# SYSS 3 Structure Formation and Self-Organization in non-equilibrium Systems - Poster

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**Monte Carlo modelling of layers of evaporating nanoparticle suspensions: Rupture patterns and front instabilities** — •Ioan Vancea[1], Christopher P. Martin[2], Matthew O. Blunt[2], Philip Moriarty[2], and Uwe Thiele[1] — [1]Max-Planck-Institut für Physik komplexer Systeme, Nöthnitzer Str. 38, D-01187 Dresden, Germany — [2]School of Physics & Astronomy, The University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, United Kingdom

A Monte Carlo model introduced by Rabani et al. [1] has previously been shown to simulate accurately many of the characteristics of colloidal nanoparticle monolayers deposited via evaporation from a solvent [1,2]. We have used variants of the model put forward in Ref. 1 to investigate systematically the interdependence of evaporative dewetting of the liquid and demixing of liquid and particles. Spinodal dewetting and heterogenous nucleation are analysed in their dependence on the concentration of the nanoparticles. A second focus lies on the study of the transversal instability of a straight dewetting front.

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**Dendritic and fractal patterns formation in non-equilibrium solidification** — •Peter Galenko and Dieter Herlach — Institut für Raumsimulation, DLR, 51170 Köln, Germany

Results of computational modeling are synthesized for the forms of crystals growing in undercooled liquid. Solidification patterns are analyzed as a result of the first-order phase transformation controlled by the heat and mass diffusion, atomic kinetics, and interfacial anisotropy. It is shown that fractal patterns are observed at a vanishing anisotropy of surface energy and atomic kinetics of the solid-liquid interface. Simulated patterns are summarized into morphological spectrum which is considered as a sequence of growth shapes that forms versus undercooling (deviation from thermodynamic equilibrium) in solidifying system. A diagram "complexity of growth forms" as a function of "microscopic disorder and deviation from equilibrium" is presented. The work was supported by DFG under contract No. He 1601/13.

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**Transient states during vapor treatment of thin, lamellar diblock copolymer films** — •C.M. Papadakis[1], D. Posselt[2], and D.-M. Smilgies[3] — [1]Physikdepartment E13, Technische Universität München, James-Franck-Str. 1, D-85747 Garching — [2]IMFUFA, Roskilde University, Denmark — [3]Cornell University, Ithaca NY, USA

Diblock copolymers in the melt spontanously self-organize into mesoscopically ordered structures. In order to understand their response to changes of the environment, in-situ and real-time methods are of great value. We have performed time-resolved grazing-incidence small-angle X-ray scattering (GISAXS) measurements on thin films of lamellar poly(styrene-b-butadiene) diblock copolymers having initially the lamellae parallel or perpendicular to the substrate surface.

We have found that the response to toluene vapor is very different for the two lamellar orientations. Films with the perpendicular orientation reacted at once, and continuous swelling of the film occurred on the time scale of minutes. Tilting of lamellar stacks was observed as well, however, during drying, the perpendicular orientation was recovered [1]. In films with the initially parallel orientation, the lamellae swell significantly, but the lamellar interfaces remain flat. After a few minutes, undulations of the lamellar interfaces are observed, which, however, diminish again after approx. one minute, and the initial lamellar thickness is recovered. These observations point to an instability during the swelling process.

[1] D.-M. Smilgies, P. Busch, C.M. Papadakis, D. Posselt, Synchr. Rad. News 15, no. 5, S. 35 (2002).

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**Simulation of Liesegang Pattern Formation of Nano Particles in Glass** — •Jan W. Kantelhardt — Fachbereich Physik und Zentrum für Computational Nanoscience, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, 06099 Halle (Saale), Germany

By numerical simulations we study diffusion-reaction processes that lead to the self organized formation of Liesegang patterns of metal nano particles in glass. Liesegang patterns are a quasi-periodic structuring that occurs in diffusion limited chemical reactions with two components. Such patterns have been observed in experiments with different metal nano particles in silicate glass. We compare results for the Ostwald Prager model and for the competitive particle growth model. Based on Monte Carlo simulations with cellular automata models we study the stability of the pattern formation process as well as its possible modification by modulated external parameters, and we compare with previous mean-field results.

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**Controlling of structure formation in crystal growth** — •Marco Fell and Jörg Bilgram — Laboratorium für Festkörperphysik, ETH, 8093 Zürich, Schweiz

In our experiments we study instabilities of both the spherical and the flat solid-liquid interfaces and apply it in a controlled manner to obtain symmetric crystals. Xenon dendrites growing in steady-state from pure melt show a characteristic spacing between the side branches, depending on undercooling. The interface instability of the Mullins-Sekerka type leads to side branches. The growth velocity and the temporal development of a branch can significantly differ from a branch on the opposite side of the dendrite. The interaction between adjacent branches on all sides cancels out a specific number of them but it is not predictable which will be retained. In this sense such a steady state dendrite is 'statistical symmetric'. By an external perturbation we can influence the branching of the growing tip. i) A single short-time heating pulse of the melt initiates synchronously side branches in all growth directions. Statistical processes govern their further development as the system relaxes to the steady-state behavior some seconds after the pulse. ii) Stabilizing the temperature of the melt above the melting temperature for some minutes leads to melting and to a reduced curvature of the solid-liquid interface. A sharp temperature drop restarts growth and initiates new side branches growing symmetrically on four sides with contours remaining in good correlation for the time it takes the crystal to grow some ten tip radii. They even seem to interact over a macroscopic distance of more than 50 tip radii (about 1 mm).

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**Excitation symmetries and existence of subharmonic response of electroconvection patterns** — •Jana Heuer and Ralf Stannarius — Institut für experimentelle Physik, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg

In electrohydrodynamic convection (EHC), surprising fundamentally new phenomena are still discovered, that contribute to general understanding of pattern dynamics in spatially extended dissipative systems. The excitation of this system with sine or square waves of period $T$ leads to convection structures in which the dynamic variables (charge density, director and velocity fields) perform $T$-periodic oscillations. Nonconventional wave forms like sawtooth excitation can lead to patterns with $T$-periodic as well as $T$-antiperiodic (subharmonic) dynamics. We consider different classes of excitation wave forms $E(t)$: such with antisymmetry in the two half periods, $E(t) = -E(t + T/2)$, such with time inversion symmetry, $E(t) = E(-t)$, and dichotomous wave forms (two alternating values, $E_1$, $E_2$) and discuss their influence on the pattern dynamics. From the Floquet analysis of linear differential equations that describe the system near threshold, we show analytically that each of these conditions inhibits subharmonic dynamics at onset. Numerical and experimental support of these predictions is provided.

By some generalization, other dynamic systems can be characterized by equally simple ODEs. Therefore we propose general conclusions about the relations between the time symmetry of the excitation field and the dynamic response of the system.

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**Surface roughening and self-organized criticality: the influence of quenched disorder.** — •Christof Aegerter[1], Marco Welling[2], and Rinke Wijngaarden[2] — [1]Fachbereich Physik Universität Konstanz; Universitätstrasse 10; 78457 Konstanz — [2]Vrije Universiteit; De Boelelan 1081; 1081HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Self-organized criticality (SOC) has attracted considerable interest due to its possible wide ranging impliations on broad range of subjects. However the experimental observation of SOC using stringent criteria has been difficult and the question of the critical parameters to observe SOC

remans open. When SOC is observed, it often goes together with the appearance of a rough surface, indicating the importance of quenched disorder in the appearance of SOC. Here we study magnetic vortices penetrating a type-II superconductor in the presence of varying quenched disorder by introducing Hydrogen impurities. This problem can be mapped onto that of a growing pile of sand. The roughness properties of the vortex landscape and the avalanche size distribution are compared for different amounts of disorder. We find that (i) a minimal amount of quenched disorder is necessary to observe SOC and (ii) that the presence of a rough surface by itself cannot be used as a sufficient criterion for the observation of self-organized criticality.

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**Interplay between thermodynamics and kinetics in the capping of InAs/GaAs(001) quantum dots** — •Paola Acosta — Max-Planck-Institute for Solid State Research

Three-dimensional islands grown by Stranski-Krastanov heteroepitaxy have been the subject of an intensive study over the last decade. In order to be employed as quantum dots (QDs) these islands must be overgrown with a wider energy band gap material. The capping typically produces strong changes in their morphology and composition, determining the final QD optoelectronic properties. A clear understanding of this process is therefore of fundamental importance. We have thoroughly analyzed the GaAs overgrowth of InAs self-organized islands by means of in-situ STM, as well as, ex-situ AFM. The most evident result is that two well-defined capping regimes can be distinguished. The first is characterized by a rapid partial dissolution of the pristine islands, and is governed by a fast dynamics (diffusion on strained regions, alloying, low energy facets). As a consequence in this regime the morphological transformations are almost independent of the cap deposition rate and the resulting morphologies are close to thermodynamic equilibrium. The second regime is marked by a true overgrowth of the remaining structures, and is essentially controlled by atomic diffusion processes.

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**Pattern Formation in the Visual Cortex: Breaking Permutation Symmetry** — •Lars Reichl, Matthias Kaschube, and Fred Wolf — Max-Planck-Institut für Dynamik und Selbstorganisation, Bunsenstrasse 10, D- 37073 Göttingen and Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience Göttingen

Neurons in the visual cortex are selective to the orientation of a stimulus. Neighboring neurons tend to have similar orientation preferences except at singularities (pinwheel centers) around which all orientations are represented. These properties are captured in a two dimensional orientation preference map (OPM). The formation of such an OPM can be modeled by a Swift-Hohenberg equation including local and nonlocal cubic interaction terms [1]. These interaction terms possess a permutation symmetry which implies that in the leading order of a perturbative expansion there is a set of attractors (planforms) which are energetically degenerate. The pinwheel density varies across different planform solutions. We show that due to higher order corrections planforms with the lowest pinwheel density also have the lowest energy. However OPM with such low pinwheel densities have not been observed experimentally. Therefore we introduce a cubic interaction term that breaks the permutation symmetry and thus energetically favors a planform already at leading order. We use a gradient interaction that selects planforms with a high pinwheel density. In a large parameter range these planforms are preferred even if higher order corrections are considered.

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**H-theorem for interacting systems driven by multiplicative noise** — •Fabian Senf and Ulrich Behn — Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität Leipzig, POB 100 920, 04009 Leipzig

The H-theorem for a system of $N$ globally coupled Stratonovich models is found and the convergence to the stationary solution independent of the initial distribution is proved. Due to the multiplicative noise and the interaction between the particles there is no detailled balance and therefore an analytical expression for the stationary distribution is not easily found.

Nevertheless, the information contained in the system of coupled Langevin equations provides important hints to the qualitative structure of the stationary state. The state space of the stochastic motion is divided in sectors whose topology depends on the system parameters. The Langevin flow between these sectors can be determined.

For large times the system is found with probability one in one of those sectors which have their boundary flows pointing inward, only. These are the ergodic components. This result is independent of the system size so that phase transistions associated with the breaking of ergodicity exist already for finite $N$. The critical exponent characterizing the order parameter near the critical point depends on all parameters of the Stratonovich model including the system size $N$ if the latter is finite, for $N \to \infty$ see [1].

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**Driving convection by a temperature gradient or a heat current** — •Pascal Matura and Manfred Lücke — Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität des Saarlandes, D-66041 Saarbrücken, Germany

Bifurcation properties, stability behavior, dynamics, and the heat transfer of convection structures in a horizontal fluid layer that is driven away from thermal equilibrium by imposing a vertical temperature difference are compared with those resulting from imposing a heat current. In particular oscillatory convection that occurs in binary fluid mixtures in the form of travelling and standing waves is determined numerically for the two different driving mechanisms. Conditions are elucidated under which current driven convection is stable while temperature driven convection is unstable.

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**Creation of the reactive microstructured surfaces** — •Viatcheslav Gruzdev, Anton Kiriy, Volodymyr Senkovskyy, and Manfred Stamm — Liebniz Institute of Polymer Research Dresden, Hohe Str. 6, D-10069 Dresden, Germany

Deposition of polymers on solid surfaces allows the complete modification of the physico-chemical characteristic of a surface. Depending on the nature of the polymer deposited, it is possible to control such surface properties as hydrophilicity, hydrophobicity, adhesion and lubrication, biocompatibility and others [1]. In some applications it is also desirable to pattern polymer layers. Tuning the morphology of a surface and chemical structure is an effective way for creation of membranes, catalysts supports, cell culture media, antireflection coatings.

Here, we describe the simple patterning method, which is based on spontaneous dewetting of thin poly(glycidylmethacrylate) (PGMA) film. This polymer is well known as an universal coupling agent [2]. It was found that PGMA spincoated from different solutions may form homogeneous PGMA layer or undergoes dewetting and forms porous, chainlike or patched layers of PGMA. Type and size of the structures depends on concentration of PGMA and thermodynamic properties of the solvent and can be predicted. Obtained structures were amplified to the patterned polymer layers by grafting of the carboxy-terminated homopolymers.

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**Meandering instability of a scroll wave in a chemical excitable medium** — •Chaiya Luengviriya[1], Ulrich Storb[1], Gert Lindner[2], Markus Bär[2,3], and Stefan C. Müller[1] — [1]Institute for Experimental Physics, Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany — [2]Department for Mathematical Modelling and Data Analysis, PTB, Berlin — [3]Max-Planck-Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems, Dresden, Germany

Spiral waves are a characteristic feature of dynamic structure formation in nonequilibrium systems. Until now, most studies on the meandering of such spirals have been performed in two-dimensional (2D) systems. We present an experimental work about meandering of such wave dynamics in the three-dimensional (3D) case rationalized by numerical simulations.

We studied experimentally a scroll wave in the excitable Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction by optical tomography. Therefore a scroll wave with a straight untwisted filament was initiated in the 3D experiment and observed in the course of time. This initial wave structure turned out to be unstable. After an intermediate exhibition of uniform twist, the filament took an oscillating zig-zag shaped state. For comparison with the behavior of a 2D spiral in the same medium we evaluated the wave period and the dynamics of the organizing centers (spiral tip for 2D and filament for 3D case). It turned out that this 2D spiral, if it exhibits the same period as the scroll wave in the 3D case, rotated rigidly.

The experimental findings were corrobated by 3D numerical simula-

tions with the Barkley model suggesting that the observed filament behavior was caused by the 3D variant of the meandering instability.

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**Hydrodynamic instabilities in the iodate-arsenous acid reaction** — •Lenka Šebestíková, Marcus J. B. Hauser, and Stefan C. Müller — University Magdeburg, Institute of Experimental Physics, Universitaetsplatz 2, 39106 Magdeburg

The splitting of fingers of propagating fronts in the arsenous acid-iodate reaction placed in a vertical Hele-Shaw cell is found to be driven by liquid flow induced by density differences in the gravitational field. The ascending thin reaction front separates the heavier reaction solution from the lighter reacted mixture. During the early stages, the finger structure of the reaction front is formed. As the fingers grow vertically and horizontally, some of them dominate and some annihilate. Correspondingly, the profile of the induced flow that is associated with the fingers is changed. We discuss how the finger splitting is related to the curvature of the reaction front and the adjacent flow field.

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**Spiral vortices traveling between two rotating defects in the Taylor-Couette system** — •Christian Hoffmann — Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität des Saarlandes, 66123 Saarbrücken

We present numerical calculations of vortex flows in Taylor-Couette systems with counter-rotating cylinders. The full, time dependent Navier-Stokes equations are solved with a combination of a finite difference and a Galerkin method. Systems of several cylinder lengths are simulated. They are closed by nonrotating lids. These rigid ends produce localized Ekman vortices in their vicinity and that prevent axial phase propagation of spiral vortices. Existence and spatio temporal properties of rotating defects, of modulated Ekman vortices, and of the spiral vortex structures in the bulk are presented in quantitative detail.

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**Traveling wave fronts and localized traveling wave convection in binary fluid mixtures** — •Dominik Jung and Manfred Luecke — Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität des Saarlandes, Postfach 151150, D-66041 Saarbrücken, Germany

Nonlinear fronts between spatially extended traveling wave convection (TW) and quiescent fluid and spatially localized traveling waves (LTWs) are investigated in quantitative detail in the bistable regime of binary fluid mixtures heated from below. A finite-difference method is used to solve the full hydrodynamic field equations in a vertical cross section of the layer perpendicular to the convection roll axes. Results are presented for ethanol-water parameters with several strongly negative separation ratios where TW solutions bifurcate subcritically. Fronts and LTWs are compared with each other and similarities and differences are elucidated. Phase propagation out of the quiescent fluid into the convective structure entails a unique selection of the latter while fronts and interfaces where the phase moves into the quiescent state behave differently. Interpretations of various experimental observations are suggested.

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**The Effect of an Axial Flow on Spiral Vortices and Taylor Vortices** — •Christian Hoffmann — Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität des Saarlandes, 66123 Saarbrücken

We present numerical simulations of vortices that appear via primary bifurcations out of the unstructured circular Couette flow in the Taylor-Couette system with counter- and co-rotating cylinders. The full Navier-Stokes equations are solved with a combination of a finite difference and a Galerkin method for fixed axial periodicity lengths of the vortex patterns as well as for finite systems with rigid nonrotating lids. Differences in structure, dynamics, symmetry properties, bifurcation and stability behavior between spiral vortices and Taylor vortices are discussed in quantitative detail and compared to experimental spiral data. Furthermore, we analyze how the above properties are changed by an externally imposed axial through-flow. In particular we investigate when left handed or right handed spirals or toroidally closed Taylor vortices are preferred.

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**Investigation of Structure and Stability of Electrochemically Produced Mesoscale Silver Wires and Dendrites** — •Thomas Koch[1,2], Sheng Zhong[1,2], Harald Roesner[2], Horst Hahn[2], Eberhard Nold[3], Dong Wang[4], Mu Wang[5], Stefan Walheim[2], and Thomas Schimmel[1,2] — [1]Institute of Applied Physics, University of Karlsruhe, D-76128 Karlsruhe, Germany — [2]Institute of Nanotechnology (INT), Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, D-76021 Karlsruhe, Germany — [3]Institute for Materials Research I (IMF I), Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, D-76021 Karlsruhe, Germany — [4]Institute for Materials Research II (IMF II), Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, D-76021 Karlsruhe, Germany — [5]National Laboratory of Solid-State Microstructures, Nanjing University, Nanjing 21009, China

Silver mesostructures in particular have been in the focus of research due to the special properties of silver such as the highest electrical or thermal conductivity. Here we present the investigation of the structure, composition and time stability of thin mesoscale silver wires and dendrites, which were produced by a novel and simple electrochemical deposition approach. For the analysis Scanning Electron Microscopy, Transmission Electron Microscopy and Scanning Auger Micro Spectrometry were used. The wire diameters range down to 100 nm and the wire lengths up to 150 $\mu$m and more. The obtained structures are single-crystalline and stable under ambient conditions for several months. Thus these structures are of interest for application e.g. in micro electronics.

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**Delay of Disorder by Diluted Polymers** — •Christian Wagner — Institut fuer Experimentalphysik, Universitaet des Saarlandes, D-66123 Saarbrücken

We study the effect of diluted flexible polymers on a disordered capillary wave state. The waves are generated at an interface of a dyed water sugar solution and a low viscous silicon oil. This allows for a quantitative measurement of the spatio-temporal Fourier spectrum. The primary pattern after the first bifurcation from the flat interface are squares. With increasing driving strength one observes a melting of the square pattern. It is replaced by a weak turbulent cascade. The addition of a small amount of polymers to the water layer does not affect the critical acceleration but shifts the disorder transition to higher driving strengths and the short wave length - high frequency fluctuations are suppressed.

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**Coherent structures and energy fluxes in amplitude space in turbulent wave dynamics** — •Benno Rumpf[1], Guenter Radons[1], Alan Newell[2], and Laura Biven[3] — [1]Physics Institute, TU Chemnitz, 09107 Chemnitz, Germany — [2]Mathematics Department, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, USA — [3]Max-Planck-Institut fuer Physik komplexer Systeme, 01187 Dresden, Germany

High-amplitude structures emerge intermittently from a background of low-amplitude disordered waves in nonequilibrium wave dynamics where a driving force is applied on long spatial scales, and damping at a short viscous scale. It is shown that the coherent structures cause an energy flux in amplitude space, while weakly interacting low-amplitude waves lead to an energy flux in wavenumber space.

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**Spatially localized stationary convection in binary mixtures with weakly negative Soret effect** — •Dominik Jung and Manfred Luecke — Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität des Saarlandes, Postfach 151150, D-66041 Saarbrücken, Germany

The convective behaviour of a binary fluid layer (e. g. ethanol-water) heated from below has been simulated numerically for realistic boundary conditions. Because of the negative Soret effect ethanol migrates to the colder regions in a temperature gradient. The corresponding influence on buoyancy distribution makes a wide range of convection structures possible.

We found spatially localized patches of stationary overturning convection rolls (LSOC) which are stably surrounded by quiescent fluid. LSOCs can coexist at the same heating with spatially periodic stationary overturning convection (SOC), extended waves of travelling rolls (TW) and

localized traveling waves (LTW). Furthermore they coexist in two basic symmetry types as well as with different roll numbers.

We identify the localization mechanism of LSOCs to be an advective redistribution of the ethanol concentration. The connection of LSOCs to standing and moving convection fronts is investigated.

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**Thermal expansion of niobium dichalcogenide in the vicinity of low-temperature phase transitions** — •Vladimir Ibulaev, Victor Eremenko, Valentyna Sirenko, and Mikhail Shvedun — Institute for Low Temperature Physics, 61103 Kharkov, Ukraine

X-ray and dilatometric measurements were performed on charge-density-wave superconductor $2H$-$NbSe_2$ in the temperature range 1.5÷300 K. Anomalies of thermal expansion in the vicinity of CDW (32.5K) and superconducting (7.2K) transitions are discussed regarding structure evolution.

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**Stripe–hexagon competition in forced pattern forming systems with broken up-down symmetry** — •Jochen Bammert and Walter Zimmermann — Theoretische Physik Ia, Universität Bayreuth, D-95440 Bayreuth

We investigate the response of two-dimensional pattern forming systems with a broken up–down symmetry, such as chemical reactions, to spatially resonant forcing and propose related experiments. The nonlinear behavior immediately above threshold is analyzed in terms of amplitude equations suggested for a 1 : 2 and 1 : 1 ratio between the wavelength of the spatial periodic forcing and the wavelength of the pattern of the respective system. Both sets of coupled amplitude equations are derived by a perturbative method from the Lengyel-Epstein model describing a chemical reaction showing Turing patterns, which gives us the opportunity to relate the generic response scenarios to a specific pattern forming system. The nonlinear competition between stripe patterns and distorted hexagons is explored and their range of existence, stability and coexistence is determined. Whereas without modulations hexagonal patterns are always preferred near onset of pattern formation, single mode solutions (stripes) are favored close to threshold for modulation amplitudes beyond some critical value. Hence distorted hexagons only occur in a finite range of the control parameter and their interval of existence shrinks to zero with increasing values of the modulation amplitude. Furthermore depending on the modulation amplitude the transition between stripes and distorted hexagons is either sub- or supercritical.

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**On hexagonal, square and stripe pattern of the ion-channel density in biomembranes** — •Markus Hilt and Walter Zimmermann — Theoretische Physik Ia, Universität Bayreuth

Ion flow through channels in a membrane undergoing density fluctuations may cause lateral gradients of the electrical potential across the membrane which give rise to electrophoresis of charged channels. A model for the coupled dynamics of the channel density and the voltage drop across the membrane (cable equation), including a binding-release reaction with the cell skeleton (P. Fromherz and W. Zimmerman, Phys. Rev. E **51**, R1659 (1995)) is analyzed in one and two spatial dimensions. This coupled dynamics may give rise to spatial periodic modulations of the channel density, where the wavenumber decreases with the kinetic rate of the binding release reaction. In a two-dimensional extended membrane hexagonal modulations of channel density are preferred in a large range of parameters. The stability diagrams of the periodic patterns near threshold and the anharmonic shape of the solutions far beyond threshold are calculated as well as the equations of motion in the limit of a slow binding release kinetics are derived.

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**Dynamics of defect formation in the Swift-Hohenberg equation** — •Tobias Galla[1,2] and Esteban Moro[3,2] — [1]The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics Trieste, Italy — [2]Theoretical Physics, University of Oxford, UK — [3]Dept of Mathematics University Carlos III Madrid, Spain

We present numerical and analytical studies of the dynamics of defect formation during a finite-time quench of the two dimensional Swift-Hohenberg (SH) model of Rayleigh-Benard convection. We find that the Kibble-Zurek picture of defect formation can be applied to describe the density of defects produced during the quench. Our study reveals the relevance of two factors: the effect of local variations of the striped patterns within defect-free domains and the presence of both point-like and extended defects. Taking into account these two aspects we are able to identify the characteristic length scale selected during the quench and to relate it to the density of defects. We discuss possible consequences of our study for the analysis of the coarsening process of the SH model.

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**Spatially periodic modulation of an oscillating chemical reaction** — •Martin Hammele and Walter Zimmermann — Theoretische Physik, Universität Bayreuth

The effects of spatially periodic forcing on an oscillating chemical reaction as described by the Lengyl-Epstein model are investigated. The forcing, which enters additively into the model, leads to a spatially periodic pattern that is either harmonic or subharmonic with respect to the external spatially periodic forcing. The subharmonic pattern is found in a large parameter range by numerical solutions of the full model as well by the analysis of an amplitude equation derived from the basic model. Both approaches agree up to fairly large modulation amplitudes.