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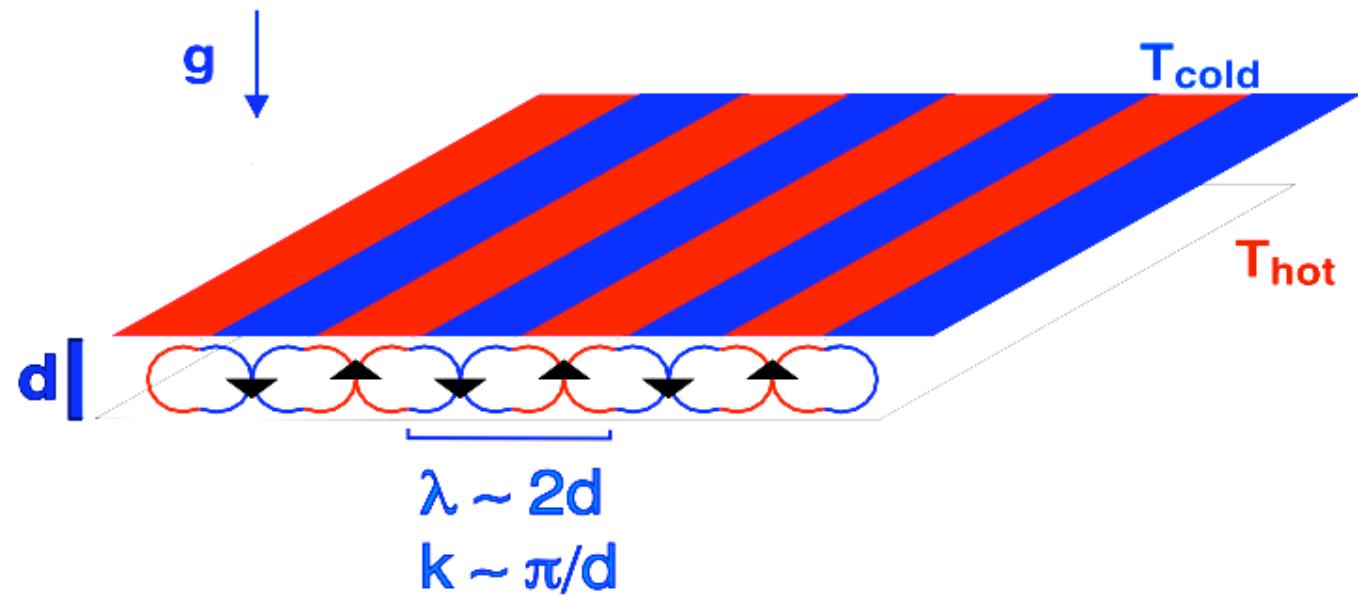
**NSF-DMR**

**Control Parameter:**

$$\Delta T = T_{\text{hot}} - T_{\text{cold}}$$

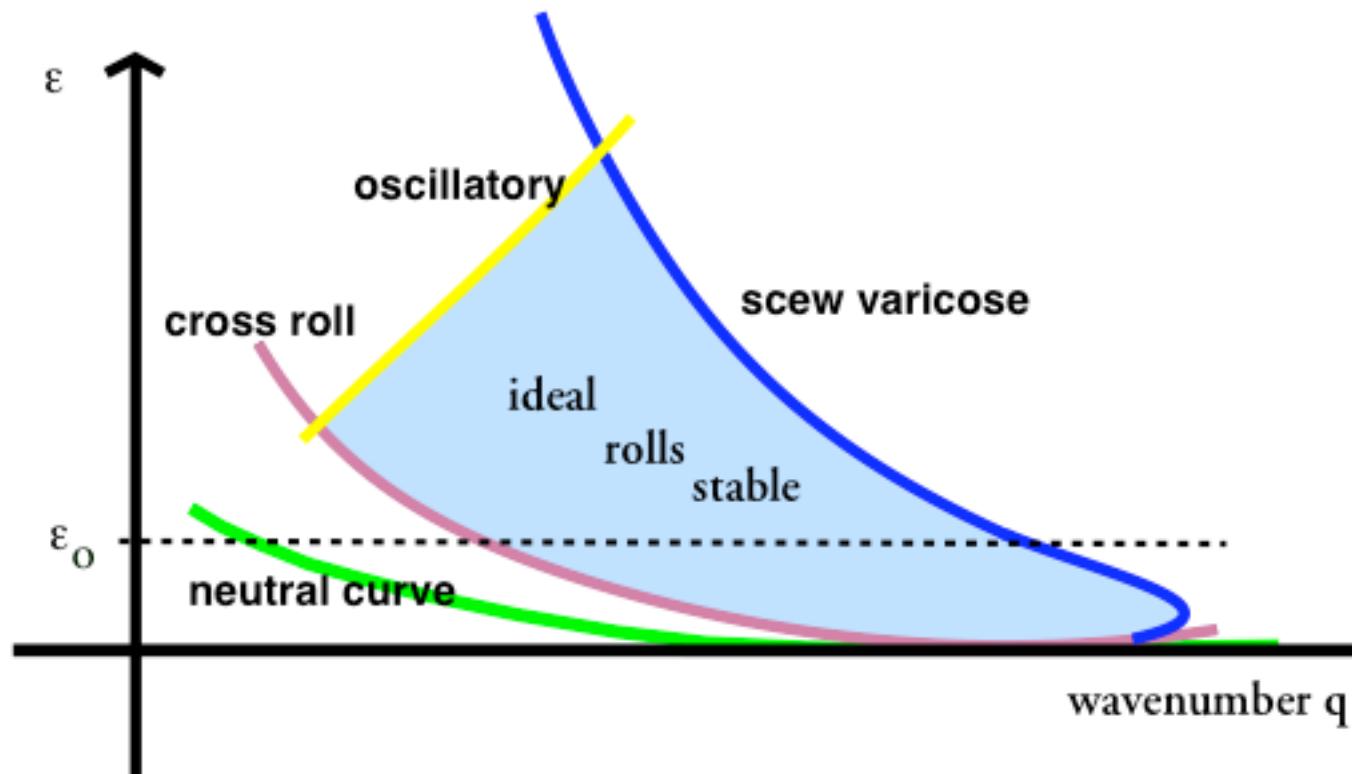
**Reduced Control Parameter:**

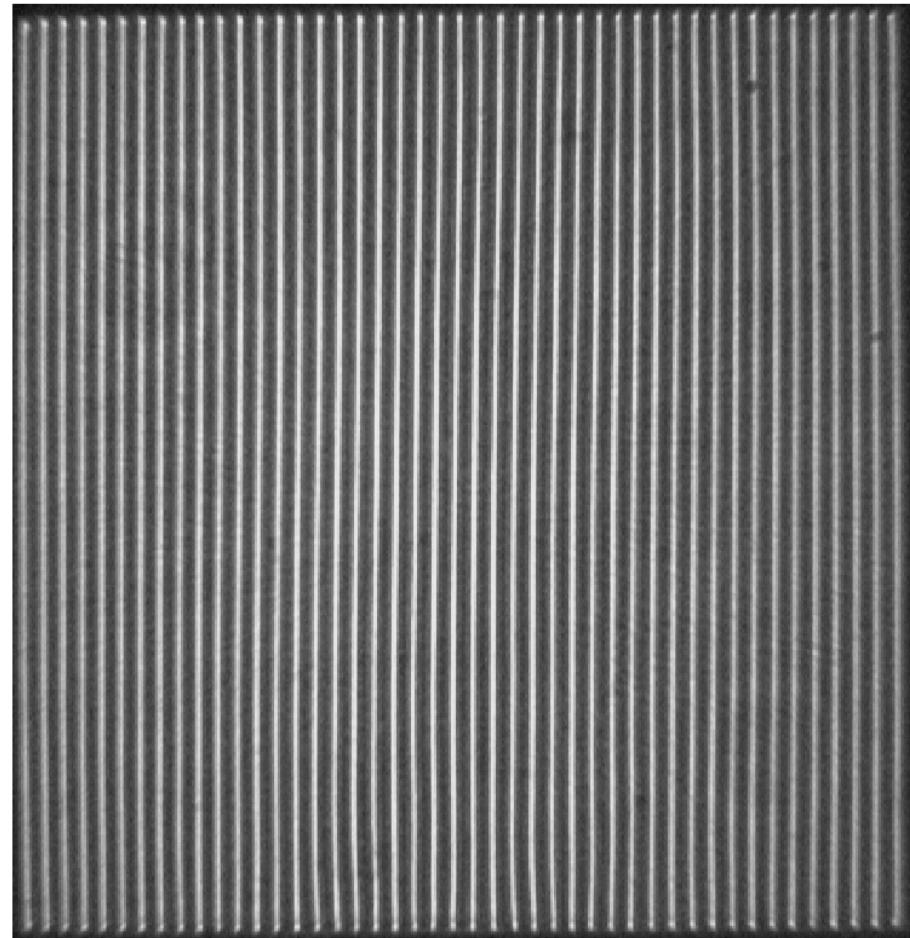
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\Delta T - \Delta T_c}{\Delta T_c}$$



The stripes of warm upflow (red) and cold downflow (blue) constitute the pattern under consideration

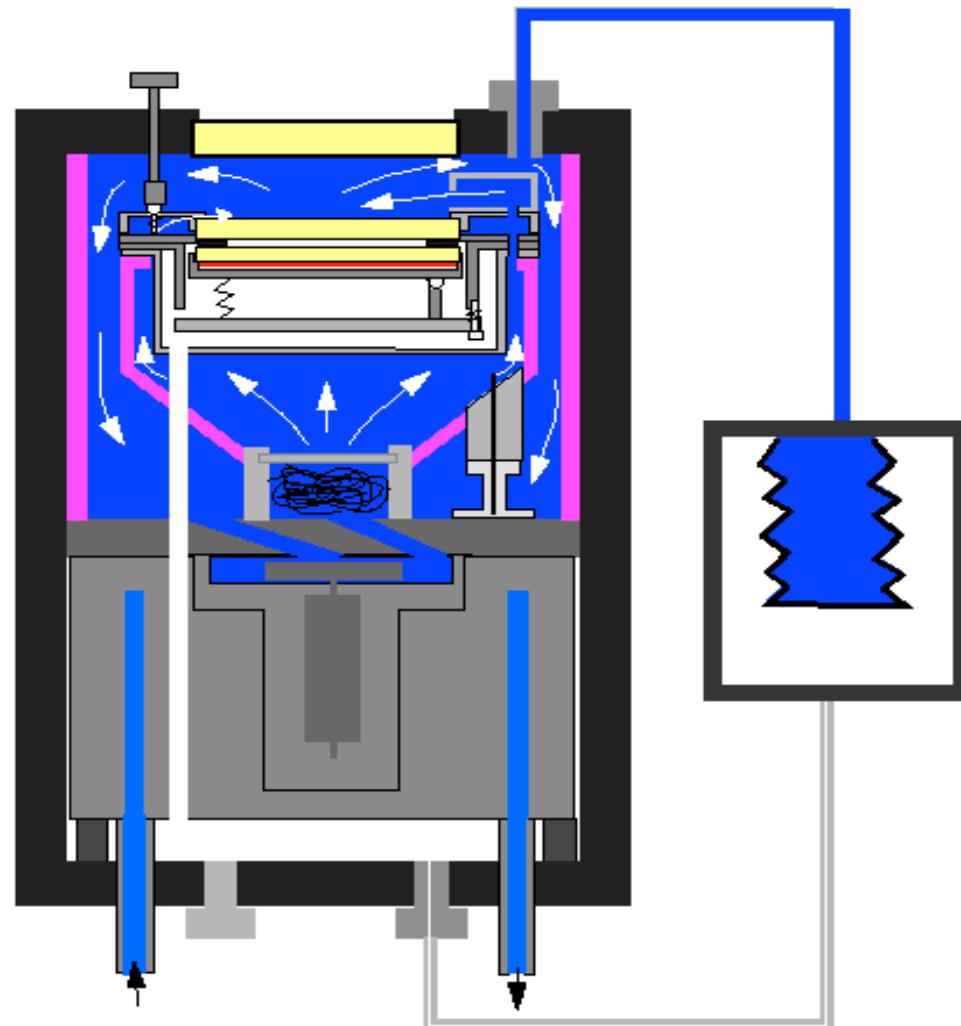
## *Busse Balloon*





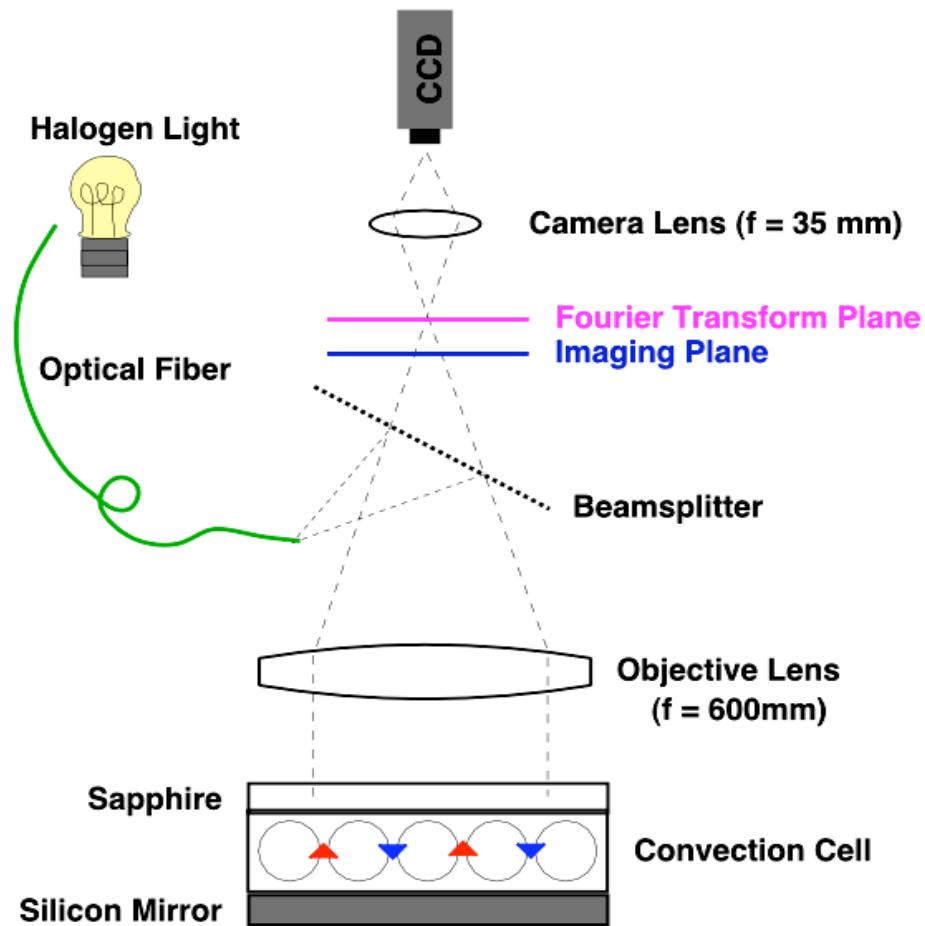
ideal rolls

*pressure vessel with convection cell*



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# Shadowgraph Visualization



$\text{CO}_2$  gas pressurized to  $\sim 50$  bar

top and bottom regulated to  $\pm 0.2\text{mK}$

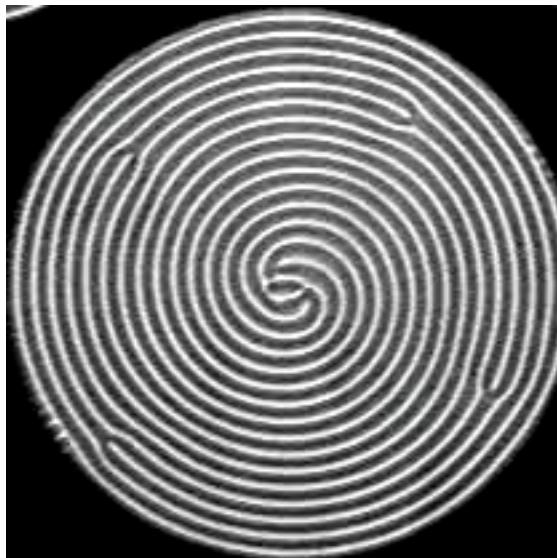
plate separation  $447\mu\text{m}$ , flatness  $\pm 0.5\mu\text{m}$

thermal vert. diffusion time scale       $d^2/\kappa \approx 2\text{sec}$   
viscous relaxation time scale       $d^2/\nu \approx 1.5\text{sec}$

Prandtl#  $\nu/\kappa \approx 1.4\text{sec}$

Boussinesq fluid    $Q \approx -0.7$

# SPIRAL DYNAMICS

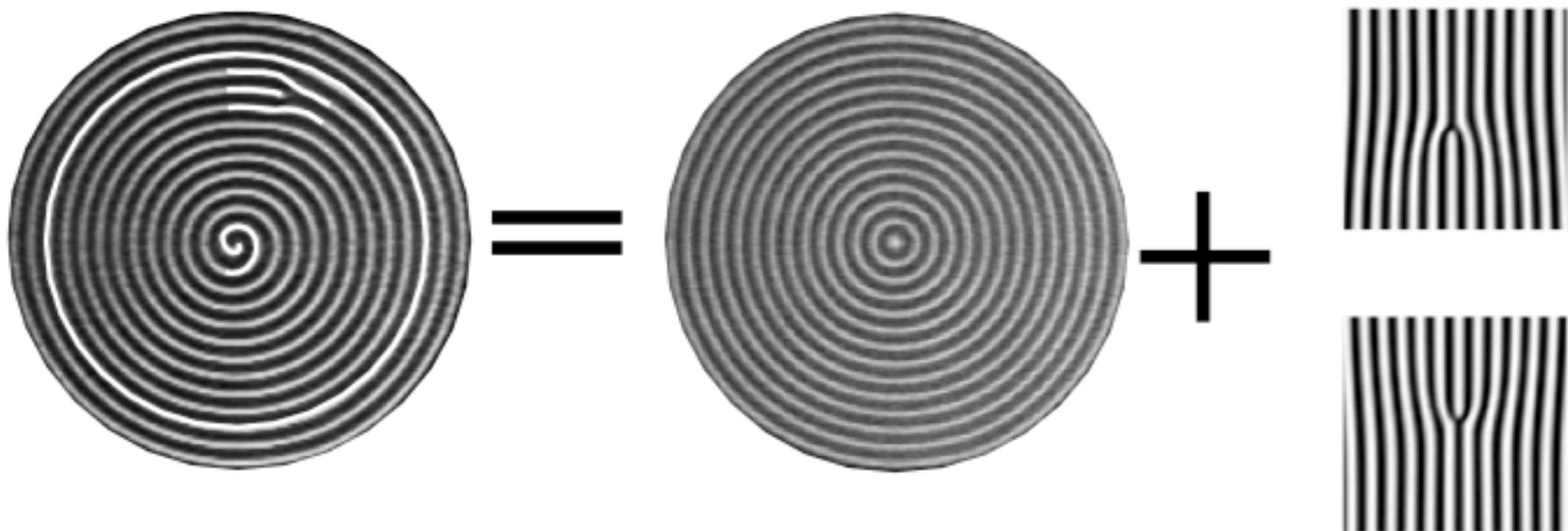


experiment



numerical simulation

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# TARGETS

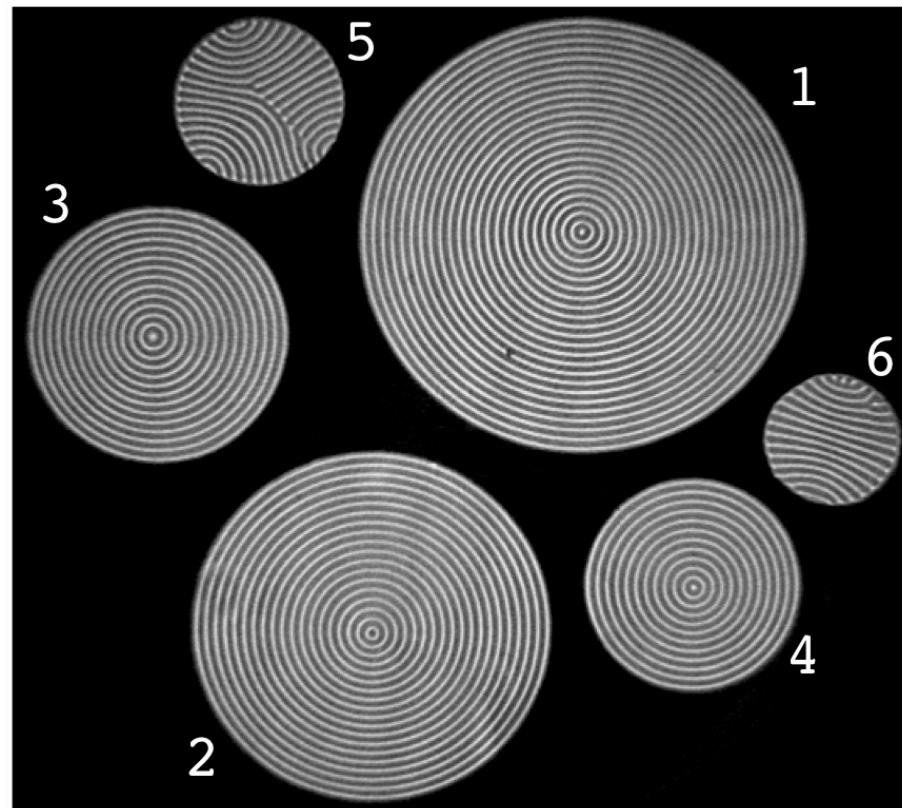


Figure 4.3: The six cylindrical convection cells at  $\epsilon = 0.36$ ,  $Pr = 1.39$ . The cells are numbered in order of decreasing size.

Table 4.1: Lateral dimensions of cylindrical cell boundaries. Aspect ratio is the radial aspect ratio (radius/cell height, where the cell height is  $447\mu\text{m}$ .)

Cell #	Radius (mm)	Aspect ratio	Step width min–max (mm)
1	21.6	48.4	0.9–1.2
2	17.3	38.8	0.4–0.5
3	12.7	28.4	0.6–1.1
4	10.6	23.8	0.5–0.8
5	8.5	19.1	0.0–0.8
6	6.7	14.9	0.0–0.4

## What do we know about on-center targets?

- unstable above a certain driving - go off center
- spirals select a wavenumber  $q_T$
- rolls travel to adjust wavenumber (inward - outward)

# Nonlinear Phase Diffusion Equation

Cross, Newell, Passot, Tu .....

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial T} + \rho(q) \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla \Phi + \frac{1}{\tau(q)} \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{q} B(q)]$$

perturbation around ideal rolls:

$$\partial_t \phi = D_{\parallel} \partial_x^2 \phi + D_{\perp} \partial_y^2 \phi$$

## Phase diffusion coefficients

$$D_{\parallel}(q) = -\frac{1}{\tau(q)} \frac{d}{dq} [qB(q)]$$

$$D_{\perp}(q) = -\frac{1}{\tau(q)} B(q)$$

target selects:  $D_{\perp} = 0 \implies q_T$

Eckhaus instability:  $\left. \frac{\sigma(q)}{K^2} \right|_{K \rightarrow 0} = -D_{\parallel}(q)$

wavenumber adjustment:

$$\omega = -2 \frac{q_T B'(q_T)}{\tau(q_T)} \frac{\Delta q(r)}{r}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\parallel}(q_T) &= -\frac{1}{\tau(q_T)} \frac{d}{dq} [qB(q)]_{q_T} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\tau(q_T)} [q_T B'(q_T) + B(q_T)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\omega = 2D_{\parallel}(q_T) \frac{\Delta q(r)}{r}}$$

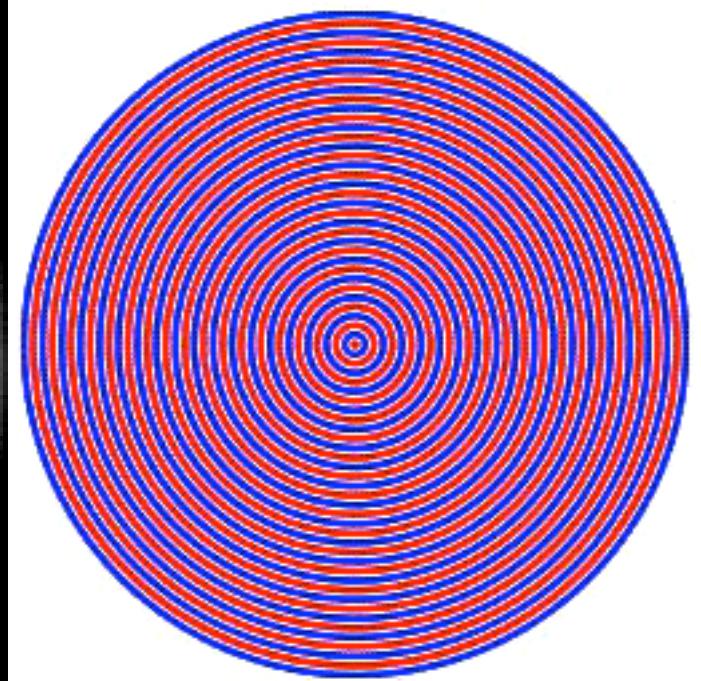
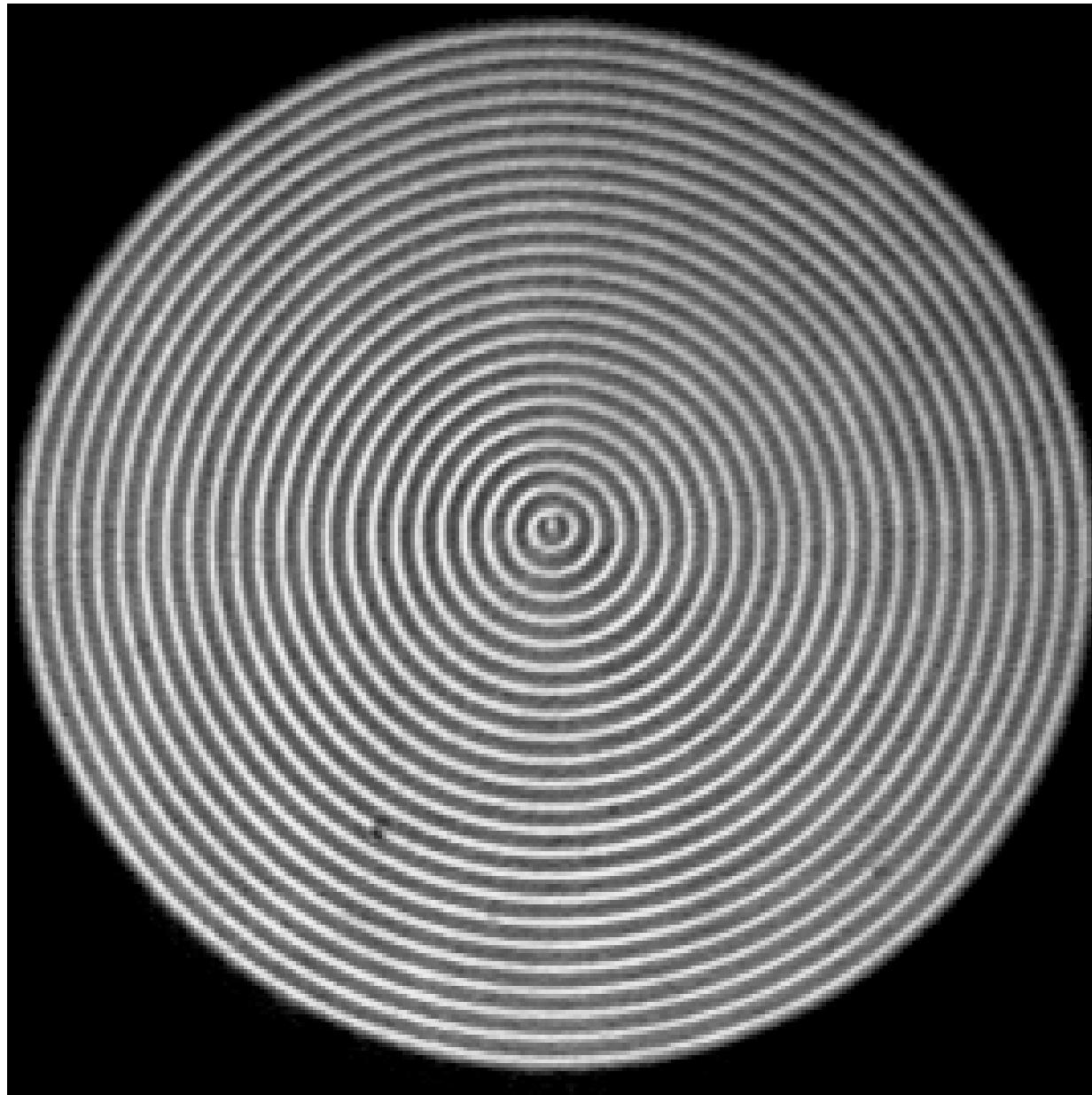
$$\omega = 2D_{\parallel}(q_T) \frac{\Delta q(r)}{r}$$

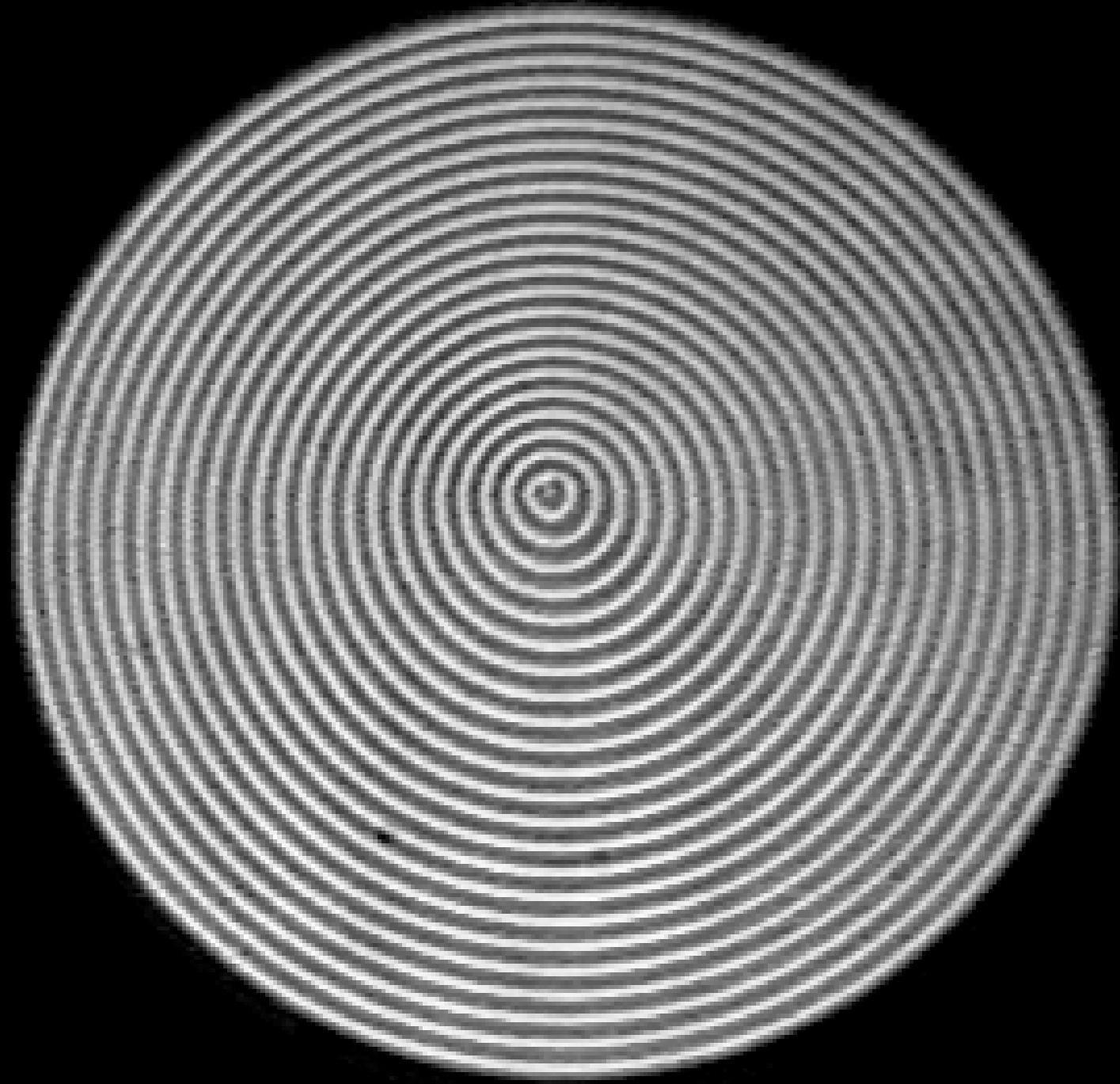
Velocity of traveling wave:

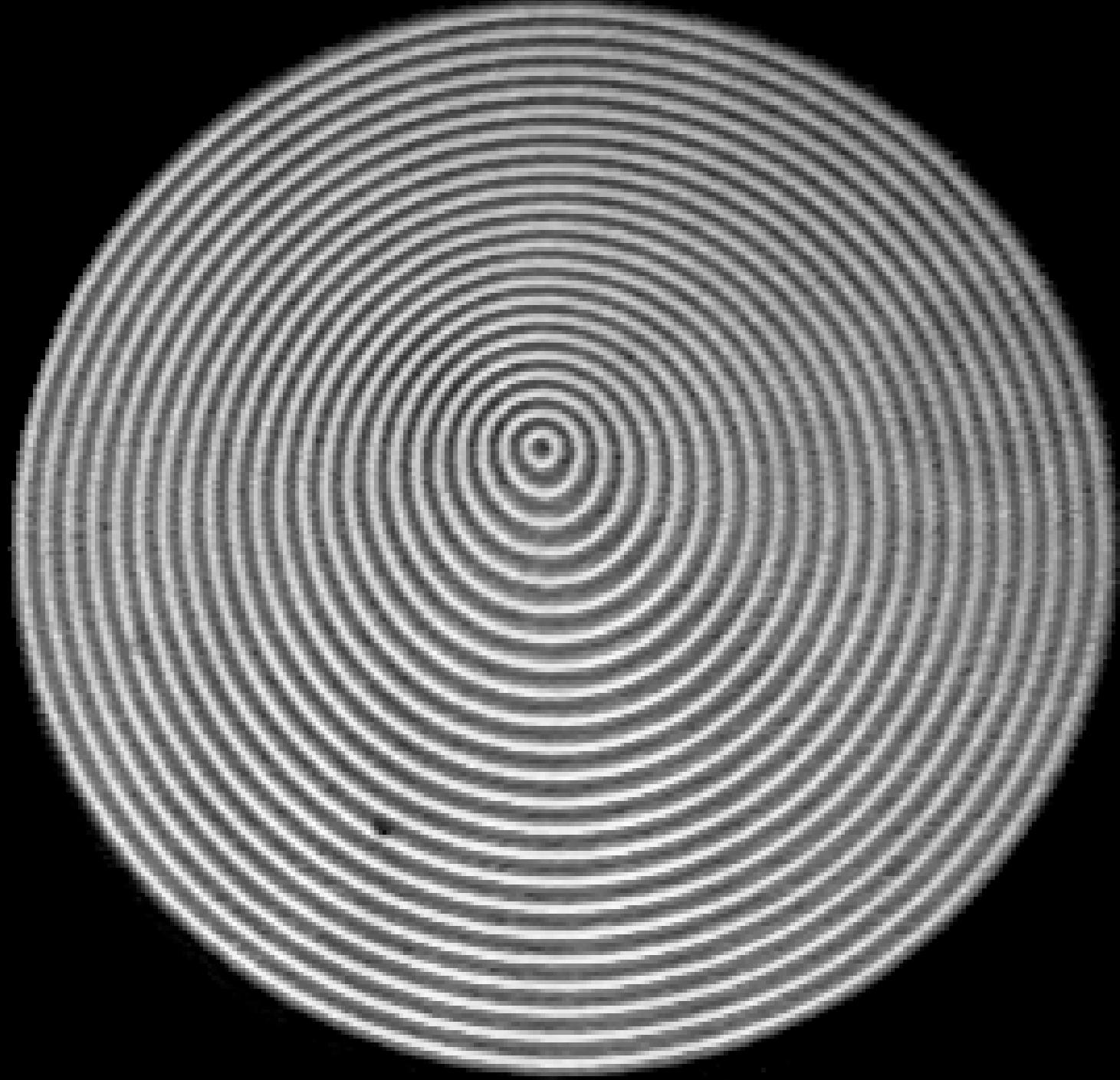
$$v_R \simeq \frac{\alpha(q_T - q)}{qR_D}$$

$$\alpha = 2D_{\parallel}(q_T) = -2 \left. \frac{\sigma(q_T)}{K^2} \right|_{K \rightarrow 0}$$

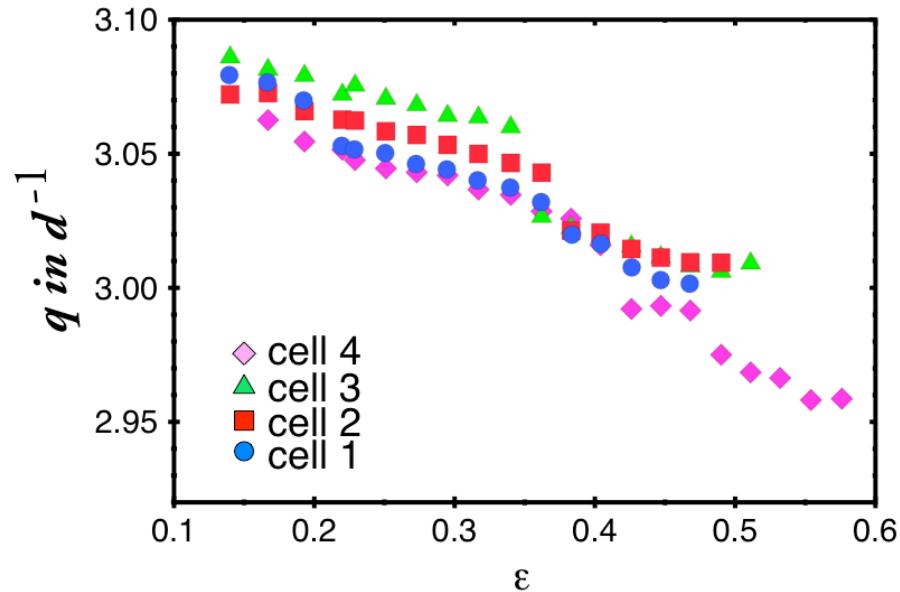
# Target Instability







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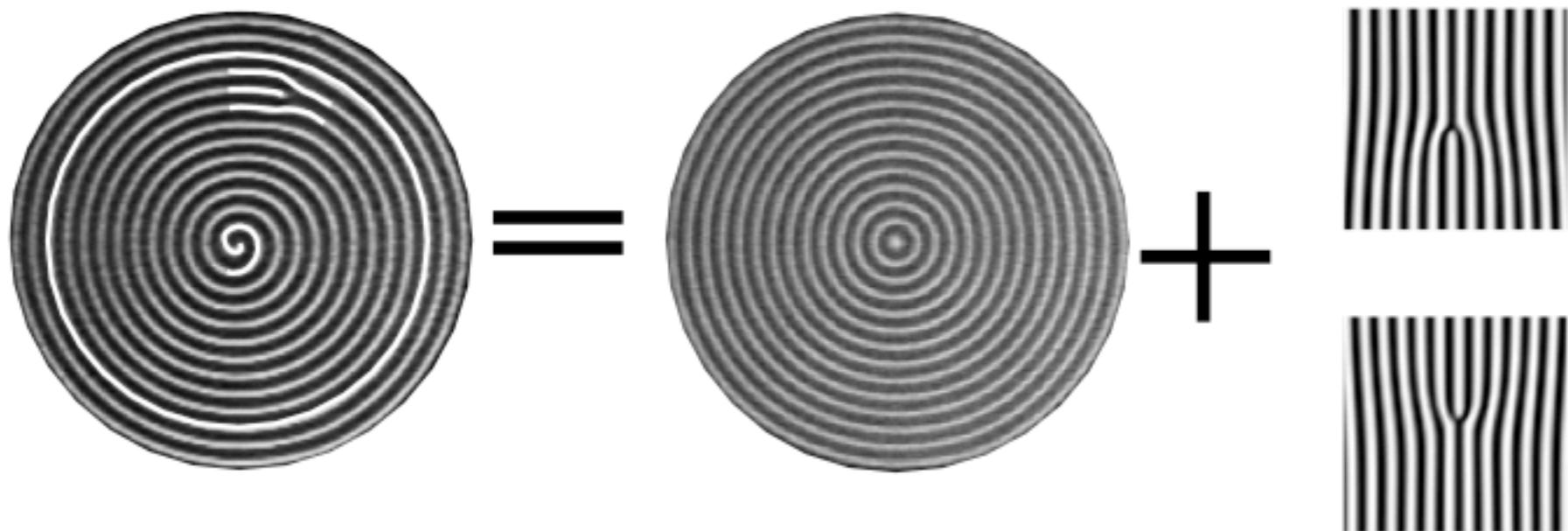
*fit to cells 1, 2, and 3 gives:*

$$q_t = 3.116 - 0.23 \epsilon$$

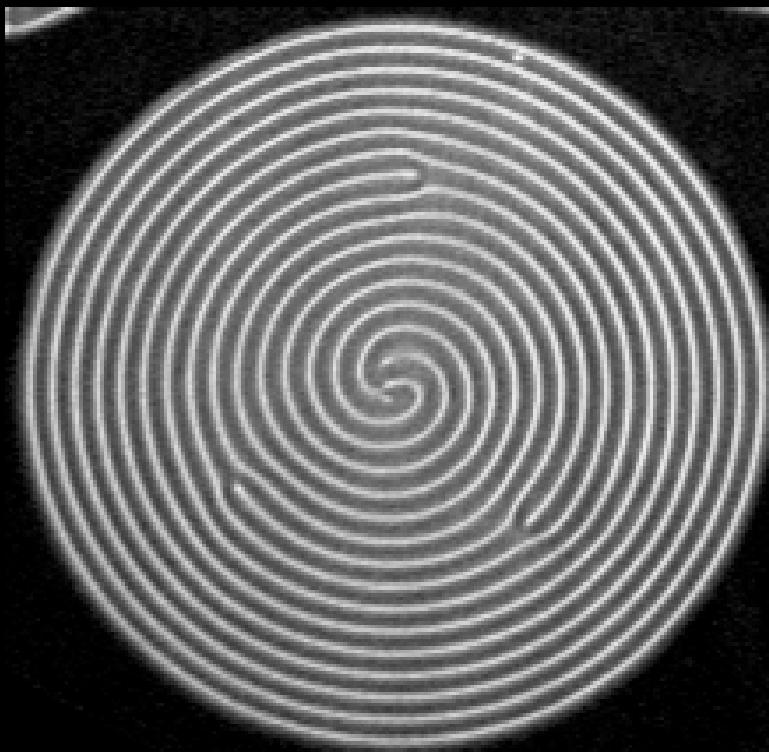
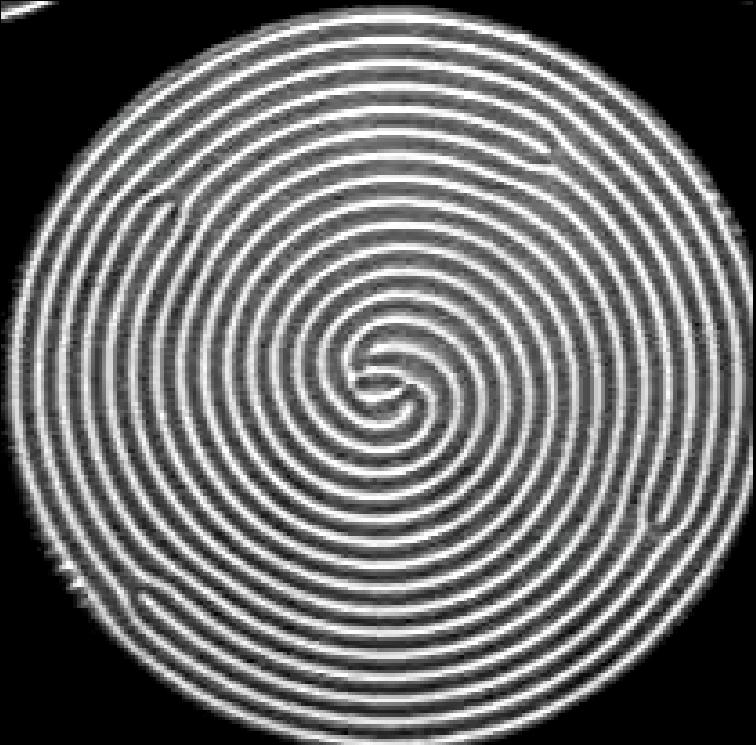
***numerical results*** (*Buell and Catton, Phys. Fluids 29 (1986) 23*)

$$q_t = 3.116 - 0.20 \epsilon \quad \checkmark$$

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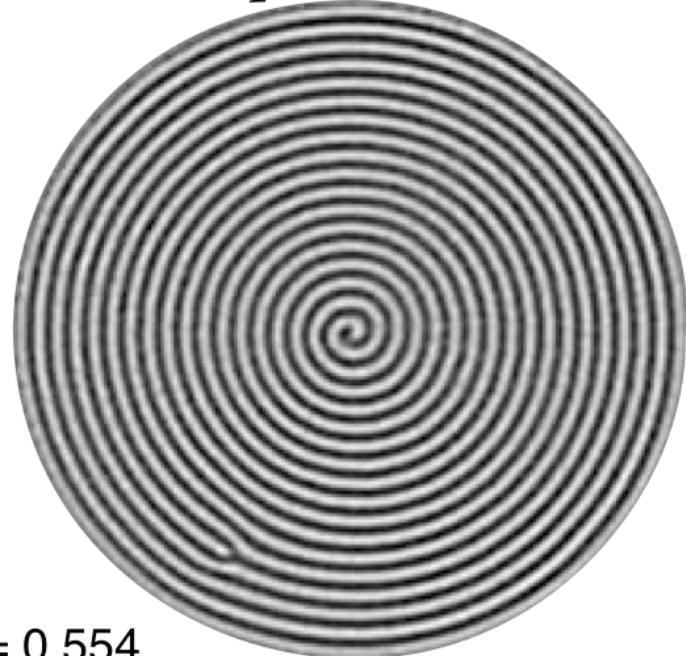
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*Averaging over one period*

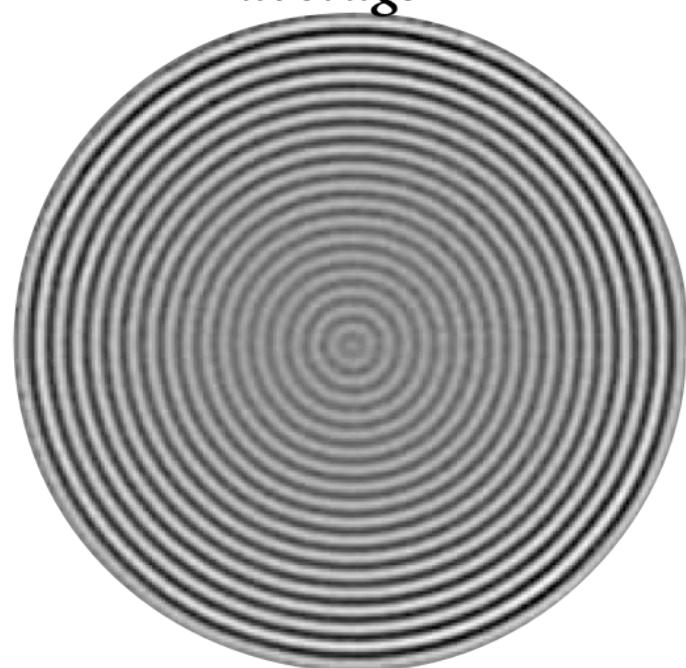
*one-armed spiral*

*picture*



$$\varepsilon = 0.554$$

*average*



*average gives target !*

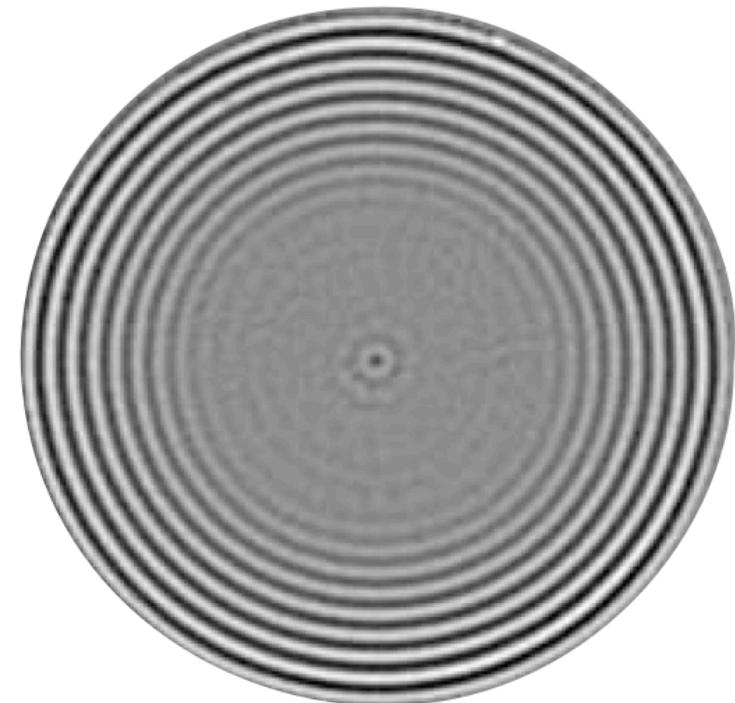
*four-armed spiral*

*picture*



$\varepsilon = 0.763$

*average*



*average gives target !*

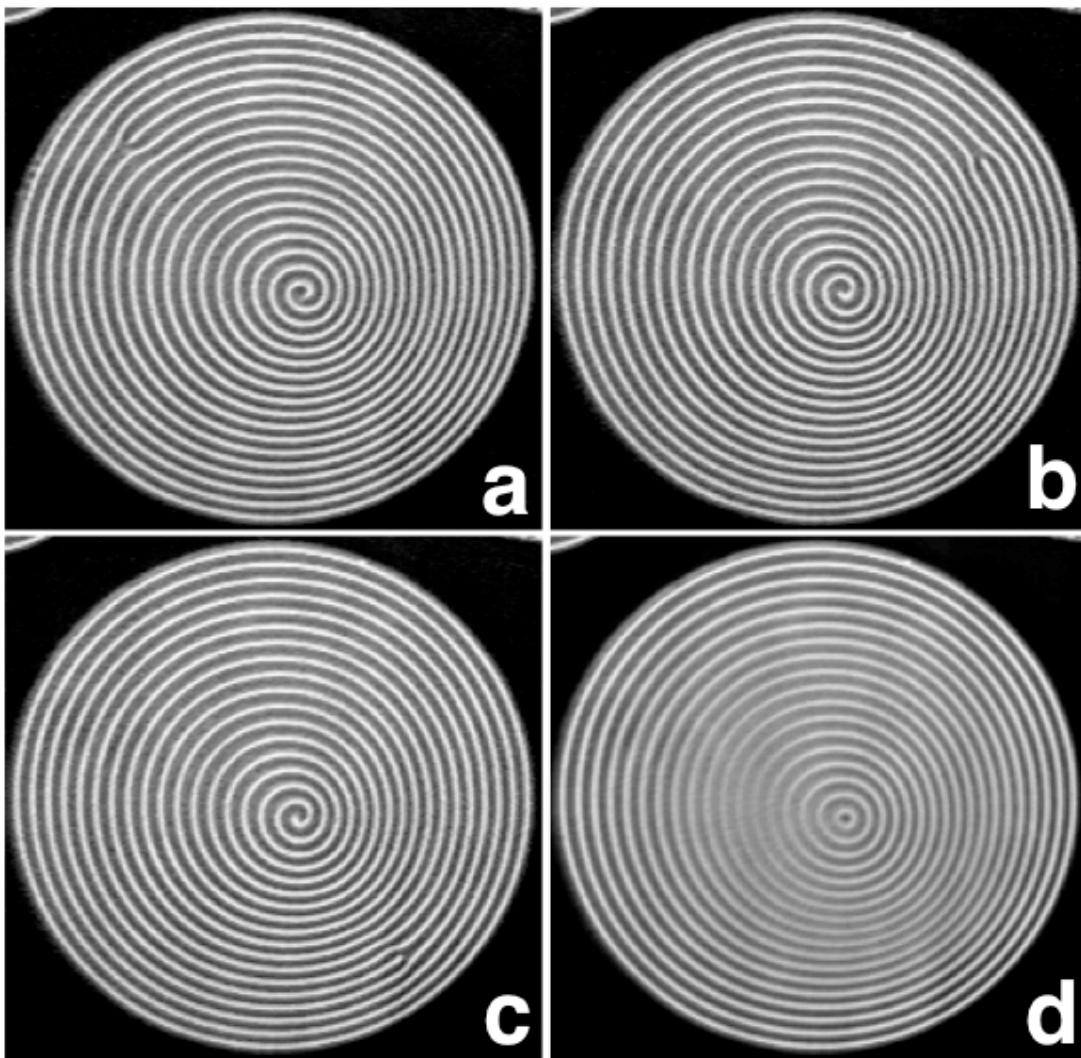
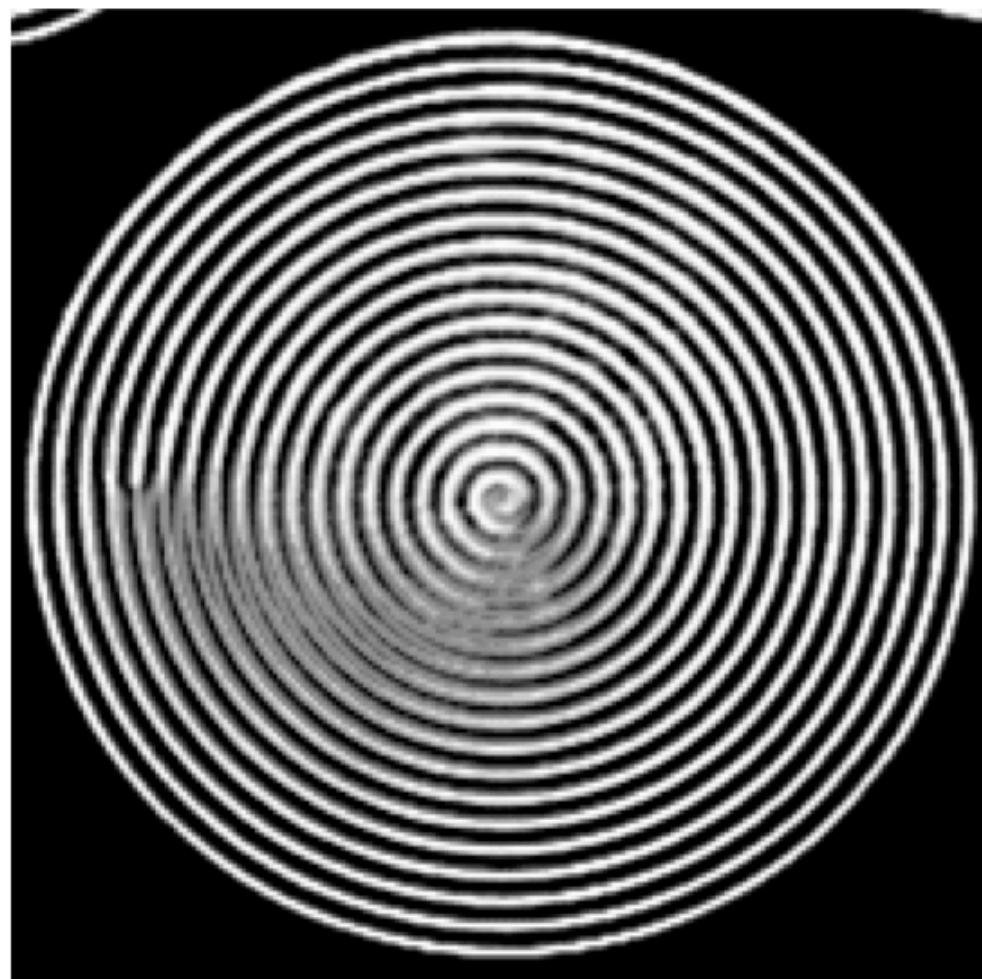


Figure 5.12: Off-center spiral in three orientations and the average. The time between (a) and (b) is 8.8 minutes ( $253 t_v$ ); the time between (b) and (c) is 2.5 minutes (73  $t_v$ ).  $\epsilon = 0.68$ ,  $Pr = 1.38$ .

Why? Where is the phase deformation?



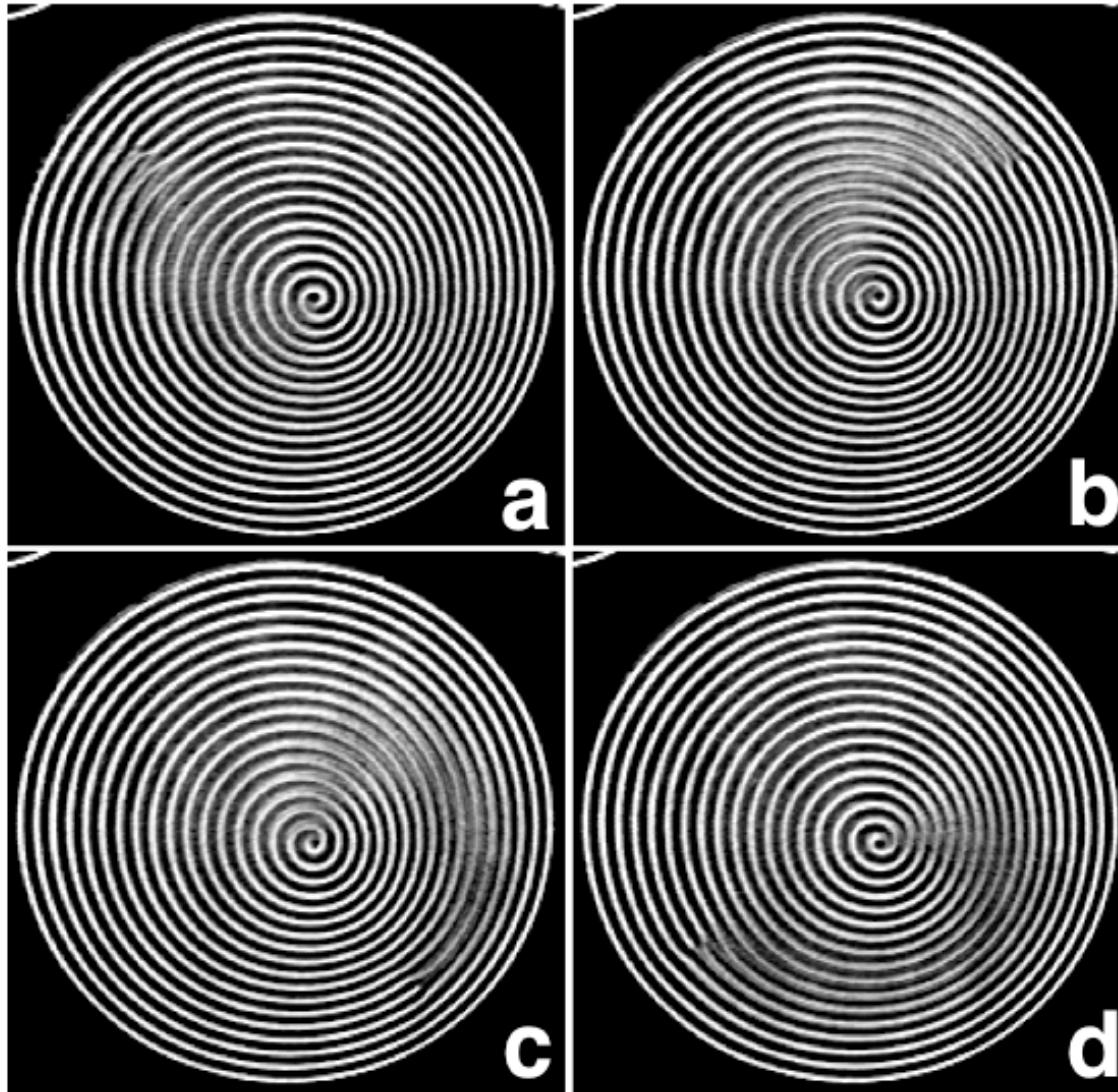
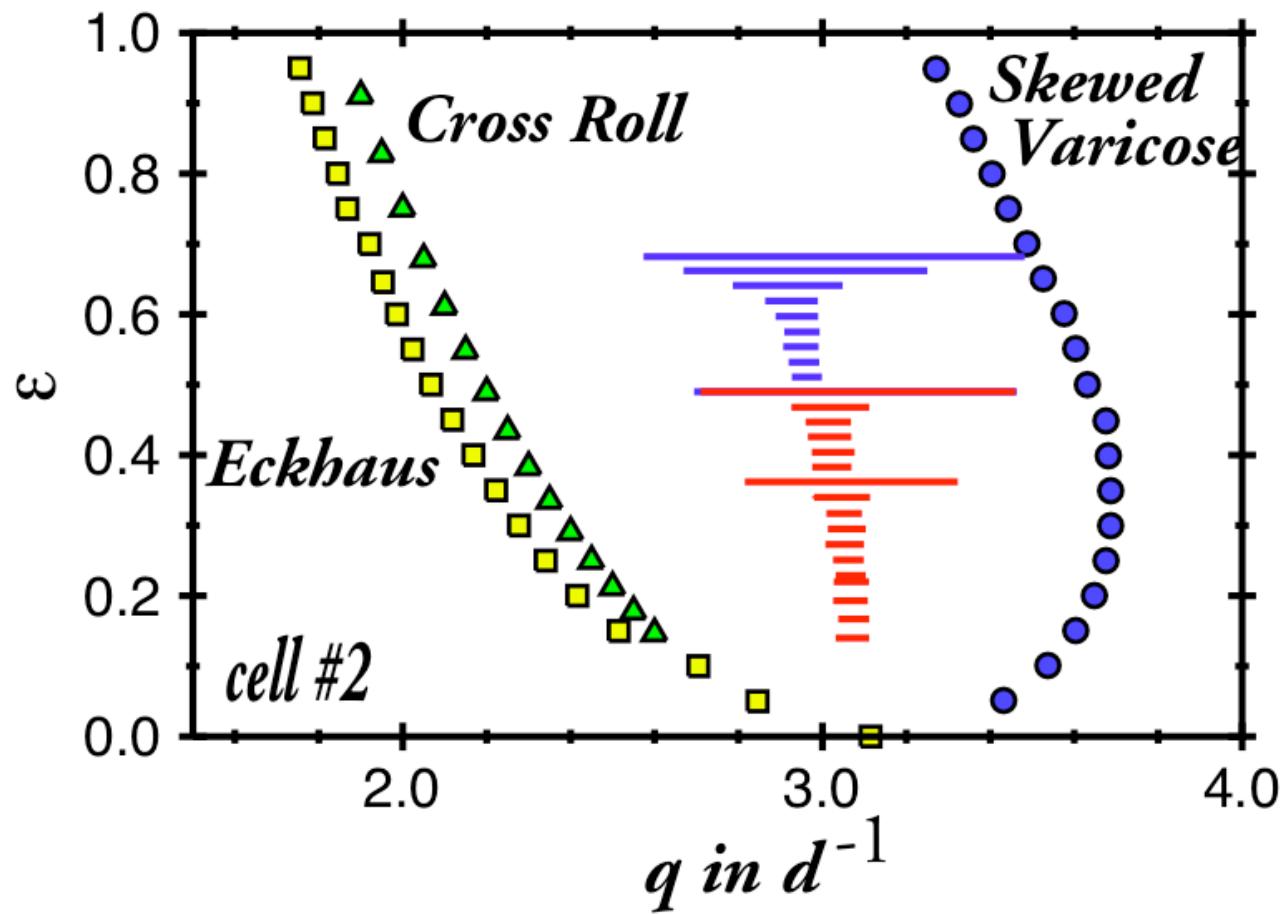
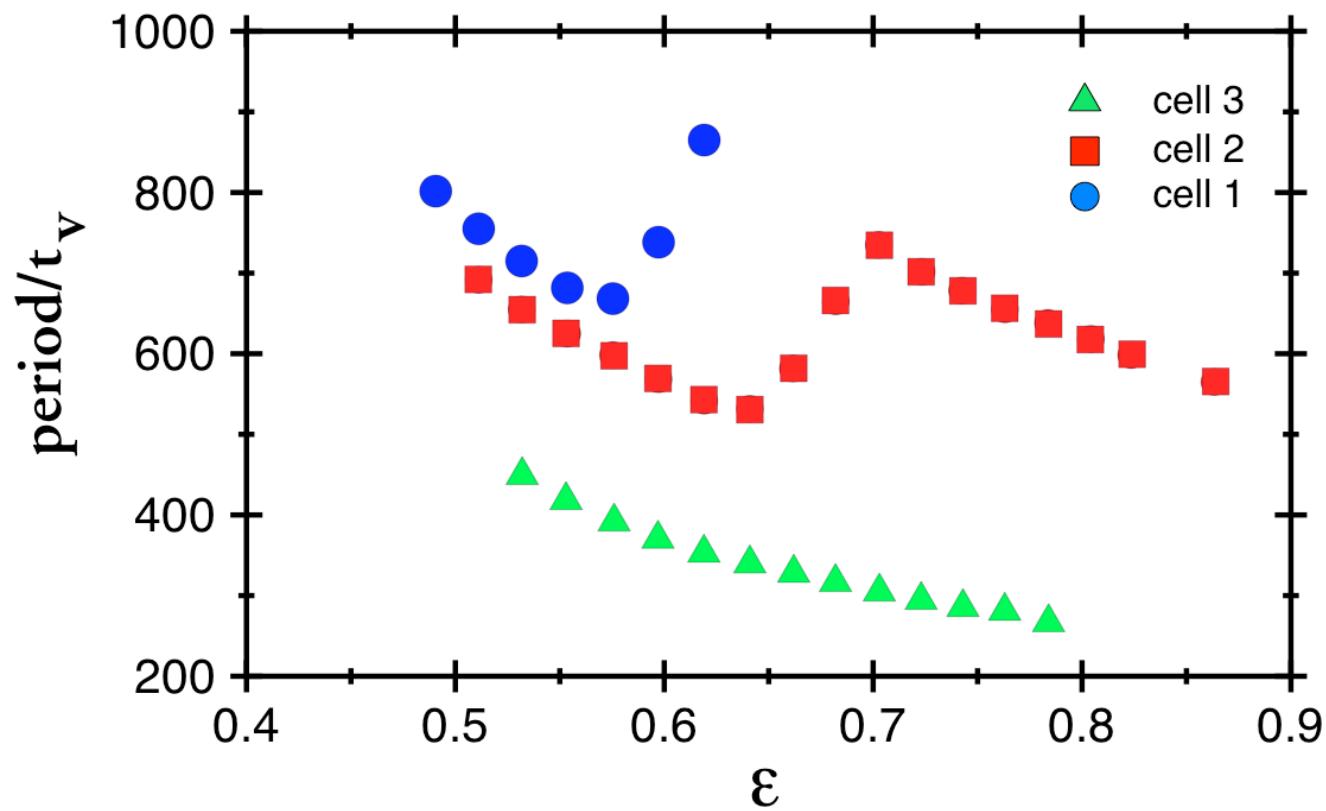


Figure 5.14: Average of off-center spiral (in four orientations) with the averaged spiral. The averaged spiral used is the same as figure 5.12d. The spiral used in frames (a), (b) and (c) correspond to the same frames in figure 5.12. The time between (a) and (b) is 8.8 minutes ( $253 t_v$ ); the time between (b) and (c) is 2.5 minutes ( $73 t_v$ ); the time between (c) and (d) is 3.2 minutes ( $93 t_v$ ).  $\epsilon = 0.68$ ,  $Pr = 1.38$ .

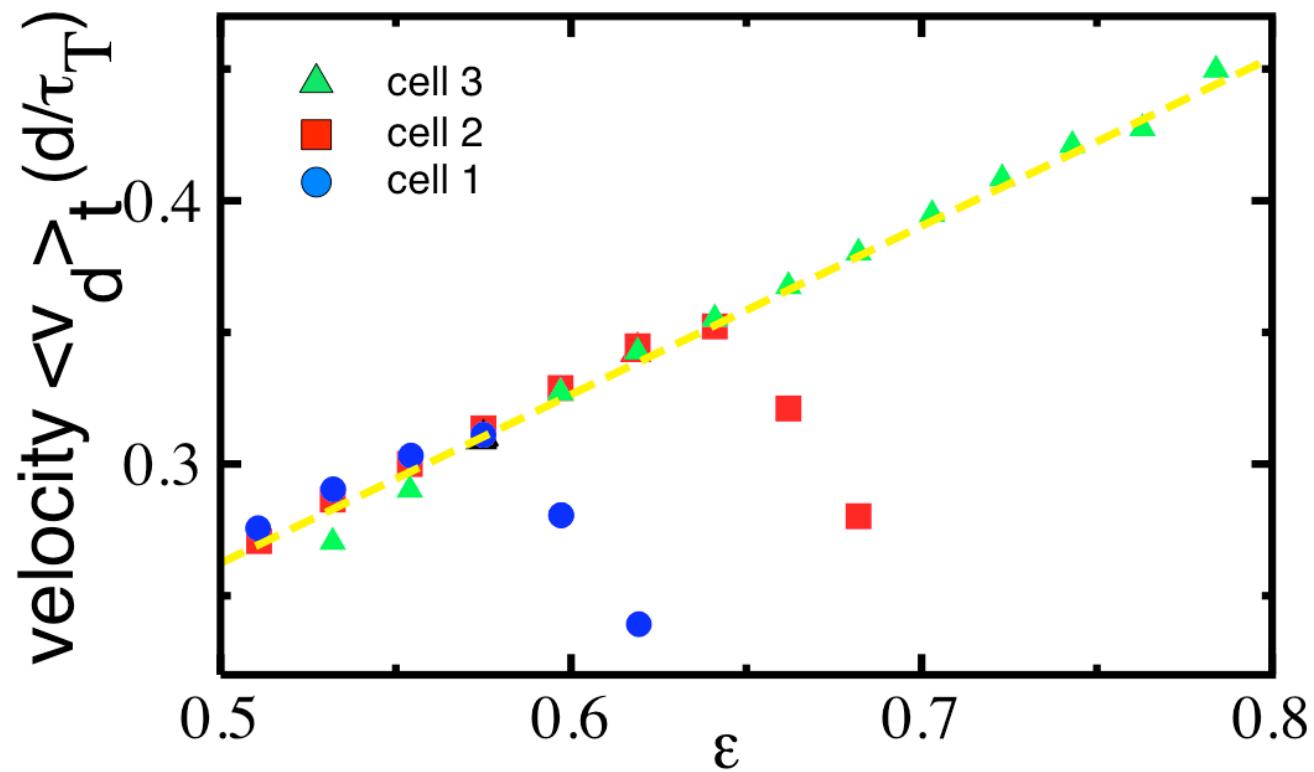
# 1-armed spiral wavenumber



# rotation period



## averaged tip velocity



*different from chemical spirals !*

*Results so far:*

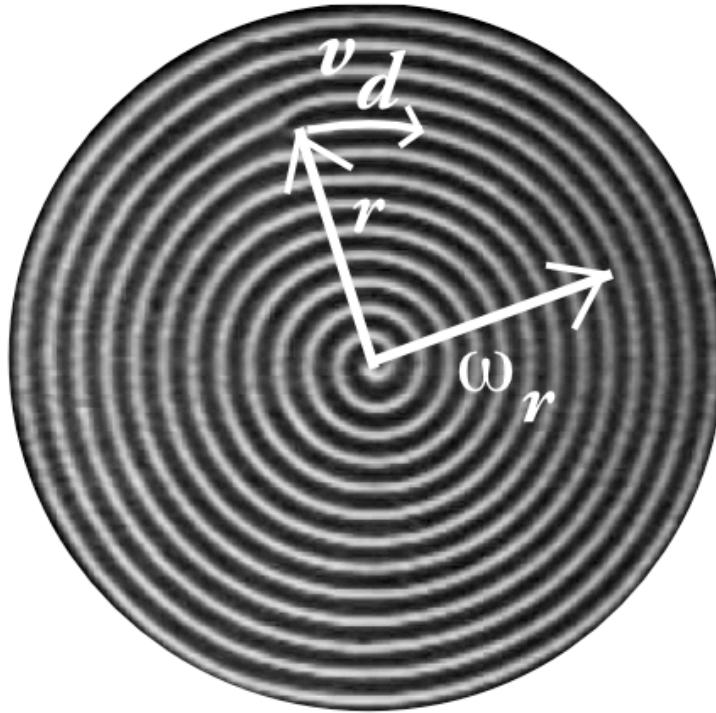
*period of rotation prop.  $1/r$*

*time average of spiral gives  
underlying target*

*Question:*

*What determines the spiral rotation ?*

*Topological condition for rotation ?*



*defect revolves with velocity  $v_d$  at radius  $r$*

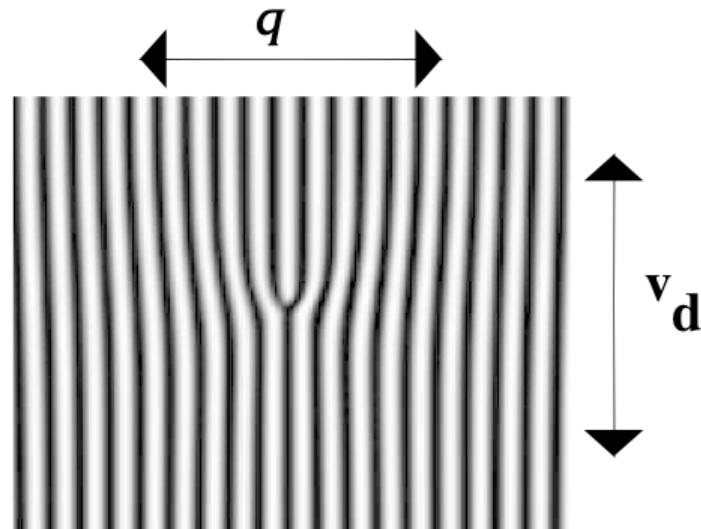
$$\Rightarrow \text{frequency } \omega_d = v_d/r$$

*rolls travel outward with frequency  $\omega_r$*

*rigid rotation*       $\omega_r = \omega_d = v_d/r$

## *What do we know about $v_d$ ?*

*Tesuero and Cross, PRA 34 (1986) 1363*



*defect moves with  $v_d$  in background wavenumber  $q$*

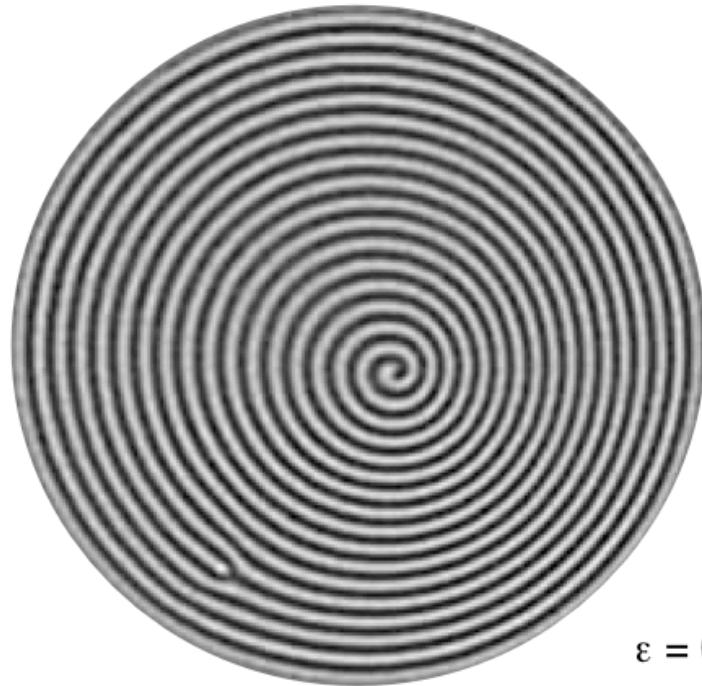
$$v_d = \beta (q - q_d)$$

$$q = q_d \implies v_d = 0$$

*"optimal" wavenumber  $q_d$ !*

*Can we check this experimentally ?*

*Yes !*



$$\varepsilon = 0.682$$

*spirals move off center with increasing  $\varepsilon$  !*

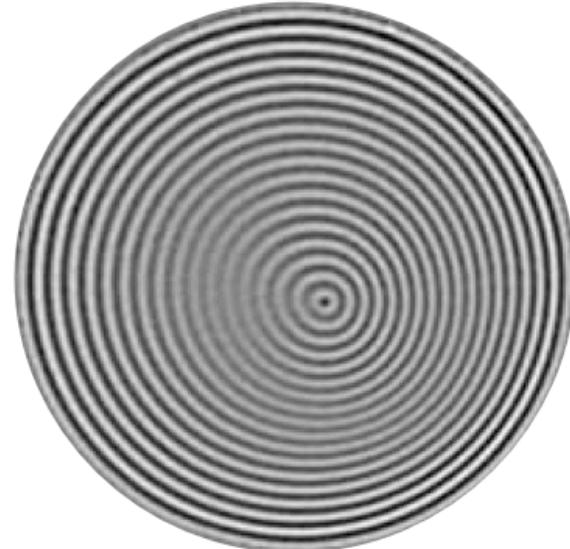
*defect moves fast in compressed regions !*

*defect moves slow in dilated regions!*

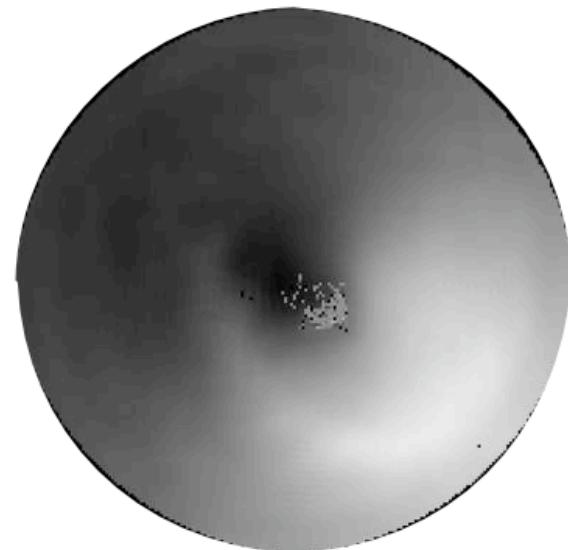
*Defect Positions:*



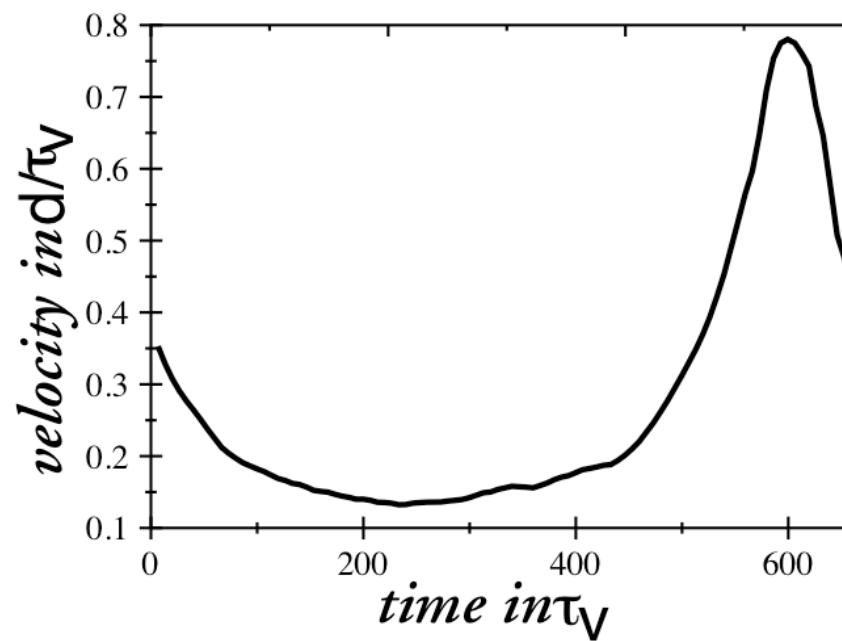
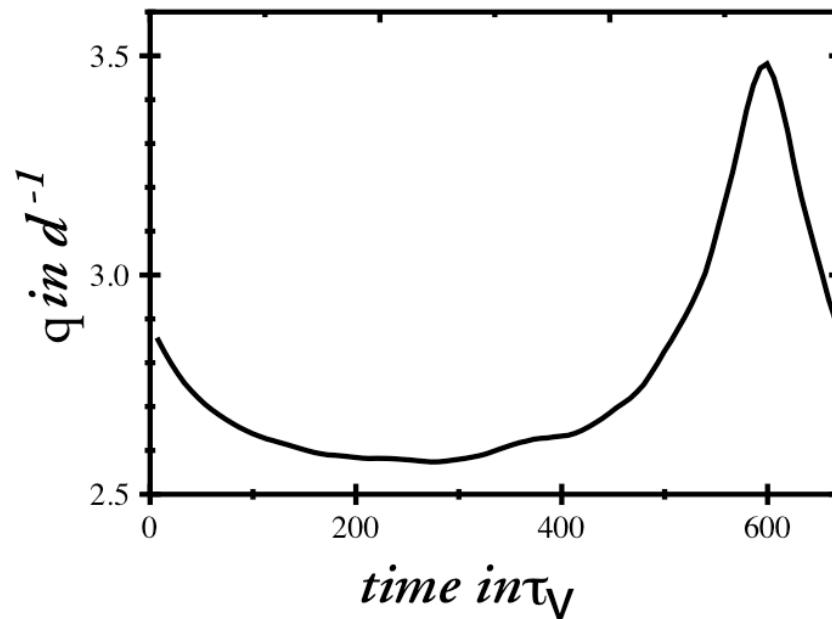
*averaged*



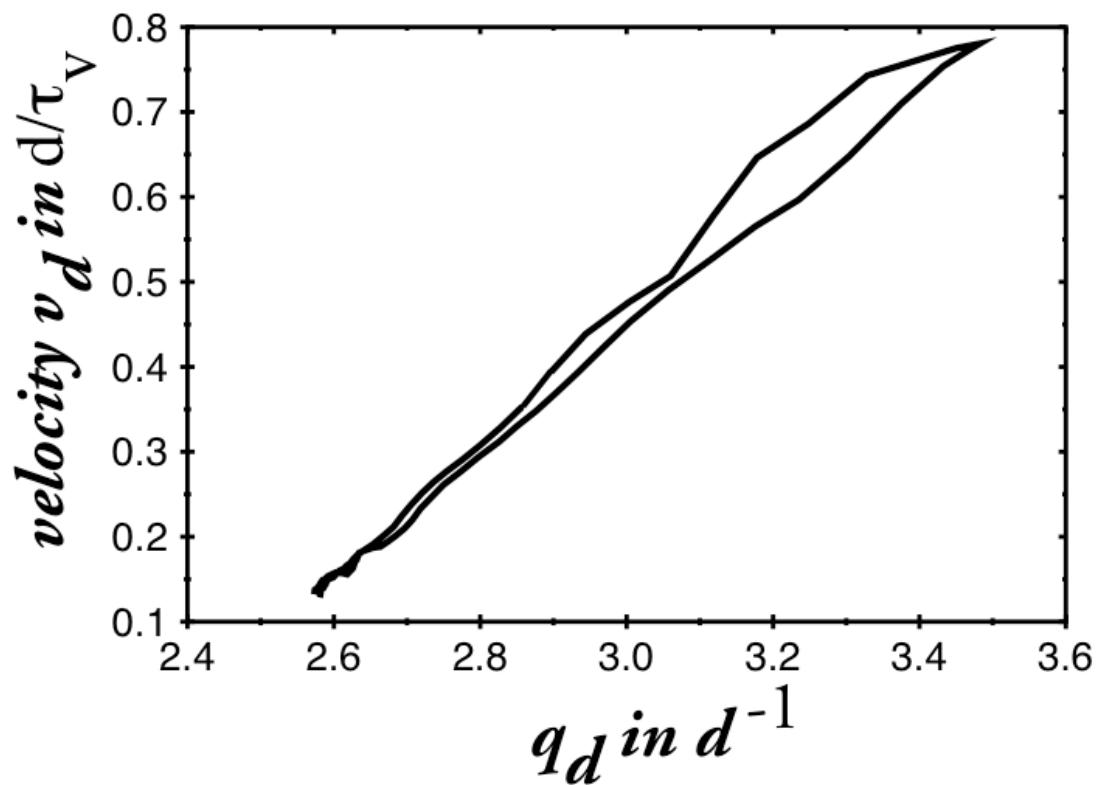
*wavenumber*



*wavenumber*



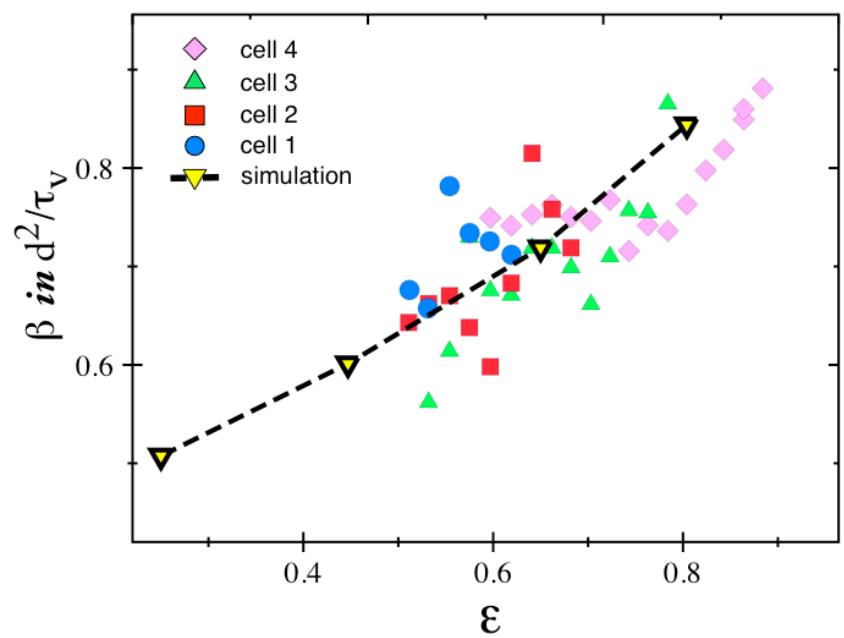
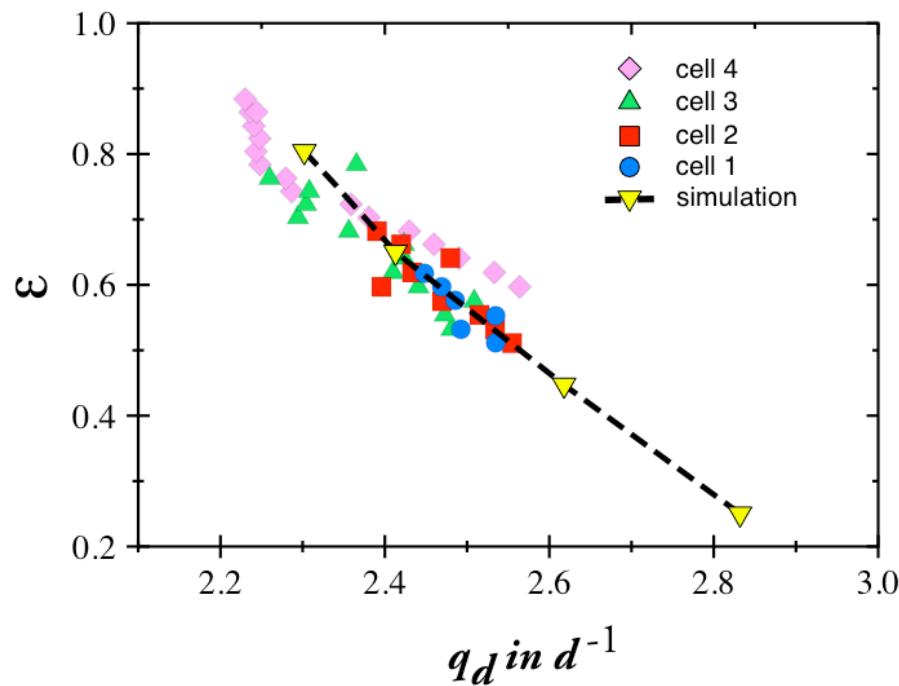
## *velocity vs. wavenumber*



- excellent agreement with Tesauro-Cross

$$v_d = \beta (q - q_d) \quad \checkmark$$

- slight  $\epsilon$  dependence !

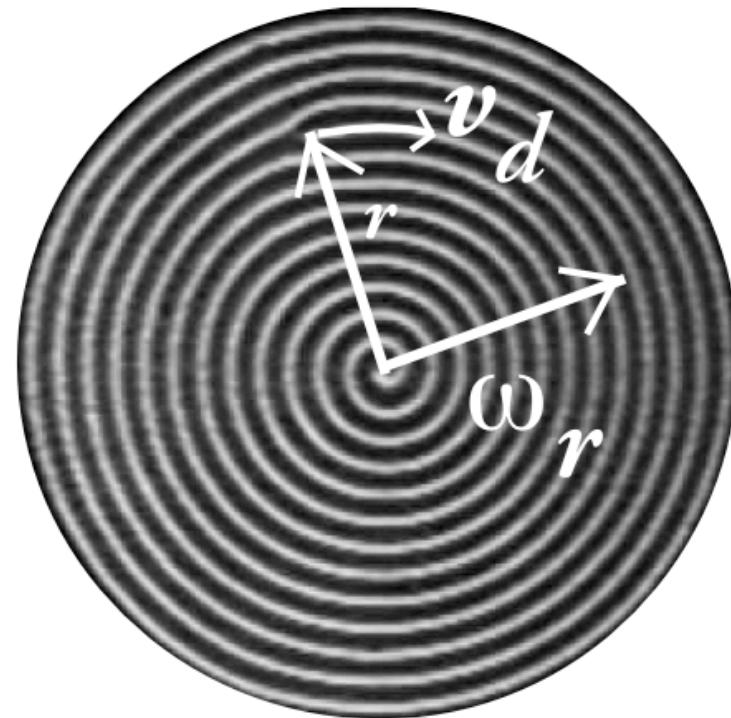


# *Spiral Rotation (part 2)*

*Cross and Tu , PRL 75 (1995) 834*

*Cross , Physica D 97 (1996) 65*

*Li, Xi and Gunton , PRE 54 (1996) R3105*



**1-armed:**

$$\omega_r = \omega_d = v_d/r$$

**m-armed:**

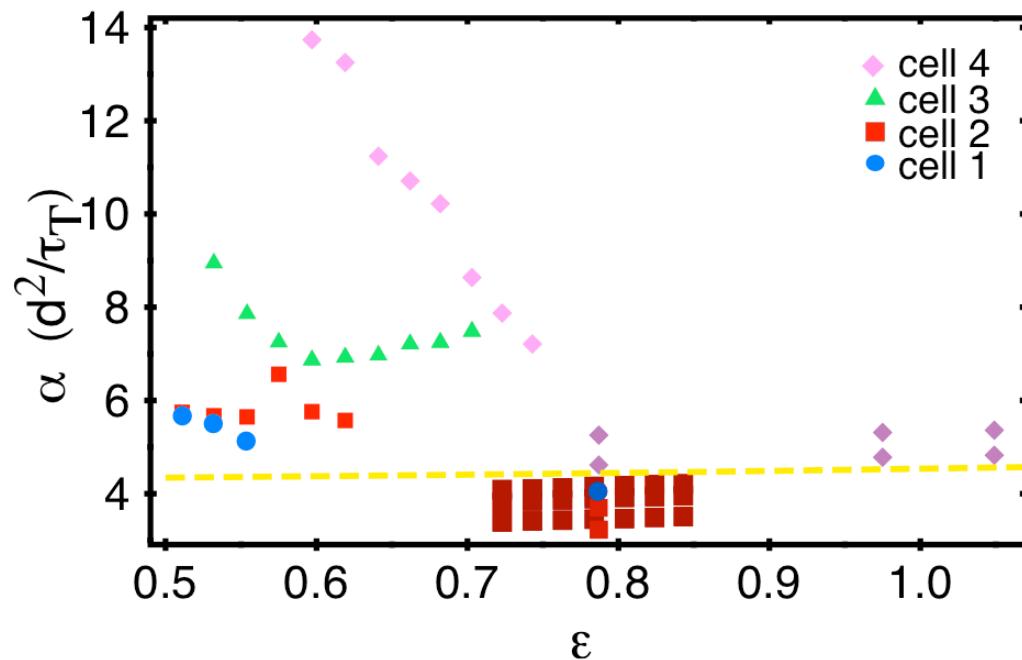
$$\omega_r = m \omega_d = m v_d / r$$

**phase equation:**  $\omega_r = \alpha (q_t - q) / r$

====>

$$m v_d = \alpha (q_t - q)$$

*"optimal" target wavenumber  $q_t$ !*



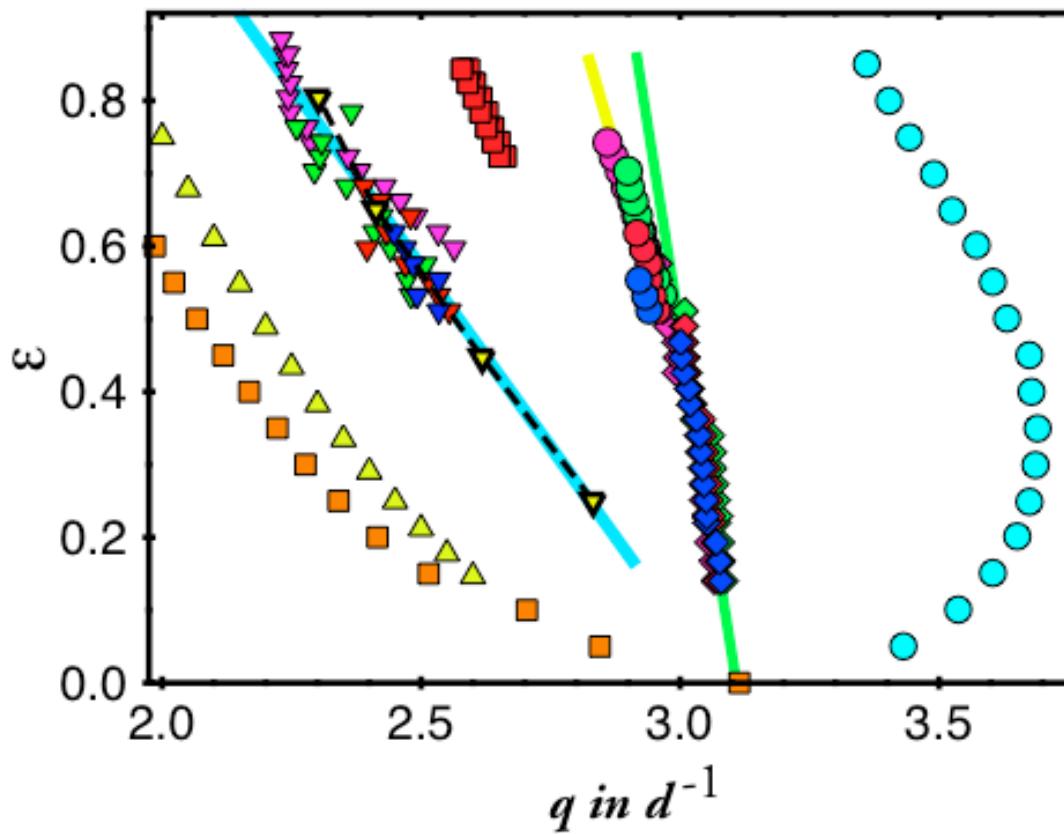
$$\alpha = 2D_{\parallel}(q_T) = -2 \left. \frac{\sigma(q_T)}{K^2} \right|_{K \rightarrow 0}$$

- excellent agreement with predictions from phase equation:

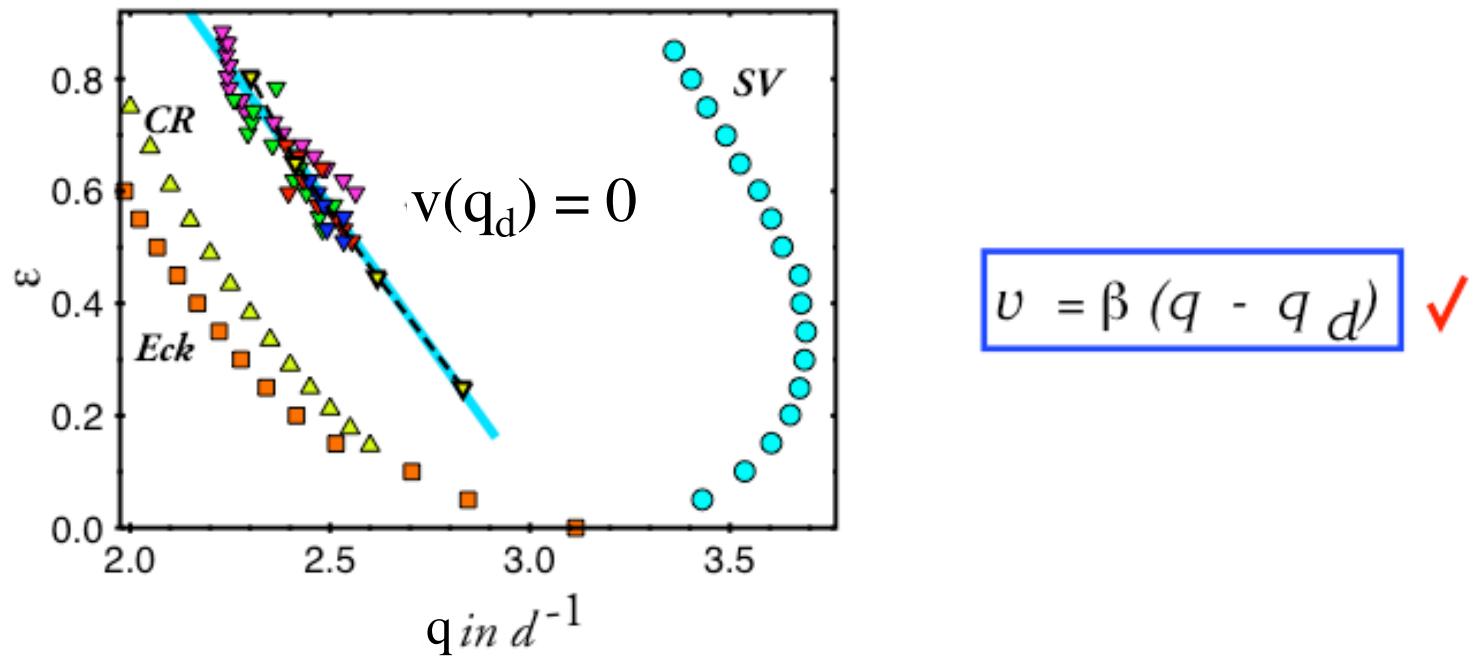
$$m v_d = \alpha (q_t - q) \quad \checkmark$$

- system size dependence !

## *Summary*



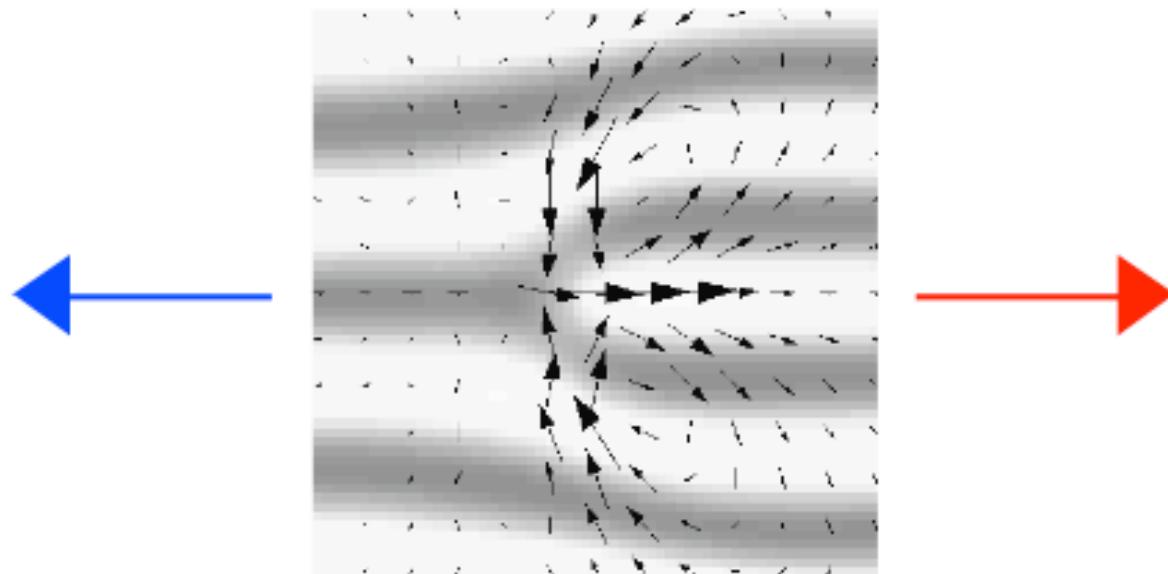
- *On-center Spirals :*  
*Tip-defect moves to decrease wavenumber.*  
*Target travels outward to increase wavenumber.*
- *Off-center Spirals:*  
*Tip defect agrees well with phase equation prediction!*



What determines  $q_d$ ?

Prandtl# dependence ?

## *Conjecture*



- *meanflow advects roll pair out of system  
decreases wavenumber - Prandtl# dependent*
- *potential effects move roll pair into system  
increases wavenumber - Prandtl# independent*

## *Generalized Swift-Hohenberg Equation*

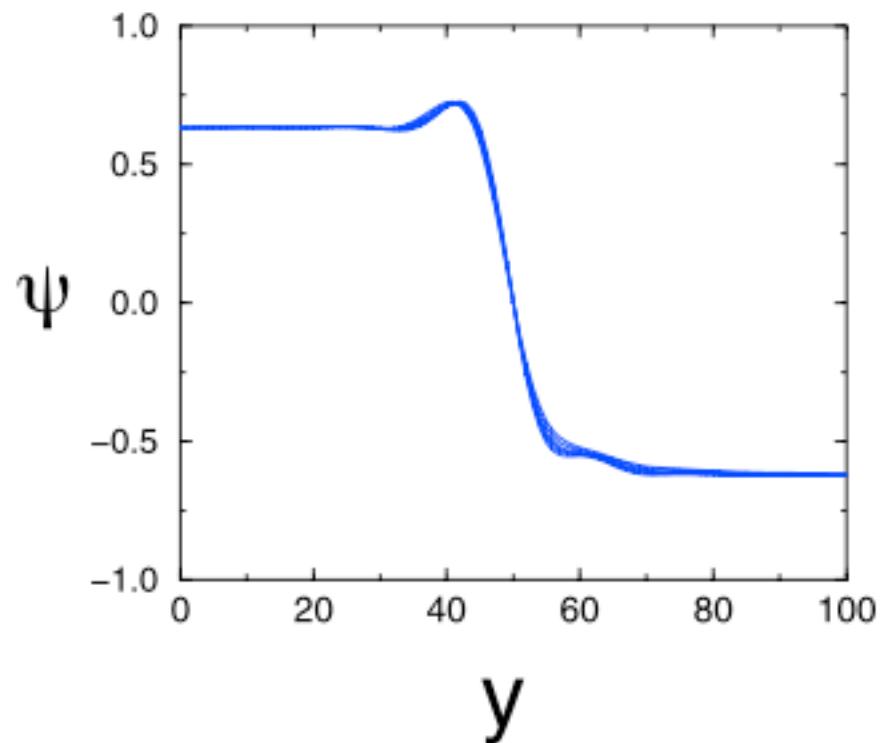
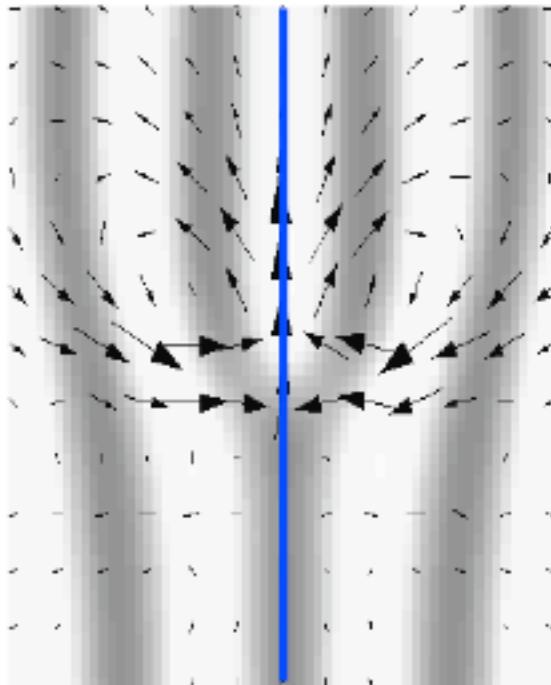
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi + (\vec{U} \cdot \nabla)\Psi = [\varepsilon - (1 - \nabla^2)^2]\Psi - \Psi^3$$

$$\vec{U} = (U_x, U_y) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\xi, -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\xi \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Delta + 2 \right) \Delta \xi = g (\nabla(\Delta\Psi)) \times \nabla\Psi \hat{e}_z$$

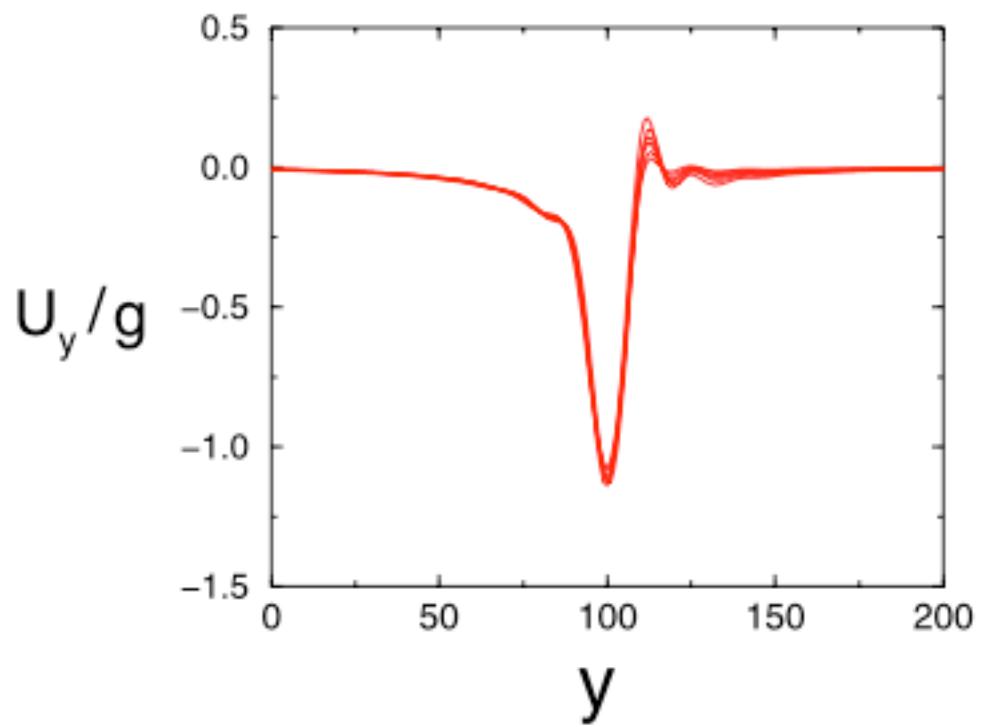
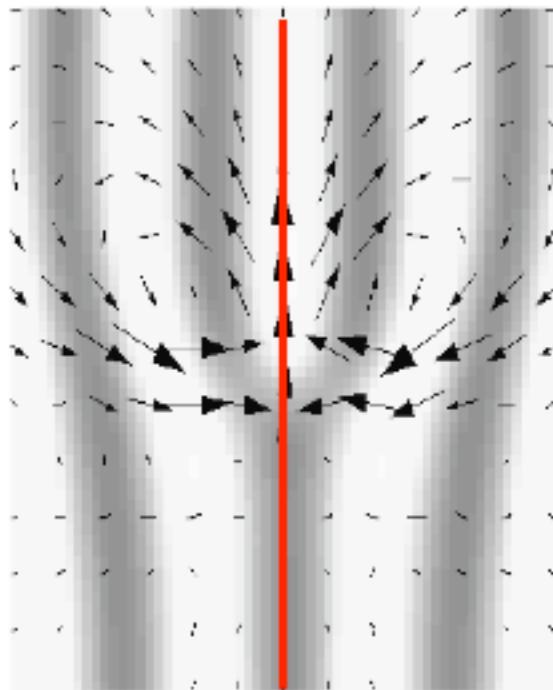
- can be derived from a potential  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi = -\frac{\delta V}{\delta \Psi}$
- roll curvature generates meanflow  $g \sim \text{Pr}^{-1}$   
non-potential effect

- *temperature field  $\psi$  independent of g*  
 $g = (2.5, 5, 7.5, 10, 15, 20)$



GSH-simulations  $512 \times 256$  (  $1024 \times 512$ )  
 $\varepsilon = 0.3, q = 0.95$

● *normalized meanflow  $U_y/g$  field independent of g*  
 $g = (2.5, 5, 7.5, 10, 15, 20)$



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comoving coordinate system:

$$-\nu \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} = [\varepsilon - (1 - \nabla^2)^2] \Psi - \Psi^3 - U_y \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y}$$

with  $U_y(0, y) \approx g f(y)$

$$0 \approx \int dy ([\varepsilon - (1 - \nabla^2)^2] \Psi - \Psi^3) - g \int dy f(y) \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} + \nu \int dy \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y}$$

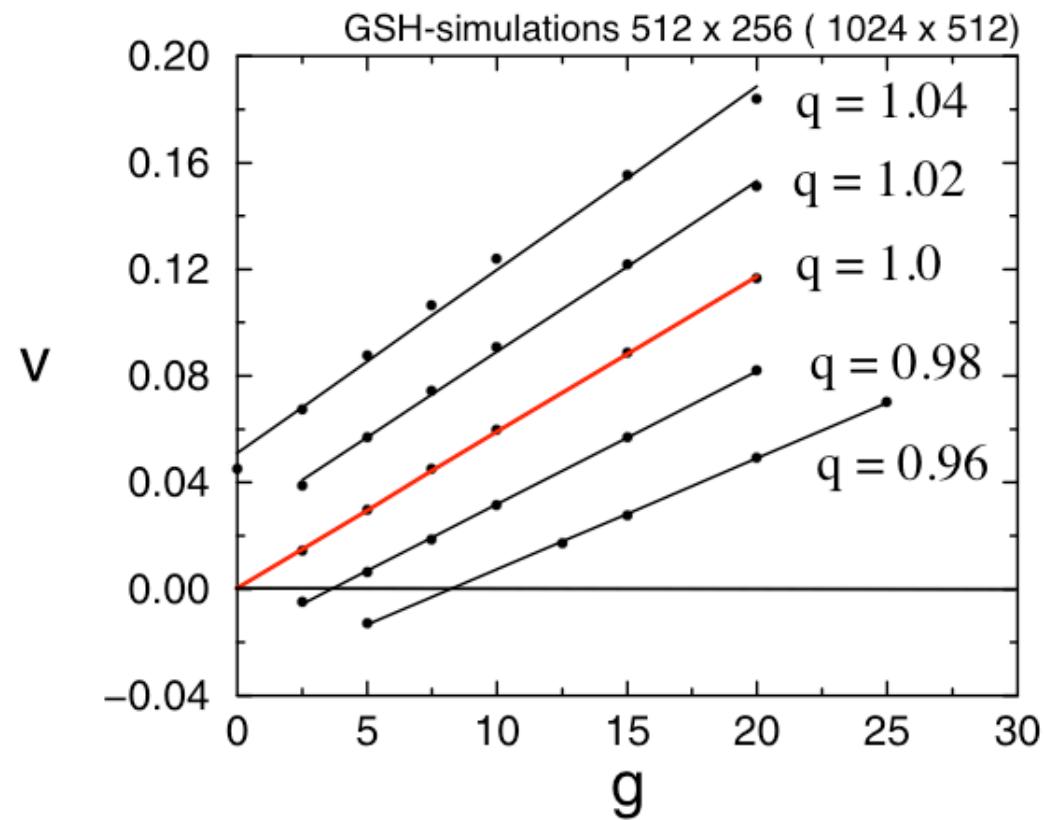
$$\implies 0 \approx c_1 - g c_2 + \nu c_3 \implies$$

$$\nu \approx -\frac{c_1}{c_3} + \frac{c_2}{c_3} g$$

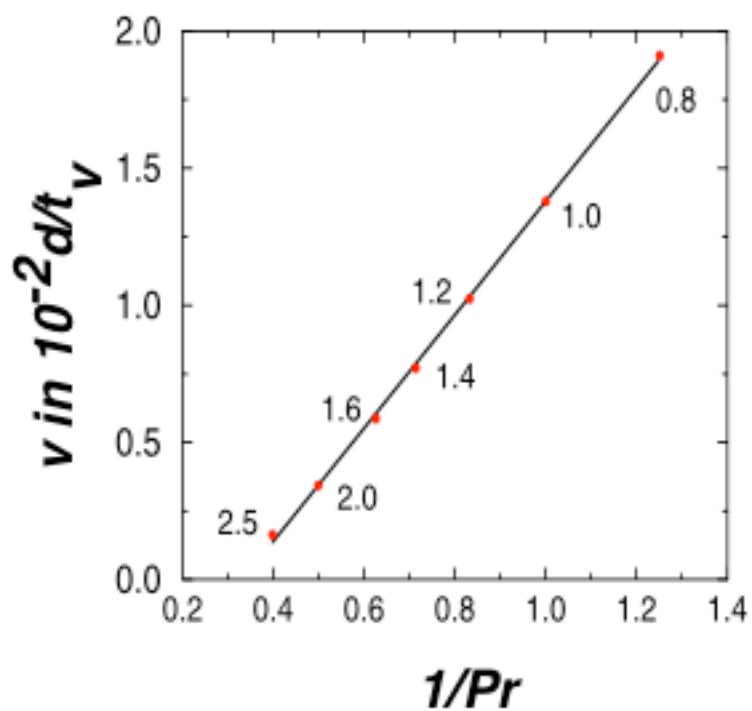
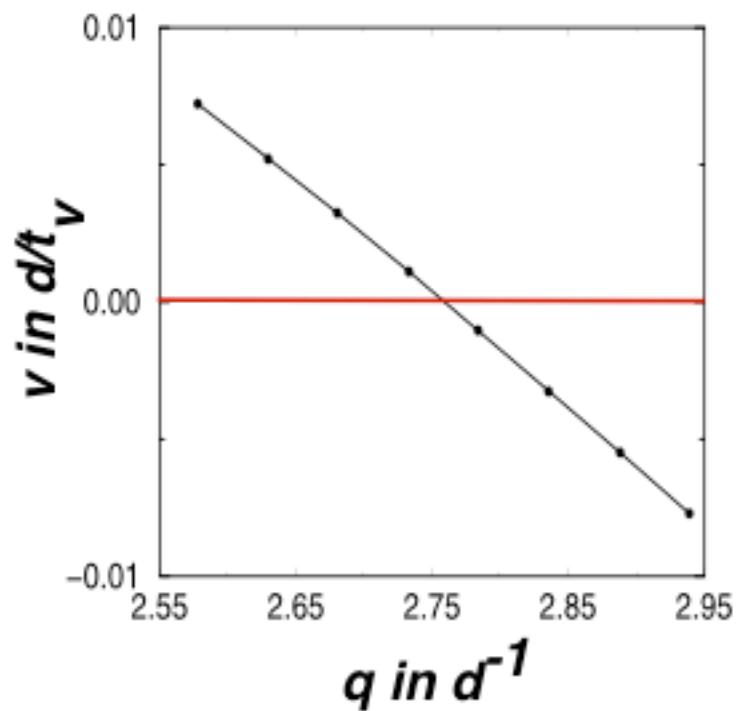
$$\text{with } \langle U_y \rangle = \int dy f(y) g = c' g$$

$$v(\bar{q}) \approx v(\bar{q}, g=0) + \frac{c(\bar{q})}{c'} \langle U_y \rangle$$

## *Numerical test:*

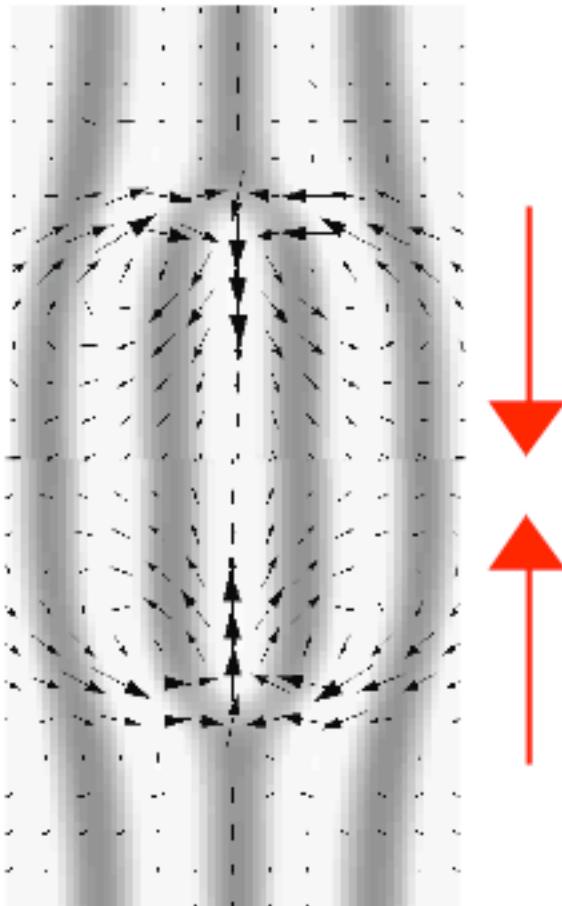


## *Rayleigh-Bénard Convection*



$$v(\bar{q}, \bar{Pr}) = v(\bar{q}, \infty) + c(\bar{q}) \frac{1}{\bar{Pr}}$$

## *Bound Dislocations:*



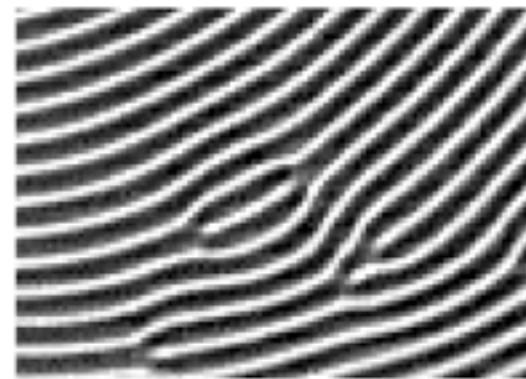
*meanflows superimpose*



*effective meanflow decreases*



*bound pair*

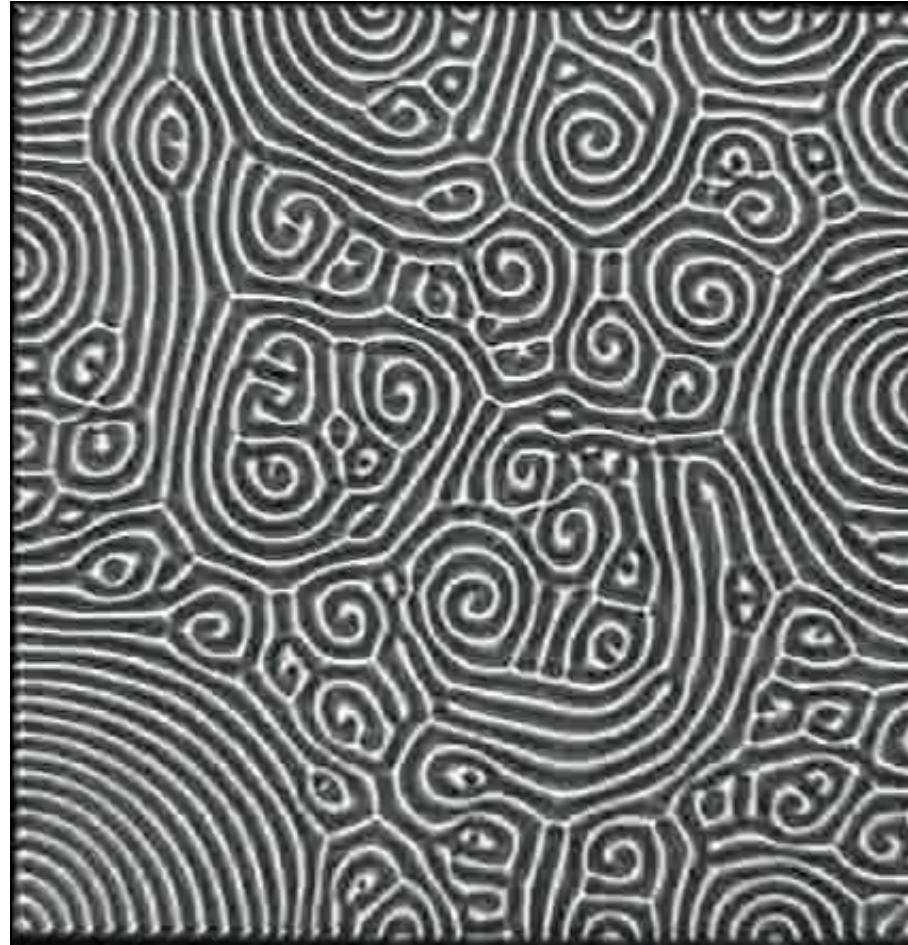


RBC experiment  
(E.B., J. deBruyn, G. Ahlers, D. Cannell 1992)

## *Summary*

- *Potential ( $Pr = \infty$ ) moves dislocation towards bandcenter.*
- *Meanflow advects dislocation as to decrease  $|q|$* 

$$v(q, Pr) = v(q, \infty) + c(q) \frac{1}{Pr}$$
- *Dislocation stationary for "meanflow = potential".*
- *Bound dislocation due to meanflow interaction.*



Spiral Defect Chaos (Morris et al. 1992)

*The End*