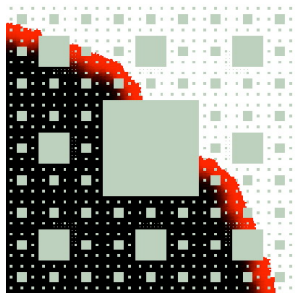


# REACTION-DIFFUSION PROCESSES ON REGULAR AND RANDOM GRAPHS

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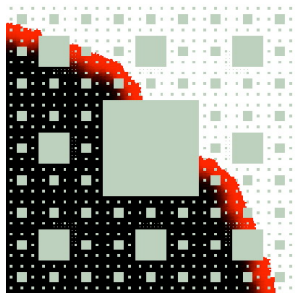
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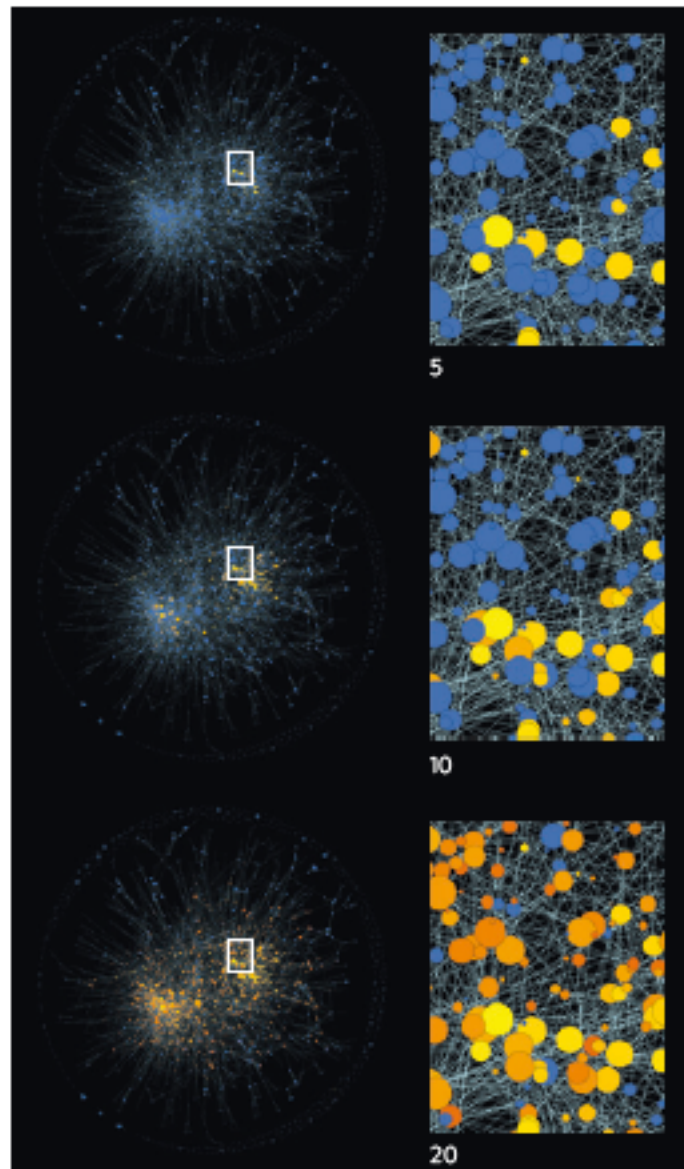
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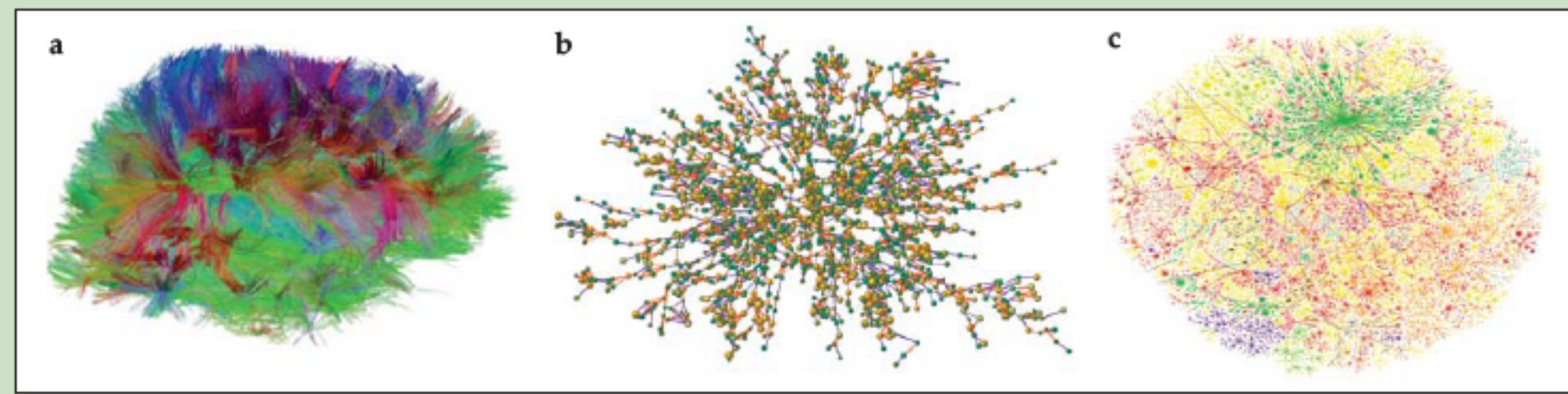
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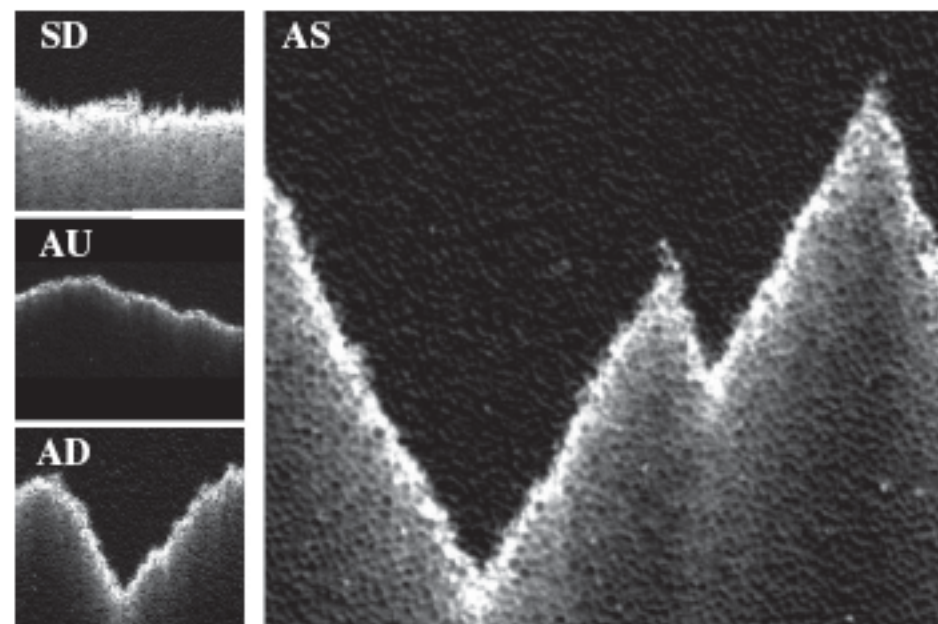
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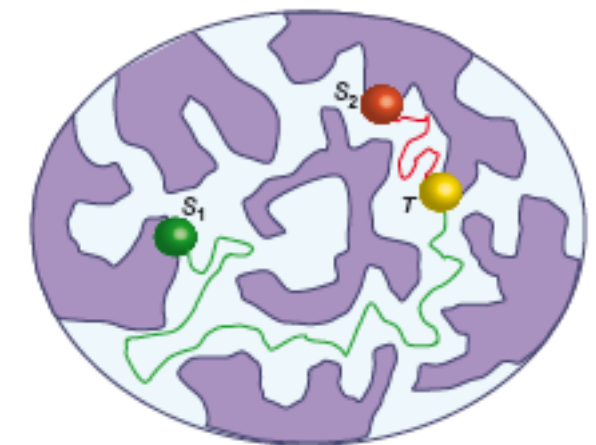
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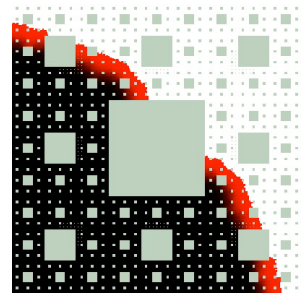
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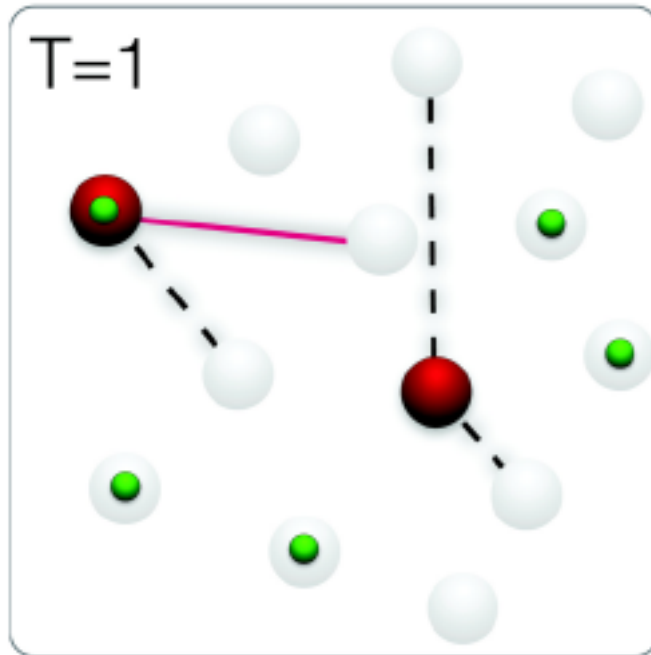
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# General framework



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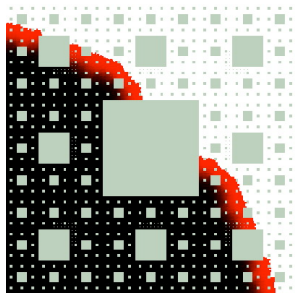
microscopic point of view, molecules:  
**diffusion** (jumps)  
**advection** (In presence of stirring)  
**reaction** for ex.  $(A + B \rightarrow 2A)$

At macro-hydrodynamic level

ADR equation

$$\partial_t \theta = \hat{L} \theta + \frac{1}{\tau} f(\theta)$$

$\hat{L}$  General advection-diffusion operator



# ADR eq.



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$$\hat{L} = -\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla + D\Delta$$

Advection by a fluid flow and Diffusion

$f(\theta)/\tau$  Non-linear local reaction

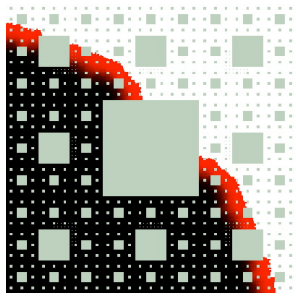
$\tau$  reaction time-rate

$$\hat{L} = \frac{1}{r^{d-1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( k(r) r^{d-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)$$

Effective diffusion

(Richardson, Procaccia  
O'Shaughnessy)





# Probabilistic interpretation



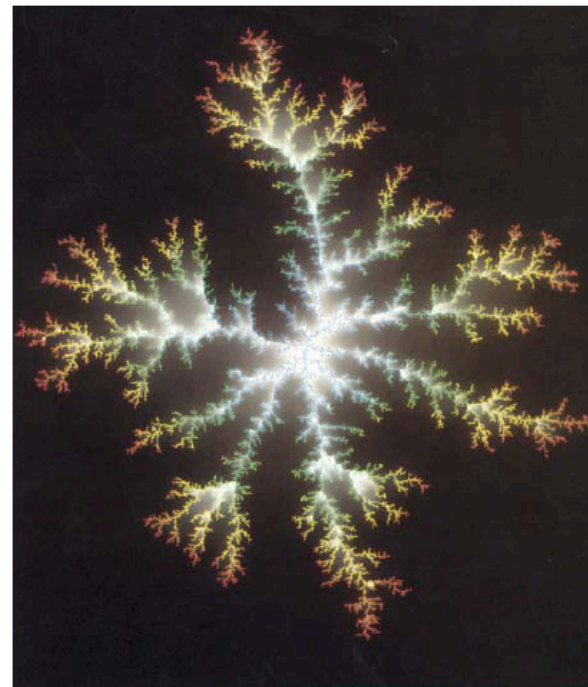
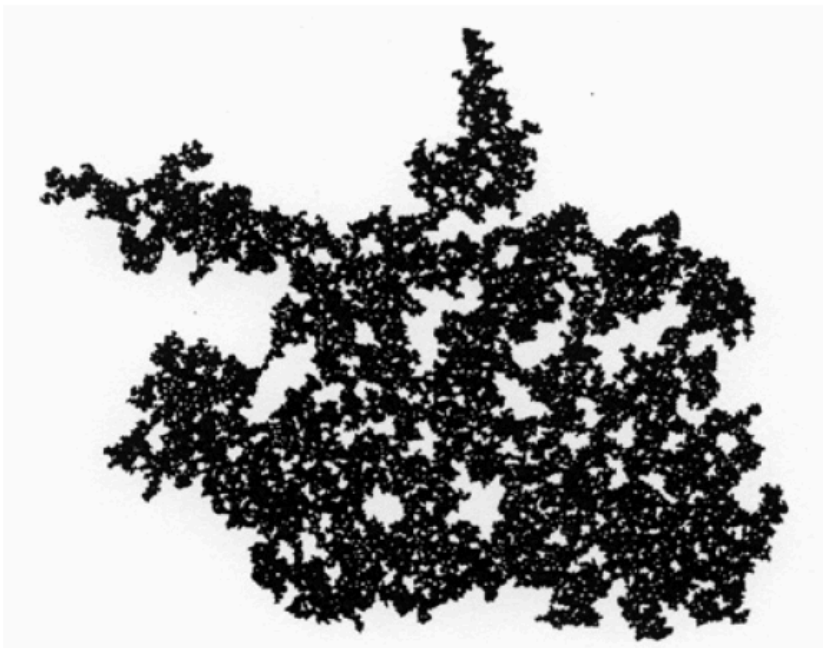
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$$\hat{L} = -\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla + D\Delta \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad d\mathbf{x}/dt = \mathbf{u} + \sqrt{2D}\eta$$

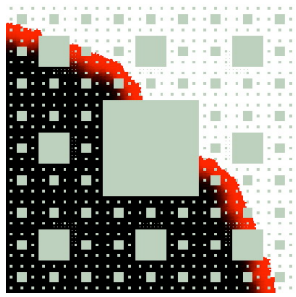
advection-reaction=Fokker-Planck

$$\theta(\mathbf{x}, t) = \left\langle \theta(\mathbf{x}, 0) \exp \left( \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^t \frac{f(\theta(\mathbf{x}(s; t), s))}{\theta(\mathbf{x}(s; t), s)} ds \right) \right\rangle$$

transport + reaction  
Freidlin formula



Complex geometry



# Time Discretisation



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Limit case

$\delta$  – impulse

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(\theta)\delta(t - n\Delta t)$$

Lagrangian and reaction maps

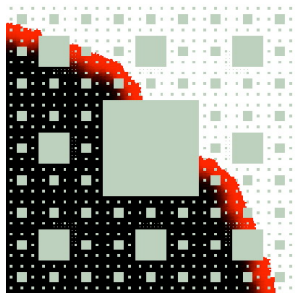
$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{F}_{\Delta t}(\mathbf{x}(t)), \quad \theta(t + \Delta t) = G_{\Delta t}(\theta(t))$$

discrete-time ARD

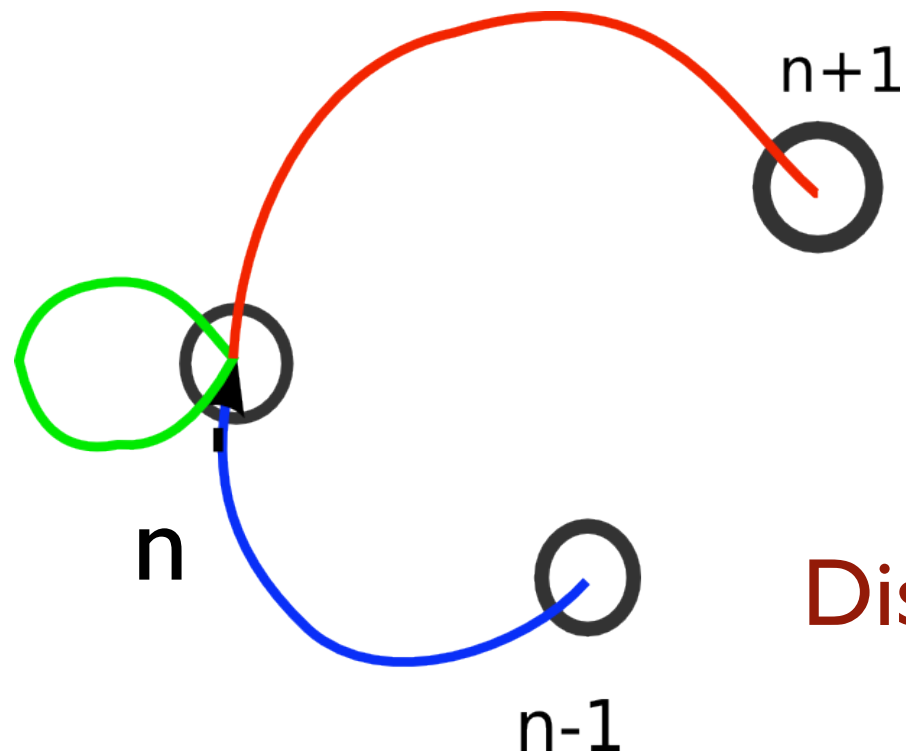
$$\theta(\mathbf{x}, t + \Delta t) = \langle G_{\Delta t}(\theta(\mathbf{F}_{\Delta t}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \sqrt{2D\Delta t}\mathbf{w}), t)) \rangle_{\mathbf{w}}$$

Even for non-gaussian diffusion

$$\theta(\mathbf{x}, t + \Delta t) = \int d\mathbf{w} G_{\Delta t}(\theta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}, t)) p_{\Delta t}(\mathbf{w})$$



# Space Discretisation



$$\begin{aligned}\theta(x, t + \Delta t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dw P_{\alpha, \Delta t}(w) \theta(x - w, t + 0^+) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dw P_{\alpha, \Delta t}(w) G(\theta(x - w, t))\end{aligned}$$

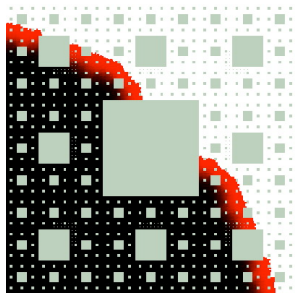
## Discrete process

$$\theta_n(t + \Delta t) = \sum_j P_{j \rightarrow n}^{(\Delta t)} \theta_j(t)$$

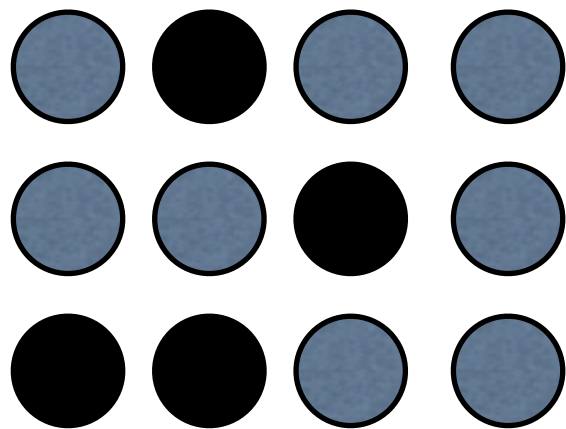
$$P_{n \rightarrow n}^{(\Delta t)} = 1 - 2W \Delta t$$

$$P_{n \rightarrow n-1}^{(\Delta t)} = P_{n \rightarrow n+1}^{(\Delta t)} = W \Delta t$$





# Discretisation: master eq.



$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{if } (i, j) \notin E \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = W \sum_j \Delta_{ij} \theta_j + \frac{1}{\tau} f(\theta_i)$$

$$\theta_n(t + \Delta t) = \sum_j P_{j \rightarrow n}^{(\Delta t)} \theta_j(t)$$

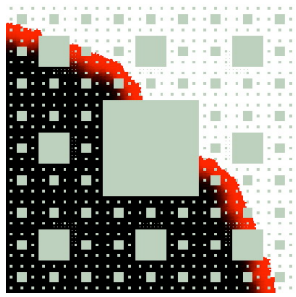
$$P_{i \rightarrow j}^{(\Delta t)} = W A^{ij} \Delta t \text{ if } i \neq j$$

$$P_{i \rightarrow i}^{(\Delta t)} = 1 - k_i W \Delta t \text{ if } i \neq j$$

$$\theta_n(t + \Delta t) = G_{\Delta t} \left( \sum_j P_{j \rightarrow n}^{(\Delta t)} \theta_j(t) \right)$$

$$G(\theta) = \theta + \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} \theta(1 - \theta)$$

**FKPP**



## Topology and geometry of the graphs

Connectivity dimension

$d_l$

$$\#(l) \sim l^{d_l}$$

Spectral dimension

$$d_s = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -2 \frac{\ln P_{ii}(t)}{\ln t}$$

fractal dimension

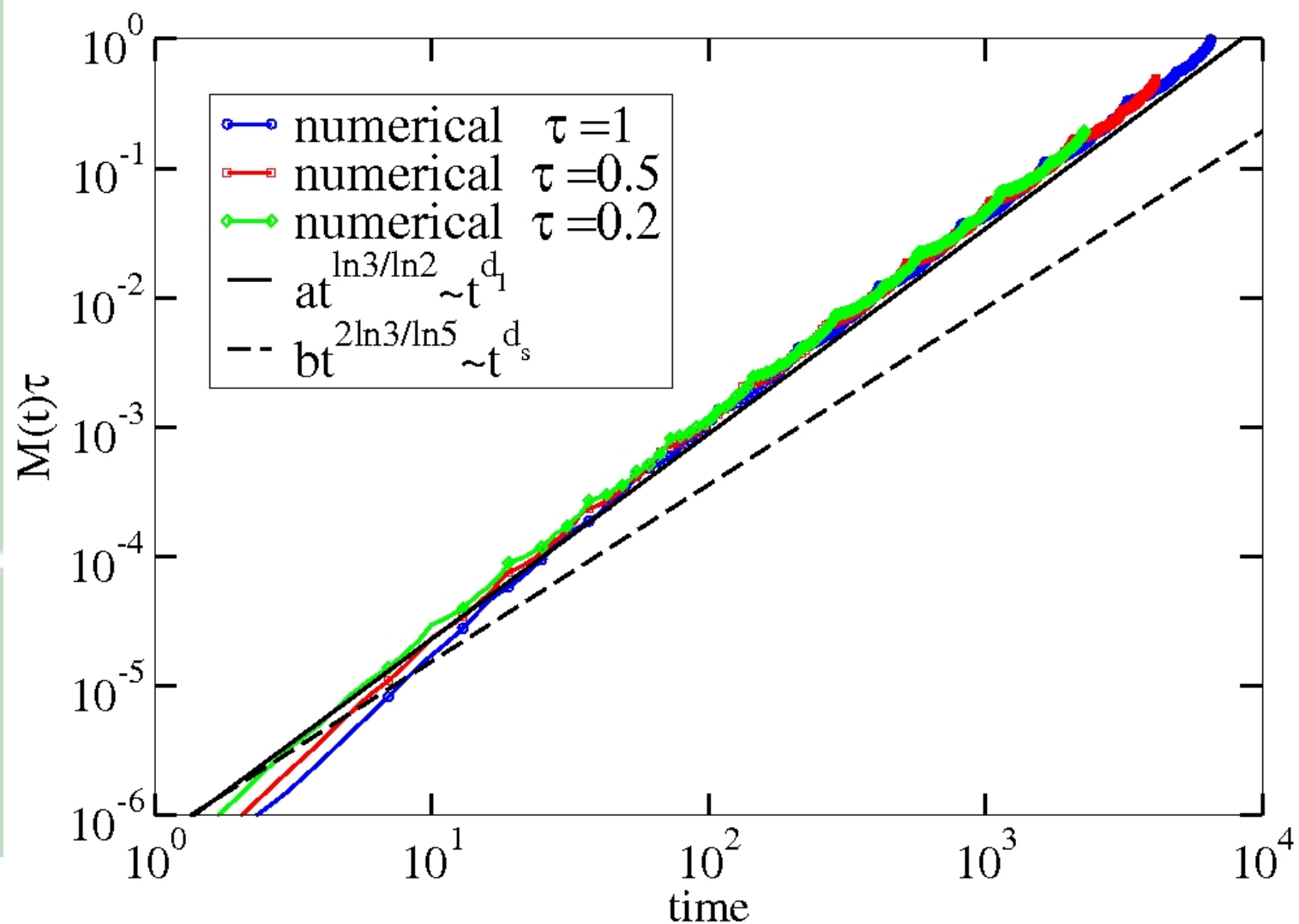
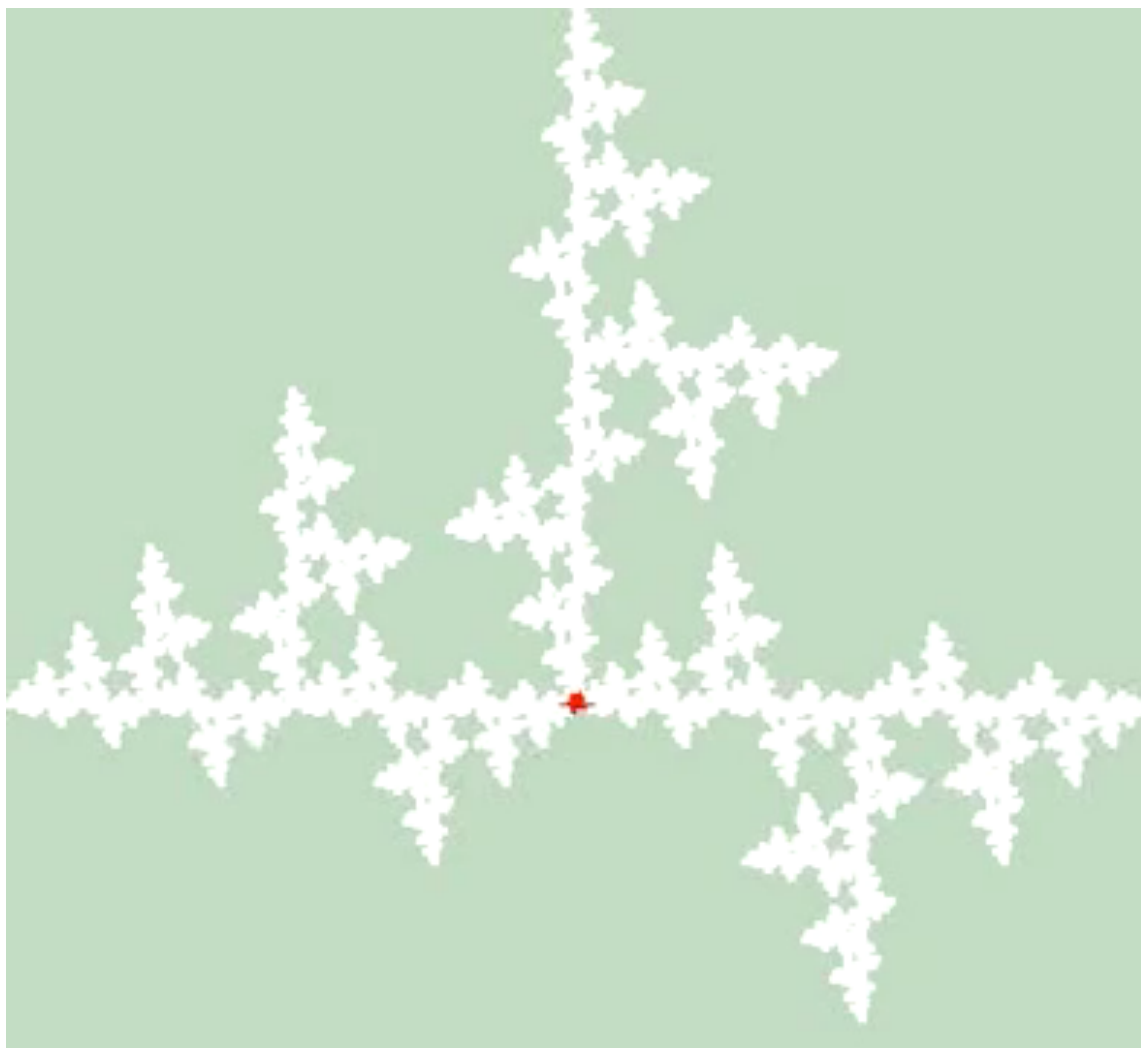
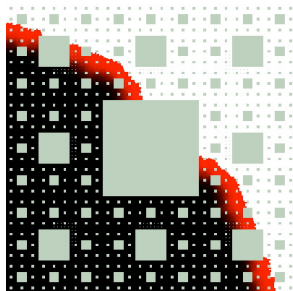
$d_f$

$$\#(r) \sim r^{d_f}$$

total quantity of the reaction product

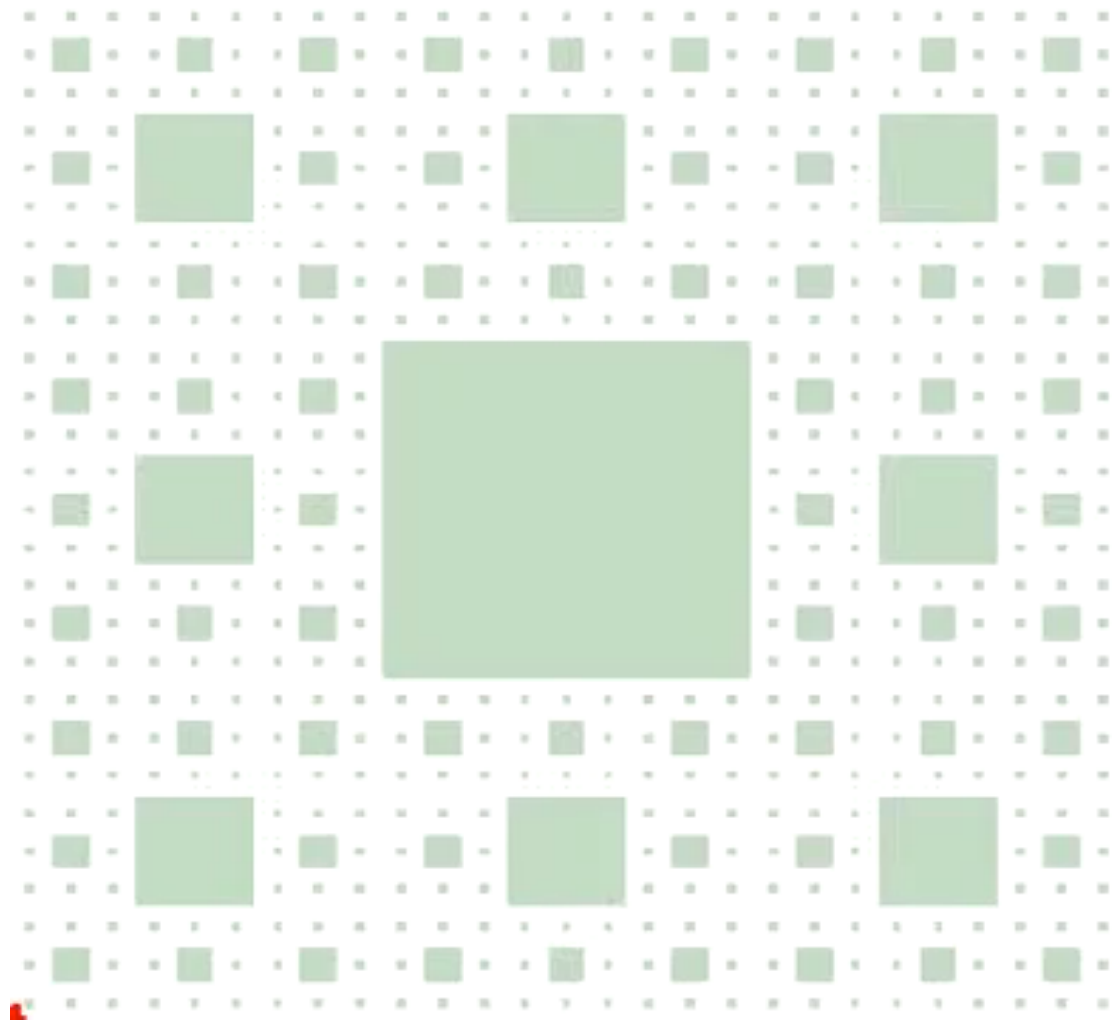
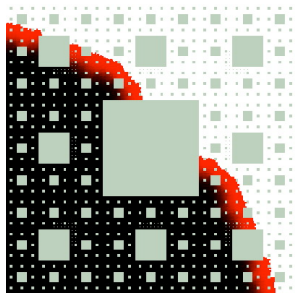
$$M(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in V} \theta_i(t)$$

# Results: fractals

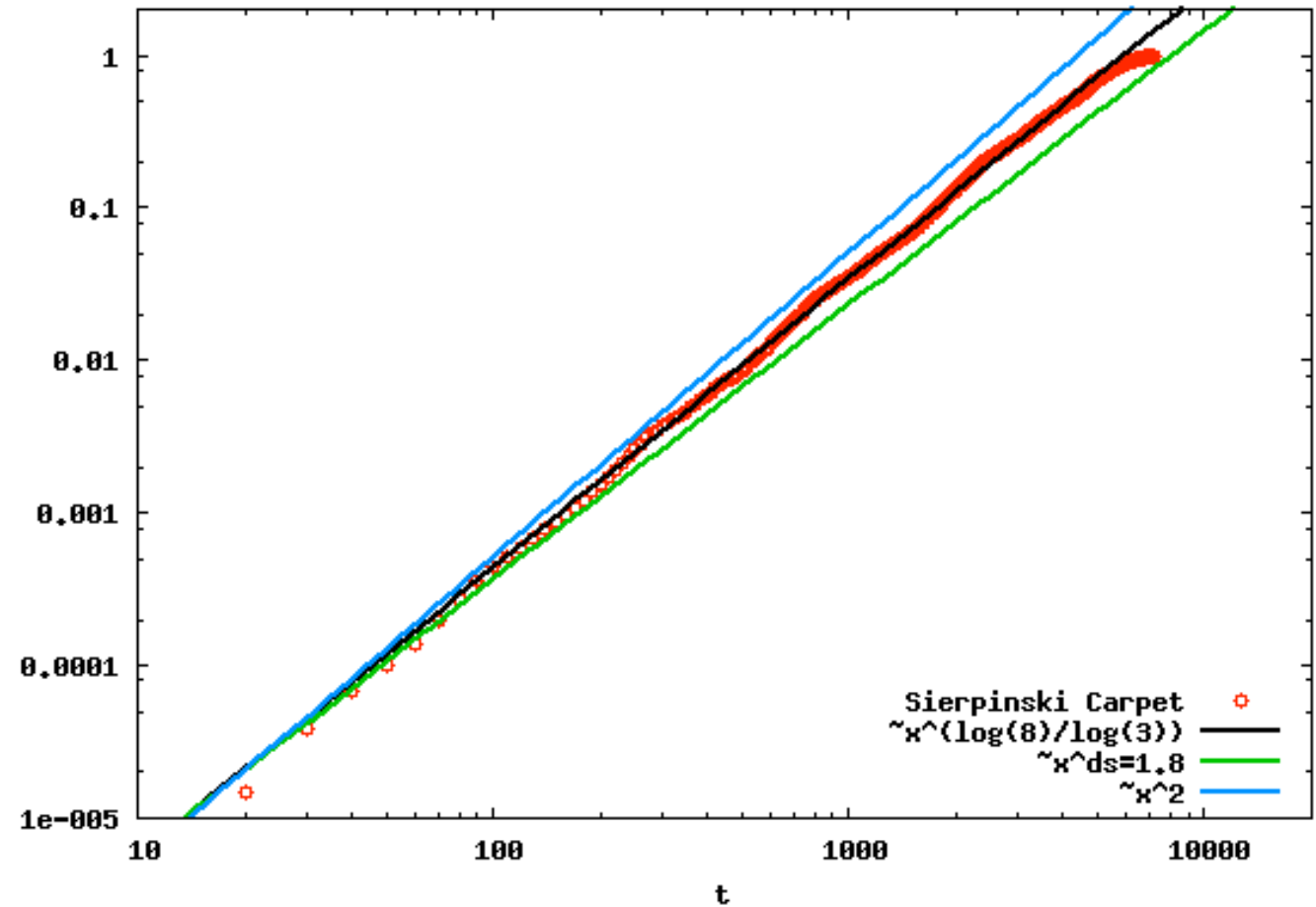


Spreading on a T-fractal where the front is in red. The percentage of quantity of product  $M(t)\tau$  vs  $t$ . Numerical results for Equation with  $w = 0.5$  are compared to prediction  $t^{d_l}$ . For this graph  $d_l = \ln 3 / \ln 2 \simeq 1.585$ ,  $d_s = 2 \ln 3 / \ln 5 \simeq 1.365$ .

# Results: fractals



Sierpinski carpet



Main result

$$M(t) \sim t^{d_l}$$

# Results: fractals



reaction spreading  $\Leftrightarrow$  short-time  $n$  random walkers

Probability first passage at time  $t$

$$F_{0j}(t)$$

Probability no passage in  $j$  at time  $t$

$$C_{0j}(t) = 1 - \sum_{\tau=0}^t F_{0j}(\tau).$$

Independent  $n$  walkers  $\longrightarrow$

$$P(\text{no } j)_n = C_{0j}(t)^n$$
$$P(j)_n = 1 - C_{0j}(t)^n$$

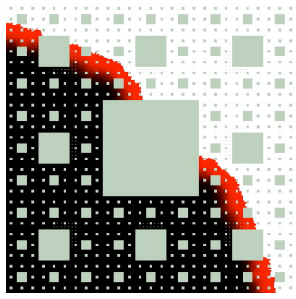
Number of sites visited by  $n$  walkers

$$S_n(t) = \sum_{j=0}^N 1 - C_{0j}(t)^n$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow S_n(t) \sim t^{d_l}$$

Validity regime  $P_m = \langle k \rangle^{-t} \quad nP_m \gg 1 \quad t < \bar{t} \sim \log n$





# Erdos-Renyi random graph



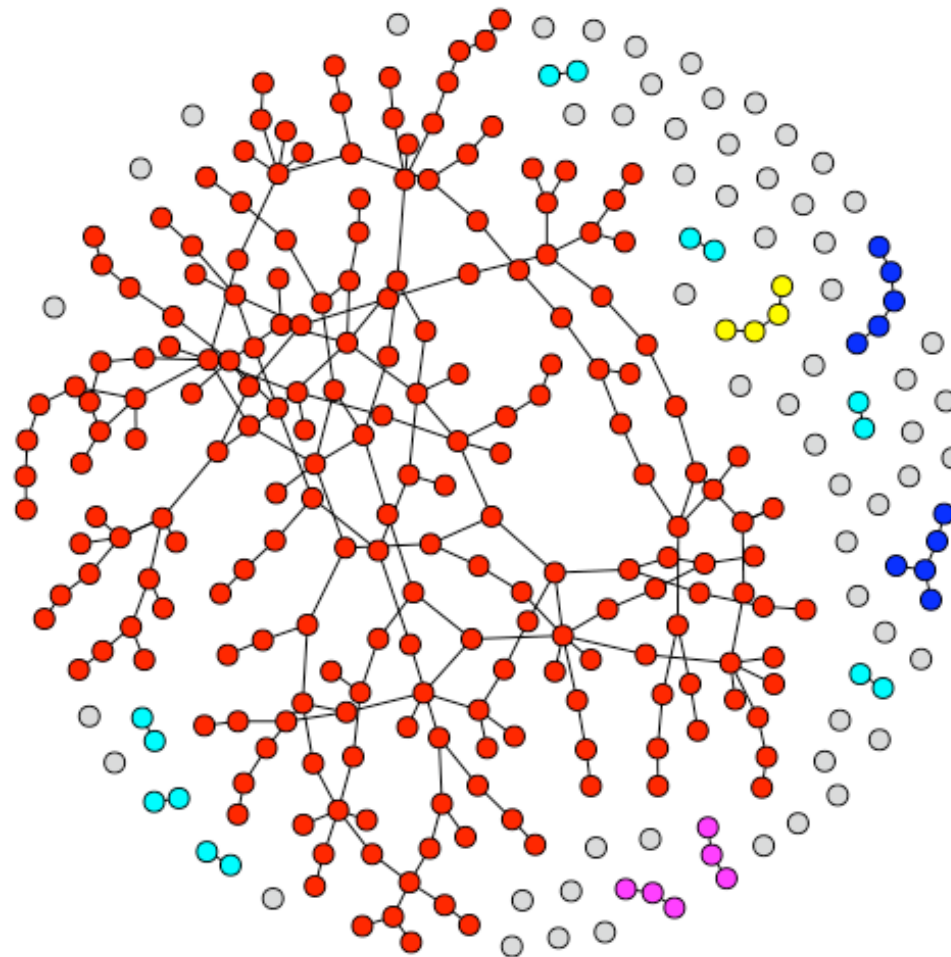
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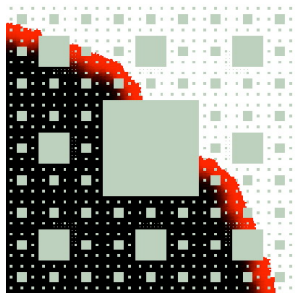
$$\langle k \rangle = p(N - 1)$$

$$d_l = \infty$$

$$\#(t) \sim e^t$$

if  $p > \frac{\log(N)}{N}$  the graph is globally connected

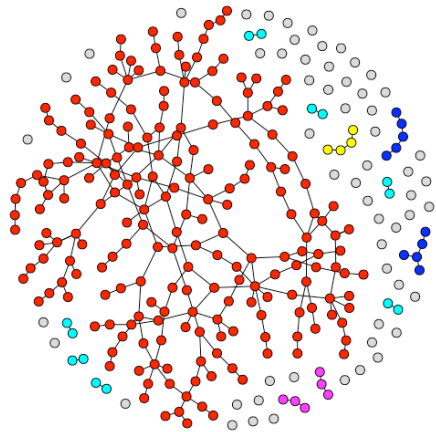




# Erdos-Renyi random graph



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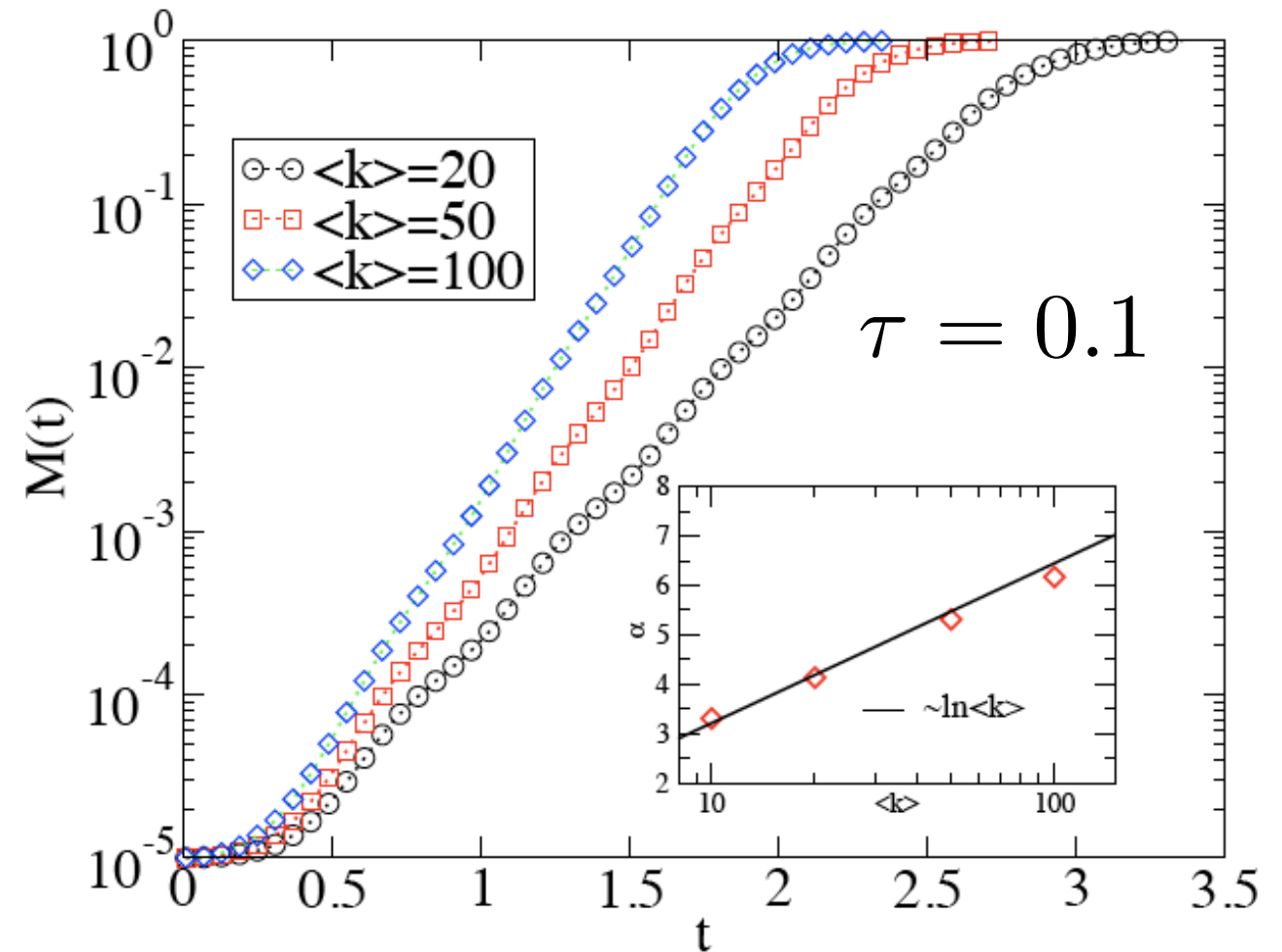


## Scaling

$$M(t) \sim e^{\alpha t}$$

Slow reaction

$$\alpha = 1/\tau$$



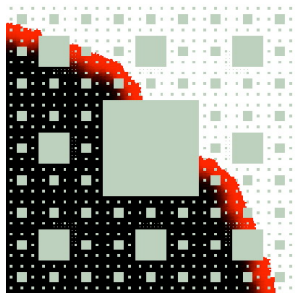
$$\tau = 0.1$$

**Fast reaction**

$$\alpha(k, \tau) \simeq C\tau^\beta \log \langle k \rangle$$

Mean-field eq.

$$\partial_t \rho(t) = \tau^\beta \log(\langle k \rangle) \rho(t)(1 - \rho(t))$$



# Percolation



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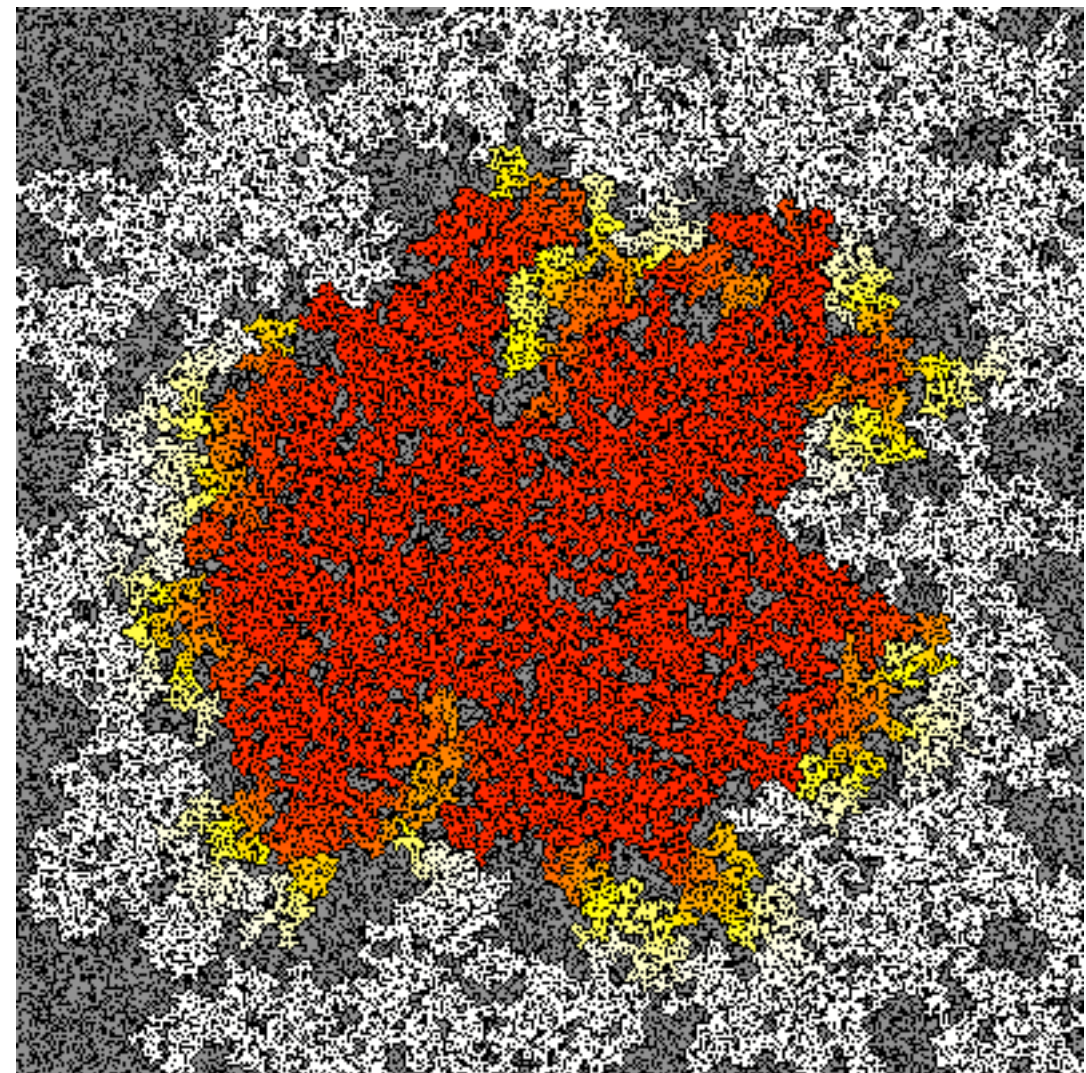
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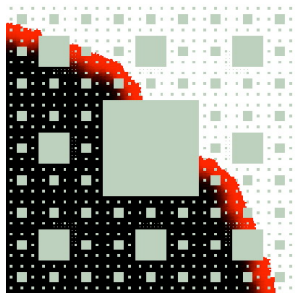
critical point  $p \approx 0.595$

$$d_f \simeq 1.896$$

$$d_l \simeq 1.67$$

$$d_s \simeq 1.36$$





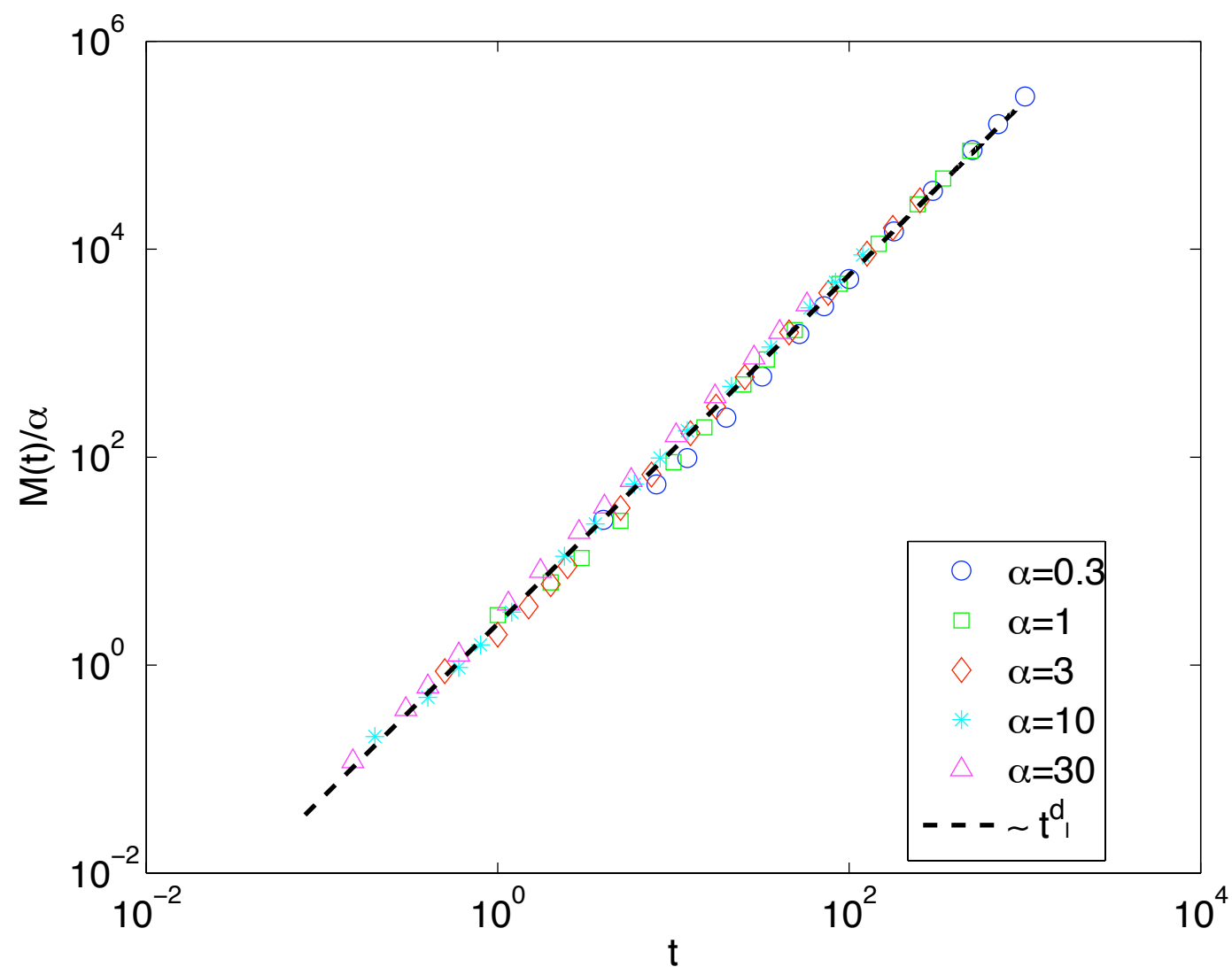
# Percolation: reaction spreading



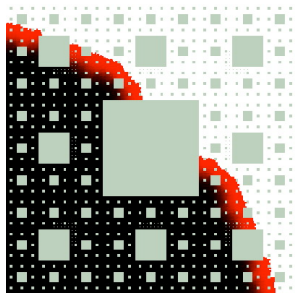
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$$p = p_c$$

$$M(t) \simeq \alpha t^{d_l}$$







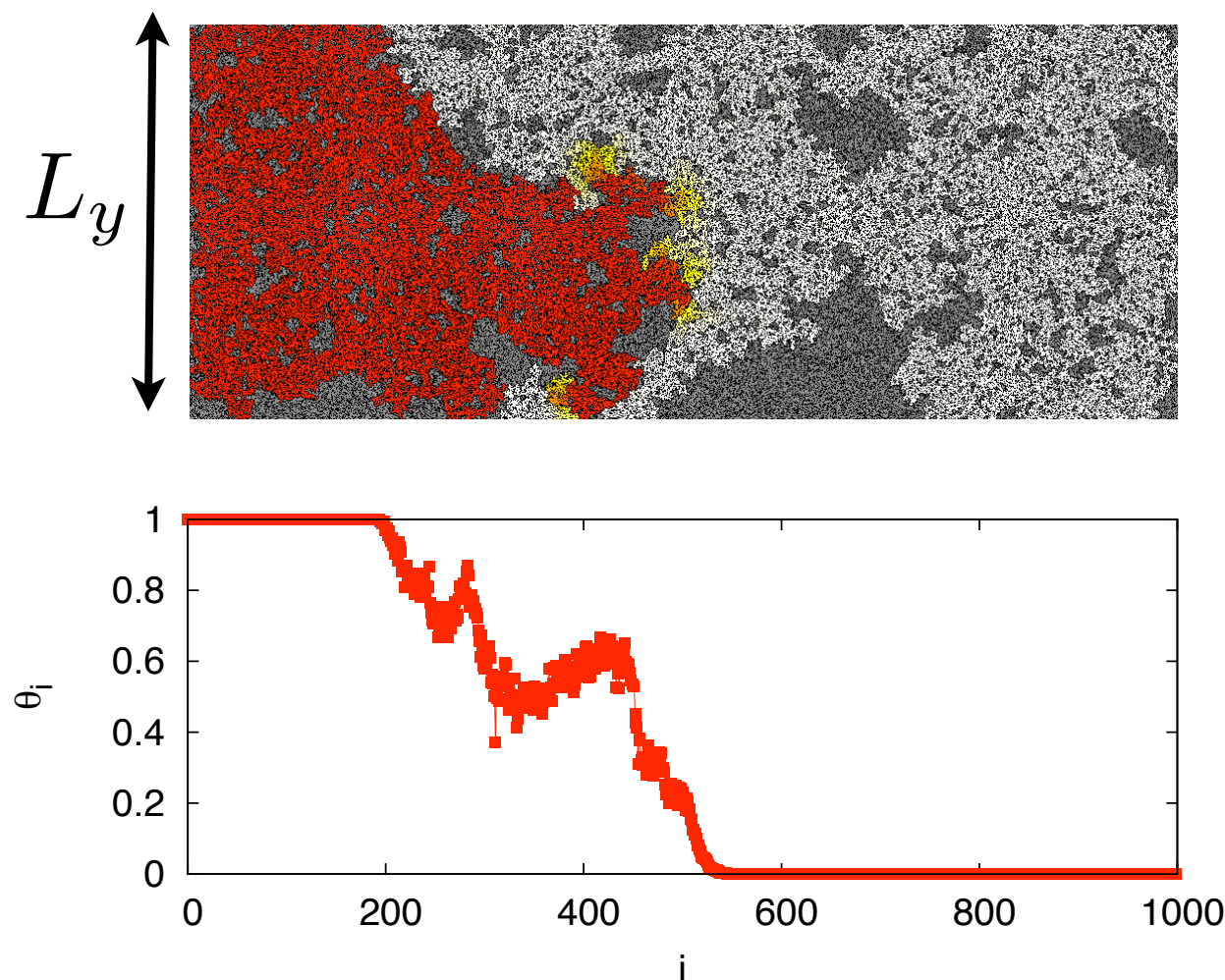
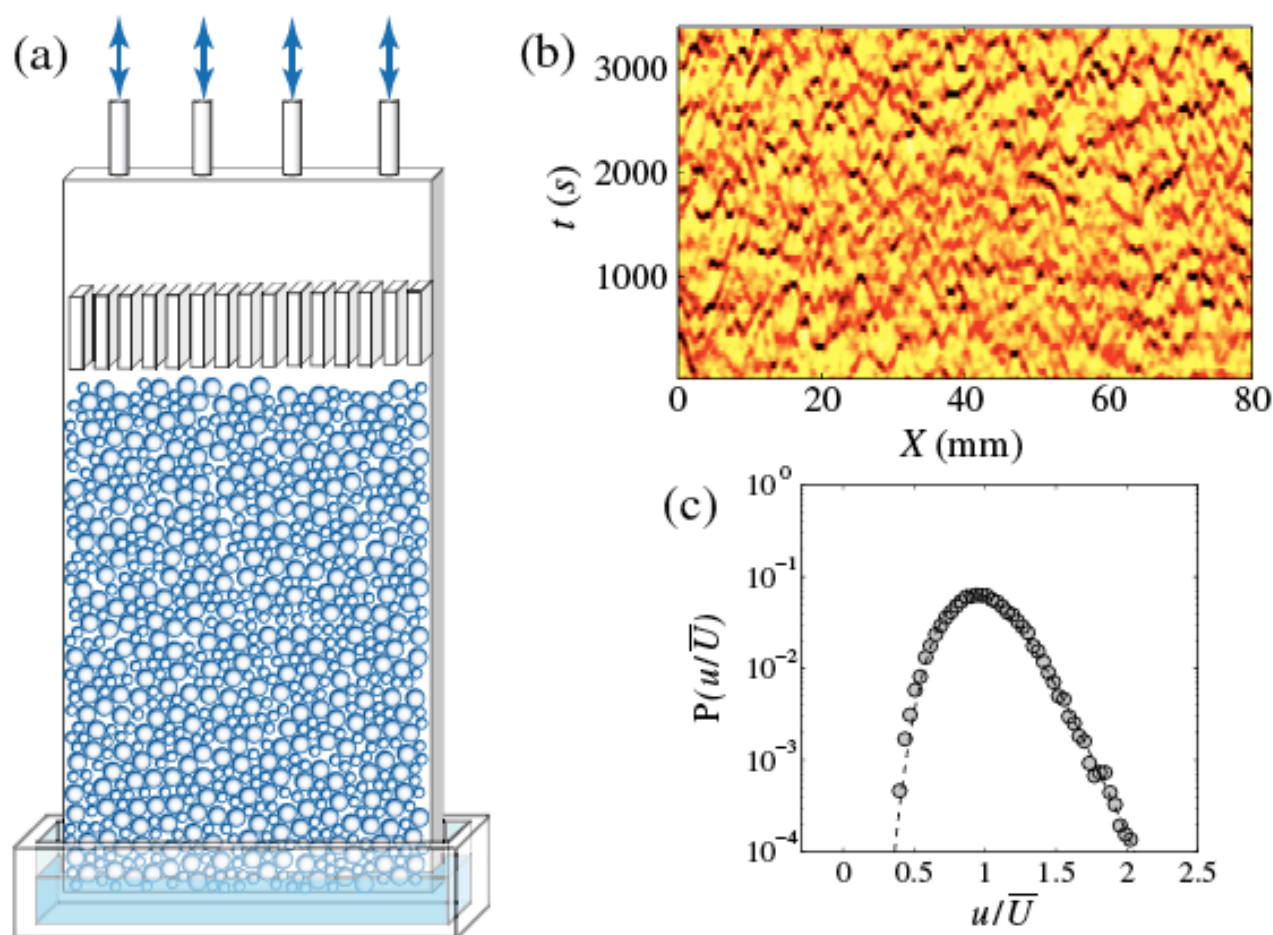
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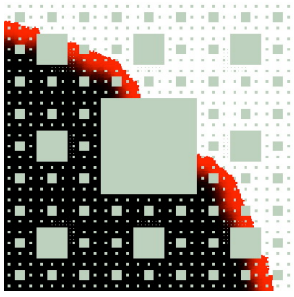
Porous media:  
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Numerical simulations



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# Percolation: travelling front



$$M(t) \simeq N_p vt$$

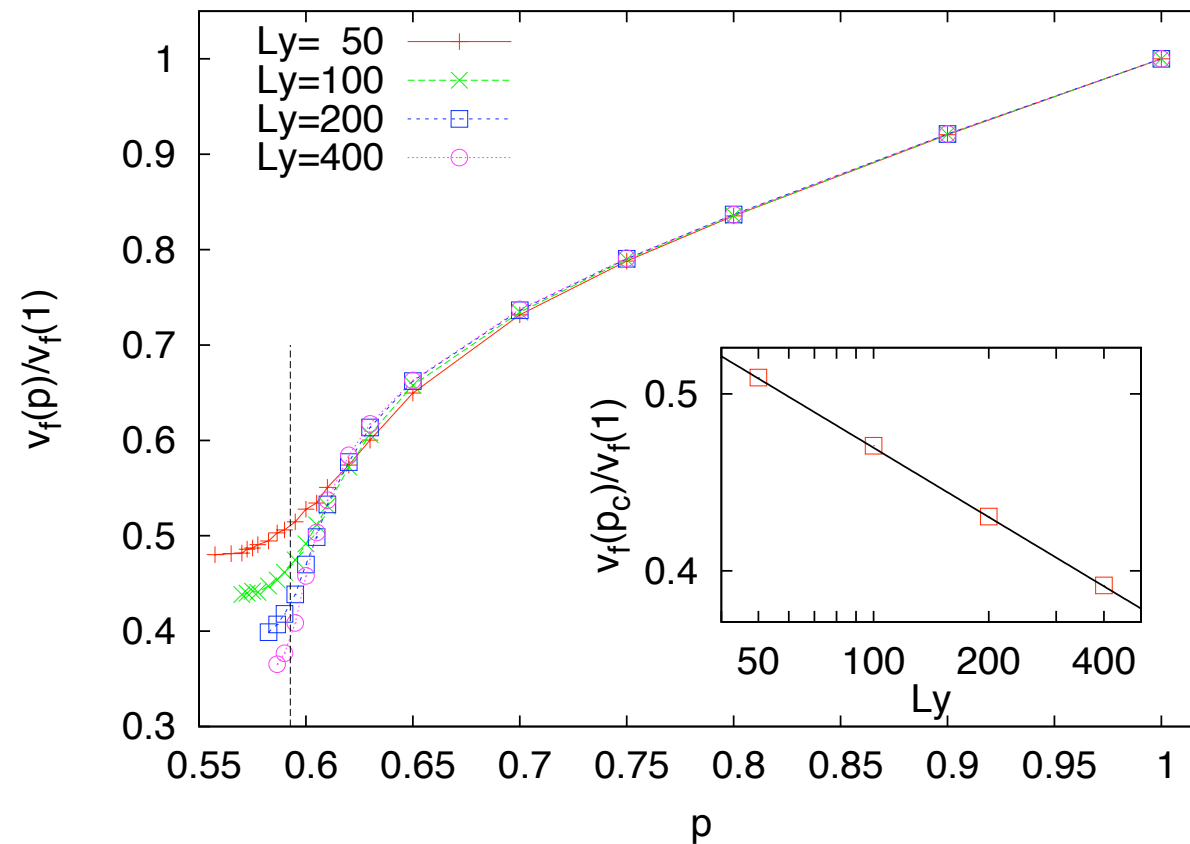
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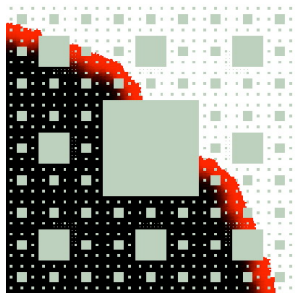
$$p \approx p_c, N_p \sim \frac{L_y^{d_f}}{L_y} = L_y^{d_f - 1}$$

$$v = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(t)}{N_p t}$$

$$u(p) = P(p) \frac{v_f(p)}{v_f(1)}$$

$$p \gg p_c, N_p \simeq p L_y$$





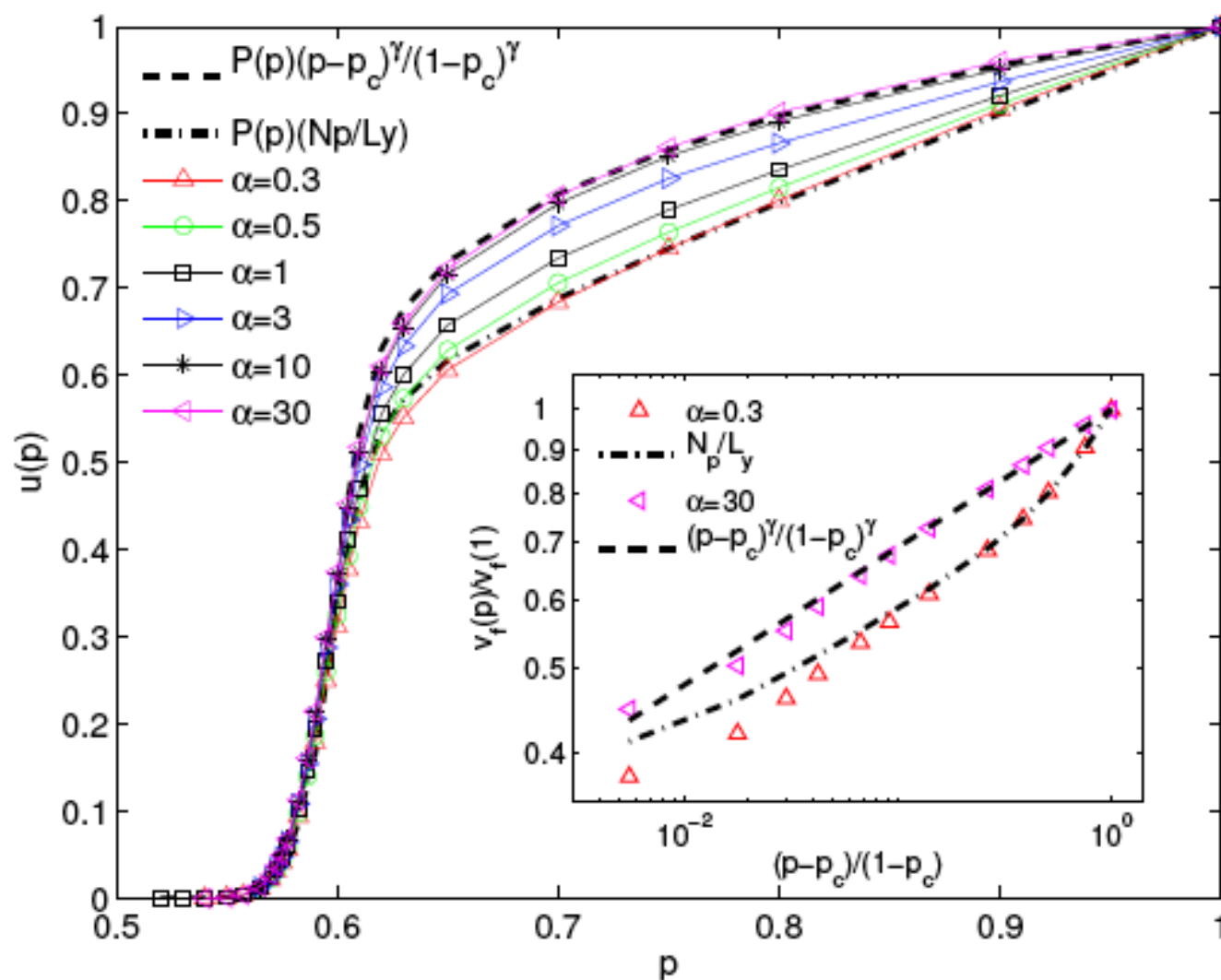
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$$v = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(t)}{N_p t}$$

Front speed

$$u(p) = P(p) \frac{v_f(p)}{v_f(1)}$$



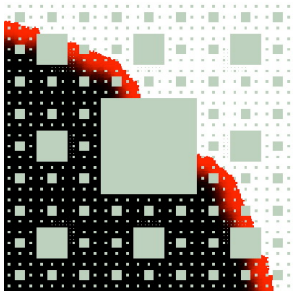
small  $\alpha$

$$u(p) = P(p) \frac{v_f(p)}{v_f(1)} \sim P(p) \frac{N_p}{L_y}$$

large  $\alpha$

$$u(p) = P(p) \frac{v_f(p)}{v_f(1)} \sim P(p) \left( \frac{p - p_c}{1 - p_c} \right)^\gamma$$

$$\gamma = -\nu(1 - d_{\min})$$

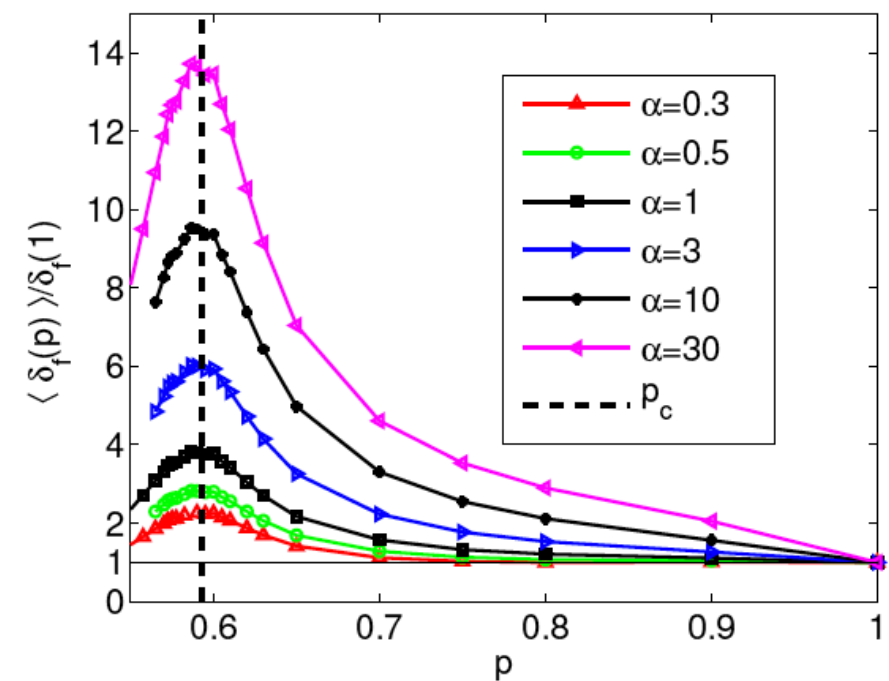
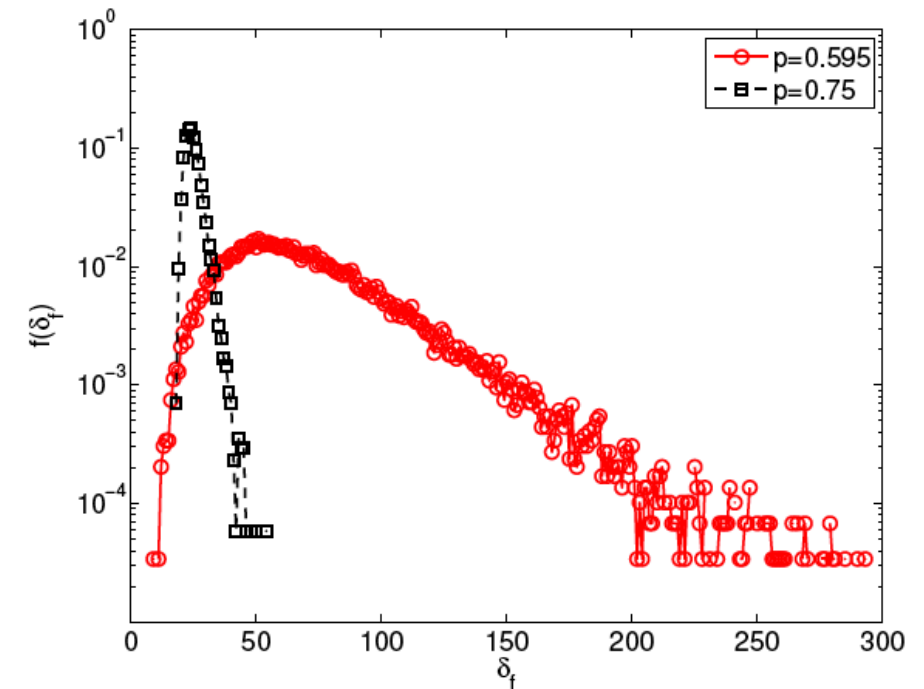
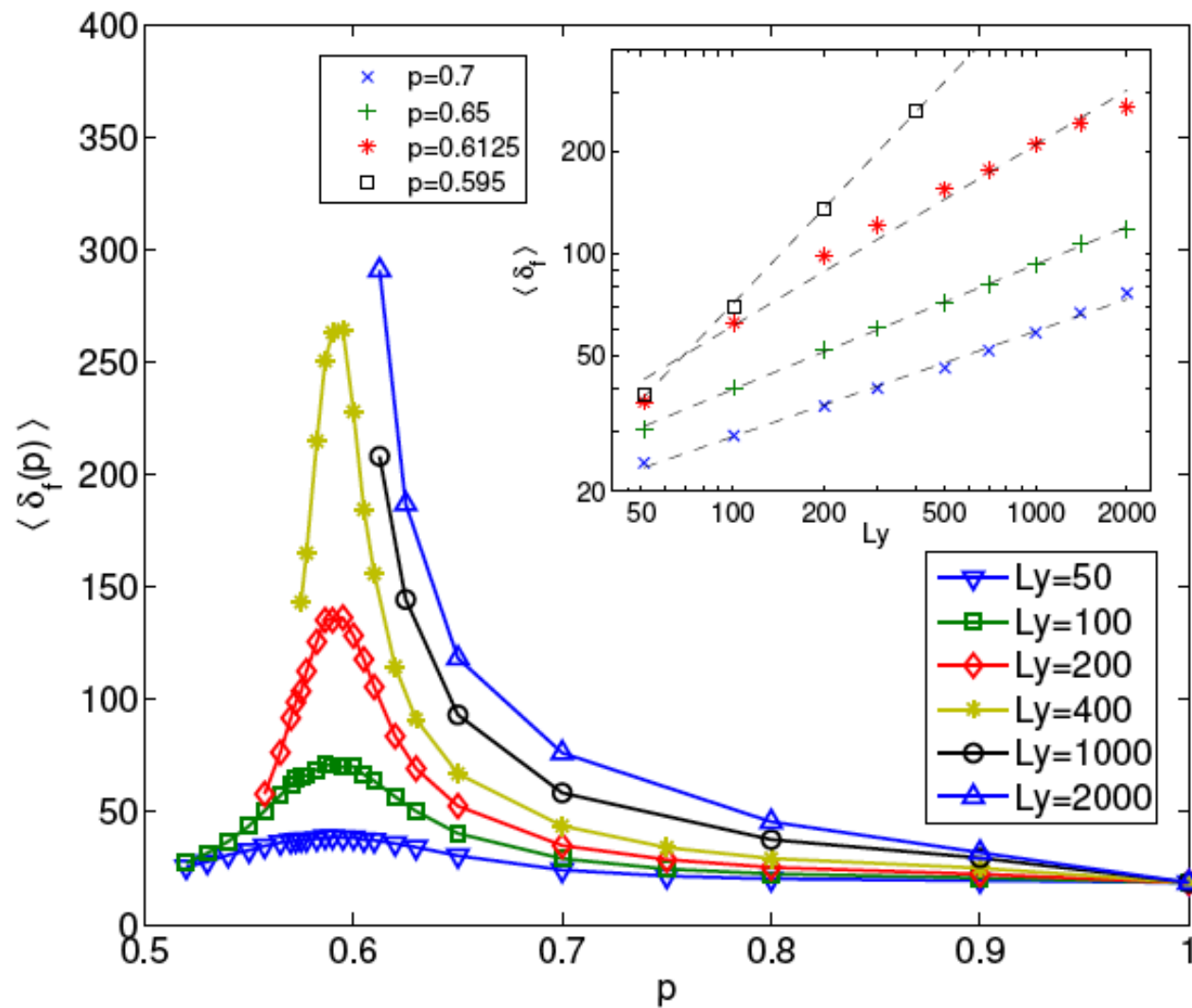


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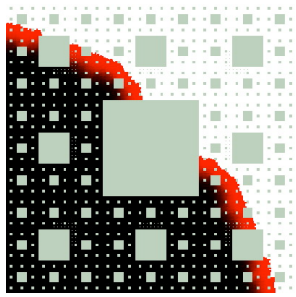
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## Front width

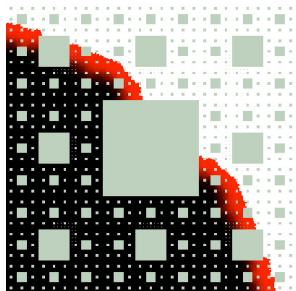


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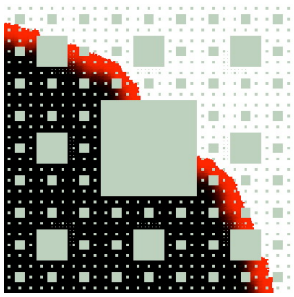
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$m(t) \sim t^{d_l}$ .  $m(t) \sim r(t)^{d_f}$ . Therefore  $r(t) \sim t^{d_l/d_f}$ , and  $v = \frac{dr}{dt} \sim t^{d_l/d_f - 1} \sim r^{1-d_{min}}$ , where  $d_{min} = \frac{d_f}{d_l}$ . Furthermore, if the linear size of the region is  $r < \xi$ , where  $\xi$  is the correlation length the cluster is self-similar and then  $v \sim \xi^{1-d_{min}}$ . Moreover, analysis of the percolation phase transition gives  $\xi \sim |p - p_c|^{-\nu}$ , with  $\nu = 4/3$  for  $d = 2$  [?], which gives the final scaling  $v \sim (p - p_c)^\gamma$ , where  $\gamma = -\nu(1 - d_{min})$ . For the average velocity, the scaling is:

$$u(p) = P(p) \frac{v_f(p)}{v_f(1)} \sim P(p) \left( \frac{p - p_c}{1 - p_c} \right)^\gamma .d_f \quad (1)$$