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# Advanced Percolation

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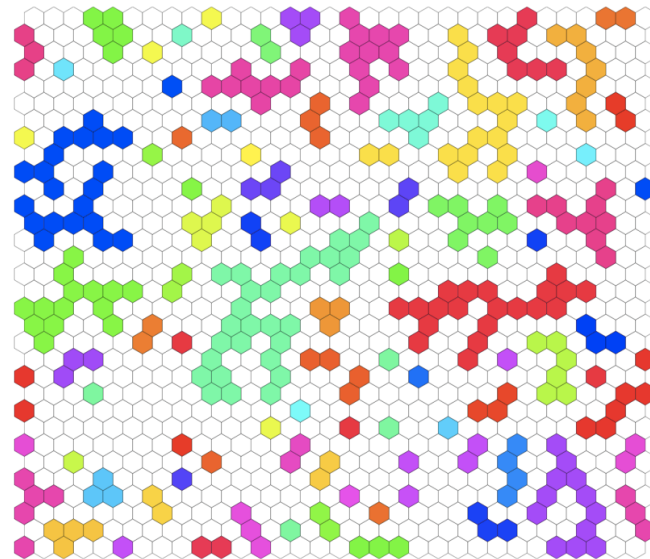
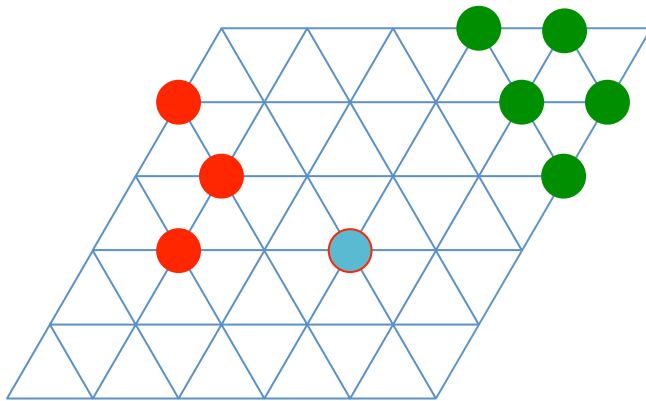
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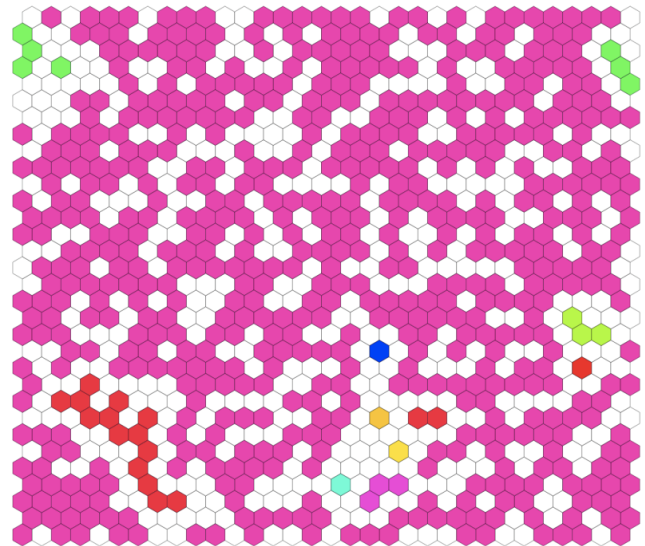
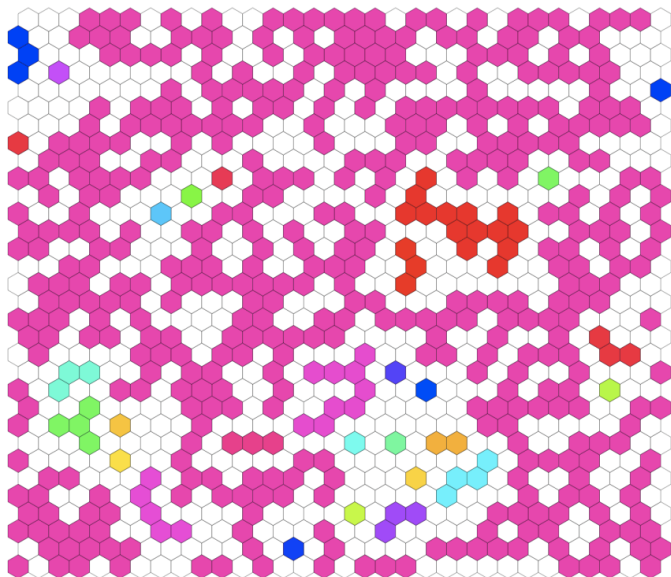
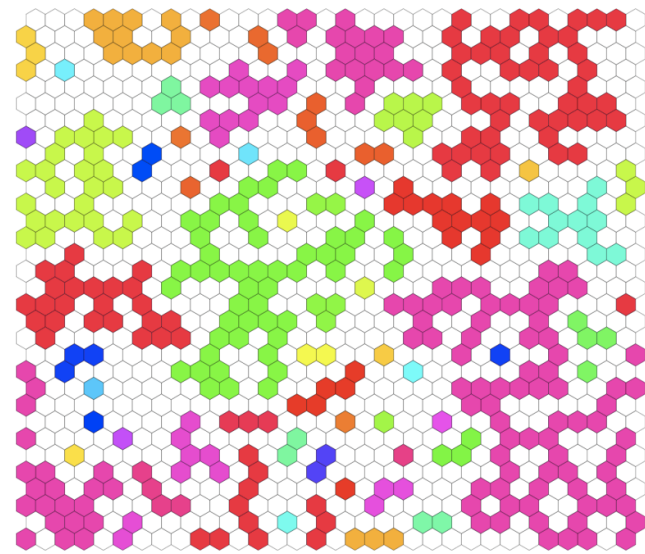
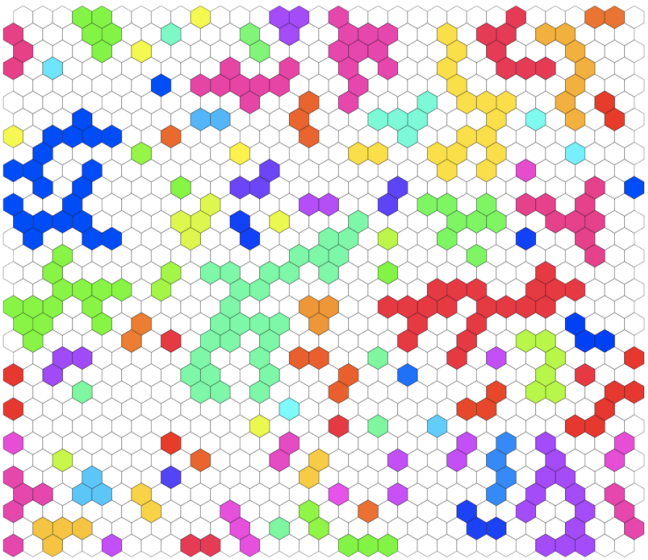
# Percolation

- Emergence of **connectivity** in random systems
- One of the simplest statistical mechanical models showing **critical behavior**
- Applications to studies of porous media, random networks, epidemiology, polymerization, electrical conductivity

# Site percolation

- Site percolation on the triangular lattice = tiling of hexagons on a honeycomb lattice
- Let  $p$  = probability that a site or tile is “occupied”

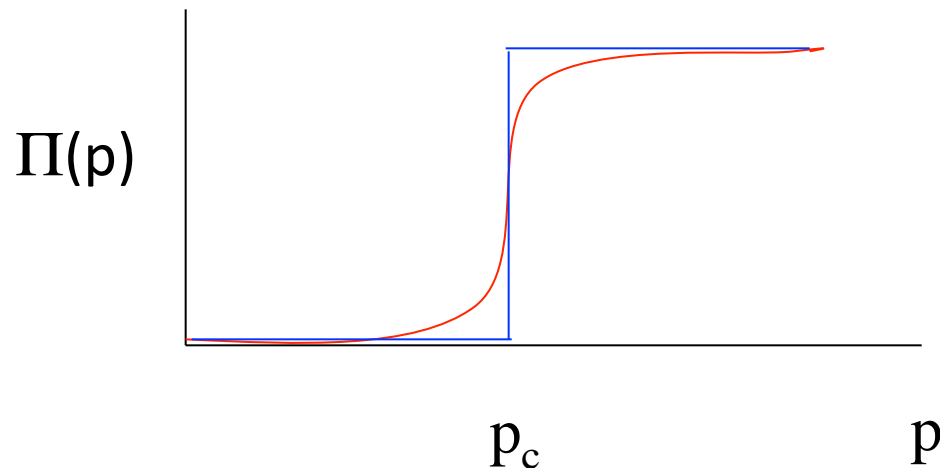




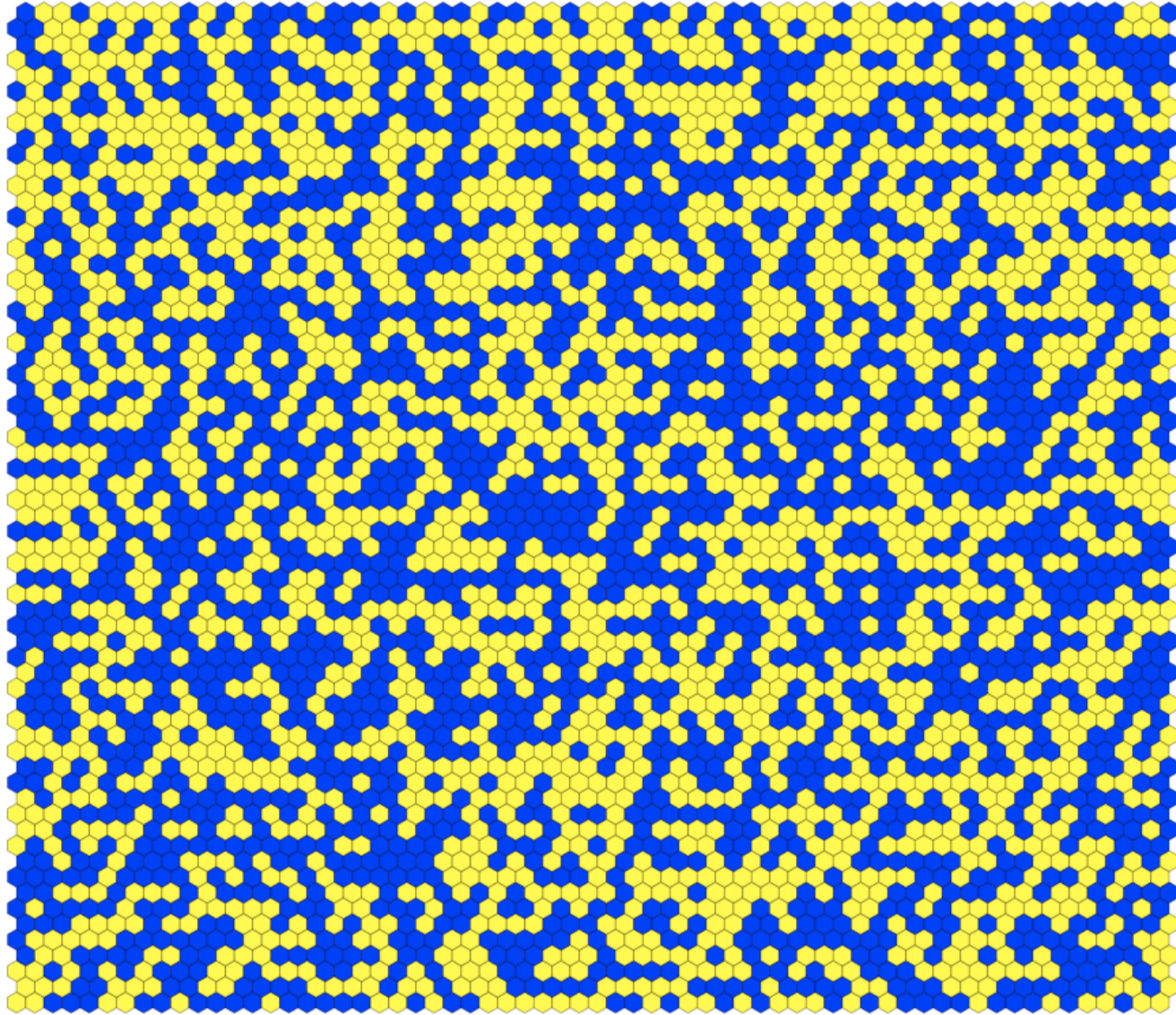
- $p = 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6$ , showing clusters of occupied tiles. At  $p = 0.5$ , a cluster “percolates” (crosses, or wraps around for periodic b.c.).

# Percolation probability

- Let  $\Pi(p)$  be the probability that the system **percolates**. (In this case, that can mean wrapping around).
- As the system size  $L$  goes to infinity,  $\Pi(p)$  becomes a step function and defines the critical threshold  $p_c$ .



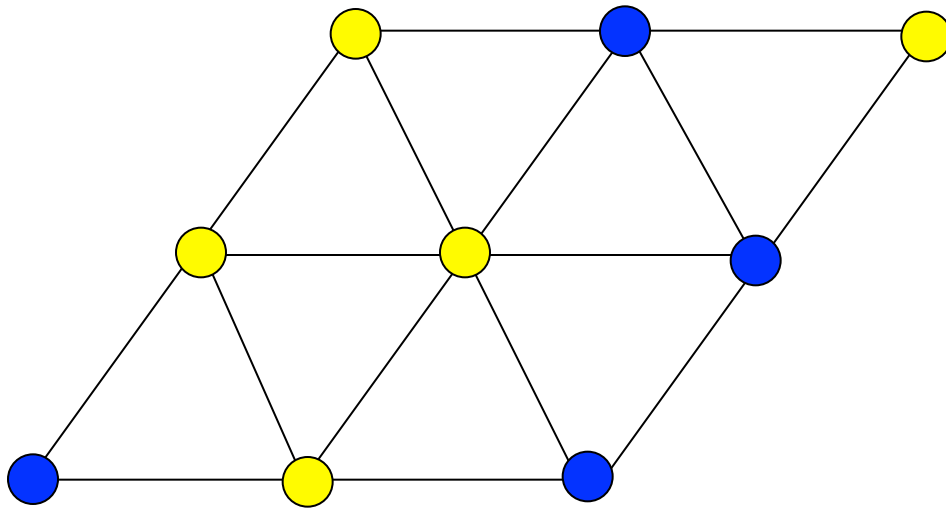




- System at threshold,  $p = 0.5$

# Percolation threshold

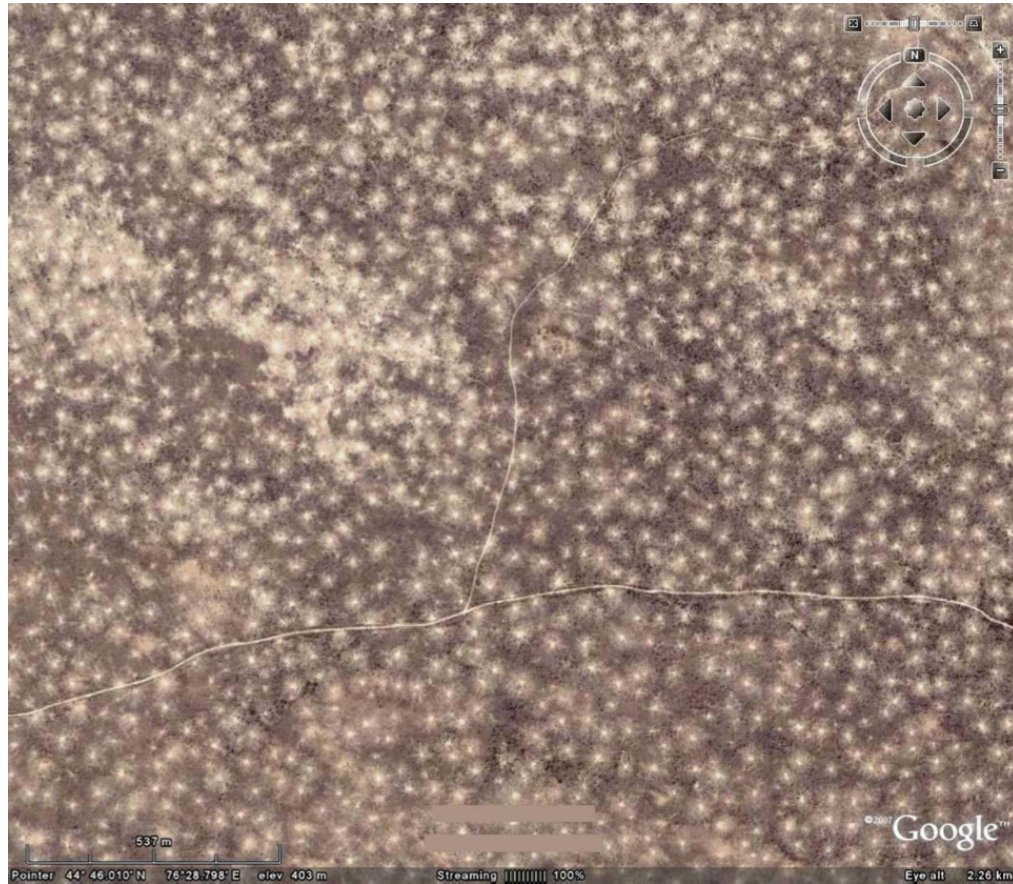
- By symmetry,  $p_c$  equals  $1/2$  for the hexagonal tiling.
- This system is equivalent to *site percolation* on a triangular lattice:



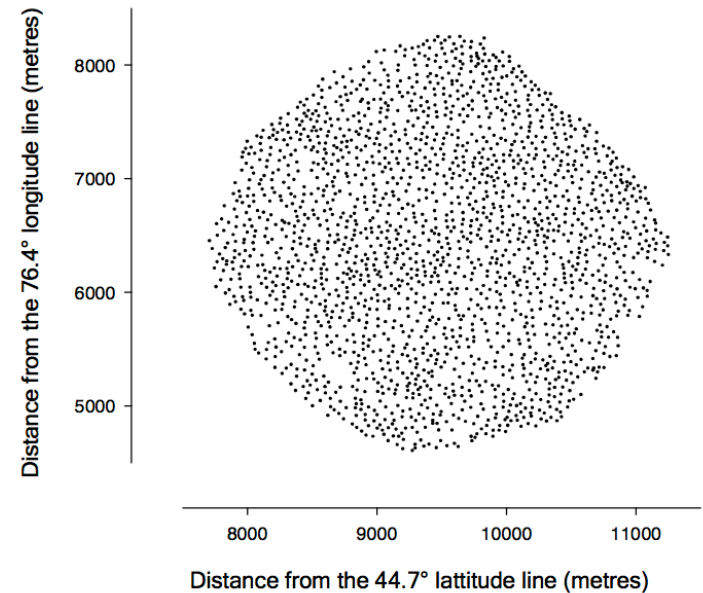
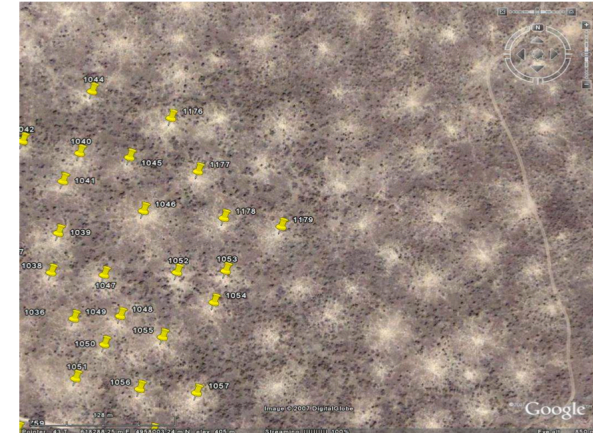
## LETTERS

# The abundance threshold for plague as a critical percolation phenomenon

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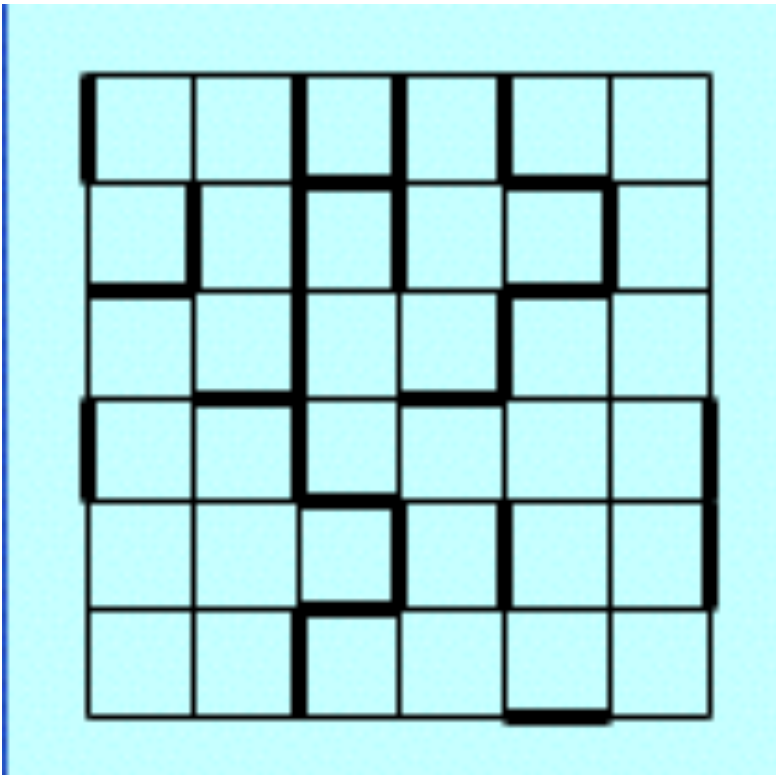


Prairie dog colonies viewed from space (Google map)





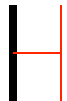
## Bond percolation on the square lattice:



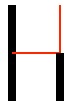
Bonds are made  
“occupied” (conducting)  
with an independent  
probability  $p$

Sites connected by bonds  
form *clusters*.


Exact enumeration on 2 x 3 system (16 percolating diagrams out of  $2^5 = 32$  total)




$$2p^2 q^3$$



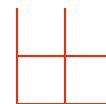
$$4p^3 q^2$$




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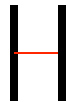


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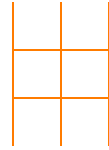


$$p^5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_2(p) &= 2p^2 q^3 + 8p^3 q^2 + 5p^4 q + p^5 \\ &= 2p^2 + 2p^3 - 5p^4 + 2p^5 \end{aligned}$$

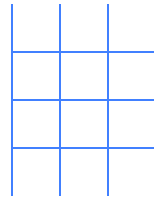
# L x (L+1) system, bond percolation

L = 3 13 bonds  $2^{13}$  graphs



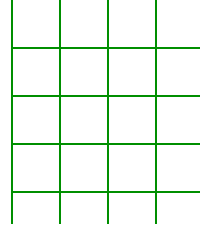
$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_3(p) = & p^{13} + 13p^{12}q + 78p^{11}q^2 + 283p^{10}q^3 + 677p^9q^4 + 1078p^8q^5 \\ & + 1089p^7q^6 + 627p^6q^7 + 209p^5q^8 + 38p^4q^9 + 3p^3q^{10} \end{aligned}$$

L = 4 25 bonds  $2^{25}$  graphs



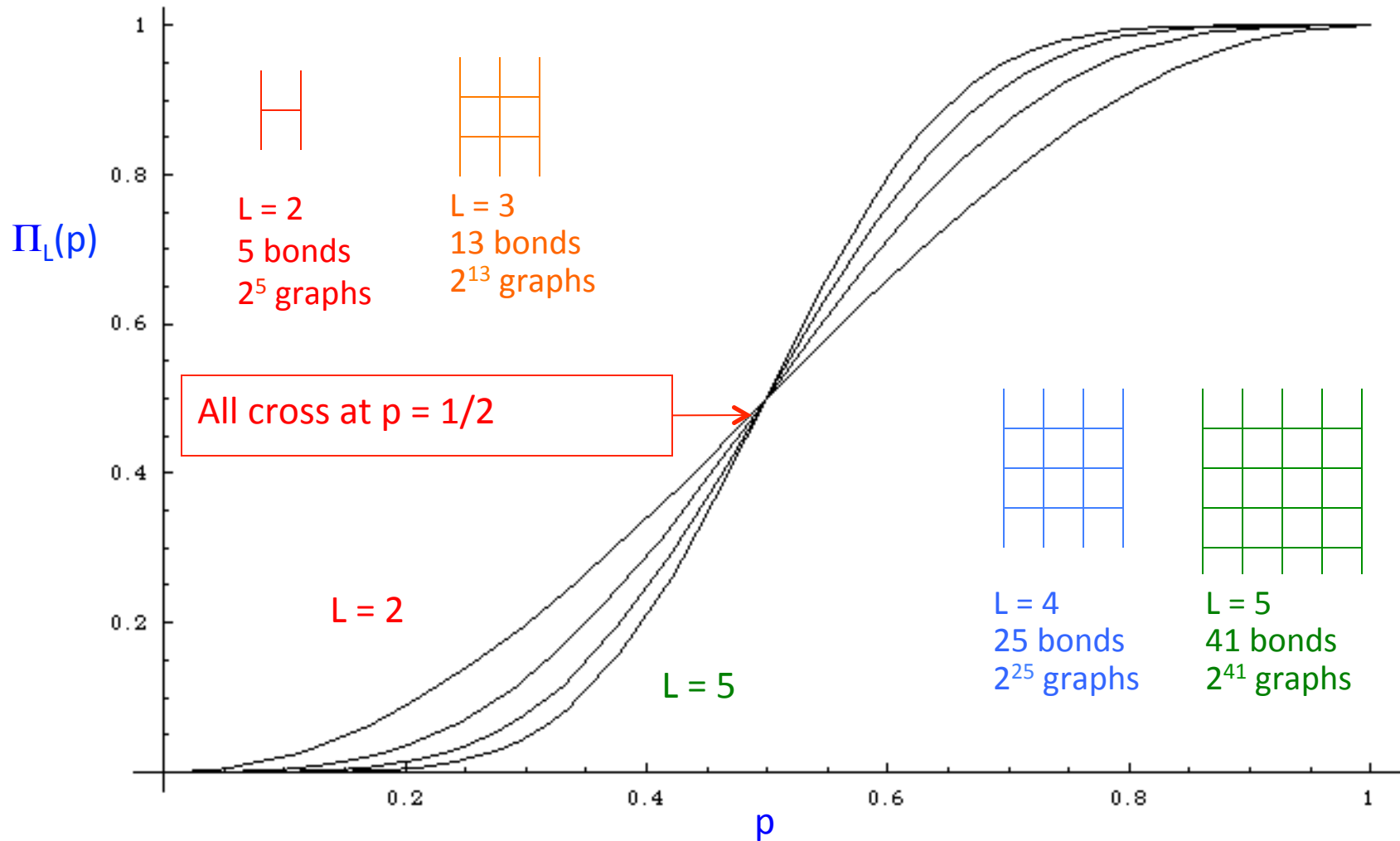
$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_4(p) = & p^{25} + 25qp^{24} + 300q^2p^{23} + 2300q^3p^{22} + 12646q^4p^{21} \\ & + 53028q^5p^{20} + 175870q^6p^{19} + 471428q^7p^{18} + 1032857q^8p^{17} \\ & + 1854463q^9p^{16} + 2715264q^{10}p^{15} + 3204984q^{11}p^{14} \\ & + 3001802q^{12}p^{13} + 2198498q^{13}p^{12} + 1252416q^{14}p^{11} \\ & + 553496q^{15}p^{10} + 188512q^{16}p^9 + 48718q^{17}p^8 + 9272q^{18}p^7 \\ & + 1230q^{19}p^6 + 102q^{20}p^5 + 4q^{21}p^4 \end{aligned}$$

L = 5   41 bonds    $2^{41}$  graphs

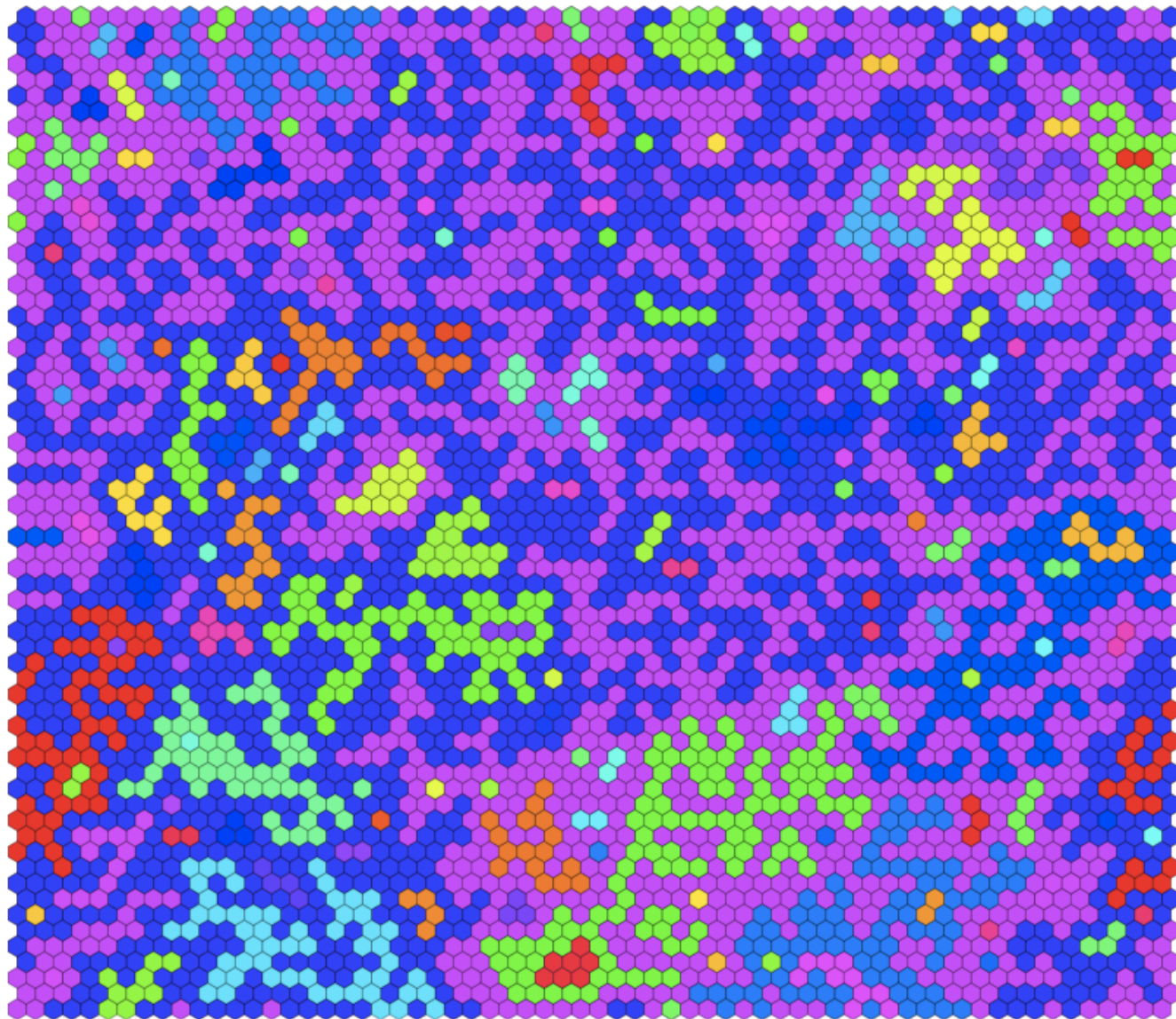


$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_5(p) = & p^{41} + 41qp^{40} + 820q^2p^{39} + 10660q^3p^{38} + 101270q^4p^{37} + \\ & 749393q^5p^{36} + 4496176q^6p^{35} + 22477578q^7p^{34} + 95490323q^8p^{33} + \\ & 349786536q^9p^{32} + 1116971463q^{10}p^{31} + 3134969579q^{11}p^{30} + \\ & 7779300450q^{12}p^{29} + 17133827010q^{13}p^{28} + 33563042210q^{14}p^{27} + \\ & 58491129097q^{15}p^{26} + 90564837046q^{16}p^{25} + 124238149114q^{17}p^{24} + \\ & 150402767321q^{18}p^{23} + 159936494743q^{19}p^{22} + 148703966218q^{20}p^{21} + \\ & 120424971002q^{21}p^{20} + 84726175457q^{22}p^{19} + 51709873279q^{23}p^{18} + \\ & 27346331336q^{24}p^{17} + 12512609660q^{25}p^{16} + 4941145799q^{26}p^{15} + \\ & 1677110510q^{27}p^{14} + 486249350q^{28}p^{13} + 119354470q^{29}p^{12} + \\ & 24492389q^{30}p^{11} + 4127945q^{31}p^{10} + 557029q^{32}p^9 + 57922q^{33}p^8 + \\ & 4362q^{34}p^7 + 212q^{35}p^6 + 5q^{36}p^5 \end{aligned}$$

# $\Pi_L$ vs. $p$ for bond percolation on a square lattice







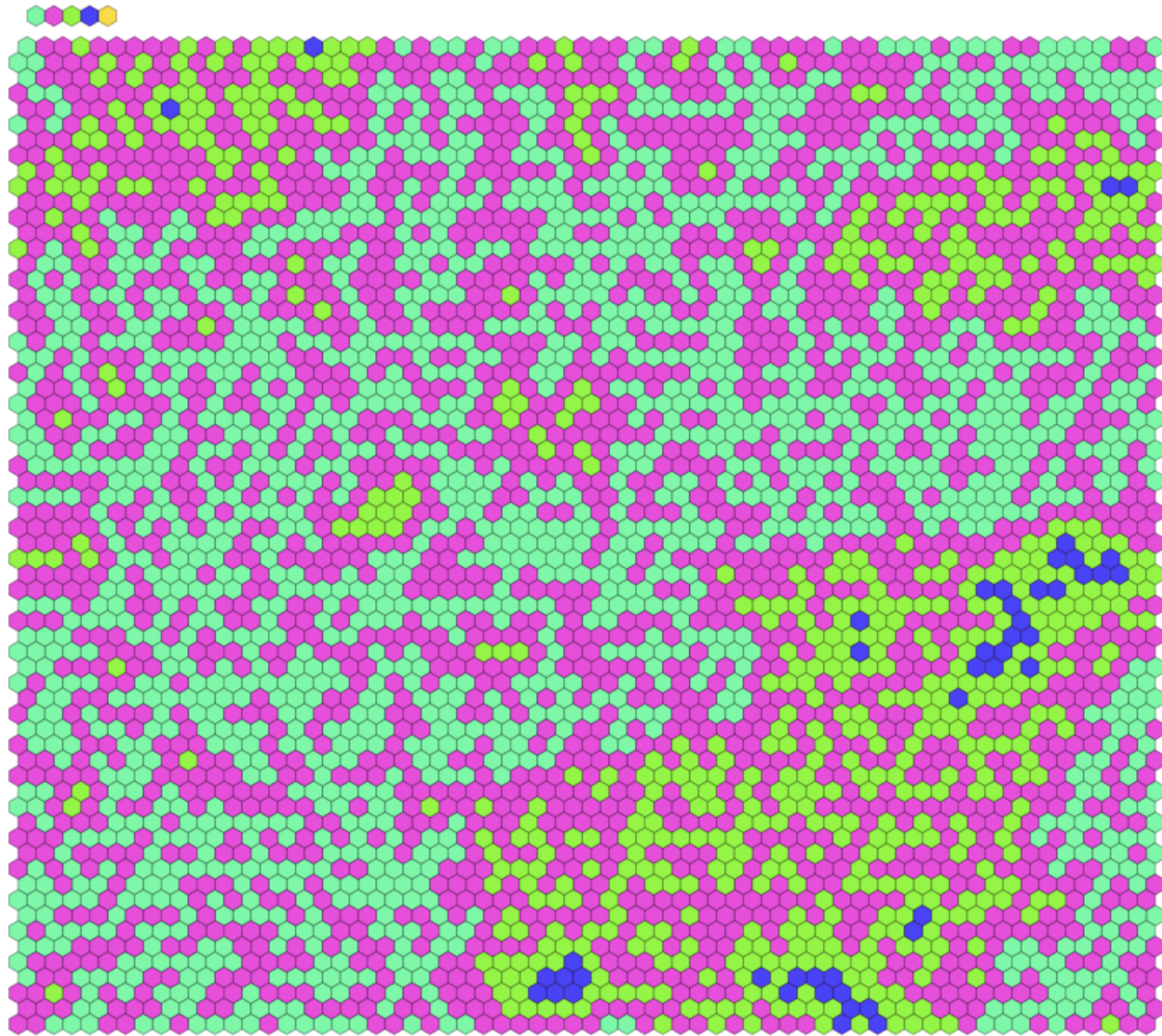
- $p = 0.5$ , clusters of both yellow and blue tiles are shown (periodic b.c.)

## Conventional form of the size distribution:

- **Number of clusters** (per site of the lattice) of size  $s$  at  $p_c$ :

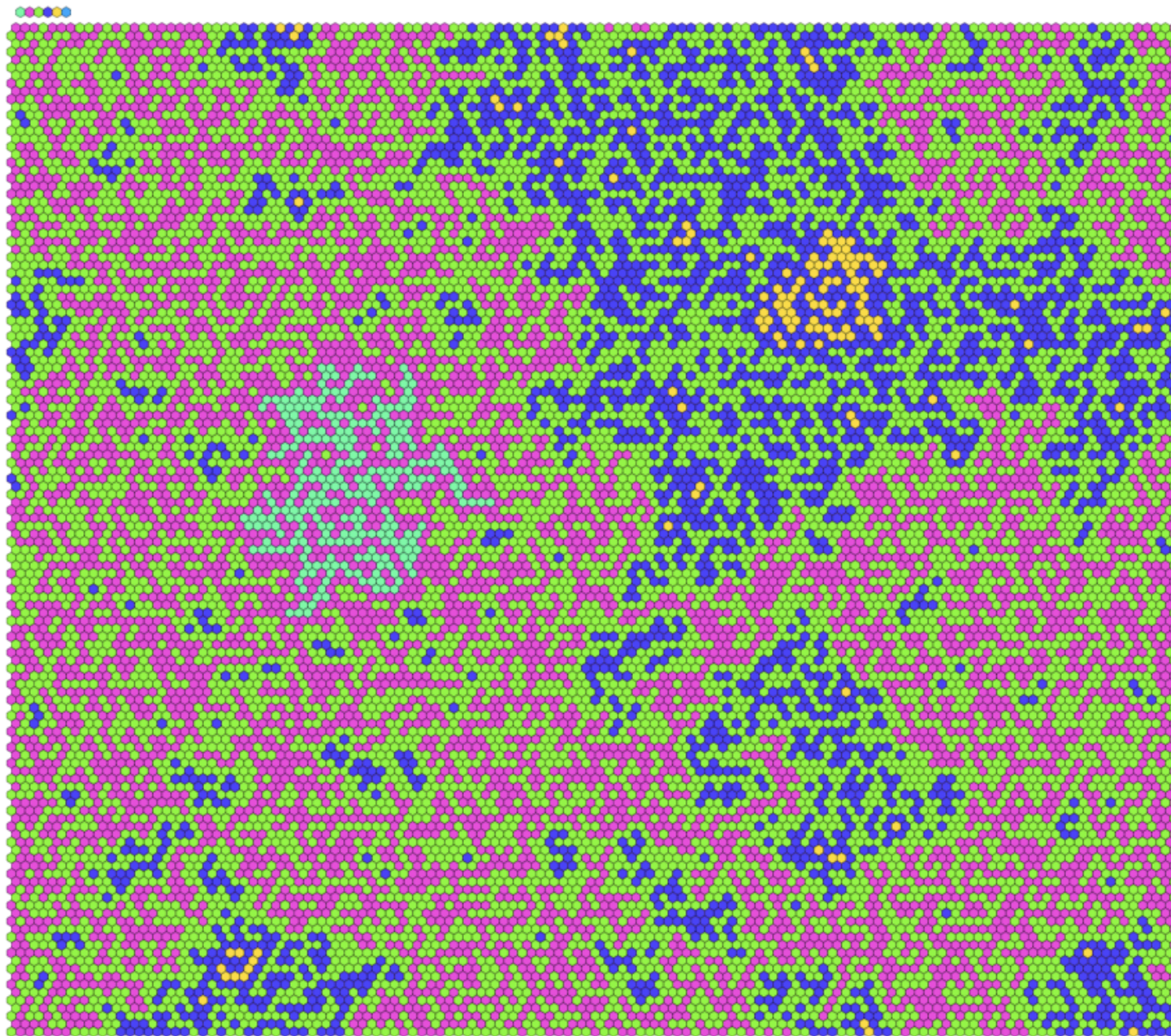
$$n_s(p_c) \sim A s^{-\tau}$$

- Here  $\tau = 187/91$  for all 2-d systems, but  $A$  varies from system to system and is thus **non-universal**.



- Depth from a single point is shown in different colors - maximum depth is 4





- 128x128 - max depth = 5

For any system, at the critical threshold, we have

$$\text{Average depth} = 4C \ln \frac{L}{a}$$

Where  $L$  = system size,  $a$  = tile size, and

$$C = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{3}\pi} = 0.022972037\dots$$

# The Enclosed-Area Distribution

- This implies that the number of clusters (or hulls) whose enclosed area is greater or equal to a value  $A$  is given by

$$\text{Nr}(\geq A) \sim \frac{CL^2}{A}$$

valid for any system at criticality.

# Zipf's law form for 2d critical clusters ( $p_c$ )

- If you **rank-order** all cluster areas, largest to smallest, then for large  $n$ , **the enclosed hull area  $A_n$**  of the  $n$ -th largest cluster is given by the fully universal formula:

$$\frac{A_n}{L^2} \sim \frac{C}{n}$$

- Where  $C = 1/(8 \pi \sqrt{3}) = 0.0229\dots$  and  $L =$  system dimension. (Ziff, Lorenz & Kleban 1999, Cardy & Ziff, 2003)





- Scaling in percolation:

$$n_s(p) \sim A s^{-\tau} f(B(p - p_c) s^{1/\sigma})$$

as  $s \rightarrow \infty, p \rightarrow p_c, (p - p_c) s^{1/\sigma} = \text{const.}$

Where  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma$ , and  $f(z)$  are *universal*, while A and B are *non-universal* metric factors

(In 2d,  $\tau = 187/91$ ,  $\sigma = 36/91$ )

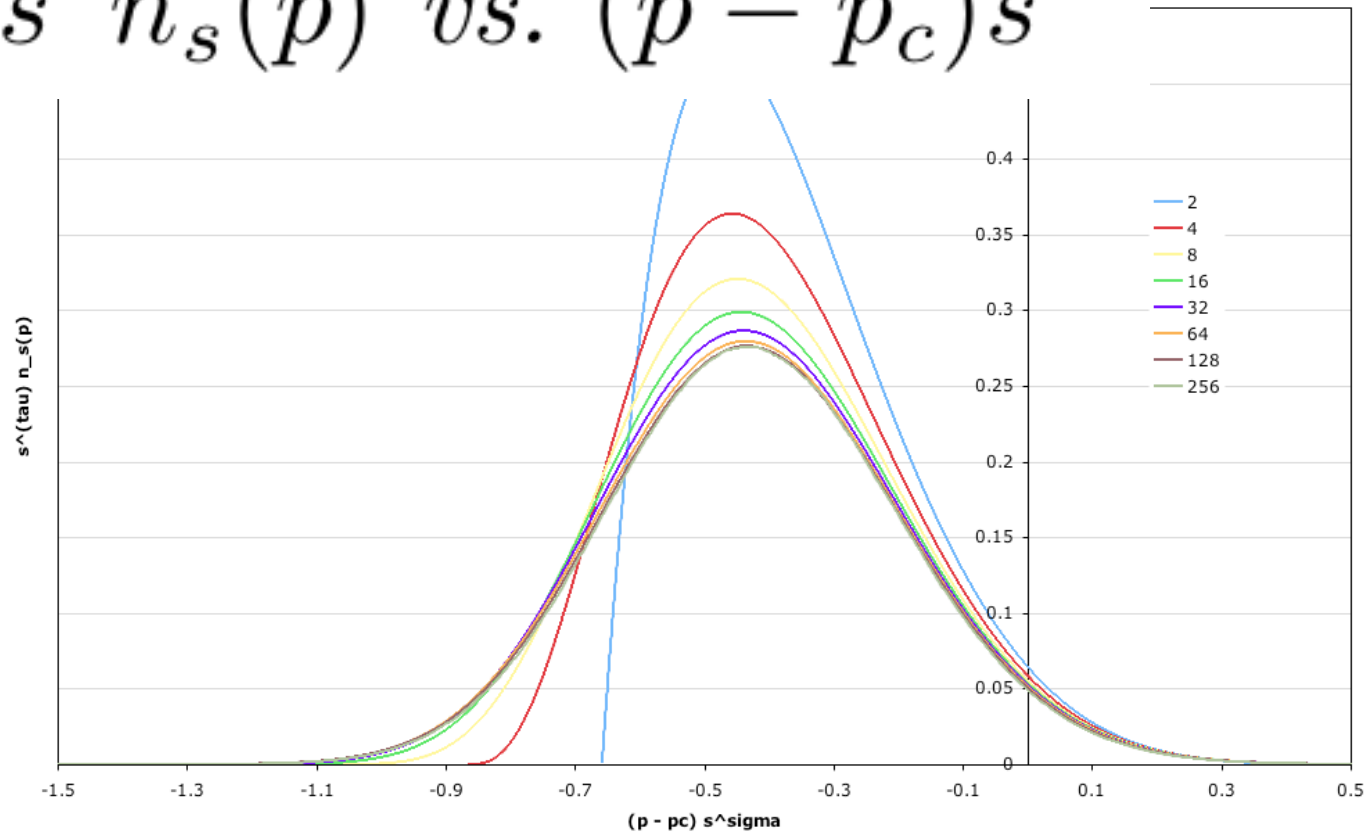
At the critical point,

$$n_s(p_c) \sim A s^{-\tau}$$

$$n_s(p) = A s^{-\tau} f(B(p - p_c) s^\sigma)$$

To test scaling, you can plot

$$s^\tau n_s(p) \text{ vs. } (p - p_c) s^\sigma$$

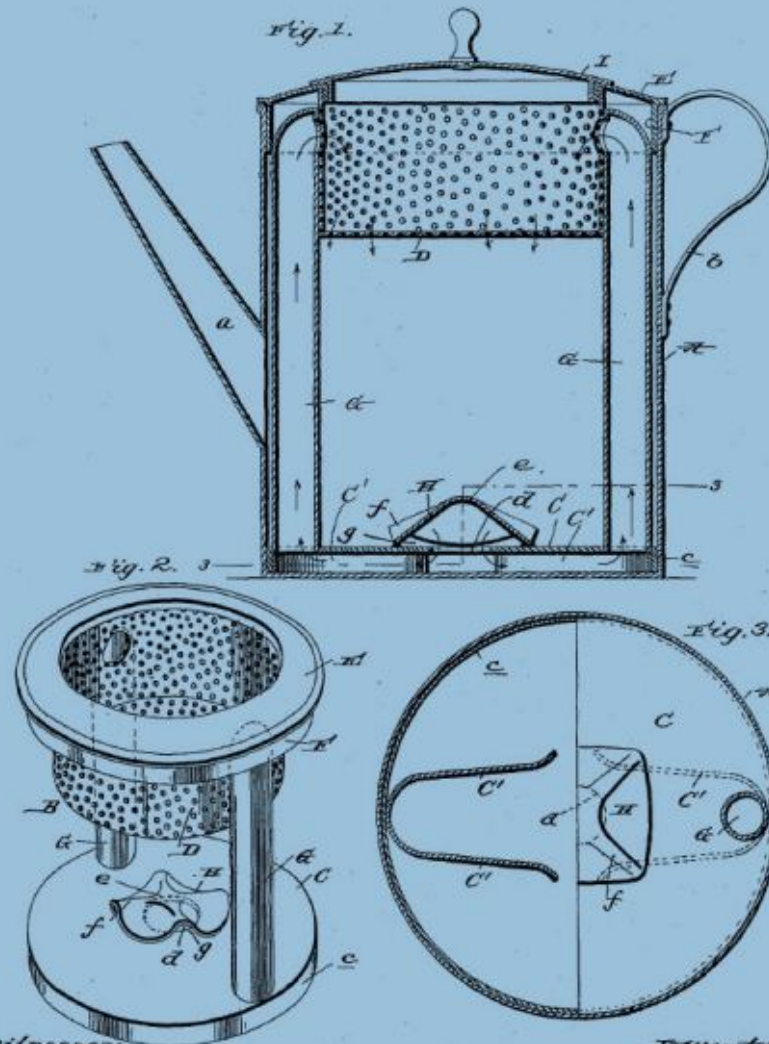


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COFFEE POT.

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