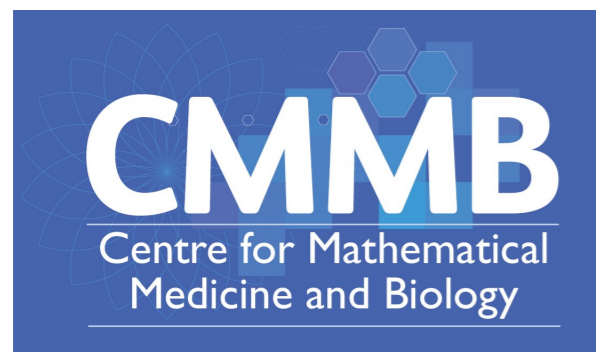
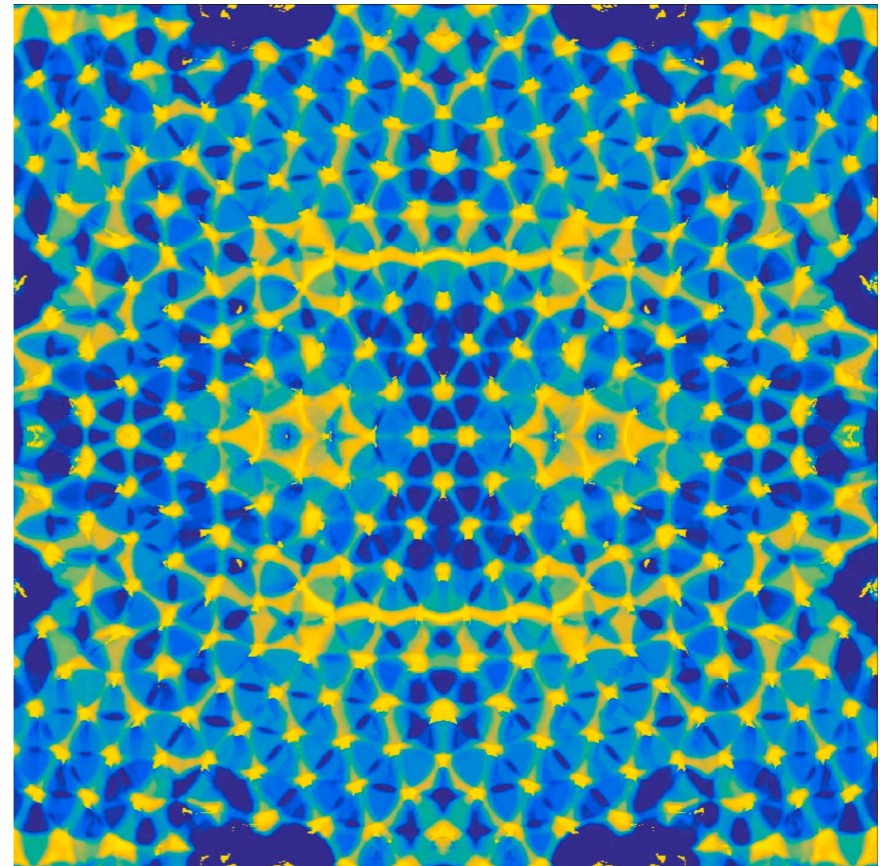


Neural fields with switches and spikes



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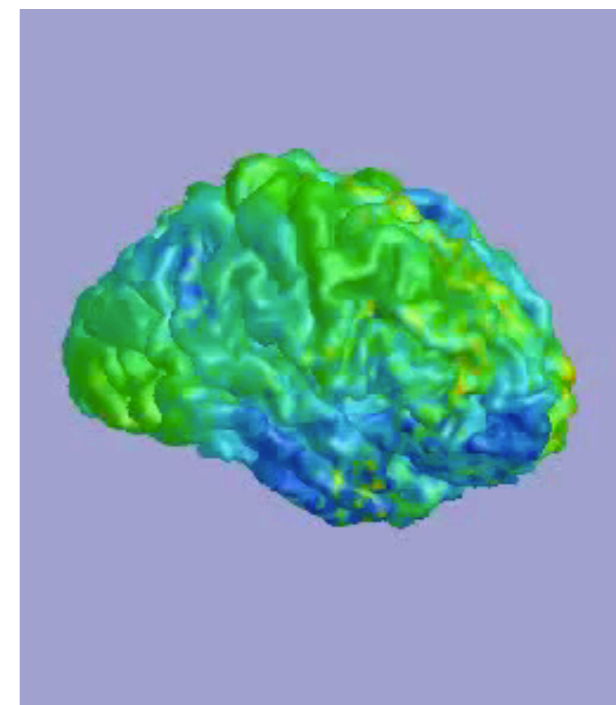
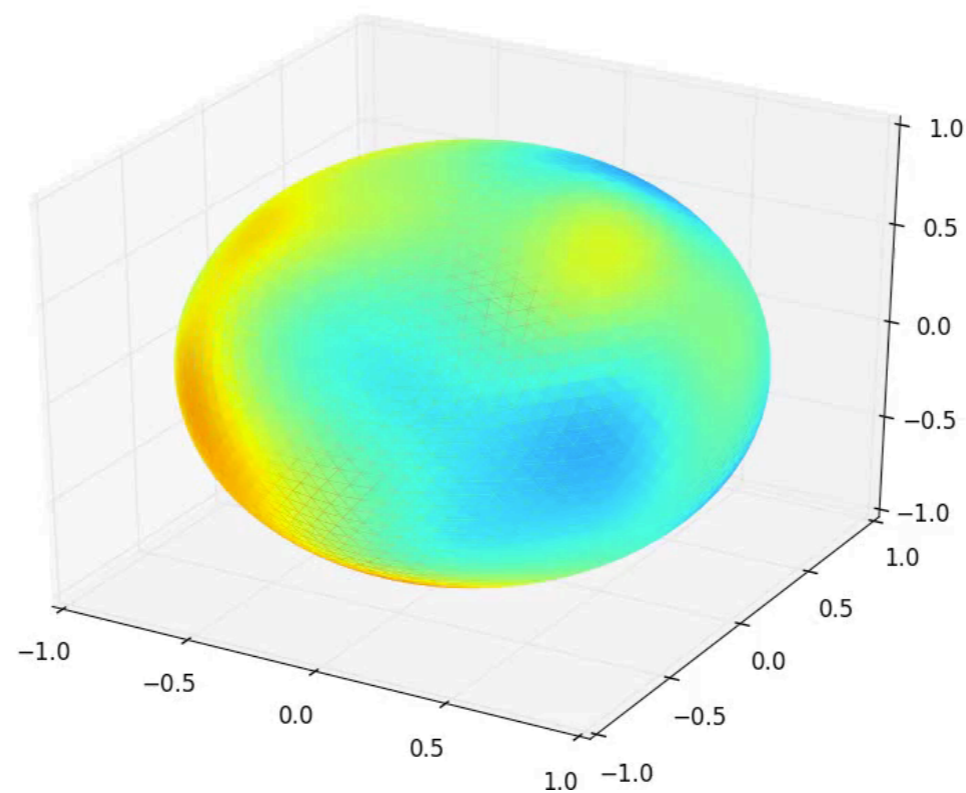
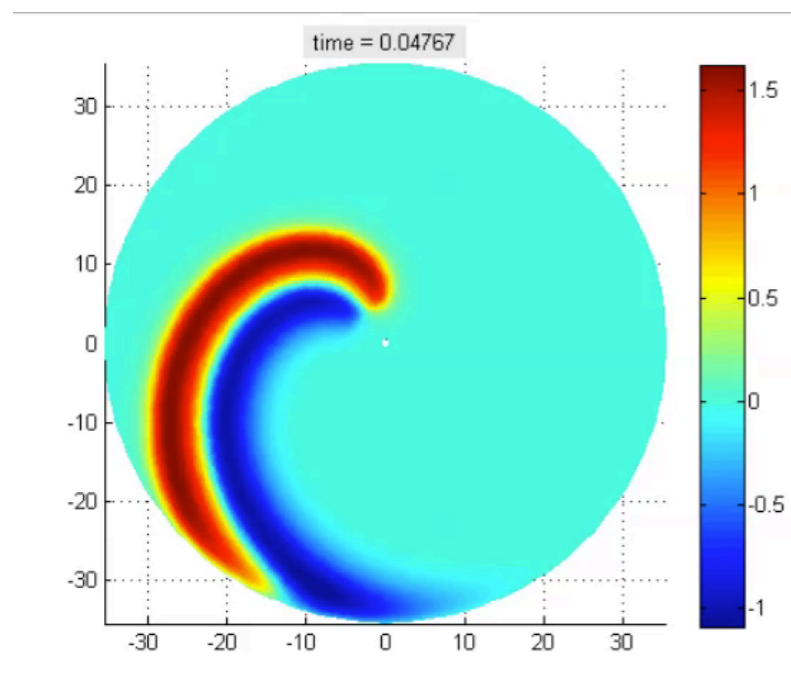
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Neural fields

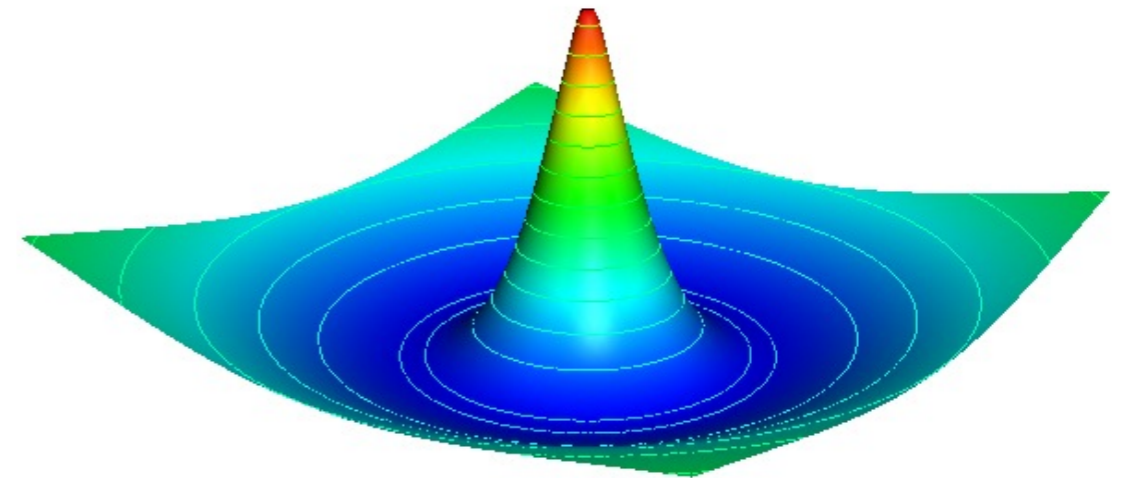
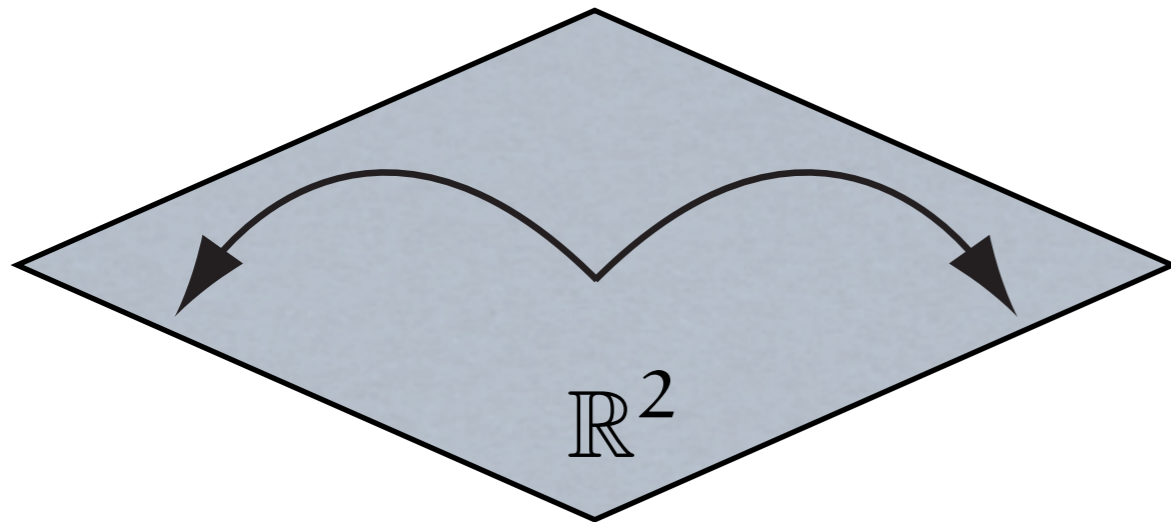
Ask Zack!

$$Qg = w \otimes f(g)$$

$$[w \otimes f(g)](\mathbf{r}, t) = \int_{\Omega} d\mathbf{r}' w(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) f \circ g(\mathbf{r}', t)$$



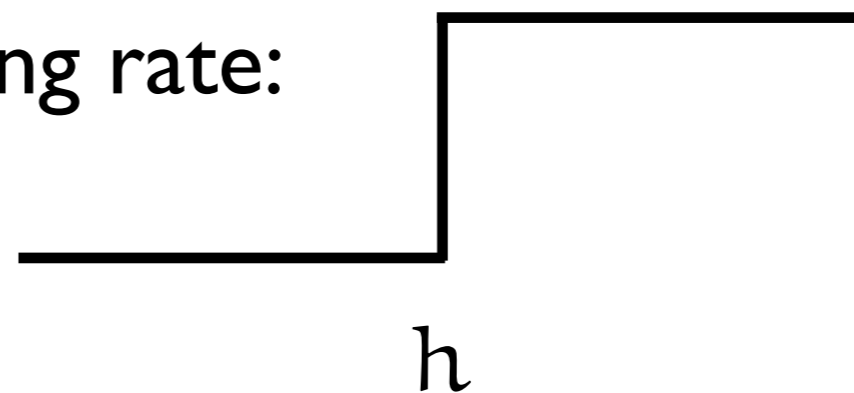
A simple 2D neural field model



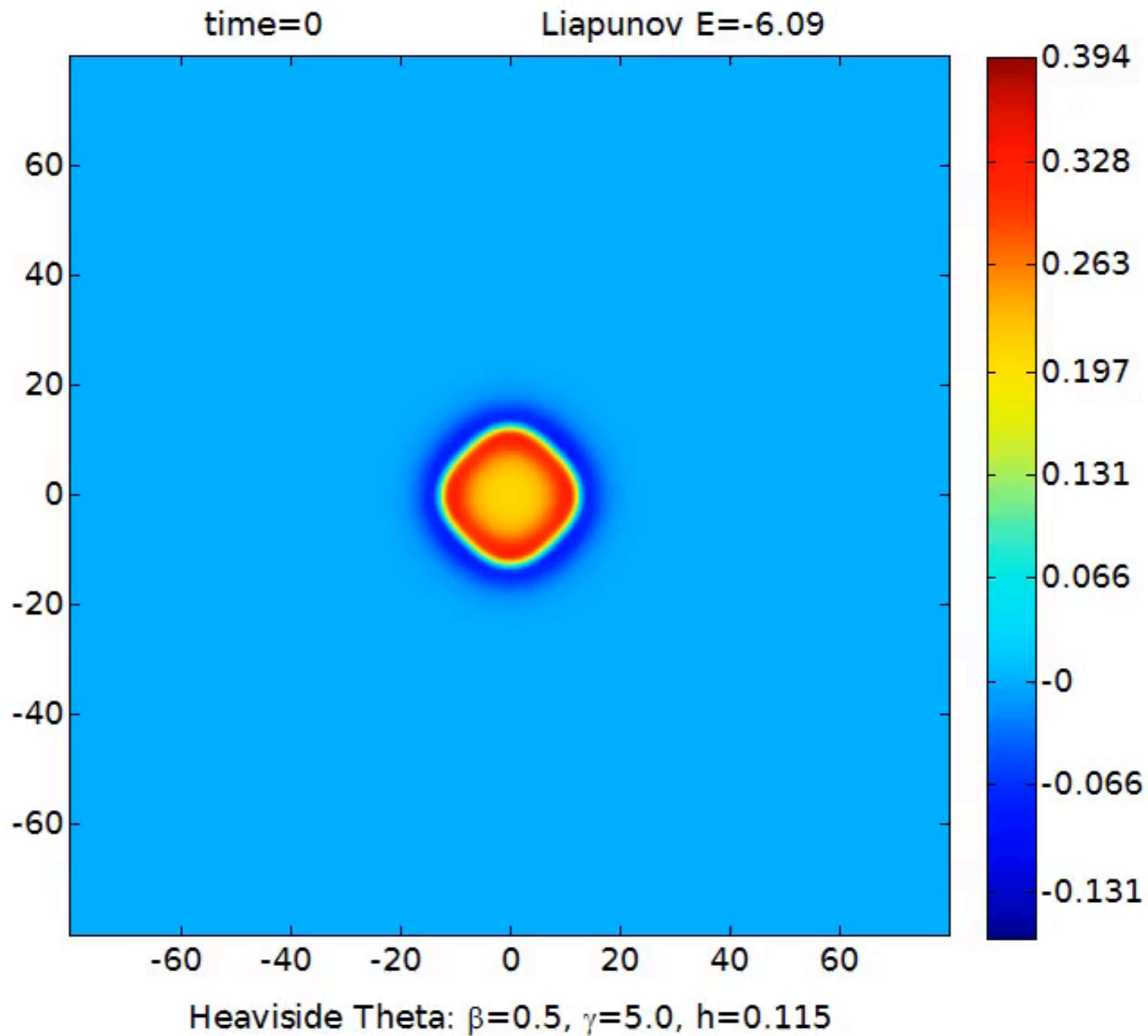
$$u_t(\mathbf{x}, t) = -u(\mathbf{x}, t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} w(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') H[u(\mathbf{x}', t) - h] d\mathbf{x}'$$

2D Amari model

Piece-wise constant firing rate:
Heaviside

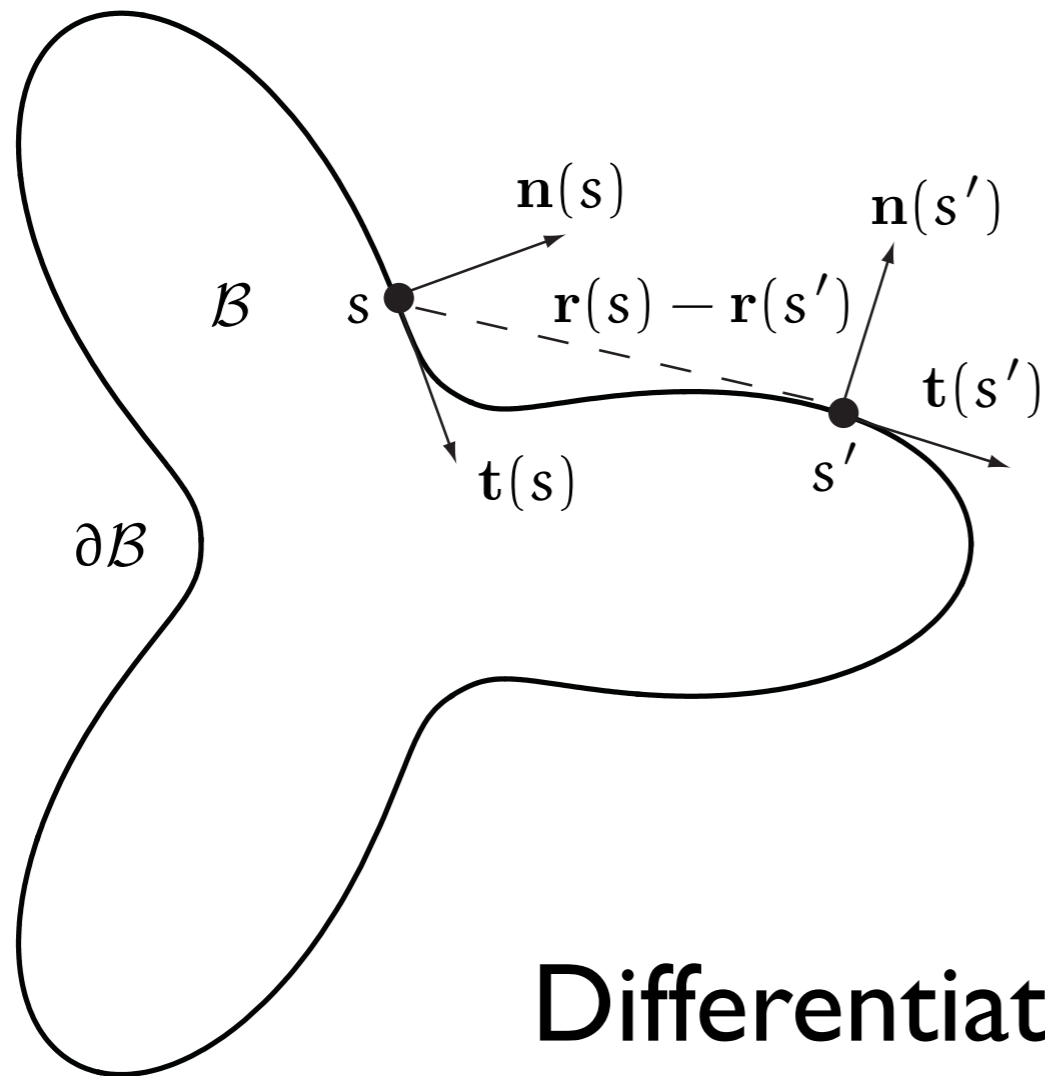


A simulation



An interface is easily identified

Interface dynamics in 2D



$$\mathbf{n} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}u/|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}u|$$

$$u_t(\mathbf{x}, t) = -u(\mathbf{x}, t) + \psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{\mathcal{B}(t)} w(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) d\mathbf{x}'$$

Differentiate $u(\mathbf{x}, t) = h$ along $\partial\mathcal{B}(t)$

Normal velocity

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}u \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$$

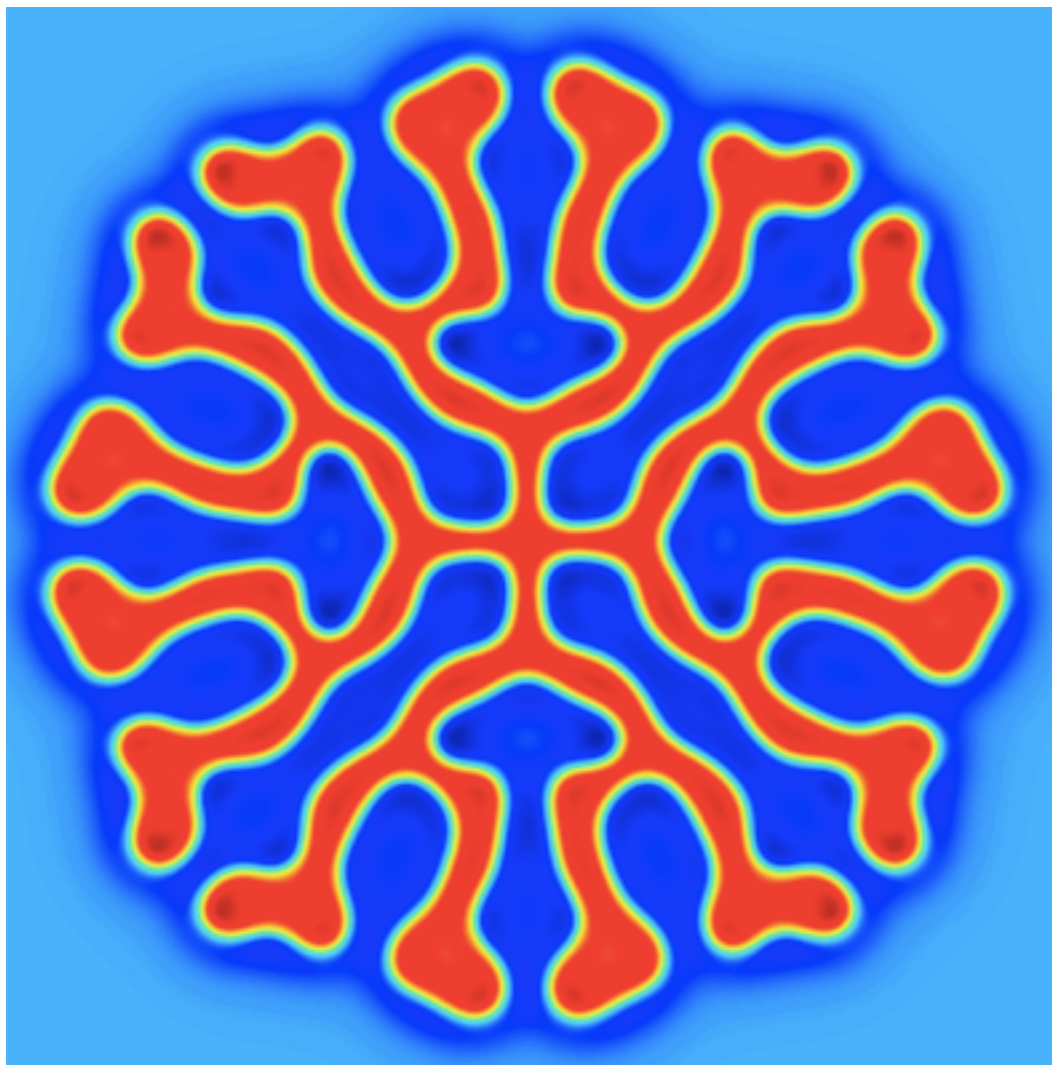
$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{u_t}{|z|}$$

$$z \equiv \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}u(\mathbf{x}, t)|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{r}}$$

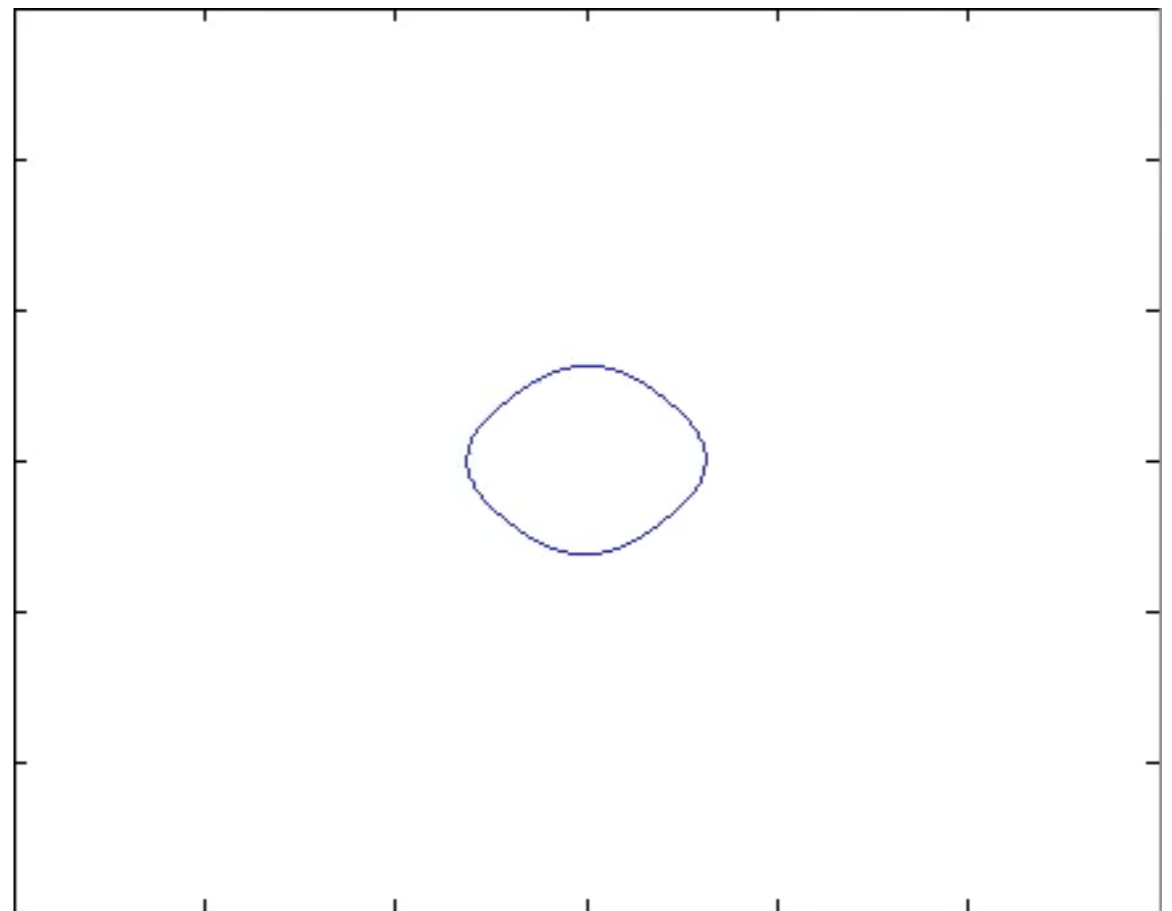
Dynamics from data on the boundary only

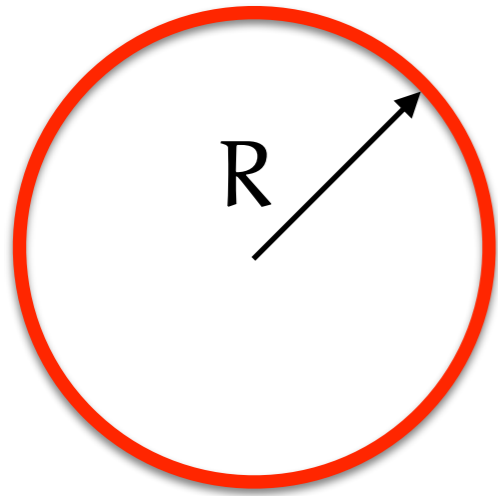
normal velocity $c_n = \frac{a}{|\mathbf{b}|}$ $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (\mathcal{F}(c_n), \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{n}))$

$$\mathcal{F}(x(s, t)) = \int_0^\infty dt' e^{-t'} \oint_{\partial\mathcal{B}(t-t')} ds' w(\mathbf{y}(s, t), \mathbf{y}(s', t')) x(s', t - t')$$



Reynold's transport theorem

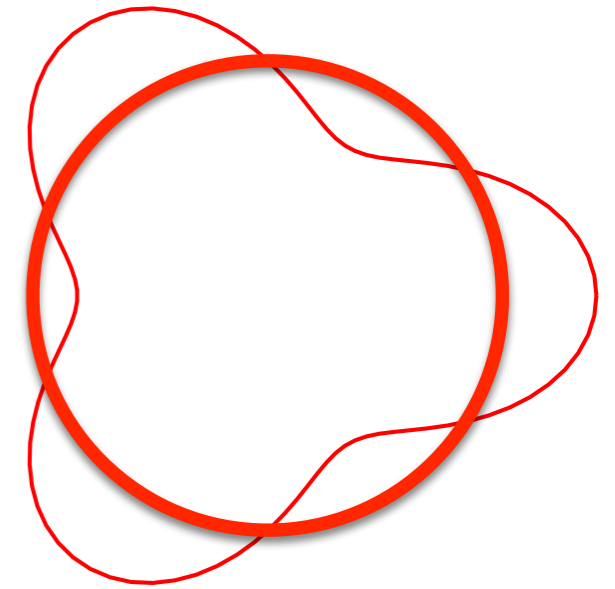




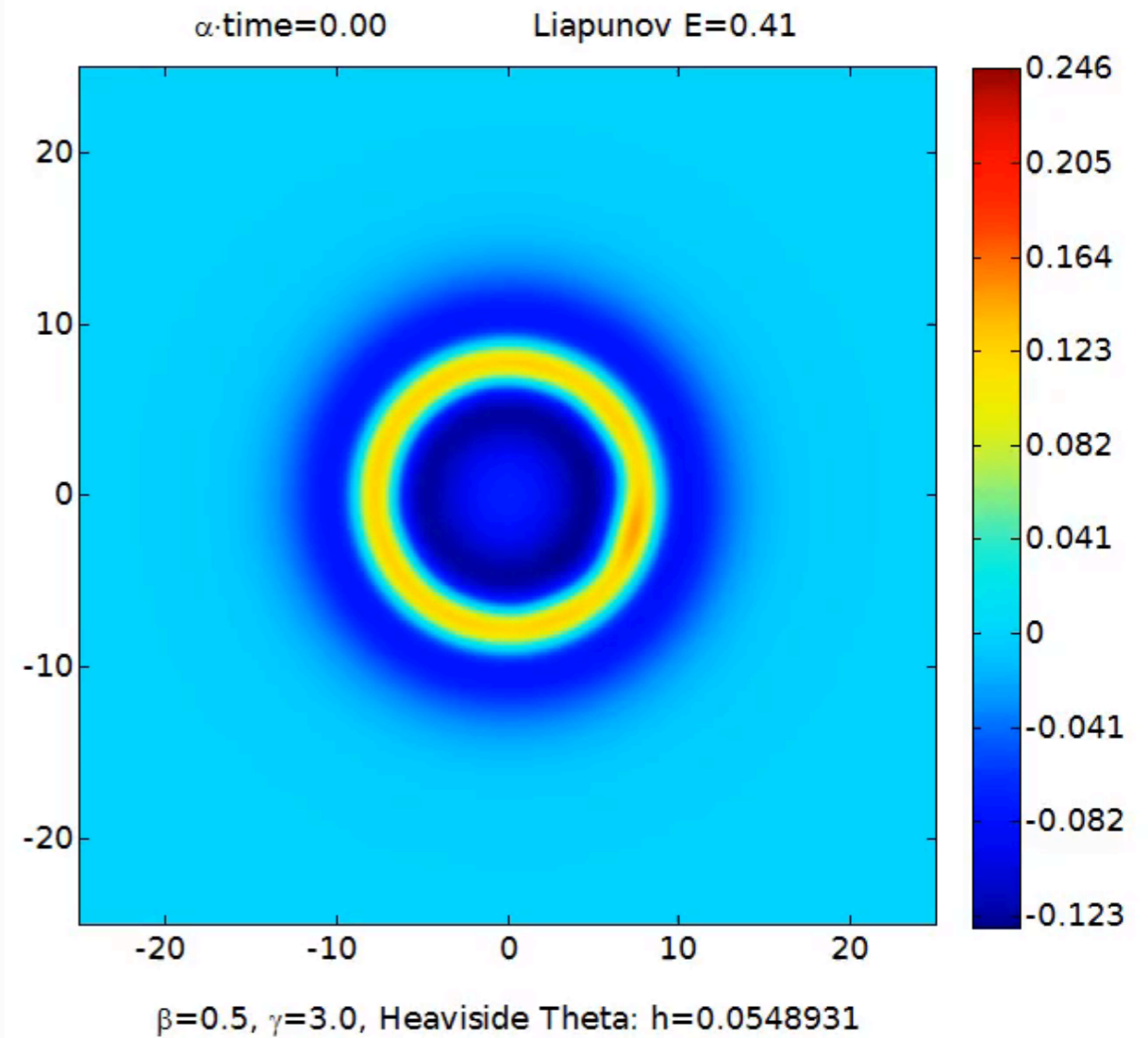
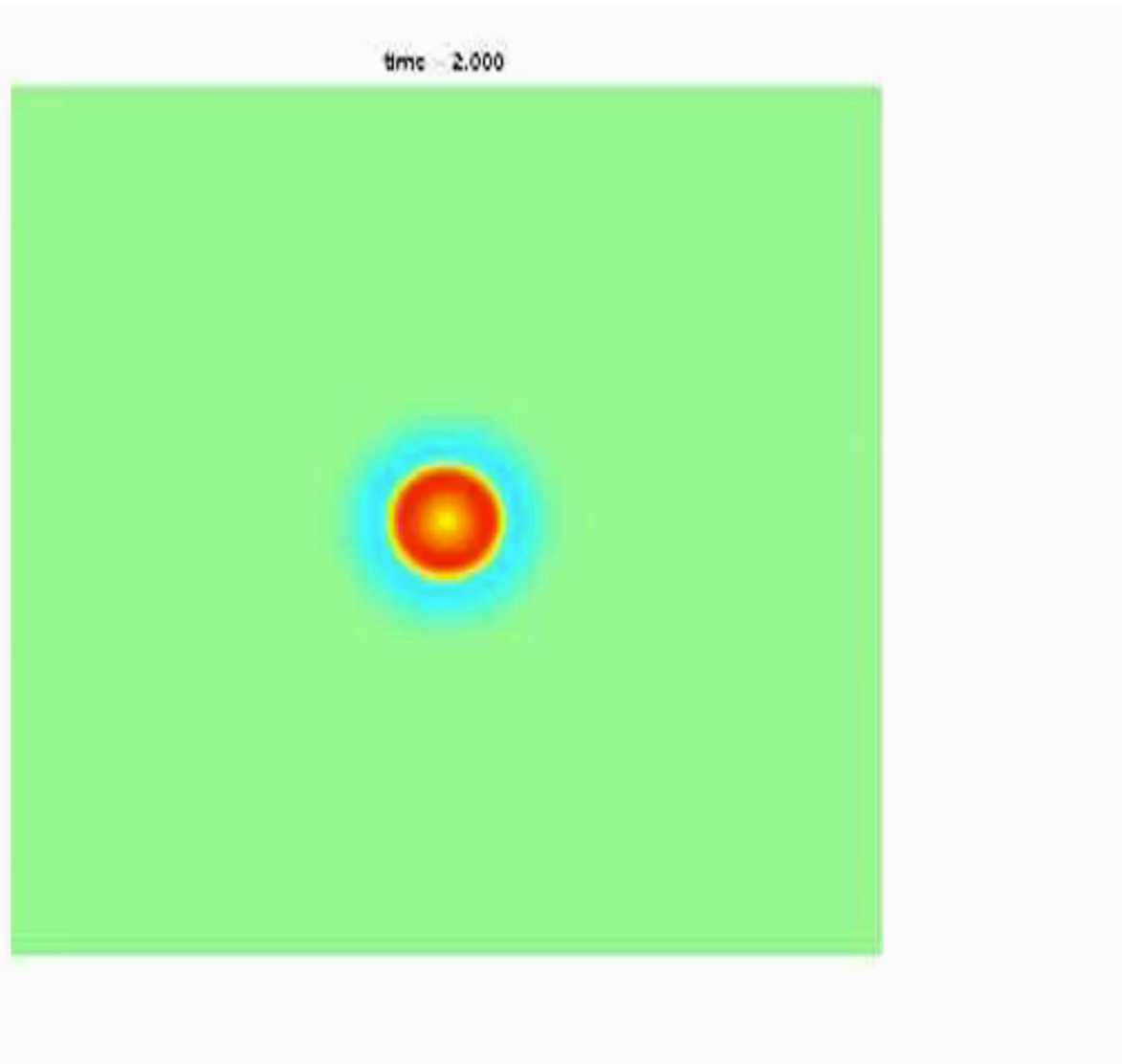
Spots and Stability

Zero normal velocity

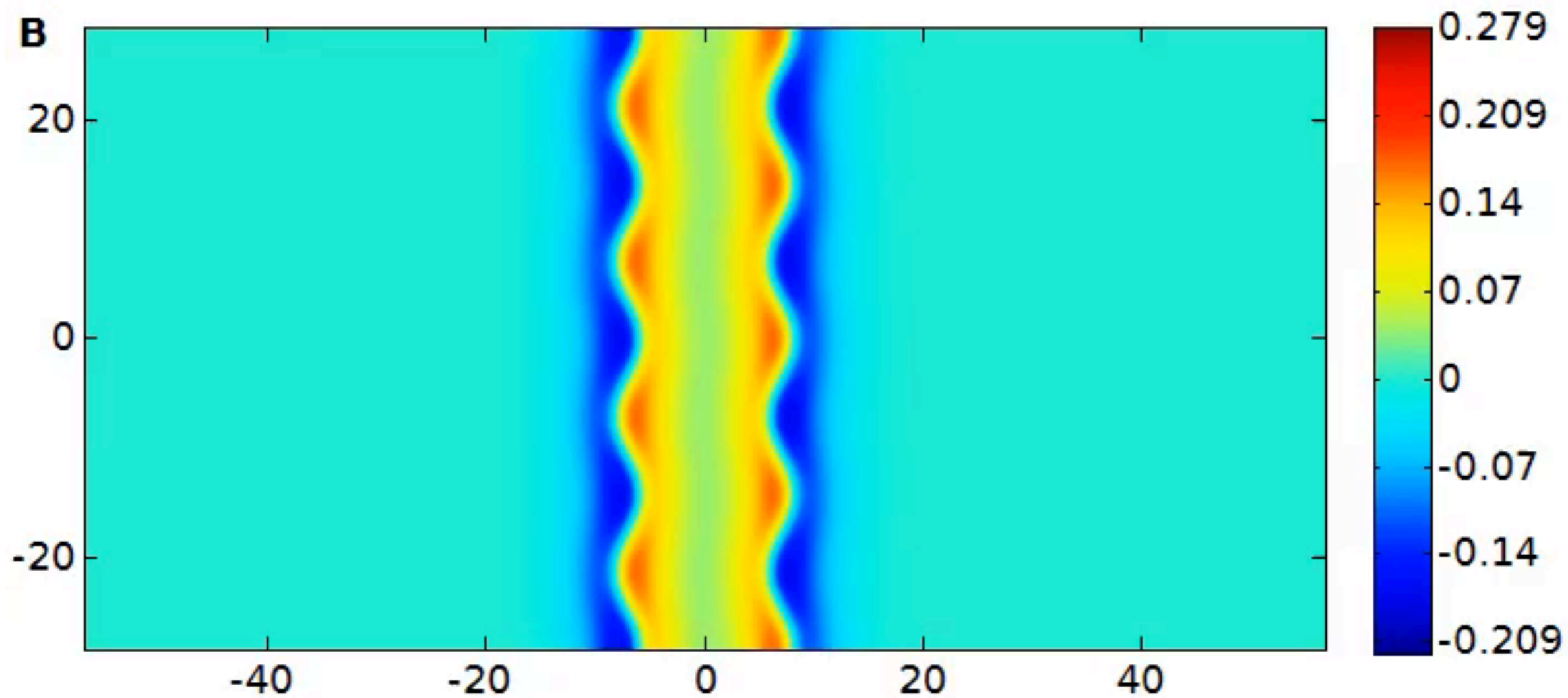
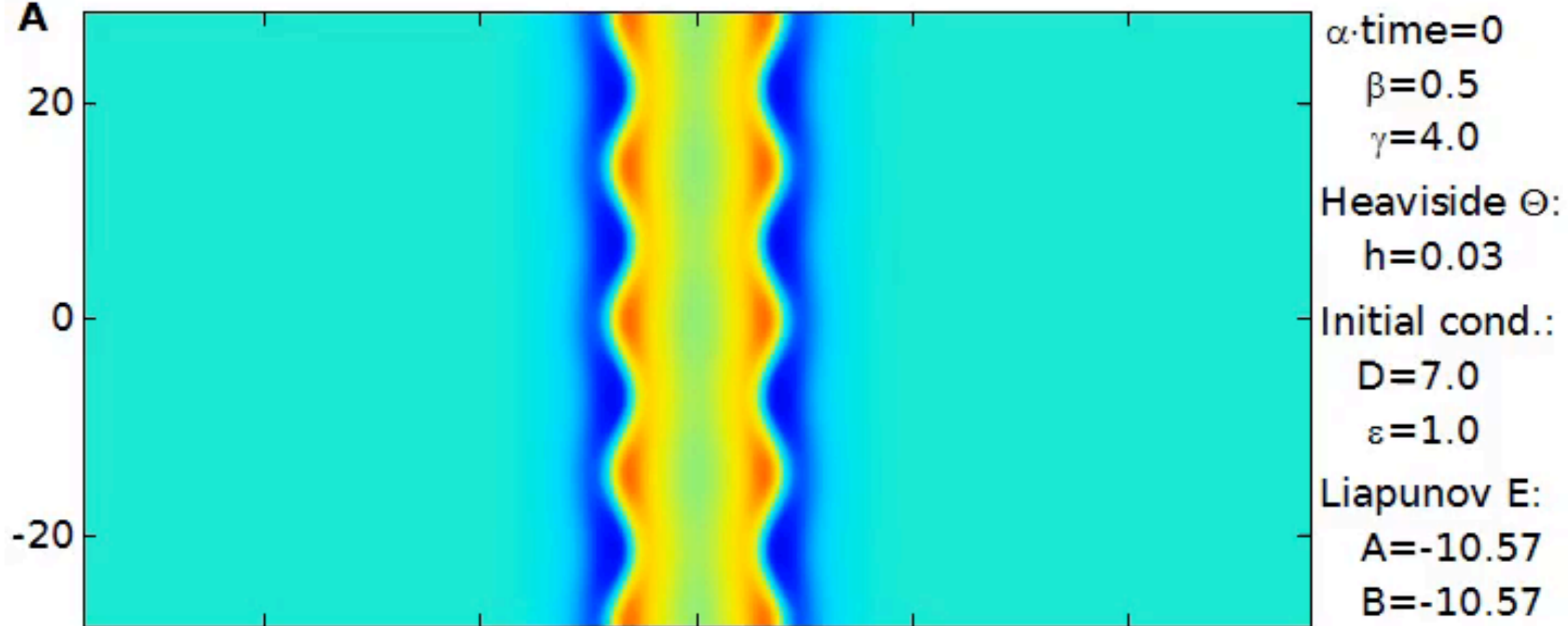
$$u(R) = h$$



R



h



With axonal delays

$$Qu = \psi \quad Q = (1 + \partial_t)$$

$$\psi(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy w(|y|) H[u(x - y, t - |y|/v) - h]$$

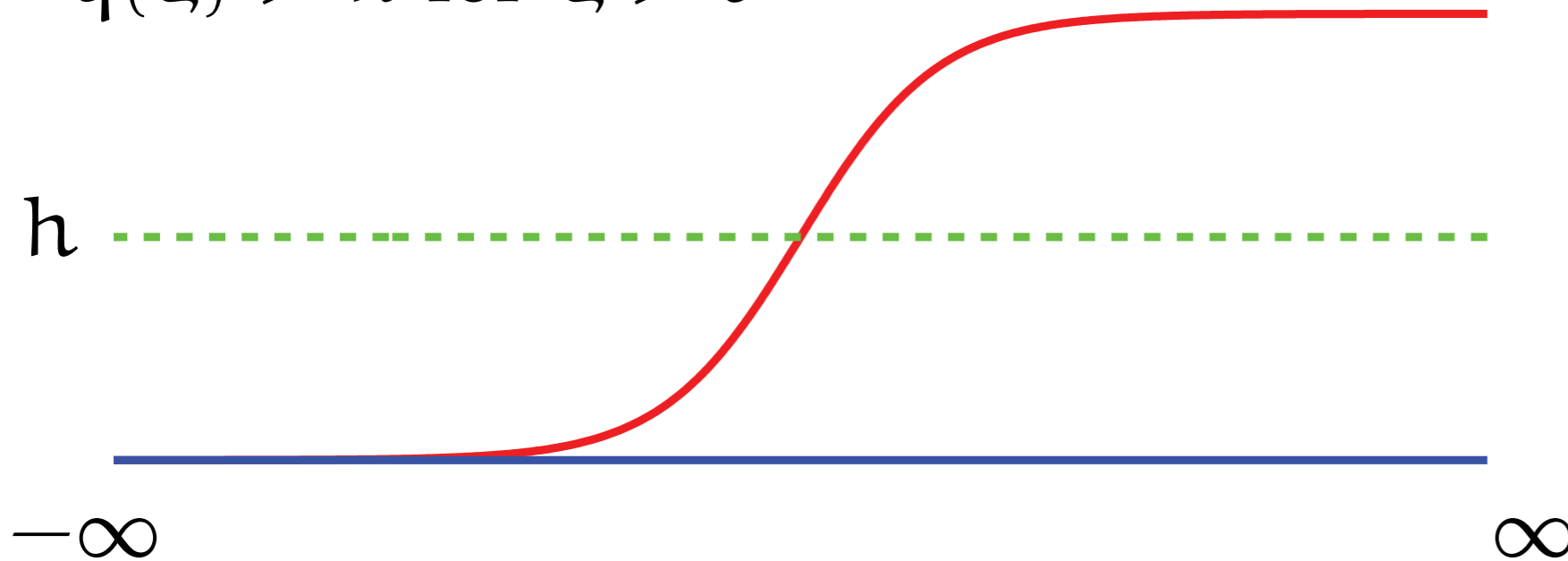
Travelling wave frame $\xi = x - ct$

$$u(x, t) = q(\xi) = \int_0^{\infty} ds \eta(s) \psi(\xi + cs)$$

$$\psi(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy w(|y|) H[q(\xi - y + c|y|/v) - h]$$

Travelling fronts

$$q(\xi) > h \text{ for } \xi > 0$$



Self-consistent speed

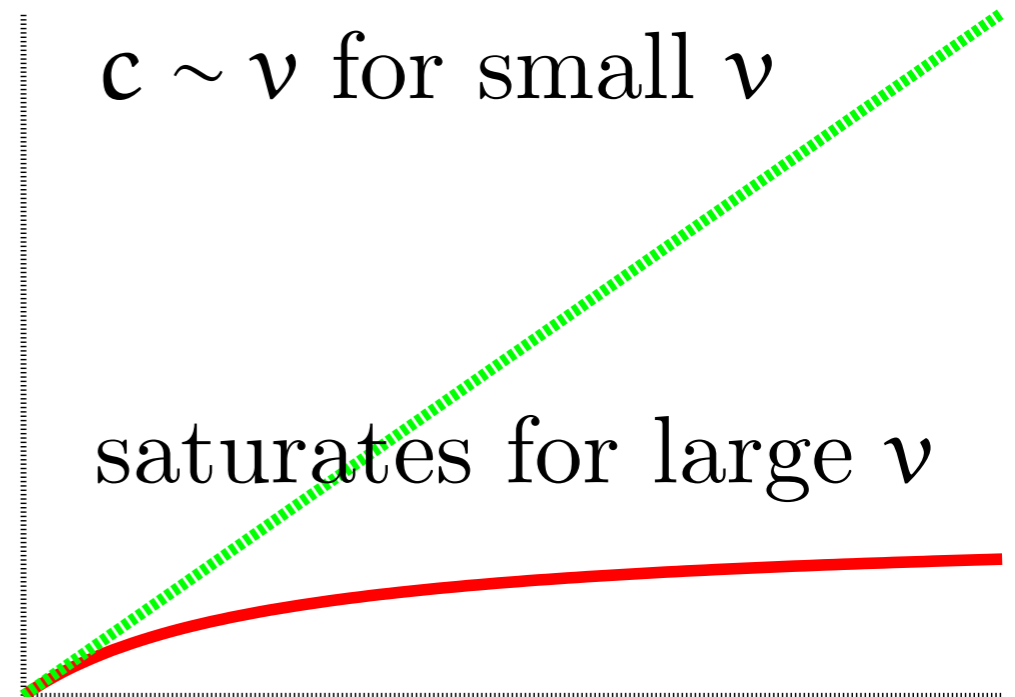
$$q(0) = h$$

$$\psi(\xi) = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{\xi/(1-c/v)} w(y) dy & \xi > 0 \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\xi/(1+c/v)} w(y) dy & \xi < 0 \end{cases}$$

$c \sim v$ for small v

$$c = v \frac{2h - 1}{2h - 1 - 2hv/\alpha}$$

saturates for large v



Linear stability

Linearise about the steady state: $U(\xi, t) = q(\xi) + u(\xi)e^{\lambda t}$

TW is linearly stable if $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ ($\lambda \neq 0$)

Eigenvalues as zeros of the **Evans** function

- Order of the roots = multiplicity of eigenvalues
- $\mathcal{E}(\lambda)$ is analytic

Essential spectrum in left half plane, so not a problem.

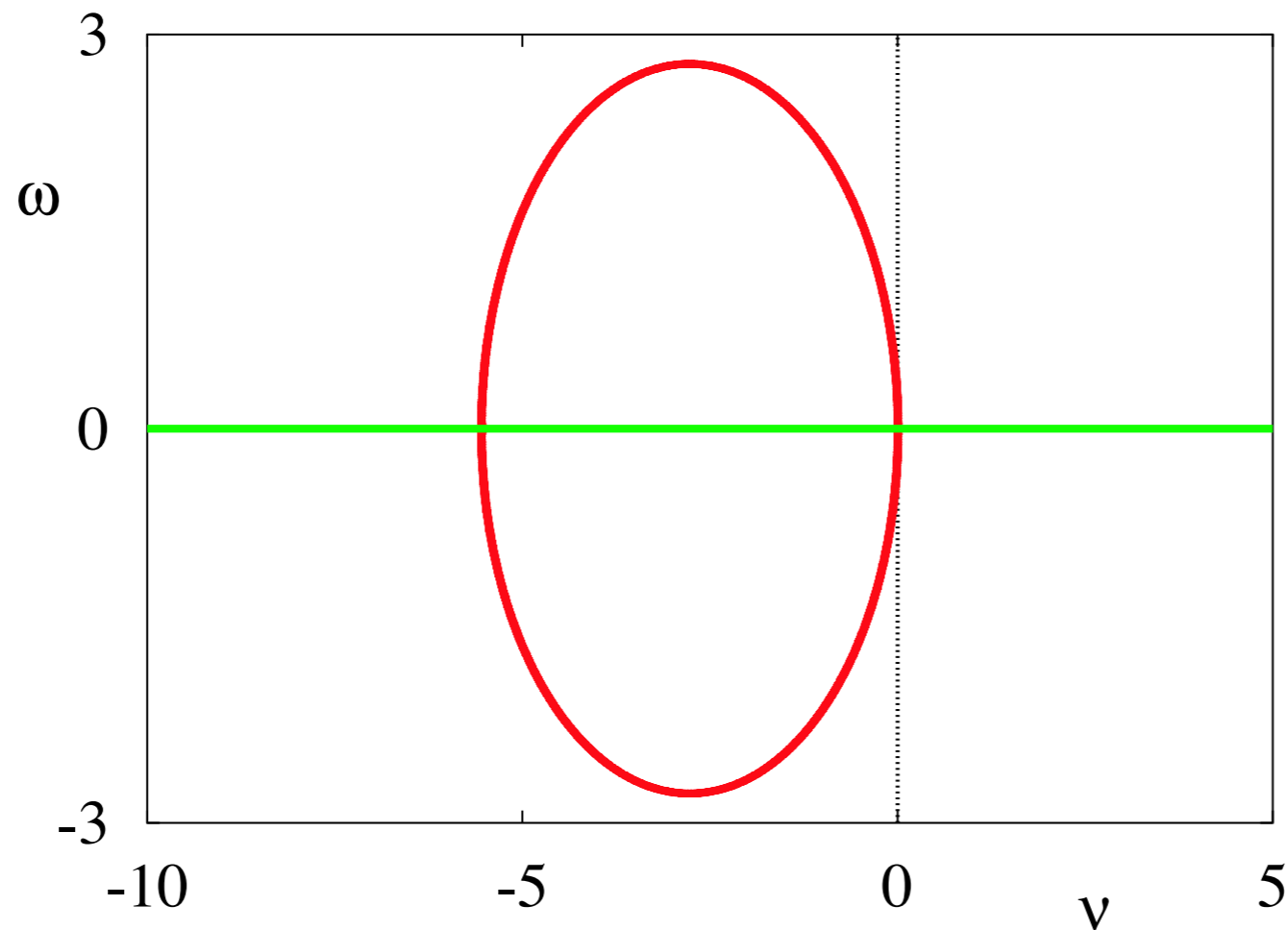
e.g. for a front

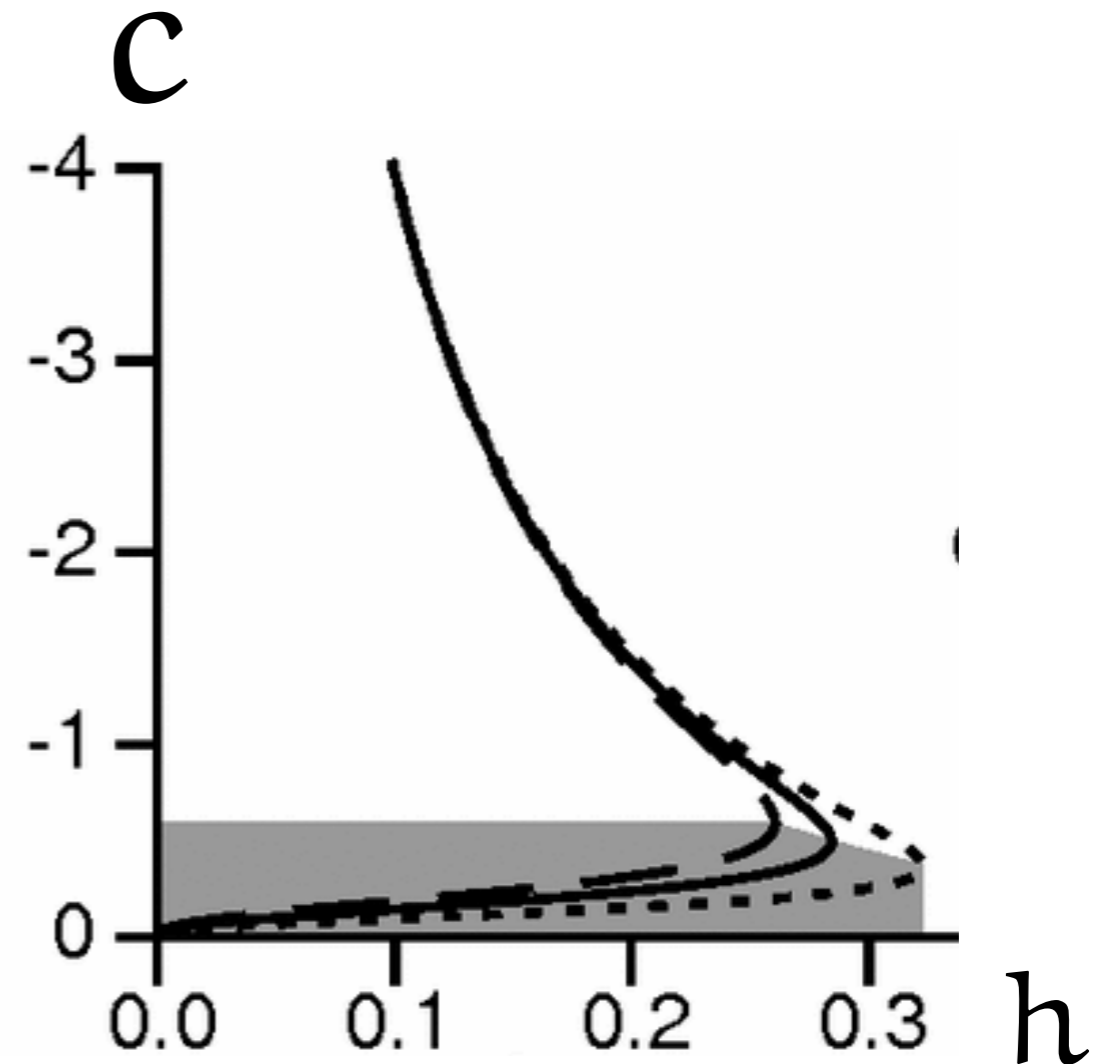
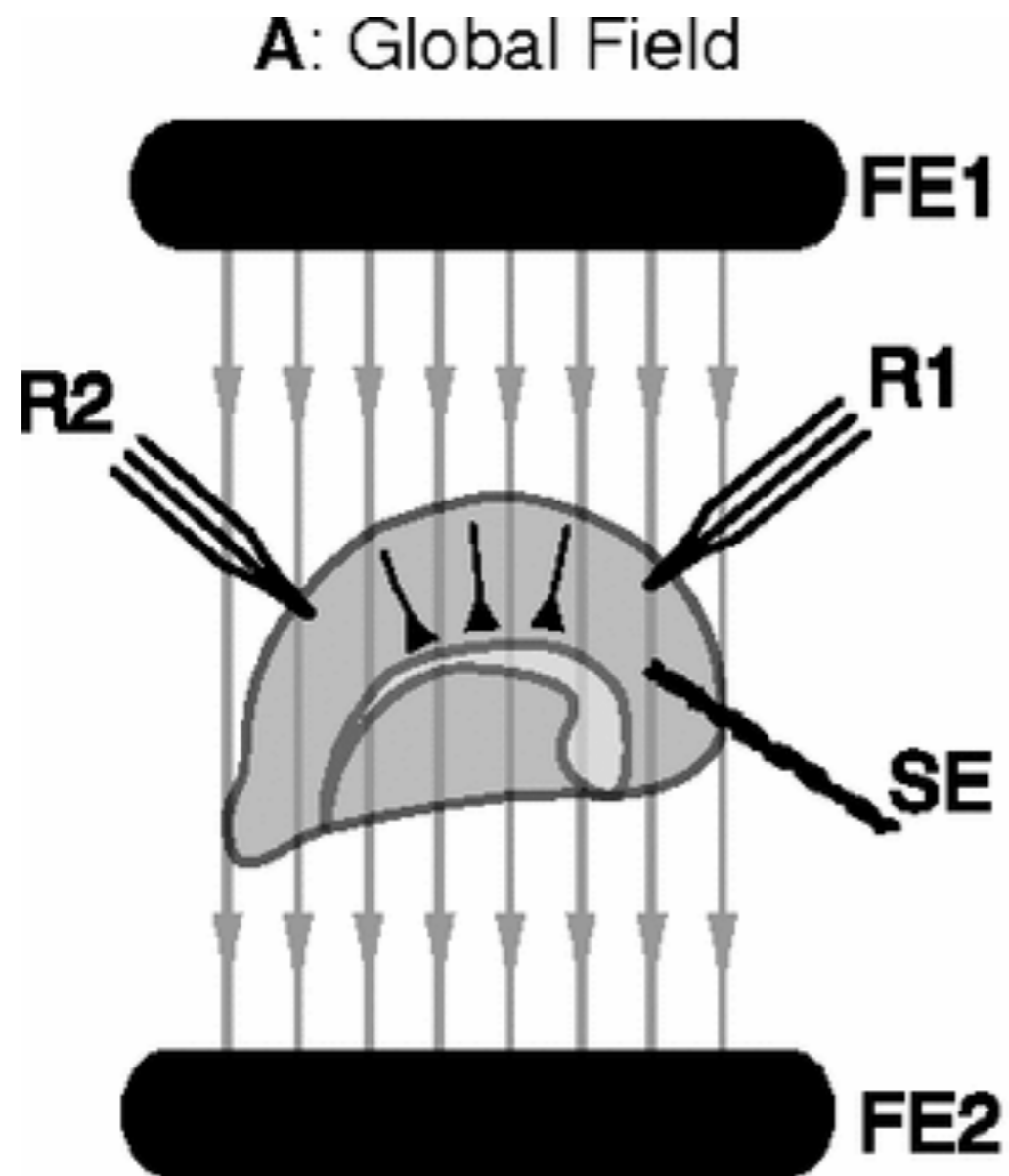
$$\mathcal{E}(\lambda) = 1 - \frac{1}{c|q'(0)|} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy w(y) \eta(y/c - |y|/v) e^{-\lambda y/c}$$

For this example the front is stable.

$$\mathcal{E}(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{\frac{c}{\sigma} + \alpha \left(1 - \frac{c}{v}\right) + \lambda}$$

Let $\lambda = \nu + i\omega$ and plot $\text{Re } \mathcal{E}(\lambda) = 0 = \text{Im } \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$





Control of Traveling Waves in the Mammalian Cortex. Kristen A. Richardson, Steven J. Schiff, and Bruce J. Gluckman. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 94, 028103 (2005)

Modulating excitability in the cortical network: impact on emergent activity and traveling waves. Sanchez-Vives MV and Mattia M. *Non Linear Theory and its Applications* (2014)

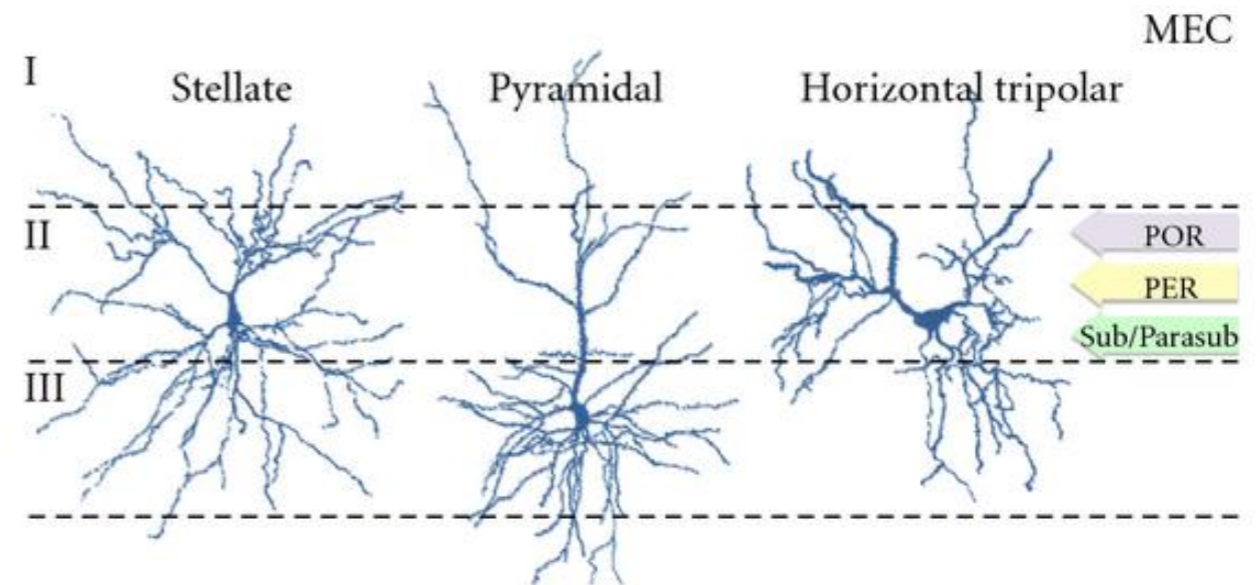
Rebound currents

Rebound responses are well known in deep cerebellar nuclear neurons ... and elsewhere!

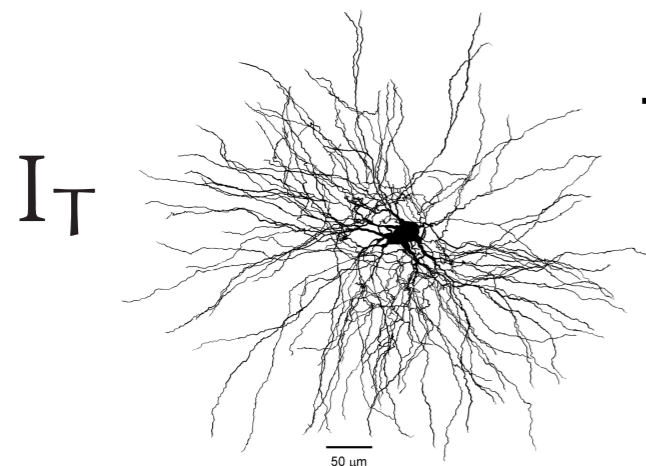
Two classes of ion channels play crucial roles in cellular excitability

Hyperpolarization-activated cyclic-nucleotide (HCN) channels

I_h Layer II stellate cells in MEC

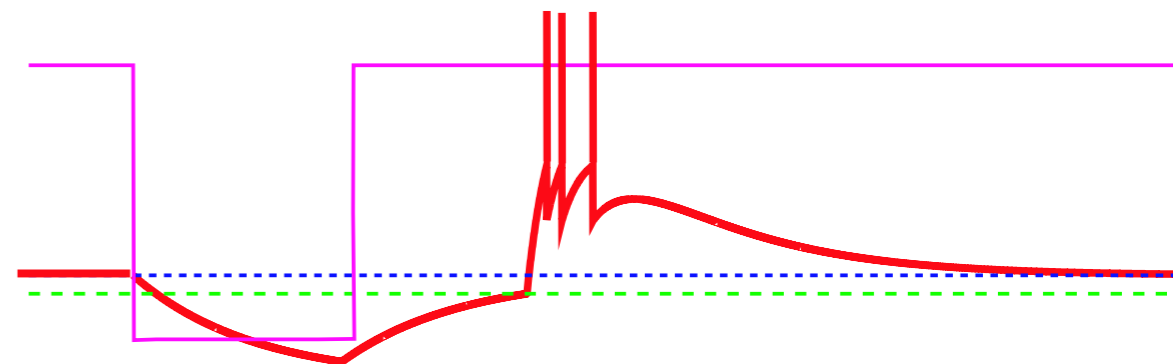


T-type calcium channels

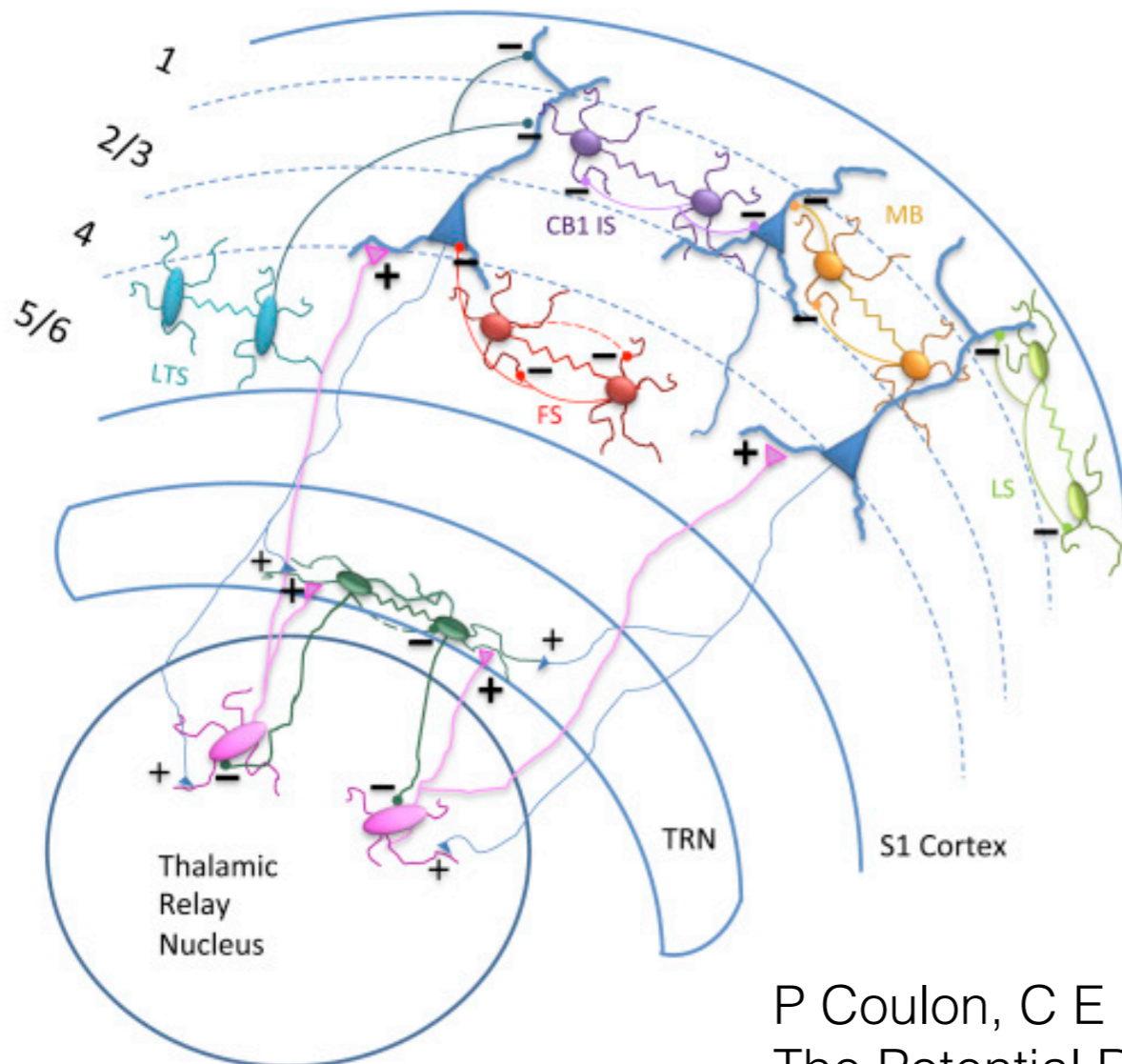
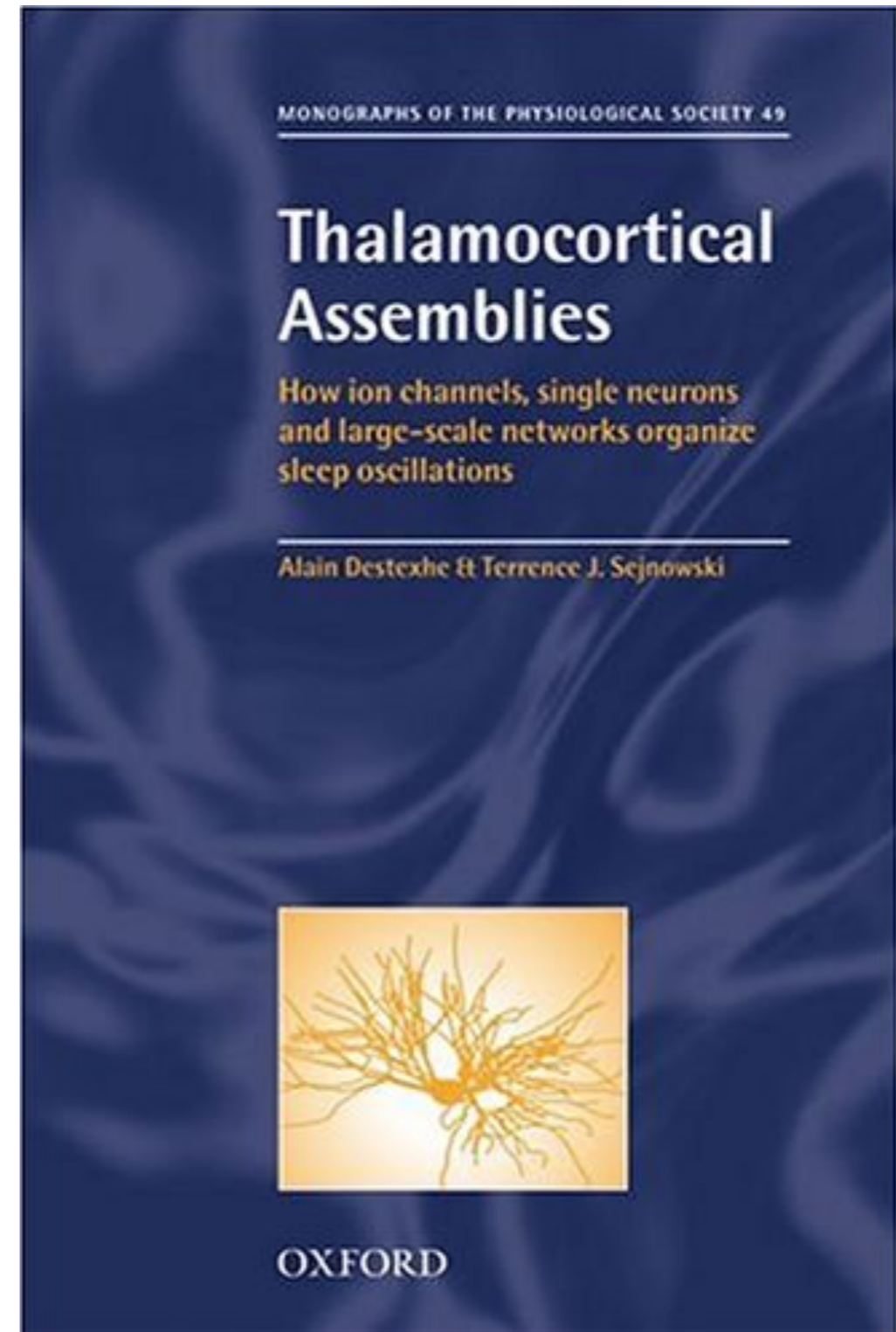
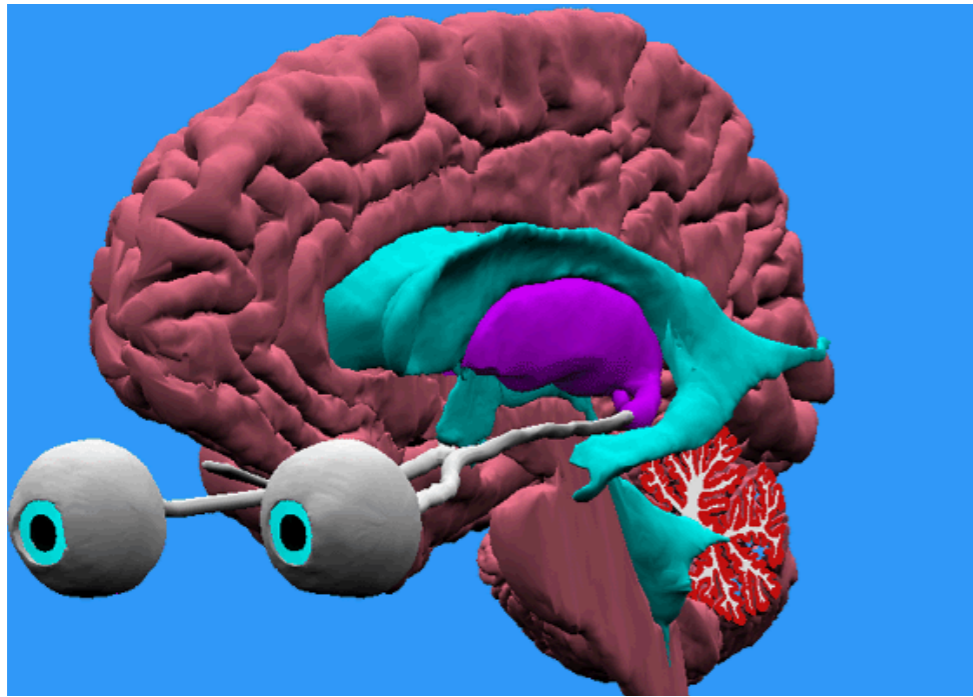


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Thalamo-cortical relay cell

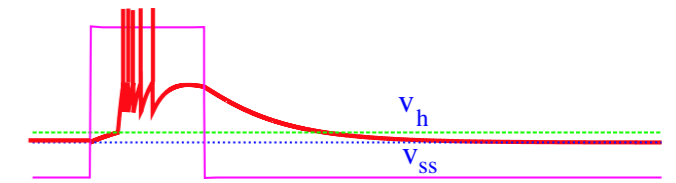
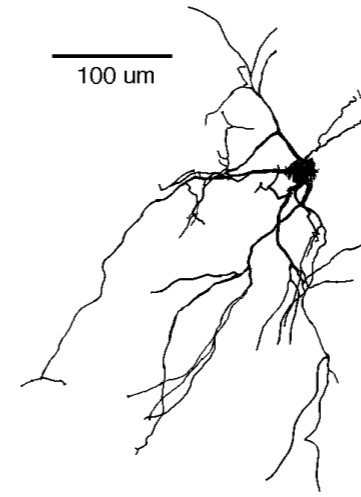
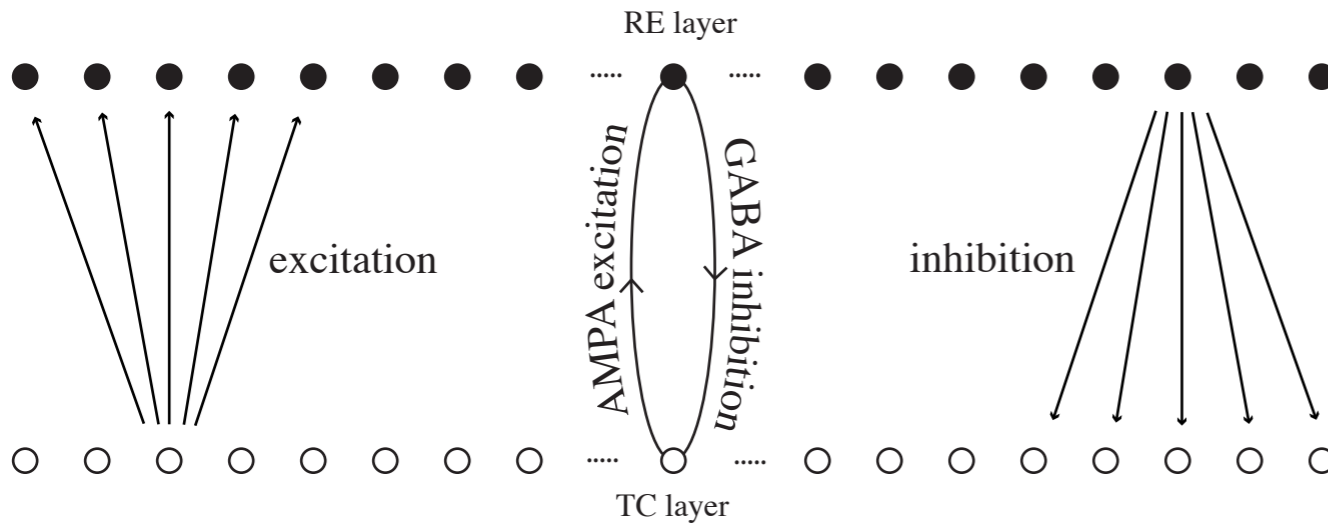


Role at the **network** level?

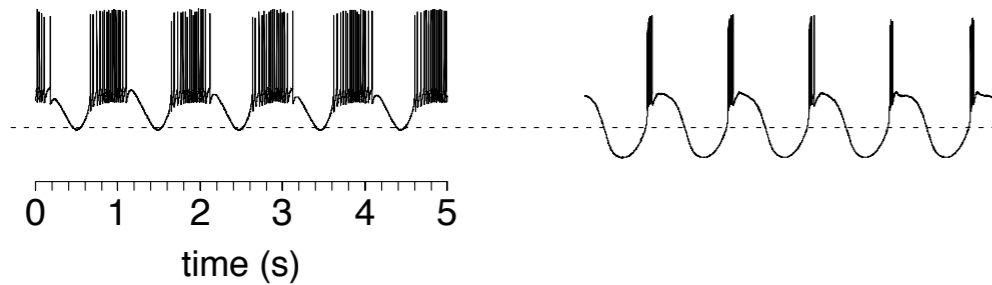


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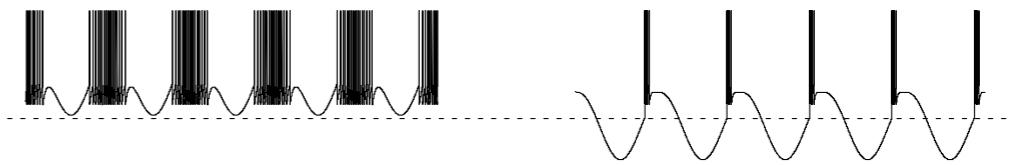
Thalamic modelling



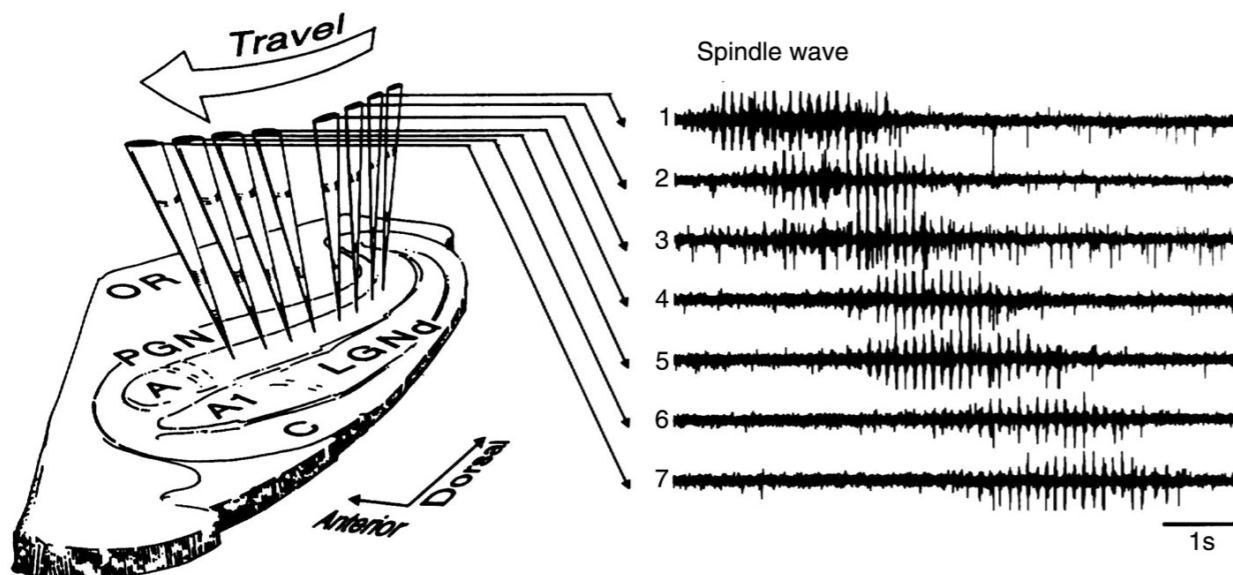
Experiment



IFB model



Fourier Analysis of Sinusoidally Driven Thalamocortical Relay Neurons and a Minimal **Integrate-and-Fire-or-Burst** Model, J Neurophys 2000, Gregory D. Smith, Charles L. Cox, S. Murray Sherman, and John Rinzel



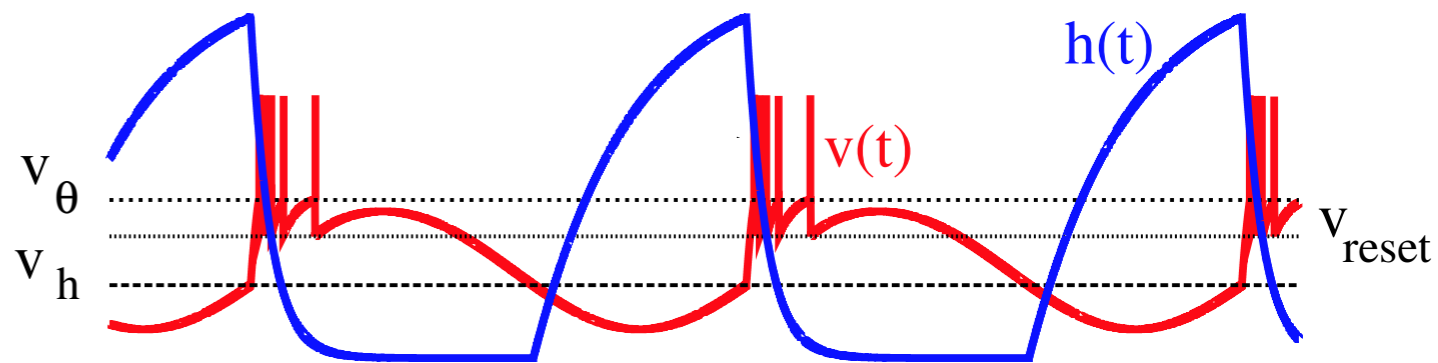
Spindle waves
in thalamic slices
mm/s

From spike to rate (phenomenology)

$$\dot{v} = -\frac{v}{\tau} + gh\Theta(v - v_h) + u(t)(v_s - v)$$

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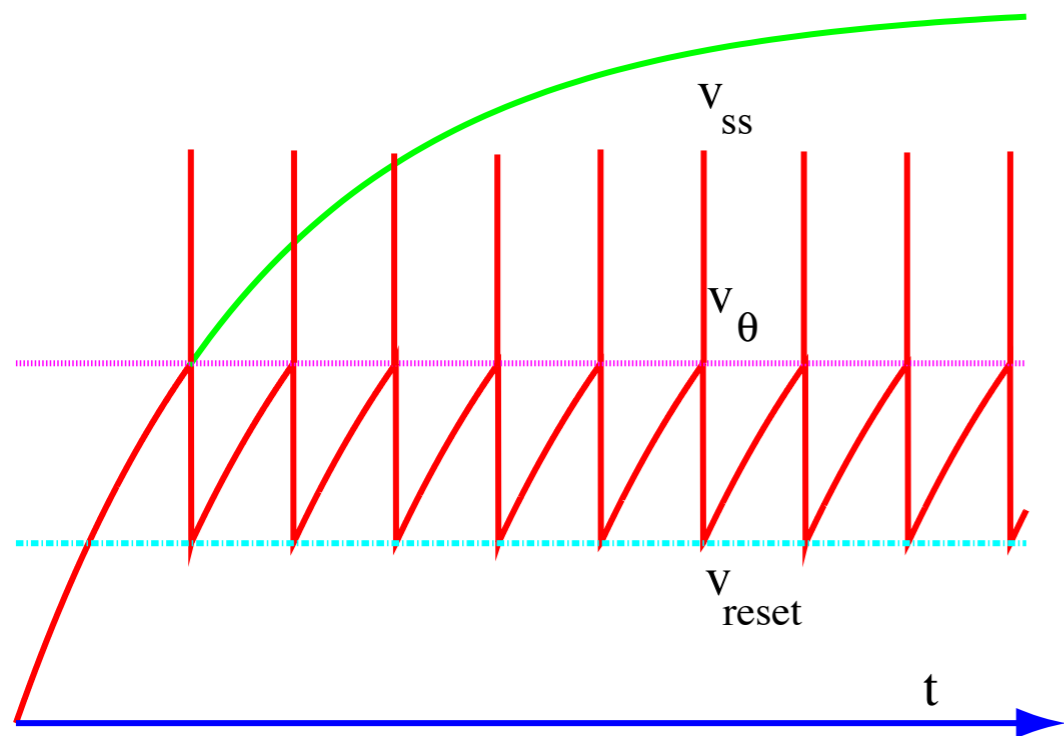
$$\dot{h} = \begin{cases} -h/\tau_h^- & v \geq v_h \\ (1-h)/\tau_h^+ & v < v_h \end{cases}$$



Slow drive:

$$v_{ss}(h, u) = \frac{v_s u + gh\chi}{\tau^{-1} + u} \quad \chi \in \{0, 1\}$$

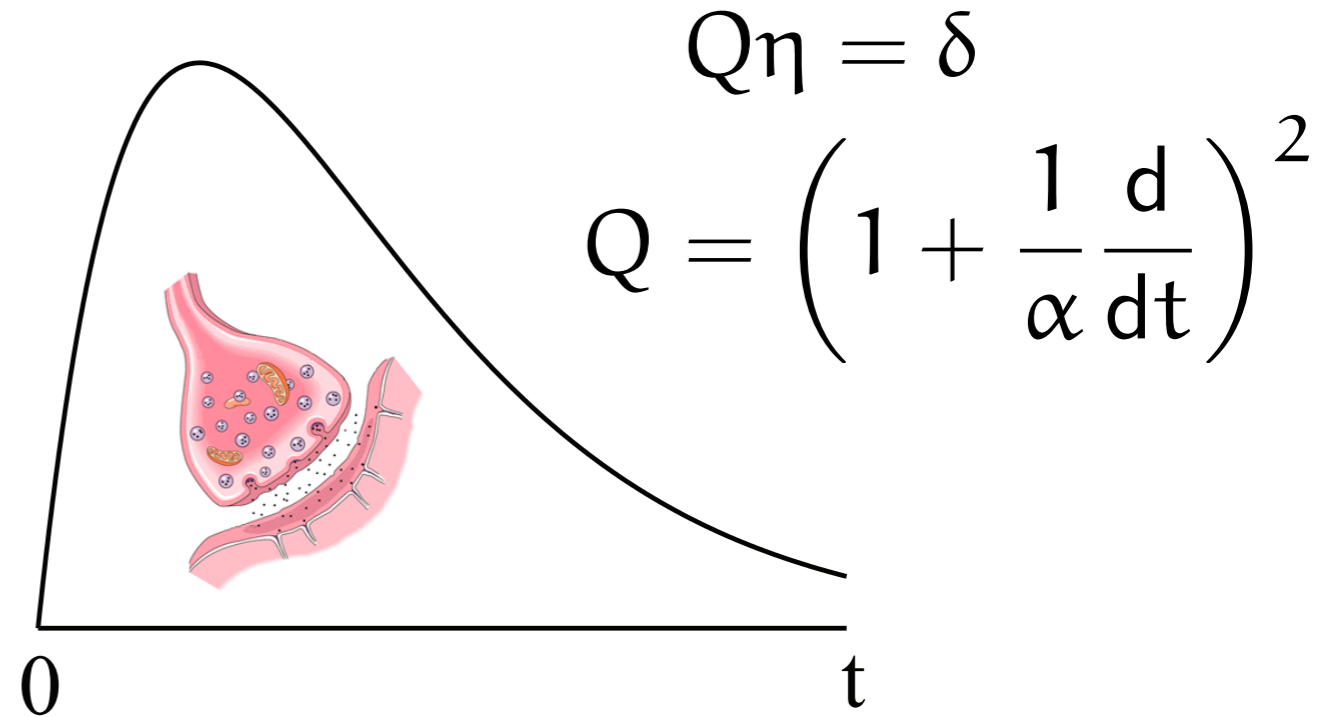
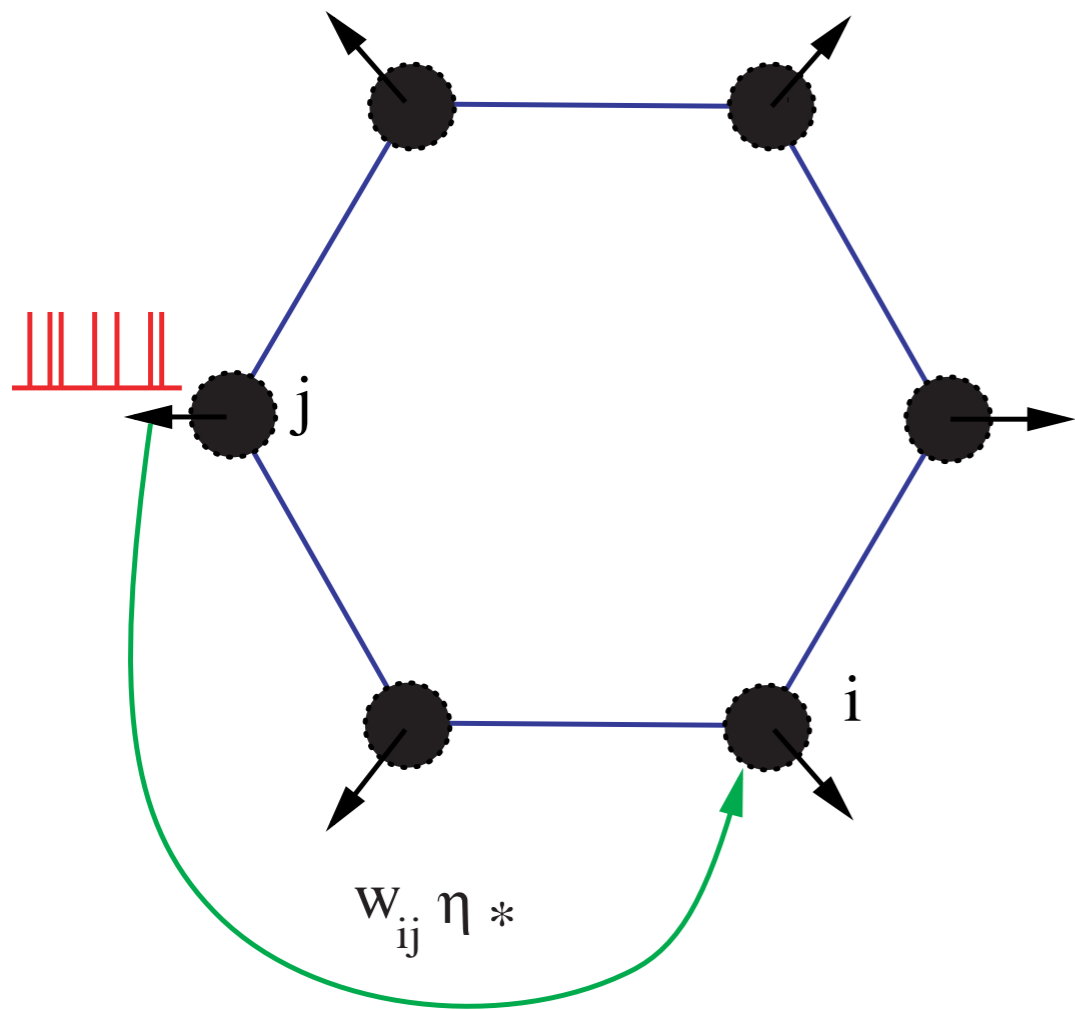
Firing rate : $f(v_{ss}(h, u))$



$$f(v) = \left\{ \tau_R + \tau \log \left[\frac{v - v_{\text{reset}}}{v - v_{\theta}} \right] \right\}^{-1} \Theta(v - v_{\theta})$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\tau_R} \Theta(v - v_{\theta})$$

$$u_i(t) = \epsilon \sum_j w_{ij} \sum_m \eta(t - T_j^m) = \epsilon \sum_j w_{ij} \int_0^\infty \eta(s) \sum_m \delta(s - t + T_j^m) ds$$



$$Q\eta = \delta$$

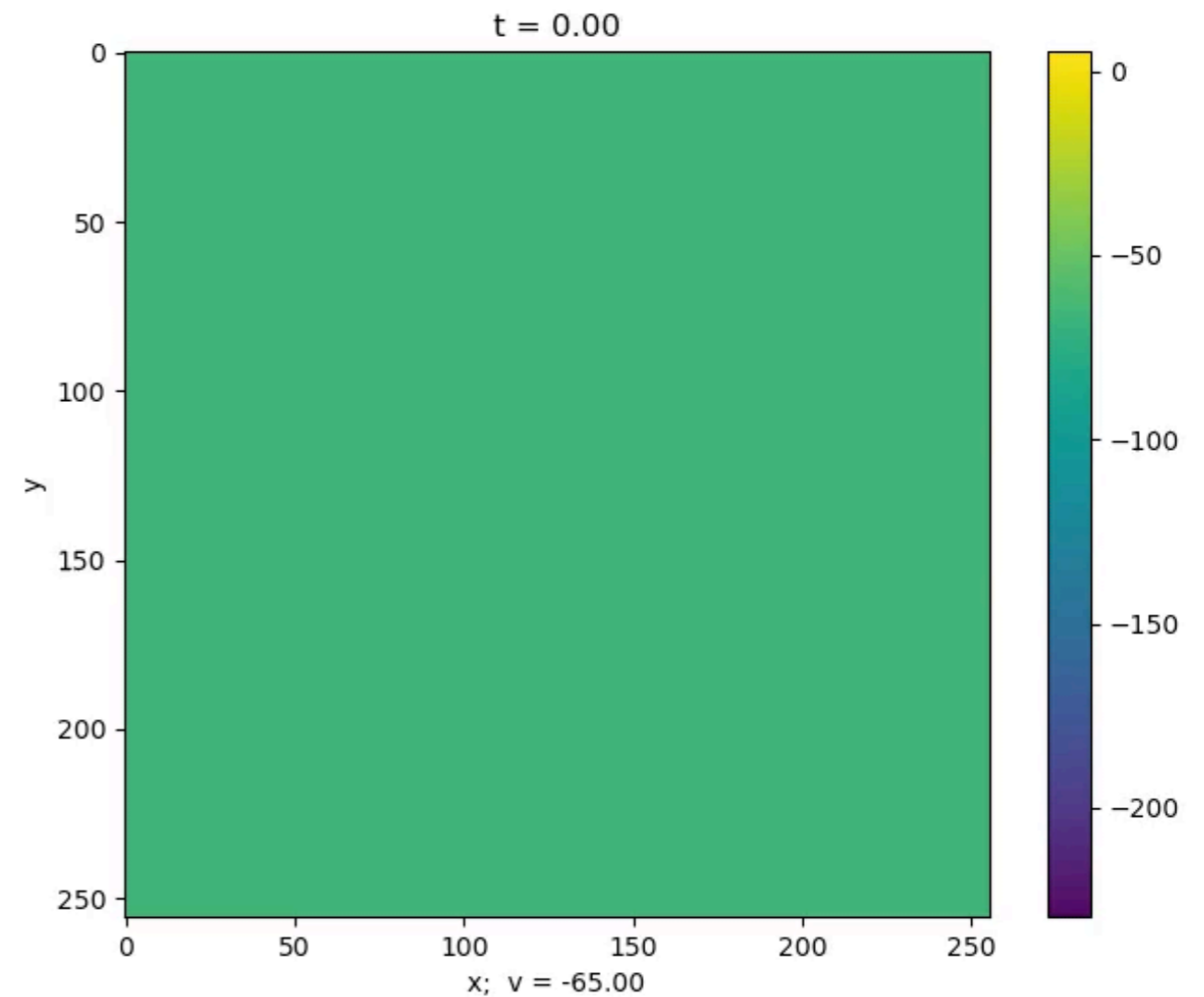
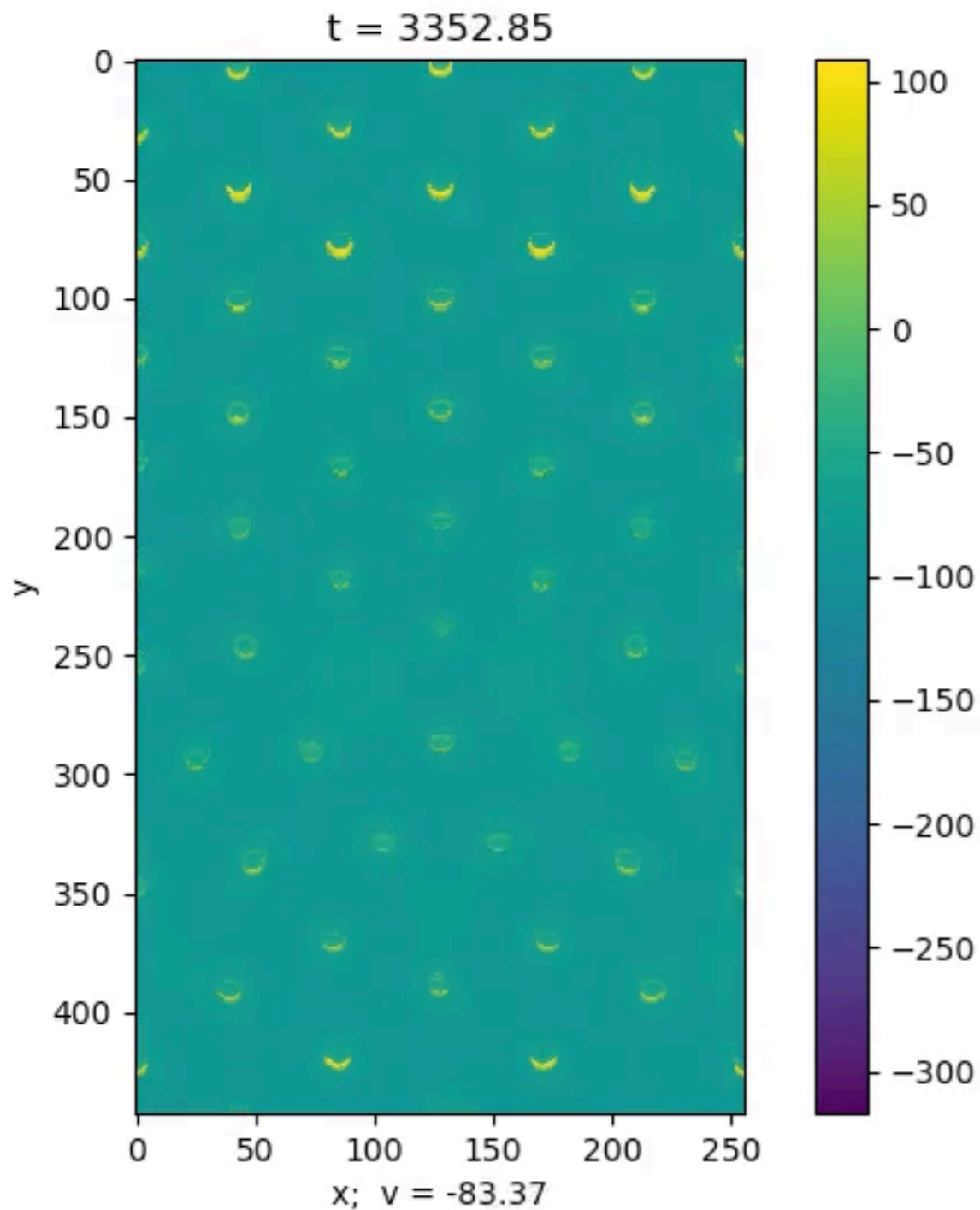
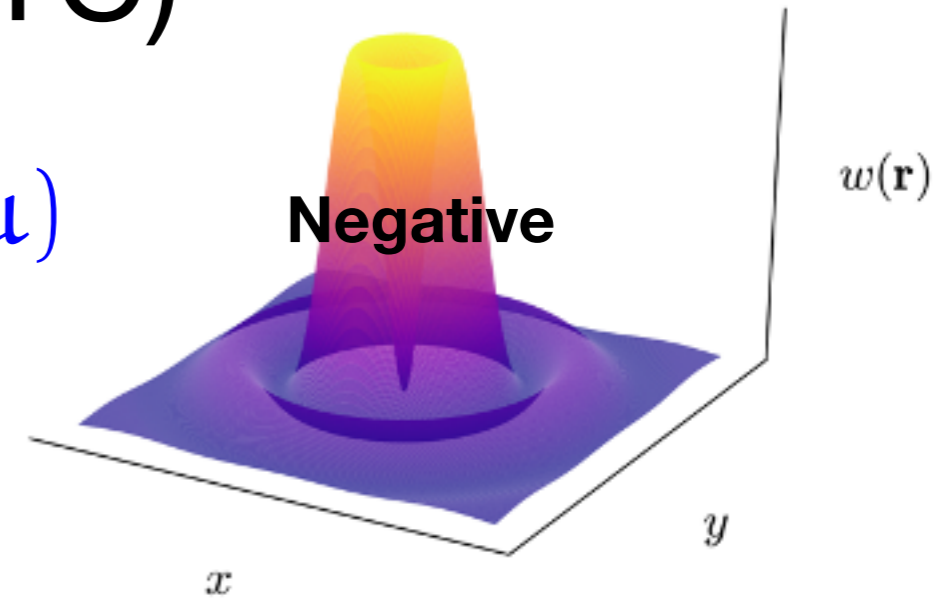
$$Q = \left(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2$$

$$\eta(t) = \alpha^2 t e^{-\alpha t}$$

$$Qu_i(t) = \epsilon \sum_j w_{ij} f(v_j(t))$$

Continuum simulations (TC-TC)

$$Qu = w \otimes f(v); \quad (\text{small})v_t = F(v, h, u)$$



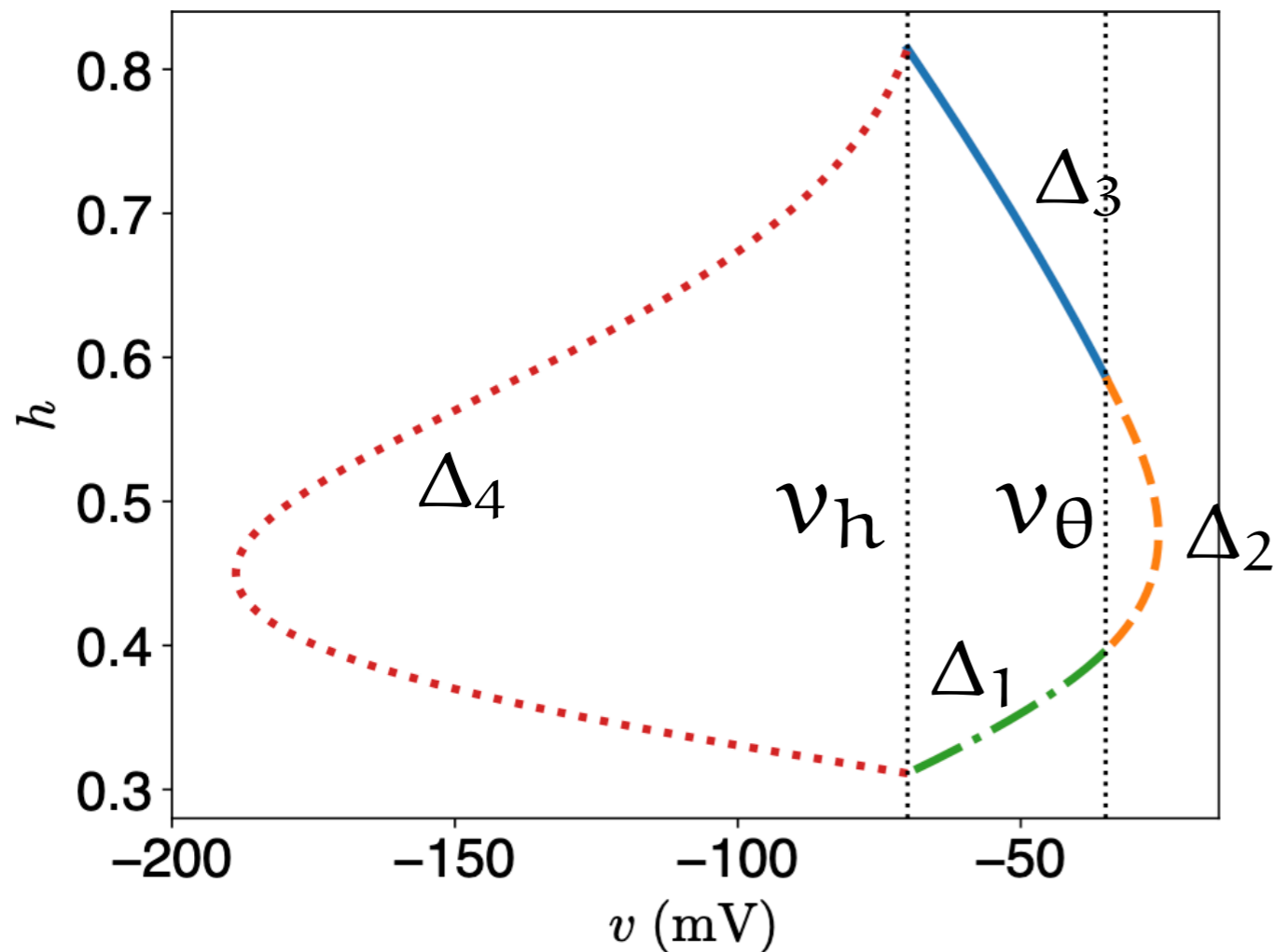
Understanding patterning (1D)

State vector: $z = (v, h, u, u') \in \mathbb{R}^4$

Synchrony = homogeneous oscillation: $z(x, t) = z(t) = z(t + \Delta)$

... in case you didn't spot it yet - this system is PWL

$$z_t = Jz + I$$



Times of flight Δ_i

Patching / switching

$$v(T_1) = v_\theta$$

$$v(T_2) = v_\theta$$

$$v(T_3) = v_h$$

$$v(T_4) = v_h$$

Time of events T_i

A reminder of the model

$$Cv_t = -g_L(v - v_L) - g_T h \Theta(v - v_h) - g_{\text{syn}} u,$$

$$u_t = \alpha(-u + r),$$

$$r_t = \alpha \left(-r + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(x, y) f(v(y, t)) dy \right),$$

$$h_t = \frac{h_{\infty}(v) - h}{\tau_h(v)}, \quad z = (v, u, r, h)$$

$$K(T) = \mathbb{I}_4 + \frac{1}{\dot{v}(T^-)} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{v}^+ - \dot{v}^- & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dot{u}^+ - \dot{u}^- & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\alpha}{\tau_R} \hat{w}(k) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dot{h}^+ - \dot{h}^- & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{w}(k) = \text{FT}[w]$$

$$\delta z(x, t) = \delta z(t) e^{ikx}$$

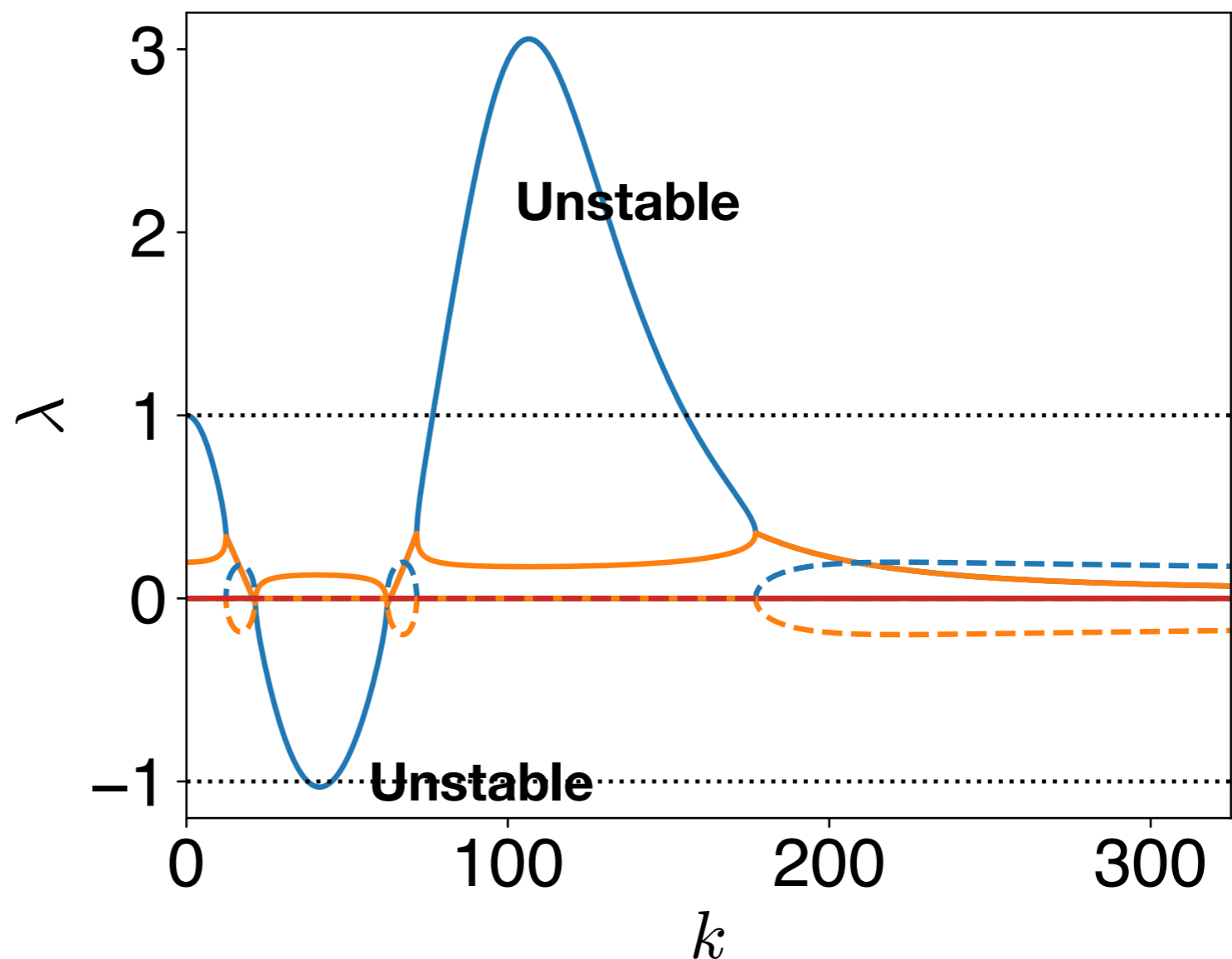
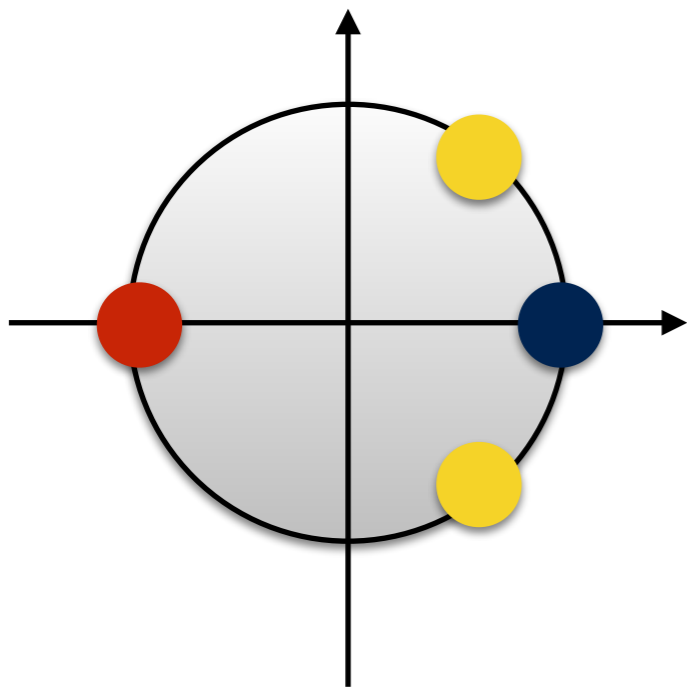
Putting it all together - monodromy

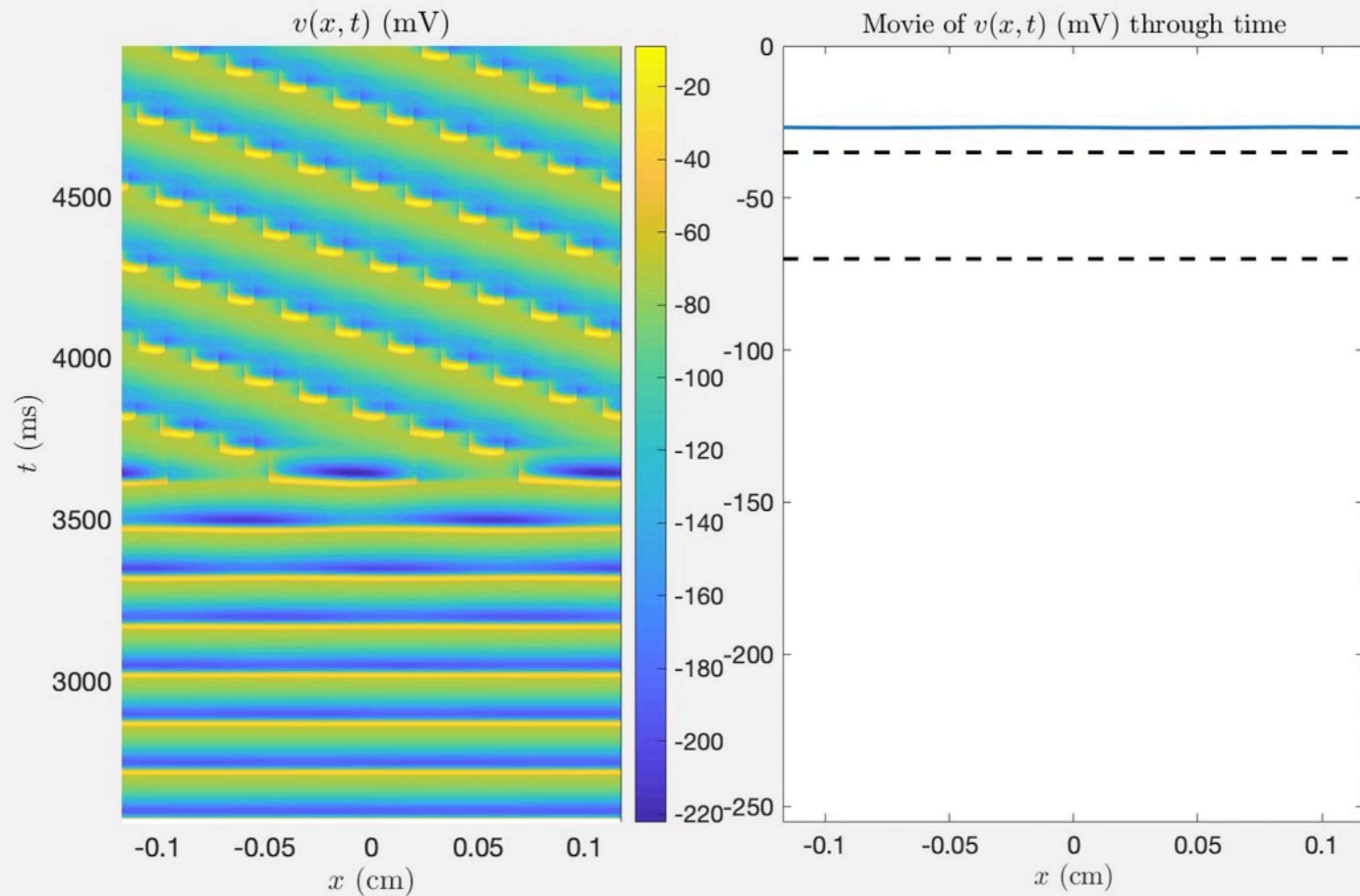
$$\delta z(\Delta) = \Psi \delta z(0)$$

$$\Psi(k) = K(T_4) \exp(J_4 \Delta_4) K(T_3) \exp(J_3 \Delta_3) K(T_2) \exp(J_2 \Delta_2) K(T_1) \exp(J_1 \Delta_1)$$

saltate.propagate ... saltate.propagate

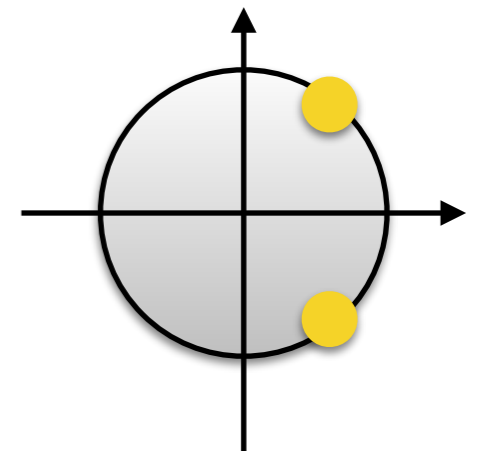
Eigenvalues of Ψ



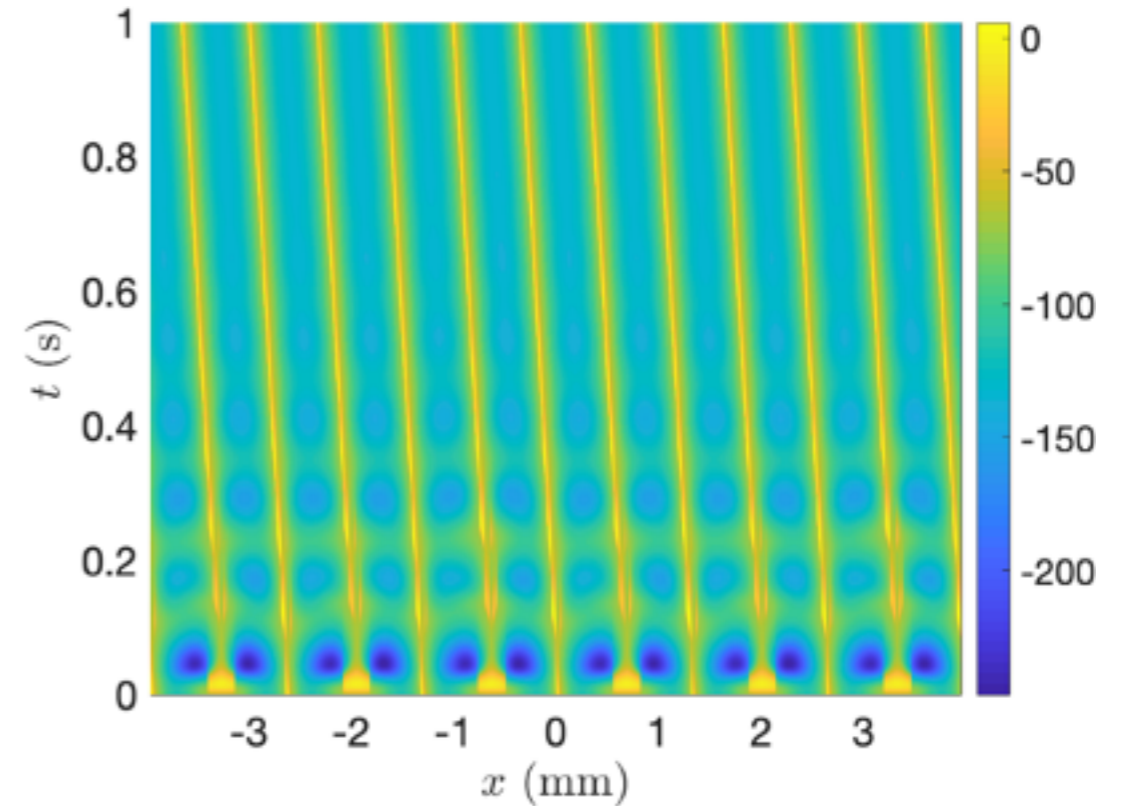
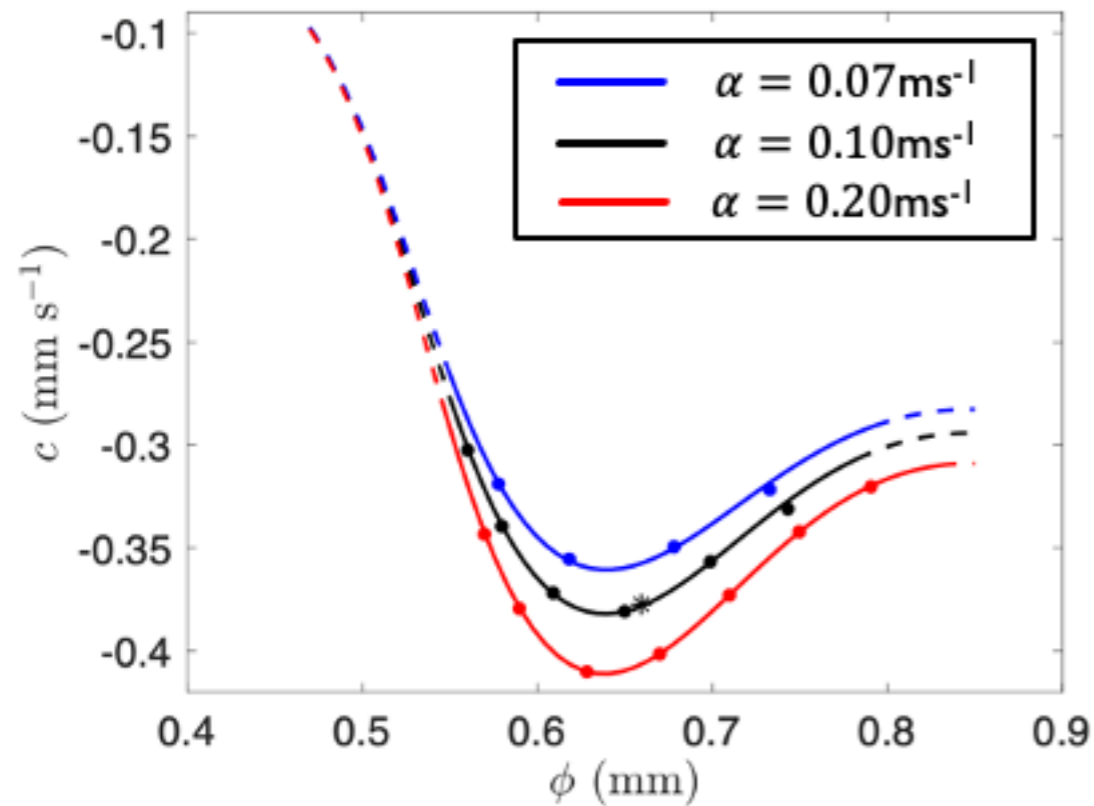


Lurching via Neimark-Sacker

Rinzel, Terman, Wang, Ermentrout 1998 Propagating activity patterns in large-scale inhibitory neuronal networks, Science 279: 1351-1355.



Periodic travelling waves - similar



Dispersion curve for speed (c) and period (ϕ)

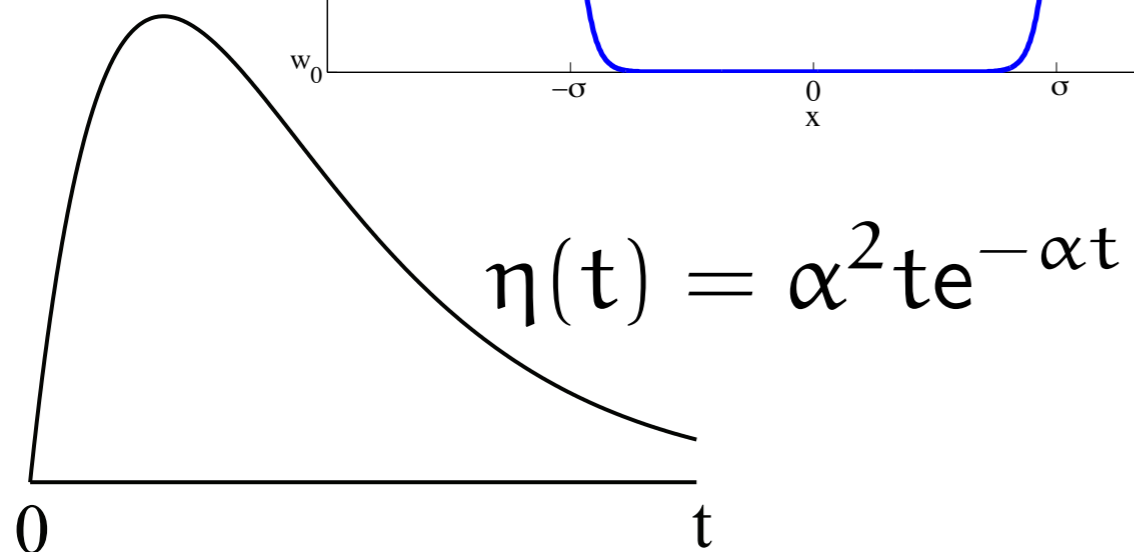
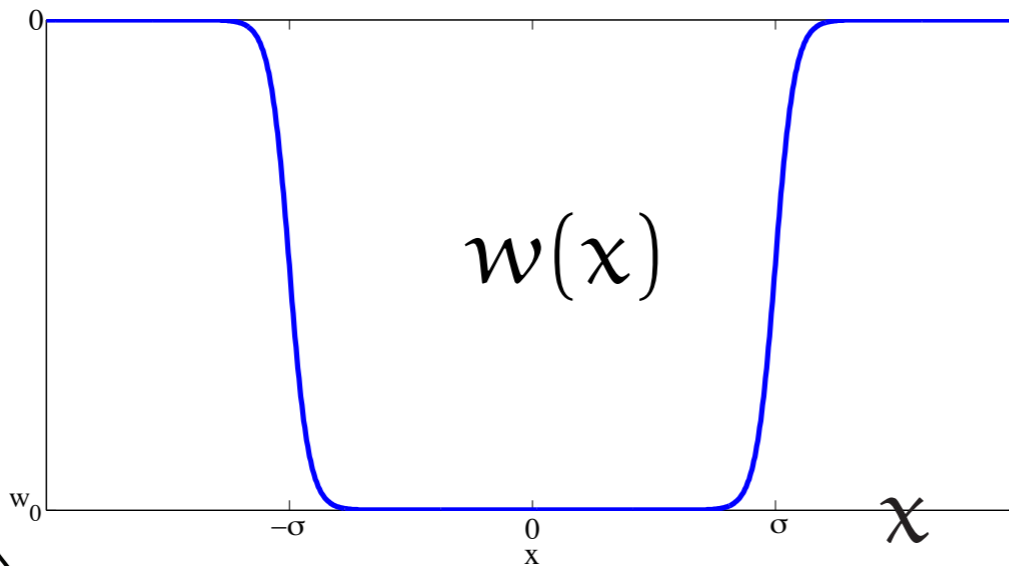
Stability via Evans function

S Modhara, Y-M Lai, R Thul and S Coombes 2021 Neural fields With rebound currents: Novel routes to patterning, SIAM Journal on Applied Dynamical Systems, Vol 20, 1596–1620.

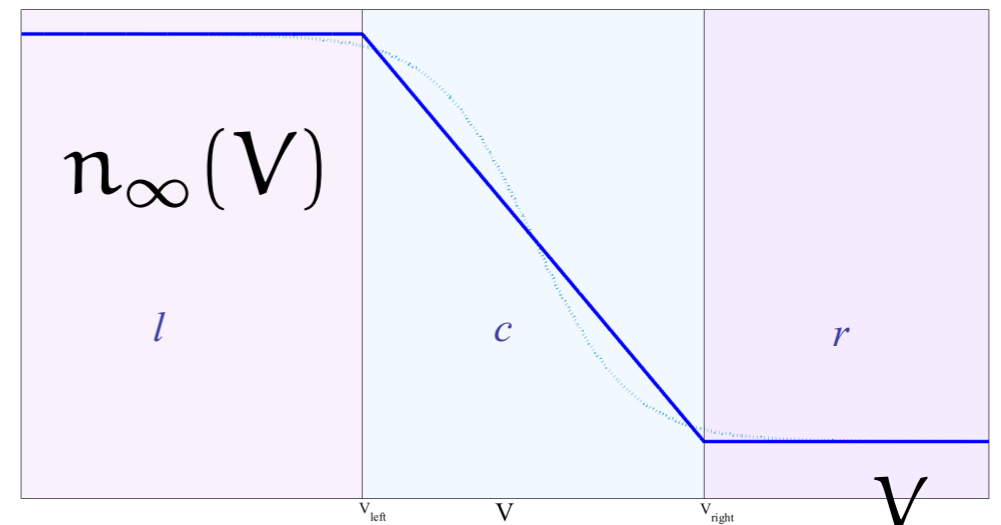
IF spiking model with an h current

$$C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} V(\mathbf{r}, t) = -g_l V(\mathbf{r}, t) + g_h n(\mathbf{r}, t) + I_{\text{syn}}(\mathbf{r}, t) + I_{\text{hd}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$I_{\text{syn}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} w(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \eta(t - T^m(\mathbf{r}')) d\mathbf{r}'$$

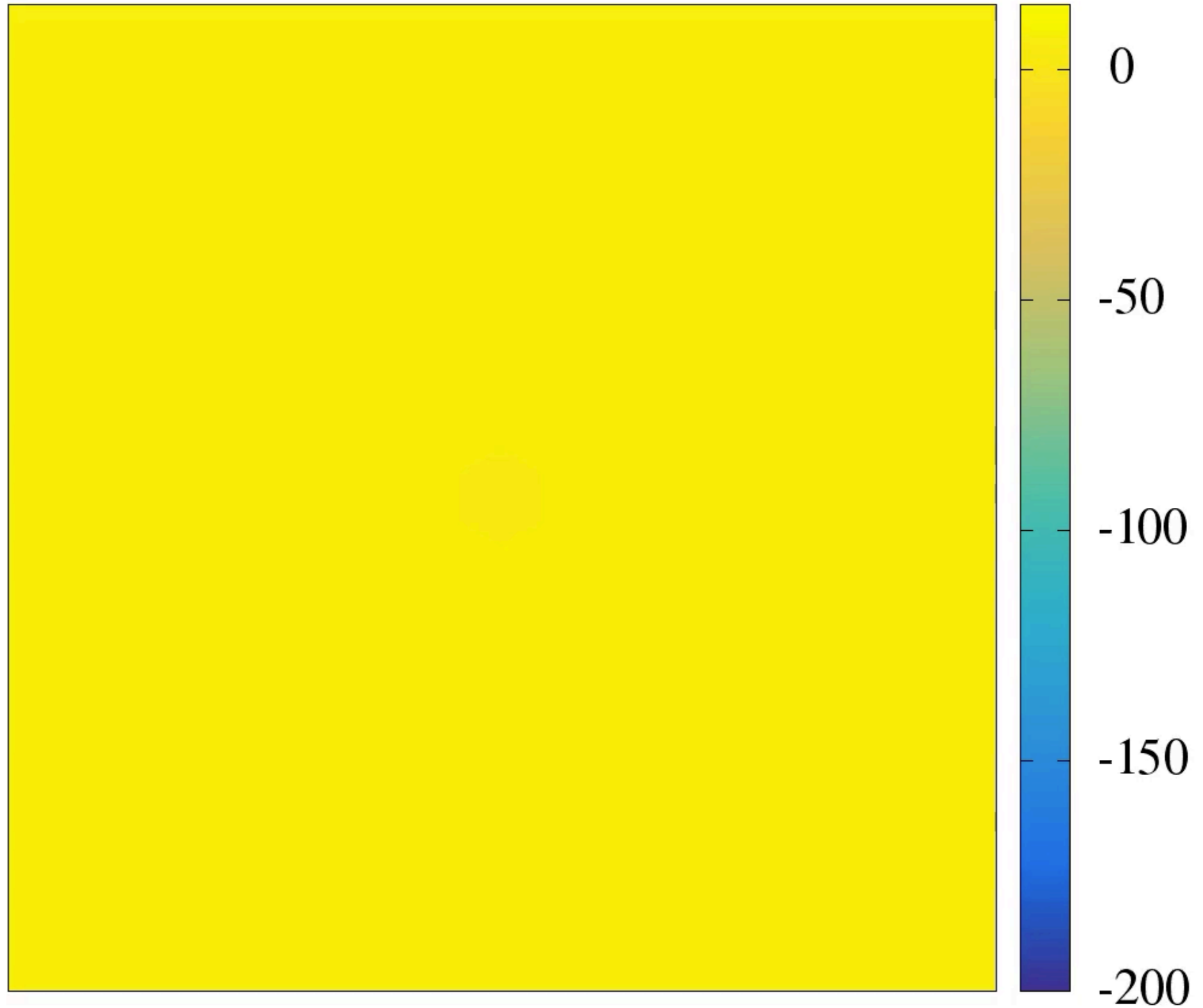


$$\tau_h \frac{dn}{dt} = n_{\infty}(V) - n$$

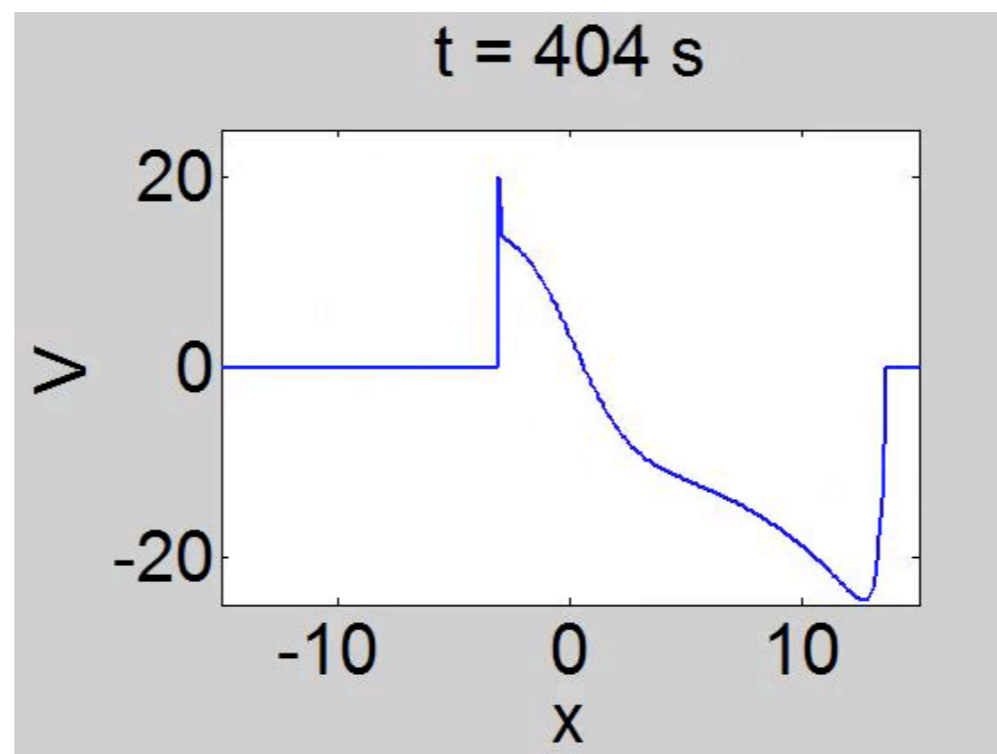
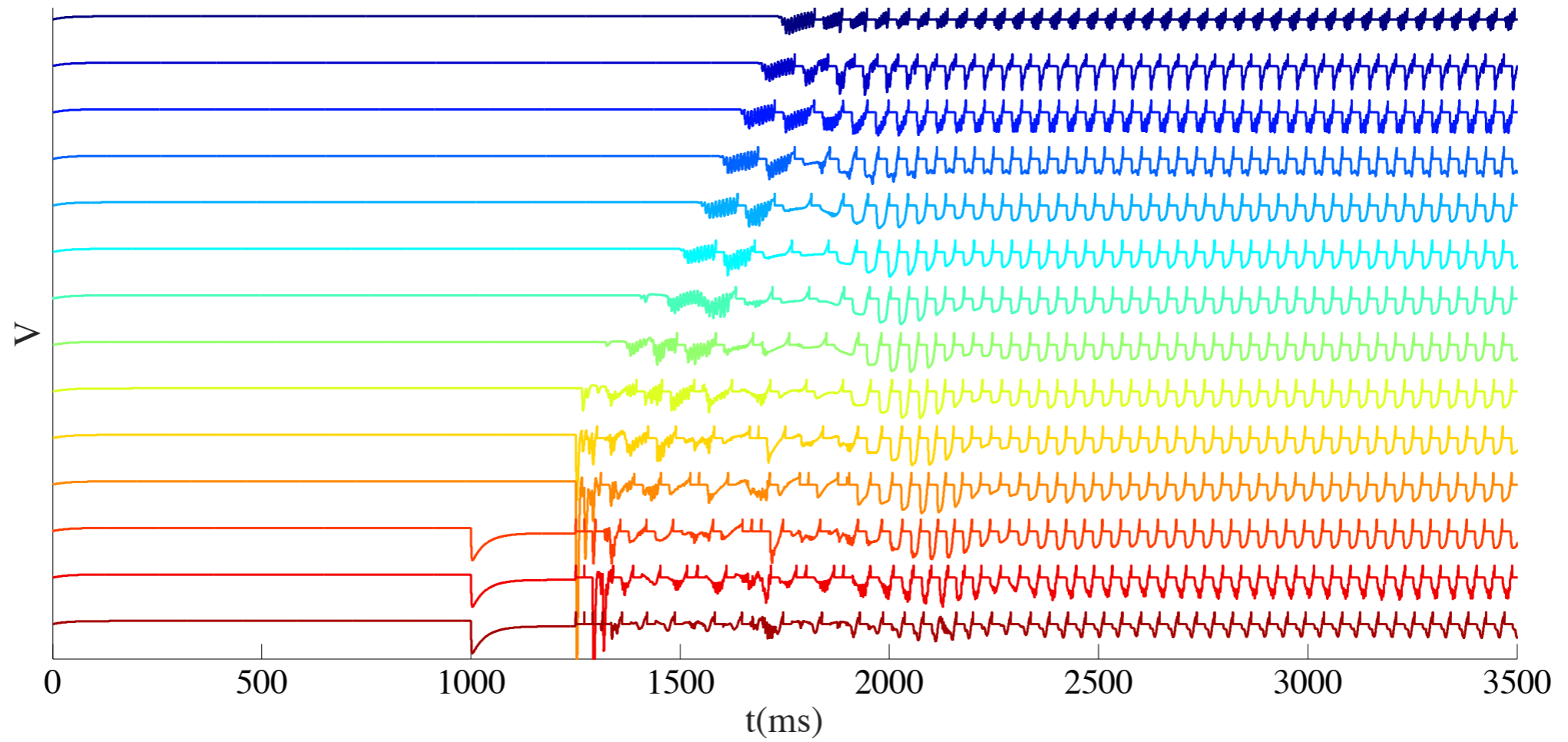


Cool 2D dynamics!

Time = 0 ms



Pattern analysis 1D

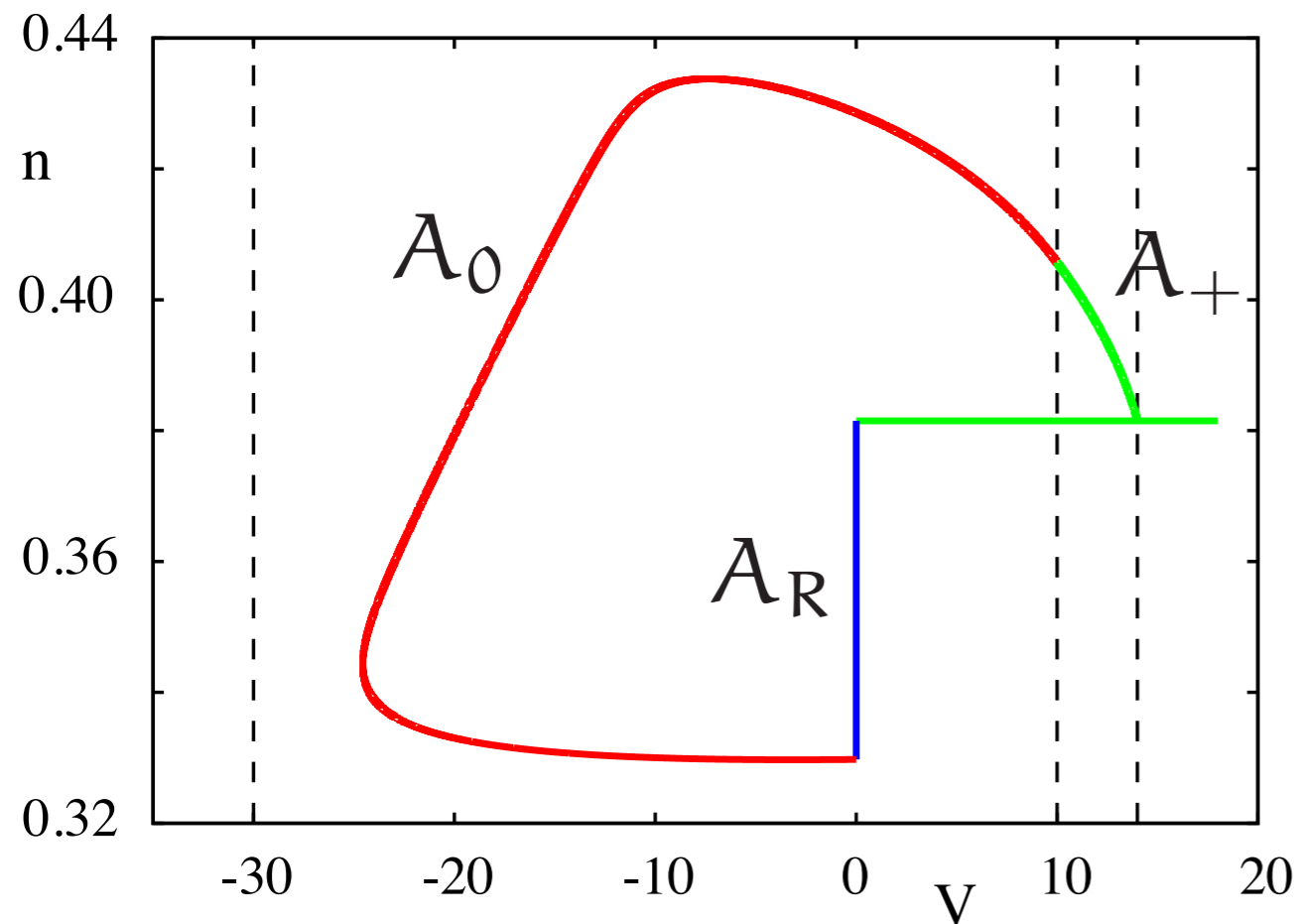


Theory (existence and stability)

Exploit **pwl** nature of model

$$X = (V, n_h) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} X(x, t) = AX(x, t) + \Psi(x, t),$$



$$T^{m-1}(x) \leq t < T^m(x)$$

TW frame $\xi = t - x/c$

Stationary solution $X \rightarrow Q(\xi)$

$$\frac{dQ}{d\xi} = AQ(\xi) + \hat{\Psi}(\xi)$$

$$\hat{\Psi}(\xi) = c \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^{\infty} ds \eta(s) w(|c(s - \xi) + cm\Delta|)$$

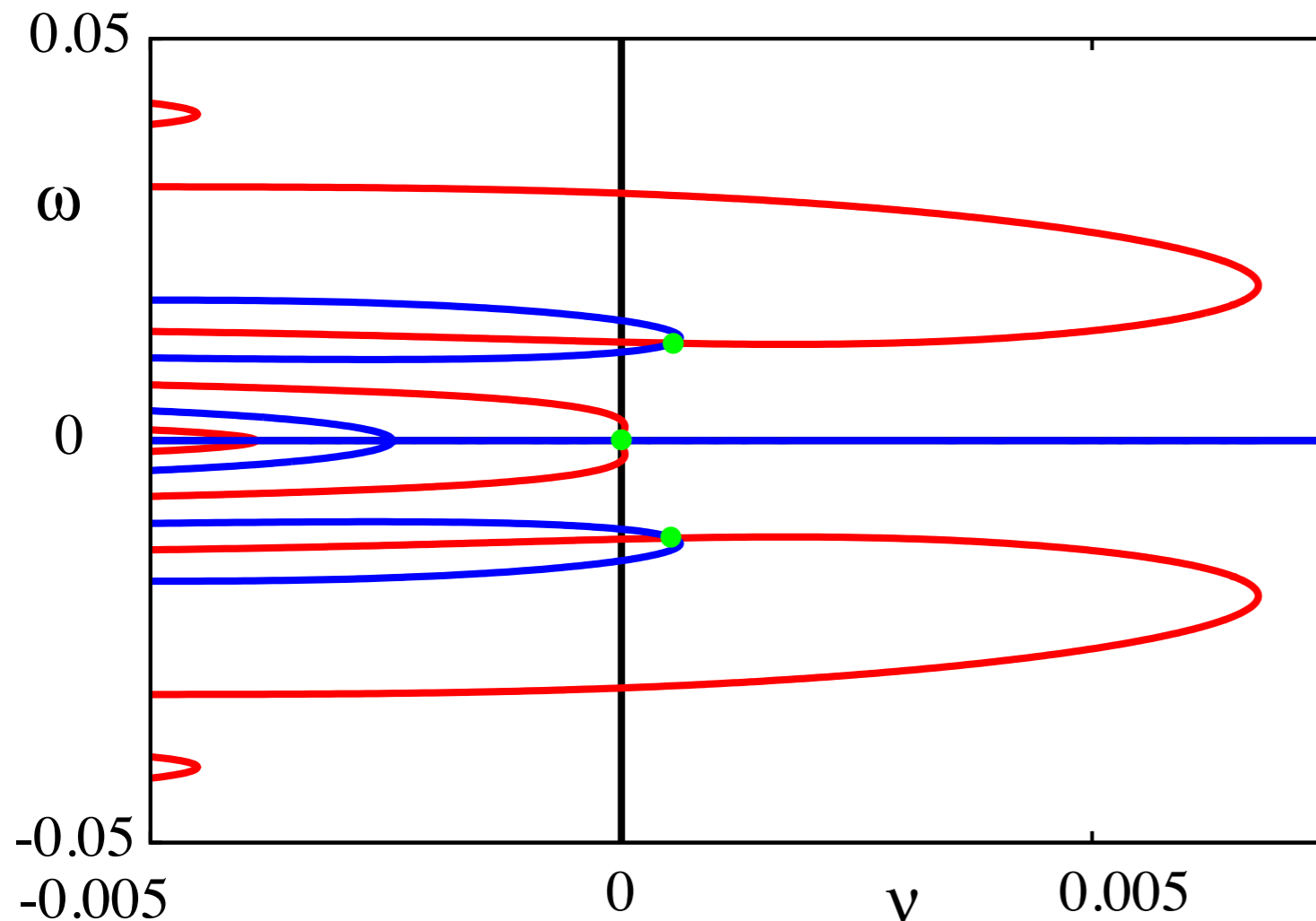
be mindful of nonsmooth dynamics - *switch, fire, refract.*

Saltation rule at event time T :

$$\exp(\mathbf{A}(T - t_0)) \rightarrow \mathbf{K}(T) \exp(\mathbf{A}(T - t_0))$$

$$\mathbf{K}(T) = \mathbf{D}g(\mathbf{X}(T^-)) + \frac{[\dot{\mathbf{X}}(T^+) - \mathbf{D}g(\mathbf{X}(T^-))\dot{\mathbf{X}}(T^-)][\nabla_{\mathbf{X}}h(\mathbf{X}(T^-))]^\top}{\nabla_{\mathbf{X}}h(\mathbf{X}(T^-)) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{X}}(T^-)}$$

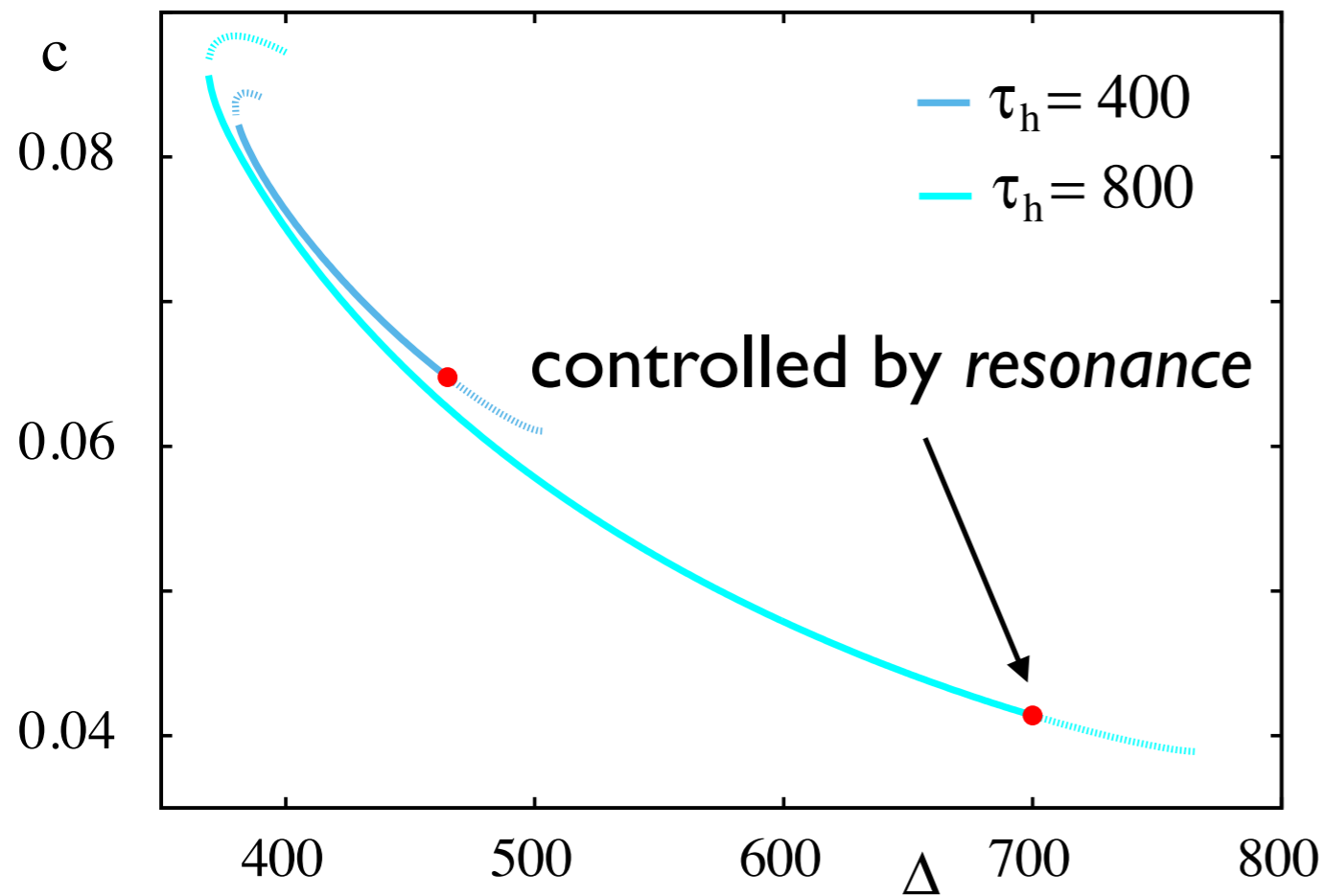
Evans function



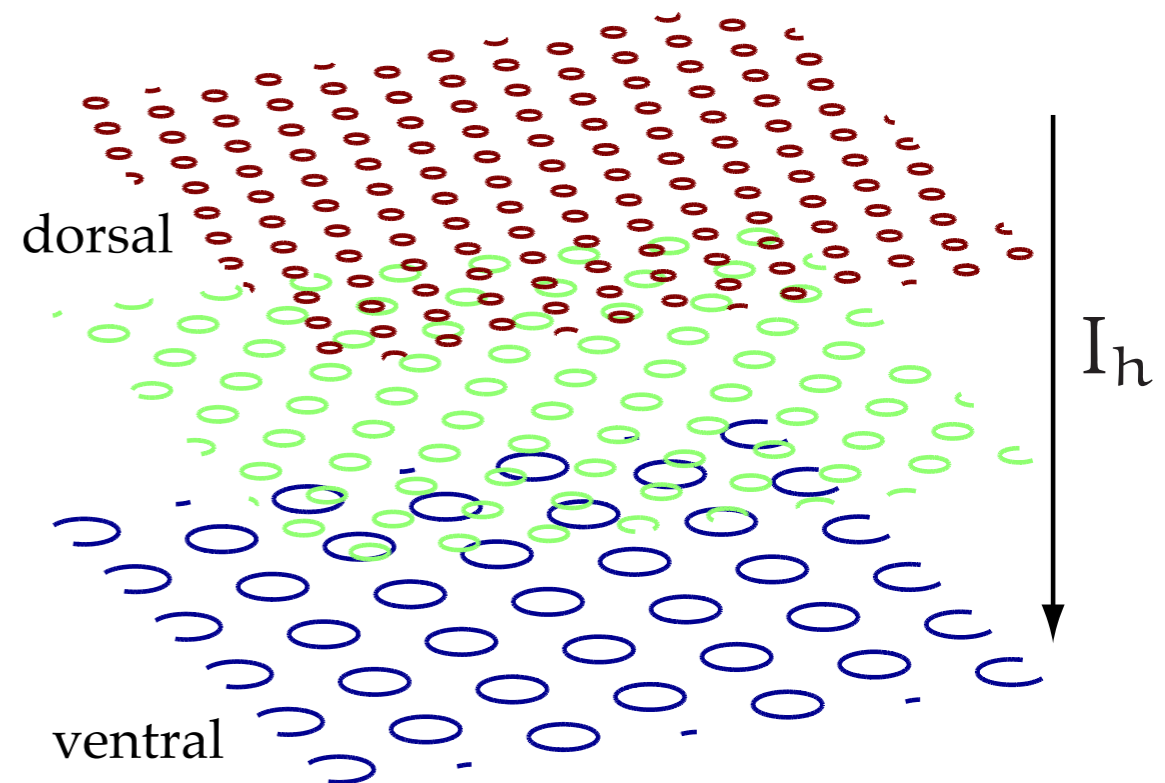
h : indicator function for event

g : rule for action at event

Local control by I_h



Spatial scale *not* so hardwired

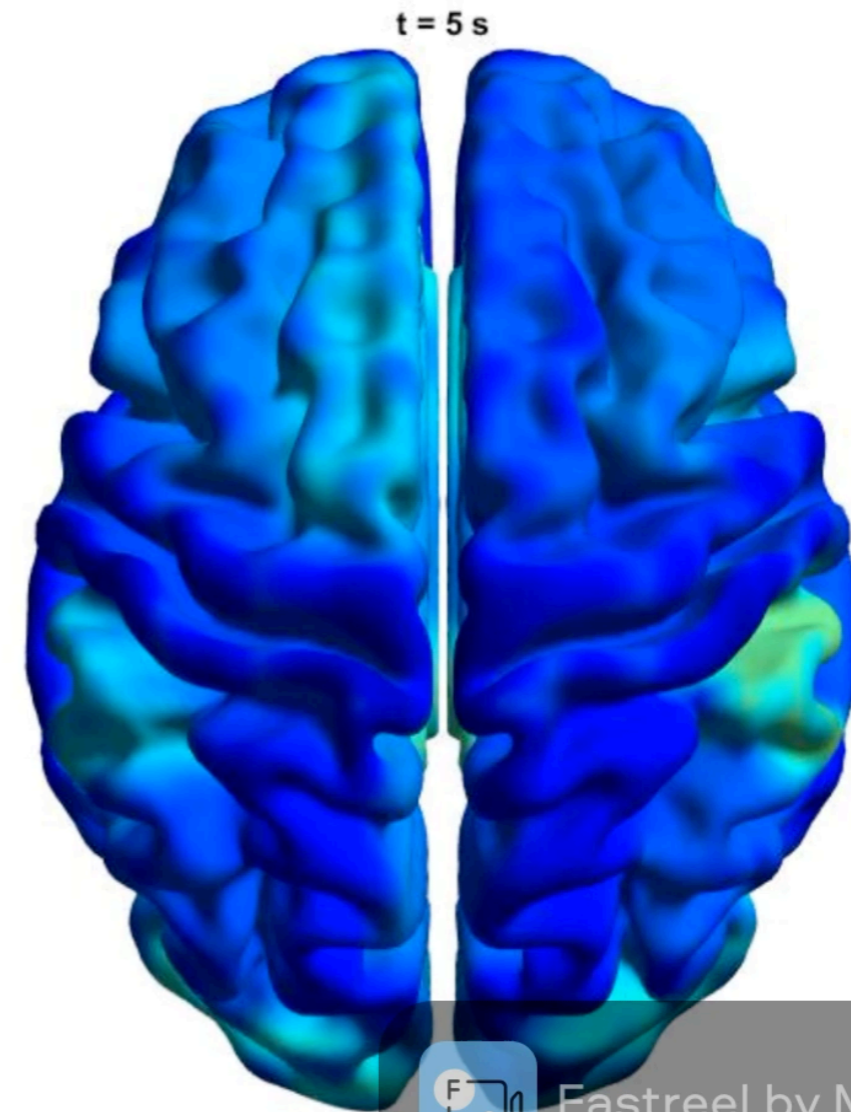
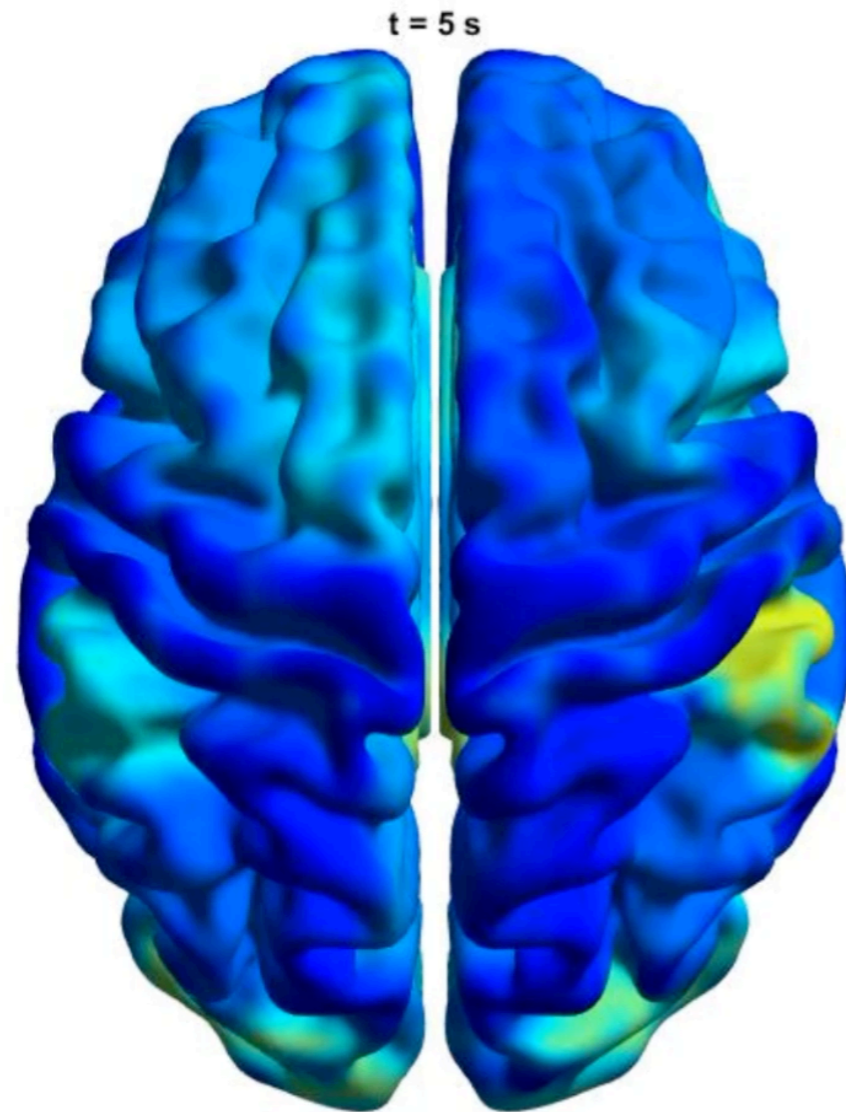


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