

On the universality of fixed-energy sandpiles

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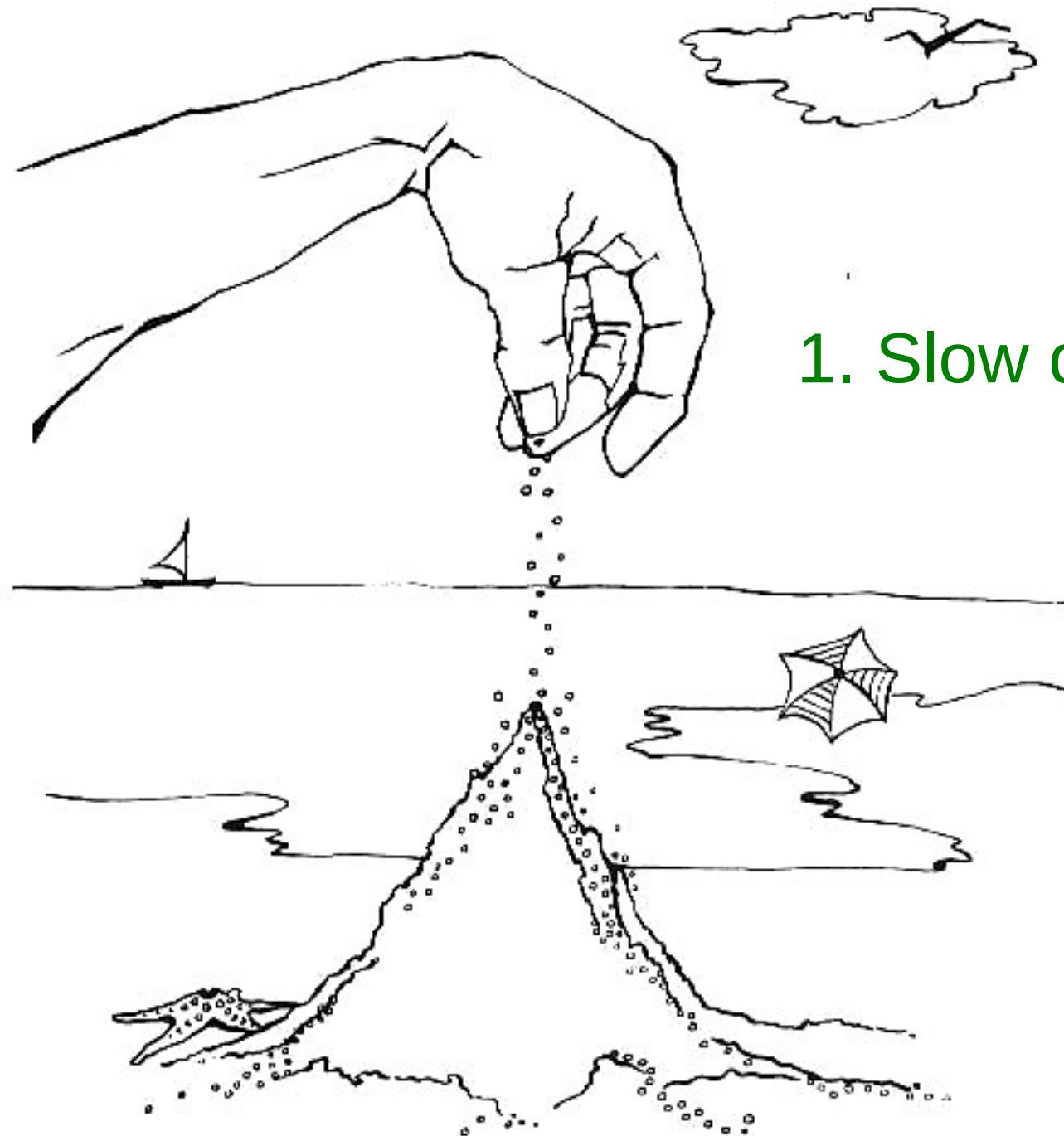
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ArXiv 1206.3121, to appear in PRL

Outline:

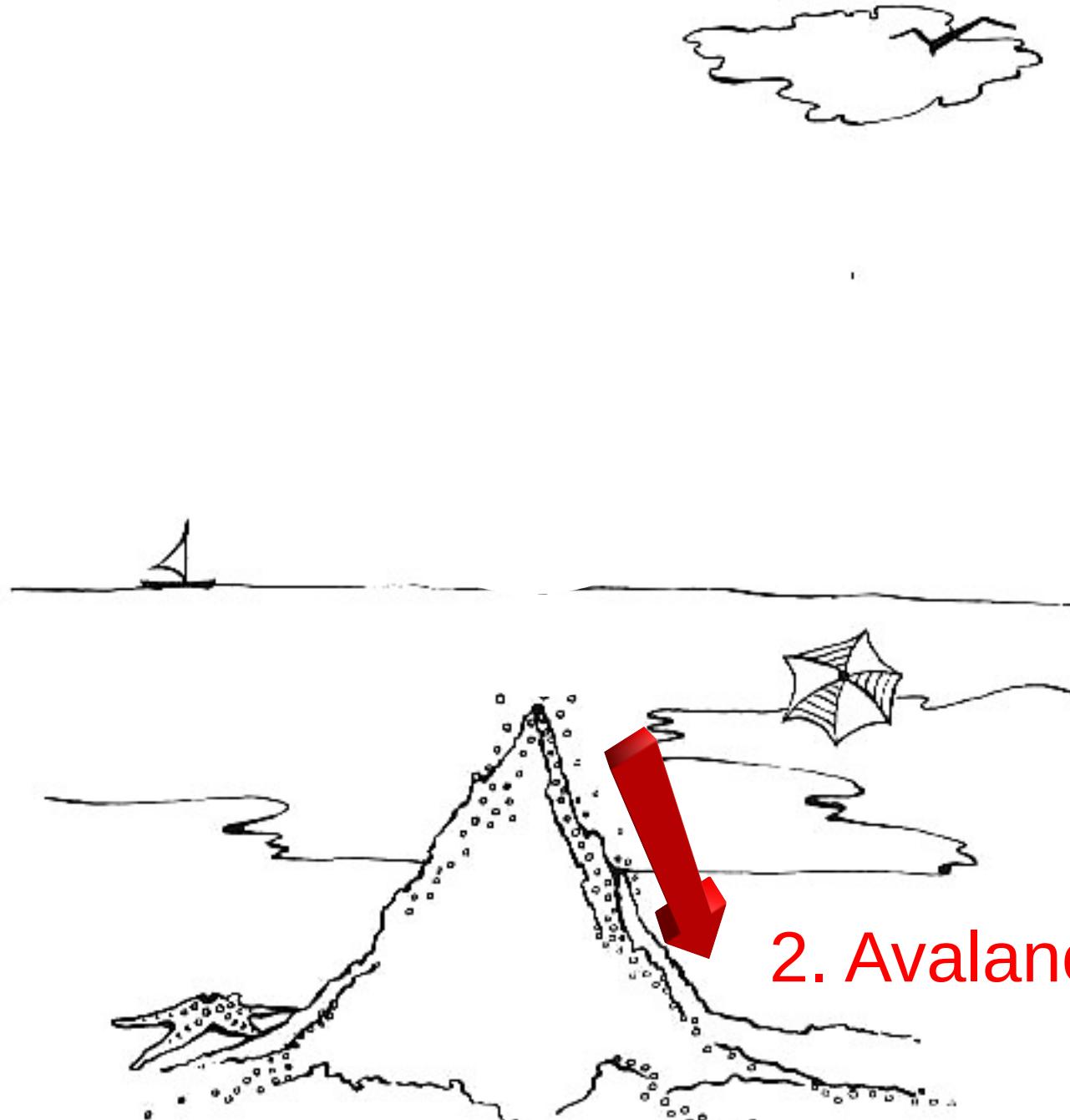
1. SOC and fixed-energy sandpiles.
2. The background field
3. Natural initial states
4. New method to identify DP
5. Conclusions

SOC:



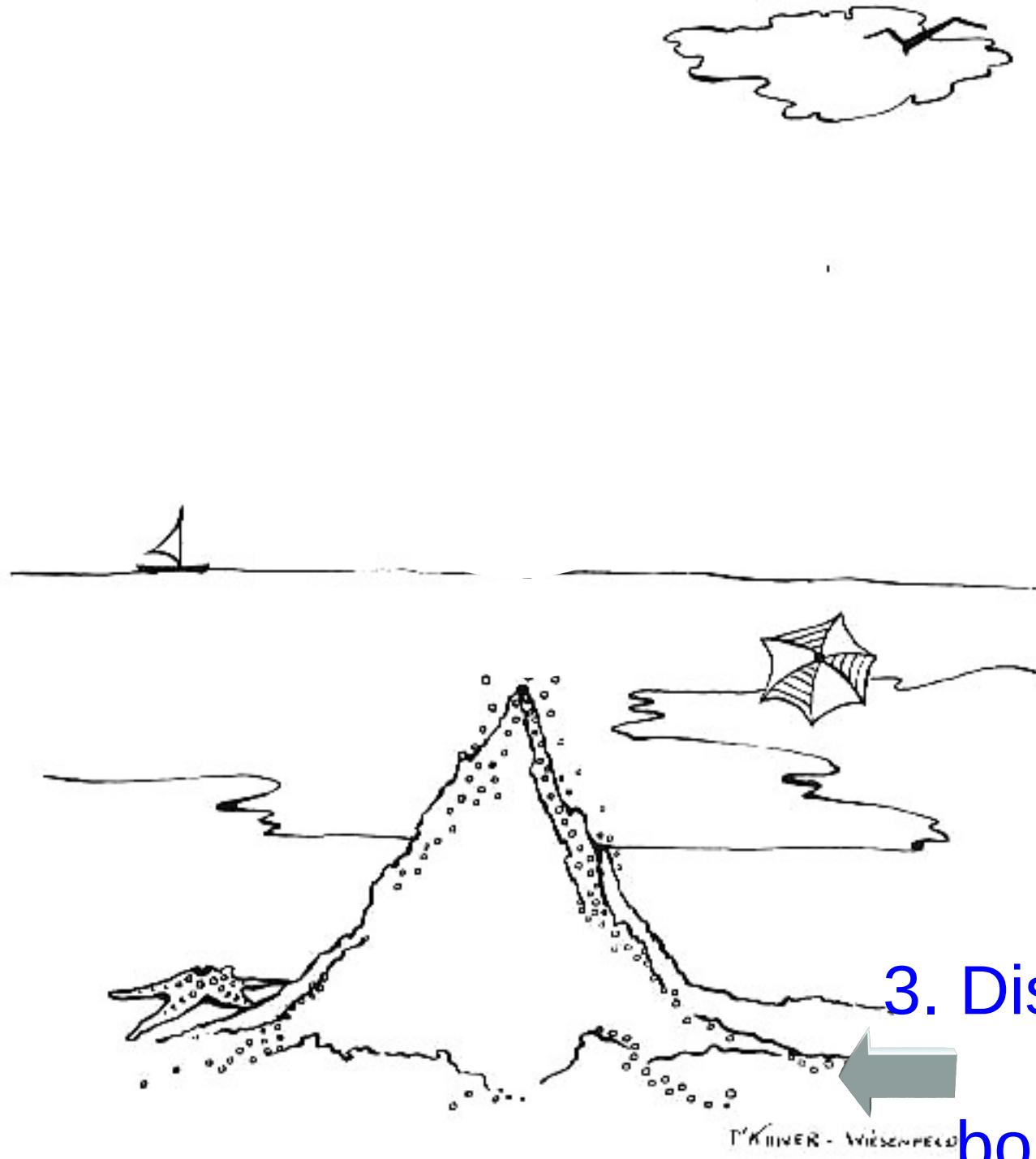
1. Slow driving

SOC:



2. Avalanches

SOC:



Bak-Tang-Wiesenfeld model

Phys. Rev. Lett. 59, 381 - 384 (1987)

1. Slow driving

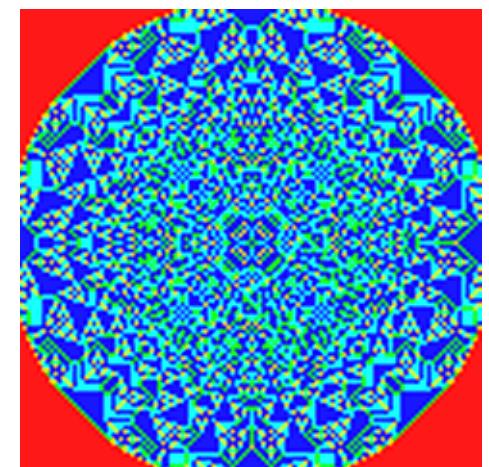
$$h(x, y) \rightarrow h(x, y) + 1$$

2. Avalanches

If $h(x, y) \geq 4$ then

$$\begin{aligned} h(x, y) &\rightarrow h(x, y) - 4 \\ h(x+1, y) &\rightarrow h(x+1, y) + 1 \\ h(x-1, y) &\rightarrow h(x-1, y) + 1 \\ h(x, y+1) &\rightarrow h(x, y+1) + 1 \\ h(x, y-1) &\rightarrow h(x, y-1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

3. Dissipation at the boundaries



Cluster sizes

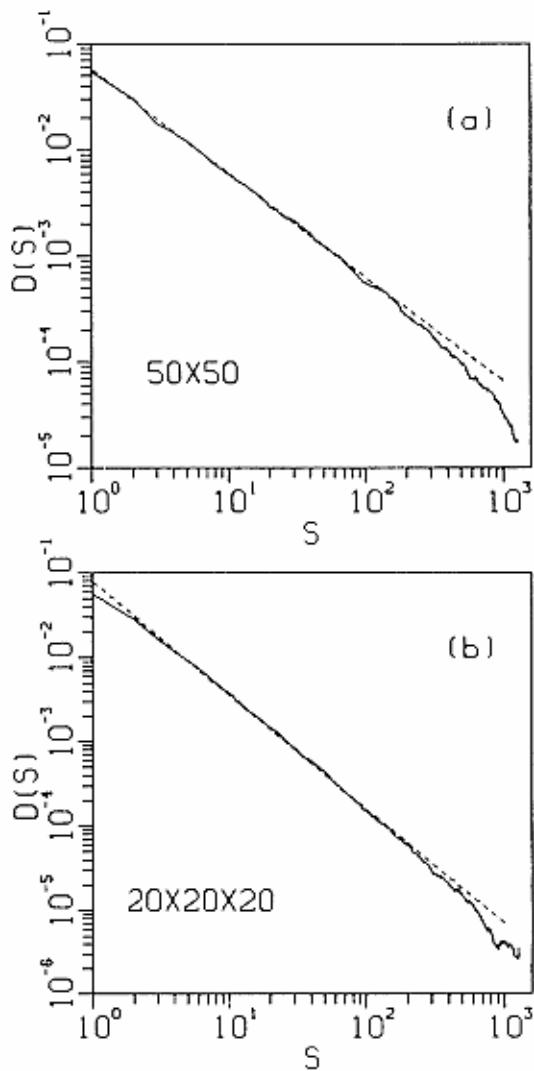


FIG. 2. Distribution of cluster sizes at criticality in two and three dimensions, computed dynamically as described in the text. (a) 50×50 array, averaged over 200 samples; (b) $20 \times 20 \times 20$ array, averaged over 200 samples. The data have been coarse grained.

Cluster lifetimes

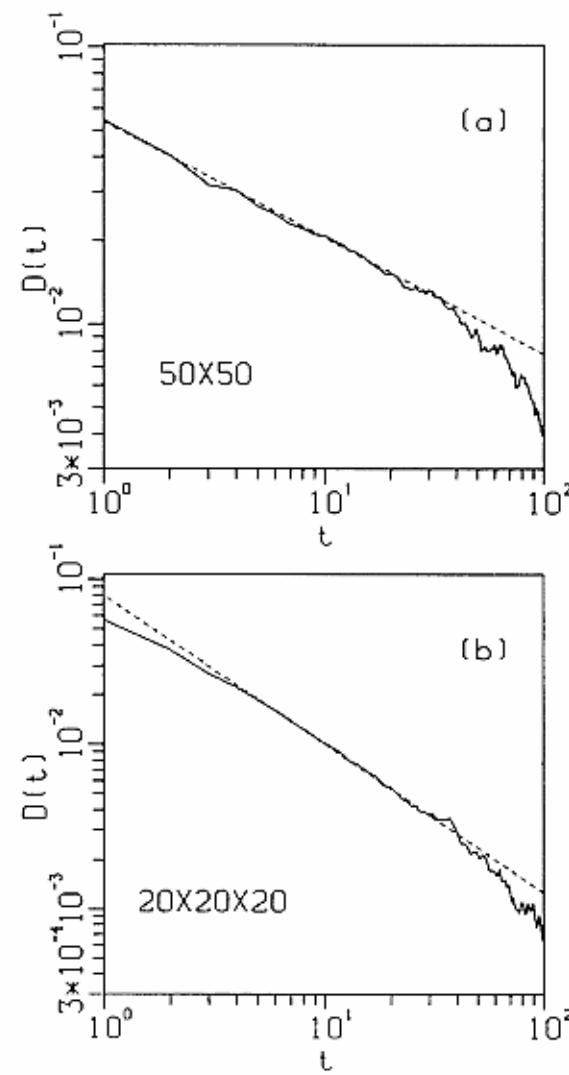


FIG. 3. Distribution of lifetimes corresponding to Fig. 2. (a) For the 50×50 array, the slope $\alpha \approx 0.42$, yielding a “ $1/f$ ” noise spectrum $f^{-1.58}$; (b) $20 \times 20 \times 20$ array, $\alpha \approx 0.90$, yielding an $f^{-1.1}$ spectrum



Wolfgang Kinzel



Ido Kanter

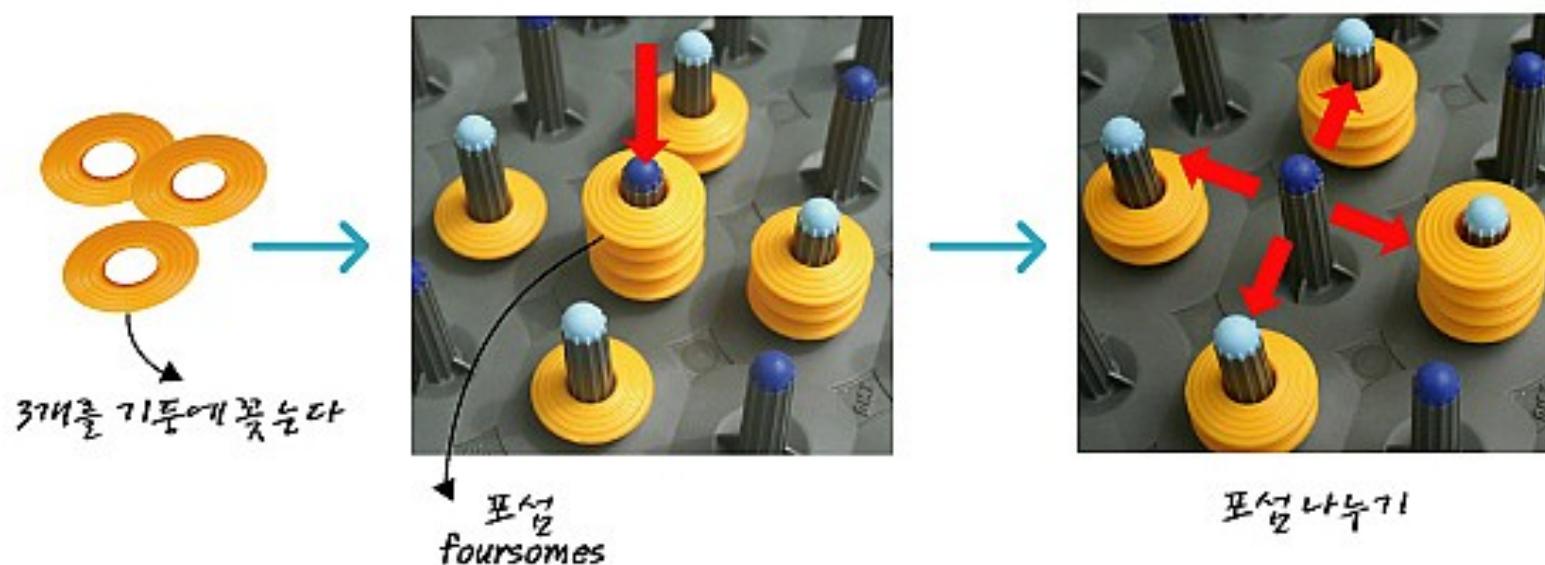
게임 준비하기

1. 하늘색과 청색 캡을 기둥 위에 교대로 꽂고, 게임판 바닥에는 노란색 캡을 끌습니다.
2. 청색 캡의 기둥에는 디스크 1개를, 하늘색 캡의 기둥에는 디스크 2개를 끁습니다.



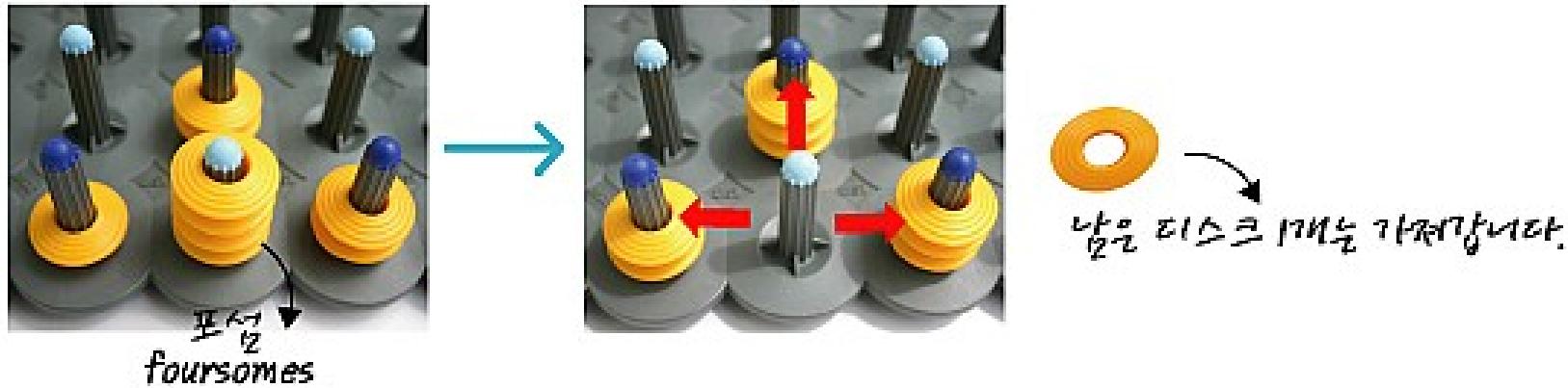
게임 시작하기

1. 각 게임자에게 7개씩 디스크를 나누어 주고 나머지는 주머니에 넣어 뱅크로 둡니다.
2. 자기 차례가 되면 3개의 디스크를 1~3개의 기둥에 끁습니다.
(만약 디스크가 3개 이하로 남아 있다면 남은 개수 만큼 사용합니다.)
3. 한 기둥에 디스크가 4개 끗하면, 접한 4개의 다른 색 기둥에 디스크를 한 개씩 나누어 끁습니다.
(디스크 4개가 한 기둥에 끗힌 것을 포설 foursomes이라고 한다.)

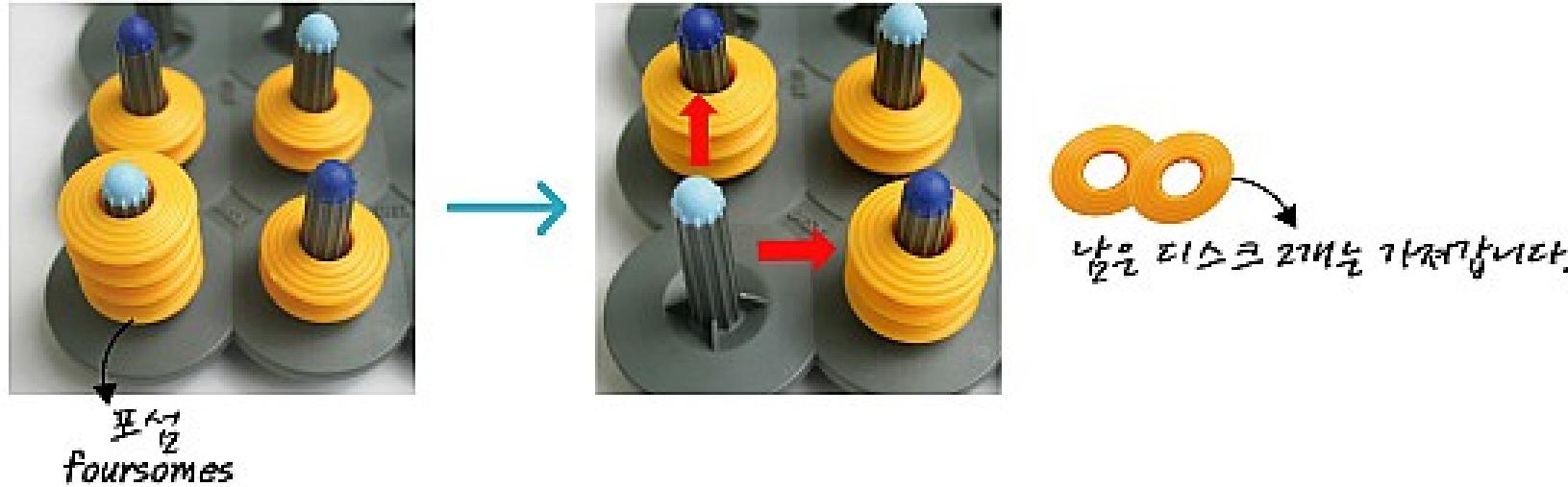


4. 게임자가 4개의 디스크를 인접한 4개의 다른 색 기둥에 나누어 꽂을 때마다 뱅크에서 1개의 디스크를 가져옵니다.
5. 또 다른 색 기둥에 4개의 디스크가 채워지면, 같은 방법으로 4개의 디스크를 나눠 꽂습니다.
6. 4개의 디스크를 나누어 꽂다가 5개가 꽂힐 경우, 디스크 2개를 가져갑니다.
(쌓여진 5개 중에서 남은 1개와 뱅크에서 받은 것 1개)
7. 게임판의 가장자리나 모서리에 4개의 기둥이 만들어지면

〈가장자리〉



〈모서리〉





S. S. Manna

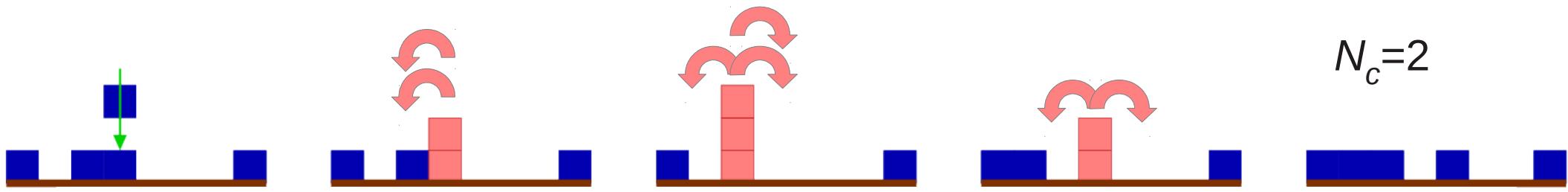
Manna sandpile model

S. S. Manna, J. Phys. A 24, L363 (1991)

...like BTW, but with a probabilistic update

- Sites with $N > N_c$ particles are active.
- Update all active sites simultaneously.
- Move **each** particle to a **randomly** selected nearest neighbor

1D:



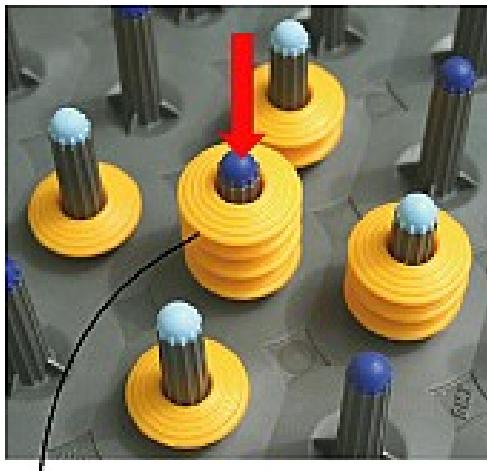
Universality hypothesis

Self-organizing critical systems with

- a single degree of freedom per site,
- local interactions,
- update rules with „enough randomness“,
- no unconventional symmetries

belong to the same universality class,
called **Manna class**.

Manna model



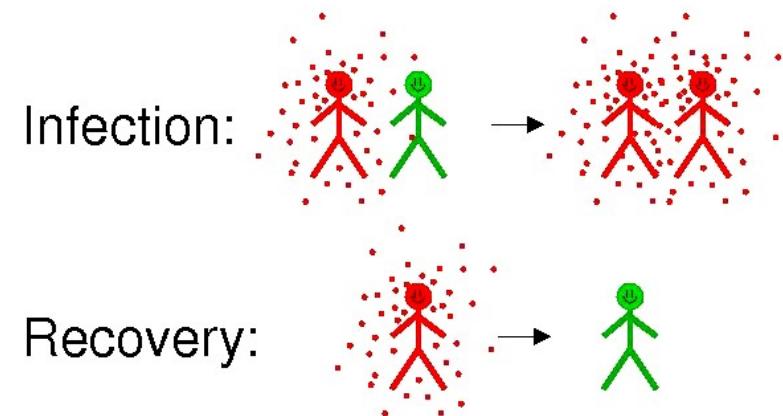
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2. Sudden avalanches
3. Dissipation at the boundaries

Conserved spreading agent

Avalanches controlled by
the average density

Conservation law broken by
slow driving and dissipation
at the boundaries

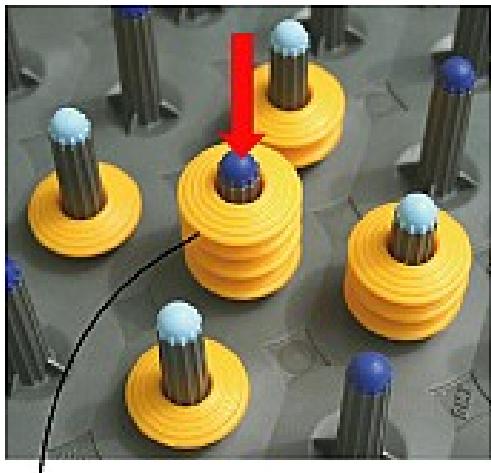
Contact process



Non-conserved spreading agent

Spreading controlled
by the infection rate

Conserved Manna model



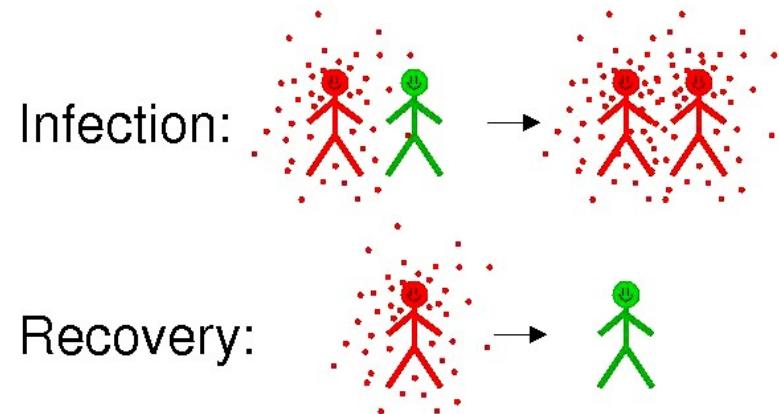
1. ~~Slow driving~~
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3. ~~Dissipation at the boundaries~~

Conserved spreading agent

Transition controlled by
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Contact process (DP)



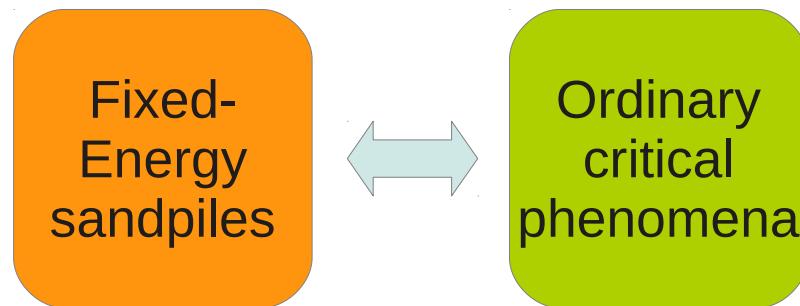
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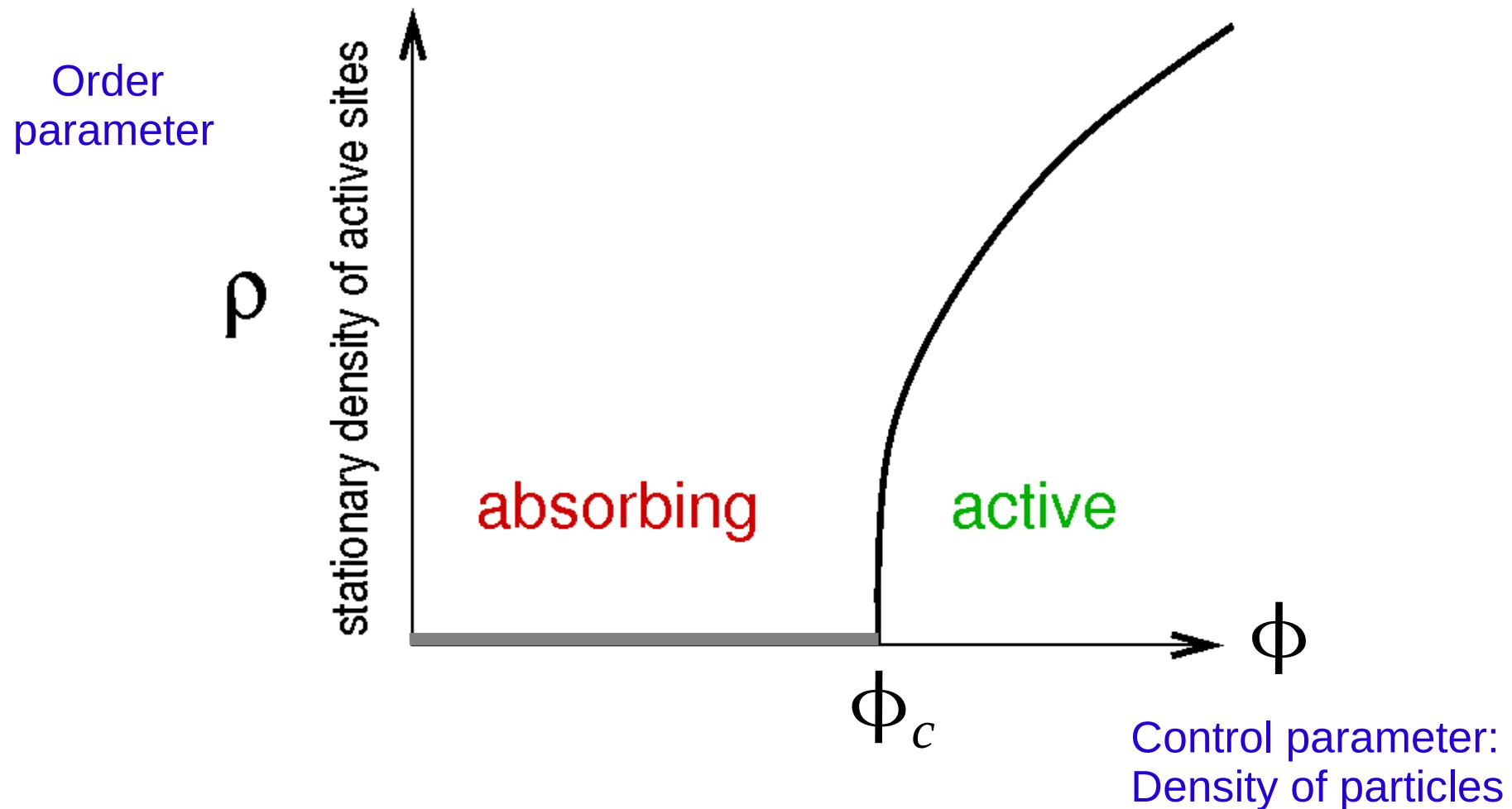
Concept of „Fixed-Energy Sandpiles“

Vespignani et al, PRL 81, 5676 (1998) & Phys. Rev. E 57, 6345

- Use the same update rules for toppling
- No driving
- No dissipation at the boundaries (infinite system or periodic b.c.)
- Use conserved density as control parameter



Concept of „Fixed-Energy Sandpiles“



The most important relations between SOC and ordinary exponents

Exponent for avalanche sizes:

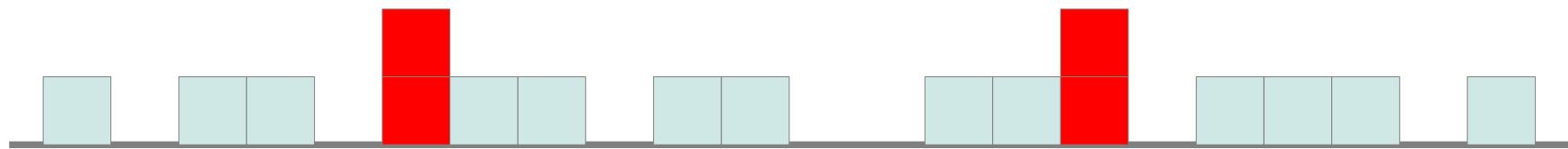
$$\tau = \frac{1+\theta+2\delta}{1+\theta+\delta} = \frac{d+z}{d+z-\beta/\nu}$$

Exponent for avalanche times:

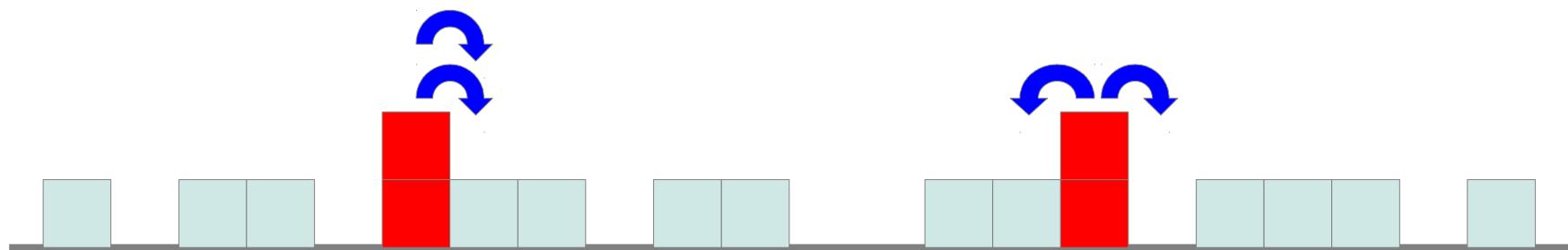
$$\tau_A = 1+\delta = 1+\beta/\nu_{||}$$

Conserved Manna Model (CMM)

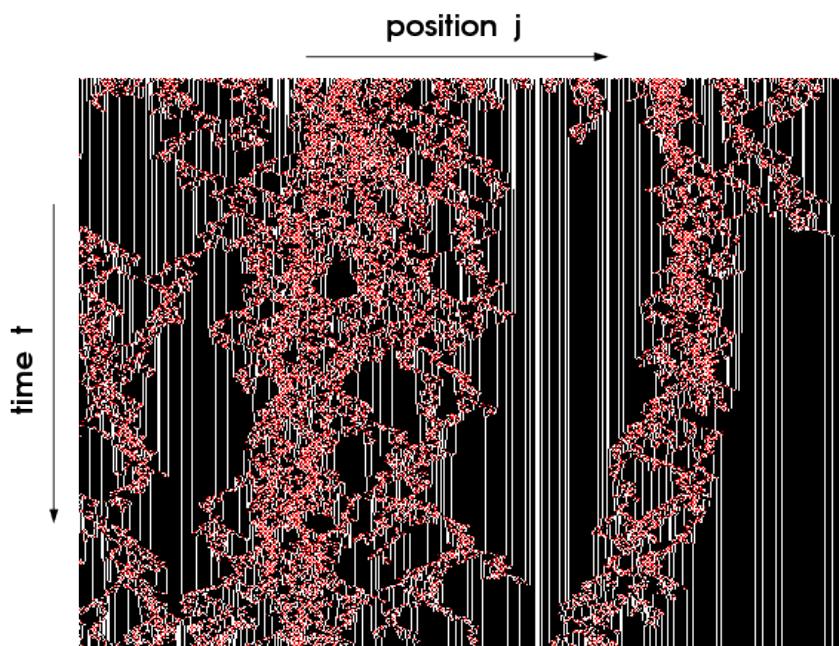
- Prepare an initial state with a certain density Φ



- Apply Manna updates with periodic boundary conditions



Conserved Manna



Many absorbing states

Contact process



Single absorbing state

Textbooks: Exponents in 1D

Exponent	Conserved Manna (Lübeck)	Directed Percolation
β	0.38(5)	0.276
v_{\parallel}	2.4(1)	1.733
v_{\perp}	1.76(9)	1.096
α	0.14(2)	0.159
δ	0.17(2)	0.159
θ	0.35(3)	0.313
z	1.39(4)	1.580

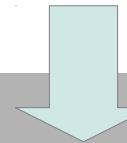
Standard exponents

Dynamical exponents

Kockelkoren and Chate, ArXiv cond-mat 0306039 (2003)

Ramasco, Munoz, and da Silva Santos, PRE 69, 045105R (2004)

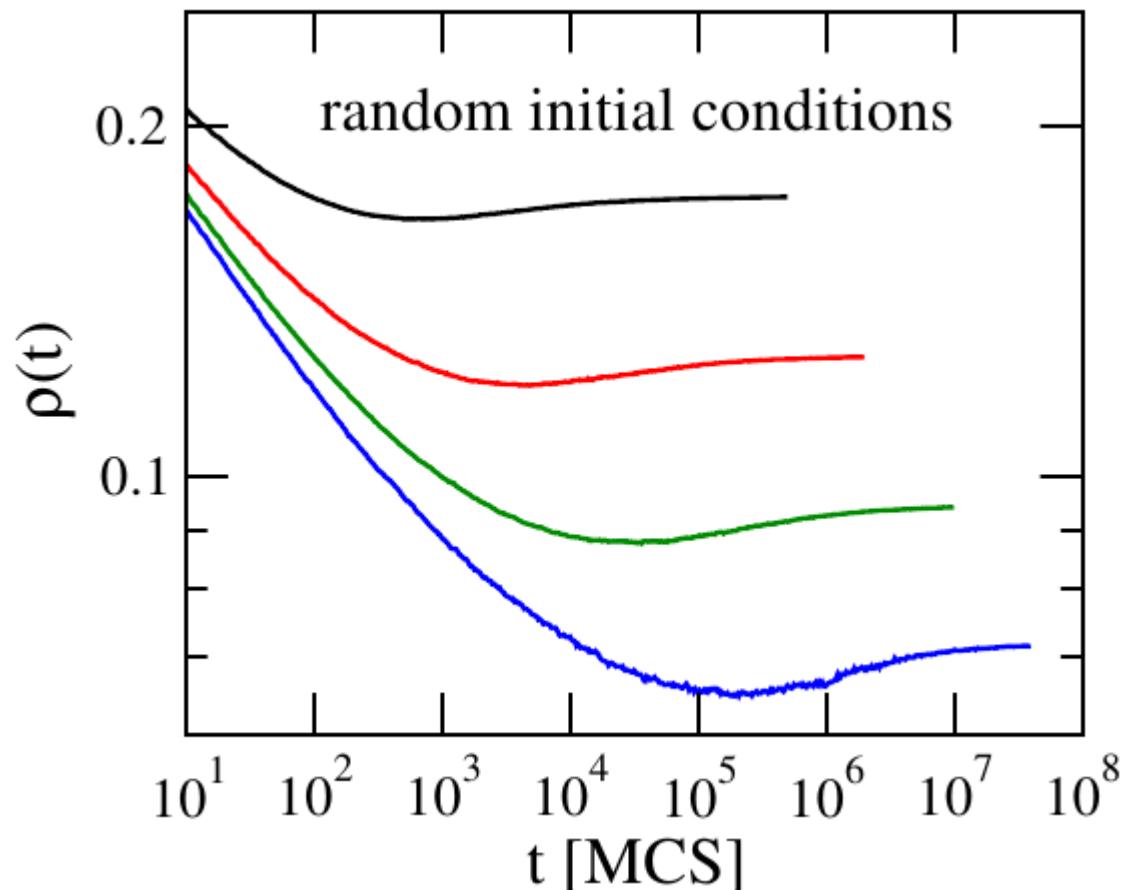
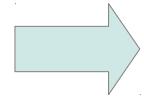
R. Dickman, PRE 73, 036131 (2006)



Exponent	Conserved Manna (Lübeck)		Directed Percolation
β	0.38(5)	0.289(12) 0.29(2) 0.28(2)	0.276
v_{\parallel}	2.4(1)	1.95(15)	1.733
v_{\perp}	1.76(9)	1.35(10) 1.31(15)	1.096
α	0.14(2)	0.140(5) 0.14(1)	0.159
δ	0.17(2)		0.159
θ	0.35(3)		0.313
z	1.39(4)	1.50(4) 1.55(3) 1.47(4)	1.580

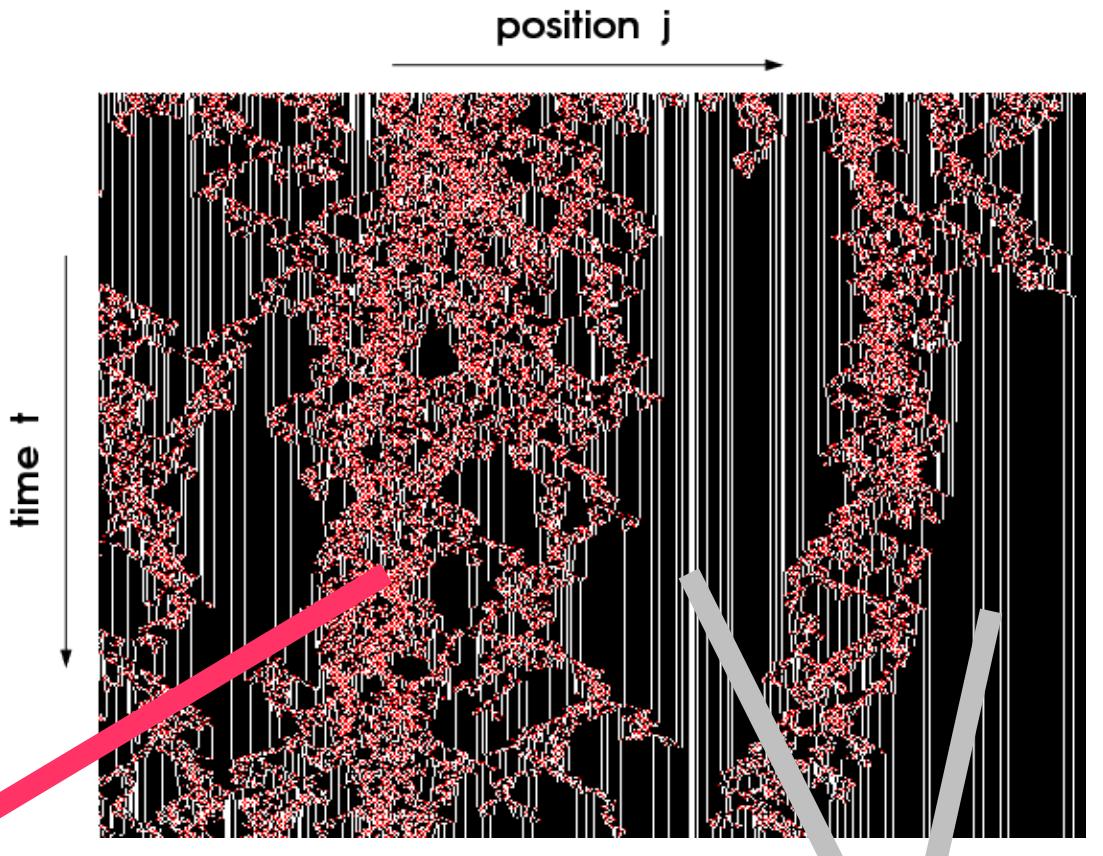
Conserved Manna class – what is disturbing:

- same mean field as for DP
- violation of scaling:
 $\alpha \neq \delta$ but $\beta = \beta'$
- split of universality in the CTTP
- undershooting



2. The background field

Consider activity and background separately:



Density of
active sites
 $\rho(x,t)$

Background
density
 $\Phi(x,t)$

DP Langevin equation:

$$\dot{\rho}(\vec{x}, t) = a \rho(\vec{x}, t) - b \rho^2(\vec{x}, t) + D \nabla^2 \rho(\vec{x}, t) + \eta(\vec{x}, t)$$


 $A \rightarrow 0$ $2A \rightarrow A$ Diffusion Noise

$A \rightarrow 2A$

Conserved Manna Langevin equations:

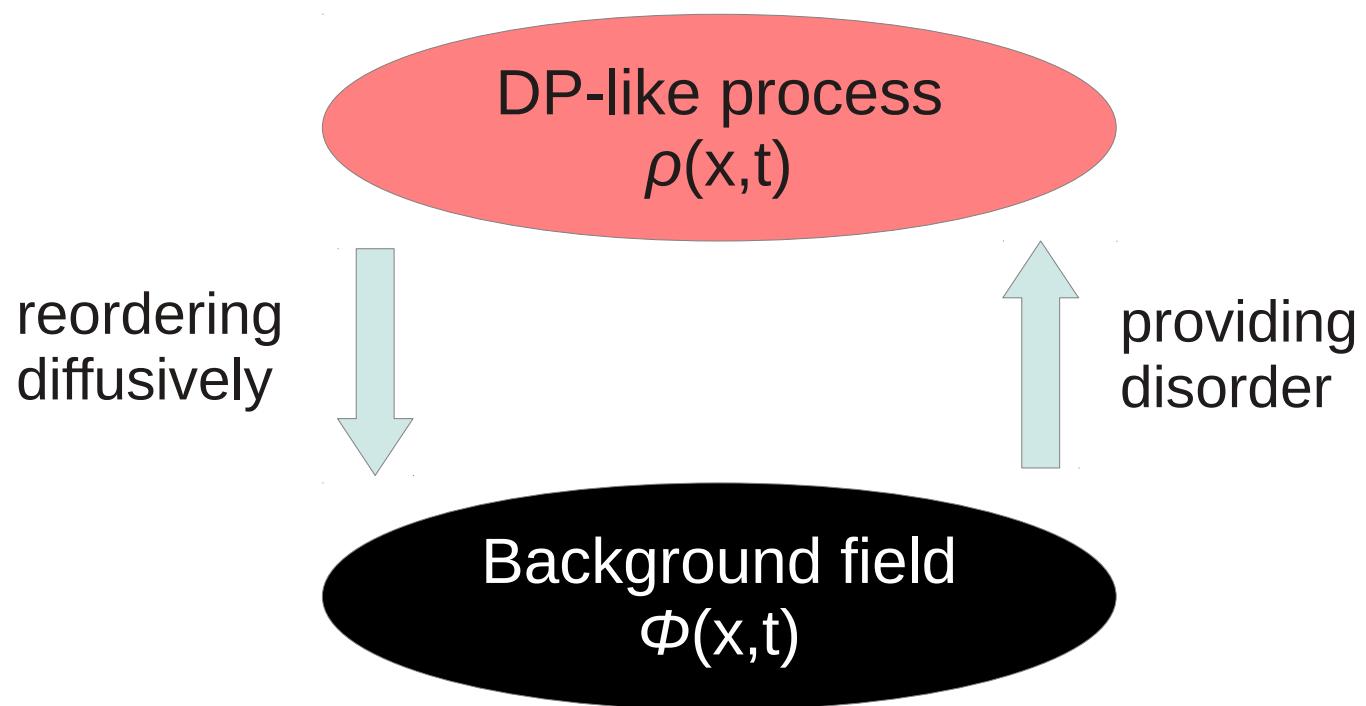
$$\dot{\rho}(\vec{x}, t) = \phi(\vec{x}, t) \rho(\vec{x}, t) - b \rho^2(\vec{x}, t) + D \nabla^2 \rho(\vec{x}, t) + \eta(\vec{x}, t)$$
$$\dot{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = D' \nabla^2 \rho(\vec{x}, t)$$

A. Vespignani, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 81, 5676 (1998). Phys. Rev. E 62, 4564 (2000).

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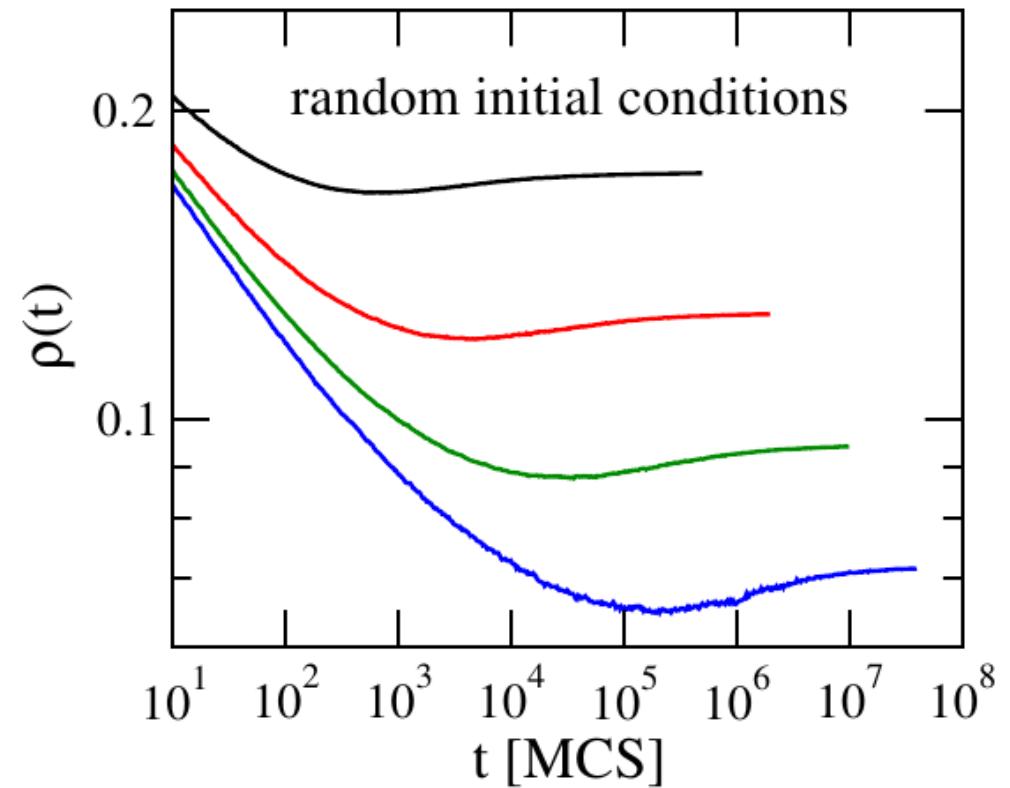
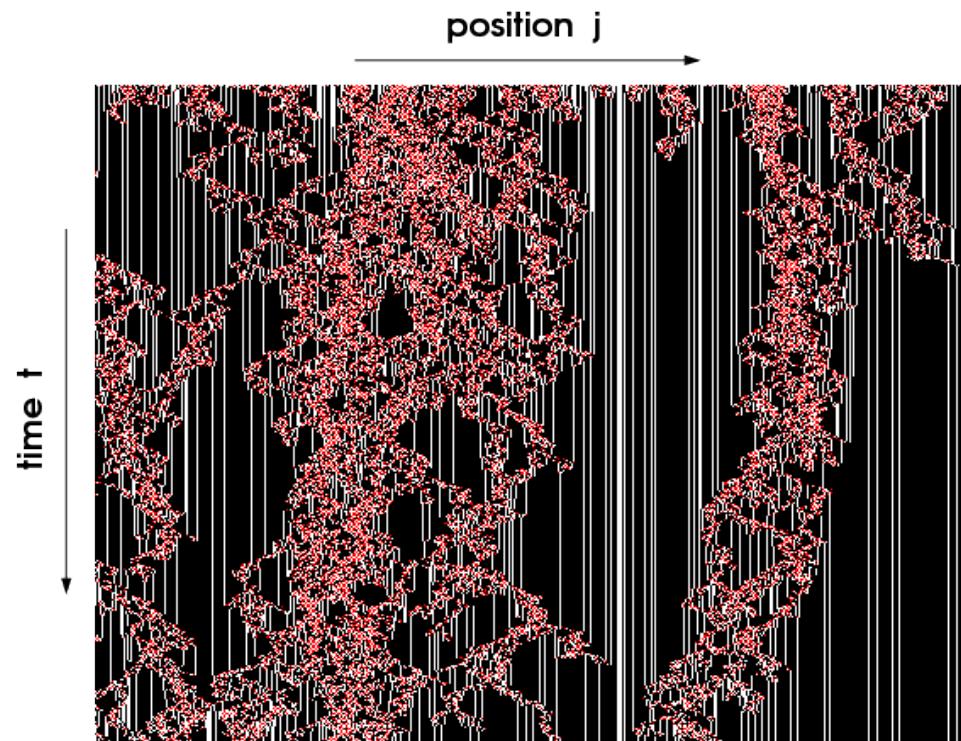
$$\dot{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = D'\nabla^2\rho(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\langle\eta(\vec{x}, t)\eta(\vec{x}', t')\rangle = \Gamma\rho(\vec{x}, t)\delta^d(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')\delta(t-t')$$



Main idea:

The undershooting is caused by the randomness of the background field.

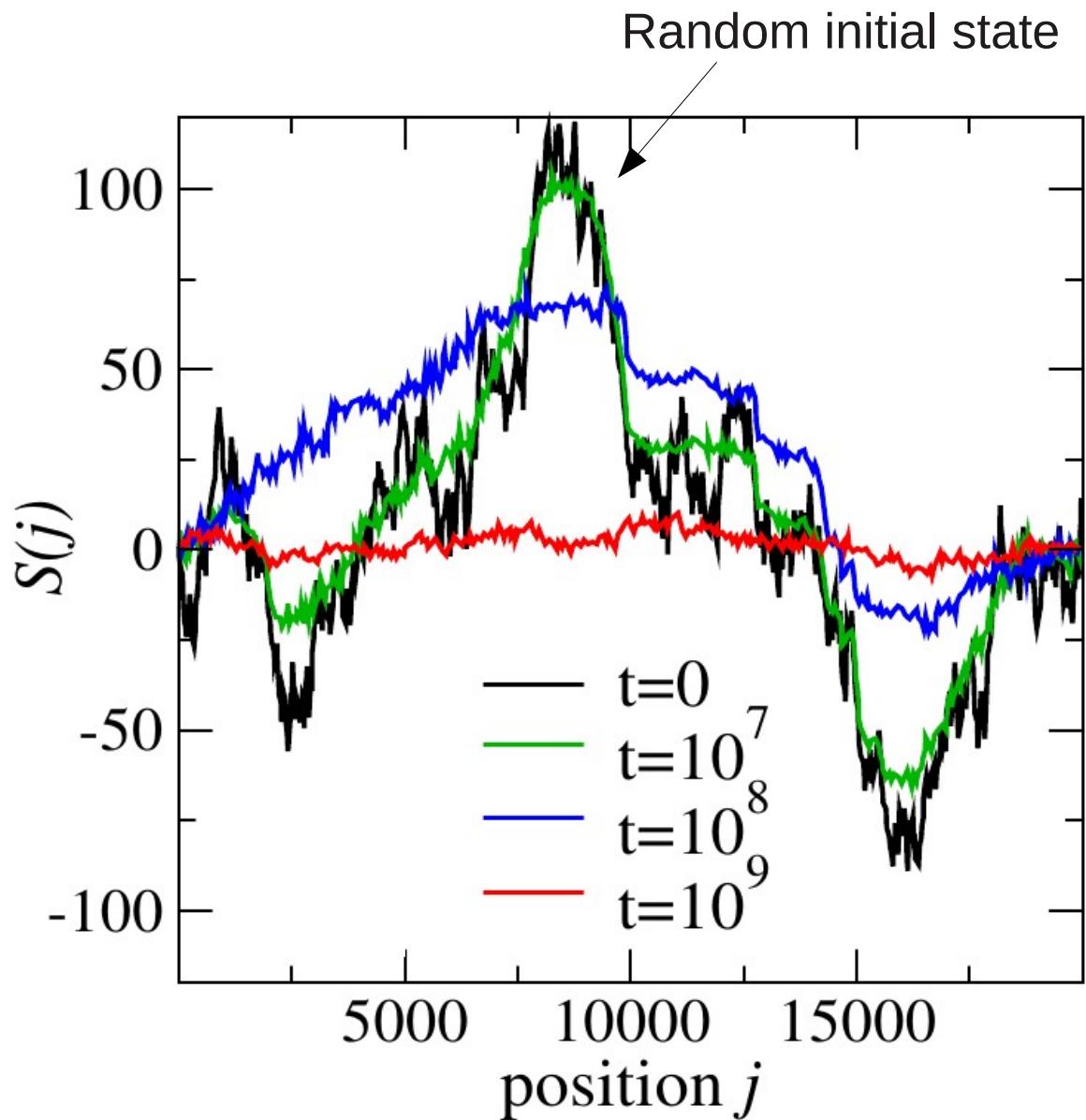


Roughness of the background

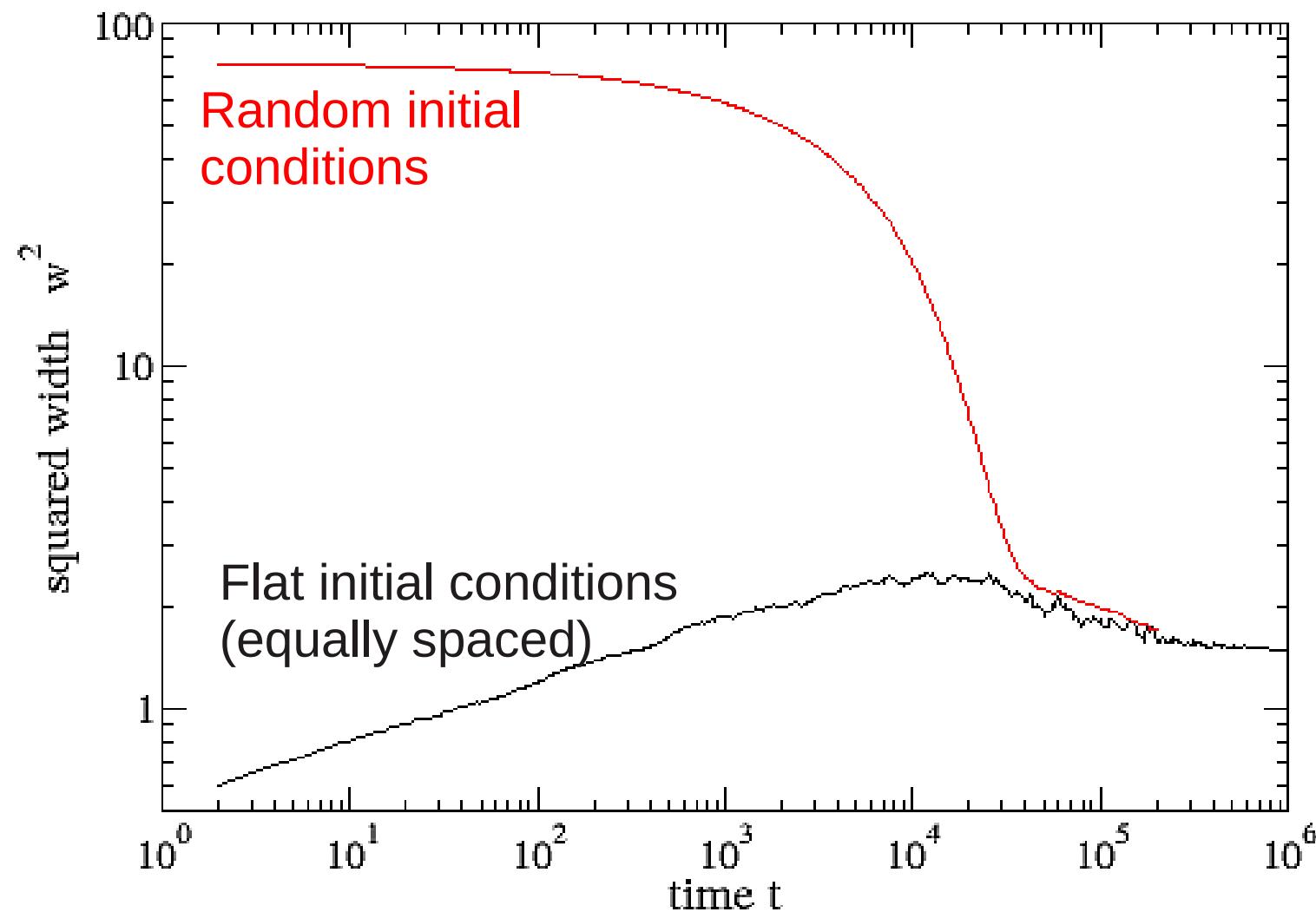
$$\phi = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N h_i$$

$$S(j) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^j h_i \right) - j \phi$$

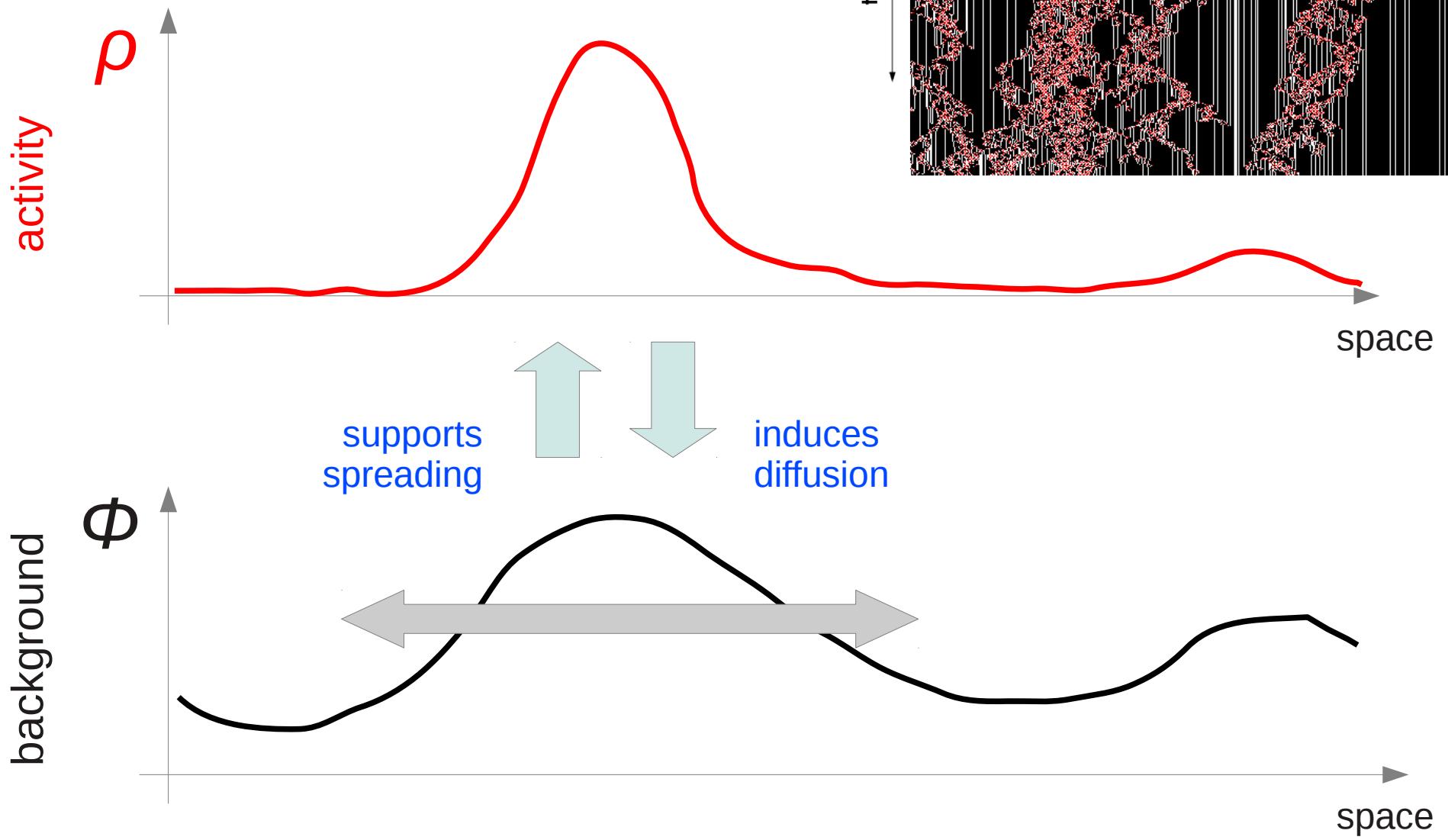
Cumulative sum of particles minus expected average



Width of $S(j)$ at criticality.



Heuristic explanation:



Observation:

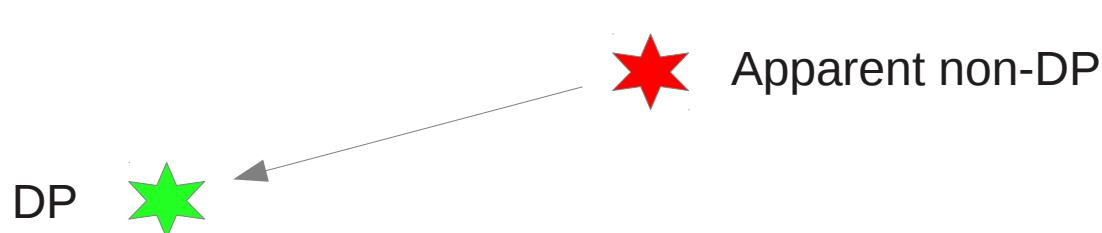
The background field provides a slowly evolving quenched randomness.

The process itself has the tendency to **homogenize** the background field

This works most efficiently at criticality.

Question:

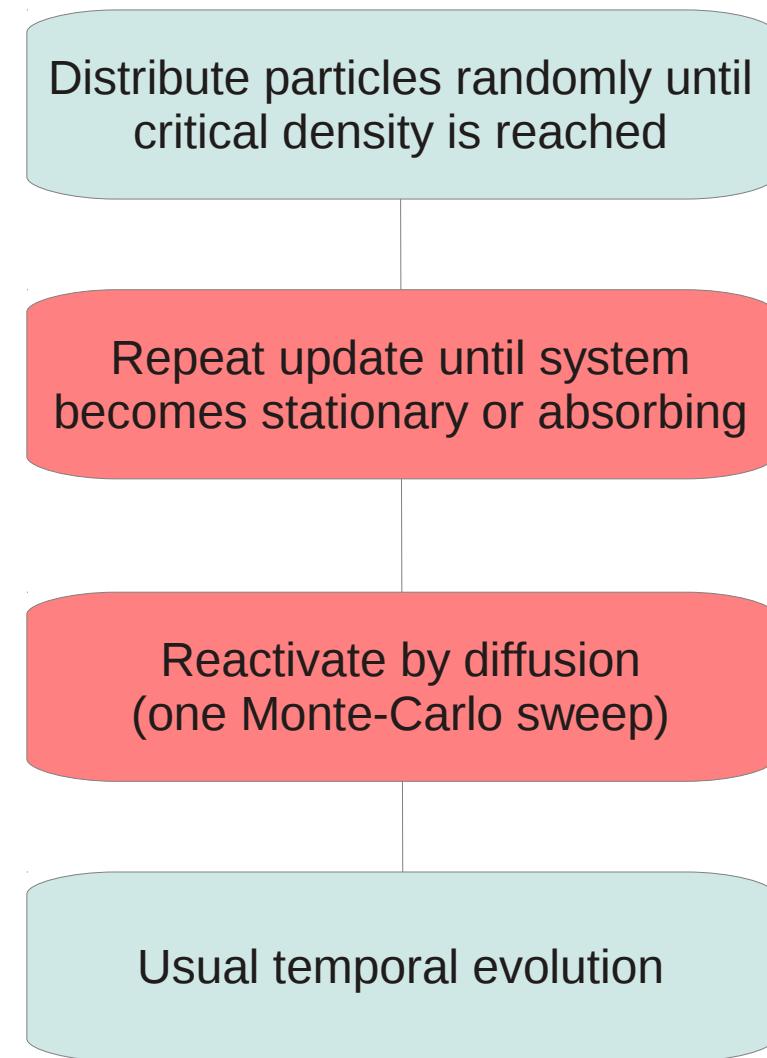
Does it go back to DP?



3. Natural initial states

Natural states are configurations where the background is already homogenized by the process itself.

'Natural' homogeneous initial states



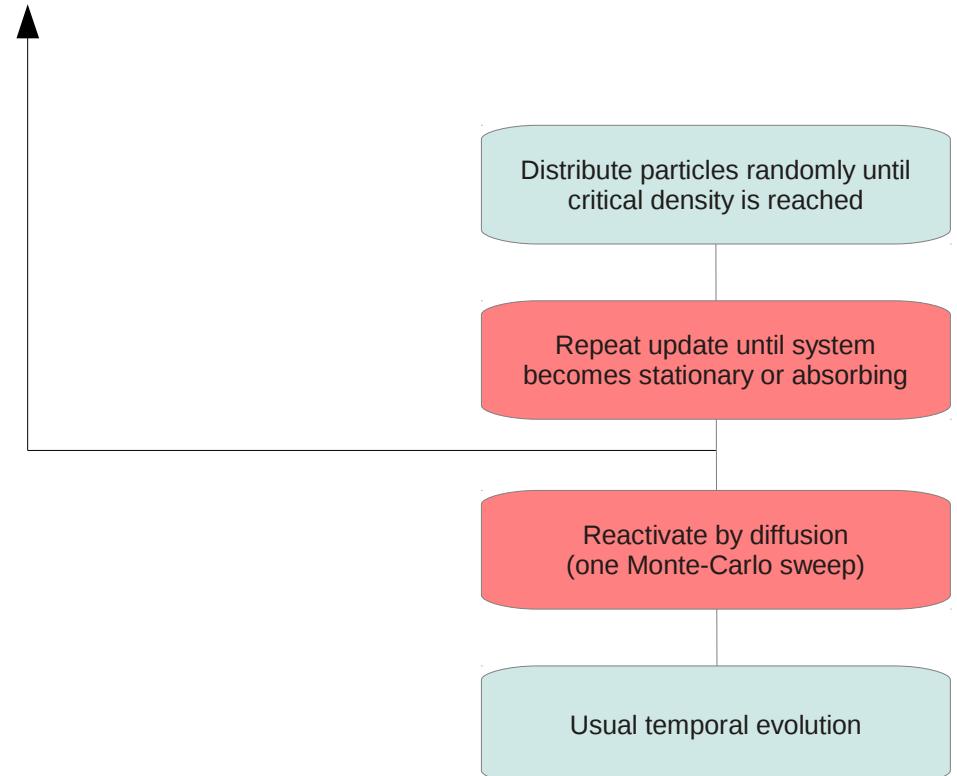
← can take long time.

(A) Random absorbing state

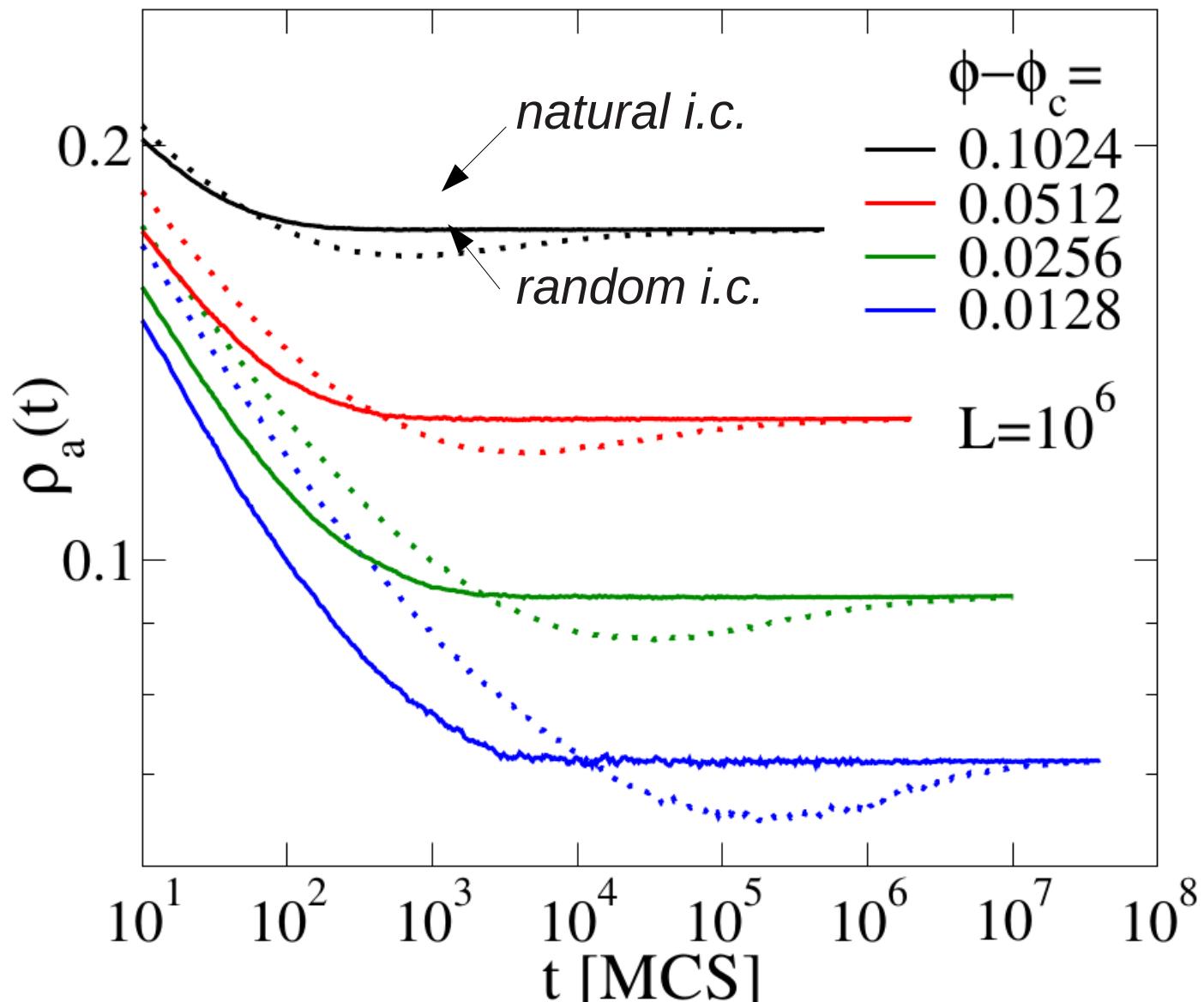
red = vacant sites

(B) Deterministic absorbing state

(C) Natural absorbing state



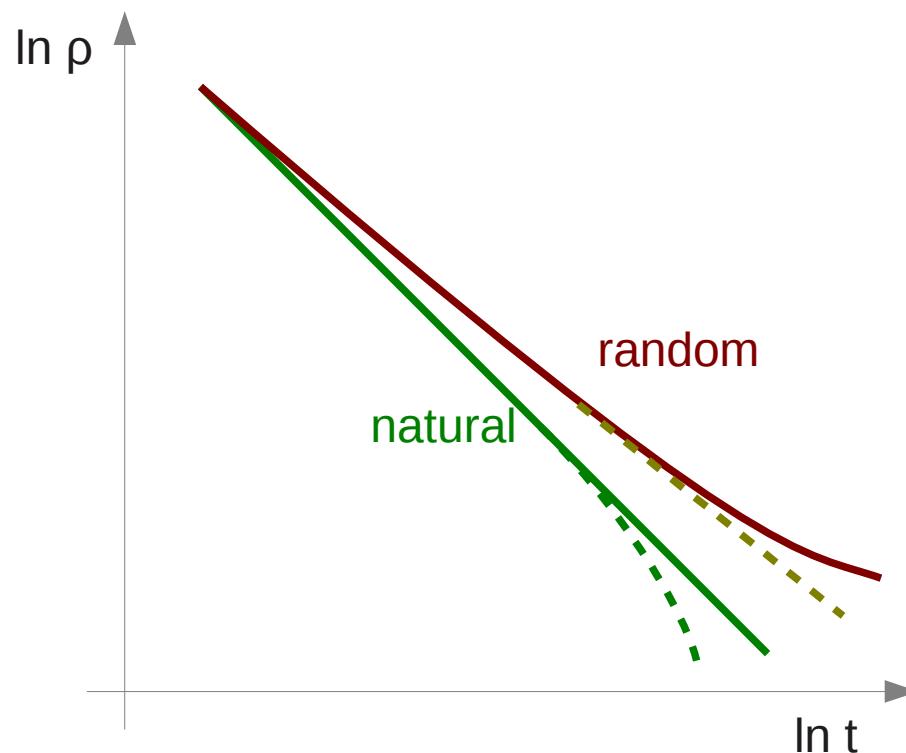
Natural initial states cure undershooting

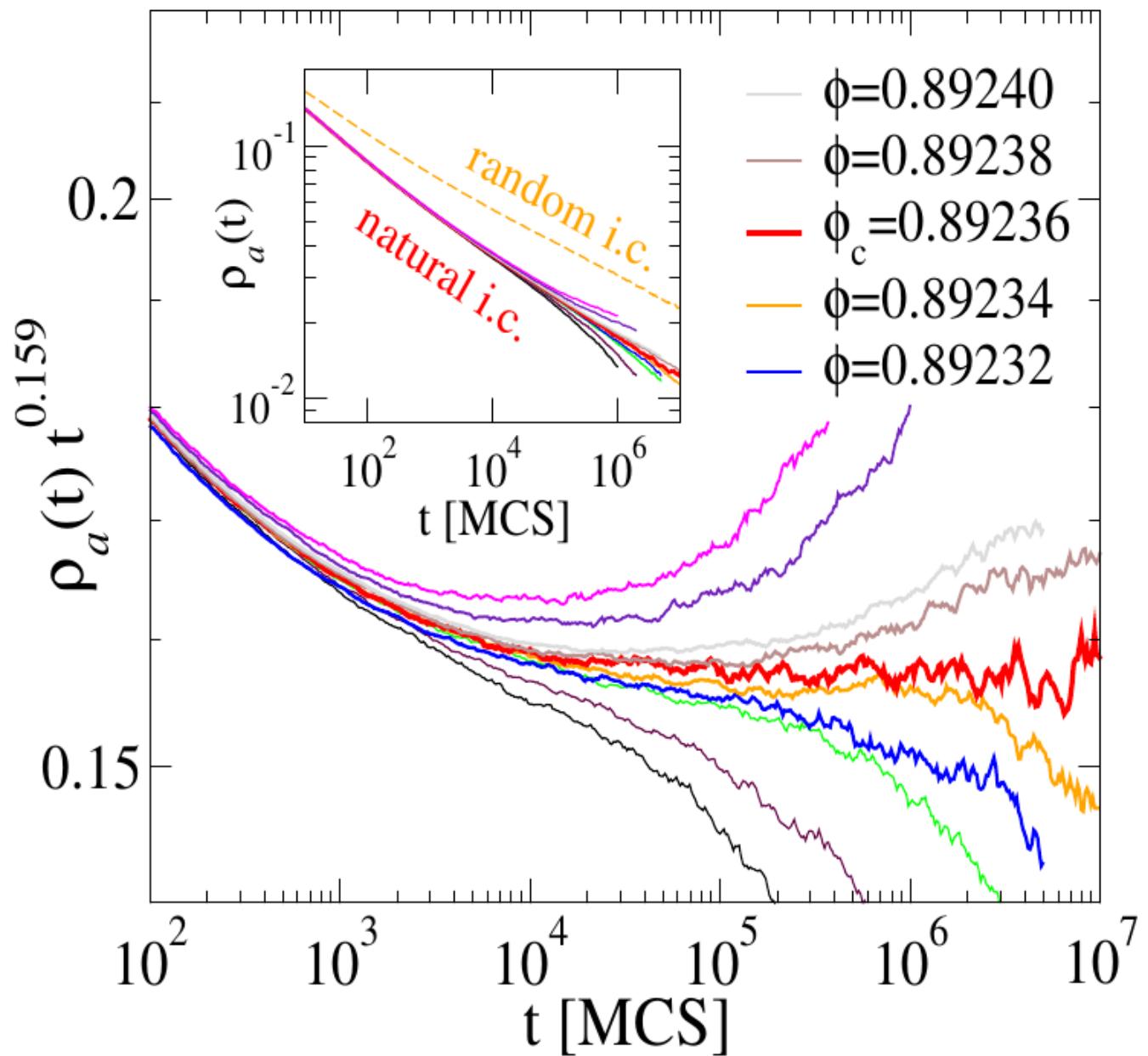


→ slightly different critical density

Review by Lübeck: $\Phi_c = 0.89\mathbf{199}(5)$

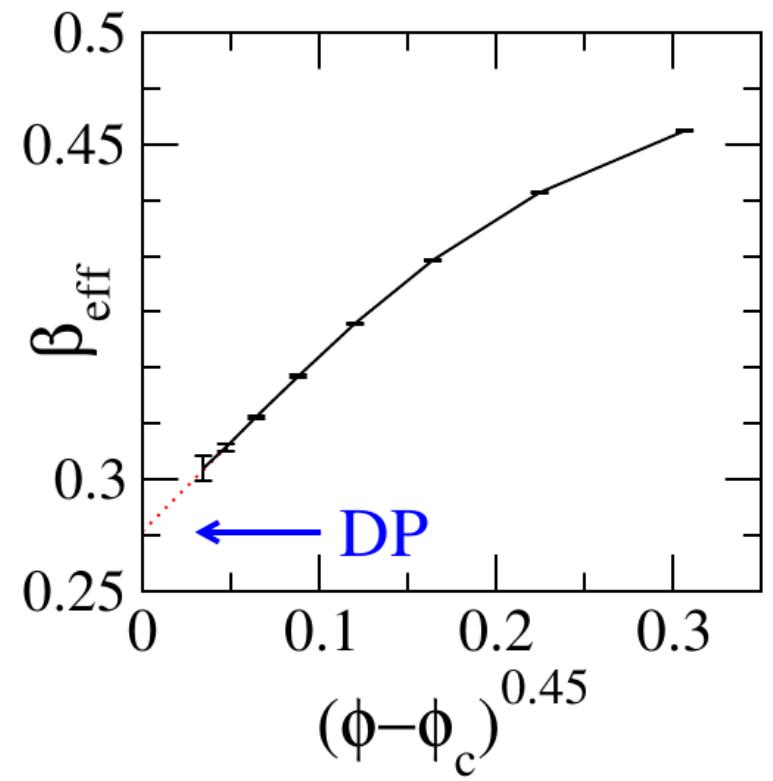
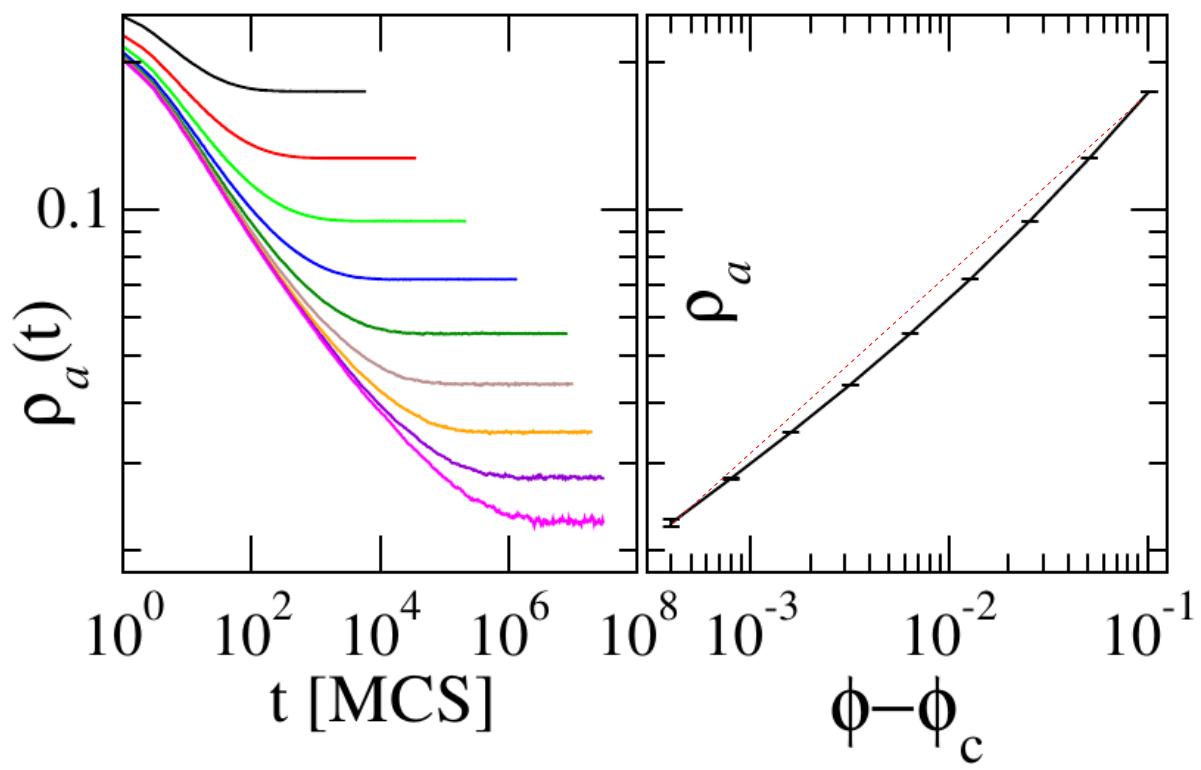
Our estimate: $\Phi_c = 0.89\mathbf{236}(4)$





Static exponent β

$$\rho_{\text{stat}} \sim (\phi - \phi_c)^\beta$$



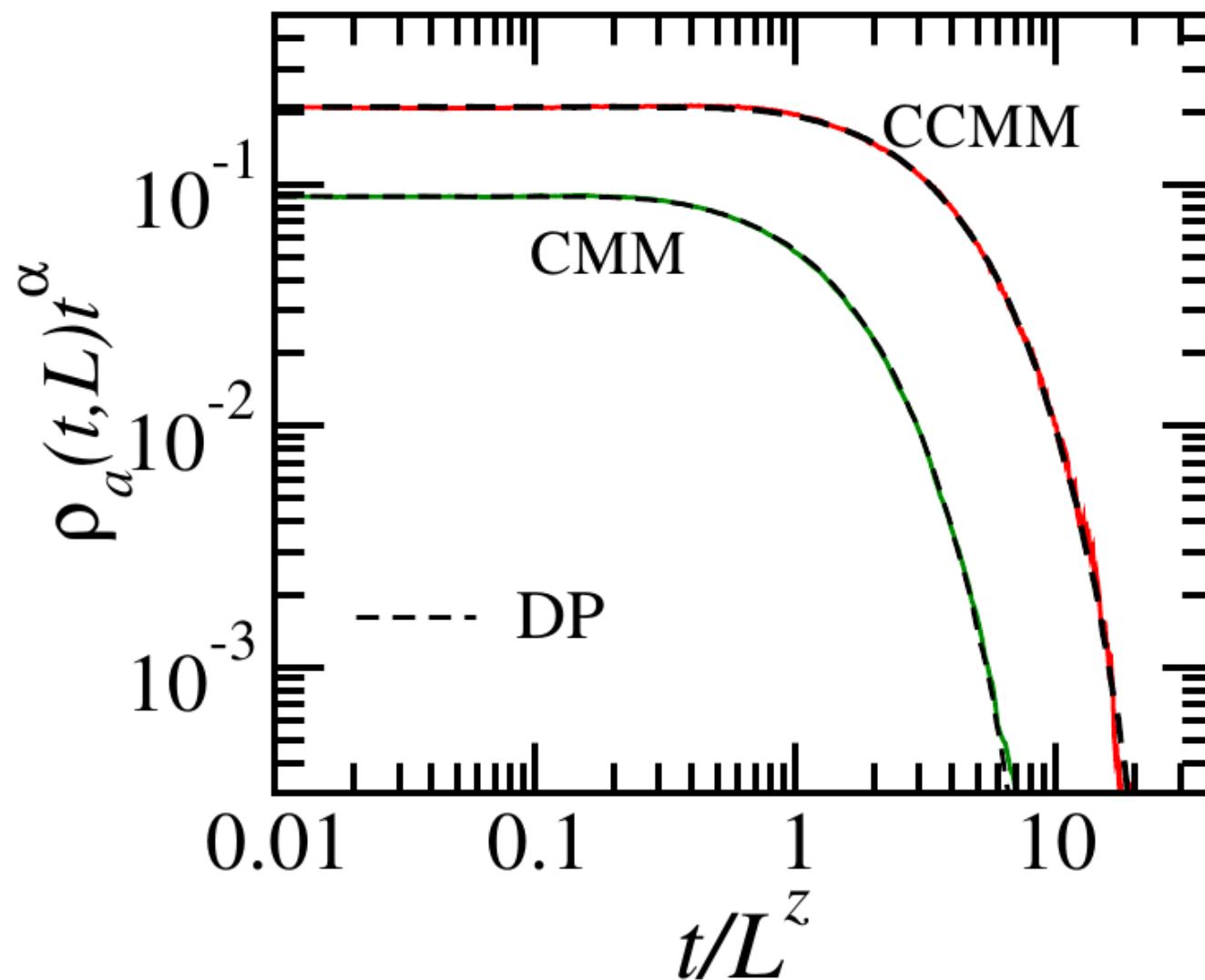
Even with natural initial states, there are unusual corrections to scaling.

Improved estimates for the critical exponents

Exponent	Conserved Manna (old)	Conserved Manna (new)	Directed Percolation
β	0.38(5)	<0.31 → 0.28	0.276486
v_{\parallel}	2.4(1)	1.75(5)	1.733847
v_{\perp}	1.76(6)	1.10(1)	1.096854
α	0.14(2)	0.159(3)	0.159464
δ	0.17(2)	0.17(2)	0.159464
θ	0.35(3)	0.34(2)	0.313686
z	1.39(4)	1.51(5)	1.58074

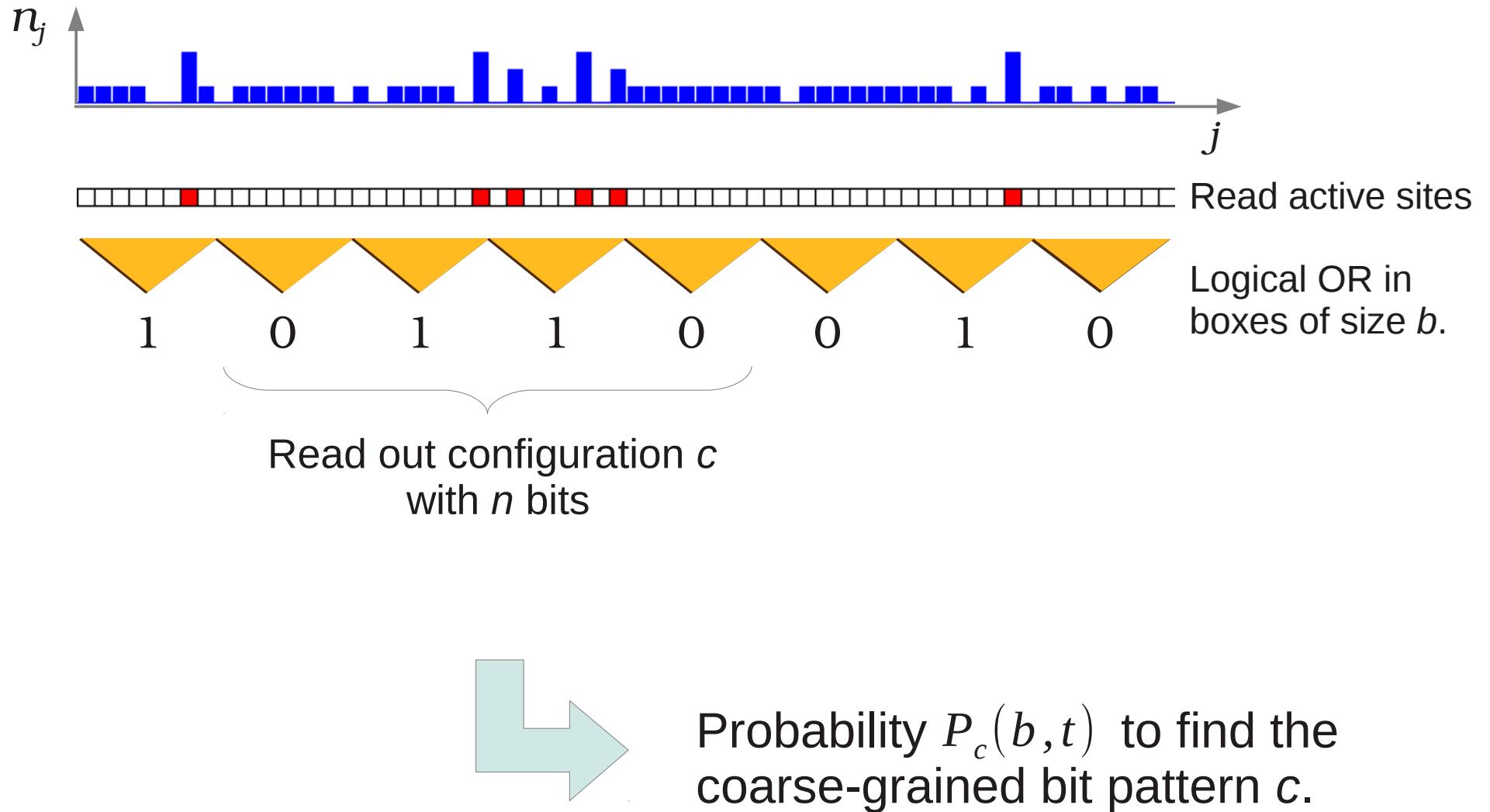
Finite-size scaling function

$$\rho(t, L) = t^{-\alpha} R(t/L^z)$$

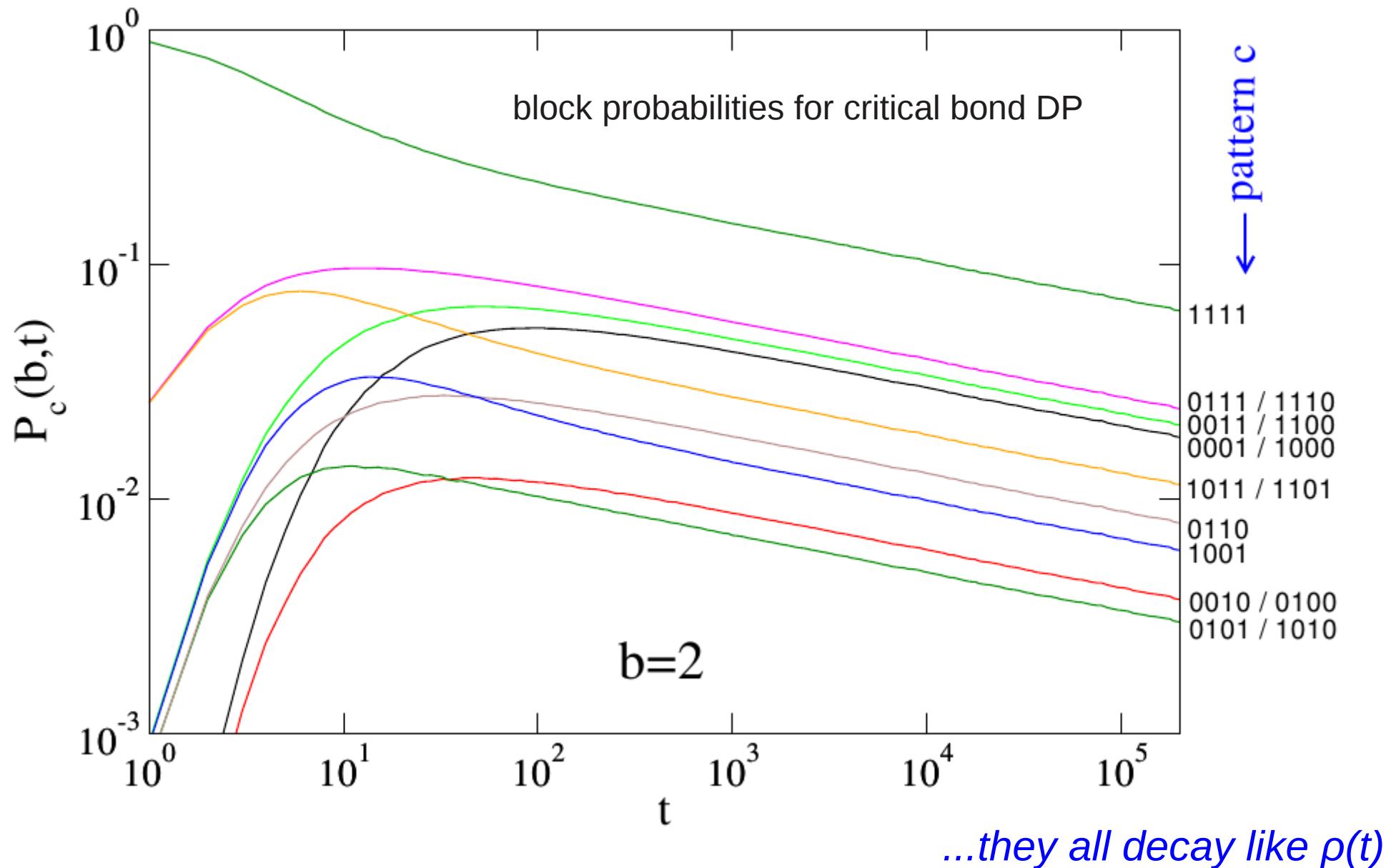


4. New method to identify DP

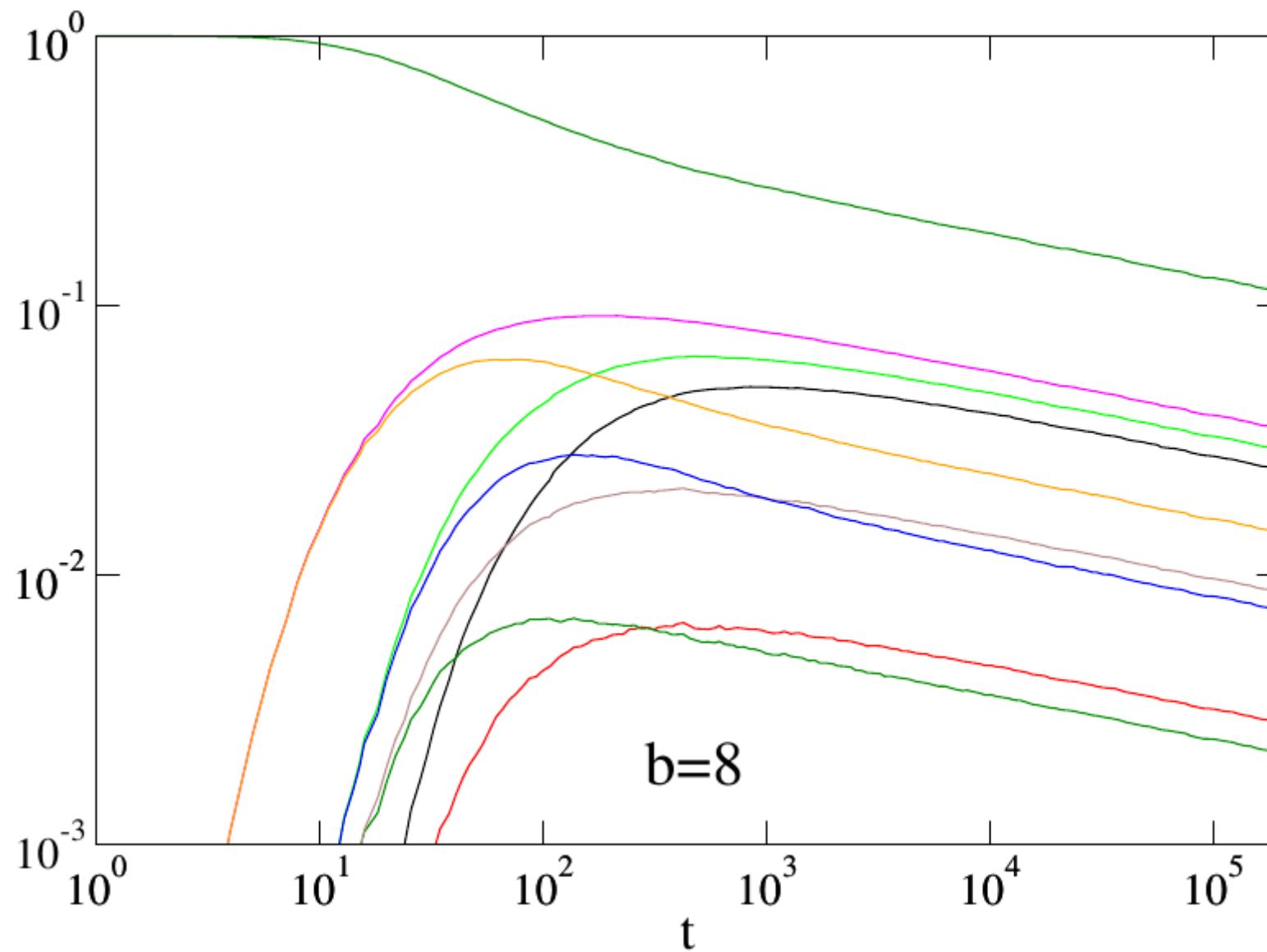
Real-space block renormalization



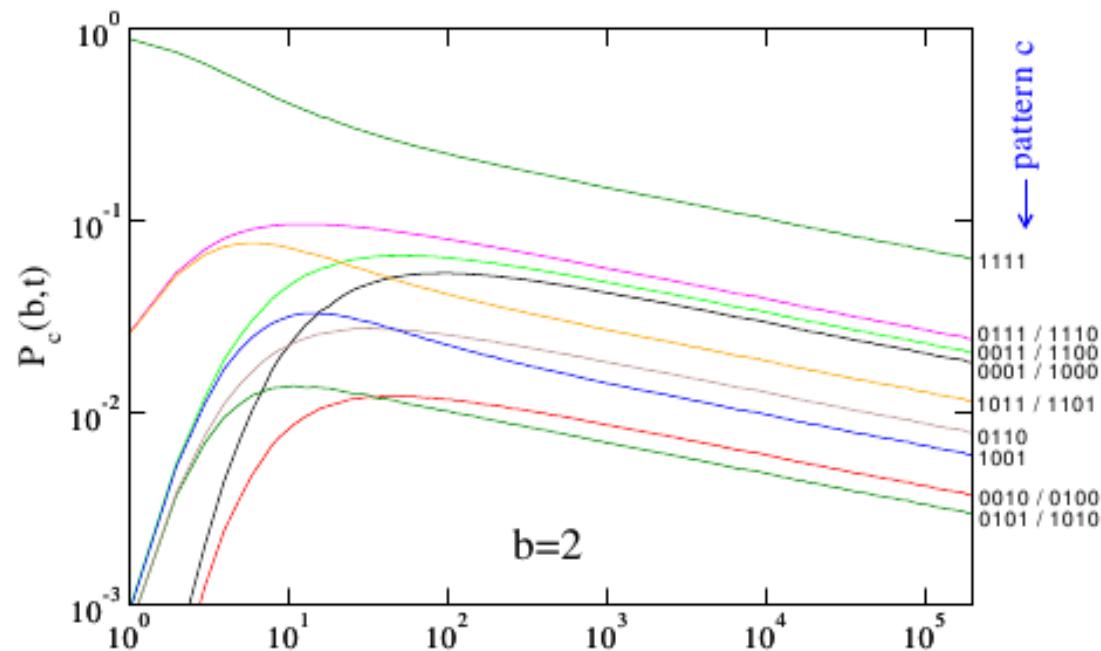
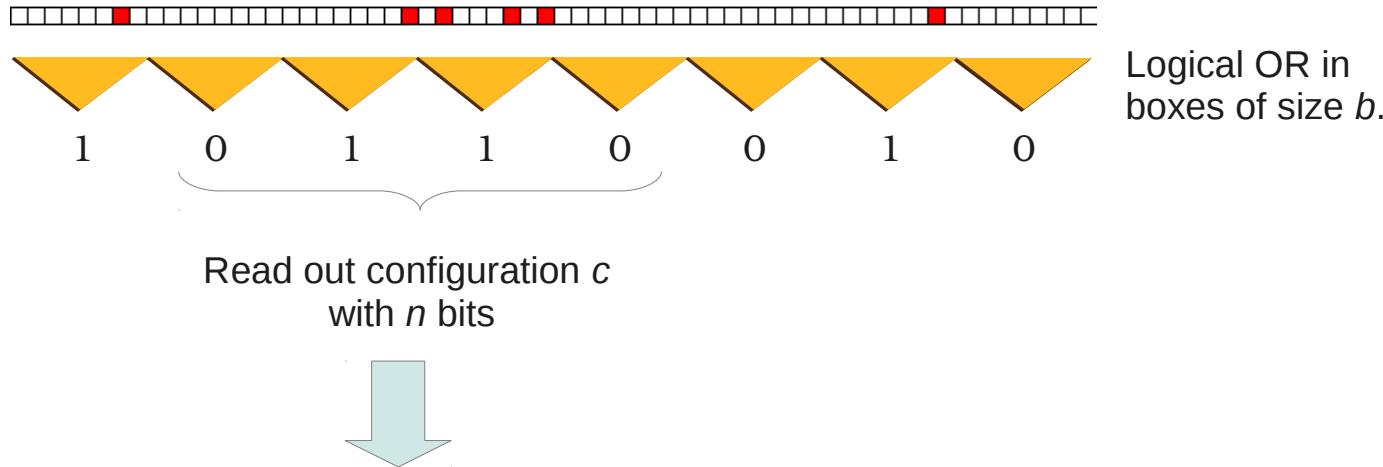
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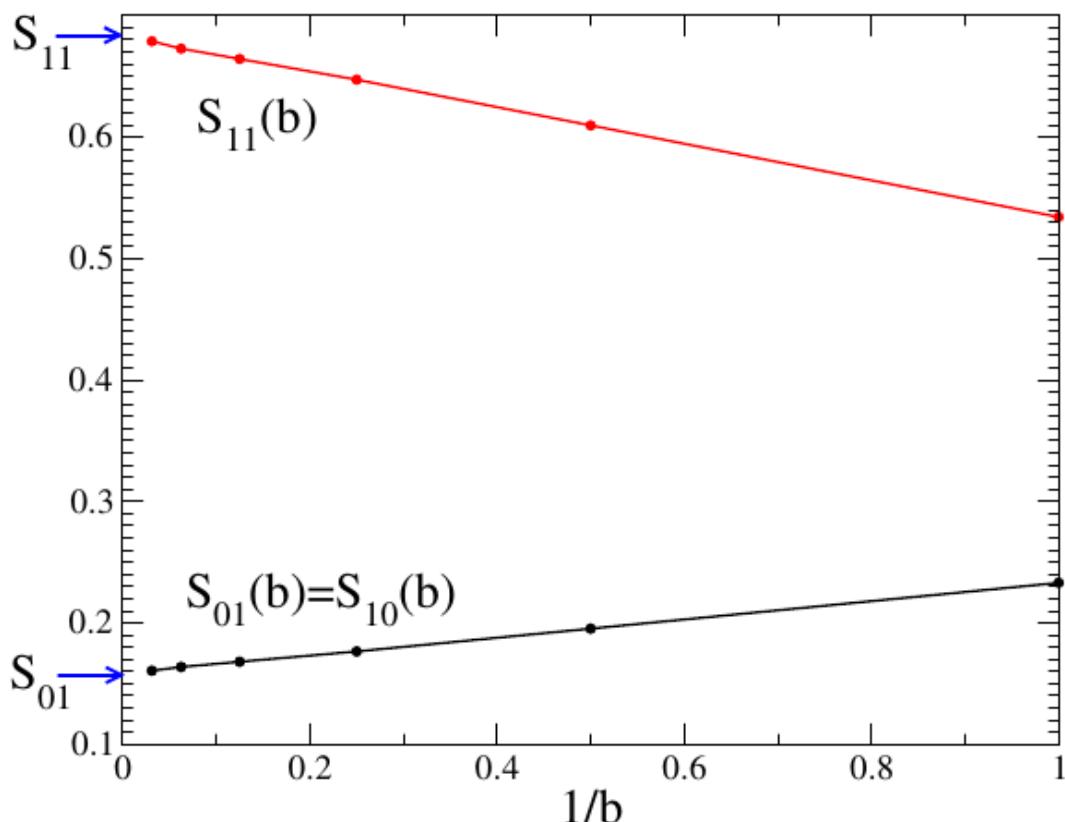
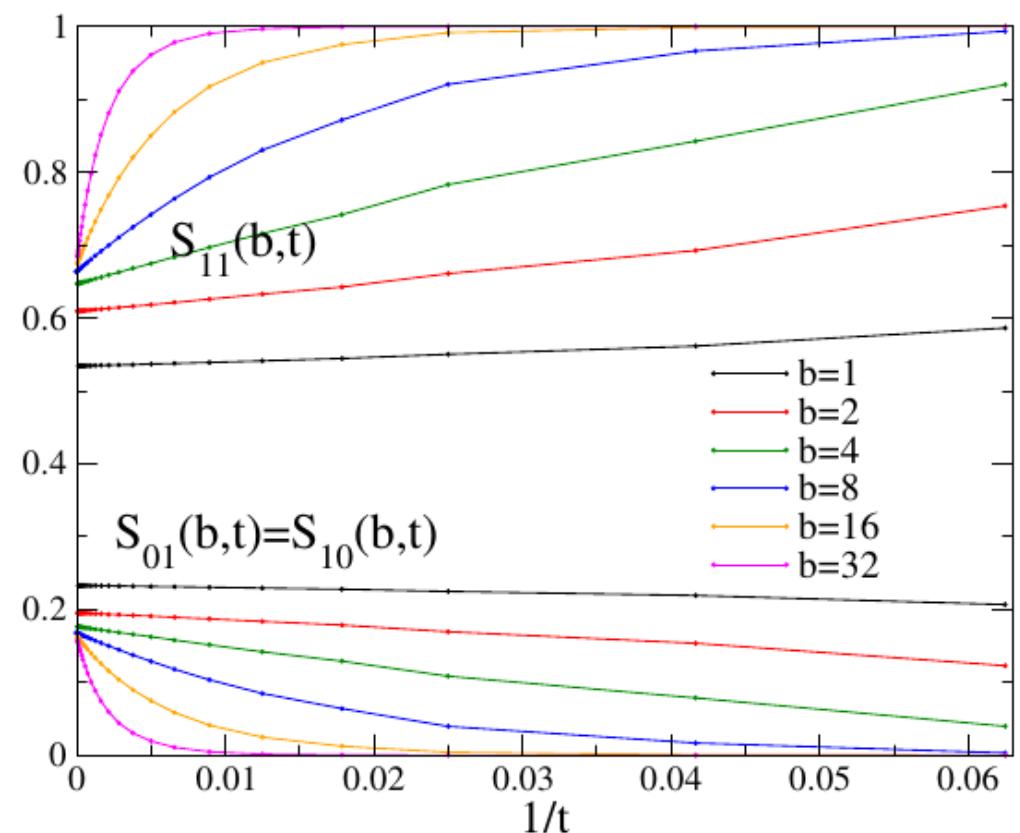
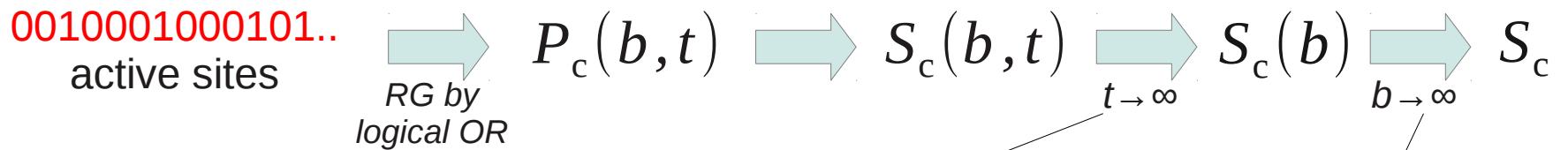


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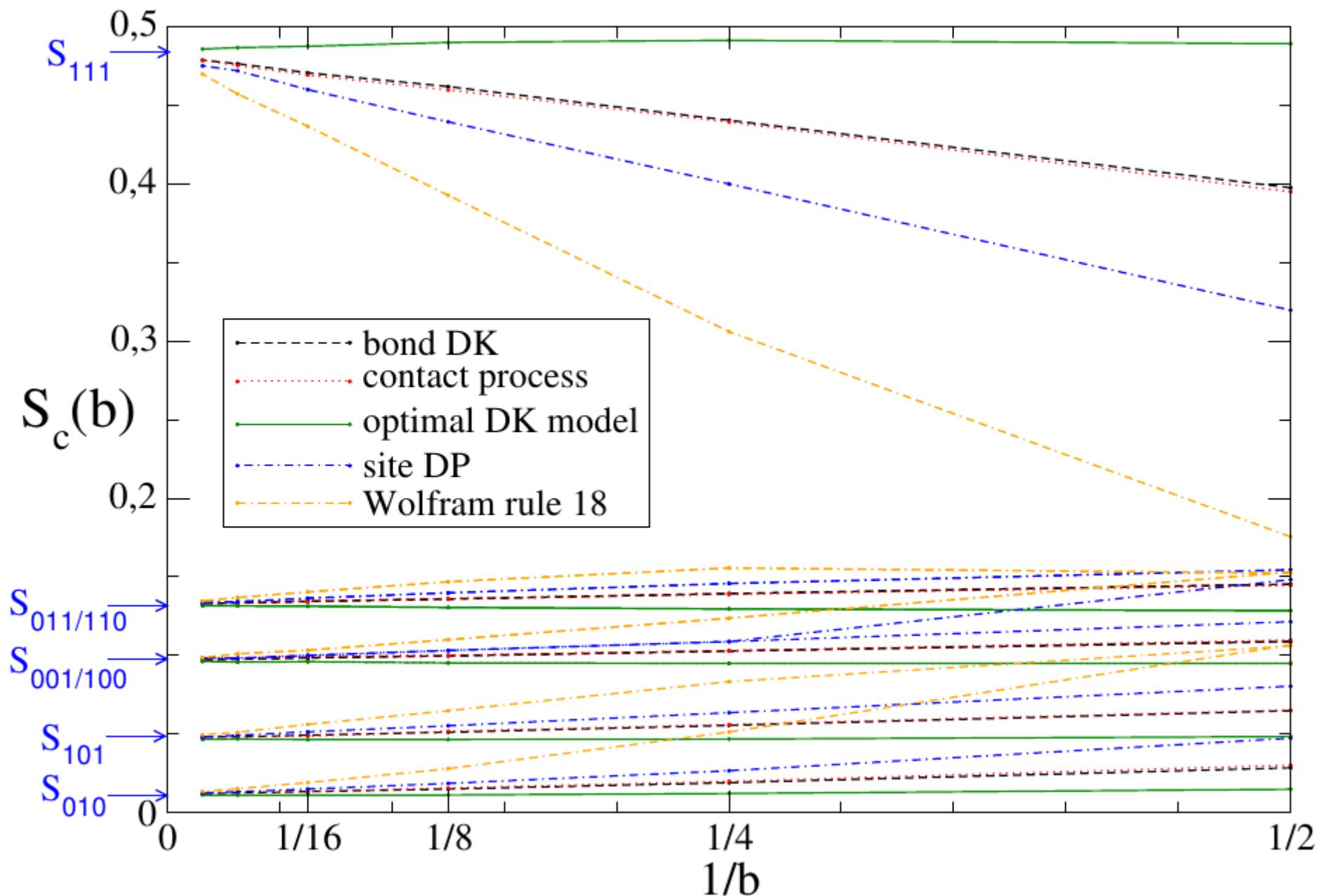
$$S_c(b,t) = \frac{P_c(b,t)}{1 - P_{00\dots 0}(b,t)}$$

$$S_c(b) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S_c(b,t)$$

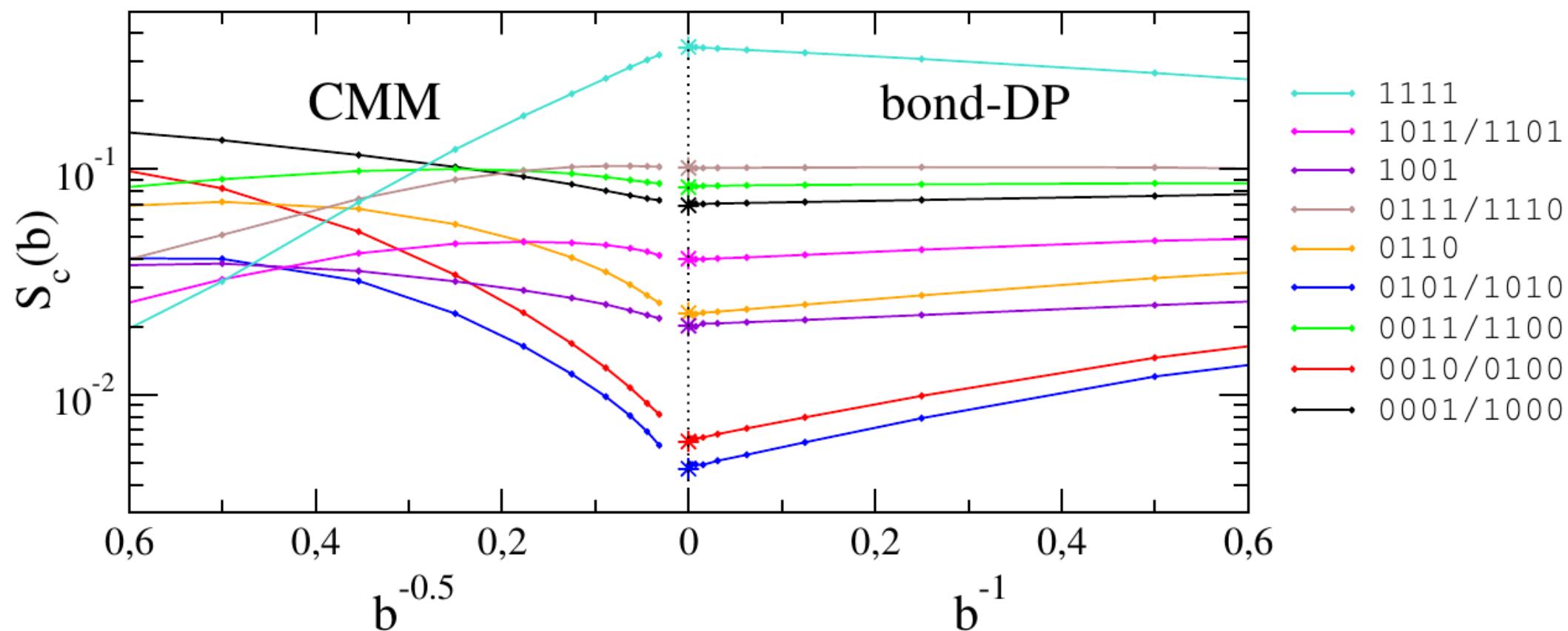


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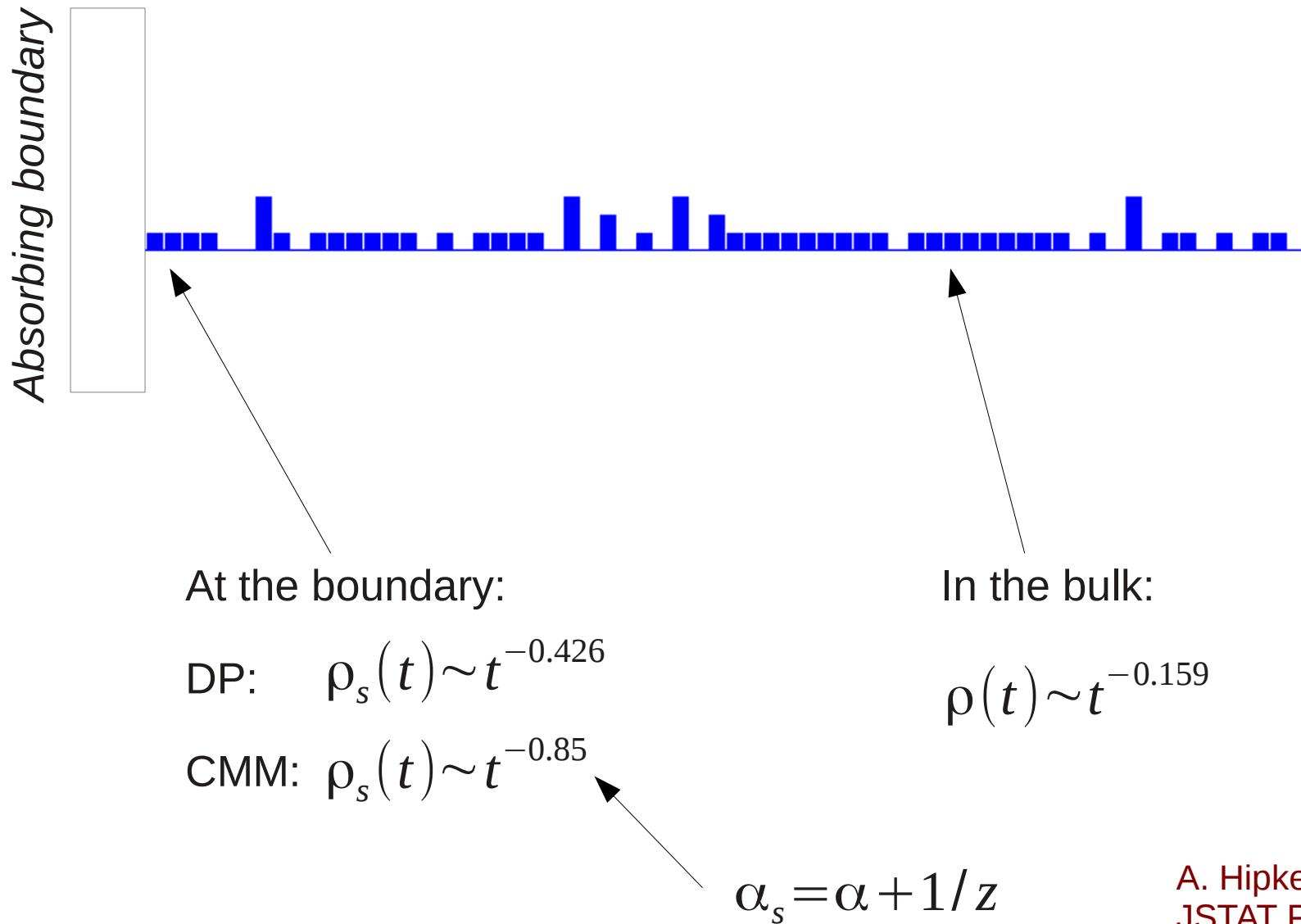


Apply RG method to conserved Manna



Boundary effects

Bonachela and Munoz, Physica A 384, 89 (2005)



A. Hipke and HH,
JSTAT P07021 (2009)

Conclusions:

- Conserved Manna sandpiles in 1D.
- Natural initial conditions cure overshooting.
- With natural intial conditions we get a different critical point, questioning previous critical exponents.
- Homogeneous simulations in 1D in perfect agreement with DP.
- RG flow in a block RG scheme confirms DP.
- Seed simulations still unclear.