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Mixing fluid by self-propelled objects MAXIM BELKIN, Illinois Institute of Technology / Argonne National Lab, ALEXEY SNEZHKO, IGOR ARAN-SON, WAI-KWONG KWOK, Argonne National Lab — Magnetic microparticles suspended at the water-air interface and subjected to an ac external driving selfassemble into dynamic structures (magnetic snakes). The snakes are accompanied by four large hydrodynamic vortices. At high enough frequencies and amplitudes of driving the snakes transform into self-propelled swimmers. Moving erratically, these swimmers mix the surface of fluid at a very high rate. We performed detailed experimental studies of these self-organized mixing. We studied space and time correlation and diffusion process in such systems.

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