



# Anomalous critical and supercritical connectivity transitions

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Connectivity matters

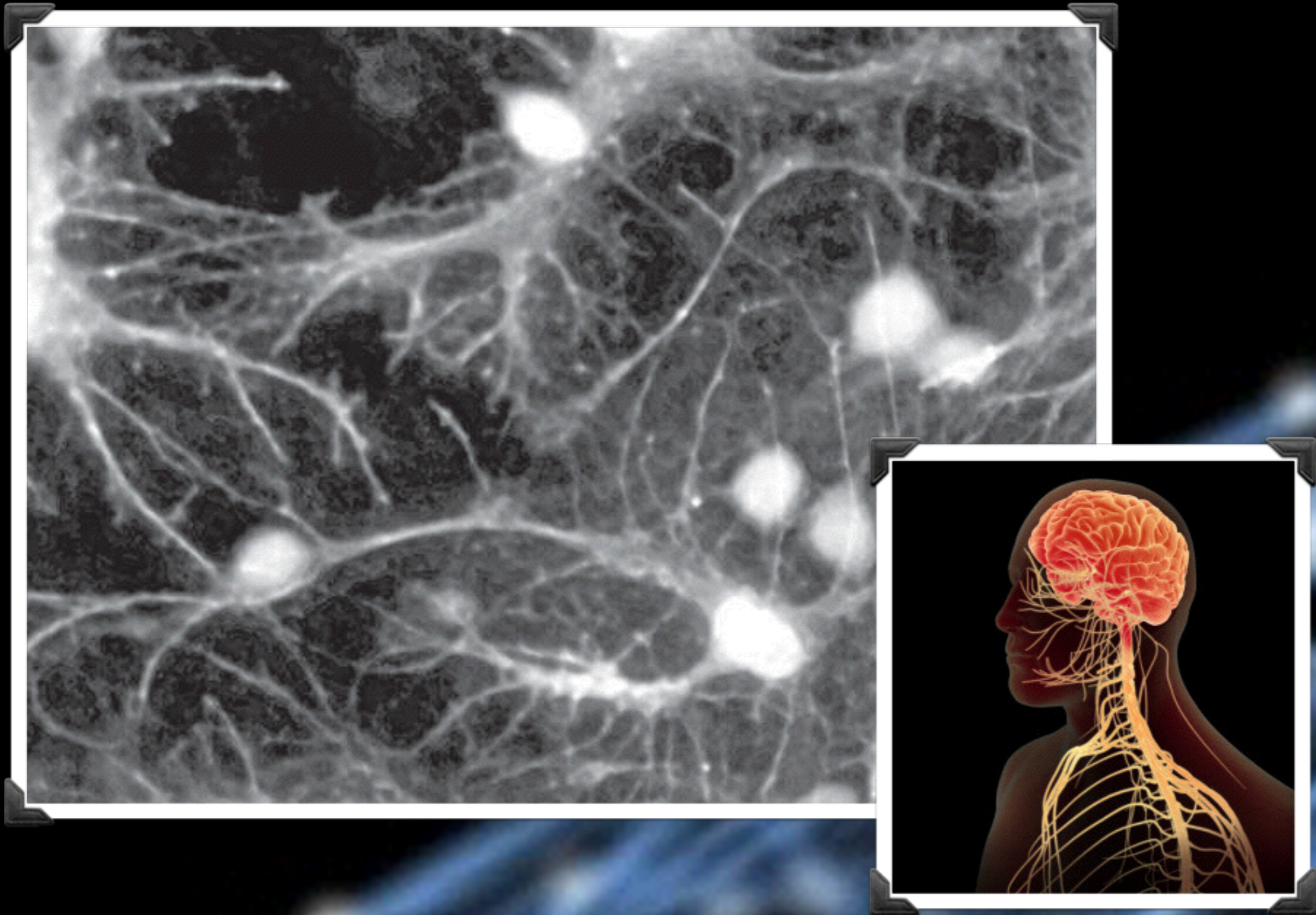


# Desired connectivity (internet, www, social/transportation networks, ...)



Verma, Russmann, Araujo, Nagler, Herrmann, Emergence of core-peripheries in networks, [Nature Commun.](#) 7:10441 (2016)

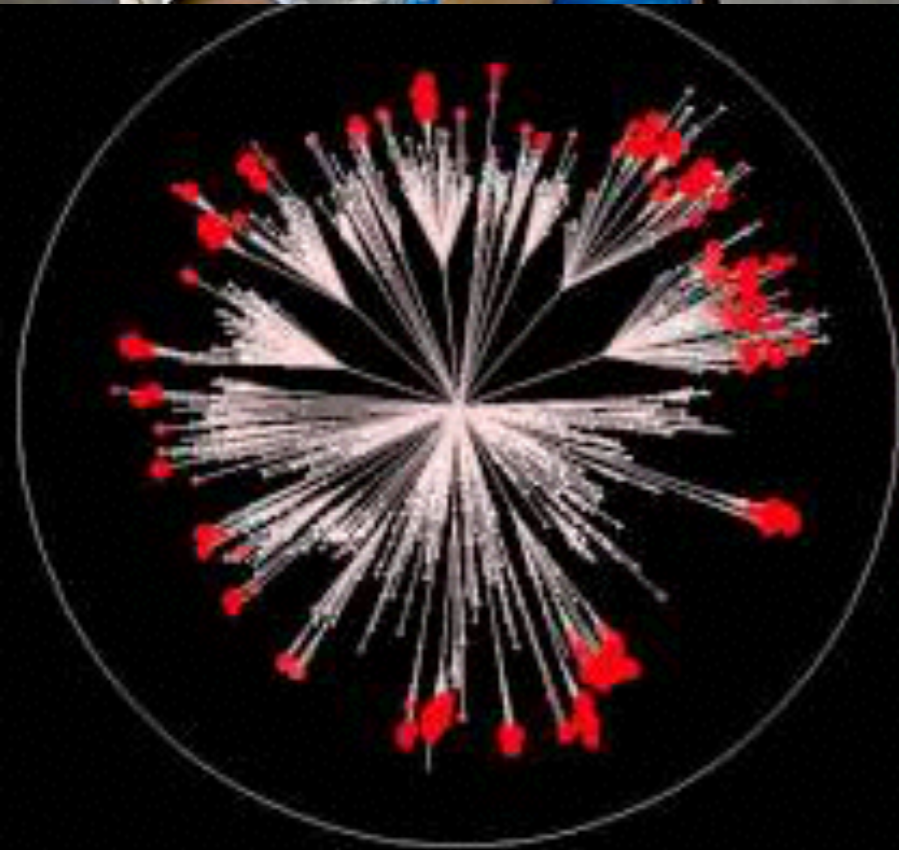
# Necessary connectivity: our nervous system



Breskin et al., **Percolation** in living neural networks, **Phys. Rev. Lett.** 2006

Soriano et al., Development of input connections in neural cultures, **PNAS** 2008

# Connectivity as a liability: spread of infectious disease or virus



Hufnagel, Brockmann, Geisel, *PNAS* 2004

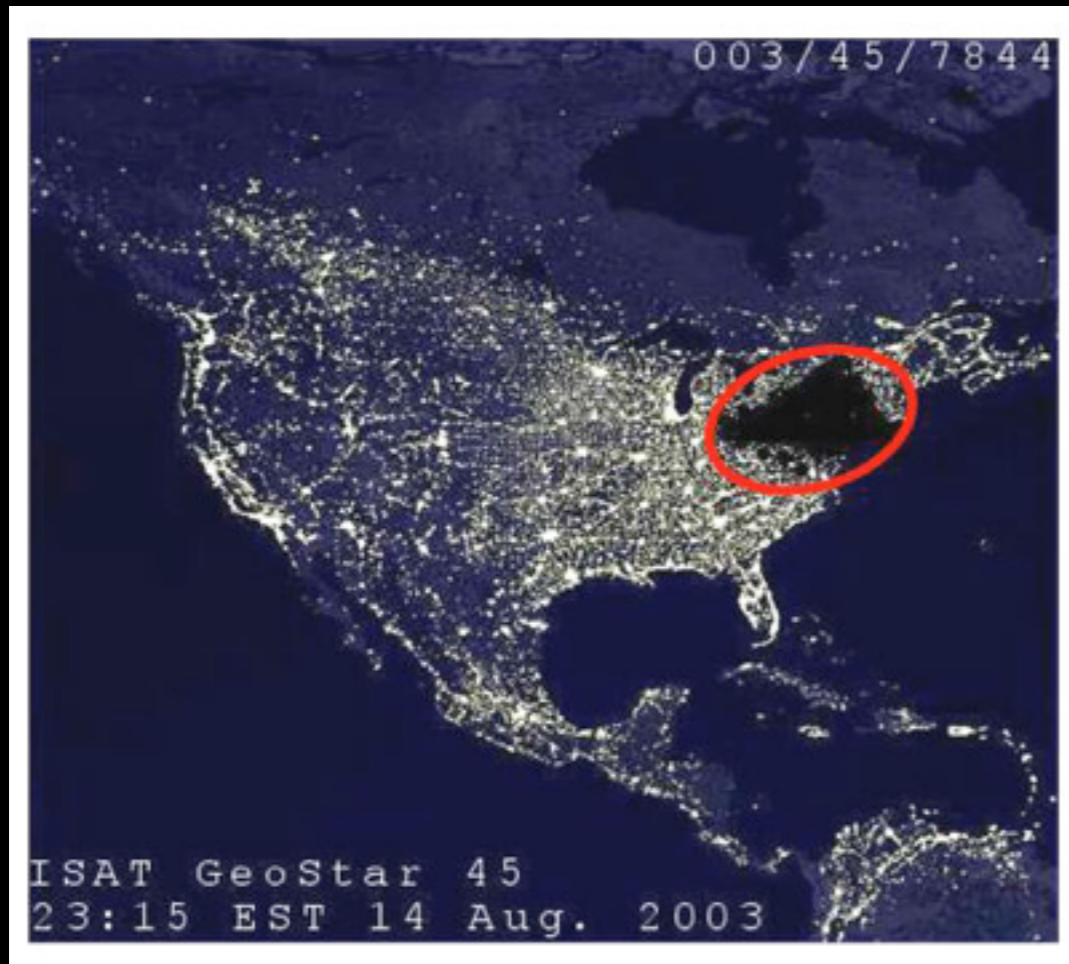
Brockmann, Hufnagel, Geisel, *Nature* 2006

Brockmann & Helbing, *Science* 2013

# Challenging connectivity and cascades: finance



# Broken connectivity and cascades: power outages



Italy & CH, 09/2003, 56 Mio people affected

Catastrophic cascade of failures in interdependent networks,  
Buldyrev, Parshani, Paul, Stanley, Havlin,  
[Nature](#) (2010)



# Connectivity and cascades: Evolution Stagnation and variability of Earth's biodiversity through species dependencies

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## Synopsis: Modeling Biodiversity



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Possible Origin of Stagnation and Variability of Earth's Biodiversity

Frank Stollmeier, Theo Geisel, and Jan Nagler

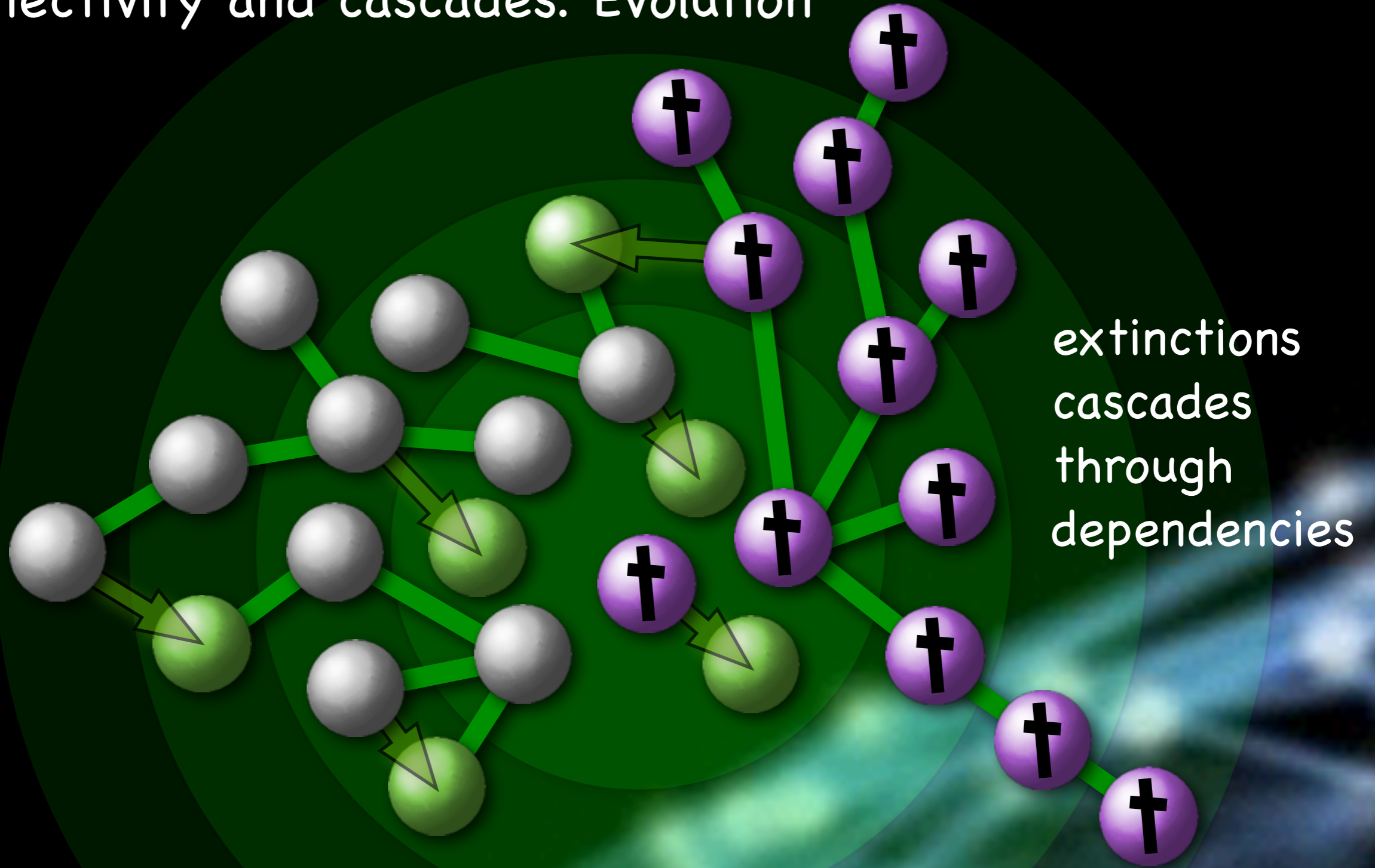
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Published June 5, 2014

According to the fossil record, about 500 million years ago the number of marine species began growing exponentially and leveled off for 200 million years before exploding again. To understand how and why these changes occurred, researchers formulated a variety of models built upon different assumptions. Some models support the idea that biodiversity increased during stagnation, others that the increase is an artifact of how the fossils have been collected and sampled. In a paper in *Physics*



# Connectivity and cascades: Evolution



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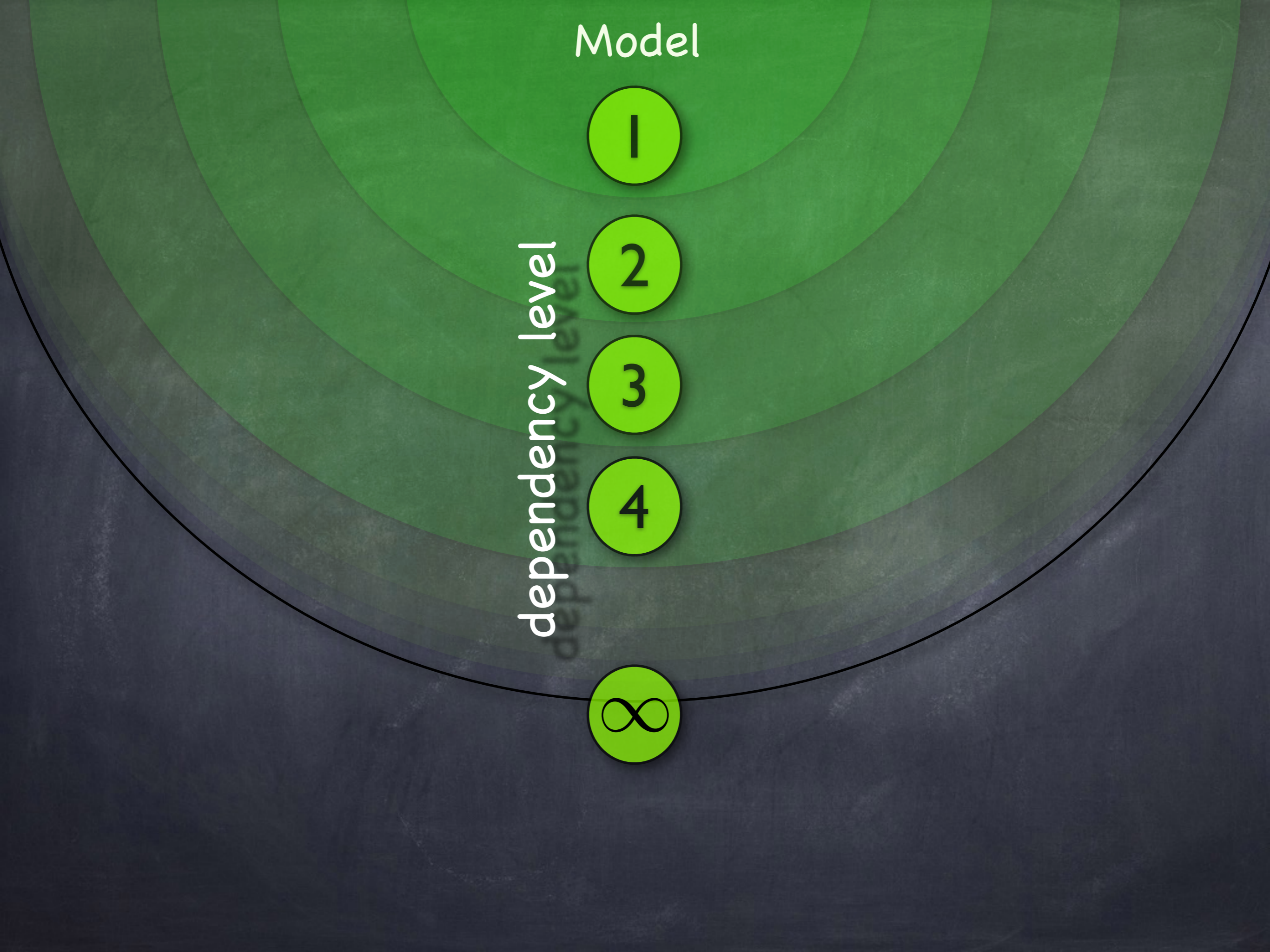
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dependency level



Model

species

links indicate dependencies

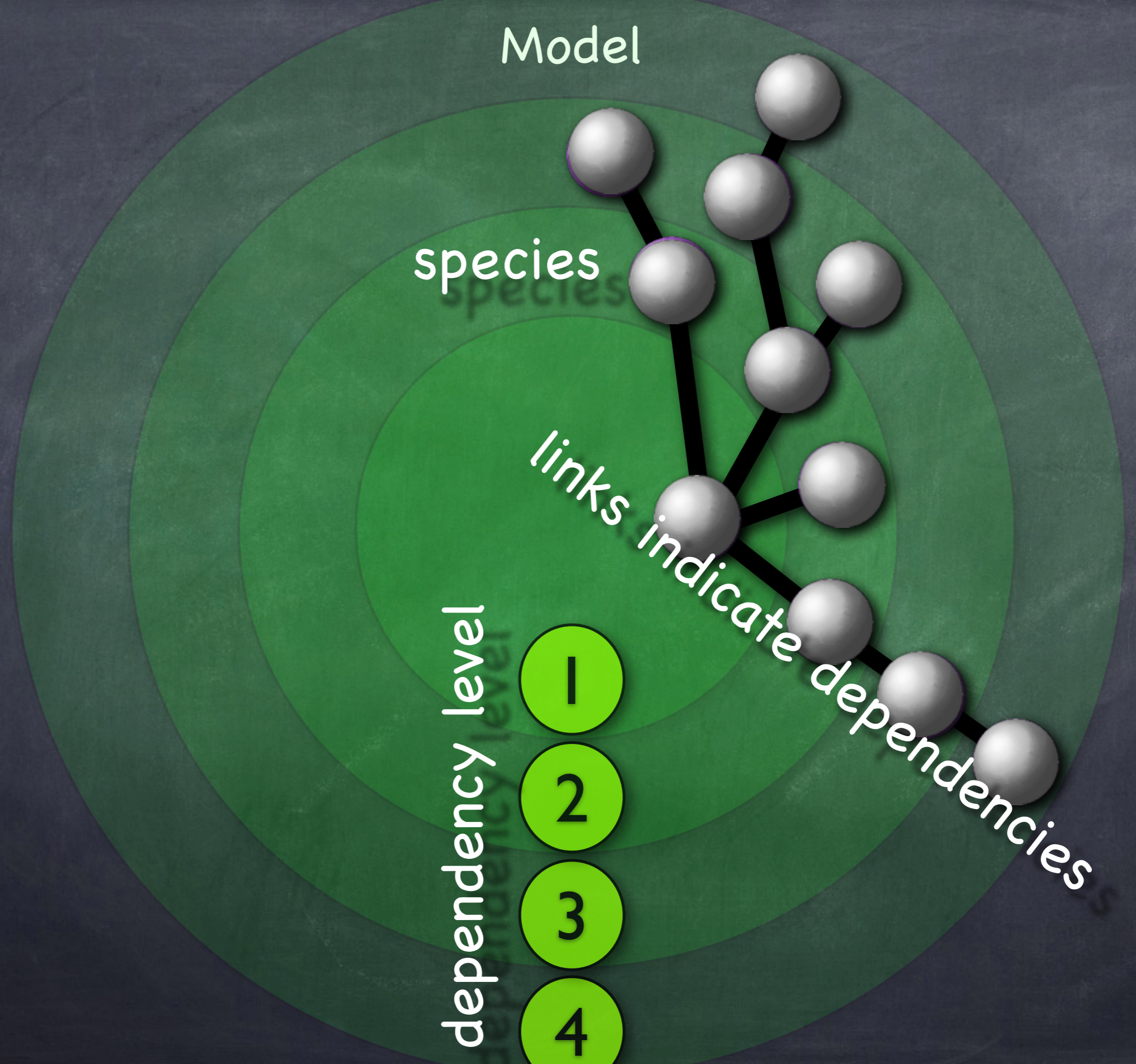
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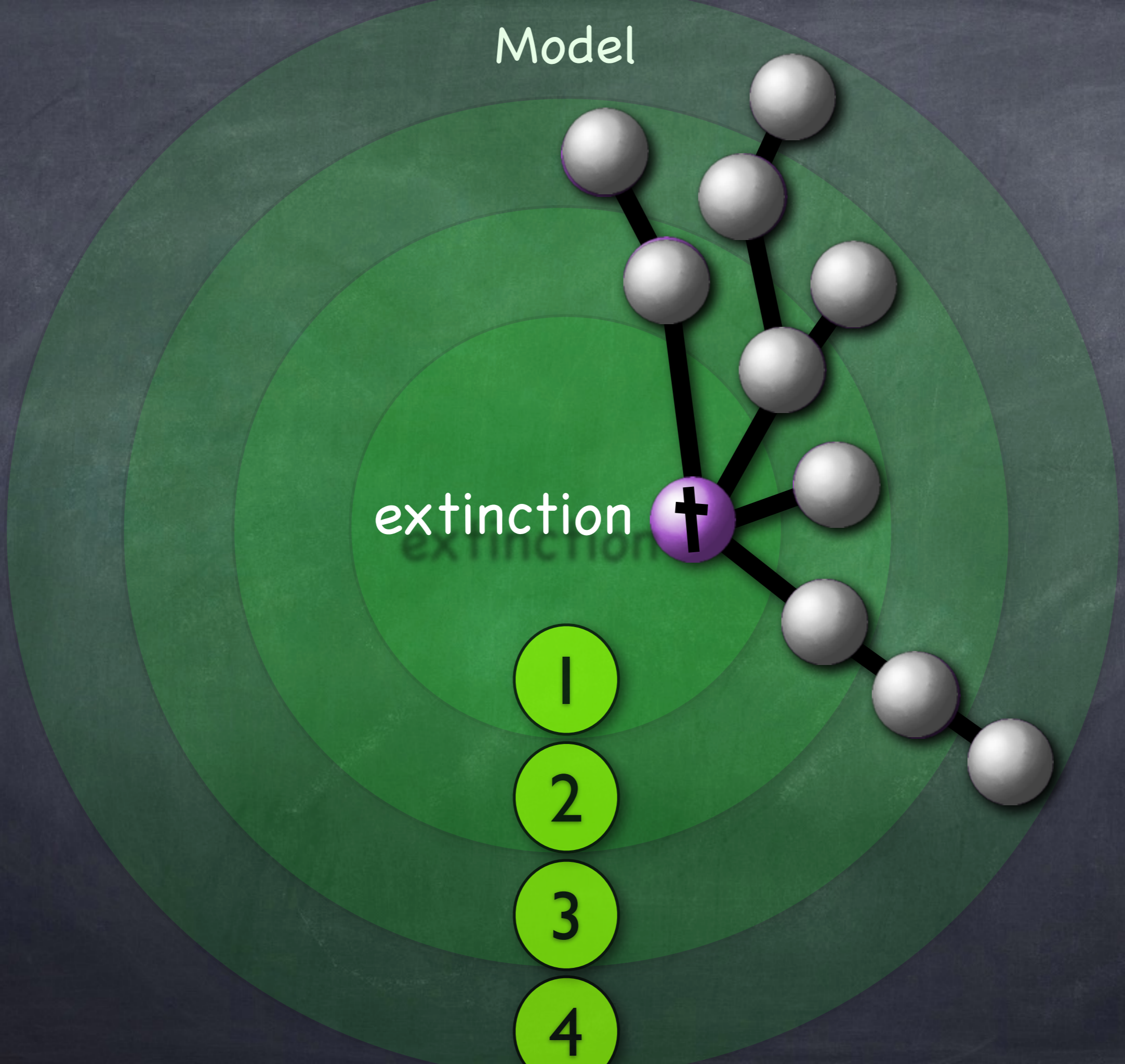
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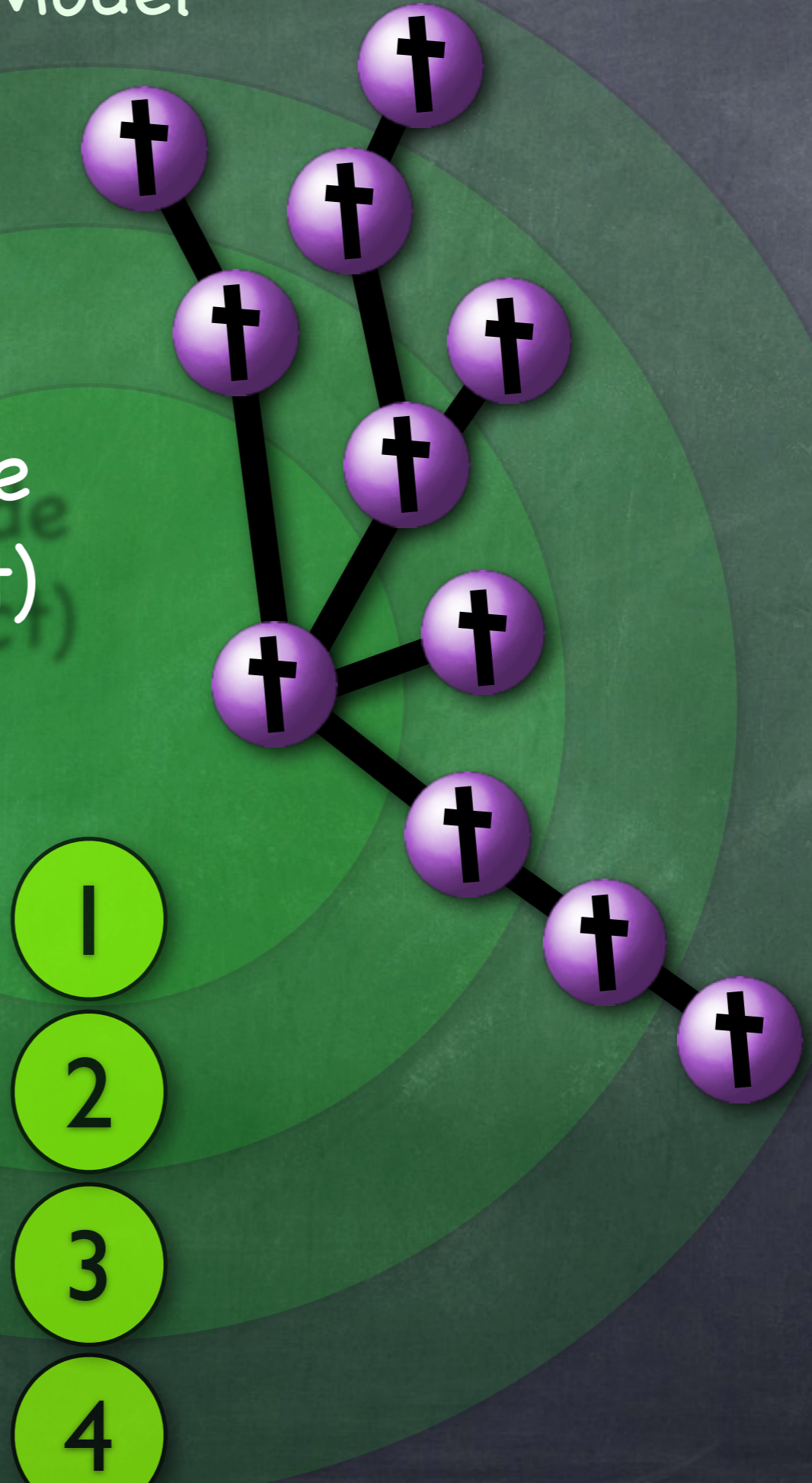
Model

extinction



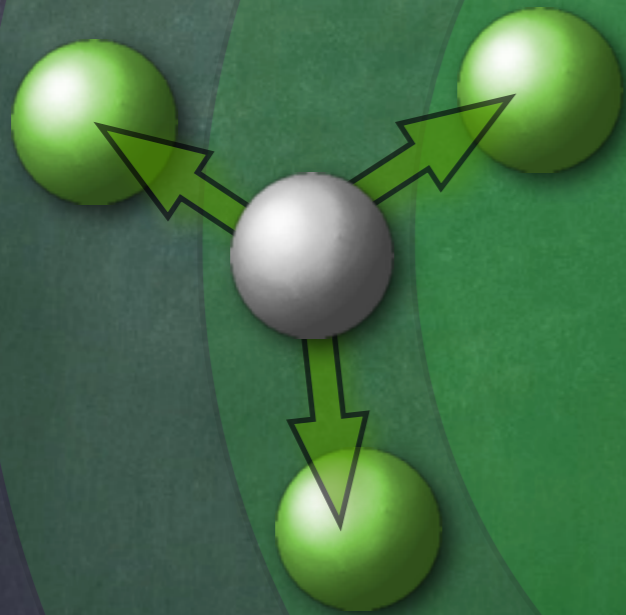
# Model

extinction cascade  
(tree goes extinct)



# Model

speciation



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2

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4

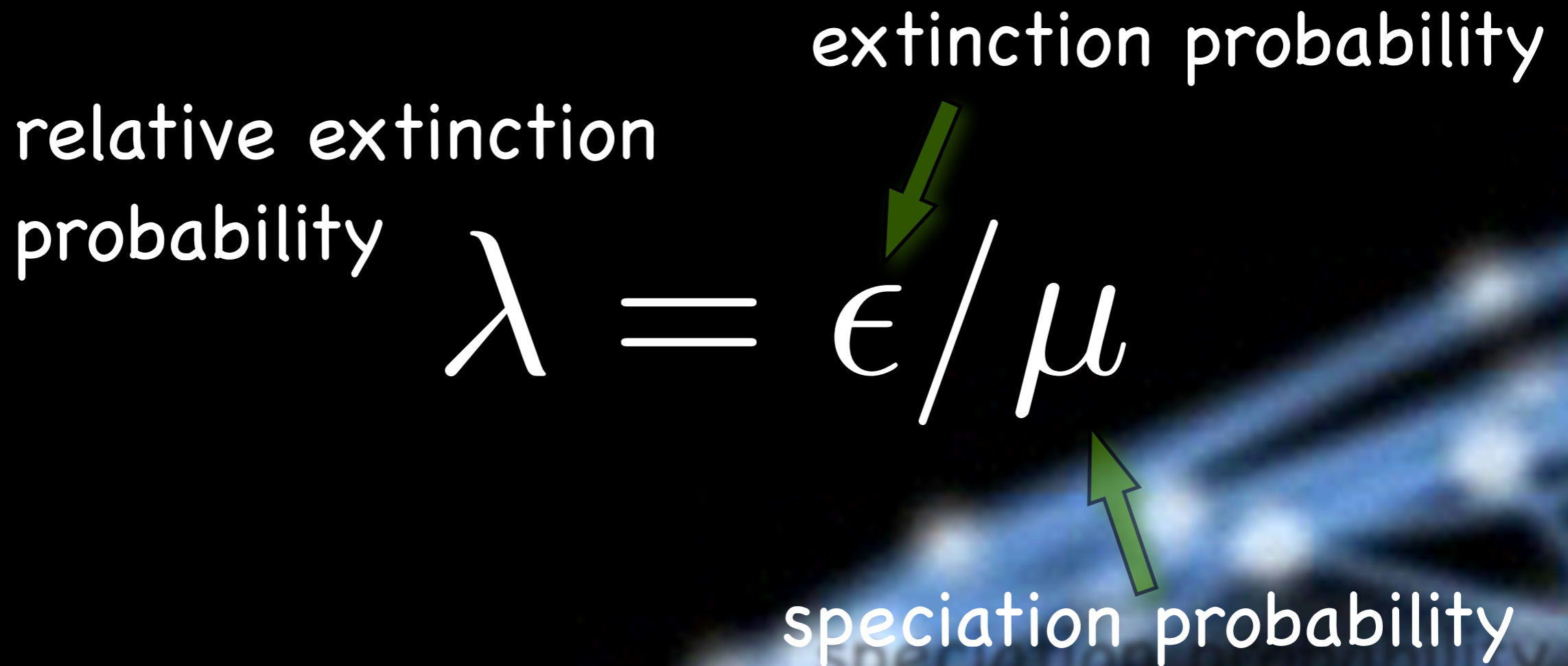
Crucial ratio: lambda

relative extinction  
probability

$$\lambda = \epsilon / \mu$$

extinction probability

speciation probability

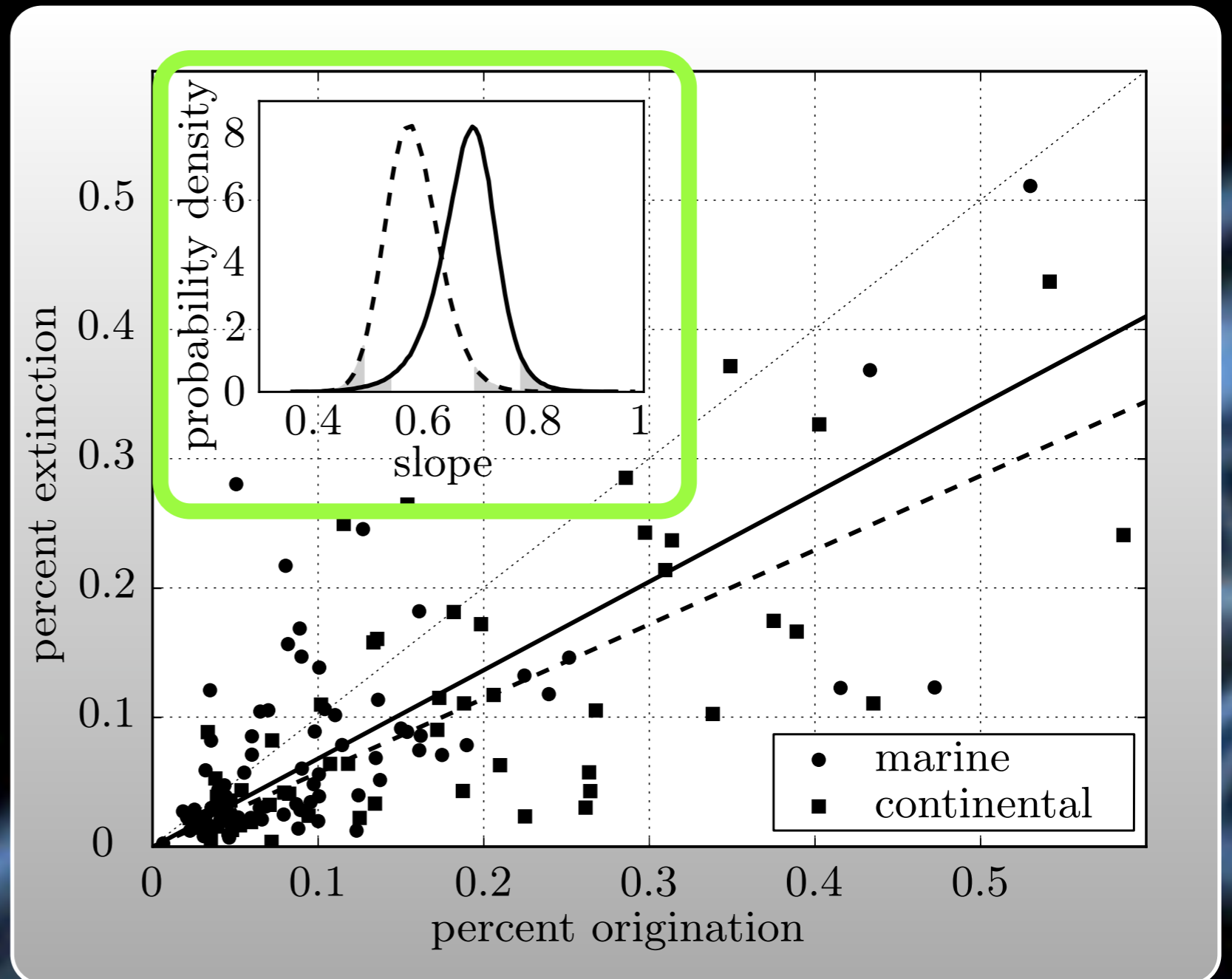
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Stollmeier, Geisel and Nagler,  
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# Evidence for different lambdas in data, marine & continental biodiversity

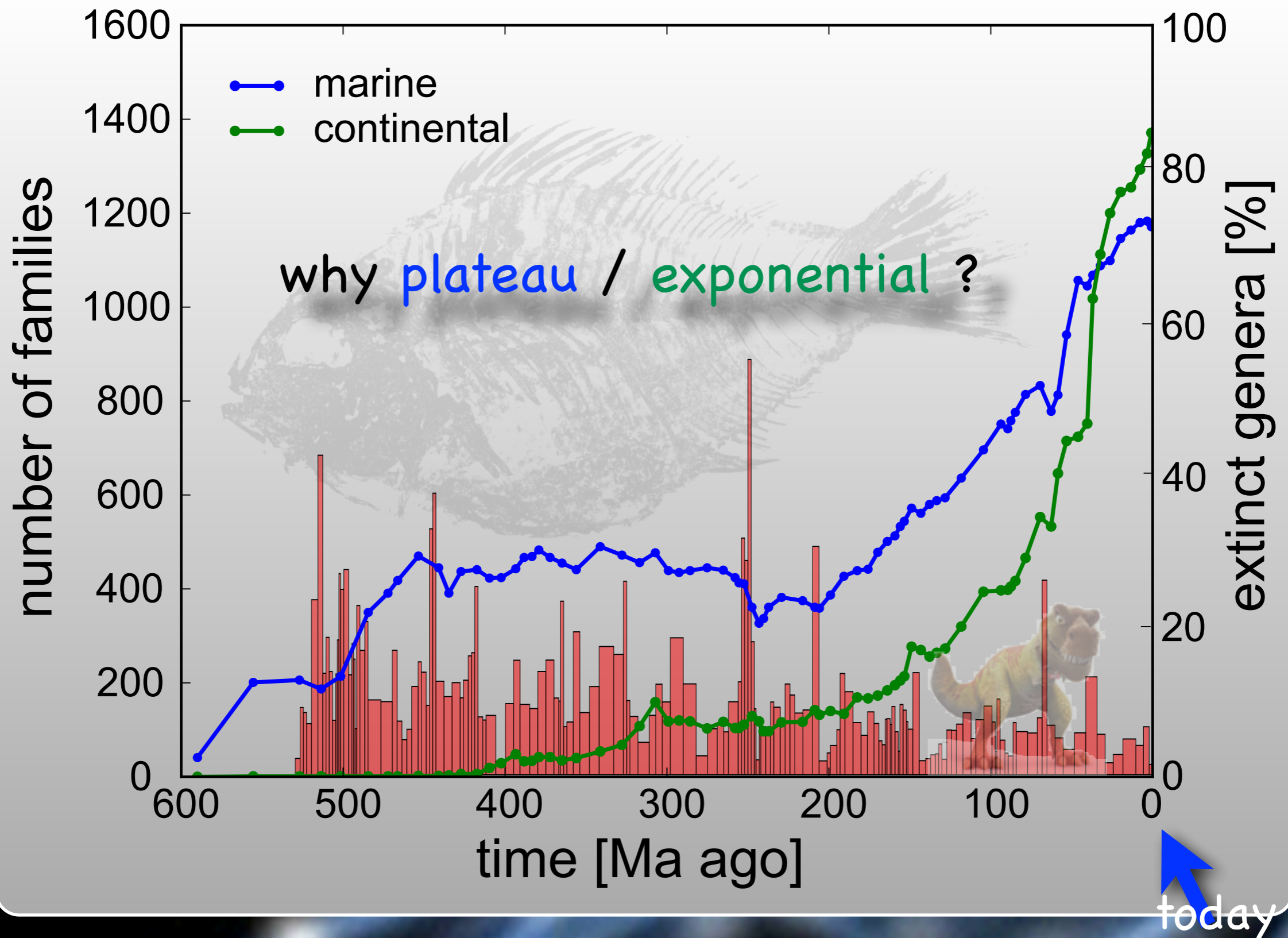
$$\lambda_{\text{cont}} = 0.57$$

$$\lambda_{\text{mar}} = 0.68$$





# Marine and continental biodiversity



# PART II

## Anomalous percolation

Nagler, Levina & Timme, *Nat. Phys.* 2011

Nagler, Tiessen & Gutch, *Phys. Rev. X* 2012

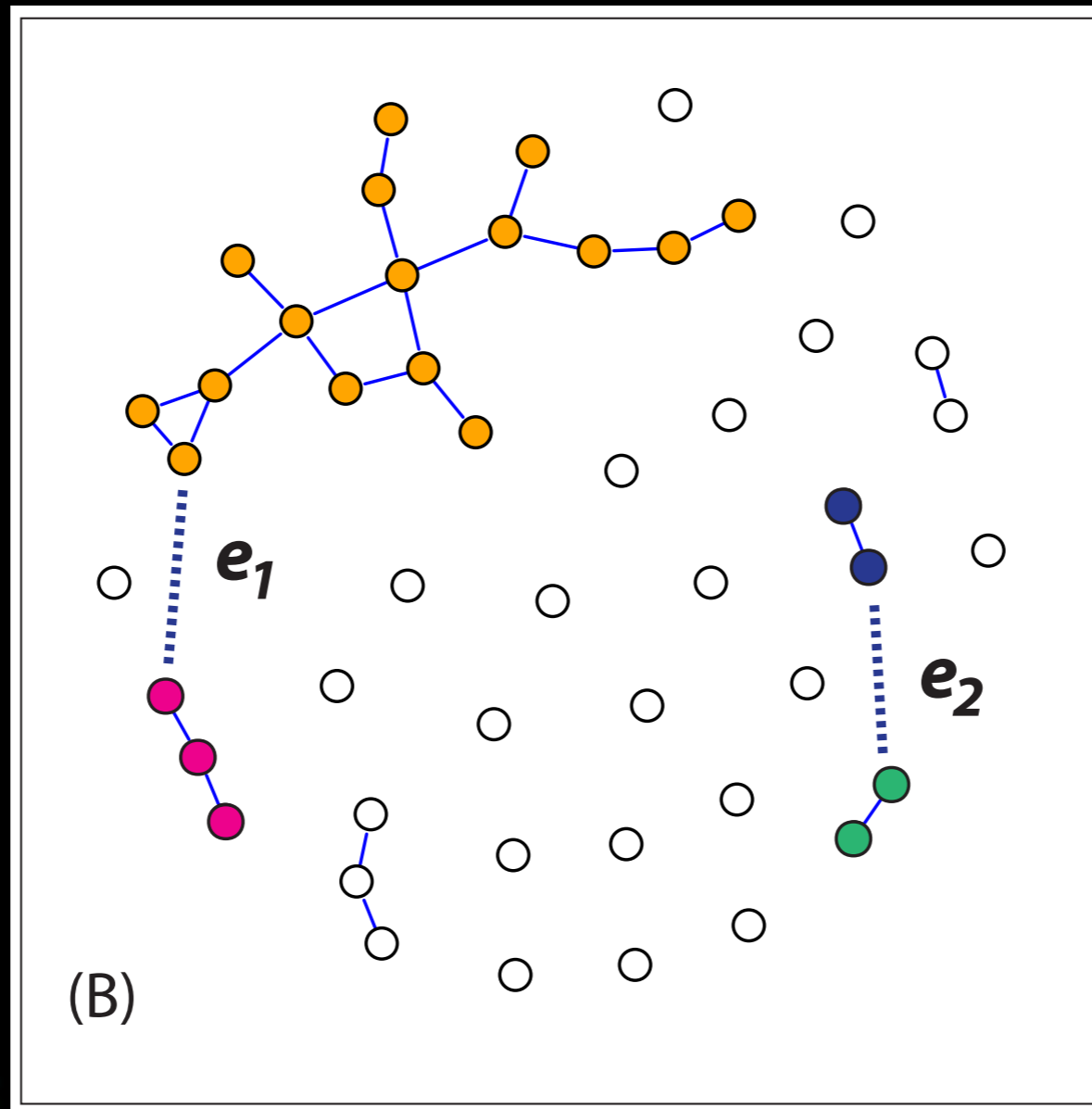
Schröder, Rahbari, Nagler, *Nat. Commun.* 2013

Chen, Schröder, D'Souza, Sornette & Nagler, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 2014

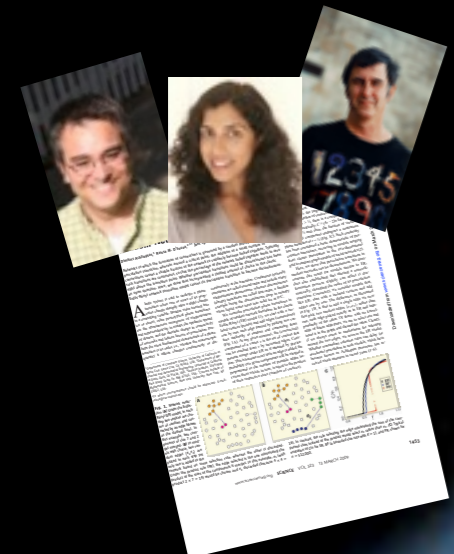
D'Souza & Nagler, *Nature Physics* 2015

# Concept of **explosive** percolation

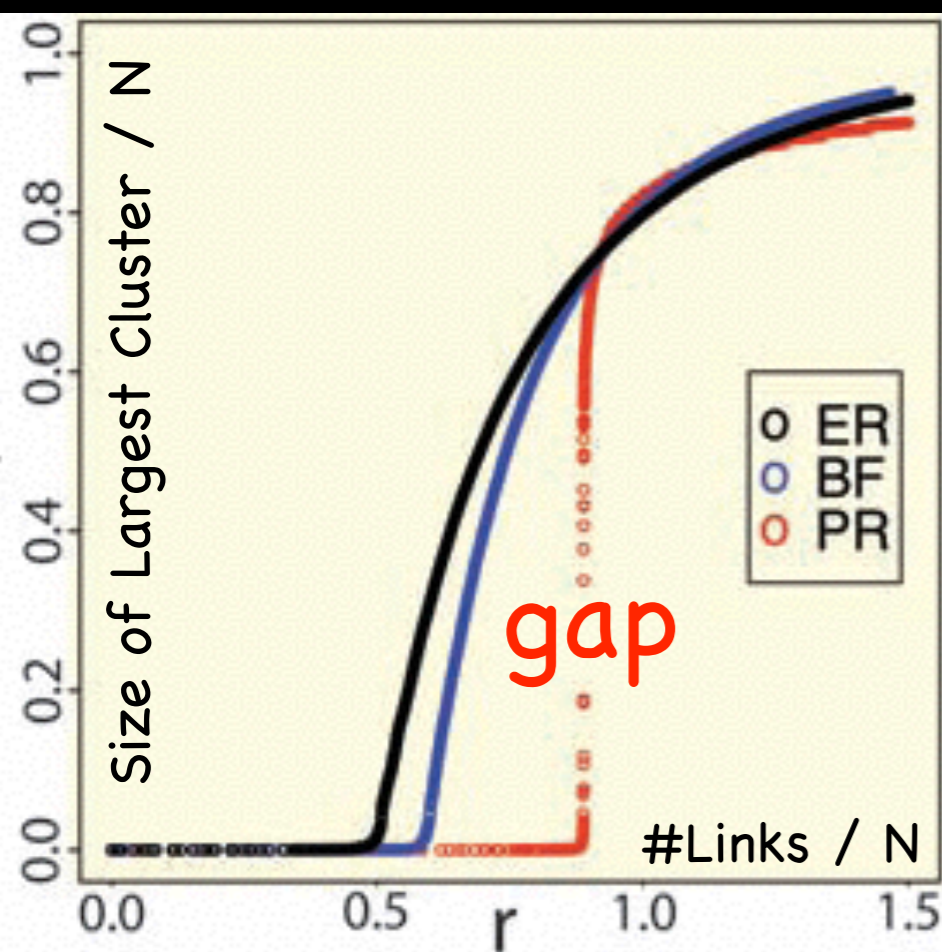
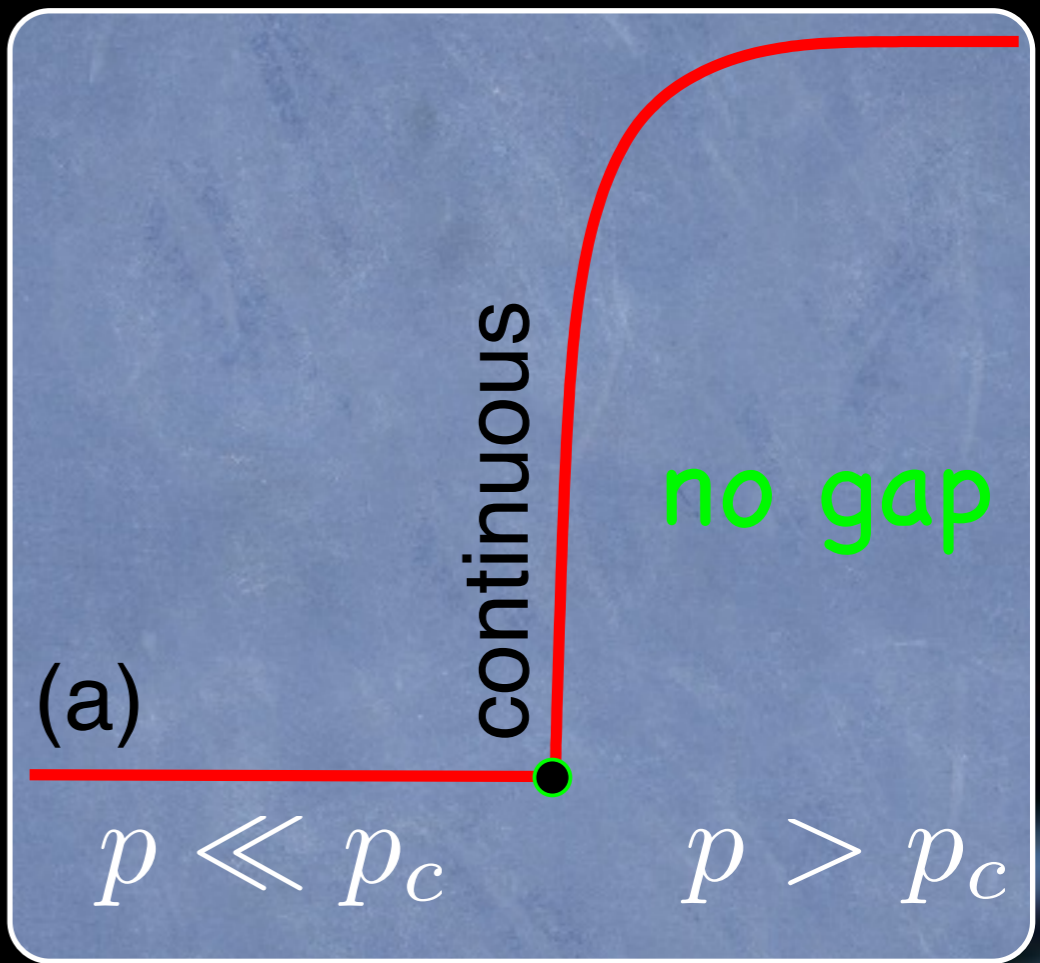
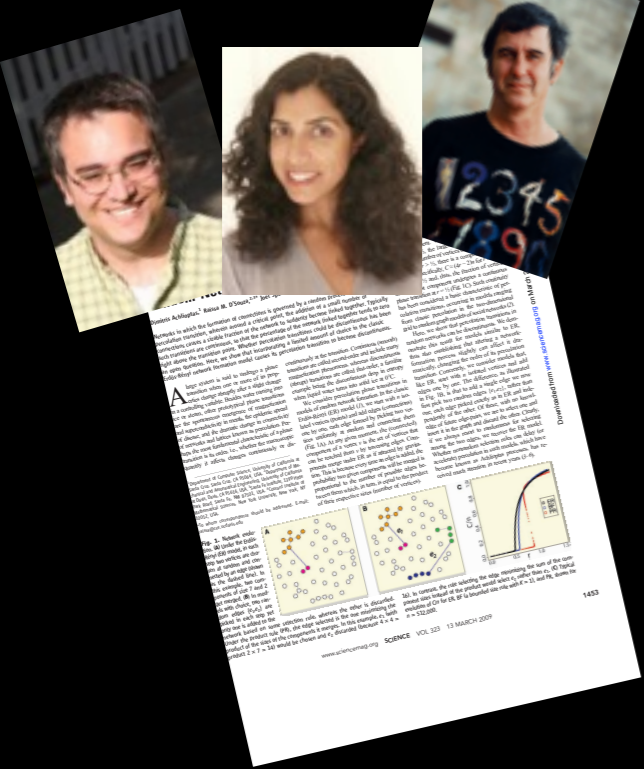
Delay connectivity by link-addition competition  
(avoid emergence of large clusters)



D Achlioptas, RM D'Souza, J Spencer, **Science** (2009)  
„Explosive Percolation in Random Networks”



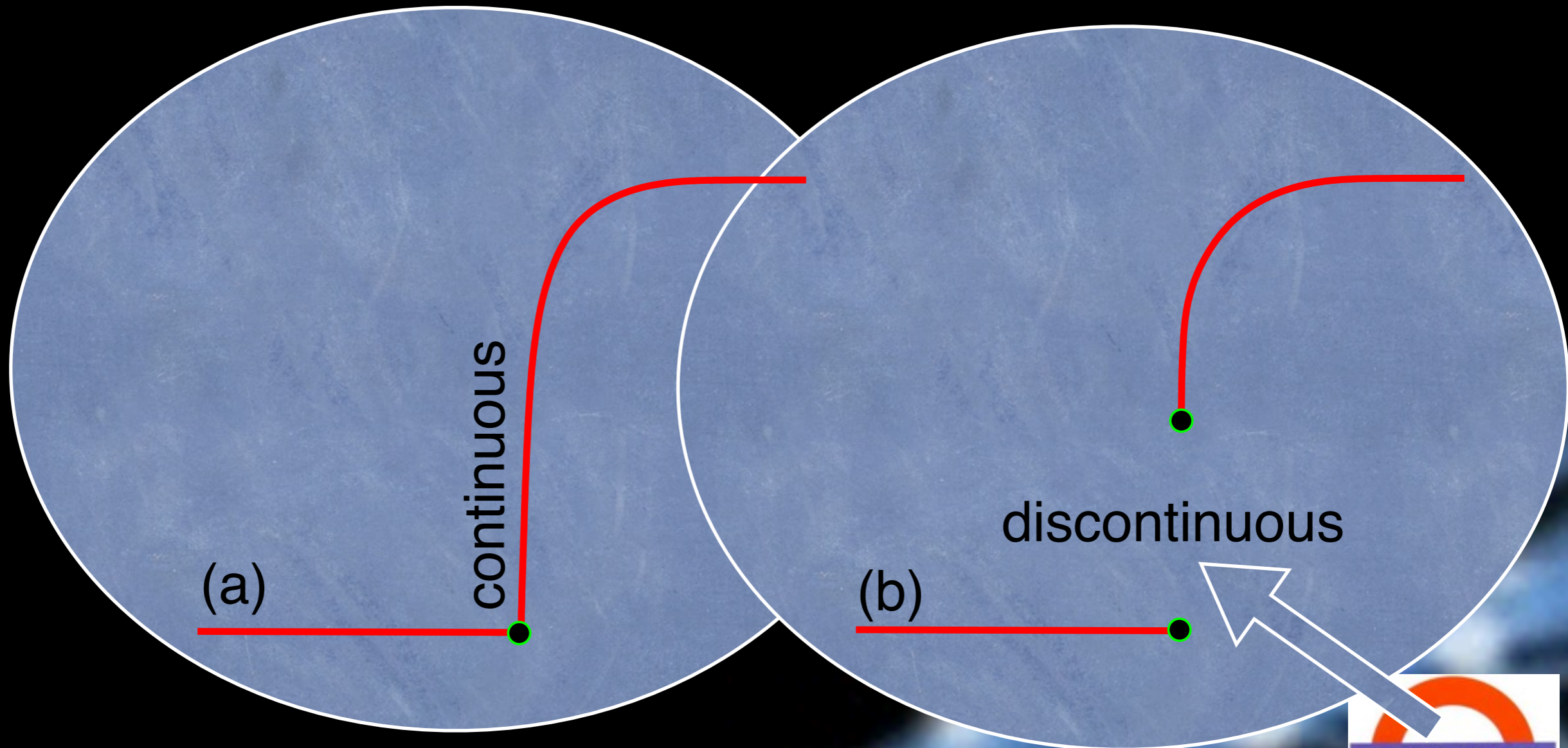
# Explosive percolation in random networks



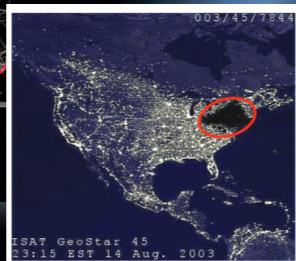
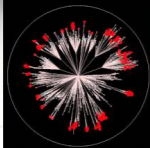
no competition

link competition

# Is there a real gap for competitive rules ?



When there a real gap for competitive rules ?



> 200 papers since 2009

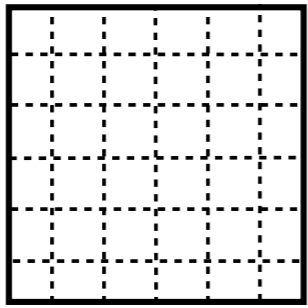
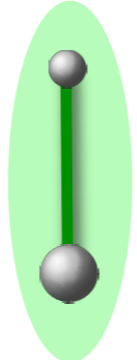
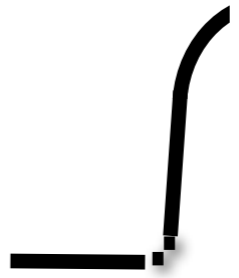


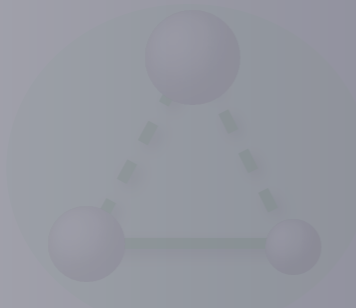




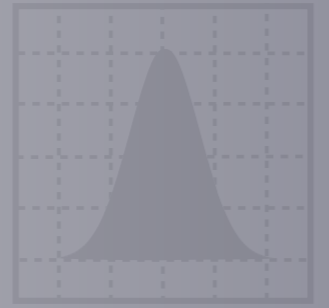



„Explosive percolation“ is **continuous**

**breakthrough**

main conclusion of rigorous proof:

„any percolation process based on picking a fixed number of random vertices gives a continuous transition“

# Percolation from late 1950ties until 2016 (=today)

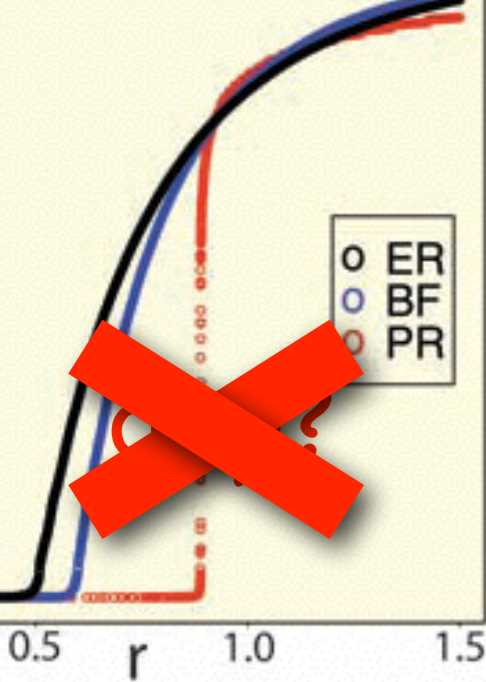
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a)	standard percolation  $d > 1$	Erdős-Renyi  $m = 1$			
b)	PR (m-edge) <sup>16</sup>  $m = 2$	MC (k-vertex) <sup>22</sup>  $k = 3$	dCDGM (k-vertex) <sup>32</sup>  $k = 4$		
c)	gBFW <sup>40</sup>  $ \mathcal{C}  \leq k$ $\alpha > 0.511$	Gauss <sup>44</sup>  $\alpha > 0$	hierarchical <sup>50</sup>  $n \rightarrow \infty$		

late 1950ies

2009

2010

# The limit function, different universality classes



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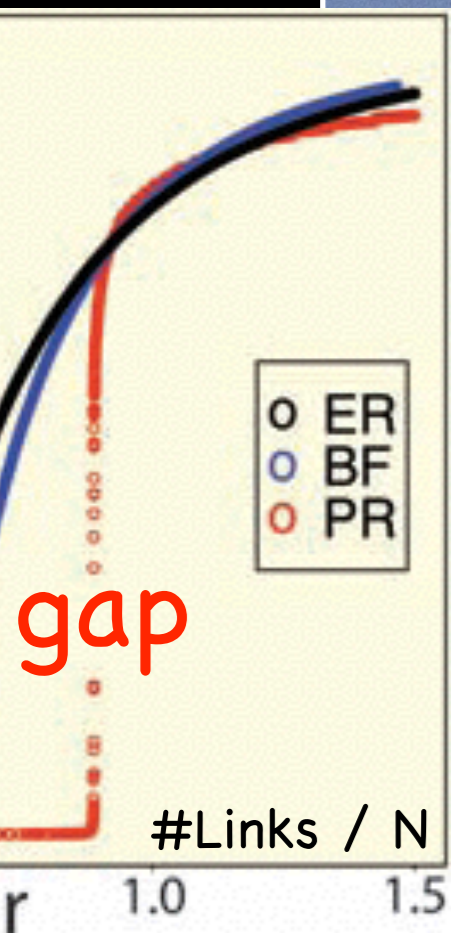
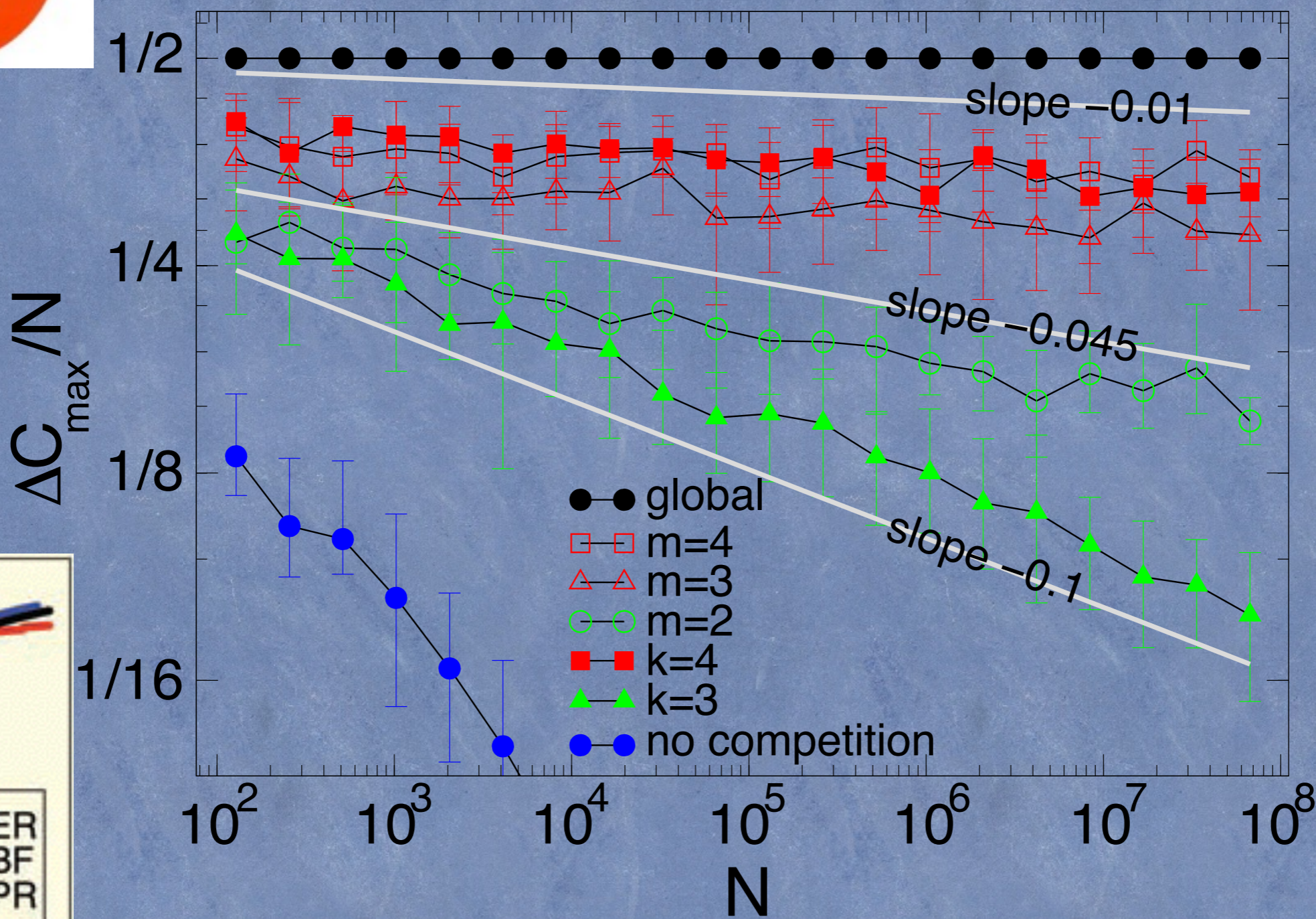
late 1950ies

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# Scaling of largest gap



$$\Delta C_{\max} / N \sim N^{-\beta}$$

Does it always look like this?  
(in thermodynamic limit)



# What is fractional percolation?

Preferentially merge components of similar size

microscopic components

macroscopic component



(cartoon taken from [www](http://www))

# Fragmentation



# What is fractional percolation?

Random network version, 'counter example':

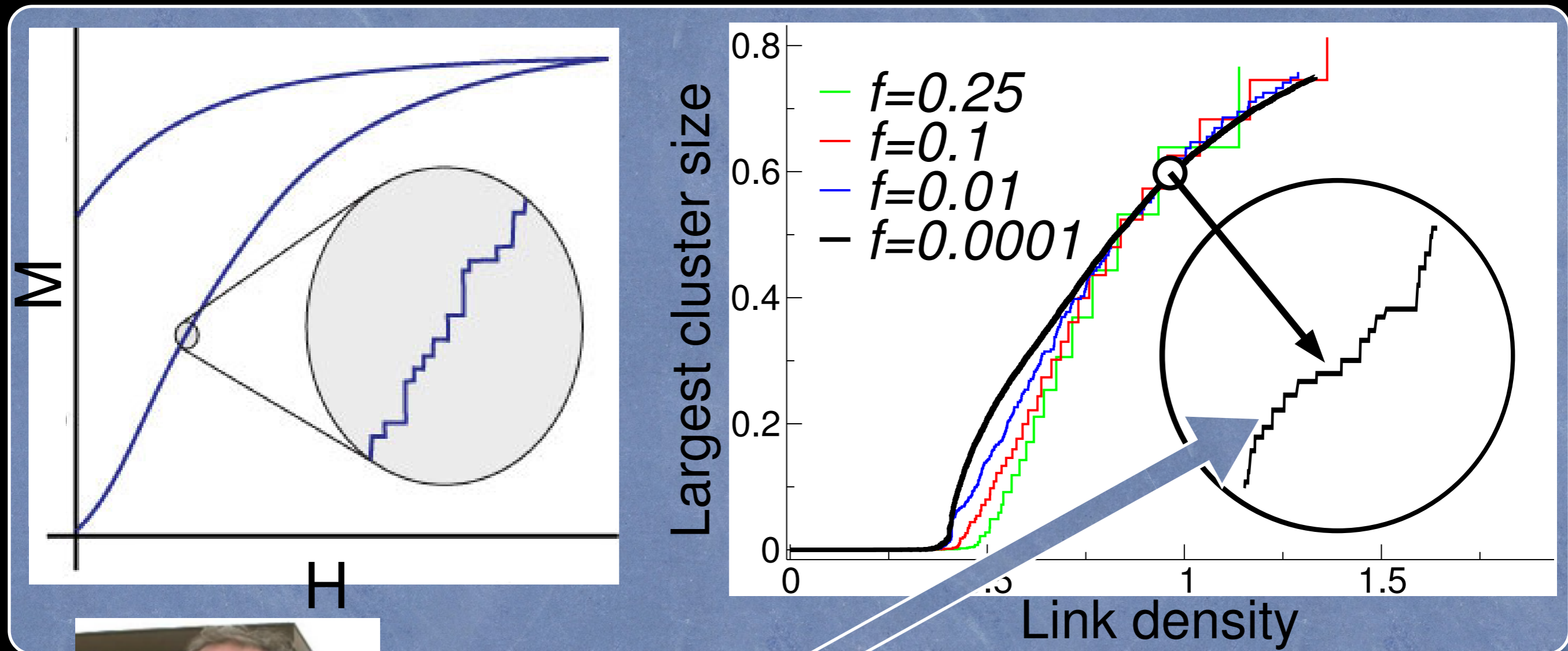
„Pick 3 vertices at random, join the two vertices inside the most commensurate clusters“

(DS model)

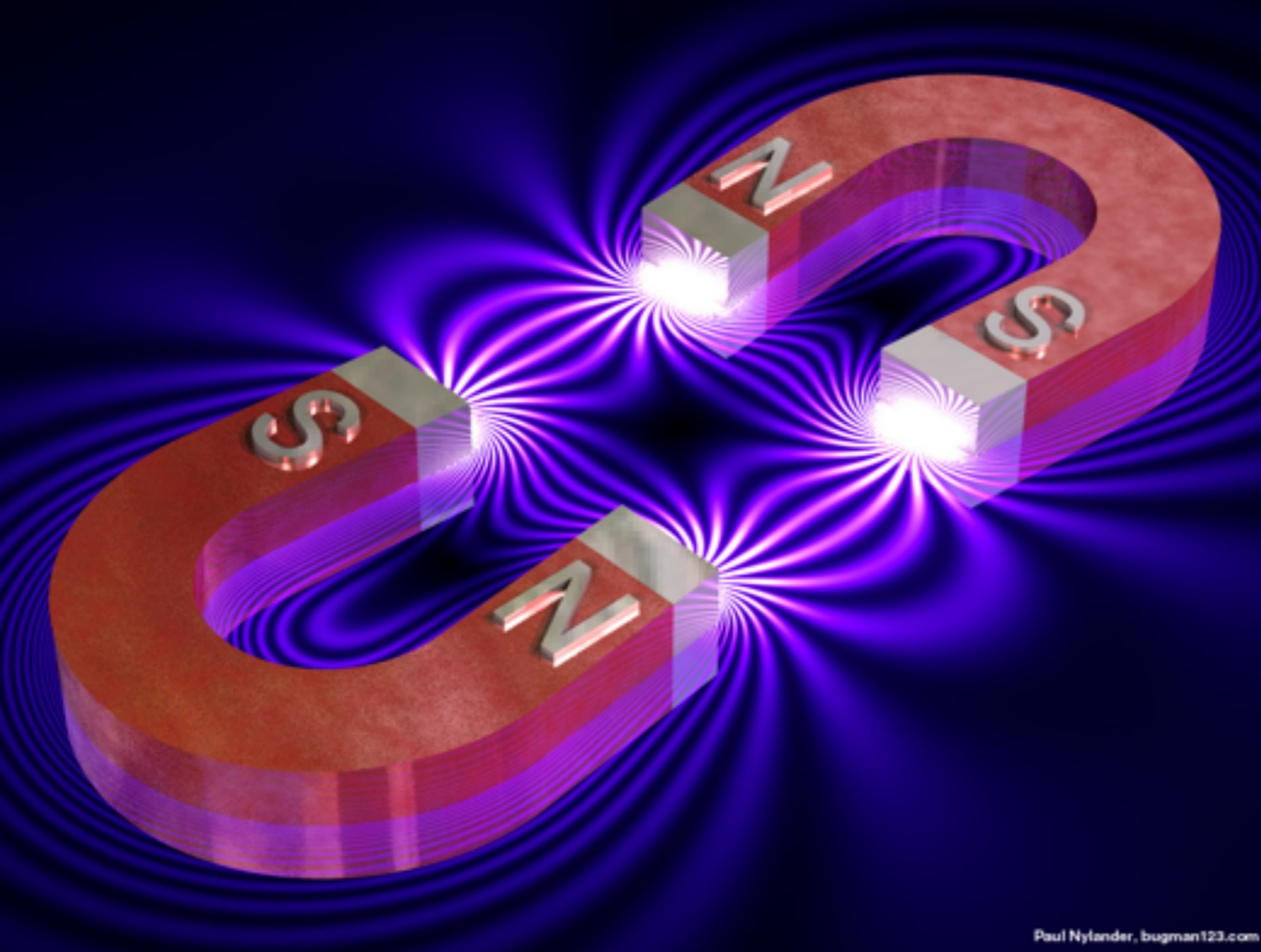
Nagler, Tiessen & Gutch, [Phys. Rev. X](#) 2012  
Schröder, Rahbari, Nagler, [Nat. Commun.](#) 2013

# Fractional percolation & Barkhausen noise

Non-finite stochastic discontinuous phase transitions

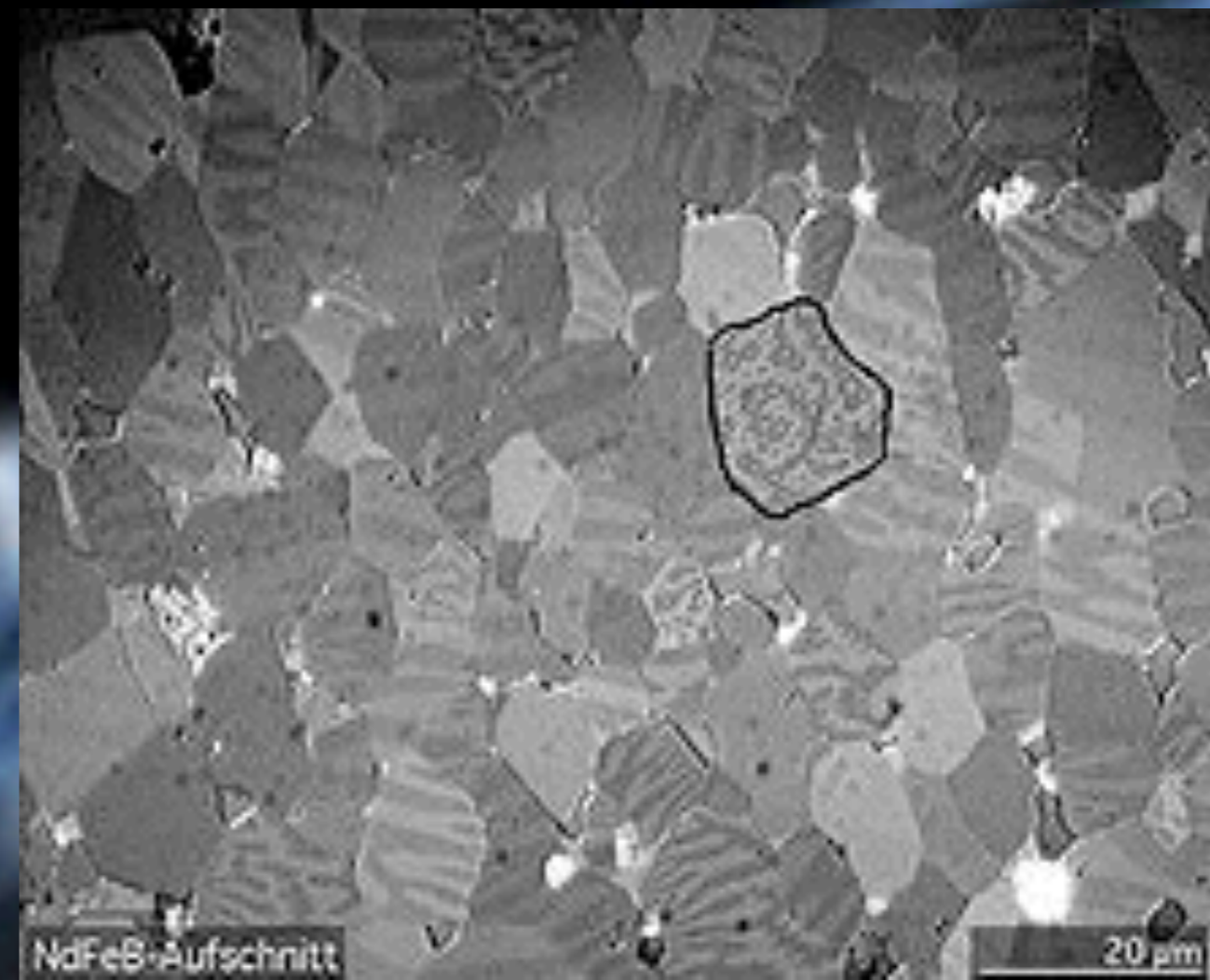
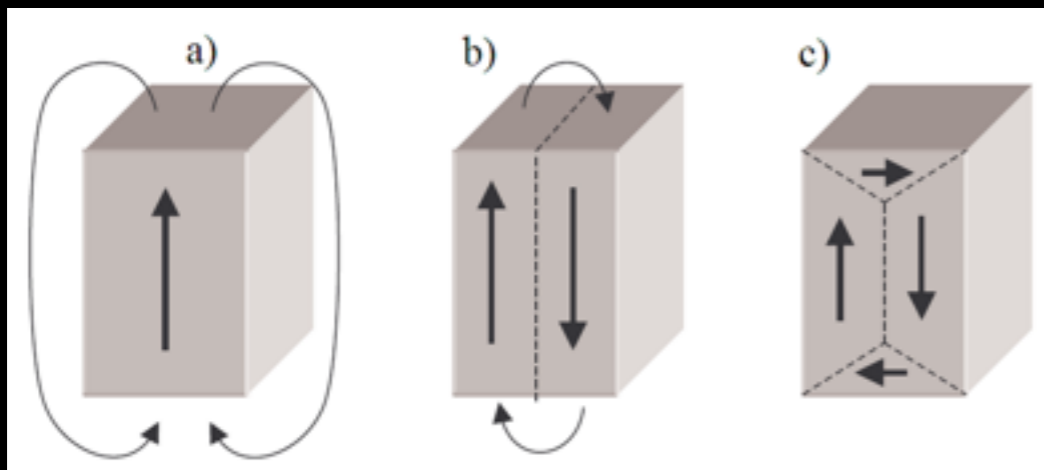


Schröder, Rahbari, Nagler, [Nat. Commun.](#) 2013



# Ferromagnetism

fragmentation &  
domain wall motion



rigorous result

power law fluctuations

$$D(s) \sim 1/s$$

$s$ =jump size of largest component



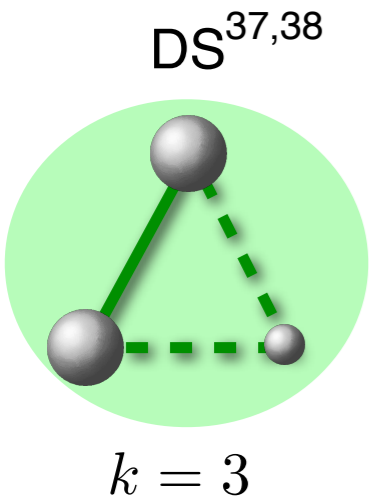
d)

infinite choice<sup>30,43</sup> aggregation<sup>58</sup> SCA<sup>42</sup>

$m \rightarrow \infty$   $K_{ij} \sim (ij)^\alpha$   $d < d_c, m > m_c$



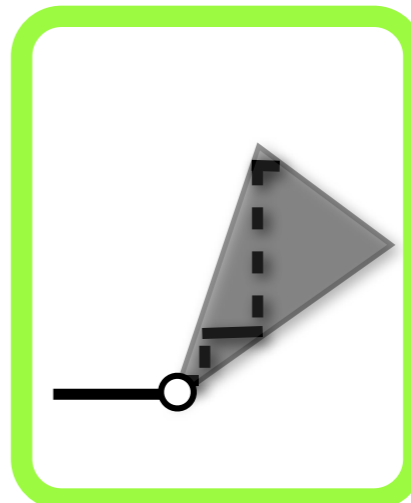
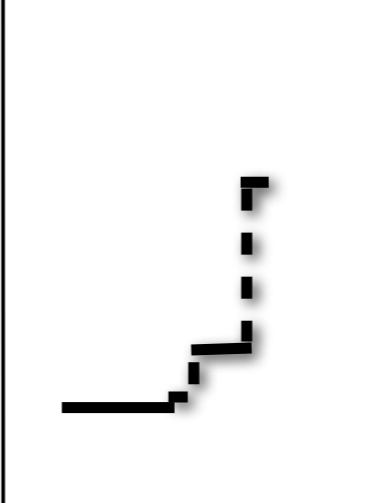
e)



NG<sup>24</sup> mER<sup>24</sup>

Fractional percolation

$k = 3$   $k \rightarrow \infty$



f)

SCA<sup>42</sup>

$d < d_c, m = m_c$



g)

aggregation (2 time scales)  
 Riordan & Warnke, **Phys. Rev. E** 2012  
 DS model: Nagler, Tiessen & Gutch, **Phys. Rev. X** 2012  
 Schröder, Rahbari, Nagler, **Nat. Commun.** 2013

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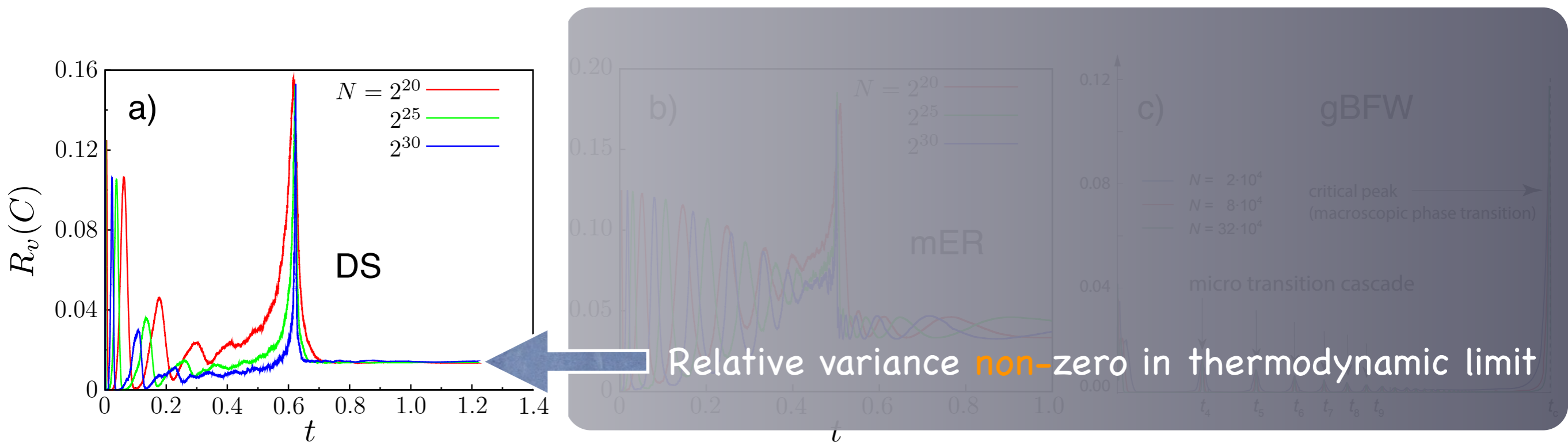
# Anomalous critical and supercritical behavior: non-self-averaging

Fluctuations survive in the thermodyn. limit!

M=order parameter

$$\mathcal{R}_v := \frac{\langle M^2 \rangle - \langle M \rangle^2}{\langle M \rangle^2}$$

M=Size of largest cluster



fluctuation function =  
relative variance,  $R_v$ , of largest cluster size as a function of time

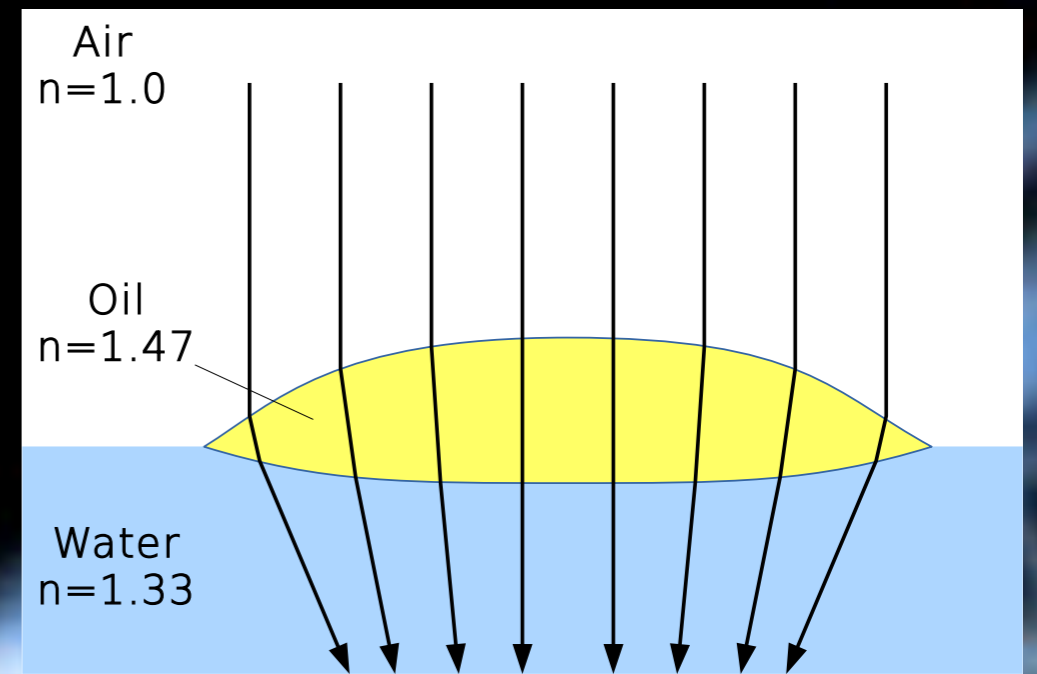
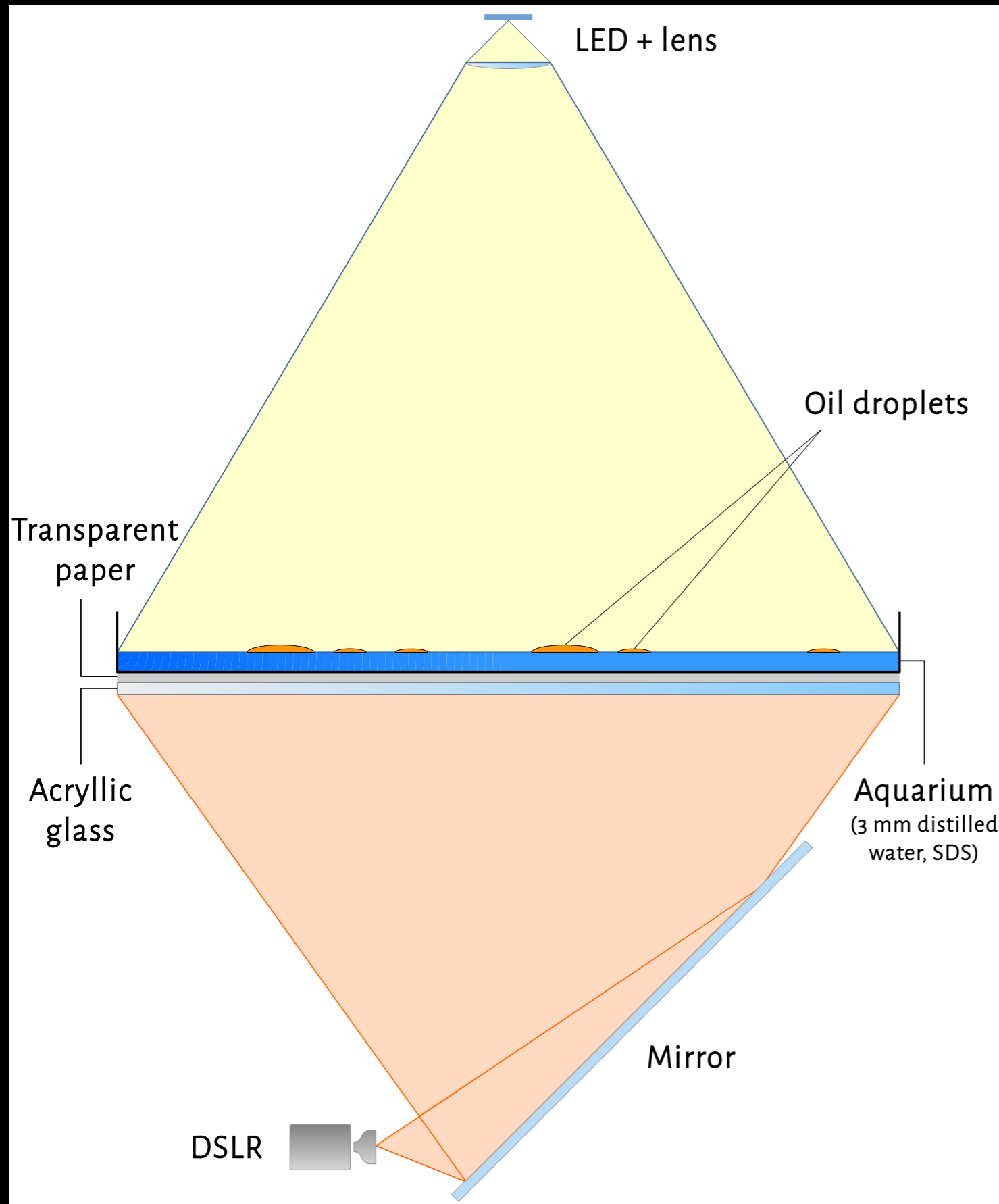
# PART III: droplets

# Experiments

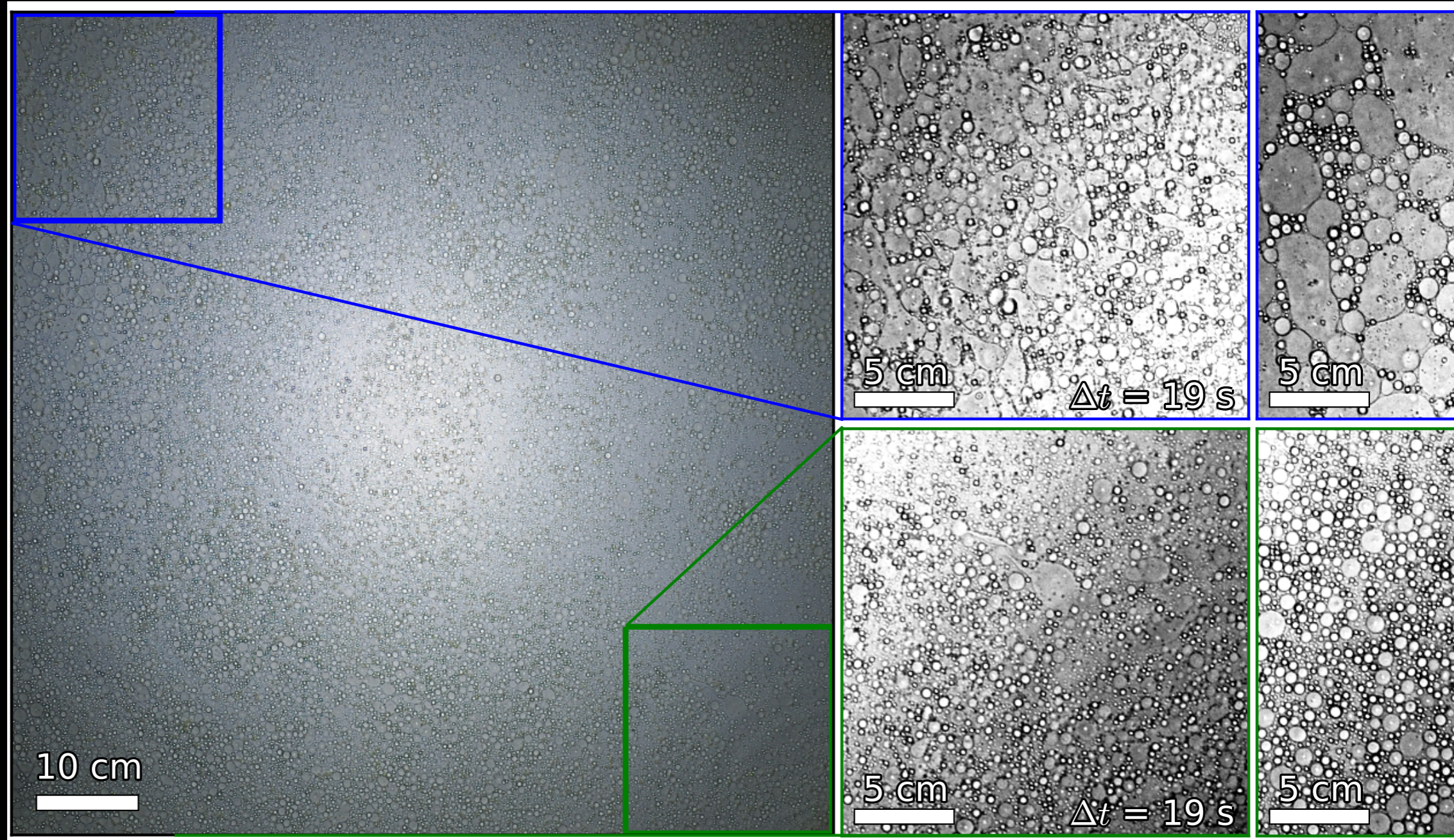
## Beetroot-Carrot salad



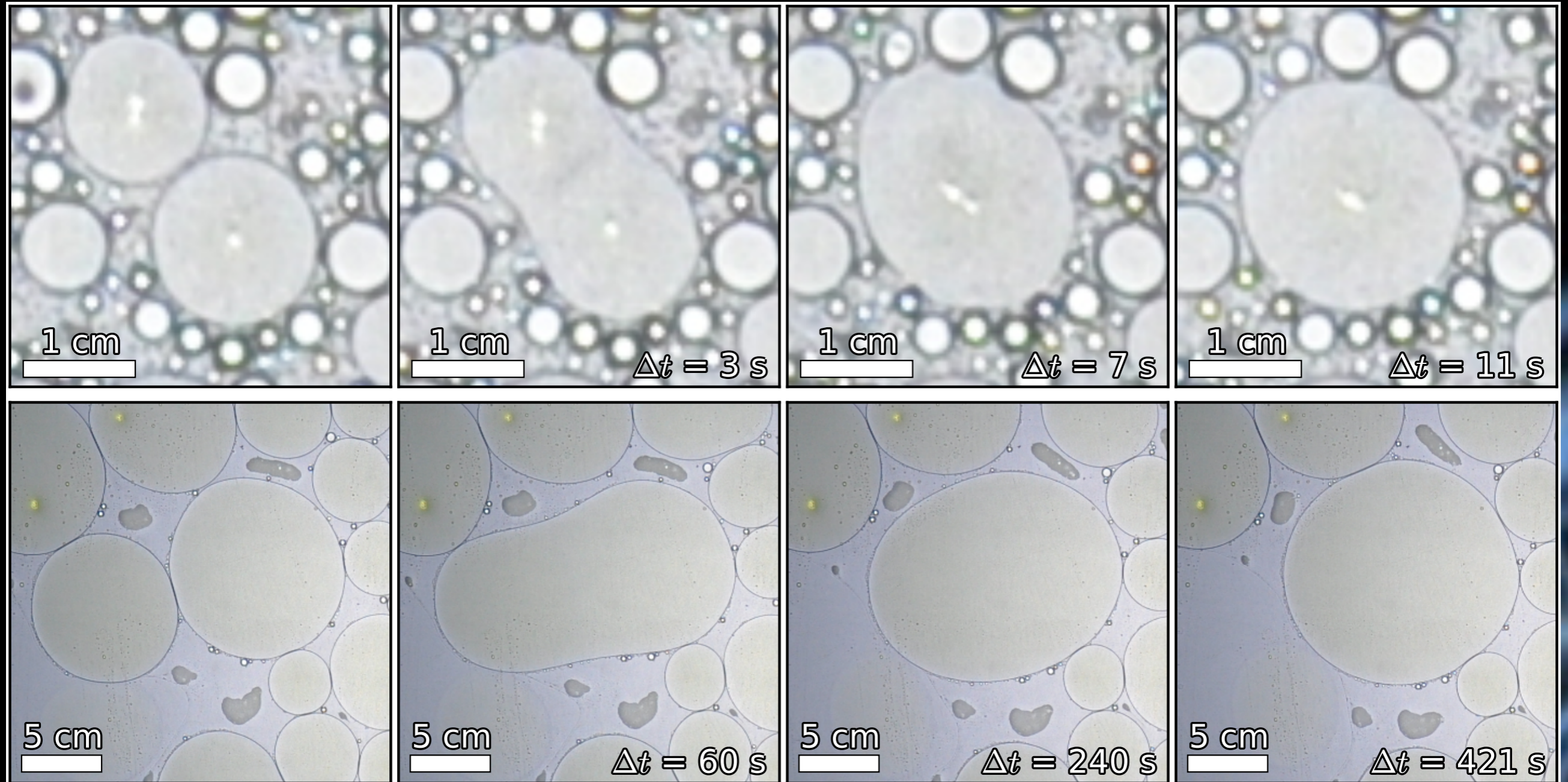
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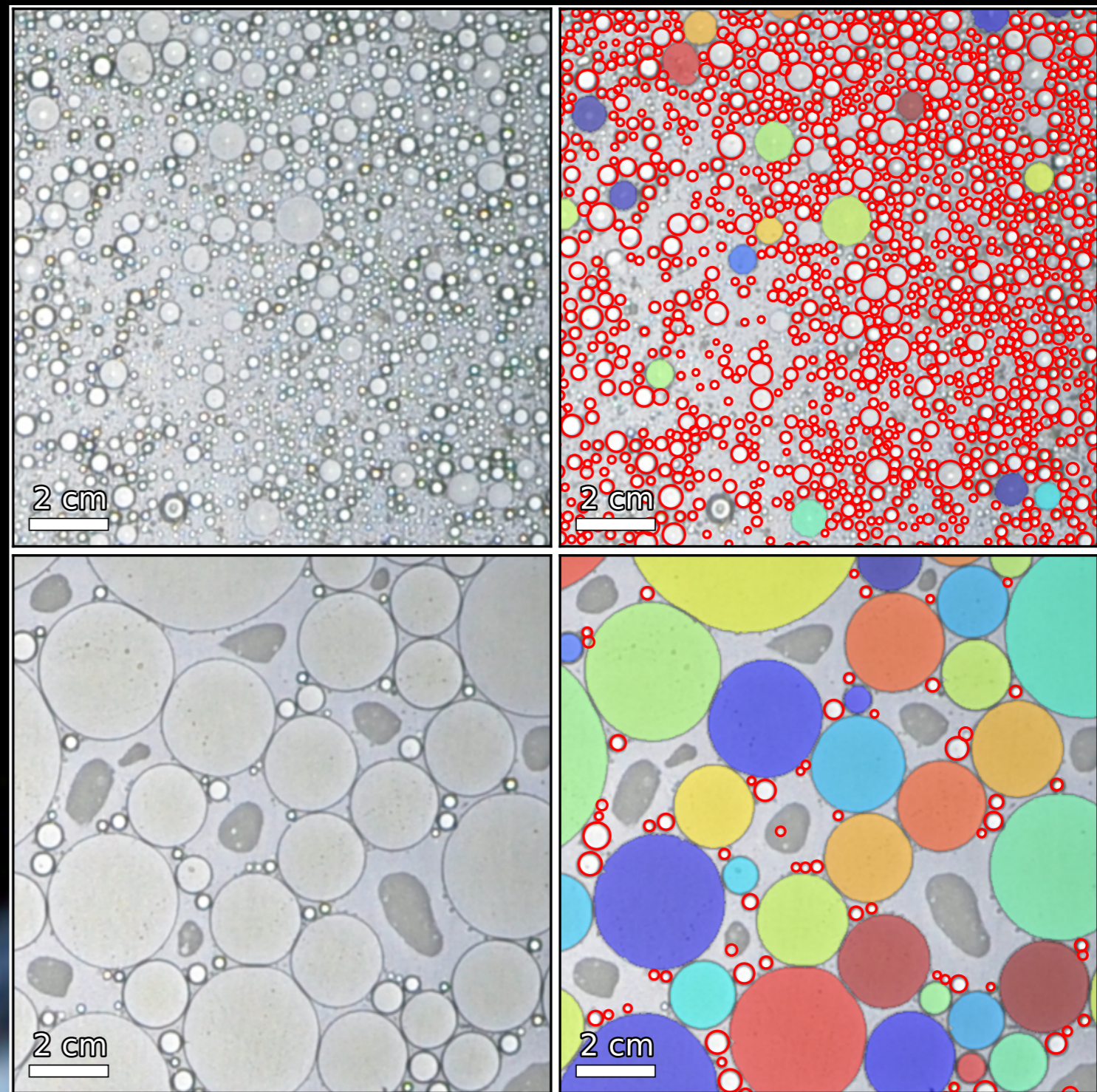
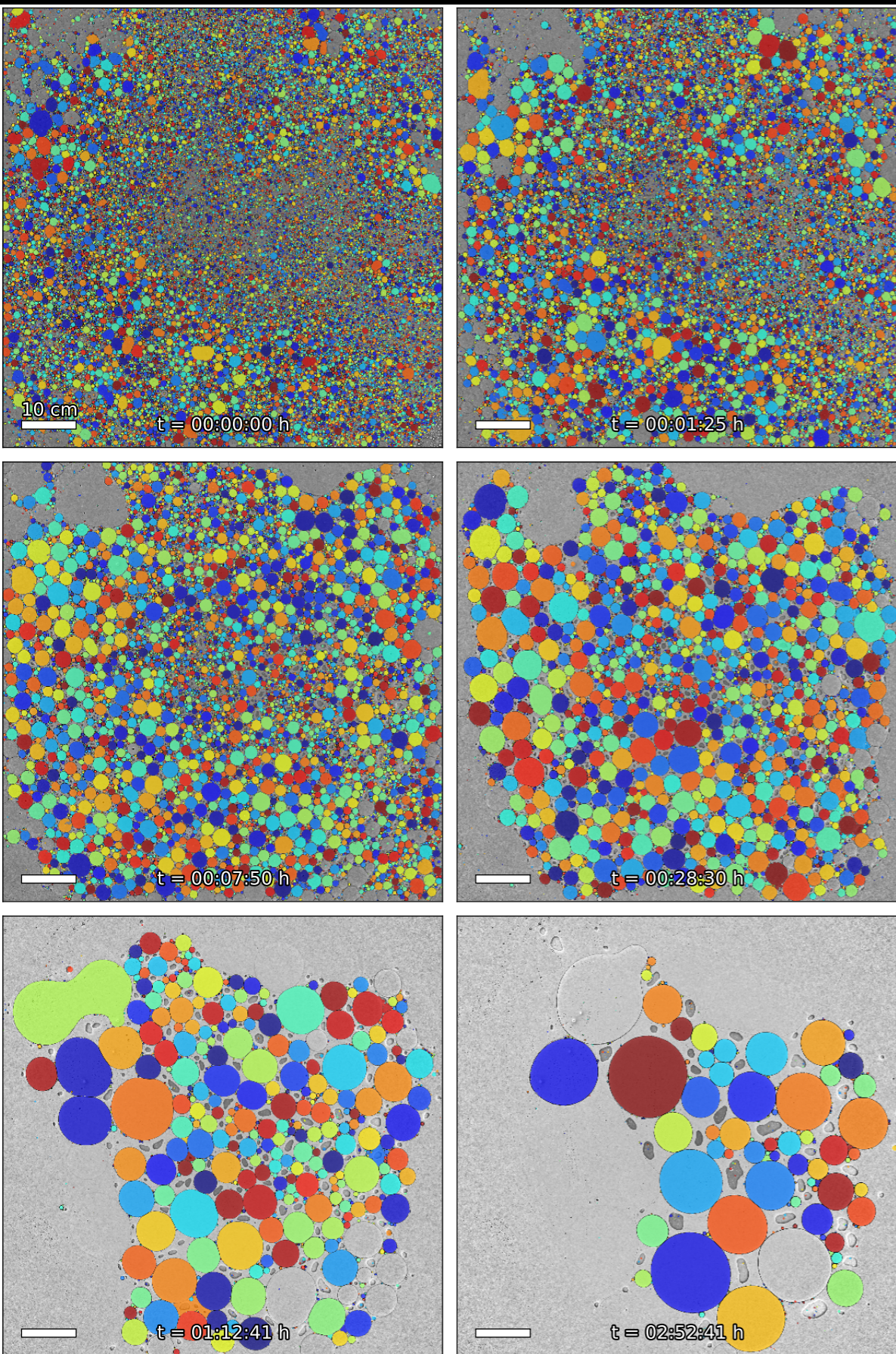


1m x 1m, 30.000 droplets



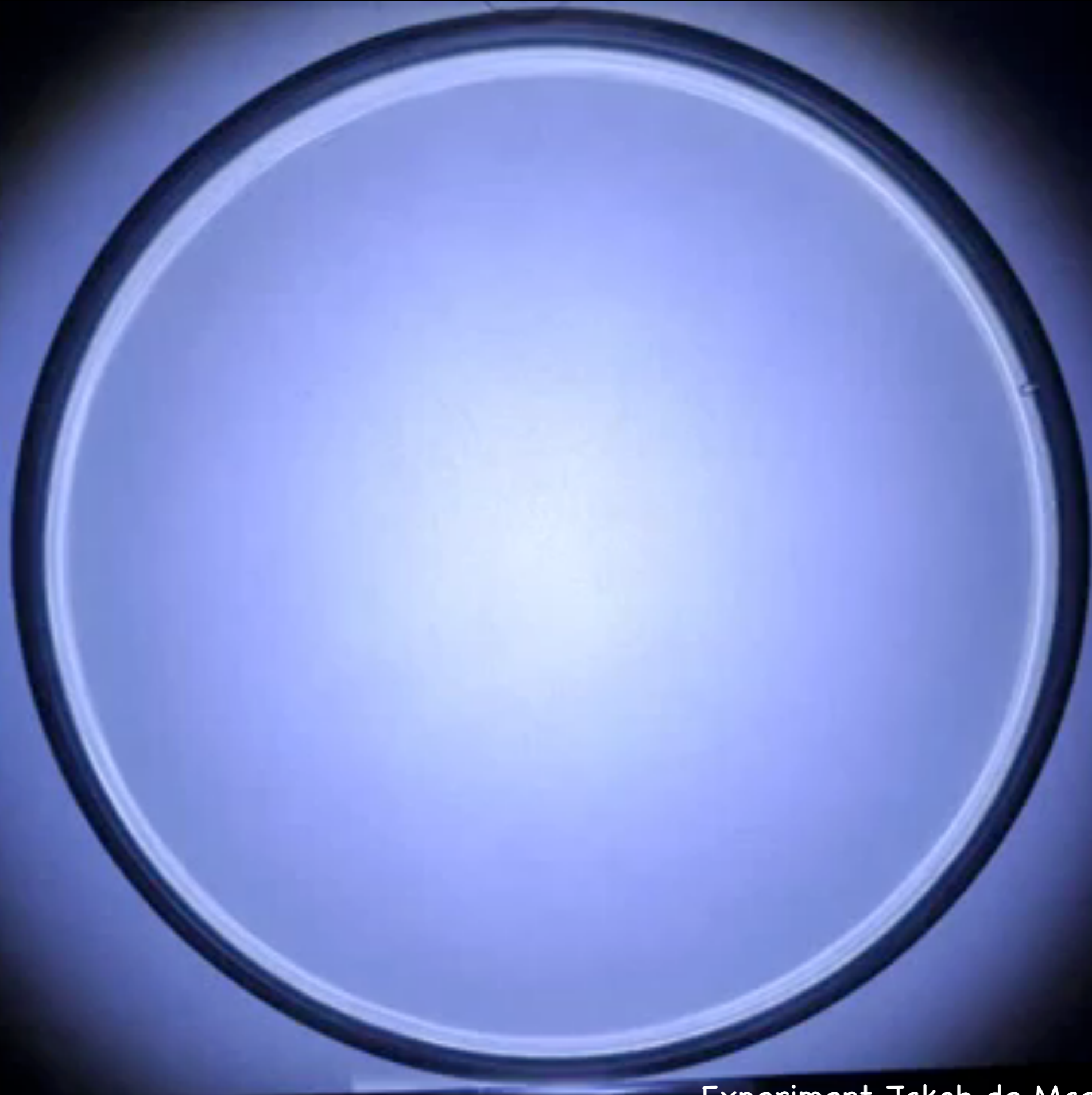
# Merger of two large clusters

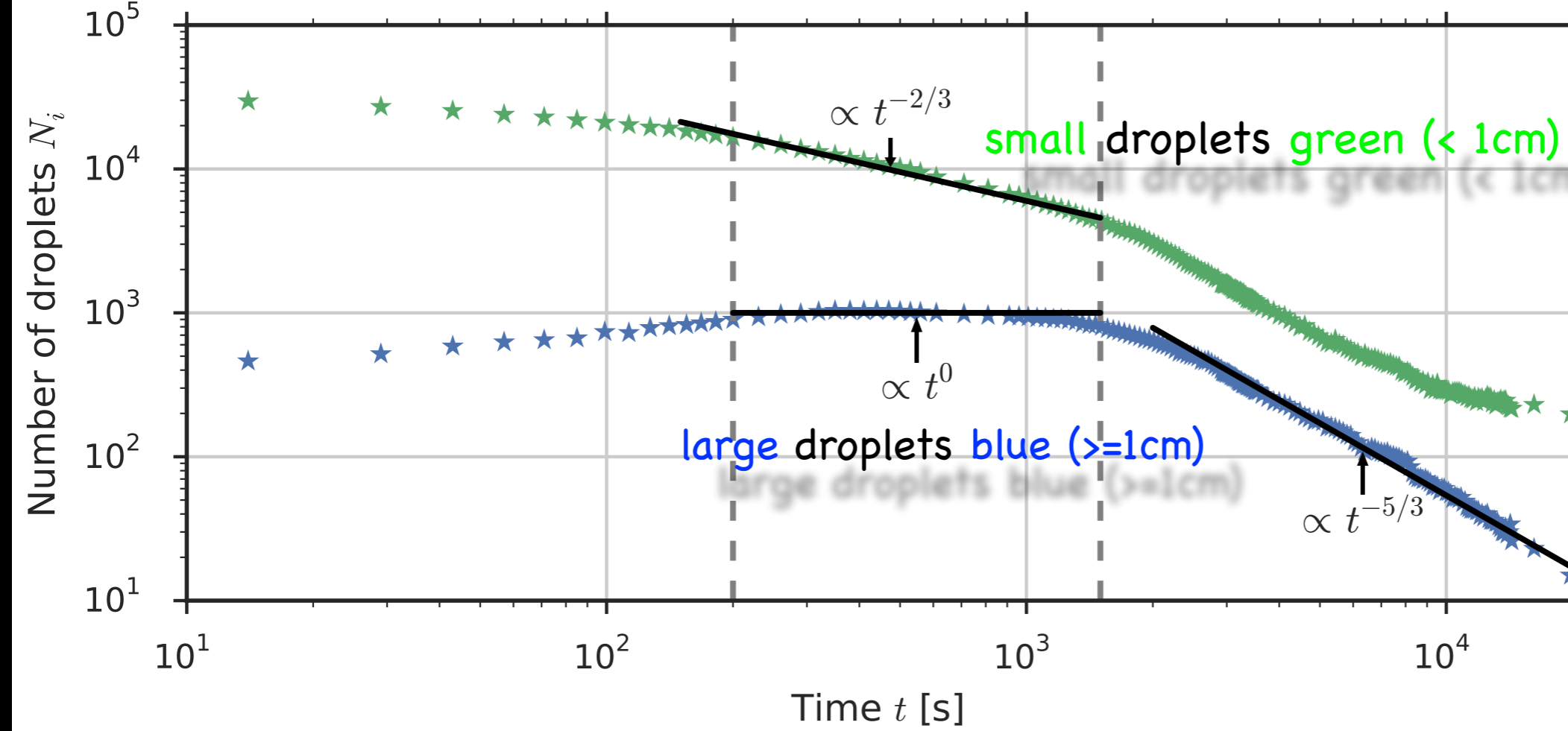




Experiment Jakob de Maeyer (MPI DS)





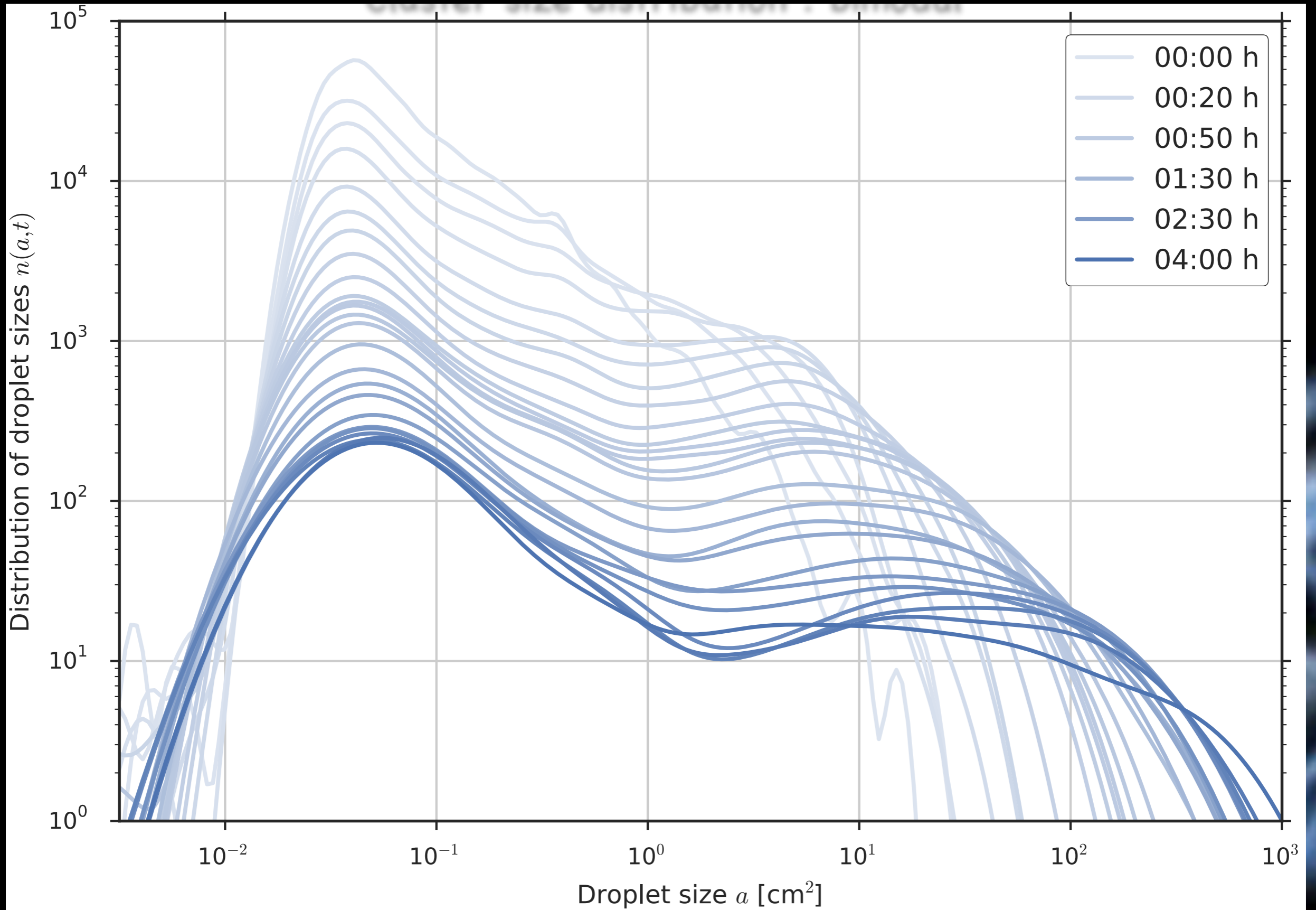


preliminary result: two time scales for different cluster sizes(\*)  
 (modelled by composite kernel model)

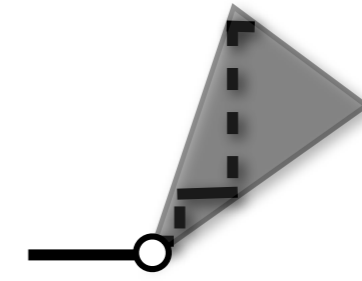
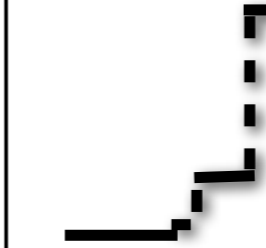
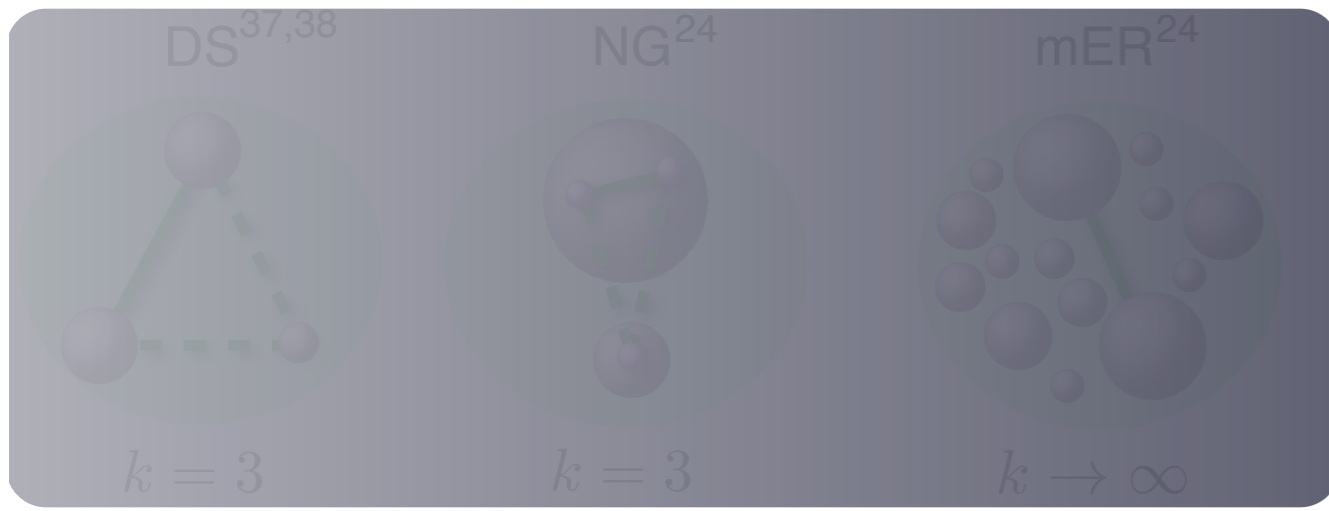
(\*) expected for other systems:  
 aggregation under gravity,  
 aggregation in planetary systems,  
 polymerization in a thermal gradient

C. B. Mast et al., PNAS 110: 8030 (2013)  
 N. Brilliantov et al., PNAS 112: 9536 (2015)  
 Cho, Mazza, Kahng, Nagler (under review)

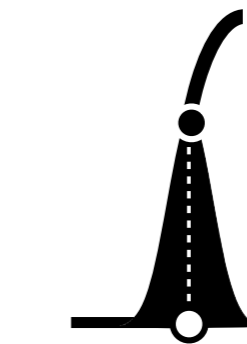
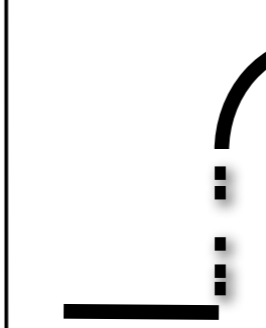
# Cluster size distribution : bimodal



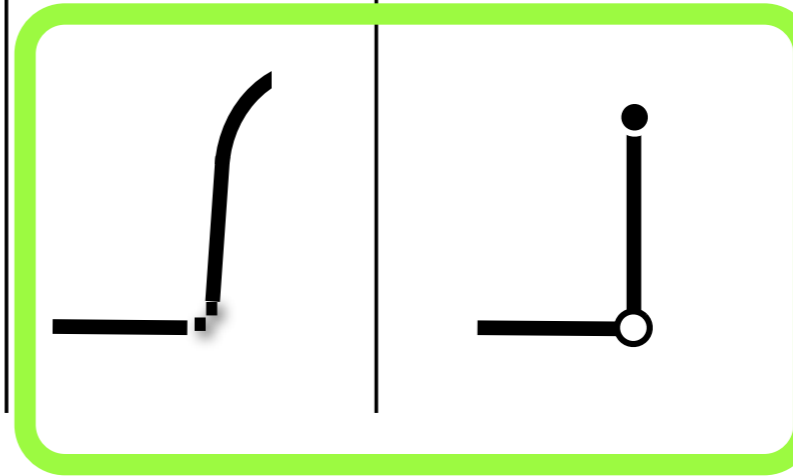
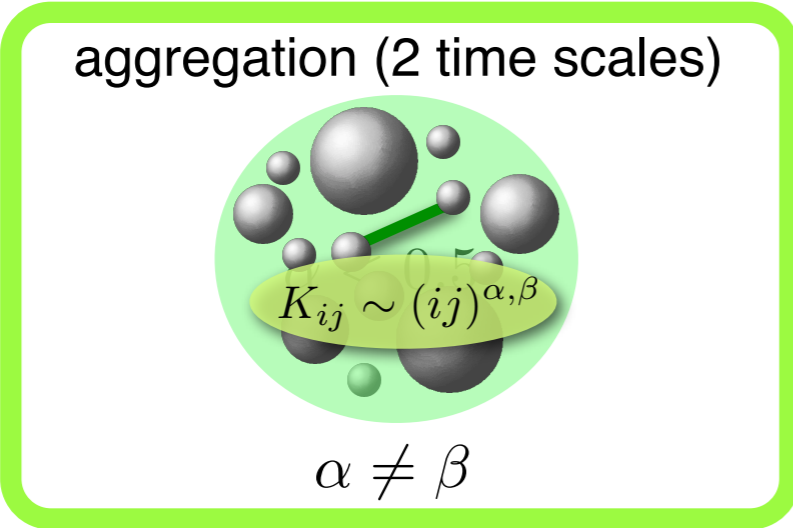
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g)



2012

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2016

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# Aggregation with composite kernel

Two time scales  $\rightarrow$  rich phenomenology

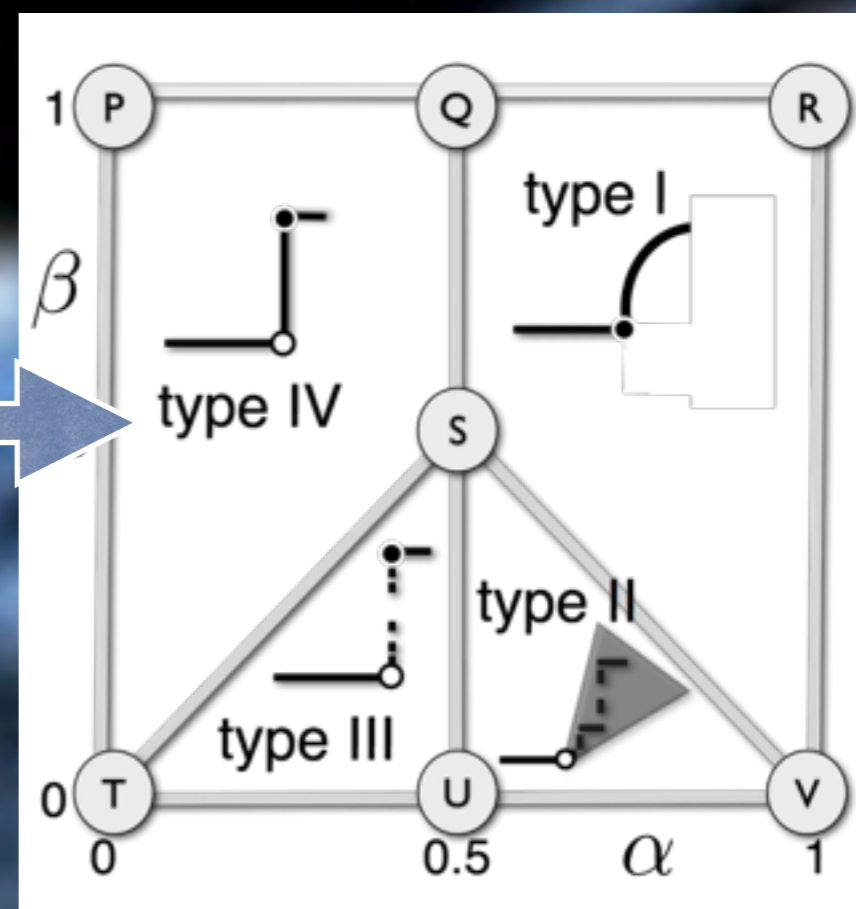
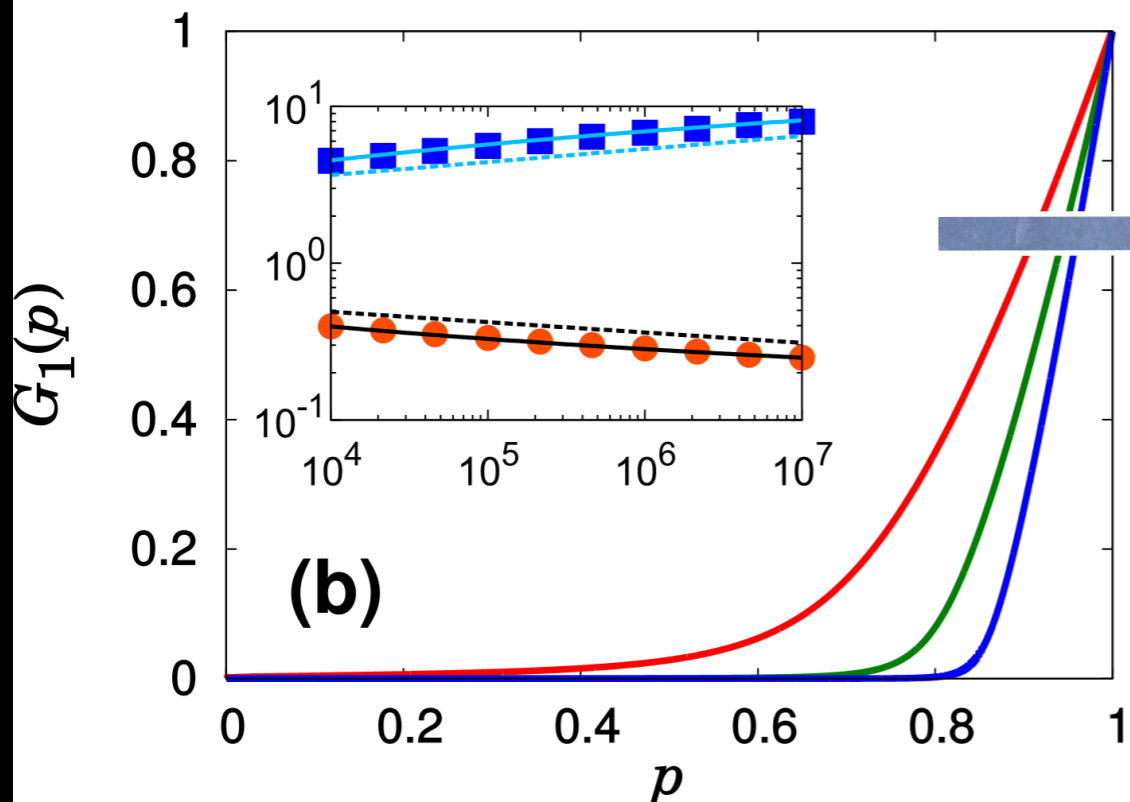
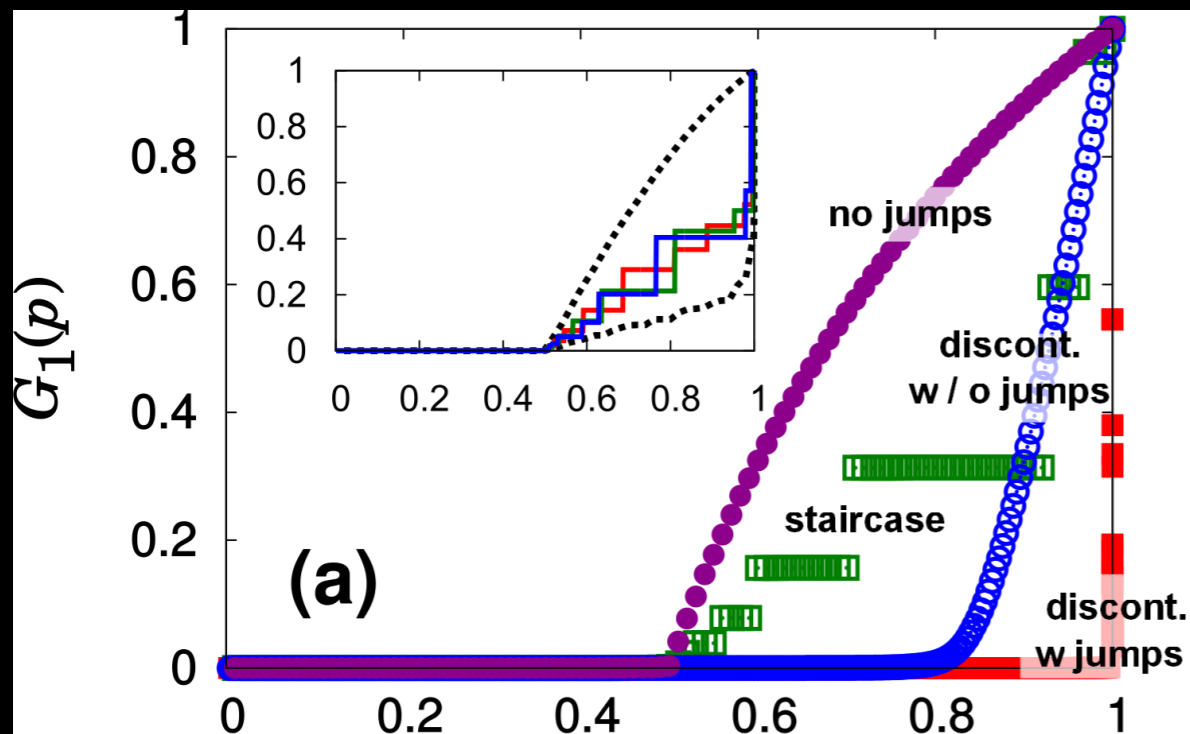
Smoluchowsky equation

$$\frac{dn_k}{dt} = \sum_{i+j=k} K_{ij} n_i n_j - 2n_k \sum_j K_{kj} n_j$$

$$K_{ij} = (ij)^\omega$$

$$\omega = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } i \neq G_1, \\ \beta & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$G_1$ =order parameter=size of largest cluster



Genuine non-self-averaging and ultra-slow convergence in gelation,  
 Cho, Mazza, Kahng, Nagler (accepted, Phys. Rev. E)

# PART IV

## Early molecular evolution: DNA replication?

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### Amplification of RNA by an RNA polymerase ribozyme

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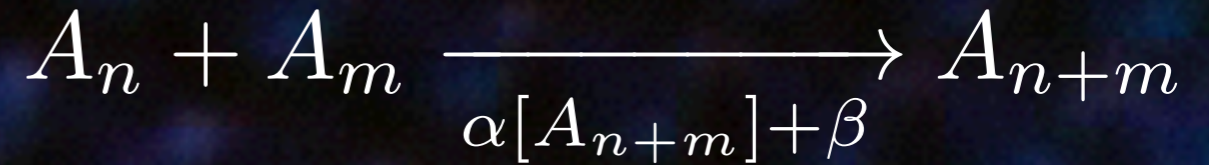
#### Significance

Darwinian life requires the ability to replicate genotypes and express phenotypes. Although all extant life relies on protein enzymes to accomplish these tasks, life in the ancestral RNA world would have used only RNA enzymes. Here, we report the in vitro evolution of an improved RNA polymerase ribozyme that is able to synthesize structured functional RNAs, including aptamers and ribozymes, and replicate short RNA sequences in a protein-free form of the PCR. Thus, the replication of RNA and the expression of functional RNA can be accomplished with RNA alone. Combining and improving these activities may enable the self-sustained evolution of RNA and offers a potential route to a synthetic form of RNA life.

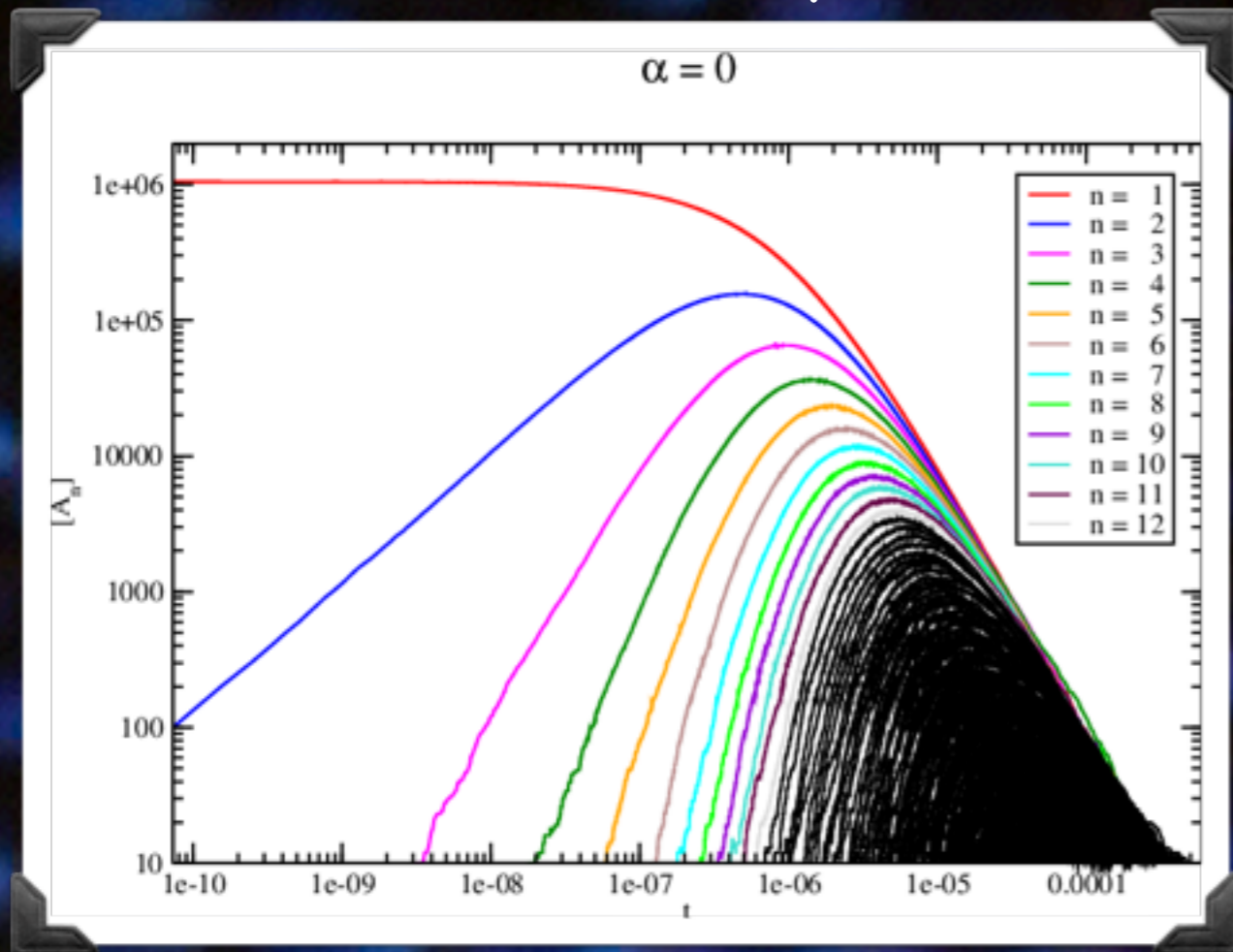
Eigen, Selforganization of matter and the evolution of biological macromolecules. *Naturwissenschaften* 58:465-523 (1971)  
Mast et al., PNAS 110: 8030 (2013)  
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# DNA replication and ligation

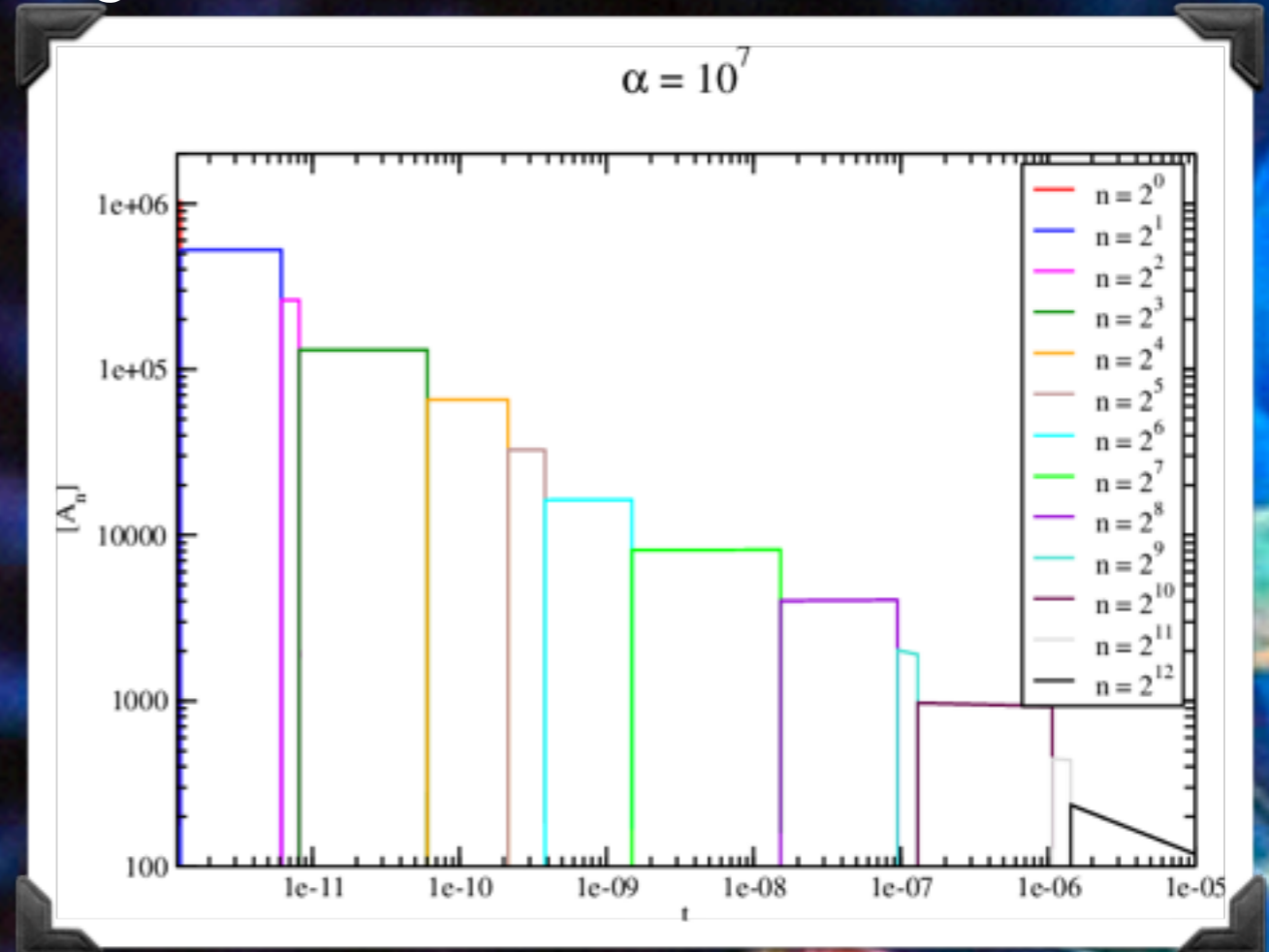
First results from a model with autocatalysis (replication) and spontaneous concatenation (ligation)



Concentration of polymers of length  $n$  as function of time



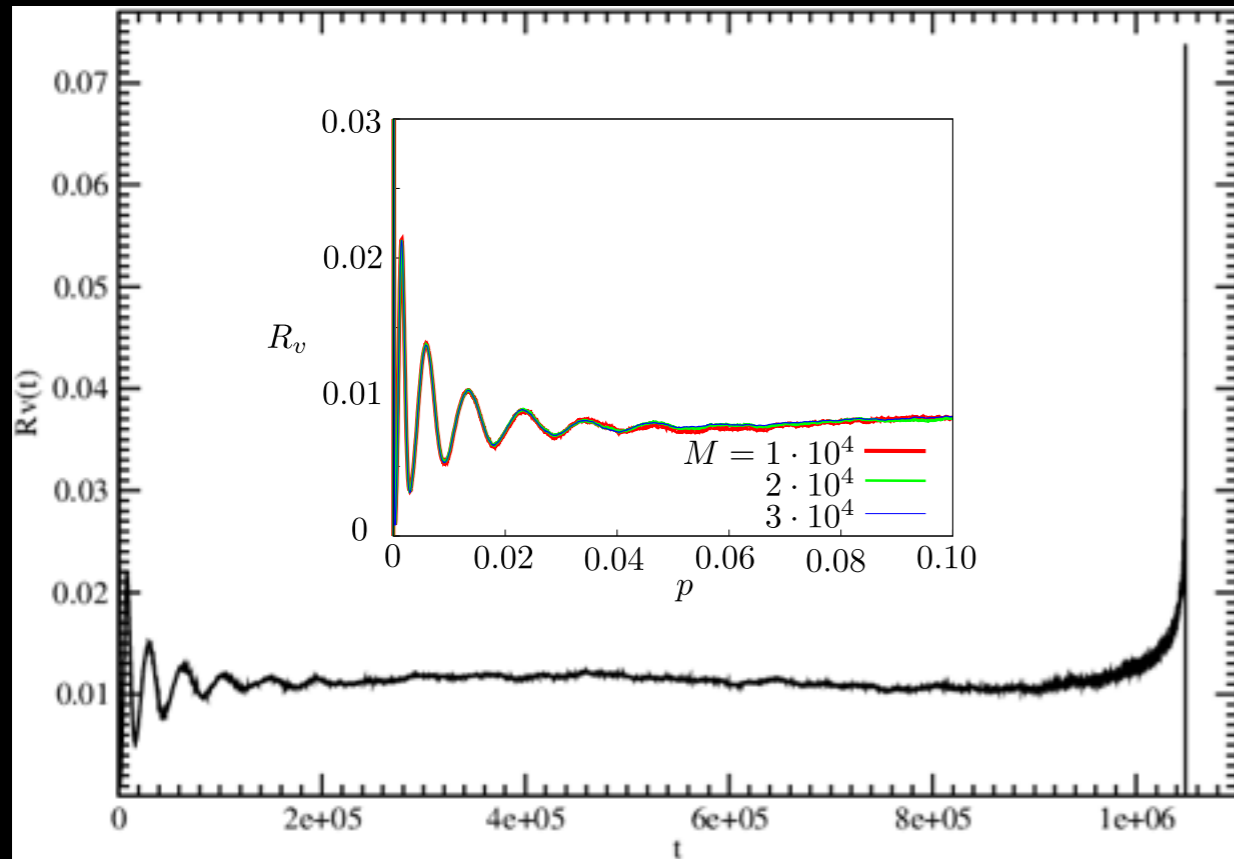
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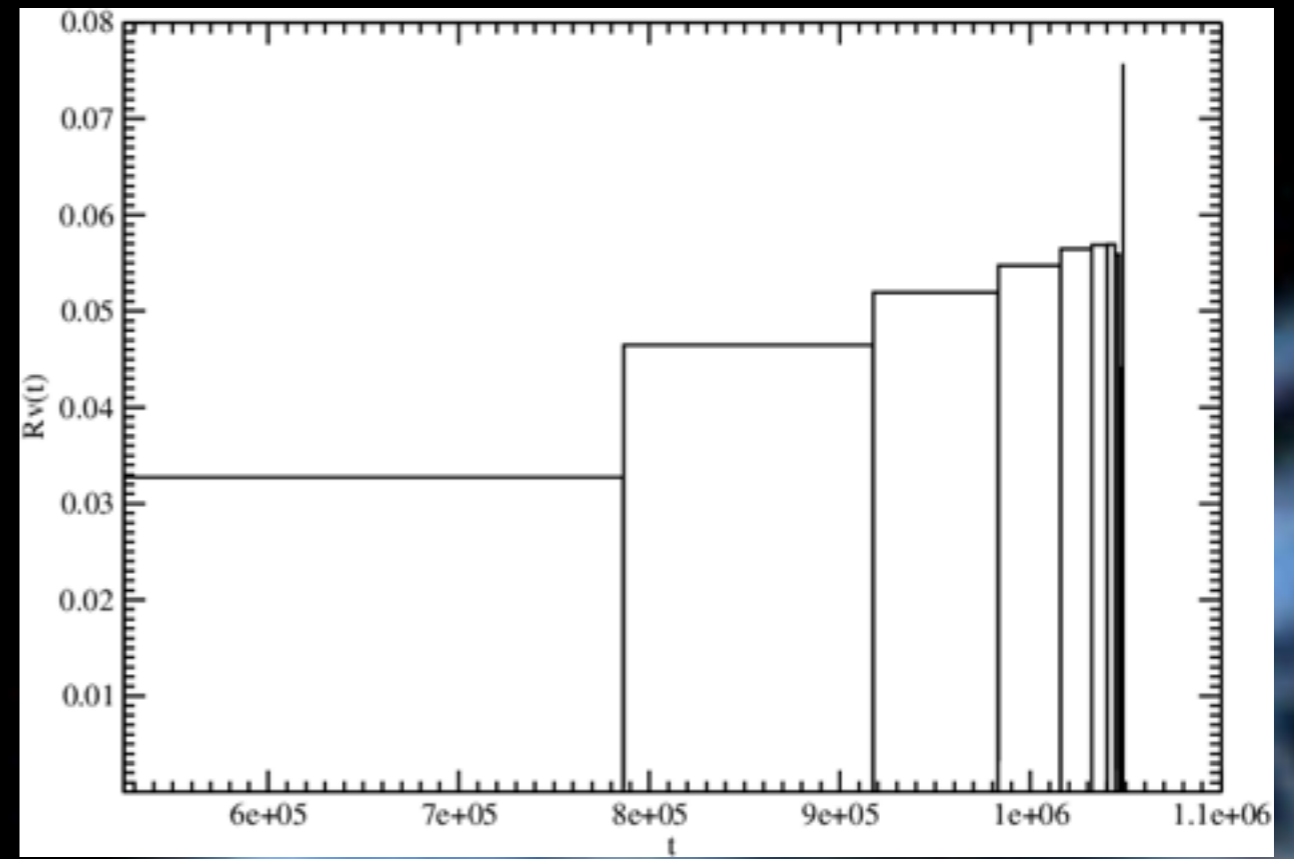
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# Non-self-averaging behaviors ( $R_v > 0$ )

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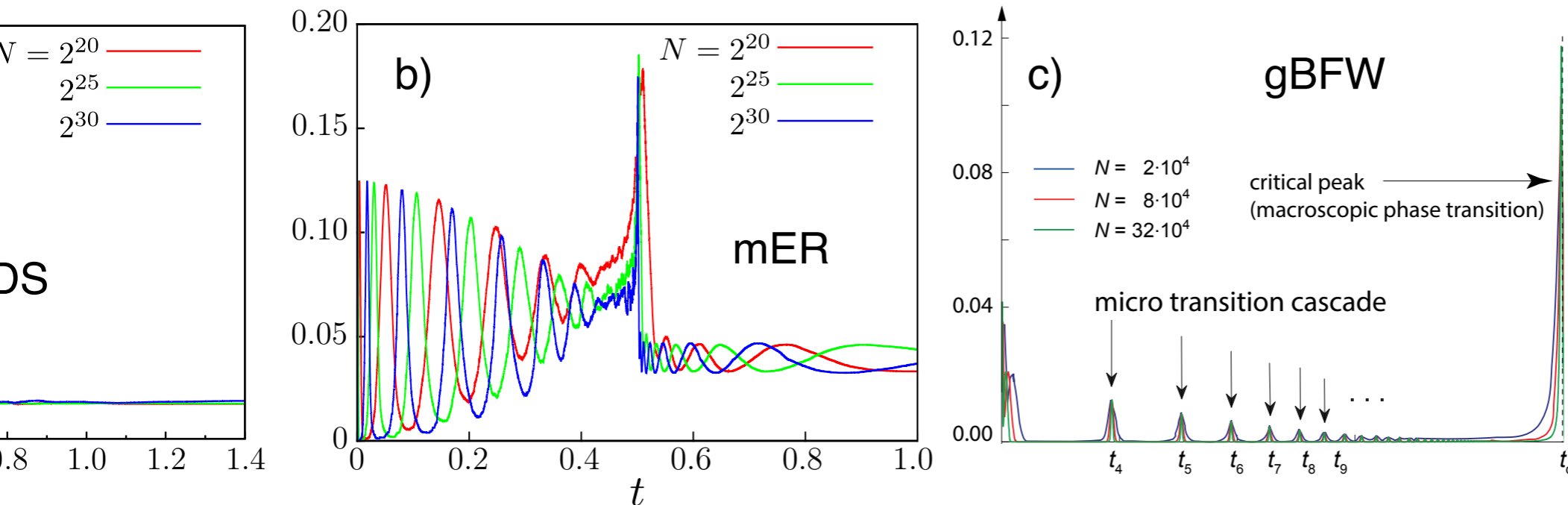
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fluctuation function =  
relative variance,  $R_v$ , of order parameter as a function of time



# Anomalous critical and supercritical behavior in other models



fluctuation function =  
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**Fluctuations survive in the thermodyn. limit!**

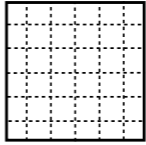



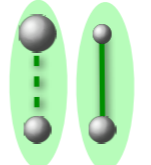
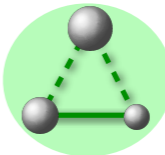
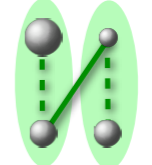


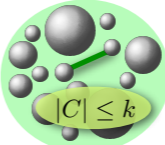
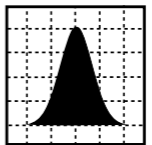
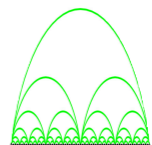


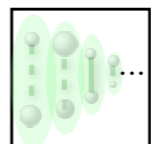
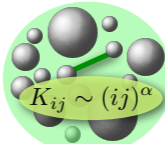


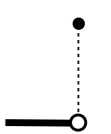

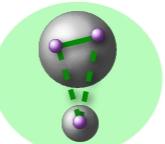
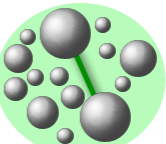

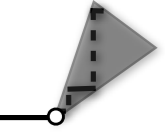



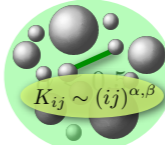
# Phase transition types

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	Model	Realization	Limit $N \rightarrow \infty$
a)	standard percolation $d > 1$  Erdős-Renyi $m = 1$ 		
b)	PR (m-edge) <sup>16</sup> $m = 2$  MC (k-vertex) <sup>22</sup> $k = 3$  dCDGM (k-vertex) <sup>32</sup> $k = 4$ 		
c)	gBFW <sup>40</sup> $\alpha > 0.511$  Gauss <sup>44</sup> $\alpha > 0$  hierarchical <sup>50</sup> $n \rightarrow \infty$ 		
d)	infinite choice <sup>30,43</sup> $m \rightarrow \infty$  aggregation <sup>58</sup> $K_{ij} \sim (ij)^\alpha$  SCA <sup>42</sup> $d < d_c, m > m_c$ 		
e)	DS <sup>37,38</sup> $k = 3$  NG <sup>24</sup> $k = 3$  mER <sup>24</sup> $k \rightarrow \infty$ 		
f)	SCA <sup>42</sup> $d < d_c, m = m_c$ 		
g)	aggregation (2 time scales)  $K_{ij} \sim (ij)^{\alpha, \beta}$ $\alpha \neq \beta$	