

Active Force Patterning in a Mixture of Contractile Stresslets

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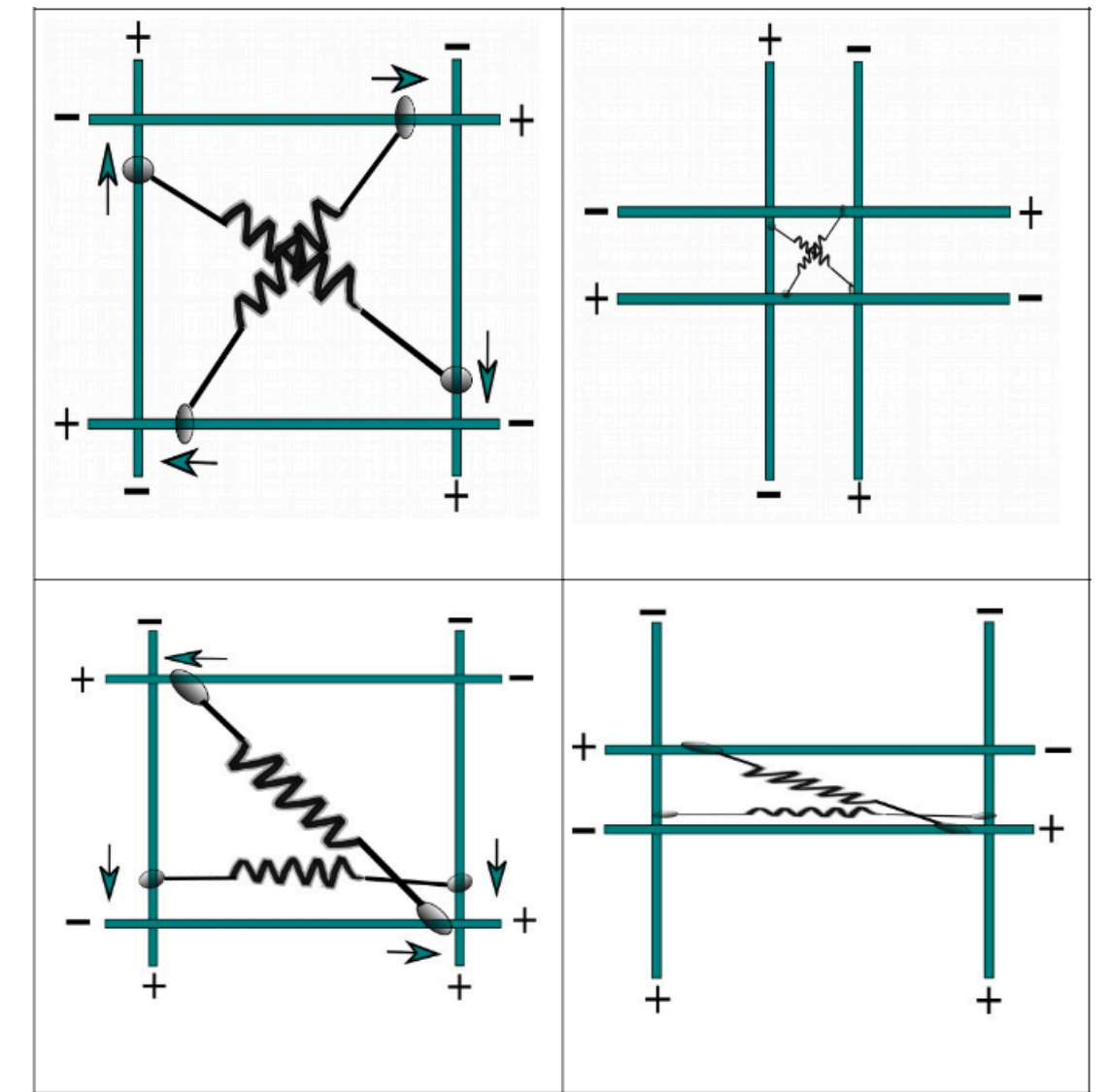
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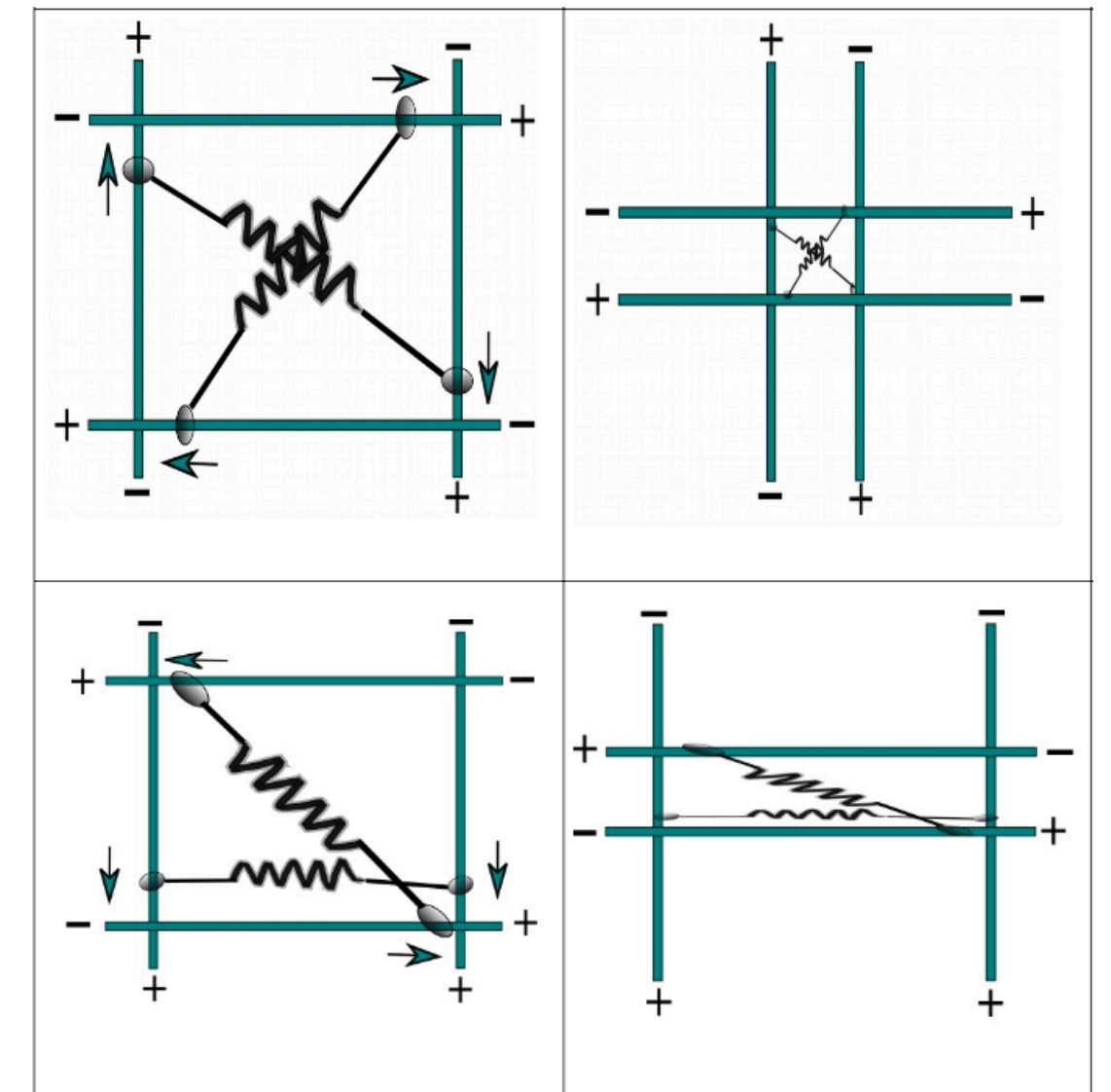
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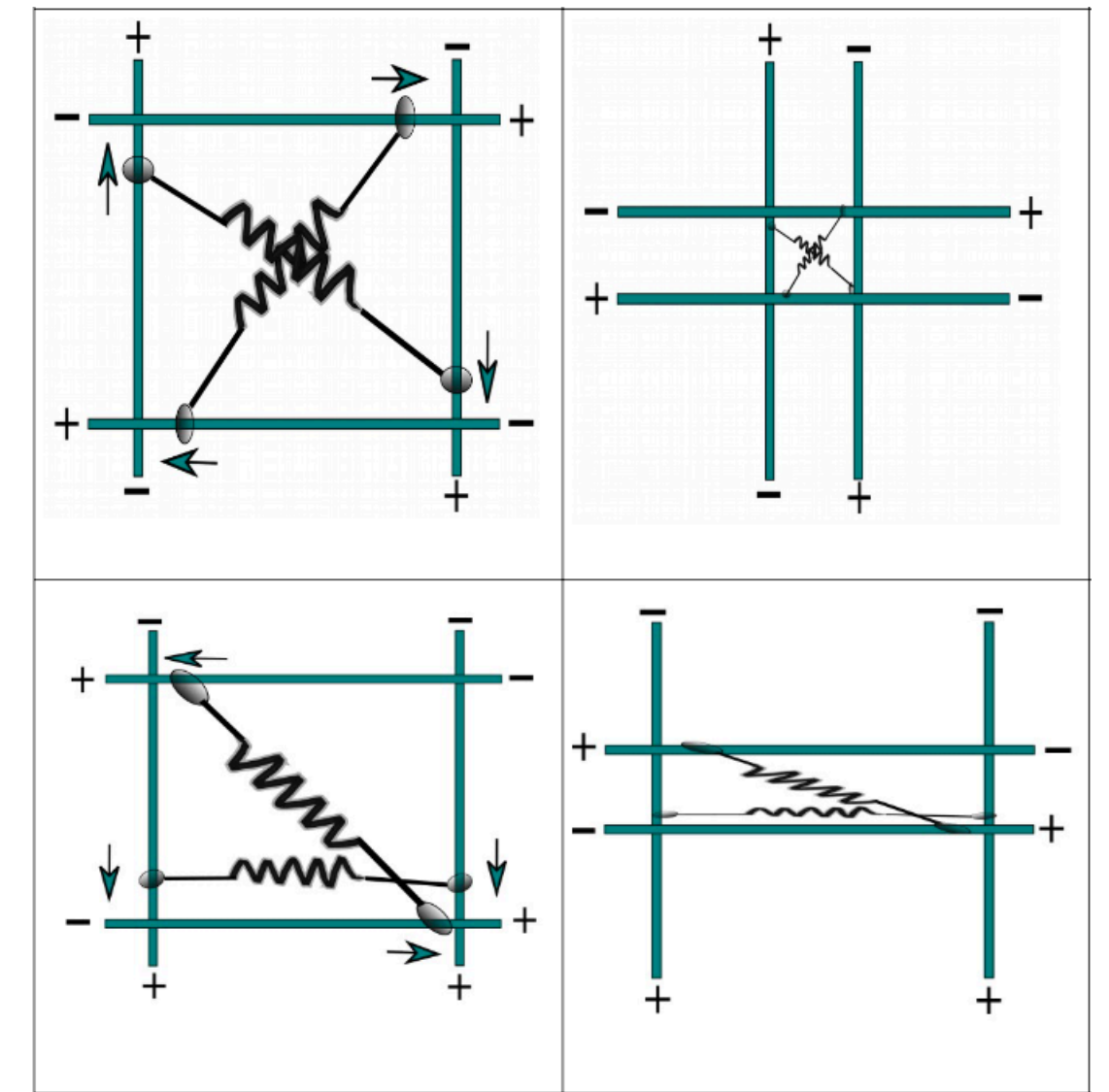
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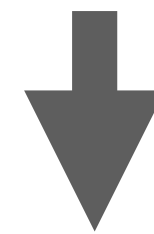
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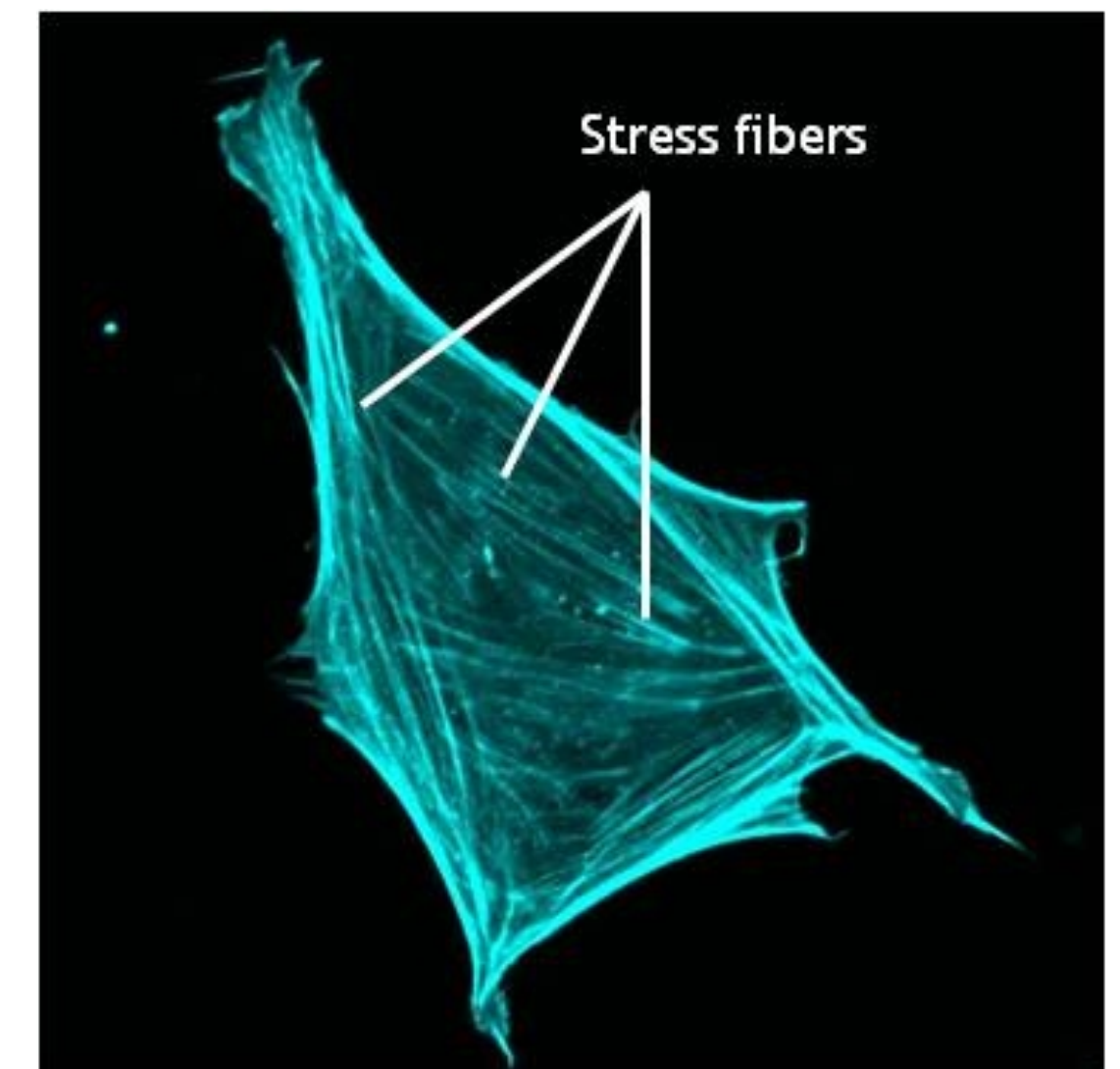
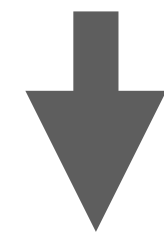
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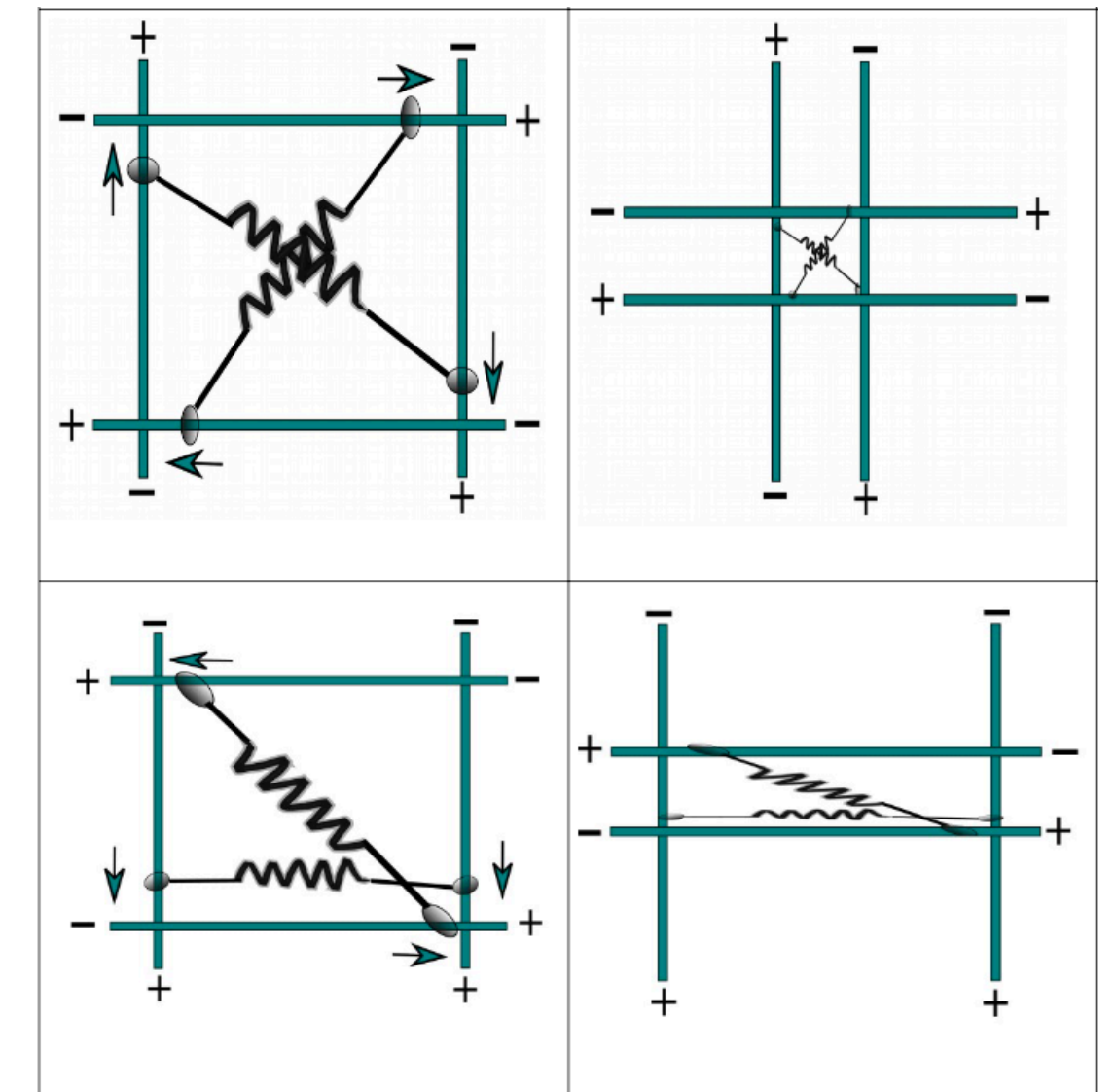
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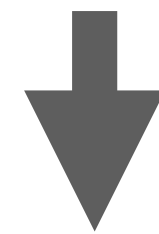
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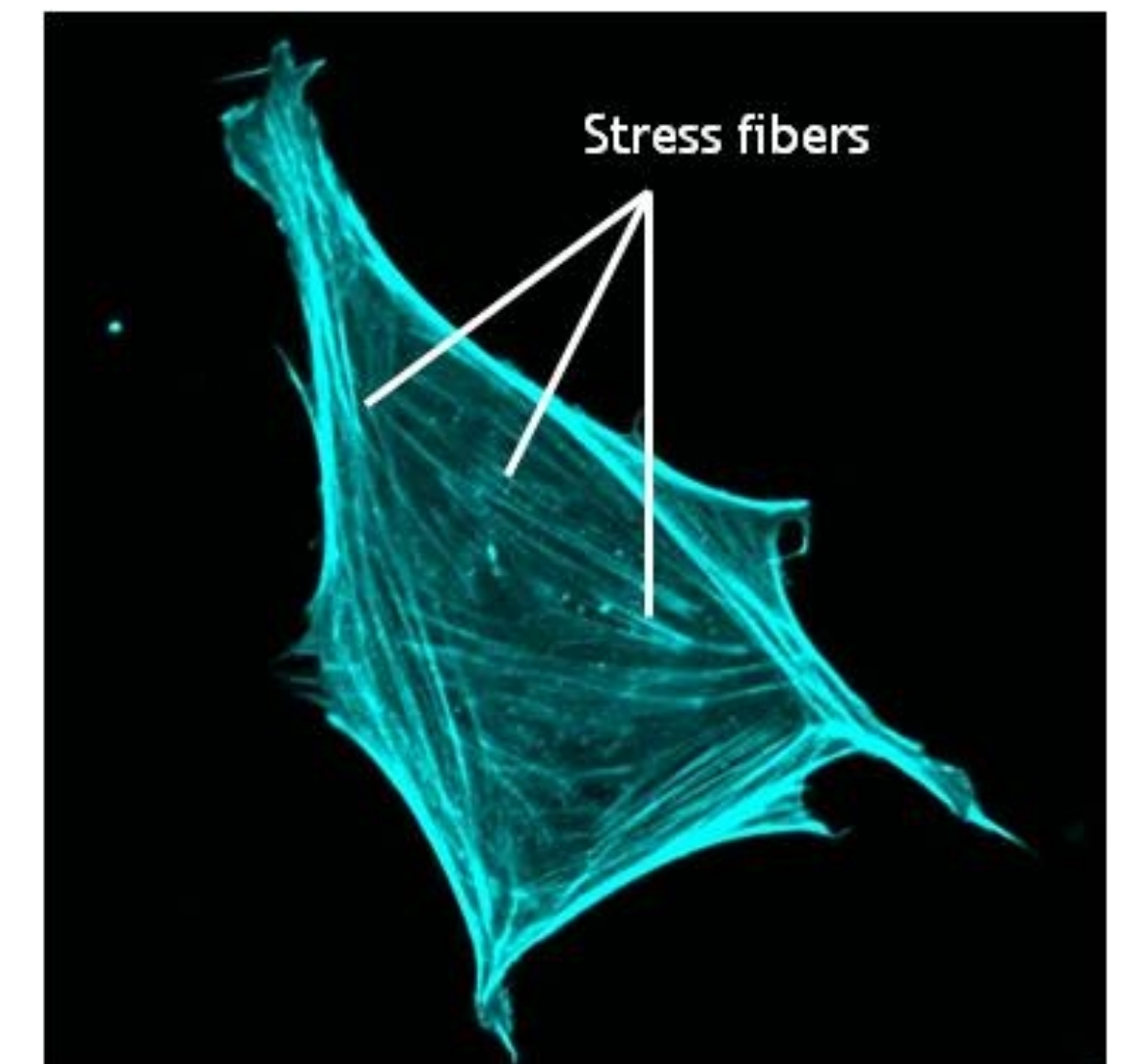


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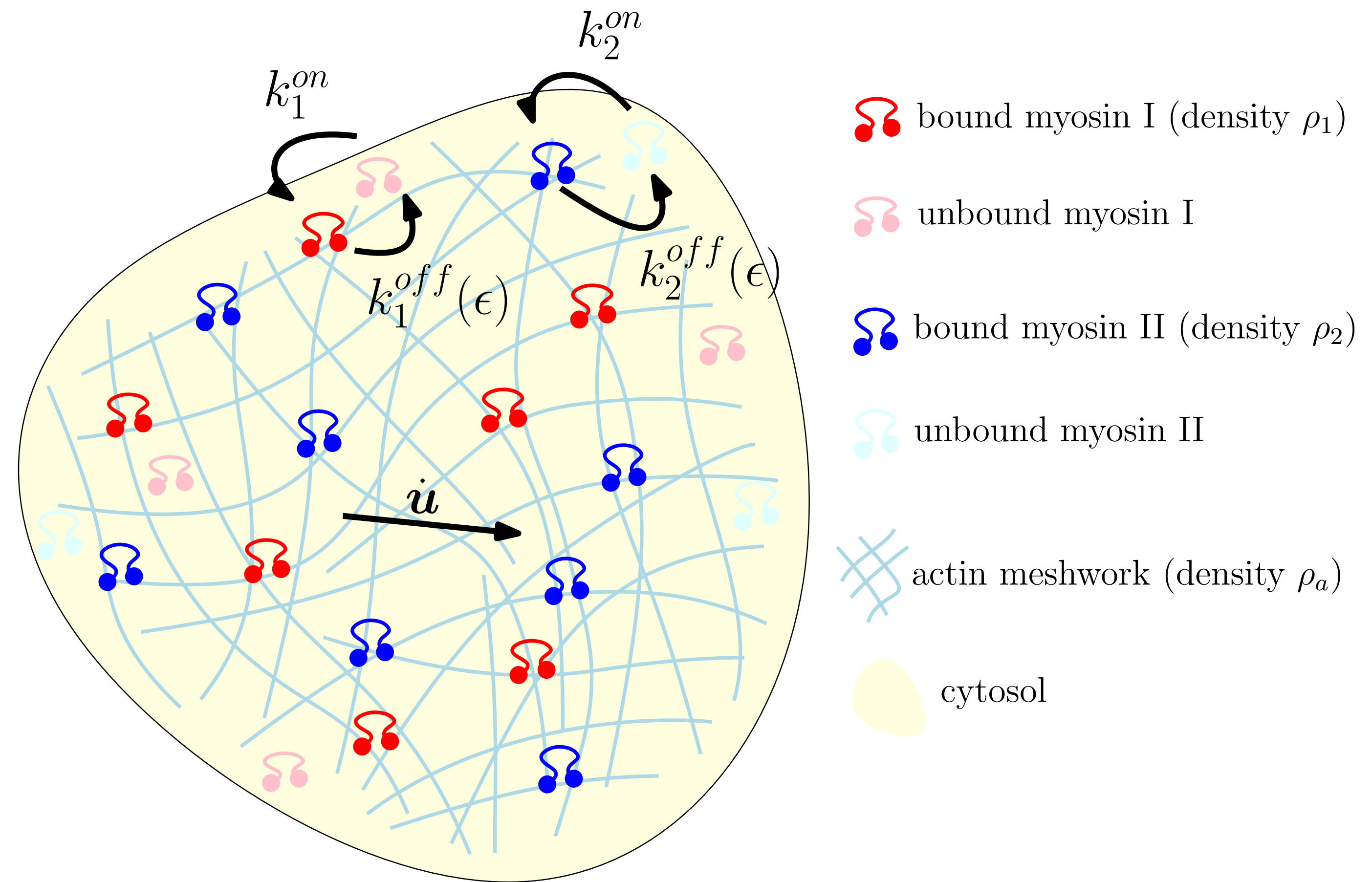


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Spatiotemporal Segregation of a Uniform Mixture of Stresslets



Hydrodynamic Model



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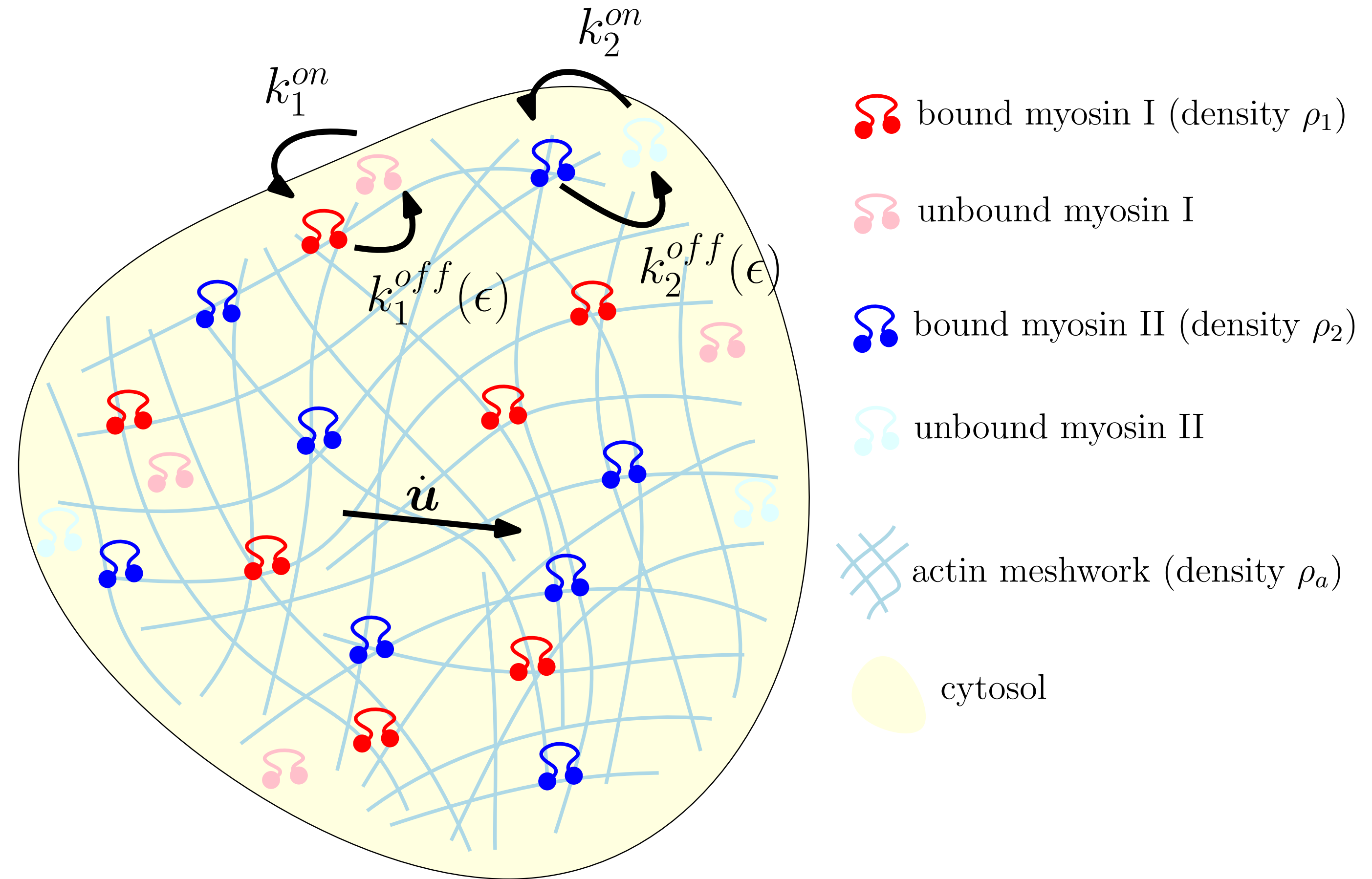
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elastic
(passive)

active

viscous
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$$F = \int \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{C}[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}] \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + C \delta \rho_a \text{tr} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \frac{A}{2} \delta \rho_a^2 \right) dx$$



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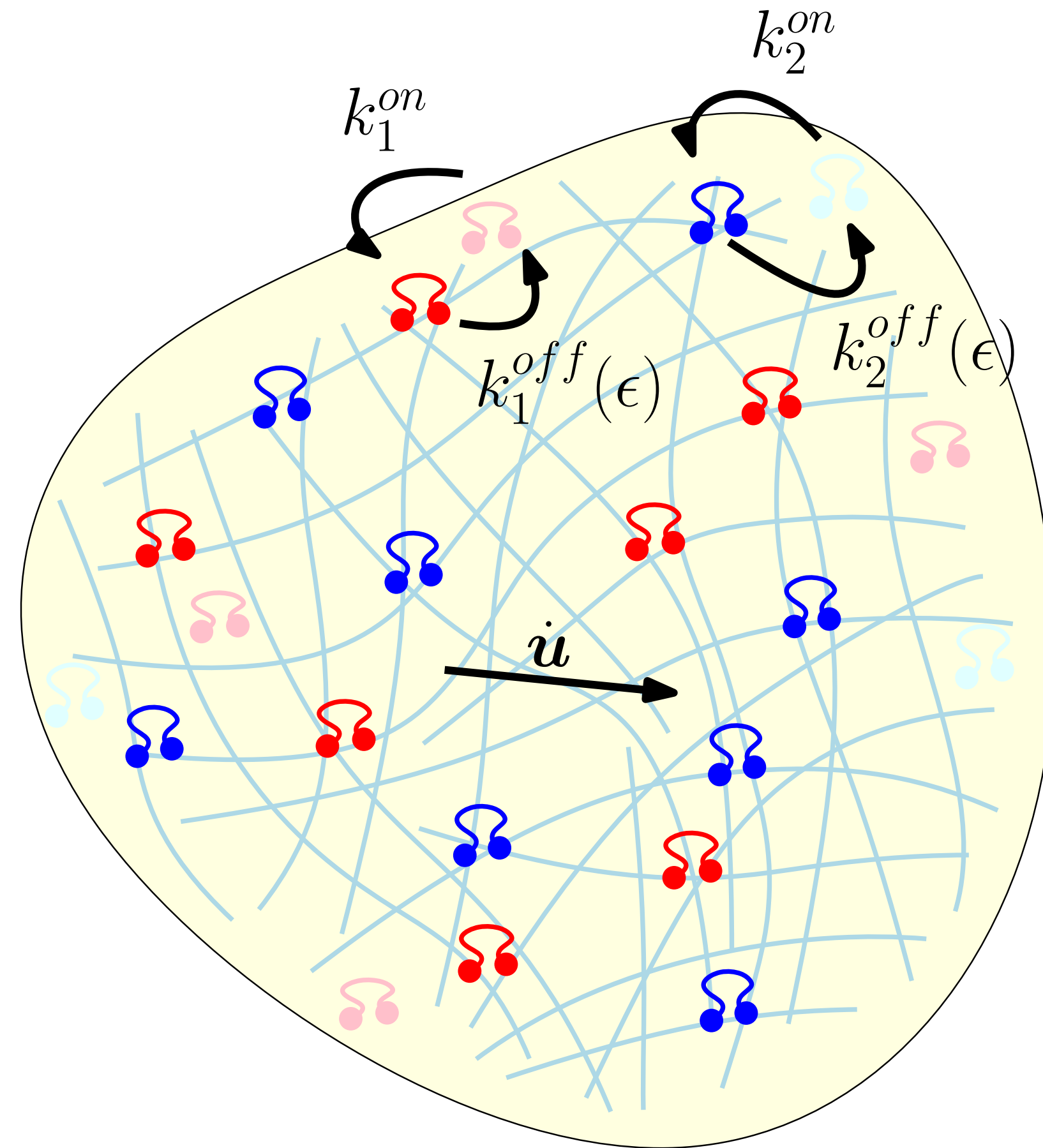
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-  bound myosin I (density ρ_1)
-  unbound myosin I
-  bound myosin II (density ρ_2)
-  unbound myosin II
-  actin meshwork (density ρ_a)
-  cytosol

Hydrodynamics of the Stresslets

$$\dot{\rho}_1 + \nabla \cdot (\rho_1 \dot{\mathbf{u}}) = D \nabla^2 \rho_1 + k_1^{on} \rho_a - k_1^{off}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \rho_1$$

$$\dot{\rho}_2 + \nabla \cdot (\rho_2 \dot{\mathbf{u}}) = D \nabla^2 \rho_2 + k_2^{on} \rho_a - k_2^{off}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \rho_2$$

$$k_1^{off}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = k_{10}^{off} e^{\alpha_1 \text{tr} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$$

$$k_2^{off}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = k_{20}^{off} e^{\alpha_2 \text{tr} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$$

$\alpha_{1,2} > 0$: catch bond

$\alpha_{1,2} < 0$: slip bond

Governing Hydrodynamic Equations

scalar version, non-dimensionalized

$$\dot{u} = \partial_x \sigma,$$

$$\epsilon = \partial_x u$$

$$\rho := \frac{\rho_1 + \rho_2}{2}, \quad \phi := \frac{\rho_1 - \rho_2}{2}$$

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Segregation Order Parameter

$$\dot{\rho} + \partial_x(\rho \dot{u}) = D \partial_{xx}^2 \rho + \left(1 - \frac{C}{A} \epsilon\right) - \left(k_1 + k_3 \epsilon + o(\epsilon)\right) \rho - \left(k_2 + k_4 \epsilon + o(\epsilon)\right) \phi$$

$$\dot{\phi} + \partial_x(\phi \dot{u}) = D \partial_{xx}^2 \phi + k_5 \left(1 - \frac{C}{A} \epsilon\right) - \left(k_1 + k_3 \epsilon + o(\epsilon)\right) \phi - \left(k_2 + k_4 \epsilon + o(\epsilon)\right) \rho$$

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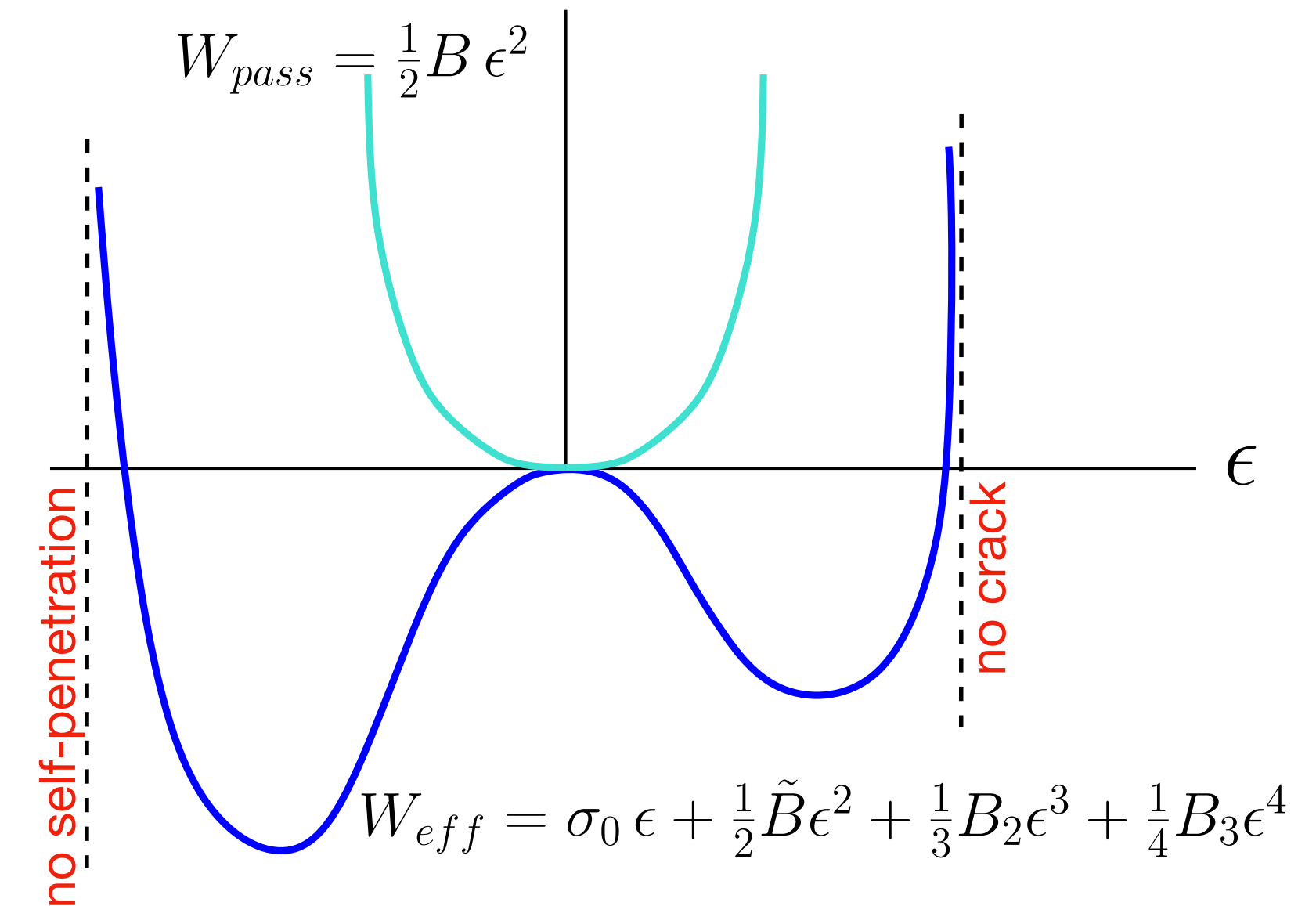
$$\sigma_0 := 2 \chi(\rho_a^0) (\zeta_{\text{avg}} \rho + \zeta_{\text{rel}} \phi), \quad \text{active back stress}$$

$$\tilde{B} := B - \frac{C^2}{A} - 2 \chi'(\rho_a^0) \frac{C}{A} (\zeta_{\text{avg}} \rho + \zeta_{\text{rel}} \phi), \quad \text{activity renormalised linear elastic modulus}$$

$$B_2 := \chi''(\rho_a^0) \left(\frac{C}{A}\right)^2 (\zeta_{\text{avg}} \rho + \zeta_{\text{rel}} \phi),$$

$$B_3 := -\frac{\chi'''(\rho_a^0)}{3} \left(\frac{C}{A}\right)^3 (\zeta_{\text{avg}} \rho + \zeta_{\text{rel}} \phi).$$

active non-linear elastic moduli



Linear Stability of the homogeneous unstrained uniform steady state

$$u_0 = 0 \quad \phi_0 = 0 \quad \rho_0 = 1/k_1$$

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**General solution for
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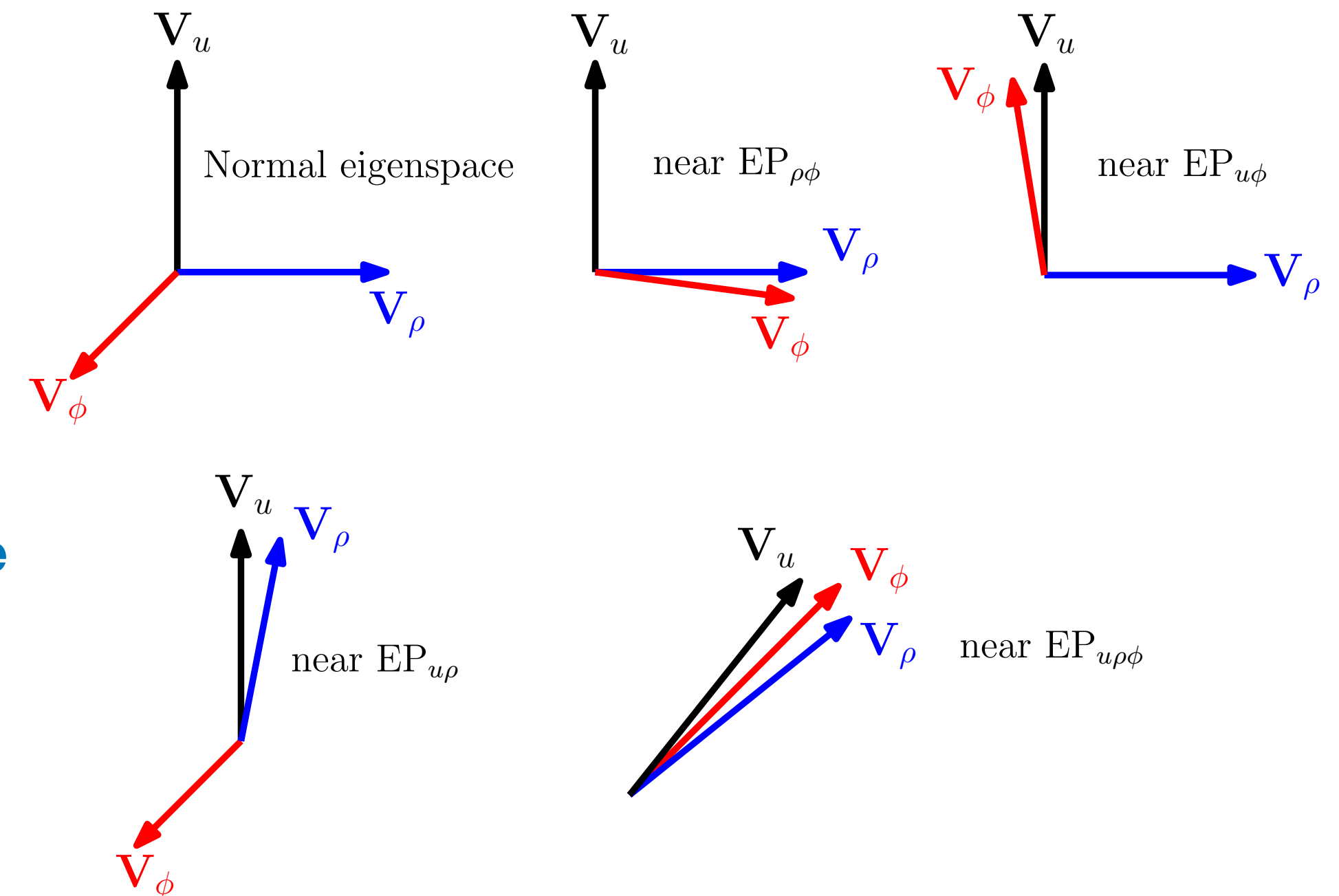
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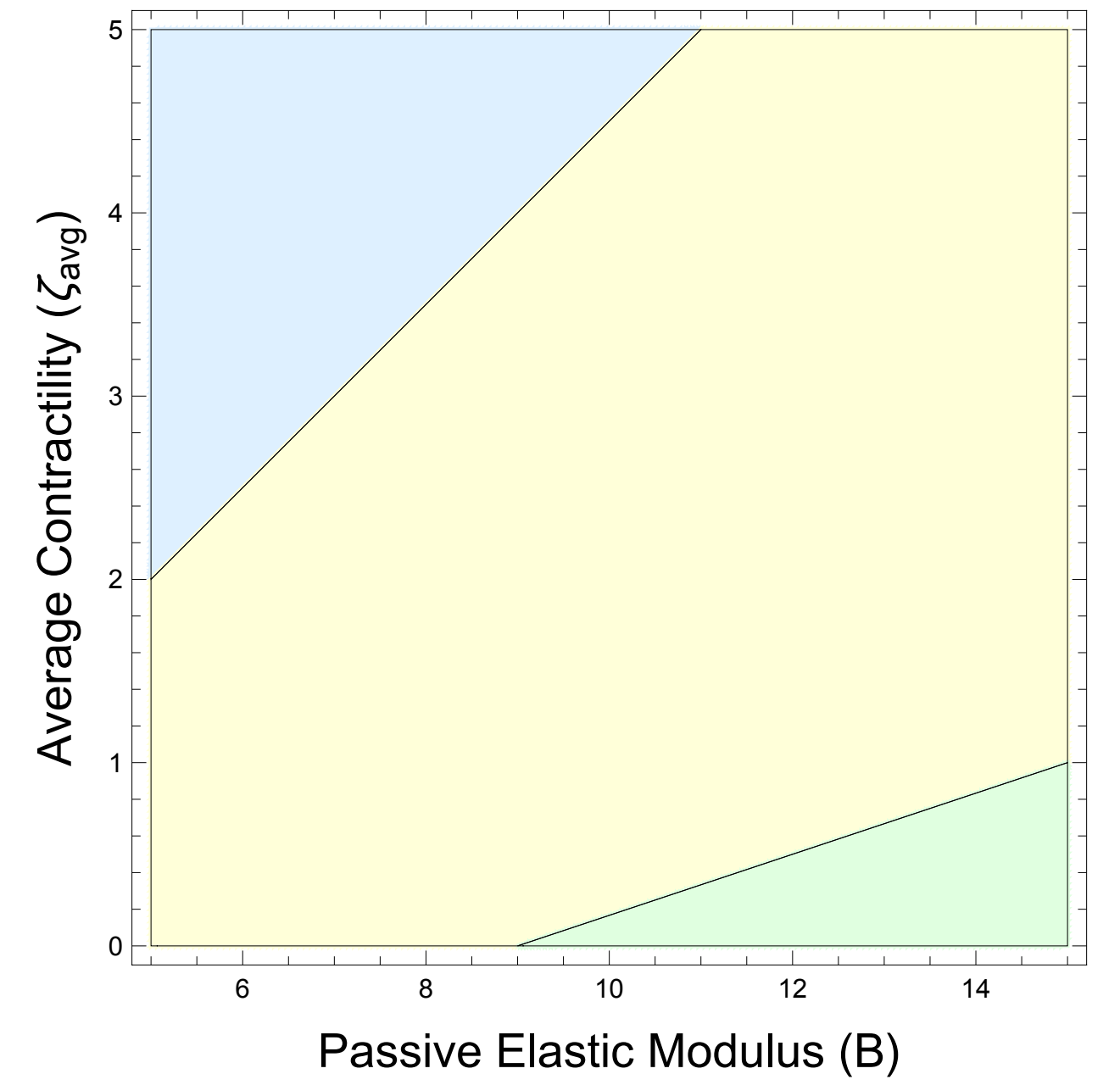
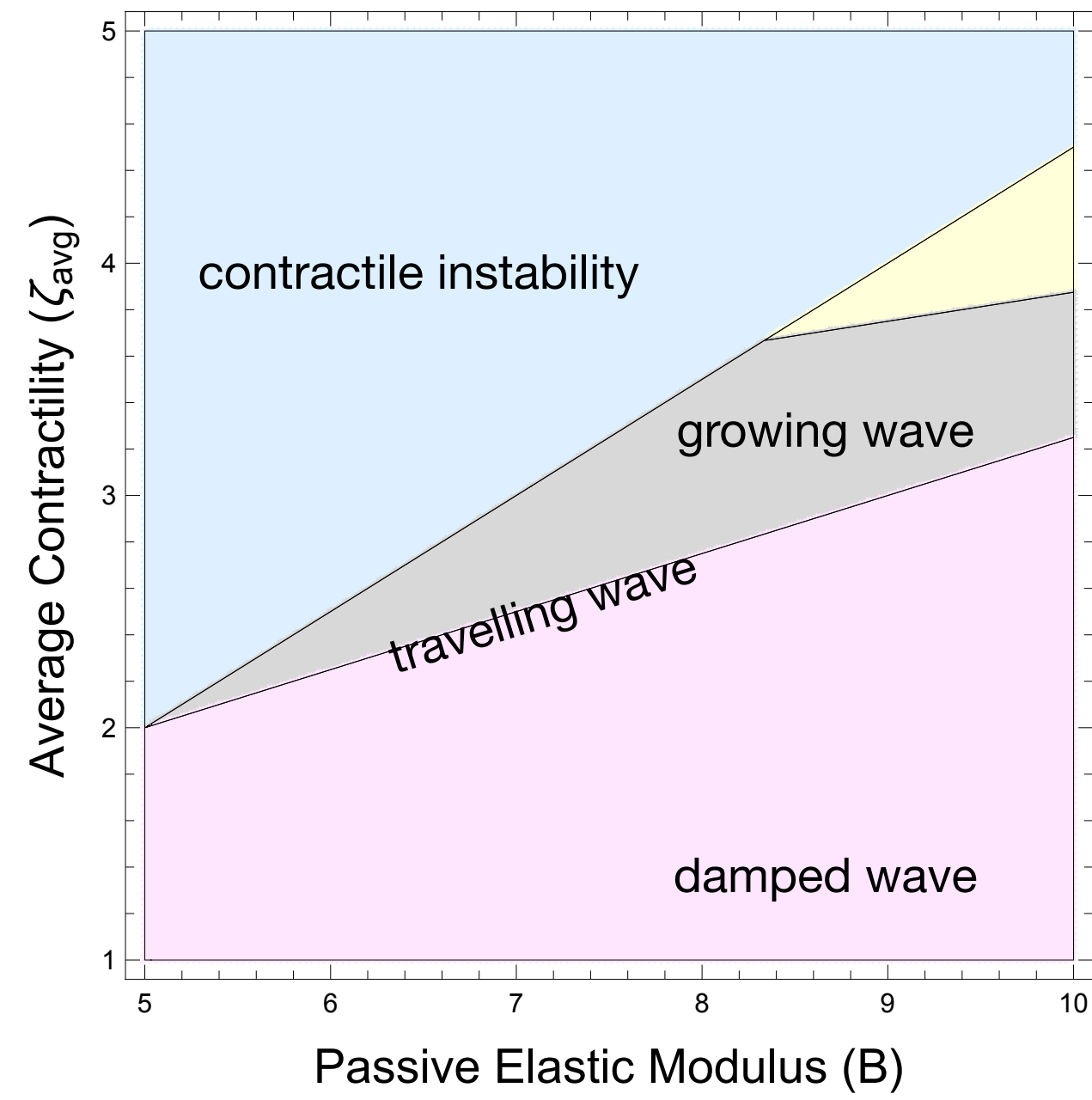
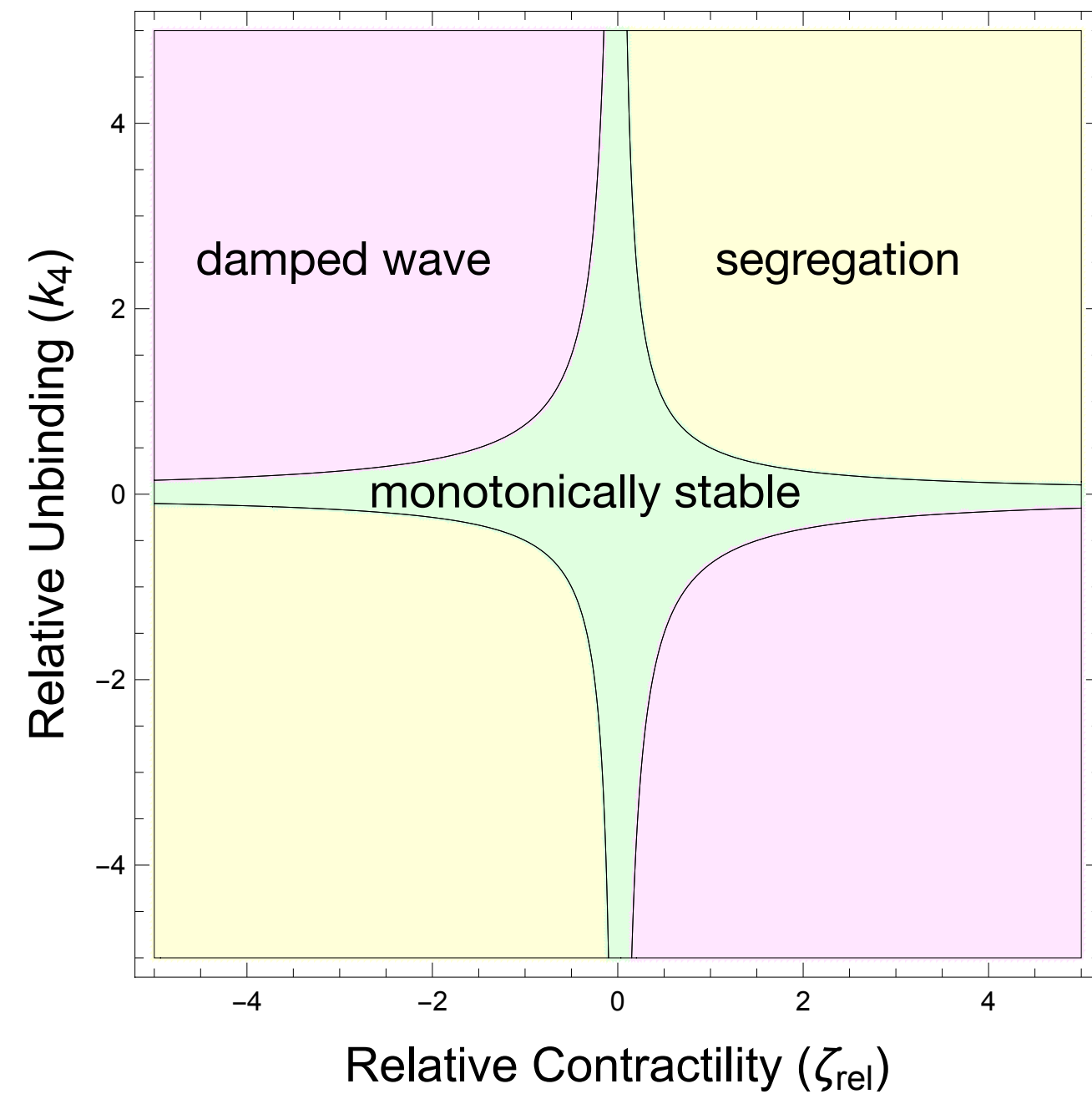
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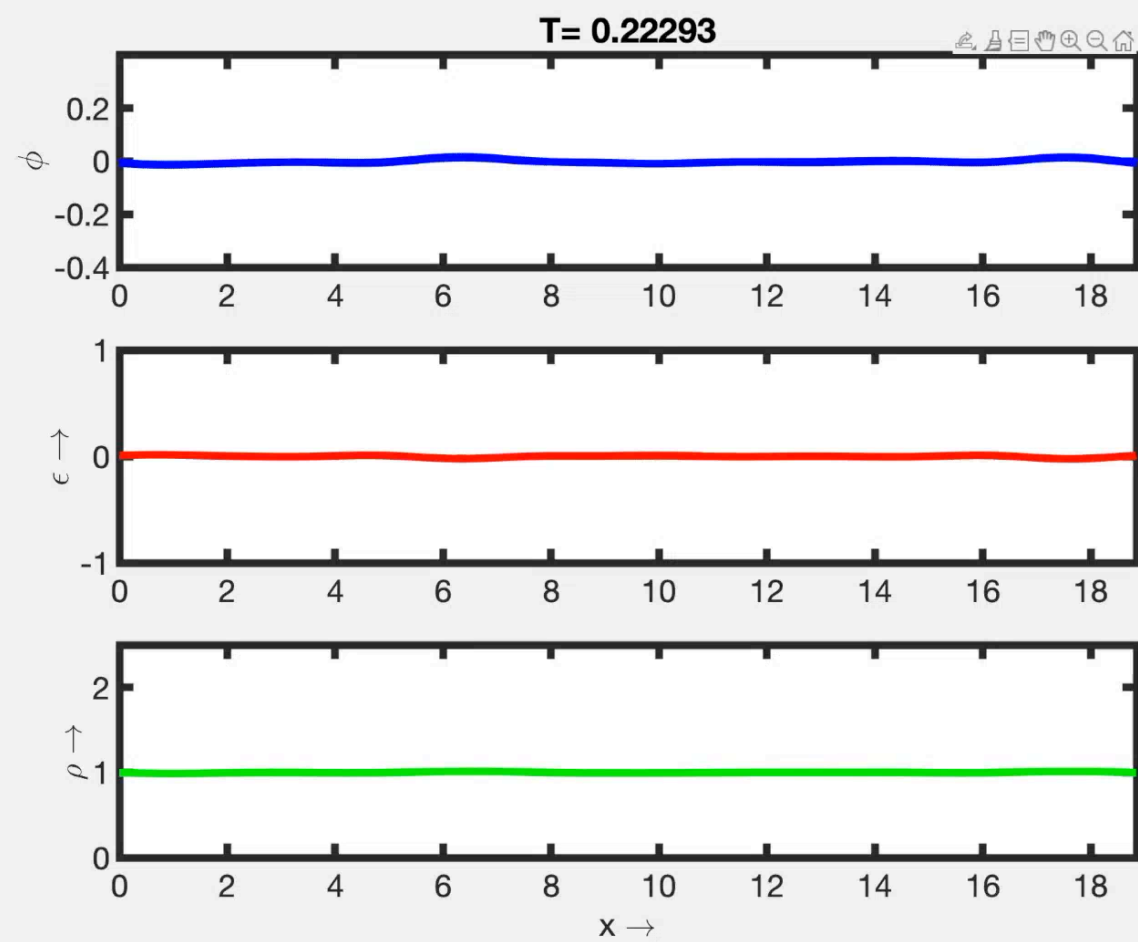
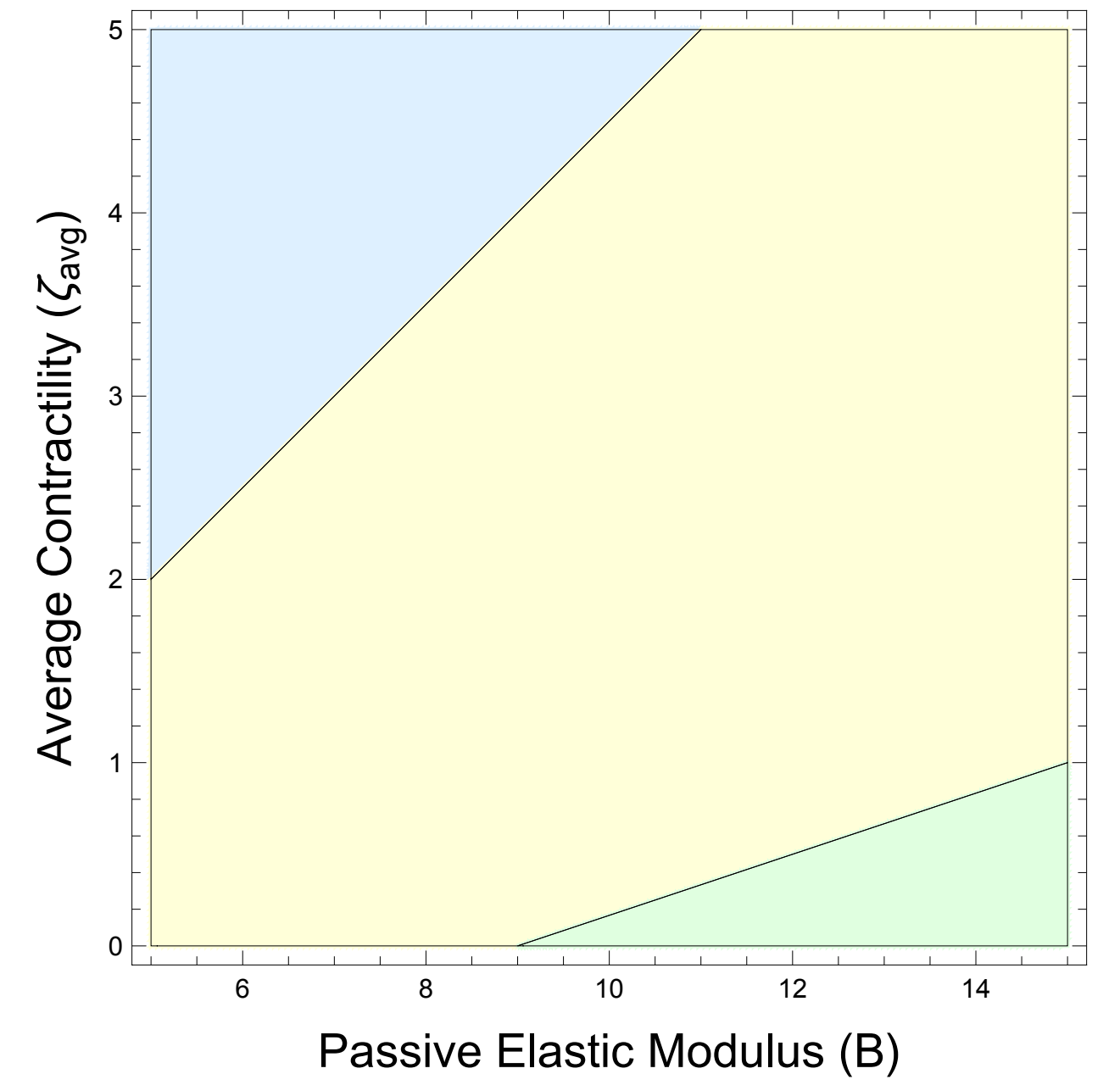
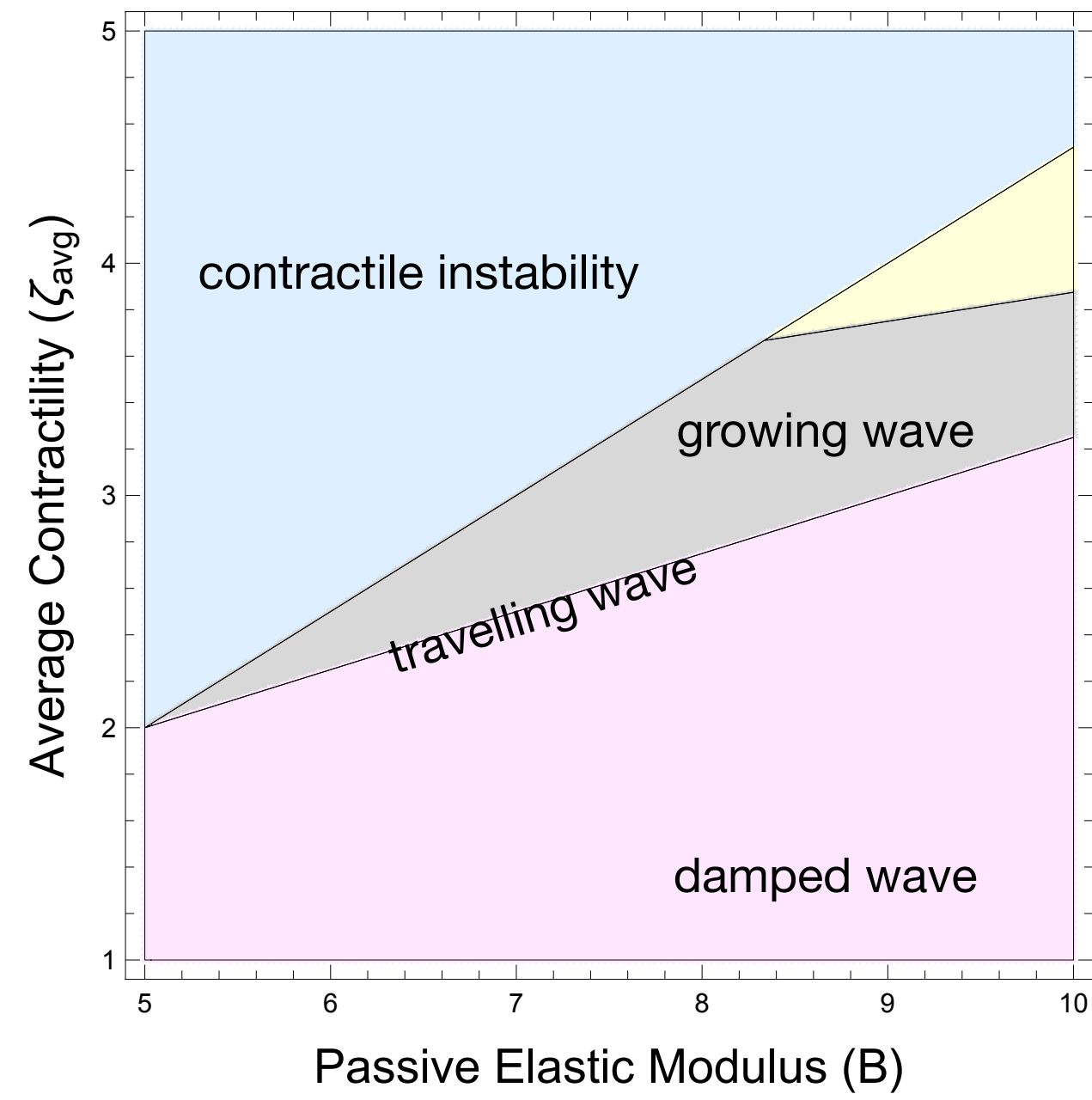
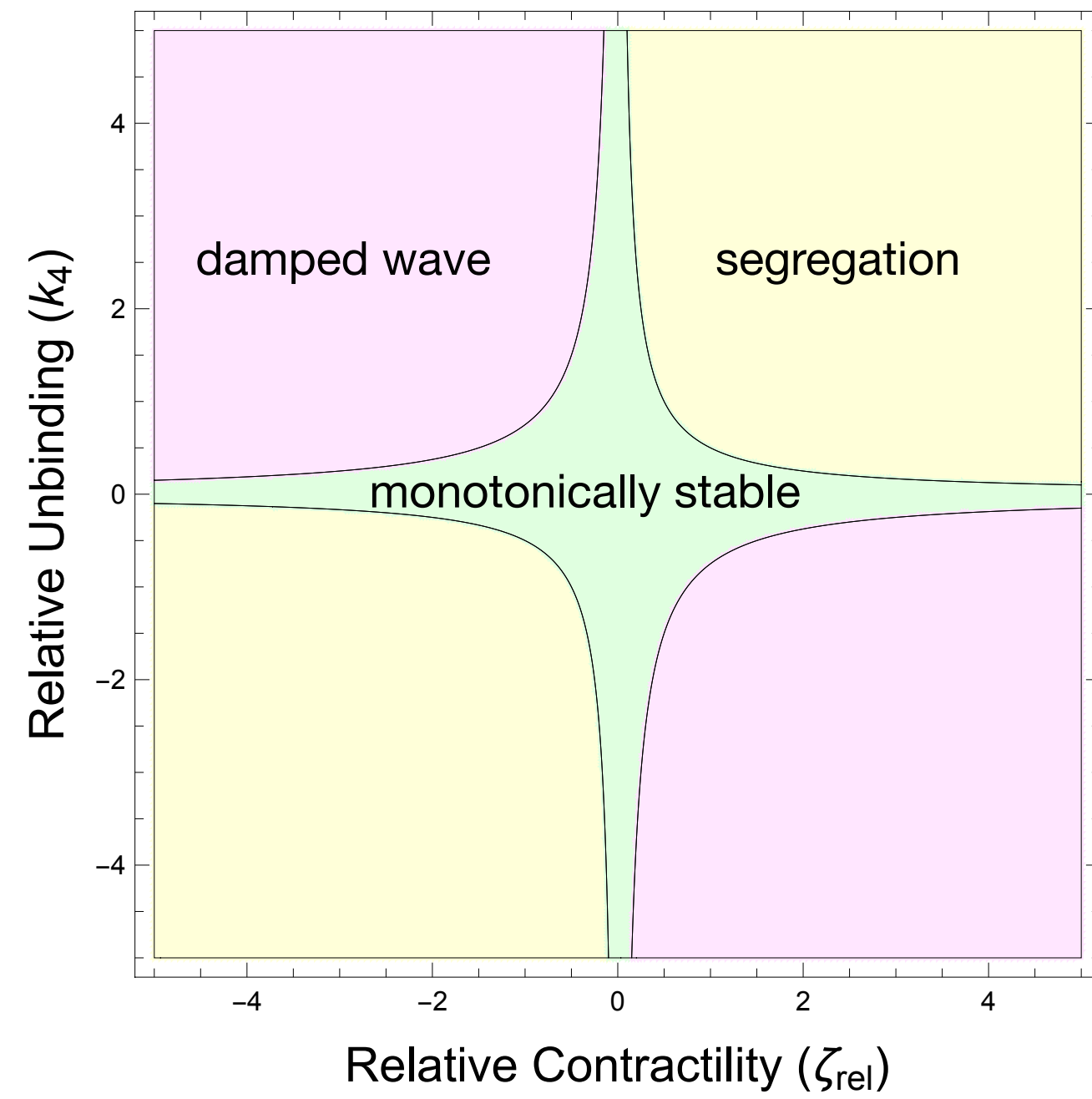


Non-Hermitian Dynamics:
Non-orthogonal Eigenvectors,
Exceptional Point where some of the Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors coalesce

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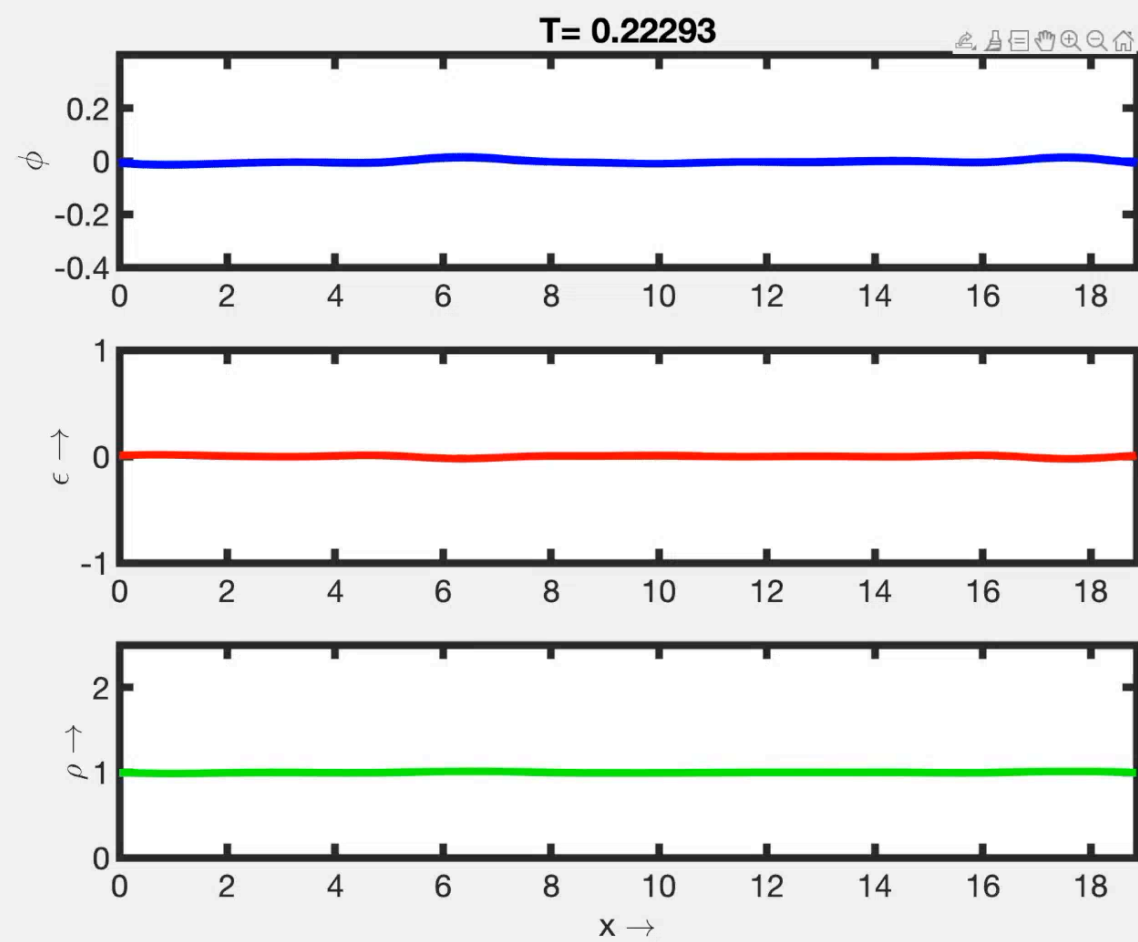
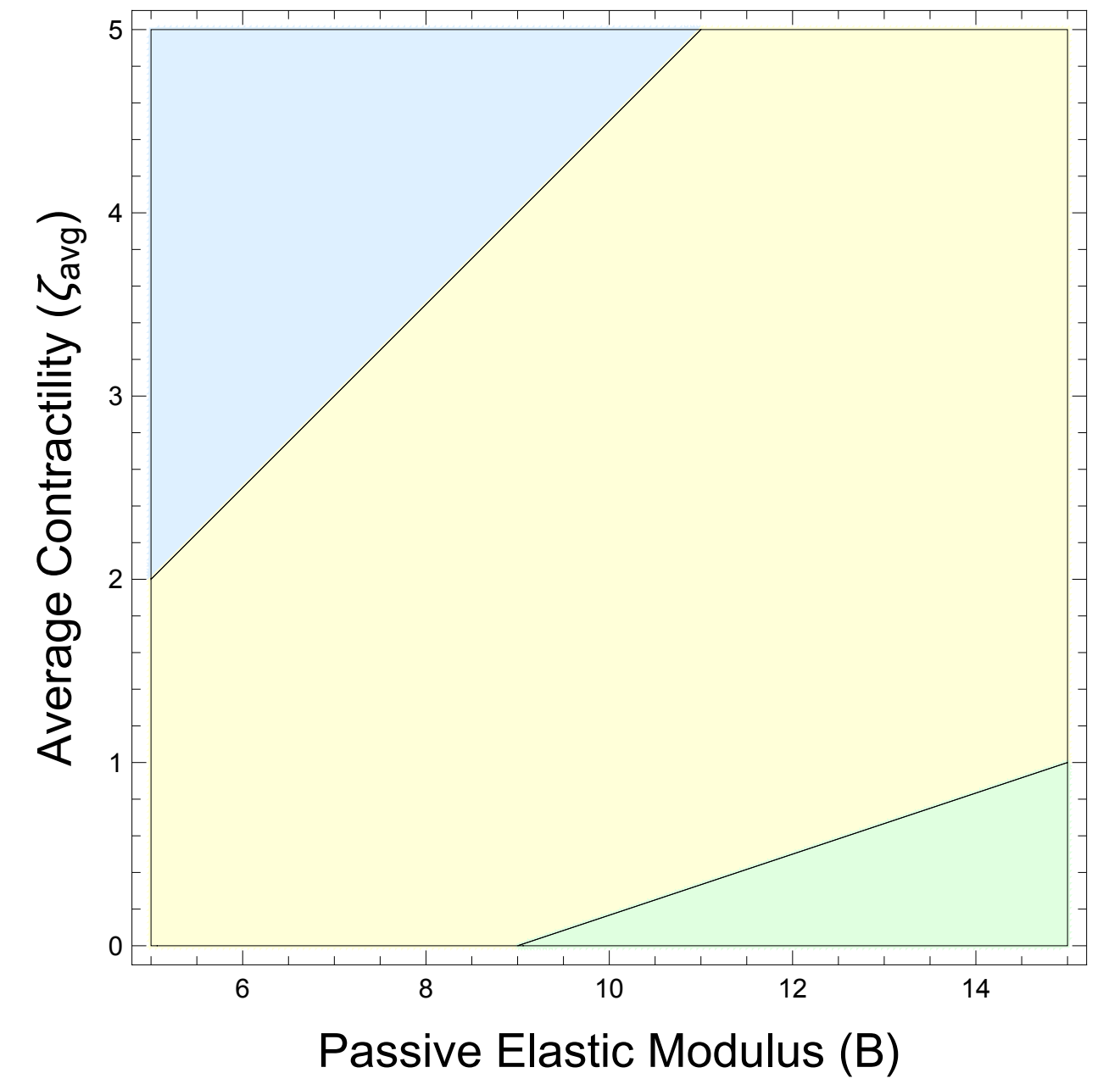
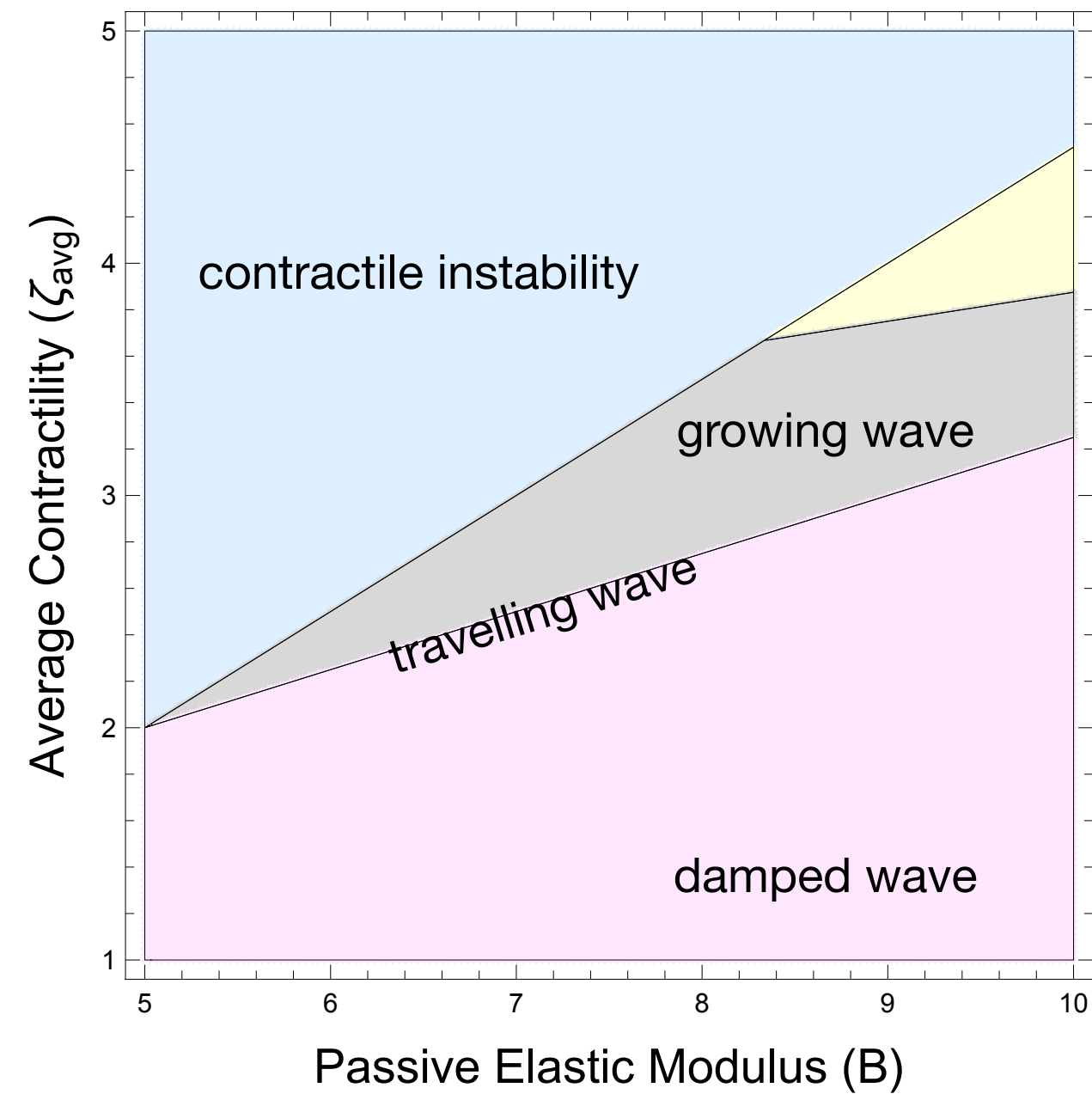
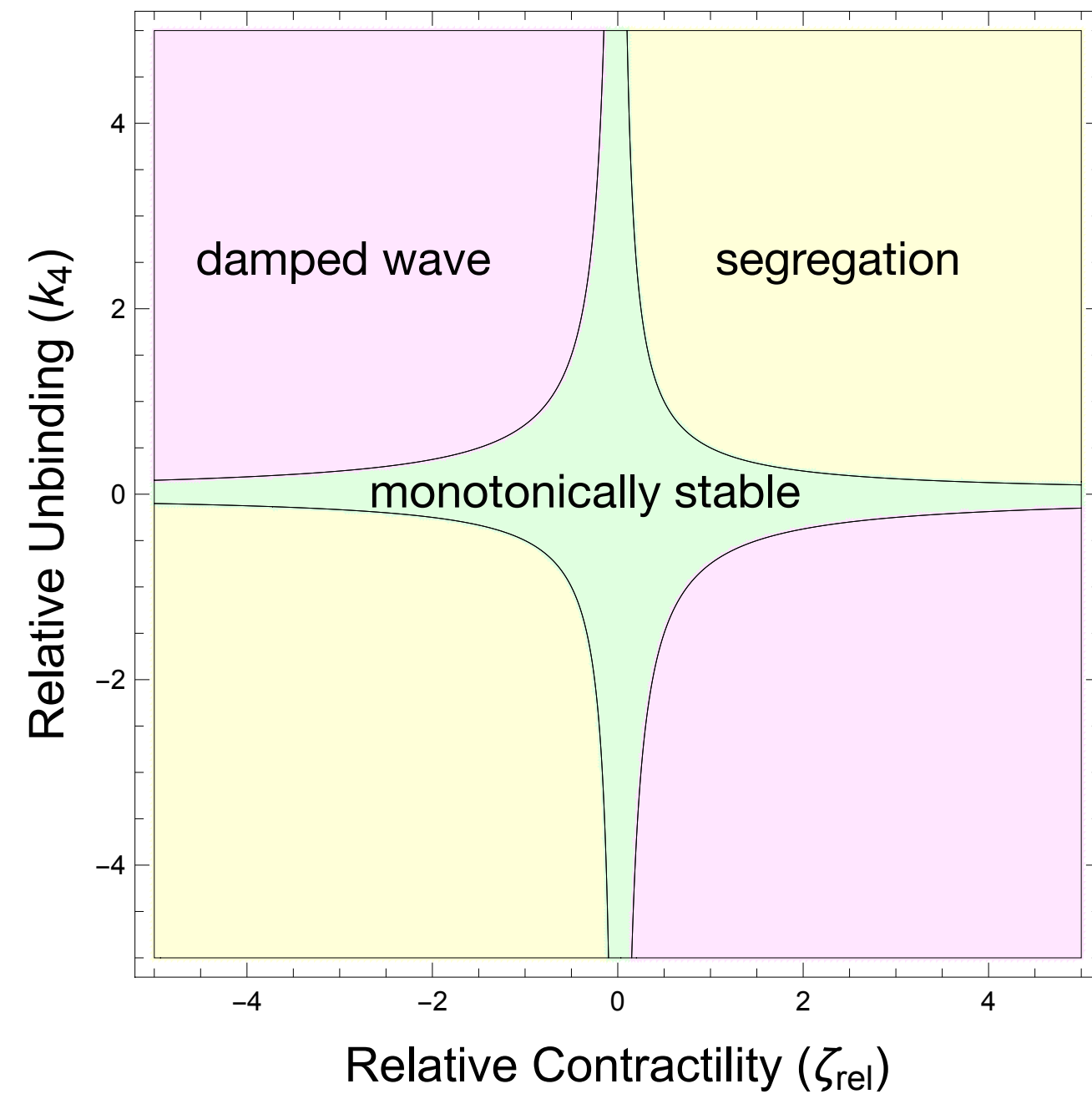
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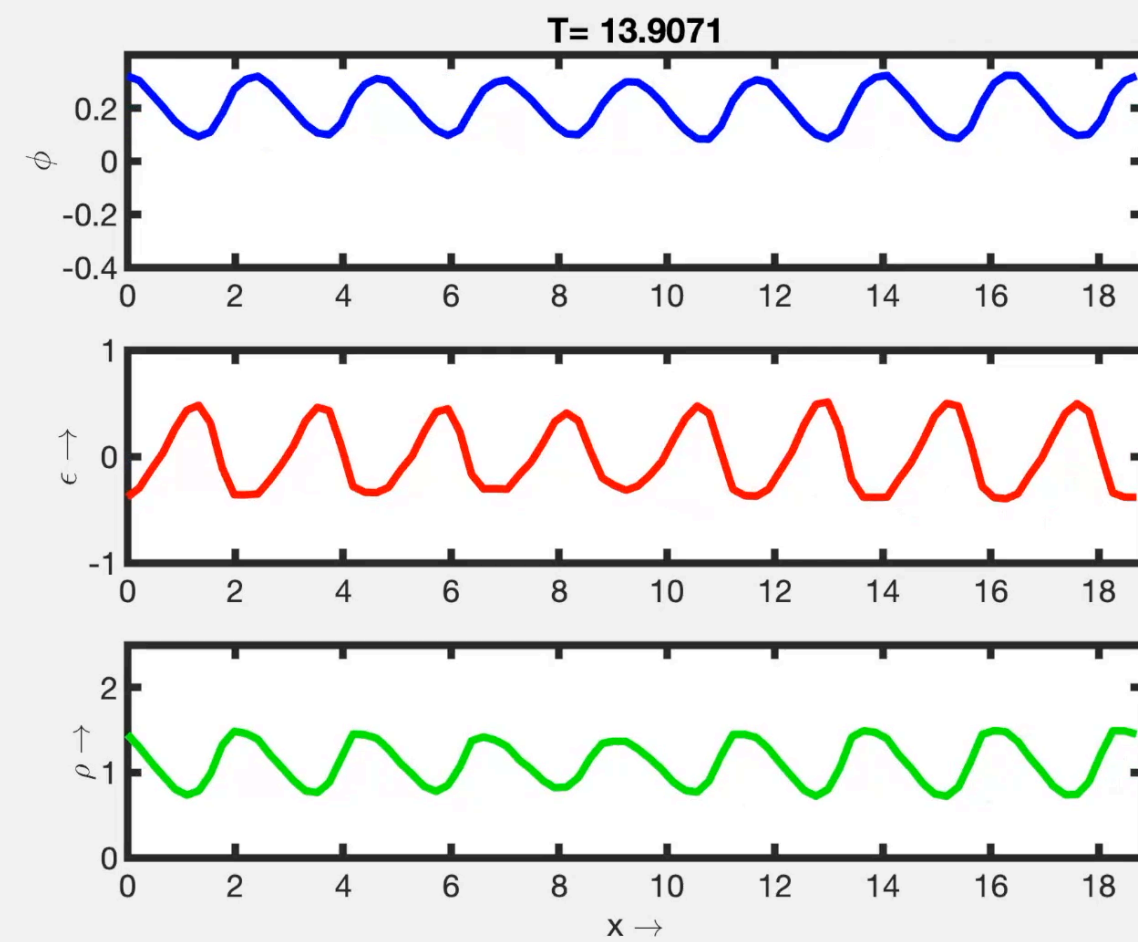
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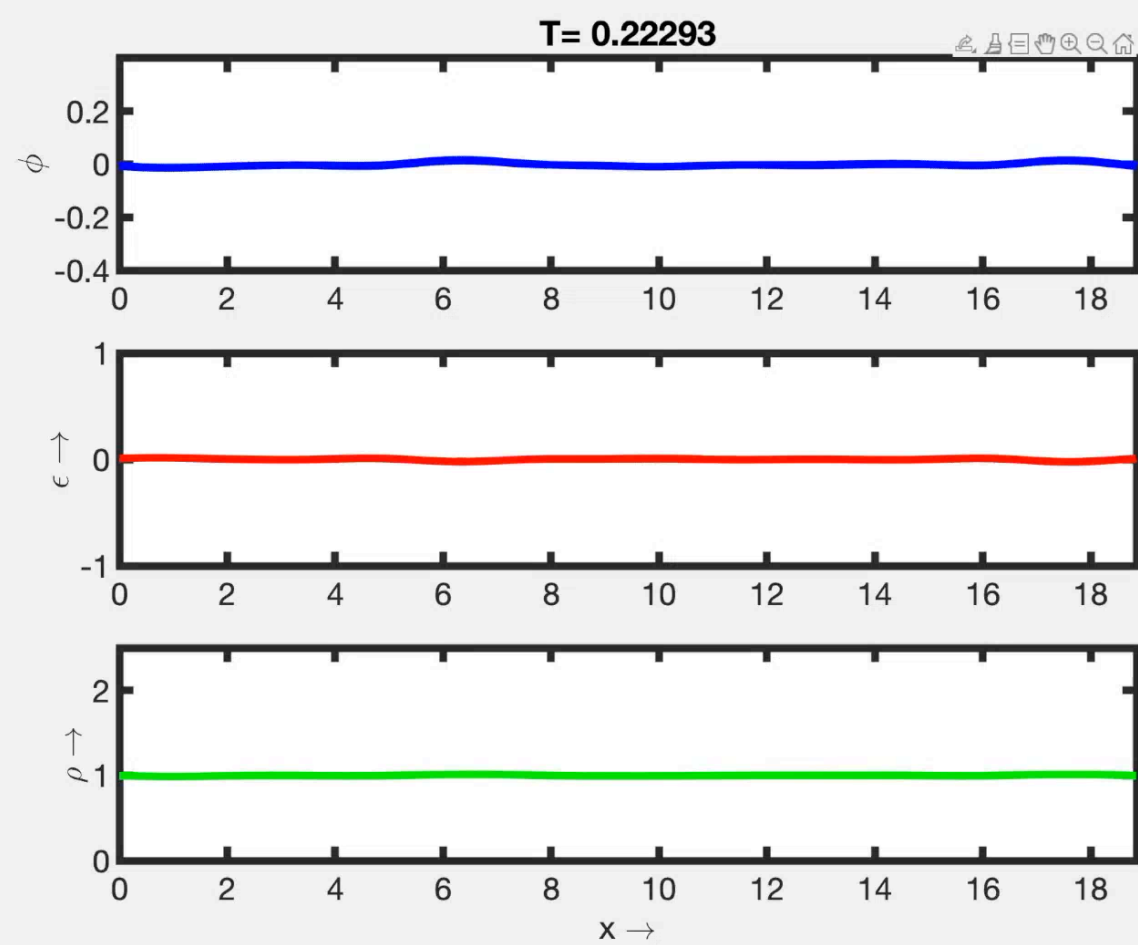
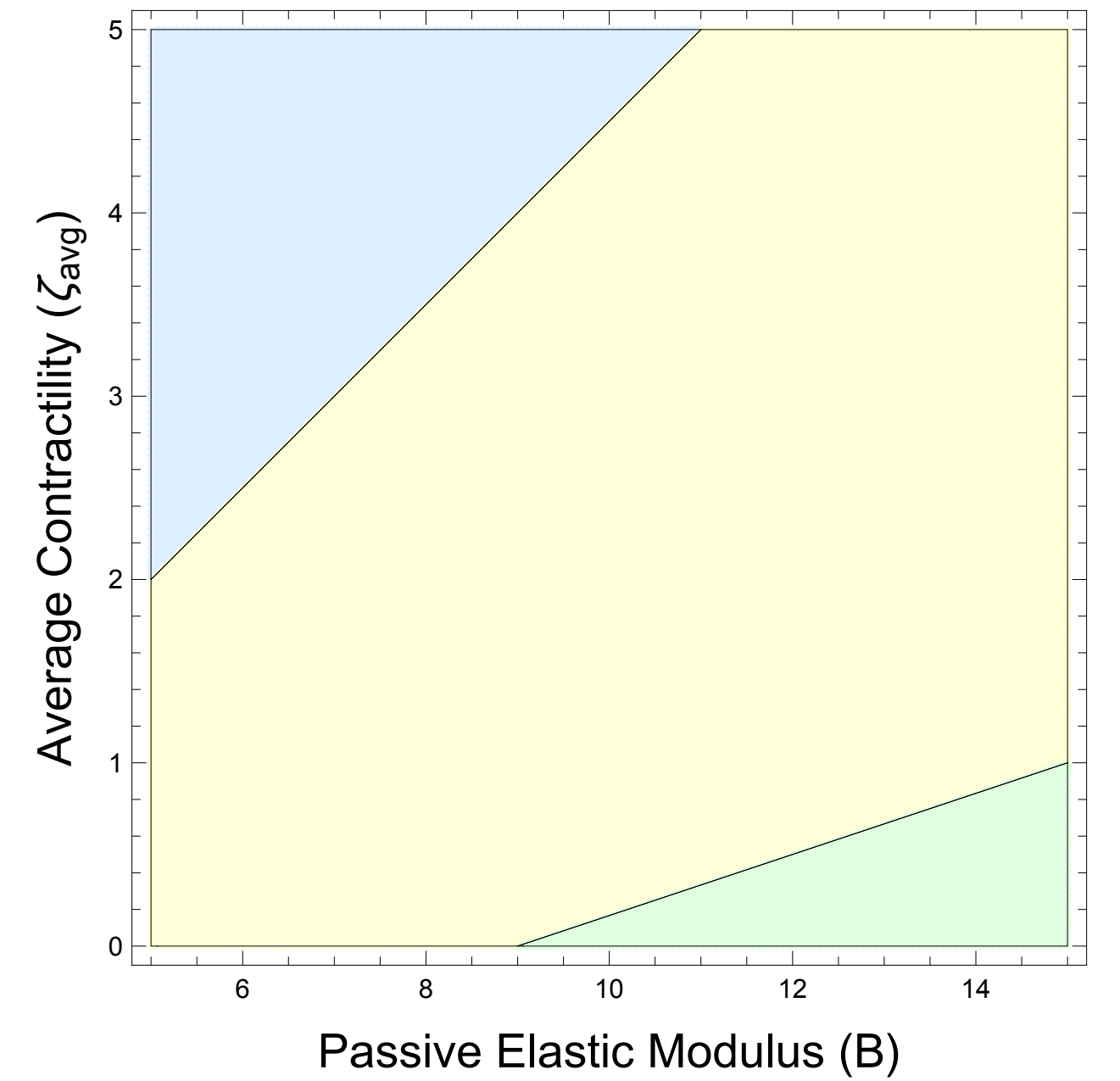
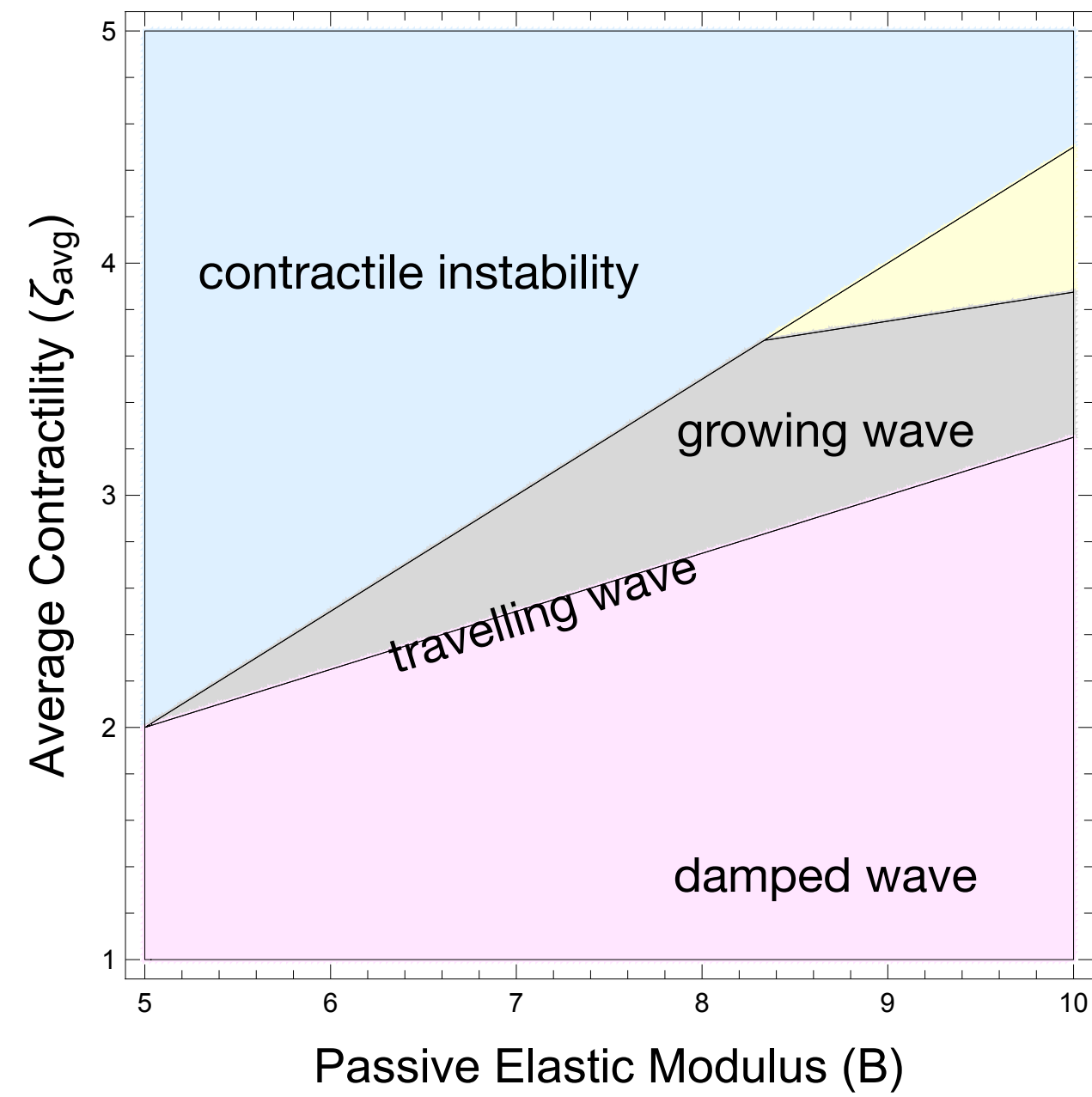
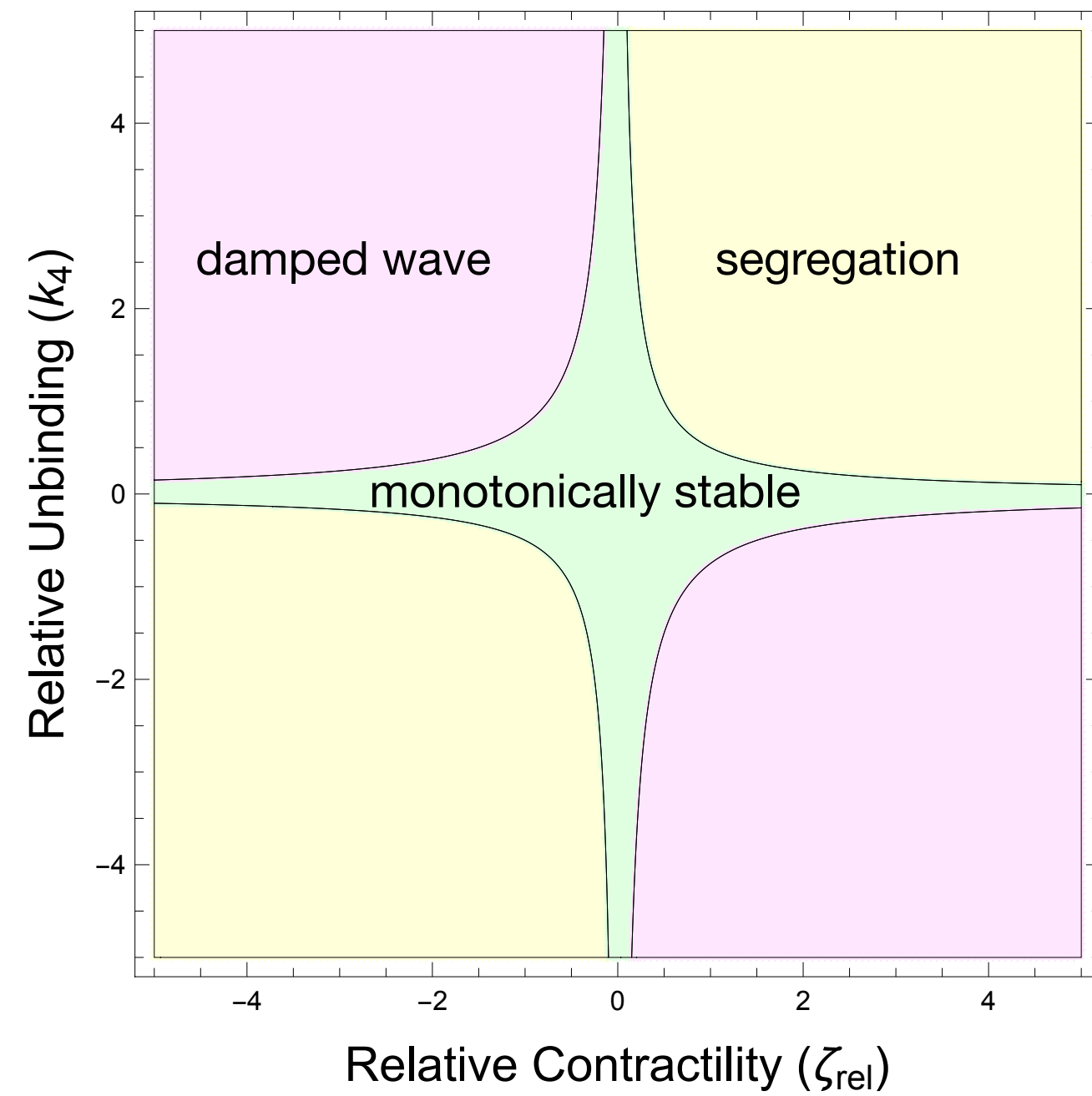
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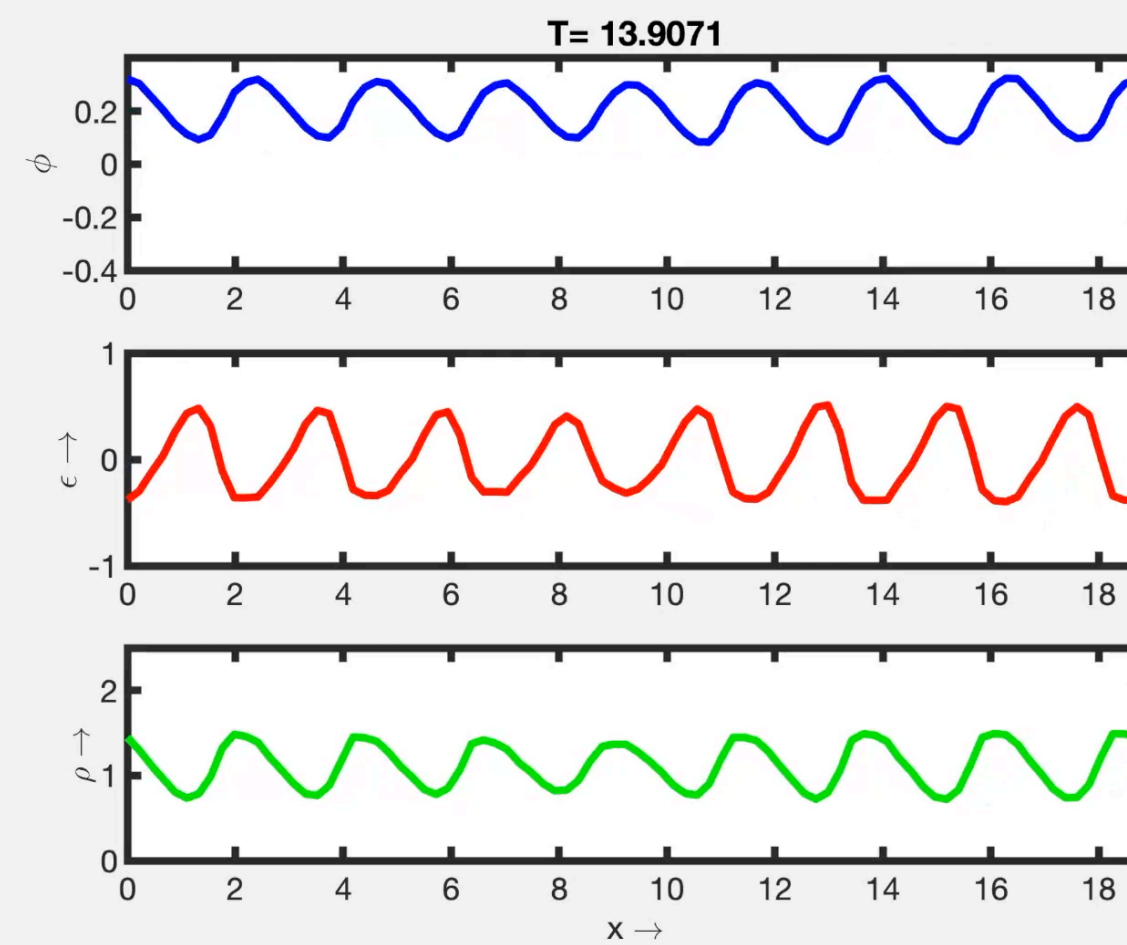
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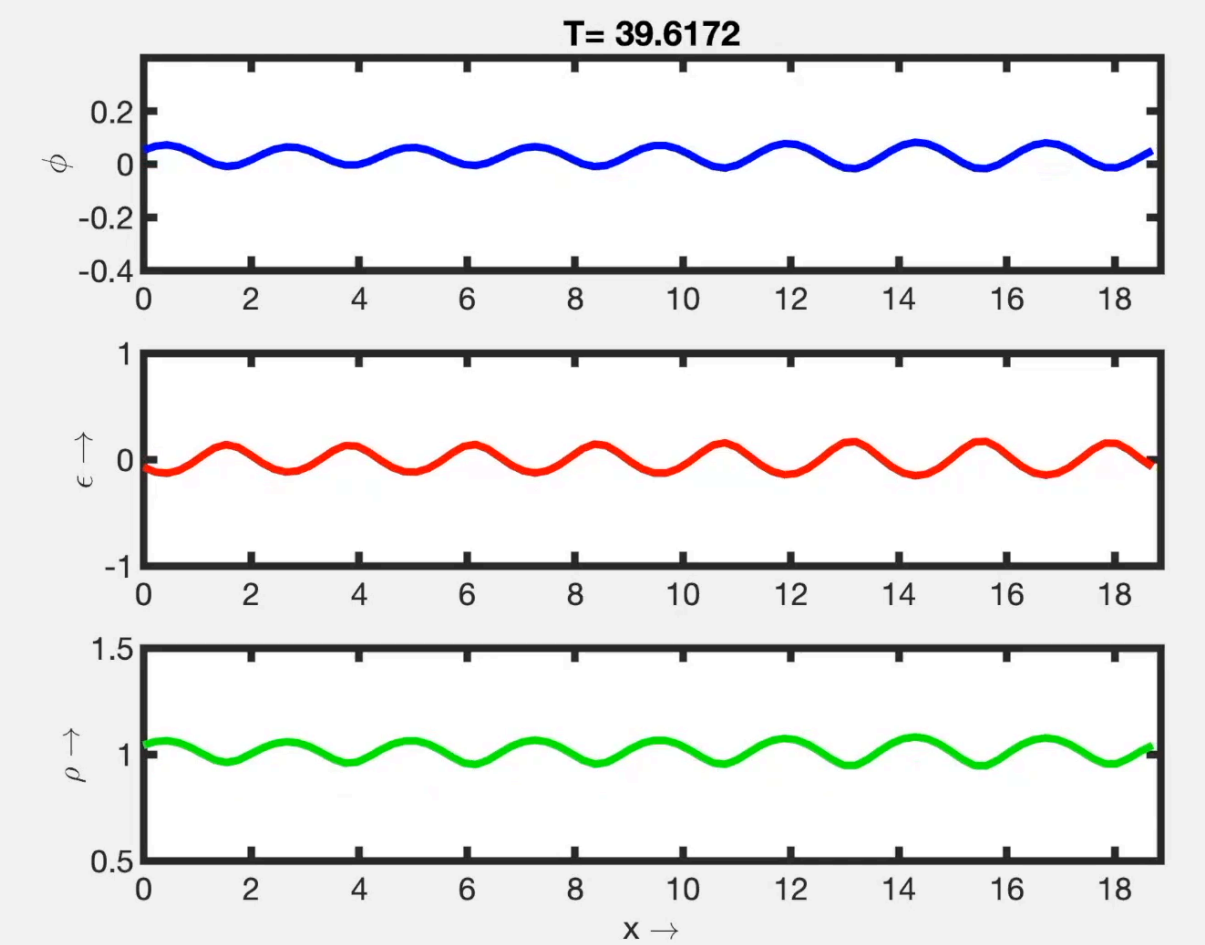
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Swap

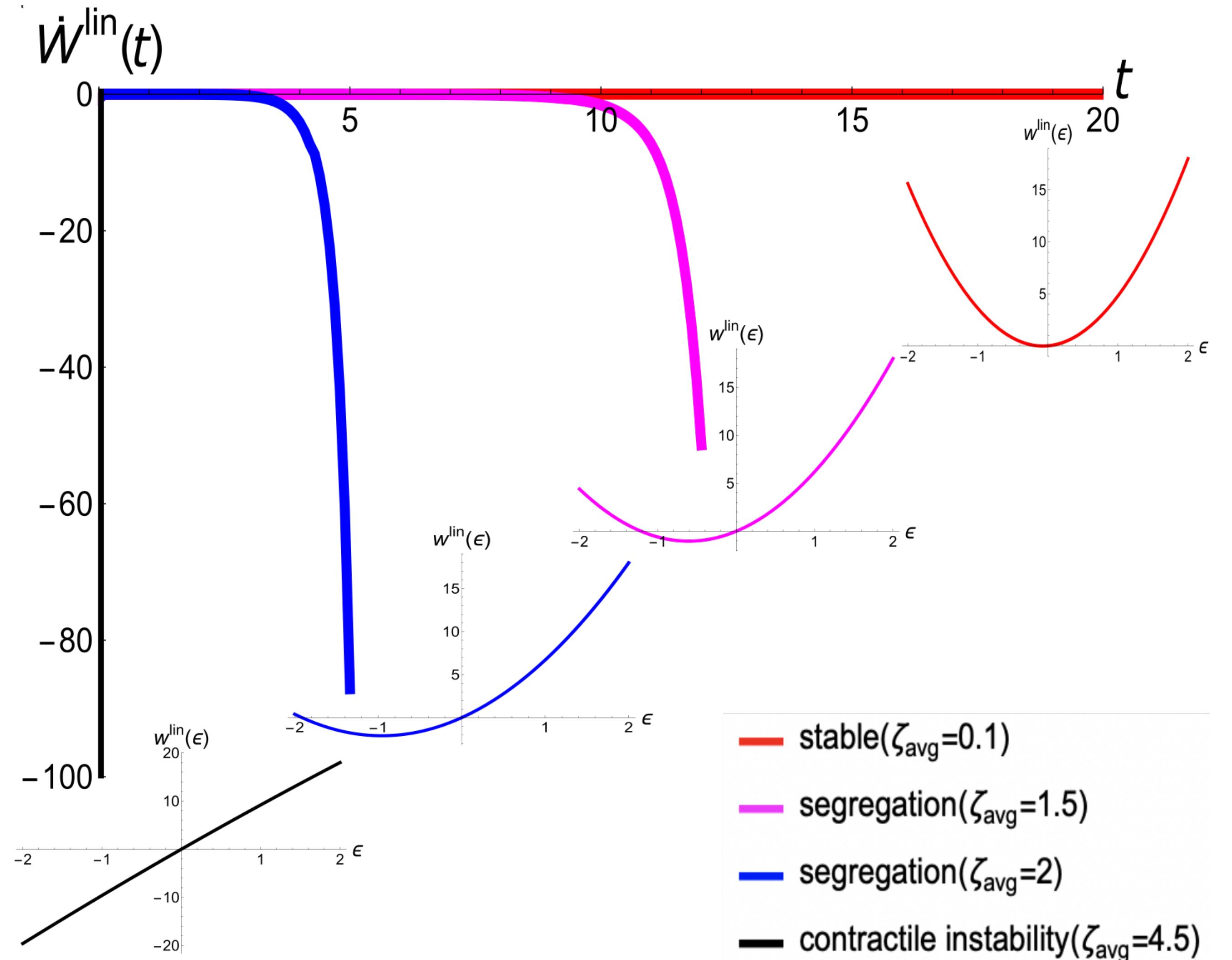
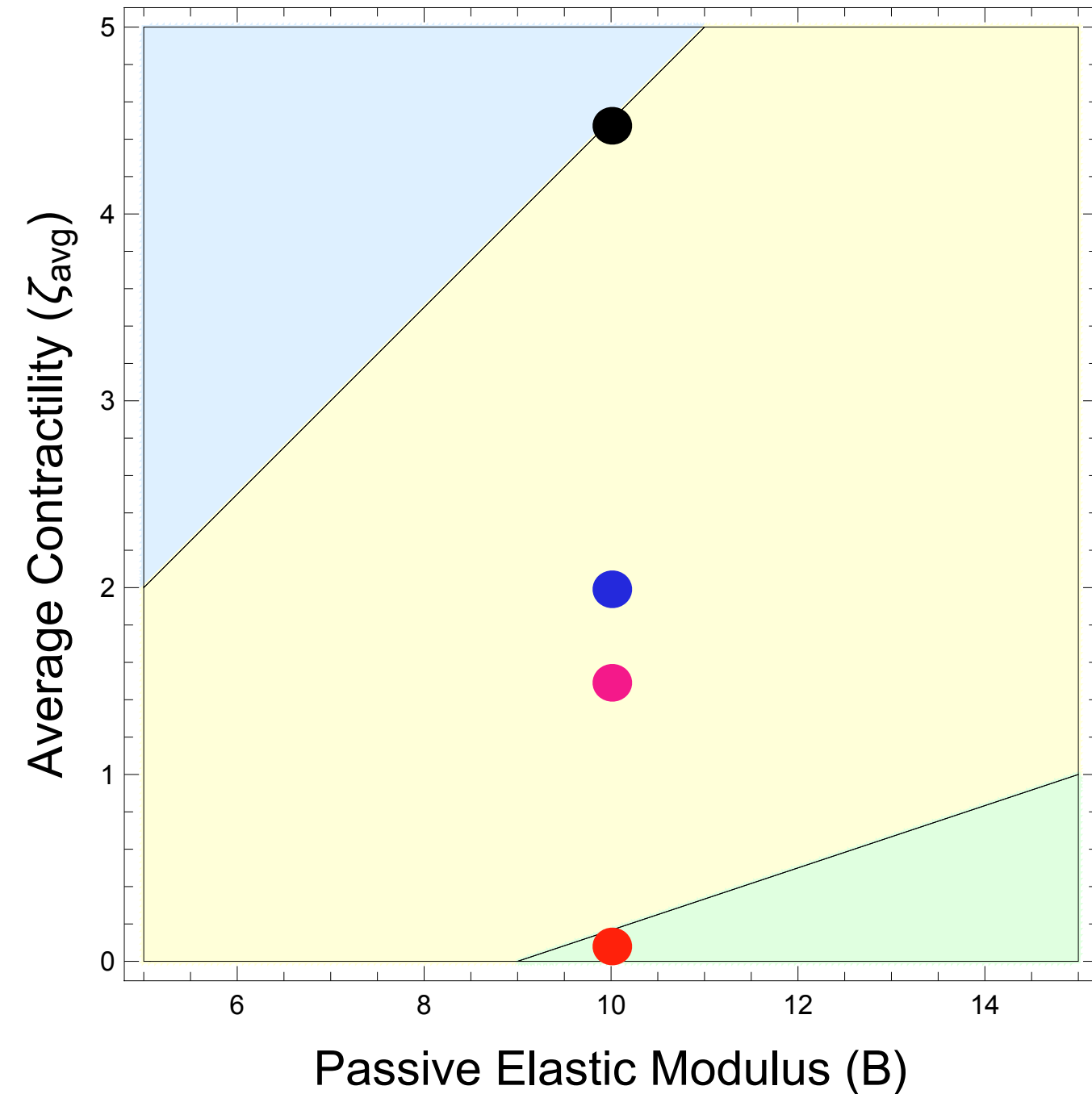
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Driving Force for 'Linear' Segregation: Elastic Stress Dissipation

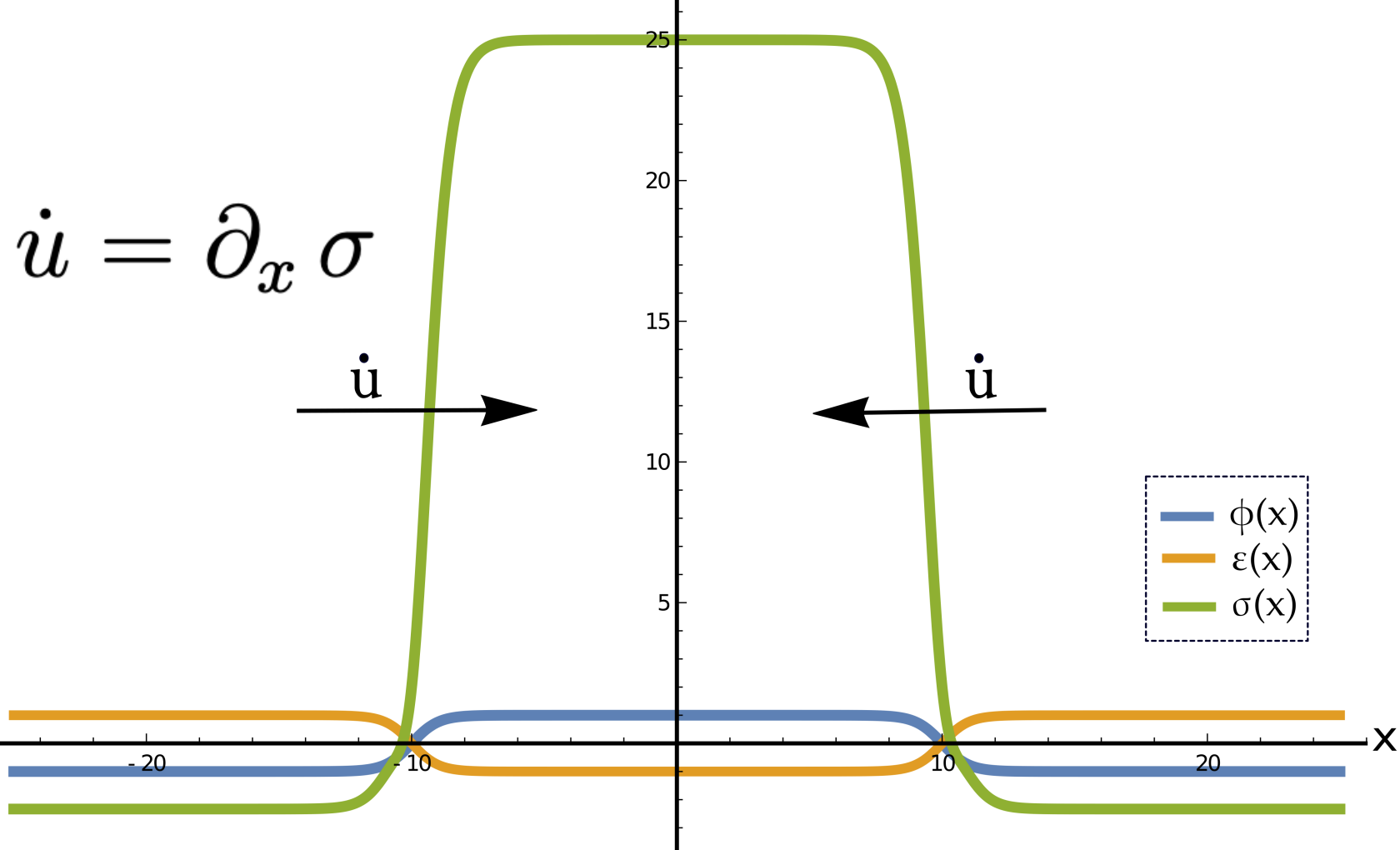
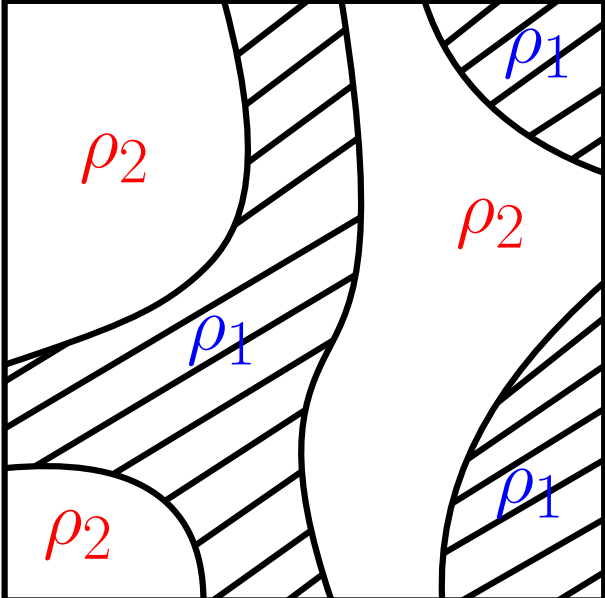
Effective Strain Energy Density

$$w^{lin} := \sigma_0(\rho, \phi) \epsilon + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{B}(\rho, \phi) \epsilon^2$$

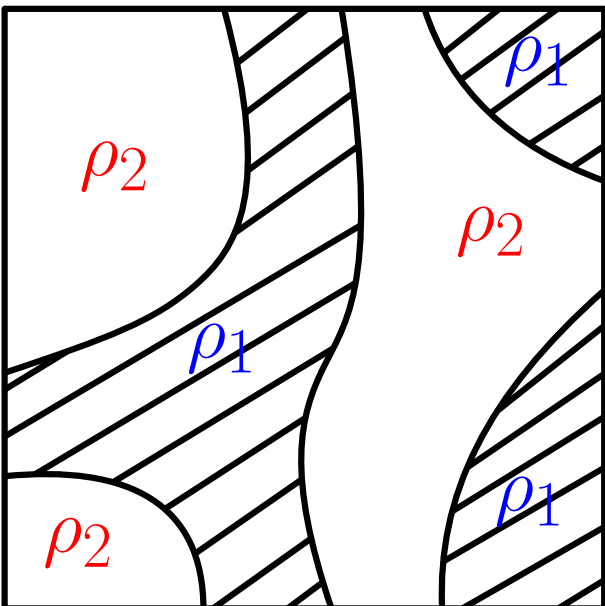
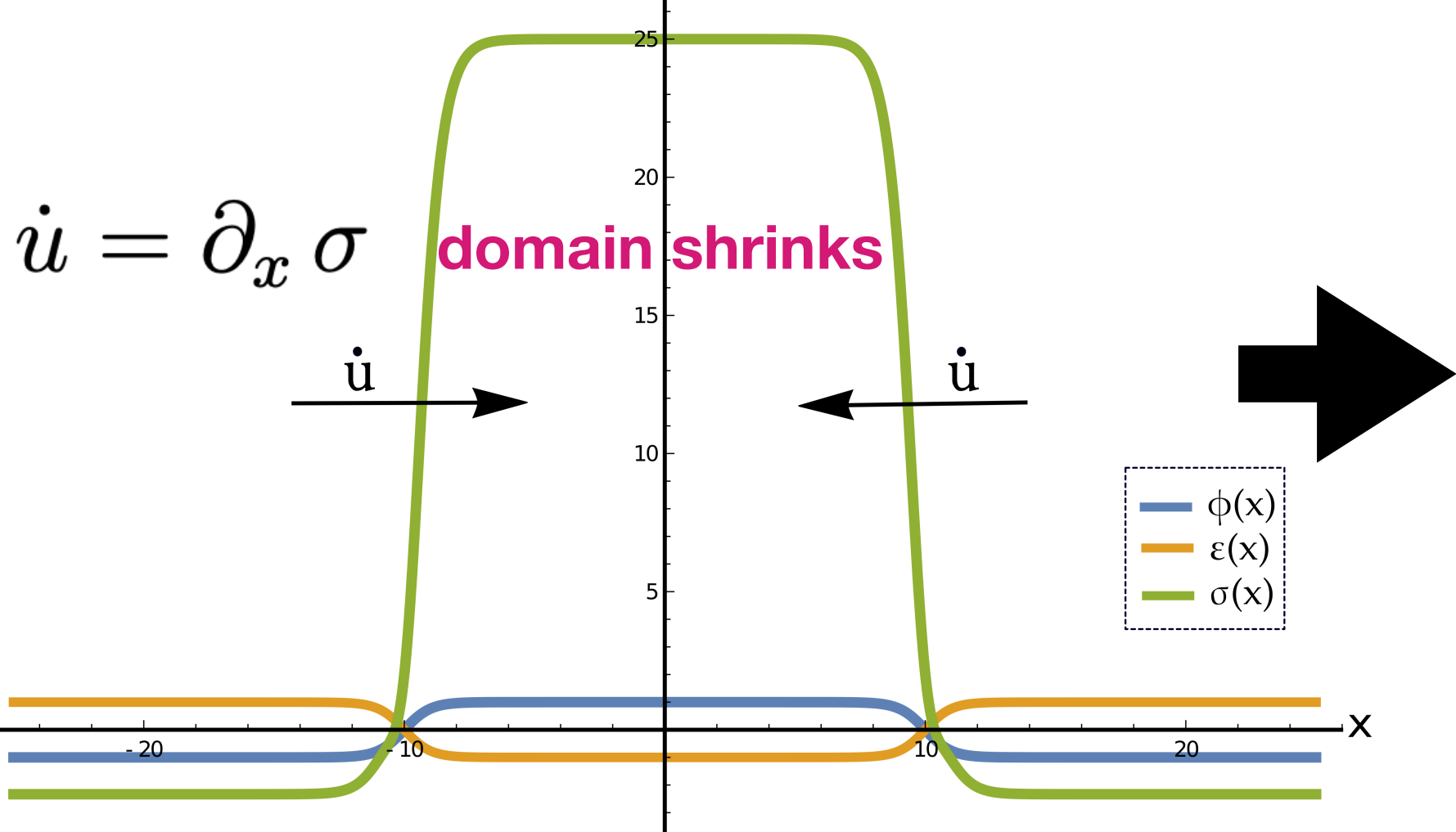
$$\dot{W}^{lin}(t) := \int_{-a}^a \dot{w}^{lin} dx$$



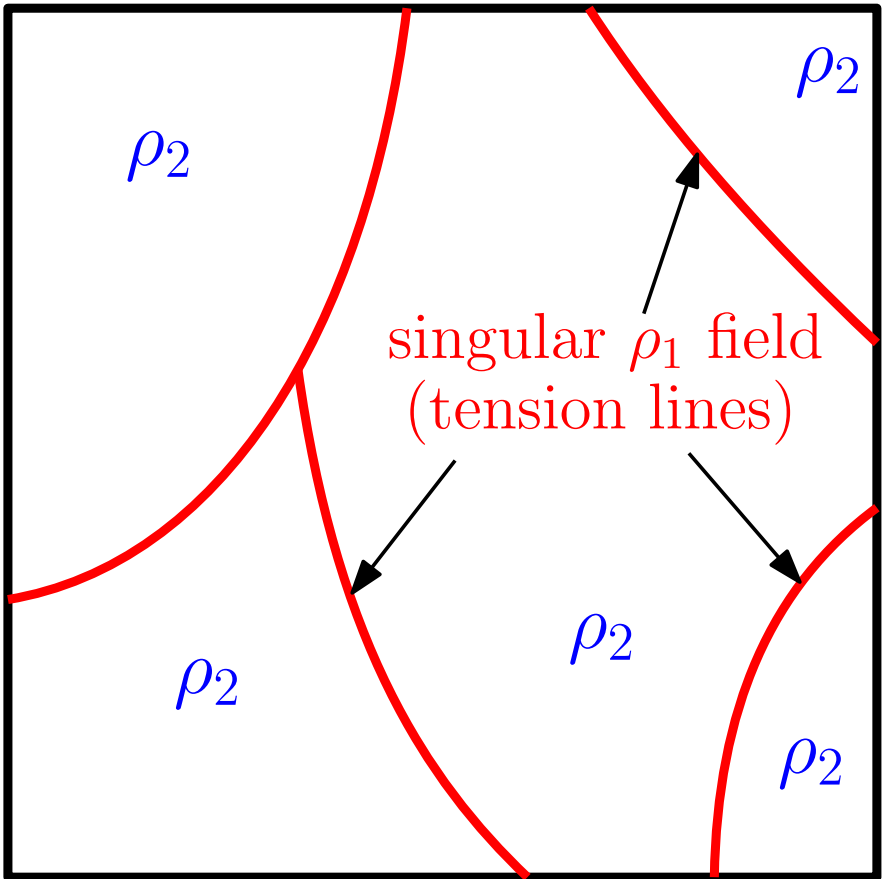
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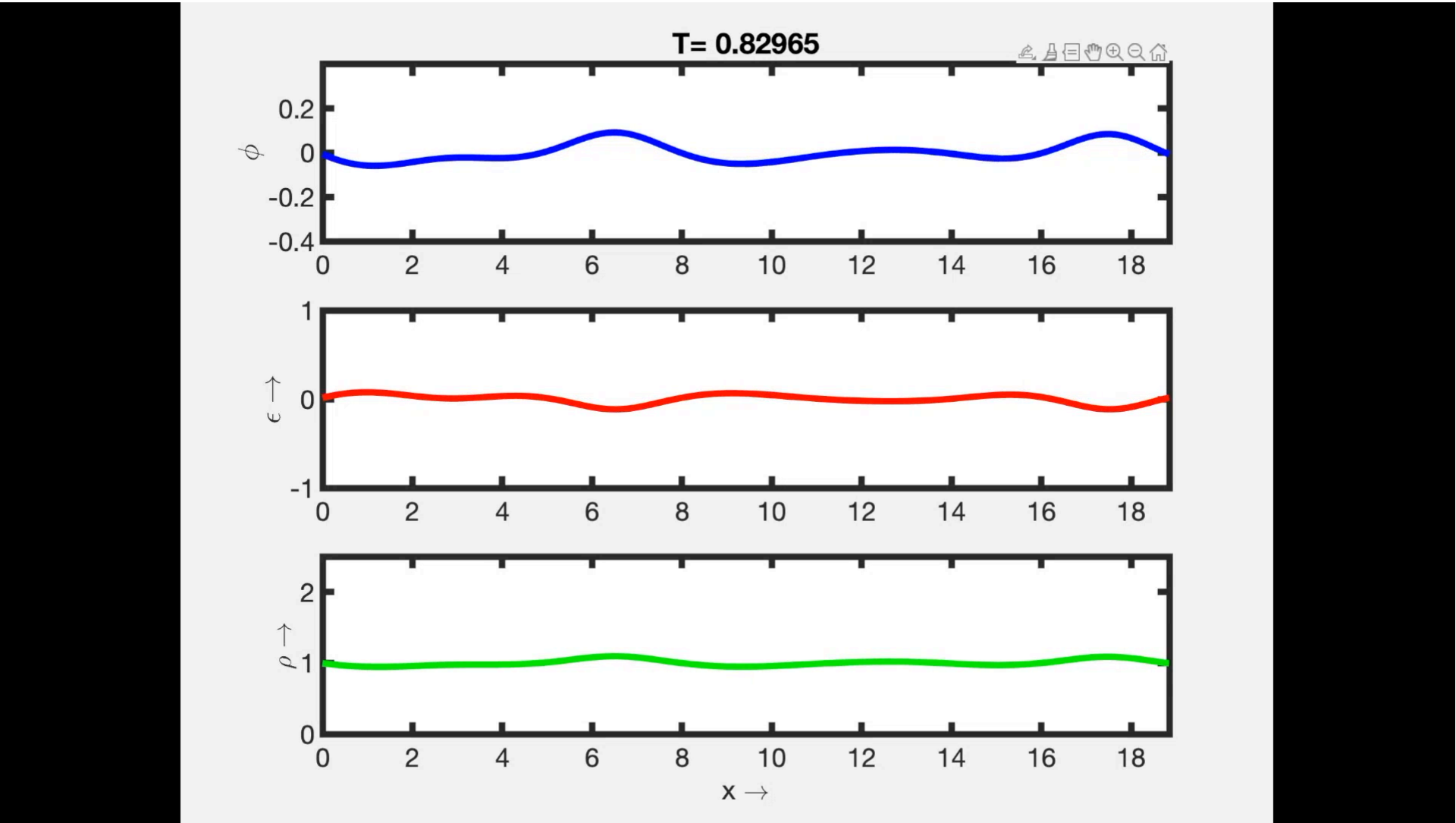
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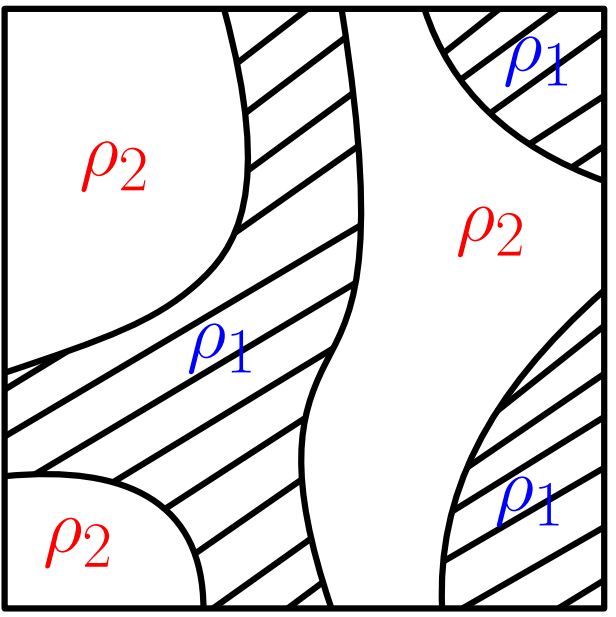
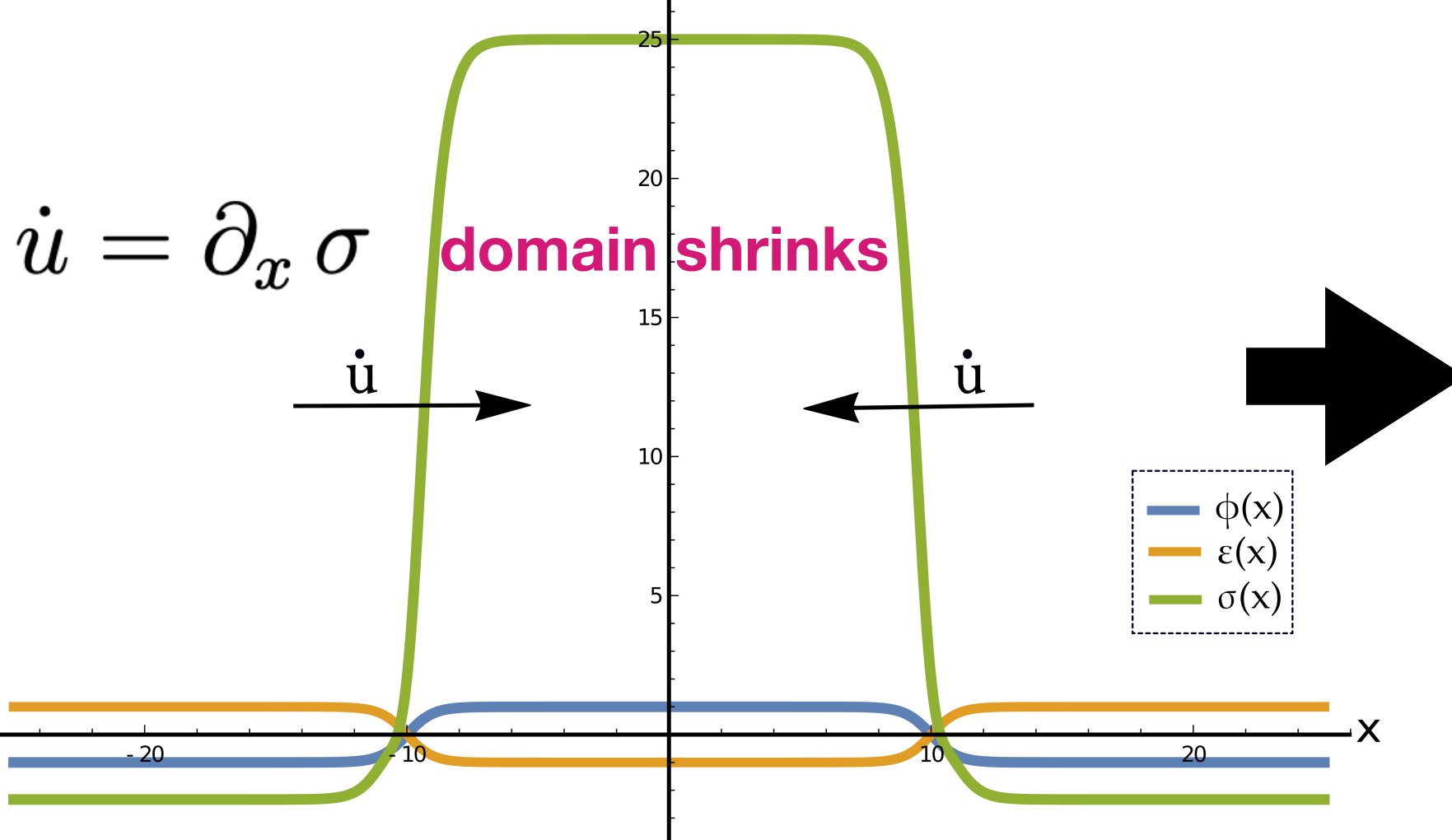
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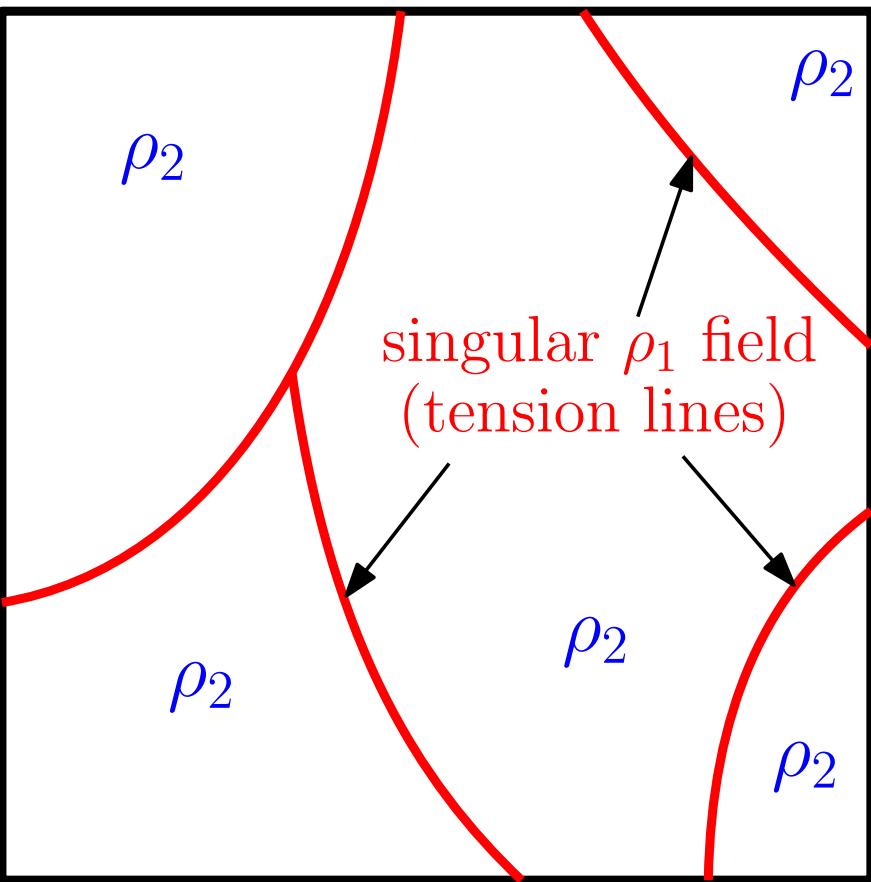
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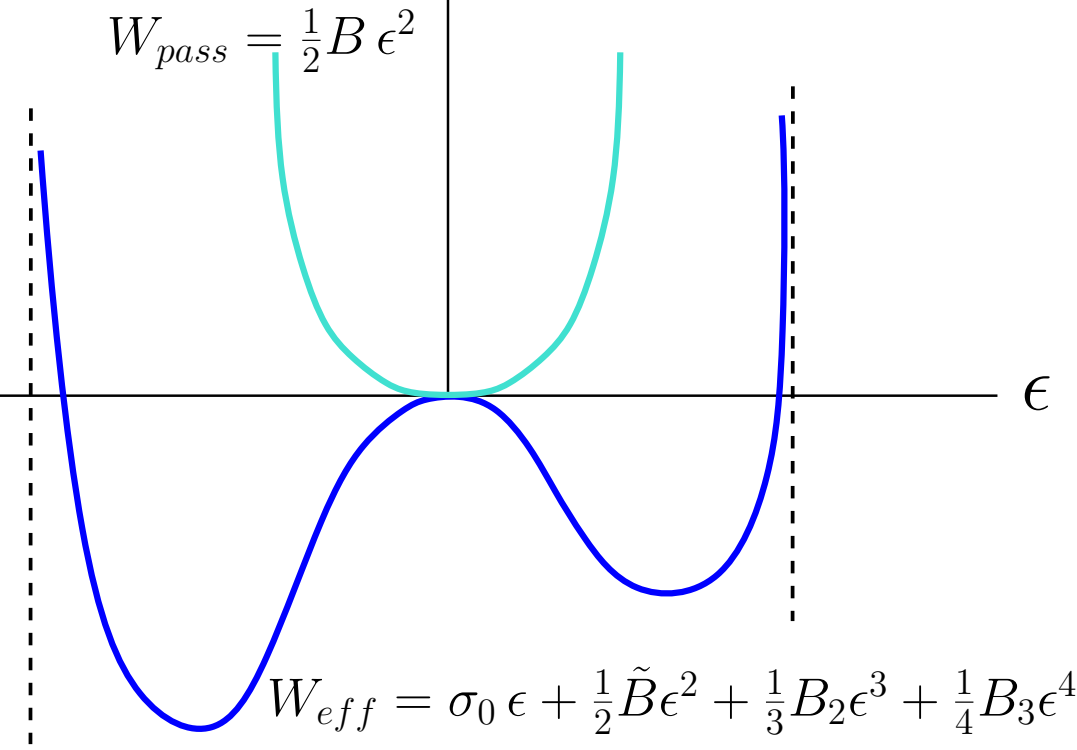
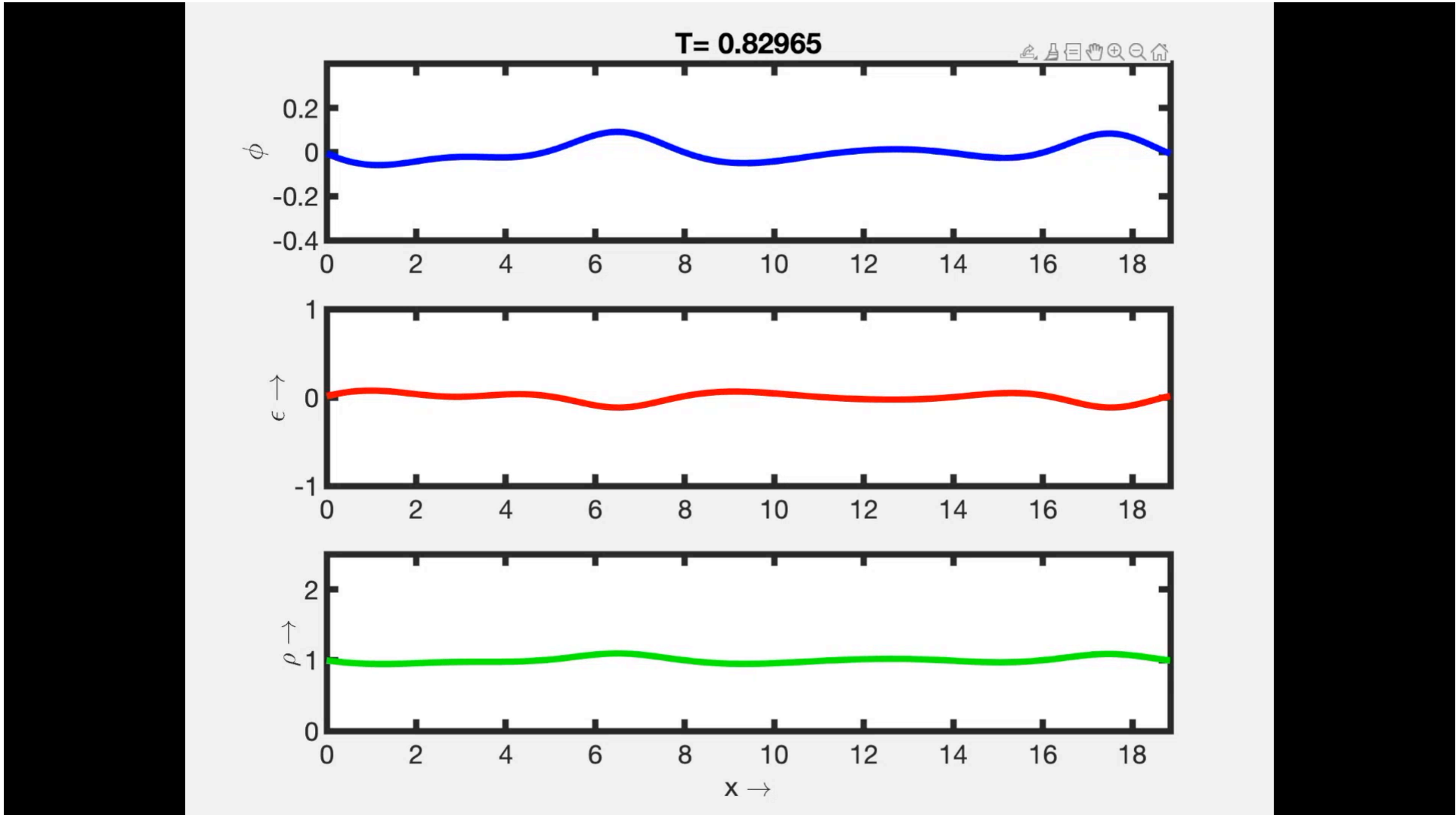
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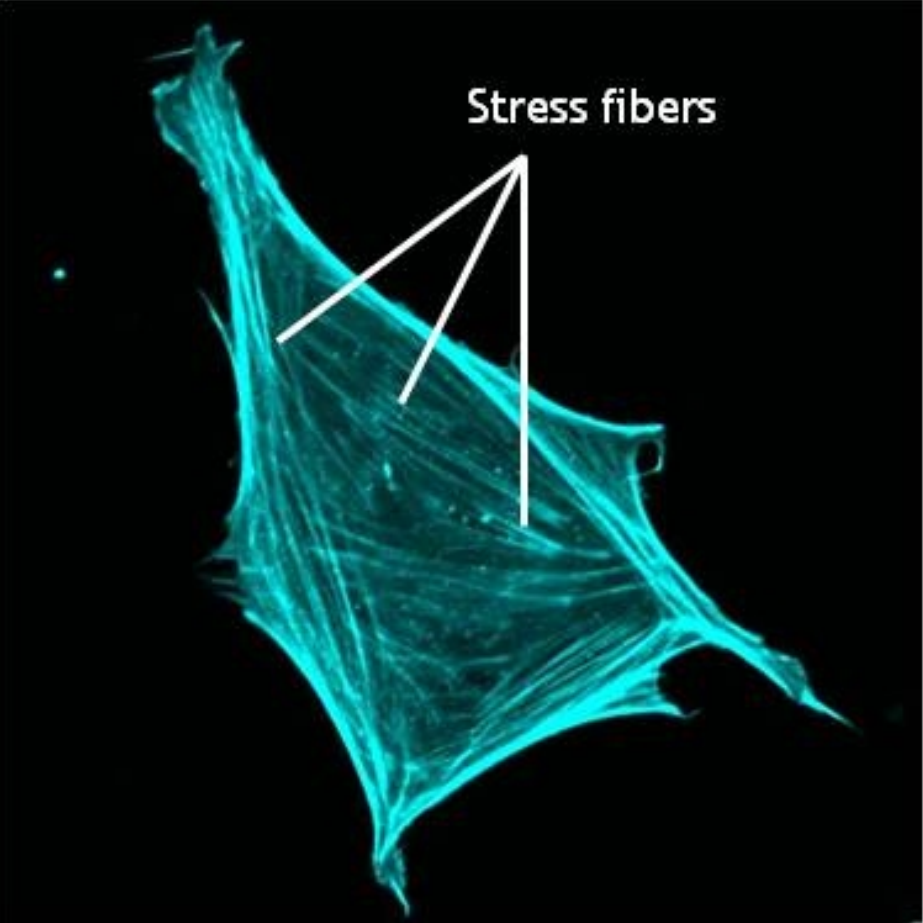


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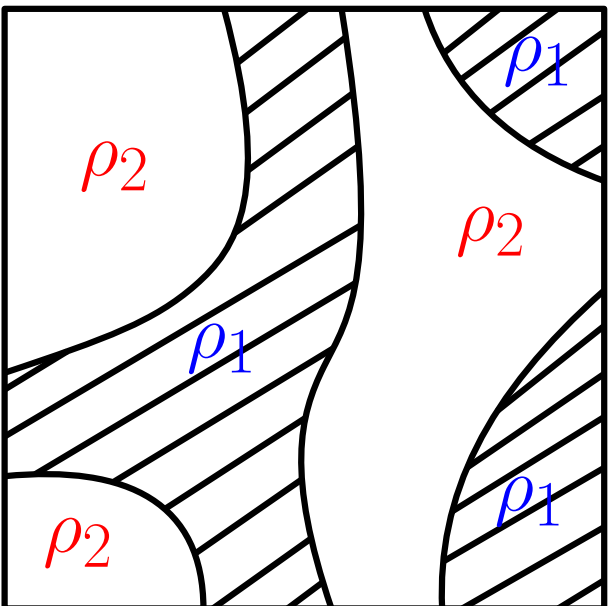
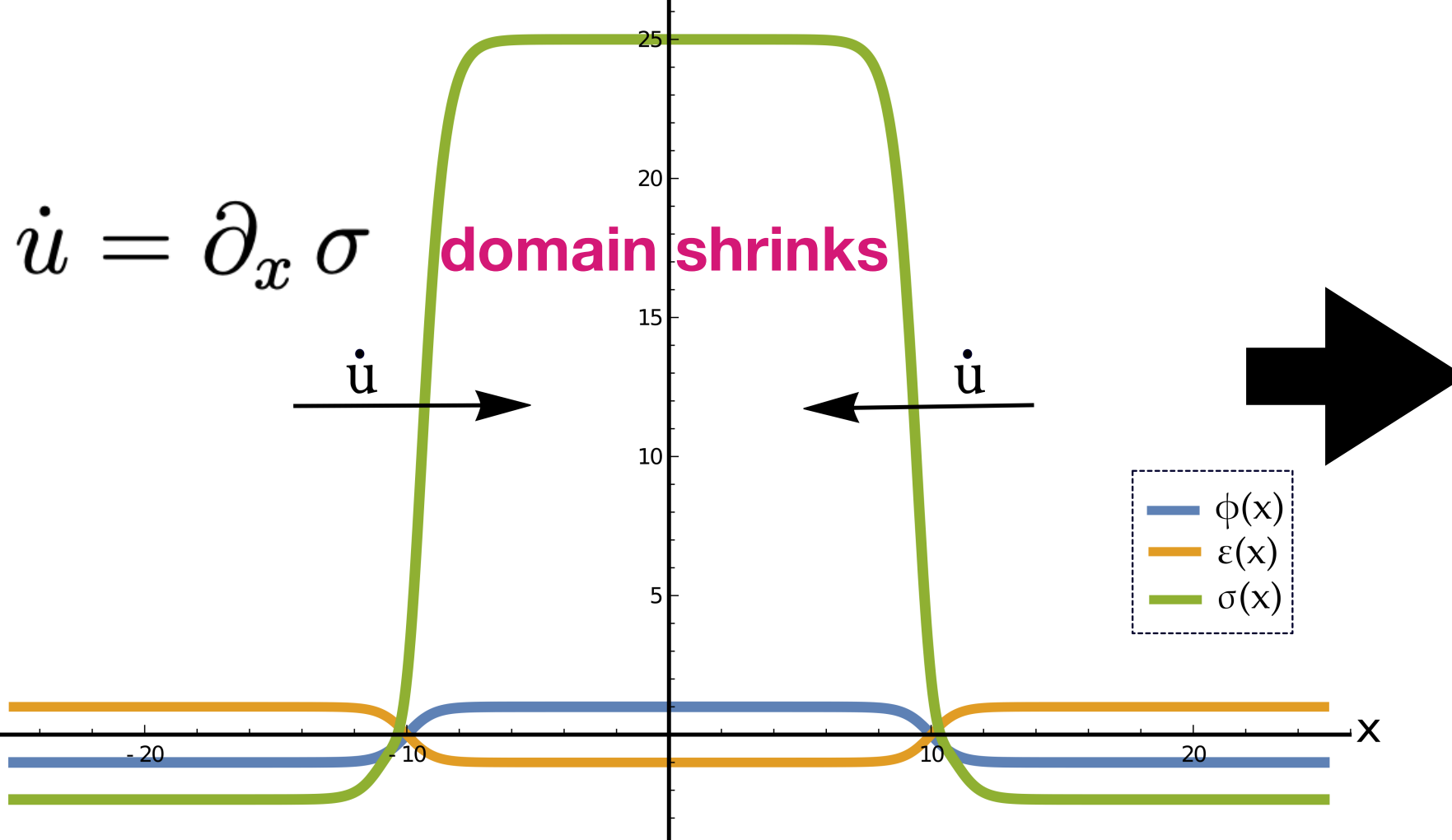


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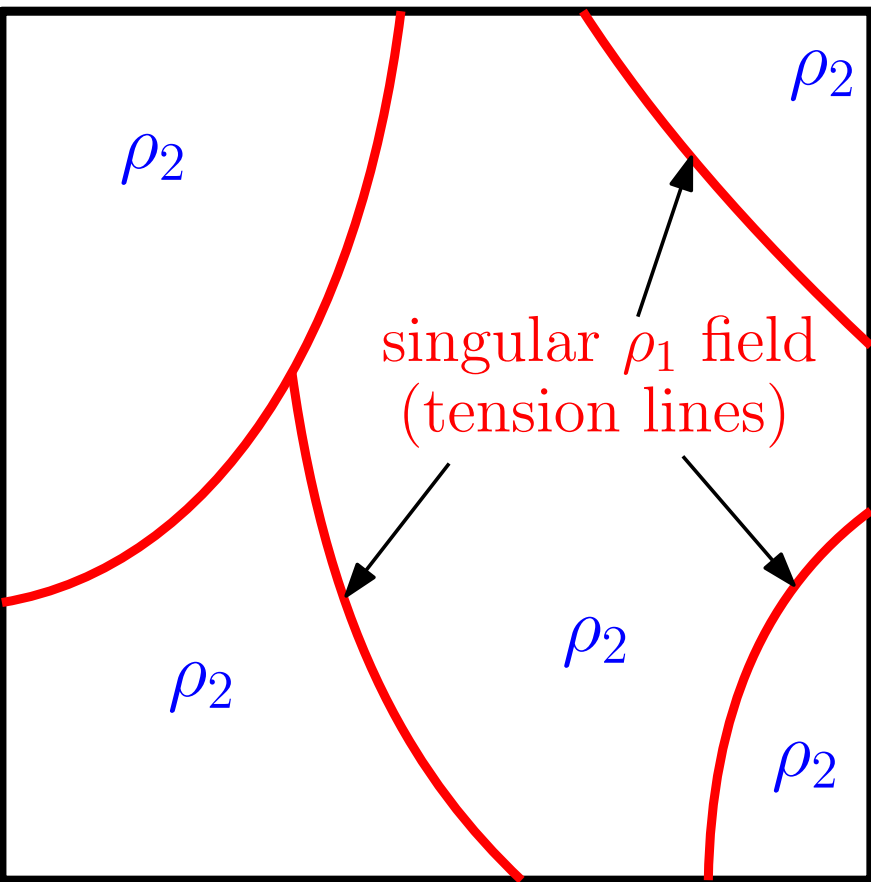
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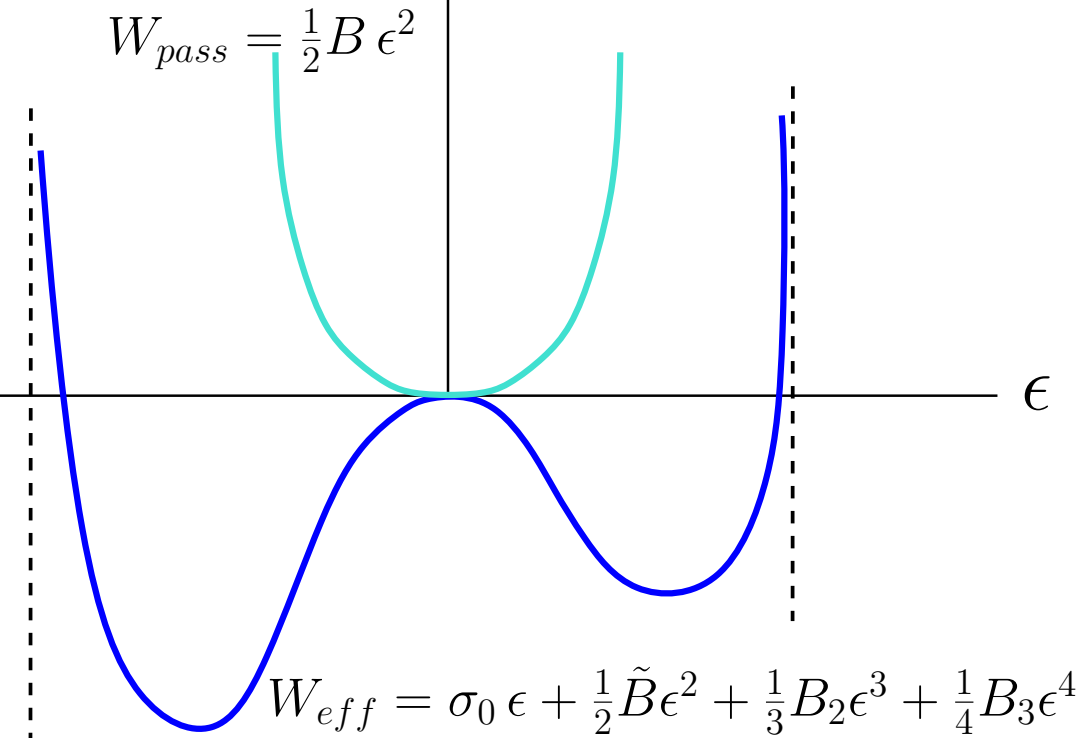
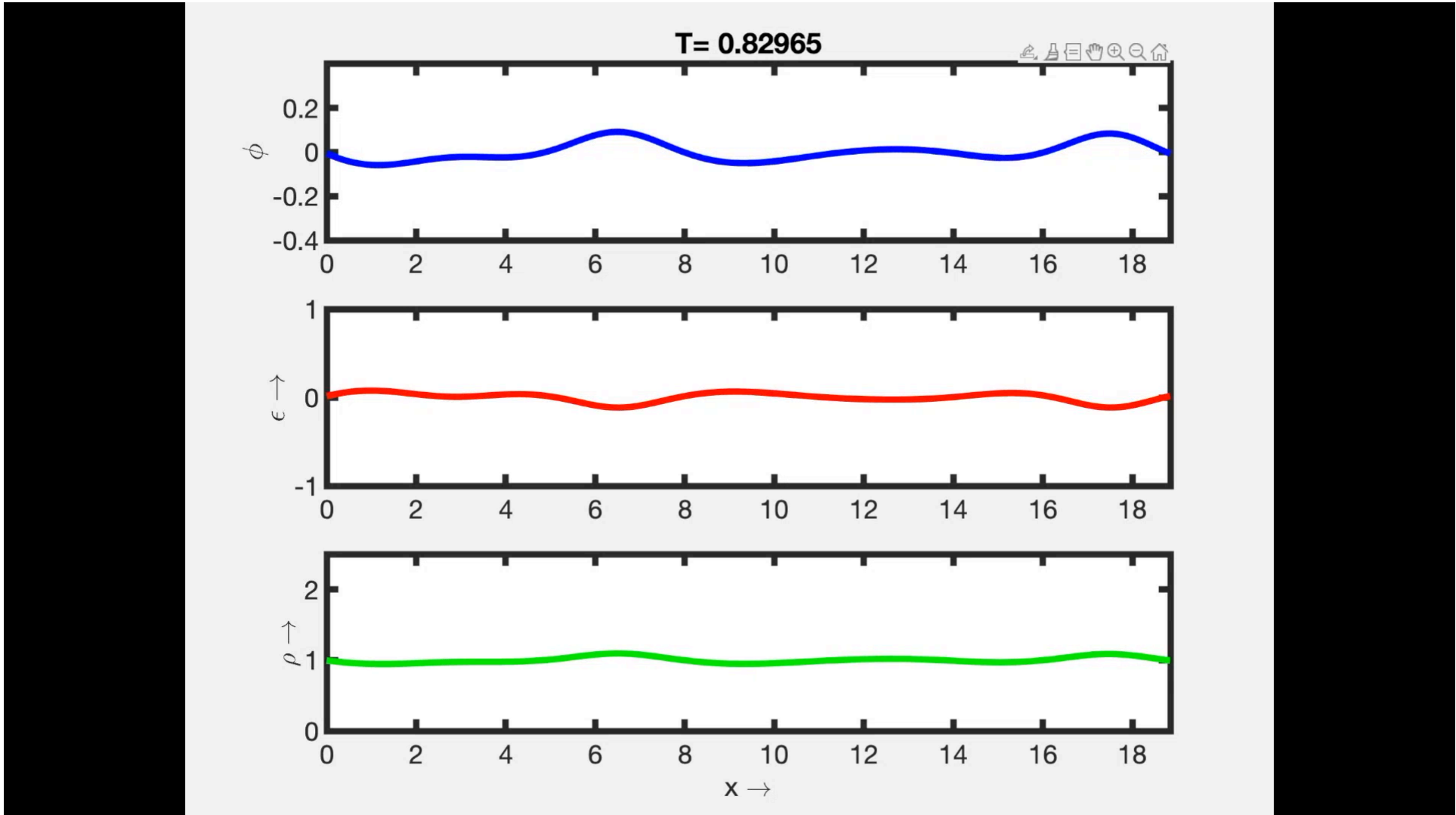
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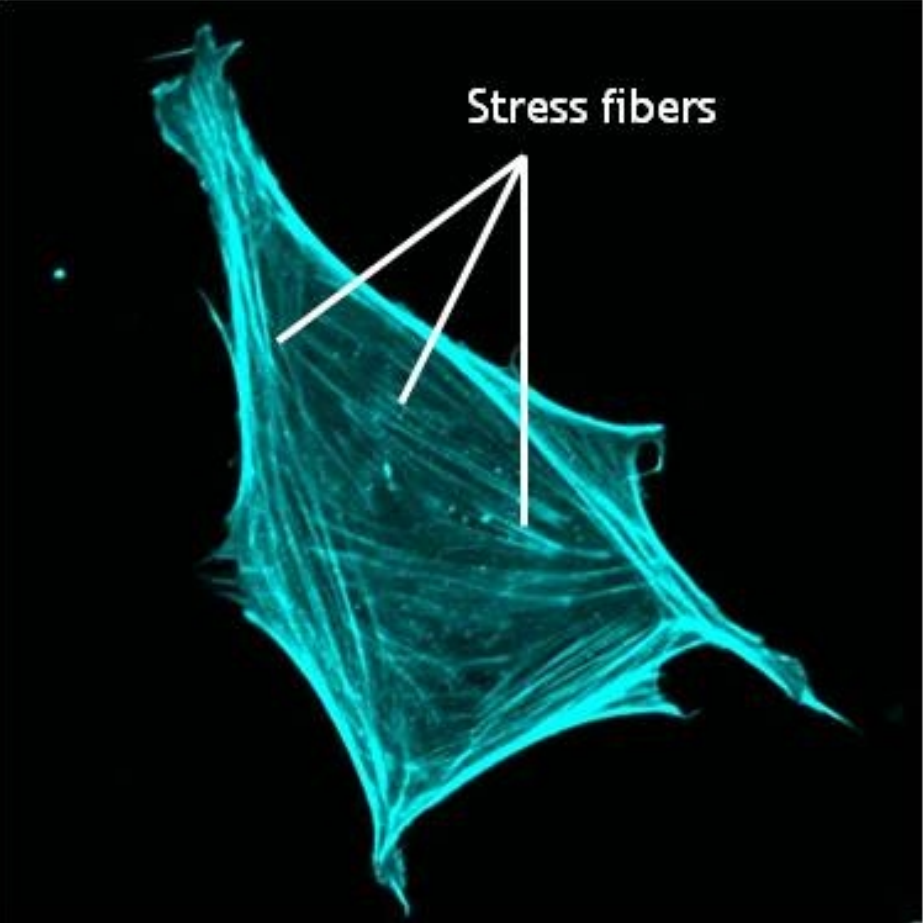
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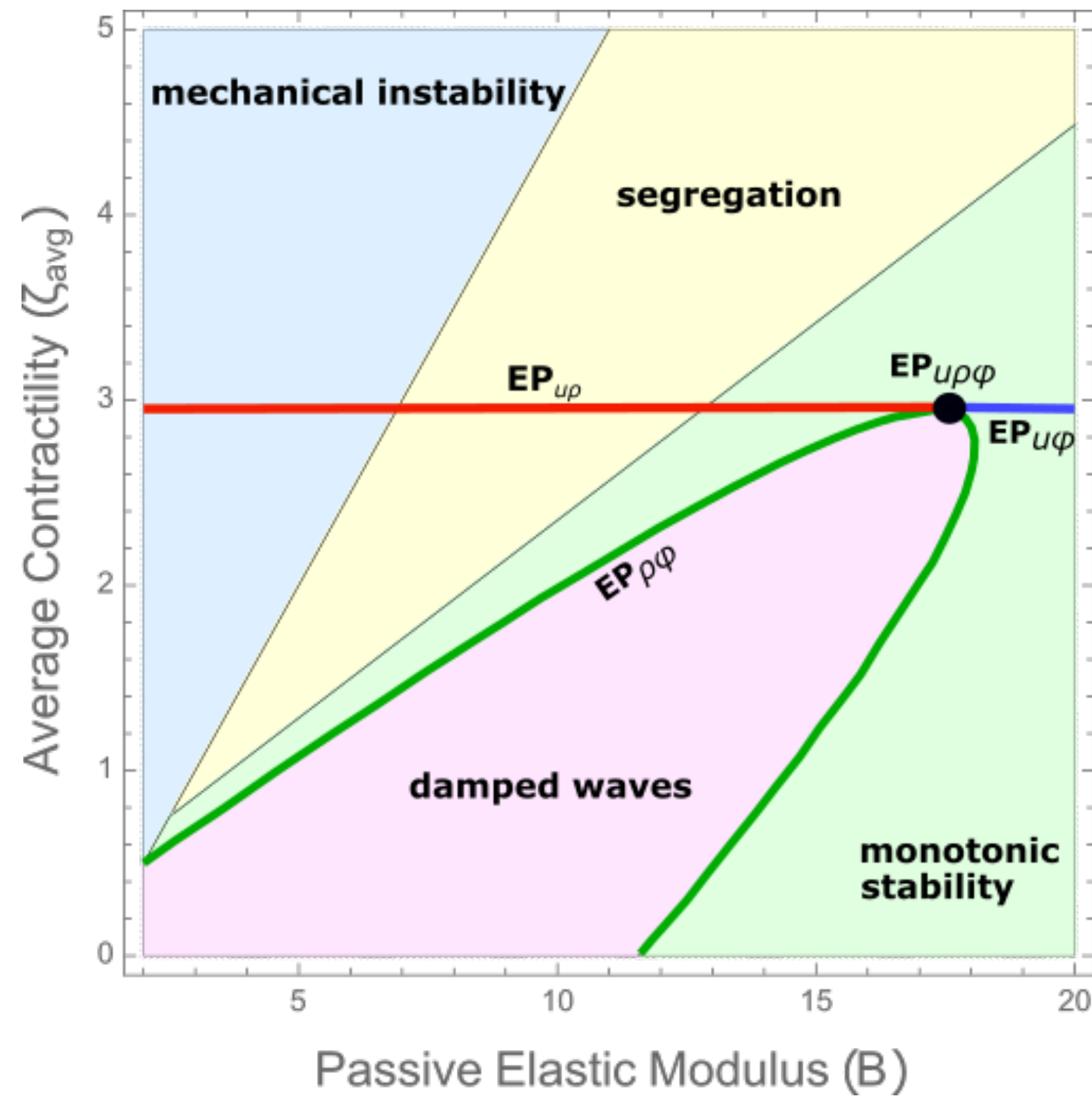
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$$[[p^e]] = \gamma H - [[p^a]] \quad (\text{active Young-Laplace law})$$

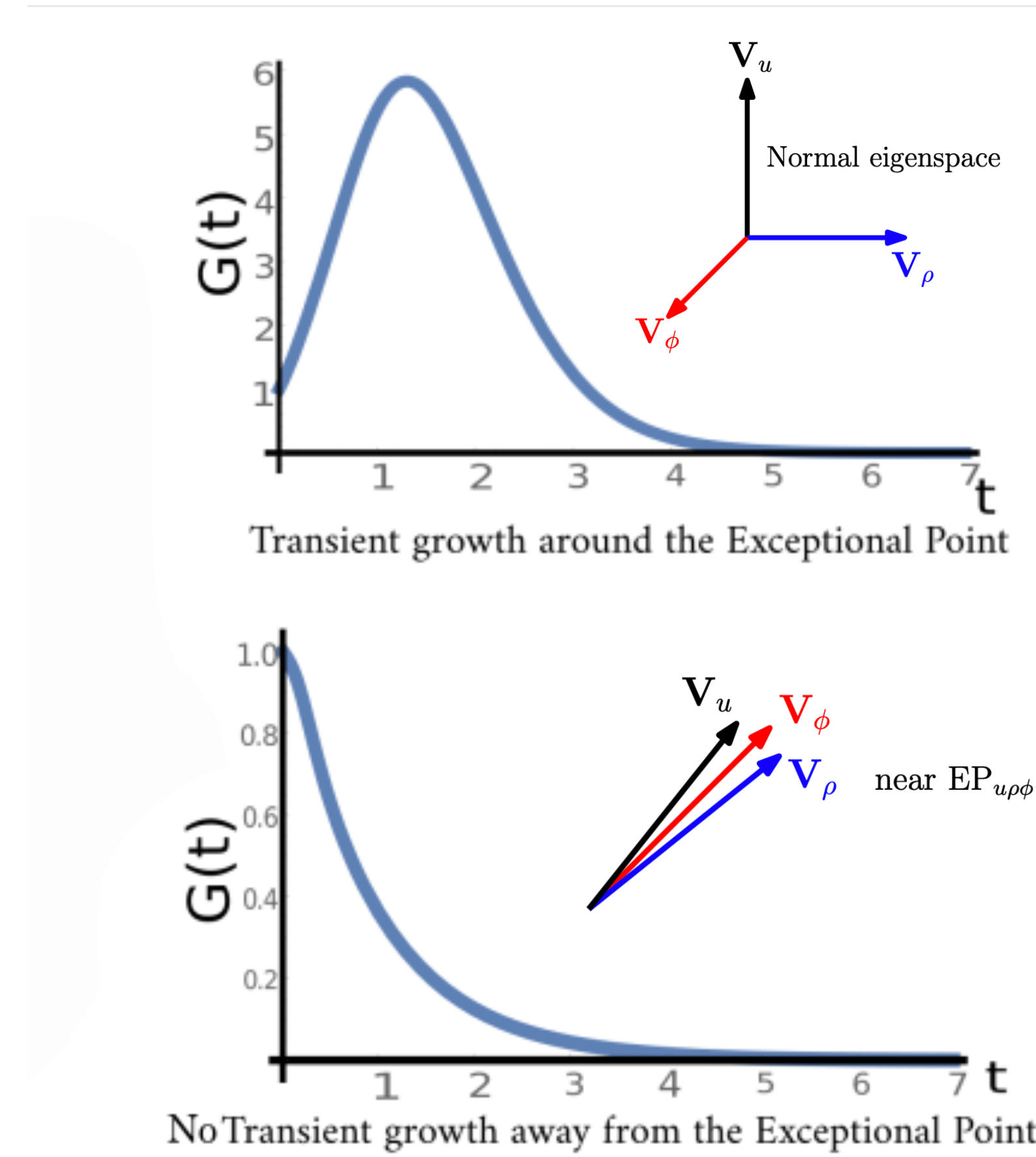


Exceptional Points, Transient Growth, Bypass Transition



Eigenvalue-based analysis is misleading near EPs

$$G(t) := \sup_{\mathbf{w}(\cdot,0) \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{w}(\cdot,t)\|^2}{\|\mathbf{w}(\cdot,0)\|^2} = \sup_{\mathbf{w}(\cdot,0) \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\exp(\mathbf{M}t)\mathbf{w}(\cdot,0)\|^2}{\|\mathbf{w}(\cdot,0)\|^2} = \|\exp(\mathbf{M}t)\|^2 = \|\mathbf{V} \exp(\mathbf{\Lambda}t)\mathbf{V}^{-1}\|^2$$



Instead of static singular structures, *bypass transition* to other phases are possible, e.g., moving singularities

Summary

Activity and Strain-dependent Turnover lead to Spatiotemporal Segregation of the Uniform Mixture of Stresslets

Elastic Stress Dissipation drives Segregation in the Linear Regime

Nonlinear Feedback leads to Stress Singularities on Lower Dimensional Structures, akin to Stress Fibers

Exceptional Points lead to Bypass Transition

Thank You for Your Attention!