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This talk will extend our ideas and results about using the “average bridging number” to quantitatively measure tangling of filaments. (Received August 11, 2008)