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# Temporal effects in dry fiction

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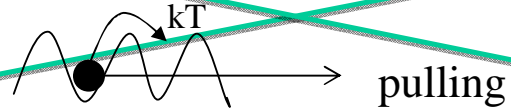
## Outline:

- Description of “temporal effects”
- Presentation of a spring-block model incorporating “structural relaxation”
- Obtention of realistic friction properties
- Application to earthquake dynamics
- Description of time increase of contact area

Temporal effects originated in...

~~“horizontal” relaxation~~

~~logarithmic decrease of friction force when velocity is reduced~~

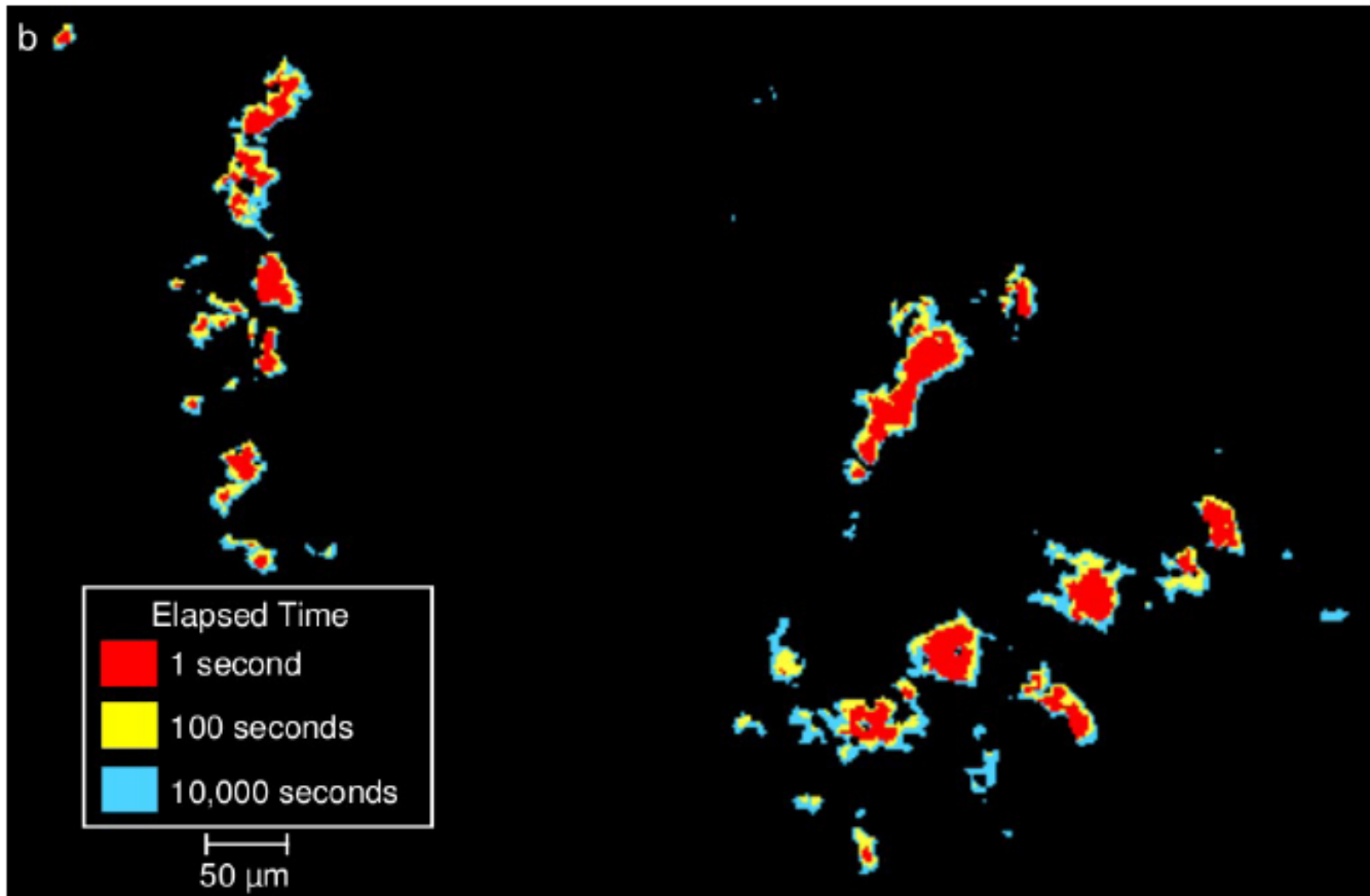


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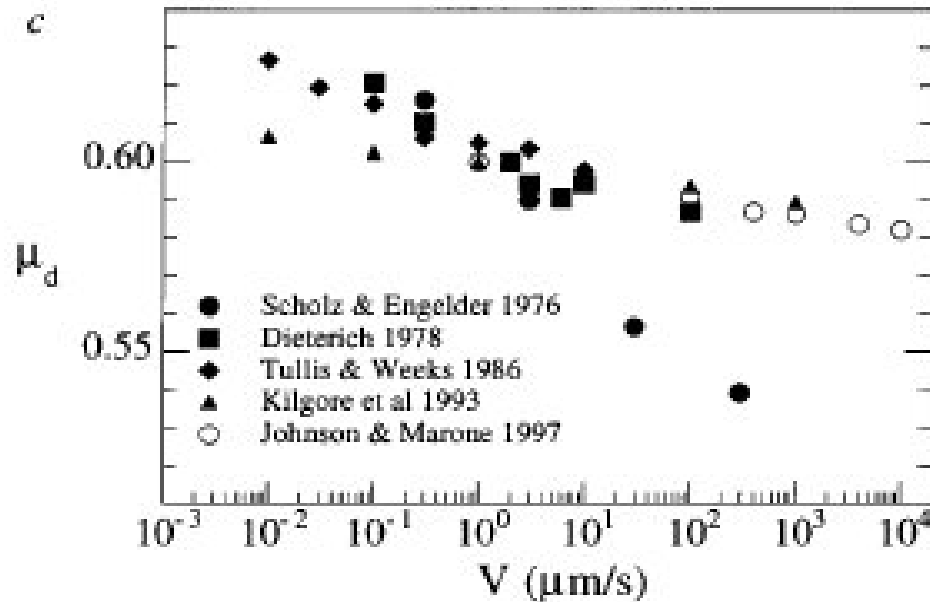
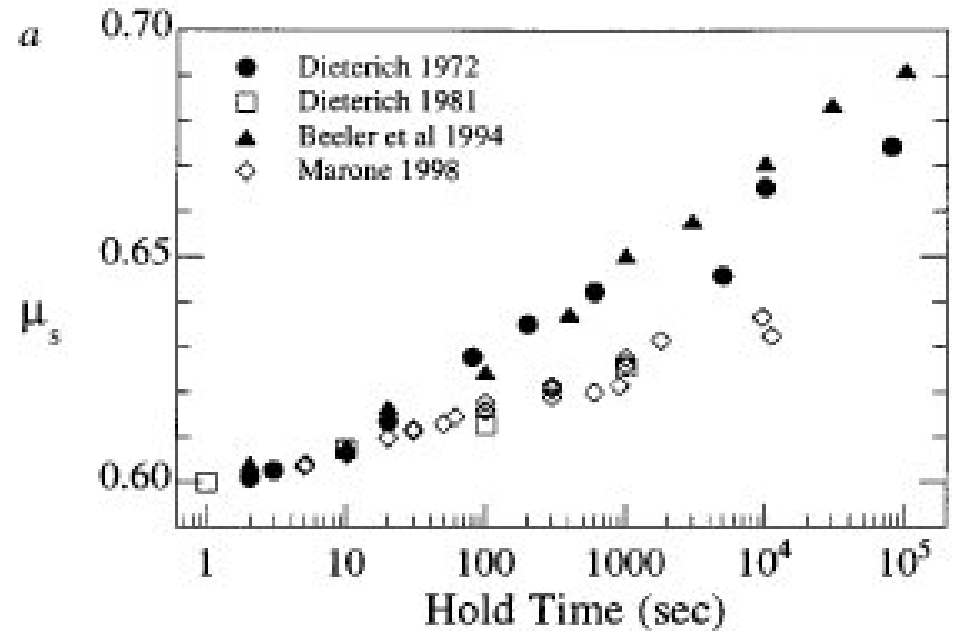
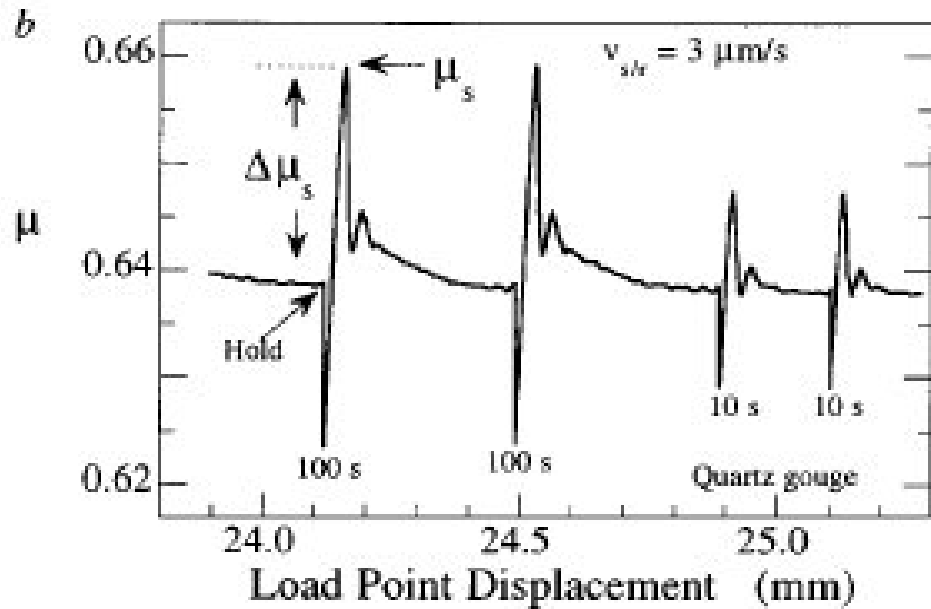
“vertical” relaxation

increase of contact area with contact time

“Aging” effects in dry contact



Dieterich and Kilgore, 1994

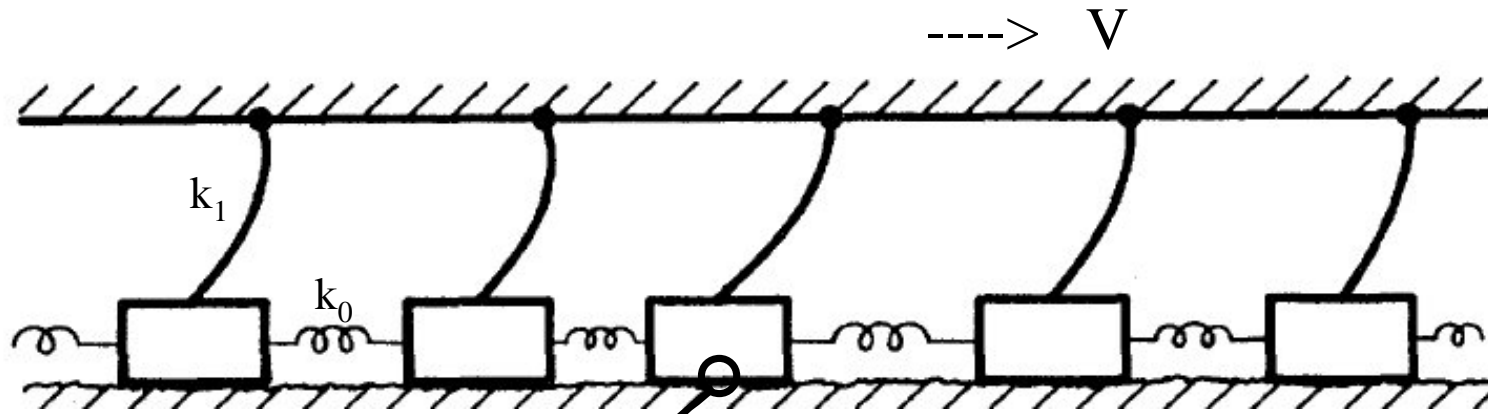


Phenomenological modeling:  
rate-and-state equations  
(Dieterich, Rice, Ruina, '80)

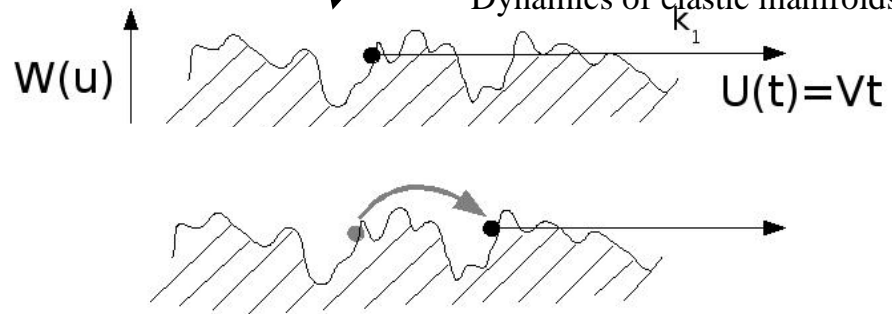
$$\mu = \mu_0 + A \ln(V / V_0) + B \ln(V_0 \theta / D_c)$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1 - \frac{\theta V}{D_c} \quad \theta: \text{state variable}$$

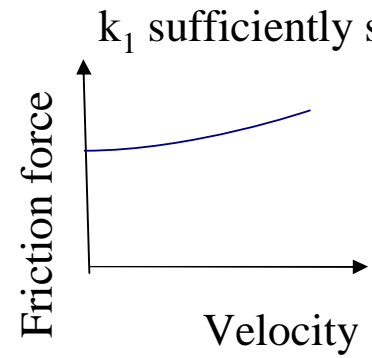
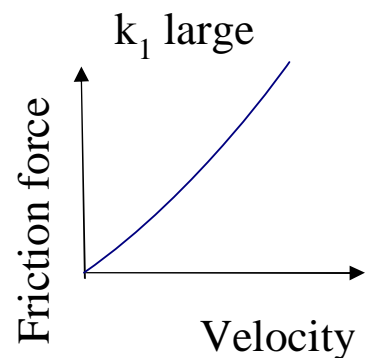
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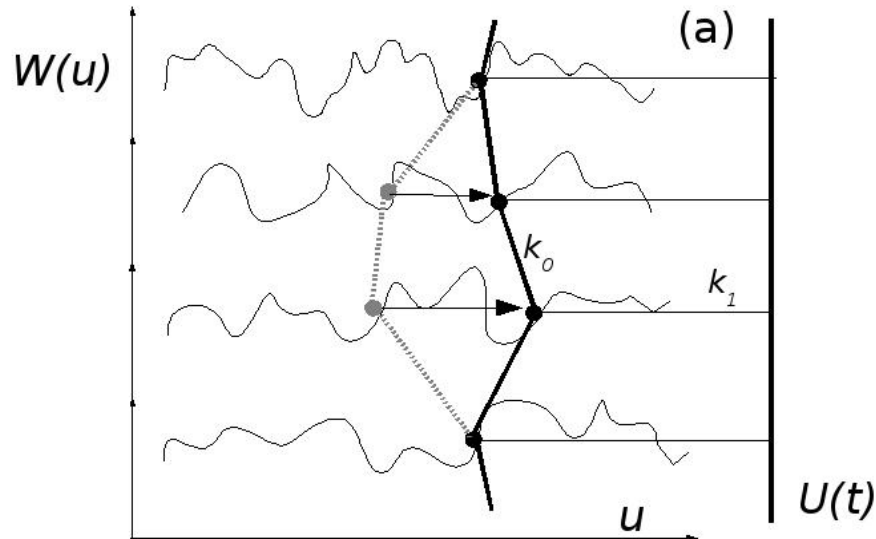
Friction by the Tomlinson mechanism  
Stochastic Prandtl-Tomlinson model  
Dynamics of elastic manifolds driven on disordered potentials



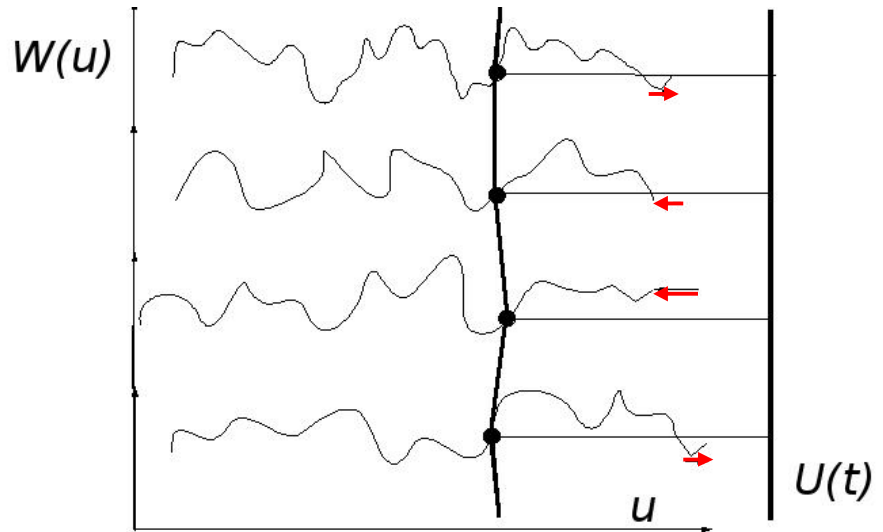
Note corrugation is not at the atomic scale!



The starting point:



We need an internal ‘aging’ mechanism

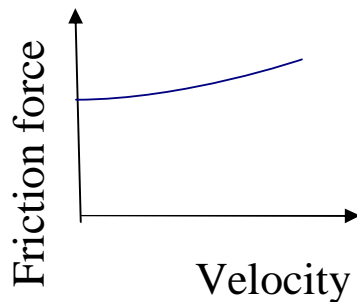


(1D picture, but simulations are made in the 2D case)

$$E = \sum_{i,j;i',j'} \frac{k_0}{2} (u_{i,j} - u_{i',j'})^2 + \sum_{i,j} \frac{k_1}{2} (U(t) - u_{i,j})^2 +$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j} W_{i,j}(u_{i,j})$$

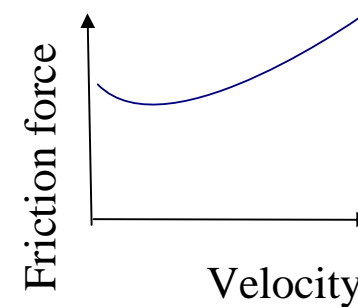
$$\frac{du_{i,j}}{dt} = -\lambda \frac{\delta E}{\delta u_{i,j}} \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$



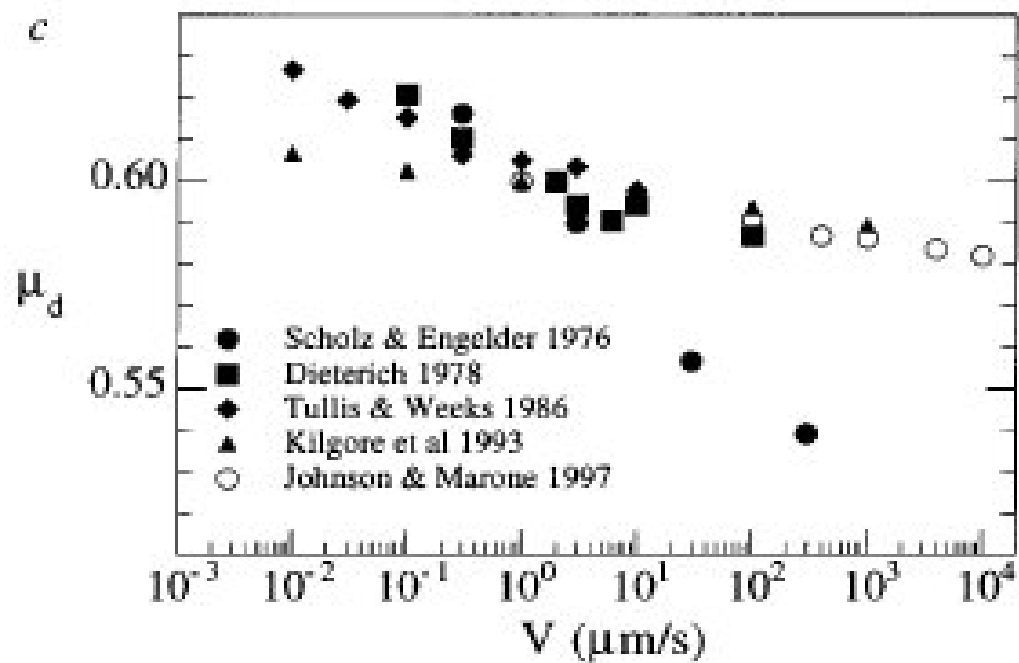
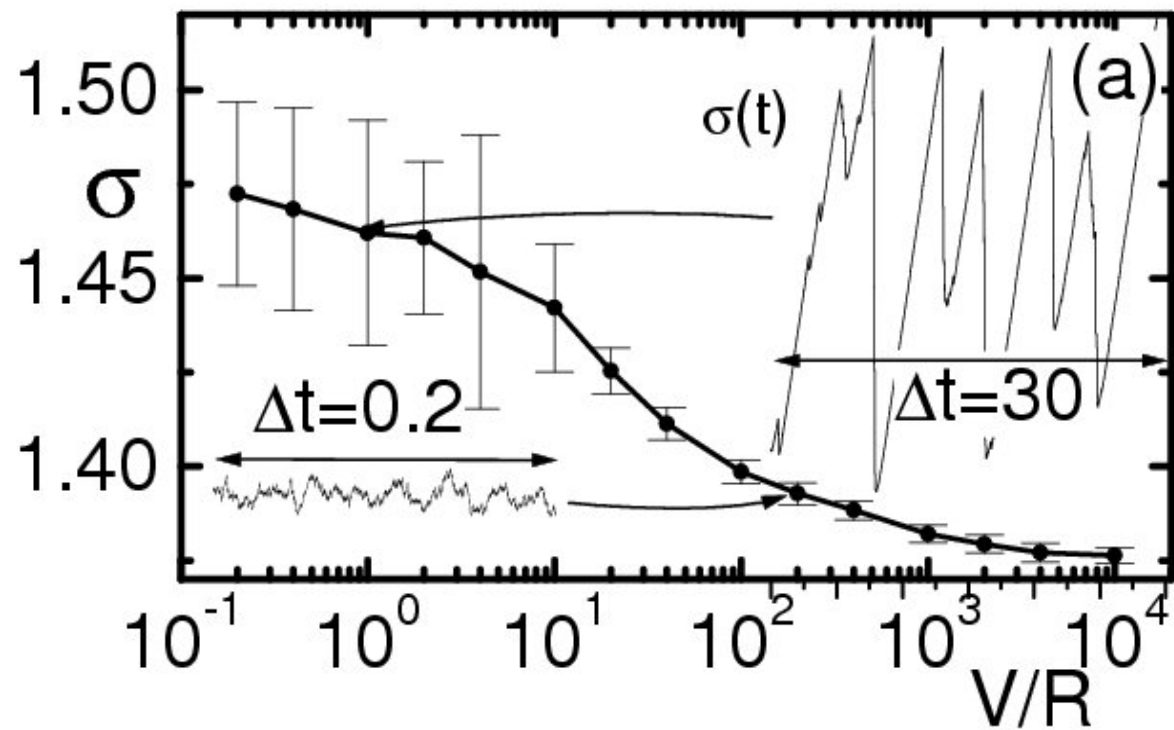
$$\sum_{i,j} W_{i,j}(u_{i,j}) \rightarrow \sum_{i,j} W_{i,j}(u_{i,j} - u_{i,j}^0)$$

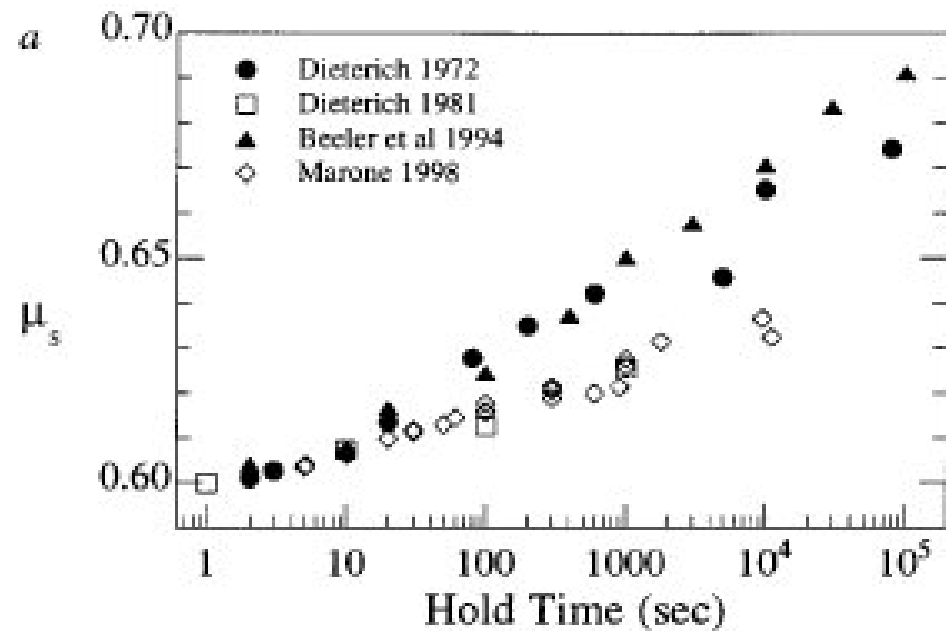
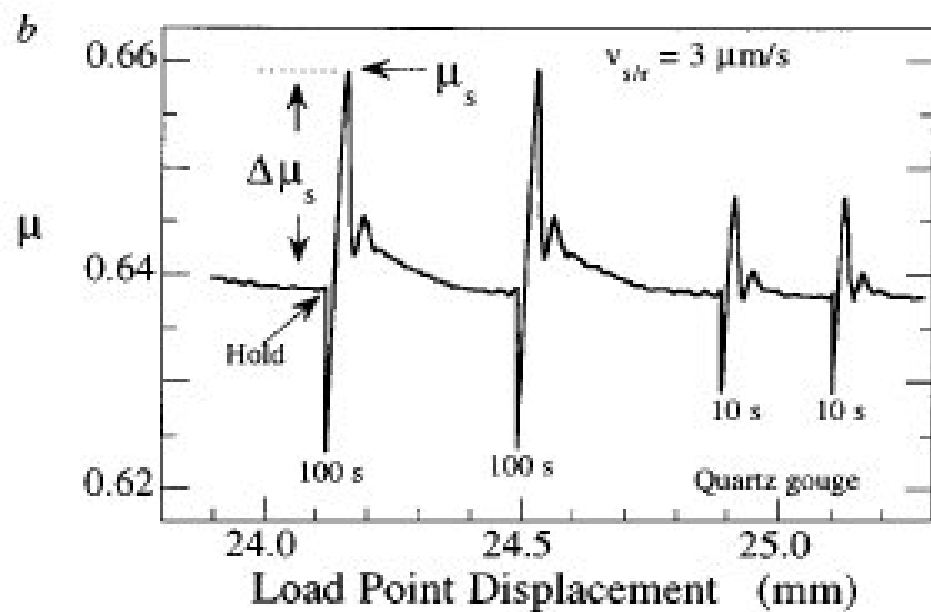
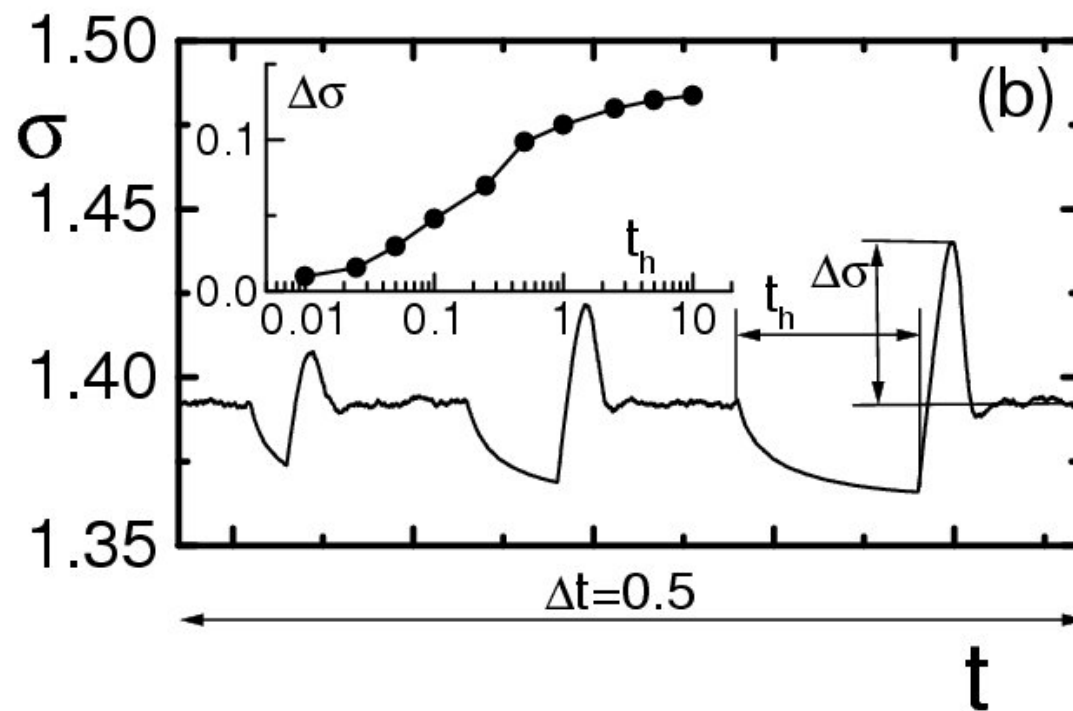
$$\frac{du_{i,j}^0}{dt} = R \nabla^2 \frac{\delta E}{\delta u_{i,j}^0}$$

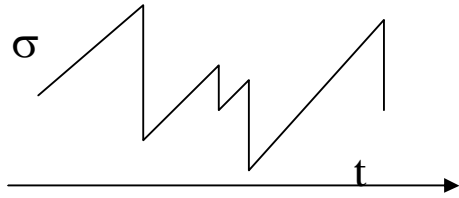
“velocity weakening”





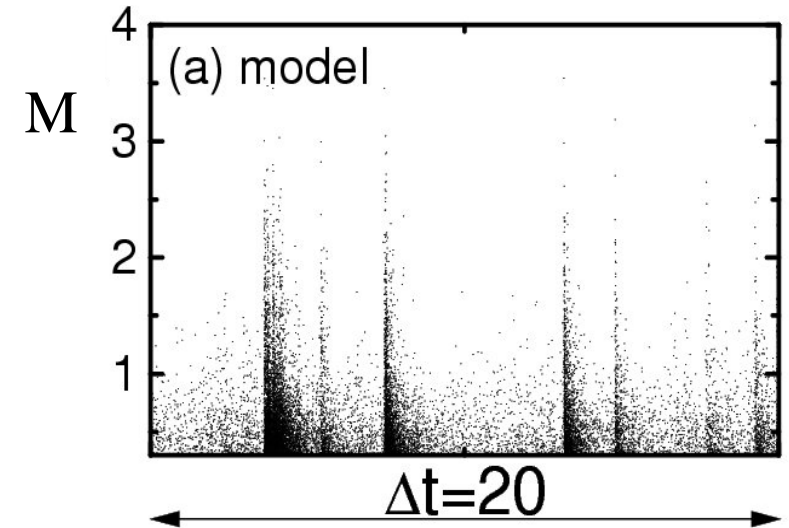
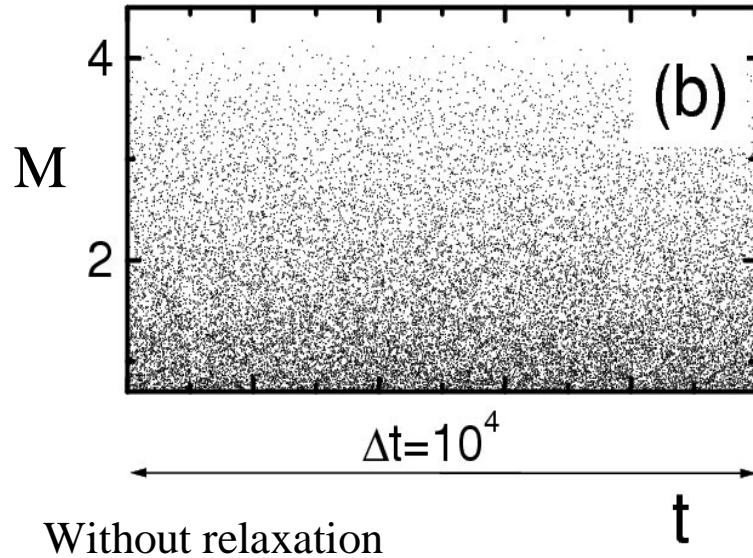




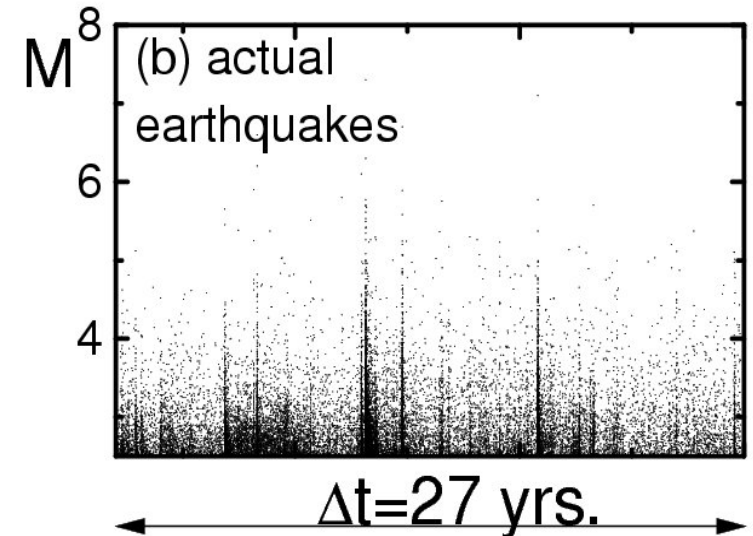


Statistics of stress drops  $\Delta\sigma$

Earthquakes: 
$$M = \frac{2}{3} \log_{10}(\Delta\sigma)$$



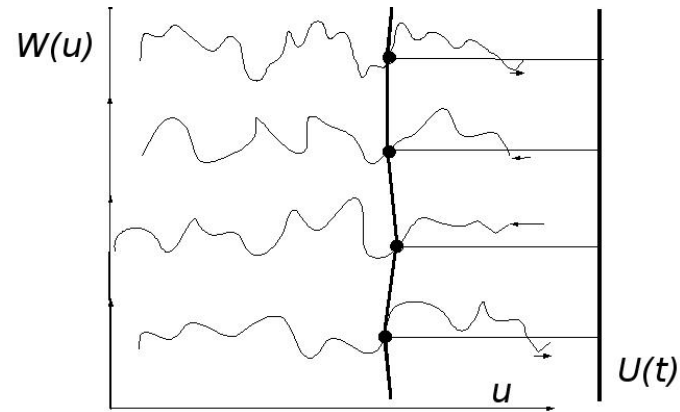
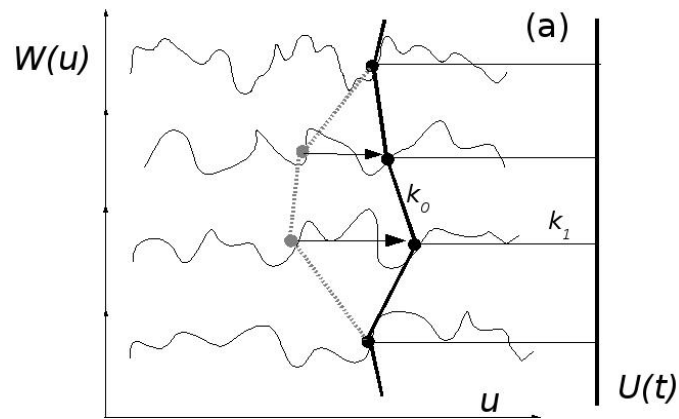
With relaxation



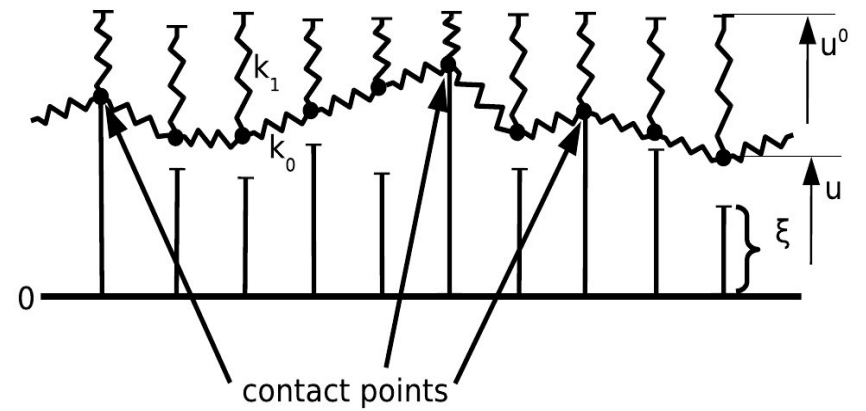
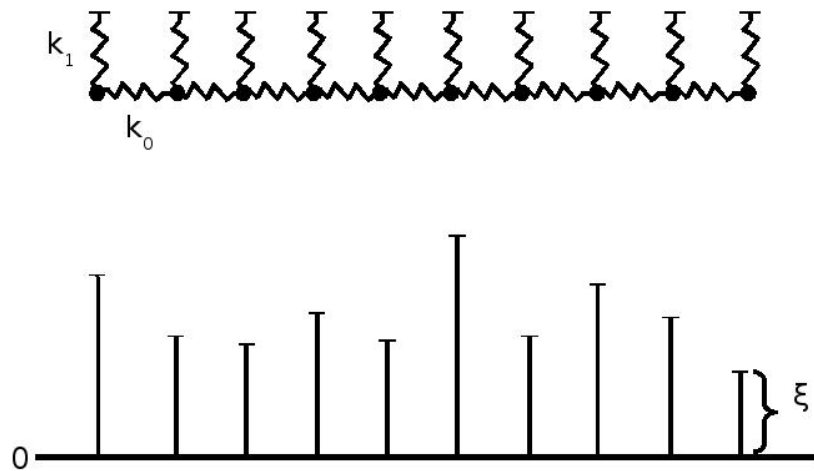
Gutenberg-Richter law:  
Number of earthquakes as a  
function of Magnitude  $N(M) \sim 10^{-bM}$

- $b \sim 0.4$  without relaxation
- $b \sim 1.1$  with relaxation
- $b \sim 0.8-1.2$  experimentally

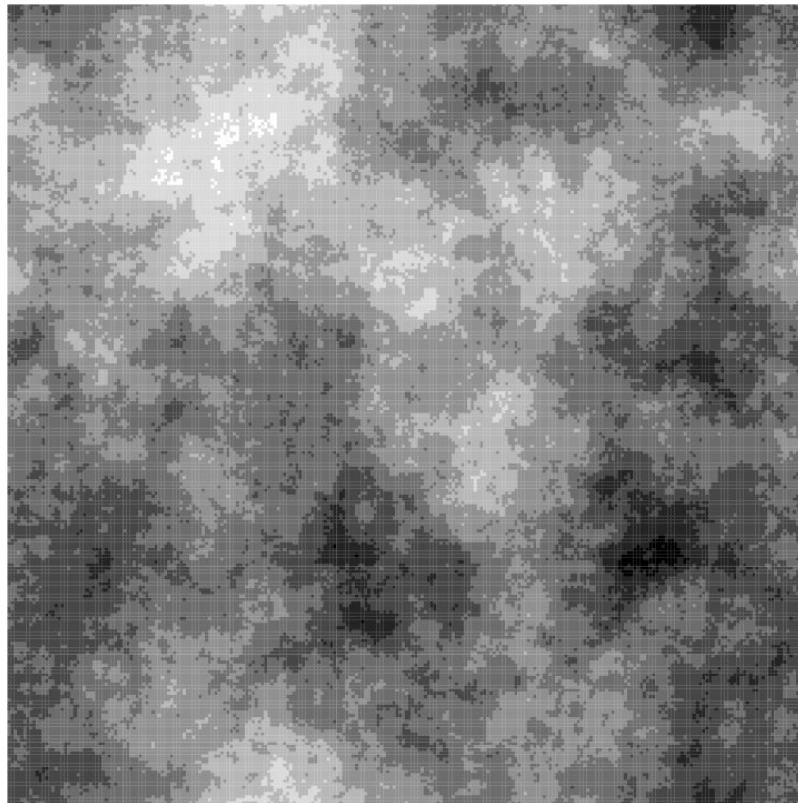
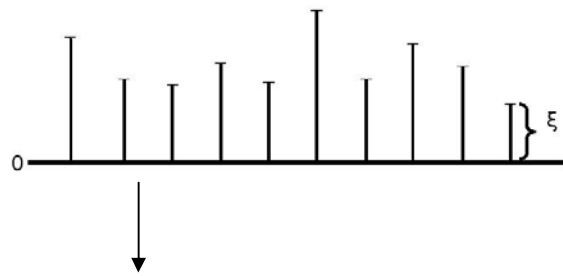
What about time dependence of contact area?



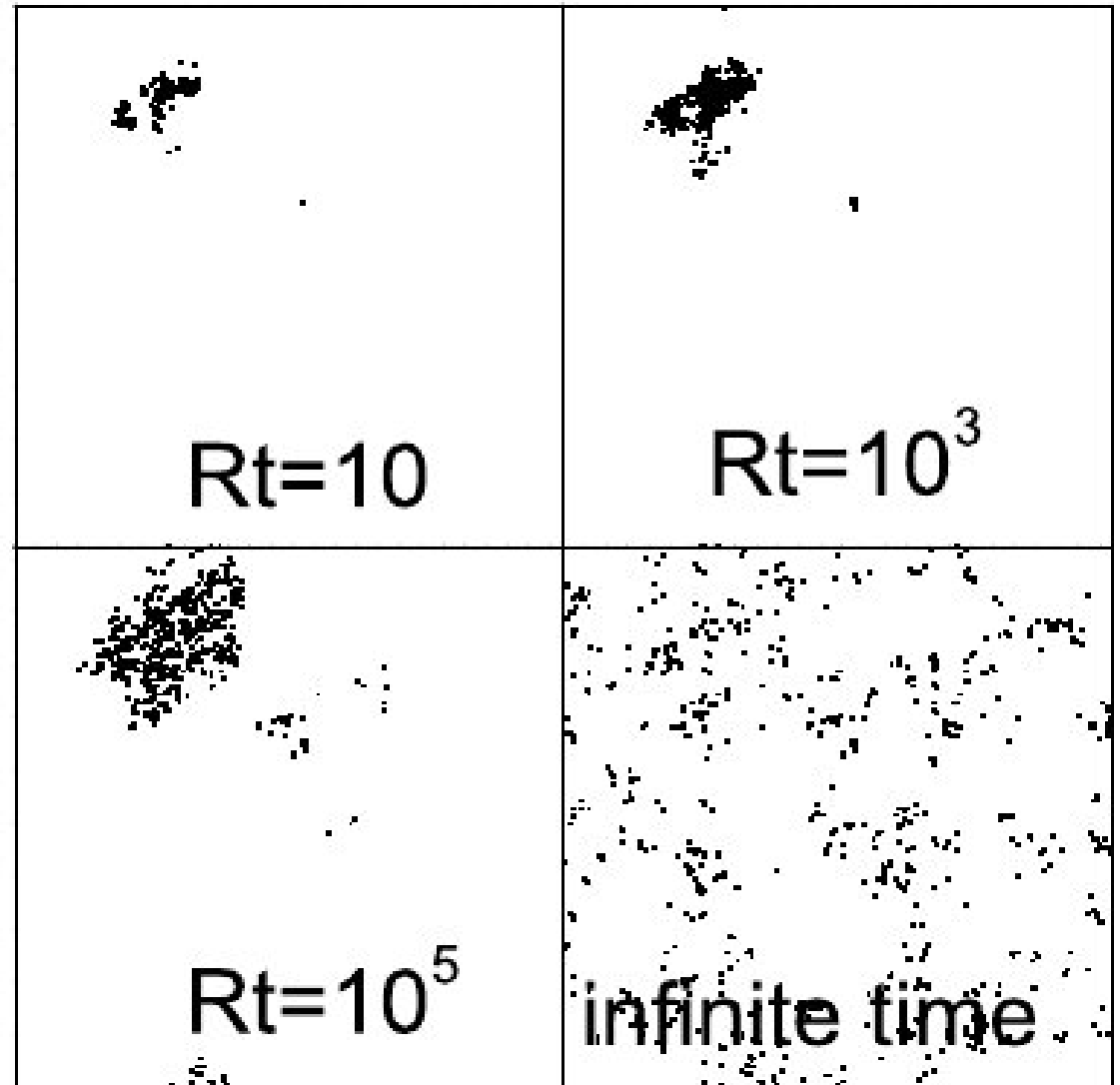
Poor-man description of an elastic body surface



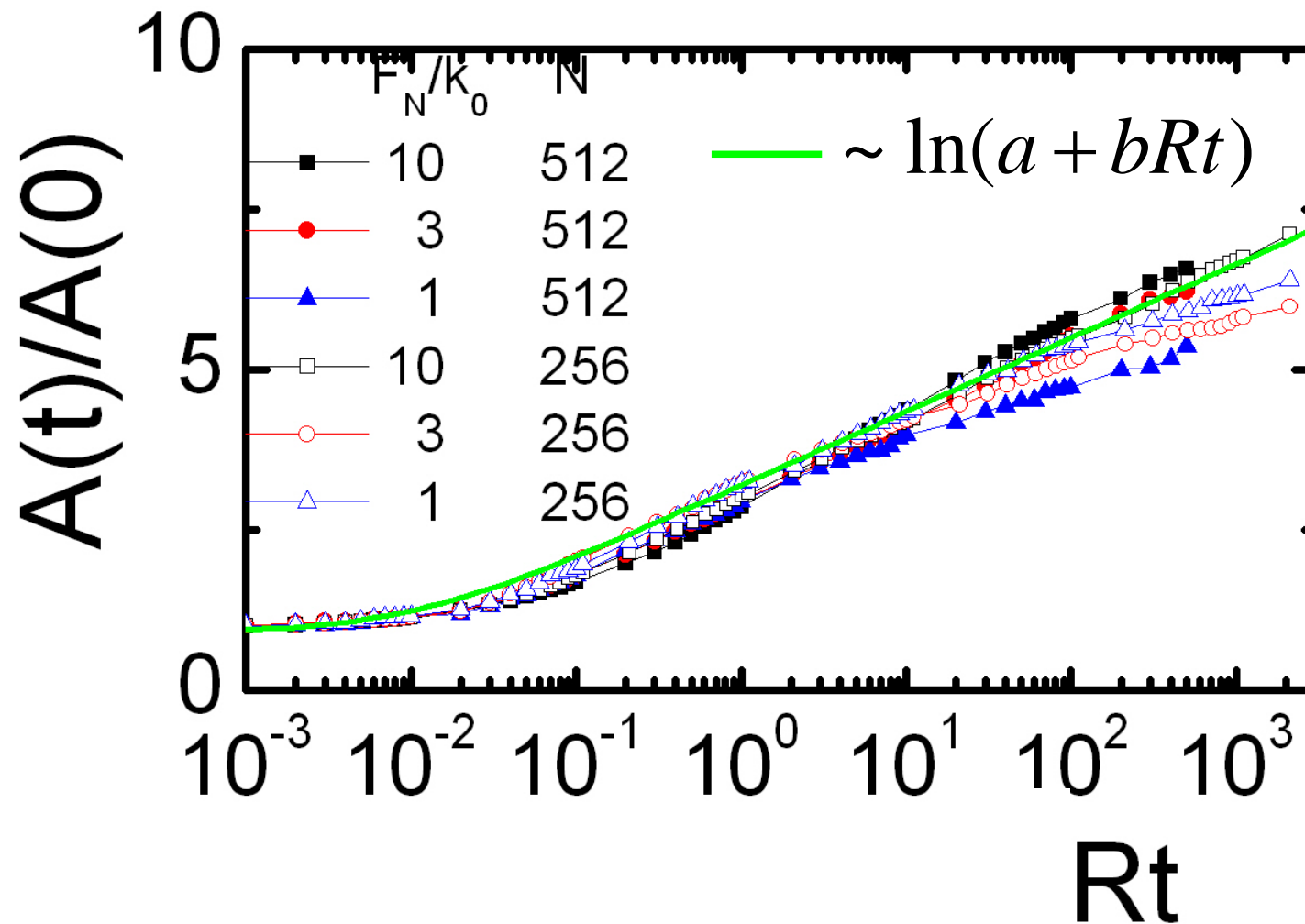
$$\frac{du_{i,j}^0}{dt} = R \nabla^2 \frac{\delta E}{\delta u_{i,j}^0}$$



Self affine surface



$$\frac{du_{i,j}^0}{dt} = R \nabla^2 \frac{\delta E}{\delta u_{i,j}^0}$$



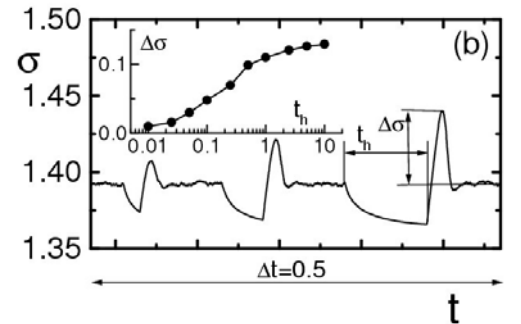
In the limit of very few independent contacts, the logarithmic behavior can be worked out analytically

$$\frac{du_{i,j}^0}{dt} = R \nabla^2 \frac{\delta E}{\delta u_{i,j}^0}$$

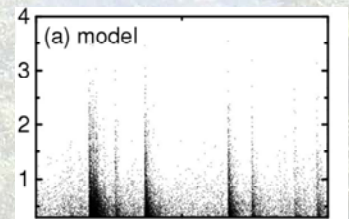
# Conclusions:

With a simple mechanism of structural relaxation on a spring-block system we have been able to...

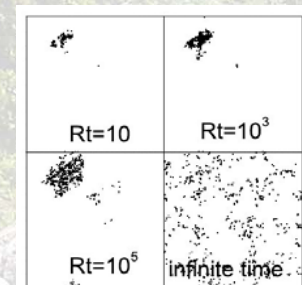
-reproduce the phenomenology of dry friction:



-obtain realistic temporal sequences of stress drops (earthquakes, not shown in detail)



-show that the modeling is compatible with the logarithmic time increase of contact area





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