

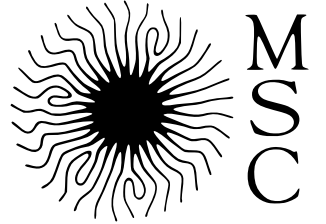


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# Growth and form of transport networks

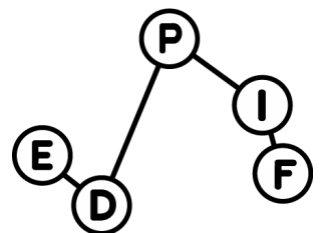
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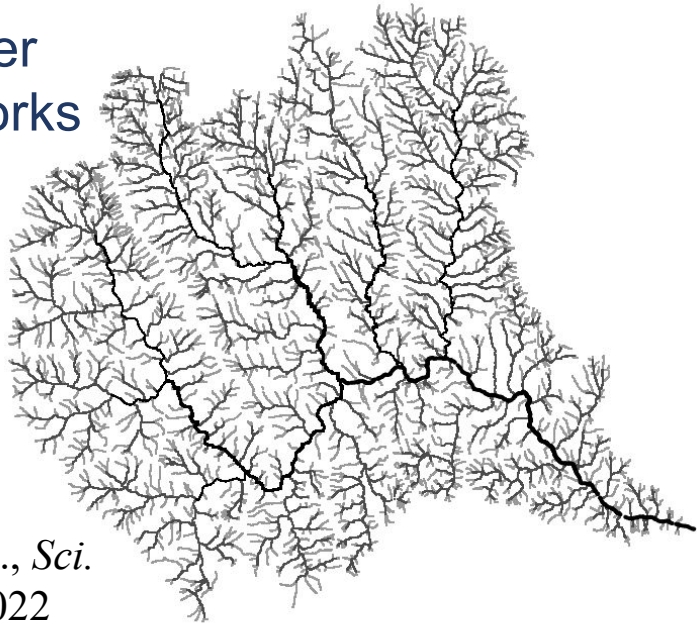


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# Spatial (transport) networks

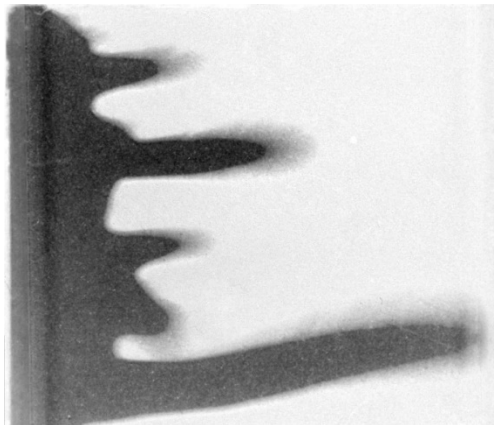
River networks



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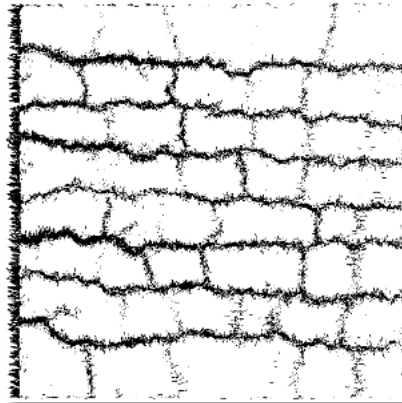
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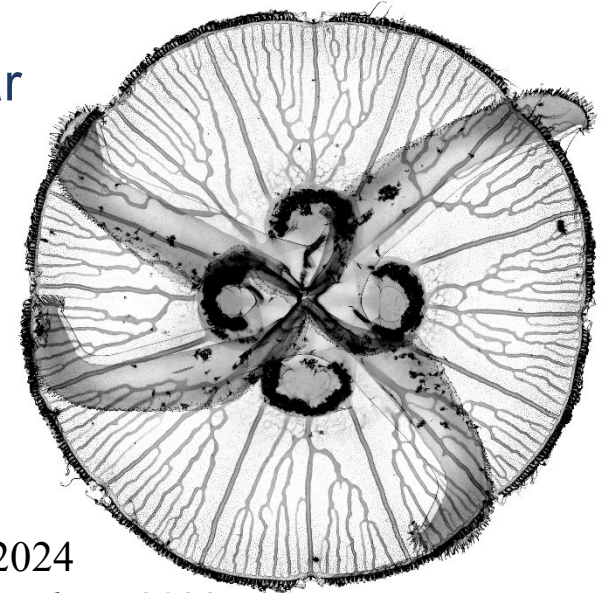
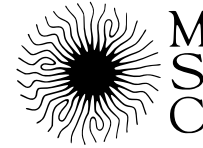


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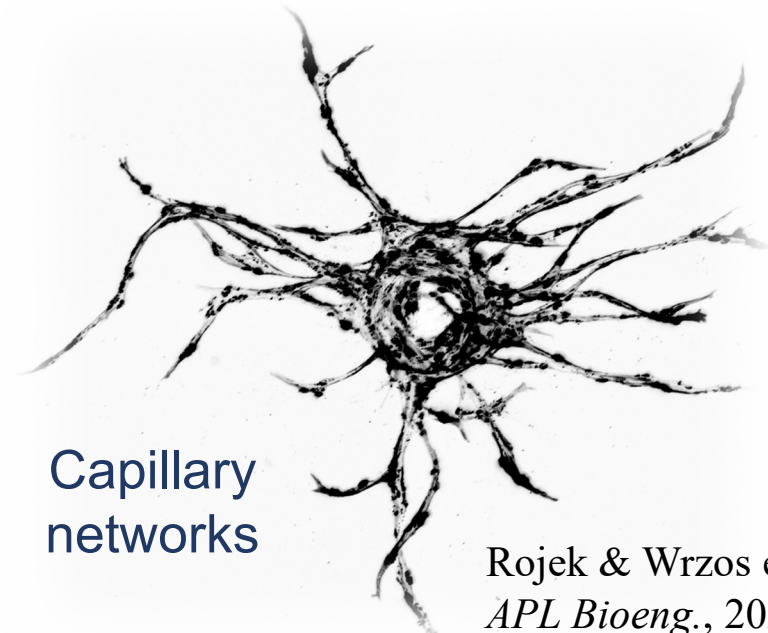
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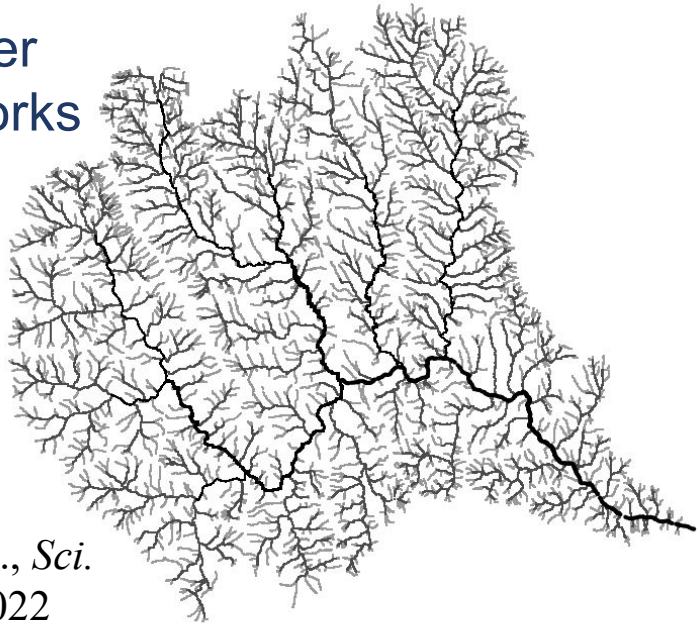
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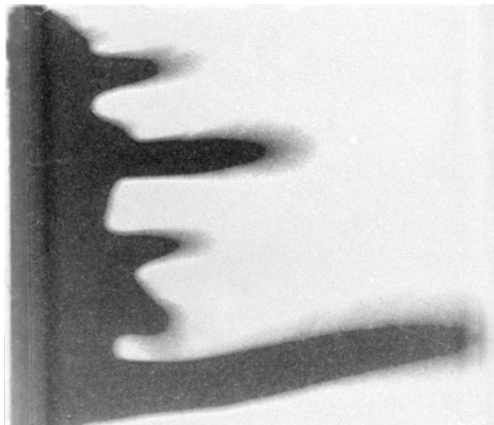
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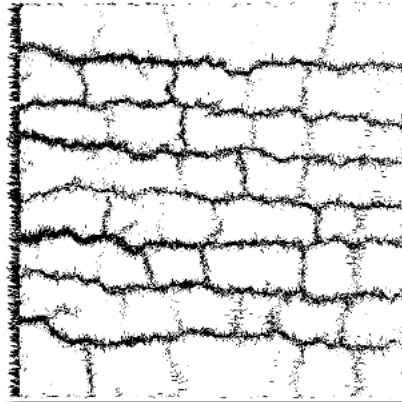
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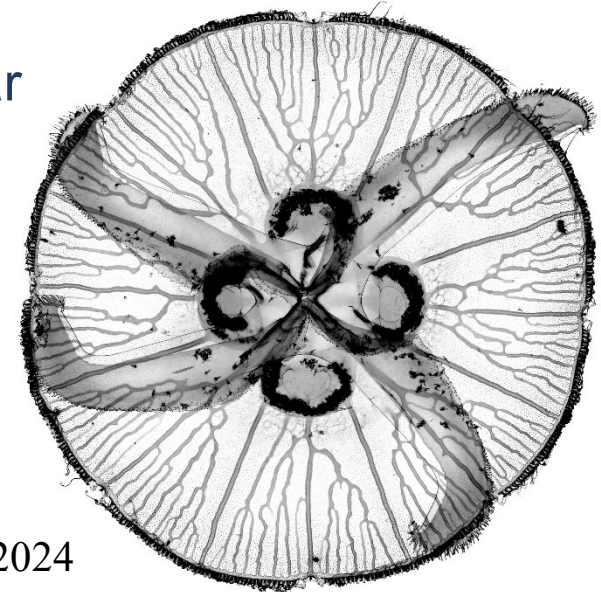
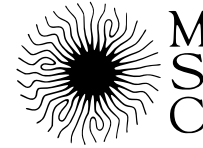


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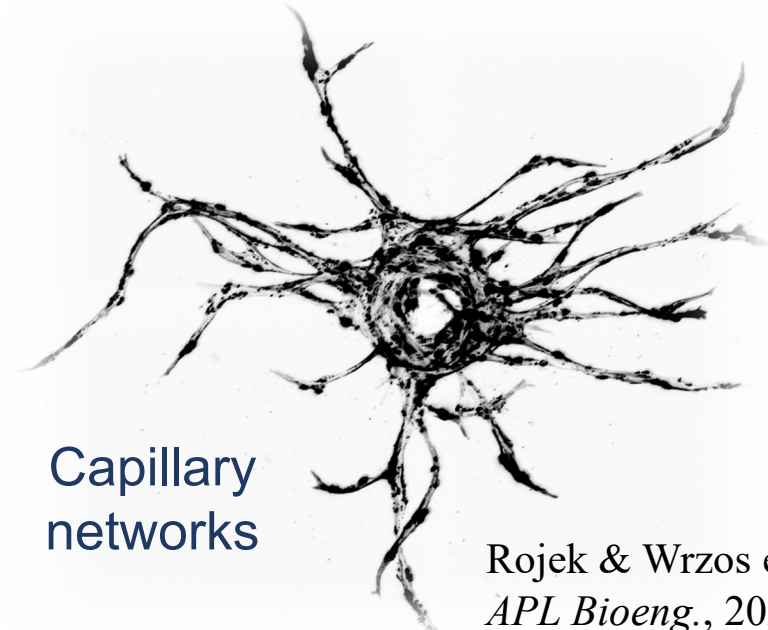
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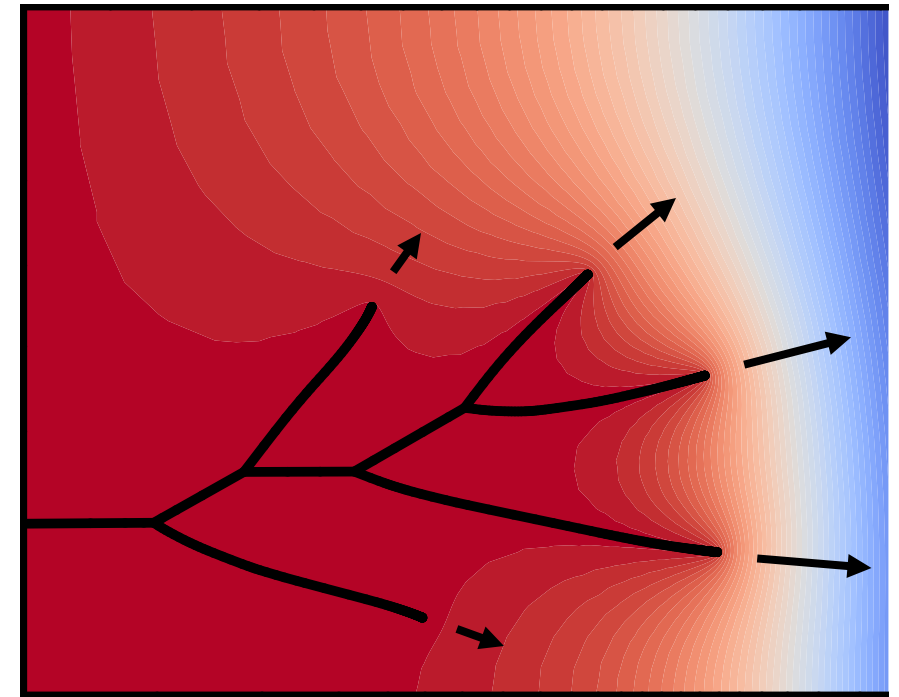
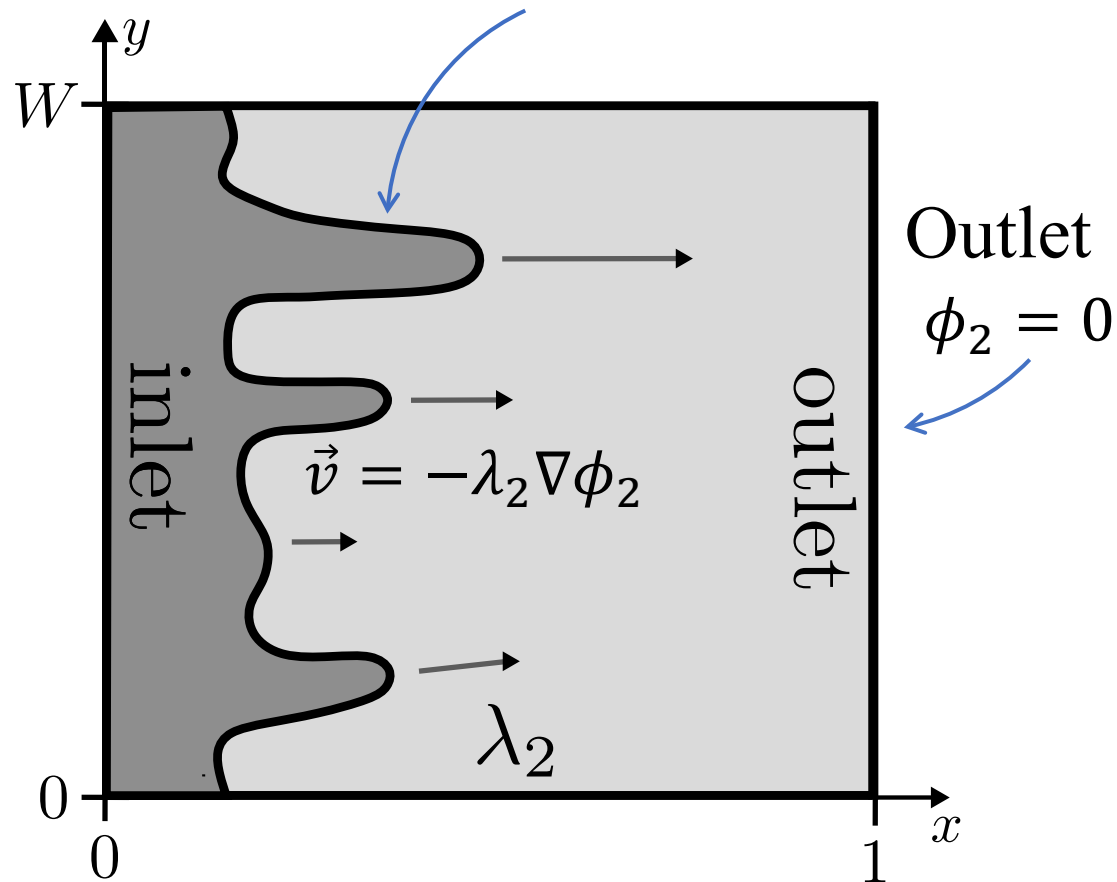


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# Laplacian growth

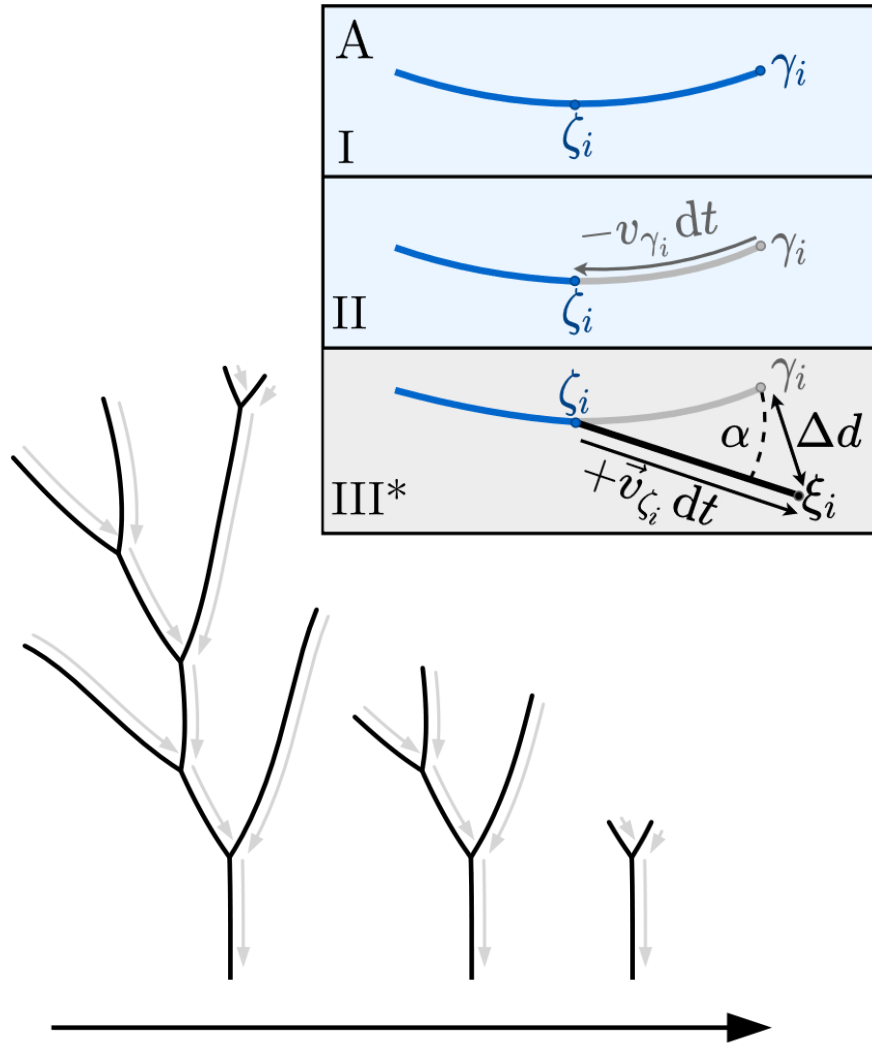
Laplace equation in the domain:  $\Delta\phi_2(\vec{x}) = 0$

Interface  $\phi_2 = 1$  + regularization or... **thin finger model**

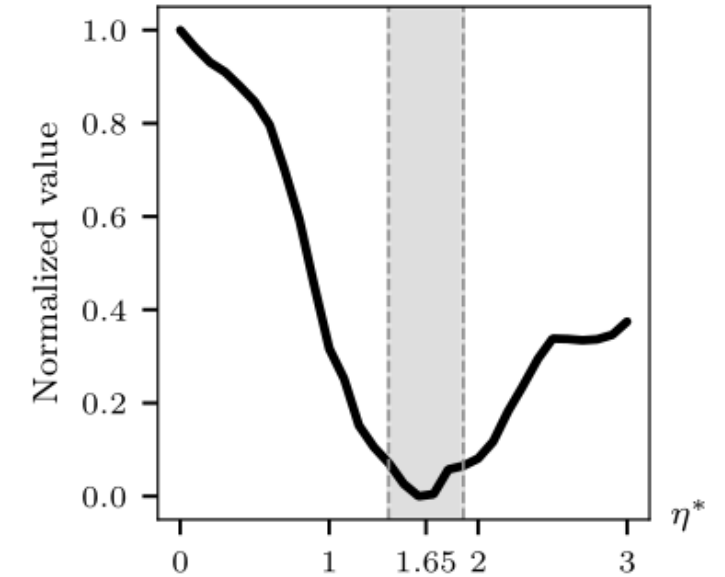
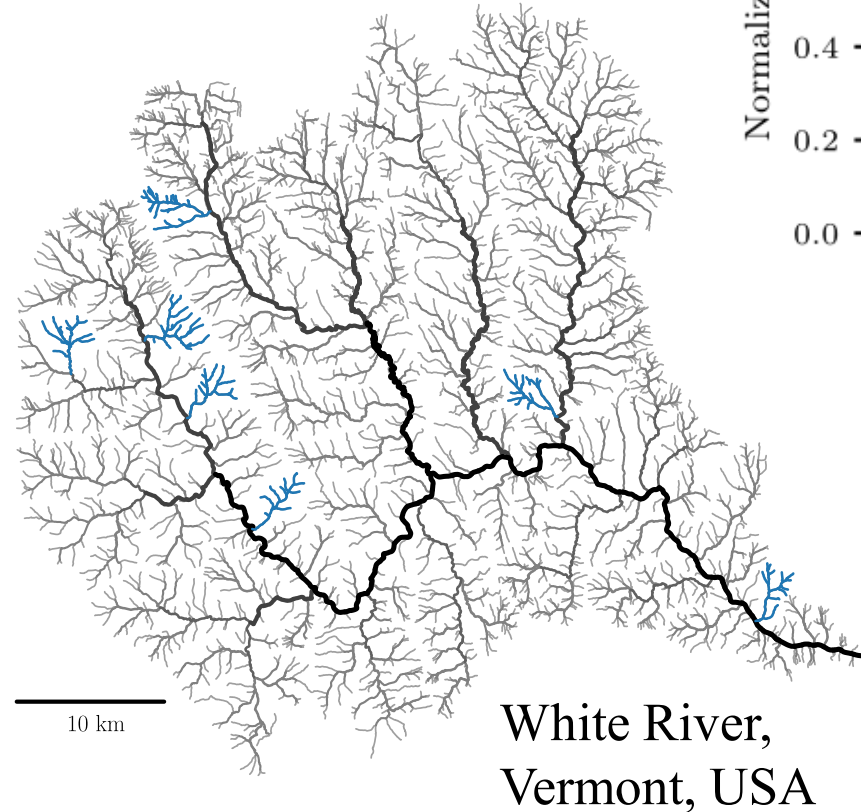


The Laplace equation solved with Finite Elements Method

# Backward evolution



Backward evolution



SŻ, P. Morawiecki, H. J. Seybold, and P. Szymczak, 'Through history to growth dynamics: deciphering the evolution of spatial networks', *Sci Rep*, doi: [10.1038/s41598-022-24656-x](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-24656-x).

# Laplacian growth

(with drop of potential inside the invading phase)

Laplace equation:

$$\Delta\phi_1(\vec{x}) = 0 \quad \Delta\phi_2(\vec{x}) = 0$$

Inlet:

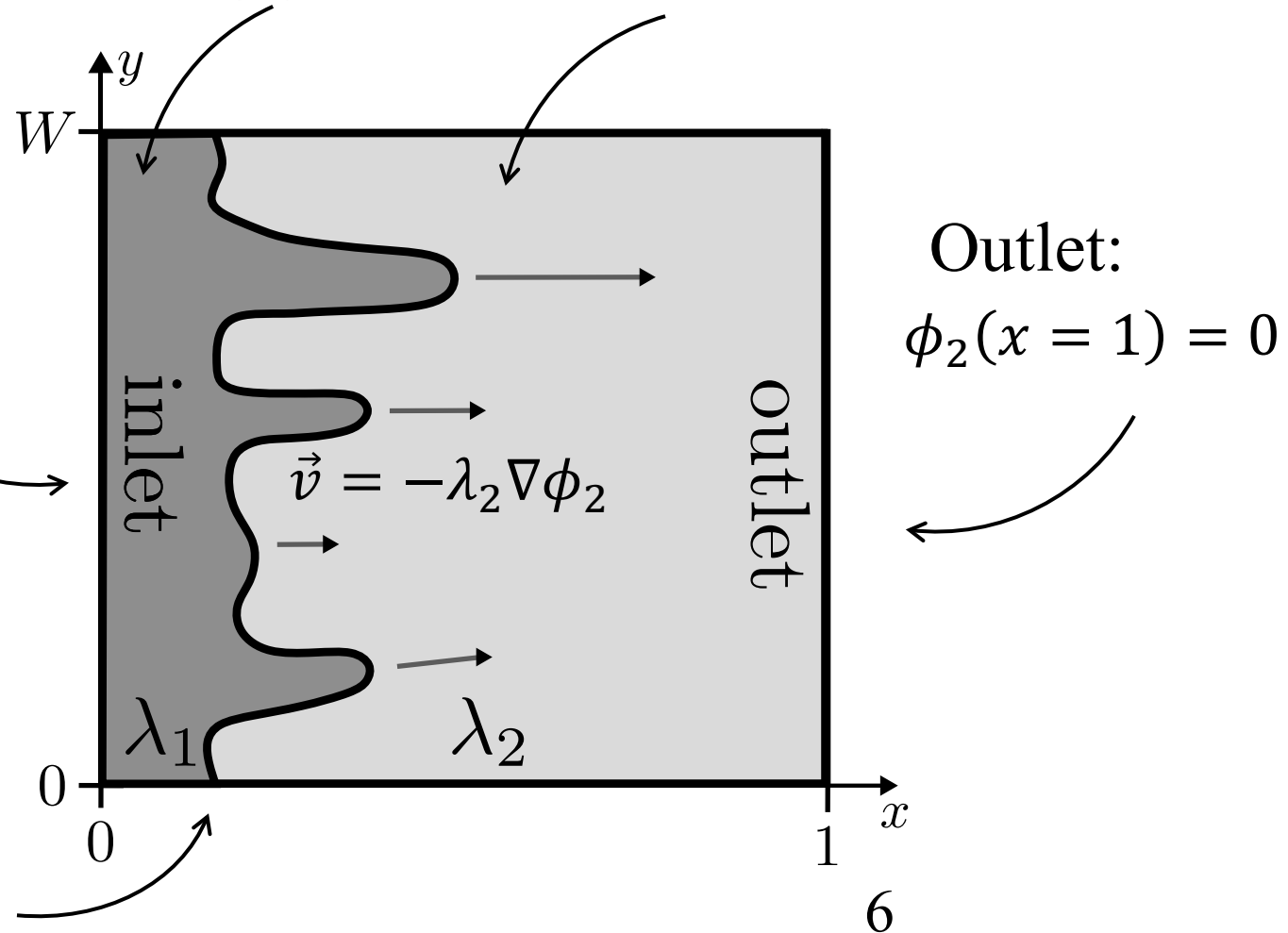
$$\phi_1(x = 0) = 1$$

Outlet:

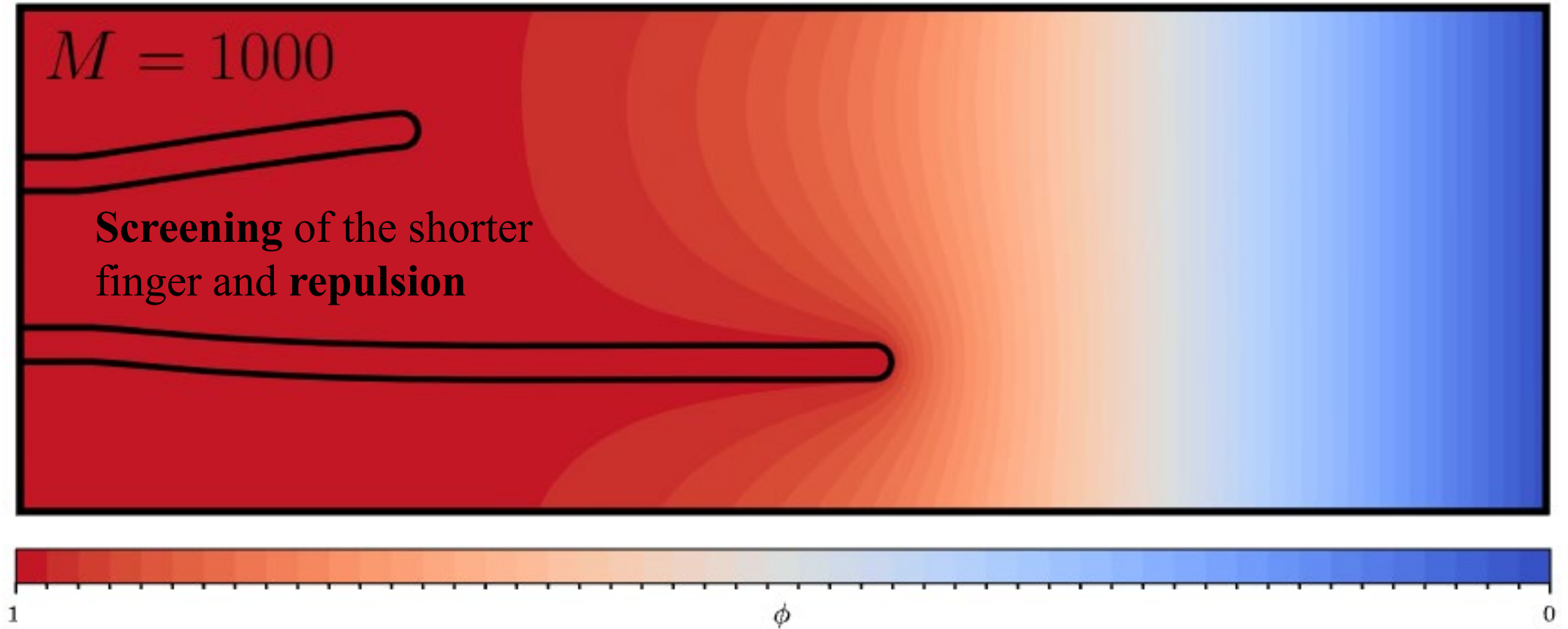
$$\phi_2(x = 1) = 0$$

Interface:  $\phi_1(\vec{x}) = \phi_2(\vec{x})$

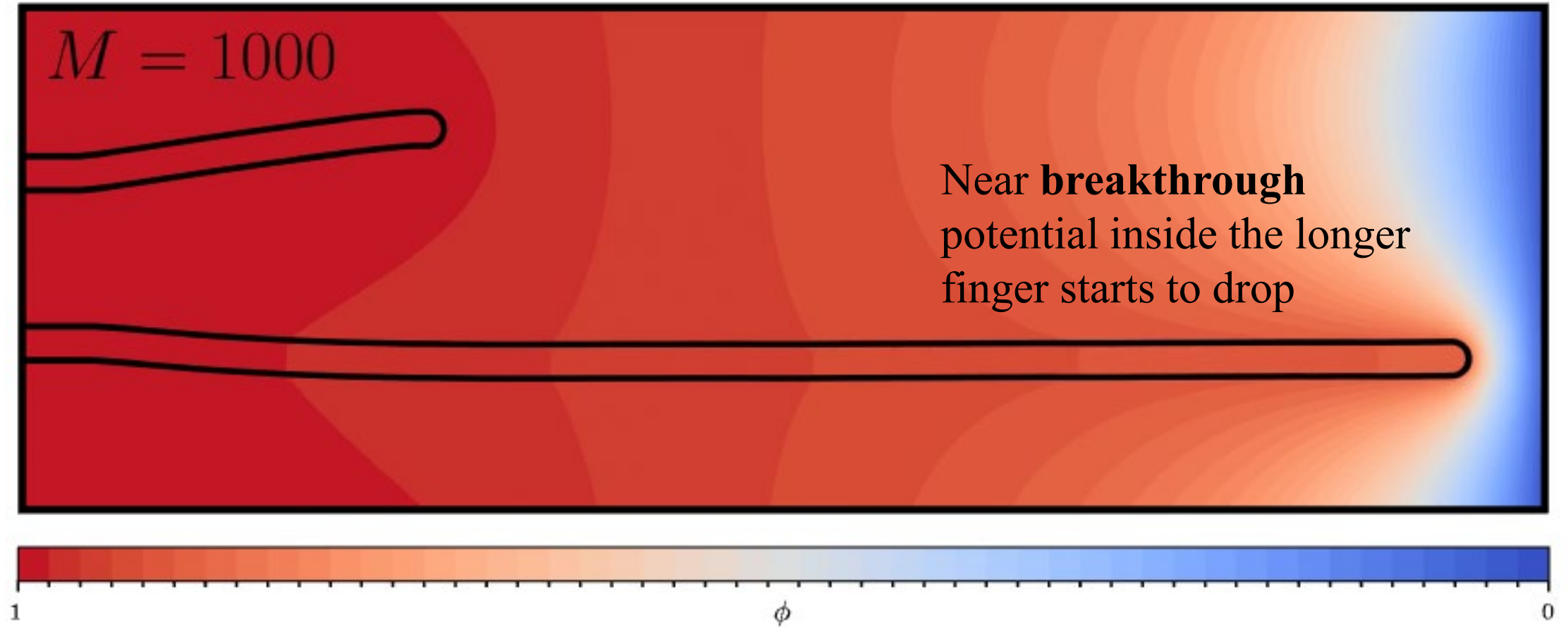
$$\lambda_1(\nabla\phi_1(\vec{x}))_n = \lambda_2(\nabla\phi_2(\vec{x}))_n$$



# Dynamical loop formation

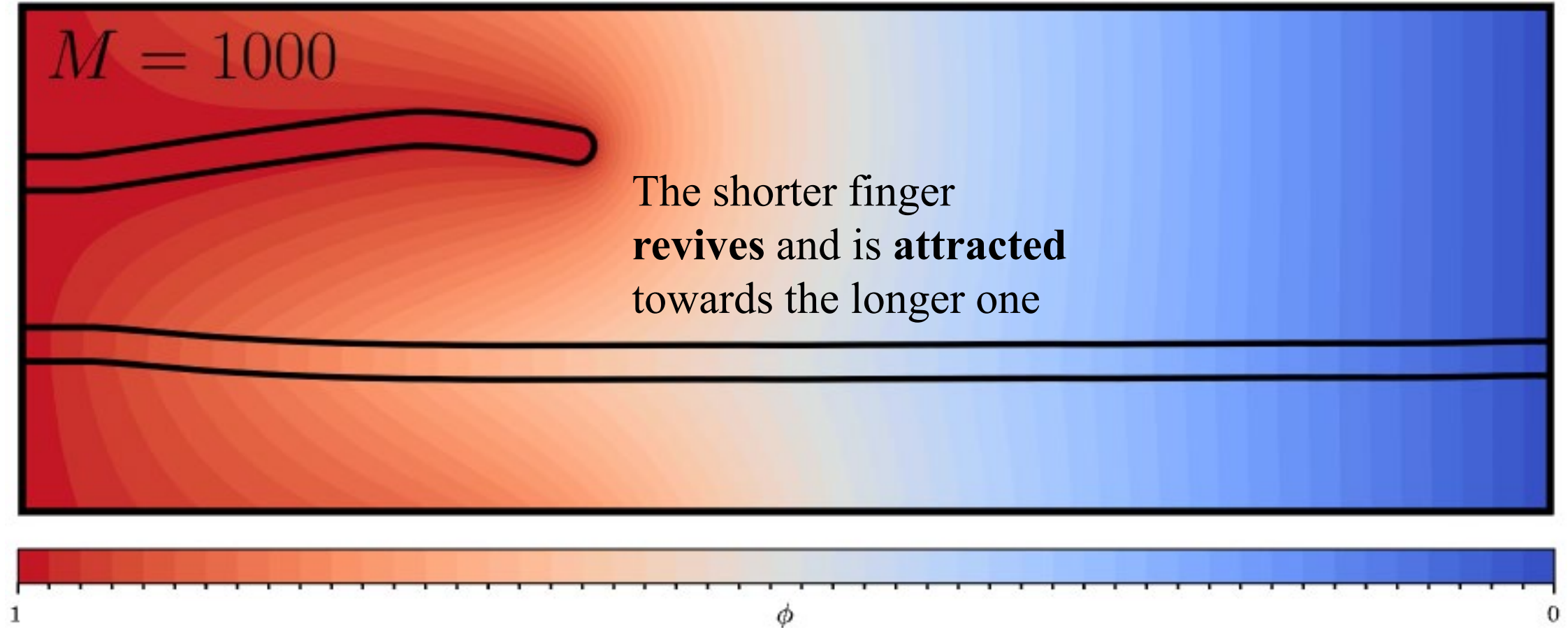


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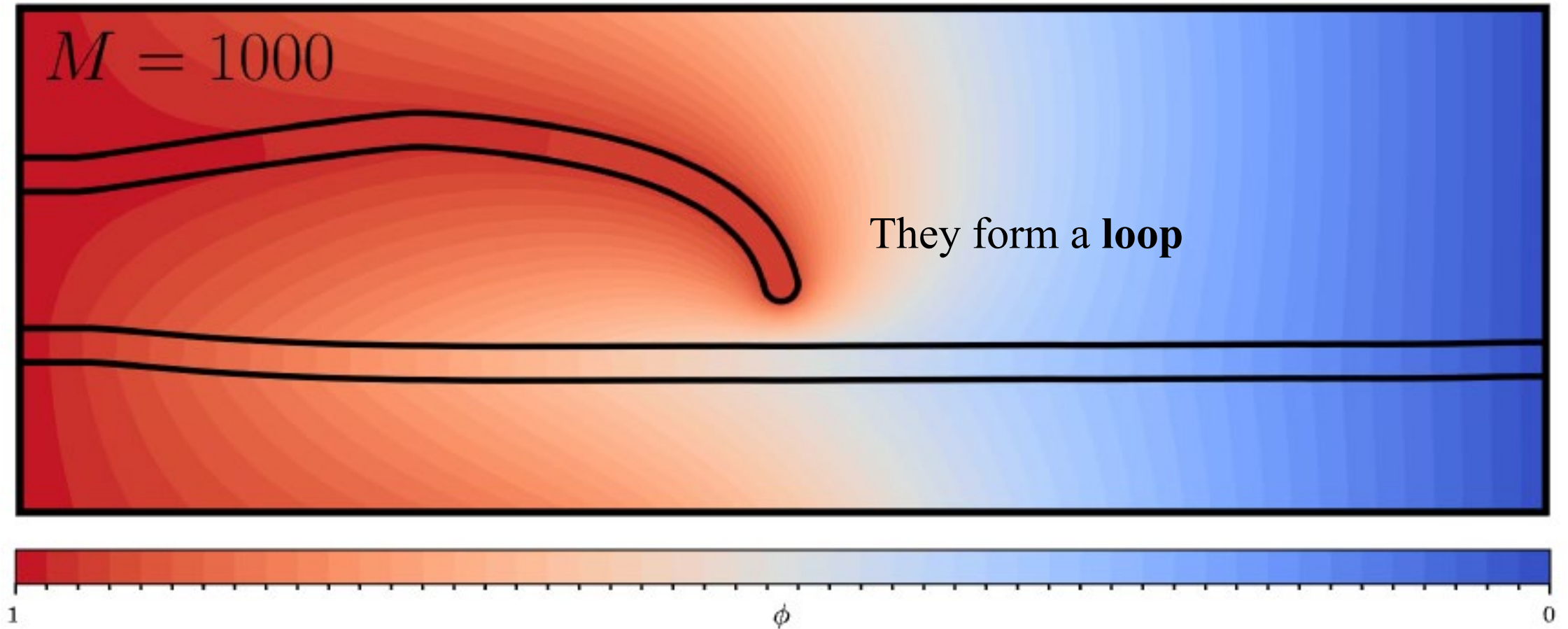




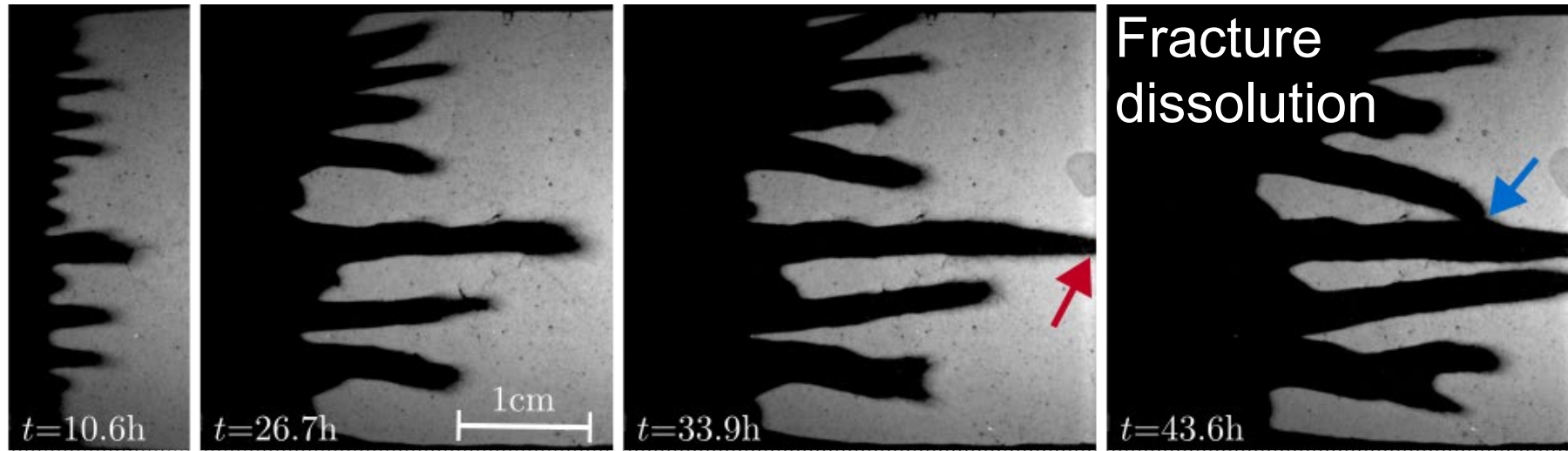
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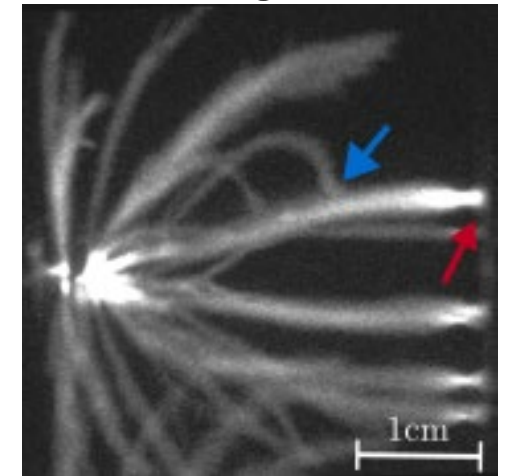
# Breakthrough-Induced Loop Formation



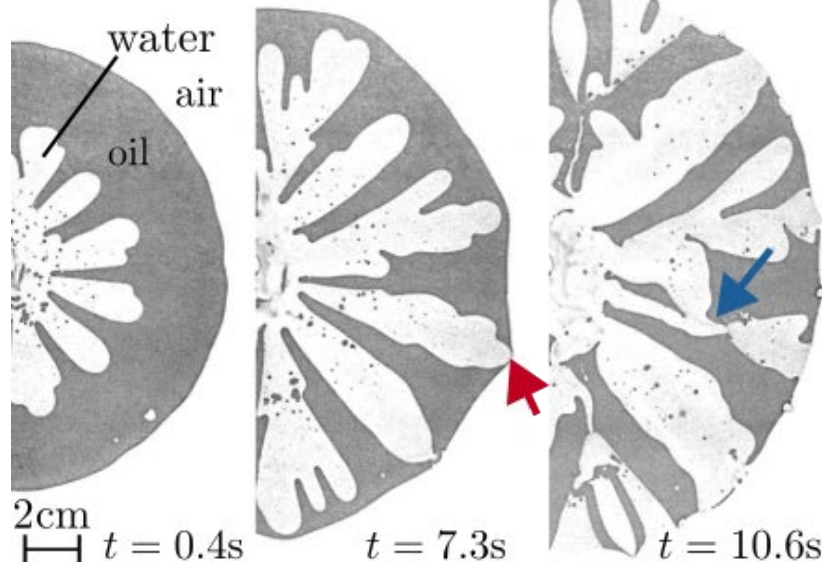
→ Breakthrough

→ Reconnection

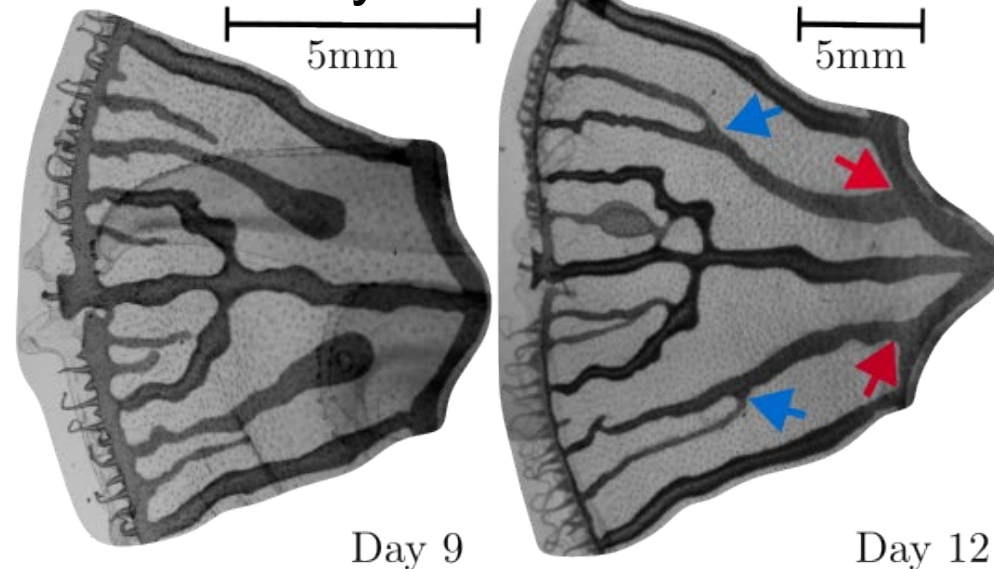
Streamer discharges



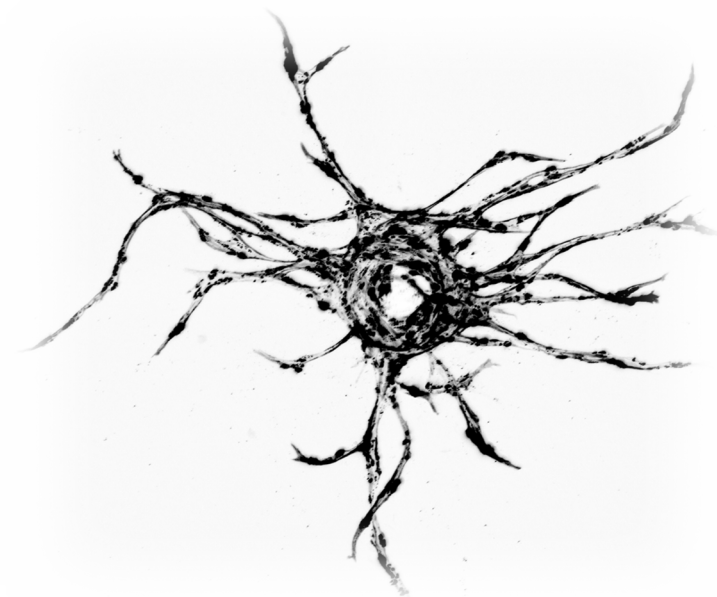
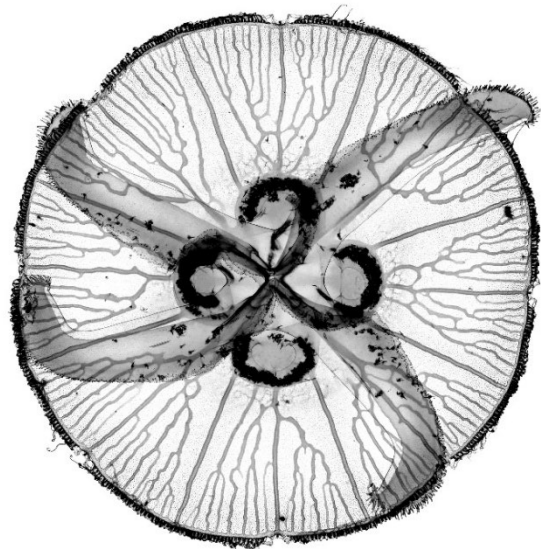
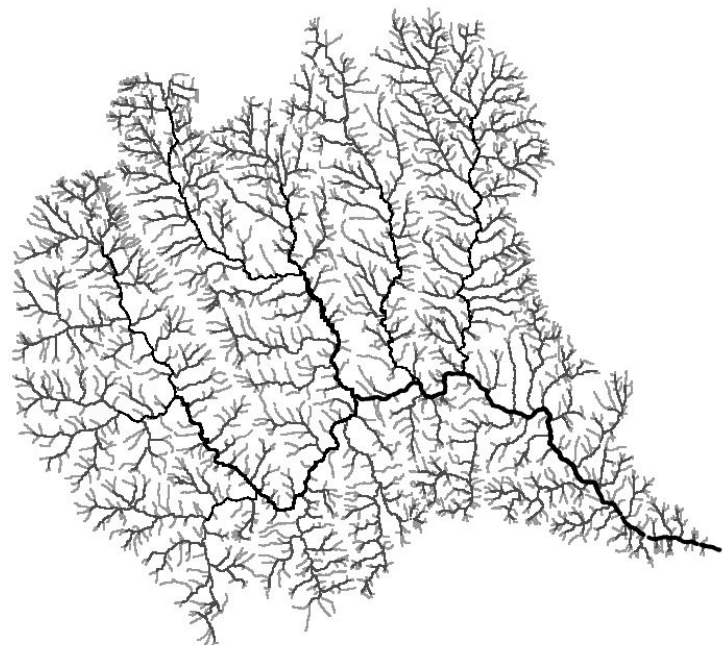
Viscous fingering



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