

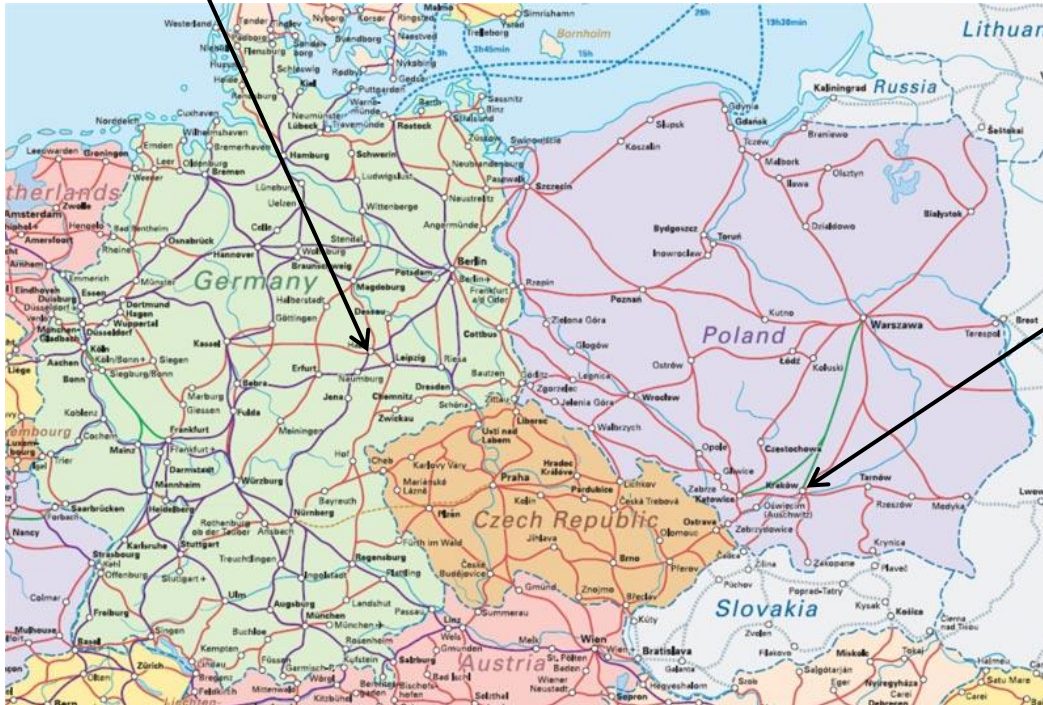
# Collective map making

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# Selected precursors

1705 Bernard Mandeville, *Fable of the Bees*

*„That strange ridic'ious Vice, was made  
The very Wheel that turn'd the Trade. „*

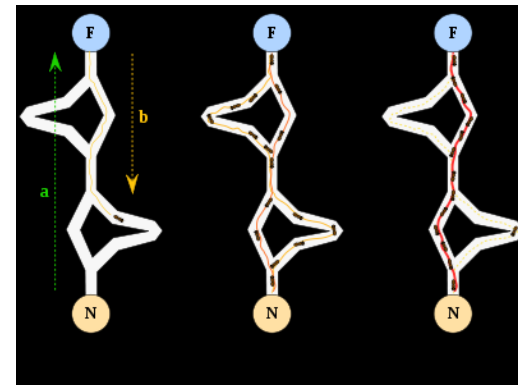
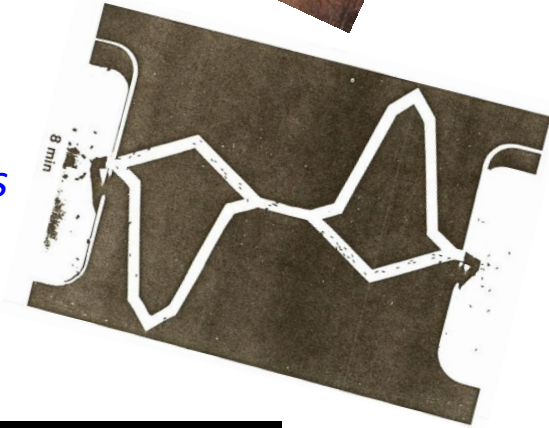
1959 Pierre-Paul Grassé, *Stigmergy*

*Individual parts of the system communicate  
with one another indirectly  
by modifying and sensing their local environment.*

~1983 Jean-Louis Deneubourg, *experiments with Argentinian ants*

1986 Fred W. Glover, *Taboo search algorithm*

1991 Marco Dorigo, *Ant optimization algorithm*

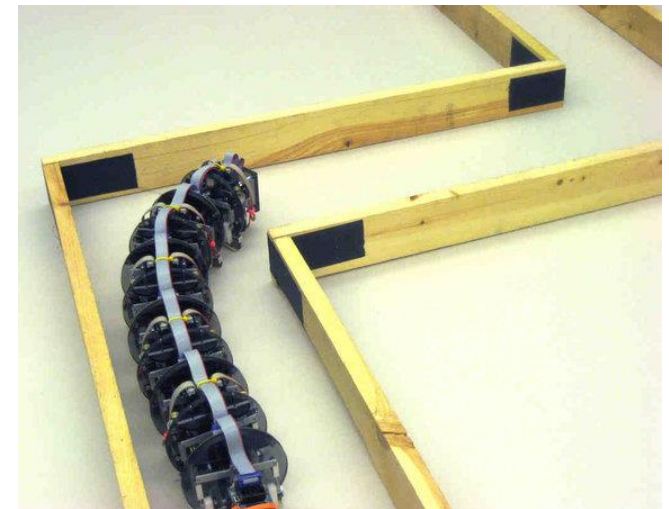
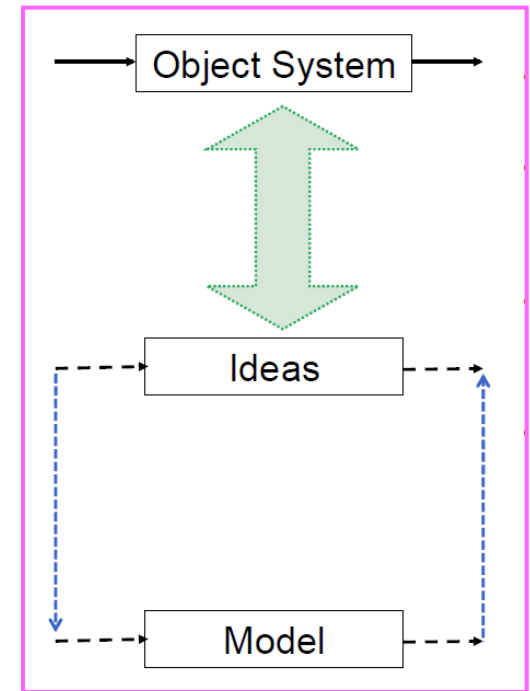




# motivation



<http://www.sintef.no/home/Information-and-Communication-Technology-ICT/Applied-Cybernetics/Projects/SnakeFighter/>



## idea

Robots penetrate the labyrinth and remember the visited places.

When two robots meet, they share an information.

## notation

$T_1$  – time when one (first) robot knows the whole labyrinth

$T_2$  – time when all robots know the whole labyrinth

$N$  – size of the labyrinth (number of corridors)

$W$  – number of robots

## aims

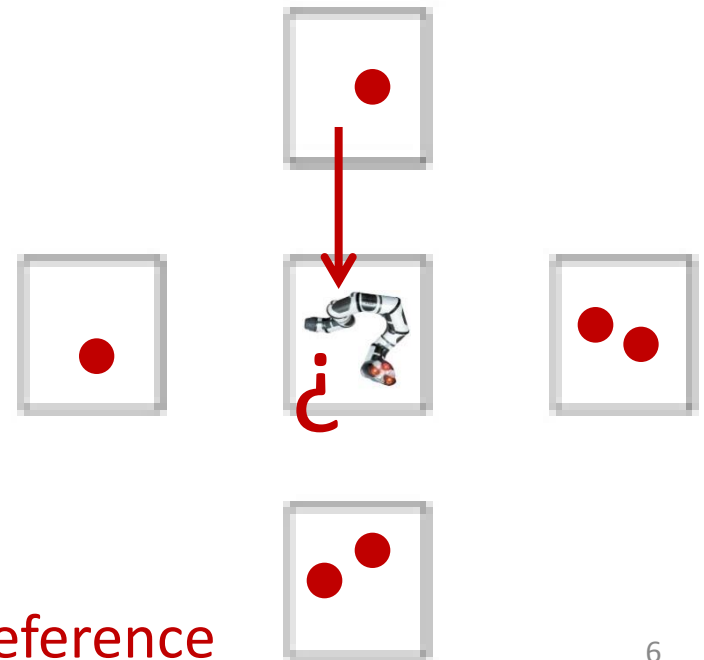
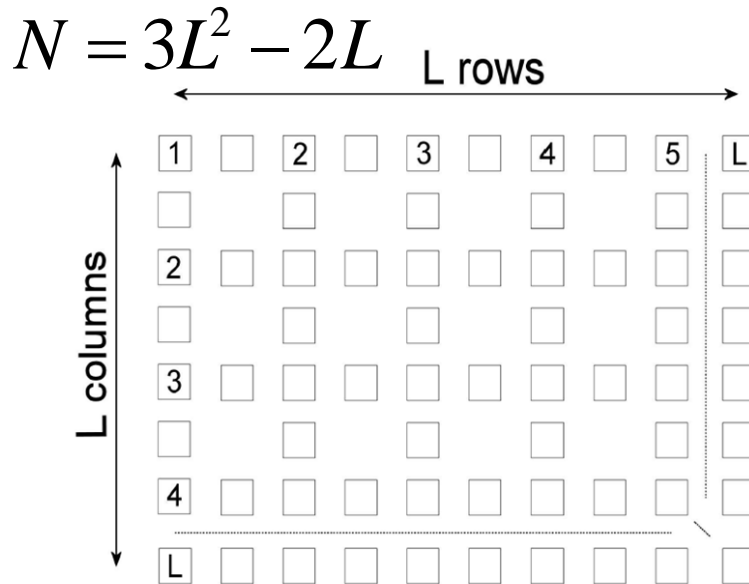
What is the speed of penetration?

$$T_1(N, W) = ?$$

$$T_2(N, W) = ?$$

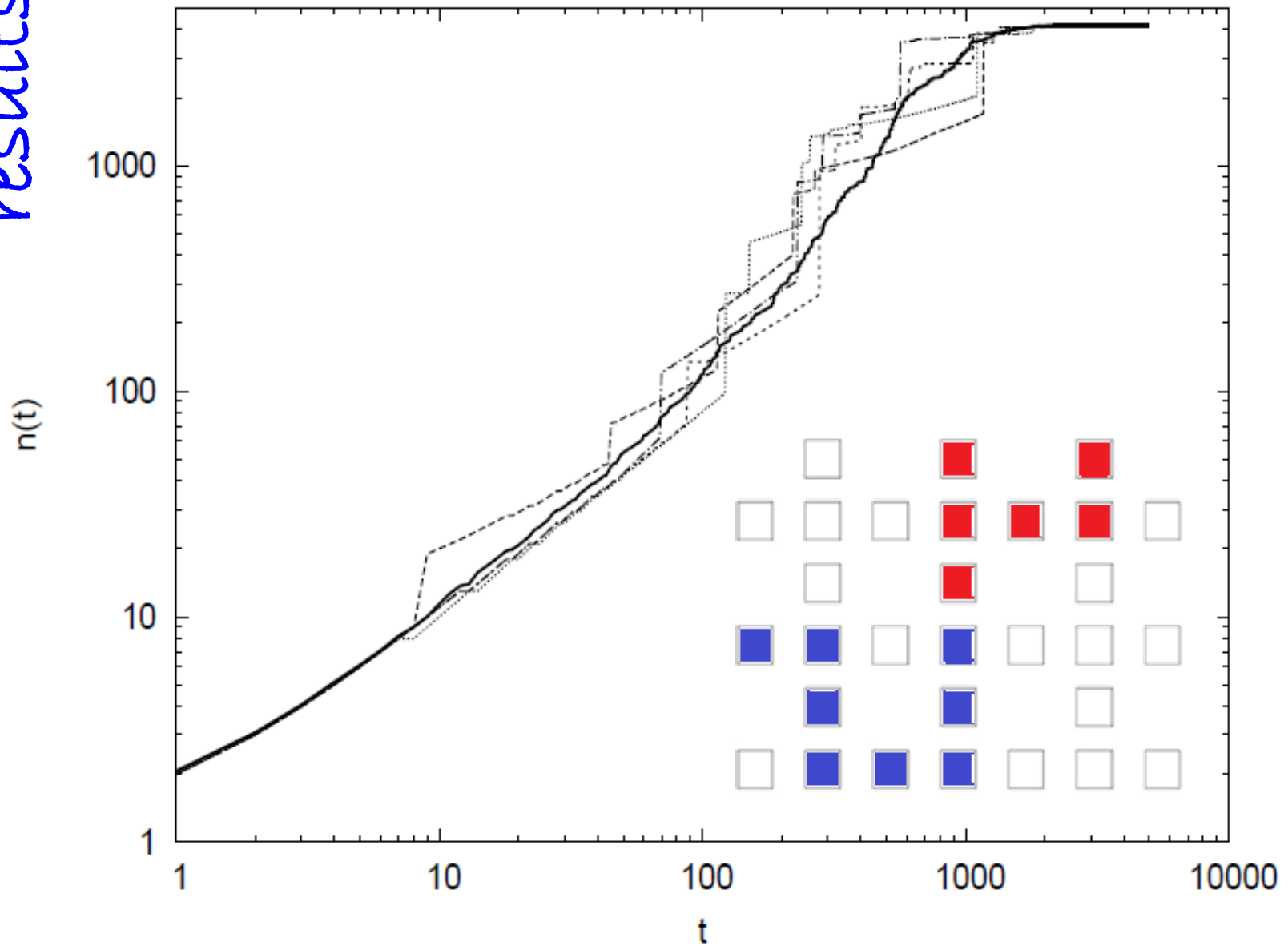
# Algorithm

- Robots leave seeds at visited corridors.
- At a dead end robots leave two seeds.
- Two seeds are left in corridors visited again.
- Robots select corridors with minimal number of seeds, which demand minimal number of turns.
- A half of robots prefer to turn left, a half – to turn right.



*An example: „left” preference*

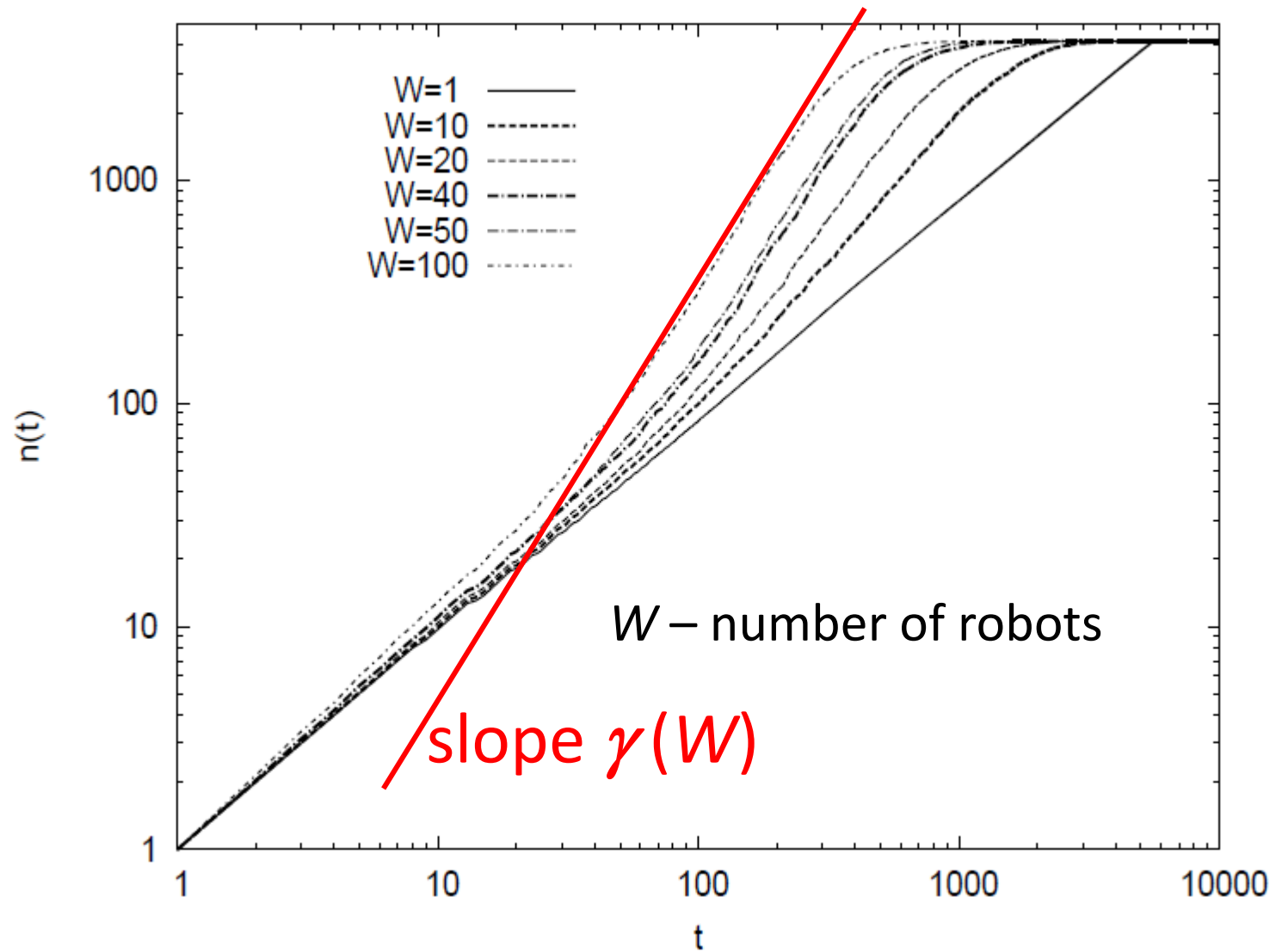
results



four dotted lines – four robots  
solid line – average over 30 runs

Number  $n(t)$  of different sites known in time  $t$  by one robot

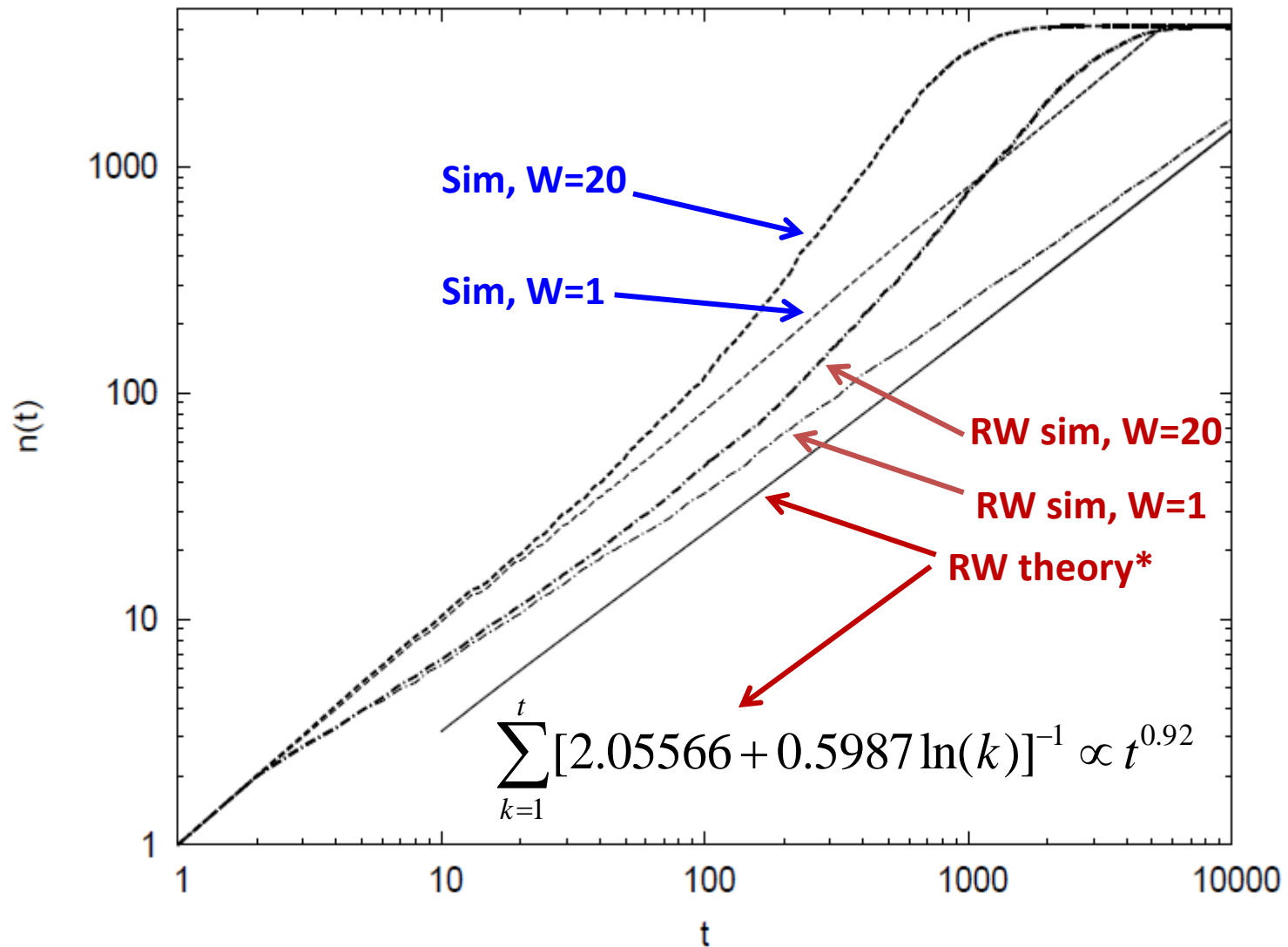
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# Time dependence of the number $n(t)$ of different corridors known by one robot

results



\*F. S. Henyey and V. Seshadri, J. Chem. Phys. 76 (1982) 5530

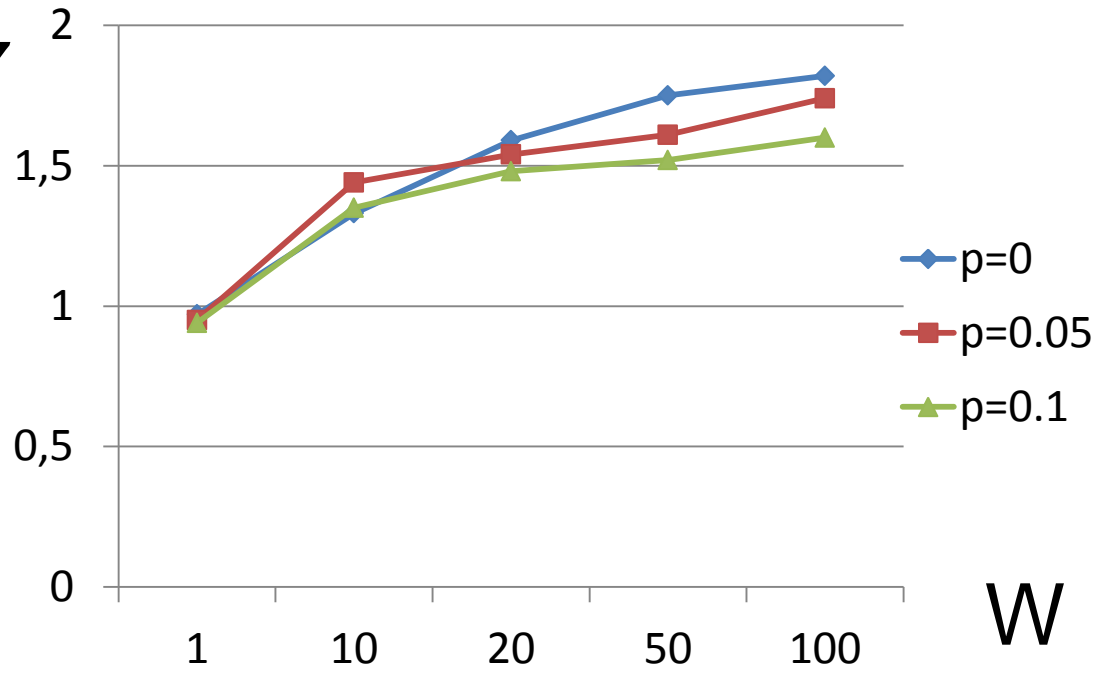
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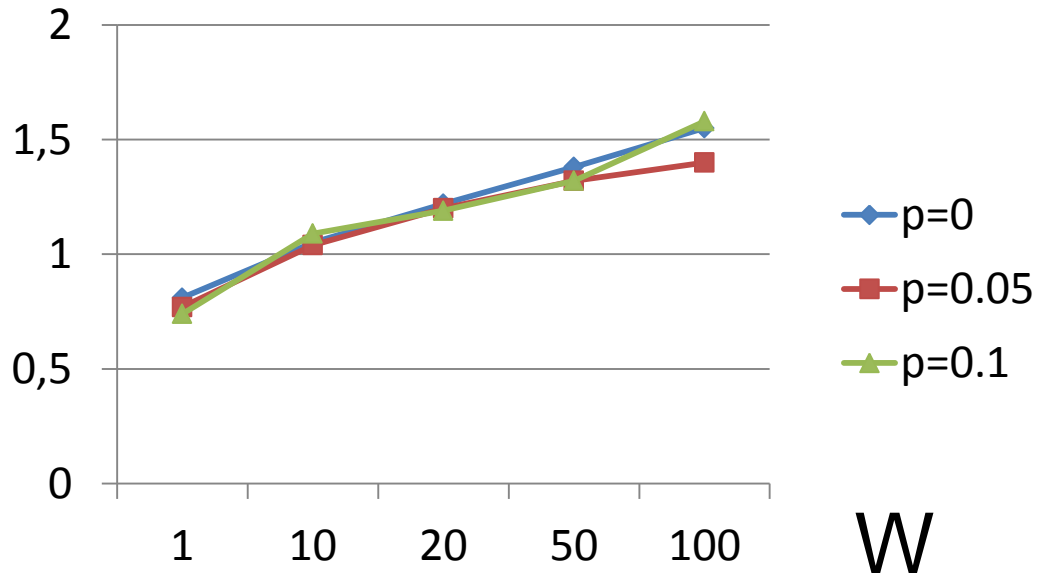
random walk



$\gamma$



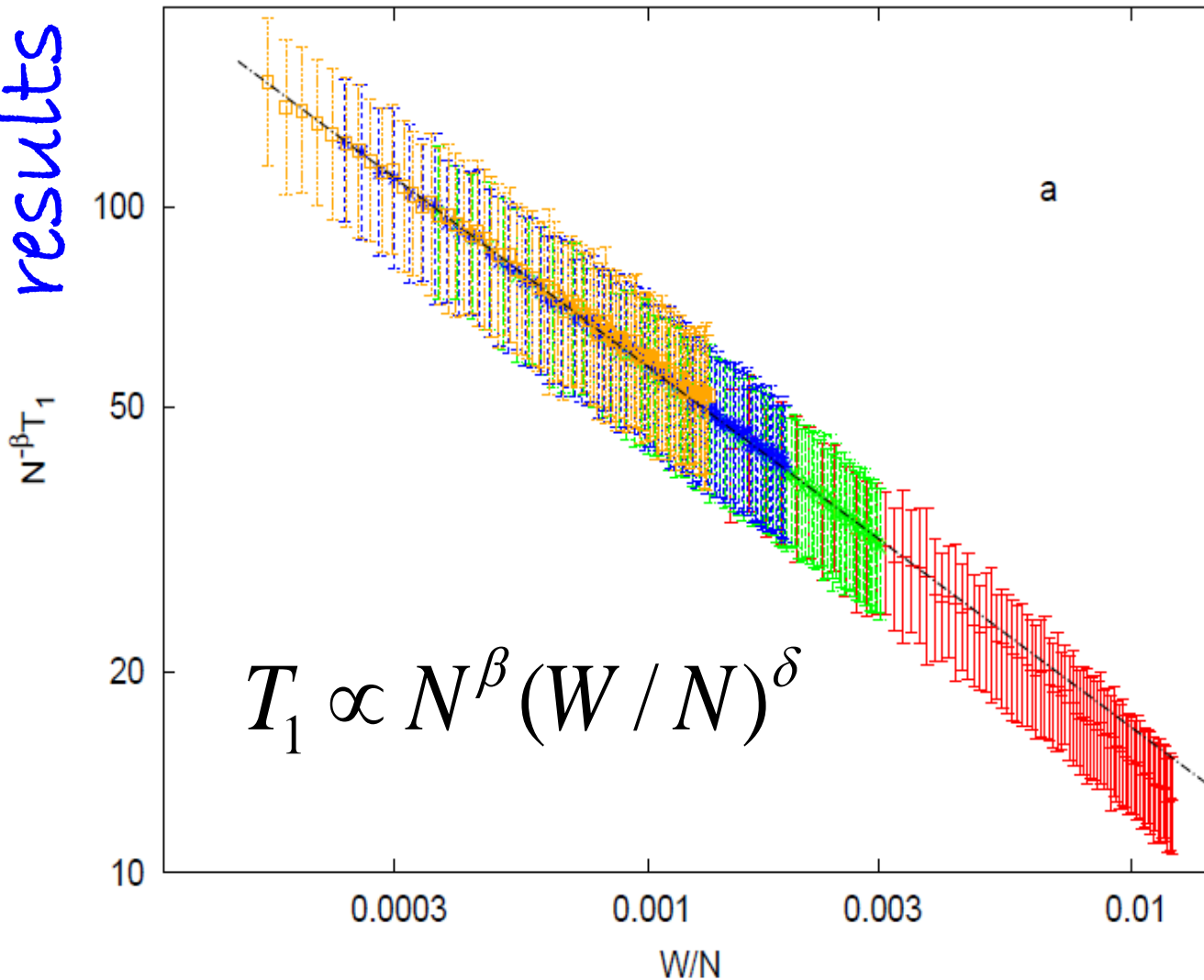
$\gamma'$



$p$  - percentage  
of blocked  
corridors

# Time $T_1$ when the first robot knows the whole labyrinth

results



$$\beta = 0.52$$

$$\delta = -0.54$$

$$\beta - \delta \geq 1$$

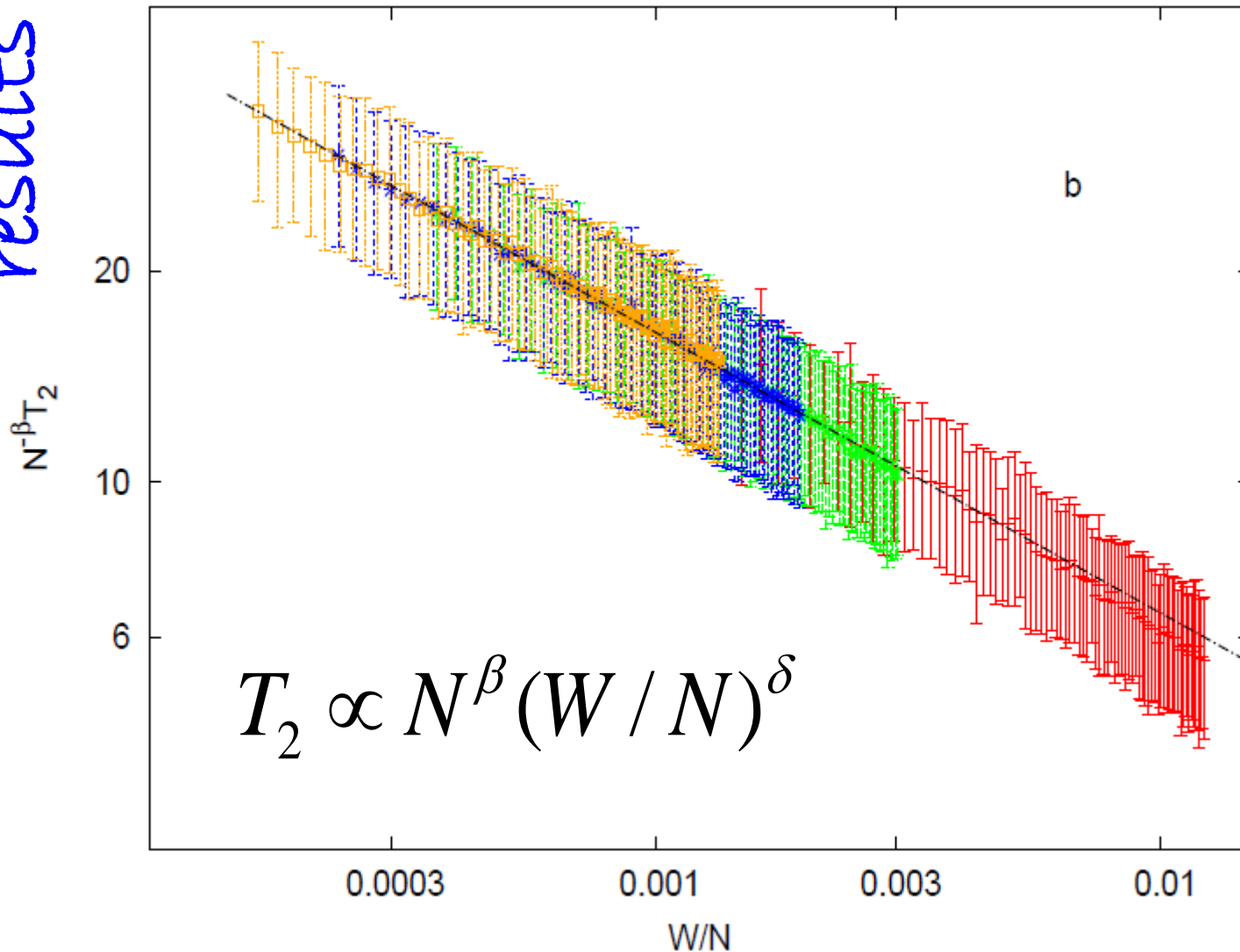
$L=50, 100, 120, 150$

$W = 10, \dots, 90$

$\# = 500$

# Time $T_2$ when all robots know the whole labyrinth

results



$$T_2 \propto N^{\beta} (W / N)^{\delta}$$

$$\beta = 0.69$$

$$\delta = -0.40$$

$$\beta - \delta \geq 1$$

$L=50, 100, 120, 150$

$W = 10, \dots, 90$

$\# = 500$

# A trivially oversimplified approach

Individually penetrated areas spread as  $r^2$ , what is proportional to  $t$  (RW) or  $t^{6/(d+2)}$  (Flory law of SAW), then collide at time  $T$ . Then, for  $t < T$

**RW**  $\equiv$  **SAW** ( $d=4$ )

**SAW** ( $d=2$ )

$$r^2 \propto t$$

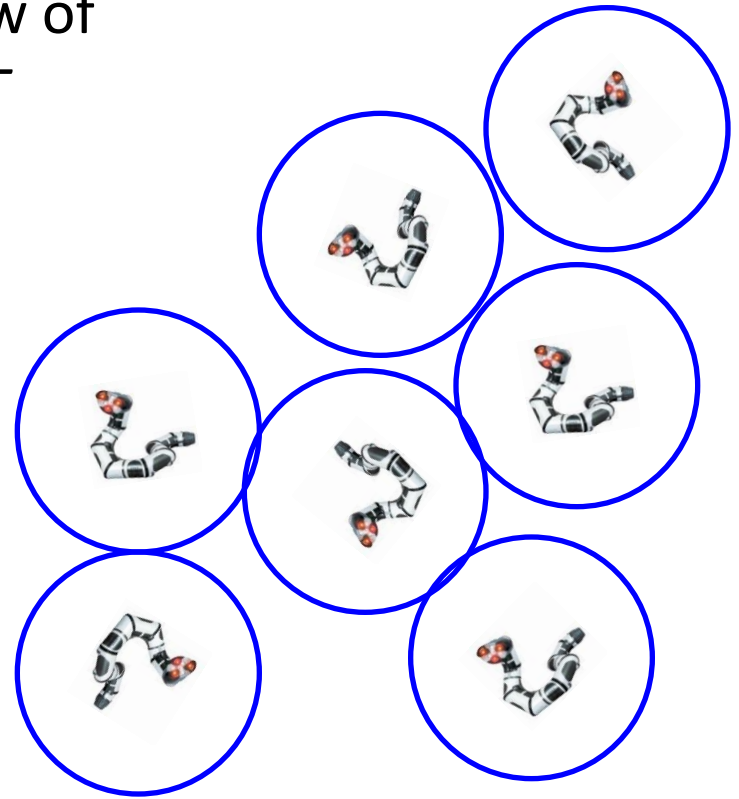
$$r^2 \propto t^{3/2}$$

where

$$T \propto (W / N)^{-1}$$

$$T \propto (W / N)^{-2/3}$$

For  $t > T$ ,  $n(t) = N$



However, here we neglect the fact that the trajectories collide, and not the spheres. Also, they do not collide simultaneously.



A collision of trajectories in RW:  
 two Gaussians spread,  
 with initial distance  $r = (N/W)^{1/2}$ .  
 When they overlap? (their product  $= p$ )  
 Answer:  $t \propto r^2$

conjecture

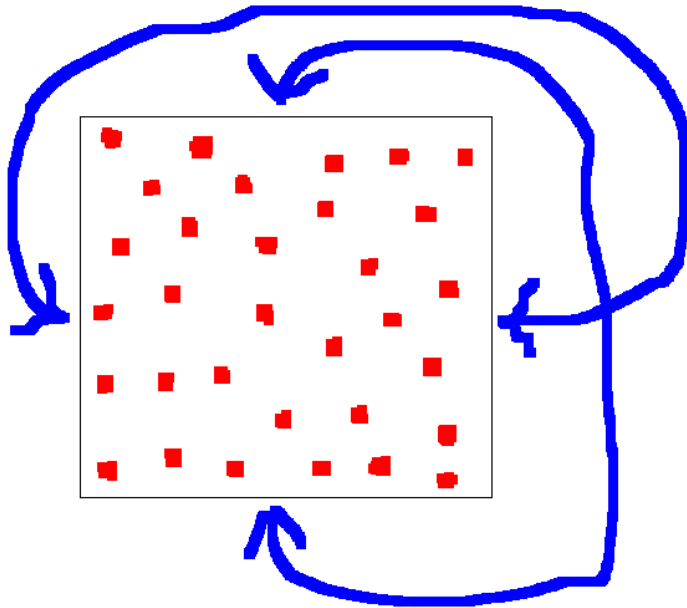
	$\beta$	$\delta$
RW	0	-1
SAW	0	-2/3
$T_1$	0.52	-0.54
$T_2$	0.69	-0.4

If the concept of spreading circles is appropriate,  
 the exponent  $\beta$  for  $T_2$  should be related  
 with the extremal fluctuations of the initial density.

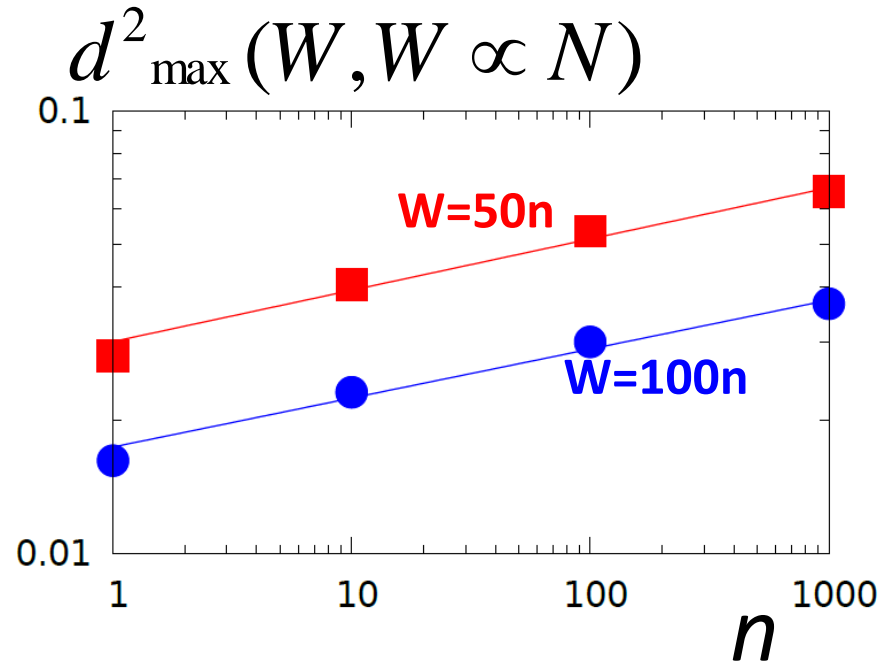
test

Points are randomly distributed in a plane,  
with constant density  $W/N$ .

How does the maximal distance between the points  
scale with the system size?



# = 100, 1000



$$d_{\max}^2 \propto W^{0.11}$$

i.e. much slower than  $T_2$

# conclusions

The problem seems new and interesting.

For details see Malinowski et al., IJMPC 24 (2013) 1350035

The time of penetration scales with the robot density  
and with the system size.

The exponent  $\beta$  cannot be derived just from the  
density fluctuations. Hence the condition of colliding  
trajectories contributes to  $\beta$ .

Thank you