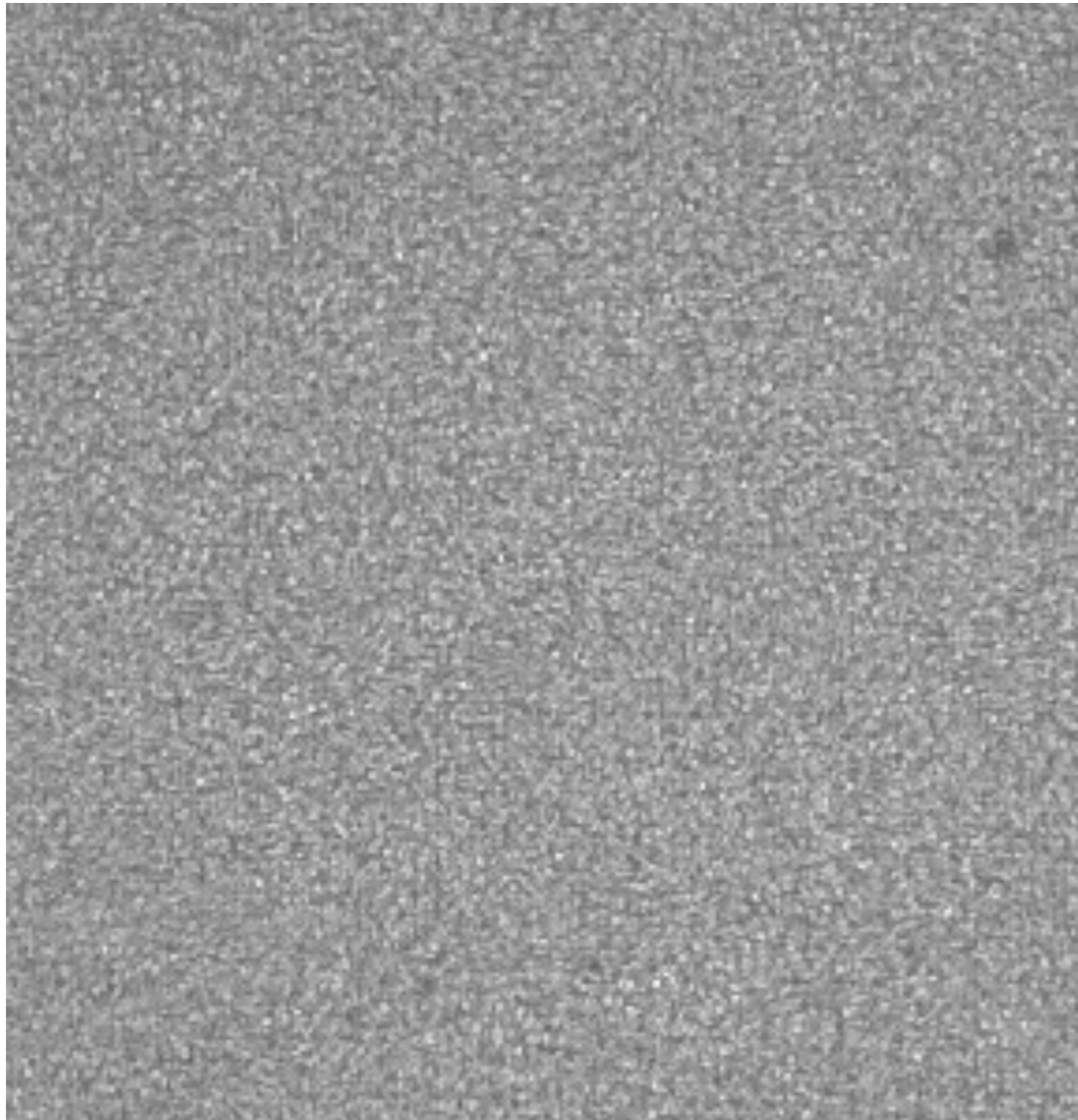
FIG. 3. Bacterial “turbulence” in a sessile drop, viewed from below through the bottom of a petri dish. Gravity is perpendicular to the plane of the picture, and the horizontal white line near the top is the air-water-plastic contact line. The central fuzziness is due to collective motion, not quite captured at the frame rate of 1/30 s. The scale bar is 35 μm .

Bacterial 'turbulence'



B. subtilis

tracers



bright field

fluorescence

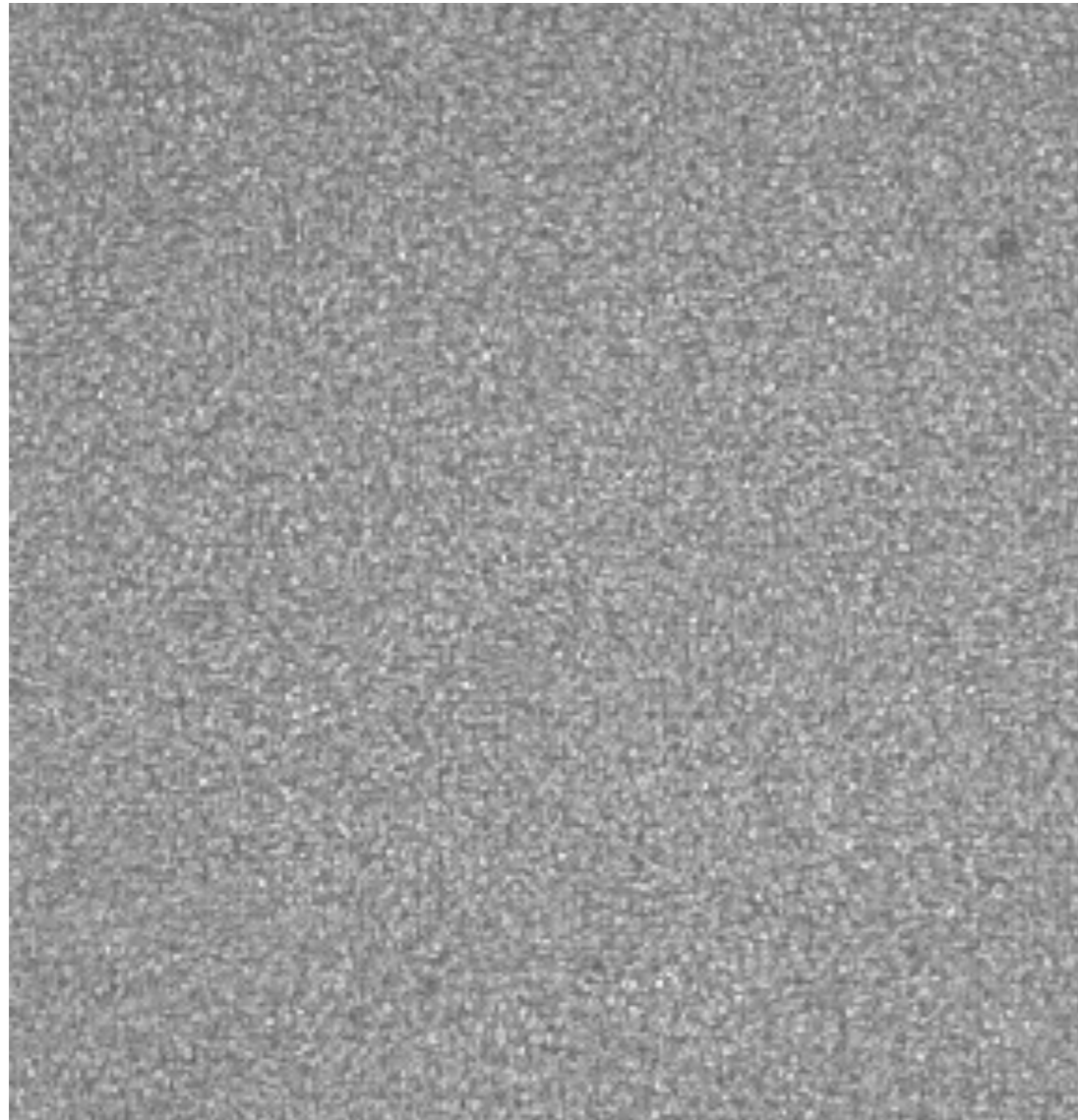
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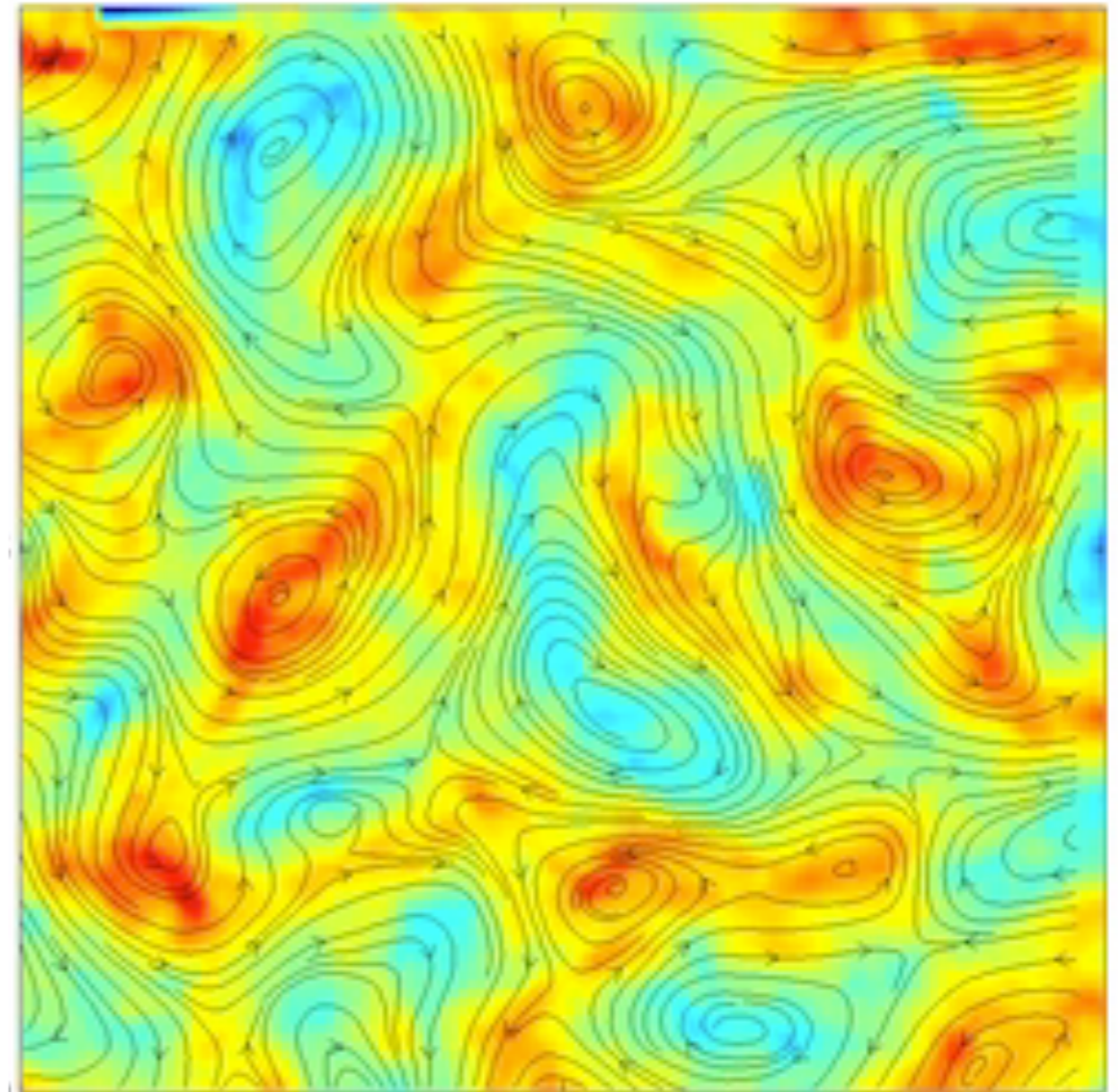
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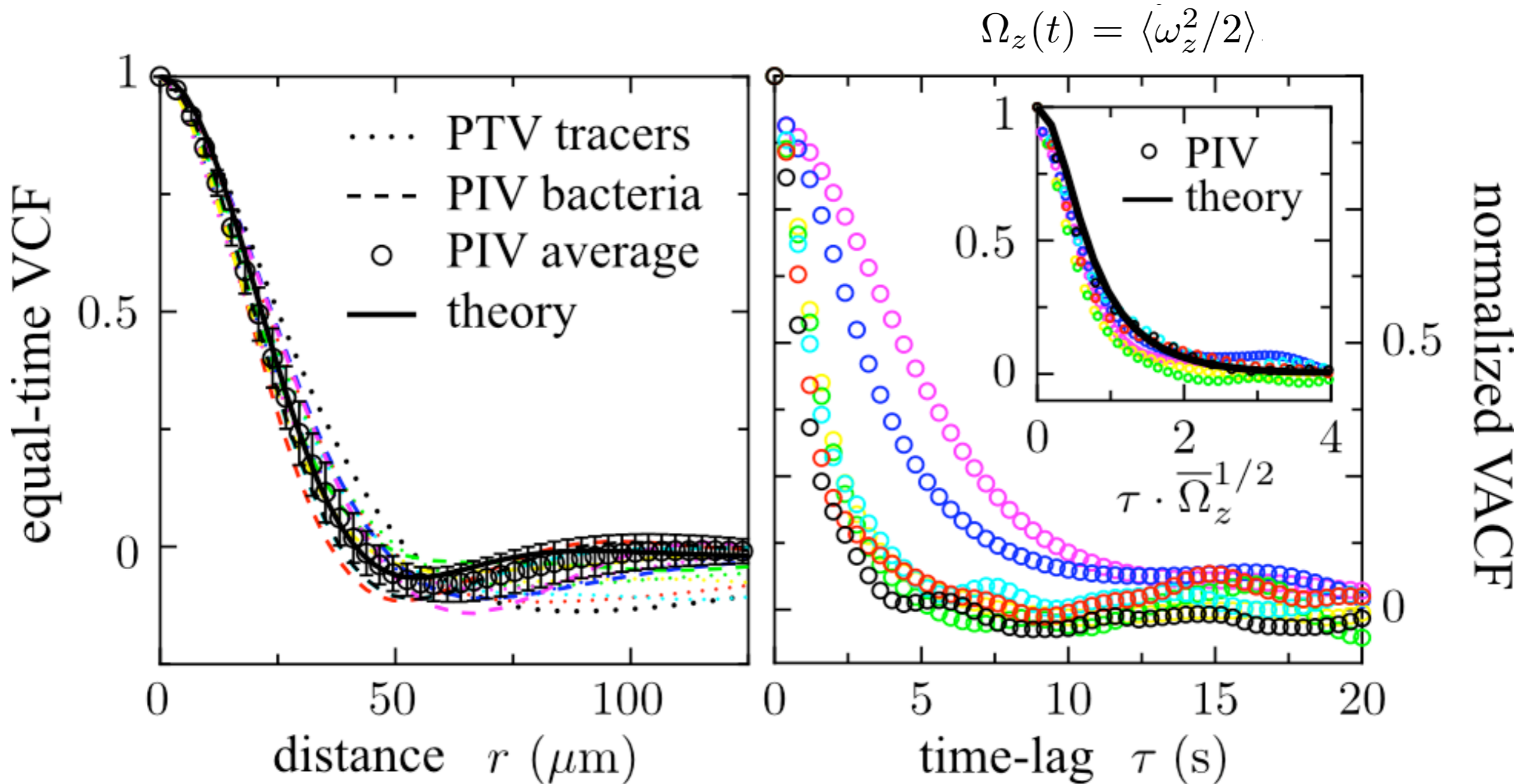


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see also:
Sokolov & Aronson (2012) PRL

Velocity correlations



Vortex diameter $\sim 70 \mu\text{m}$

Life time \sim seconds

Minimal continuum theory for bacterial velocity field



incompressibility

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

nematic stresses

polar alignment

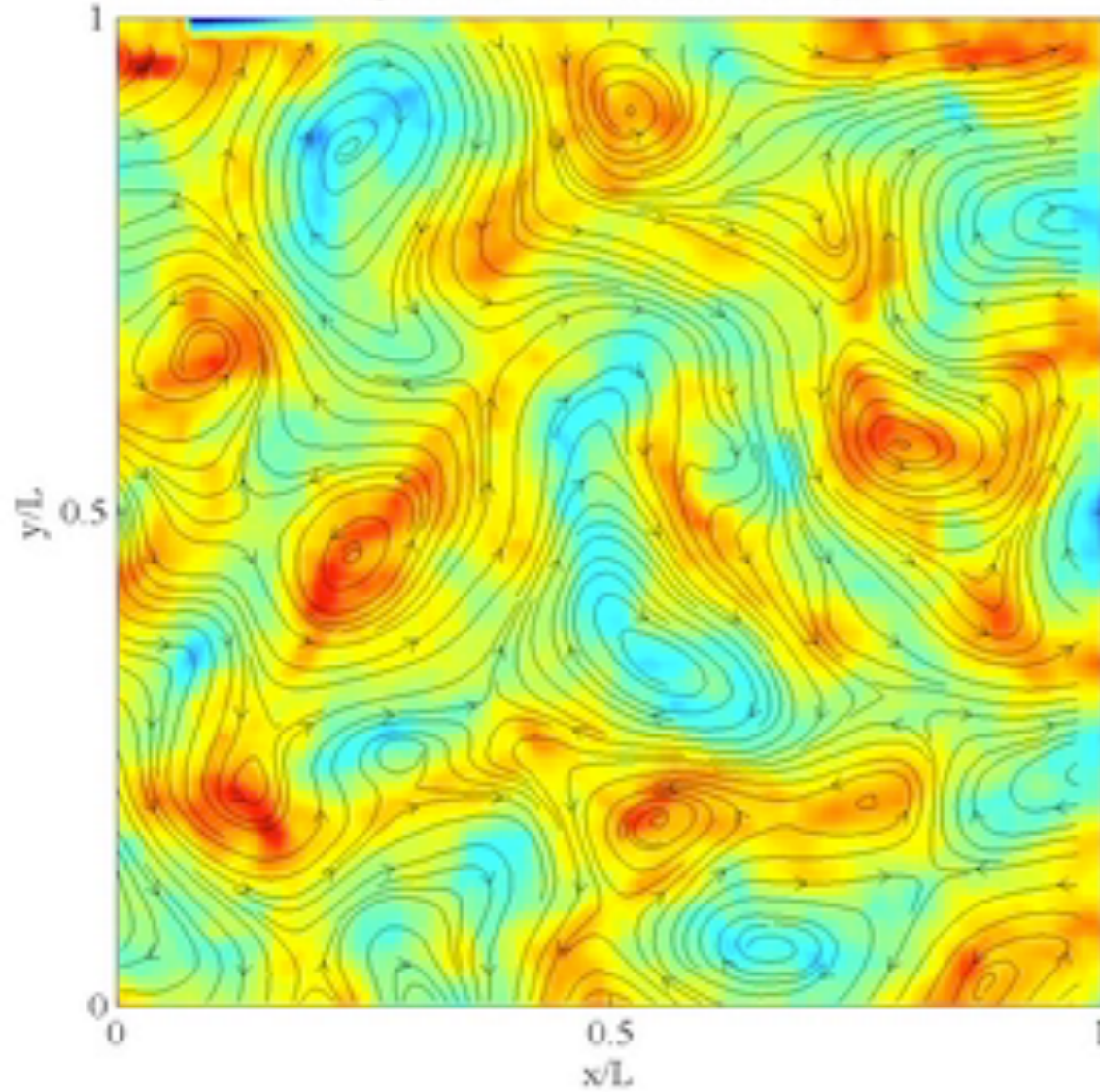
$$(\partial_t + \lambda_0 \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = -\nabla(p + \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}^2) - (\beta \mathbf{v}^2 + \alpha) \mathbf{v} + \Gamma_0 \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} - \Gamma_2 (\nabla^2)^2 \mathbf{v}$$

vortices

experiment vs. theory

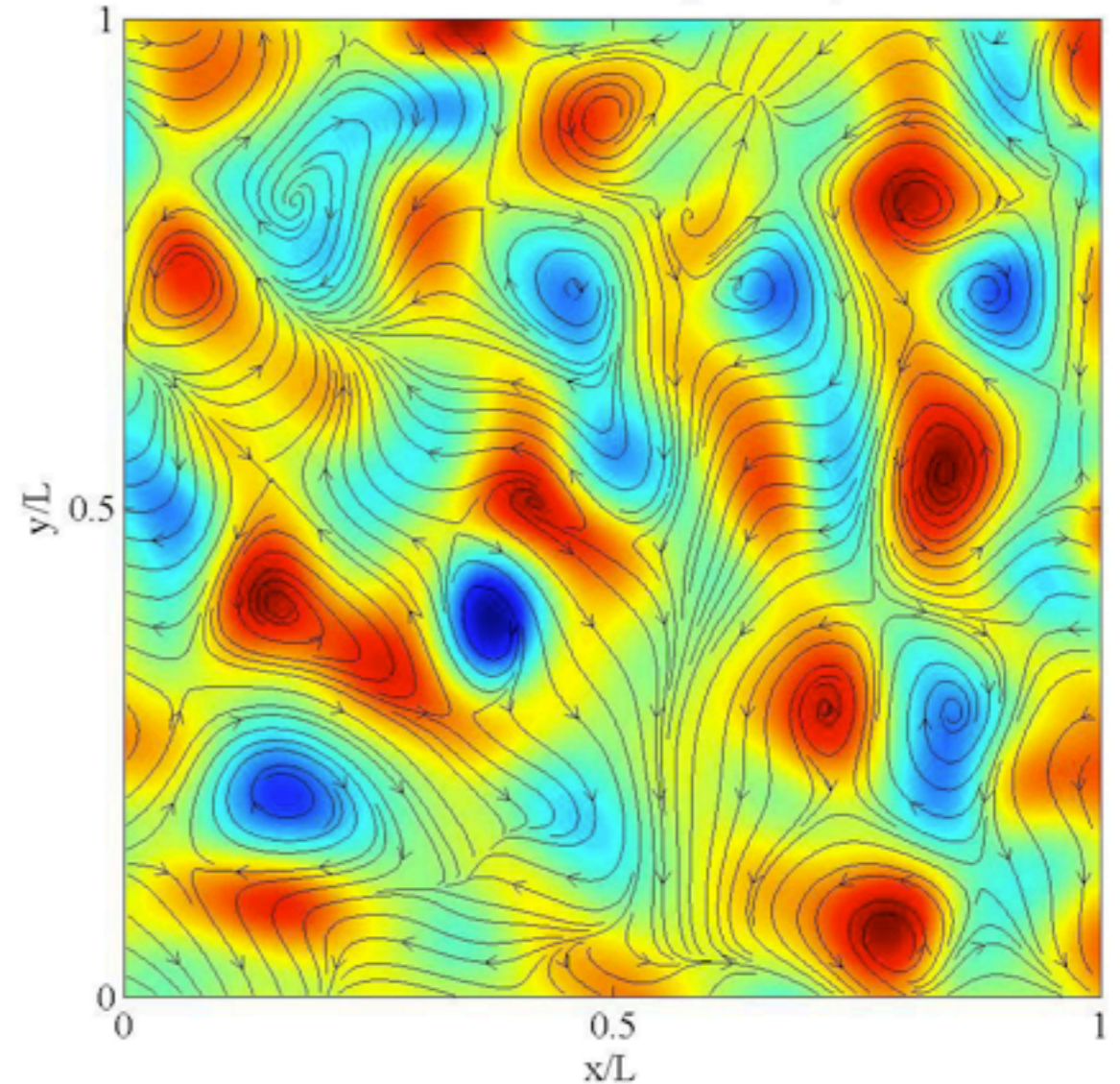


Experiment: $t = 0.1 \text{ s}$, $L = 276 \mu\text{m}$



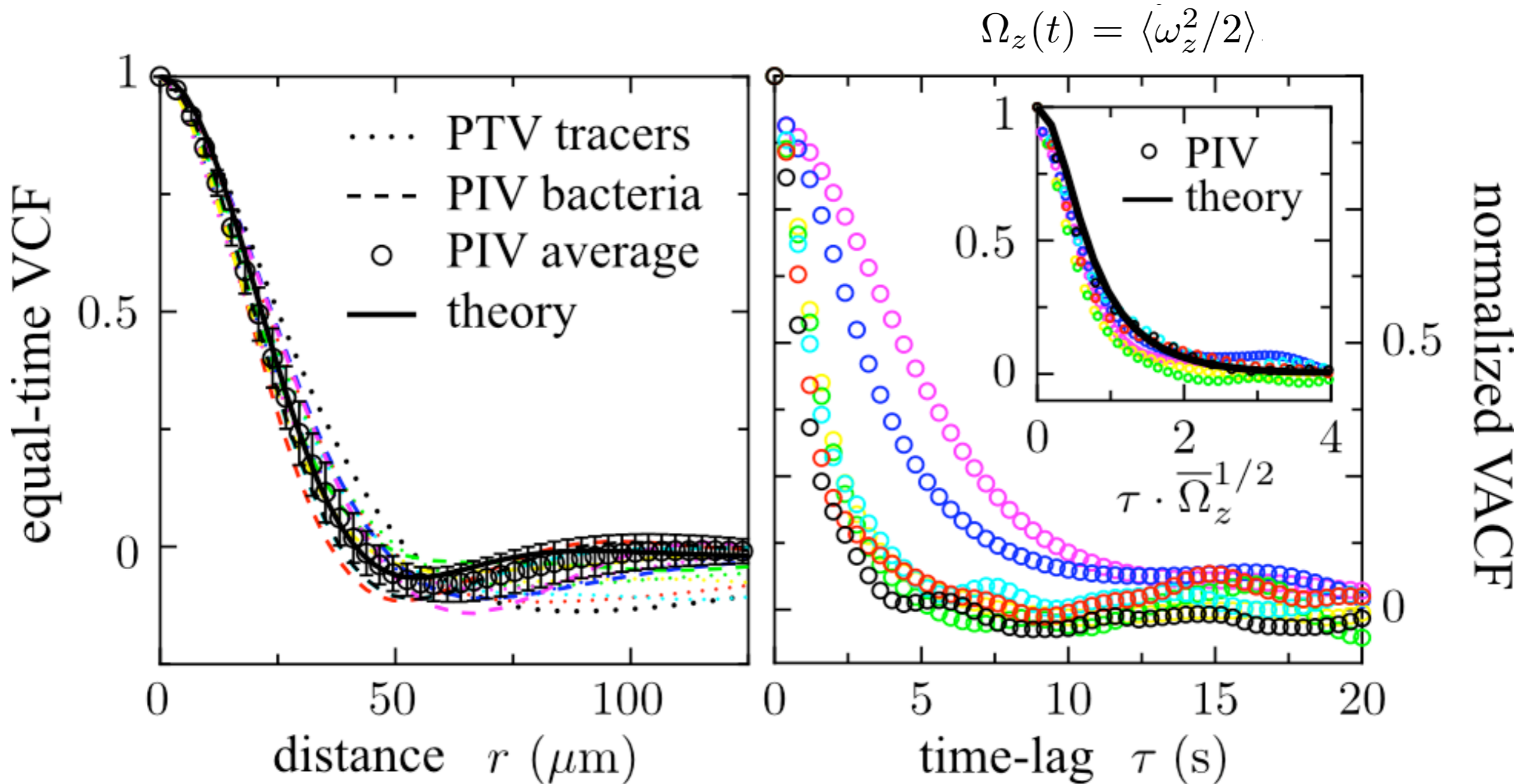
quasi-2D slice

Simulation: $t = 8.7 \text{ s}$, $L = 300 \mu\text{m}$



2D slice
from 3D simulation

Velocity correlations



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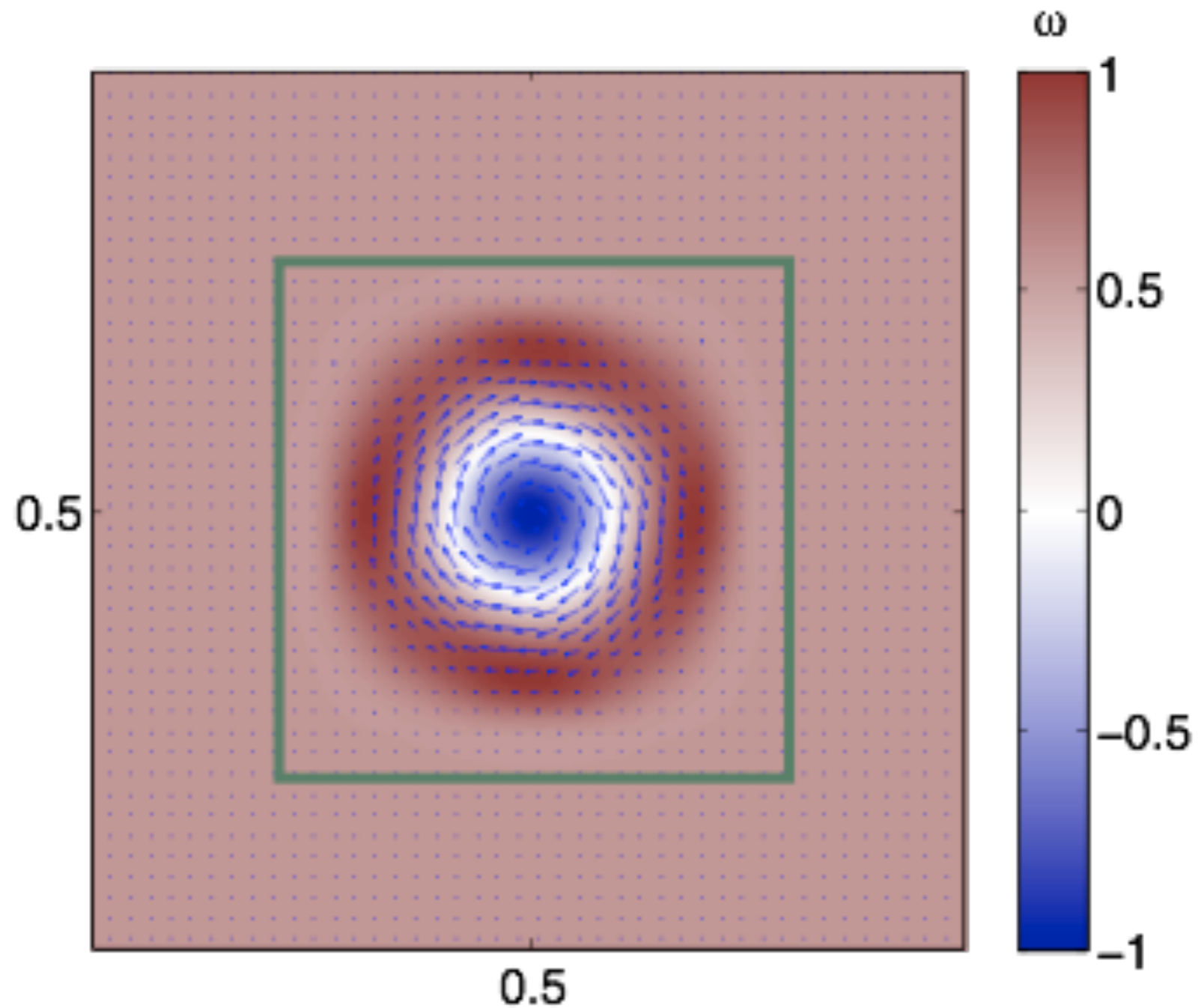
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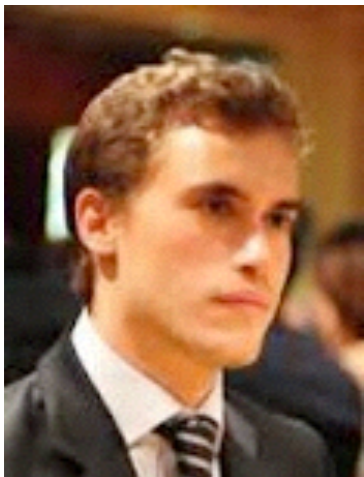
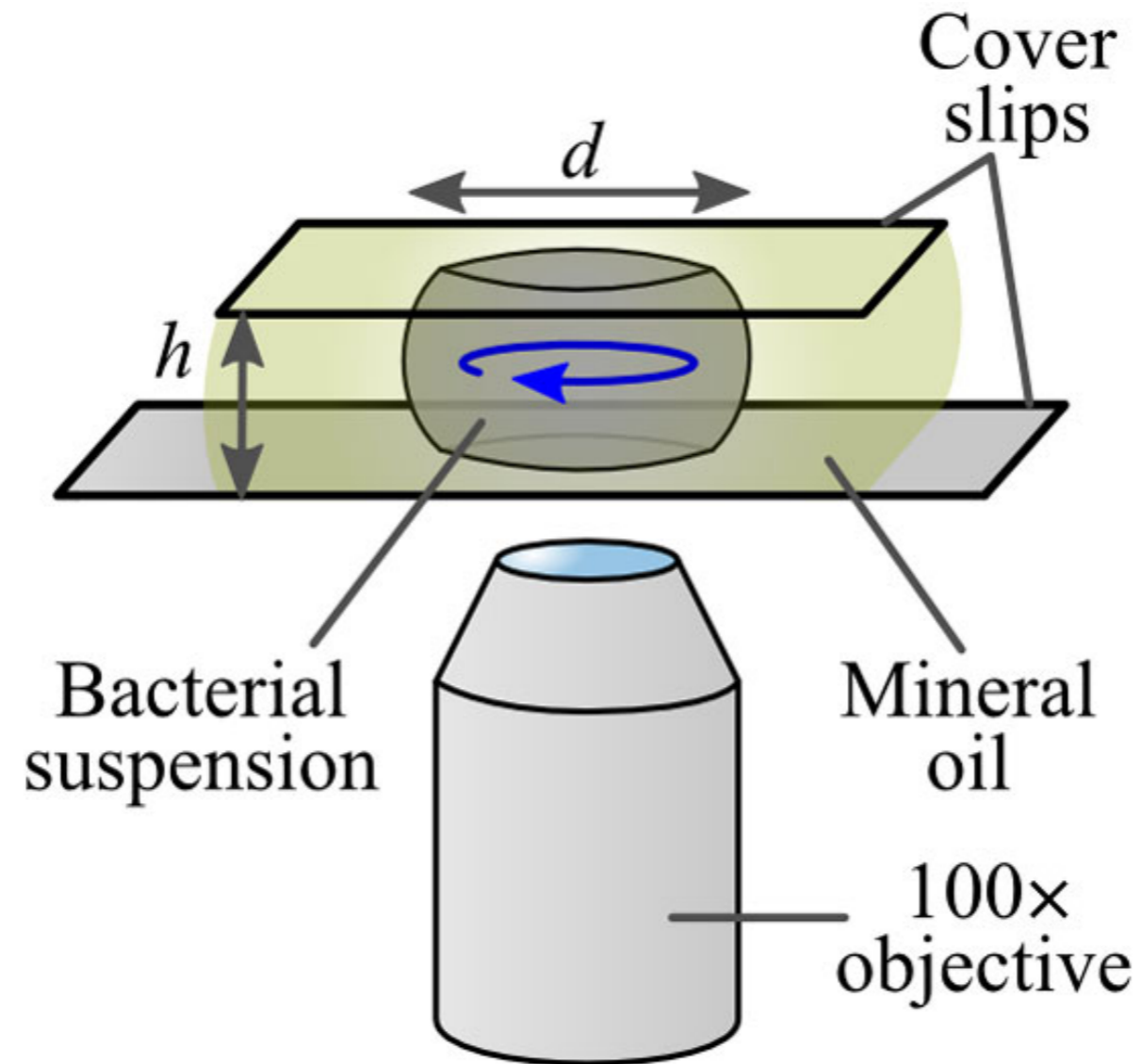
Vortex stabilization



‘prediction’ of many models



Can we stabilize vortices ?

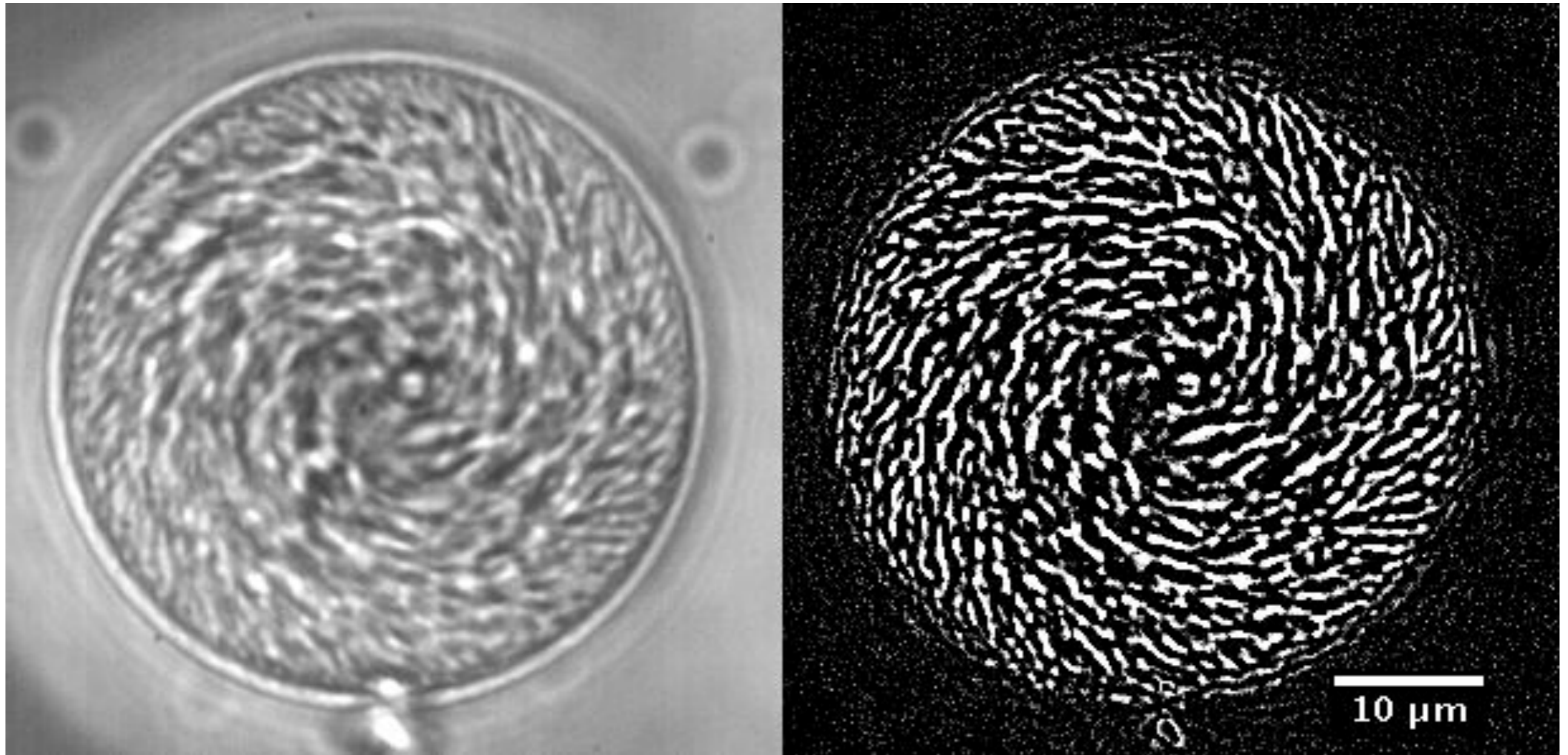


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Stable bacterial spiral vortex



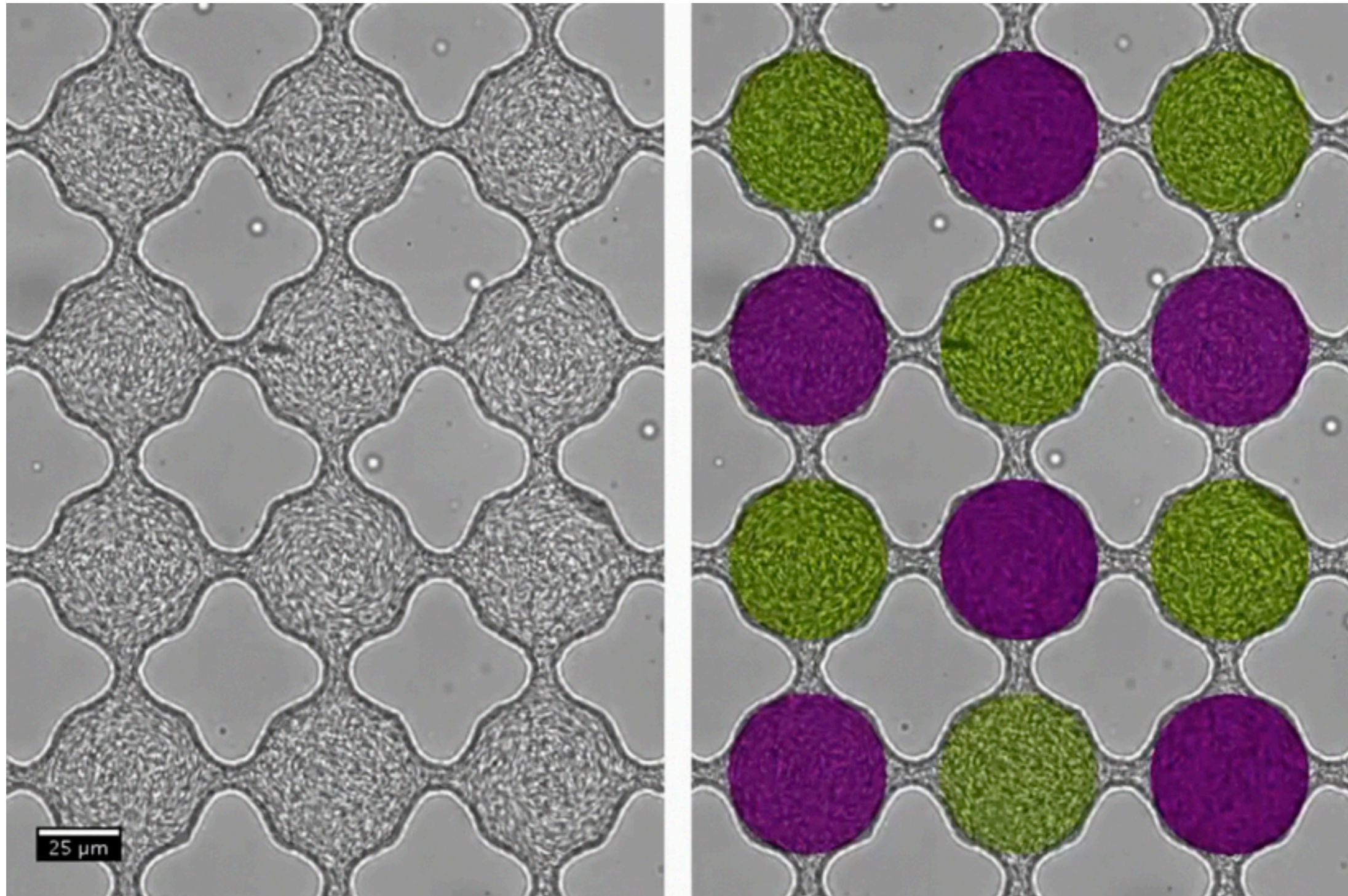
Vortex life time \sim minutes



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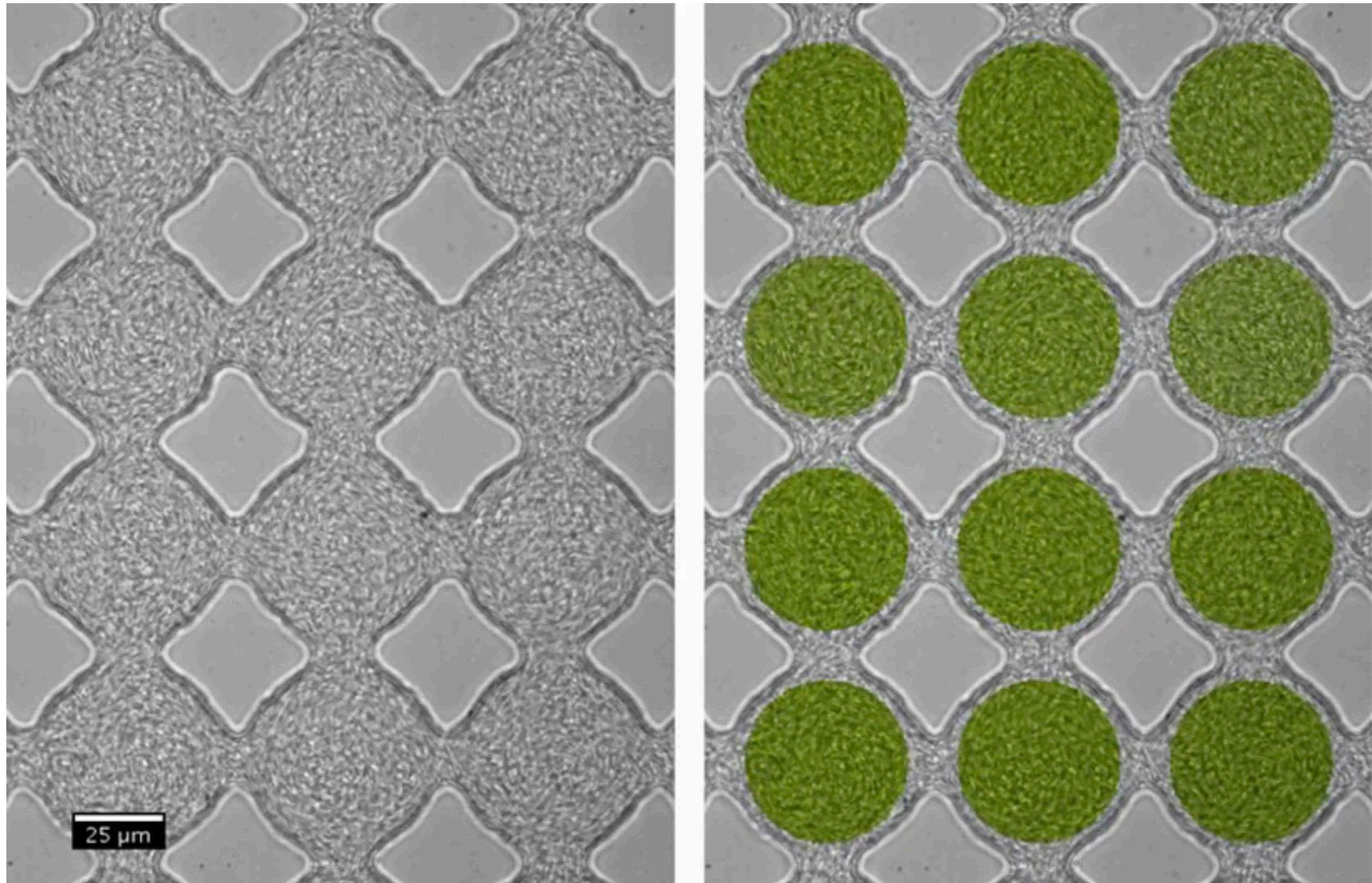
Edge currents !

Anti-ferromagnetic order



Wioland et al. (2016)
Nature Physics **but** only for **weak** coupling (small gaps)

Ferromagnetic order

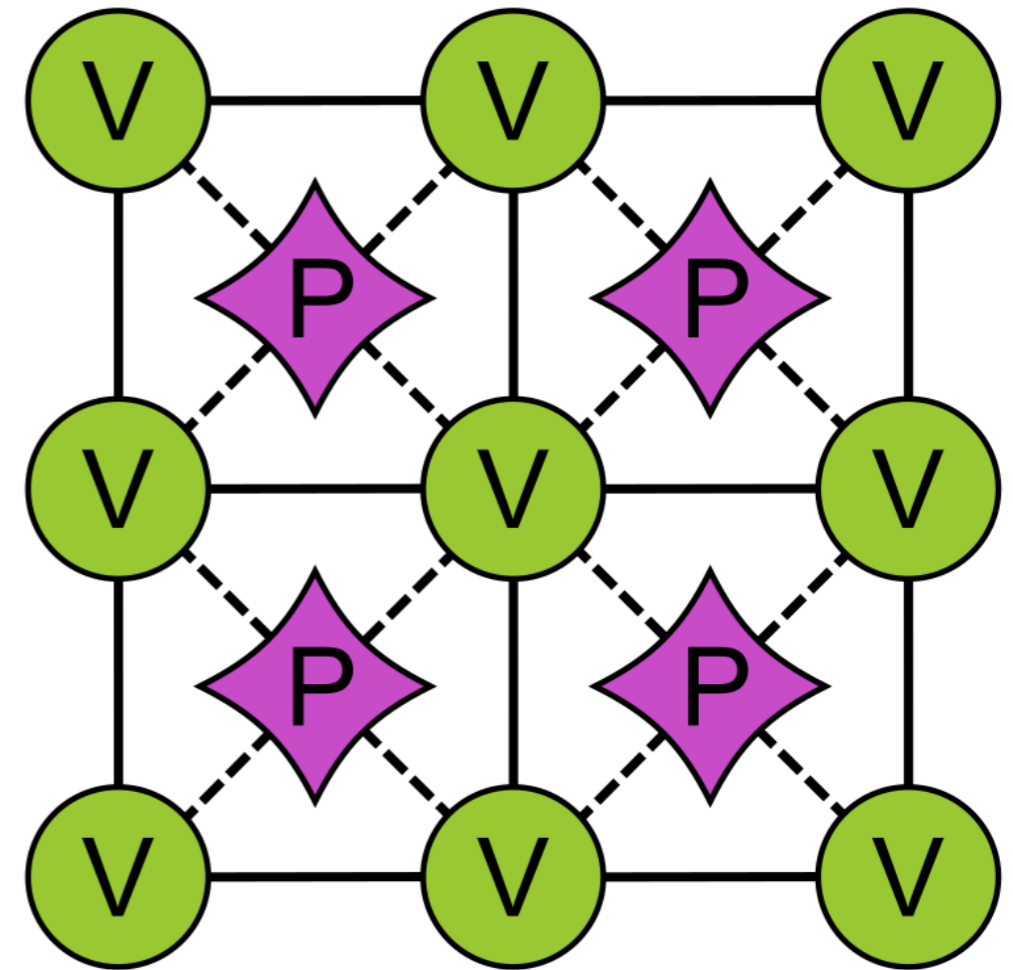
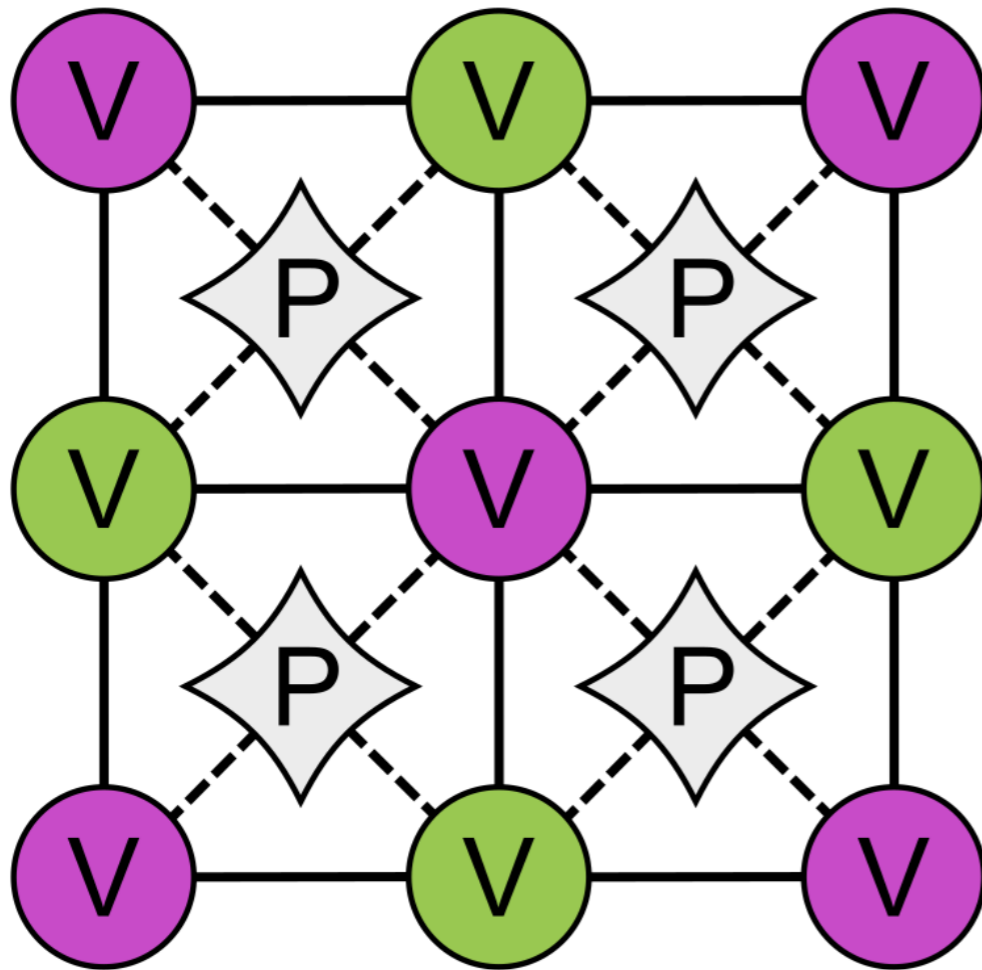


Wioland et al (2016)
Nature Physics **driven by edge currents around pillars**

anti-ferro

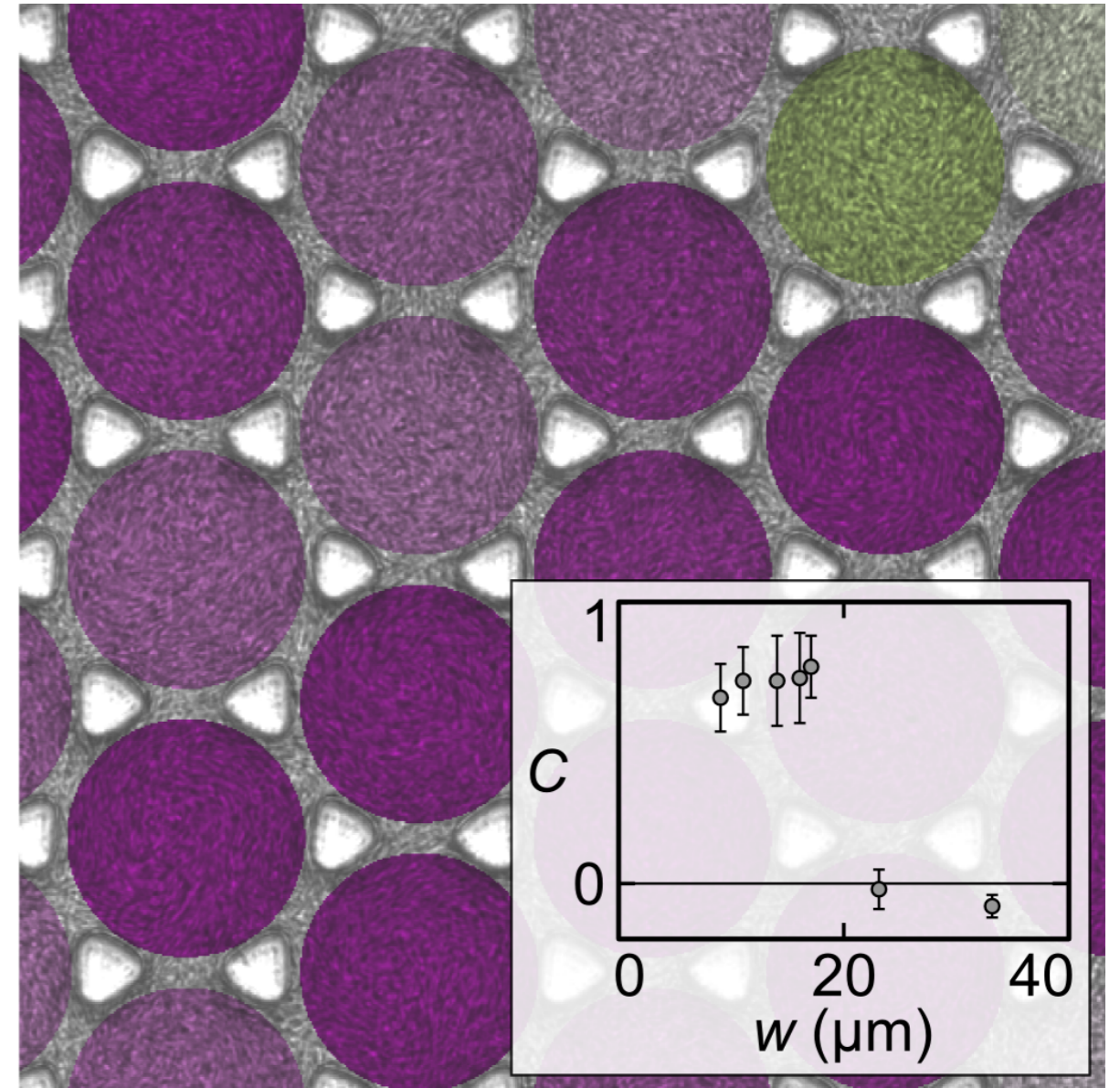
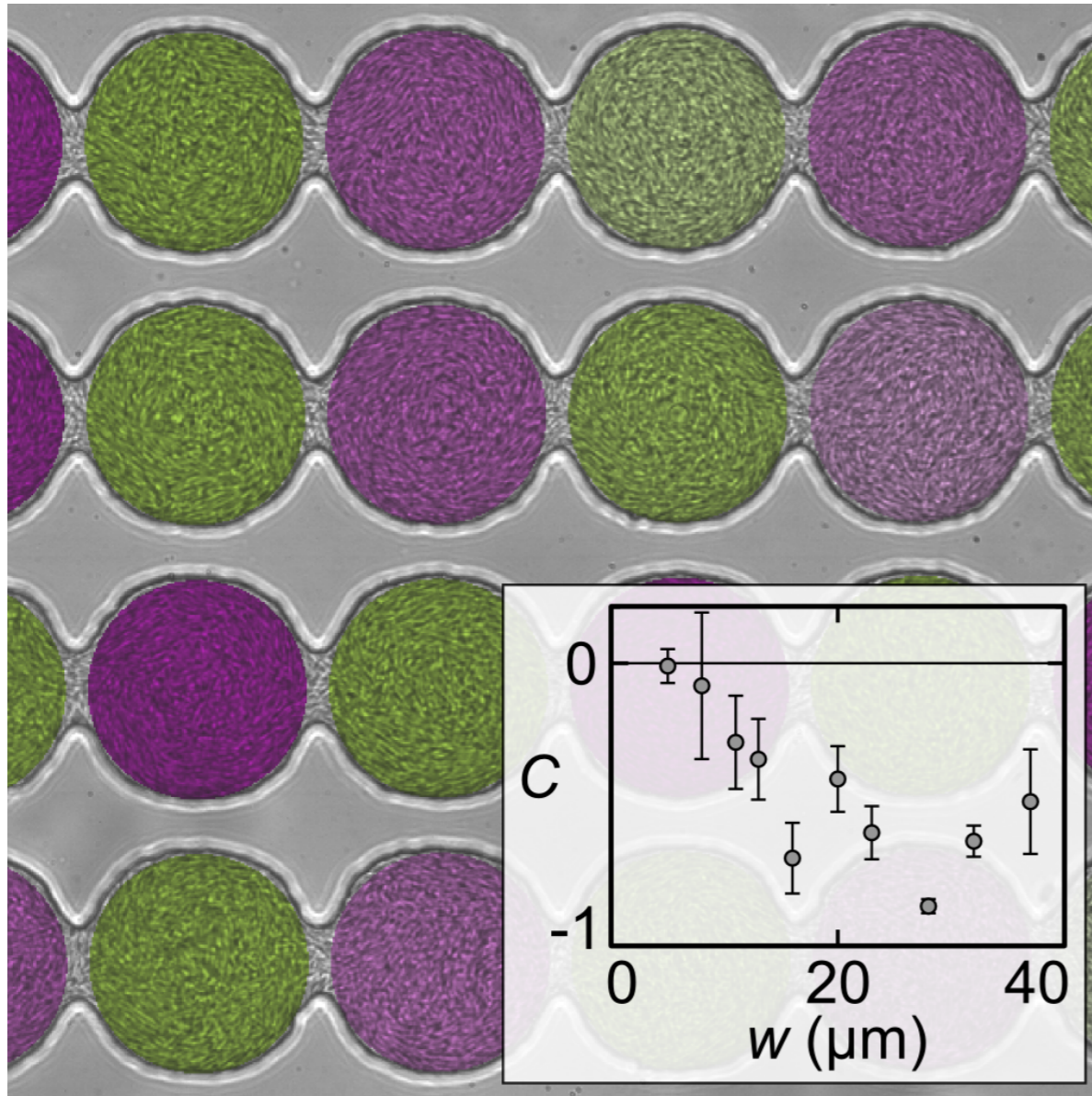
vs.

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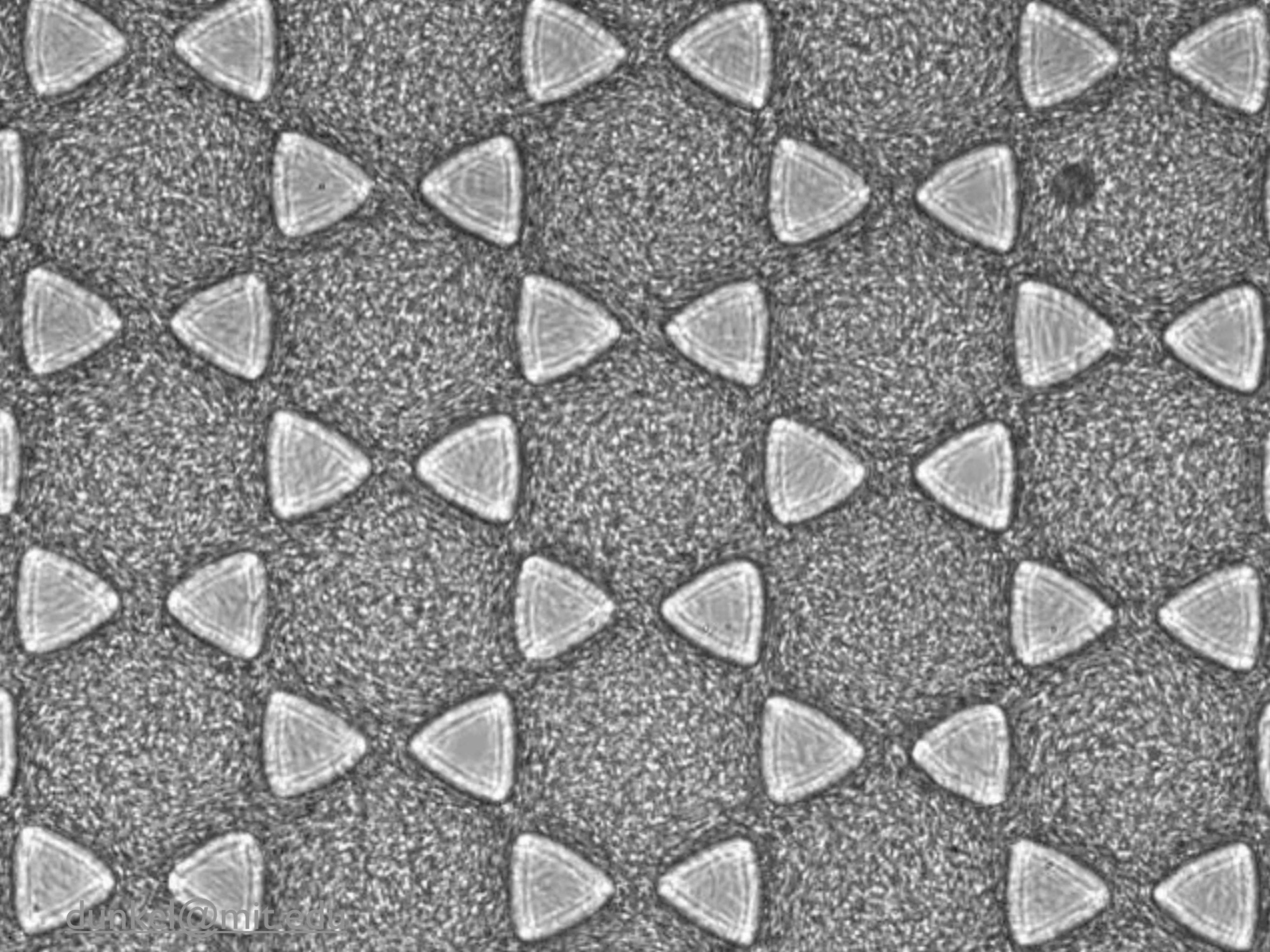


$$\begin{aligned}
 H(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E}) = & -J_v \sum_{V_i \sim V_j} V_i V_j - J_e \sum_{V_i \sim E_j} V_i E_j \\
 & + \sum_{V_i} \left(\frac{1}{2} a_v V_i^2 + \frac{1}{4} b_v V_i^4 \right) + \sum_{E_i} \frac{1}{2} a_p E_i^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Geometry & frustration



$$C = \overline{\langle V_i V_j \rangle_{i \sim j}}$$



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Reduction of Viscosity in Suspension of Swimming Bacteria

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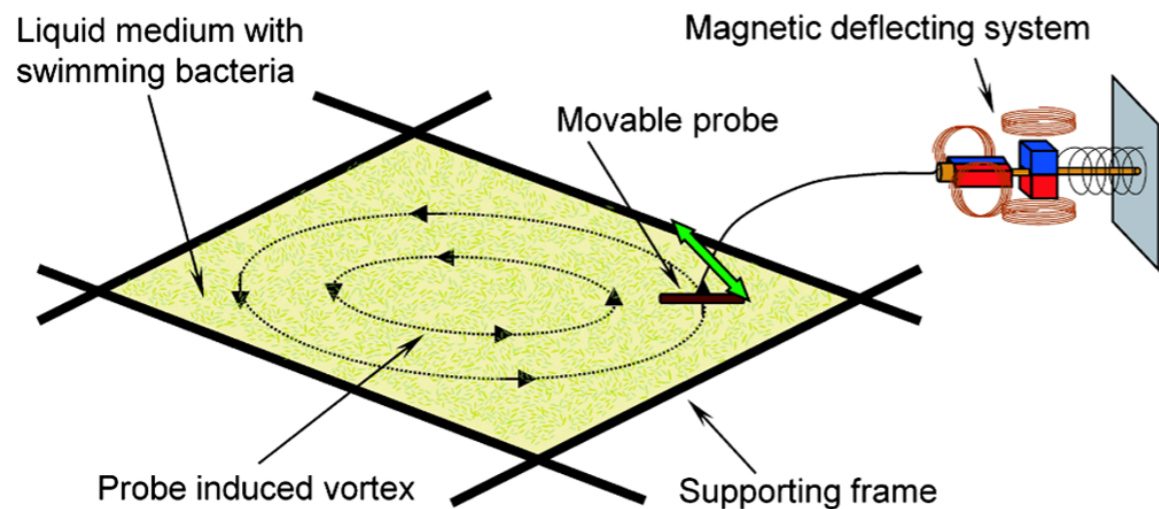


FIG. 1 (color online). Experimental setup 1: a thin liquid film with bacteria spans between four movable fibers. A micromanipulator with a magnetic deflecting system is used to initiate a large vortex through movement of the probe.

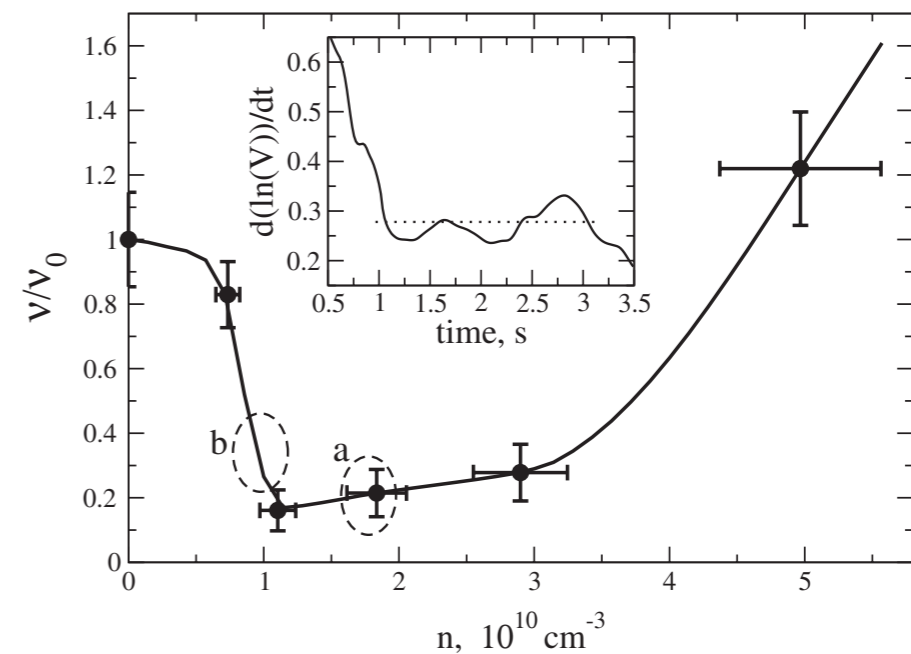


FIG. 3. Viscosity for 6 different concentrations of bacteria. ν_0 is the viscosity of the liquid without bacteria. Inset: instant viscosity vs time during decay of the vortex for density $n = 2.9 \times 10^{10}$. The dashed line is the average value of the viscosity during the slow phase of decay. See movies 1 and 2 in [19].

Non-Newtonian Viscosity of *Escherichia coli* Suspensions

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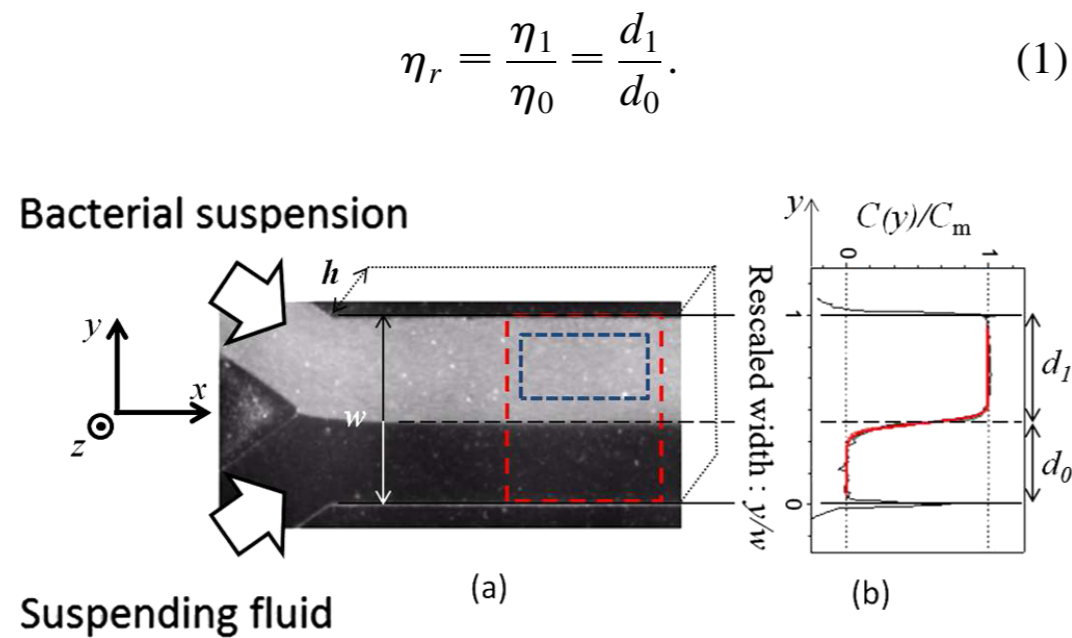
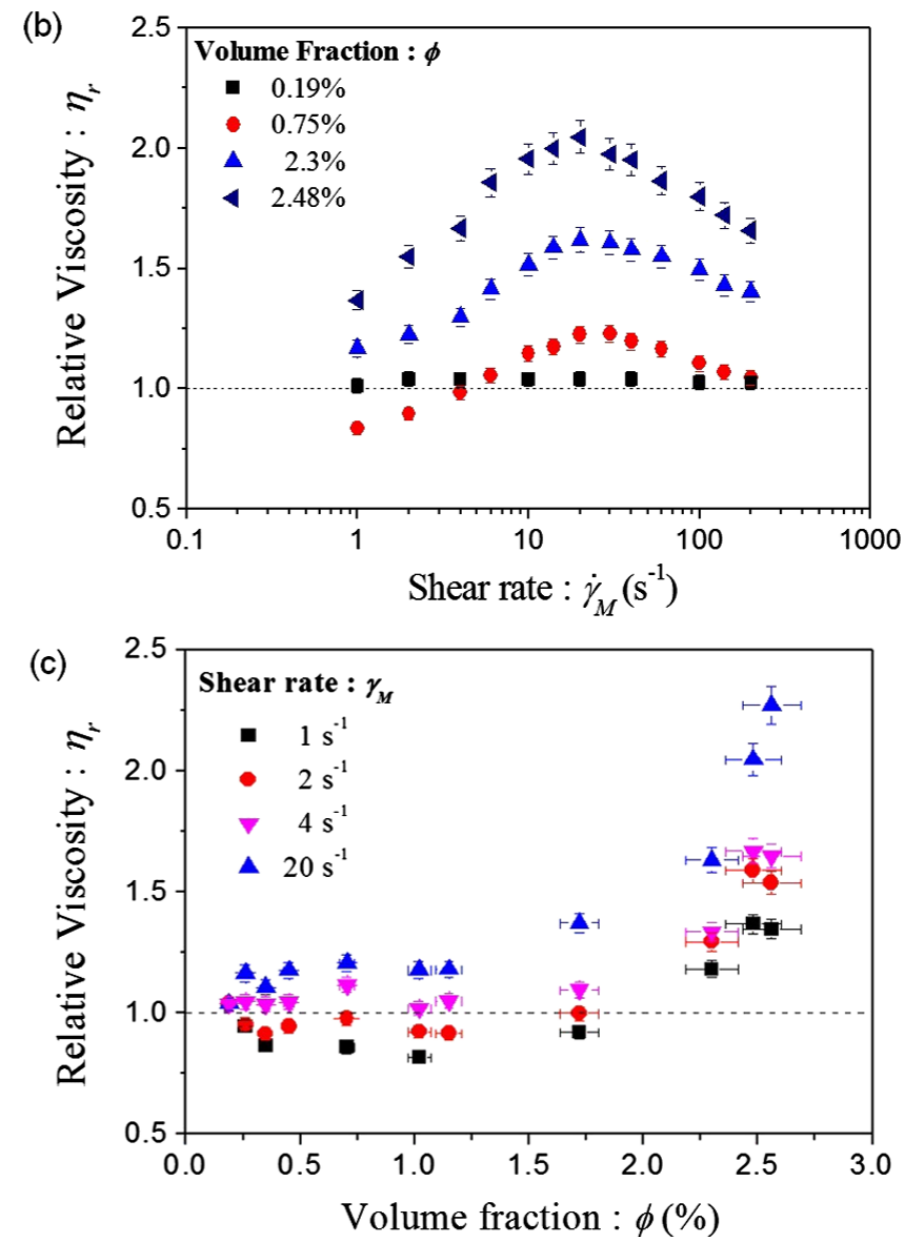


FIG. 1 (color online). Experimental setup. (a) Time-averaged image of the microchannel ($W = 600 \mu\text{m}$) for $Q = 10 \text{ nl/sec}$ in each branch and volume fraction $\phi = 0.35\%$. Bacteria are visualized using a white light microscope. The red and blue frames indicate the measurement areas. (b) Concentration profile $C(y)$ normalized by the maximum concentration C_M (black line) and error function fit used to determine the interface position (red line).





Turning Bacteria Suspensions into Superfluids

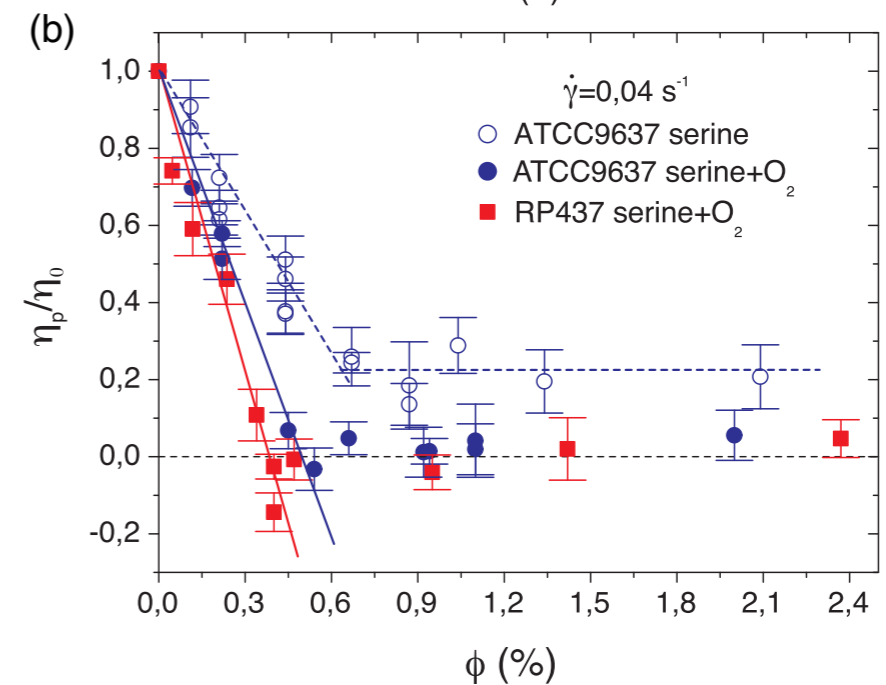
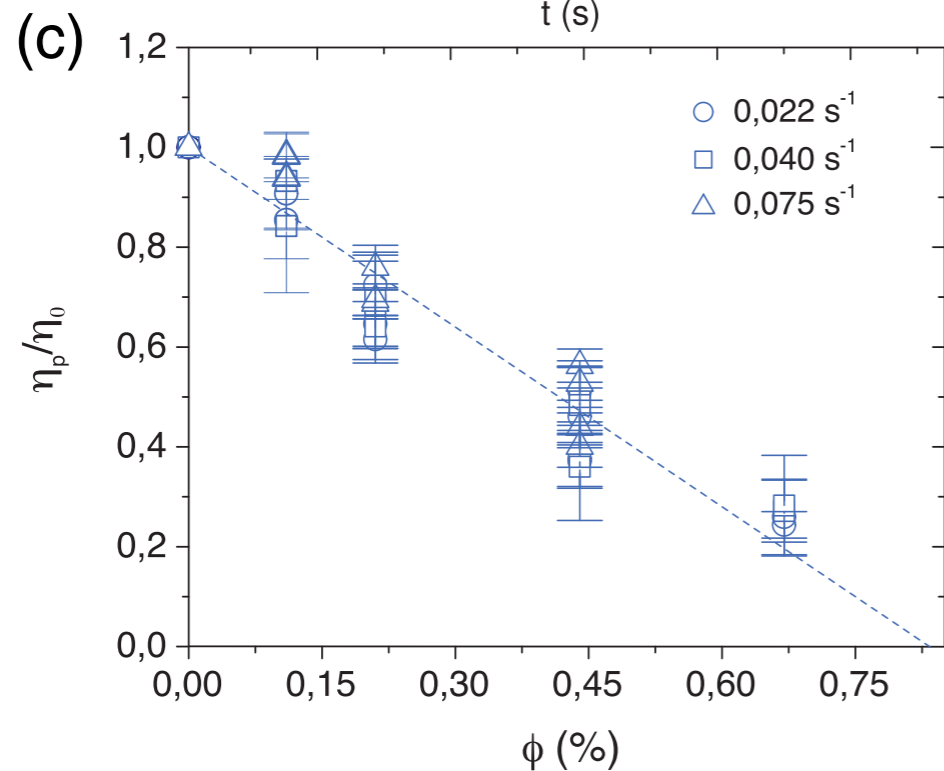
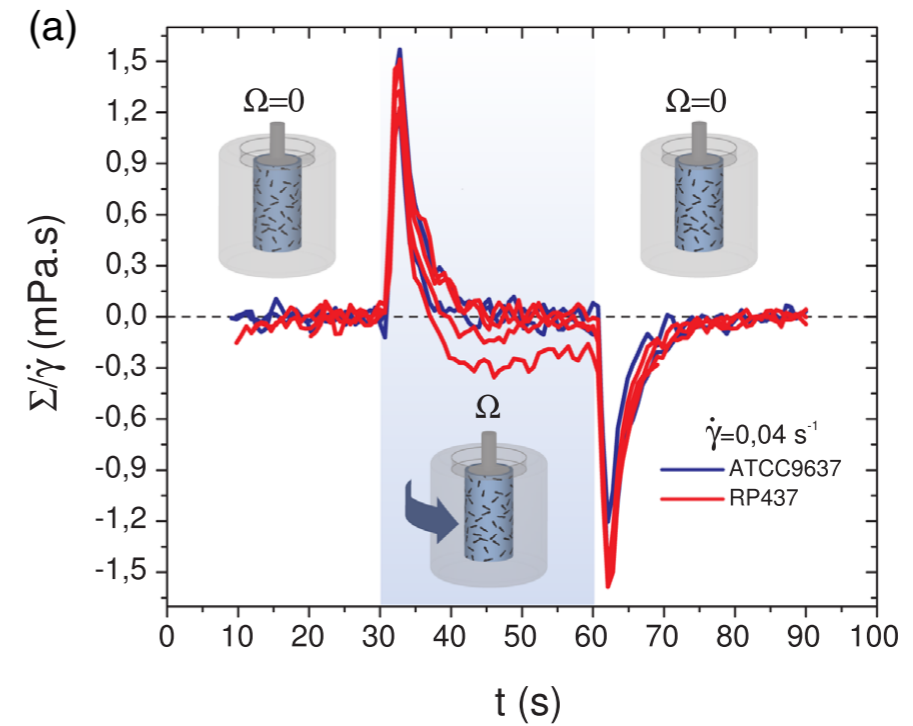
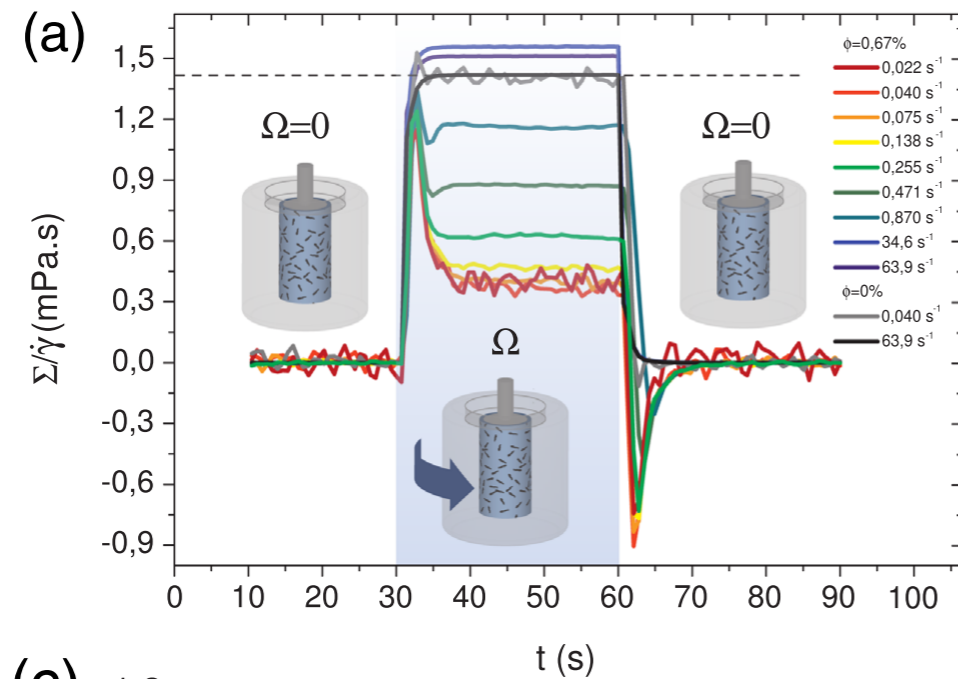
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Shearing Active Gels Close to the Isotropic-Nematic Transition

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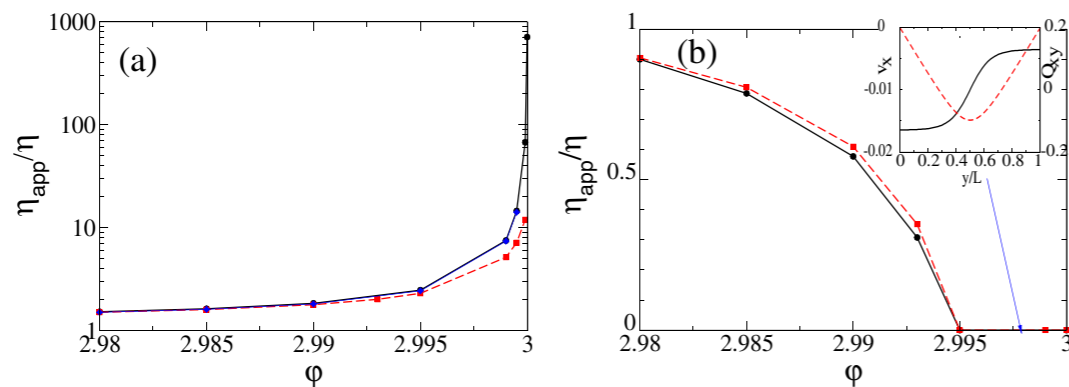


FIG. 2 (color online). (a) Apparent zero shear viscosity for an isotropic contractile gel in a slab under shear. Solid curve(s): free-boundary conditions; HLB data are indistinguishable from those derived from the bulk flow curve [13]. Dashed curve: fixed boundaries (director along flow). (b) Apparent viscosity in a linear regime for an active extensile gel in a slab under shear. Solid and dashed curves correspond to systems with free and fixed boundaries, respectively. The insets show plots of Q_{xy} and u_x (solid and dashed lines) in the $\eta_{\text{app}} = 0$ phase.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{\alpha\beta} = & 2\xi\left(Q_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{3}\delta_{\alpha\beta}\right)Q_{\gamma\epsilon}H_{\gamma\epsilon} - \xi H_{\alpha\gamma}\left(Q_{\gamma\beta} + \frac{1}{3}\delta_{\gamma\beta}\right) \\ & - \xi\left(Q_{\alpha\gamma} + \frac{1}{3}\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\right)H_{\gamma\beta} - \partial_\alpha Q_{\gamma\nu} \frac{\delta\mathcal{F}}{\delta\partial_\beta Q_{\gamma\nu}} \\ & + Q_{\alpha\gamma}H_{\gamma\beta} - H_{\alpha\gamma}Q_{\gamma\beta} - \zeta Q_{\alpha\beta}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\eta_{\text{app}}(\dot{\gamma}, L, \dots) = (\Pi_{xy} + \eta\partial_y u_x)/\dot{\gamma}.$$

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The Taylor–Couette motor: spontaneous flows of active polar fluids between two coaxial cylinders

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Sheared active fluids: Thickening, thinning, and vanishing viscosity

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$$\partial_t c = -\nabla[c(\mathbf{v} + c\beta_1\mathbf{P}) + \Gamma'\mathbf{h} + \Gamma''\mathbf{f}], \quad (1a)$$

$$[\partial_t + (\mathbf{v} + c\beta_2\mathbf{P})\nabla]P_i + \omega_{ij}P_j = \lambda u_{ij}P_j + \Gamma h_i + \Gamma' f_i, \quad (1b)$$

with $\omega_{ij} = (\partial_i v_j - \partial_j v_i)/2$ the vorticity tensor, $\mathbf{h} = -\delta F / \delta \mathbf{P}$ the molecular field, and $\mathbf{f} = -\nabla(\delta F / \delta c)$. The flow velocity satisfies the Navier-Stokes equation [27]

$$\rho(\partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)v_i = \partial_j \sigma_{ij}, \quad (2)$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = 2\eta u_{ij} + \sigma_{ij}^r + \sigma_{ij}^\alpha + \sigma_{ij}^\beta, \text{ with}$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^\alpha = \frac{\alpha c^2}{\Gamma} (P_i P_j + \delta_{ij}),$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^\beta = \frac{\beta_3 c^2}{\Gamma} [\partial_i P_j + \partial_j P_i + \delta_{ij} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}]$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^r = -\delta_{ij} \Pi + \lambda p_i p_j p_k \left[\frac{w}{c_0 \Gamma} \partial_k c + K \nabla^2 p_k \right]$$

$$- \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{w}{c_0 \Gamma} (p_i \partial_j c + p_j \partial_i c) + K (p_i \nabla^2 p_j + p_j \nabla^2 p_i) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{w}{c_0 \Gamma} (p_i \partial_j c - p_j \partial_i c) + K (p_i \nabla^2 p_j - p_j \nabla^2 p_i) \right]$$

$$- \lambda \Gamma' \xi p_i p_j (D p_k \partial_k c + w p_k \partial_k \partial_l p_l) + \frac{\lambda^2}{\Gamma} p_i p_j u_{kl} p_k p_l.$$

$$F = \int_{\mathbf{r}} \left\{ \frac{C}{2} \left(\frac{\delta c}{c_0} \right)^2 + \frac{a_2}{2} |\mathbf{P}|^2 + \frac{a_4}{4} |\mathbf{P}|^4 + \frac{K_1}{2} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P})^2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{K_3}{2} (\nabla \times \mathbf{P})^2 + B_1 \frac{\delta c}{c_0} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} + B_2 |\mathbf{P}|^2 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{B_3}{c_0} |\mathbf{P}|^2 \mathbf{P} \cdot \nabla c \right\},$$

Minimal momentum-conserving model for solvent flow



Jonasz Slomka

Flow equations

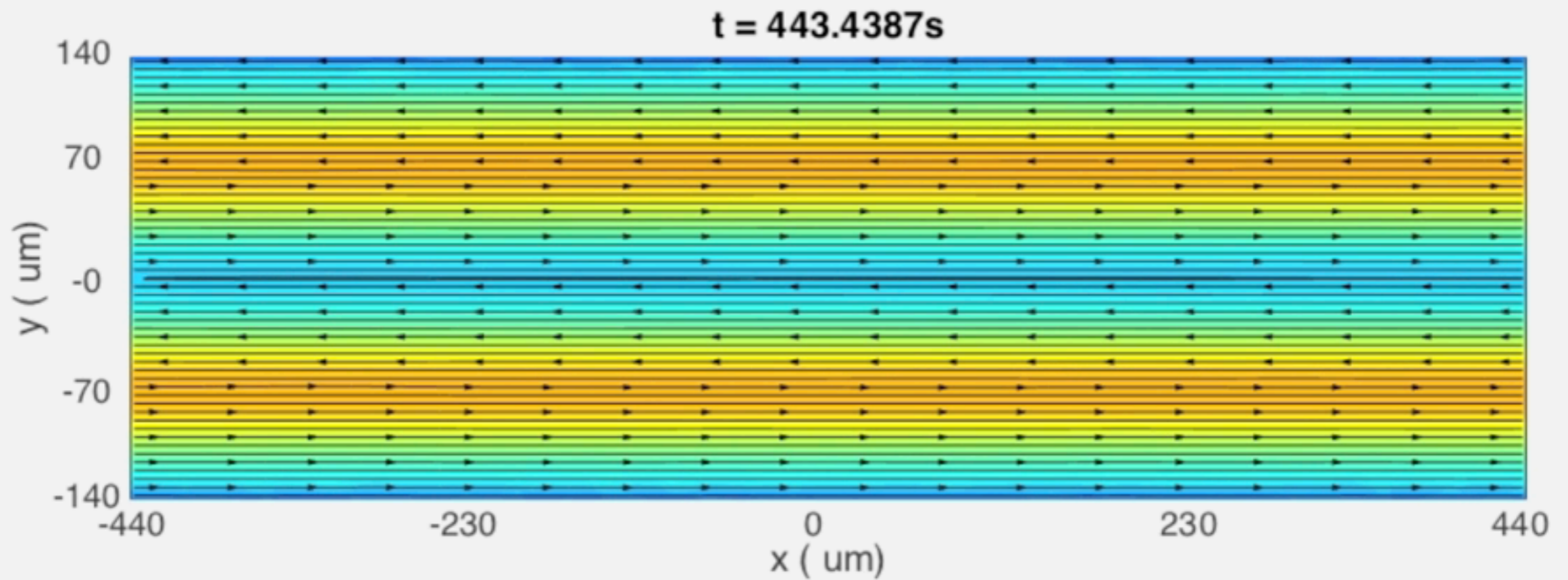
$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v} \\ \partial_t \boldsymbol{v} + (\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{v} &= -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}\end{aligned}$$

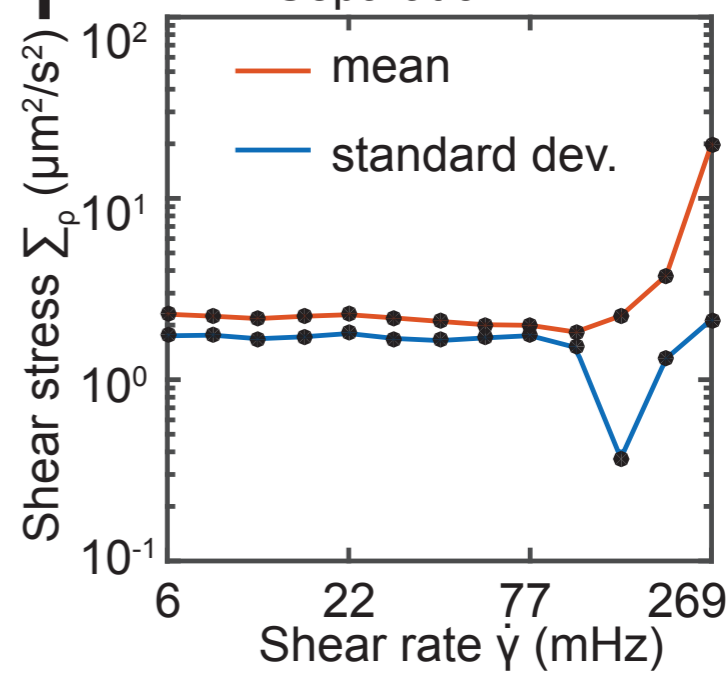
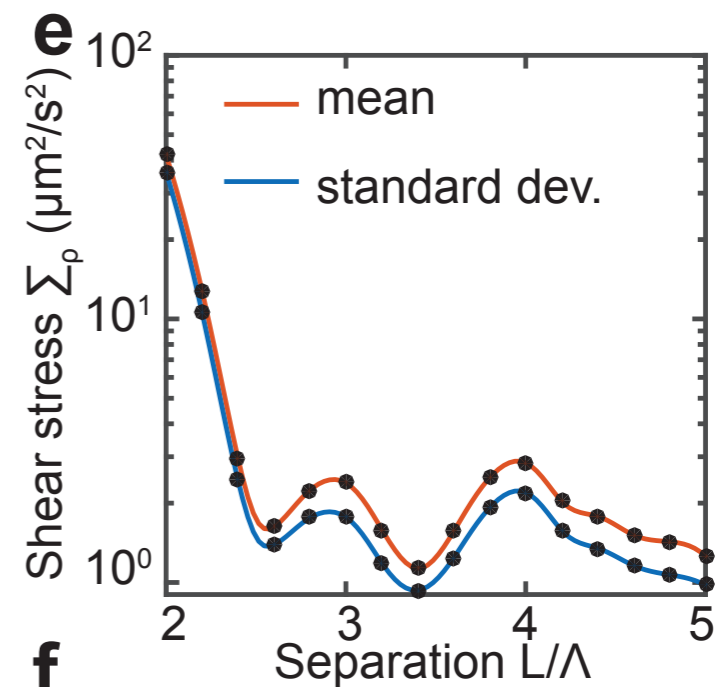
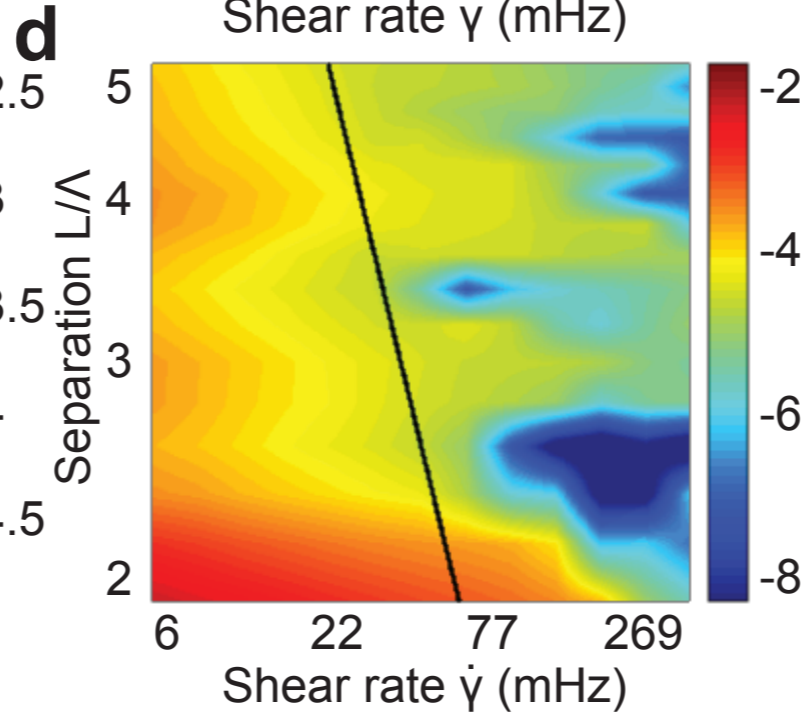
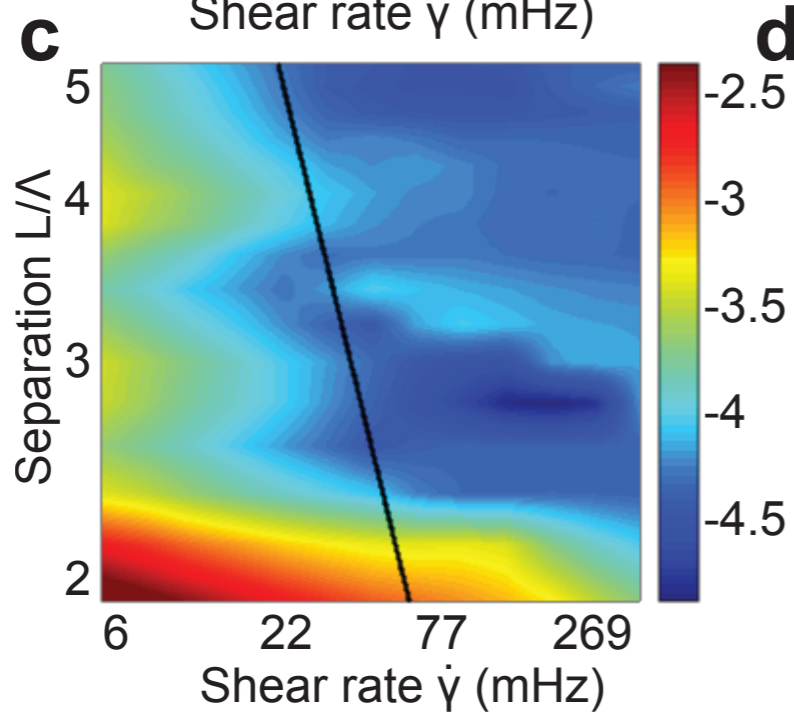
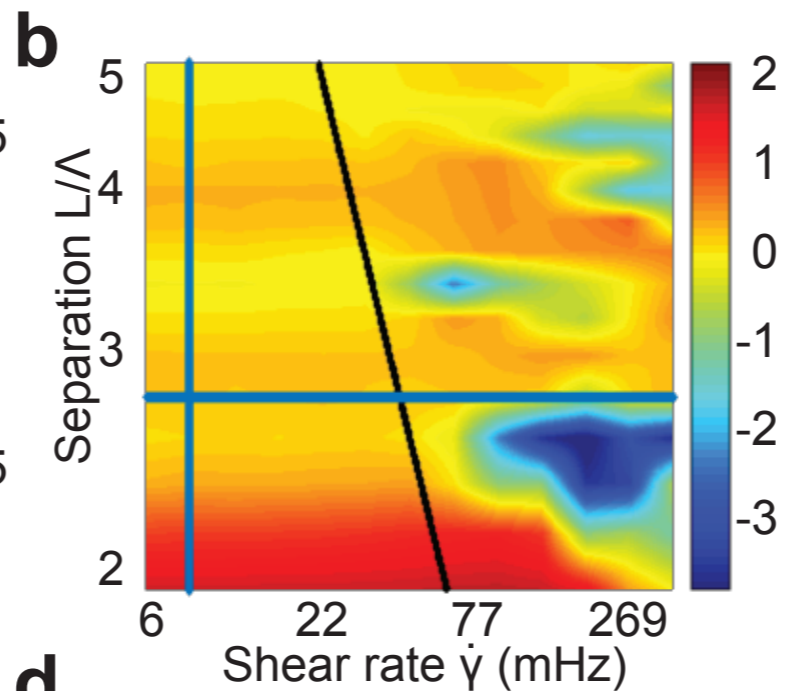
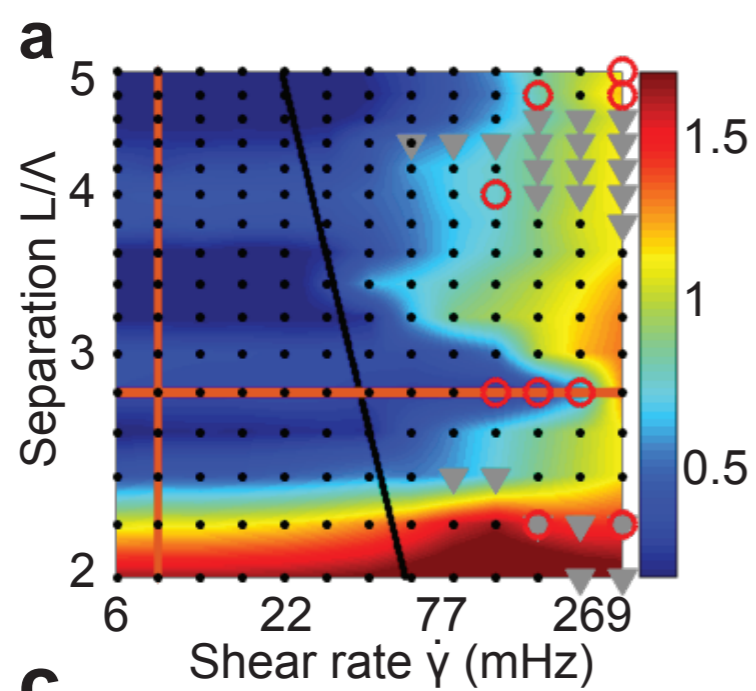
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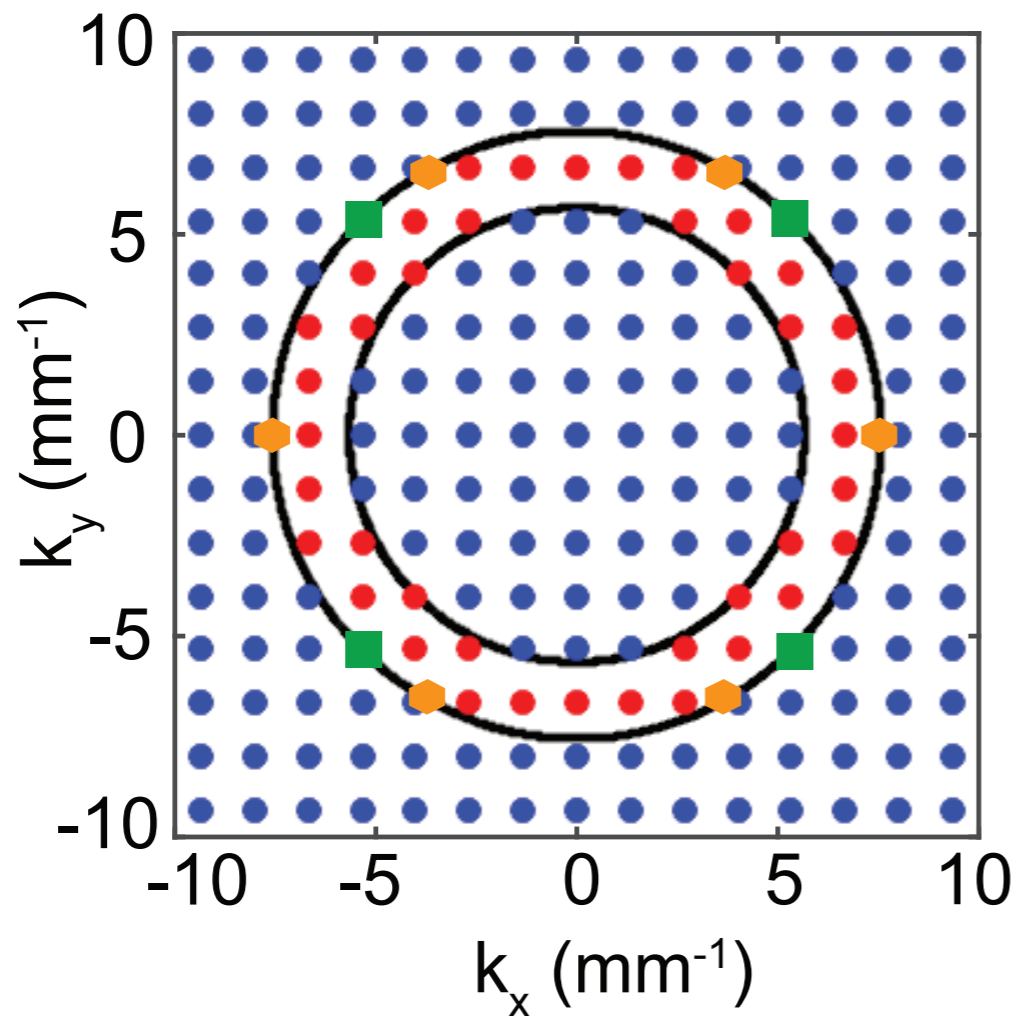
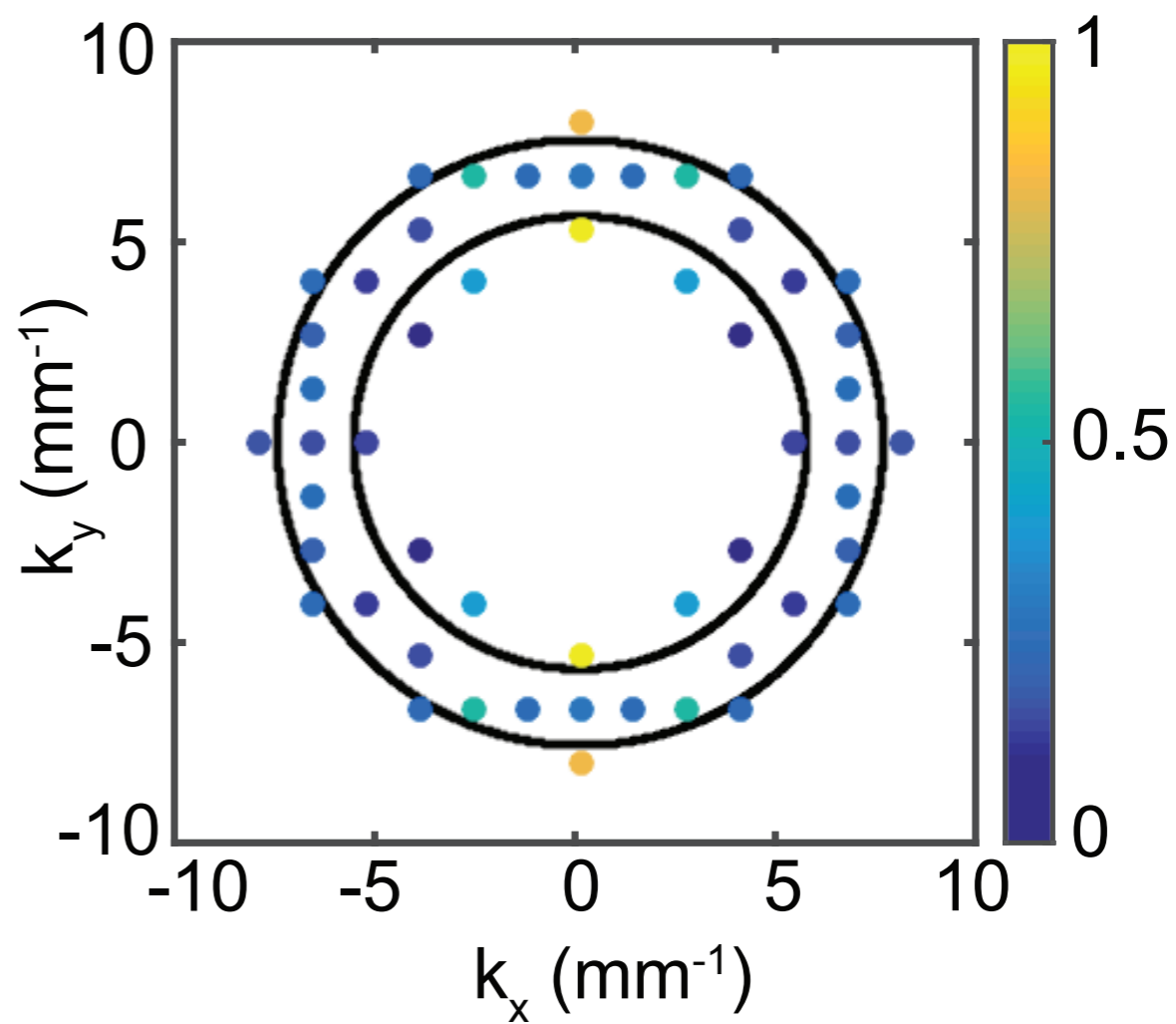
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = [\Gamma_0 - \Gamma_2(\nabla^2) + \Gamma_4(\nabla^2)^2](\nabla^\top \boldsymbol{v} + \nabla \boldsymbol{v}^\top)$$

**6th order PDE + no-slip +
different types of higher order BC**

Preliminary numerical results



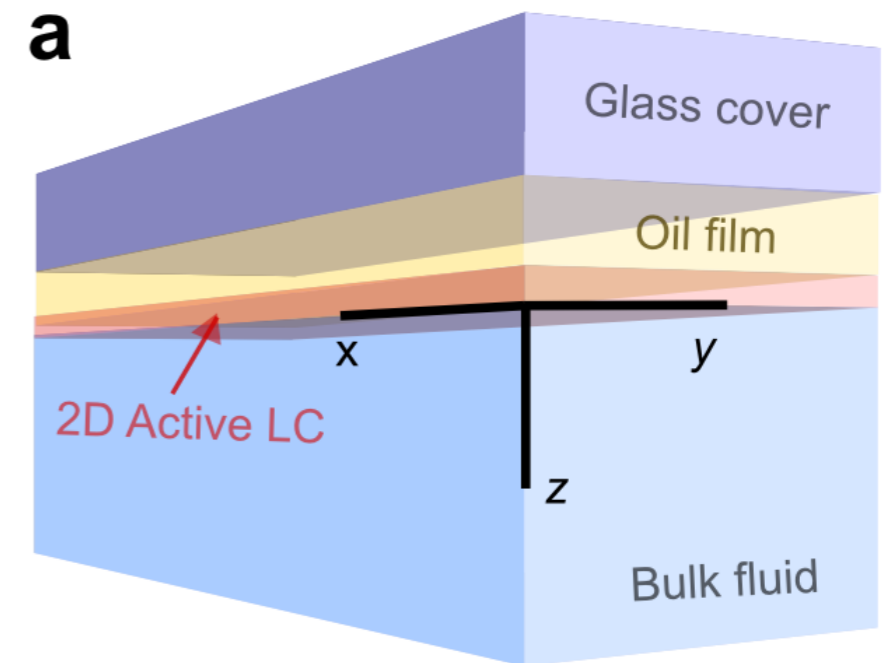
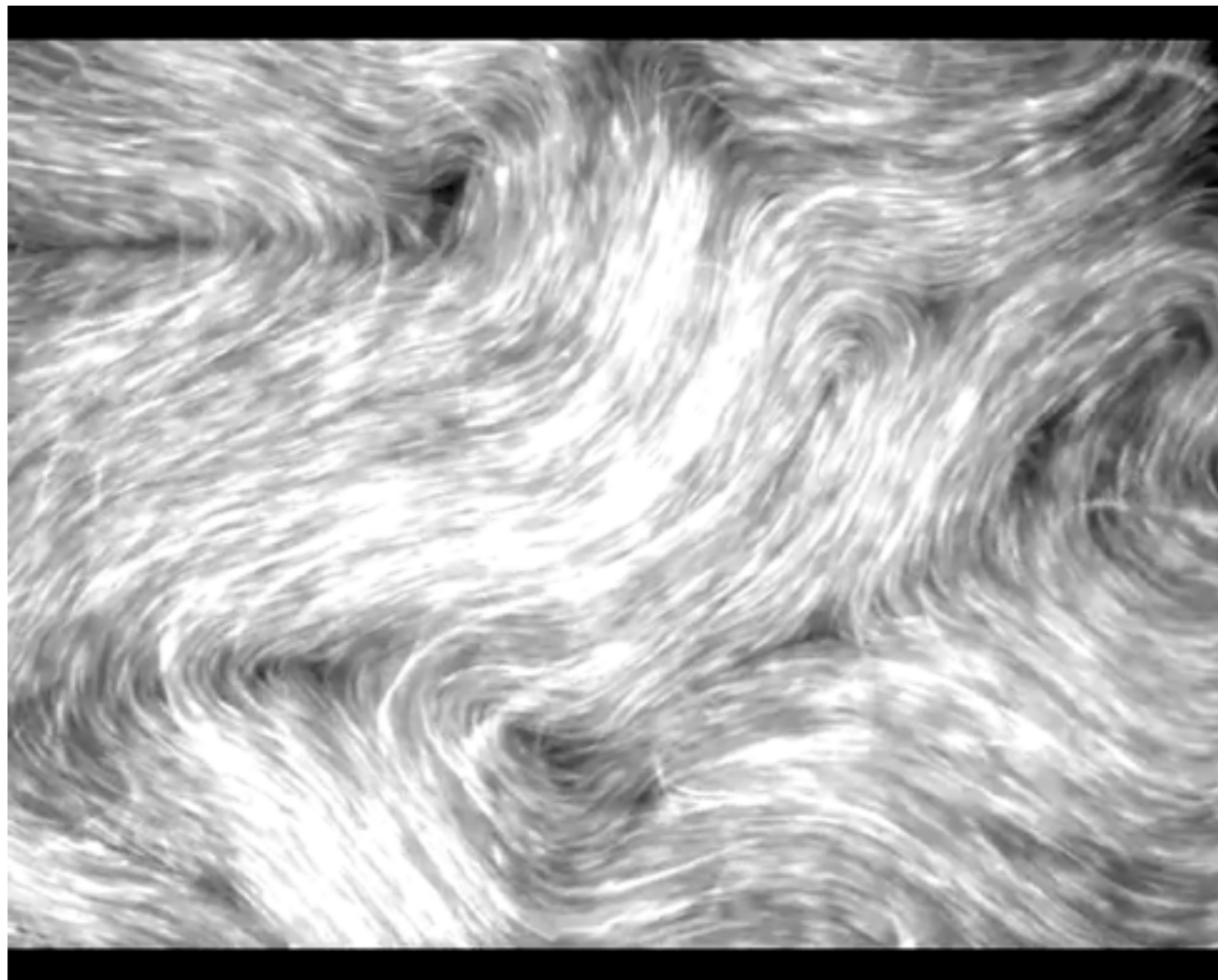


a**b**

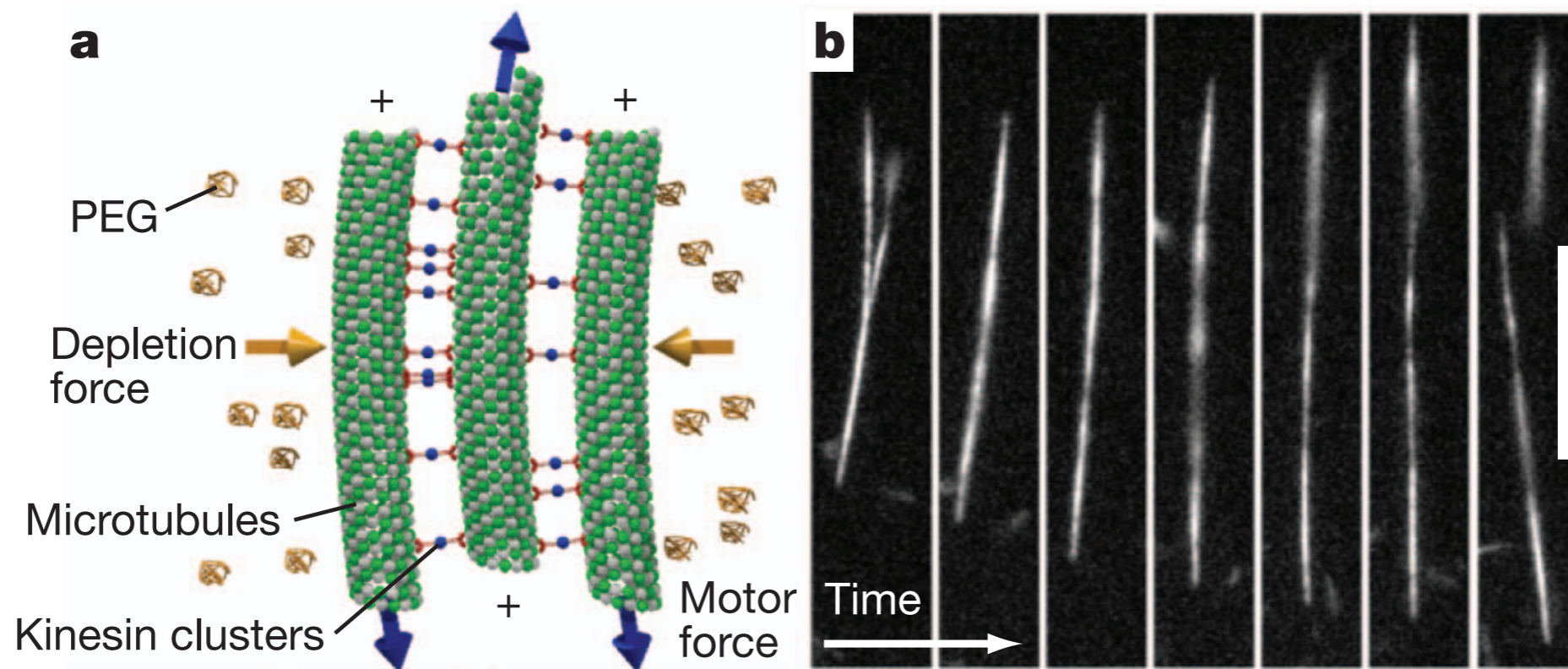
- effects of spatial dimensionality on individual microbial swimming (2D vs. 3D)
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 - confinement & collective dynamics of quasi-2D suspensions (edge currents, magnetic order, quasi-“superfluidity”, etc.)
- defect dynamics and long-range order in 2D planar/curved active nematics

Spontaneous motion in hierarchically assembled active matter

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Active nematics



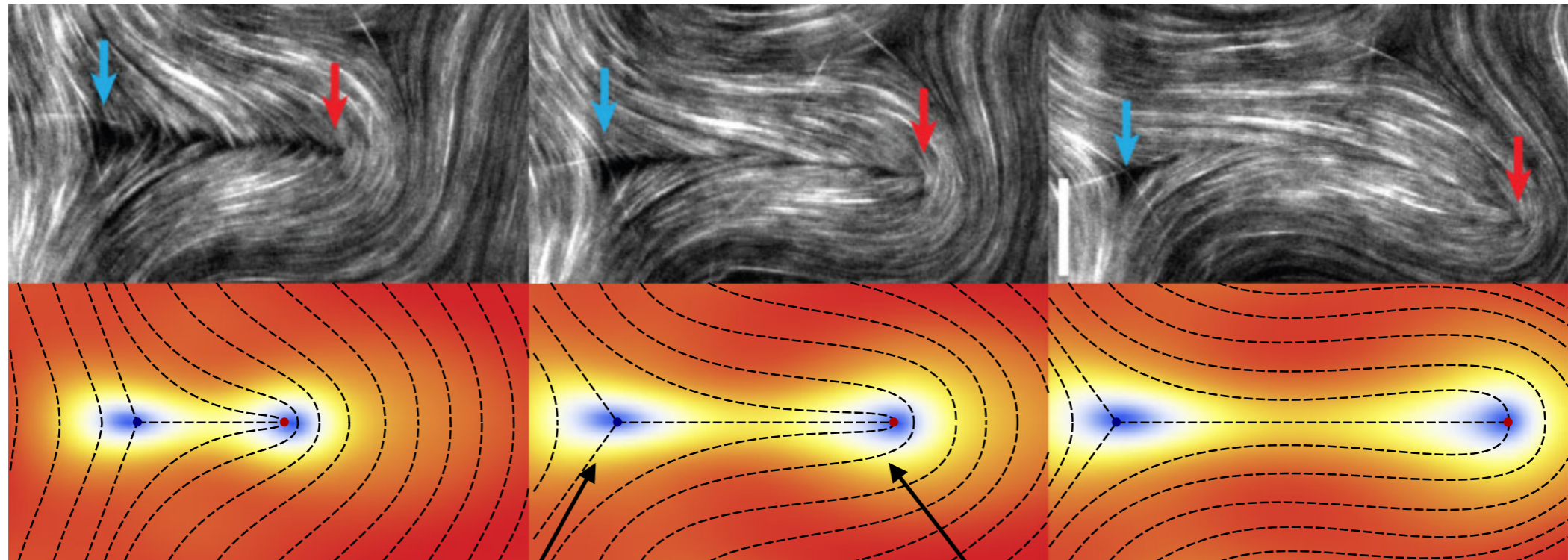
Dogic lab (Brandeis) Nature 2012

no head or tail \Rightarrow Q-tensor order-parameter

$$Q_{ij} = Q_{ji}, \quad \text{Tr } Q = 0, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \mu \\ \mu & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\Delta = \sqrt{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}, \quad \Lambda^\pm = \pm \Delta$$

Active nematics

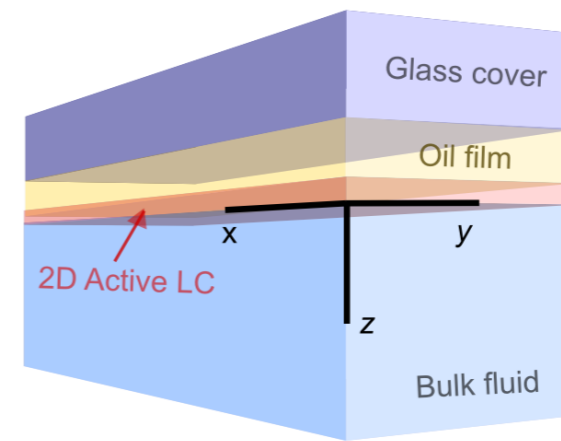


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Active LCs



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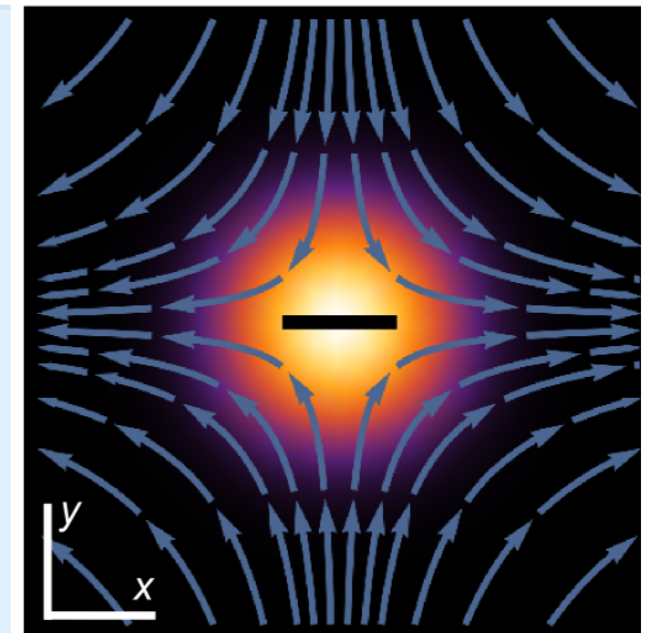
$$\partial_t Q + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v}Q) = -\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta Q}$$

$$F = \text{Tr} \left\{ -\frac{a}{2} Q^2 + \frac{b}{4} Q^4 - \frac{\gamma_2}{2} (\nabla Q)^2 + \frac{\gamma_4}{4} (\nabla \nabla Q)^2 \right\}$$

Non-incompressible overdamped HD

$$-\eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \nu \mathbf{v} = -\zeta \nabla \cdot Q$$

$$\mathbf{v} = -D \nabla \cdot Q \quad D = \zeta / \nu$$



Complex representation

Generalization of analogy between smectic LCs and Abrikosov vortex
(De Gennes 1972, Renn & Lubensky 1988, Pindak and co-workers 1990)

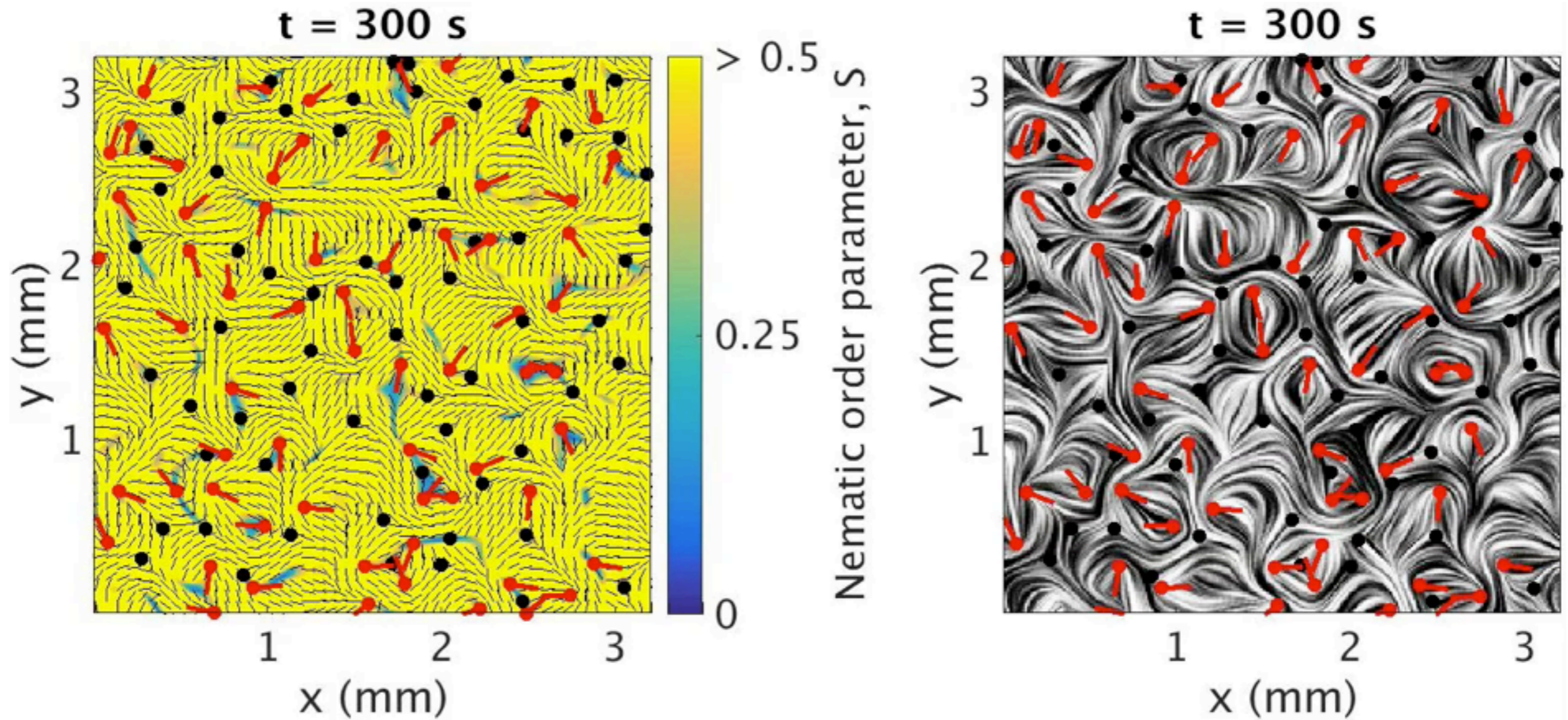
$$\partial_t Q - D \nabla \cdot [(\nabla \cdot Q) Q] = aQ - bQ^3 - \gamma_2 \nabla^2 Q - \gamma_4 (\nabla^2)^2 Q$$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \mu \\ \mu & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad \psi(t, z) = \lambda + i\mu \quad \partial = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x - i\partial_y)$$

$$\partial_t \psi - 4D \Re\{(\partial^2 \psi) + (\partial \psi) \partial\} \psi = \left(\frac{1}{4} - |\psi|^2\right) \psi - \gamma_2 (4\bar{\partial} \partial) \psi - (4\bar{\partial} \partial)^2 \psi$$

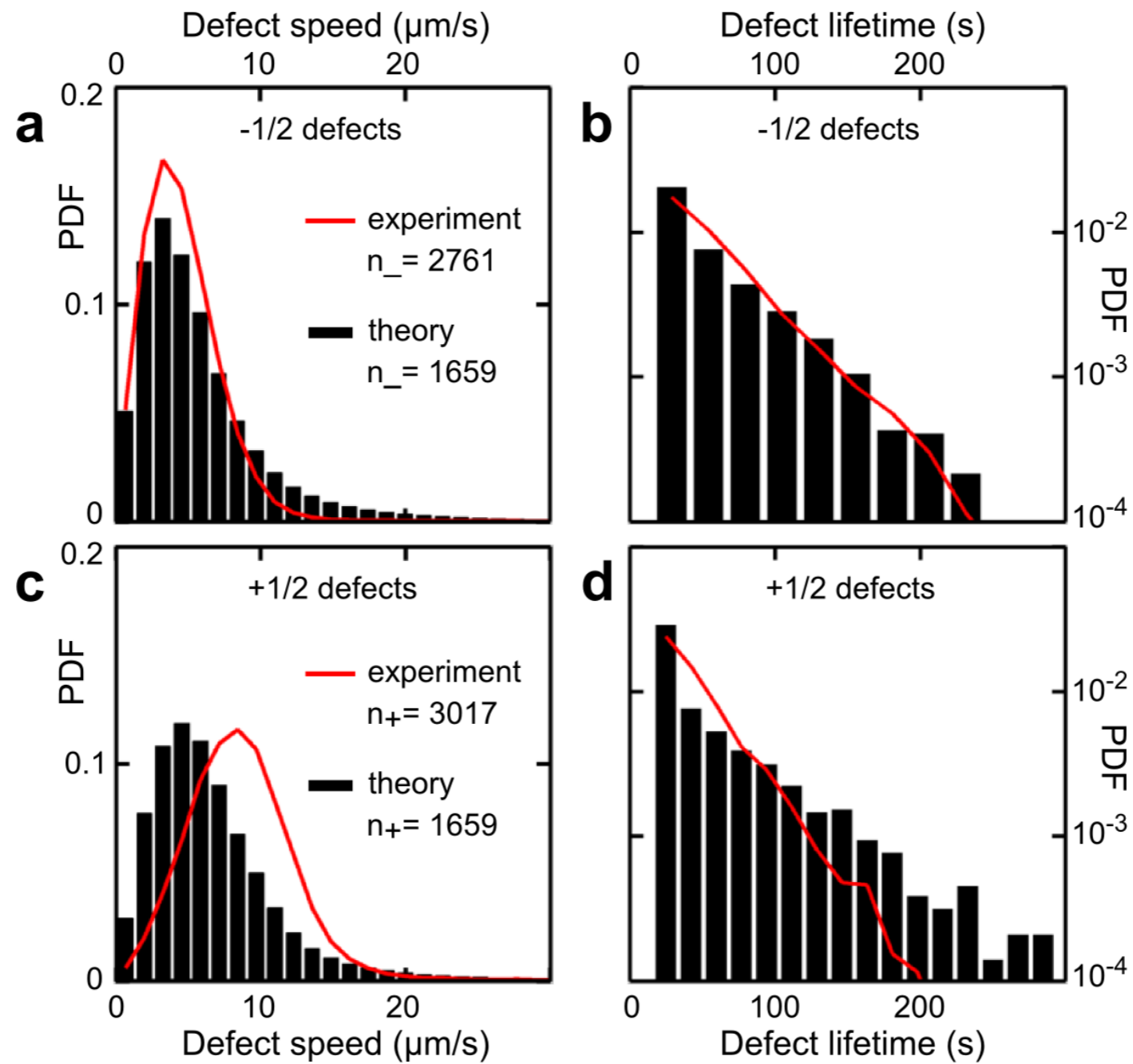
Generalized Gross-Pitaevski equation
with double-well dispersion

Chaotic phase



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Experiment vs. theory



Experimental data kindly provided by Zvonimir Dogic and Steve DeCamp

Open problem: long-range ordering

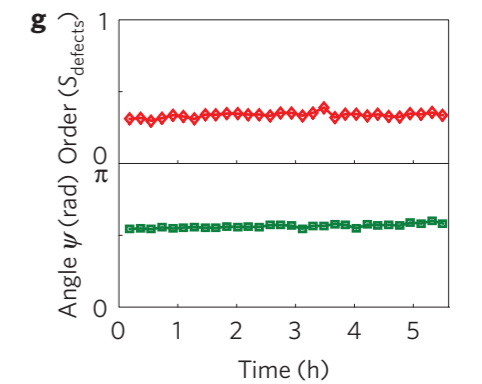
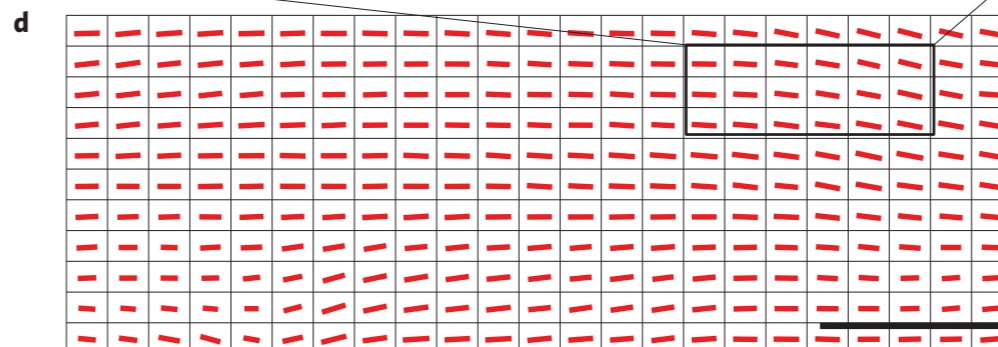
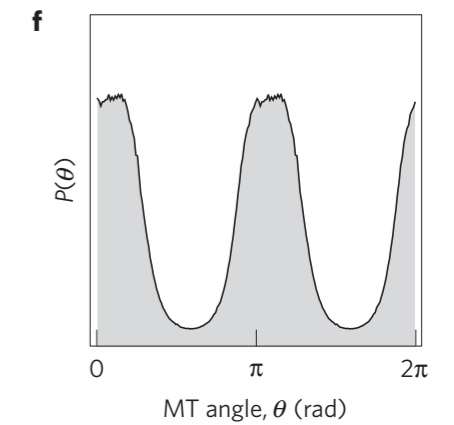
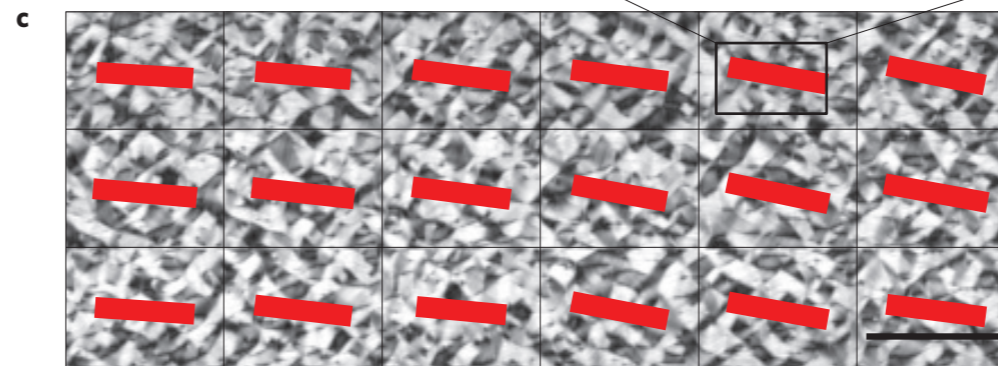
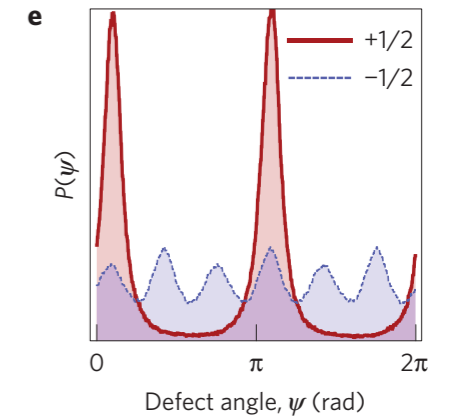
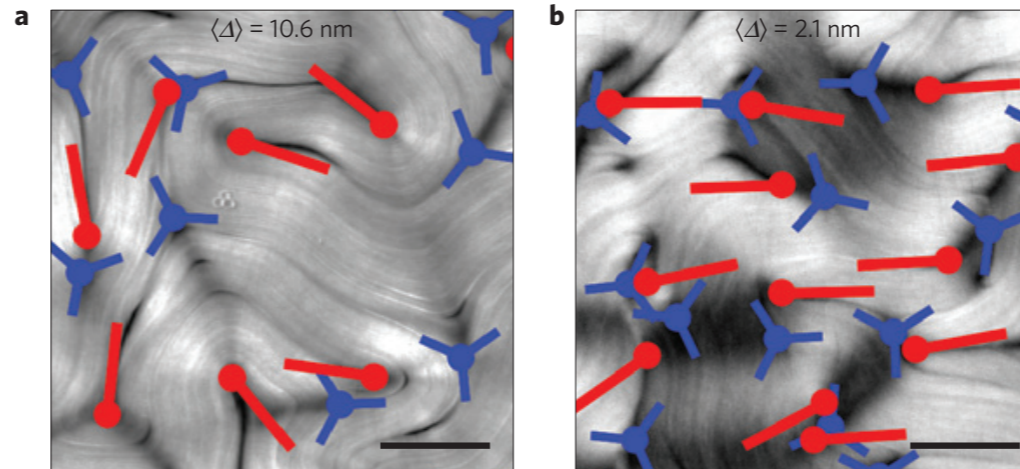
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Oriental order of motile defects in active nematics

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2D Active Nematic
Liquid Crystal

Retardance Image

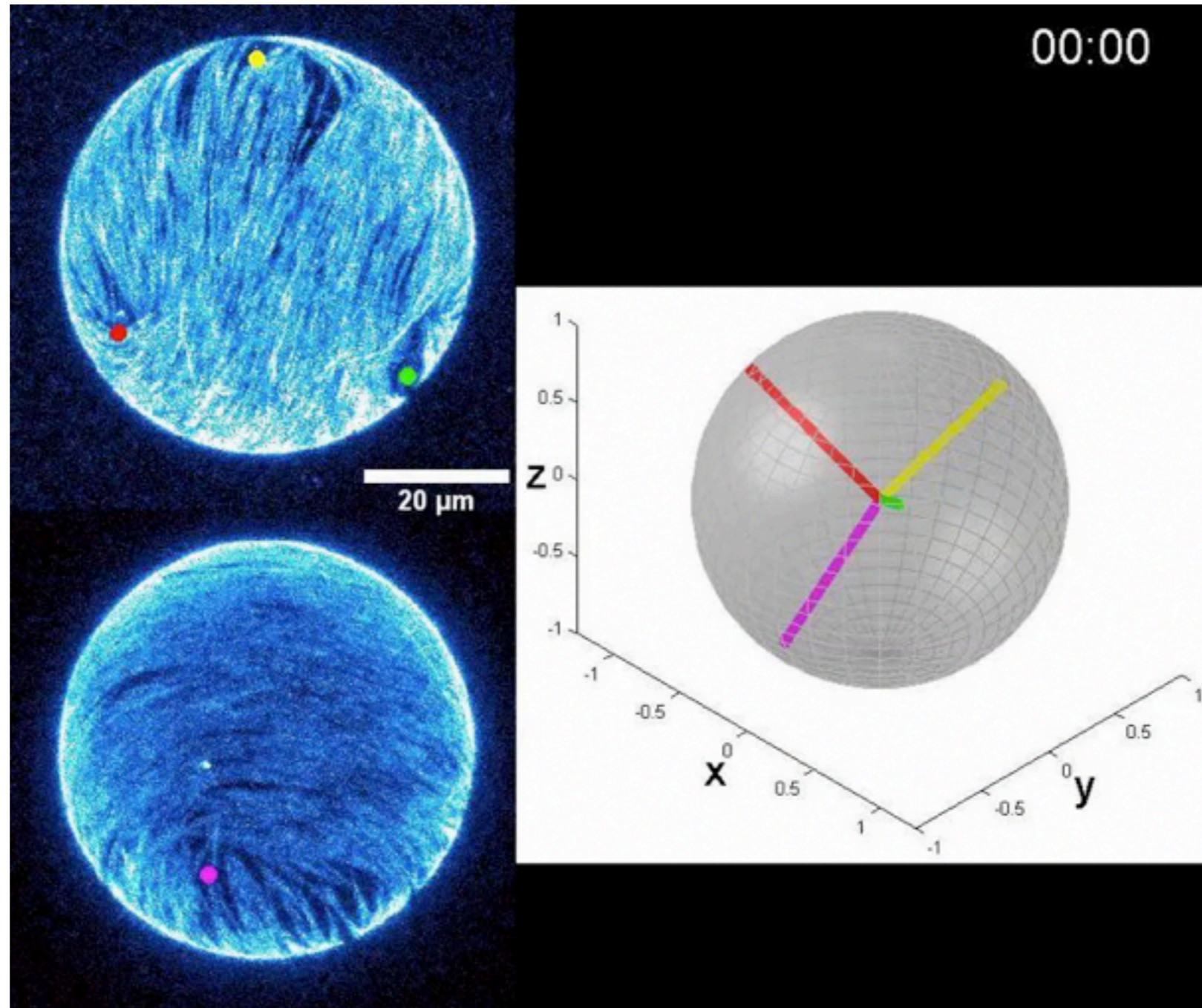
$$\Delta = 1.81 \text{ nm}$$

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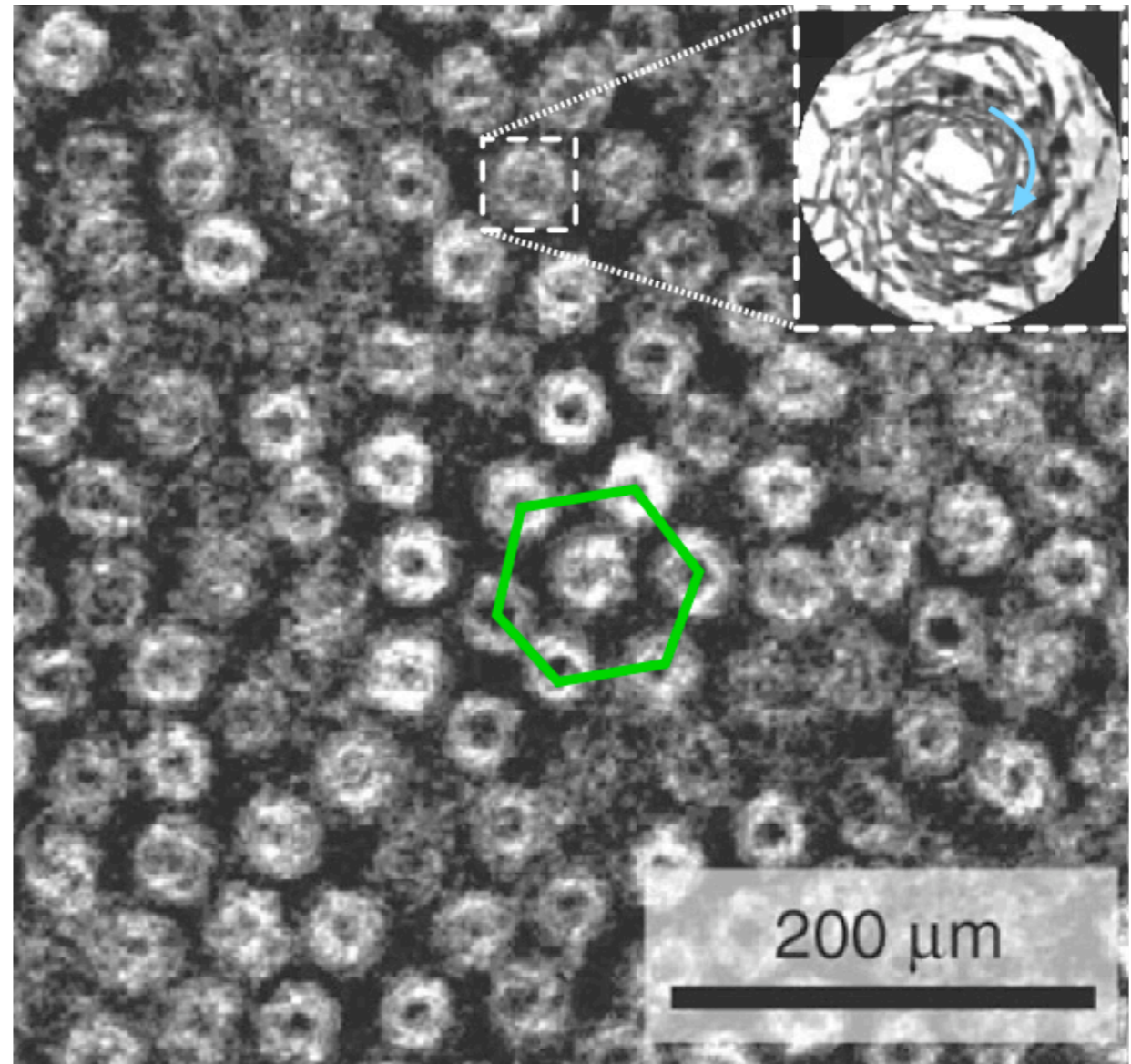
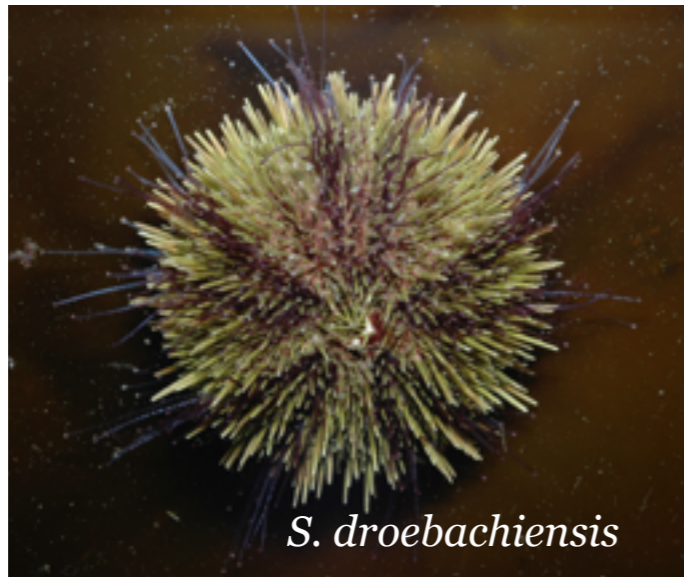
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Surface interactions



Sea urchin sperm



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