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Statics and Dynamics of Disordered Elastic Systems

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Outline — Part II: Dynamics

- Quenched Edwards-Wilkinson
- Equilibrium dynamics: $2D \rightarrow 1D$
- Fast-flow regime
- Creep regime
- Depinning / Thermal rounding
- Moving Bragg glass

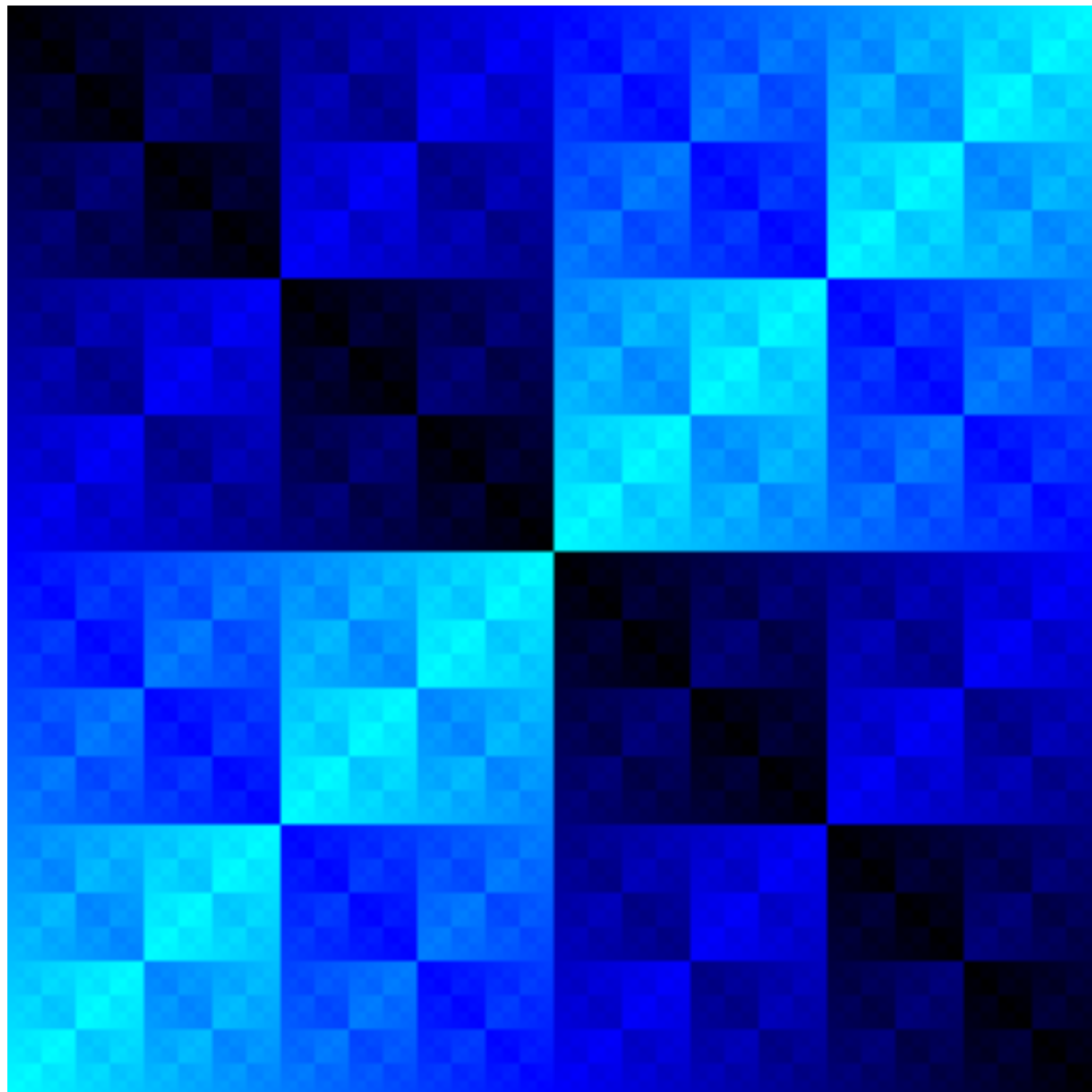
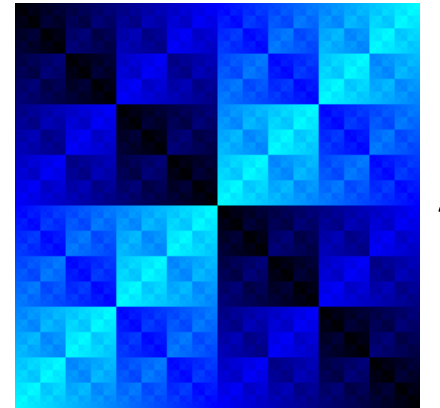


C) Gaussian Variational Method (GVM) roughness computations

■ GVM in a nutshell

$$\mathcal{H}[u, V] \xrightarrow{\text{Replicæ}} \tilde{\mathcal{H}}[u_1, \dots, u_n] \xrightarrow{\text{GVM}} \sum_{\text{Fourier modes}} \vec{u}^T \vec{u}$$

& Random V & $\lim_{n \rightarrow 0}$



■ Hierarchical matrices:

invariance upon permutation of replica indices
 \Rightarrow every line/column with reshuffled coefficients

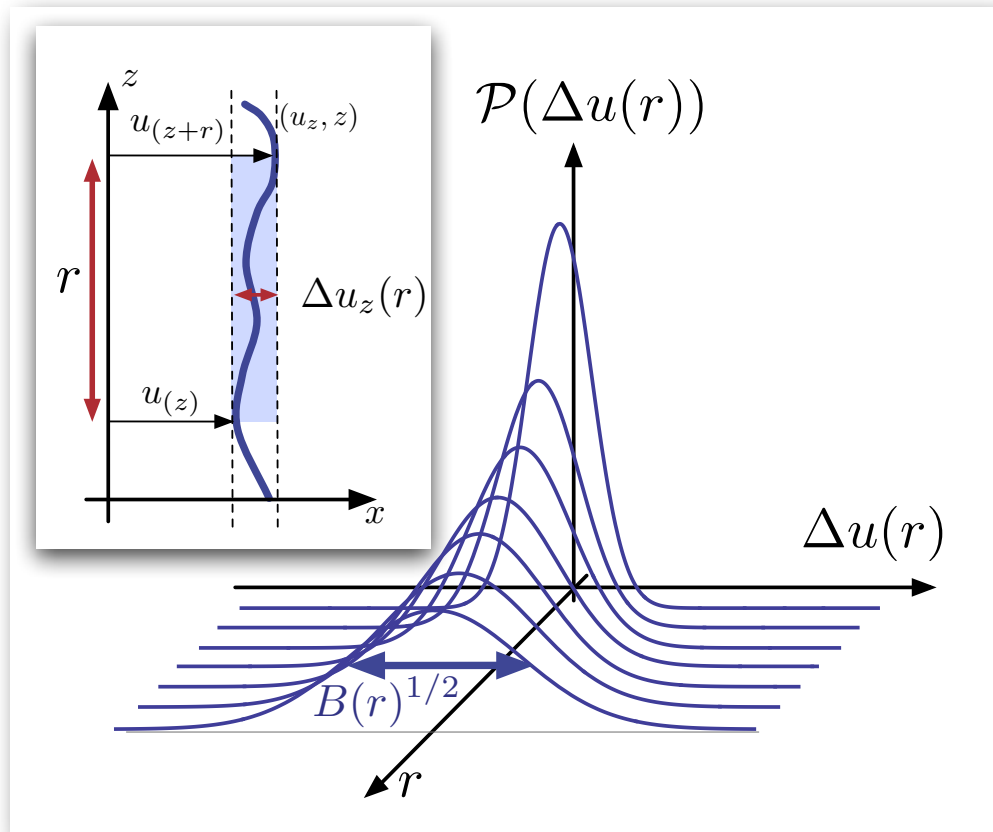
Example here: color code = coefficient values
 (continuous blend on the first line/column)

■ Algebra of inverting such $n \times n$ matrices
 in limit $n \rightarrow 0$:

M. Mézard & G. Parisi, *J. Phys. I* **1**, 809 (1991) [Append. II]

E. Agoritsas, V. Lecomte, T. Giamarchi, *Phys. Rev. B* **82**, 184207 (2010) [Appendix B]

Roughness function & Structure factor (and related quantities)



- Our roughness = 'height-height correlation function'

$$B(r) = \overline{\langle [u(z+r) - u(z)]^2 \rangle} = \left\langle \frac{1}{N_r} \sum_{\text{pairs}} \Delta u_z(r)^2 \right\rangle_{\text{samples}}$$

- Working in Fourier: structure factor

$$S(q) = \overline{\langle \tilde{u}_{-q} \tilde{u}_q \rangle} = \langle |\tilde{u}_q|^2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow B(r) = \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} 2 [1 - \cos(qr)] S(q)$$

- Issues in experimental (and also numerical) studies of roughness:

- Finite statistics:** # of samples / $N_r = \text{\#pairs for a given lengthscale}$: $N_r \searrow$ when $r \nearrow$
- Finite system size:** e.g. in ferroelectric domain walls, $L=512$ pixels \Rightarrow relevance of power-law exponents?
- Finite-time saturation:** glassy behaviour, *a priori* not fully relaxed systems (experimentally/numerically)
- Beware of strong impurities:** might break locally the elastic description \Rightarrow non-Gaussian artefacts

A.-L. Barabási & H. E. Stanley, *Fractal Concepts in Surface Growth*, Cambridge University Press, 1995.
 Cf. Preprint: J. Guyonnet, E. Agoritsas, P. Paruch, S. Bustingorry, arXiv:1904.11726 [cond-mat.dis-nn].
 S. Bustingorry, J. Guyonnet, P. Paruch, E. Agoritsas, *J. Phys. Condens. Matter* 33, 345001 (2021).

Usual approaches to study these DES problems

■ Scaling analysis: 'Flory/Imry-Ma'-like arguments

- 📌 E. Agoritsas, V. Lecomte, *J. Phys. A: Math. Theor.* 50, 104001 (2017)
"Power countings versus physical scalings in disordered elastic systems - Case study of the one-dimensional interface"

■ Gaussian Variational Method (GVM) approaches for the statics

Cf. Refs. in previous slides. Exact in the limit of infinite dimension in the transverse direction.

■ Special mappings/limits when available

E.g. Mapping of the 1D static interface (short-range elasticity & random-bond disorder) on the 1+1 Directed Polymer and the 1D Kardar-Parisi-Zhang equation

■ Functional Renormalisation Group (FRG) in $\epsilon = 4 - d$ or non-perturbative

- 📌 K. J. Wiese arXiv:2102.01215 [cond-mat.dis-nn], "Theory and Experiments for Disordered Elastic Manifolds, Depinning, Avalanches, and Sandpiles"
- 📌 P. Le Doussal, *Annals of Physics* 335, 49 (2010), "Exact results and open questions in first principle functional RG"
- 📌 I. Balog, G. Tarjus, M. Tissier, *J. Stat. Mech.:Th. Exp.* 2019, 103301 (2019), "Benchmarking the nonperturbative functional renormalization group approach on the random elastic manifold model in and out of equilibrium"

■ Numerical studies e.g. on quenched Edwards-Wilkinson dynamics

- 📌 E. E. Ferrero, S. Bustingorry, A. B. Kolton, A. Rosso, *Comptes Rendus de Physique* 14, 641 (2013)
"Numerical approaches on driven elastic interfaces in random media"

Model: 1D interface with finite width / short-range correlated disorder

- Short-range elasticity & Elastic limit / Quenched random-bond weak disorder

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{DES}} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{el}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{dis}}$$

Hamiltonian: $\mathcal{H}[u, \tilde{V}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} dz \cdot \left[\underbrace{\frac{c}{2} (\nabla_z u(z))^2}_{\text{Elasticity}} + \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \cdot \rho_{\xi}(x - u(z)) \tilde{V}(z, x)}_{\text{Effective random potential } V(z, u(z))} \right]$

- Density $\rho_{\xi}(x - u(z))$ & random potential $\tilde{V}(z, x)$

$$\overline{\tilde{V}(z, x)} = 0$$

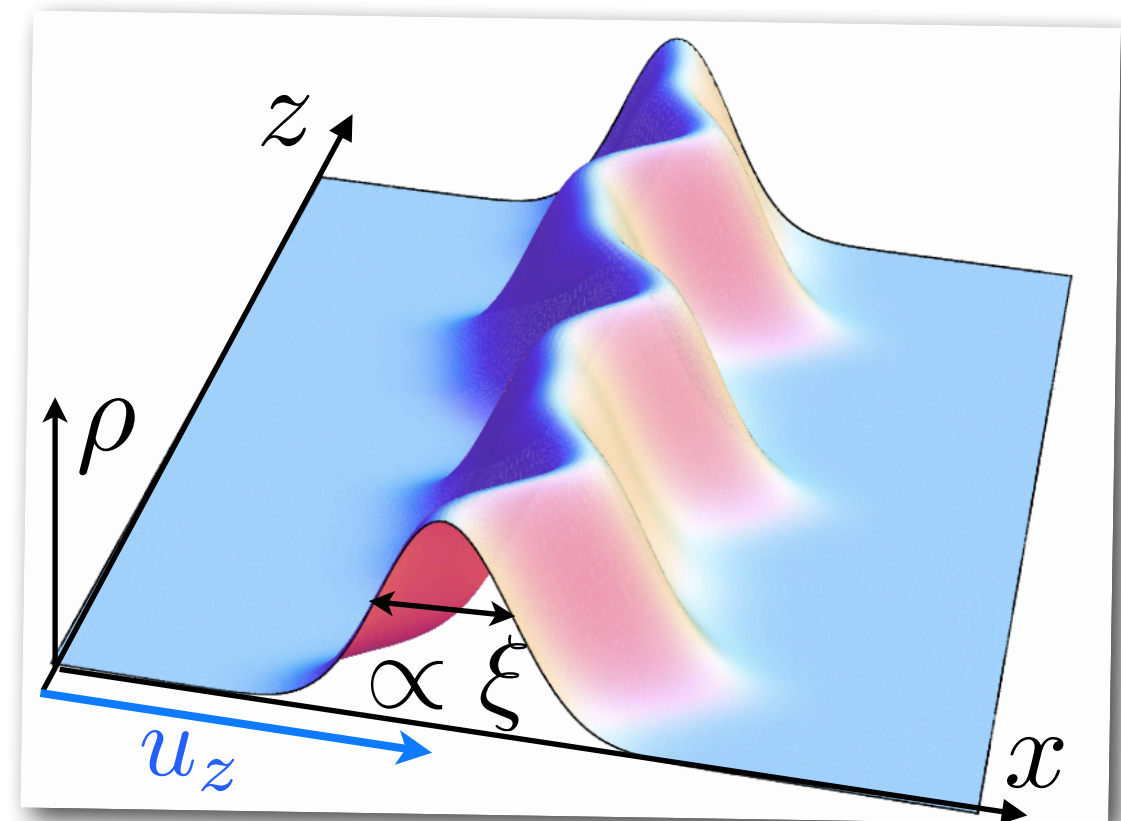
$$\overline{\tilde{V}(z, x) \tilde{V}(z', x')} = D \delta(z - z') \delta(x - x')$$

- Alternative: **correlated** effective potential $V(z, u(z))$

$$\overline{V(z, x) V(z', x')} = D \delta(z - z') R_{\xi}(x - x')$$

- Exponentially decaying with following scaling:

$$\boxed{R_{\xi}(x) = \xi^{-1} R_1(x/\xi)} \quad \text{e.g.} \quad R_{\xi}^{\text{G}}(x) = \frac{e^{-x^2/(2\xi^2)}}{\sqrt{2\pi\xi}}$$



Elastic constant c / Width ξ / Disorder strength D / Temperature T

- Overdamped dynamics: 'quenched Edwards-Wilkinson'

$$\gamma \partial_t u(z, t) = c \partial_z^2 u(z, t) + F_{\text{dis}}(z, u(z)) + f_{\text{ext}} + \eta_{\text{thermal}}(z, t)$$

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■ Overdamped dynamics for numerics / field-theory:

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$$\underbrace{m\partial_t^2 u(z, t)}_{\text{Acceleration}} + \gamma \partial_t u(z, t) = \underbrace{-\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_{\text{el}}[u]}{\delta u(z, t)}}_{F_{\text{el}}(z, t)} - \underbrace{\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_{\text{dis}}[u, V]}{\delta u(z, t)}}_{F_{\text{dis}}(z, t)} + f_{\text{ext}} + \eta_{\text{thermal}}(z, t)$$

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📌 Typically with periodic boundary condition: $u(z + L_z) = u(z)$, and also $L_x \sim L_z^\zeta$

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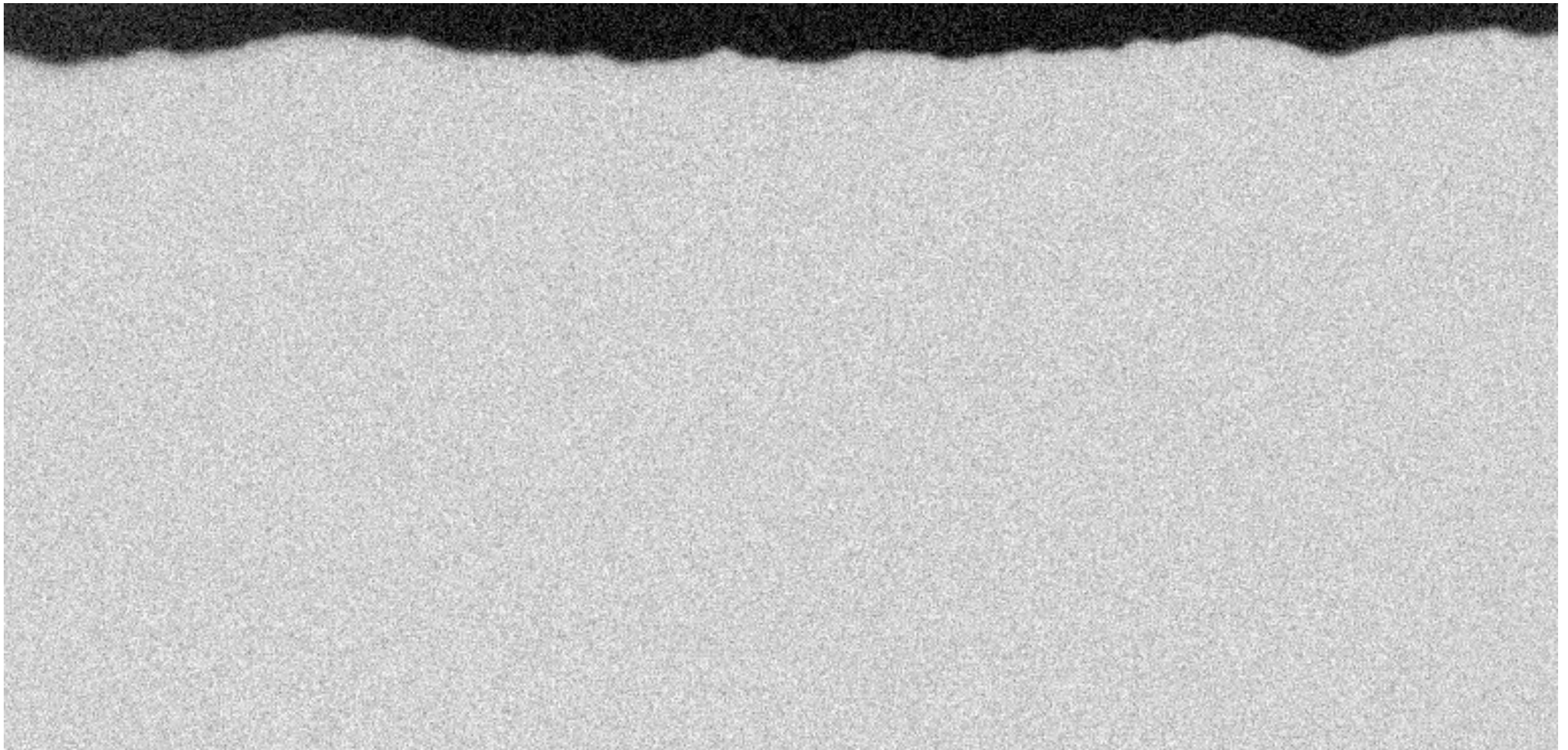
**Force-force correlator
= central object for FRG**

Experimental example: moving ferromagnetic domain wall

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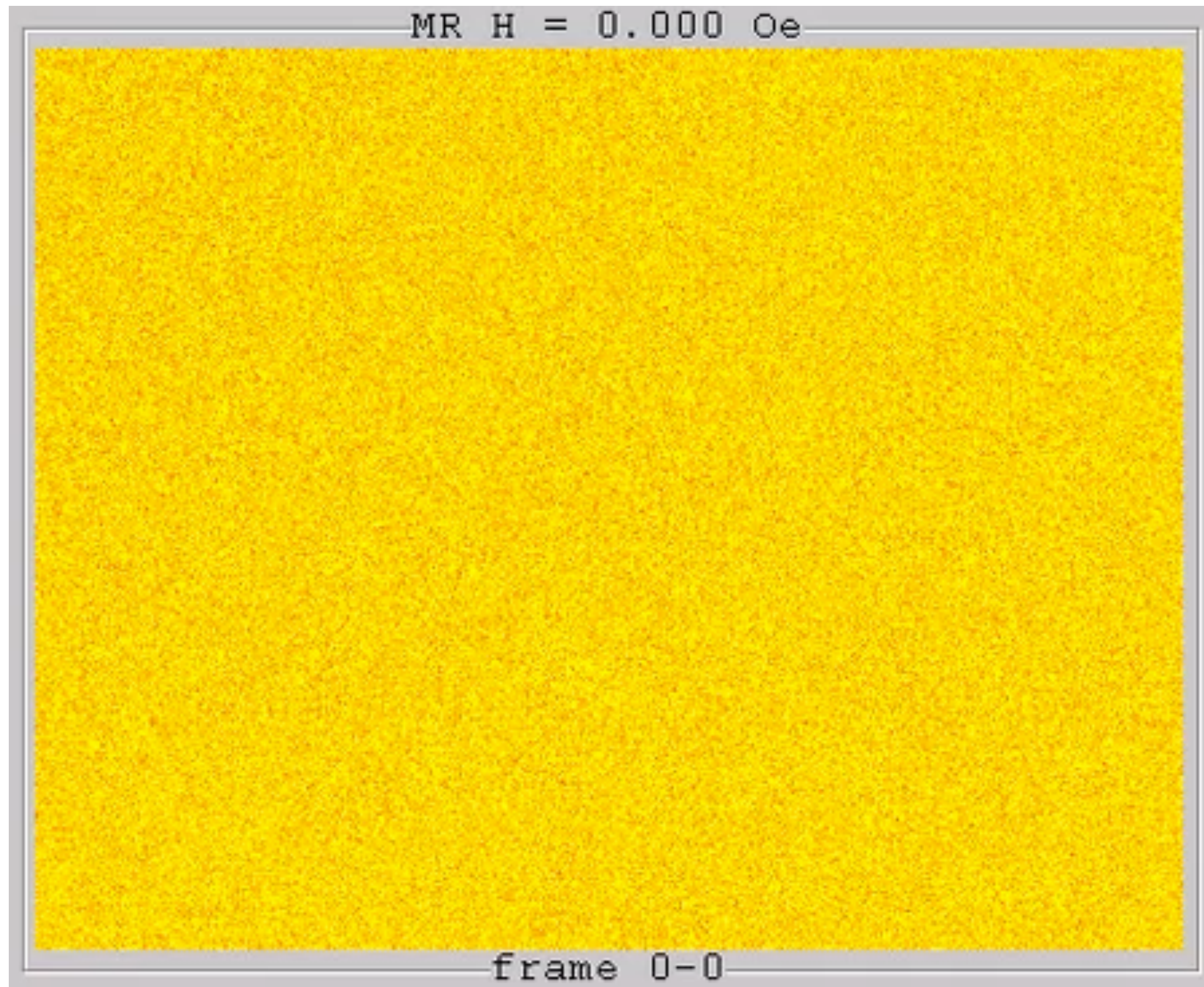
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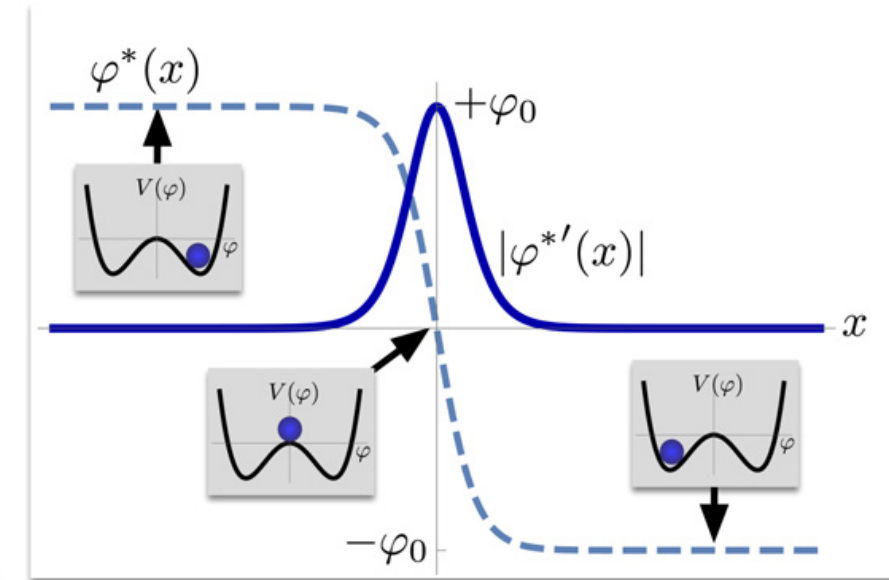
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Model reduction at equilibrium from 2D Ginzburg-Landau to 1D qEW

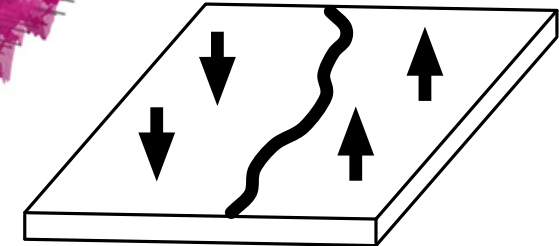
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- Ideal profile at $T=0/h=0$ /no disorder:

$$\varphi^*(x) = -\varphi_0 \tanh\left(\frac{x}{w}\right) \quad \varphi_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\delta}}, \quad w = \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}}$$



- Model reduction onto EW

Ansatz: $\varphi(x, y, t) = \varphi^*(x - u(y, t))$

$$\tilde{\eta} \partial_t u = c \partial_y^2 u + F + \tilde{\xi}$$

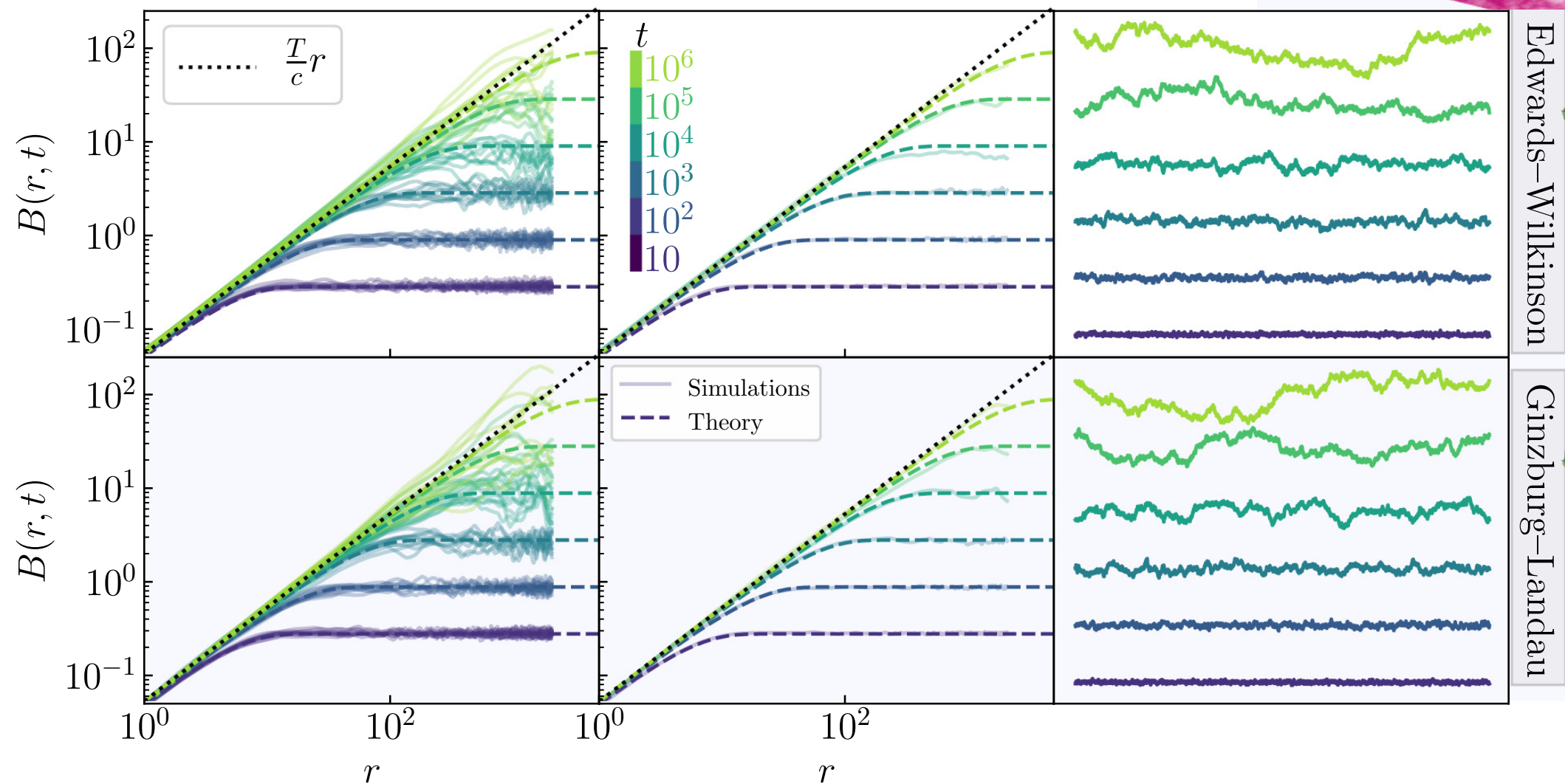
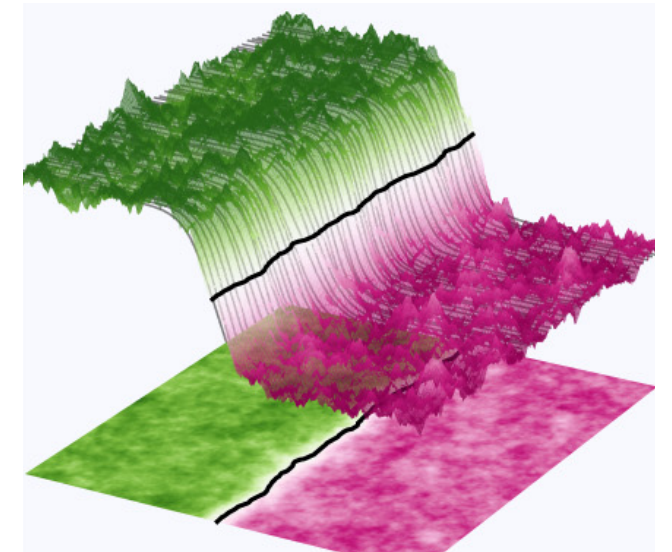
$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\eta} \equiv \eta \mathcal{N}_1 = \eta \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{\alpha}{\delta} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\gamma}} \\ c \equiv \gamma \mathcal{N}_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{\alpha}{\delta} \sqrt{\alpha \gamma} \\ F \equiv h \mathcal{N}_3 = -2\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\delta}} h. \end{cases}$$



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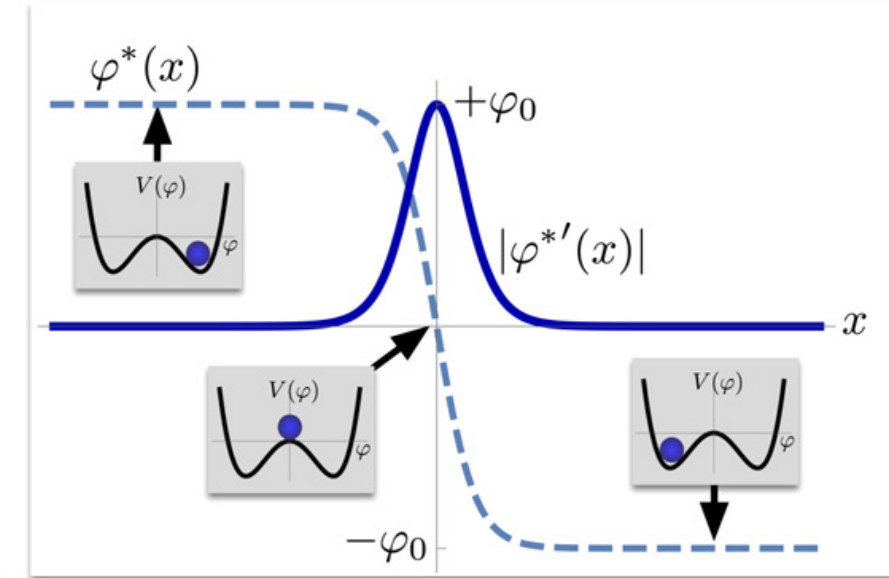
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- Let's allow for fluctuations of the barrier height in the local double-well potentials:

$$\begin{cases} V(\varphi) = -\frac{\alpha}{2}\varphi^2 + \frac{\delta}{4}\varphi^4 \\ V_\zeta(\varphi(\mathbf{r})) = V(\varphi(\mathbf{r}))[1 + \epsilon\zeta(\mathbf{r})] \end{cases} \quad \overline{\zeta(\mathbf{r}_i)\zeta(\mathbf{r}_j)} = \delta^2(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)$$



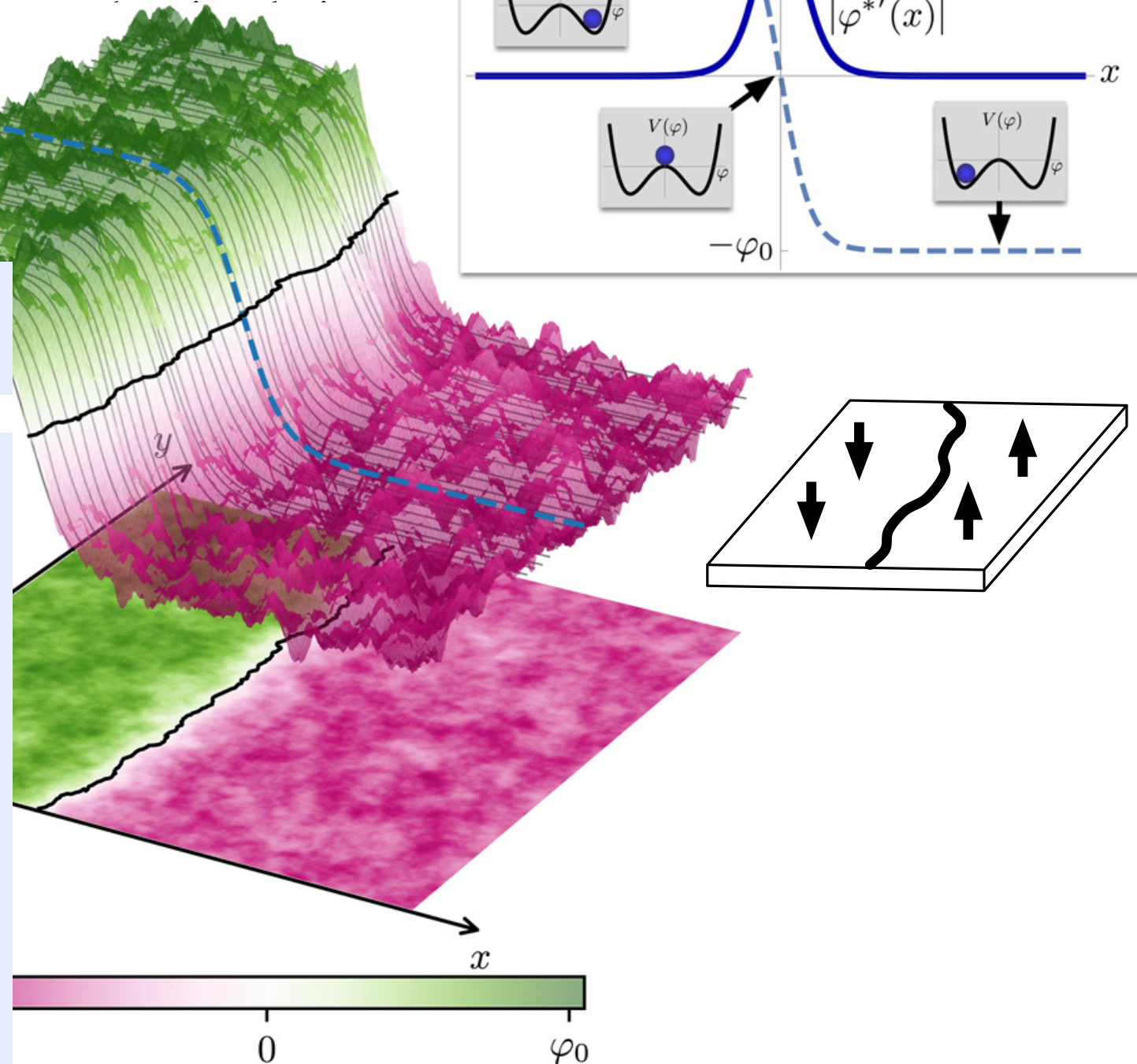
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{GL}}[\varphi_u, \zeta] = \mathcal{H}_{\text{DES}}[u, U_p] + \text{cte}$$

- Model reduction onto qEW ☒ at low T

Ansatz: $\varphi(x, y, t) = \varphi^*(x - u(y, t))$

$$\tilde{\eta} \partial_t u = c \partial_y^2 u + F_p[u(y, t), y] + F + \tilde{\xi}(y, t)$$

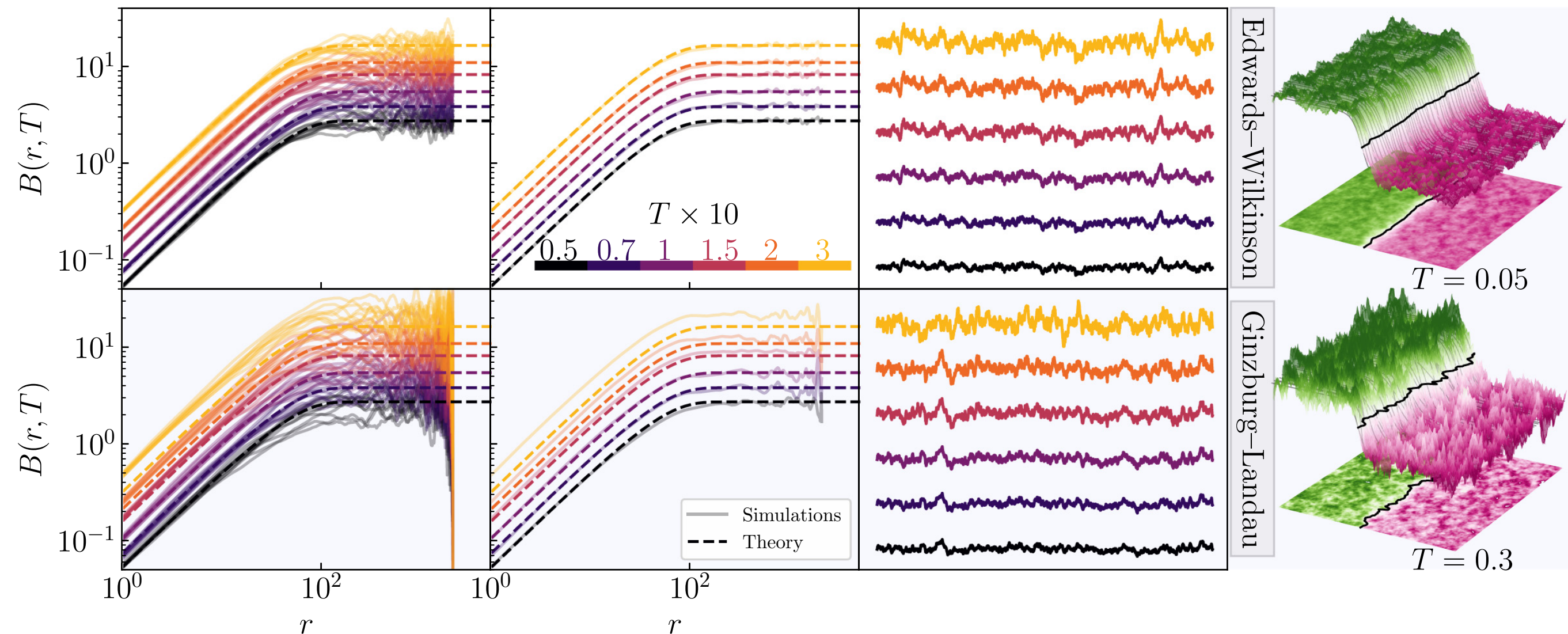
$$\begin{cases} \overline{F_p(u_1, y_1)F_p(u_2, y_2)} = \epsilon^2 \delta(y_1 - y_2) \Gamma(u_2 - u_1) \\ \Gamma(u) = \gamma^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (\varphi^{*'} \varphi^{*''})(x) (\varphi^{*'} \varphi^{*''})(x - u) \end{cases}$$



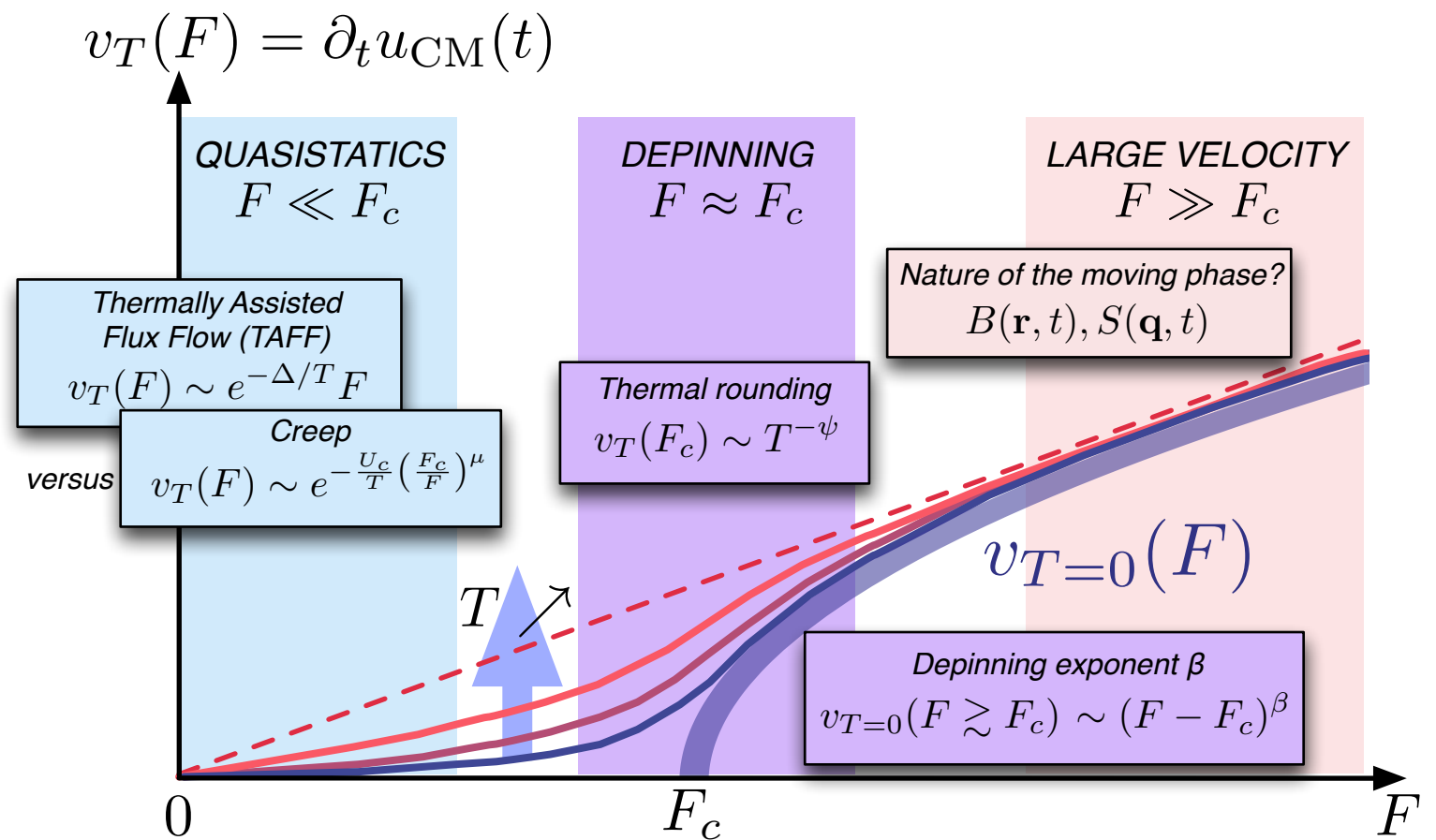
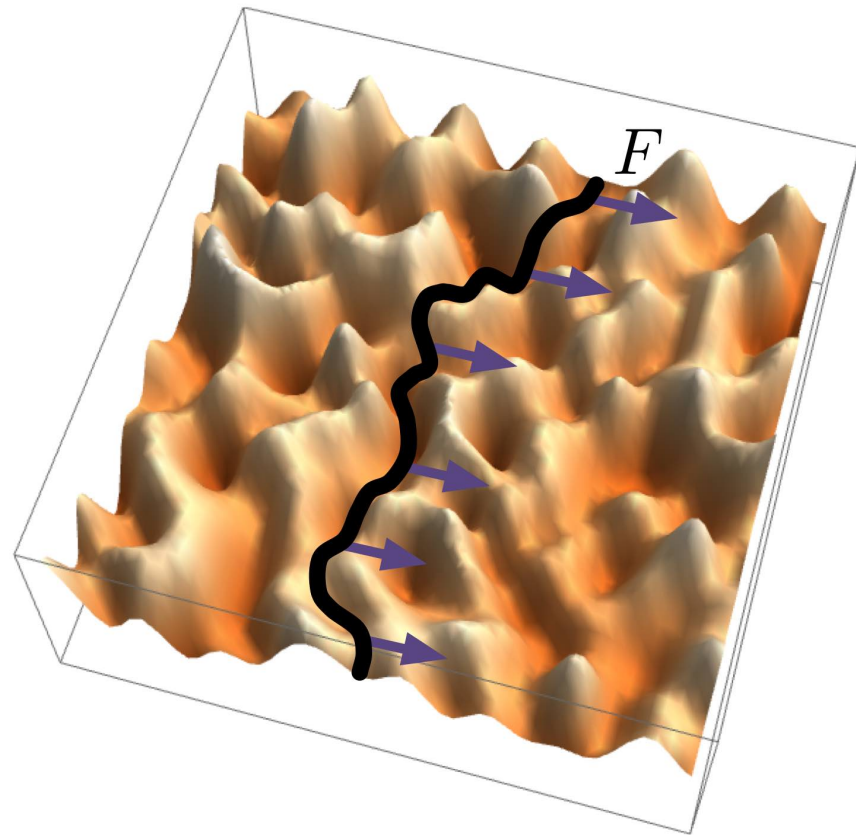
Model reduction at equilibrium from 2D Ginzburg-Landau to 1D qEW

Let's allow for fluctuations of the barrier height in the local double-well potentials:

$$\begin{cases} V(\varphi) = -\frac{\alpha}{2}\varphi^2 + \frac{\delta}{4}\varphi^4 \\ V_\zeta(\varphi(\mathbf{r})) = V(\varphi(\mathbf{r}))[1 + \epsilon\zeta(\mathbf{r})] \end{cases} \quad \overline{\zeta(\mathbf{r}_i)\zeta(\mathbf{r}_j)} = \delta^2(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)$$



@Large velocity: 'fast flow' regime



$$\gamma \partial_t u(z, t) = c \partial_z^2 u(z, t) + F_{\text{dis}}(z, u(z)) + f_{\text{ext}} + \eta_{\text{thermal}}(z, t)$$

■ Large force \Rightarrow large steady-state velocity for the center of mass

$$u(z, t) = v(t - t_0) + \delta u(z, t)$$

$$F_{\text{dis}}(z, u(z, t)) = F_{\text{dis}}(v(t - t_0) + \delta u(z, t)) \approx F_{\text{dis}}(v(t - t_0))$$

$$\overline{F_{\text{dis}}(v(t - t_0)) F_{\text{dis}}(v(t' - t_0))} = \Delta(v(t - t')) \begin{cases} = \frac{1}{v^3} \Delta_{\xi/v}(t - t') & \text{('RB')} \\ = \frac{1}{v} \Delta_{\xi/v}(t - t') & \text{('RF')} \end{cases}$$

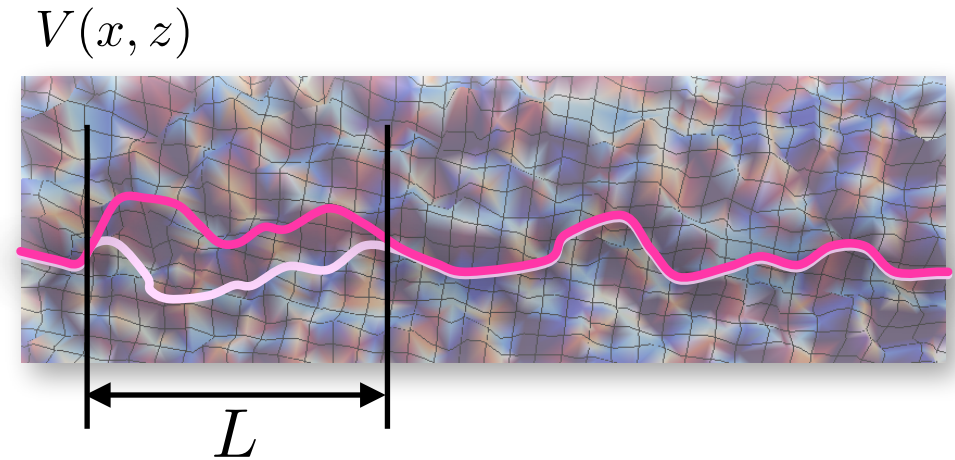
$$F_c \sim \frac{c\xi}{L_c^2}$$

Quasistatic 'creep' regime - Standard scaling argument

- Focus on low temperature T / small force f / large system size L : creep prediction?

- Scaling argument initially presented in L. B. Ioffe & V. M. Vinokur, *J. Phys. C* 20, 6149 (1987)
T. Nattermann, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 64, 2454 (1990)

- Quasistatic assumption:** in order to move a segment of length L of the interface, we can estimate the energy barrier to cross from the *equilibrium* free energy.



- Typical transverse displacement deduced from the roughness at equilibrium:

$$u(L) \sim L^\zeta$$

- Elastic (free-)energy associated to this displacement: $E_{\text{el}}(L) \sim L^d \cdot c \frac{u(L)^2}{L^2} \sim L^{d-2+2\zeta}$

- Under an external force, corresponding (free-)energy: $E_f(L) \sim f L^d u(L) \sim f L^{d+\zeta}$

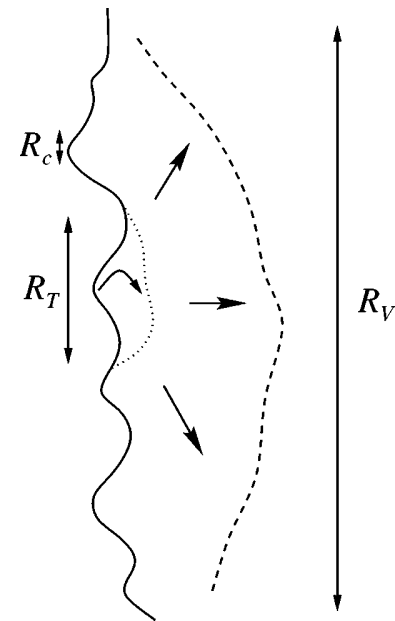
- Minimum size L for which it is worth to overcome a barrier, thus depends on the force:

$$E_{\text{el}}(L_{\text{opt}}) = E_f(L_{\text{opt}}) \Leftrightarrow L_{\text{opt}}(f) \sim f^{-(2-\zeta)} \Leftrightarrow E_{\text{el}}(L_{\text{opt}}(f)) \sim f^{-\mu}$$

- Mean steady-state velocity controlled by the typical 'largest barrier', which controls the mean first passage time (MFPT). Under an Arrhenius assumption:

$$v_T(F) \sim e^{-\frac{1}{T} E_{\text{el}}(L_{\text{opt}}(F))} \sim e^{-\frac{U_c}{T} \left(\frac{F_c}{F}\right)^\mu}$$

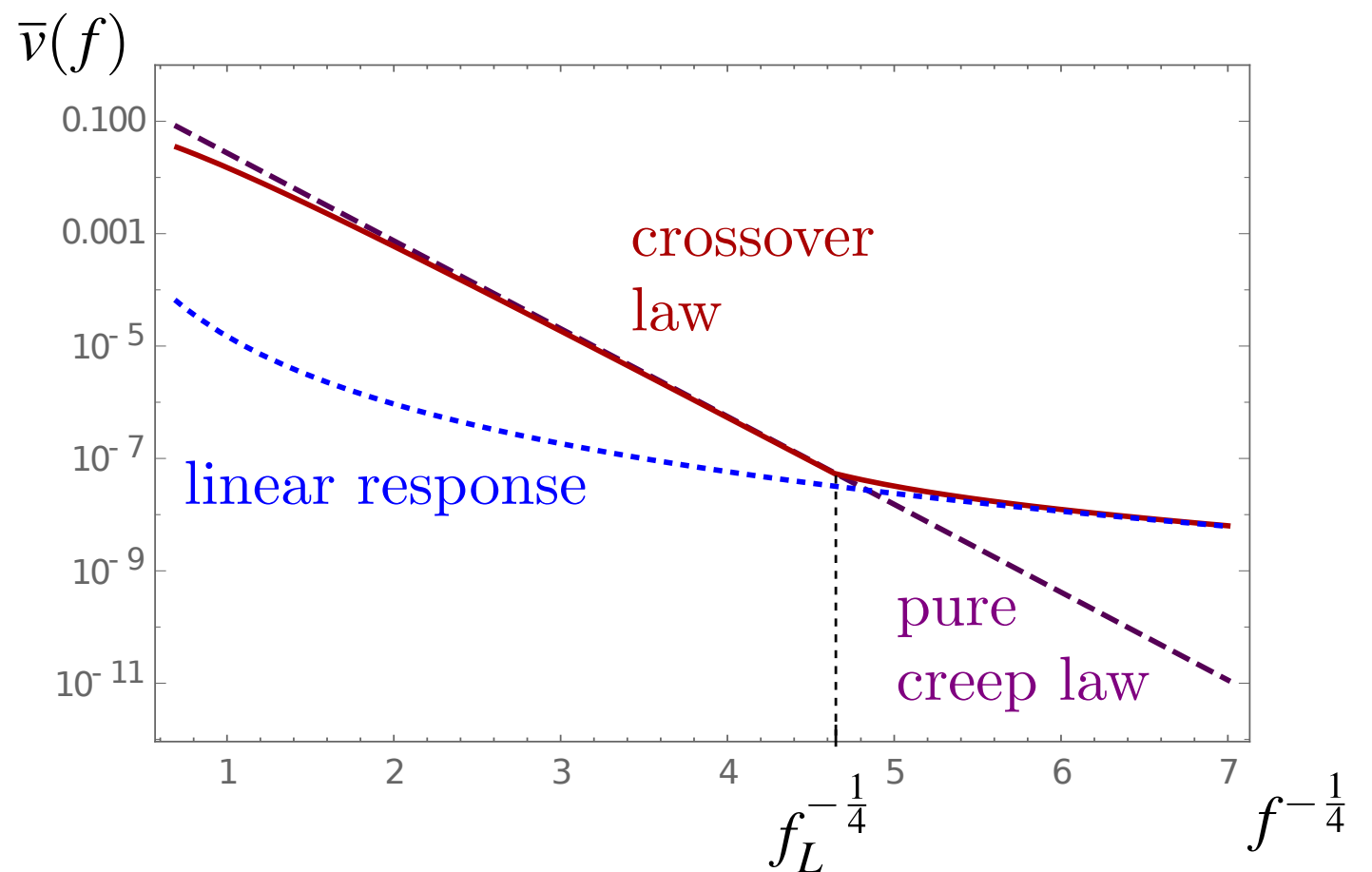
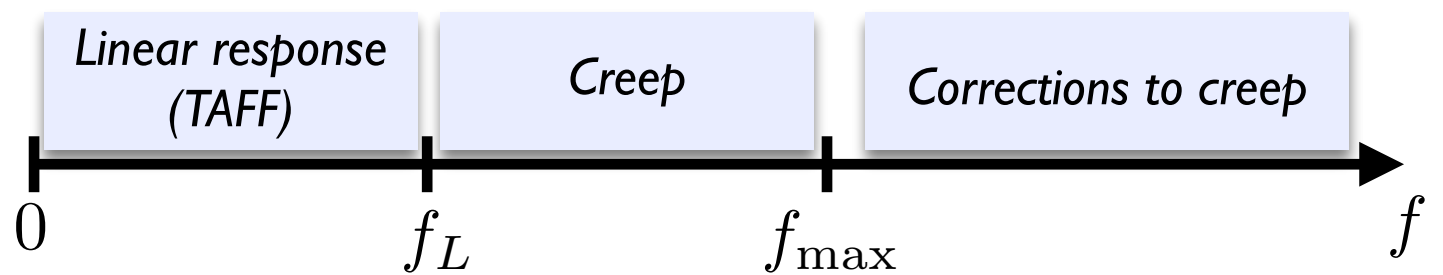
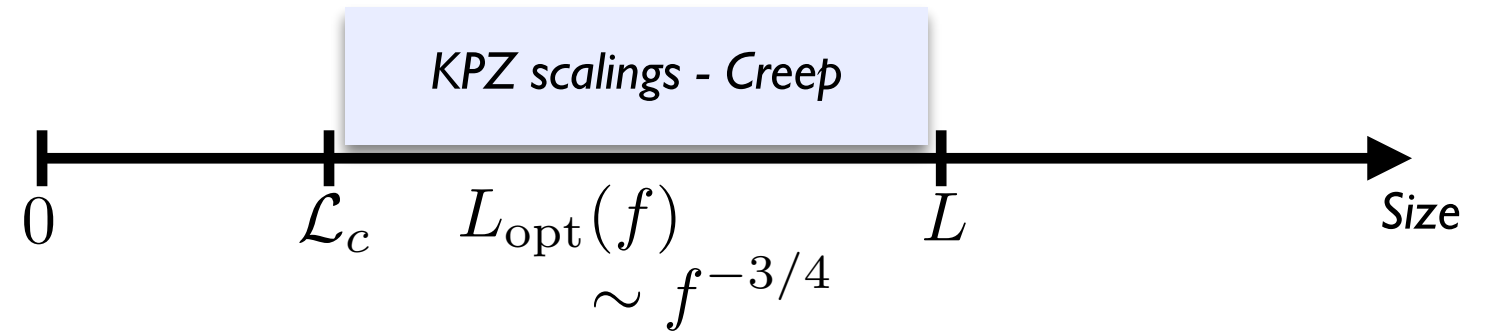
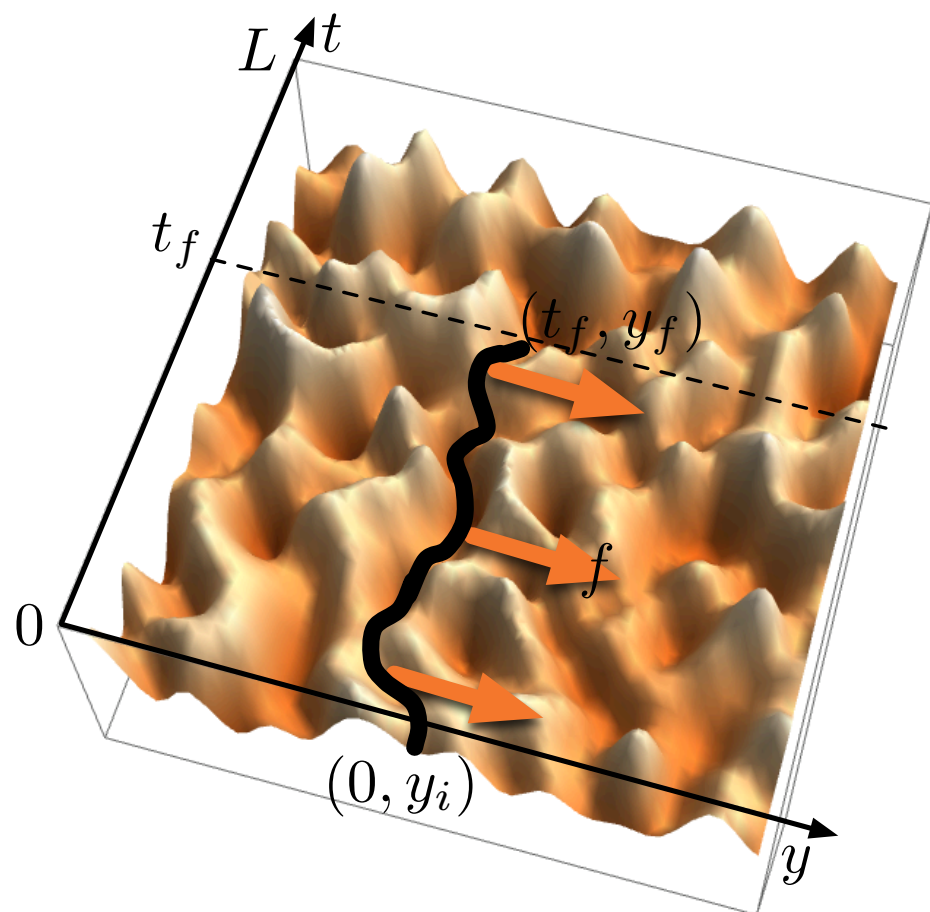
$$\mu = \frac{d-2+2\zeta}{2-\zeta} \quad (\zeta \stackrel{=}{=} 2/3) \quad \frac{1}{4}$$



P. Chauve, T. Giamarchi, P. Le Doussal, *Phys. Rev. B* 62, 6241 (2000) **[very nice intro as well!]**

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Quasistatic 'creep' regime - Regime of validity of the creep prediction



Quasistatic 'creep' regime - Model reduction?

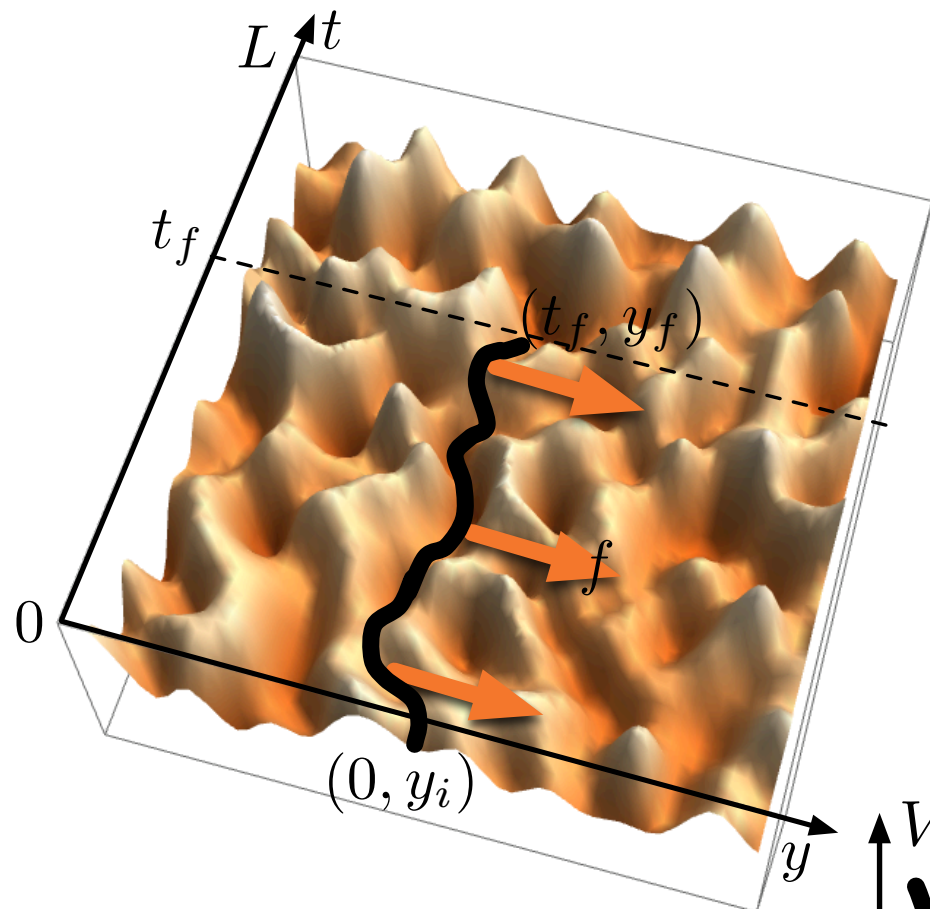
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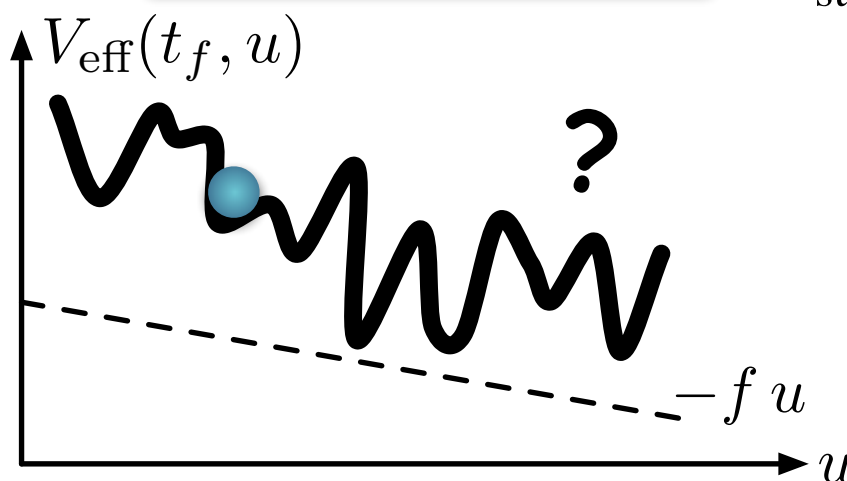
ID interface, short-range elasticity
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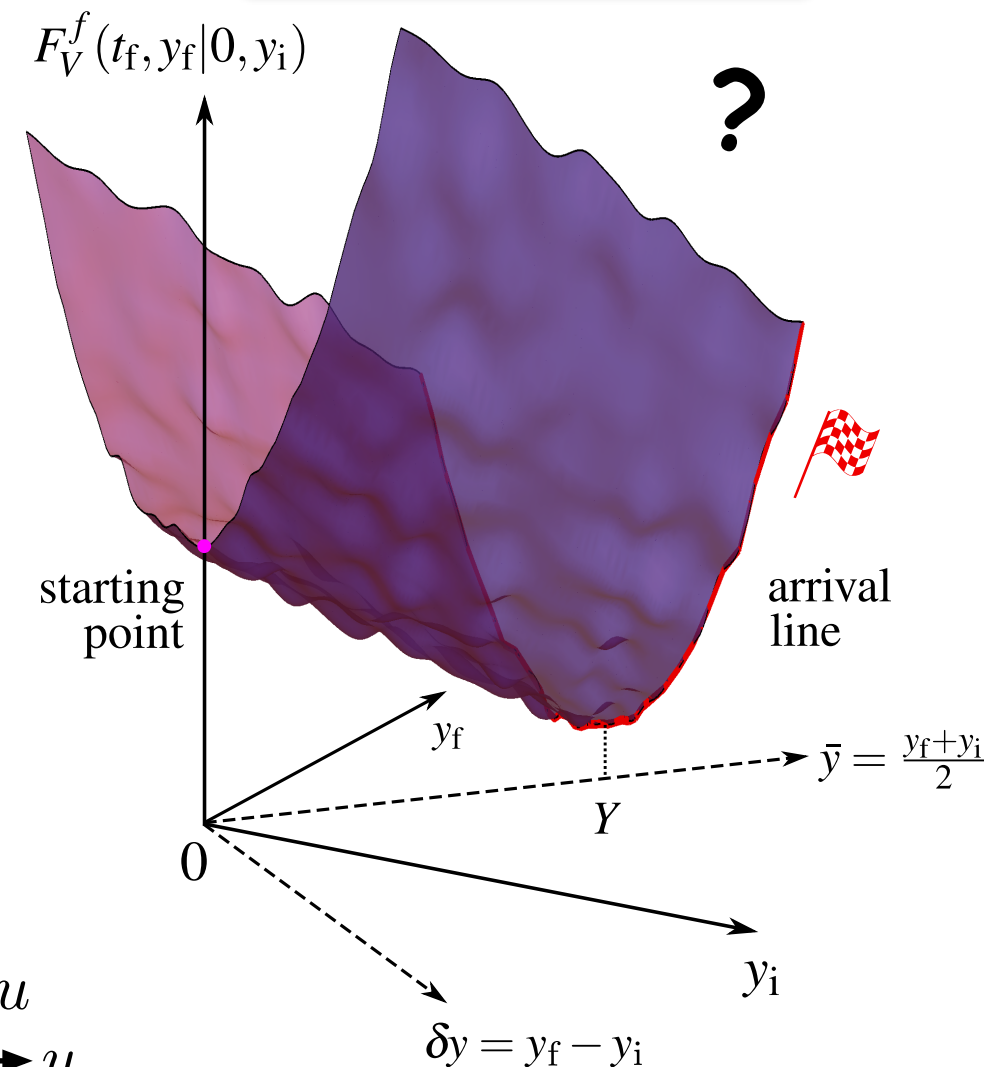
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1 DOF: center of mass?



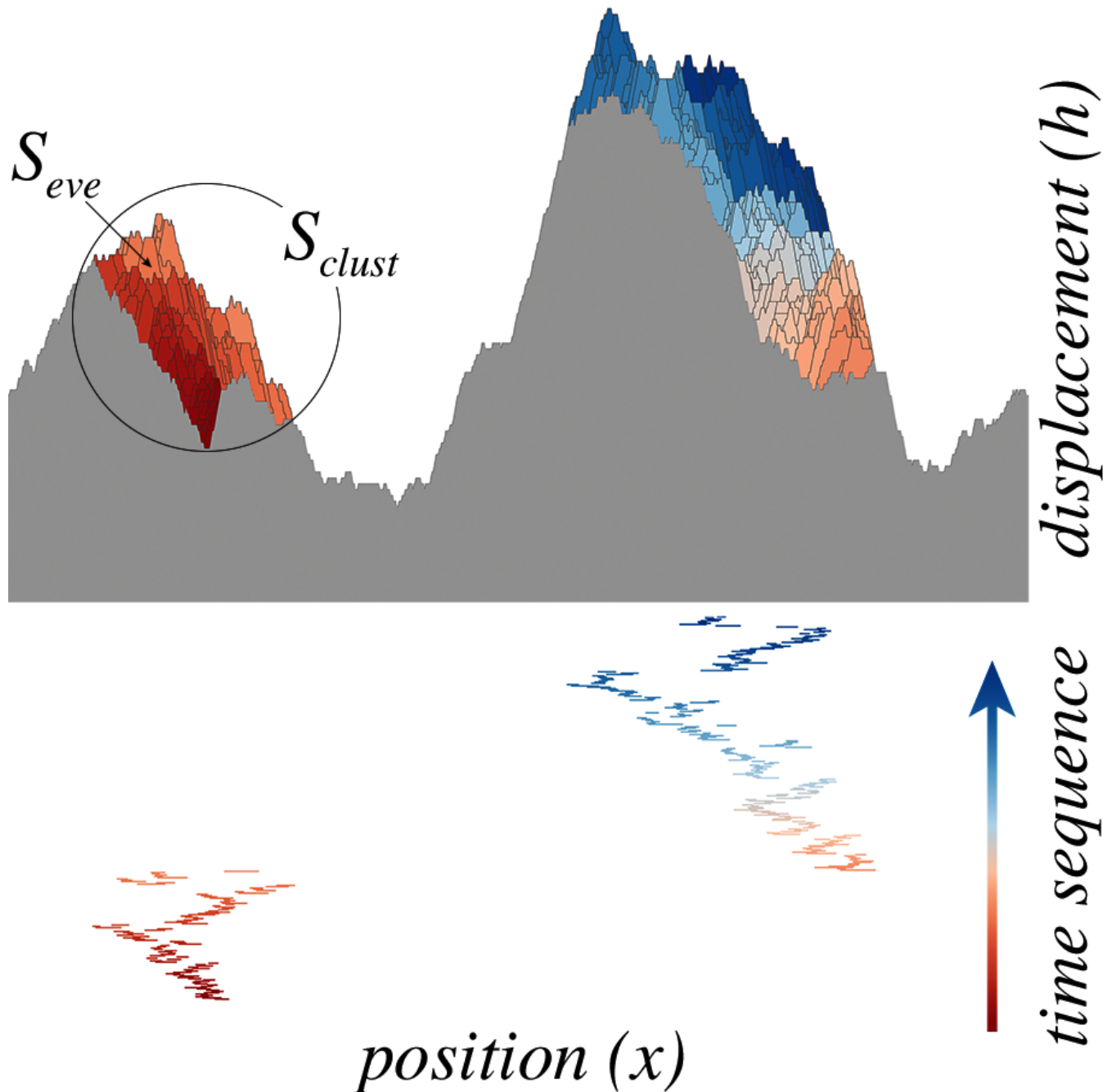
2 DOFs: center of mass
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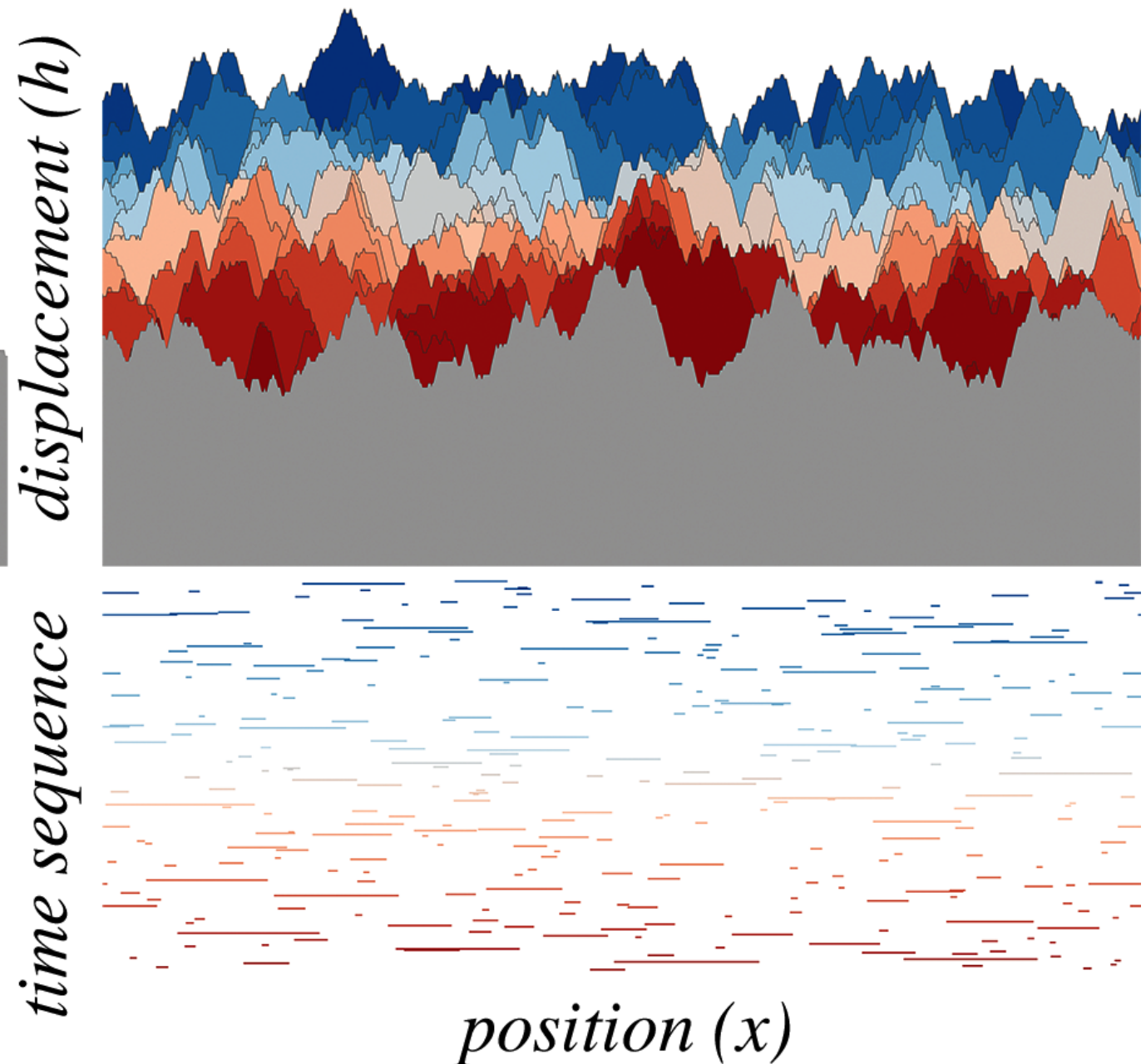
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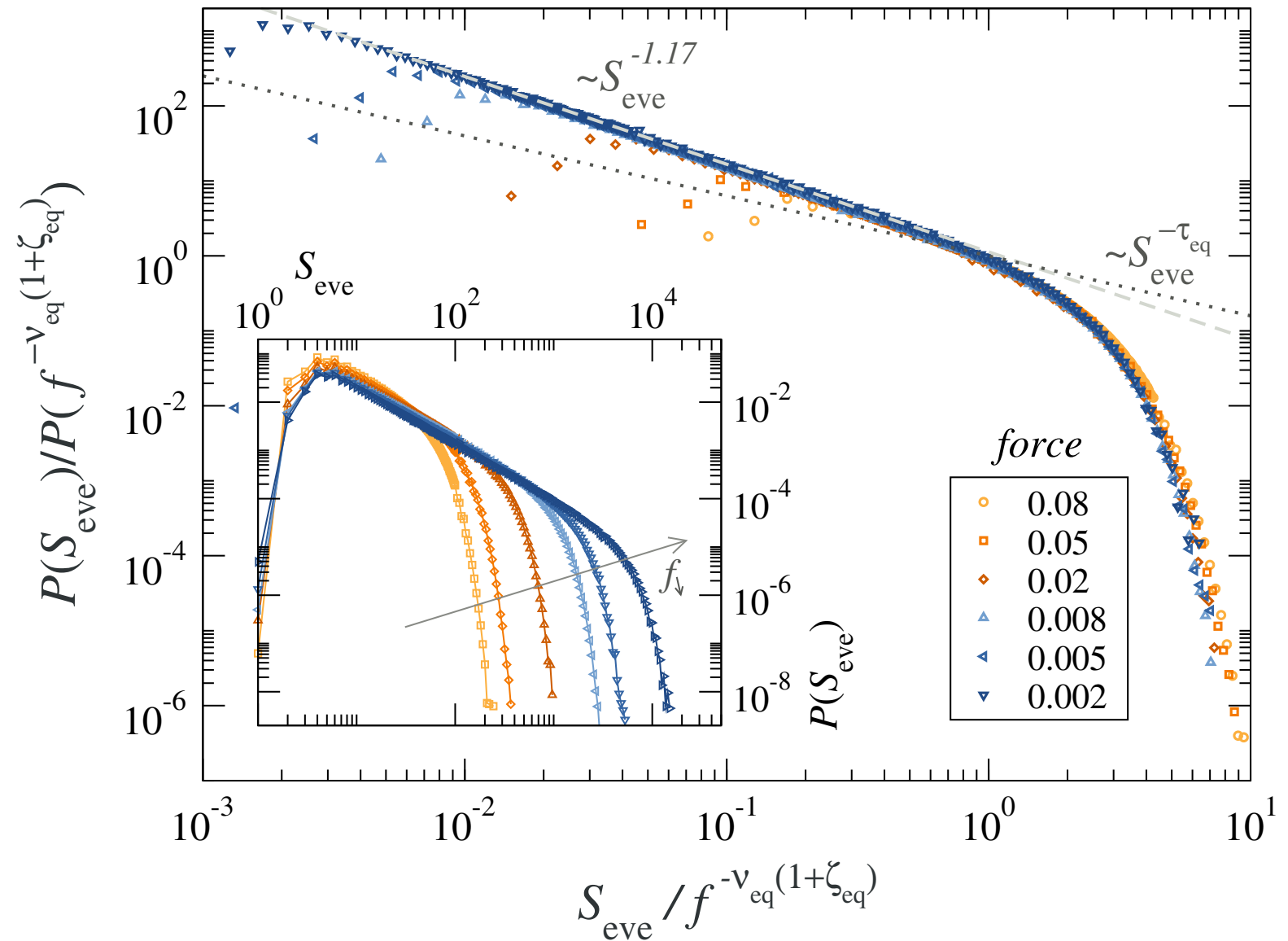
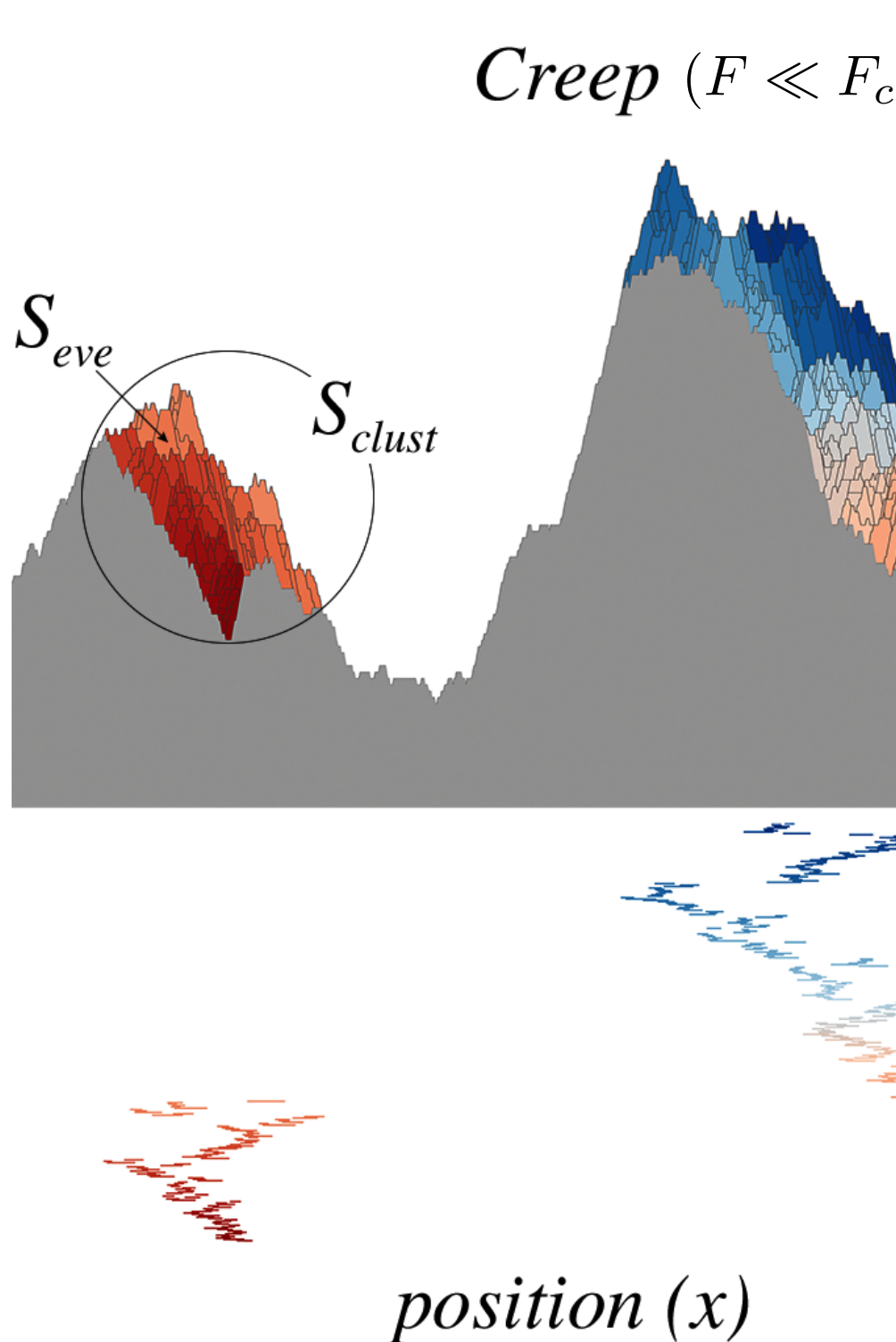
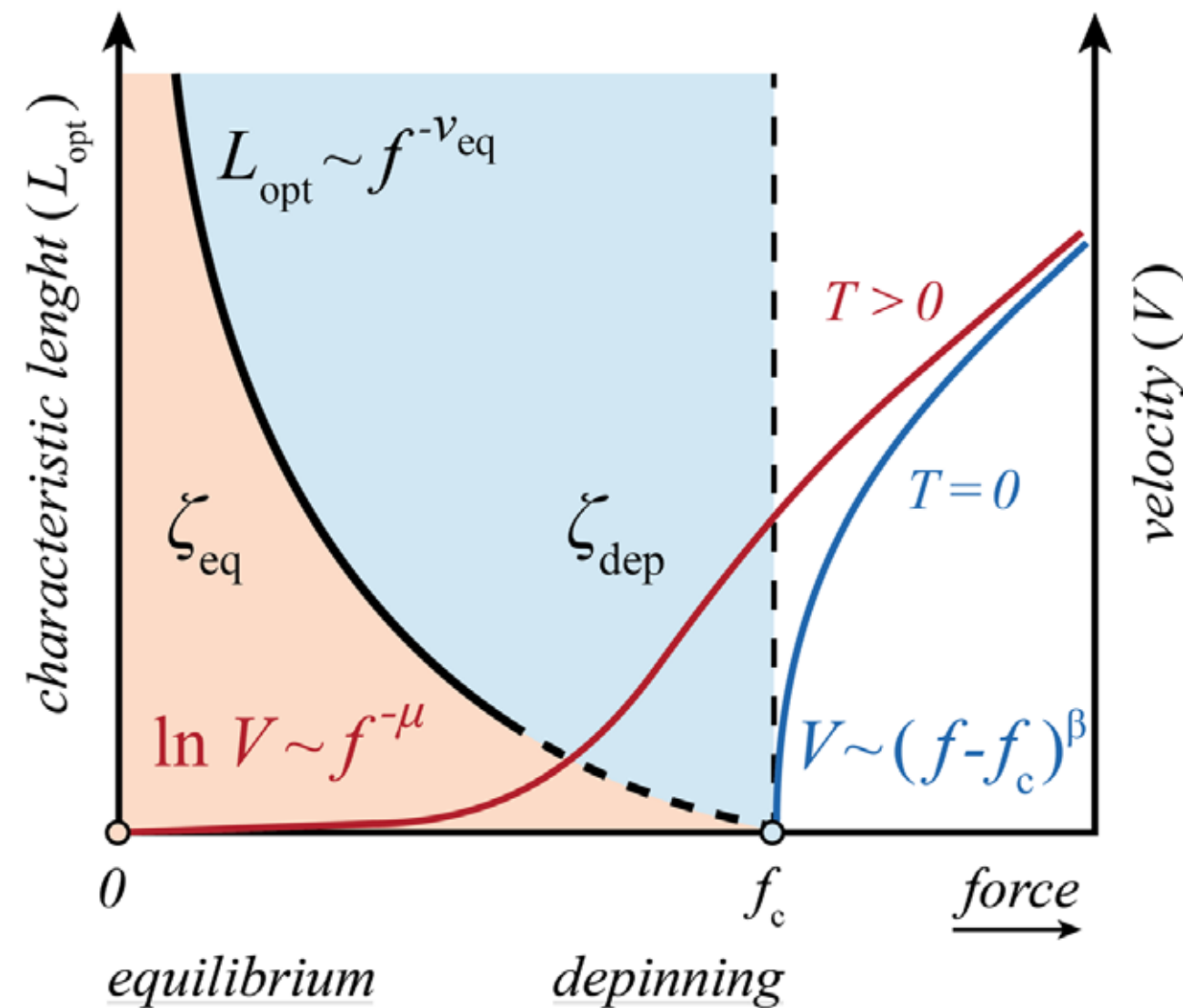
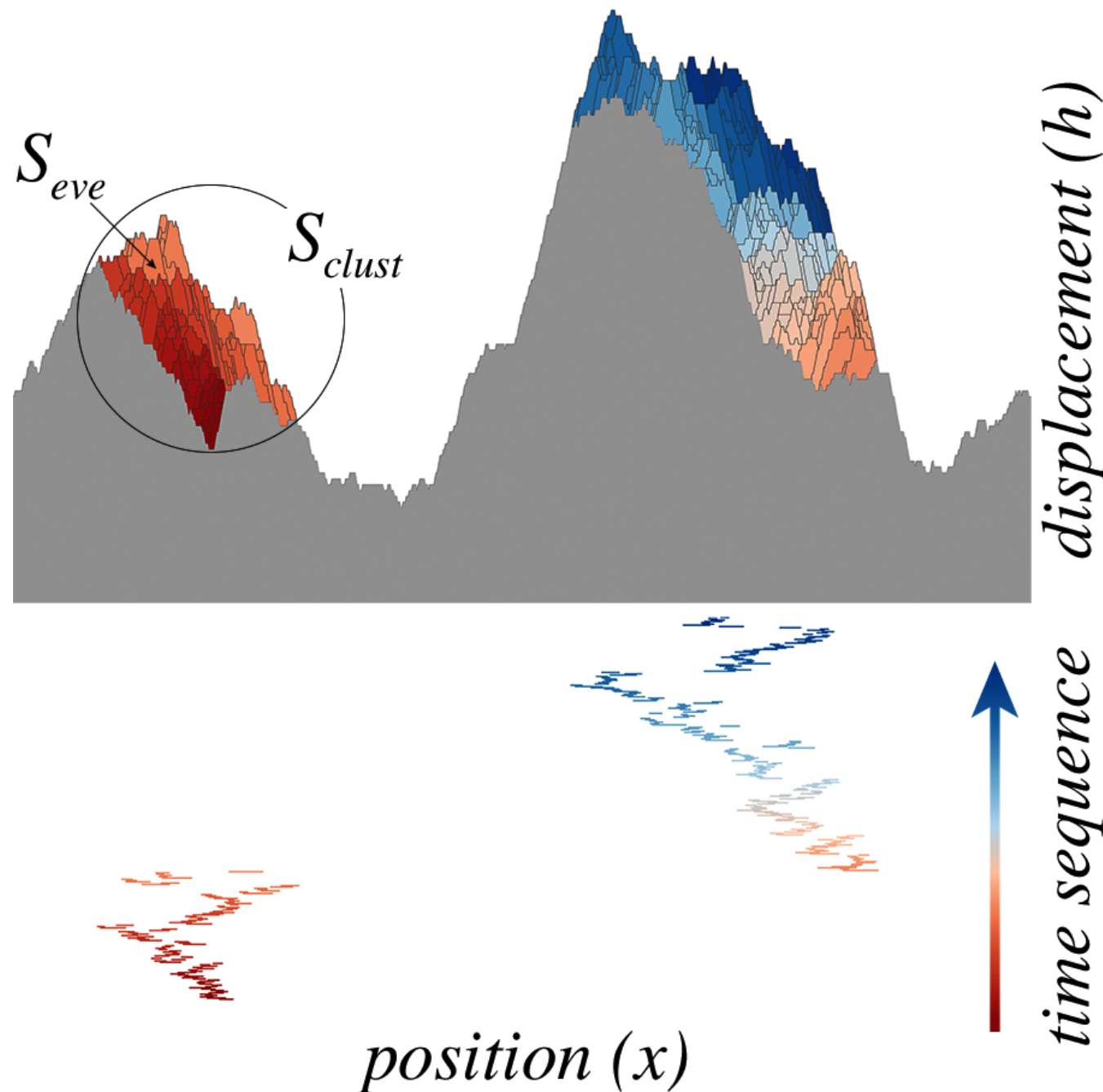


FIG. 3. Events' size distributions $P(S_{\text{eve}})$ at different forces (inset), collapsed by plotting $P(S_{\text{eve}})/P(S_c)$ vs S_{eve}/S_c , with $S_c(f) = f^{-\nu_{\text{eq}}(1+\zeta_{\text{eq}})}$ (main panel), therefore validating the expected creep scaling $L_{\text{opt}} \sim f^{-\nu_{\text{eq}}}$, given $S_c \sim L_{\text{opt}}^{(1+\zeta_{\text{eq}})}$.

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