

# Incompressible Optimal Transport and Applications in Fluid Mixing

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# Fluid Mixing is All Around Us



Milk and Coffee



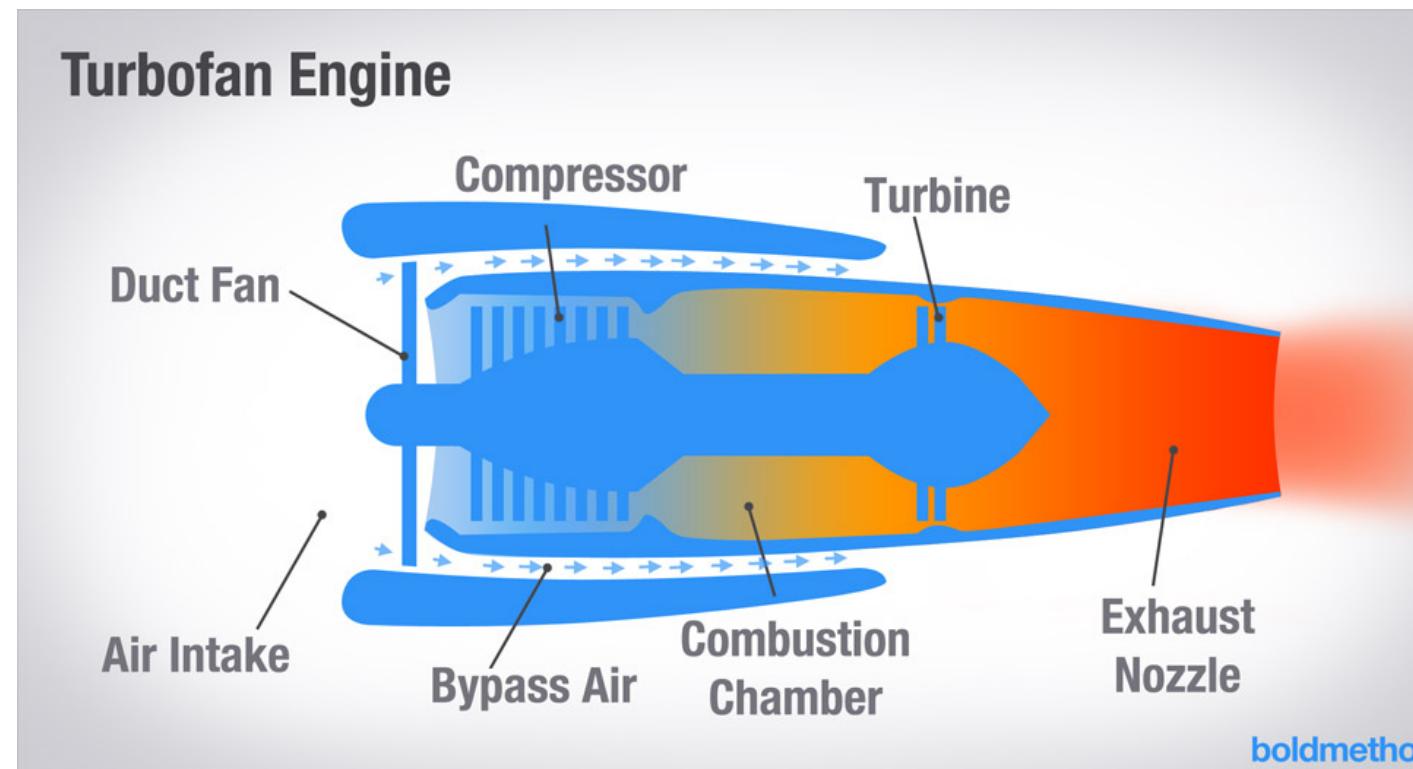
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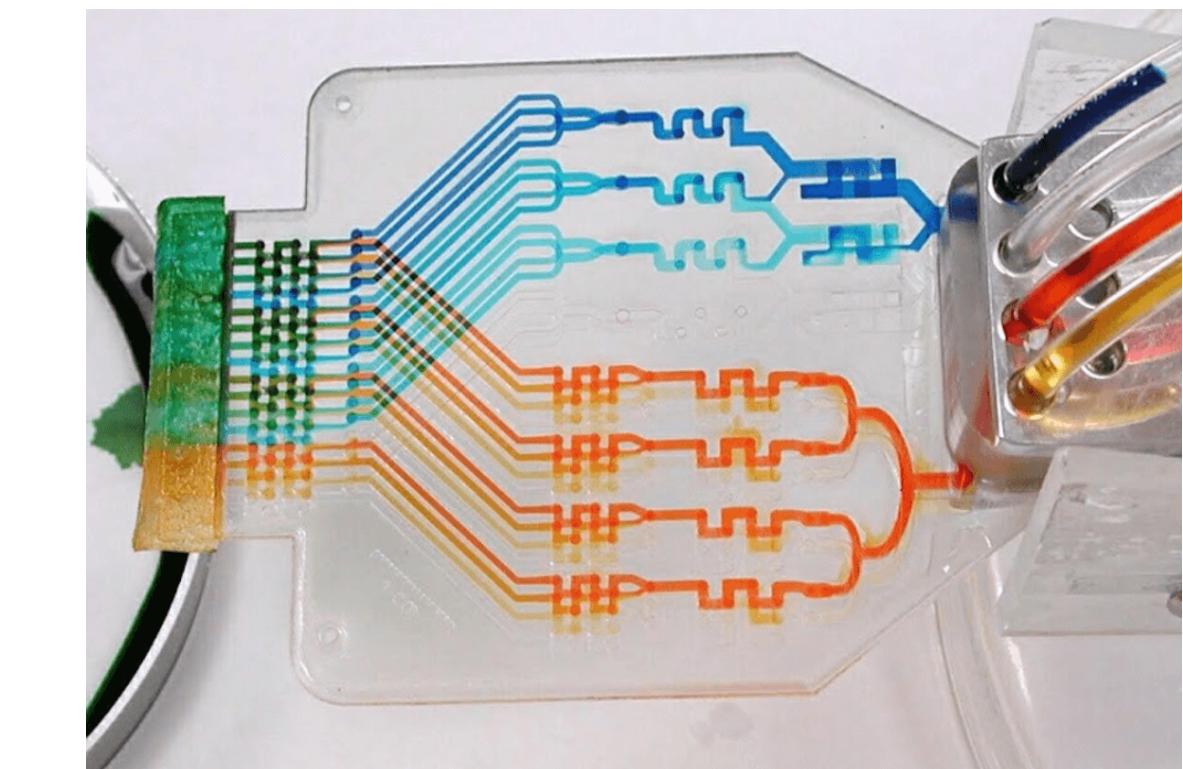
Biological Systems



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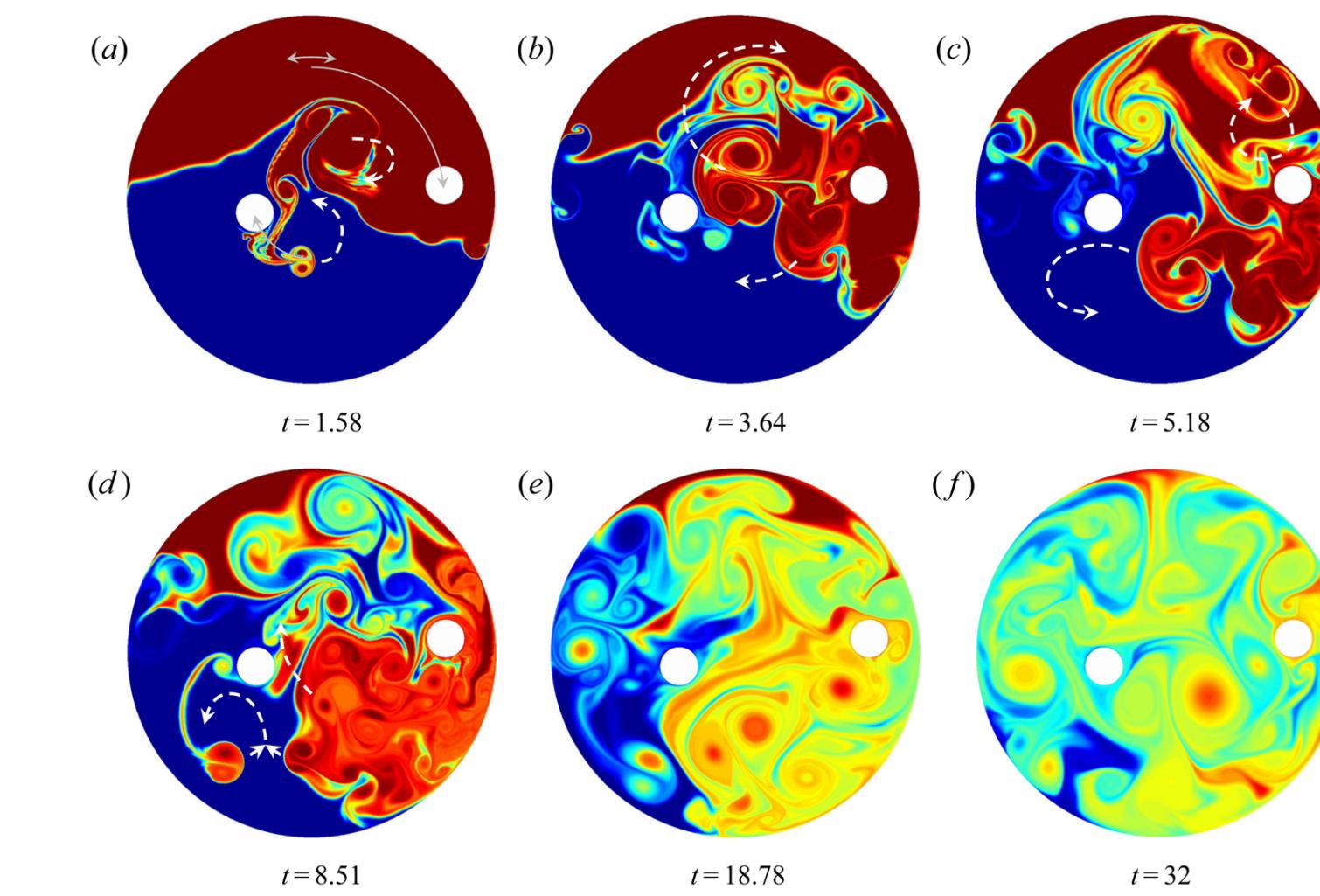
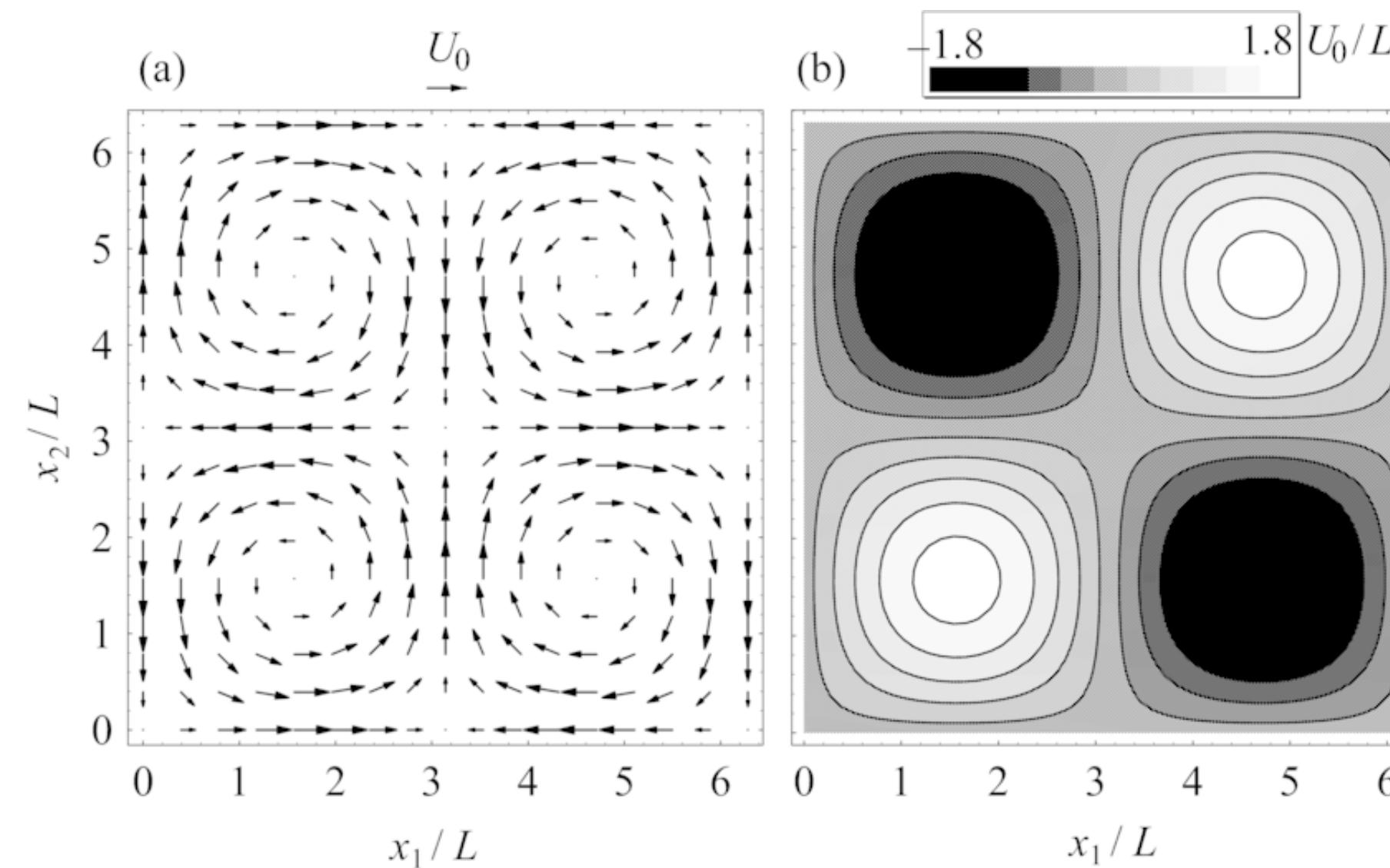
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Microfluidic Devices

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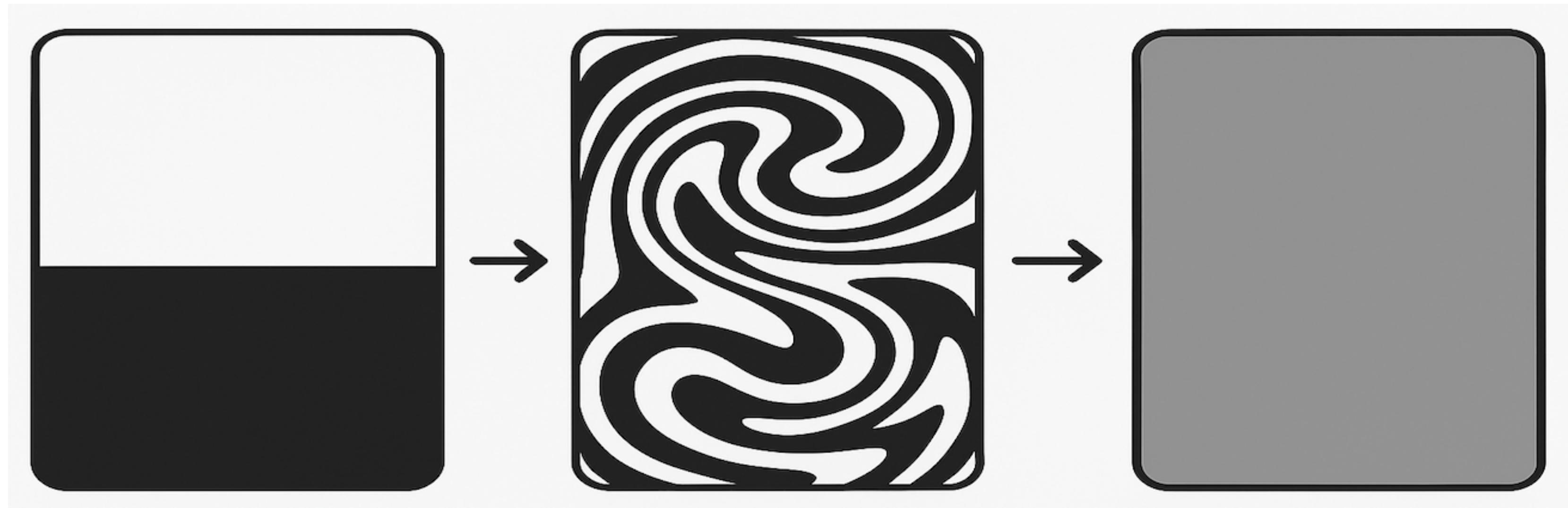


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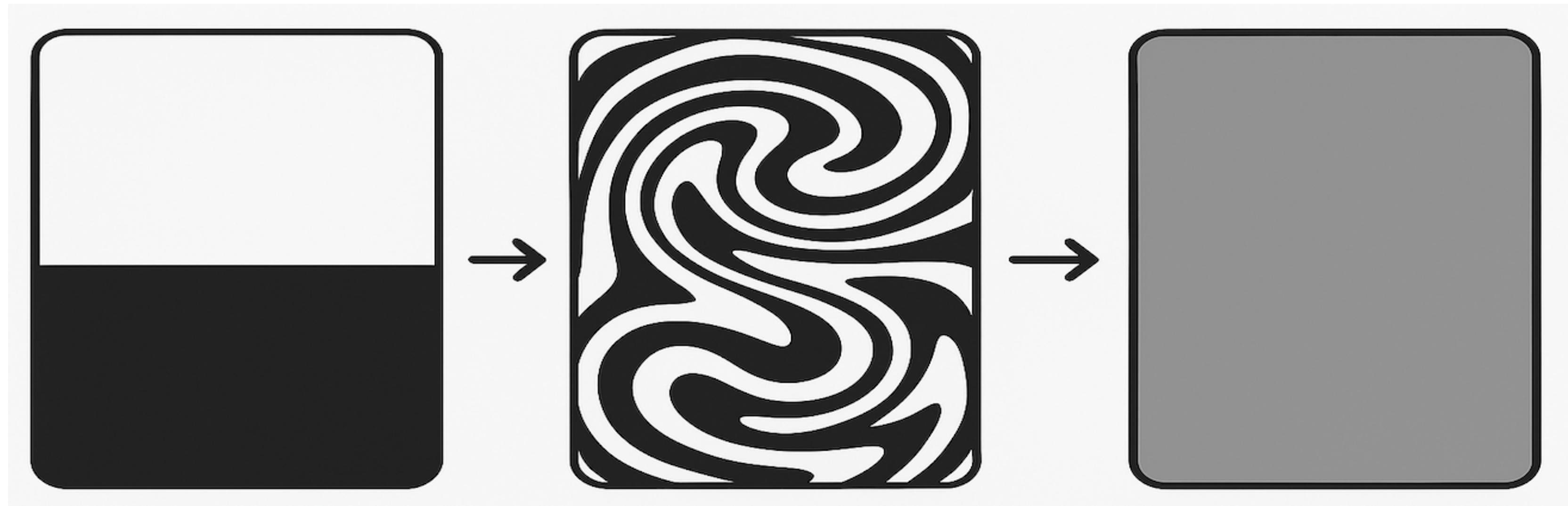
**Open question:** precise characterization of optimal mixing fields

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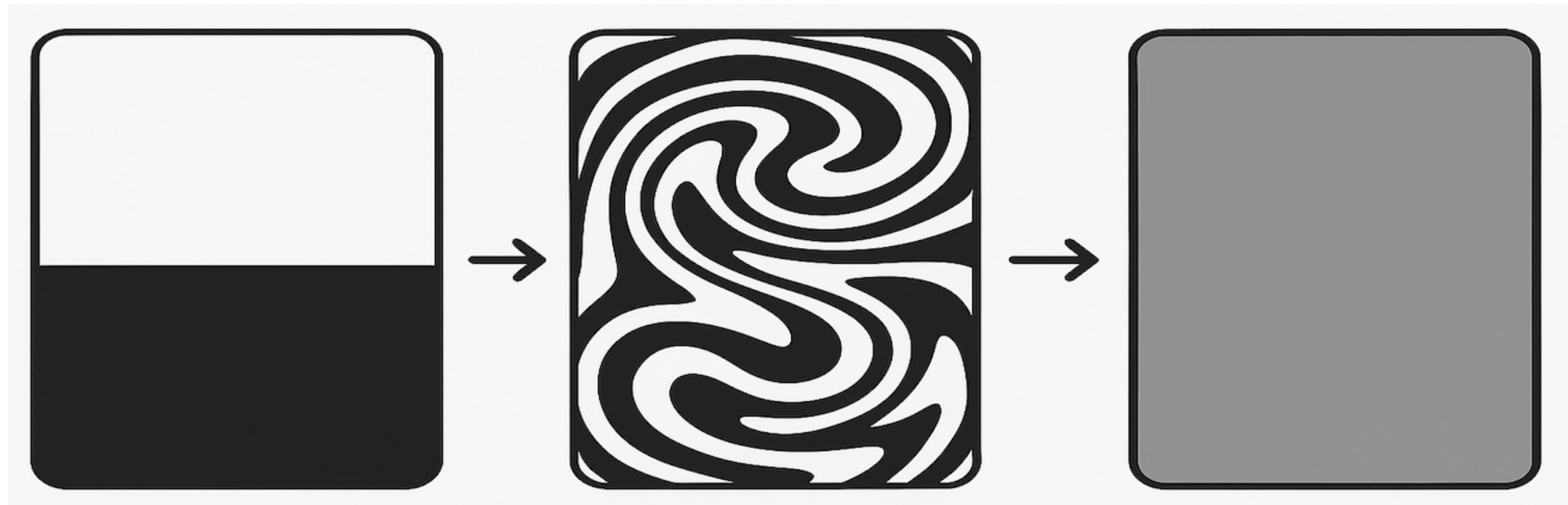
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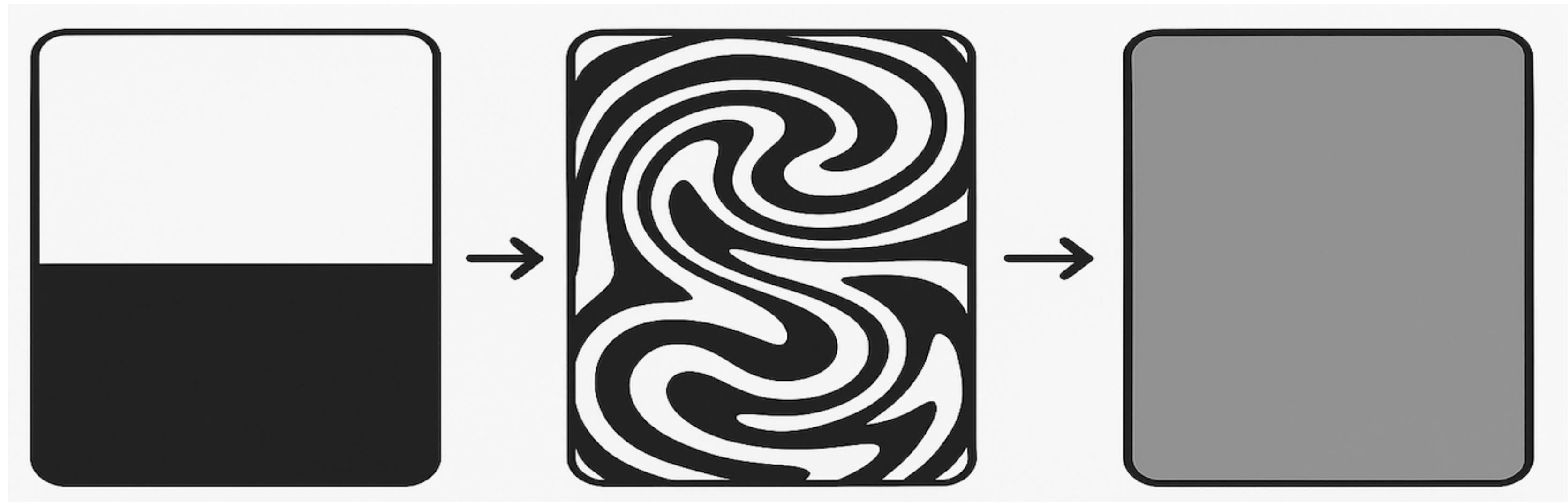
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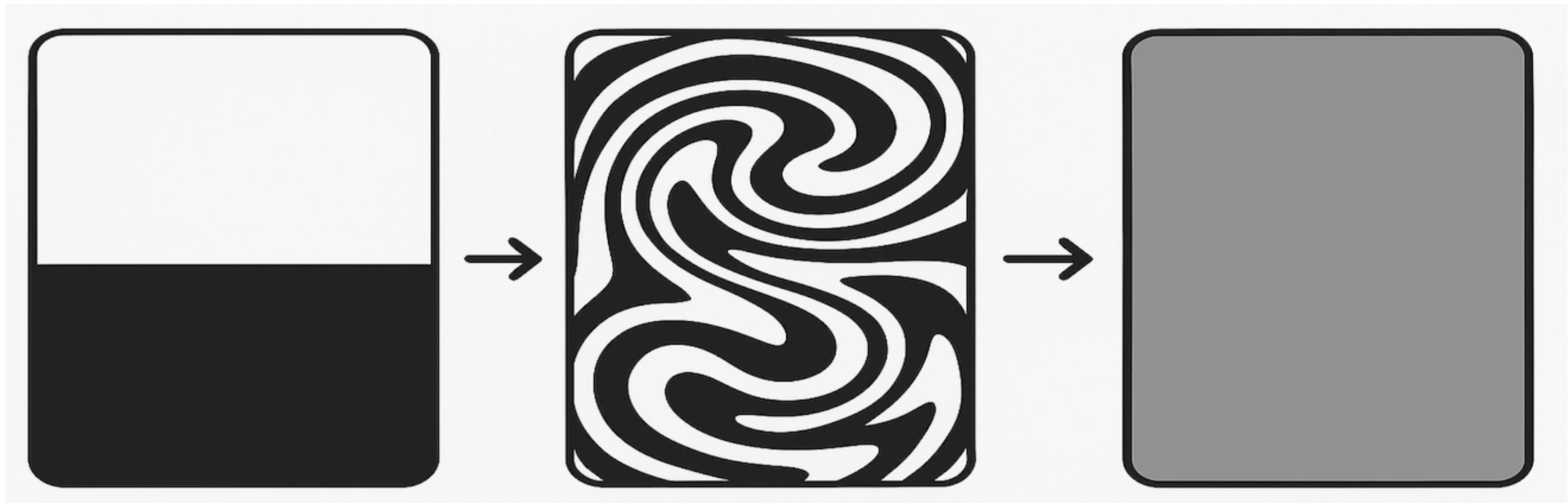
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- Optimal mixing flows = geodesics

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