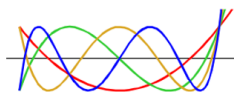


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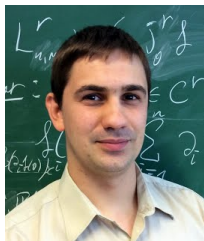
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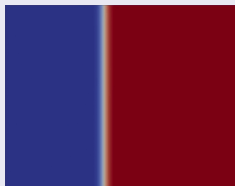
The talk is based on:

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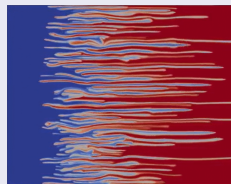
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- system of non-strictly hyperbolic CL

$$\begin{aligned}s_t + f(s, c)_x &= 0, \\ (cs)_t + (cf(s, c))_x &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Polymer model

2-dim (or 3-dim) in spatial variable

- Unstable displacement



- source of instability: water and oil/polymer have different viscosities
- viscous fingering phenomenon

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Incompressible porous media eq

2-dim miscible flow in porous media

1. Transport of species ($\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\text{Pe}} \geq 0$)

$$c_t + u \cdot \nabla c = \varepsilon \Delta c$$

2. Incompressibility condition

$$\text{div}(u) = 0$$

- 3a. Darcy's law (viscosity-driven)

$$u = -k \cdot m(c) \cdot \nabla p$$

- 3b. Darcy's law (gravity-driven)

$$u = -\nabla p - (0, c)$$

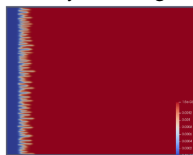
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unstable stratification (gravity)

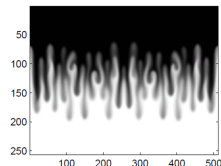
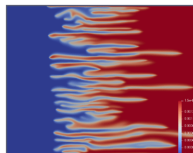
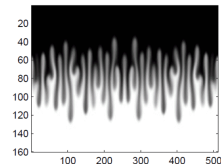
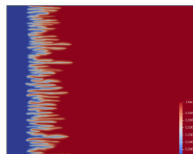
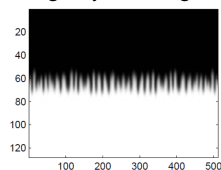
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NB: 1 + 2 + 3b for $\varepsilon = 0$ is known as IPM (incompressible porous media equation)

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2017 — T. Elgindi (ARMA): small perturbations (in H^s , $s > 20$) are stable
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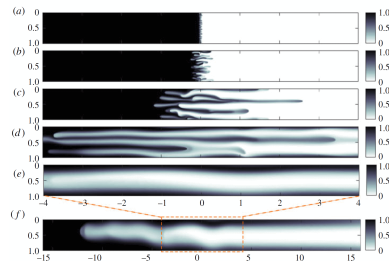
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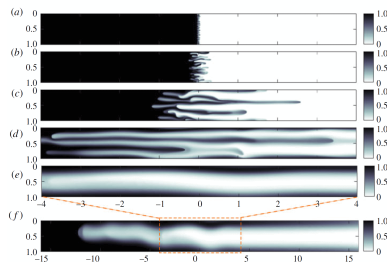
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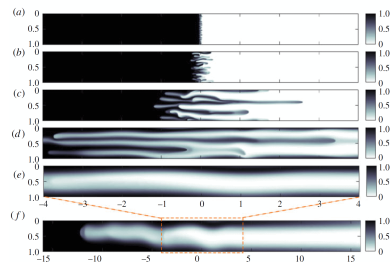
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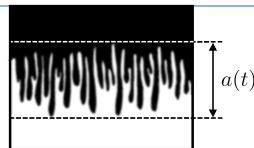
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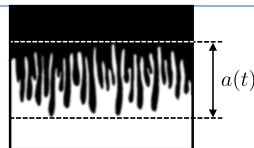


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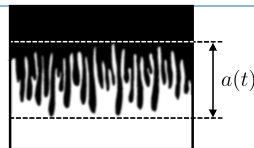
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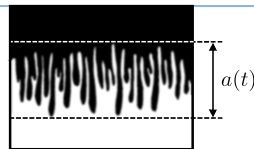
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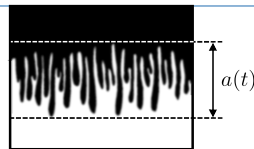
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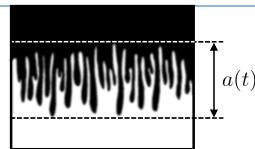
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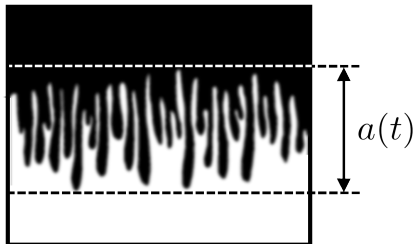
Comparison with 1-dim Burgers: $c^{\max}(t, y)$

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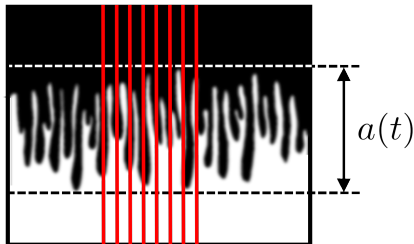


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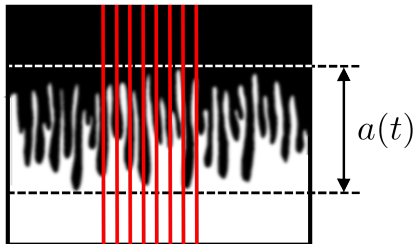
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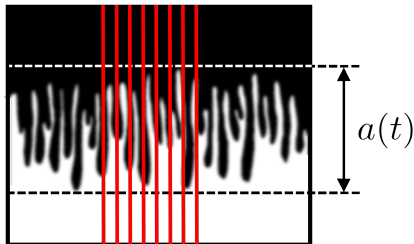
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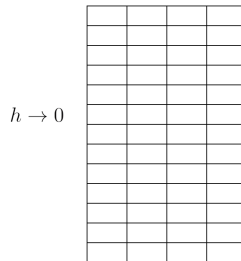
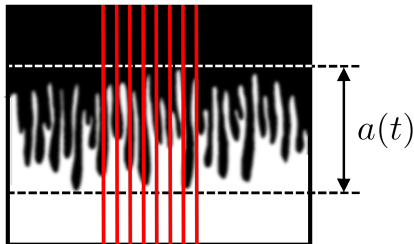
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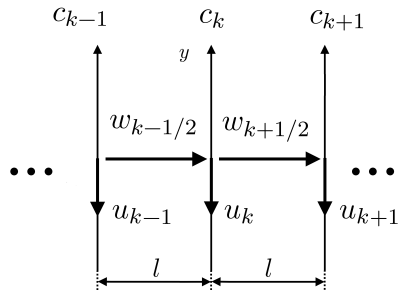
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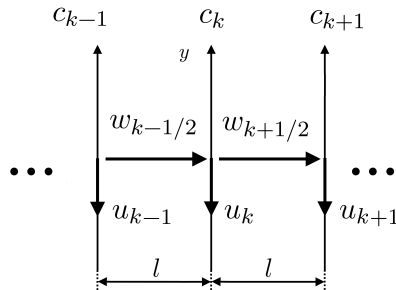


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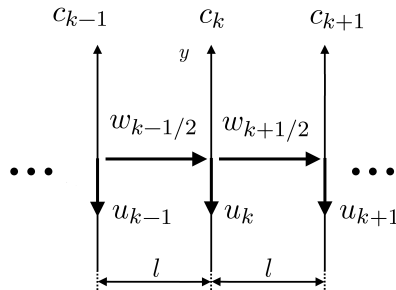
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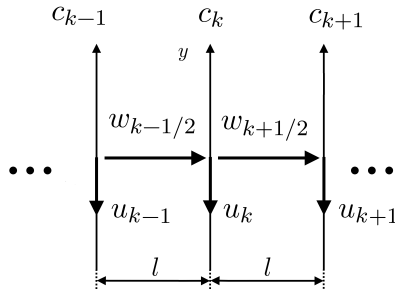
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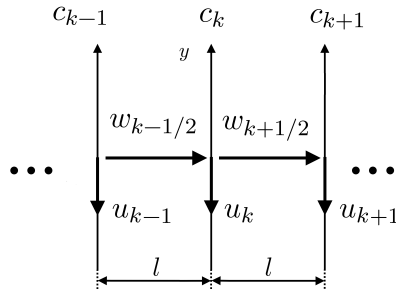
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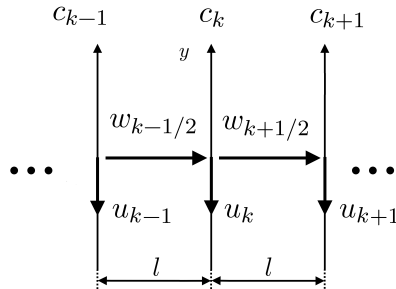
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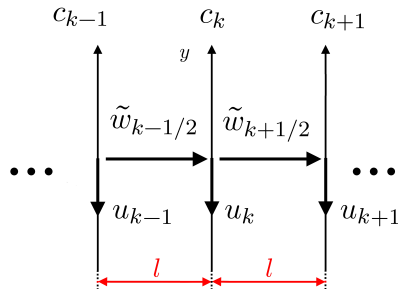
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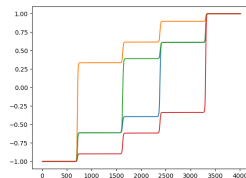
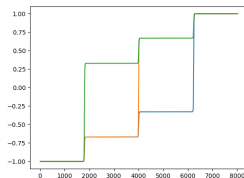
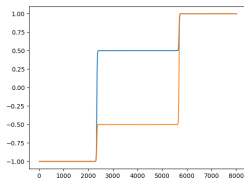
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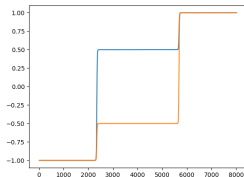
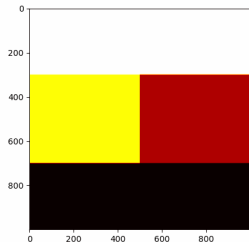
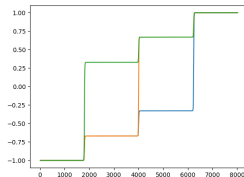
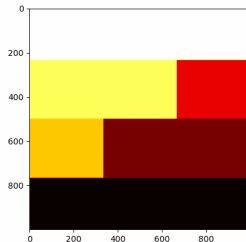
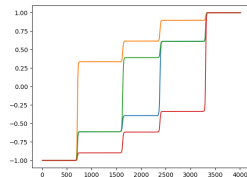
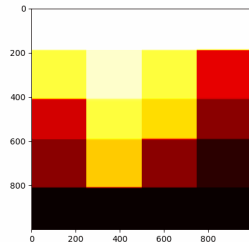
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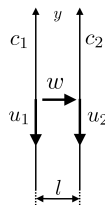
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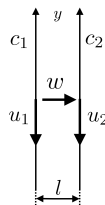
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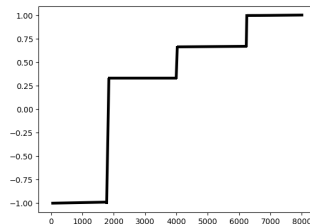
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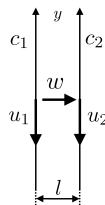
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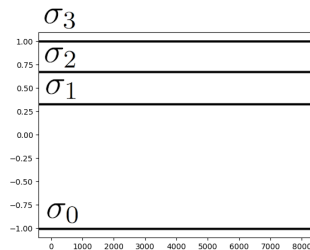
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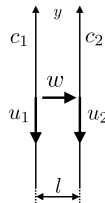
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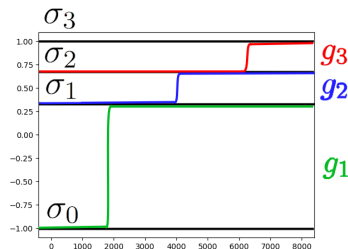
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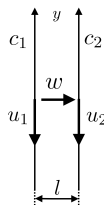
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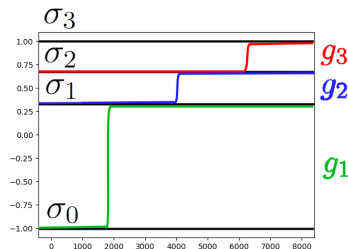
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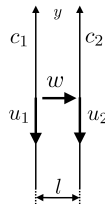
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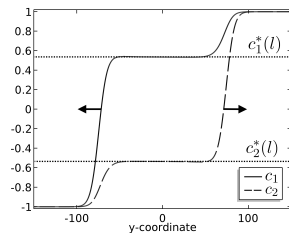
Theorem (arXiv:2401.05981, P., Tikhomirov, Efendiev)

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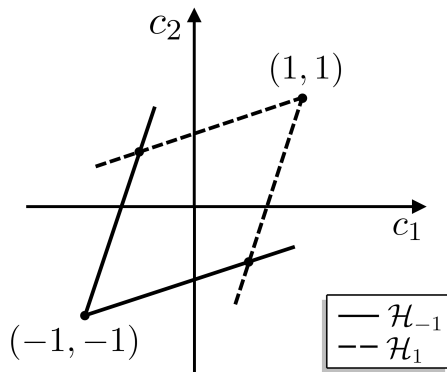
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Two-tubes TFE

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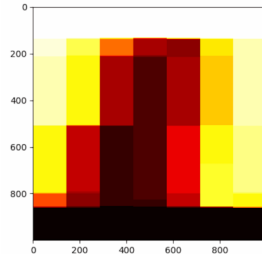
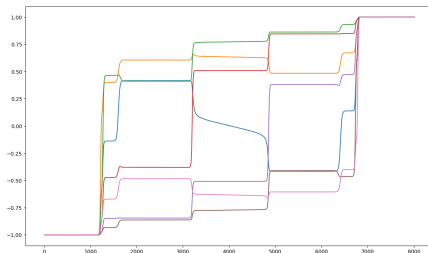
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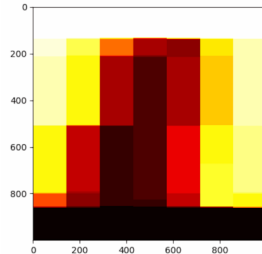
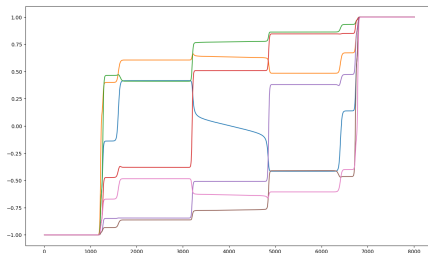
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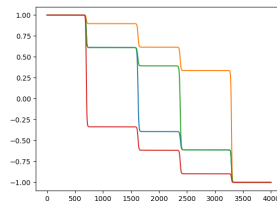
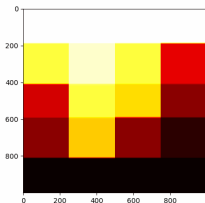
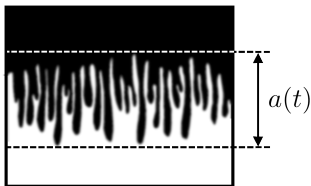


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For more details see arXiv: 2401.05981

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