

# Denumering of NS with fluids

1) Brenier-Buonanno

$$\inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho |u|^2 dx dt \mid \int \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho u) = 0 \right\} \text{ convex}$$

$$= W_2^2(u_1, u_0) := \inf_{\substack{T: u_0 \rightarrow u_1 \\ \text{transport}}} \int |x_T - x_0|^2 \pi(dx dx_0)$$

E-L: pressureless irrotational Euler

2) Arnold's

$$\inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u|^2 dx dt \mid \int \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho u) = 0, \nabla \cdot u = 0 \right\} \text{ kinetic energy}$$

E-L: incompressible Euler

$u \in [0, 1]$

$$= \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (u |u|^2 + (1-u) |u|^2) dx dt \mid \int \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho u) = 0, \int (1-u) + \nabla \cdot ((1-u)u) = 0 \right\}$$

$$\geq W_2^2(u_1, u_0) + W_2^2(1-u_1, 1-u_0)$$

can be relaxed to explicit convex

3)

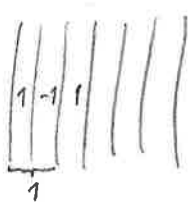
$$\inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2} (\nabla + \nabla^t) |u|^2 dx dt \mid \int \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho u) = 0, \nabla \cdot u = 0 \right\} \text{ viscous dissipation}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx \text{ on torus of size } L$$

non-convex, minimizers

Conjecture by Brenier: (Doering et al)

$u_0$



$u_1$



$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u|^2 dx dt \geq \log R$$

$$\int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u|^2 dx dt \geq \log R \vee$$

# Theorem of Gippa-De Lellis

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^T \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u| dx dt \geq \log R$$

$$\stackrel{p > 1}{\Rightarrow} \left( \int_0^T \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u|^p dx dt \right)^{1/p} \geq \log R$$

Corollary of Poincaré-Dubois for  $u \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $\int u dx = 0$

$$\left( \int_0^T \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx dt \right)^{1/2} \geq \left| \frac{1}{L^n} D(u_1) - \frac{1}{L^n} D(u_0) \right|$$

where

$$D(u) := \inf_{\pi} \int \log |x_i - x_j| \pi(dx_i, dx_j)$$

$\pi \rightarrow u_+ = \max_i u_i$  of  
 $\pi \rightarrow u_- = \max_i -u_i$  of

Engineering community (Döring):  $\int u = 0$

Express this in case of  $u \in [-1, 1]$  in terms of

$$\frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u_0|$$

= 2 interfacial area density

$$\left( \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla|^{-1} u_0|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

electrostatic energy of charge distrib.  $u_0$  density

Sci's 13+

Int.  $\frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u_0| \exp(C_0 \frac{1}{L^n} D(u_0)) \geq 1$

Diss.

$$\exp(C_0 \frac{1}{L^n} D(u_0)) \leq \exp\left(C_1 \left( \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx dt \right)^{1/2}\right)$$

$$\cdot \exp(C_0 \frac{1}{L^n} D(u_1))$$

$$\frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u_0| \exp(C_0 \frac{1}{L^n} D(u_0)) \geq \exp(-C_1 \left( \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx dt \right)^{1/2})$$

$$\text{Jensen} \leq \left( \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla|^{-1} u_0|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Why interested? Gradient flows

1) Riemannian structure behind BB

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underset{\leq 0}{J_M}(\delta u, \delta u) &= \inf \left\{ \int_M |u|^2 dx \mid \delta u + \nabla \cdot (u \nu) = 0 \right\} \\
 &= \int_M |\nabla \psi|^2 dx \quad \text{where } \delta u = \nabla \cdot (u \nabla \psi) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

2) Compare with Euclidean structure

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_M(\delta u, \delta u) &= \inf \left\{ \int |j|^2 dx \mid \delta u + \nabla \cdot j = 0 \right\} \\
 &= \int |\nabla \mu|^2 dx \quad \text{where } \delta u = \Delta \mu = 0 \\
 &= \int |\nabla|^{-1} \delta u|^2 dx = |\delta u|_{H^{-1}}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

models "diffusion"

3) Riemannian structure behind viscous BOS...

$$J_m(\delta u, \delta u) = \inf \left\{ \int |\nabla u|^2 dx \mid \delta u + \nabla \cdot (u a) = 0 \right. \\ \left. \nabla \cdot a = 0 \right\}$$

models "viscous" flow

Gradient flow on  $m \in \{-1, 1\}$  of  $\int |\nabla u|^2 = 2 R^d (2m=1)$

w.r.t. 2) <sup>"diffusion"</sup> Mullins-Sekerka = early } stage in sp model

w.r.t. 3) "pore" Giga's growth = late } de approach

$$\frac{1}{L^d} \int \nabla \cdot (u a) \geq \ln \frac{1}{C_0 \frac{1}{L^d} \int \nabla \cdot (u a)}$$

$$\frac{1}{L^d} \int \nabla \cdot (u a) \exp(C_1 \frac{1}{L^d} \int \nabla \cdot (u a)) \geq \frac{1}{C_0}$$

**Demixing in viscous fluids:  
Connection with OT**

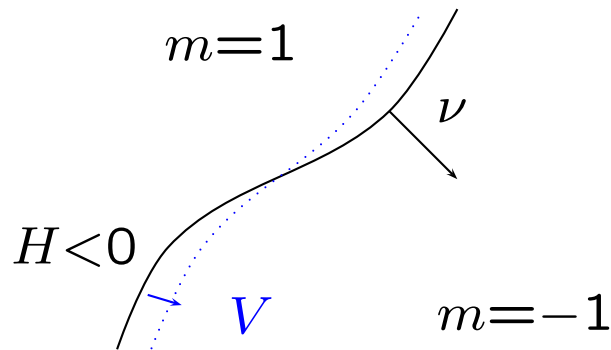
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## Geometric evolution equation, diffusion



mean curvature:  $H$

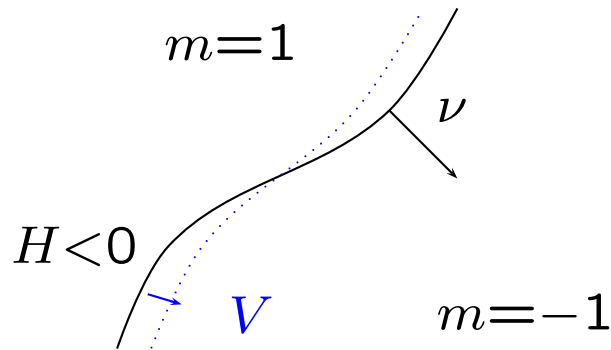
normal velocity:  $V$

$$-\Delta\mu = 0 \quad \text{in bulk,} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu = \frac{1}{2}H \\ V = [\nu \cdot \nabla\mu] \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{on interface}$$

“Mullins-Sekerka”; Pego, Alikakos&Bates&Chen, Röger & Schätzle

*Third-order* free boundary problem

## Geometric evolution equation, flow



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot u = 0 \\ -\nabla \cdot S = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ in bulk, } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tau \cdot [S]\nu = 0 \\ \nu \cdot [S]\nu = -H \\ V = \nu \cdot u \end{array} \right\} \text{ on interface,}$$

where  $S := \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla^t u) - p \text{id}$  is stress tensor

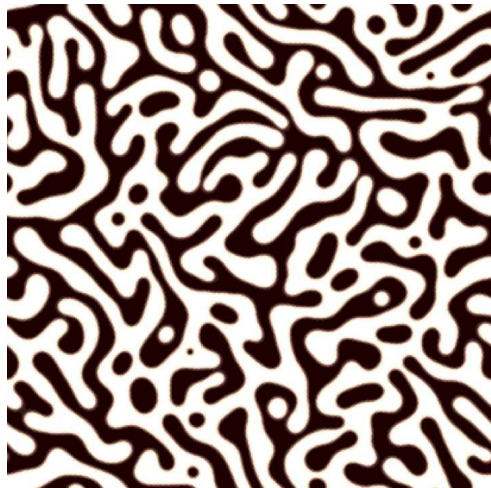
“Siggia’s growth”;

*First-order* free boundary problem

## Experiments/numerics:

## Statistical self-similar coarsening

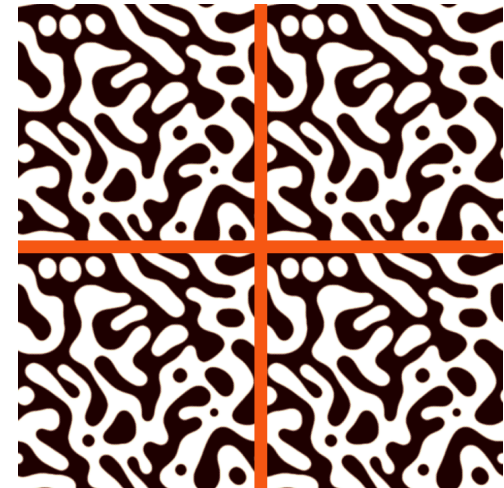
earlier



later



later,  
rescaled,  
periodically  
extended





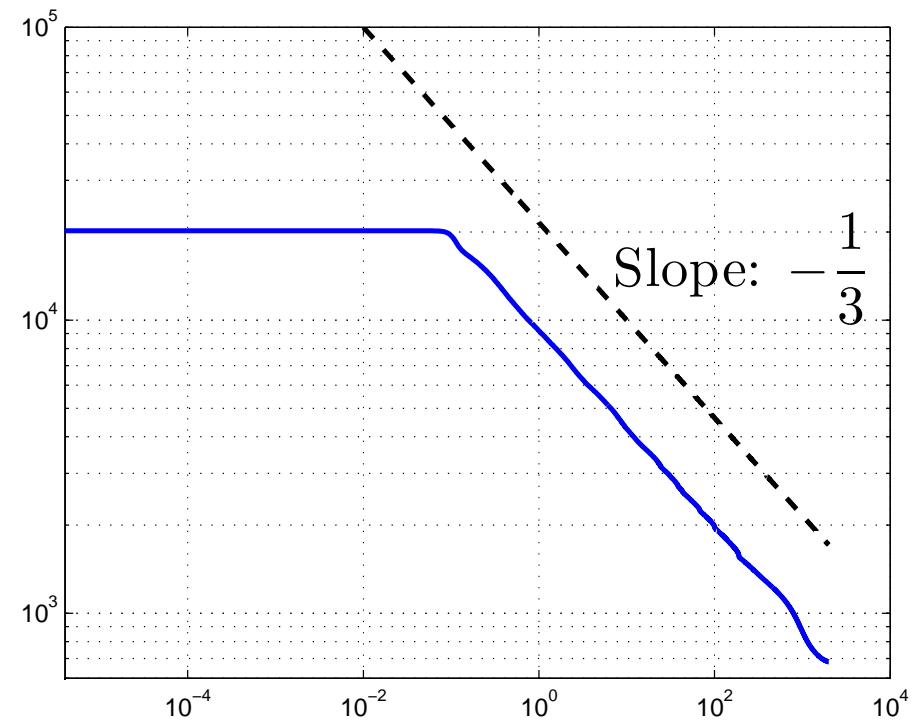
## Diffusion: coarsening exponent 1/3

After initial phase: Energy  $E(m) \approx 2$ interfacial area

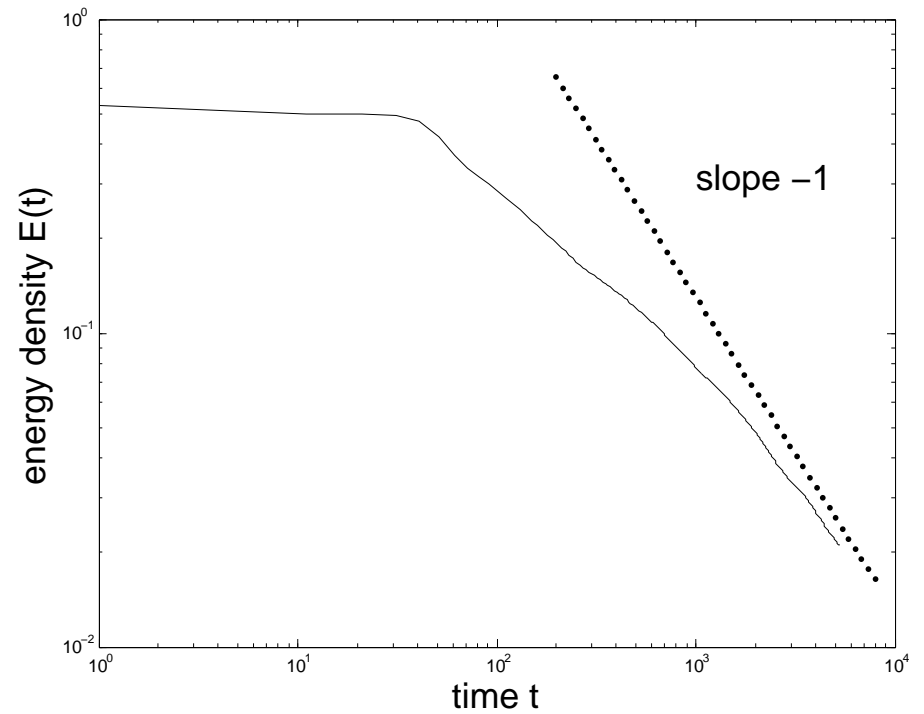
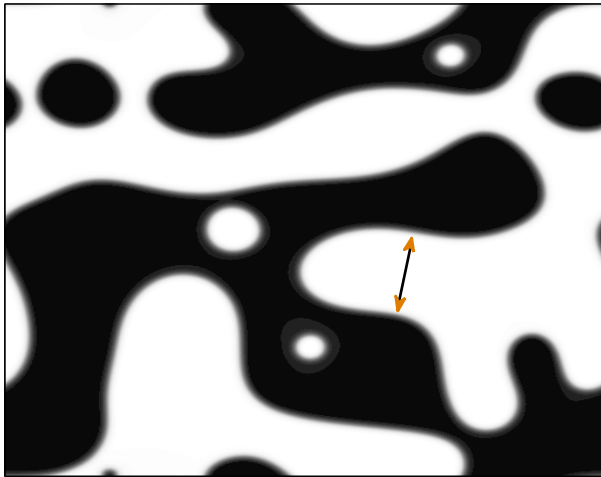
Hence  $\frac{1}{L^n}E^{-1}$  is an *average length scale*

Energy  $E$  vs. time  $t$ ,  
double logarithmic plot:

$$L^{-(n=2)} E(m) \sim t^{-1/3}$$



# Flow: coarsening exponent 1



$$L^{-(n=2)} E(u) \sim t^{-1}$$

## Value of exponent not a surprise...

Scale invariance (sharp interface level)  $\hat{x} = \mu x, \quad \hat{t} = \mu^3 t.$

Hence *if* evolution is statistically self-similar, i. e.

$$|\mathcal{F}m(t, \cdot)(k)|^2 \approx f_{\text{universal}}(t^\gamma k) \quad \text{for } t \gg 1,$$

coarsening exponent  $\gamma$  must be 1/3:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{universal}}(t^\gamma k) &\approx |\mathcal{F}m(t, \cdot)(k)|^2 \\ &= |\mathcal{F}\hat{m}(\mu^3 t, \cdot)(\mu^{-1}k)|^2 \approx f_{\text{universal}}(\mu^{3\gamma-1} t^\gamma k) \end{aligned}$$

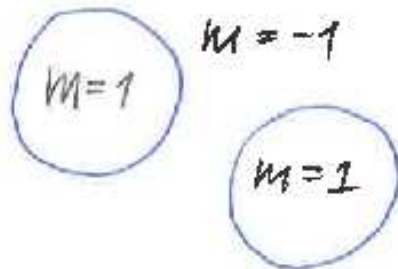
... but statistical self-similarity a mystery

## **Rigorous analysis of coarsening**

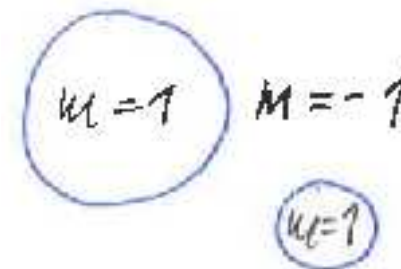
# Rigorous treatment has to cope with ungeneric behavior

Upper bounds on  $E$  not independent of initial data:  
— too many stationary points of  $E$

diffusion



flow

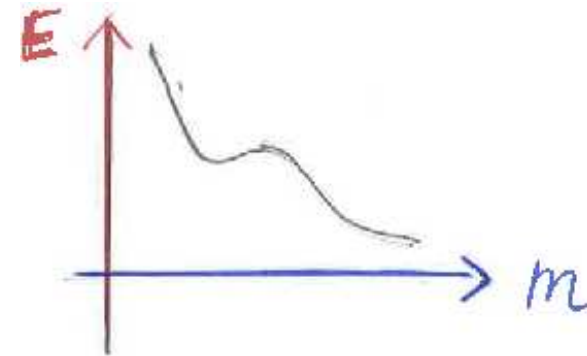


Lower bounds on  $E$  independent of initial data

## Basic idea for rigorous lower bounds on $E$

Dynamics is steepest descent  
in energy landscape

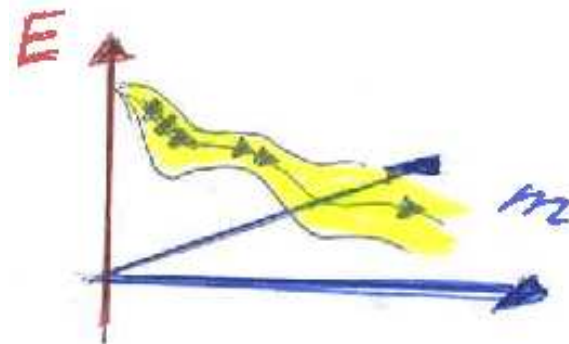
energy  $\leftrightarrow$  heights,  
dissipation  
mechanism  $\leftrightarrow$  distances



landscape *not steep*

$\Rightarrow$

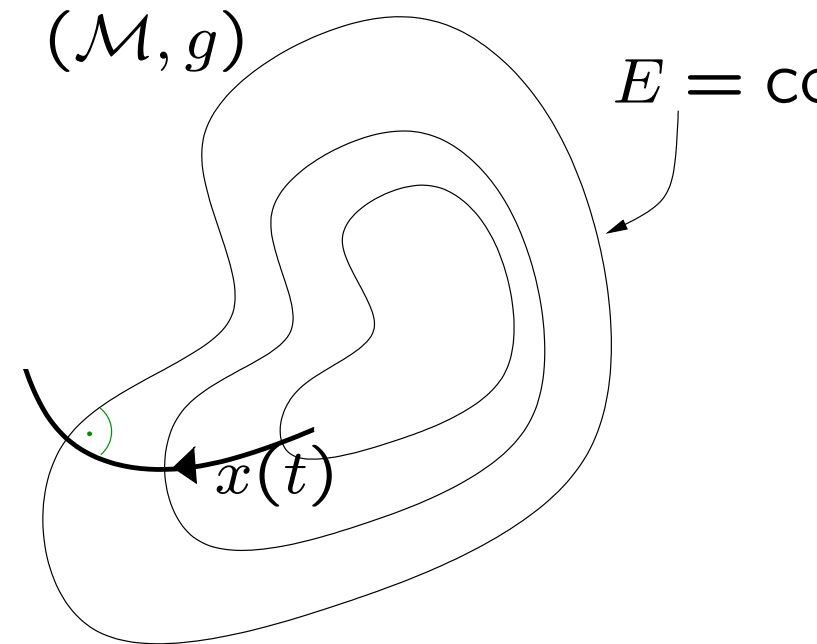
energy decreases *not fast*



## An abstract framework

$(\mathcal{M}, g)$  Riemannian manifold  
 $E$  functional on  $\mathcal{M}$

Gradient flow  $\dot{x} = -\text{grad}_g E(x)$



metric tensor  $g_x(\delta x, \delta x)$   $\rightsquigarrow$  induced distance  $d(x_0, x_1)$   
*local*  *global*

## Relating geometry to dynamics

**Lemma.** (Kohn & O. '02)

Assume for some  $\alpha > 0$  and  $x^* \in \mathcal{M}$

$$E(x)d(x^*, x)^\alpha \gtrsim 1$$

Then for all  $\sigma \in (1, \frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha})$

$$\int_0^T E(x(t))^\sigma dt \gtrsim \int_0^T (t^{-\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+2}})^\sigma dt \quad \text{for } T^{\frac{1}{\alpha+2}} \gg d(x^*, x(0))$$

Needed for  $\alpha = 1$  (diffusion)



## Extension for $\alpha = \infty$ (flow)

**Lemma.** (Brenier & O. Seis '10)

Assume for some  $x^* \in \mathcal{M}$

$$E(x) \exp(d(x^*, x)) \gtrsim 1$$

Then

$$\int_0^T E(x(t)) dt \gtrsim \int_0^T (t+1)^{-1} dt \quad \text{for } \ln T \gg d(x^*, x(0))$$

## Type of dissipation determines metric tensor $g$

Transport mechanism      type of dissipation:  
diffusion  $\rightsquigarrow$  outer friction,  
flow  $\rightsquigarrow$  inner friction (viscosity).

$$g_m(\delta m, \delta m) = \inf \left\{ \int |j|^2 dx \mid \delta m + \nabla \cdot j = 0 \right\},$$

$$g_m(\delta m, \delta m)$$

$$= \inf \left\{ \int |\nabla u|^2 dx \mid \delta m + \nabla \cdot (m u) = 0, \nabla \cdot u = 0 \right\}.$$

## Lower bound D

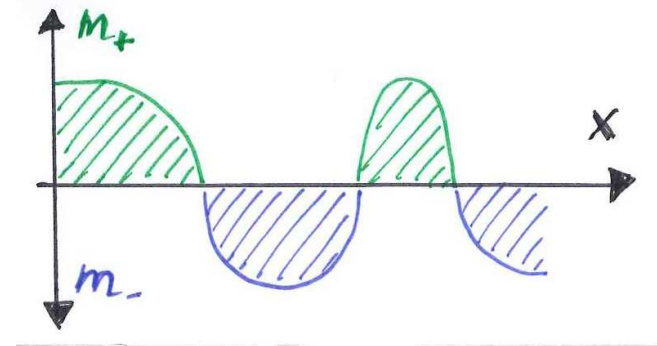
on induced distance  $d$  to reference configuration  $m^*$

Reference configuration: well-mixed state  $m^* = 0$

Lower bound  $D(m)$  to induced distance  $d(m, m^*)$   
given by **transportation distance**

between  $m_+ := \max\{m, 0\}$

and  $m_- := \max\{-m, 0\}$

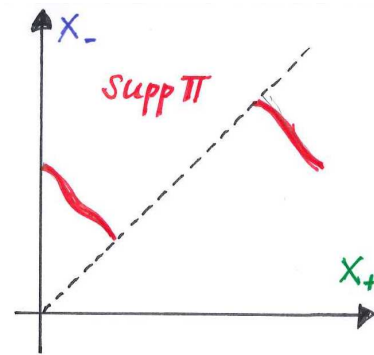
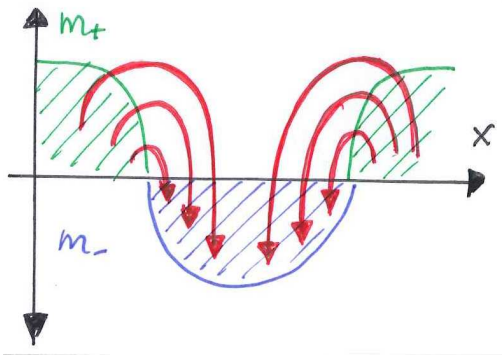


Note that  $\int m = 0$  implies  $\int m_+ = \int m_-$

## Definition of transportation distance

Given  $m = m_+ - m_-$ , measure  $\pi(dx_- dx_+)$  on  $[0, L]^n \times [0, L]^n$  is called **admissible transfer plan** provided

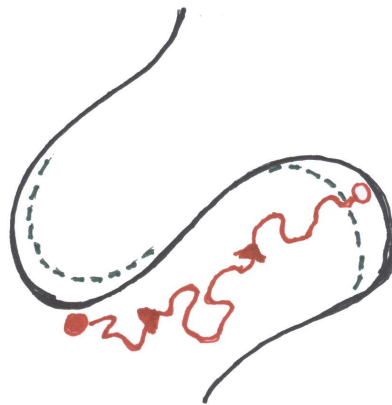
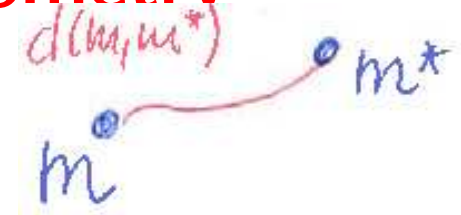
$$\begin{aligned} \int \zeta(x_+) \pi(dx_+ dx_-) &= \int \zeta(x) m_+(x) dx, \\ \int \zeta(x_-) \pi(dx_+ dx_-) &= \int \zeta(x) m_-(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$



$$D(m) := \inf_{\pi} \int c(|x_- - x_+|) \pi(dx_+ dx_-)$$

# Dissipation mechanism determines geometry

## Distance on configuration space

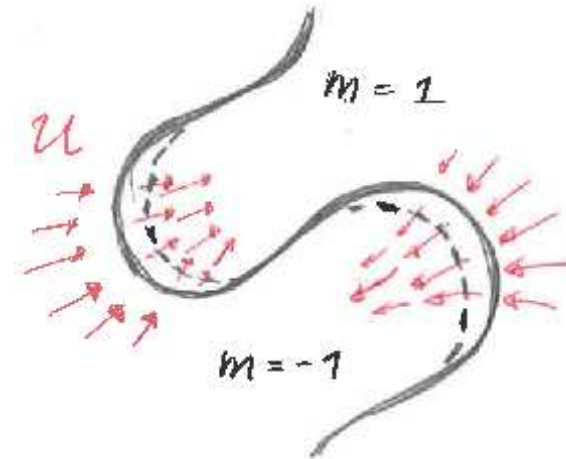


### diffusion

$\gtrsim$  transportation distance with cost

$$c(x_- - x_+)$$

$$|x_- - x_+|$$



### flow

$\gtrsim$  transportation distance with cost

$$c(x_- - x_+)$$

$$\ln |x_- - x_+|$$

## Main result (flow)

**Theorem.** (O. & Seis & Slepcev '13, Brenier, O. & Seis '11)

For any solution  $m$

$$\int_0^T \frac{1}{L^n} E(m(t)) dt \gtrsim \int_0^T (t+1)^{-1} dt$$

provided

$$\ln T \gg \frac{1}{L^n} D(m(0))$$

**Dissipation:**  $D(m)$  is lower bound to  $d(m, m^*)$

**Dissipation Lemma** (BOS, OSS).

Suppose  $\partial_t m + \nabla \cdot (mu) = 0$  and  $\nabla \cdot u = 0$ .

Suppose  $m \in [-1, 1]$  and  $\int m = 0$ .

Then  $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{L^n} D(m) \lesssim \left( \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Formal consequence:  $d(m, m^* = 0) \gtrsim D(m)$

**Interpolation:**  $D(m)$  provides lower bound for  $E(m)$

**Interpolation Lemma** (BOS, OSS, Seis 13+).

There exists  $c_0 \in (0, \infty)$  only depending on  $n$  such that

$$\frac{1}{L^n} E(m) \exp\left(c_0 \frac{1}{L^n} D(m)\right) \gtrsim 1.$$



# Proof of Dissipation Lemma

## Preliminaries

Given flow:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t m + \nabla \cdot (m u) &= 0, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0\end{aligned}$$

This implies  $\partial_t m_{\pm} + \nabla \cdot (m_{\pm} u) = 0$

W. l. o. g.  $u$  smooth,  $t = 0$ . Consider flow  $\Phi(t, \cdot)$ .

Let  $\pi^*(dx_+ dx_-)$  denote *optimal* transfer plan at  $t = 0$

Then  $(\Phi(t, \cdot) \otimes \Phi(t, \cdot)) \# \pi^*(dx_+ dx_-)$  is *admissible* transfer plan at time  $t$ .

## Choice of $c = \log$ becomes clear

$(\Phi(t, \cdot) \otimes \Phi(t, \cdot)) \# \pi^*(dx_+ dx_-)$  is *admissible* transfer plan at time  $t$  (and optimal at  $t = 0$ ).

$$D(m(t, \cdot)) \leq \int c(|\Phi(t, x_-) - \Phi(t, x_+)|) \pi^*(dx_- dx_+)$$

(and equality at time  $t = 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d^+}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} D(m(t, \cdot)) \\ & \leq \int \frac{dc}{dz}(|x_- - x_+|) \frac{x_- - x_+}{|x_- - x_+|} \cdot (u(0, x_-) - u(0, x_+)) \pi^*(dx_- dx_+) \\ & \leq \int \frac{|u(0, x_-) - u(0, x_+)|}{|x_- - x_+|} \pi^*(dx_- dx_+) \end{aligned}$$

## Follow Crippa-DeLellis

Have

$$\frac{d^+}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} D(m(t, \cdot)) \leq \int \frac{|u(0, x_-) - u(0, x_+)|}{|x_- - x_+|} \pi^*(dx_- dx_+)$$

Remains to show for  $u = u(0, \cdot)$ :

$$\frac{1}{L^n} \int \frac{|u(x_-) - u(x_+)|}{|x_- - x_+|} \pi^*(dx_- dx_+) \leq \left( \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

Use idea of Crippa-DeLellis ('08) for quantification of DiPerna-Lions theory on uniqueness for transport equations  $\partial_t m + u \cdot \nabla m = 0$

## Use maximal function

Recall maximal function:

$$(Mf)(x) := \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{|B_r|} \int_{B_r(x)} f \, dy.$$

Crucial properties:

$$\frac{|u(x_-) - u(x_+)|}{|x_- - x_+|} \lesssim (M|\nabla u|)(x_-) + (M|\nabla u|)(x_+)$$

$$\int |Mf|^2 \, dx \lesssim \int |f|^2 \, dx$$

## Conclusion

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{L^n} \int \frac{|u(x_-) - u(x_+)|}{|x_- - x_+|} \pi^*(dx_- dx_+) \\ & \lesssim \frac{1}{L^n} \int ((M |\nabla u|)(x_-) + (M |\nabla u|)(x_+)) \pi^*(dx_- dx_+) \\ & = \frac{1}{L^n} \int (M |\nabla u|) m_- dx + \frac{1}{L^n} \int (M |\nabla u|) m_+ dx \\ & \lesssim \left( \frac{1}{L^n} \int (M |\nabla u|)^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \sup |m| \\ & \lesssim \left( \frac{1}{L^n} \int |\nabla u|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

## Interpolation Lemma in context

## Case of diffusion

... is gradient flow w. r. t.  $H^{-1}$ -metric:

$$\begin{aligned} g_m(\delta m, \delta m) &= \inf \left\{ \int |j|^2 dx \mid \delta m + \nabla \cdot j = 0 \right\} \\ &= \int |\nabla \mu|^2 dx \quad \text{where } \delta m - \Delta \mu = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Euclidean case:

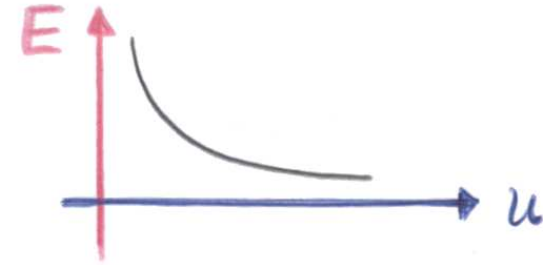
infinitesimal metric  $g =$  distance function  $d^2$

Interfacial energy:  $E(m) := 2\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(\partial\{m = 1\})$



## Energy landscape via interpolation estimates

Flatness of energy landscape



$$\underbrace{L^{-n} \mathcal{H}^{n-1}(\partial\{m \approx 1\})}_{\text{Energy}} \underbrace{\left( L^{-n} \int ||\nabla|^{-1} m|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{\text{distance to } m^* = 0} \gtrsim 1 \approx \left( L^{-d} \int |m|^{\frac{4}{3}} dx \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \quad \|\nabla m\|_{L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \||\nabla|^{-1} m\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \gtrsim \|m\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}}$$

Cohen & Dahmen & Daubechies & DeVore, Ledoux

## An improvement for $n = 2$

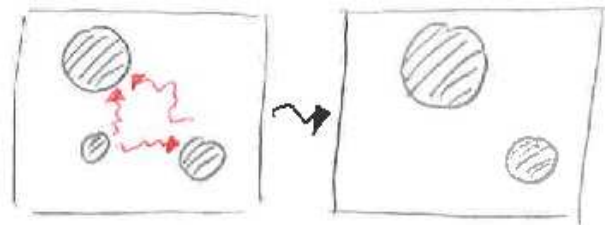
**Lemma** (Cinti & O. '13+, Viehmann & O. '09).

Suppose  $n = 2$  and  $m \geq -1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|m\|_{L^{4/3} \ln^{1/4} L} &:= \left( \int_{m \geq 1} m^{4/3} \ln^{1/3} m \, dx \right)^{3/4} \\ &\lesssim \|\nabla m\|_{L^1}^{1/2} \|\ |\nabla|^{-1} m \|_{L^2}^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

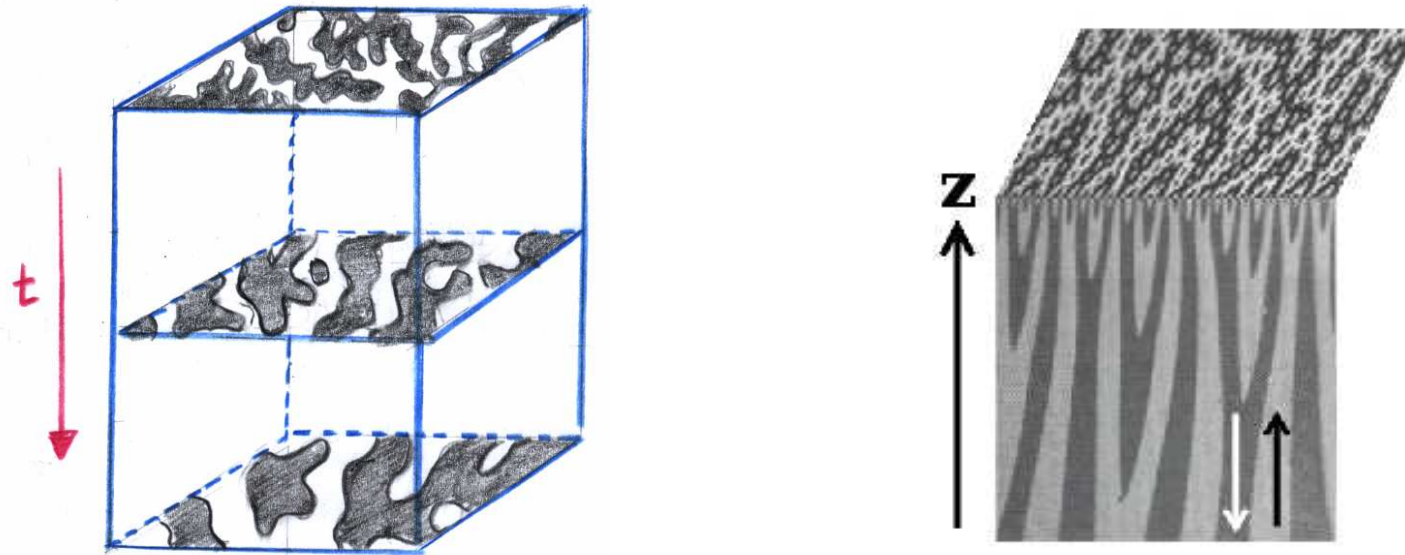
Useful for Ostwald ripening

(Conti & Niethammer & O. '06)



# Different physics — same mathematics

## Domain branching in ferromagnets

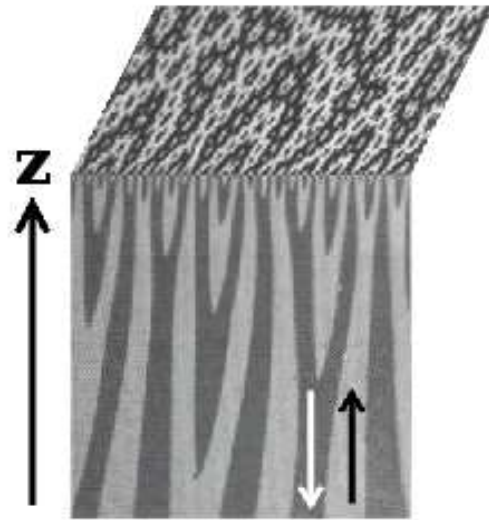


Same interpolation estimate:

$$\|m\|_{L^{\frac{4}{3}}} \lesssim \|\nabla m\|_{L^1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\nabla|^{-1}m\|_{L^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

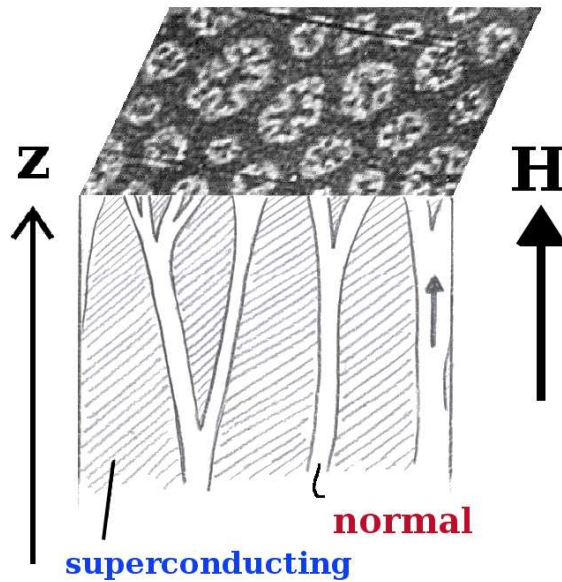
# A universal pattern

Domain branching in ferromagnets



Hubert,  
Choksi & Kohn

Domain branching in superconductors



Landau,  
Choksi & Kohn & O.

Twin-splitting in shape memory alloys



Kohn & Müller,  
Conti

## Future directions

Local estimates

Example with cross-over due to dissipation mechanisms

“in series”, like diffusion+attachment-limited

— instead of “in parallel”, like diffusion+flow-mediated

## Future directions

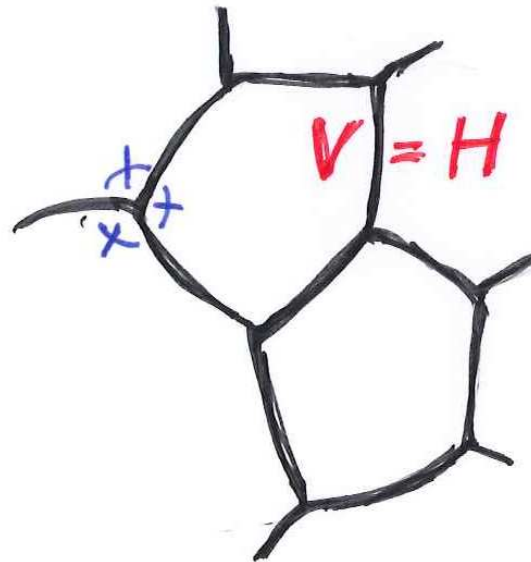
### Grain growth

= aging in polycrystals

= multi-component

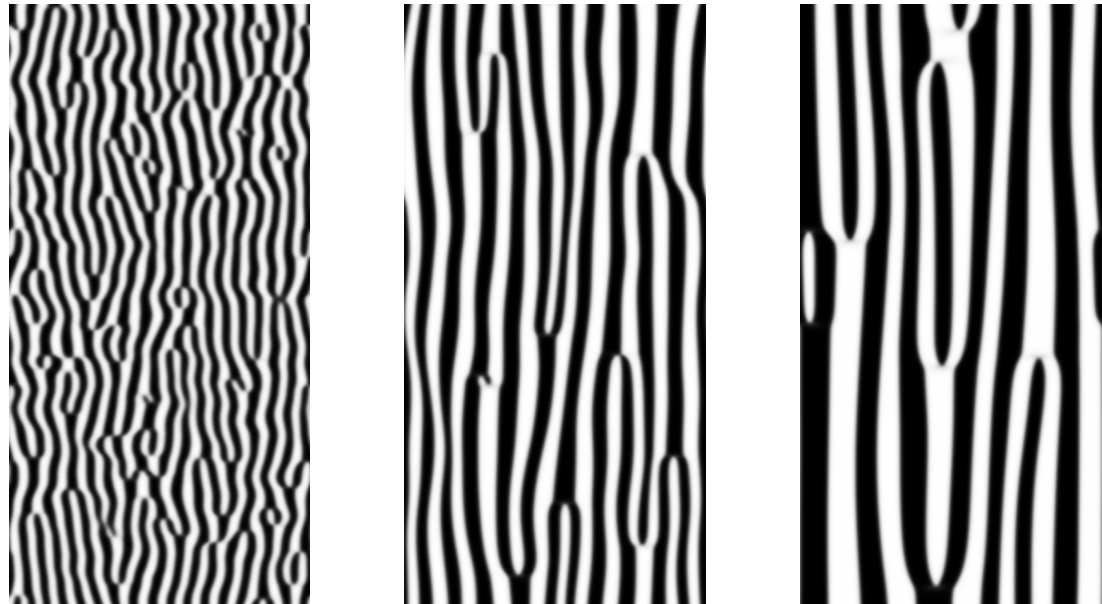
mean curvature flow

$$\frac{1}{L^n} E \gtrsim t^{-1/2}$$



## Future directions

Defect-mediated  
coarsening  
(e.g. in  
Siegert's model  
for crystal growth)



Upper bounds on  $E$  for *generic* initial data