

# **Steady velocity of entropic driven interface**

**- Toward extension to sheared system -**

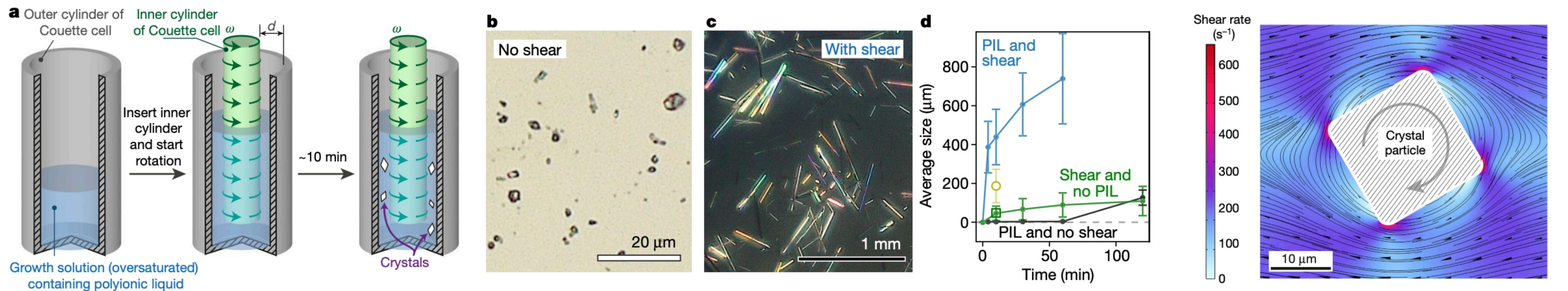
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# Introduction

# Motivation : Acceleration of crystal growth by shear flow

Due to presence of polymer and shear flow, melting substance crystallize faster



Salt out caused by polymer  
Local shear flow decrease solubility

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→ Relation between shear flow and thermodynamic quantities?

# Motivation : Theoretical explanation?

- Is the acceleration independent of a specific material?

- Long-range correlation of fluctuations  
in shear flow systems

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- Entropy force due to fluctuation

→ A new phenomenon?

→ Specific model of an interface driven by entropic forces ?

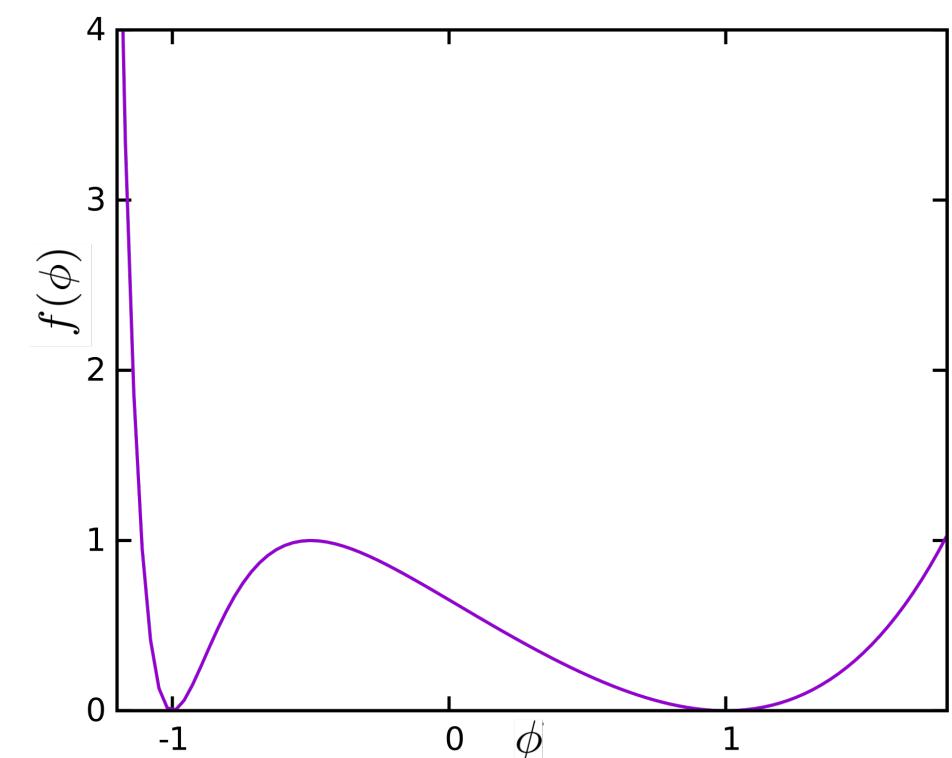
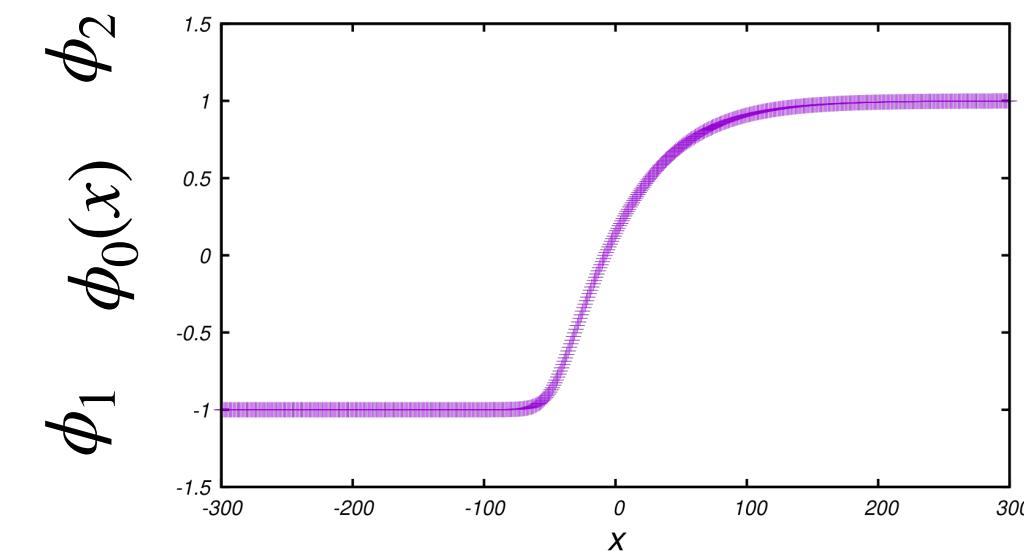
# Interface driven by the entropic force

$$\partial_t \phi = -\Gamma[-f'(\phi) - \kappa \partial_x^2 \phi] + \sqrt{2\Gamma T} \eta \quad \text{Hohenberg and Halperin (1977) model A}$$

Asymmetric free energy :  $f(\phi_1) = f(\phi_2)$ ,  $\underline{f''(\phi_1) \neq f''(\phi_2)}$

Steady solution at  $T = 0$  :  $\phi = \phi_0(x)$

The interface is static.  $\rightarrow$



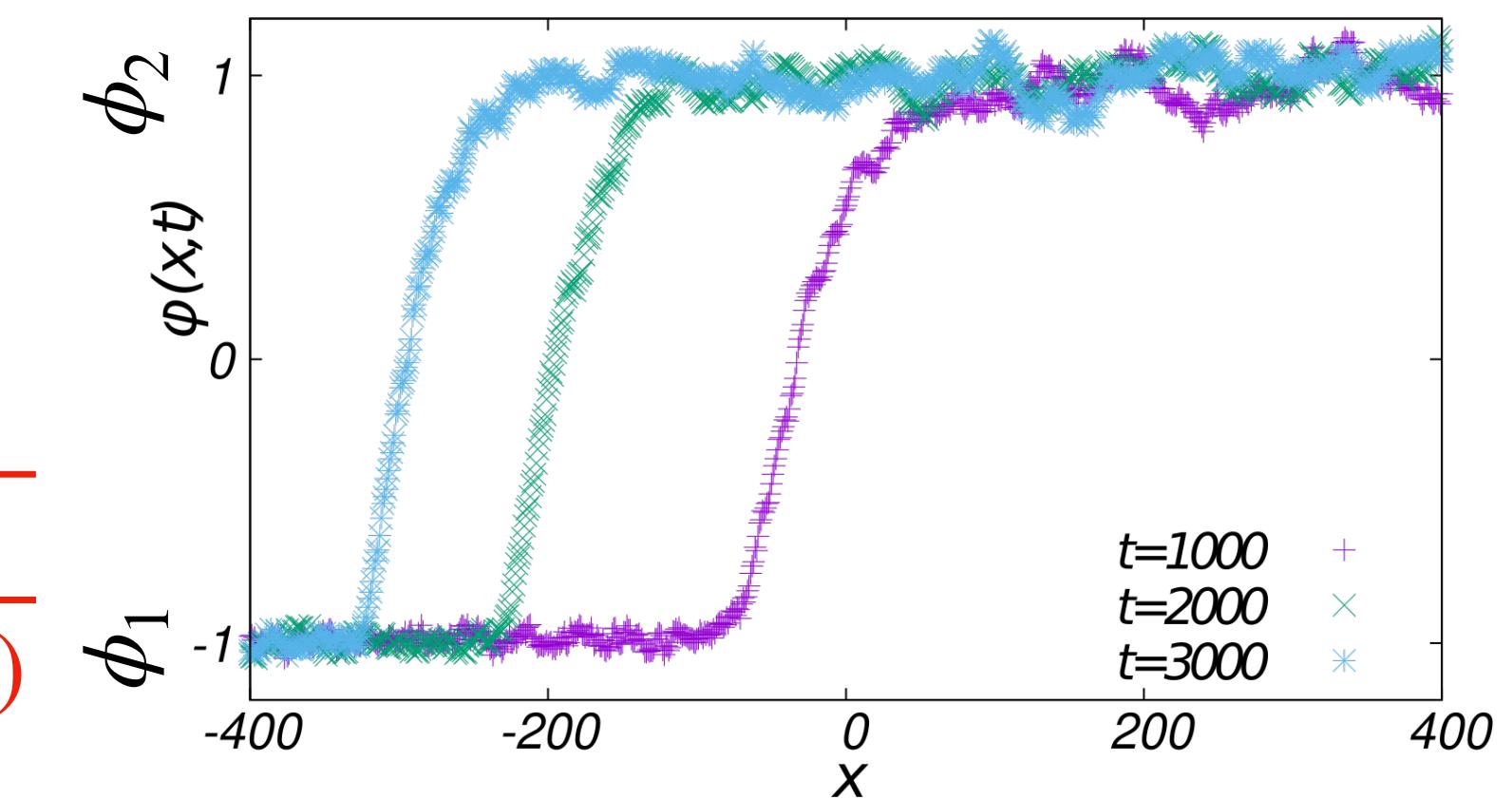
$$f(\phi) = \left( \frac{1 - e^{b_1(\phi-1)}}{1 - e^{b_1(\phi_0-1)}} \frac{1 - e^{-b_2(\phi+1)}}{1 - e^{-b_2(\phi_0+1)}} \right)^2$$

$$b_1 = 0.5, b_2 = 5.0, \phi_0 = -0.5$$

In the case  $T \neq 0$ , fluctuation in bulk regions drives the interface.

Steady velocity:  $c = -\frac{\Gamma T(s(\phi_2) - s(\phi_1))}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz (\partial_z \phi_0(z))^2}$ , Entropy density in bulk:  $s(\phi_j)$ ,

When  $d = 1$ ,  $s(\phi_2) - s(\phi_1) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\xi_2} - \frac{1}{\xi_1} \right)$ , Correlation length:  $\xi_j = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{f''(\phi_j)}}$



Previous research: G. Costantini, et al. PRL, 87, 114102 (2001)

→ What non-equilibrium model should be used?

# Motivation : The model I want to analyze

Two dimensional domain :  $D \equiv [-\infty, \infty] \times [0, L_y]$

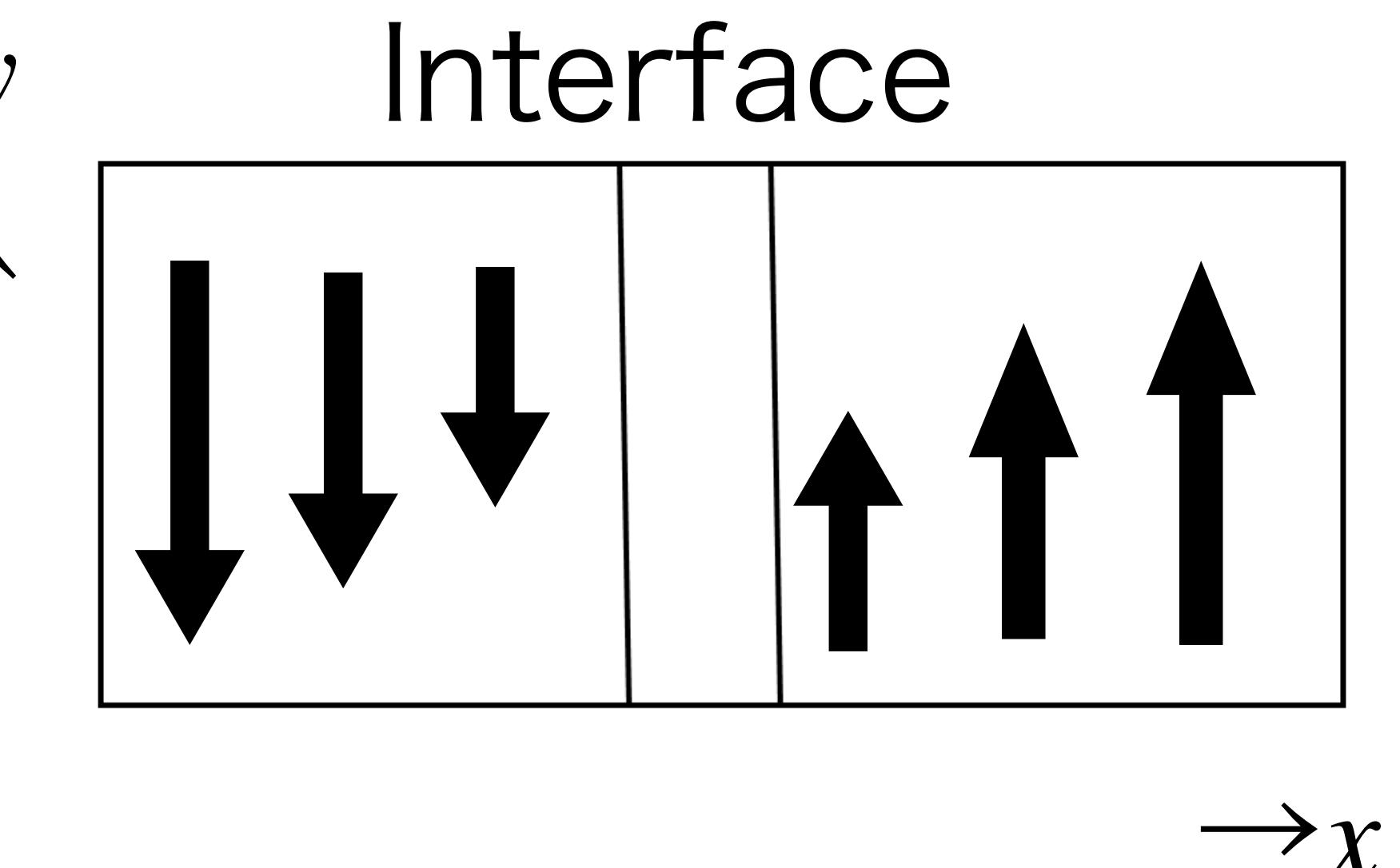
$$(\partial_t + \dot{\gamma}x\partial_y)\phi = -\Gamma[-f'(\phi) - \kappa(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2)\phi] + \sqrt{2\Gamma T}\eta$$

Noise:  $\langle \eta(\mathbf{r}, t)\eta(\mathbf{r}', t') \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\delta(t - t')$ ,  $\langle \eta(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle = 0$

Transport coefficient:  $\Gamma$ , Temperature:  $T$ , Constant:  $\kappa$

Velocity of the interface in the x direction?

→ How should it be analyzed?



# Idea of study

Today's main content

- First, we develop analysis of system without shear flow

Y. Kado and S.-i. Sasa, Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 057101(2024)

- Next, we expand the method to shared system (In Progress)

Explain only steady velocity of interface in sheared system expected in calculations

# Analysis of system without shear flow

Reference

Microscopic cut-off dependence of an entropic force in interface propagation of stochastic order parameter dynamics

[Y. Kado and S.-i. Sasa, Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 057101\(2024\)](#)

# Problem

- Develop the analysis of the Interface driven by the entropic force to  $d \geq 2$   
c.f.  $d = 1$ , G. Costantini, et al. PRL, 87, 114102 (2001)
- Calculate the steady velocity of an entropy-driven interface

# Model (1/2)

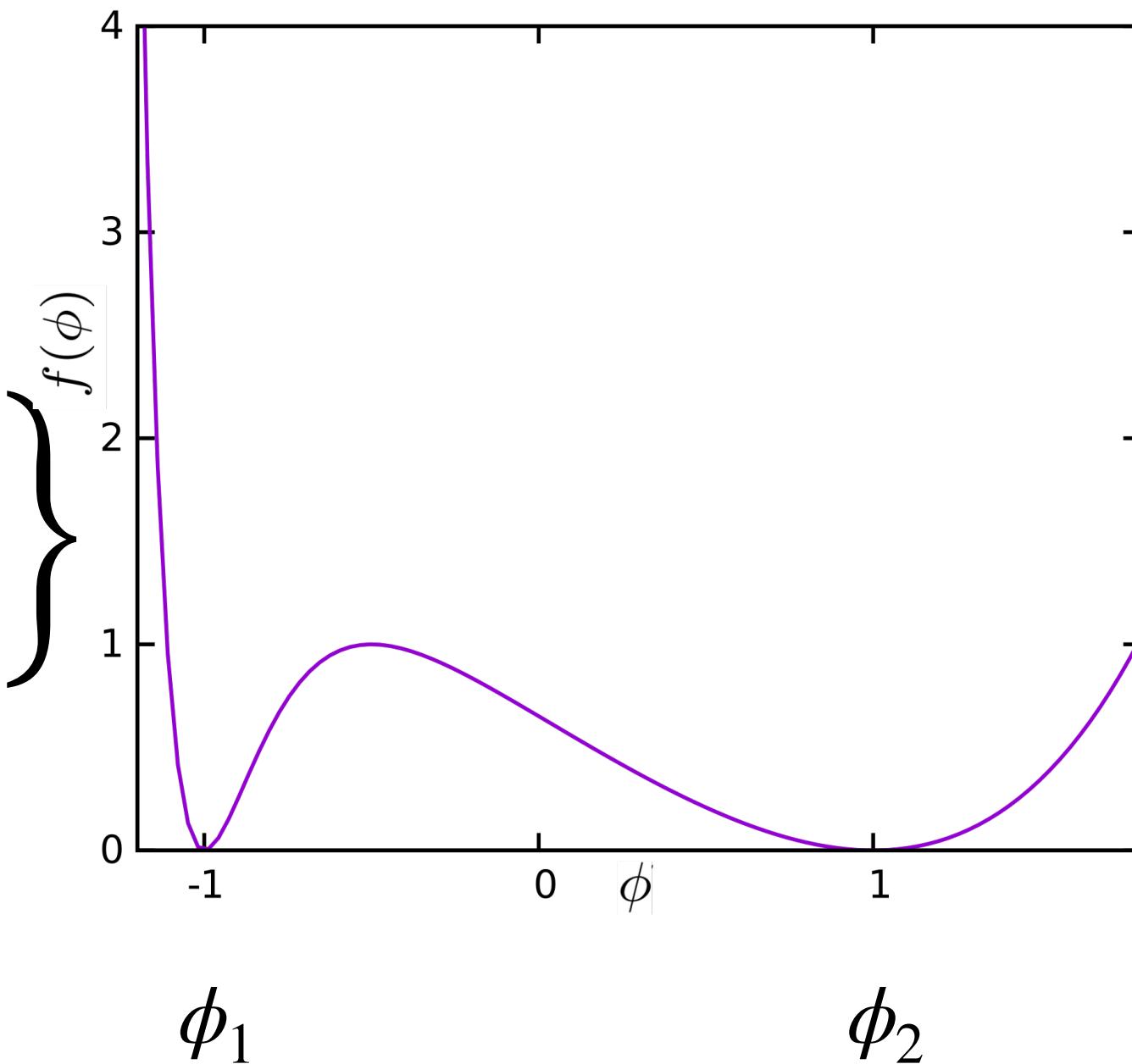
Space region:  $D \equiv [-\infty, \infty] \times [0, L_y]$ , Order parameter  $\phi$

Cut-off wave length:  $k_c$  i.e.  $\phi(\mathbf{k}) = 0$  ( $|\mathbf{k}| > k_c$ )

$$\text{Free energy functional: } \mathcal{F}(\phi) \equiv \int_D d^2r \left\{ f(\phi) + \frac{\kappa}{2} ((\partial_x \phi)^2 + (\partial_y \phi)^2) \right\}$$

constant characterizing the interface energy:  $\kappa$

Free energy density:  $f(\phi)$ , Two local minima:  $\phi_1, \phi_2$



We use asymmetric potential to study driving force by fluctuation

## Model (2/2)

$$\text{Equation of motion: } \partial_t \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\Gamma \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \phi} + \sqrt{2\Gamma T} \eta$$

$$\rightarrow \quad \partial_t \phi = -\Gamma[-f'(\phi) - \kappa(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2)\phi] + \sqrt{2\Gamma T} \eta$$

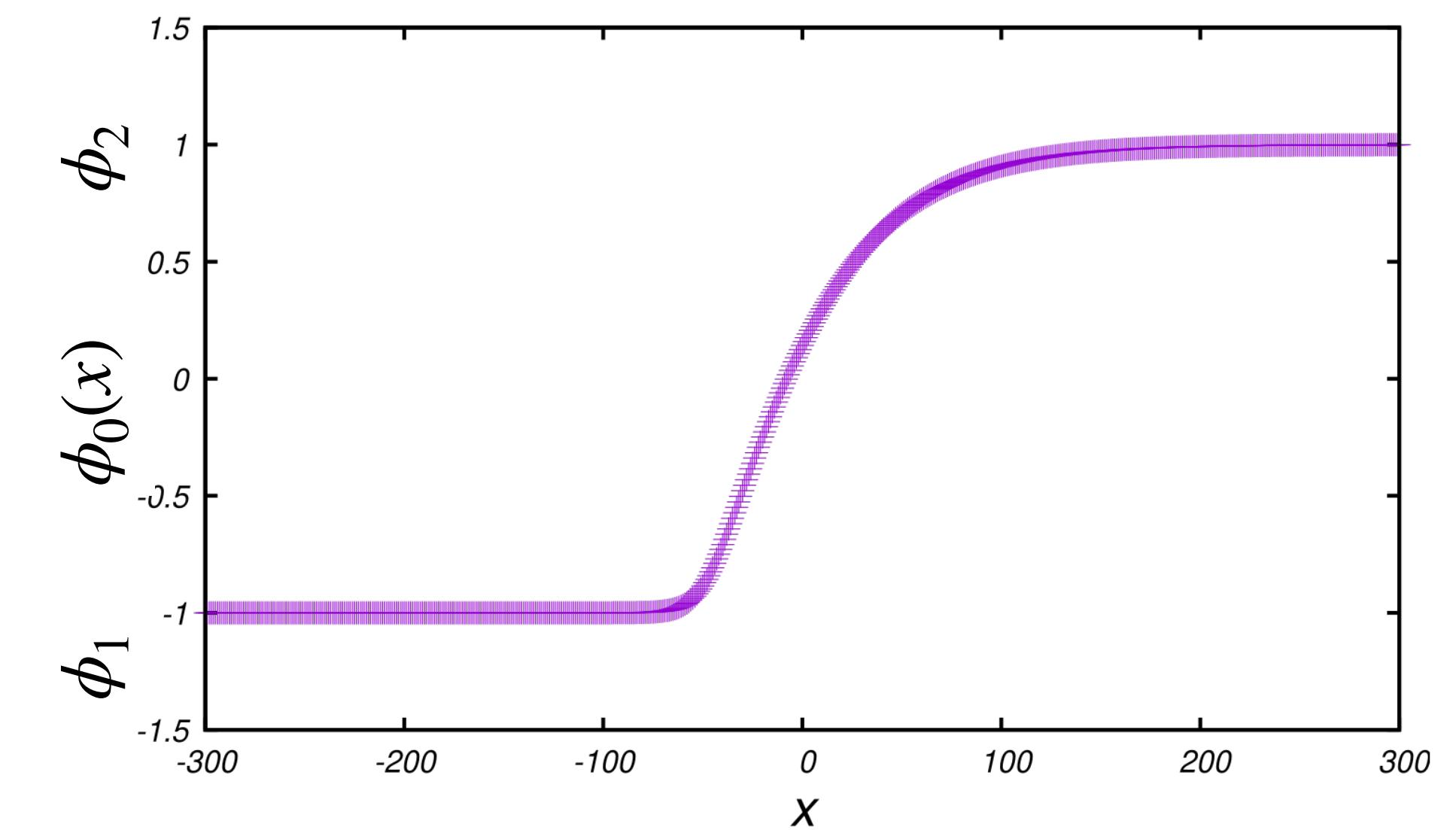
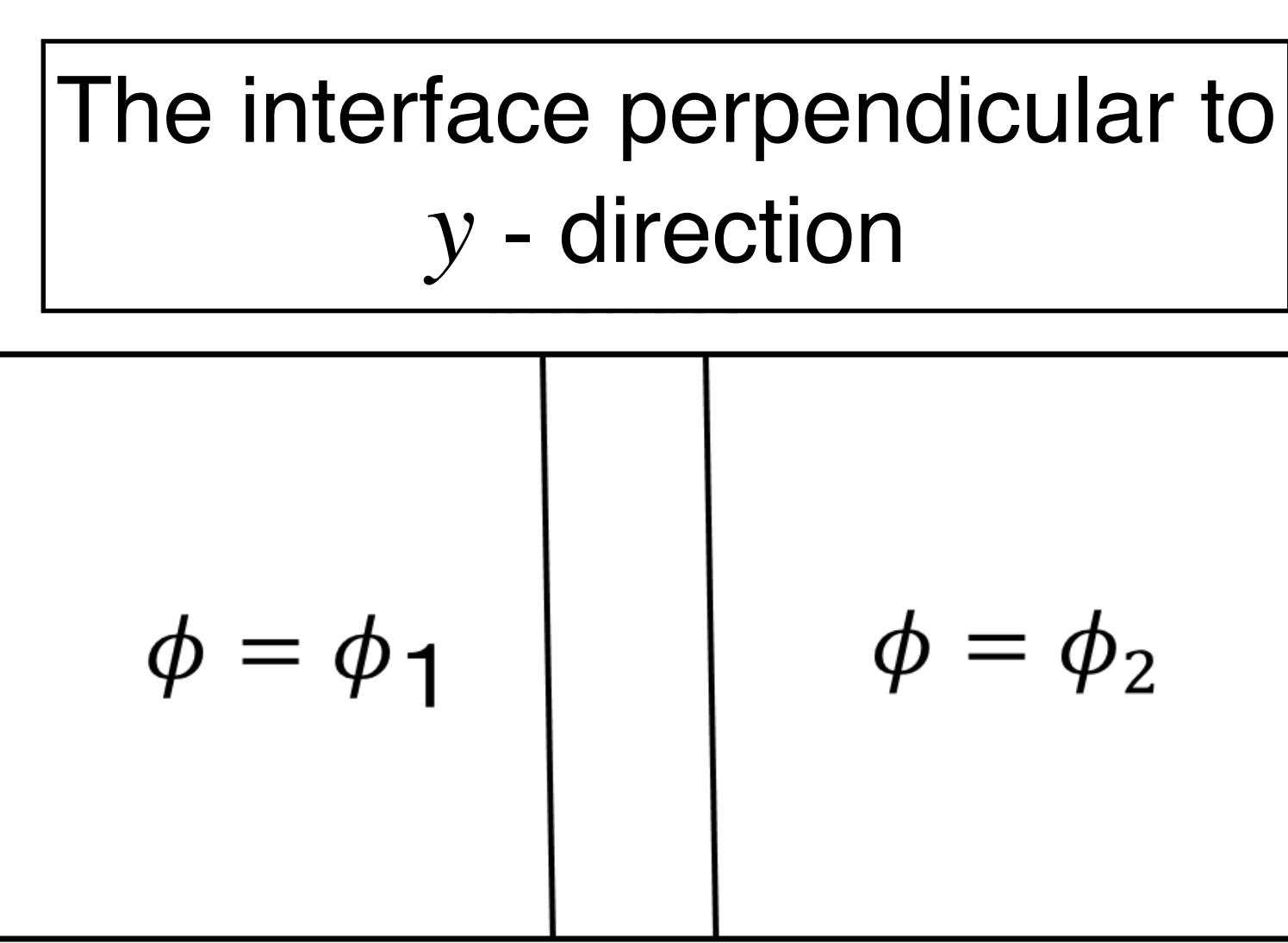
$$\text{Noise: } \langle \eta(\mathbf{r}, t)\eta(\mathbf{r}', t') \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\delta(t - t'), \langle \eta(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle = 0$$

Transport coefficient:  $\Gamma$ , Temperature:  $T$

# Interface and Boundary condition

$x$  - direction:  $\phi(-\infty, y, t) = \phi_1, \phi(\infty, y, t) = \phi_2$

$y$  - direction: Periodic



# Result : $d = 2$

## Result

- steady propagation velocity:

$$c = - \frac{\Gamma T \{s(\phi_2) - s(\phi_1)\}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz (\partial_z \phi_0(z))^2}$$

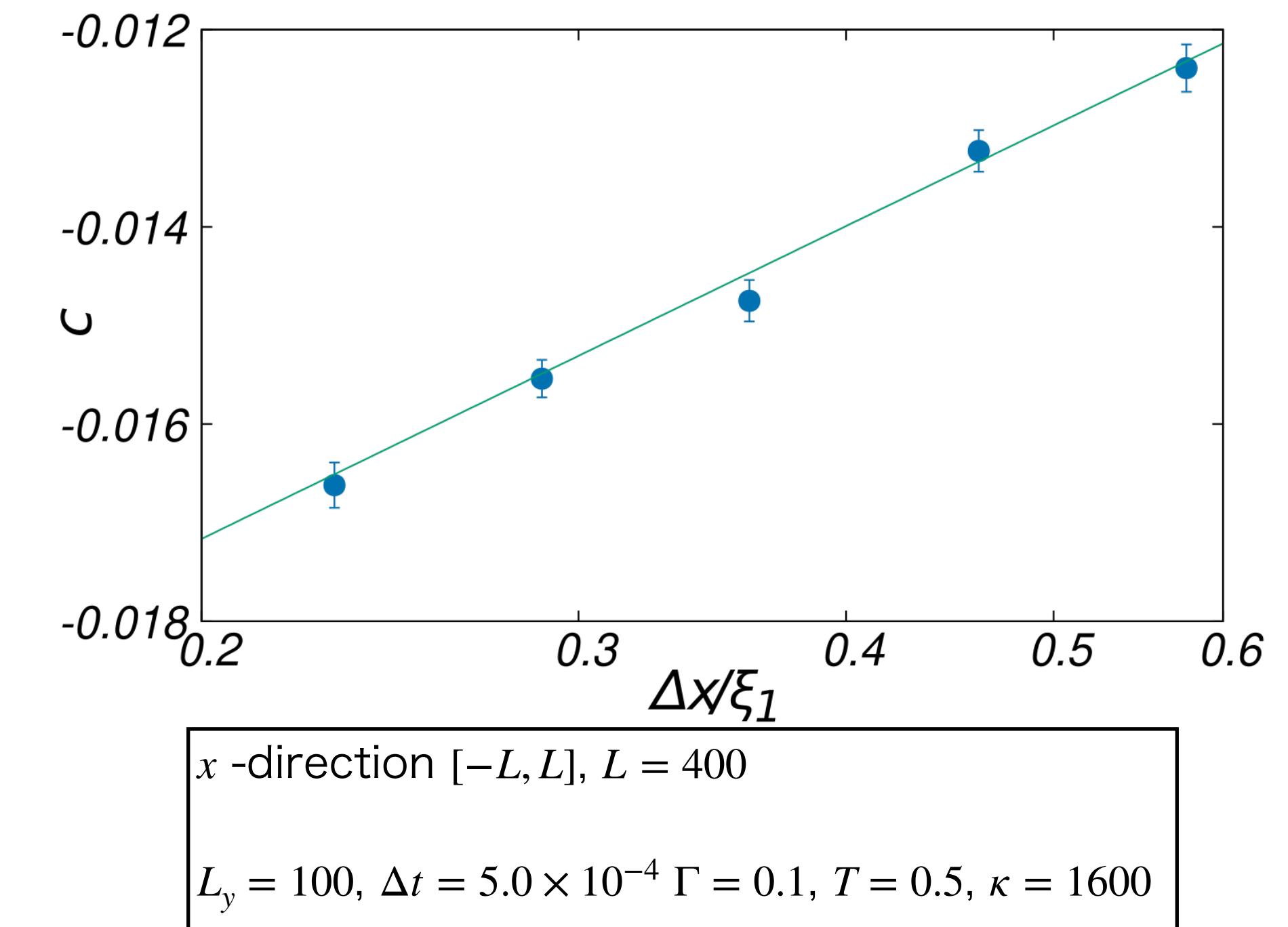
- Entropy density in  $d = 2$  :

$$s(\phi_j) = - \frac{1}{8\pi\xi_j^2} \ln(\xi_j^2 k_c^2 + 1)$$

- $c$  depends on  $k_c$  and,

$|c| \rightarrow \infty$  when  $k_c \rightarrow \infty$

## Numerical result



$$k_c = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2\pi}{\Delta x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2\pi}{\Delta x}\right)^2} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi}{\Delta x}, \text{ } \Delta x \text{ square lattice size}$$

$k_c$  is corresponding to  $\Delta x$

# Derivation (1/4)

We derive the formula in 2D.  $(x, y) \equiv (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\Gamma \equiv 1$

- Treat the noise as perturbation to stationary solution:  $\phi_0$
- Scaling by small dimensionless parameter  $\epsilon$  :  $T = \epsilon^2 T'$ ,  $Y = \epsilon y$
- co-moving coordinate  $z \equiv x - \Theta(Y, t)$ , position of interface:  $\Theta(Y, t)$
- Perturbation solution:  
$$\phi(x, y, t) = \phi_0(z) + \epsilon \rho_1(z, y, t) + O(\epsilon^2), \quad \partial_t \Theta = \epsilon \Omega_1([\Theta]) + \epsilon^2 \Omega_2([\Theta]) + O(\epsilon^3)$$

This perturbation method is generalization of  
Y. Kuramoto, Prog. Theor. Pays. 63,1885-1903 (1980),  
M. Iwata and S.-I., Sasa, PRE 82,11127 (2011).

# Derivation (2/4)

We obtain  $\partial_t \Theta = \epsilon \Omega_1([\Theta]) + \epsilon^2 \Omega_2([\Theta]) + O(\epsilon^3)$ .

$$\Omega_1([\Theta]) = -\frac{\sqrt{2T'}(u_0, \eta)}{(u_0, u_0)},$$

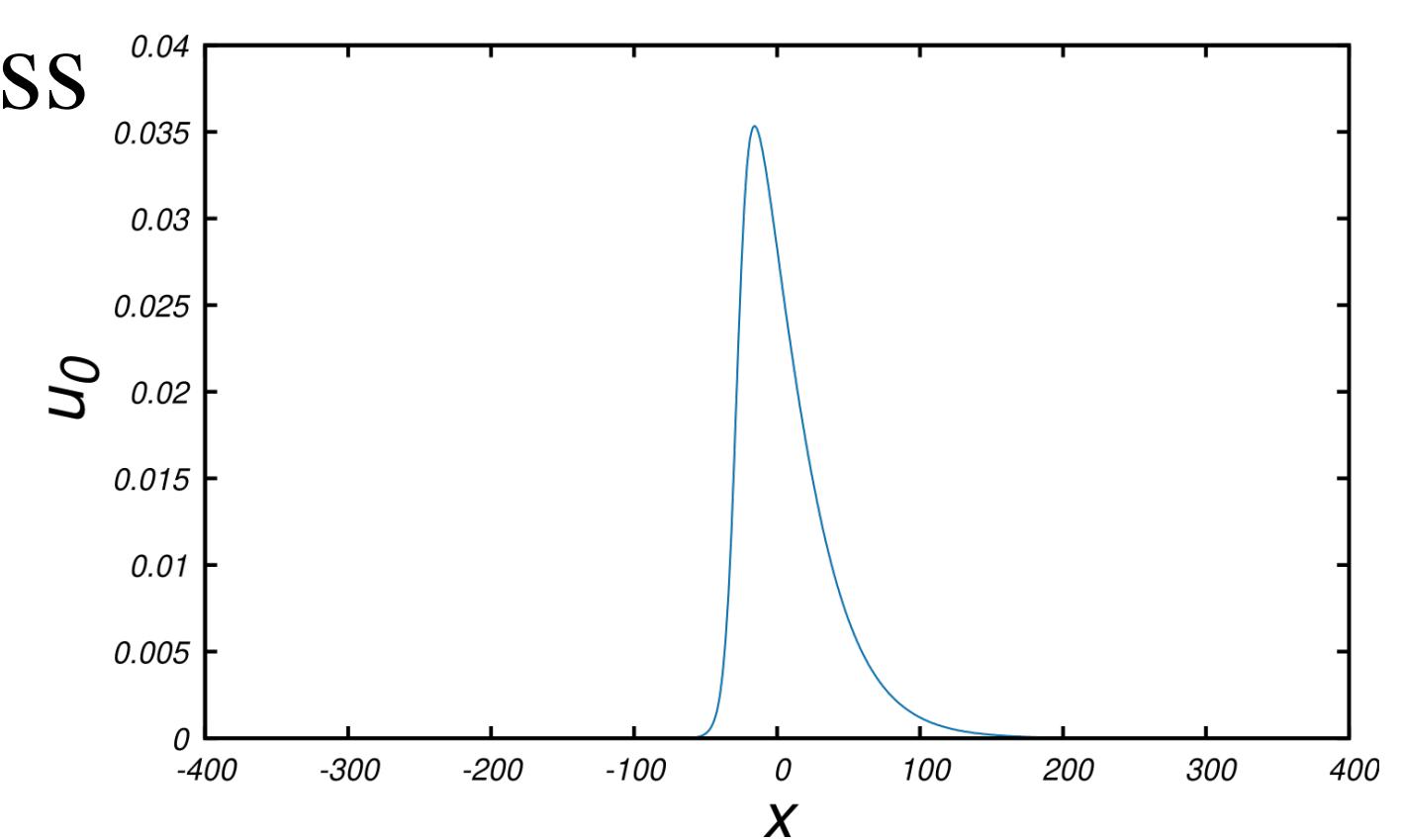
$$(\partial_t - \hat{L}_z - \kappa \partial_y^2) \rho_1(z, t) = \sqrt{2T'} \hat{Q} \eta$$

$$\Omega_2([\Theta]) = \kappa \partial_Y^2 \Theta + \left[ \frac{(u_0, \frac{1}{2} f^{(3)}(\phi_0) \rho_1^2)}{(u_0, u_0)} - \Omega_1([\Theta])(u_0, \partial_z \rho_1) \right]$$

- $(a, b) \equiv \frac{1}{L_y} \int_0^{L_y} dy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx a(x, y) b(x, y)$
- Operator:  $\hat{L}_z \equiv -f^{(2)}(\phi_0(z)) + \kappa \partial_z^2$ , 0 eigen function:  $u_0(z) \equiv \partial_z \phi_0(z)$
- Projection:  $\hat{Q}a(x) \equiv a(x) - \frac{(u_0, a)}{(u_0, u_0)} u_0(x)$

- Calculate stationary propagation velocity:  $c \equiv \langle \partial_t \Theta \rangle_{ss}$

$$\rightarrow \langle \partial_t \Theta \rangle_{ss} = \epsilon^2 \frac{\langle (u_0, \frac{1}{2} f^{(3)}(\phi_0) \rho_1^2) \rangle_{ss}}{(u_0, u_0)} + O(\epsilon^3)$$



# Derivation (3/4)

- Express the driving force by **quantities in bulk regions**

$$\left\langle \left( u_0, \frac{1}{2} f^{(3)}(\phi_0) \rho_1^2 \right) \right\rangle_{ss} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \frac{1}{2} u_0(z) f^{(3)}(\phi_0(z)) \langle \rho_1(z, y)^2 \rangle_{ss} = \frac{1}{2} [f^{(2)}(\phi_0) \langle \rho_1^2 \rangle_{ss} - \kappa \langle (\partial_z \rho_1)^2 \rangle_{ss}] \Big|_{z=-\infty}^{z=\infty} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \langle \partial_z \rho_1 \hat{L}_z \rho_1 \rangle_{ss}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \frac{1}{2} \partial_z \phi_0 f^{(3)}(\phi_0) \rho_1^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \frac{1}{2} \frac{f^{(2)}(\phi_0(z))}{dz} \rho_1^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [f^{(2)}(\phi_0) \rho_1^2] \Big|_{z=-\infty}^{z=\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \partial_z \rho_1 f^{(2)}(\phi_0) \rho_1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [f^{(2)}(\phi_0) \rho_1^2 - \kappa (\partial_z \rho_1)^2] \Big|_{z=-\infty}^{z=\infty} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \partial_z \rho_1 \hat{L}_z \rho_1 \\ &\quad \text{f''}(\phi_0(z)) = -\hat{L}_z + \kappa \partial_z^2 \end{aligned}$$

Use  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \langle \partial_z \rho_1(z, y, t) \hat{L}_z \rho_1(z, y, t) \rangle_{ss} = \frac{\kappa}{2} \langle (\partial_y \rho_1(z, y, t))^2 \rangle_{ss} \Big|_{z=-\infty}^{z=\infty}$

Derivation)

- Use time reversal symmetry :  $\langle \partial_z \rho_1(z, y, t) \partial_t \rho_1(z, y, t) \rangle_{ss} = 0$
- Multiply  $(\partial_t - \hat{L}_z - \kappa \partial_y^2) \rho_1(z, y, t) = \sqrt{2T'} \hat{Q} \eta$  by  $\partial_z \rho_1(z, y, t)$ , integrate, and calculate expectation

$$= \frac{1}{2} f^{(2)}(\phi_0(\infty)) \langle \rho_1(\infty, y)^2 \rangle_{ss} - \frac{1}{2} f^{(2)}(\phi_0(-\infty)) \langle \rho_1(-\infty, y)^2 \rangle_{ss}$$

# Derivation (4/4)

- Entropy density :  $-Ts(\phi_i) \equiv \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2 f^{(2)}(\phi_0(\mu_i\infty))\langle\rho_1(\mu_i\infty, y)^2\rangle_{ss}$

Here,  $\mu_1 = -1$ ,  $\mu_2 = 1$

- Approximate by linearized fluctuation

$$\rightarrow \epsilon^2 f^{(2)}(\phi_0(\mu_i\infty, y))\langle\rho_1(\mu_i\infty, y)^2\rangle_{ss} = \int_{|p| < k_c} \frac{dp^2}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{T\xi_i^{-2}}{p^2 + \xi_i^2} + O(T^{\frac{3}{2}})$$

# Remark : The case of $d \geq 2$

- When  $d \geq 2$ , velocity also diverges.
- $d$ -D,  $s(\phi_i) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{|\mathbf{p}| \leq k_c} \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\xi_i^2 - p_1^2 + \sum_{l=2}^d p_l^2}{|\mathbf{p}|^2 + \xi_i^{-2}}$   
 $\rightarrow d = 3, s(\phi_i) = \frac{1}{6\pi^2} \left[ \frac{k_c}{\xi_i^2} - \frac{1}{\xi_i^3} \tan^{-1}(\xi_i k_c) \right] - \frac{1}{36\pi^2} k_c^2$
- We calculate the formula in the case  $f(\phi_1) = f(\phi_2)$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  If  $f(\phi_1) - f(\phi_2)$  ( $\neq 0$ ) is small enough, we can treat it as perturbation.

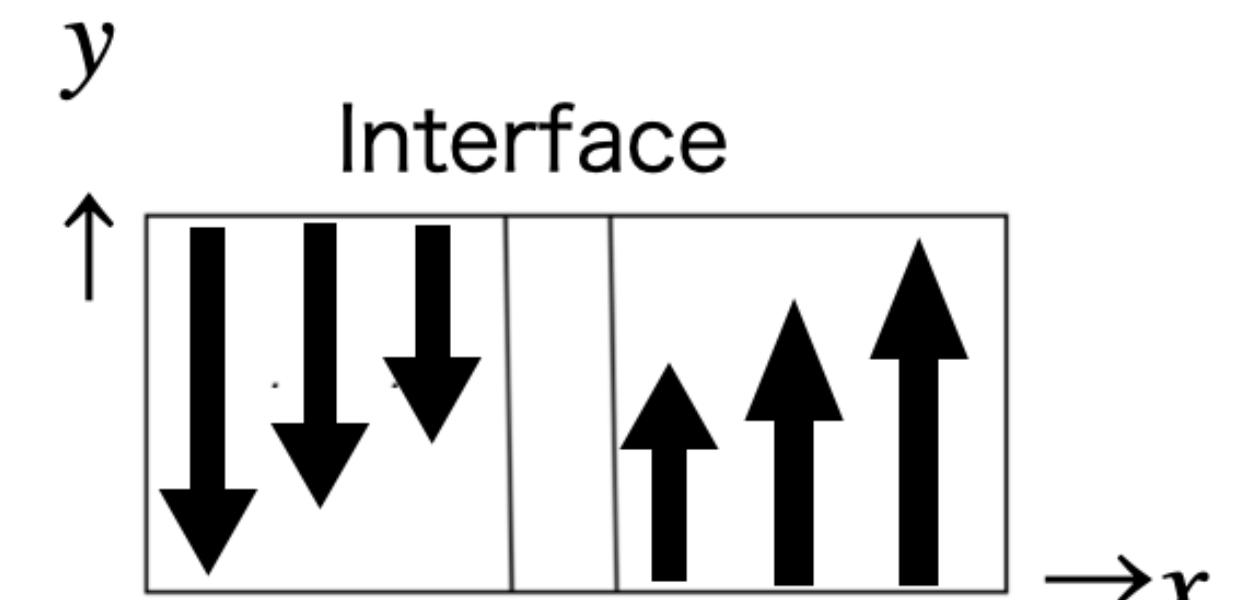
# Remark : Steady velocity of sheared system

Calculate velocity of sheared systems as an extension of analysis for equilibrium systems

- Steady velocity of interface :  $c = \frac{\Gamma\{-T\delta s(\dot{\gamma}) + f_{\text{neq}}\}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz (\partial_z \phi_0(z))^2} \rightarrow$  Driving force is decomposed to two ingredient

- Contribution of fluctuation at bulk :  $T\delta s(\dot{\gamma}) = Ts(\phi_2; \dot{\gamma}) - Ts(\phi_1; \dot{\gamma}),$

$$-Ts(\phi_i; \dot{\gamma}) = \frac{T}{2} \int_{D_k} \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\xi_i^{-2} - k_x^2 + k_y^2}{\xi_i^{-2} + \mathbf{k}^2 + c_0(\Gamma^{-1}\kappa^{-1}|\dot{\gamma}| |k_y|)^{2/3}} \leftarrow \text{Depend on Cutoff}$$



H. Nakano, Y. Minami, and S.-i. Sasa,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 160604 (2021).

- Force caused by time-reversal symmetry breaking :  $f_{\text{neq}} = \langle (\partial_{x_i} \rho_1, \partial_{t_i} \rho_1 + \dot{\gamma} x_i \partial_{y_i} \rho_1) \rangle_{\text{ss}}$

# Remark : New nonequilibrium force

- Calculate  $f_{\text{neq}} = \langle (\partial_x \rho_1, \partial_t \rho_1 + \dot{\gamma} x \partial_y \rho_1) \rangle_{\text{ss}}$

Use  $\partial_t \rho_1 + \dot{\gamma} x \partial_y \rho_1 = -f''(\phi_0) \rho_1 + \kappa(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2) \rho_1 + \sqrt{2T'} \hat{Q} \eta$

→ Fourier transformation  $\hat{\rho}_1(\mathbf{k}, t) = \int d\mathbf{r} \rho_1(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{i\mathbf{kr}}$  and discretize wave number space

- $f_{\text{neq}}$  is non-zero only when  $f(\phi)$  is asymmetric and

$T > 0$  and

$\dot{\gamma} \neq 0$

- When  $\dot{\gamma}$  is small enough,  $f_{\text{neq}} = TB\dot{\gamma} + TC\dot{\gamma}^2 + O(\dot{\gamma}^3)$ ,  $B, C$  : constants

# Remark : Future task

- Numerical calculation of velocity of interface in sheared media
- $T\delta s(\dot{\gamma})$  and  $f_{\text{neq}}$  's dependency of  $\dot{\gamma}$ ?
- Velocity of interface increase or decrease?

# Conclusion

- We developed analysis of entropic driven interface.
- Due to time reversal symmetry of equilibrium system, we showed driving force of interface is given by the difference of fluctuations at bulk.
  - In sheared system, **modified entropic force** and **force caused by time reversal symmetry breaking** may appear?
- Steady velocity of interface driven by entropic force in  $d \geq 2$ 
  - Cut-off dependence:  $k_c \rightarrow \infty, |c| \rightarrow \infty$
  - in numerical simulations,  $k_c$  is Wavenumber corresponding to mesh size  $\Delta x$

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# Derivation : Perturbation

Co-moving with interface and flow :  $x_f = x - \Theta(Y, t)$ ,  $y_f = y - \dot{\gamma}xt$ ,  $t_f = t$

Perturbation expansion :  $Y = \epsilon y$ ,  $T = \epsilon^2 T'$        $(f, g) \equiv \frac{1}{L_y} \int_D dx dy f(x, y)g(x, y)$  ,  $u_0(x) = \partial_x \phi_0(x)$

$$\phi(x, y, t) = \phi_0(x_f) + \epsilon \rho_1(x_f, y_f, t_f) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$\partial_t \Theta = \epsilon \Omega_1([\Theta]) + \epsilon^2 \Omega_2([\Theta]) + O(\epsilon^3)$$

$$O(\epsilon) : \partial_{t_f} \rho_1 = -f''(\phi_0) \rho_1 + \kappa((\partial_{x_f} - \dot{\gamma}t \partial_{y_f})^2 + \partial_{y_f}^2) \rho_1 + \sqrt{2T'} \hat{Q} \eta, \quad \Omega_1([\Theta]) = -\frac{\sqrt{2T'}(u_0, \eta)}{(u_0, u_0)}$$

$$O(\epsilon^2) : -\Omega_2(u_0, u_0) - \partial_Y \Theta[\dot{\gamma} \Theta(u_0, x_f \partial_{x_f} \rho_1) + \dot{\gamma}(u_0, x_f \partial_{x_f} \rho_1)] = -\frac{1}{2}(u_0, f^{(2)}(\phi_0) \rho_1^2) - \kappa \partial_Y^2 \Theta(u_0, u_0) + g(\phi_2 - \phi_1)$$

$$\text{Result} : \left\langle \frac{1}{\epsilon L_y} \int dY \Omega_2 \right\rangle_{ss} (u_0, u_0) = \frac{1}{2} \langle (u_0, f^{(2)}(\phi_0) \rho_1^2) \rangle_{ss}$$

# Derivation : decompose of driving force

Co-moving with interface :  $x_i = x_f, y_i = y_f + \dot{\gamma}xt, t_i = t_f$

$$\rho_1(\mathbf{r}_f, t_f) = \rho_1(\mathbf{r}_i, t_i), \quad \partial_{t_i}\rho_1 + \dot{\gamma}x_i\partial_{y_i}\rho_1 = -f''(\phi_0)\rho_1 + \kappa(\partial_{x_i}^2 + \partial_{y_i}^2)\rho_1 + \sqrt{2T'}\hat{Q}\eta$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\langle(u_0, f^{(2)}(\phi_0)\rho_1^2)\rangle_{ss} = \langle\Psi(x_i)\rangle_{ss}|_{x_i=-\infty}^{x_i=\infty} + \langle(\partial_{t_i}\rho_1, \partial_{t_i}\rho_1 + \dot{\gamma}x_i\partial_{y_i}\rho_1)\rangle_{ss} + \langle(\partial_{x_i}\rho_1, \sqrt{2T'}\hat{Q}\eta)\rangle_{ss}$$

$$\Psi(x_i, y_i, t) \equiv \frac{1}{2}[f^{(2)}(\phi_0)\rho_1^2 - \kappa(\partial_{x_i}\rho_1)^2 + \kappa(\partial_{y_i}\rho_1)^2]$$

$$\text{Entropic force by fluctuation at bulk : } -Ts(\phi_i; \dot{\gamma}) = \frac{T}{2} \int_{D_k} \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\xi_i^{-2} - k_x^2 + k_y^2}{\xi_i^{-2} + \mathbf{k}^2 + c_0(\Gamma^{-1}\kappa^{-1}|\dot{\gamma}||k_y|)^{2/3}},$$

$$\text{Contribution at interface region : } f_{\text{neq}} = \langle(\partial_{t_i}\rho_1, \partial_{t_i}\rho_1 + \dot{\gamma}x_i\partial_{y_i}\rho_1)\rangle_{ss}$$

# Derivation : Calculation of $f_{\text{neq}}$

$$f_{\text{neq}} = \langle (\partial_{t_i} \rho_1, \partial_{t_i} \rho_1 + \dot{\gamma} x_i \partial_{y_i} \rho_1) \rangle_{\text{ss}},$$

$$\partial_{t_i} \rho_1 + \dot{\gamma} x_i \partial_{y_i} \rho_1 = -f''(\phi_0) \rho_1 + \kappa (\partial_{x_i}^2 + \partial_{y_i}^2) \rho_1 + \sqrt{2T} \hat{Q} \eta \rightarrow \text{Fourier transformation } \hat{\rho}_1(\mathbf{k}, t) = \int d\mathbf{r} \rho_1(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{i\mathbf{kr}}$$

$$\partial_t \hat{\rho}_1(\mathbf{k}) - \dot{\gamma} k_y \partial_{k_x} \hat{\rho}_1 = - \int \frac{dk'_x}{(2\pi)} \hat{f}^{(2)}(k_x - k'_x) \hat{\rho}_1(k'_x, k_y) - \kappa (k_x^2 + k_y^2) \hat{\rho}_1(k_x, k_y) + \hat{\eta} \rightarrow \text{discretize } k_x, k_y$$

$$\partial_t \hat{\rho}_1(\mathbf{k}) - \dot{\gamma} k_y \partial_{k_x} \hat{\rho}_1 = - \sum_{k'_x} M(k_x, k'_x; k_y) \hat{\rho}(k'_x, k_y) + \hat{\eta}(k_x, t), \quad M(k_x, k'_x; k_y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{f}^{(2)}(k_x - k'_x) \Delta k + \kappa (k_x^2 + k_y^2) \delta_{k_x, k'_x}$$

$$f_{\text{neq}} \simeq - (2\pi)^2 2T \kappa \sum_{\mathbf{k}} i k_x \int_{-\infty}^0 ds (2k_x \dot{\gamma} k_y s + \dot{\gamma}^2 k_y^2 s^2) \exp(2L(s; k_y, \dot{\gamma}))_{k_x, k_x}, \quad L_{k_x, k'_x}(s; k_y, \dot{\gamma}) = \int_0^s ds' M(k_x(s'), k'_x(s'); k_y), \quad k_x(s) = k_x - \dot{\gamma} k_y s$$

$\rightarrow$  If  $\dot{\gamma} = 0$  (equilibrium) or potential  $f(\phi)$  is symmetric,  $f_1 = 0$

When  $\dot{\gamma}$  is small enough,  $f_{\text{neq}} = TB\dot{\gamma} + O(\dot{\gamma}^2)$ ,  $B = -\dot{\gamma} (2\pi)^2 4\kappa \sum_{\mathbf{k}} i k_x^2 k_y \int_{-\infty}^0 ds s \exp(2L(s; k_y, \dot{\gamma} = 0))_{k_x, k_x}$