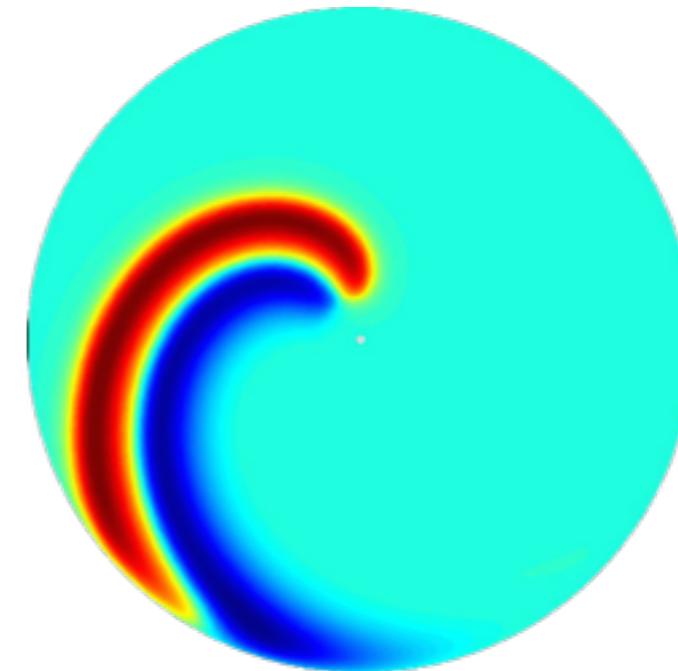
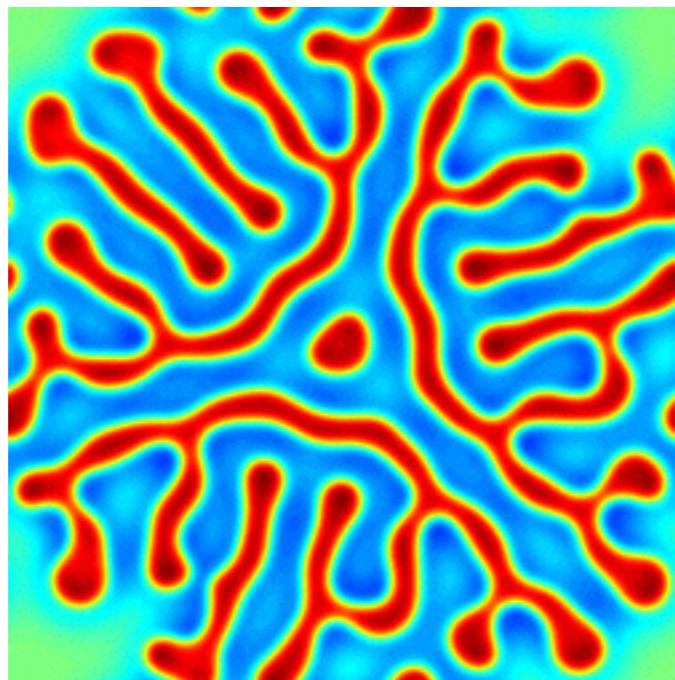
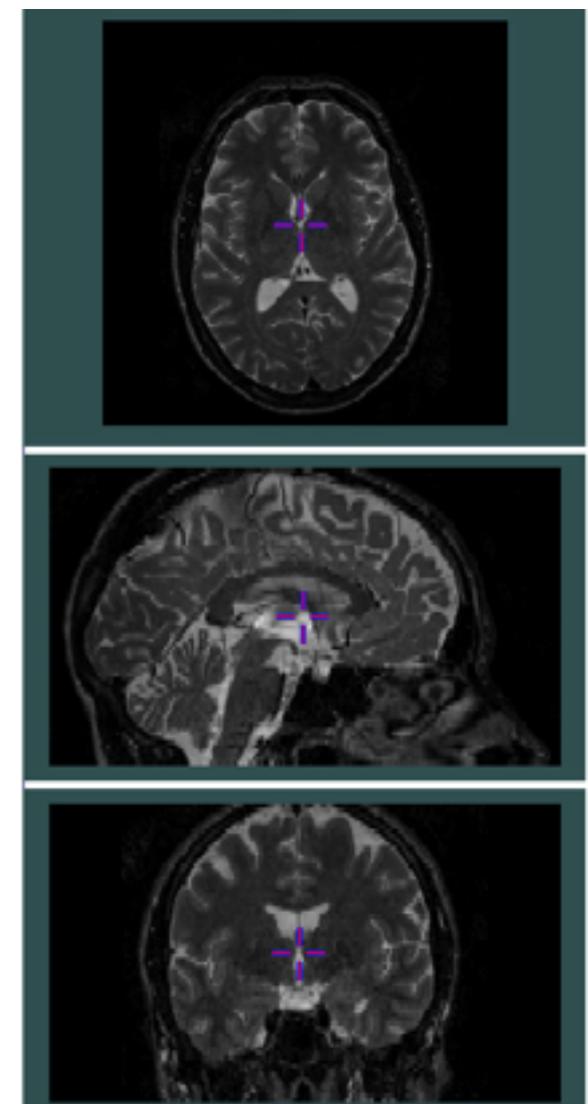
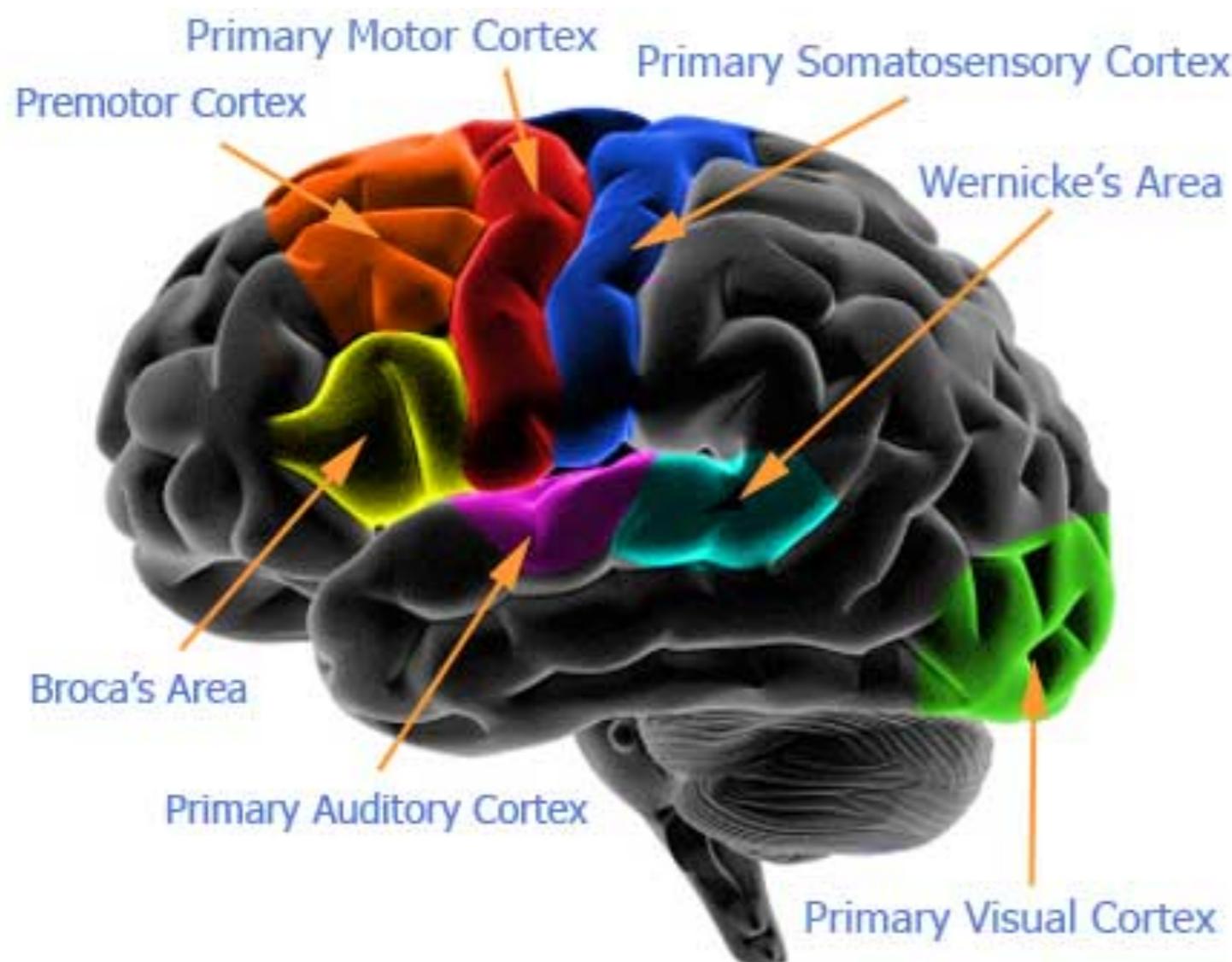


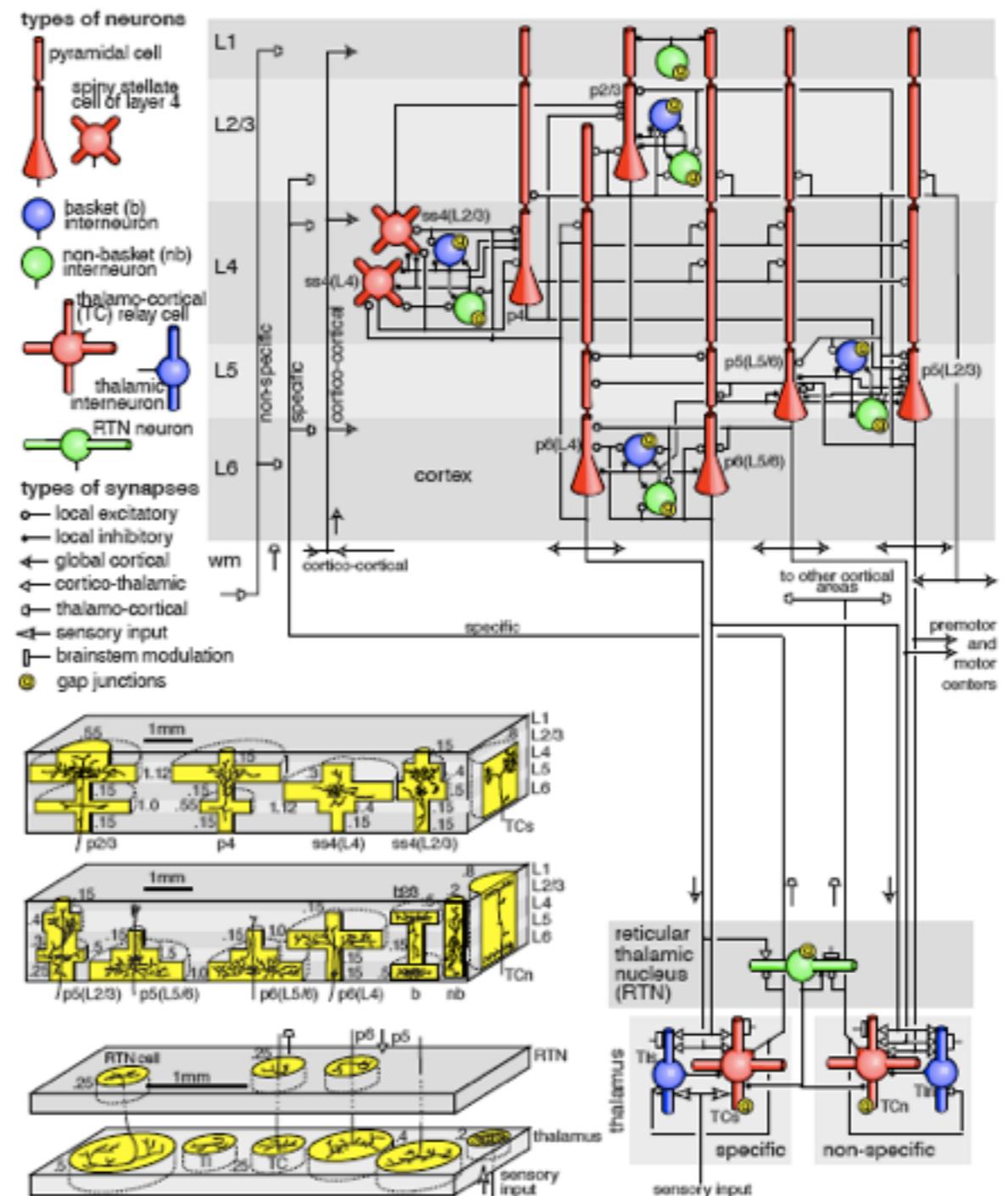
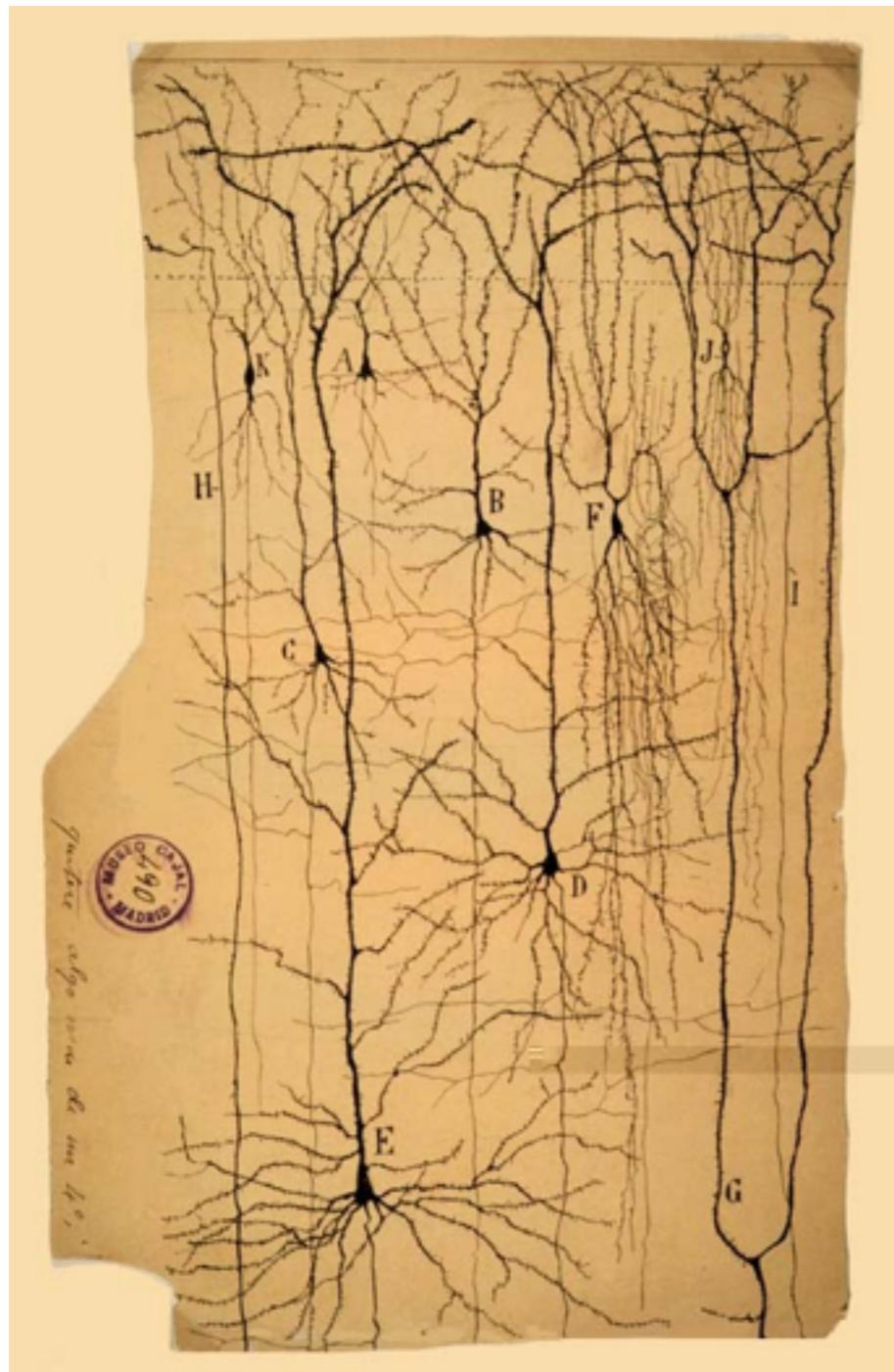
# Neural interface dynamics: from spots to spirals



# Brain and Cortex



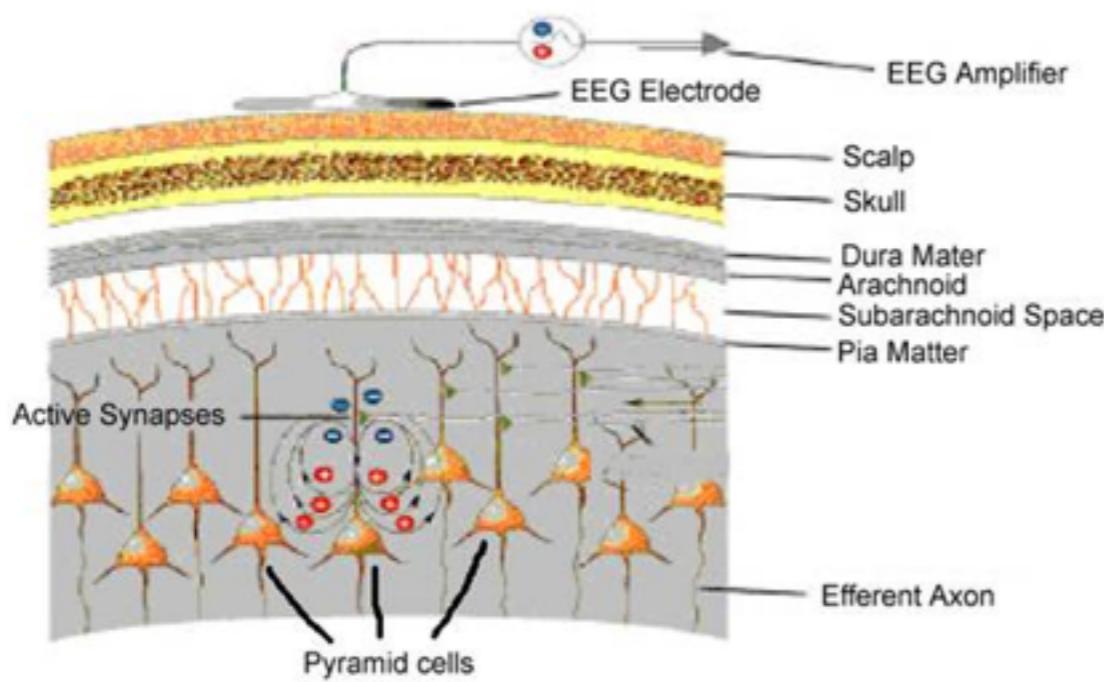
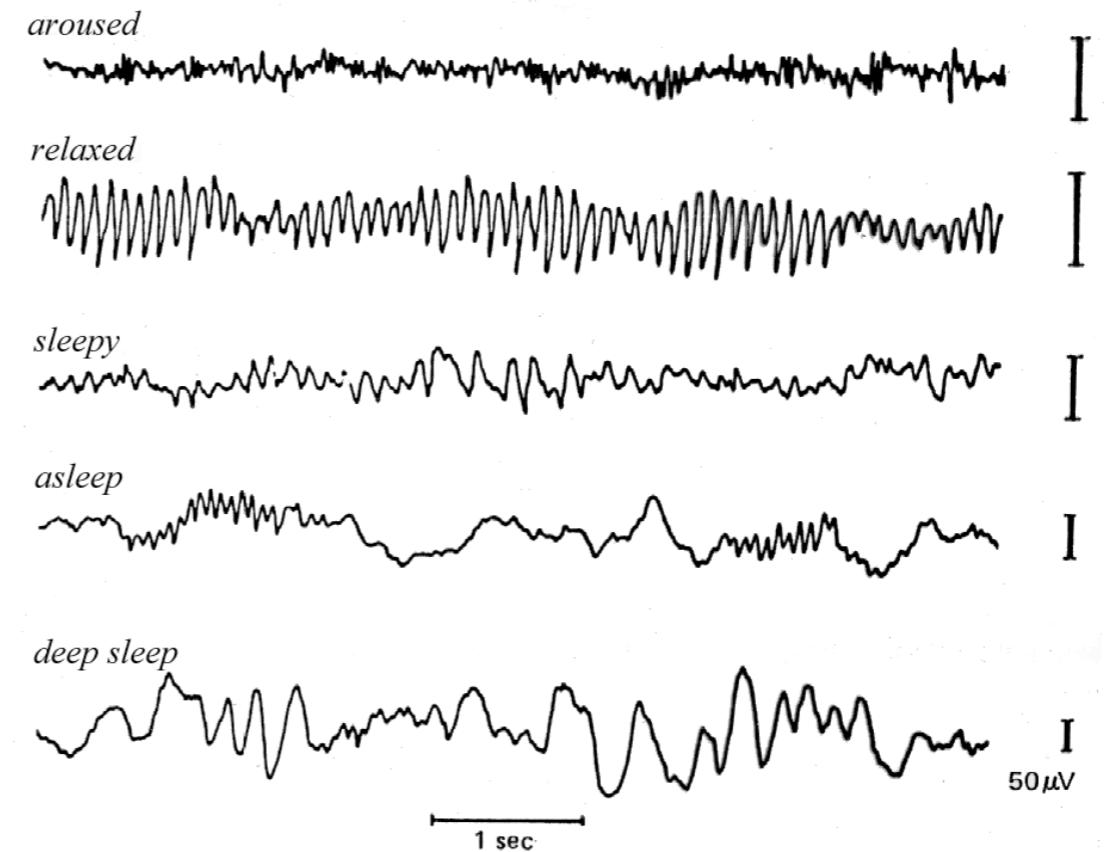
# Principal cells and interneurons



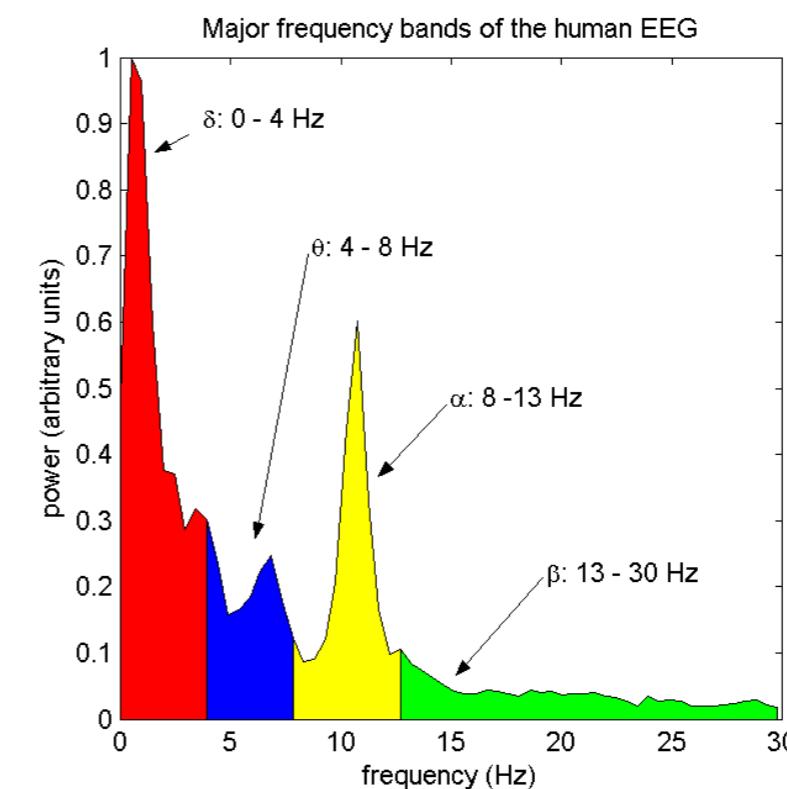
Santiago Ramón y Cajal  
1900

Eugene Izhikevich  
2008

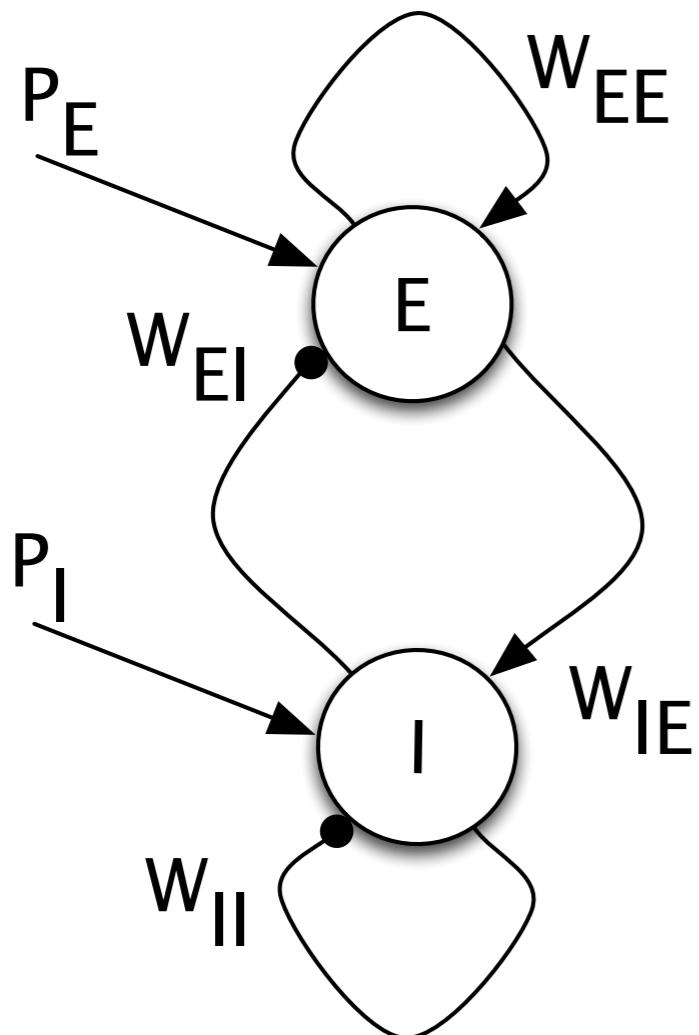
# Electroencephalogram (EEG) power spectrum



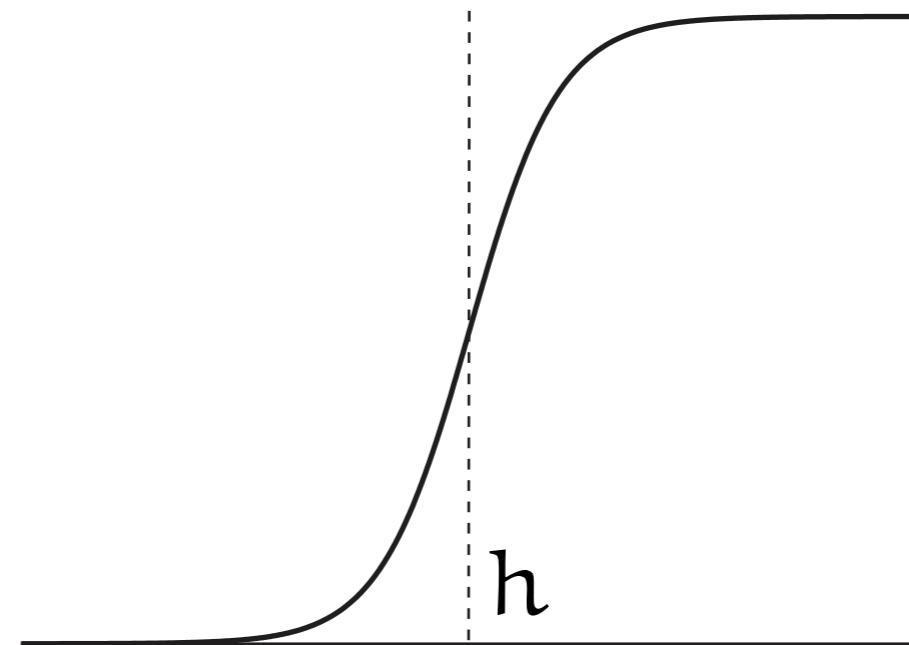
EEG records the activity of  
~  $10^6$  pyramidal neurons.



# Population model



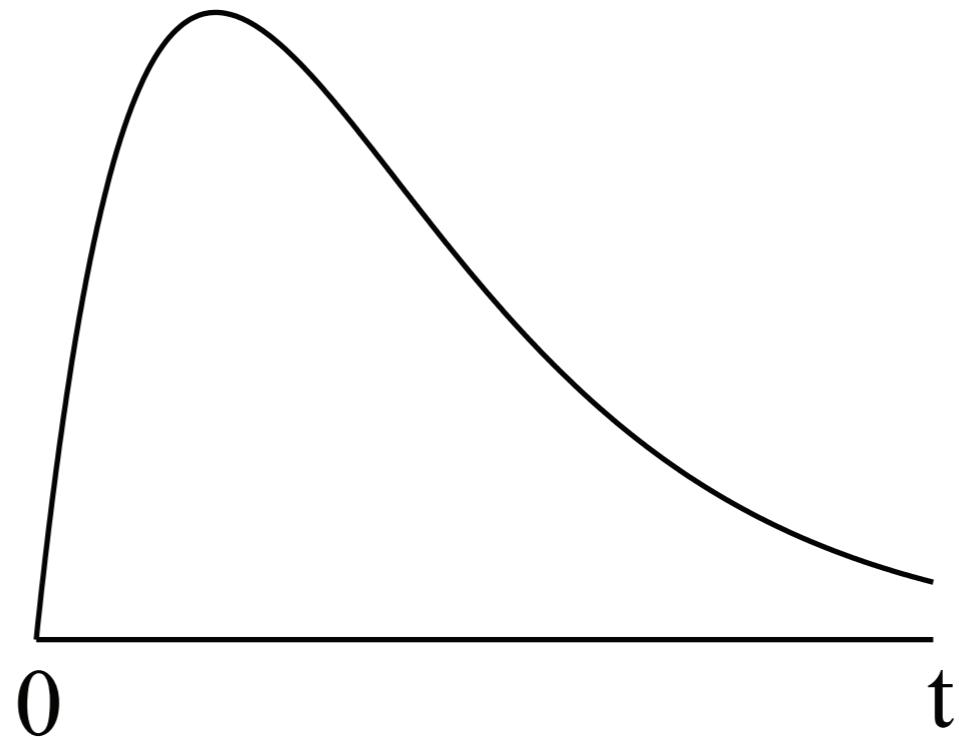
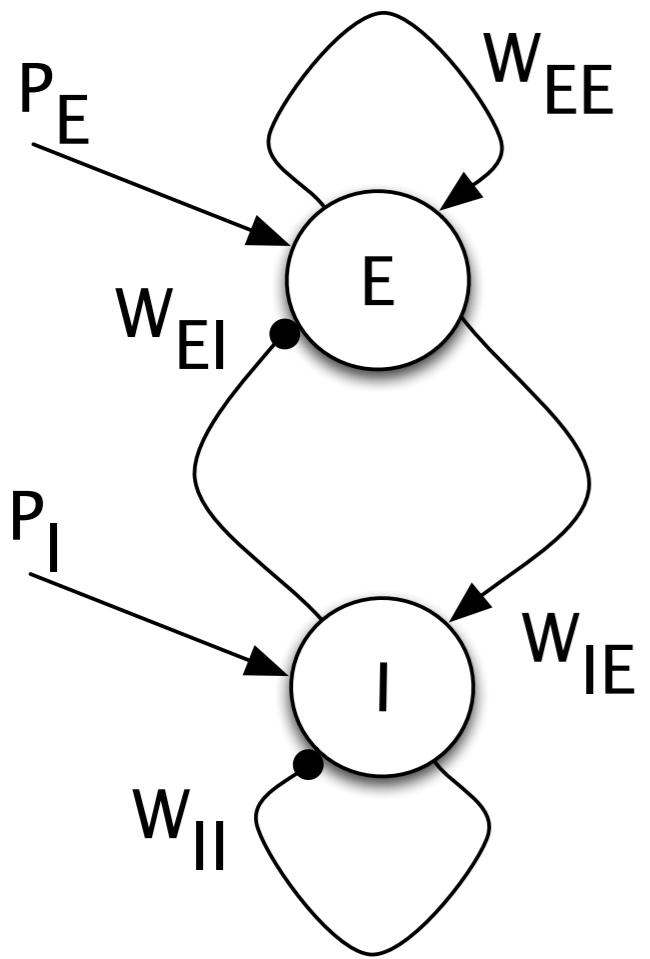
Firing rate activity  $f(E)$



Firing rate activity  $f(I)$

$$\dot{E} = -\frac{E}{\tau_E} + W_{EE}g_{EE}(A^+ - E) + W_{EI}g_{EI}(A^- - E) + P_E$$

$$\dot{I} = -\frac{I}{\tau_I} + W_{II}g_{II}(A^- - I) + W_{IE}g_{IE}(A^+ - I) + P_I$$



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

$$Q\eta = \delta$$

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

$$Qg_j|_E = f(E)$$

$$Qg_j|_I = f(I)$$

**Steady state  
approximation**

$$E = E(g_{EE}, g_{EI})$$

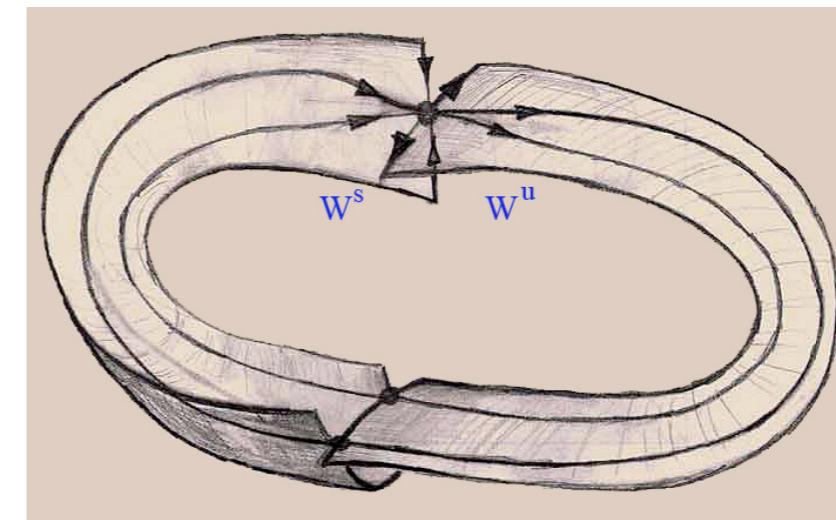
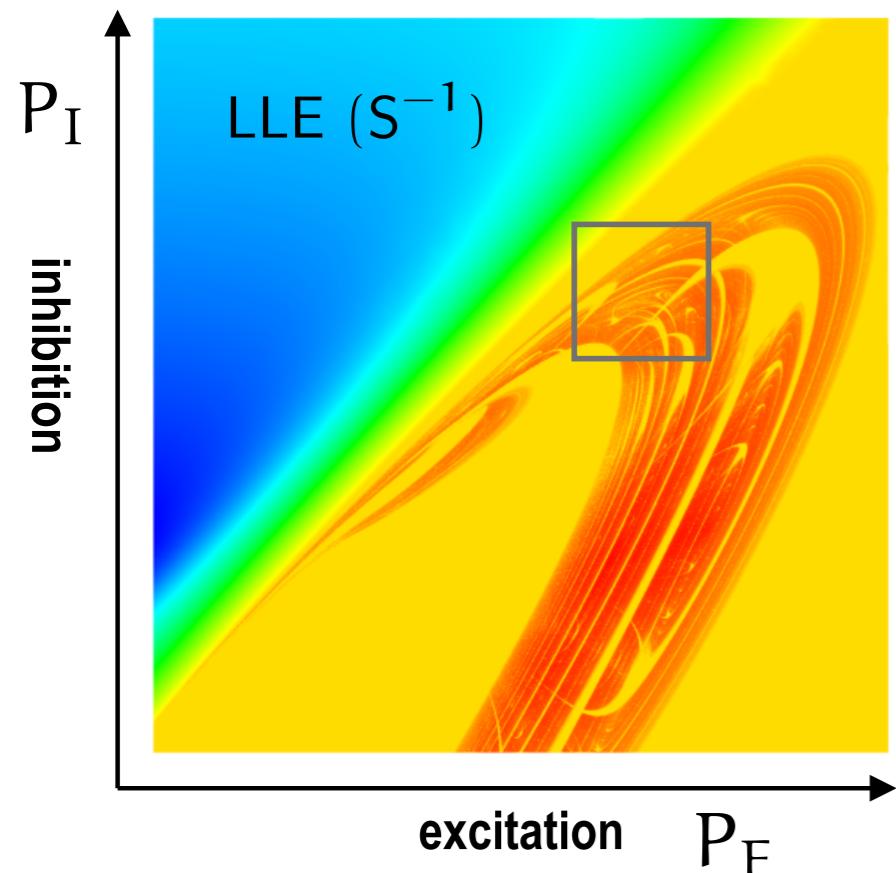
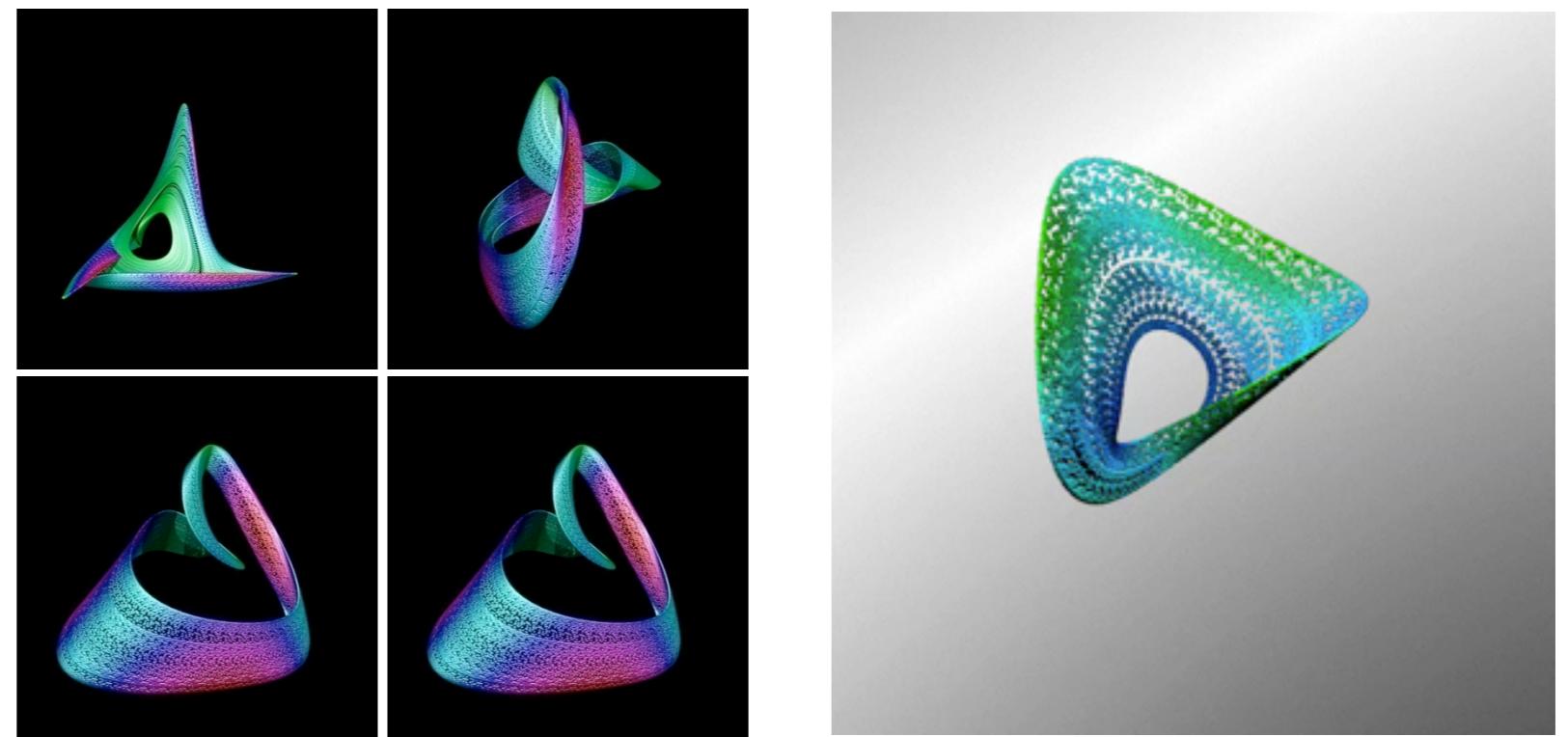
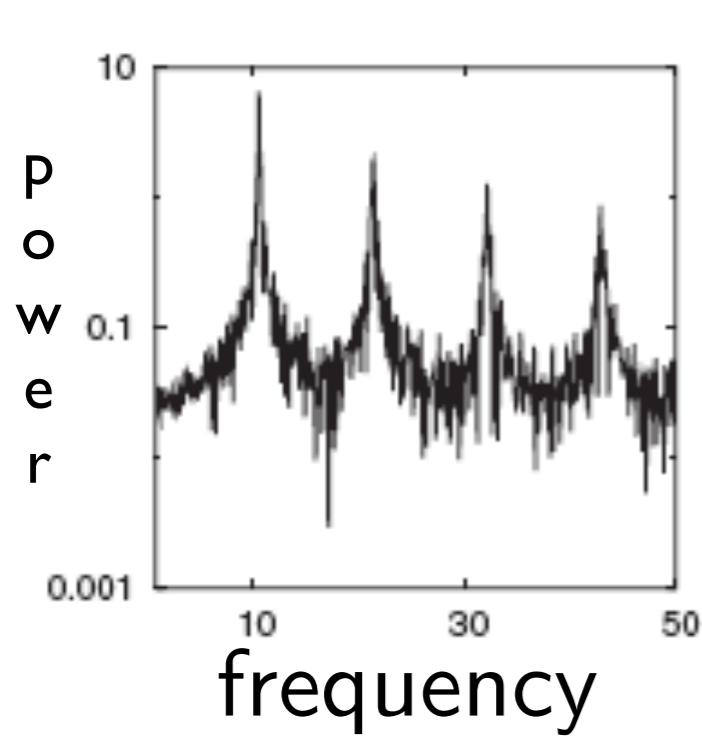
$$I = I(g_{II}, g_{IE})$$

$$Qg = f$$

$$f = f(\{g\})$$

$$g = \eta * f$$

# Alphoid chaos (10 D)

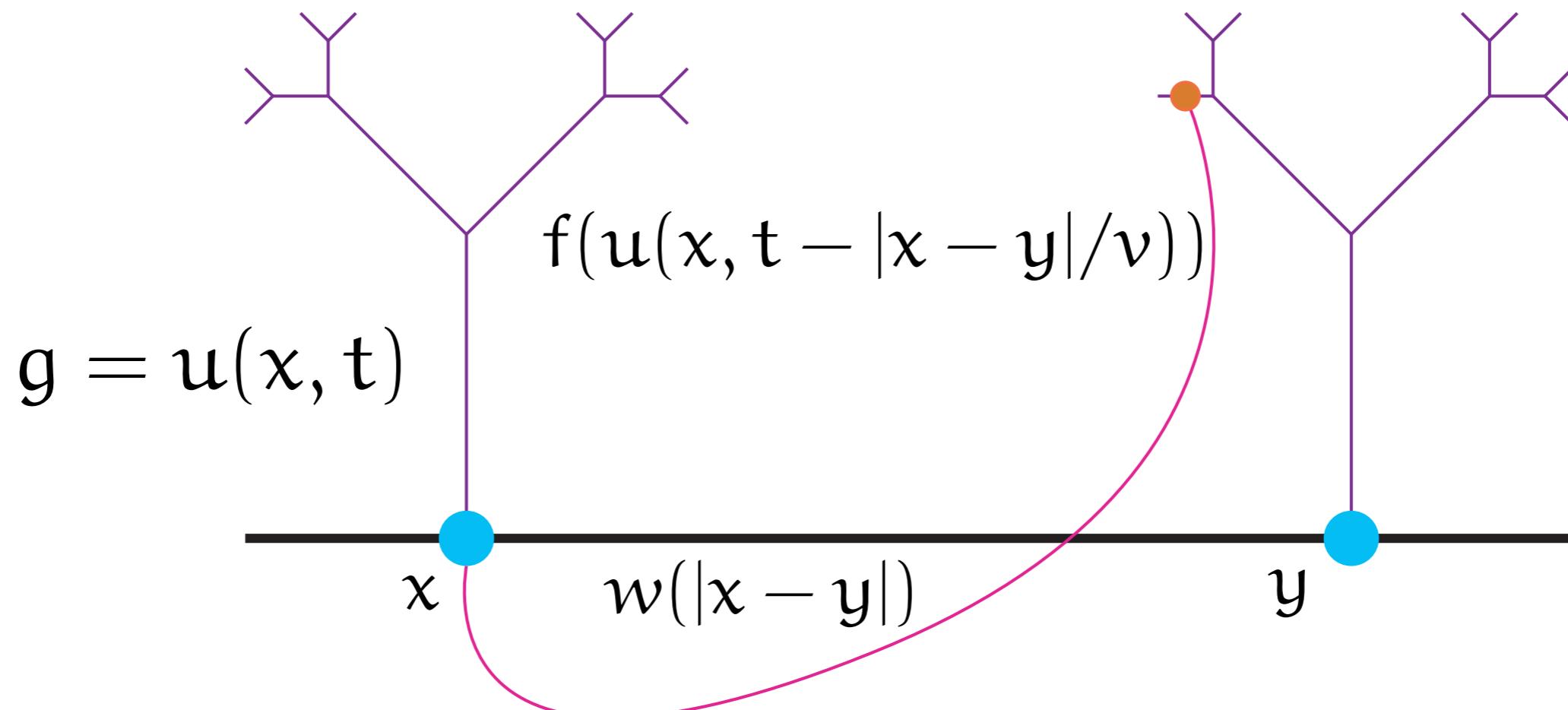


Shilnikov saddle-node route to chaos  
van Veen and Liley, PRL, 97, 208101 (2006)

# Spatially extended models

$$g = w \otimes \eta * f$$

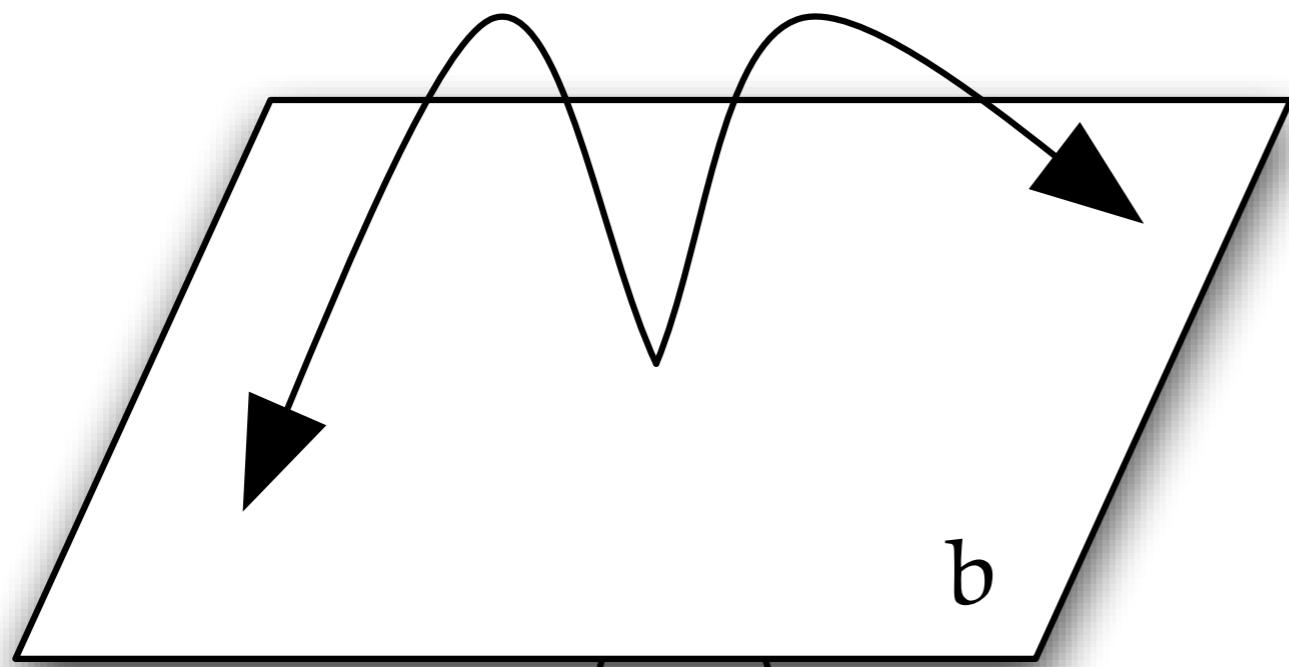
Simplest neural field model: Wilson-Cowan ('72), Amari ('77)



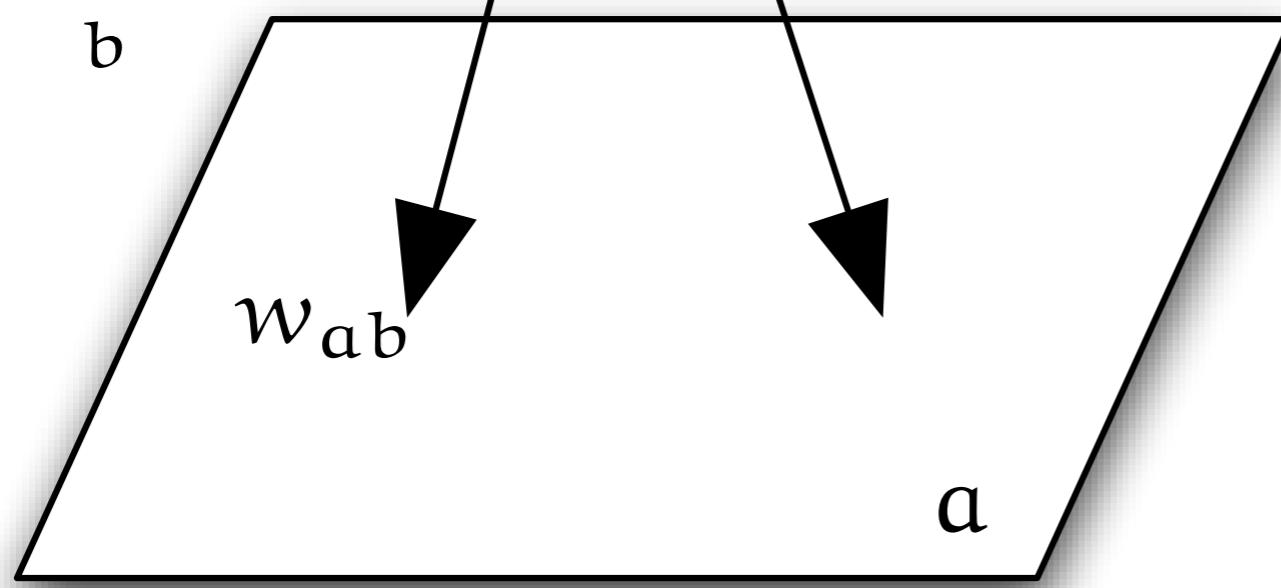
$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy w(y) \int_0^{\infty} ds \eta(s) f(u(x - y, t - s - |y|/v))$$

## 2D layers

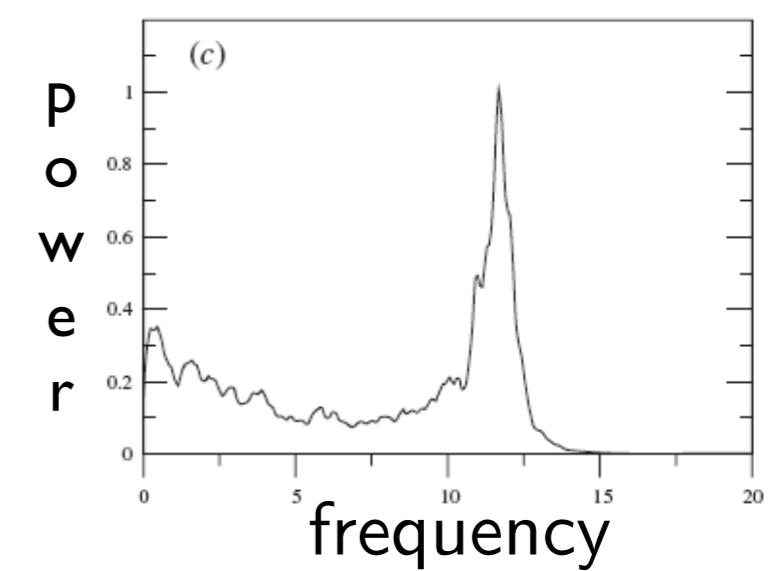
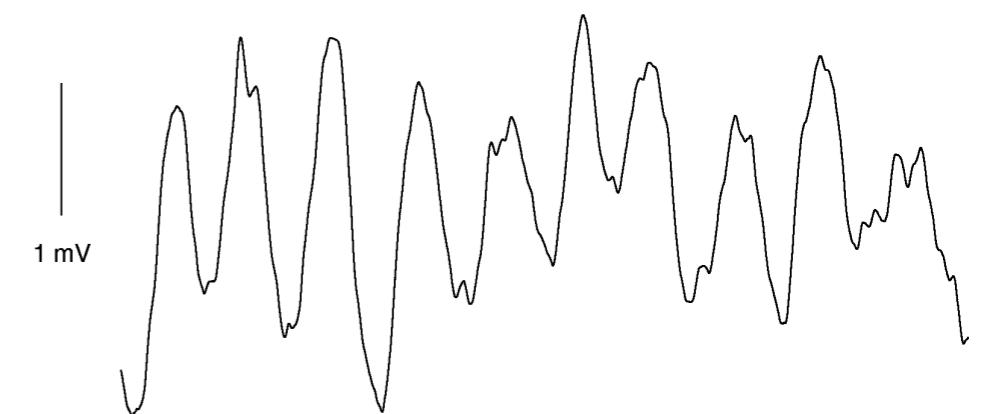
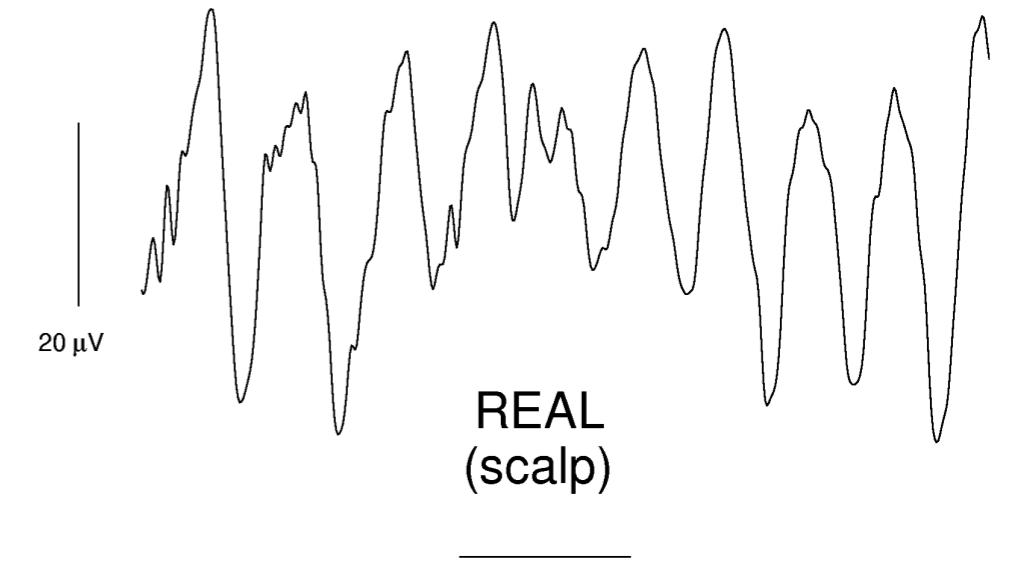
$$u_{ab} = \eta_{ab} * \psi_{ab}$$



$$h_a = \sum_b u_{ab}$$

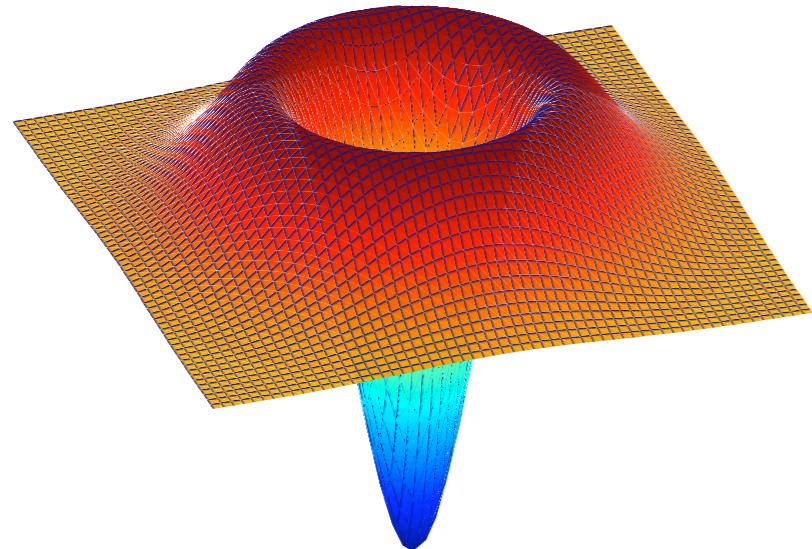


$$\psi_{ab}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} d\mathbf{r}' w_{ab}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') f_b \circ h_b (\mathbf{r}', t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/v_{ab})$$



# Turing instability analysis

E layer and I layer



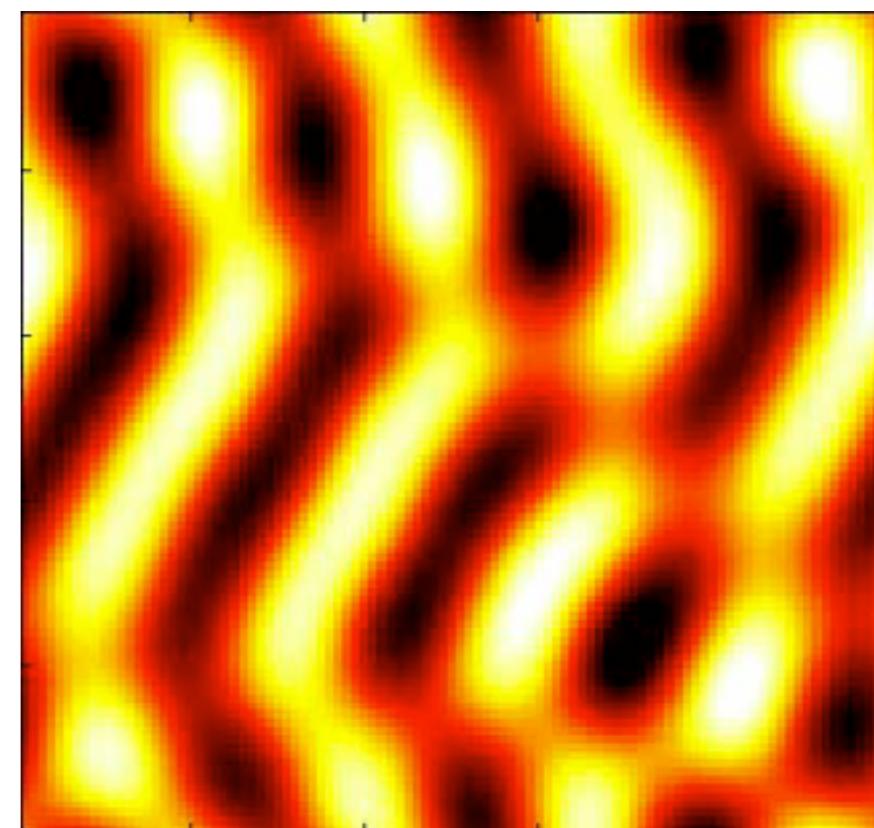
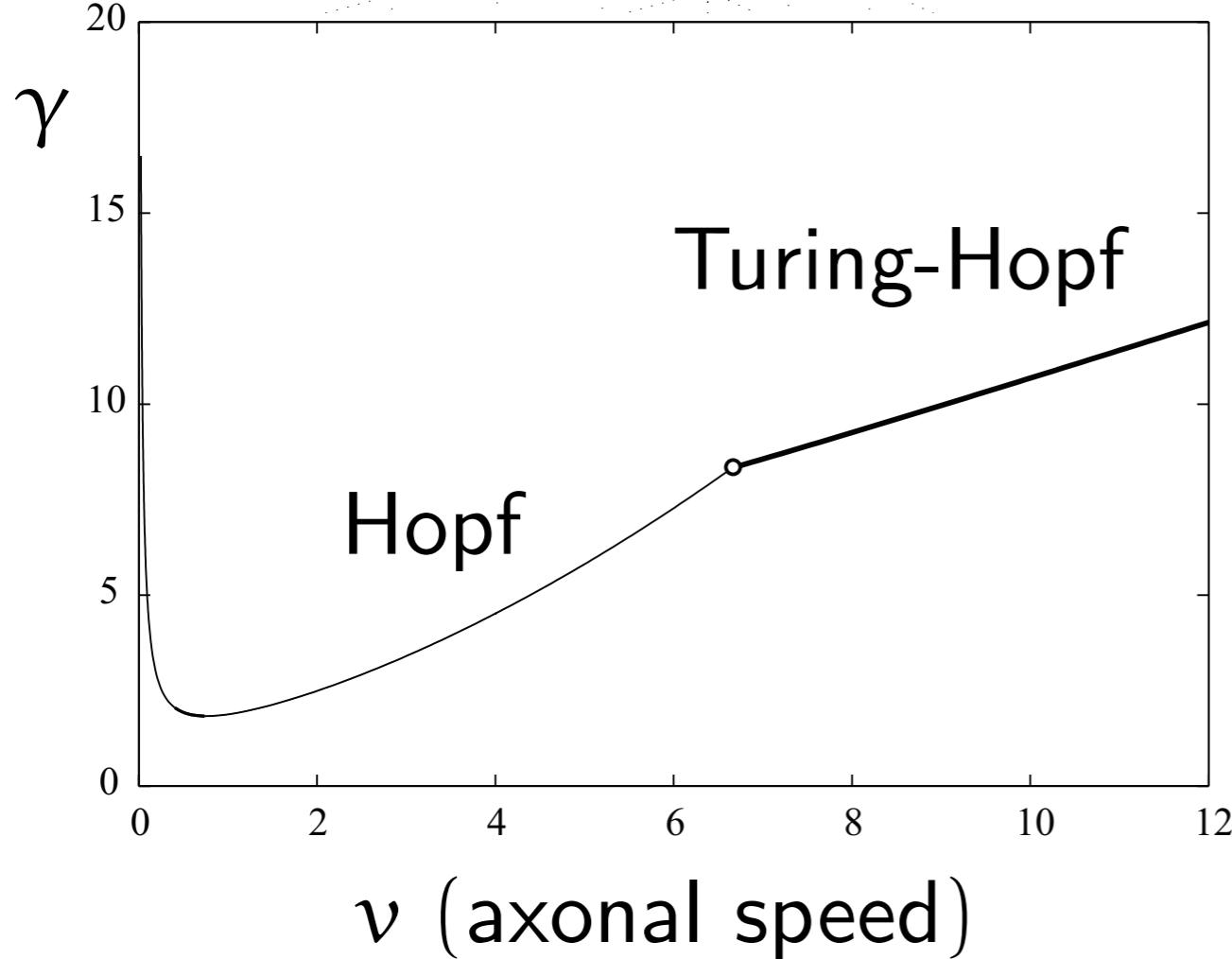
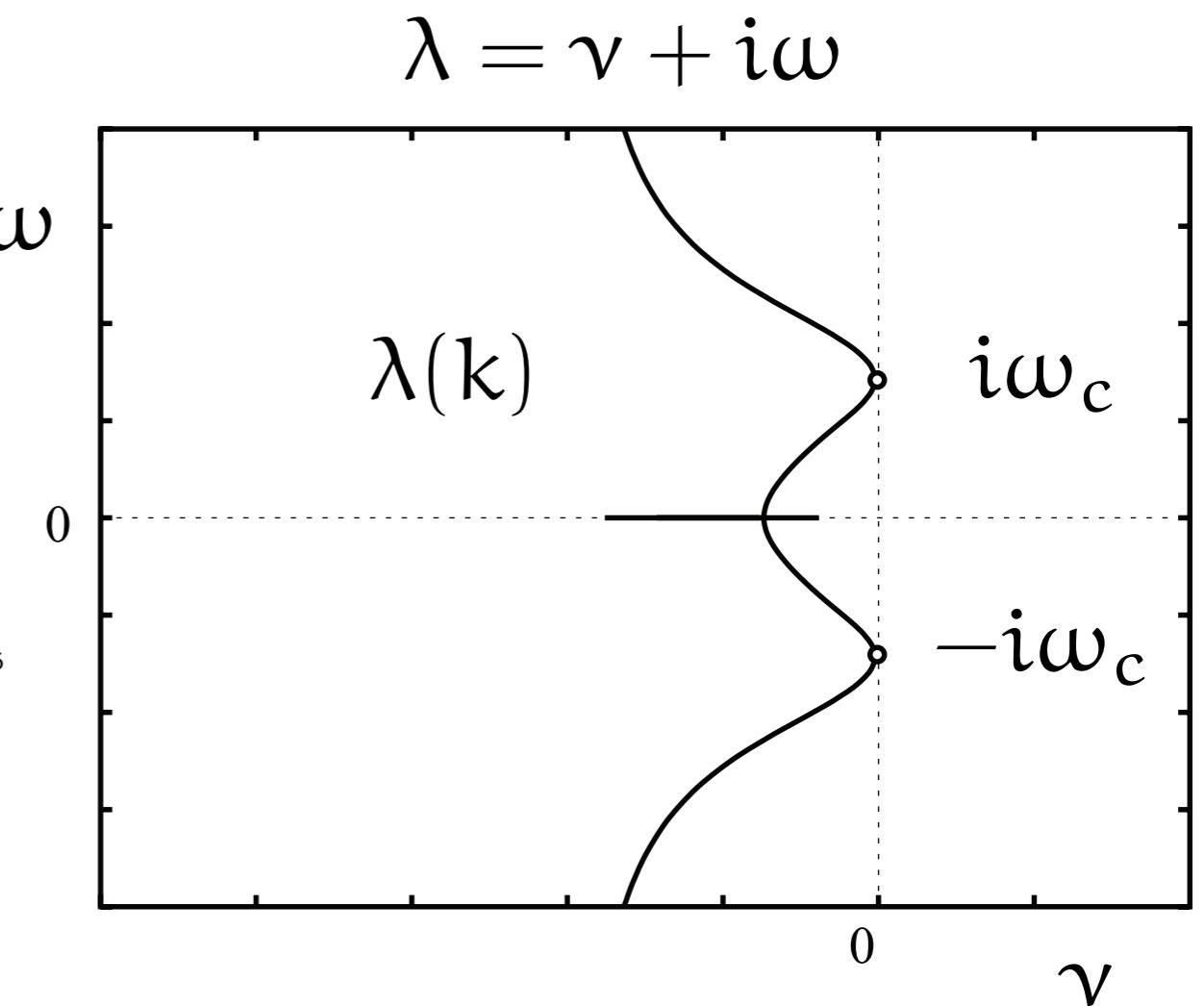
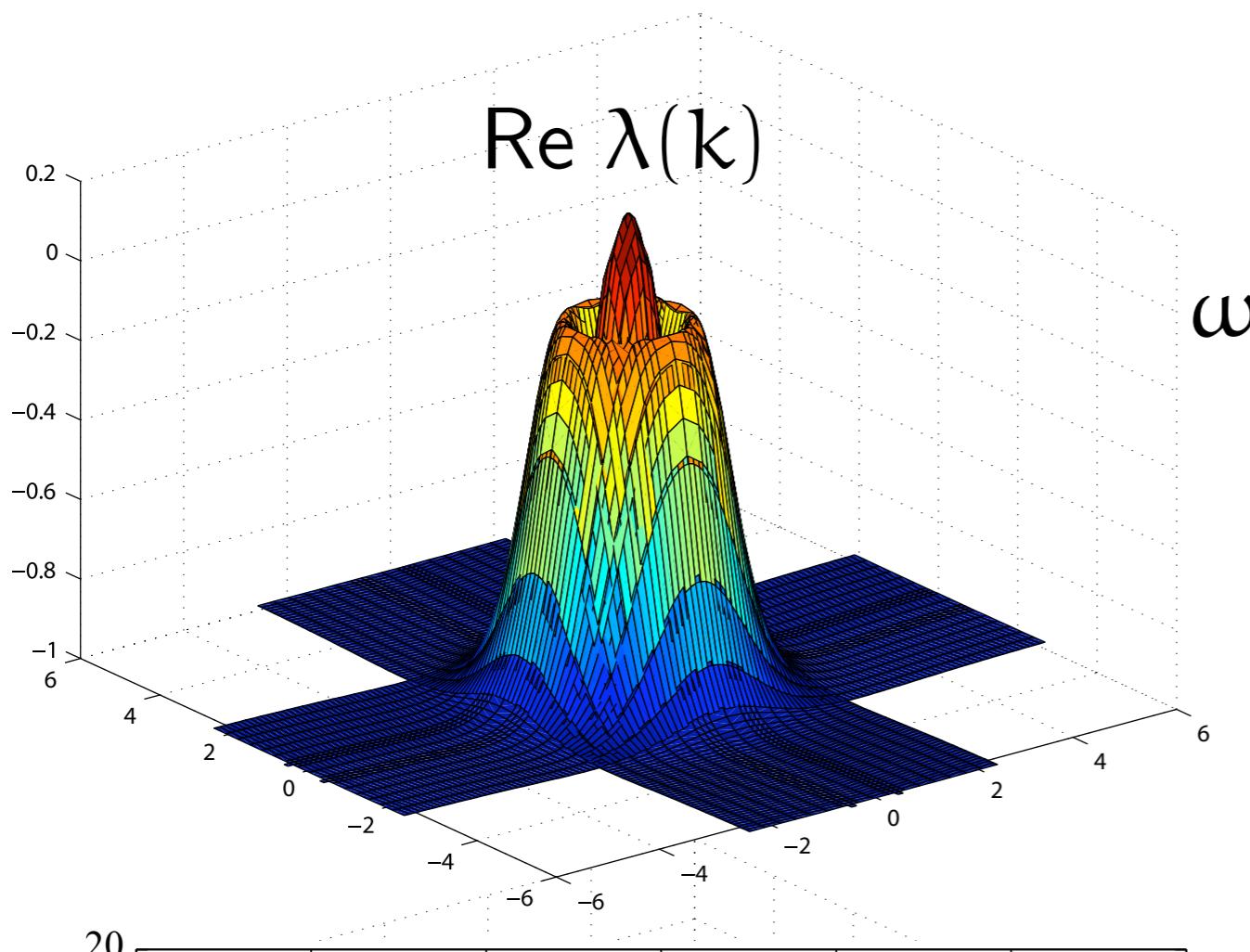
$$e^{ik \cdot r} e^{\lambda t}$$

Continuous spectrum

$$\det(\mathcal{D}(k, \lambda) - I) = 0$$

$$[\mathcal{D}(k, \lambda)]_{ab} = \tilde{\eta}_{ab}(\lambda) G_{ab}(k, -i\lambda) \gamma_b$$

$$\tilde{\eta} = LT \eta \quad G = FLT w(r) \delta(t - r/v) \quad \gamma = f'(ss)$$



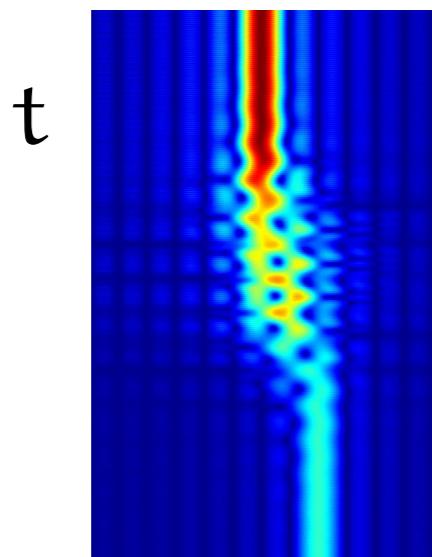
# Amplitude Equations (one D)

Coupled mean-field Ginzburg–Landau equations describing a Turing–Hopf bifurcation with modulation group velocity of  $O(1)$ .

$$\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial \tau} = A_1(a + b|A_1|^2 + c\langle|A_2|^2\rangle) + d\frac{\partial^2 A_1}{\partial \xi_+^2}$$

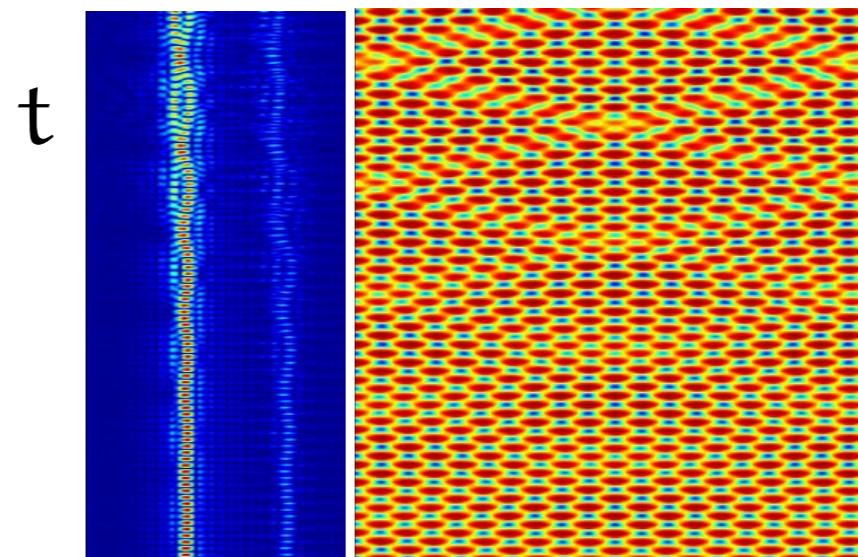
$$\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial \tau} = A_2(a + b|A_2|^2 + c\langle|A_1|^2\rangle) + d\frac{\partial^2 A_2}{\partial \xi_-^2}$$

Benjamin–Feir (BF)



k

BF-Eckhaus instability



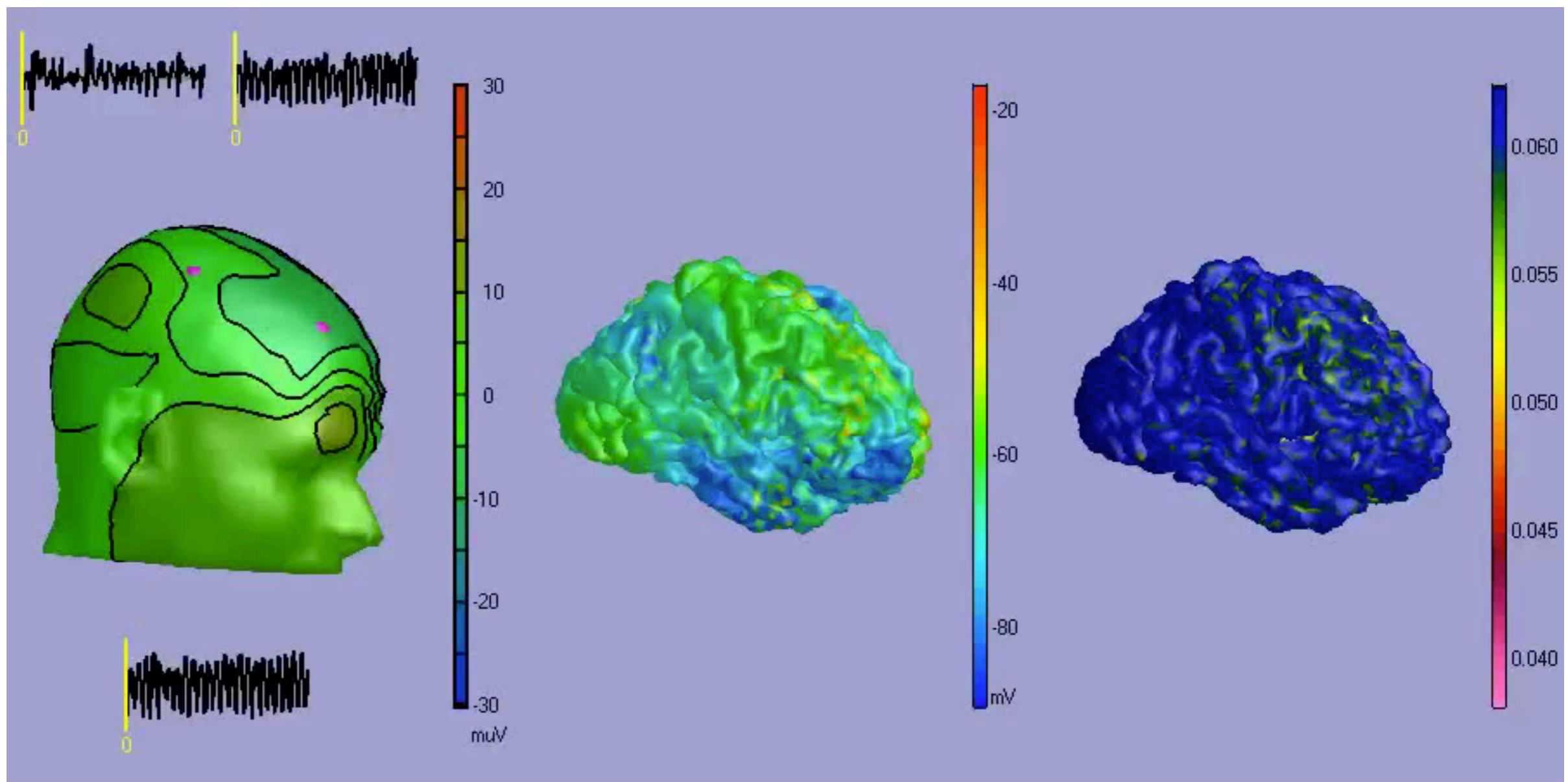
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Coefficients in terms of integral transforms of  $w$  and  $\eta$ .

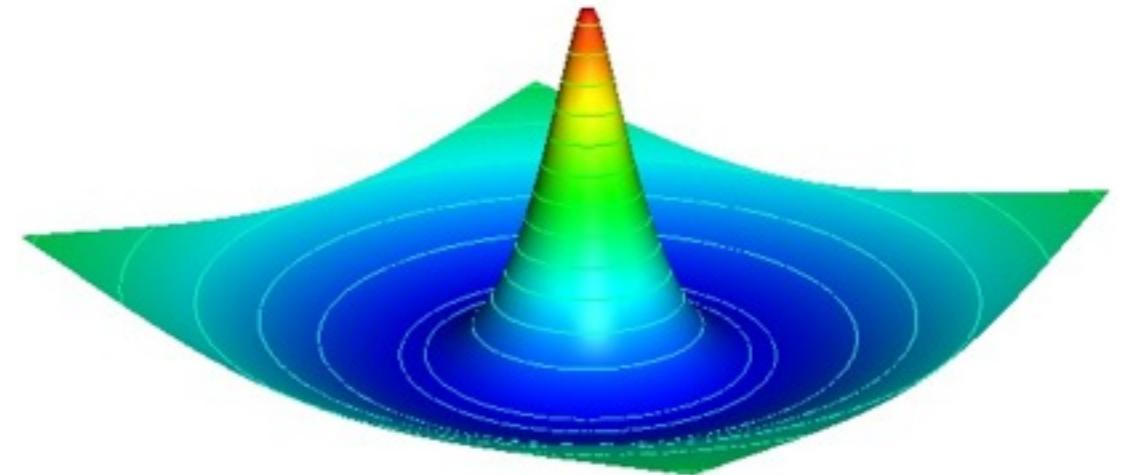
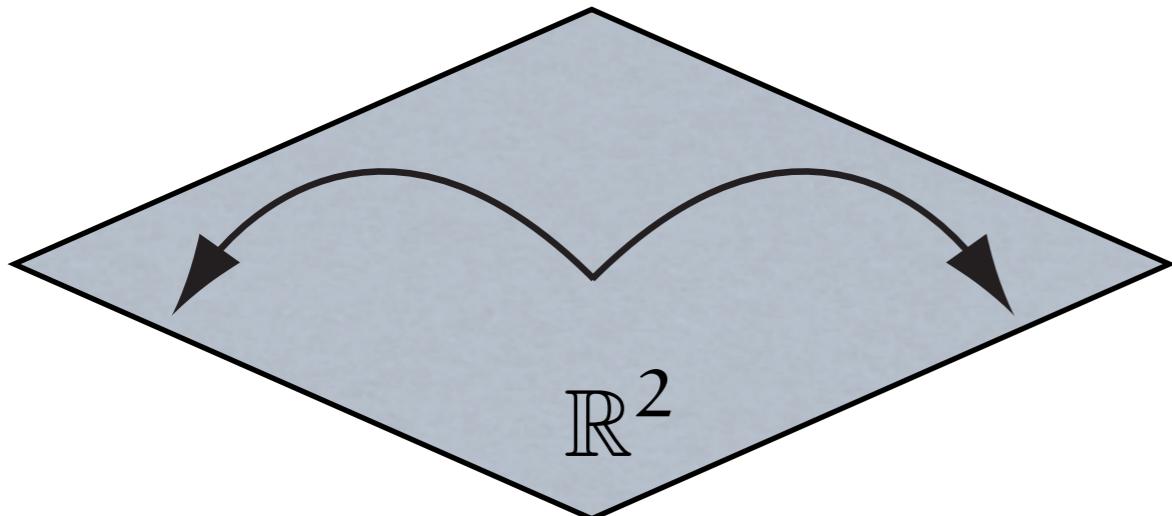
# Applications to co-registered EEG/fMRI

## Ingo Bojak



Bojak, I., Oostendorp, T. F., Reid, A. T., Kotter, R., 2009. Realistic mean field forward predictions for the integration of co-registered EEG/fMRI. *BMC Neuroscience* 10, L2.

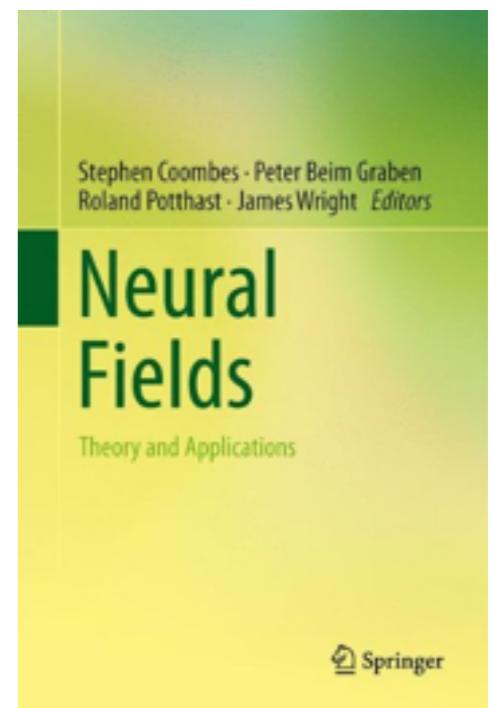
# A simple 2D neural field model



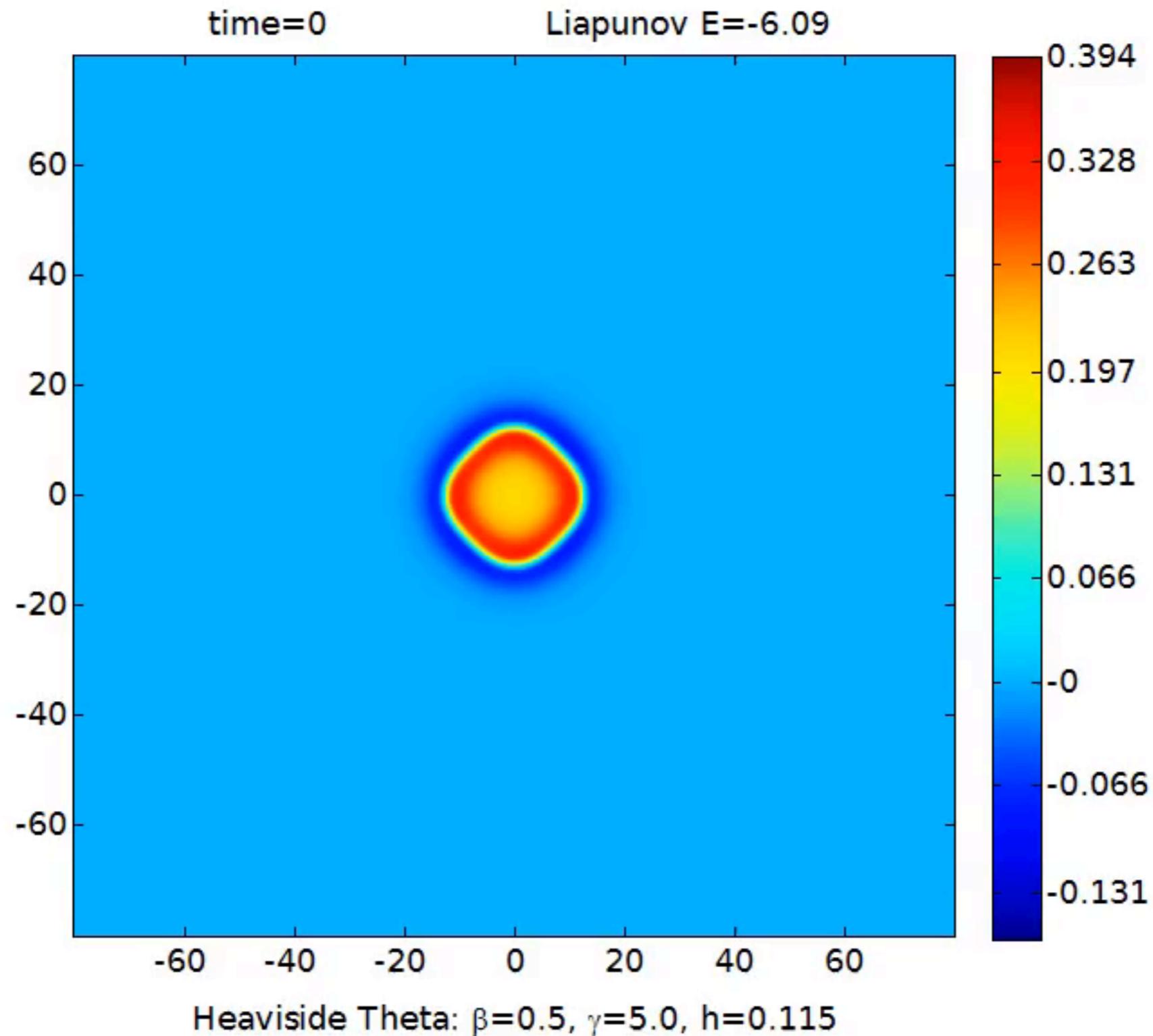
$$u_t(\mathbf{x}, t) = -u(\mathbf{x}, t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} w(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') H[u(\mathbf{x}', t) - h] d\mathbf{x}'$$

2D Amari model

Neural Fields: Theory and Application, (531 pages)  
Ed. S Coombes, P beim Graben, R Potthast  
and J J Wright, Springer Verlag, June 2014

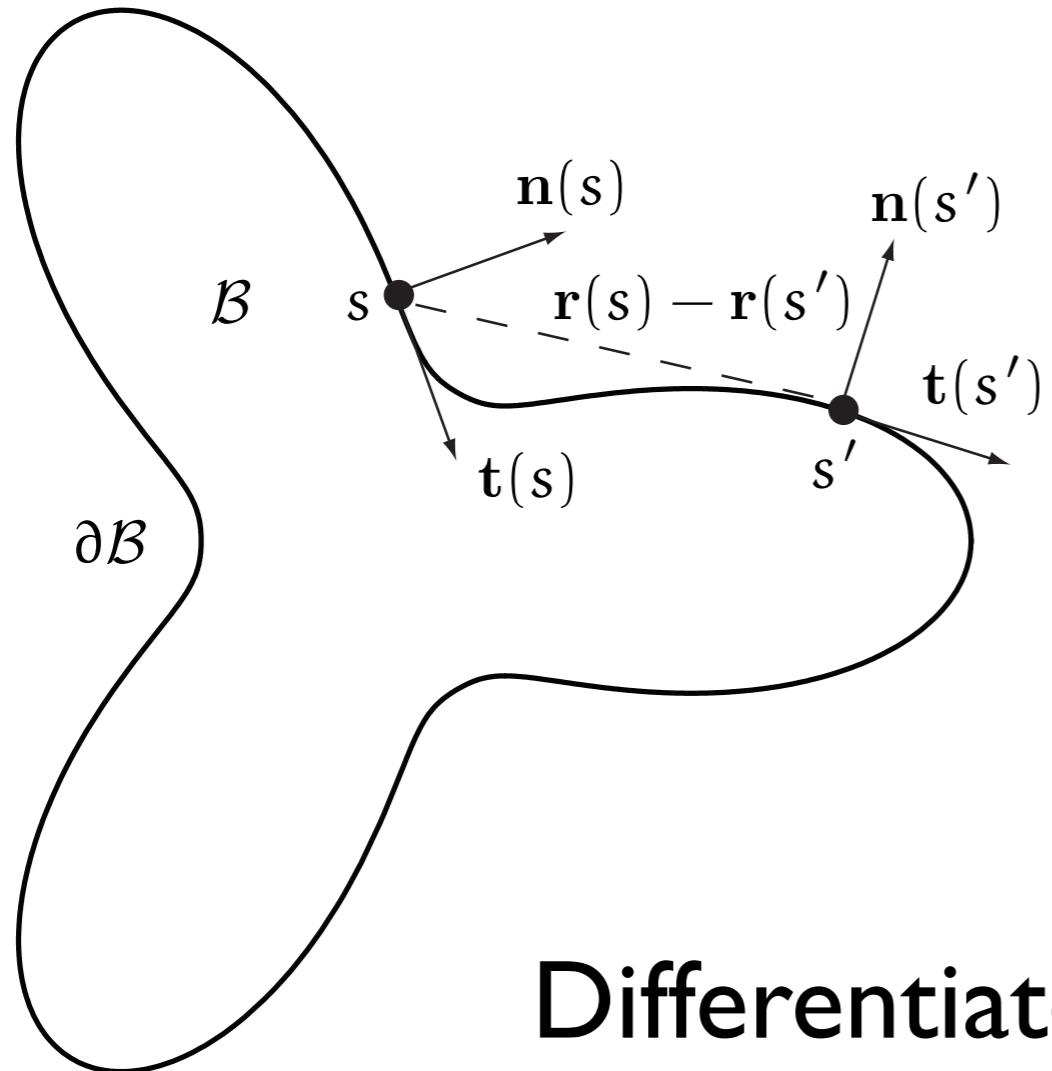


# A simulation



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

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

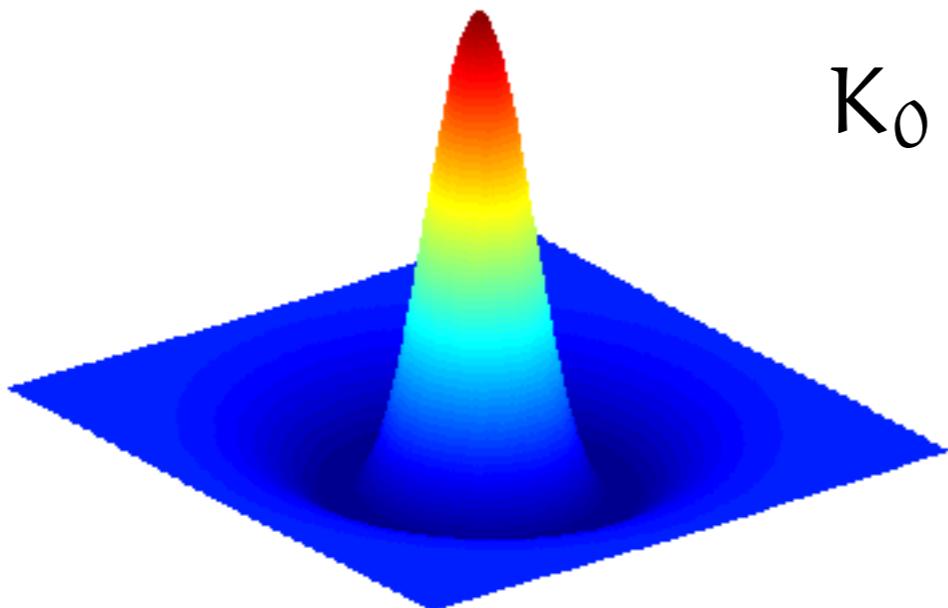
$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{u_t}{|z|}$$

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

$$u_t = -h + \int_{\mathcal{B}} d\mathbf{x}' w(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}'|),$$

$$z_t = -z + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \int_{\mathcal{B}} d\mathbf{x}' w(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} \nabla \Psi = \oint_{\partial \mathcal{B}} \mathbf{n} \Psi$$



$K_0$  - Bessel function of the second kind

$$(1 - \nabla^2) K_0(\mathbf{x}) = 2\pi \delta(\mathbf{x})$$

$$w(r) = \sum_{i=1}^N A_i K_0(\alpha_i r)$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} d\mathbf{x}' \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} w(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) = - \oint_{\partial \mathcal{B}} ds \mathbf{n}(s) w(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'(s)|)$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} d\mathbf{x}' K_0(\alpha |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \oint_{\partial \mathcal{B}} ds \mathbf{n}(s) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}(s)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}(s)|} K_1(\alpha |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}(s)|) + C \frac{2\pi}{\alpha^2}$$

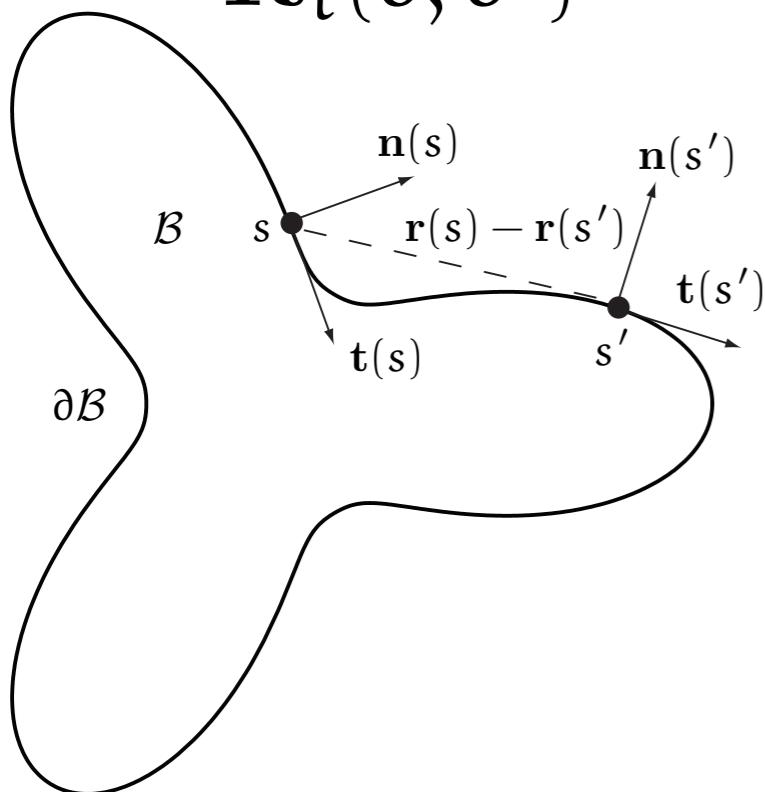
# Dynamics from data on the boundary only

For points on the boundary parametrised by  $s$

$$u_t(s) = -h + \sum_{i=1}^N A_i \left\{ \oint_{\partial\mathcal{B}} ds' \mathbf{n}(s') \cdot \mathbf{R}_i(s, s') + \frac{\pi}{\alpha_i^2} \right\}$$

$$z_t(s) = -z(s) - \oint_{\partial\mathcal{B}} ds' \mathbf{n}(s') w(|\mathbf{r}(s) - \mathbf{r}(s')|)$$

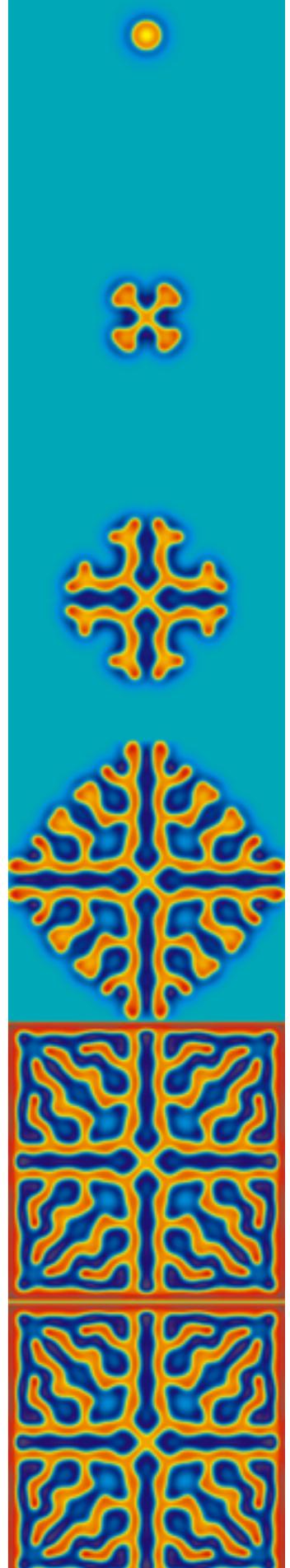
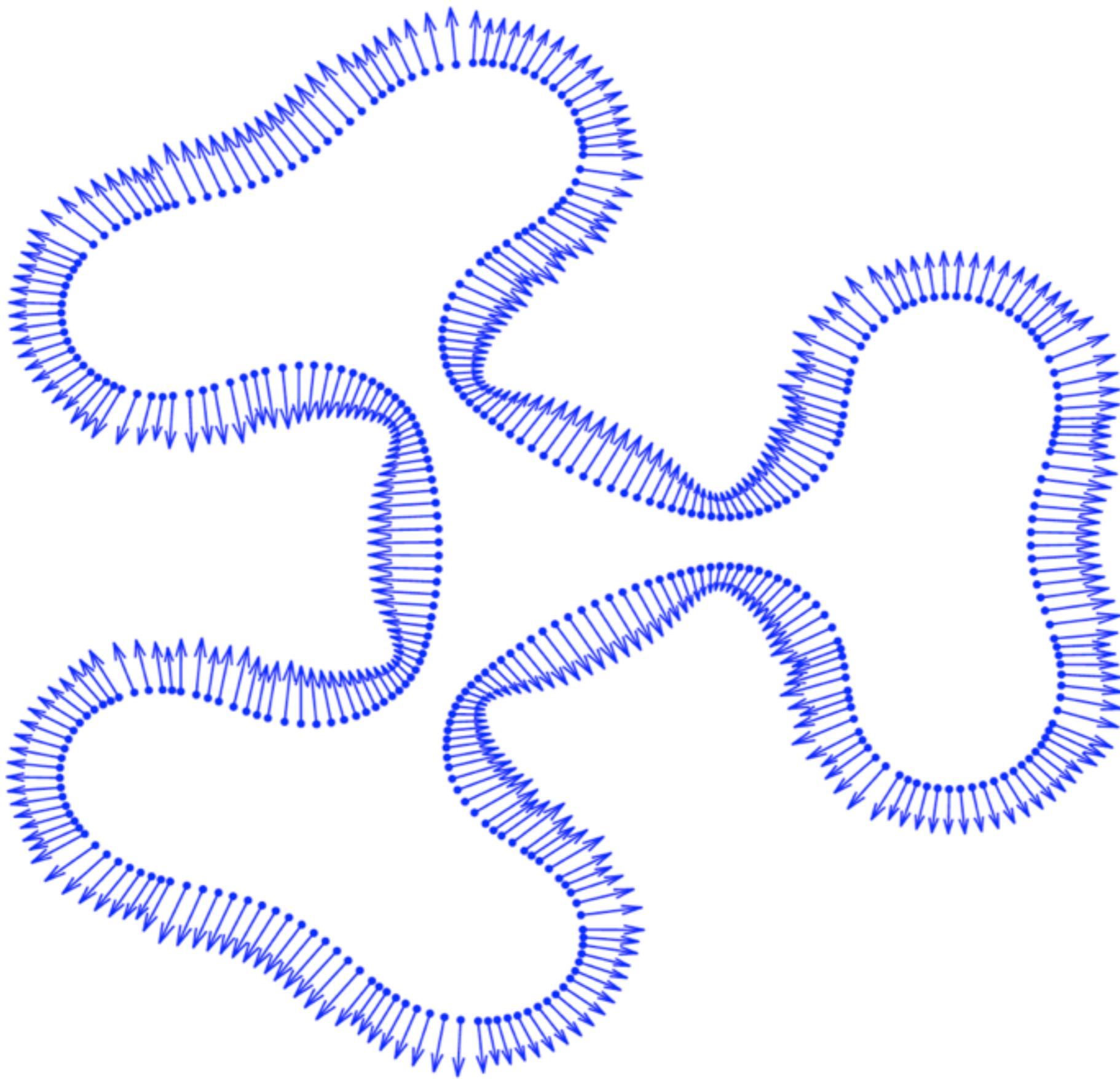
$$\mathbf{R}_i(s, s') = -\frac{1}{\alpha_i} \frac{\mathbf{r}(s) - \mathbf{r}(s')}{|\mathbf{r}(s) - \mathbf{r}(s')|} K_1(\alpha_i |\mathbf{r}(s) - \mathbf{r}(s')|)$$

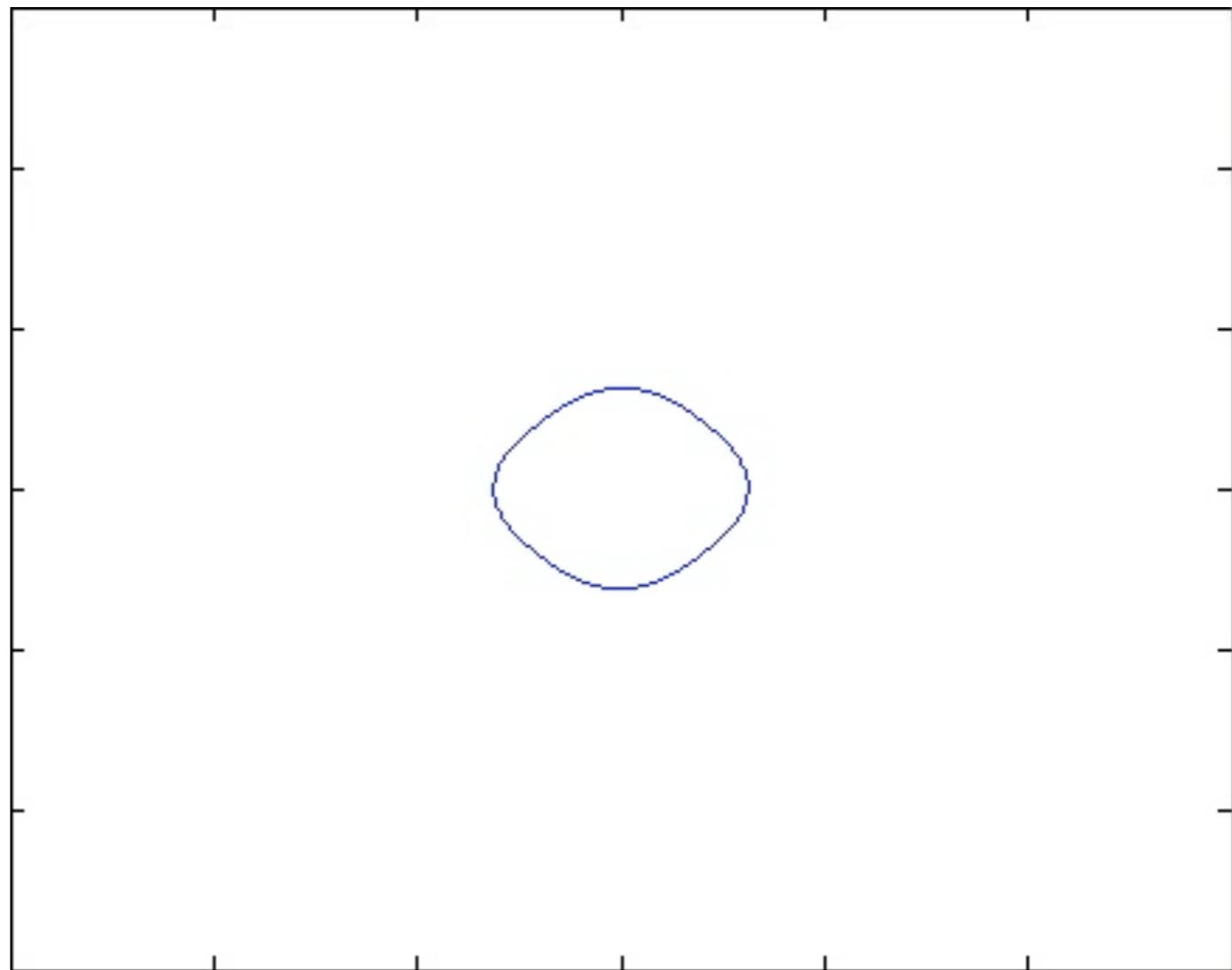
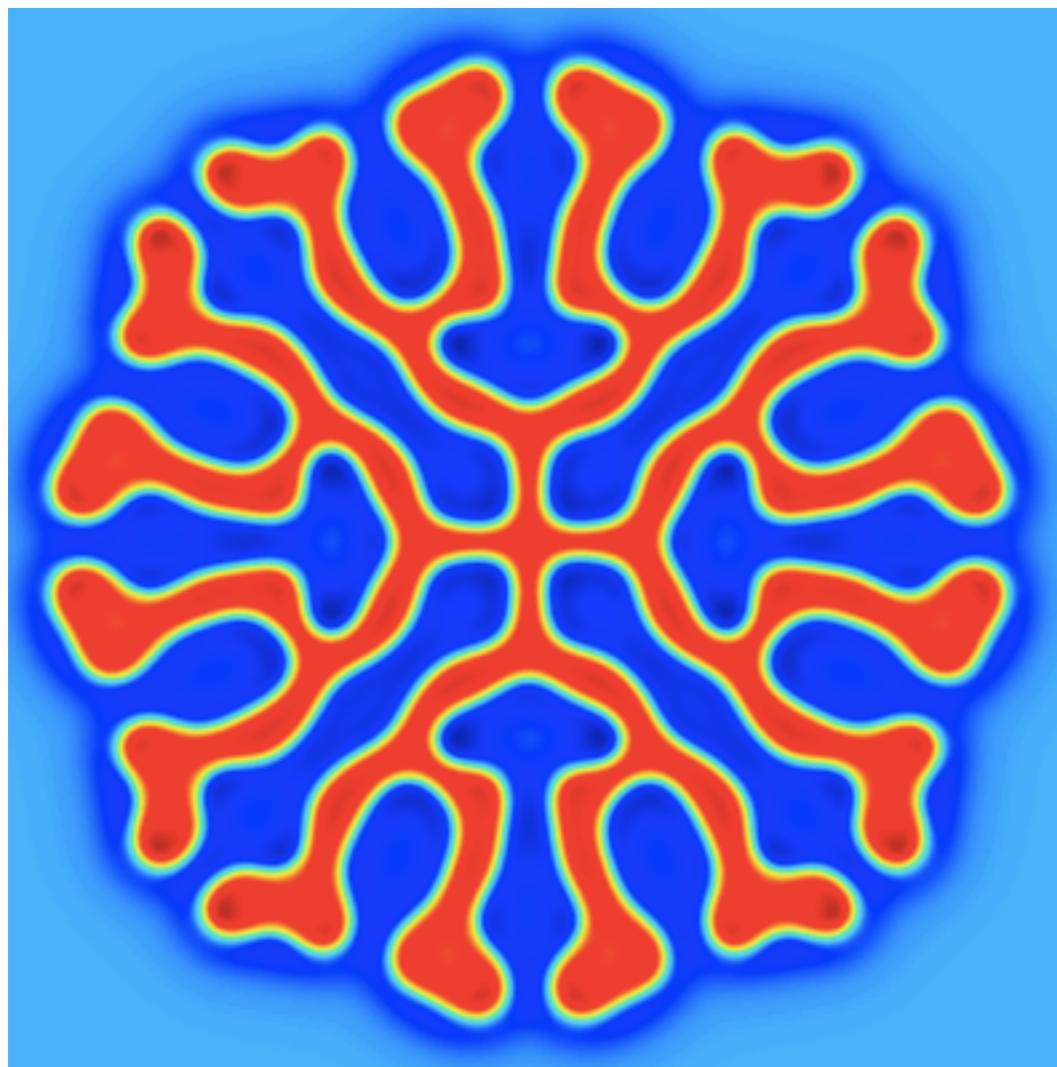


Biot-Savart style interaction

[effective repulsion between two arc length positions with anti-parallel tangent vectors]

# Simple numerical scheme

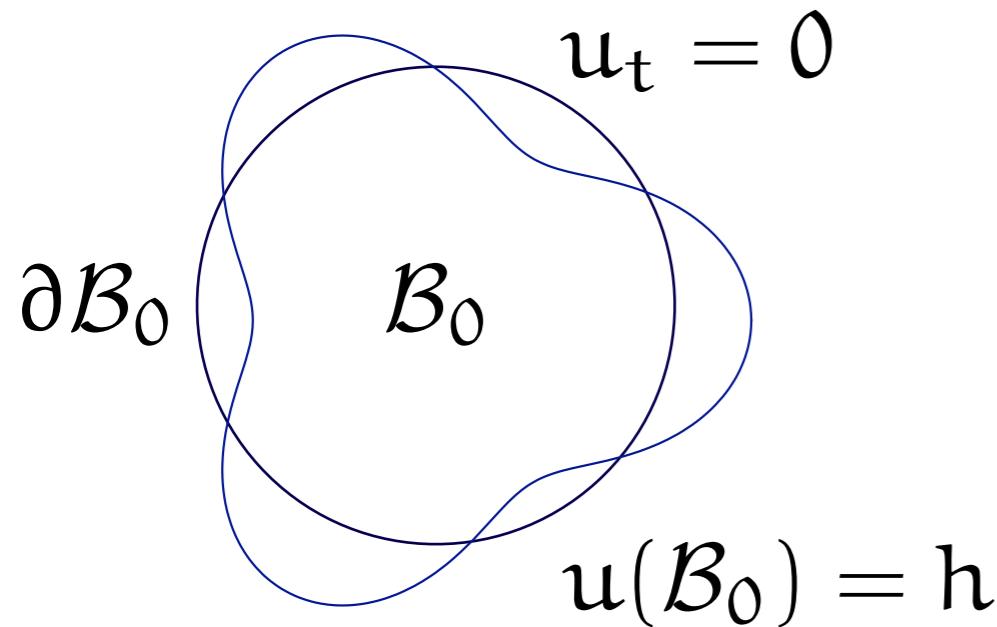




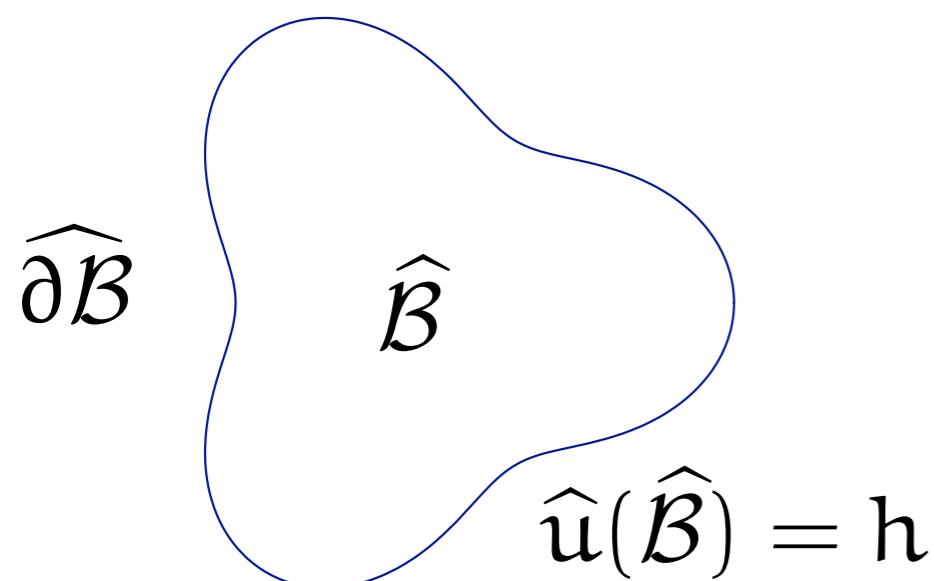
# Stability of stationary states

Zero normal velocity -  $u_t = 0, \mathcal{B}(t) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_0$

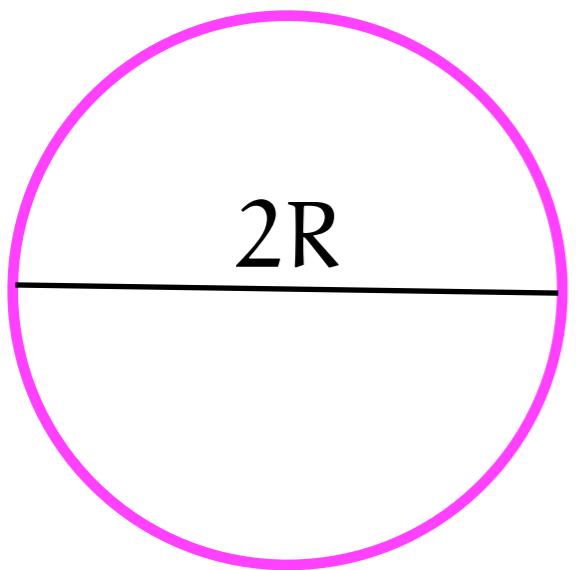
$$h = \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} d\mathbf{x}' w(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}'|) = \sum_{i=1}^N A_i \left\{ \oint_{\partial \mathcal{B}_0} ds' \mathbf{n}(s') \cdot \mathbf{R}_i(s, s') + \frac{\pi}{\alpha_i^2} \right\}$$



$$\delta u(t) = \hat{u}|_{x \in \widehat{\partial \mathcal{B}}} - u|_{x \in \partial \mathcal{B}_0} = 0$$



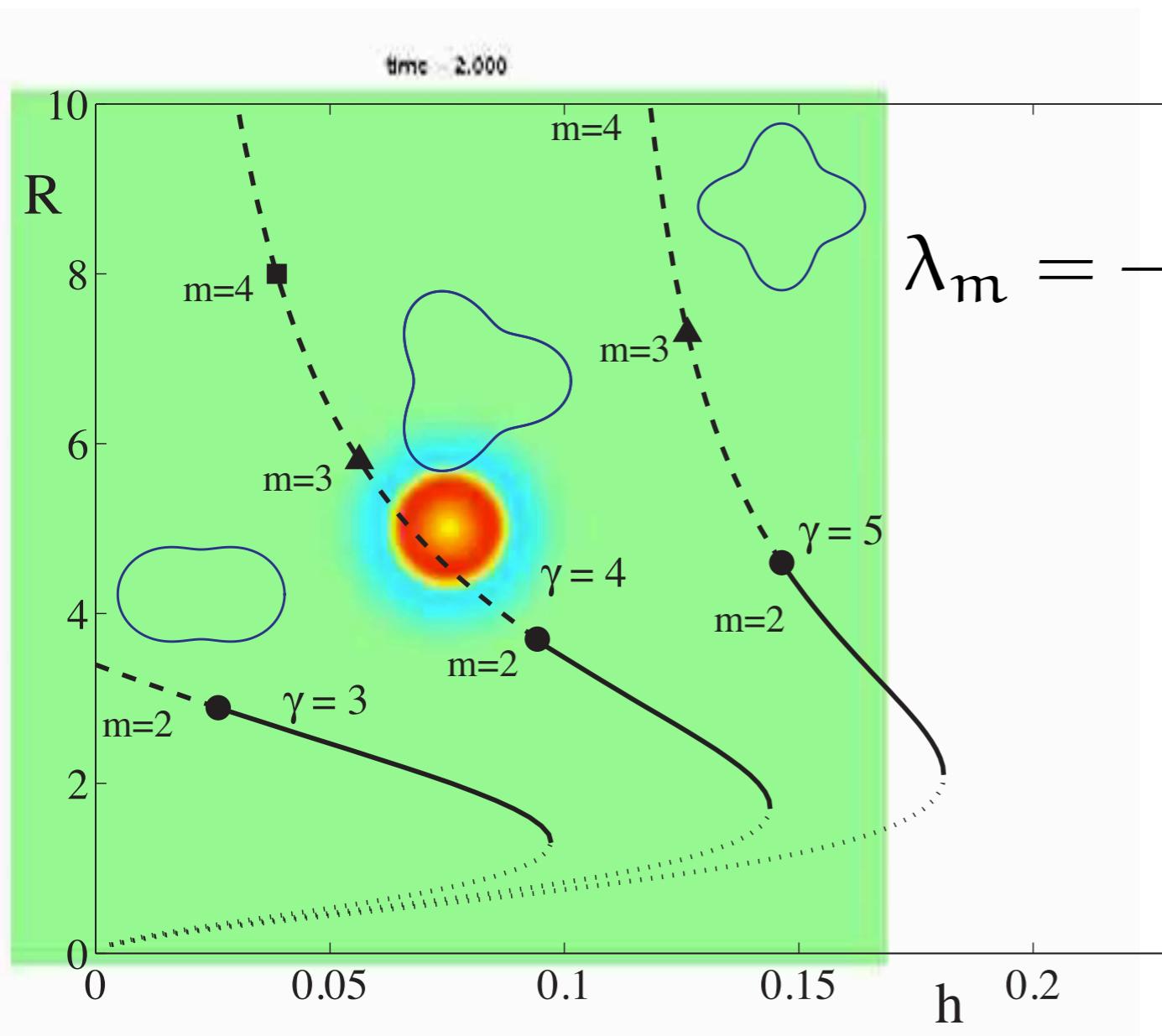
$$\text{defines } \hat{R} = R + \delta R(\theta, t)$$



# Spots

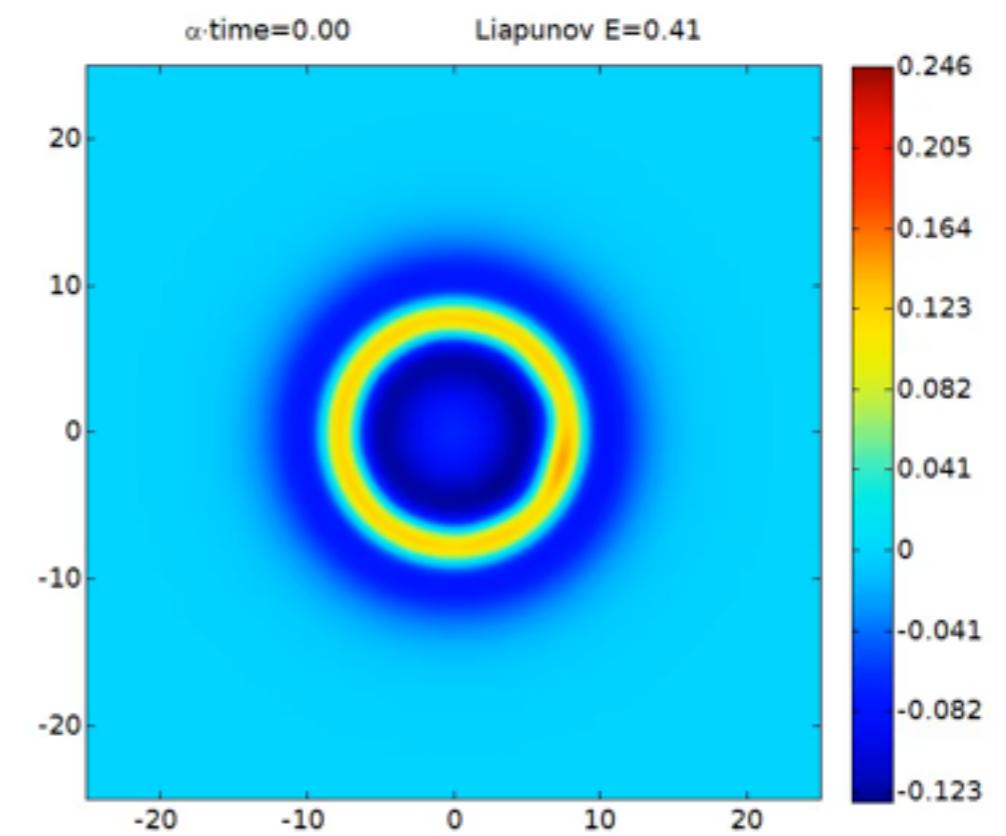
Using Graf's formula:

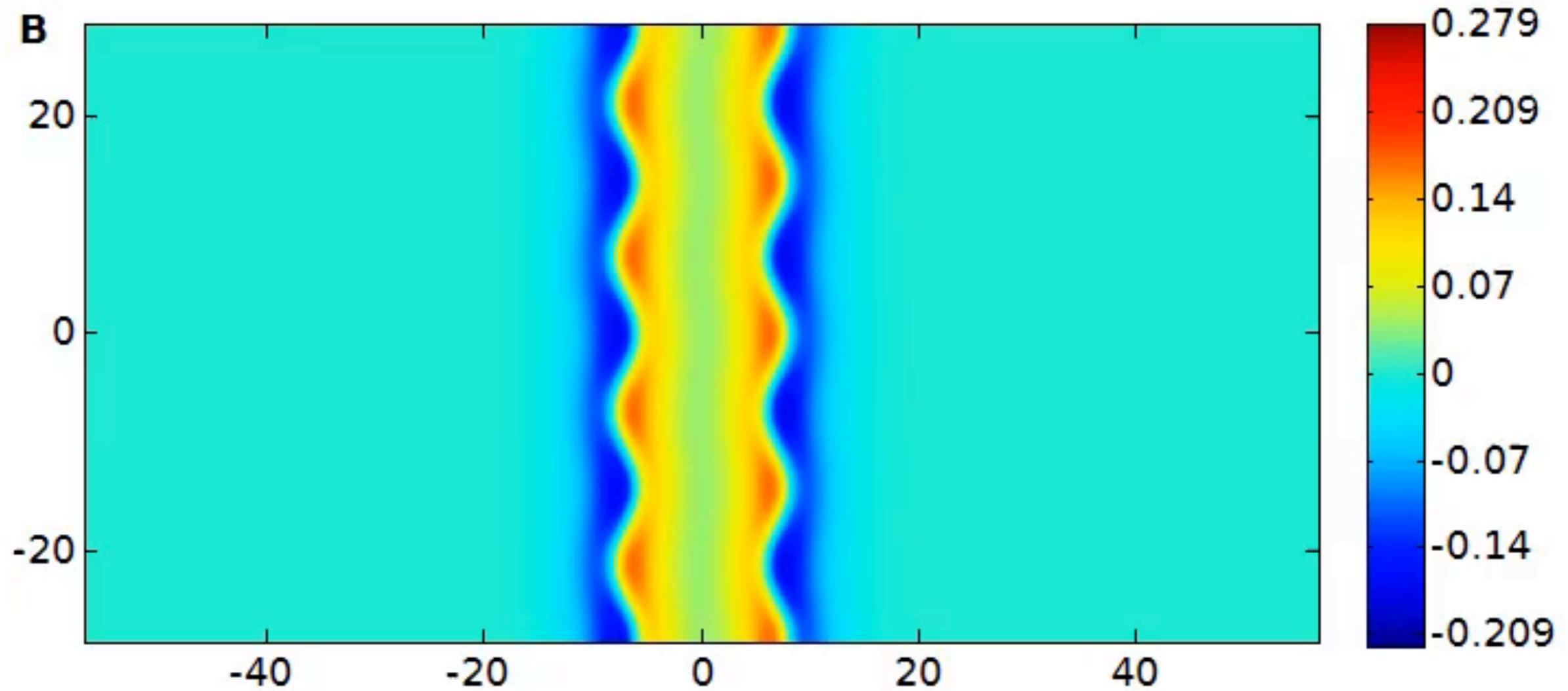
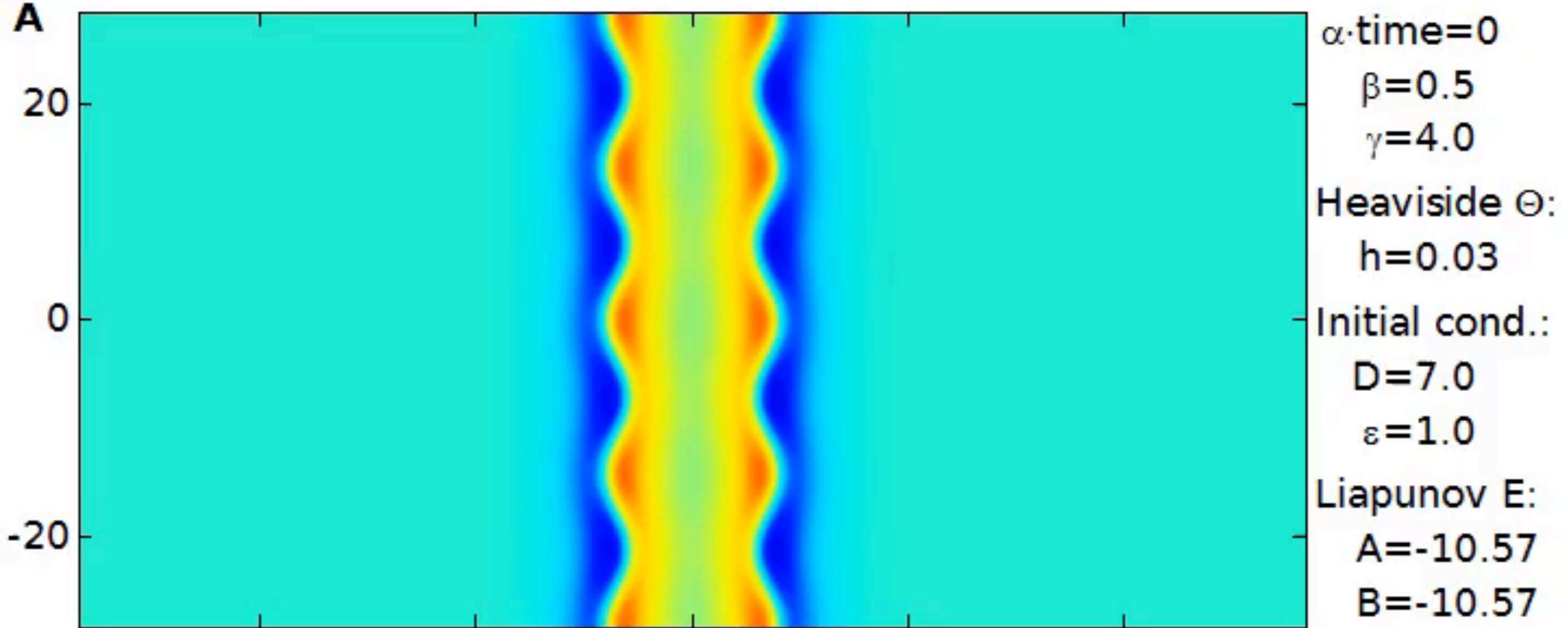
$$h = 2\pi \sum_{i=1}^N A_i \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha_i^2} - \frac{R}{\alpha_i} K_1(\alpha_i R) I_0(\alpha_i R) \right\}$$



$$\delta R(\theta, t) = \cos m\theta e^{\lambda_m t}$$

$$\lambda_m = -1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N A_i K_m(\alpha_i R) I_m(\alpha_i R)}{\sum_{i=1}^N A_i K_1(\alpha_i R) I_1(\alpha_i R)}$$





# Linear adaptation

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} u_t = -u + \psi - ga, \quad a_t = u - a$$

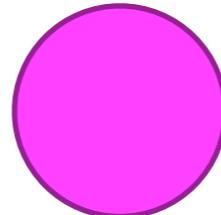
Exploit linearity

$$u(\cdot, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t ds \eta(t-s) \psi(\cdot, s), \quad a(\cdot, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t ds e^{-(t-s)} u(\cdot, s)$$

$$\eta(t) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda_- - \lambda_+} \left\{ (1 - \lambda_+) e^{-\lambda_+ t} - (1 - \lambda_-) e^{-\lambda_- t} \right\}$$

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1 + \alpha \pm \sqrt{(1 + \alpha)^2 - 4\alpha(1 + g)}}{2}$$

Easy to construct stationary spots



$$h \rightarrow h(1 + g)$$

# Instabilities and travelling pulses

Eigenvalues determined by  $\mathcal{E}_m(\lambda) = 0$

$$\mathcal{E}_m(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\tilde{\eta}(\lambda)} - (1+g)W_m \quad \tilde{\eta}(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \eta(s) ds$$

$$W_m = \frac{R}{|\psi'(R)|} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \cos(m\theta) w(\mathcal{R}(\theta))$$

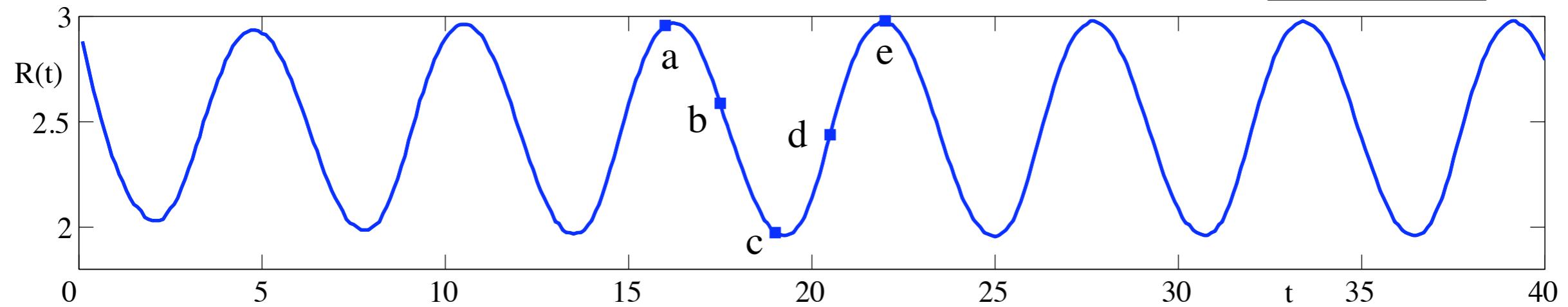
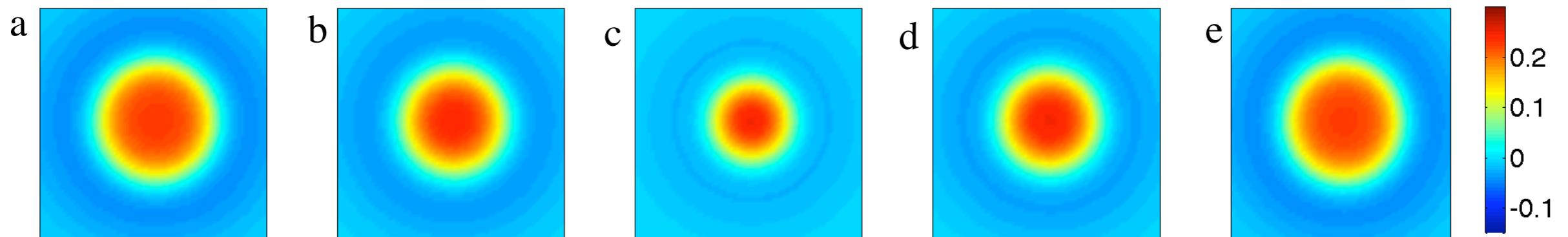
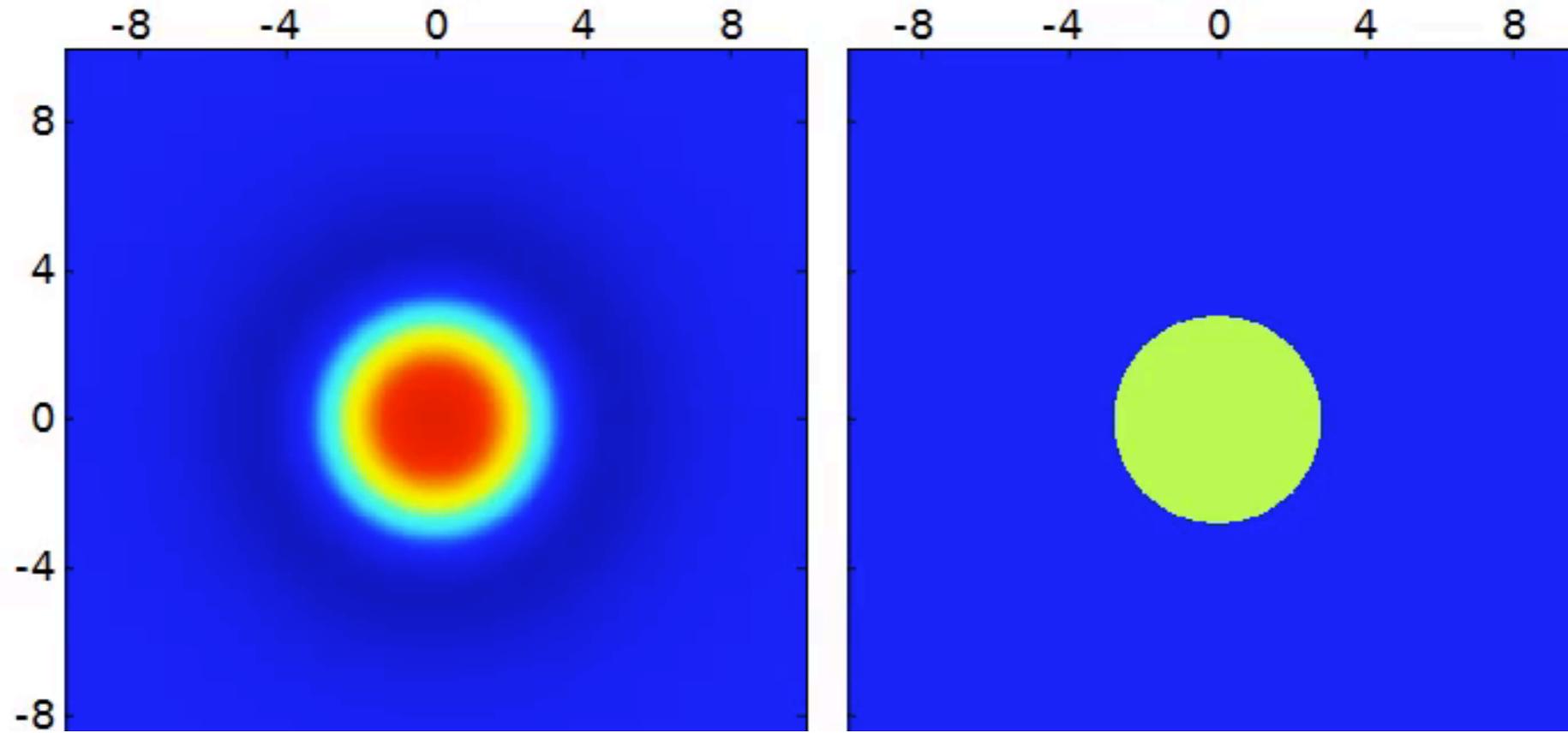
$m = 0$  mode ( $\lambda = i\omega$ , breath) unstable when  $g > 1/\alpha$

emergent frequency  $\omega = \sqrt{\alpha g - 1}$

$m = 1$  mode ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , drift) unstable when  $g > 1/\alpha$

# Breathing

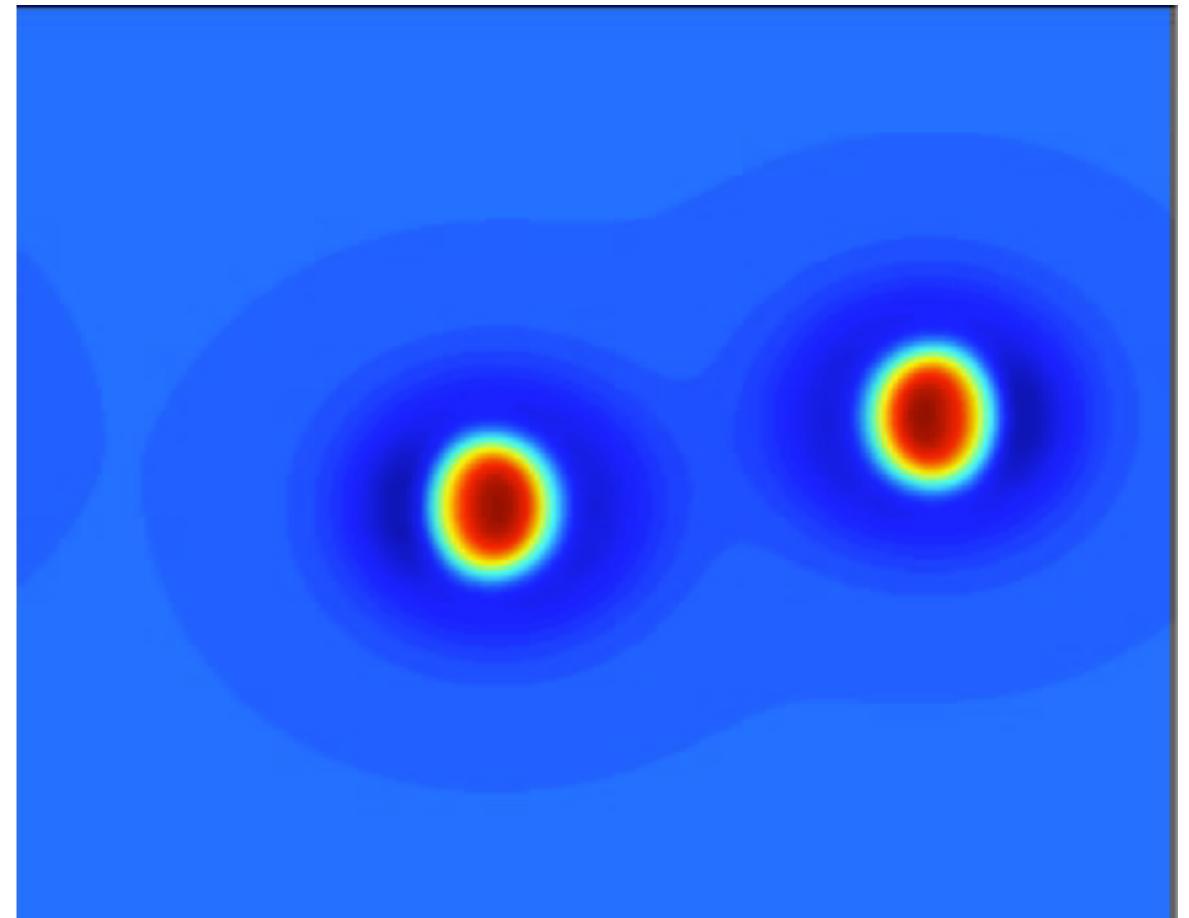
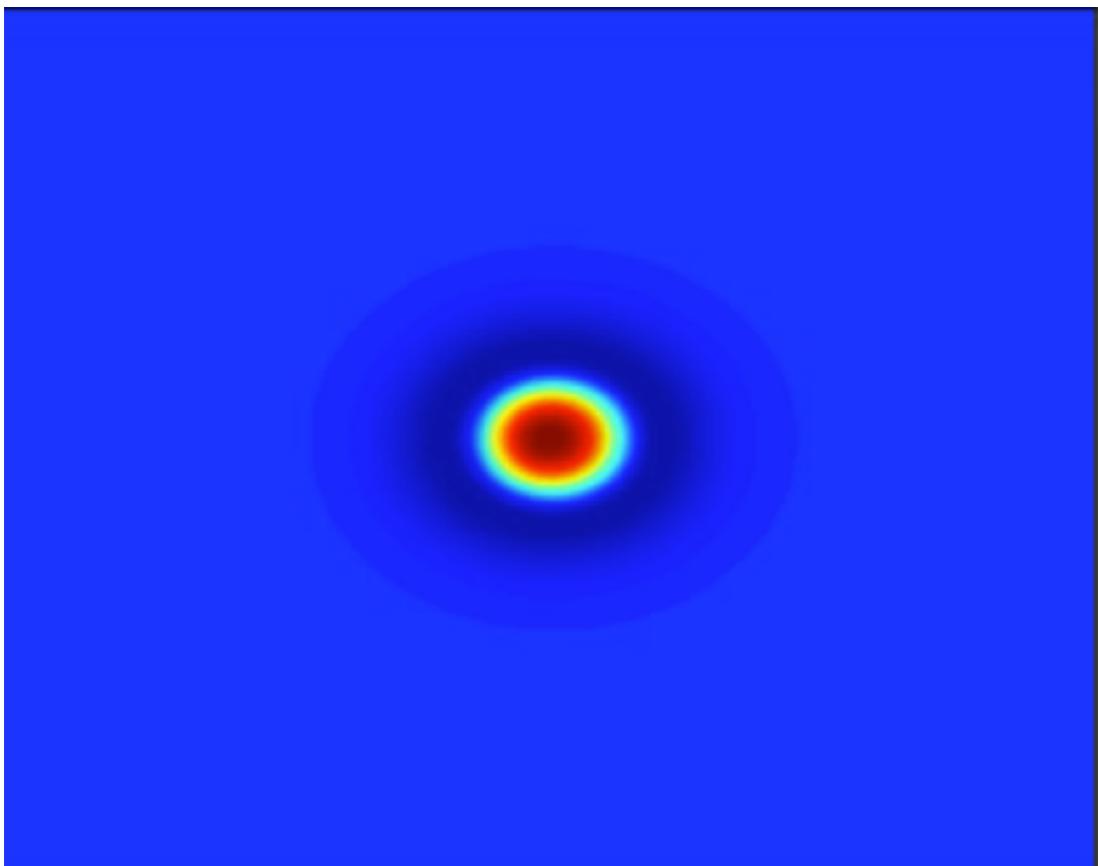
**A** activity (u)      **B** adaptation (a)



# Drifting

... at the point where  $g = 1/\alpha$  the shape of the spot deviates from circular with an amplitude that depends on quadratic and higher powers of  $c$

$$R(\theta) = R + \sum_{m \geq 2} c^m a_m \cos m\theta$$



Lu Y,Amari S:Traveling bumps and their collisions  
in a 2D neural field.

Neural Computation 2011, 23:1248–1260

# Drifting (weakly nonlinear analysis)

For any sigmoid drifting will occur when  $g$  increases through  $1/\alpha$

Amplitude analysis  
(translation operator and drift eigen-modes):

$$X(r, t) = \tau(p) \left[ S(r) + \sum_{j=1}^2 a_j(t) \psi_j(r) + \chi(r, t) \right]$$

$p$  denotes location of spot  $a = a_1 + ia_2$

$$\dot{p} = a \quad \dot{a} = a(M_1|a|^2 + M_2\eta)$$

$$\pi M_1 = \frac{1}{6} \langle \mathcal{F}''' \psi_1^3 | \phi_1^\dagger \rangle + \langle \mathcal{F}'' \psi_1 V_1^2 | \phi_1^\dagger \rangle + \langle \partial_{x_1} V_1 | \phi_1^\dagger \rangle,$$

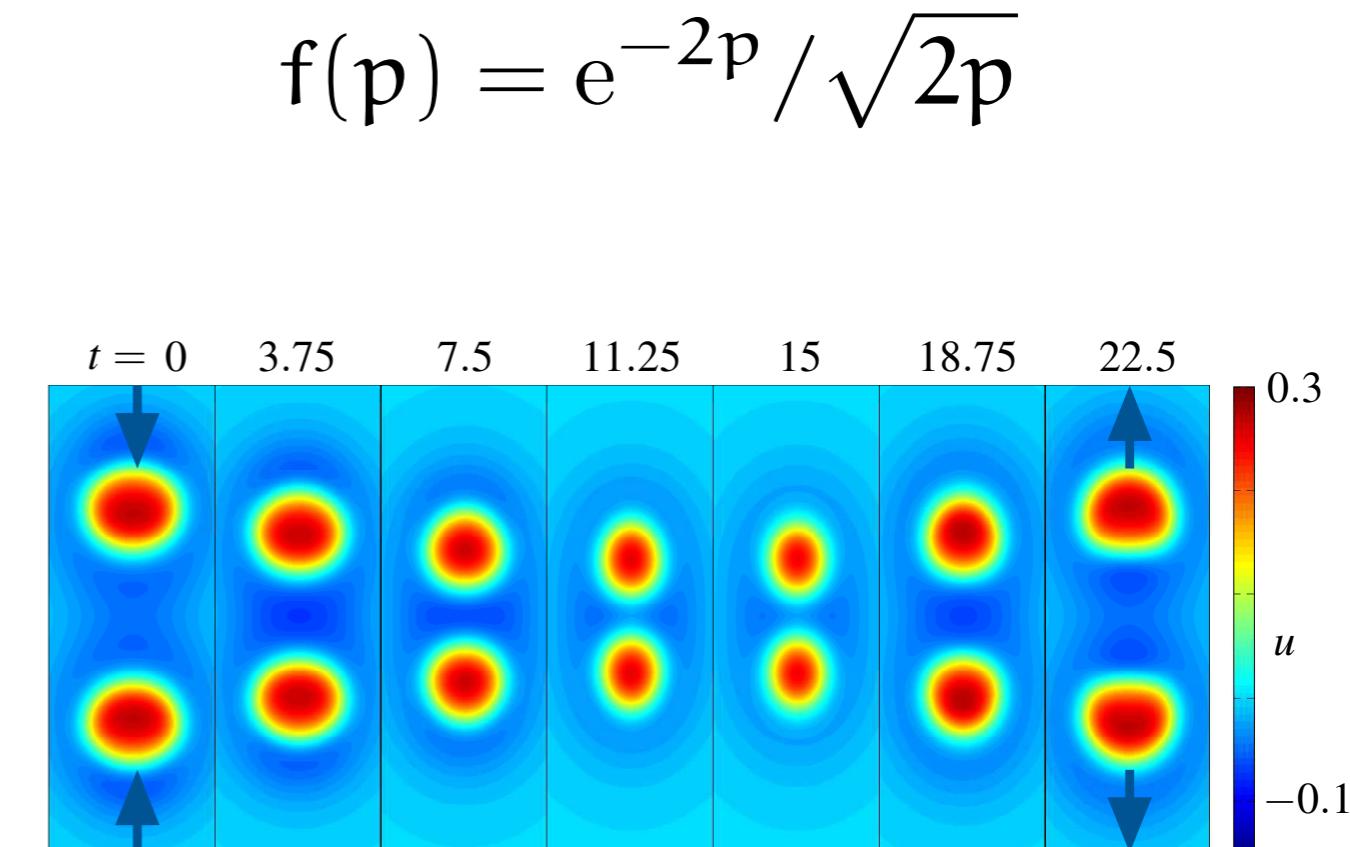
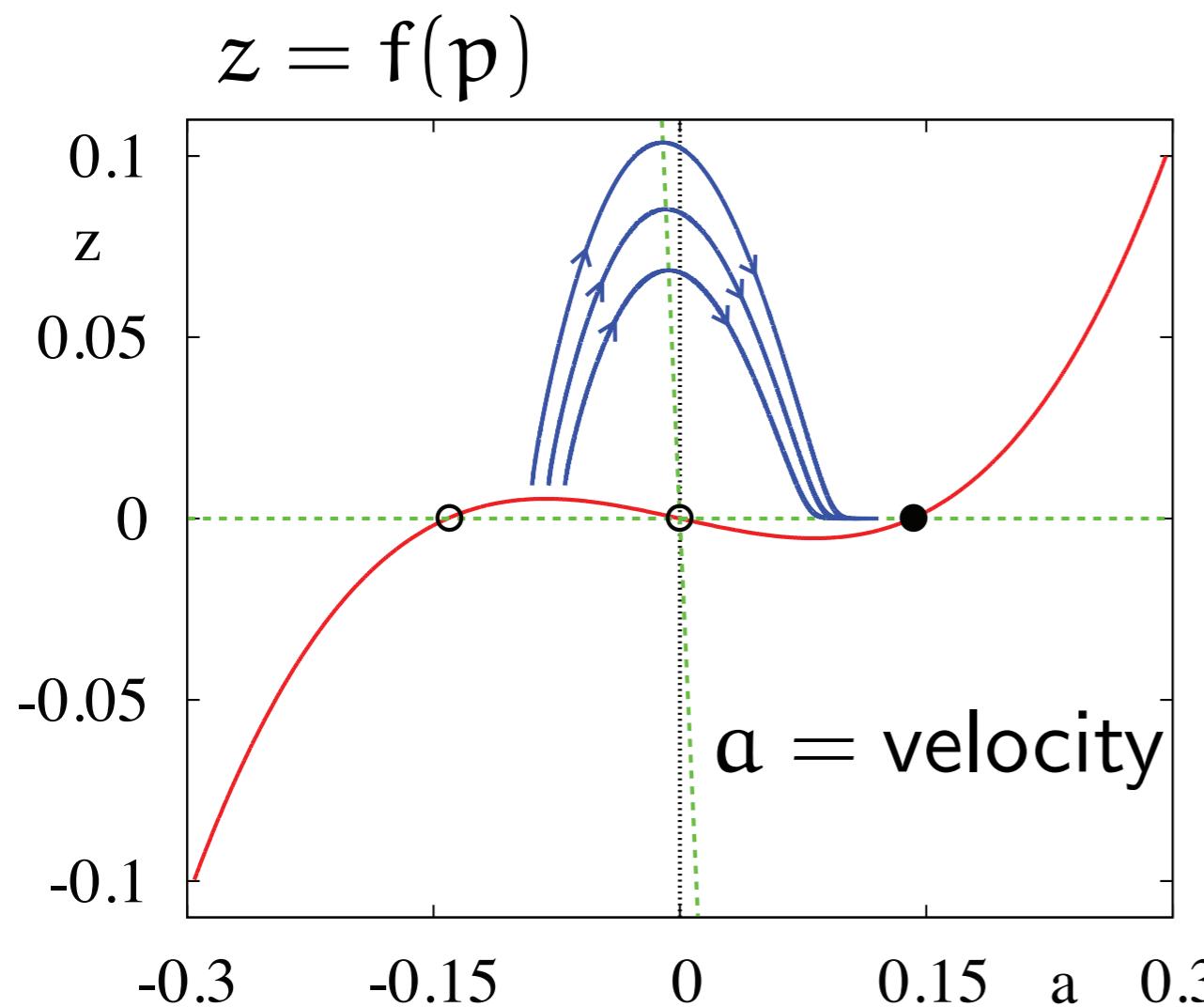
$$\pi M_2 = \langle \mathcal{F}'' \psi_1 V_4 | \phi_1^\dagger \rangle + \langle \gamma'(S) \psi_1 | \phi_1^\dagger \rangle + \langle \partial_{x_1} V_4 | \phi_1^\dagger \rangle$$

spare the details!

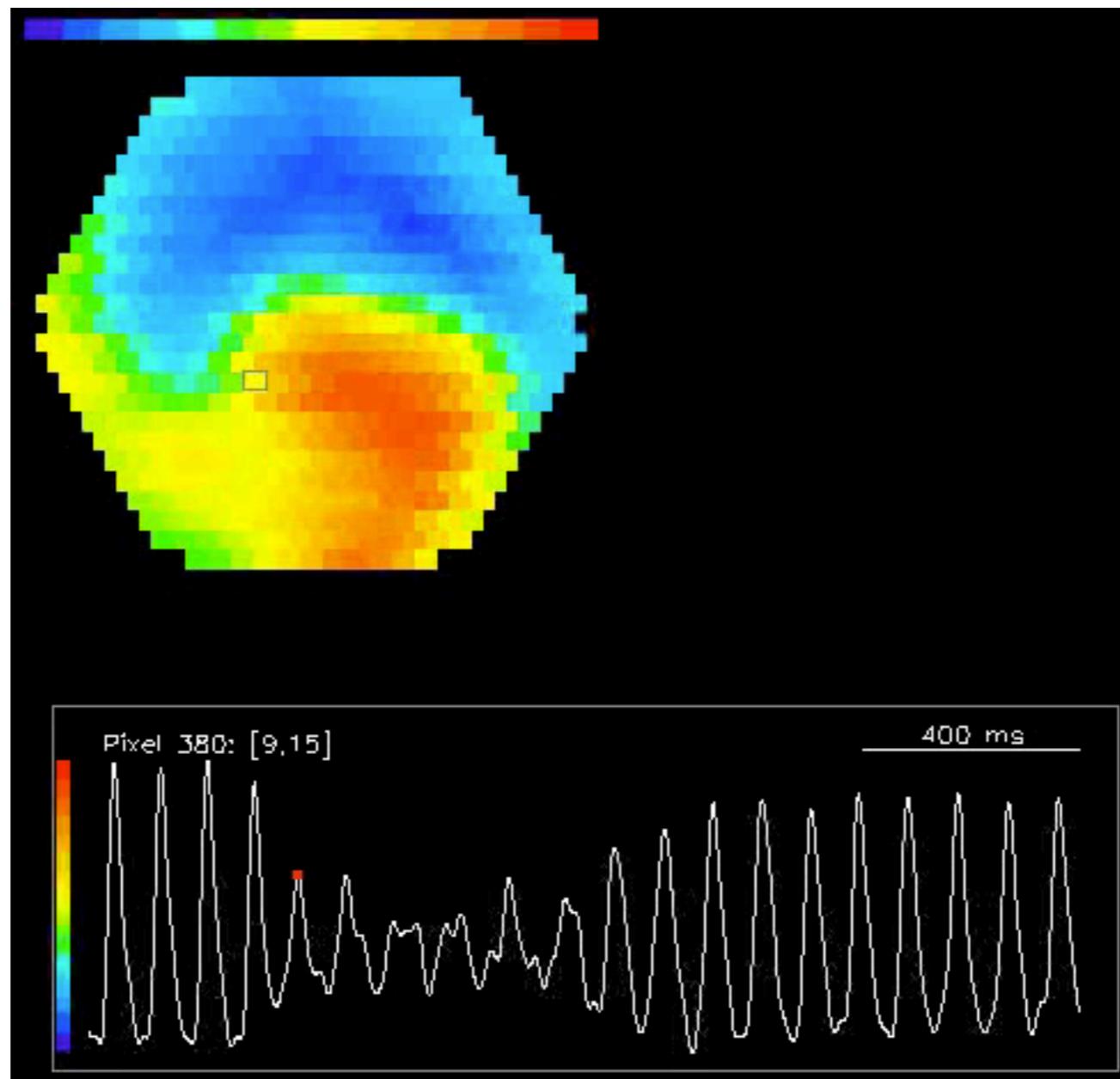
# Scattering

Two spots with centers offset by a vector  $\mathbf{h} = 2\mathbf{p}$

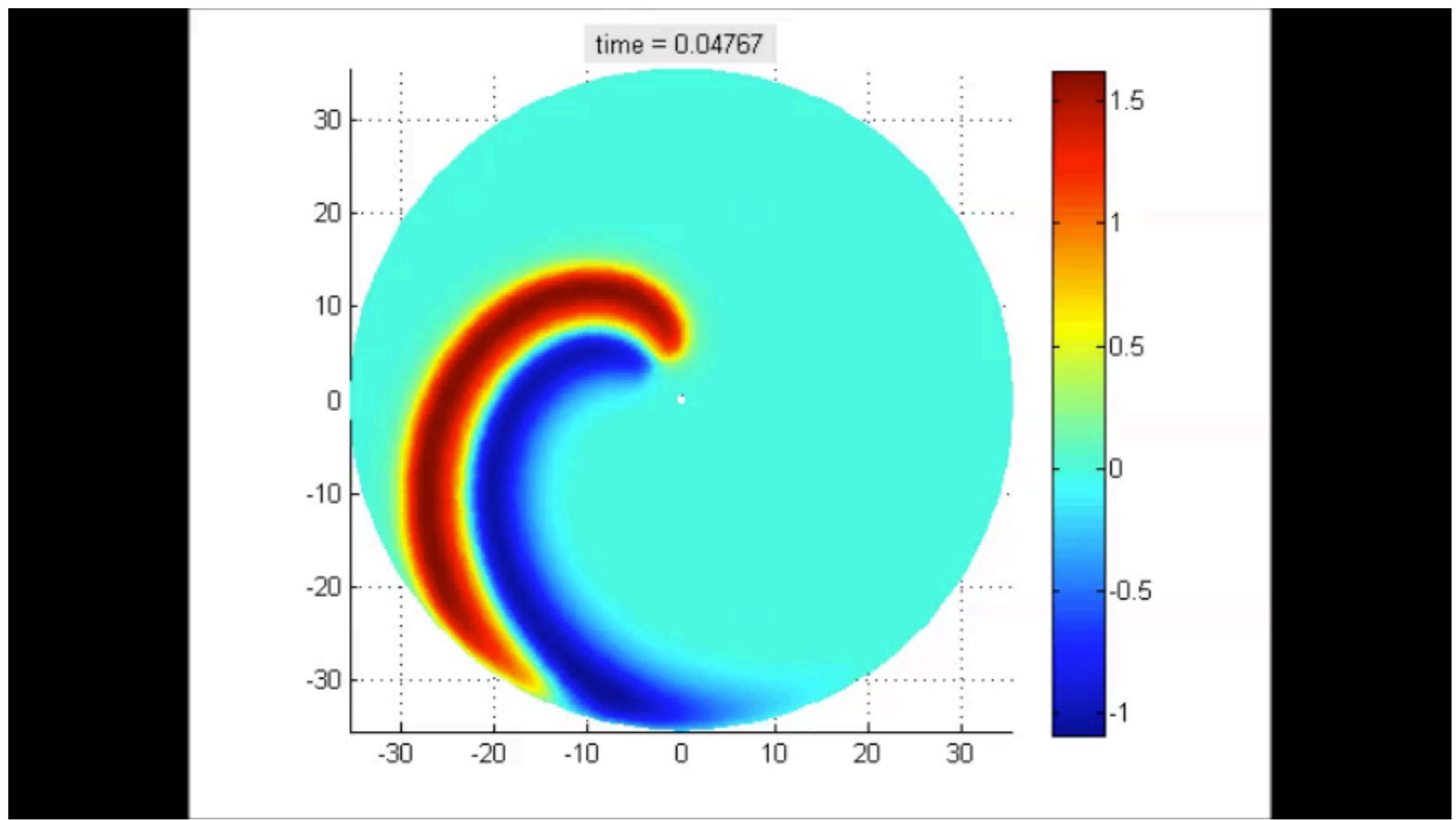
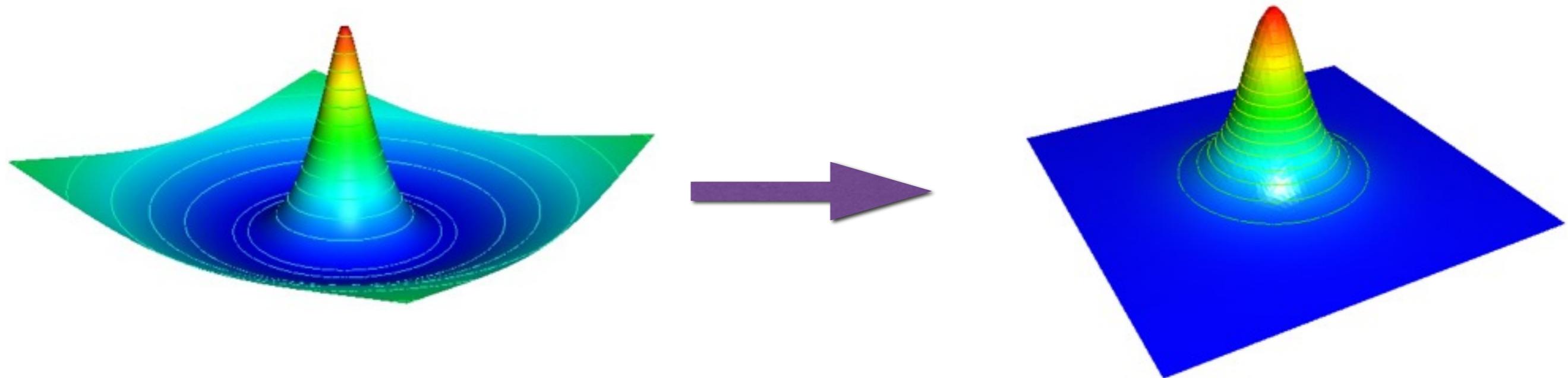
$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{G}_0 \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{p}), \quad \dot{\mathbf{a}} = \mathcal{M}_1 \mathbf{a}^3 + \mathcal{M}_2 \mathbf{a} \eta + \mathcal{H}_0 \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{p}),$$



# Spirals



Spiral Waves in Disinhibited Mammalian Neocortex (rat slice)  
Huang et al., J Neurosci. 2004



# An interface approach (in progress)

Look for rigidly rotating solutions of the form

$$X(r, \theta, t) = X(r, \phi)$$

$$\phi = \theta - \omega t$$

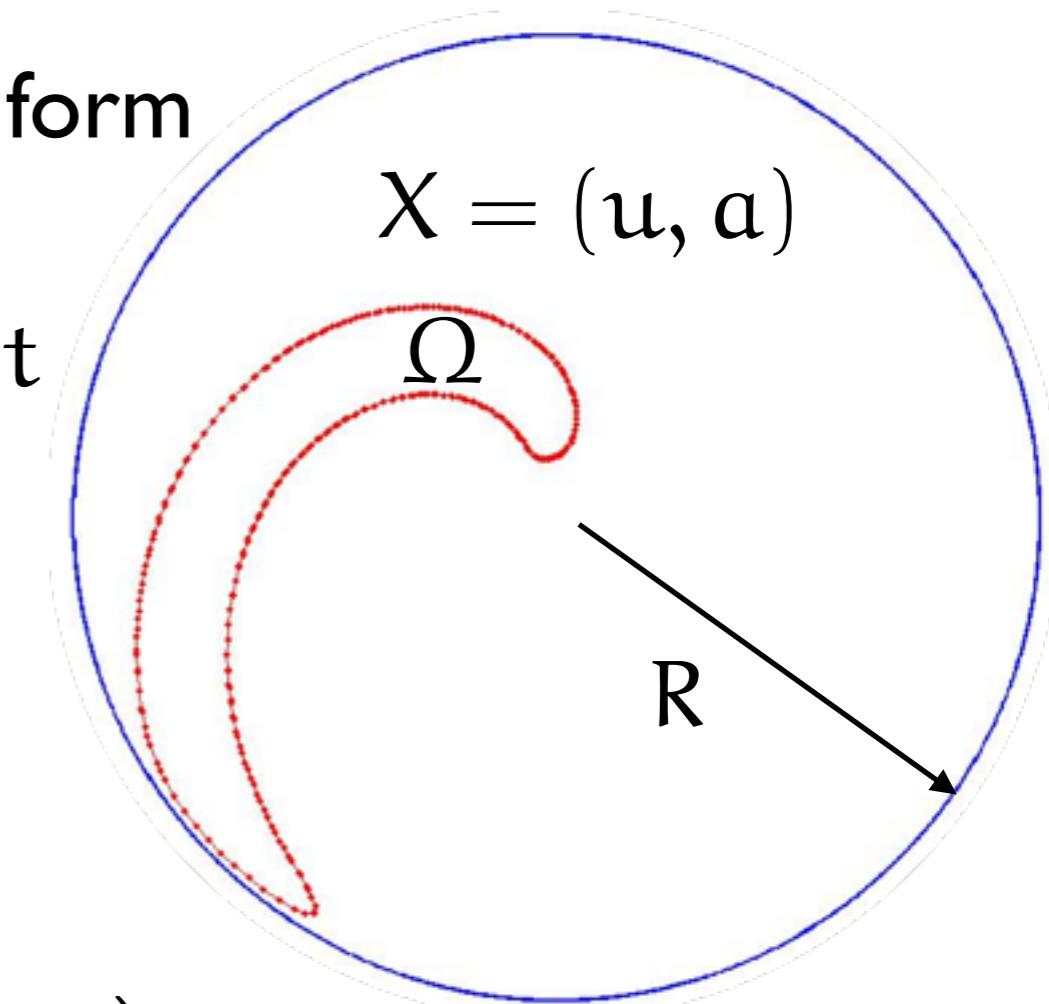
$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\Omega} d\mathbf{r}' w(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|)$$

$$G(\phi) = e^{A\phi}$$

$$X(r, \phi) = G(\phi) \left( [e^{-2\pi A} - I]^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} - \int_0^{\phi} \right) d\phi' G(-\phi') B(r, \phi')$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha/\omega & \alpha g/\omega \\ -1/\omega & 1/\omega \end{bmatrix},$$

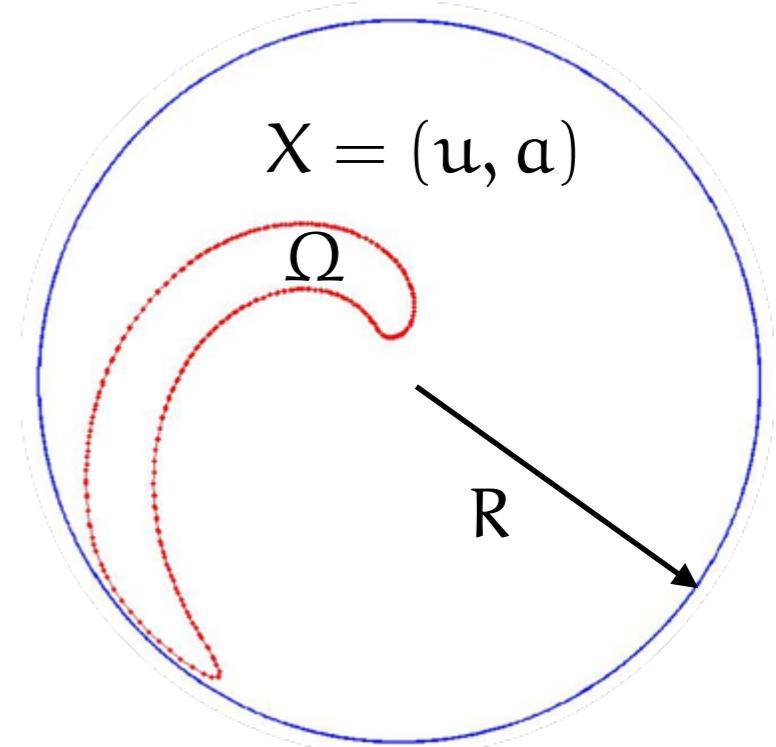
$$B(r, \phi) = -\frac{\alpha}{\omega} \begin{bmatrix} \psi(r, \phi) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Shape of the spiral arm determined by

$$u(\mathbf{r})|_{\mathbf{r} \in \partial\Omega} - h = 0$$

$$u(R, \phi) = 0, \quad \forall \phi$$



Stability:

$$(u(r, \theta, t), a(r, \theta, t)) = (u(r, \phi), a(r, \phi)) + (\delta u(r, \phi), \delta a(r, \phi)) e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda + \alpha - \omega \partial_\phi - \alpha w \odot & \alpha g \\ -1 & \lambda + 1 - \omega \partial_\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta u \\ \delta a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[w \odot \delta u](\mathbf{r}) = \oint_{\partial\Omega} ds w(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}(s)) \frac{\delta u(\mathbf{r}(s))}{|\nabla u(\mathbf{r}(s))|}$$

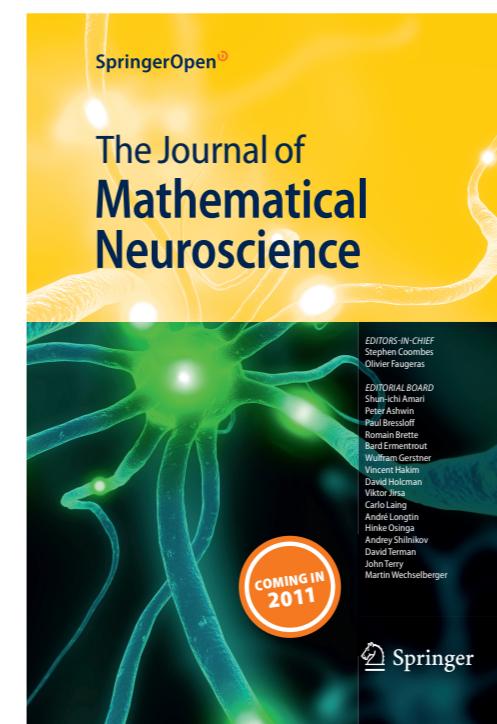
... watch this space!

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