



Dissipative Solitons in Physical Systems

Talk

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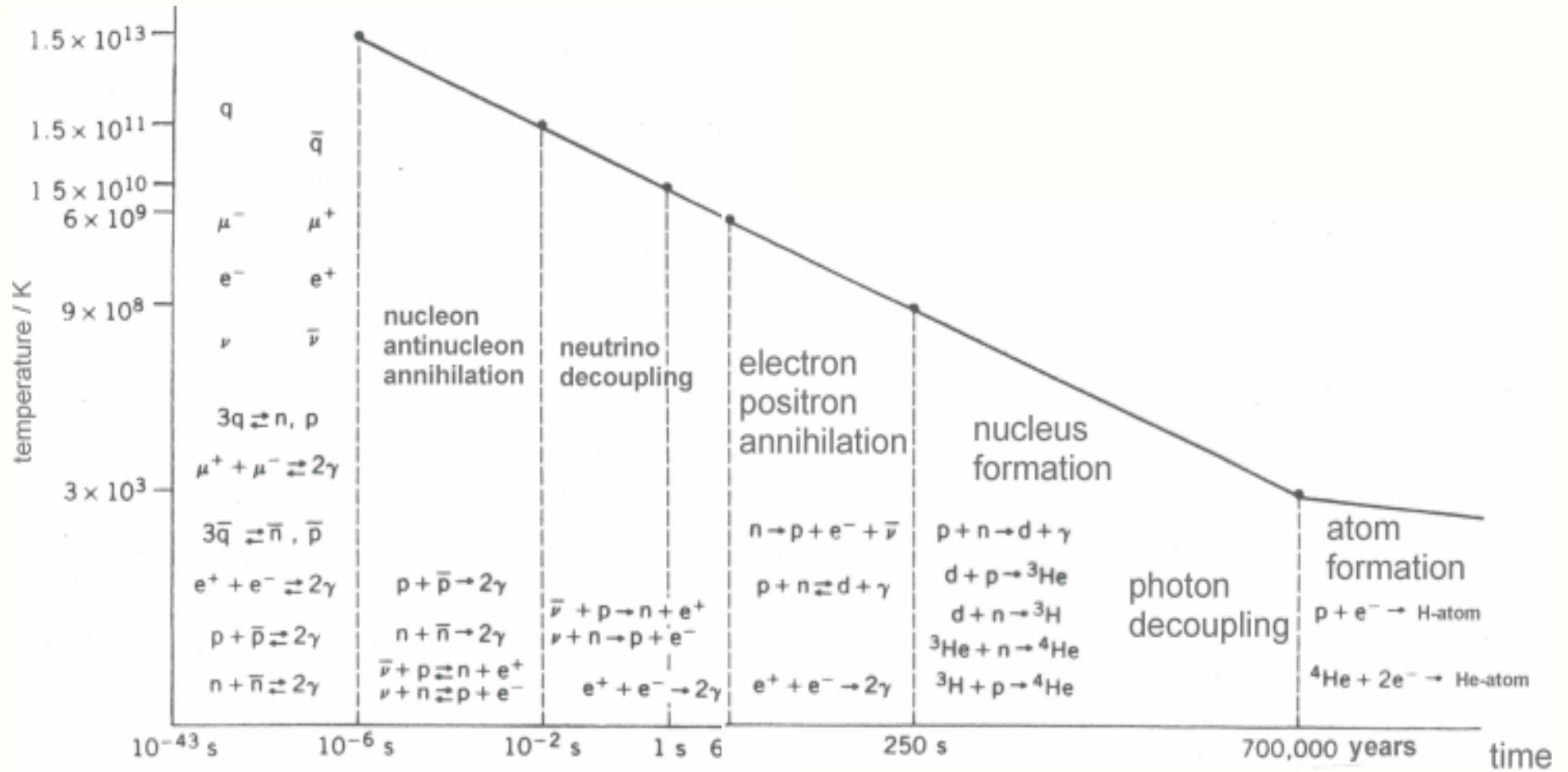


Chapter 1

Introduction



Cosmology and Pattern Formation





Complex Behaviour of Pattern Forming Nonlinear Dissipative Systems

- **Patterns in space and time**
- **Attractors**
- **Complex dependence on
initial conditions
boundary conditions
parameters**
- **Dependence on initial conditions \Rightarrow multistability**
- **Dependence on parameters and boundary conditions \Rightarrow bifurcation**
- **Lack of reproducibility in the presence of noise**
- **Chaos**
- **Understanding of self-organized patterns is one of the most important problems of modern science**



Chapter 2

Gas-Discharge Systems



Lichtenberg Pattern I: Experimental Set-Up



elektrophorus

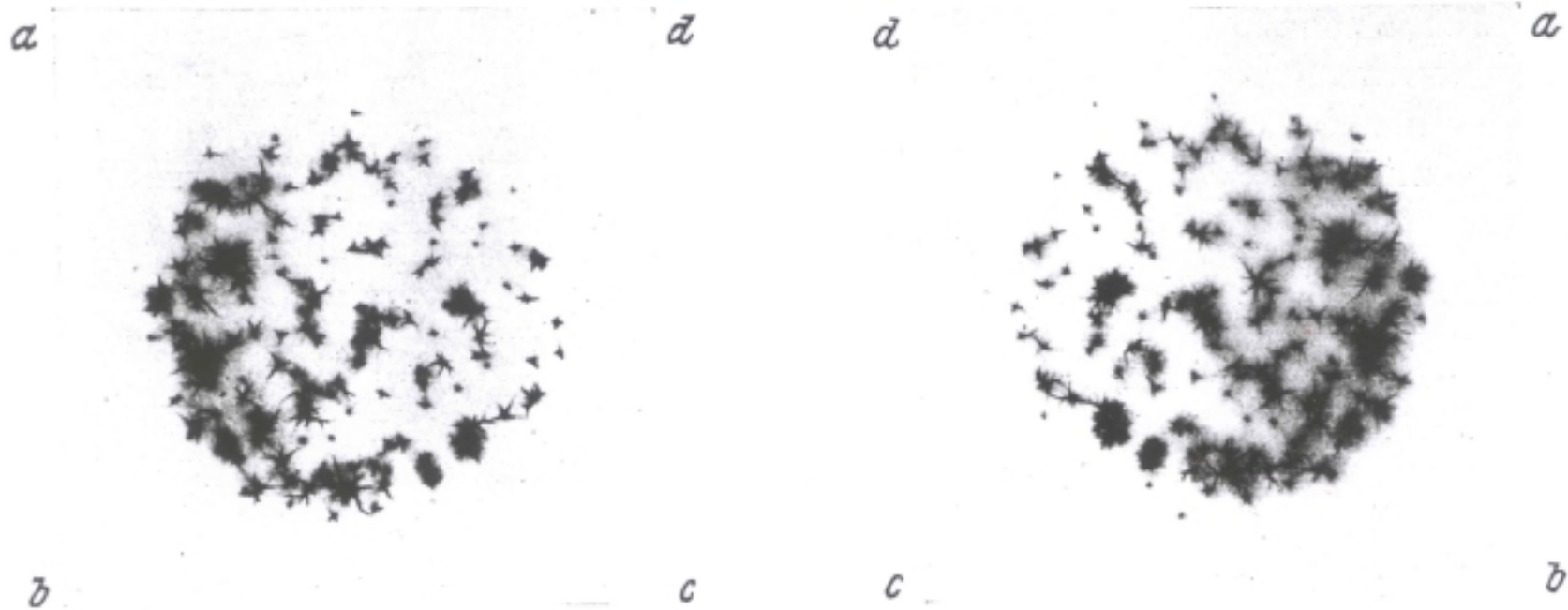


Lichtenberg Pattern II: Reproduction of the Original Pattern





Current Filaments in a Pulse Driven Planar Gas-Discharge System with Dielectric Barrier



photograph of the luminescence radiation from the
discharge space measured on one electrode

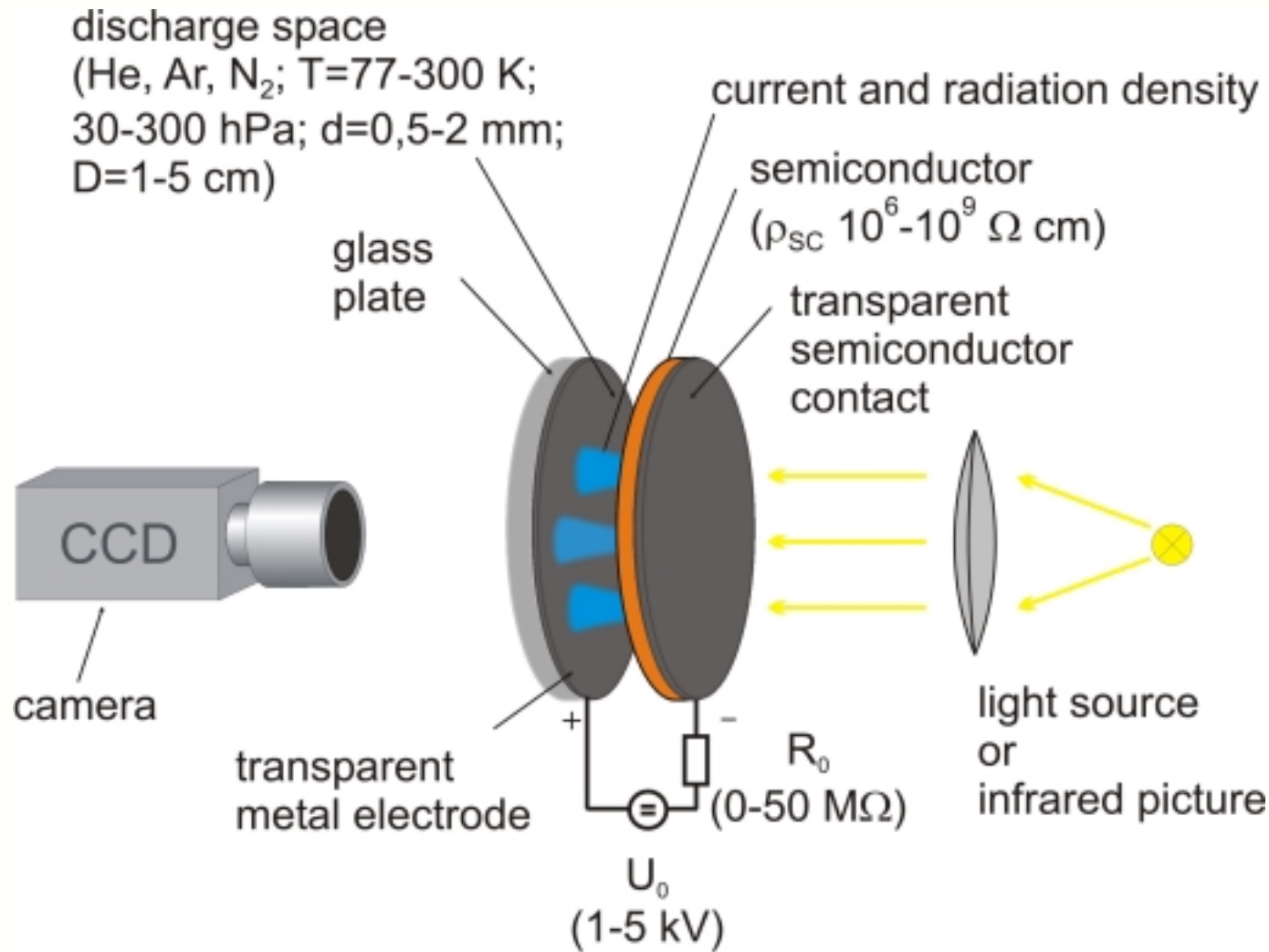


Chapter 3

**Experimental Results
from
Gas-Discharge Systems
with
High Ohmic Barrier**

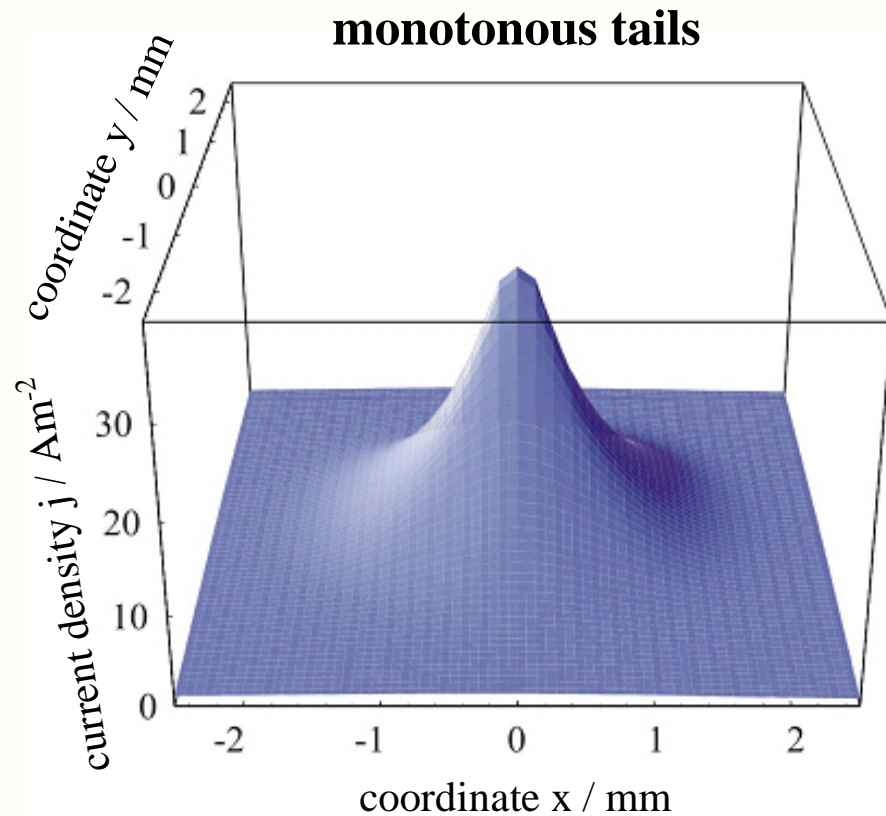


Experimental Set-Up for Measuring Self-Organized Patterns in Planar DC Gas-Discharge Systems

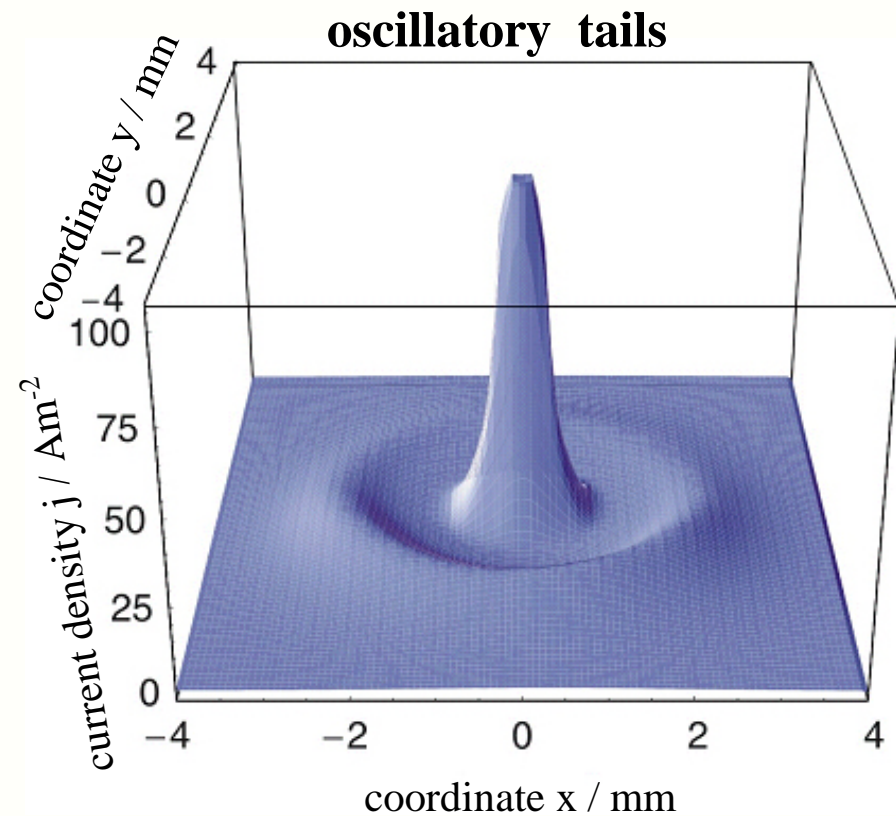




Superposition of 1000 Subsequent Experimental Frames of a Single Propagating Current Filament



parameters: $U_0 = 2,74 \text{ kV}$, $\rho_{\text{SC}} = 4,95 \text{ M}\Omega \text{ cm}$,
 $R_0 = 20 \text{ M}\Omega$, Gas: N_2 , $T=100 \text{ K}$, $p = 280 \text{ hPa}$,
 $D=30 \text{ mm}$, $d = 250 \mu\text{m}$, $a_{\text{SC}}=1 \text{ mm}$, $I = 46 \mu\text{A}$,
 $t_{\text{exp}}=20 \text{ ms}$



parameters: $U_0 = 3,6 \text{ kV}$, $\rho_{\text{SC}} = 3,05 \text{ M}\Omega \text{ cm}$,
 $R_0 = 4,4 \text{ M}\Omega$, Gas: N_2 , $T=100 \text{ K}$, $p = 279 \text{ hPa}$,
 $D=30 \text{ mm}$, $d = 500 \mu\text{m}$, $a_{\text{SC}}=1 \text{ mm}$, $I = 200 \mu\text{A}$,
 $t_{\text{exp}}=20 \text{ ms}$



Typical Dynamic Behaviour of a Single Experimental Current Filament in the Discharge Plane

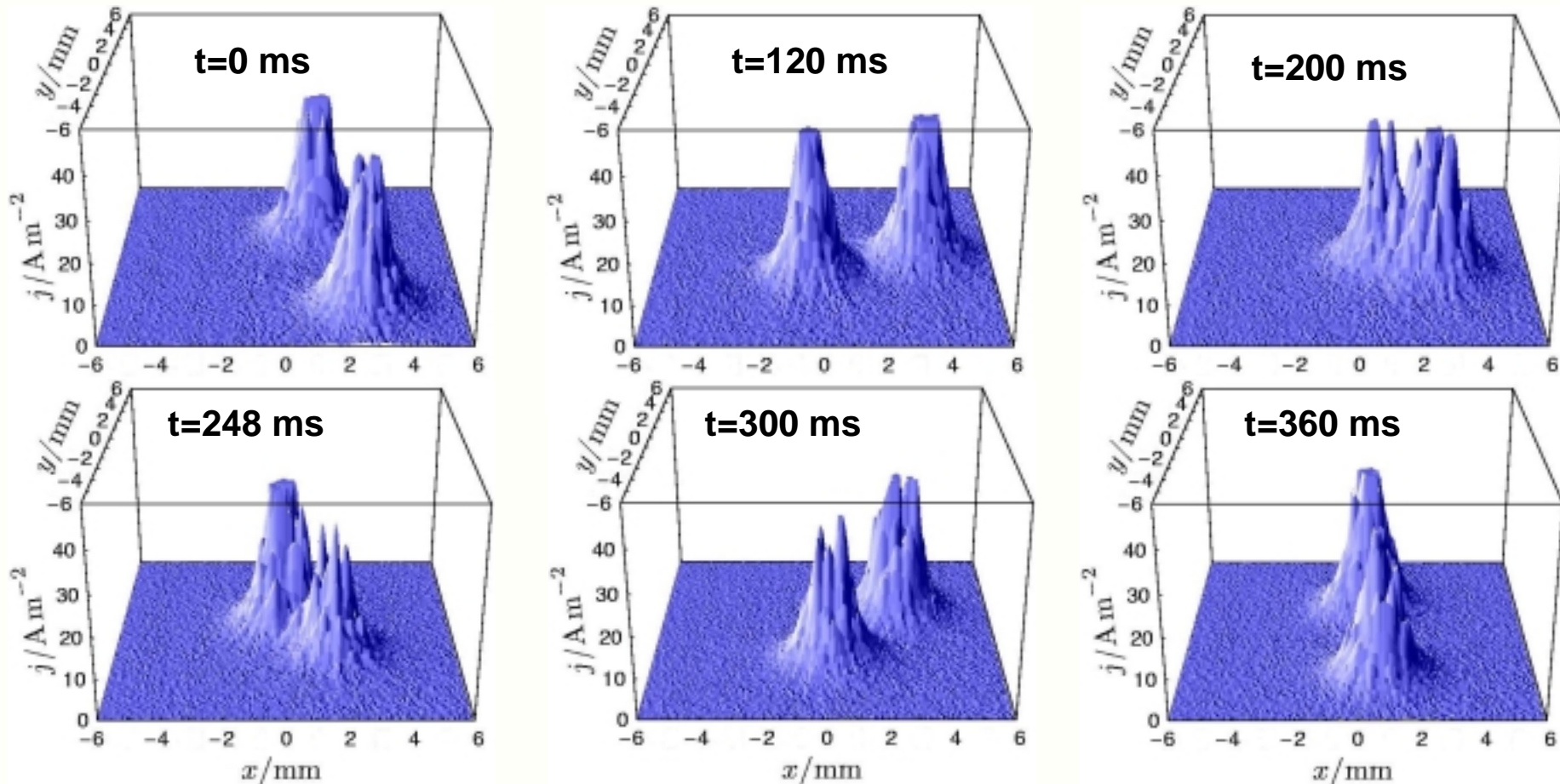
1 cm
|
real
time



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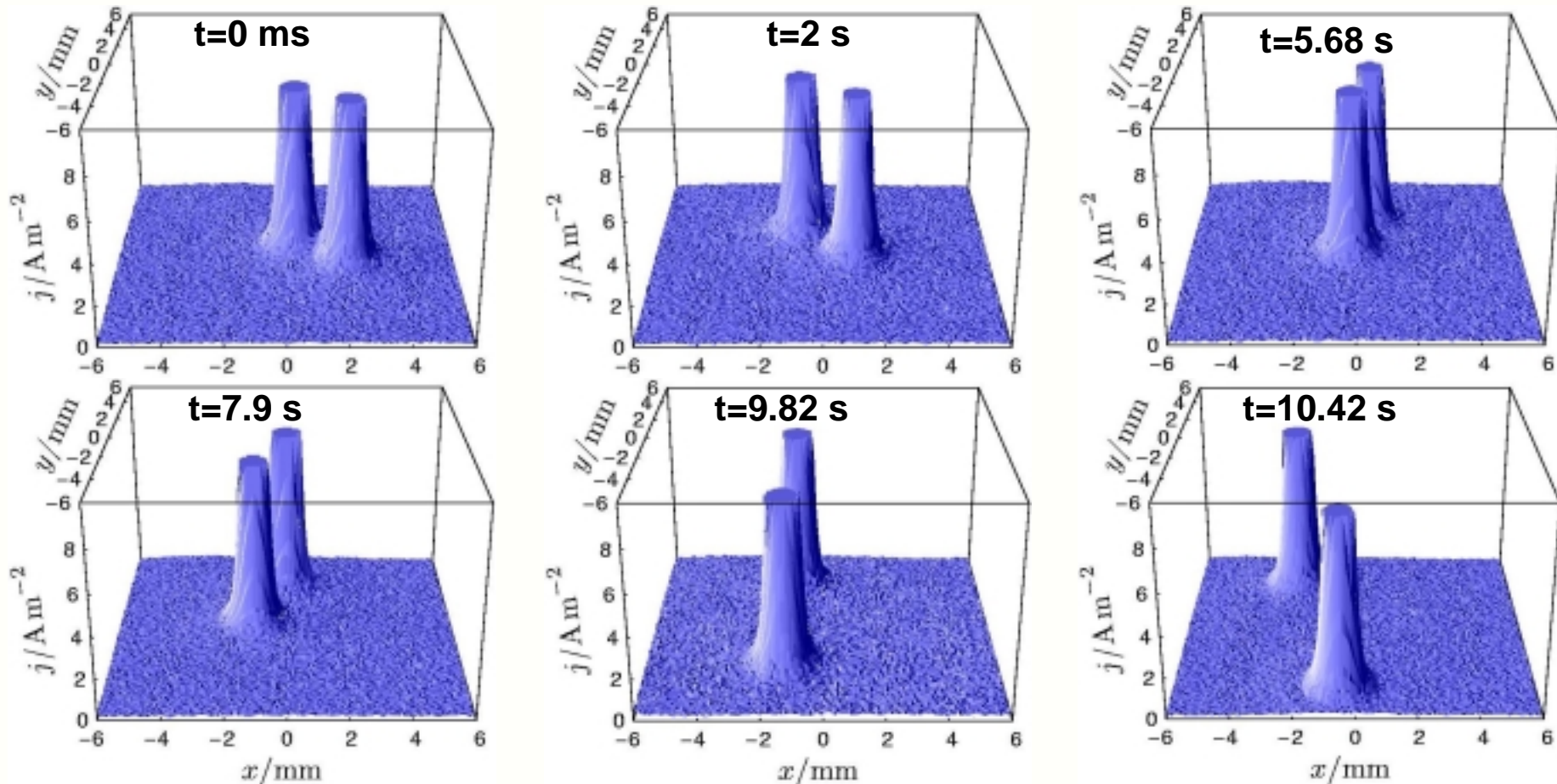
Typical Scattering Process for two Interacting Filaments in the Discharge Plane



parameters: $U_0=3$ kV, $\rho_{\text{SC}}=1.98$ M Ω cm, $R_0=4.4$ M Ω , Gas: N₂, T=100 K, p=244 hPa, D=30 mm, d=500 μm , $a_{\text{SC}}=1$ mm, I=140 μA , $t_{\text{exp}}=20$ ms, $f_{\text{rep}}=50$ Hz



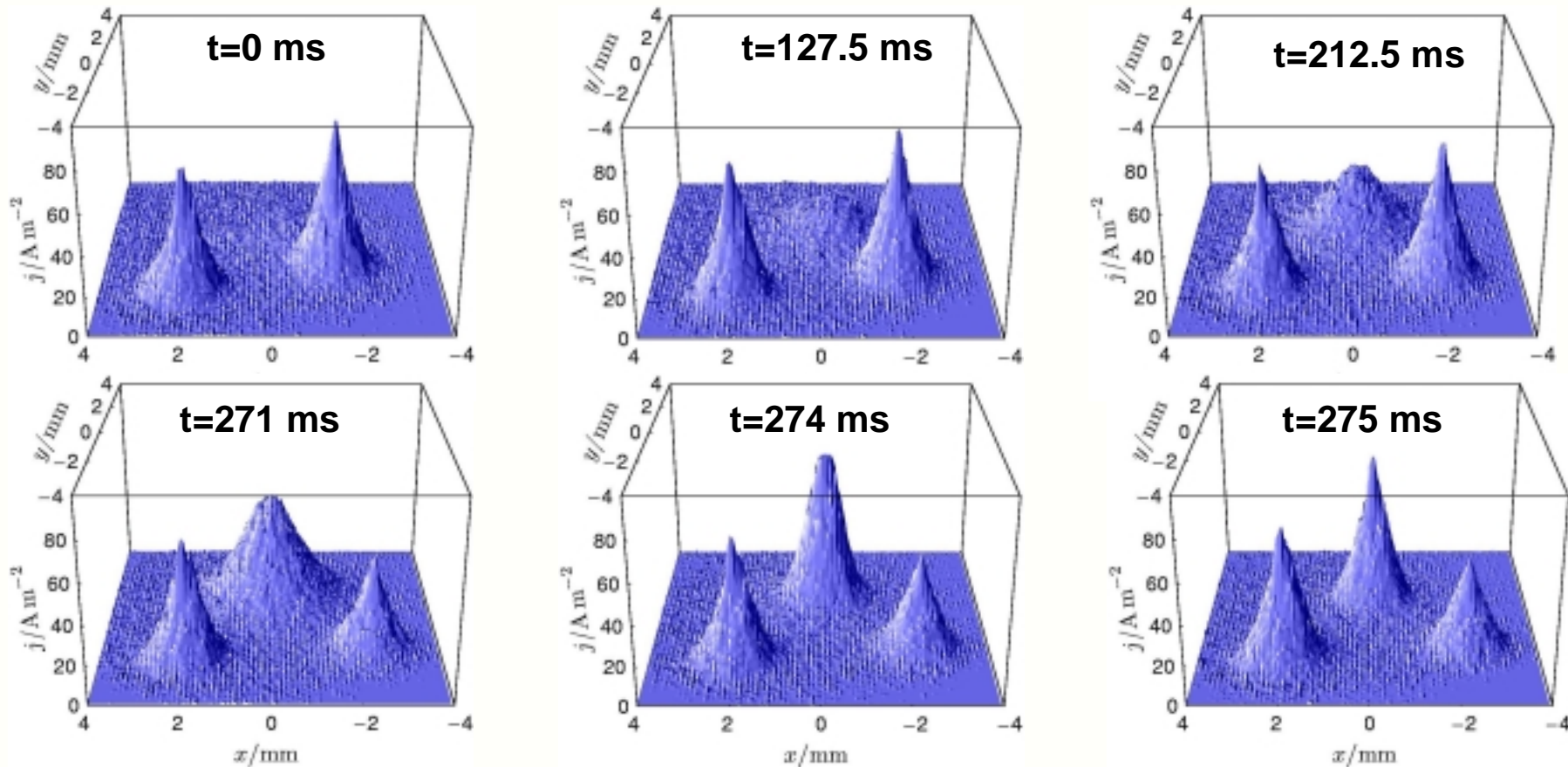
Typical Process for Molecule Formation of two Interacting Filaments in the Discharge Plane



parameters: $U_0=3.1$ kV, $\rho_{\text{SC}}=4.19$ M Ω cm, $R_0=4.4$ M Ω , Gas: N_2 , $T=100$ K, $p=290$ hPa, $D=30$ mm, $d=500$ μm , $a_{\text{SC}}=1$ mm, $I=170$ μA , $t_{\text{exp}}=20$ ms, $f_{\text{rep}}=50$ Hz



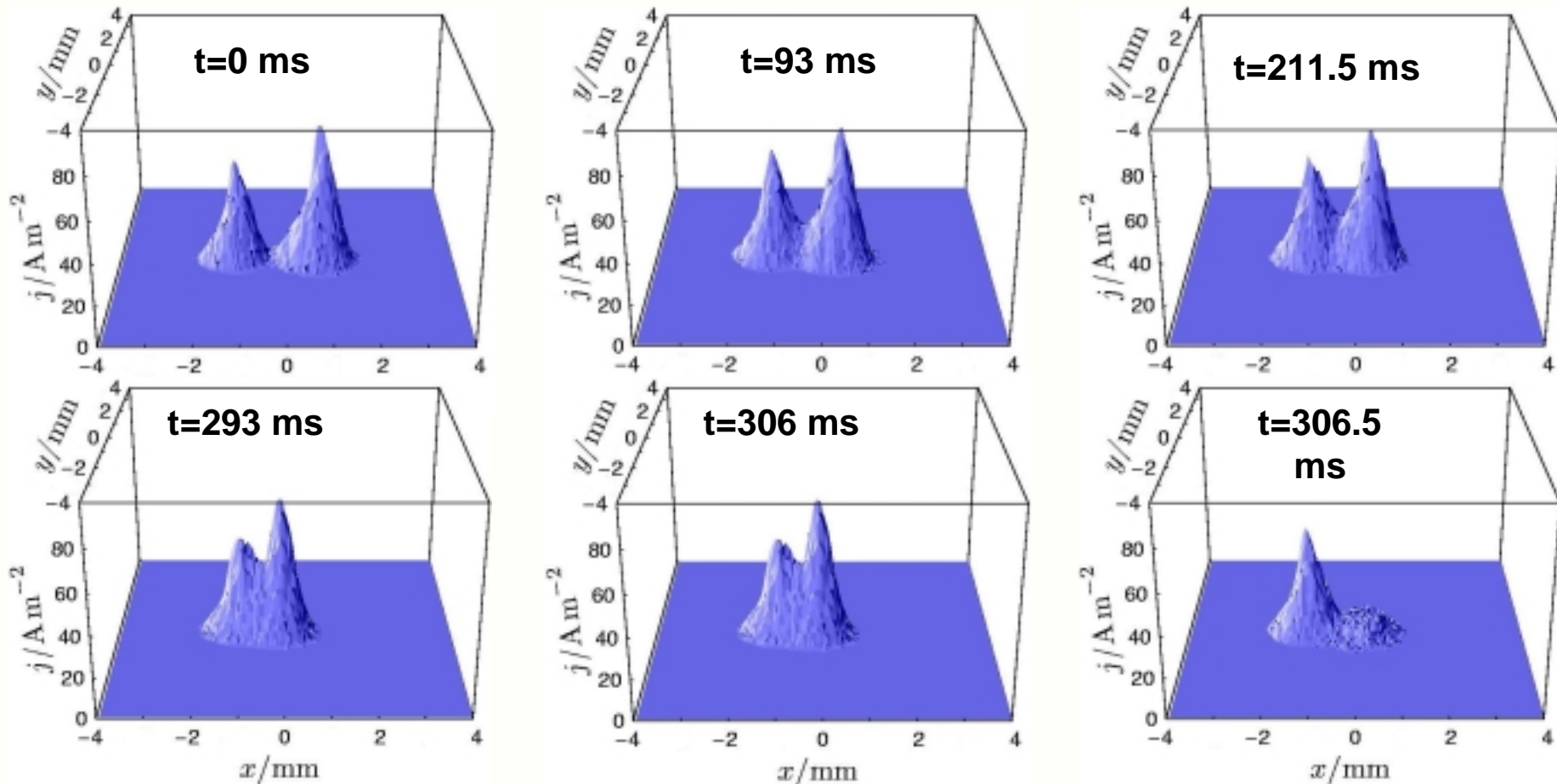
Typical Process for the Generation of a Current Filament in the Discharge Plane



parameters: $U_0=3,8$ kV, $\rho_{\text{SC}}=4,14$ M Ω cm, $R_0=20$ M Ω , Gas: N_2 , $T=100$ K, $p=290$ hPa, $D=30$ mm, $d=500$ μm , $a_{\text{SC}}=1$ mm, $I=100\text{-}250$ μA , $t_{\text{exp}}=0,2$ ms, $f_{\text{rep}}=2$ kHz



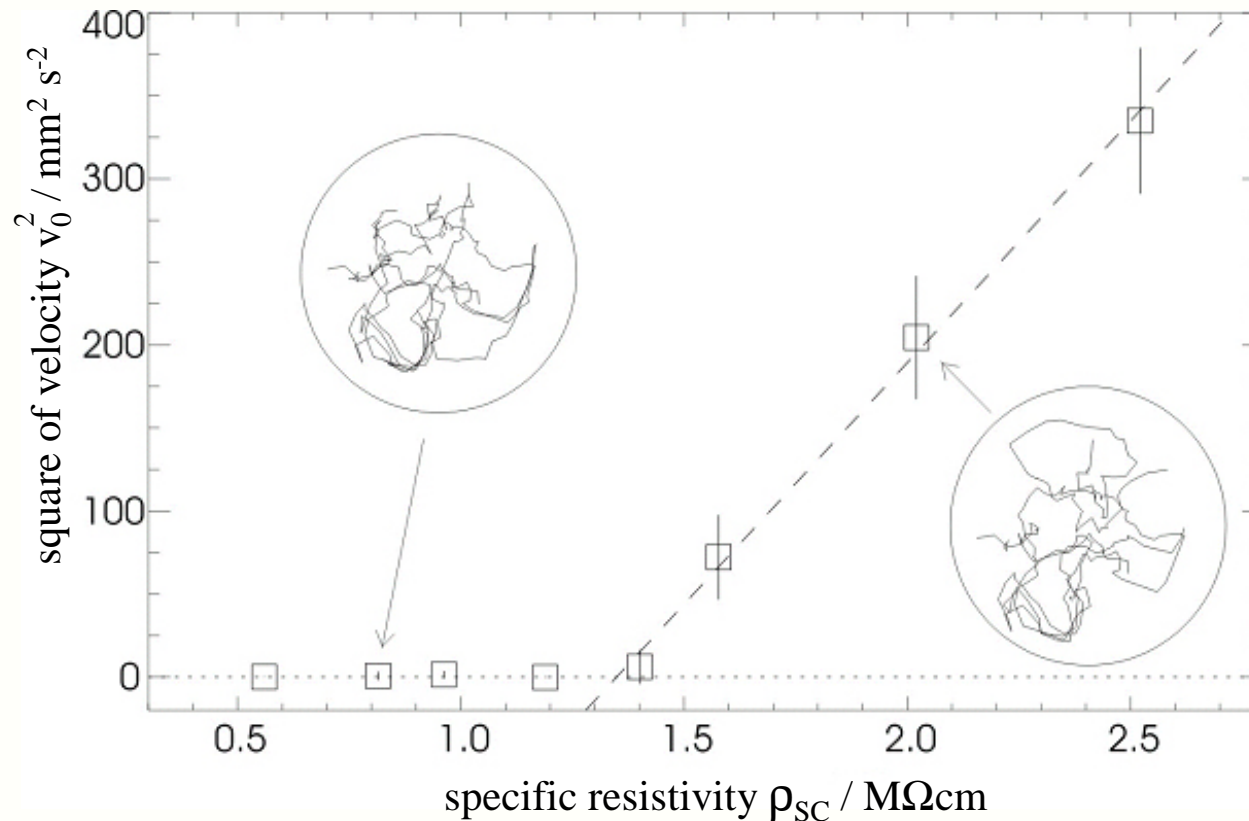
Typical Process for the Annihilation of a Current Filament in the Discharge Plane



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Drift Bifurcation of an Experimental Filament in the Discharge Plane Obtained from Stochastic Data Analysis of Trajectories



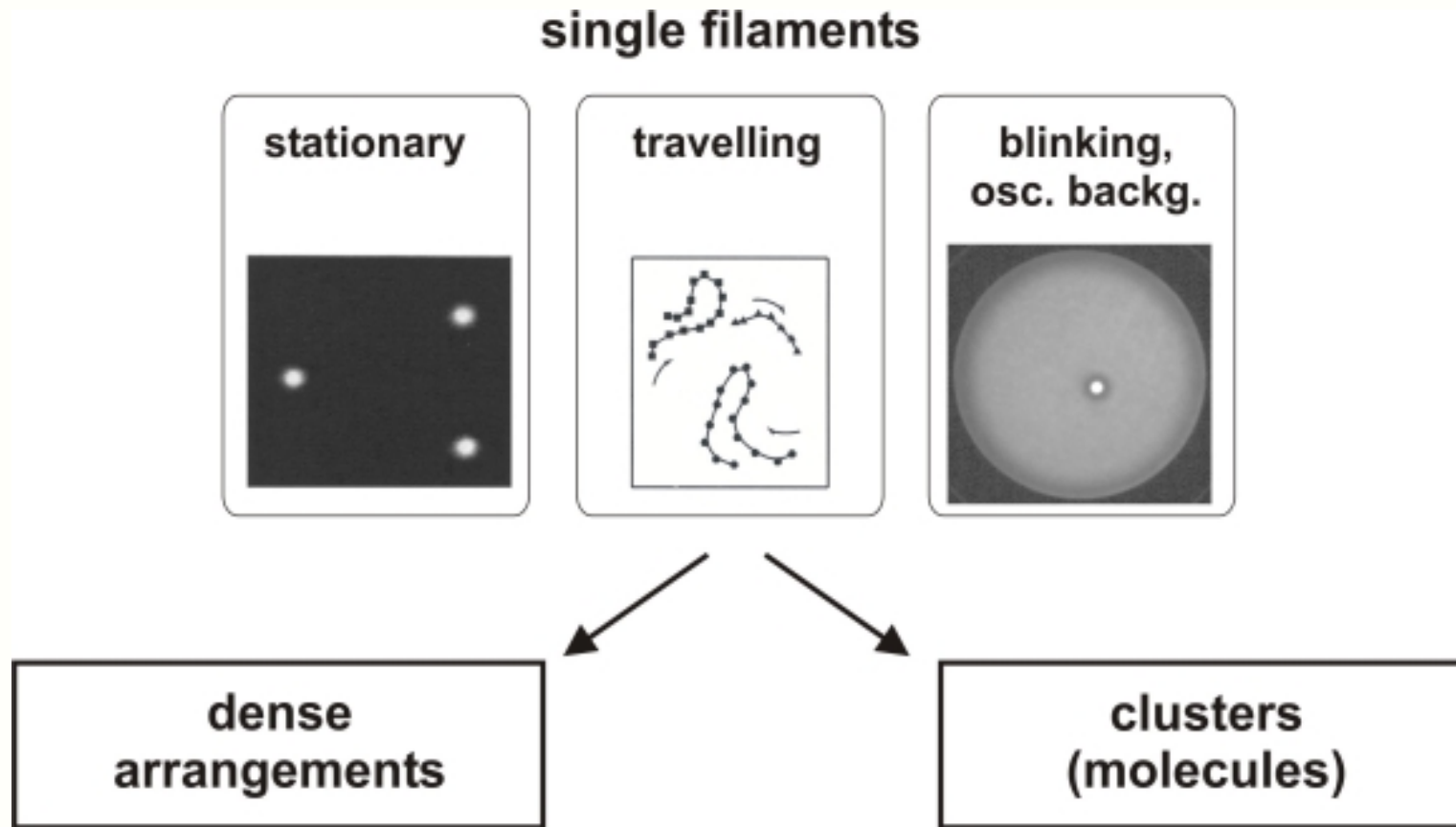
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square of the intrinsic velocity as a function of the specific resistivity
of the semiconductor wafer and typical experimental trajectories



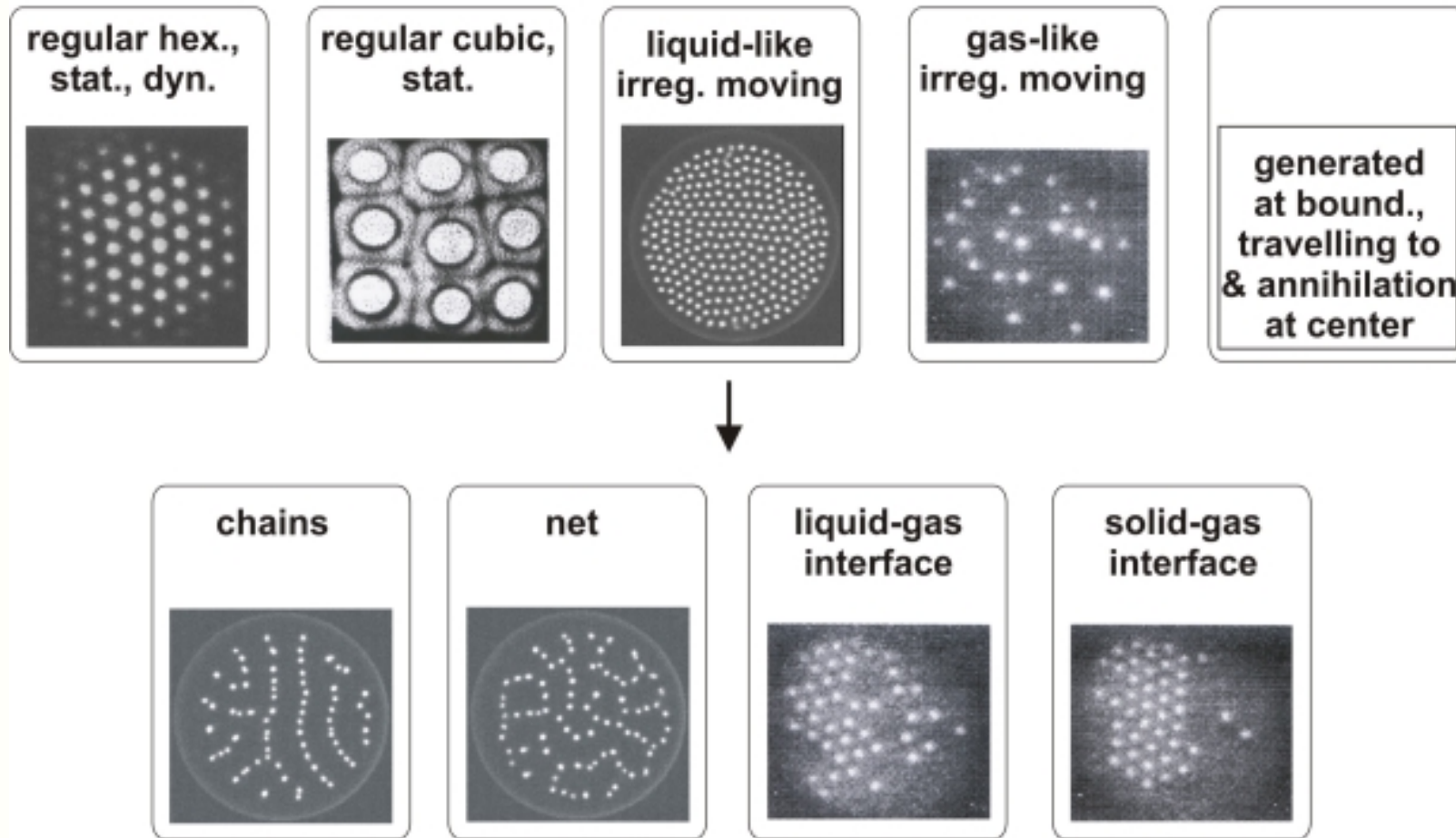
Experimentally Observed Hierarchy of Filamentary Patterns in the DC Gas-Discharge System I





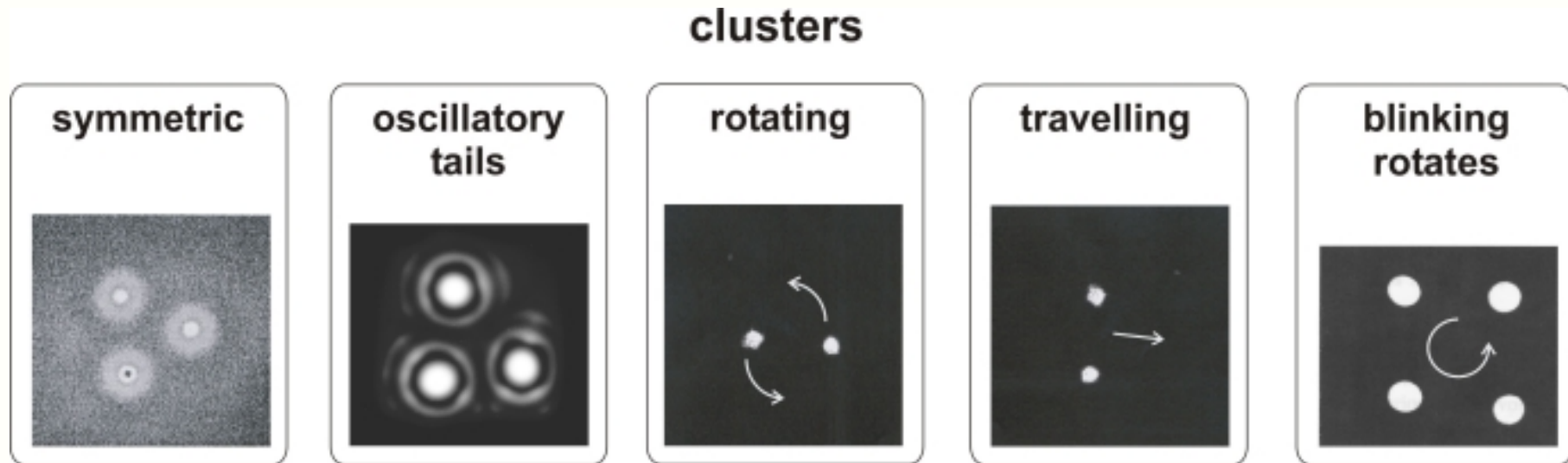
Experimentally Observed Hierarchy of Filamentary Patterns in the DC Gas-Discharge System II

dense filament arrangement





Experimentally Observed Hierarchy of Filamentary Patterns in the DC Gas-Discharge System III



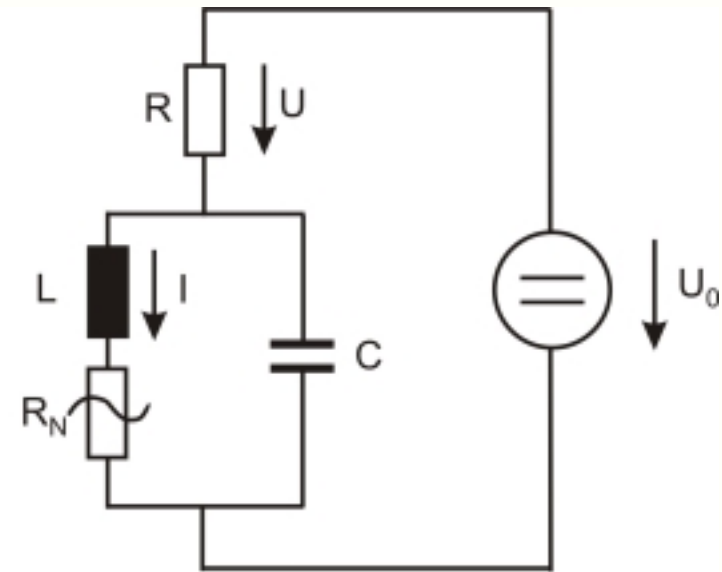
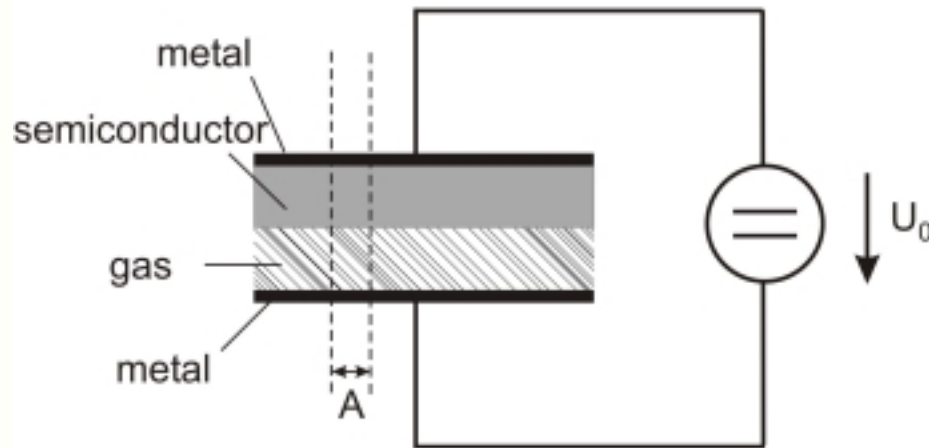


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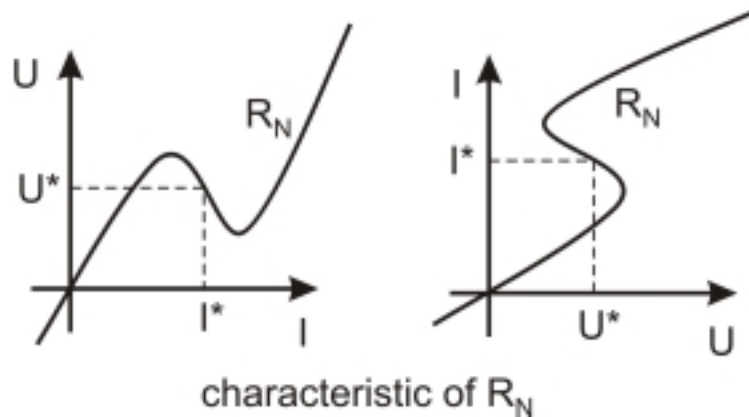
**Qualitative Model
for
Planar Gas-Discharge Systems
with
High Ohmic Barrier**



The Local DC Gas-Discharge System as Activator-Inhibitor System



equivalent circuit for the area A without spacial coupling



behaviour of the circuit

- $\Delta I > 0, \Delta U = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dI}{dt} > 0, \frac{dU}{dt} > 0$
- $\Delta I = 0, \Delta U > 0 \rightarrow \frac{dI}{dt} < 0, \frac{dU}{dt} < 0$



The 3-Component Reaction-Diffusion-Equation (3-k-RD-System)

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{D}_u \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) - \kappa_3 \mathbf{v} - \kappa_4 \mathbf{w} + \kappa_1 - \frac{\kappa_2}{\|\Omega\|} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega,$$

$$\tau \mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{D}_v \Delta \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v},$$

$$\theta \mathbf{w}_t = \mathbf{D}_w \Delta \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w},$$

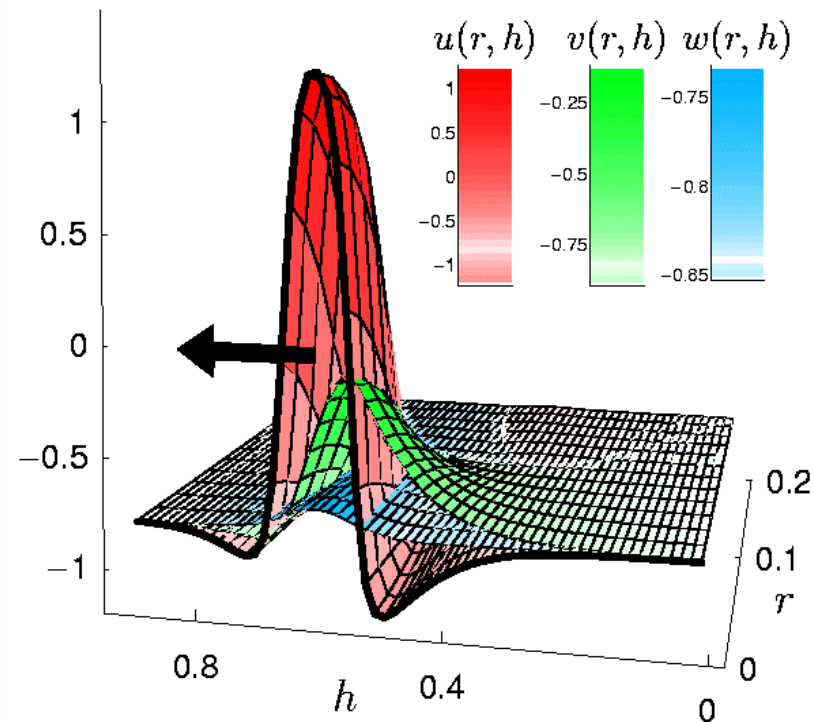
$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) \approx \lambda \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^3,$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}; t), \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}; t), \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}; t), \bar{\mathbf{x}} \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3,$$

$$\mathbf{D}_u, \mathbf{D}_v, \mathbf{D}_w, \tau, \theta, \lambda, \kappa_2, \kappa_3, \kappa_4 \geq 0.$$



Numerical Solution of the 3-k-RD-System: Dissipative Soliton as Localized Travelling Solitary Structure in \mathbb{R}^3

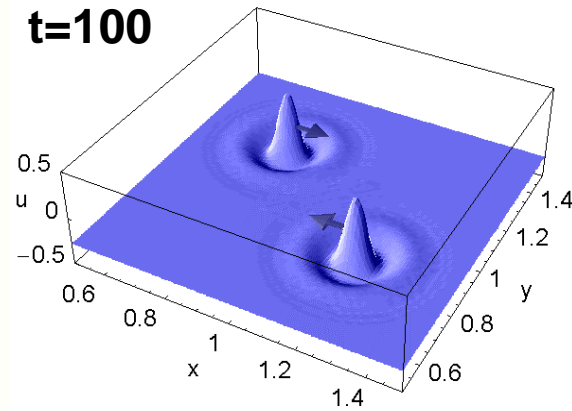


$\tau=48.0$, $\theta=0.5$, $D_u=1.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $D_v=1.86 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $D_w=9.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$, $\lambda=2.0$, $\kappa_1=-6.92$, $\kappa_2=0$,
 $\kappa_3=8.5$, $\kappa_4=1.0$, $\Omega=[0,0.466] \times [0,0.932]$, $\Delta x=0.0155$, $\Delta t=0.01$.

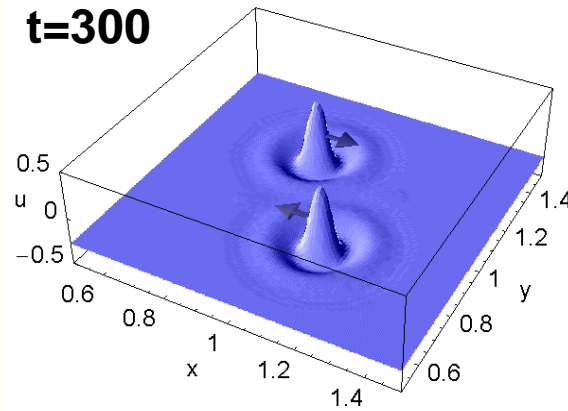


Numerical Solutions of the 3-k-RD-System: Scattering of Interacting Dissipative Solitons in \mathbb{R}^2

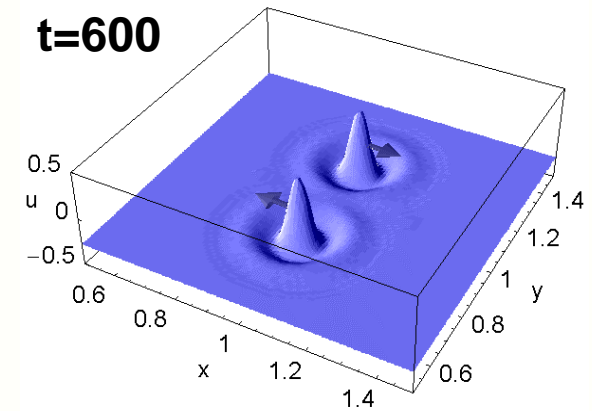
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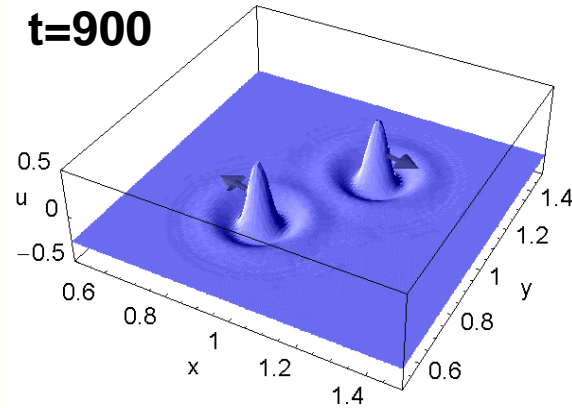
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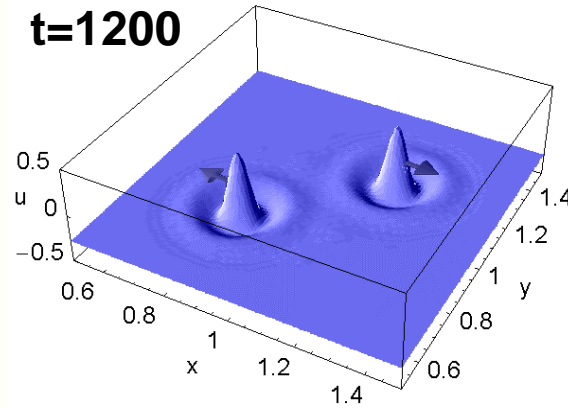
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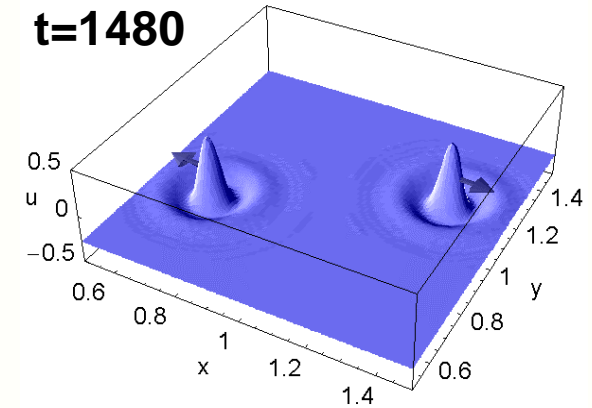
t=900



t=1200



t=1480

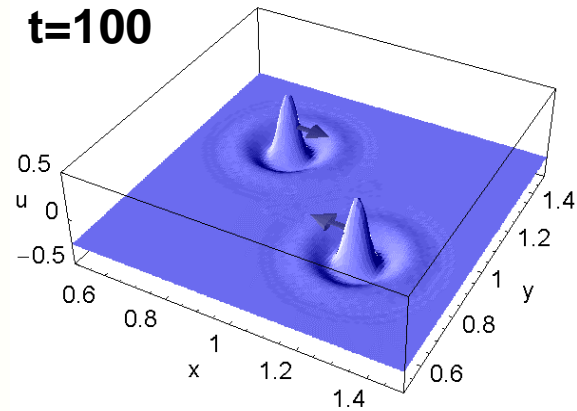


$\tau=3.35$, $\theta=0$, $D_u=1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $D_v=0$, $D_w=9.64 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $\lambda=1.01$, $\kappa_1=-0.1$, $\kappa_3=0.3$, $\kappa_4=1.0$ $\Omega=[0,1] \times [0,1]$,
 $\Delta x=5 \cdot 10^{-3}$, $\Delta t=0.1$.

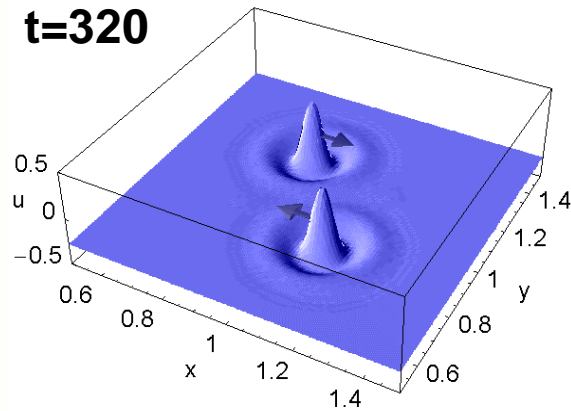


Numerical Solutions of the 3-k-RD-System: Formation of Rotating Molecules Due to Collision of Dissipative Solitons in \mathbb{R}^2

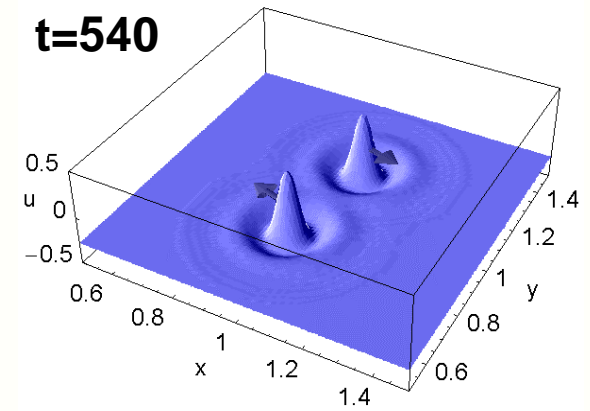
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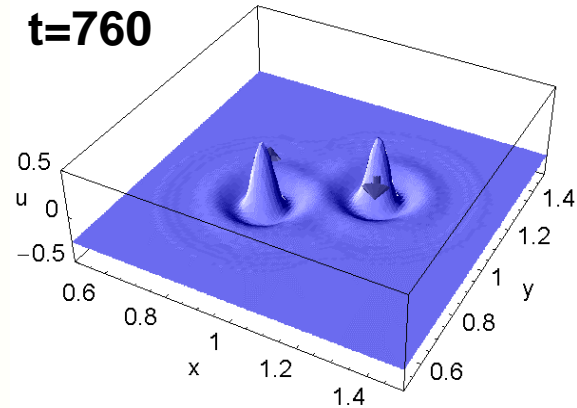
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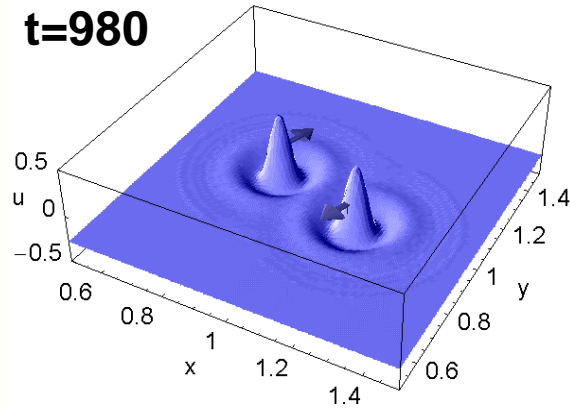
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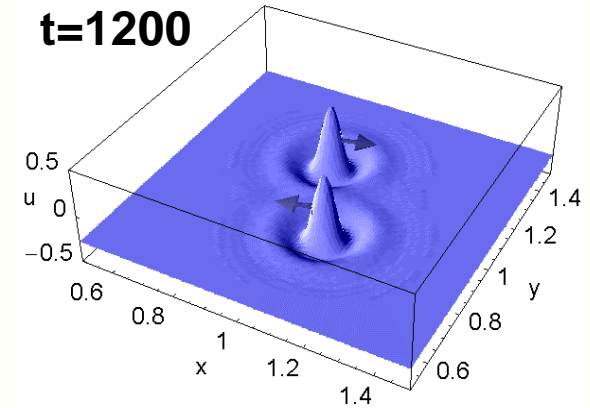
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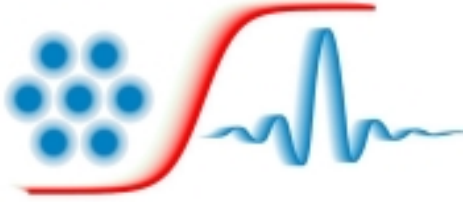
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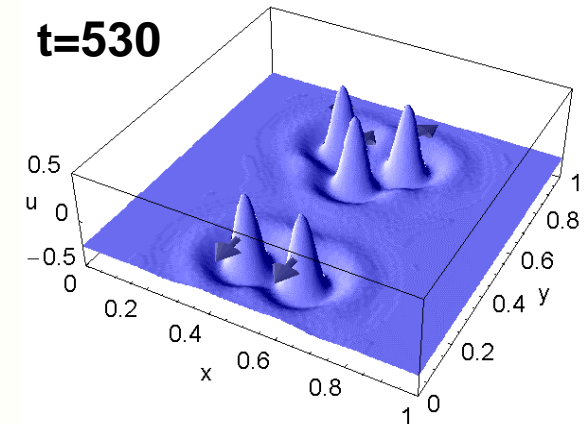
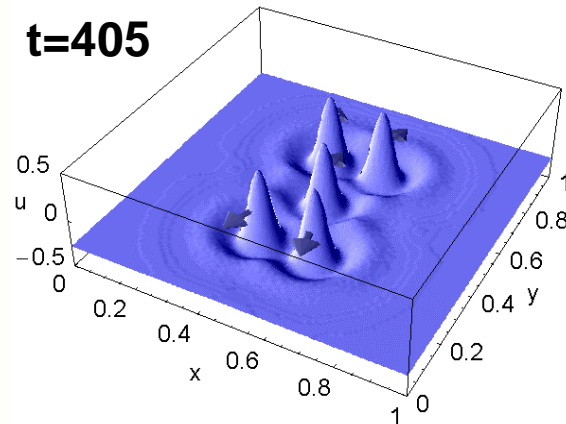
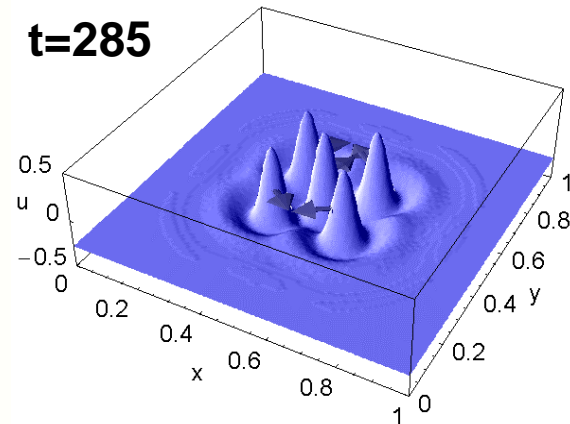
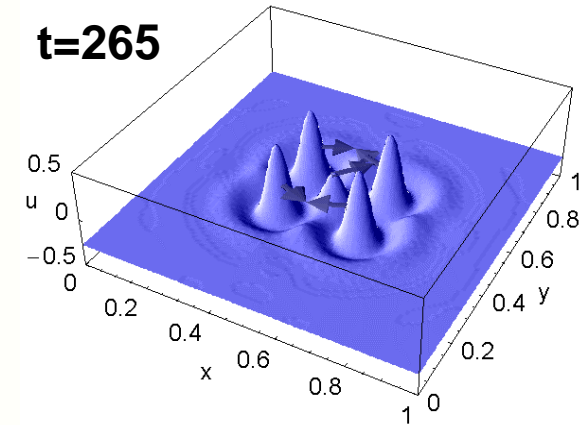
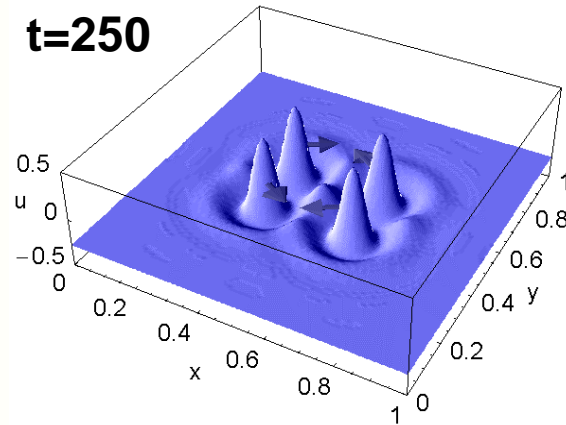
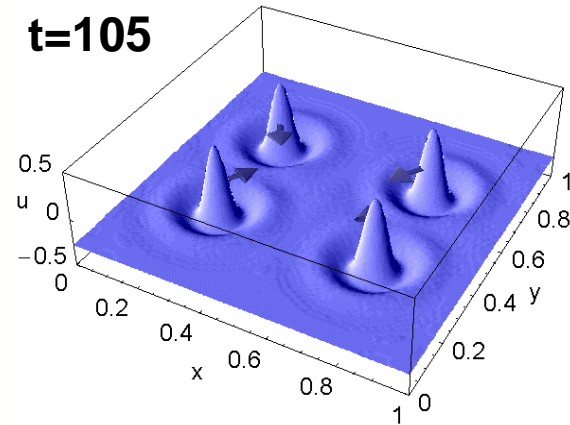
t=1200



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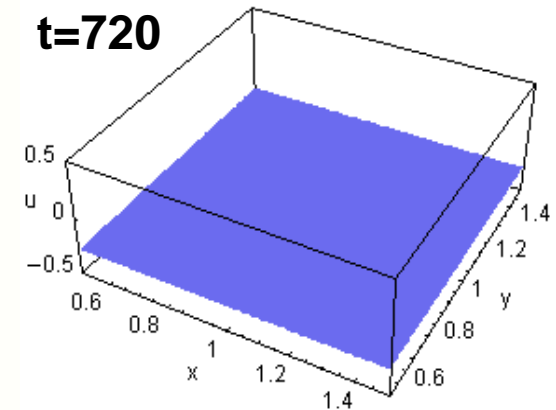
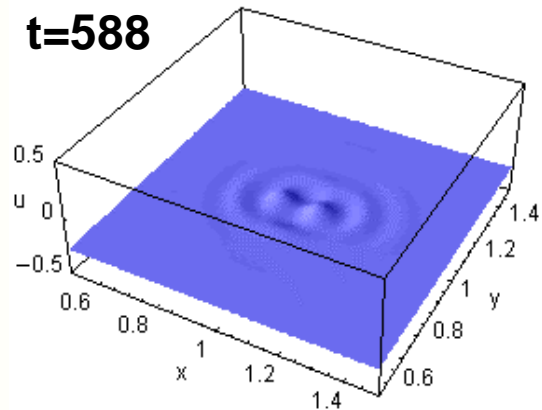
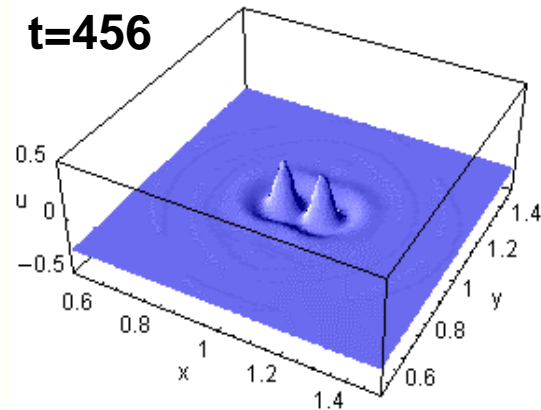
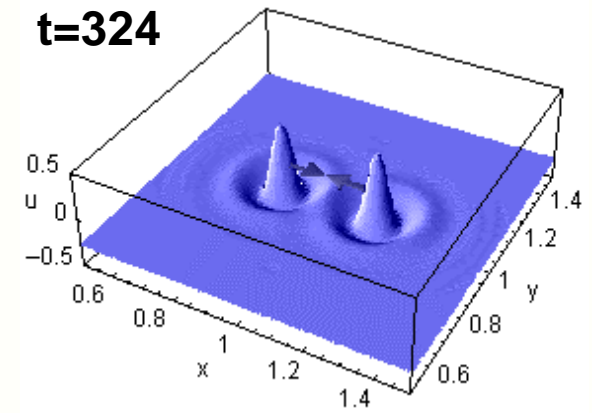
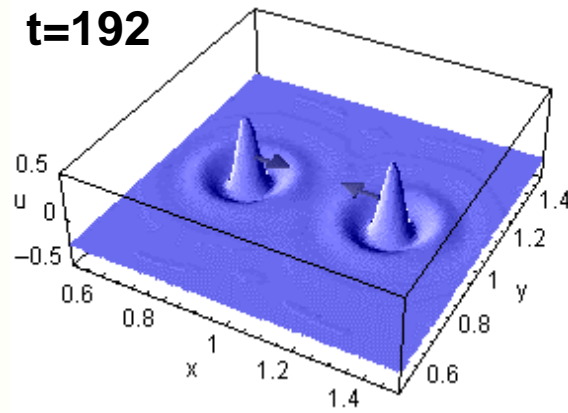
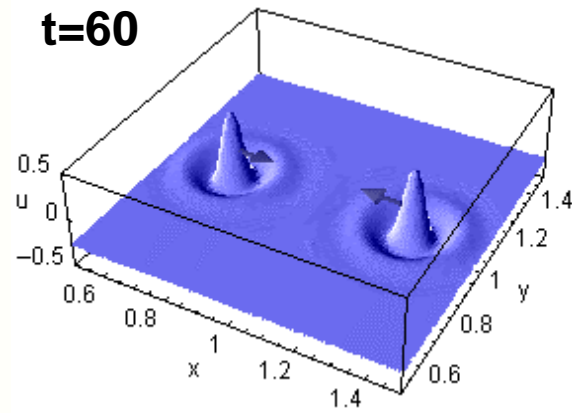
Numerical Solutions of the 3-k-RD-System: Generation of a Dissipative Soliton Due to Collision in \mathbb{R}^2



$\tau=3.47$, $\theta=0$, $D_u=1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $D_v=0$, $D_w=9.64 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $\lambda=1.01$, $\kappa_1=-0.1$, $\kappa_3=0.3$, $\kappa_4=1.0$, $\Omega=[0,1] \times [0,1]$,
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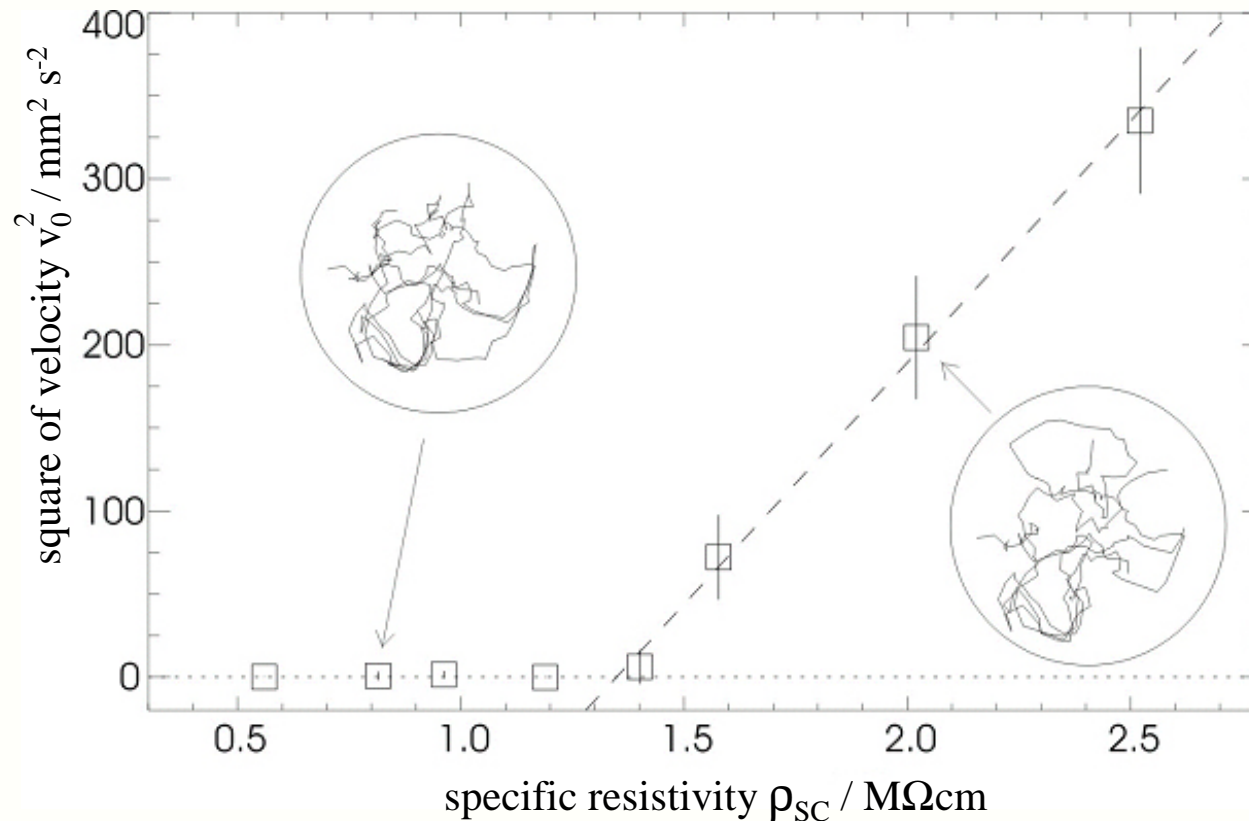
Numerical Solutions of the 3-k-RD-System: Annihilation of a Dissipative Soliton Due to Collision in \mathbb{R}^2



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Drift Bifurcation of an Experimental Filament in the Discharge Plane Obtained from Stochastic Data Analysis of Trajectories



parameters:

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square of the intrinsic velocity as a function of the specific resistivity
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Relevance of the 3-k-RD-System

exemplaric theoretical investigation

- **3-component nonlinear partial differential equation**
- **simple structure**
- **solutions reflect a large variety of particle properties**
- **strong relation to electrical transport systems**
- **theoretical predictions could be manifested**
- **experimentally observed phenomena could be found in the solutions of the equations**
- **expectation: deep insight into the formation of self-organized patterns**
- **deep insight into the mechanisms of pattern formation of nonlinear dissipative systems in general**



Chapter 5

The Reduced Equation



The 3-Component Reaction-Diffusion-Equation (3-k-RD-System)

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{D}_u \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) - \kappa_3 \mathbf{v} - \kappa_4 \mathbf{w} + \kappa_1 - \frac{\kappa_2}{\|\Omega\|} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} d\Omega,$$

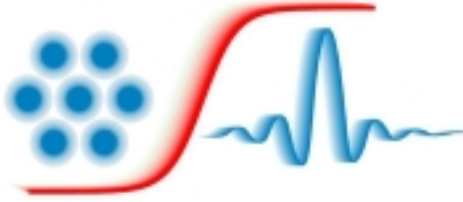
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$$\mathbf{D}_u, \mathbf{D}_v, \mathbf{D}_w, \tau, \theta, \lambda, \kappa_2, \kappa_3, \kappa_4 \geq 0.$$



Reduction of the Field Equation to a Dynamical Equation for Dissipative Solitons I

ansatz:

normalization of the homogeneous stationary background to 0,

$$u(\vec{x}, T_1, T_2, T_3) = \bar{u}(\vec{x} - \vec{p}_1) + \bar{u}(\vec{x} - \vec{p}_2) + \varepsilon^2 r_u - \varepsilon^3 R_u,$$

$$v(\vec{x}, T_1, T_2, T_3) = \bar{u}(\vec{x} - \vec{p}_1) + \bar{u}(\vec{x} - \vec{p}_2) + \varepsilon \vec{\alpha}_1 \nabla \bar{u}(\vec{x} - \vec{p}_1) + \varepsilon \vec{\alpha}_2 \nabla \bar{u}(\vec{x} - \vec{p}_2) + \varepsilon^2 r_v + \varepsilon^3 R_v.$$

time scale separation:

$$\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_i(T_1, T_2, T_3), \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$r_{u,v} = r_{u,v}(\vec{x}, T_1),$$

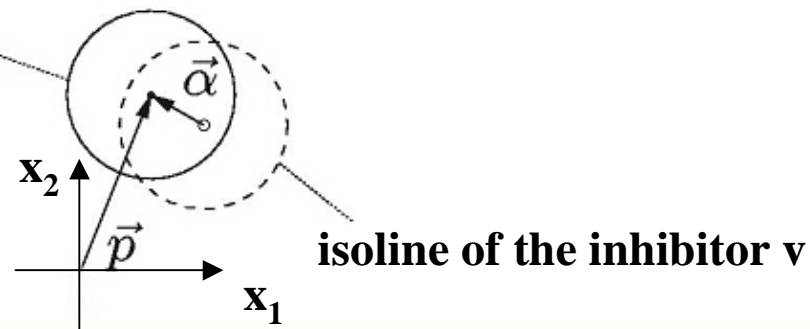
$$T_j = \varepsilon^j t, \quad j = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$\varepsilon \vec{\alpha}_i = \varepsilon \vec{\alpha}_i(T_1, T_2),$$

$$R_{u,v} = R_{u,v}(\vec{x}).$$

visualization of \vec{p}
and $\vec{\alpha}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 for a
dissipative Soliton

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Reduction of the Field Equation to a Dynamical Equation for Dissipative Solitons II

equation of motion for N dissipative solitons

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\vec{p}}_i &= \kappa_3 \vec{\alpha}_i - \vec{W}_i(\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_N), & i &= 1, 2, \dots, N \\ \dot{\vec{\alpha}}_i &= \kappa_3^2 \left(\tau - \frac{1}{\kappa_3} \right) \vec{\alpha}_i - \kappa_3 Q \alpha_i^2 \vec{\alpha}_i - \vec{W}_i(\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_N)\end{aligned}$$

interaction function

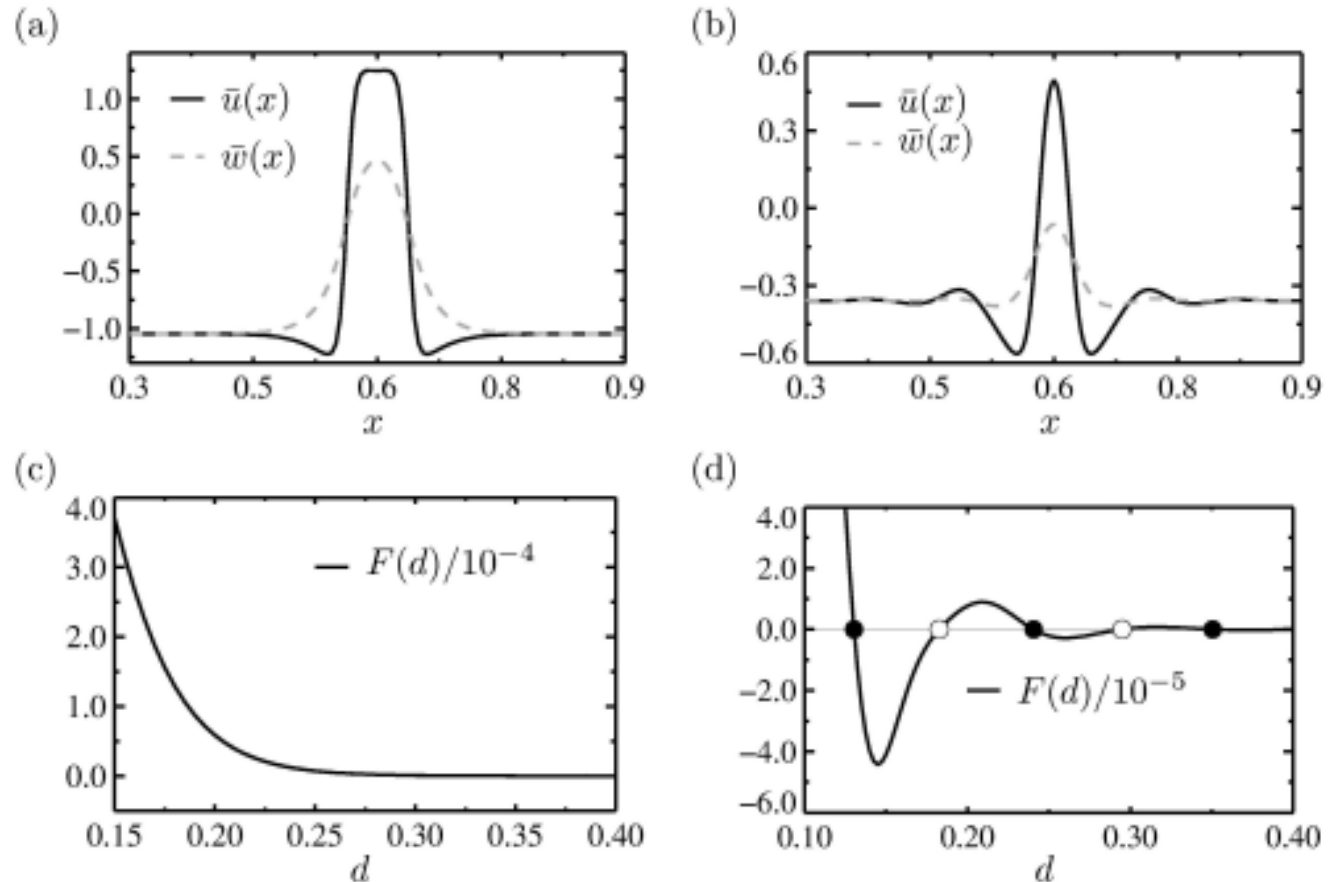
$$\vec{W}_i(\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_N) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \vec{W}_{DS}(\vec{p}_i, \vec{p}_j) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{F}(|\vec{p}_j - \vec{p}_i|) \frac{\vec{p}_j - \vec{p}_i}{|\vec{p}_j - \vec{p}_i|}$$



Interaction Function of the Equation of Motion for Dissipative Solitons Derived from the Field Equation

$$\bar{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{v}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{F}(|\bar{\mathbf{p}}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{p}}_1|)$$

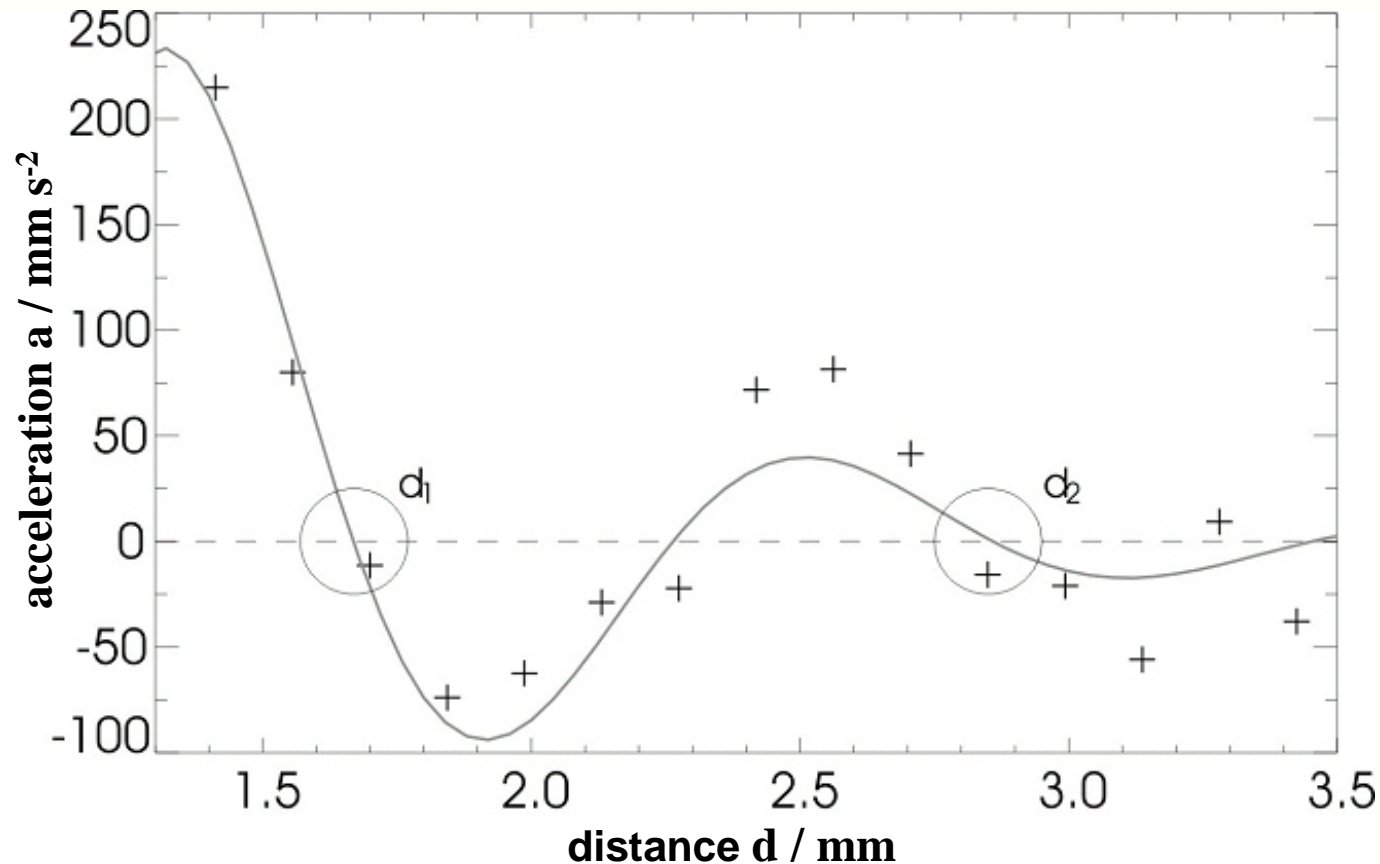


a+c: $\tau=0, \theta=0, D_u=0.5 \cdot 10^{-4}, D_v=0, D_w=10^{-3}, \lambda=3.0, \kappa_1=-0.1, \kappa_3=1.0, \kappa_4=1.0, \Omega=[0,1.2],$
 $\Delta x=5 \cdot 10^{-3},$

b+d: $D_u=1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}, D_w=9.64 \cdot 10^{-4}, \lambda=1.71, \kappa_1=-0.15, \Delta x=2.5 \cdot 10^{-3},$ others as in a+c.



Determination of the Interaction Function from Experimental Trajectories Using New Stochastic Data Analysis

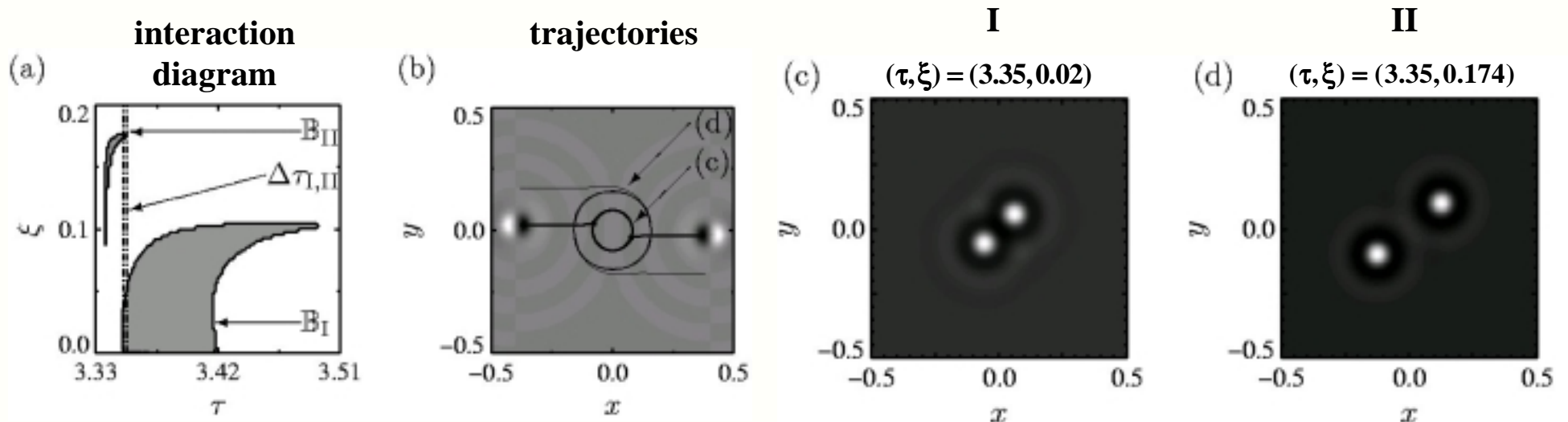


parameters: $U_0=4600$ V, $\rho_{SC}=3,55$ M Ω cm, $R_0=4,4$ M Ω , Gas: N₂, T=100 K, p=283 hPa, D=30 mm,
d=550 μ m, $a_{SC}=1$ mm, I=233 μ A, $t_{exp}=20$ ms, $f_{rep}=50$ Hz



Examples for the Interaction Behaviour of Dissipative Solitons in \mathbb{R}^2 Obtained from the Model Equations

reduced equation (a), field equation (b)-(d)



white area: scattering

B_I : rotating molecules I

ξ : parallel offset

B_{II} : rotating molecules II

τ : relaxation time

$$F(d) = -\frac{6.87 \cdot 10^{-4}}{\sqrt{d}} e^{-15.7d} \cos(43.15(d - 0.199)), \quad Q=1950$$

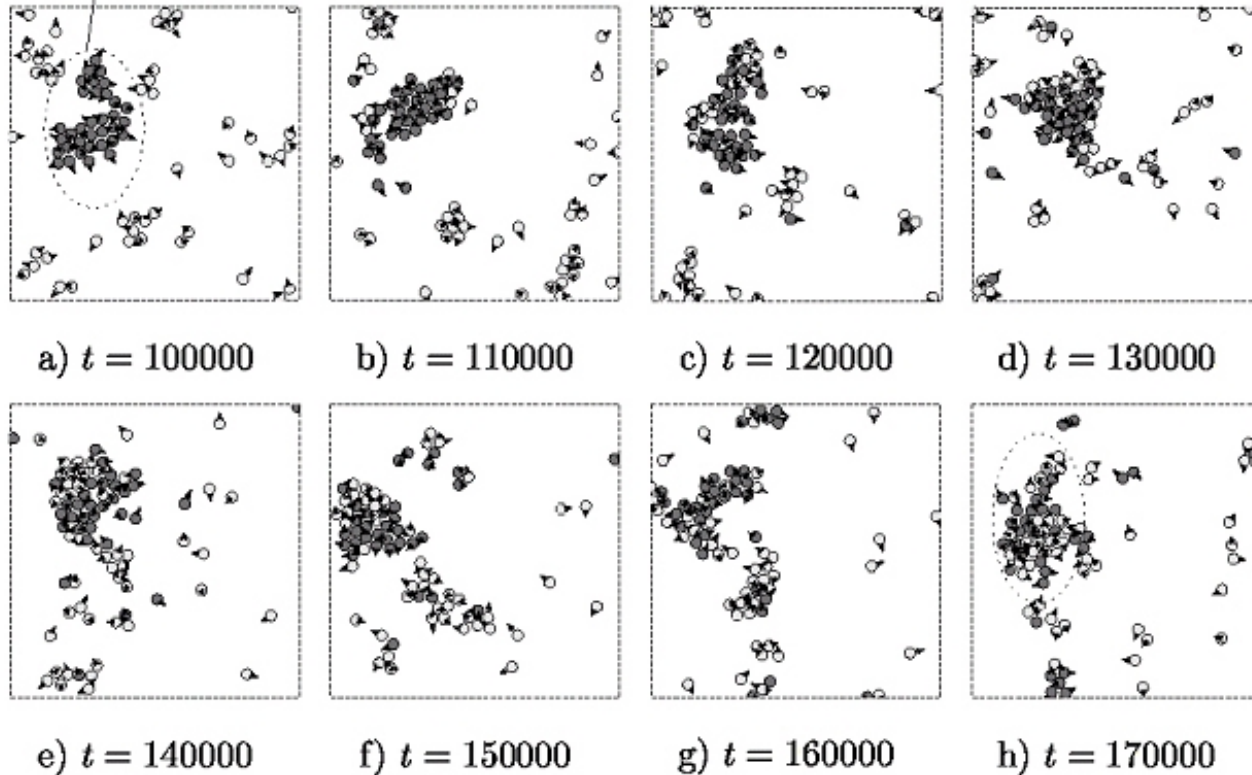
$$\theta=0, D_u=1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}, D_v=0, D_w=9.64 \cdot 10^{-4}, \lambda=1.01, \kappa_1=-0.1, \kappa_3=0.3, \kappa_4=1.0, \\ \Omega=[-0.5, 0.5] \times [-0.5, 0.5], \Delta x=5 \cdot 10^{-3}, \Delta t=0.1 .$$



Phase Separation in the Solutions of the Reduced Equation for many Dissipative Solitons

marked solitons in the largest cluster at starting time

N=81



$\tau=3.34$, $\theta=0$, $D_u=1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $D_v=0$, $D_w=9.64 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $\lambda=1.01$, $\kappa_1=-0.1$, $\kappa_3=0.3$, $\kappa_4=1.0$,
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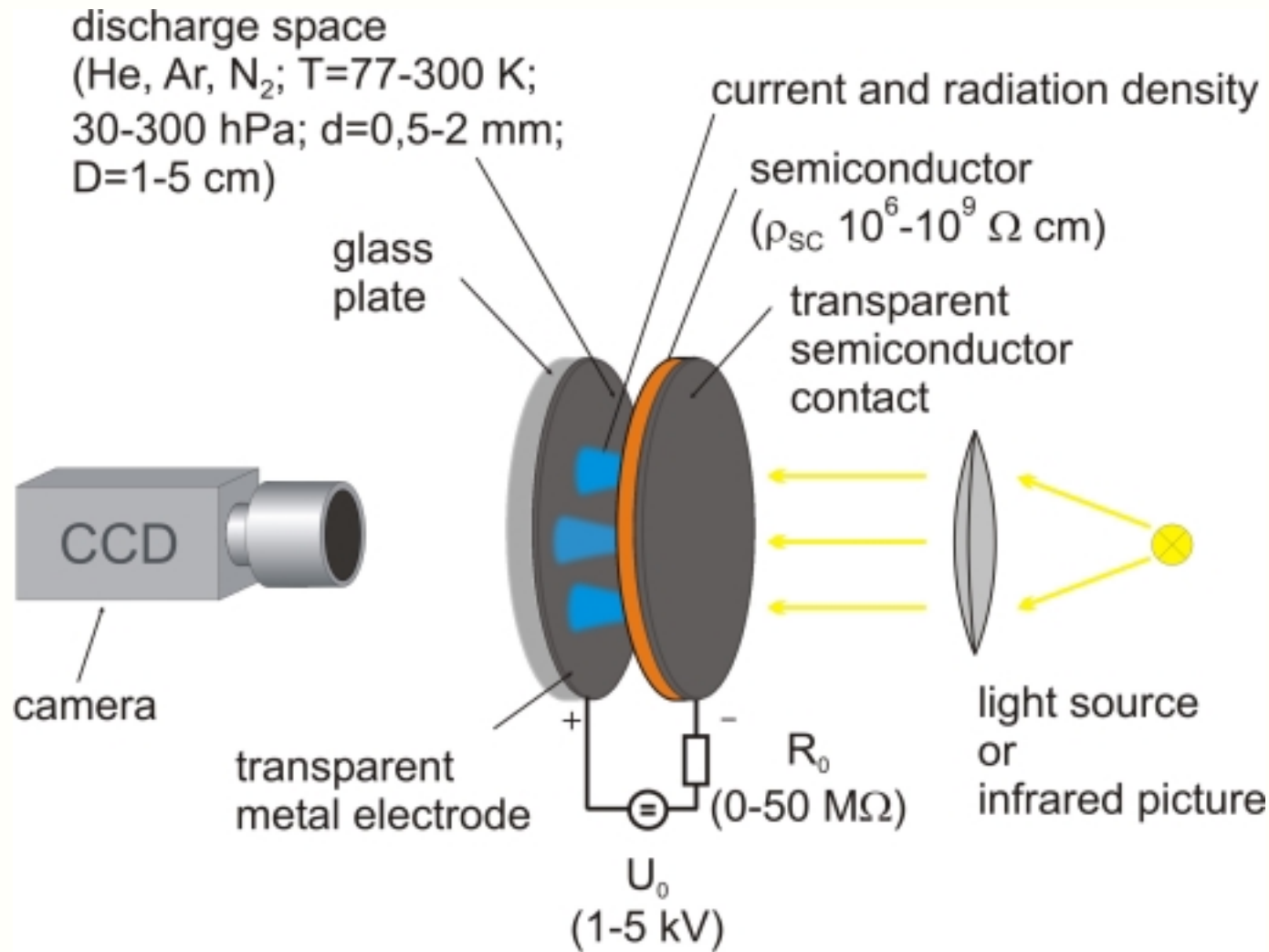


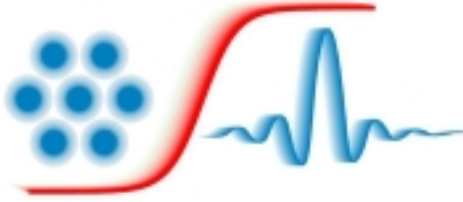
Chapter 6

**Quantitative Model
for
Planar Gas-Discharge Systems
with
High Ohmic Barrier**



Experimental Set-Up for Measuring Self-Organized Patterns in Planar DC Gas-Discharge Systems





Model Equation for the DC Gas-Discharge System I: Gas-Discharge Space ($-d < z < 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \mathbf{n}_e + \text{div}(\vec{\Gamma}_e) &= S_e, \\ \partial_t \mathbf{n}_p + \text{div}(\vec{\Gamma}_p) &= S_p, \\ \Delta \varphi &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} e(\mathbf{n}_e - \mathbf{n}_p), \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\Gamma}_e = -\mu_e \mathbf{n}_e \vec{E} - D_e \vec{\nabla} \mathbf{n}_e,$$

$$\vec{\Gamma}_p = \mu_p \mathbf{n}_p \vec{E} - D_p \vec{\nabla} \mathbf{n}_p,$$

$$S_e = S_p = \nu \mathbf{n}_e - \beta \mathbf{n}_e \mathbf{n}_p,$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \varphi,$$

$$\mu_{e,p} = \mu_{e,p}(\mathbf{E}), \nu = \nu(\mathbf{E}),$$

$$D_{e,p} = k T_{e,p} \mu_{e,p}(\mathbf{E}) / e,$$

$$\vec{j}_g = e(\vec{\Gamma}_p - \vec{\Gamma}_e).$$

$\mathbf{n}_e, \mathbf{n}_p$ electron/ion density

S_e, S_p electron/ion source term

$\vec{\Gamma}_e, \vec{\Gamma}_p$ electron/ion particle current density

μ_e, μ_p electron/ion mobility

\vec{E} electrical field

D_e, D_p electron/ion diffusion constant

ν ionisation rate

β recombination rate

φ electrical potential

T_e, T_p electron/ion temperature

\vec{j}_g global electrical current density



Model Equation for the DC Gas-Discharge System II: Semiconductor Wafer ($0 < z < d_{sc}$)

$$\vec{j}_{sc} = \lambda \vec{E},$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \varphi,$$

$$\text{div}(\varepsilon \vec{\nabla} \varphi) = 0.$$

\vec{j}_{sc} global electrical current density

λ specific electrical conductivity

\vec{E} electrical field

φ electrical potential

ε dielectric constant of the semiconductor



Model Equation for the DC Gas-Discharge System III: Boundary Conditions Gas – Semiconductor at z=0

$$\partial_t \sigma - D_S \Delta \sigma = \vec{e}_z (\vec{j}_g - \vec{j}_{SC})_{z=0},$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sigma = (\epsilon \vec{e}_z \vec{E})_{z=+0} - (\vec{e}_z \vec{E})_{z=-0},$$

$$(\vec{\Gamma}_p \vec{e}_z)_{z=-0} = (\mu_p n_p \vec{E} \vec{e}_z + \frac{1}{4} n_p \langle \vec{v}_p \rangle)_{z=-0},$$

$$(\vec{\Gamma}_e \vec{e}_z)_{z=-0} = (-\mu_e n_e \vec{E} \vec{e}_z + \frac{1}{4} n_e \langle \vec{v}_e \rangle - \gamma \vec{\Gamma}_p \vec{e}_z)_{z=-0},$$

$$\langle \vec{v}_{e,p} \rangle = \sqrt{8k T_{e,p} / \pi m_{e,p}}.$$

$$(\varphi)_{z=-d} - (\varphi)_{z=d_{SC}} = U.$$

- σ surface charge
- D_S diffusion constant of surface charge
- \vec{e}_z unity vector in z-direction
- ϵ dielectric constant of the semiconductor
- v_e, v_p thermal electron/ion speed
- γ γ -Townsend-coefficient
- k Boltzmann-constant
- m_e, m_p electron/ion mass
- U voltage drop at the component

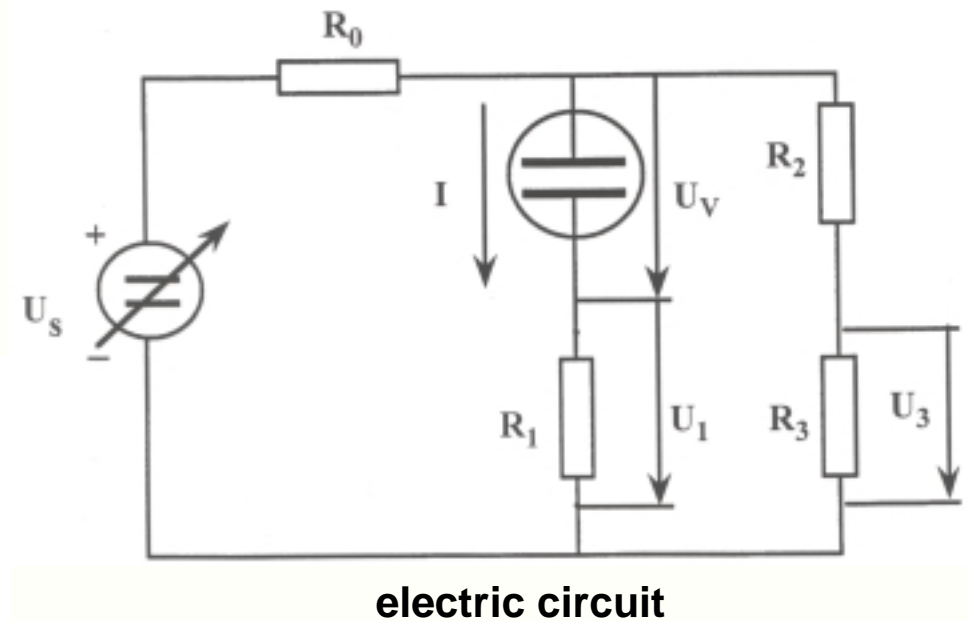
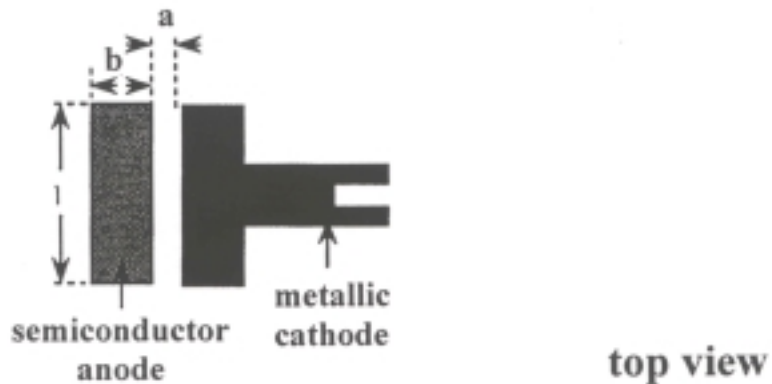
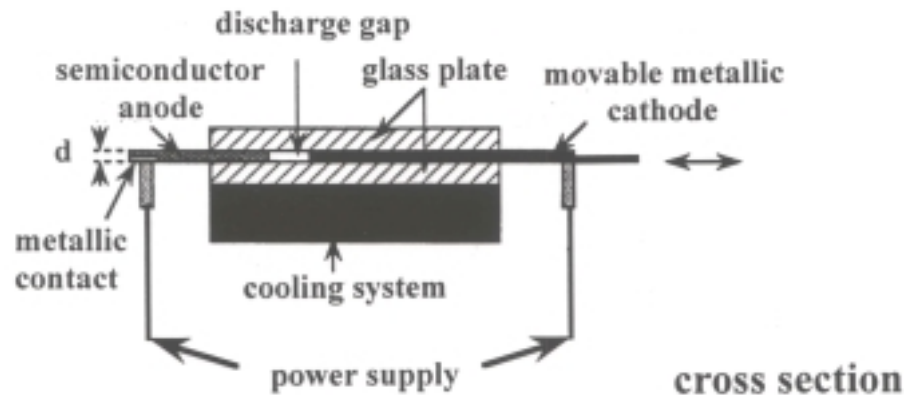


Chapter 7

Dissipative Solitons in Various Systems



Experimental Set-Up for Measuring Self-Organized Patterns in Quasi-1-Dimensional DC Gas-Discharge Systems





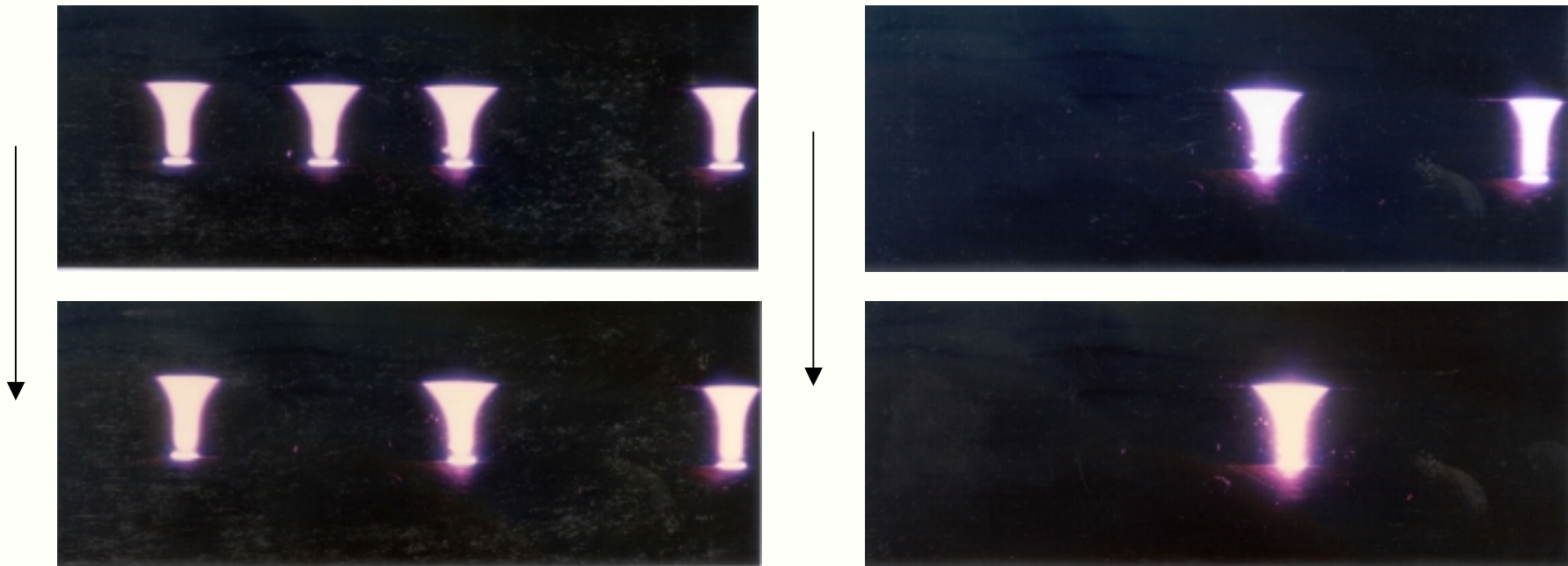
Cascade of Current Filaments in a Quasi-1-Dimensional DC Gas-Discharge System I



increasing driving voltage U_s



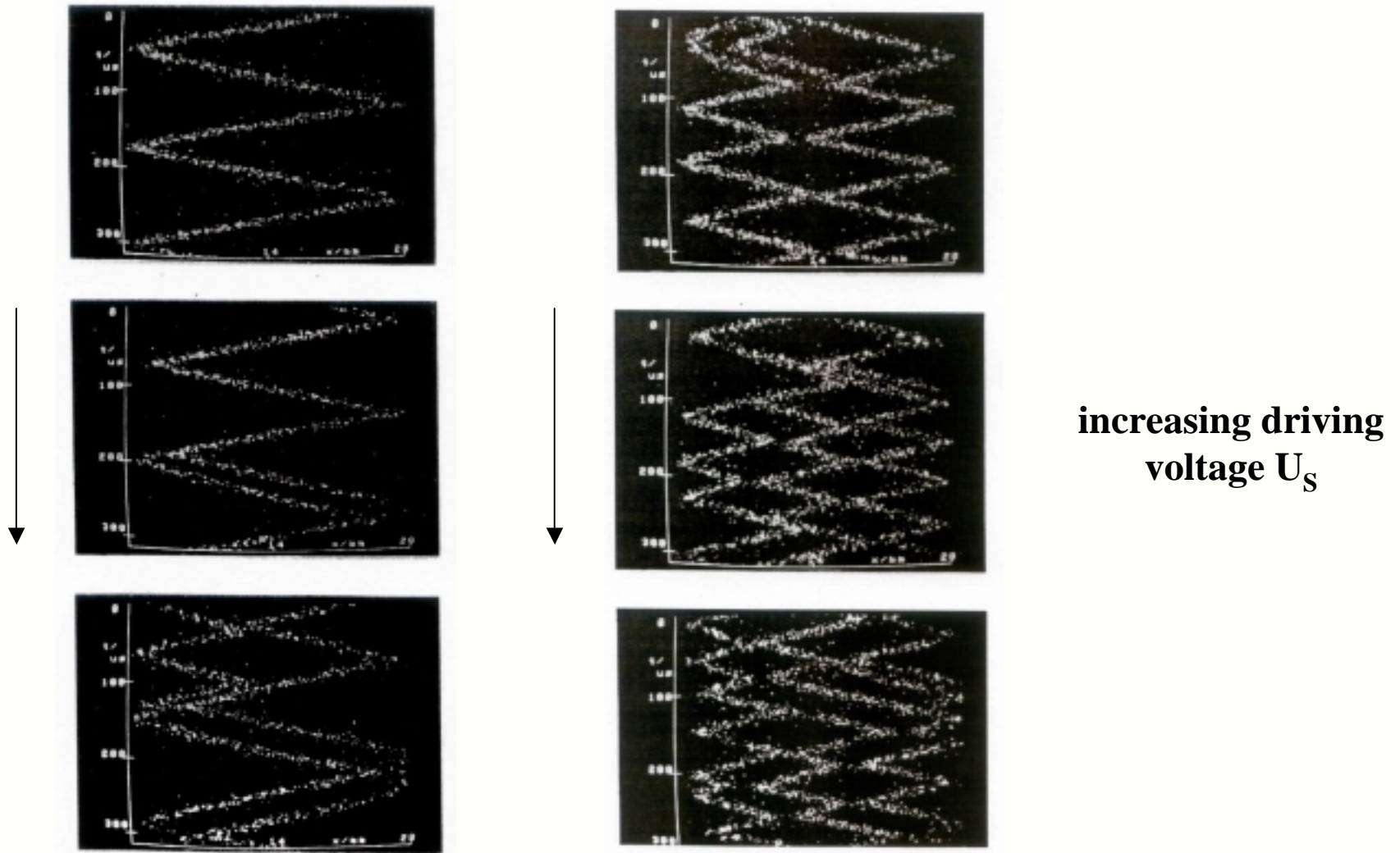
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decreasing driving voltage U_S

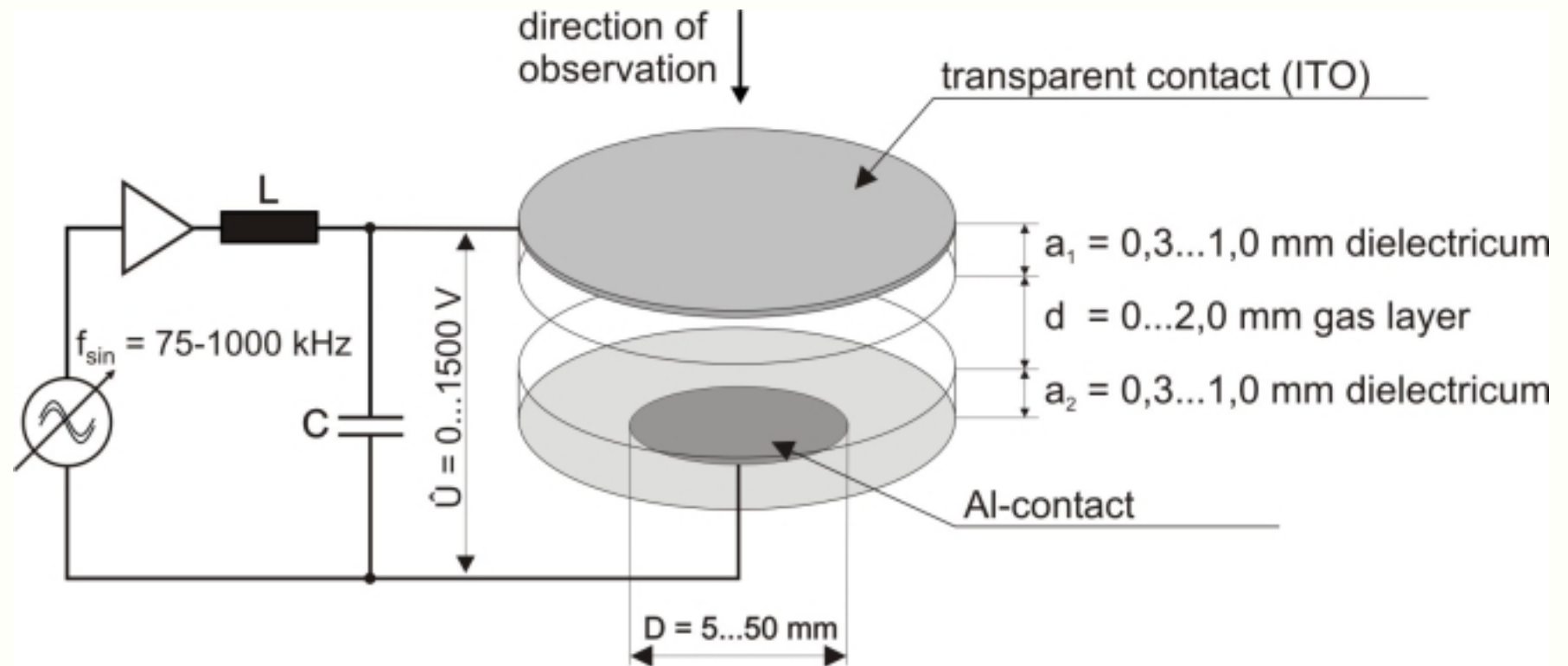


Travelling and Interacting Current Filaments in a Quasi-1-Dimensional DC Gas-Discharge System



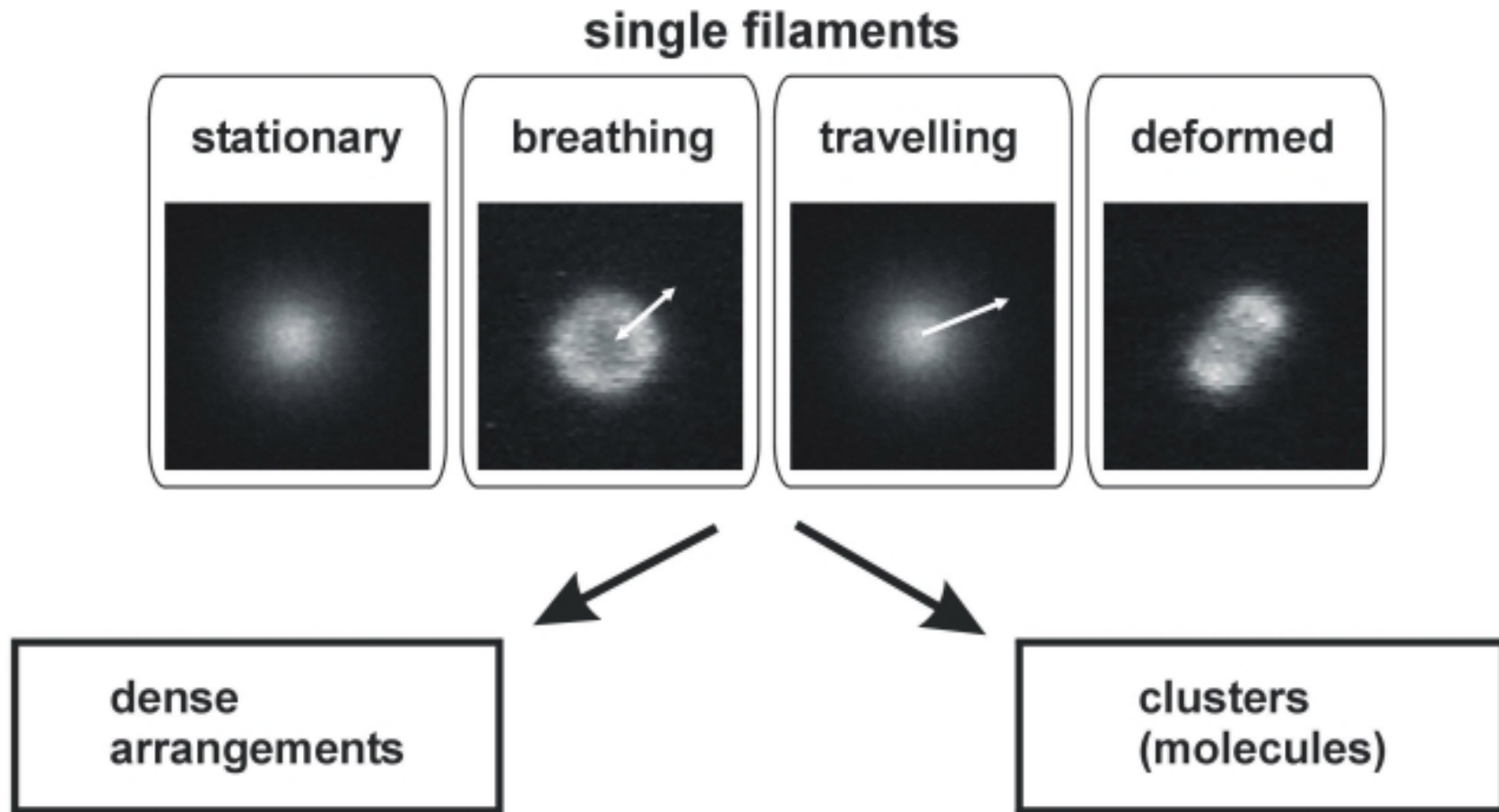


Experimental Set-Up for Measuring Self-Organized Patterns in Planar AC Gas-Discharge Systems



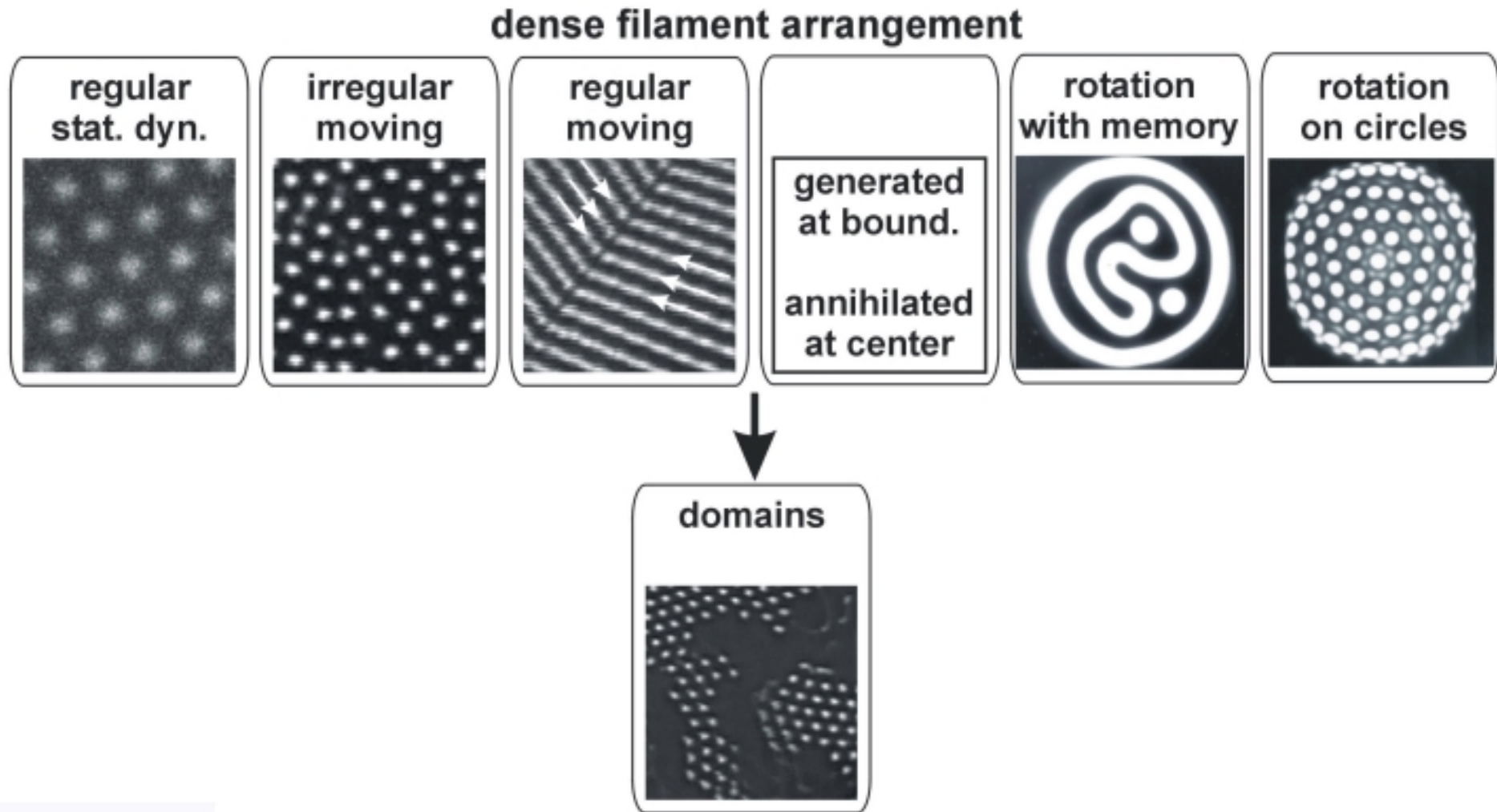


Experimentally Observed Hierarchy of Filamentary Patterns in the DBD System I



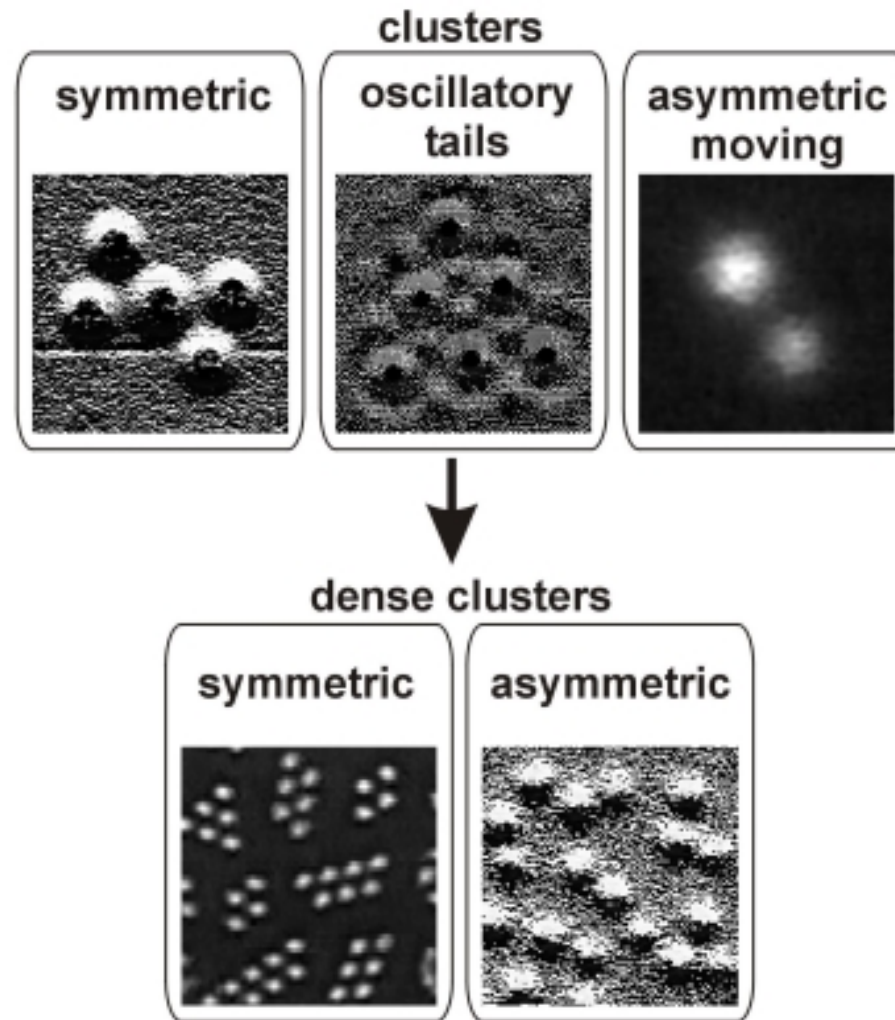


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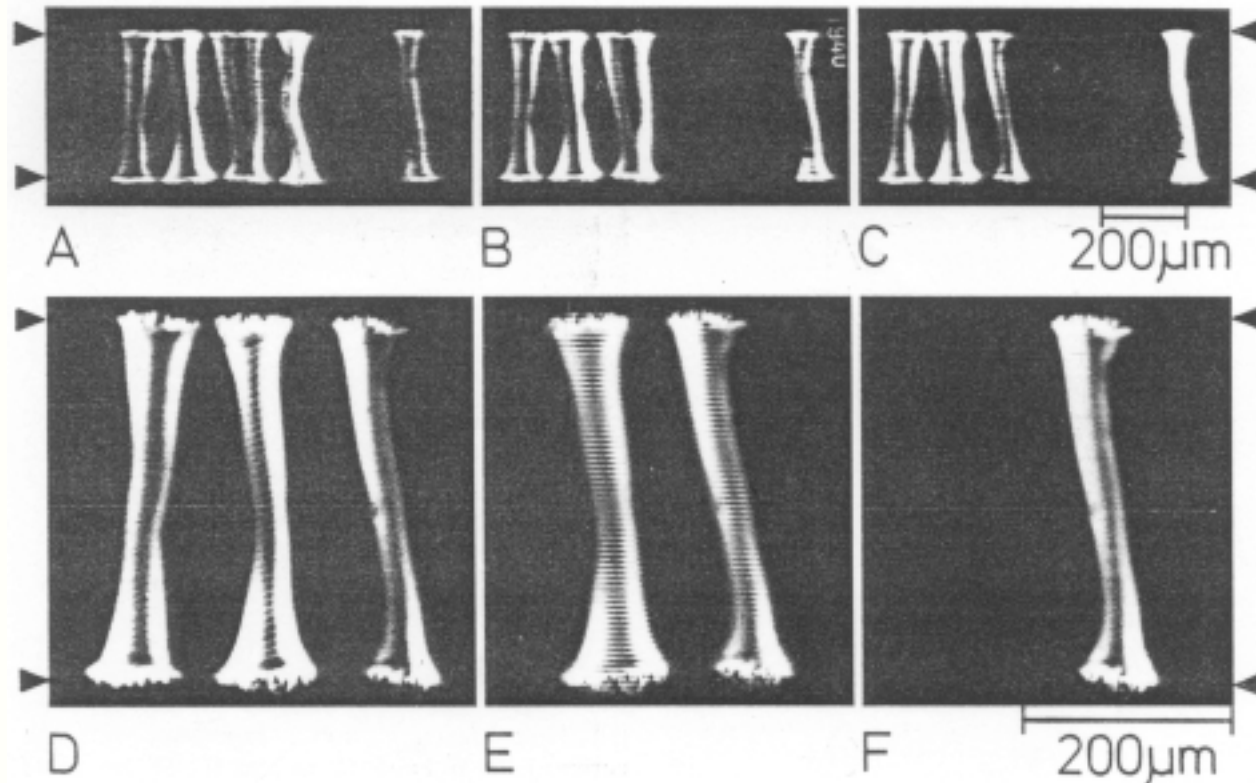


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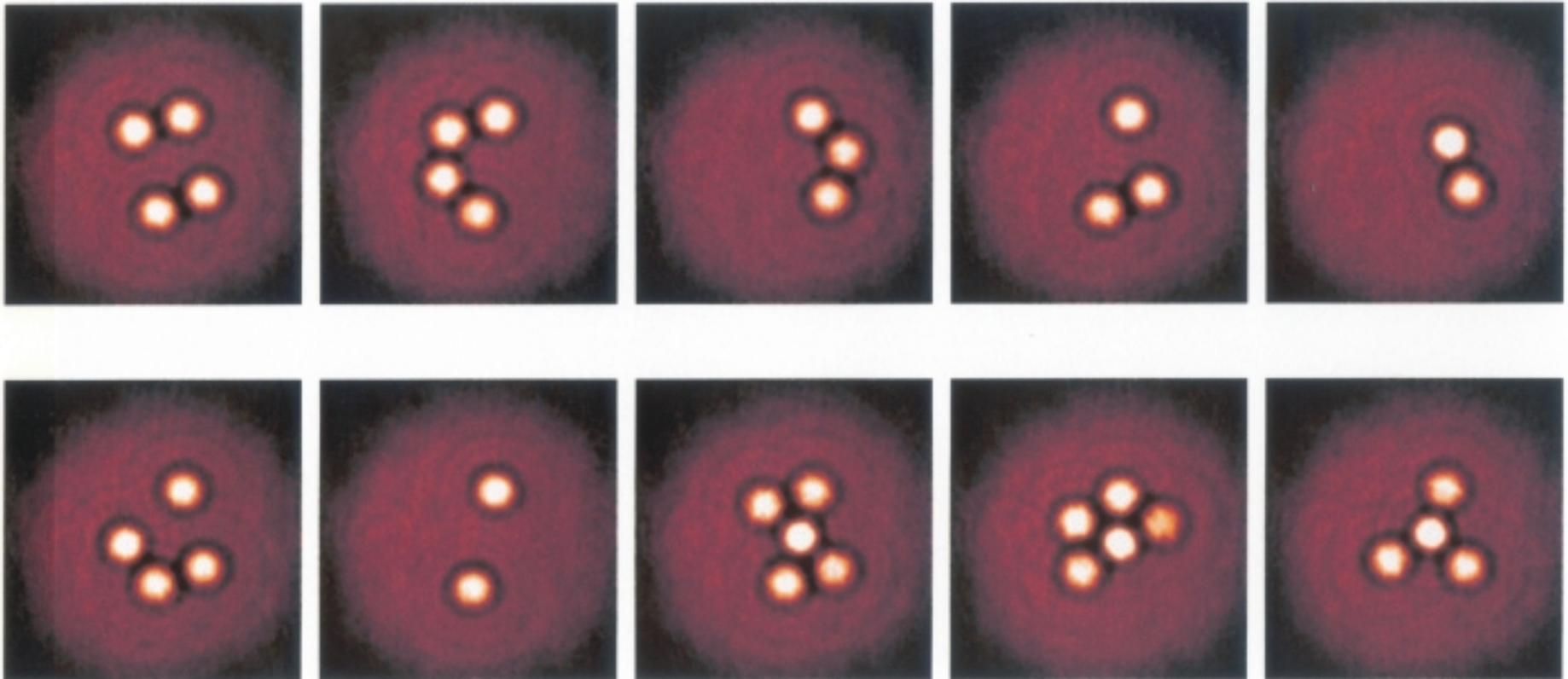
Current Filaments in n-GaAs Plates Measured at 4.2 K by Electron Microscopy



decrease of driving voltage from A to F

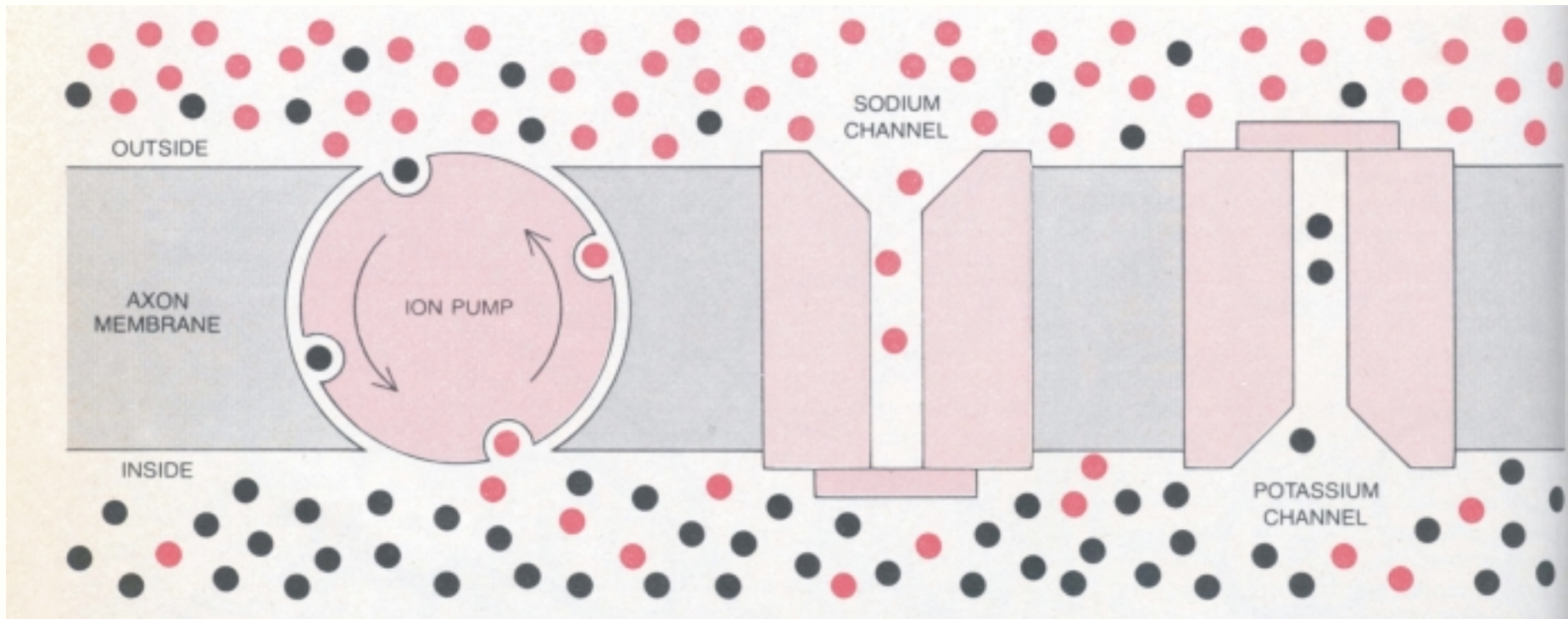


Clusters of Localized States Measured in a Laser Driven Na Vapour Cell





Nerve Pulse Propagation I: Mechanism for Generation of Electrical Potential Difference





Nerve Pulse Propagation II: Membrane Potential and Ion Conductivity Plotted as a Function of Time

