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Sharp Limits of Diffuse Interface Models in the Context Energy Storage

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- Overcoming the shortcomings of the Nernst-Planck model
- Does the Cahn-Hilliard model approximate a sharp interface model ?

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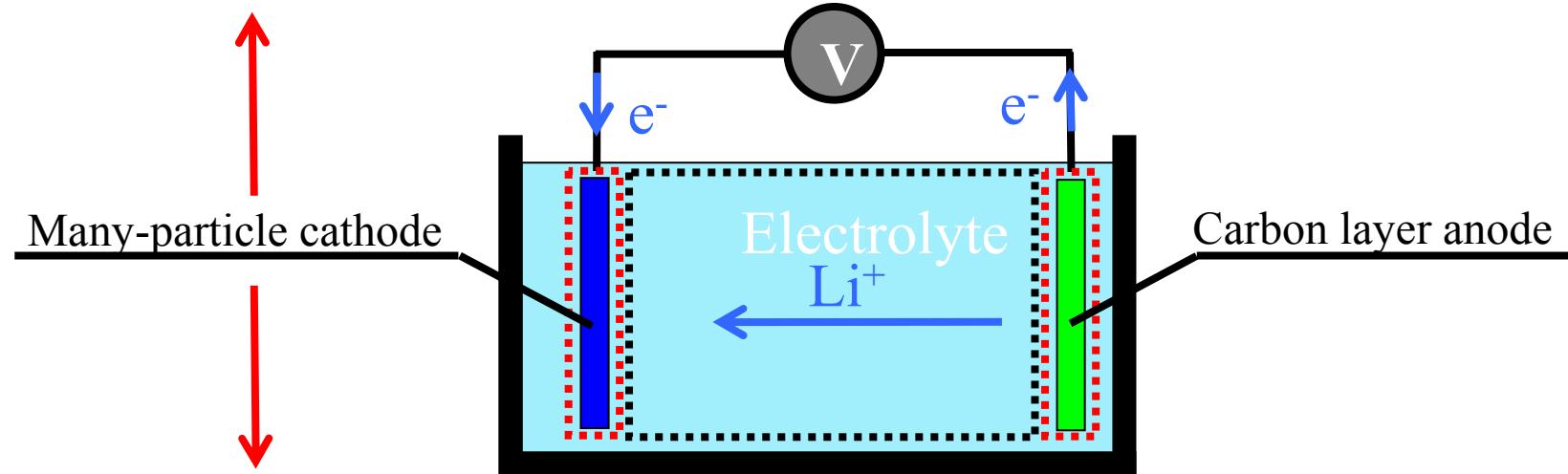
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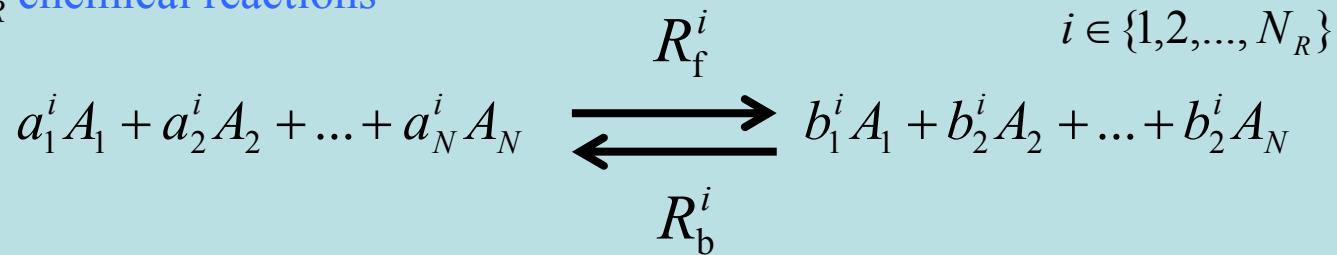
Electrolyte

Reaction-Diffusion-Fourier-Poisson

improved Nernst-Planck fluxes

N constituents A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N
 with atomic masses m_1, m_2, \dots, m_N
 and electric charges z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N

N_R chemical reactions



Def. $v_\alpha^i \equiv a_\alpha^i - b_\alpha^i$ stoichiometric coefficients $R^i \equiv R_f^i - R_b^i$ reaction rates
 $\alpha, \beta, \dots \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$

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Constitutive model and 2nd law of thermodynamics

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$$R_b^i = R_f^i \exp \left(\frac{1}{kT} \sum_{\beta=1}^N m_\beta v_\beta^i \mu_\beta \right)$$

The diffusion flux of the Nernst-Planck model

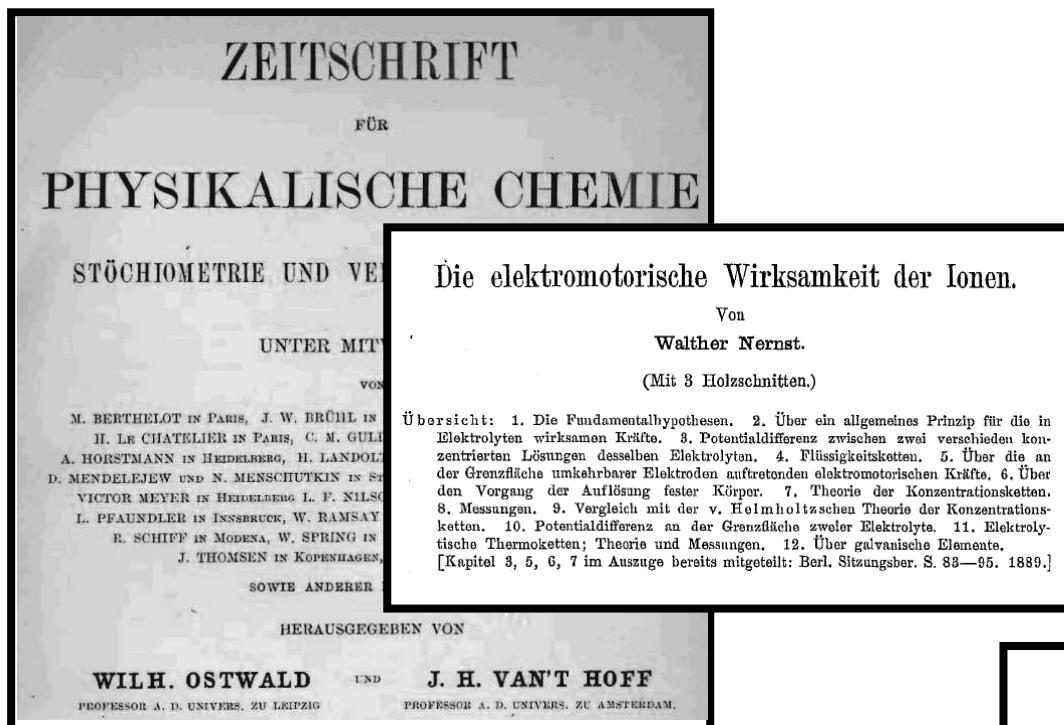
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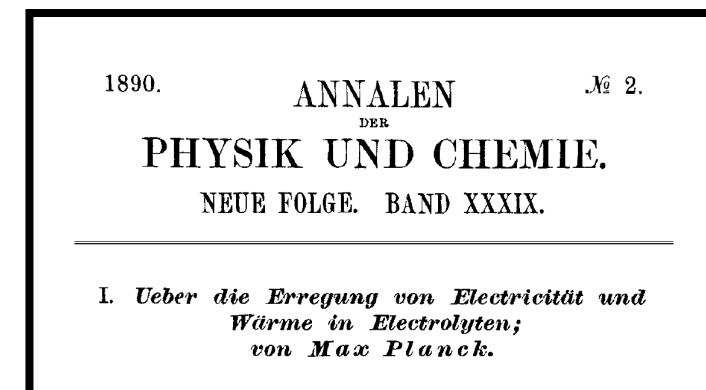


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Navier-Stokes community, e.g. T. Roubíček, 2006

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_\alpha &= -M_1 \nabla \frac{n_\alpha}{n} - M_2 (n_\alpha z_\alpha - n^F) \nabla \varphi \quad \text{for } \alpha \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \mathbf{J}_\alpha &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Stationary processes and equilibria

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p not determined by constitutive law

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p becomes a variable !!!

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$$\lambda^2 \partial_{zz} \varphi = -(z_C y_C + z_A y_A)$$

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$$y_S = 1 - y_C - y_A$$

General properties of the solution

Representation of the mole fractions

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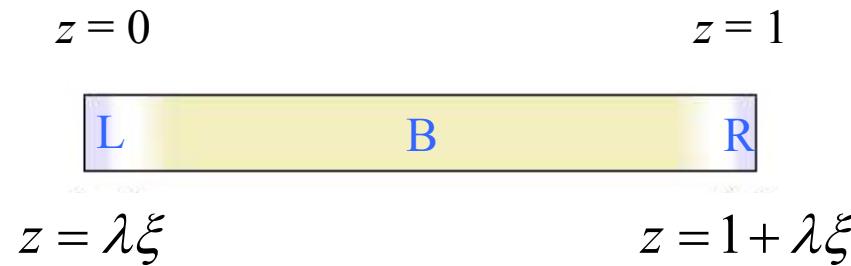
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Behavior of $\partial_z \varphi$ at the boundaries

| $0 = \int_0^1 (z_C y_C + z_A y_A) dz = -\lambda^2 \int_0^1 \partial_{zz} \varphi dz = \lambda^2 (\partial_z \varphi(0) - \partial_z \varphi(1))$

$\Rightarrow c_C \exp(-z_C \varphi_L) + c_A \exp(-z_A \varphi_L) = c_C \exp(-z_C \varphi_R) + c_A \exp(-z_A \varphi_R)$

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The diagram shows a horizontal yellow rectangle with a thin black border. Inside the rectangle, the letter 'L' is positioned on the left side, and the letter 'R' is positioned on the right side. The center of the rectangle contains the letter 'B'.

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L:

$$\tilde{y}_{\alpha,L}^\lambda(\xi) = \tilde{y}_{\alpha,L}^0(\xi) + \lambda \tilde{y}_{\alpha,L}^1(\xi) + \dots$$

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R:

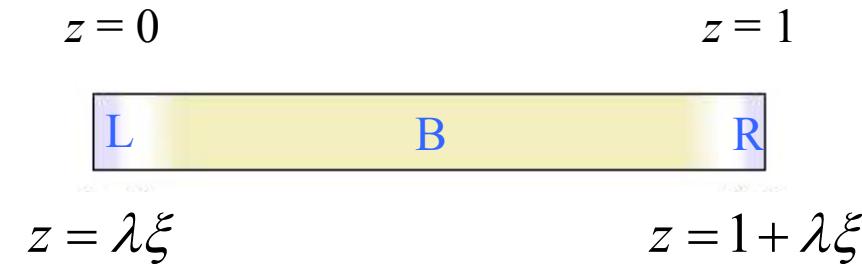
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$$\tilde{\varphi}_L^0(0) = \frac{e_0}{kT} \varphi_L$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}_R^0(0) = \frac{e_0}{kT} \varphi_R$$



Matching conditions

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\varphi}_L^0(\xi) = \varphi^0(z = 0)$$



$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow -\infty} \tilde{\varphi}_R^0(\xi) = \varphi^0(z = 1)$$

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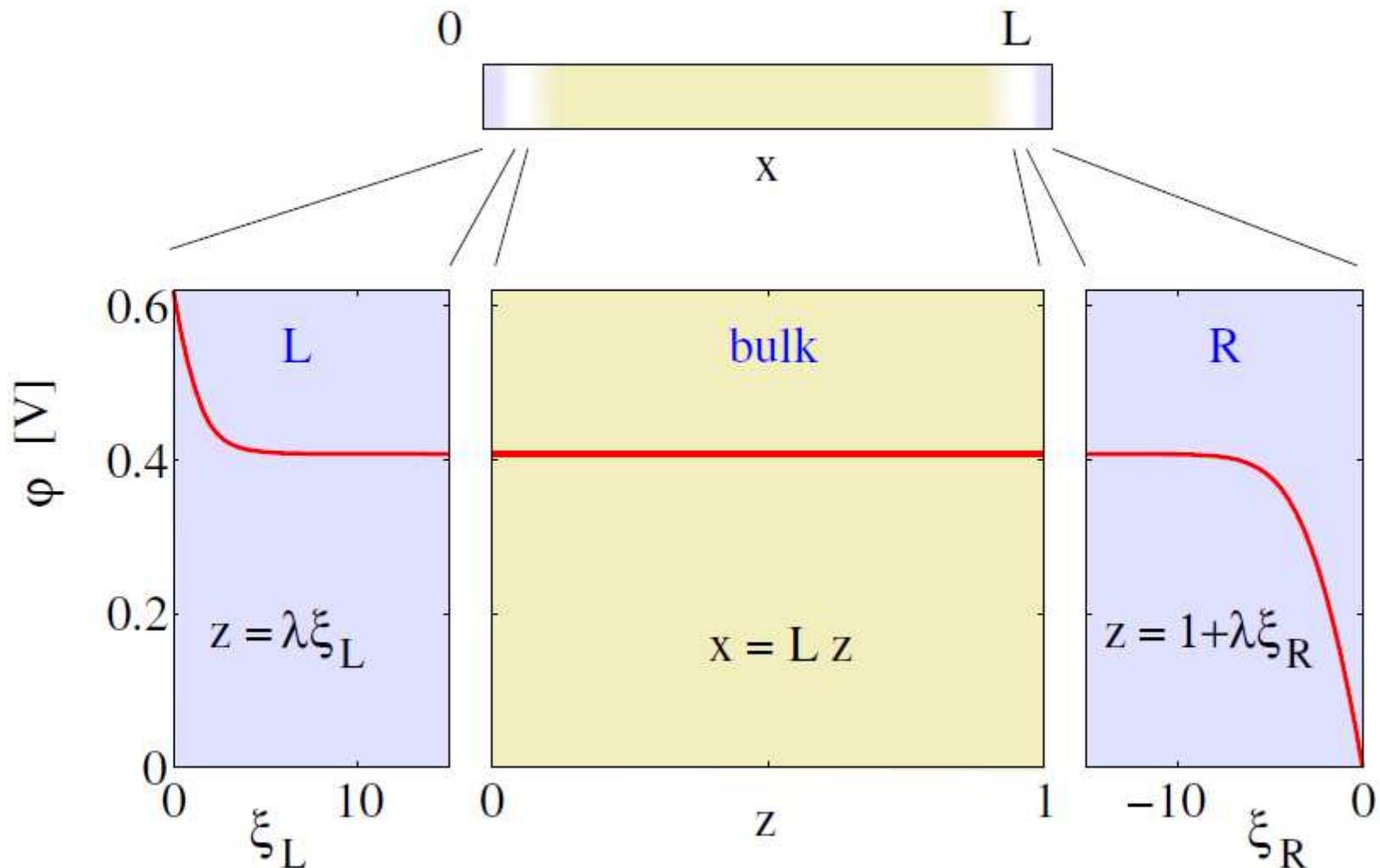
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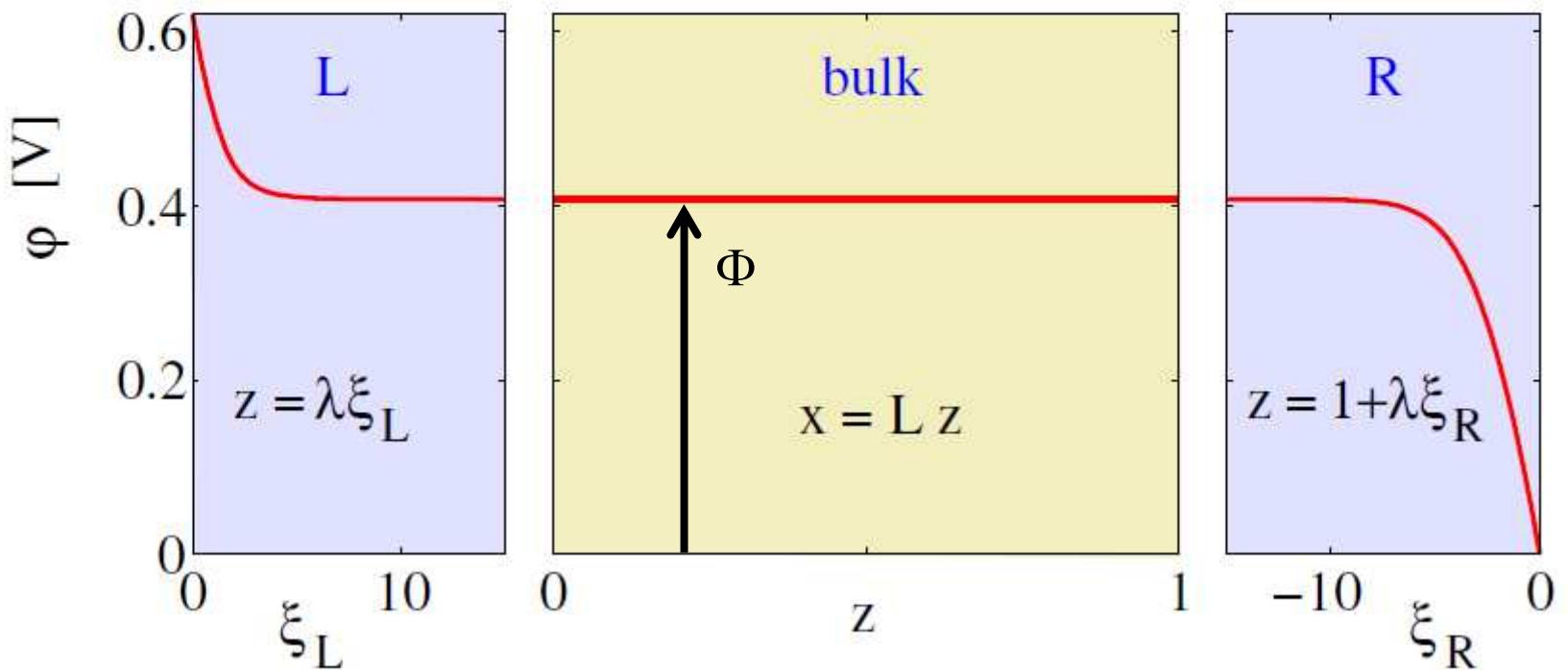


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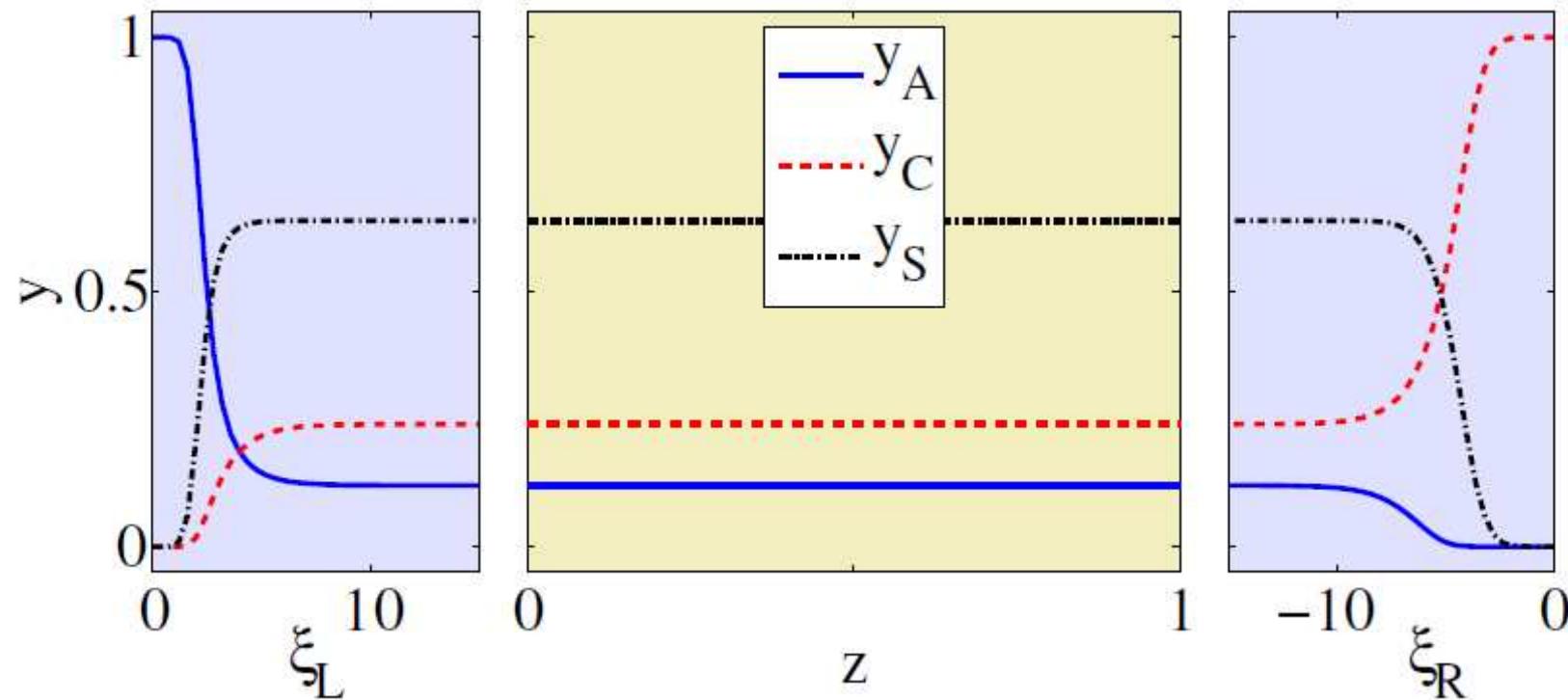


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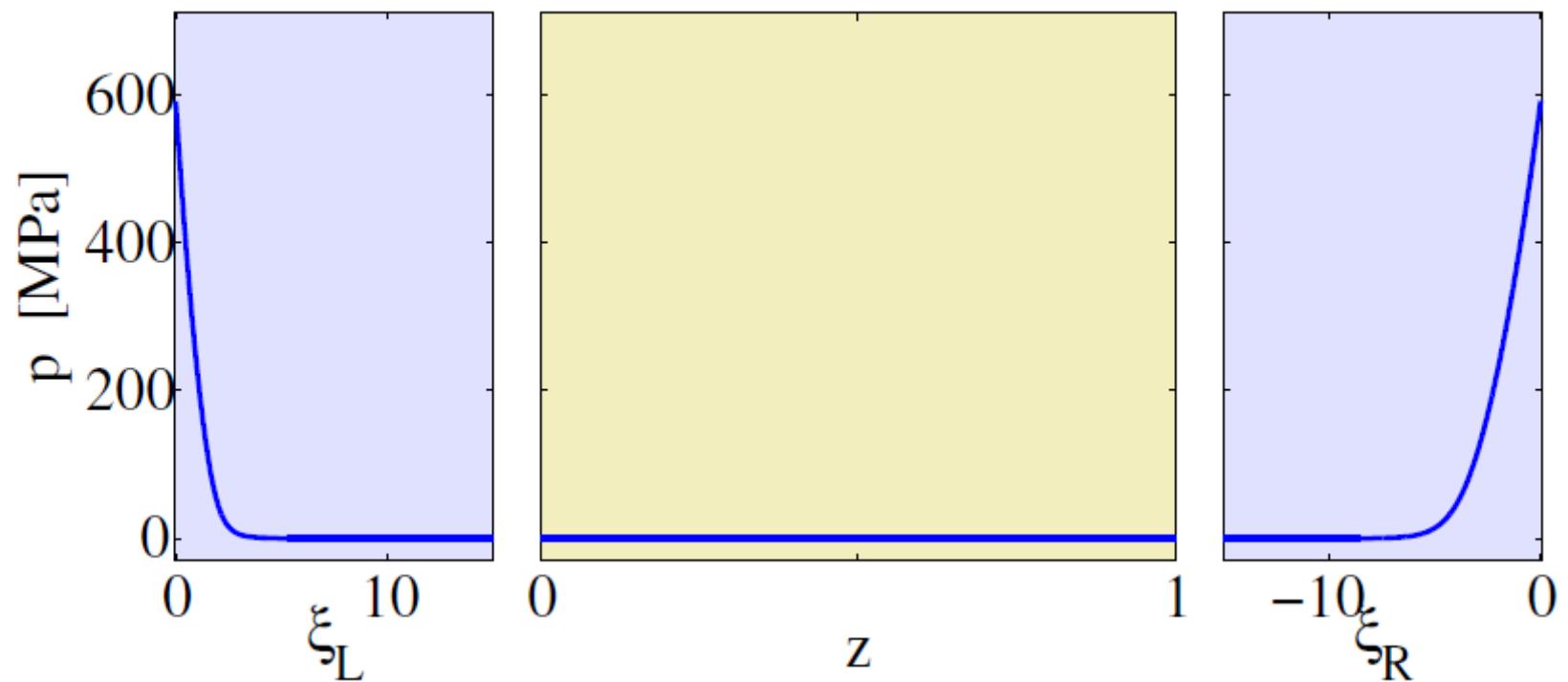


$$\Phi = \frac{e_0}{kT} \varphi_R + \frac{1}{z_A - z_C} \ln \left(\frac{z_A}{z_C} \frac{1 - \exp\left(\frac{e_0}{kT} z_C (\varphi_R - \varphi_L)\right)}{1 - \exp\left(\frac{e_0}{kT} z_A (\varphi_R - \varphi_L)\right)} \right)$$

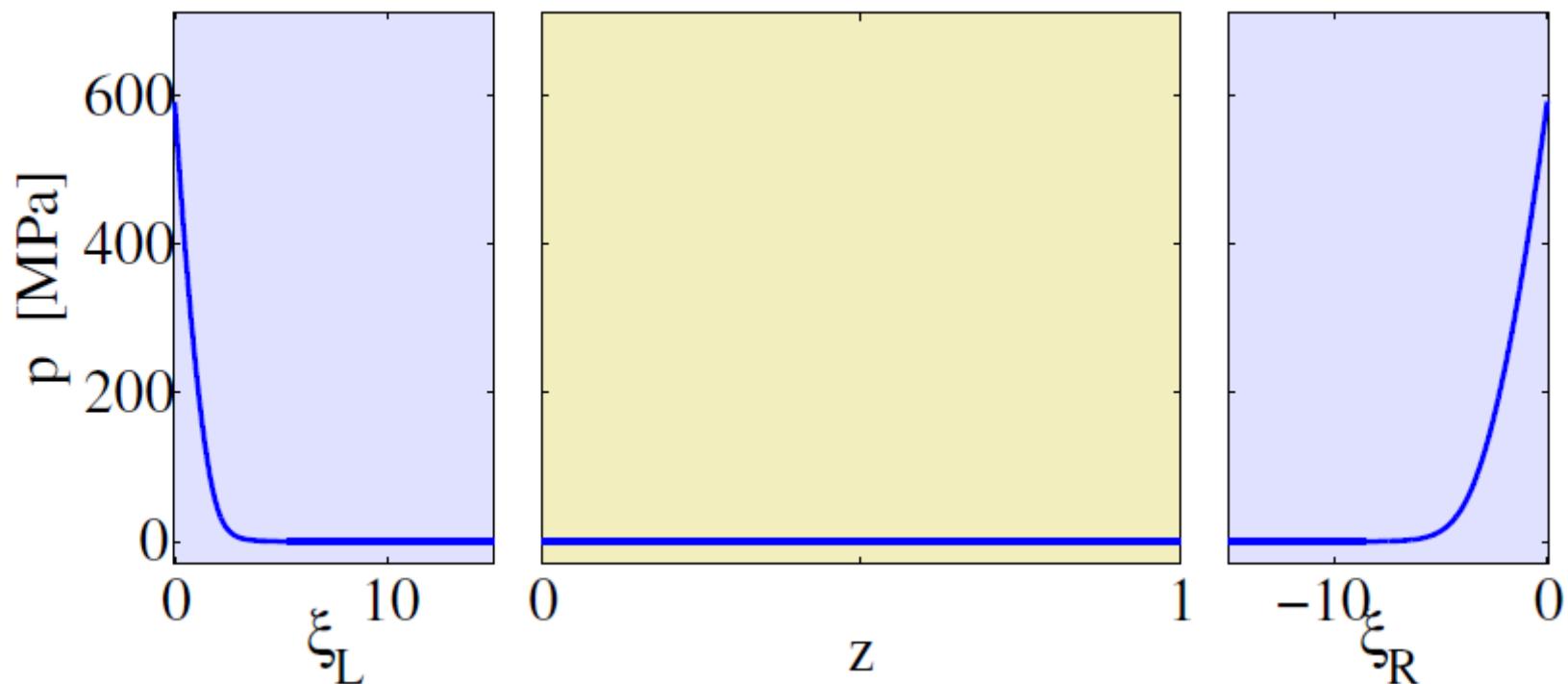
Simulation: Mole fractions



Simulation: Material pressure



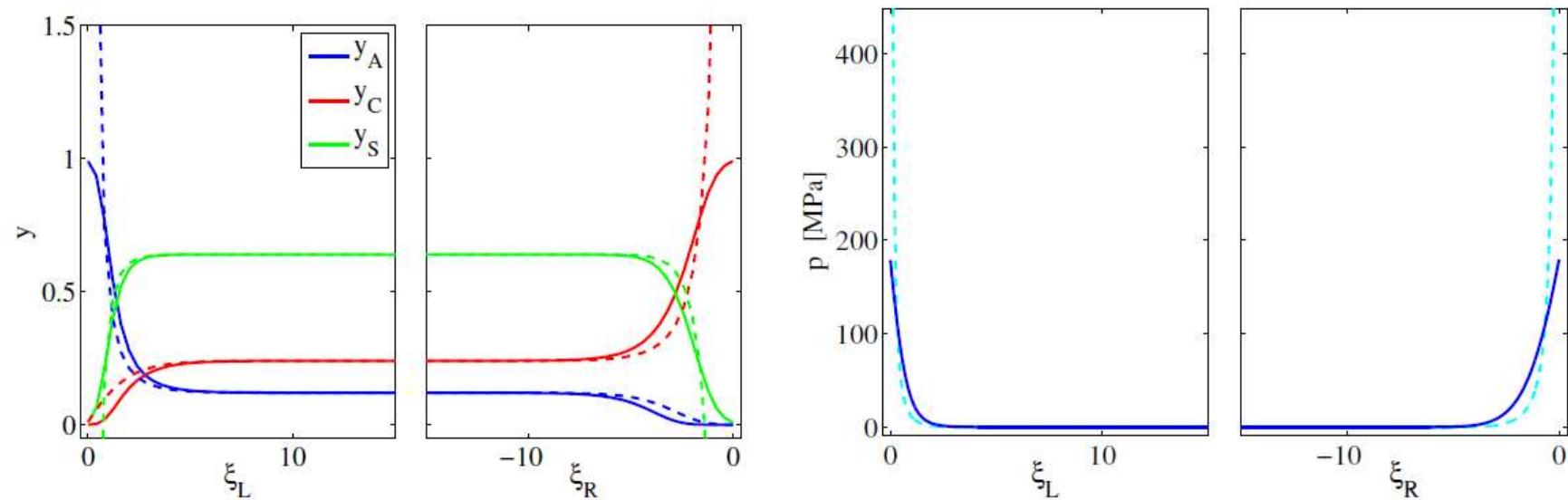
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Recall

$$\Sigma = -p + \varepsilon_0(1+\chi)(\nabla \varphi \otimes \nabla \varphi - \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \varphi|^2 \mathbf{1}) = \text{constant} = 0.1 \text{ MPa}$$

Simulation: Nernst-Planck versus correct model



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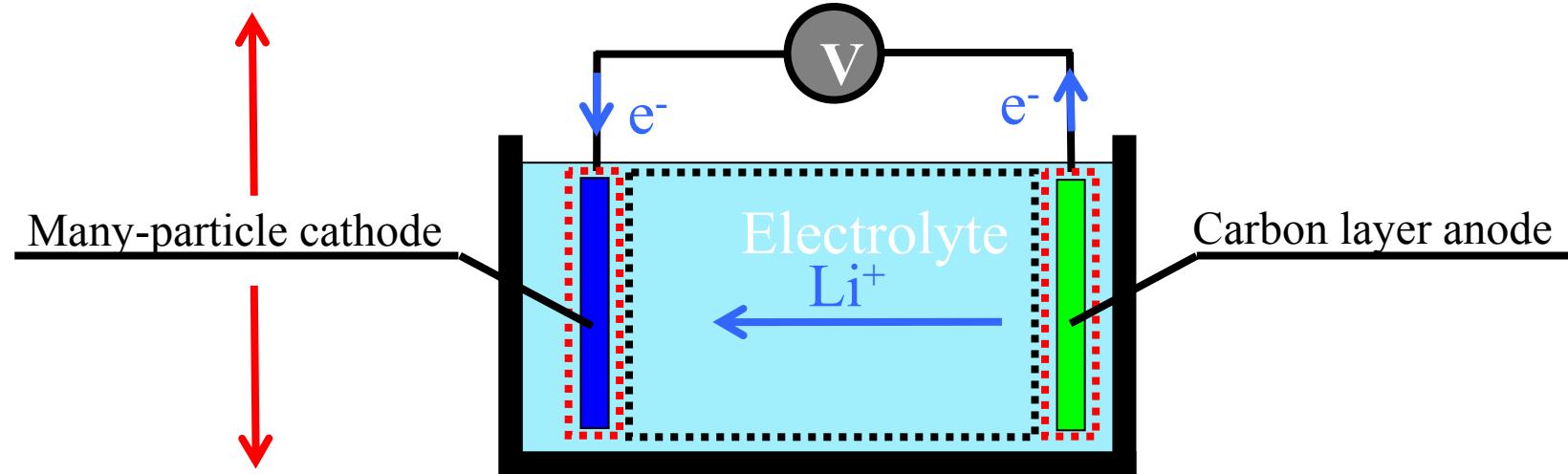
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Binary mixture with constant total mass

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$$\partial_t u + \partial_x f = 0 \quad f = -M \partial_x (\mu + \gamma \partial_t u) \quad \mu = F'(u) - \beta \partial_{xx} u$$

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Free energy balance

$$\partial_t \psi + \partial_x (f(\mu + \gamma \partial_t u) - \beta \partial_x u \partial_t u) = -\xi \quad \psi = F(u) + \frac{\beta}{2} (\partial_x u)^2$$

Entropy production

$$\xi = \frac{1}{M} f^2 + \gamma (\partial_t u)^2 \geq 0$$

Sharp Interface model

Bulk

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Interface	Binary mixture with constant total mass	$[[\chi]] = \chi^+ - \chi^-$
	$\partial_t u_I + [[\dot{m}_1]] = 0$ with $\dot{m}_1^\pm = f^\pm - u^\pm \dot{x}_I$	$\dot{m} = -\dot{x}_I$
	Kinetic relations	$\dot{m}_2^\pm = \dot{m} - \dot{m}_1^\pm$
	$\begin{pmatrix} \mu_I - \mu^\pm \\ -\frac{1}{2} [[\mu_2]] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & L_{12} \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{m}_1^\pm \\ \dot{m} \end{pmatrix}$ with L pos.def.	$\mu_1 = F + (1-u)\mu$ $\mu_2 = F - u\mu$
	Free energy balance	$\mu_I = F'_I(u_I)$
	$\partial_t \psi_I + [[\psi \dot{m} + f \mu]] = -\xi_I$ with $\psi_I = F_I(u_I)$	$\mu_{I,1} = F_I + (1-u_I)\mu_I$
	Entropy production	$\mu_{I,2} = F_I - u_I \mu_I$
	$\xi_I = -[[\dot{m}_1(\mu_1 - \mu_{I,1}) + \dot{m}_2(\mu_2 - \mu_{I,2})]] \geq 0$	

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Assumptions of formal asymptotic analysis

VCH has a solution $u^\varepsilon(t, x)$ with transition layer

Existence of an interface $I^\varepsilon(t) = \{x \in (0,1) : u^\varepsilon(t, x) = u_*\}$

Interface $I^\varepsilon(t)$ at $x_I^\varepsilon(t)$ separates Ω into $\Omega^- = [0, x_I^\varepsilon)$ and $\Omega^+ = (x_I^\varepsilon, 1]$

Outer expansion $u^\varepsilon(t, x) = u(t, x)^{(0)} + \varepsilon u(t, x)^{(1)} + O(\varepsilon^2)$

Inner coordinate $z = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(x - x_I^\varepsilon(t))$ and inner variable $\tilde{u}(t, z)^\varepsilon = u^\varepsilon(t, x_I^\varepsilon + \varepsilon z)$

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Matching conditions between inner and outer quantities

$$\tilde{u}^{(0)}(t, z) \rightarrow u^{(0), \pm}(t, x_I^{(0)}(t)) \quad \text{for } z \rightarrow \pm\infty \quad \dots\dots$$

Sharp limit and interfacial entropy production

Cahn-Hilliard entropy production

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In inner coordinates

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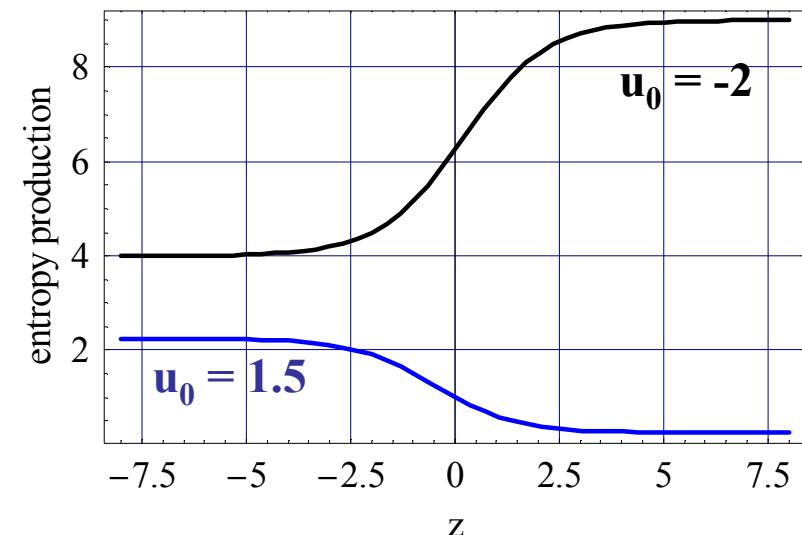
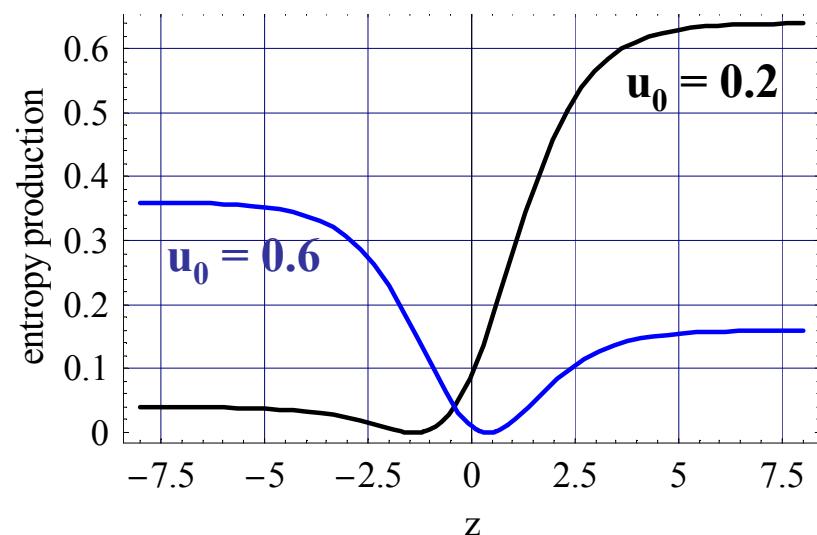
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Properties of the Cahn-Hilliard entropy production

$$\tilde{u}^{(0)} \in [0,1] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{\xi}_{\text{CH}}^{(0)}(z) = \begin{cases} \text{non-monotone (!)} & \text{for } u_0 \in [0,1] \\ \text{monotone with } \partial_z \tilde{\xi}_{\text{CH}}^{(0)}(z) < 0 & \text{for } u_0 > 1 \\ \text{monotone with } \partial_z \tilde{\xi}_{\text{CH}}^{(0)}(z) > 0 & \text{for } u_0 < 0 \end{cases}$$

Diffuse entropy production versus interfacial entropy production



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Proposition (Dreyer, Guhlke 2012)

- $u_0 \in [0,1]$

- $\xi_I^{(0)} = 0$

- $\xi_I^{(1)} = \int_{-\infty}^0 (\tilde{\xi}_{\text{CH}}^{(0)}(z) - \xi^{(0),-}) dz + \int_0^{+\infty} (\tilde{\xi}_{\text{CH}}^{(0)}(z) - \xi^{(0),+}) dz$

- $\xi_I^{(1)} < 0$ for $\gamma = 0$ $u_0 \in [0,1]$

- $\xi_I^{(1)} \geq 0$ for $\gamma \geq 6$ (viscous Cahn-Hilliard)

