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## Emergence of coexisting ordered states in an active filament system

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Using the actomyosin motility assay, we demonstrate the emergence of dynamic coexistence of ordered states by sensitively tuning the interaction between the myosin-driven actin filaments with a depletion agent. Combining experiments with agent-based simulations, which recover the complete phase diagram obtained by the experiment, we identify sufficiently weak interactions that lack a clear alignment symmetry as a prerequisite for coexistence. Thus, the symmetry of macroscopic order becomes an emergent and dynamic property of the active system. Also, the coexistence is observed for a wide range in parameter space. These findings provide a possible strategy in which living systems can express different types of order and hence enable multitasking by use of identical building blocks.

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