

Emergent quantization of trajectories in a square box

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Goal of the experiment :

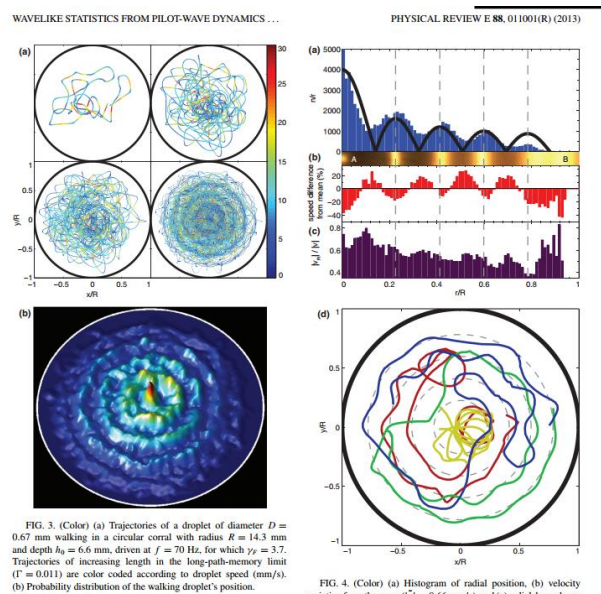
A walking droplet is placed in a square box, at the onset of Faraday threshold.

The trajectory of the droplet is mapped.

In the long time limit, does a self-interference pattern appear ? what's its shape ?
How does it relate to the square cavity surface wave eigen-modes ?

cf. experiment by Bush et al. : in a circular corral

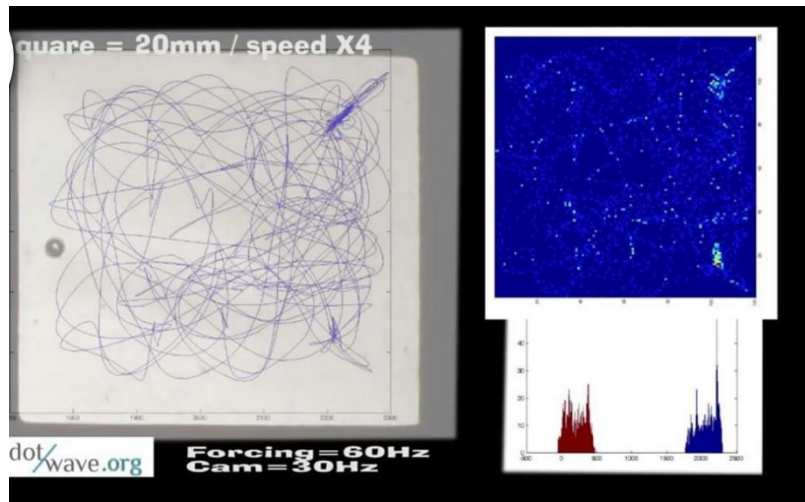
<http://dotwave.org/wavelike-statistics-from-pilot-wave-dynamics-in-a-circular-corral/>



In short, we try to reproduce the experiment of Bush et al, **but in a square box.**

This movie presents the goal and means of the experiment :

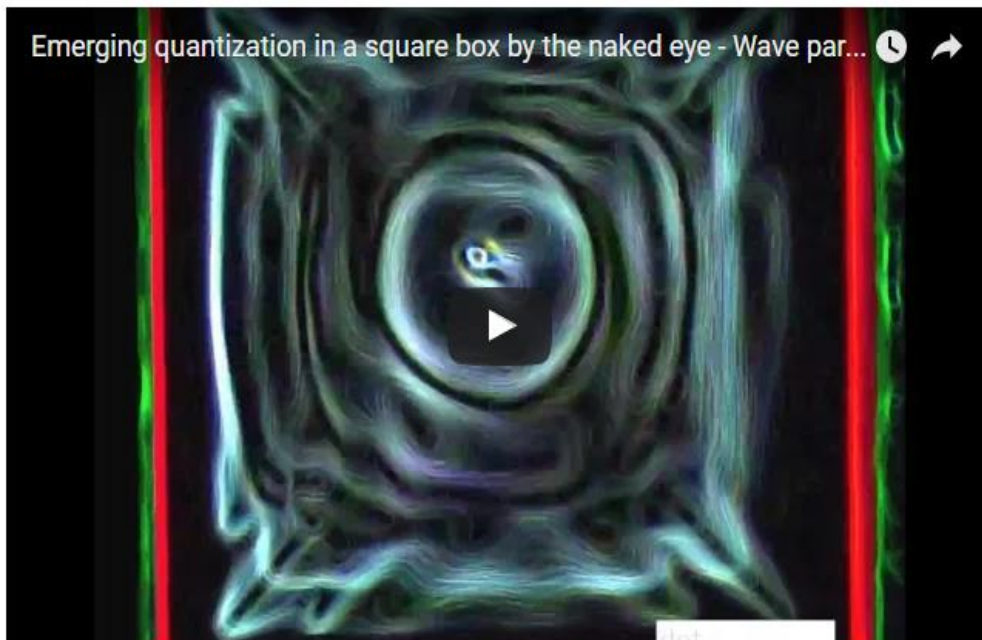
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First result :

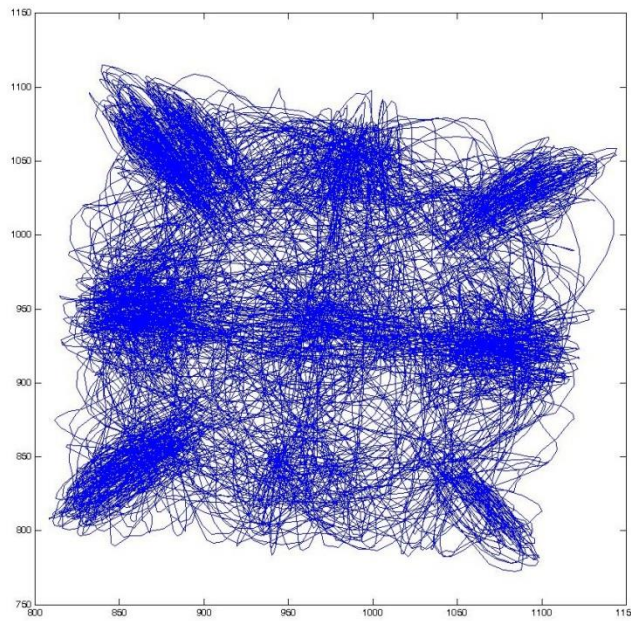
A walking droplet in a square cavity shows random motion, but with time, its trajectory is building a statistic reminiscent of the resonant mode of the cavity.

This can be seen by the naked eye in this movie excerpt :



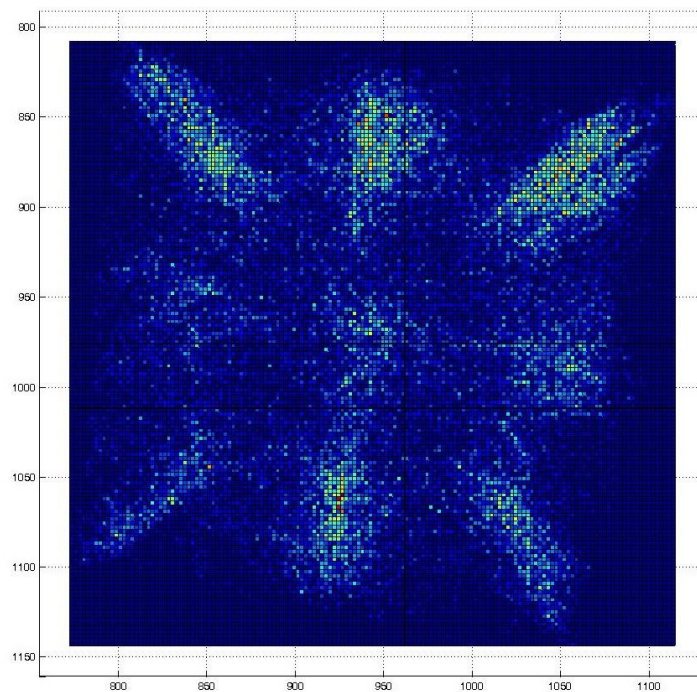
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This is then confirmed with **optical tracking measurement** of the trajectory :



Trajectory of the walking droplet

The **position distribution** (\sim probability density) is then computed :



Probability density