

# Random organization with mediated interactions

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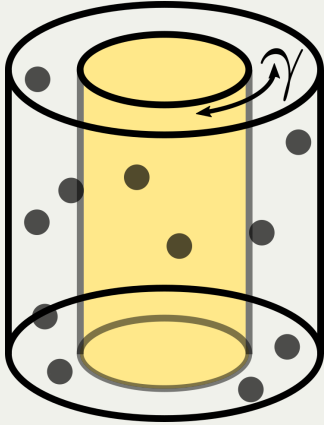
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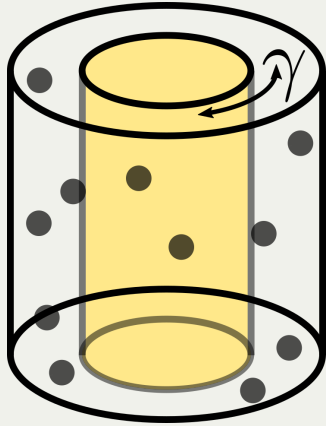
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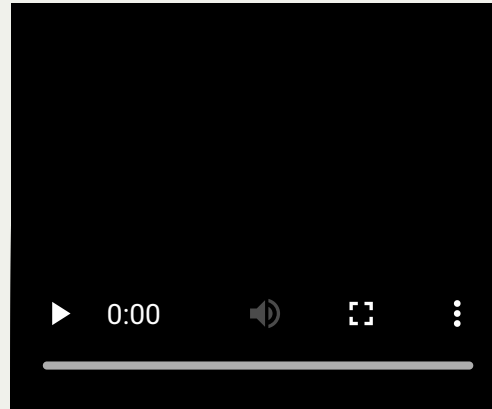
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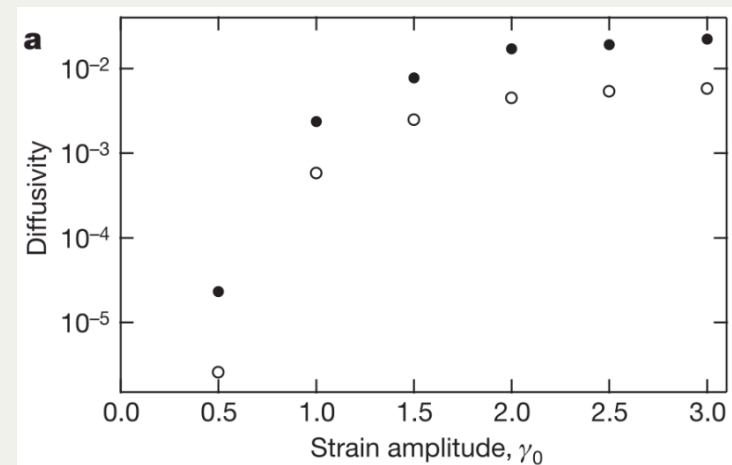
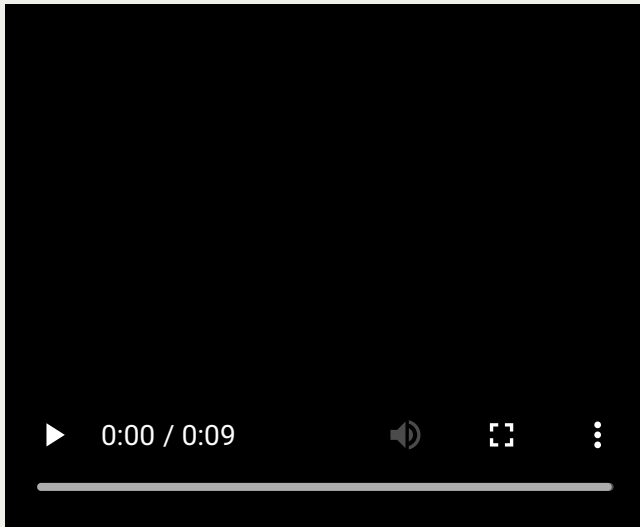
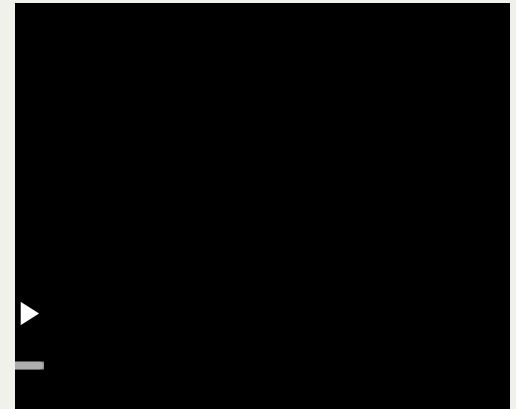


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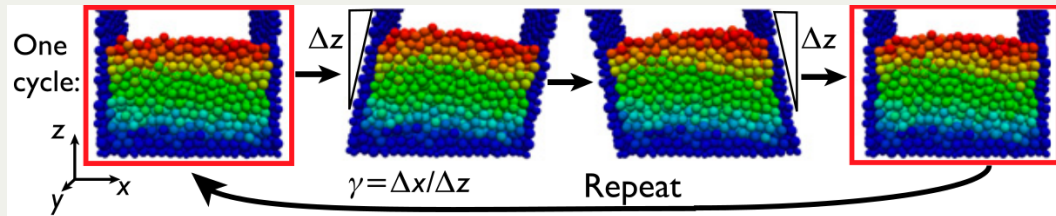
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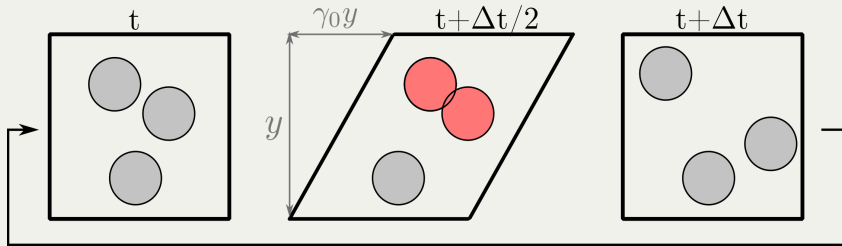
**Emulsions**, moderately concentrated [Jeanneret & Bartolo, 2014-2015], very concentrated [Knowlton, Pine & Cipelletti, 2014]

**Soft glasses**, experimental [Hima Nagamanasa et al, 2014], simulations [Fiocco, Foffi & Sastry, 2013]

**Dry granular material** [Royer & Chaikin, 2015]

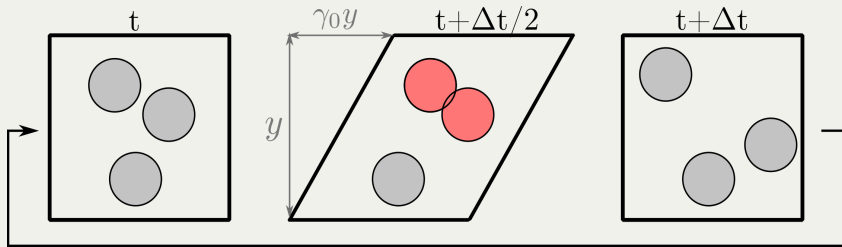


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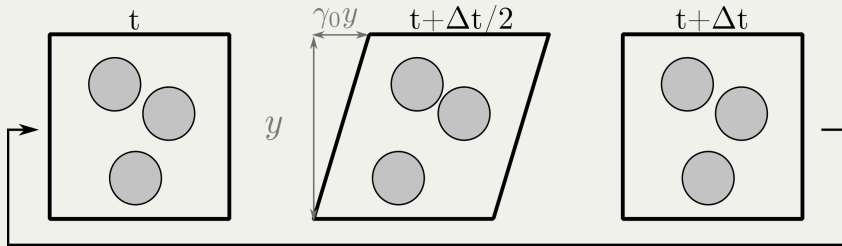


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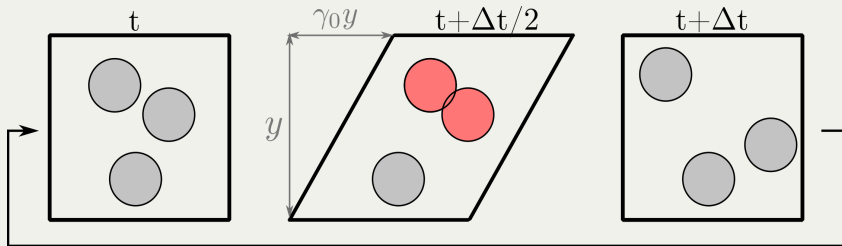


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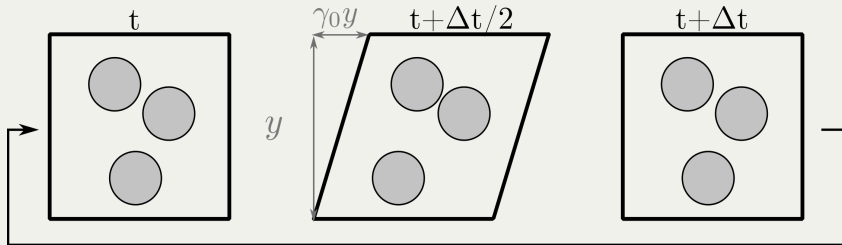


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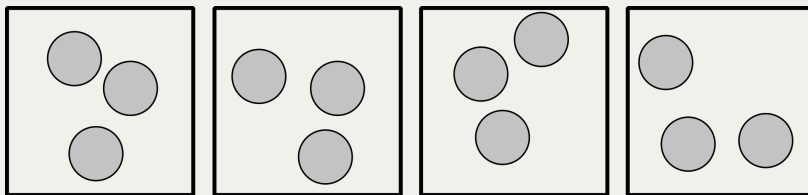
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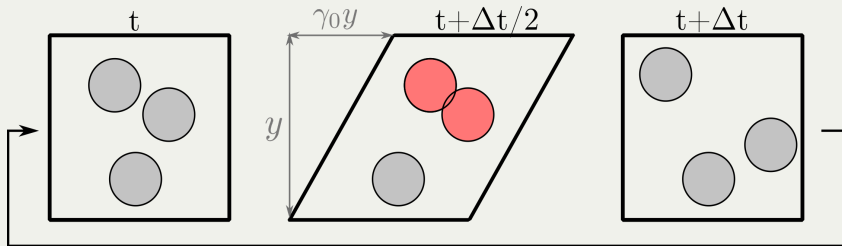


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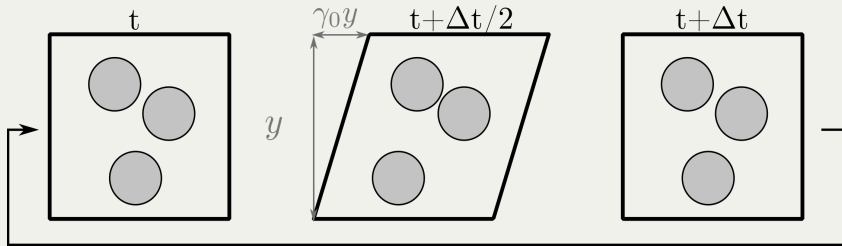


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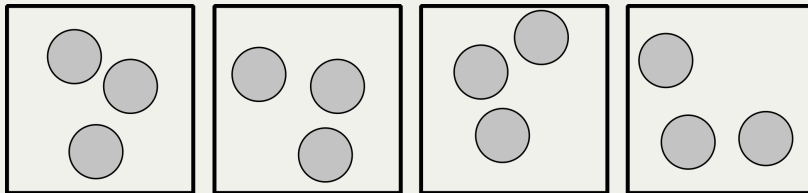
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Stroboscopic sampling:

**absorbing phase transition with infinitely many absorbing states and a conserved quantity**

Expectation: continuous transition in the **Conserved Directed Percolation (CDP) class** [Pastor-Satorras & Vespignani, 2000]



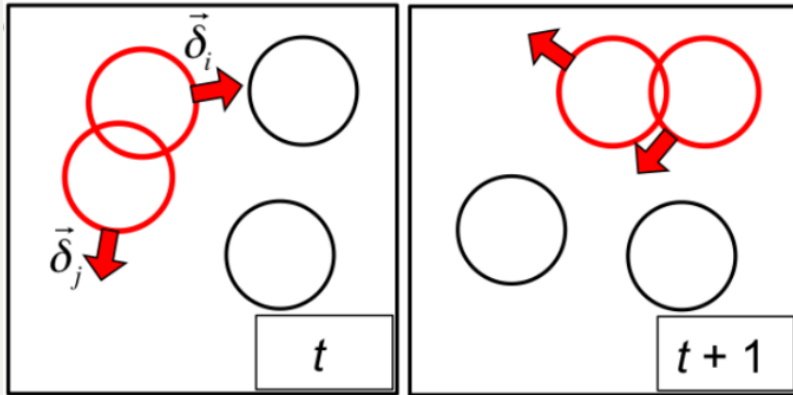
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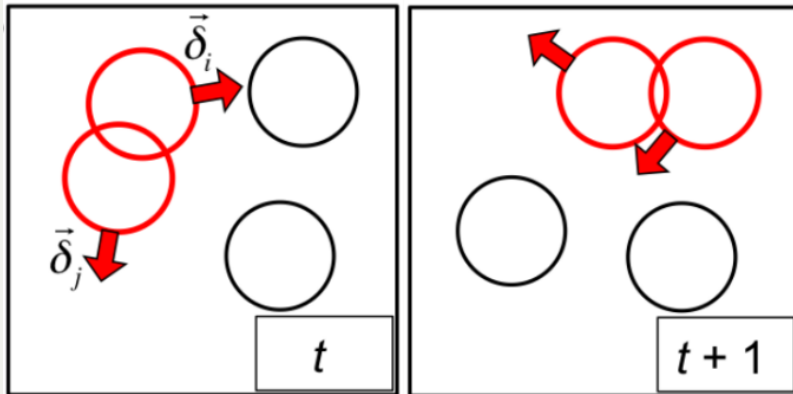
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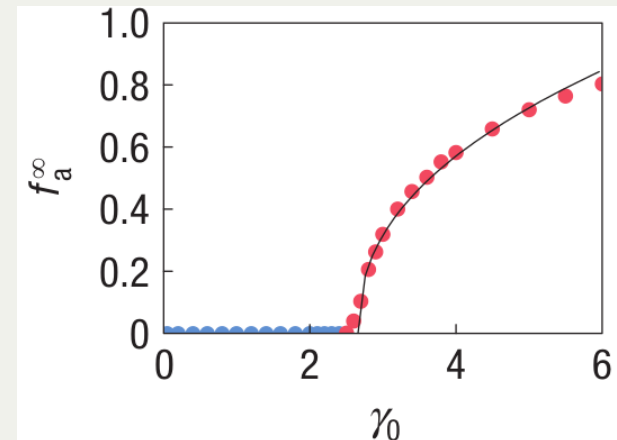


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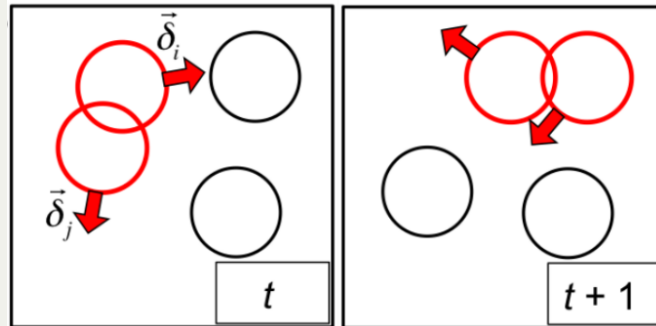
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Absorbing phase transition  $A \sim (\phi - \phi_c)^\beta$

$\beta < 1$ , values compatible with CDP (although debated)



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[Menon & Ramaswamy, 2009]

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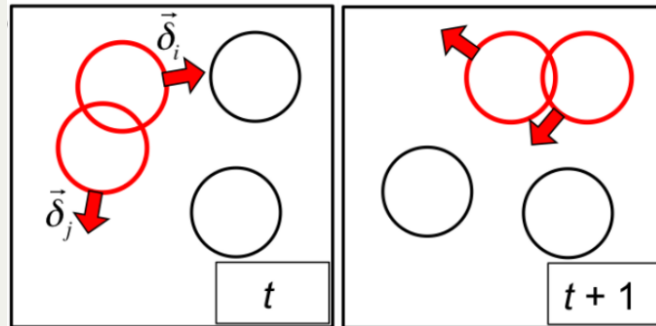
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$$\langle A \rangle \sim (\phi - \phi_c)^\beta$$

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Fluctuations diverge

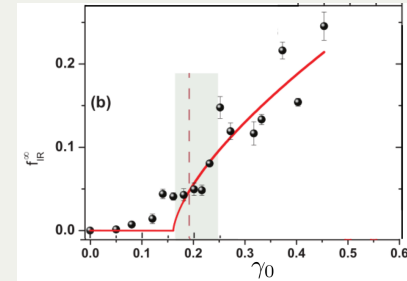
$$N \langle (A - \langle A \rangle)^2 \rangle \sim (\phi - \phi_c)^{-\gamma'}$$

with  $\gamma' \approx 0.37$  for  $d = 2$  (0 in MF)

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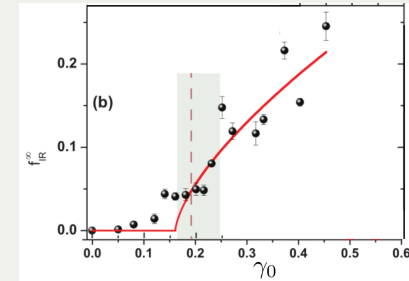
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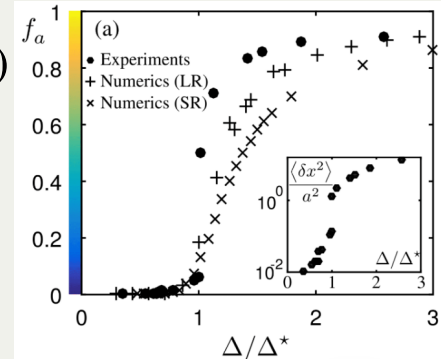
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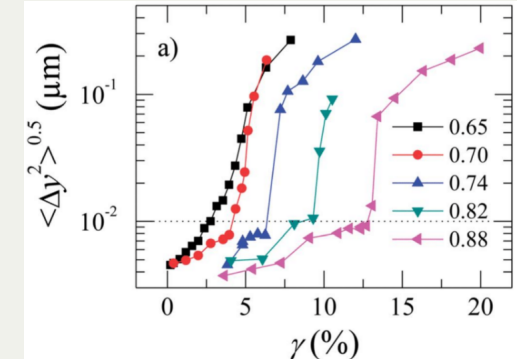


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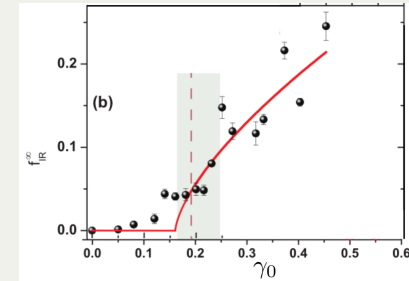
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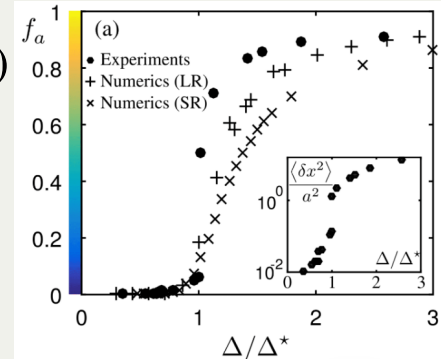
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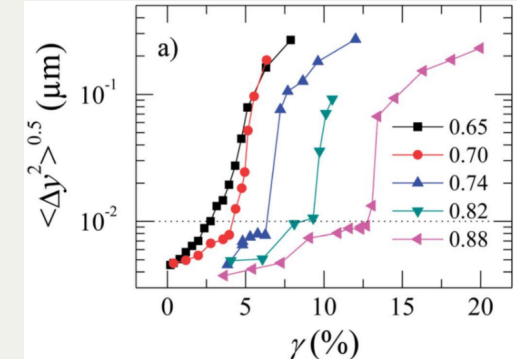


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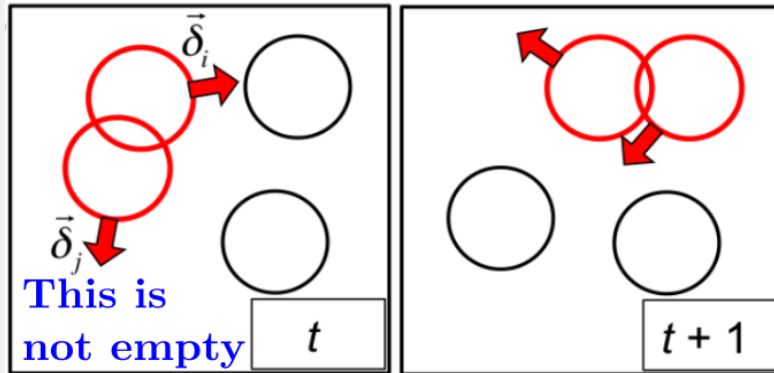
Not clarified by simulations of realistic models either (observed CDP, continuous but not CDP, first order)

**Need for refined minimal models**

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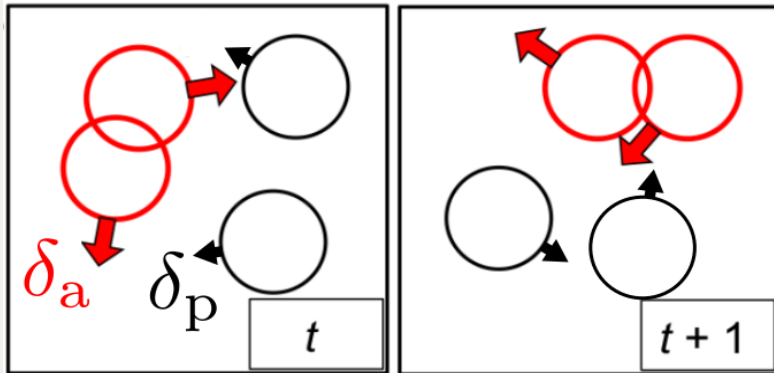




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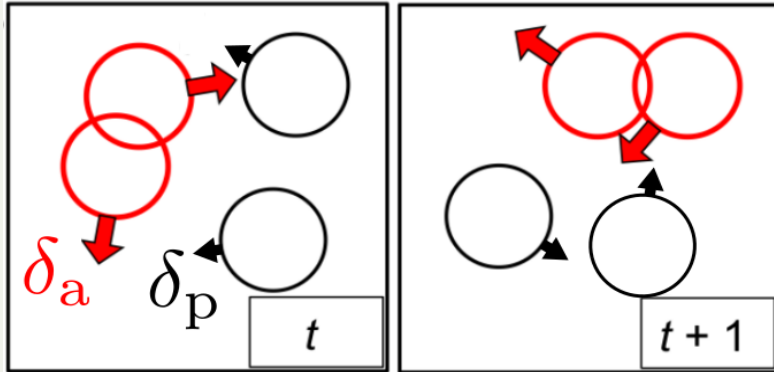
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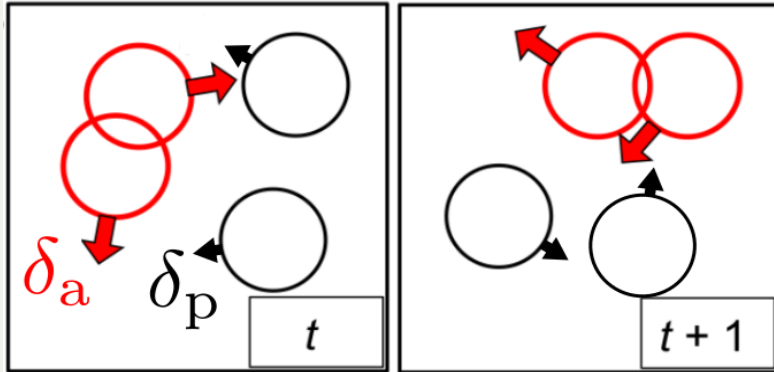
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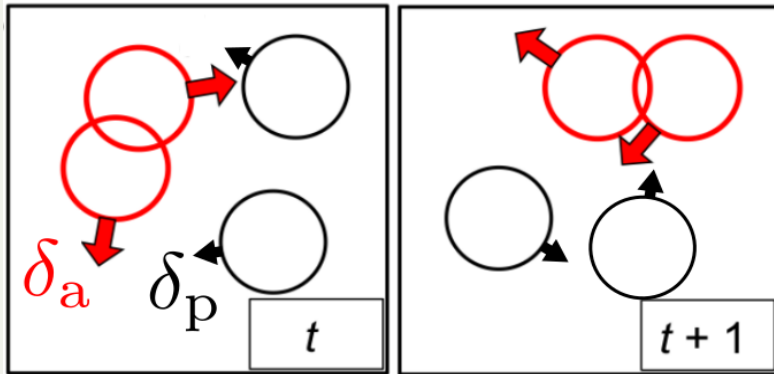
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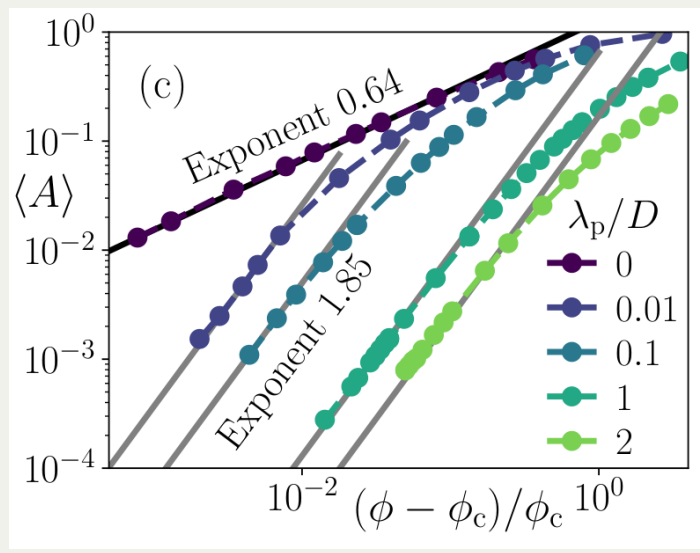
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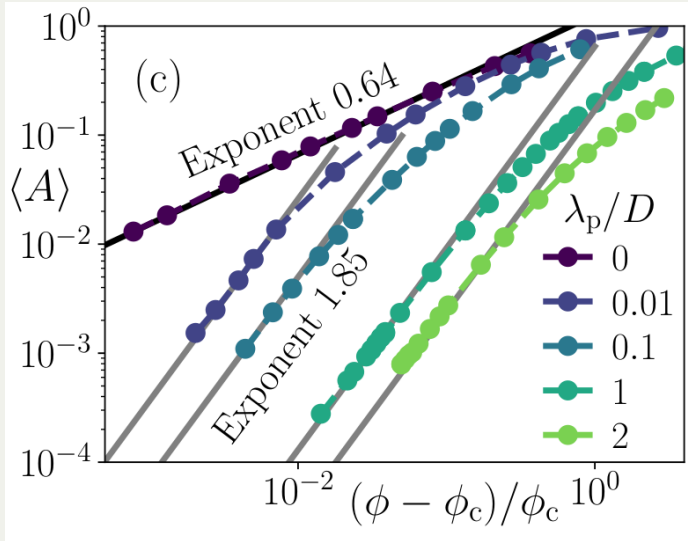
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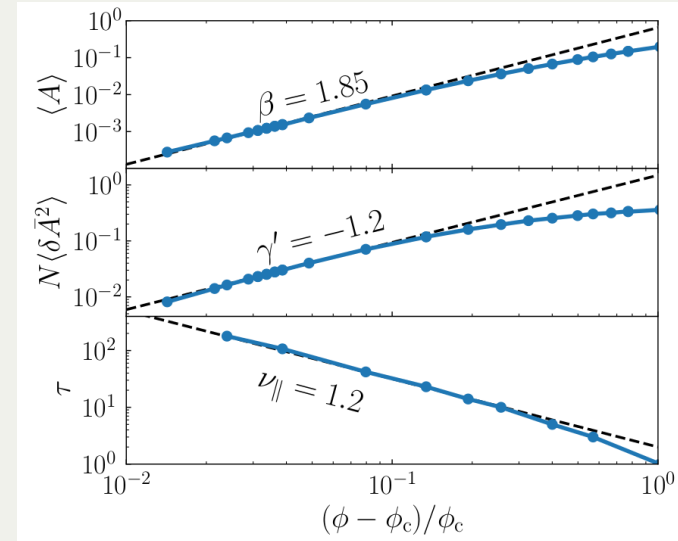


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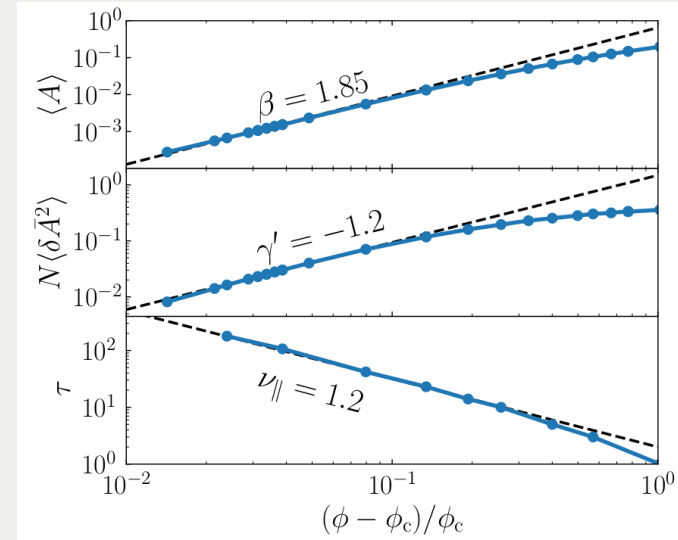
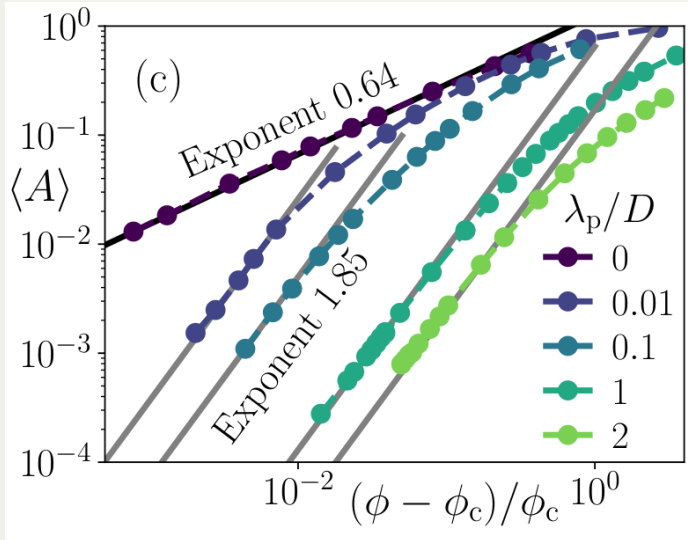


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Mean-field is convex, with  $\beta = 2!$

New universality class for RIT with mediated interactions?

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For Picard model

[Picard, Ajdari, Lequeux & Bocquet, 2004]

