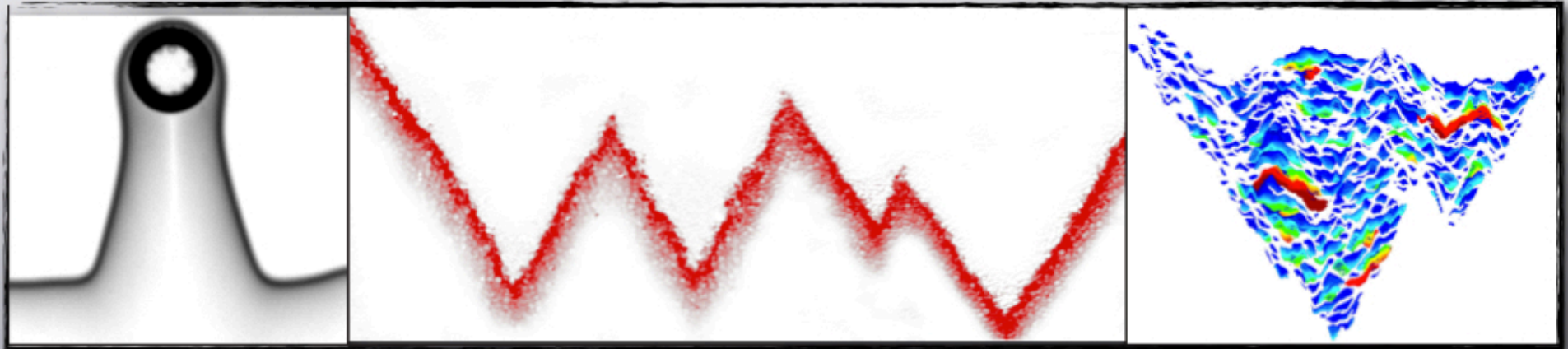


Avalanches and Dynamical Phase Transition of Reaction Waves in Adverse Flow



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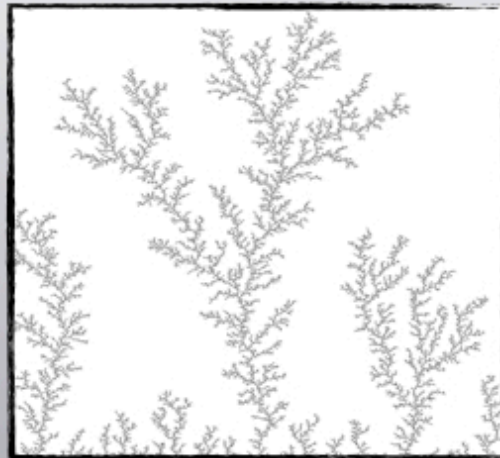
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Growth phenomena and scale invariant structures

Diffusion limited aggregation



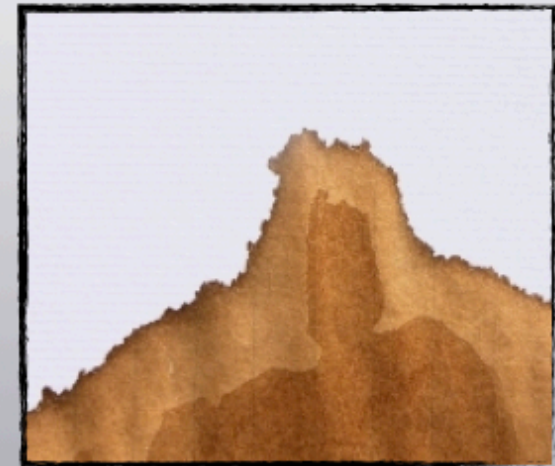
Numerical model

Vapor atom deposition



[\[Castro et al., 2012\]](#)

Imbibition fronts



Coffee stain on paper

Solidification front



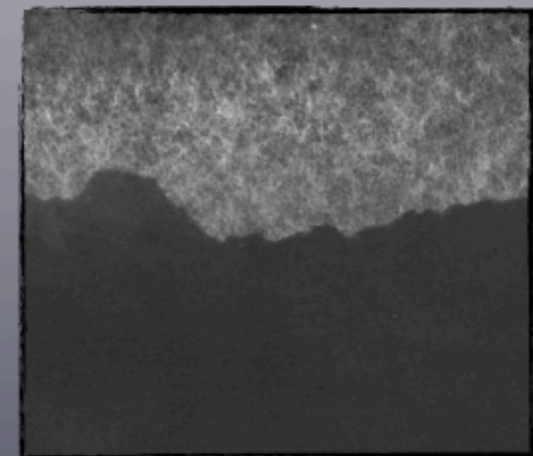
Crystal growth in supercooled liquids

Clouds



Boulder sky, summer 2011

Slow paper combustion

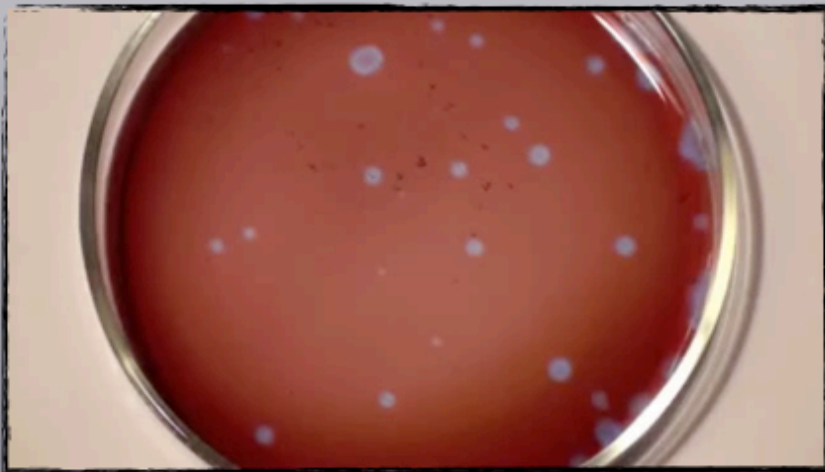


[\[Zhang et al., 1992\]](#)

Out of equilibrium system

- Autocatalytic reaction
- Fundamentally nonlinear
- Self-organization - living systems

feedback



Belousov Zhabotinski
oscillations

[\[movie S. Morris\]](#)

Bacterial colonnies



[\[Benjacob et al., 1994\]](#)

Plants growth



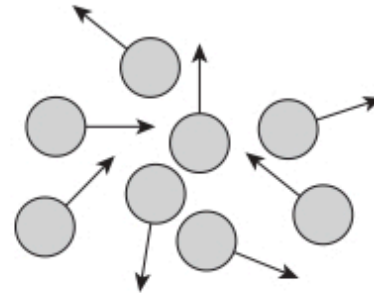
Lichen, New Hampshire

- Reaction Diffusion equation

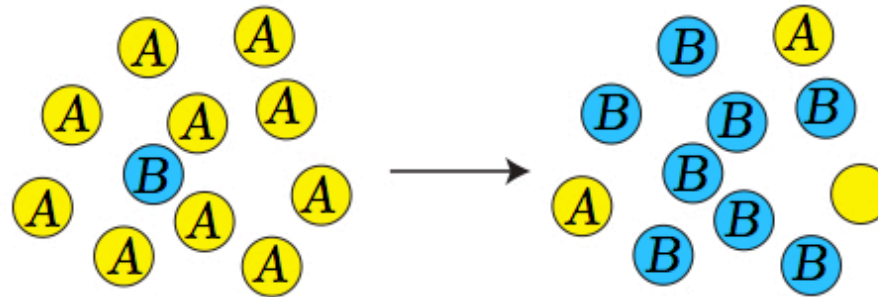
$$u = [B]$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) + f(u)$$

- • $D\Delta u$ diffusion term



autocatalytic process → nonlinearity $f(u) = ru(1 - u)$



- Fisher-Kolmogorov equation (FKPP model)

[\[Kolmogorov et al. \(1937\), R. A. Fisher \(1937\)\]](#)

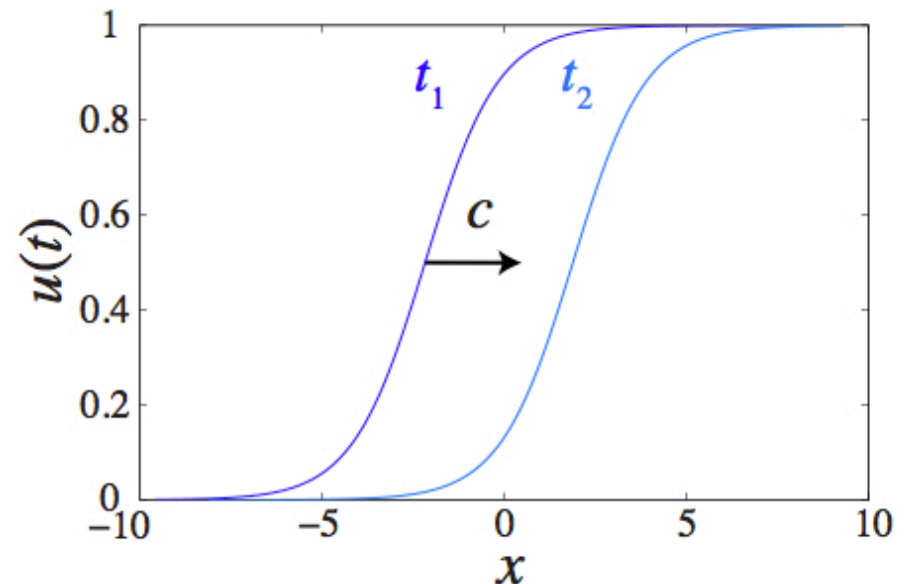
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) + ru(1-u)$$

$$X = x \pm ct \quad \longrightarrow \quad c \frac{\partial u}{\partial X} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial X^2} + f(u)$$

- Progressive wave solutions

$$u(x, t) = u(x \pm ct)$$

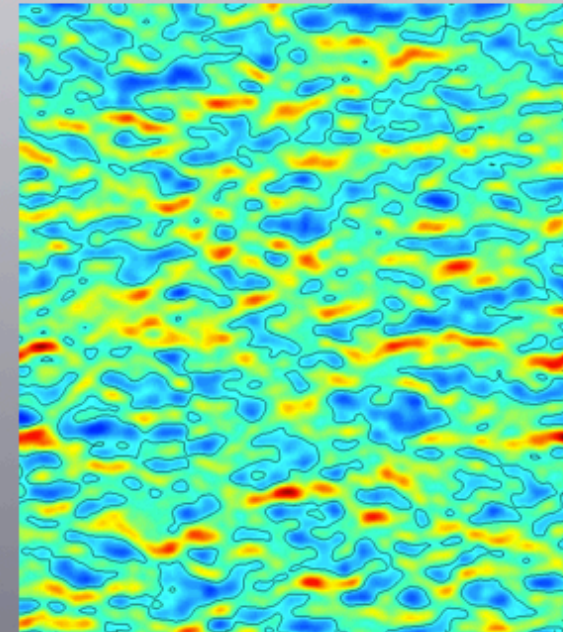
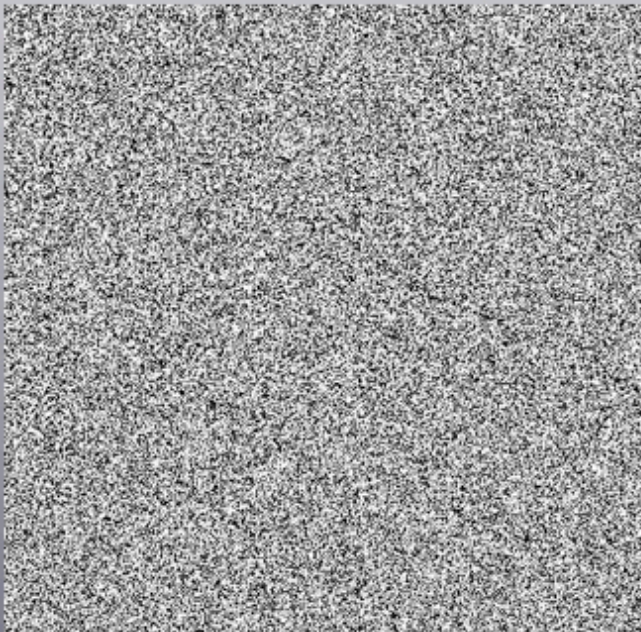
$$\longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{FKPP} \\ c = 2\sqrt{rD} \end{array}$$



Growth phenomena and scale invariant structures

- What's happening in the presence of noise?

Disordered reactive flow field



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1 - Experimental setup

2 - Front dynamics in high flow strength

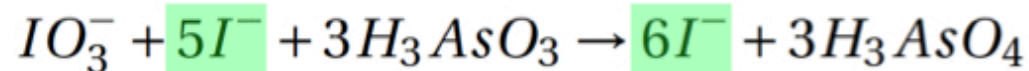
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1 - Experimental setup

- Iodate acid arseneous reaction (IAA)

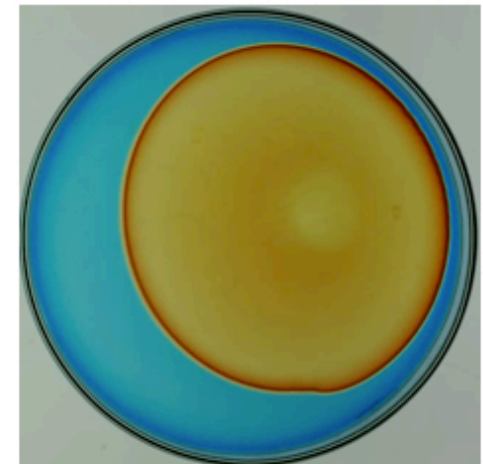


- 3rd order chemical kinetics $f(C) = \alpha C^2(1 - C)$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D_m \left(\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} \right) + \alpha C^2(1 - C)$$

C : autocatalists concentration $[I^-]/[IO_3^-]_0$

α : reaction rate



IAA wave front
[movie D. Salin]

1 - Experimental setup

- Stationary solution

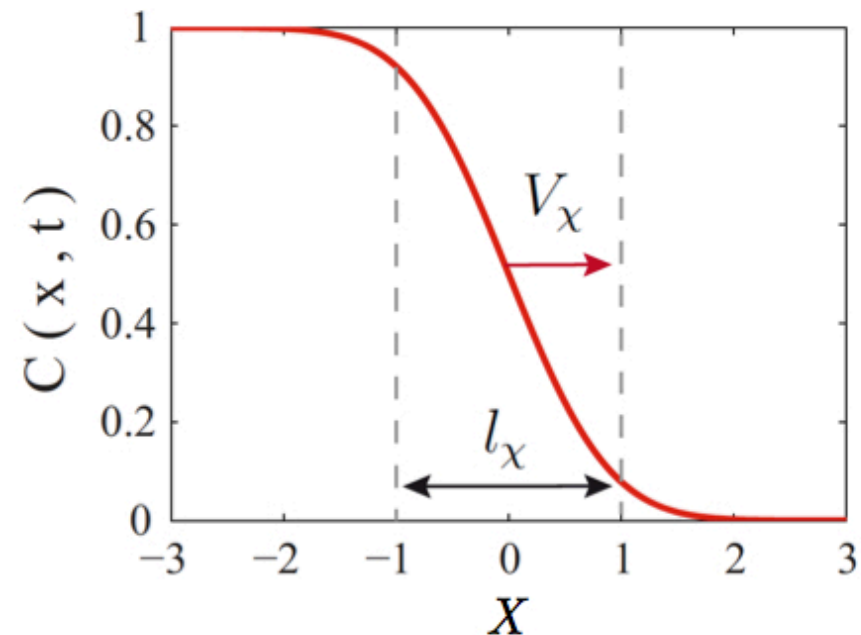
$$C(x, t) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[(x - V_\chi t)/l_\chi]}$$

→ resulting from the balance between diffusion and reaction

reaction front velocity and thickness remain constant

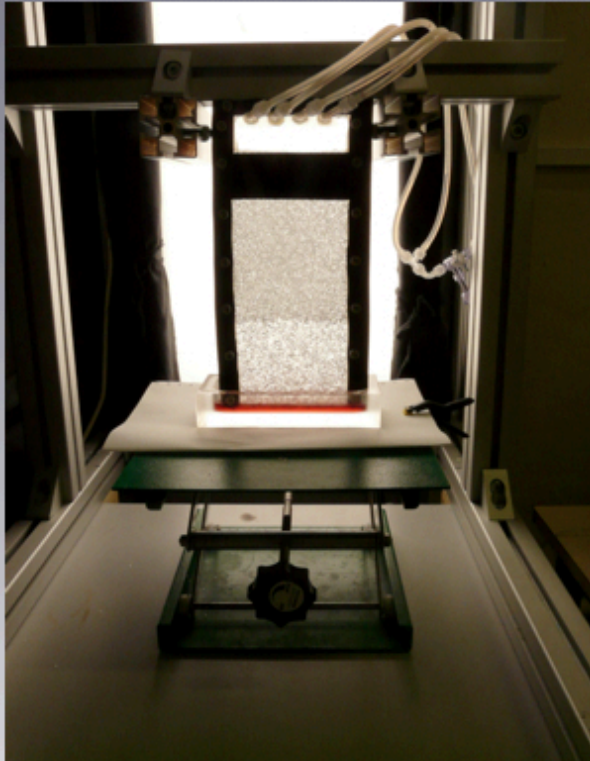
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_\chi = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha D_m}{2}} \approx 10 \mu m/s \\ l_\chi = \sqrt{\frac{2 D_m}{\alpha}} \approx 100 \mu m \end{array} \right.$$

concentration profile of the front



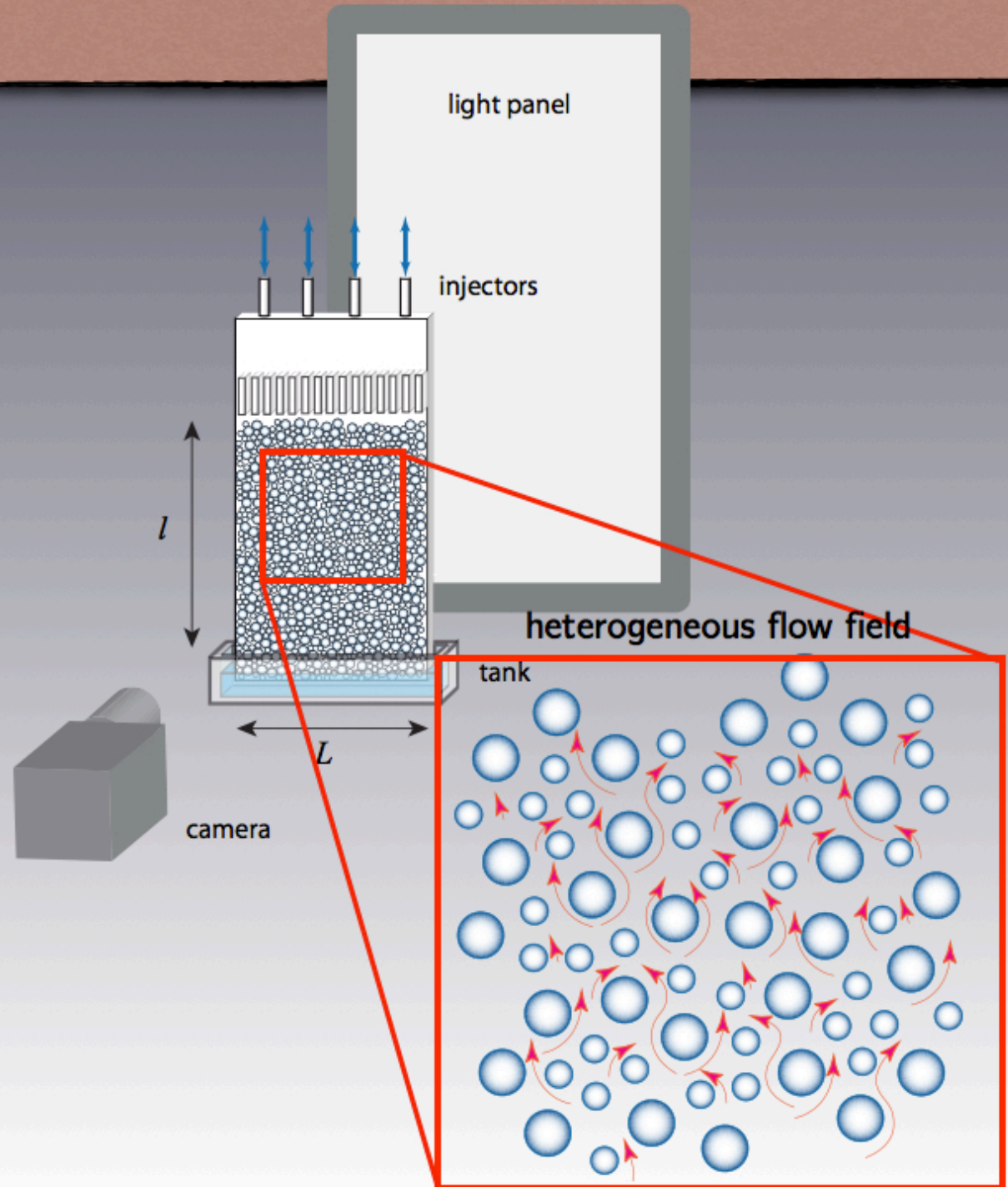
1 - Experimental setup

- Spatially disordered flow



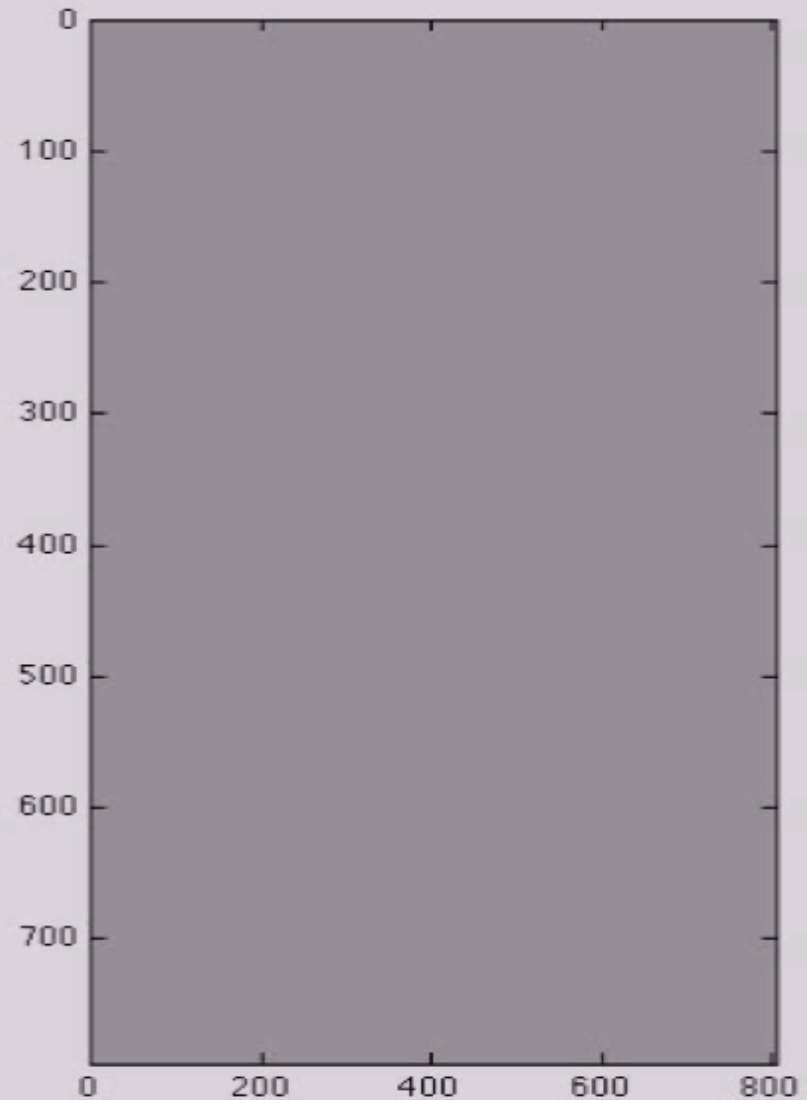
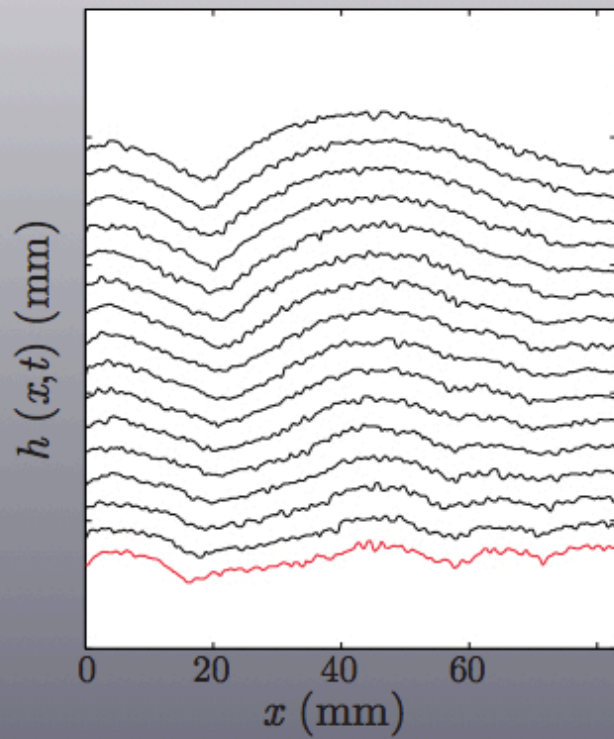
flow through a granular medium

1.5 mm and 2 mm
diameter glass beads



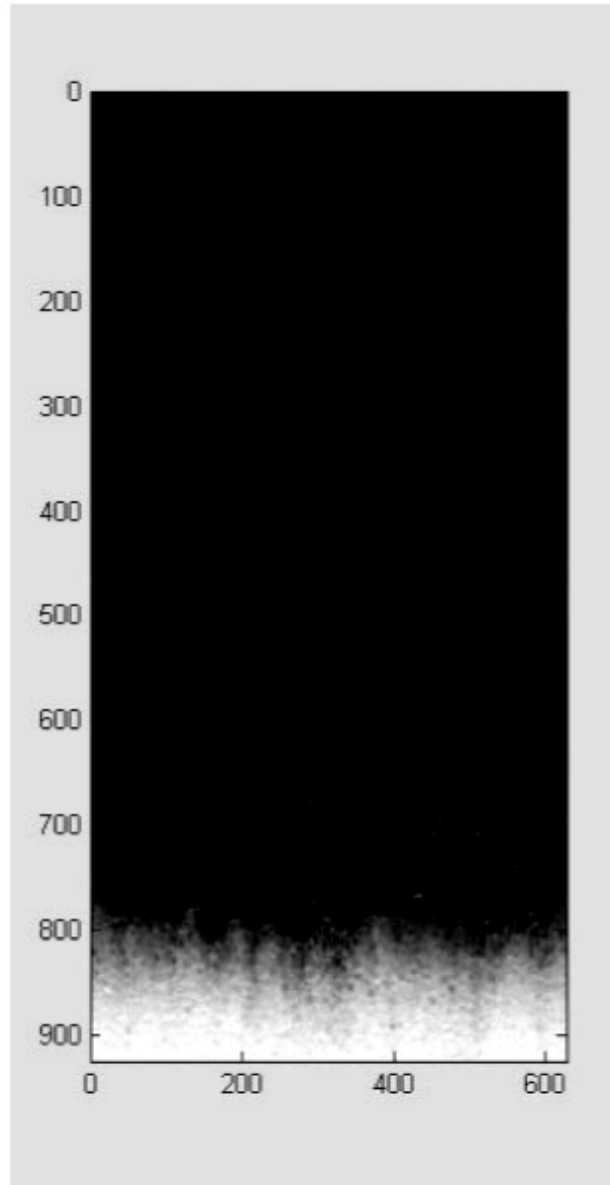
1 - Experimental setup

- Reaction front propagation without disordered flow



1 - Experimental setup

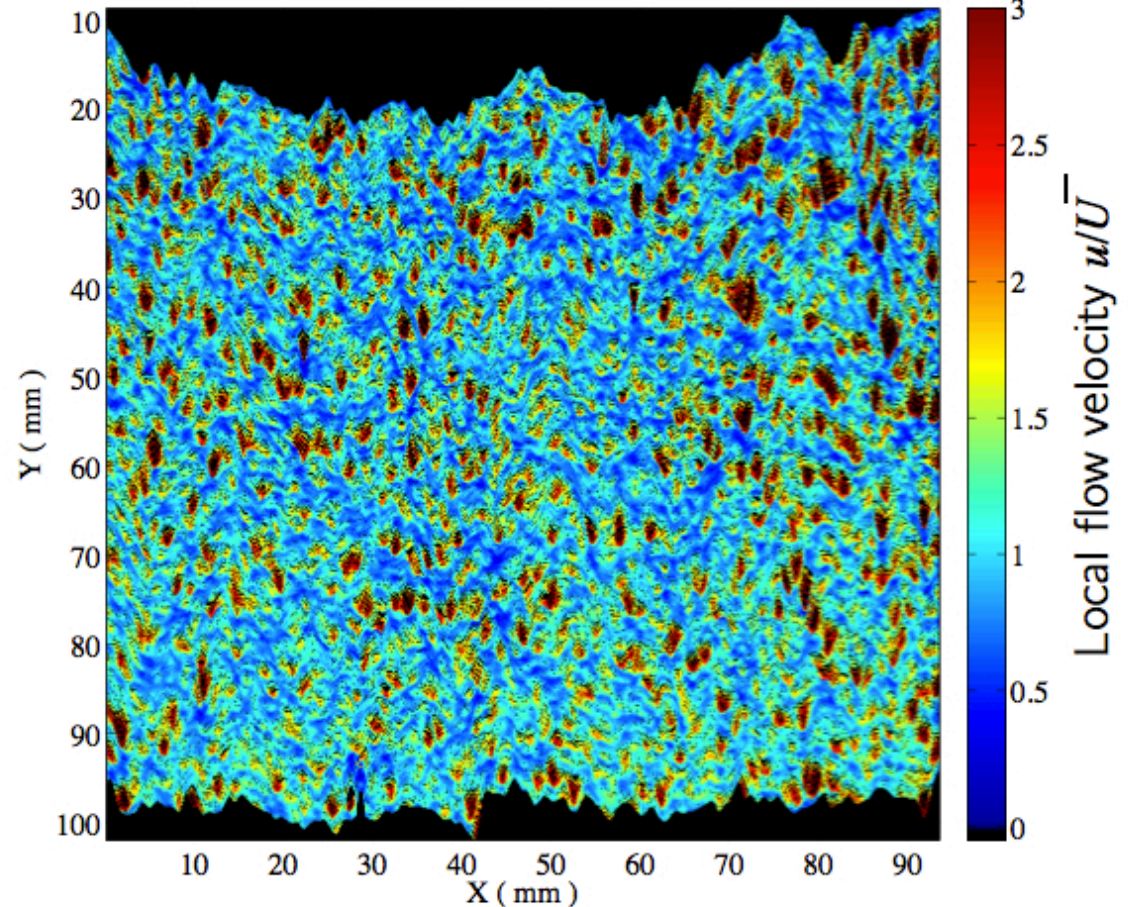
- Tracers dispersion experiments: measurements of the local flow velocity



Fluctuations correlation length:

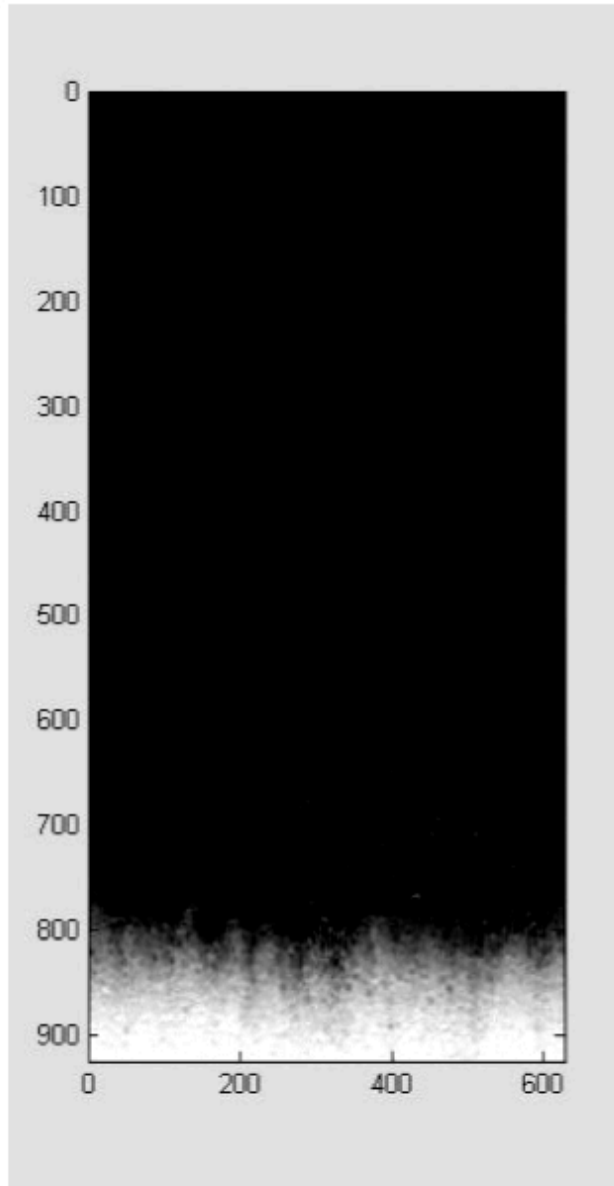
$$d_{\parallel} = 1.8 \pm 0.1 \text{ mm}$$

Disordered flow of mean velocity \bar{U}



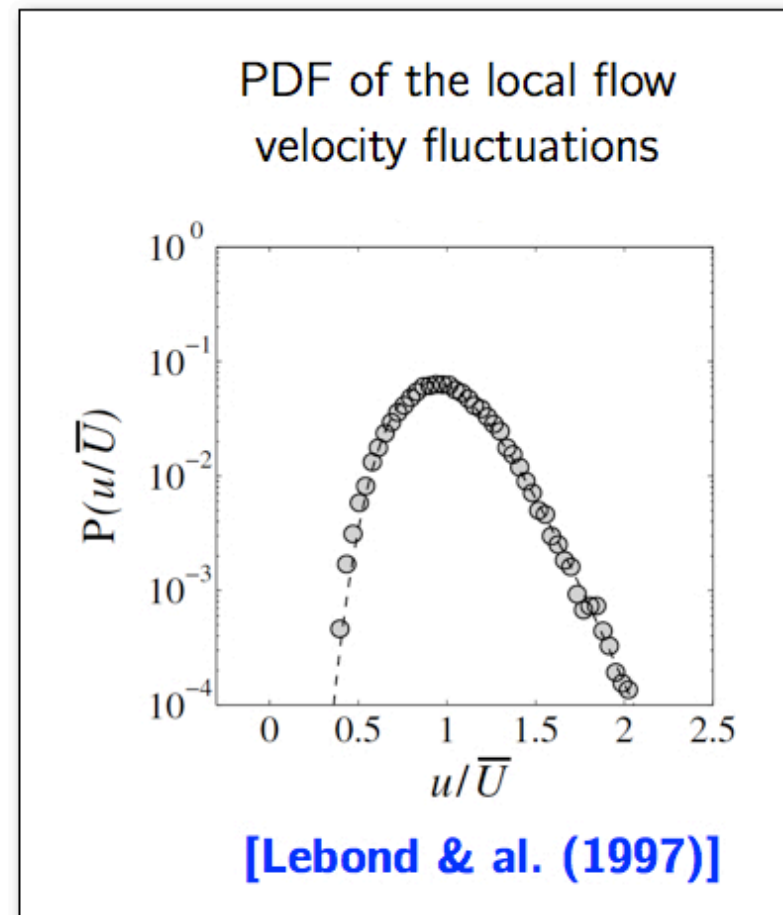
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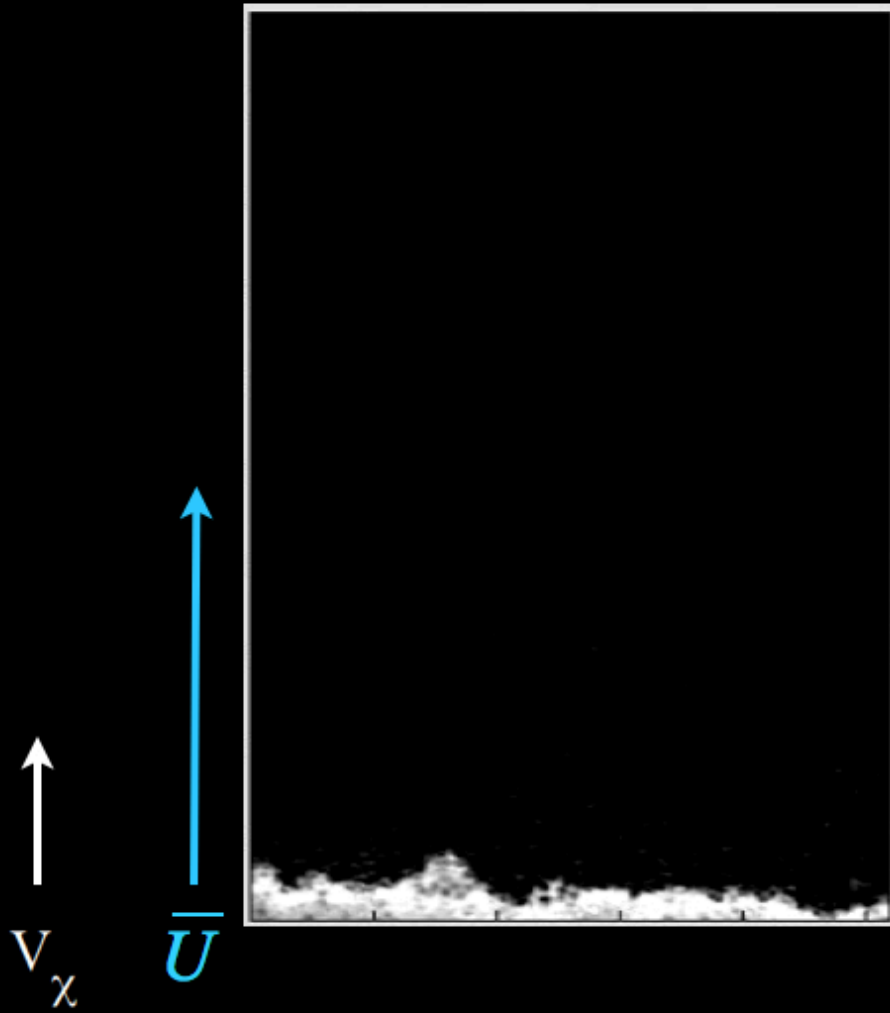
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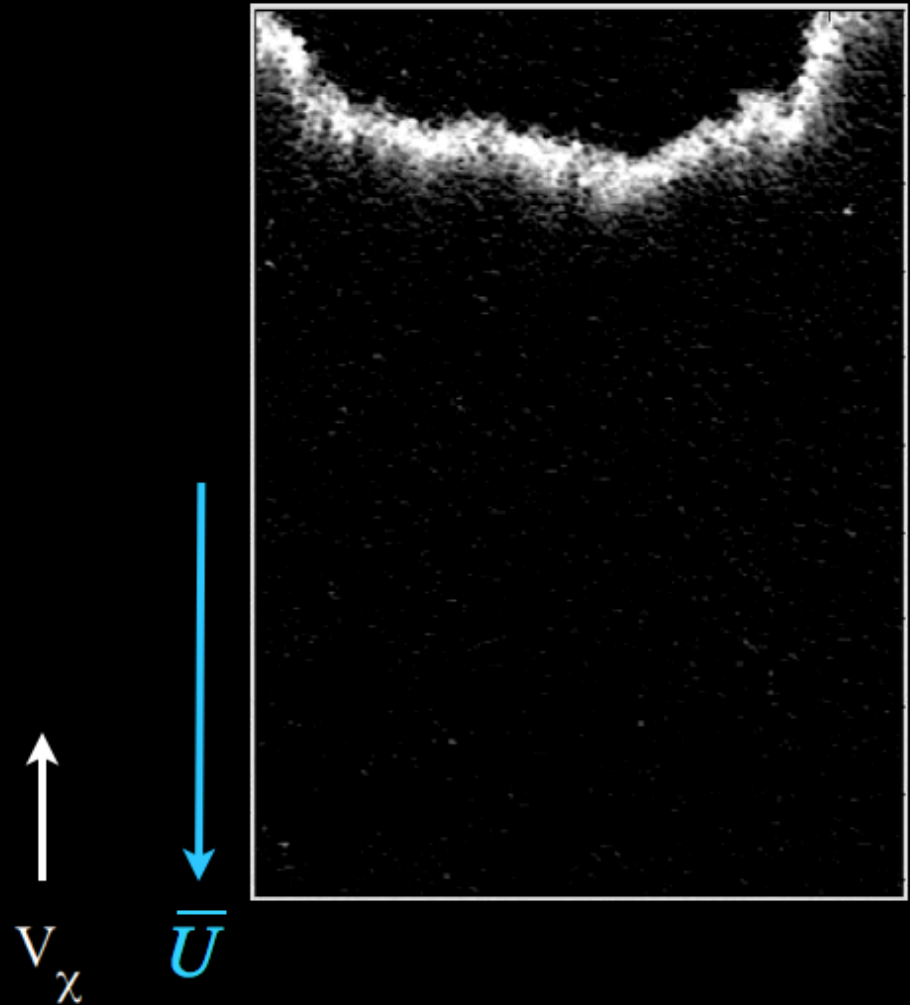
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Supportive flow

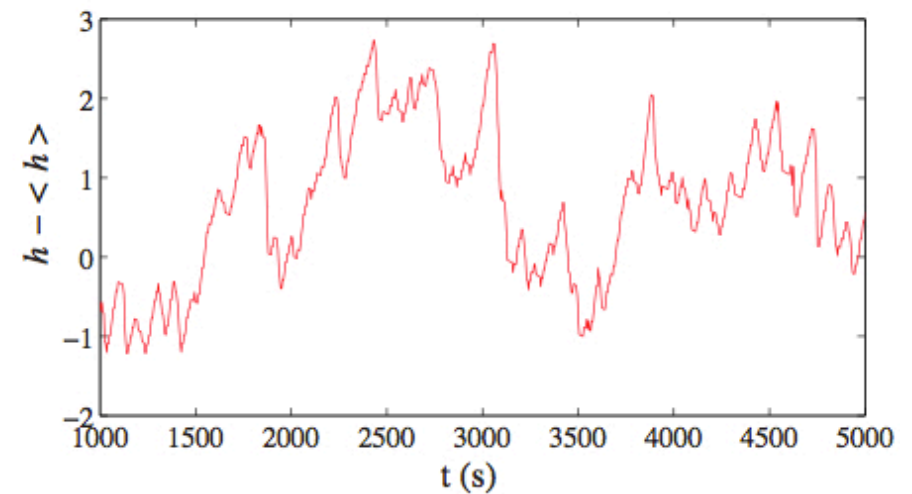
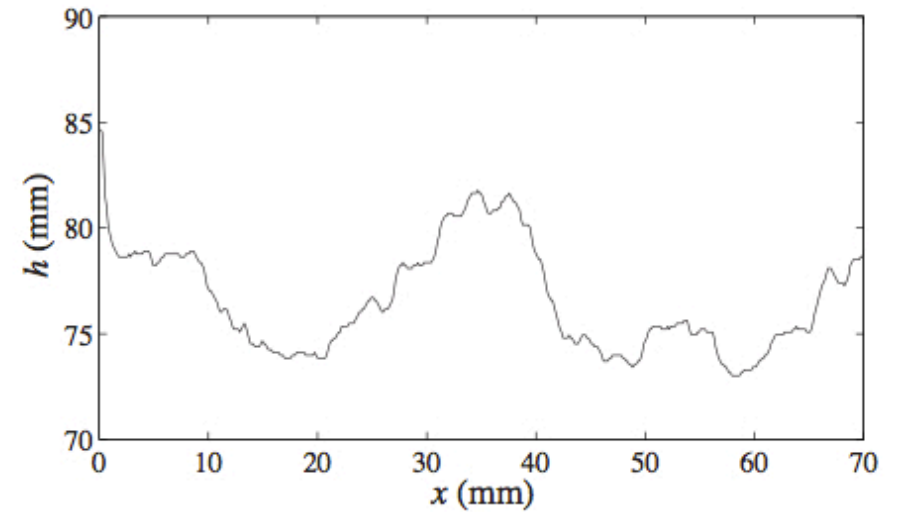
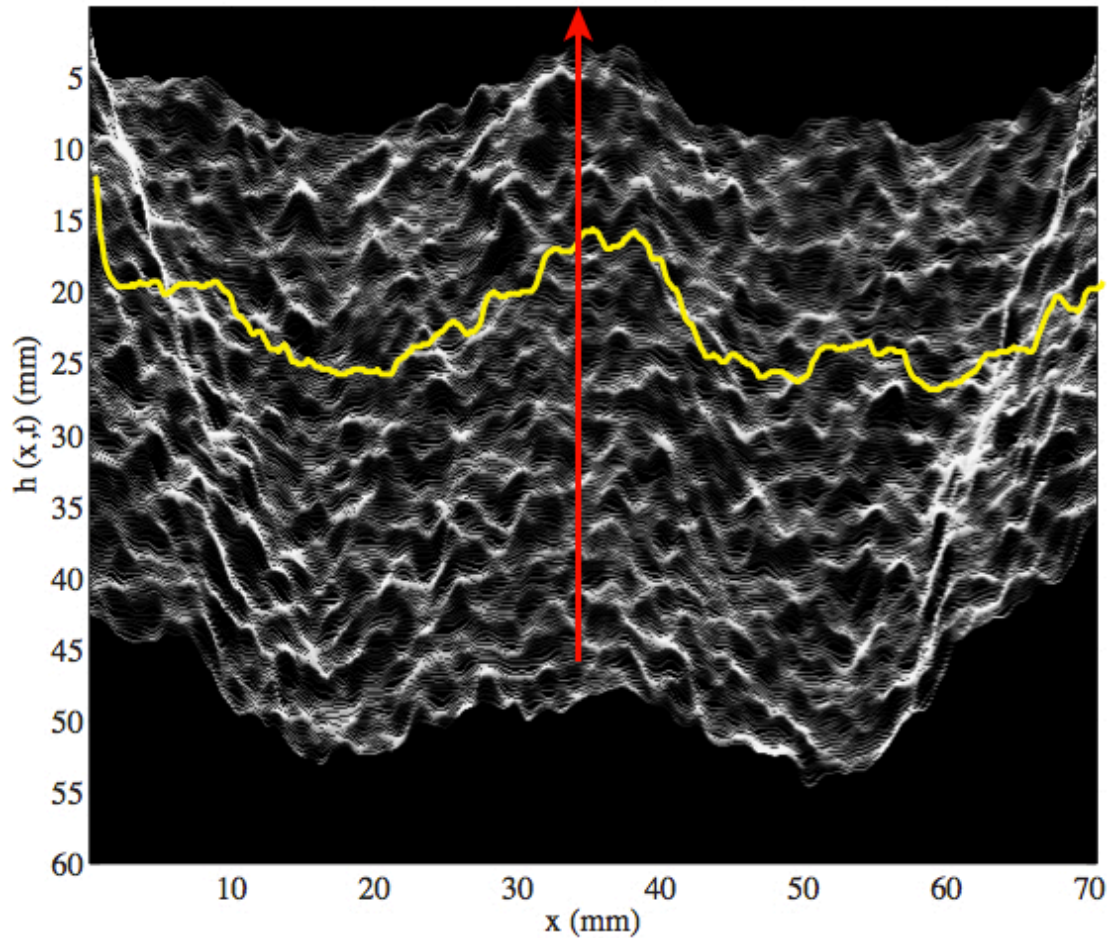


Adverse flow



2 - Front dynamics in high flow strength

- Front height spatiotemporal fluctuations measurements



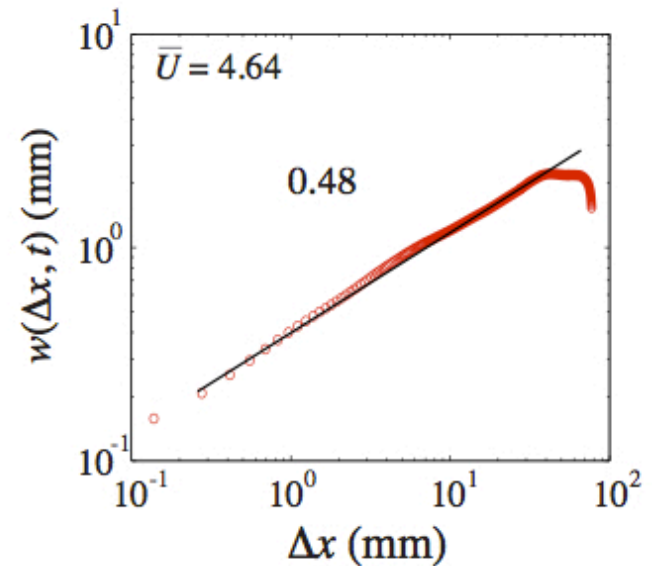
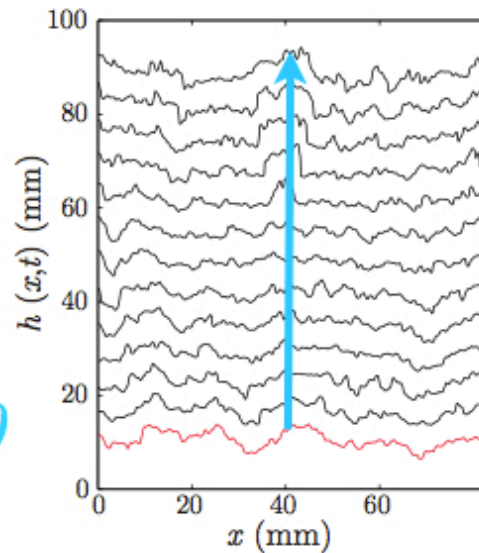
2 - Front dynamics in high flow strength

- **Roughness** $w(\Delta x, t) = \langle \sqrt{\langle [h(x, t) - \langle h \rangle_{\Delta x}]^2 \rangle_{\Delta x}} \rangle_L$

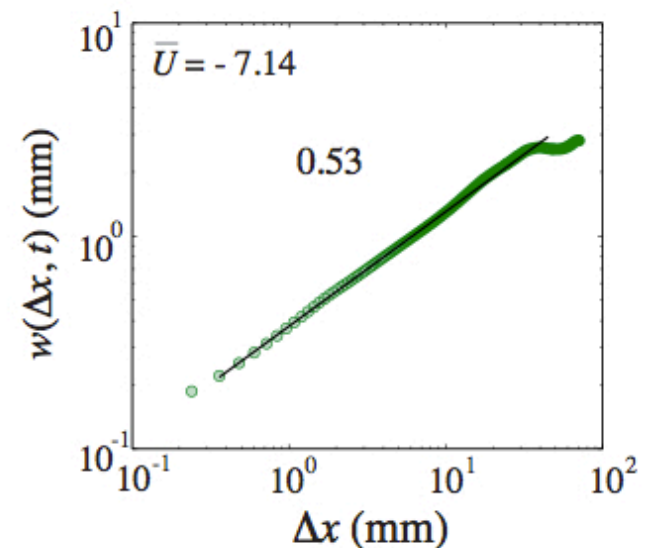
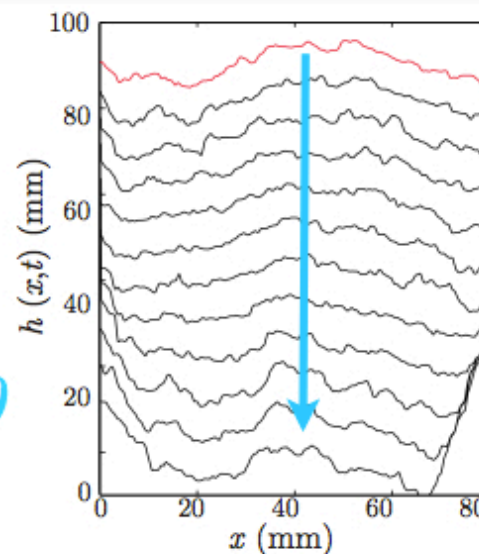
power law:

$$w(\Delta x, t) \sim \Delta x^\alpha$$

$$\bar{U} > 0$$



$$\bar{U} < 0$$



2 - Front dynamics in high flow strength

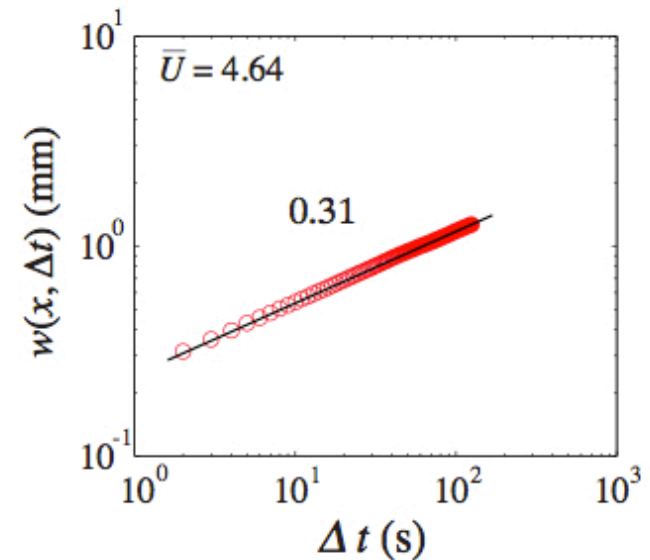
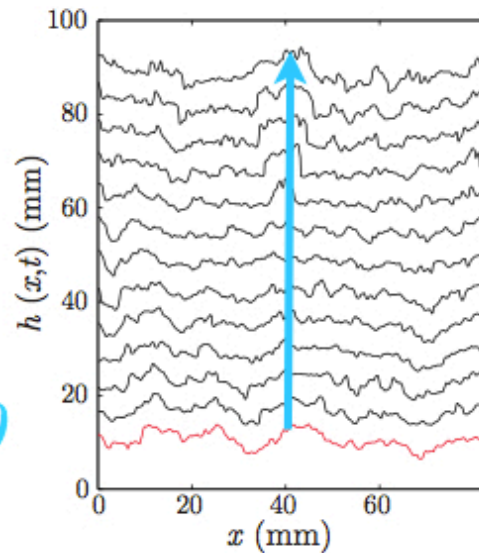
- Temporal fluctuations

$$w(x, \Delta t) = \left\langle \sqrt{\langle [h(x, t) - \langle h \rangle_{\Delta t}]^2 \rangle_{\Delta t}} \right\rangle_T$$

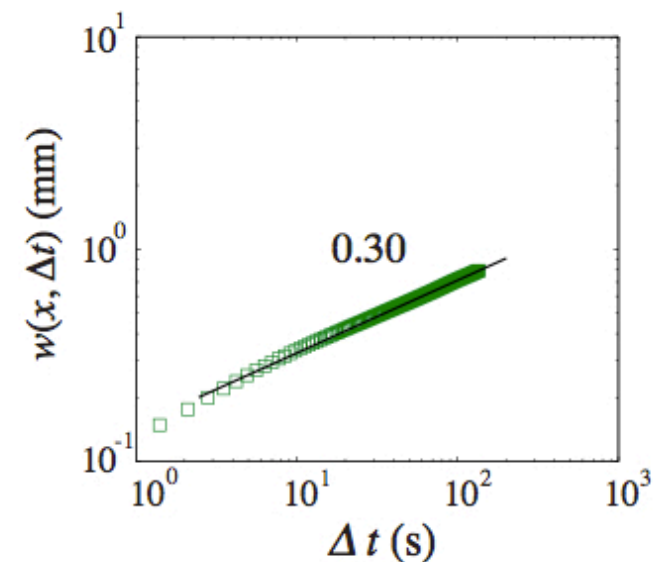
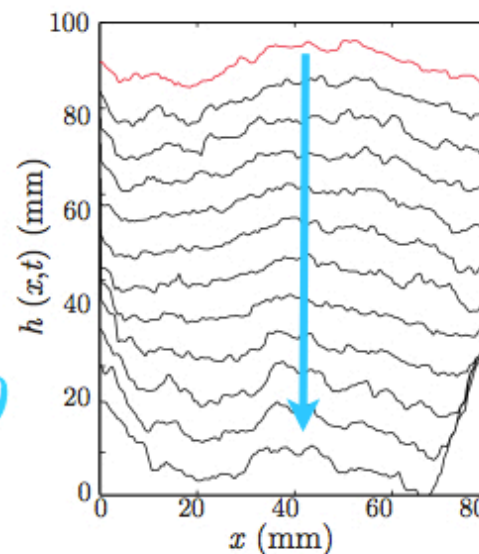
power law:

$$w(x, \Delta t) \sim \Delta t^\beta$$

$$\bar{U} > 0$$



$$\bar{U} < 0$$



2 - Front dynamics in high flow strength

- Theory

Kardar-Parisi-Zhang (KPZ) model:

Nonlinear continuum
growth equation

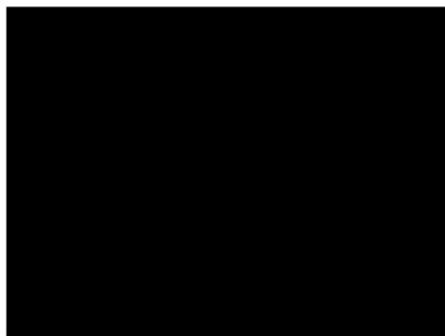
$$\frac{\partial h(x, t)}{\partial t} = \nu \nabla^2 h(x, t) + \frac{\lambda}{2} [\nabla h(x, t)]^2 + \eta(x, t) + f$$

Predicted exponents:

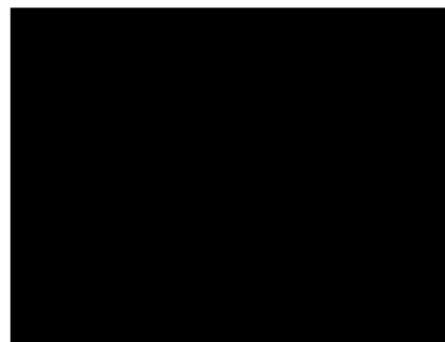
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \beta = \frac{1}{3}$$

[Kardar & al. 1986]

random deposition



lateral growth

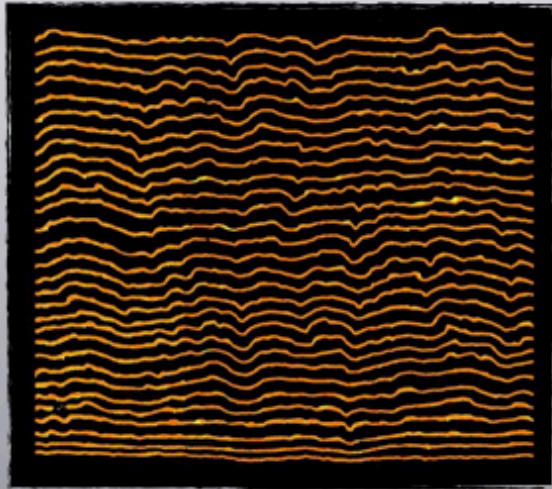


+ relaxation term
+ driving force

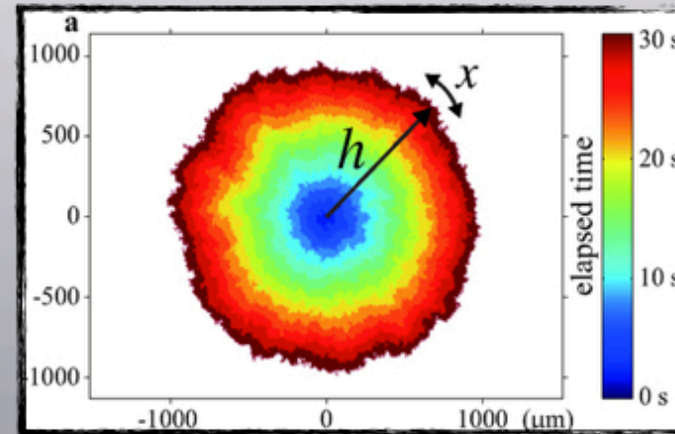
2 - Front dynamics in high flow strength

- Experimental observation

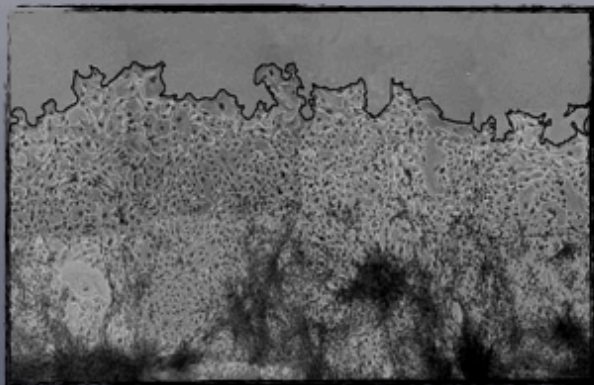
[Myllys et al. 1993](#)



[Takeuchi et al.2010](#)



[Huergo et al.2010](#)



[Yunker et al.2013](#)

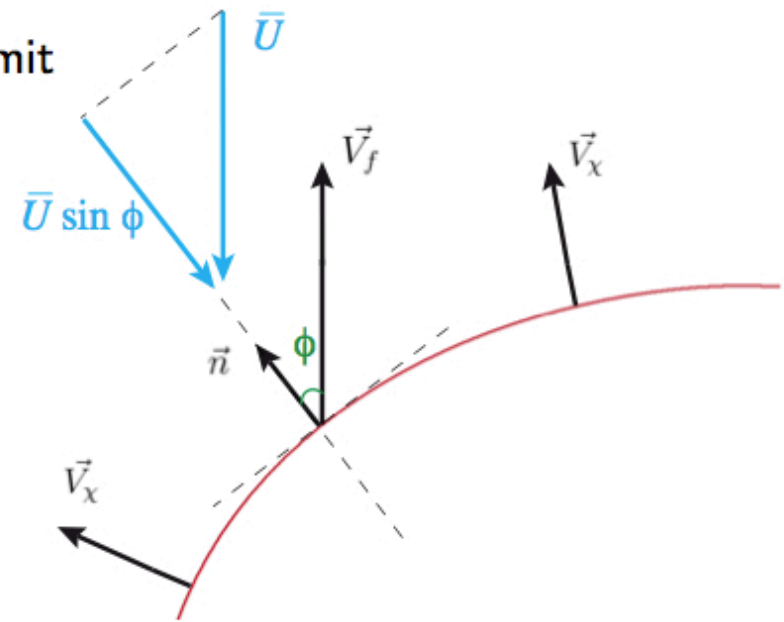
Instead of flowing to and piling up near the edges, the elongated particles deform the droplet surface, which in turn causes them to clump all over the droplet surface.

Advection - Reaction - Diffusion equation in thin front limit

- **Eikonal approximation** [\[Edwards \(2002\)\]](#)

$$\vec{V}_f \cdot \vec{n} = D_m \kappa + V_\chi + \vec{U}(x, h(x, t), t) \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$V_f \cos \phi = -U_x \sin \phi + U_y \cos \phi + V_\chi + D_m \kappa$$



Small gradients limite $|\nabla h| \ll 1$:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = D_m \nabla^2 h + \frac{V_\chi}{2} (\nabla_x h)^2 + U_y + V_\chi - U_x \nabla_x h - D_m \nabla^2 h (\nabla_x h)^2$$

KPZ equation :

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \nu \nabla^2 h(x, t) + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\nabla h(x, t))^2 + \eta(x, t) + F$$

$$U_y = \overline{U}_y + \delta U_y(x, h(x, t))$$

with

$$F = V_\chi + \overline{U}_y$$

[\[S. Atis, K. D. Awadhesh, D. Salin, L. Talon, P. Le Doussal, K. Wiese, submitted \(ArXiv\)\]](#)

$$\vec{V}_f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ V_f \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U_x \\ U_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \phi \\ \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_f = \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \quad \text{et} \quad \kappa = \frac{\partial^2 h / \partial x^2}{(1 + (\partial h / \partial x)^2)^{3/2}},$$

$$\tan \phi = \nabla_x h$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\nabla_x h)^2}}$$

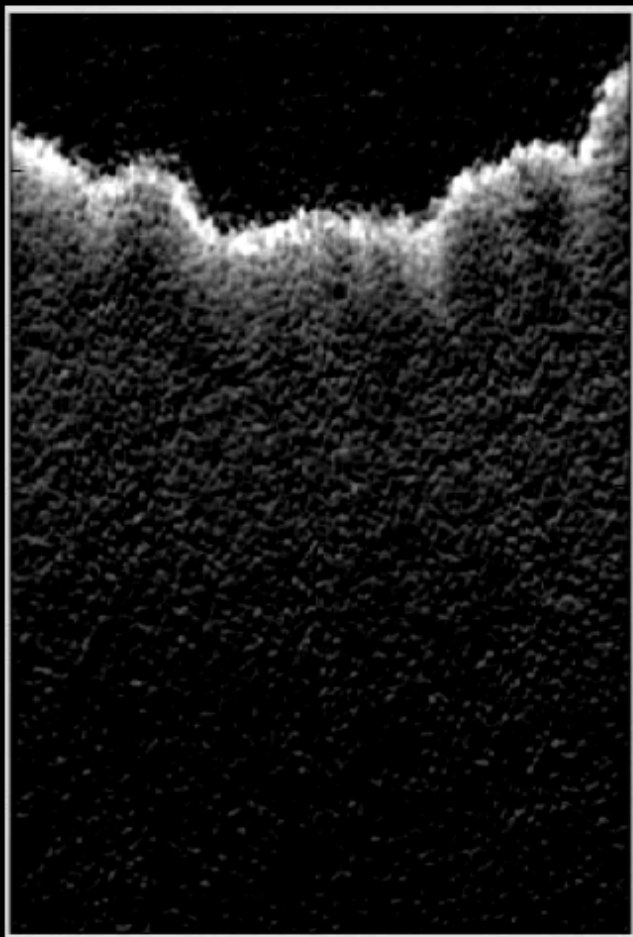
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Adverse flow

backward

v_x \bar{U}



div

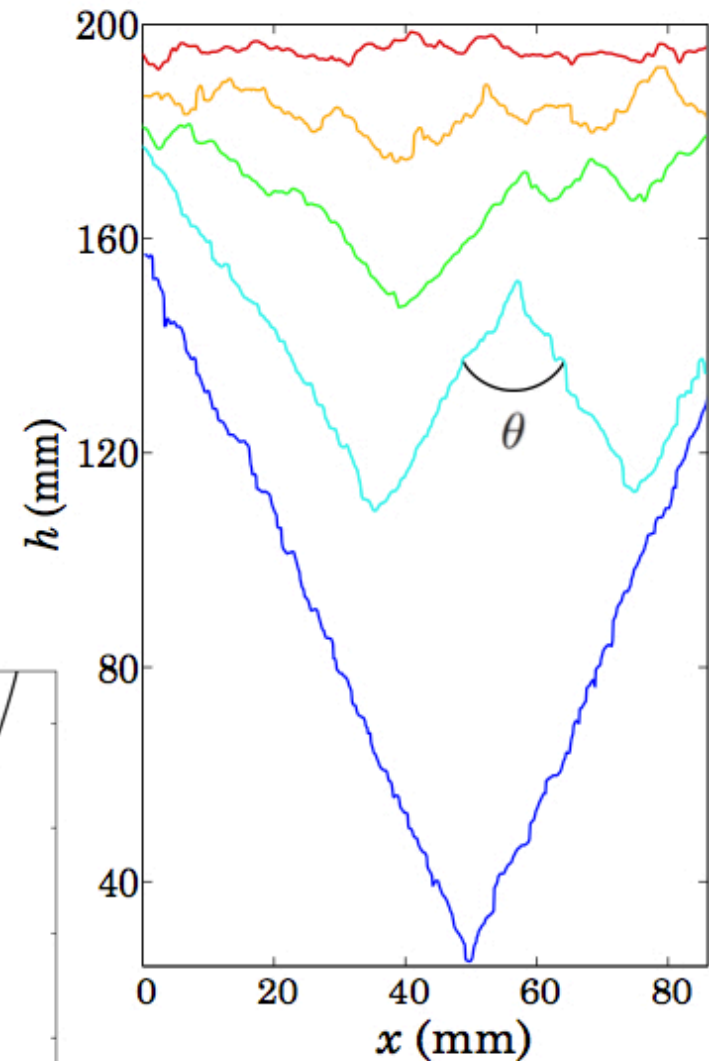
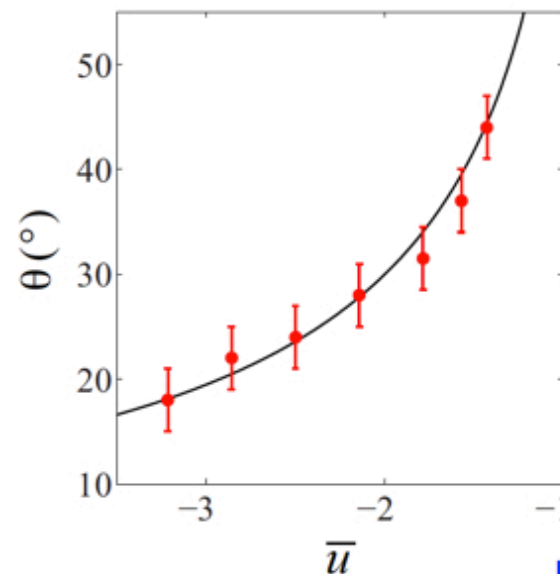
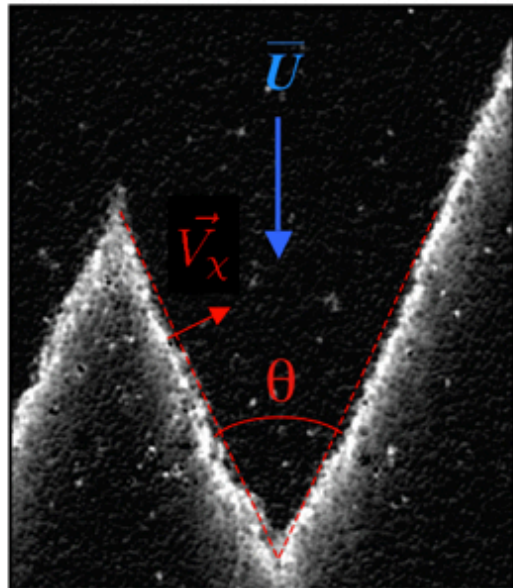
3 - Frozen pattern formation

- approximation eikonal $l_\chi \ll l_d$

$$\vec{V}_f(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{n} = V_\chi + \vec{U}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{n} + D_m \kappa$$

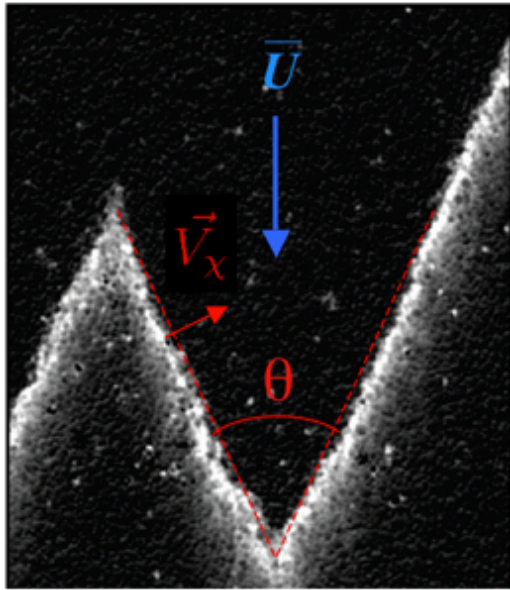
- final static fronts

$$V_\chi + \bar{U} \sin(\theta/2) = 0$$



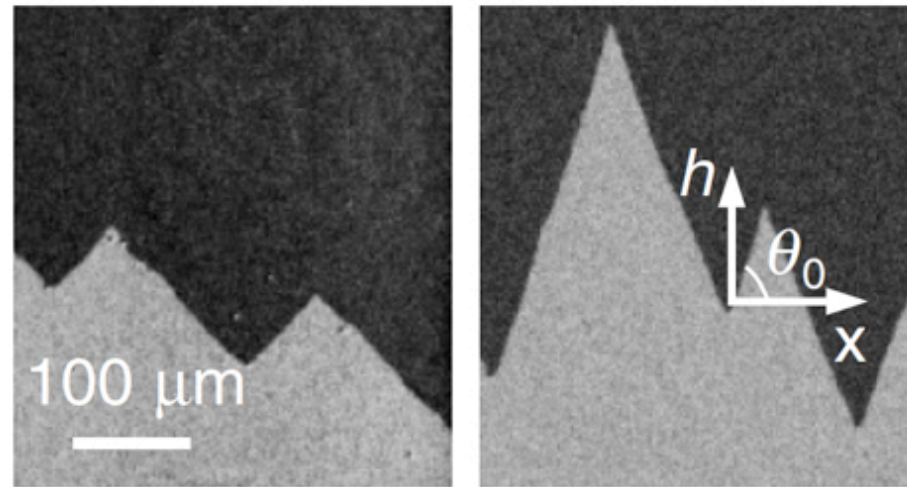
[S. Atis, S. Saha, H. Auradou, D. Salin, L. Talon, *PRL* 110 (2013)]

3 - Frozen pattern formation



$$V_x = \bar{U} \sin(\theta/2)$$

- Magnetic domain wall frozen steady states



$$H = \epsilon J \cos\theta_0$$

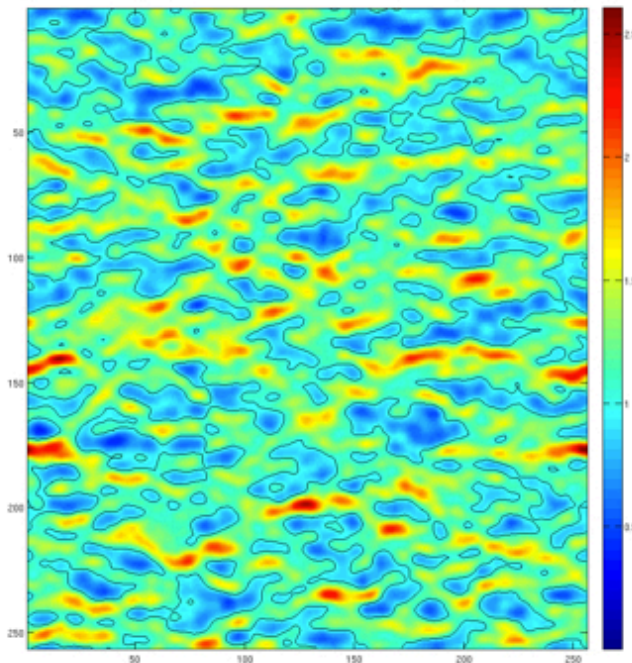
[[Moon et al. 2013](#)]

H : applied magnetical filed
 J : applied electrical current
 ϵ : nonadiabatic STT

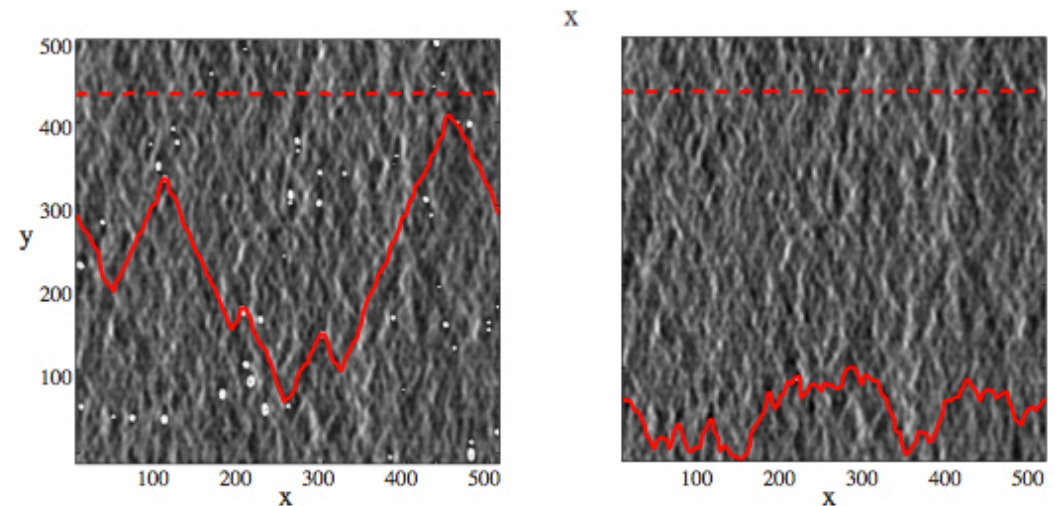
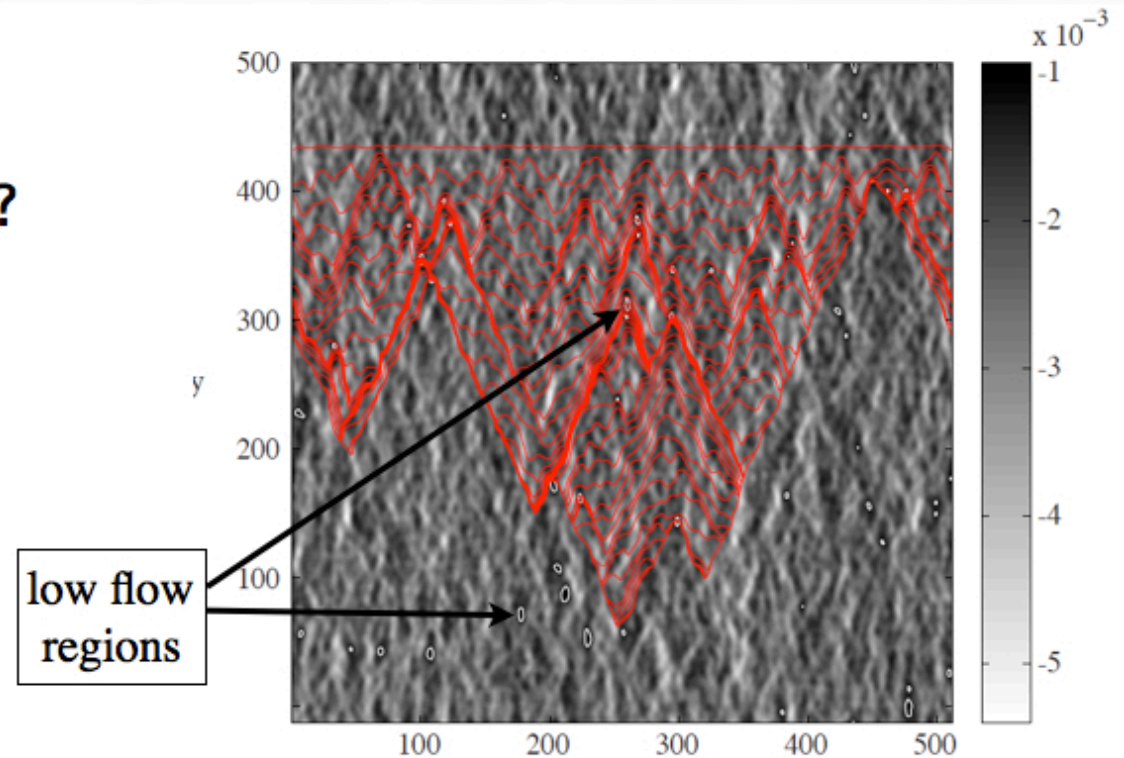
- Thermodynamic study of non-equilibrium steady states

3 - Frozen pattern formation

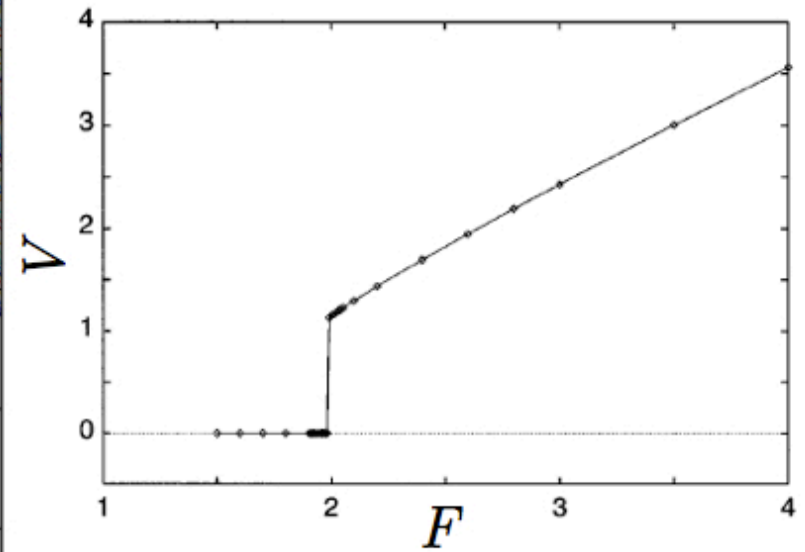
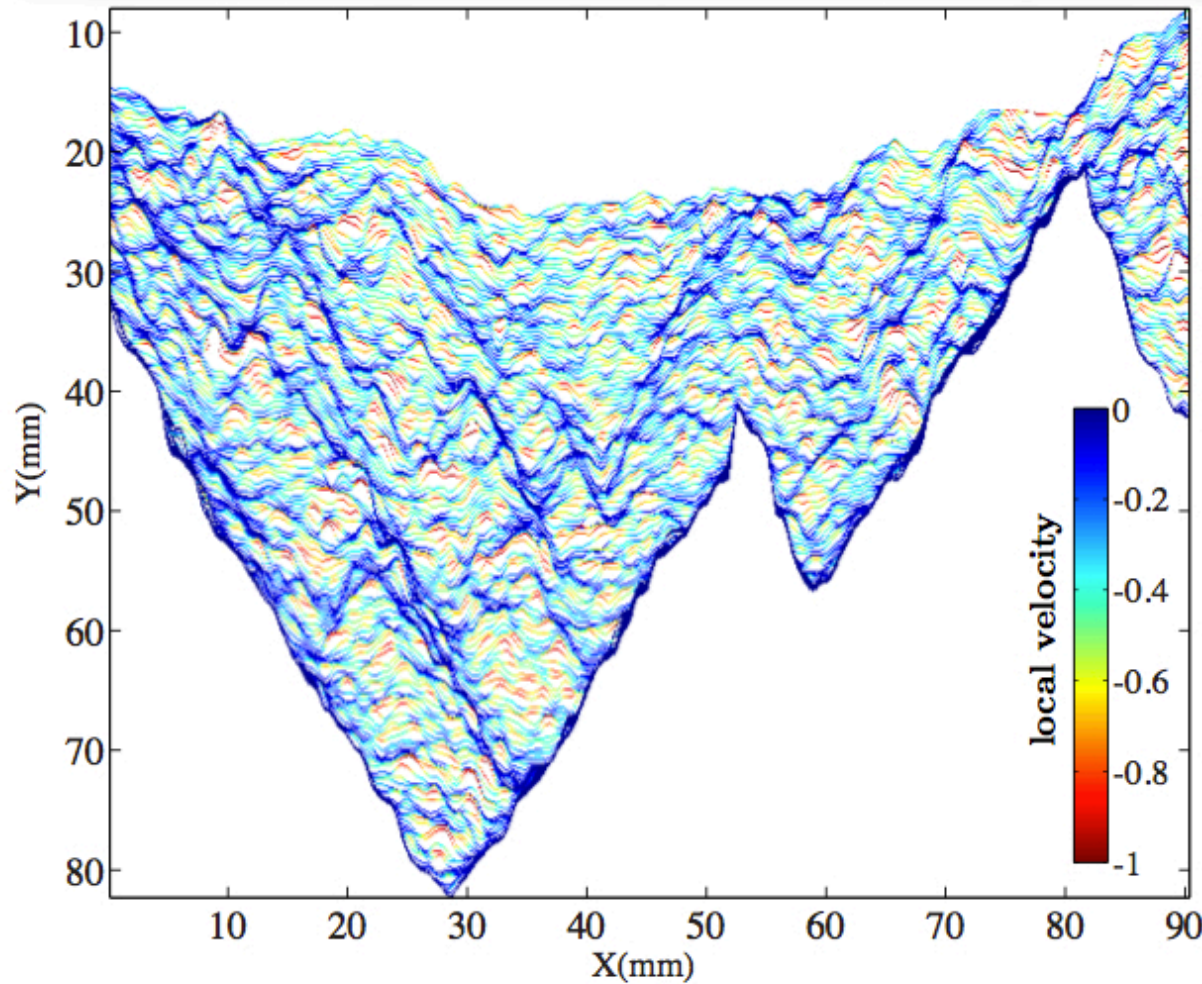
- What is pinnig reaction fronts?



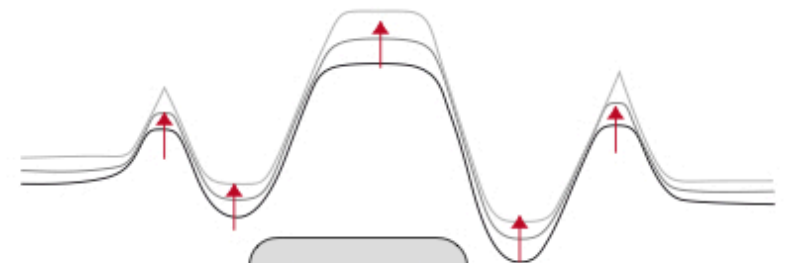
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3 - Frozen pattern formation



[Jeong et al. (1996)]

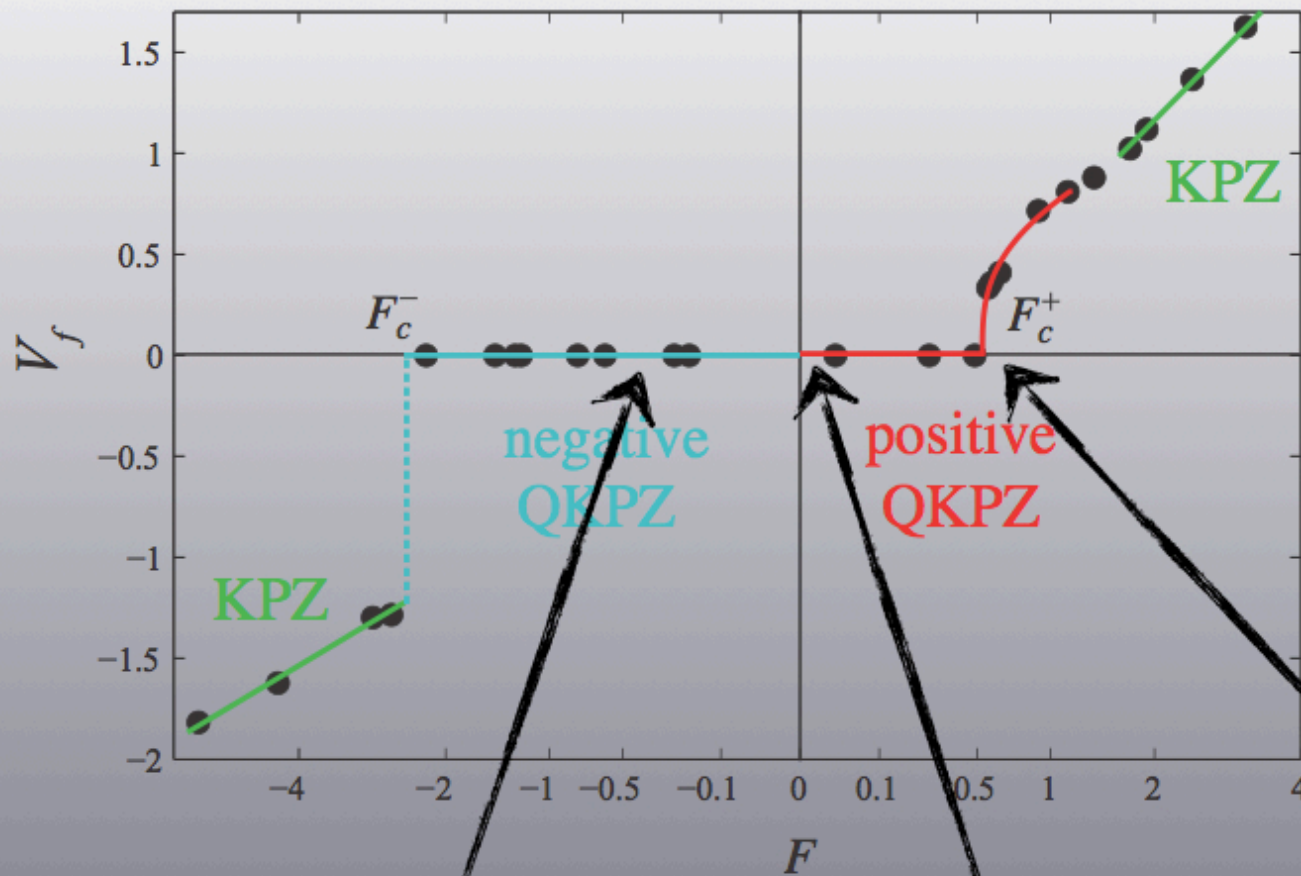


$V_f < 0$
 $V_x > 0$

- negative quenched KPZ model

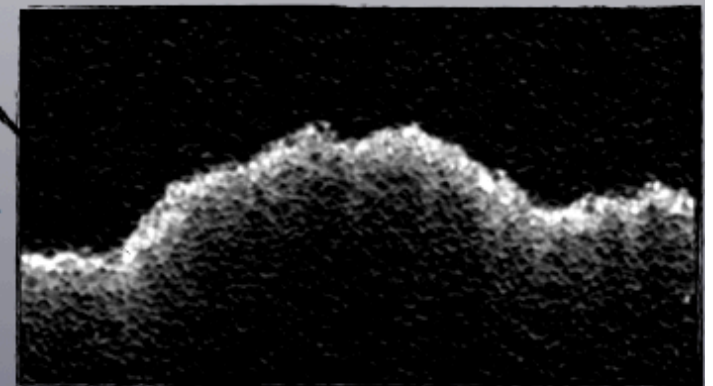
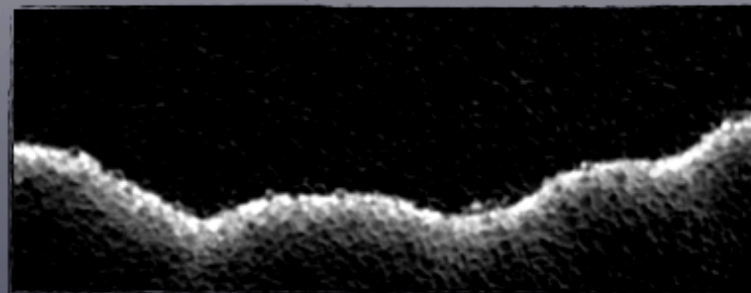
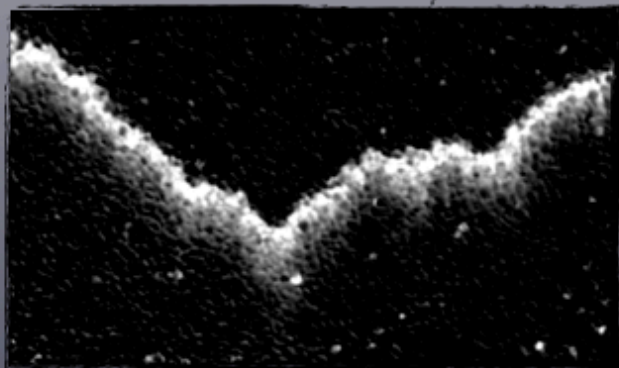
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3 - Frozen pattern formation



Control parameter:

$$F = \frac{\bar{U} + V_x}{V_x} + f_0$$

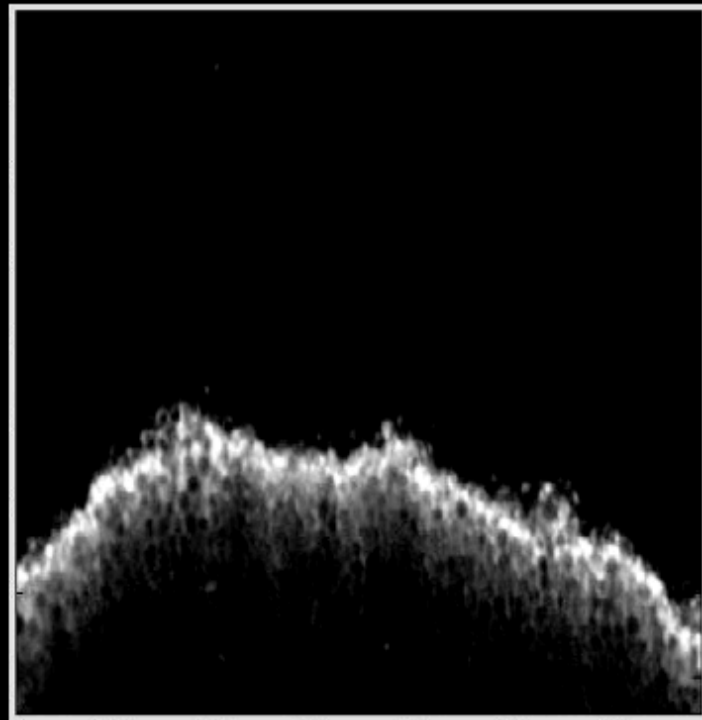


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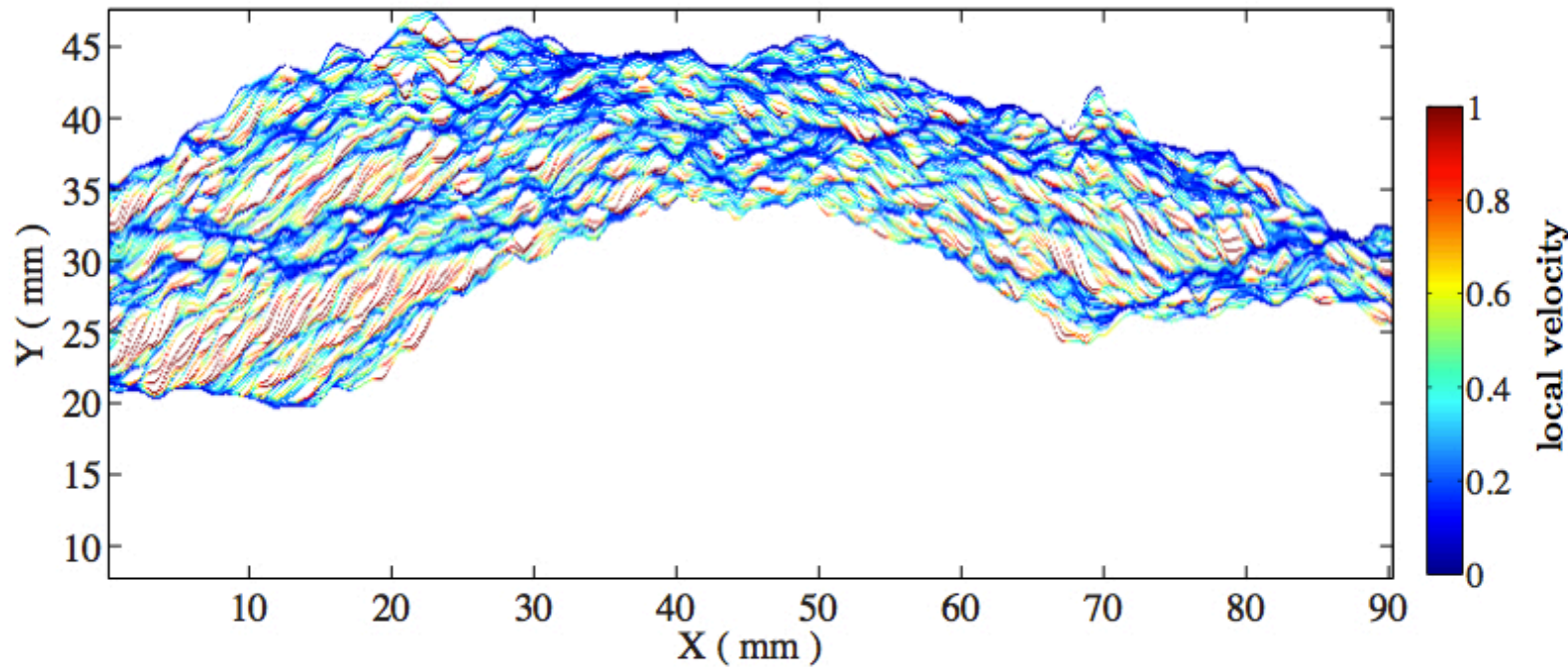
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Adverse flow

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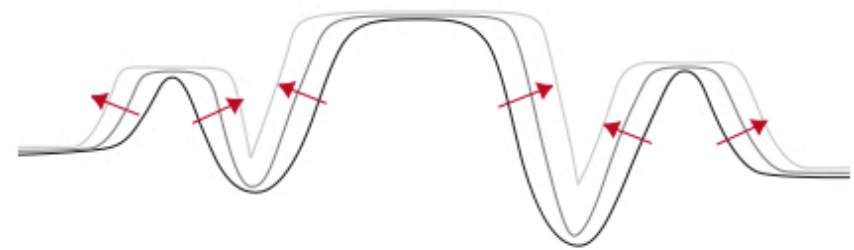
4 - Critical behavior



$V_f > 0$
 $V_x > 0$

- positive quenched KPZ model

$$\frac{\partial h(x, t)}{\partial t} = \nu \nabla^2 h(x, t) + \frac{\lambda}{2} [\nabla h(x, t)]^2 + \bar{\eta}(x, h(x, t)) + f$$



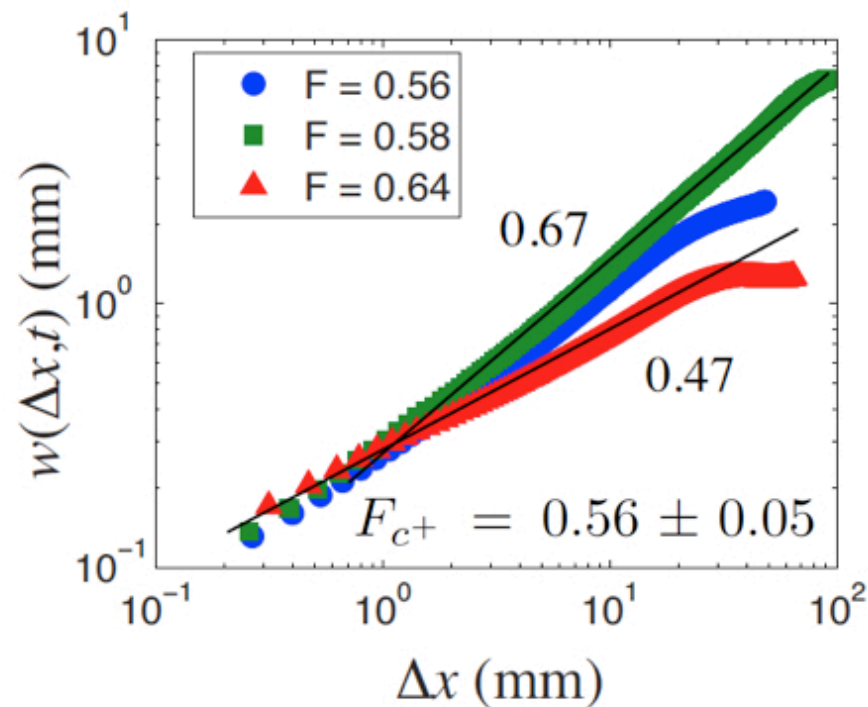
$\alpha = \beta = 0.63$

4 - Transient dynamics and universality

qKPZ exponents: $\alpha = \beta = 0.63$

Directed percolation class

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v_{\parallel} = 1.733 \pm 0.001 \\ v_{\perp} = 1.097 \pm 0.001 \end{array} \right\} \alpha_{\text{DP}} = \frac{v_{\parallel}}{v_{\perp}} \simeq 0.63$$

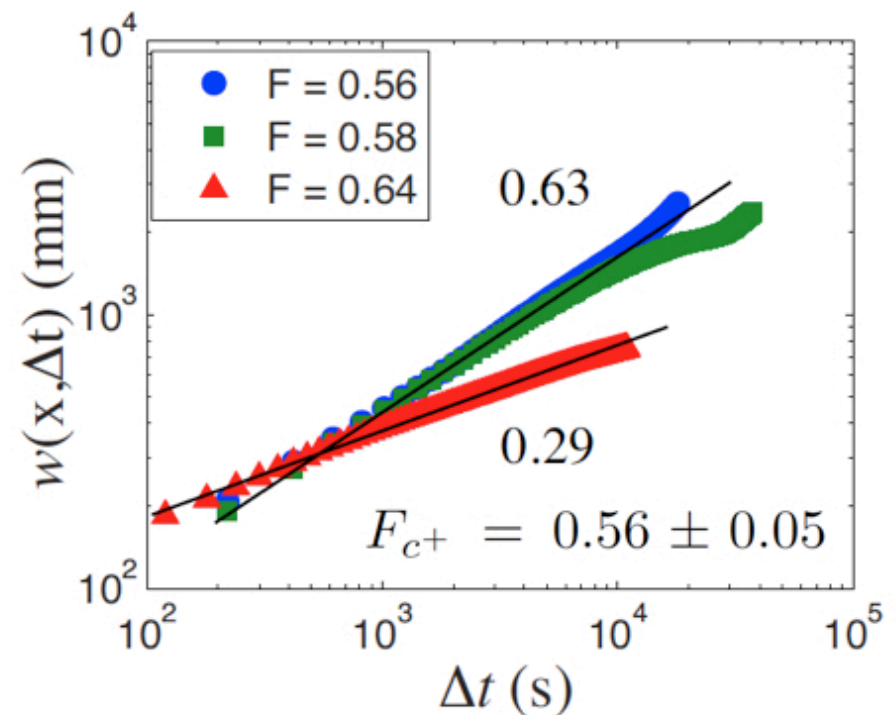


- **Roughness**

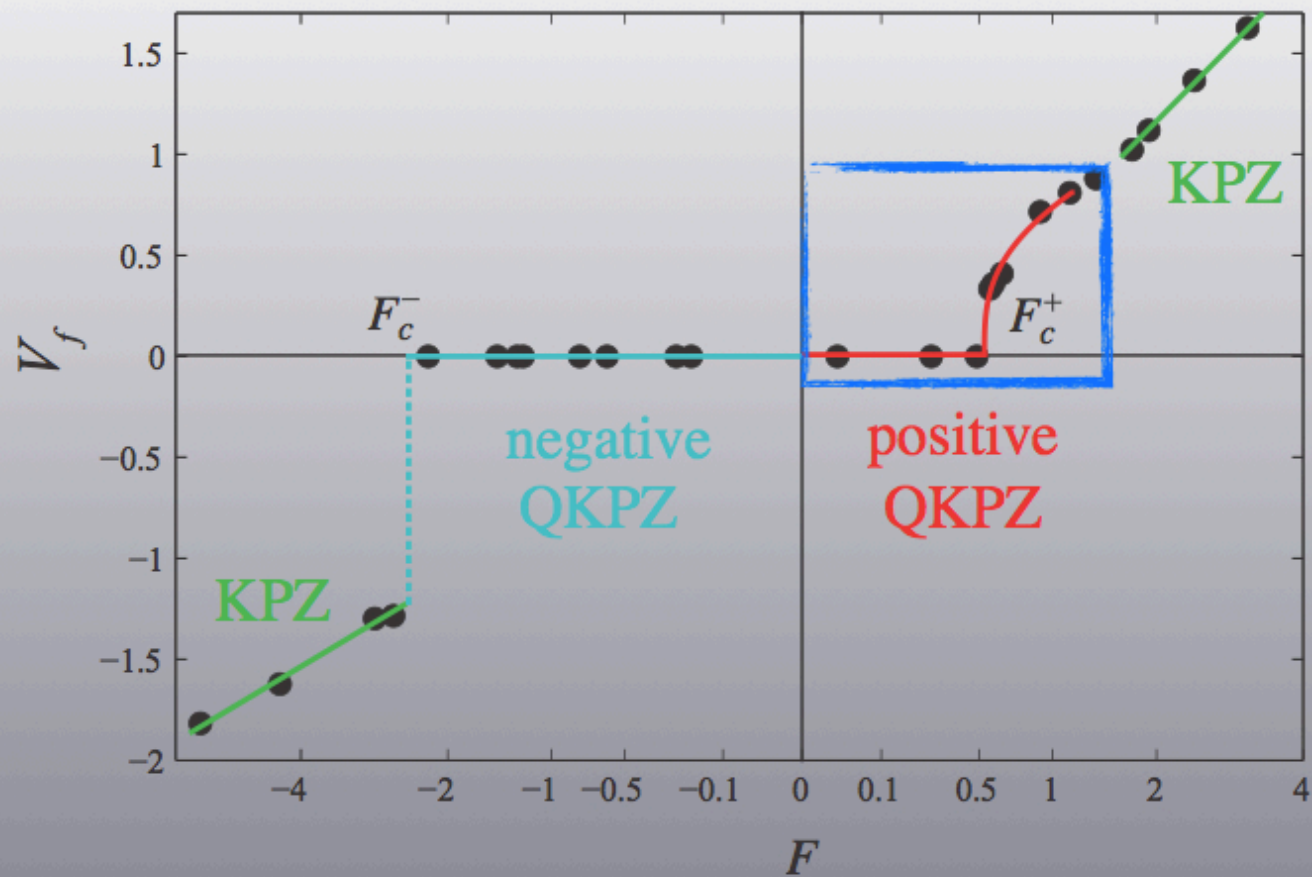
$$w(\Delta x, t) = \left\langle \sqrt{\langle [h(x, t) - \langle h \rangle_{\Delta x}]^2 \rangle_{\Delta x}} \right\rangle_L$$

- **Temporal fluctuations**

$$w(x, \Delta t) = \left\langle \sqrt{\langle [h(x, t) - \langle h \rangle_{\Delta t}]^2 \rangle_{\Delta t}} \right\rangle_T$$



4 - Critical behavior



Control parameter:

$$F = \frac{\bar{U} + V_x}{V_x} + f_0$$

- Depinning transition

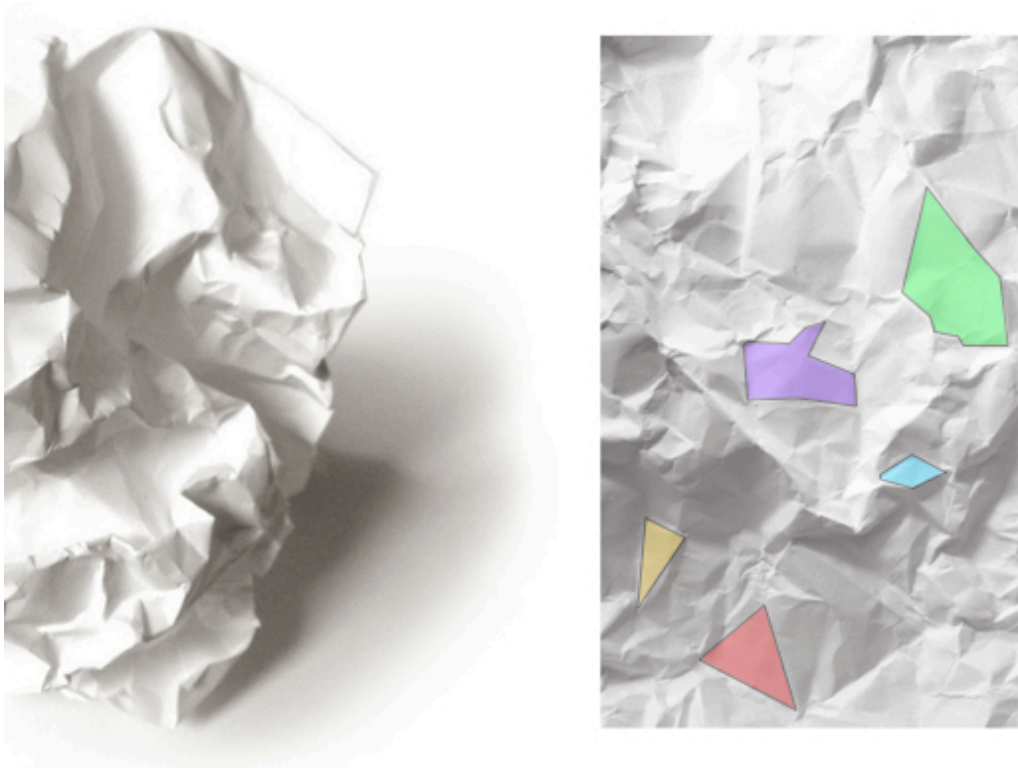
[S. Atis, K. D. Awadhesh, D. Salin, L. Talon,
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4 - Critical behavior

- crackling noise

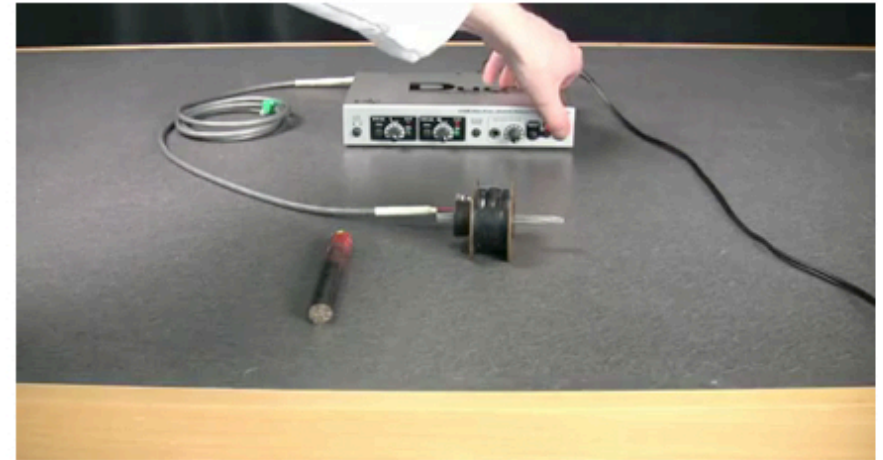
[\[J. P. Sethna et al. 2001\]](#)

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Barkhausen noise



Dendritic flux avalanches in type II superconductors films



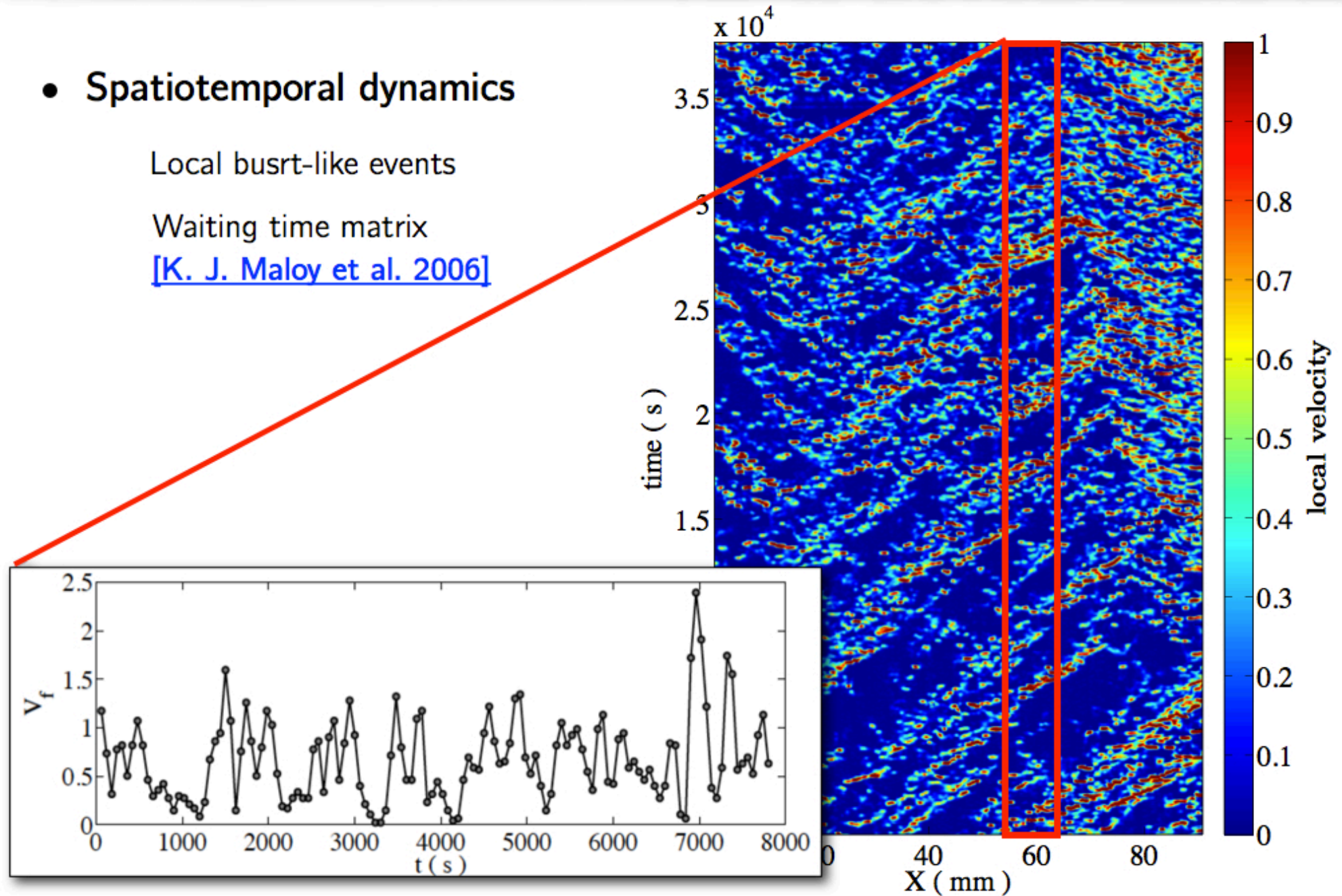
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- Spatiotemporal dynamics

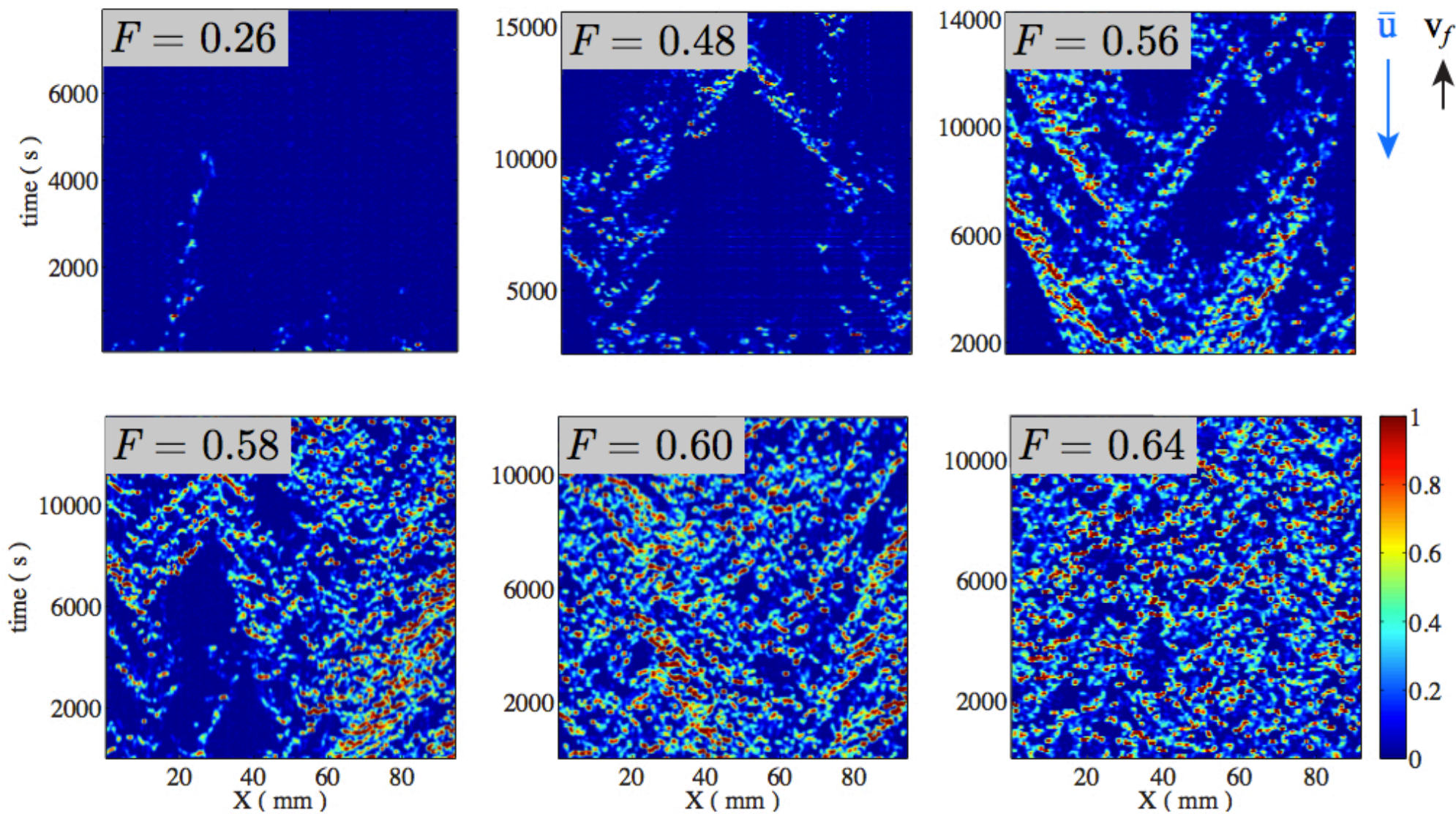
Local burst-like events

Waiting time matrix

[\[K. J. Maloy et al. 2006\]](#)

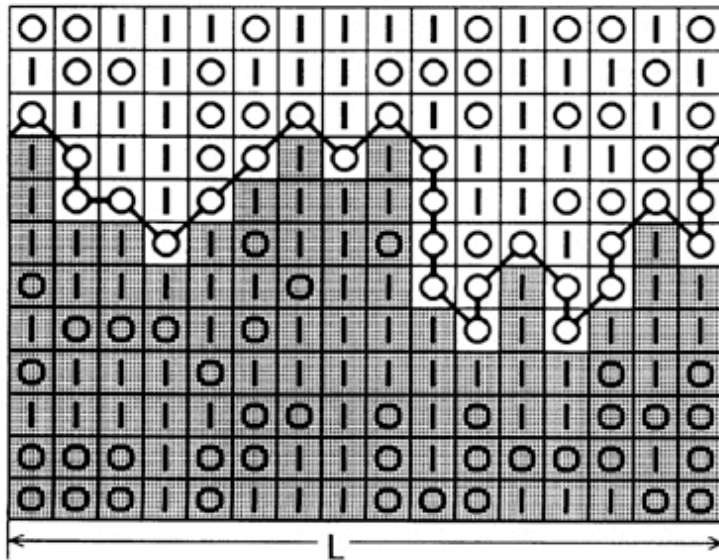


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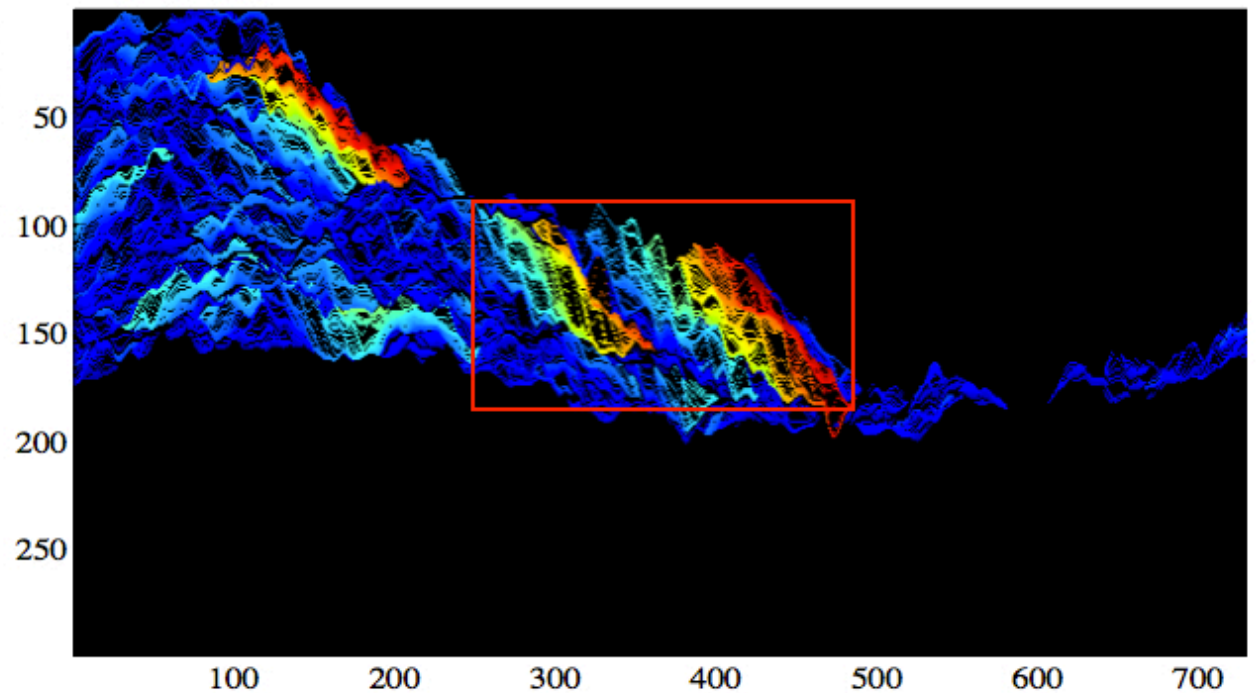
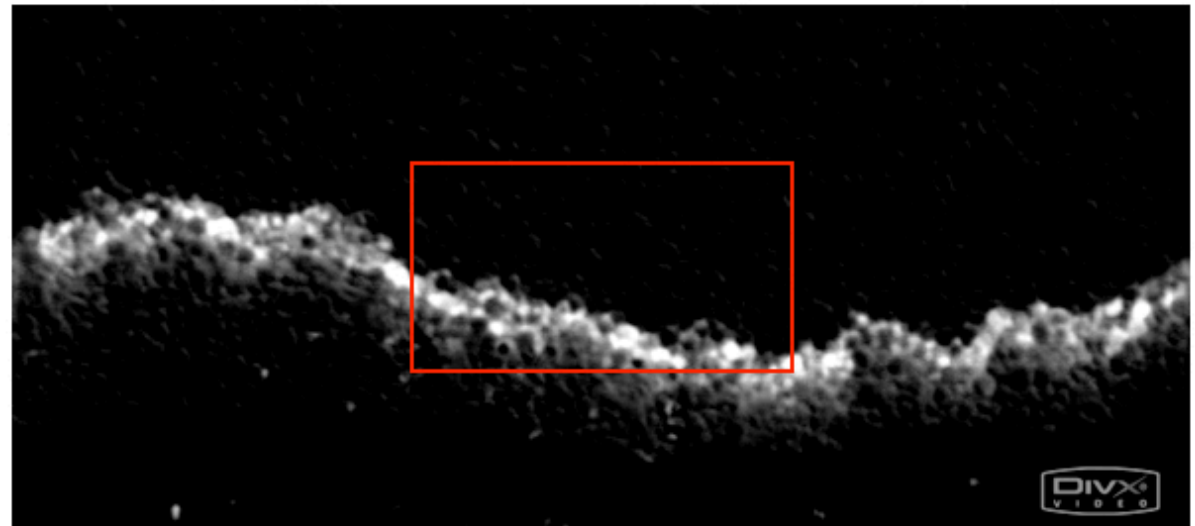
- percolation-like mechanism

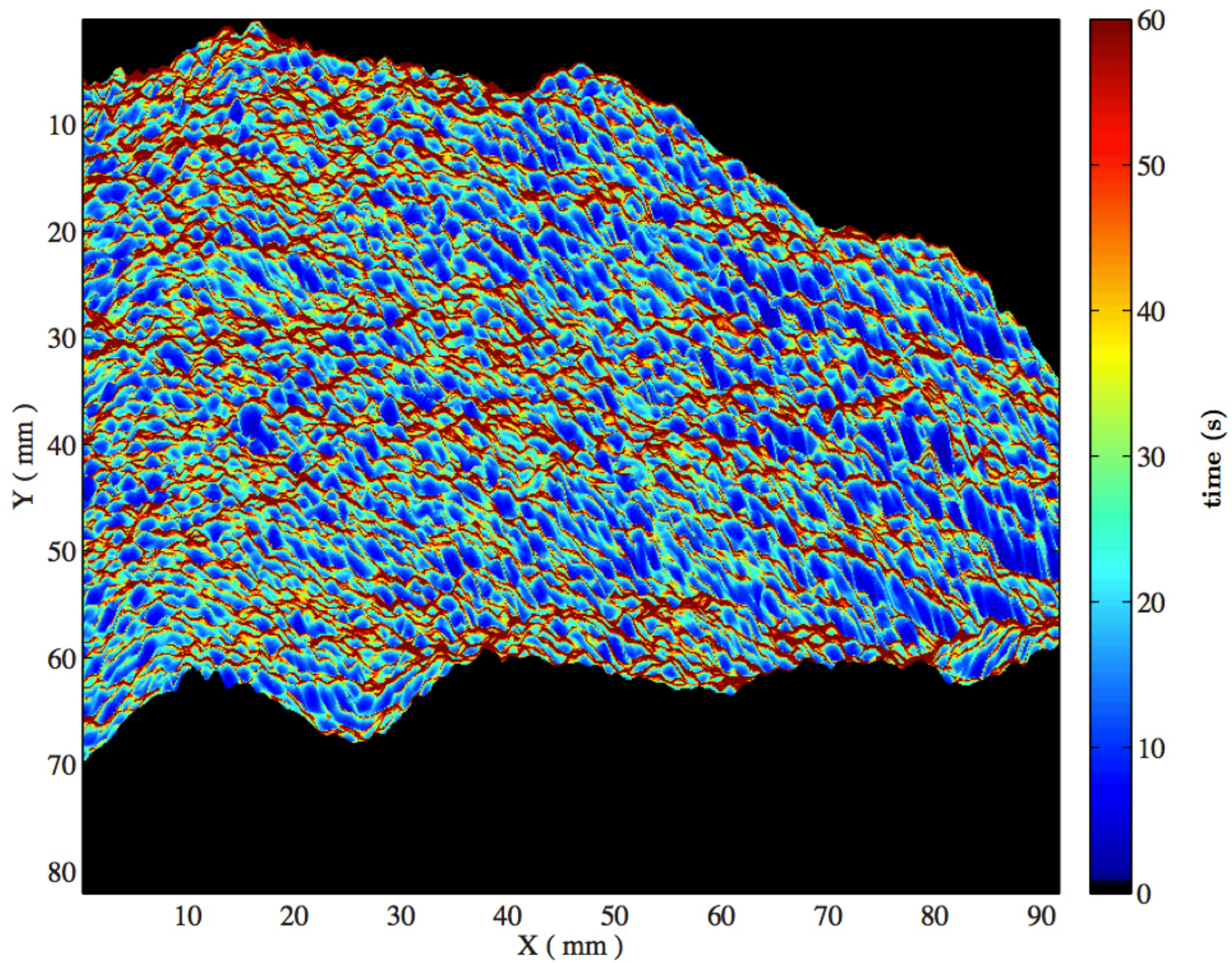


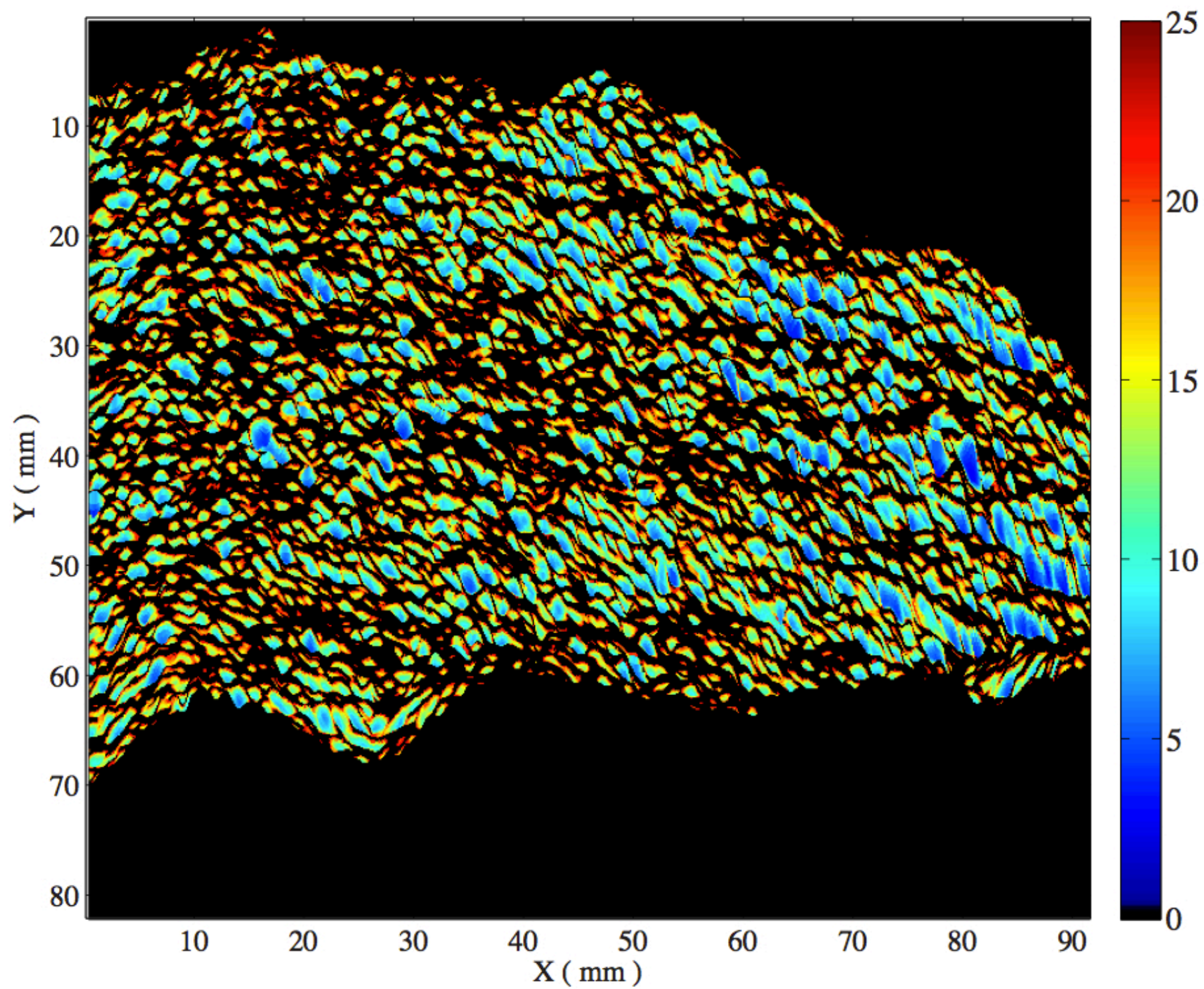
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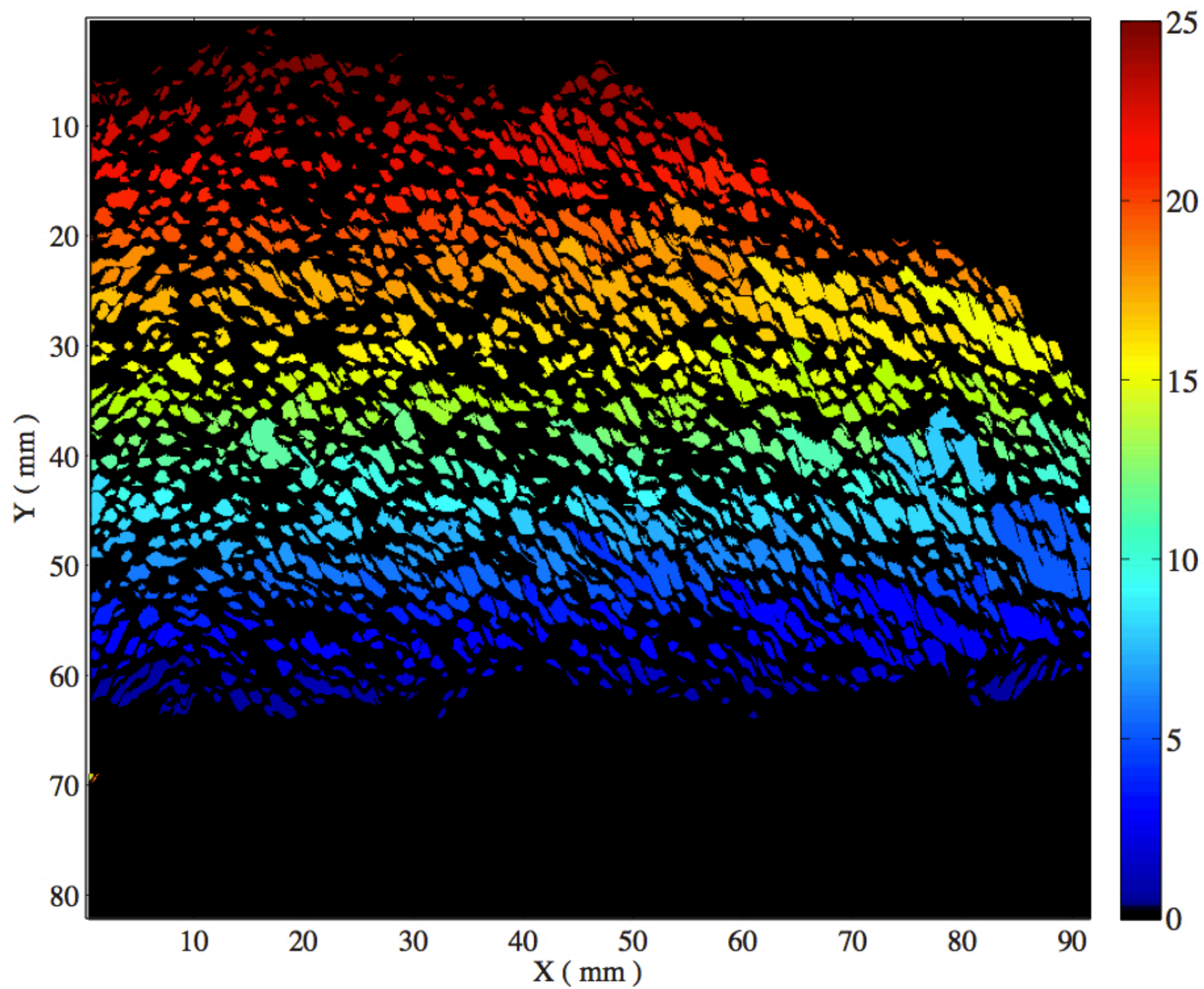
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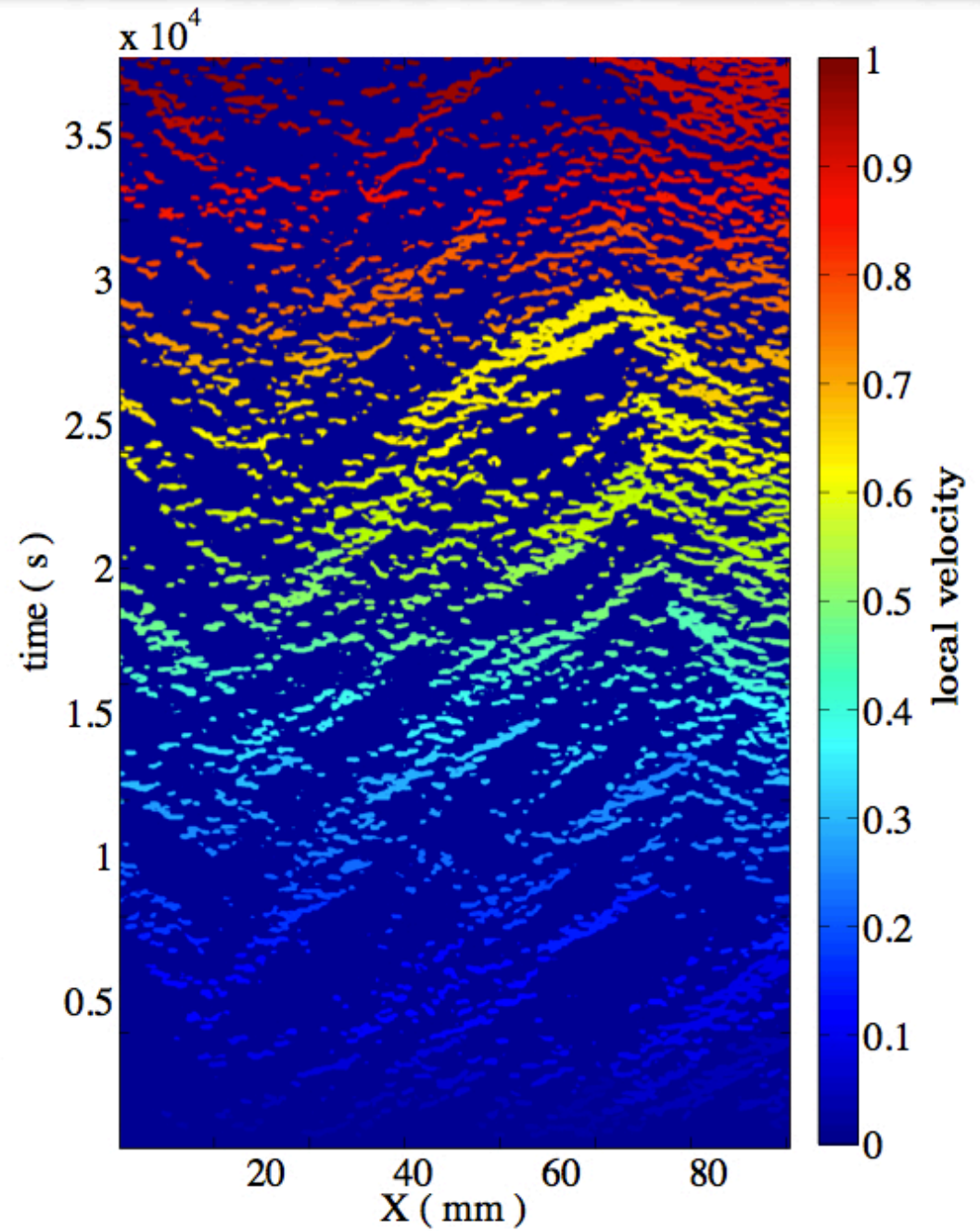
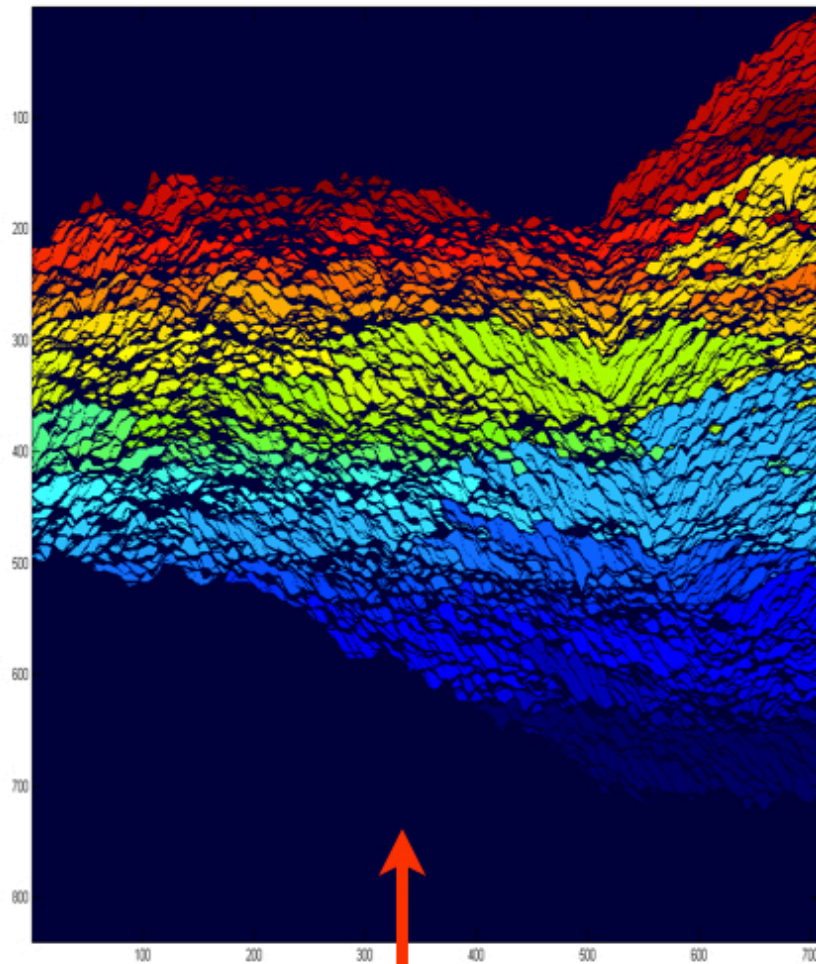








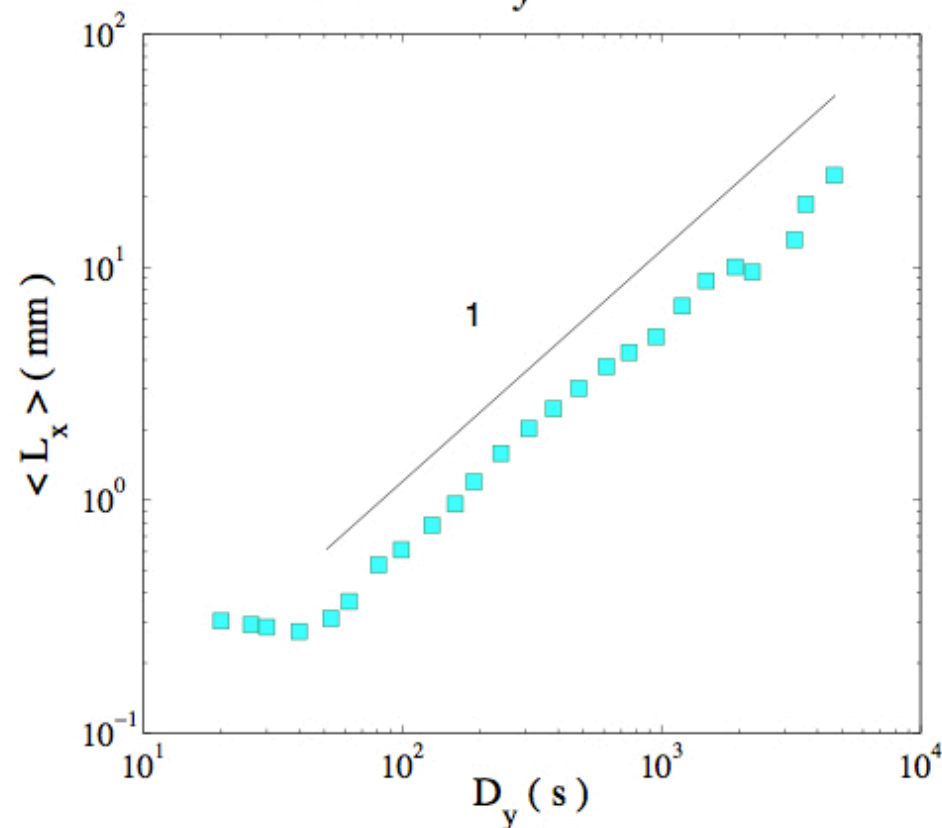
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- Dynamical exponent

$$\langle L_x \rangle \sim D_y^{1/z_A}$$



$$A \sim L_x L_y \sim L_x^{1+\alpha_A} \rightarrow A \sim D_y^{\frac{1+\alpha}{z}}$$

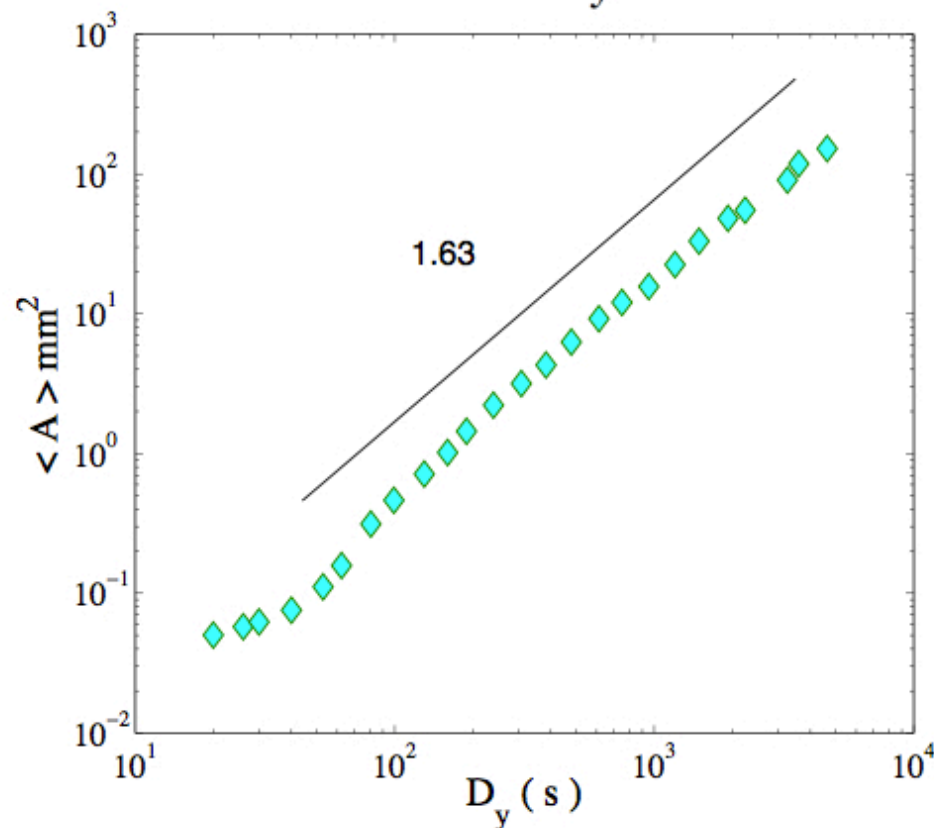
[L. A. N. Amaral et al. (1995)]

[S. Santucci et al. (2011)]

$$\frac{1+\alpha}{z} = \gamma$$

- Avalanche size-duration

$$\langle A \rangle \sim D_y^\gamma$$



$$\alpha = 0.66 \pm 0.04$$

$$z = 1.06 \pm 0.05$$

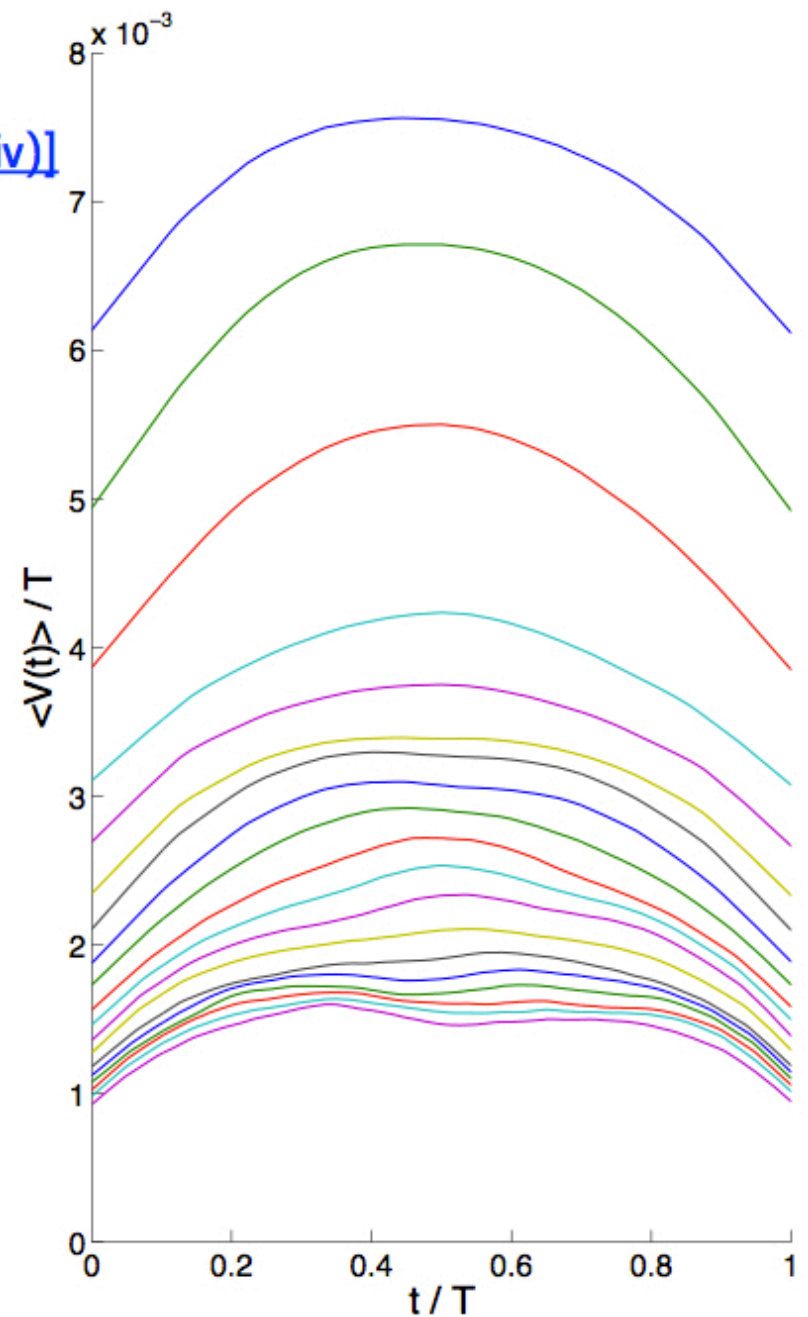
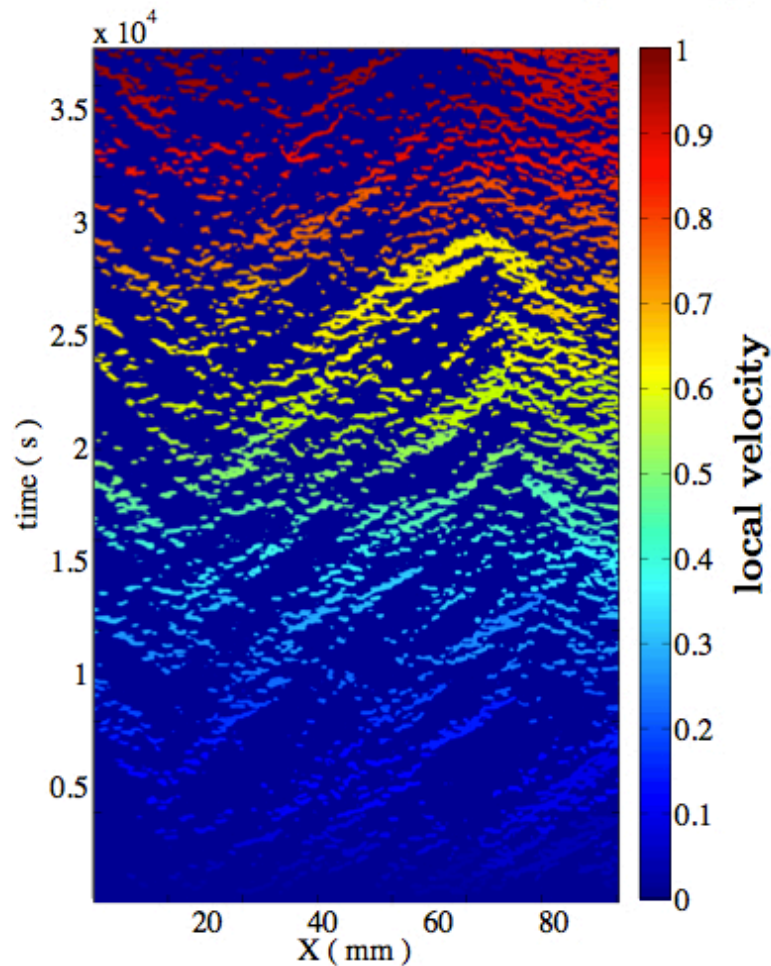
$$\gamma = 1.57 \pm 0.07$$

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- Avalanches shape

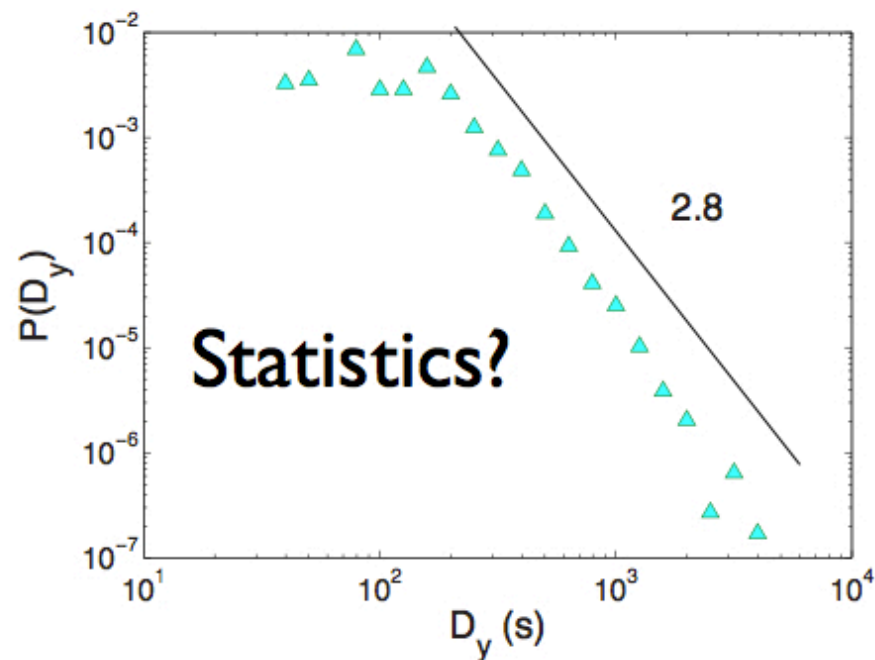
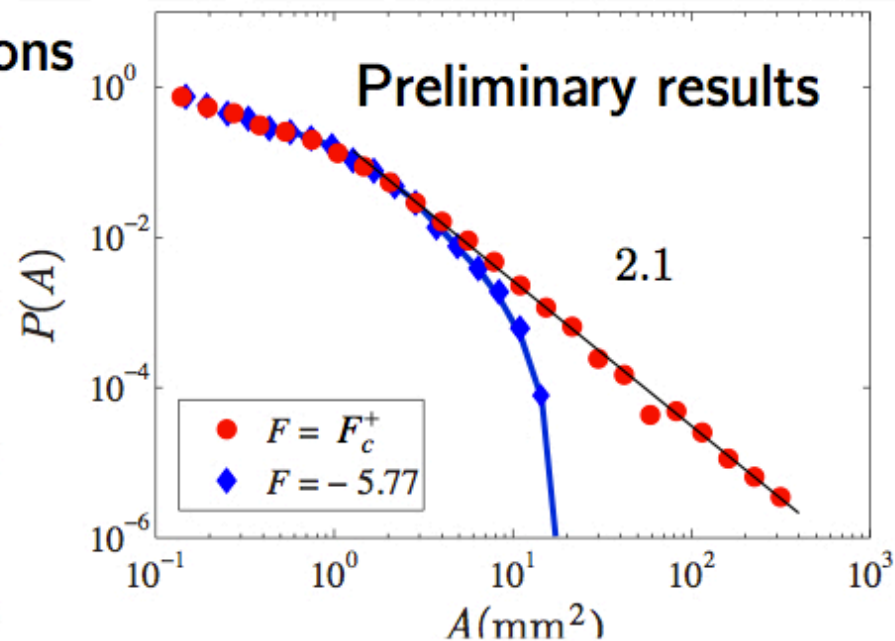
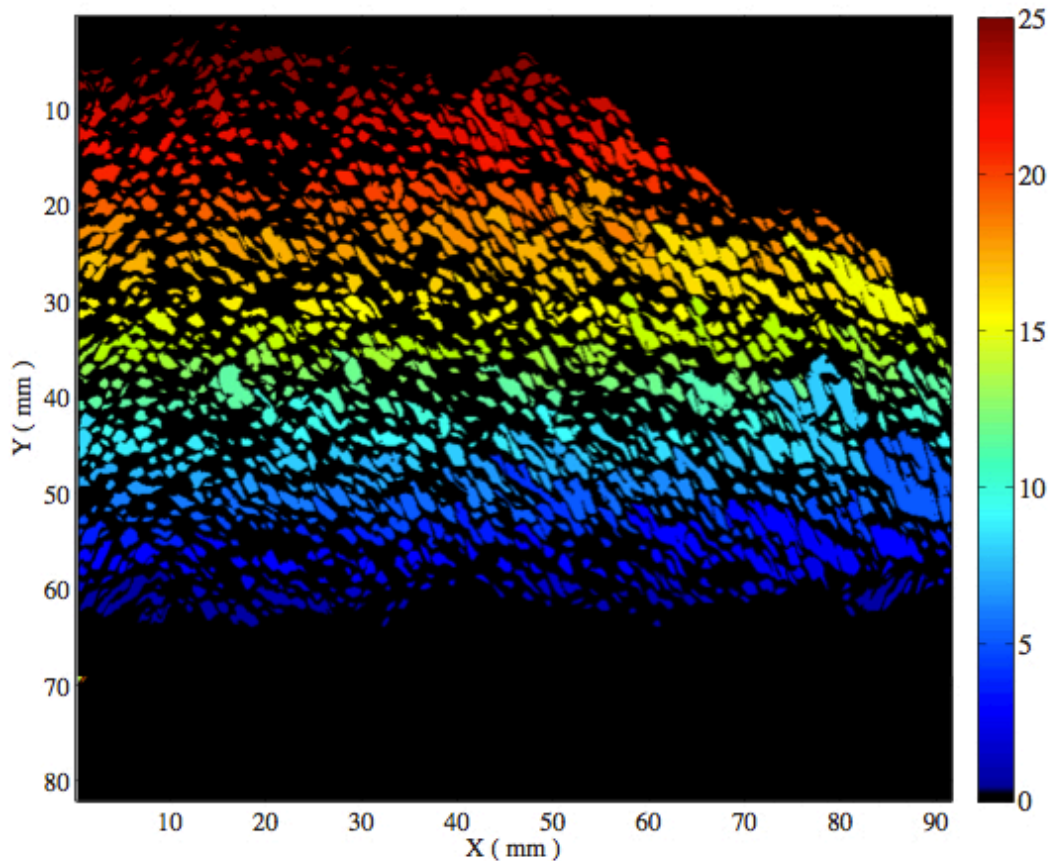
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[[L. Laurson et al., Nature Com. \(2013\)](#)]



4 - Critical behavior

- avalanches size and duration distributions



$$\frac{\tau_D - 1}{\tau_S - 1} = \gamma$$

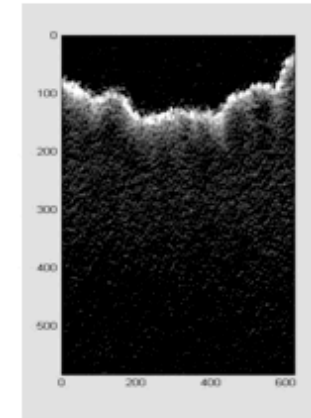
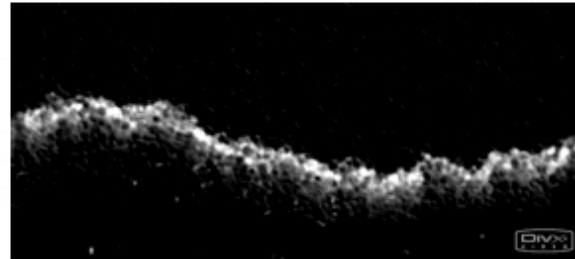
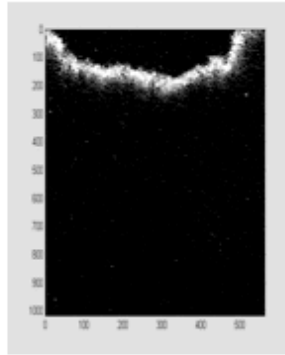
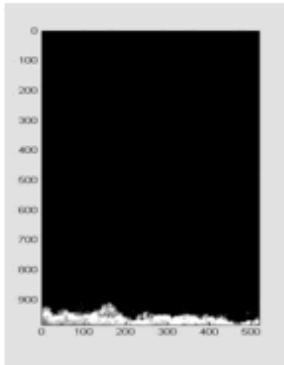
$$\gamma = 1.68 \pm 0.08$$

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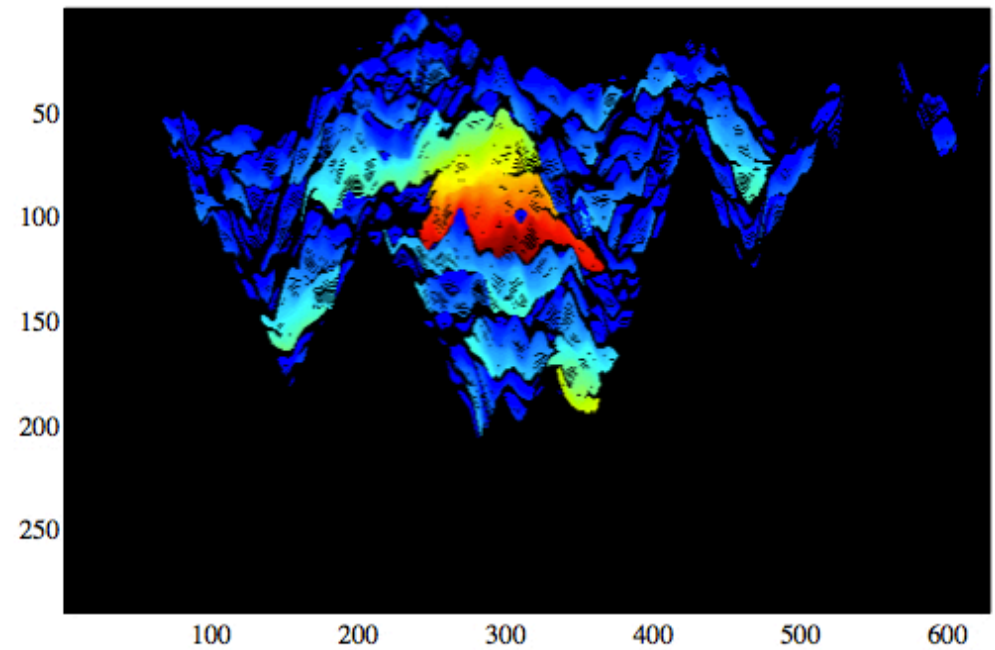
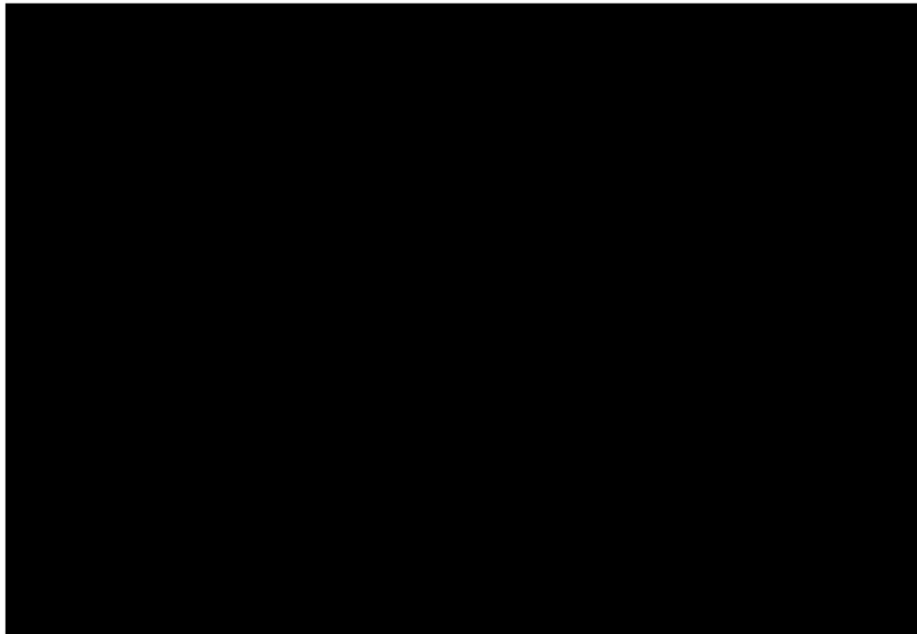
3 universality classes



- KPZ behavior for moving phase
 - Positive q KPZ growth process for upward propagating fronts
 - Negative q KPZ growth with static sawtooth pattern formation for backward propagating fronts
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- Unique control parameter
 - Avalanches statistical properties yet to be explored

5 - Conclusion and perspectives

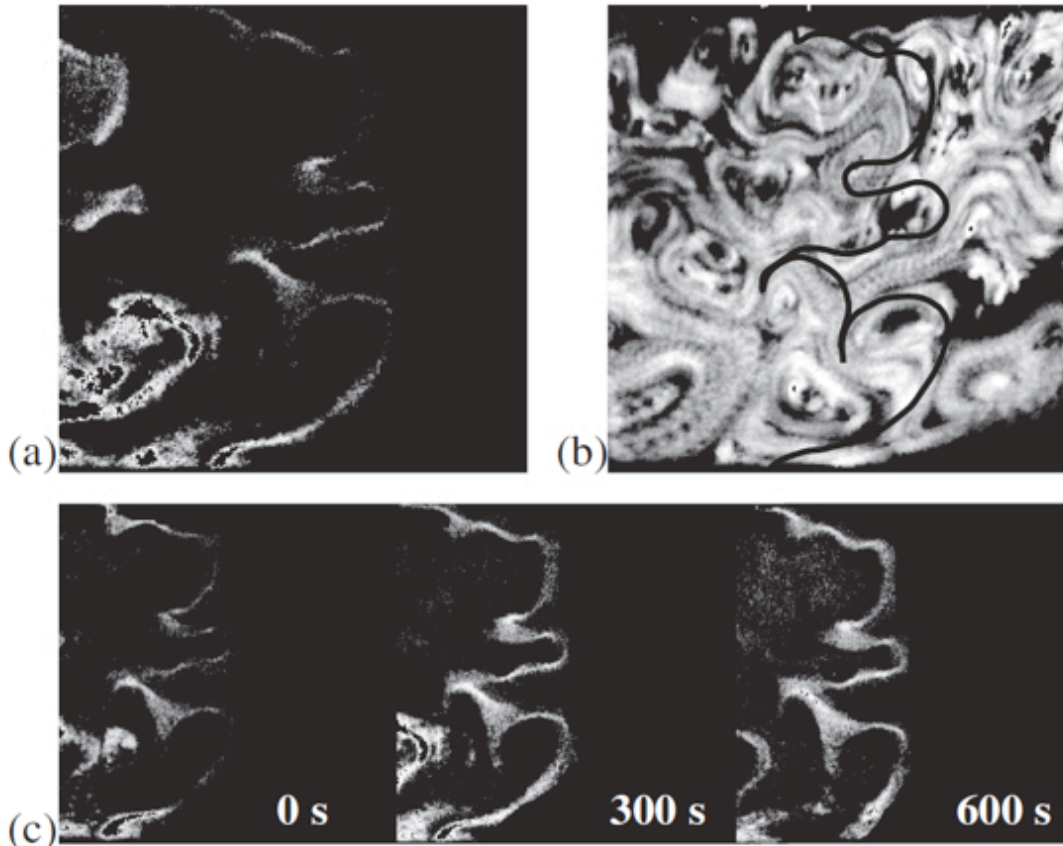
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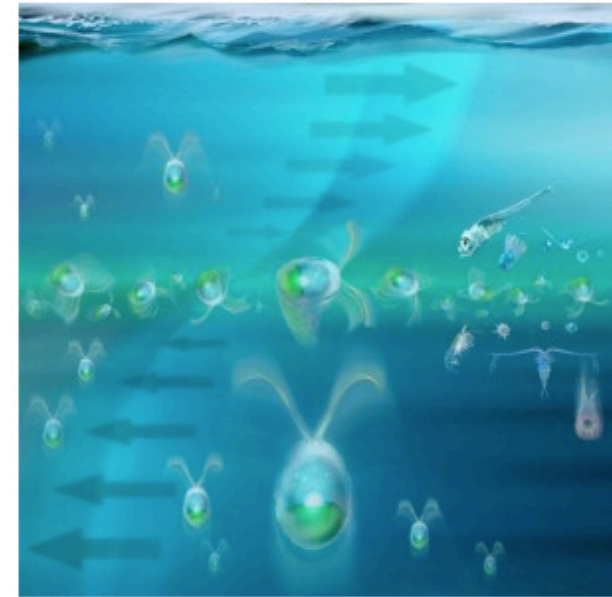
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- Bacterial dynamics in complex flows

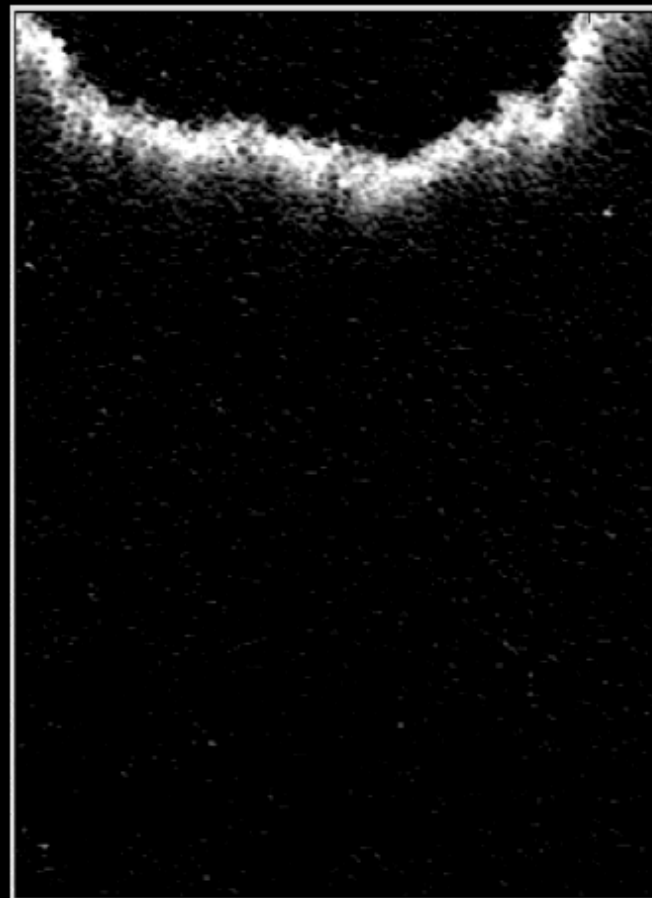
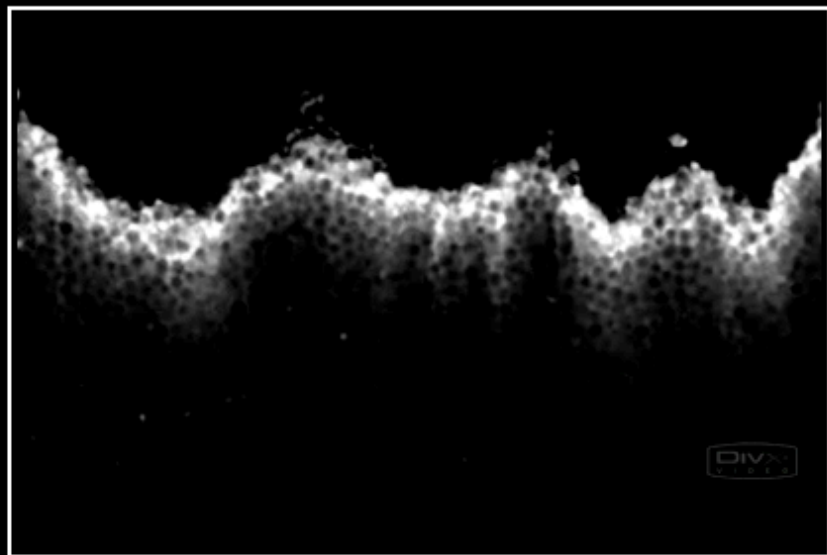
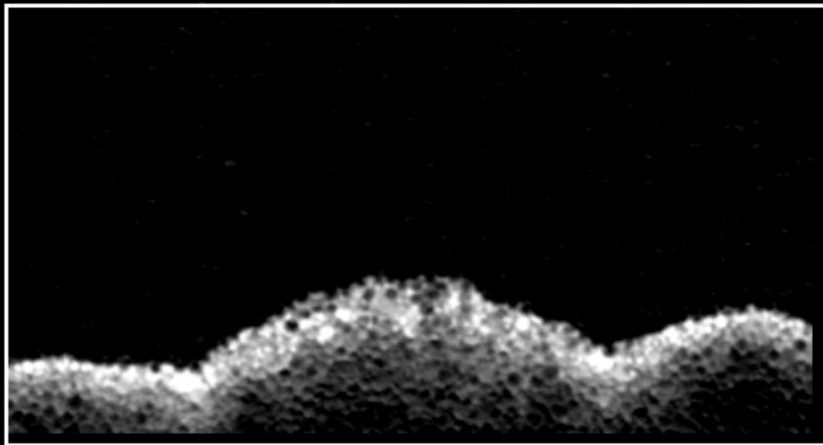
Disordered cellular flow



[\[Schwartz et Solomon, 2008\]](#)



[\[Stocker et al., 2010\]](#)



Thank you ^^ !