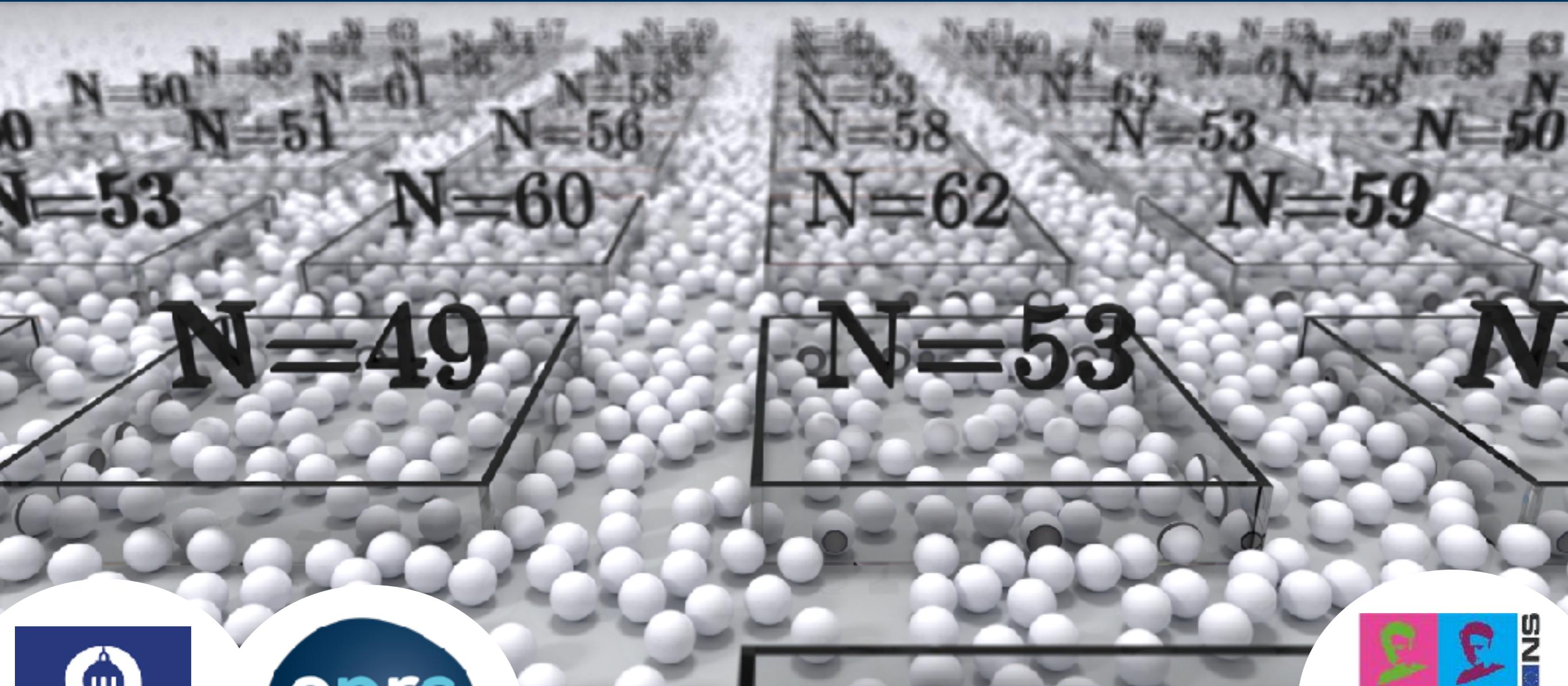


# Fancy Counting

## Dynamic fluctuations in finite volumes

Sophie Marbach



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**49**

**N=60**

**N=56**

**61**

**N=53**

**N=62**

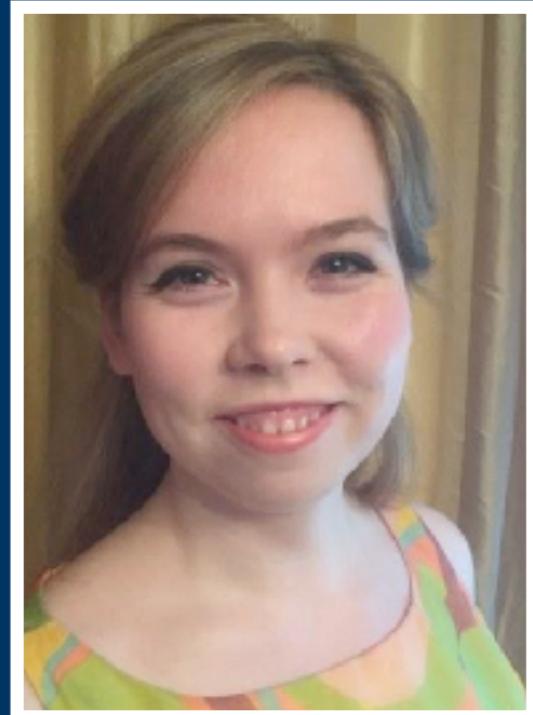
**N=58**

**N=53**

**N**



Brennan Sprinkle  
(Colorado)



Alice Thorneywork  
(Oxford)

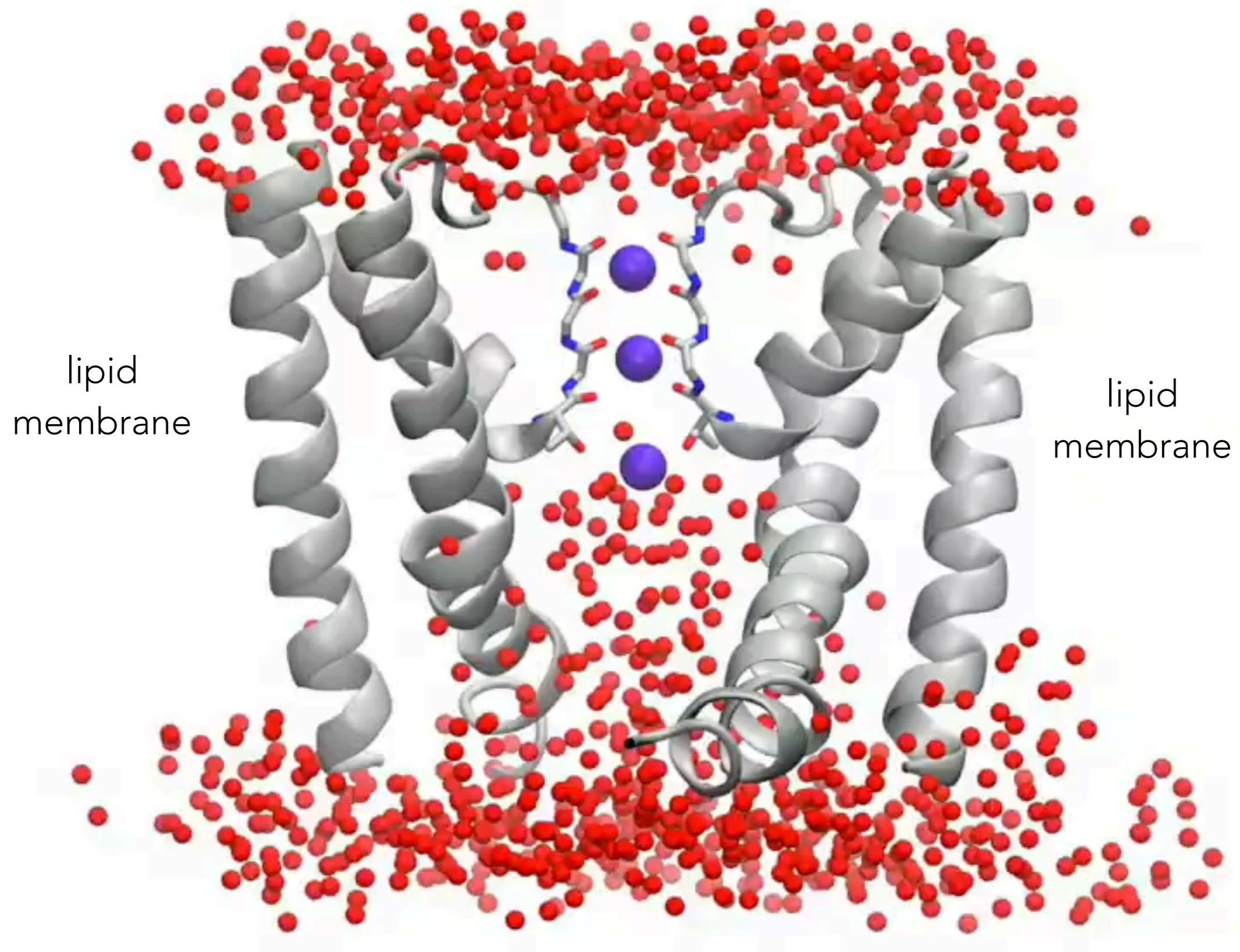


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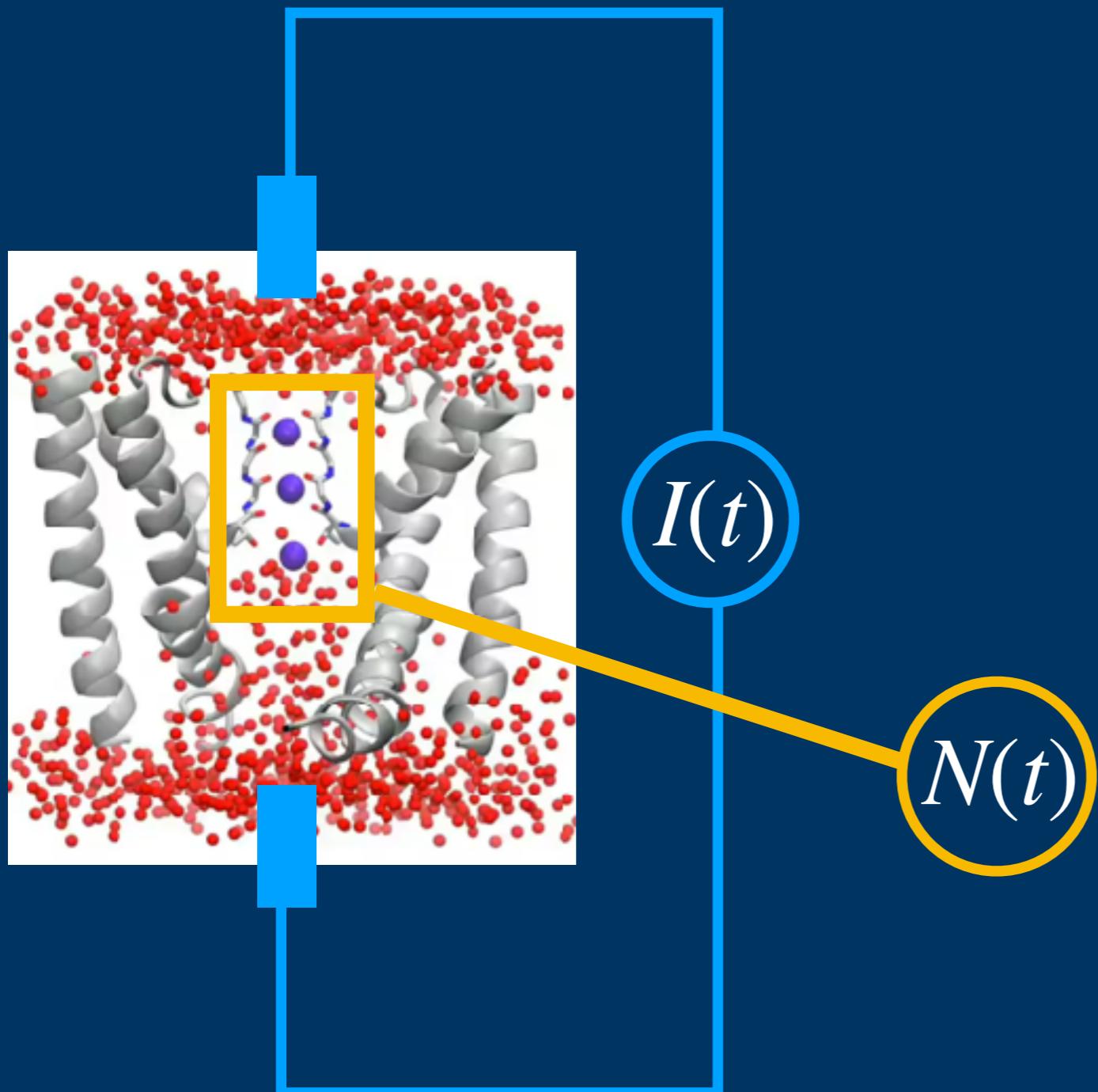


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# Potassium channel KcsA



(courtesy Wojciech Kopec)

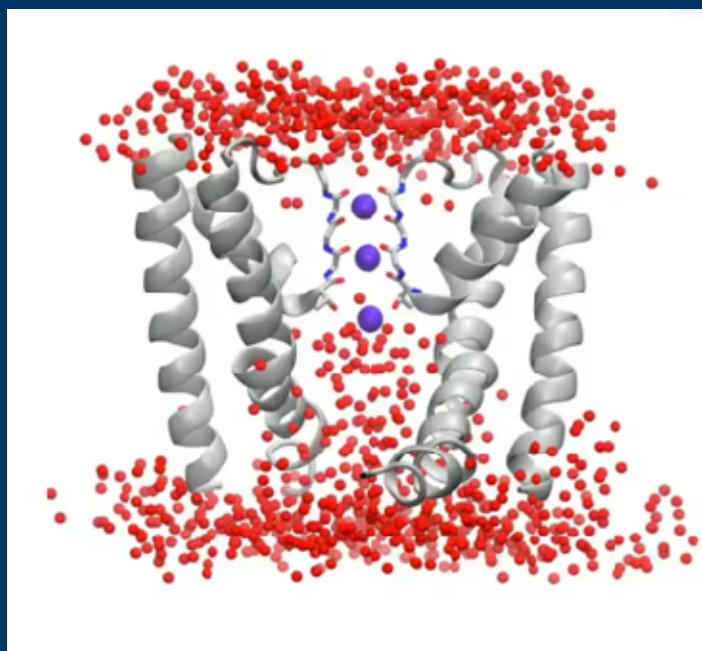


$$I(t) \propto \frac{dN(t)}{dt}$$

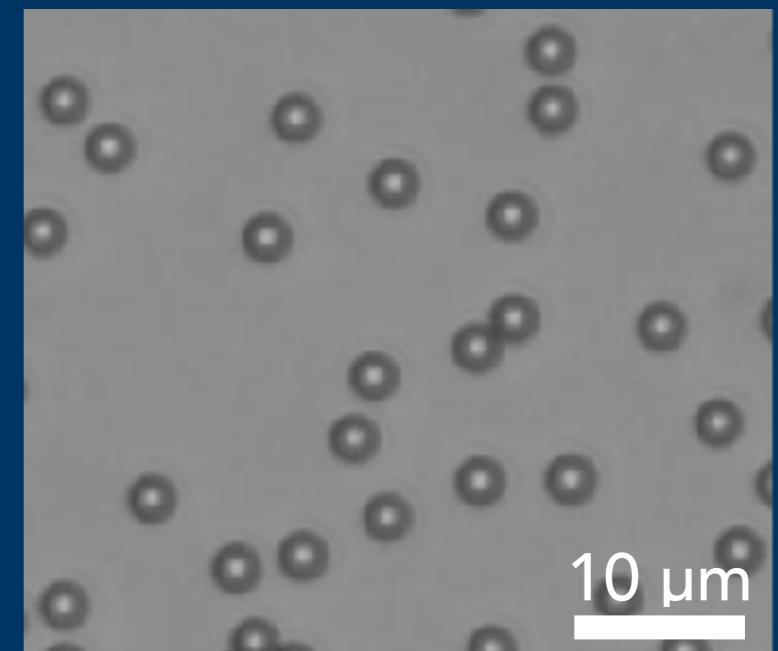
**counting particles  
can inform us on  
function!**

# You always need to count...

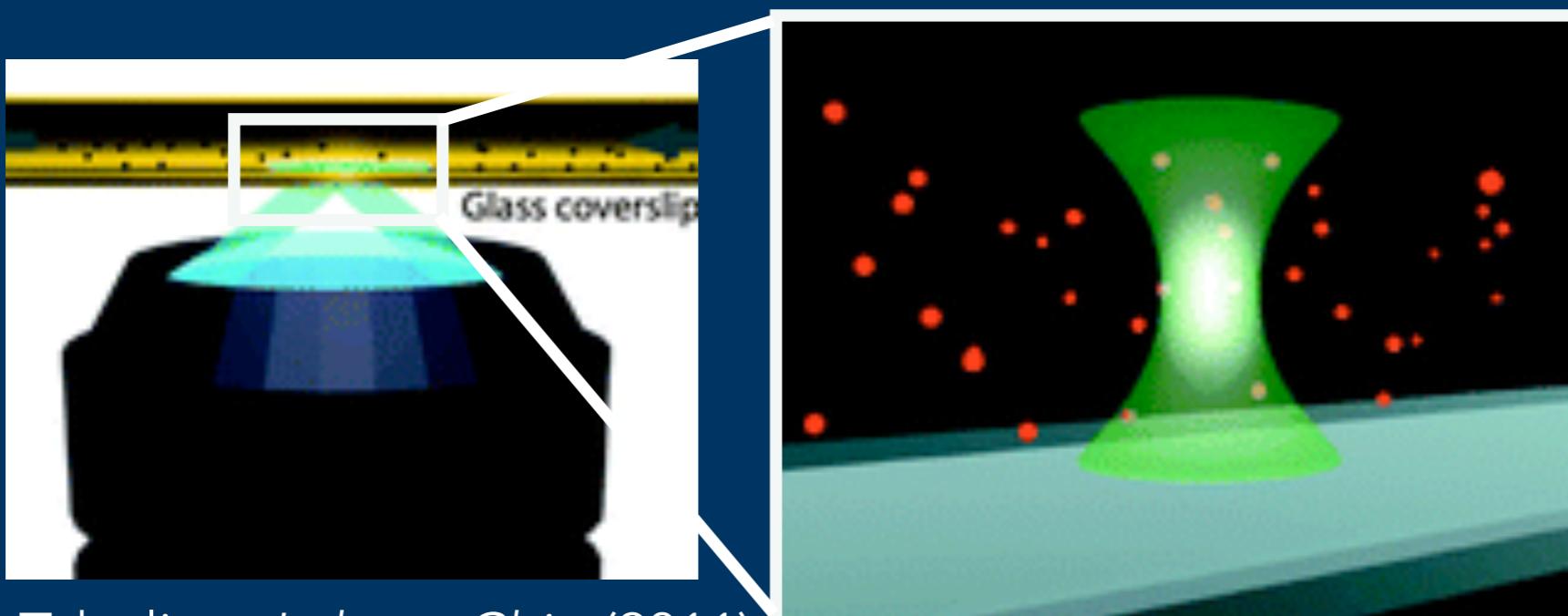
ion channels



colloids in water (top view)



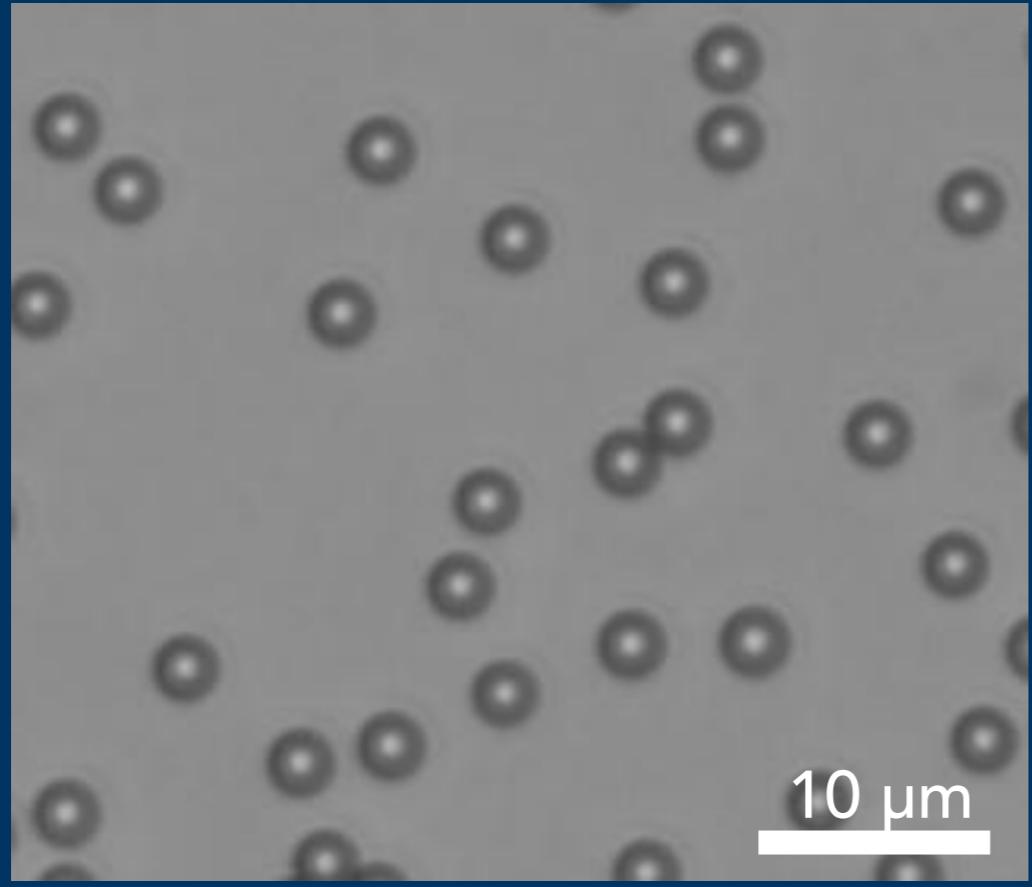
FCS = Fluorescence  
Correlation Spectroscopy



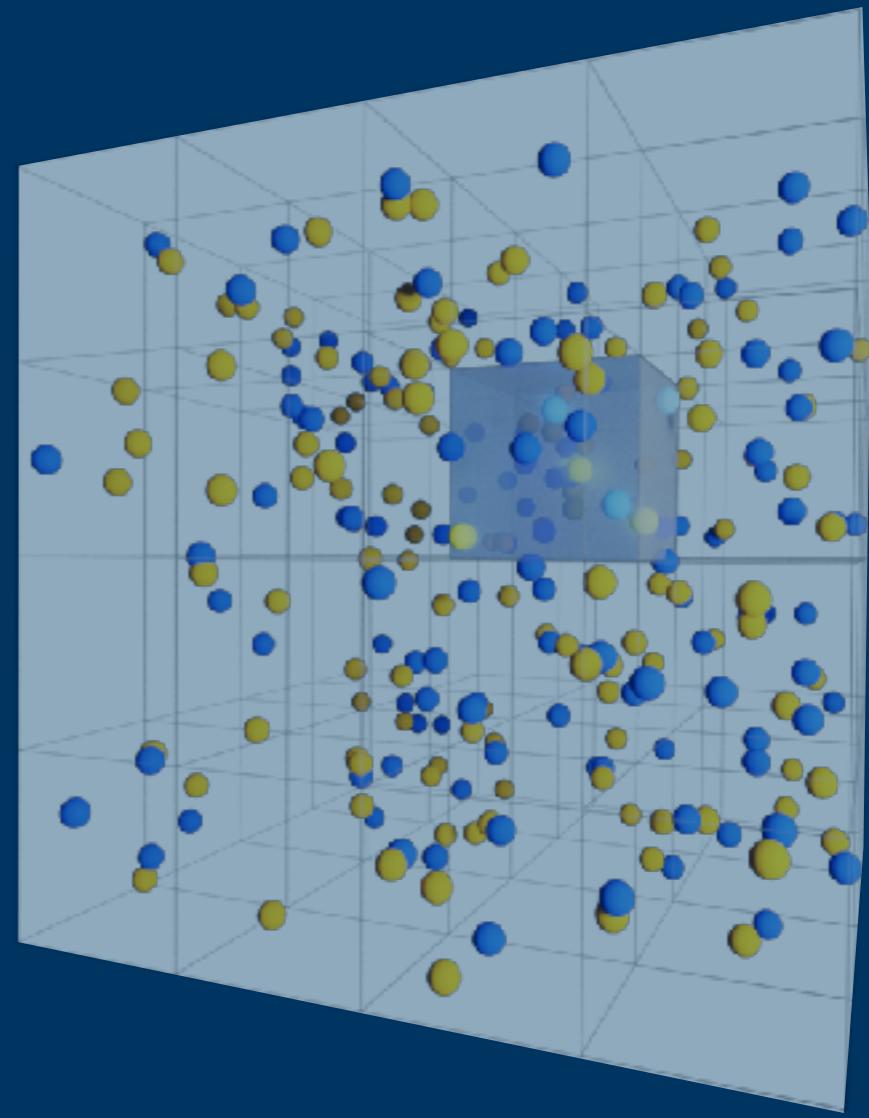
Nghe... Tabeling, *Lab on Chip* (2011)

Physical properties  
from “Fancy Counting”

**49 = Counting in Finite Volumes?**



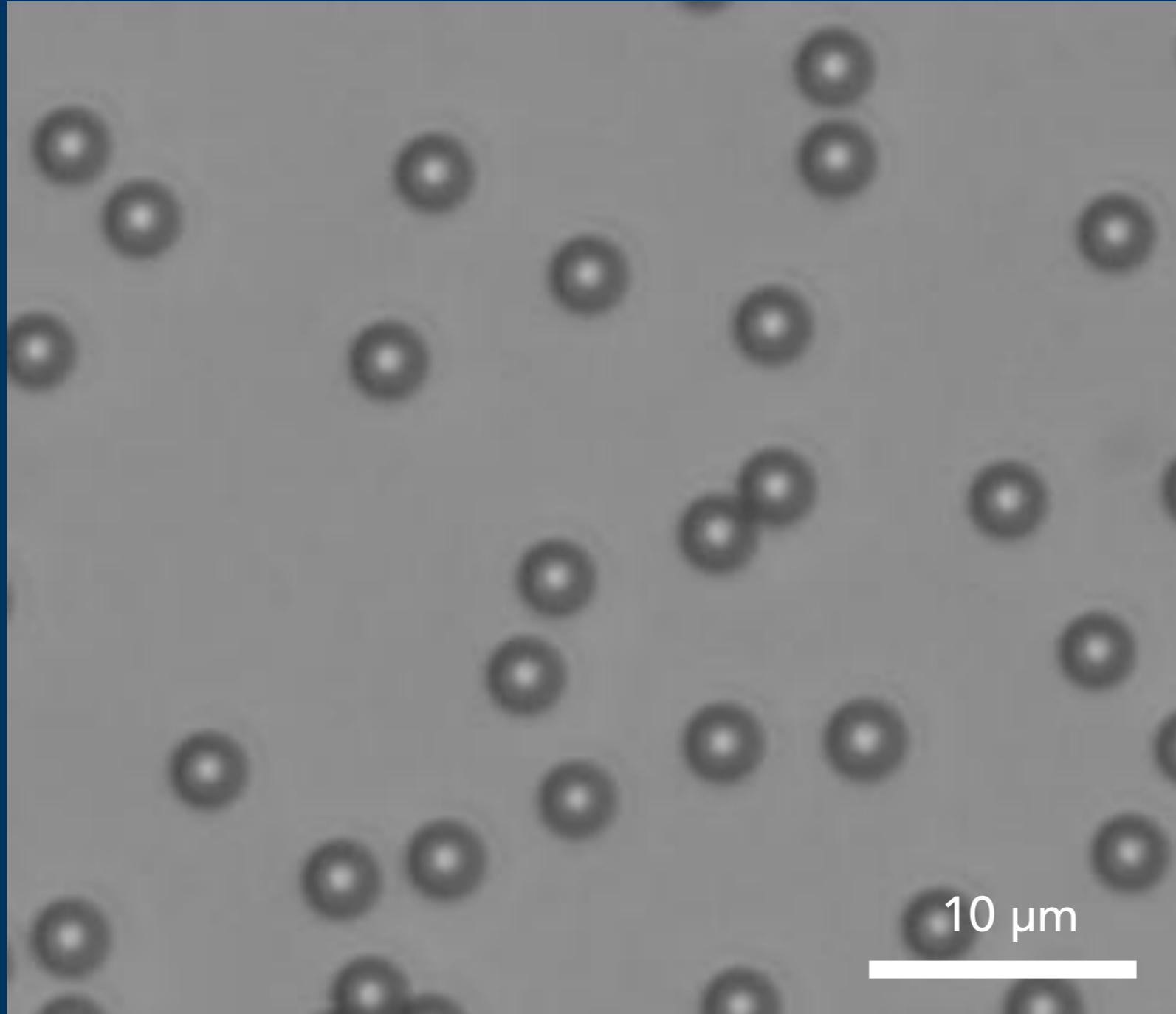
2D - short range interactions



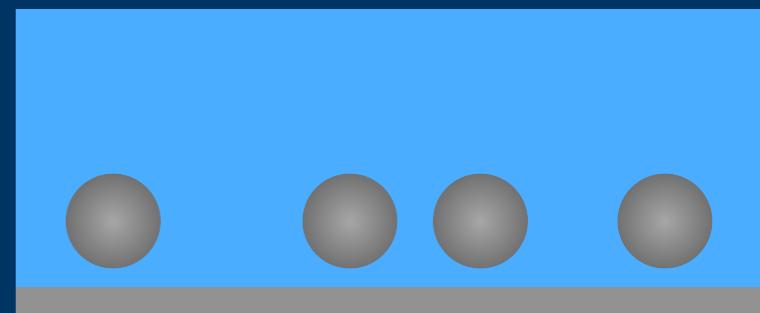
3D - long range interactions

# Model experimental system

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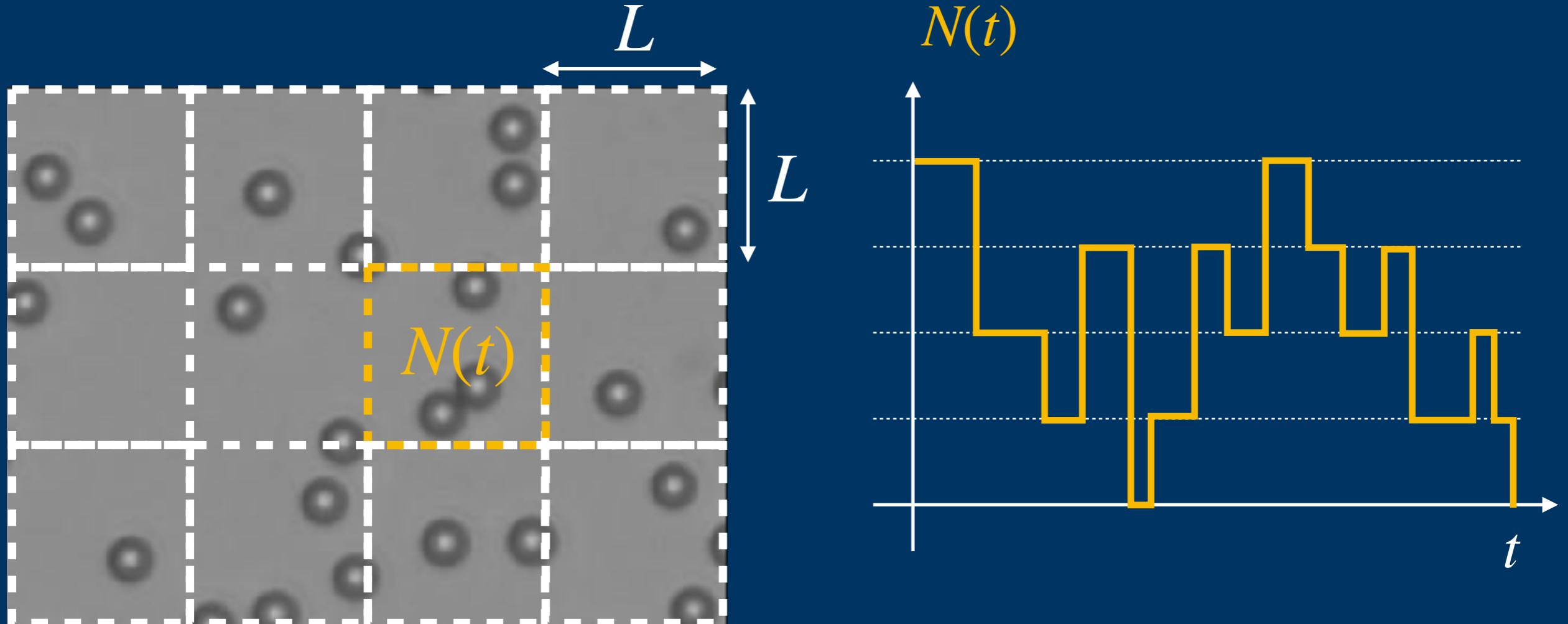
colloids in water (top view)



(side view)

# “Fancy Counting”

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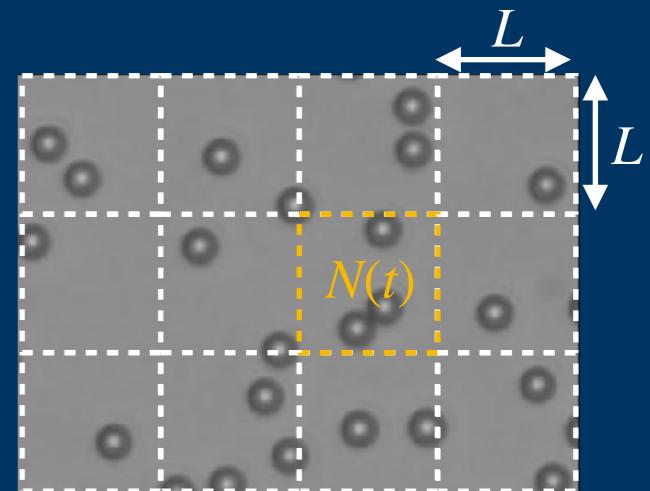


*Physical Properties  
from the dynamics of  $N(t)$  ?*

@ Steady state => **Thermodynamic properties**

$$\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$$

"Kirkwood Buff integrals" = **Infinite** volumes



## The Statistical Mechanical Theory of Solutions. I

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(Received March 26, 1951)

A general statistical mechanical theory of solutions is developed with the aid of the theory of composition fluctuations in the grand canonical ensemble. It is shown that the derivatives of the chemical potentials and osmotic pressure with respect to concentrations, the partial molar volumes, and compressibility may be expressed in terms of integrals of the radial distribution functions of the several types of molecular pairs present in the solution. Explicit coefficients of a  $q$ -fraction expansion of the thermodynamic variables are presented in a detailed treatment of the two-component system.

## The Charge Fluctuations in Classical Coulomb Systems

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Received August 3, 1979

We study the asymptotic behavior of the charge fluctuations  $\langle Q_s - \langle Q_s \rangle \rangle^2$  in infinite classical systems of charged particles, and show, under certain clustering assumptions, that if the charge fluctuations are not extensive, then they are necessarily of the order of the surface [SA]. Moreover, when the canonical sum rules that are typical for equilibrium states of particles interacting with long-range forces hold true, we prove a central limit theorem for the normalized charge variable  $[SA]^{-1/2}(\langle Q_s - \langle Q_s \rangle \rangle^2)^{1/2}$  in two and three dimensions. In one dimension, the probability distribution of the charge itself converges. The latter case is illustrated by the example of the one-dimensional Coulomb gas.

**KEY WORDS:** Classical Coulomb systems; long-range force; charge fluctuations; canonical sum rules; central limit theorem; one-dimensional Coulomb gas.

## Thermodynamics and correlation functions of plasmas and electrolyte solutions

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## Calculating Thermodynamic Properties from Fluctuations at Small Scales

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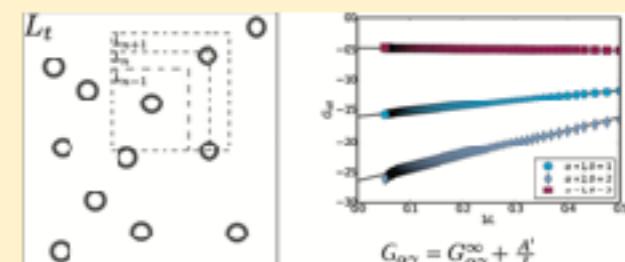
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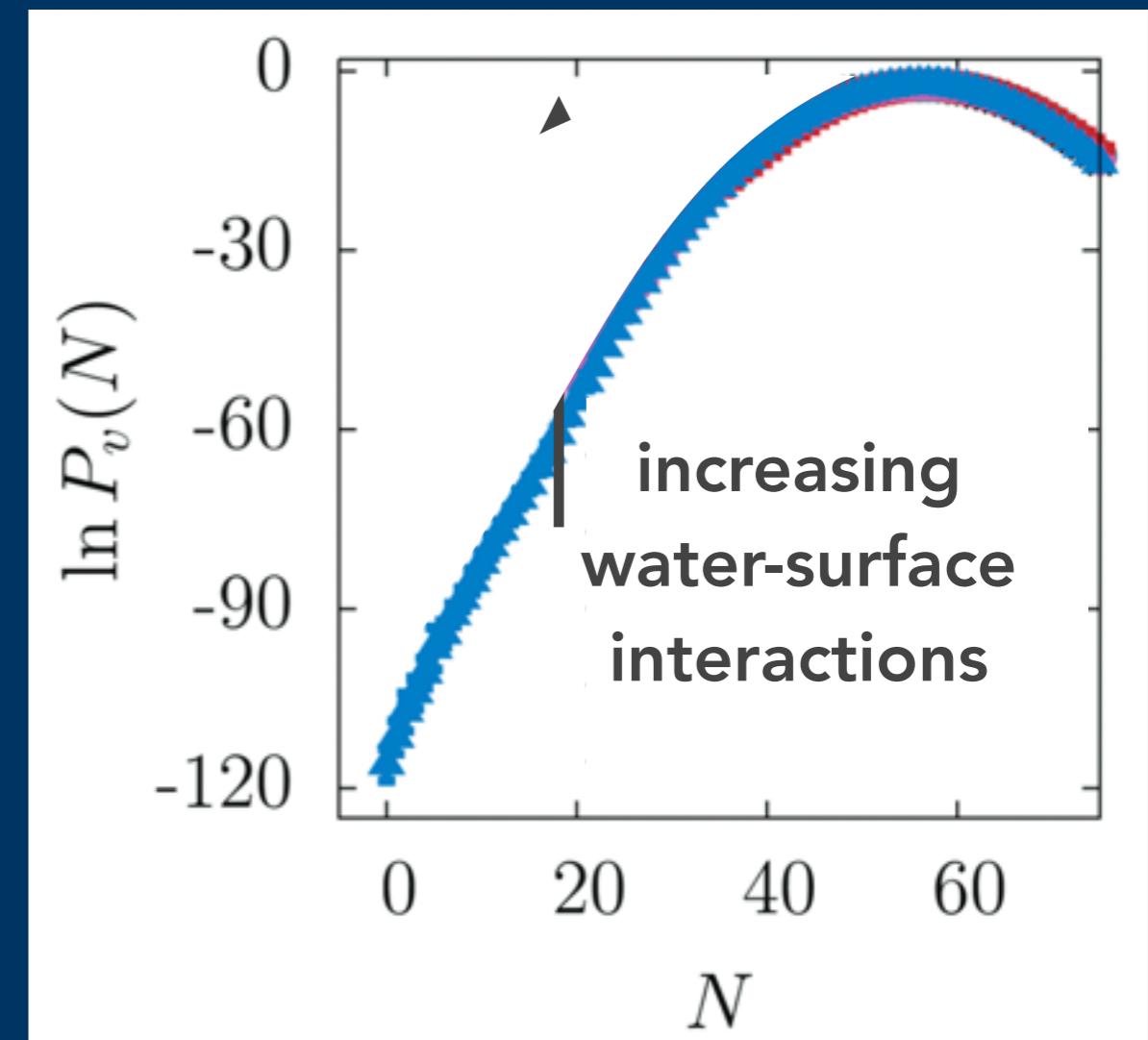
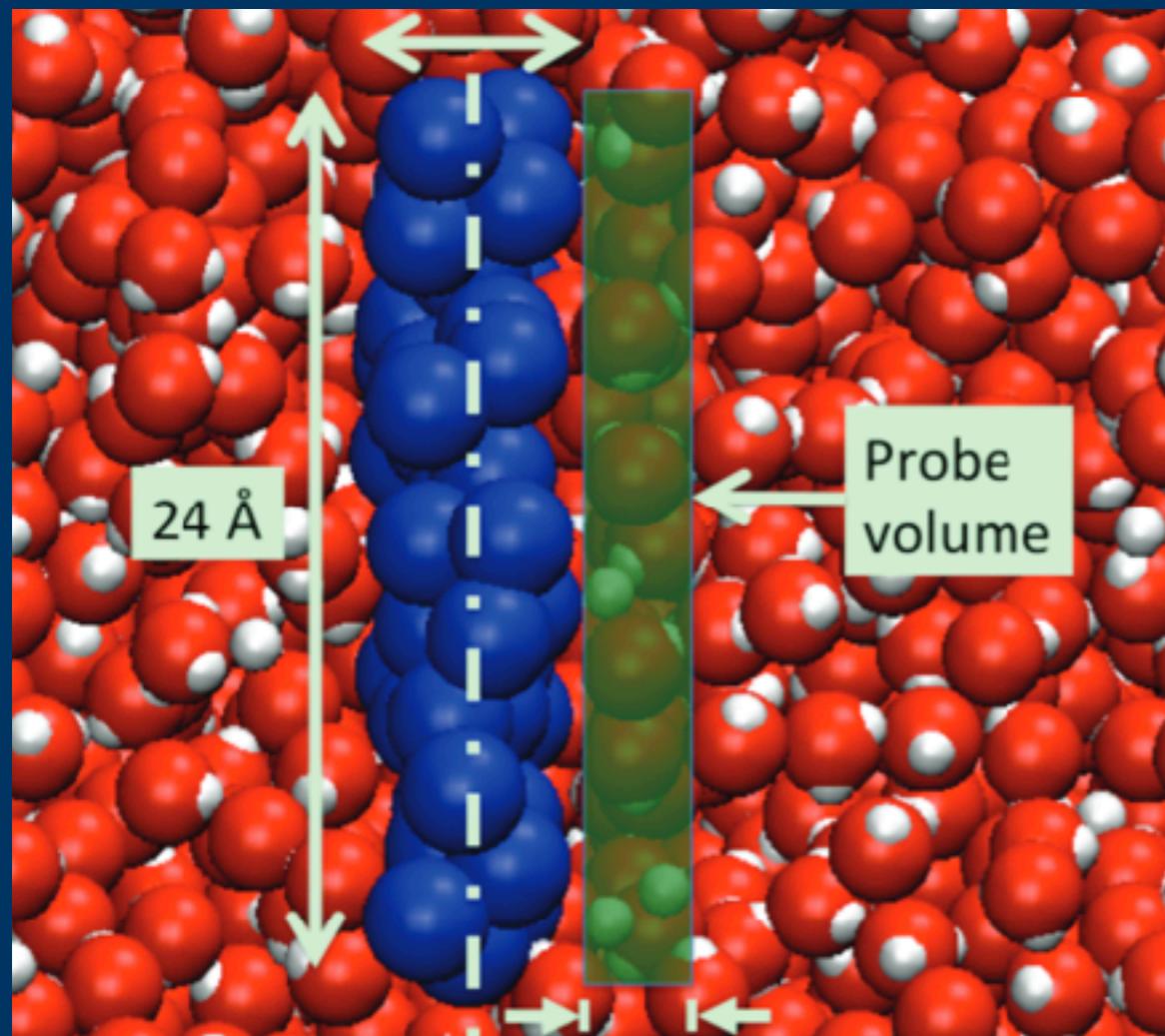
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### ABSTRACT:



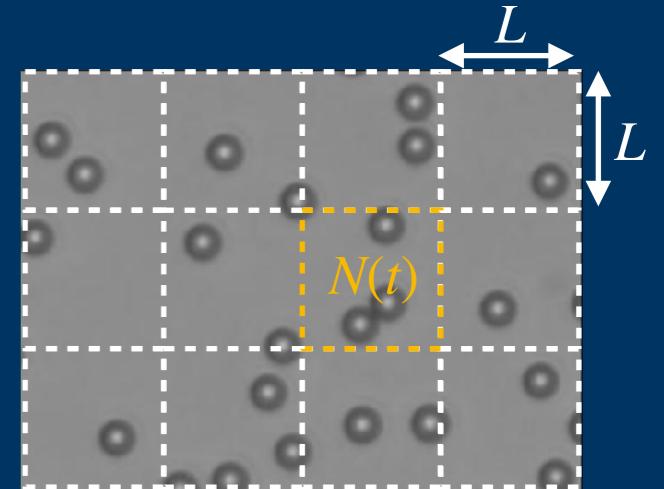
@ Steady state => **Thermodynamic properties**  
**finite volumes?**



@ Steady state => **Thermodynamic properties**

$$\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$$

"Kirkwood Buff integrals"/Finite volumes



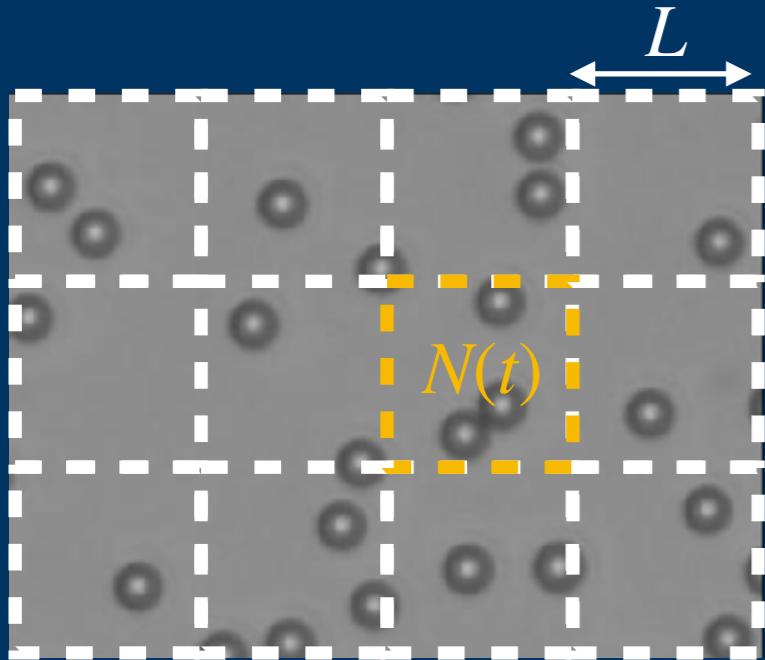
@ Outside steady state => **Dynamic properties!**

$$C_N(t) = \langle N(t)N(0) \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$$

**much to explore...**

# “Fancy Counting”

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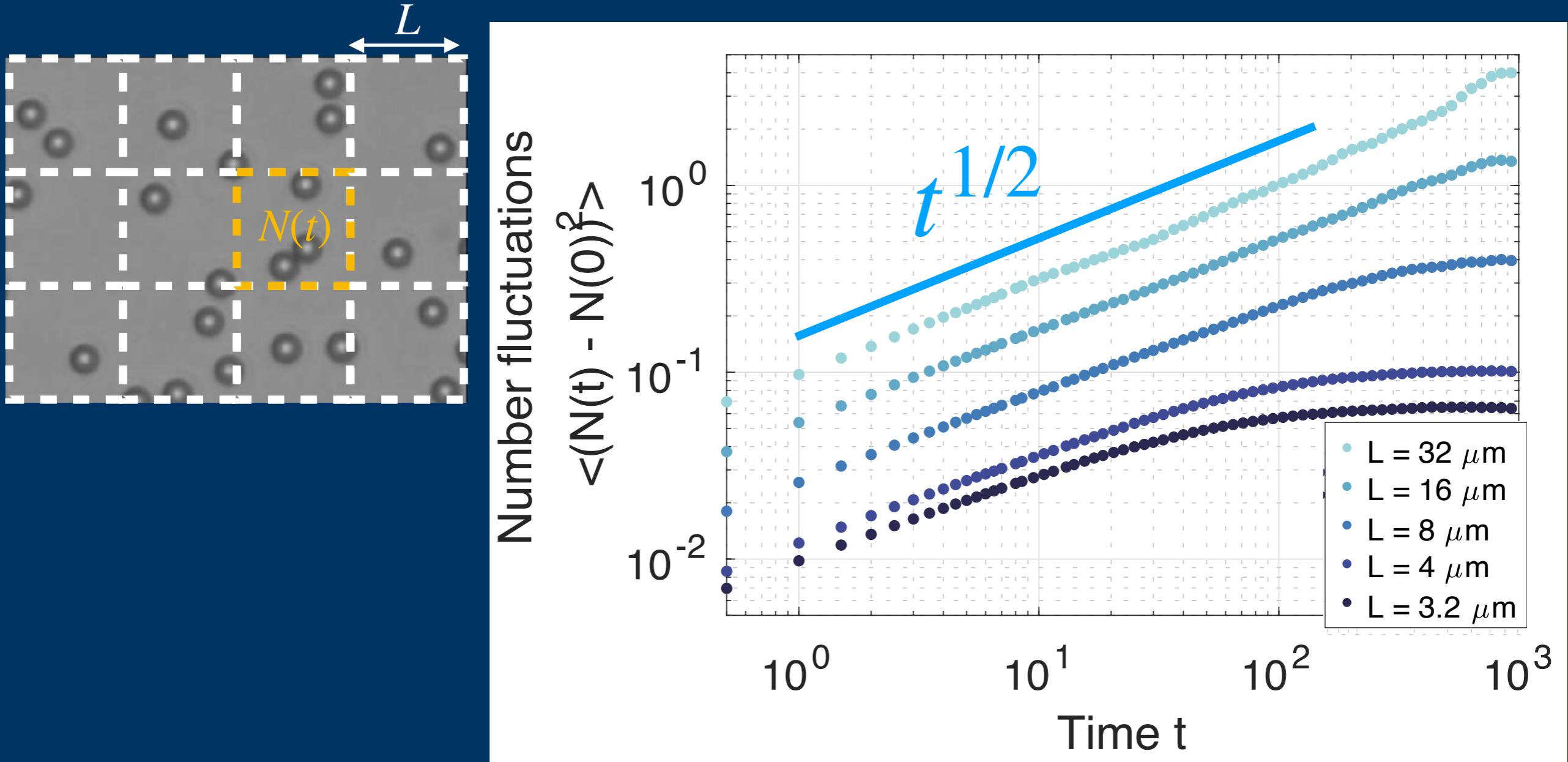
$$C_N(t) = \langle N(t)N(0) \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$$

*hard in practice...*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (N(t) - N(0))^2 \rangle \\ = 2(\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2) - 2C_N(t) \end{aligned}$$

“MSD of particle number”

# “Fancy Counting”

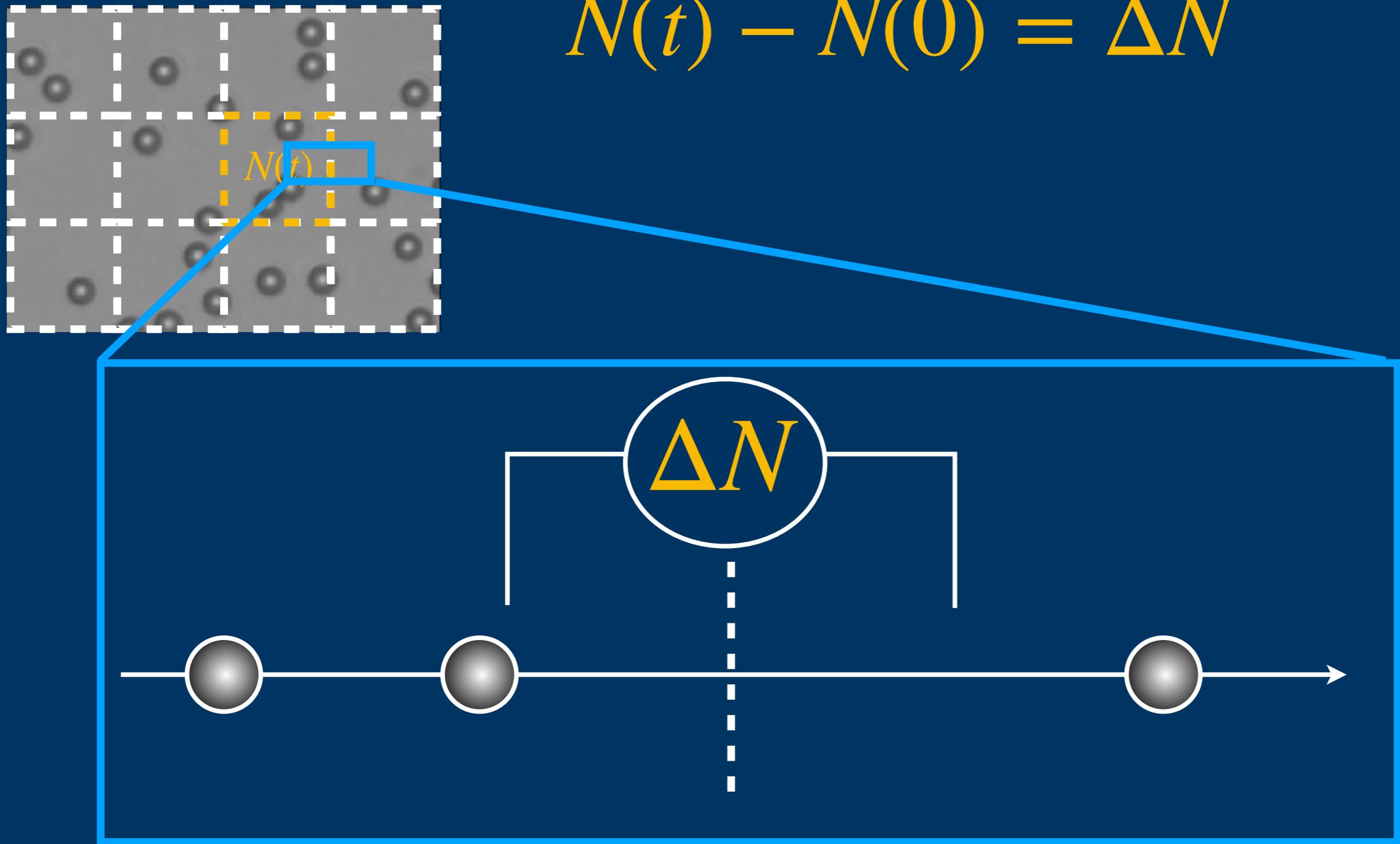


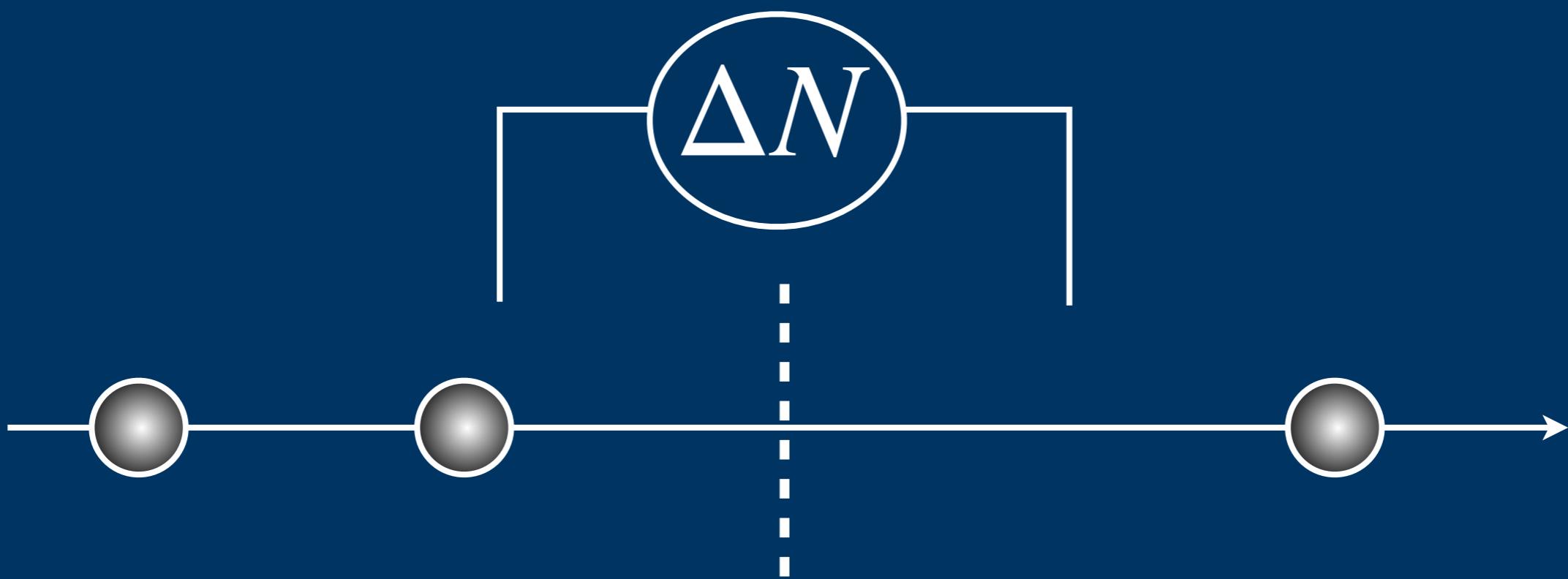
Subdiffusive behavior in a very simple system!

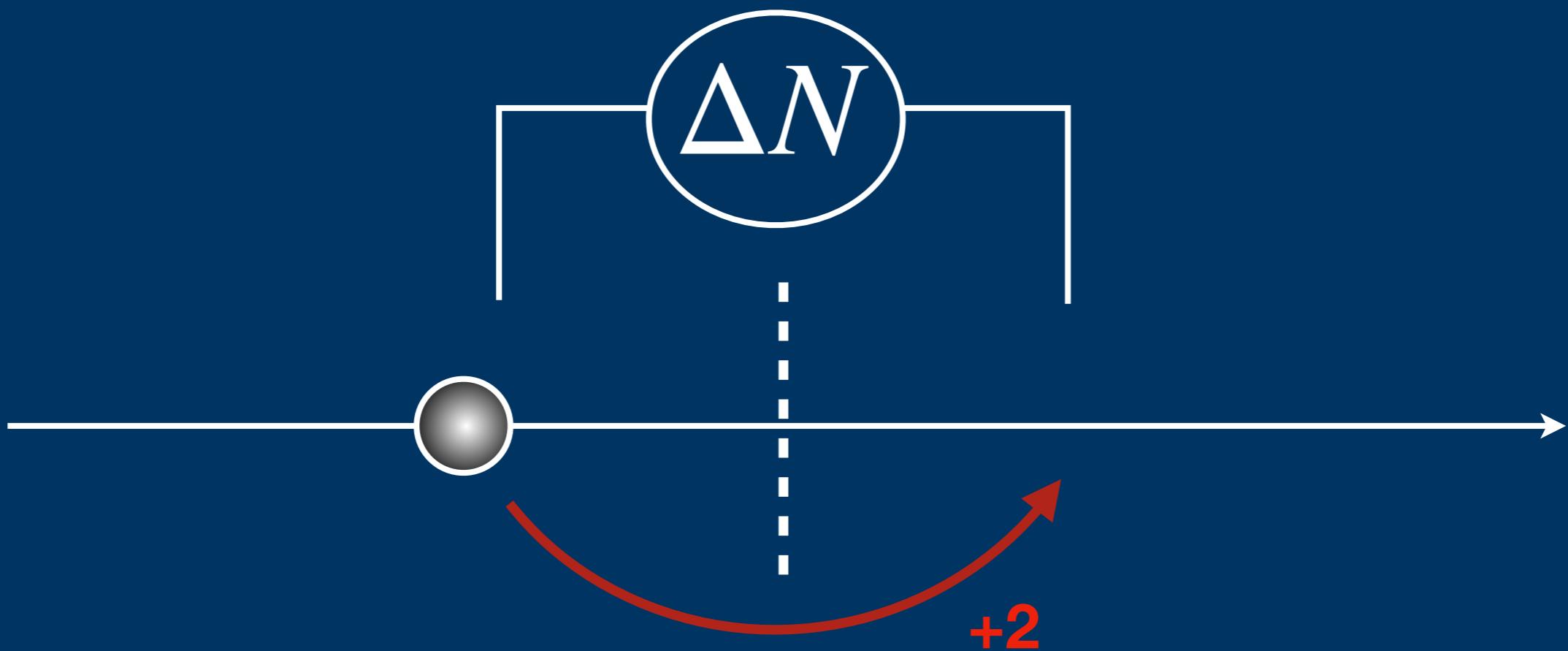
# Boundary crossings

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$$N(t) - N(0) = \Delta N$$





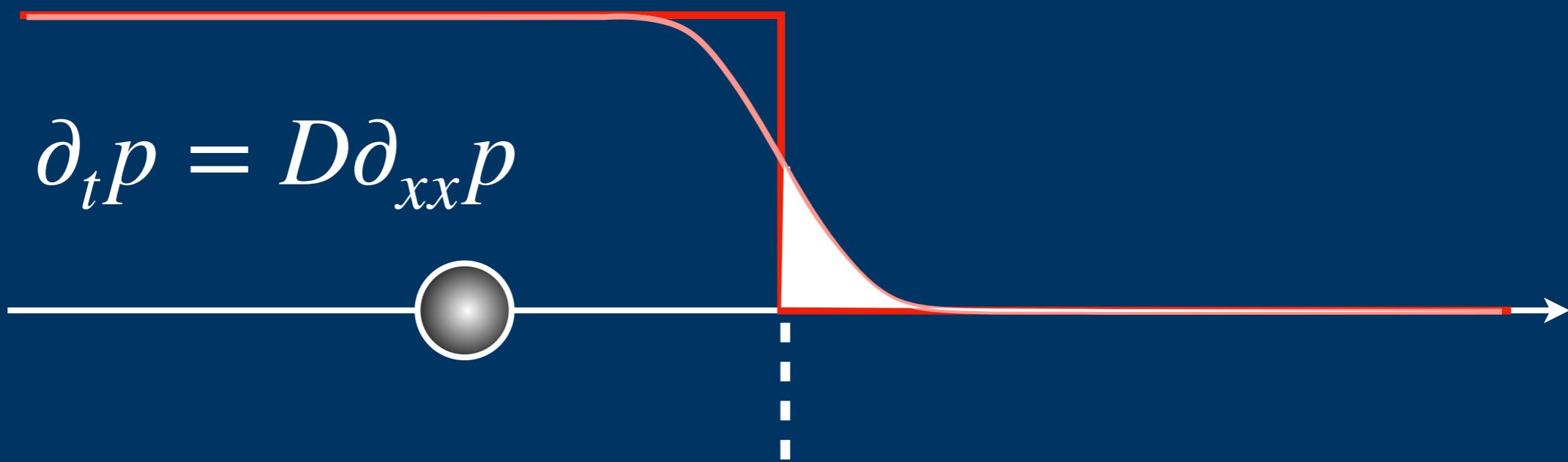


$$\langle \Delta N^2 \rangle = (2^2) \times p_{L \rightarrow R}(t)$$

$p_{L \rightarrow R}(t)$ ?

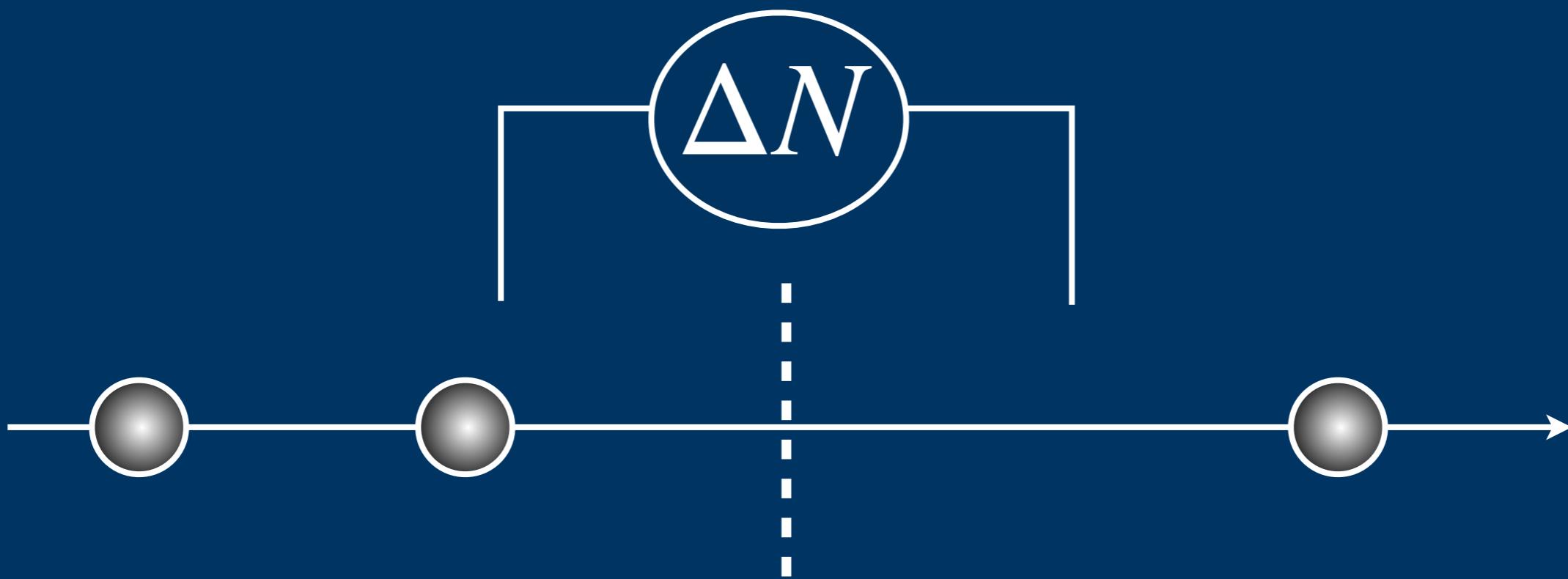
$$p(x, t = 0) = c_0$$

$$\partial_t p = D \partial_{xx} p$$



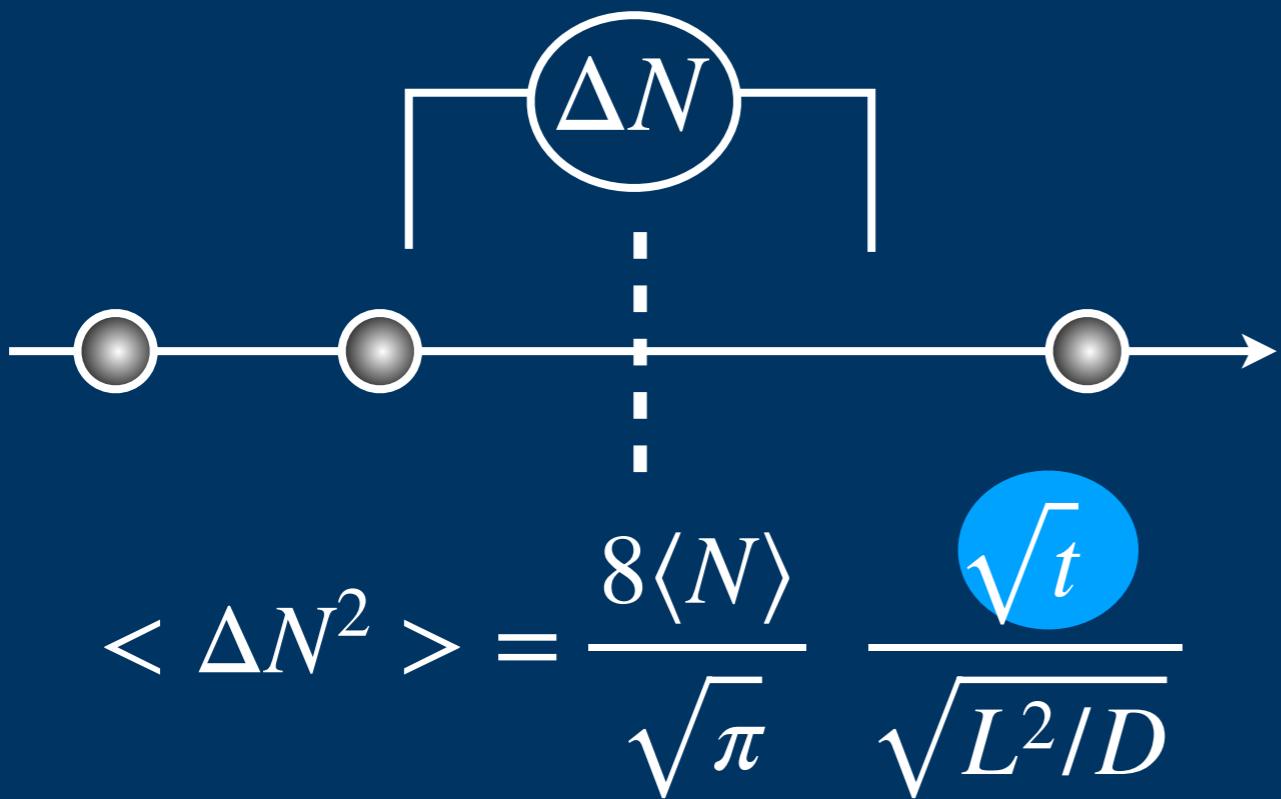
$$p(x, t) = c_0 \operatorname{erfc} \left[ \frac{x}{\sqrt{4Dt}} \right]$$

$$p_{L \rightarrow R}(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} p(x, t) dx \sim \sqrt{t}$$



$$\langle \Delta N^2 \rangle = \frac{8\langle N \rangle}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{L^2/D}}$$

subdiffusive



**Subdiffusive** noise  
comes from  
**boundary crossings**

$N(t)$  is a **fractional Brownian Motion** (?)

with Hurst index 1/4

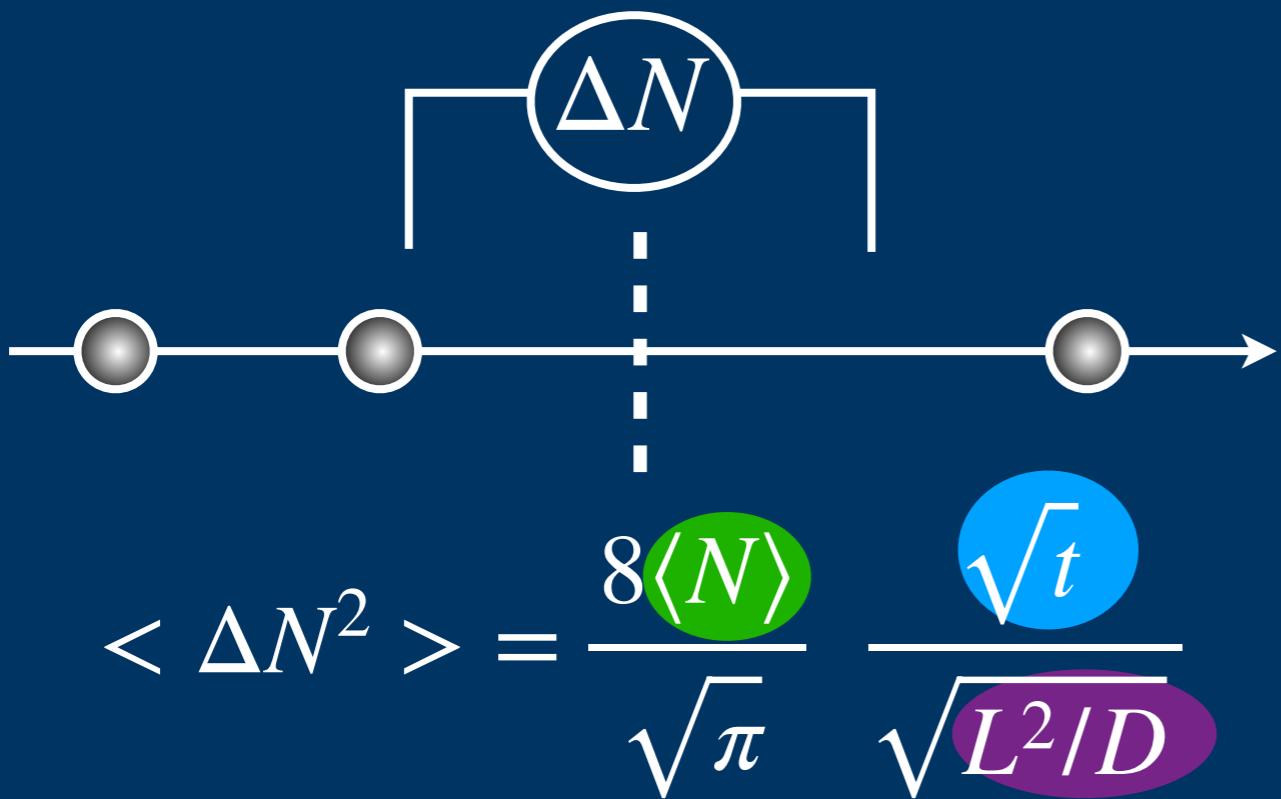
SM, J. Chem. Phys. 2021

single file diffusion (1D diffusion with collisions)  
is similar... but different (?)

Harris, J. Appl. Probab. 1965

Durr, Goldstein, Leibowitz, Commun. Pure Appl. Math. 1985

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amplitude

$$\langle N \rangle$$

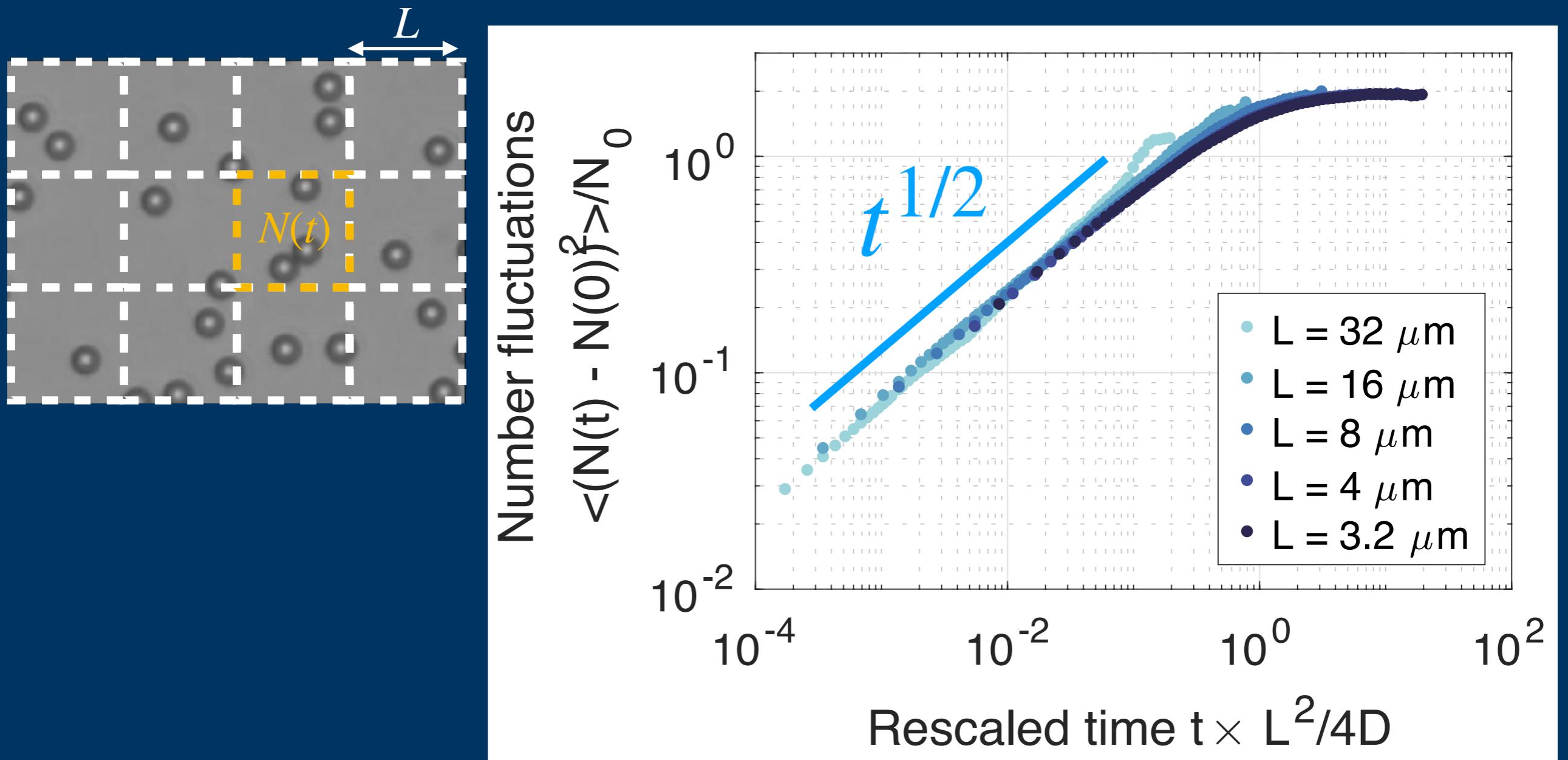
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timescale

$$\tau_{\text{Diff}} = L^2/D$$

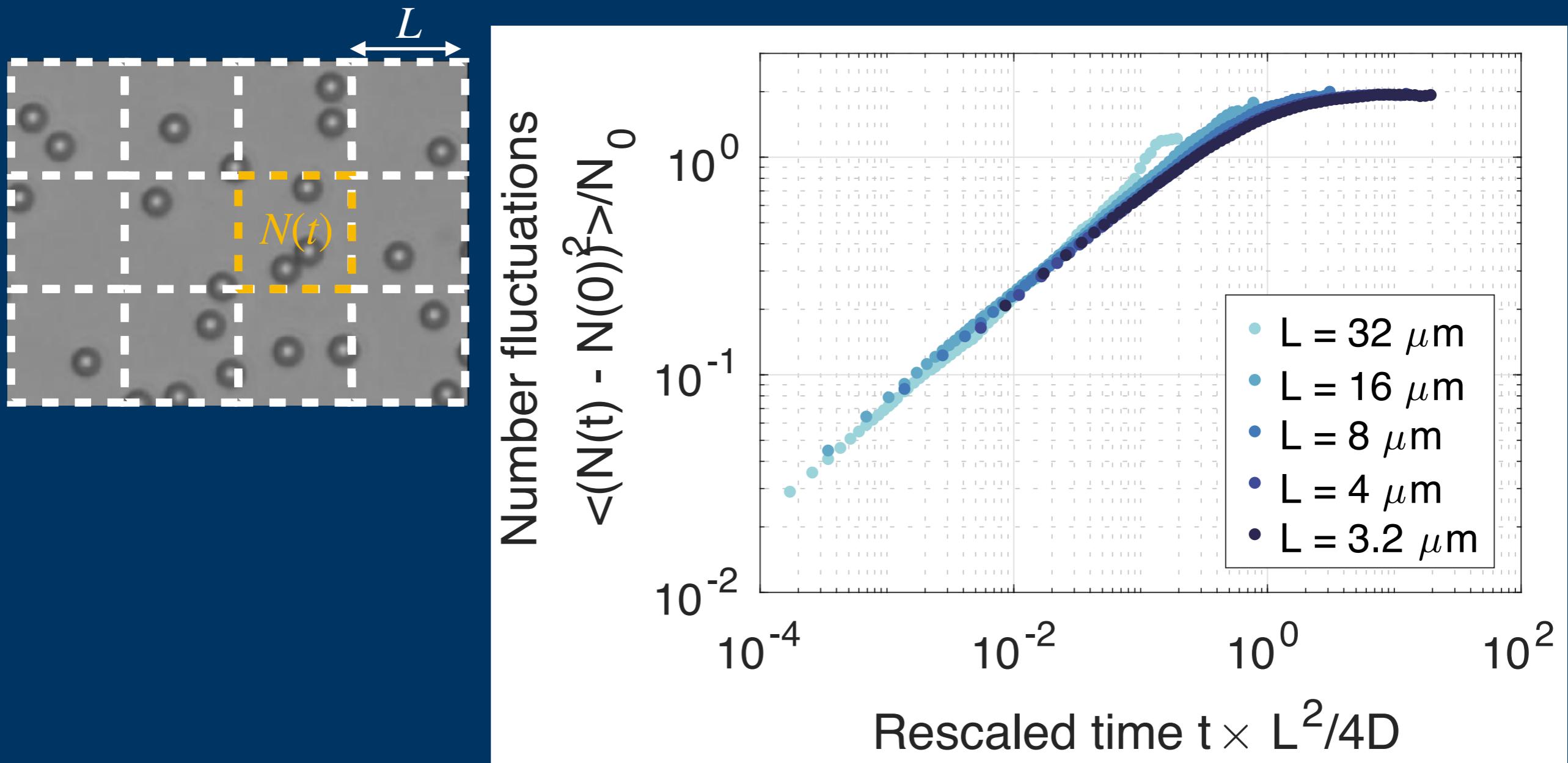
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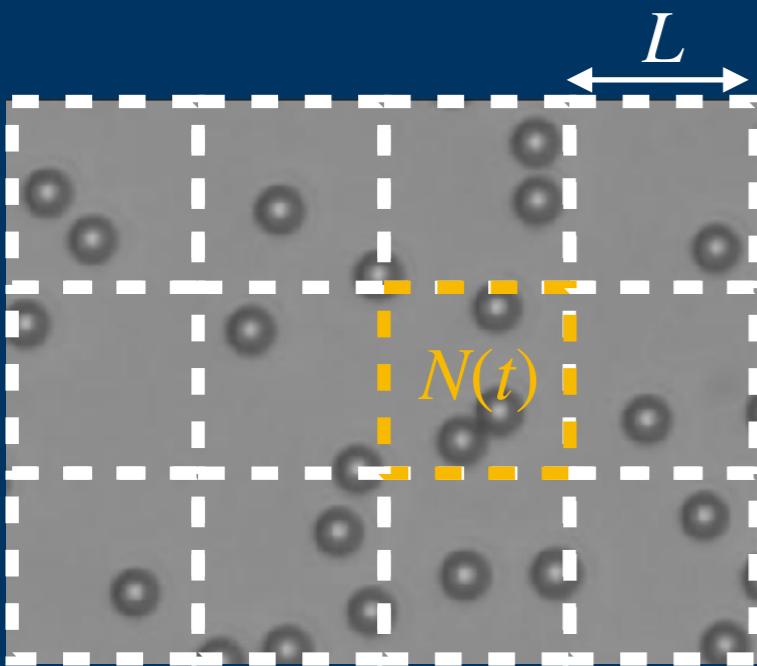


**Subdiffusive behavior in a very simple system!**

# “Fancy Counting”



# stochastic Density Functional Theory



particle  
trajectories

$$X(t)$$

concentration  
field

$$c(x, t)$$

$$\partial_t c = D \nabla^2 c + \sqrt{4Dc} \nabla \cdot \eta_c$$

$\eta_c(t) \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  **fluctuations**

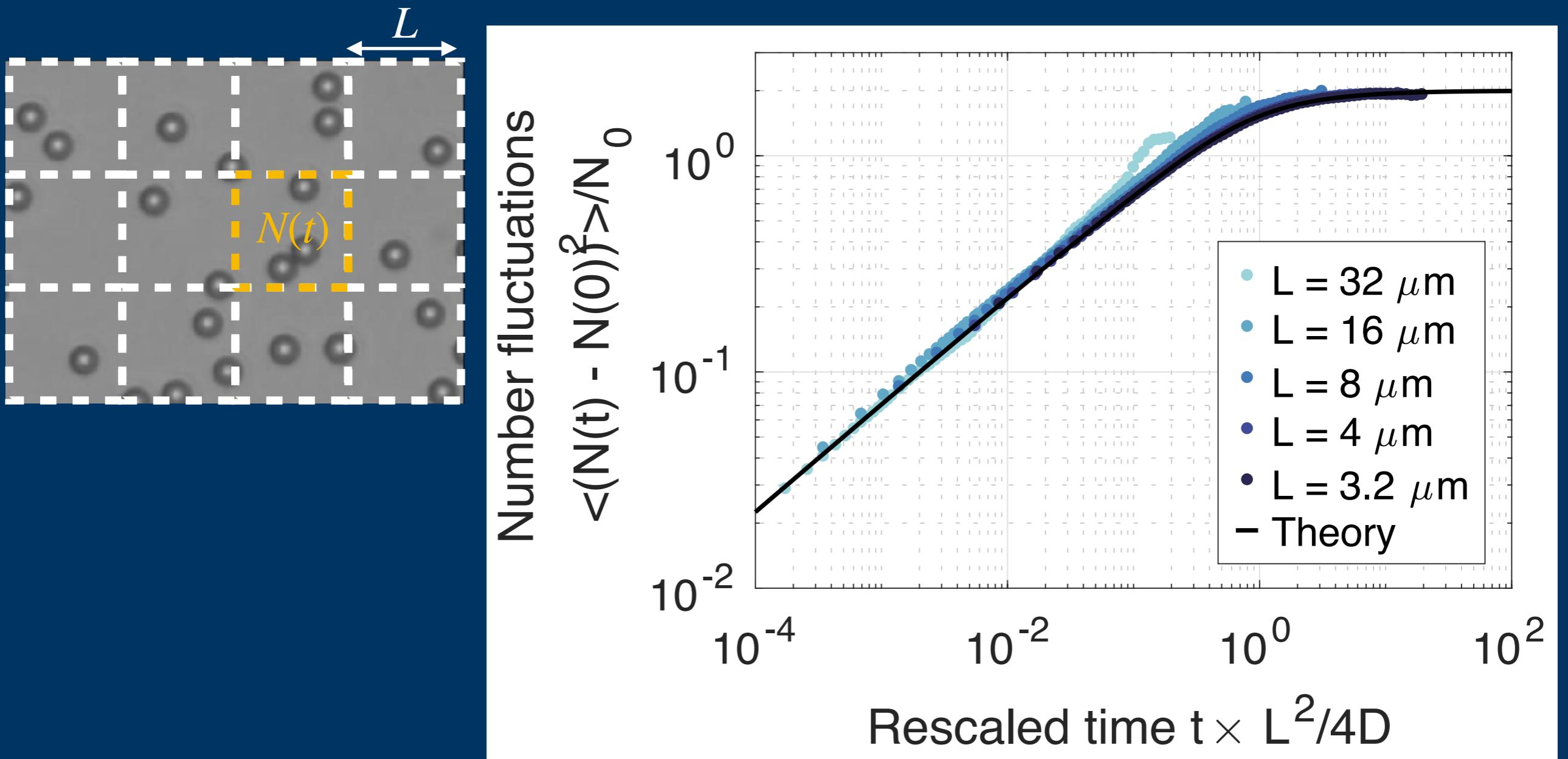
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$$C_N(t) = \iint_{V_{\text{box}}} \langle c(x, t) c(x', 0) \rangle dx dx'$$

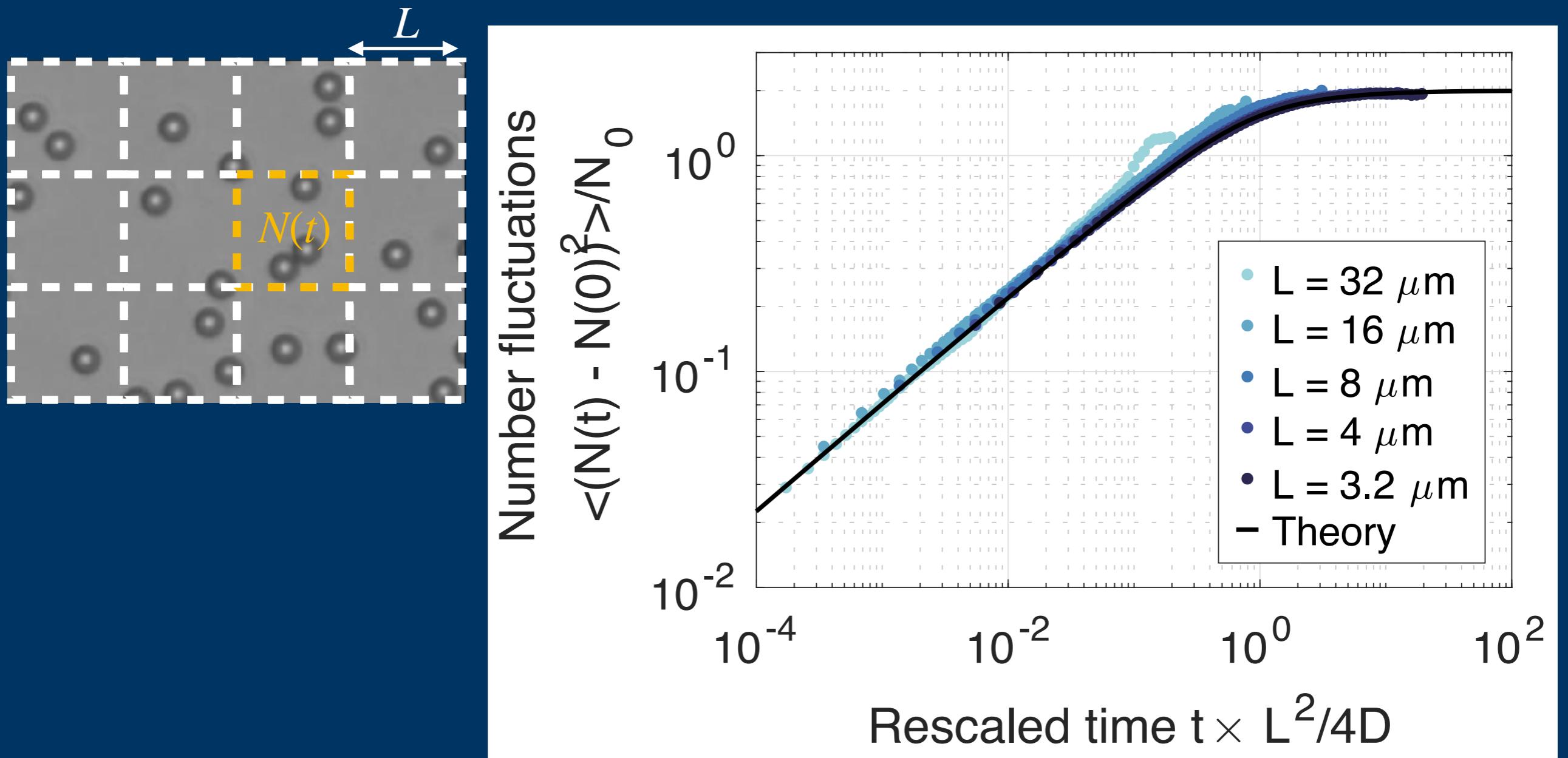
$$C_N(t) = \left[ f_0 \left( \frac{Dt}{L^2} \right) \right]^2 , \quad f_0(\tau) = \left[ \sqrt{\tau/\pi} \times (e^{-1/\tau} - 1) + \text{erf}(\sqrt{1/\tau}) \right]^2$$

# “Fancy Counting”



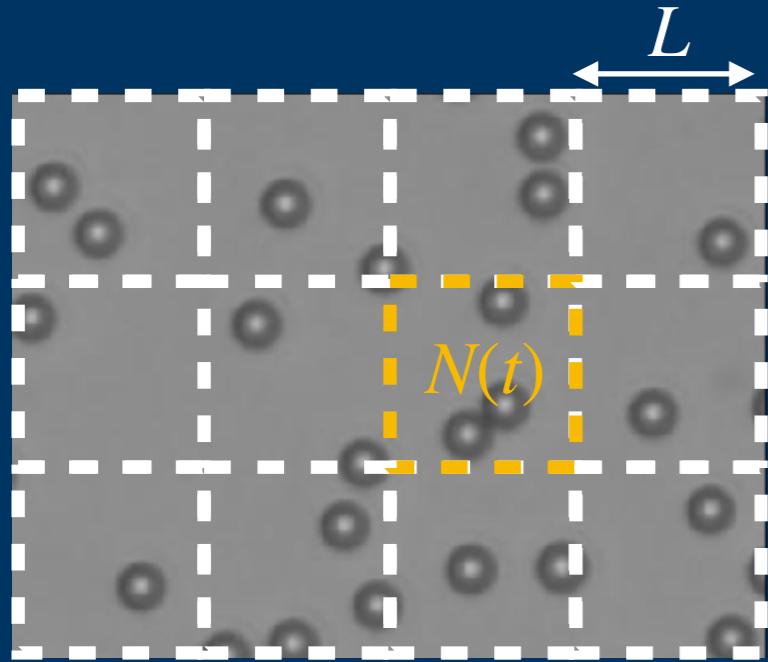
$$f(t) = 2 - 2 \left[ f_0 \left( \frac{Dt}{L^2} \right) \right]^2, \quad f_0(\tau) = \left[ \sqrt{\tau/\pi} \times (e^{-1/\tau} - 1) + \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{1/\tau}) \right]^2$$

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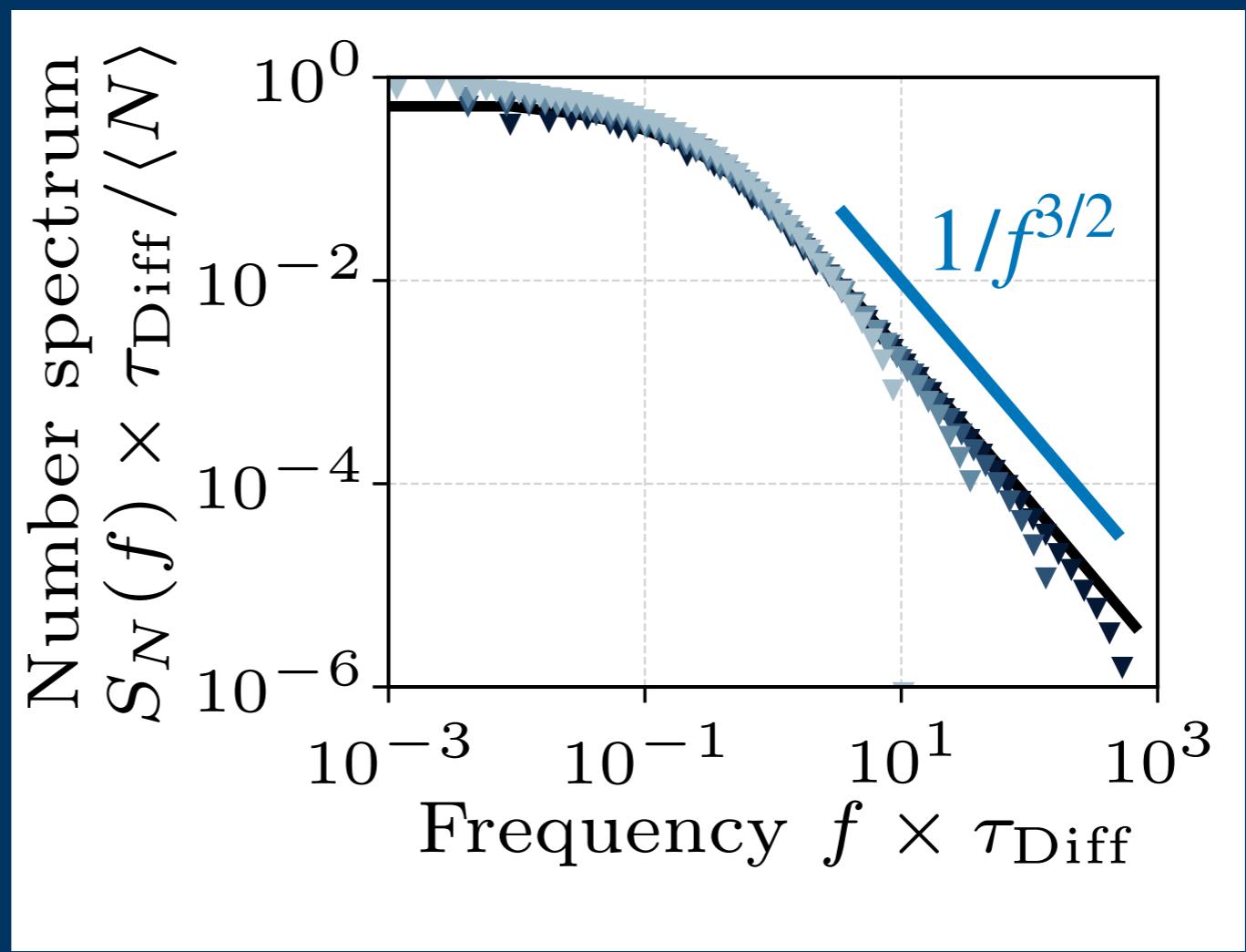


Method to measure the diffusion coefficient !

# Power Spectra



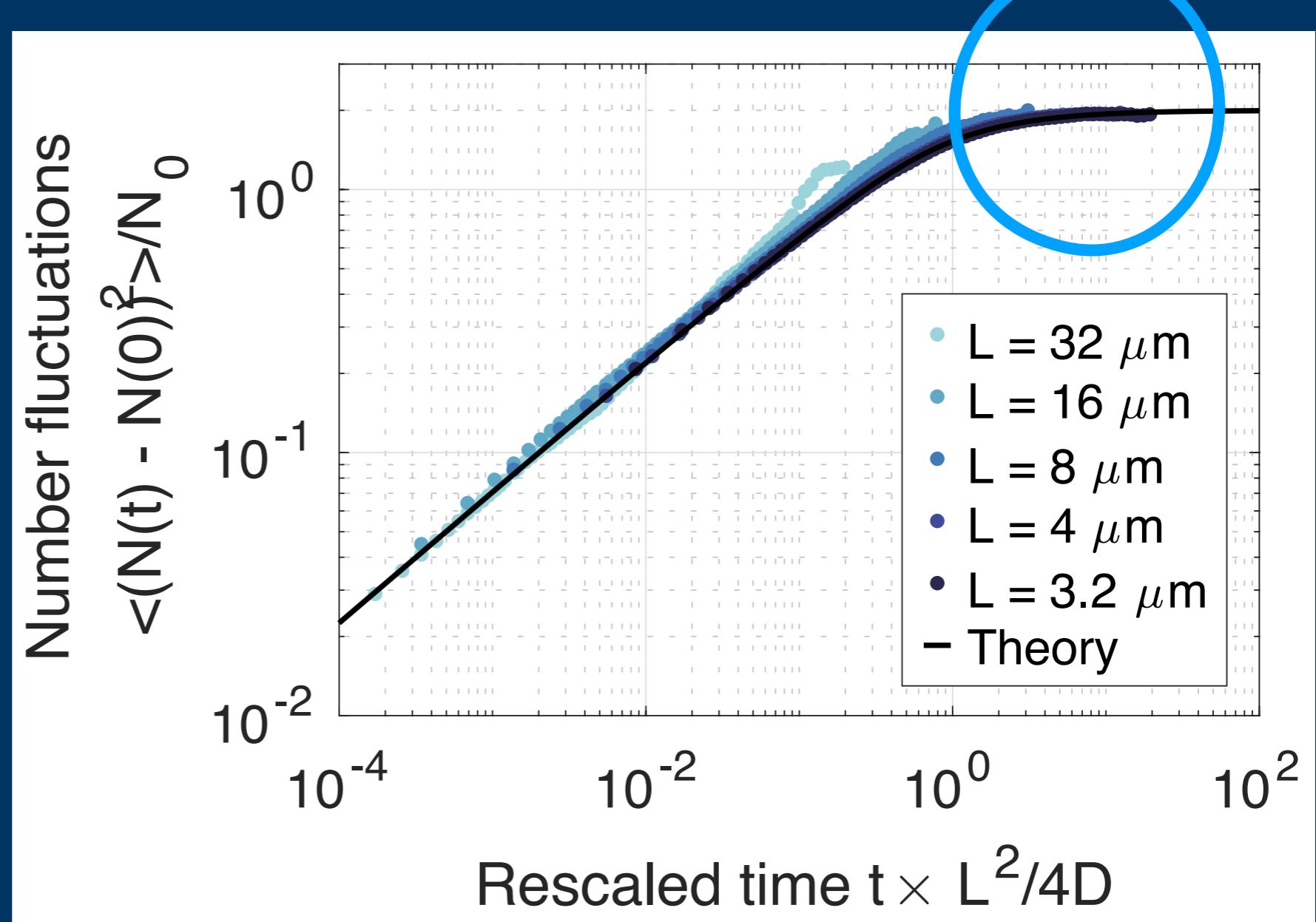
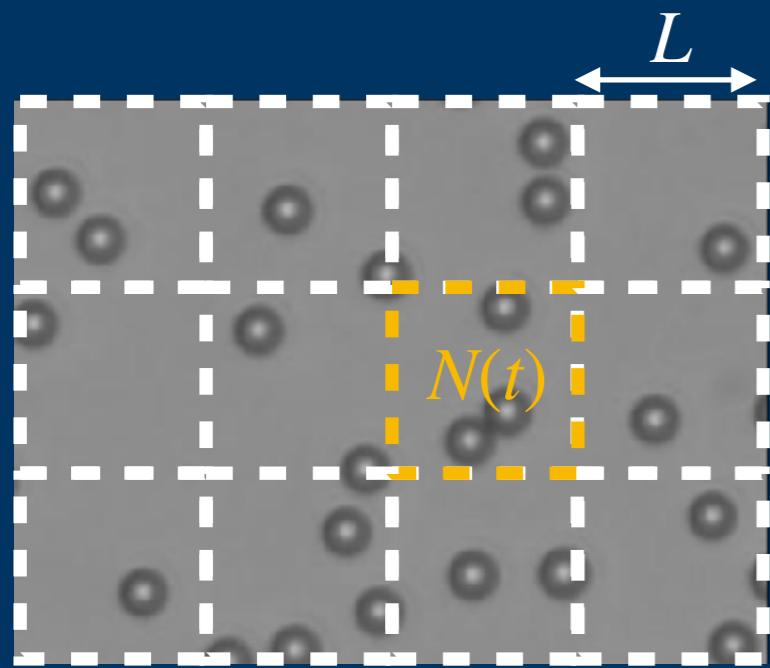
$$N(t) \longrightarrow S_N(f) = \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_0^T N(t) e^{-i2\pi f t} dt \right|^2$$



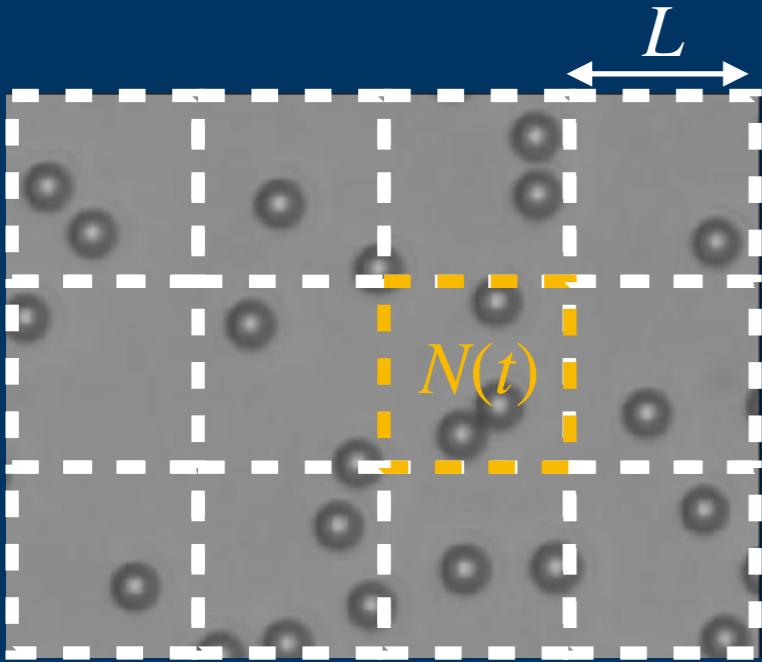
signature of **fractional noise**...

# Plateau?

$$2(\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2)$$



# stochastic Density Functional Theory



particle  
trajectories

$$X(t)$$

concentration  
field

$$c(x, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t c = & D \nabla^2 c + \sqrt{4Dc} \nabla \cdot \eta_c \\ & - \frac{D}{k_B T} \nabla \left[ c \cdot \nabla (\mathcal{V} \star c) \right] \end{aligned}$$

pair-wise interactions

[small fluctuations]  $S(k) \simeq \left( 1 + \frac{C_0}{k_B T} \hat{\mathcal{V}}(k) \right)^{-1}$

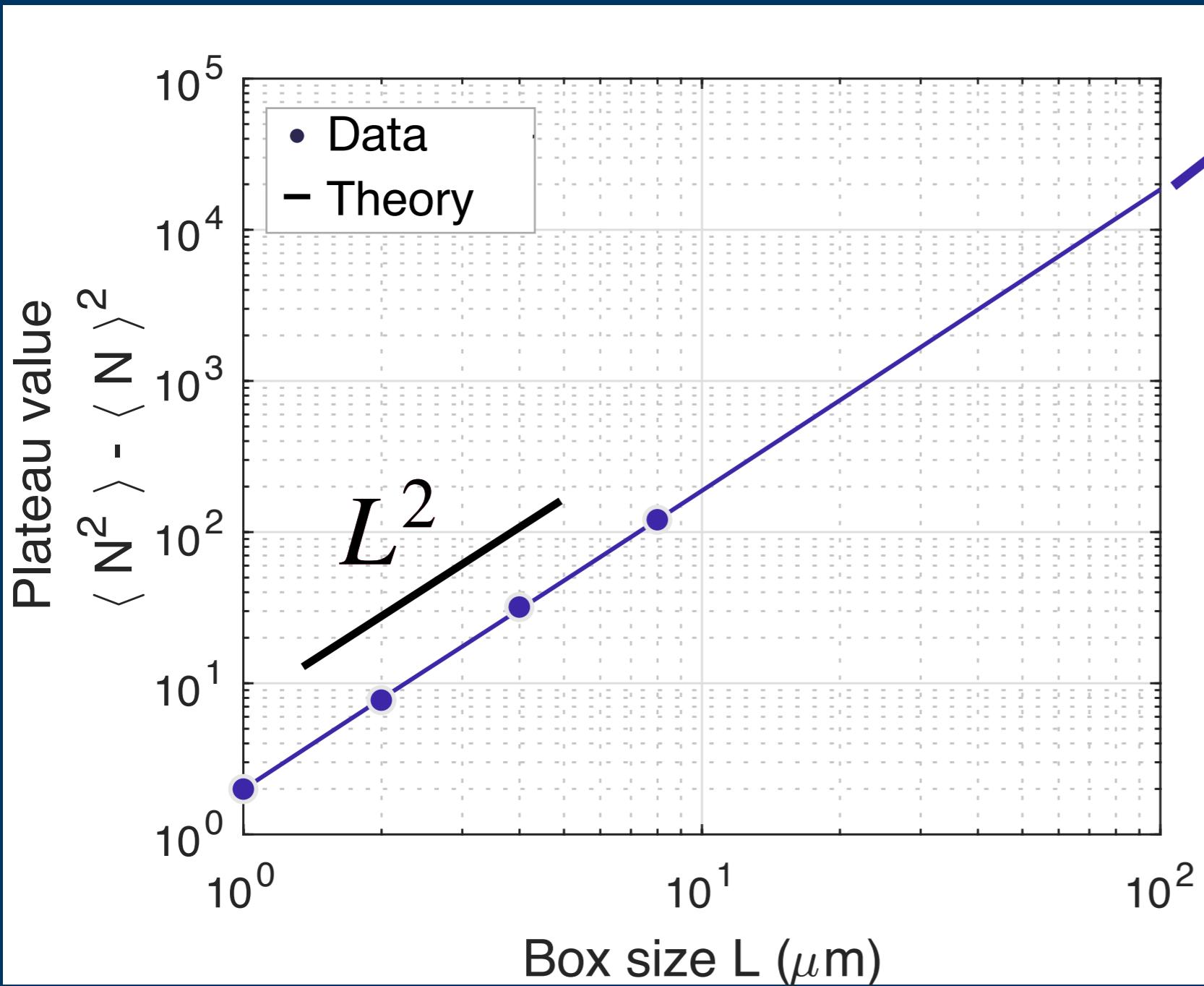
$$C_N(t) = \langle N \rangle \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} S(k) e^{-\frac{Dk^2 t}{S(k)}} f_V(k), \quad f_V(k) = \frac{1}{L^d} \iint_{V_{\text{box}}} d^d x d^d x' e^{ik \cdot (x-x')}$$

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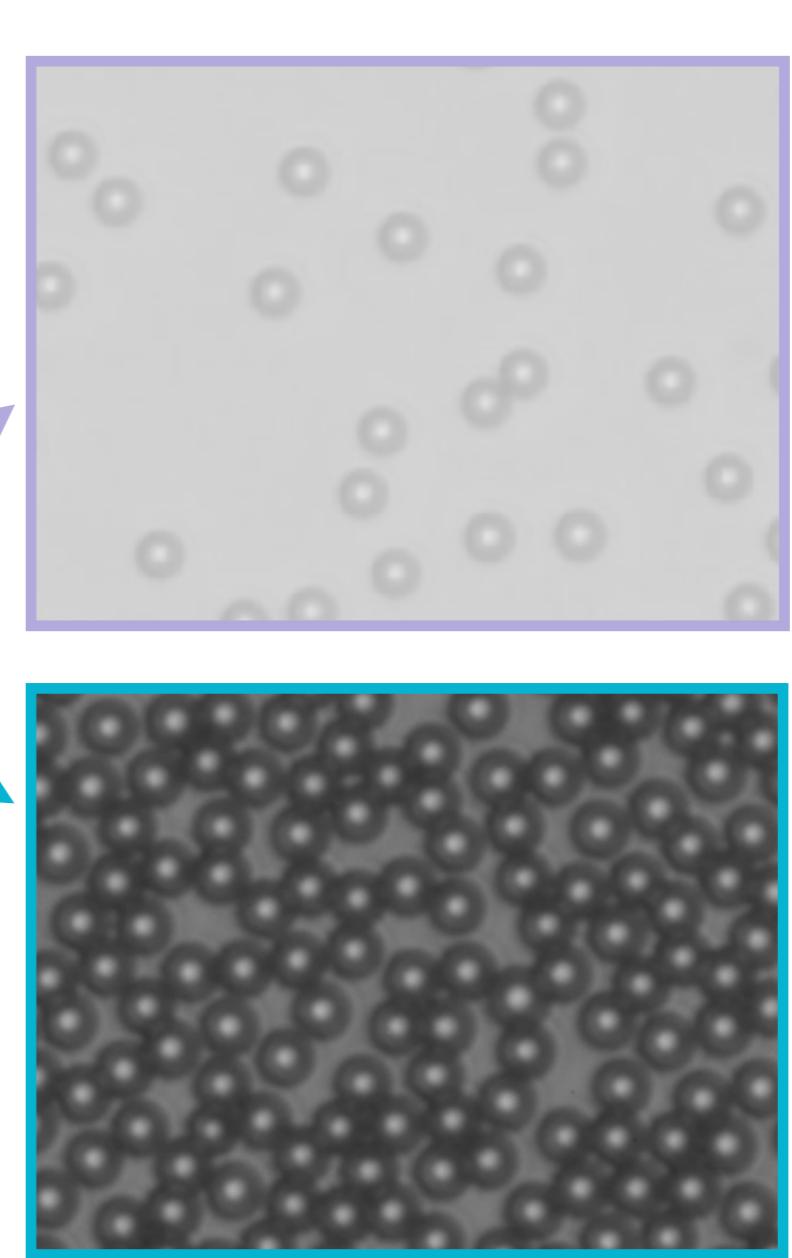
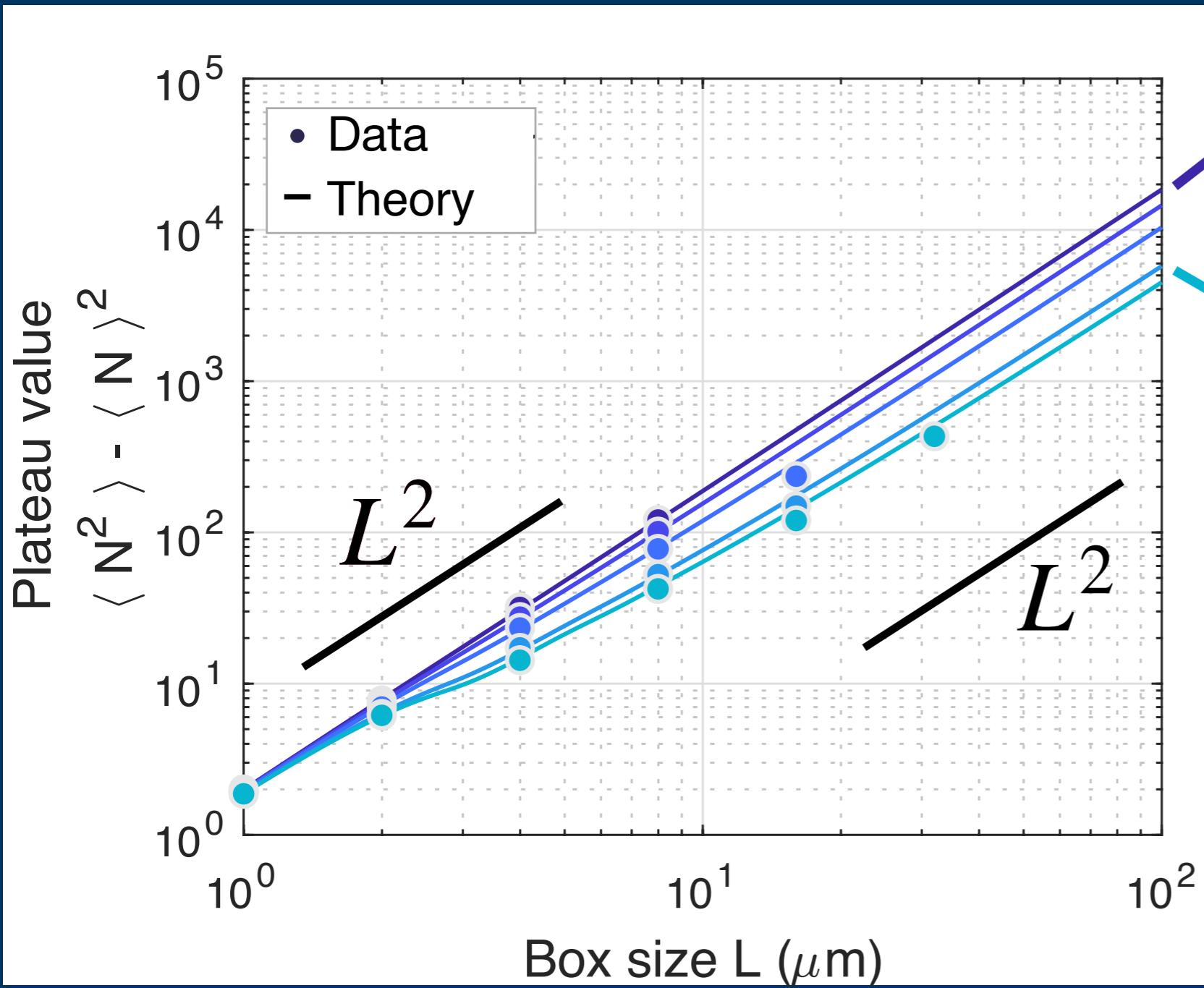
$$f_V(\boldsymbol{k})=\frac{1}{L^d}\iint_{V_\mathrm{box}}\mathrm{d}^dx\mathrm{d}^dx'e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{x}')}$$

$$S(k)\simeq \left(1+\frac{C_0}{k_BT}\hat{\mathcal{V}}(k)\right)^{-1}$$

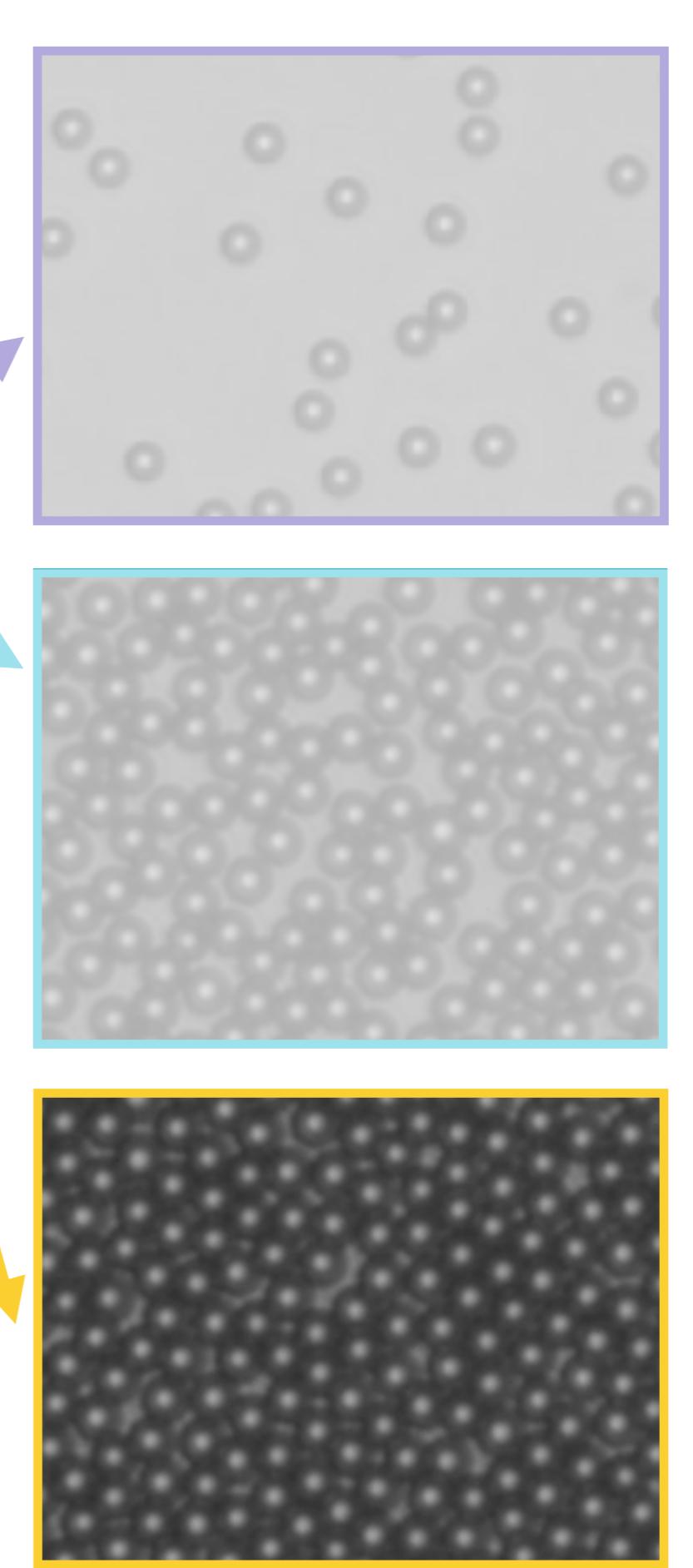
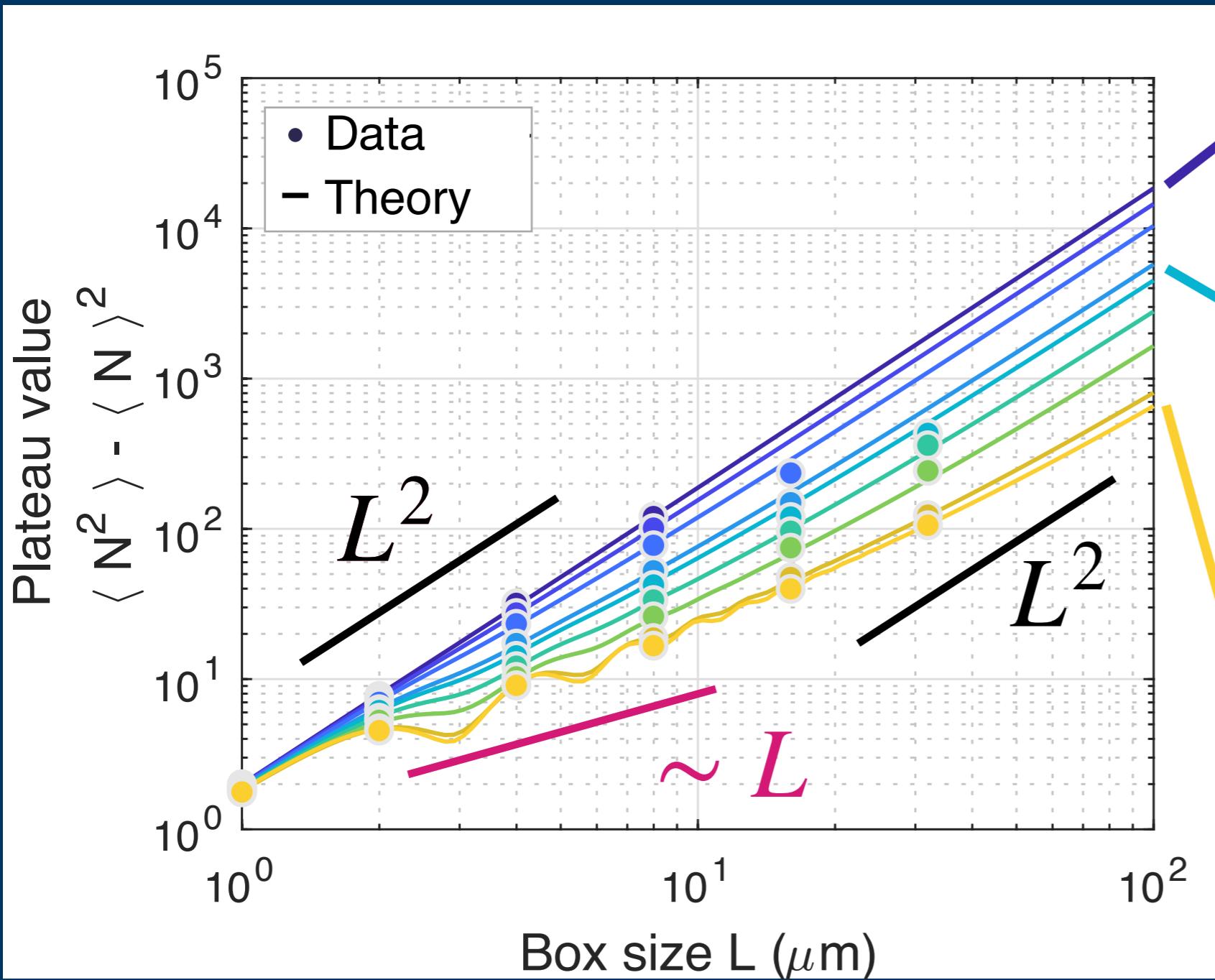
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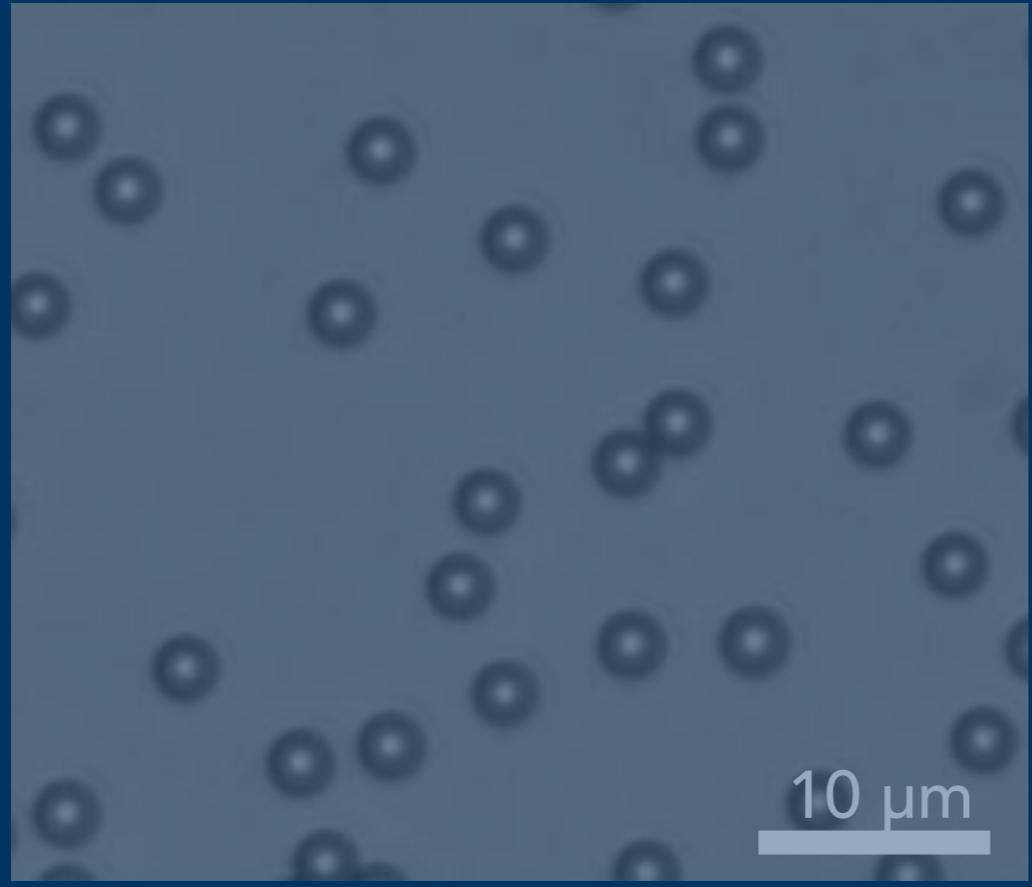
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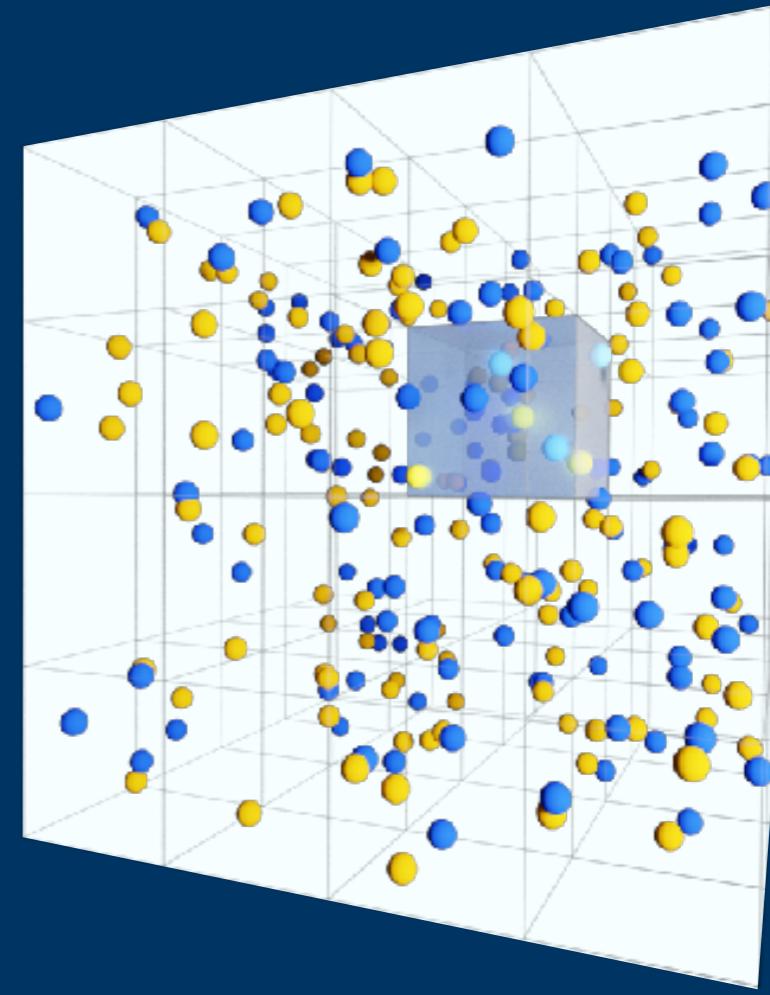
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Hyperuniformity in  
small boxes?

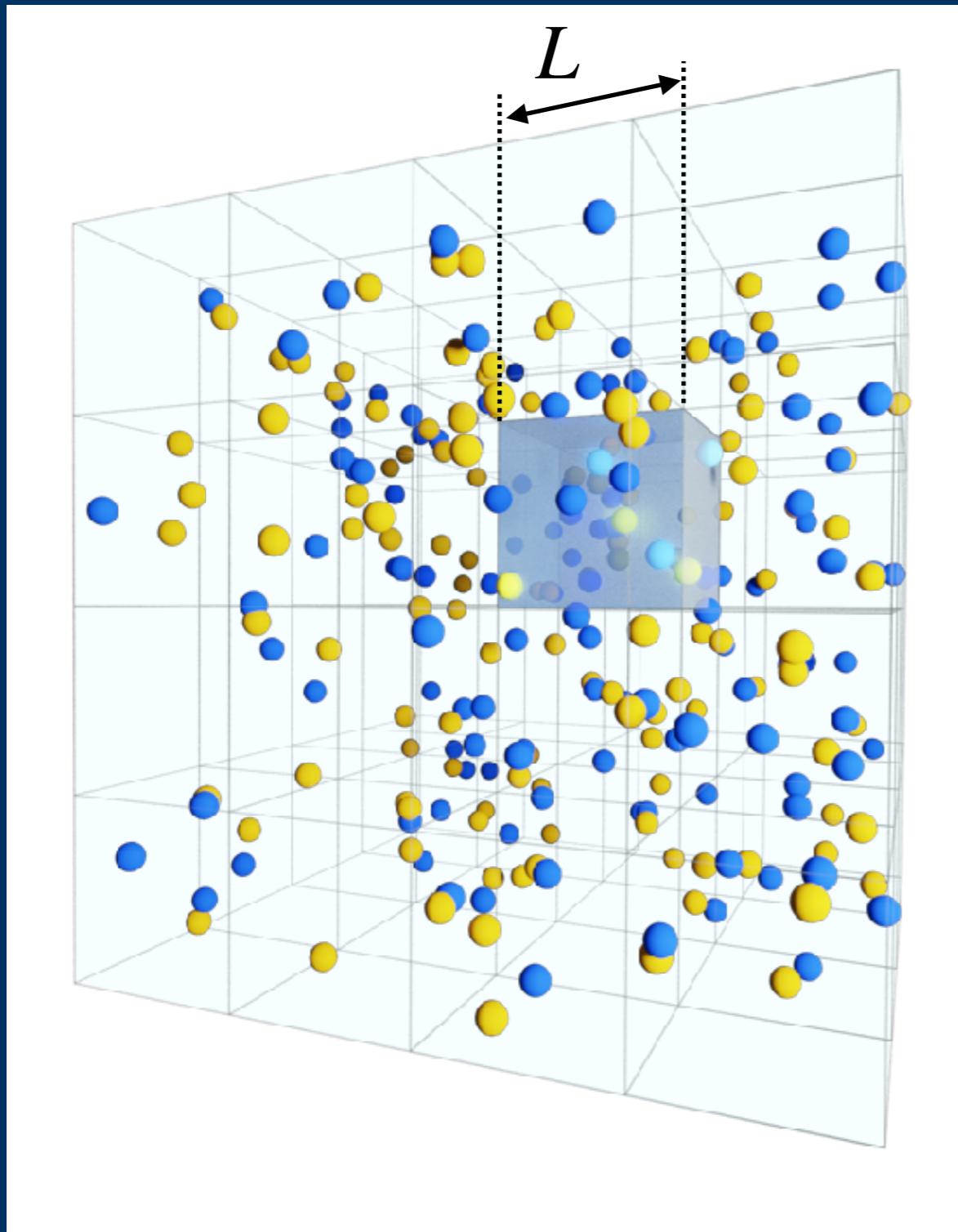


2D - short range interactions



3D - long range interactions

# Model system: Ionic Solutions



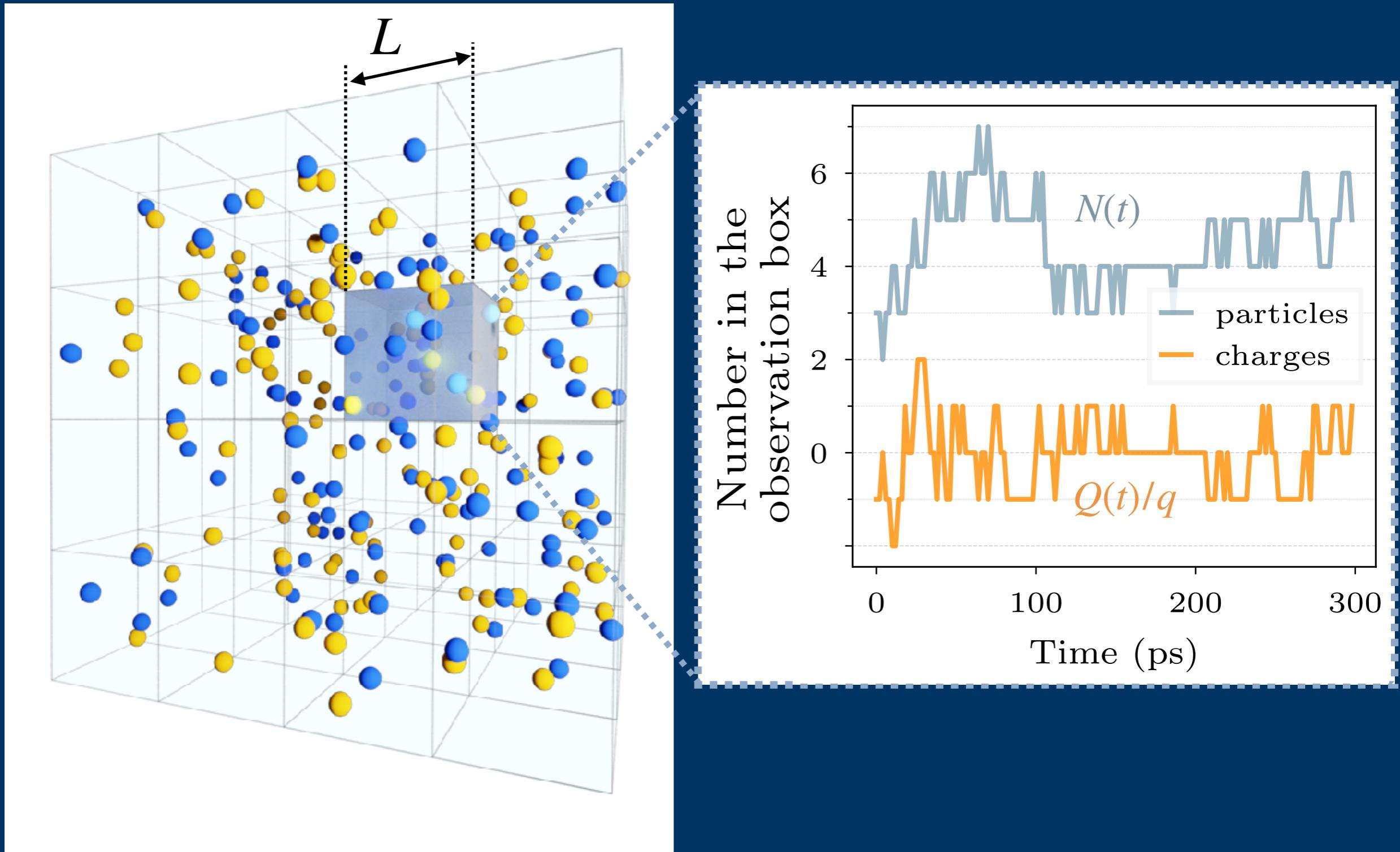
- implicit water
- cation  $+q$
- anion  $-q$

$$V_{ij}^{\text{Coul}}(r = ||X_i - X_j||) = \frac{q_i q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r r}$$

+ short-range repulsion

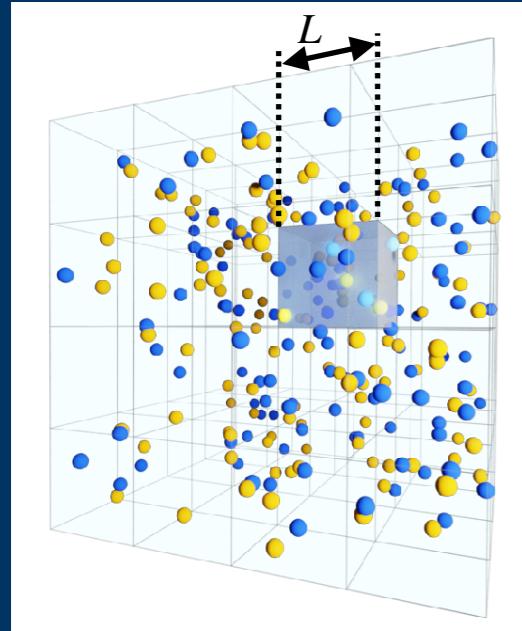
$$\frac{dX_i}{dt} = -\frac{D}{k_B T} \sum_{j \neq i} \nabla V_{ij}^{\text{Coul}}(||X_i - X_j||)$$
$$+ \sqrt{2D}\eta_i(t)$$

# Model system: Ionic Solutions

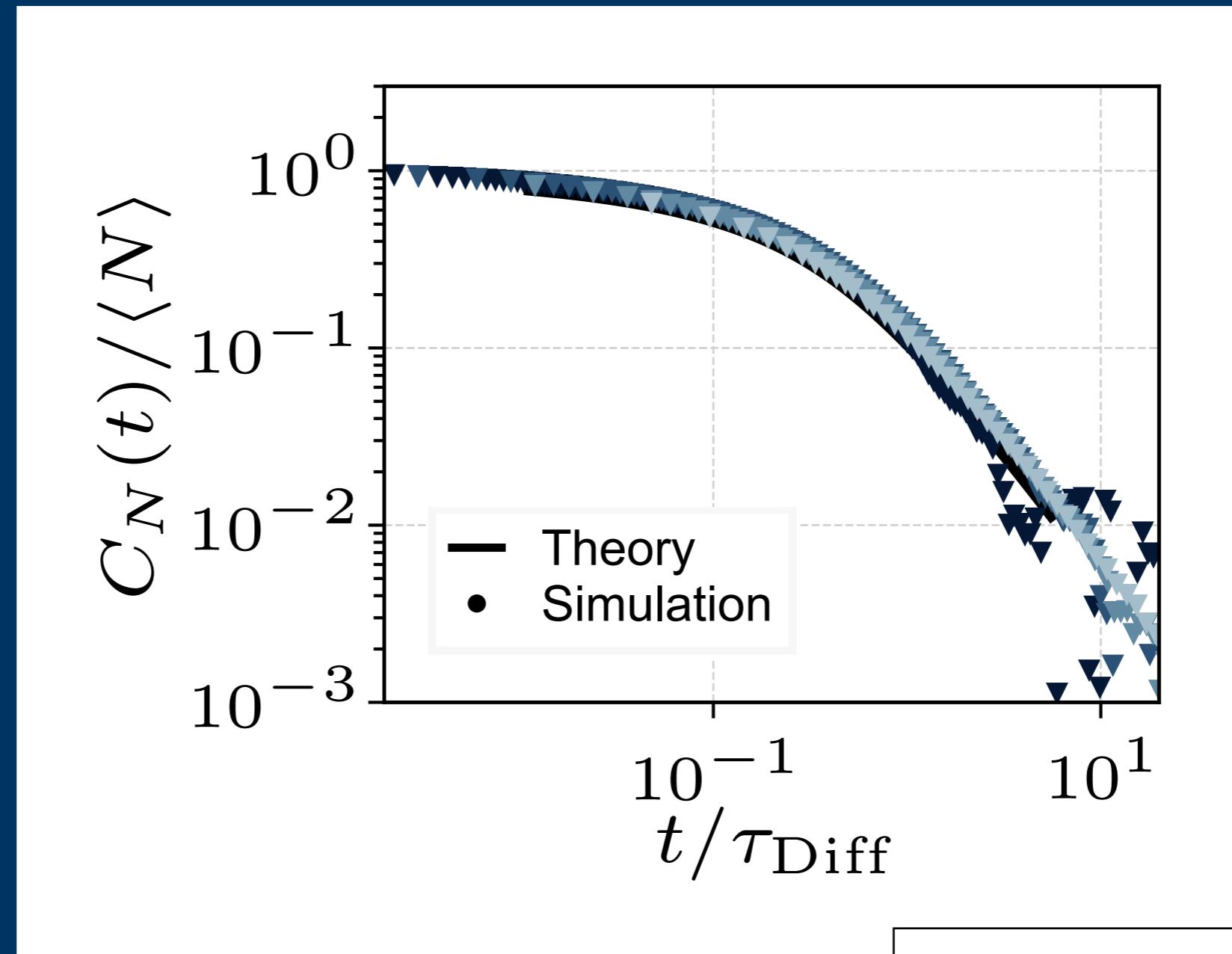


# Particle Number

$$C_N(t) = \langle N(t)N(0) \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$$



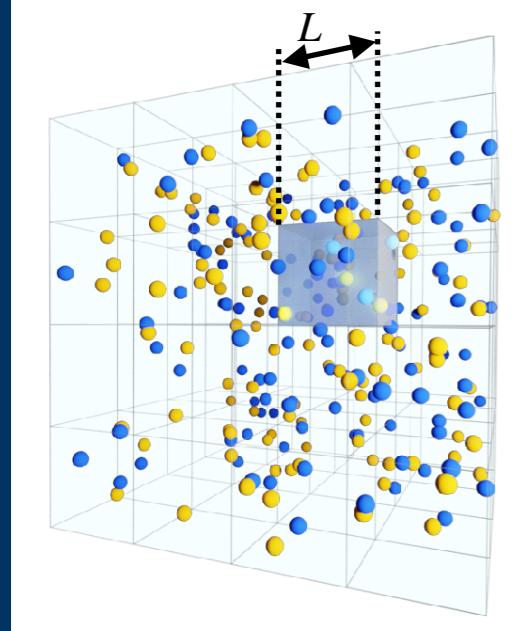
same  
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as for  
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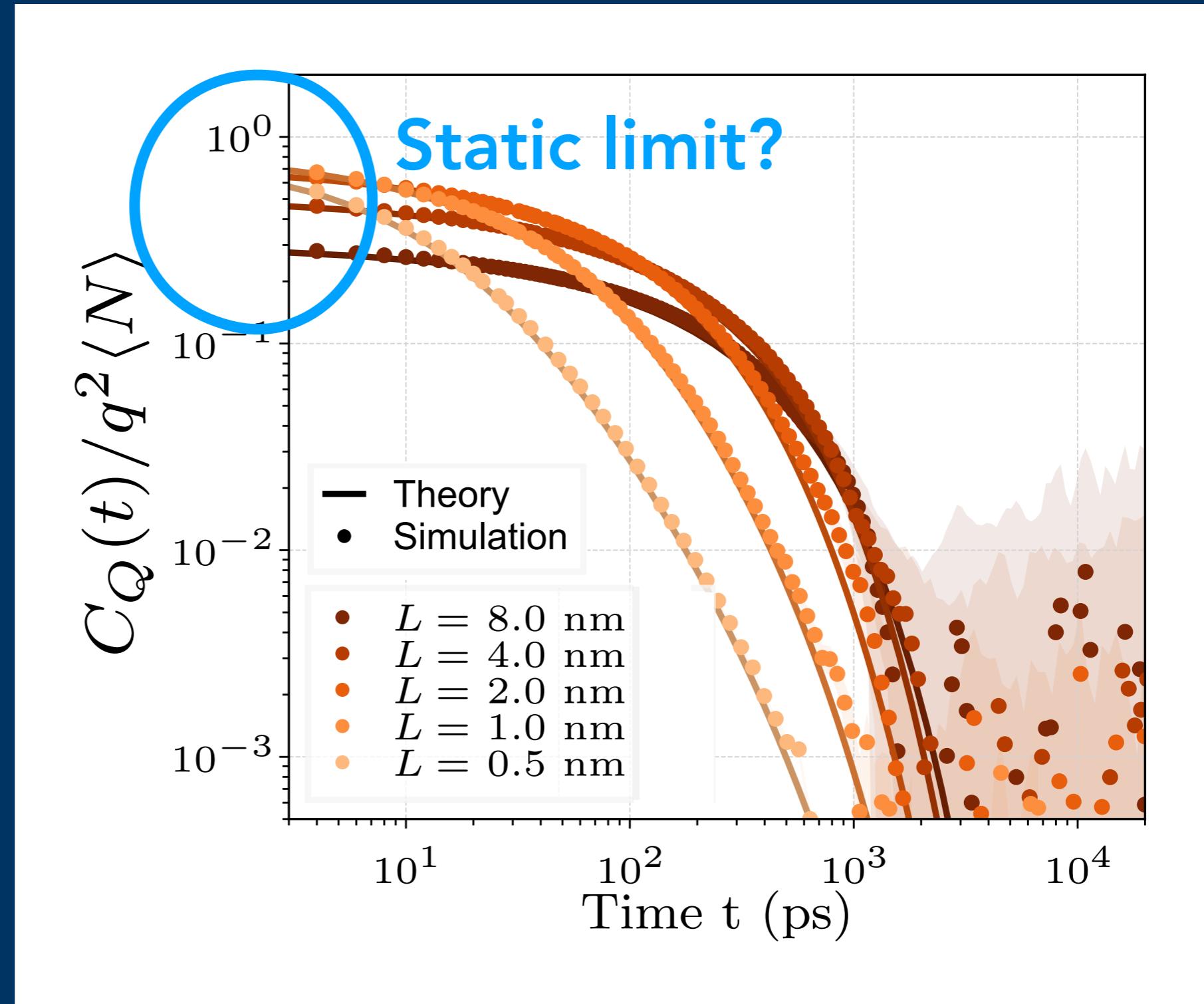
$$\tau_{\text{Diff}} = L^2/D$$

# Charges

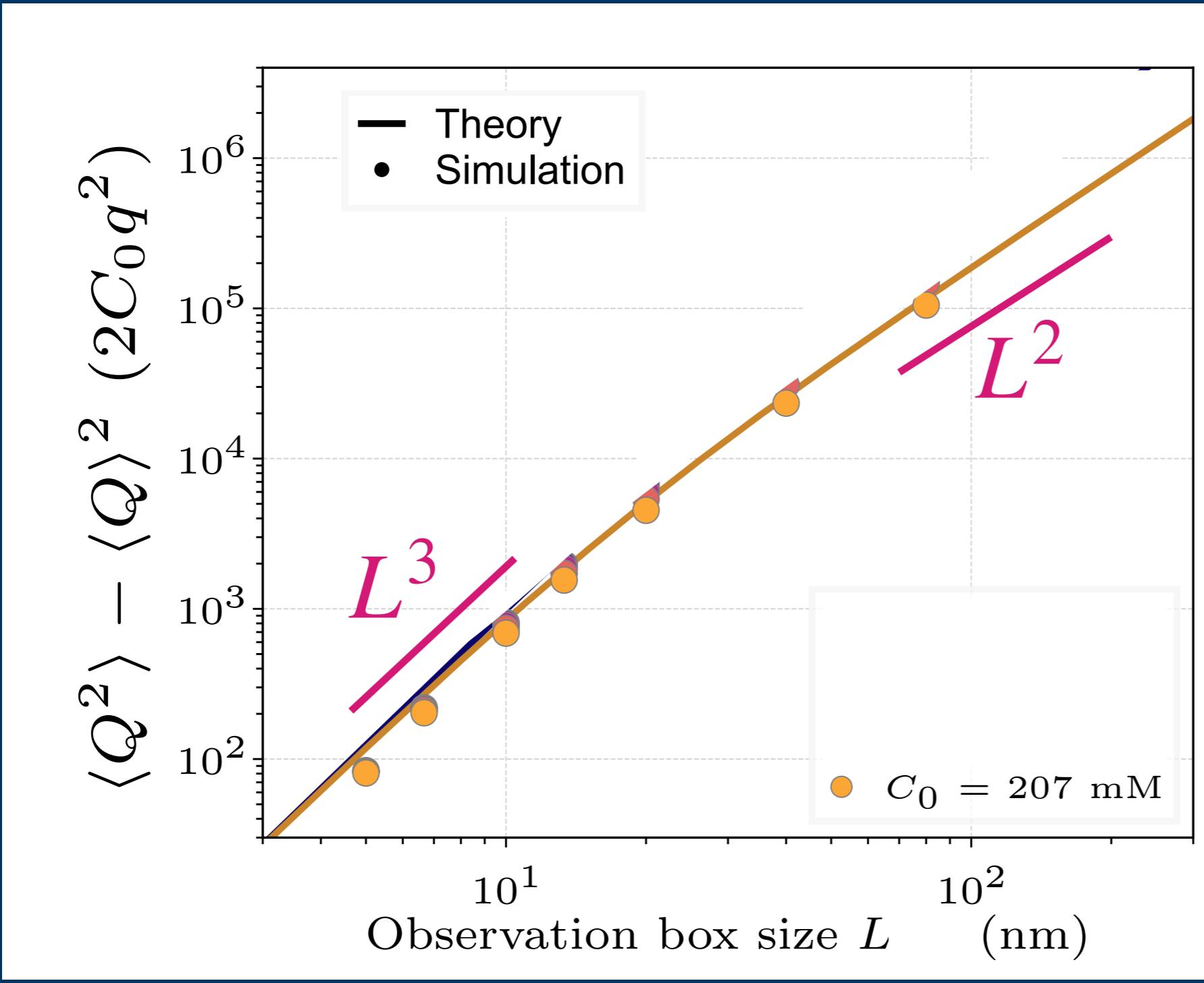
$$C_Q(t) = \langle Q(t)Q(0) \rangle - \langle Q \rangle^2$$



no simple  
rescaling  
for  
charges...

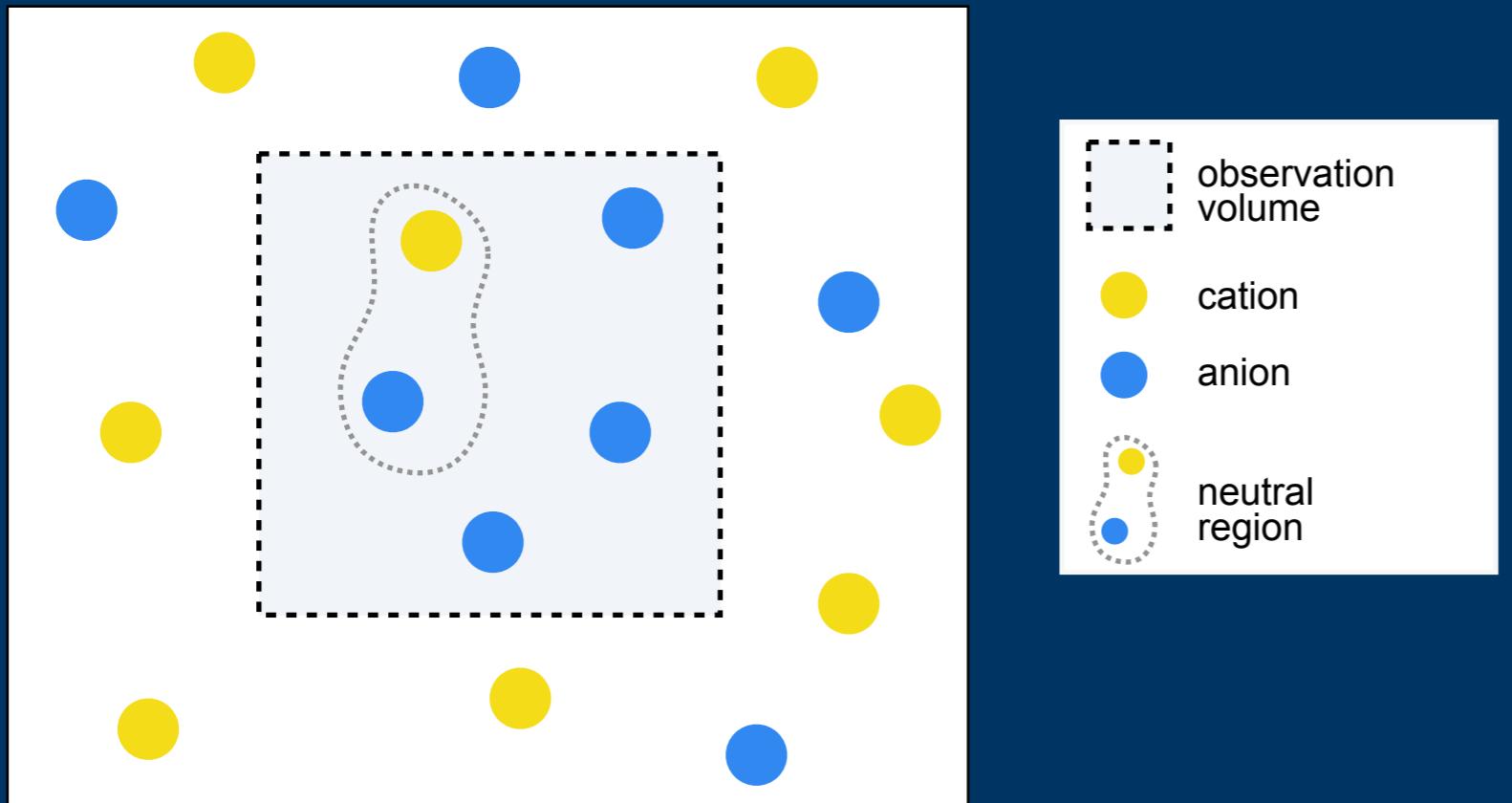


# Static charge fluctuations

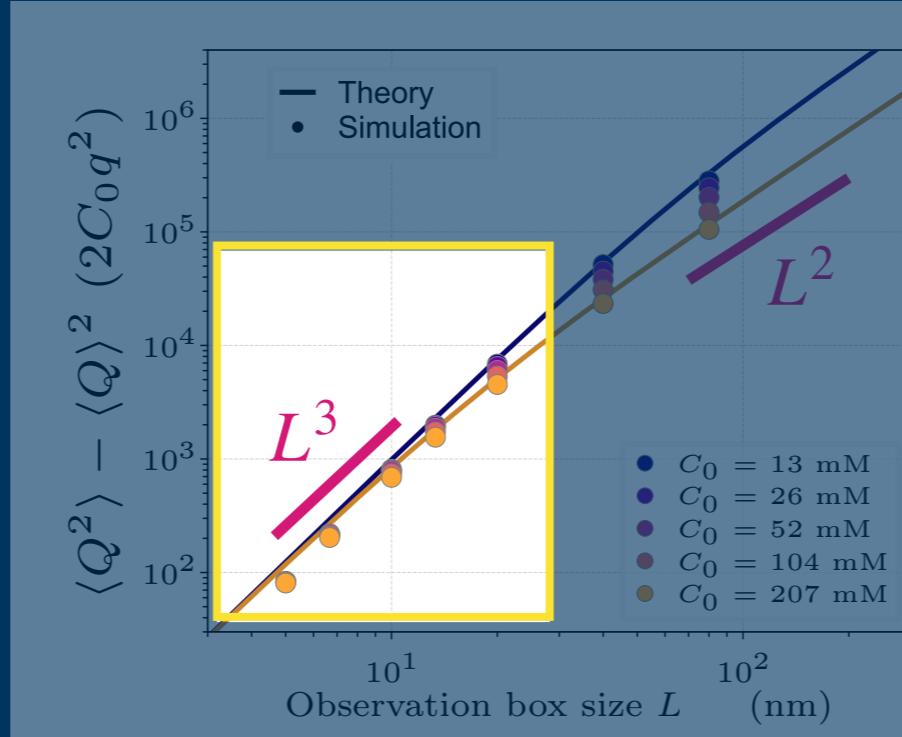


Martin & Yalcin,  
Beijeren & Felderhof,  
Lebowitz, Luijten,  
Fisher, ...

$$L \ll \lambda_D$$

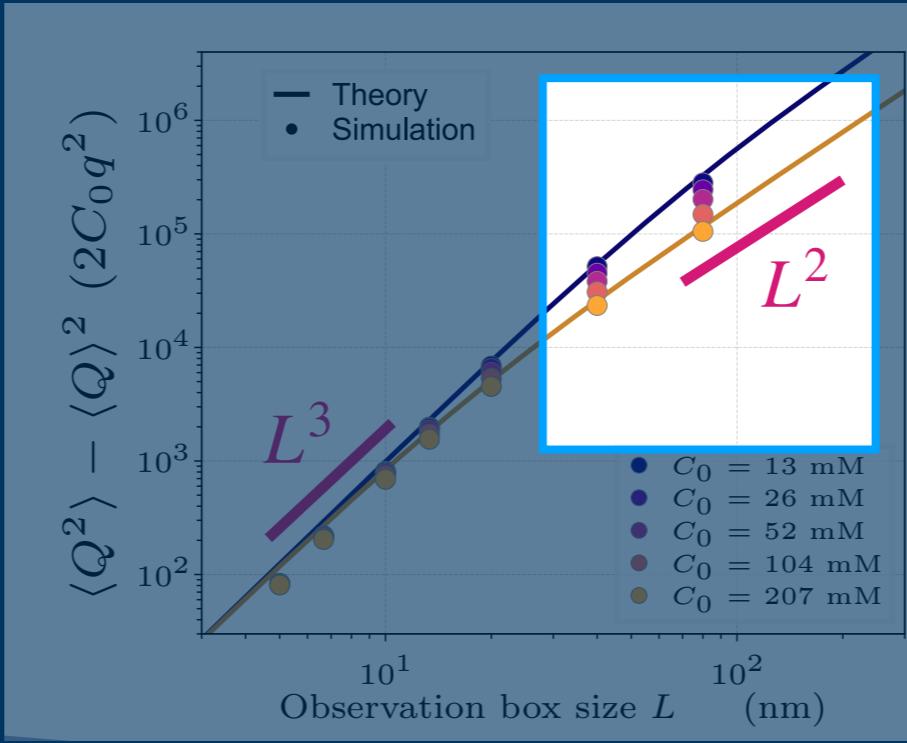


$$\langle Q^2 \rangle \sim \langle N \rangle \sim L^3$$



**Debye Screening length**

$$\lambda_D = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{2q^2 C_0}}$$

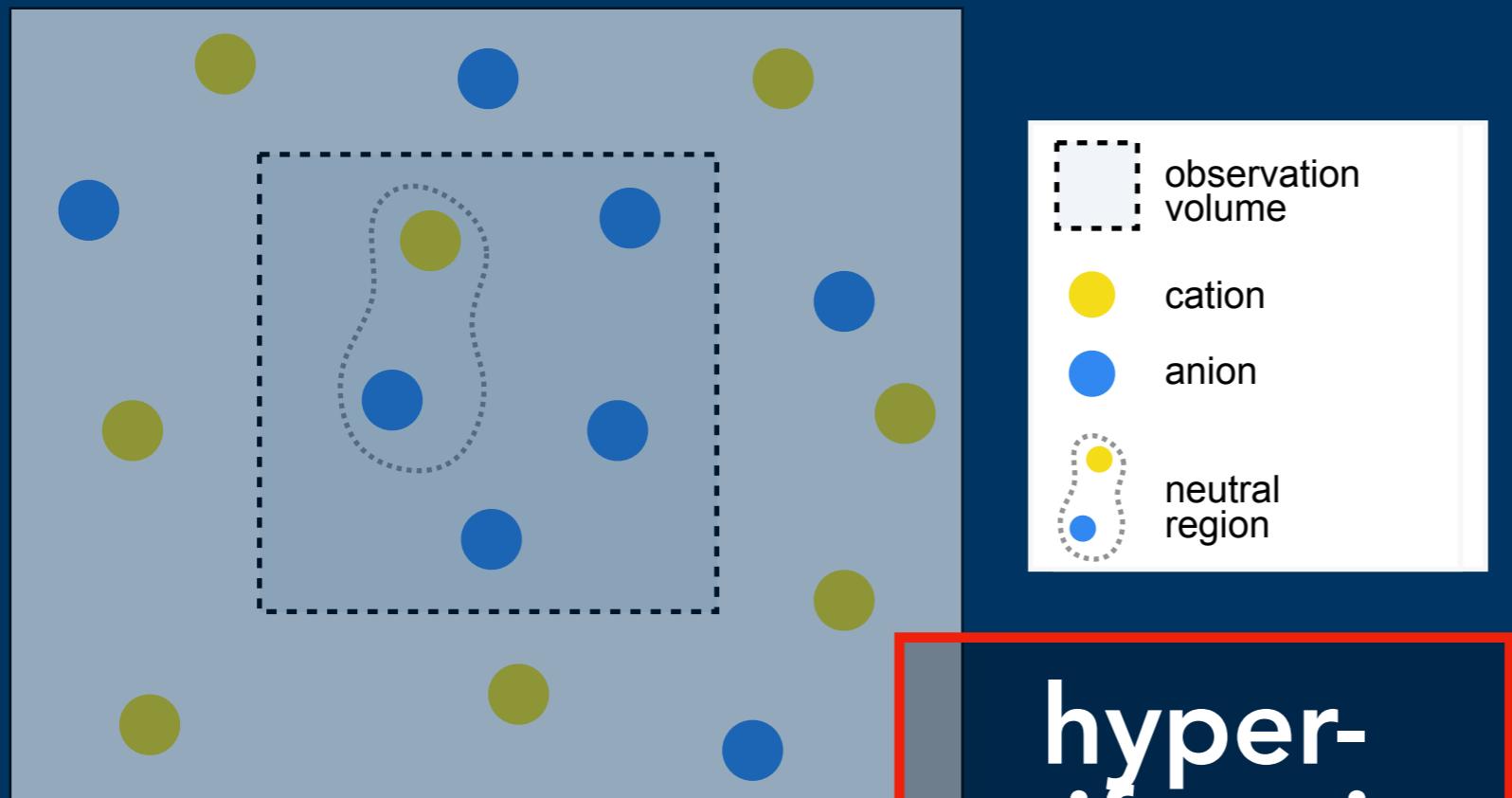


$L \ll \lambda_D$

**Debye Screening length**

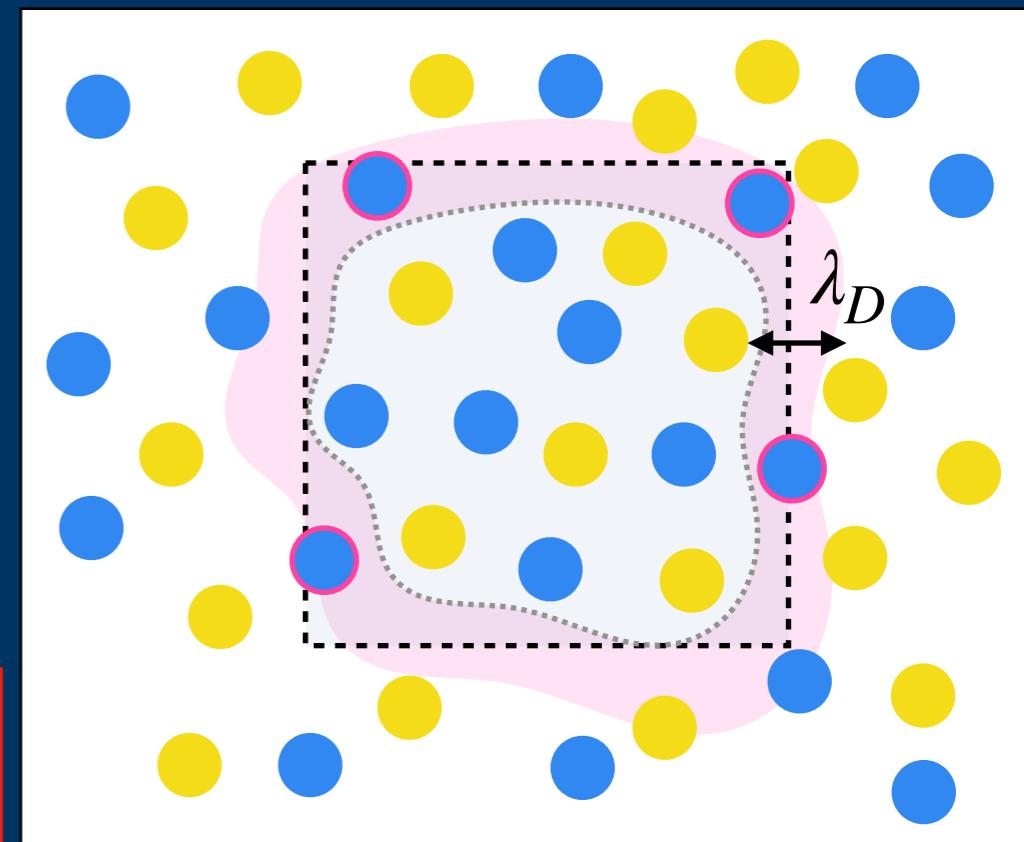
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$L \gg \lambda_D$



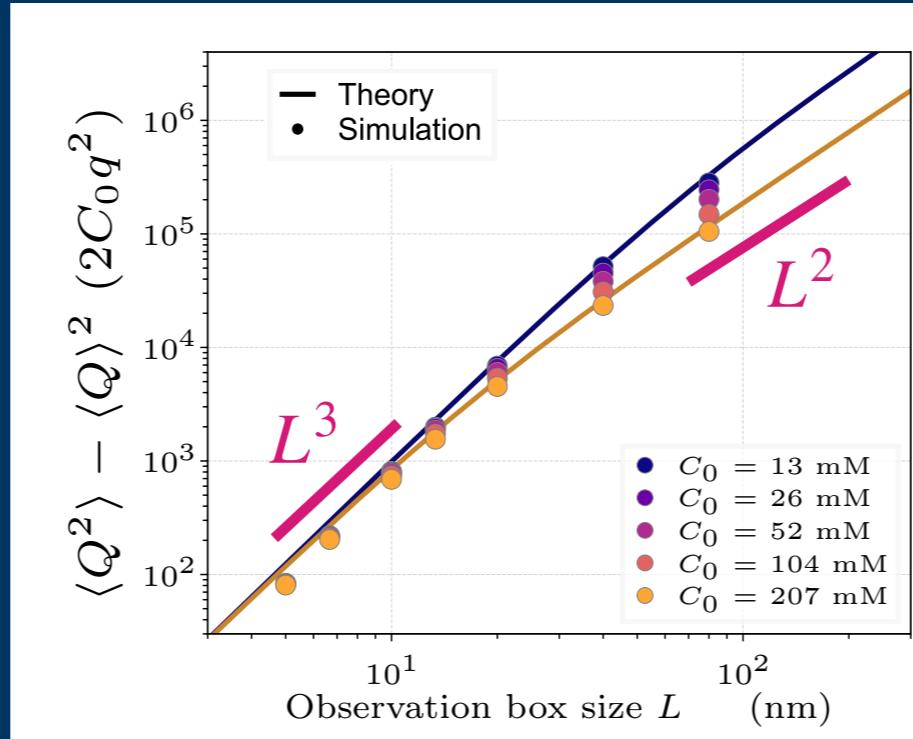
$$\langle Q^2 \rangle \sim \langle N \rangle \sim L^3$$

Lebowitz/Torquato



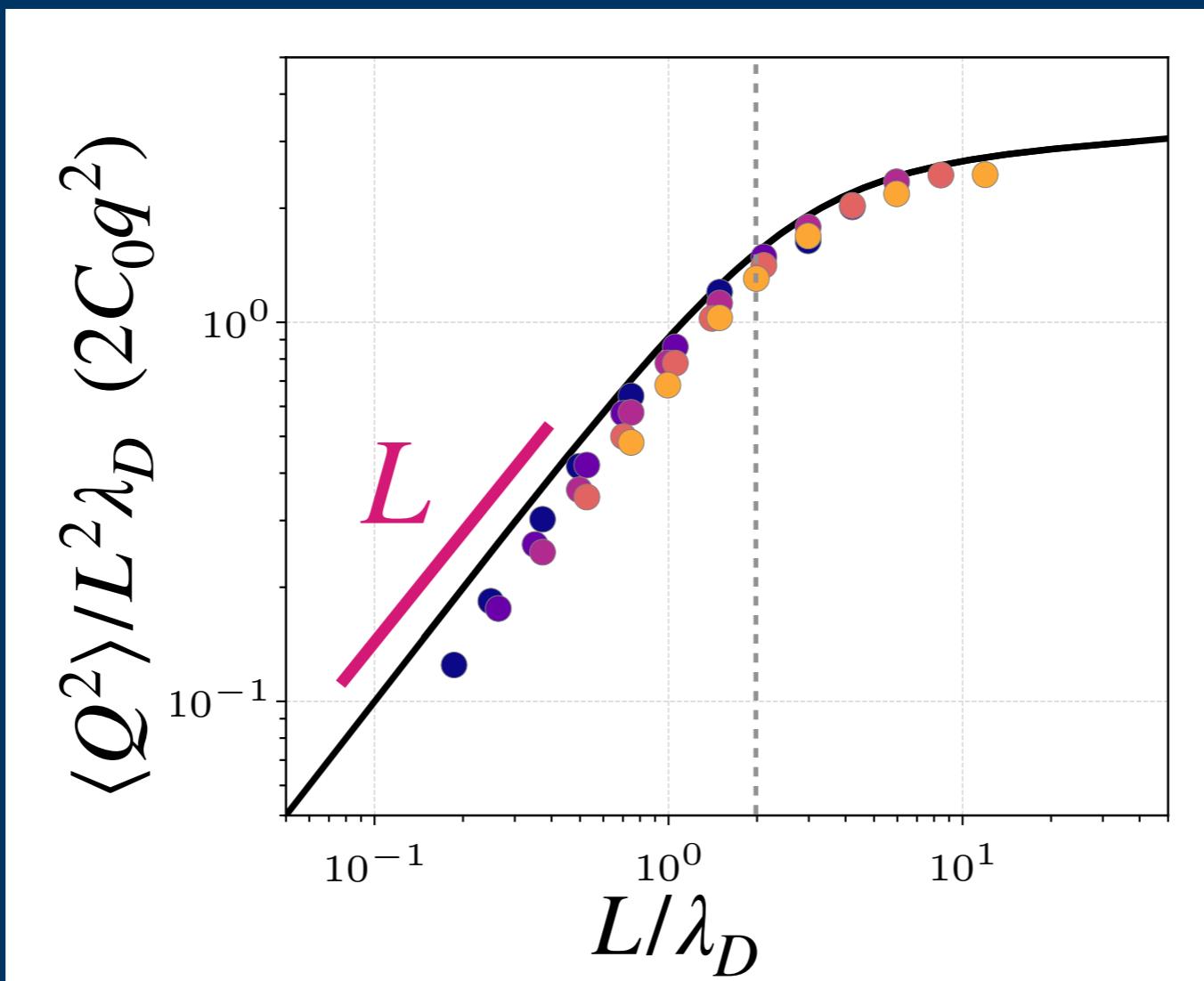
$$\langle Q^2 \rangle \sim L^2 \lambda_D$$

rescaling



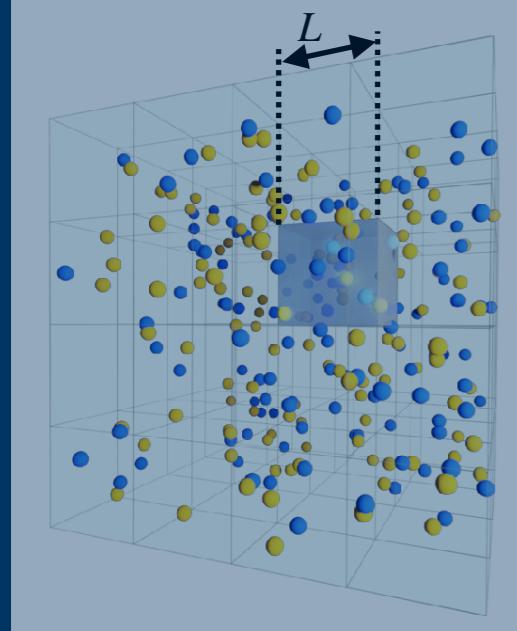
Debye Screening length

$$\lambda_D = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{2q^2 C_0}}$$

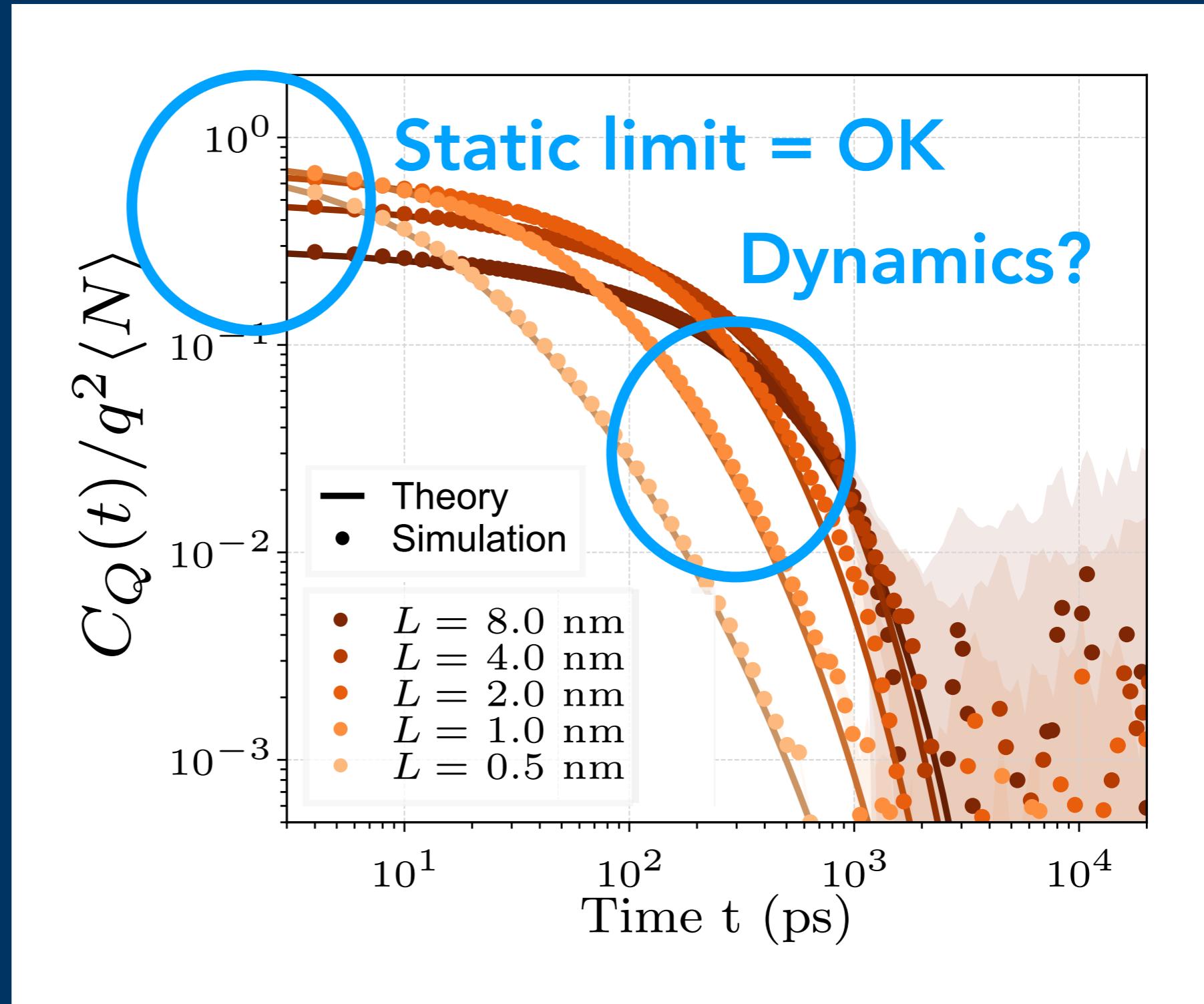


# Charges

$$C_Q(t) = \langle Q(t)Q(0) \rangle - \langle Q \rangle^2$$

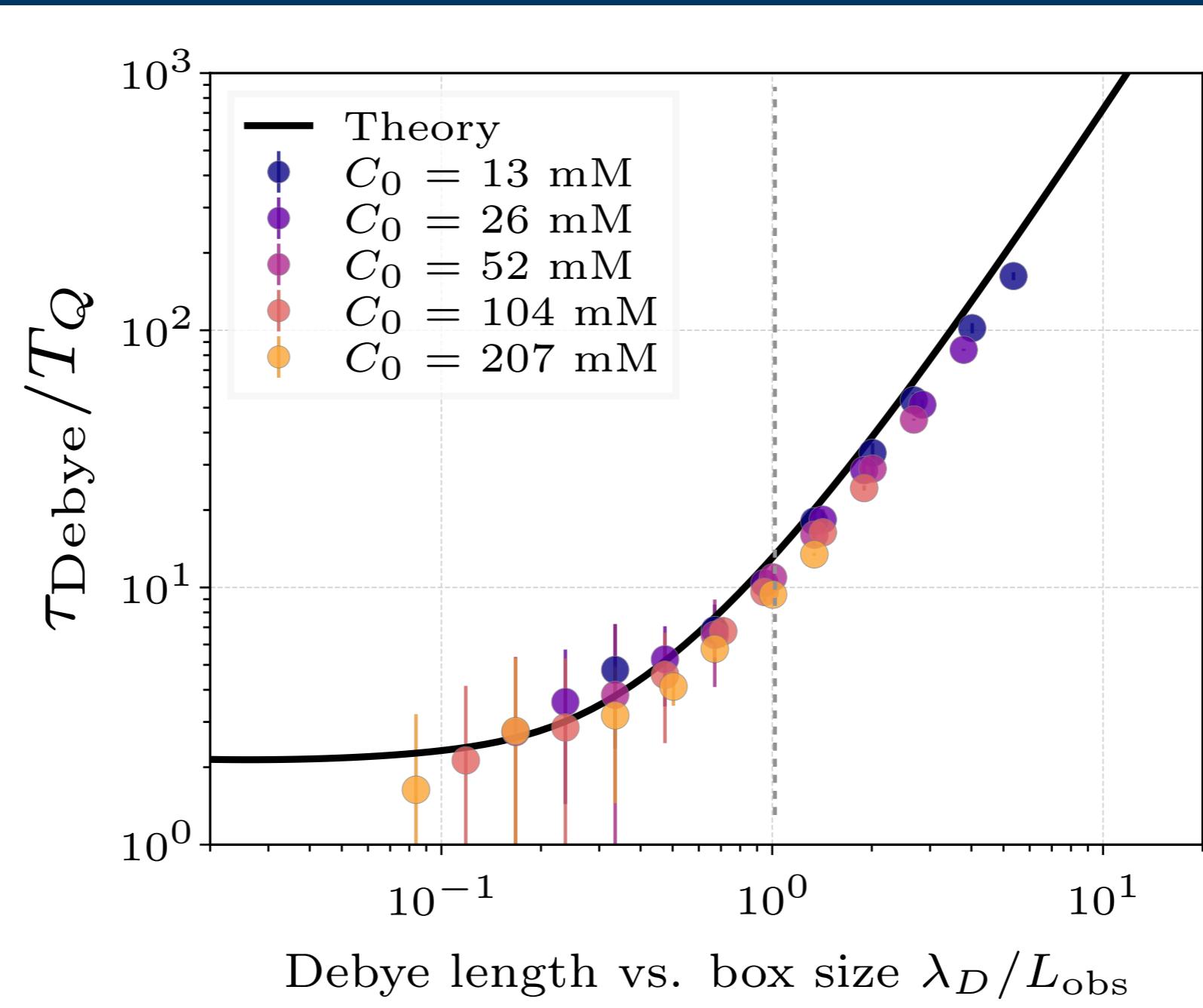


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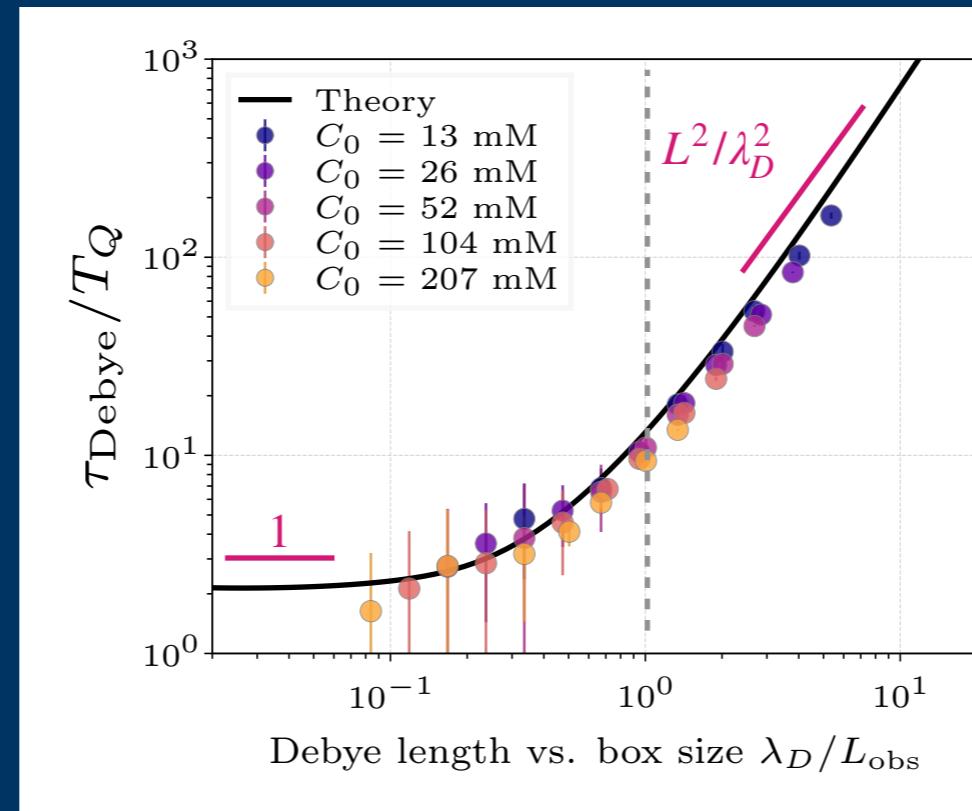


# Relaxation dynamics?

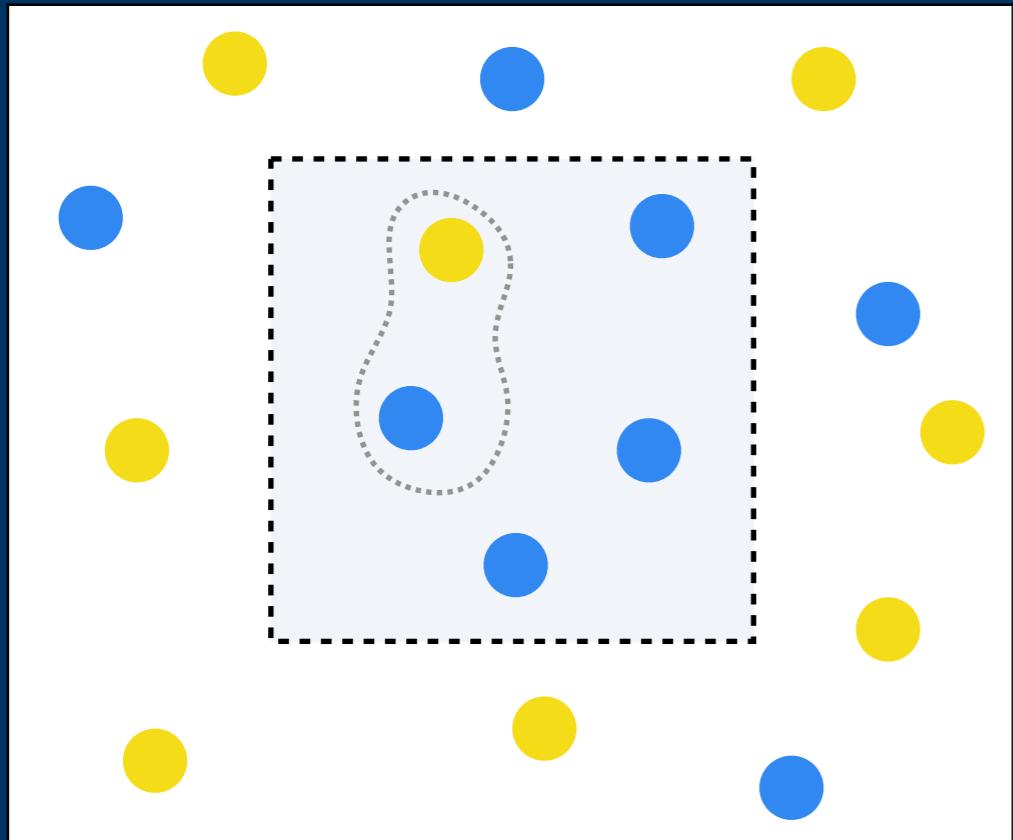
$$T_Q = \int_0^\infty \left( C_Q(t)/C_Q(0) \right) dt$$



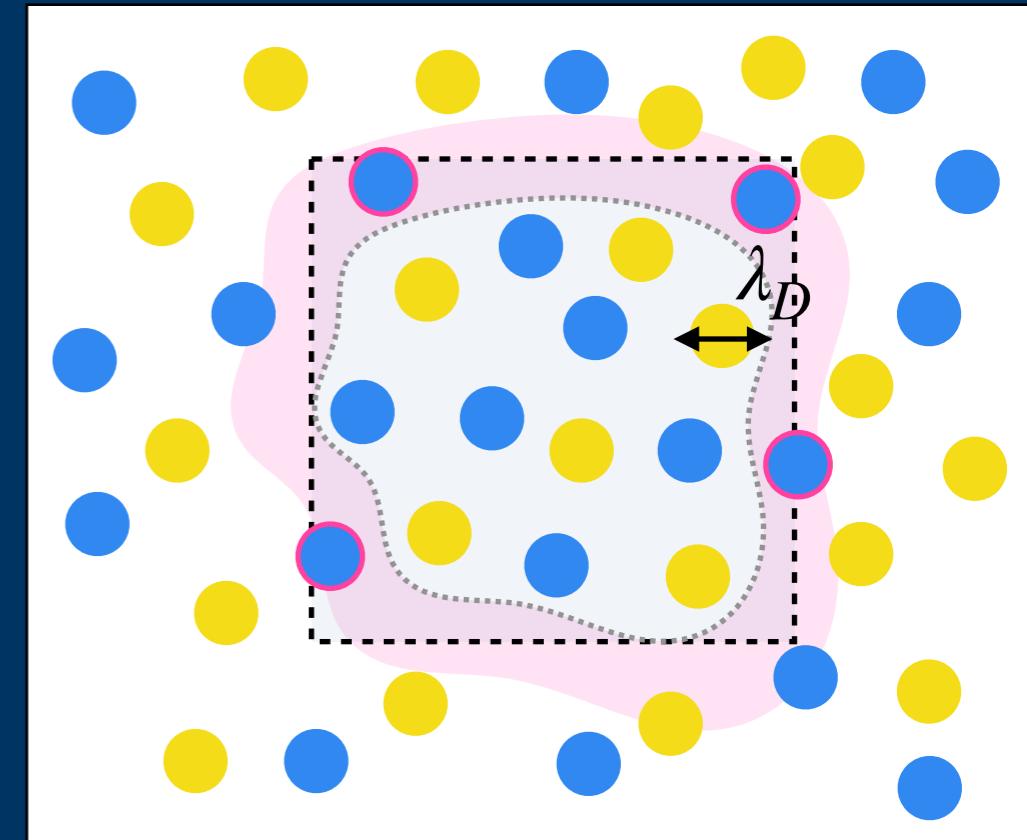
$L \ll \lambda_D$



$L \gg \lambda_D$



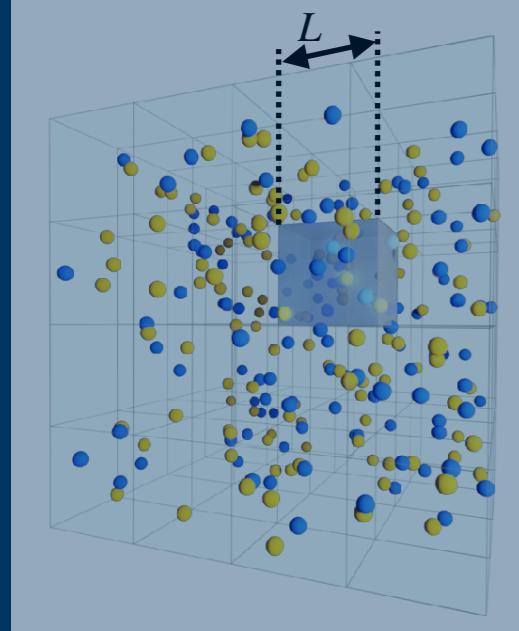
$$T_Q = \tau_{\text{Diff}} = L^2/D$$



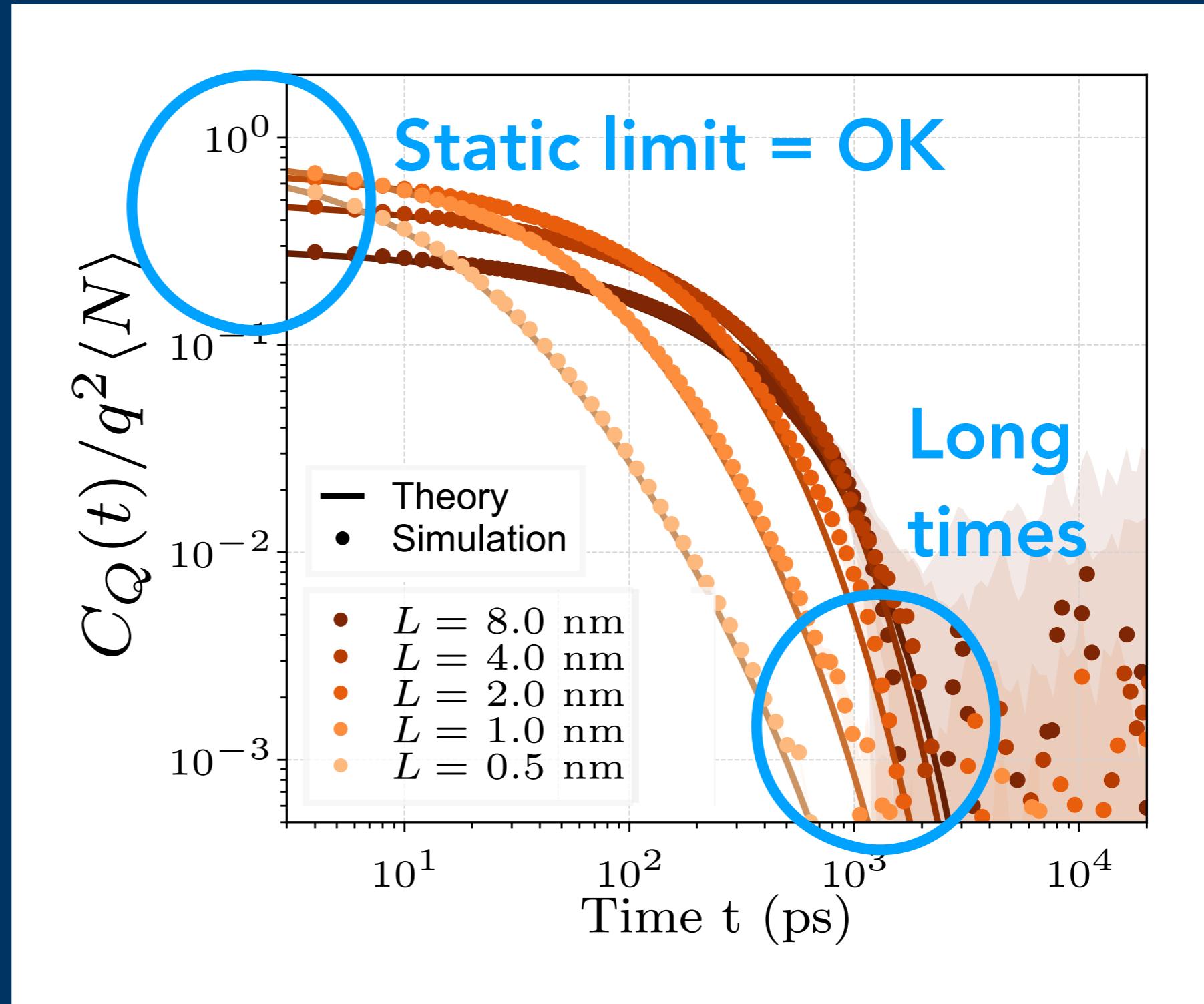
$$T_Q = \tau_{\text{Debye}} = \lambda_D^2/D$$

# Charges

$$C_Q(t) = \langle Q(t)Q(0) \rangle - \langle Q \rangle^2$$



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Long times

$$C_Q(t) = \langle Q(t)Q(0) \rangle - \langle Q \rangle^2$$

$t \gg \tau_{\text{Diff}}, \tau_{\text{Debye}}$

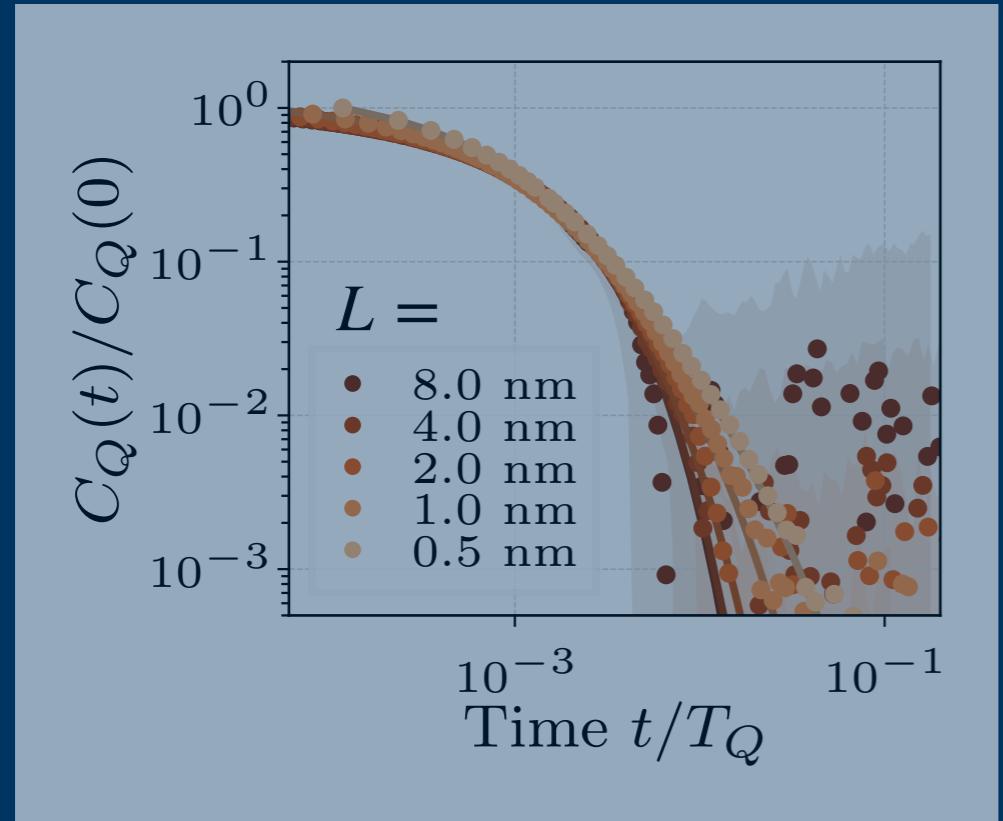
$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{\text{Diff}} &= L^2/D \\ \tau_{\text{Debye}} &= \lambda_D^2/D\end{aligned}$$

$$C_Q(t) \simeq L \lambda_D^2 \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{Diff}}}{t} \right)^{5/2} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{Debye}}}}$$

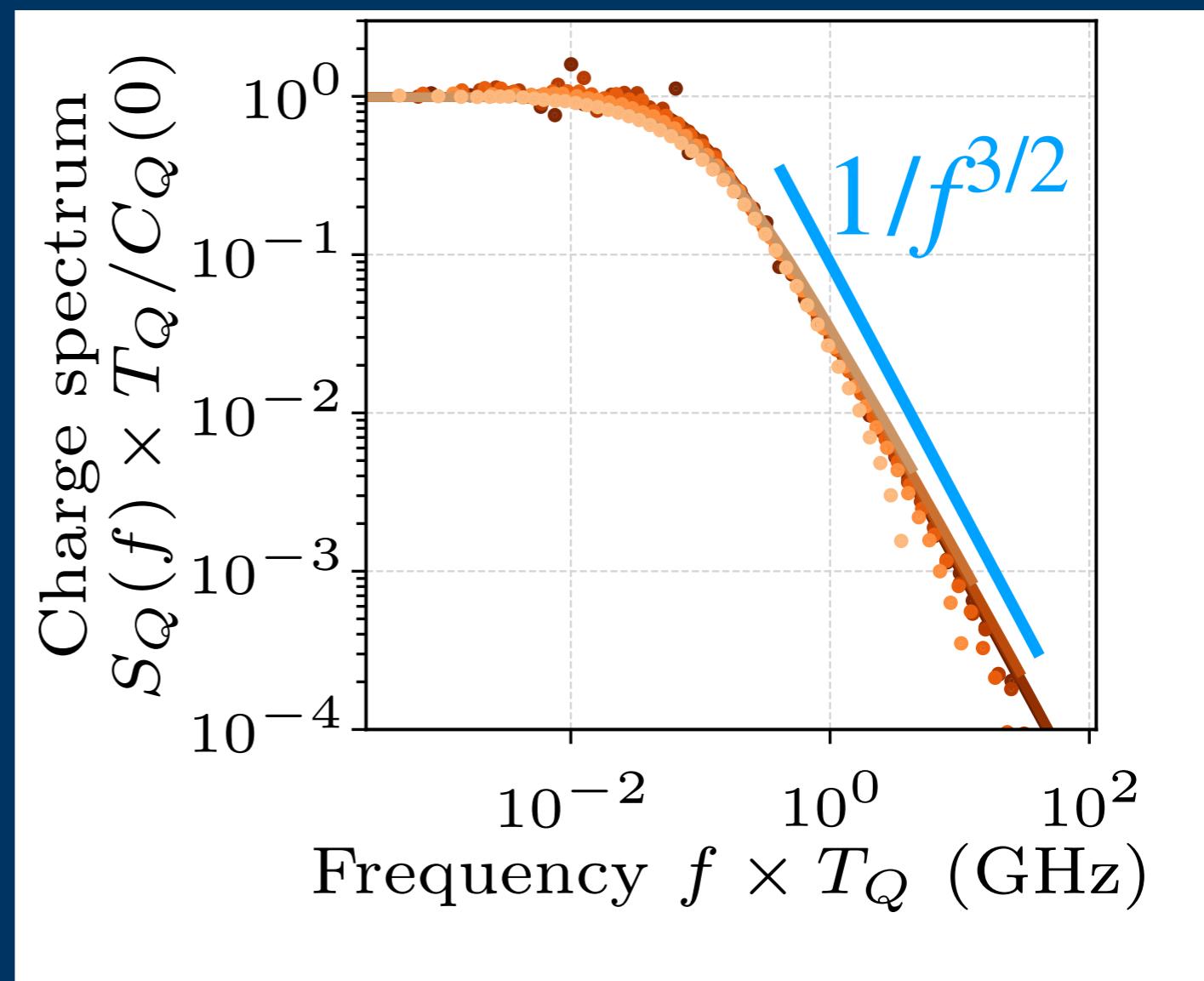
hyperuniformity “increases”

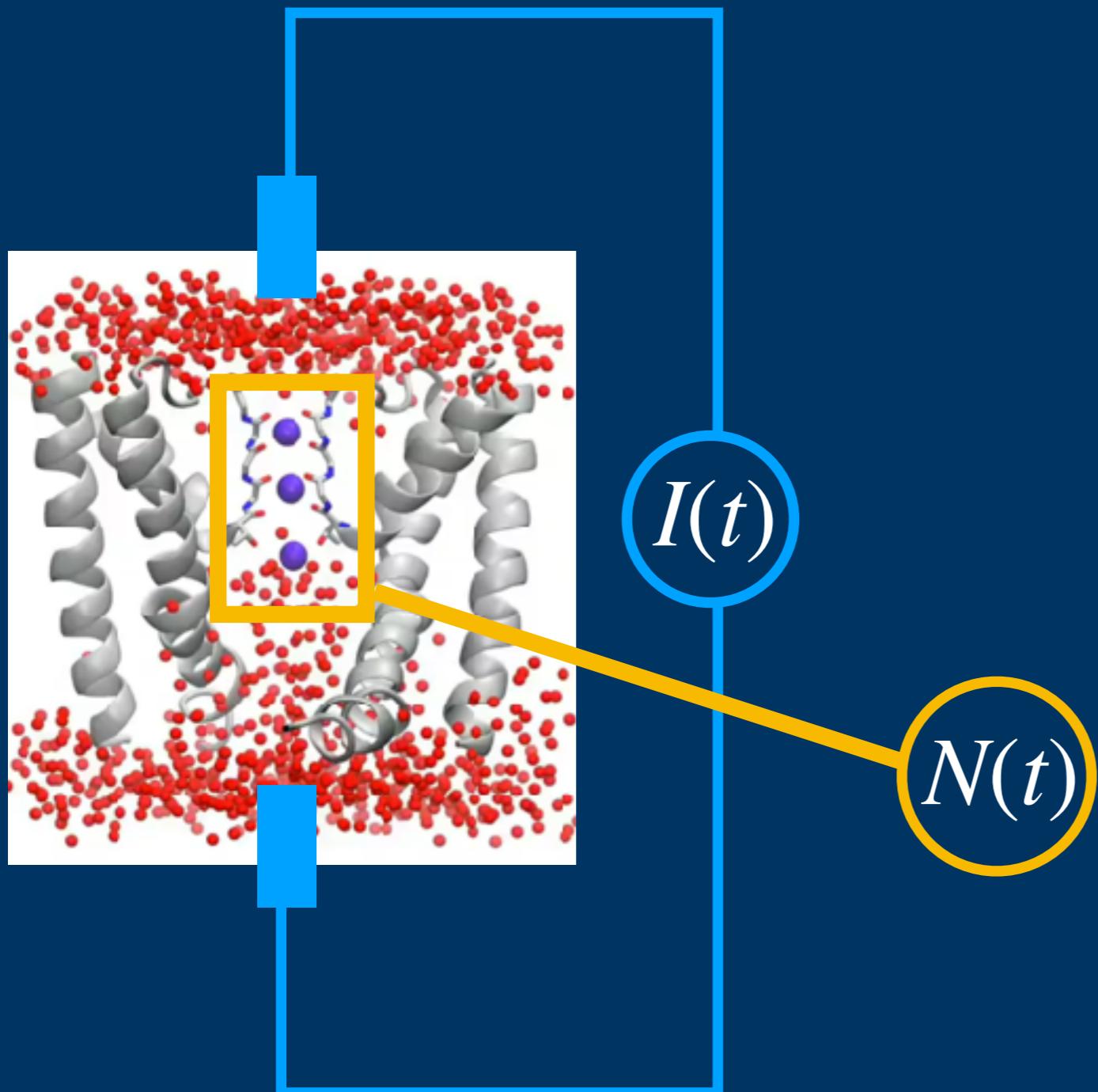
# Fractional noise...

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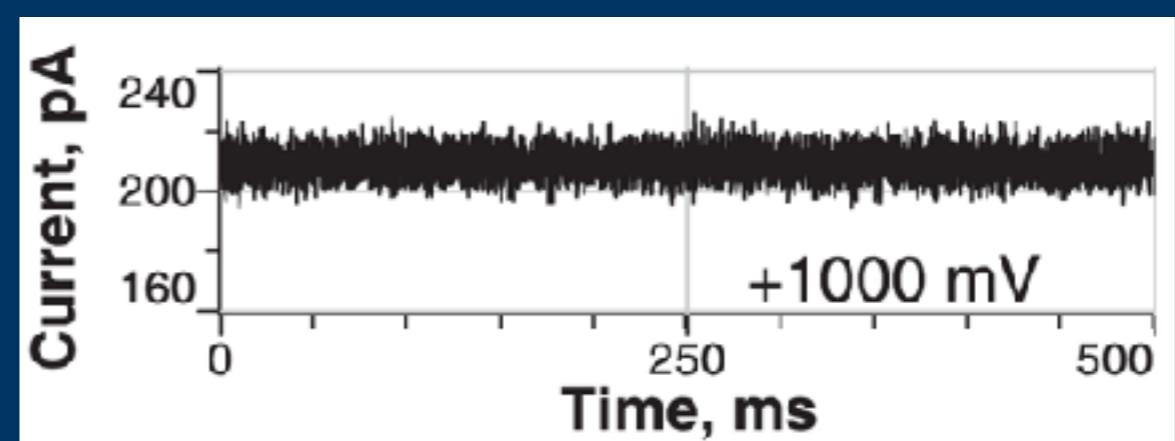
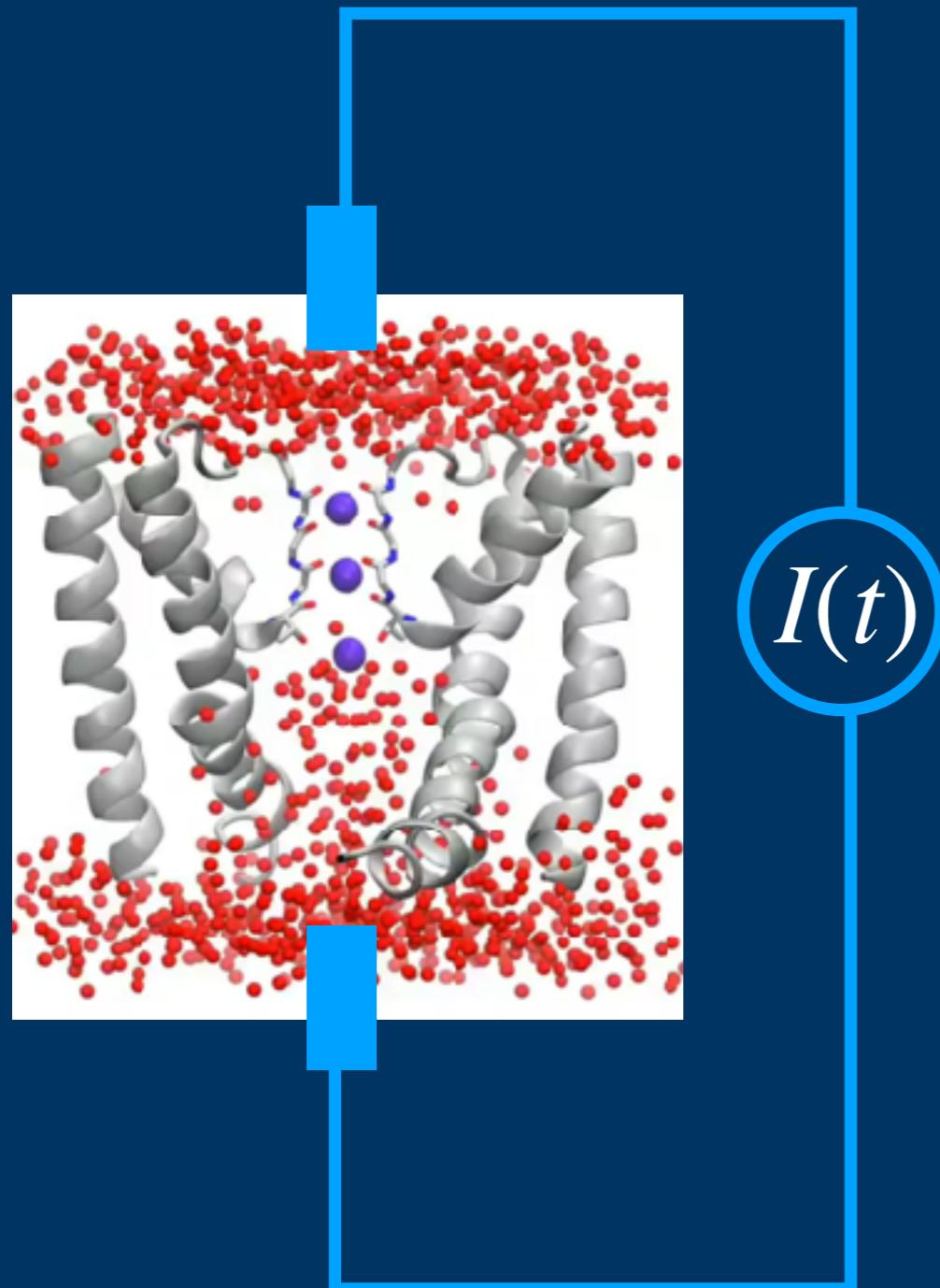
$$Q(t) \rightarrow S_Q(f) = \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_0^T Q(t) e^{-i2\pi ft} dt \right|^2$$



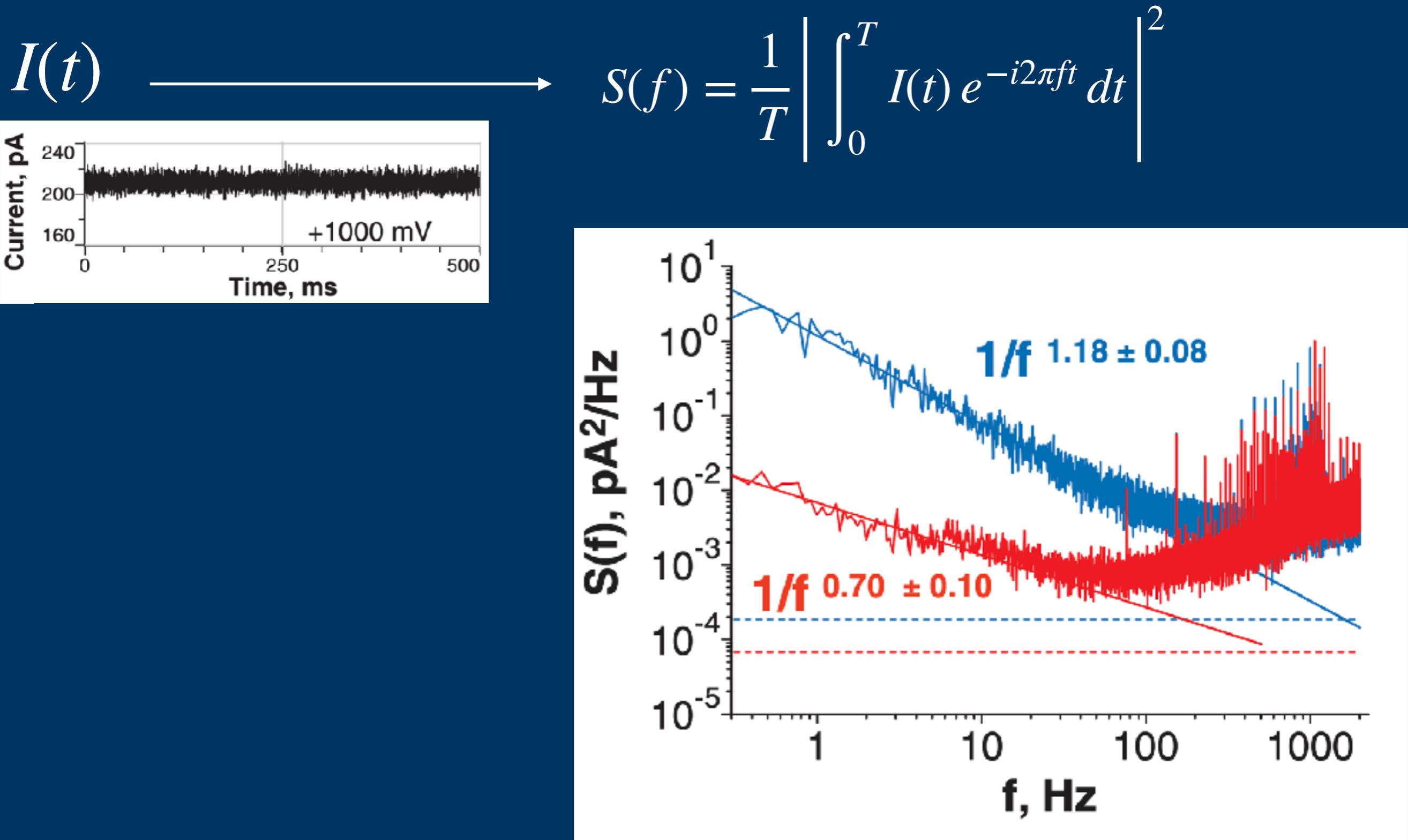


$$I(t) \propto \frac{dN(t)}{dt}$$

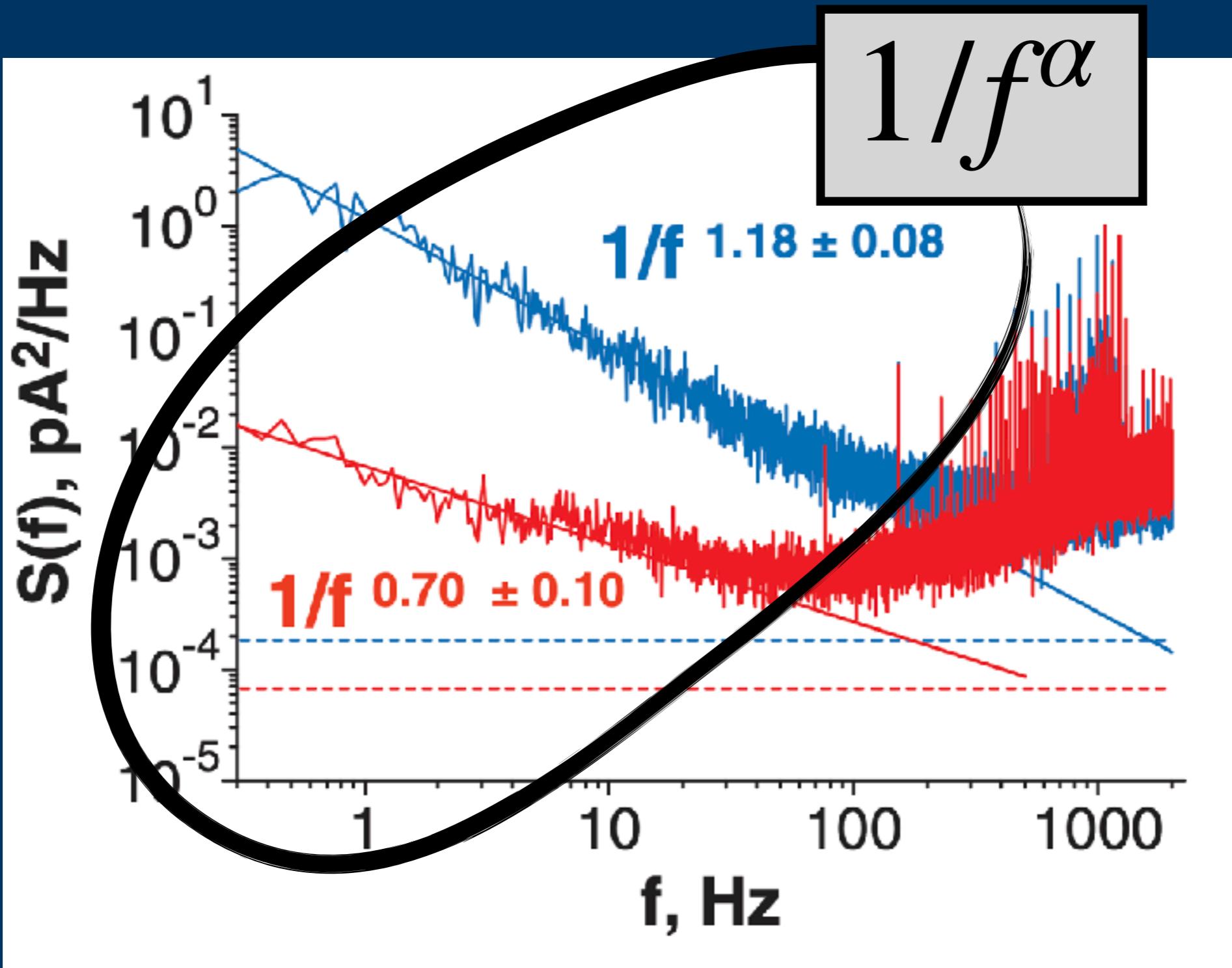
**counting particles  
can inform us on  
function!**



# Noise signatures

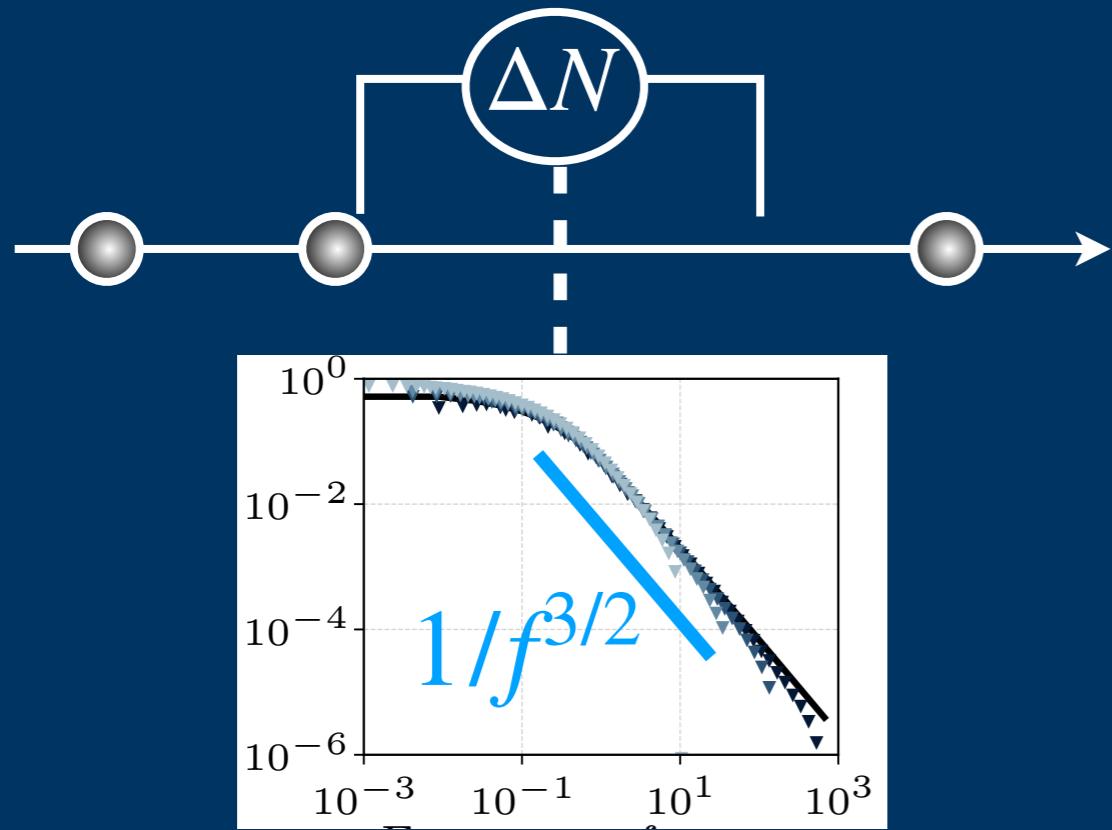
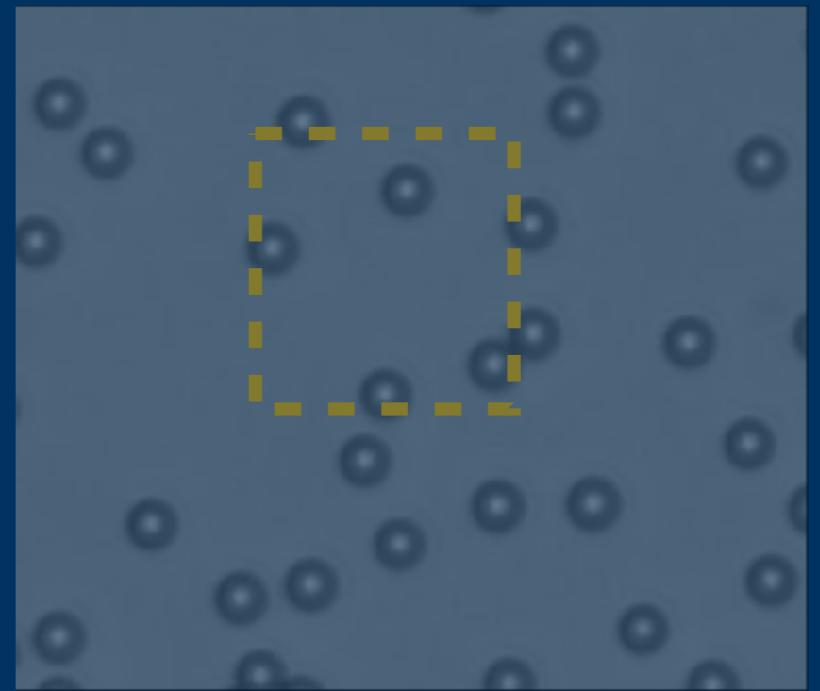


# Low frequency noise



There are **dynamic clues**  
in finite volumes!

*diffusion coefficient,  
relaxation timescale,  
interactions....*



**Fractional noise** is intrinsic  
in Brownian motion

- boundary crossings
- traces in the noise spectrum



THANK YOU!



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