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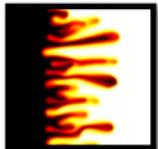
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A story of my academic path



# About me

- Name: Petrova Yulia (Iuliia)
- Date of birth: 29 June 1991
- Place of birth: Ukhta, Russia
- Marital status: married, no kids
- Languages:
  - Russian (native)
  - English (fluent)
  - Portuguese (upper intermediate)
  - Spanish (intermediate)
- Personal web-site:  
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# About me

2008–2013 MSc in Mathematics, SPbSU, St. Petersburg, Russia.  
**Department of PDEs**

2013–2018 PhD, SPbSU, Russia. “Exact  $L_2$ -small ball asymptotics for finite-dimensional perturbations of Gaussian processes”. **Probability theory & spectral theory of operators**. Scient. advisor: Alexander I. Nazarov<sup>a</sup>

2017–2021 Researcher at Chebyshev Laboratory, SPbSU, Russia.  
Participant of industrial projects with “GazpromNeft”.  
**Fluid dynamics**

2021–2023 Postdoc of excellence at IMPA, Brazil.  
Researcher at Centro Pi. **Fluid dynamics**.  
Mentor: Dan Marchesin.



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<sup>a</sup>ICM 2022 speaker

# Teaching experience

## Problem solving classes

**09.2018 – 06.2021** Assistant at Department of Mathematics and Computer Science St. Petersburg State University, Russia

- probability theory
- calculus of variations
- complex analysis
- calculus

**09.2014 – 06.2018** Assistant at Department of Mathematics and Information Technology, St. Petersburg Academic University, Russia

- calculus

**09.2012 – 06.2015** Assistant at Institute of Physics, Nanotechnology and Telecommunications, St. Petersburg Polytecnic University, Russia

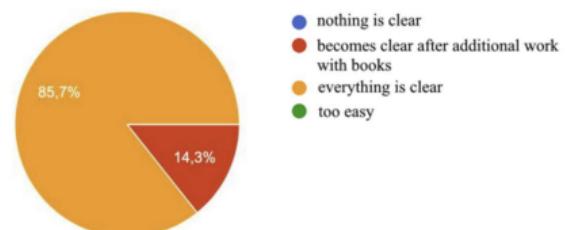
- partial differential equations

## Olympiad mathematics

**06.2012 – 06.2017** Teaching *Olympiad Mathematics* in “Formulo de Integreco”, International educational center for gifted high-school students.

# Teaching: students reviews

- usual evaluation by students  $\approx 4.9 - 5$  out of 5
- use “gamification” (e.g. math battles, Abaka — traditional math circles games)
- try to be as clear as possible



Quotes from anonymous student reviews at St. Petersburg (calculus, 2020):

- The best practice in the observable universe (possibly in the unobservable)  
Game Abaka is super
- Everything is wonderful
- Everything is perfect
- Yulia explains the material very well and clearly!
- A very good teacher, at each practice sheets with problems and reminders of the material, active work in the classroom, a very fast check of homeworks

## Research activity

- **Publications:** 7 published papers, 3 preprints (arxiv), 1 conference paper (SPE).
- **Active participation at conferences and schools: 24.**  
Among them: Russia (11), Brazil (4), Germany (2), Italy (3), Spain (1), Canada (1), China (1), India (1).
- **Invited speaker at *13th Americas Conference on Diff. Equations and Nonlinear Analysis and ICMC Summer Meeting on Differential Equations*.** Sao Carlos, Brazil. Section “Conservation Laws and Transport Equations”. Will be in Jan-Feb 2023.
- **Active participation at seminars: 25 talks.**  
Among them: Oberseminar “Nonlinear dynamics” at Freie Universität Berlin, Applied Math/PDE seminar UC Davis, Seminário Luiz Adauto de Análise/EDP and Seminario de Probabilidade at IM-UFRJ
- **Organization of seminars:** seminar at St. Petersburg State University, seminar at IMPA, small reading groups (reading Dafermos book on hyperbolic laws)

# Why me at IM-UFRJ?

- **Research:** active research agenda in

- Analysis
- Nonlinear PDEs
- Probability
- Dynamical Systems

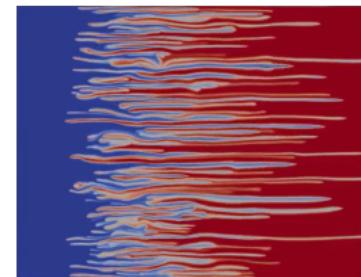
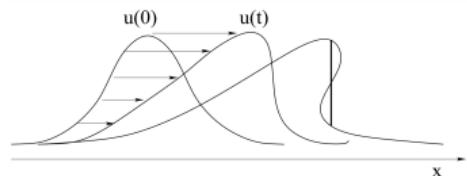
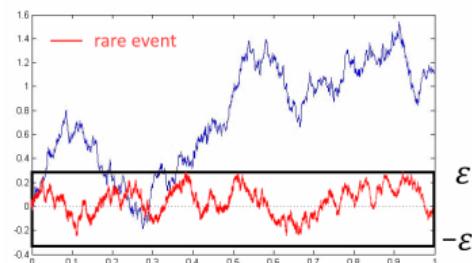
I will be happy to start collaboration with Prof. Wladimir Neves on the Buckley-Leverett model.

- **Teaching:**

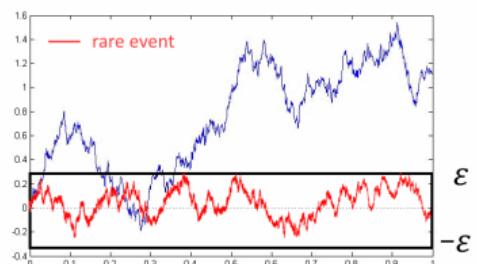
I like teaching and have 10 years of experience.

- **Brazil:** after 24 of February 2022, when the war between Russia and Ukraine started, me and my husband (also mathematician) decided to stay in Brazil. I have learnt Portuguese in one year (see my results on the preparation to Celpe-Bras in October 2022).

I like Brazil!



# PhD Thesis: small ball probabilities for Gaussian processes



Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space.

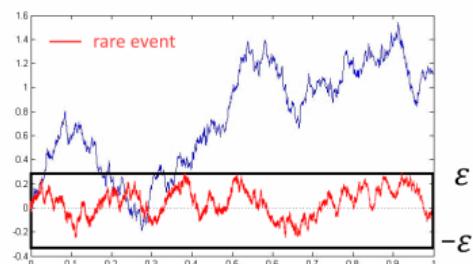
Let  $X$  be a random element in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

## Small deviations problem

Find asymptotics as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  of

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\| < \varepsilon)$$

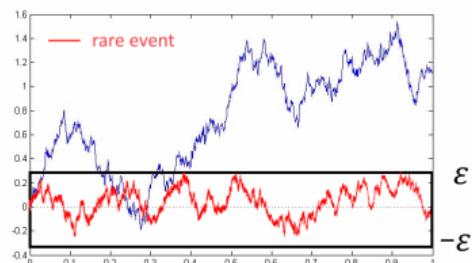
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Example:  
 $W(t)$  — Wiener process in  $C[0, 1]$

$$\mathbb{P}(\|W\| < \varepsilon) \underset{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{4}{\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{8} \varepsilon^{-2}\right)$$

# PhD Thesis: small ball probabilities for Gaussian processes



## Stochastic processes

$X(t)$ ,  $t \in (0, 1)$ , —

- Gaussian process
- $\mathbb{E}X(t) \equiv 0$
- $G(s, t) = \mathbb{E}X(s)X(t)$ .

## Small ball asymptotics

$$\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_2 < \varepsilon), \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

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## Spectral theory

$\mathbb{G} : L_2[0, 1] \rightarrow \text{Im}(\mathbb{G})$

- integral operator of trace class

$$(\mathbb{G}u)(s) = \int_0^1 G(s, t)u(t) dt$$

- eigenvalues:  $\sum \mu_k < \infty$

## Asymptotics of eigenvalues $\mu_k$

Find “good” approximation to  $\mu_k$

# PhD Thesis — an example of the theorem

## Theorem (P. '2017)

For a process  $X(t)$ , corresponding to Gumbel distribution,  $G_0(s, t) = \min(s, t) - st$

$$G_X(s, t) = G_0(s, t) - \psi(t)\psi(s), \quad \psi(t) = C t \ln(t) \cdot \ln(-\ln(t))$$

asymptotics of eigenvalues is

$$\mu_k^{-1/2} = \pi k + \frac{\pi}{2} + (-1)^k \cdot 2 \arctg \left( \frac{1}{\ln(\ln(k)) + 1} \right) - \frac{1}{\ln(k) \ln(\ln(k))} + O \left( \frac{\ln(k)^{-1}}{(\ln(\ln(k)))^2} \right)$$

$L_2$ -small ball probability asymptotics is

$$\mathbb{P} \left\{ \|X\| < \varepsilon \right\} \sim C \cdot \ln^{-1}(\ln(\varepsilon^{-1})) \cdot \varepsilon^{-1} \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{1}{8\varepsilon^2} \right)$$

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Key ingredient: asymptotic expansion for oscillation integrals with amplitude SVF

Let  $F(t) =: F_0(t)$  be SVF at 0, and  $F_{n+1}(t) = tF'_n(t)$  also be SVF at 0, then:

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} F(t) \cos(\omega t) dt = \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^N c_k F_k \left( \frac{1}{\omega} \right) + R_N, \quad \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

# Publications and awards

- 2019 Laureat of the “Young Mathematician” prize of the St. Petersburg Mathematical Society
- 2018 Winner of 22nd Möbius Contest in nomination “Undergraduates and graduates”, Moscow, Russia



5. *L<sub>2</sub>-small ball asymptotics for a family of finite-dimensional perturbations of Gaussian functions.* Zapiski Nauchnykh Seminarov POMI, vol. 501. Nikitin's memorial volume, pp. 236–258, 2021. (In Russian). English version: arXiv:1905.07804.
4. *On spectral asymptotics for a family of finite-dimensional perturbations of operators of trace class.* Doklady Math., 2018, vol. 98, №1, pp. 367–369;
3. *Exact L<sub>2</sub>-small ball asymptotics for some Durbin processes.* Zap. nauchn. sem. POMI, 2017, vol. 466, pp. 211–233. (In Russian) Translated: Journal of Mathematical Sciences (USA), 2020, 244(5), pp. 842-857;
2. *Spectral asymptotics for problems with integral constraints.* Mat. Zametki, 2017, vol. 102(3), pp. 405–414 (In Russian). Translated: Mathematical Notes, 2017, 102(3-4), pp. 369-377;
1. (with A. I. Nazarov) *The small ball asymptotics in Hilbertian norm for the Kac–Kiefer–Wolfowitz processes.* Teor. Veroyatnost. i Primenen., 2015, Volume 60, Issue 3, Pages 482–505. Translated: Theory of Probability and its Applications, 2016, 60(3), pp. 460-480.

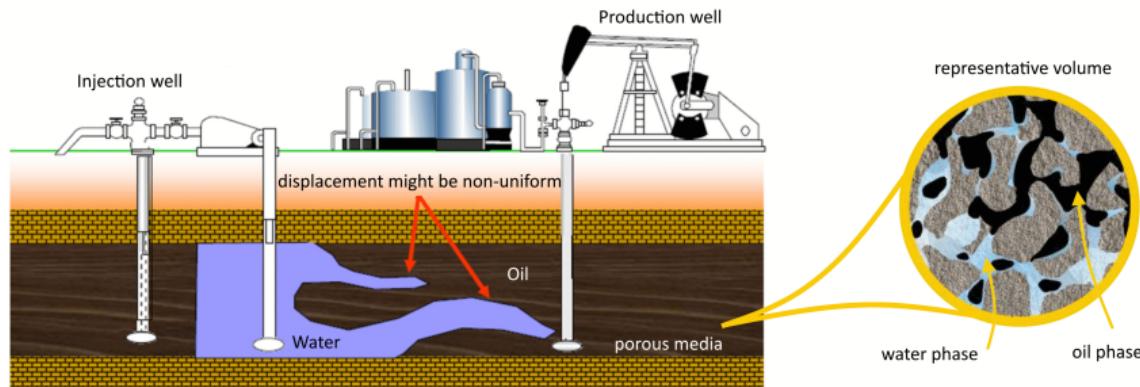
# Experience with applied research

2018-2019 “Gazprom-Neft” Scholarship

2019-2021 Participant of Industrial projects with “Gazprom-Neft” at Chebyshev Laboratory, St. Petersburg

- mathematics of enhanced oil recovery (EOR)

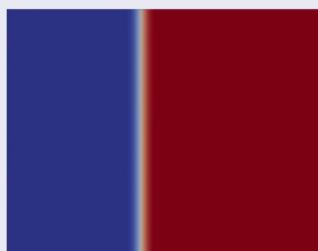
2022 Patent No. 2772808 C1 Russian Federation, IPC E21B 43/16, C09K 8/58.



# Fundamental research: two main directions

## 1-dim in spatial variable

- Stable displacement



- main questions: find an exact solution to a Riemann problem; analyze stability
- hyperbolic conservation laws

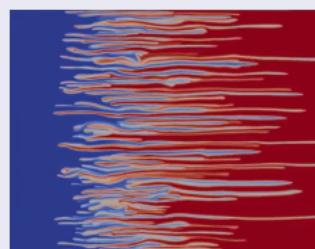
$$s_t + f(s, c)_x = 0,$$

$$(cs + a(c))_t + (cf(s, c))_x = 0.$$

Example: chemical flooding model

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

- Unstable displacement



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

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

$$\operatorname{div}(u) = 0,$$

$$u = -\nabla p / \mu(c).$$

Example: Peaceman model

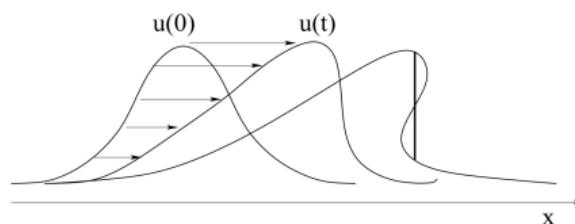
# Research topic I: hyperbolic conservation laws

2021-2023 Postdoc of excellence at IMPA.  
Working with Profs. Dan Marchesin and Bradley Plohr

$$\begin{aligned} s_t + f(s, c)_x &= 0, && \text{(conservation of water)} \\ (cs + a(c))_t + (cf(s, c))_x &= 0. && \text{(conservation of chemical)} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Generalization of the Buckley-Leverett equation.

- $s = s(x, t)$  — water phase saturation;
- $f(s, c)$  — fractional flow function;
- $c = c(x, t)$  — concentration of a chemical in water;
- $a(c)$  — adsorption of a chemical on a rock.



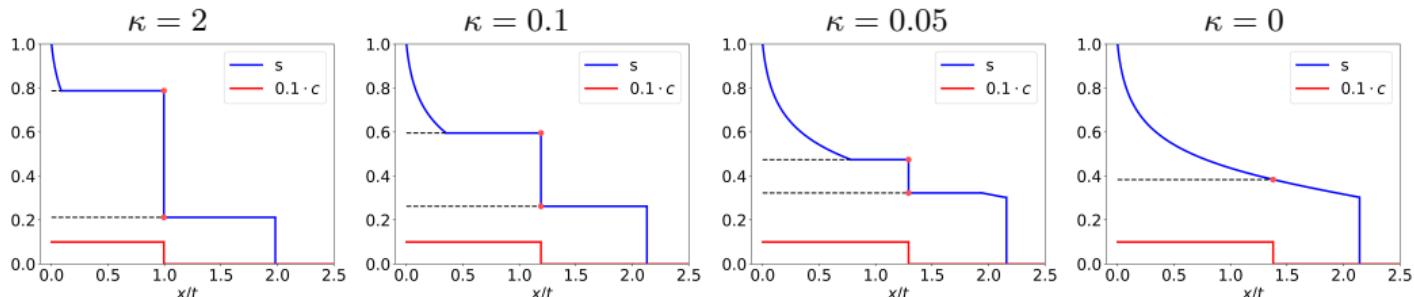
7. (with B. Plohr, D. Marchesin) *Vanishing adsorption admissibility criterion for contact discontinuities in the polymer model*, 2022. arXiv:2211.10326
6. (with F. Bakharev, A. Enin, N. Rastegaev) *Impact of dissipation ratio on vanishing viscosity solutions of the Riemann problem for chemical flooding model*, 2021. arXiv:2111.15001. Accepted to Journal of Hyperbolic Differential Equations.

## Research topic I: results

- use vanishing viscosity criterion — add small diffusion/capillary terms

$$\begin{aligned} s_t + f(s, c)_x &= \varepsilon_c (A(s, c)s_x)_x, \\ (cs + a(c))_t + (cf(s, c))_x &= \varepsilon_c (cA(s, c)s_x)_x + \varepsilon_d c_{xx}. \end{aligned}$$

- $f(s, c)$  monotone in  $c \Rightarrow$  uniqueness of vanishing viscosity solution (1988)
- Main result:**  $f(s, c)$  non-monotone in  $c \Rightarrow$  exist multiple vanishing viscosity solutions, depending on ratio  $\kappa = \varepsilon_d / \varepsilon_c$



Such shocks are known as **transitional (undercompressive)**

# Research topic II: fingering instability

## 1. Transport of species ( $\varepsilon \geq 0$ )

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

## 2. Incompressibility condition

$$\operatorname{div}(u) = 0,$$

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

$$u = -\nabla p / \mu(c).$$

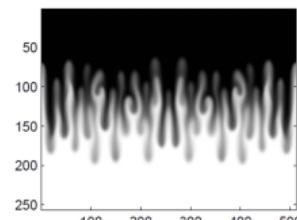
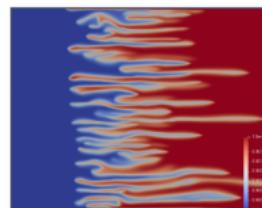
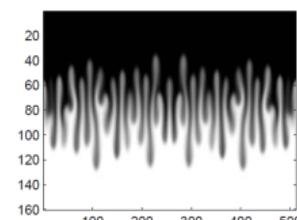
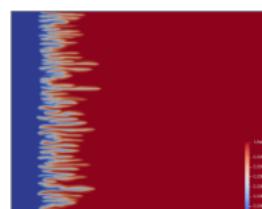
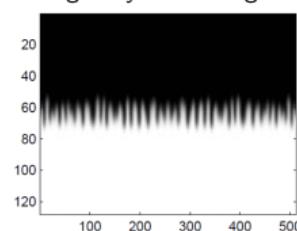
### 3b. Darcy's law (gravity-driven)

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

viscosity-driven fingers



gravity-driven fingers



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

# Research topic II: questions of interest & publications

## 1. Well-posedness:

- existence of a global solution vs finite-time blow-up:  
active scalar:  $u = A(c)$  — singular integral operator (like in SQG)

## 2. Mixing zone:

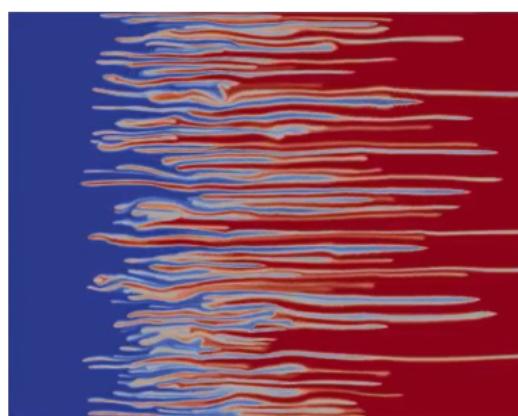
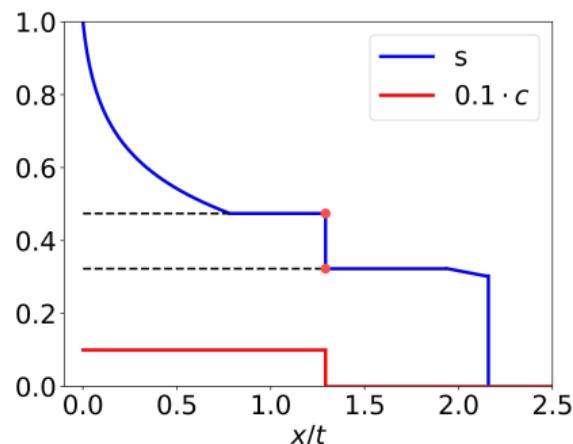
- many laboratory and numerical experiments show **linear growth of the mixing zone**
- I want to find mathematically rigorously estimates of speed of the linear growth

11. (with F. Bakharev, A. Enin, K. Kalinin, N. Rastegaev, S. Tikhomirov)  
*Optimal polymer slugs injection profiles.* arXiv:2012.03114. Submitted.
10. (with F. Bakharev, A. Enin, A. Groman, A. Kalyuzhnuk, S. Matveenko, I. Starkov, S. Tikhomirov) *Velocity of viscous fingers in miscible displacement: Comparison with analytical models.* Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics, March 2022
9. (with S. Tikhomirov, F. Bakharev, A. Groman, A. Kalyuzhnuk, A. Enin, K. Kalinin, N. Rastegaev) *Calculation of graded viscosity banks profile on the rear end of the polymer slug.* Paper SPE-206426-MS, SPE Russian Petroleum Technology Conference, 2021.
8. (with F. Bakharev, L. Campoli, A. Enin, S. Matveenko, S. Tikhomirov, A. Yakovlev) *Numerical investigation of viscous fingering phenomenon for raw field data.* Transport in Porous Media, 2020, pp. 1–22;

# Thank you for your attention!

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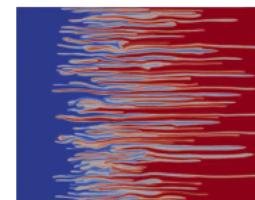
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# Toy model of viscous fingering (work in progress)

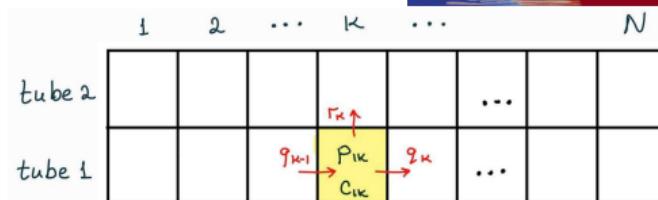
## Discrete case

- system of  $2N$  ODEs and  $N$  algebraic equations



Unknowns:

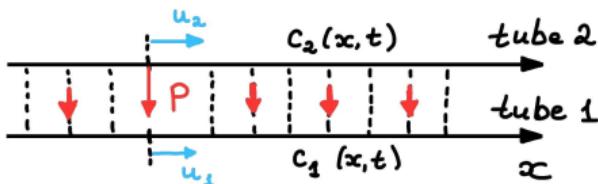
- $c_{1k}(t), c_{2k}(t)$  — concentrations
- $p_{1k}, p_{2k}$  — pressures
- $q_k(t), r_k(t)$  — velocities



## Continuous case

- two coupled advection-diffusion eqs

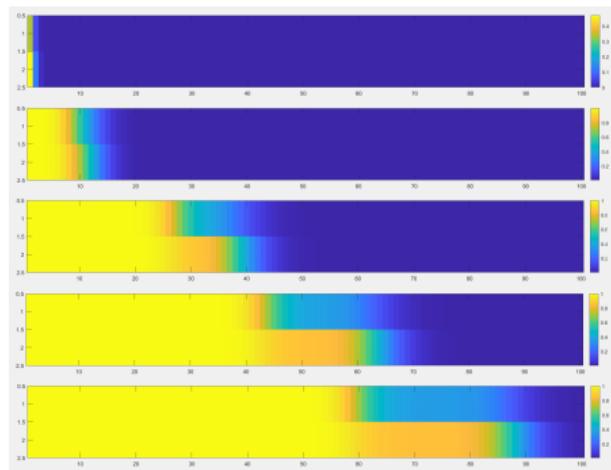
$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t c_1 &= -\partial_x(u_1 c_1) + p + \varepsilon \partial_{xx} c_1, \\ \partial_t c_2 &= -\partial_x(u_2 c_2) - p + \varepsilon \partial_{xx} c_2.\end{aligned}$$



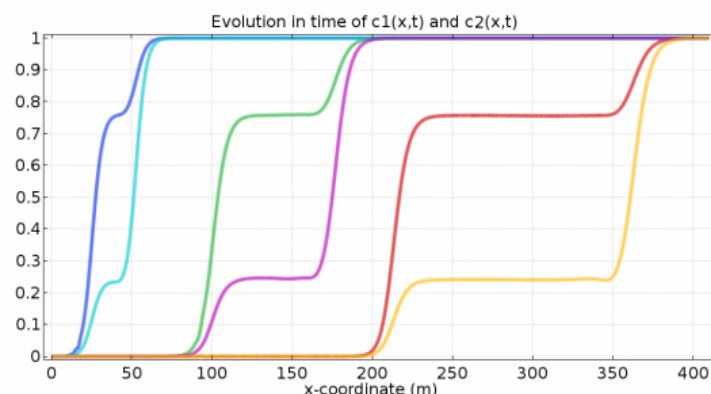
Flow between tubes:  $p = (-1)^{1,2} \partial_x u_{1,2} c_{1,2}$ . Work in progress with S. Tikhomirov, Y. Efendiev.

# Toy model of viscous fingering: numerical experiments

Discrete setting



Continuous setting



Result of experiments: cascade of two travelling waves (TW)

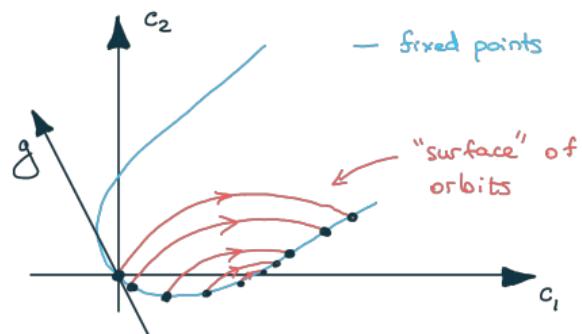
$$(0, 0) \xrightarrow{\text{TW}_1} (c_1^*, c_2^*) \xrightarrow{\text{TW}_2} (1, 1)$$

# Toy model of viscous fingering: theoretical approach

For a travelling wave  $c_1 = c_1(x - vt)$  and  $c_2 = c_2(x - vt)$  we have a dynamical system.

## Travelling wave dynamical system

$$\begin{aligned}c'_1 &= g, \\g' &= (u - v)g, \\c'_2 &= (u - v)c_1 + (2 - u - v)c_2 - g.\end{aligned}$$



Here  $u = u(c_1, c_2)$ , depends on  $\mu(c_1)$  and  $\mu(c_2)$ .