

# Statistical Physics of Synchronization

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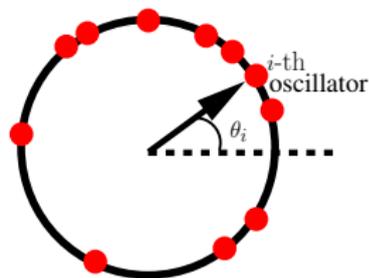
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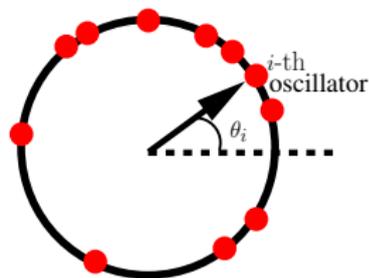
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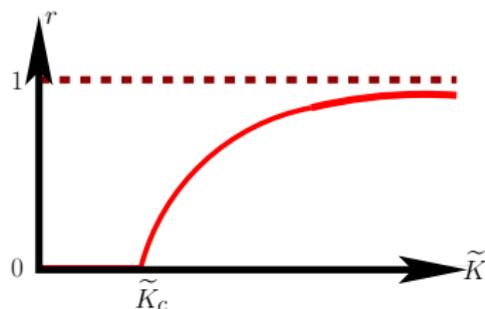
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►  $N \rightarrow \infty, t \rightarrow \infty$  limit:

1. Define  $r = |\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j}|$ .
2. High  $\tilde{K}$ : Synchronized phase,  $r \neq 0$ .
3. Low  $\tilde{K}$ : Incoherent phase,  $r = 0$ .
4. "Phase transition" (Bifurcation) on tuning  $\tilde{K}$ .
5.  $\tilde{K}_c = \frac{2}{\pi g(\omega)}$ .



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- ▶ ...and the main results:
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  2. Developing an exact analytical approach to compute the steady state distr.
  3. By considering generalized Kuramoto dynamics, demonstrating with exact results a very rich phase diagram with eqlbm. and noneqlbm. transitions.

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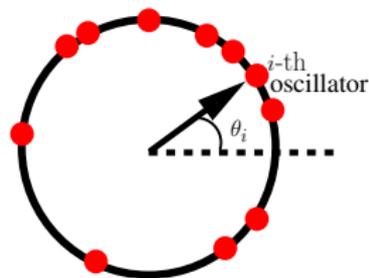
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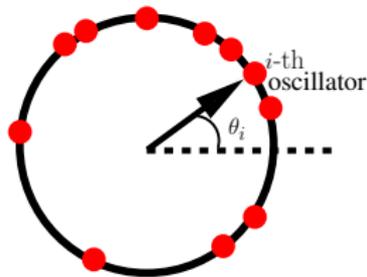
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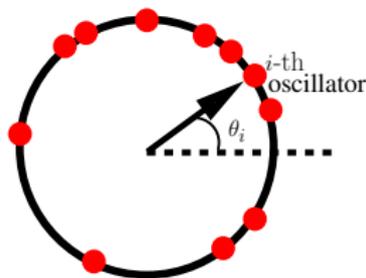
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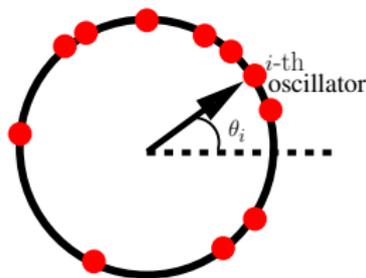
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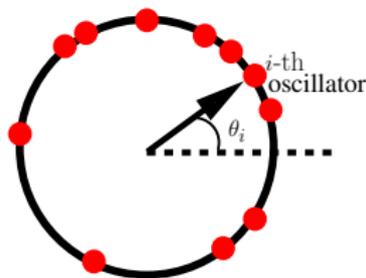
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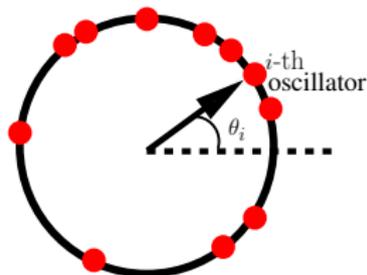


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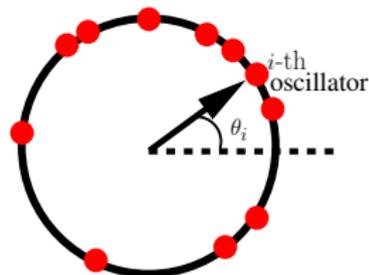
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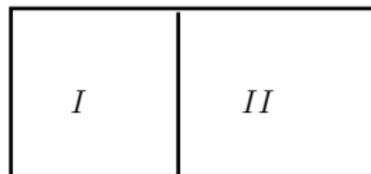
# Long-range interactions: A one-slide summary

$$V(r) \sim \frac{1}{r^\alpha}; \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq d.$$

Examples: Gravitation, Coulomb interaction,...

Main distinguishing feature: Non-additivity.

$$E_{\text{Total}} \neq E_I + E_{II}.$$



Consequences:

- ▶ Statics: Ensemble inequivalence.
- ▶ Dynamics:  
Slow relaxation over times diverging with the system size.

**Physics of Long-Range Interacting Systems,  
Campa, Dauxois, Fanelli, Ruffo (Oxford, 2014)**

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► Only **3 dimensionless parameters**:  $m, T, \sigma.$

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▶ Motion of a single particle in a mean field  $\Rightarrow$

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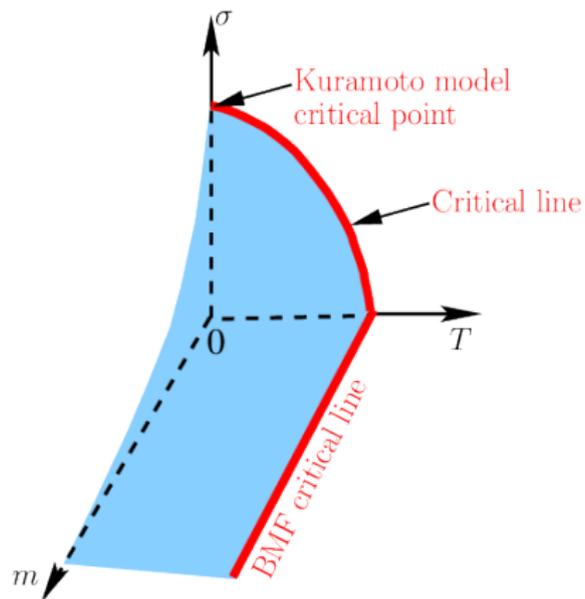
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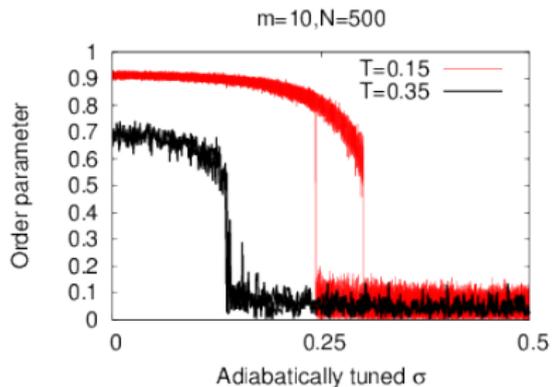
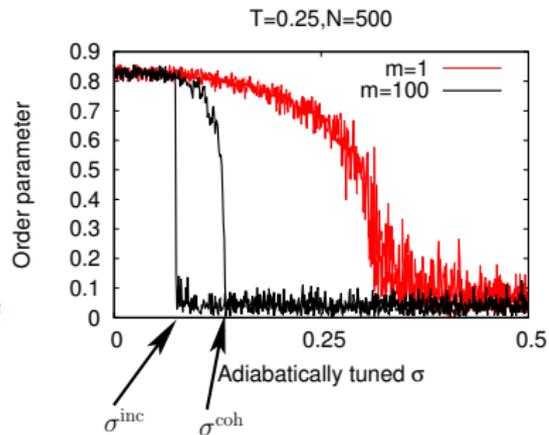
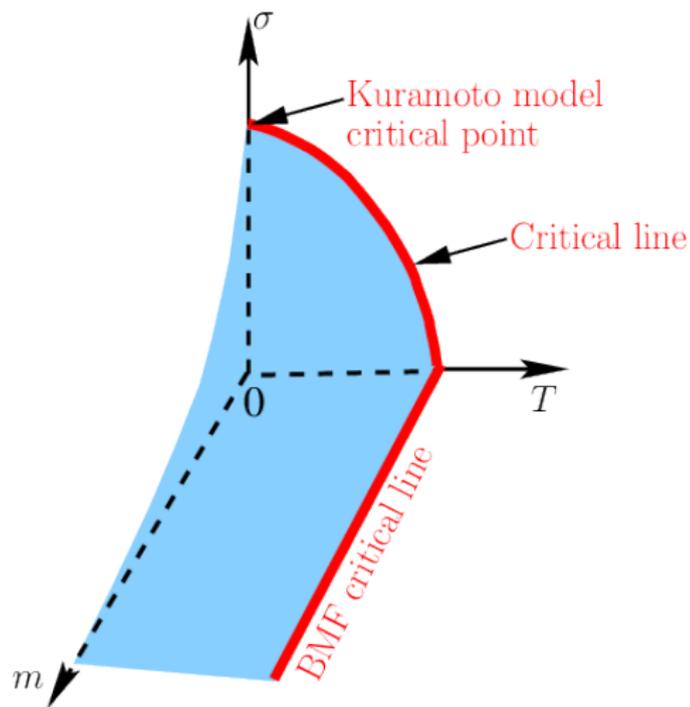
**QUESTION:** For the generalized model,  
**STEADY STATE ?? SYNCHRONY ?? TRANSITIONS ??**

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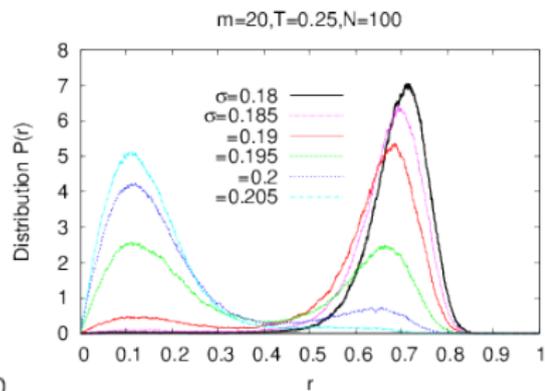
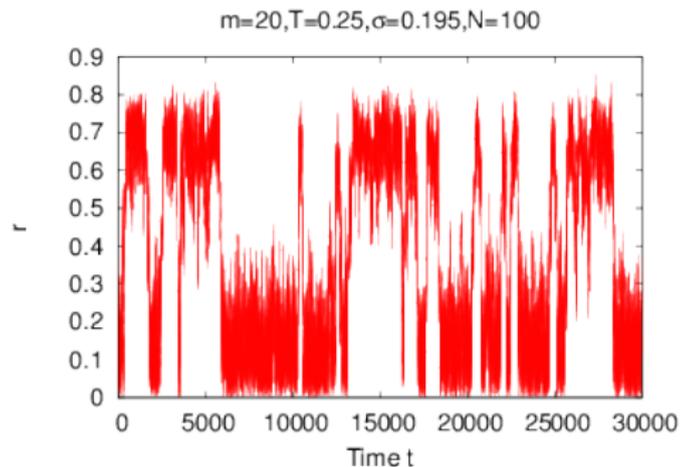


**Synchrony** within the region bounded by the blue surface.

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# Bistability close to the first-order transition



## Continuum limit ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ ) analysis: The main steps

1. Fokker-Planck eqn. for the  $2N$ -dim. phase space density.
2. Reduced distribution functions.
3. Bogoliubov-Born-Green-Kirkwood-Yvon (BBGKY) hierarchy.
4.  $N \rightarrow \infty$ : Closure by neglecting two-particle correlations.
5. Single-particle distribution  $f(\theta, v, \omega, t)$ : Evolution by

“Kramers” equation,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{m}} - \sigma \omega - r \sin(\psi - \theta) \right) f + \frac{T}{\sqrt{m}} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial v^2}.$$

6.  $r$  determined self-consistently:

$$re^{i\psi} = \int d\theta dv d\omega g(\omega) e^{i\theta} f(\theta, v, \omega, t).$$

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2. **Stability analysis gives  $\sigma^{\text{inc}}$ .**

⇒ Linear stability analysis:

$$f(\theta, v, \omega, t) = f_{\text{st}}^{\text{inc}}(\theta, v, \omega) + e^{\lambda t} \delta f(\theta, v, \omega).$$

3.  $\lambda$  satisfies (*Acebrón, Bonilla and Spigler (2000)*)

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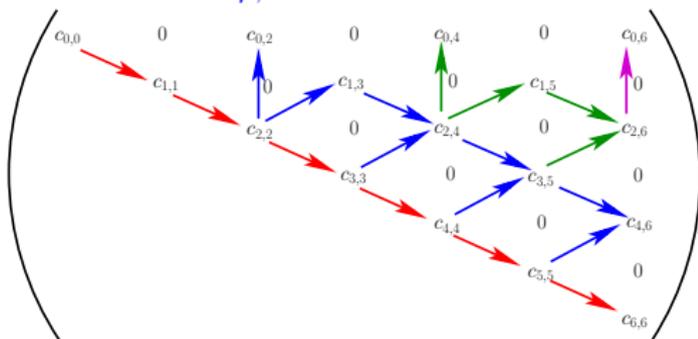
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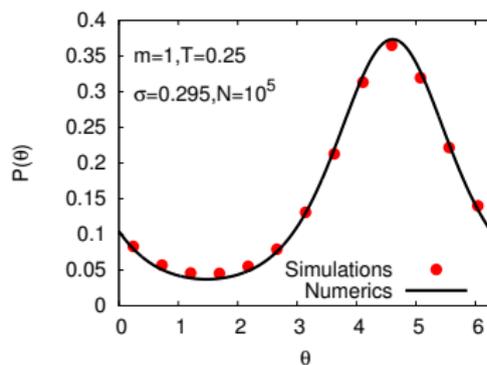
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► Key features of the analytic approach:

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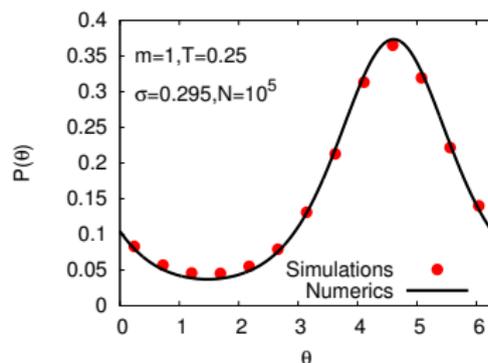
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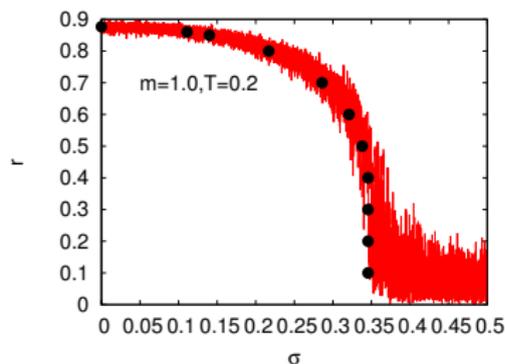


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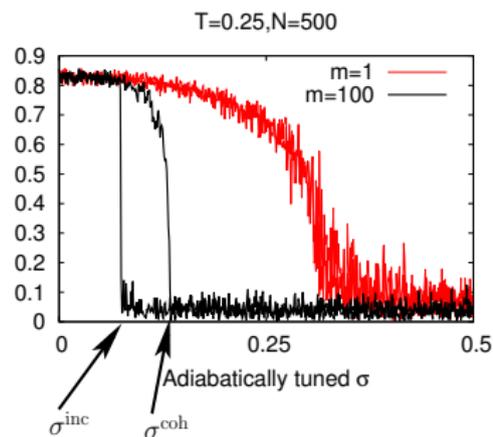
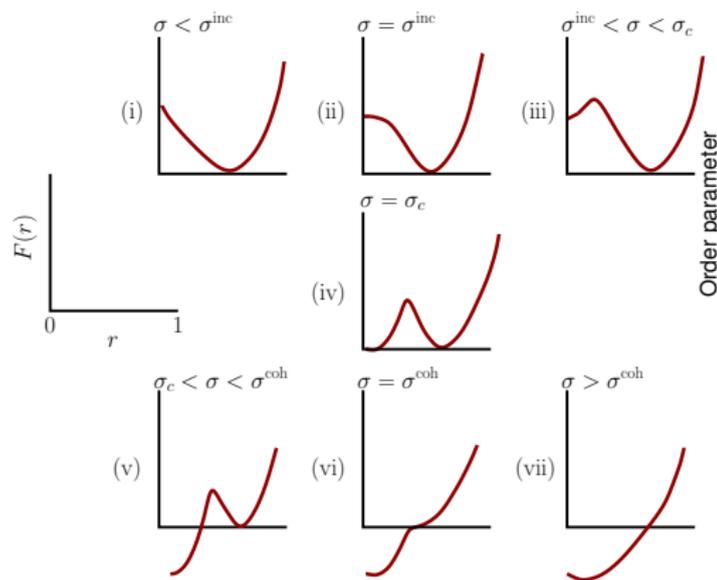
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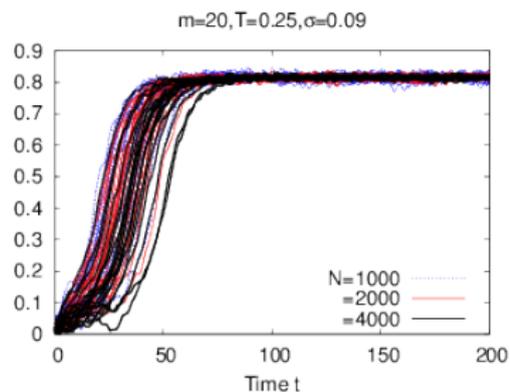
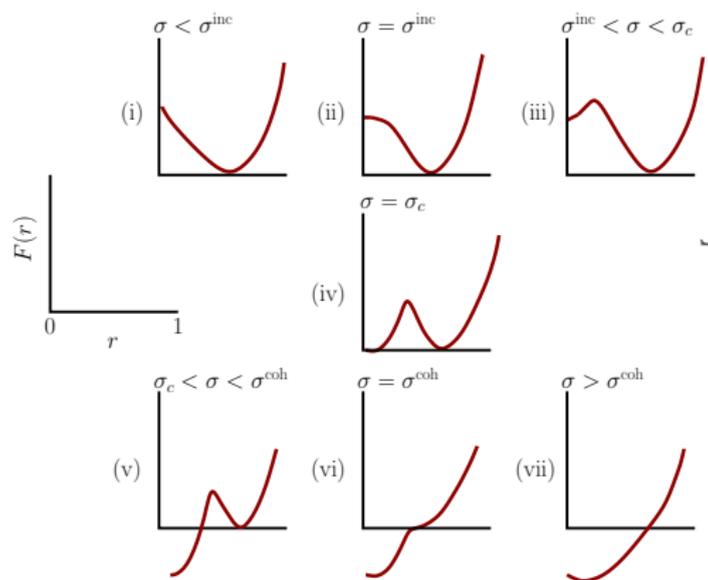
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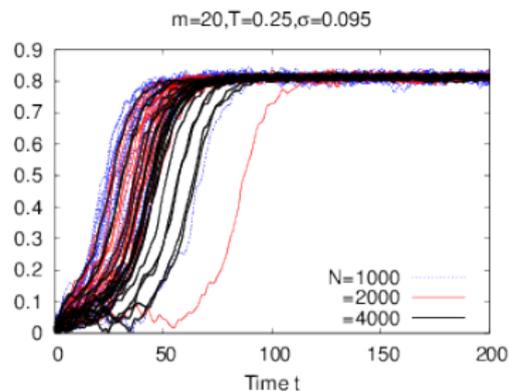
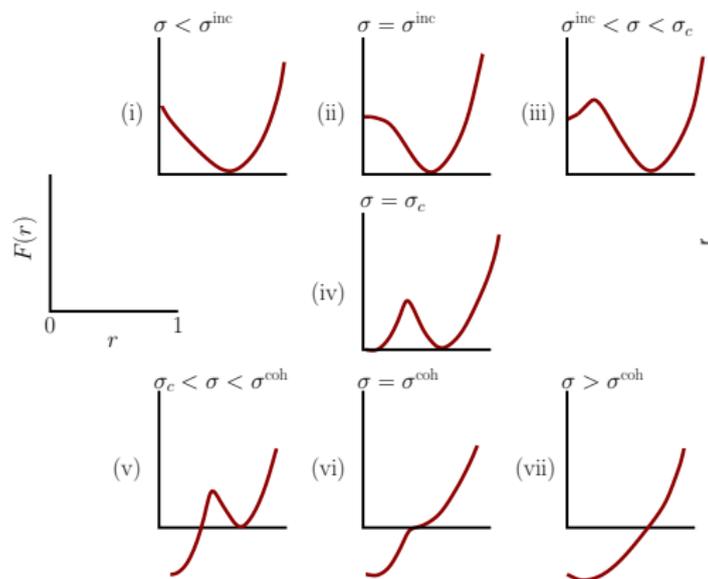
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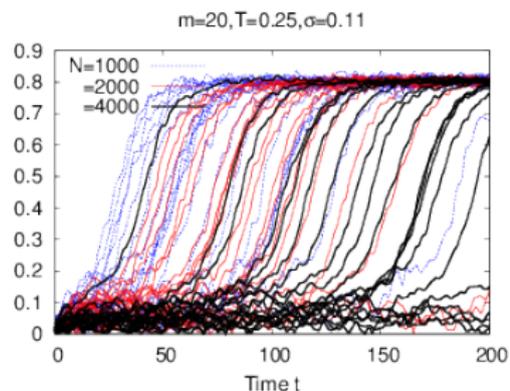
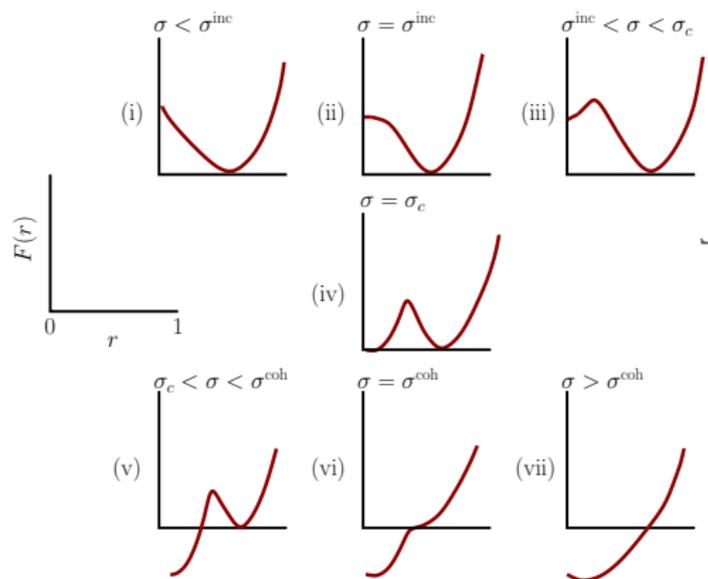
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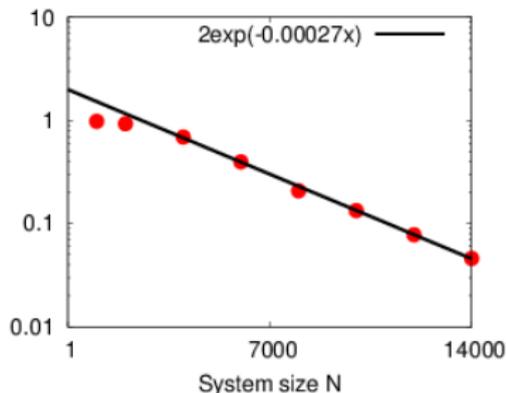
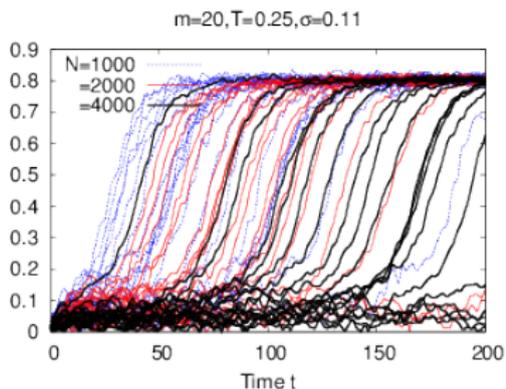
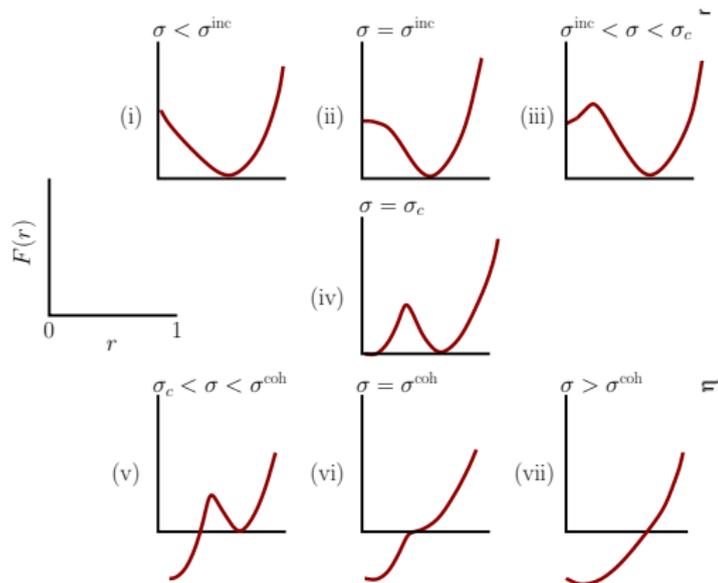


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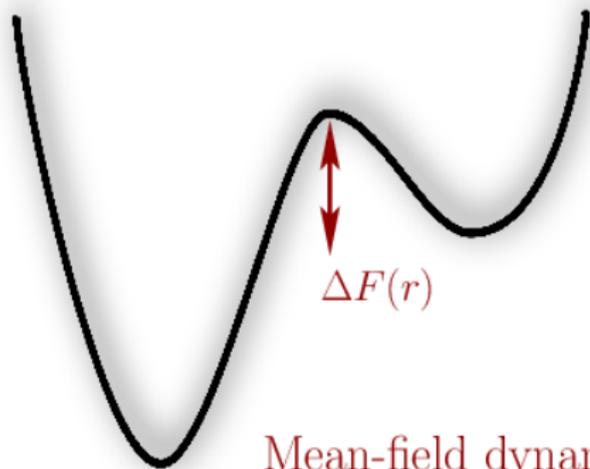
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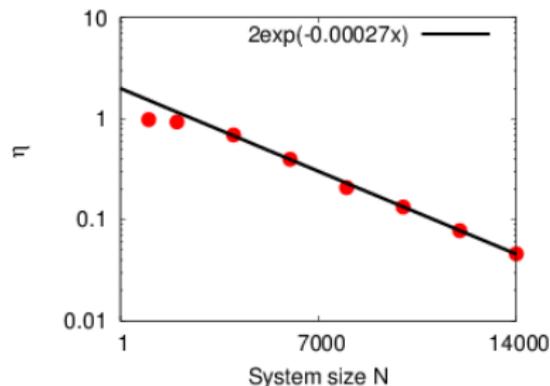
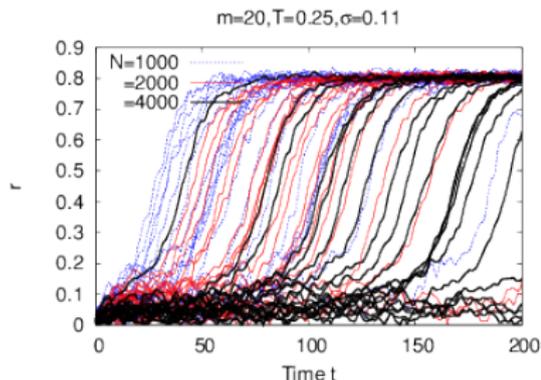
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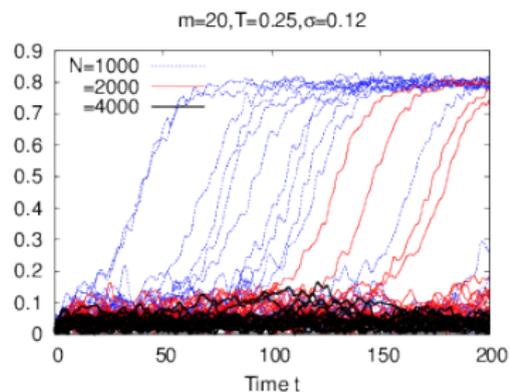
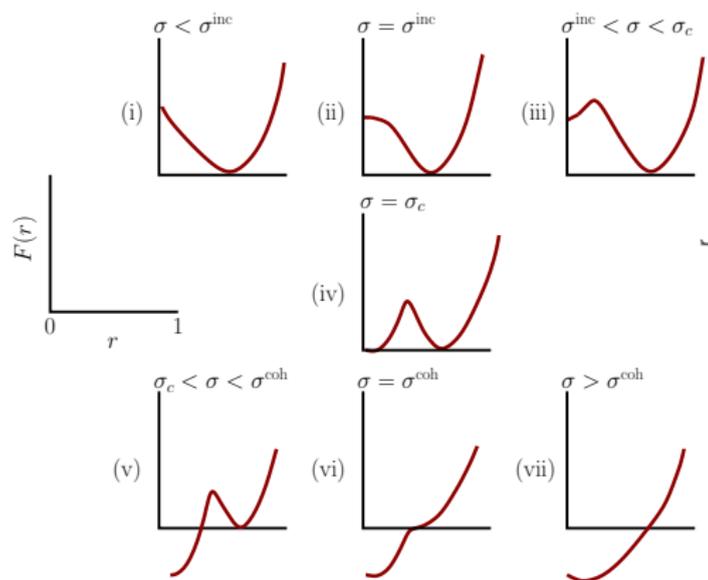
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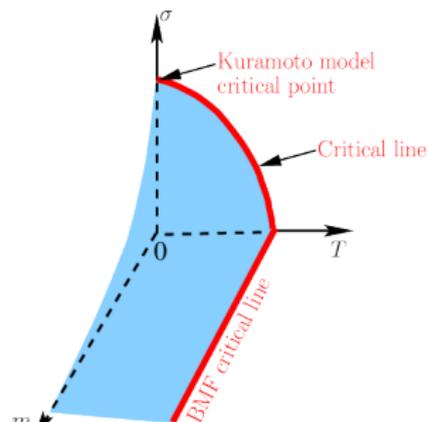
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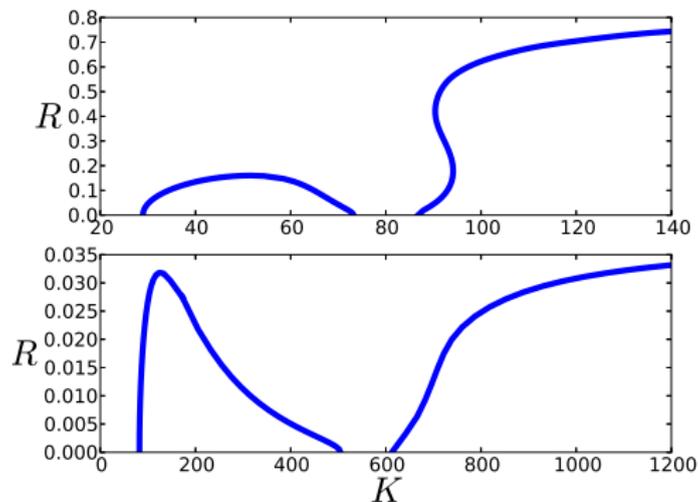
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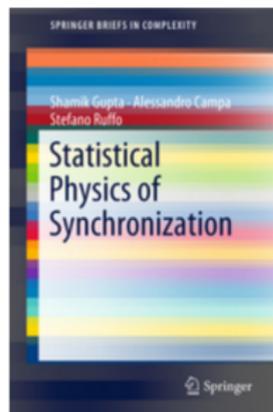
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