

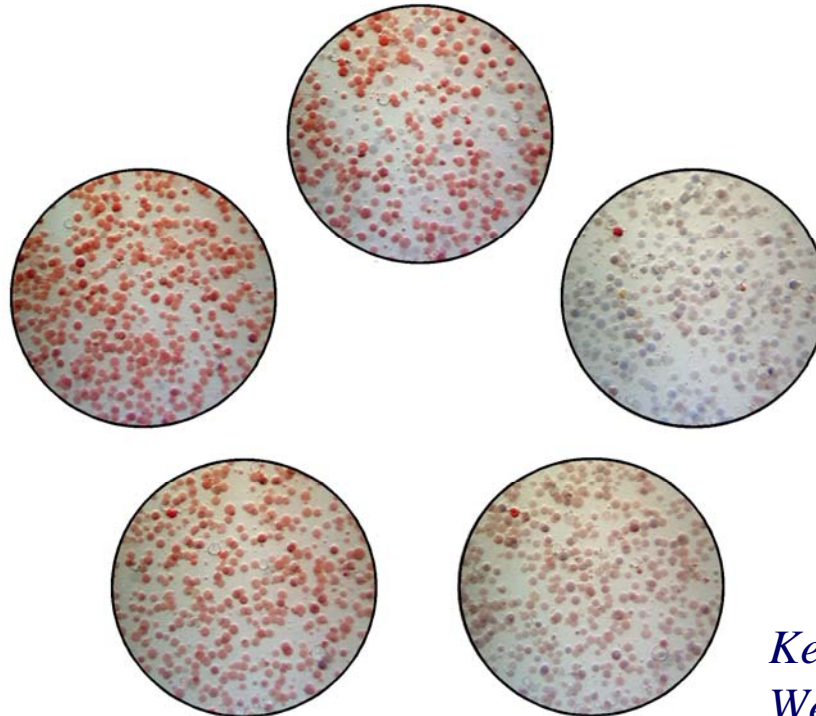
# Synchronization and Spatiotemporal Dynamics in Chemical Systems

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## AUTOCATALYSIS - Positive Feedback

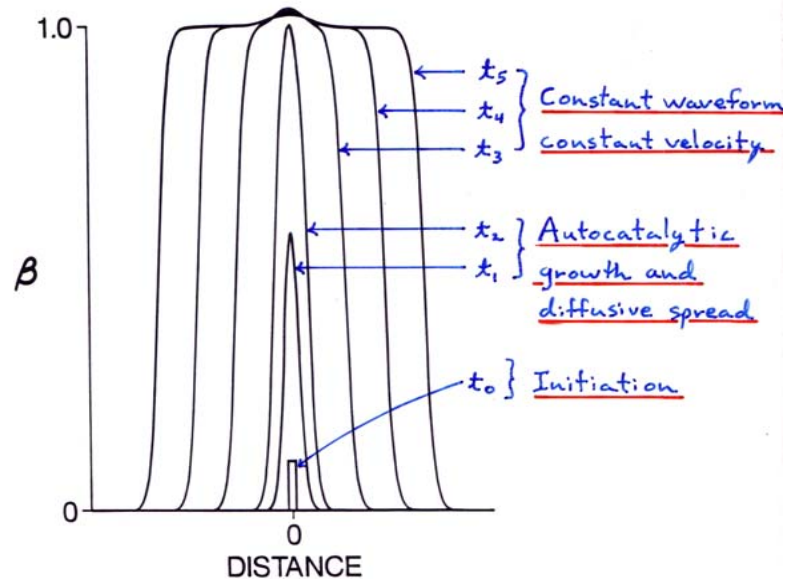


### Kinetics

$$-da/dt = db/dt = ab^2$$

### Propagating Reaction-Diffusion Front

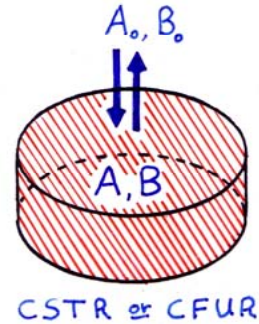
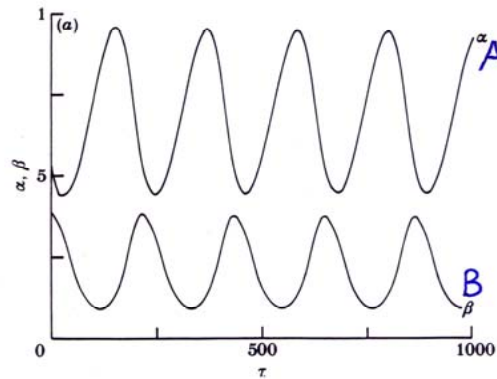
$$(\partial b / \partial t)_x = D (\partial^2 b / \partial x^2)_t + (a_0 - b)b^2$$



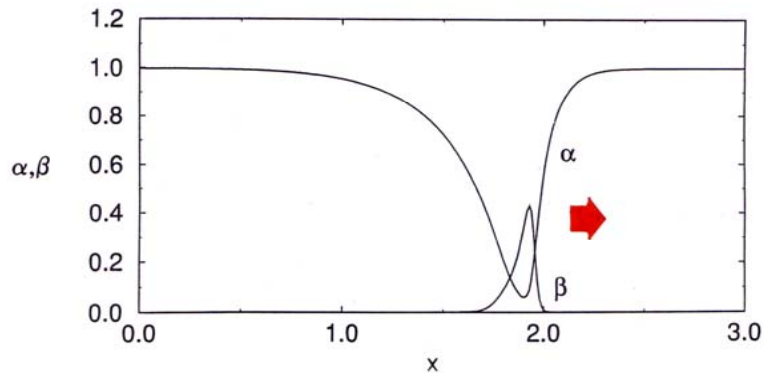
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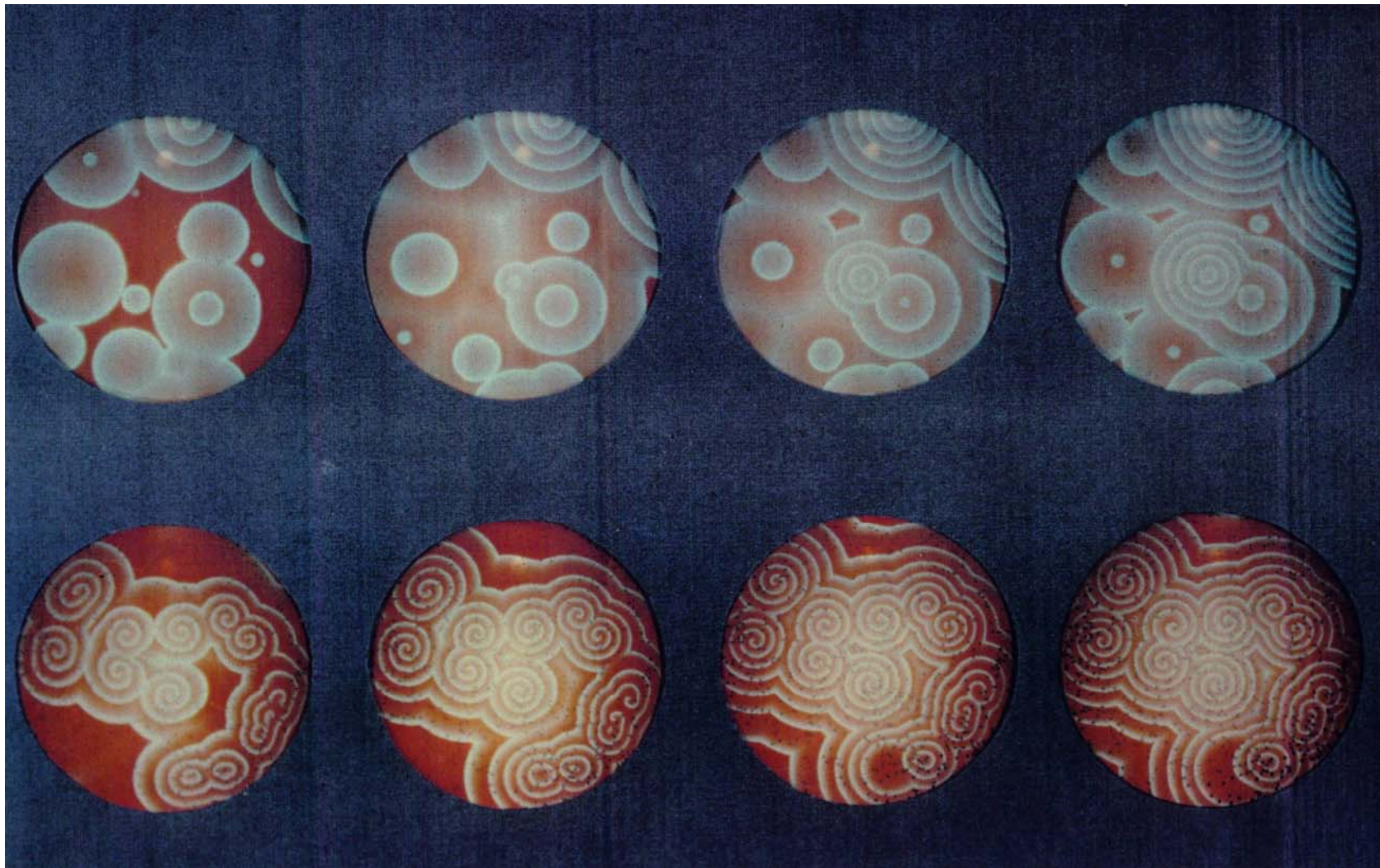


### Open System - Oscillatory (Gray-Scott)



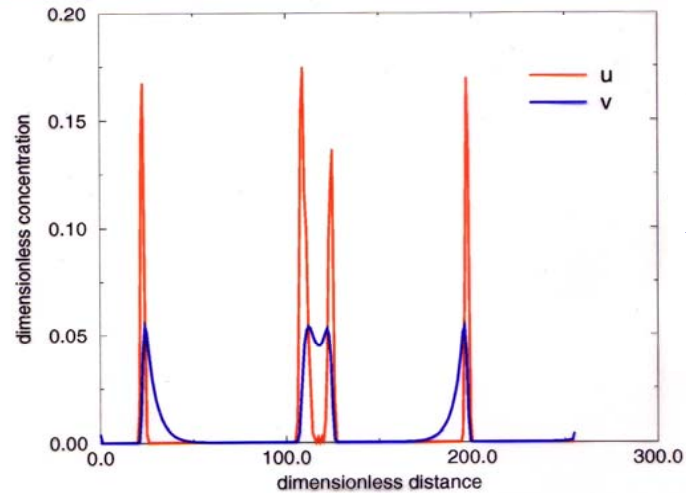
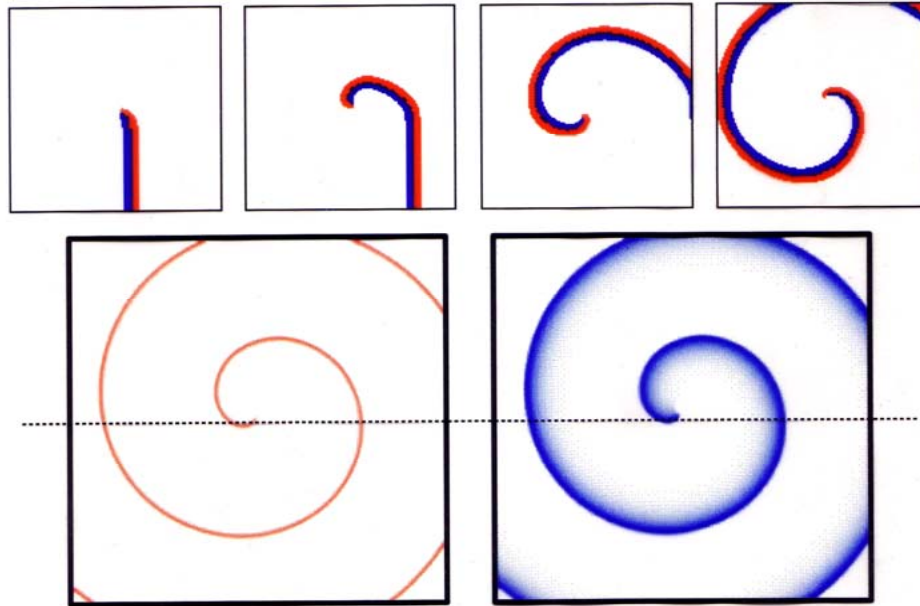
### Unstirred System - Propagating Waves





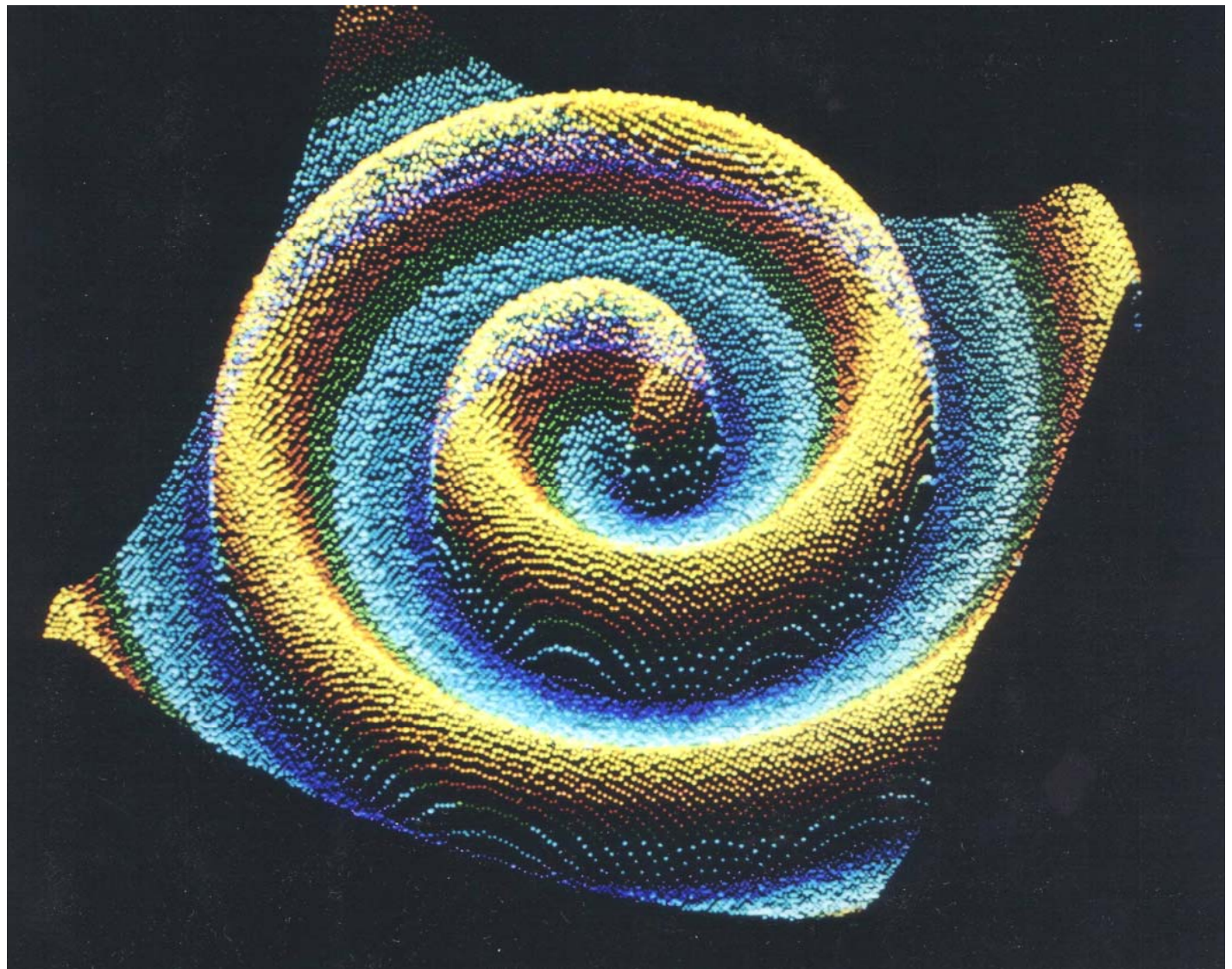
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# Spiral Wave Formation



$u$ : Activator  
or propagator variable

$v$ : Inhibitor  
or recovery variable

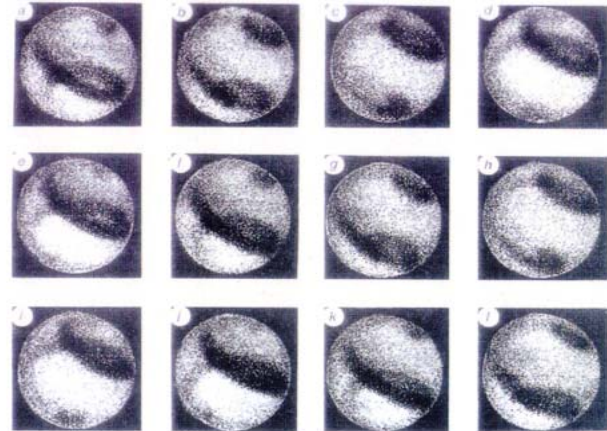
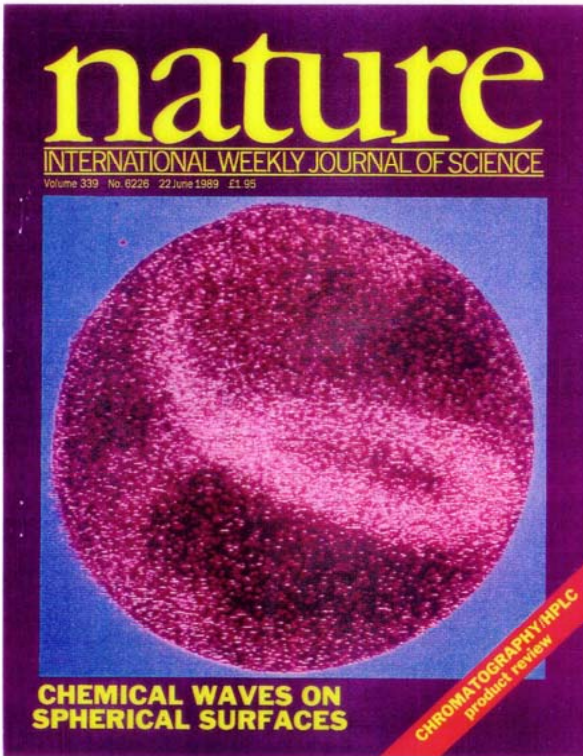


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# Sphere Waves

Diameter: 1.39 mm

Time interval: 12.8 s



$\tau = 0.0$



$\tau = 39.0$



$\tau = 13.0$



$\tau = 52.0$



$\tau = 26.0$



$\tau = 65.0$

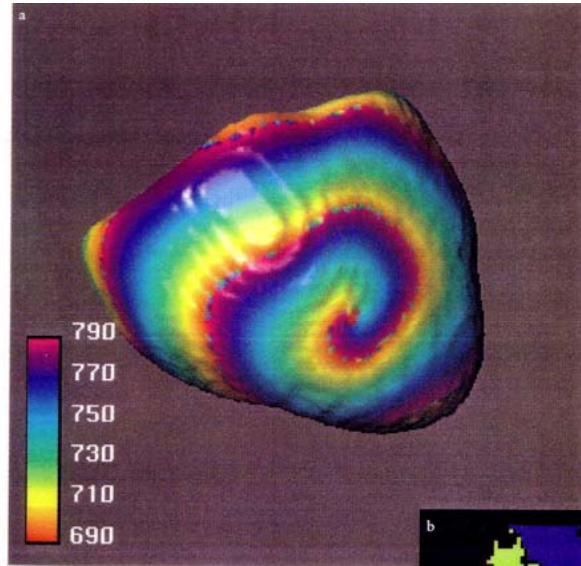


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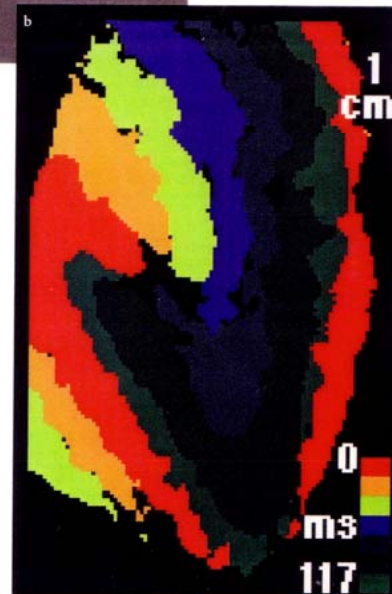
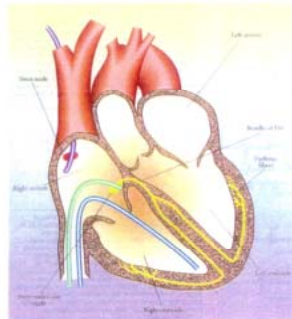
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# Heart Waves

L. Glass, Physics  
Today, August 1996,  
p. 40.



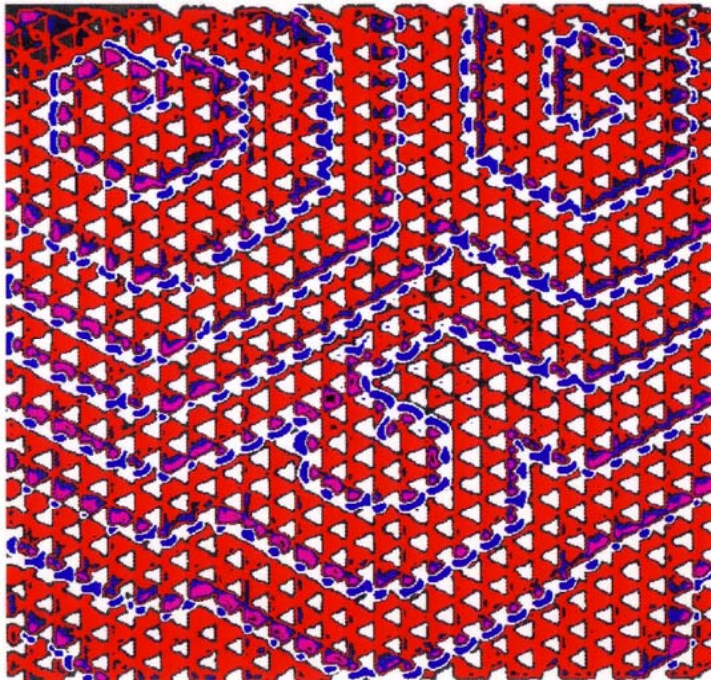
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Dog Heart: 3D model  
FitzHugh-Nagumo



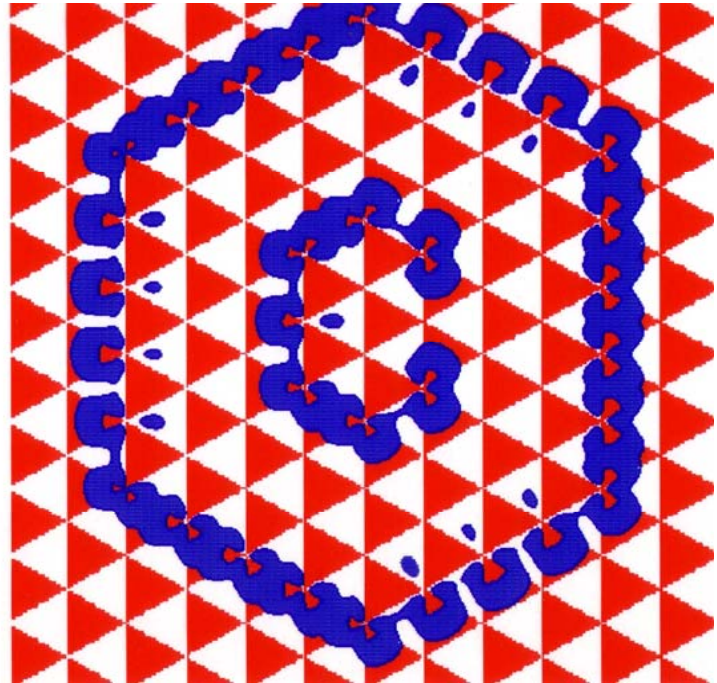
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Rabbit Heart:  
Voltage sensitive dyes

# Patterned Excitable Media

BZ catalyst (shown in red) printed on membrane using an inkjet printer.

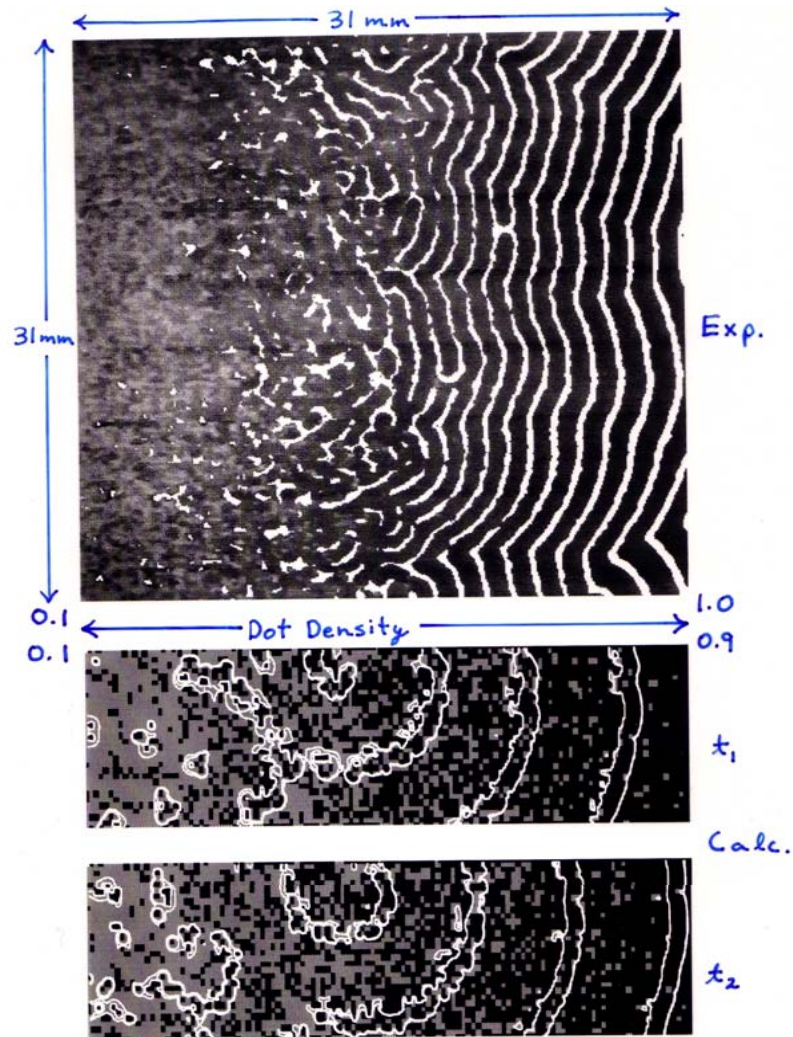


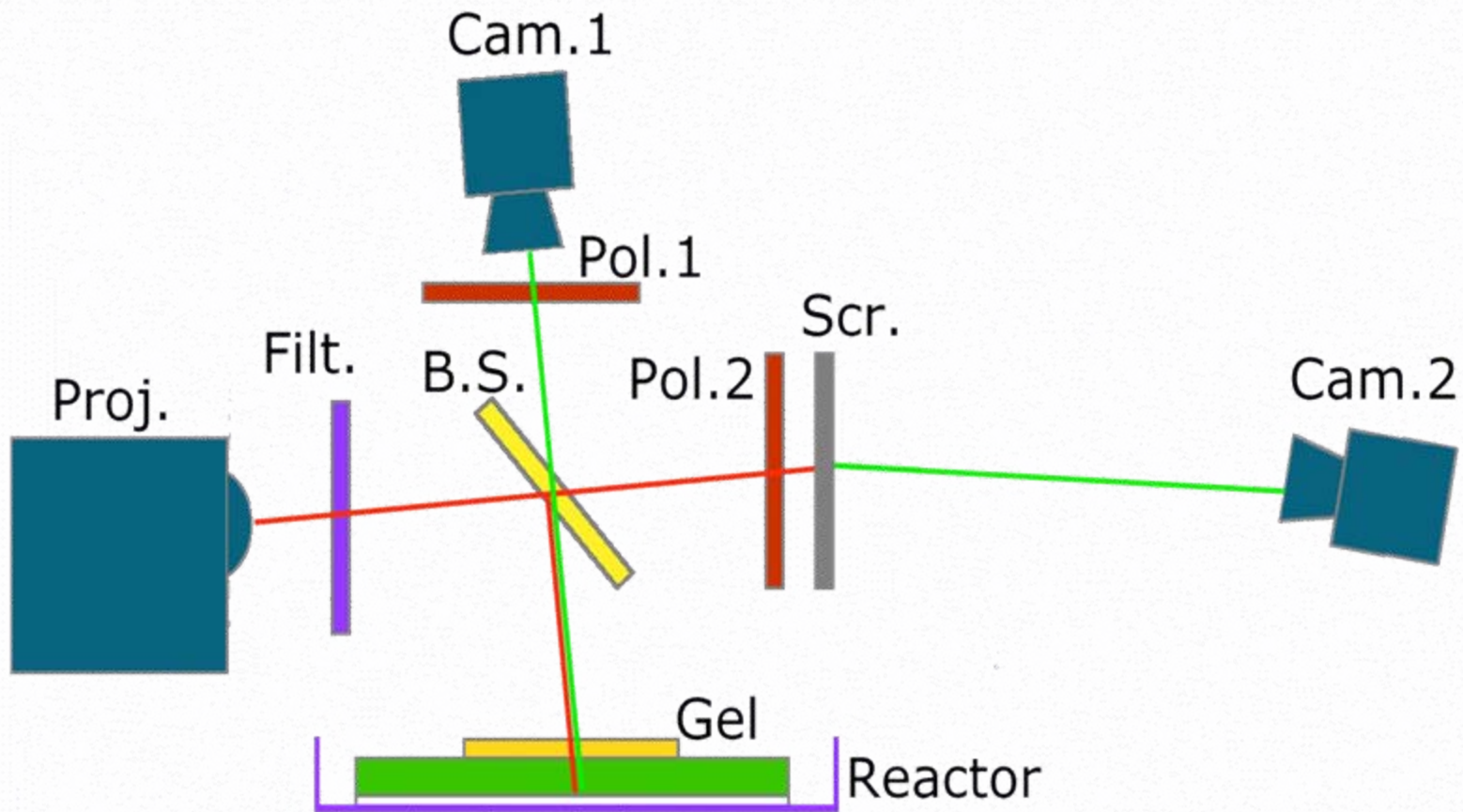
Experiment: Wavefront blue;  
waveback violet.



Calculation: Autocatalyst  $\text{HBrO}_2$   
shown in blue.

# Random Heterogeneities





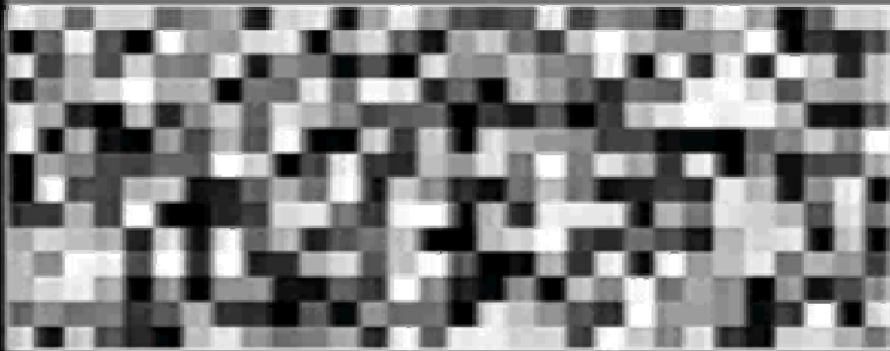
# Imposed Spatiotemporal Noise

Black: wave initiation zone

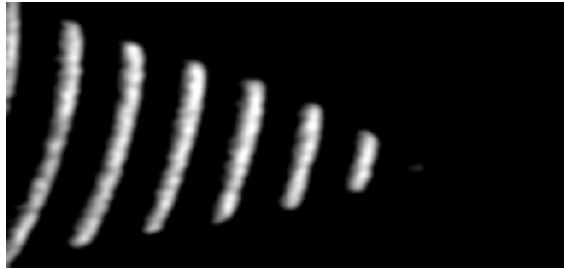
Gray: reference intensity boundary

Noise: zero mean amplitude

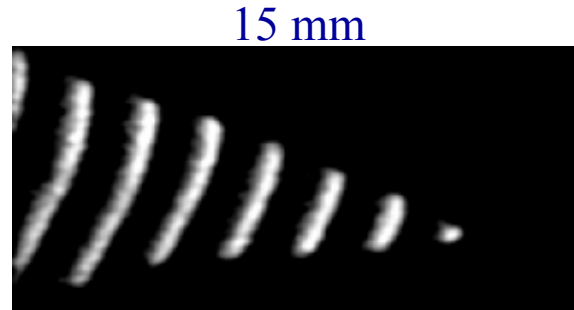
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# Noise Supported Waves

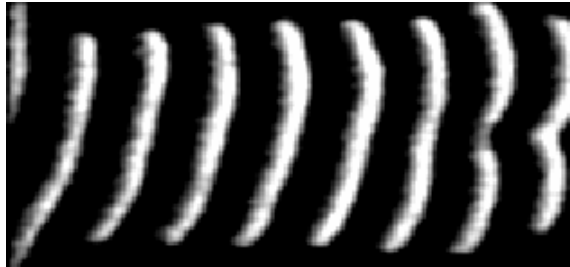


Noise level = 0  
(Subexcitable)

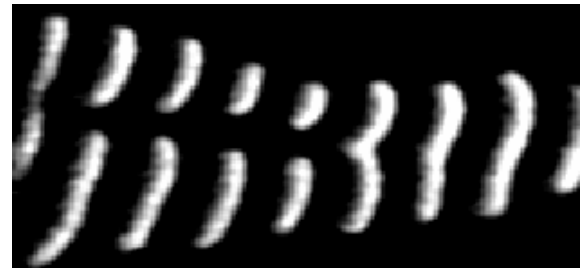


Noise level = 30%

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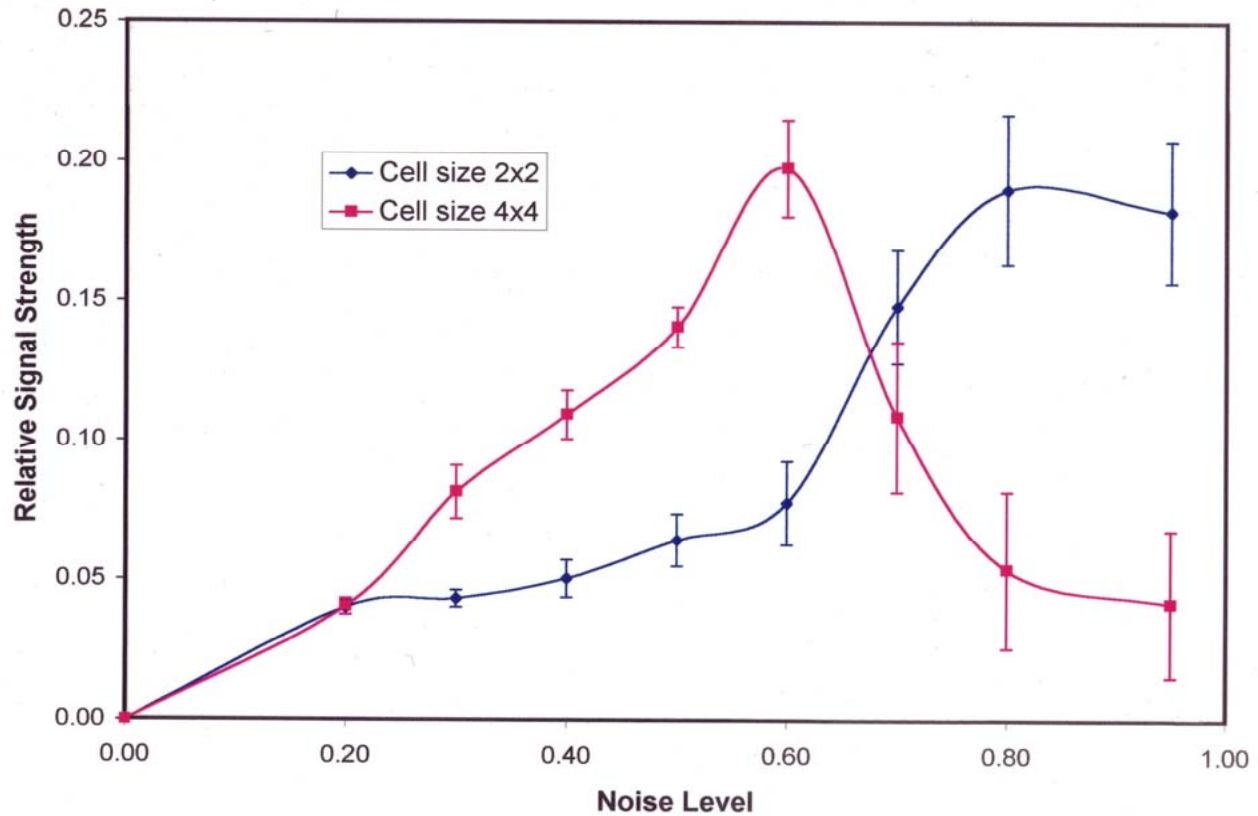


Noise level = 60%

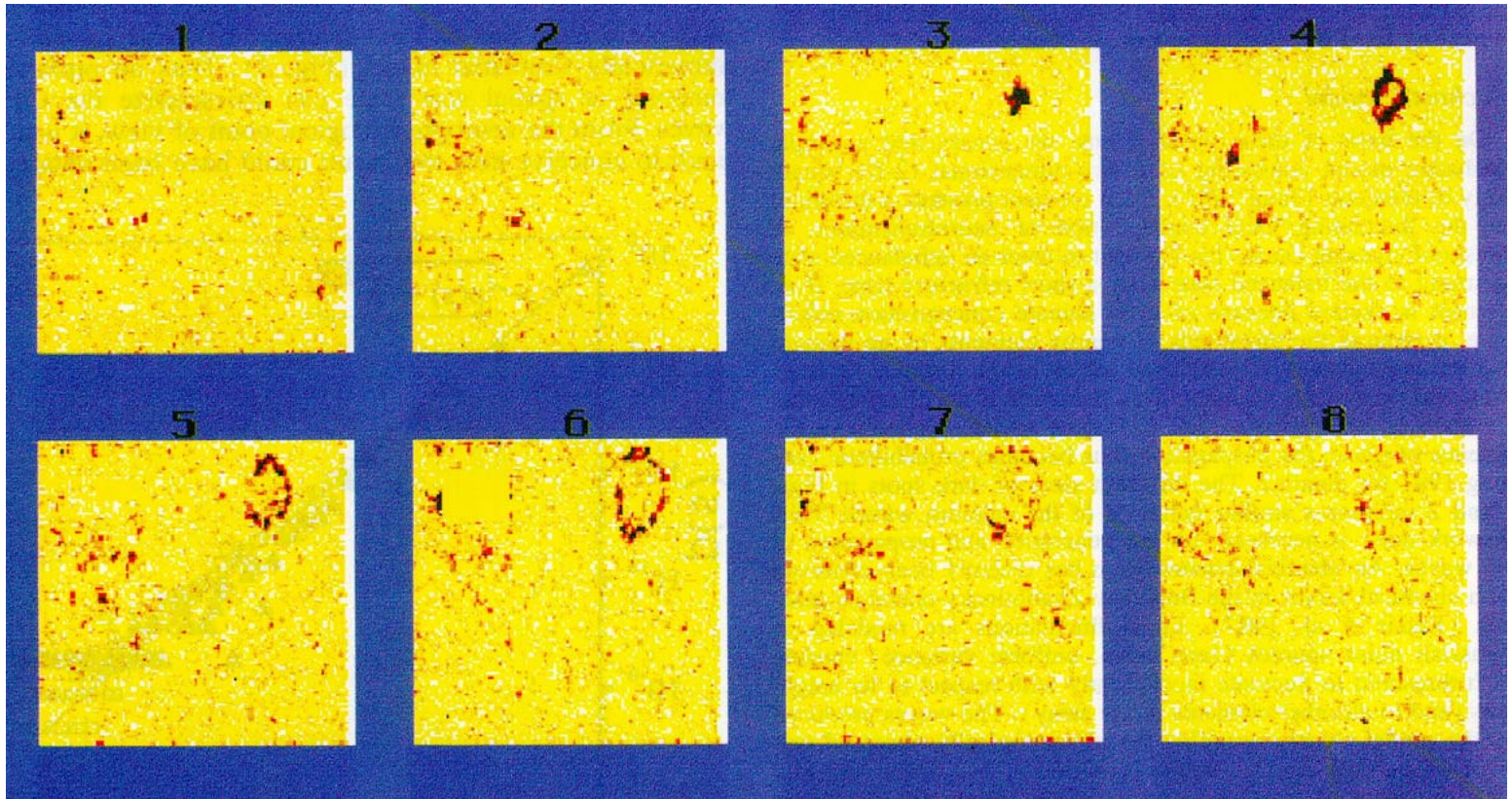


Noise level = 100%

# Signal Strength vs Noise Level



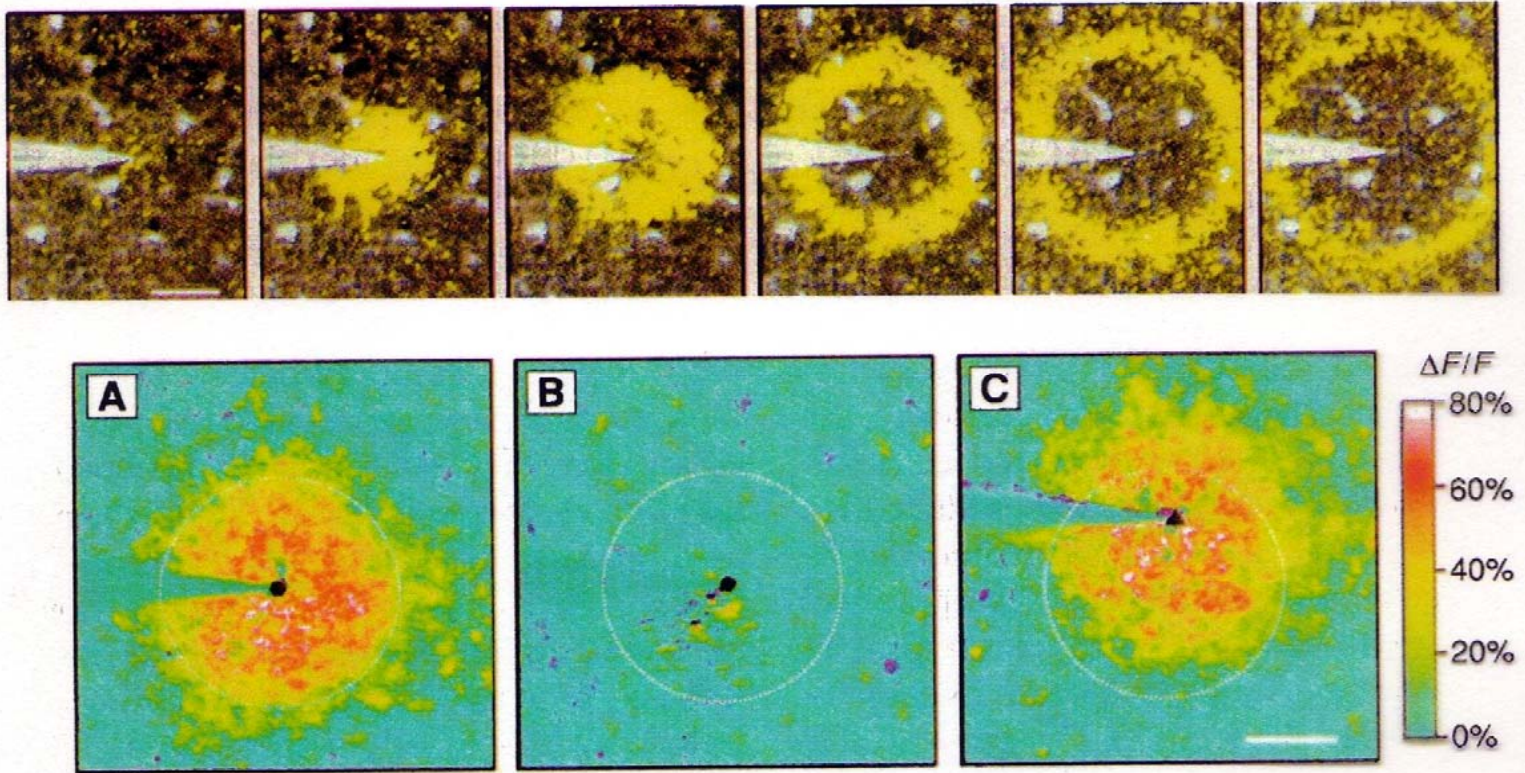
## Noise Mediated Waves in Cultured Glial Cells



50 mM kainate; frames at 1.0 s intervals

P. Jung, A. Cornell-Bell, K.S. Madden, F. Moss, *J. Neurophysiol.* 79, 1098 (1998).

# Calcium Waves in Retinal Glial Cells



Top: Calcium wave initiated by mechanical stimulus. Time interval: 0.93 s.

Bottom: Average activity following stimulation at 0, 180, and 270 s.

E. A. Newman and K. R. Zahs, *Science* 275, 344 (1997).

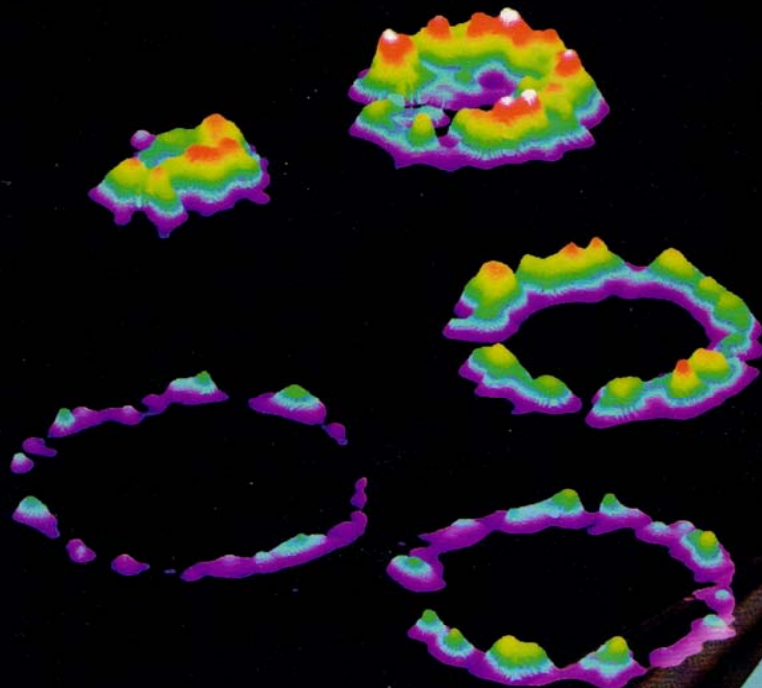


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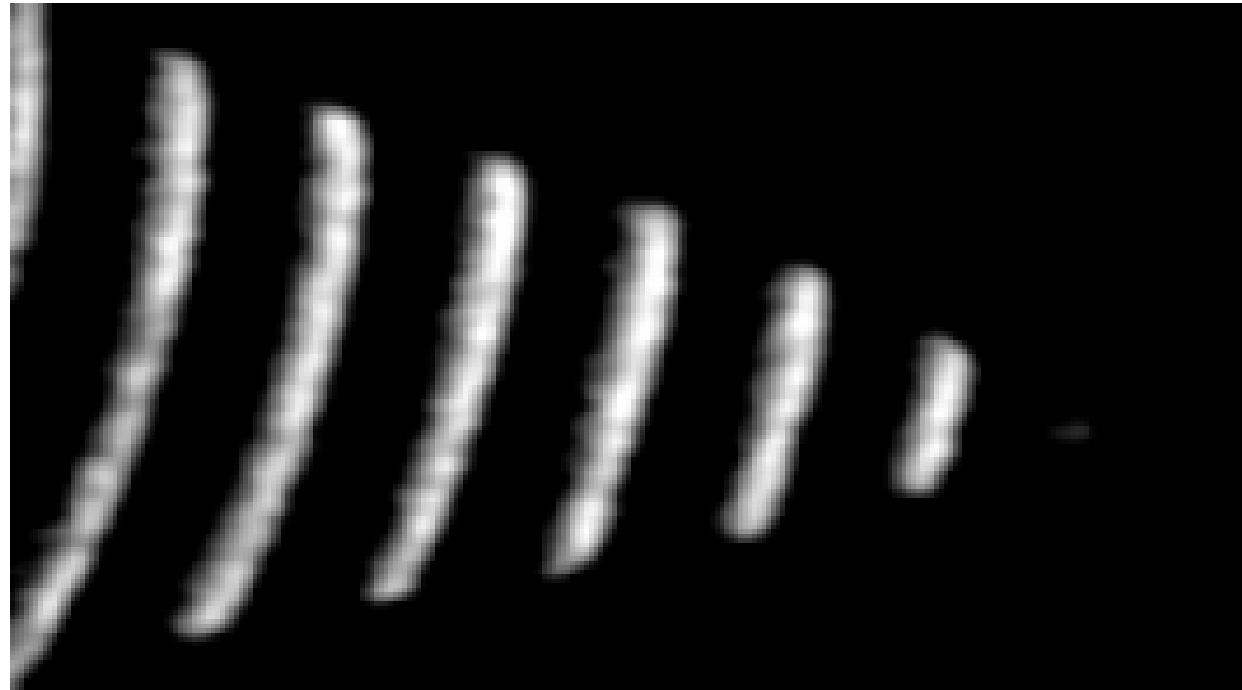


# Wave Propagation in Subexcitable Media

15 mm

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5 mm



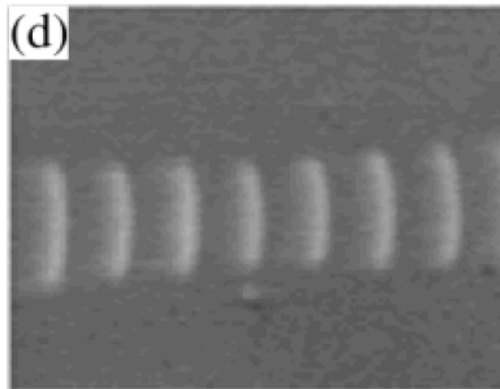
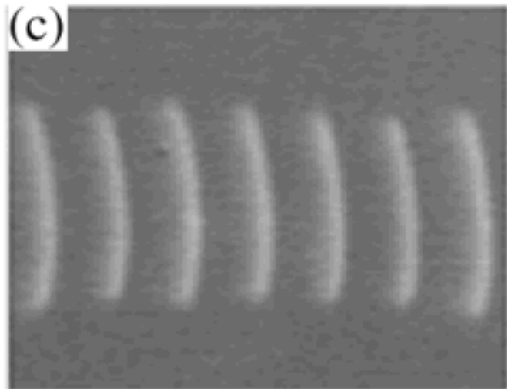
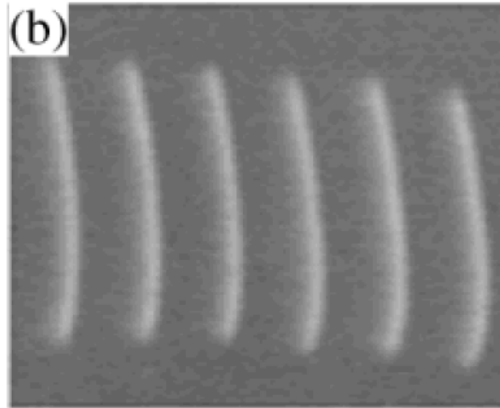
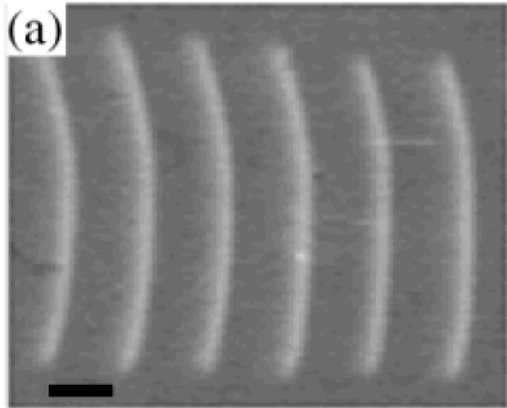
Superimposed images at equal time intervals

At low excitability  
waves with free ends  
contract tangentially.

Medium does not  
support sustained  
wave propagation;  
hence, subexcitable.

# Feedback Stabilized Waves

$$\phi(x, y) = a \cdot A + b$$



$A$  = area  
 $a$  = gain  
 $b$  = offset

Excitability is  
determined by  
offset:

$b =$  -0.0744 (a)  
-0.0248 (b)  
0.0248 (c)  
0.0744 (d)  
mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

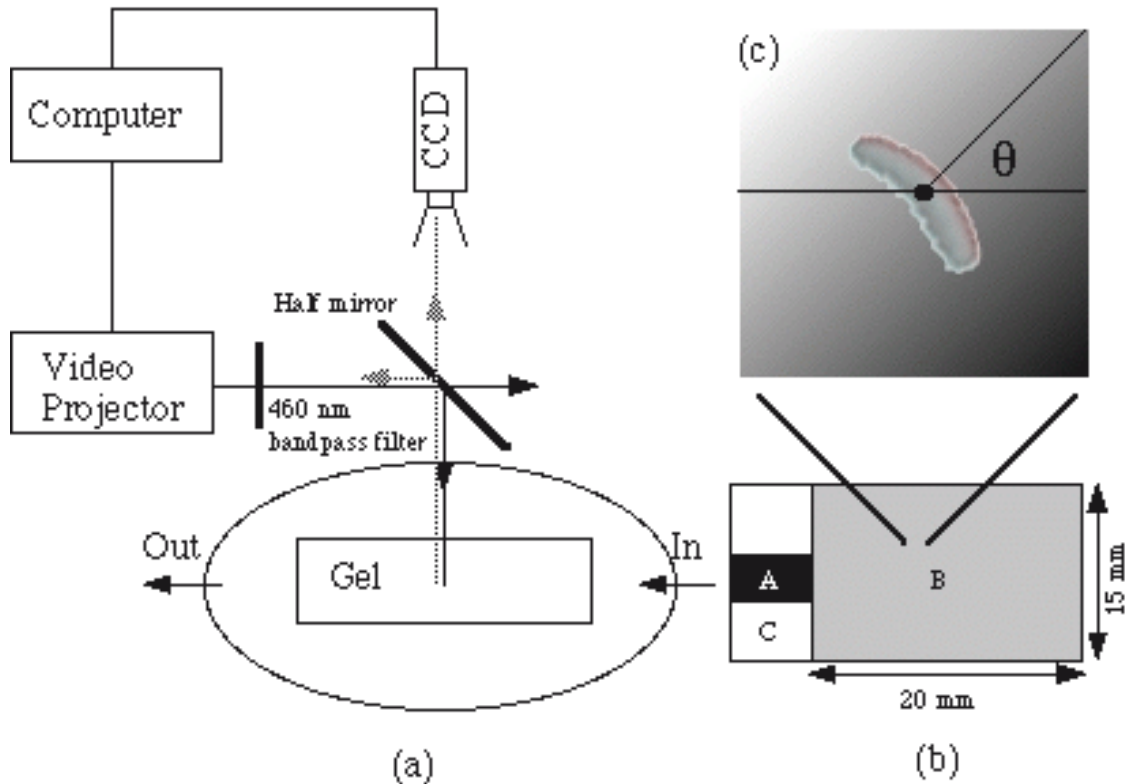
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# Directing Stabilized Waves with Excitability Gradients

$$\phi(x, y) = a \cdot A + b + c \cdot G(x, y)$$

$$A = \sum_{x,y} \Theta(p(x, y) - p_{th})$$



# Controlling Particle-Like Waves

$$X = (\alpha - \beta) \cos(\theta) + \gamma \cos\left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - 1\right)(\theta)\right)$$

$$Y = (\alpha - \beta) \sin(\theta) - \gamma \sin\left(\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - 1\right)(\theta)\right)$$

Circular trajectories:

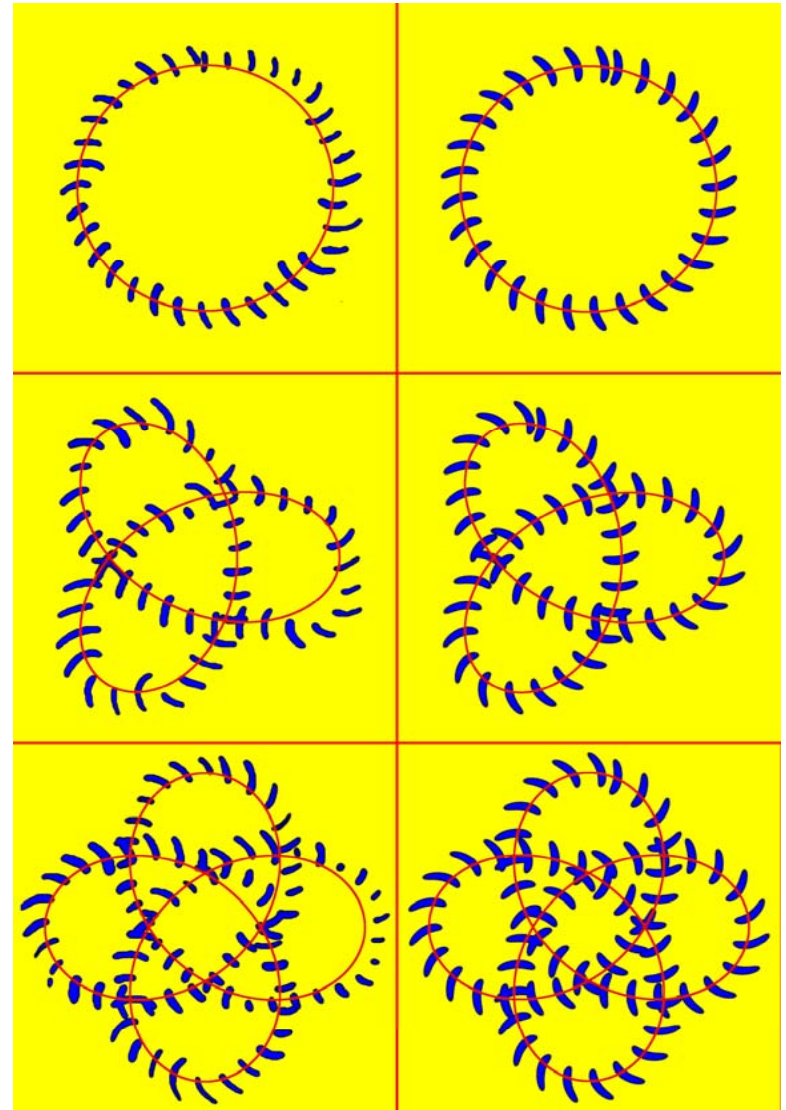
$$\alpha = \gamma = 0, \beta = 100$$

Three-lobed trajectories:

$$\alpha = 60, \beta = 20, \gamma = 80$$

Four-lobed trajectories:

$$\alpha = 60, \beta = 15, \gamma = 80$$

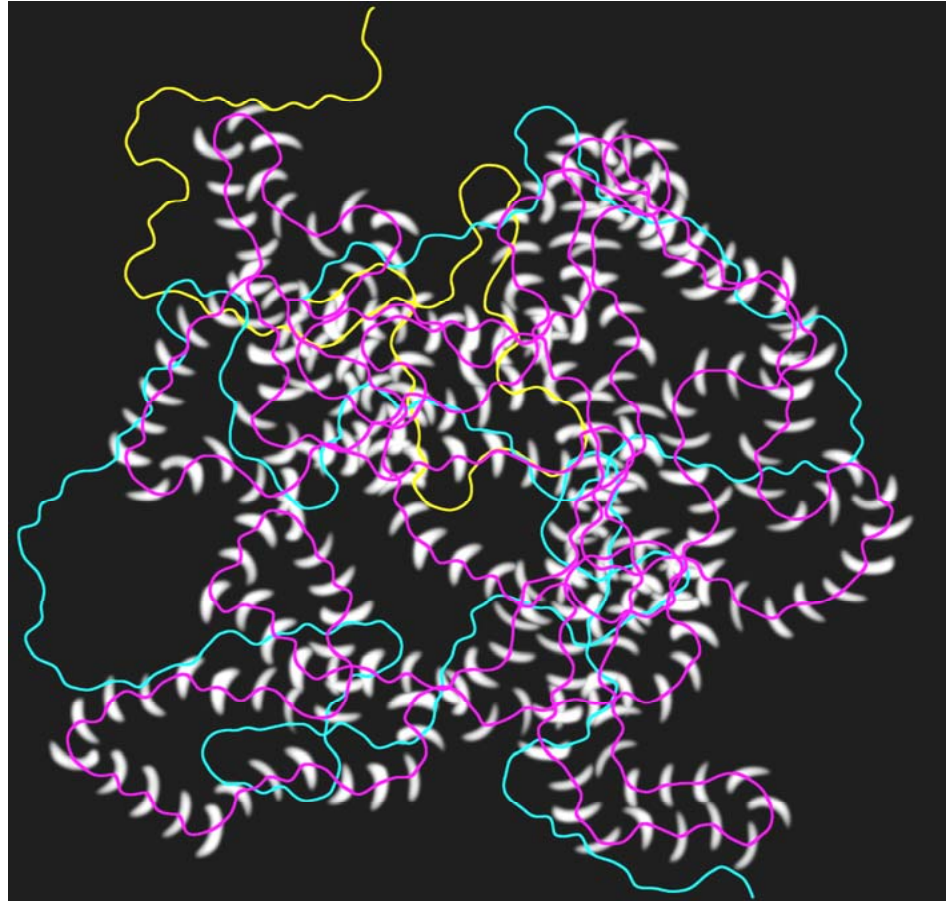


# Waves Undergoing Random Walks

The slope of  $G$  randomly selected from a uniform probability distribution between  $-0.002$  and  $0.002$ .

Three different random walk trajectories, all starting at the same point, shown in red, blue and yellow.

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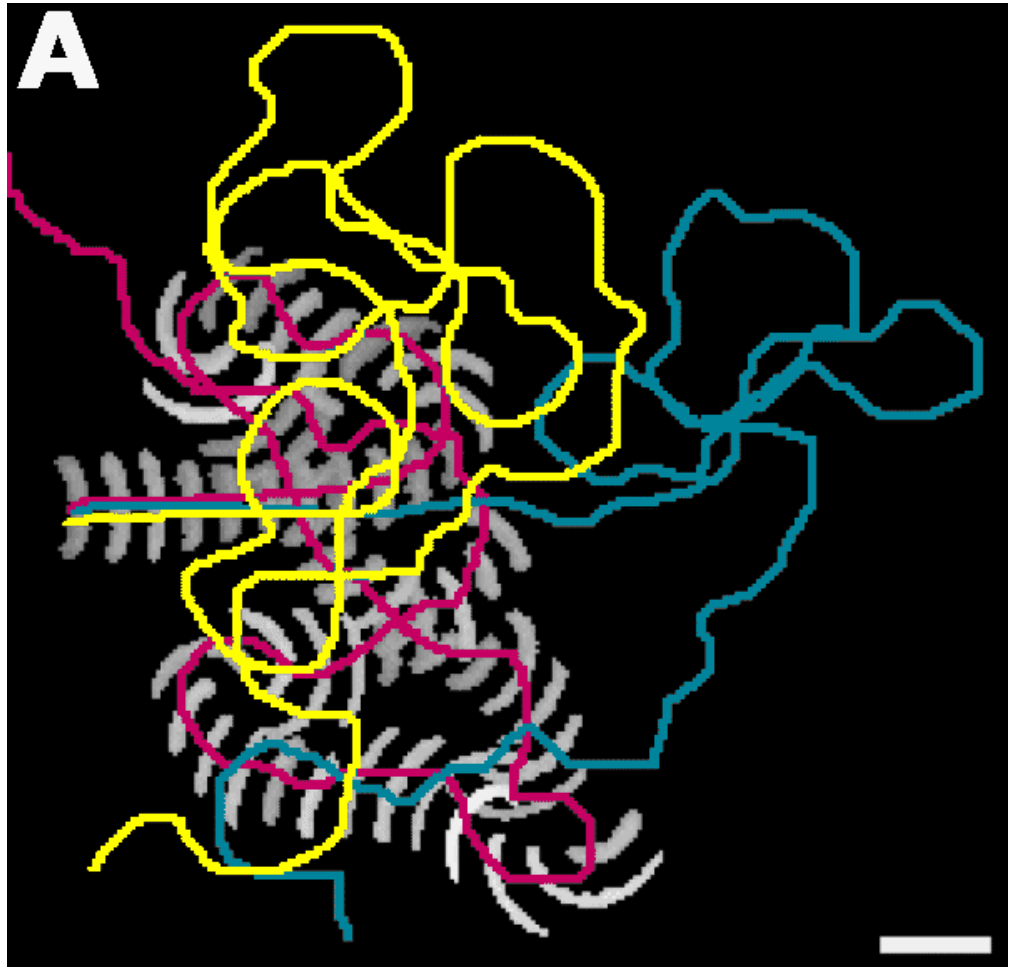


# Experimental Waves Undergoing Random Walks

Three different random walk trajectories, each starting at the same point.

Slope of  $G$  randomly selected from a uniform probability distribution between  $-2.5$  and  $2.5$ .

Scale bar: 2.0 mm.



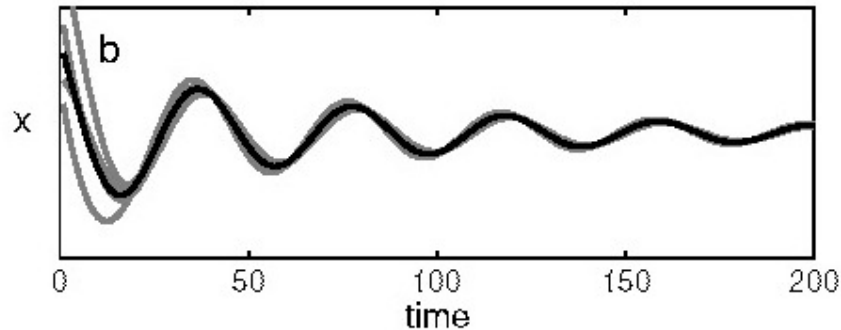
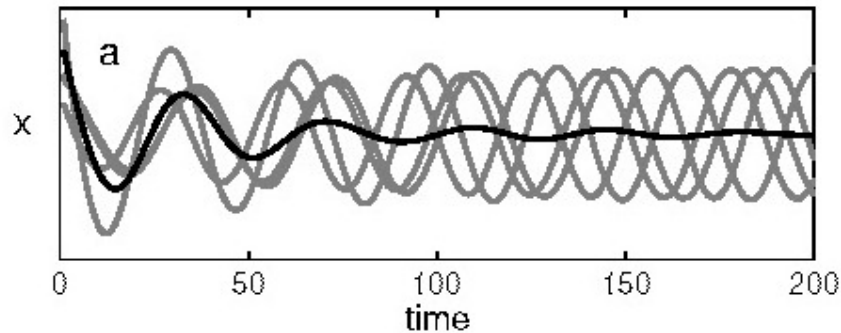
# Dynamical quorum sensing: population density encoded in cellular dynamics

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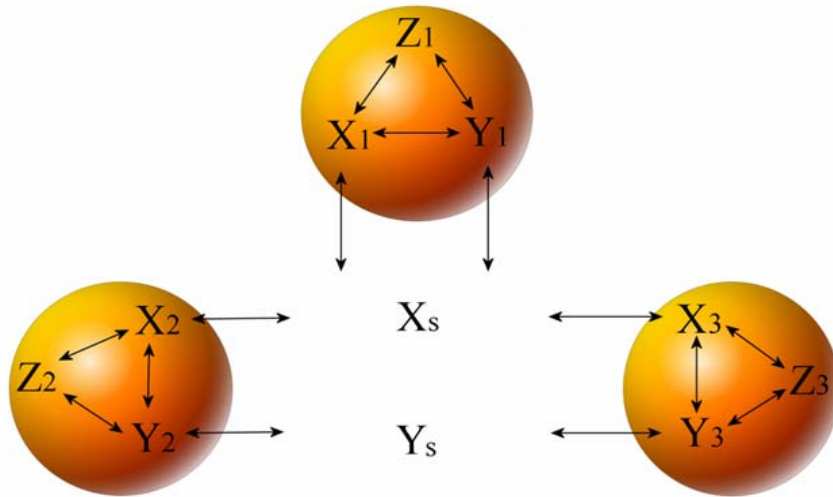


As the density of the population of yeast cells is decreased, a transition from oscillatory to nonoscillatory behavior of the overall population is observed.

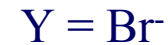
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Quorum-sensing: Appearance of bioluminescence in *Vibrio fischeri* and biofilm formation in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

# Catalyst-Loaded Beads in Catalyst-Free BZ Solution



Exchange species:



Immobilized:



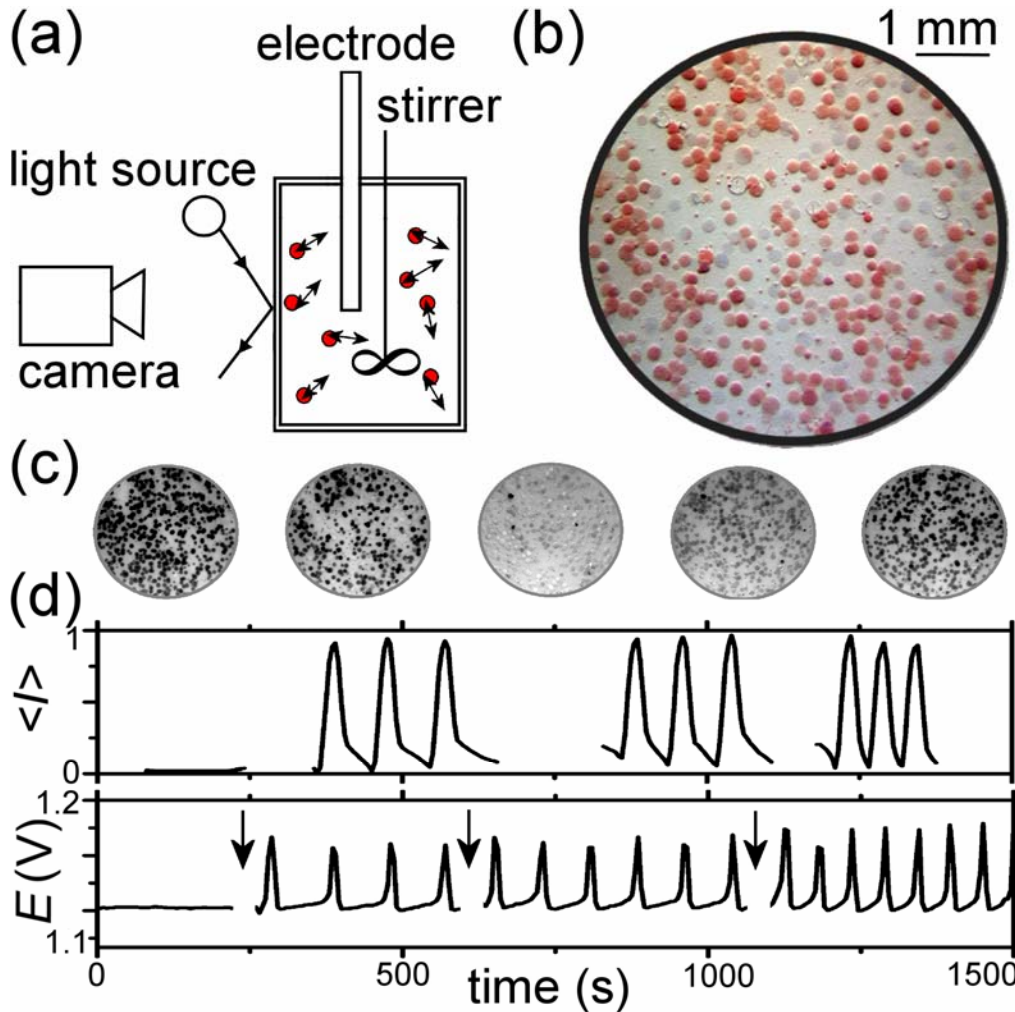
Desynchronization transition with decreasing density for a particular exchange rate: globally oscillatory to globally nonoscillatory (with oscillatory individuals).

R. Toth, A. F. Taylor, and M. R. Tinsley, *J. Phys. Chem. B* 110, 10170 (2006).

J. Maselko and K. Showalter, *Nature* 339, 609 (1989)

**Large populations!** A cuvette  $1.8 \text{ cm} \times 1.8 \text{ cm}$  allows a population of about 100,000 catalyst-loaded  $\sim 200 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  beads.

# Experimental Setup



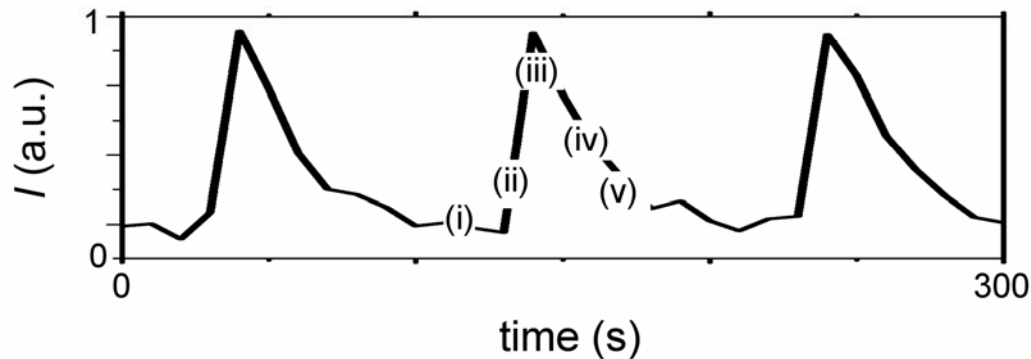
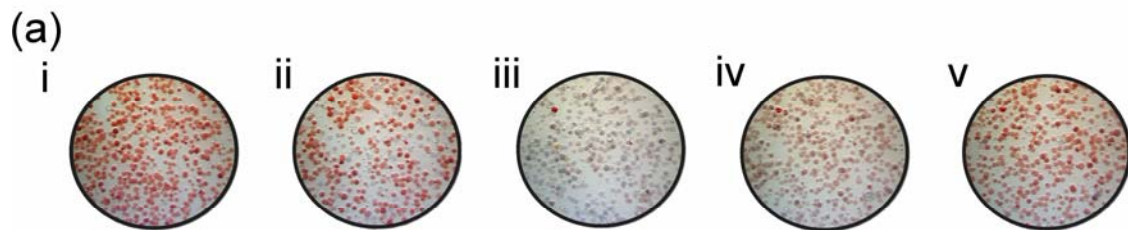
Stirred suspension of catalyst-loaded particles in catalyst-free solution

Particle size:  $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$   
Stirring rate: 300 – 600 rpm  
Shutter speed: 0.4 ms  
Frame rate: 1 s

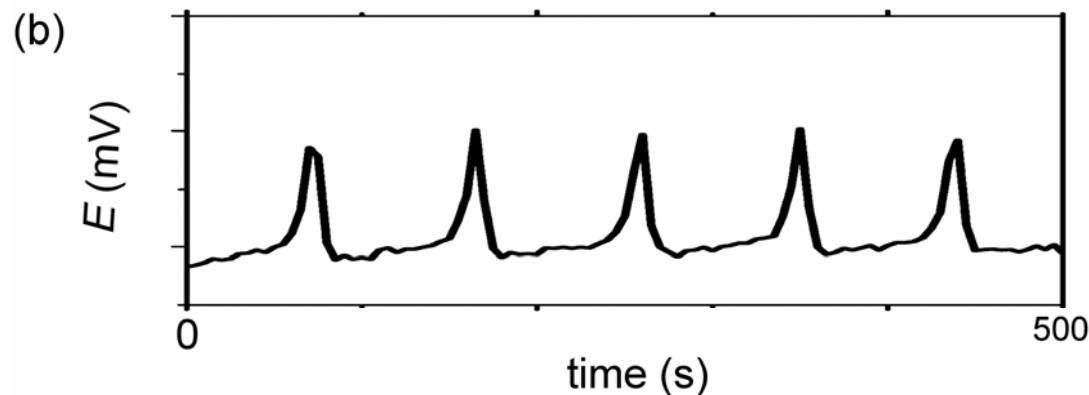
Video

Pt electrode

# Monitoring Solution and Catalyst Particles

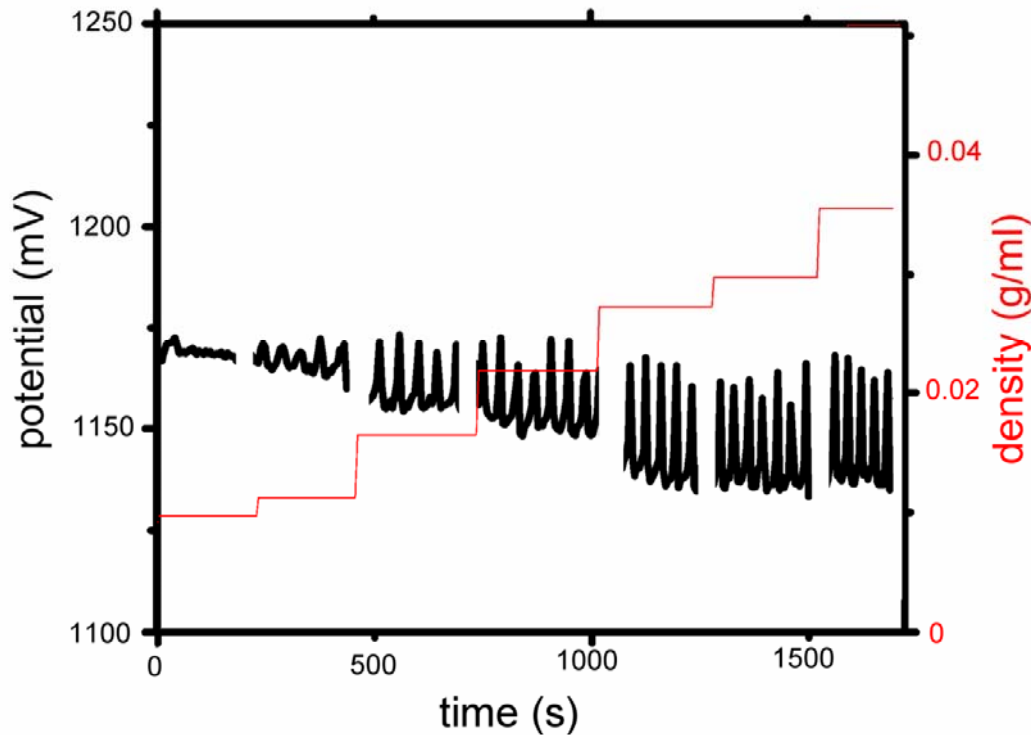


Intensity normalized with respect to the maximum excitation (iii).



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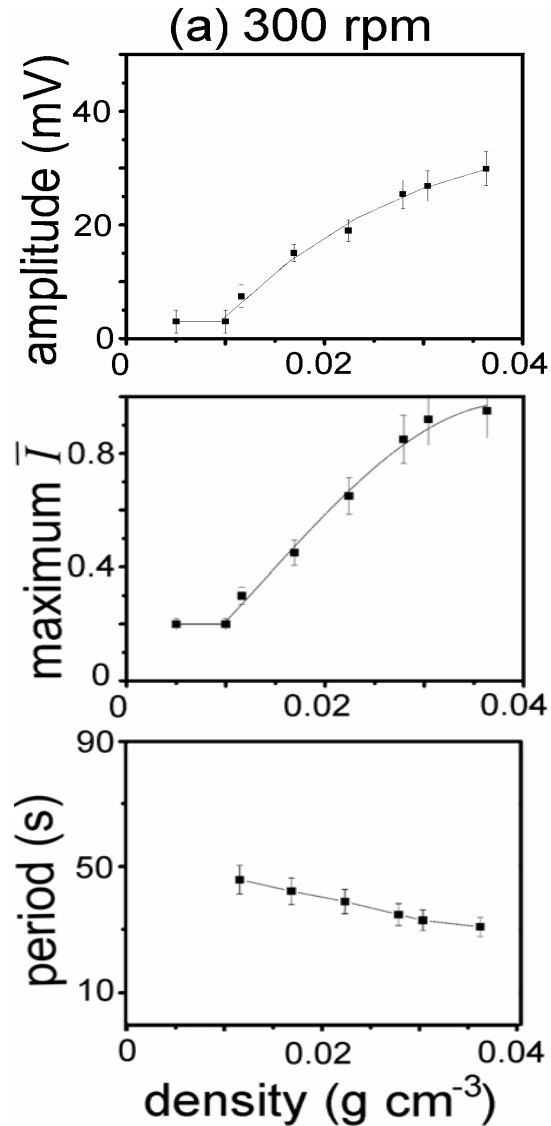
# Transition at Low Exchange Rate



Stirring speed: 300 rpm

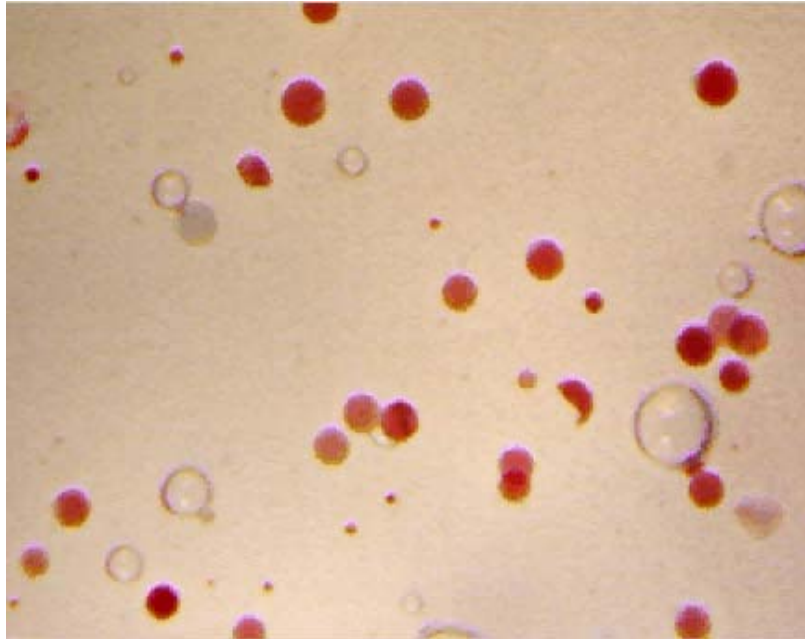
Catalyst particle density

0.010 g/ml, 0.0116 g/ml, 0.0136 g/ml, 0.0169 g/ml,  
0.0224 g/ml, 0.0251 g/ml, 0.0363 g/ml.



## Low Particle Density – Low Exchange Rate

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Bead density = 0.0116 g/ml

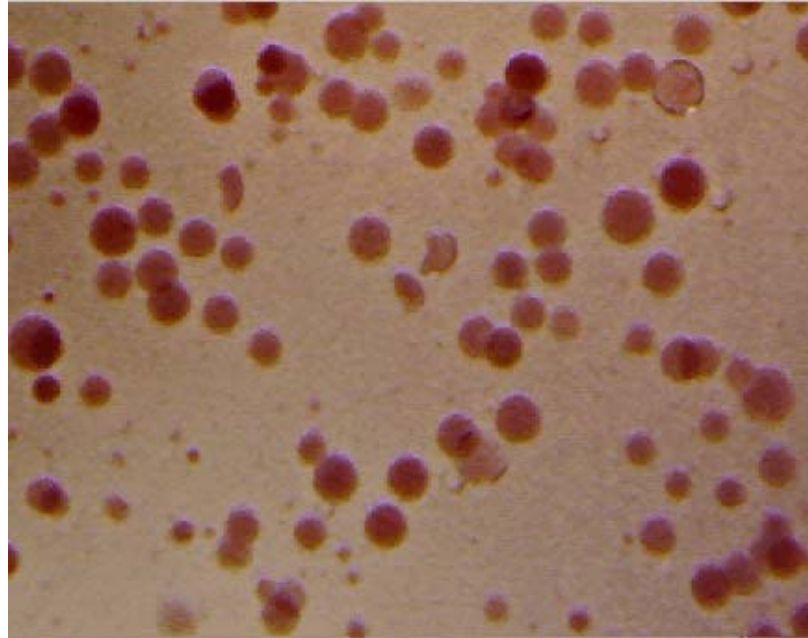
Stirring speed: 300 rpm

[NaBr] = 0.07 M, [MA] = 0.14 M, [NaBrO<sub>3</sub>] = 0.49 M, [H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>] = 0.67 M

Particles are loaded with ferriin at  $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/g

# High Particle Density – Low Exchange Rate

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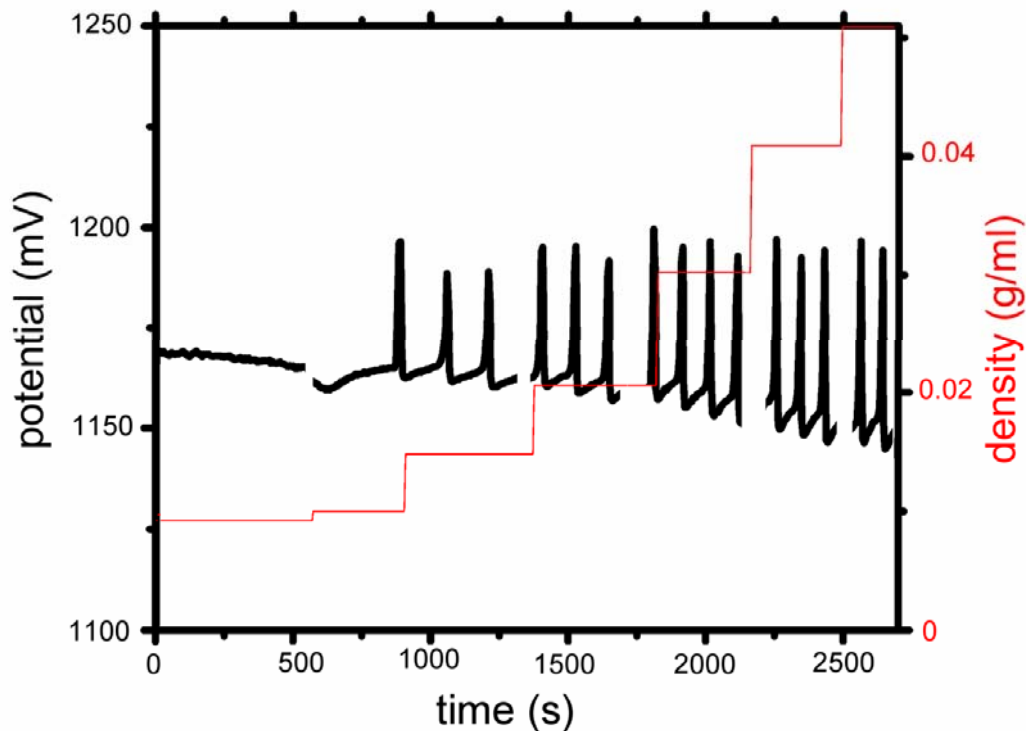
Bead density = 0.0363 g/ml

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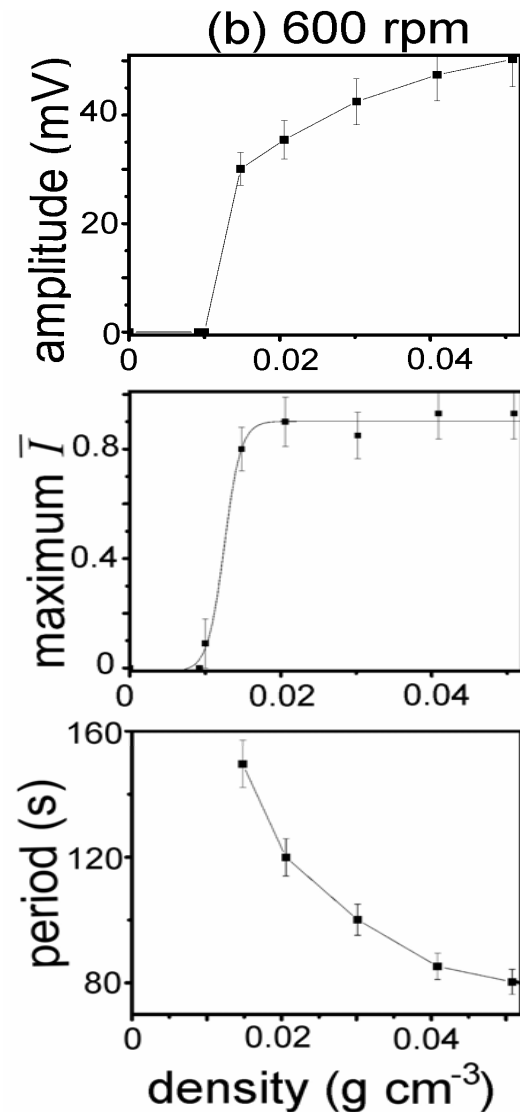
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# Transition at High Exchange Rate

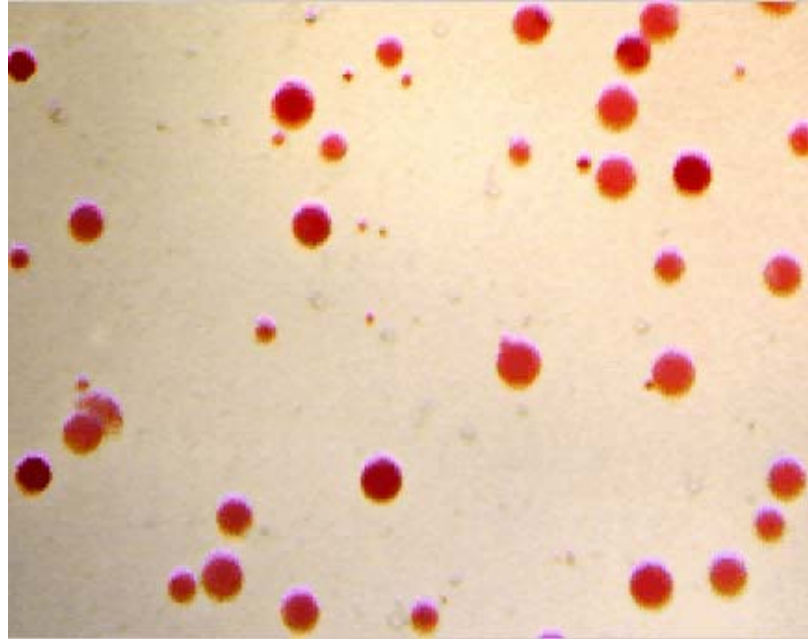


Pt electrode potential vs time  
Stirring rate = 600 rpm



# Low Particle Density – High Exchange Rate

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Particle density = 0.0093 g/ml

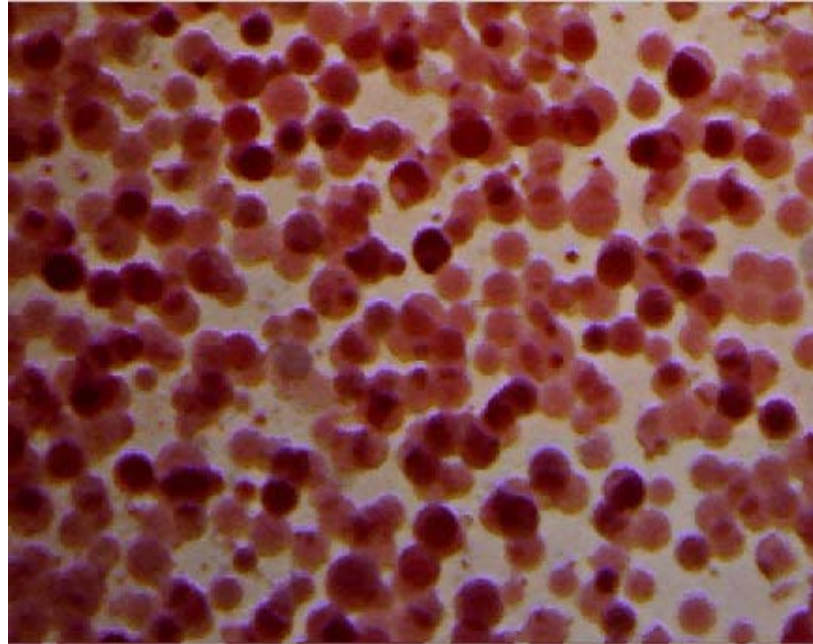
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## High Particle Density – High Exchange Rate

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Particle density = 0.123 g/ml

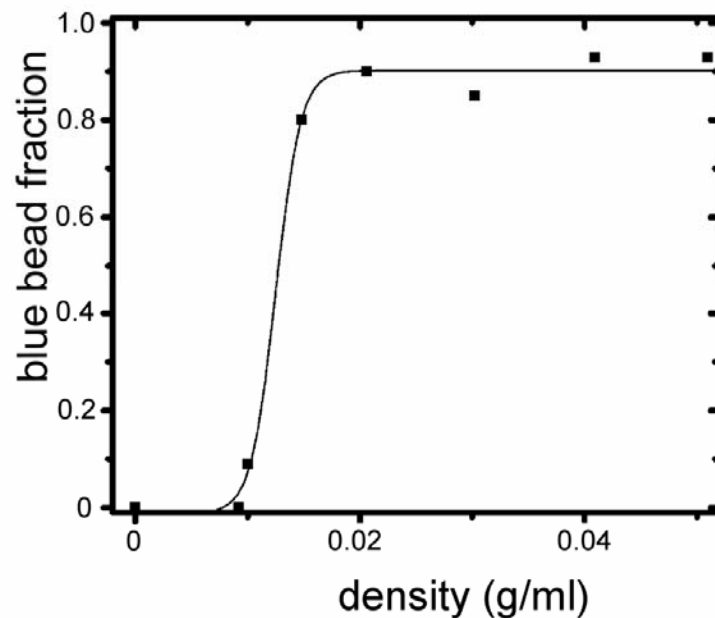
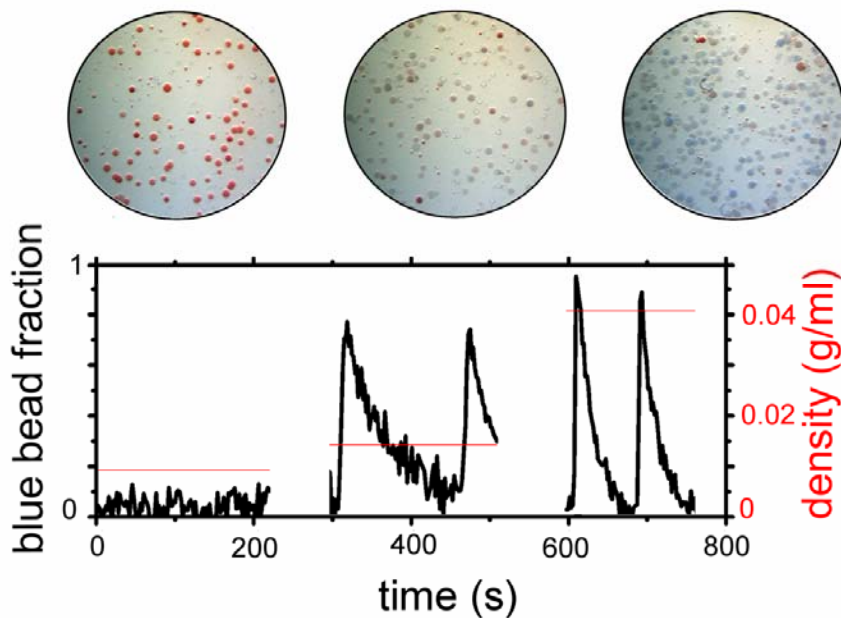
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# Maximum Fraction of Excited Catalyst Particles

## High Exchange



Stirring rate = 600 rpm

Catalyst particle density

0.0092 g/ml, 0.0148 g/ml, 0.0409 g/ml

[NaBr] = 0.07 M, [MA] = 0.14 M, [NaBrO<sub>3</sub>] = 0.49 M, [H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>] = 0.67 M

Fraction = (grayscale - grayscale (all red)) / (grayscale (all blue) - grayscale (all red))

# Model for Catalyst-Loaded Particles in Catalyst-Free Solution

variables	X ( $U_{ss}$ )	HBrO <sub>2</sub> activator (HBrO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> )
	Y	Br <sup>-</sup> , inhibitor
	Z	oxidized catalyst

For  $i = 1, \dots, N$  particles:

$$\frac{dX_i}{dt} = -k(X_i - X_s) - k_2 h_0 X_i Y_i + k_3 h_0 A Y_i - 2k_4 X_i^2 - k_5 h_0 A X_i + k_{-5} U_{ss}^2 + k_6 U_{ss} (C - Z_i) - k_{-6} X_i Z_i$$

$$\frac{dY_i}{dt} = -k(Y_i - Y_s) - k_2 h_0 X_i Y_i - k_3 h_0 A Y_i + q_i \frac{k_7 k_8 B Z_i}{k_{-7} h_0 (C - Z_i) + k_8} + k_9 B$$

$$\frac{dZ_i}{dt} = k_6 U_{ss} (C - Z_i) - k_{-6} X_i Z_i - \frac{k_7 k_8 B Z_i}{k_{-7} h_0 (C - Z_i) + k_8}$$

For solution:

$$\frac{dX_s}{dt} = \frac{\langle V_i \rangle}{V_s} \sum_i^N k(X_i - X_s) - k_2 h_0 X_s Y_s + k_3 h_0 A Y_s - 2k_4 X_s^2 + k_{-5} U_{ss}^2$$

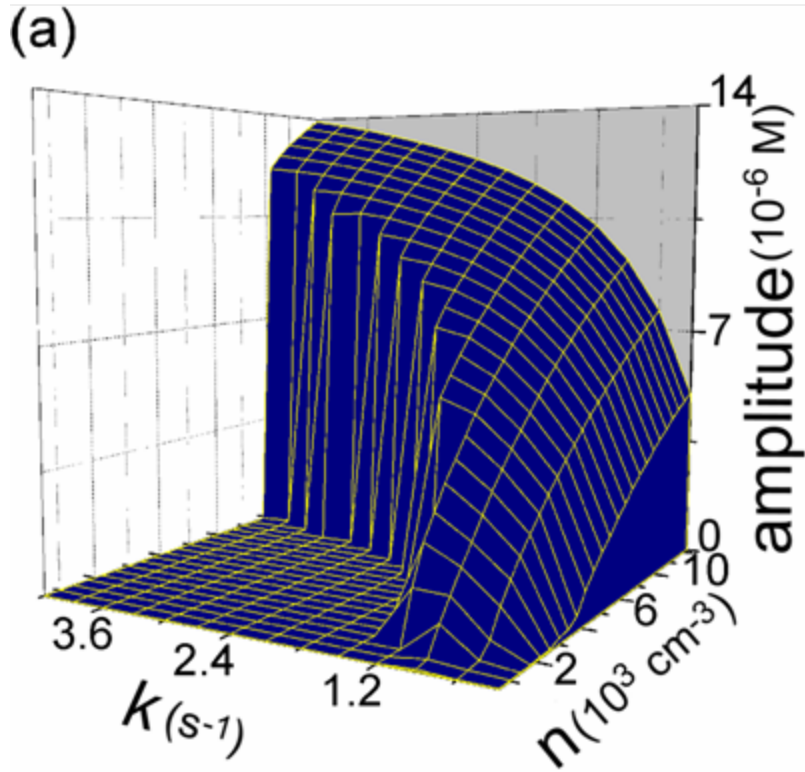
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ZBKE Model: Zhabotinsky, Buchholtz, Kiyatkin, Epstein, J. Phys. Chem. 97, 7578 (1993).

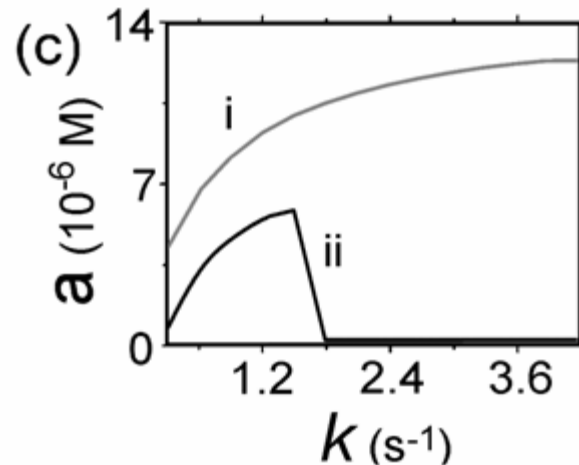
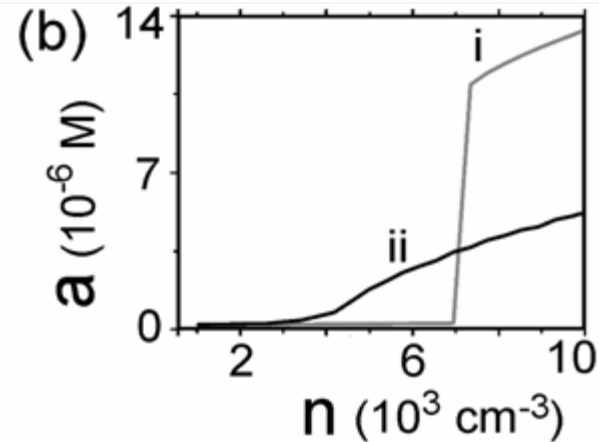
parameters	A	BrO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
	B	MA + BrMA
	C	Total catalyst
	$h_0$	Acid
	$k_1 - k_9$	Rate constants
Fitted parameters	$q_i$	Stoichiometric factor
	$k$	Mass exchange rate constant
	$\langle V_i \rangle / V_s$	Dilution factor

# Global Signal: Amplitude of Variable $X_S$

b(i)  $k = 3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , b(ii)  $k = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$

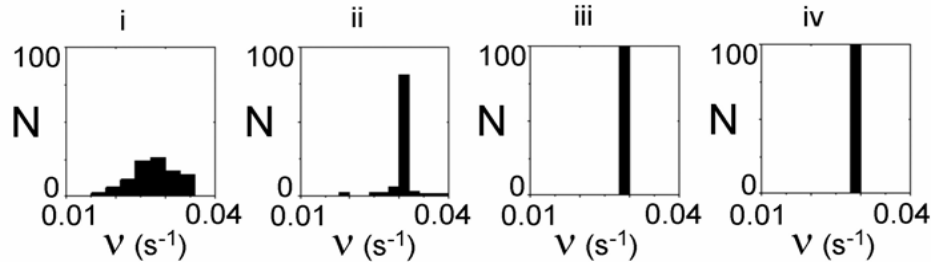


Amplitude of  $\text{HBrO}_2$  in solution.

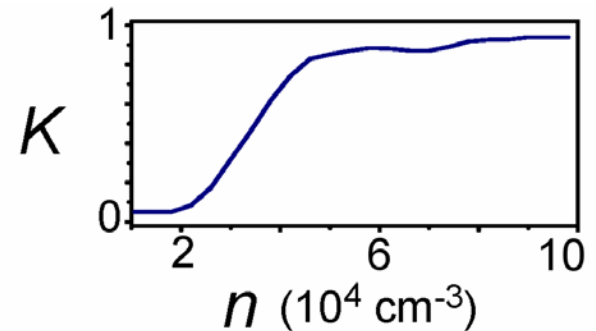
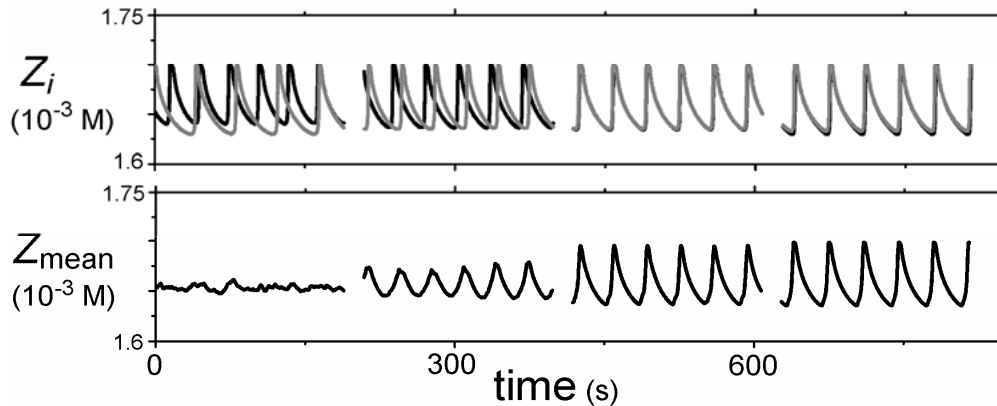


c(i)  $n = 8200 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , c(ii)  $n = 4200 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

# Synchronization at Low Exchange ( $k = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )



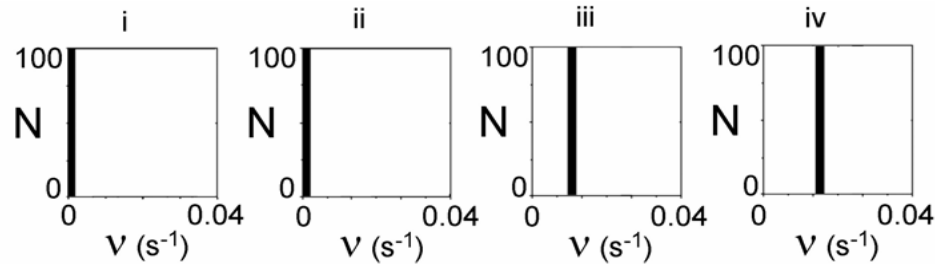
- (i)  $n = 1000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- (ii)  $n = 3400 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- (iii)  $n = 6200 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- (iv)  $n = 10000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



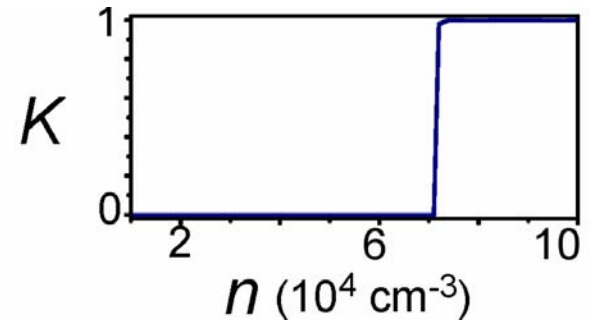
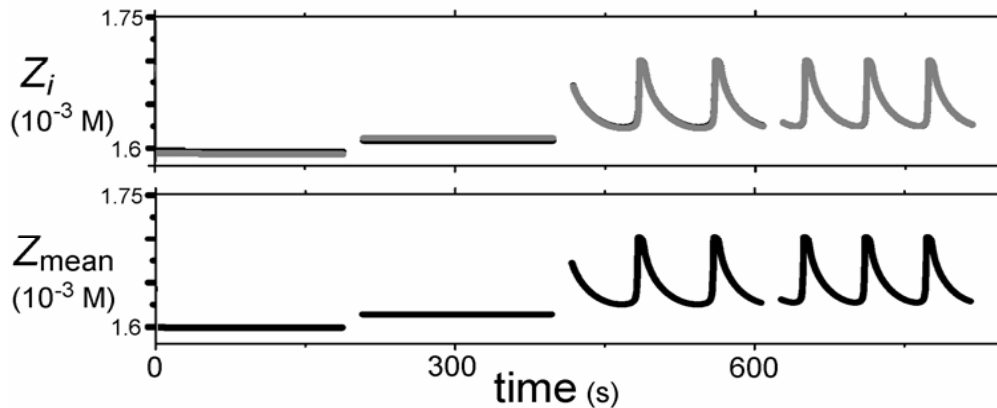
$$K = \left| \left\langle N^{-1} \sum_j e^{i\theta_j} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

The coherence measure  $K$  is 0 when all particles oscillate out of phase with each other (or when the particles are not oscillating) and 1 when all particles oscillate in perfect synchrony. S. Shinomoto and Y. Kuramoto, Prog. Theo. Phys. 75, 1105 (1986).

# Synchronization at High Exchange ( $k = 3.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )



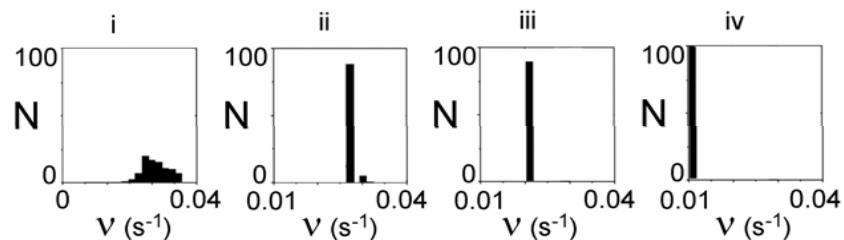
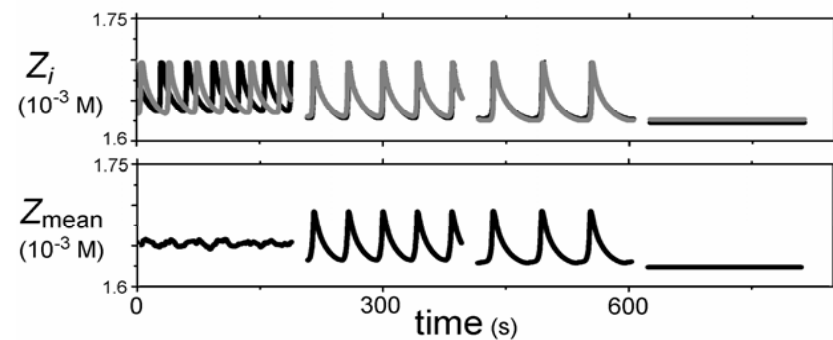
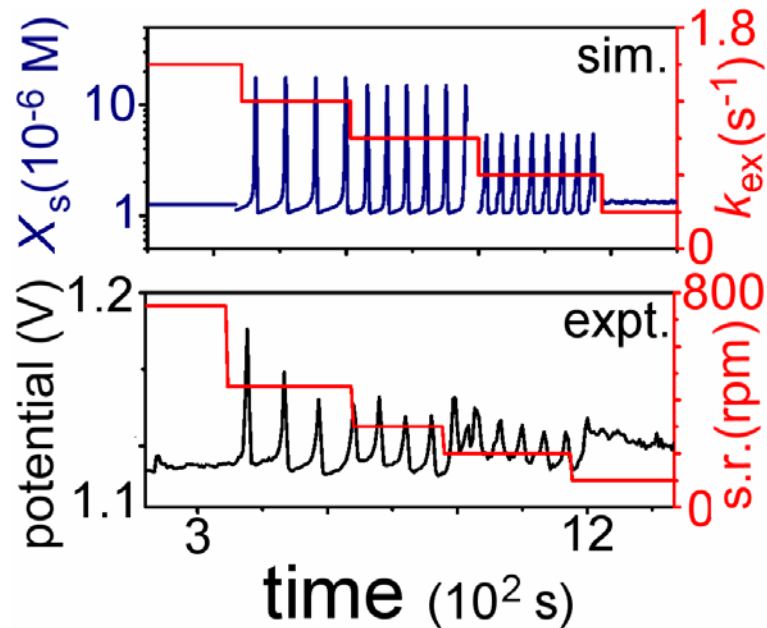
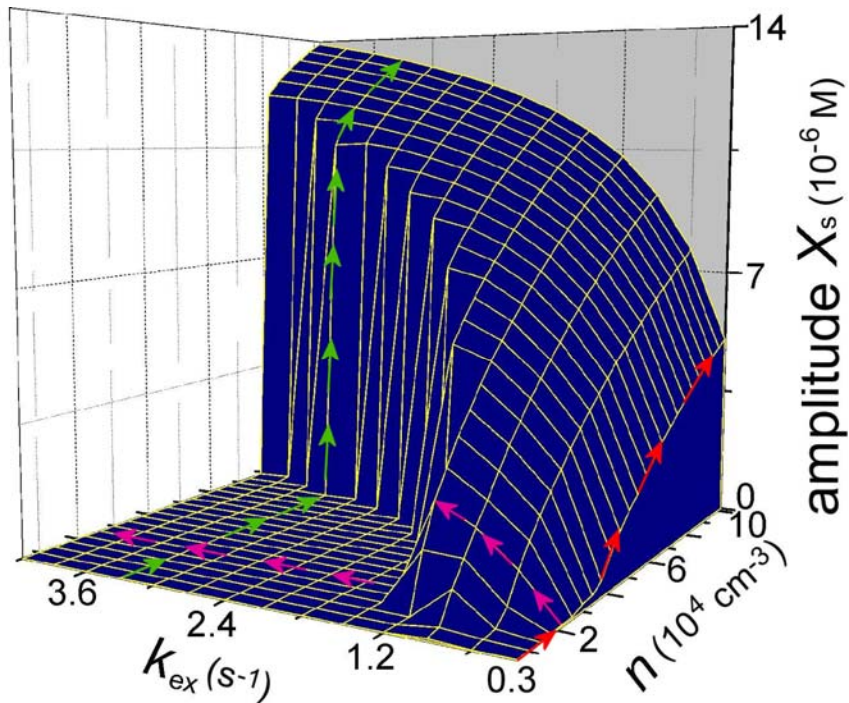
- (i)  $n = 1000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- (ii)  $n = 3400 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- (iii)  $n = 7400 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- (iv)  $n = 10000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



$$K = \left\langle \left| N^{-1} \sum_j^N e^{i\theta_j} - \left\langle N^{-1} \sum_j^N e^{i\theta_j} \right\rangle \right|^2 \right\rangle$$

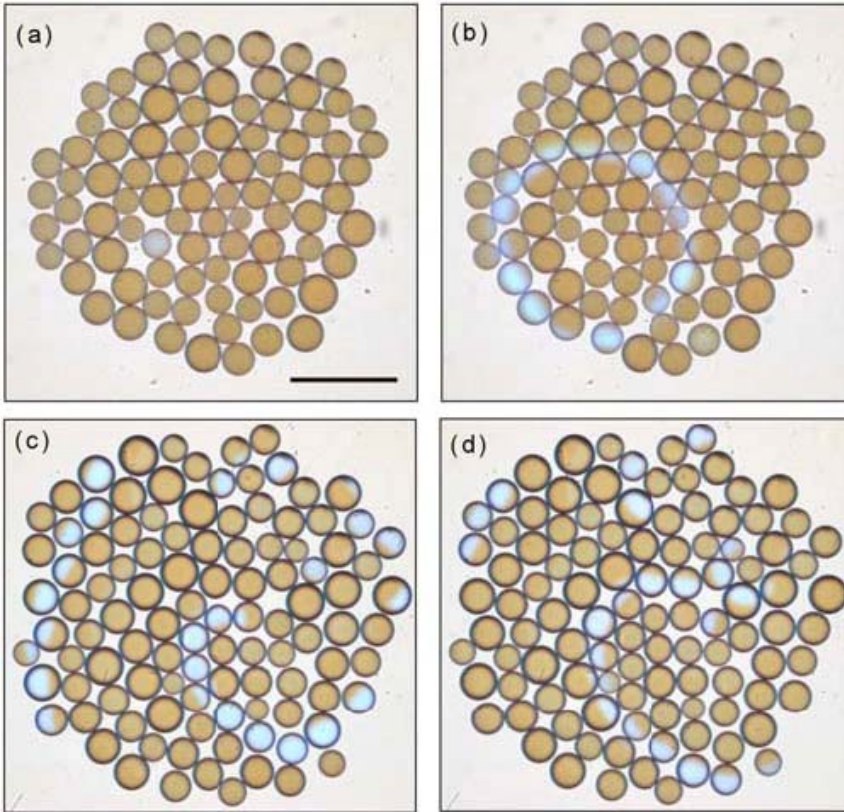
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# Transitions at Low Particle Density ( $n = 1800 \text{ cm}^{-2}$ )



$k_{\text{ex}} = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (i),  $0.9 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (ii),  
 $1.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (iii),  $1.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (iv).

# Spatiotemporal Behavior

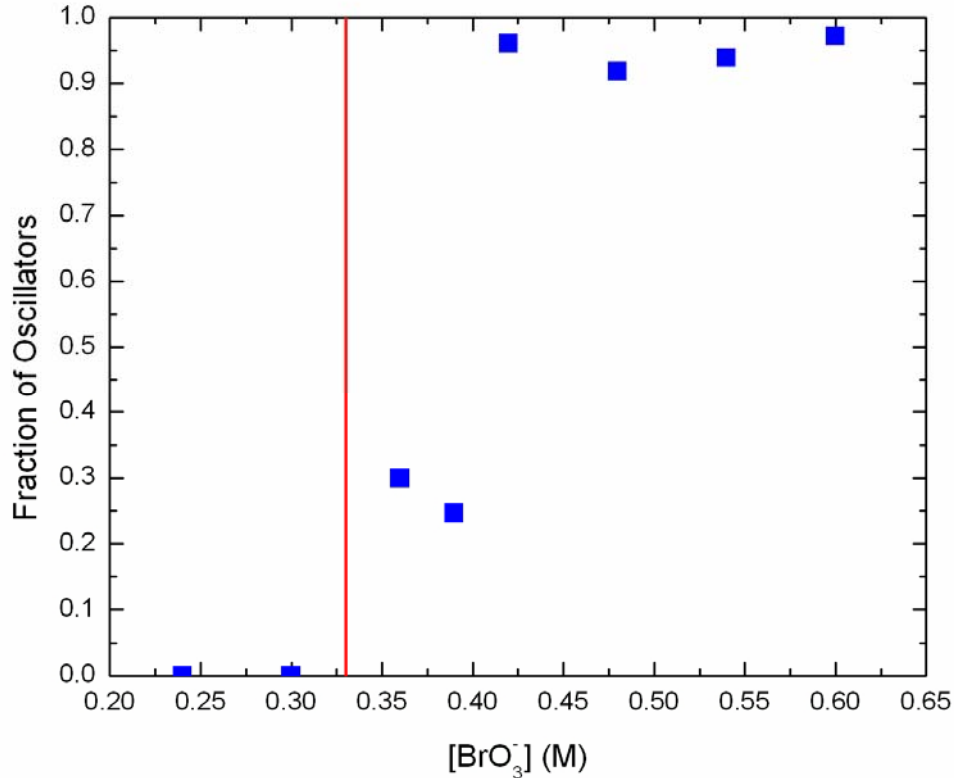


Images separated by 12 s of a target wave in a group of 89 catalyst-loaded particles.

Images separated by 8 s of spiral wave behavior in a group of 106 catalyst-loaded particles.

. Scale bar length is 1.0 mm.

# Isolated Particle Behavior



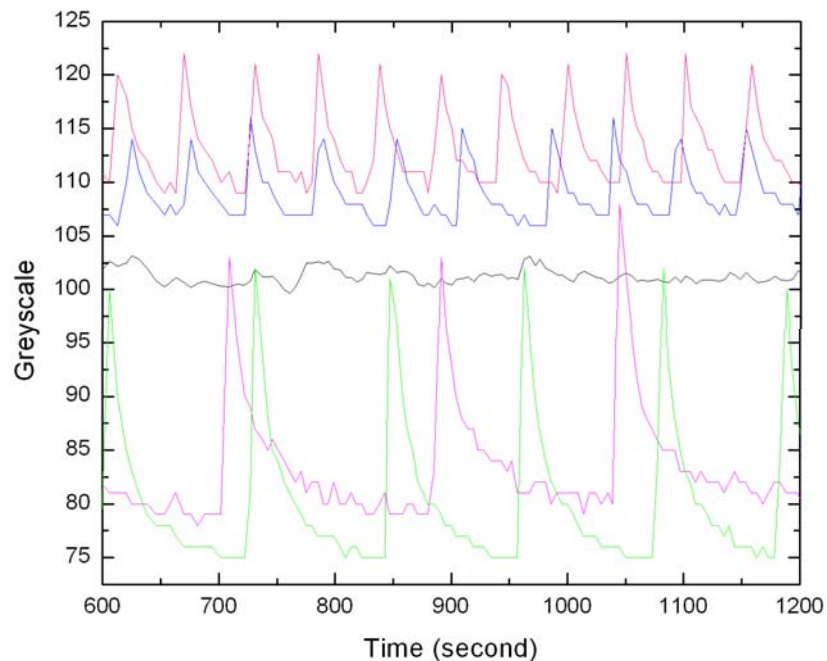
Particles are positioned  $> 5$  mm from nearest neighbor particles.

Reaction mixture composition:  
 $[\text{NaBr}] = 0.10$  M,  $[\text{MA}] = 0.20$  M,  
 $[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.30$  M

Catalyst particle loading:  
ferroin =  $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  mol  $\text{g}^{-1}$

Number of particles in each experiment: between 50 and 150.

# Isolated Oscillatory Particles



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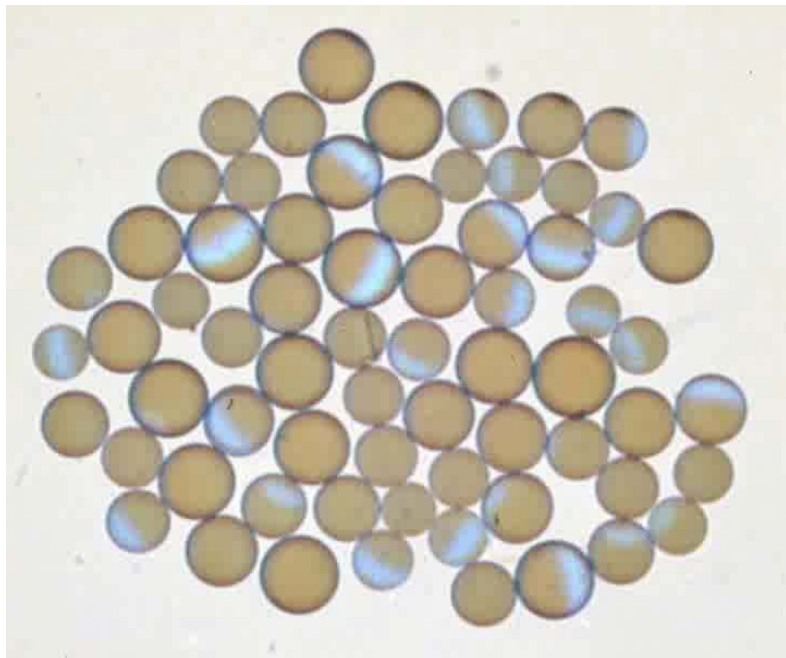
Reaction mixture composition:

$[\text{NaBrO}_3] = 0.51 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{NaBr}] = 0.10 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{MA}] = 0.20 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.30 \text{ M}$ .

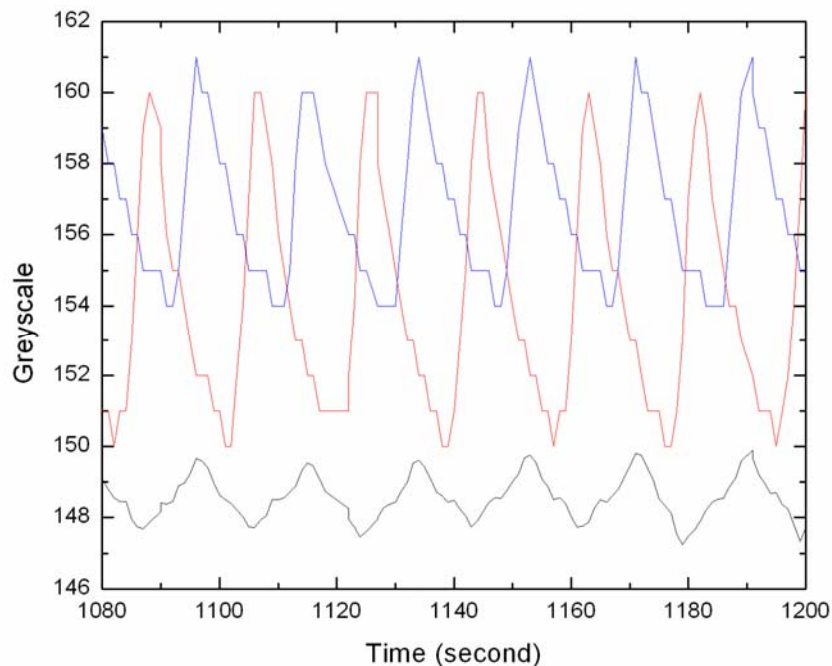
Catalyst particle loading: ferriin =  $1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol g}^{-1}$

Time scale: video 5 fps, original 1 fps

# Group of Oscillatory Particles



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Reaction mixture composition:

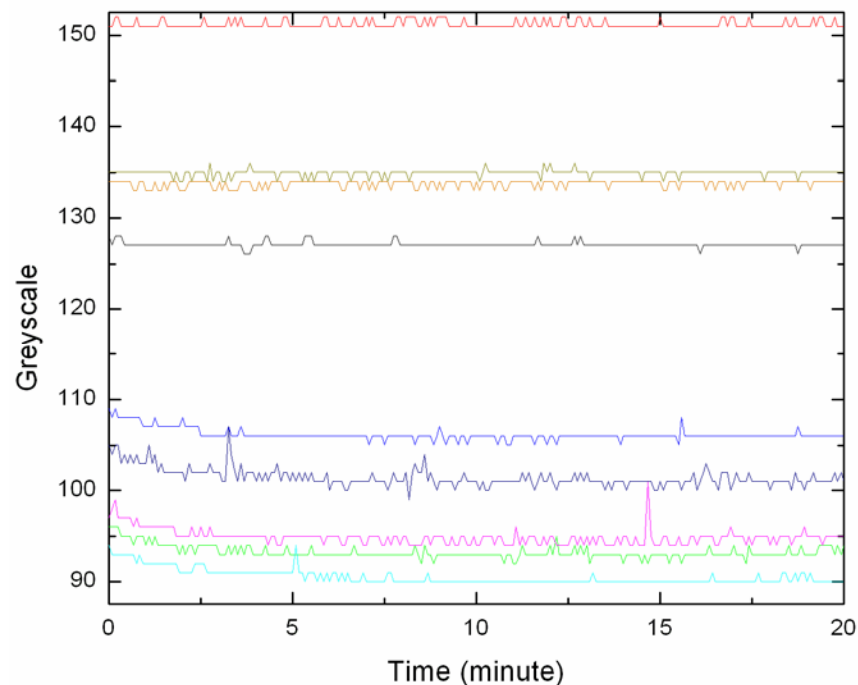
$[\text{NaBrO}_3] = 0.54 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{NaBr}] = 0.10 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{MA}] = 0.20 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.30 \text{ M}$

Catalyst particle loading: ferroin =  $1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol g}^{-1}$

Time scale: video 5 fps, original 1 fps

Group size: 66 beads

# Scattered Excitable Steady State Particles



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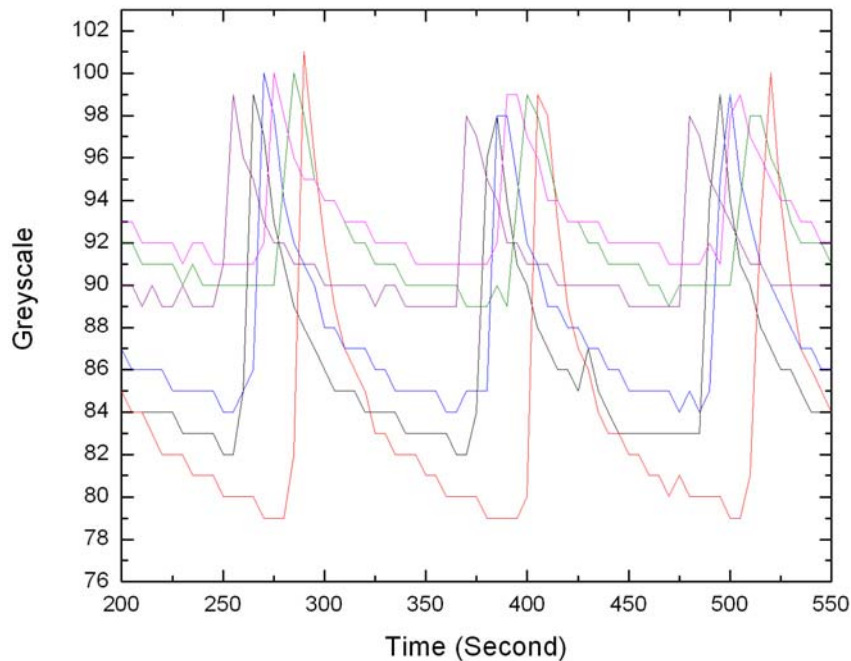
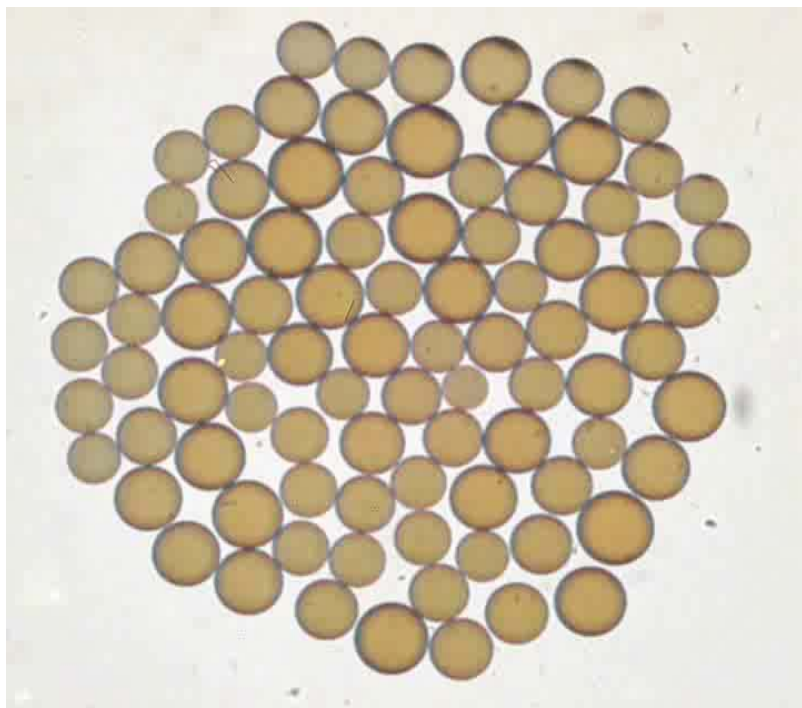
Reaction mixture composition:

[NaBrO<sub>3</sub>] = 0.30 M, [NaBr] = 0.10 M, [MA] = 0.20 M, [H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>] = 0.30 M

Catalyst particle loading: ferroin =  $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  mol g<sup>-1</sup> (per gram resin)

Time scale: video 5 fps, original 1 fps

# Group of Excitable Particles – Pacemaker



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Reaction mixture composition:

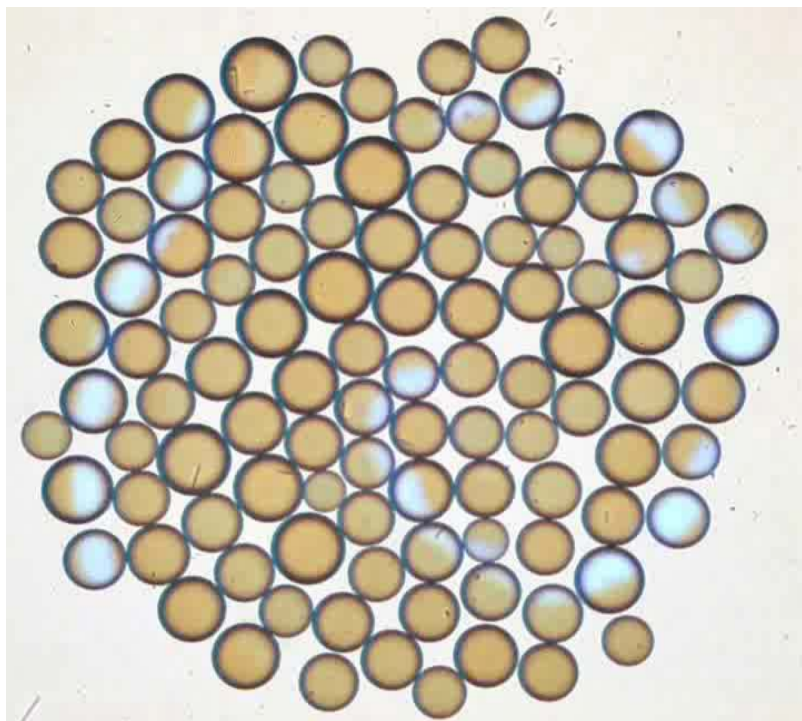
[NaBrO<sub>3</sub>] = 0.30 M, [NaBr] = 0.10 M, [MA] = 0.20 M, [H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>] = 0.30 M

Catalyst particle loading: ferroin =  $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  mol g<sup>-1</sup>

Time scale: video 5 fps, original 1 fps

Group size: 89 beads

# Group of Excitable Particles – Spirals



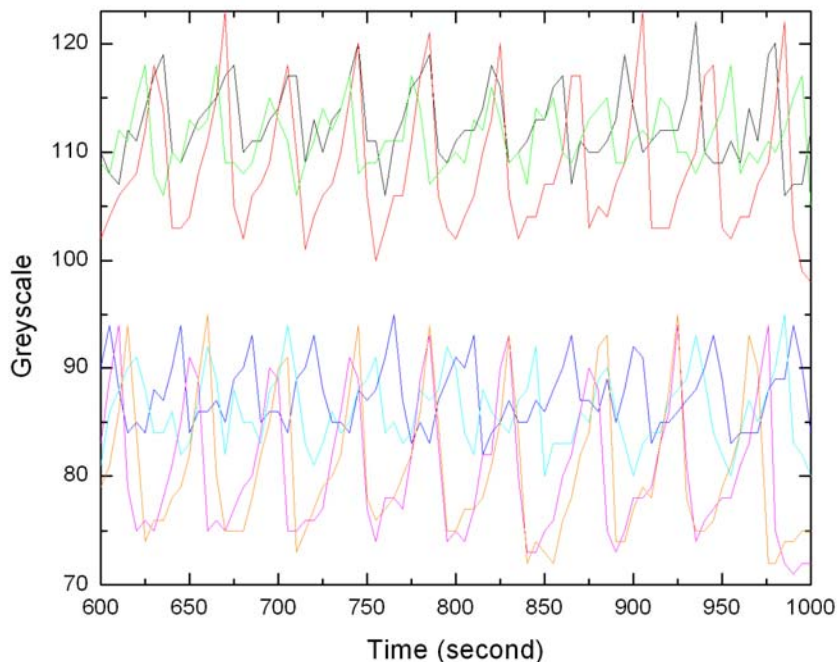
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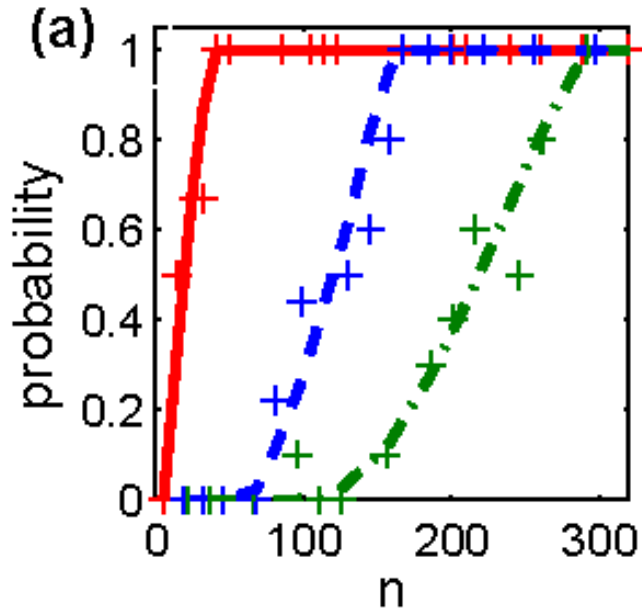
$[\text{NaBrO}_3] = 0.30 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{NaBr}] = 0.10 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{MA}] = 0.20 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.30 \text{ M}$

Catalyst particle loading: ferriin =  $1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol g}^{-1}$  (per gram resin)

Time scale: video 5 fps, original 1 fps



## Wave Probability Dependence on Group Size



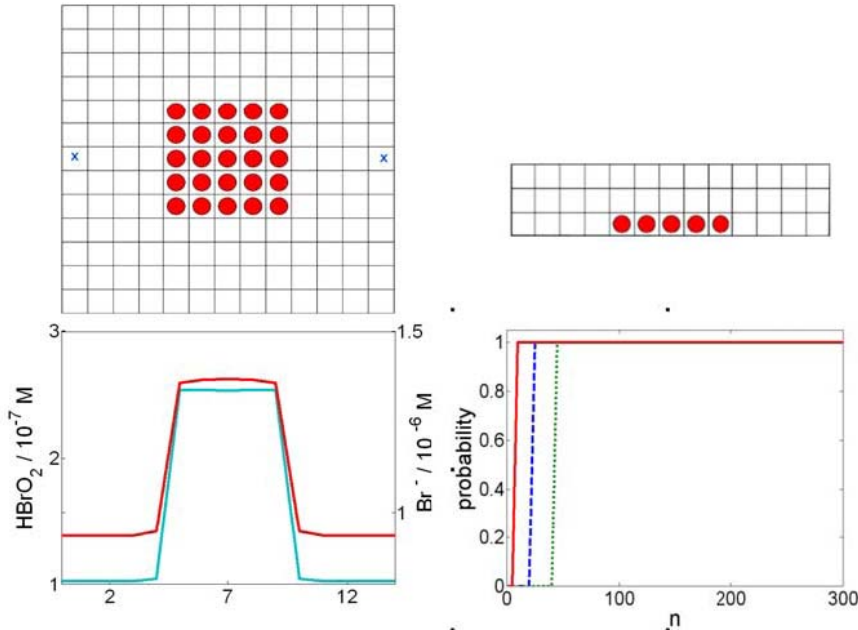
Probability of wave activity in a group as a function of the number of particles  $n$  for  $[\text{NaBrO}_3] = 0.30$  M (red), 0.27 M (blue), and 0.24 M (green).

Each point corresponds to  $\sim 8$  experiments (over 300 to construct the figure).

Not a single oscillatory particle was found in follow-up procedure. Hence, group wave activity arises as the result of collective dynamics.

# Excitable Particle Model

Schematic 2D representation of a 3D cell model ( $13 \times 13 \times 4$ ) with a  $5 \times 5 \times 1$  group of catalyst particle cells,  $n = 25$ .

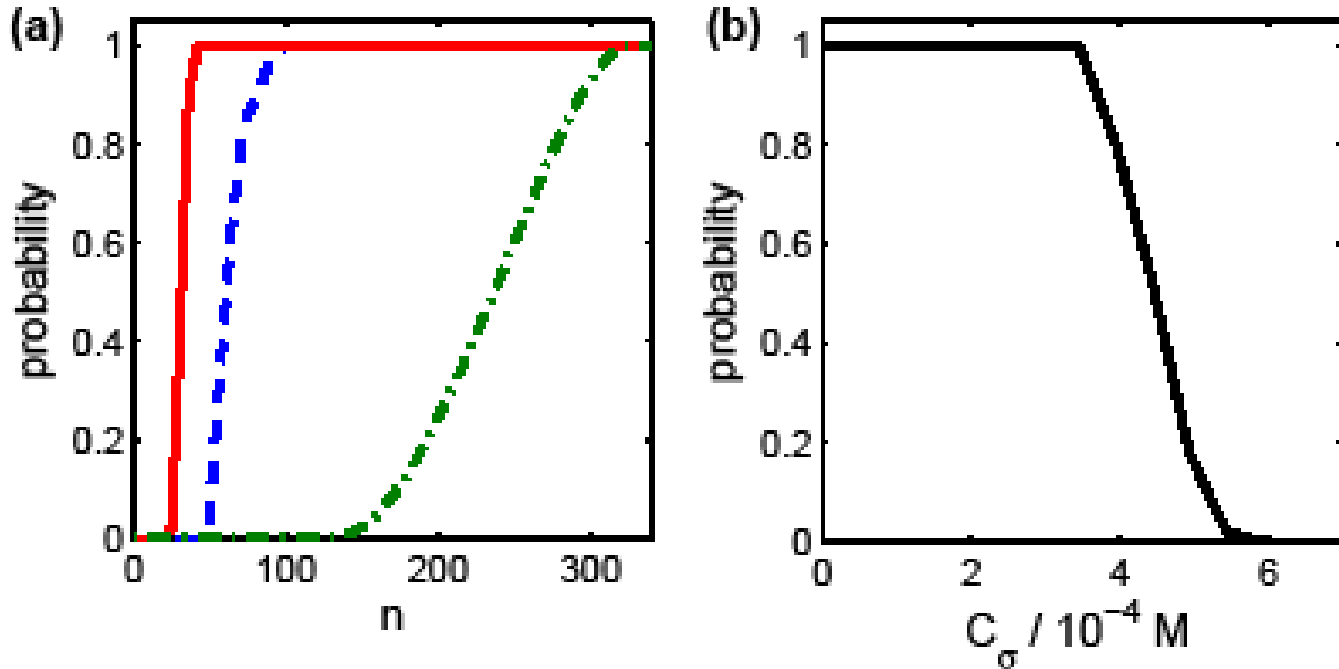


Particles are indicated by a cell containing a red dot and the surrounding solution is indicated by empty cells.

Steady state concentrations of activator X (blue) and inhibitor Y (red)

Probability of spatiotemporal wave activity in 3D cell model for identical particles as a function of group size  $n$  for  $A = 0.2430$  M (red solid),  $0.2425$  M (blue dashed), and  $0.2420$  M (green dotted).

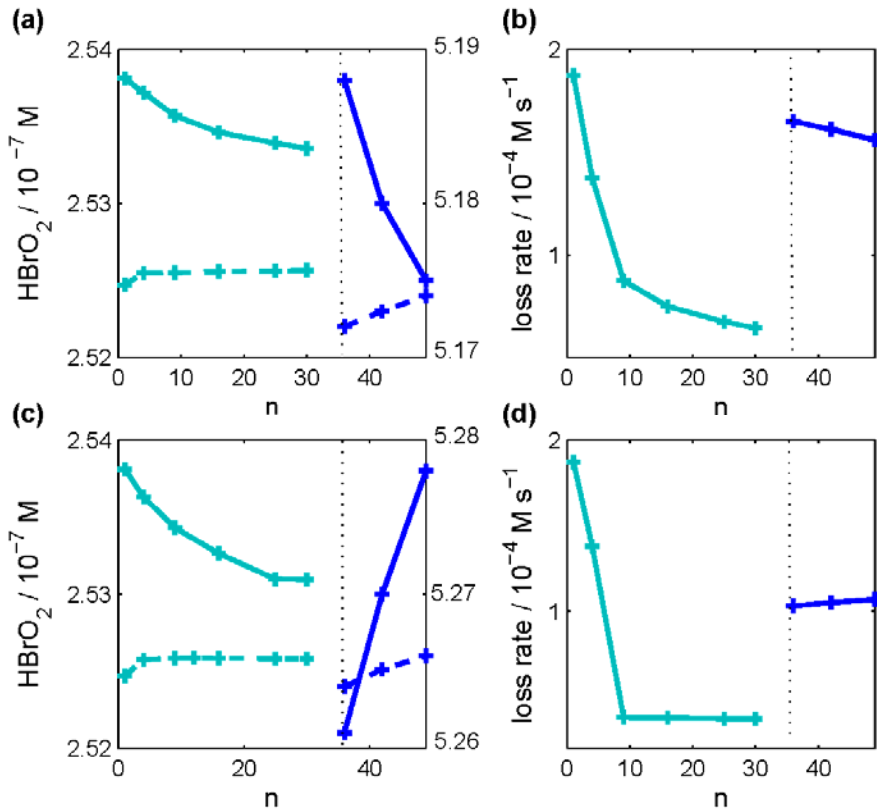
## Effects of Heterogeneity



Probability of wave activity with increasing group size  $n$ . Points determined from a Gaussian distribution of particle cell catalyst concentrations:  $C_{\text{mean}} = 0.0053$  M,  $C_\sigma = 0.0006$  M. Curves:  $A = 0.2430$  M (red),  $0.2425$  M (blue), and  $0.2420$  M (green).

Probability of wave activity with increasing  $C_\sigma$ , where  $C_{\text{mean}} = 0.0053$  M,  $A = 0.2420$ , and  $n = 49$ . Wave activity occurs when  $C_\sigma \leq 3.7 \times 10^{-4}$  M, whereas no activity is found for  $C_\sigma \geq 6.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M. Oscillator death?

# Collective Behavior: Dynamical Quorum Sensing



(a) Average  $[\text{HBrO}_2]$  on group particles (solid line) and in the solution cells directly above the particle cells (dashed line).

(b) Average loss rate of  $\text{HBrO}_2$  to the surrounding solution.

(c)  $[\text{HBrO}_2]$  on the central particle (solid line) and in the solution cell directly above the particle cell (dashed line).

(d) Loss rate of  $\text{HBrO}_2$  from the central particle.

The vertical dashed line in each plot represents the value of  $n_{\text{crit}}$ , above which spatiotemporal wave activity occurs.

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