Disordering, clustering, and laning transitions in particle systems with dispersion in the Magnus term

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We numerically examine a two-dimensional system of repulsively interacting particles with dynamics that are governed by both a damping term and a Magnus term. The magnitude of the Magnus term has one value for half of the particles and a different value for the other half of the particles. In the absence of a driving force, the particles form a triangular lattice, while when a driving force is applied, we find that there is a critical drive above which a Magnus-induced disordering transition can occur even if the difference in the Magnus term between the two particle species is as small as one percent. The transition arises due to the different Hall angles of the two species, which causes their motion to decouple at the critical drive. At higher drives, the disordered state can undergo both species and density phase separation into a density-modulated stripe that is oriented perpendicular to the driving direction. We observe several additional phases that occur as a function of drive and Magnus force disparity, including a variety of density-modulated diagonal-laned phases. In general, we find a much richer variety of states compared to systems of oppositely driven overdamped Yukawa particles. We discuss the implications of our work for skyrmion systems, where we predict that even for small skyrmion dispersities, a drive-induced disordering transition can occur along with clustering phases and pattern-forming states.

I. INTRODUCTION

There is a wide variety of systems that can be effectively modeled as an assembly of interacting particles that undergoes structural transitions under some form of external driving. In the presence of a random or periodic substrate, the particles can exhibit a depinning transition [1,2] such as that found for superconducting vortices [3,4], colloidal particles [5–7], or sliding friction [8]. Disordering or ordering transitions can occur in the absence of quenched disorder as a function of dc or ac shearing [9–13]. In many cases, the particles have a uniform size and particle-particle interaction force, but when the particle sizes or interactions become polydisperse, order-disorder transitions can appear even in the absence of driving or shearing [14–16]. Disordering transitions and other dynamical phases can also arise in systems with monodisperse particle-particle interactions if some of the particles have different dynamics than others. A well-studied example is oppositely driven repulsive particles, which can form static ordered states or undergo fluctuating disordered flow that is followed at higher drives by a transition to a laned state consisting of multiple partially phase separated oppositely moving stripes [17–26]. Similar ordering and laning transitions appear when the particles move at different velocities in the same direction [27]. Experimentally, laning transitions have been realized for colloidal particles [28,29] and dusty plasmas [30,31].

Here we study whether a disordering transition or lane formation can occur for an assembly of bidisperse particles that are all driven in the same direction when each particle species has a different nondissipative Magnus term. We consider repulsively interacting particles that form a triangular lattice in the absence of a driving force or substrate. A dissipative force of magnitude α_d^i aligns the velocity of particle i with the net

direction of the external forces acting on that particle, while a Magnus term of magnitude α_m^i aligns the particle velocity perpendicular to the external forces. When we introduce an applied driving force of magnitude F_D, we find that if the Magnus term $\alpha_m^i = 0$ and the dissipative term $\alpha_d^i = \alpha_d$ for all i, the system forms a triangular lattice that moves parallel to the driving direction. If the Magnus term is nonzero but equal for all particles, $\alpha_m^i \equiv \alpha_m$, a triangular lattice still forms, but it moves at a Hall angle $\theta_{Sk} = \theta_{Sk}^{\text{int}}$ with respect to the driving direction, where the intrinsic Hall angle $\theta_{Sk}^{\text{int}} = \arctan(\alpha_m/\alpha_d)$. If the Magnus term is bidisperse, with a value of α_m^a for half of the particles and $\alpha_m^b > \alpha_m^a$ for the other half, we find that when $\alpha_m^a = 0$ and $\alpha_m^b \neq 0$, a triangular lattice appears that moves elastically at an angle $\theta_{Sk}^{b,\text{int}}/2$ for small drives. Above a critical drive F_c, dislocation pairs proliferate in the lattice and a dynamical disordering transition occurs when the two species move at different velocities in the directions parallel and perpendicular to the drive due to the drive dependence of θ_{Sk}^b. When $\alpha_m^a \neq 0$ and $\alpha_m^a < \alpha_m^b$, this behavior persists since the drive dependence of θ_{Sk}^a differs from that of θ_{Sk}^b; however, F_c increases as the difference $\alpha_m^b - \alpha_m^a$ decreases. At high drives, the disordered state transitions to a cluster or stripe state in which the particles phase separate into a single stripe oriented perpendicular to the drive with one species on each side of the stripe. The stripe becomes denser with increasing F_D since $\theta_{Sk}^b - \theta_{Sk}^a$ increases and species a piles up behind species b. Due to the increasing compression of the stripe, eventually an instability occurs in which the system can lower its particle-particle interaction energy by forming a more uniform state that we call a diagonal-laned phase. In some cases, the diagonal-laned state exhibits strong density modulations as well as additional transitions to a

larger number of thinner lanes. All of these transitions are associated with changes and jumps in the average velocity both parallel and perpendicular to the drive, as well as changes in the amount of sixfold ordering in the system.

Our results have implications for driven magnetic skyrmions, which are particlelike magnetic textures that interact repulsively with each other and form a triangular lattice [32–34]. Skyrmions can be set into motion by the application of a current [34–40], and due to the Magnus term they move at an angle with respect to the driving force known as the skyrmion Hall angle [34,41–45]. Within a given sample, there can be dispersion in the size of skyrmions, and different species of skyrmions with different dynamics may be able to coexist with each other [38,45–50], so it is important to understand how polydispersity affects the collective motion of skyrmions.

Our results suggest that if there is the slightest dispersion in the Magnus term, a drive-induced disordering transition from a crystal to a liquidlike state can occur even in the absence of quenched disorder. In systems with strong quenched disorder, monodisperse skyrmions depin into a plastically flowing disordered state, but at higher drives they dynamically reorder into a moving crystal state [41,51,52] similar to that found for superconducting vortices [2–4,53]. Our results indicate that when there is a dispersion in the Magnus term, such behavior is reversed and the skyrmions *disorder* at higher drives. In addition, clustering or species segregation can occur. Recent continuum and particle-based simulations of monodisperse skyrmions showed that clustering transitions can occur in samples containing strong pinning or quenched disorder [52,54]. Our results demonstrate that clustering can also occur in the absence of pinning when there is any dispersity in the skyrmions that produces differences in the Magnus term. These results may also be relevant for soft matter systems in which Magnus forces are important, such as magnetic particles in solutions [55–57] or spinning colloidal particles [58,59], where different size particles could experience different effective Magnus forces.

The paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II we describe our simulation details. Section III introduces the Magnus induced disordering transition. In Sec. IV we focus on cluster and stripe formation, and show that a nonequilibrium conformal crystal structure can spontaneously emerge in the system. Section V describes the effect of varying the ratio of the damping term for the two species. In Sec. VI we vary the ratio of the Magnus term of the two species for fixed and equal damping terms. We show the results of introducing Magnus terms of opposite sign in Sec. VII. In Sec. VIII we briefly describe the effect of changing other variables and provide a general discussion. A summary of the work appears in Sec. IX.

II. SIMULATION

We consider a two-dimensional system of size $L \times L$ with periodic boundary conditions in the x and y directions containing N_a particles of species a and N_b particles of species b for a total of $N = N_a + N_b$ particles. The particle density is $n = N/L^2$, where $L = 36$. Unless otherwise noted, we take $N_a = N_b = N/2$. The equations of motion for particle i of

species $\gamma = a$ or b is

$$\alpha_d^\gamma \mathbf{v}_i + \alpha_m^\gamma \hat{z} \times \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{F}_i^{ss} + \mathbf{F}^D, \tag{1}$$

where the particle velocity is $\mathbf{v}_i = d\mathbf{r}_i/dt$. All particle-particle interactions have the same pairwise form of a modified Bessel function, $\mathbf{F}_i^{ss} = \sum_i^N K_1(r_{ij})\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij}$ that falls off exponentially for large r. Here $r_{ij} = |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|$ is the distance between particles i and j, and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} = (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)/r_{ij}$. This interaction potential has been used previously for particle-based models of skyrmions, and in the absence of pinning it causes the particles to form a hexagonal lattice [37,41,51,54,60]. For computational efficiency we cut off the skyrmion-skyrmion interaction beyond a length of $r_{ij} = 7.0$ when it becomes negligible. The driving force $\mathbf{F}^D = F_D \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is the same for all particles. We increase the drive in increments of $\delta F^D = 0.002$ and wait 10^4 simulation time steps between increments to ensure we are in a steady state. The damping term α_d^γ aligns the particle velocity in the direction of the net applied forces, while the Magnus term α_m^γ generates velocity components that are perpendicular to the net applied forces. As in previous work, unless otherwise noted we normalize the two coefficients such that $(\alpha_d^\gamma)^2 + (\alpha_m^\gamma)^2 = 1.0$ [41,42,60]; however, we also consider systems with fixed α_d^γ and varied α_m^γ that are not subject to this constraint. The intrinsic Hall angle for species γ is $\theta_{Sk}^{\gamma,\text{int}} = \arctan(\alpha_m^\gamma/\alpha_d^\gamma)$. It is known from previous work on skyrmion systems with disorder that θ_{Sk}^γ depends on the velocity of the particles and can be written as $\theta_{Sk}^\gamma = \tan^{-1}(\langle V_\perp^\gamma \rangle / \langle V_\parallel^\gamma \rangle)$ where $\langle V_\perp^\gamma \rangle = N_\gamma^{-1} \sum_i^{N_\gamma} \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ and $\langle V_\parallel^\gamma \rangle = N_\gamma^{-1} \sum_i^{N_\gamma} \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}$, with the average taken over time in the steady state [41,42,51,61]. In a system with $\alpha_m^a = \alpha_m^b = 0$, $\theta_{Sk}^a = \theta_{Sk}^b = 0$. We initialize the particles in a triangular lattice and assign N_a randomly selected particles to be species a, with the remaining particles set to species b. We measure $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$, $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$, $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$, and $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$, along with θ_{Sk}^a and θ_{Sk}^b. In our system the typical skyrmion lattice constant is $a_0 = 1.5$. For reference, in the representative skyrmion-supporting material MnSi, a typical skyrmion lattice constant is 50 nm, typical driving currents range from 10^8 to 10^9 A/m^2, and the skyrmion Hall angle ranges from 50° to 83° [37].

III. MAGNUS INDUCED DISORDERING TRANSITION

We first consider a system containing $N = 572$ particles at a density of $n = 0.4413$ which forms a triangular solid when $F_D = 0$. We fix species a in the overdamped limit with $\alpha_m^a = 0$ and $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, while species b has $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$ and $(\alpha_m^b)^2 + (\alpha_d^b)^2 = 1.0$. In Fig. 1(a) we plot the average velocities $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ versus F_D, and in Fig. 1(b) we show the corresponding $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ versus F_D curves. In Fig. 1(c) we plot P_6, the overall fraction of sixfold coordinated particles, versus F_D. Here $P_6 = N^{-1} \sum_i^N \delta(z_i - 6)$, where z_i is the coordination number of particle i obtained from a Voronoi tessellation. When $F_D < 0.1175$, we have $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle / \langle V_\perp^b \rangle = \langle V_\parallel^a \rangle / \langle V_\parallel^b \rangle = 1.0$ and $P_6 = 1.0$, indicating that the system forms a triangular lattice which moves elastically in the positive x and negative y directions. Here, the skyrmions do not exchange neighbors as they move, and any local fluctuations in position are invariant with respect to the global drift velocity.
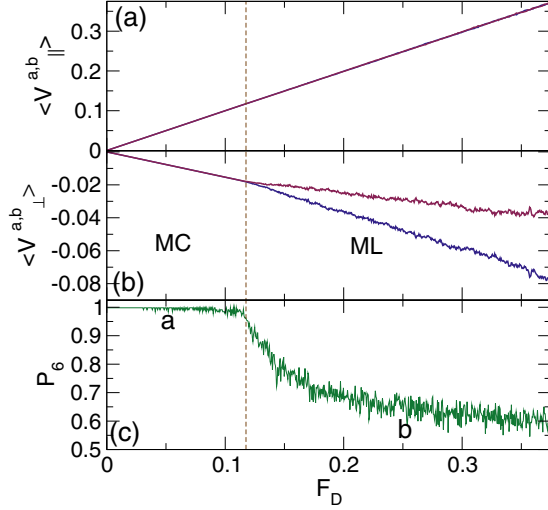
FIG. 1. $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D in a sample with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$. (b) The corresponding $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D. For $F_D < 0.1175$, the system forms a moving tri-angular crystal (MC) and the velocities are locked in both directions, while for $F_D \geqslant 0.1175$, the transverse velocity curves split with $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ increasing more rapidly with F_D than $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$, indicating that the two species are now moving at different velocities. (c) The fraction P_6 of sixfold-coordinated particles vs F_D. For $F_D < 0.1175$, $P_6 \approx 1$ as expected for a triangular lattice, while P_6 drops for $F_D \geqslant 0.1175$, indicating a disordering of the system. The letters a and b indicate the values of F_D at which the images in Fig. 2 were obtained. The vertical dashed line marks the transition from the moving crystal (MC) to the moving liquid (ML) state.

We illustrate the particle positions at $F_D = 0.05$ in Fig. 2(a), where a moving crystal (MC) phase appears. At $F_D = 0.1175$, a disordering transition occurs that is associated with a drop in P_6 caused by the proliferation of 5–7 defect pairs. At this same drive, the $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ curves in Fig. 1(b) split, and the $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ curve increases more rapidly with F_D than the $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ curve, indicating that the disordering transition is triggered by a partial decoupling of the two species, which now move at different transverse velocities. In Fig. 2(b) we show the particle positions at $F_D = 0.25$ where the system
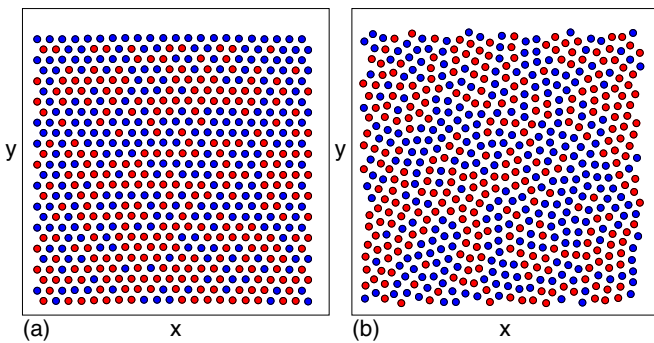

(a)   x   (b)   x

FIG. 2. Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue) for the system in Fig. 1 with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$ at the drives marked a and b in Fig. 1(c). (a) At $F_D = 0.05$, the system forms a triangular solid that is moving in the positive x and negative y directions. (b) At $F_D = 0.25$, the system is in a moving liquid phase.
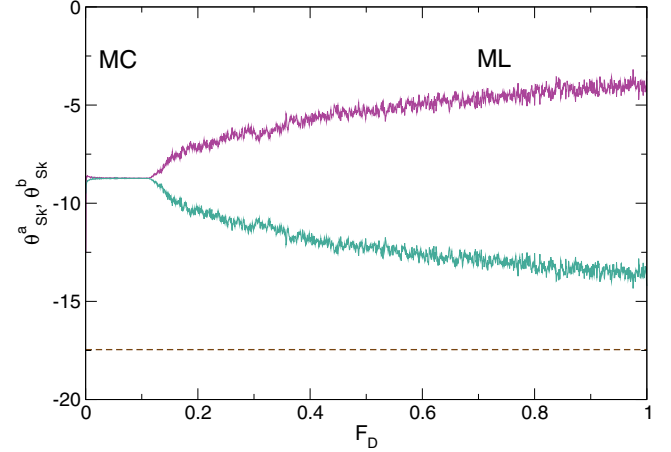

FIG. 3. The Hall angles θ_{Sk}^a (pink) and θ_{Sk}^b (green) vs F_D for the system in Fig. 1 with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$. In the moving crystal (MC) phase, the species are locked together and all the particles have $\theta_{Sk}^a = \theta_{Sk}^b = -8.73°$, while in the disordered moving liquid (ML) state, the magnitude of θ_{Sk}^a decreases toward $0°$ while θ_{Sk}^b gradually approaches $\theta_{Sk}^{b,\text{int}} = -17.45°$, marked by a dashed line.

has disordered but the particle species remain mixed. In this moving liquid (ML) phase, the particles undergo continual dynamical rearrangements. Despite the fact that $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ continues to increase with increasing F_D in the ML phase, indicating that although the two species are no longer fully coupled, species b is able to drag species a in the transverse direction. The vertical dashed line in Fig. 1 marks the MC-ML transition and shows that the longitudinal velocities $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ in Fig. 1(a) are not affected by the transition. In Fig. 3 we plot the drive dependent Hall angles θ_{Sk}^a and θ_{Sk}^b versus F_D for the system in Fig. 1, where the intrinsic Hall angles are $\theta_{Sk}^{a,\text{int}} = 0°$ and $\theta_{Sk}^{b,\text{int}} = -17.45°$. In the MC state, both species are locked to the same Hall angle, $\theta_{Sk}^a = \theta_{Sk}^b \approx \theta_{Sk}^{b,\text{int}}/2 = -8.73°$, and at the disordering transition, θ_{Sk}^a approaches $0°$ while θ_{Sk}^b approaches its intrinsic value of $\theta_{Sk}^{b,\text{int}} = -17.45°$.

In Fig. 4(a) we plot the critical force F_c, equal to the drive at which the MC-ML transition occurs, versus α_m^b for the system in Fig. 1 with $\alpha_m^a = 0$ and $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$. As α_m^b increases, the disordering transition shifts to lower drives, and we find that the critical force can be fit to $F_c \propto C(\alpha_m^b)^\beta$ with $C = 0.0323$ and $\beta = -1.05$. These results show that even when the Magnus term is very small, application of an external drive can induce a disordering transition. We note that under our imposed normalization constraint, $\alpha_m^b < 1.0$. In skyrmion systems, all the particles have a finite Magnus term, so in Fig. 4(b) we plot F_c versus α_m^b for a system in which we vary α_m^b while fixing $\alpha_m^a = 0.7$ with $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$. Here, F_c diverges at $\alpha_m^b/\alpha_m^a = 1.0$ according to $F_c \propto |\alpha_m^a - \alpha_m^b|^{-1}$.

IV. CLUSTER AND STRIPE FORMATION

In Figs. 5(a) and 5(b) we plot $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$, $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$, $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$, and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ versus F_D for the system in Fig. 1 with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$, while in Fig. 5(c) we show the corresponding P_6 versus F_D curve. Here we consider values of F_D that are much
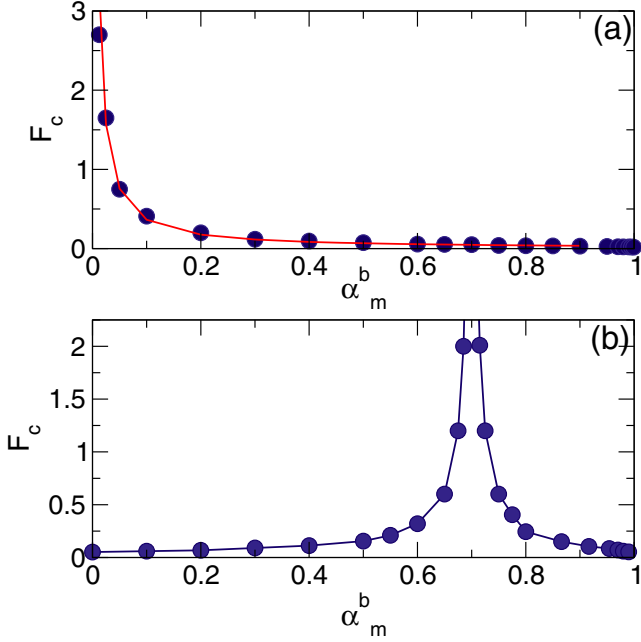
FIG. 4. (a) F_c, the drive at which the MC-ML transition occurs, vs α_m^b for the system in Fig. 1 with $\alpha_m^a = 0$ and $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$. The solid line is a power law fit to $F_c \propto C(\alpha_m^b)^\beta$ with $C = 0.0323$ and $\beta = -1.05$. (b) F_c vs α_m^b in a system with fixed $\alpha_m^a = 0.7$ for $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^a = 1.0$, showing a divergence at $\alpha_m^b/\alpha_m^a = 1.0$.

higher than those presented in Fig. 1 to access the transition from the ML state to a phase separated (PS) cluster state. The ML phase ends at $F_D = 2.5$, where we find a jump of $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ to $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle = 0$, indicating that the motion of species a has locked to the x direction, parallel to the applied driving force. This
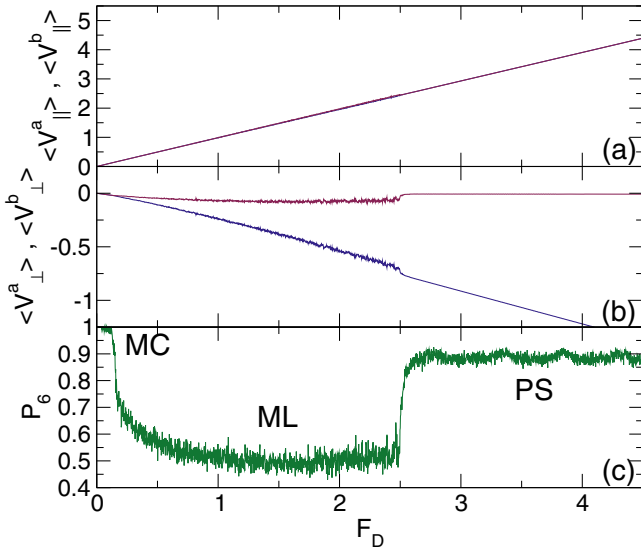

FIG. 5. (a) $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{||}^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D for the system from Fig. 1 with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$. (b) The corresponding $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D. (c) The corresponding P_6 vs F_D. MC is the moving crystal state. There is a transition at $F_D = 2.5$ from the moving liquid (ML) phase to a perpendicular stripe (PS) or cluster phase.
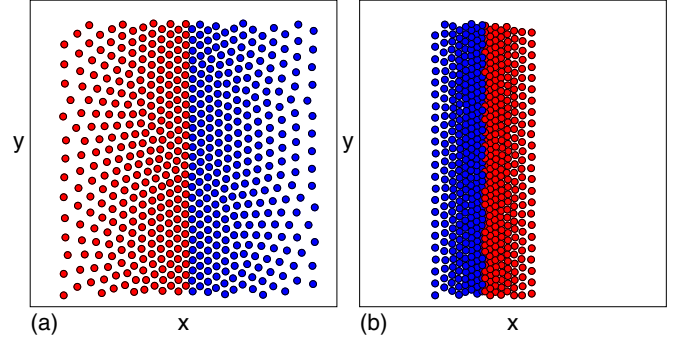

FIG. 6. Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue). (a) At $F_D = 4.0$ for the system in Fig. 5 with $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$, a perpendicular stripe (PS) state forms with a conformal crystal structure on each side. (b) The PS state for a system with $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.75$ at $F_D = 6.0$, where the stripe is more compressed.

jump coincides with a jump in $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ to more negative values, and both curves are much smoother above the jump, indicating that fluctuations are reduced in the PS state compared to the ML flow. The ML-PS transition is also associated with a jump up in P_6 from $P_6 = 0.55$ in the ML phase to $P_6 = 0.9$ in the PS phase as the system becomes more ordered into a moving perpendicular stripe.

In Fig. 6(a) we show the particle configurations from the sample in Fig. 5(a) at $F_D = 4.0$ in the PS phase, where the particles undergo species and density phase separation into a partially clustered state consisting of a stripe aligned in the y direction, perpendicular to F_D. The particle density is highest at the center of the stripe. Species a moves only along the x-direction, causing it to pile up behind species b, which is moving in both the positive x and negative y directions. As a result, the entire pattern translates in the positive x direction, and the two halves of the pattern shear against each other along the y direction. In Fig. 5(a), $\langle V_{||}^b \rangle$ is slightly higher than $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle$ in the ML phase, but in the PS phase $\langle V_{||}^b \rangle$ and $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle$ become locked together.

There is considerable local sixfold ordering of the particles in the PS state illustrated in Fig. 6(a), but due to the density gradient the lattice is distorted into conformal arch-like patterns. Conformal crystals arise in two-dimensional systems of repulsive particles in the presence of some form of density gradient, such as magnetic particles in a gravitational field [62], vortices in a Bean state [63–66], and colloidal particles under a gradient that is imposed by the system geometry [67]. The conformal crystals are the result of a competition between the local sixfold ordering favored by the repulsive particle-particle interactions and the need to spatially vary the interparticle spacing to accommodate the density gradient. Most conformal crystals have been observed under equilibrium conditions, while the conformal crystal structure illustrated in Fig. 6(a) is a strictly nonequilibrium state. As F_D increases, the conformal stripe state becomes more compressed along the x direction. Increasing α_m^b also compresses the PS stripe, as illustrated in Fig. 6(b) for a system with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.7$ at $F_D = 5.0$. The width of the stripe is controlled by both α_m and F_D. For fixed F_D,
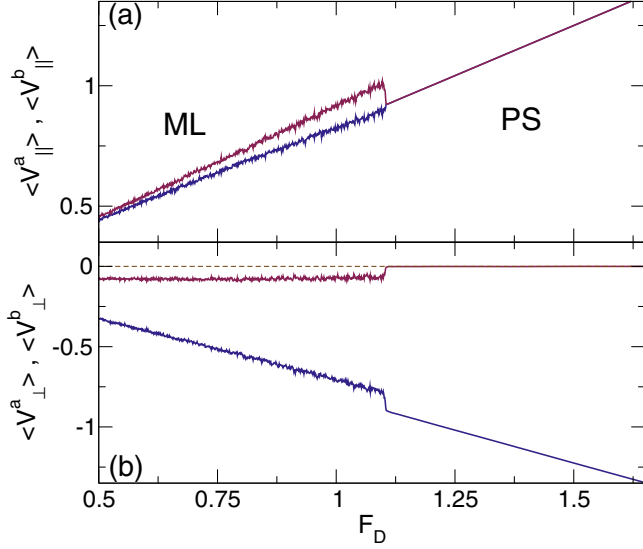
FIG. 7. (a) $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{||}^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.7$ in the region on either side of the ML (moving lattice) to PS (perpendicular stripe) transition. (b) The corresponding $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D curves. The dashed line indicates $\langle V_{\perp} \rangle = 0$. The ML-PS transition is accompanied by a locking of the parallel velocities and a jump in the perpendicular velocities.

the stripe decreases in width with increasing α_m, while for fixed α_m the stripe decreases in width with increasing F_D. We also note that Fig. 6(b) shows an increase in the fluctuations along the interface of the two species for the thiner stripes. This is a result of the increase in the strength of the repulsive skyrmion-skyrmion interactions as the stripes become thin, which eventually leads to the instability of the stripe and the transition to a configuration with a more uniform density.

In Fig. 7(a) we plot $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_{||}^b \rangle$ versus F_D for the system in Fig. 6(b) with $\alpha_m^b = 0.7$ in the vicinity of the ML-PS transition, while in Fig. 7(b) we show the corresponding $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ versus F_D curves. There is a clear parallel velocity locking, with $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle / \langle V_{||}^b \rangle = 1.0$ in the PS state, while $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ locks to zero velocity at the transition at the same time as a jump in $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ to a more negative value appears. The velocity fluctuations are reduced in the more ordered PS phase compared to the disordered ML state.

When F_D or α_m^b is increased, the stripes become more compressed and the particle-particle interactions become strong enough to generate an instability that causes the system to enter a different phase consisting of multiple lanes with a more uniform particle density. In Fig. 8 we plot $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle$, $\langle V_{||}^b \rangle$, $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$, and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ versus F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^b = 0.75$. There is a large jump in the velocities near $F_D = 7.75$, where the system undergoes a transition from the PS state to what we term a diagonal-laned (DL) state. As illustrated in Fig. 9(a) for $F_D = 8.0$, this state is composed of multiple stripes of particles oriented at an angle to the driving direction. Within each stripe, the density gradient is reduced compared to what is observed in the PS state. At the transition into the DL state, $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle$ jumps up since species b no longer blocks the motion of species a along the x direction. At the same time,
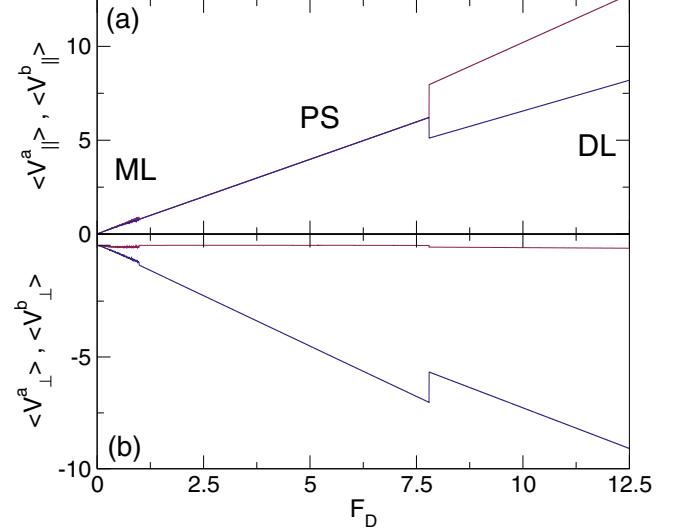

FIG. 8. (a) $\langle V_{||}^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{||}^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.75$ showing that the ML (moving lattice) to PS (perpendicular stripe) transition is followed by a second transition to a diagonal-laned (DL) state near $F_D = 7.75$ that is accompanied by large velocity jumps. (b) The corresponding $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D curves.

there is a downward jump in $\langle V_{||}^b \rangle$ since species b is no longer being pushed as hard in the x direction by species a. Interestingly, a small downward jump in $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ occurs at the PS-DL transition, indicative of negative differential conductivity. This jump is produced by a Magnus force induced velocity imparted by species a to species b. In the PS phase, species a pushes against species b along the x direction, and due to the Magnus term, additional velocity components arise for species b in the negative y-direction. In the DL state, the tilt of the stripes diminishes the magnitude of the x-direction push from species a on species b, which reduces the Magnus force contribution to the y-direction velocity of species b. At the same time, species a now has a negative y-direction component of force on species b that generates a negative x-direction velocity component of species b through
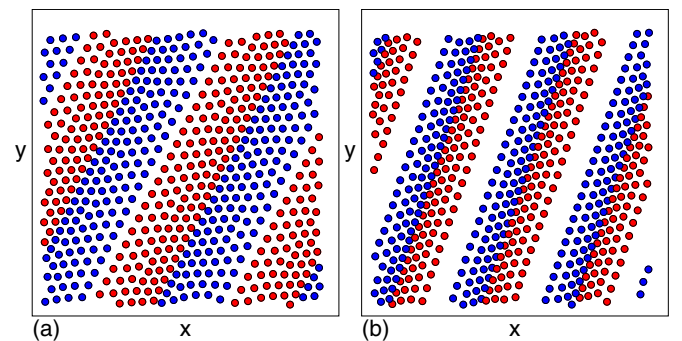

FIG. 9. Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue) for the diagonal-laned (DL) state. (a) The system in Fig. 8 with $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.75$ at $F_D = 8.0$. (b) A system with $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.85$, showing the increased compression of the diagonal stripes.
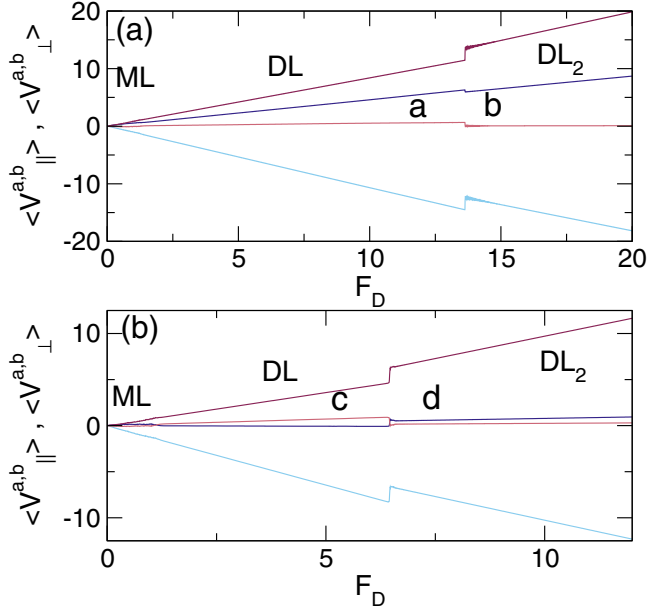
FIG. 10. (a) $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$ (dark red), $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ (dark blue), $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ (pink), and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ (light blue) vs F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.9$. The system passes directly from the ML (moving lattice) state to the DL (diagonal-laned) state, followed by a transition to the DL$_2$ (second diagonal-laned) state near $F_D = 13.5$. (b) The same for a system with $\alpha_m^a = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.998$. The letters a, b, c, and d indicate the values of F_D at which the images in Fig. 11 were obtained.

FIG. 11. Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue). (a) The DL state for the system in Fig. 10(a) with $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.9$ at $F_D = 10.35$. (b) The DL$_2$ state from Fig. 10(a) at $F_D = 14.75$. (c) The DL state from the system in Fig. 10(b) with $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.998$ at $F_D = 5.0$. (c) The DL$_2$ state from the system in Fig. 10(b) at $F_D = 7.5$.

the Magnus term. This produces the drop in $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ at the PS-DL transition. As α_m^b increases, the PS-DL transition shifts to lower values of F_D, and when $\alpha_m^b \geqslant 0.85$, the system passes directly from the ML to the DL phase without forming a PS state. In Fig. 9(b) we illustrate the DL state at $\alpha_m^b = 0.85$ and $F_D = 8.0$, where the number of stripes has increased. Within the DL phase, the stripes become more compressed as F_D increases until a transition occurs to a new diagonal-laned state, DL$_2$, containing a larger number of stripes with fewer rows of particles in each stripe.

In Fig. 10(a) we plot $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$, $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$, $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$, and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ versus F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^b = 0.9$, which transitions directly from the ML to the DL phase. A second transition appears near $F_D = 13.5$, as indicated by the jumps in the velocity curves, which corresponds to a rearrangement into the more uniform laned state DL$_2$. In Fig. 11(a) we illustrate the DL state for the system in Fig. 10(a) at $F_D = 10.3$, where the particles form a series of diagonal stripes, each of which is composed of three rows of each species on either side. At $F_D = 14.75$ in the DL$_2$ phase, as shown in Fig. 11(b), there are still two to three rows of particles on each side of each stripe, but the stripes are much more spread out so that the particle density is considerably more uniform. In Fig. 10(b), we plot $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$, $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$, $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$, and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ versus F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^b = 0.998$ where $\alpha_m^b / \alpha_d^b = 15.79$, in which the same phases appear but the DL-DL$_2$ transition is shifted to a lower drive of $F_D = 6.5$. Figure 11(c) shows an image of the DL phase for the system in Fig. 10(b) at $F_D = 5.0$, where dense tilted stripes appear, each of which contains four to five rows
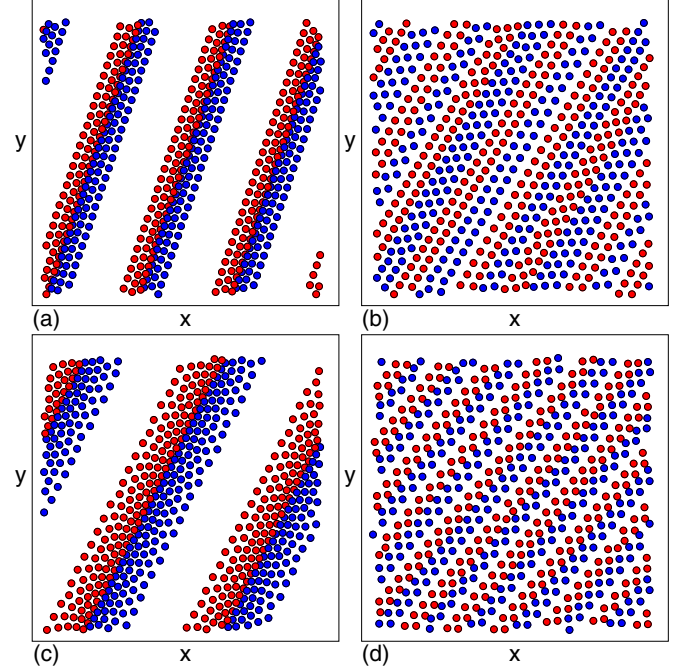
of particles on each side. In Fig. 11(d), the DL$_2$ phase for the same system at $F_D = 7.5$ has a larger number of lower density stripes containing two rows of particles on each side, giving a more uniform particle density. The exact particle configurations in the DL states are not unique, but generally we find a small number of diagonal stripes with three or more rows of particles on each side of each stripe in the DL phase, while the DL$_2$ phase is more uniform and each of the more numerous stripes has two to three rows of particles on each side. As F_D is further increased, the stripes in the DL$_2$ phase become more compressed, and an additional transition can occur to a DL$_3$ state in which each stripe has only a single row of particles on each side.

From the features in the transport curves and changes in the particle configurations, we construct the dynamical phase diagram shown in Fig. 12 as a function of F_D versus α_m^b / α_d^b for samples with fixed $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$ and $\alpha_m^a = 0$. The extent of the MC phase increases as α_m^b / α_d^b goes to zero, and similarly the ML-PS transition shifts to higher F_D as α_m^b / α_d^b decreases. The PS phase only occurs when $\alpha_m^b / \alpha_d^b < 0.85$, while for higher values of α_m^b / α_d^b the system transitions directly from the ML phase to the DL state. The DL$_2$ state appears when $\alpha_m^b / \alpha_d^b \geqslant 0.9$.

V. VARIED DAMPING RATIOS

We next consider systems in which α_m^a and α_m^b are both set equal to zero as the damping constant ratio is varied. We fix $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$ and vary α_d^b. This is very similar to systems of oppositely driven particles [27], but here both species are
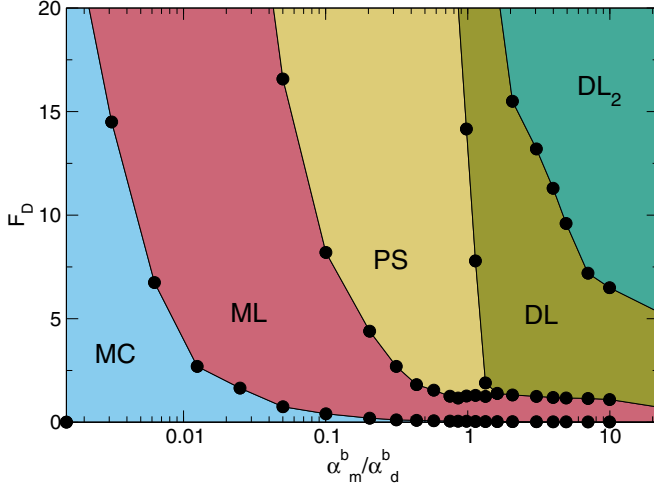
FIG. 12. Dynamic phase diagram as a function of F_D vs α_m^b/α_d^b for the system in Fig. 10 with $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$ and $\alpha_m^a = 0$. MC: moving crystal; ML: moving liquid; PS: perpendicular stripe; DL: diagonal-laned phase; DL$_2$: second diagonal-laned phase.

moving in the same direction. In Figs. 13(a) and 13(b) we plot $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$, $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$, $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$, and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$, for a system with $\alpha_d^a = 2.0$. Since the Magnus force is zero, $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ both fluctuate around zero. At low drives, $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ are locked together and the system forms an elastic triangular solid in the moving crystal state. As the drive increases, there is a transition to a moving liquid phase in which the species a particles, which have a smaller damping coefficient, move faster in the direction of drive than the species b particles, which have higher damping. At $F_D \approx 2.1$, there is an abrupt decrease in the magnitude of the fluctuations in both $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ as well as a cusp
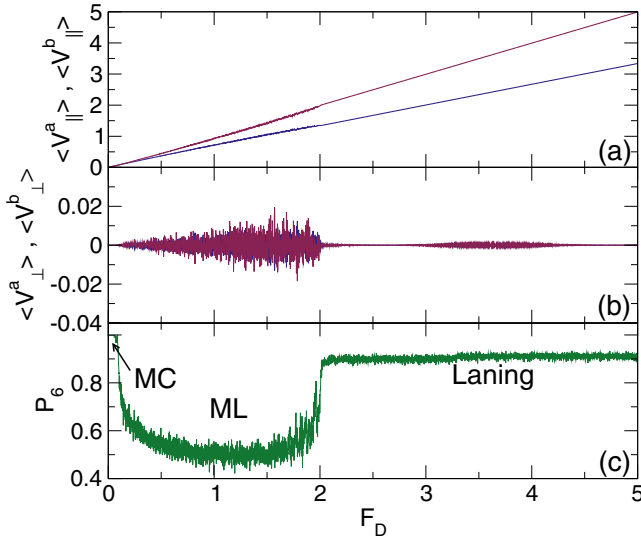

FIG. 13. (a) $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^a = \alpha_m^b = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_d^b = 2.0$. (b) The corresponding $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D, which both fluctuate around zero but show a clear change in the magnitude of the fluctuations near $F_D = 2.1$. (c) The corresponding P_6 vs F_D showing the moving crystal (MC), moving liquid (ML), and laning states.
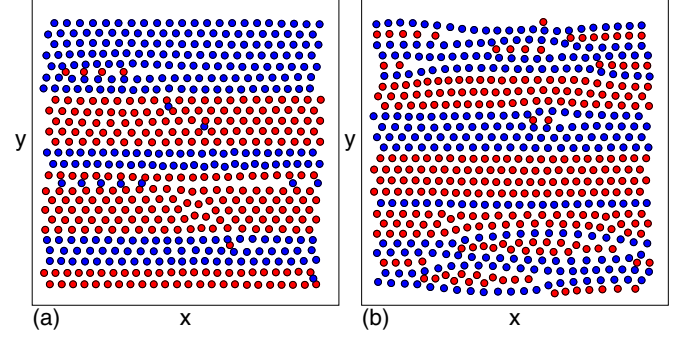

FIG. 14. Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue). (a) The system in Fig. 13 with $\alpha_m^a = \alpha_m^b = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_d^b = 2.0$ in the laned state at $F_D = 2.5$. (b) The laned state for a system with $\alpha_m^a = \alpha_m^b = 0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_d^b = 10$ at $F_D = 2.5$.

in $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$, above which the velocities parallel to the drive increase linearly with drive. In Fig. 13(c) we plot P_6 for all the particles versus F_D, where we find that $P_6 = 1.0$ in the ordered MC phase. At the transition to the ML phase, P_6 drops, but for drives above $F_D = 2.1$, there is a recovery of order to $P_6 \approx 0.9$ as the system enters a uniform laned state of the type illustrated in Fig. 14(a) for $F_D = 2.5$. This laned state is the same as that found for oppositely driven Yukawa particles [19], and it is relatively ordered due to the large patches of triangular lattice that appear. Sliding of adjacent lanes past each other is made possible by the presence of aligned 5–7 dislocation pairs that can glide parallel to the driving direction, which give the state a smectic character. The zero Magnus term laned state is distinct from the DL and DL$_2$ states that appear for a finite Magnus term in that the lanes are aligned with the driving direction and the particle density is uniform for all values of F_D and α_d^b, unlike the DL and DL$_2$ states, which can show strong density modulations. In Fig. 14(b) we illustrate that the laned state for $\alpha_d^b = 10$ has features similar to the laned states that form at lower α_d^b. In Fig. 15 we construct a dynamic phase diagram as a function
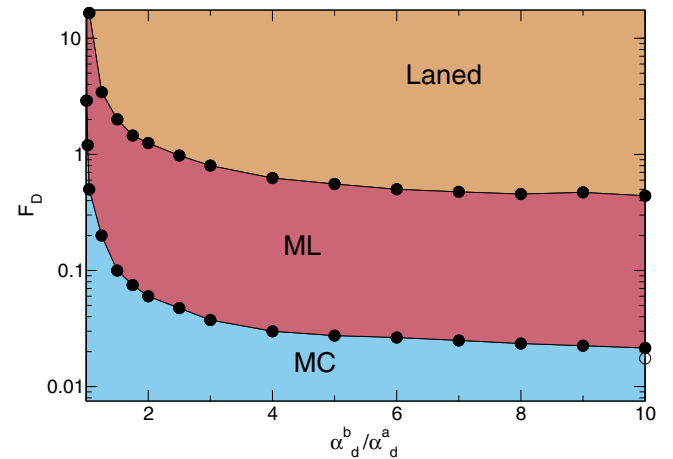

FIG. 15. Dynamic phase diagram as a function of F_D vs α_d^a/α_d^b for the system in Figs. 13 and 14 with $\alpha_m^a = \alpha_m^b = 0$ and $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, showing the moving crystal (MC), moving liquid (ML), and laned states.
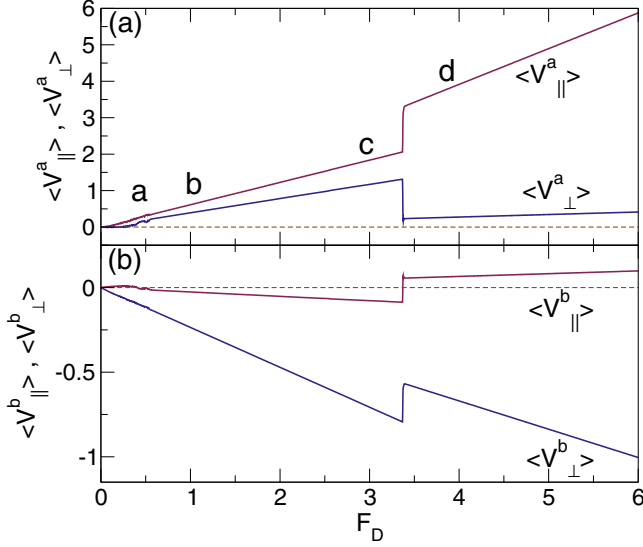
FIG. 16. (a) $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D for a system with $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 6.0$. (b) The corresponding $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ (red) and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D. The dashed lines indicate zero velocity, showing that there is a regime in which $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ becomes more negative as F_D increases, meaning that species b is exhibiting absolute negative mobility.

of F_D versus α_d^b / α_d^a, and highlight the MC, ML, and laned states. As $\alpha_d^b / \alpha_d^a \to 1$, there is a divergence in the value of F_D at which the MC-ML transition occurs, along with a similar divergence of the transition from the ML to the laned state.

VI. VARIED MAGNUS FORCE

We next relax the constraint $\alpha_m^b + \alpha_d^b = 1.0$ and hold $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$ while fixing $\alpha_m^a = 0.0$ and increasing α_m^b from $\alpha_m^b = 0$ to $\alpha_m^b = 40$. This protocol produces more pronounced differences in the longitudinal and transverse velocities of the two species. In Fig. 16(a) we plot $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ versus F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^b = 6.0$, and in Fig. 16(b) we show the corresponding $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ versus F_D. When $F_D < 0.6$, we observe a disordered or partially disordered state, as illustrated in Fig. 17(a) at $F_D = 0.5$, where a diagonal stripe is beginning to form.

For $F_D > 0.6$ the system enters a DL state as shown in Fig. 17(b) for $F_D = 1.25$, where the lanes are aligned at an angle of roughly $\theta_l = 60°$ to the driving direction. Within the DL state, $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ are both positive, indicating that species a is sliding along the positive x and positive y directions due to the orientation of the lane. In contrast, $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ and $\langle V_{\perp}^b \rangle$ are both negative, indicating that species b is moving *opposite* to the direction of the applied drive, a phenomenon that is known as absolute negative mobility [68–71]. The strong Magnus force of the species b particles rotates the F_D component of the velocity mostly into the negative y direction, leaving a residual positive x direction velocity. The overdamped species a particles move parallel to the driving direction and pile up behind the species b particles, exerting a force of magnitude F_{ss} on them in both the positive x and negative y directions with components $F_{ss} \cos \theta_l$ and
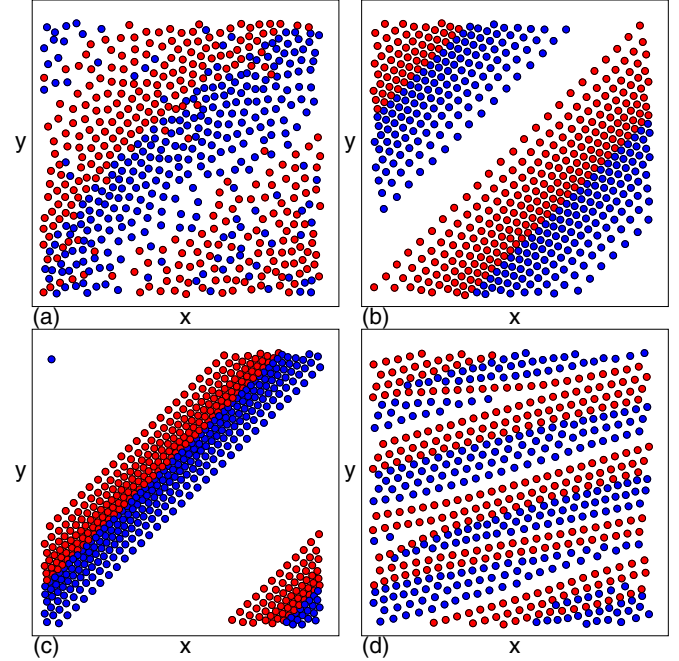

FIG. 17. Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue) for the system in Fig. 16 with $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 6.0$. (a) The moving liquid state at $F_D = 0.5$, just before the transition into the diagonal-laned (DL) state. (b) The DL state at $F_D = 1.25$. (c) The DL state at $F_D = 3.0$ where the stripes are more compressed. (d) The DL$_2$ state at $F_D = 3.75$.

$F_{ss} \sin \theta_l$, respectively. Under the Magnus force rotation, the $F_{ss} \cos \theta_l$ portion of the particle-particle interaction produces a species b velocity contribution that is mostly in the negative y direction, while the $F_{ss} \sin \theta_l$ portion of the interaction gives a velocity contribution that is mostly in the *negative x* direction. Since the positive x direction velocities from F_D and $F_{ss} \cos \theta_l$ are small, the net value of $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ is negative, resulting in the absolute negative mobility that we observe. As F_D increases, the drift velocity of the entire diagonal lane in the positive x direction increases due to the increase in $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$, but at the same time the lane becomes more compressed, decreasing the distance between the species a and species b particles at the center of the lane, and increasing the particle-particle interaction force that is responsible for generating the negative value of $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$. As a result, $\langle V_{\parallel}^b \rangle$ becomes more negative with increasing F_D.

We note that in previous studies of overdamped systems in which negative mobility is observed, the particles are coupled to some type of asymmetric substrate [68–71]. Magnus force-induced negative mobility was predicted to occur for monodisperse skyrmions, but only when the skyrmions are coupled to a substrate [72]. The bidisperse system we consider here is unique in that a negative mobility can appear in the absence of a substrate.

The compression of the diagonal lane becomes more intense with increasing F_D, as illustrated in Fig. 17(c) at $F_D = 3.0$ for the $\alpha_m^b = 6.0$ system, until a transition occurs at sufficiently high drive to the more uniform DL$_2$ state shown in Fig. 17(d) at $F_D = 3.75$. The DL-DL$_2$ transition is accompanied by a jump up in $\langle V_{\parallel}^a \rangle$ and a drop in $\langle V_{\perp}^a \rangle$ since
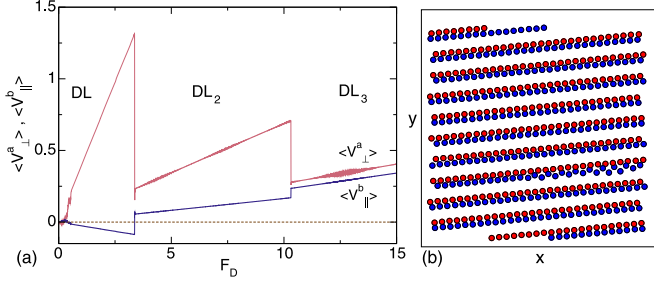
FIG. 18. $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ (pink) and $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ (blue) vs F_D for the system in Fig. 17 with $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 6.0$ showing jumps at the PS-DL, DL-DL$_2$, and DL$_2$-DL$_3$ transitions. (b) Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue) in the DL$_3$ state at $F_D = 10.5$.

the lanes are now aligned closer to the driving direction at an angle of $\theta_l = 20°$. This change in lane orientation also causes $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ to abruptly jump from a negative value to a positive value at the DL-DL$_2$ transition.

In Fig. 18(a) we plot $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ and $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ versus F_D for a sample with $\alpha_m^b = 6.0$. Here, the negative value of $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ is more clearly visible. At higher drives we find an additional jump in both $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ and $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ due to rearrangements that transform the DL$_2$ structure into what we call the DL$_3$ state, illustrated Fig. 18(b) for $F_D = 10.5$. The DL$_3$ lanes are very thin and are nearly aligned with the x direction.

In Fig. 19 we construct a dynamic phase diagram as a function of F_D versus α_m^b for the system in Figs. 17 and 18. We find that the width of the moving crystal phase diverges as $\alpha_m^b \to 0$, while the PS phase only occurs when $\alpha_m^b < 0.5$. These results show that the phases we observe are generic in systems where the damping coefficient is fixed but the Magnus term varies.
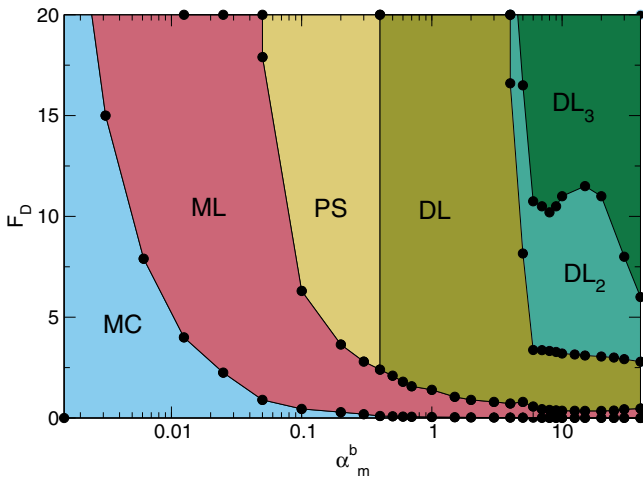

FIG. 19. Dynamic phase diagram as a function of F_D vs α_m^b for a system with $\alpha_m^a = 0$ and $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$ illustrating the moving crystal (MC), moving liquid (ML), perpendicular stripe (PS), and diagonal-laned (DL, DL$_2$, and DL$_3$) phases. A regime of negative mobility for species b appears in phase DL.
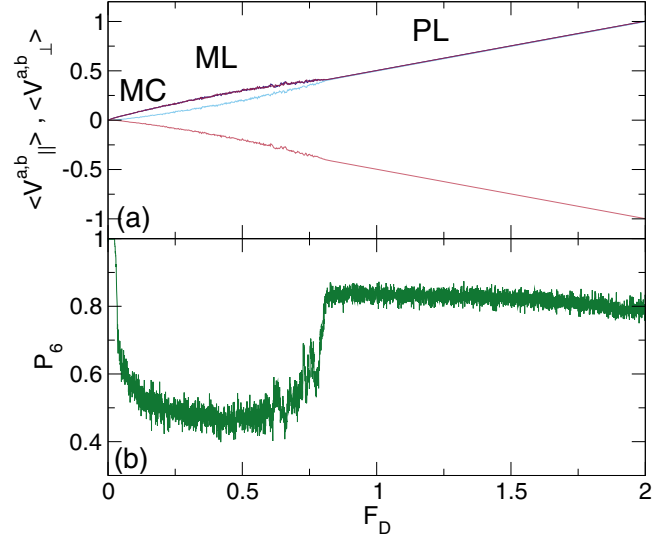

FIG. 20. (a) $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$ (dark red), $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ (dark blue), $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ (pink), and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ (light blue) vs F_D in a system with $\alpha_m^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^b = -1.0$, and $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$. (b) The corresponding P_6 vs F_D. At low drives we find a moving crystal (MC) state, followed by moving liquid (ML) and perpendicular-laned (PL) phases.

VII. MAGNUS TERMS OF OPPOSITE SIGN

Up to now we have focused on systems in which the Magnus term is zero for one or both species, or where both species have a finite Magnus force with the same sign but different magnitude. Here we examine the case where both species have a nonzero Magnus term of equal magnitude that is opposite in sign. In Fig. 20(a) we plot $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$, $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$, $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$, and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ versus F_D for a system with $\alpha_m^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^b = -1.0$, and $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$, while in Fig. 20(b) we show the corresponding P_6 versus F_D curve. Here $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ is negative while $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$, $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$, and $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ are all positive. At low F_D the system is in an elastic MC state, and it transitions with increasing drive into a moving liquid in which $P_6 \approx 0.45$. An ordering transition occurs near $F_D = 0.75$, as indicated by the increase in P_6 to a value close to $P_6 = 0.865$, and simultaneously $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$ and $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ lock with $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ as the system enters what we term a perpendicular-laned (PL) state, illustrated in Fig. 21(a) at $F_D = 1.5$. The PL structure is very similar to the lanes that form for oppositely driven Yukawa particles, except in this case the lanes are oriented perpendicular to the drive. The PL state is distinguished from the PS state by the fact that the density of the system remains uniform out to arbitrarily high drives in the PL phase. In general, we find no significant density modulations whenever α_m^a and α_m^b are of the same magnitude but opposite in sign as long as $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b$, even when α_m^a or F_D are very large. By setting the damping terms of the two species to different values, it is possible to induce clustering in the PL state with $\alpha_m^a = -\alpha_m^b$, as illustrated in Fig. 21(b) for a system with $\alpha_m^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^b = -1.0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_d^b = 3.0$, where the perpendicular lanes are now compressed. This compression arises because species a, which has a smaller damping term than species b, moves faster and collides with the band of slower moving particles, while the
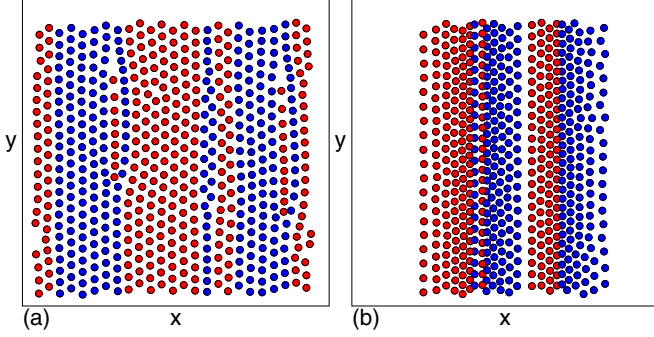
FIG. 21. Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue). (a) The system in Fig. 20 with $\alpha_m^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^b = -1.0$, and $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$ at $F_D = 1.5$ showing the formation of a uniform perpendicular-laned (PL) state oriented transverse to the driving direction. (b) A system with $\alpha_m^a = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^b = -1.0$, $\alpha_d^a = 1.0$, and $\alpha_d^b = 3.0$, in which the PL state shows compression or clustering.

opposite sign of the Magnus terms for the two species is responsible for creating the perpendicular banding.

In Fig. 22 we construct a dynamic phase diagram as a function of F_D versus α_m^a for the system in Fig. 20 with $\alpha_m^b = -\alpha_m^a$, highlighting the fact that the widths of the MC and ML phases diverge upon approaching the overdamped limit of $\alpha_m^a = 0$. The ML phase also increases in extent with increasing α_m^a when $\alpha_m^a > 5.0$.

VIII. OTHER VARIABLES AND DISCUSSION

We have considered several other variables such as varied damping and varied Magnus ratios and in general find the same phases described above with some minor variations. For example, in Fig. 23(a) we plot $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$, $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$, $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$, and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ versus F_D for a system with $\alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_d^a = 2.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0.1$, and $\alpha_m^b = -1.0$, where we find a series of pronounced velocity jumps at the transitions into different DL and DL$_2$ phases.
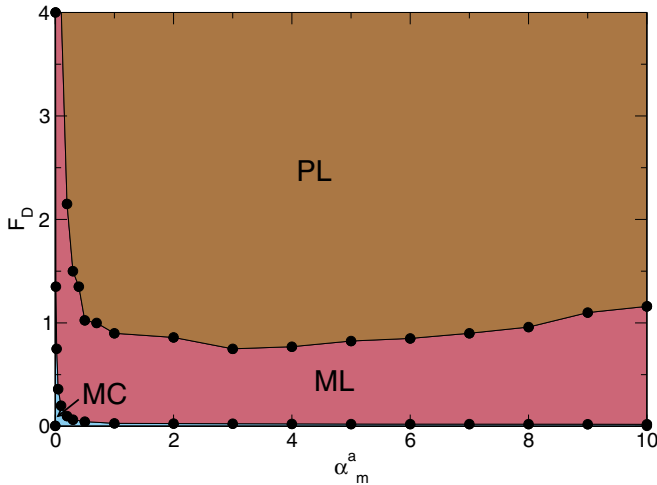

FIG. 22. Dynamic phase diagram as a function of F_D vs α_m^a for the system in Fig. 20 with $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$ and $\alpha_m^b = -\alpha_m^a$ showing the moving crystal (MC), moving liquid (ML), and perpendicular-laned (PL) phase.
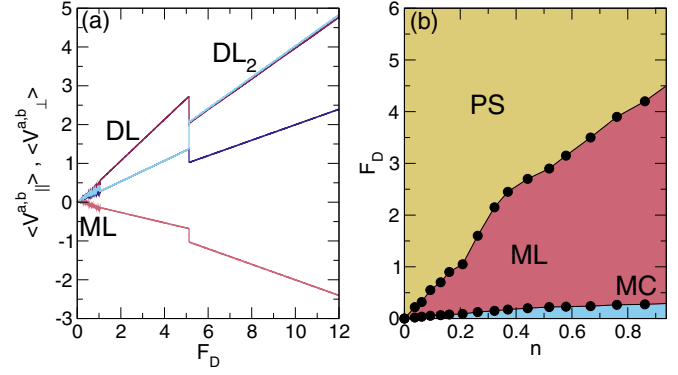

FIG. 23. (a) $\langle V_\parallel^a \rangle$ (dark red), $\langle V_\parallel^b \rangle$ (dark blue), $\langle V_\perp^a \rangle$ (pink), and $\langle V_\perp^b \rangle$ (light blue) versus F_D for a system with $\alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_d^a = 2.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0.1$, and $\alpha_m^b = -1.0$, where a series of pronounced jumps indicate transitions into different DL and DL$_2$ phases. (b) Dynamic phase diagram as a function of F_D vs system density n for samples with $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$, showing that the transitions between the moving crystal (MC), moving liquid (ML), and perpendicular stripe (PS) phases shift to higher values of F_D with increasing density.

The same generic phases persist when the system density is varied, as shown in the dynamic phase diagram as a function of F_D and n in Fig. 23(b) for a system with $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 0.3$. As n increases, the transitions between the phases shift to higher values of F_D. We observe a similar trend for higher values of α_m^b. We have also examined systems in which $N_a \neq N_b$ and find similar dynamic phases, as illustrated in Figs. 24(a) and 24(b) for a sample with $N_b/N_a = 0.9$, $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 3.0$, where we show that in the ML phase, some species segregation occurs, while in the DL phase, thinner stripes appear. These results indicate that the general features we observe are robust for a wide range of parameters. We have tested systems with different densities and find that the same general phases occur; however, in denser systems, the increased skyrmion-skyrmion repulsion shifts the transition to the thinner-stripe state up to larger values of the Magnus term and driving force. We have checked the effect of system size and find similar results in
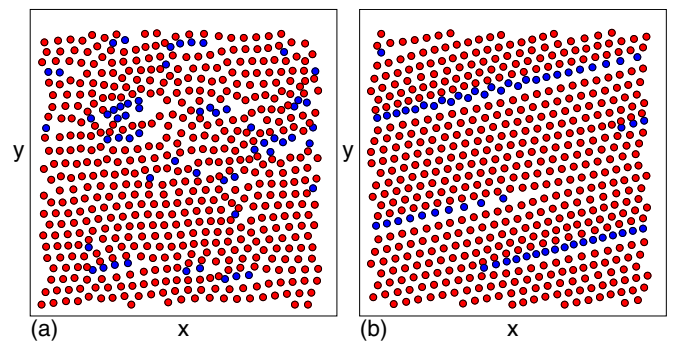

FIG. 24. Images of particle positions for species a (red) and b (blue) for a system with $N_b/N_a = 0.9$, $\alpha_d^a = \alpha_d^b = 1.0$, $\alpha_m^a = 0$, and $\alpha_m^b = 3.0$. (a) A moving liquid phase. (b) A diagonal-stripe state, showing that phase separation persists even when the ratio of the number of species a particles to species b particles is varied.

larger samples. In the single-stripe state, a periodic array of stripes can form in larger samples that has a stripe spacing larger than the $L = 36$ samples which are our focus here. In general, the width and periodicity of the stripes depend on the values of the Mangus term, density, and drive. Increasing the Magnus term and drive tends to decrease the stripe width, while increasing the density tends to increase the stripe width.

In this work we have only considered bidisperse particles; however, it would also be interesting to study three or more particle species or even a continuum range of species with a Gaussian distribution of types. In such assemblies, it is possible that the system would generally form disordered or moving liquid phases; however, other new types of pattern formation could appear. We have only utilized particle-based simulations since these allow us to simulate a large number of particles over a wide range of parameters for long times, but it would also be interesting to perform continuum based simulations of multiple species or sizes of skyrmions to see whether similar effects arise when the internal degrees of freedom of the skyrmions are included. In our system, the Magnus term leads to the appearance of a skyrmion Hall angle, but there are recent studies which show that some skyrmion systems can exhibit motion that is more toroidal in addition to other types of complex dynamics [49,50]. It would be interesting to study such systems in the presence of multiple skyrmion species. Further effects could arise if the applied driving were ac rather than dc, since the multiple species could organize into different types of patterns under cyclic driving.

IX. SUMMARY

We have examined a bidisperse system of particles with uniform pairwise interactions under dynamics that include both a damping term and a Magnus term. When both species have equal damping but only one species has a finite Magnus term, we find that the triangular lattice which forms under zero drive moves elastically at low drives with a Hall angle equal to the average Hall angle of the two species. At a critical drive, a Magnus-induced disordering transition occurs in which each species moves with a different velocity in the direction perpendicular to the drive. The critical drive at which the disordering transition appears diverges as the Magnus term goes to zero. At higher drives, there is a transition to a perpendicular stripe or cluster state with both density and species phase separation. The stripes become more compressed as the drive or difference in Magnus terms increases, and another transition occurs to a density-modulated diagonal-laned state at even higher drives. The transitions are associated with pronounced jumps and locking of the transverse and longitudinal velocities of each species as well as changes in the global particle structures. We also find that multiple transitions can occur within the diagonal-laned phase, each of which is accompanied by a reduction in both the number of particles in each row and the angle between the stripe and the driving direction, giving rise to a rich variety of different types of patterns. In some cases, one of the species can exhibit absolute negative mobility in which the particles move in the direction opposite to that of the applied drive due to the Magnus-induced rotation of the interaction forces between the two particle species. When both species have different damping terms but zero Magnus terms, we find dynamic phases that are very similar to those observed for oppositely driven Yukawa particles, which form uniform laned states. For equal damping terms and Magnus terms that are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign, uniform density states appear containing lanes that are perpendicular to the applied drive. We show that the diagonal-laned and density-modulated states are robust for a wide range of parameters and densities, and should be generic features of systems with dispersity in the Magnus force. We discuss the relation between our results and studies of skyrmion systems with dispersion in the Magnus force, where we predict that a disordering transition should occur as a function of increasing drive, and that a variety of clustered and pattern-forming states could be observed. Similar effects may arise in soft matter systems containing Magnus terms, such as spinning magnetic particles in solution.

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