

# The Percolation problem: Solution with smart simulations

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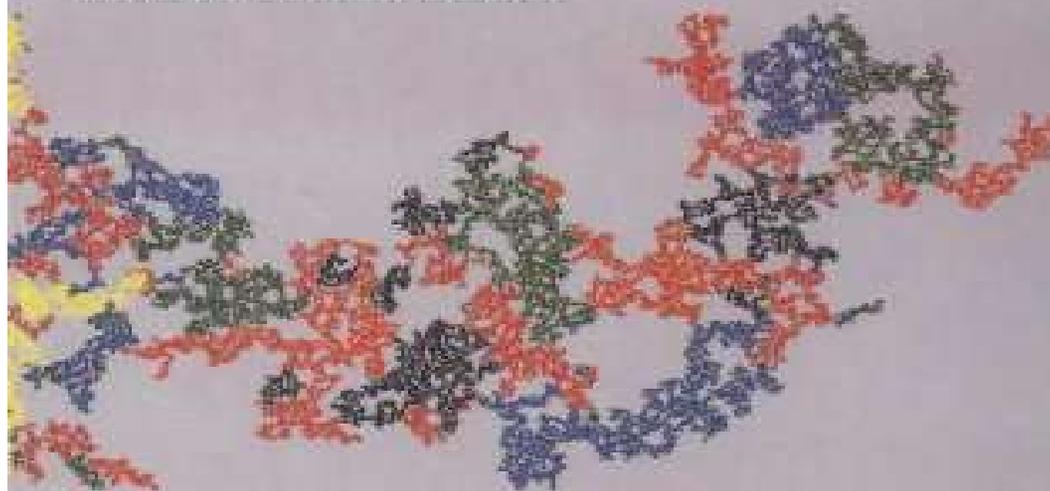


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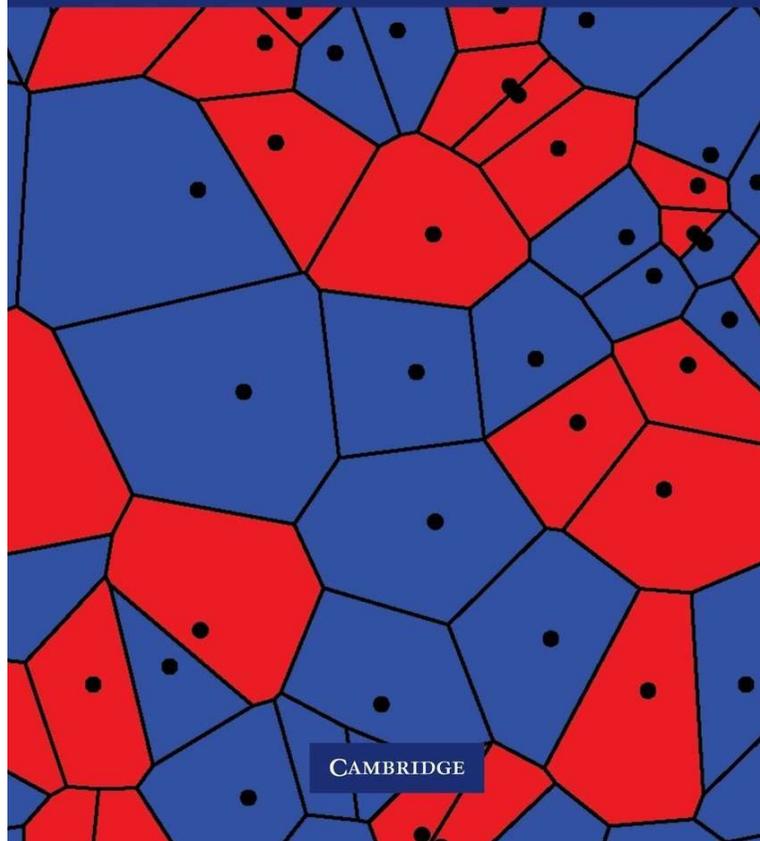
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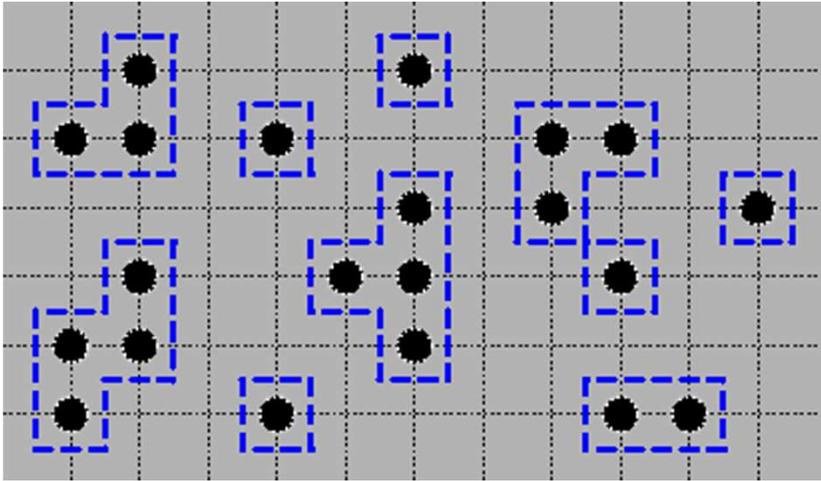
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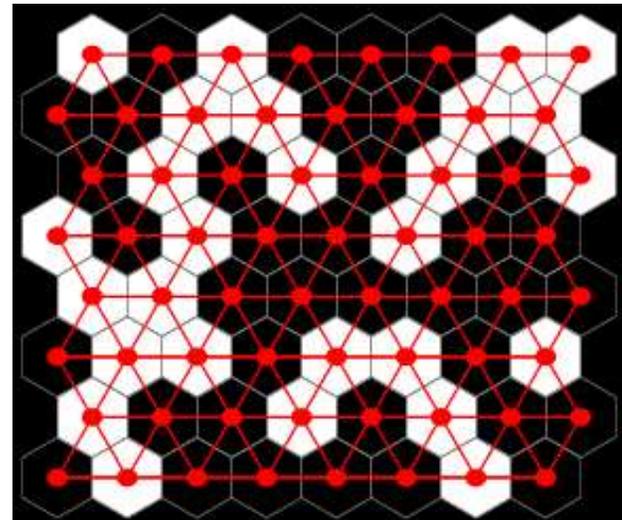
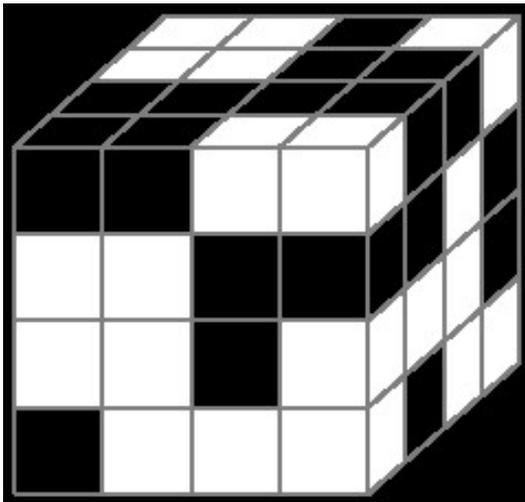
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# What is the problem?

- system made of 2 types of entities
- open/closed, true/false, conducting/insulating
- randomly mixed
- fixed ratio of open/closed, called “p”
- p in the range  $0 < p < 1$
- adjacent entities of same type form clusters
- clusters depend on topology
- can be on lattice sites or on lattice bonds

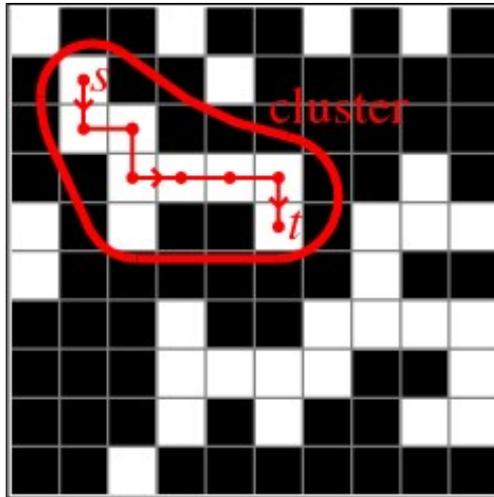


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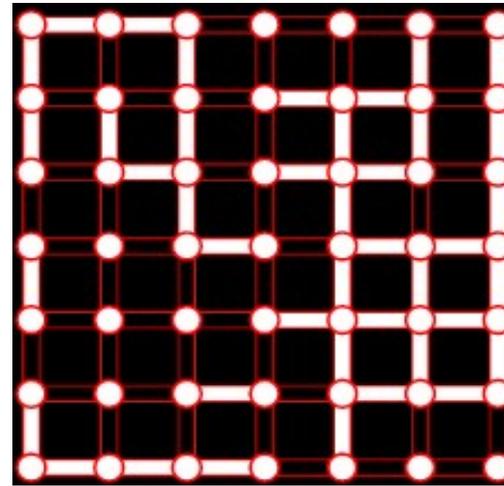


# Site or bond percolation

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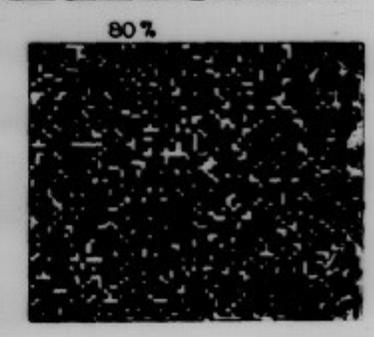
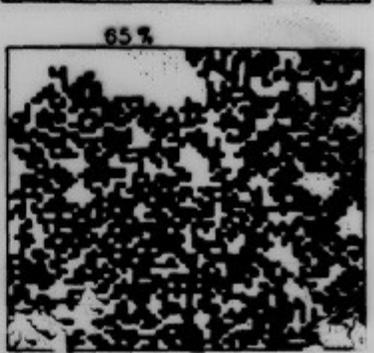
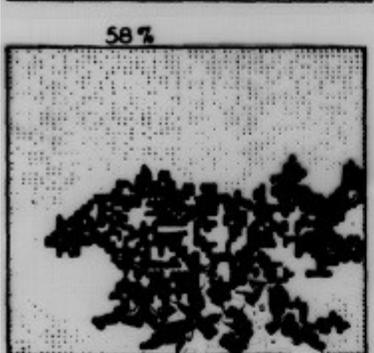
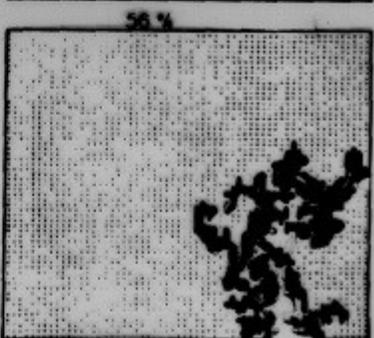
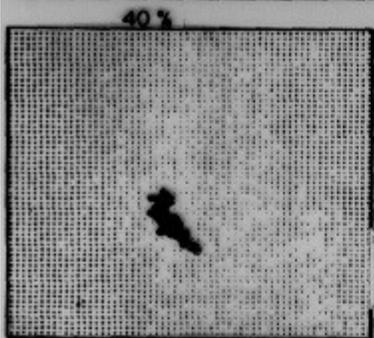
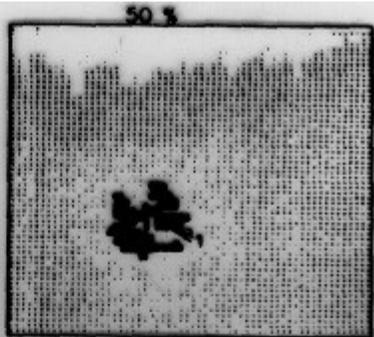
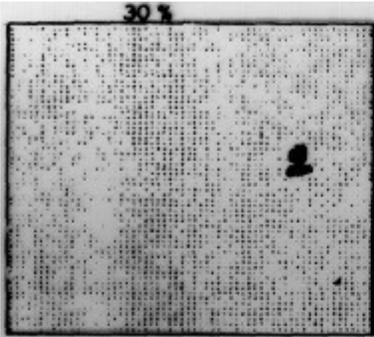


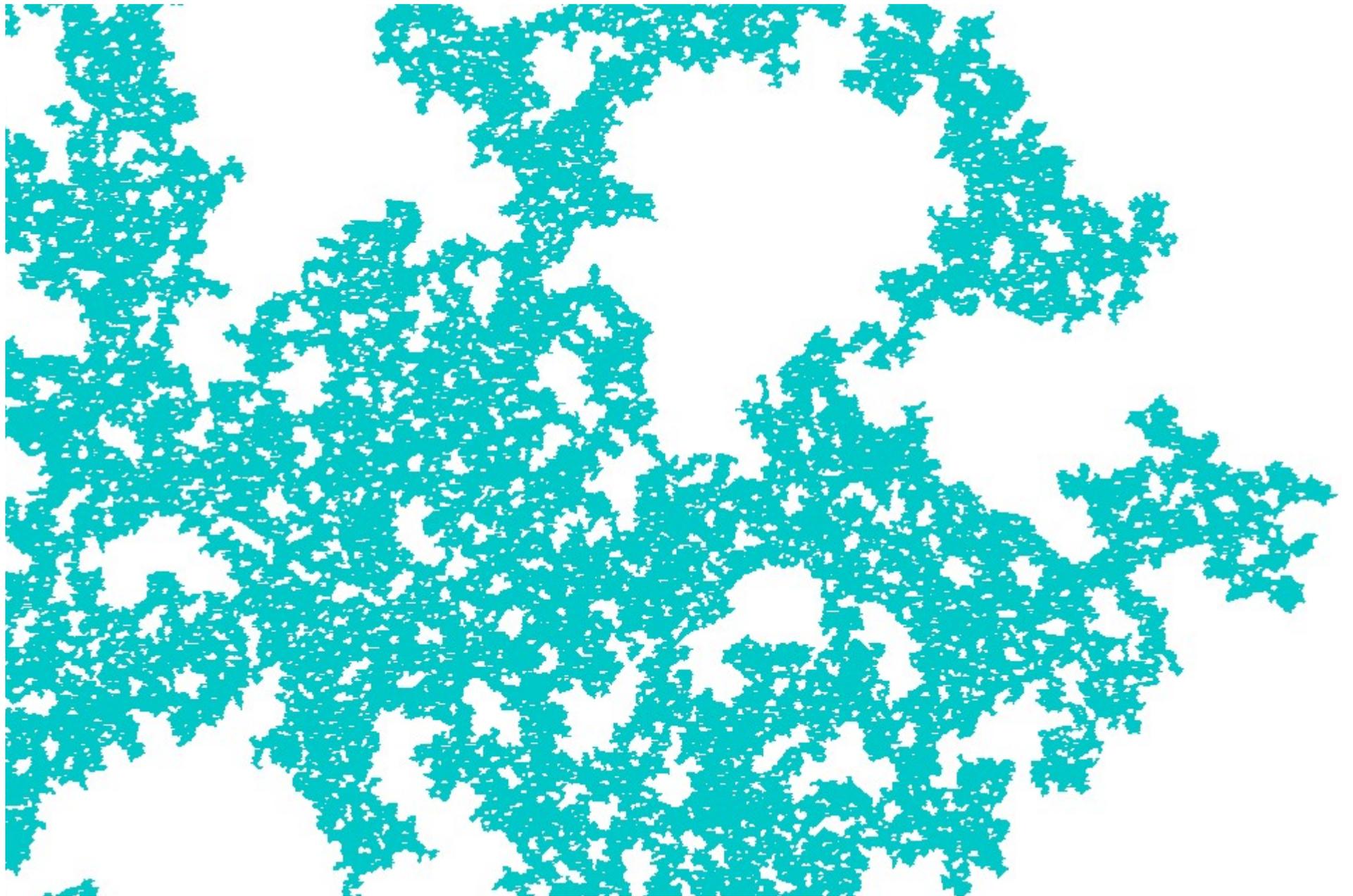
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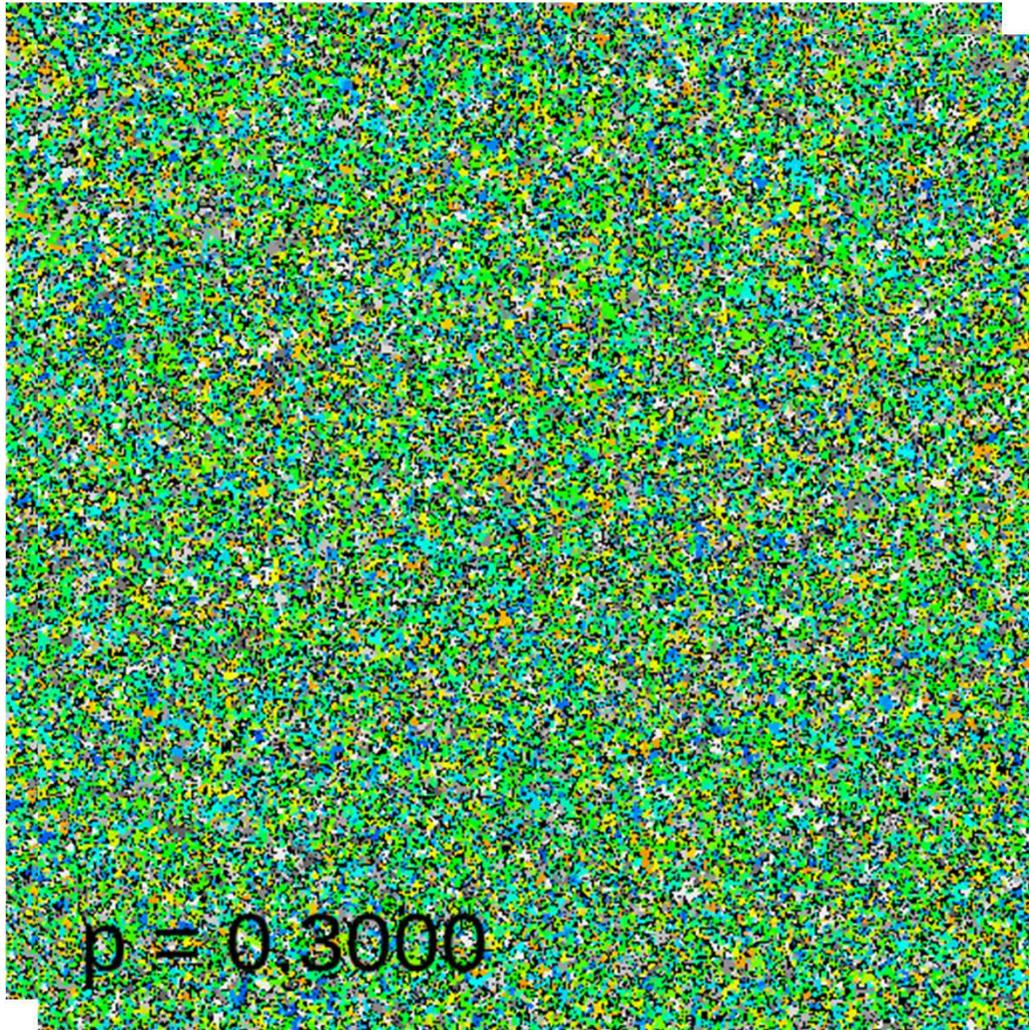


# Percolation phase transition

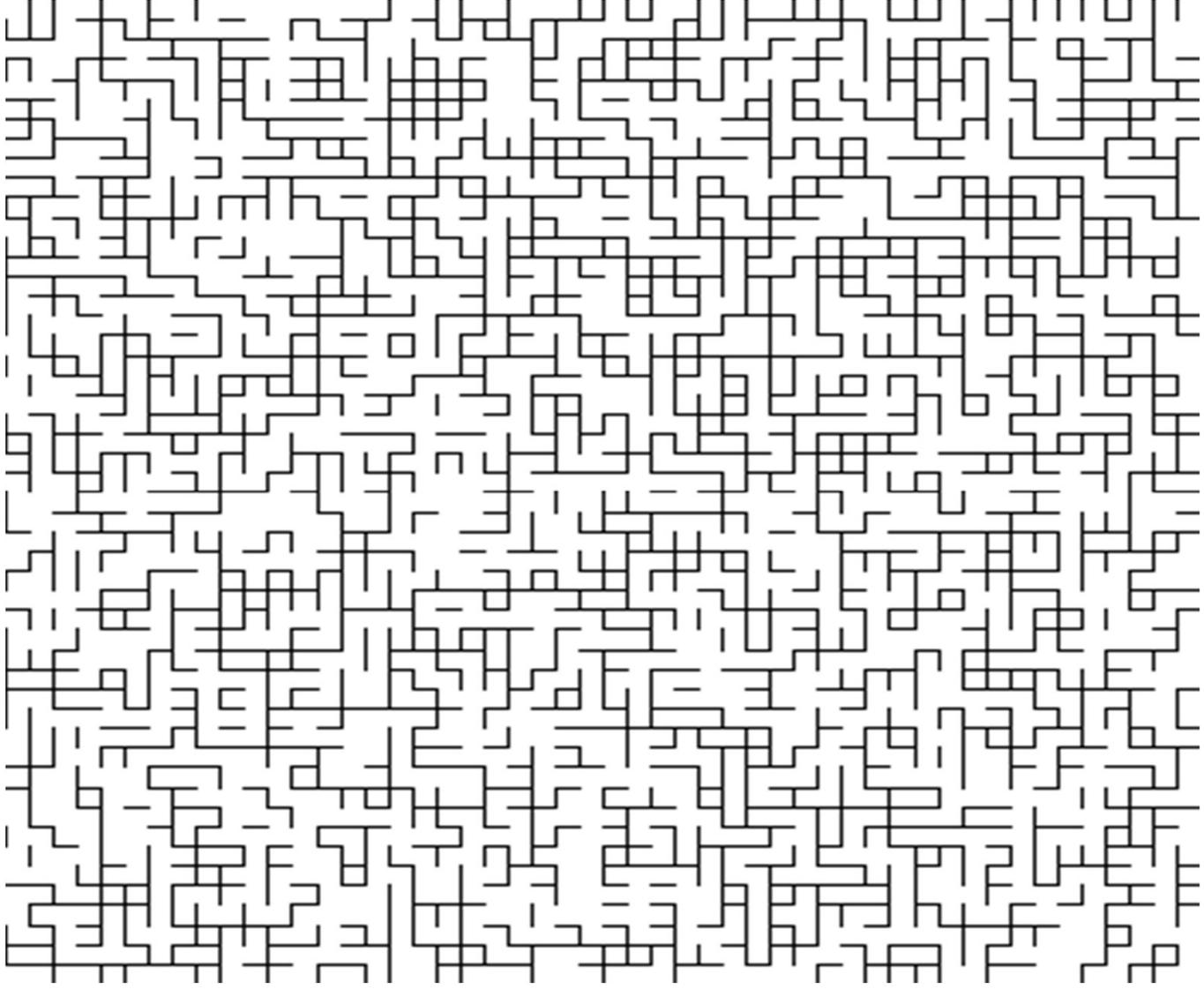
- focus on largest cluster only
- size increases abruptly at the critical point
- system goes through a phase transition from “insulating” to “conducting”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order phase transition,  $\Delta H=0$



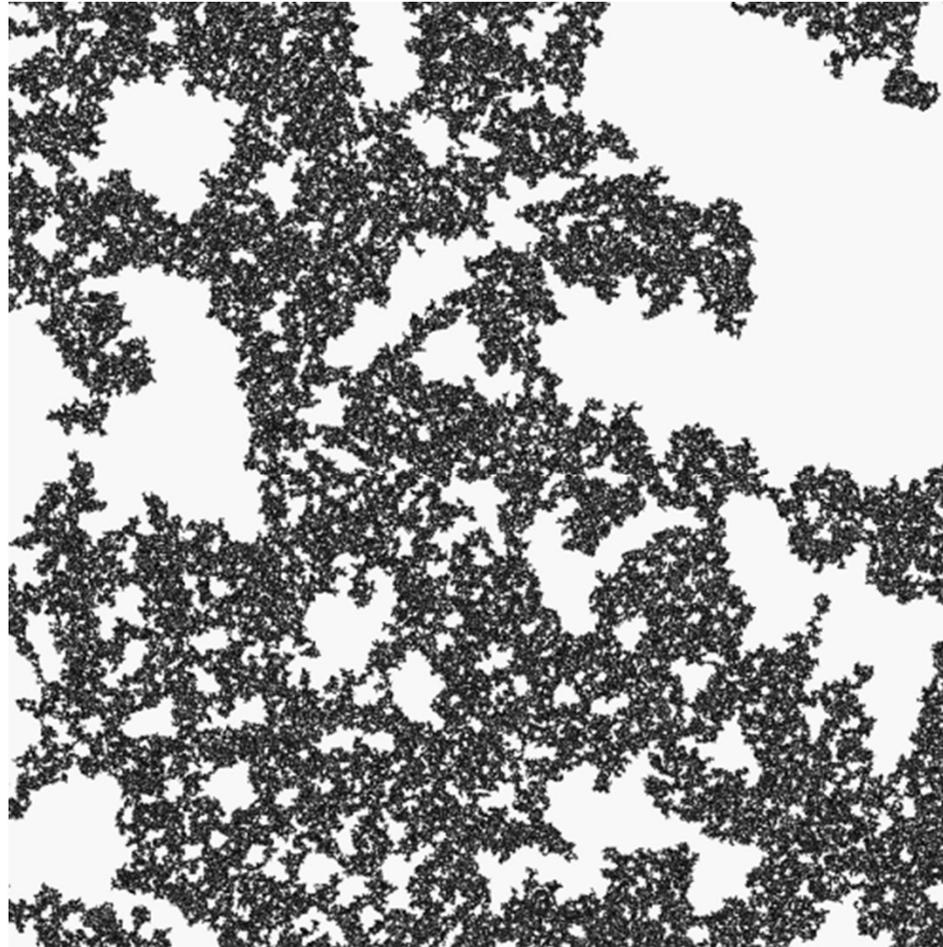




$p = 0.3000$

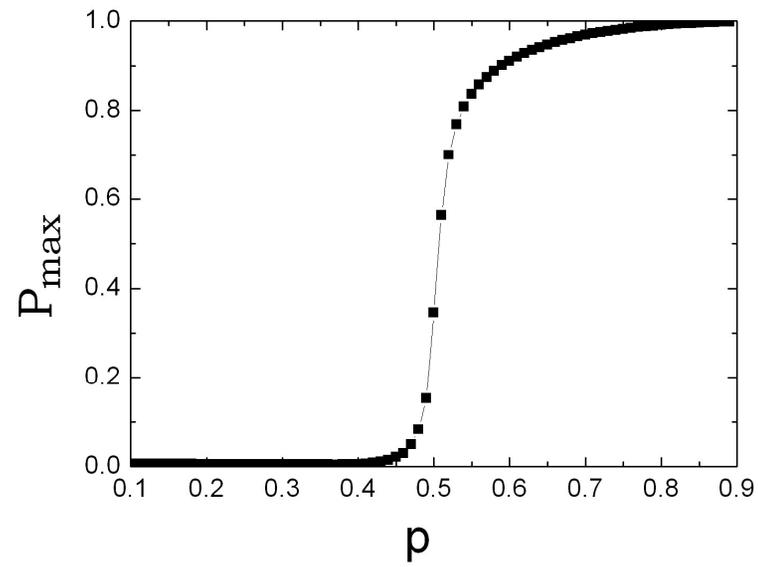


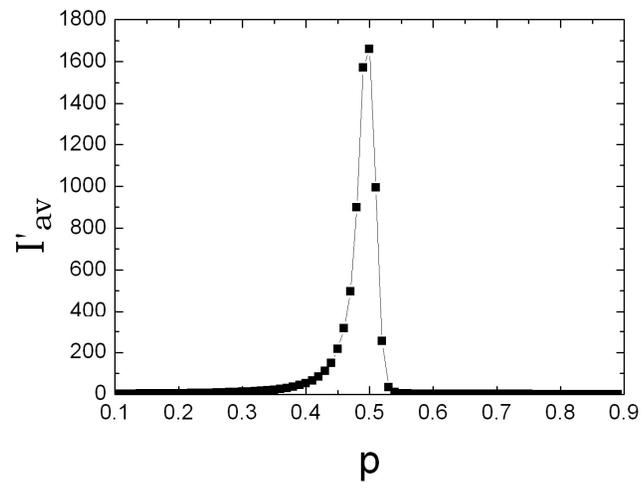
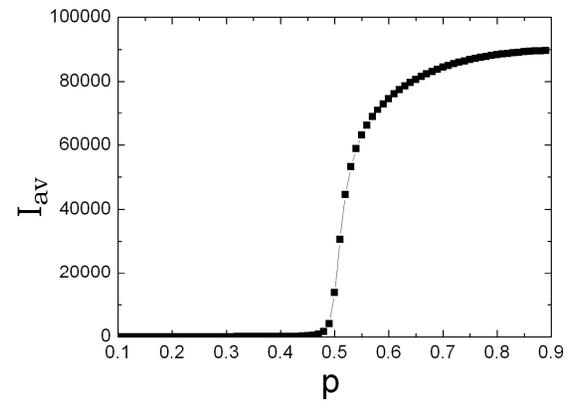
At criticality,  $p_c$ , the cluster is a fractal



# Percolation simulation

# $P(\max)$





$$P_{\max} = \frac{m_{\max}}{pN^2}$$

$$I_{\alpha v} = \sum_{m=1}^{m_{\max}} \frac{i_m m^2}{pN^2}$$

$$I'_{av} = I_{av} - \frac{i_{\max} * m_{\max}^2}{p * N^2}$$

$$I'_{av} = \sum_{m=1}^{m-m_{\max}} \left( \frac{i_m \cdot m^2}{p \cdot N^2} \right)$$

# How can we estimate $p_c$ ?

- several techniques have been developed
- square lattice (site percolation)  $p_c = 0.5927\dots$
- cannot be proven analytically
- square lattice (bond percolation)  $p_c = 0.5000$
- simple cubic (site)  $p_c = 0.3116\dots$
- simple cubic (bond)  $p_c = 0.2488\dots$
- $p_c$  strongly depends on the lattice type
- the more nearest neighbors, the lower the  $p_c$

# Cluster Multiple Labeling Technique (CMLT)

- sweep the lattice from one end to the other
- for every cluster that appears give a different index number
- everytime 2 clusters join, they become one cluster
- “brute force” method: go back and merge the index numbers of the 2 clusters into 1 index number only. Need to sweep entire lattice
- CMLT method: need only a single sweep for the same job
- Invented by Hoshen (1976), called Hoshen-Kopelman algorithm

## What happens when 2 clusters coalesce

- we need to add the 2 sizes into 1
- we change the label of the index, but NOT the index itself

Before the joining:

$L(1)=1, L(2)=2, L(3)=3.....$

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After joining:

$L(3)=2.....$

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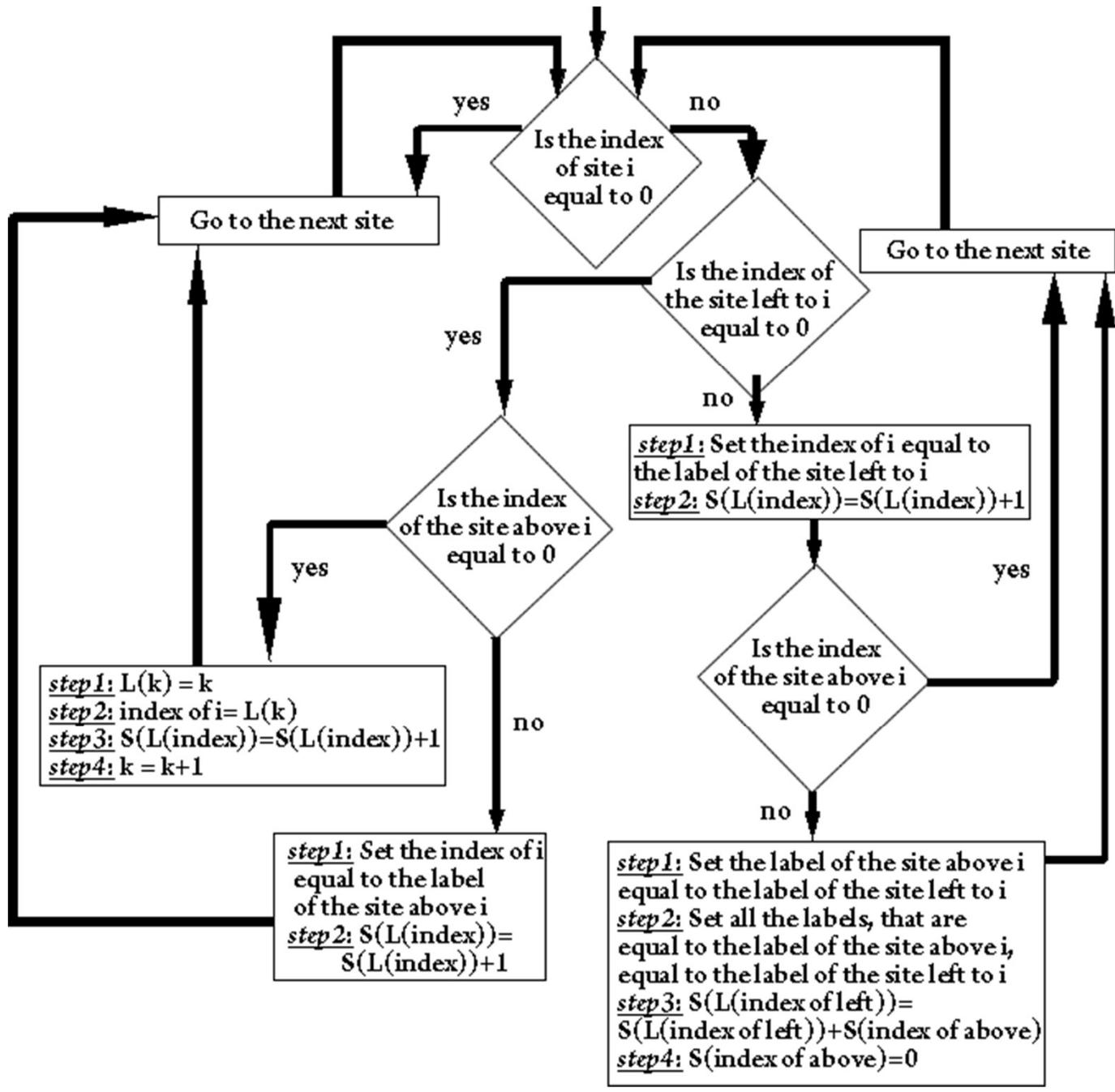
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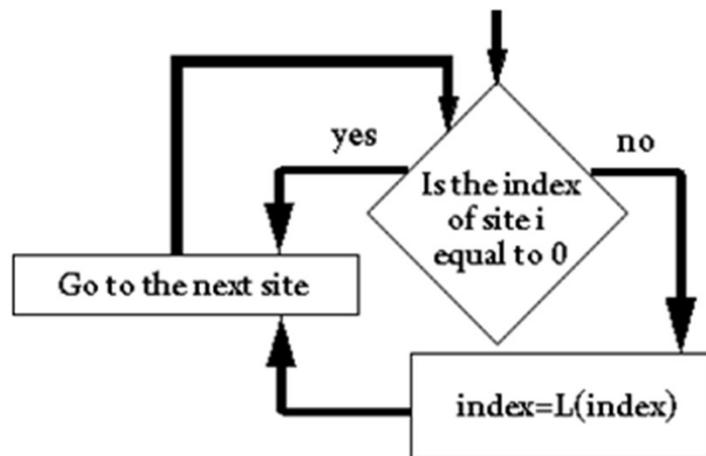
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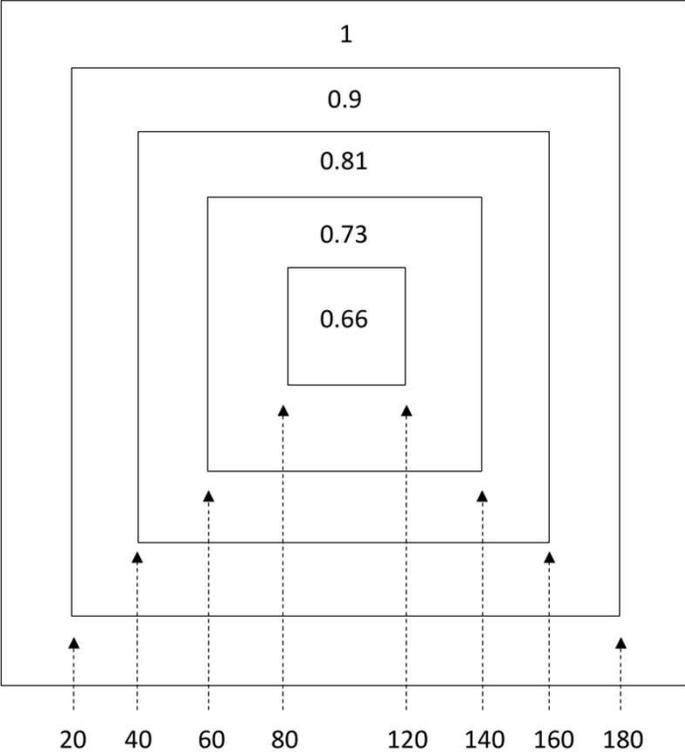
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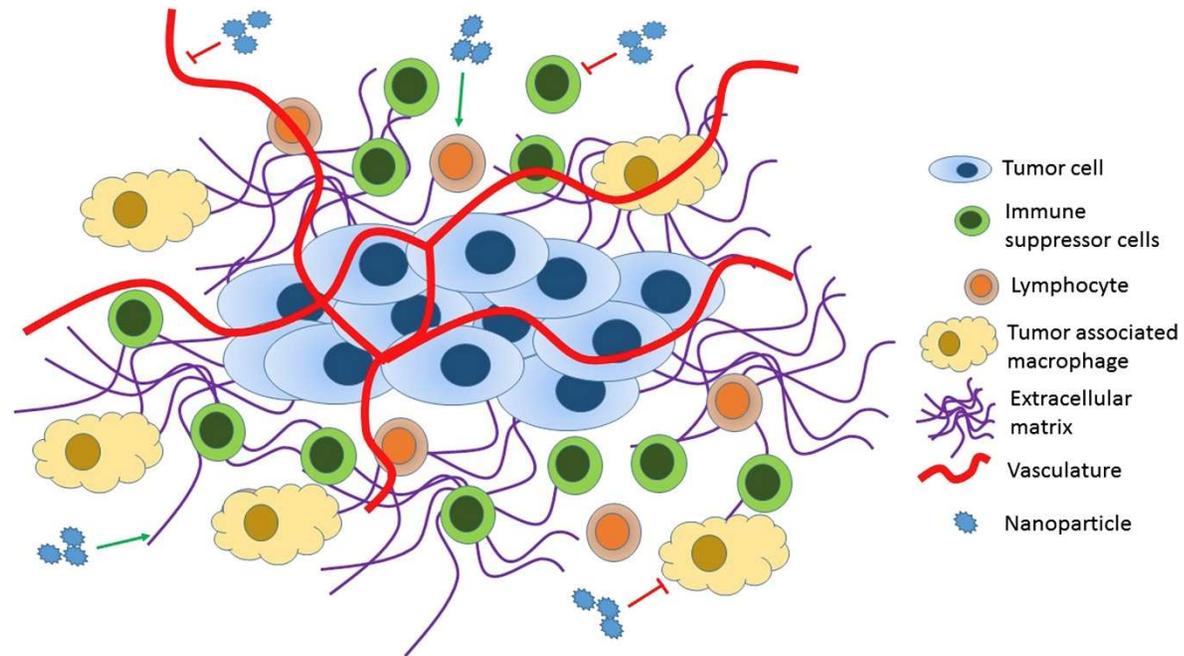
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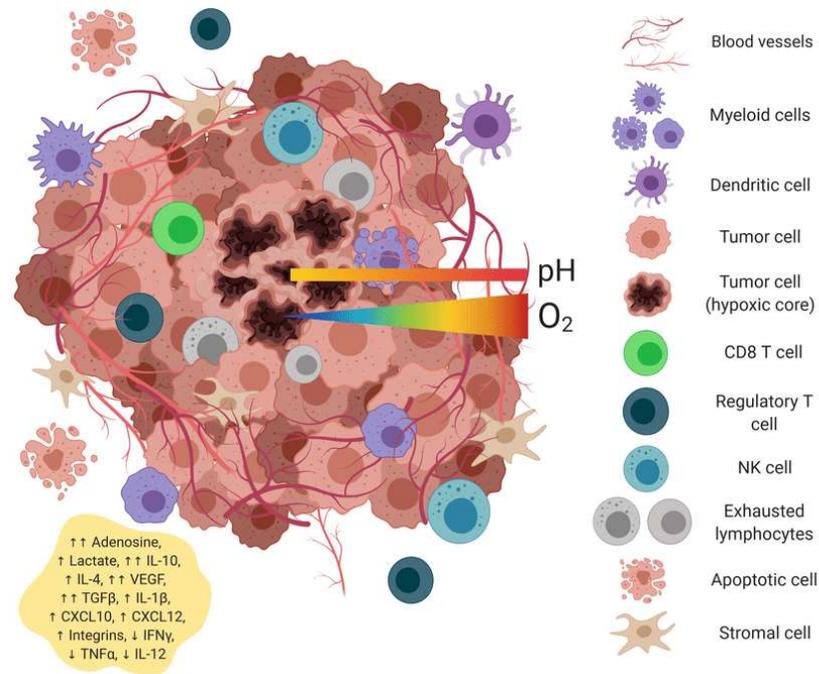
# What is a Tumor Microenvironment (TME) ?

- **Tumor**: An abnormal mass of tissue that forms when cells grow and divide more than they should or do not die when they should
- **TME**: tumor microenvironment is the environment around a tumor
- **Includes** the surrounding blood vessels, immune cells, fibroblasts, signaling molecules and the extracellular matrix.
- The **tumor and the TME** are closely related and interact constantly.

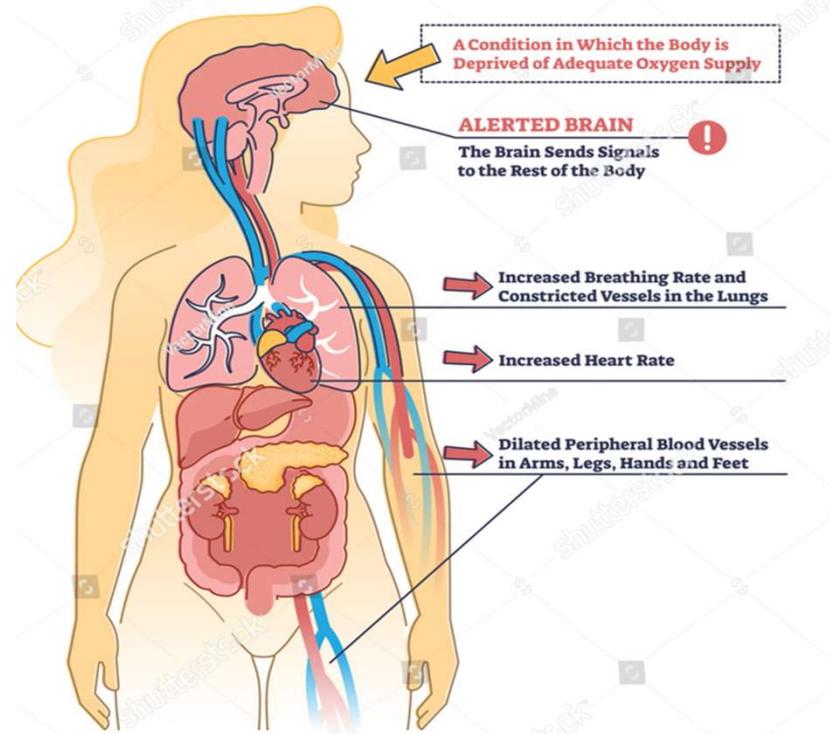
# A tumor and its TME



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# HYPOXIA



# Tumor hypoxia = Lack of Oxygen in TME

- Hypoxia heterogeneity on radiotherapy and chemotherapy
- Decrease in Oxygen from tumor periphery to tumor center
- A larger radiation dose is needed for a tumor breakup
- Will enable successful follow-up chemotherapy
- We need a quantitative model that will guide the detailed dose needed for successful therapy

# (1) Percolation lattice model

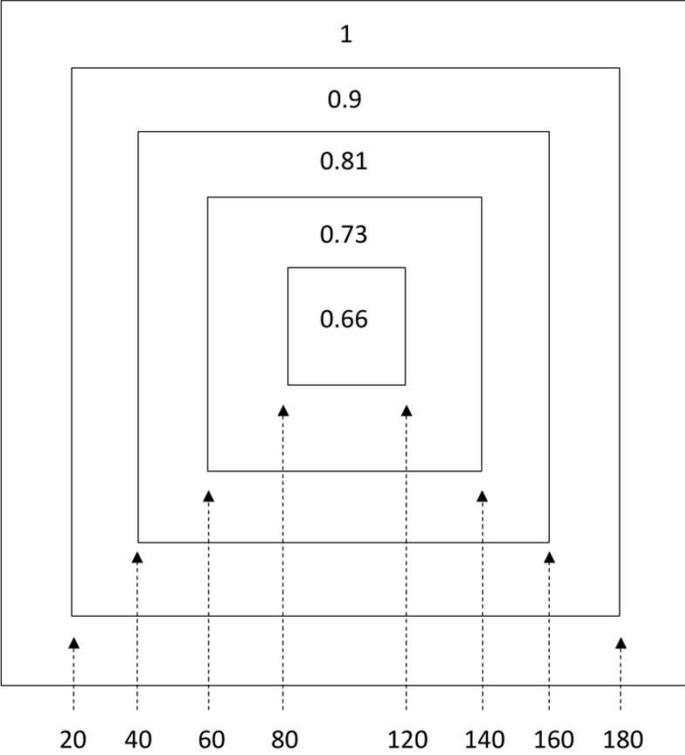
## (2) Network model

- Simulate the tumor TME using these two geometrical models
- Network model better than lattice (brain is a network)
- Define a core (the tumor) in the middle of the system
- Split the area surrounding the core in different zones
- Vary the concentration of different species in the zones
- Use different probabilities to monitor the concentrations
- Observe how critical properties change as a function of the probabilities

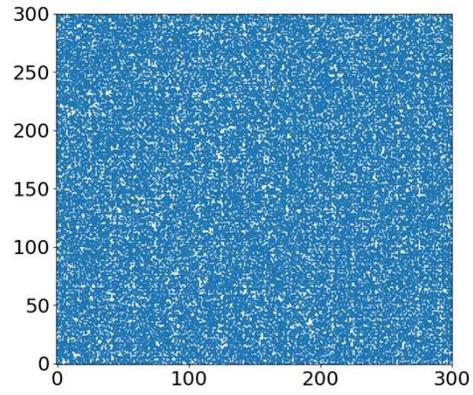
$p$  = probability for removal of a node  
(site)

(different  $p$  from previous notation)

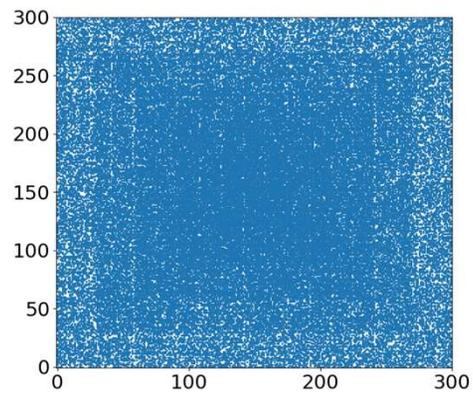
- $p_i = (1-r)p_{i+1}$  probability of removal in successive zones  $i$
- $r$  = rate of reduction of the removal probability
- when  $r$  = large, means small probability for removal of a node
- when  $r$  = small, means large probability for removal,  
with  $r=0$ , being the maximum probability of removal

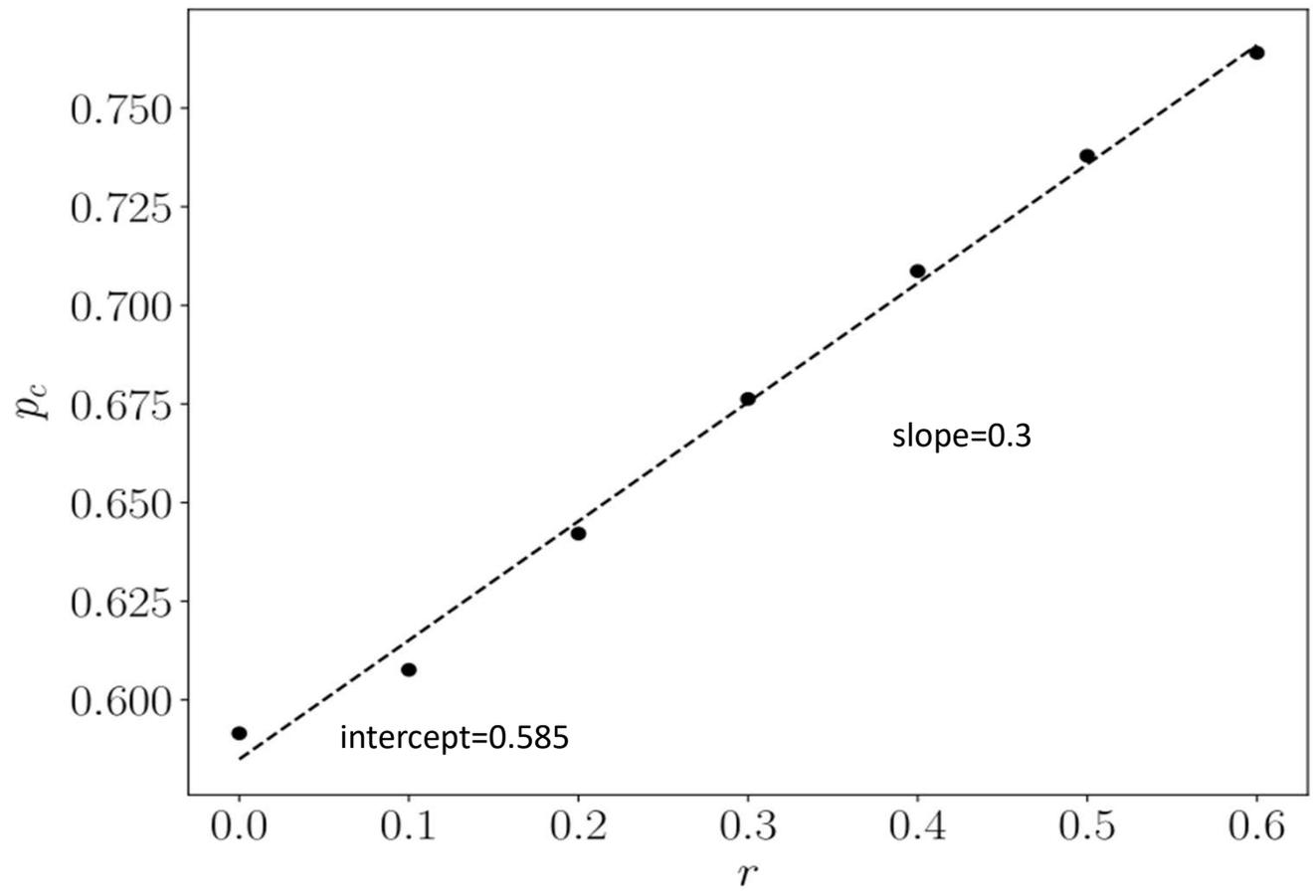


$p=1$



5 zones  
 $r=0.4$





# Summary - Conclusions

- Role of tumor hypoxia distribution in TME
- Acidosis (low pH), etc. may also be factors
- Will give information about the correct dose that will be needed in order to kill the tumor successfully
- Will lead to personalized medicine, since the TME is not the same in all patients, needing specialized treatment for each individual
- Will guide precision oncology

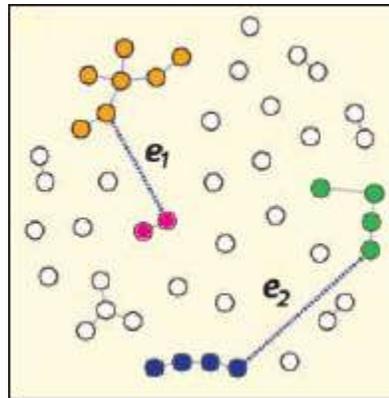
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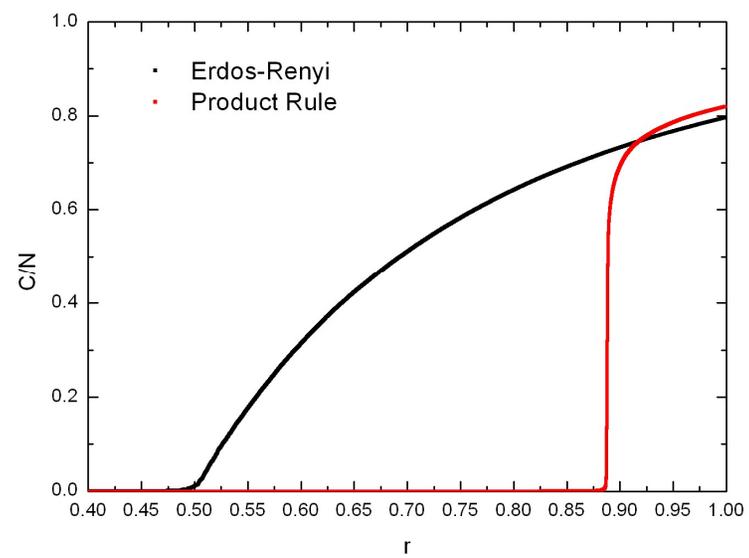
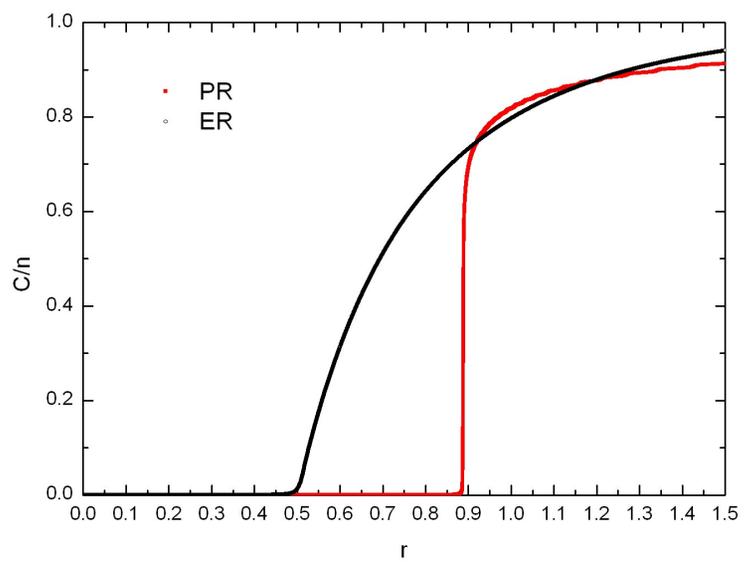
- Percolation is a very simple geometrical problem
- Has many applications in polymers, porous media, forest fires,

# Achlioptas process

- developed in 2010
- new method of preparing the system
- use probe sites and fill lattice in such a way as to delay the criticality

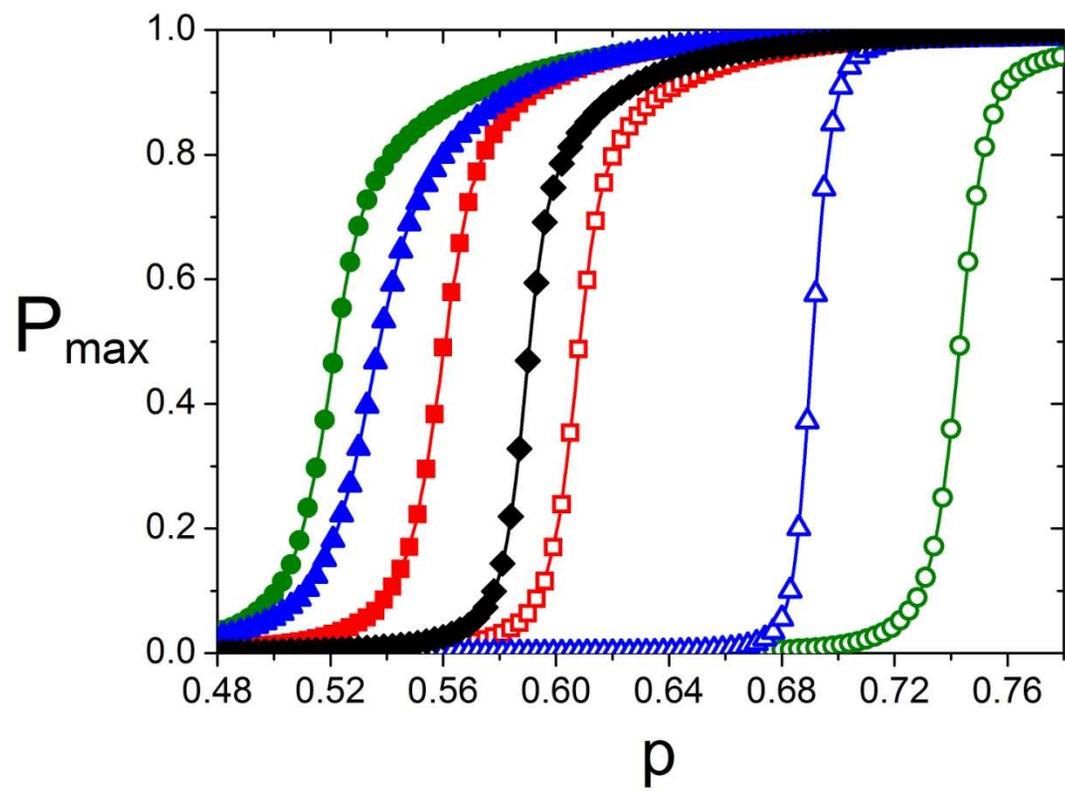
Achlioptas process - product rule

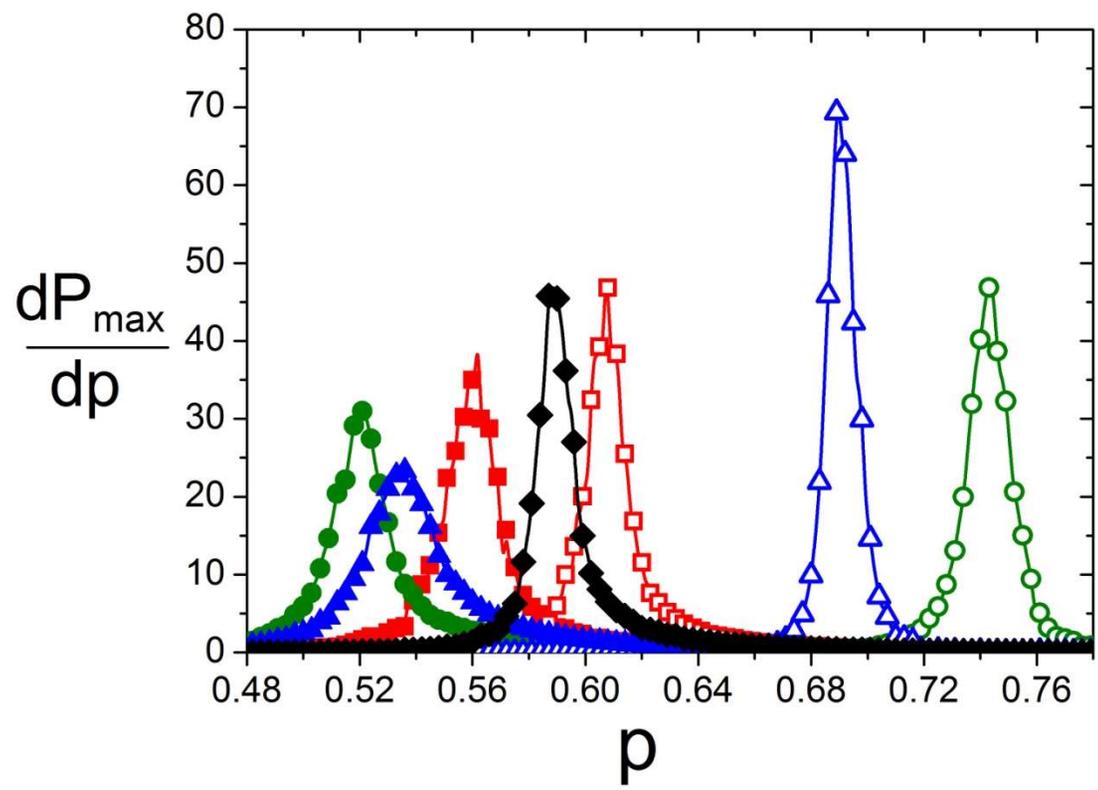




# Many different variations

- Sum or product
- Allow the largest or the smallest
- Attraction or repulsion





# Critical percolation threshold values

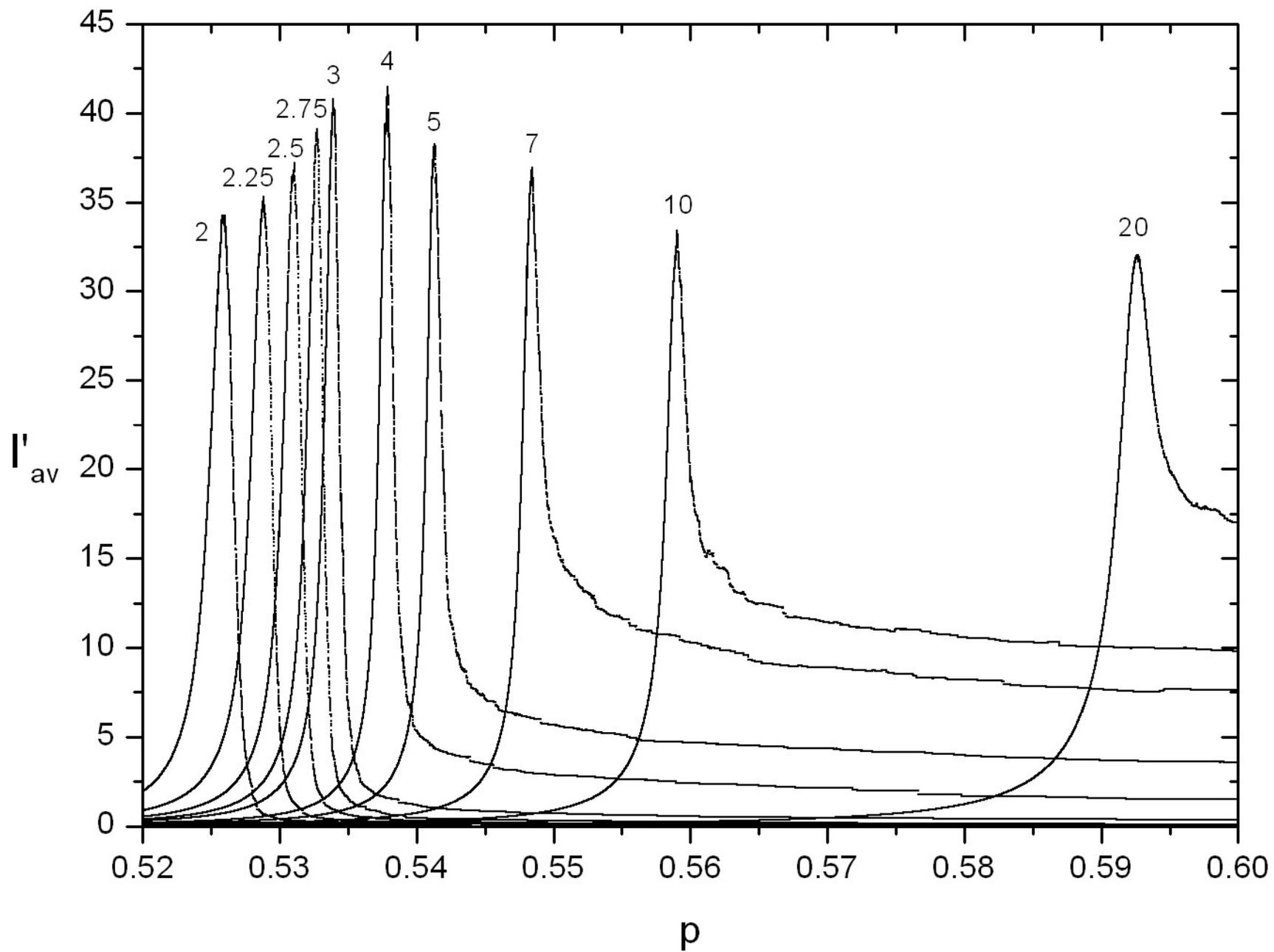
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Model	$p_c$	$d_f$
Classical percolation	0.5927	$1.89 \pm 0.02$
Attraction model ( $k = 1$ )	0.5618	$1.89 \pm 0.03$
Repulsion model ( $k = 1$ )	0.6100	$1.88 \pm 0.03$
Product rule (delay)	0.7554	$1.99 \pm 0.01$
Product rule (early emergence)	0.5315	$1.87 \pm 0.02$
Sum rule (delay)	0.6942	$1.99 \pm 0.01$
Sum rule (early emergence)	0.5433	$1.88 \pm 0.02$

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# Summary: percolation

- Old problem
- Most useful paradigm in phase transitions  
(similar as Ising model)
- CMLT was first method, now many more
- Very useful in many-many different fields
- Problem is solved, but new variants emerge