

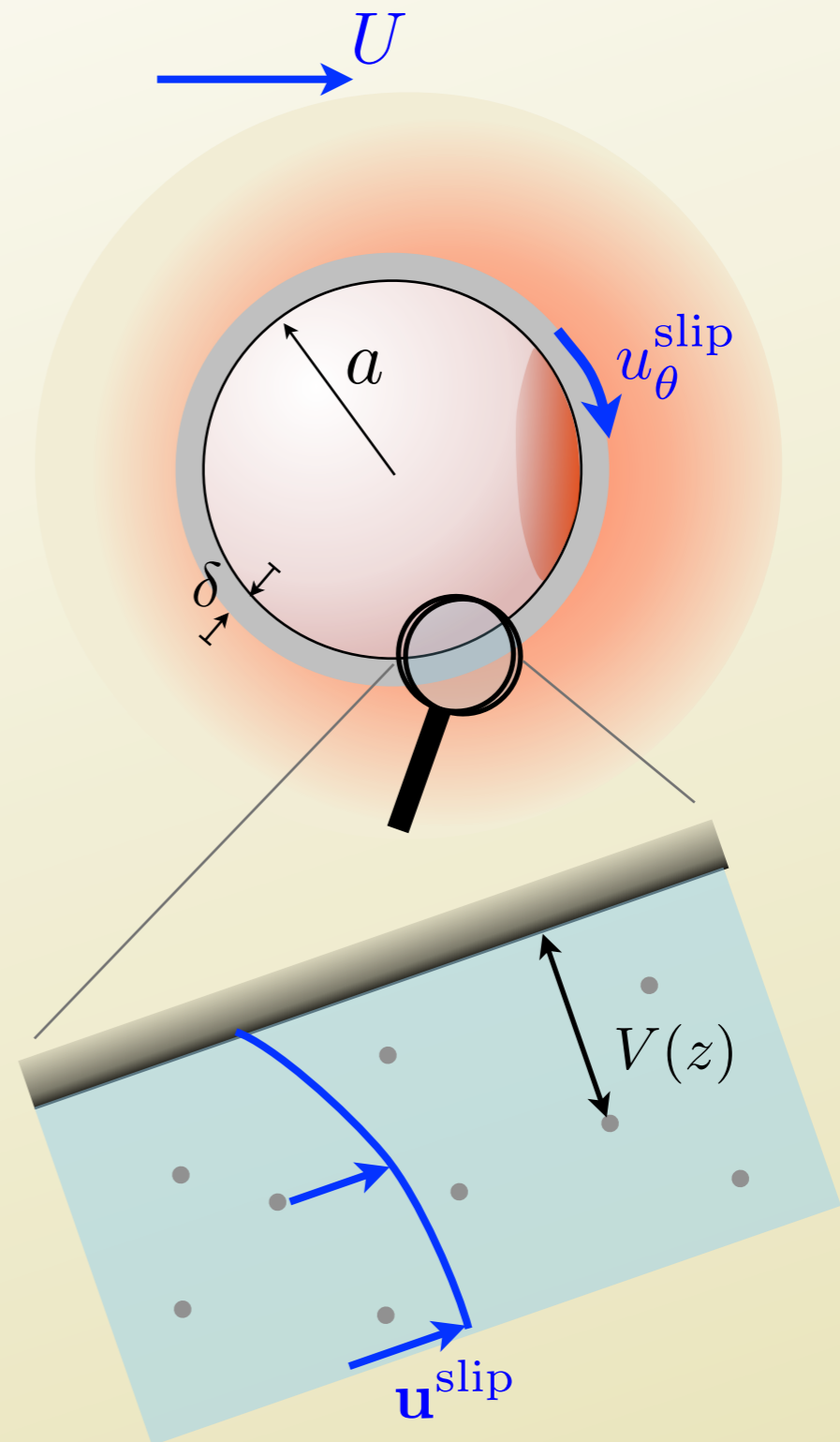
SELF-DIFFUSIOPHORESIS IN THE STRONGLY ADVECTING REGIME

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ACTIN BASED PROPULSION

Listeria monocytogenes



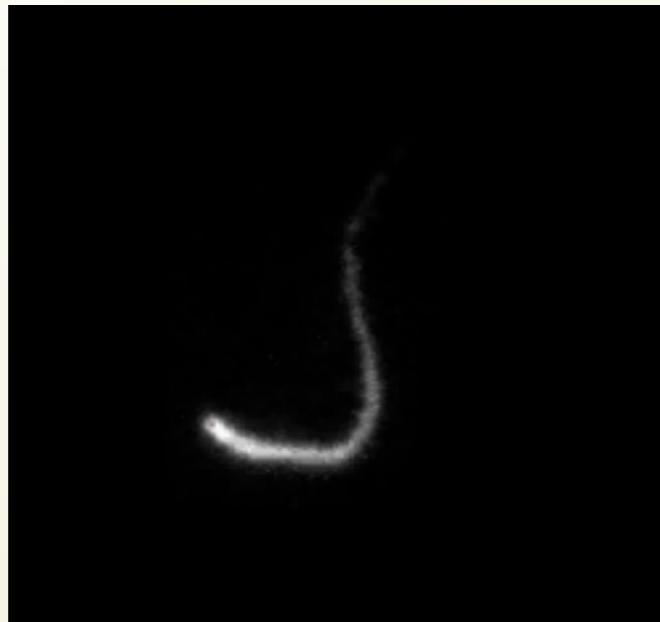
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IN-VITRO REALISATIONS

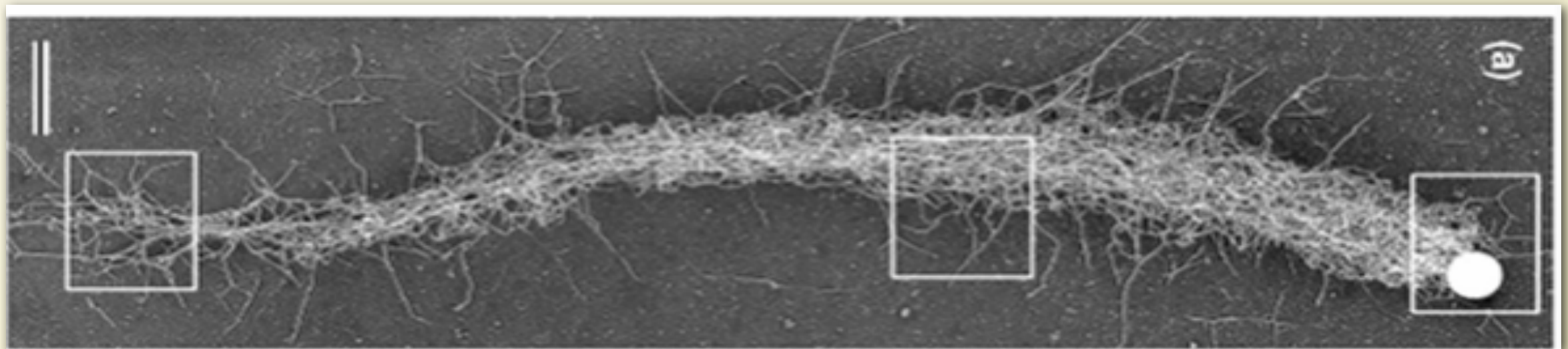
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×60
sphere



“All” you need is

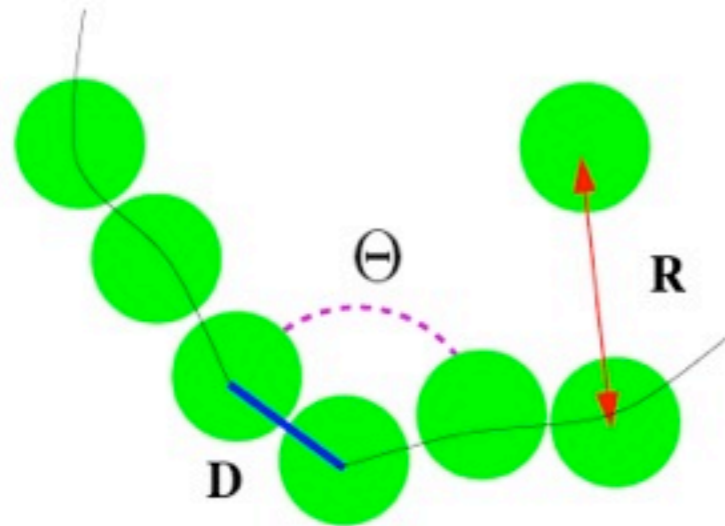
- Actin and buffer w/ATP
- Arp2/3 makes new growing ends
- Capping protein kills them off
- ADF/cofilin severs filaments
- Profilin converts ADP-G-actin to ATP-G-actin
- Bead coated with ActA, VCA, activates Arp2/3



CAMERON ET AL *Curr. Biol.* 11, 130 (2001)

How does self-assembly into a
branched structure lead to motility?

BROWNIAN DYNAMICS SIMULATIONS



$$\eta \frac{dX}{dt} = -\nabla \Phi_H - \nabla \Phi_S - \nabla \Phi_B + F_R$$

F_R = Random Force

$$\langle F_R \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle F_R(t) F_R(t') \rangle = 6k_B T \eta \delta(t - t')$$

Φ_H = Hardcore interaction

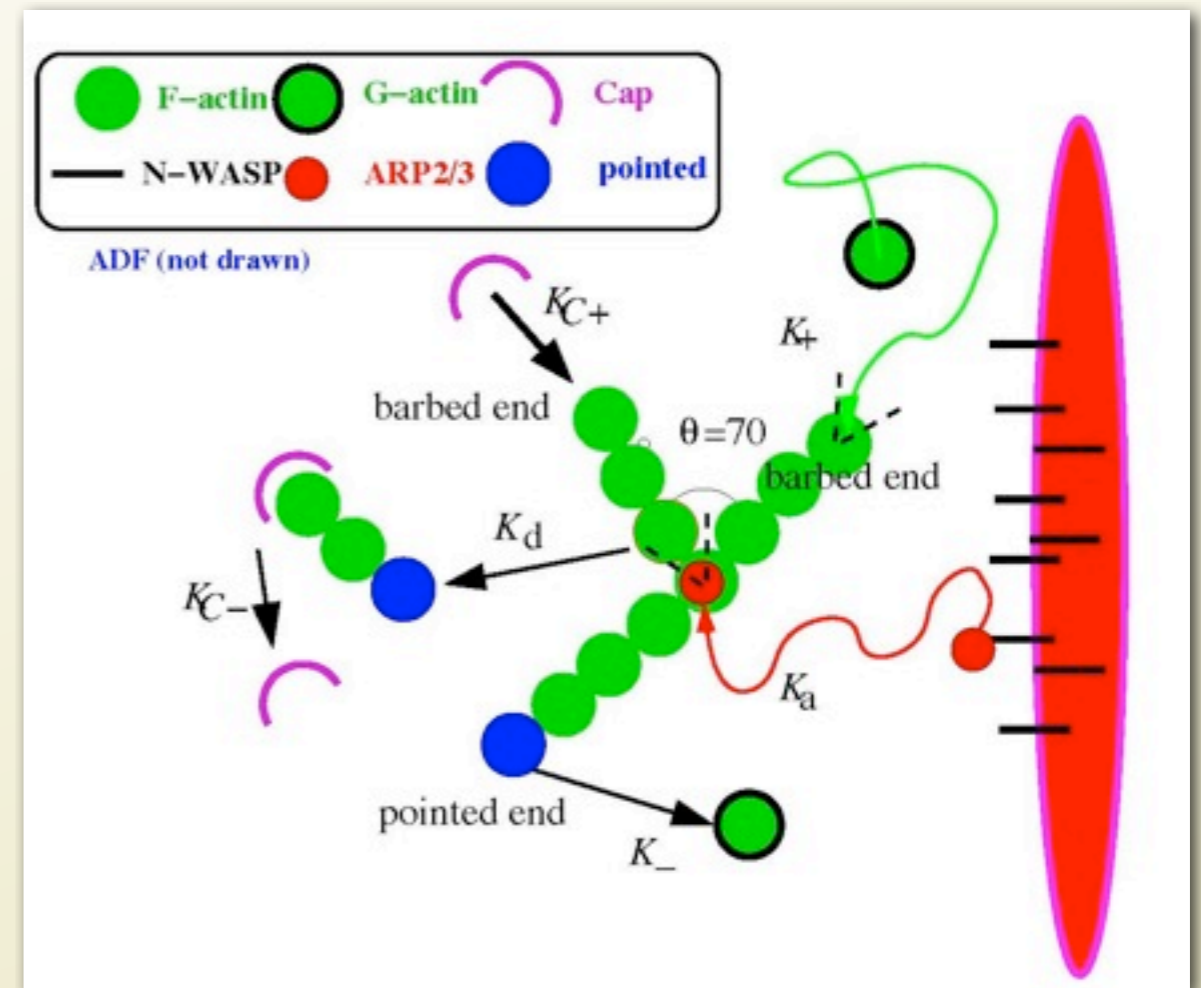
$$\Phi_H = \frac{1}{2} K_h (R - R_0)^2, \quad R < R_0$$

Φ_S = Bond Stretch interaction

$$\Phi_S = \frac{1}{2} K_s (D - D_0)^2$$

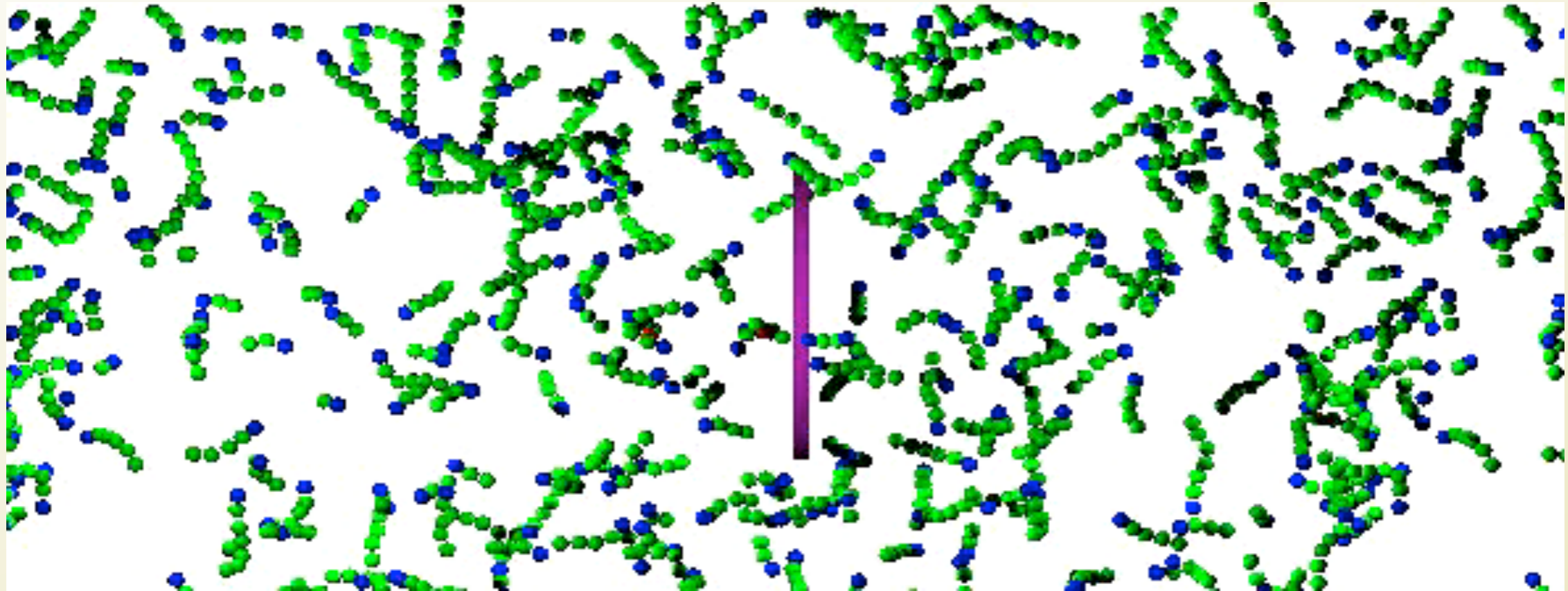
Φ_B = Bending interaction

$$\Phi_B = \frac{1}{2} K_b (\cos(\Theta) - \cos(\Theta_0))^2$$



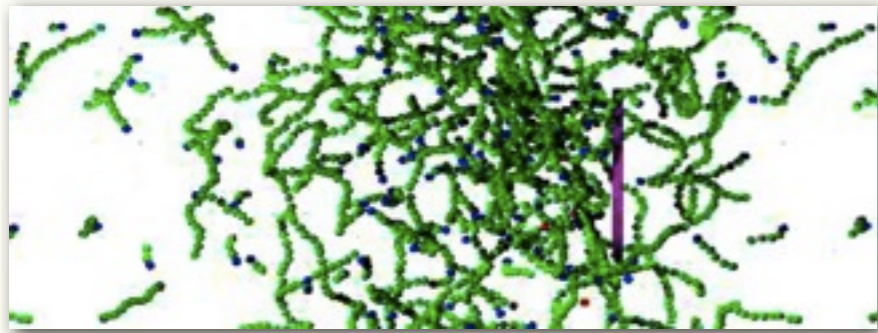
- Polymerisation at + end (K_+)
- Depolymerisation at - end (K_-)
- Branching (K_a)
- Debranching (K_d)
- Capping

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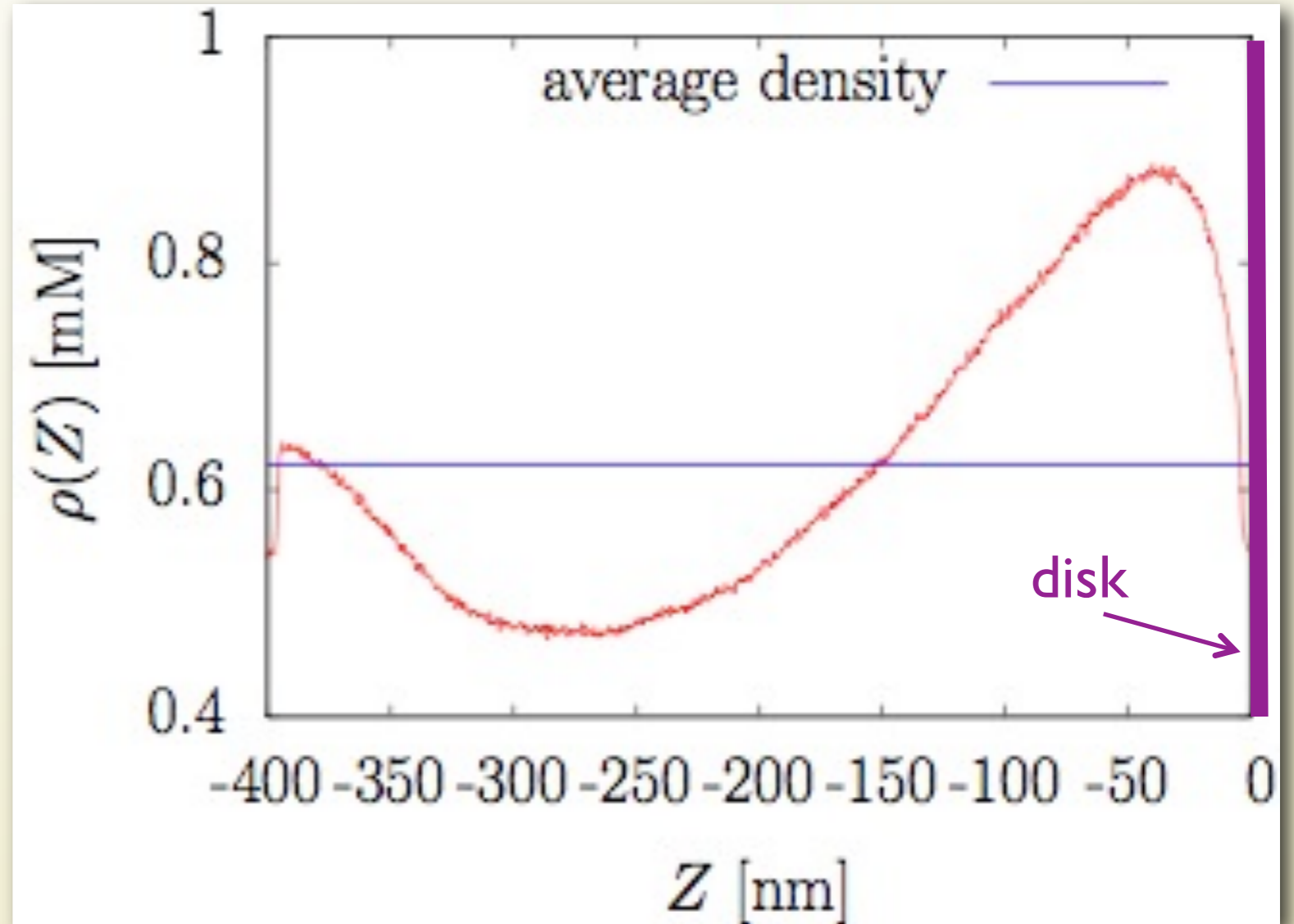
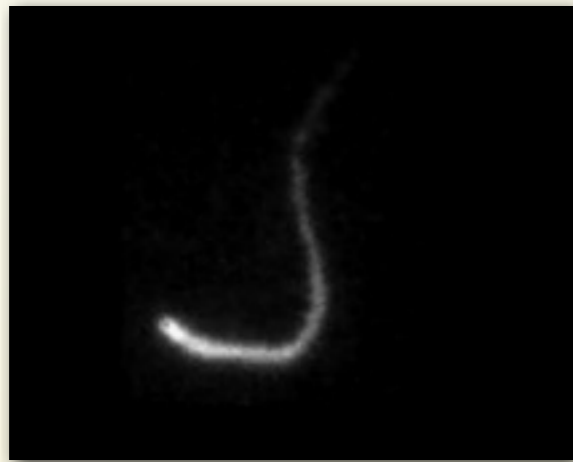


- 2D projection of 3D simulation
- Motion allowed in $\pm z$ direction only

ACTIN CONCENTRATION GRADIENT



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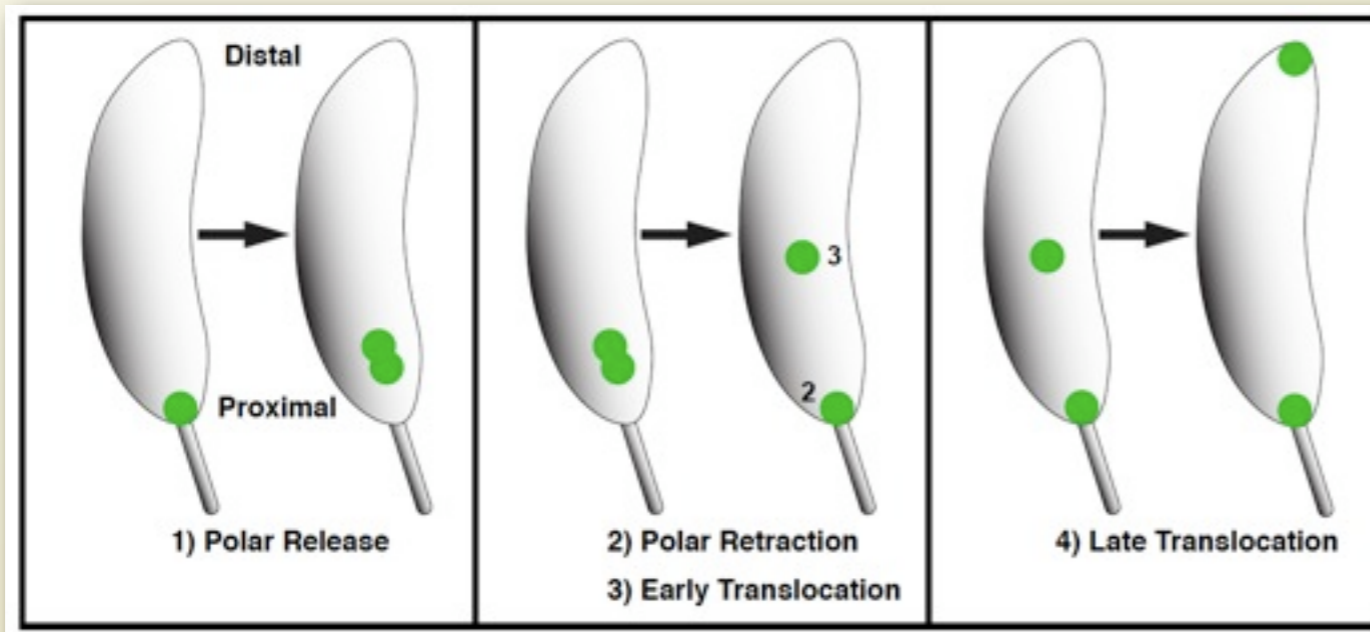
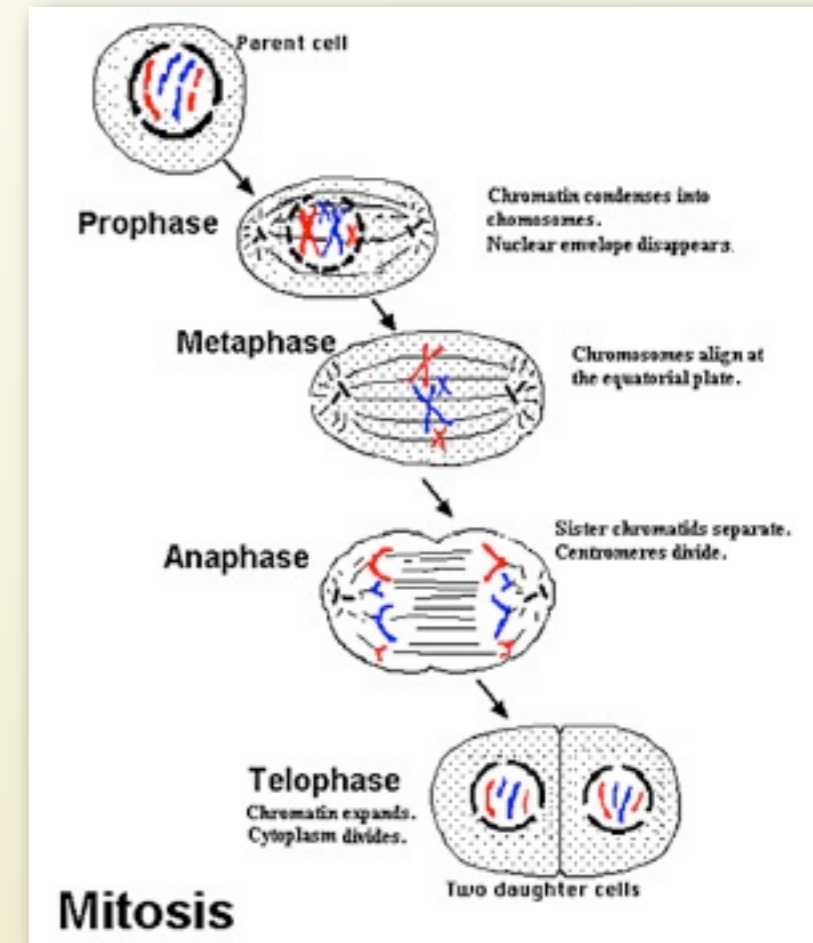


- Disk activates Arp2/3, which recruits F-actin
- Concentration of F-actin is high behind the disk compared to average
- If the disk repels actin then it will move forwards to avoid F-actin
- In real systems the concentration gradient is even bigger; mechanism should still apply

ASYMMETRIC CELL DIVISION

- Most cells divide symmetrically

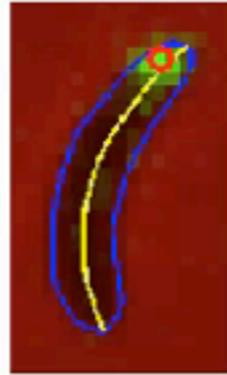
Caulobacter crescentus
and *Vibrio cholerae*
divide asymmetrically



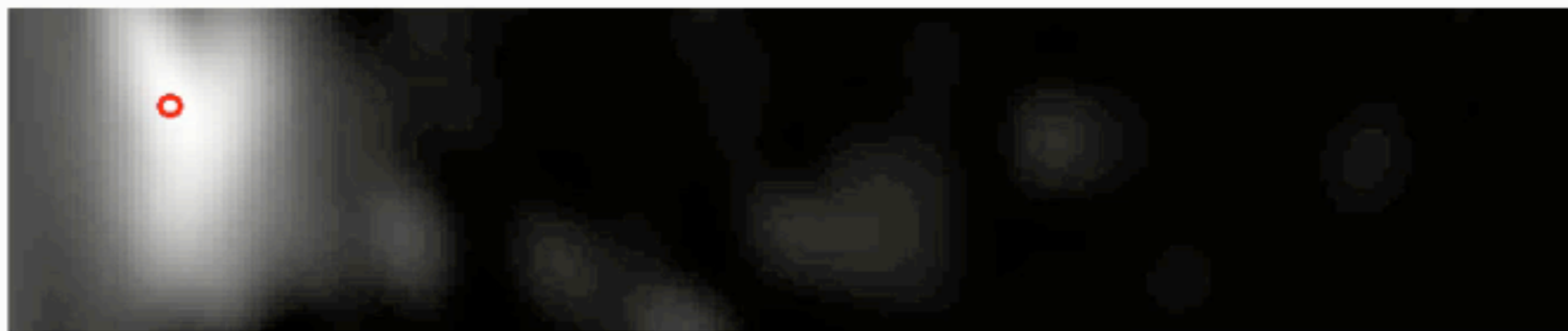
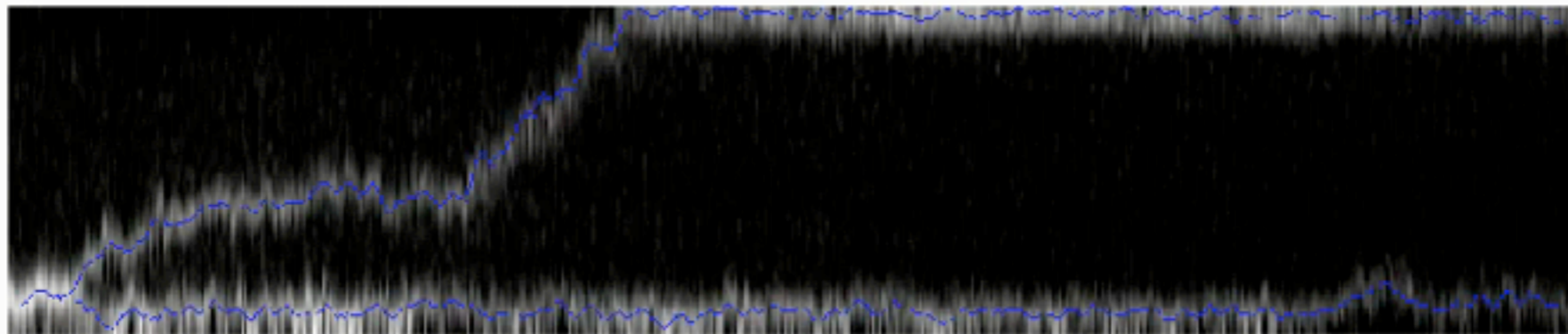
- What is the mechanism for chromosomal motility?

DISASSEMBLY DRIVEN MOTILITY

- How does the chromosome move across the cell during chromosomal segregation in certain asymmetric bacteria?



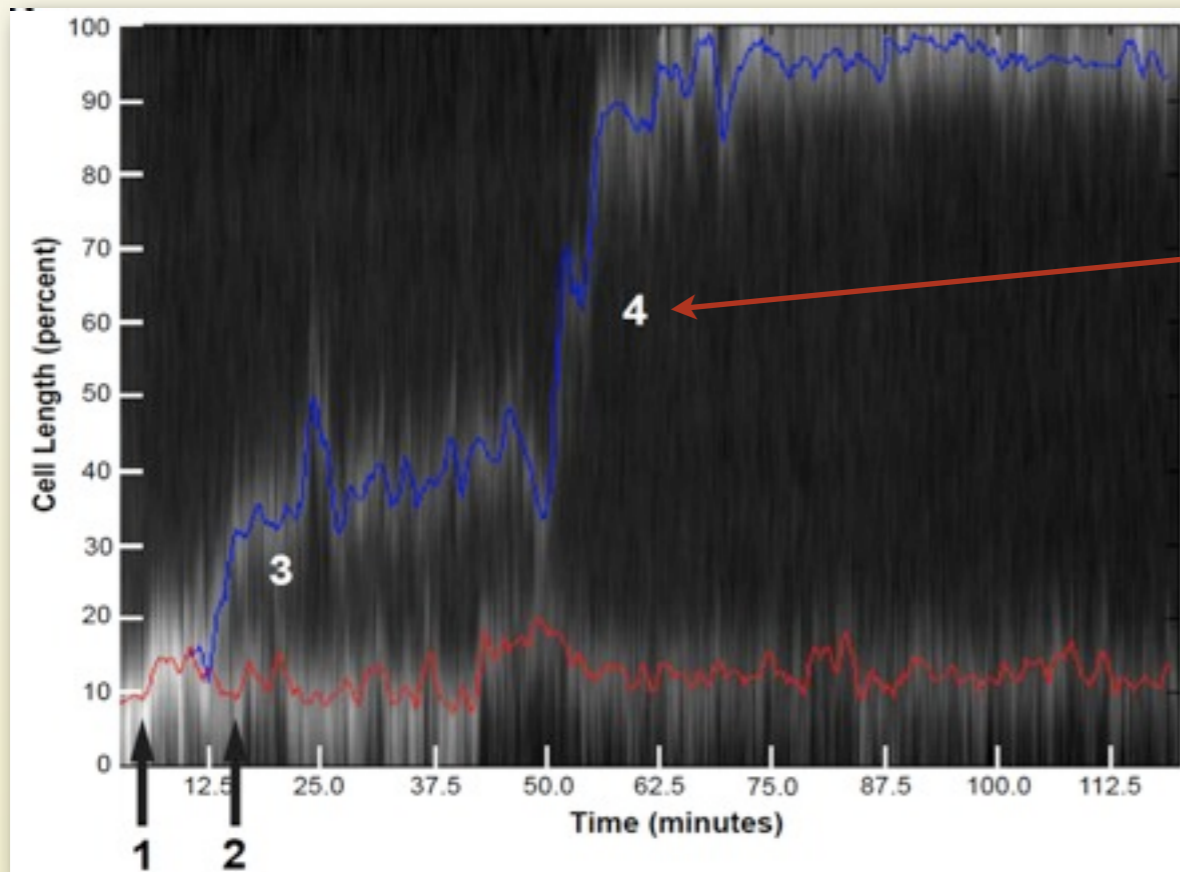
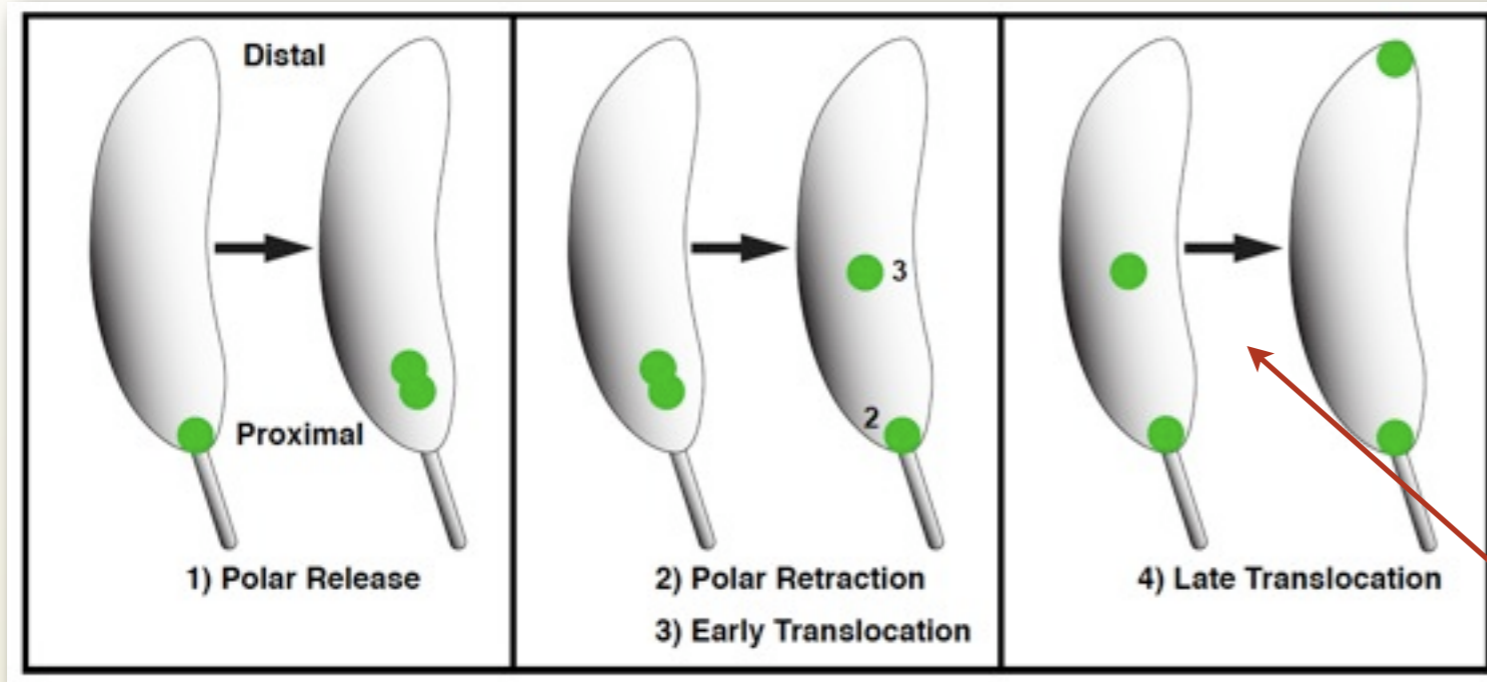
*Caulobacter
crescentus*



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CHROMOSOMAL SEGREGATION IN *C. CRESCENTUS* AND *V. CHOLERAE*

*Caulobacter
crescentus*



We are interested
in the 4th stage

How does the chromosome
(ori) scoot across the cell?

VIBRIO CHOLERAE



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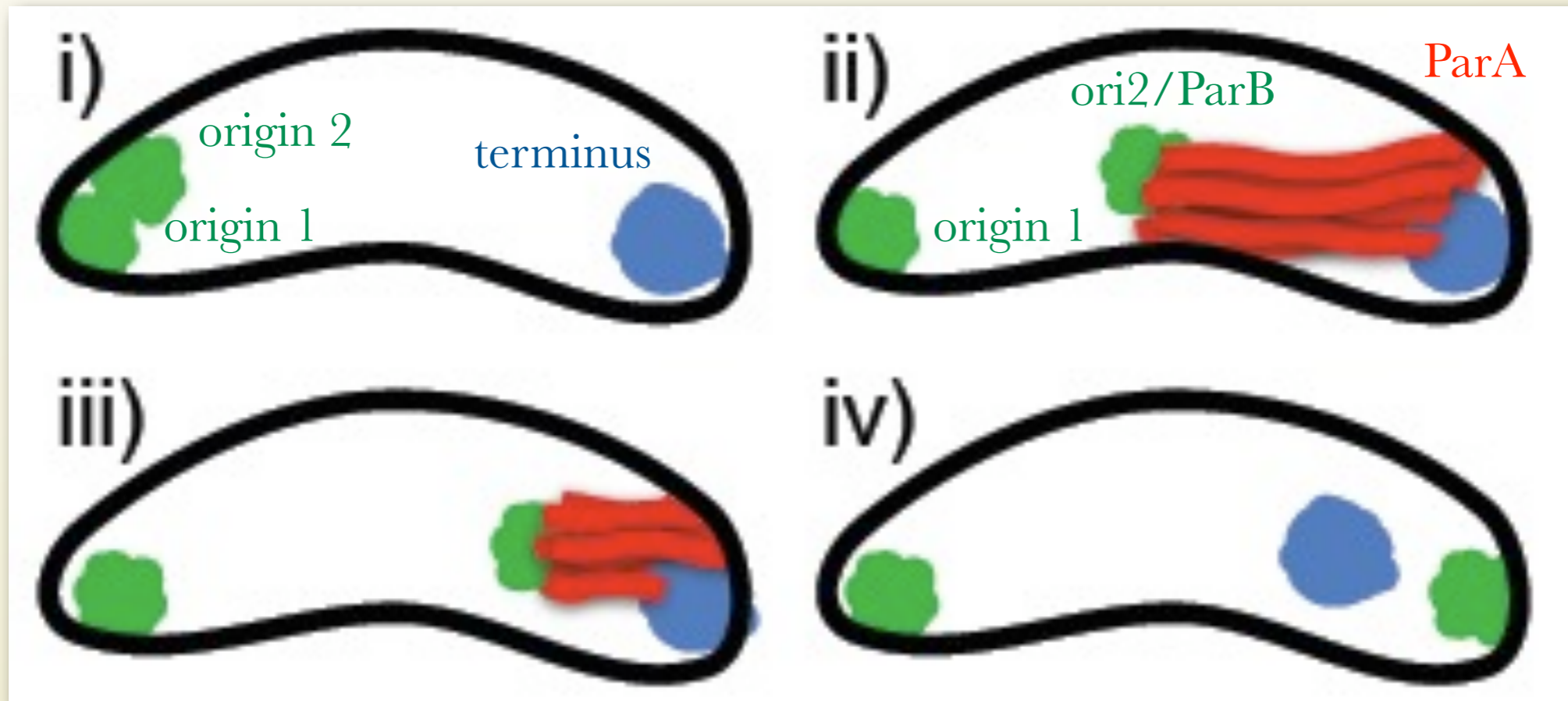
A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PROCESS



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Replication

ParB on origin
attaches to ParA

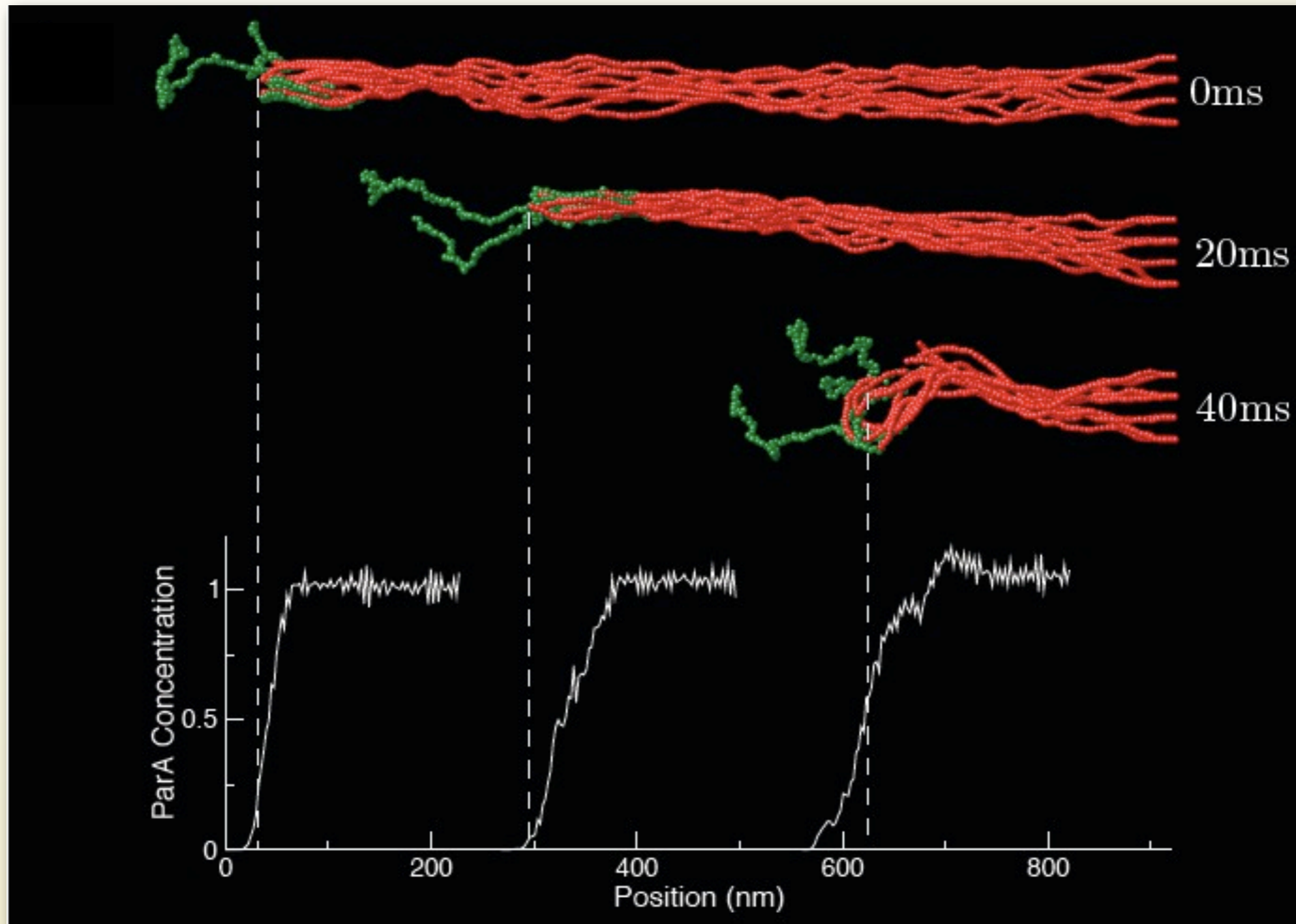


ParA disassembles
and origin moves

Origin and terminus
switch places

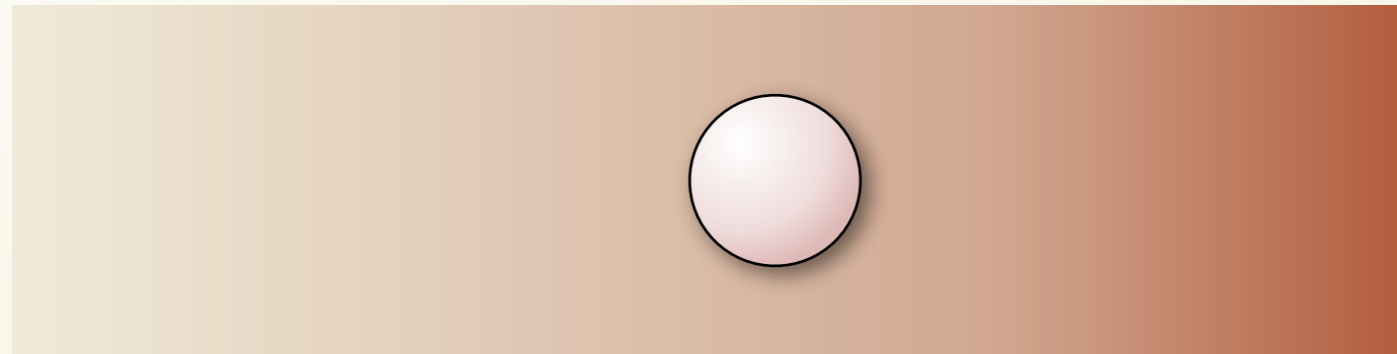
- Origin is decorated with ParB which binds to and hydrolyses ParA
- ParA filament structure depolymerises and drags ParB along

CONCENTRATION GRADIENT DRIVES MOTION



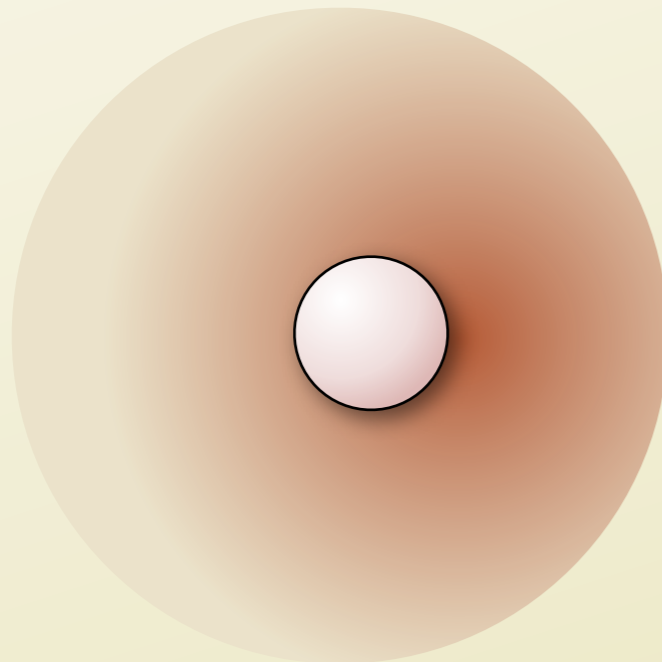
- System uses depolymerisation to create a steady-state concentration gradient to move up

PARTICLE MOTION IN A CONCENTRATION GRADIENT

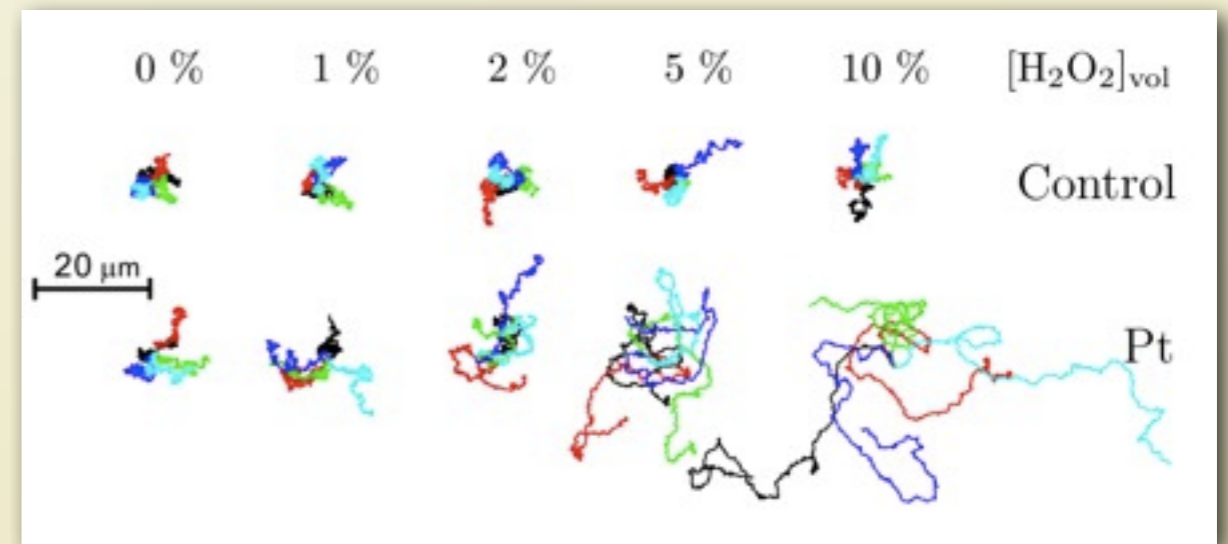


Particle interacts with the concentration field and moves up the gradient if it is attracted

In self-diffusiophoresis the particle itself generates the concentration gradient

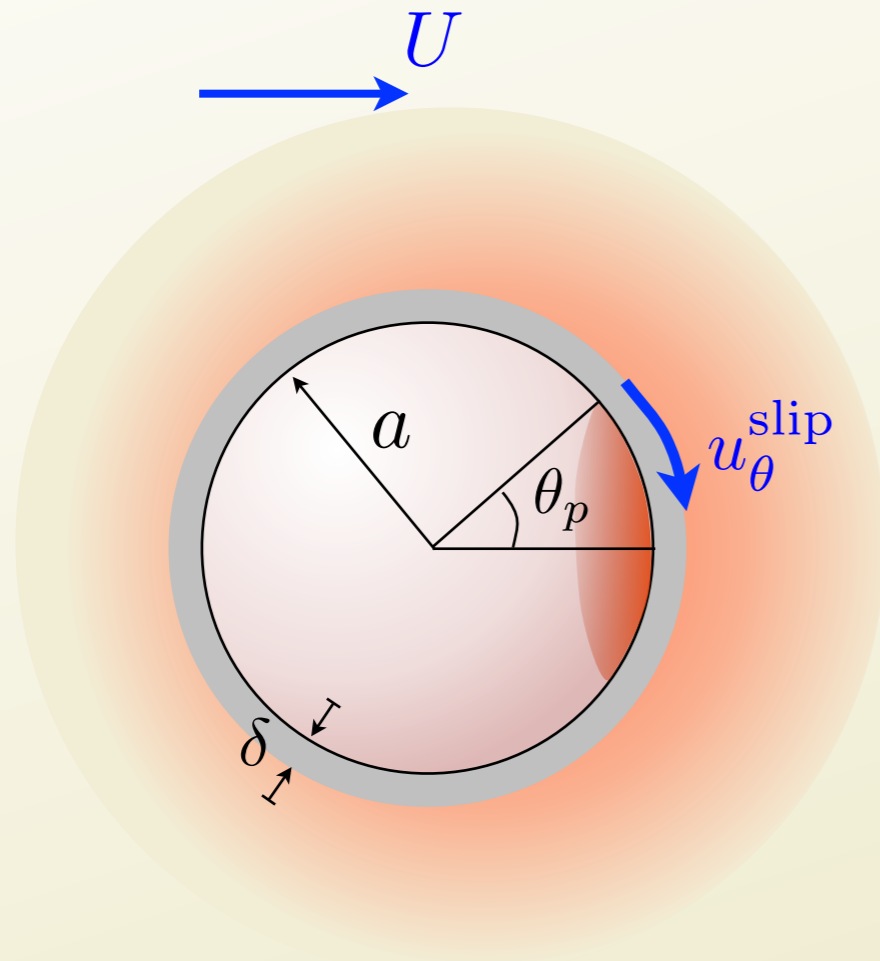


Example: catalytic decomposition of H_2O_2



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A PARED DOWN MODEL



Rest frame of the particle

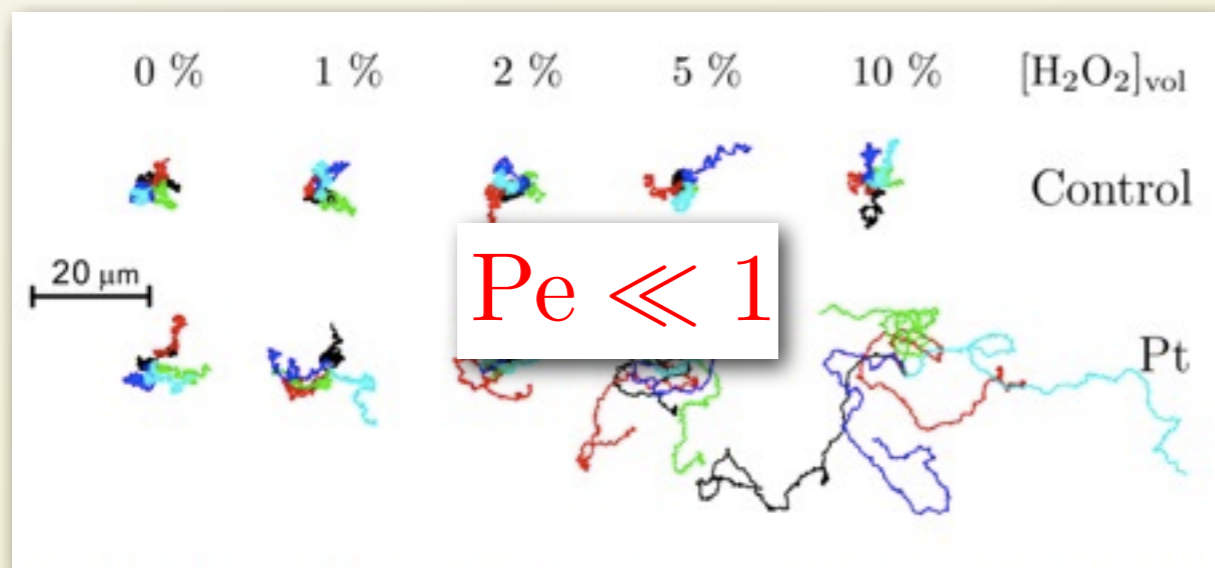
- Spherical particle
- Axisymmetry, steady state
- Single solute species
- Purely radial potential with compact support
- Zero Reynolds number

PARTICLE MOTION IN A CONCENTRATION GRADIENT

Motion involves a balance between diffusion and advection

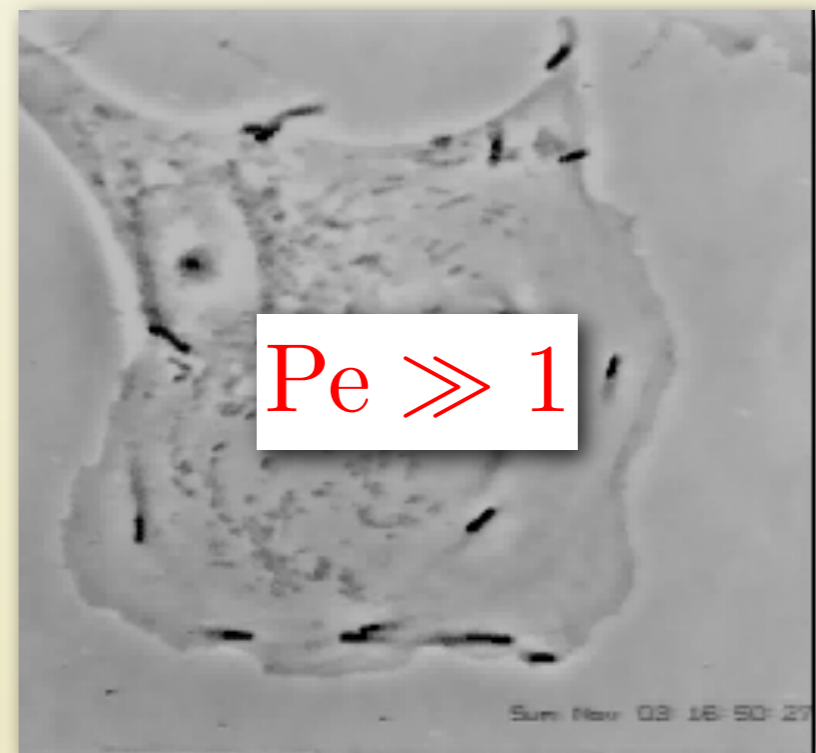
$$Pe = \frac{\text{advection}}{\text{diffusion}} = \frac{Ua}{D}$$

Diffusion dominated



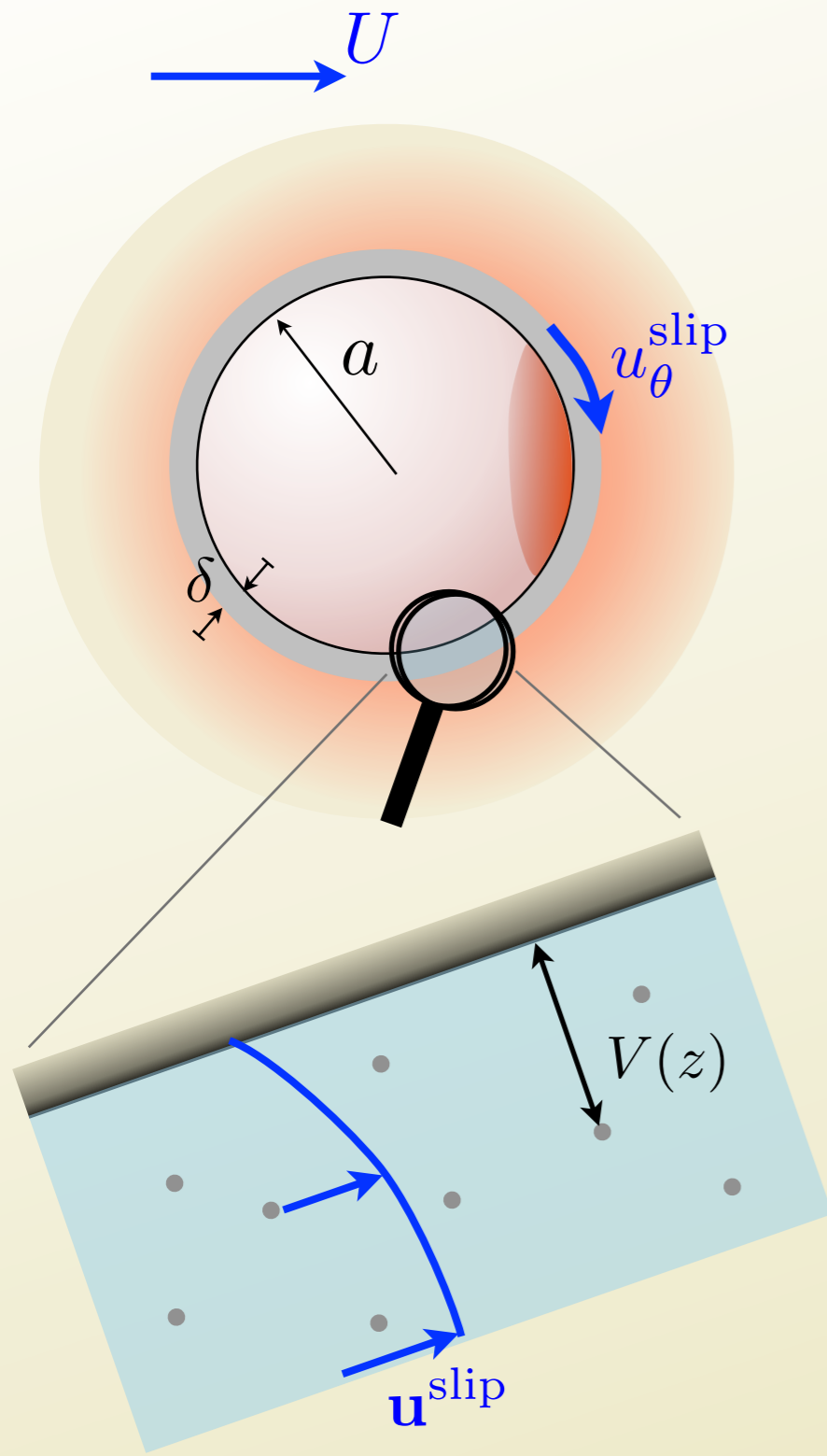
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Advection dominated



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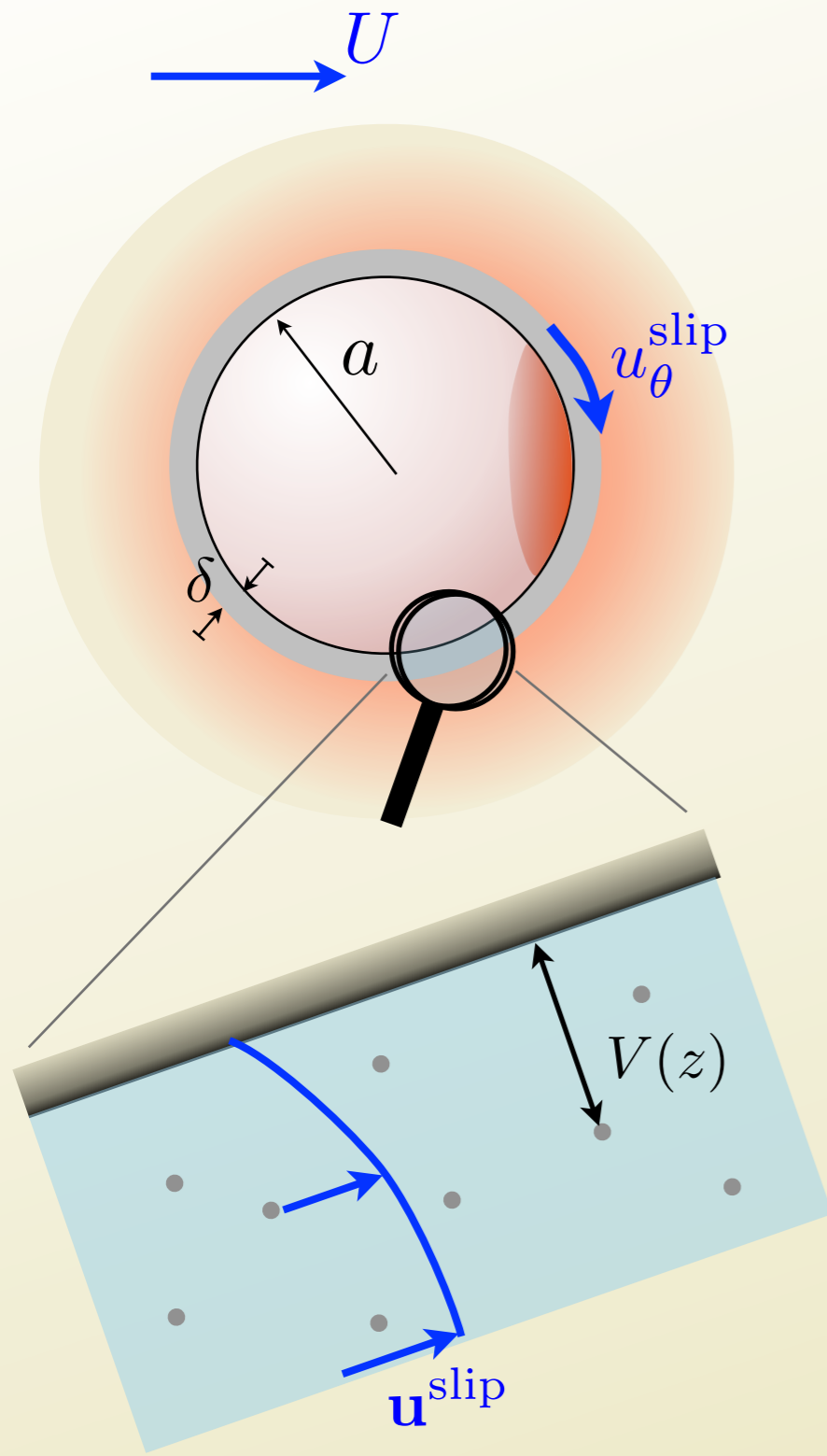


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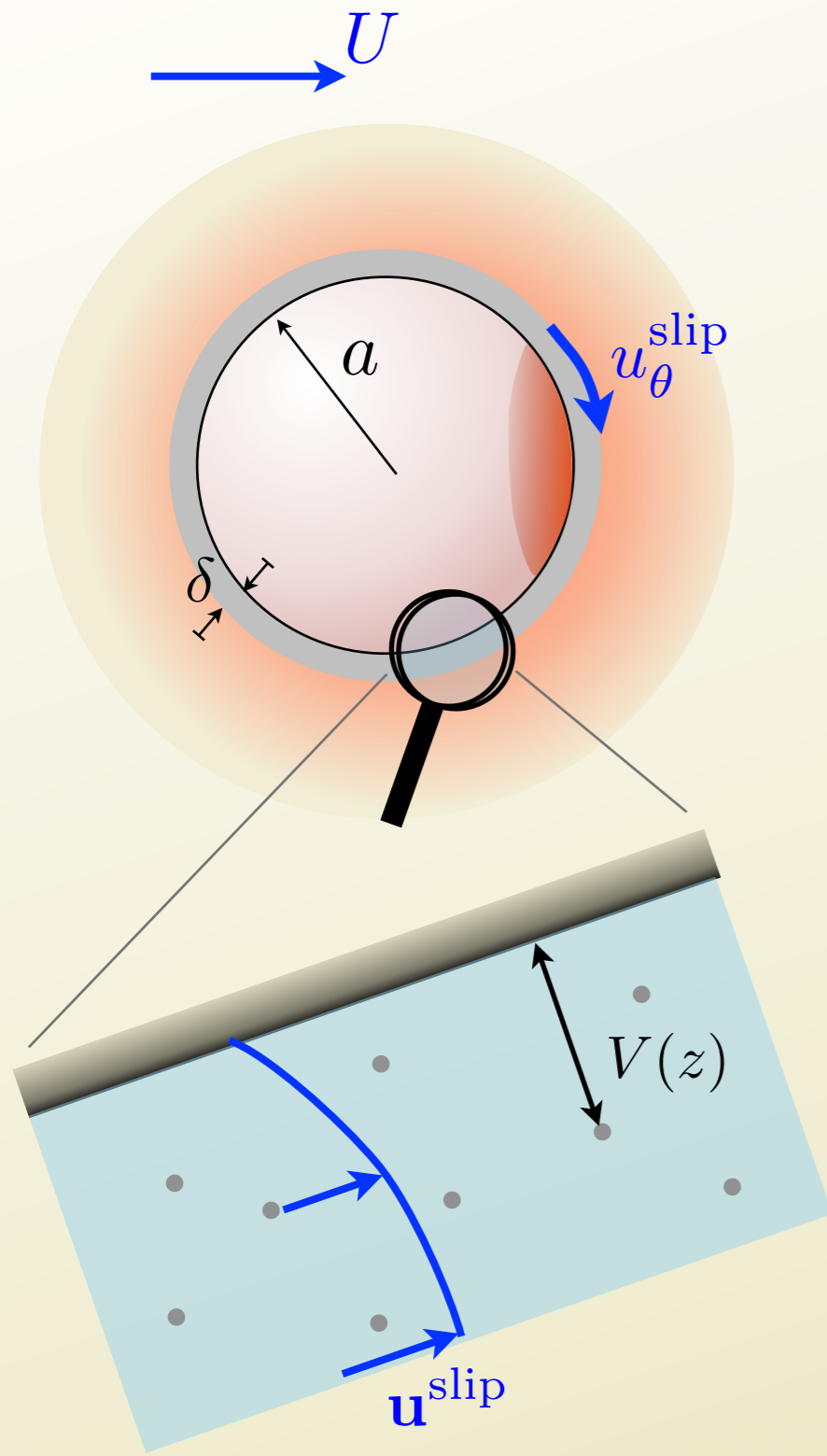
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Tangential slip velocity

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proportional to tangential concentration gradients

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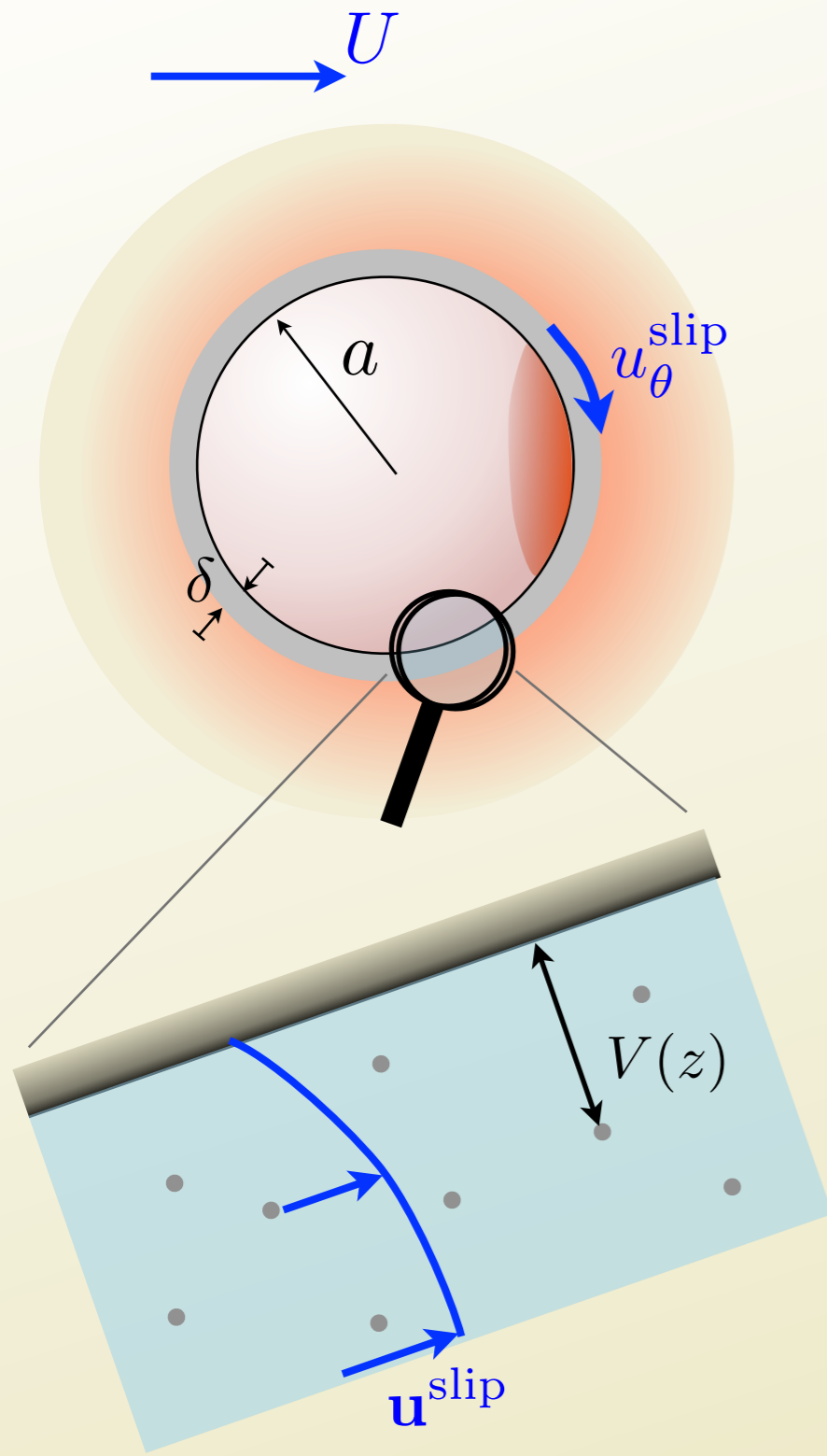
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Boltzmann distribution $c(z, \mathbf{x}) = c(1, \mathbf{x}) e^{-V(z)/k_B T}$

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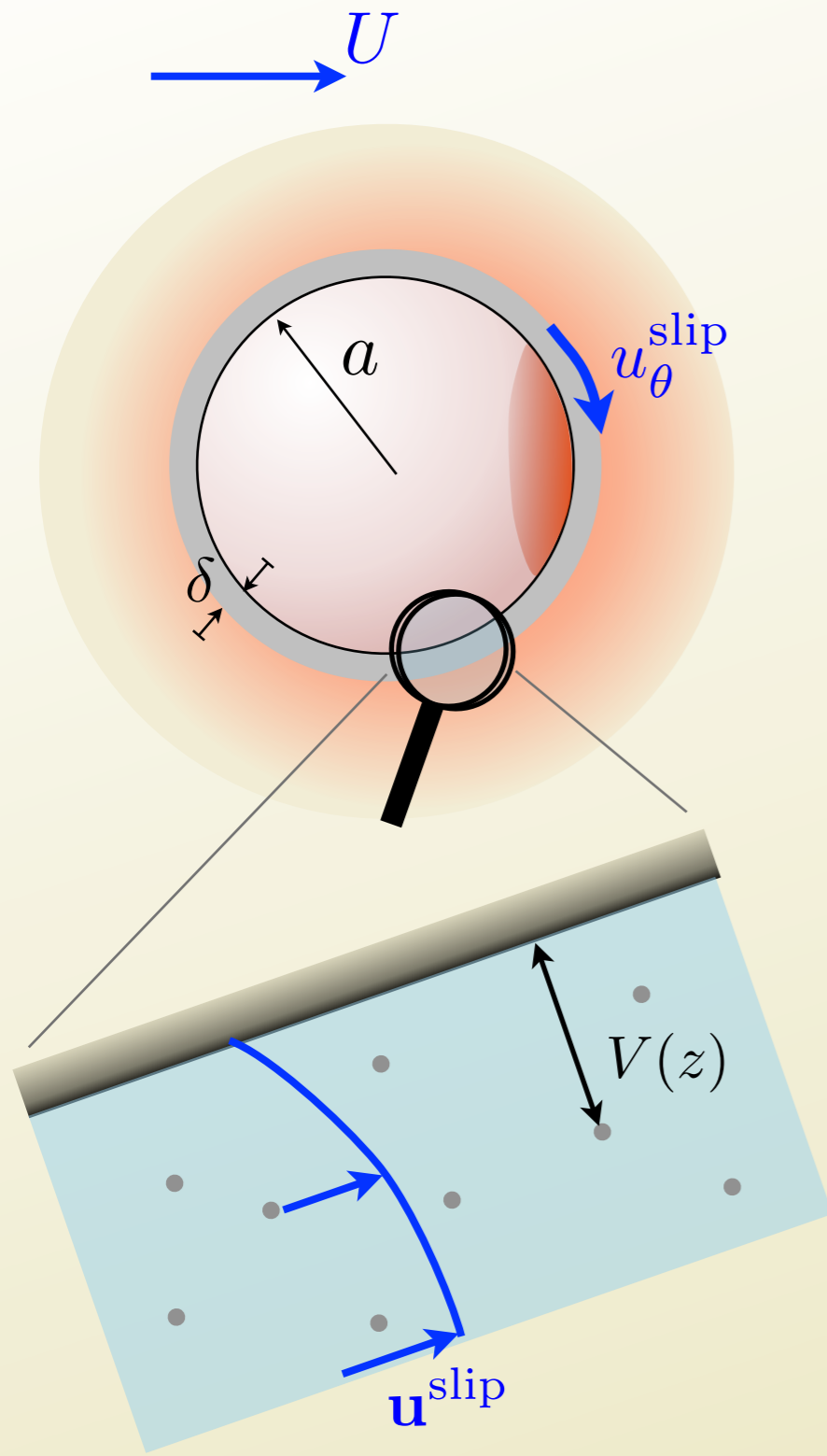
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$$\mathbf{u}^{\text{slip}} = m^D \nabla_{\parallel} c \Big|_{z=1}$$

diffusiophoretic mobility (Derjaguin)

$$m^D = \frac{k_B T}{\mu} \delta^2 \int_0^1 dz z [1 - e^{-V/k_B T}]$$

SQUIRMERS



Slip velocity provides an inner boundary condition for the exterior flow

General solution provided by Lighthill's squirmer model

$$u_r = U \left[1 - \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^3 \right] \cos(\theta) + \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} B_l \left[\left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^l - \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^{l+2} \right] P_l(\cos(\theta))$$

$$u_\theta = -U \sin(\theta) + \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} B_l \left[\frac{l-2}{2} \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^l - \frac{l}{2} \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^{l+2} \right] V_l(\cos(\theta))$$

Matching the boundary condition gives the speed

$$U = \frac{2m^D}{3a} c_1$$

first Legendre coefficient

$$c|_{r=a+\delta} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l P_l(\cos(\theta))$$

SOLUTE PROFILE

Outside the boundary layer the solute is conserved

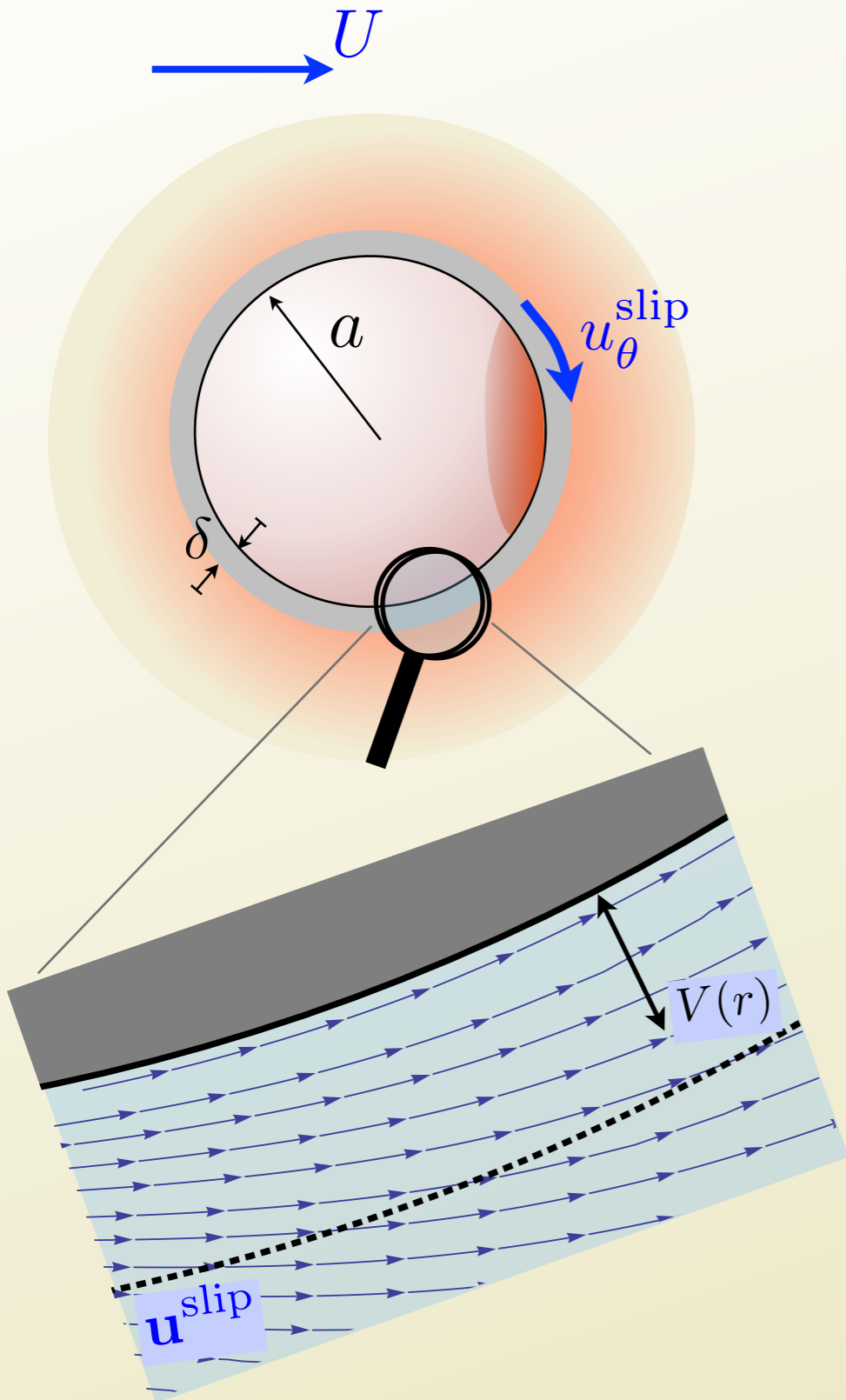
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Rate of transport across the boundary layer equals rate of production

$$\int_{r=a+\delta} \cancel{(u_r^{\text{slip}} c - D \partial_r c)} = \int_{r=a} \alpha$$

solve pointwise

$$c(r, \theta) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{a+\delta}{(l+1)D} \alpha_l \left(\frac{a+\delta}{r}\right)^{l+1} P_l(\cos(\theta))$$



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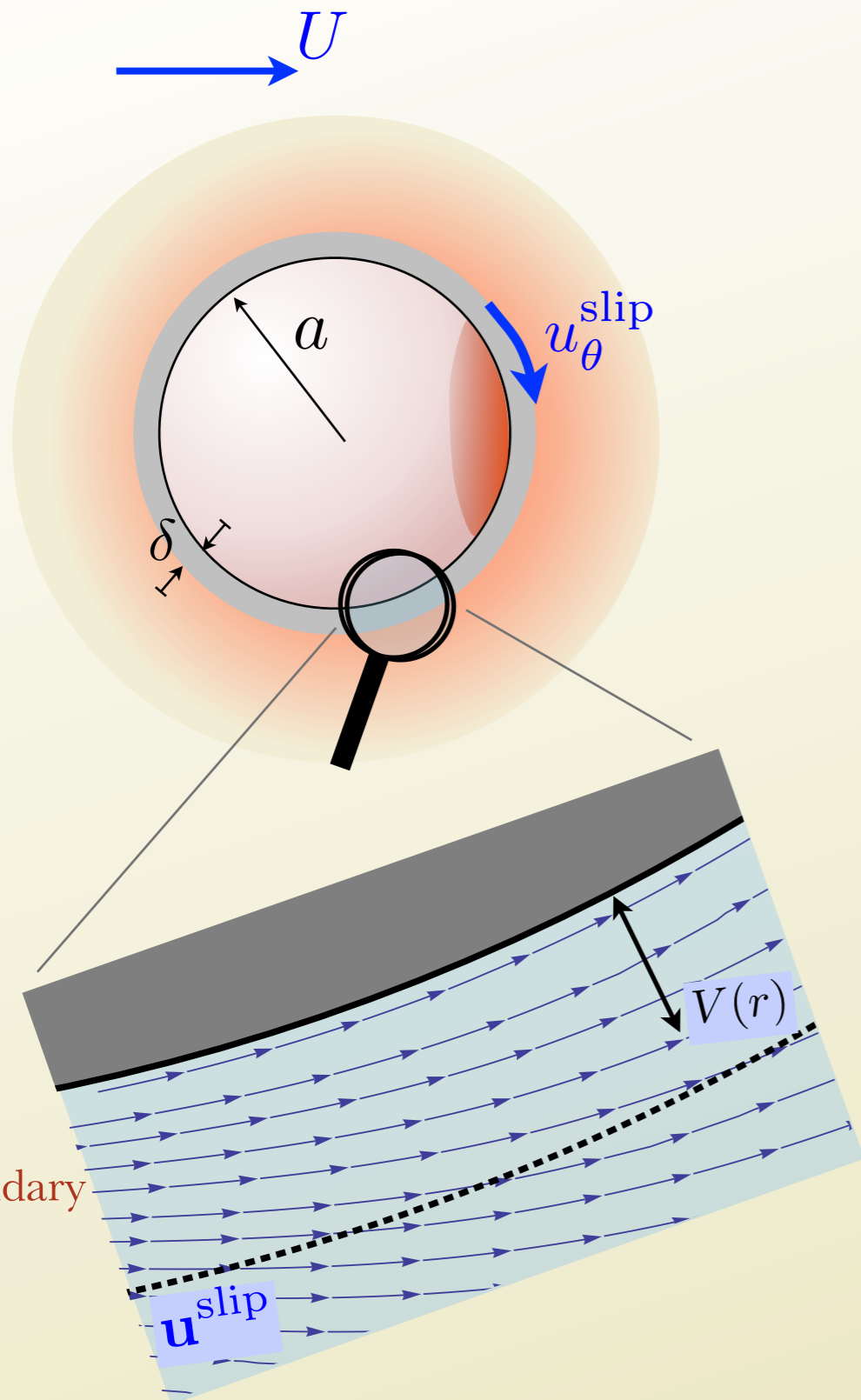
$$\frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 u_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin(\theta)} \partial_\theta (\sin(\theta) u_\theta) = 0$$

not constant

Scaling

$$u_r^{\text{slip}} \sim \frac{\delta}{a} u_\theta^{\text{slip}}$$

generically
small

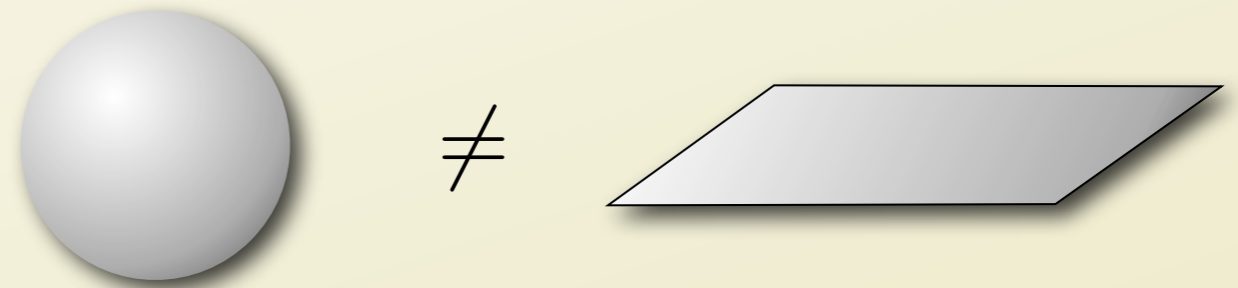
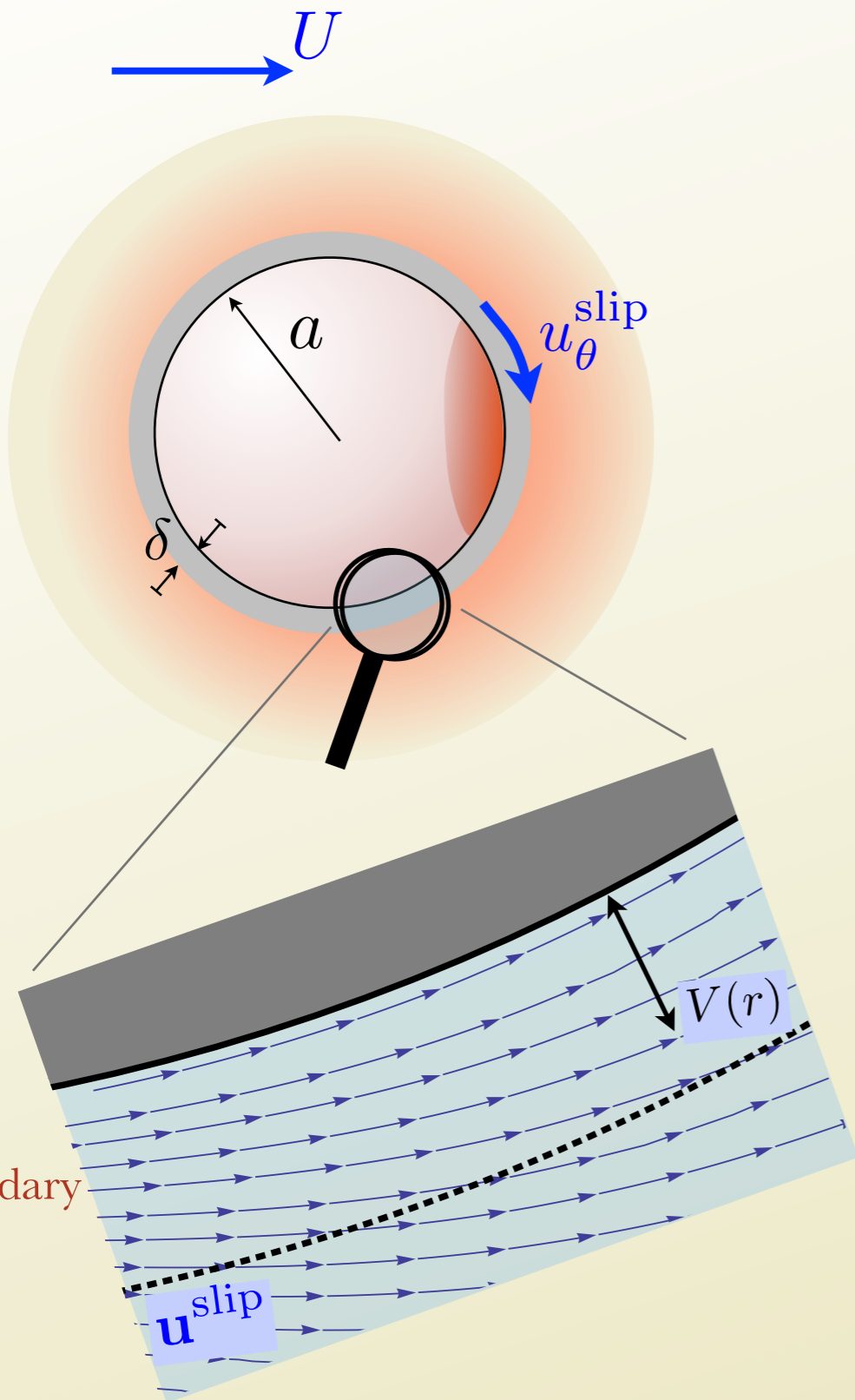


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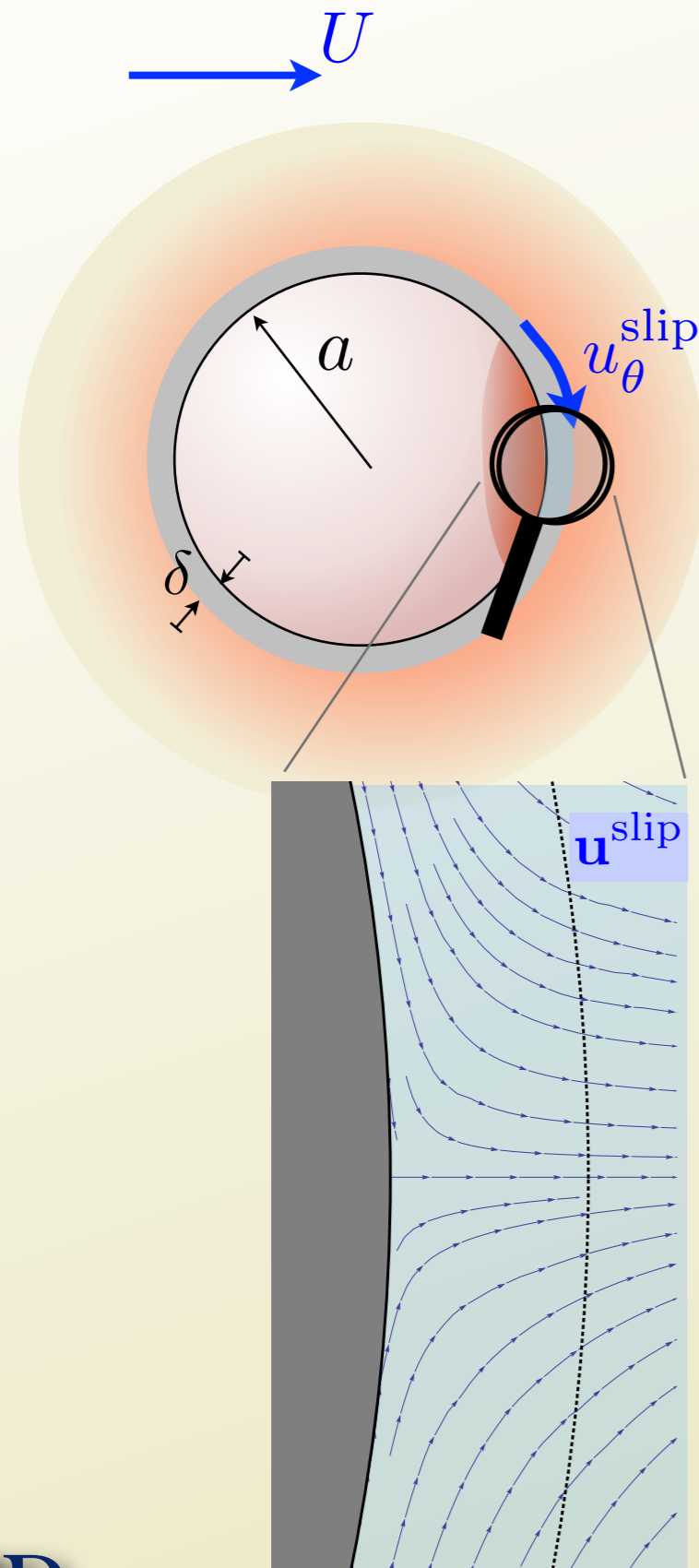
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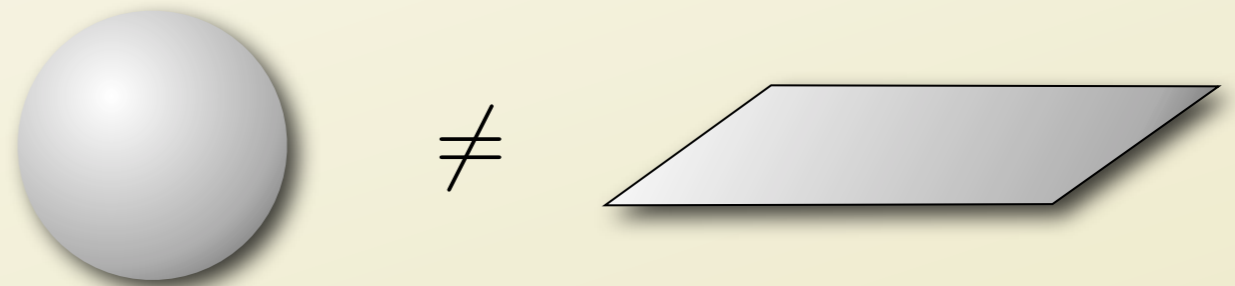
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Neglecting the radial slip is not a good approximation near $\theta = 0, \pi$

consequence of topology rather than axisymmetry (Poincaré-Hopf)

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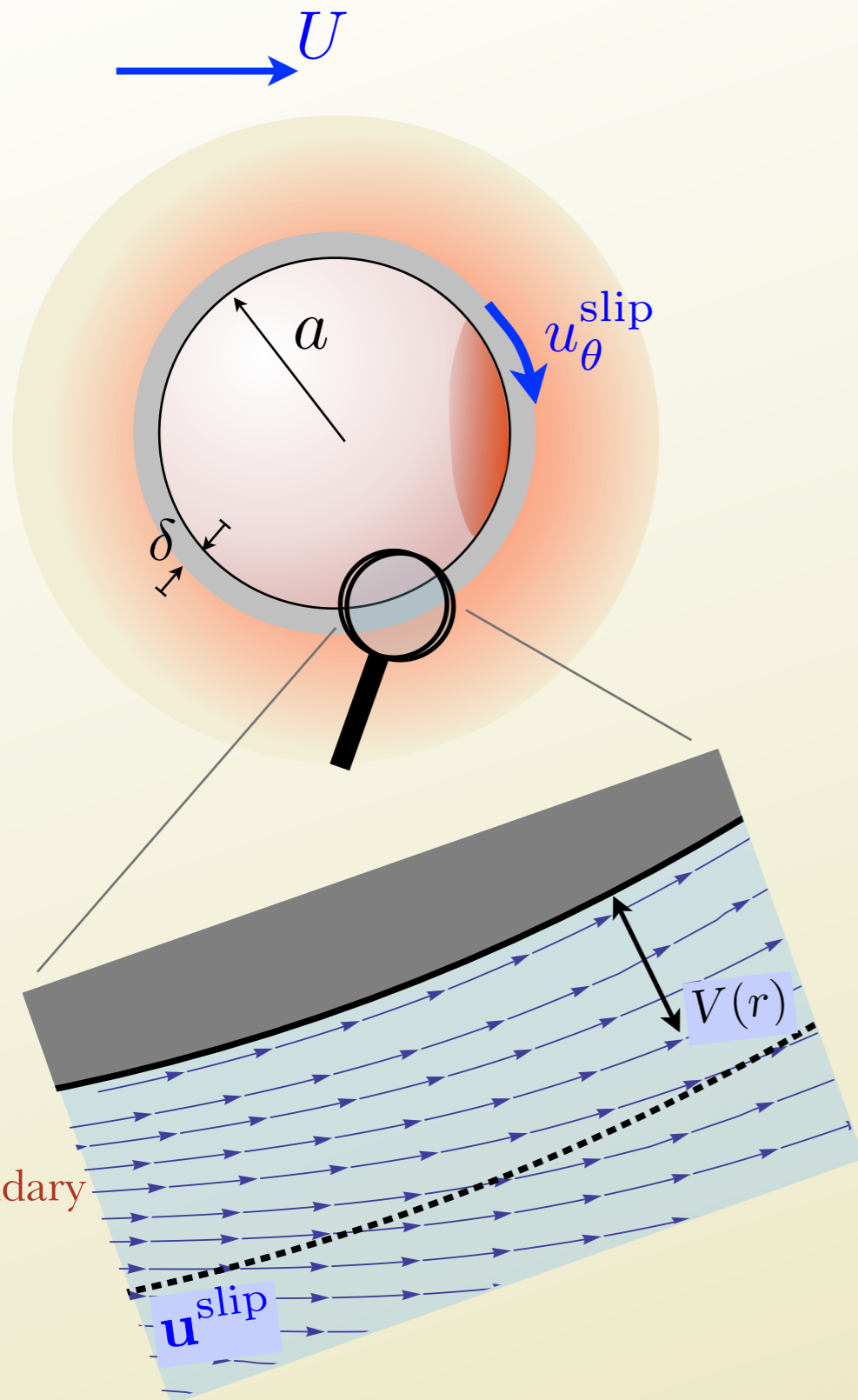
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Poincaré-Hopf

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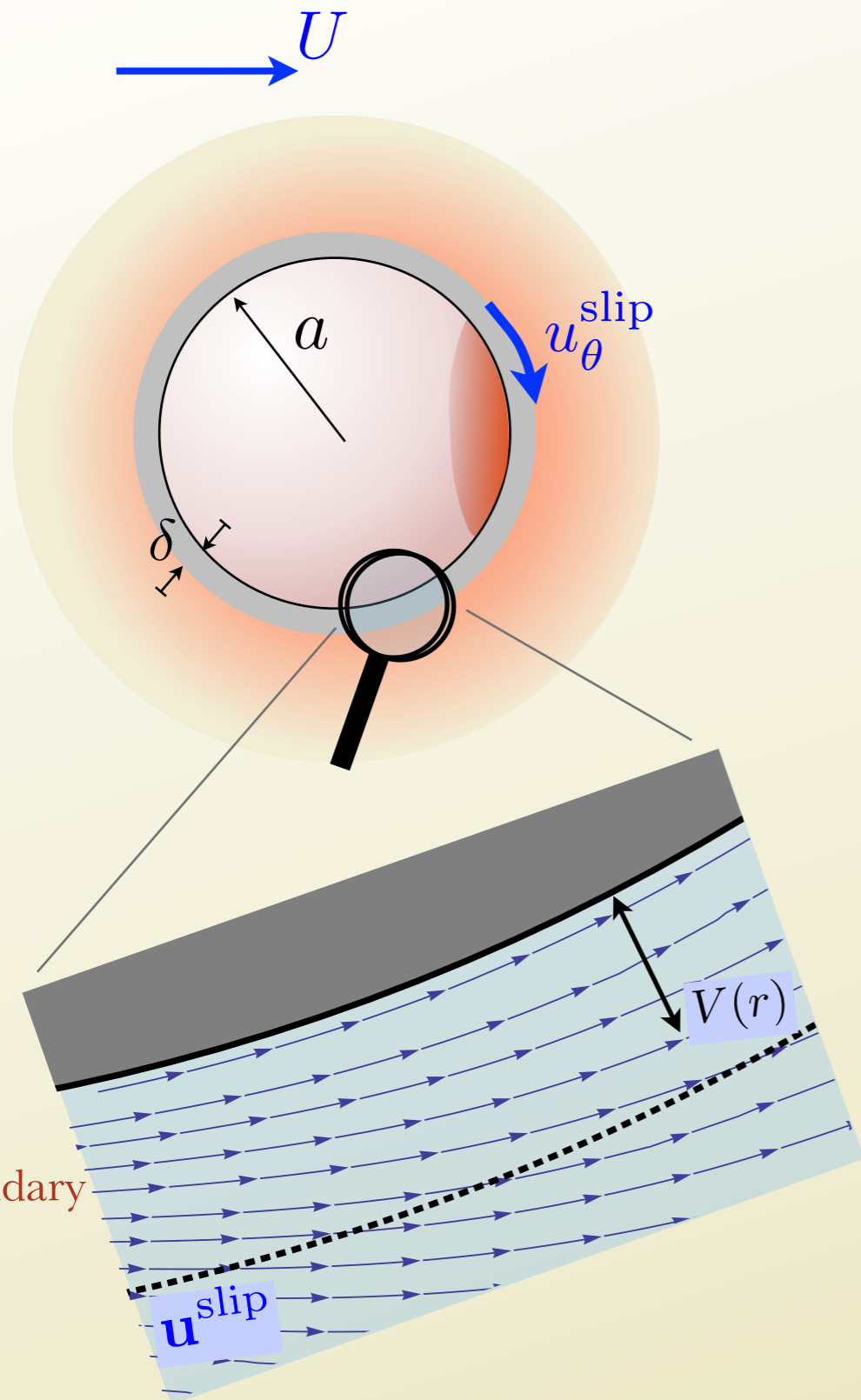
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correction



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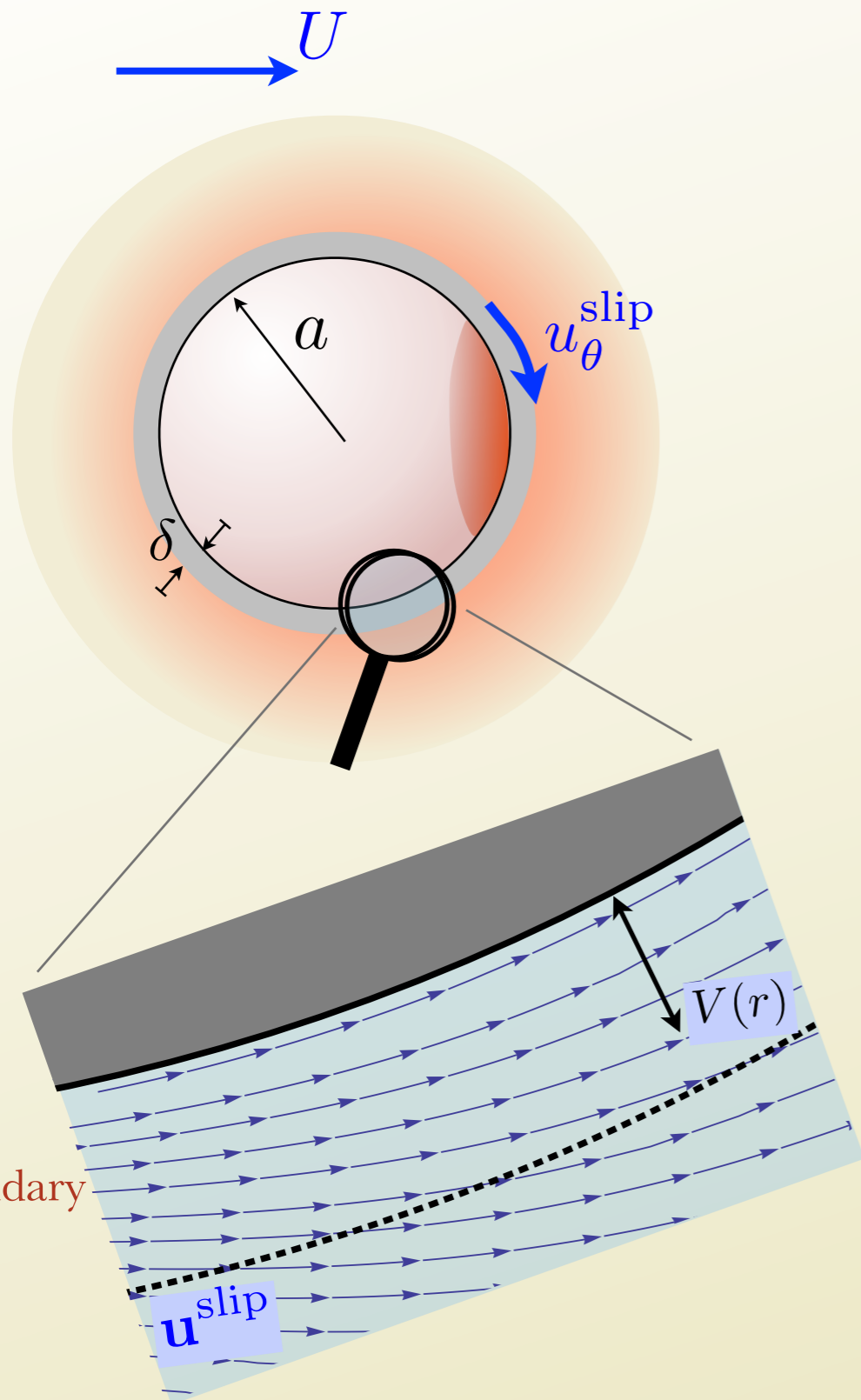
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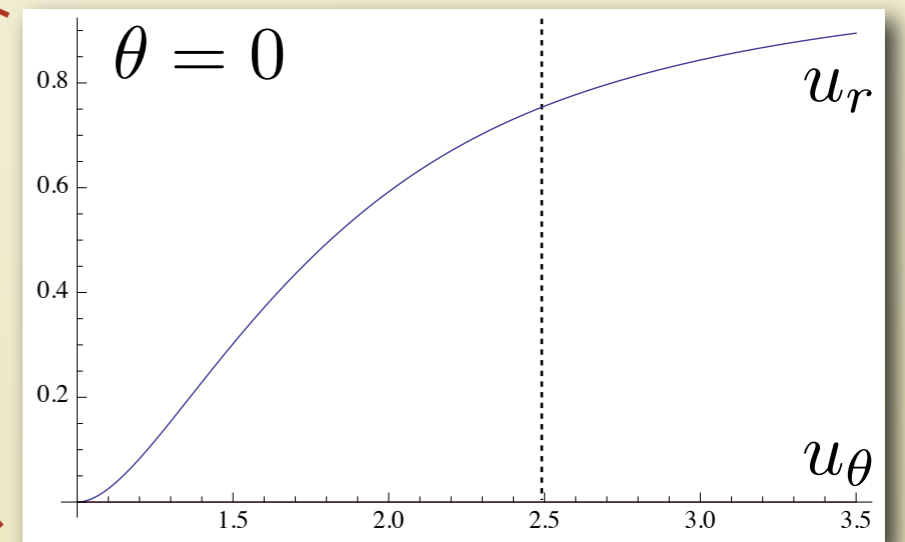
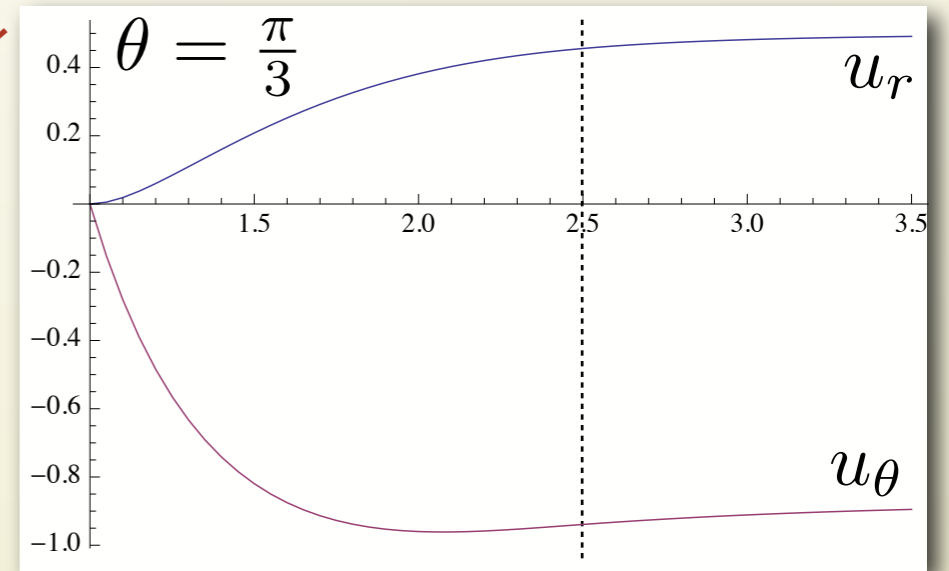
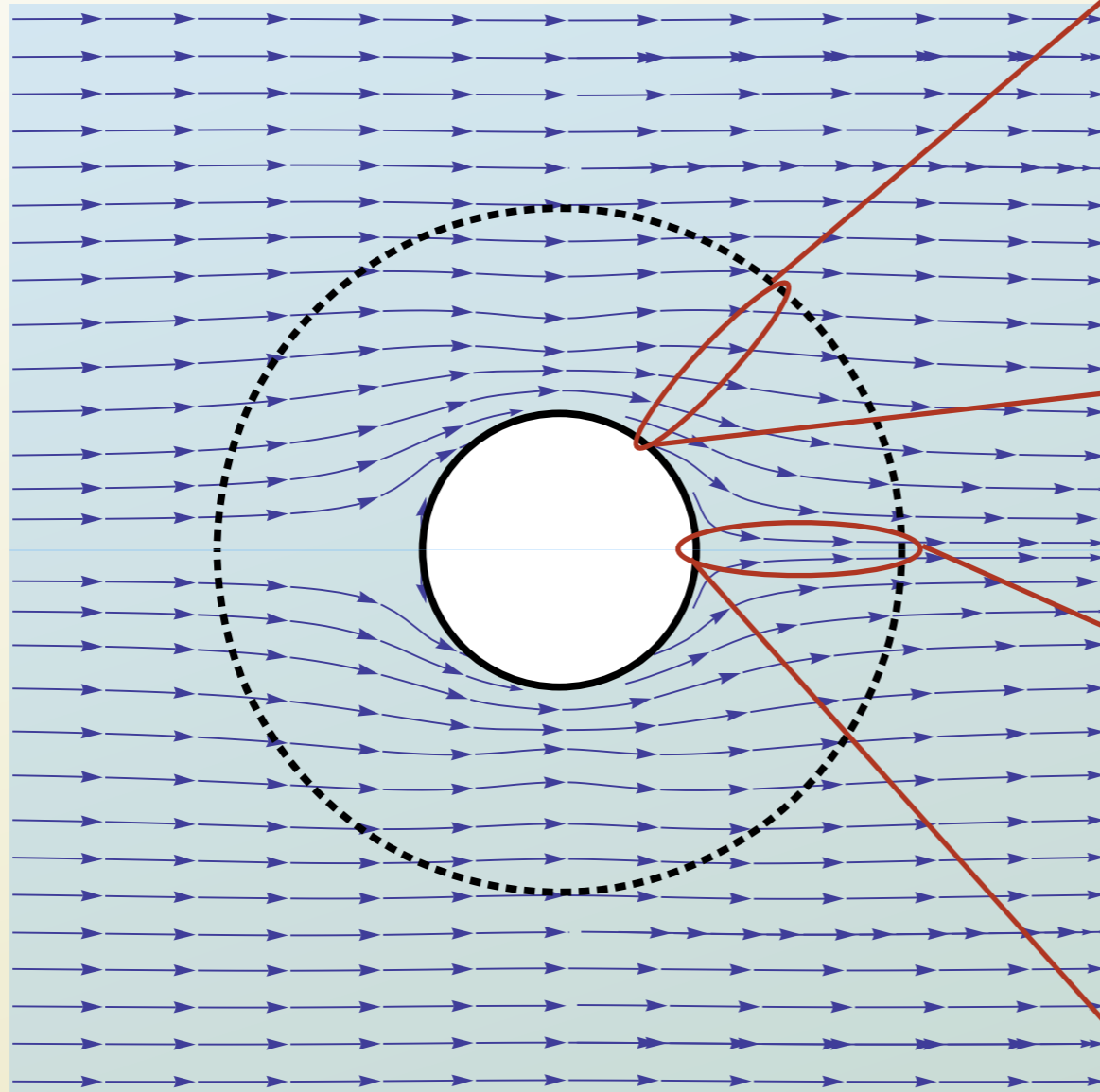
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scaling $U \sim \frac{k_B T \alpha_1}{\mu D} \delta^2 \left(1 + \frac{\delta}{a} \right)$

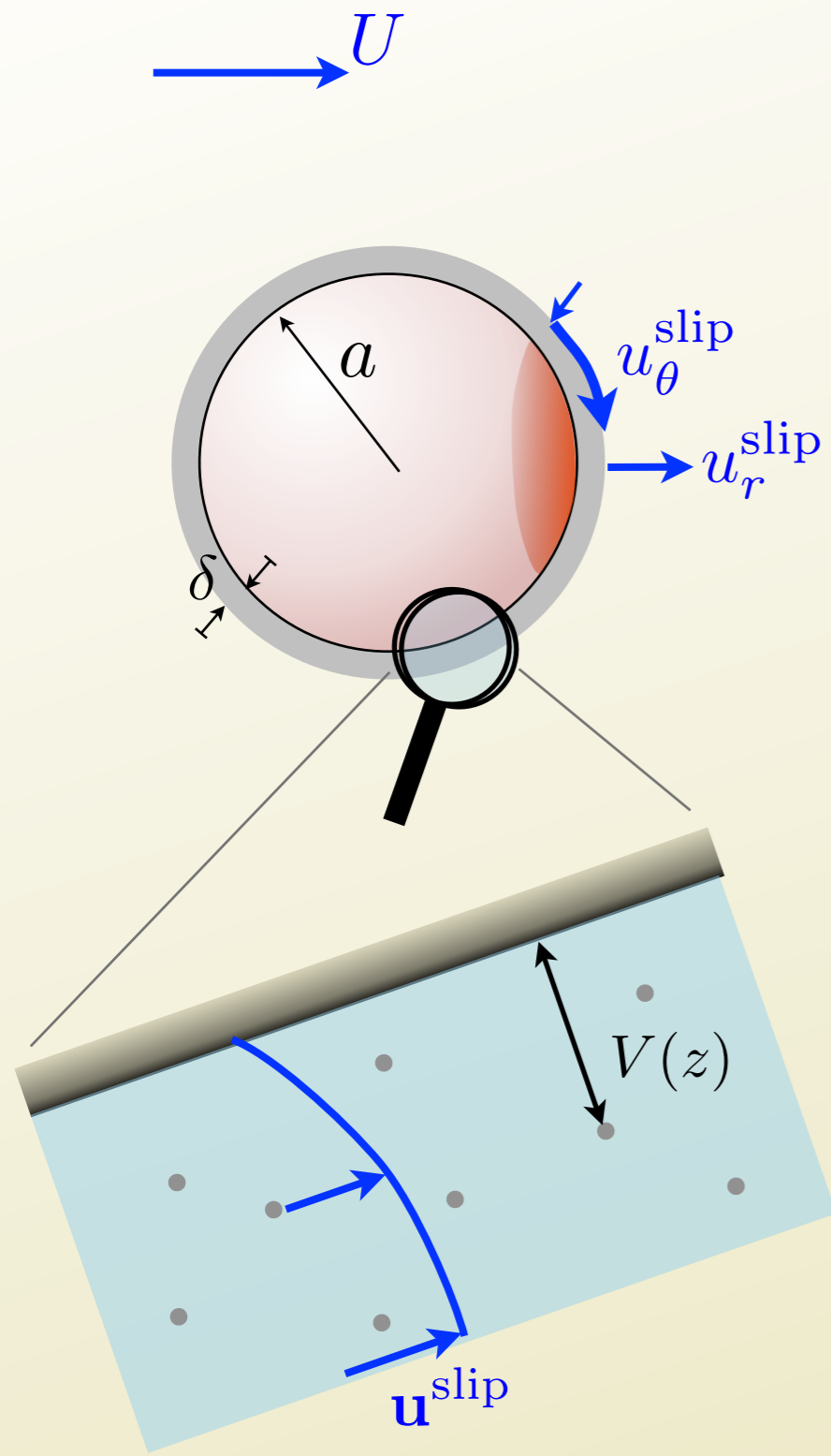


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BOUNDARY LAYER FLOW



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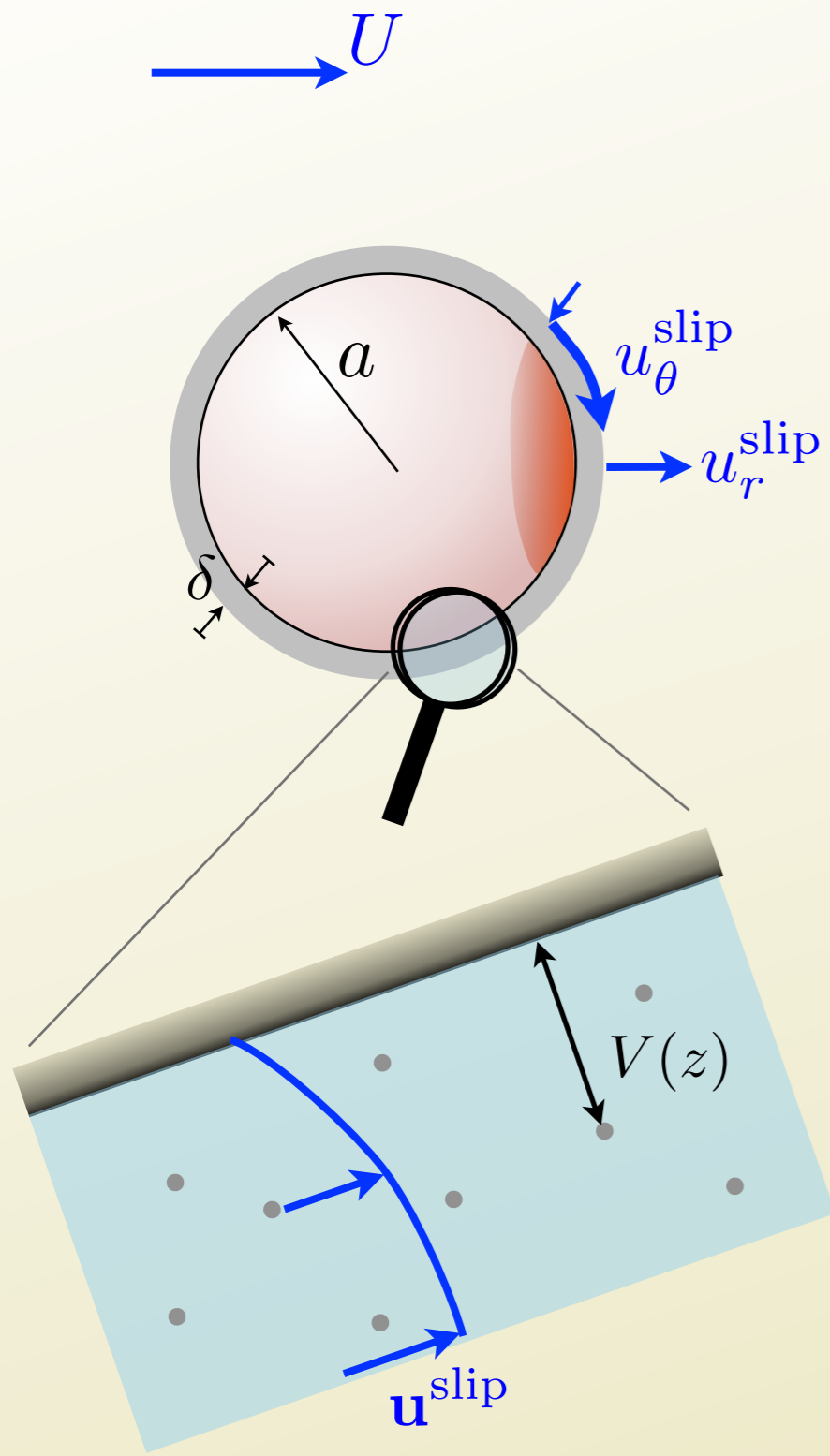


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But ...

- if the solute does not diffuse then it will only be found where it is produced
- tangential slip only generated within the active patch
- radial influx at the boundary and outflux from the interior

SOLUTE TRANSPORT

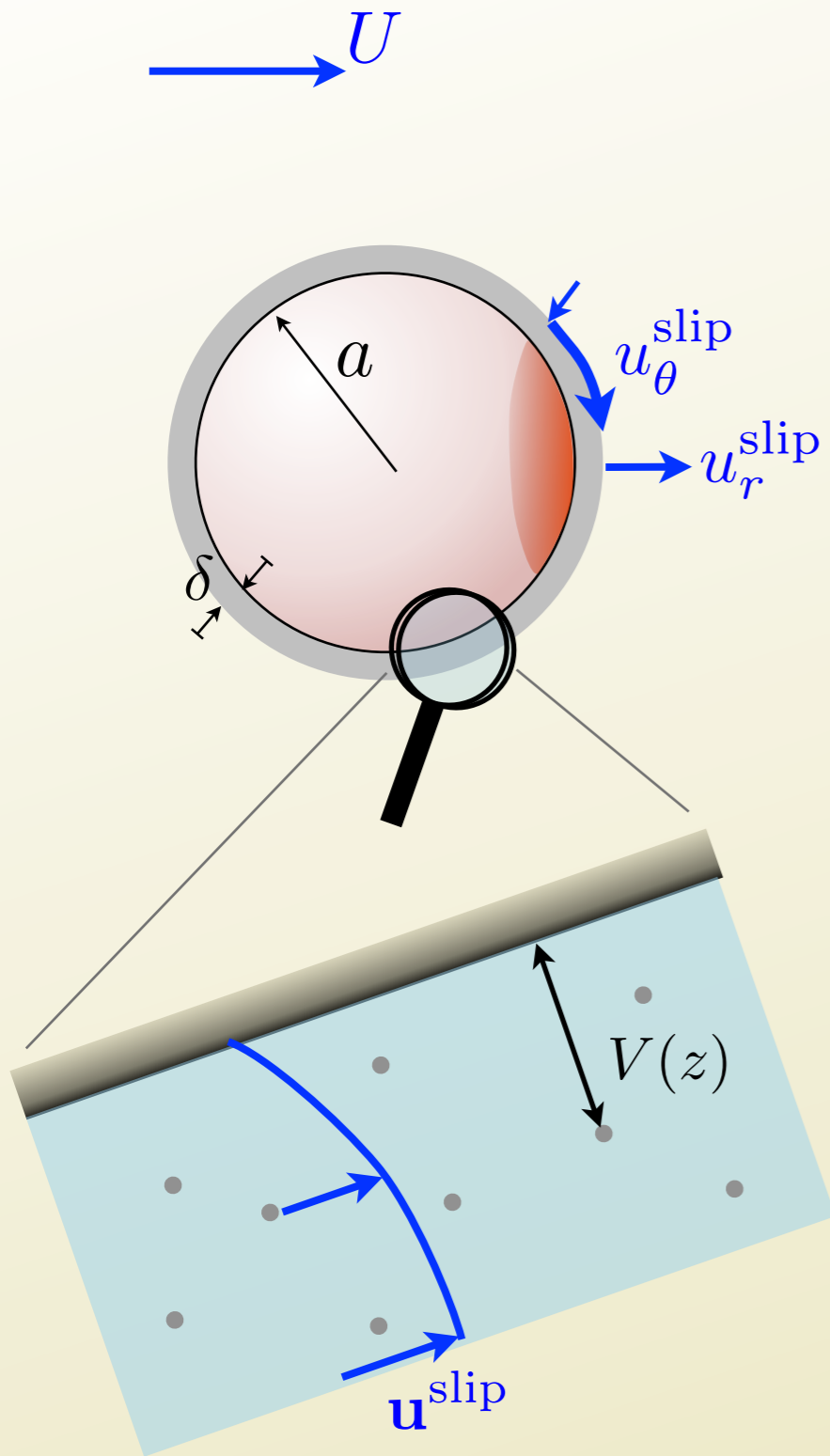
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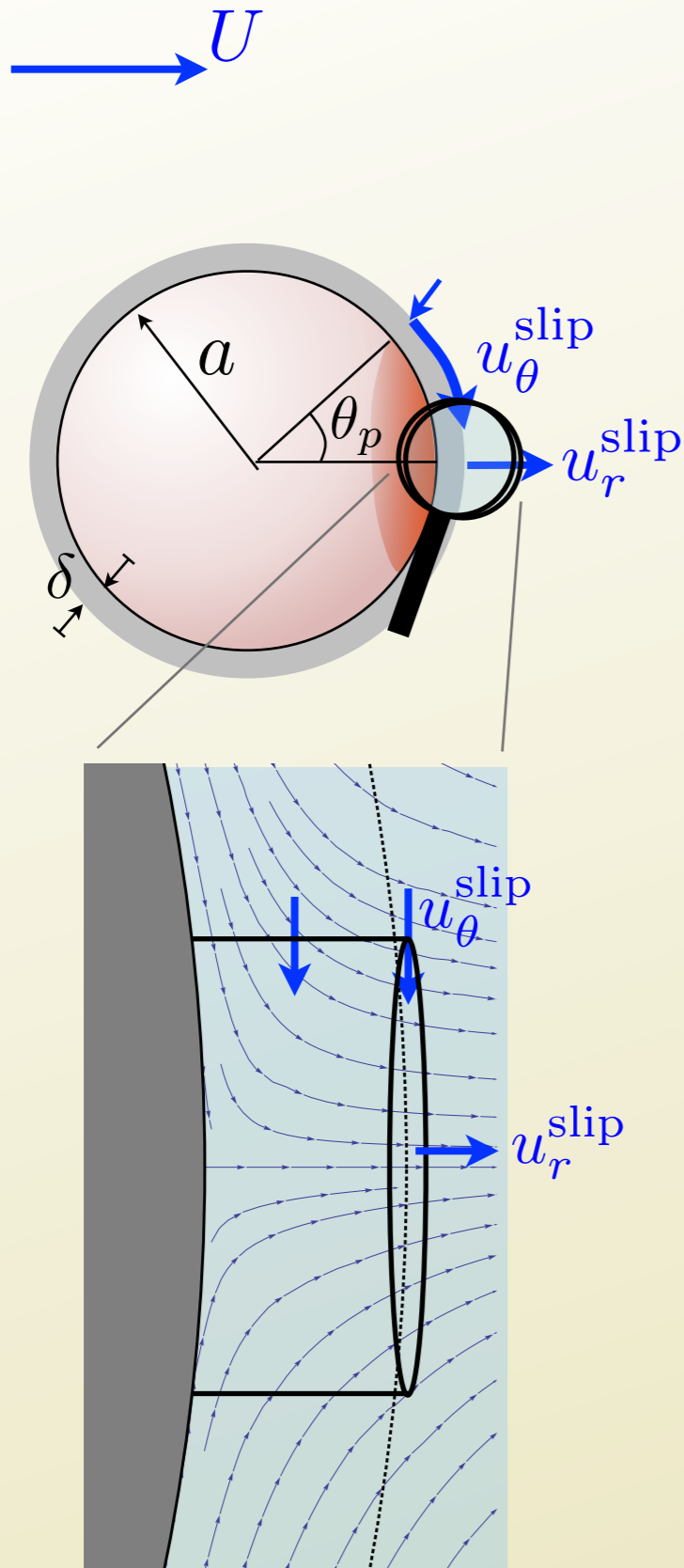
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radial slip is important



RADIAL SLIP



Radial outflux

$$2\pi(a + \delta)^2 \int_0^{\theta_q} d\theta \sin(\theta) u_r^{\text{slip}}$$

Tangential influx

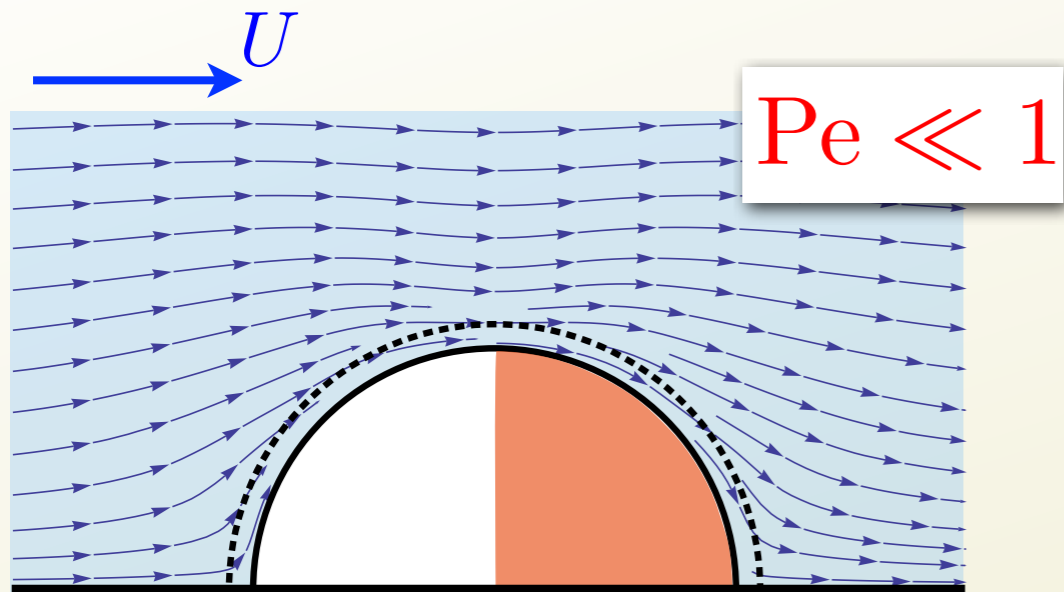
$$-2\pi \int_a^{a+\delta} dr r \sin(\theta) u_\theta(r, \theta)$$

$$\approx -2\pi a \delta \beta \sin(\theta) u_\theta^{\text{slip}}$$

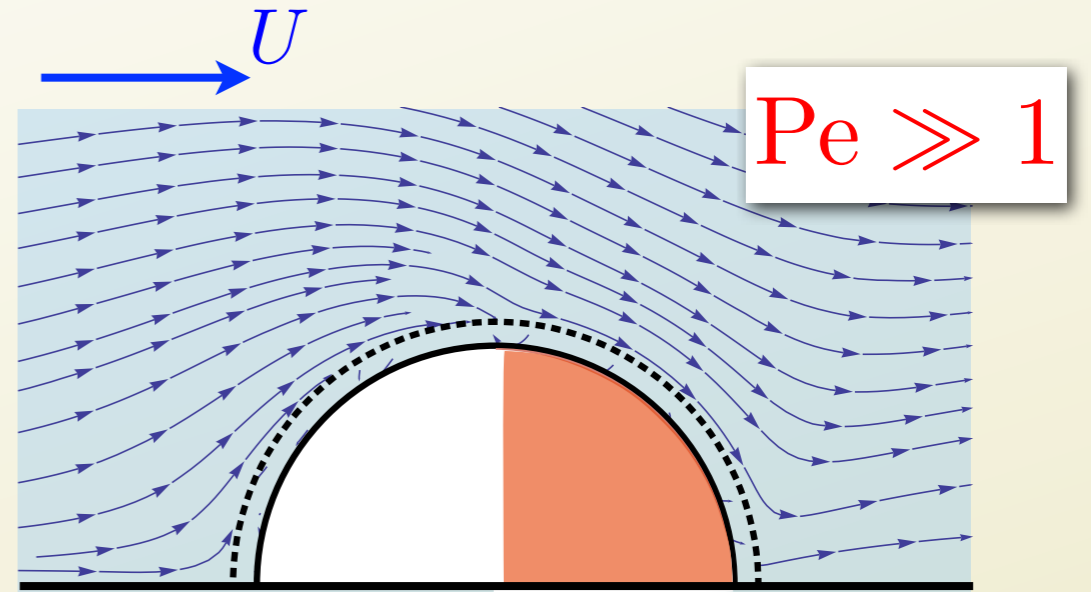
$\mathcal{O}(1)$

conserved away from $\theta = 0$

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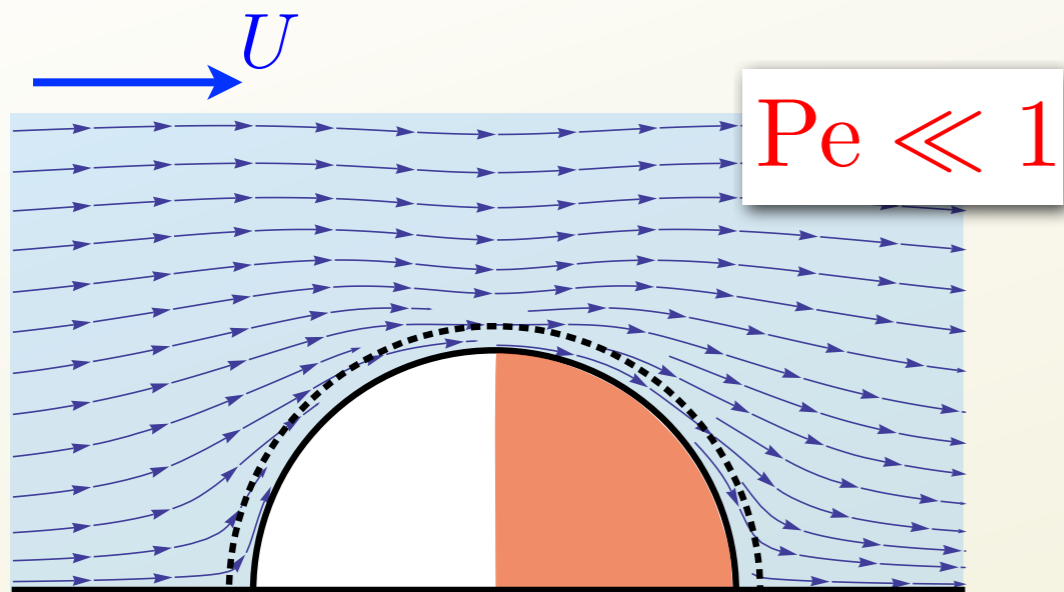


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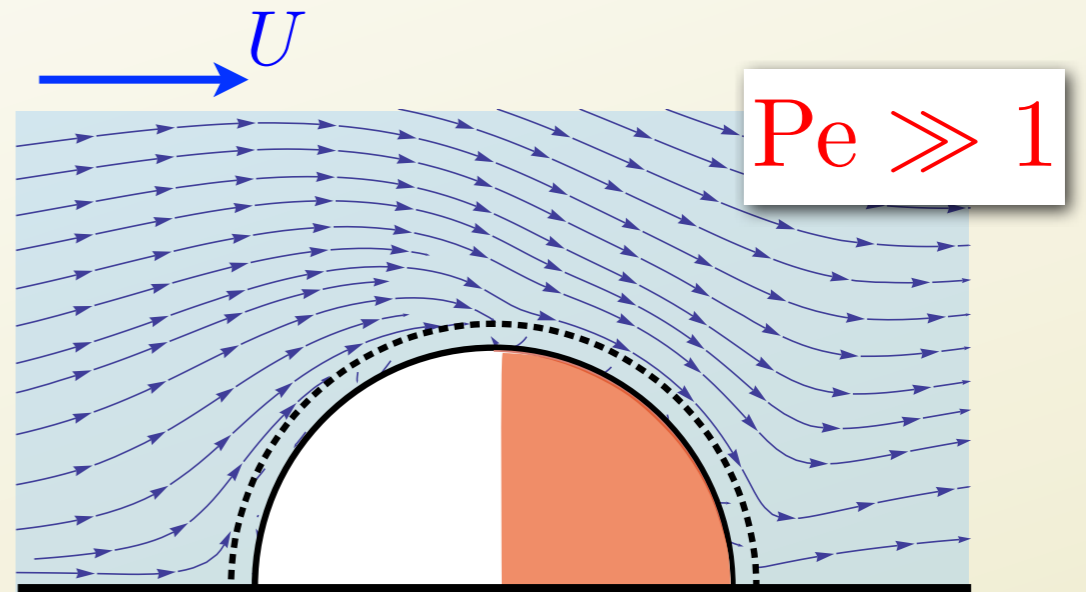


$$U \sim \left(\frac{m^A \bar{\alpha}}{\delta \ln \left(\frac{a}{\delta} \right)} \right)^{1/2} \sin^3 \left(\frac{1}{2} \theta_p \right)$$

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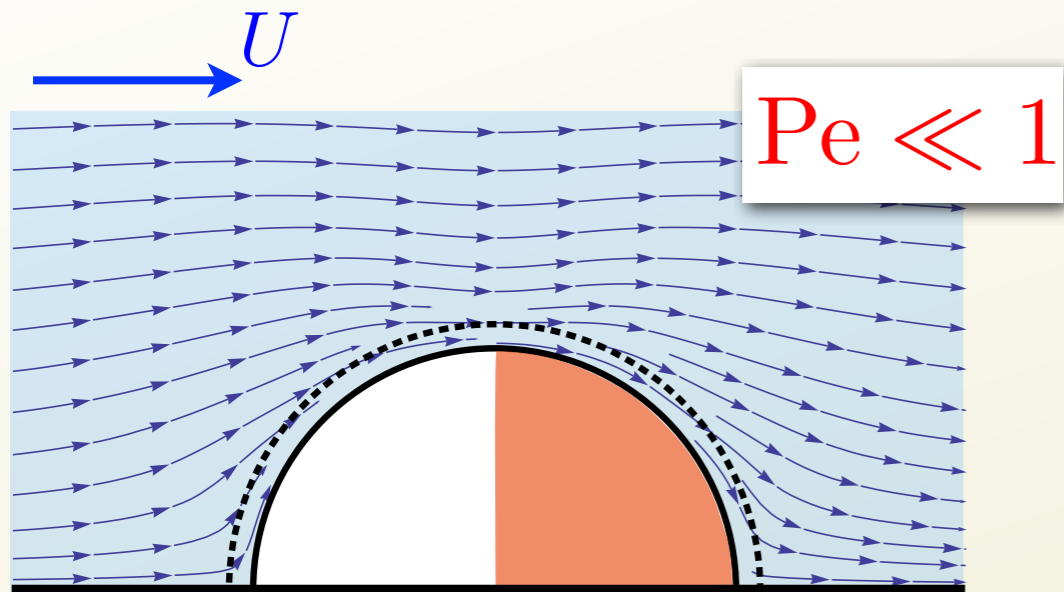
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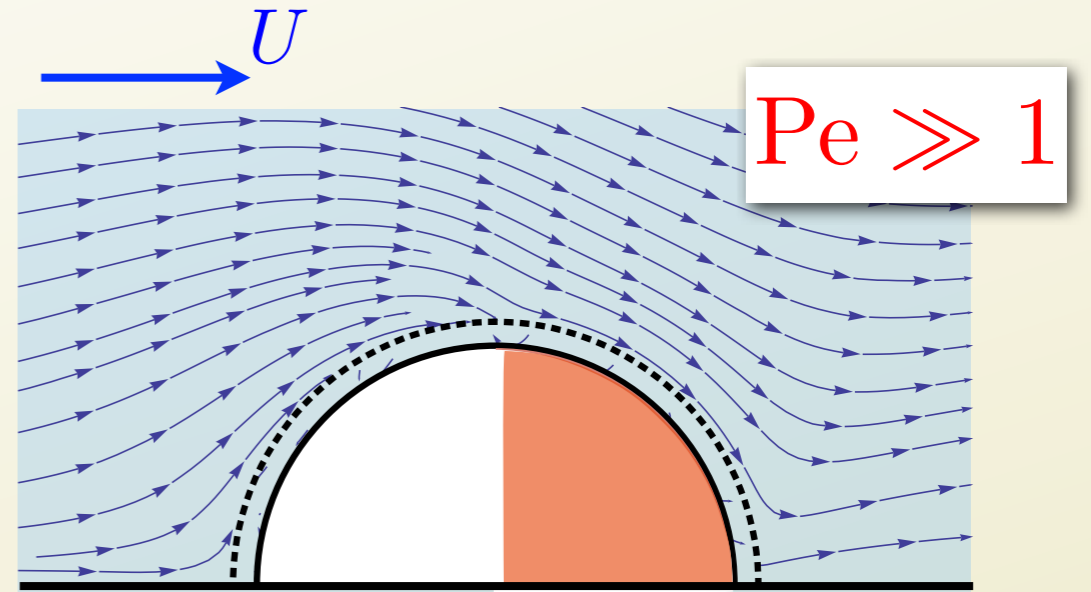
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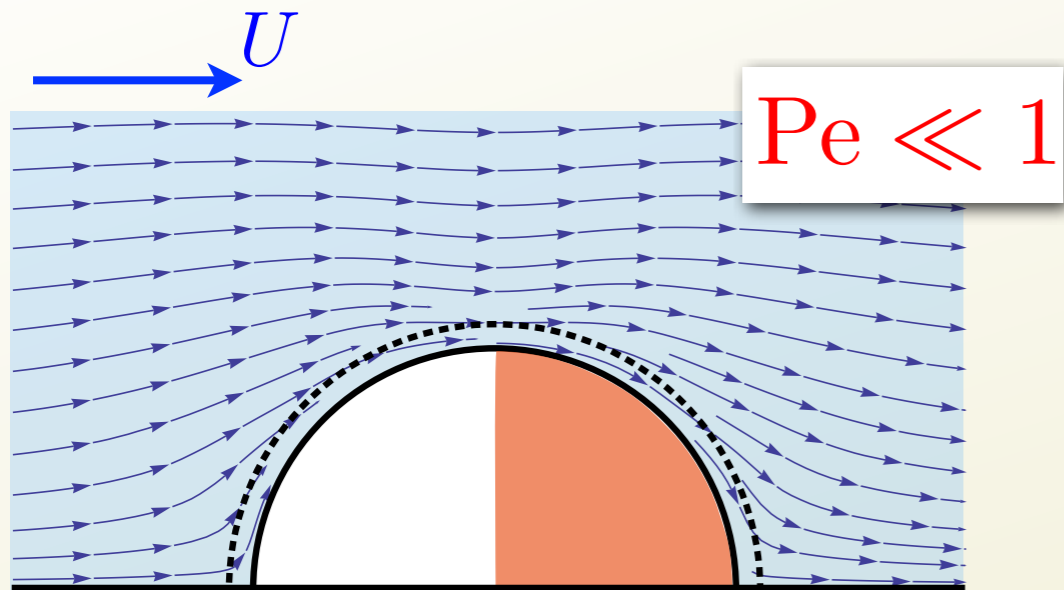
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 by fluid continuity

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 by postulate

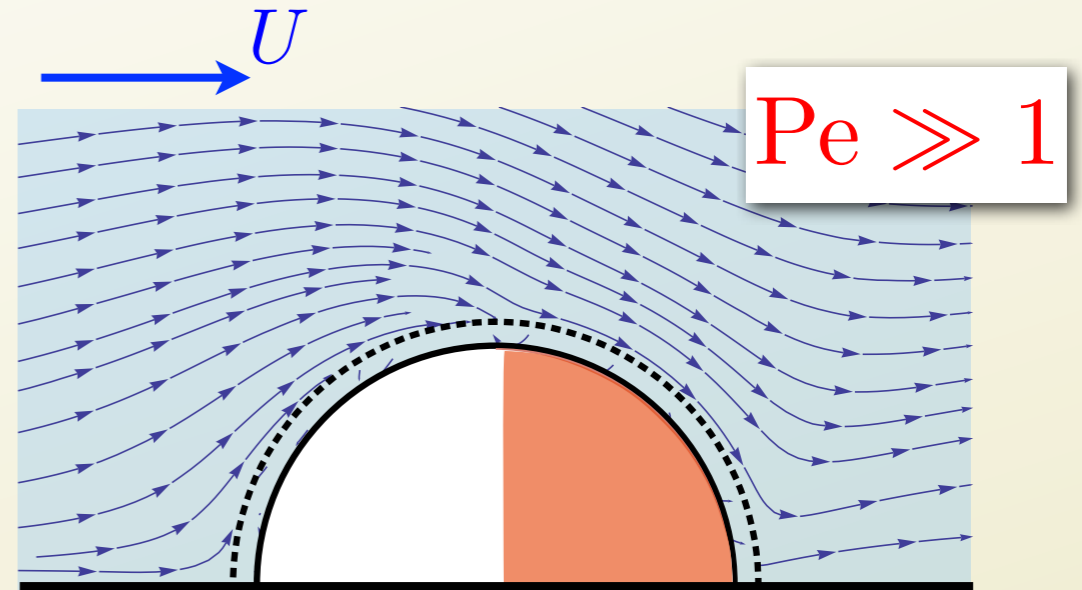
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first Legendre
coefficient of activity

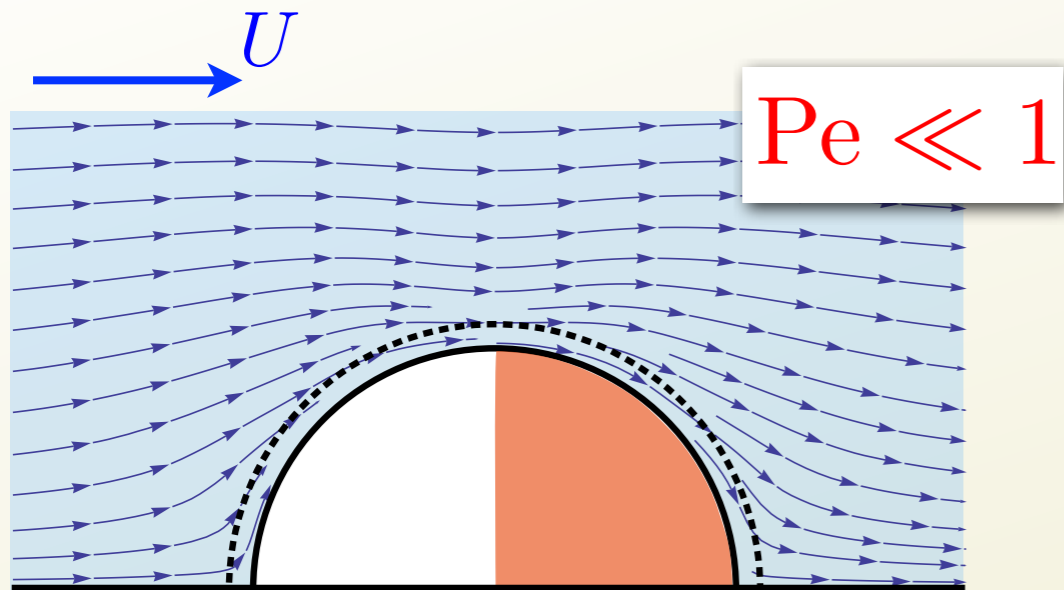


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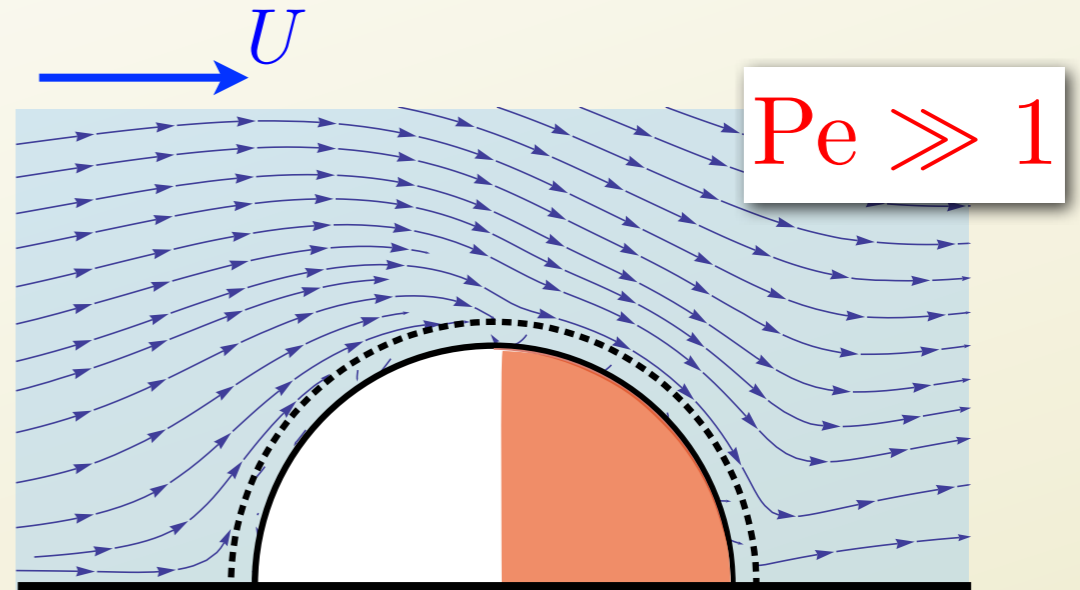
$$U \sim \int_0^{\theta_p} d\theta \sin^2(\theta) u_\theta^{\text{slip}} \quad \text{by Stone \& Samuel} \\ \sim \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta_p\right)$$

tangential flux
is conserved

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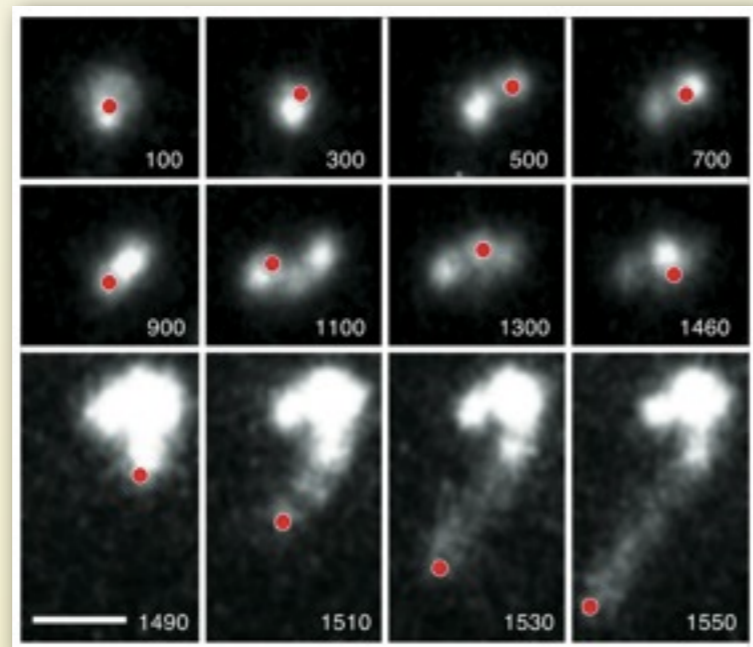


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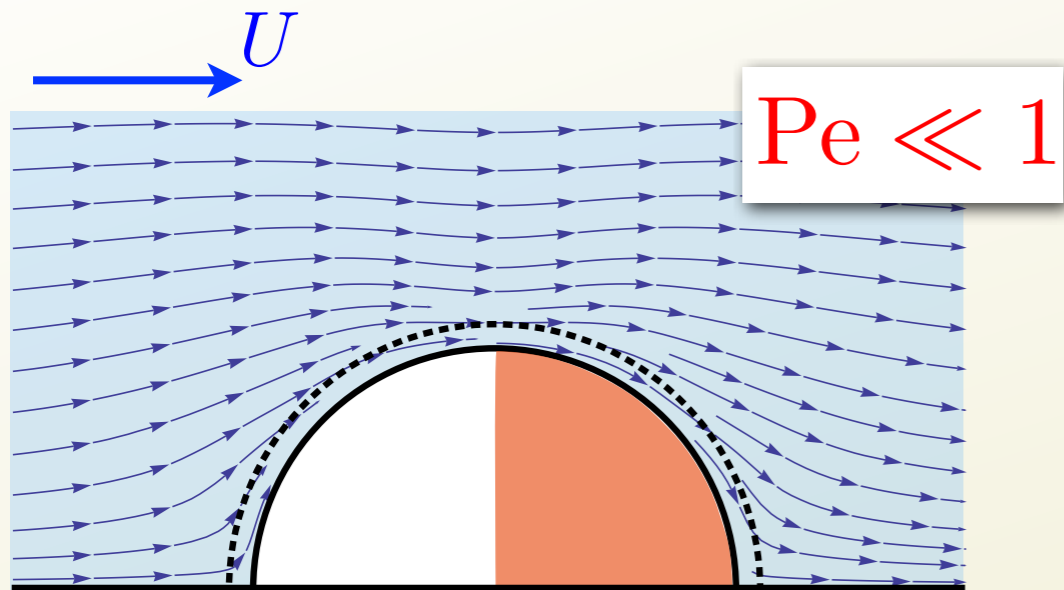
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does not vanish for
total coverage $\theta_p \rightarrow \pi$

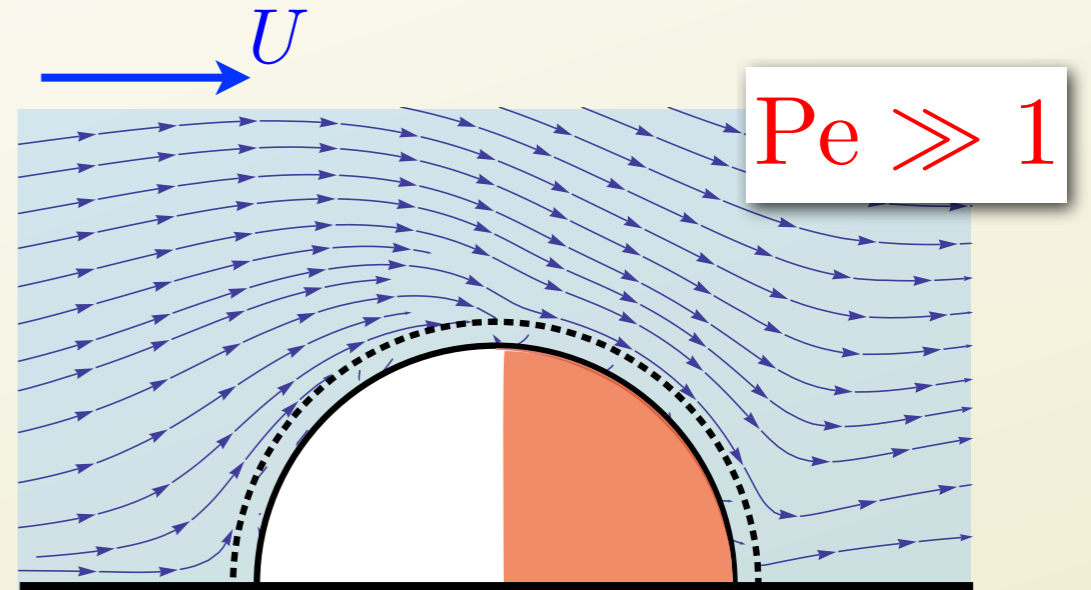


- is state of total coverage unstable?
- if so, what is the critical Péclet number for the instability?

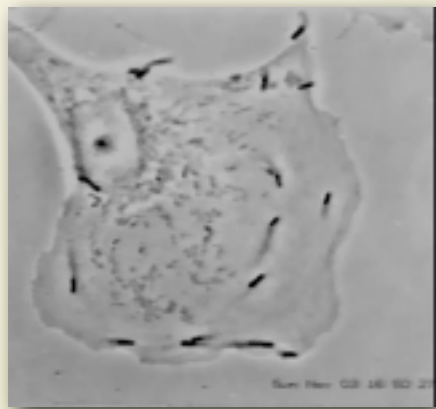
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FOUR SCENARIOS

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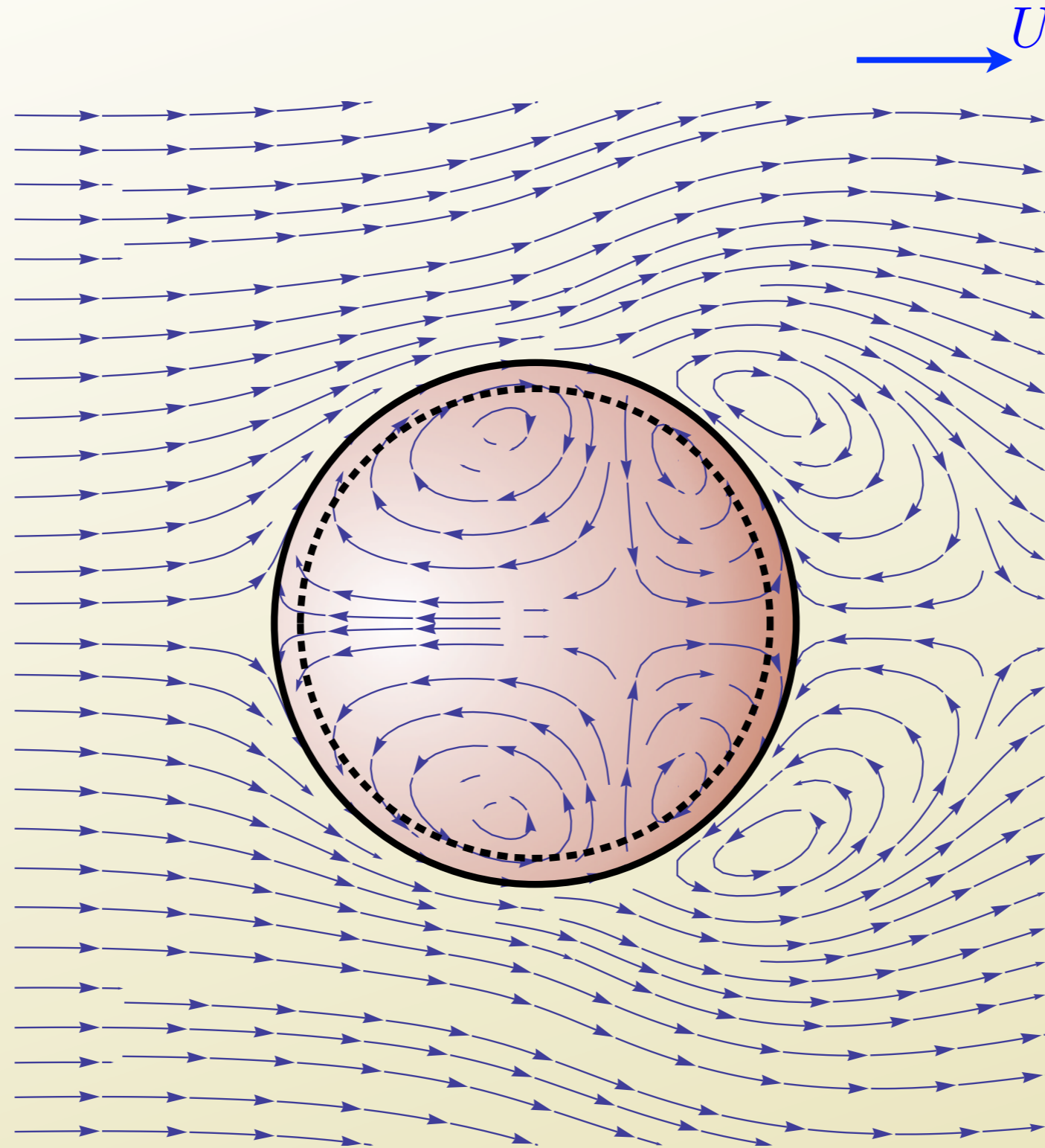
attractive producer
 $V < 0, \alpha > 0$

repulsive consumer
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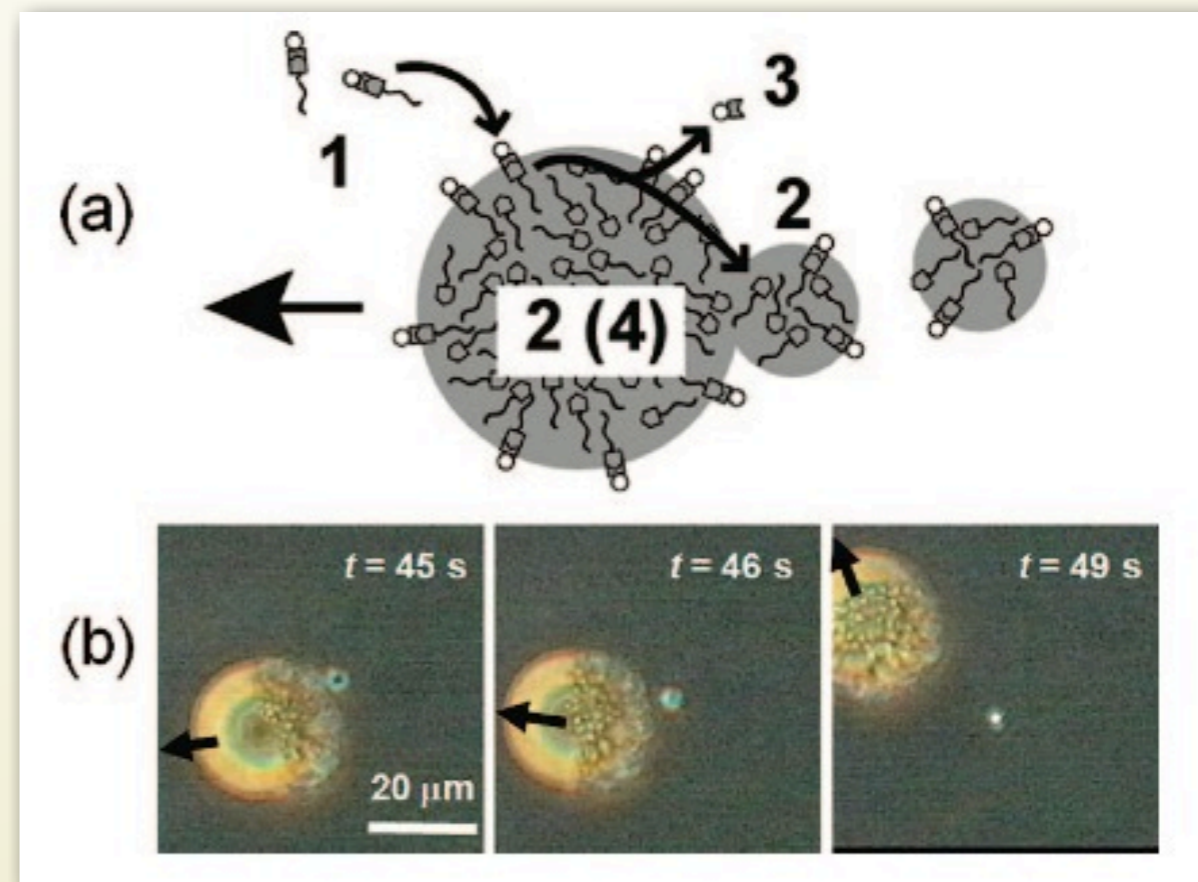
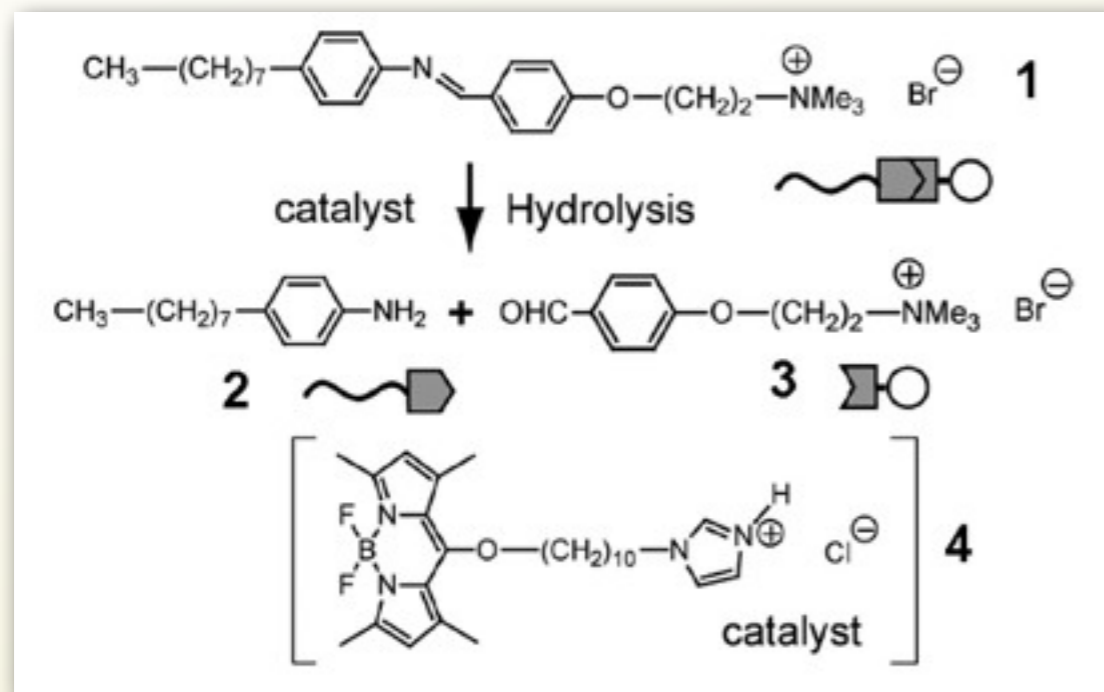
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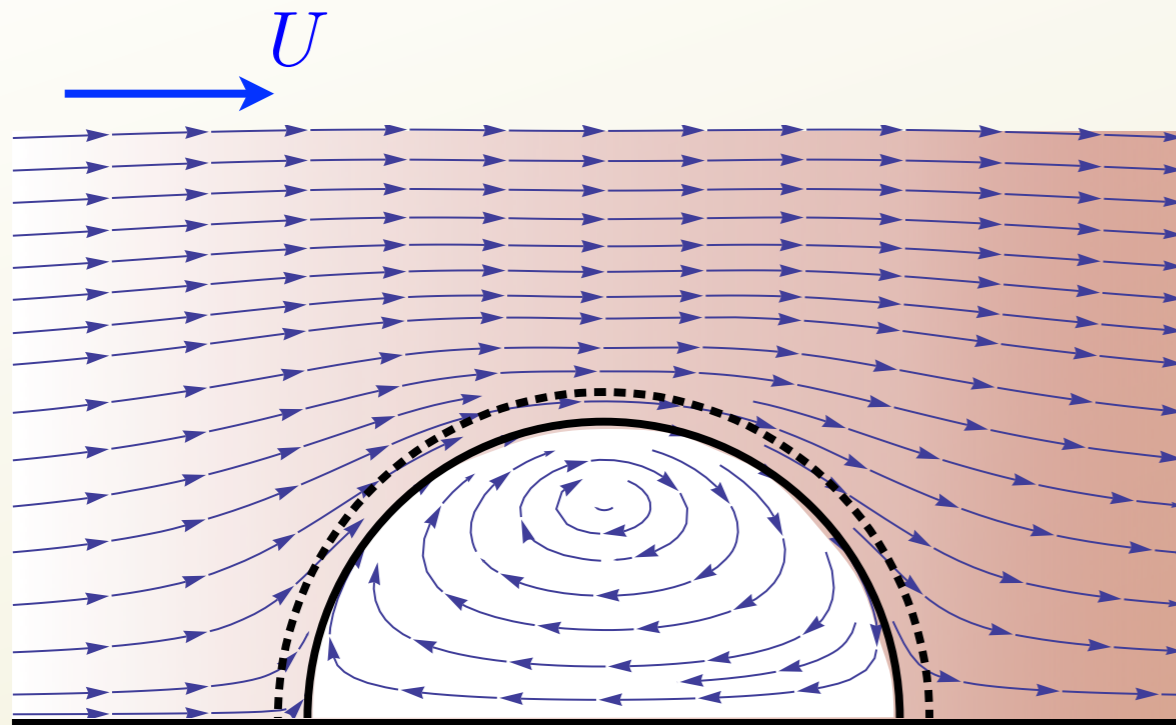


FLUID DROPLETS



- Droplets containing a catalyst dispersed in a bulk fuel
- Fuel hydrolysed at the surface
- Waste product accumulates on the surface and is released at the rear
- Self-maintained surface tension gradients drive Marangoni flows

FLUID DROPLETS



Rest frame of the particle

- Spherical particle
- Axisymmetry, steady state
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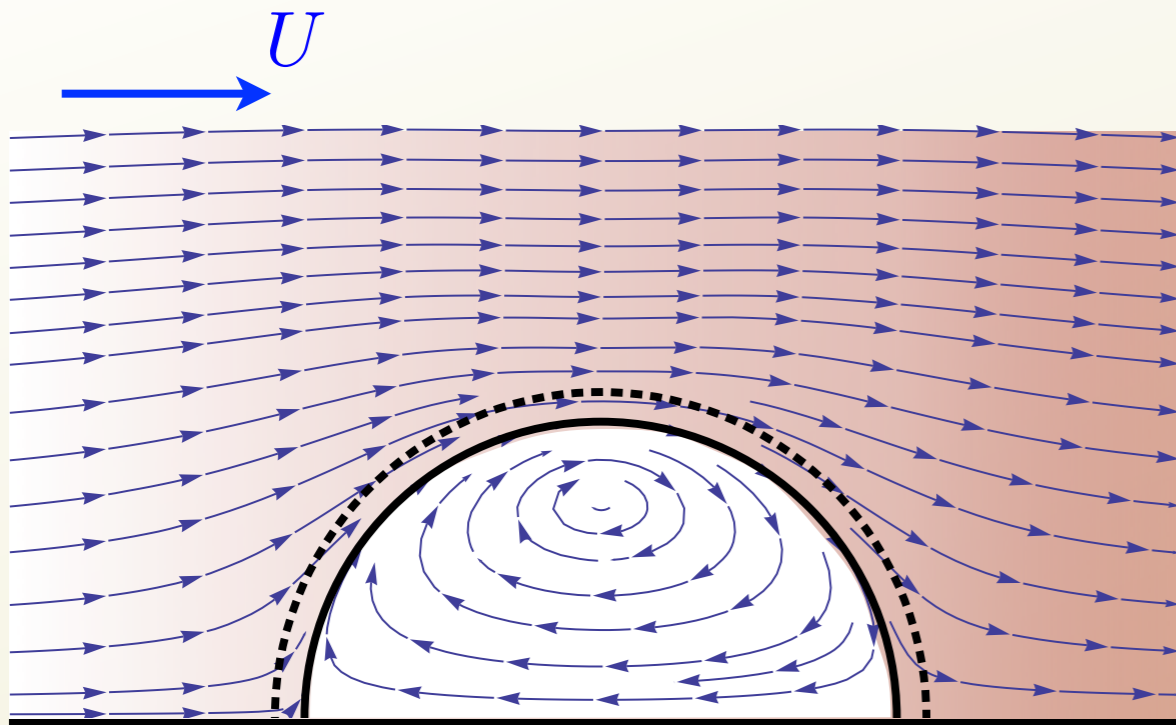
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limit $\frac{\mu}{\tilde{\mu}} \rightarrow 0$
(solid particle)

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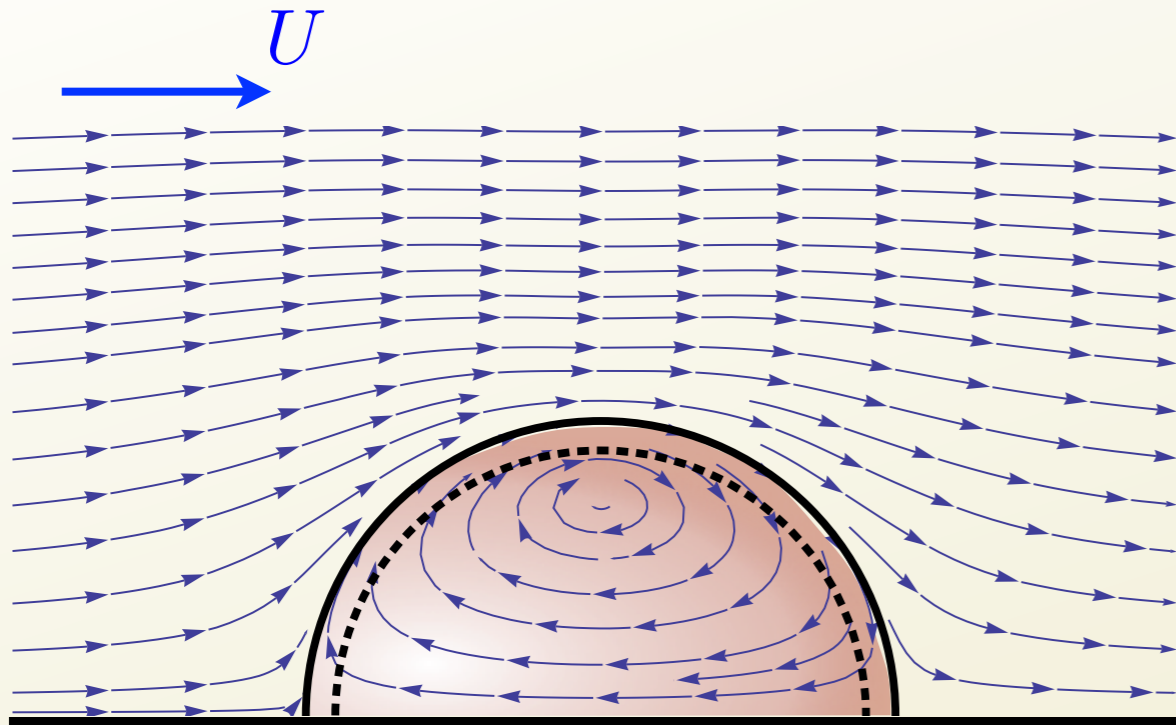
independent of
particle size

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proportional to
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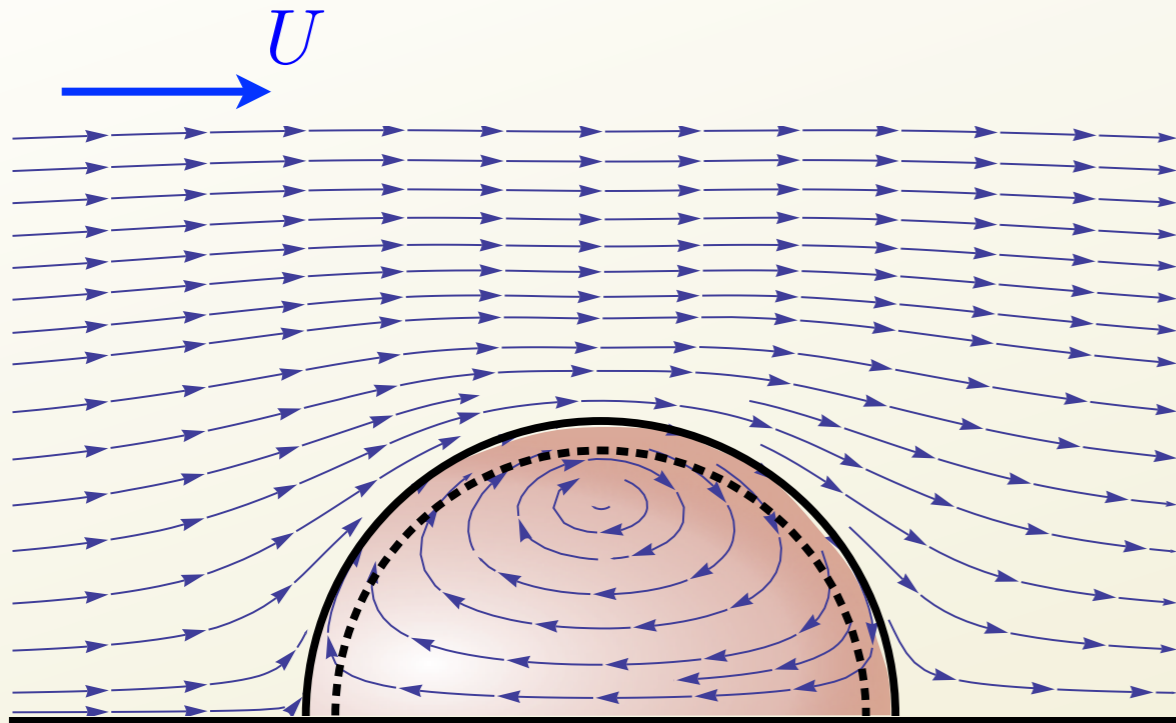
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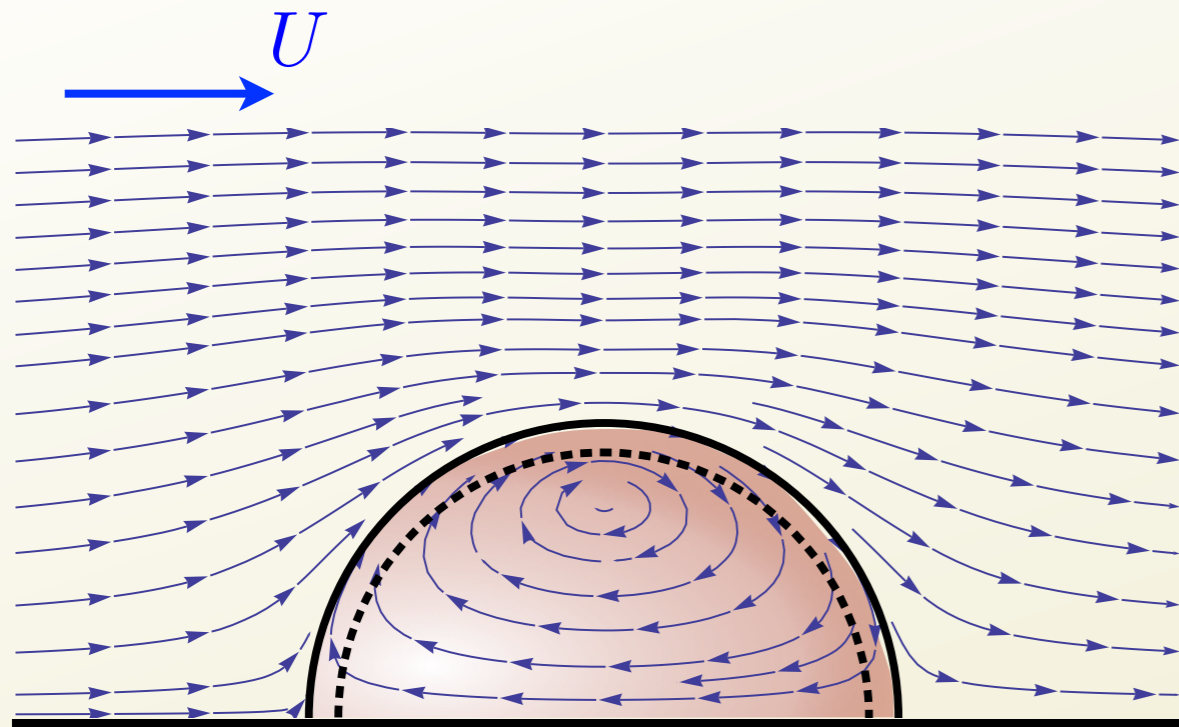
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Scaling

$$U \sim \frac{k_B T \alpha_1}{\mu D} \frac{\mu}{\mu + \frac{3}{2}\tilde{\mu}} a \tilde{\delta}$$

same as the
“gas bubble”

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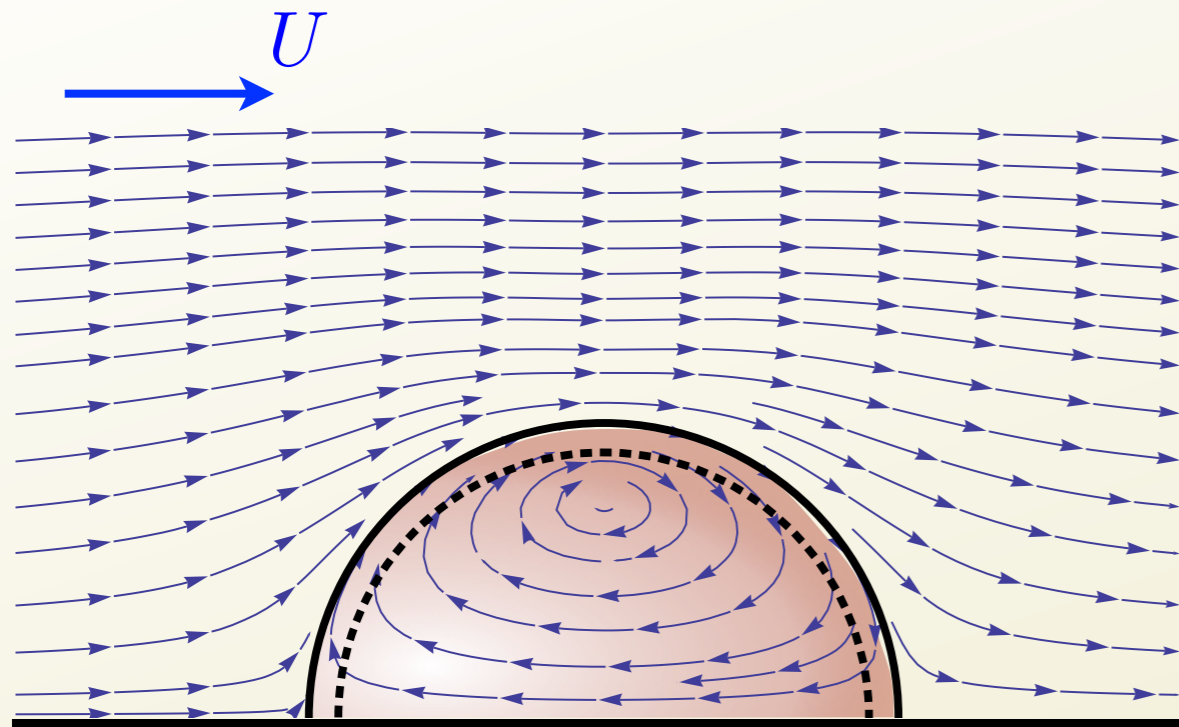
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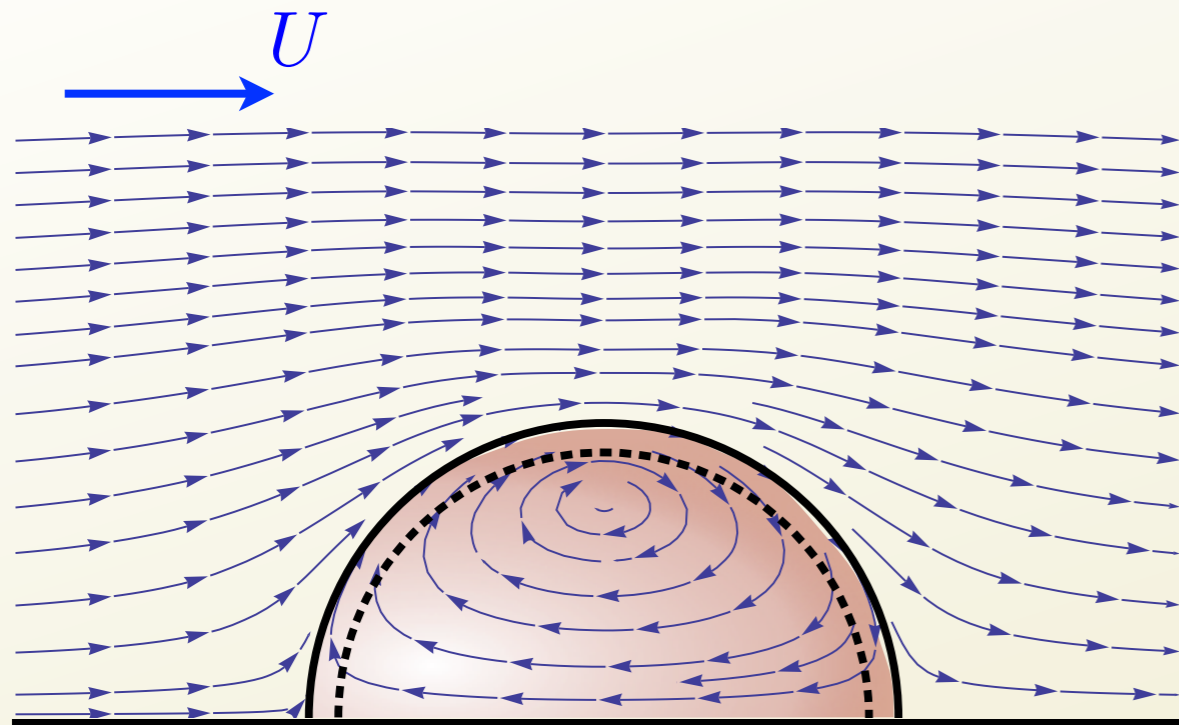
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typically surface tension is **lowered** so that γ_1 is **negative**
Marangoni flows then **oppose**
self-diffusiophoresis

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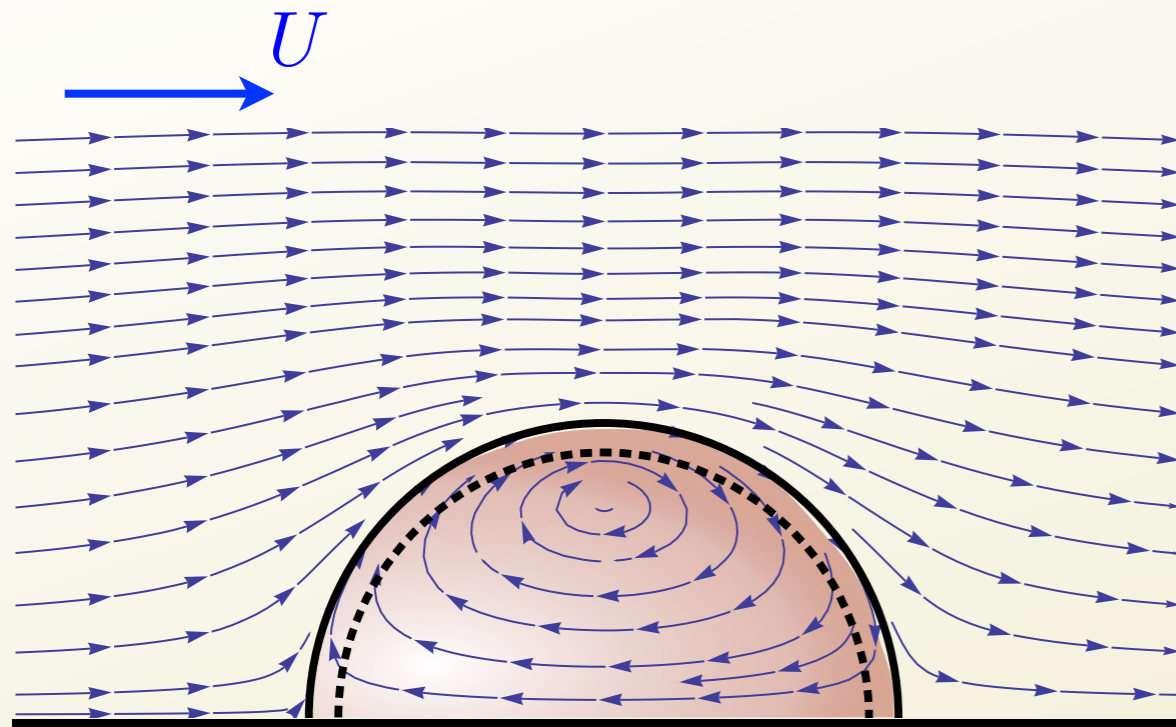
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ratio

$$\frac{\text{Marangoni}}{\text{diffusiophoresis}} \sim \frac{\mu + \tilde{\mu}}{\mu} \frac{D\gamma_1}{k_B T \alpha_1 a \delta}$$

can this be
made small?

DROPLET DEFORMATION



Rest frame of the particle

- Particle is a fluid droplet -- no reason why it won't deform
- Normal stress balance is really an equation for the drop shape

droplet remains
approximately
spherical provided

$$\frac{\mu U}{\gamma} \ll 1$$

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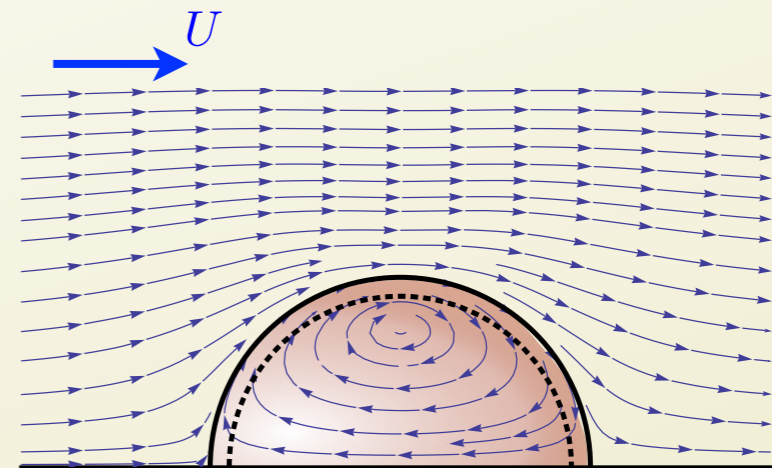
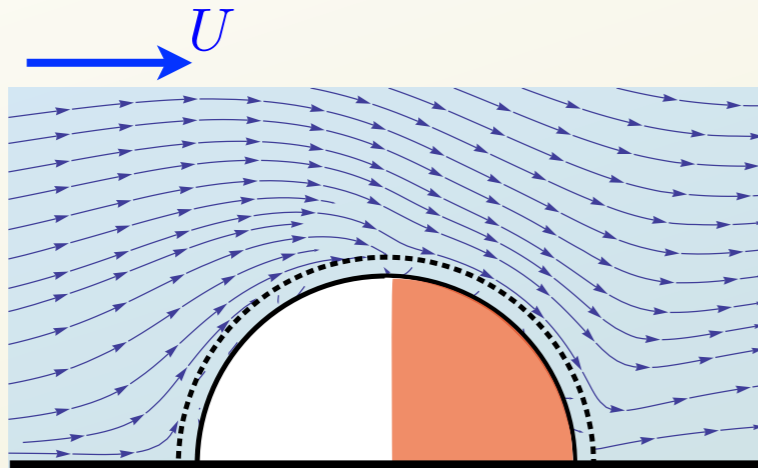
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- High Péclet number relevant to biological motility
- Different scaling with activity, dependence on coverage and successful strategies

- Fluid drops can move due to internal motor
- “Clean” system
- Faster than a solid particle

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