

# Self-organization and ergodic parameters

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# 1. Ergodic tools. Exponents and entropies

- ◆ *Invariant measures and ergodic parameters*

$$I_F(\mu) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{n=1}^T F(f^n x_0)$$

- ◆ *Lyapunov and conditional exponents*

From the  $k \times k$  and  $(m-k) \times (m-k)$  blocks of the Jacobian, obtain the conditional exponents as the eigenvalues of the limits

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (D_k f^{n*}(x) D_k f^n(x))^{\frac{1}{2n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (D_{m-k} f^{n*}(x) D_{m-k} f^n(x))^{\frac{1}{2n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \|D_k f^n(x)u\| = \xi_i^{(k)}$$

or

$$0 \neq u \in E_x^i / E_x^{i+1}$$

$E_x^i$  is the subspace spanned by the eigenstates corresponding to eigenvalues  $\leq \exp(\xi_i^{(k)})$

# Existence of the conditional exponents

- ◆ First proposed by Pecora and Carroll to study the phenomenology of synchronization of chaotic systems  
PRL 64 (1990) 821 ; PRA 44 (1991) 2374
- ◆ *Theor. 1 The existence of the conditional exponents is guaranteed under the same conditions as for the Lyapunov exponents*

Existence of a measurable map from the dynamical space  $V$  to  $m \times m$  matrices

$$T : V \rightarrow M_m$$

and 
$$\int \mu(dx) \log^+ \|T(x)\| < \infty$$

The proof follows the same steps as for the Oseledec's theorem  
PLA 248 (1998) 167

- ◆ Regular functionals of the exponents will also be well-defined ergodic parameters

## 2 - Structures and self-organization

- ◆ Structure index

$$S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N_+} \left( \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_i} - 1 \right)$$

diverges whenever a Lyapunov exponent approaches zero from above  
(points where long time correlations develop)

- ◆ Self-organization (partitions  $\Sigma_k = R^k \times R^{m-k}$ )

$$I_{\Sigma}(\mu) = \sum_{k=1}^N \{h_k(\mu) + h_{m-k}(\mu) - h(\mu)\}$$

$$h_k(\mu) = \sum_{\xi_i^{(k)} > 0} \xi_i^{(k)}; h_{m-k}(\mu) = \sum_{\xi_i^{(m-k)} > 0} \xi_i^{(m-k)}; h(\mu) = \sum_{\lambda_i > 0} \lambda_i$$

- ◆ Self-organization concerns the dynamical relation of the whole to its parts. Therefore,  $I_{\Sigma}(\mu)$  is a measure of dynamical self-organization
- ◆ It is a measure of apparent dynamical freedom (or apparent rate of information production), that each agent may infer from the local dynamics
- ◆ Self-organization occurs when local information is very different from global behavior
- ◆ These global parameters, besides providing information on structure formation and self-organization may also be used to characterize the topology of the interactions (network connectivity)

# 3 - Examples :

- ◆ Fully coupled system

$$x_i(t+1) = (1-c) f(x_i(t)) + (c/(N-1)) \sum_{k \neq i} f(x_k(t))$$

$$f(x) = 2x \pmod{1}$$

$c = 0.495$

$c = 0.51$

Fig. 2

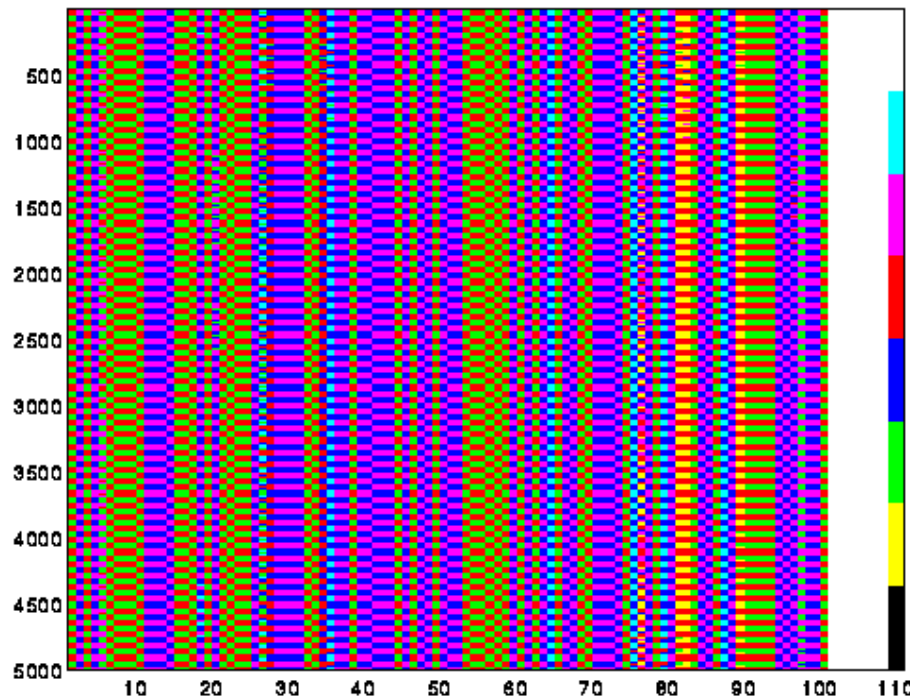
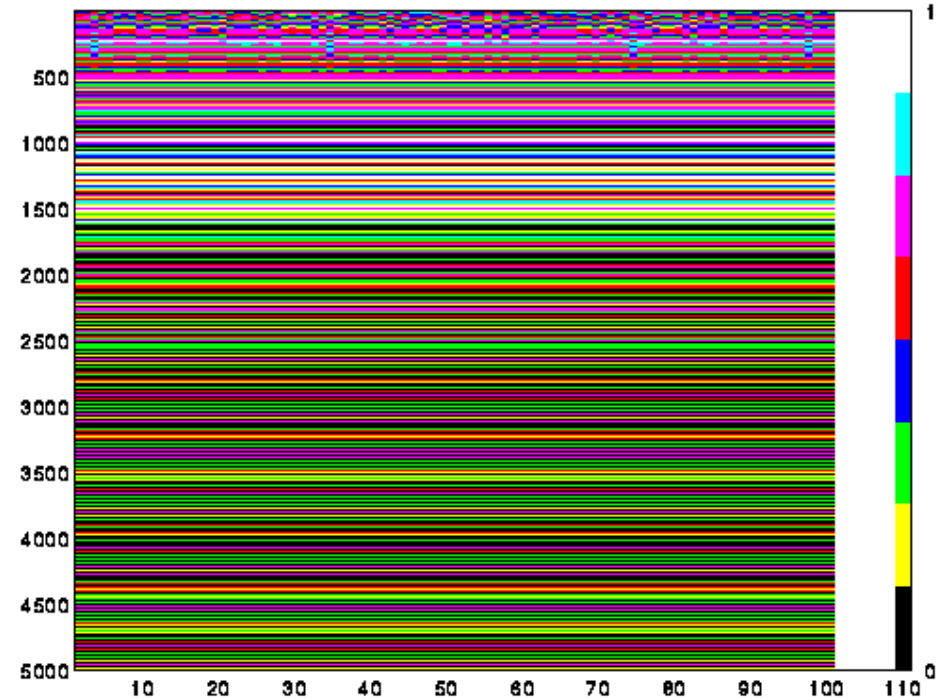
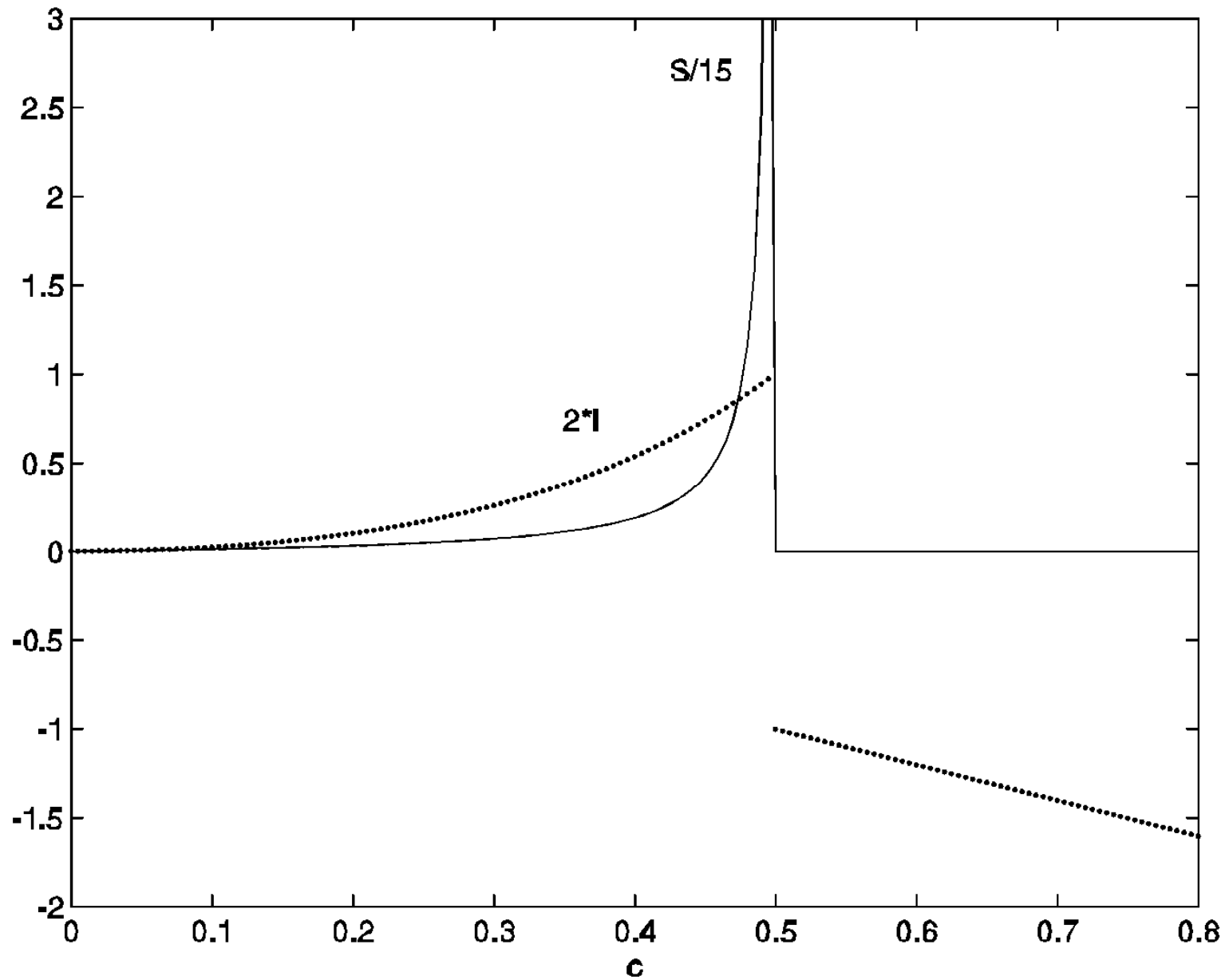


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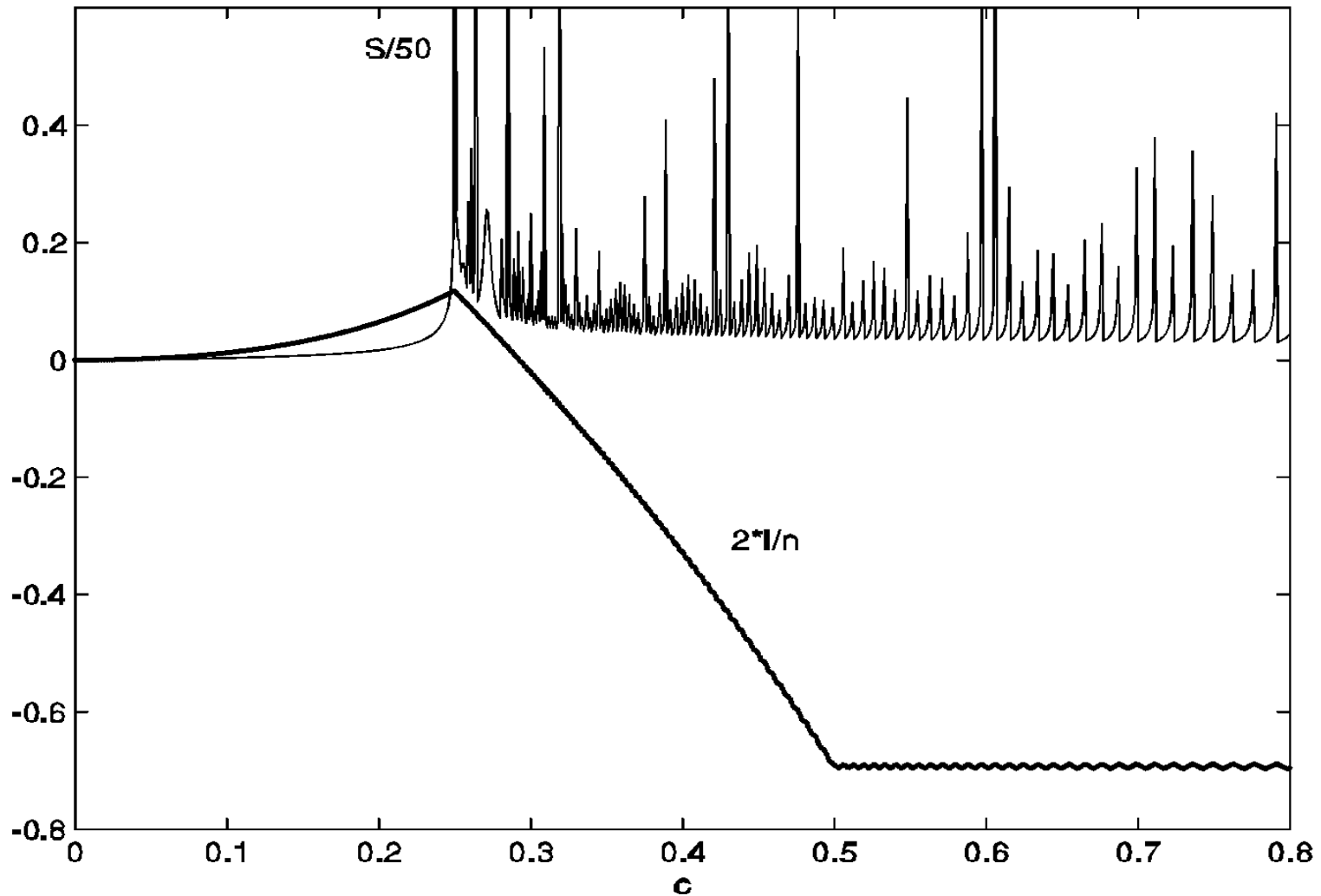
# Fully coupled system. Structure and self-organization index





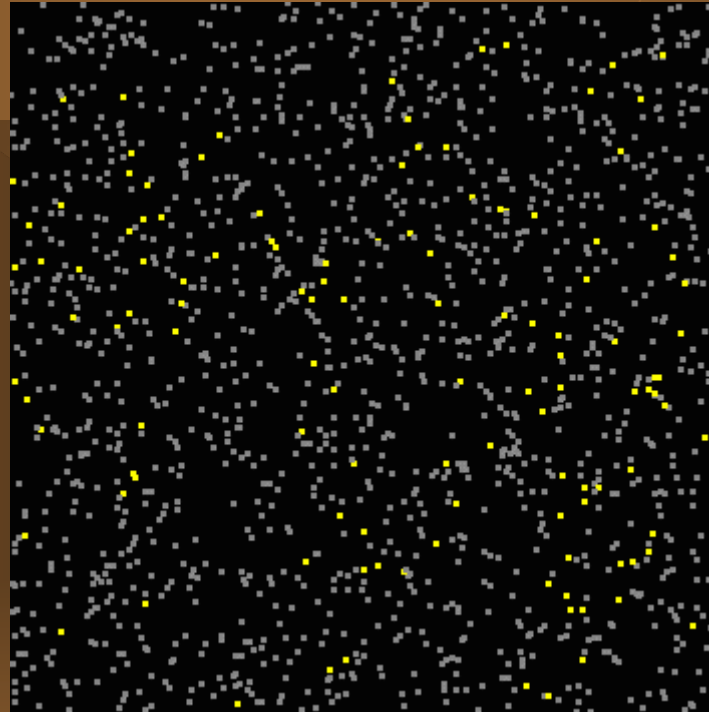
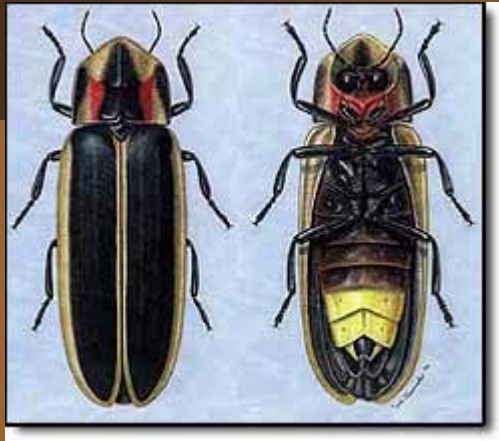
# Nearest-neighbor coupling

◆  $x_i(t+1) = (1-c) f(x_i(t)) + (c/2) ( f(x_{i+1}(t)) + f(x_{i-1}(t)) )$



# 4 - Synchronization and beyond

- ◆ Synchronous flashing of fireflies, cells, fads, .....



# 4 - Synchronization and beyond

- ◆ Synchronization

(Classical mathematical example: the Kuramoto model)

A similar, discrete-time oscillators model :

$$x_i(t+1) = x_i(t) + \omega_i + \frac{k}{N-1} \sum_{j=1}^N f_\alpha(x_j - x_i)$$

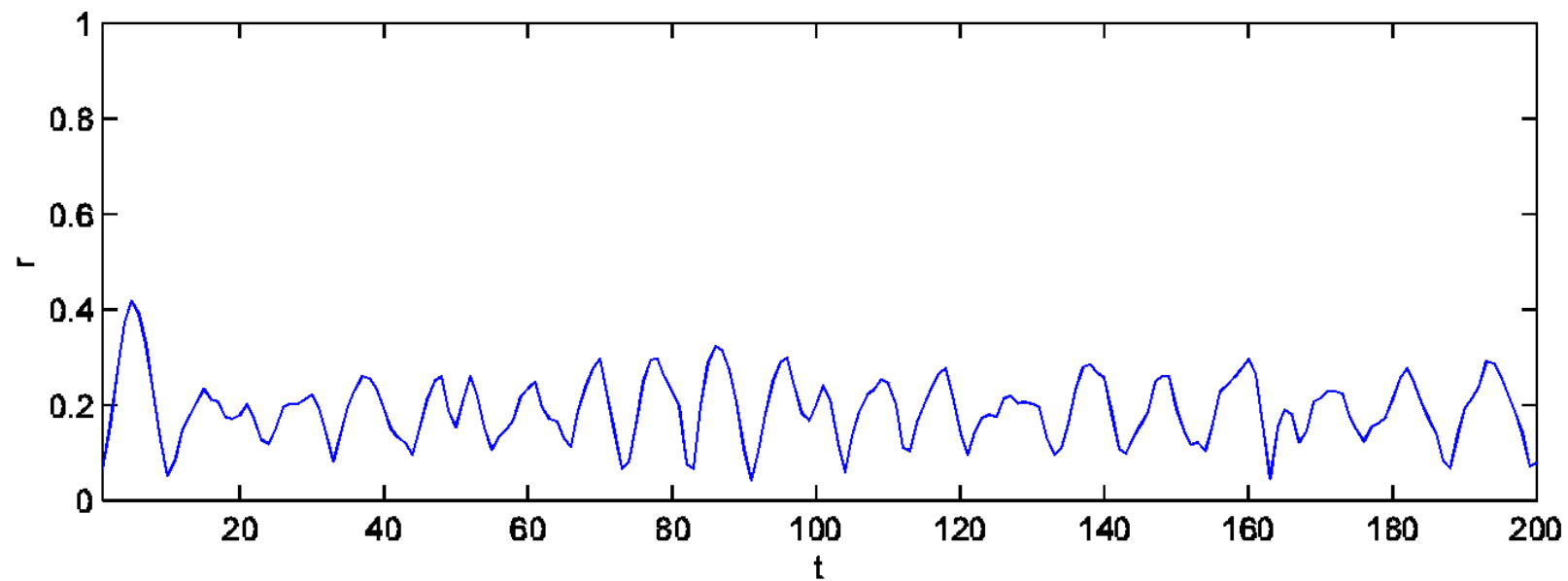
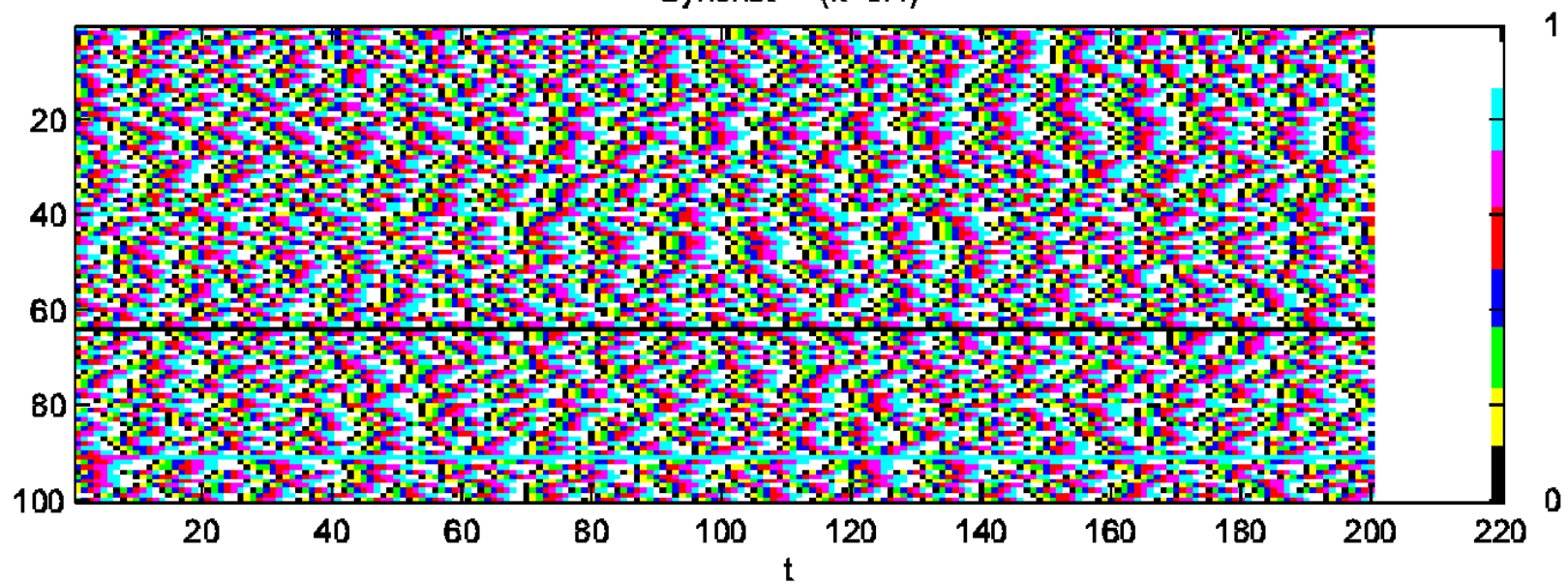
$$p(\omega) = \frac{\gamma}{\pi \left[ \gamma^2 + (\omega - \omega_0)^2 \right]}$$

$$f_\alpha(x_j - x_i) = \alpha(x_j - x_i) \pmod{1}$$

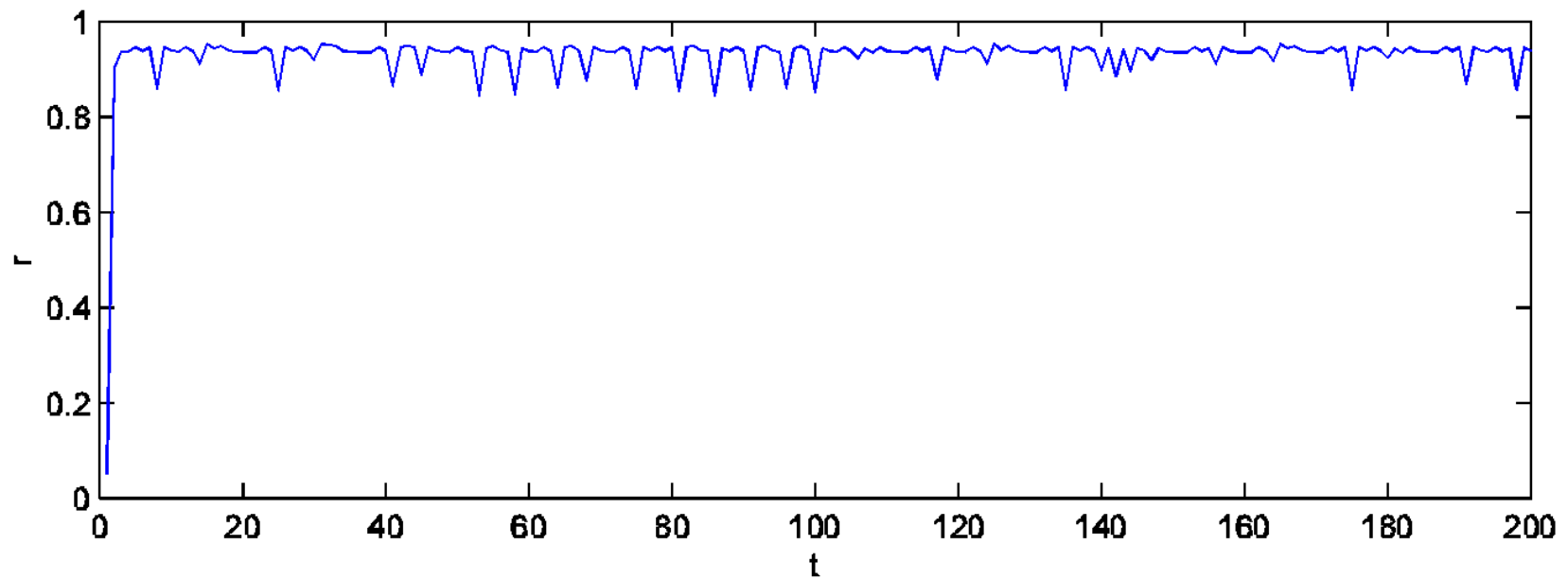
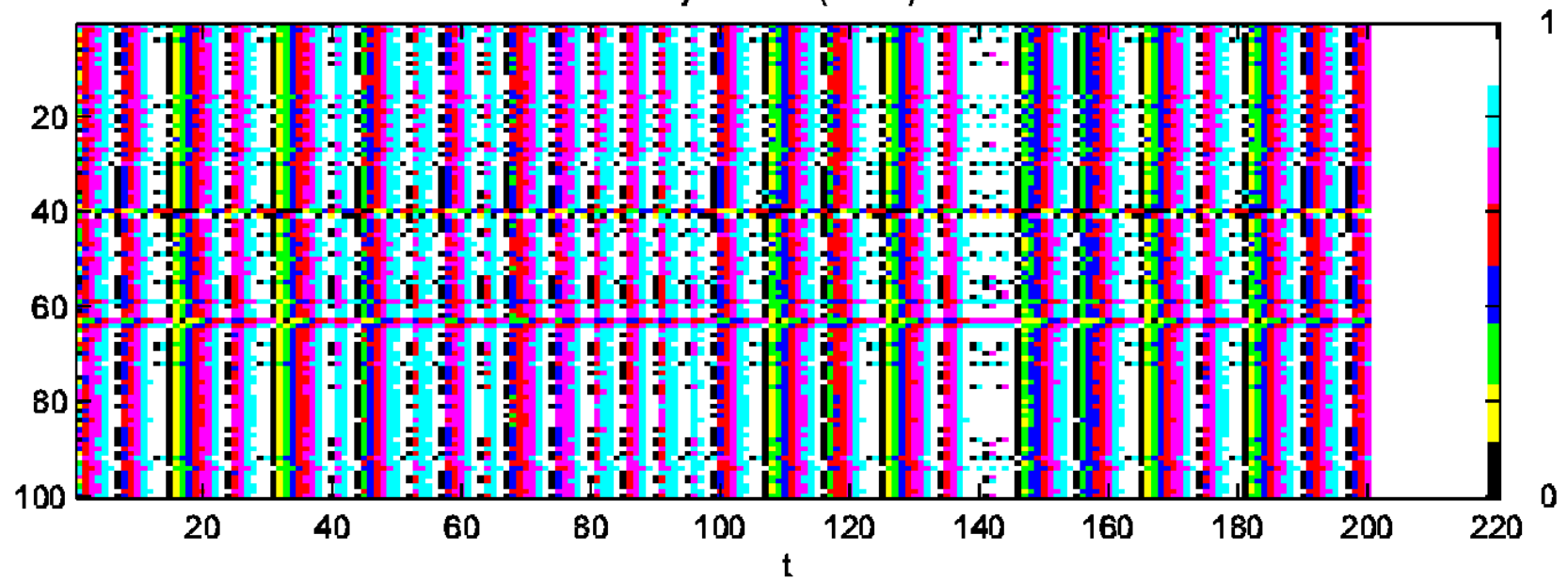
- ◆ Order parameter

$$r(t) = \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i2\pi x_j(t)} \right|$$

Syncnet (k=0.1)



Syncnet (k=0.8)



- ◆ The Lyapunov spectrum controls the dynamical self-organization of the system.

- ◆ In this case

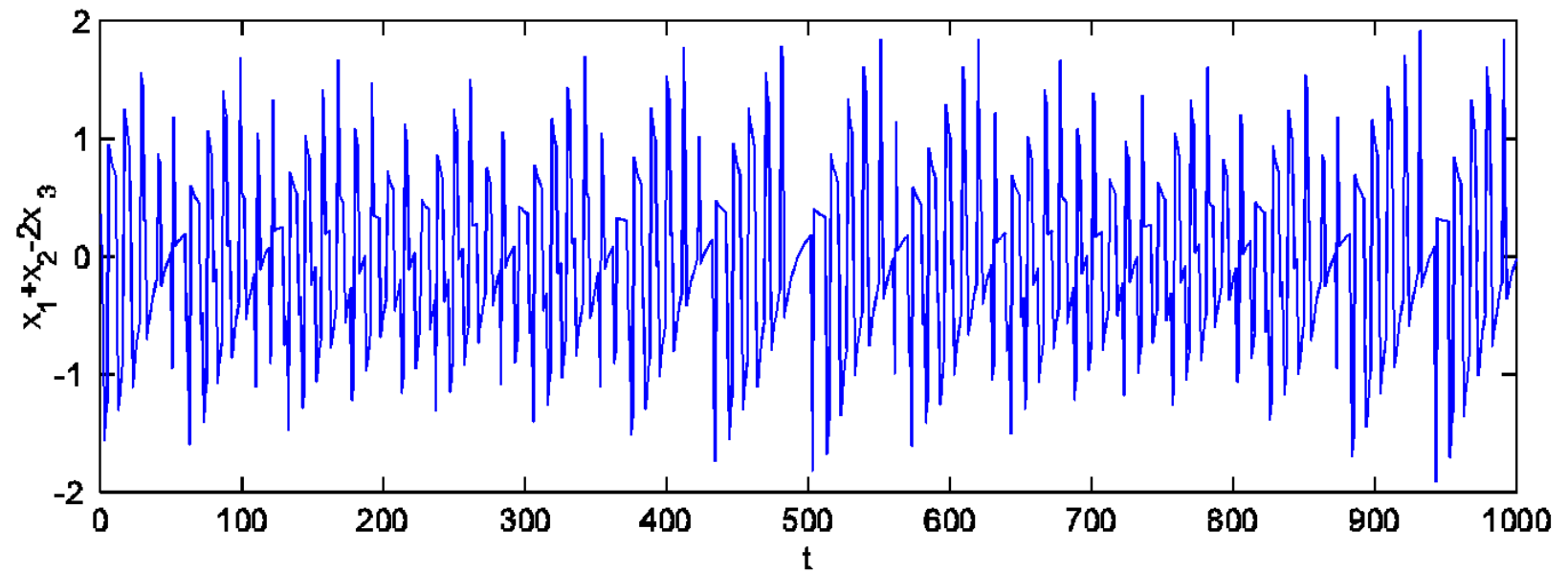
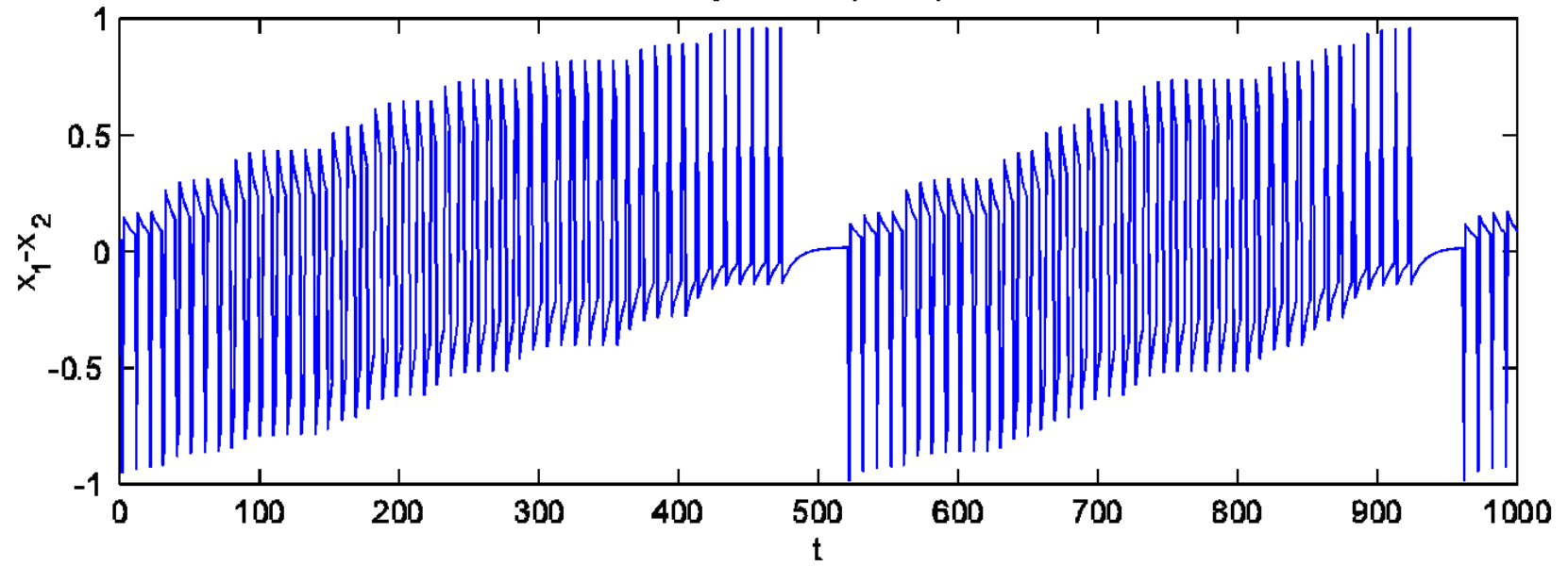
$$\lambda_1=0 \text{ and}$$
$$\lambda_i=\log(1-\alpha\lambda k(N/N-1)) \quad (N-1) \text{ times}$$

N-1 contracting directions for  $k \neq 0$

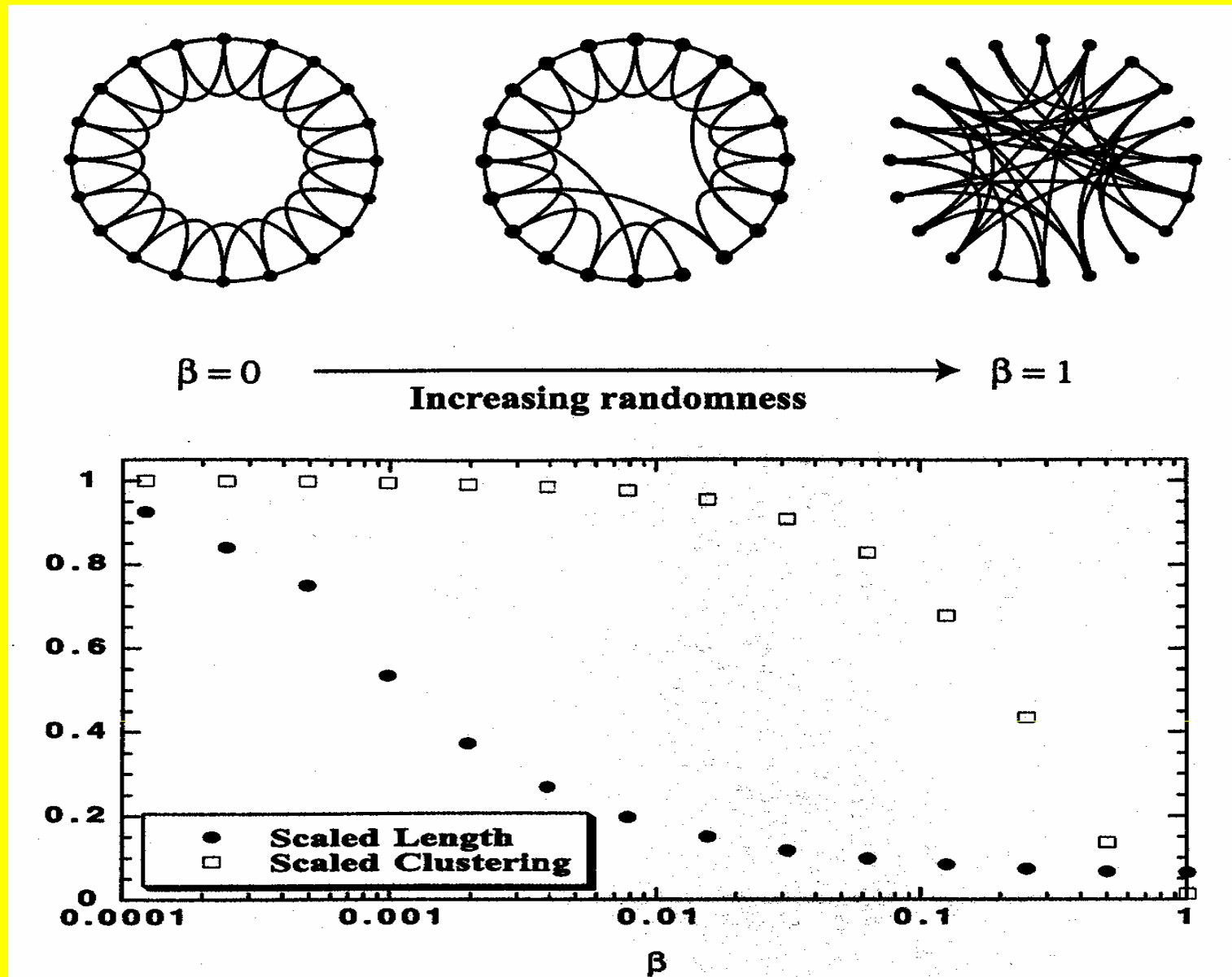
“One-dimensional” system !

- ◆  $\Rightarrow$  strong dynamical correlations even before synchronization

Syncret (k=0.1)



## 5. Network structure and dynamics. The small world phase



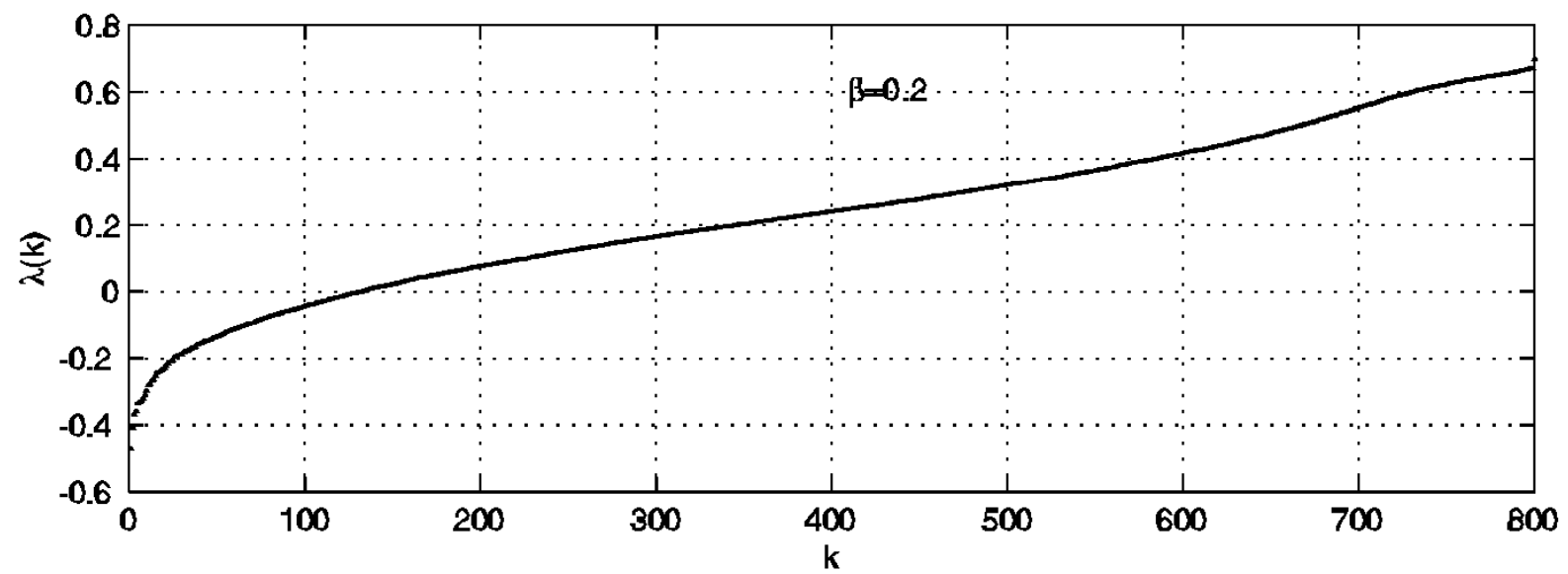
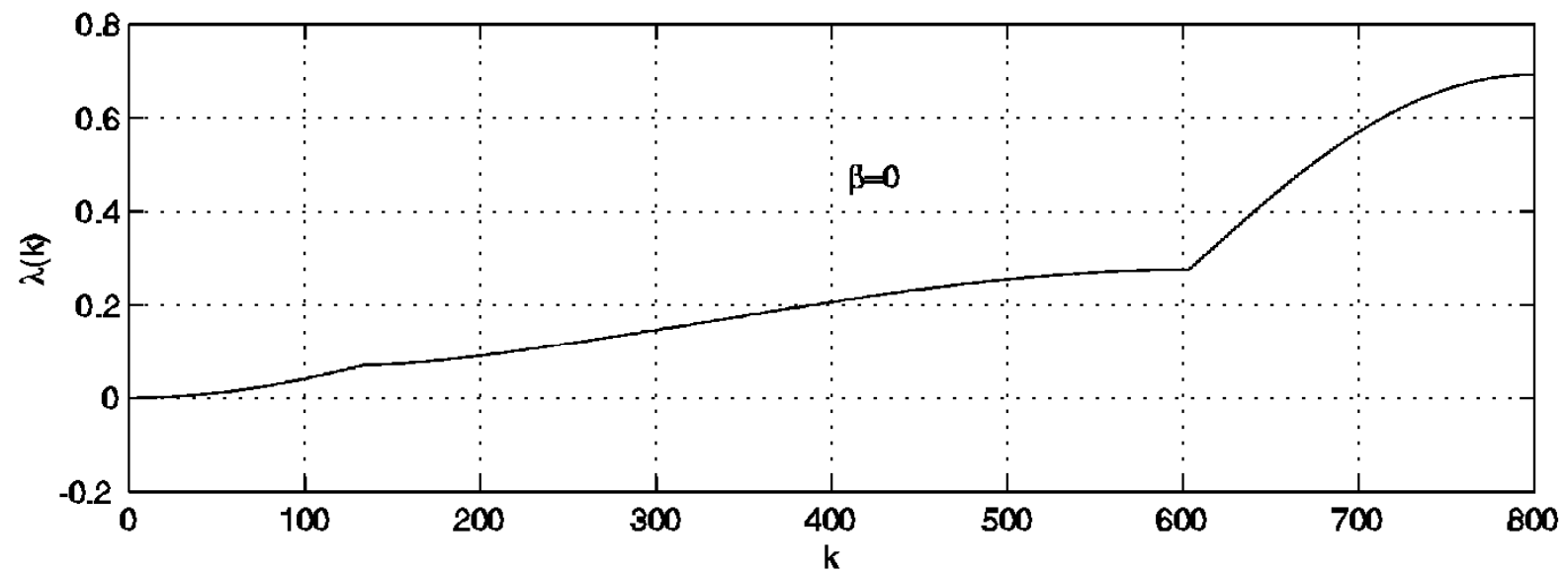


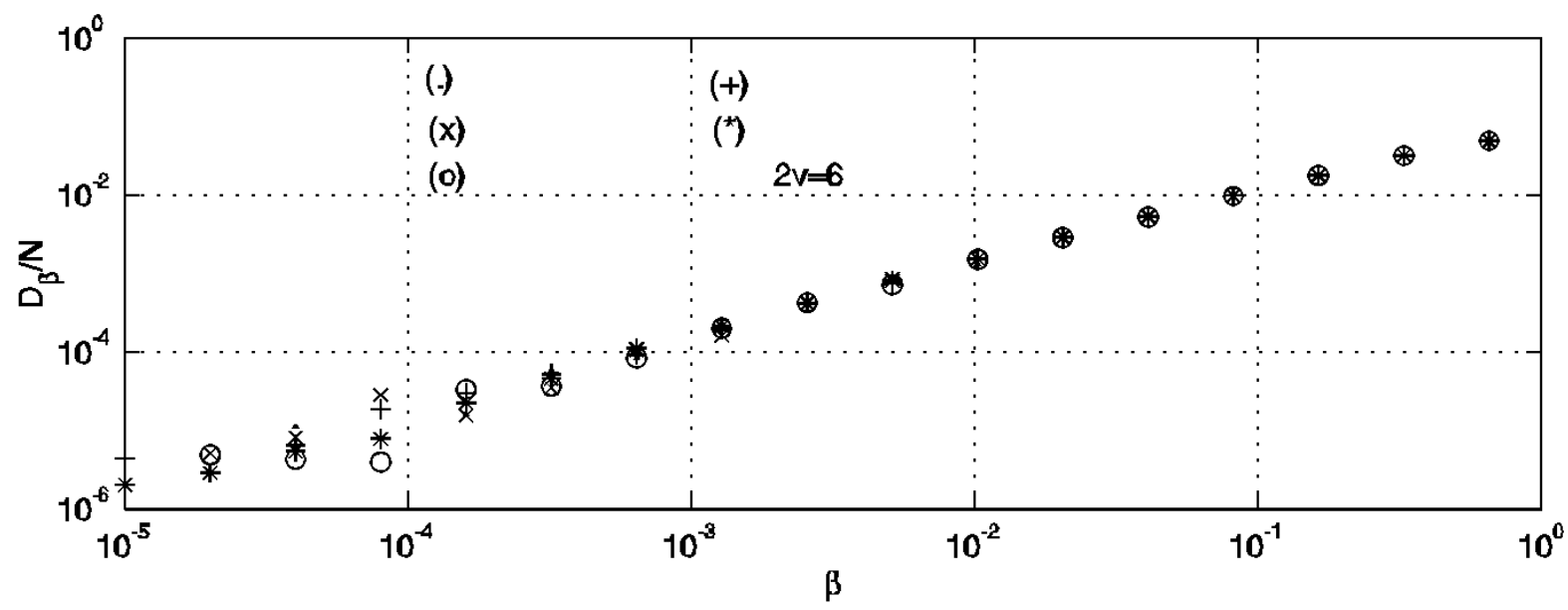
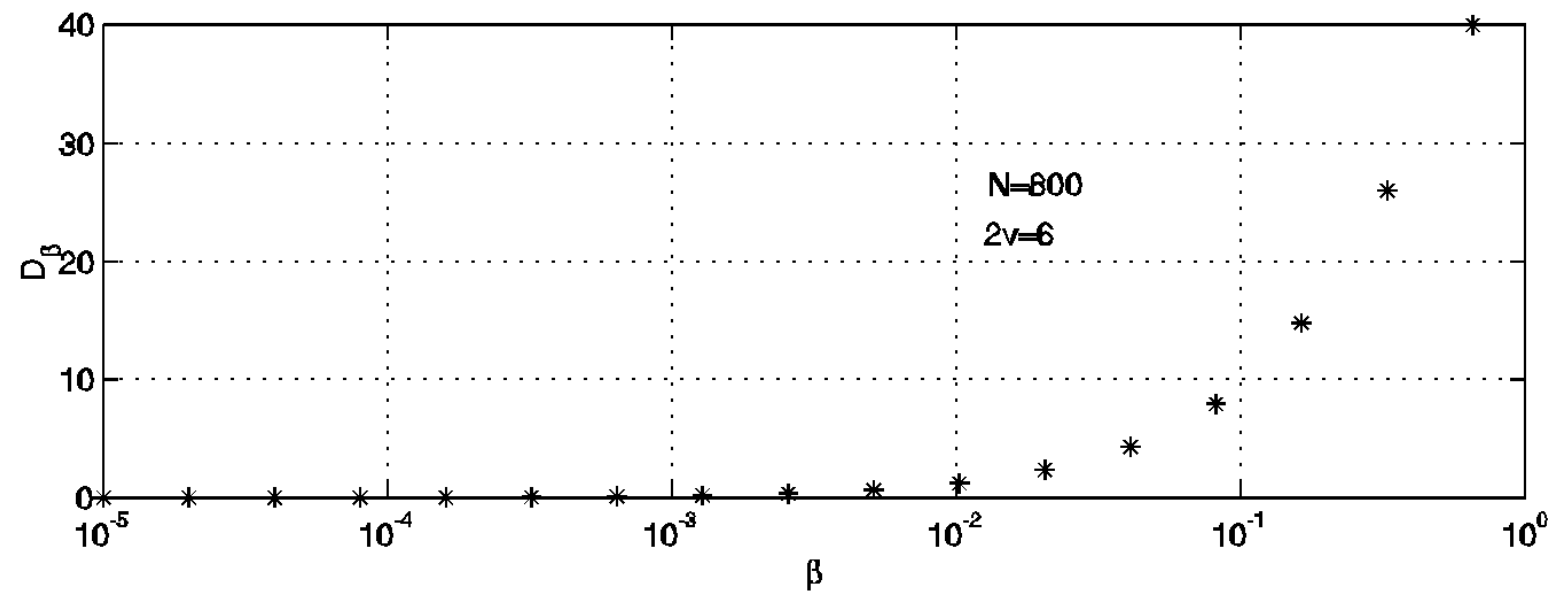
Define a dynamical system on the network nodes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \diamond x_i(t+1) &= \sum_{k=1}^N W_{ik} f(x_k(t)) \\
 f(x) &= \alpha x \pmod{1}
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 W_{ik} = \begin{cases}
 1 - \frac{n_v(i)}{2v} c & \text{if } i = k \\
 \frac{c}{2v} & \text{if } i \neq k \text{ and } k \in n_v(i) \\
 0 & \text{0 otherwise}
 \end{cases}$$

$$\diamond D_\beta = - \sum_{\lambda_i < 0} \lambda_i$$

$$D_\beta = c N (\beta - \beta_{c1})^\eta \quad \beta_{c1} < 10^{-5} \quad \eta = 1.01 \pm 0.06$$





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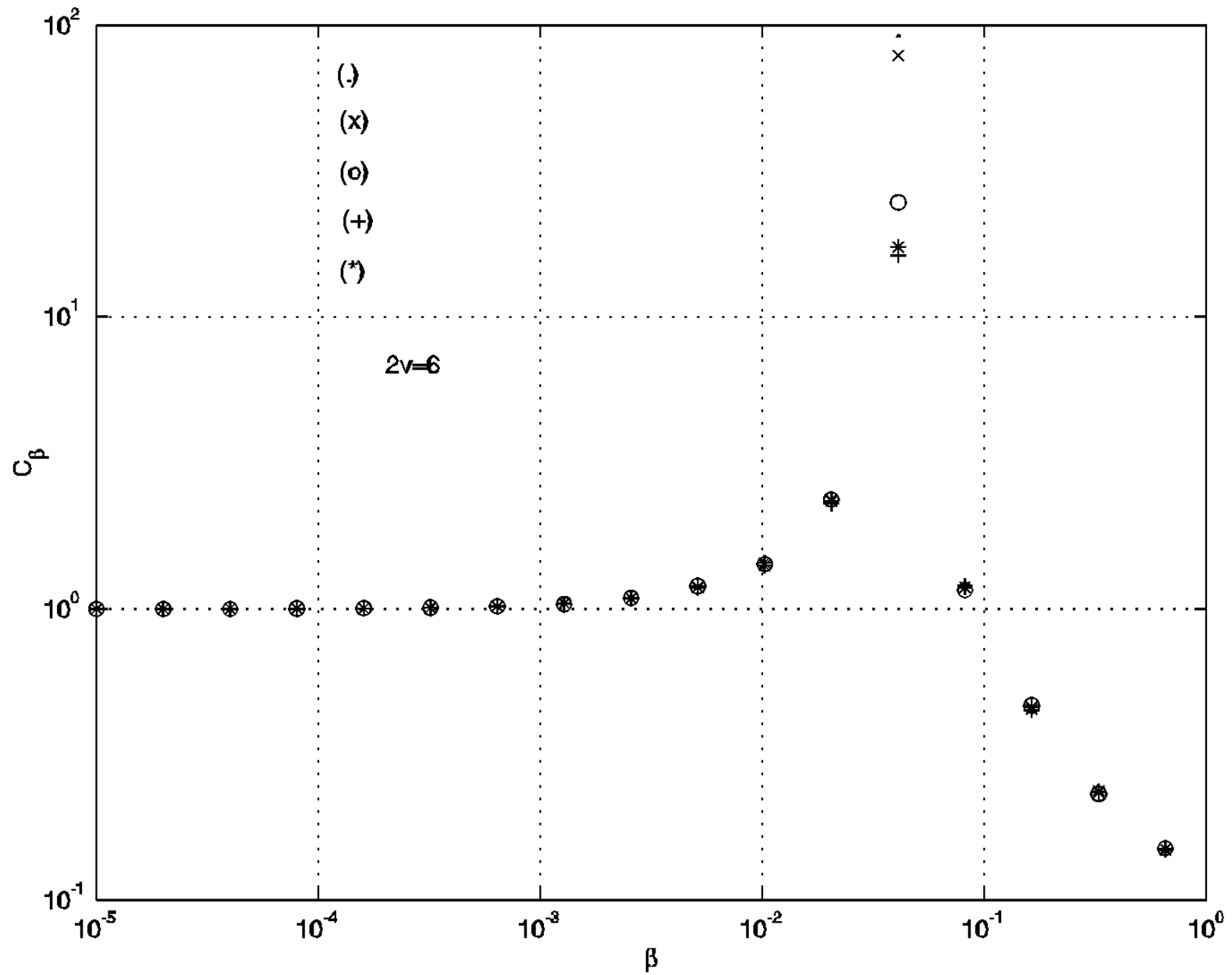
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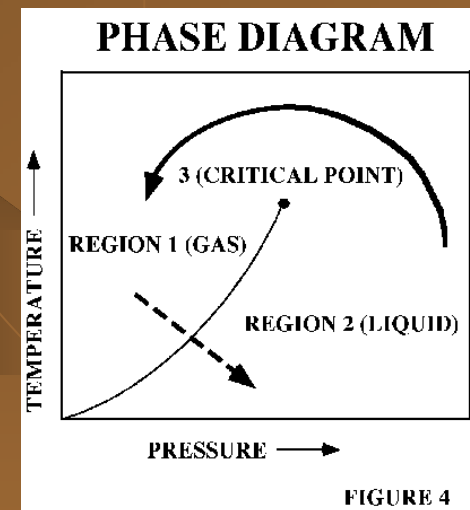
$$\diamond C_\beta = \left| \frac{h_0^* - h_0}{h_\beta^* - h_\beta} \right|; \quad h_\beta^* = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{\lambda_\beta^* > 0} \lambda_\beta^*(j) \right); \quad h_\beta = \sum_{\lambda_\beta > 0} \lambda_\beta(j)$$

$$\beta_{c2} = 0.04 \quad C_\beta \sim |\beta - \beta_{c2}|^{-\delta} \quad \delta_1 = 1.14 \quad \delta_2 = 0.93$$



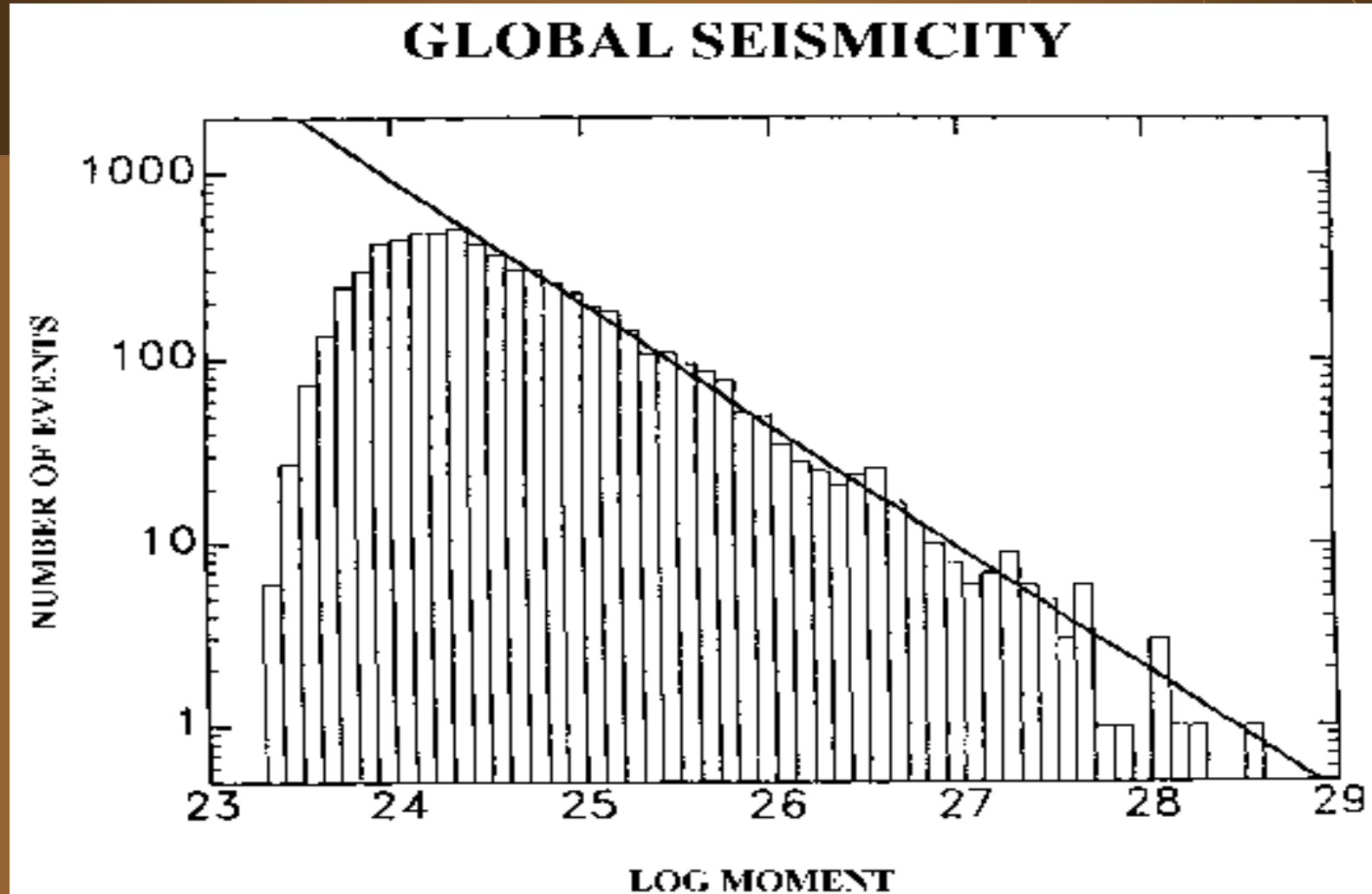
# 6 - Self-organized criticality (SOC)

- ◆ A qualitative definition :  
SOC = *mechanism of slow energy accumulation and fast energy redistribution (avalanches) driving the system towards a critical state, where the distribution of avalanche sizes is a power law obtained without fine tuning, that is, there is no tunable parameter in the model.*
- ◆ Power law → no natural scale, excitations at all scales
- ◆ No tunable parameter ≠ usual critical points in phase transitions
- ◆ A critical point as an attractor ?
- ◆ Ubiquity of SOC (geophysics, cosmology evolutionary biology, ecology, economics sociology, solar physics, ...)
- ◆ Objective: Characterize SOC by ergodic parameters



# Real world manifestations

- ◆ *The Gutenberg-Richter law*  
Data from 1977-1995

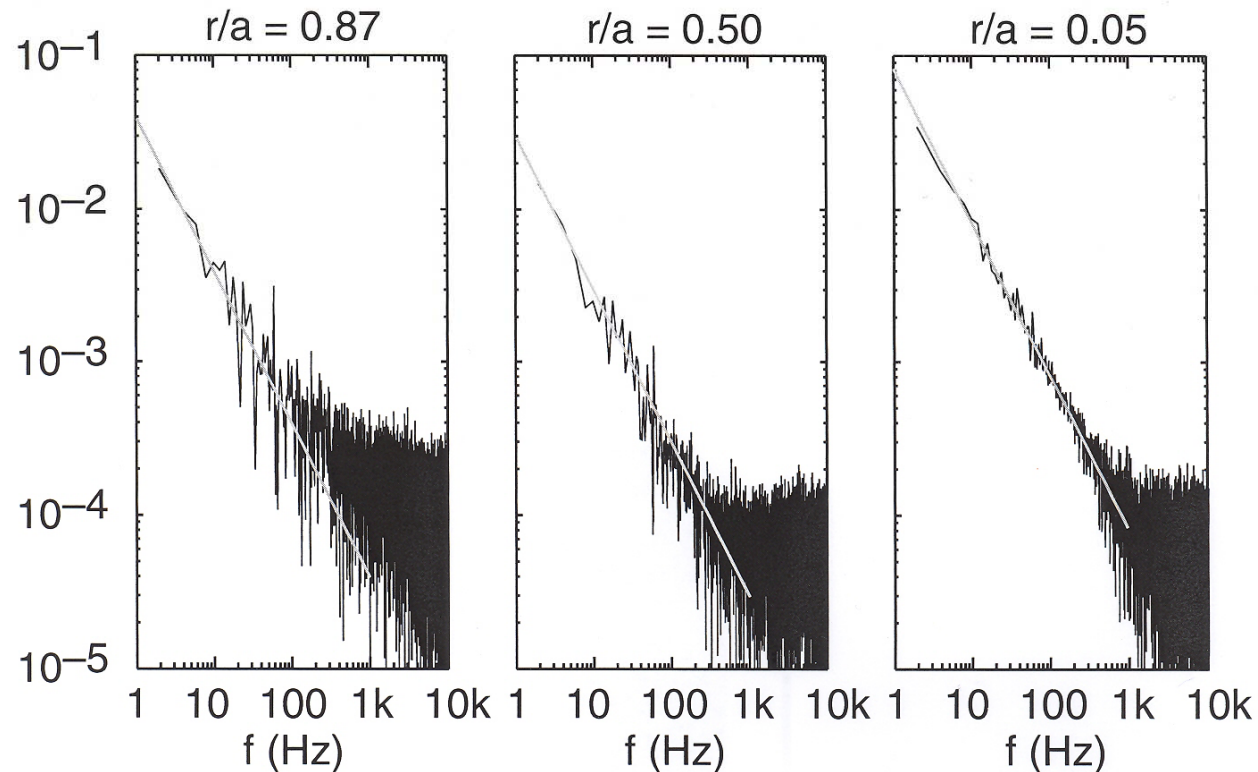


**FIGURE 6**

# Real world manifestations

- ◆ *Electron temperature fluctuations in a magnetically confined plasma (ECE diagnostic)*  
(Politzer, PRL 84 (2000) 1192)

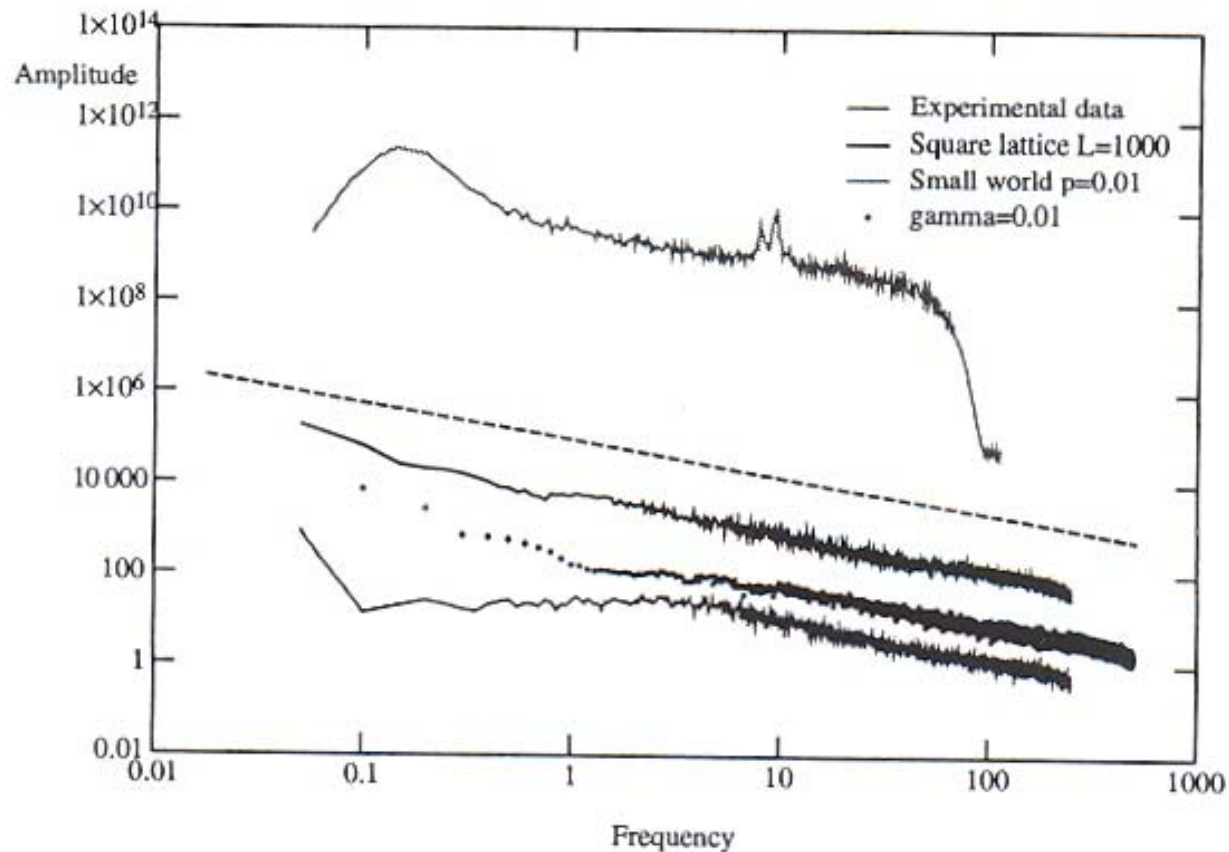
Low frequency part of  $\delta T_e/T_e$  spectrum shows power-law ( $1/f$ ) behavior at all radii





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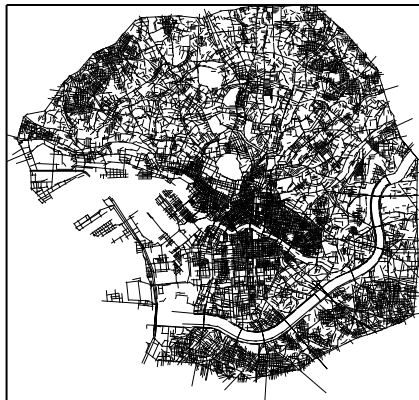
- ◆ *Avalanches in living neurons*  
*Magnetoencephalography data compared with models*  
(de Arcangelis et al. PRL 96 (2006) 028107)



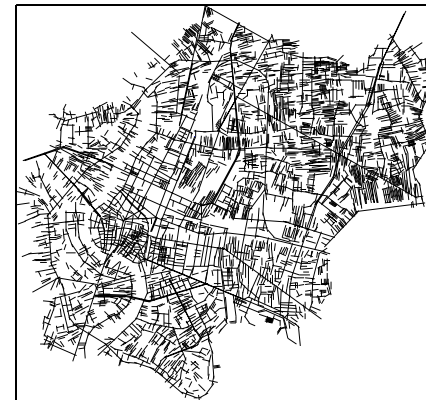
# Real world manifestations

- ◆ *Distribution of lengths of open spaces in urban environments*  
(Carvalho and Penn, Physica A 332 (2004) 539)

Tokyo



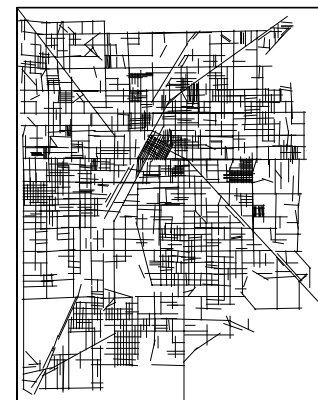
Bangkok



Athens

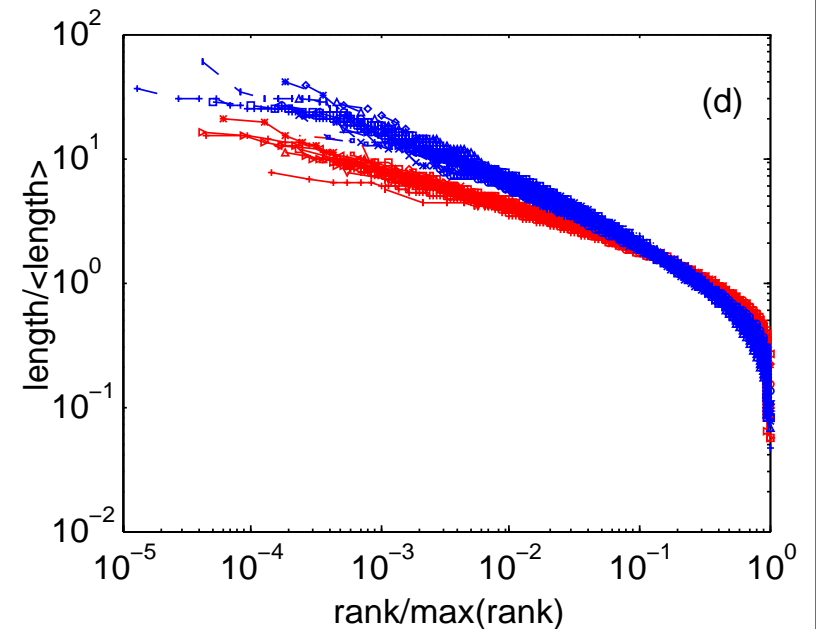
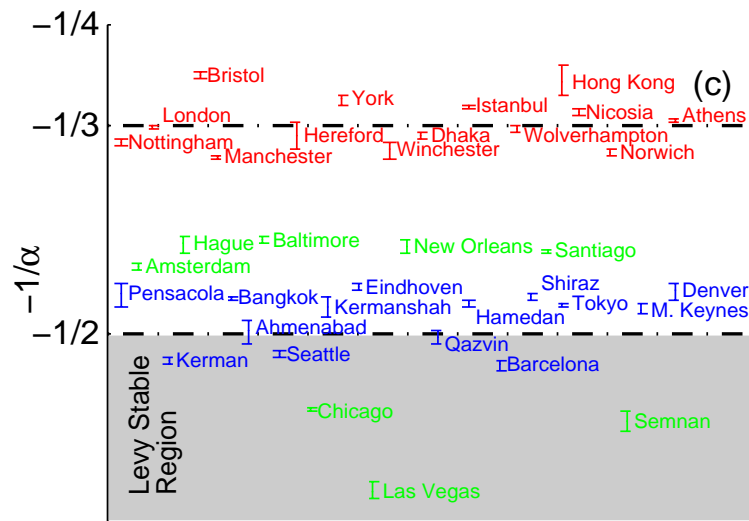
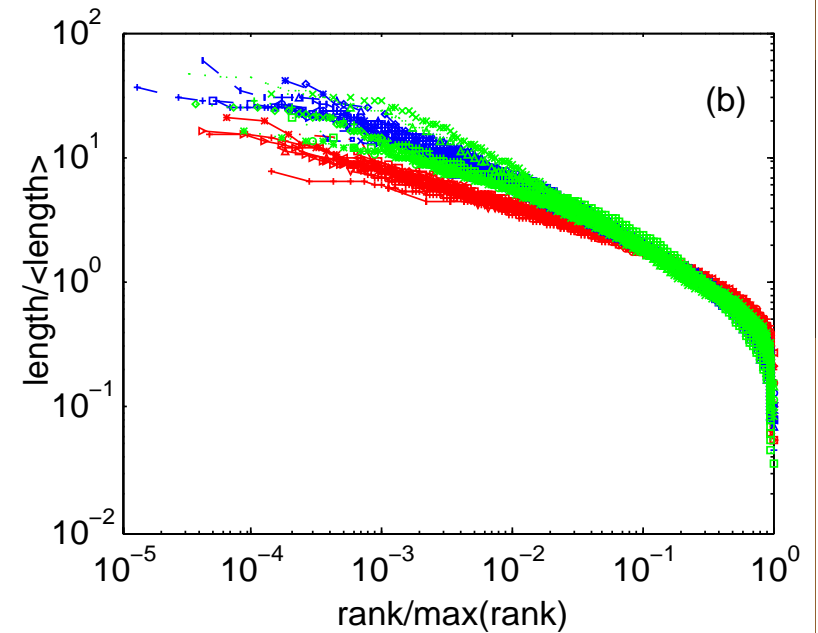
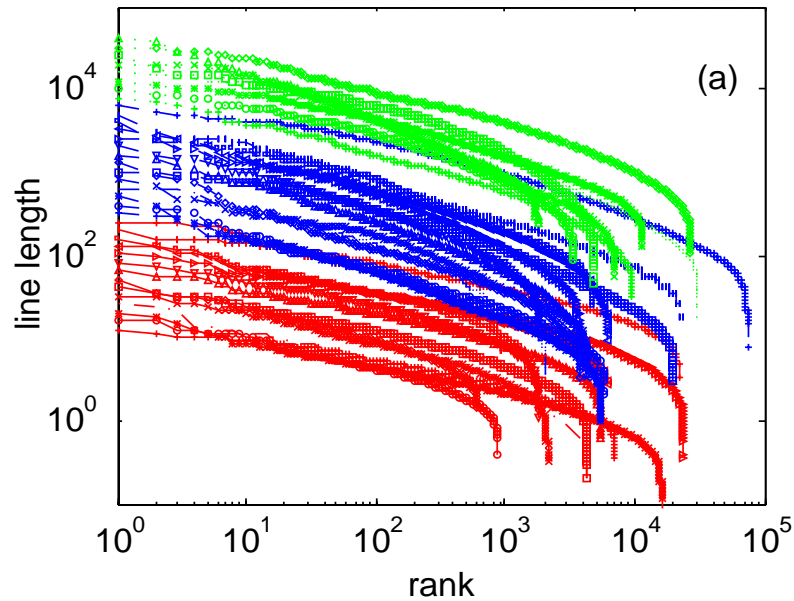


Las Vegas



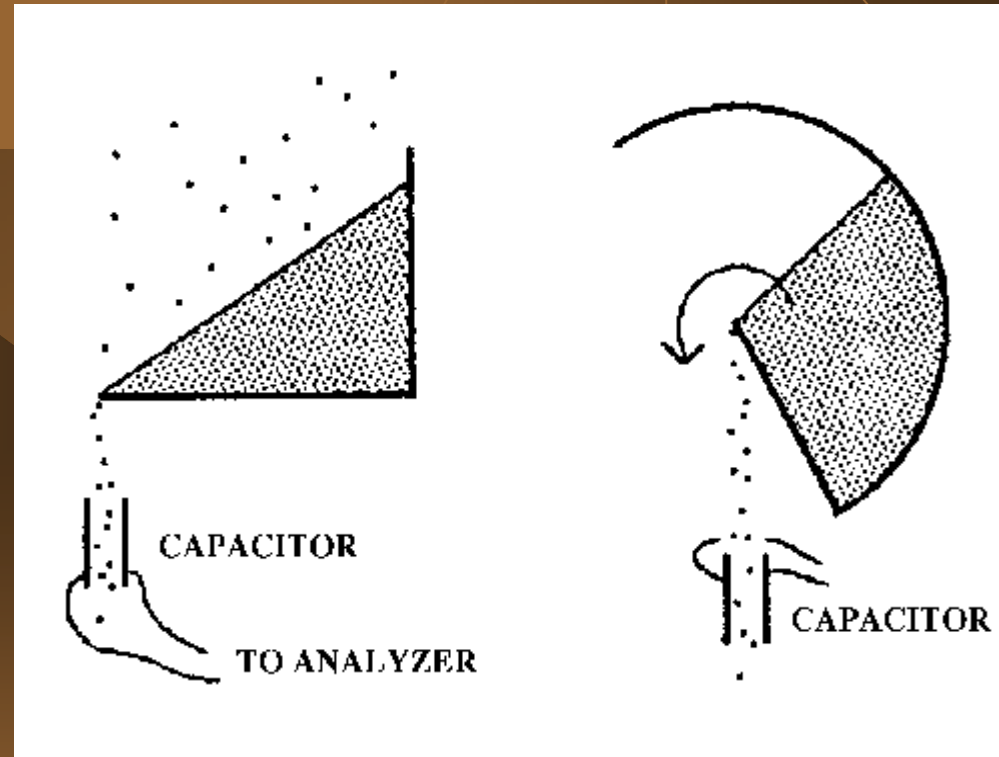
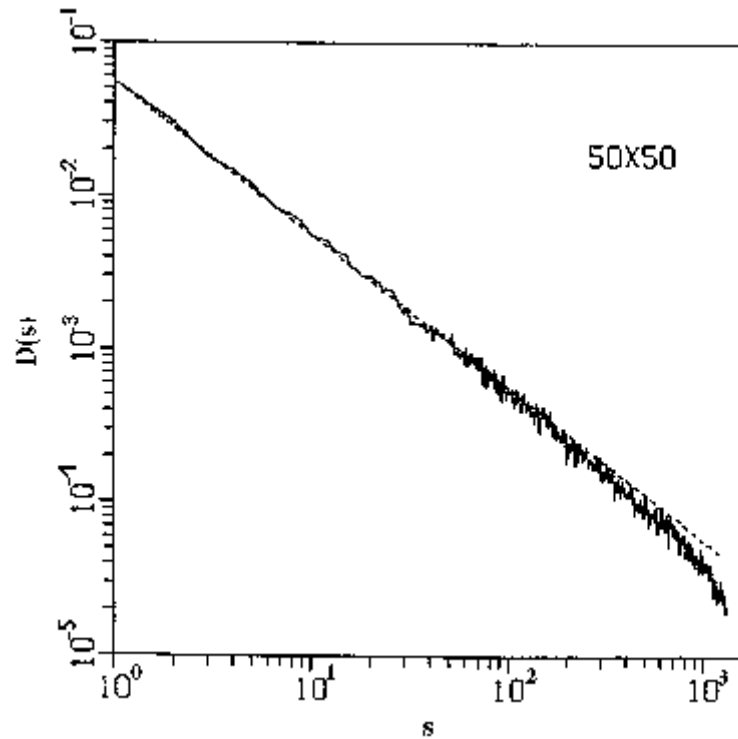
# Real world manifestations

- +— Bristol
- o— Hereford
- \*— London
- x— Manchester
- +— Norwich
- Nottingham
- ◇— Winchester
- △— Wolverhampton
- ▽— York
- ▷— Athens
- ◁— Nicosia
- ◁— Dhaka
- +— Hong Kong
- +— Istanbul
- +— Milton Keynes
- o— Eindhoven
- \*— Barcelona
- x— Denver
- x— Pensacola
- ◇— Seattle
- ◇— Hamedan
- △— Kerman
- ▽— Kermanshah
- ▽— Qazvin
- ▽— Shiraz
- ▽— Ahmenabad
- |— Bangkok
- +— Tokyo
- +— Amsterdam
- o— Hague
- \*— Baltimore
- x— Chicago
- x— Las Vegas
- New Orleans
- ◇— Santiago
- △— Semnan



# Toy models

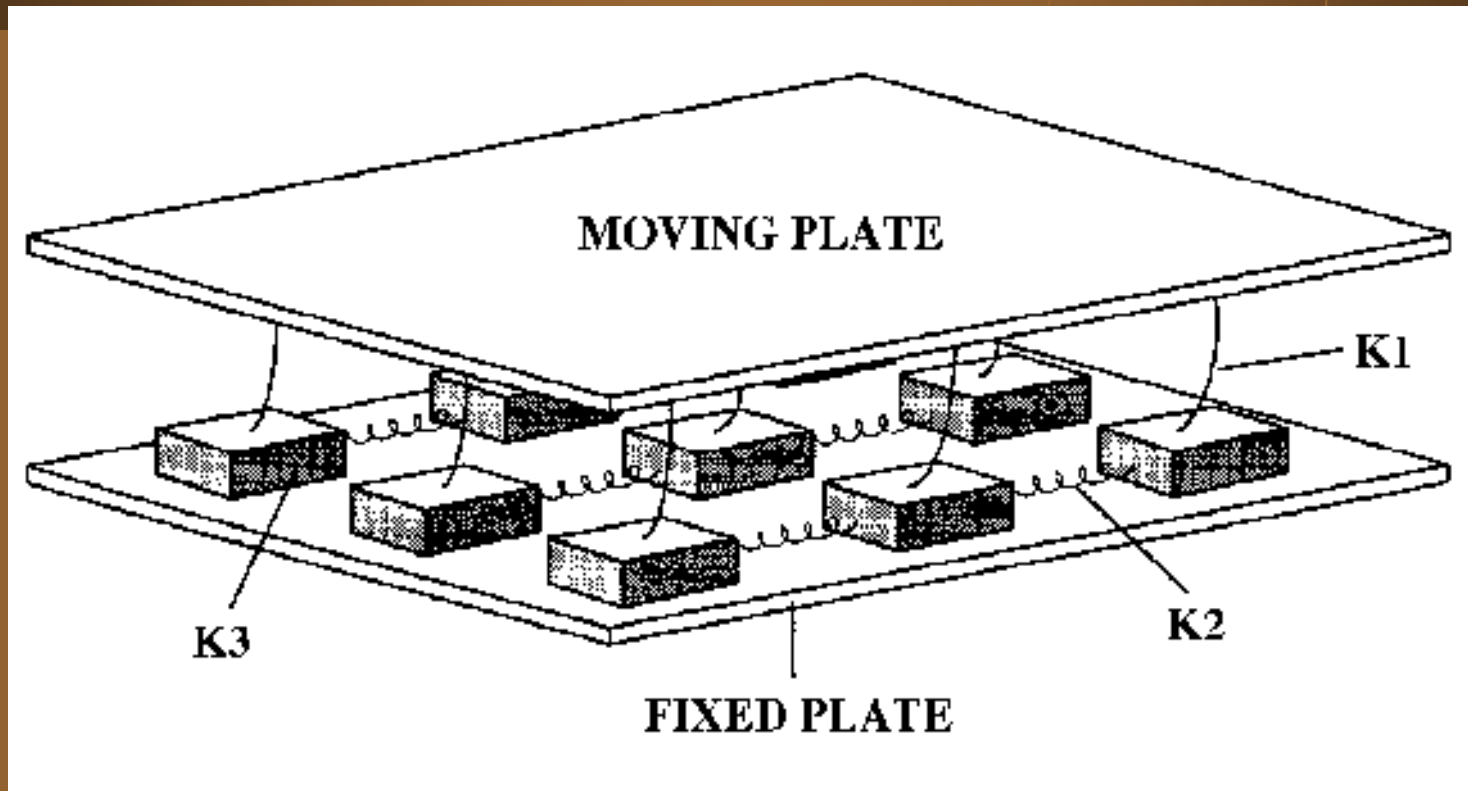
- ◆ Sand piles on the computer and on the lab



- ◆ However, the emergence of scaling laws on lab sand piles depend on grain size and shape

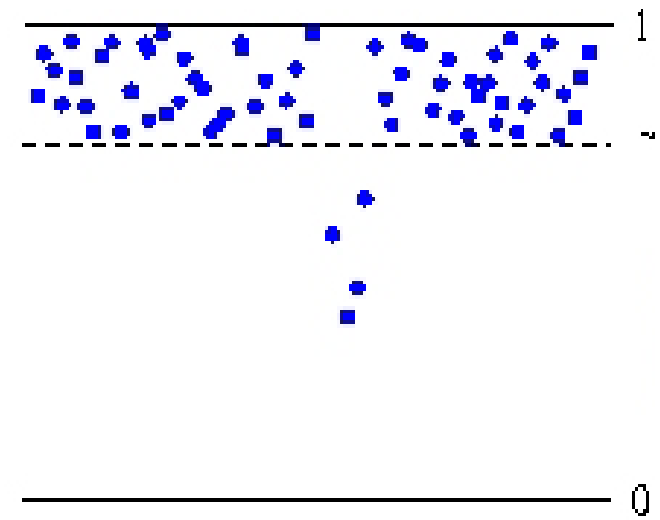
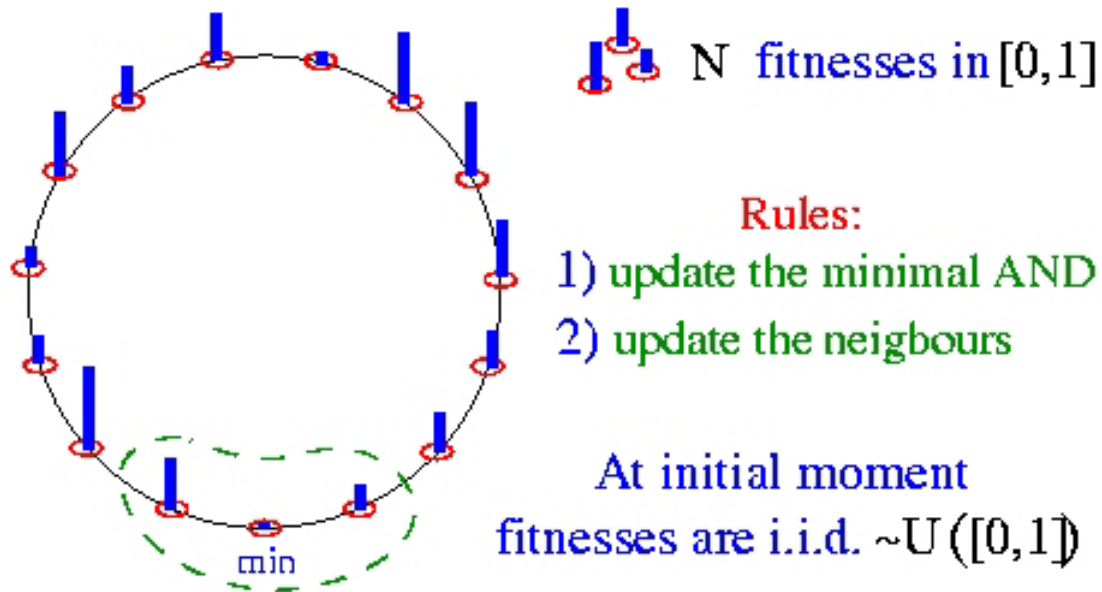
# Toy models

- ◆ Springer – slider block mode  
*(friction of the blocks on the fixed plate)*



# A mathematical model: Bak-Sneppen (BS)

- ◆ *Toy model for the evolution of species*



- ◆ After a short transitory period the system self-organizes with most species having fitness above 0.667
- ◆ Avalanches show power-law behavior

## 8-Two features of most models and a mathematical result

- ◆ *Most SOC models display :*
  - Instable behavior of the local dynamics
  - Extremal dynamics
- ◆ *Theor. 2 If, in a N-agent model :*
  - *The single-agent dynamics has positive Lyapunov exponents and*
  - *The global dynamics is extremal with finite range**then, in the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  , the Lyapunov spectrum converges to  $0^+$*
- ◆ In the  $T \rightarrow \infty$  limit, used to compute the Lyapunov spectrum, the tangent maps have only a nontrivial finite size block during an average time of order  $(2r+1)T/N$
- ◆ With the Lyapunov spectrum converging to  $0^+$  there are no dynamical scales. Thus, in the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  , the system is “tuned” to SOC

## 9 - Head's critique of parameter-independence in SOC

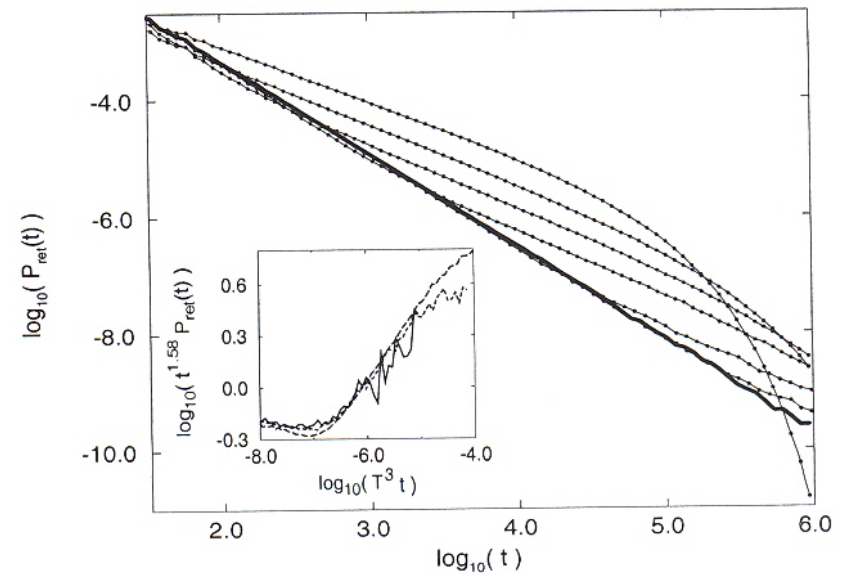
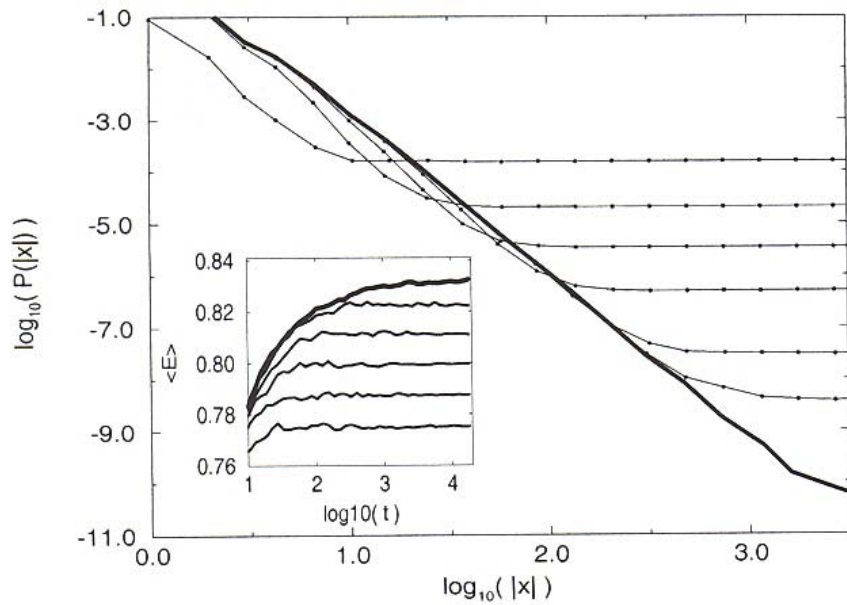
- ◆ “... SOC models *do* in fact require parameter tuning, but they had been defined in such a way that the tuning had been carried out *implicitly*.”  
(Eur. Phys. J. B 17 (2000) 289)
- ◆ To make his point, he modified the Bak-Sneppen model defining the probability of activation of an element by

$$p_i = \frac{e^{-E_i/T}}{\sum_{k=1}^N e^{-E_k/T}}$$

- ◆ Then he finds that it is only in the  $T \rightarrow 0$  limit that power laws are obtained, that is, BS is a zero temperature limit of his model



# 9 - Head's critique of parameter-independence in SOC



# A deterministic version of B-S-Head's model

$$x_i(t+1) = \Gamma_i(\tilde{x}) x_i(t) + \left(1 - \Gamma_i(\tilde{x})\right) f(x_i(t)) \quad (1)$$

$\tilde{x} = \{x_i\}$  is the vector of agent coordinates

$$f(x_i) = kx \quad \text{mod } .1$$

$$k = 2, 3, \dots$$

$\Gamma_i(\tilde{x})$  is nearly zero if  $i$  corresponds to the minimum  $x$  value or to one of its  $2n_v$  neighbors and is nearly one otherwise.

$$\Gamma_i^{(1)}(\tilde{x}) = \prod_{j=i-n_v}^{j=i+n_v} \left(1 - \prod_{k \neq j} \left(1 + e^{-\alpha(x_k - x_j)}\right)^{-1}\right) \quad (2)$$

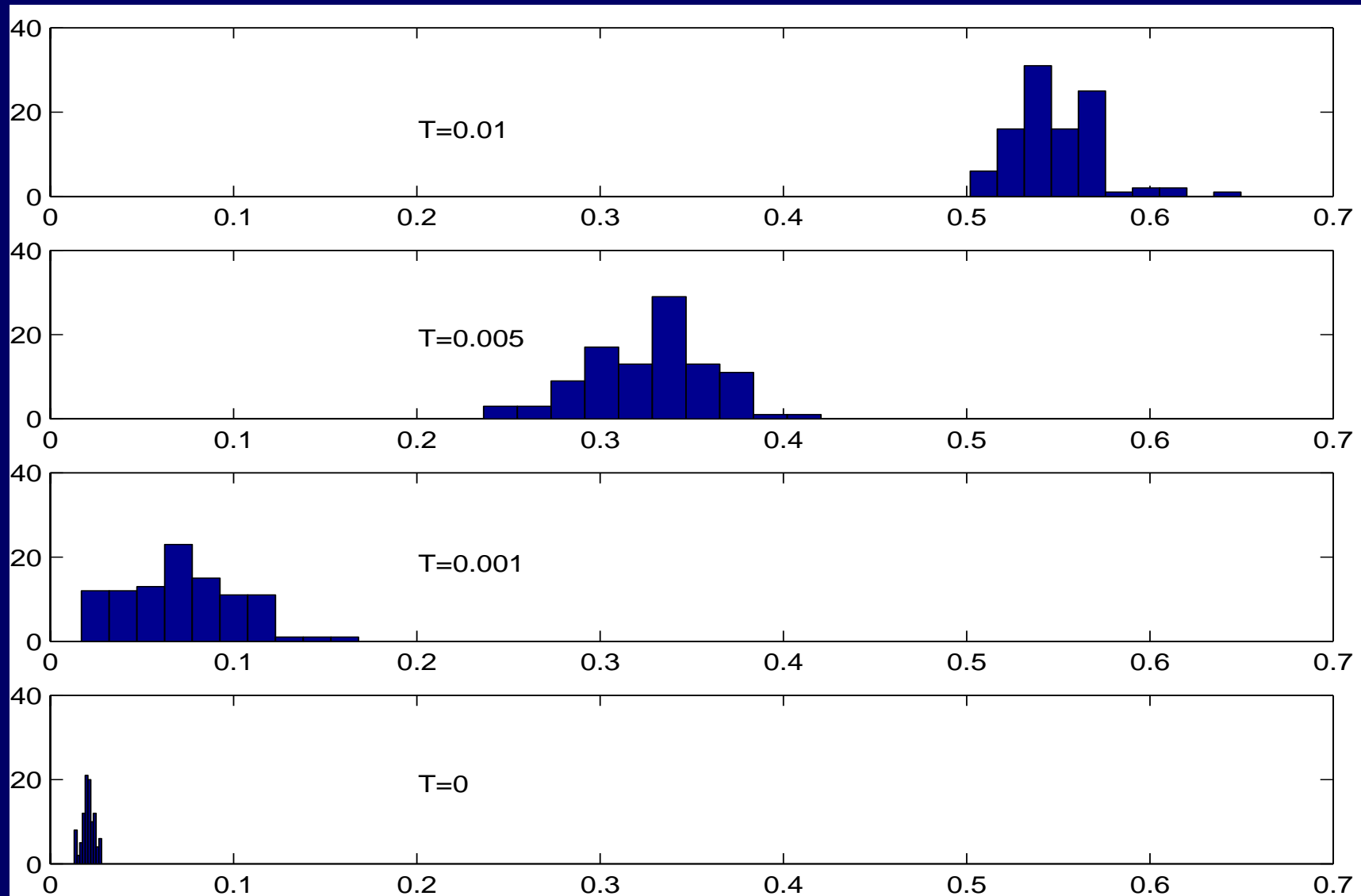
for large  $\alpha$ , satisfies the above conditions.

$$\Gamma_i^{(2)}(\tilde{x}) = \prod_{j=i-n_v}^{j=i+n_v} \left(1 - \frac{e^{-x_i/T}}{\sum_{j=1}^N e^{-x_j/T}}\right) \quad (3)$$

a similar behavior for  $T \rightarrow 0^+$

# A deterministic version of B-S-Head's model

- ◆ The absence of power laws for non-zero  $T$  is indeed related to the Lyapunov spectrum



# A deterministic version of B-S-Head's model

- ◆ Notice that at  $T=0$  the Lyapunov spectrum does not reach zero because  $N=100$ .
- ◆ All this is expected from the proposition. However the deterministic model also allows to study a few other features :
  - What is the measure of the SOC state ?
  - Is the SOC state an attractor ?
  - Avalanches are return times to the SOC state. What is the prefactor in the return times (avalanches) distribution in the  $T=0$  limit ?

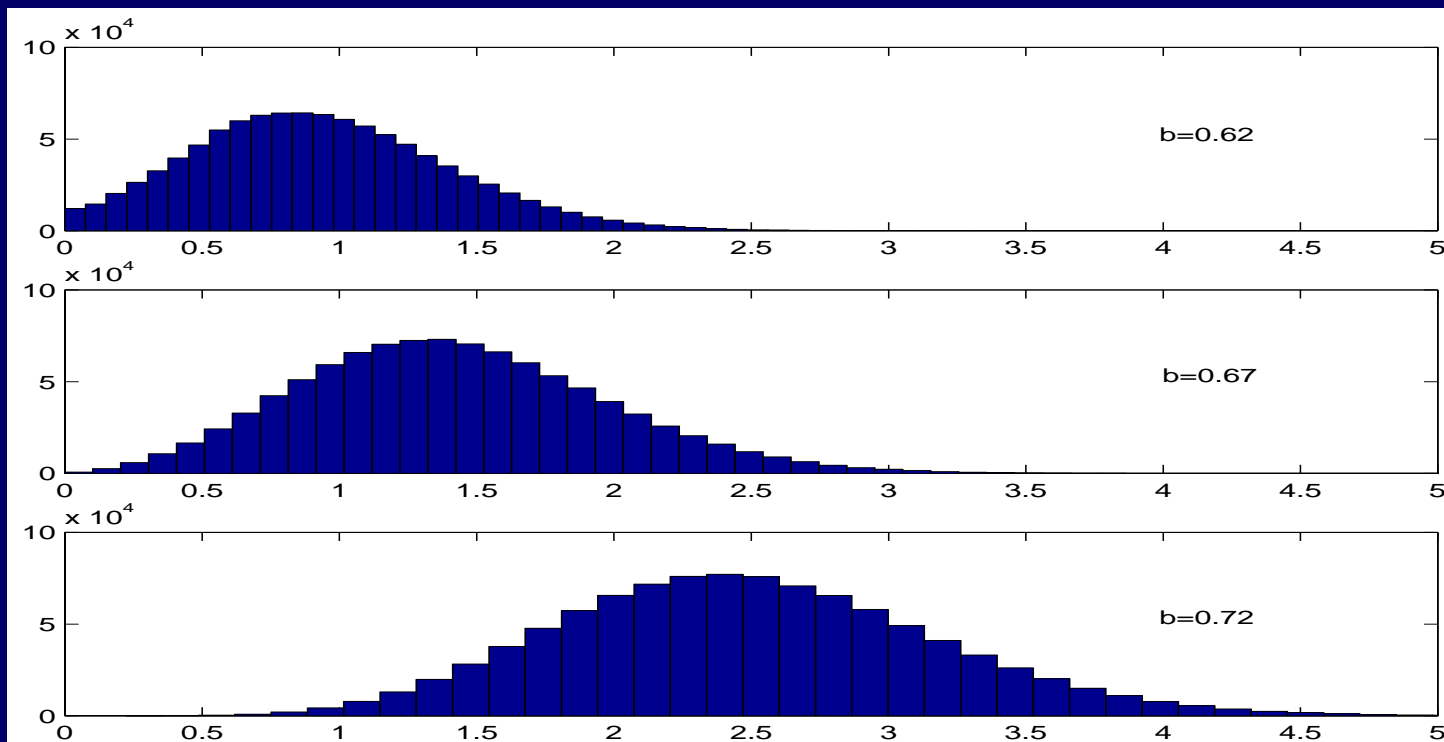
# A deterministic version of B-S-Head's model

**K a c ' s l e m m a** (for an ergodic invariant measure  $\mu$ )  
**A v e r a g e r e t u r n t i m e** to a set  $A$  of measure  $\mu(A)$  is  
 $1 / \mu(A)$ .

**F o r a s c a l i n g l a w**  $\rho(\tau) \sim 1 / \tau^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \leq 2$  **i m p l i e s**  $\mu(A) = 0$ .

**T h e d i s t a n c e p r o c e s s**  $d$

$$d = \sum_i \max(b - x_i, 0) \quad (4)$$



# A deterministic version of B-S-Head's model

- ◆ The SOC state has zero measure, but its finite-dimensional projections have full measure.
- ◆ It is not an attractor, nor a repeller (not invariant)
- ◆ “Ghost weak repeller”
- ◆ The invariant measure is like a cloud around the SOC state.

# A deterministic version of B-S-Head's model

The zero measure of this “repeller” makes the direct measurement of the distribution law of avalanches a delicate matter.

## A more robust method

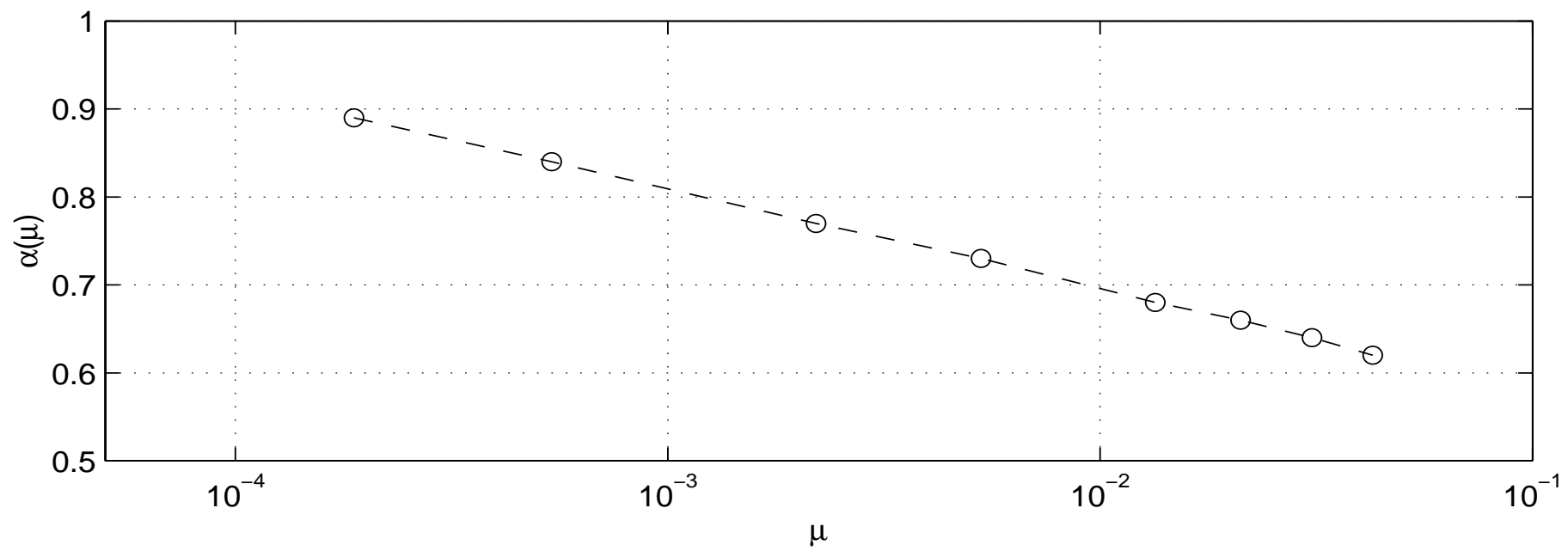
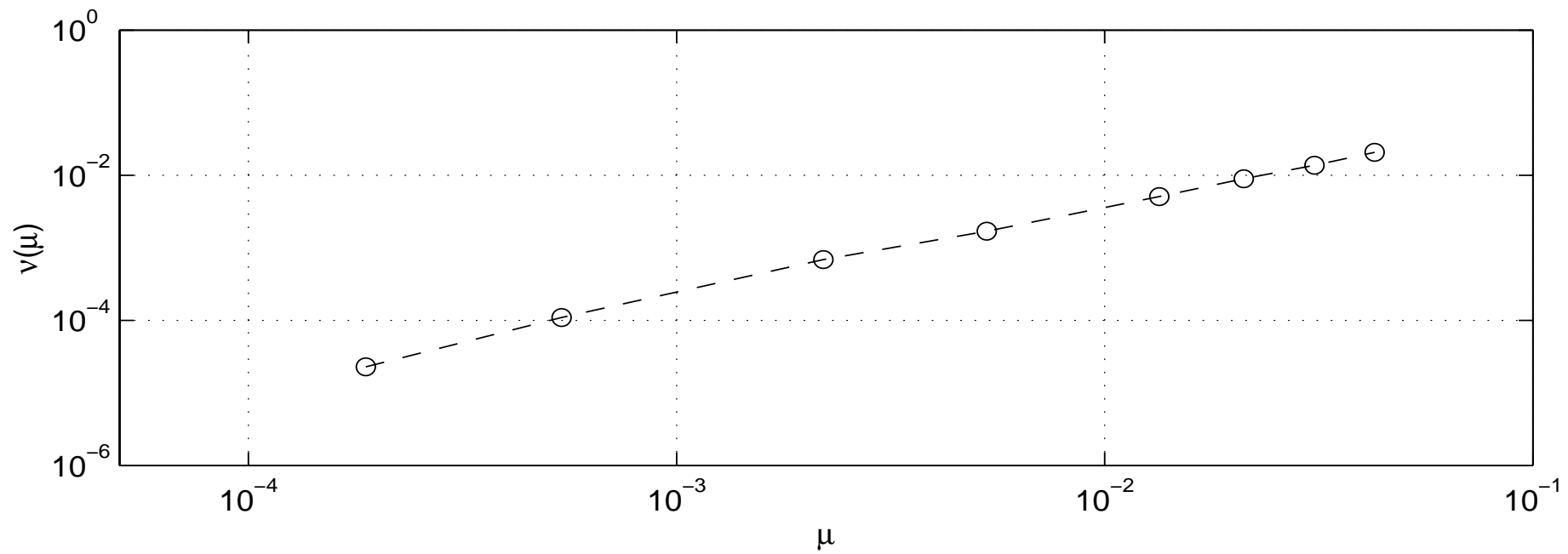
$$C(x) = \langle e^{ikx} \rangle \quad (5)$$

$$\rho(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} C(x) e^{-ikx} dx \quad (6)$$

**Alternatively**

$$p(k, \mu) = ck^{-\alpha(\mu)} e^{-\nu(\mu, \alpha)} \quad (7)$$

with  $c$  and  $\nu(\mu, \alpha)$  obtained from normalization and Kac's lemma,  $\langle k \rangle = \frac{1}{\mu}$ .





# A deterministic version of B-S-Head's model

The discussion above refers to the problem of direct determination of the scaling exponents.

With the additional assumption of a scaling form for  $p(k)$  near the critical barrier, further results may be obtained. Assuming that close to  $\mu = 0$

$$p(k, \mu) = k^{-\tau} f(k^s \mu) \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle k \rangle &\sim \mu^{\frac{\tau-2}{s}} \\ \langle k^2 \rangle &\sim \mu^{\frac{\tau-3}{s}} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

From Kac's lemma

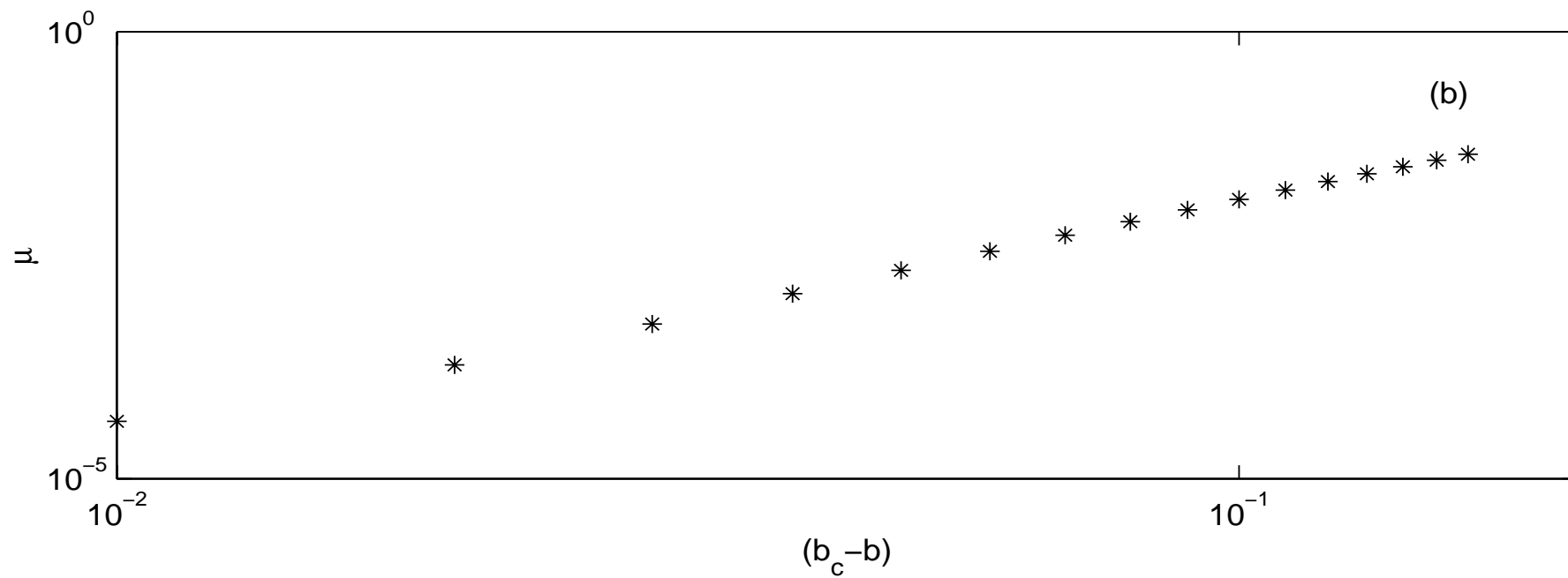
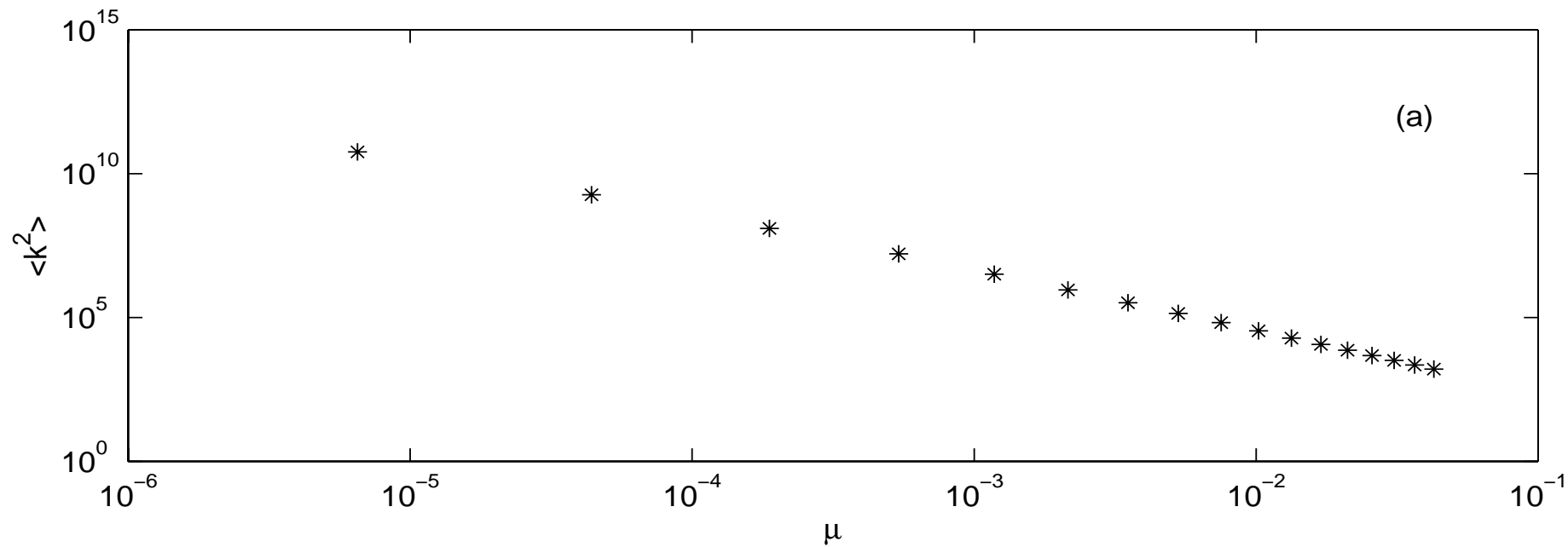
$$s = 2 - \tau$$

and from the numerical data (Fig. 4a),  $\frac{\tau-3}{s} \simeq 2.07$ , leading to  $\tau \simeq 1.067$ ,  $s \simeq 0.93$ .

Another exponent

$$\mu \sim (b_c - b)^\eta$$

with (Fig. 4b)  $\eta \simeq 2.55$ .



# 10 - Beyond the classical ergodic parameters

- ◆ Lyapunov and conditional exponents and derived quantities depend on the actual (or expected) **average** rates of expansion
- ◆ **Fluctuations** of the expansion rates along the trajectories  
**Generalized Lyapunov exponents**

$$\Lambda(\beta) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\beta N} \log \int d\mu(x_0) \exp \left[ \beta \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \log |f'(x_n)| \right]$$

## **Dynamical Rényi entropies**

$$K(\alpha) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \frac{1}{N} \log \sum_{i_0 \dots i_{N-1}} (p(i_0 \dots i_{N-1}))^\alpha \quad \Lambda(\beta) = K(1-\beta)$$

## **Cumulants of the Lyapunov spectrum**

$$K(\alpha) \cong \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} c_s \frac{(1-\alpha)^{s-1}}{s!}$$

## **Traces of Hessian powers**

$$\frac{1}{2} H_N = \delta_{\alpha, \beta} \delta_{j, k} - (1 - \delta_{k, N}) \delta_{k, j-1} \frac{\partial^{\alpha} (x_k)}{\partial \beta_k} - (1 - \delta_{j, N}) \delta_{j, k-1} \frac{\partial^{\beta} (x_j)}{\partial \alpha_j} + (1 - \delta_{j, N}) \delta_{j, k} \frac{\partial^{\gamma} (x_j)}{\partial \beta_j} \frac{\partial^{\gamma} (x_j)}{\partial \alpha_j}$$

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