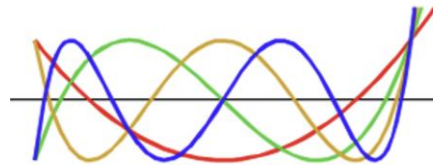


On the linear growth of the mixing zone in a semi-discrete model of Incompressible Porous Medium (IPM) eq



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Equa $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ ff



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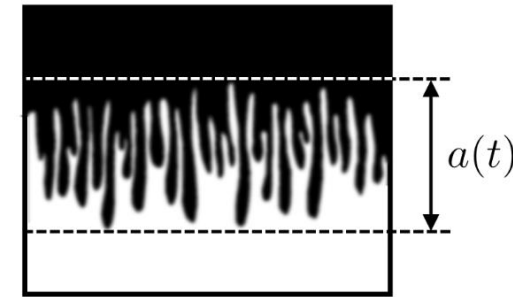
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Outline

1. Motivation

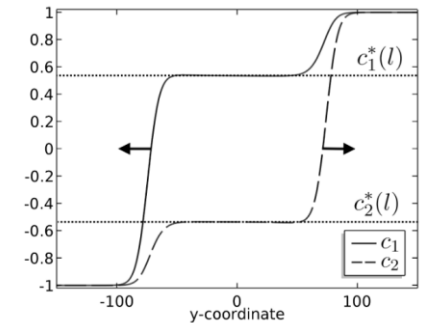
Miscible displacement in porous media:

- viscous fingering
- gravitational fingering



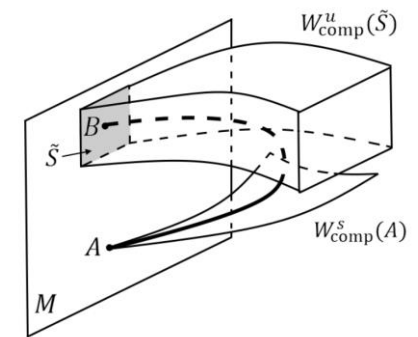
2. Problem statement

- Two-tubes model
- Main theorem



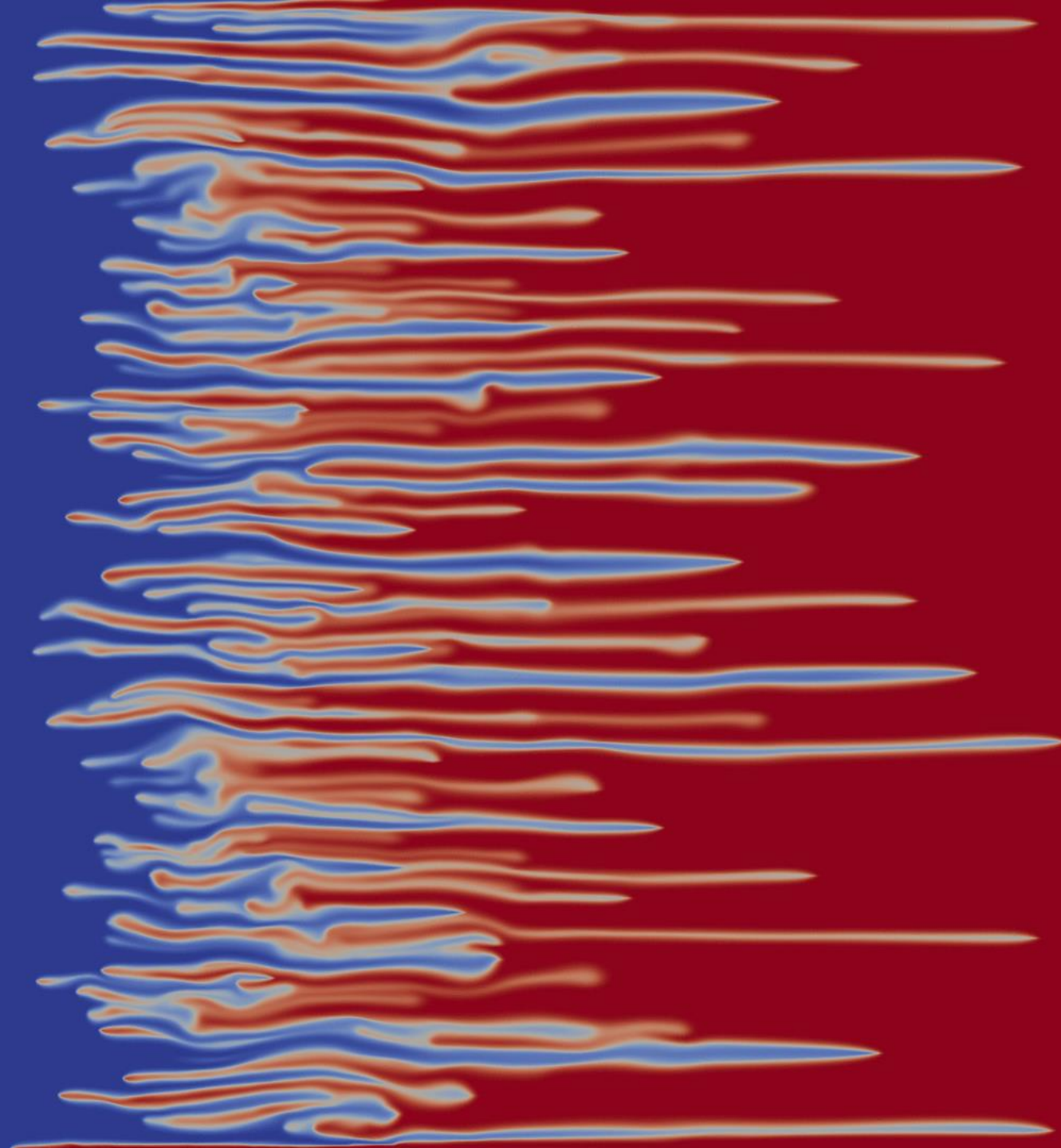
3. Sketch of the proof of the main theorem

- Traveling waves
- Geometric singular perturbation theory



"Miscible displacement in porous media"
Credit: Pavlov Dmitrii, St. Petersburg State University

Homsy , 1987 "Viscous Fingering in Porous Media"



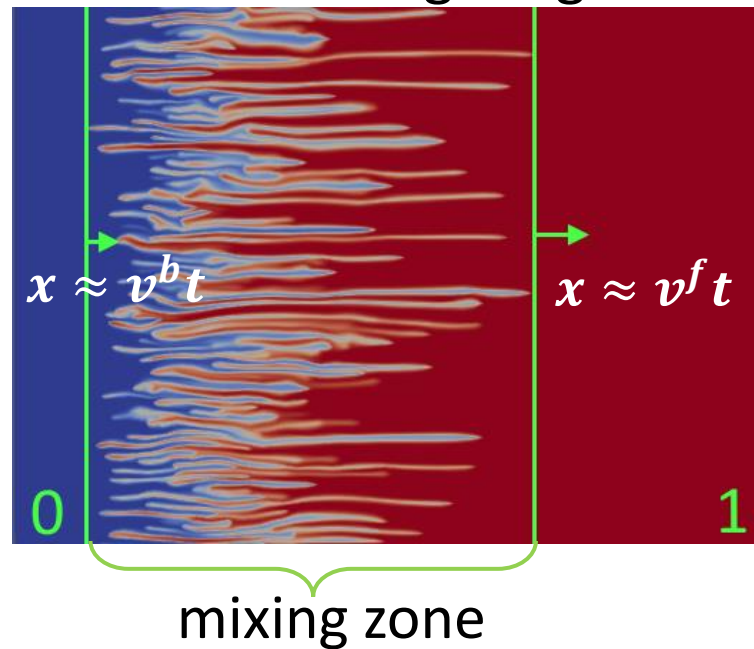
Viscous fingering phenomenon

water (blue color)

polymerized water (red color) 1

Incompressible Porous Medium eq – IPM, 2D (Two formulations)

Viscous fingering



$$c_t + \operatorname{div}(uc) = \varepsilon \cdot \Delta c$$

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

(viscosity)

$$u = -m(c) K \nabla p$$

(gravity)

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

$c = c(t, x, y)$ – concentration

$u = u(t, x, y)$ – velocity

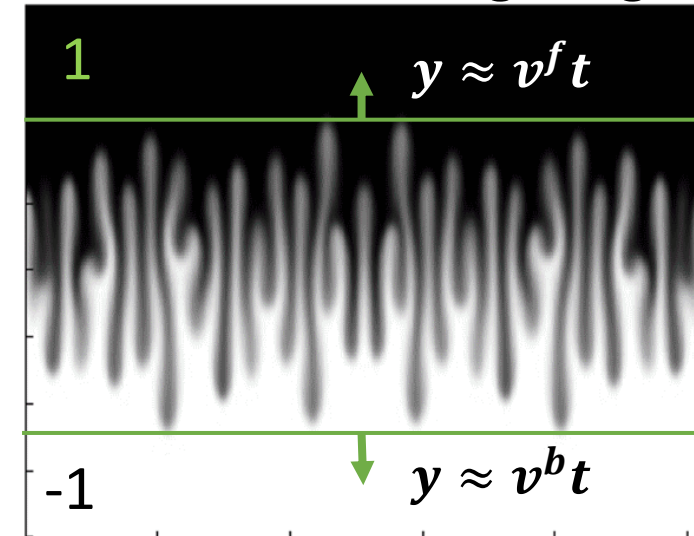
$p = p(t, x, y)$ – pressure

$\varepsilon \geq 0$ – diffusion

$m(c)$ – mobility

K – permeability

Gravitational fingering

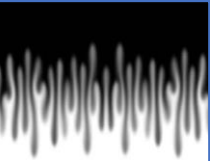


- many laboratory and numerical experiments show *linear growth of the mixing zone* ^{[1], [2]}

Question: how to find speeds v^b and v^f of propagation?

[1] Nijjer J., Hewitt D., and Neufeld J. The dynamics of miscible viscous fingering from onset to shutdown. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 2018.

[2] Bakharev, F., Enin, A., Groman, A., Kalyuzhnyuk, A., Matveenko, S., **Petrova, Y.**, Starkov, I. and Tikhomirov, S., Velocity of viscous fingers in miscible displacement: Comparison with analytical models. *Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics*, 2022.



IPM: $\varepsilon = 0$ (without diffusion)

Active scalar:

$$\begin{aligned} c_t + u \cdot \nabla c &= 0 \\ u &= A(c) \end{aligned}$$

$$u = \nabla^\perp (-\Delta)^{-1} \partial_1 c \quad (\text{Biot-Savart law})$$

Discontinuous initial data: free boundary problem (Muskat problem) – ill-posed for unstable stratification

2011 - A. Córdoba, D. Córdoba, F. Gancedo (Annals of Mathematics)

“Interface evolution: the Hele-Shaw and Muskat problems”

Existence: smooth initial data

2007 – D. Cordoba, F. Gancedo, R. Orive (JMP): local well-posedness for initial data H^s

global solution vs finite-time blow-up? open

2017 – Elgindi (ARMA): global solution for small perturbations of $c = -y$

2023 – Kiselev, Yao (ARMA): if solutions stay “smooth” for all times, then there is blow-up at $t = +\infty$

Uniqueness: non-uniqueness of weak solutions – by convex integration

2011 – Córdoba, Faraco, Gancedo (ARMA)

2012 – L. Szekelyhidi Jr.

...and many others...

IPM: $\varepsilon > 0$ (with diffusion)

Estimates on the growth:

2005 - Otto, Menon. Proved estimates

- Full model (IPM) $v^f \leq 2$
- Simplified model (TFE) $v^f \leq 1$

Transverse Flow Equilibrium = TFE
 $p(t, x, y) \approx p(t, y)$

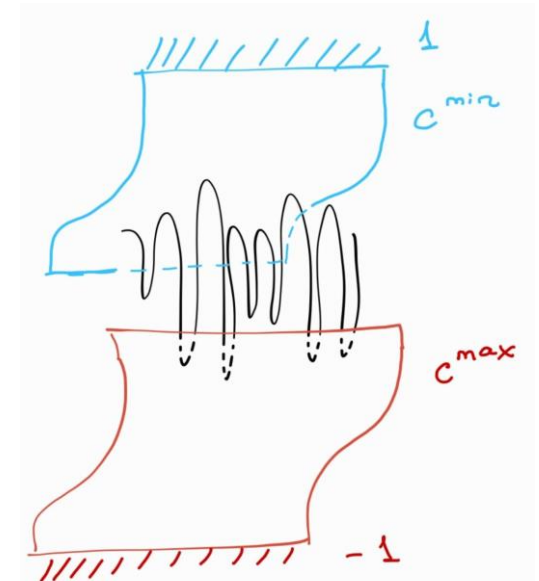
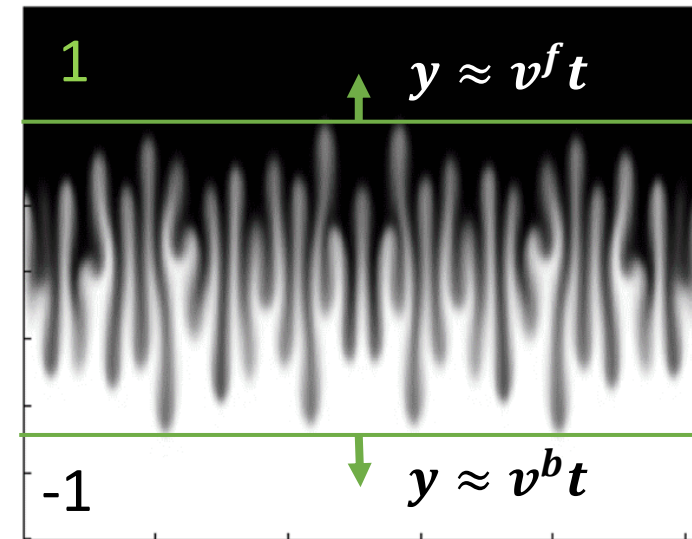
$$\begin{aligned} c_t + u \cdot \nabla c &= \varepsilon \Delta c \\ \operatorname{div}(u) &= 0 \\ u &= (u^1, u^2), \quad u^2 = \bar{c} - c \end{aligned}$$

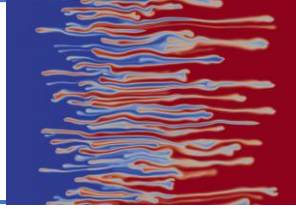
Idea of proof (TFE): comparison to 1D Burgers eq $(\bar{c} \leq 1 \text{ then } u^2 \leq 1 - c)$

$$c_t^{\max} + (1 - c^{\max}) \cdot \partial_y c^{\max} = \varepsilon c_{yy}^{\max}$$

Theorem (Otto, Menon): If $c(0, x, y) \leq c^{\max}(0, y)$,
 then $c(t, x, y) \leq c^{\max}(t, y)$ for any $t > 0$.

Question: Are those estimates sharp?





Viscosity-driven fingers

$$\begin{aligned} c_t + \operatorname{div}(uc) &= \varepsilon \cdot \Delta c \\ \operatorname{div}(u) &= 0 \\ u &= -m(c) \nabla p = -1/\mu(c) \nabla p \end{aligned}$$

TFE model (viscosity case)

$$u = (u^1, u^2), \quad u^2 = \frac{m(c)}{\int_0^1 m(c)}$$

- Empirical models of velocities:

Koval (1963)	$v^f = M_e$	$v^b = 1/M_e$	$M_e = \left(\alpha \cdot M^{0.25} + (1 - \alpha) \right)^4$
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TFE model (Yortsos, 1995, 2005)	$v^f \leq \frac{\bar{m}(0,1)}{m(1)}$	$v^b \geq \frac{v^f}{M}$	$\bar{m}(c_1, c_2) = \frac{1}{c_2 - c_1} \int_{c_1}^{c_2} m(c) dc$

- Ratio of viscosities

$$M = \frac{\mu(1)}{\mu(0)}$$
- “Effective viscosity”

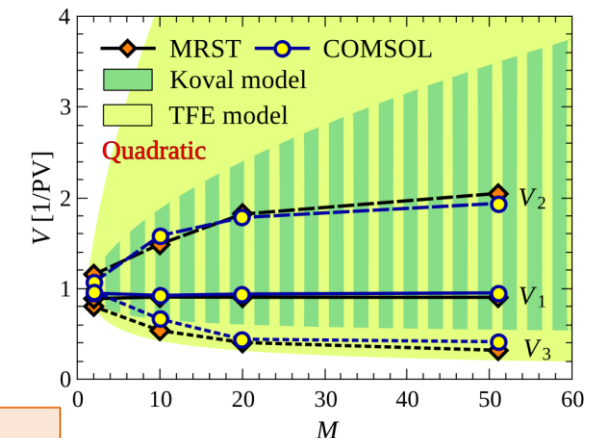
$$M_e$$

- Yortsos, Salin (2006): comparison to Burgers-type 1D eq:

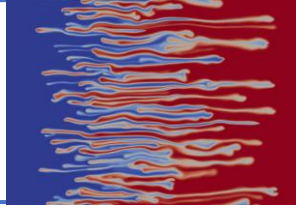
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TFE estimates are too pessimistic!



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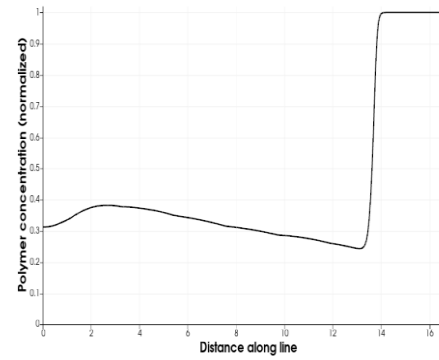
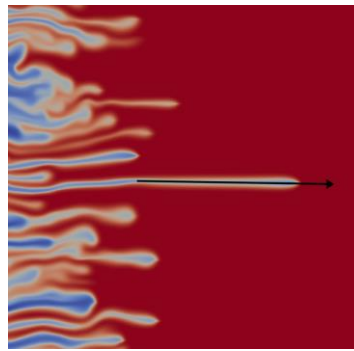
$$M_e$$

- What could be a mechanism of slow-down?

$$X^f(t, C) = \max_{\mathbf{x}} \{ \exists y: c(t, x, y) \leq C \}$$

$$X^f(t, C) \sim v^f(C) \cdot t$$

$$v^{TFE}(C) = \frac{\bar{m}(C, 1)}{m(1)}$$



Theorem TFE, viscosity (2024, arXiv:2401.05981)

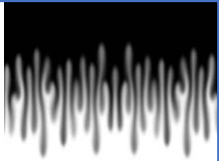
If there exists $C_1 \in [0, 1]$ and $l_1 \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$X^f(t, C_1) \leq v^{TFE}(C_1) \cdot t + l_1$$

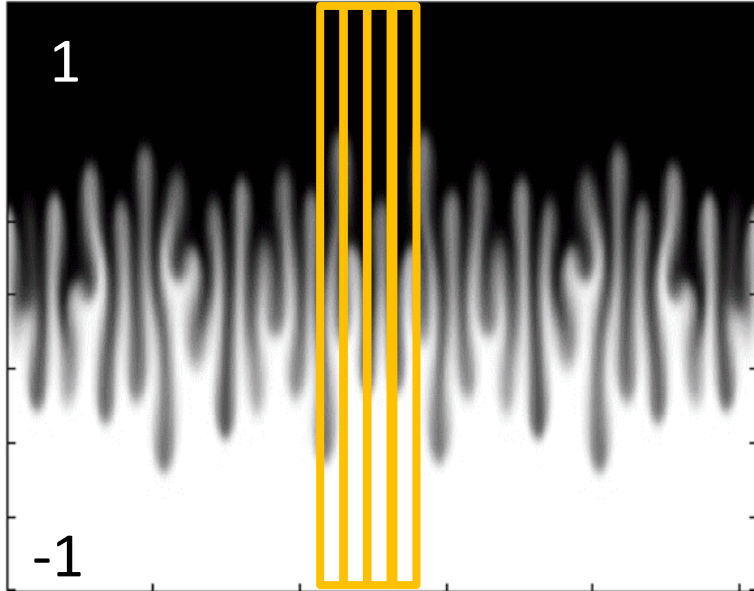
Then for any $C_2 > C_1$ there exists l_2

$$X^f(t, C_2) \leq v^{TFE}(C_1) \cdot t + l_2$$

IDEA: semi-discrete model of gravitational fingering

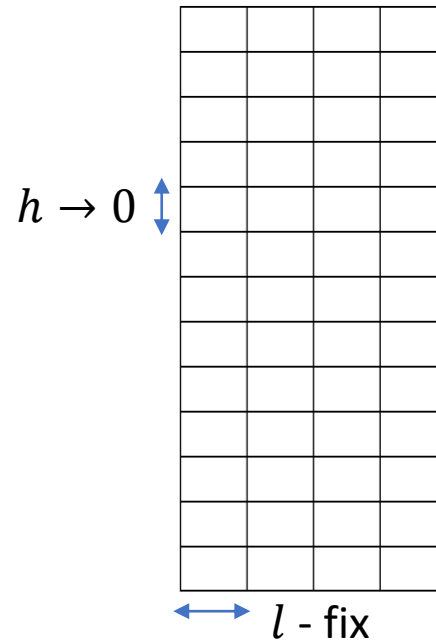


- Discretize in horizontal direction
- Take n tubes, $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$



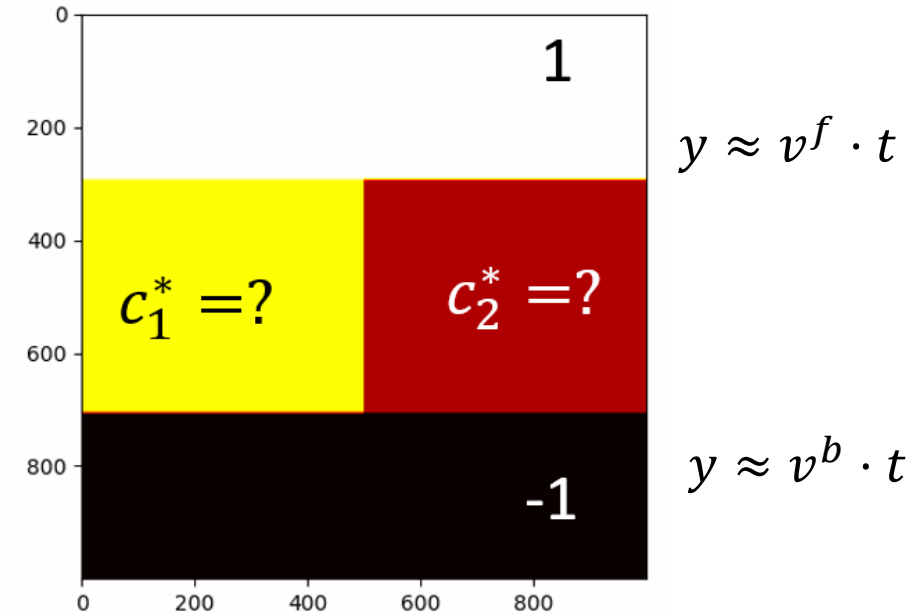
Tubes (layer, lane,...) models:

Limit of
numerical scheme



- Finite volume
- Upwind

- For simplicity, $n = 2$

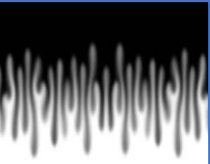


We observe two travelling waves:

$$c(y, t) = c(y - vt)$$

- 2019 — A. Armiti-Juber, C. Rohde “On Darcy- and Brinkman-type models for two-phase flow in asympt. flat domains”
- 2006 — J.C. Da Mota, S. Schechter “Combustion fronts in a porous medium with two layers”
- 2019 — H. Holden, N. Risebro “Models for dense multilane vehicular traffic”

Two-tubes model



1. Original equation on c :
Two-tubes equations on c :

$$c_t + \operatorname{div}(uc) - \Delta c = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t c_1 + \partial_y(u_1 c_1) - \partial_{yy} c_1 &= -B \\ \partial_t c_2 + \partial_y(u_2 c_2) - \partial_{yy} c_2 &= +B \end{aligned}$$

2. Original equation on p :
Two-tubes equations on p :

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

$$u_1 = -\partial_y p_1 - c_1$$

$$u_2 = -\partial_y p_2 - c_2$$

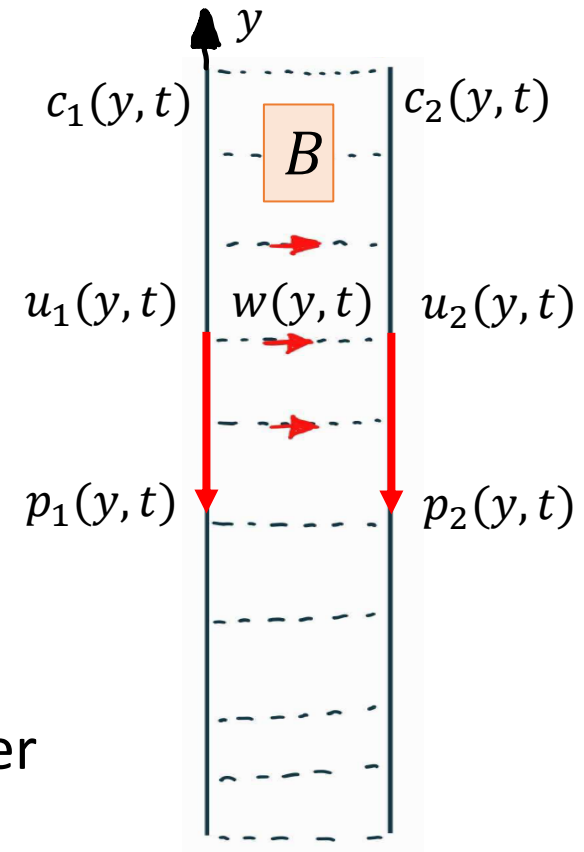
$$w = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{l^2}$$

l - parameter

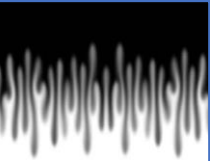
3. Original equation on u :
Two-tubes equations on u :

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

$$\partial_y u_1 + w = 0$$



$$B = \begin{cases} w \cdot c_1, & w > 0, \\ w \cdot c_2, & w < 0 \end{cases}$$



Main result

$$(*) \begin{cases} \partial_t c_1 + \partial_y(u_1 c_1) - \partial_{yy} c_1 = -B \\ \partial_t c_2 + \partial_y(u_2 c_2) - \partial_{yy} c_2 = B \\ u_1 = -\partial_y p_1 - c_1 \\ u_2 = -\partial_y p_2 - c_2 \\ \partial_y u_1 = -\partial_y u_2 = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{l} \end{cases}$$

$$B = \begin{cases} -\partial_y u_1 \cdot c_1, & \partial_y u_1 < 0, \\ +\partial_y u_2 \cdot c_2, & \partial_y u_1 > 0 \end{cases}$$

Remark:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} c_1^*(l) &= -0.5 & \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} v^b(l) &= -0.25 \\ \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} c_2^*(l) &= +0.5 & \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} v^f(l) &= +0.25 \end{aligned}$$

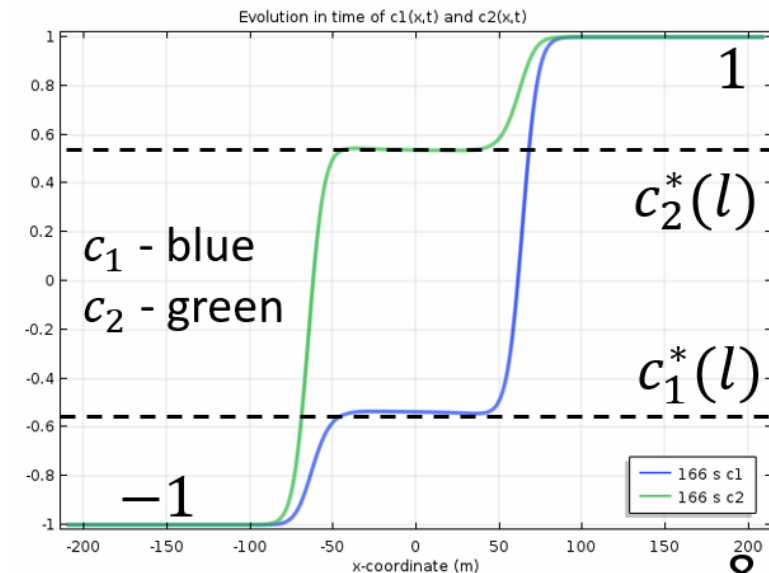
As $t \rightarrow \infty$ we observe:

Theorem (Efendiev, P., Tikhomirov, 2024, arXiv: 2401.05981)

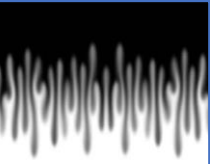
Consider a two-tube model with gravity (*).

Then for all $l > 0$ *sufficiently small* there exists $c_1^*(l), c_2^*(l)$ such that there exist two travelling waves (TW):

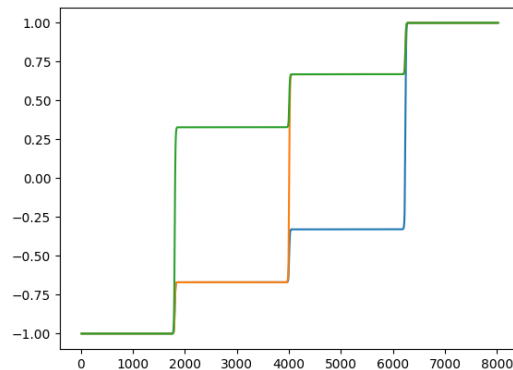
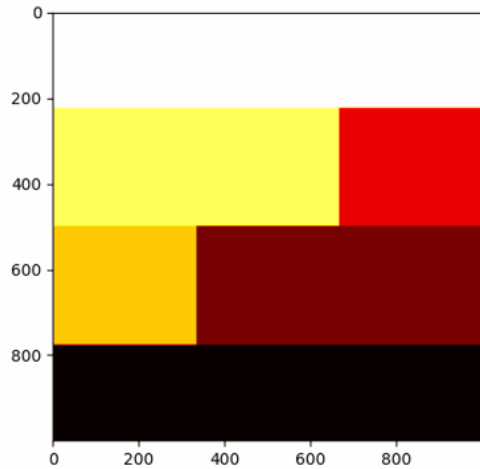
TW1 with speed $v^b(l)$: $(-1, -1) \rightarrow (c_1^*(l), c_2^*(l))$
 TW2 with speed $v^f(l)$: $(c_1^*(l), c_2^*(l)) \rightarrow (1, 1)$.



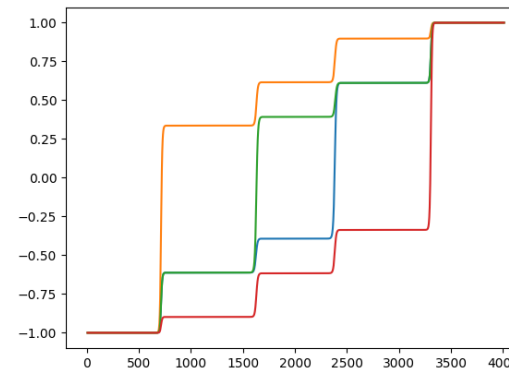
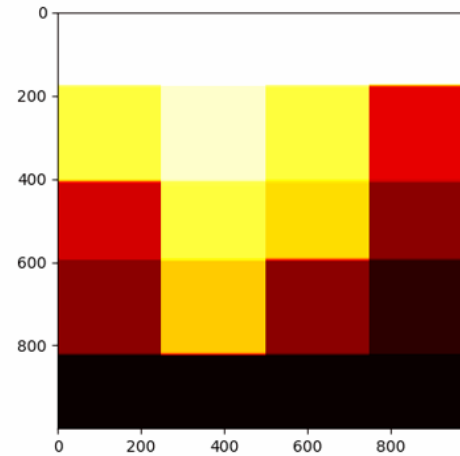
Many tubes: numerics



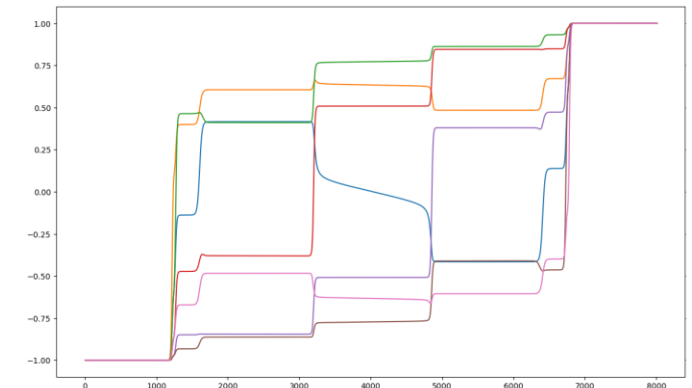
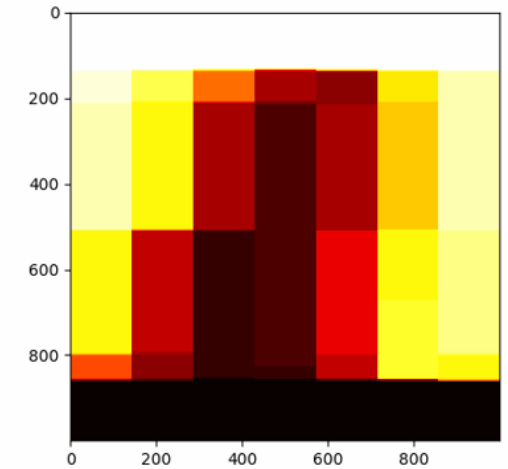
3 tubes



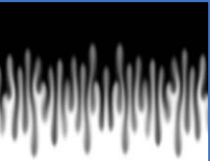
4 tubes



7 tubes



- Questions:
- (1) explain the structure of “asymptotic solutions” for n tubes
 - (2) find speed of growth of the mixing zone
 - (3) understand the behaviour as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Do we approximate 2-dim IPM?
 - (4) can we repeat this story for the many tubes viscous fingering model?



Main ingredient in proof: comparison with TFE equations

Step 1: traveling wave ansatz $\xi = y - vt \Rightarrow$ traveling wave dynamical system (TWDS) – it is a slow-fast system!

$$l = 0$$

heteroclinic orbits can be found explicitly!

Orbit $\in W^s \cap W^u$
+ geometric singular
perturbation theory

$$l > 0$$

heteroclinic orbits persist
under small perturbations

This step is broken for viscous fingers!

Two-tubes TFE equations

$$(**) \begin{cases} \partial_t c_1 + \partial_y(u_1 c_1) - \partial_{yy} c_1 = -B \\ \partial_t c_2 + \partial_y(u_2 c_2) - \partial_{yy} c_2 = B \\ u_1 = -u_2 = \frac{c_2 + c_1}{2} - c_1 \\ B = \begin{cases} -\partial_y u_1 \cdot c_1, & \partial_y u_1 < 0, \\ +\partial_y u_2 \cdot c_2, & \partial_y u_1 > 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

This system can be seen a hyperbolic system in non-conservative form (for fixed choice of B) with parabolic regularization:

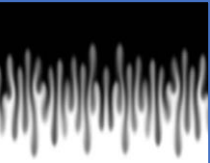
$$C_t + A(C)C_y = C_{yy}$$

We solve the Riemann problem:

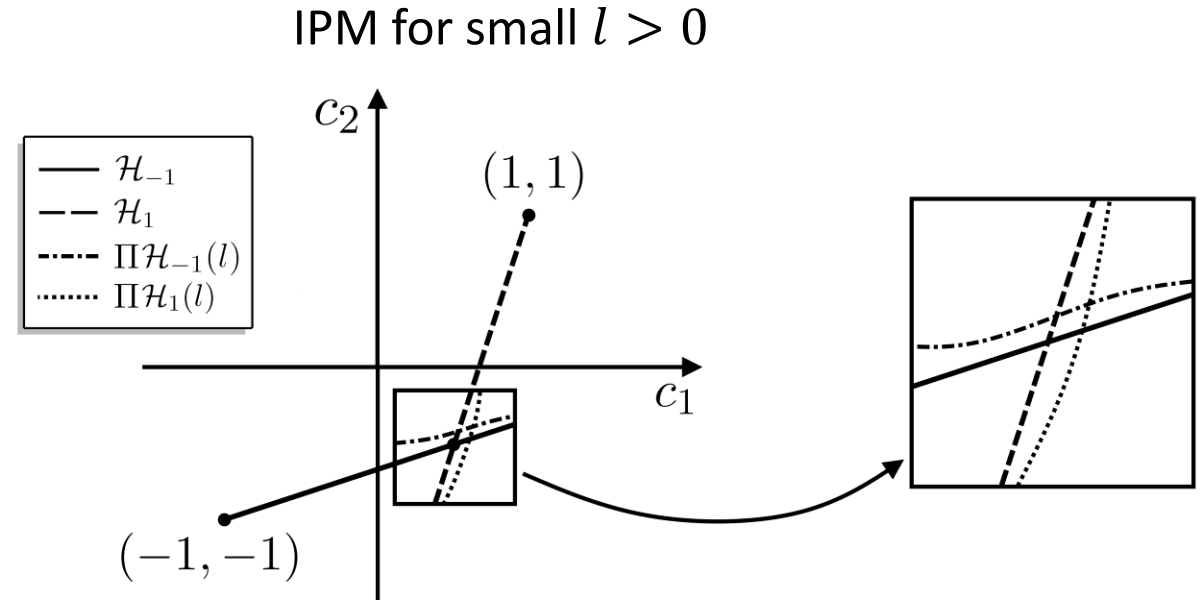
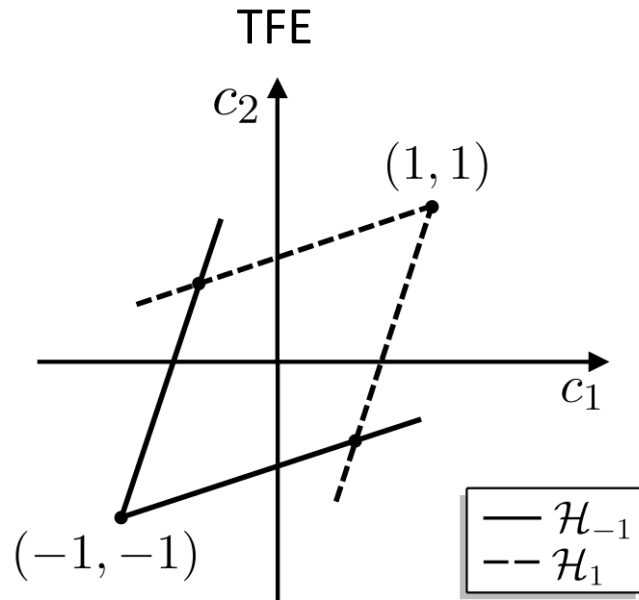
$$C = (c_1, c_2) \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{cases} (+1, +1), & y \geq 0 \\ (-1, -1), & y \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Selection criteria for discontinuous solutions:
vanishing viscosity

Proof: step 2



Step 2: combining 2 traveling waves



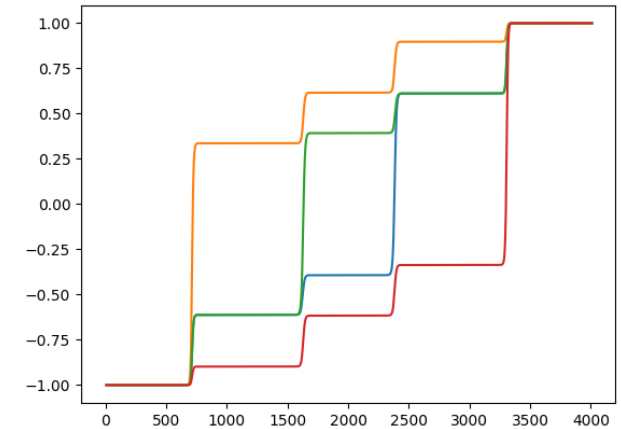
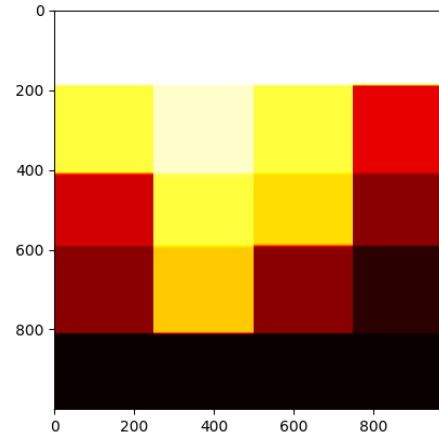
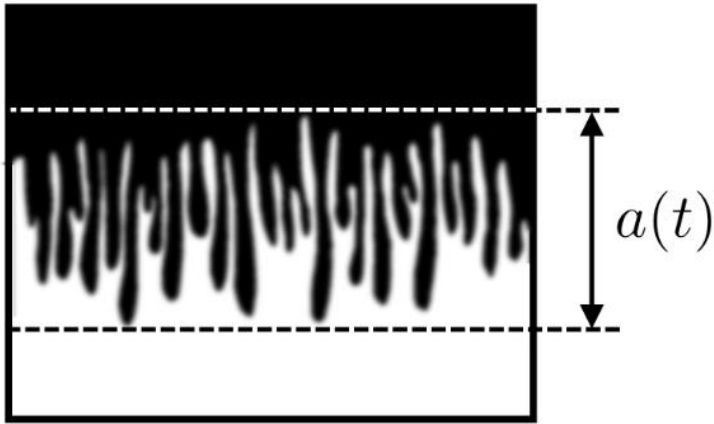
- “Temple-like” system (rarefaction and shock curves coincide and are linear)
- Similar explicit linear structure for $n = 3$ tubes (in progress)
- Starting from $n \geq 4$ appear also non-linear families and complex eigenvalues in some subdomains of (c_1, \dots, c_n) (numerical evidence)...

...Many interesting open questions....

Thank you for your attention!

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For more details see arXiv: 2401.05981

Any questions, comments and ideas are very welcome!