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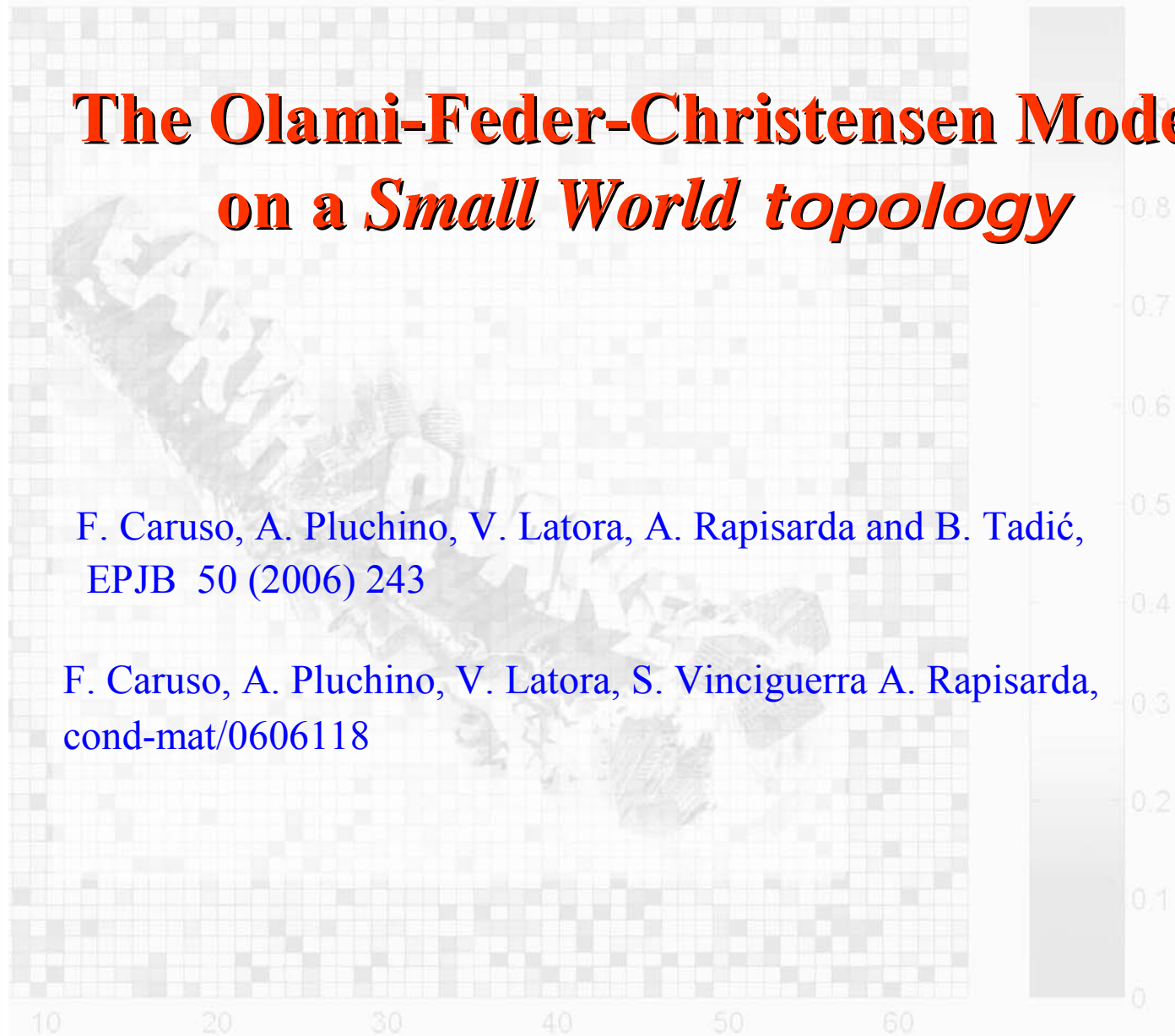
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Self-organized criticality

- ⊕ Self-organized criticality (SOC) can describe emergent complex behavior in physical systems
- ⊕ SOC is a *out-of-equilibrium mechanism* that drives a system towards a critical state

Self-organized criticality (SOC) ...

- ◆ is *manifested* by temporal and spatial scale invariance (power laws)
- ◆ is *driven* by intermittent evolutions with bursts/avalanches that extend over a wide range of magnitudes

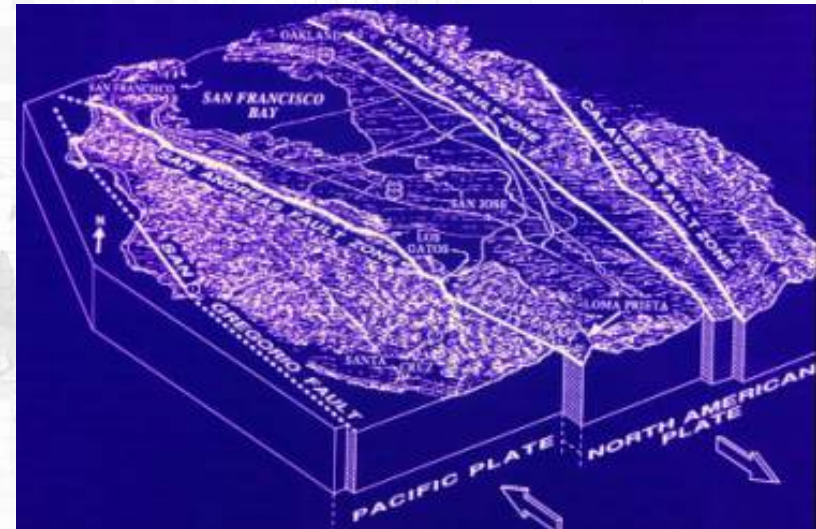
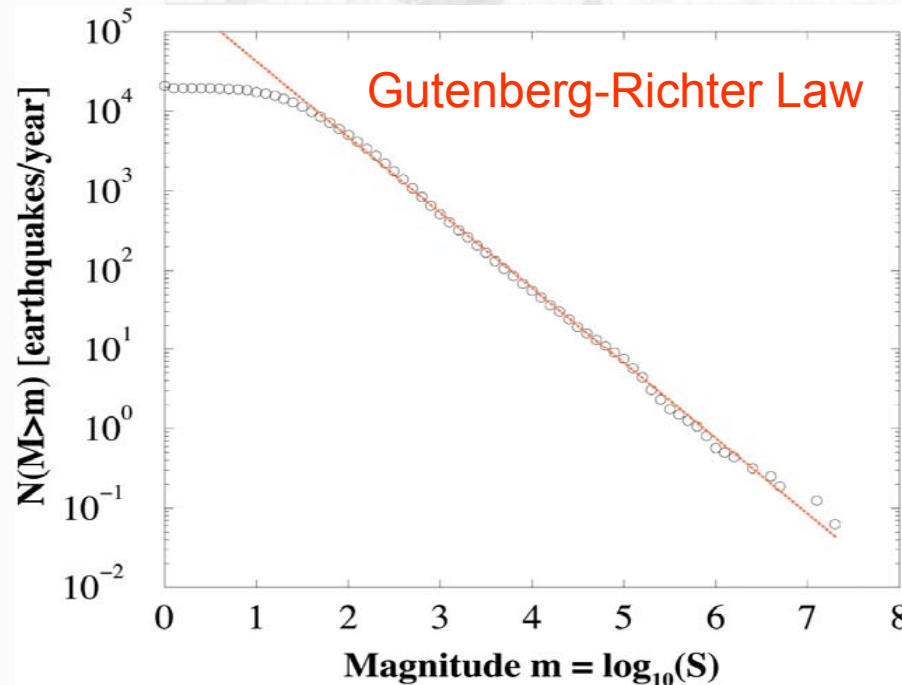
Some examples:

- ⊕ Earthquakes dynamics
- ⊕ Sand-pile models (Bak et al. 1987)
- ⊕ Evolution (Bak and Sneppen 1993)
- ⊕ Solar flares
- ⊕ ...etc.

Eartquake and Gutenberg-Richter Law

- ✱ It is generally believed that earthquakes result from a stick-slip dynamics involving the Earth's crust sliding along faults.
- ✱ San-Andreas Fault marks the contact between the Pacific and North American Plates

San-Andreas fault, where the great 1906 San Francisco earthquake occurred

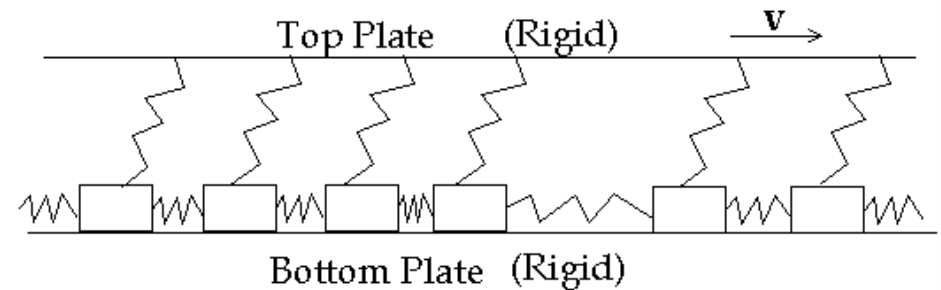
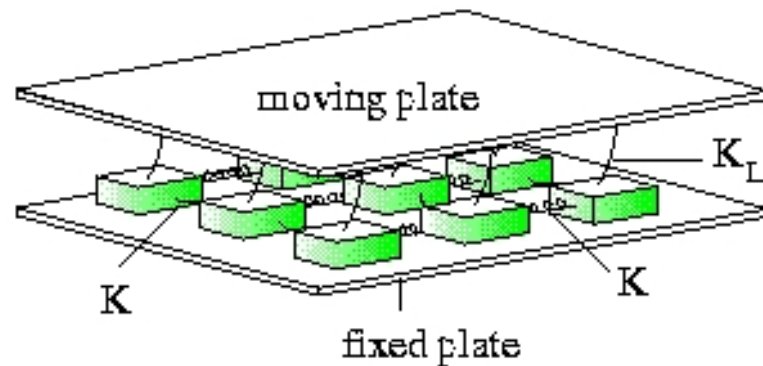


There are more small earthquakes than large ones. But there is no apparent cut-off in the possible size of an earthquake; earthquakes of all sizes are possible.

Spring-Block Model of Earthquakes

A simple computer model of the earthquake fault is composed of one elastic plate and one rigid plate, for simplicity's sake.

Burridge-Knopoff Model (1967)



Olami-Feder-Christensen (OFC) Model of earthquakes

Z. Olami, H. J. S. Feder, and K. Christensen,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 68, 1244 (1992)

The blocks interact with the rigid plate through friction.

- ✿ The system is driven through slow uniform movement ...
- ✿ Whenever the spring force exceeds a critical value, the block slides and the spring force is reduced.
- ✿ The force lost by the block is transferred to its neighbours; this may cause one or more of its neighbours to slide, and so on an earthquake is generated.
- ✿ The size of the earthquake in the model is defined as the number of blocks that have slid during the earthquake.

Olami-Feder-Christensen Model

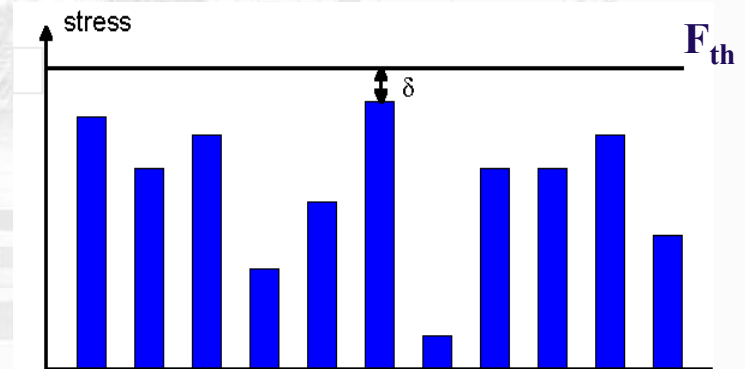
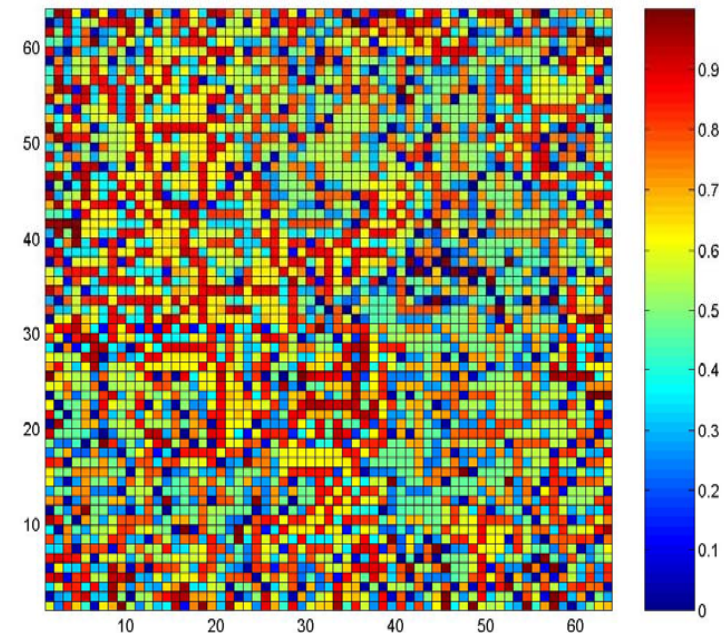
- ✿ **System:** discrete system of blocks on a square lattice, each carrying a force, a real variable, F_i in the range $(0, F_{th})$.
- ✿ **Slow Driving:** all the forces are increased uniformly until one of them reaches the threshold value F_{th} and becomes unstable ($F_i > F_{th}$).
- ✿ **Earthquake:** the uniform driving is then stopped and an “earthquake” (or avalanche) starts:

$$F_i \geq F_{th} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} F_i \rightarrow 0 \\ F_{nn} \rightarrow F_{nn} + \alpha F_i \end{cases}$$

where “**nn**” denotes the set of nearest-neighbor sites of **i**.

The earthquake is over when there are no more unstable sites in the system ($F_i < F_{th}$). The number of topplings during an earthquake defines its size, **s**.

- ✿ **Parameters:** α controls the level of conservation of the dynamics and, in the case of a graph with fixed connectivity q , it takes values between 0 and $1/q$ ($=1/q$ corresponding to the conservative case).
- ✿ **Data:** to collect the earthquake statistics, we need to skip some initial number of earthquakes (transient behaviour \rightarrow critical state).
- ✿ Simulations on a lattice of $L=32, 64, 128$ (NN OFC model) after $1E+09$ avalanches with OPEN boundary conditions.

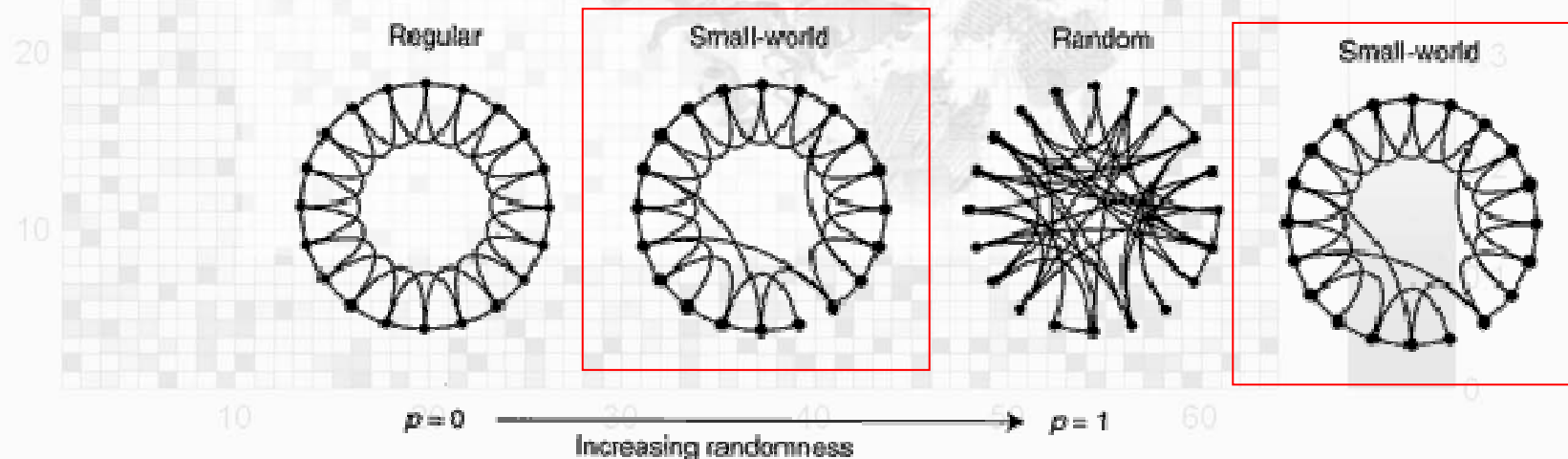


Random Graph, Lattice and Small World

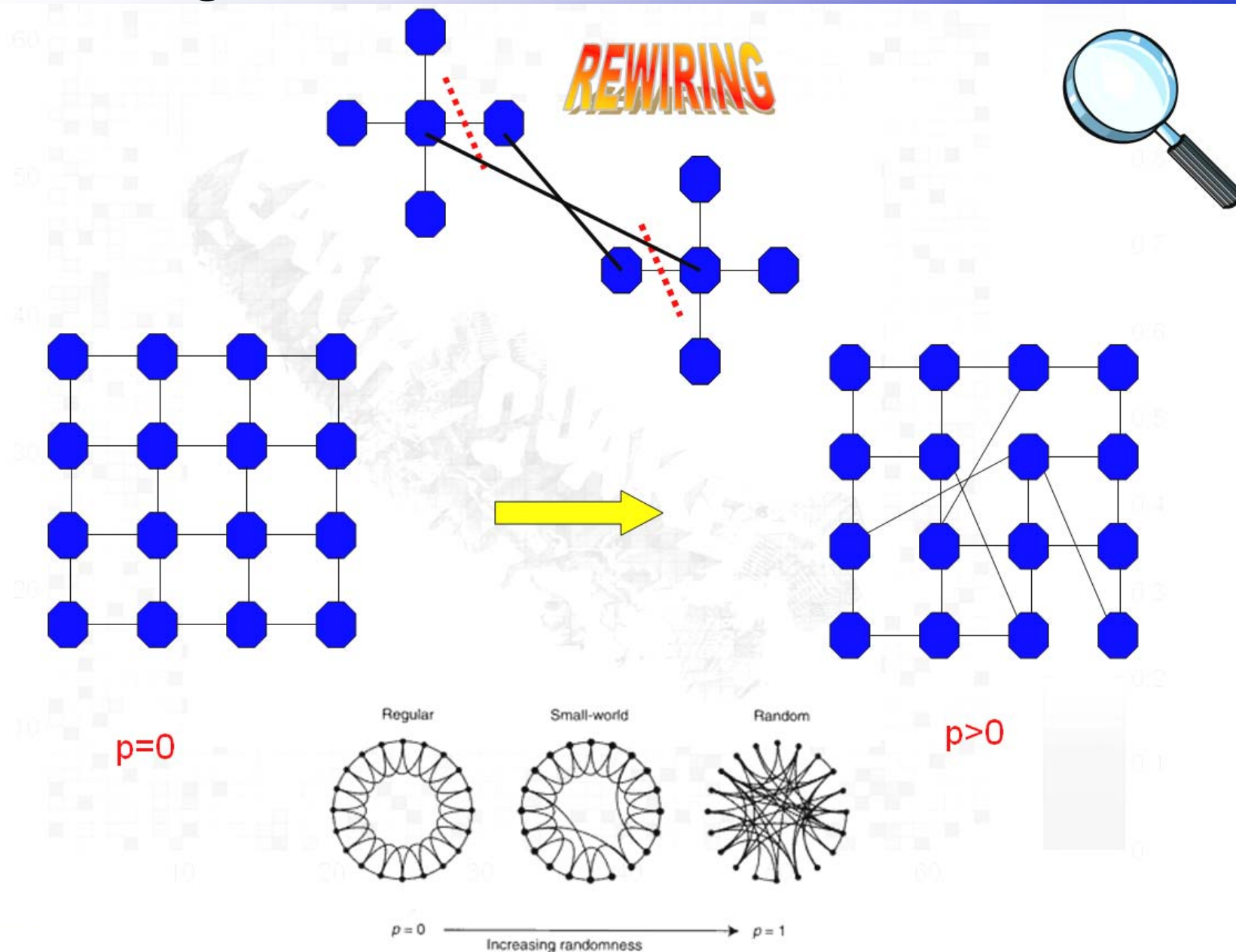
The small-world behavior is characterized by the fact that the distance between any two vertices is of the order of that for a random network and, at the same time, the concept of neighbourhood is preserved, as for regular lattices. For this reason, we will expect to obtain SOC in a small world.



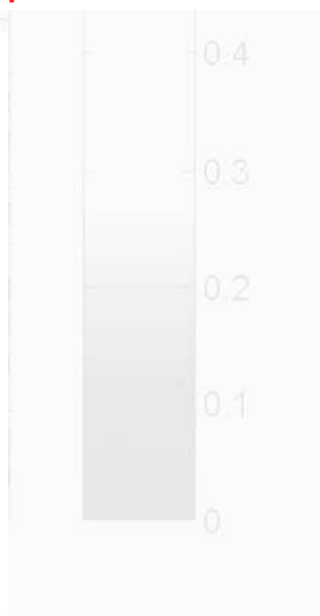
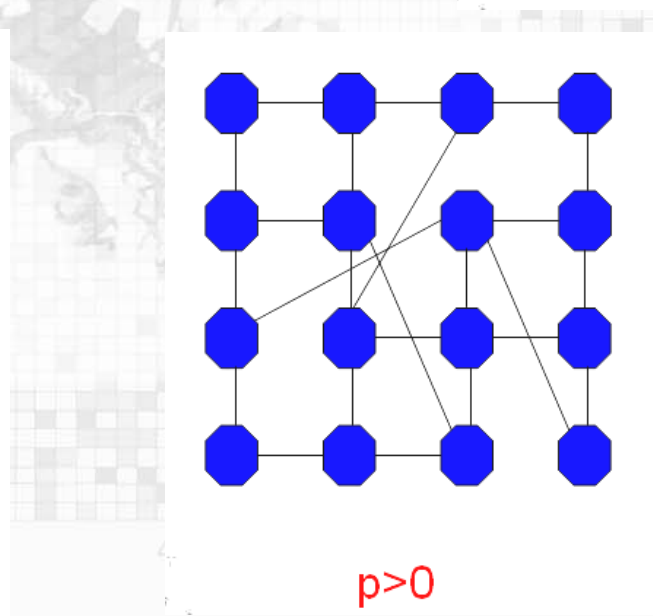
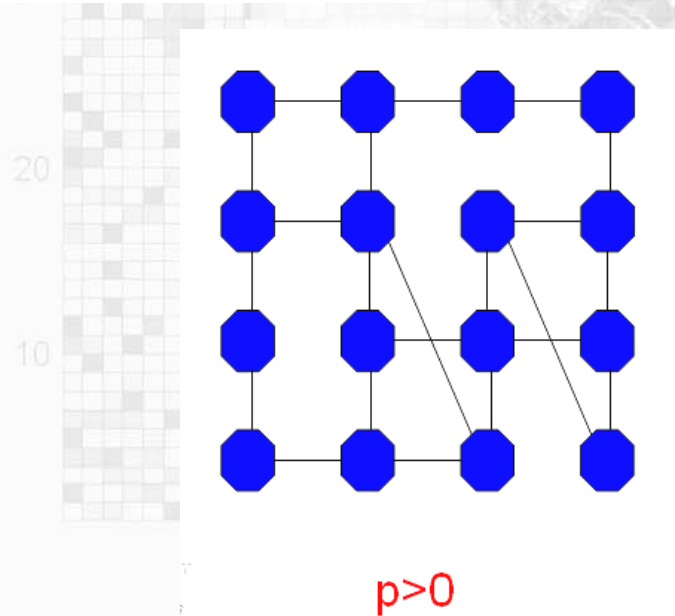
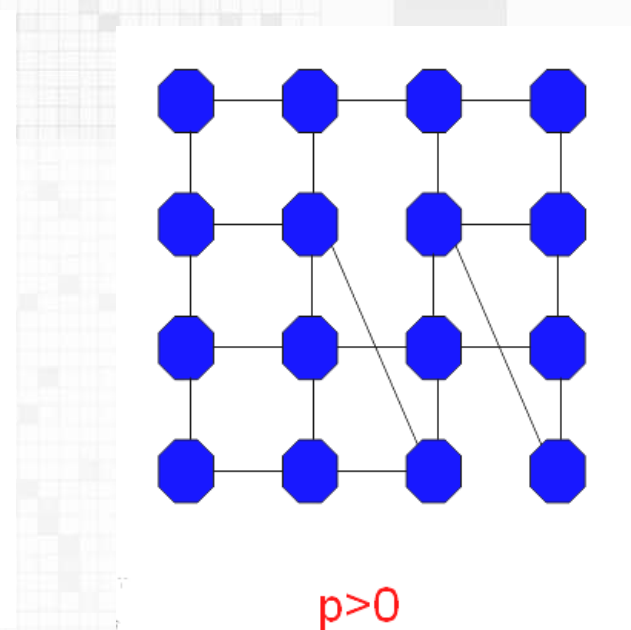
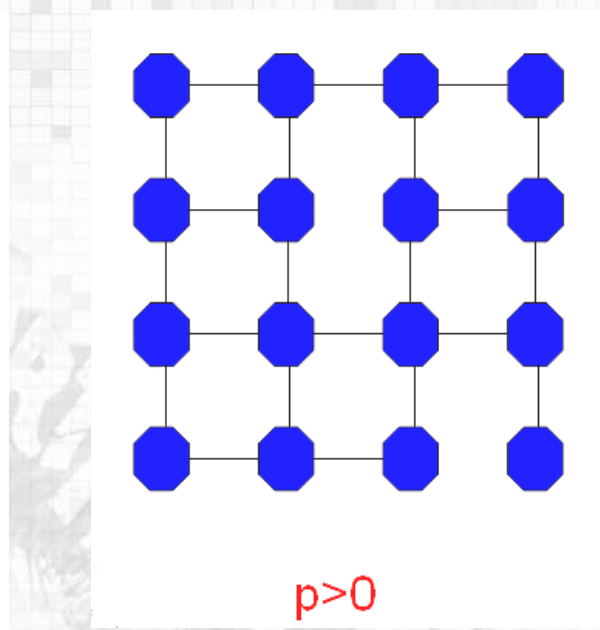
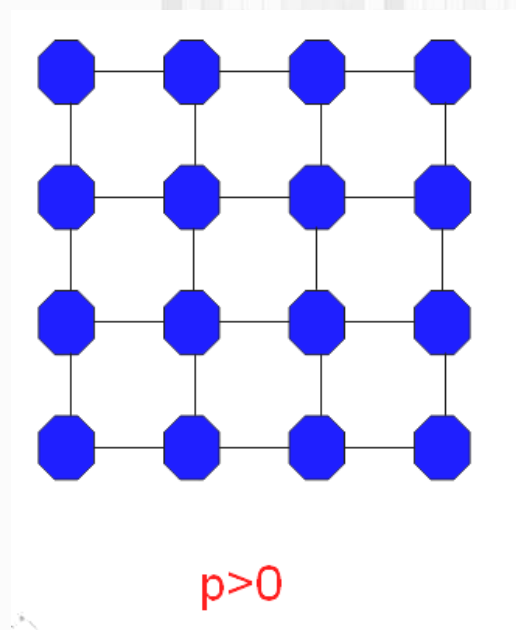
1998 - Watts and Strogatz (USA)



Constructing the network ...



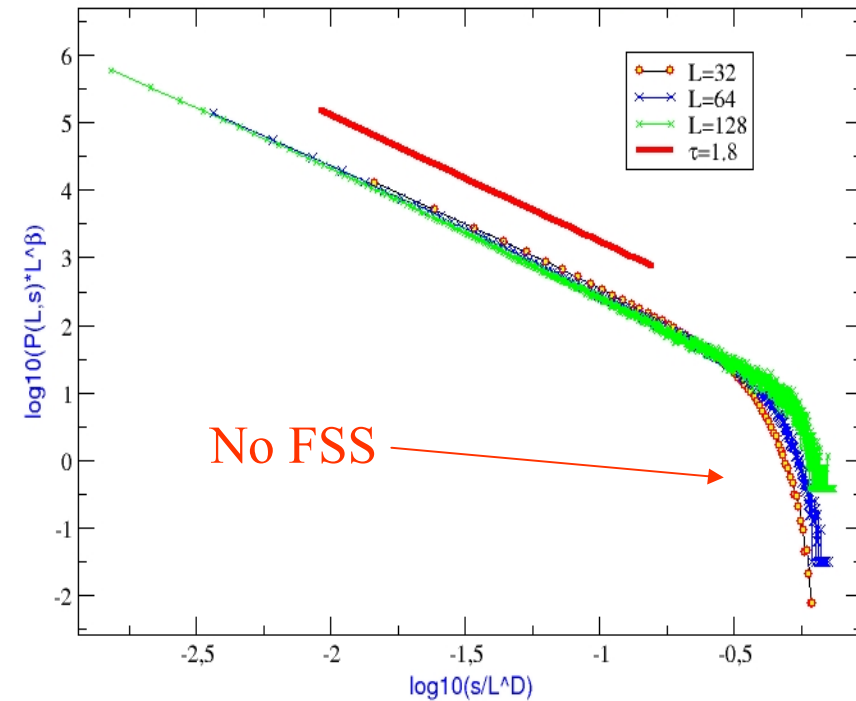
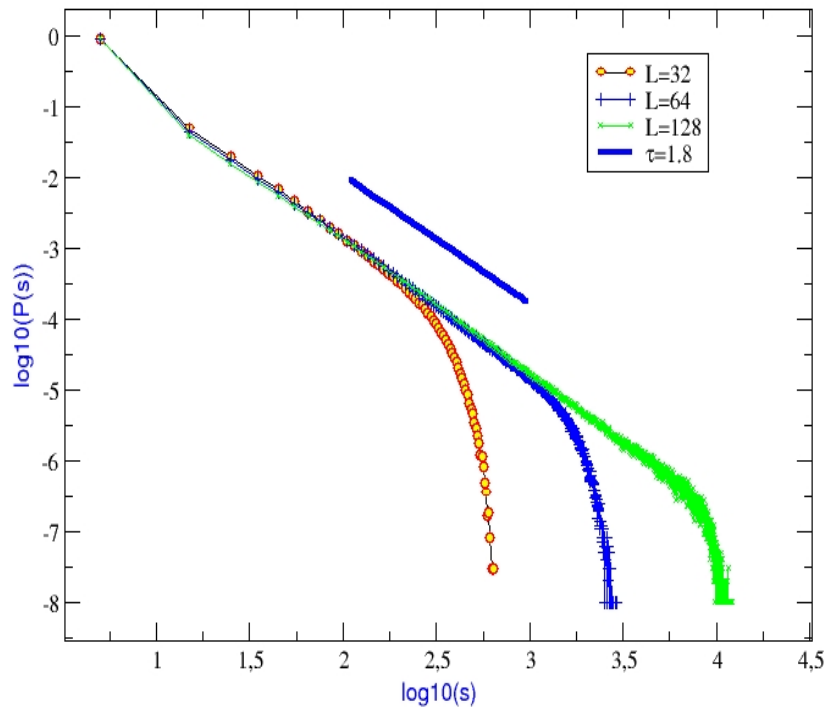
Constructing the network ...



To date ... for dissipative NN OFC model



Dissipative Nearest Neighbor OFC Model ($\alpha=0.21$)



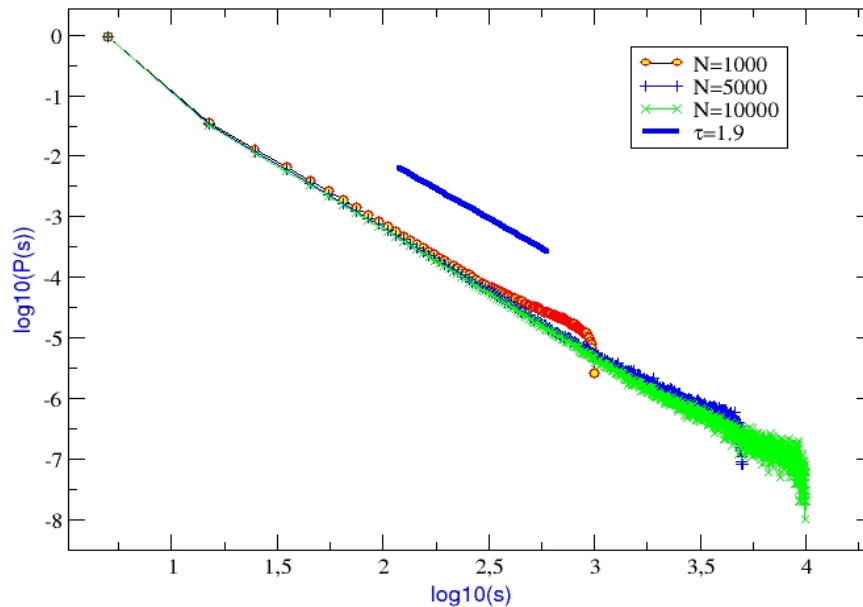
In order to characterize the critical behavior of the model, a finite size scaling (FSS) ansatz is used:

$$P_N(s) \simeq N^{-\beta} \cdot f(s / N^D)$$

where f is a suitable scaling function and β and D are critical exponents describing the scaling of the distribution function.

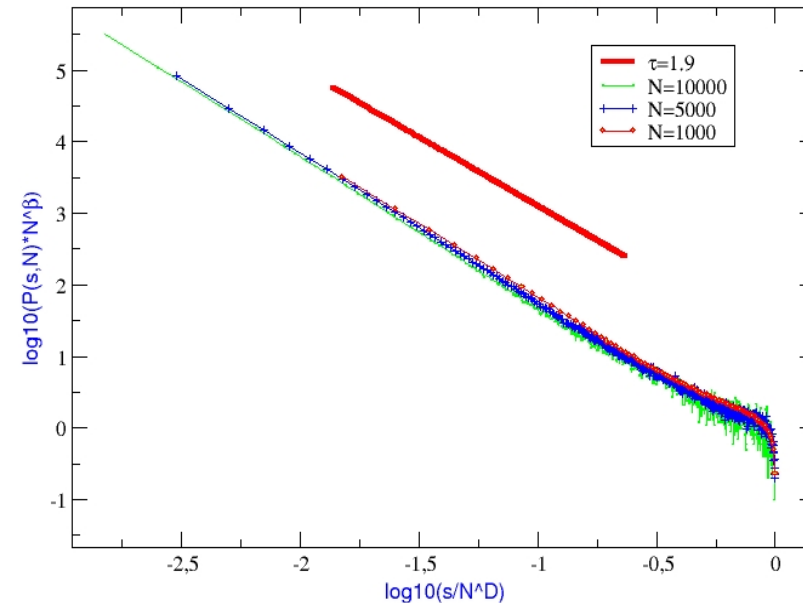
... and for random graph

Dissipative OFC Model on a Random Graph with $\alpha=0.15$



Finite-size scaling for OFC on a Random Graph with $\alpha=0.15$

The critical exponents are $D=1$ and $\beta=1.65$

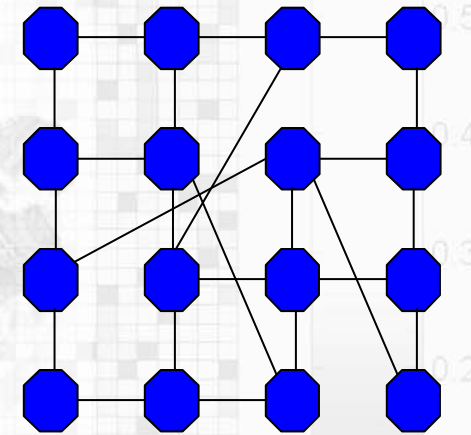
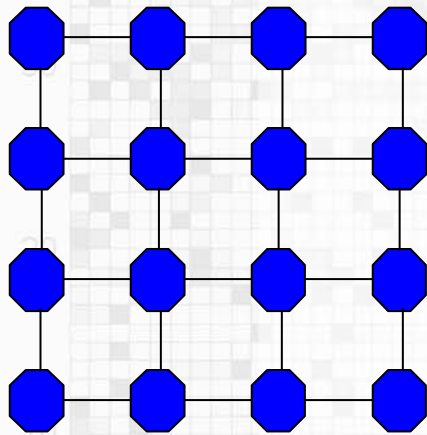


In a random regular graph all sites have exactly the same number of nearest neighbours q . In this case, it's verified that (both for $q=4$ and $q=6$) **the system organizes into a subcritical state.** In order to observe scaling in the avalanche distribution, one has to introduce some inhomogeneities. For the OFC model on a (quenched) random graph, it's found that it suffices to consider just two sites in the system with coordination $q-1$.

S. Lise and M. Paczuski, Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 228301 (2002)



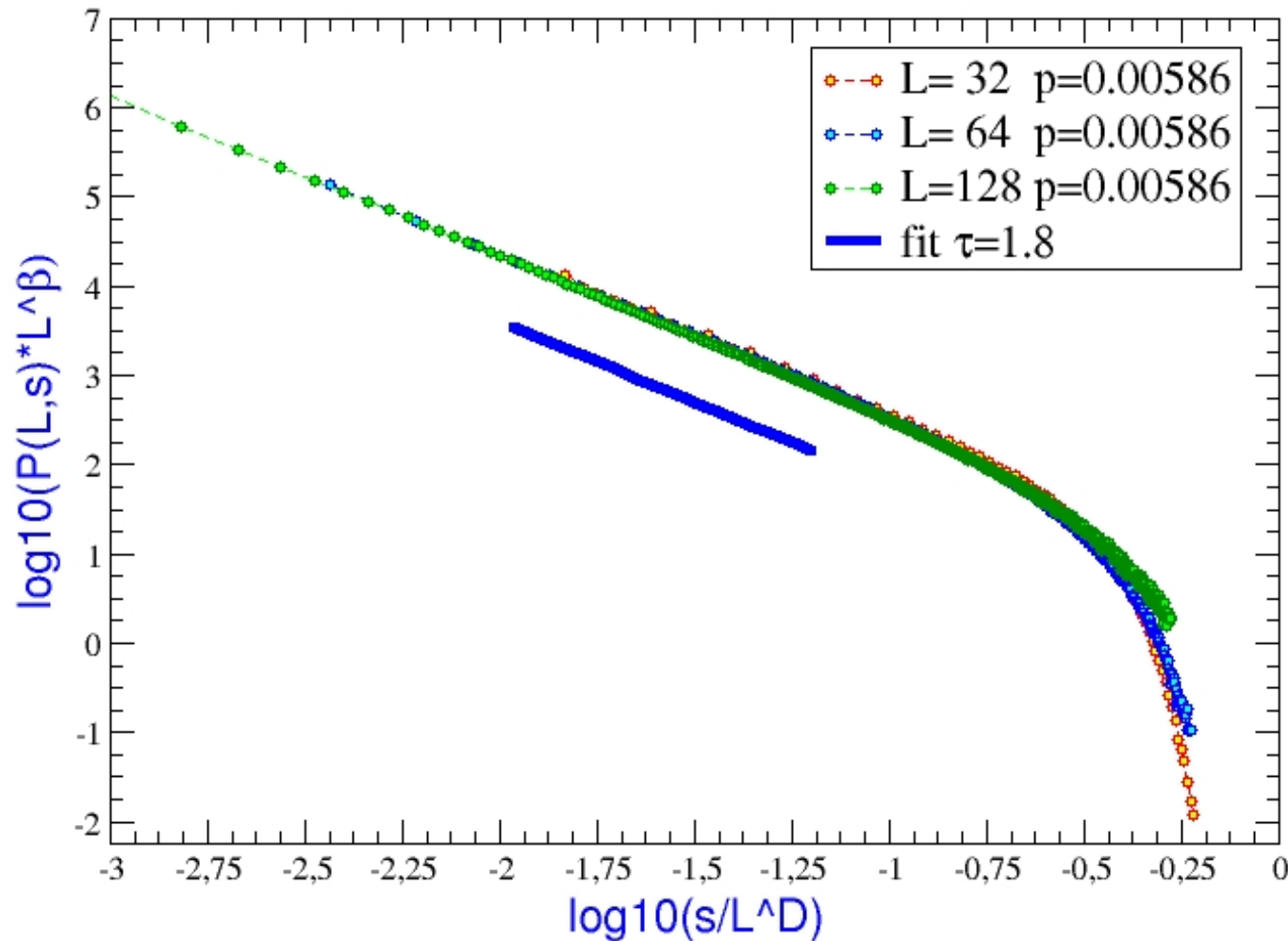
What happens for a small world topology?



Is it sufficient to consider a small world graph, obtained by randomizing a fraction p of the links of the regular nearest neighbour lattice, in order to obtain FSS?

Finite-size scaling ...

Finite-size scaling for Dissipative OFC model on a Small World topology ($\alpha=0.21$)
The critical exponents are $D=2$ and $\beta=3.6$



Turbulence-like analysis in OFC models



The possibility of establishing a close analogy between 2D BTW sandpile dynamics and fully developed turbulent scaling has just been showed by Stella and De Menech in 2001.

A. L. Stella, M. De Menech, *Physica A* 295, 101-107 (2001)

Is it possible to find a similar connection in OFC models on a small world topology?

Turbulence-like analysis

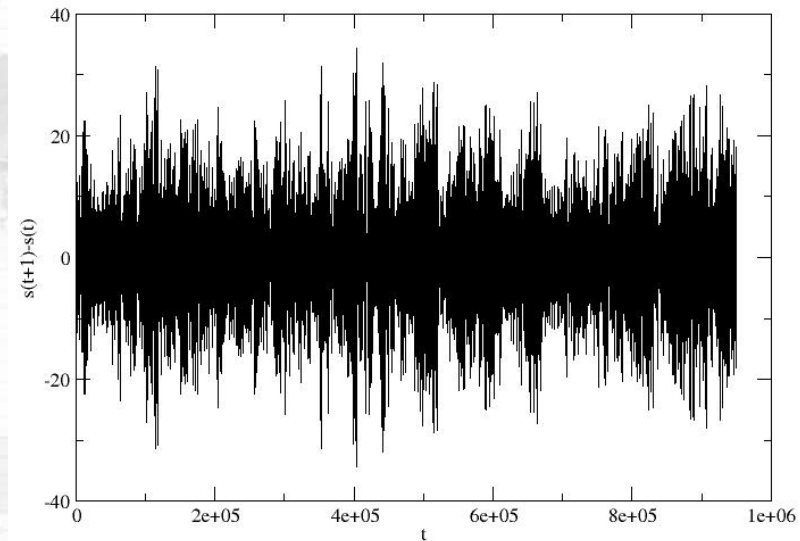
We consider the difference between

two avalanches, i.e. $x = S(t + \delta) - S(t)$

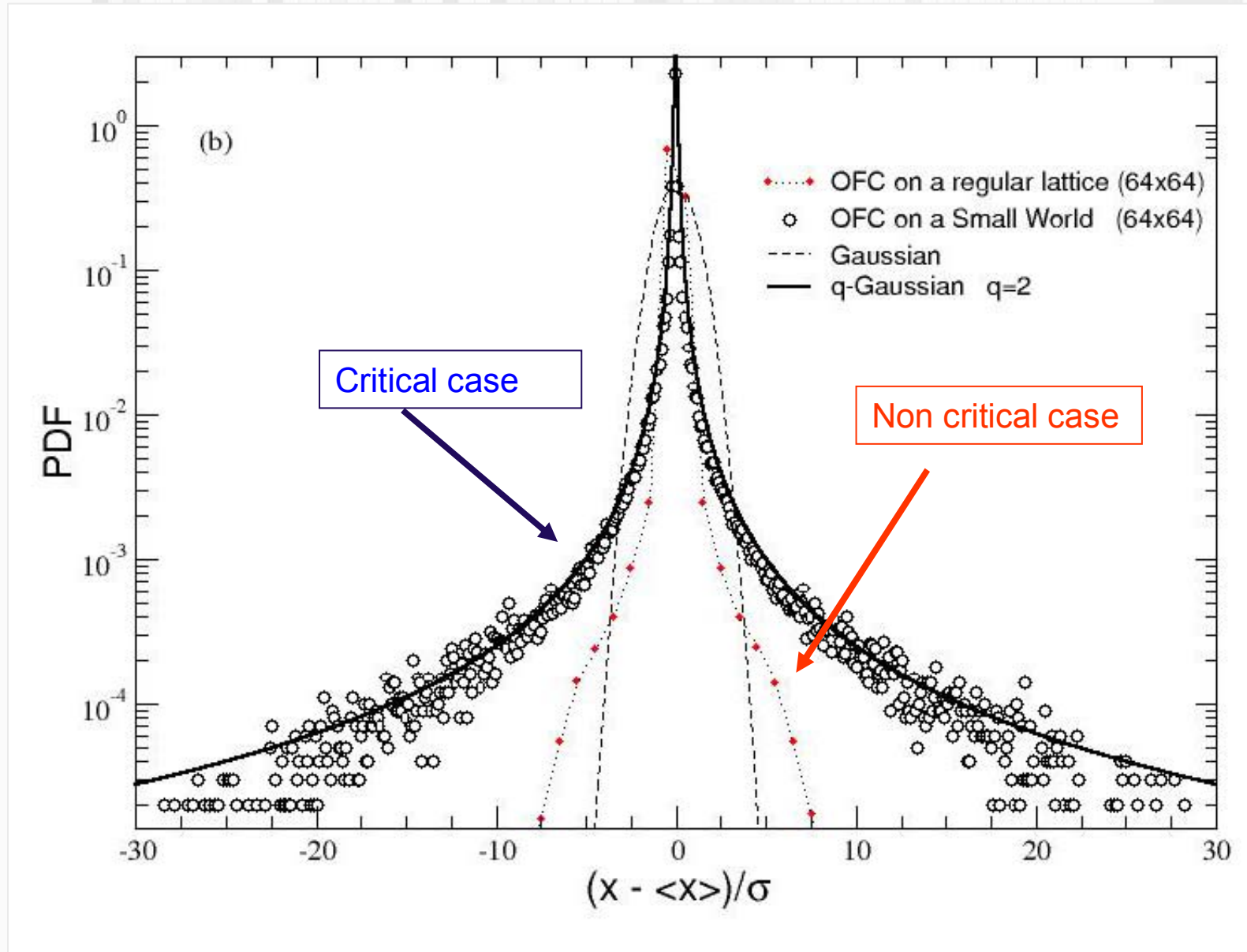
being $S(t+\delta)$ and $S(t)$ two successive avalanches with a time difference δ

The time series of x is very intermittent and the pdfs are non Gaussian at criticality, i.e. when long range correlation and finite size scaling exist

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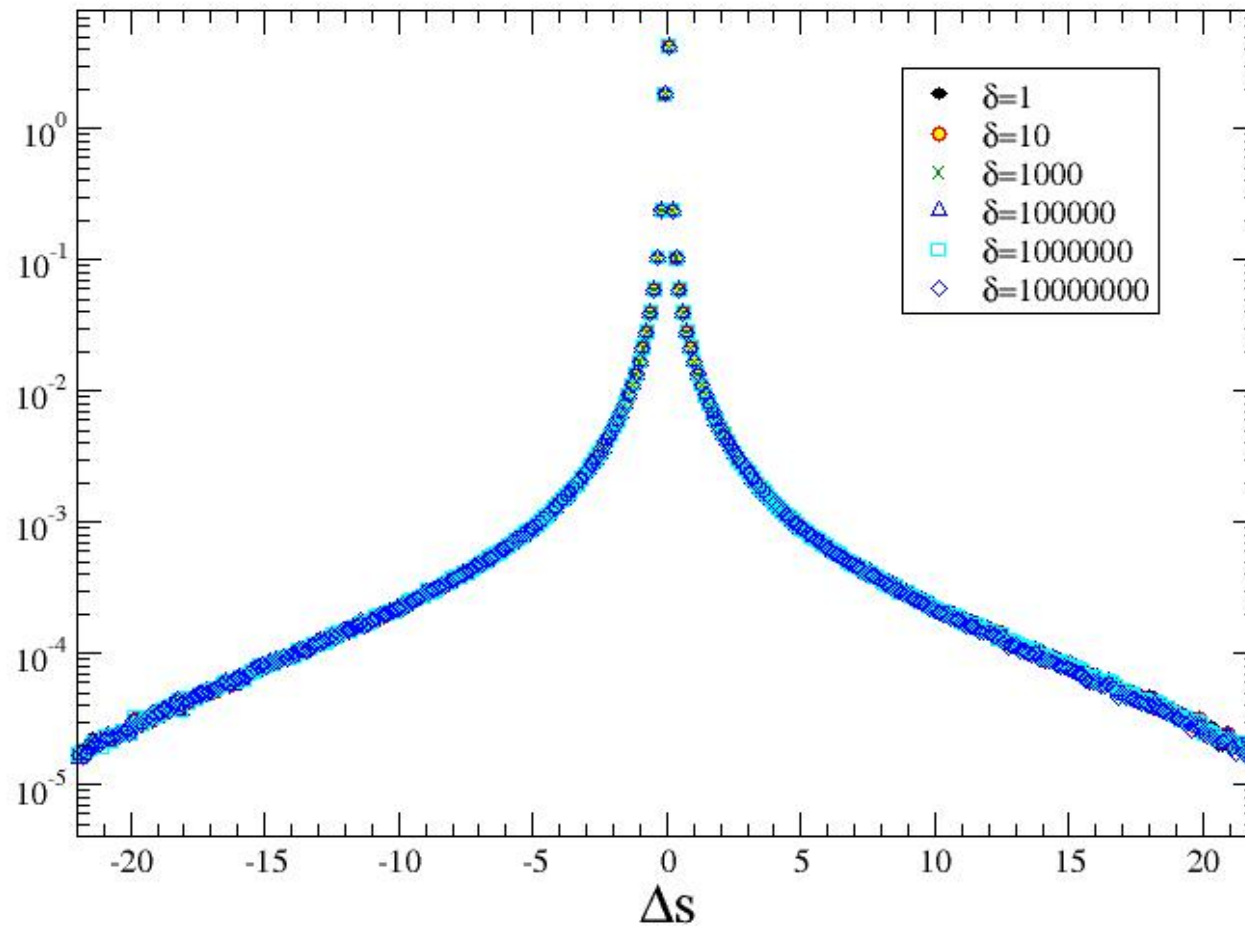


Fat q-gaussian tails at criticality ...



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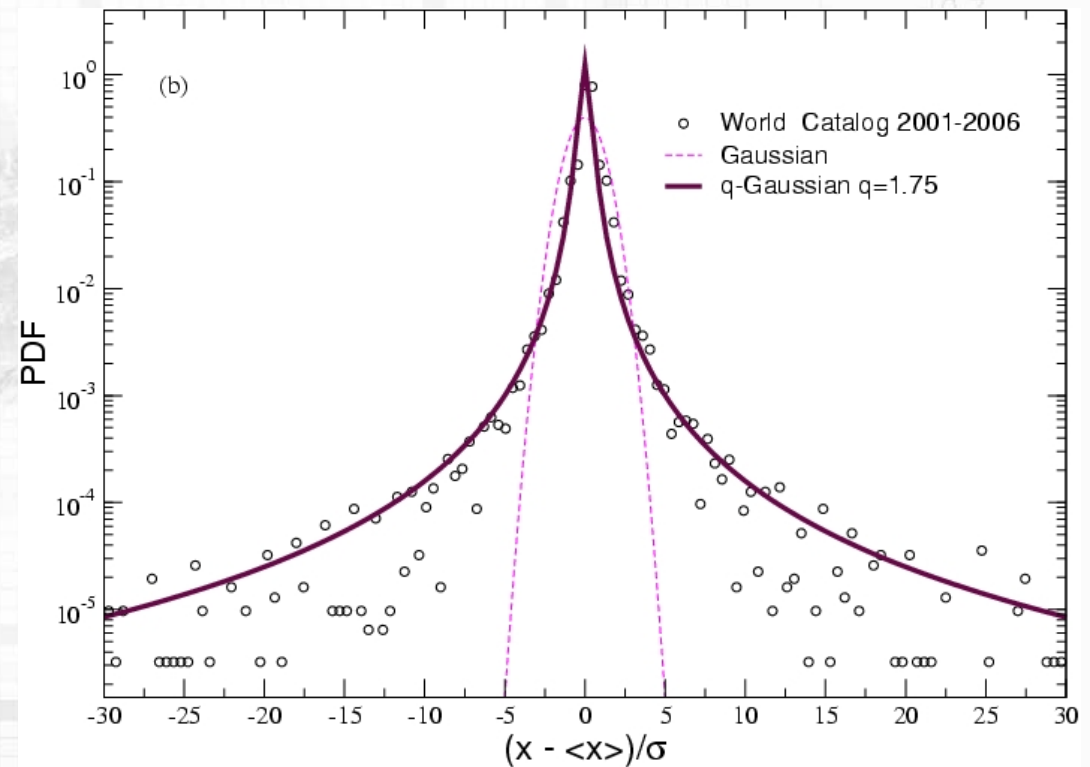
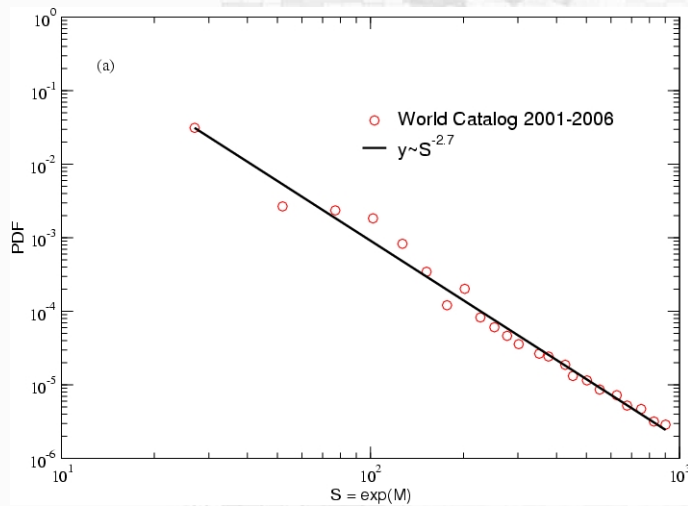
No dependence on the time interval



Analysis of real data: World Catalog

We considered $S \sim \exp(M)$, M being the earthquake magnitude

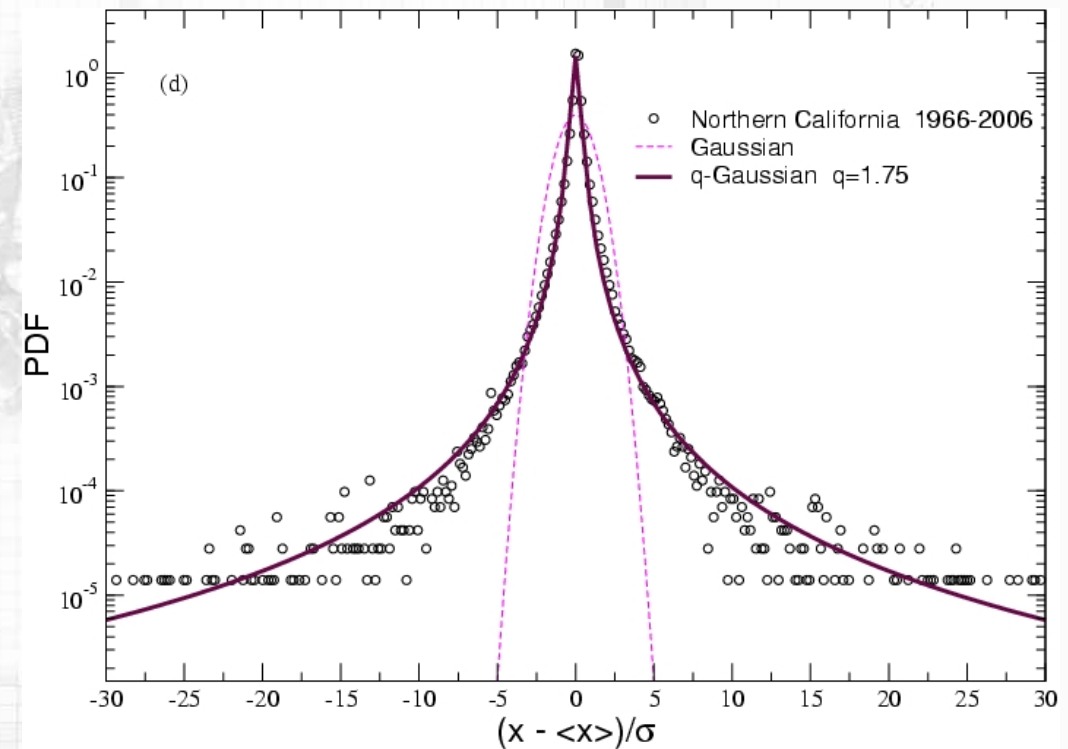
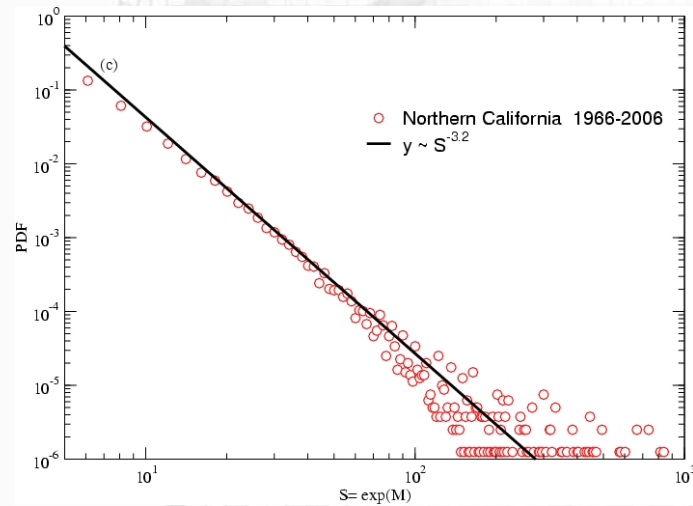
World Catalog: 689000 events in the period 2001-2006



Analysis of real data: Northern California



Northern California: 40000 events in the period 1966-2006



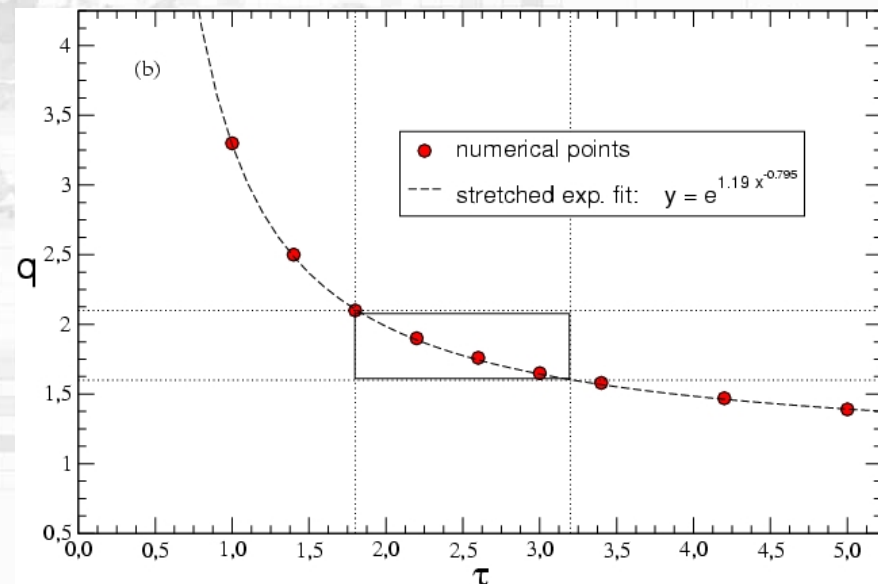
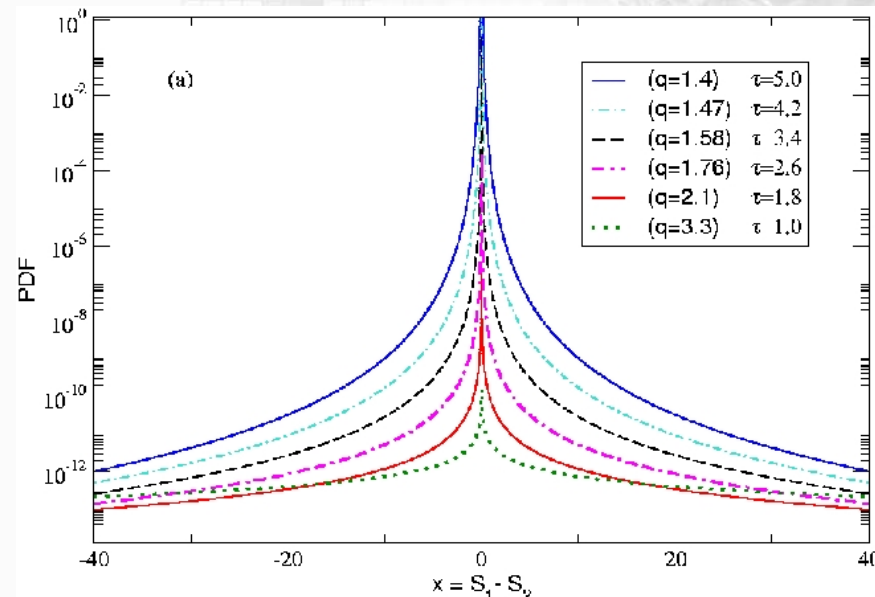
A simple model

Assuming no correlation in two stochastic variables with a power law distribution and taking their difference, we get for the pdf of the difference $x=S_1(t+\Delta)-S_2(t)$ the formula

$$P(x) = \int_0^{\infty} dS_1 \int_x^{\infty} dS_2 (S_1 S_2)^{-\tau} \delta(S_1 - S_2 - x) =$$

$$= K_2 F_1 \left(\tau, 2\tau - 1; 2\tau; -\frac{|x|}{\varepsilon} \right)$$

This $P(x)$, which can be approximated by a q -Gaussian, is able to reproduce both the numerical and the experimental data once τ is given





Thanks for the attention