

This is a simulation of the simple model for active turbulence proposed by Wensink et. al. in the paper "Meso-scale turbulence in living fluids". All equations used are based on a normalized form of the model derived by Martin James, Wouter Bos and Michael Wilczek in the paper "Turbulence and turbulent pattern formation in a minimal model for active fluids". Taking the curl of the given velocity equation yields a nonlinear partial differential equation for the vorticity  $\omega = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}$ :

$$\partial_t \omega + \lambda (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \omega = -(1 + \Delta)^2 \omega - \alpha \omega - \beta \vec{\nabla} \times (|\vec{v}|^2 \vec{v}) \quad (1)$$

This equation is solved in Fourier space with a Runge-Kutta method of 4th order and an integrating factor. Unfortunately, the vorticity equation contains no information about the mean velocity  $\langle \vec{v} \rangle$ . One can derive a second partial differential equation to restore the lost information:

$$\partial_t \langle \vec{v} \rangle = -(1 + \alpha) \langle \vec{v} \rangle - \beta \left\langle |\vec{v}|^2 \vec{v} \right\rangle \quad (2)$$

Both are simultaneously evaluated.