

Dynamical large deviations and glass transitions

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Dynamics is more than statics

Canonical example → glass transition problem



Statistical mechanics of trajectories rather than states/configurations

Dynamical large-deviations → s-ensemble method → glasses

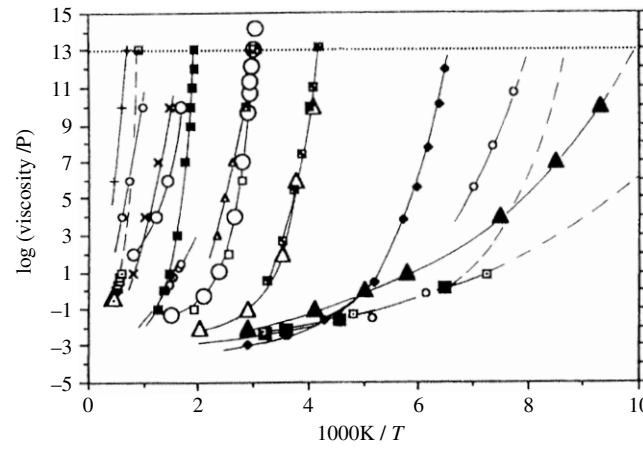
{Ruelle, Derrida, Lebowitz-Spohn, Gartner-Ellis, Donsker-Varadhan, ...}

Applications in quantum many-body systems?

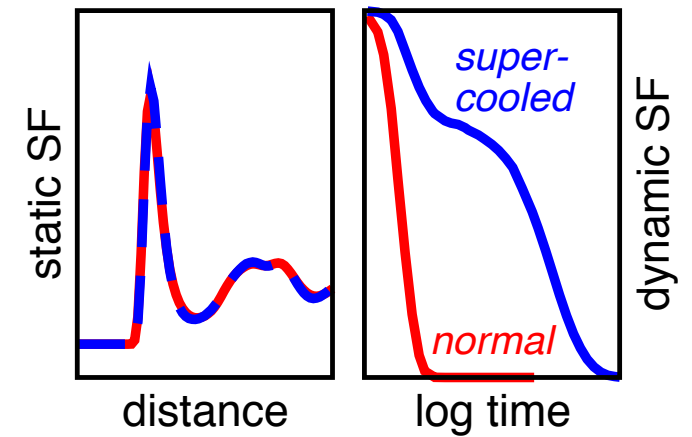
Stylised facts about the glass transition

{Biroli-JPG, JCP Perspective: The Glass Transition 2013}

#1:
Slowdown w/o
structural change



{Angell 1995}

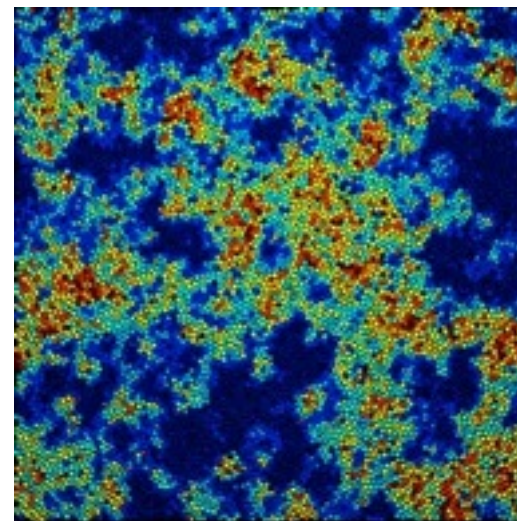
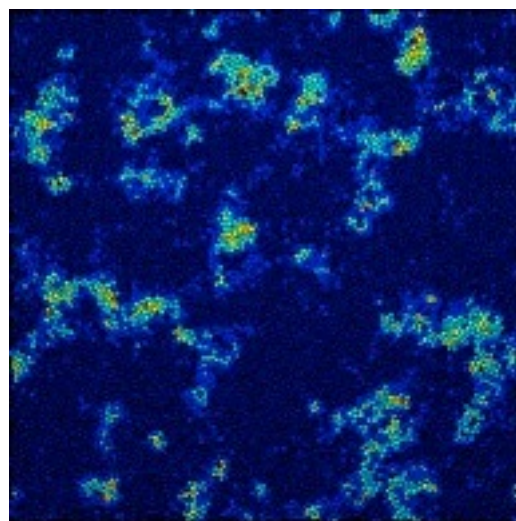
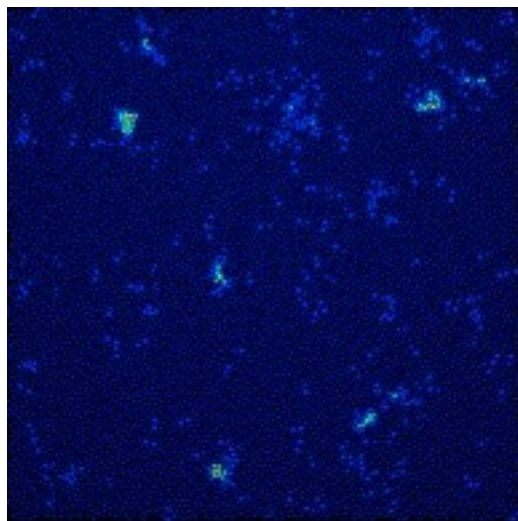


$t \ll \tau_\alpha$

$t \approx \tau_\alpha$

$t \gg \tau_\alpha$

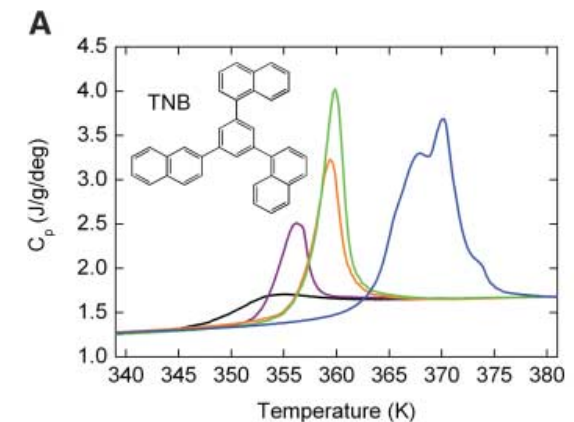
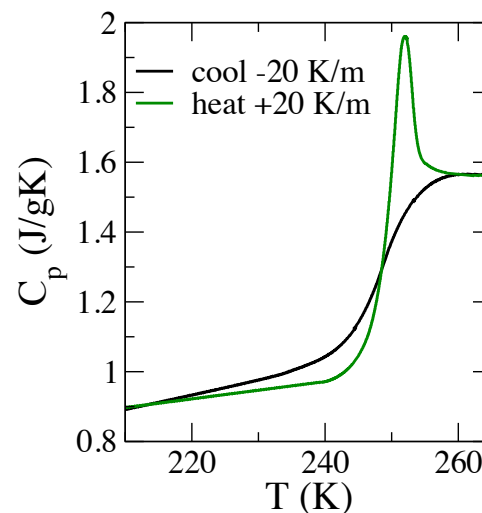
e.g.
50:50 L-J mixture
{Hedges 2009}



#2:
Dynamical
heterogeneity

#3:

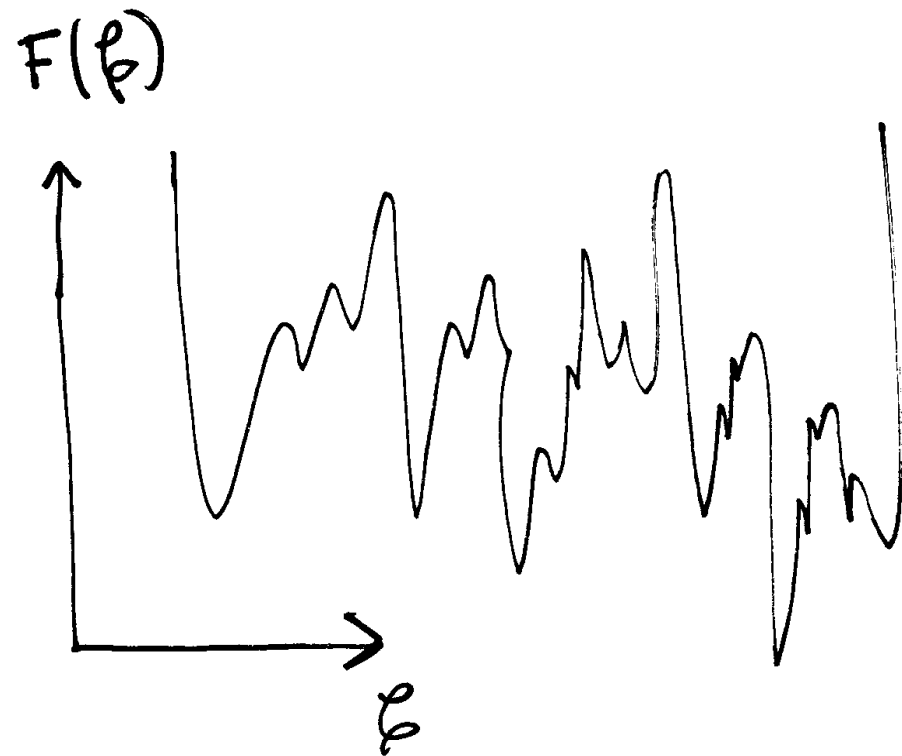
Anomalous response if
driven out-of-equilibrium



{Swallen+ 2007}

Perspectives on glass transition

Thermodynamic



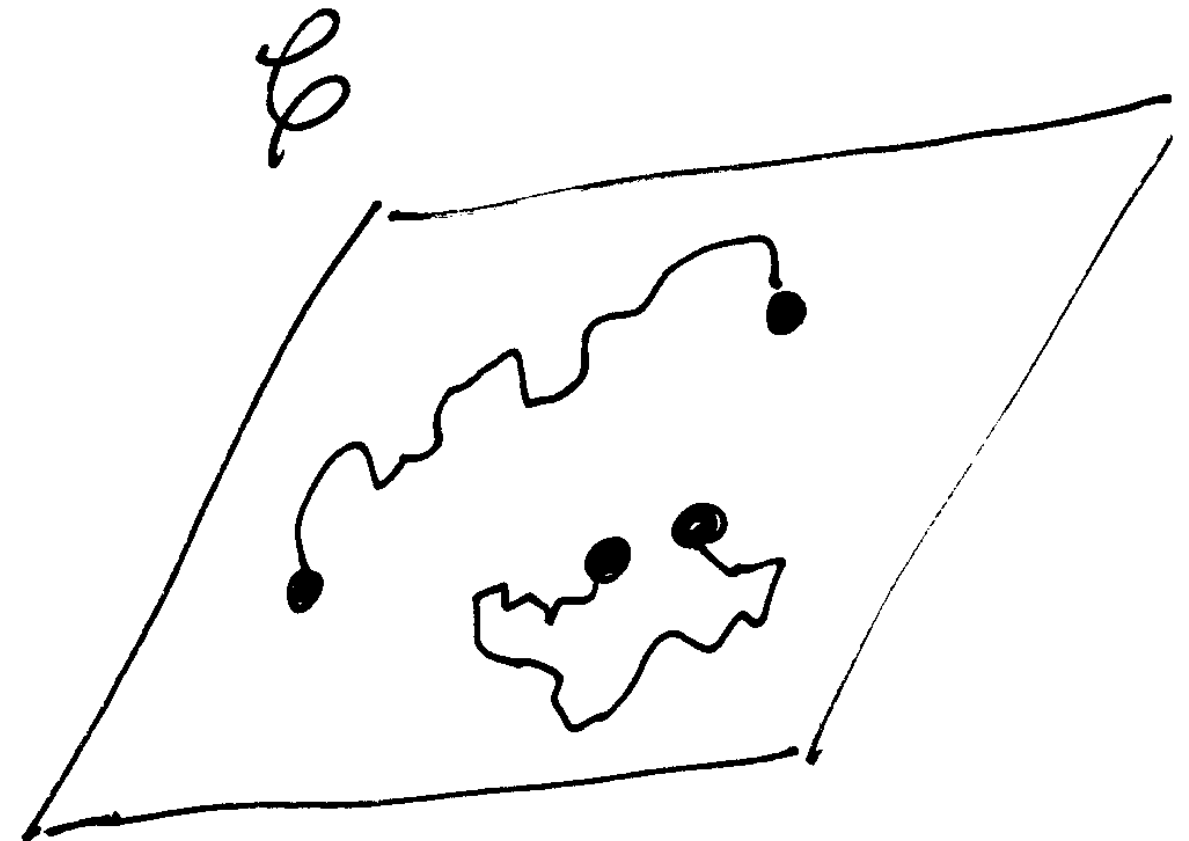
Statics \Rightarrow Dynamics

eg. RFOT

{Parisi+Wolynes+many others}

ideal models e.g. **p-spin spin glass**

Dynamic



Statics does not \Rightarrow Dynamics

metric \rightarrow **Dynamic facilitation**

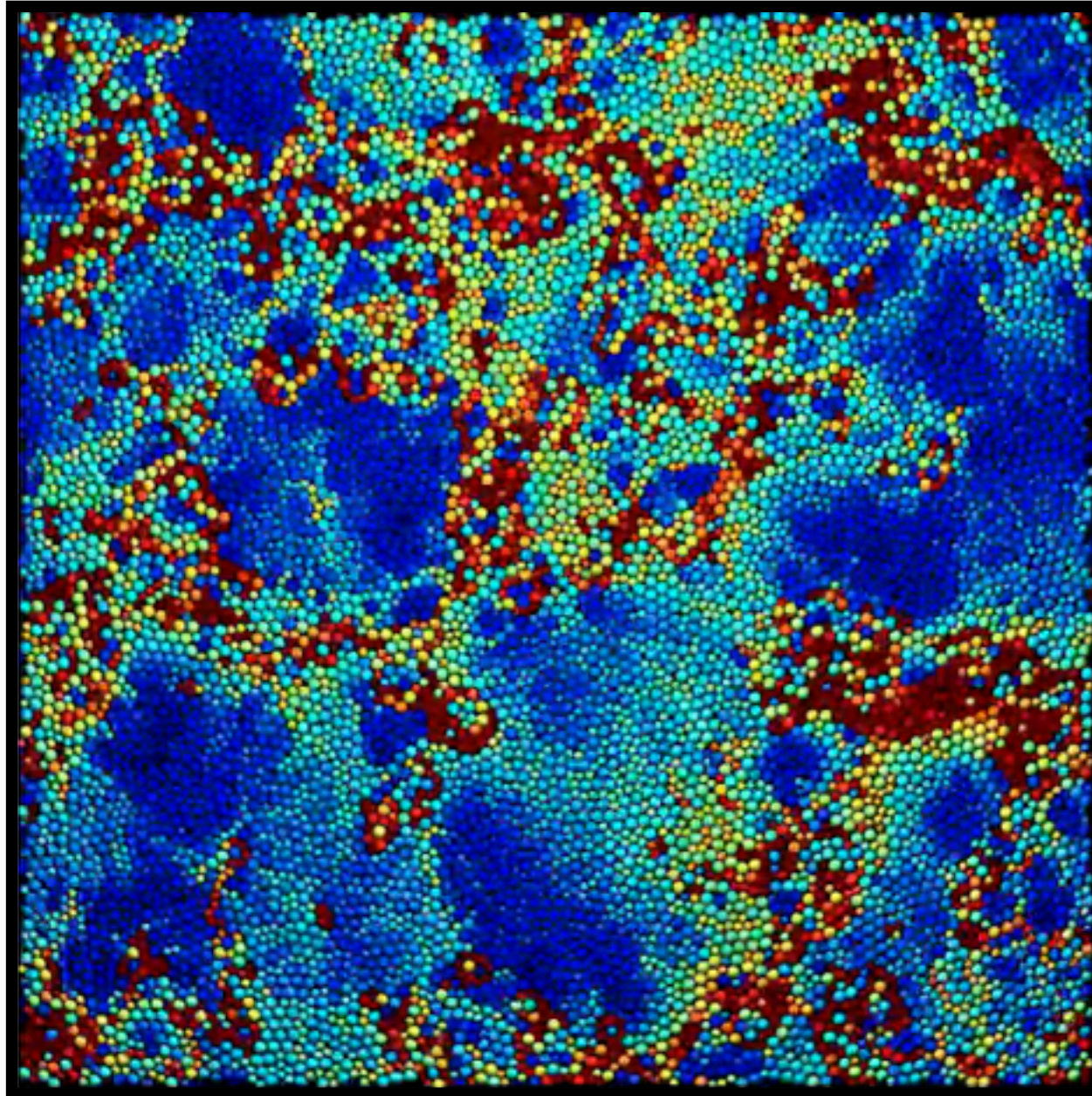
ideal models **KCMs**

{Anderson+Andersen+Jackle+many others}

#2: Dynamical heterogeneity

Cold/dense Lennard-Jones mixture
{L. Hedges}

$$N_A = N_B = 10^4 \quad (1 : 1.4)$$
$$T = 1.1 < T_{\text{onset}}$$

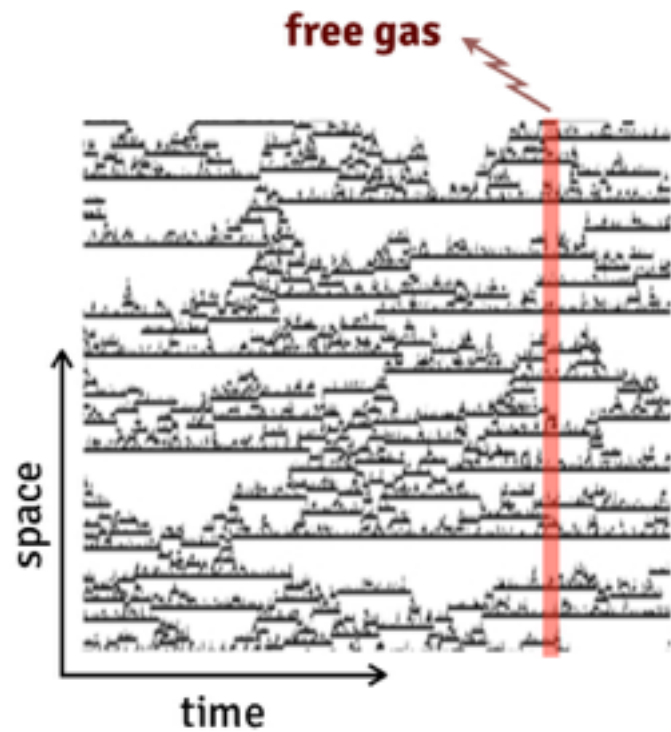


Motion begets motion \rightarrow dynamical facilitation

Effective excitations are **localised** {Keys-et-al, PRX 2011}

Interesting structure in trajectories not in configurations/states

Dynamic facilitation → kinetically constrained models



East model

{Jackle 1991}

FA model

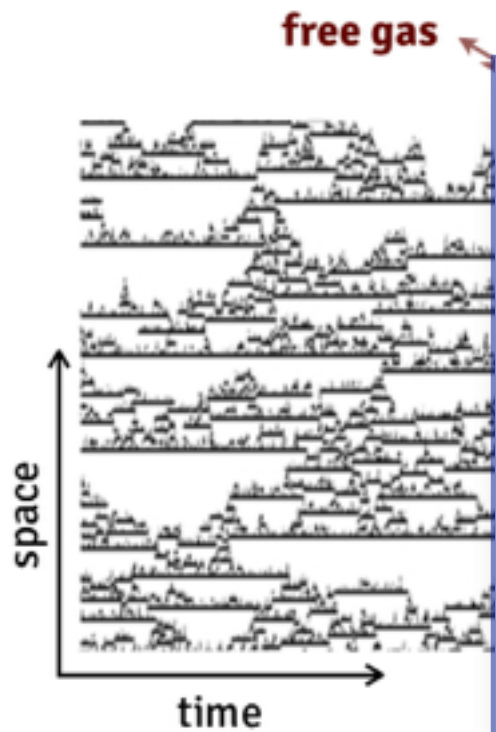
{Fredrickson-Andersen 1984}

$$\partial_t |P\rangle = \mathbb{W} |P\rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{W} = \sum_i \underbrace{(n_{i-1} + \delta)}_{\text{constraint = operator valued rate}} \left[\epsilon \sigma_i^+ + \sigma_i^- - \epsilon(1 - n_i) - n_i \right] + (i \leftrightarrow i - 1)$$

Trivial statics but heterogeneous & hierarchical dynamics

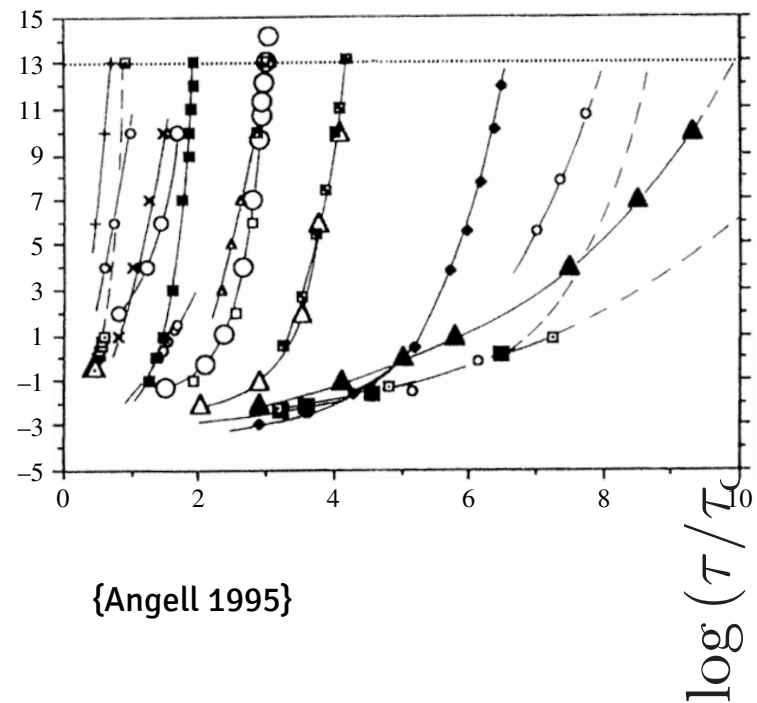
East model $\tau_{\text{relax}} \approx \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{A}{T^2} + \frac{B}{T}\right)$ {Sollich-Evans 1999}

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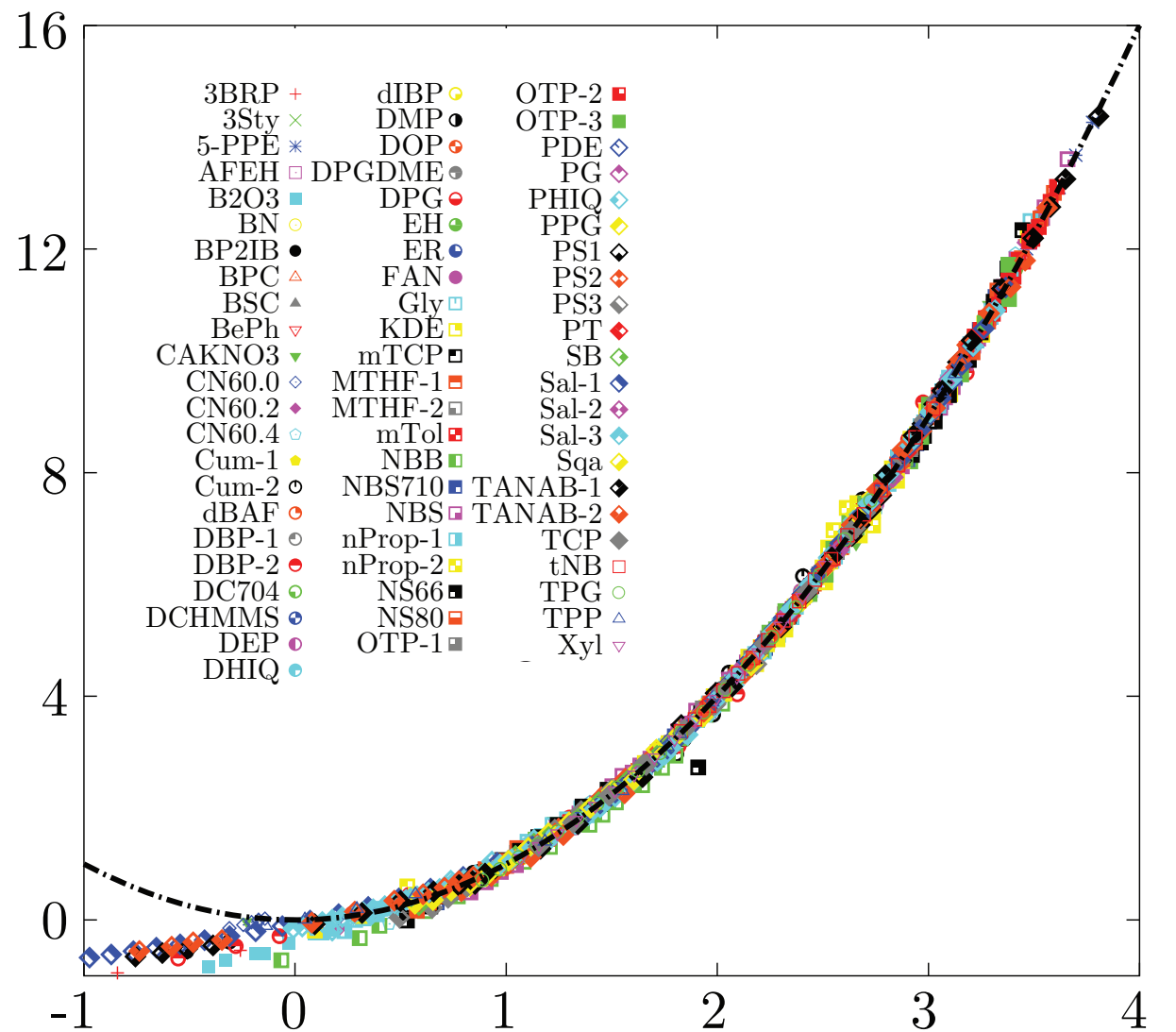
Trivial



NB: no VFT

~~$$\exp\left(\frac{C}{T - T_0}\right)$$~~

{cf. Bassler 1987, Rossler+ 1998, Hecksher+ 2007, McKenna+ 2013}



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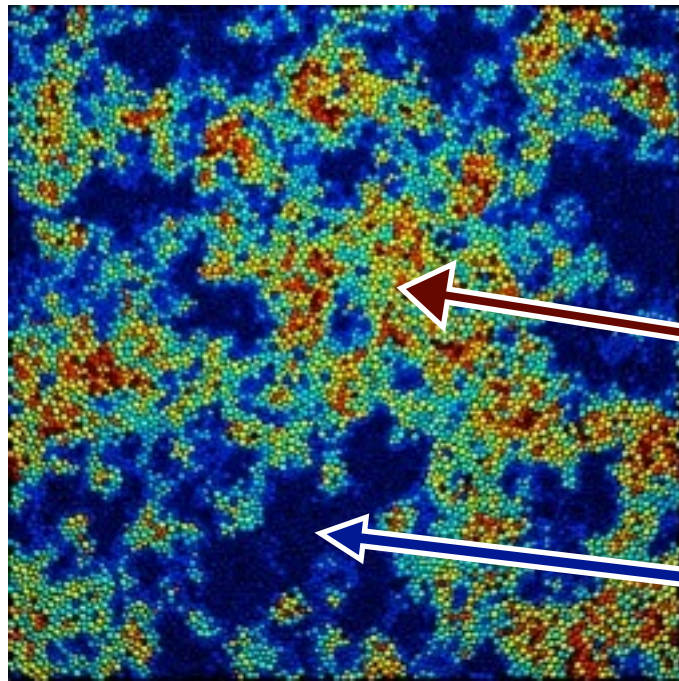
$$\frac{J}{T_0} \left(\frac{T_0}{T} - 1 \right)$$

{Elmatad-Chandler-JPG, JPCB 2009/2010}

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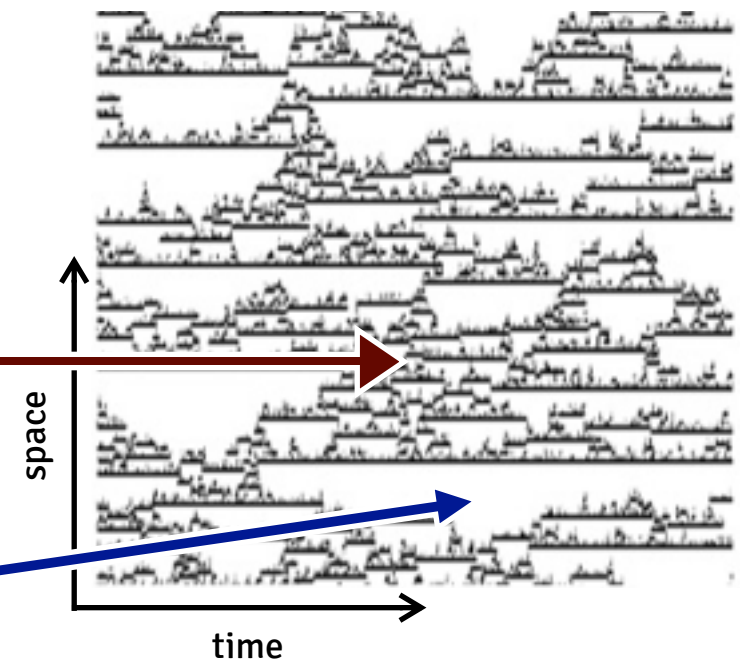
BMLJ



time-integrated
order parameter:
 $K = \text{activity}$

active $K \gg 0$

inactive $K \approx 0$

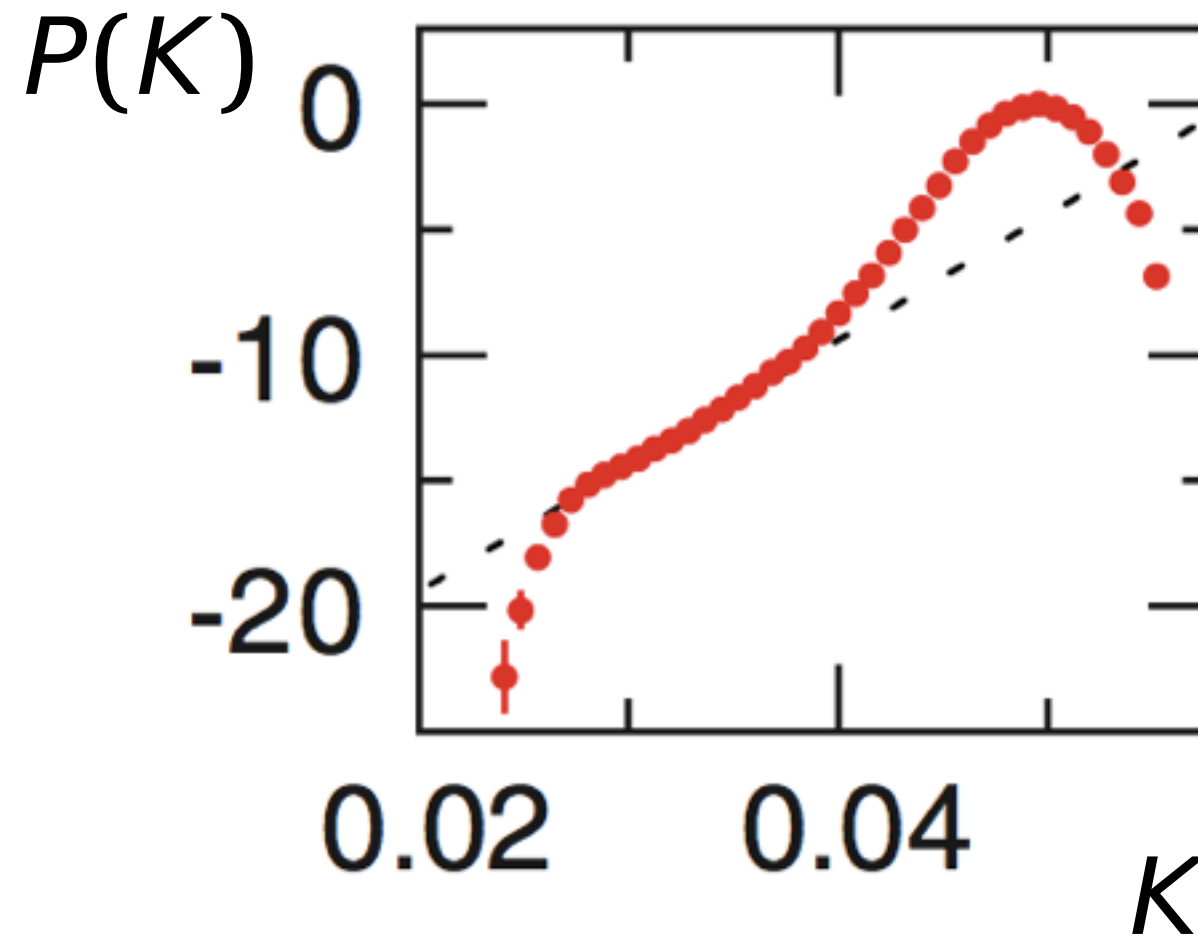


East

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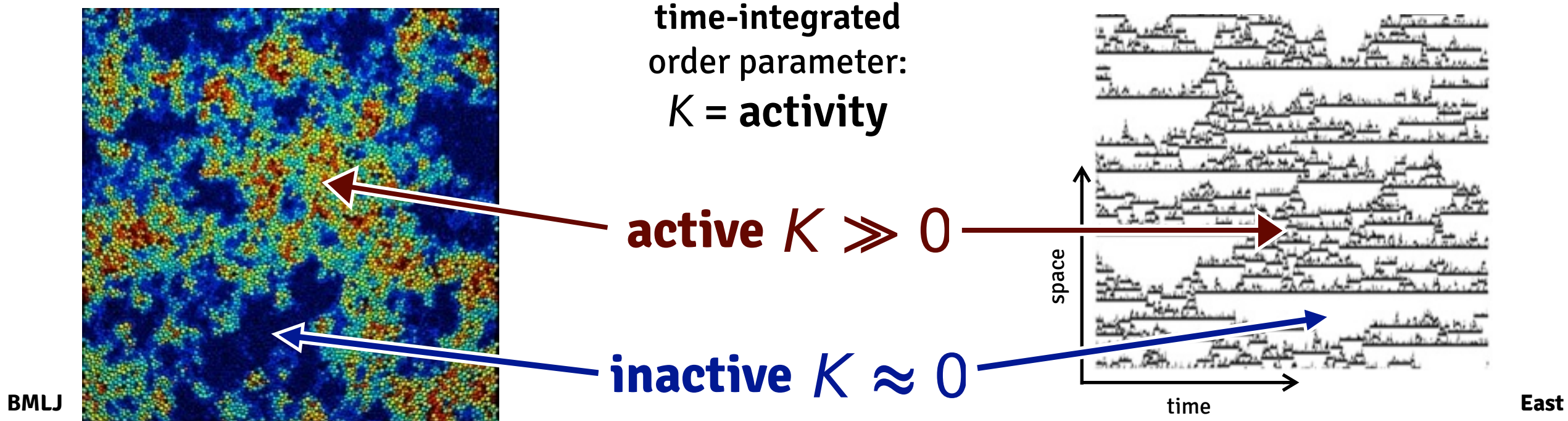
large-deviations of time-integrated observables



BMLJ

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“Thermodynamics” of trajectories: s-ensemble



$$\text{Prob}(K) \approx e^{-t} \varphi(K)$$

$$Z_t(s) \equiv \langle e^{-sK} \rangle \approx e^t \theta(s)$$

large deviations

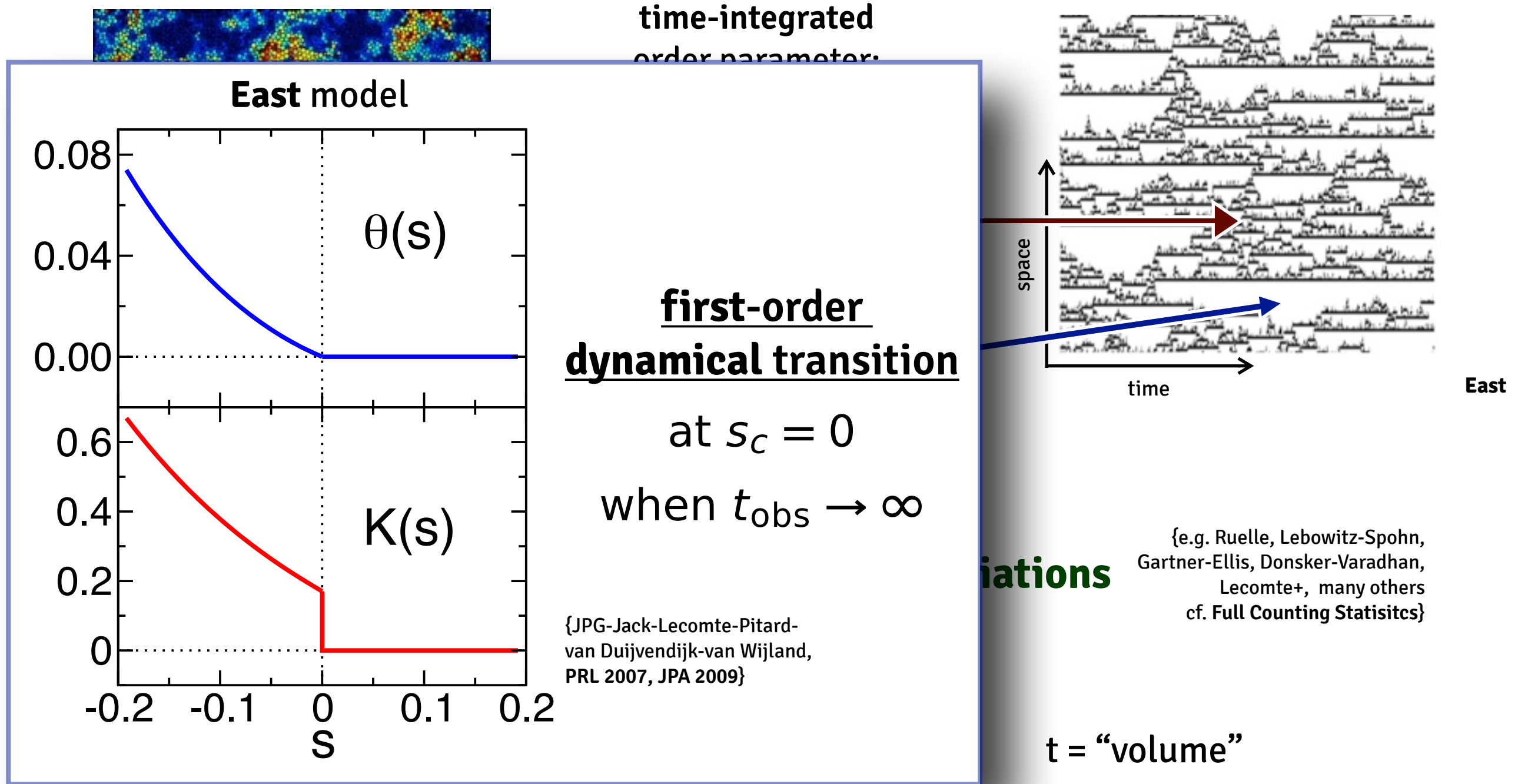
{e.g. Ruelle, Lebowitz-Spohn, Gartner-Ellis, Donsker-Varadhan, Lecomte+, many others cf. Full Counting Statistics}

$s \leftrightarrow K$ $\varphi = \text{“entropy”}$ $\theta = \text{“free-energy”}$ $t = \text{“volume”}$

$$\mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_s = \sum_i n_{i-1} \left[e^{-s} (\epsilon \sigma_i^+ + \sigma_i^-) - \epsilon(1 - n_i) - n_i \right] \quad \theta(s) \text{ largest eigenvalue}$$

\mathbb{W}_s is “transfer matrix” of “partition sum” $Z_t(s)$

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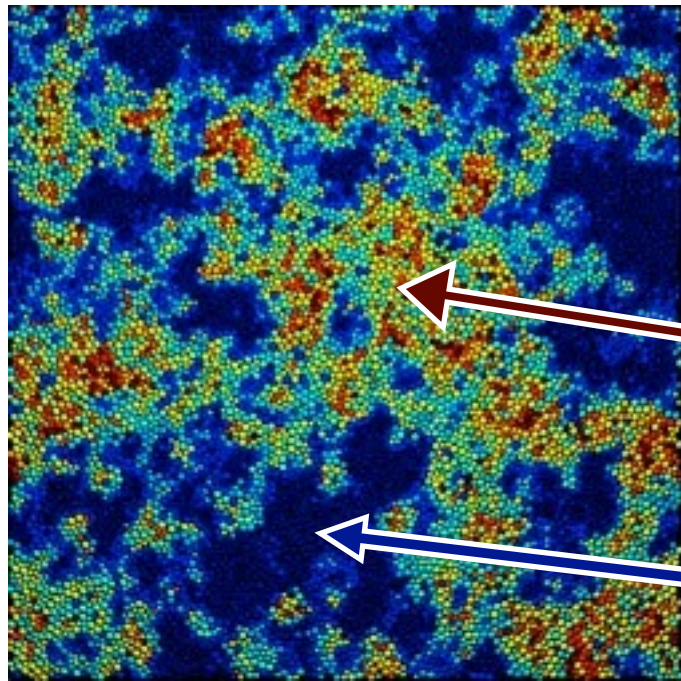


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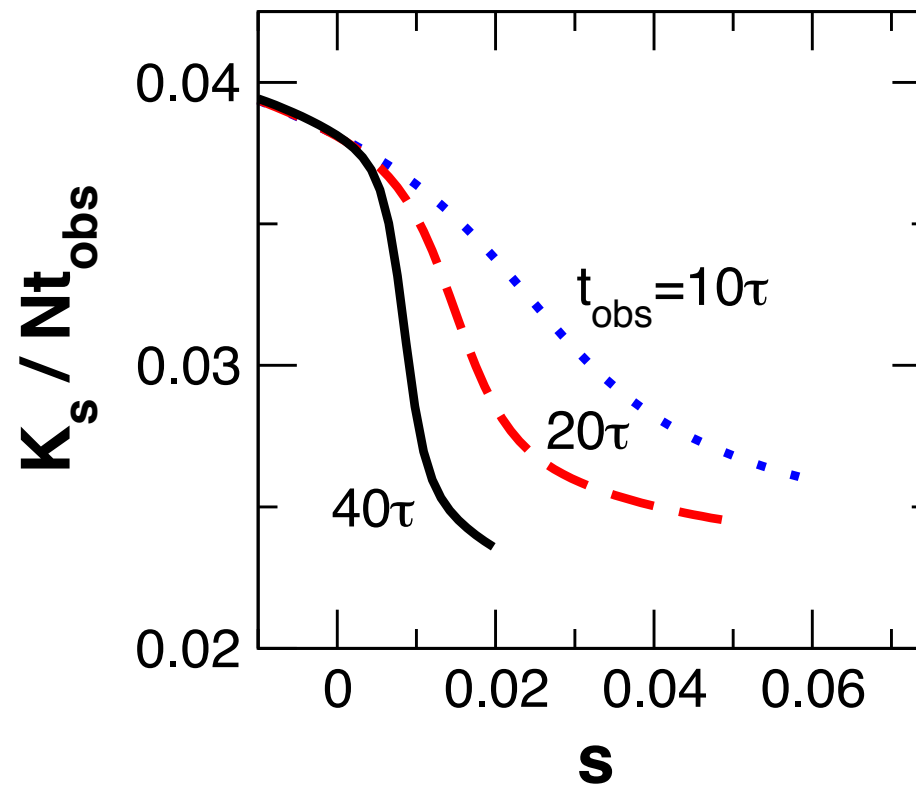
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BMLJ (MD/TPS, N=150)

{Hedges-Jack-JPG-Chandler, Science 2009}



activity vs. counting field

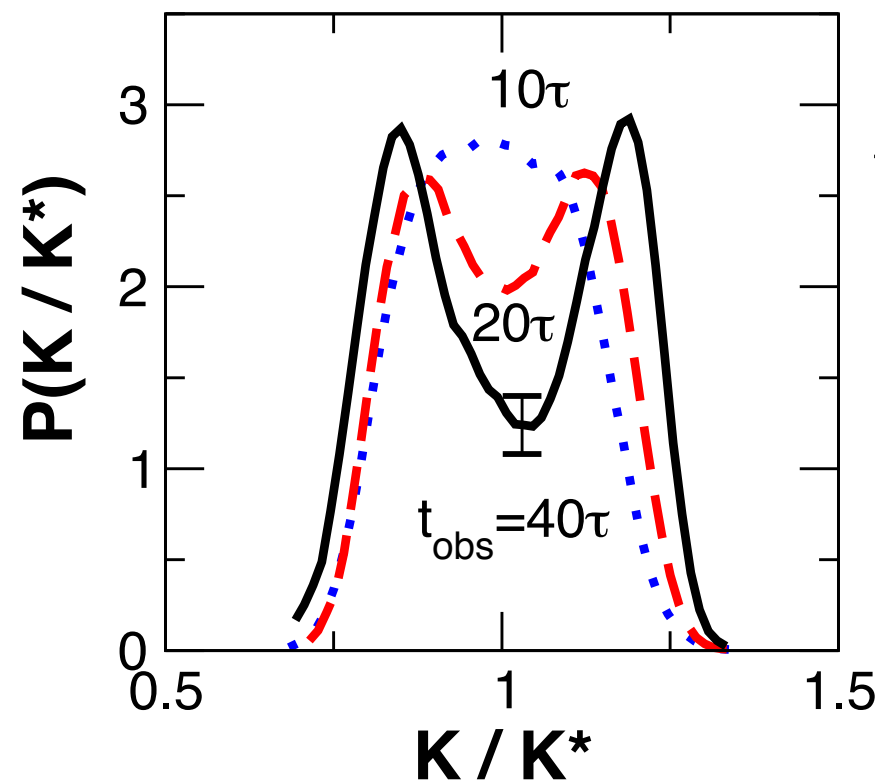
$$\text{Prob}(K) \approx e^{-\varphi K}$$

$$Z_t(s) \equiv \langle e^{-sK} \rangle \approx e^{-\varphi t}$$

$$s \leftrightarrow K \quad \varphi = \text{“entropy”}$$

$$W \rightarrow W_s = \sum_i n_{i-1} \left[e^{-s} \right]$$

W_s is “tra



first-order dynamical transition

at $s_c \gtrsim 0$
when $t_{\text{obs}} \gg \tau$

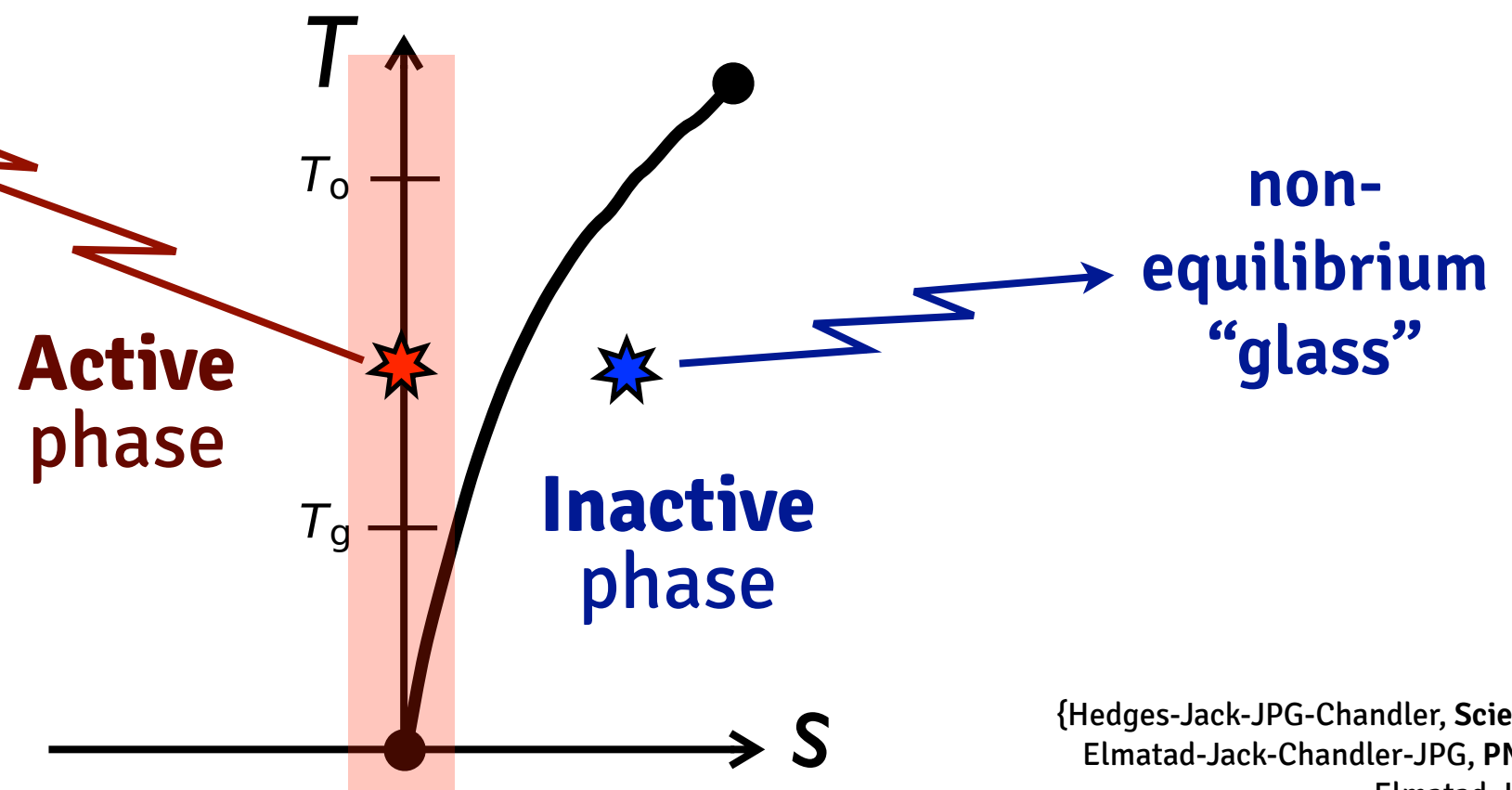
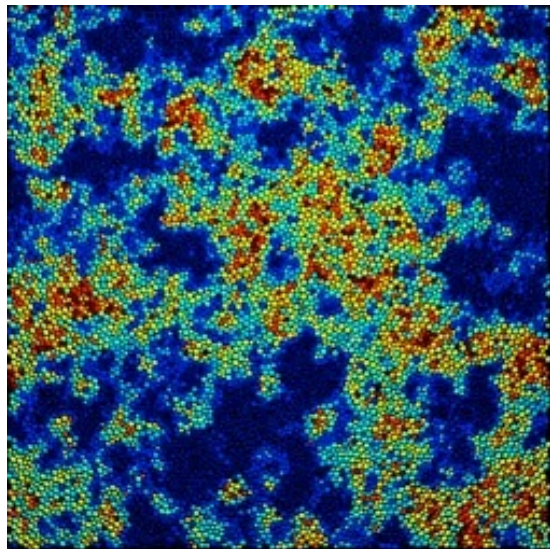
{see also,
Lecomte-Pitard-van Wijland 2011,
Speck-Chandler 2012
Speck-Malins-Royall 2012}

“Thermodynamics” of trajectories: s-ensemble

dynamical phase-diagram

$$(t_{\text{obs}} \rightarrow \infty, N \rightarrow \infty)$$

equilibrium liquid



{Hedges-Jack-JPG-Chandler, Science 2009,
Elmatad-Jack-Chandler-JPG, PNAS 2010,
Elmatad-Jack 2013}

real dynamics $s = 0 \rightarrow$ can we access $s_c \gtrsim 0$?

Accessible from normal dynamics via cumulants and Lee-Yang zeros

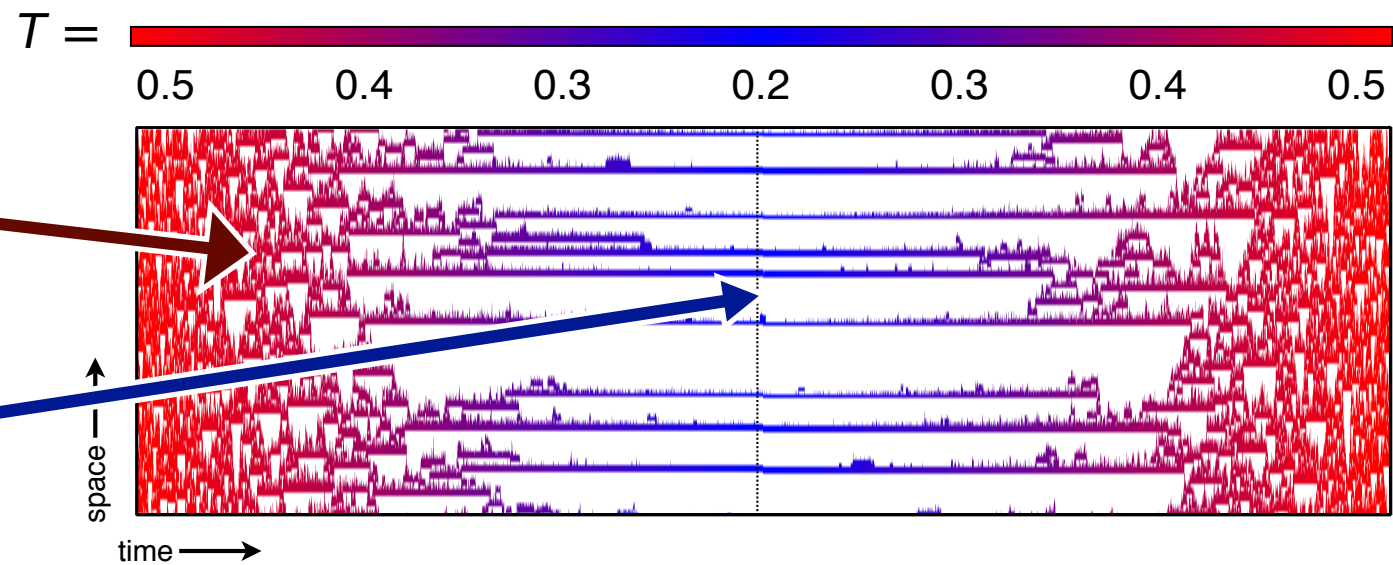
{Flindt-JPG, PRL 2013; Hickey-Flindt-JPG 2014}

Preparing glasses with s-ensemble

{Keys-JPG-Chandler, PNAS 2013 and arXiv:1401.7206}

space-time bubbles
(active & equil.)

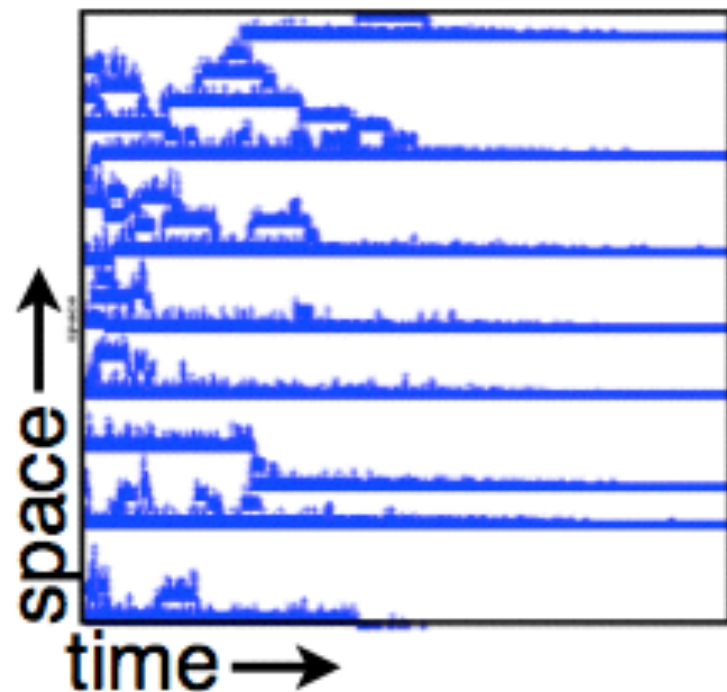
space-time stripes
(inactive & noneq.)



East model

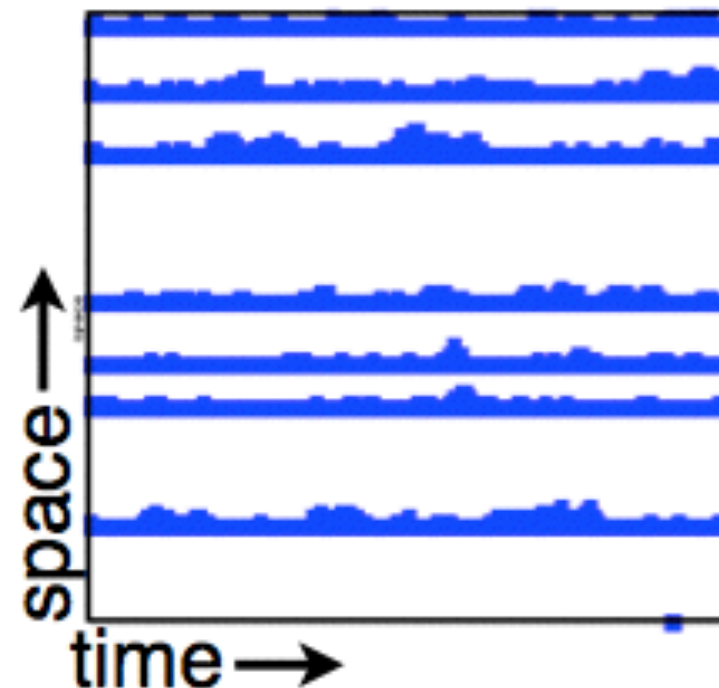
{cf. Sollich-Evans 2003}

cooling



$$l = \left(\frac{\tau_g}{\tau_0} \right)^{T_g}$$

s-ensemble



$$l = \left(\frac{t_{\text{obs}}}{\tau_0} \right)^T$$

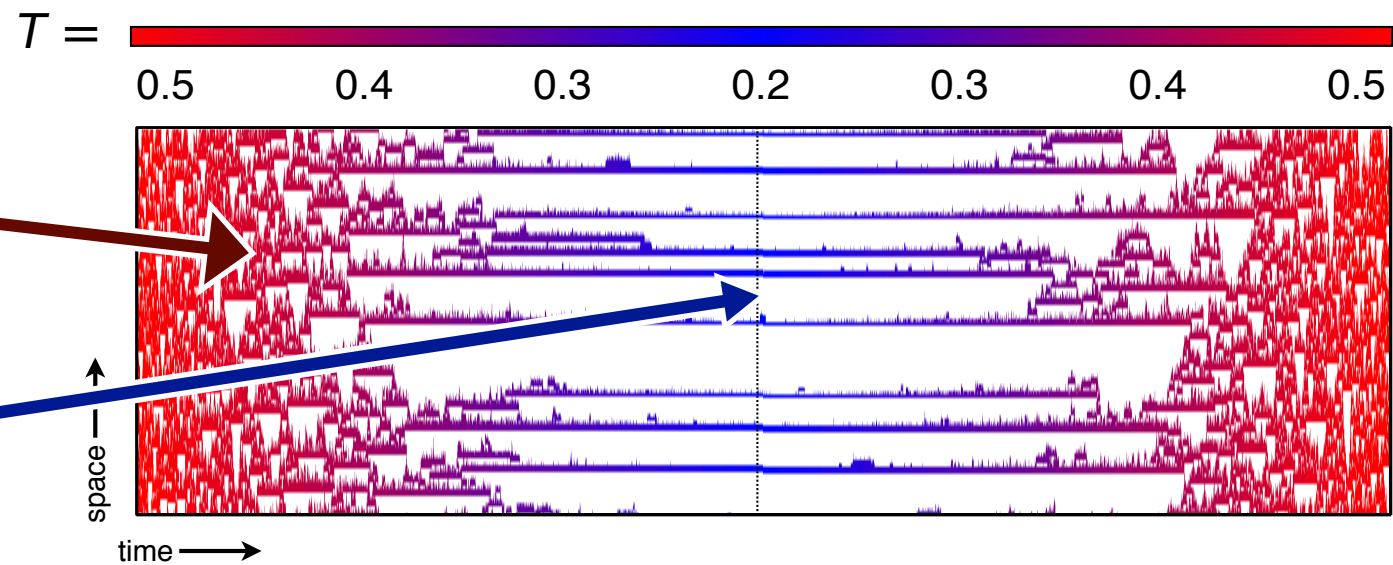
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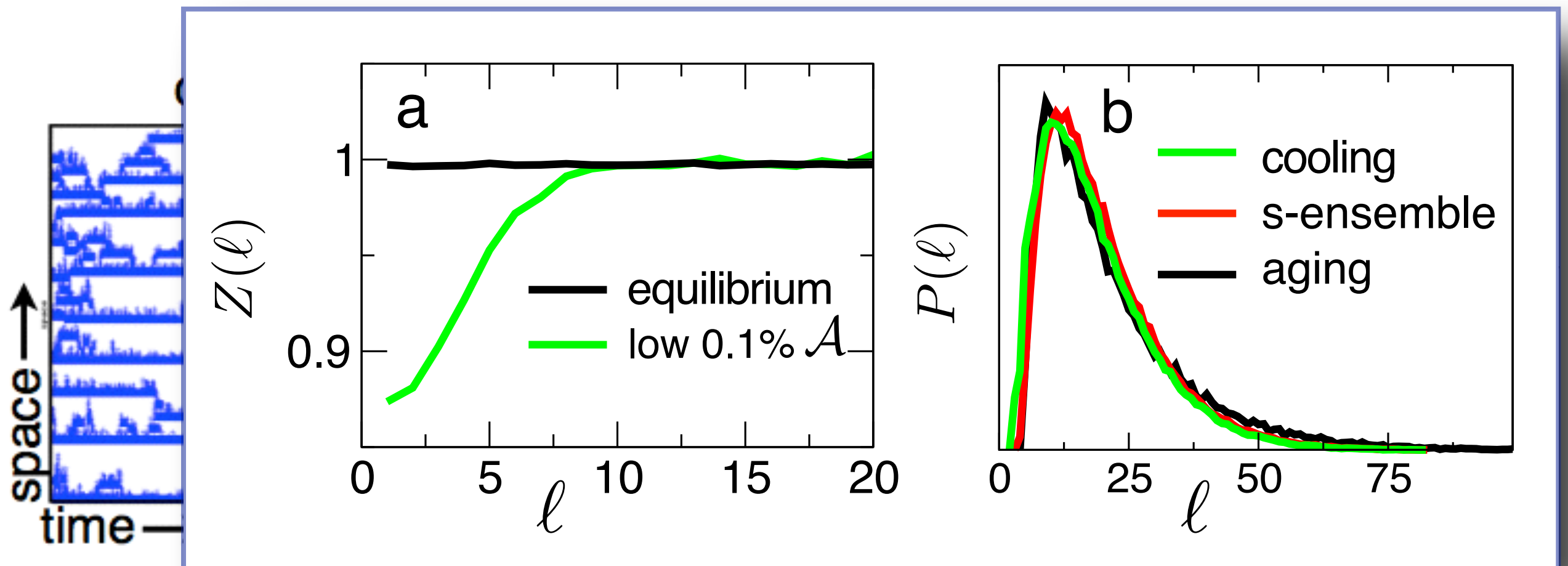
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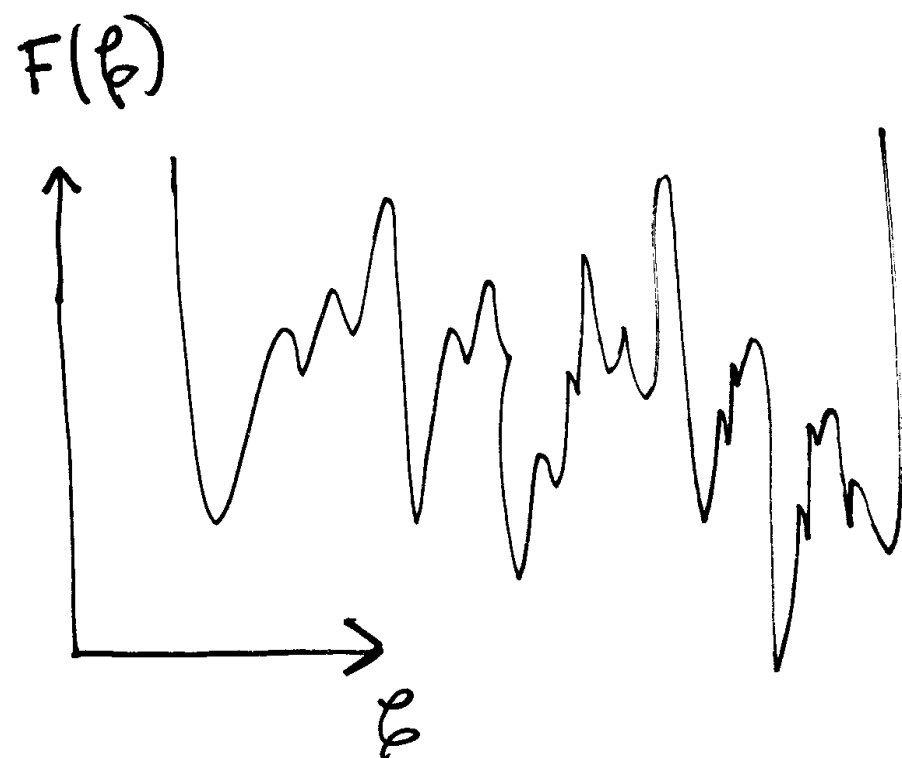
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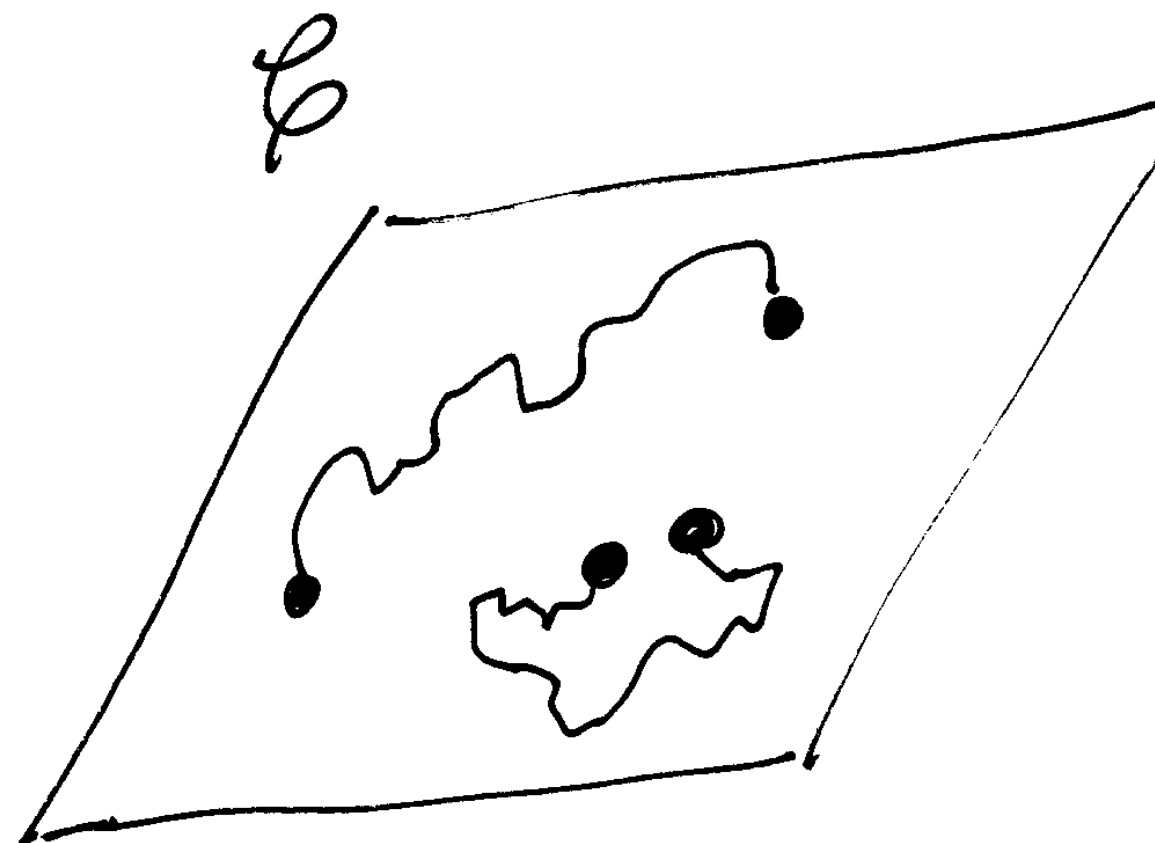
ideal models e.g. p-spin spin glass

low overlap (liquid) \rightarrow high overlap (glass)

{Franz-Parisi}

numerical evidence {Berthier 2013, Parisi-Seoane 2013}

Dynamic



Statics does not \Rightarrow Dynamics

metric \rightarrow Dynamic facilitation

ideal models KCMs

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transition in space of trajectories

active (liquid) \rightarrow inactive (glass)

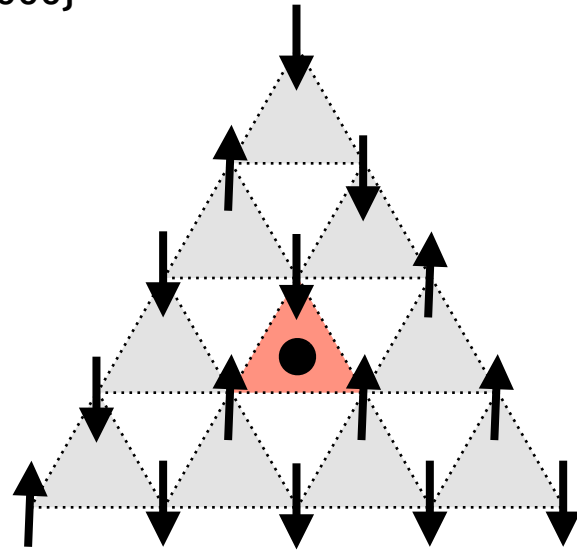
Overlap transitions and facilitation

{JPG, PRE 2014; Turner-Jack-JPG 2014}

Triangular plaquette model (TPM):

{Newman-Moore 1999, JPG-Newman 2000}

$$E = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\Delta} s_i s_j s_k$$

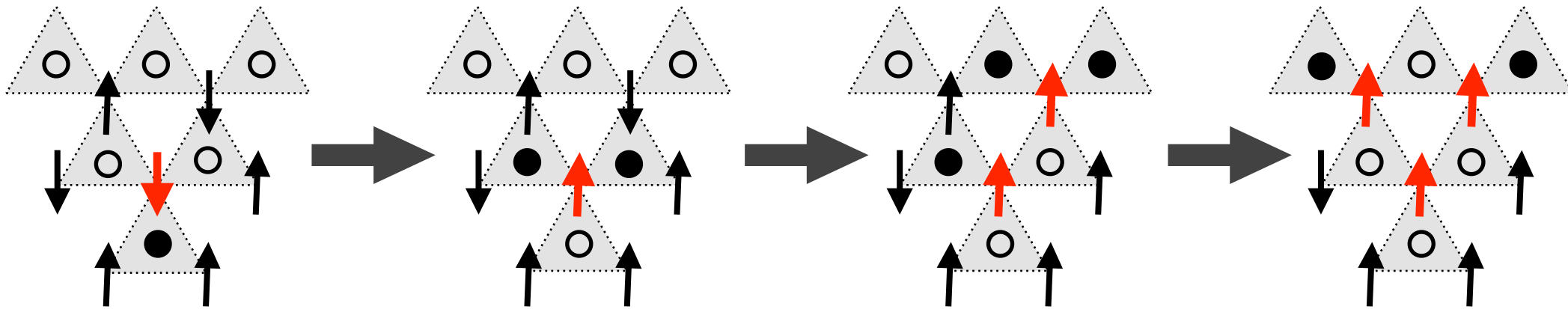


Thermodynamics:

1-1 mapping spins-plaquettes

free plaquettes \rightarrow free localised defects
 \Rightarrow disordered $\forall T$

Dynamics: (effectively) kinetically constrained



Relaxation is hierarchical $\longrightarrow \tau = e^{1/T^2}$ cf. East facilitated model {Sollich-Evans 1999}

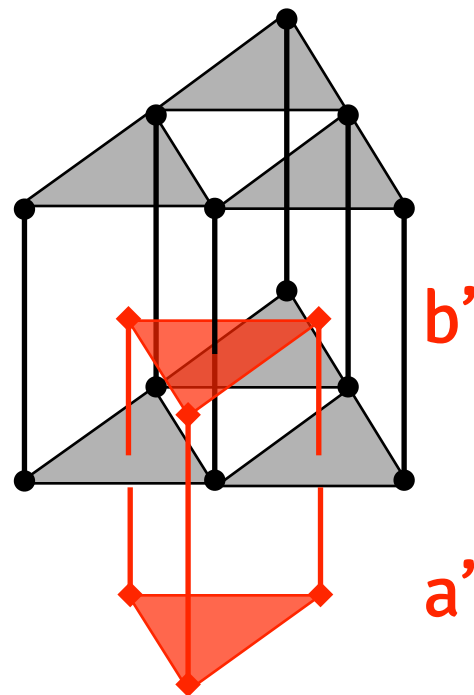
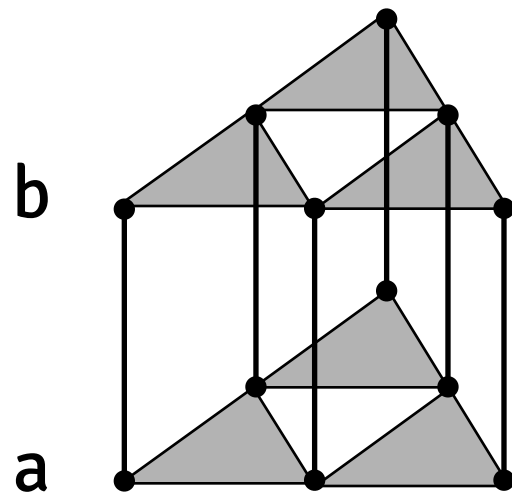
Statics trivial, dynamics complex & glassy, but singular only at $T=0$ (cf. dynamic facilitation)

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Two coupled TPMs (annealed): $E = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\Delta} (s_i^a s_j^a s_k^a + s_i^b s_j^b s_k^b) - \varepsilon \sum_i s_i^a s_i^b$
 {cf. Franz-Parisi}

Exact duality:



$$e^{-2K'_1} = \tanh K_3$$

$$e^{-2K'_3} = \tanh K_1$$

$$Z(K_J, K_\varepsilon) = (\sinh 2K_J \sinh K_\varepsilon)^N Z(K_J^*, K_\varepsilon^*) \quad (2K_J = \beta J, \quad K_\varepsilon = \beta \varepsilon)$$

$$e^{-K_\varepsilon^*} = \tanh K_J, \quad \tanh K_J^* = e^{-K_\varepsilon}$$

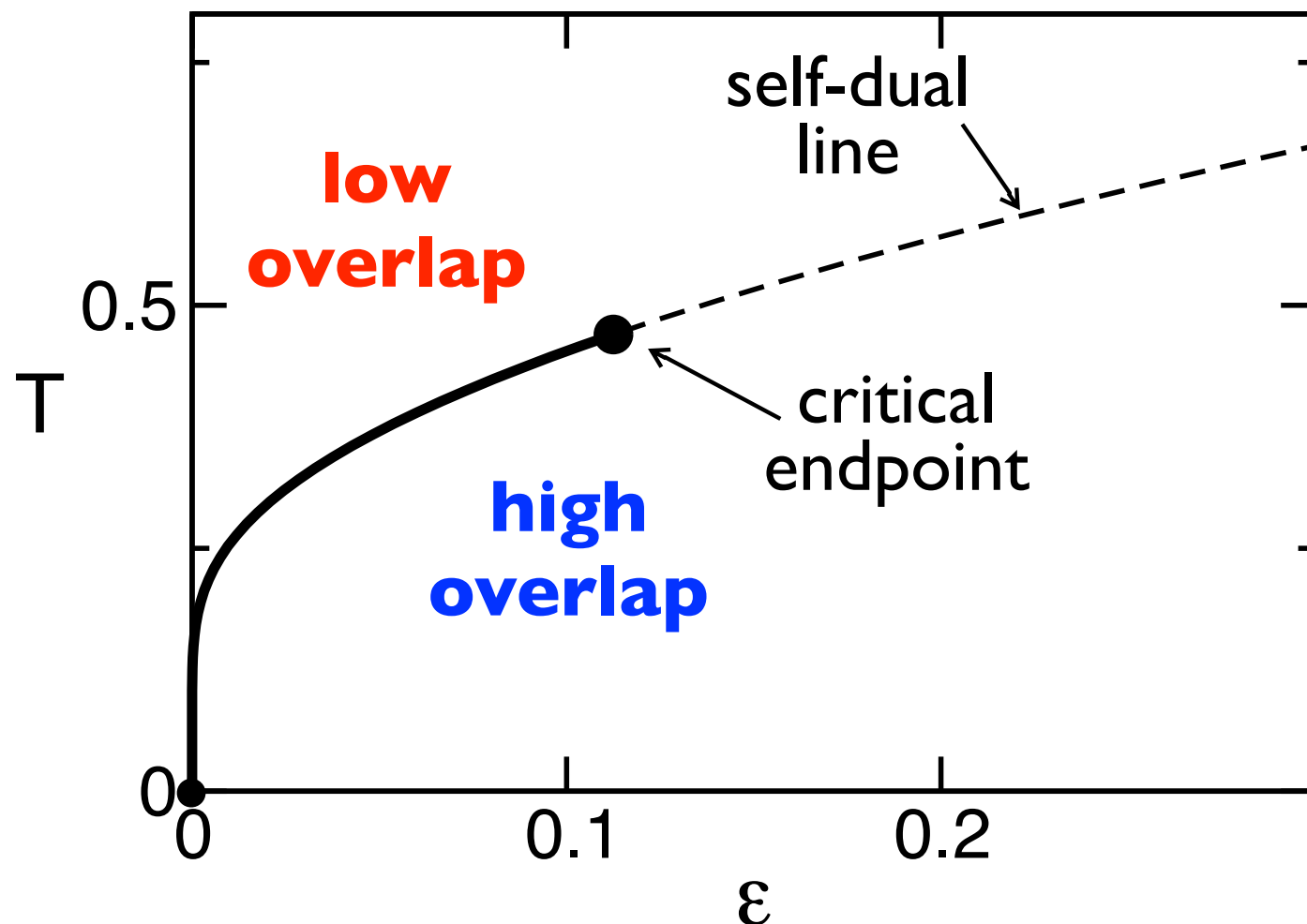
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Self-dual: $\left(\sinh \frac{J}{T} \right) \left(\sinh \frac{\varepsilon}{T} \right) = 1$

Cf. TMP in field {Sasa 2010}
& generalised Baxter-Wu {Nienhuis 2010}



**1st order static transition
at finite coupling
ending at CP (*Ising*)**

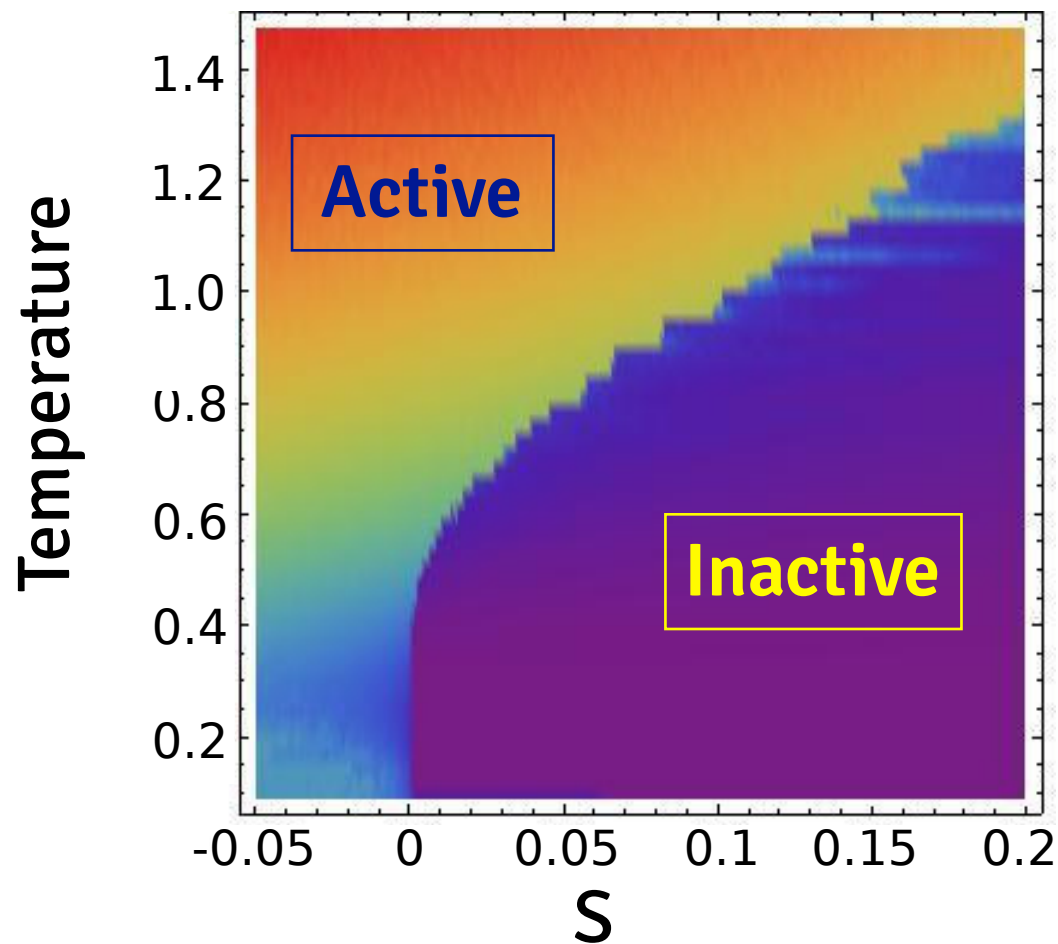
{Turner-Jack-JPG 2014}

transition vanishes at $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

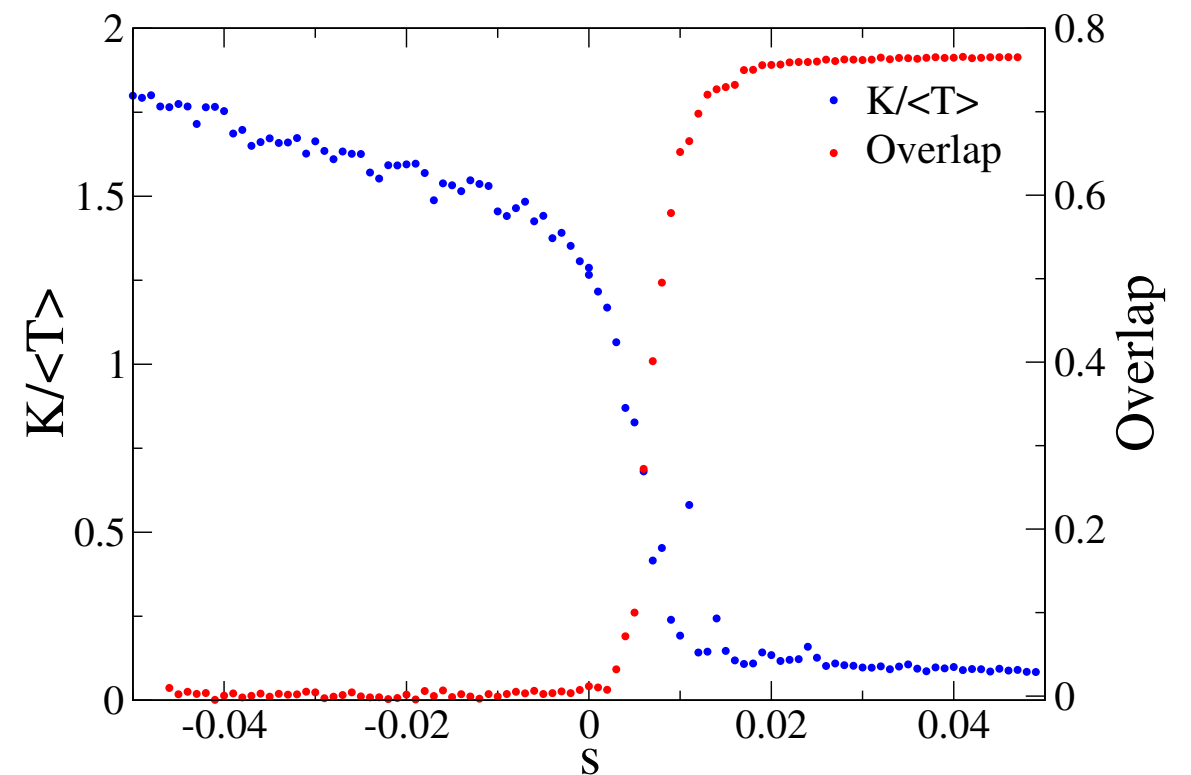
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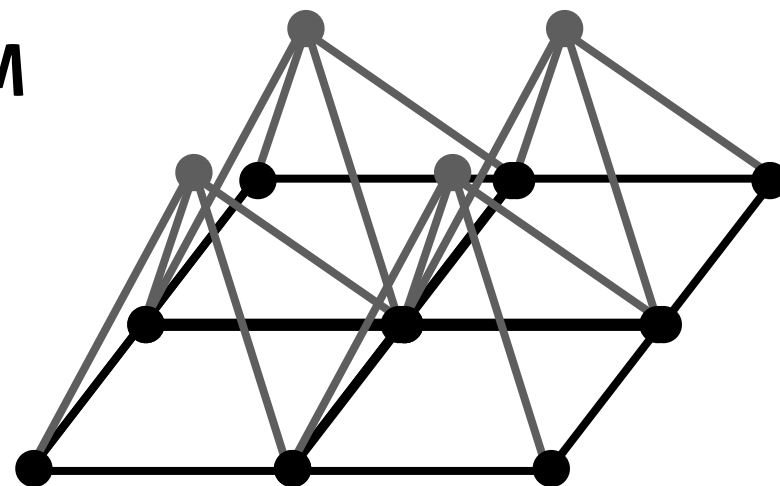
Classify trajectories of TPM according to dynamical activity \rightarrow s-ensemble



1st order transition in activity & overlap



TPM in $D=3 \rightarrow$ SPyM



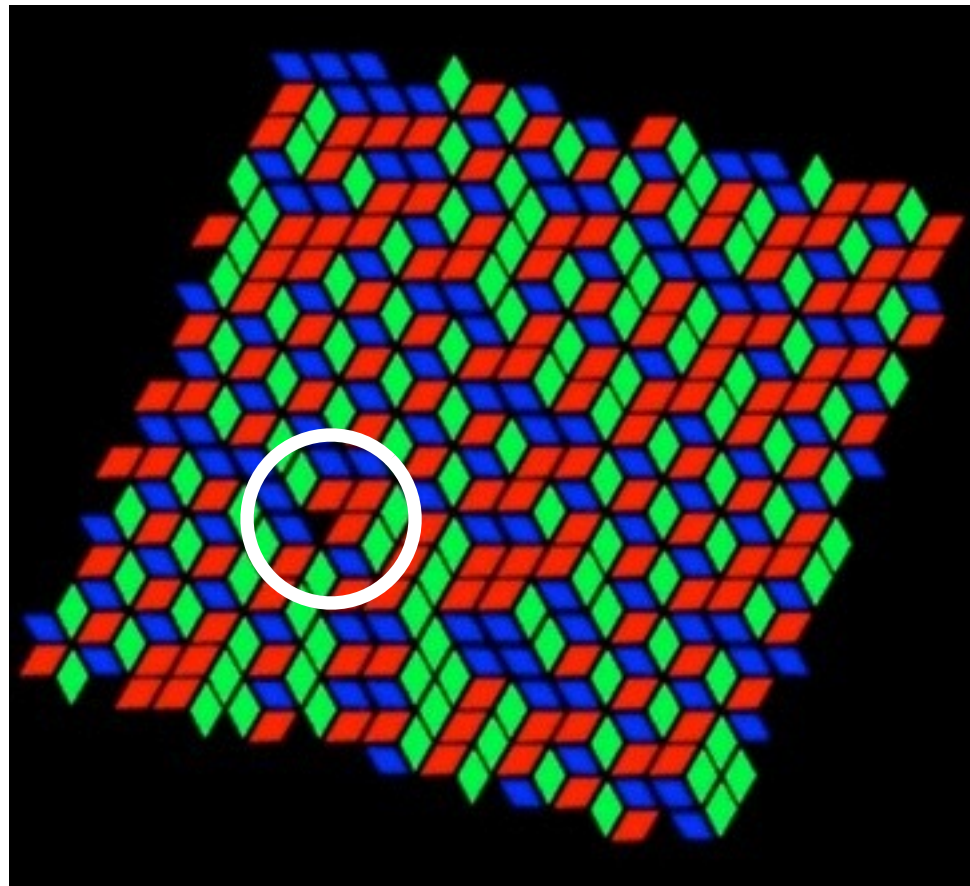
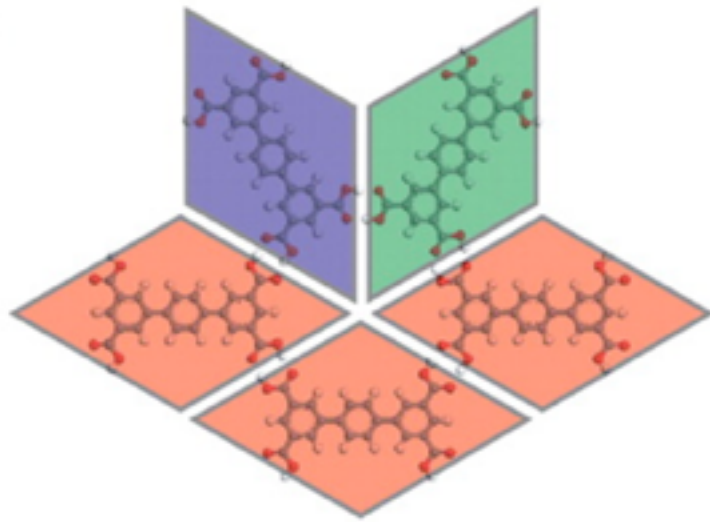
$$E = -J \sum_{\text{py}} S_i S_j S_k S_l S_m$$

spins-pyramids 1-1
same dualities as TPM

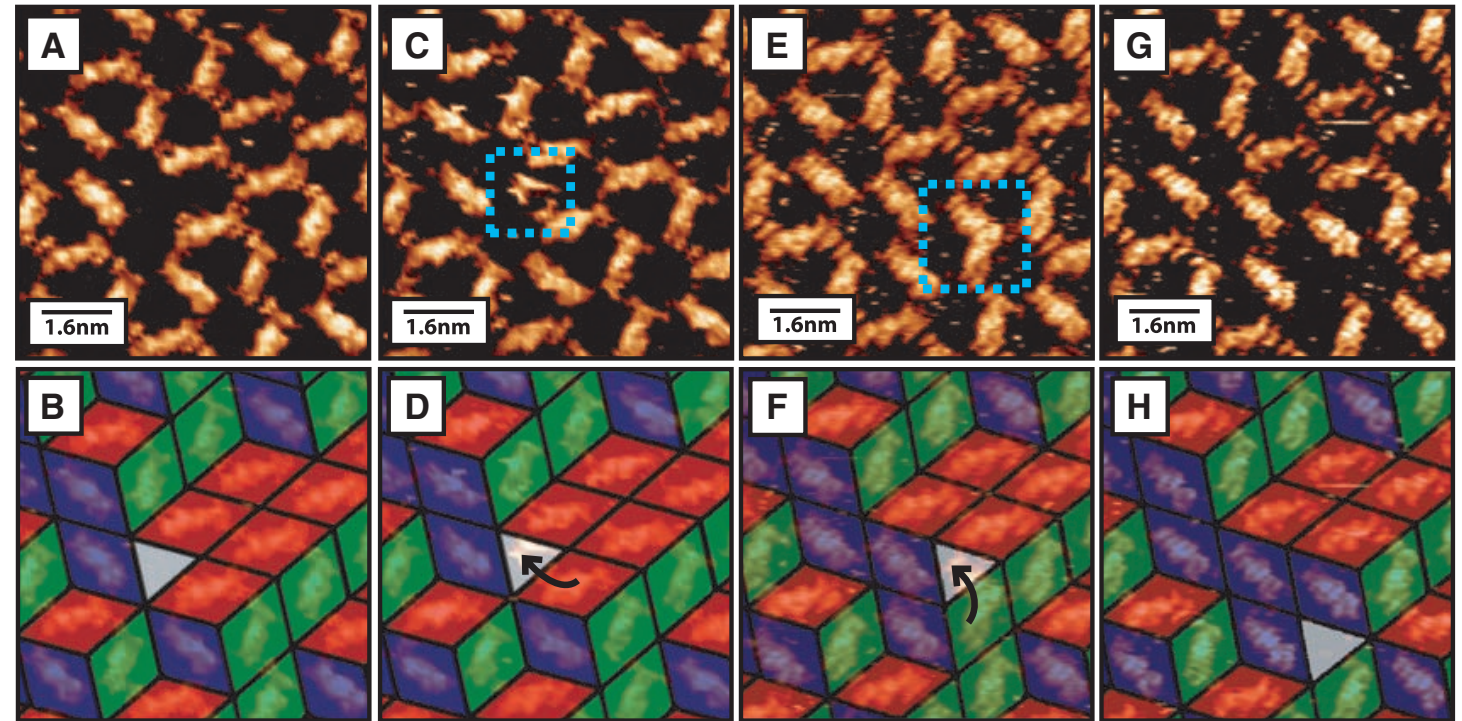
Similar features in tilings / dimer coverings / “spin-ice”-like systems

Eg. molecular random tilings

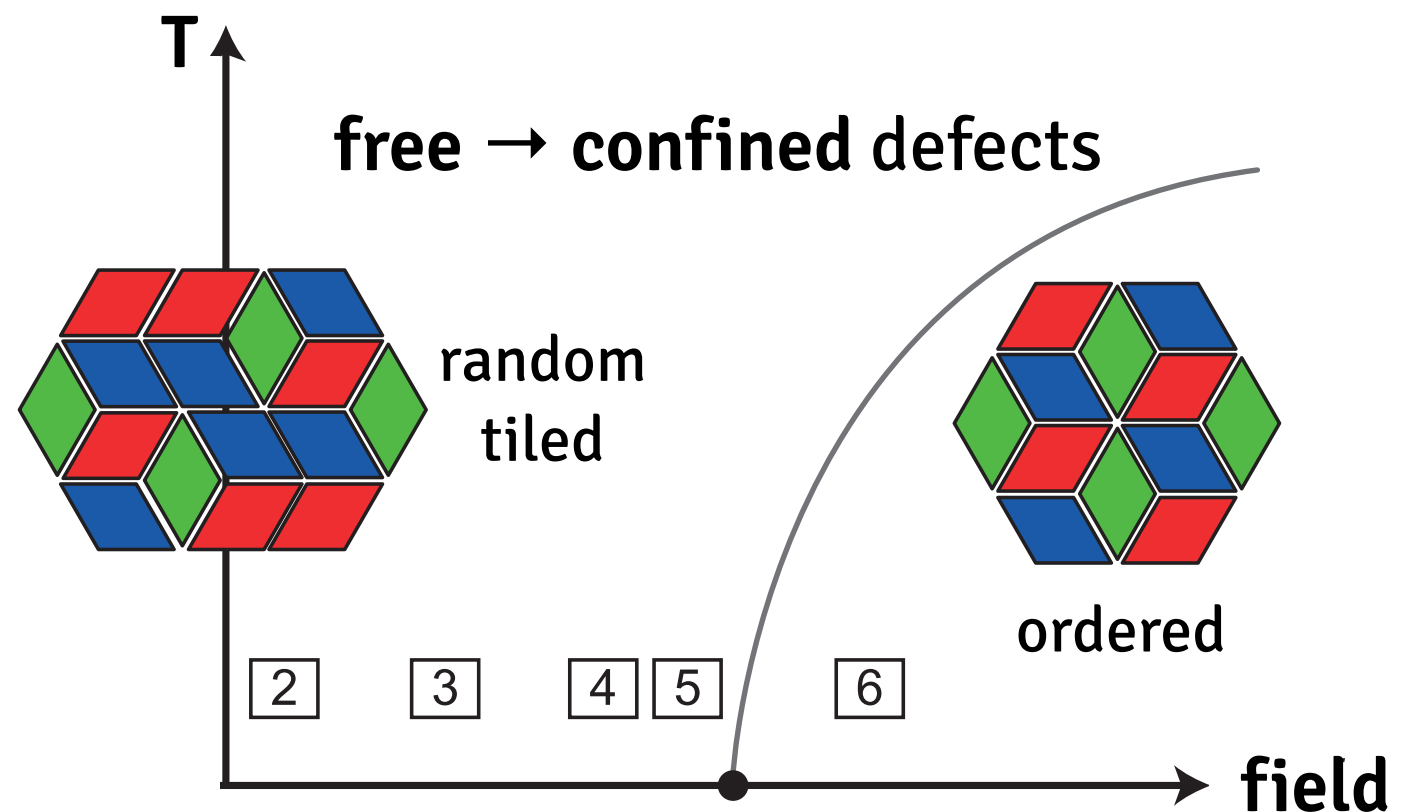
{Beton+Champness+Blunt+Whitelam+Stannard+...+JPG}



“mosaics” for real



dynamics facilitated by localised free defects



Many-body localisation (MBL) transition:

{Basko-Aleiner-Altshuler 2006, Huse+, many others}

- ▶ Cf. Anderson localisation but for **interacting system**
- ▶ Singular change **throughout spectrum**
- ▶ Eigenstates change from “thermal” (**ETH** {Deutsch, Sdrenicki}) to **MBL**
- ▶ Observables **do not relax** in MBL phase
- ▶ Often thought of as “**glass transition**” but modelled with **disorder**

**Can KCMs (as models for classical glasses) say
anything about quantum MBL?**

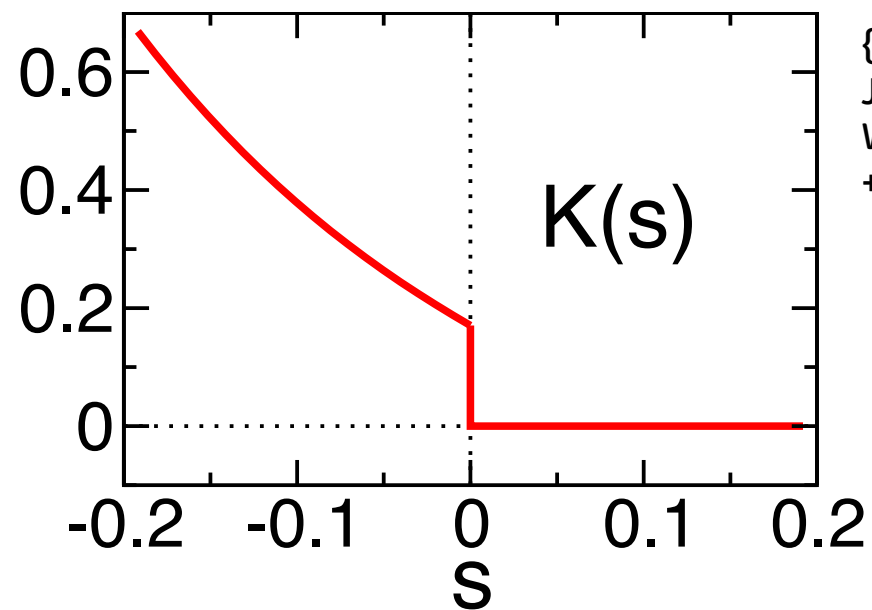
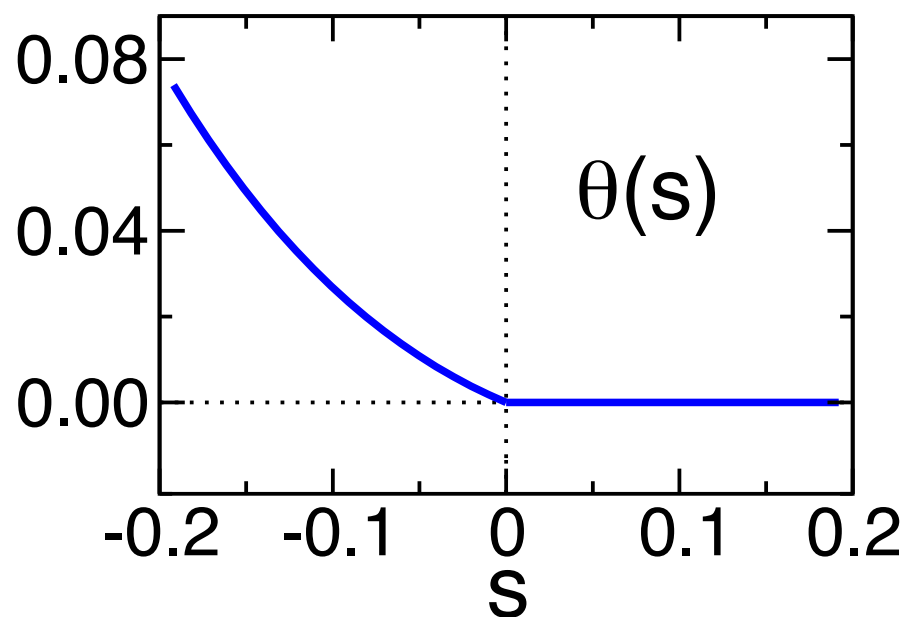
KCMs and many-body localisation in closed quantum systems

{Hickey-Genway-JPG, arXiv:1405.5780}

Recap: active-inactive “space-time” transitions in KCMs (eg. East/FA)

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Largest e/value = cumulant G.F. for activity \rightarrow 1st order phase transition



{Merolle-Chandler-JPG, 2005,
JPG+Jack+Lecomte+van
Wijland+, PRL 2007, JPA 2009,
+ others}

Can transform into Hermitian operator through equilibrium distribution

$$\mathbb{H}_s \equiv -\mathbb{P}^{-1} \mathbb{W}_s \mathbb{P} = - \sum_i n_{i-1} \left[e^{-s} \sqrt{\epsilon} \sigma_i^x - \epsilon(1 - n_i) - n_i \right] + (i \leftrightarrow i - 1)$$

Consider as Hamiltonian and corresponding quantum unitary dynamics $|\psi_t\rangle = e^{-it\mathbb{H}_s} |\psi_0\rangle$

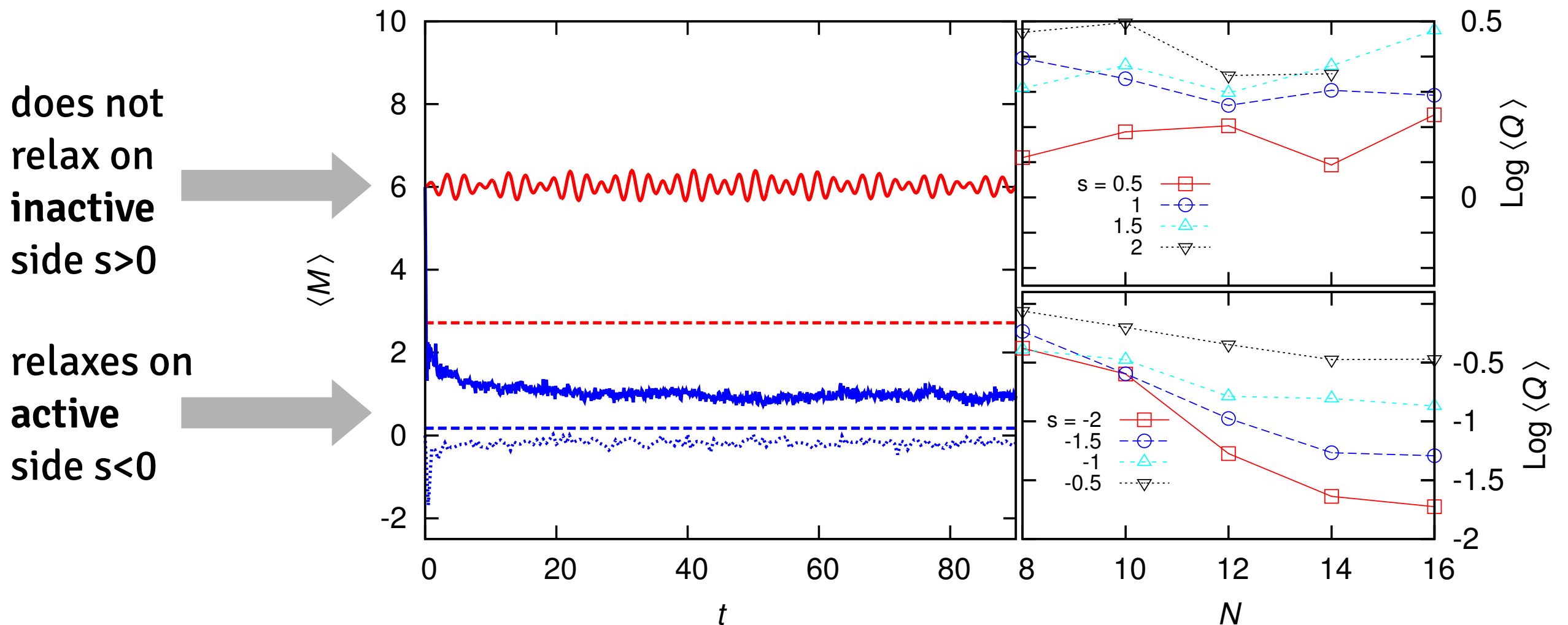
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Signatures of MBL transition: (i) relaxation / non-relaxation of observables

time evolution of magnetisation $\langle M \rangle_t = \sum_i \langle \psi_t | \sigma_i^z | \psi_t \rangle$

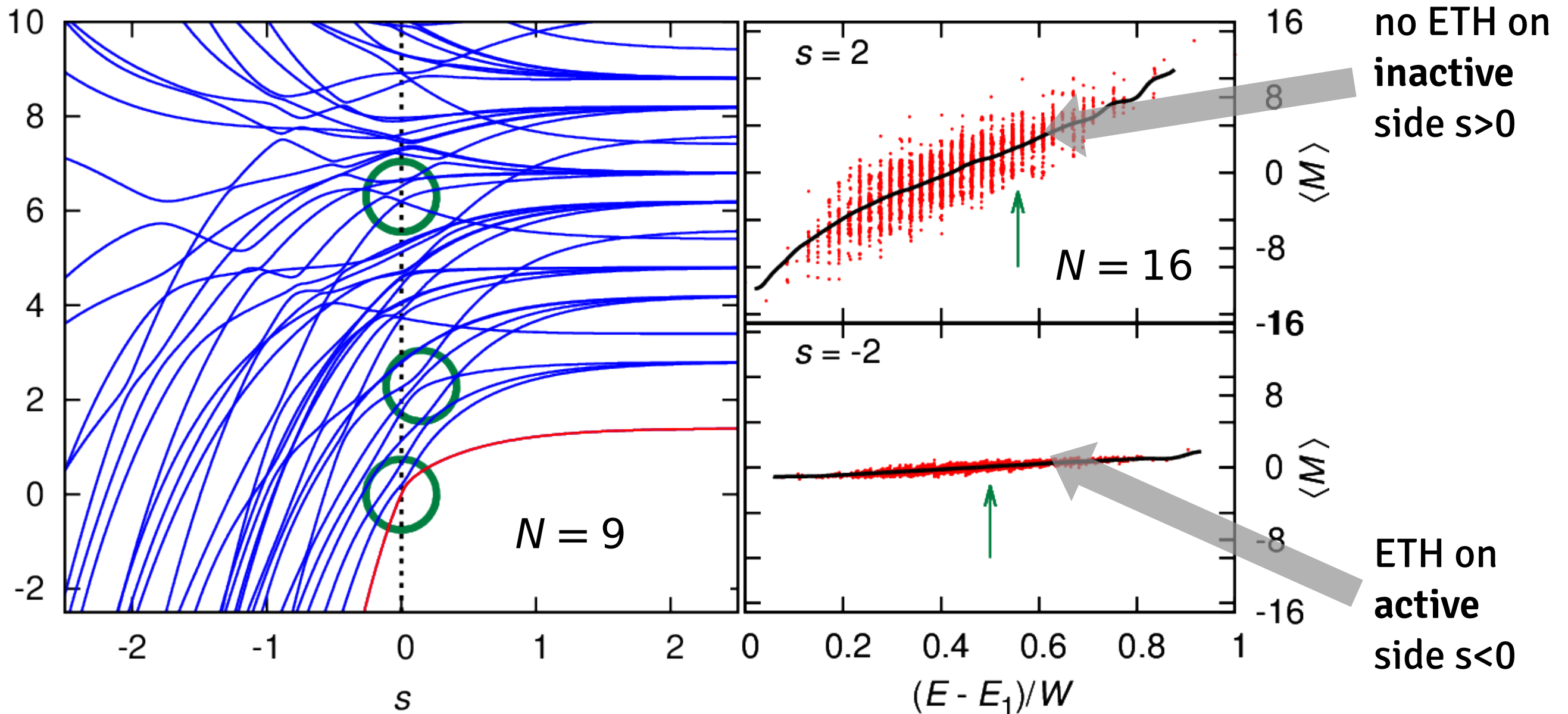


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Signatures of MBL transition: (ii) transitions throughout spectrum

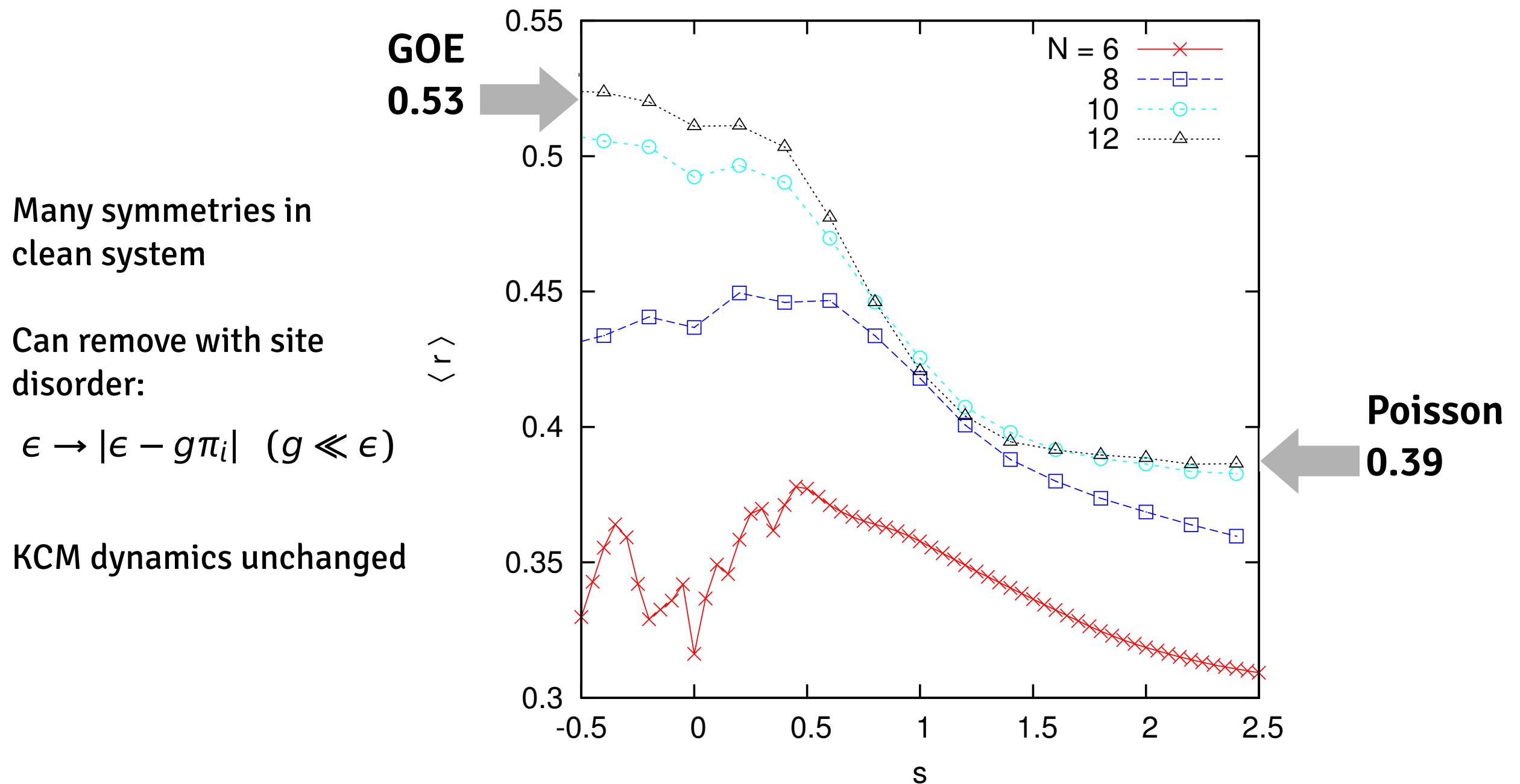


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Signatures of MBL transition: (iii) level spacing statistics

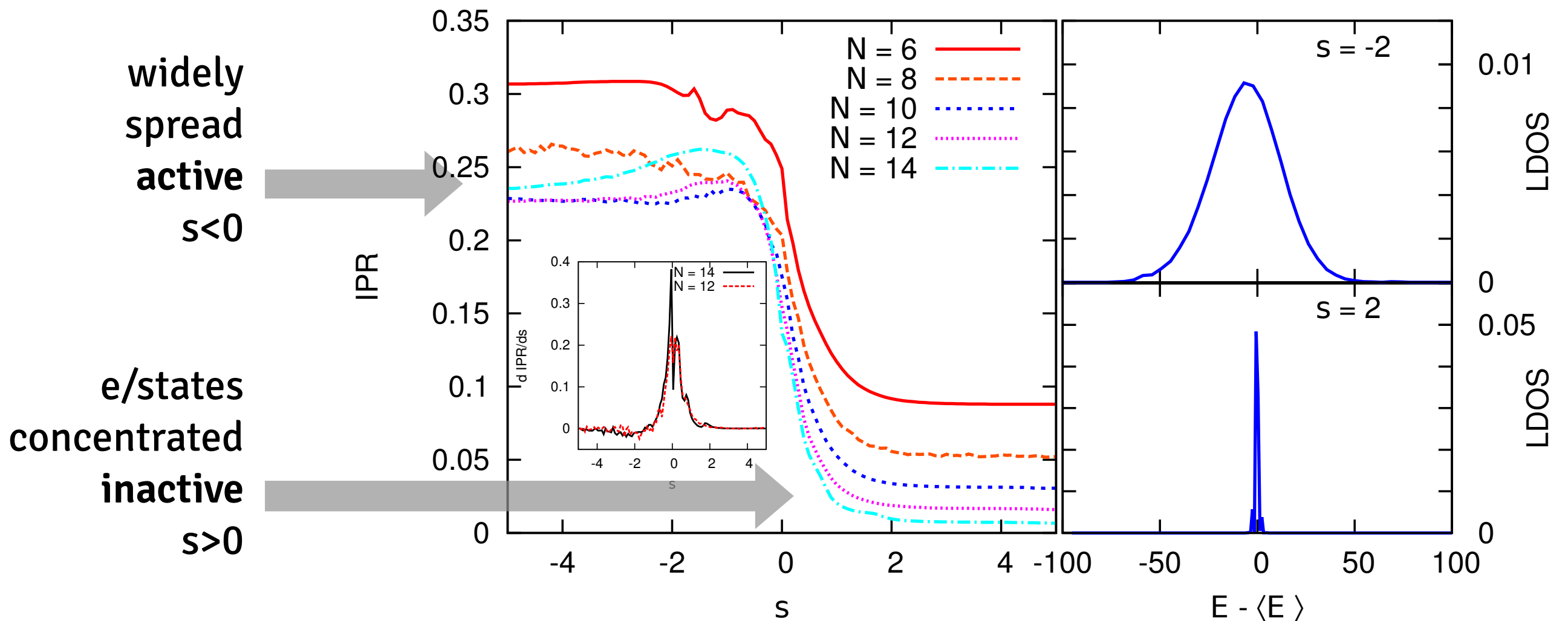


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Signatures of MBL transition: (iv) localisation onto classical basis



\Rightarrow active-inactive transition \rightarrow 1st order MBL transition in whole spectrum

MBL transition without disorder

SUMMARY

“Thermodynamics of trajectories” based on LD theory

Glass transition as a active/inactive transition in trajectory space

KCM glass models as models for MBL without disorder