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Mean curvature flow of Reifenberg Sets.

In this talk, we will discuss the short time existence and uniqueness of smooth mean curvature flow in arbitrary dimension starting from a class of sets which is general enough to include some fractal sets (for which even the area is not defined). Those so-called (ε, R) Reifenberg sets have a weak metric notion of a tangent hyper-plane at every point and scale $r < R$ (with accuracy determined by ε), but those tangents are allowed to tilt as the scales vary.

We show that if X is an (ε, R) Reifenberg set with ε sufficiently small, there exists a unique smooth mean curvature flow emanating from X . When $n > 1$, this provides the first known example of instant smoothing, by mean curvature flow, of sets with Hausdorff dimension larger than n .

A corresponding result in high co-dimensions generalizes (qualitatively) all short time existence and uniqueness results for high co-dimensional mean curvature flow. (Received February 02, 2016)