

I. DYNAMICAL PHASE TRANSITIONS :  
INTRODUCTION & EXAMPLES  
LARGE DEVIATIONS FUNCTIONS

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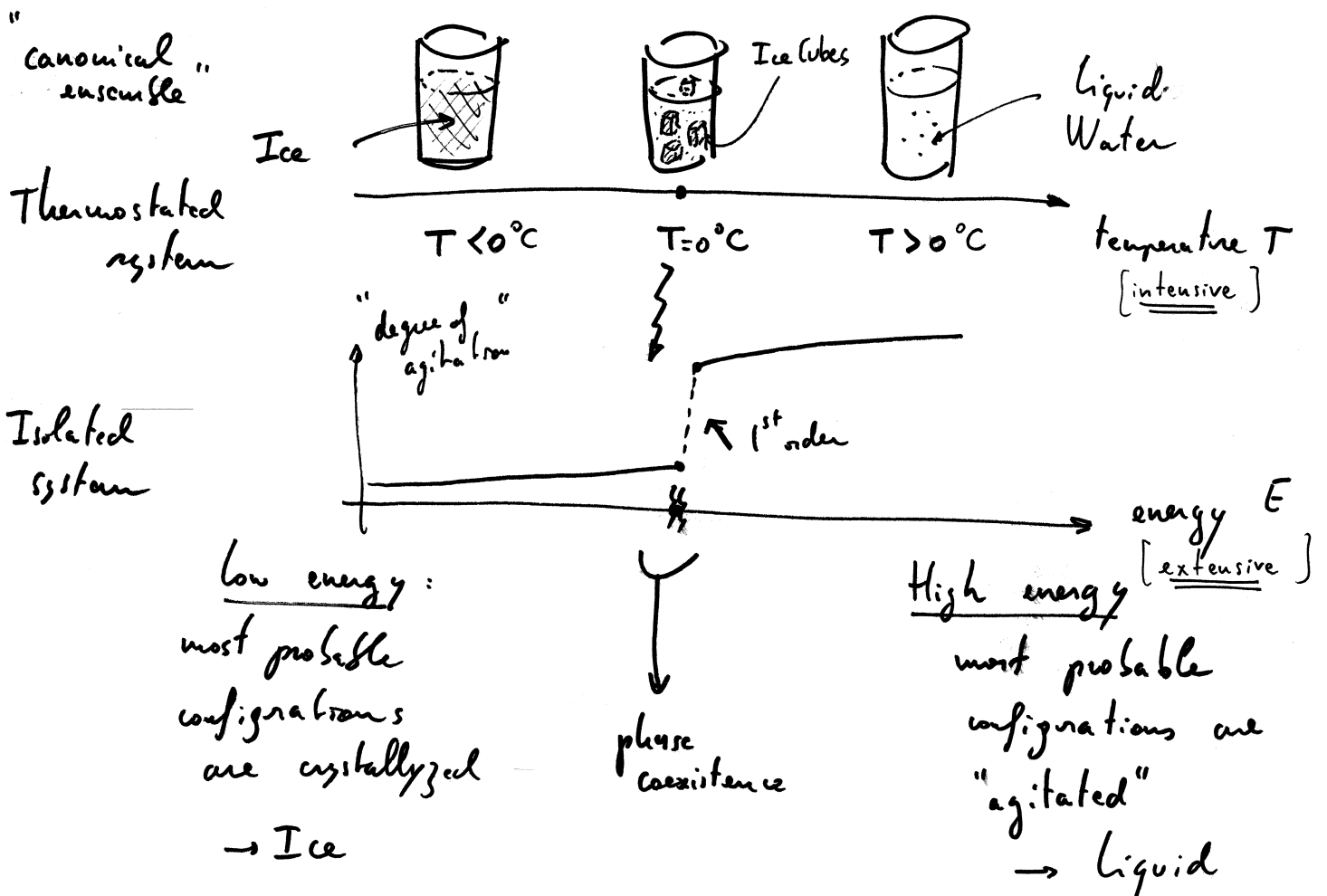
→ 1<sup>st</sup> lecture, very descriptive -

Outline:

1. Examples of Phase Transitions : static & dynamical coexistence
2. Fluctuations of Dynamical Observables ; Large Deviation Functions

1. EXAMPLES OF PHASE TRANSITIONS - STATIC & DYNAMICAL COEXISTENCE

1. a (Static) liquid-solid phase coexistence



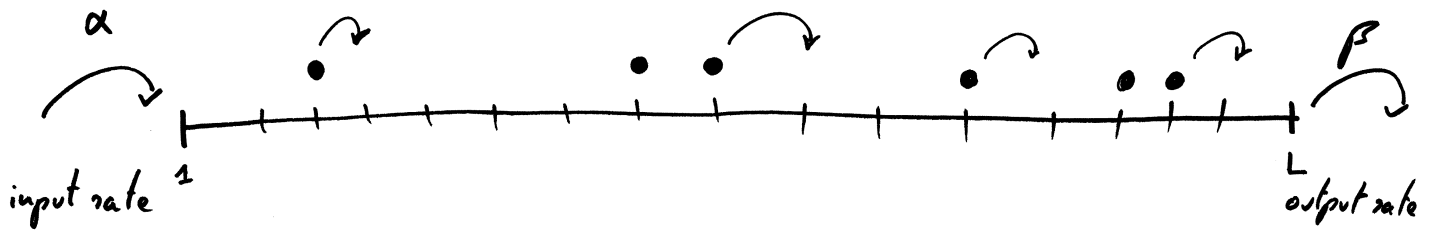
# 1-b. 1D transport: a traffic model

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(Driving in dense traffic: one observes large fluctuations of jamming)

(Very simple model ("Ising model of non-equilibrium"): TASEP

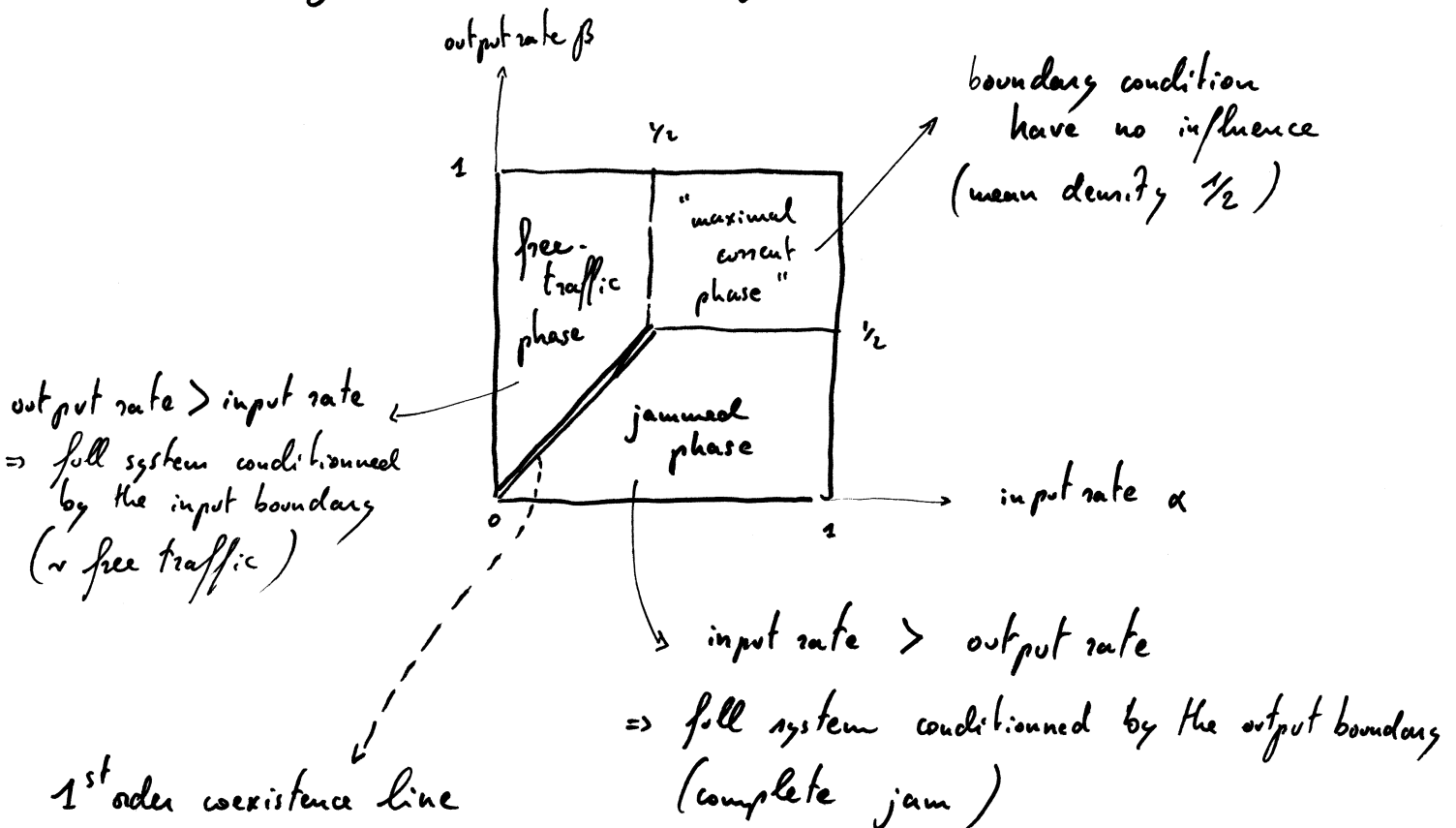
[Totally Asymmetric Simple Exclusion Process]



- each site either occupied  $\bullet$  or not

- jump to the right occurs with rate 1 provided the target site is empty  
("Exclusion rule")

## Phase diagram (in the large-size limit $L \rightarrow \infty$ )

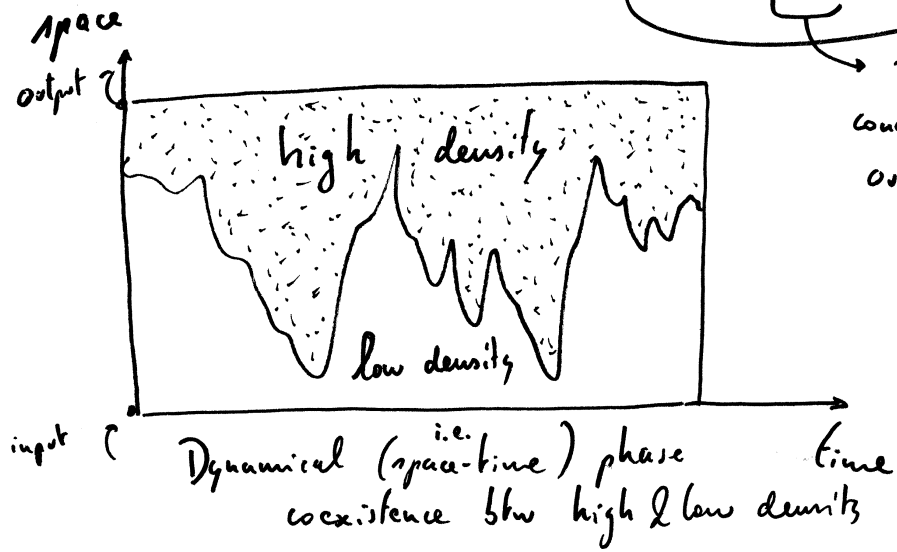


# 1.6' Coexistence between jammed & free traffic.

$$0 < \alpha = \beta < 1/2$$

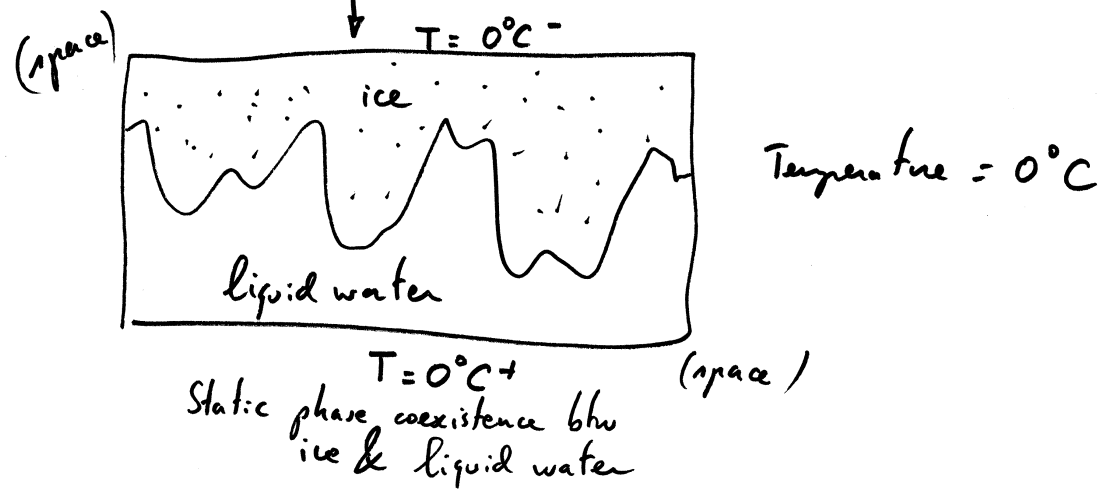
represents realistic conditions where output  $\approx$  input

TASEP



analogy with static (1<sup>st</sup> order) phase coexistence

Water



⚠ However, this is only an analogy: there is no exact mapping (time  $\rightarrow \infty$ ; long-range correlations in TASEP)

Question: for the TASEP

- How can one quantify the dynamical phase coexistence?
- Can it explain the large fluctuations of the density?
- Can one "isolate" the coexisting phases & characterize their properties?

↳ A tool: Large Deviation Functions -

# 1.c. Glass Formers; Kinetically Constrained Models

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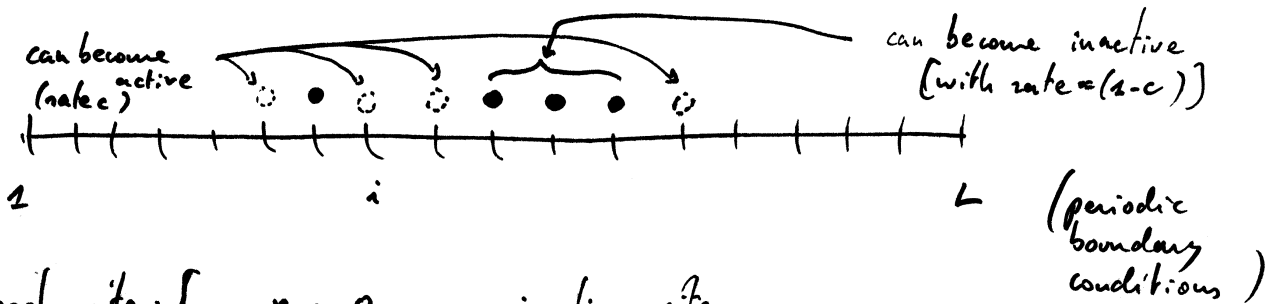
• Motivations: from realistic glassy phenomena / models

[See Keys et al, PRX 1 021013 (2011)] for binary mixtures

→ physical picture: active regions enhance activity in their vicinity

• An example of 'Kinetically Constrained Model' (KCM)

a 1D Fredrickson-Anderson (FA) model:



On each site:  $\begin{cases} n_i = 0 & : \text{inactive site} \\ \text{or} \\ n_i = 1 & : \text{active site} \end{cases}$

KINETIC CONSTRAINT

Dynamics:

transition rates are:

Each site follows a death & birth process, conditioned by the number of neighbors &  $n_i \in \{0,1\}$

activation  $W(n_i=0 \rightarrow n_i=1) = c \cdot (n_{i-1} + n_{i+1})$   
 inactivation  $W(n_i=1 \rightarrow n_i=0) = (1-c) \cdot (n_{i-1} + n_{i+1})$

Link with discrete time:

during a small time interval  $dt$ :  
 $\text{prob}(n \rightarrow n') = \begin{cases} dt \cdot c \cdot (n_{i-1} + n_{i+1}) & \text{activation} \\ dt \cdot (1-c) \cdot (n_{i-1} + n_{i+1}) & \text{inactivation} \\ 1 - dt[\dots] & \text{nothing happens} \end{cases}$

• Remarkable Feature:

Trivial Equilibrium Distribution

$$P_{eq}(\{n_i\}) = \prod_i c^{n_i} (1-c)^{1-n_i}$$

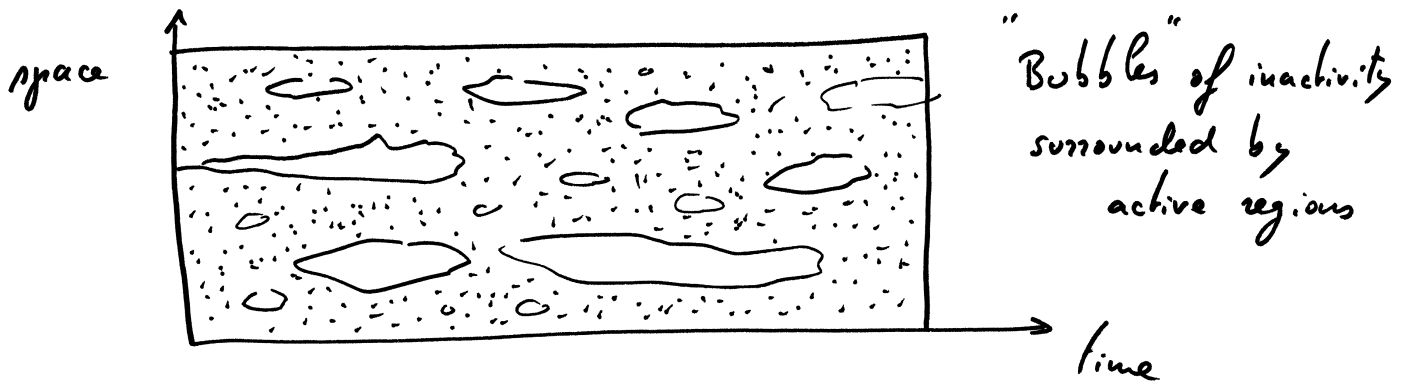
→ uncorrelated; same as WITHOUT CONSTRAINT

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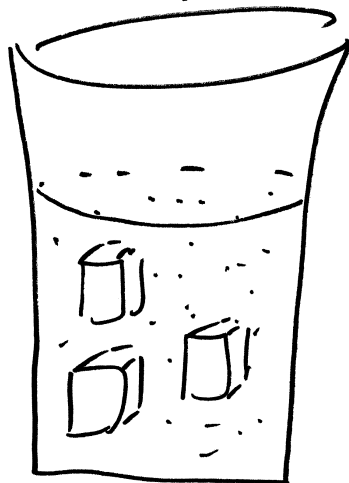
Non-trivial Dynamics

Slow decay of correlation functions  
 Hysteresis & Ageing  
 → Glassy-like properties

• Space-time diagram :



analogy



ice cubes in  
liquid water @  $T = 0^\circ\text{C}$

Again : there is no exact mapping

However, this suggest a picture in terms of a

dynamical phase coexistence btw active & inactive regions

→ Questions: how can one formalise / quantify this observation?

- can one study the properties of the active / the inactive phase?
- can this be used to explain the slow dynamics?

↳ use large deviation functions -

## 2 - FLUCTUATION OF DYNAMICAL OBSERVABLES LARGE DEVIATION FUNCTIONS

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### 2.a - Dynamical order parameters

	Static phase transition	Dynamical Phase Transition
extensive order parameter	energy $E$ (volume-extensive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>activity <math>K = \#\{\text{events}\}</math></li> <li>current <math>Q = \#\{\text{jump } \uparrow\} - \#\{\text{jump } \downarrow\}</math></li> <li>integrated density <math>\int_0^t n(\tau) d\tau</math></li> <li>→ "time-extensive", i.e. <math>\propto t =</math> duration of the history</li> </ul>
intensive conjugated variable	$\beta = 1/\text{temperature}$ fixes the mean energy	$S$

One focuses on histories followed by the system btw 0 & time  $t$ .

- \* Dynamical order parameters:  $A = K$  or  $Q$  or  $\int_0^t n(\tau) d\tau$  or ...
- depend on (the realization of) the history followed by the system
  - "time-extensive", i.e. on average  $\propto \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{duration } t \text{ of the} \\ \text{considered histories} \end{array} \right\}$
  - allow to classify histories and detect phase coexistence (or phase transition in general), in a dynamical sense.

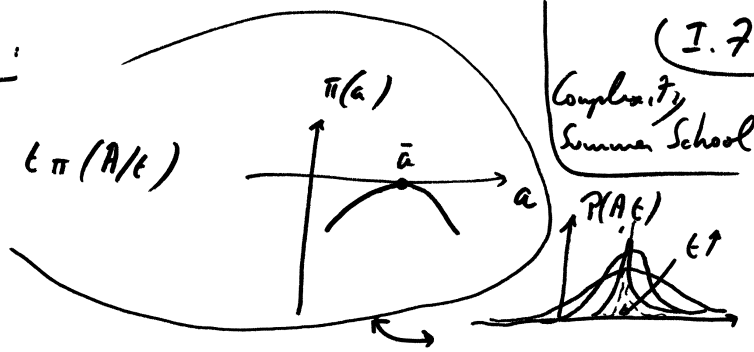
\* Equivalent of the microcanonical & canonical:  $\rightarrow [cf e^{-\beta E}]$   
weight histories by  $A e^{-sA}$

## 2.6 Large Deviation Functions:

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\* Pa  $P(A)$ :

$$P(A) \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} e^{\epsilon \pi(A/t)}$$

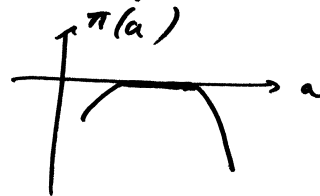


"normal" case  $\pi(a)$  analytic

$$\pi(a) = \frac{(\bar{a} - a)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \dots \quad \text{Gaussian fluctuations of the observable } A.$$

"atypical case"  $\pi(a)$  non analytic:

↳ corresponds to non convex  
different cases of  
phase-transitions



'Ensemble inequivalence' which arises in the  $L \rightarrow \infty$  limit in our case

→ Good tool to probe dynamical phase transitions.

⚠ However: difficult to understand -

\* Conjugated variable  $s$ :  
["s-ensemble"]

$s$  will fix the mean value of  $A$   
for (slightly atypical) histories

$$\langle e^{-sA} \rangle \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} e^{\epsilon \psi(s)}$$

$\psi(s)$  cumulant generating function

$$\psi(s) = \max_a \{ \pi(a) - sa \}$$

$$\langle e^{-sA} \rangle = \int da P(a) e^{-sa} \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \int da e^{\epsilon(\pi(a) - sa)}$$

dominated by the max

$$\psi^{(k)}(s) \Big|_{s=0} = \langle A^k \rangle$$

k-th cumulant

Physical interpretation

[lim  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ]

$$\langle O \rangle_{\text{histories with } A=at} = \langle O \rangle_{s^*(a)}$$

$$\text{with } \langle O \rangle_s = \frac{\langle O e^{-sA} \rangle}{\langle e^{-sA} \rangle}$$

$\langle \dots \rangle$  = average for histories of duration  $t$

$$\pi(a) = \min_s \psi(s) + sa$$

$$s^*(a) = \text{argmax}_s \{ \psi(s) + sa \}$$

biased statistics over histories

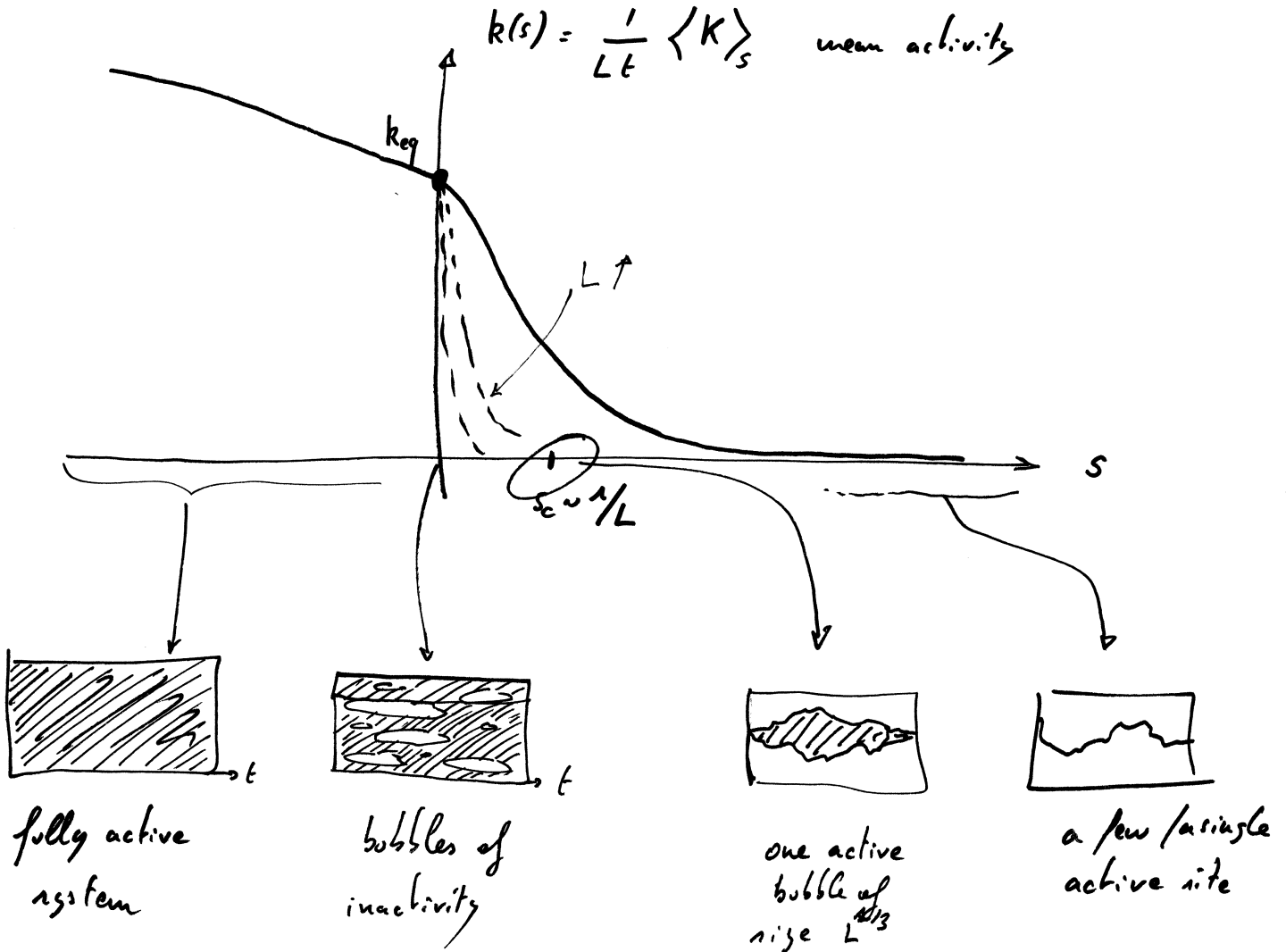
↳ In practice: biasing histories with  $s$  allows to track down dynamical phase transitions

\* Preview of the results for KCITs

[As aim in the next lectures: provide details & algorithms]

$L$ : system size

$$k(s) = \frac{1}{L} \langle K \rangle_s \quad \text{mean activity}$$



→  $s=0$  lies close to a <sup>coexistence</sup> critical dynamical point  $s_c \sim 1/L$   
 i.e. very close to