

Principle of the “super-efficiency”: Thermodynamic efficiency of self-organisation

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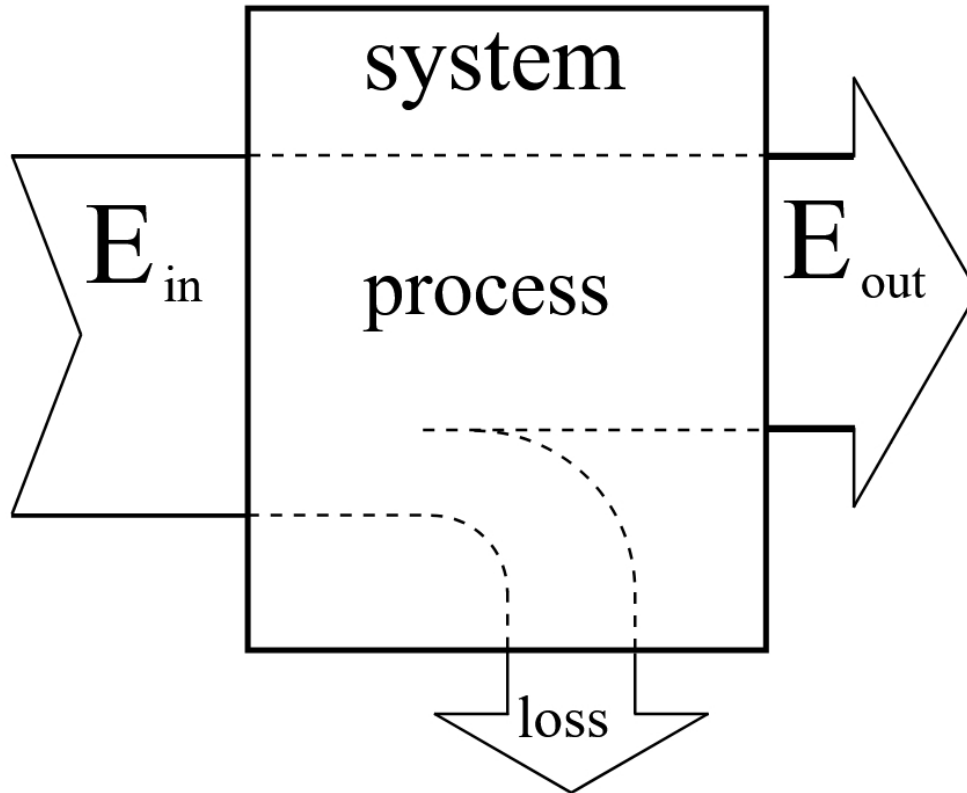
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- Thermal vs thermodynamic efficiency
- Criticality and phase transitions
- Fisher information: information theory and thermodynamics
- Case studies:
 - collective / swarming motion (*Physical Review E*, 2018)
 - urban dynamics (*Royal Society Open Science*, 2018)
 - epidemic dynamics (*Royal Society Interface Focus*, 2018)
 - Curie-Weiss Ising model (*Entropy*, 2021)



Thermal efficiency



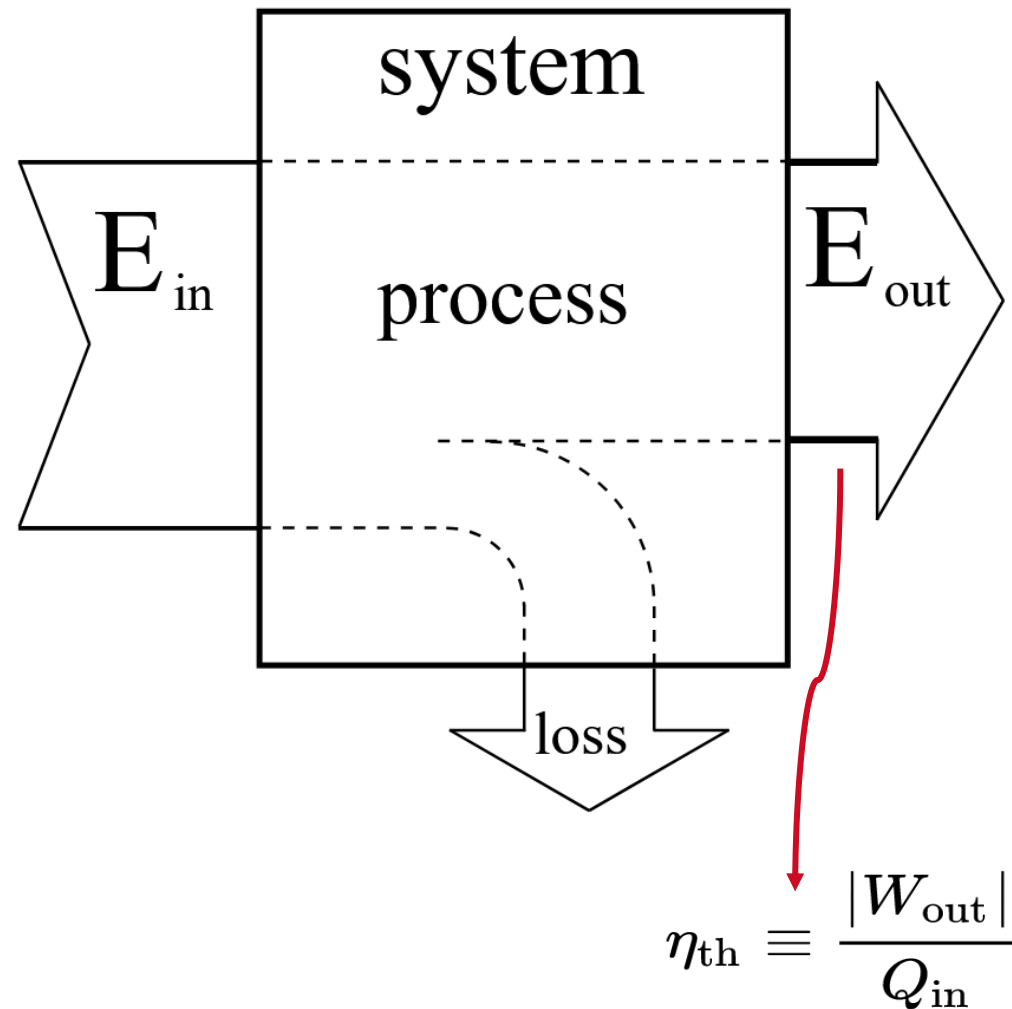
$$Q_{in} = |W_{out}| + |Q_{out}|$$

$$\eta_{th} \equiv \frac{\text{benefit}}{\text{cost}}$$

$$\eta_{th} \equiv \frac{|W_{out}|}{Q_{in}}$$



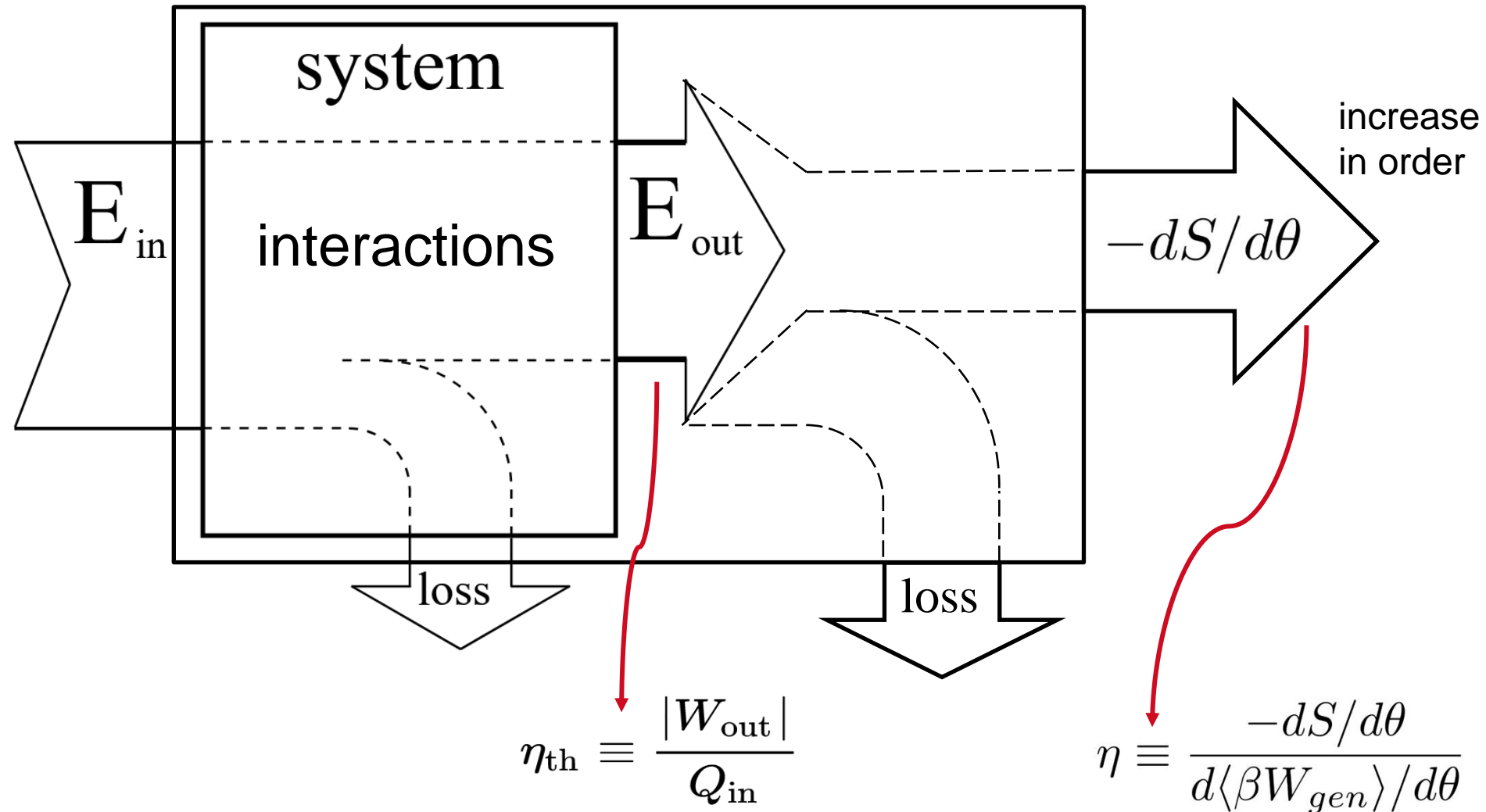
Thermal efficiency





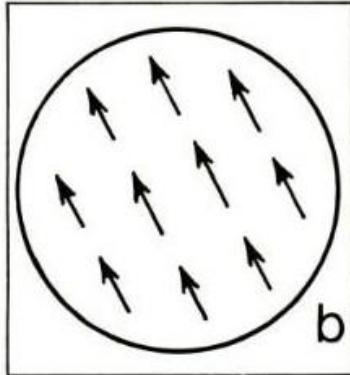
Thermodynamic efficiency

self-organisation

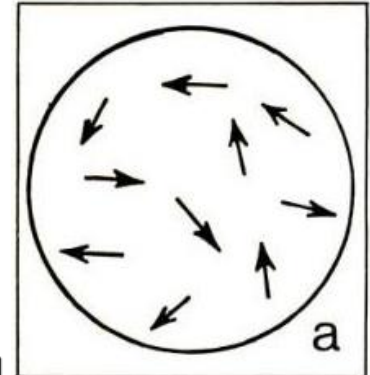




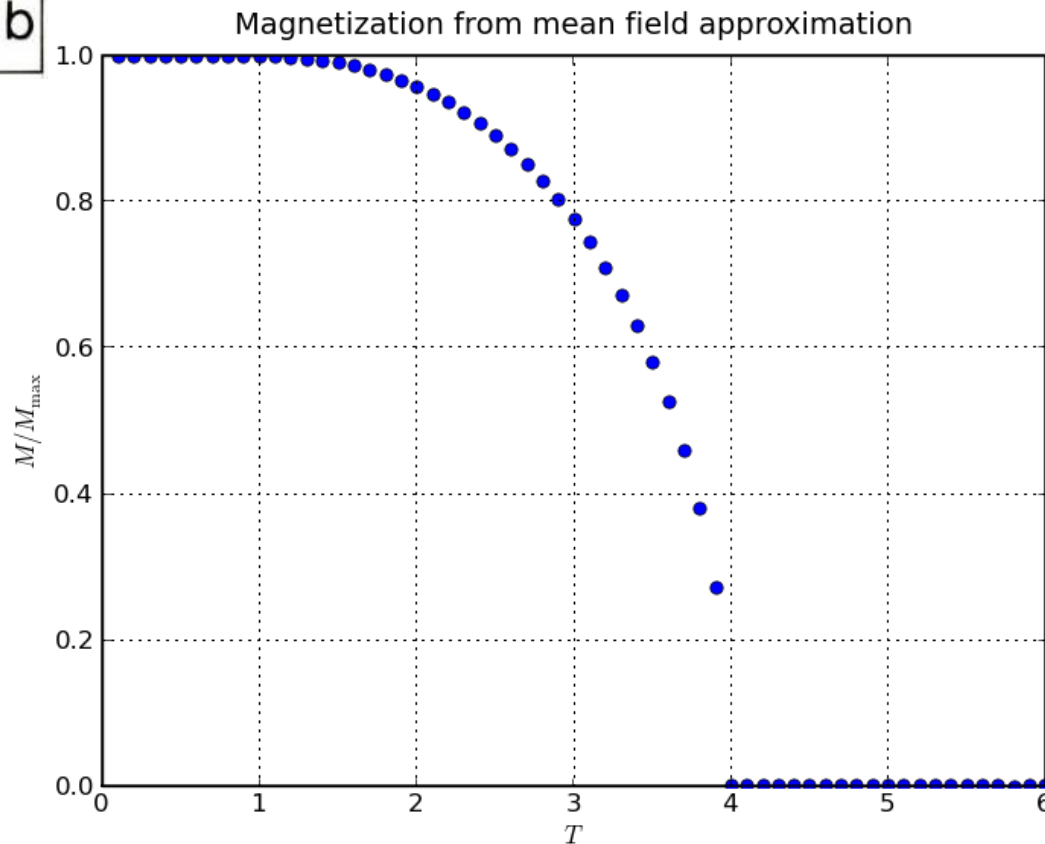
Phase transitions and order parameters



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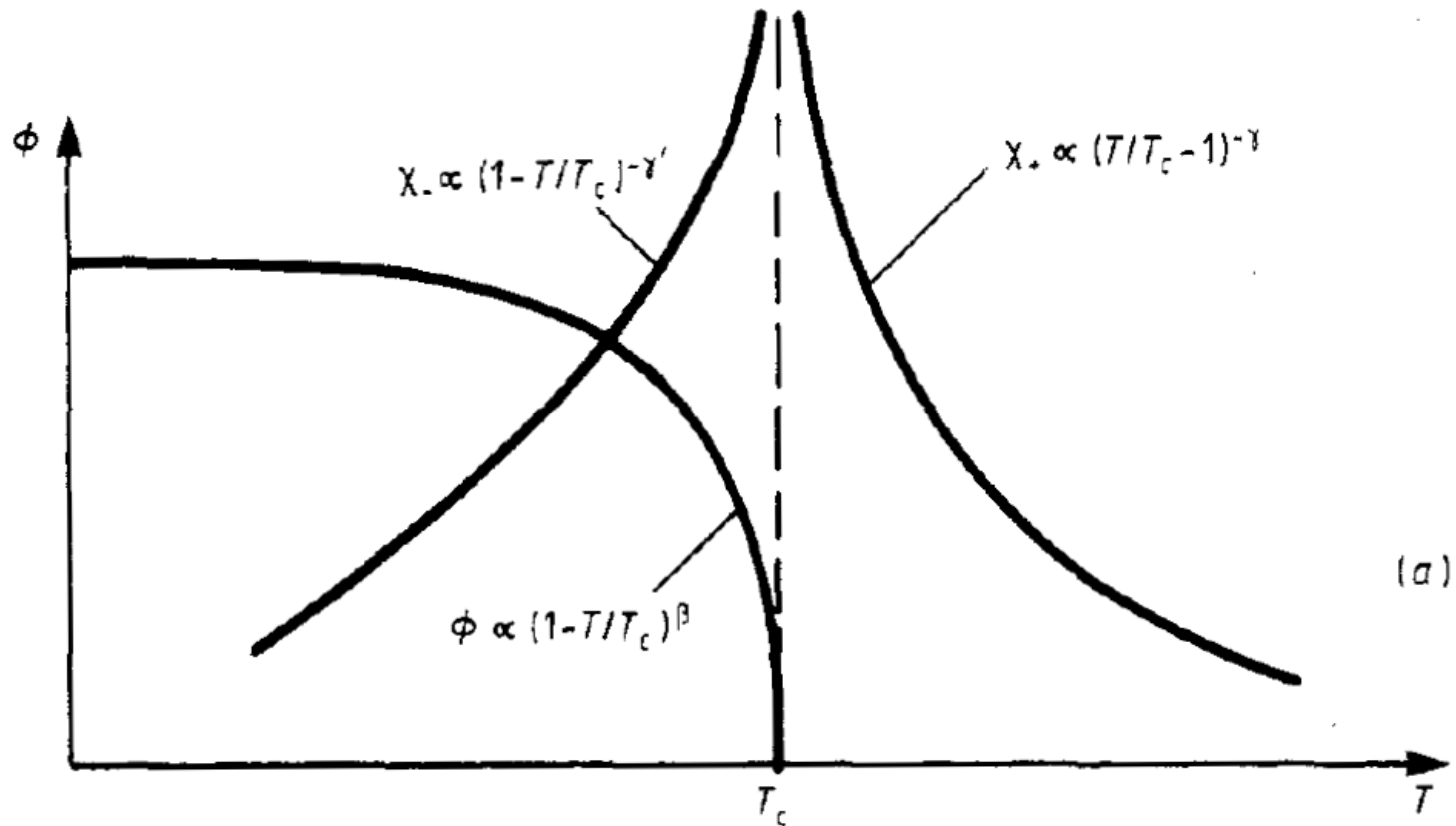
isotropic
“disordered”





Derivative of order parameter (divergence)

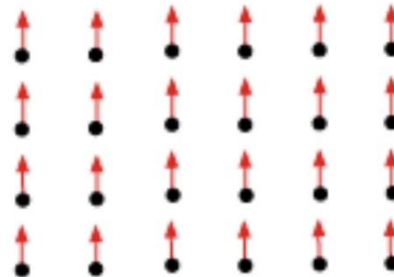
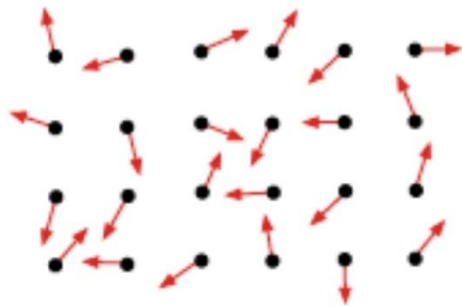
K Binder (1987)



Fisher Information and sensitivity

A way of measuring the amount of information that an observable random variable X has about an unknown parameter θ

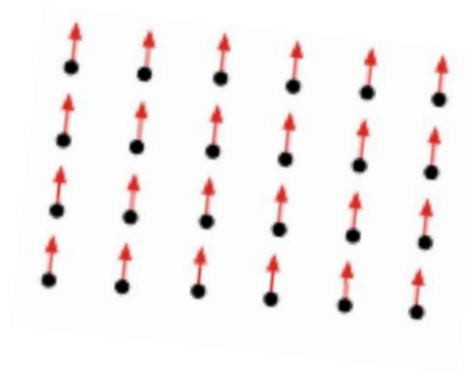
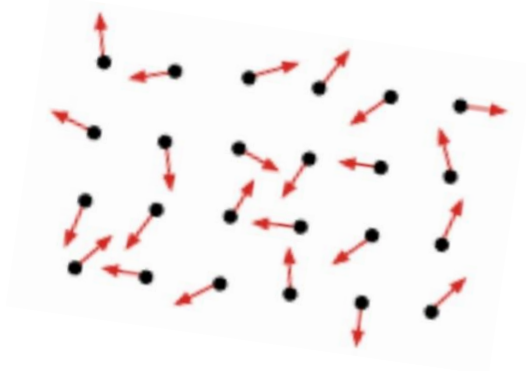
$$F(\theta) = \int_x \left(\frac{\partial \ln(p(x|\theta))}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 p(x|\theta) dx$$



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Fisher Information and order parameters

$$G(T, \theta_i) = U(S, \phi_i) - TS - \phi_i \theta_i$$

$$F_{ij}(\theta) = \beta \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \theta_j}$$

Fisher information matrix

**Rate of change of the
order parameter**

Fisher Information and generalised work

- A way of measuring the amount of information that an observable random variable X has about an unknown parameter θ

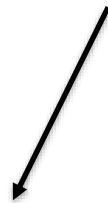
$$F(\theta) = \int_x \left(\frac{\partial \ln(p(x|\theta))}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 p(x|\theta) dx$$

- Fisher information is proportional to the curvature of the work in quasi-static processes

$$F(\theta) = - \frac{d^2 \langle \beta W_{gen} \rangle}{d\theta^2}$$

The reduction in uncertainty (the increase in order) from an expenditure of work for a given value of control parameter

$$\eta \equiv \frac{-dS/d\theta}{d\langle\beta W_{gen}\rangle/d\theta}$$



in thermodynamic
terms



Thermodynamic efficiency

$$\eta \equiv \frac{-dS/d\theta}{d\langle\beta W_{gen}\rangle/d\theta} = \frac{-dS/d\theta}{\int_{\theta}^{\theta^*} F(\theta')d\theta'}$$

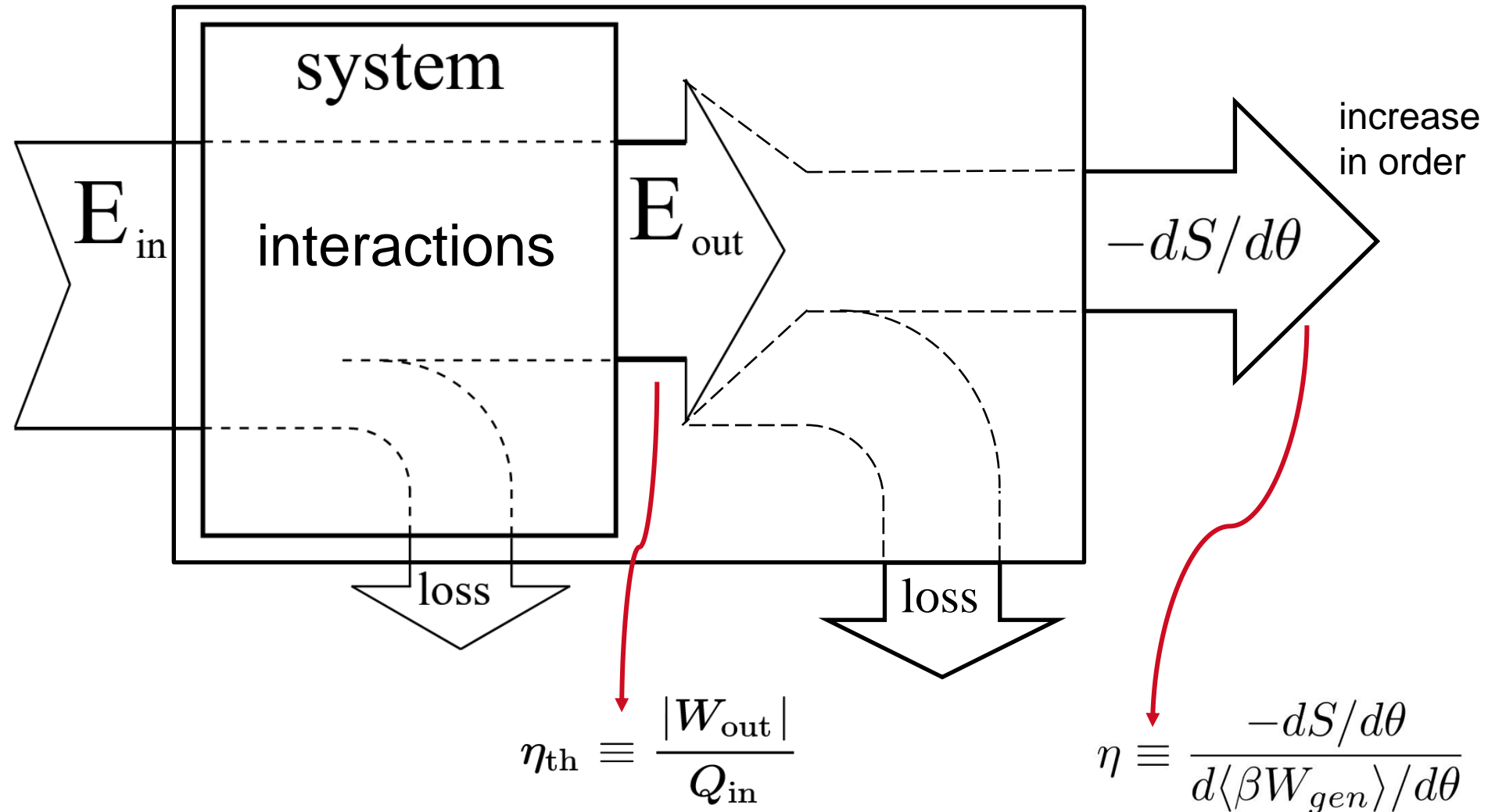
$F(\theta) = -\frac{d^2\langle\beta W_{gen}\rangle}{d\theta^2}$

in thermodynamic terms in computational terms



Thermodynamic efficiency

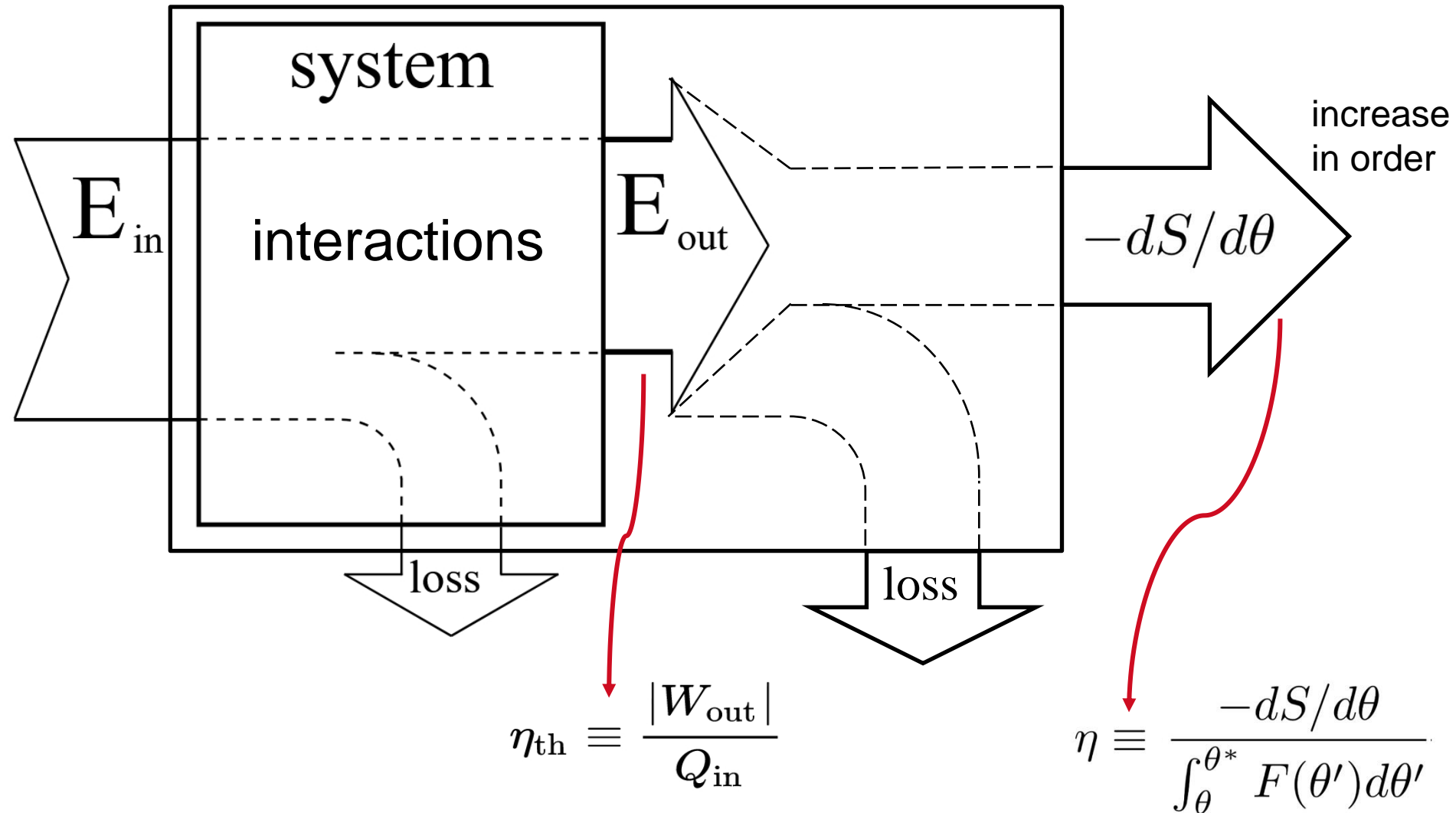
self-organisation





Thermodynamic efficiency

self-organisation



1. A dynamical model of collective motion

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Onset of Collective and Cohesive Motion

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$$\mathbf{x}_i(t+1) = \mathbf{x}_i(t) + \mathbf{v}_i(t)$$

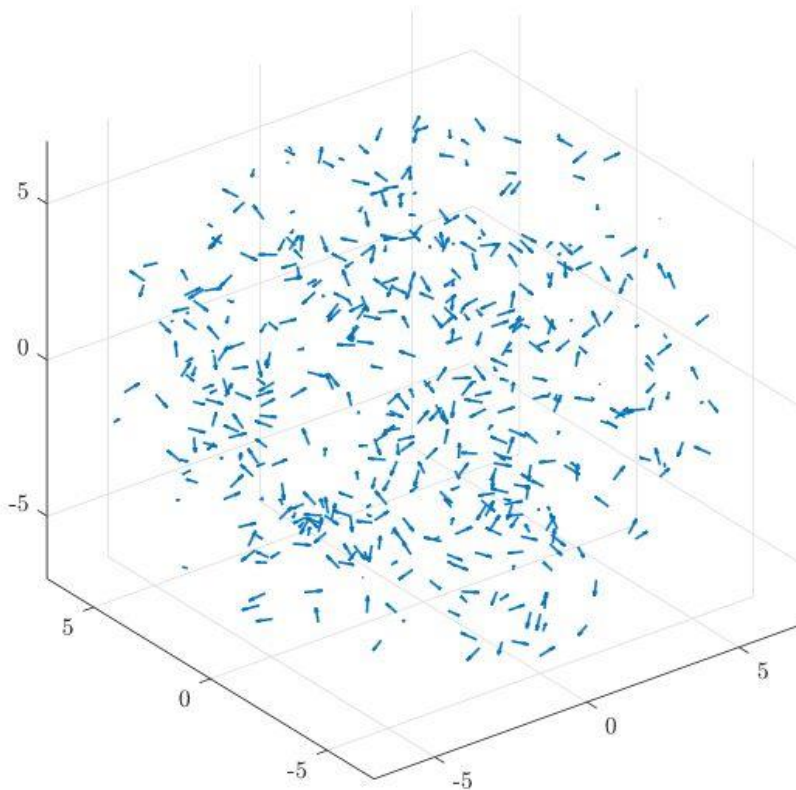
$$\mathbf{v}_i(t+1) = v_0 \Theta \left[a \sum_{j \in n_c^i} \mathbf{v}_j(t) + b \sum_{j \in n_c^i} f_{ij} + n_c \boldsymbol{\eta}_i \right]$$

alignment cohesion perturbation

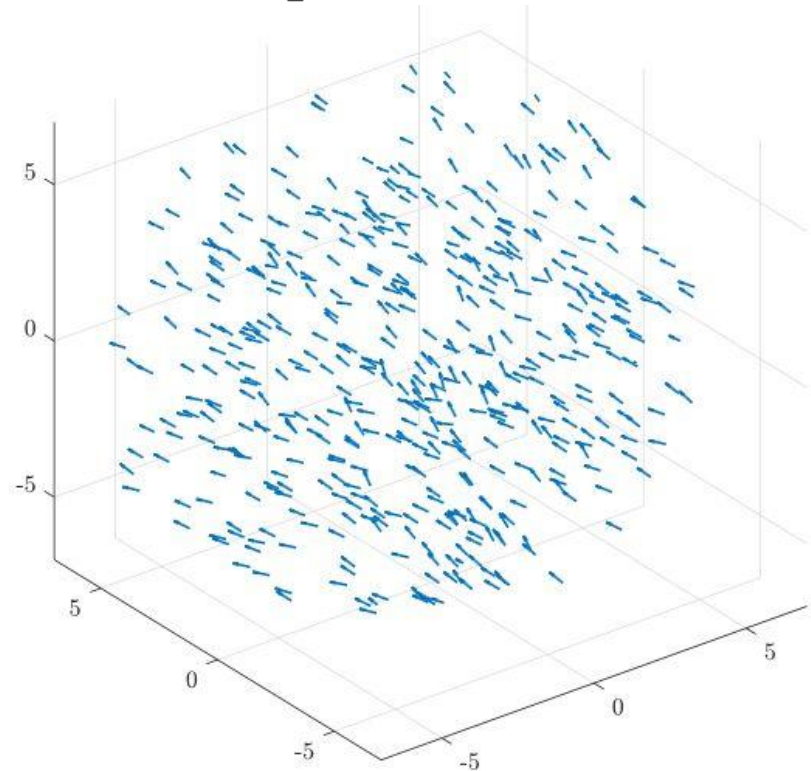


Swarming (collective) motion

$$\mathbf{v}_i(t+1) = v_0 \Theta \left[a \sum_{j \in n_c^i} \mathbf{v}_j(t) + b \sum_{j \in n_c^i} f_{ij} + n_c \boldsymbol{\eta}_i \right]$$



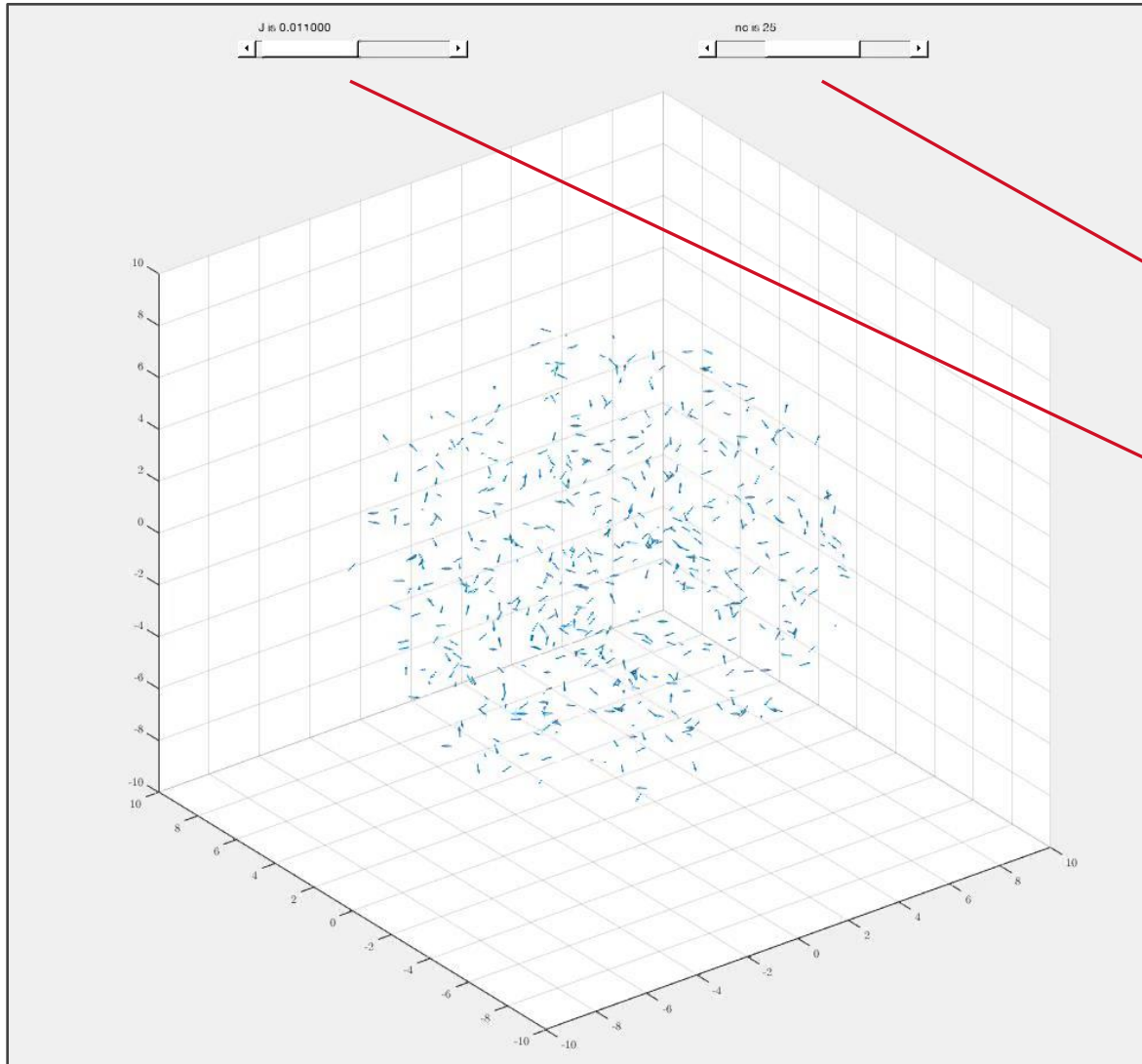
(a) $J = 0.001, n_c = 20$



(b) $J = 0.2, n_c = 20$



Varying control parameters



a kinetic phase transition driven by

- nearest neighbours

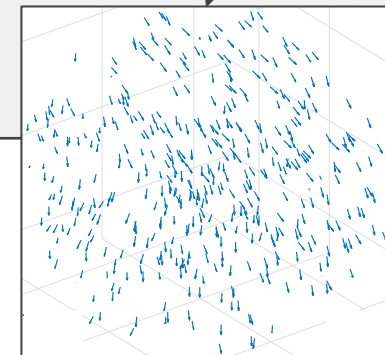
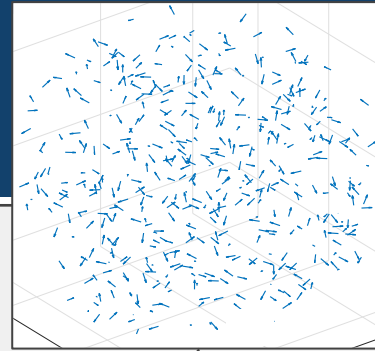
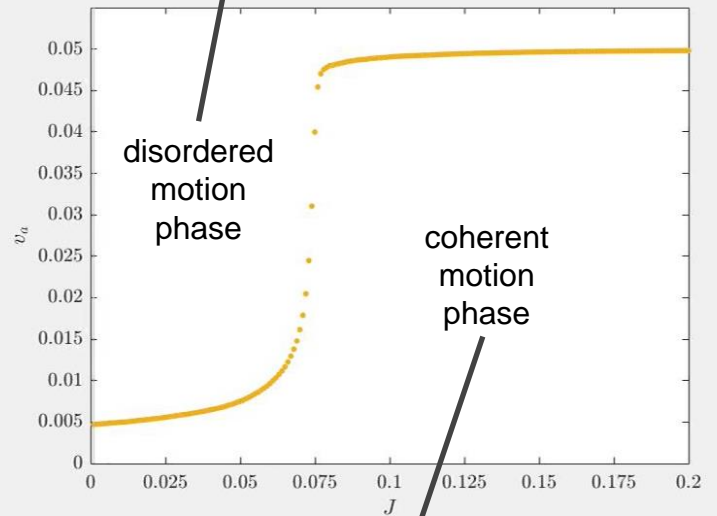
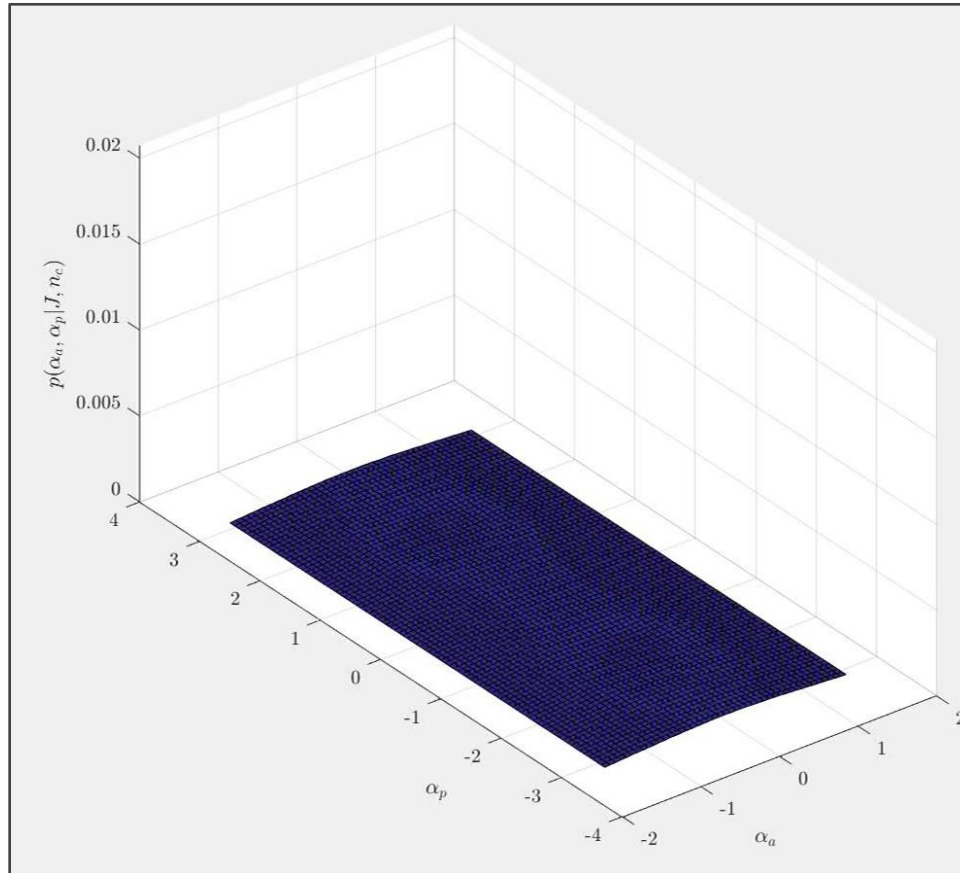
$$N_c$$

- alignment strength

$$J = v_0 a$$

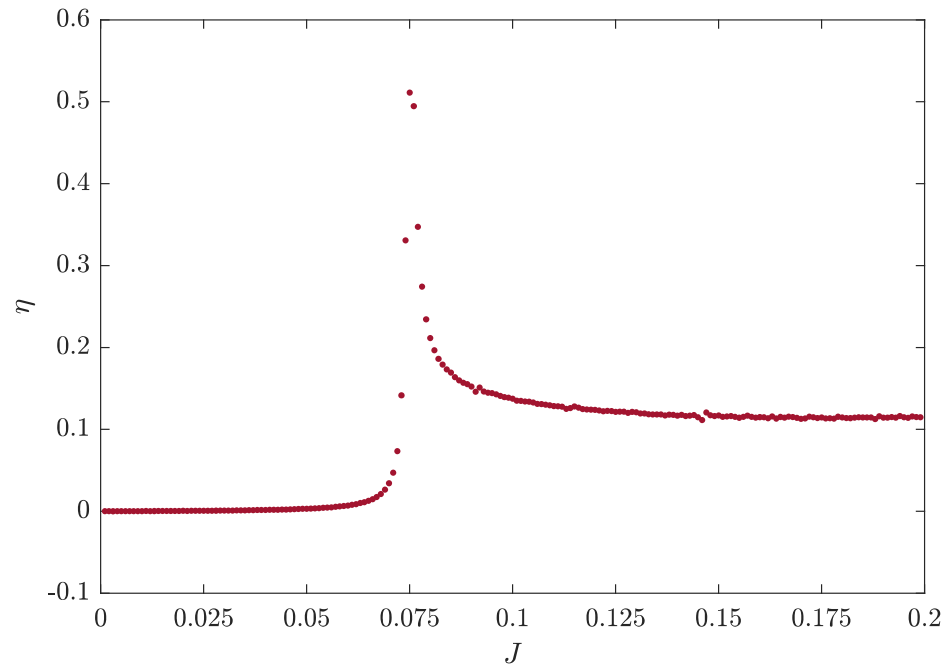
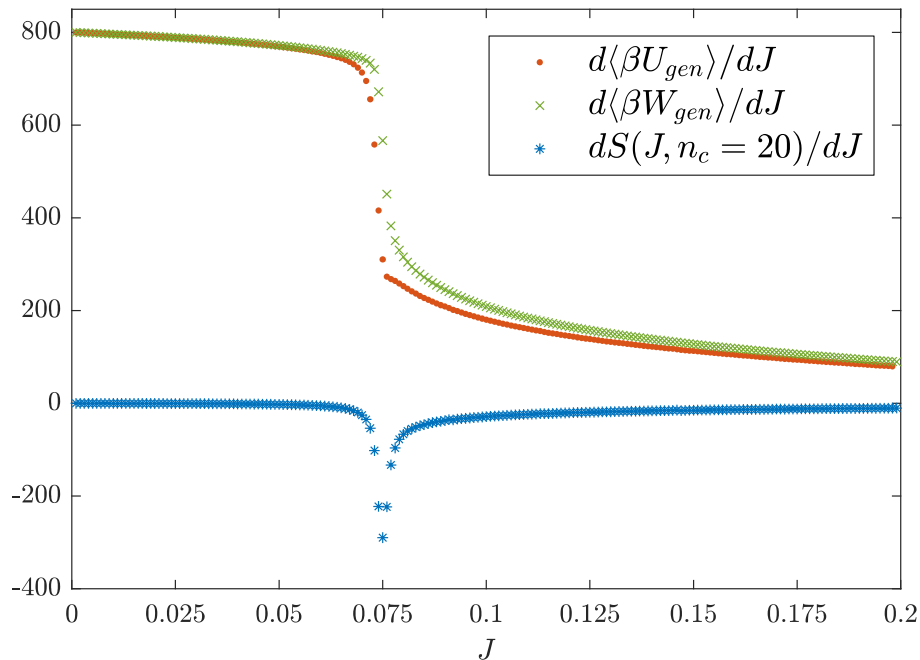


The two kinetic phases



Thermodynamic efficiency of swarming behaviour

$$\eta = \frac{-dS(J, n_c)/dJ}{d\langle\beta W_{gen}\rangle/dJ}$$





2. Urban dynamics: MaxEnt + Lotka Volterra

$$H(\mathcal{Y}_{ij}) = - \sum_i \sum_j \mathcal{Y}_{ij} \log \mathcal{Y}_{ij},$$

constraints:

$$\sum_j \mathcal{Y}_{ij} = Y_i^{\text{out}}$$

$$\sum_i \sum_j \mathcal{Y}_{ij} A_j = A^{\text{tot}}$$

$$\sum_i \sum_j \mathcal{Y}_{ij} C_{ij} = C^{\text{tot}}$$

services income rent population

$$\frac{dS_j}{dt} = \epsilon(\mathcal{Y}_j^{\text{in}} - R_j P_j - K S_j)$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_{ij} = \frac{Y_i^* e^{\alpha A_j - \gamma C_{ij}}}{Z_i}$$

control parameters:

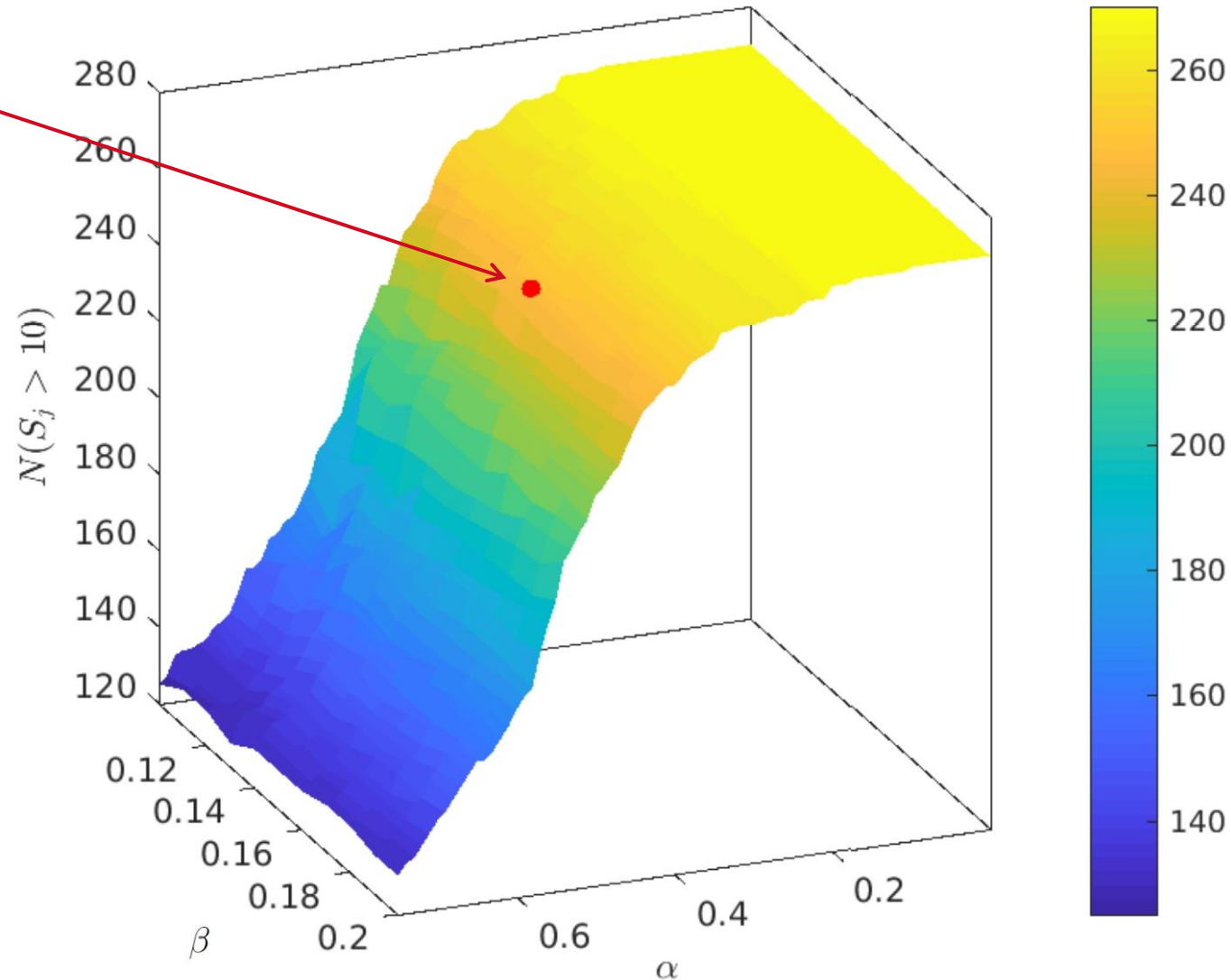
- social disposition α
- impedance to travel γ

order parameter: number of large suburbs



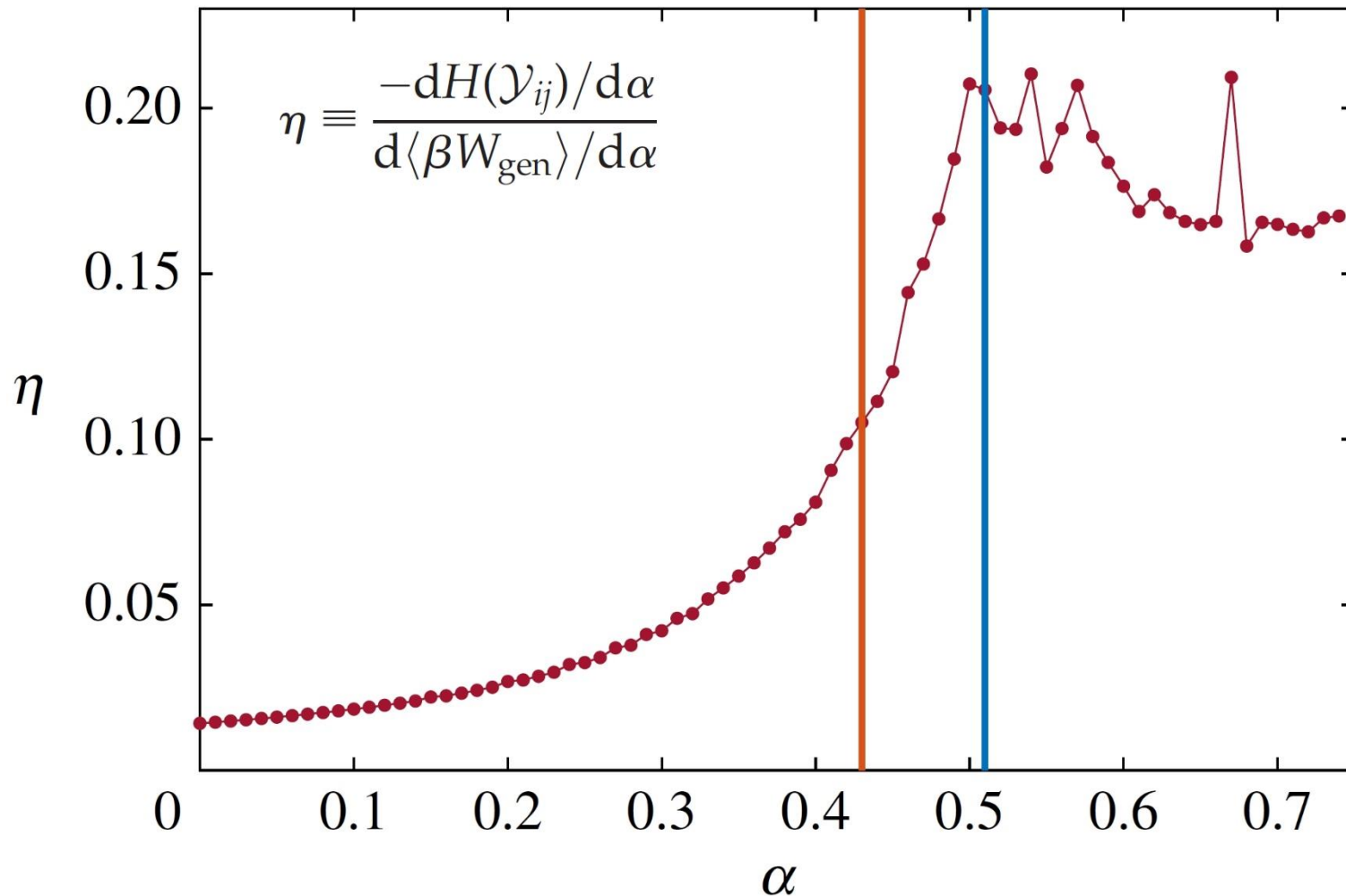
Phase transition in the number of large suburbs

Sydney, 2011-2016





Greater Sydney: thermodynamic efficiency?

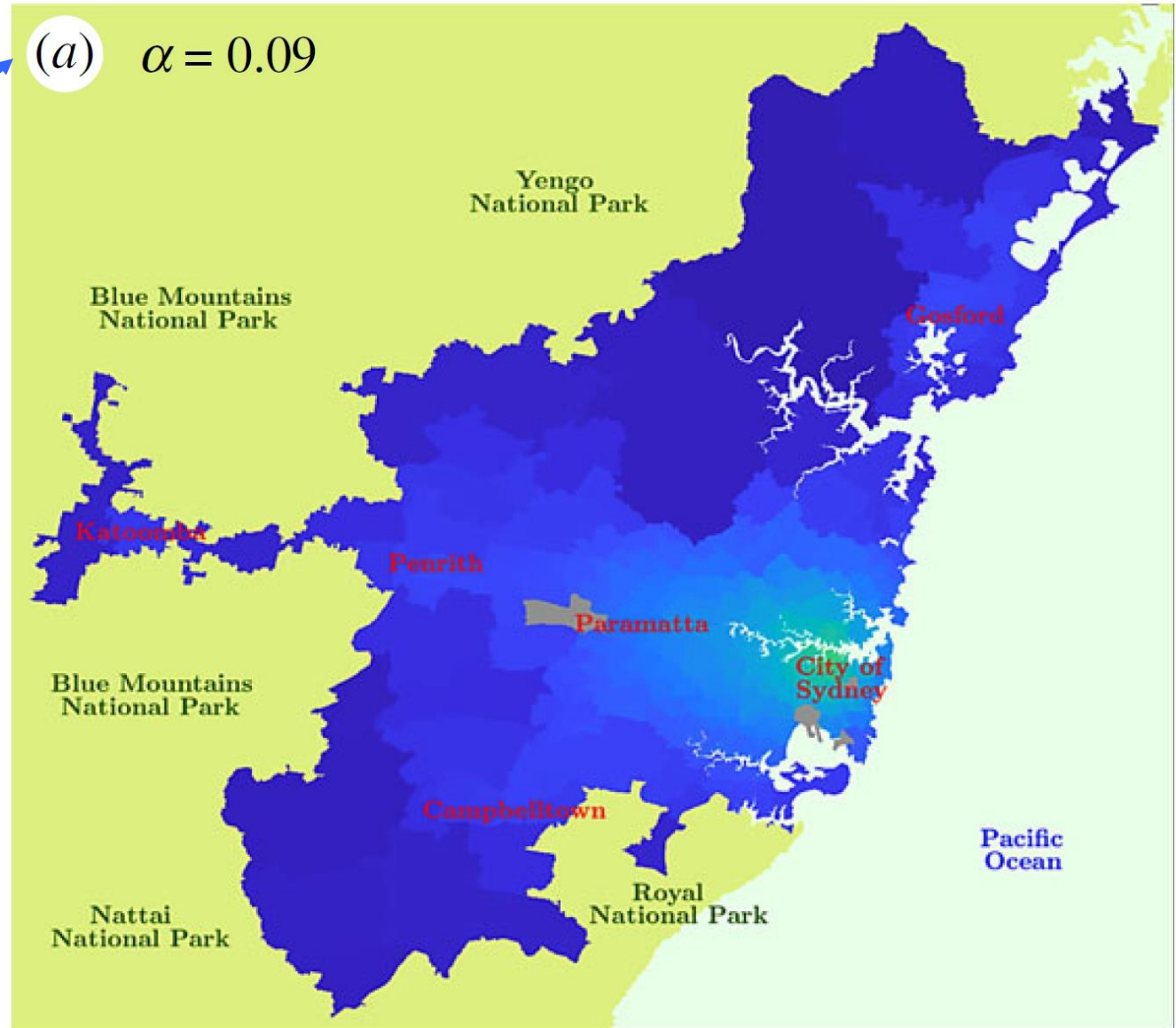
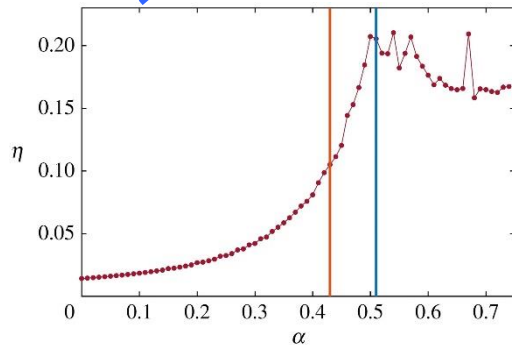


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Greater Sydney: monocentric / sprawling

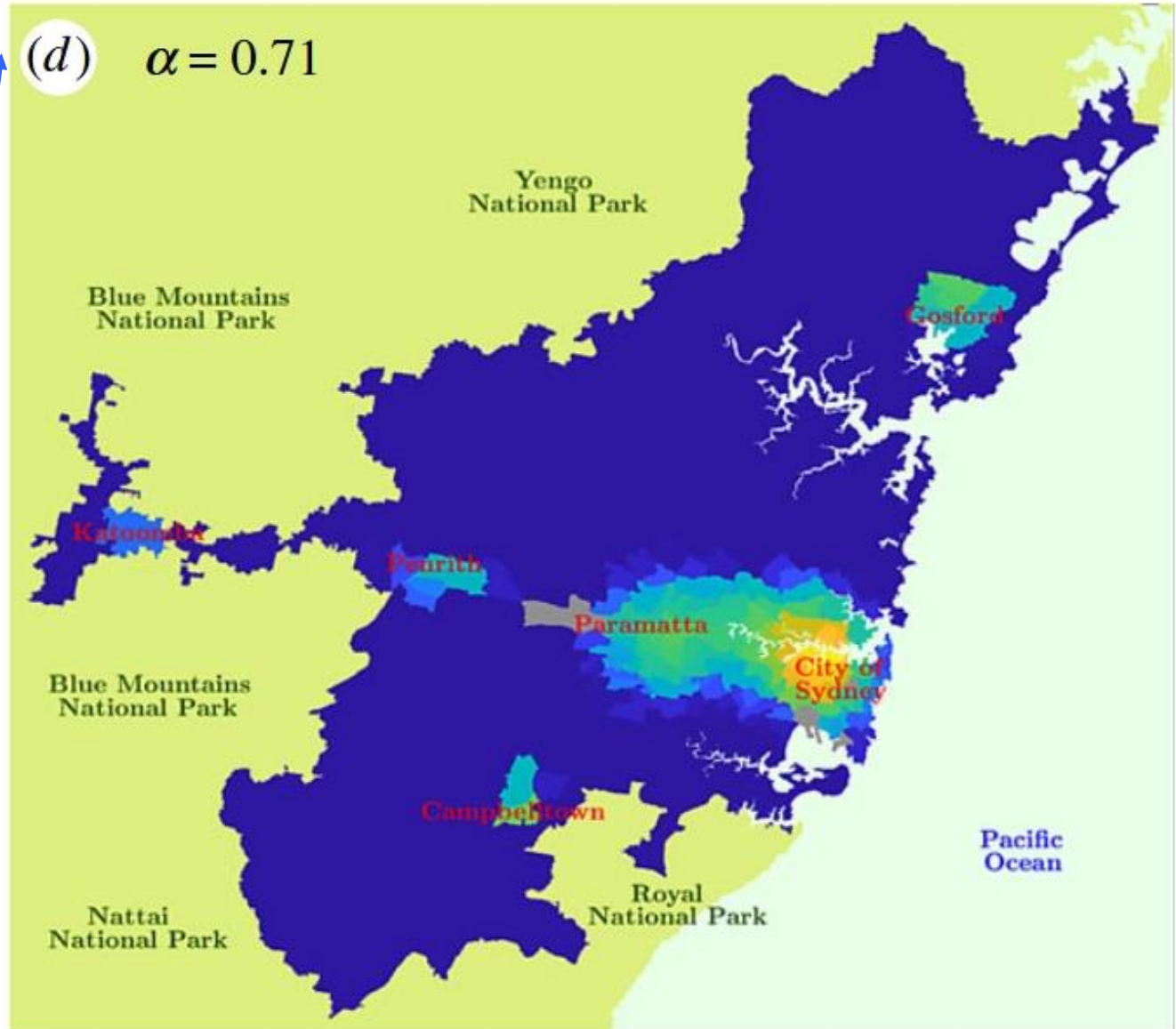
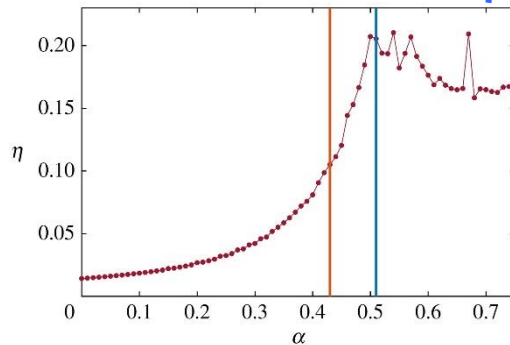
Low efficiency





Greater Sydney: polycentric

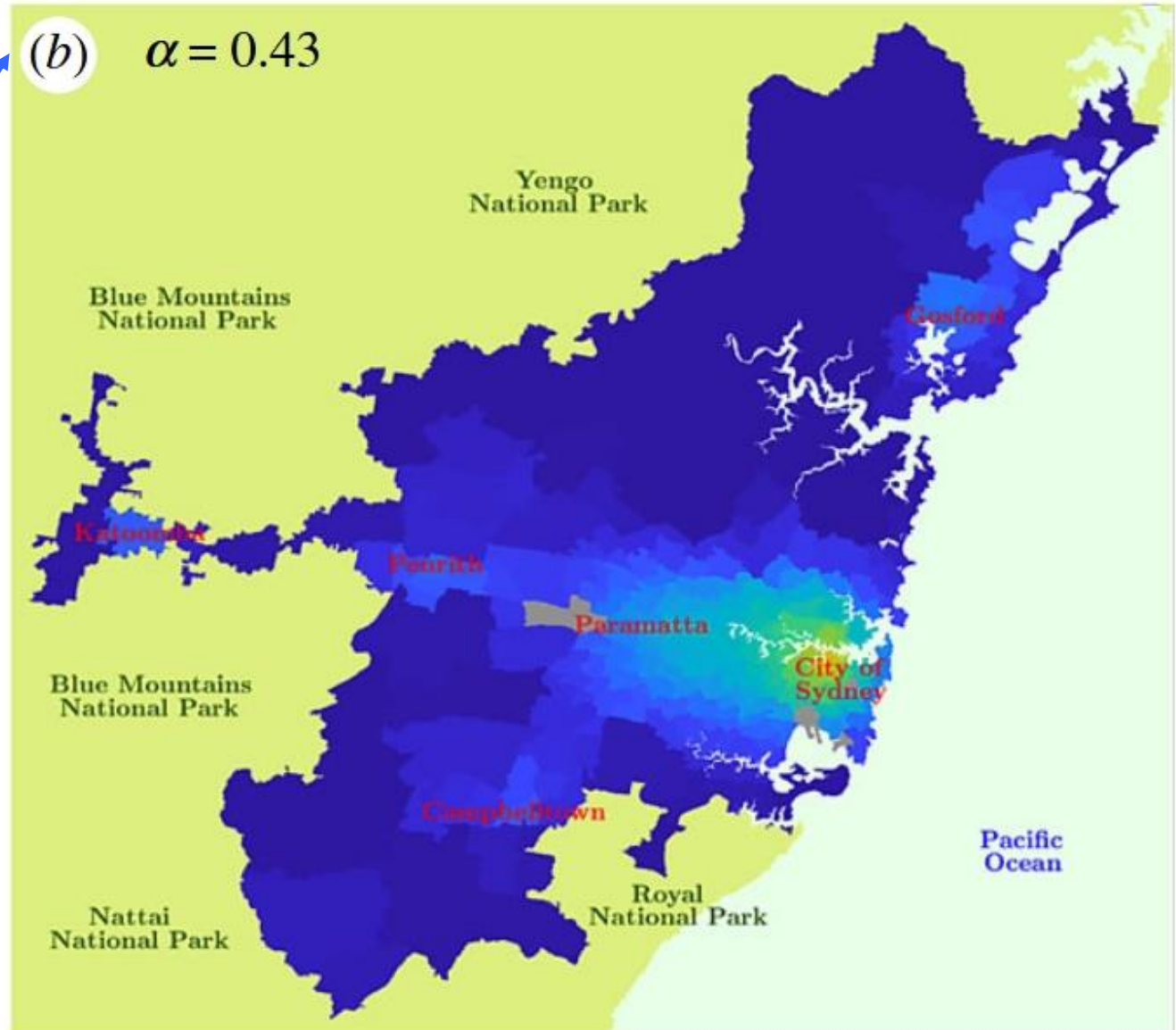
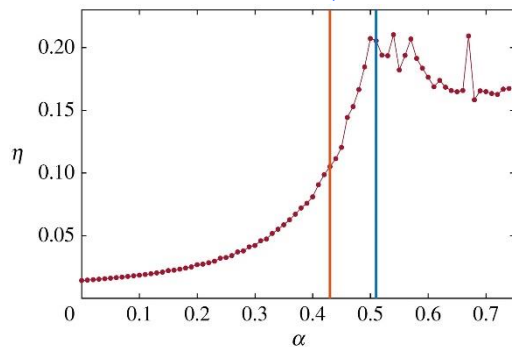
Medium to high
efficiency





Greater Sydney: (2011-2016)

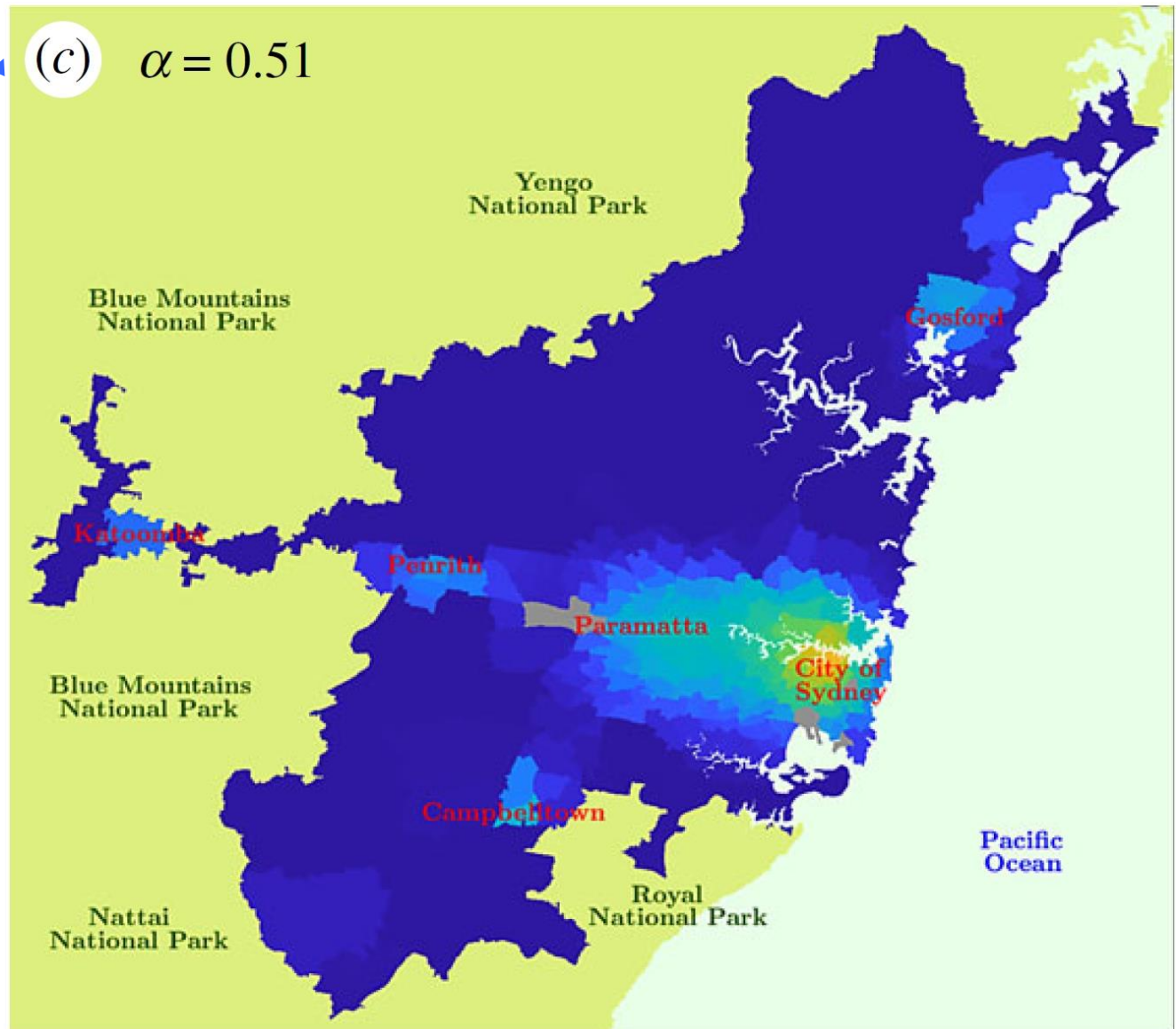
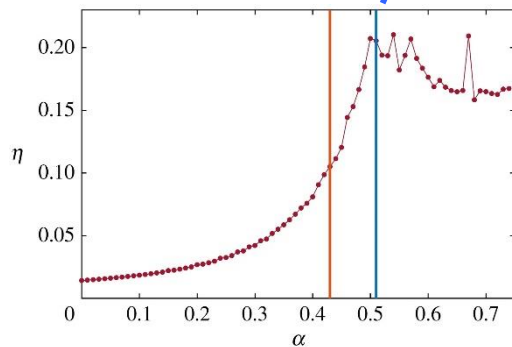
Medium efficiency





Greater Sydney: possible (critical regime)

Higher efficiency



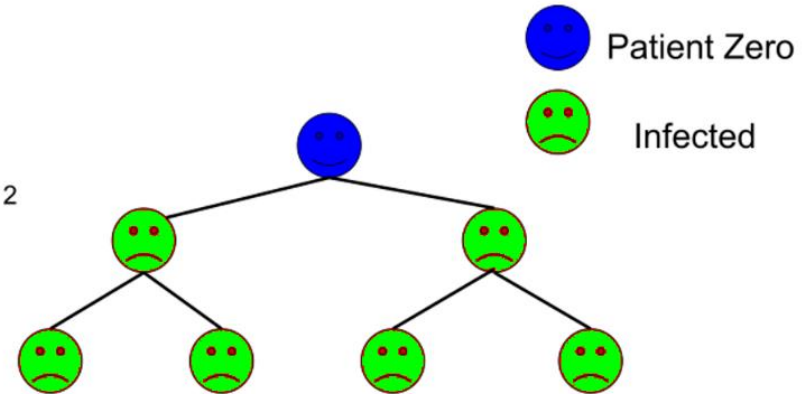


3. Epidemic dynamics

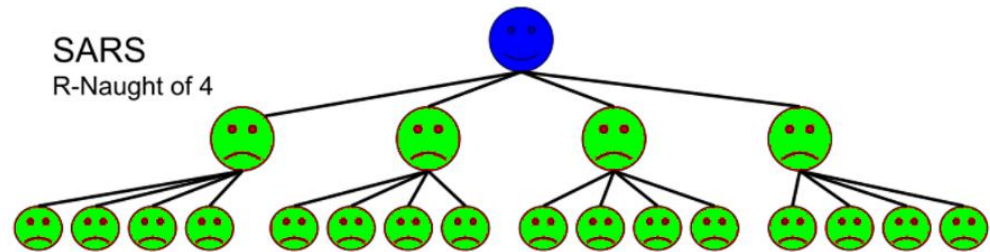
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dt} &= \gamma I - \beta IS \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \beta IS - \gamma I, \end{aligned} \right\} \beta / \gamma = R_0$$

Reproduction ratio

Ebola:
R-Naught of 2



SARS
R-Naught of 4



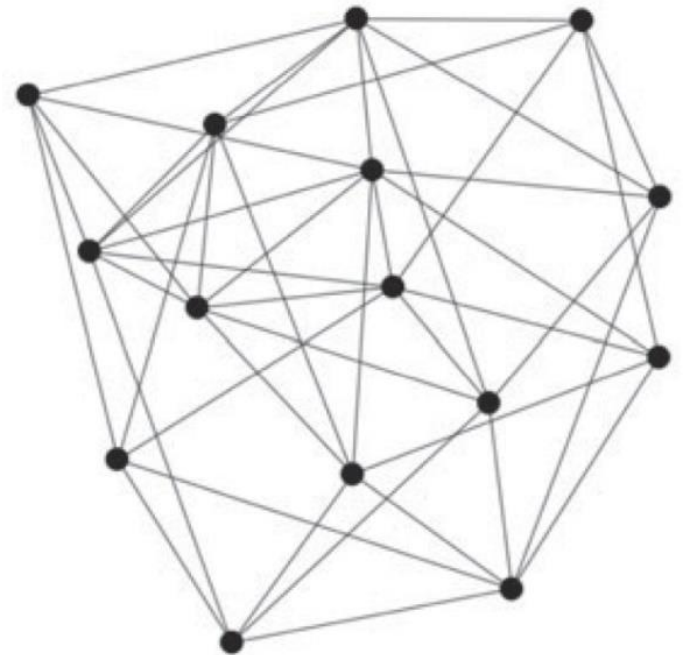
3. Epidemic dynamics (on networks)

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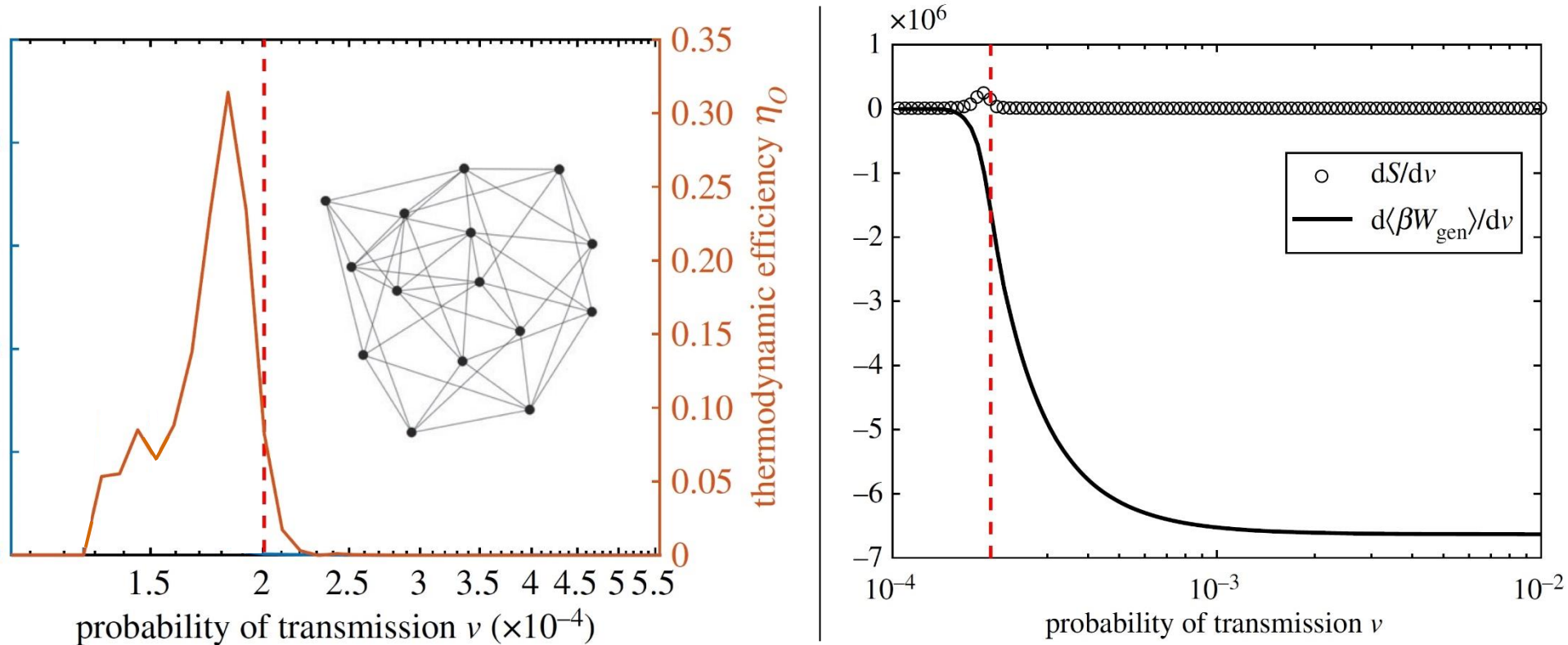
Reproduction ratio $R_0 = \frac{k\nu}{\nu + \delta - \nu\delta}$

$$P(x_i) = 1 - (1 - \nu)^r$$



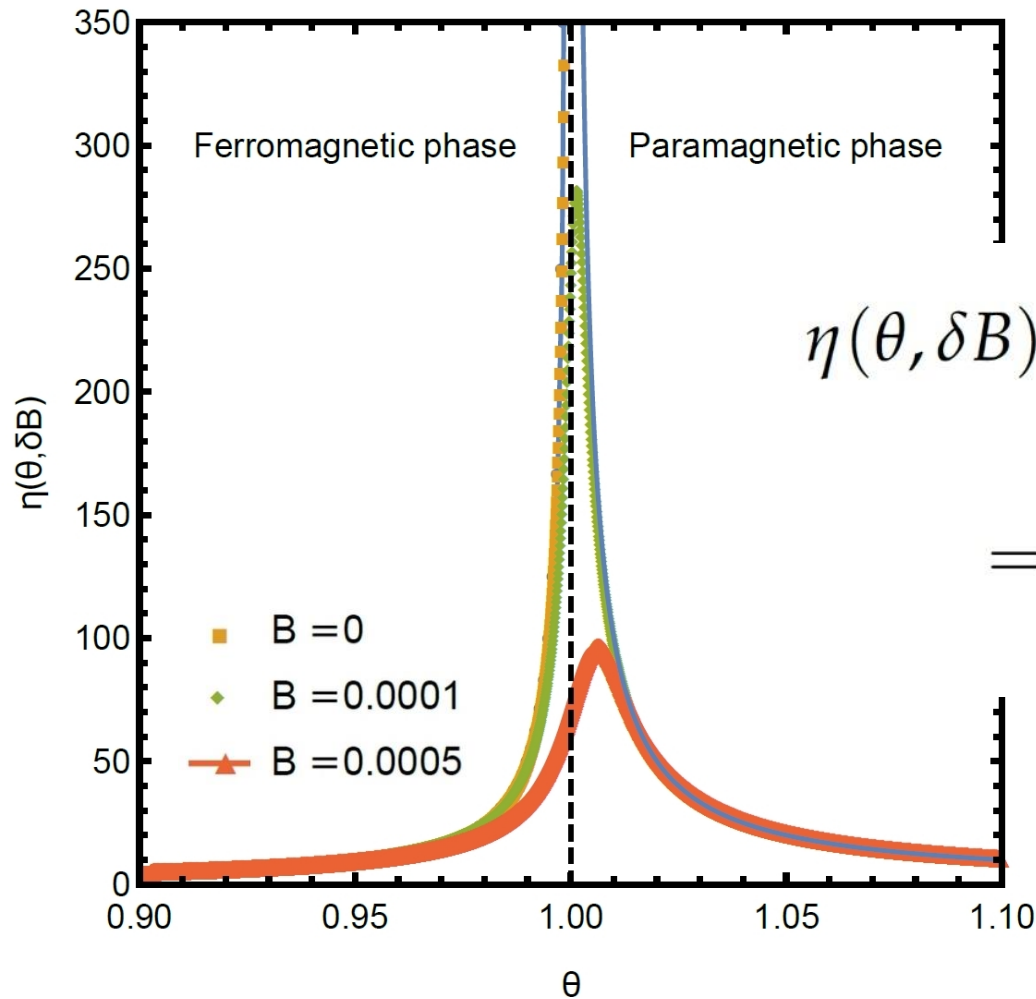


Epidemics as thermodynamic phenomena



- **intervention**: reducing the transmission probability, expending the work
- **pathogen emergence**: increasing the transmission probability, extracting the work

4. Back to magnets...



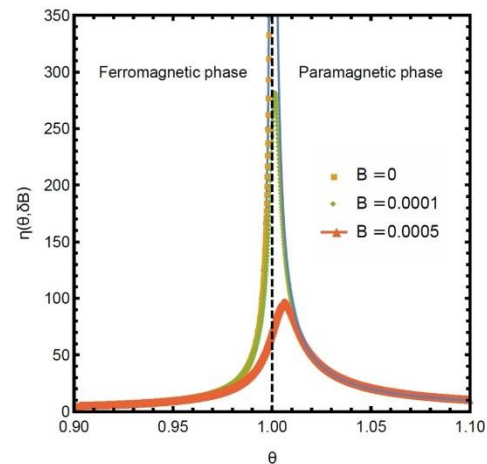
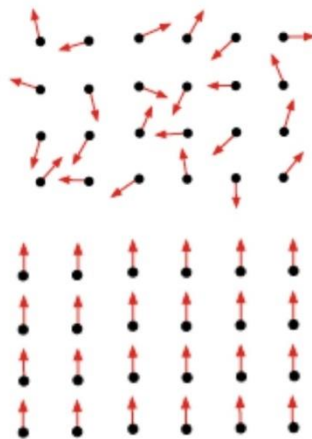
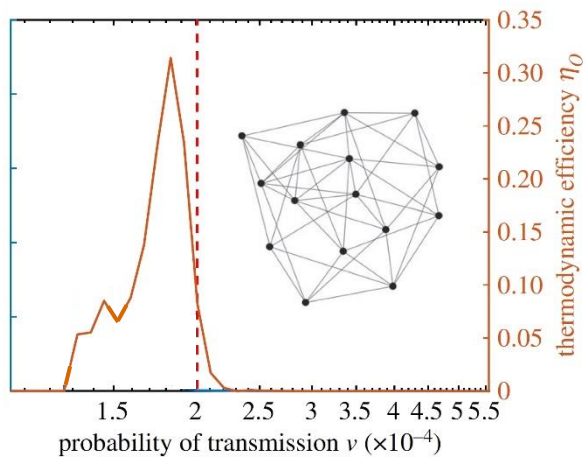
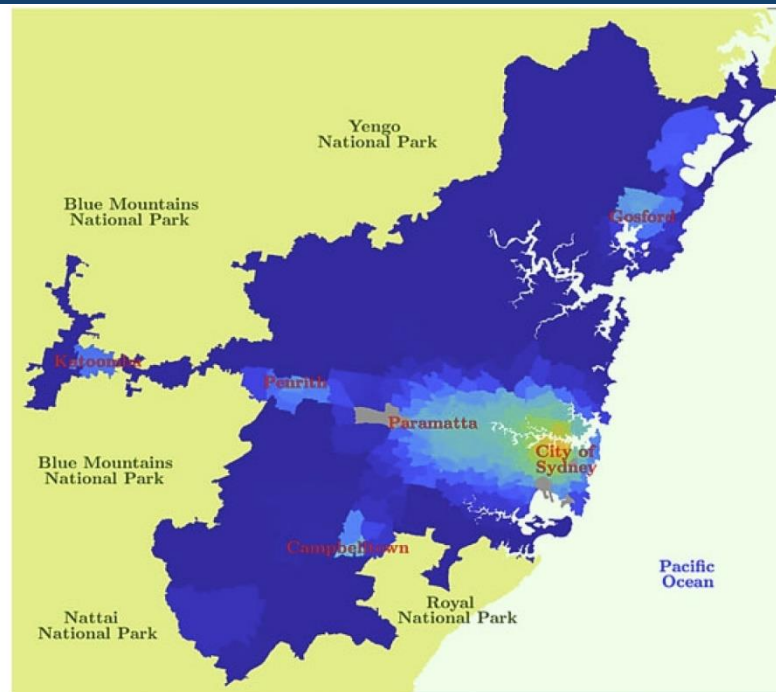
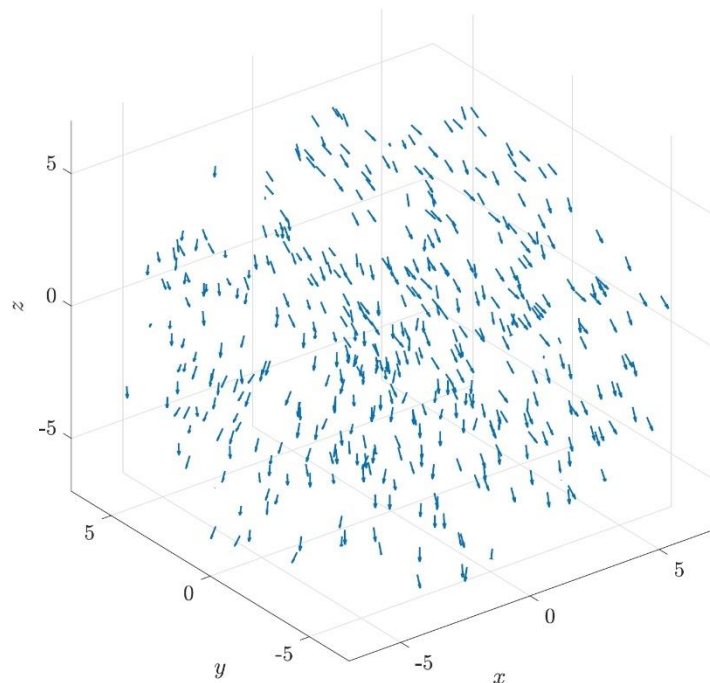
$$t \equiv (\theta - \theta_c) / \theta_c$$

$$\eta(\theta, \delta B) = \frac{1}{k_B} \frac{\partial s}{\partial B} \bigg/ \frac{\partial f}{\partial B}$$

$$= \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{k_B} \frac{1}{2} t^{-1} & \text{for } t < 0, \\ \frac{1}{k_B \theta_c} t^{-1} & \text{for } t > 0. \end{cases}$$



Summary (1/2)



- Critical regime: balance between order and chaos
 - Thermodynamic and computational perspectives:
 - rate of work carried out to change control parameter = accumulated sensitivity of distributed computation (integral of Fisher information)
 - Thermodynamic efficiency:
 - the reduction in uncertainty (the increase in order) from an expenditure of work for a given value of control parameter
 - diverges at critical point for model systems (e.g., Ising model)
- $$\eta(X, \delta X) = -\frac{1}{k_B} \frac{\beta}{|T - T_c|}$$
- *Principle of Super-efficiency*: efficiency of self-organisation is maximal at critical points in dynamical systems

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