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Long-term ordering kinetics of the two-dimensional q-state Potts model

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Ferromagnetic q states Potts model

$$H = -J \sum_{nn} \delta(s_i, s_j) \quad s_i = 1, \dots, q$$
$$\delta(s, s') \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s = s' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$k_B = J = 1 \quad J > 0$$

- 2D →
- 2nd order phase transition for $q = 2, 3, 4$
 - 1st order phase transition for $q \geq 5$

$$\frac{k_B T_c}{J} = [\ln(1 + \sqrt{q})]^{-1}$$

T. Kihara, Y. Midzuno, T. Shizume, *J. Phys. Soc. Japan.* **9**, 681 (1954).

Ordering kinetics: Single spin-flip dynamics

Relaxation after a quench from $T = \infty$ to $T < T_t$ for $q > 4$

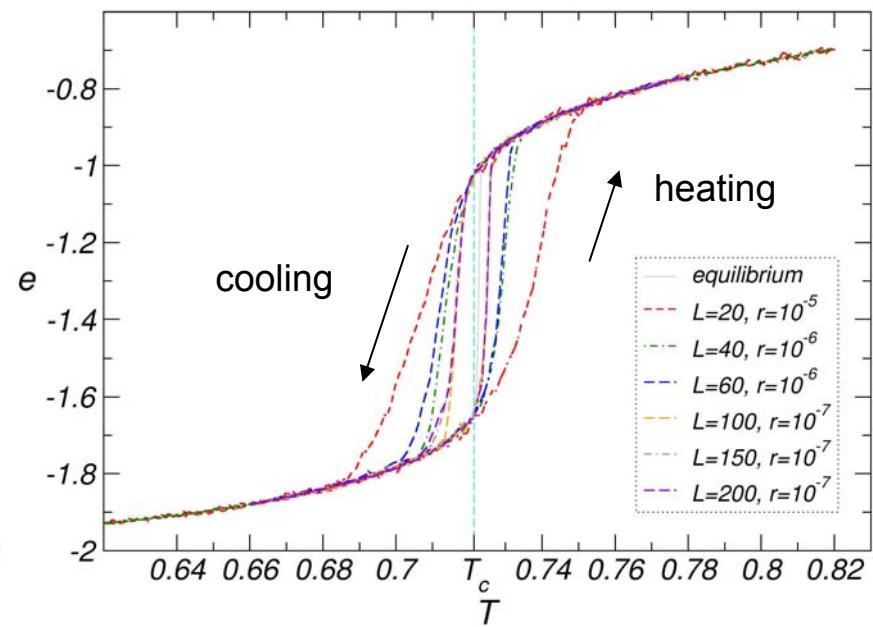
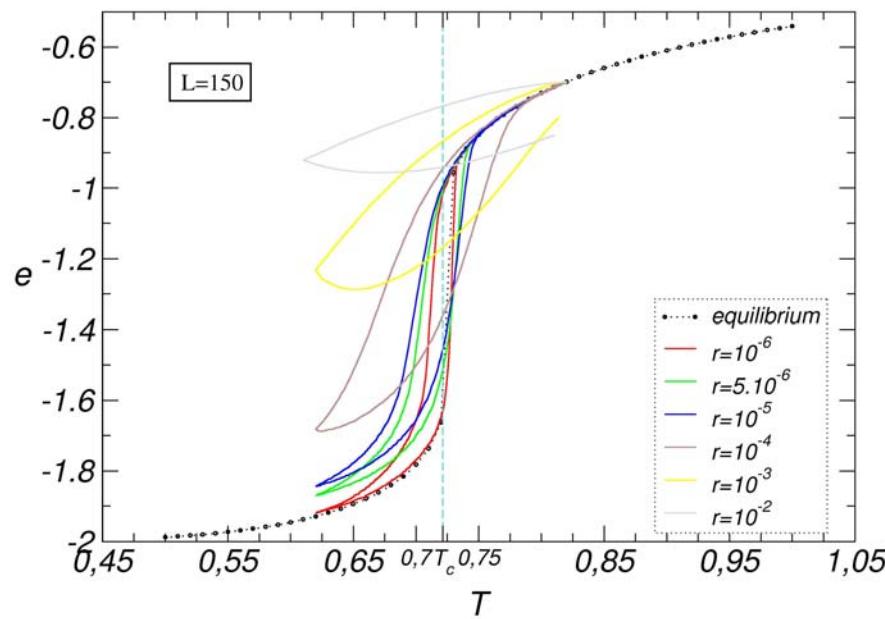
Monte Carlo simulations on a squares lattice with $N = L \times L$ sites (periodic boundary conditions) for $q = 9$:

- Metropolis algorithm.
- Continuous time MC algorithm (n-fold way algorithm).

M.K. Bortz, J. Lebowitz, *J. Comp. Phys.* **17**, 10 (1975).

Cooling-heating cicles at constant rate r

$$T(t) = T(0) \pm r t$$

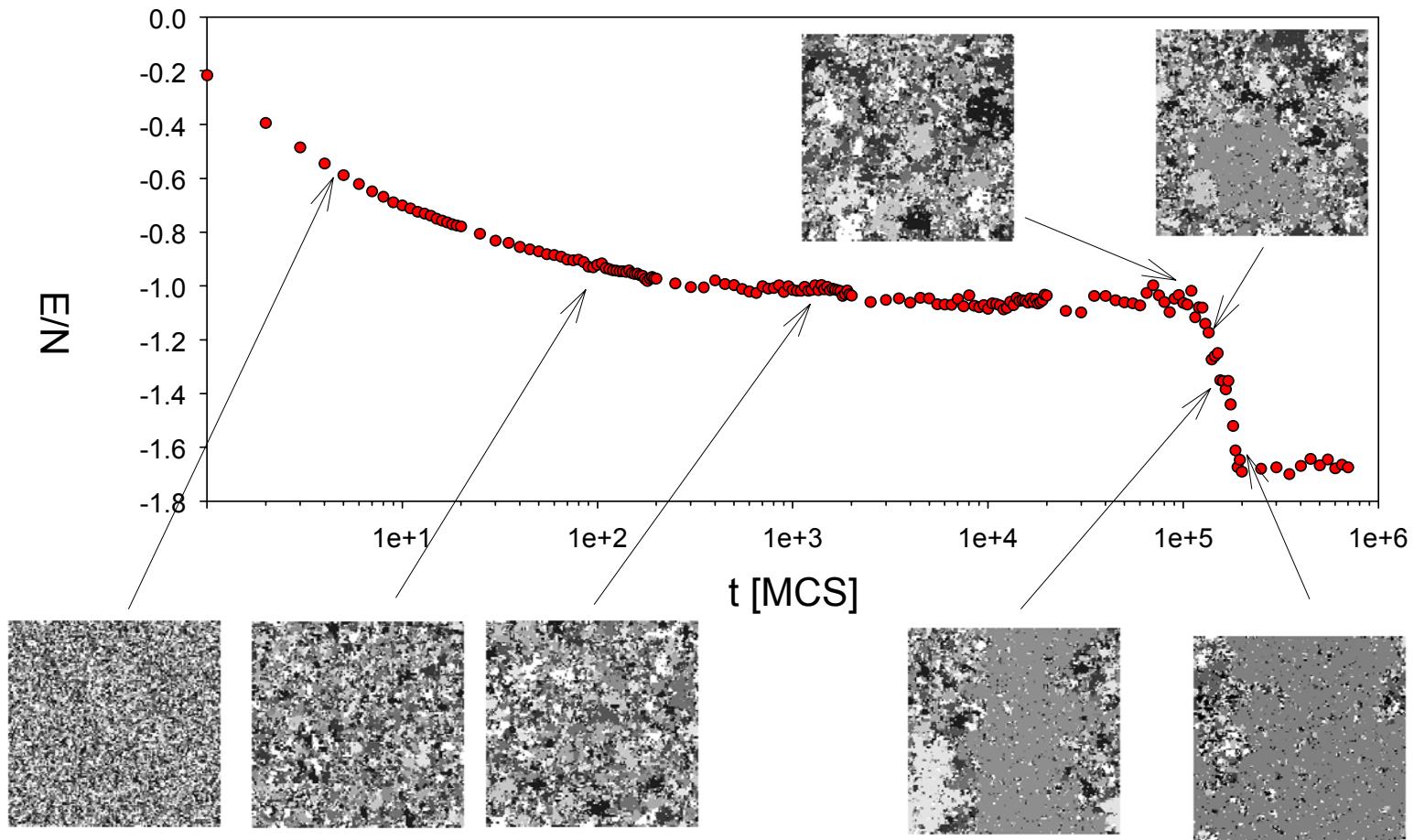


Spinodal temperature $T_{sp} \approx 0.715$

$$T_c(q=9) = 1/\ln(4) \approx 0.72135$$

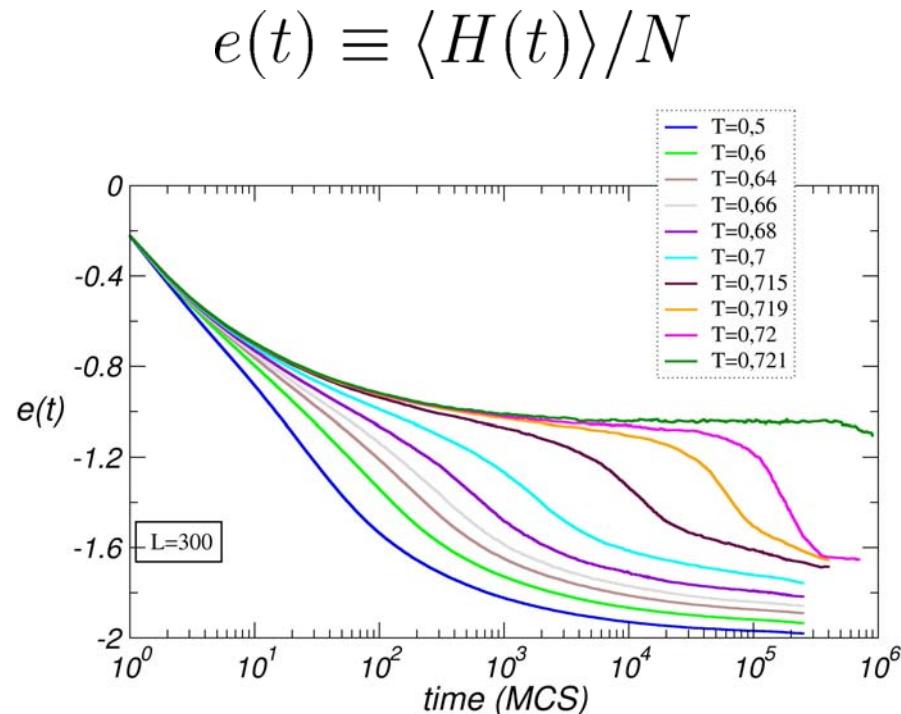
Relaxation at $T_{sp} < T < T_c$

$L=150 - T=0.72$



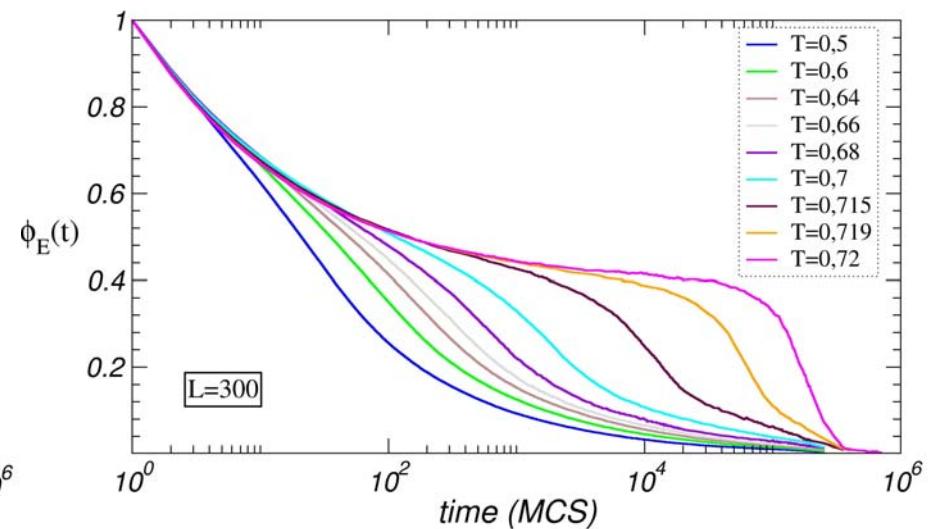
$T_c \approx 0.72135$

Average energy per spin :



Relaxation function :

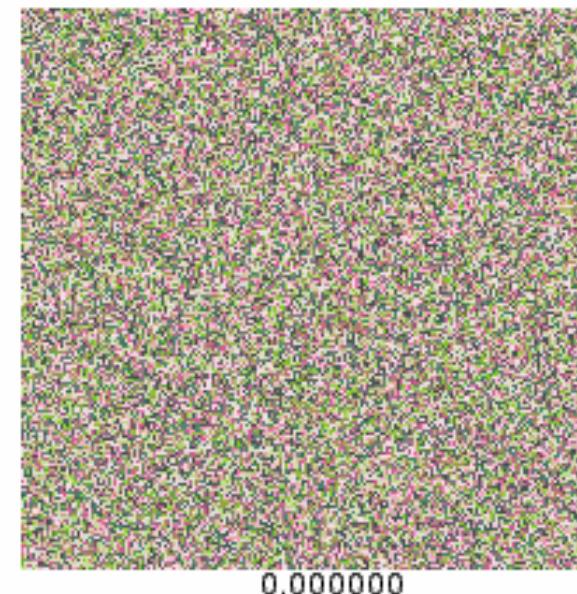
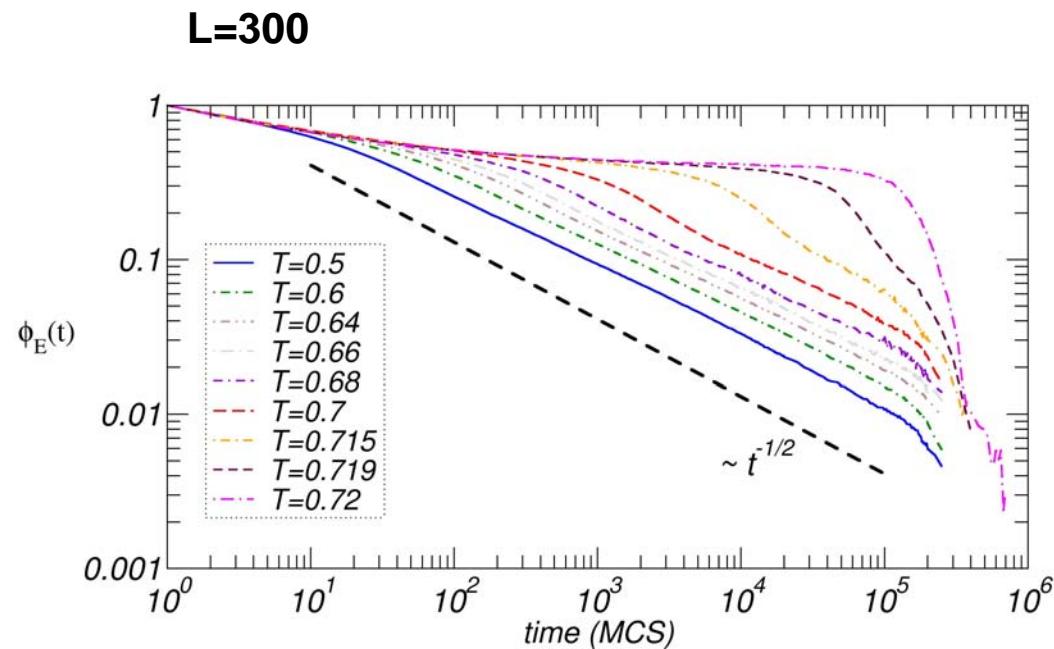
$$\phi_E(t) \equiv \frac{e(t) - e(\infty)}{e(0) - e(\infty)}$$



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Relaxation at $0 << T < T_{sp}$



L=200, T=0.2

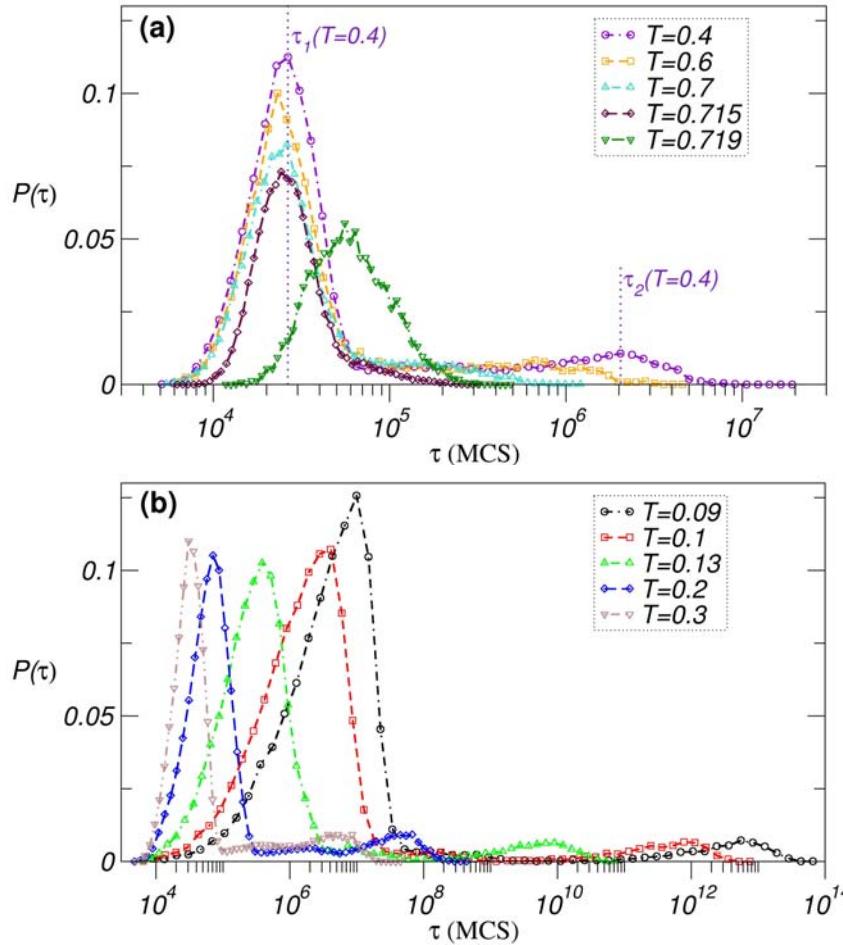
Normal Coarsening :

Average linear domain size: $l(t) \sim t^{1/2}$

$$\phi(t) \sim 1/l(t) \longrightarrow \phi(t) \sim t^{-1/2}$$

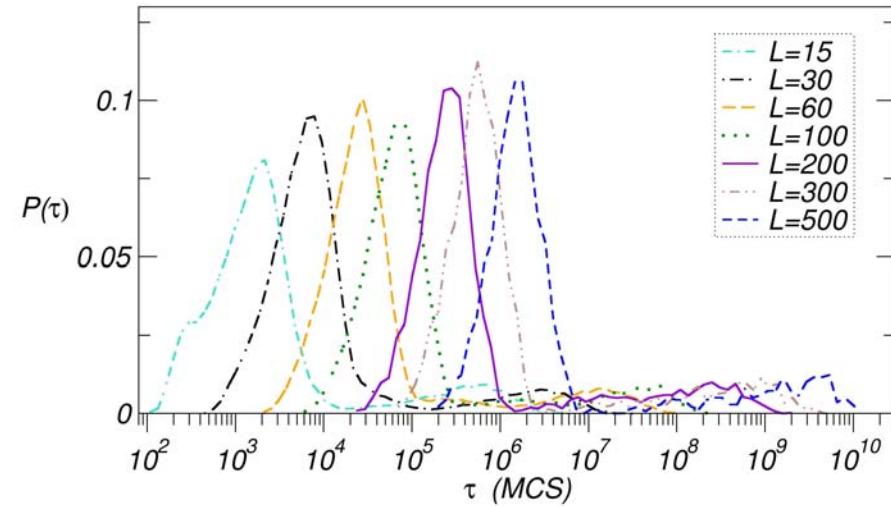
Equilibration time distribution

$L = 100$

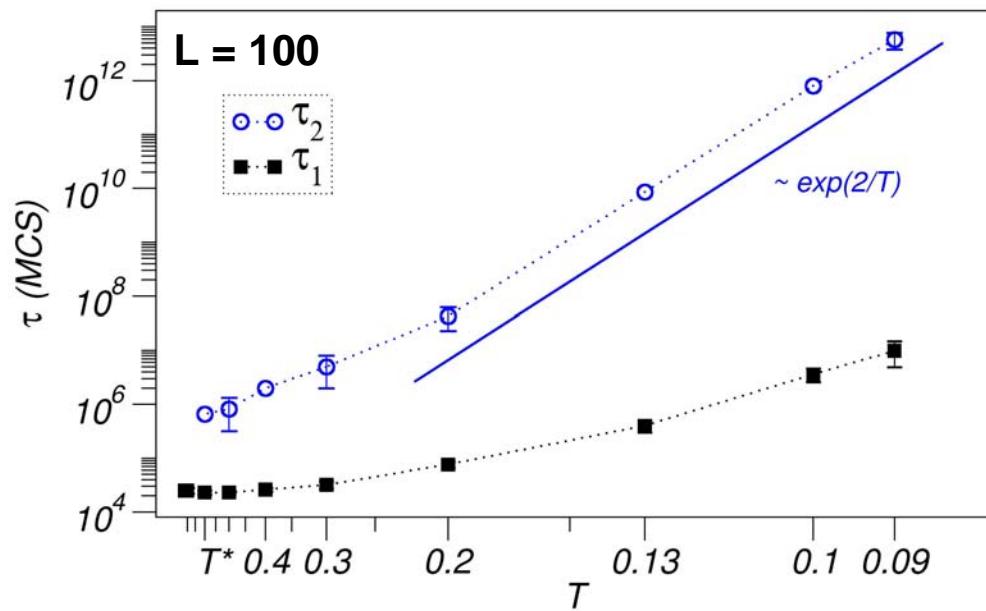
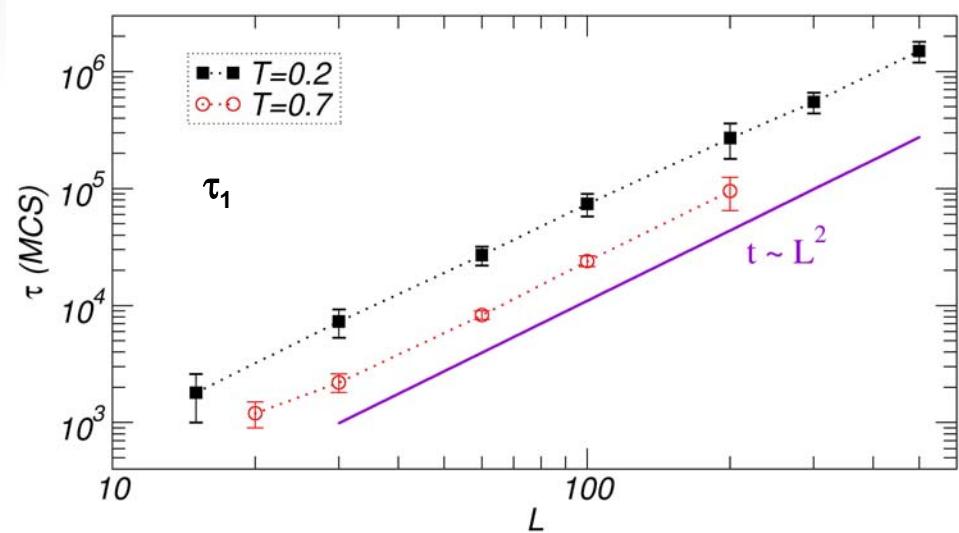


Equilibration time τ :

$$e(\tau) - e(\infty) < \sigma(L, T)$$



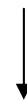
Multiple-peak structure for $T < T^* \approx 0.6$



Coarsening:

$$l(t) \sim t^{1/2} \quad : \text{average domain size}$$

$$\delta e(\tau) \ll 1 \Rightarrow L \sim l(\tau) \sim \tau^{1/2}$$



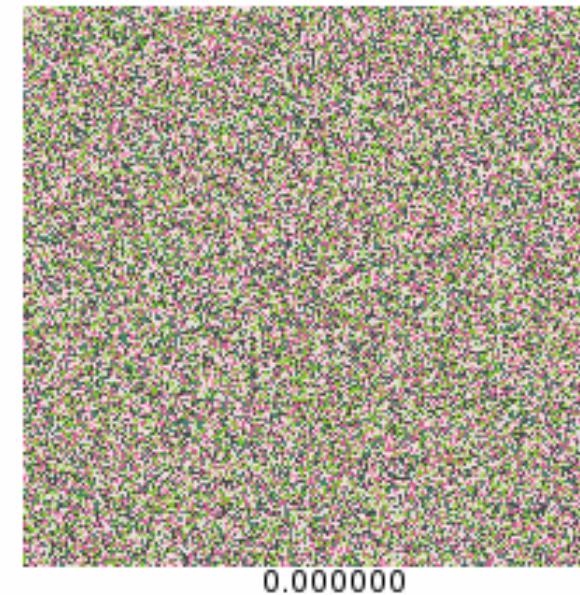
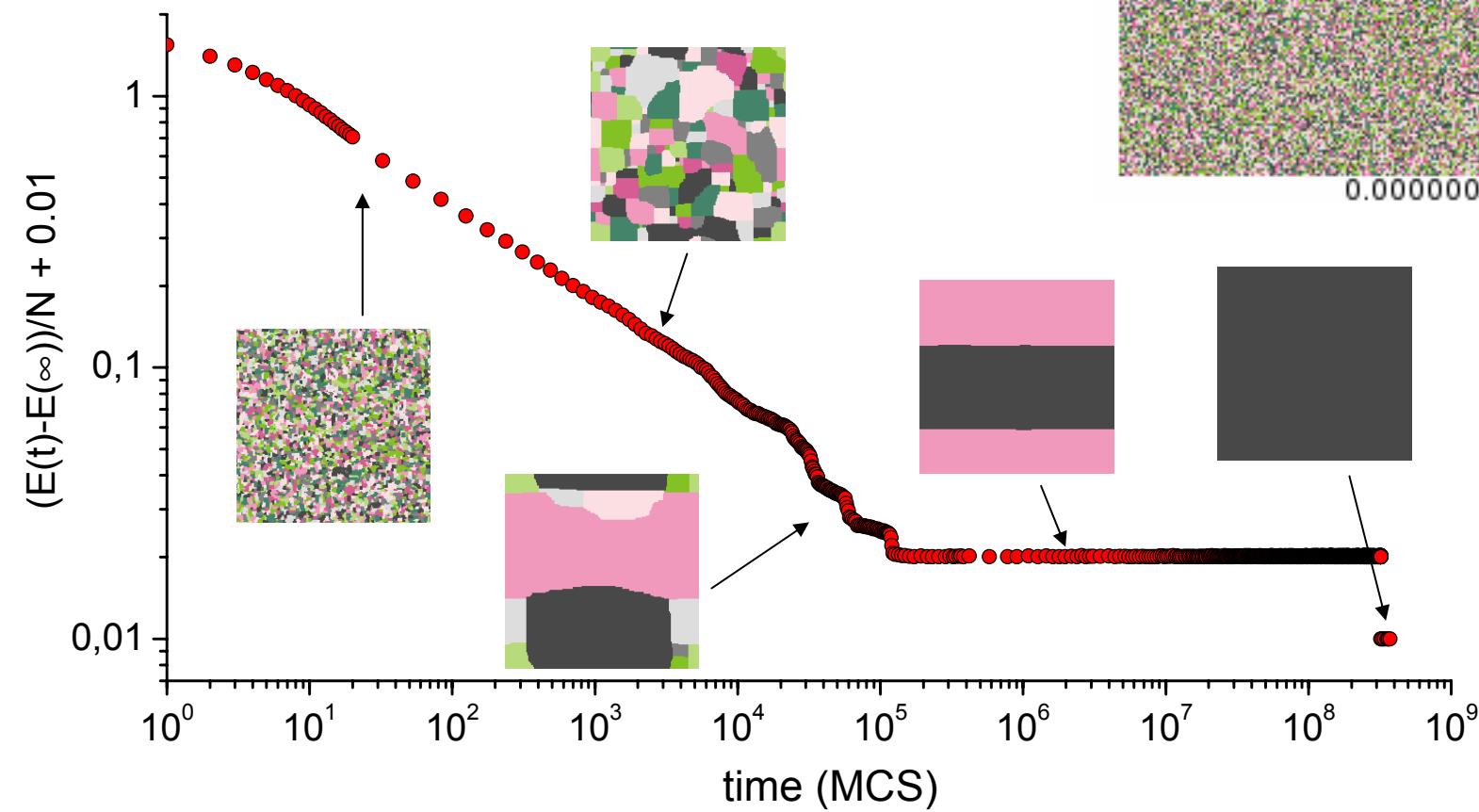
$$\tau \sim L^2$$

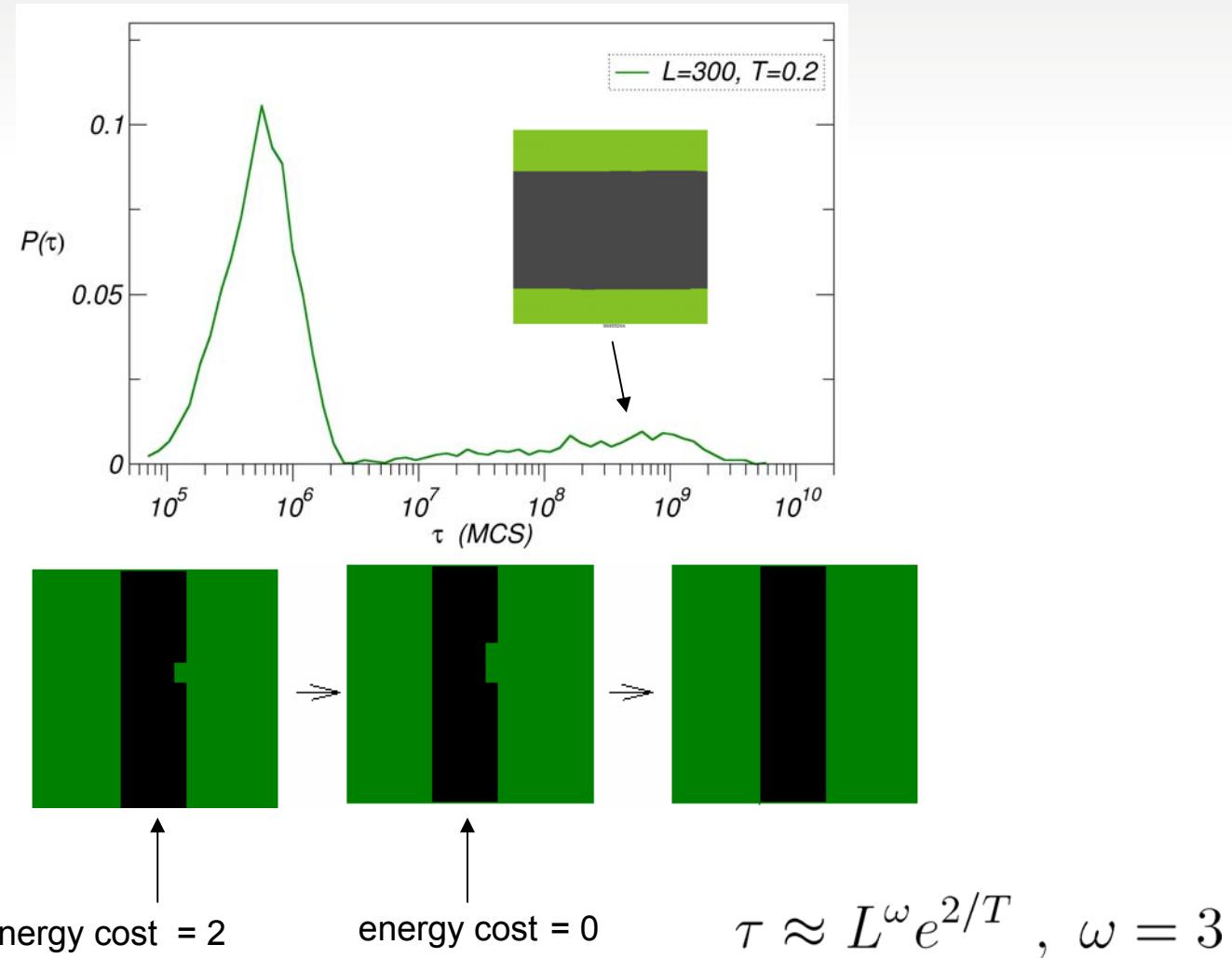
Activation:



$\tau_2 \longrightarrow$ Stripe states

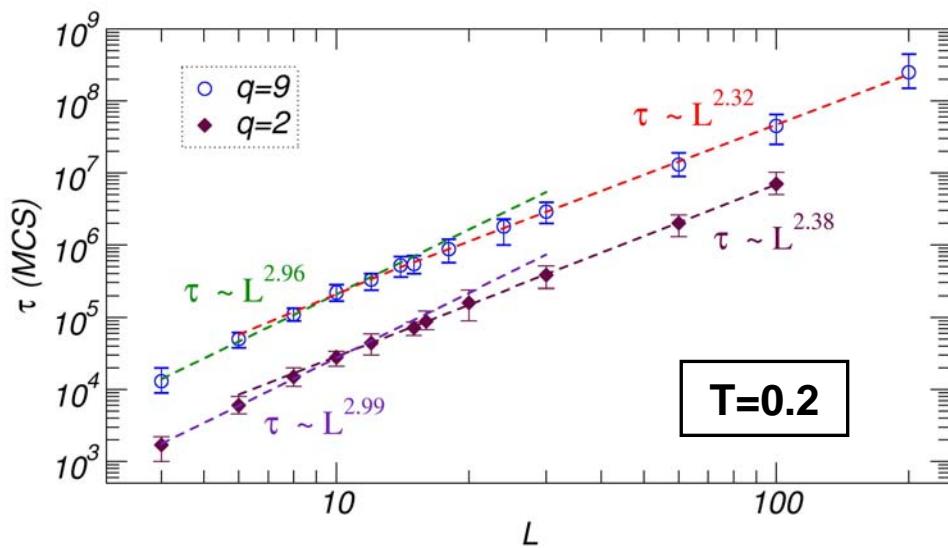
L=200, T=0.2





q = 2, T = 0: V. Spirin, P.L. Krapivsky & S. Redner, "Freezing in Ising ferromagnets", PRE 65, 016119 (2001)

A. Lipowski "Anomalous phase-ordering kinetics in the Ising model", Physica A **268**, 6 (1999)

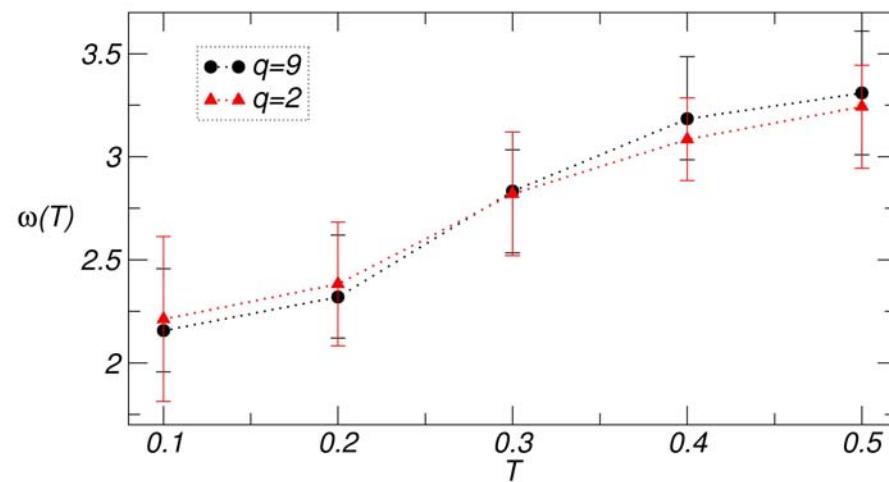


V. Spirin et al. $\rightarrow \omega = 3$



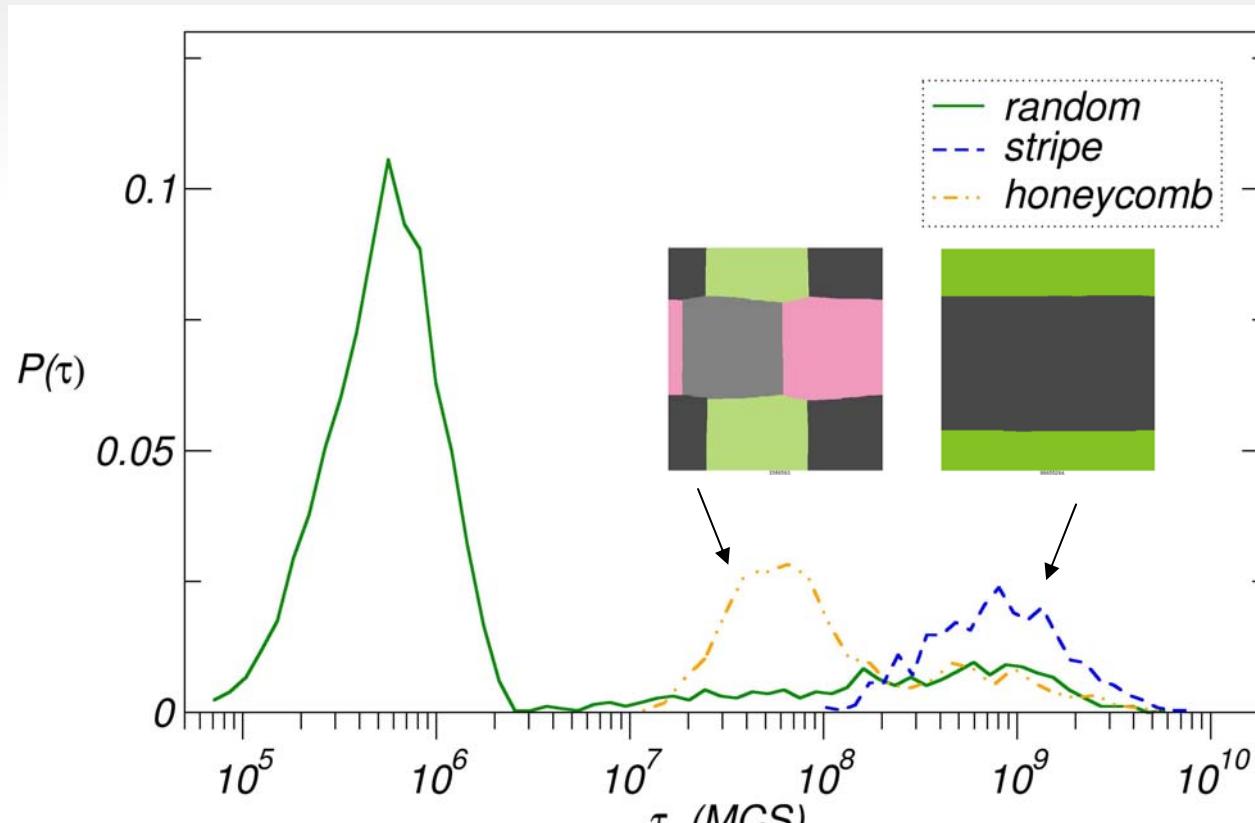
valid for small L and low T

For greater sizes: more than one dent is created.



For high temperatures:
elastic lines:

$$\omega = \omega(T)$$



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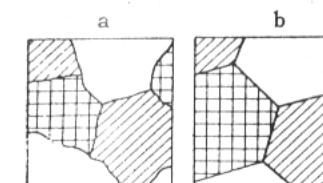
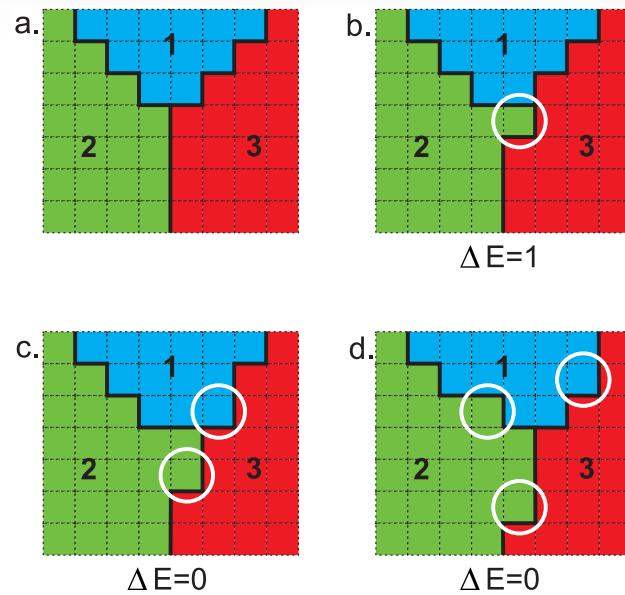
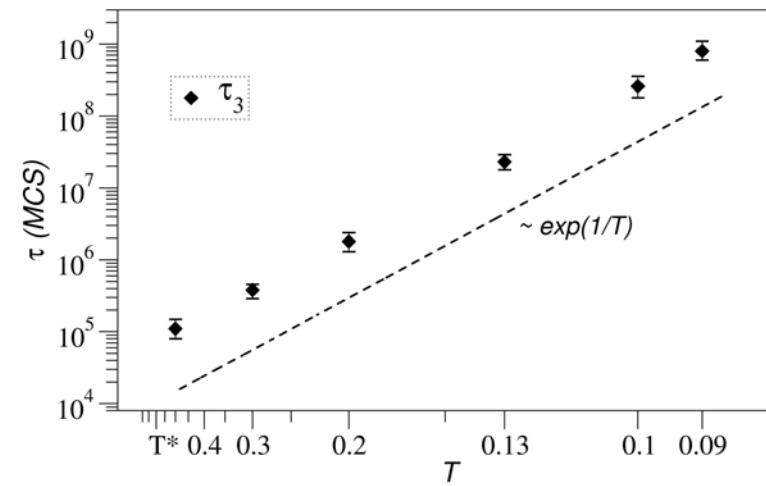


FIG. 3



$$\tau_3 \propto L^{3.06} e^{1/T}$$



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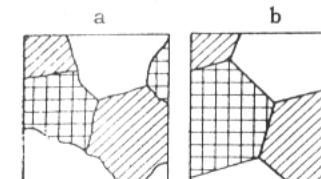
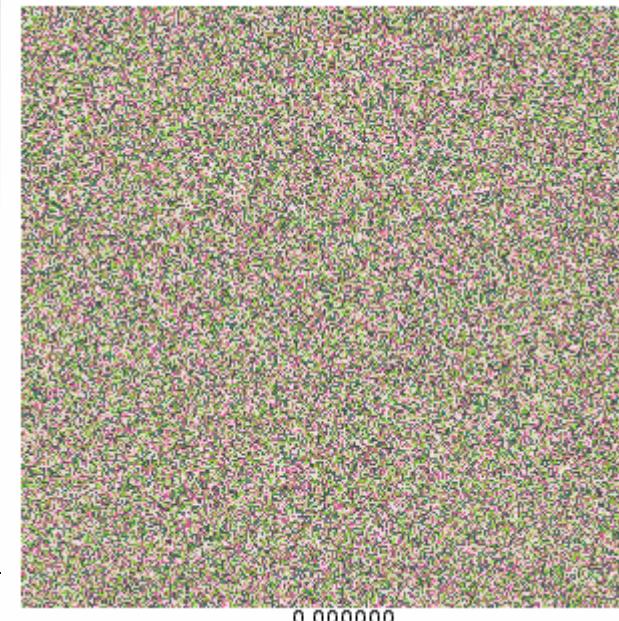
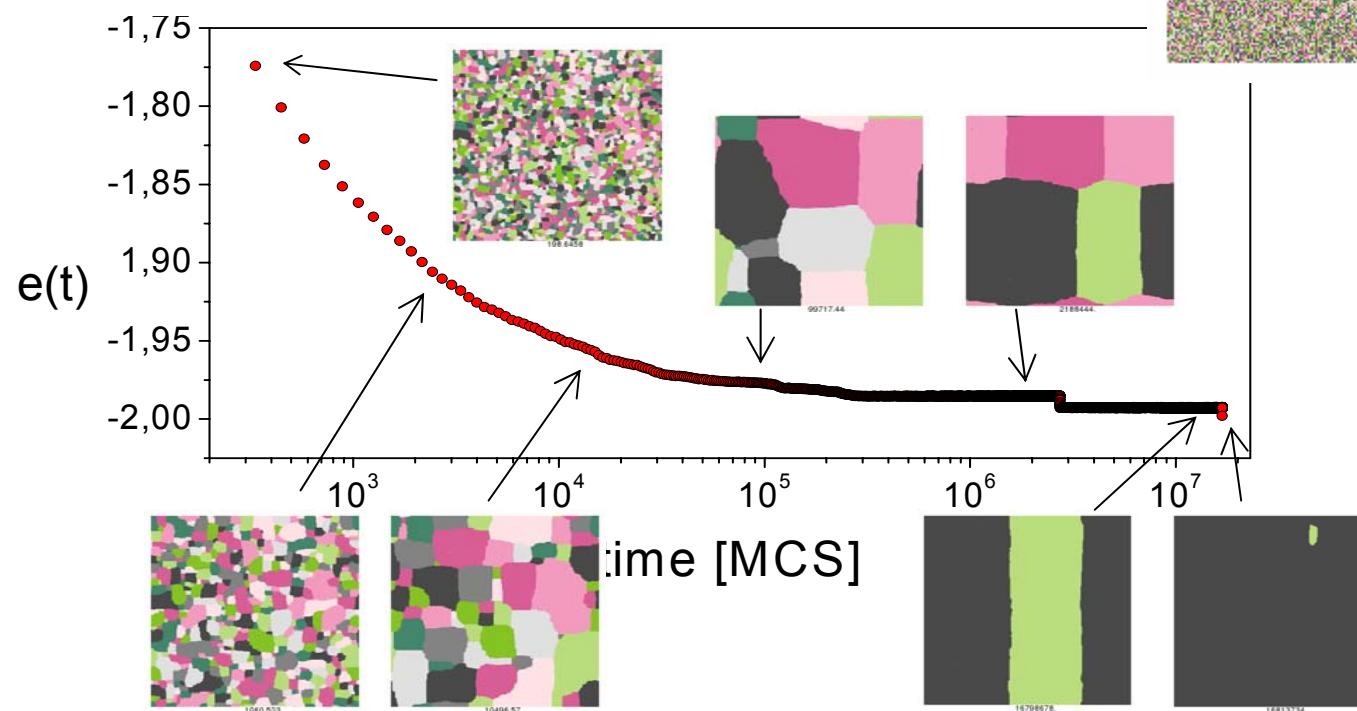
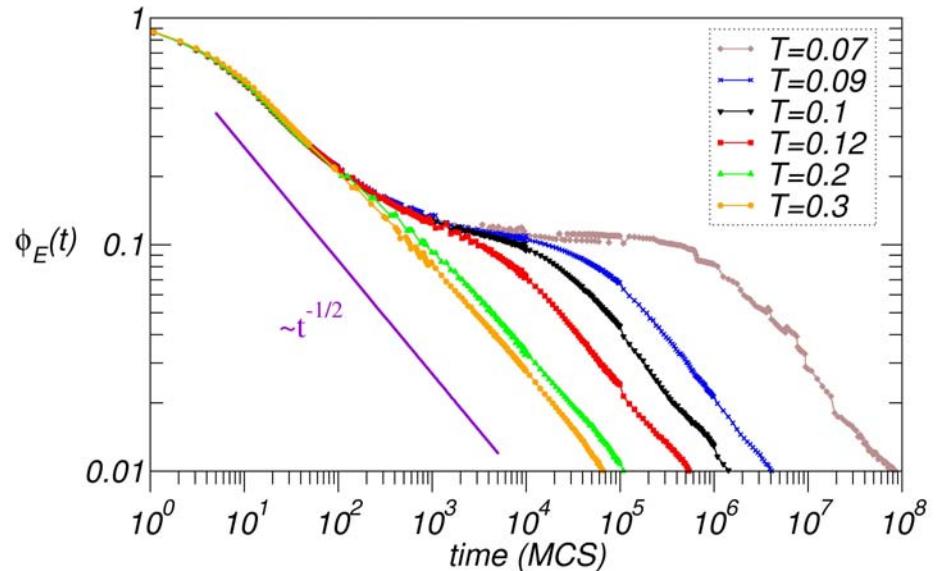
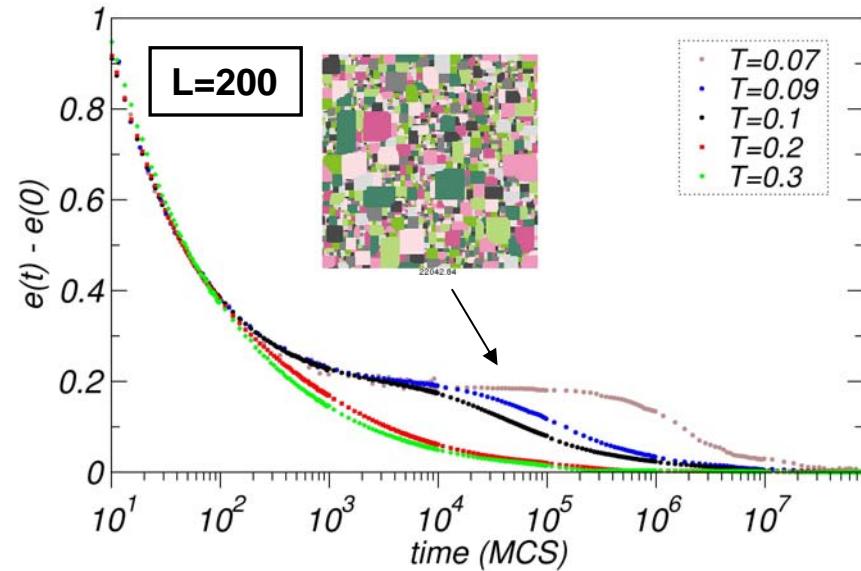


FIG. 3

$L = 300, T = 0.3$



Relaxation at $T \ll T_c$



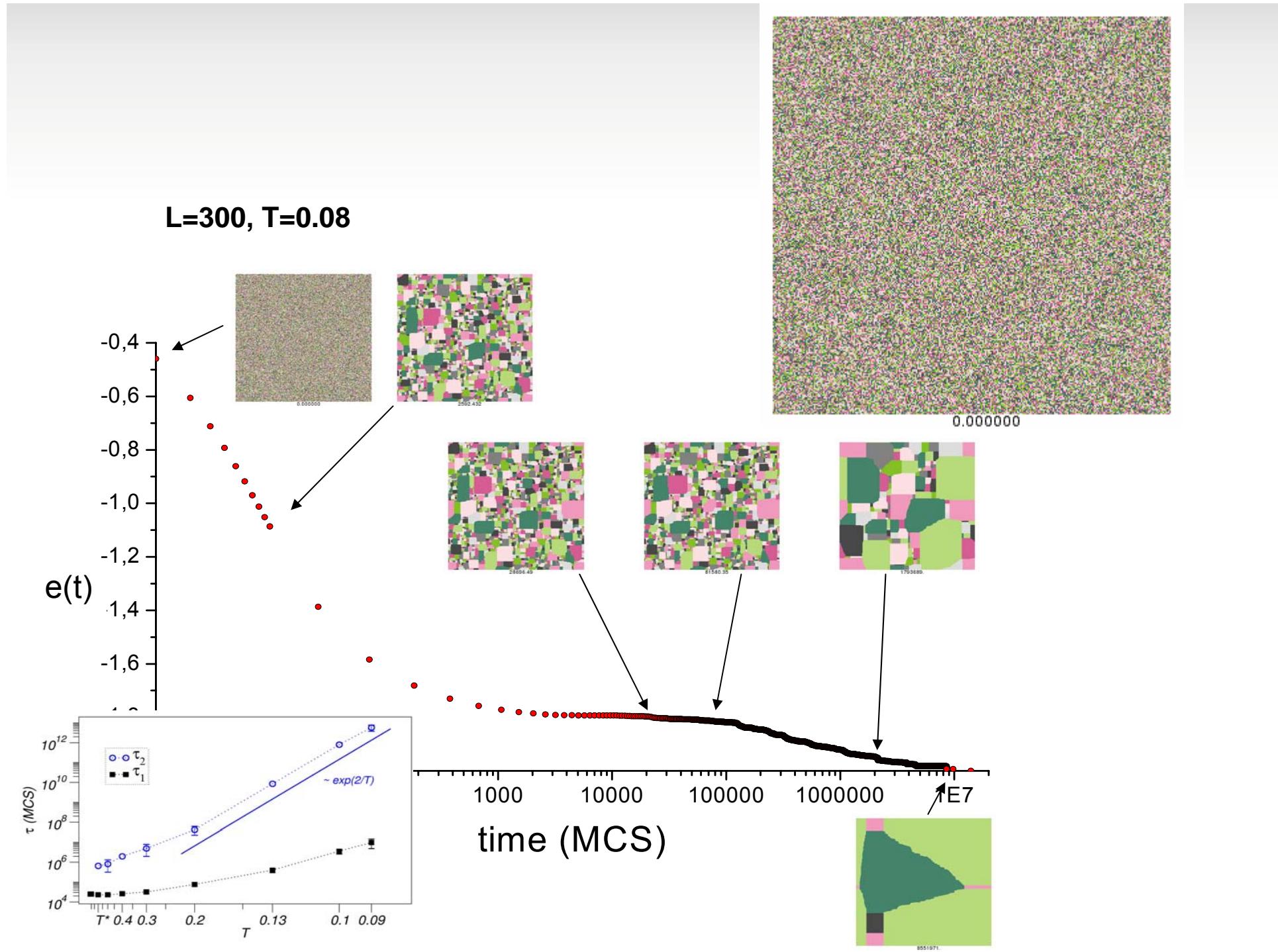
disordered state with finite life time, $\tau \sim \exp(A/T)$, for $T < T_g$; $0.1 < T_g < 0.2$ ($q = 9$)



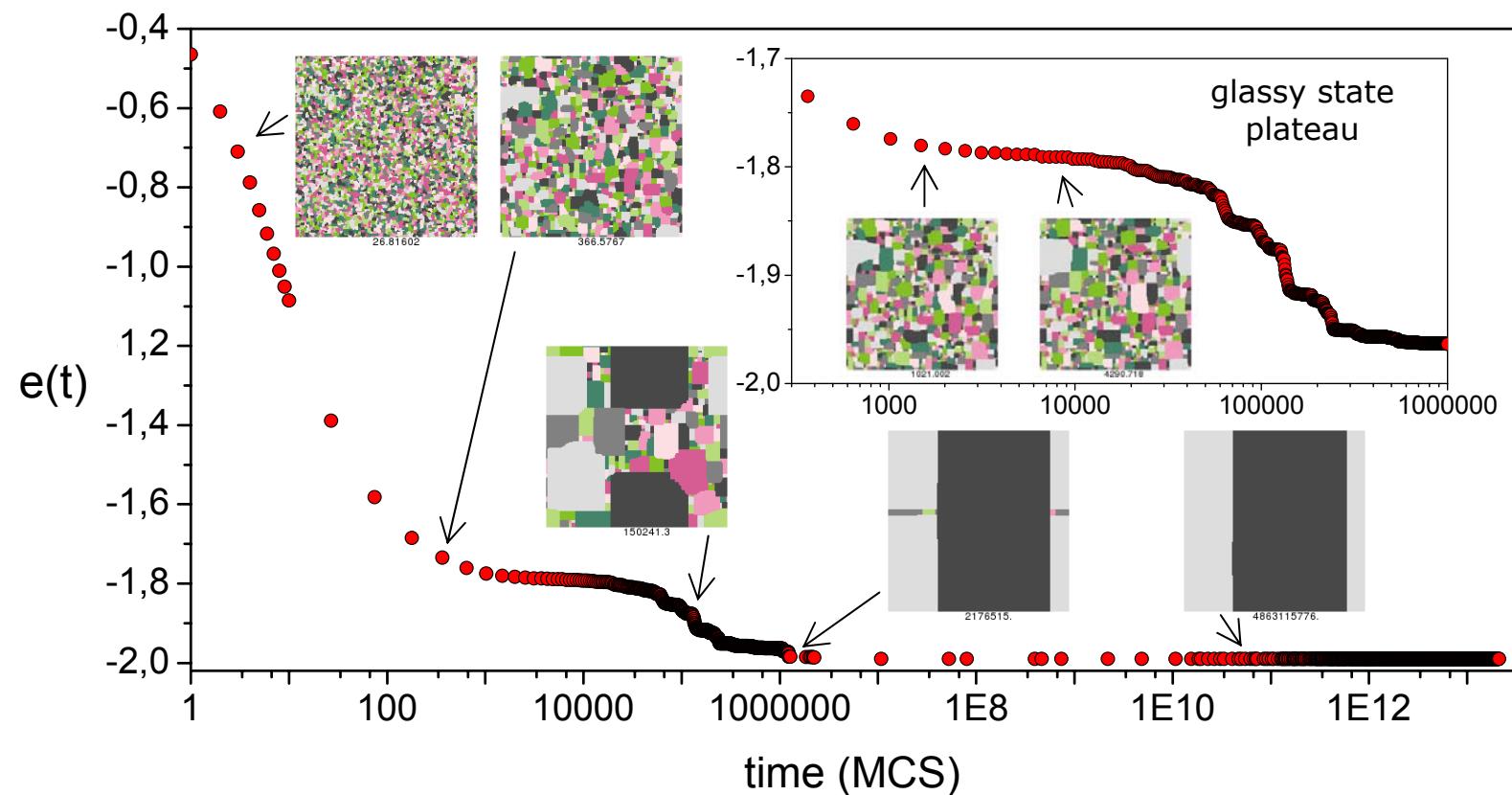
glassy state

$q = 7$: M.J. de Oliveira, A. Petri & T. Tomé, *Europhys. Lett.* **65**, 20 (2004)

M. Ibañez de Berganza, V. Loreto & A. Petri, *Philos. Mag.* **87**, 779 (2007)



L=200, T=0.09



Conclusions

$$H = -J \sum_{nn} \delta(s_i, s_j)$$

coarsening

+

glassy state

+

strip states

coarsening

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Lifshitz states

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strip states

coarsening

nucleation

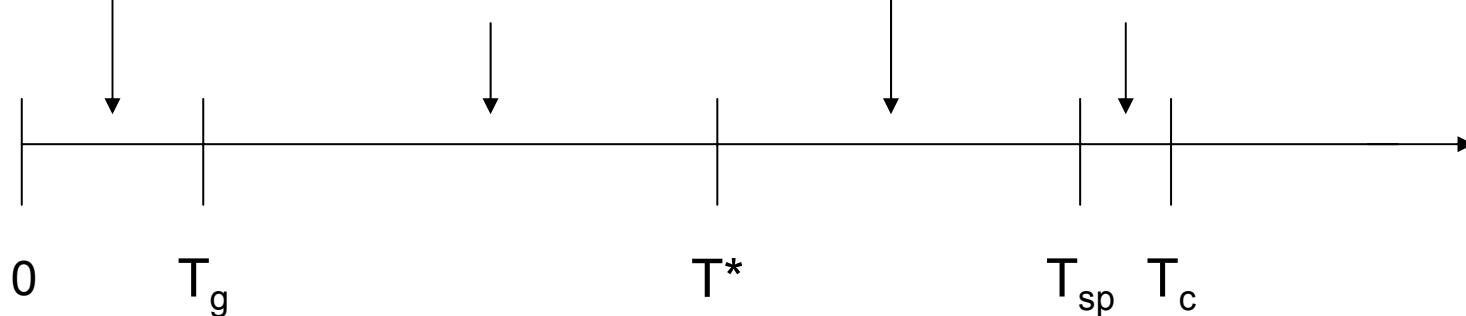
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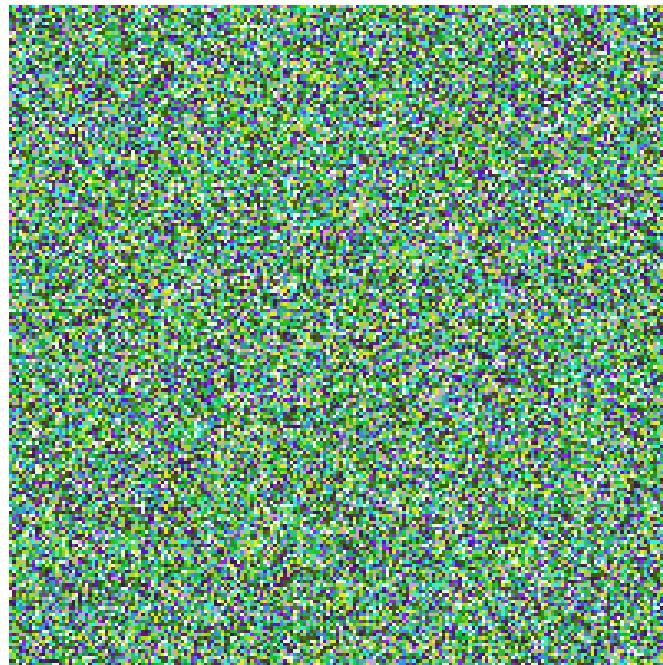
glassy states

strip states

ground state

Lifshitz states





$L=200$ $T=0.99T_c(q=24)$

