

Predicting the Wavelength of Vegetation Patterns using Mathematical Models

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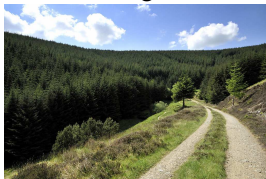
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W National Park, Niger
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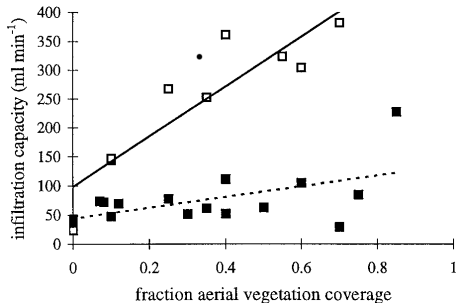


Mitchell grass in Australia

(Western New South Wales)

- Banded vegetation patterns are found on gentle slopes in semi-arid areas of Africa, Australia and Mexico
- Plants vary from grasses to shrubs and trees

Why Do Plants Form Patterns?



Data from Burkina Faso

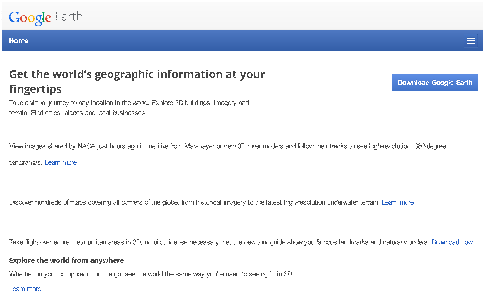
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More plants \Rightarrow more roots and organic matter in soil
 \Rightarrow more infiltration of rainwater

Pattern Wavelength: A Quantitative Statistic

- The wavelength of vegetation bands is probably the most accessible quantitative statistic for vegetation patterns.



- Our topic: how to predict pattern wavelength using mathematical models

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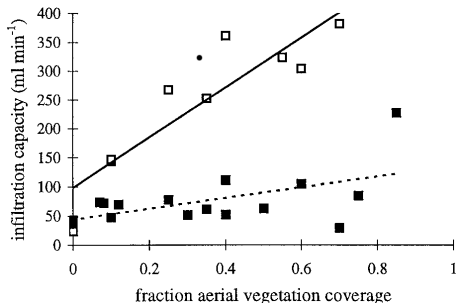
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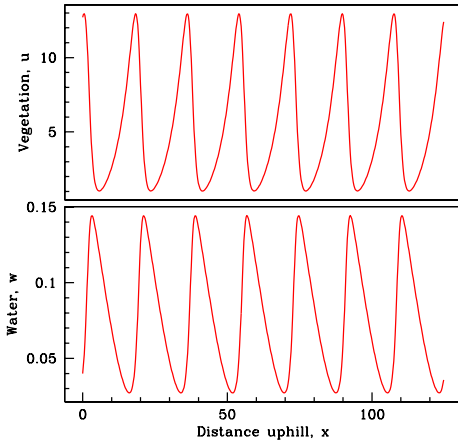
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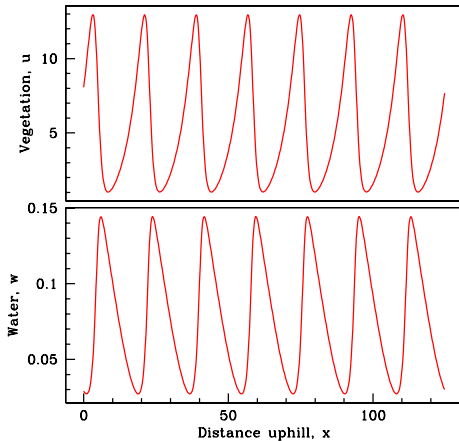
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Parameters: **A**: rainfall **B**: plant loss ν : slope

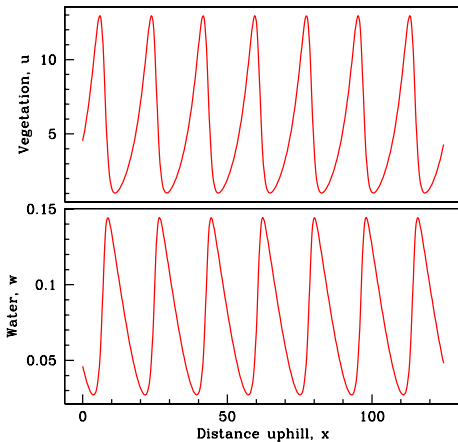
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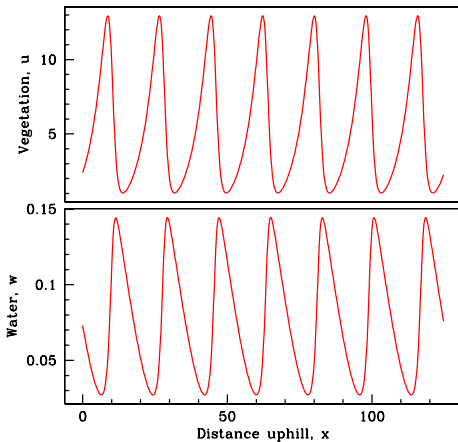
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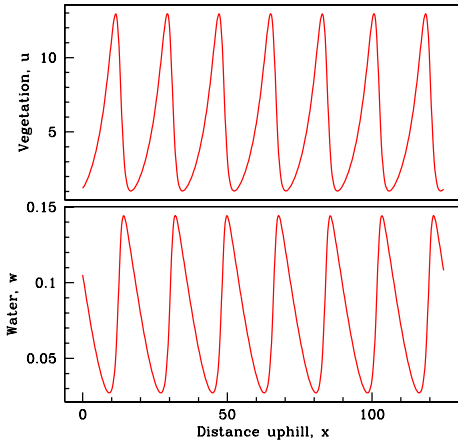
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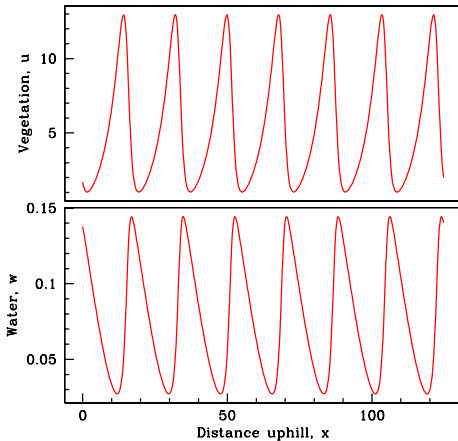
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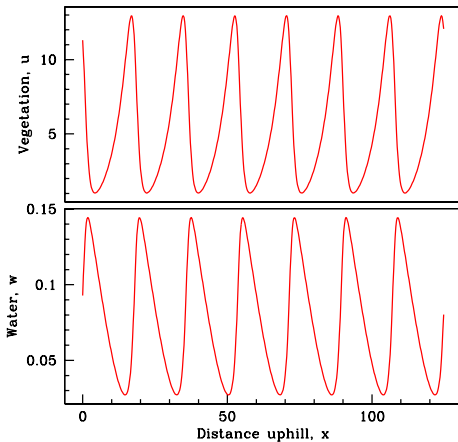
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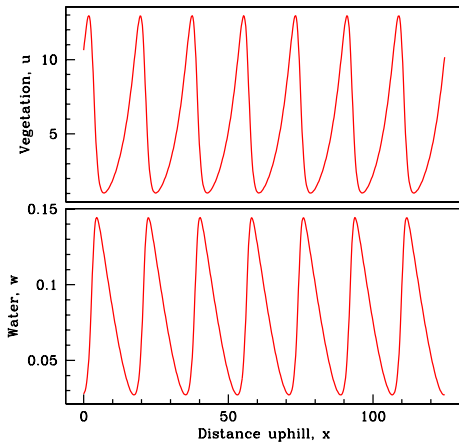
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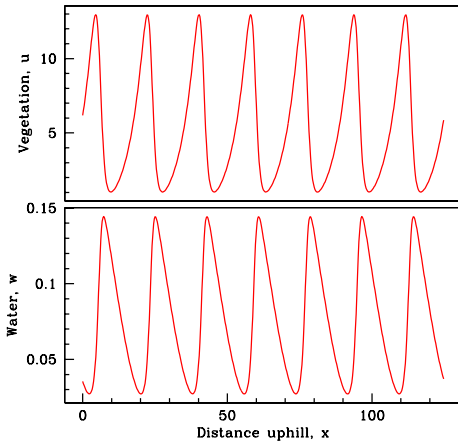
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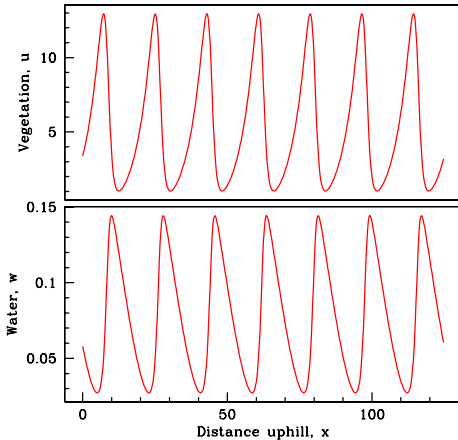
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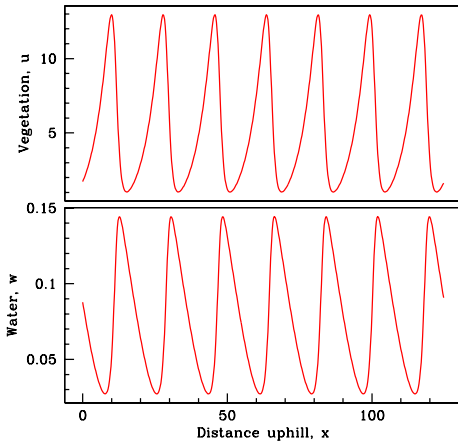
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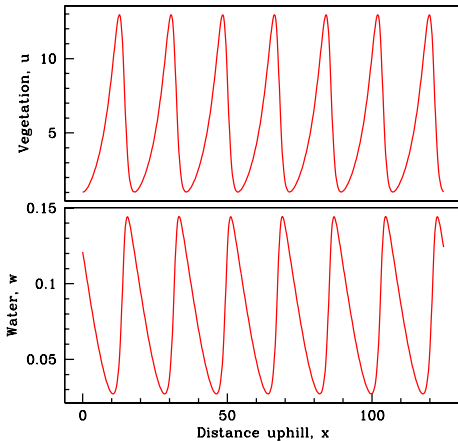
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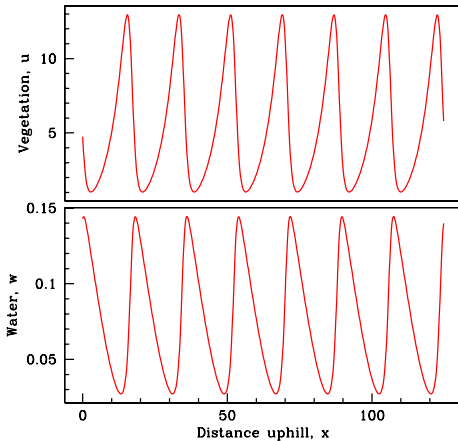
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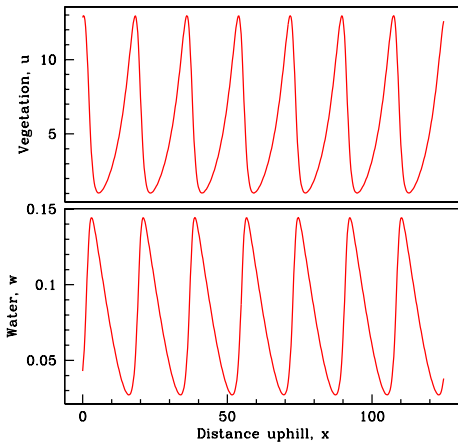
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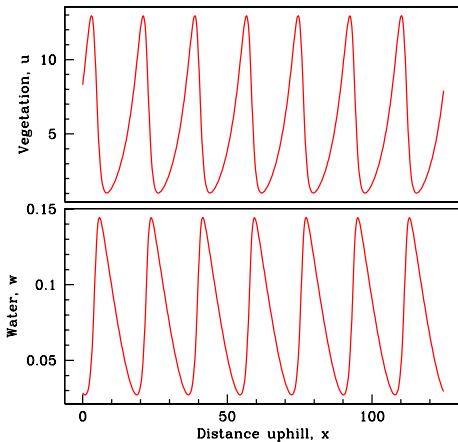
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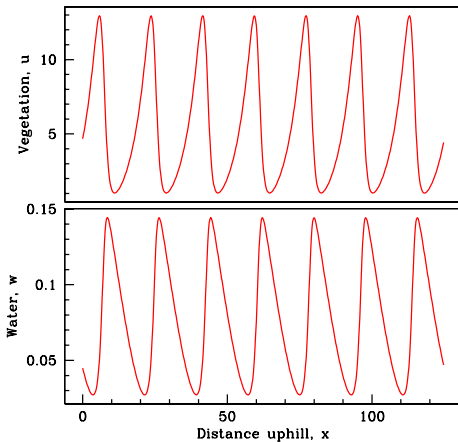
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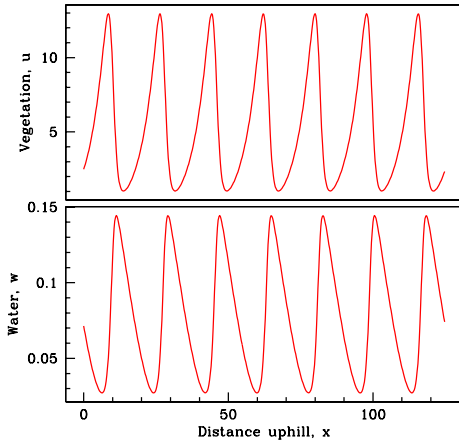
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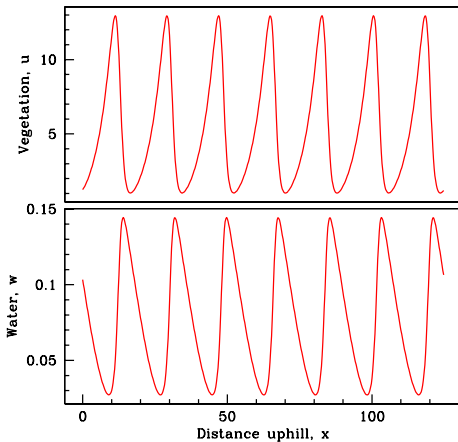
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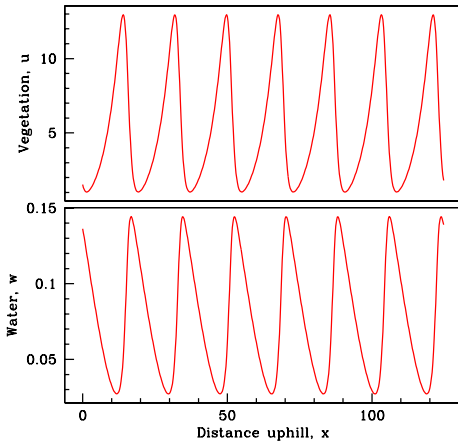
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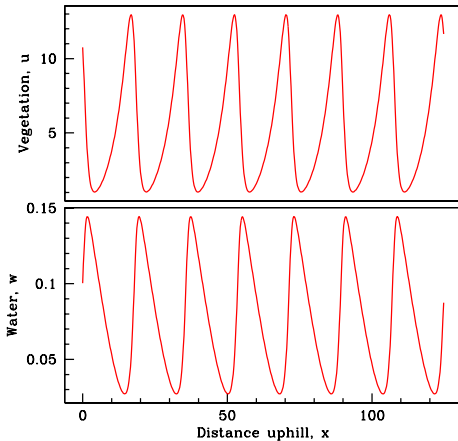
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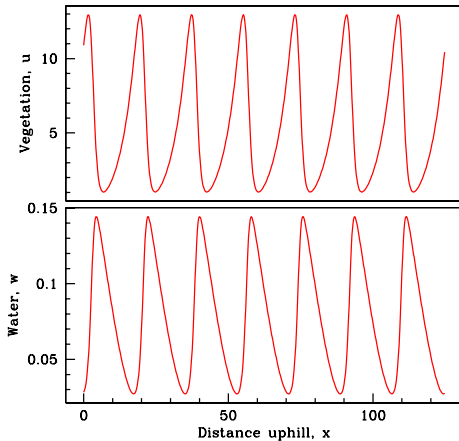
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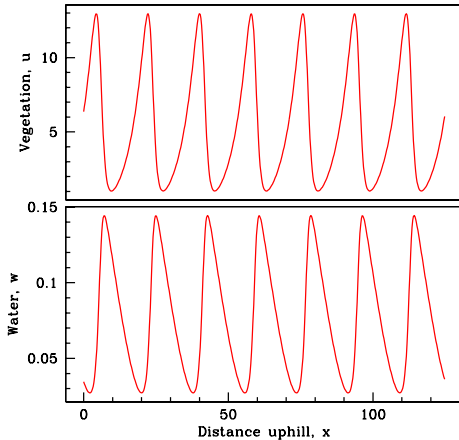
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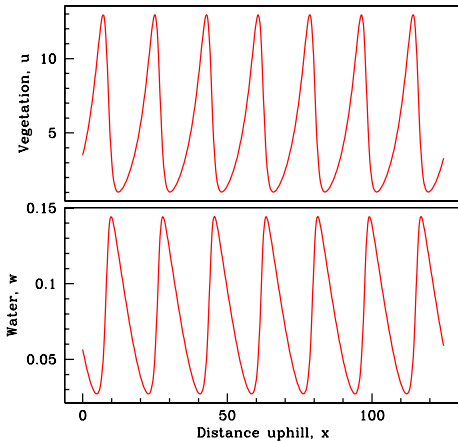
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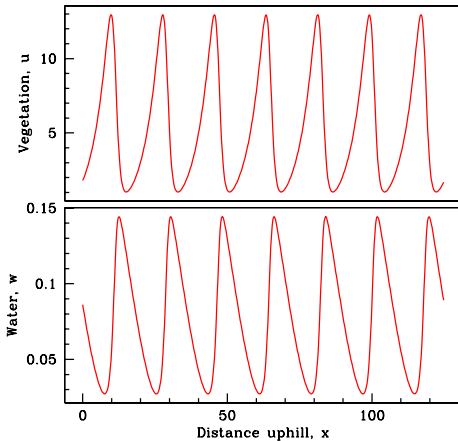
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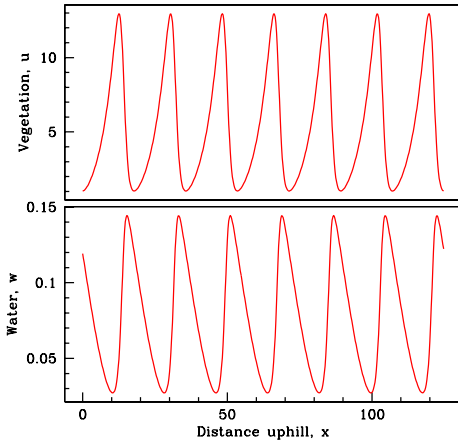
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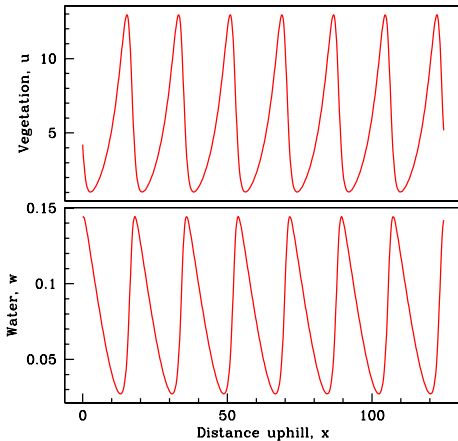
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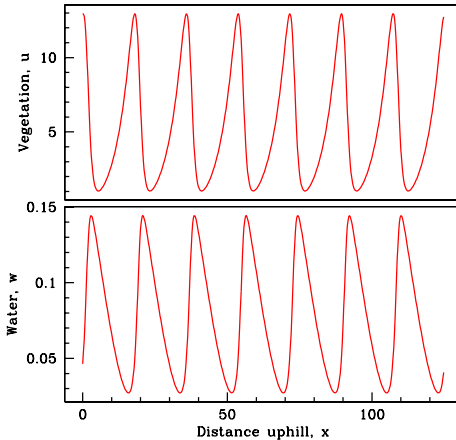
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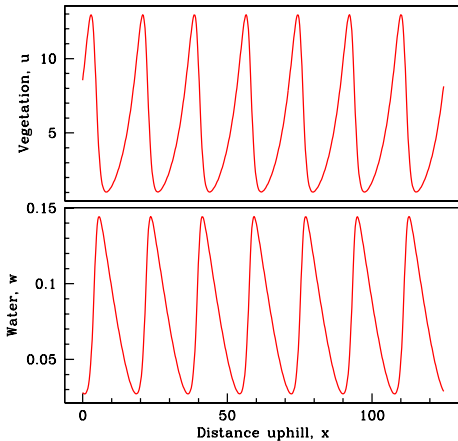
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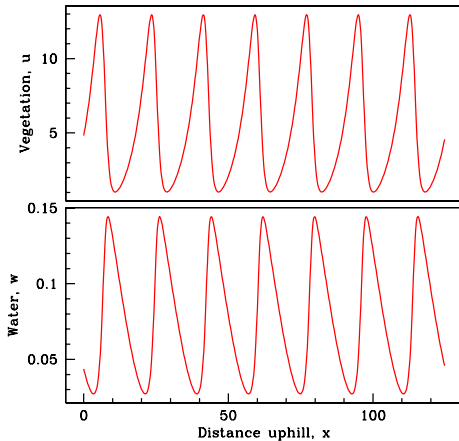
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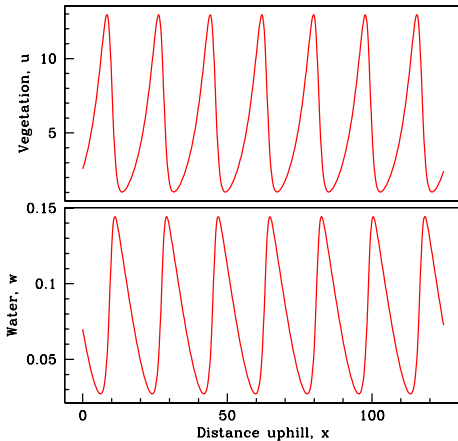
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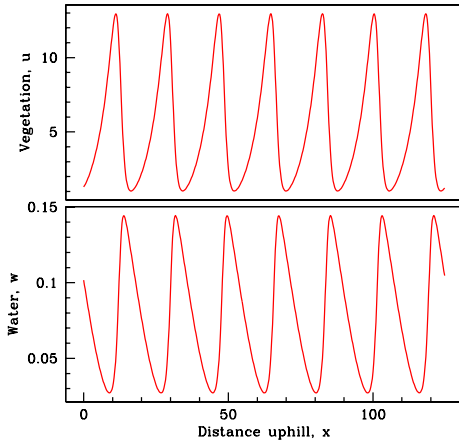
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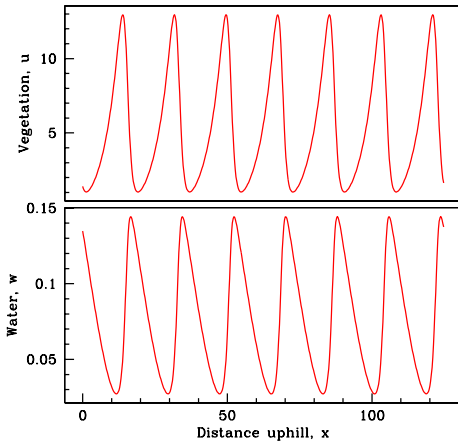
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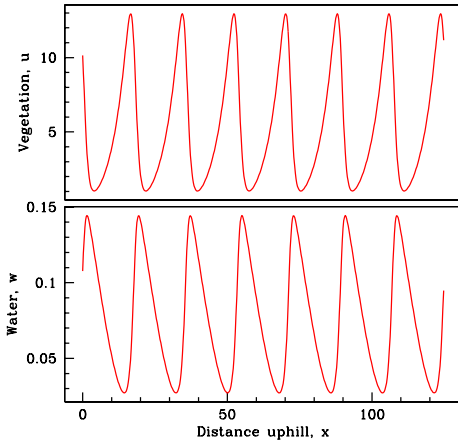
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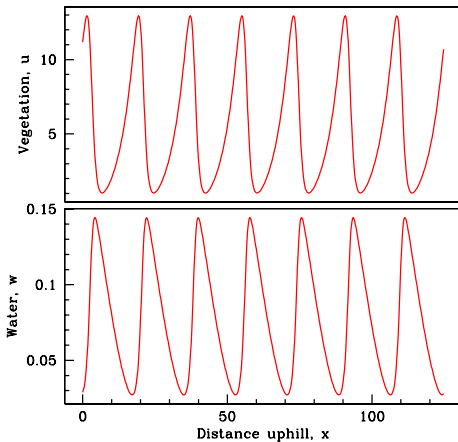
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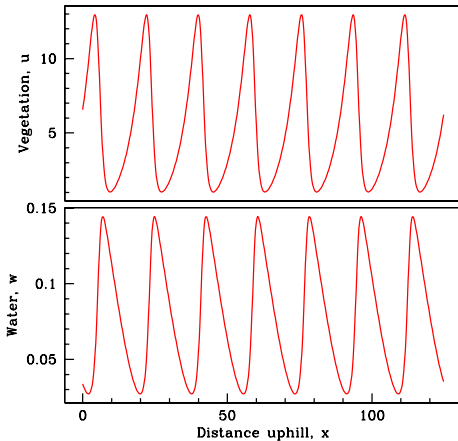
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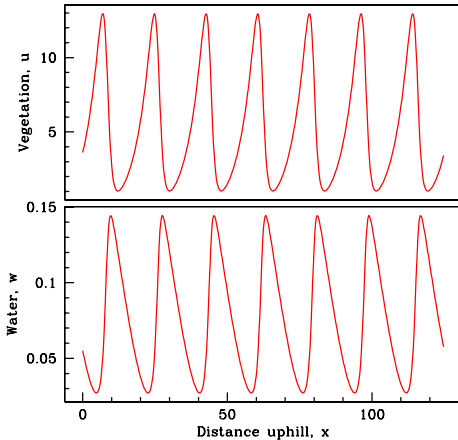
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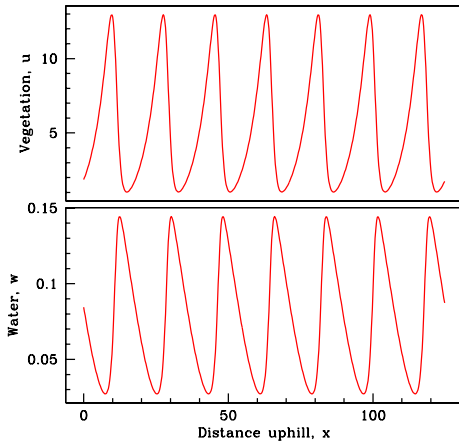
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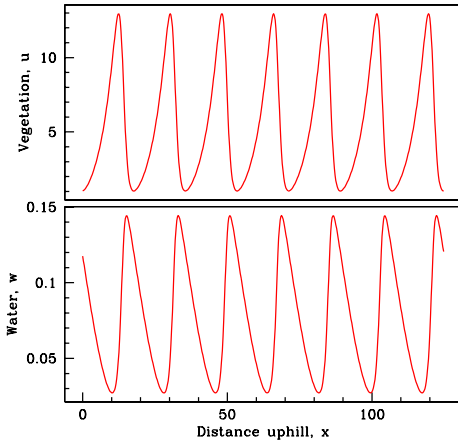
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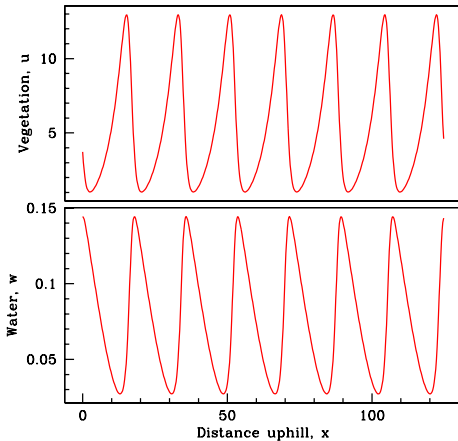
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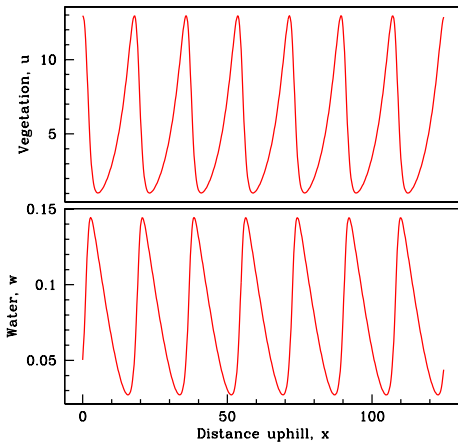
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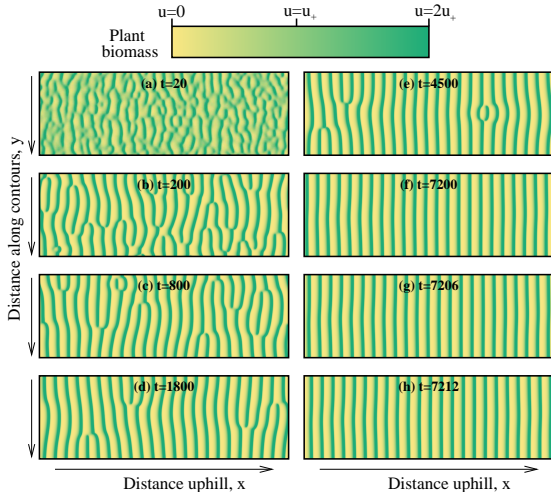
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Typical Solution of the Model in Two Dimensions



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- When $A \geq 2B$, there are also two non-trivial steady states satisfying $w^2 - Aw + B^2 = 0, u = B/w$

Stability of Homogeneous Steady States I

- Patterns can arise when a homogeneous steady state is unstable



- To determine stability:
 - Linearise the model about the steady state

$$\frac{\partial \hat{w}}{\partial t} = -(1 + u_s^2)\hat{w} - 2B\hat{u} + \nu \frac{\partial \hat{w}}{\partial x}$$

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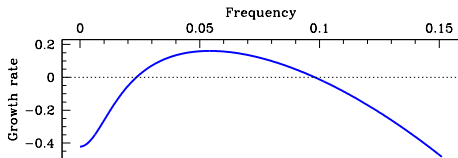
$$(\hat{w} = w - w_s, \quad \hat{u} = u - u_s)$$

Stability of Homogeneous Steady States II

- To determine stability:
 - Linearise the model about the steady state
 - Consider sinusoidal solutions:

$$(\hat{u}, \hat{w}) = \underbrace{(u_s, w_s)}_{\text{steady state}} + \underbrace{(\tilde{u}, \tilde{w})}_{\text{small constants}} \cdot \underbrace{e^{\lambda t}}_{\text{growth or decay}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\sin(2\pi f x)}{\cos(2\pi f x)}}_{\text{Fourier mode frequency } f}$$

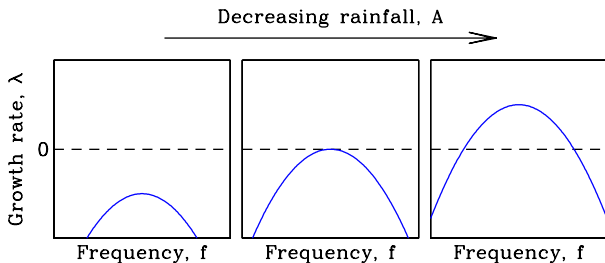
Substituting into the model gives $\lambda(f)$ (“dispersion relation”)



- The steady state is unstable if $\text{Re } \lambda(f) > 0$ for some f

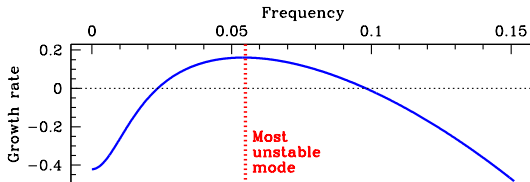
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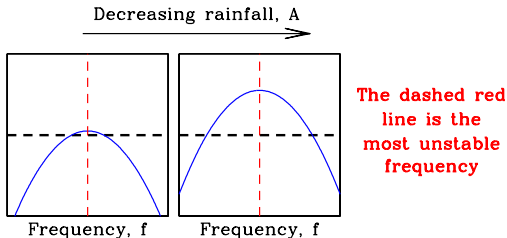
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When A is just small enough for patterns, the most unstable frequency gives a reliable guide to wavelength. For smaller A , wavelength selection is more complicated.

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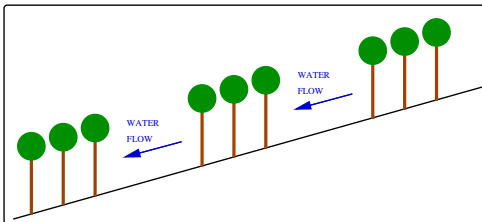
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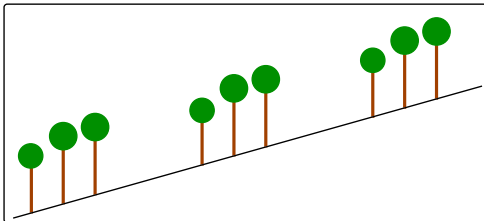
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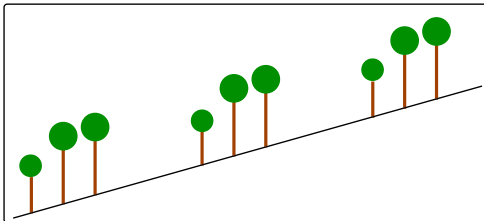
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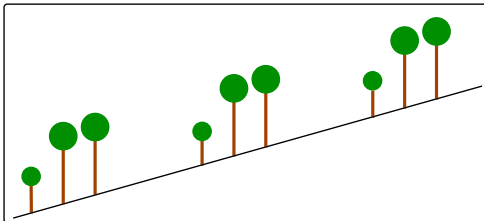
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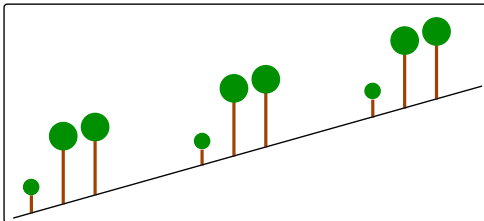
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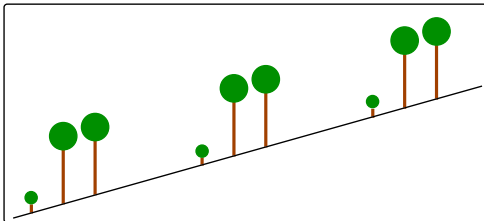
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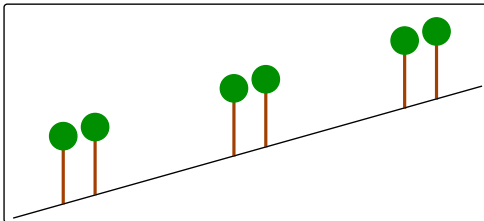
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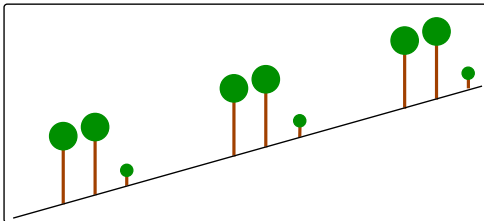
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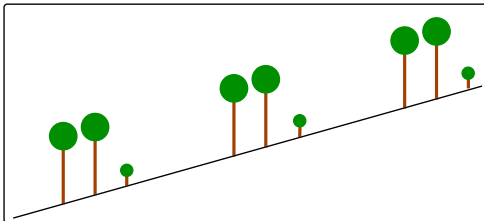
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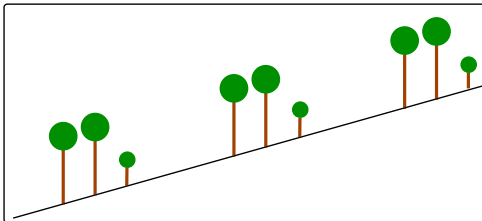
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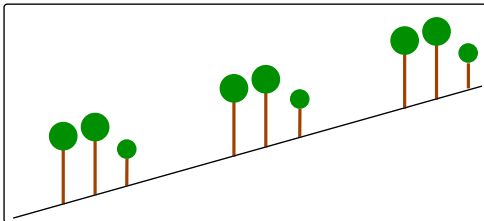
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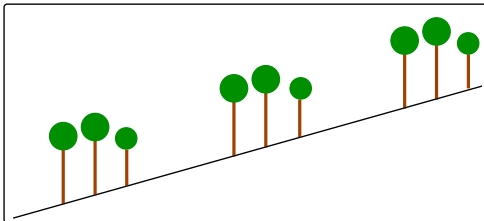
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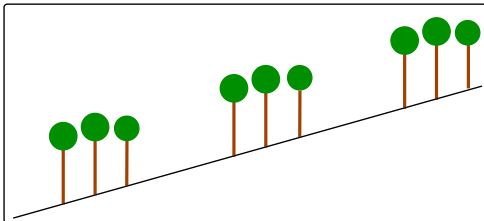
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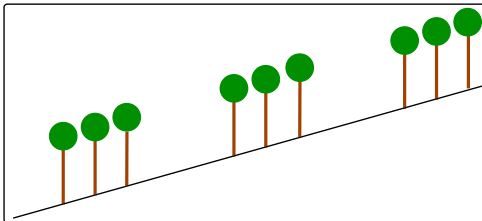
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Travelling Wave Equations

The patterns move at constant shape and speed

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = U(z), w(x, t) = W(z), z = x - ct$$

$$d^2U/dz^2 + c dU/dz + WU^2 - BU = 0$$

$$(\nu + c)dW/dz + A - W - WU^2 = 0$$

Patterns are periodic (limit cycle) solutions of these equations

Calculation of all possible patterns is done in three steps.

Step 1: Calculate the Locus of Hopf Bifurcations

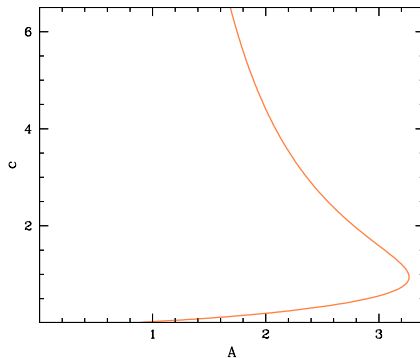
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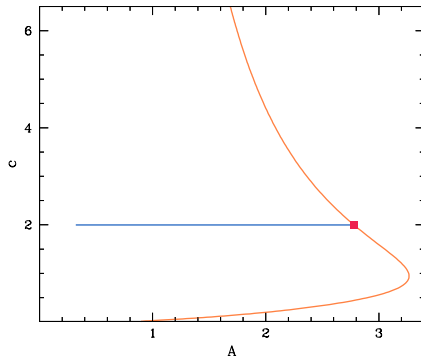
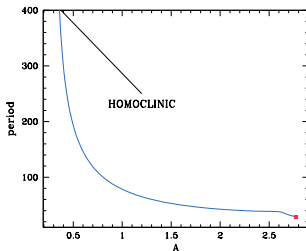
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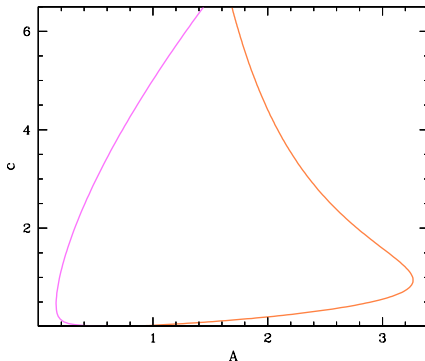


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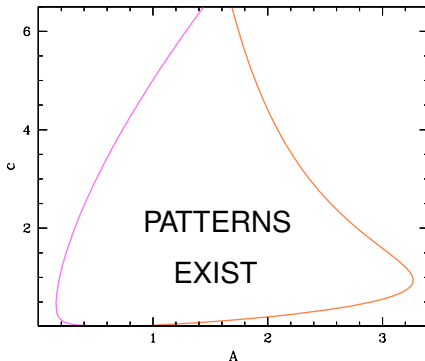
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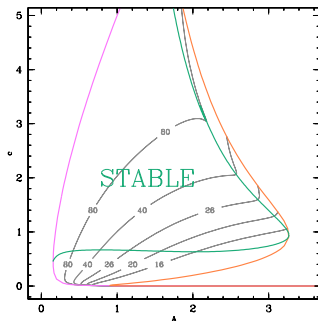
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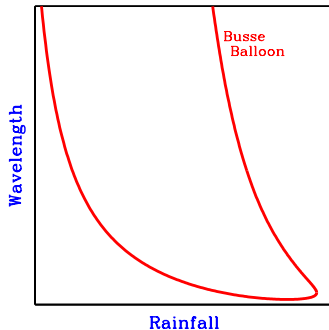
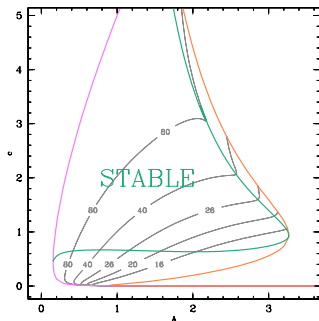
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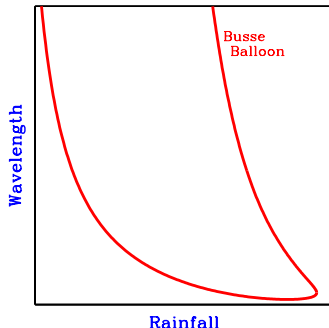
The parameter region with stable patterns is known as the “**Busse balloon**”.

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Key Result

For many rainfall levels, there are stable patterns with a range of wavelengths.



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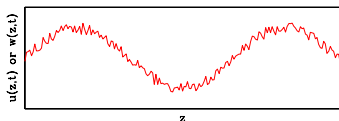
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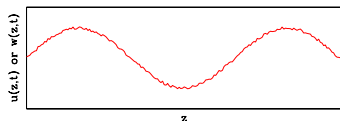
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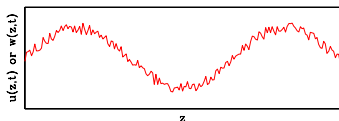
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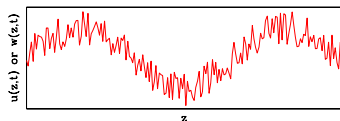
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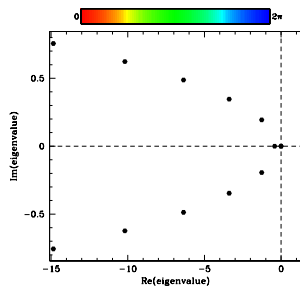
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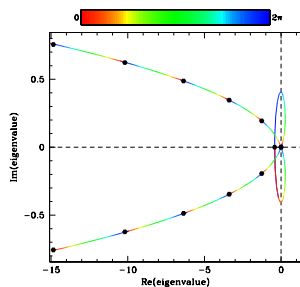


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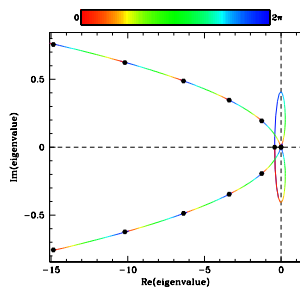


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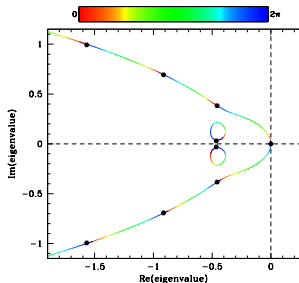
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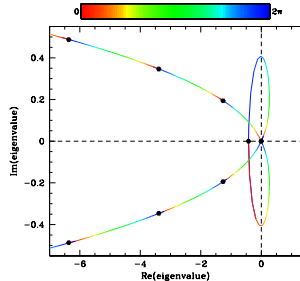
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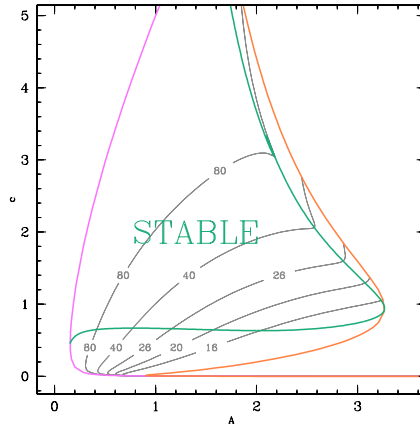
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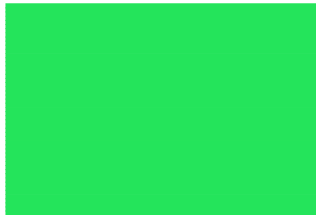
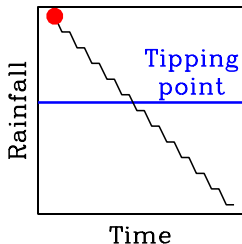


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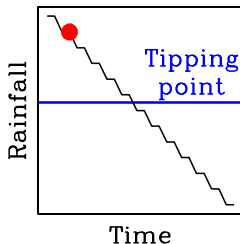
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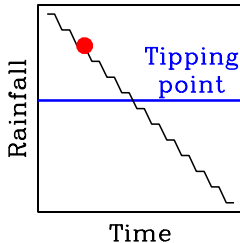
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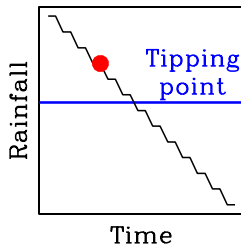
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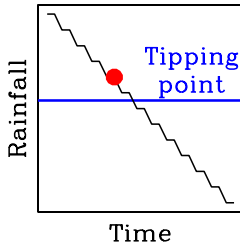
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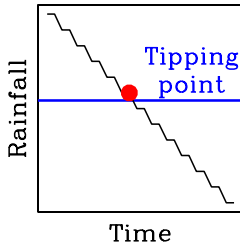
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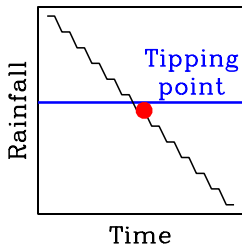
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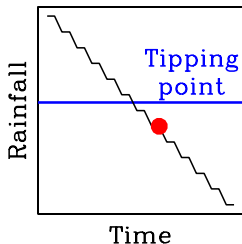
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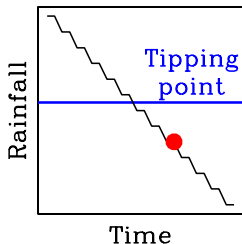
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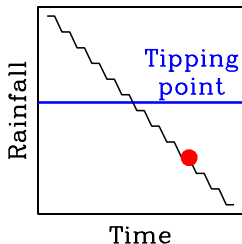
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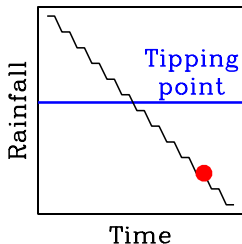
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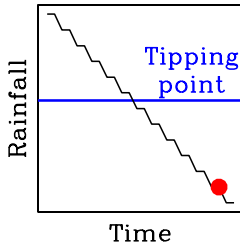
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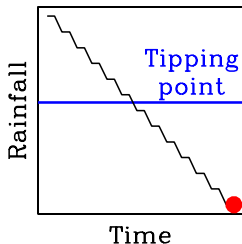
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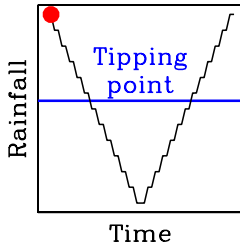
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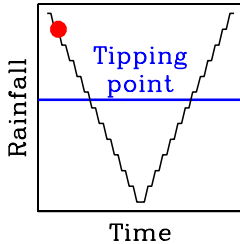
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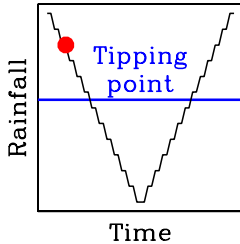
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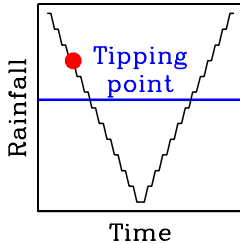
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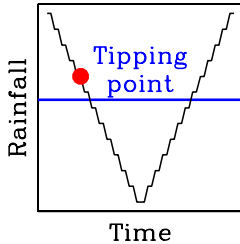
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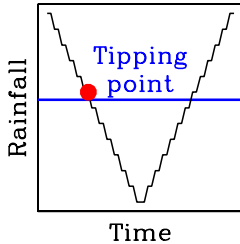
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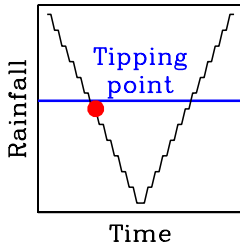
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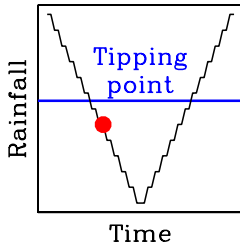
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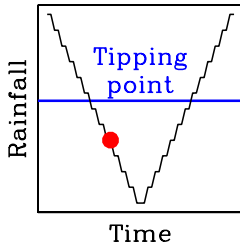
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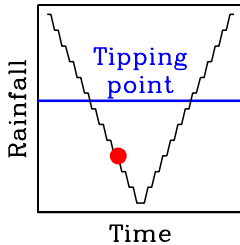
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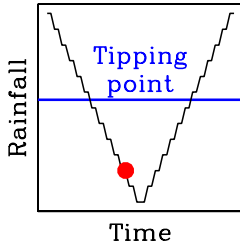
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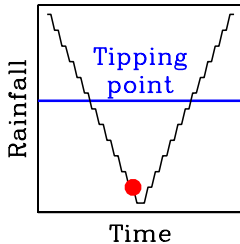
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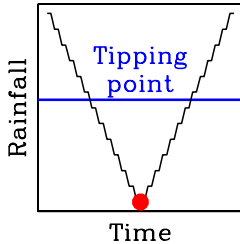
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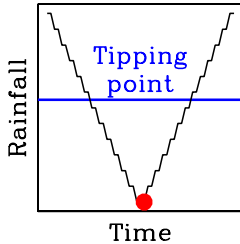
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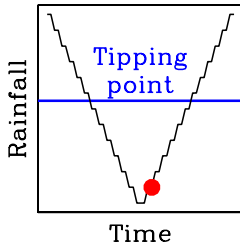
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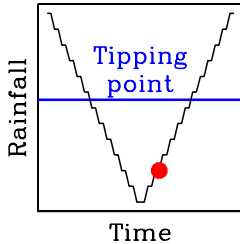
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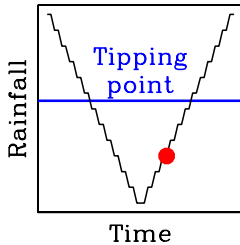
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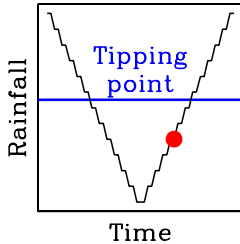
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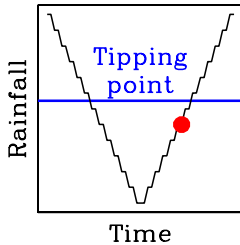
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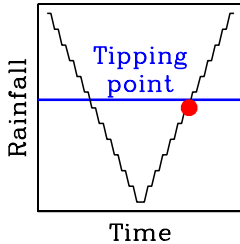
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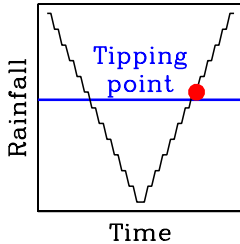
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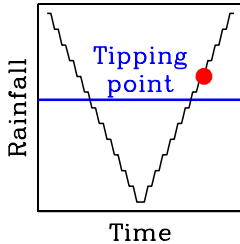
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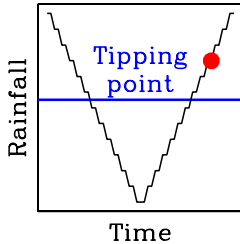
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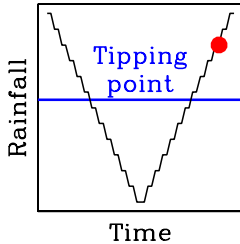
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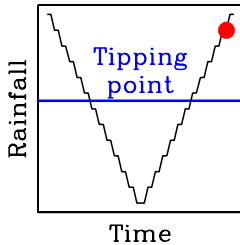
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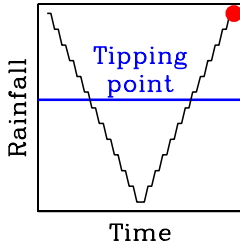
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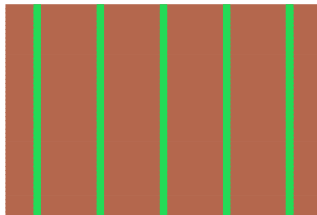
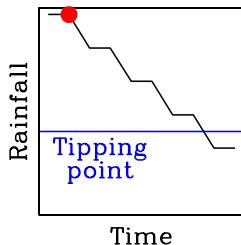


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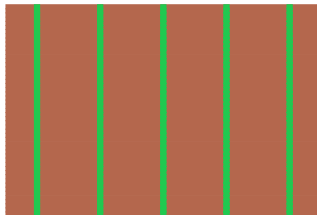
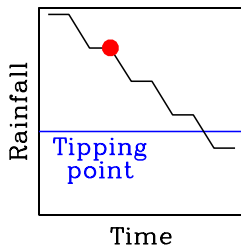
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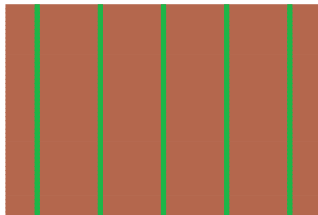
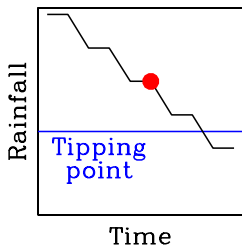
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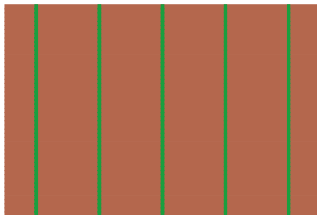
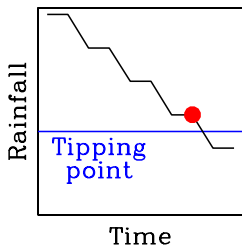
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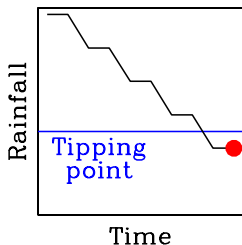
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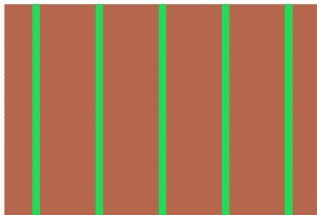
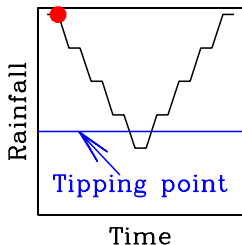
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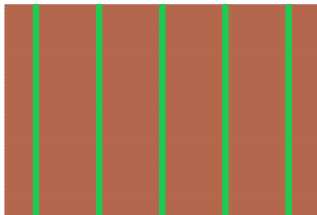
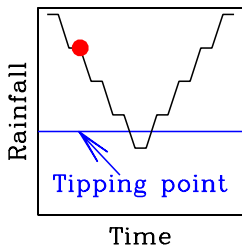
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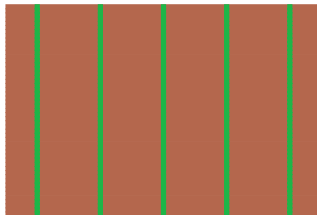
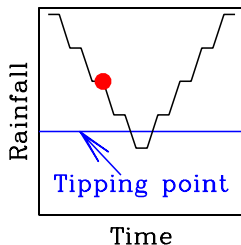
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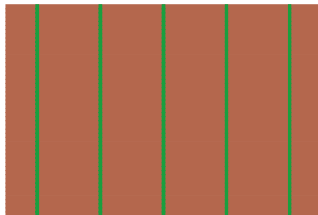
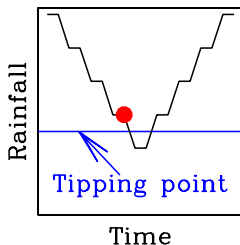
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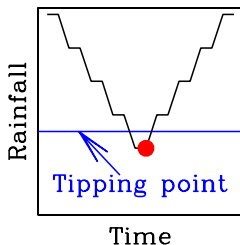
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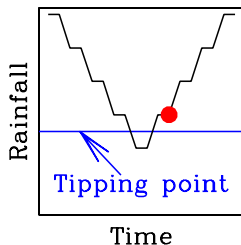
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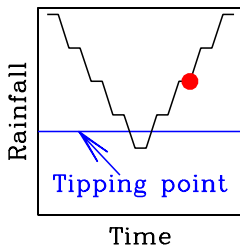
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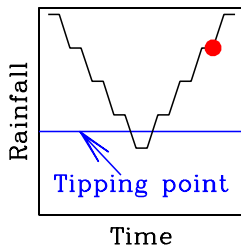
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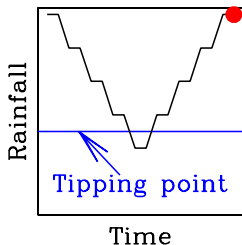
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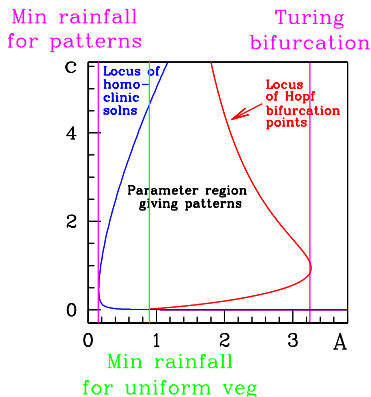
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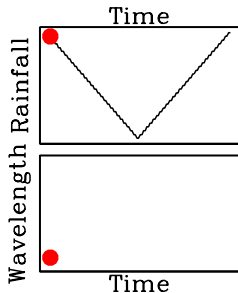
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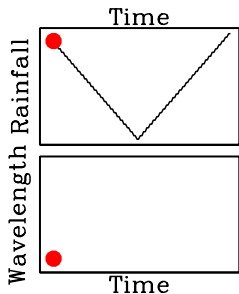
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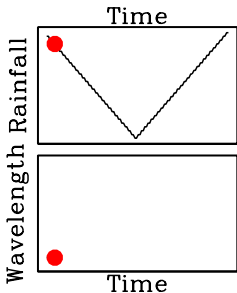
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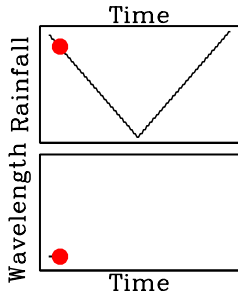
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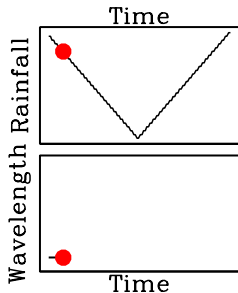
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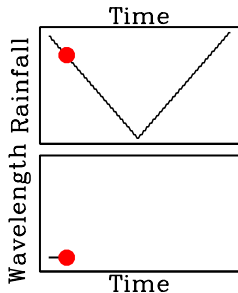
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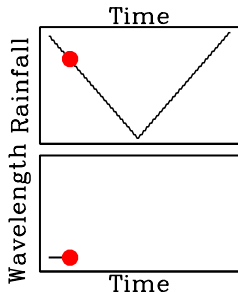
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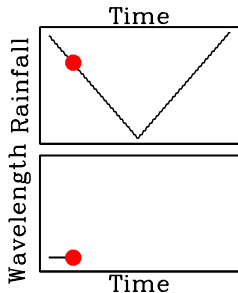
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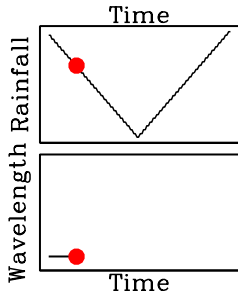
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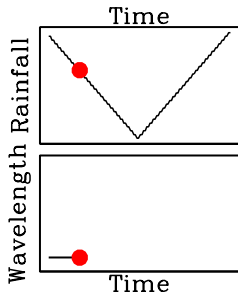
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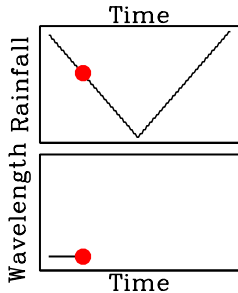
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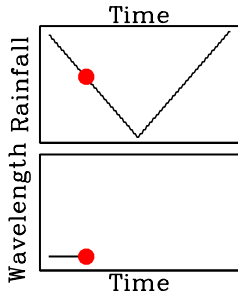
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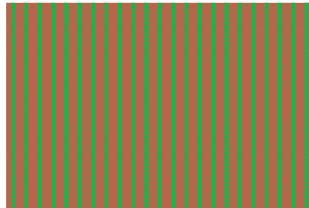
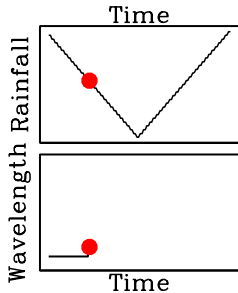
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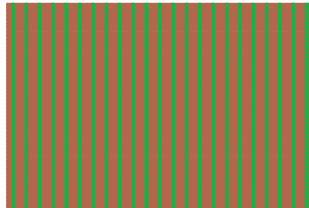
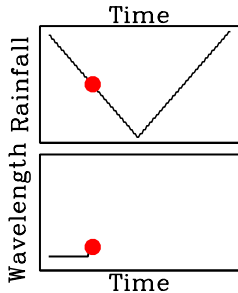
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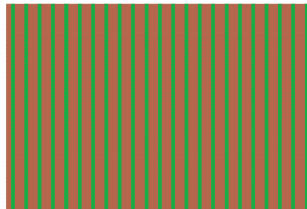
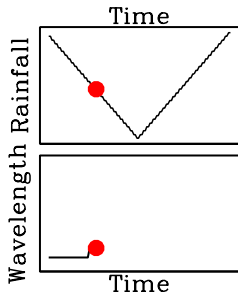
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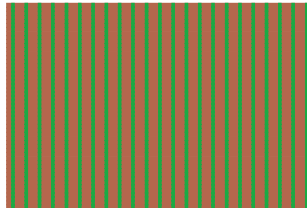
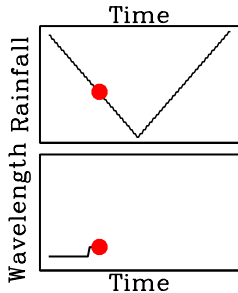
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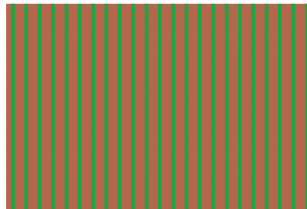
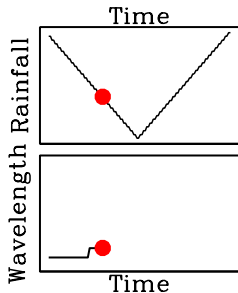
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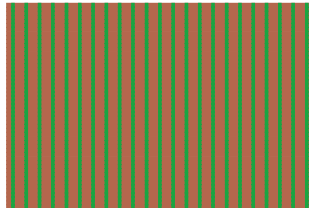
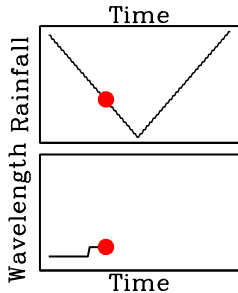
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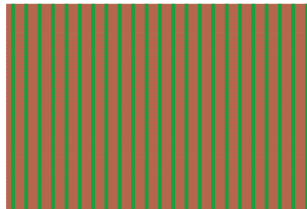
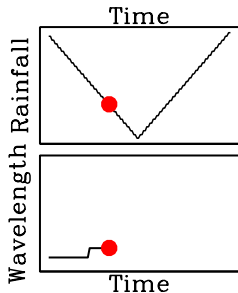
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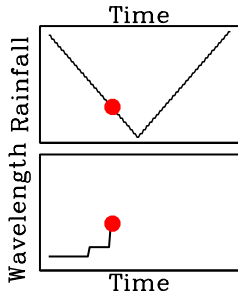
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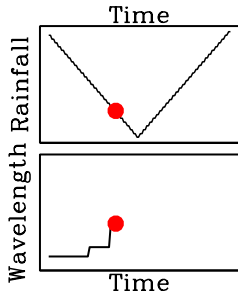
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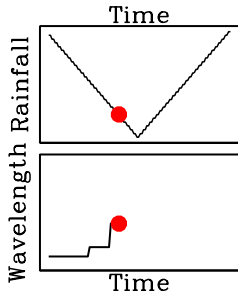
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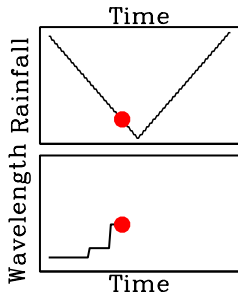
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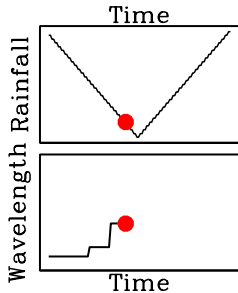
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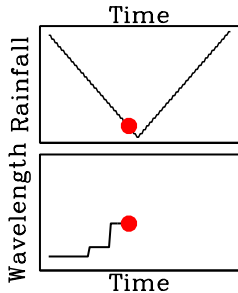
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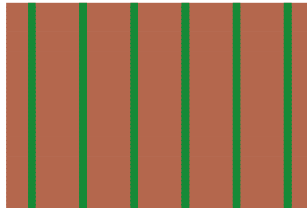
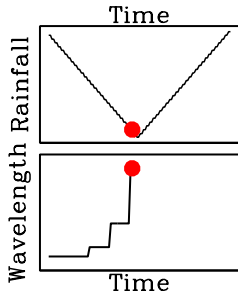
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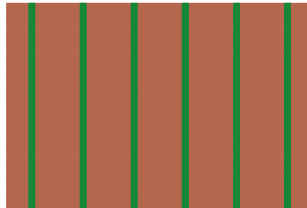
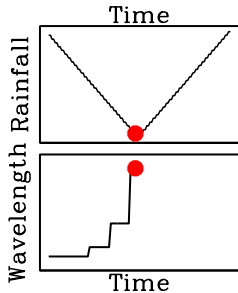
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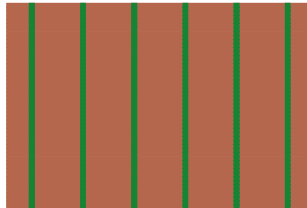
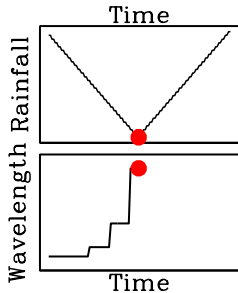
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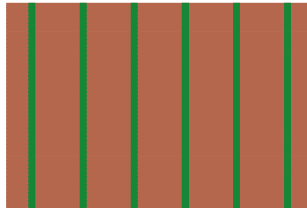
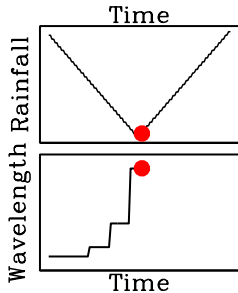
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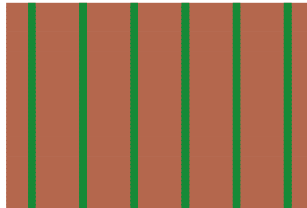
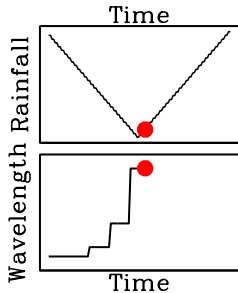
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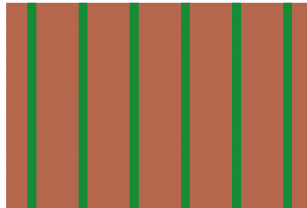
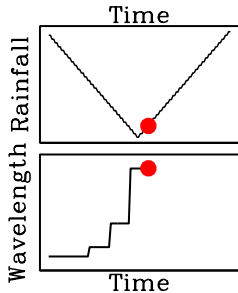
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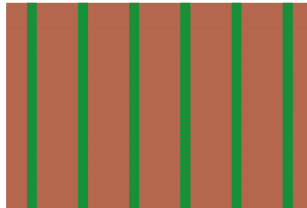
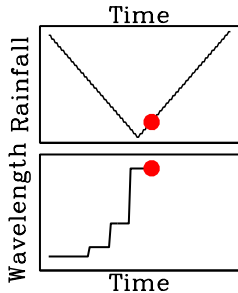
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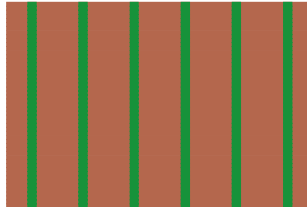
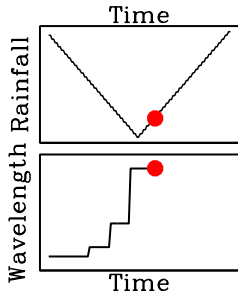
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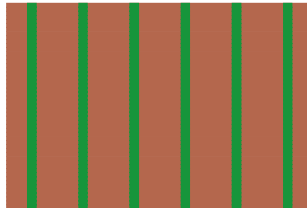
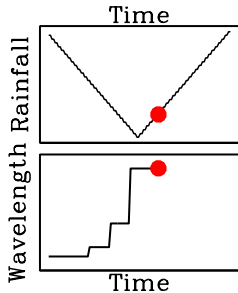
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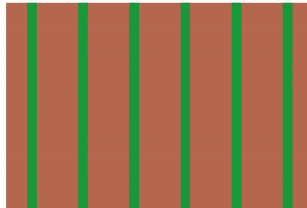
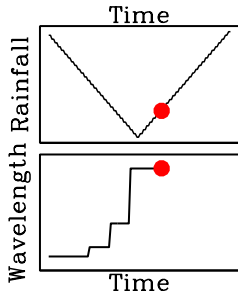
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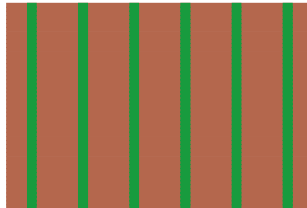
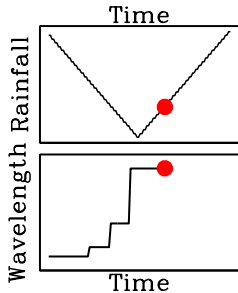
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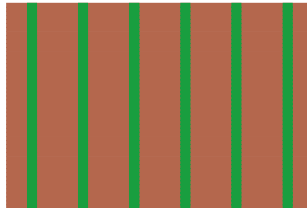
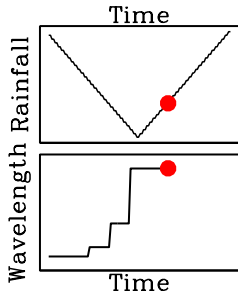
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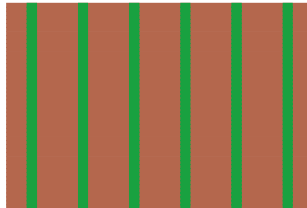
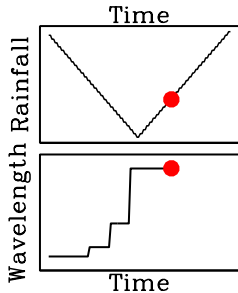
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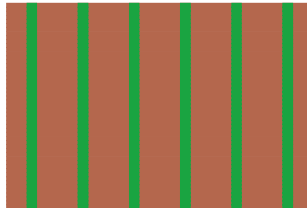
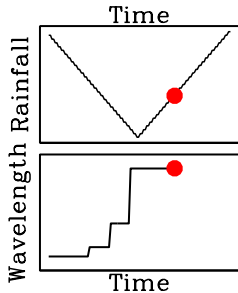
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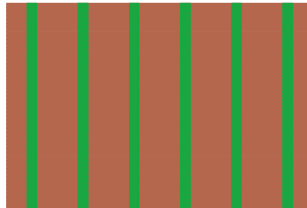
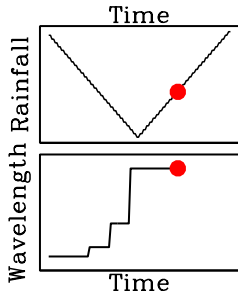
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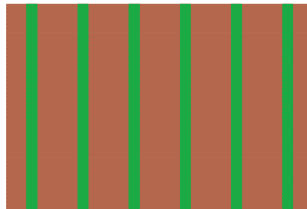
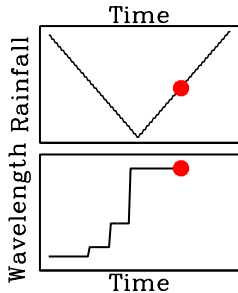
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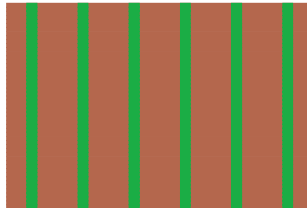
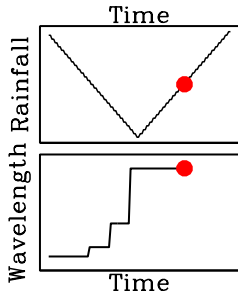
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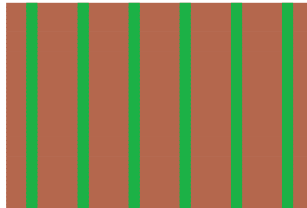
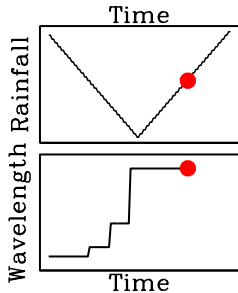
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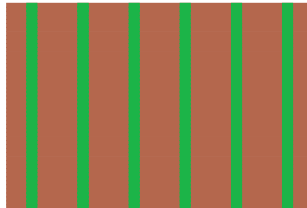
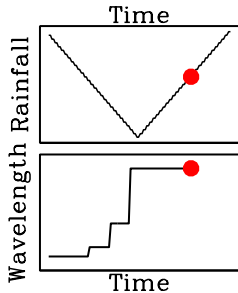
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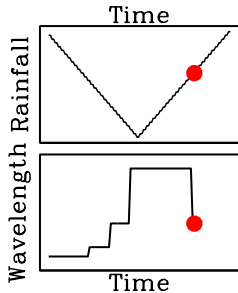
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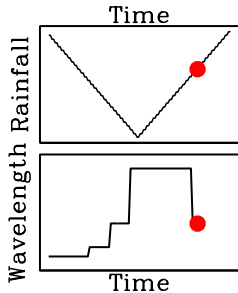
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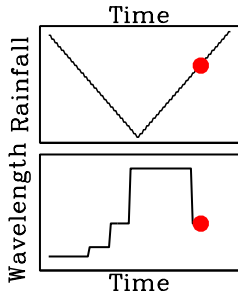
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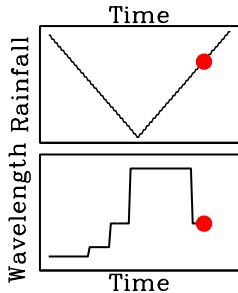
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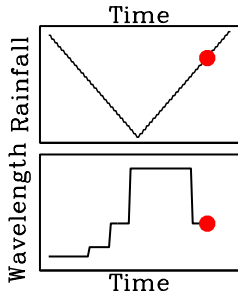
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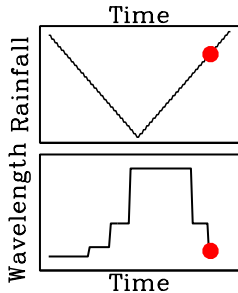
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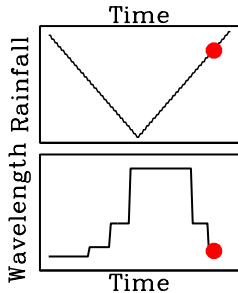
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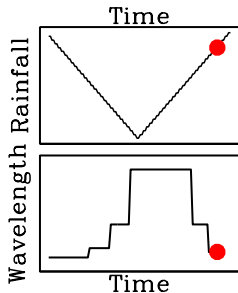
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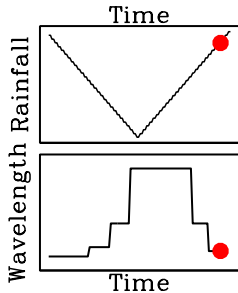
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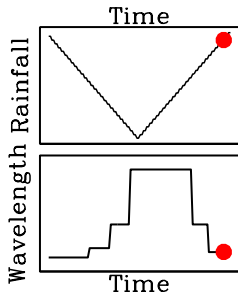
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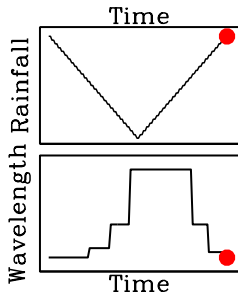
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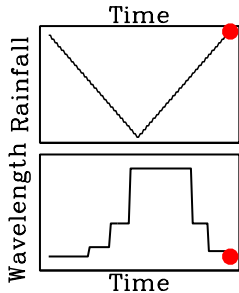
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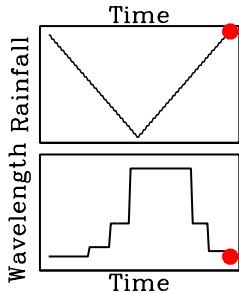
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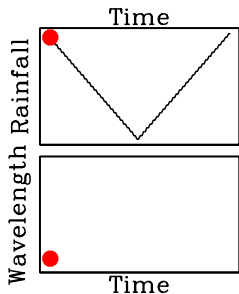
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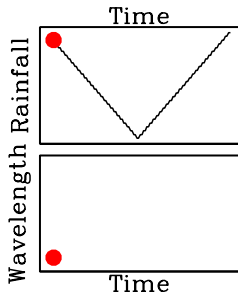
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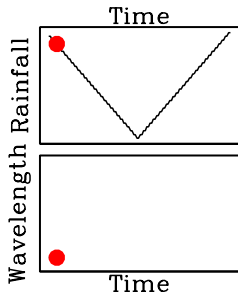
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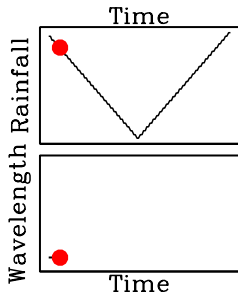
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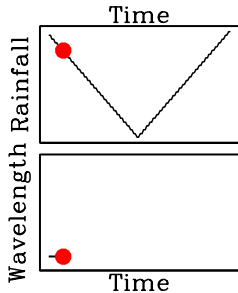
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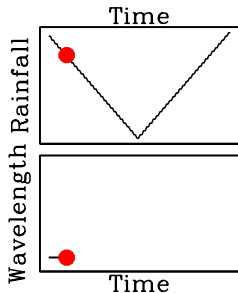
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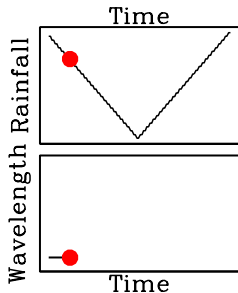
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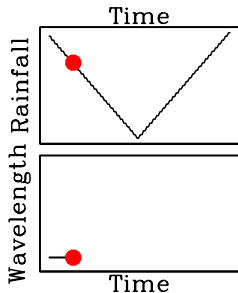
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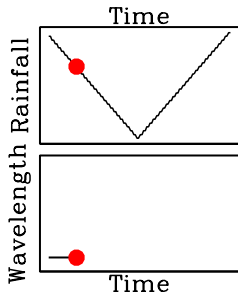
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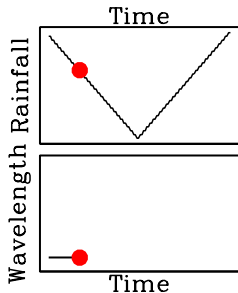
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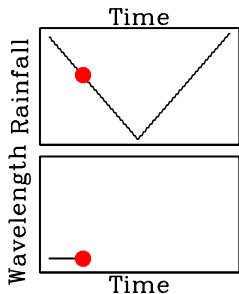
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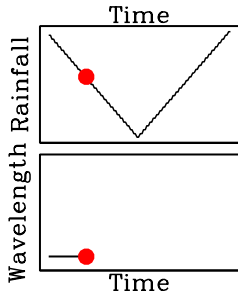
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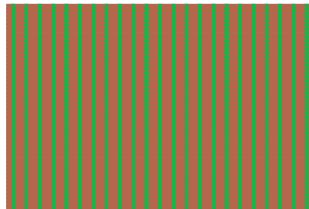
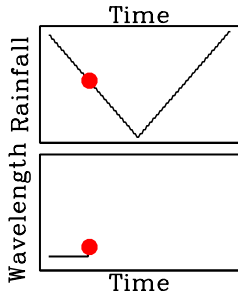
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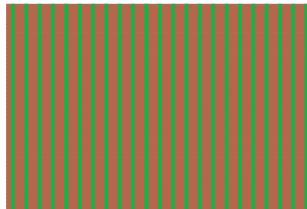
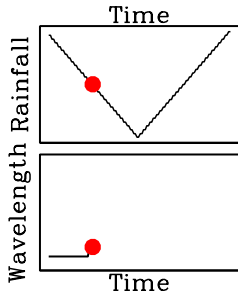
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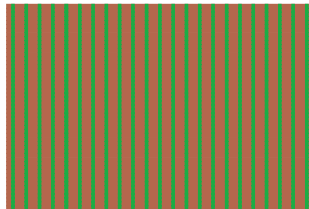
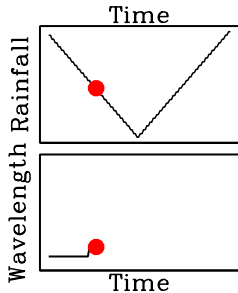
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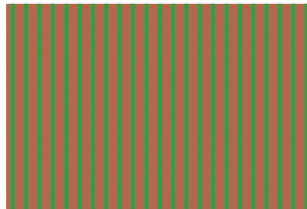
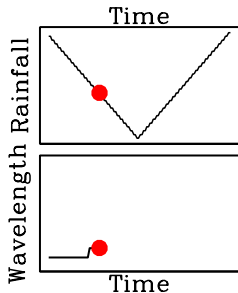
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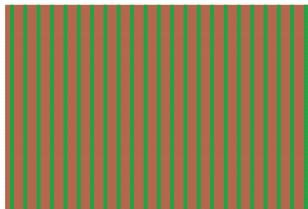
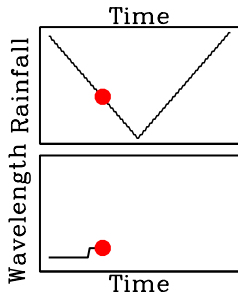
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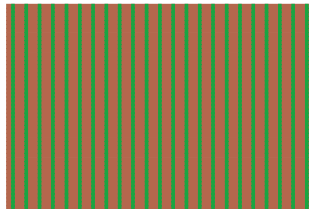
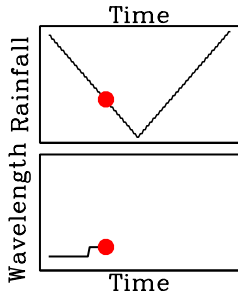
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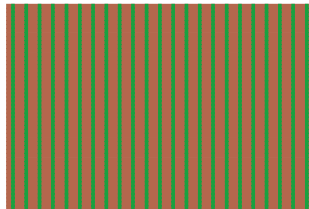
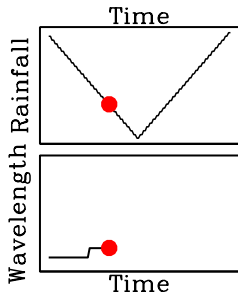
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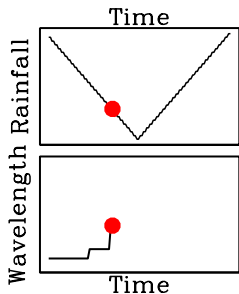
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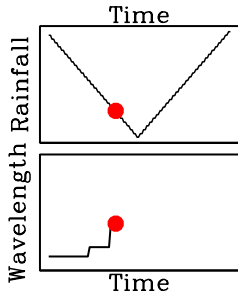
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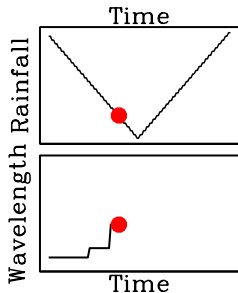
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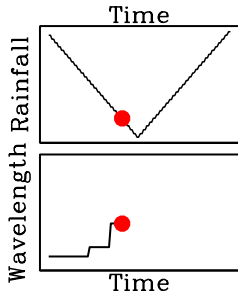
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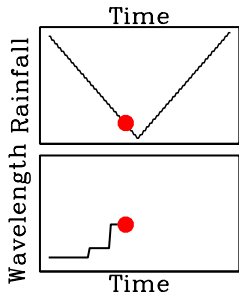
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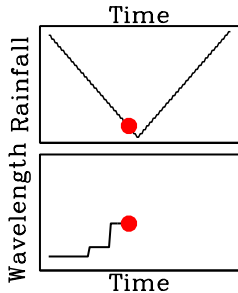
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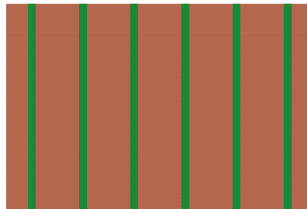
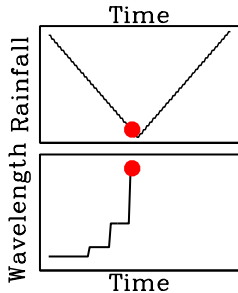
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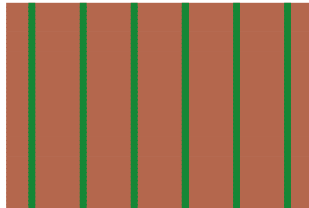
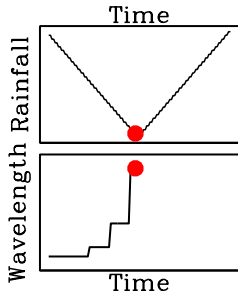
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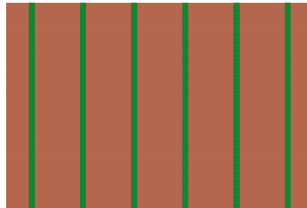
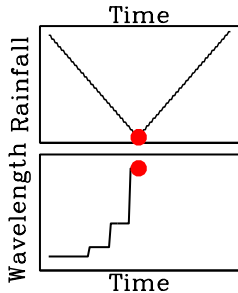
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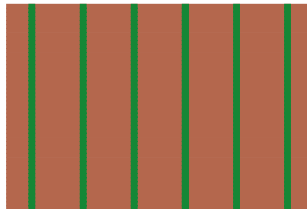
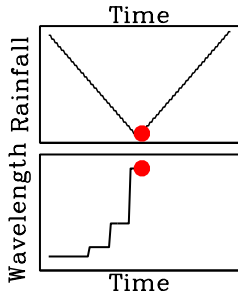
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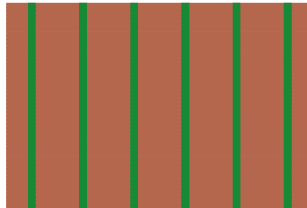
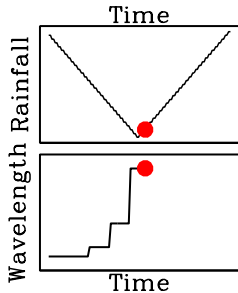
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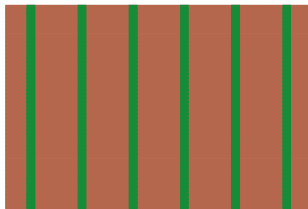
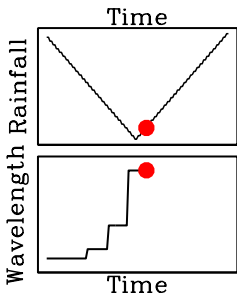
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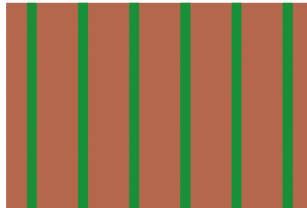
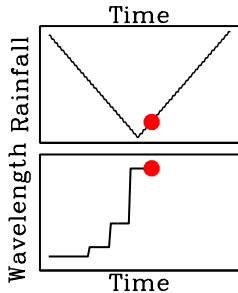
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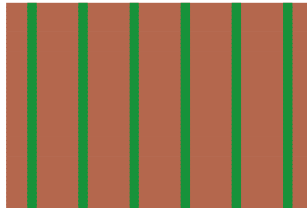
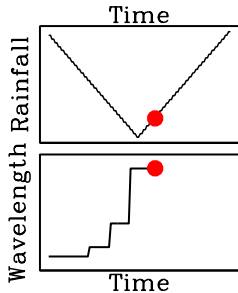
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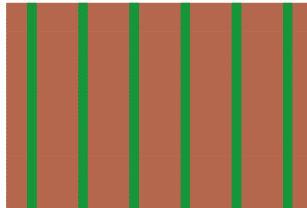
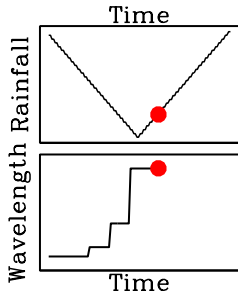
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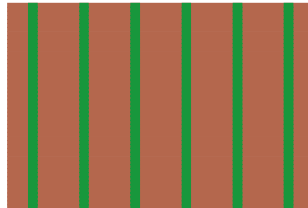
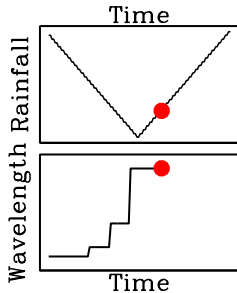
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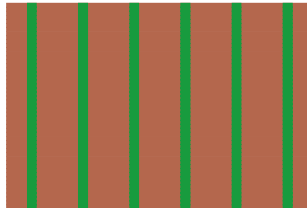
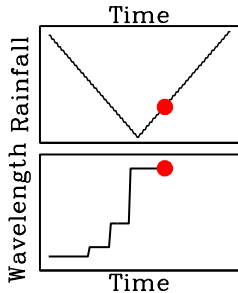
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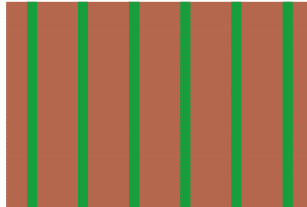
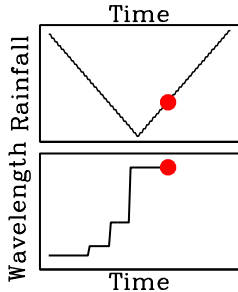
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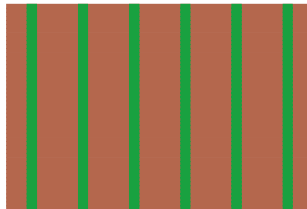
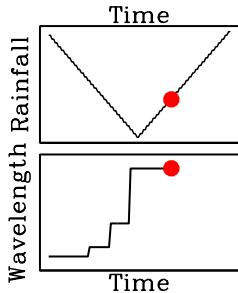
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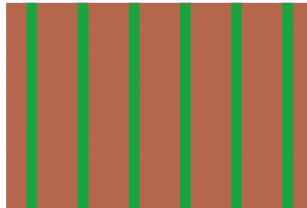
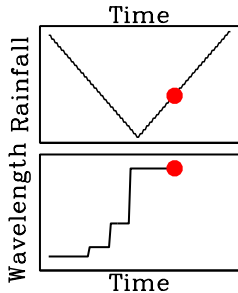
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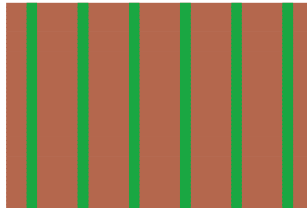
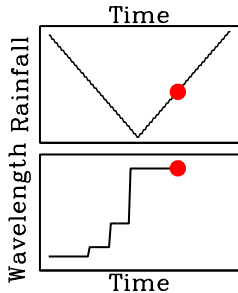
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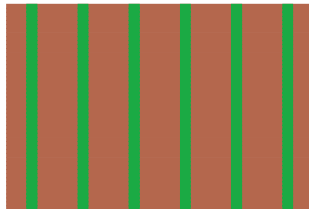
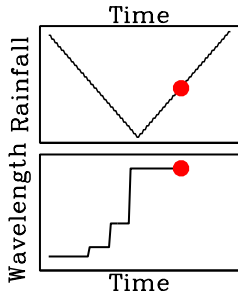
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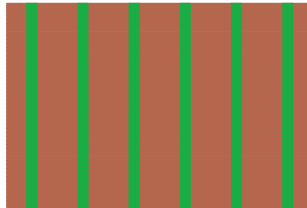
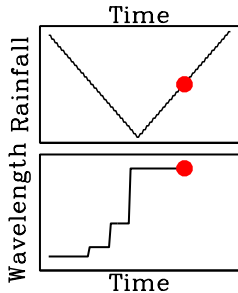
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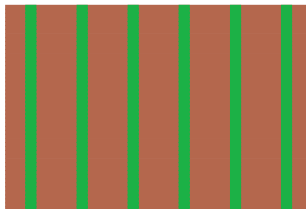
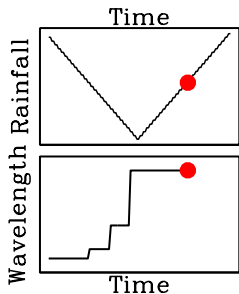
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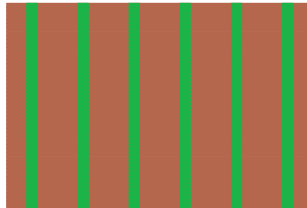
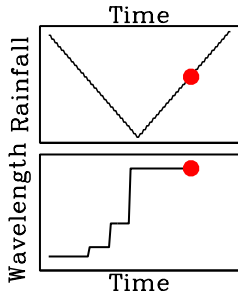
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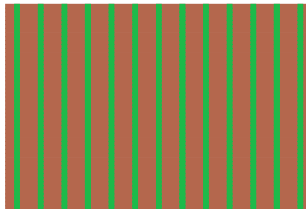
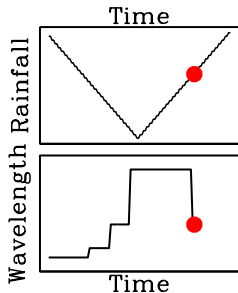
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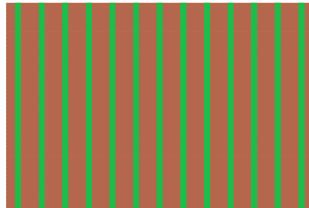
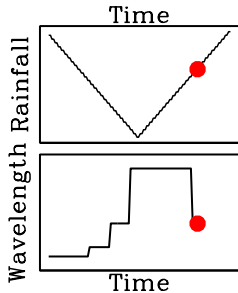
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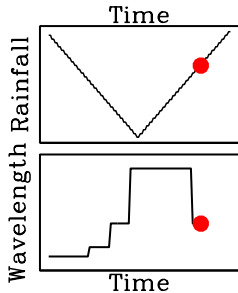
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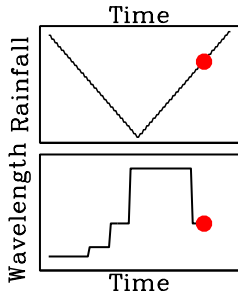
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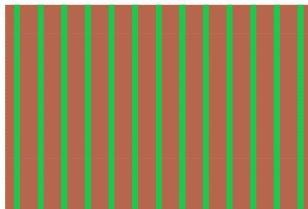
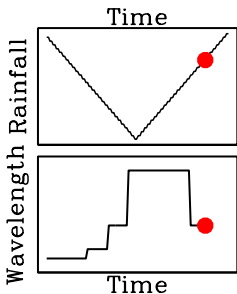
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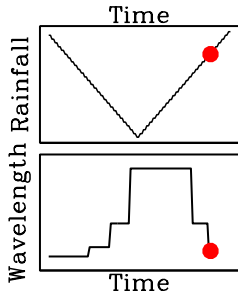
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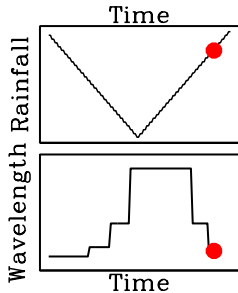
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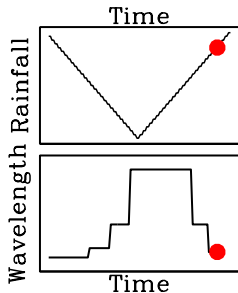
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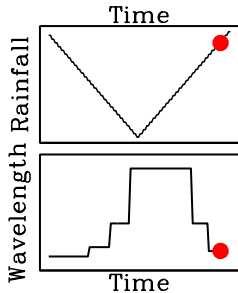
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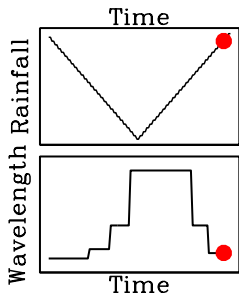
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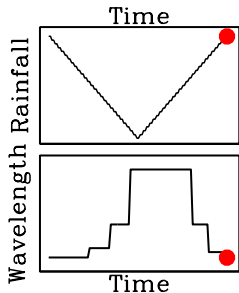
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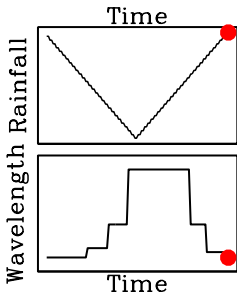
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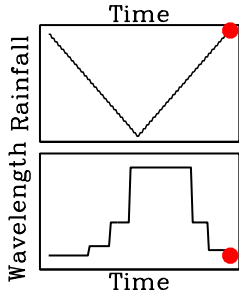
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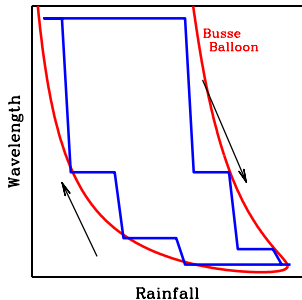
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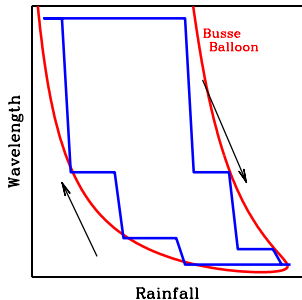
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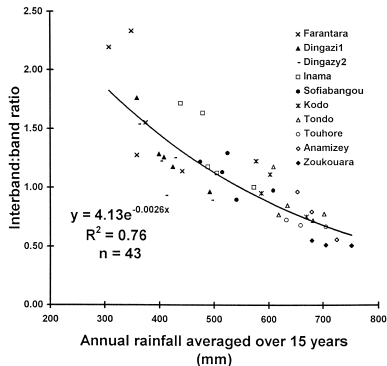
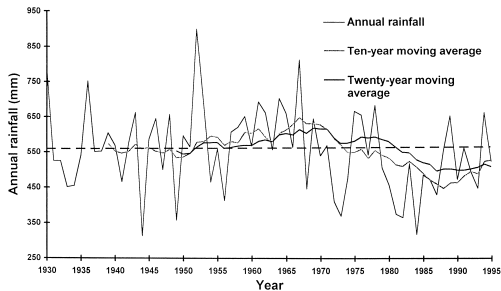
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Data on the Effects of Changing Rainfall



Data from 1950-1995 (C. Valentin & J.M. d'Herbès, Catena 37:231, 1999)

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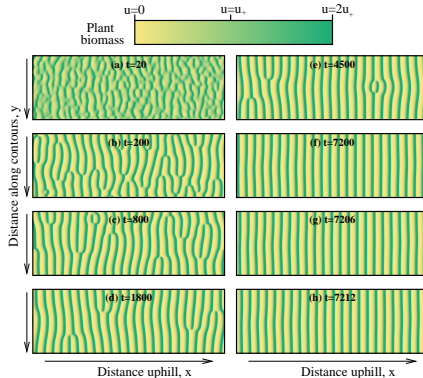
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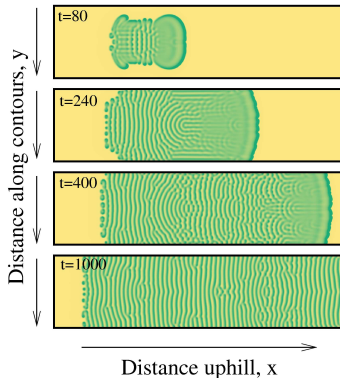
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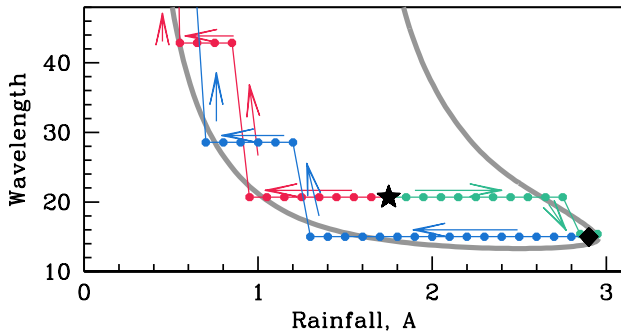


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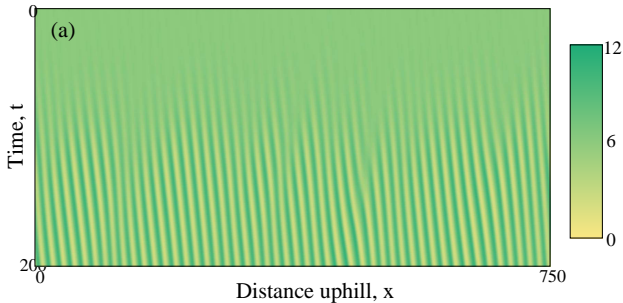


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Wavelength for Degradation of Uniform Vegetation



For degradation of uniform vegetation, pattern wavelength can be calculated via the stability of the homogeneous steady state:
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When Does Vegetation Colonise Bare Ground?

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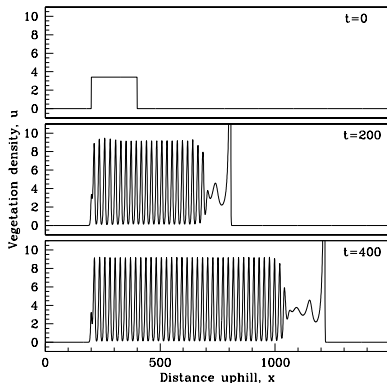


Larger rainfall: the patch expands both uphill and downhill



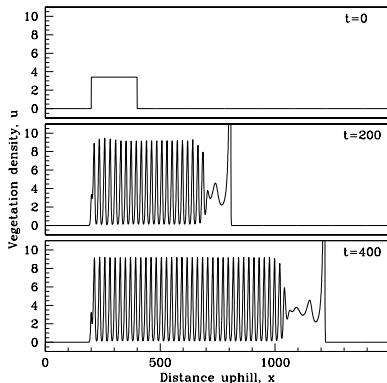
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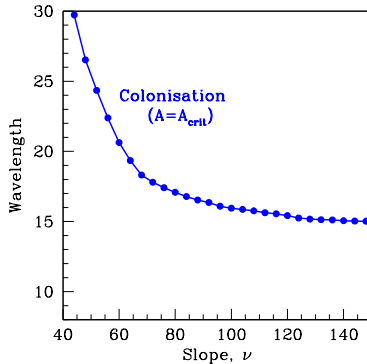
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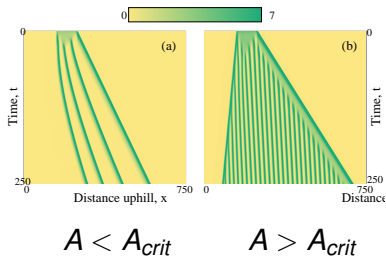
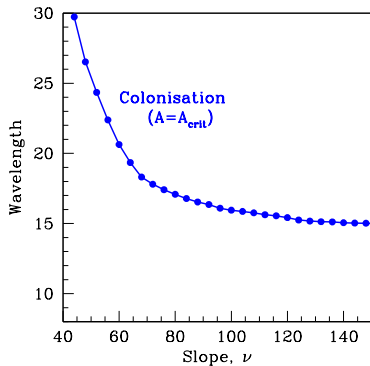


Wavelength can be calculated via numerical simulations in which rainfall A is chosen so that the downhill edge is stationary ($A = A_{crit}$, say).

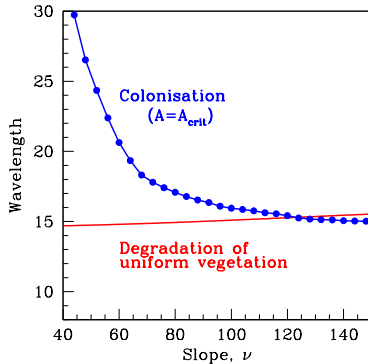
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Degradation of uniform vegetation and colonisation of bare ground give patterns with different wavelengths.

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