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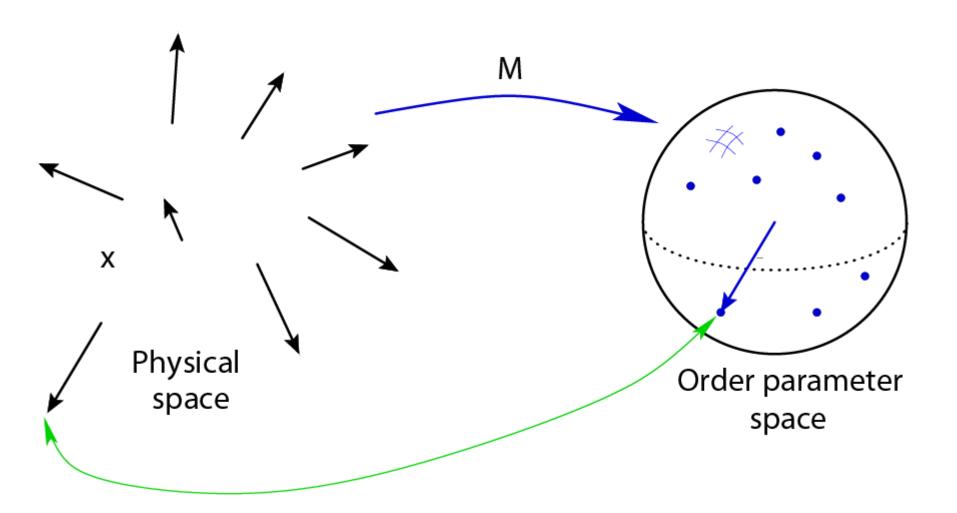
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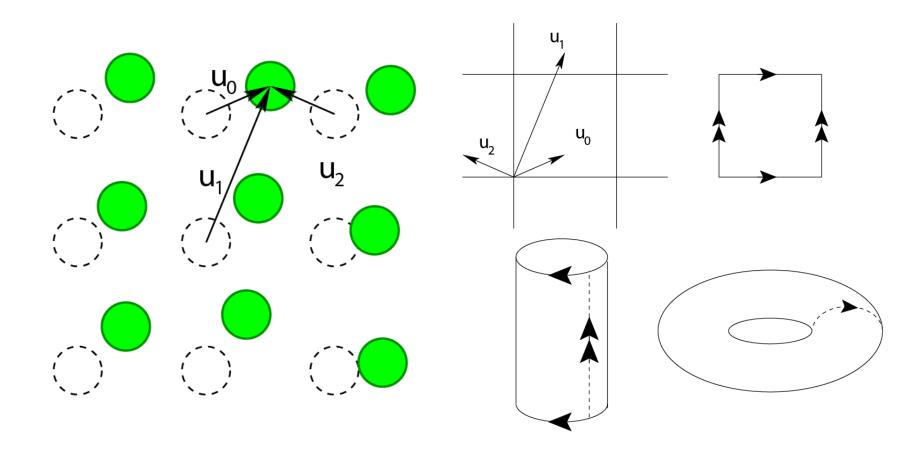
- phases;
- spontaneous symmetry breaking;
- order parameters;
- phase transitions abrupt and continuous;
- Landau free energy;
- hysteresis;
- criticality, scale-free fluctuations, and universality;
- power laws and scaling functions.

FINITE SIZE EFFECTS!

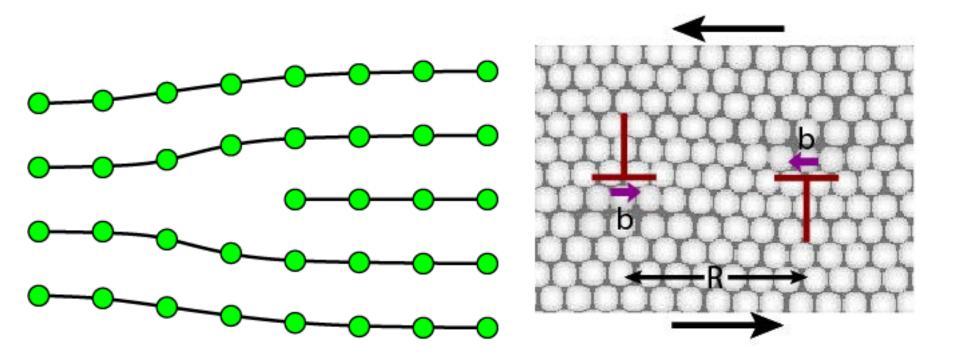
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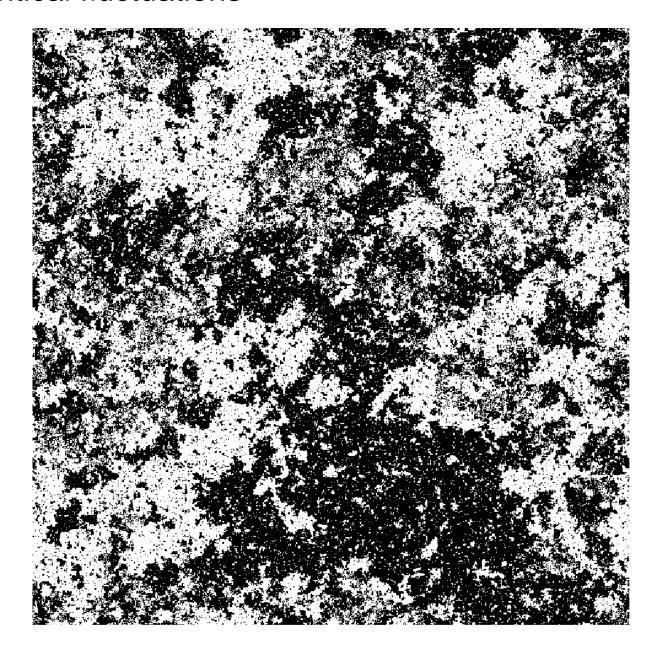
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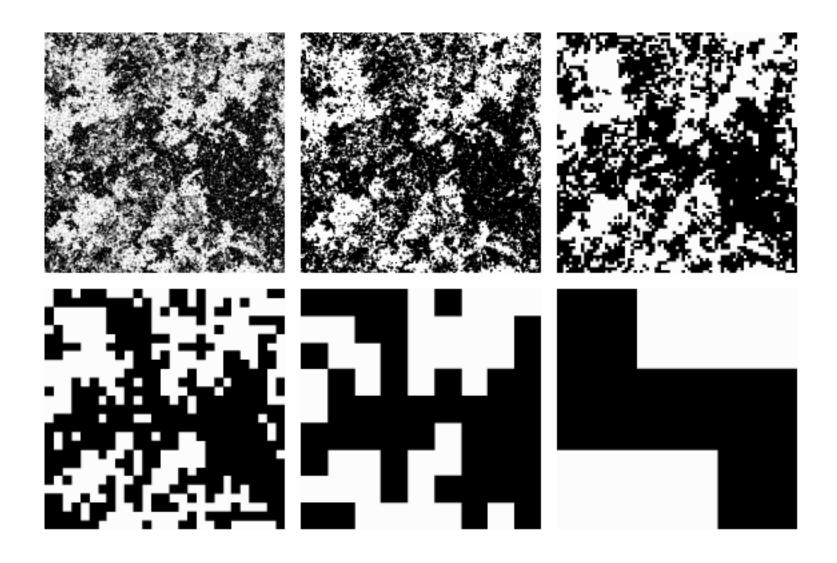
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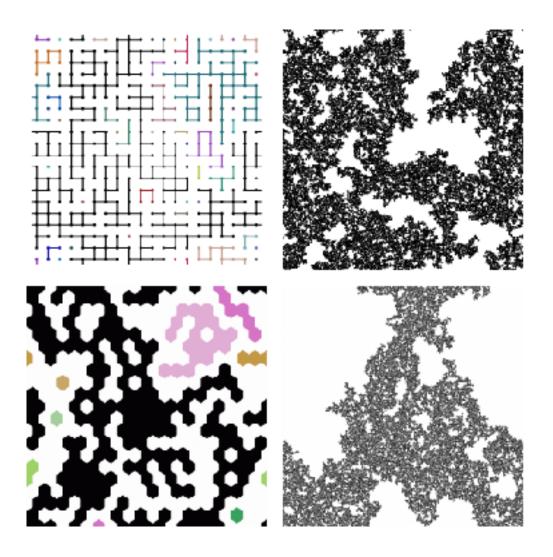
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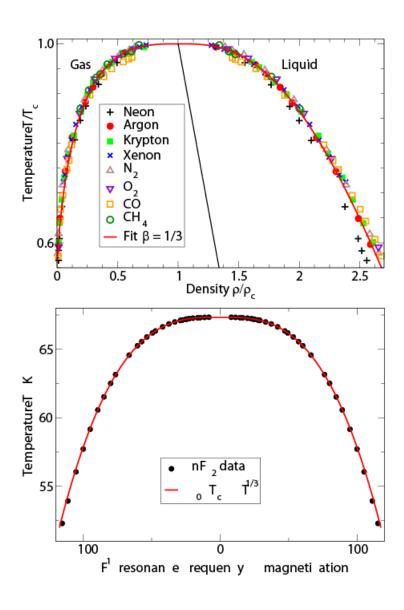
Criticality: fluctuations on all scales



Universality in percolation



Universality at the critical point



Scaling collapse

