

# Domain wall in a ferromagnetic Ising Co thin film

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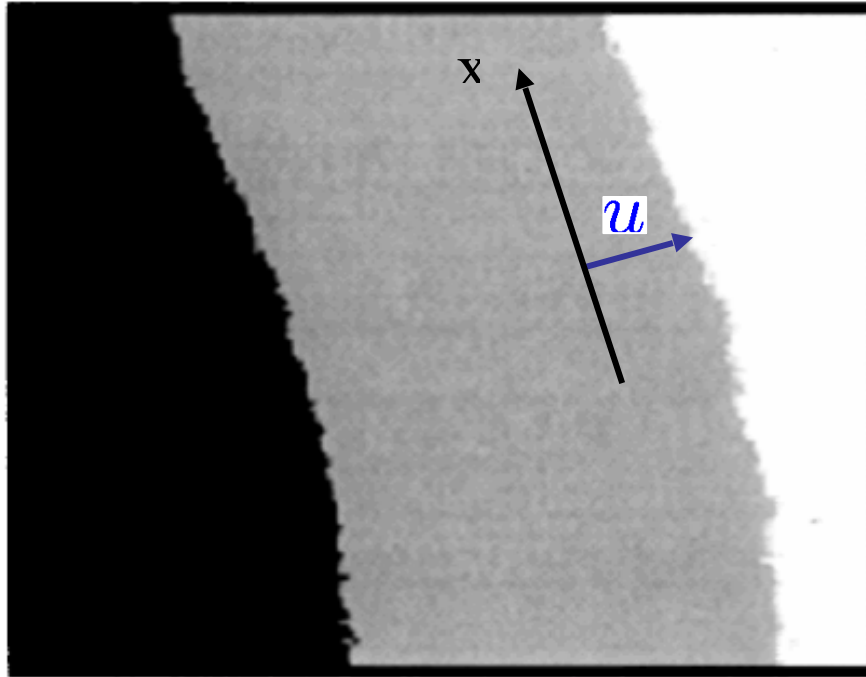
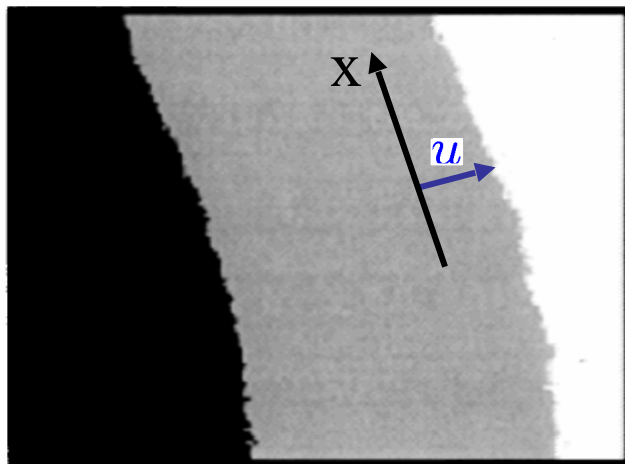


FIG. 1. Typical magneto-optical image (size  $90 \times 72 \mu\text{m}^2$ ,  $\lambda = 638.1 \text{ nm}$ ). The gray part corresponds to the surface swept by the domain wall during  $111 \mu\text{s}$  at  $460 \text{ Oe}$  ( $T = 23^\circ\text{C}$ ). The dark part is the original domain.



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short-range disorder

$$\langle\langle [u(x+L) - u(x)]^2 \rangle\rangle \propto u_c^2 \left( \frac{L}{L_c} \right)^{2\zeta}$$

thermally equilibrated

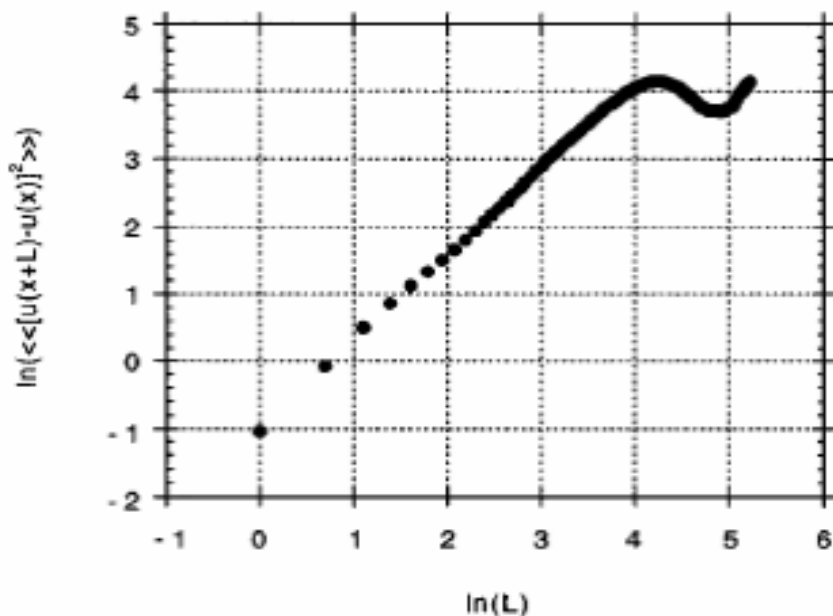


FIG. 4. Typical correlation function drawn in a ln-ln plot. The unit of  $L$  is the pixel of the CCD camera, i.e.,  $0.28 \mu\text{m}$ .

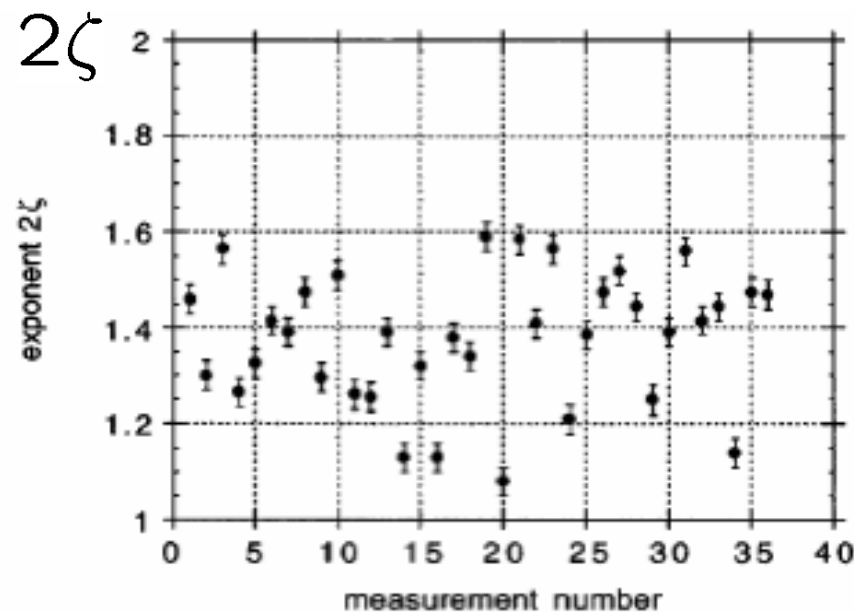


FIG. 5. Wandering exponent  $2\zeta$ . Measurements on different MDW driven at  $H = 50$  Oe during 20–45 min and then frozen ( $T = 300$  K, estimated error on  $2\zeta$  for a given image:  $\pm 0.03$ ).

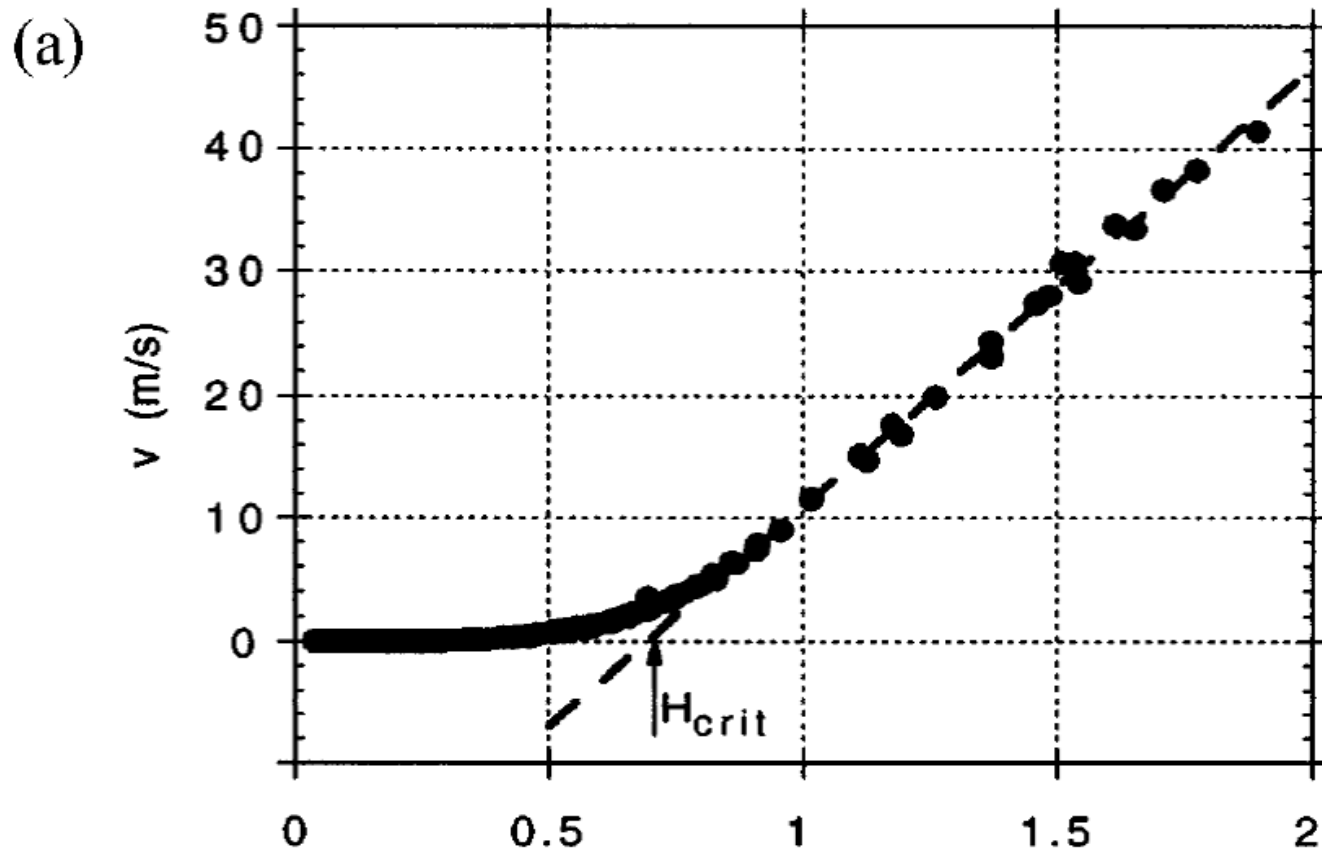


FIG. 2. (a),(b): MDW velocity versus applied magnetic field at room temperature ( $v$  in m/s). The dashed line in (a) is the linear fit of the high field part ( $H > 0.86$  kOe) and the arrow marks its intersection with the line  $v(H) = 0$ . This is the definition of  $H_{\text{crit}}$ .

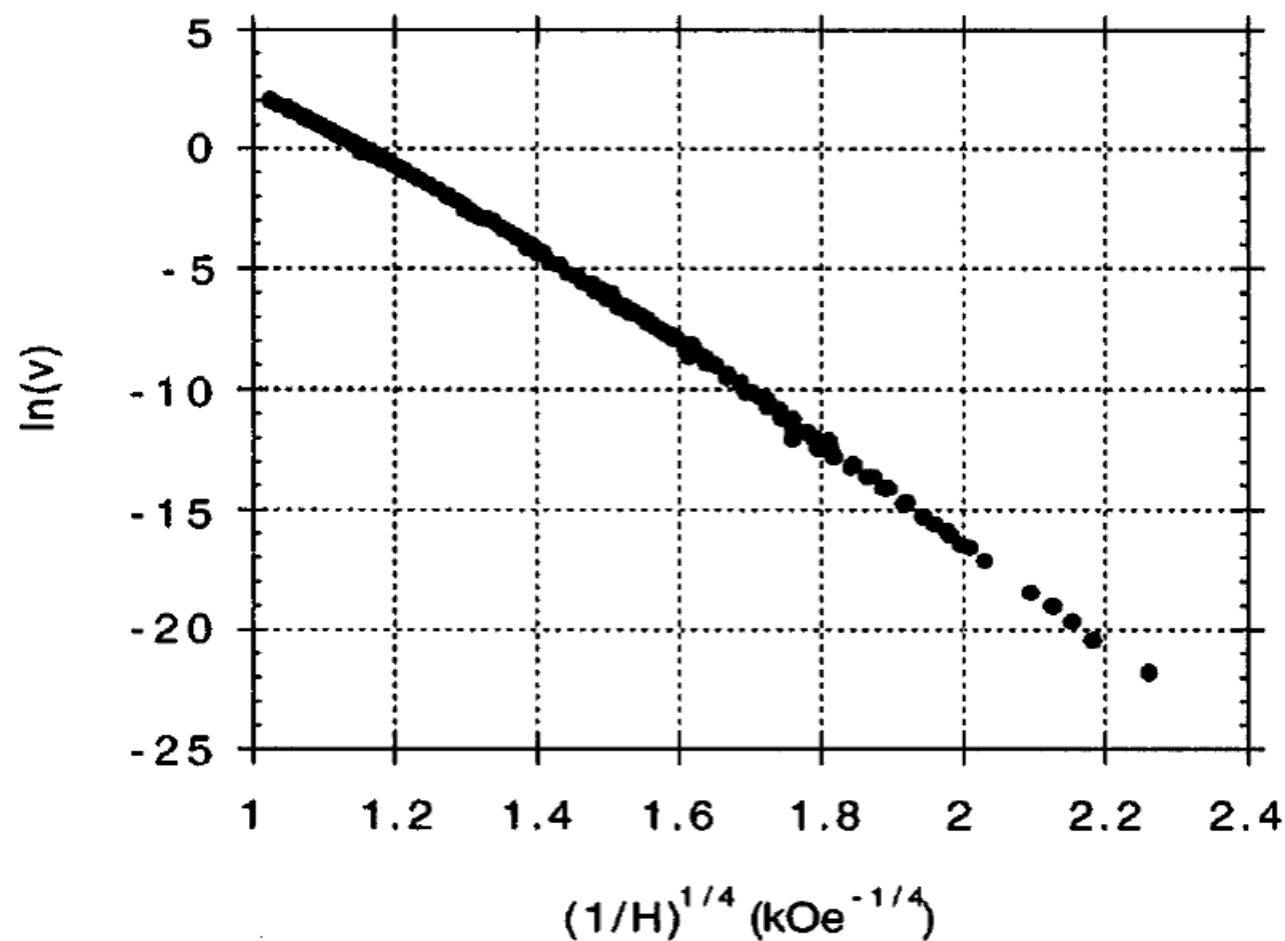
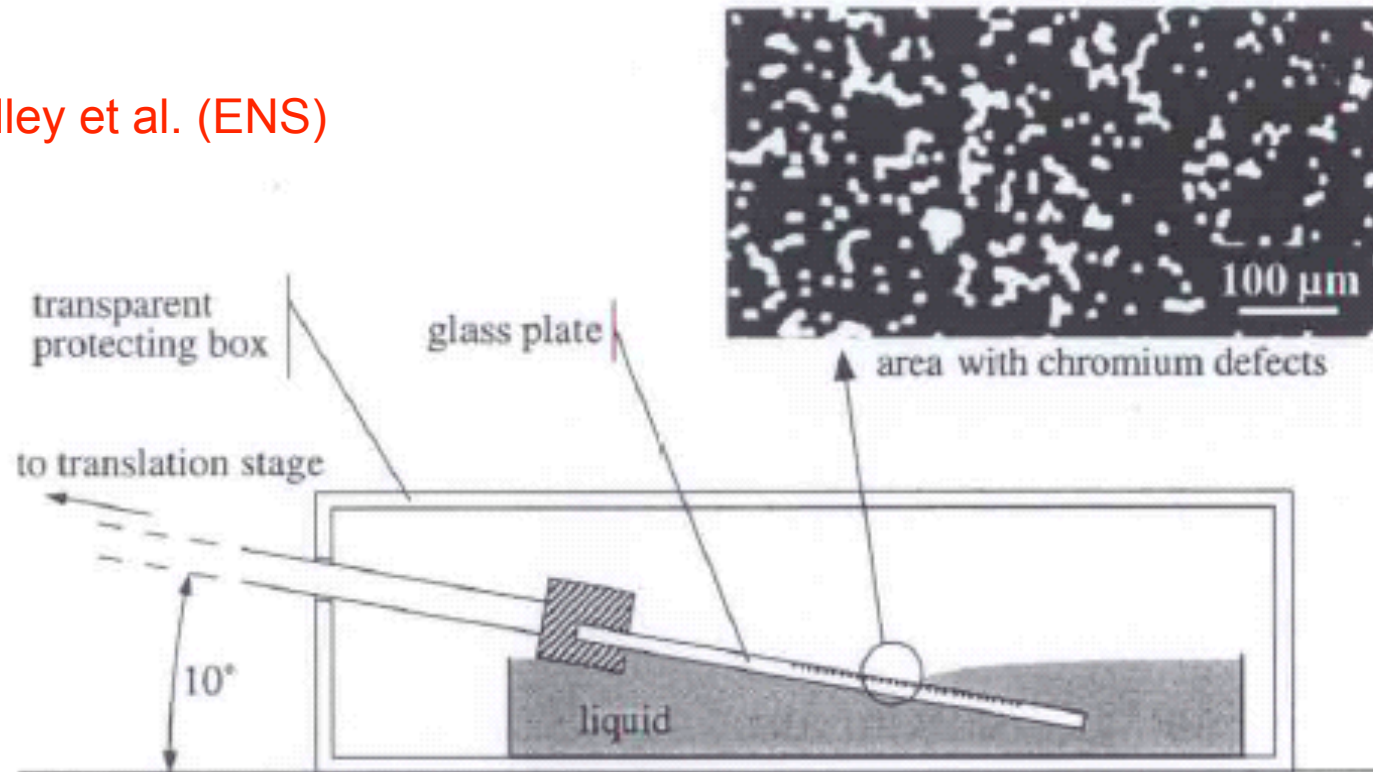


FIG. 3. Natural logarithm of MDW velocity as a function of  $(1/H)^{1/4}$  (room temperature,  $H \leq 955$  Oe).

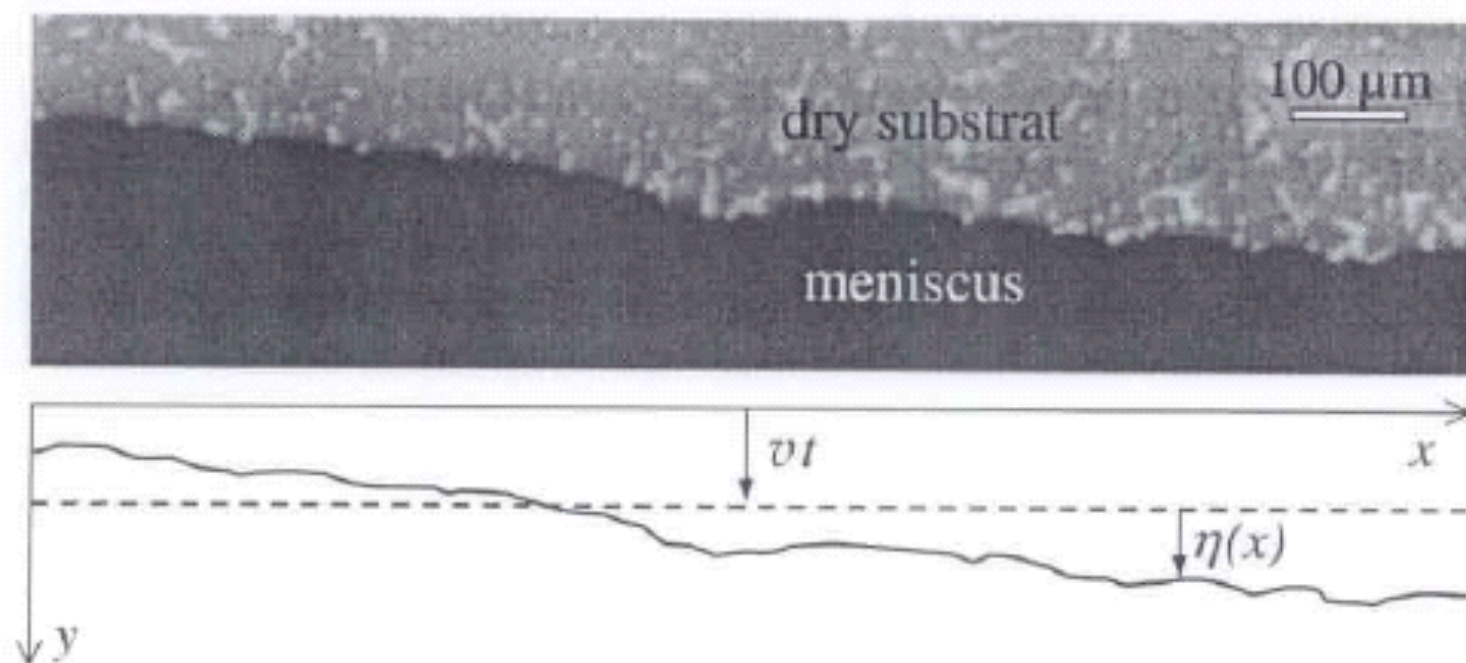
# Contact line of a fluid

quasi-static depinning

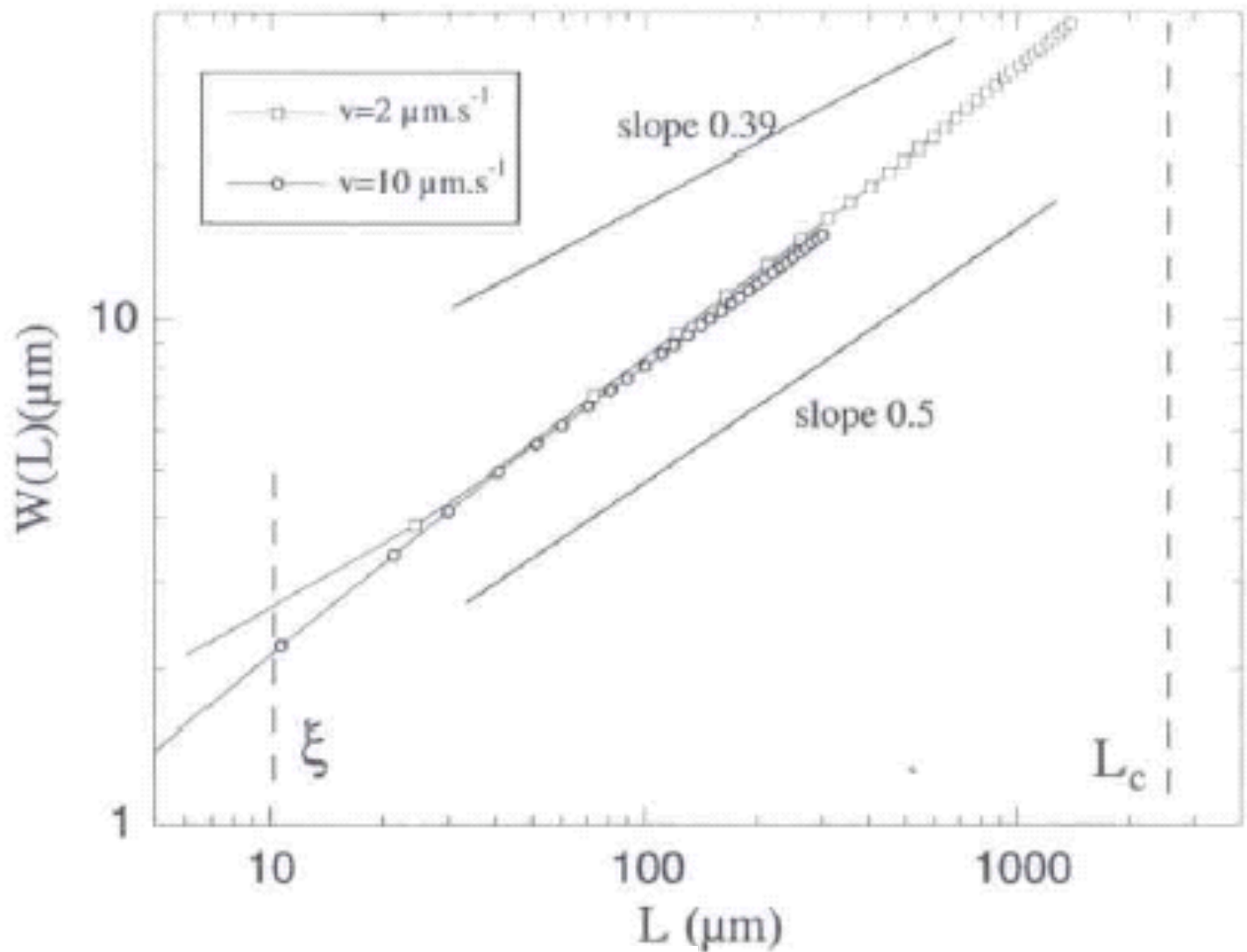
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**Fig. 2.** Sketch of the experimental setup. Inset: photograph of the disordered substrate, the chromium defects appear as white square spots.



**Fig. 1.** Upper part: image of the contact line obtained with an ordinary CCD camera. Lower part: the position  $\eta(x, t) \equiv y(x, t) - vt$  of the CL is defined with respect to its average position  $vt$ .



**Fig. 3.** Roughness  $W$  as a function of distance  $L$  for different drift velocities. The upper (respectively, lower) graph corresponds to data obtained with water (respectively, water-glycerol mixture). For both graphs, the data  $\circ$  have been obtained with a larger magnification (resolution  $2.1 \mu\text{m}$ ) than the others (resolution  $6.1 \mu\text{m}$ ).

## Avalanches: reproducible

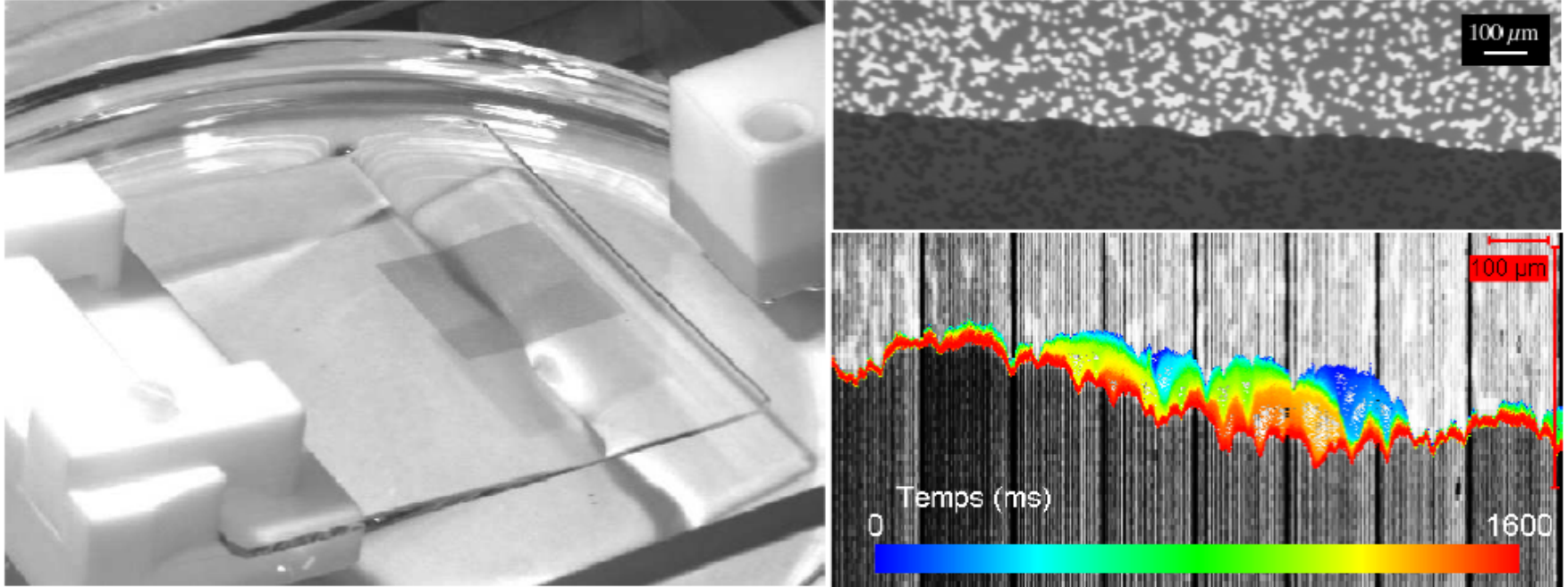
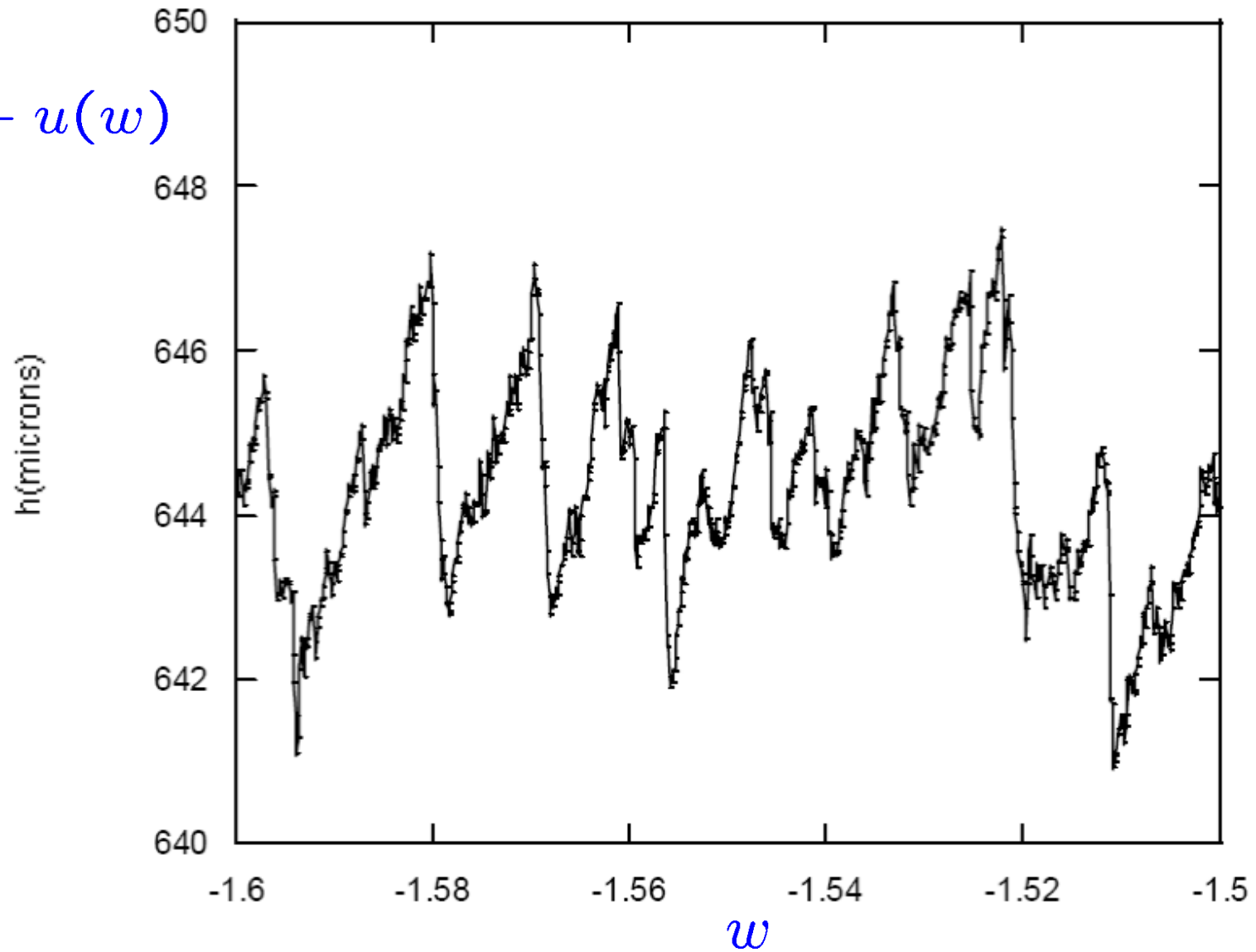
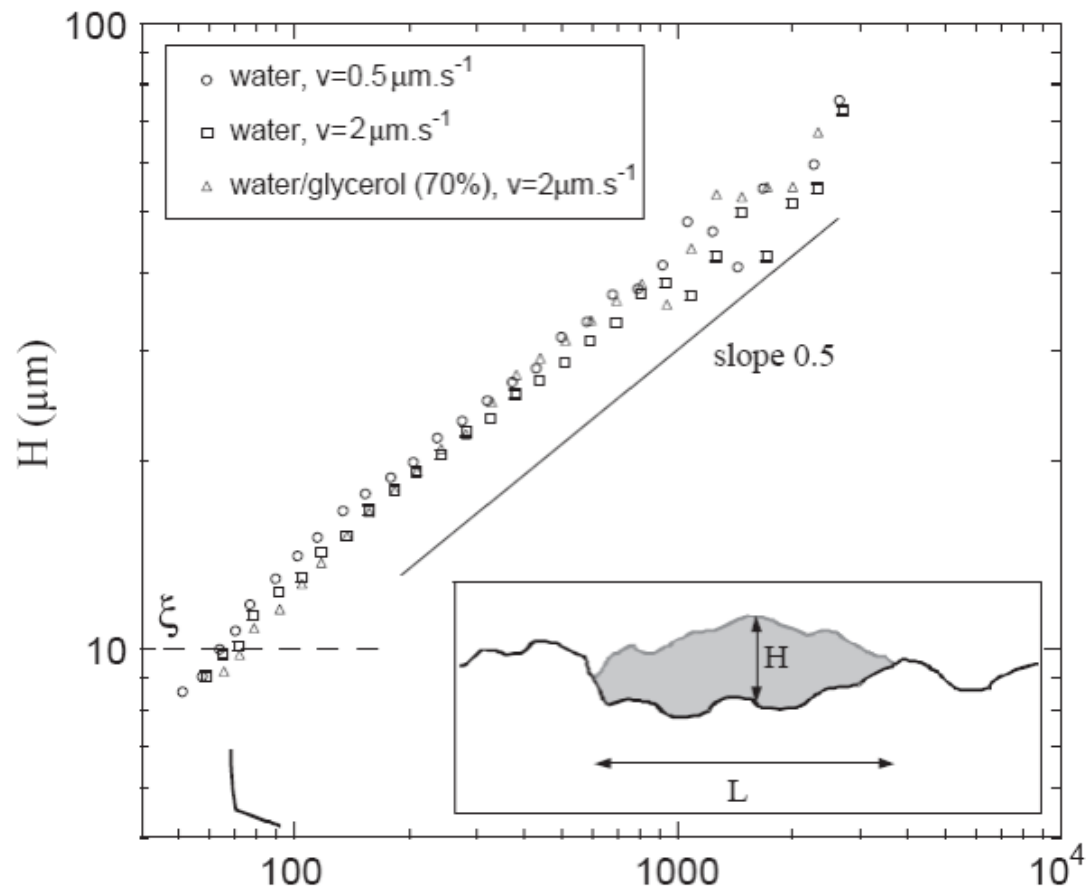


Figure 2: A contact line for the wetting of a disordered substrate by Glycerine [7]. Experimental setup (left). The disorder consists of randomly deposited islands of Chromium, appearing as bright spots (top right). Temporal evolution of the retreating contact-line (bottom right). Note the different scales parallel and perpendicular to the contact-line. Pictures courtesy of S. Moulinet, with kind permission.

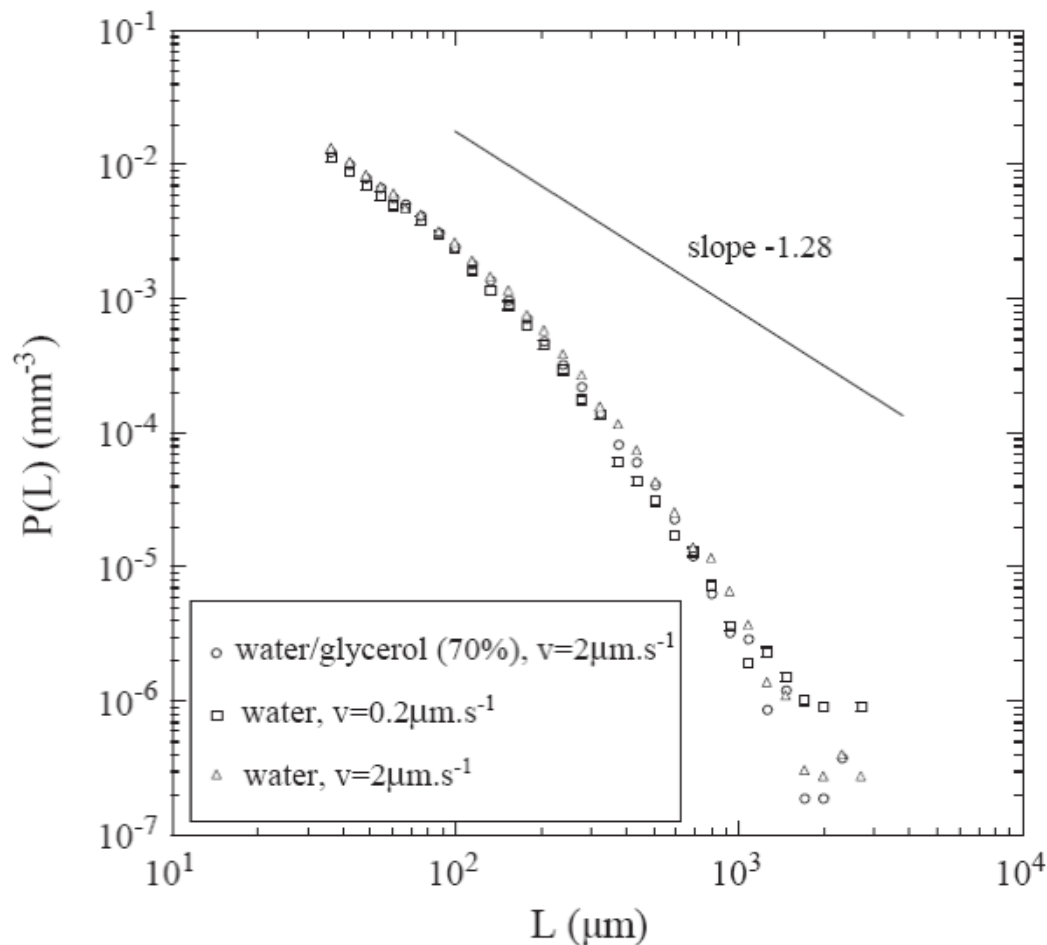
$u(w)$  = center of mass of the contact line (over  $2 L_c$ )

$$w - u(w)$$





**Fig. 6.** Average height  $H$  of an avalanche of length  $L$  for different drift velocities and different viscosities. One finds that  $H$  scales roughly like  $L^{0.5}$ , which is consistent with the value of the roughness exponent  $\zeta$ . Inset: schematic representation of an avalanche.



**Fig. 7.** Probability  $P(L)$  of occurrence of an avalanche of length  $L$  for different drift velocities and different viscosities.  $P$  is the number of avalanches divided by the effective area swept by the CL and by the effective pixel size. These curves are obtained with the same magnification of the microscope; other magnifications lead to the same curves. The solid line is the power law dependence expected from numerical simulation.

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