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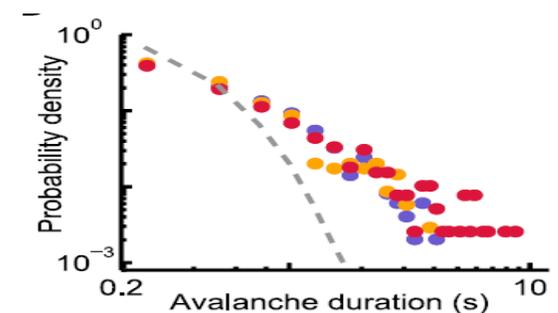
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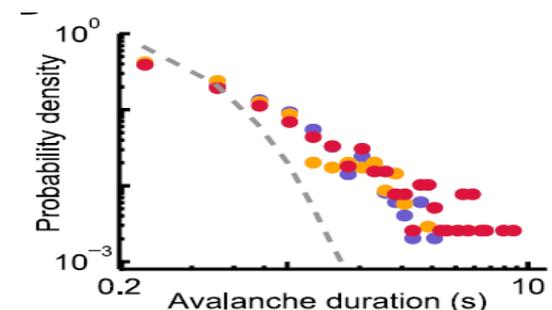
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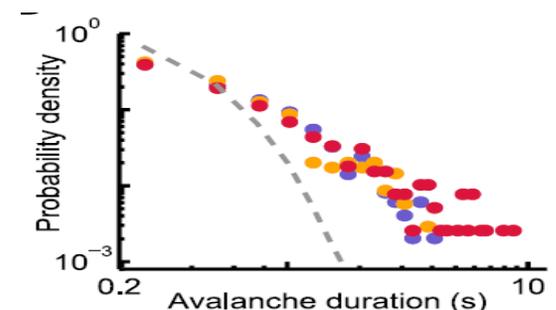


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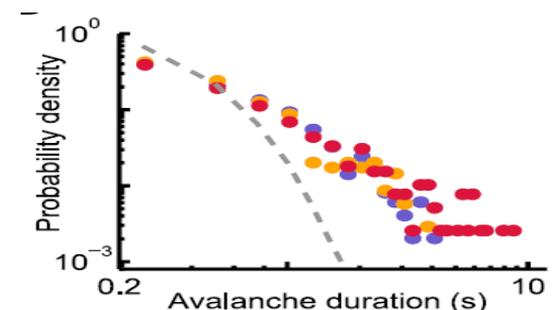
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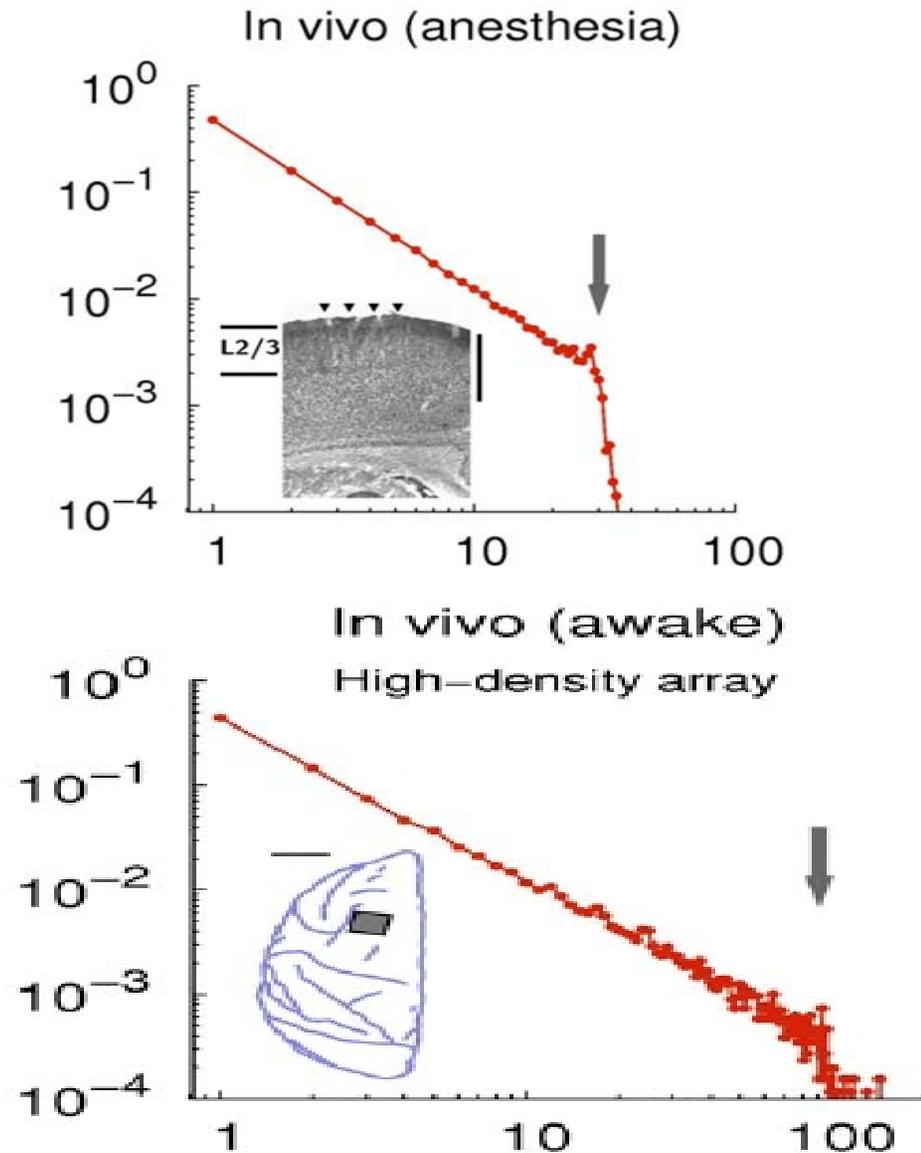
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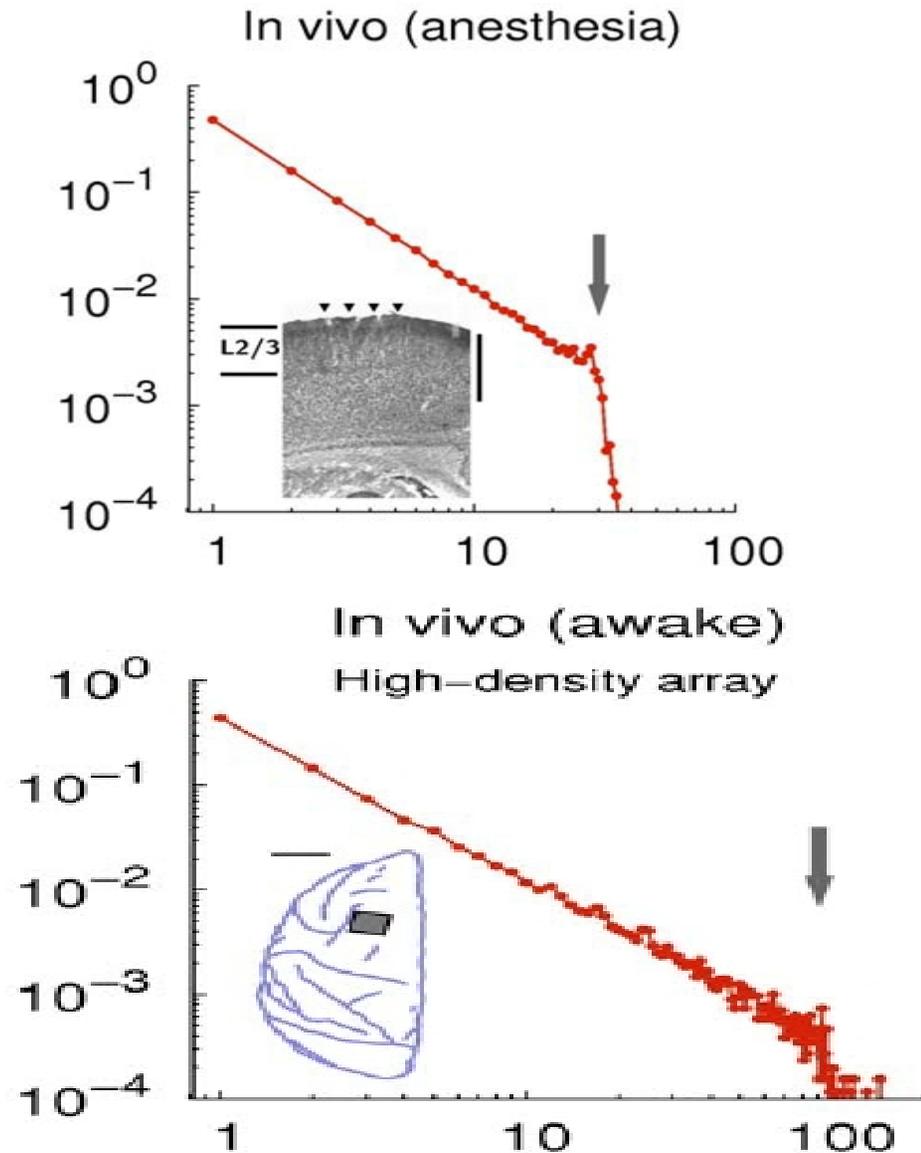


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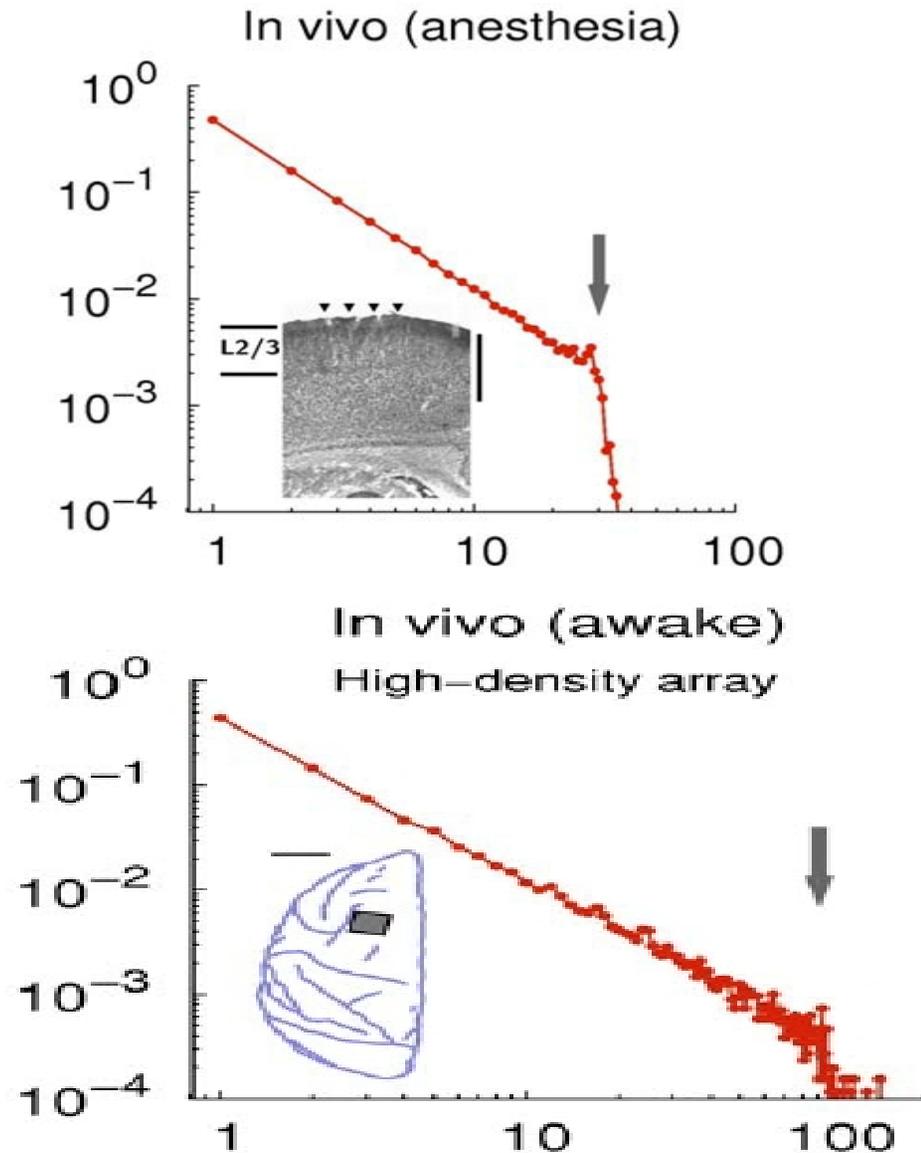
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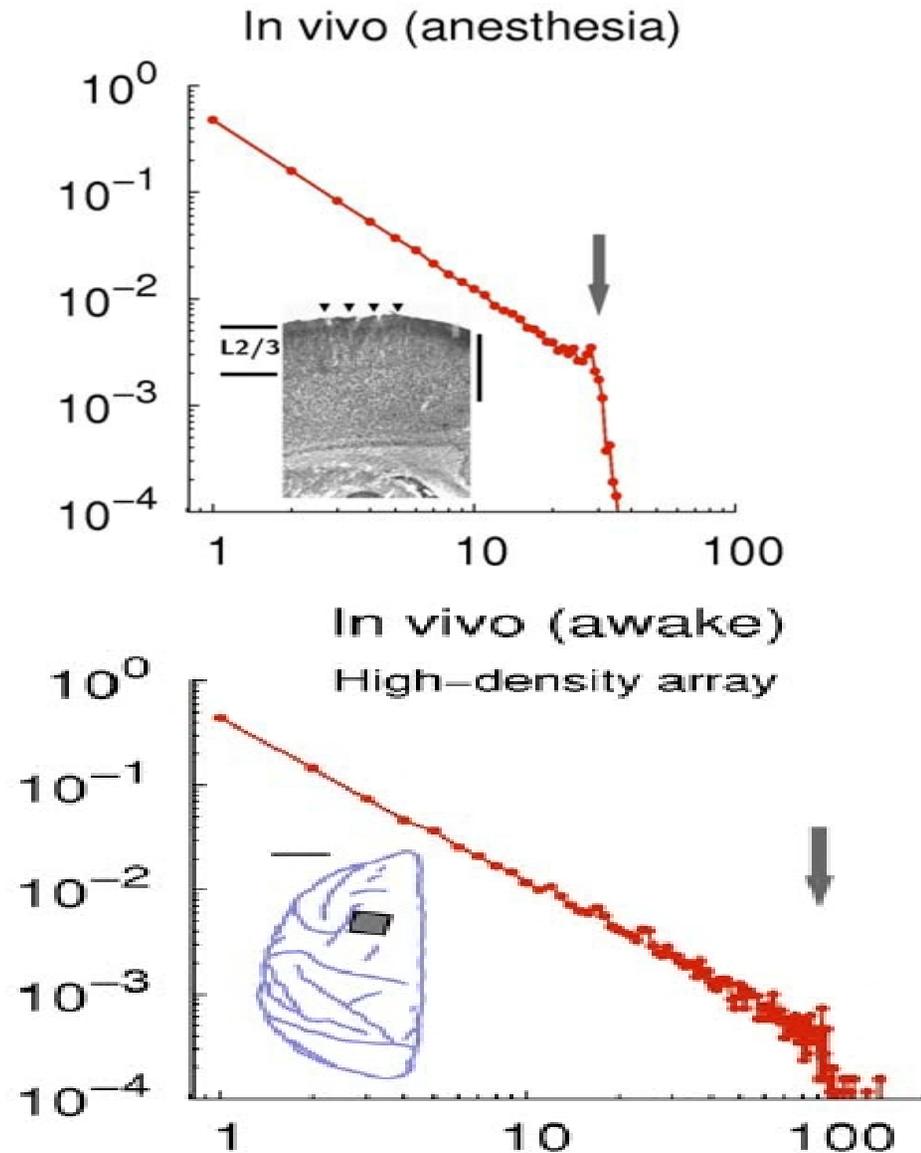
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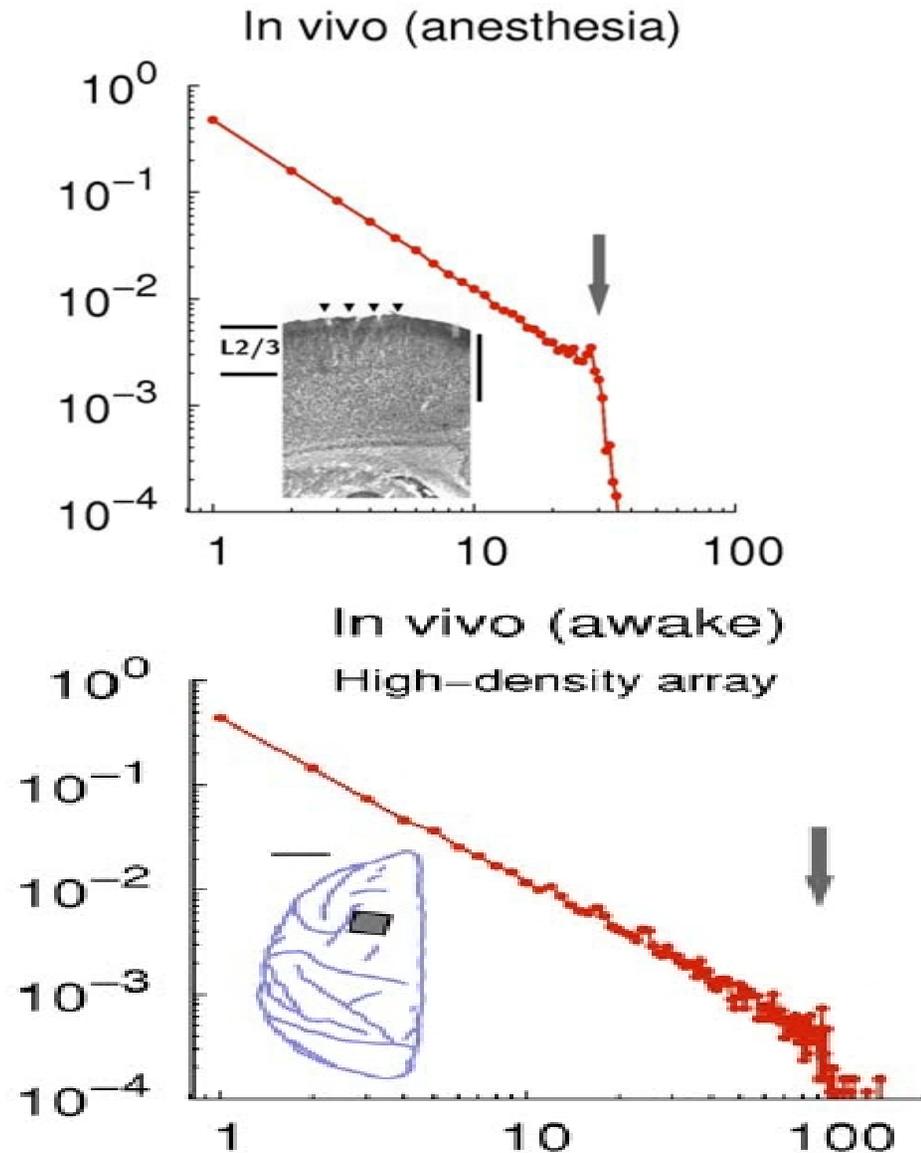
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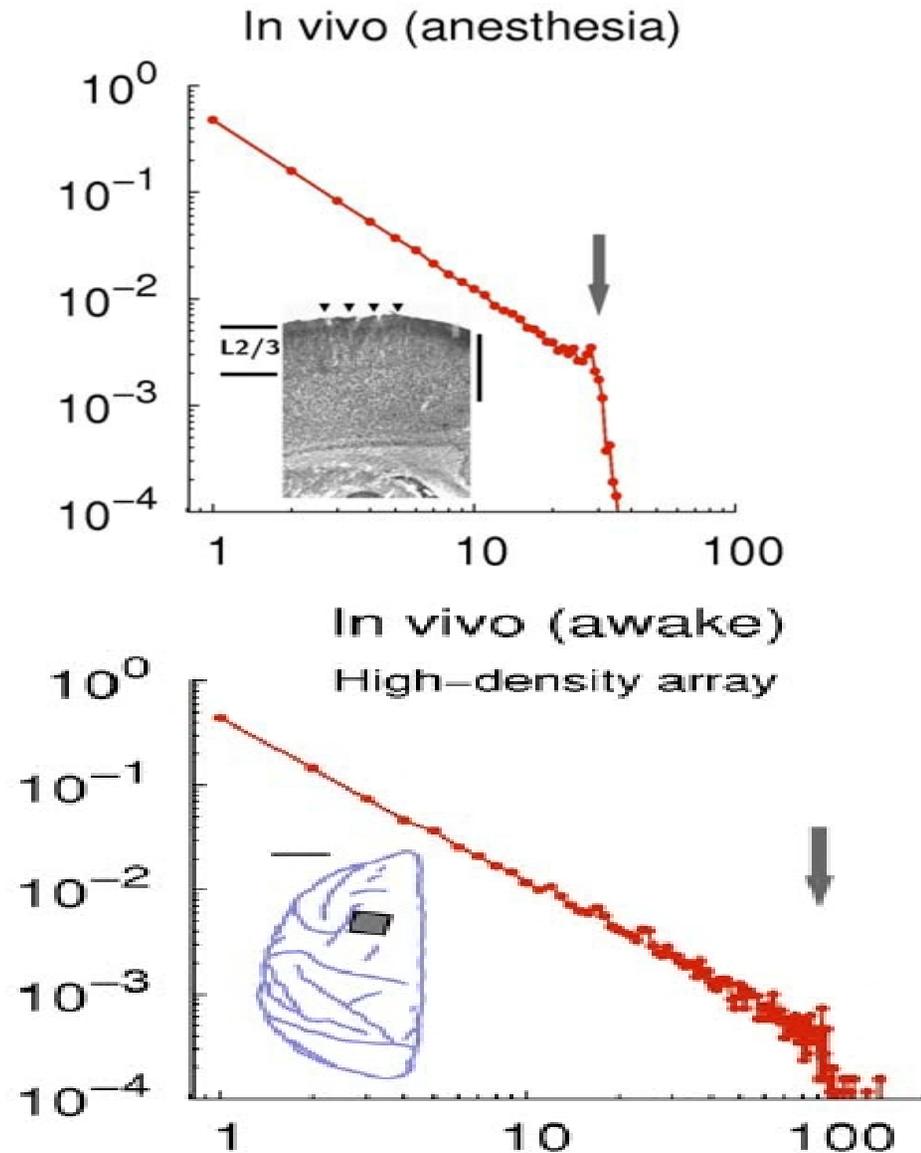
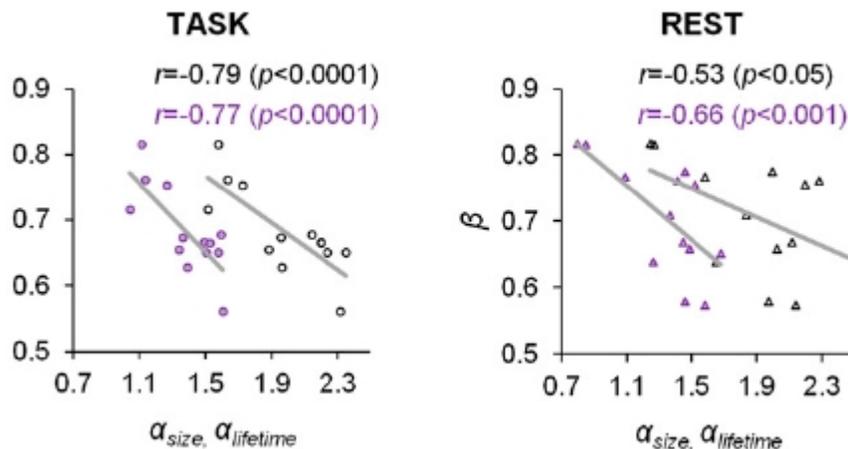
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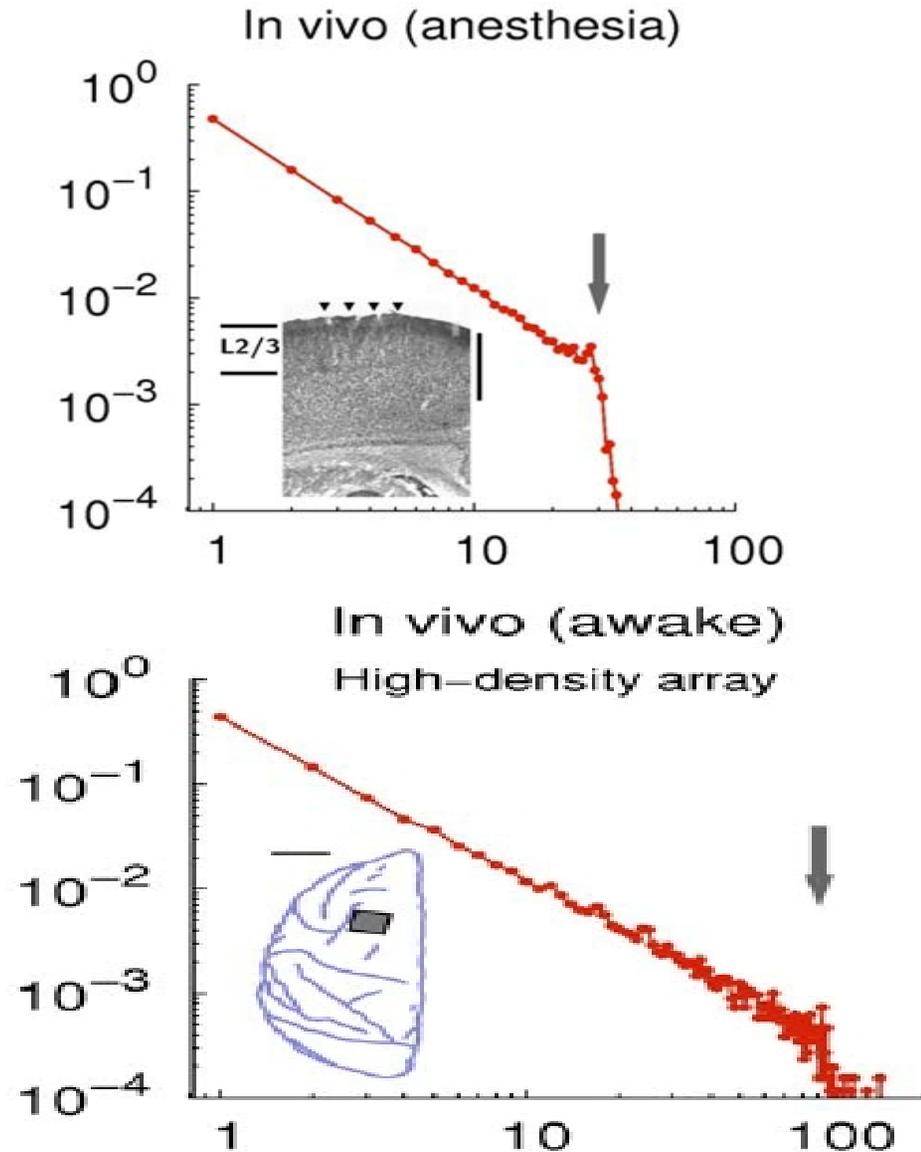
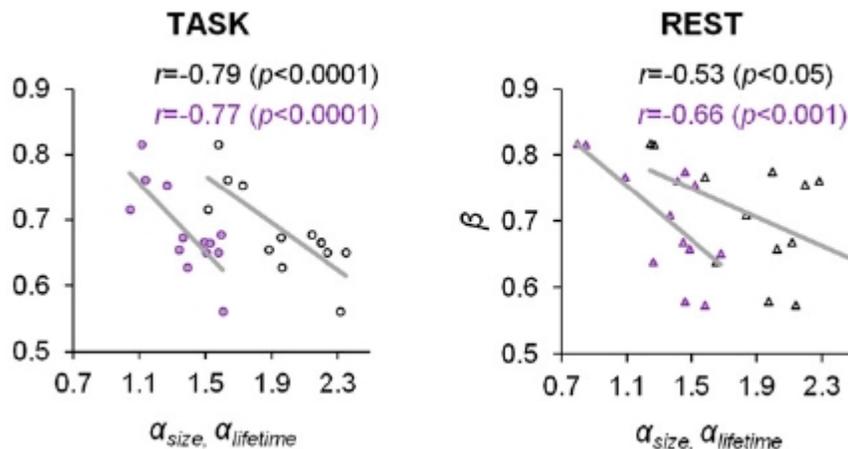
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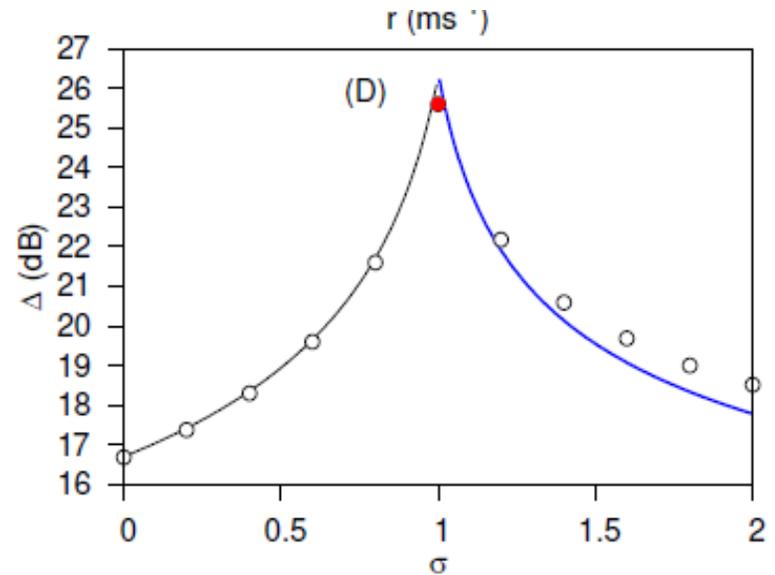
Nonuniversal critical exponents or Mean-field values :  $\tau = 1.5$   $\tau_t = 2$  ?

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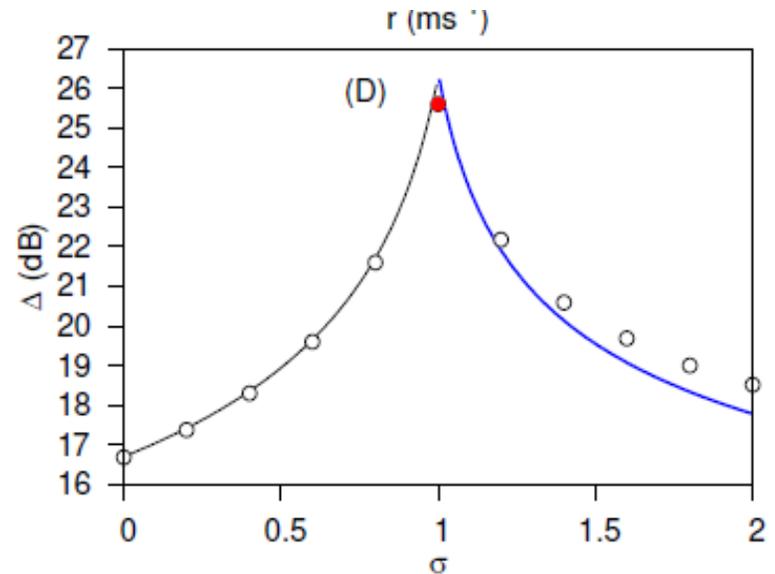


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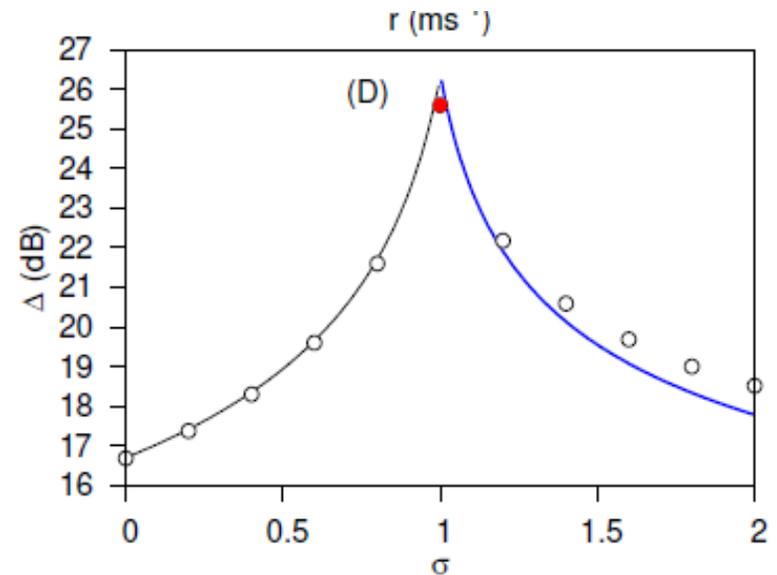
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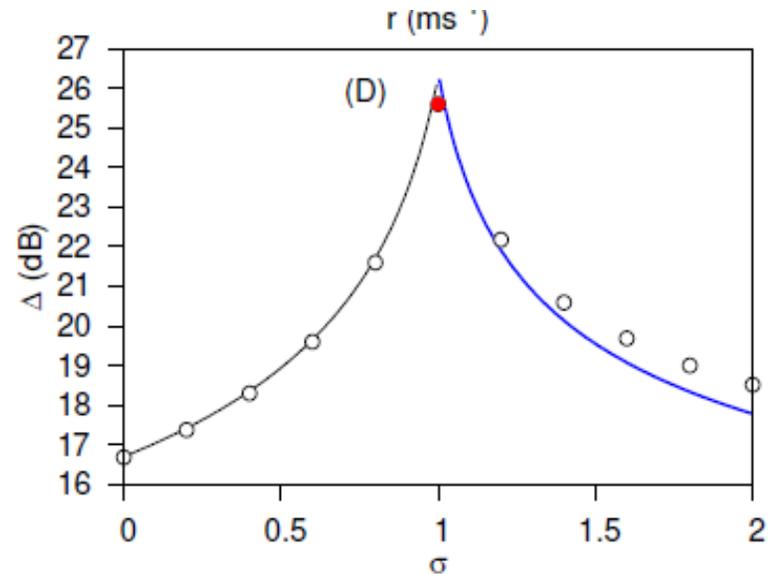
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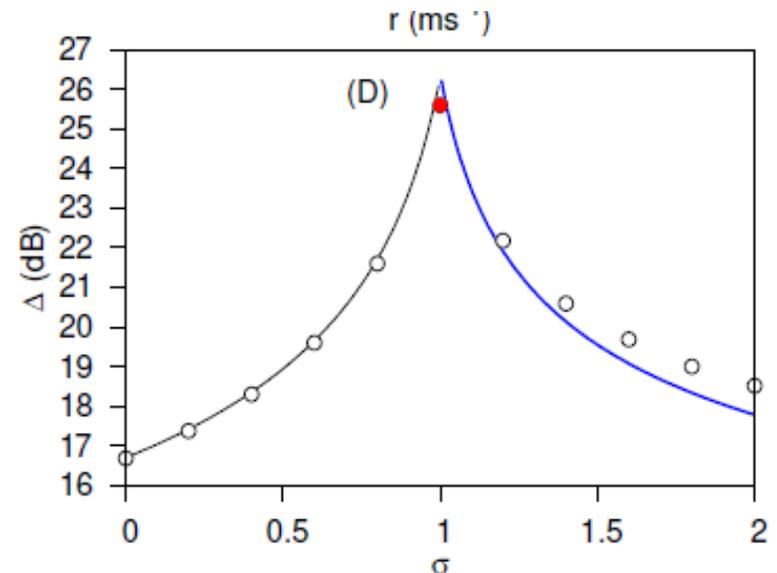
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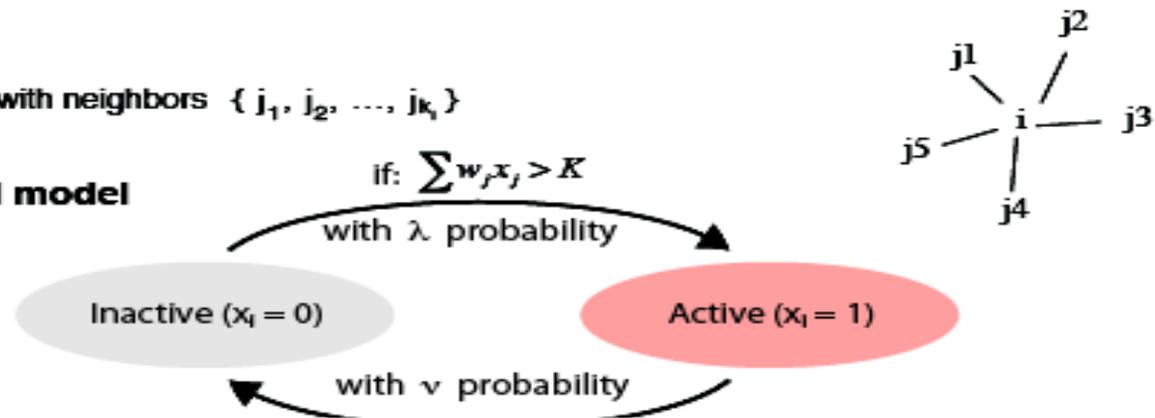


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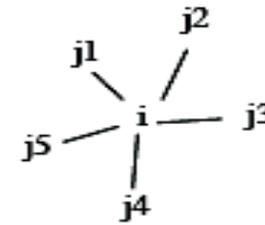
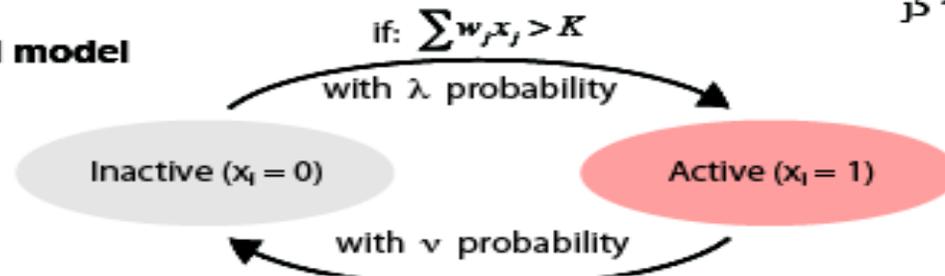
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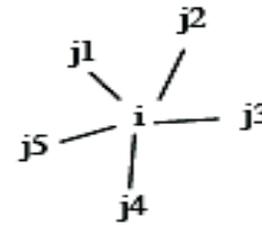
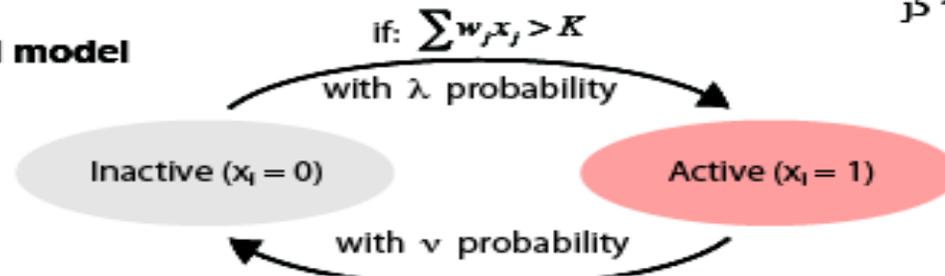


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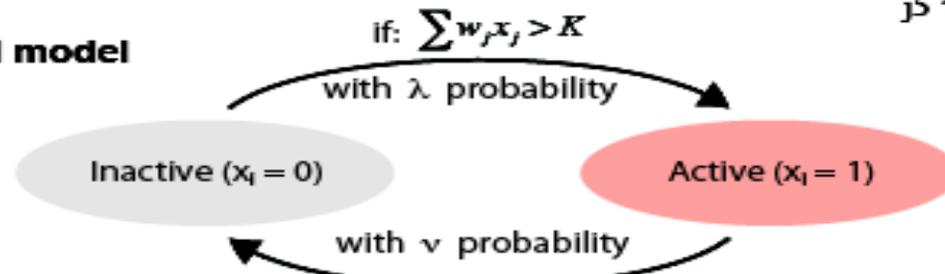
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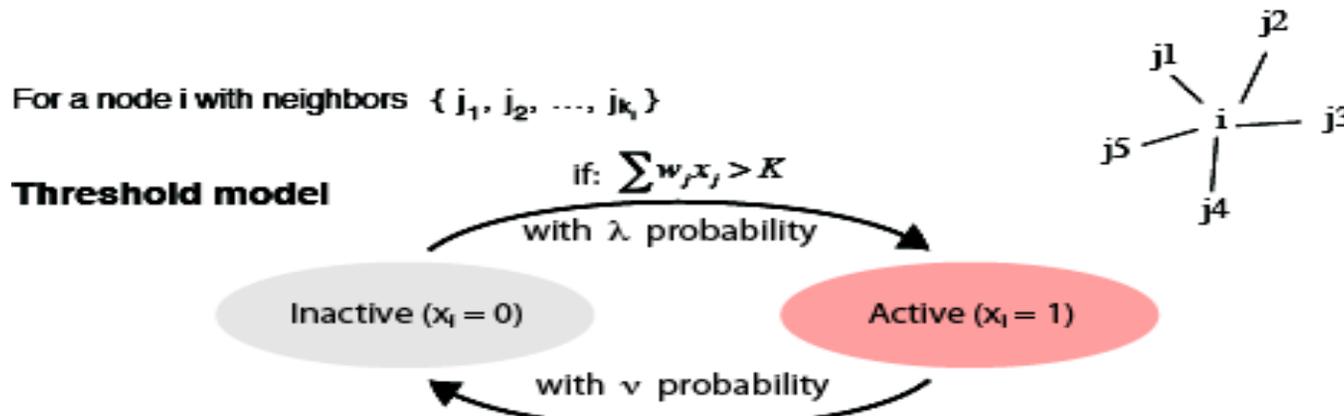
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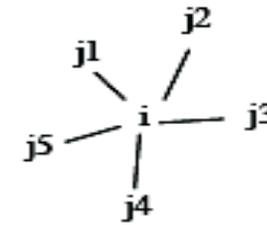
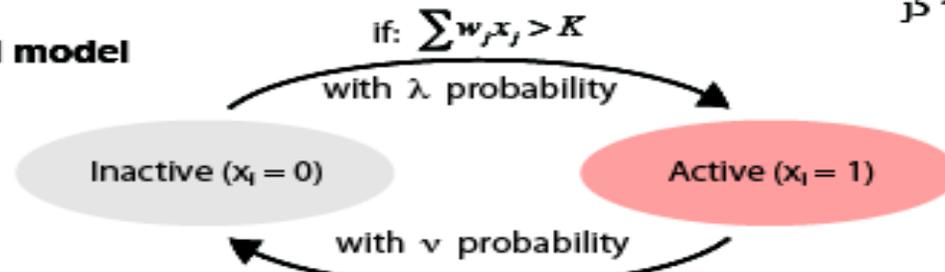
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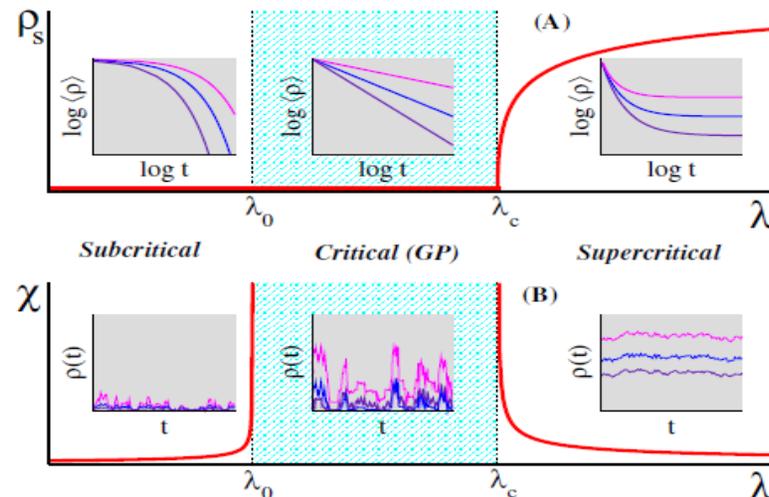
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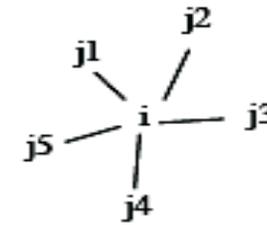
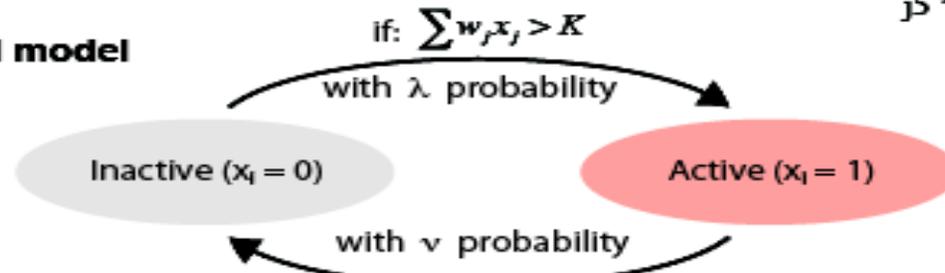
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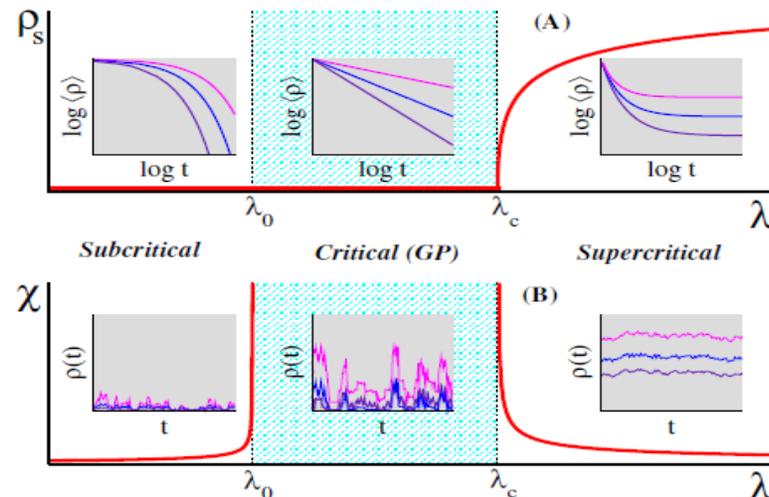
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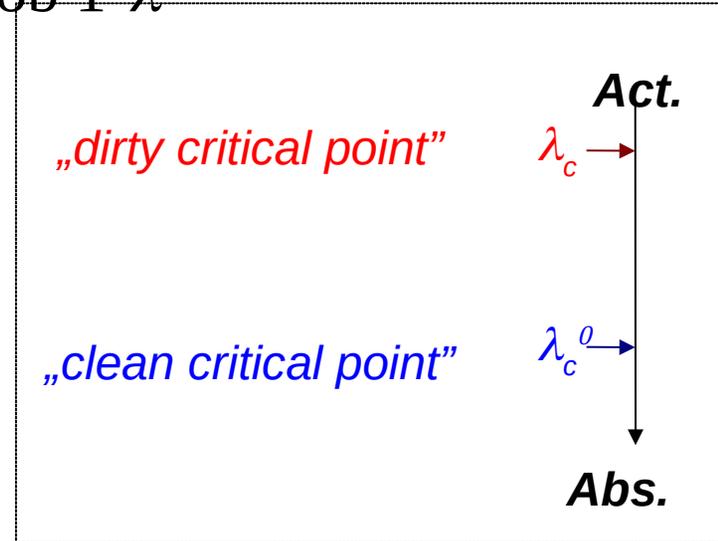
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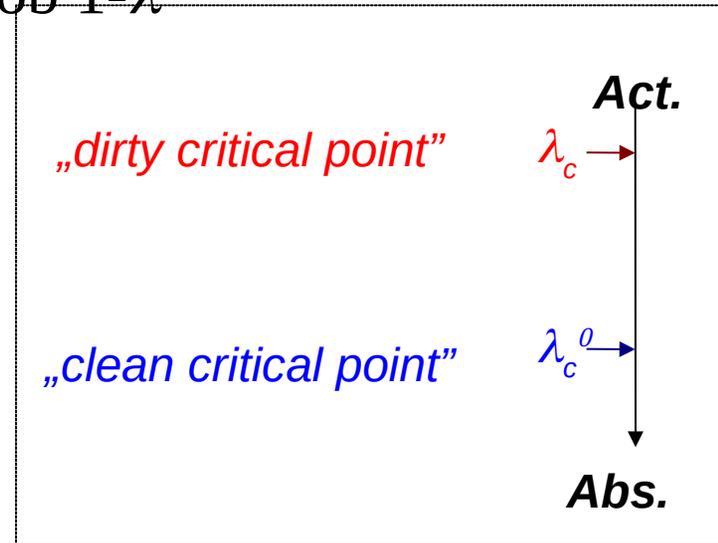
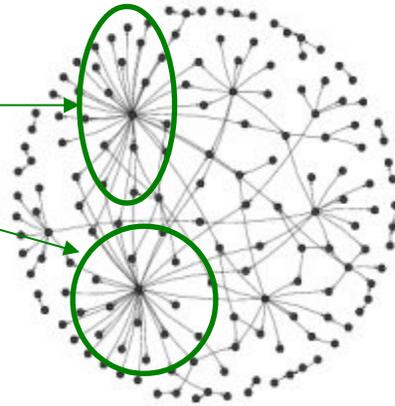
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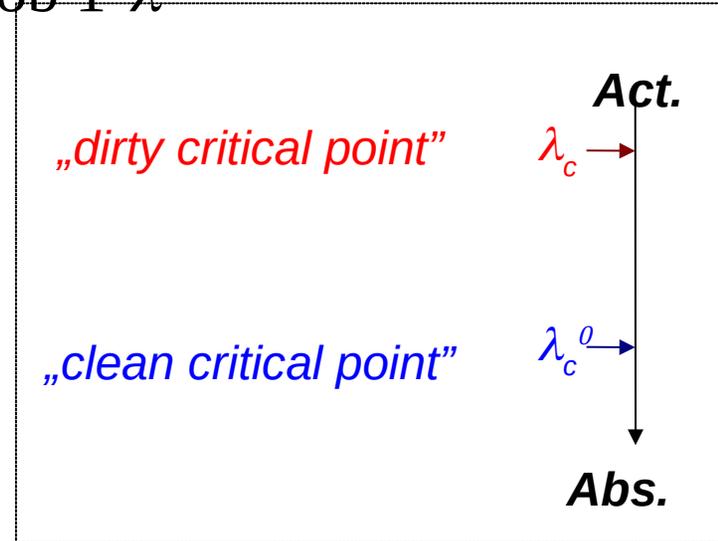
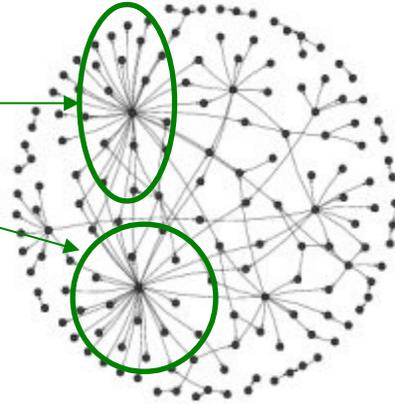
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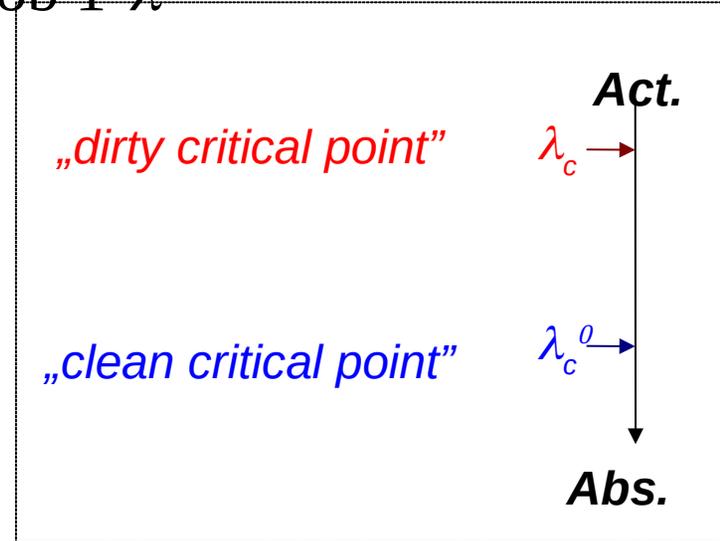
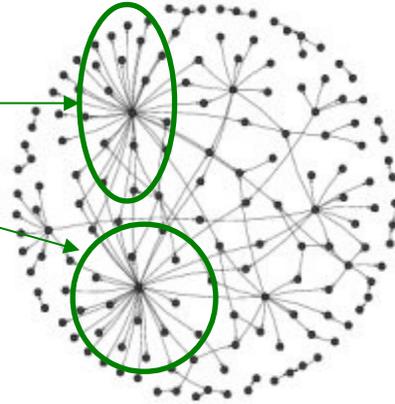
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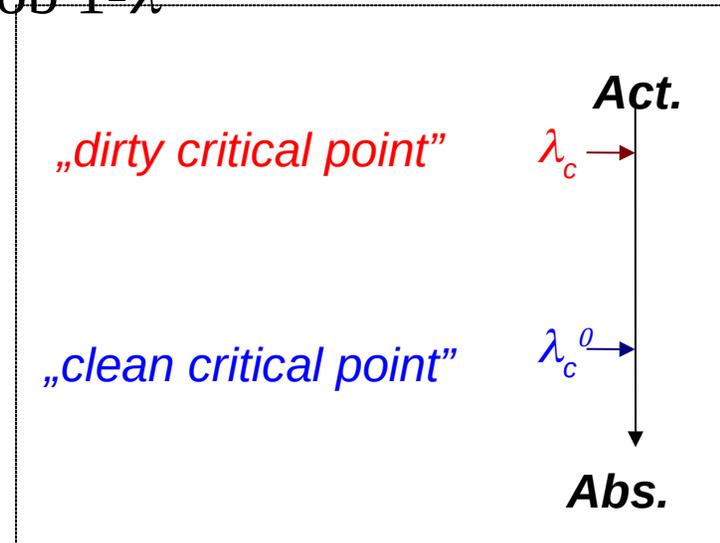
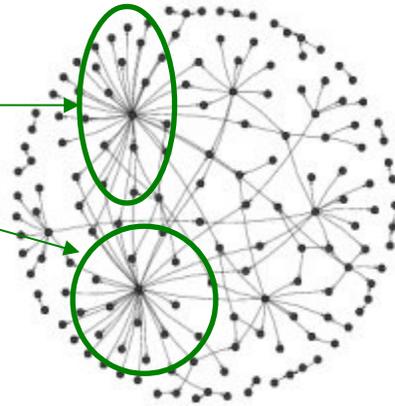
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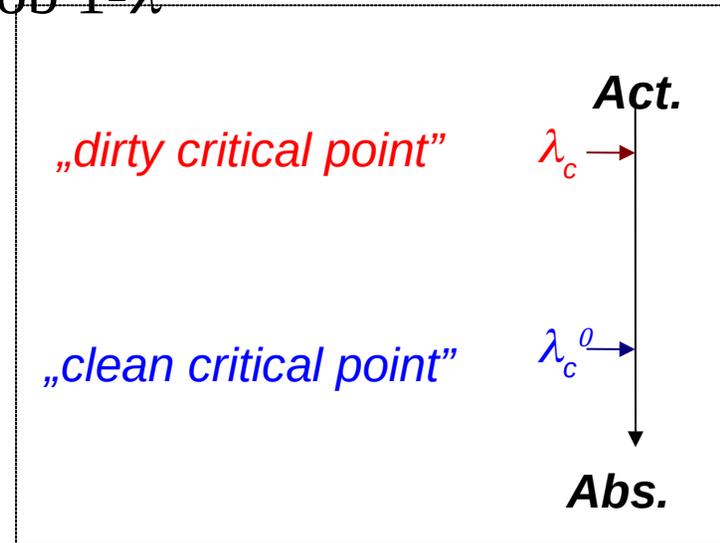
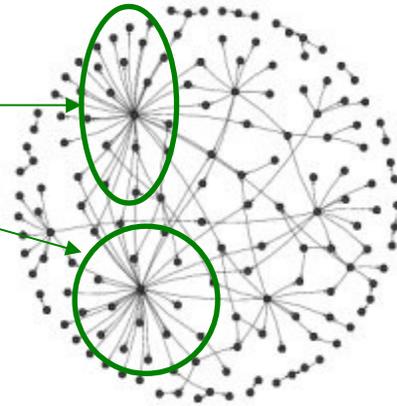
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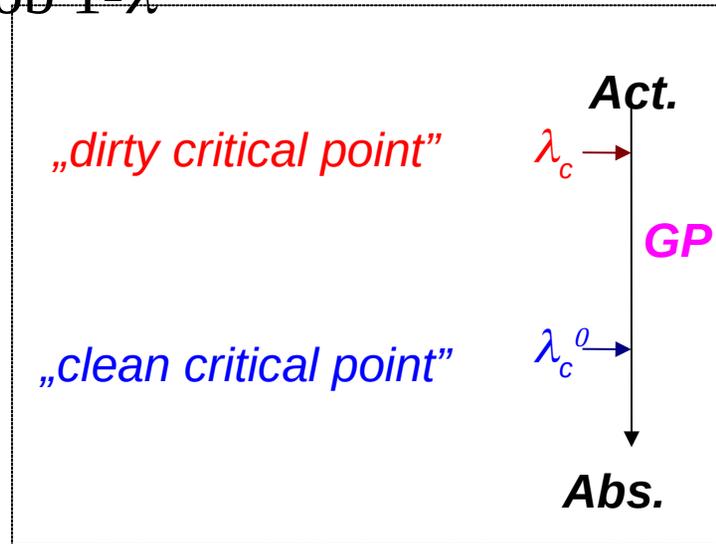
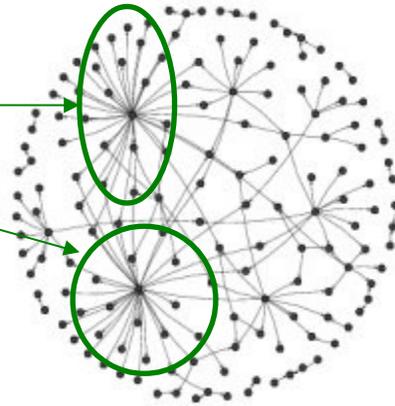
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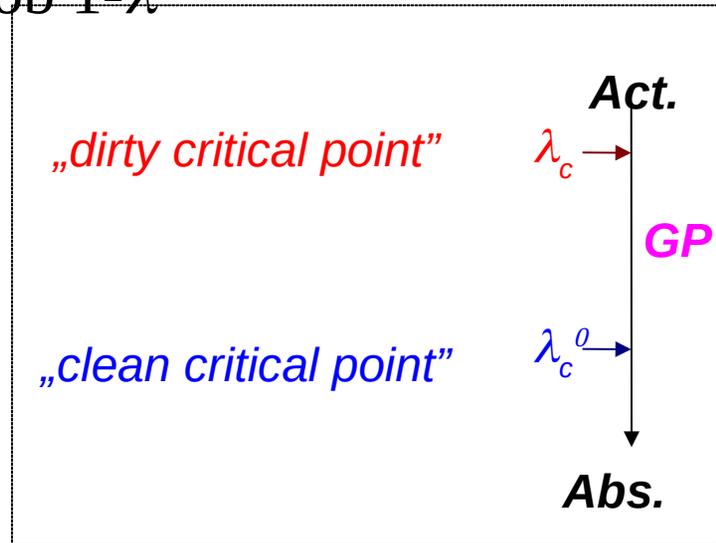
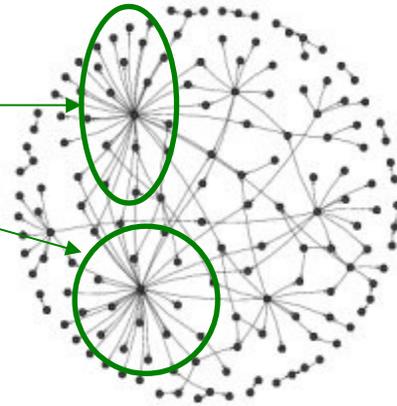
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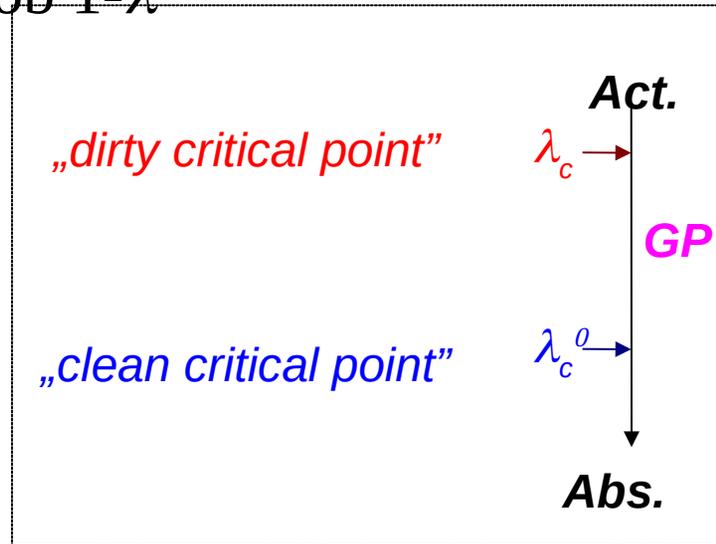
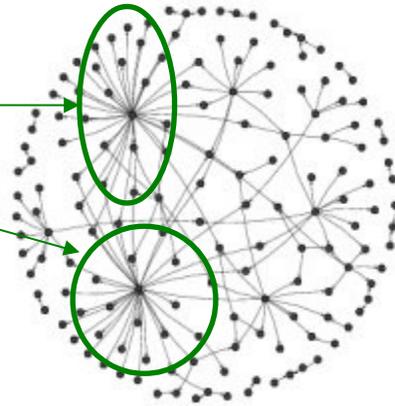
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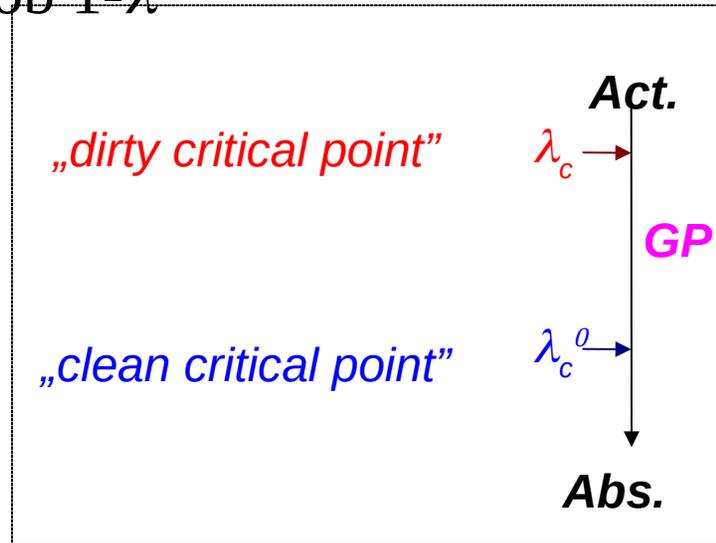
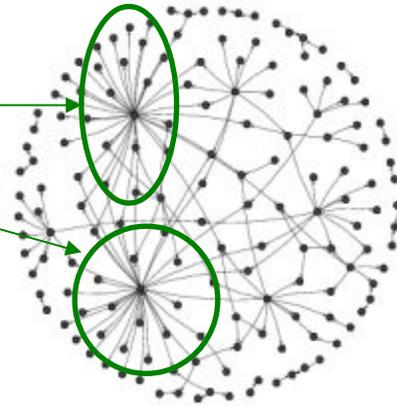
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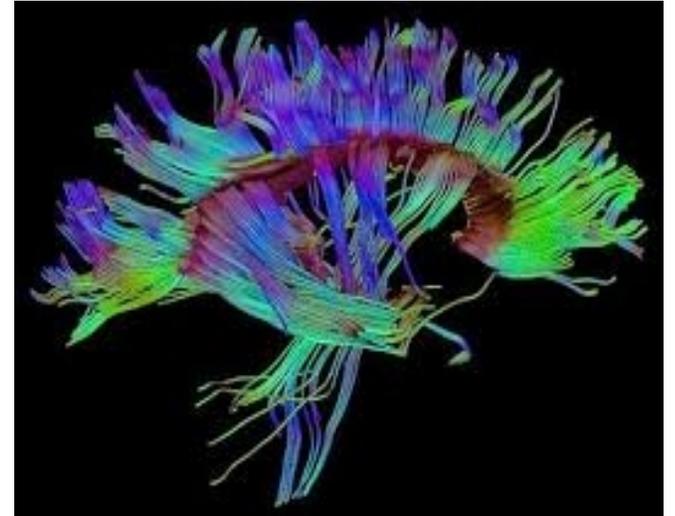
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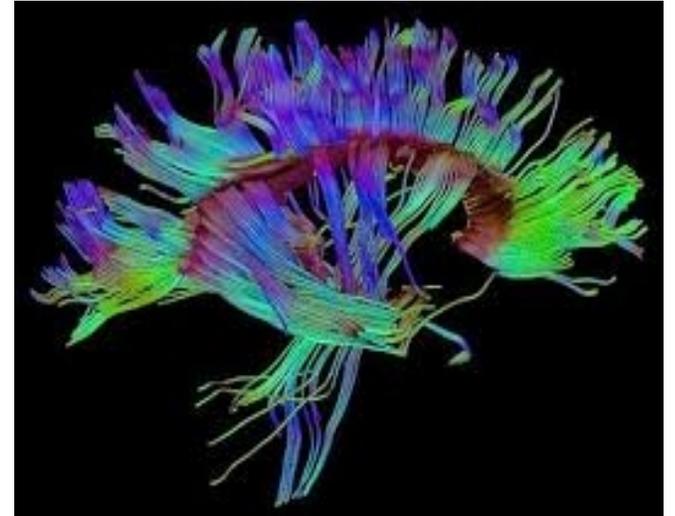
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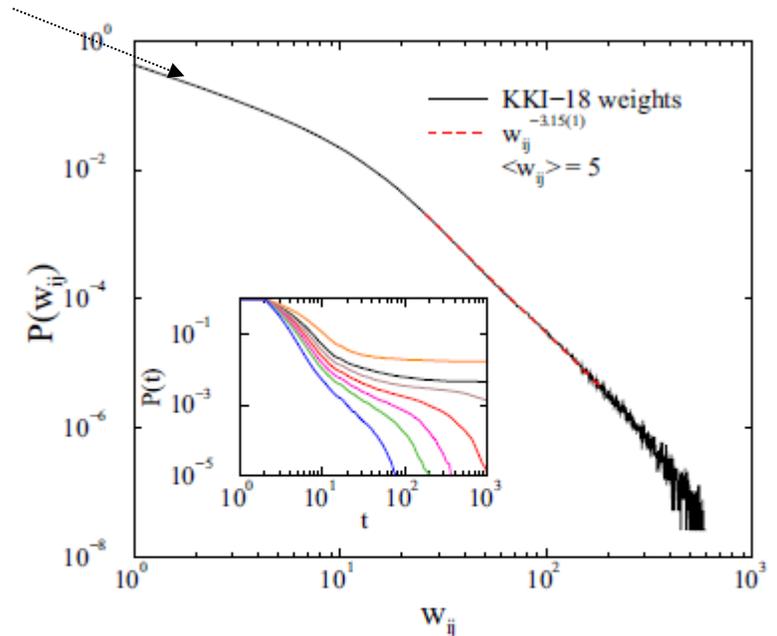


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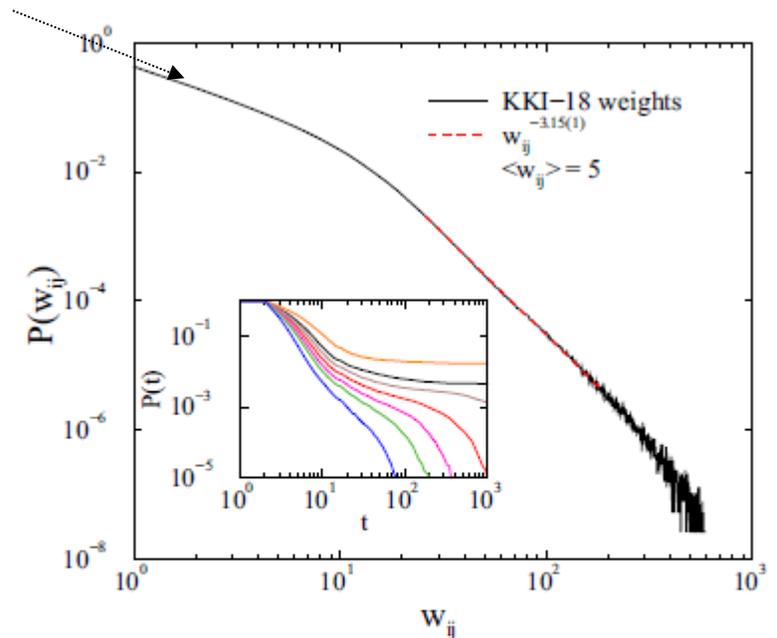


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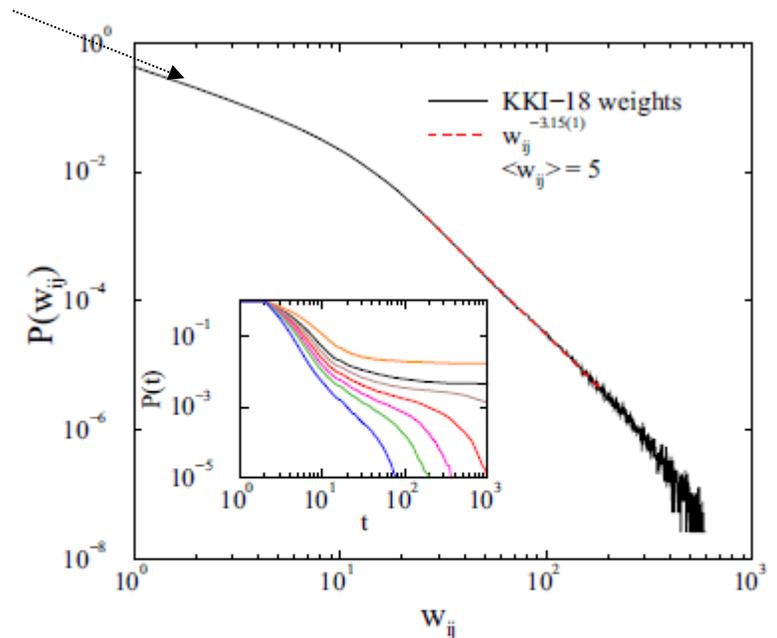


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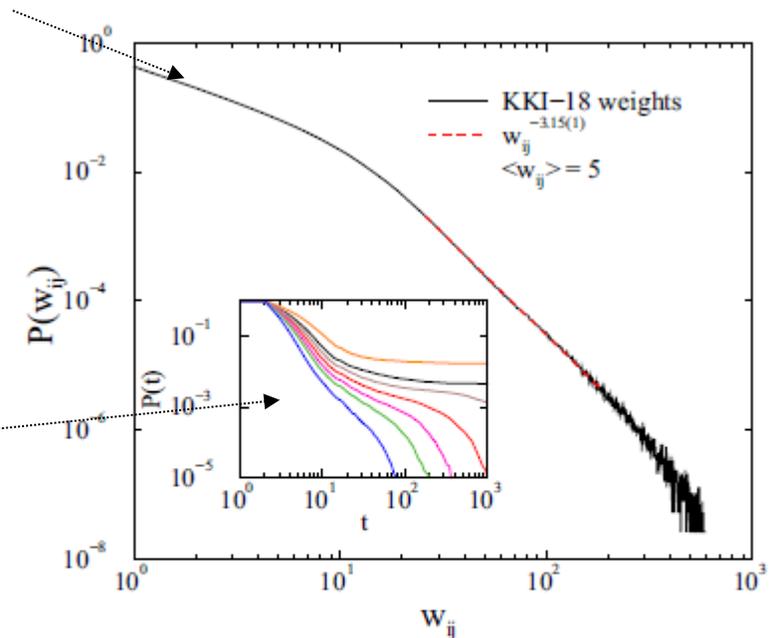


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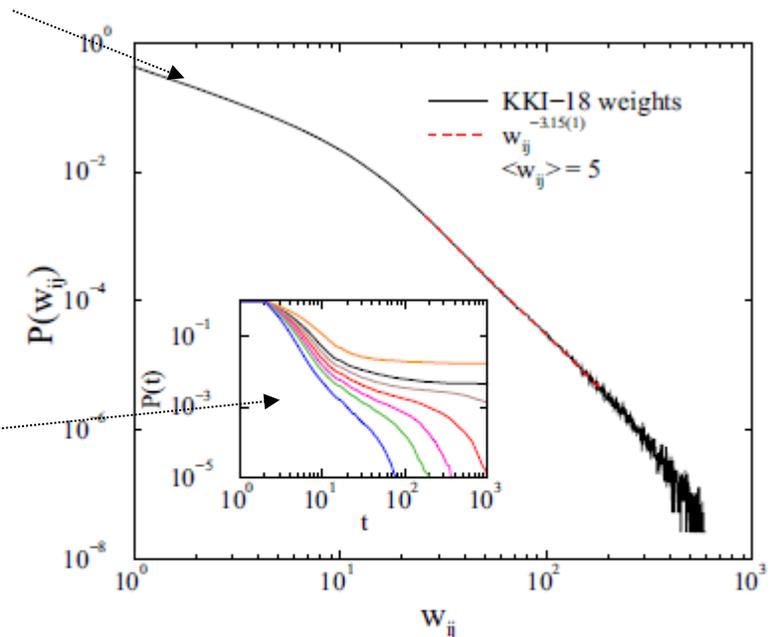


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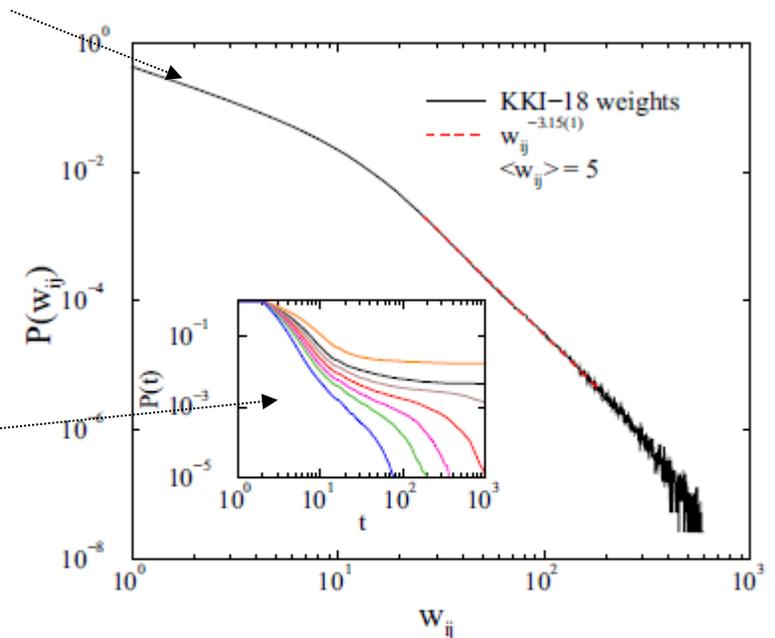


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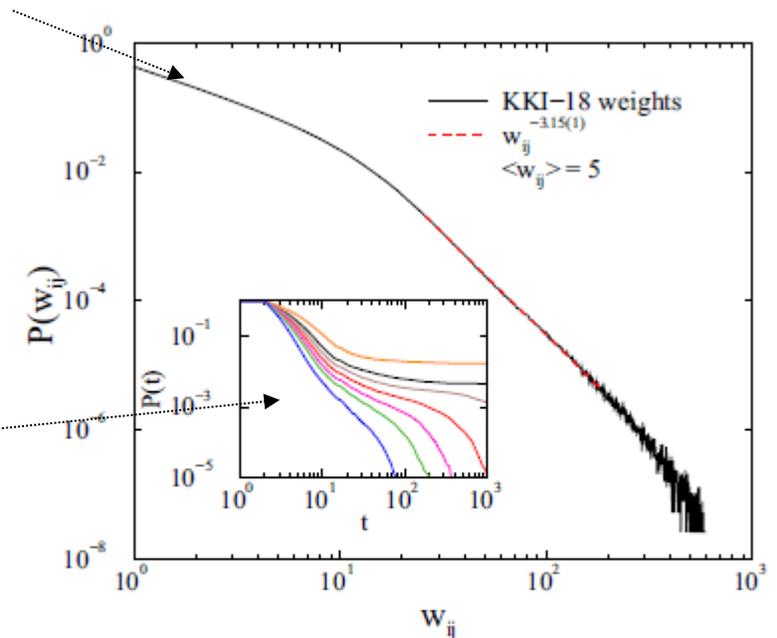


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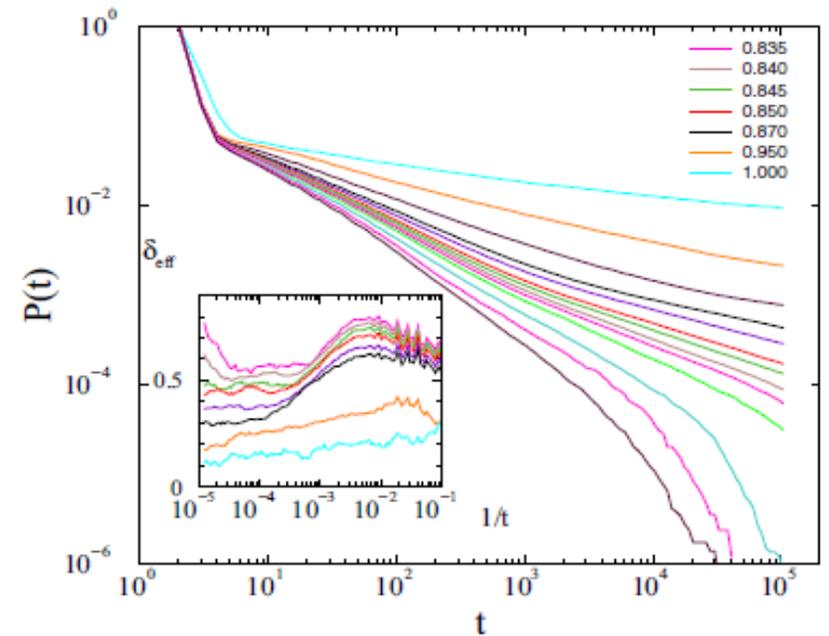


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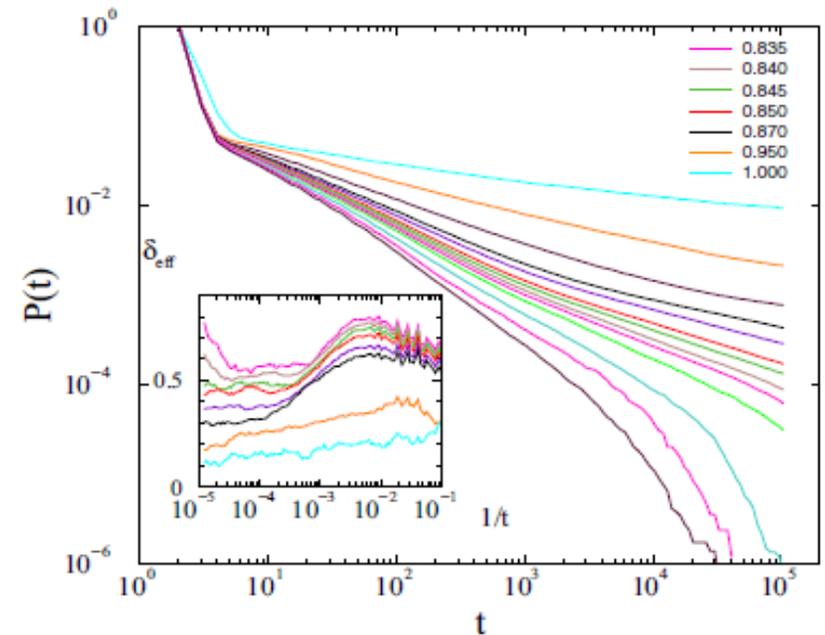


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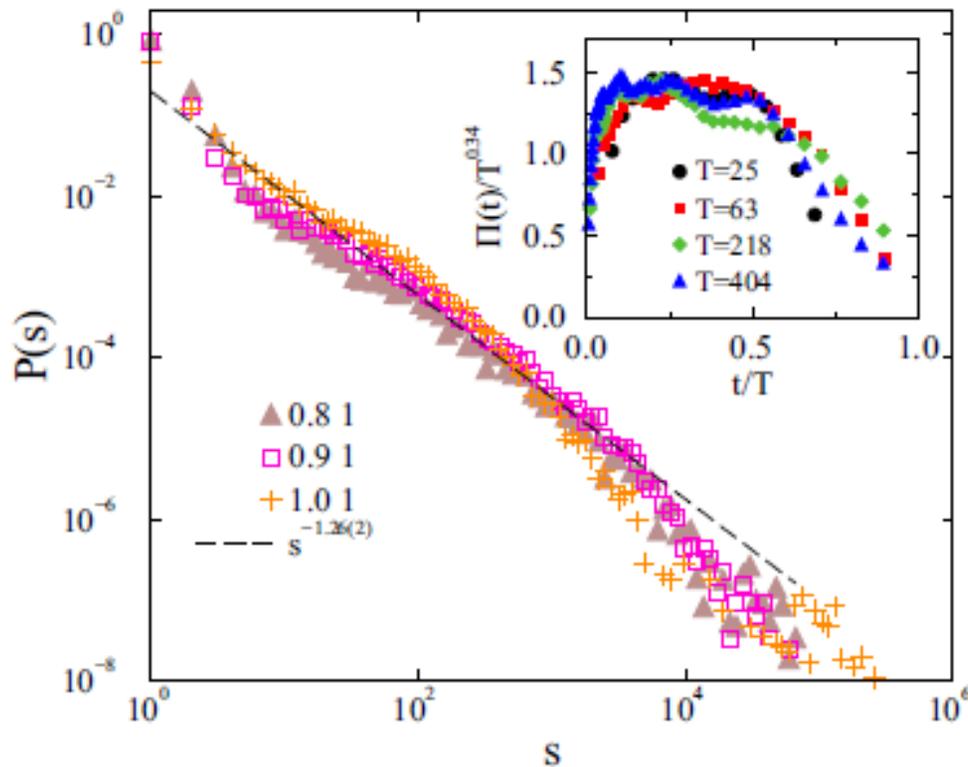


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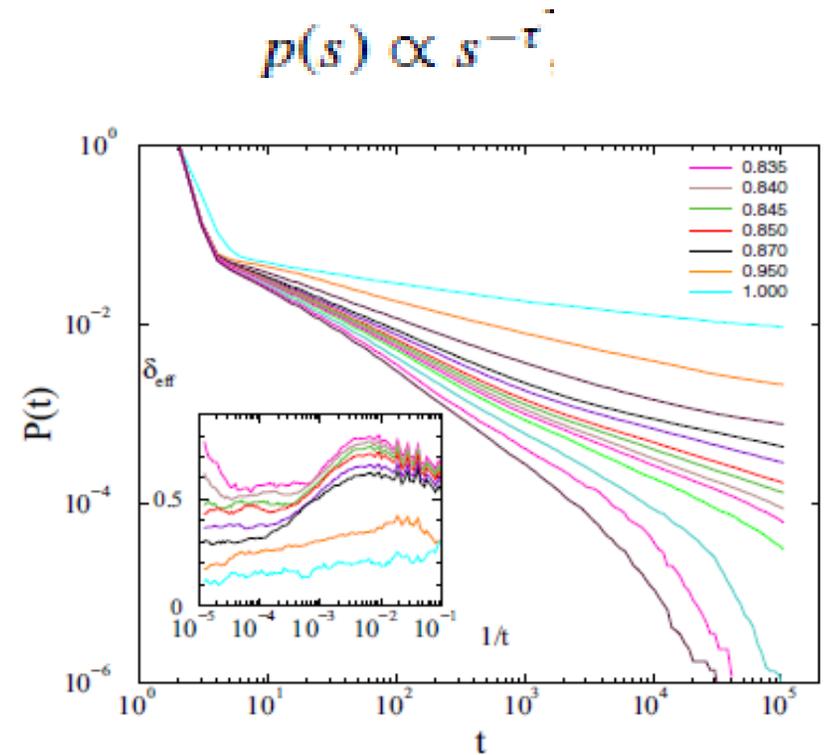


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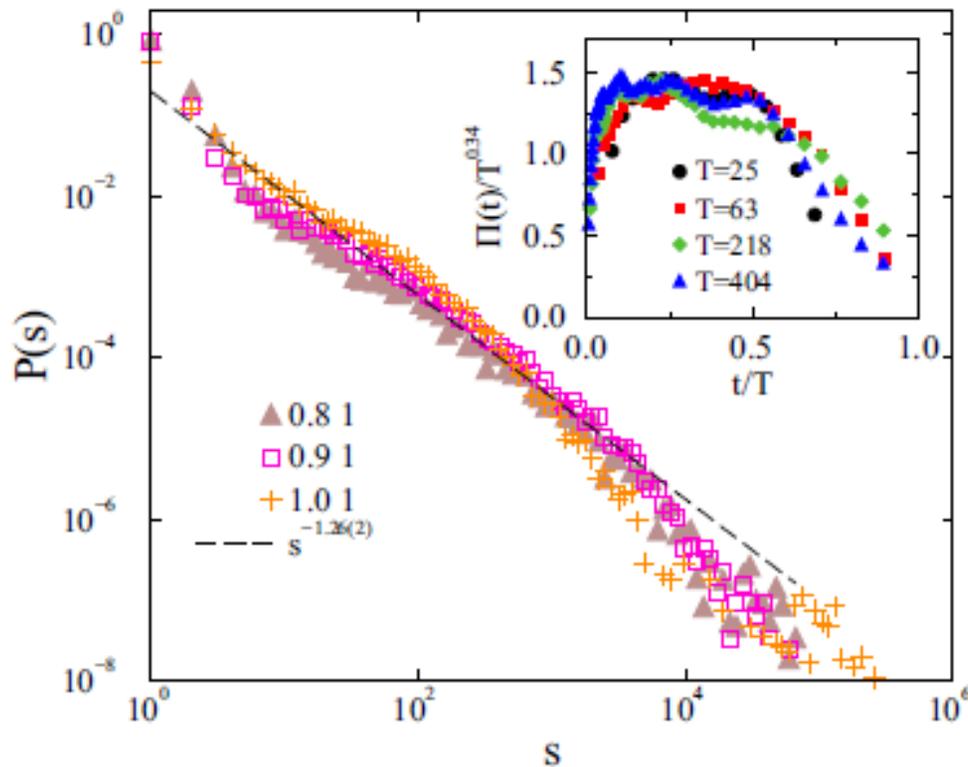


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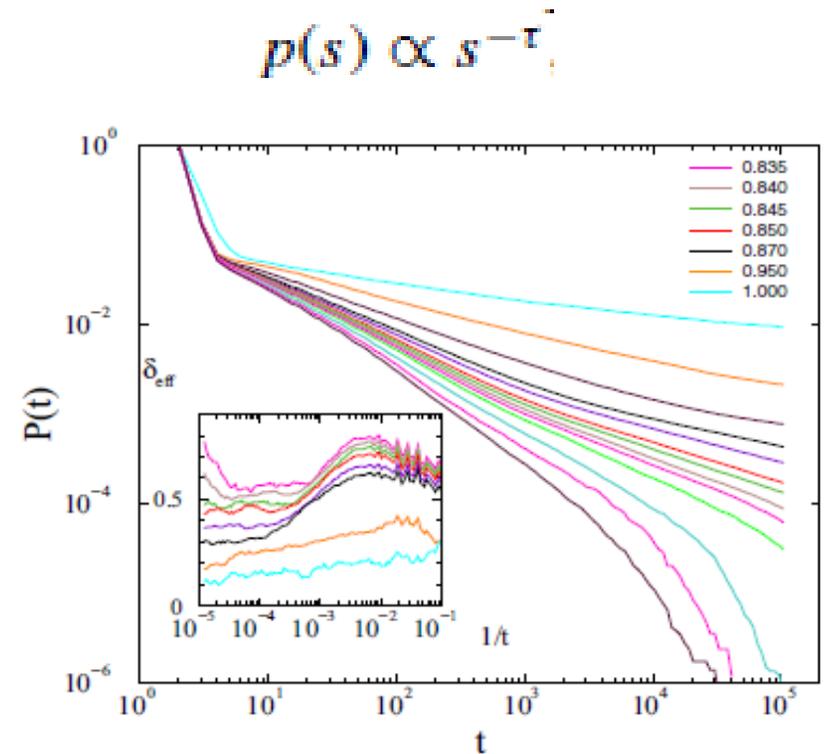


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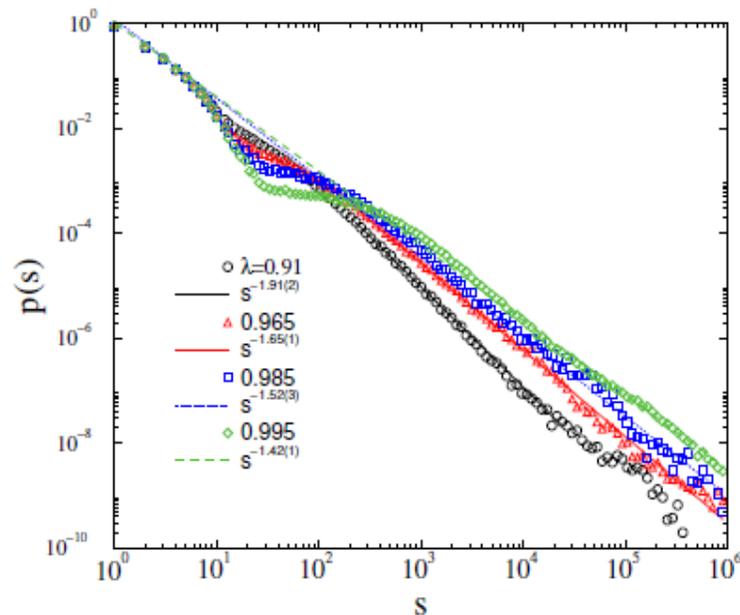


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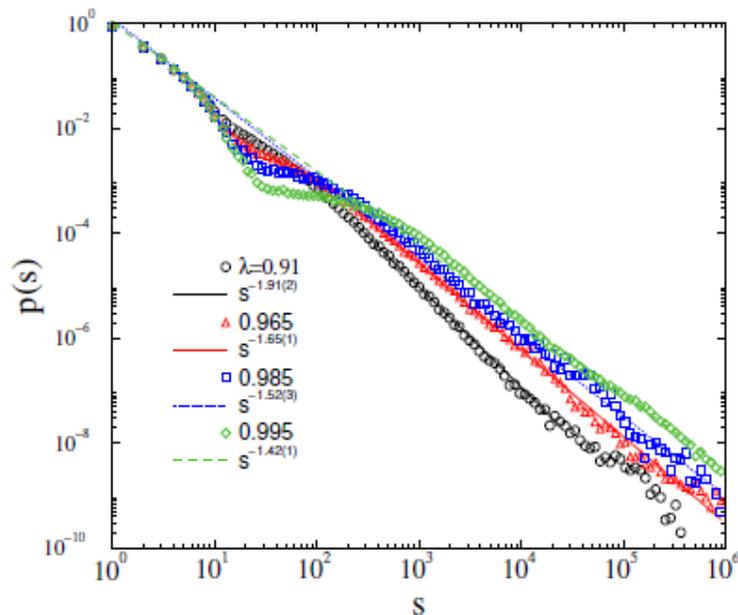


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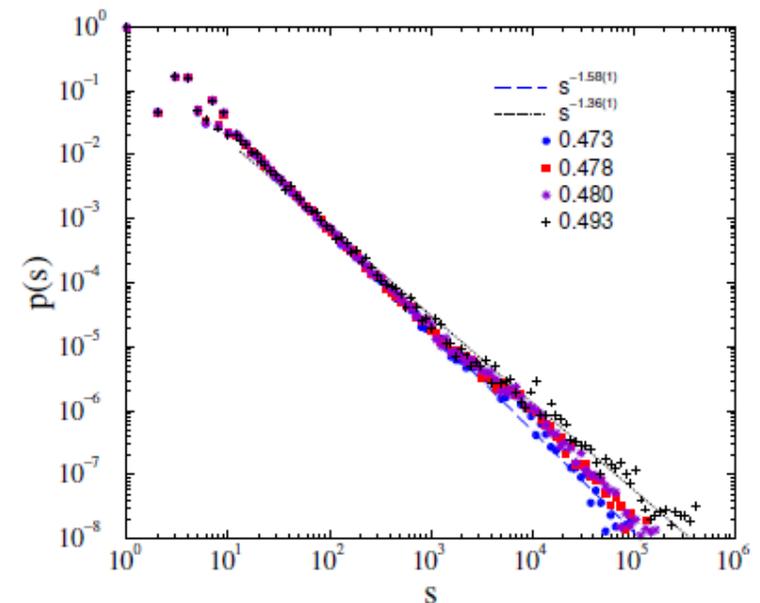


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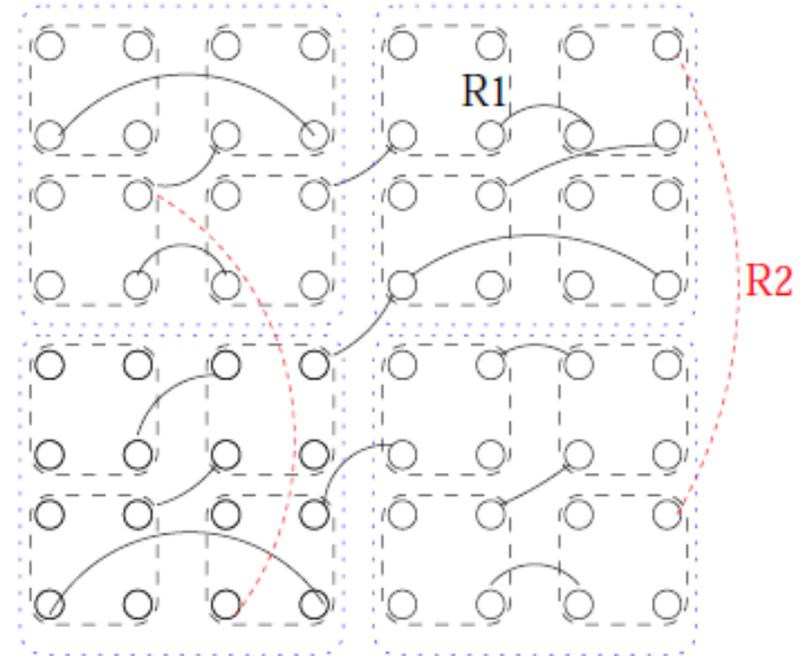


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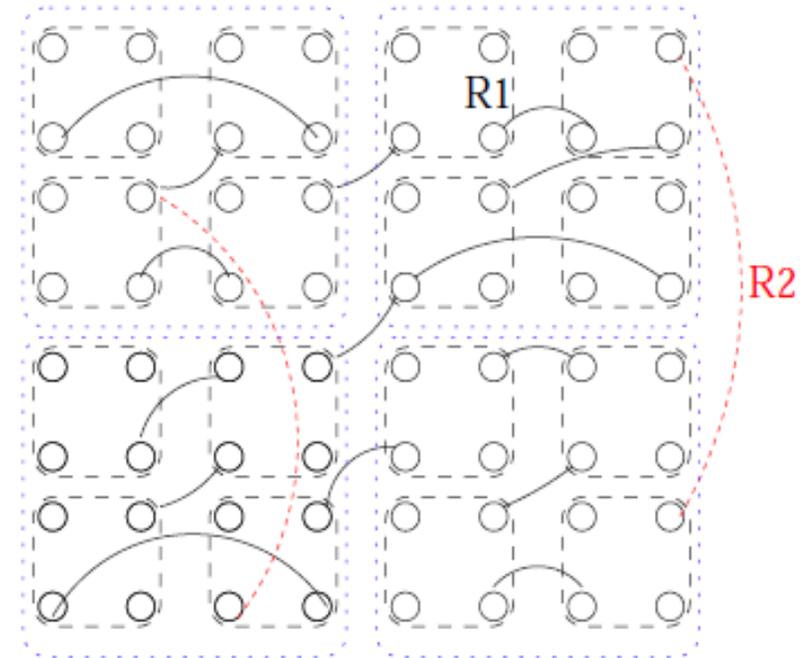
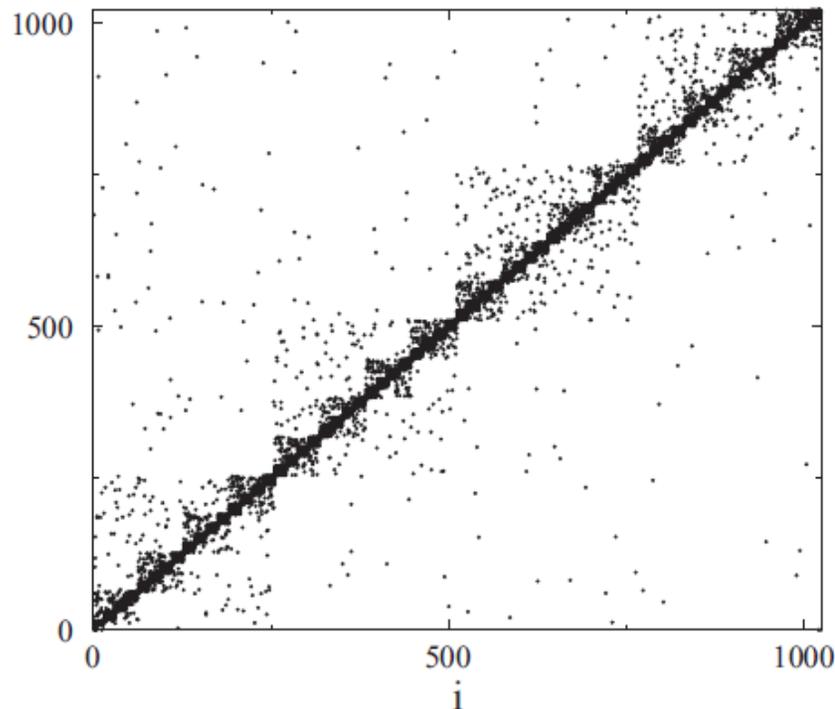


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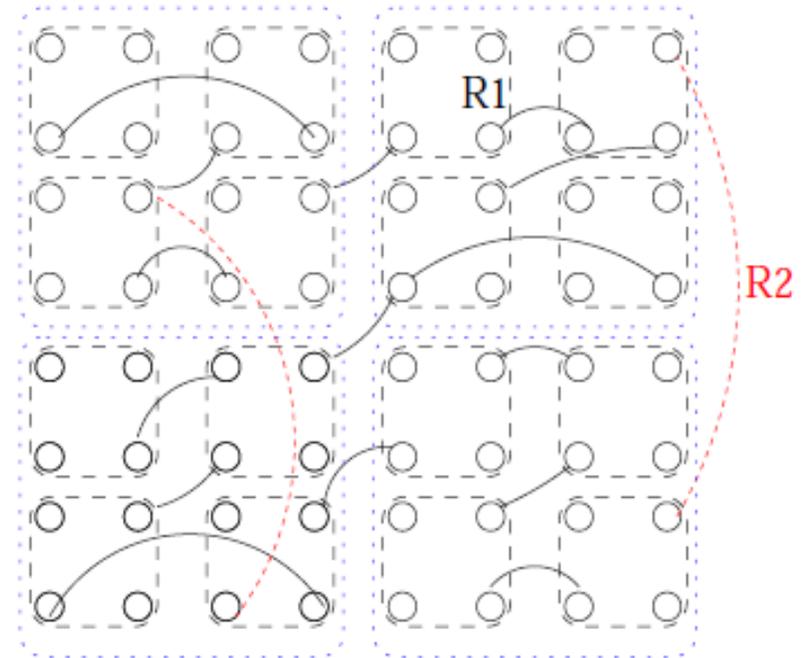
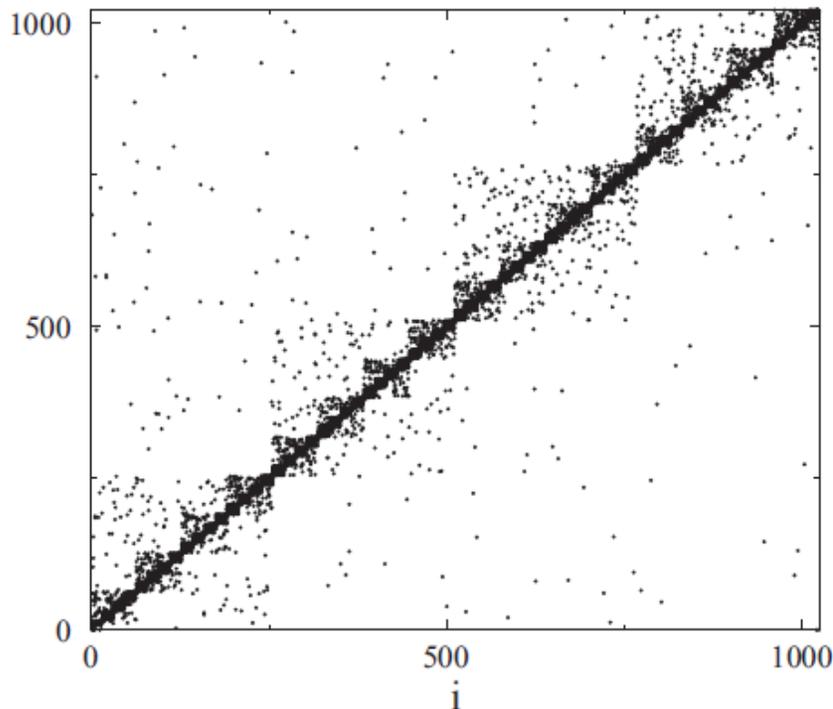


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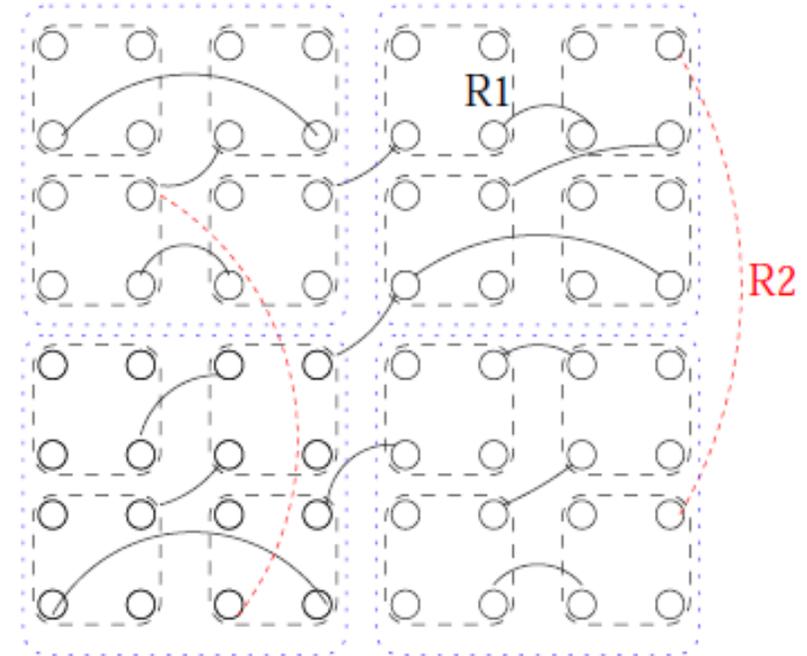
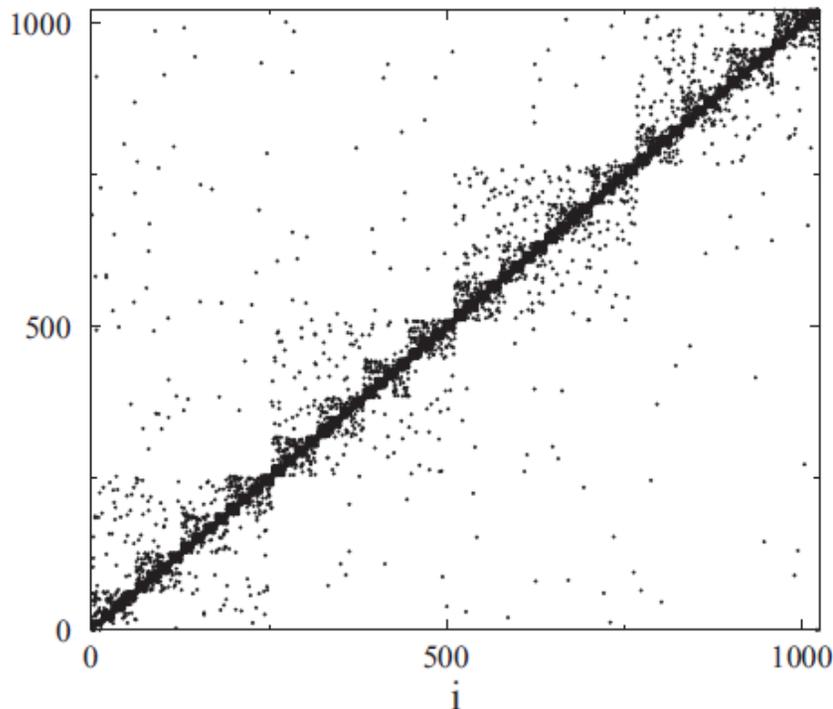


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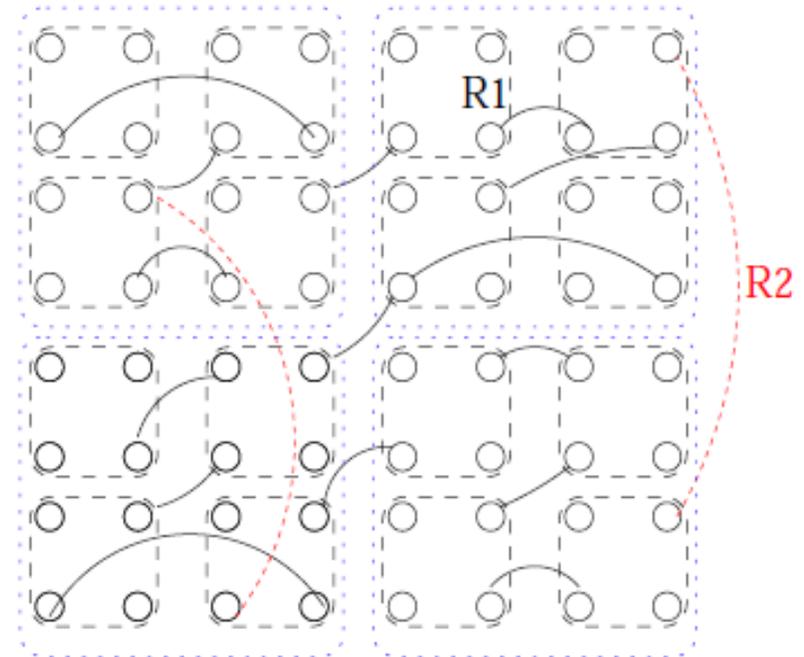
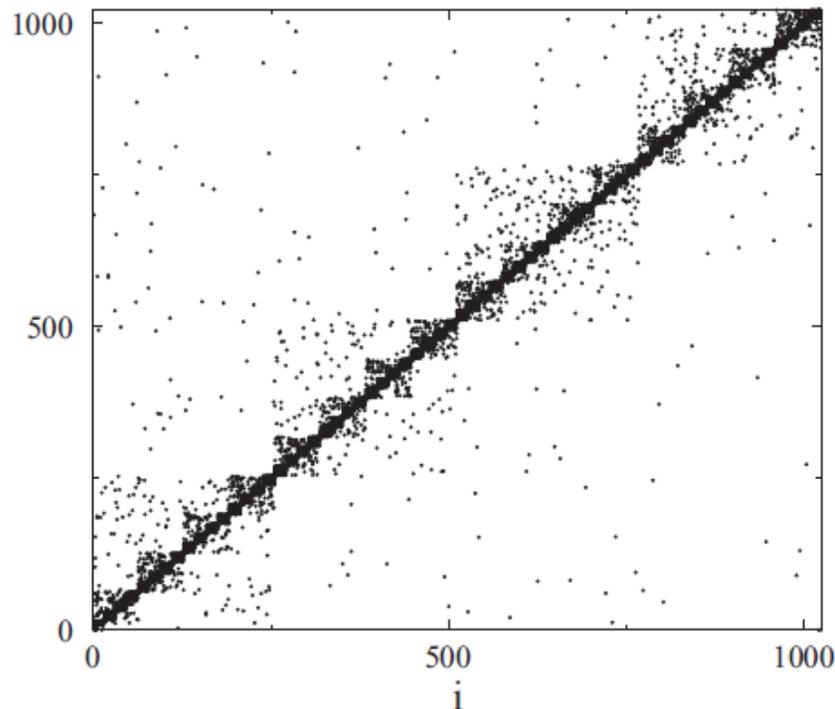


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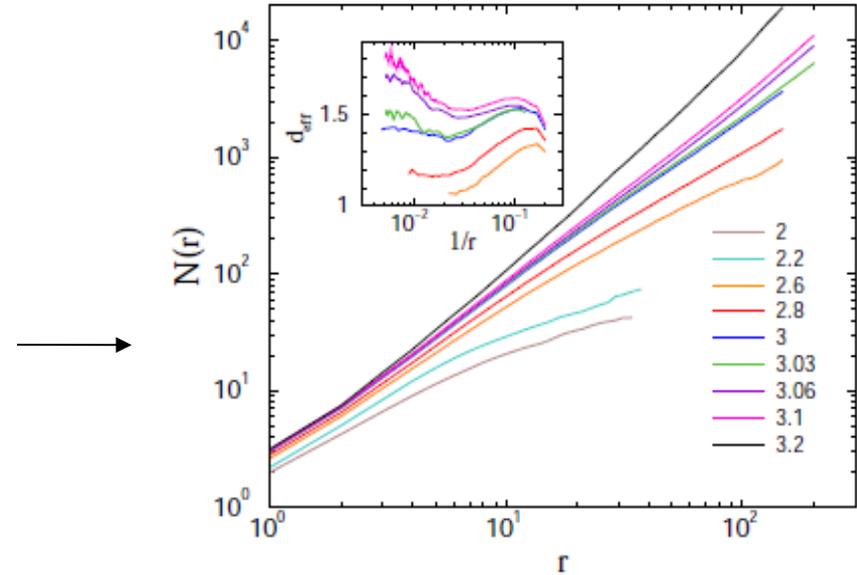


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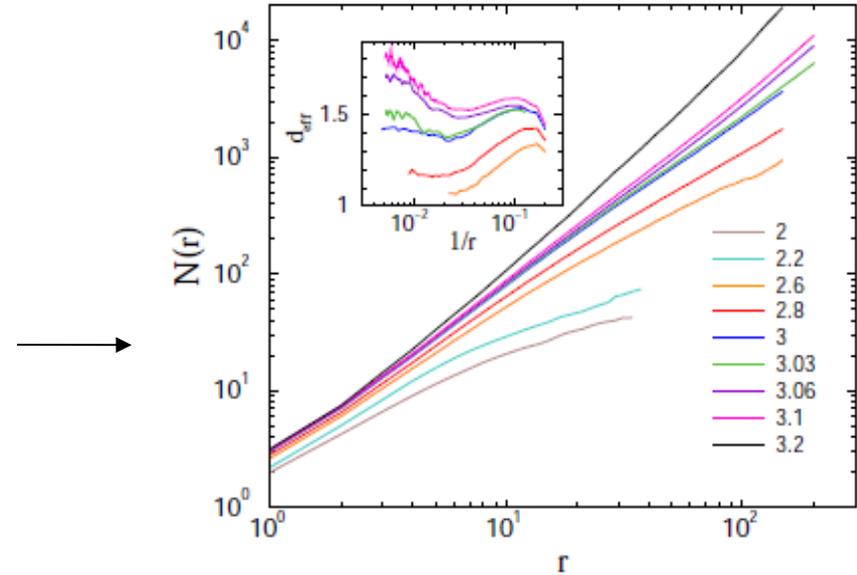


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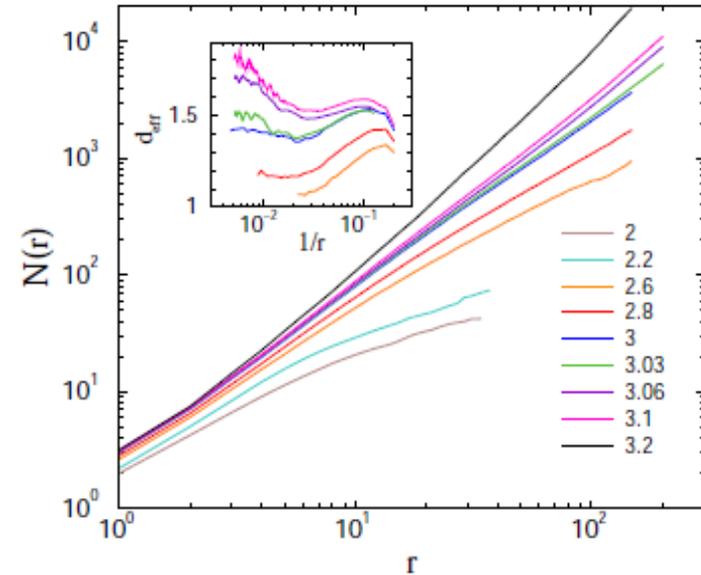


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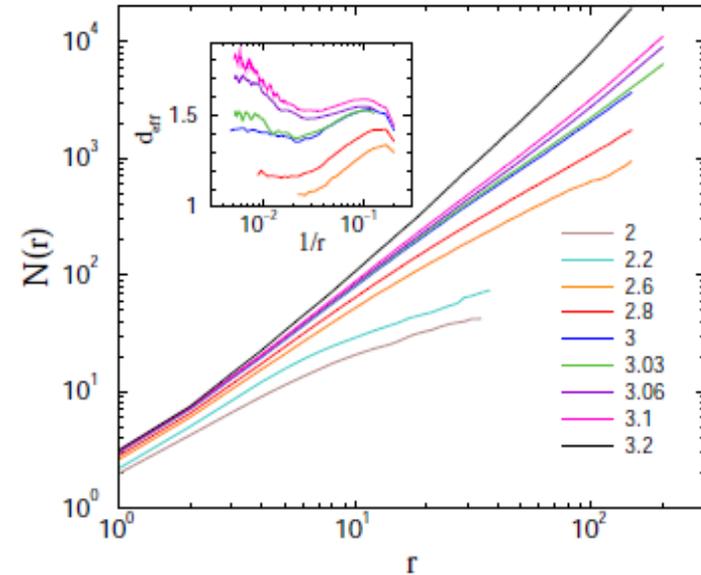


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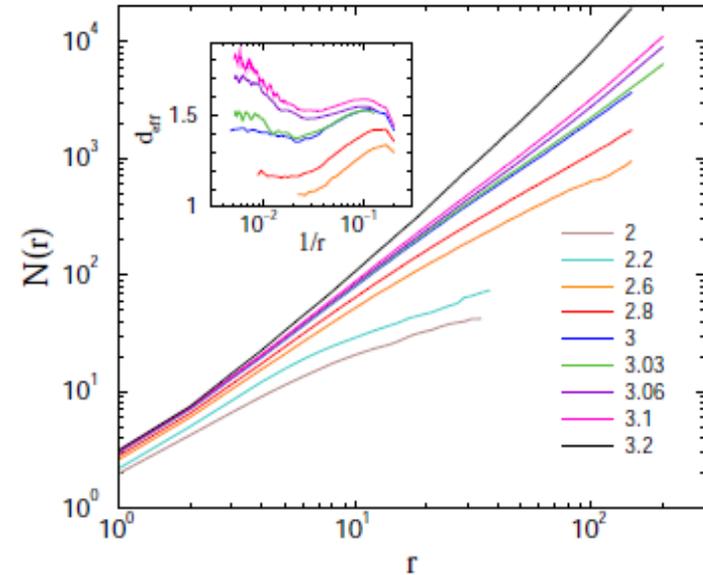


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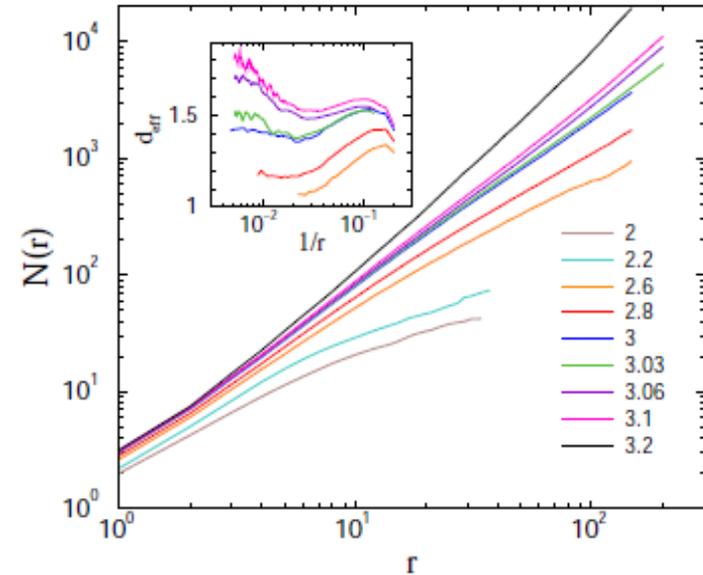


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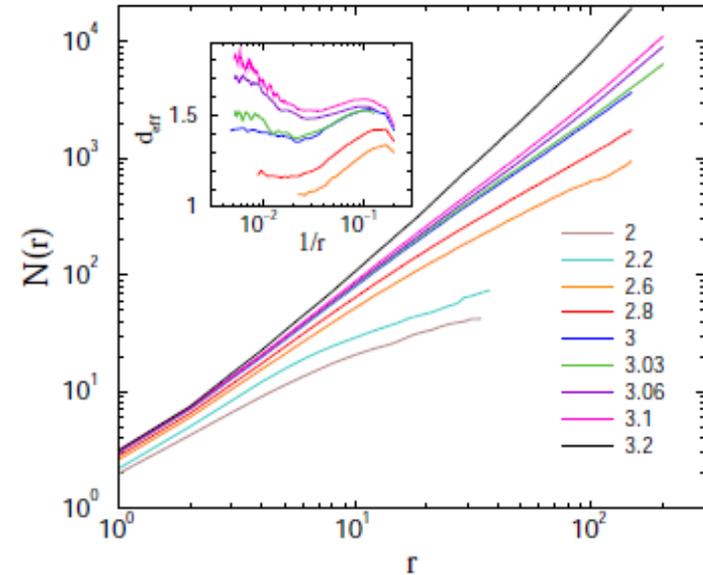


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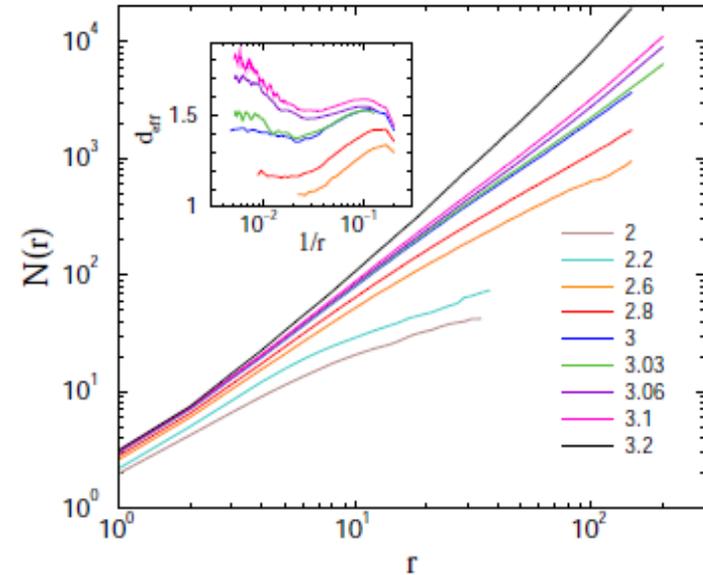


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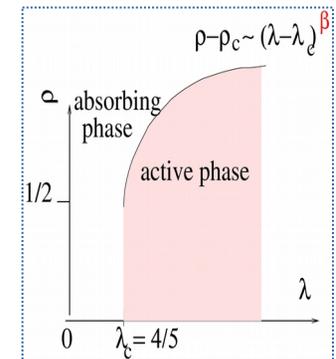
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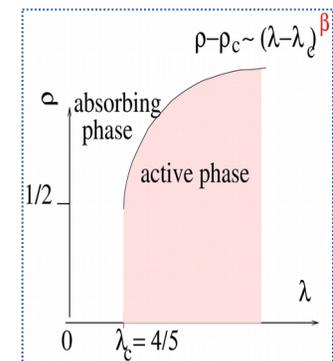
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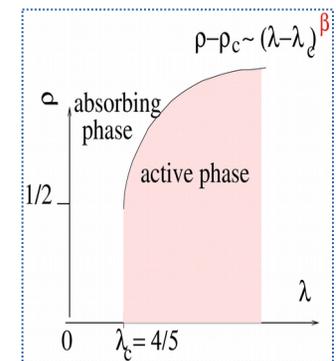
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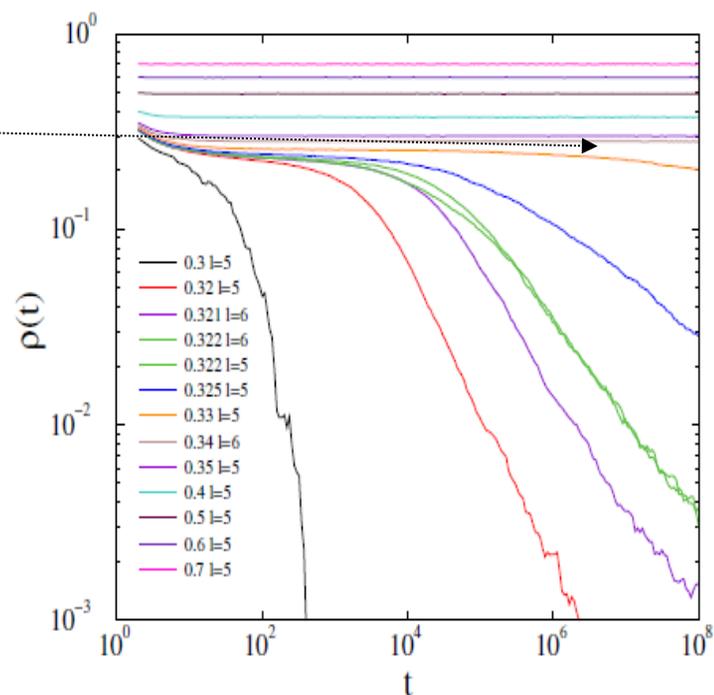
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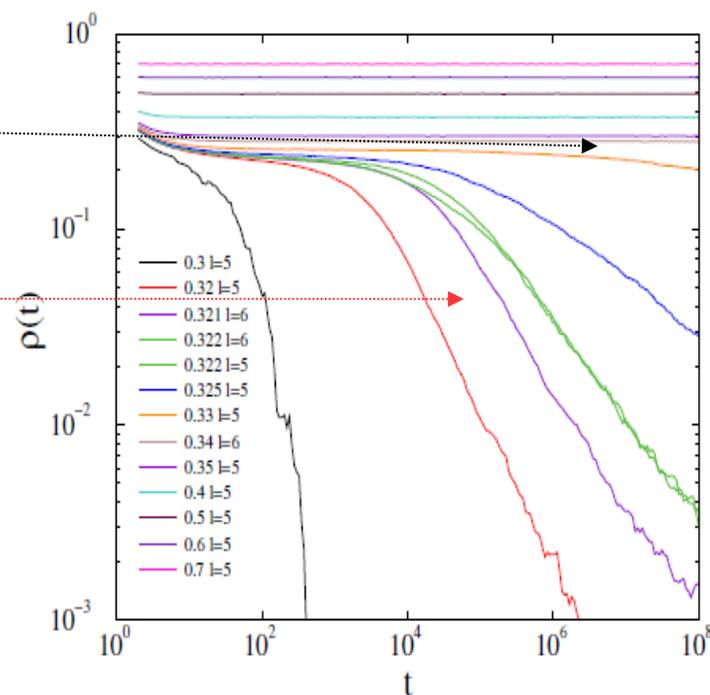
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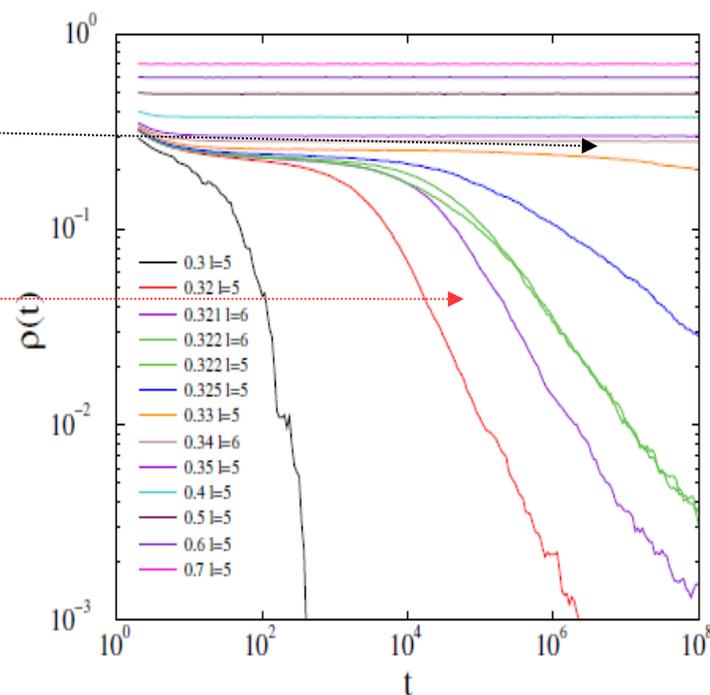
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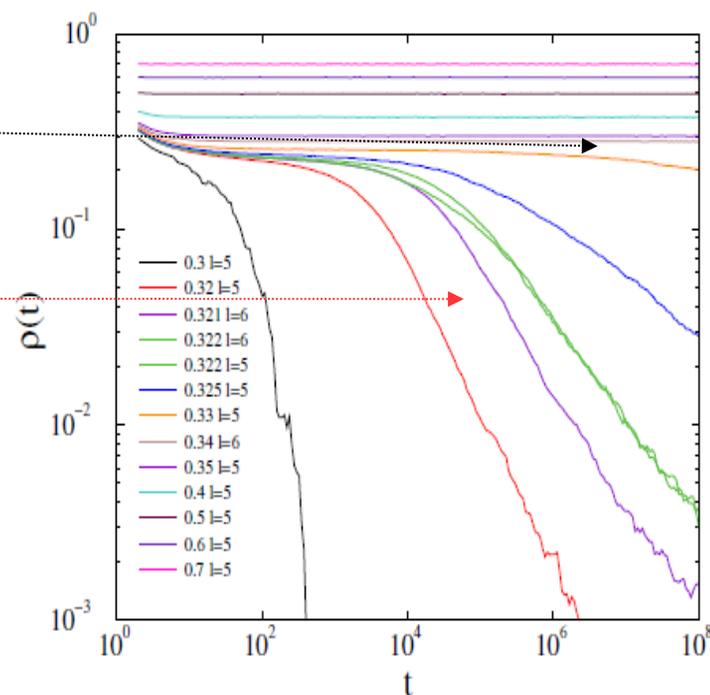
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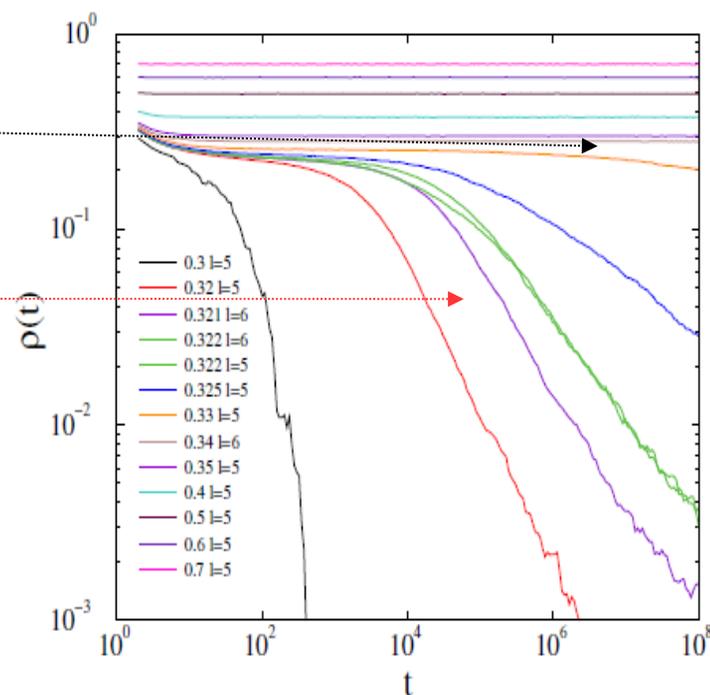
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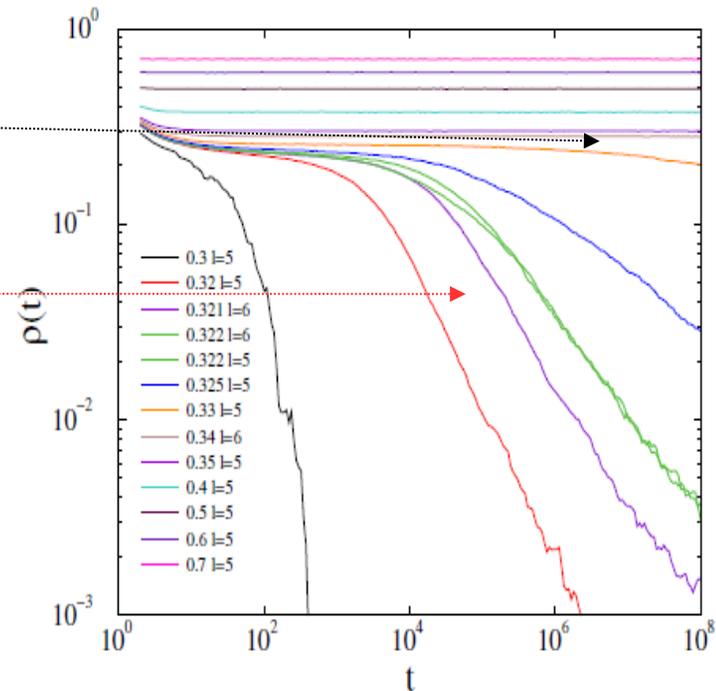


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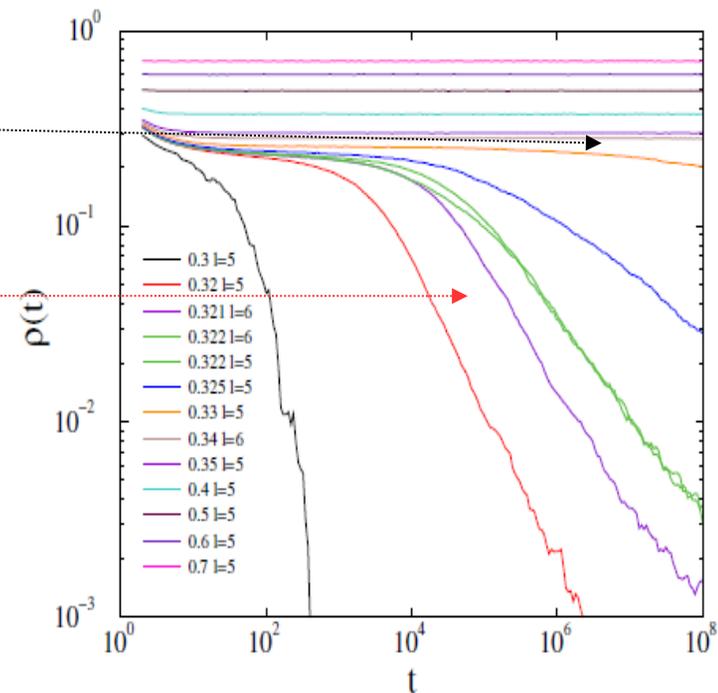


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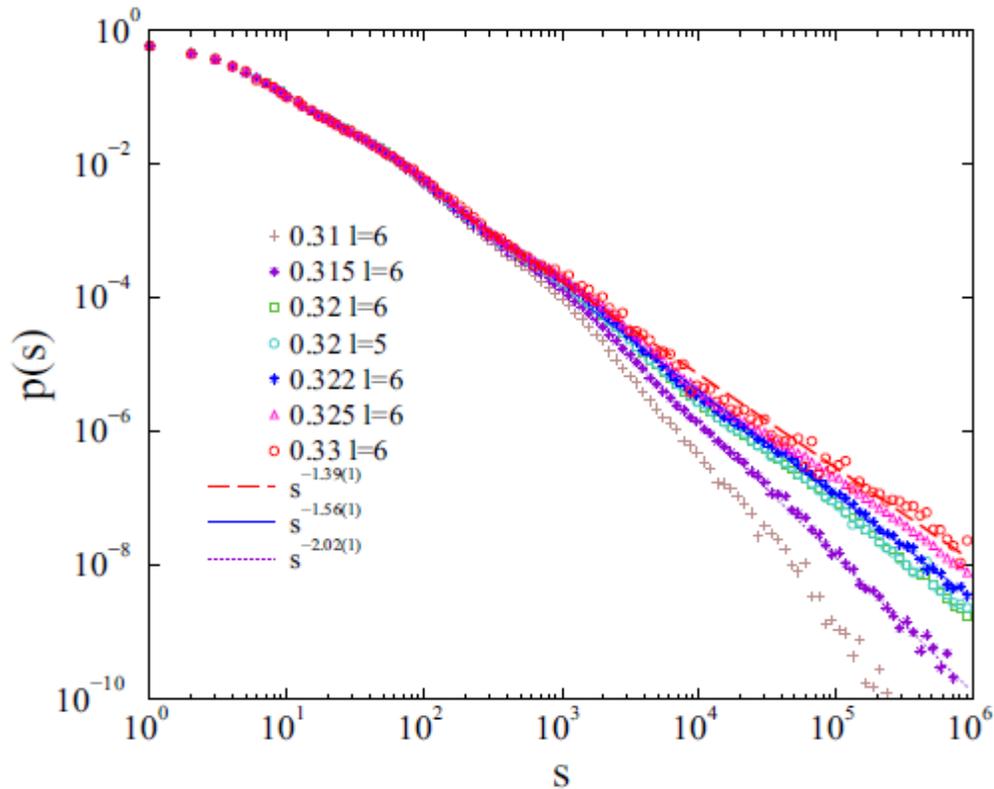


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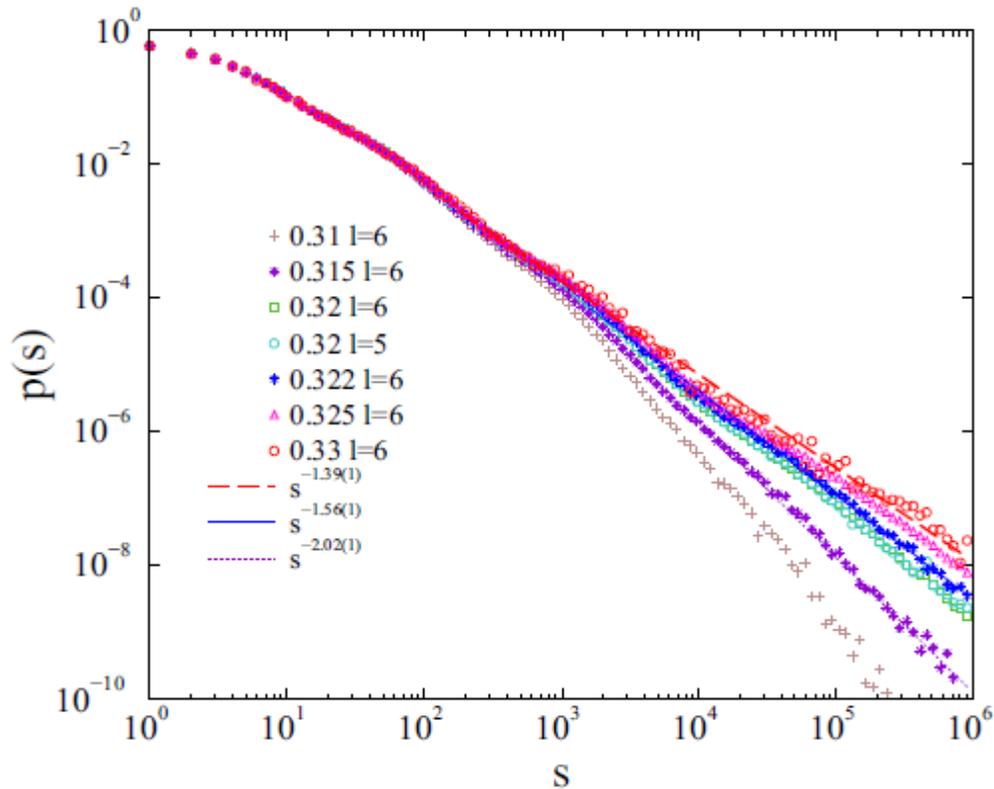


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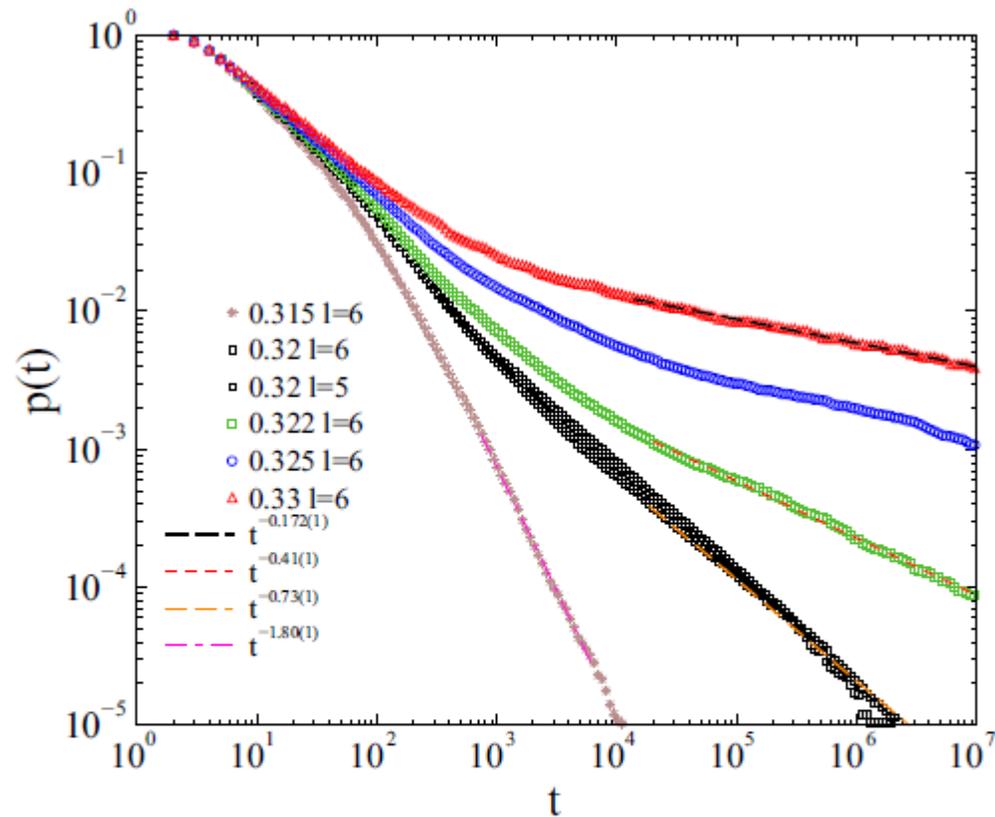
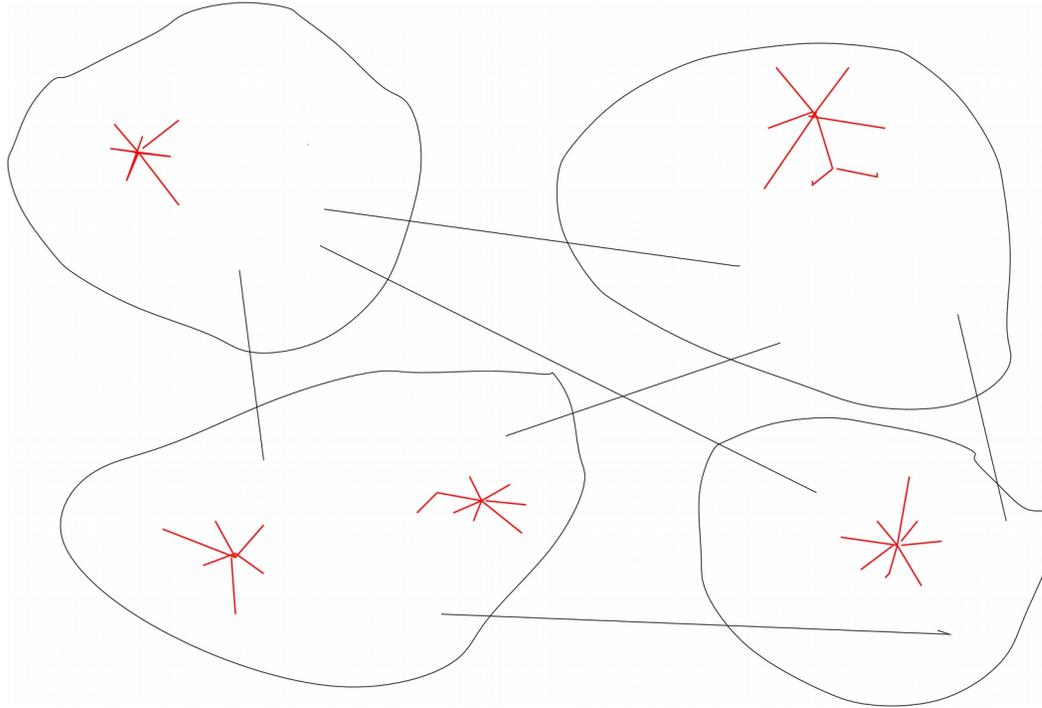


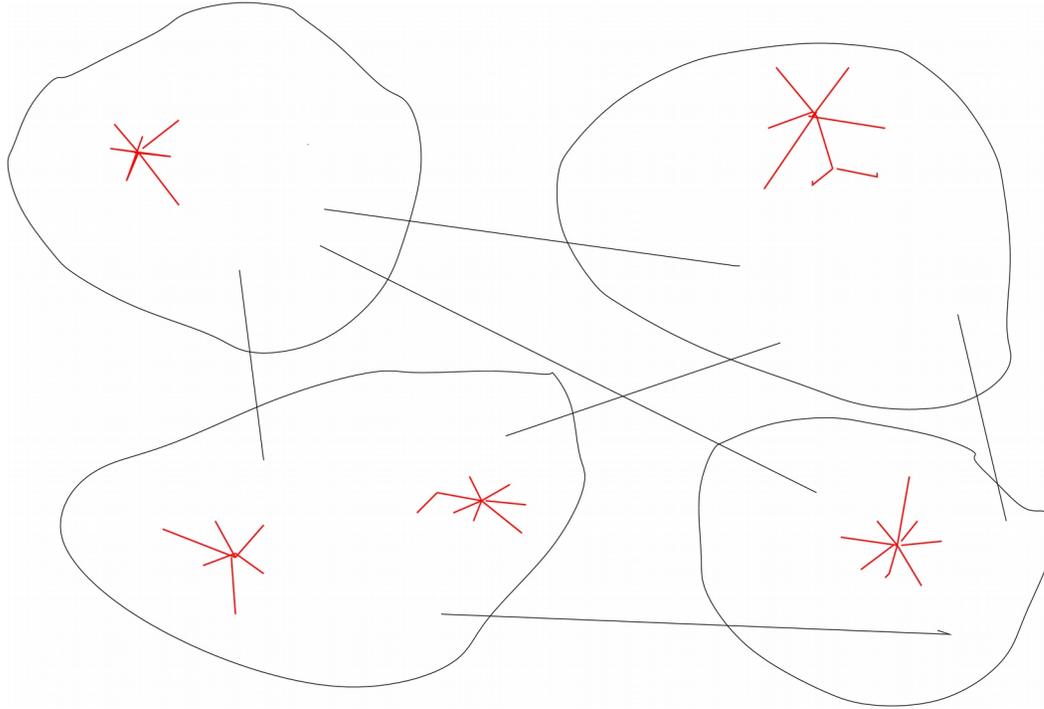
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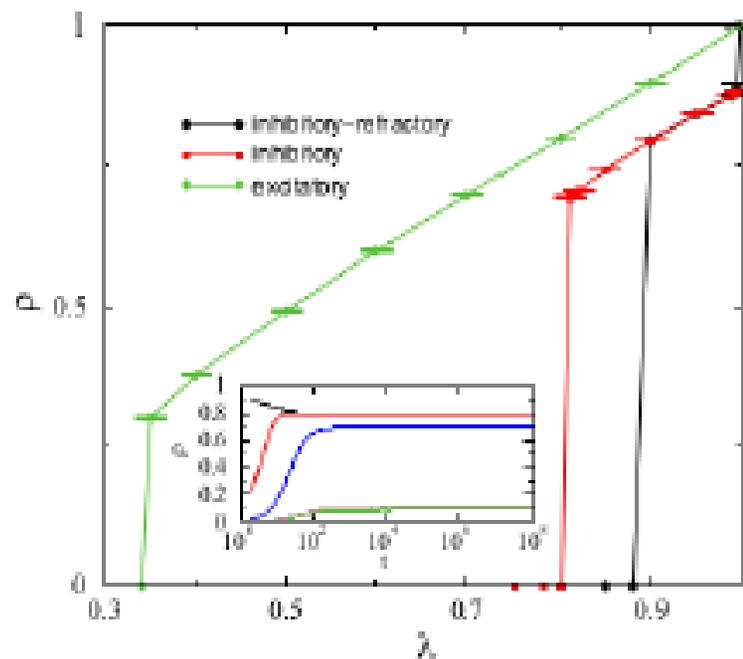


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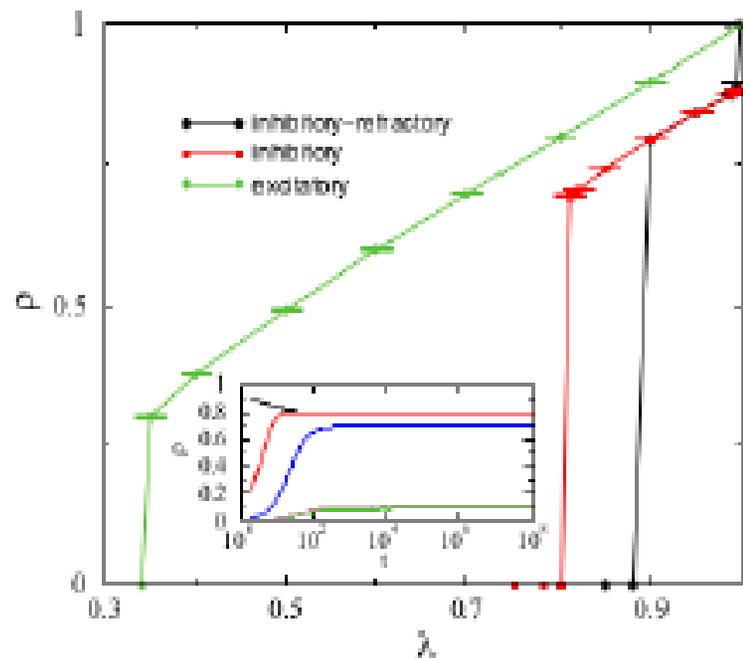


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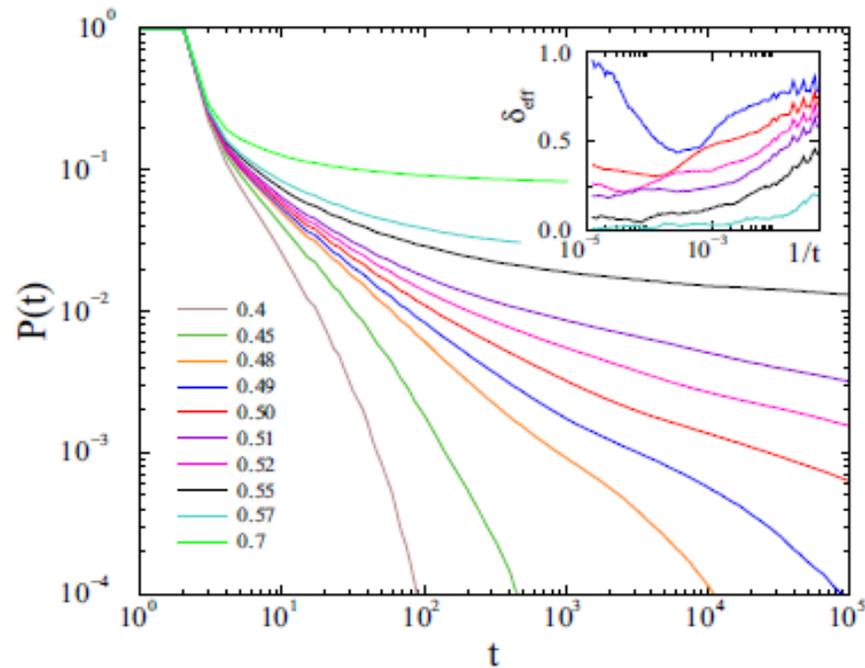


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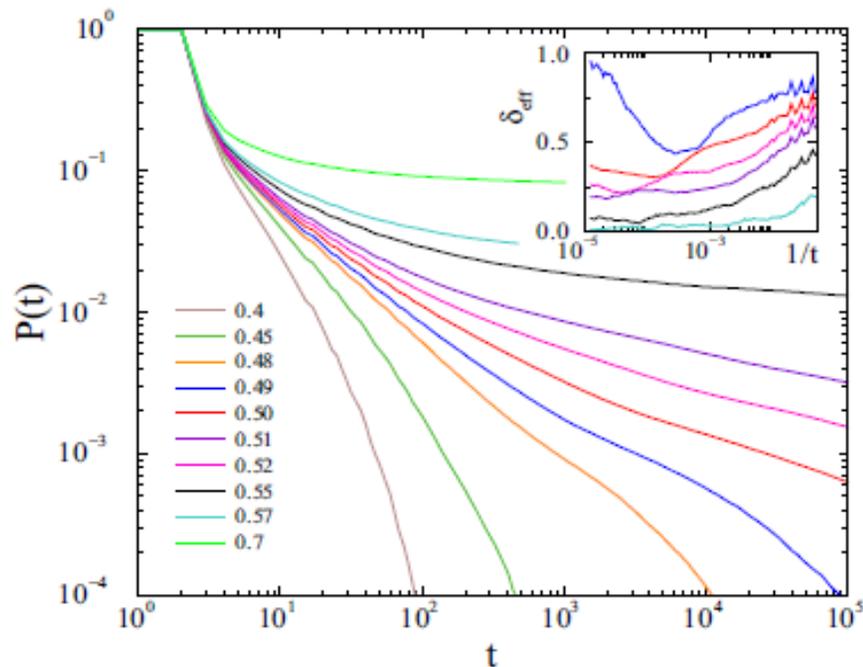


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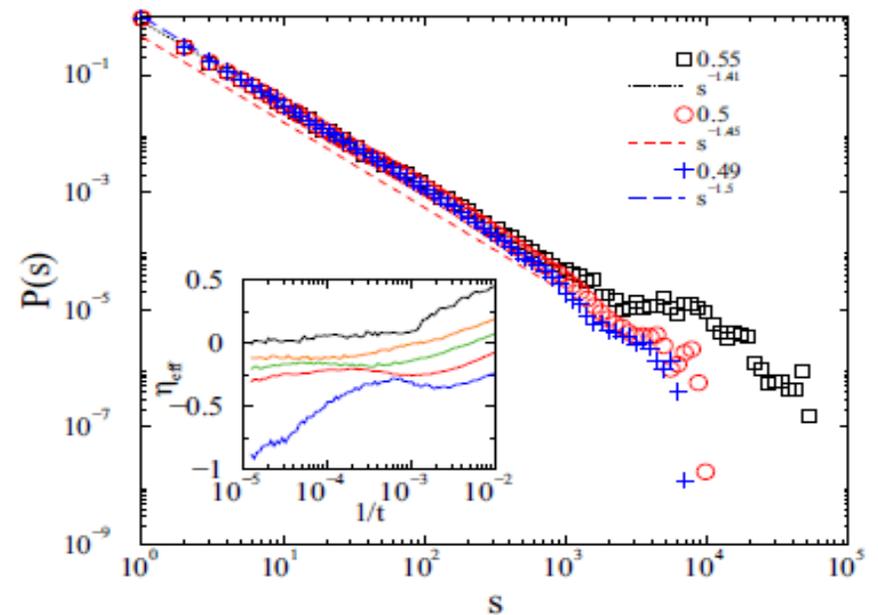


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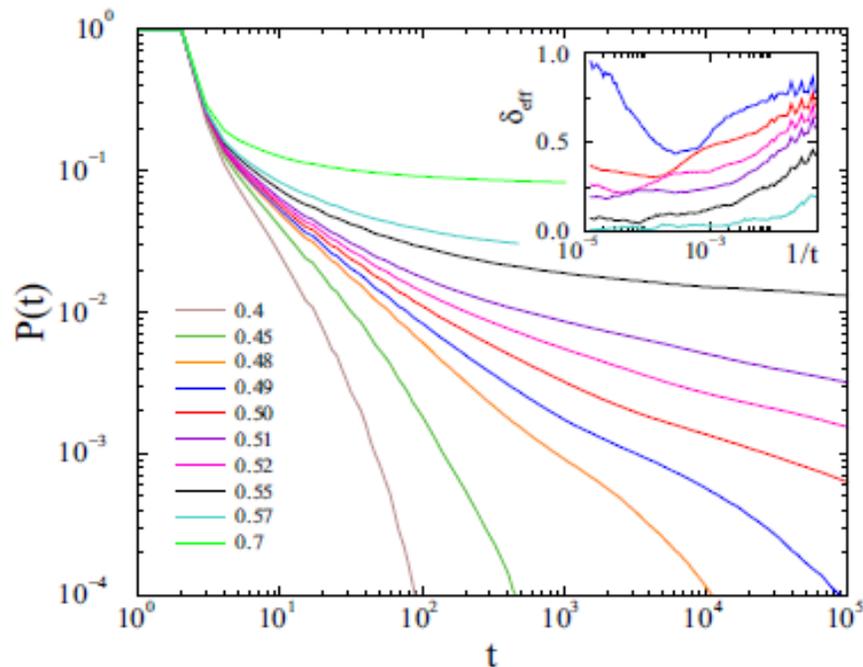


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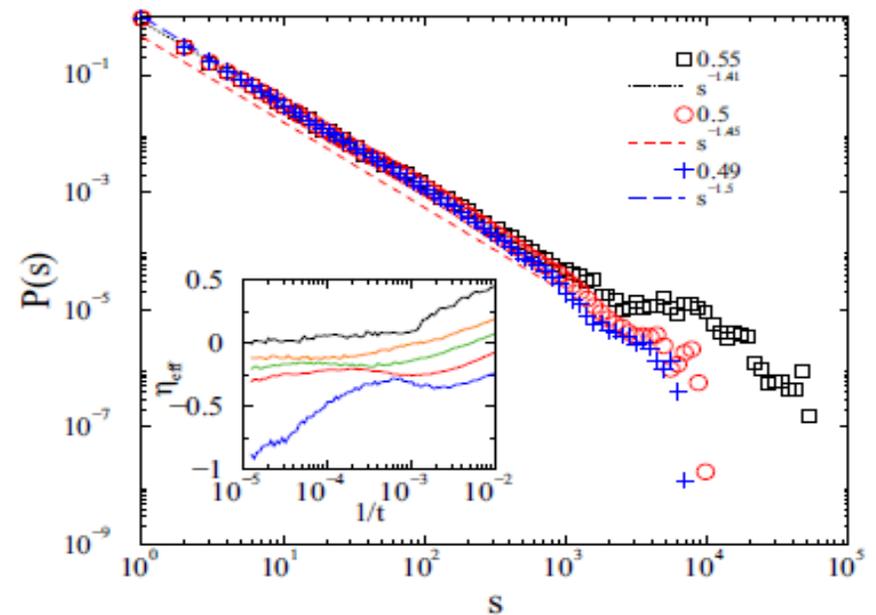


FIG. 6. Avalanche size distribution of the relative threshold model with 30% inhibitory links at  $K = 0.1$ ,  $\nu = 0.95$ , and  $\lambda = 0.49, 0.5, 0.55$ . Dashed lines: PL fits. Inset: Effective  $\eta$  exponent for  $\nu = 0.95$  and  $\lambda = 0.49, 0.5, 0.51, 0.51, 0.55$  (bottom to top curves).

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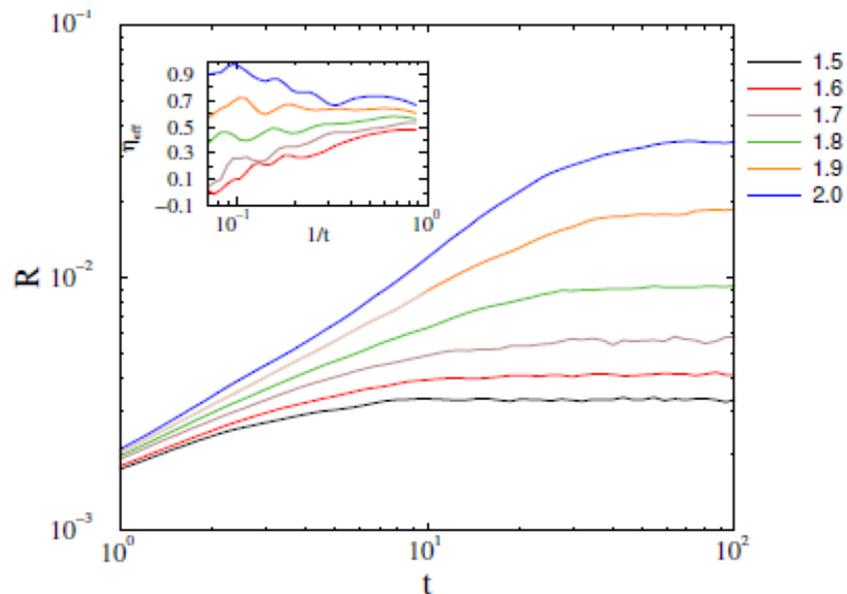
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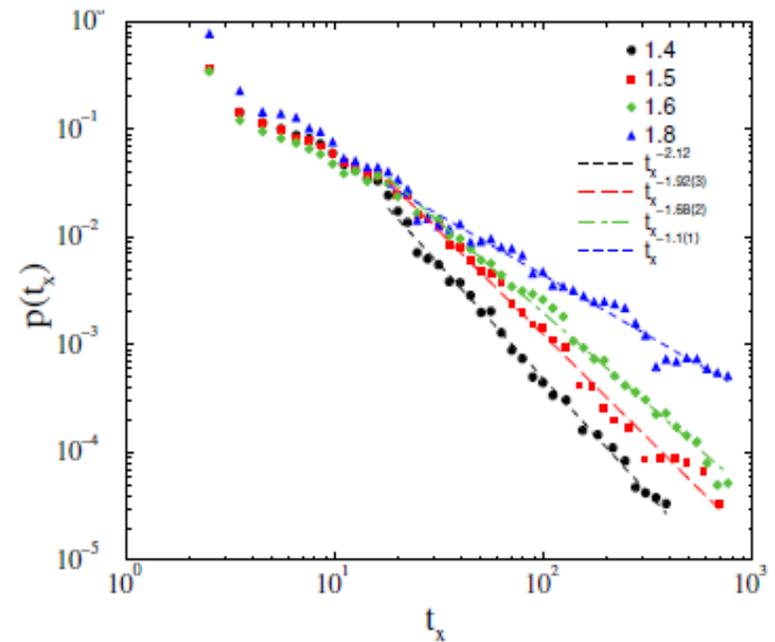
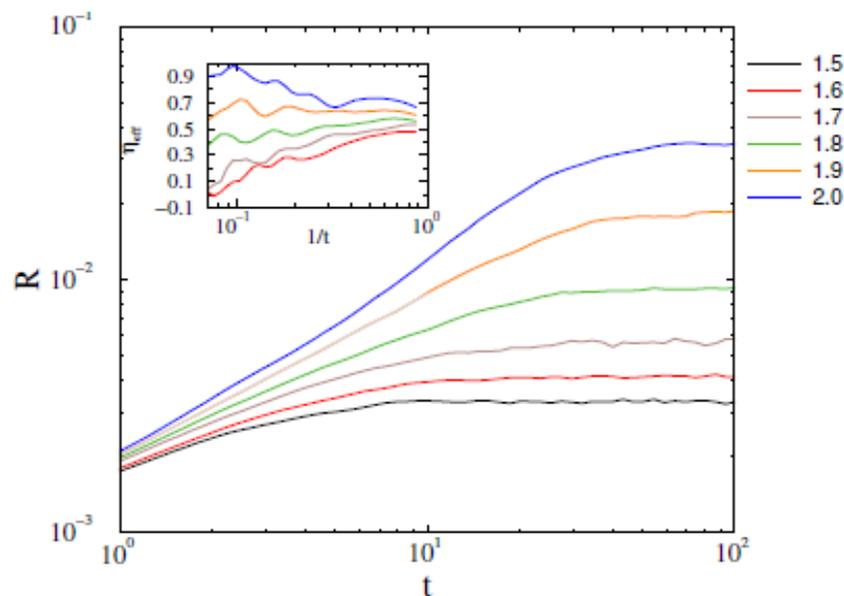
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**Duration scaling exponent within experimental range:  $1.5 < \tau_t < 2.4$**   
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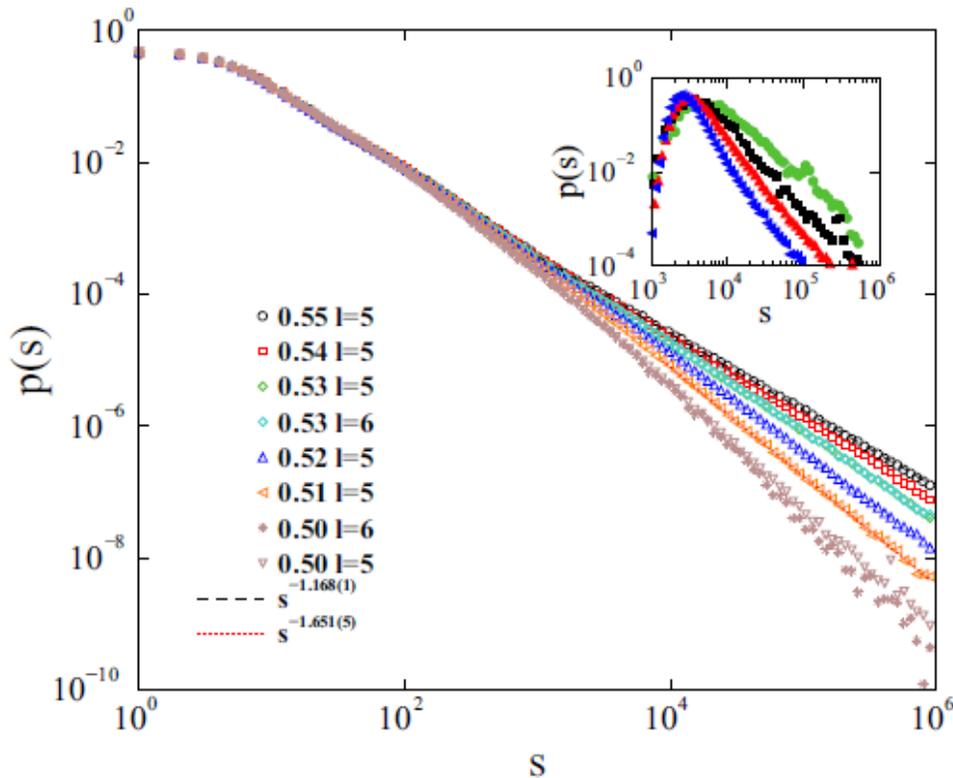


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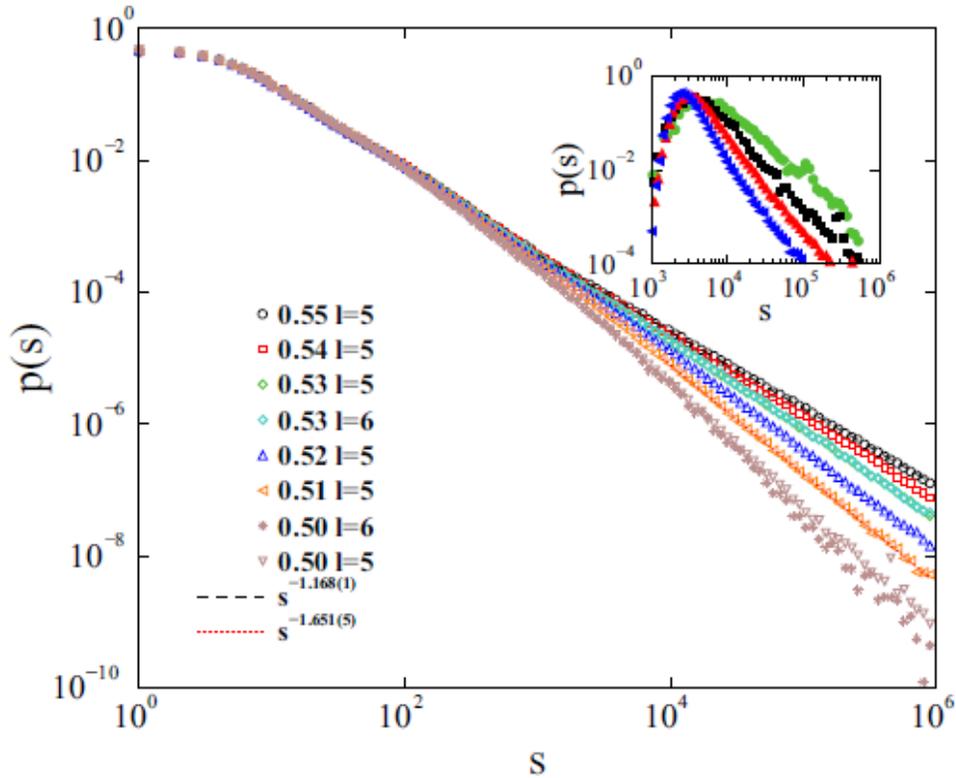


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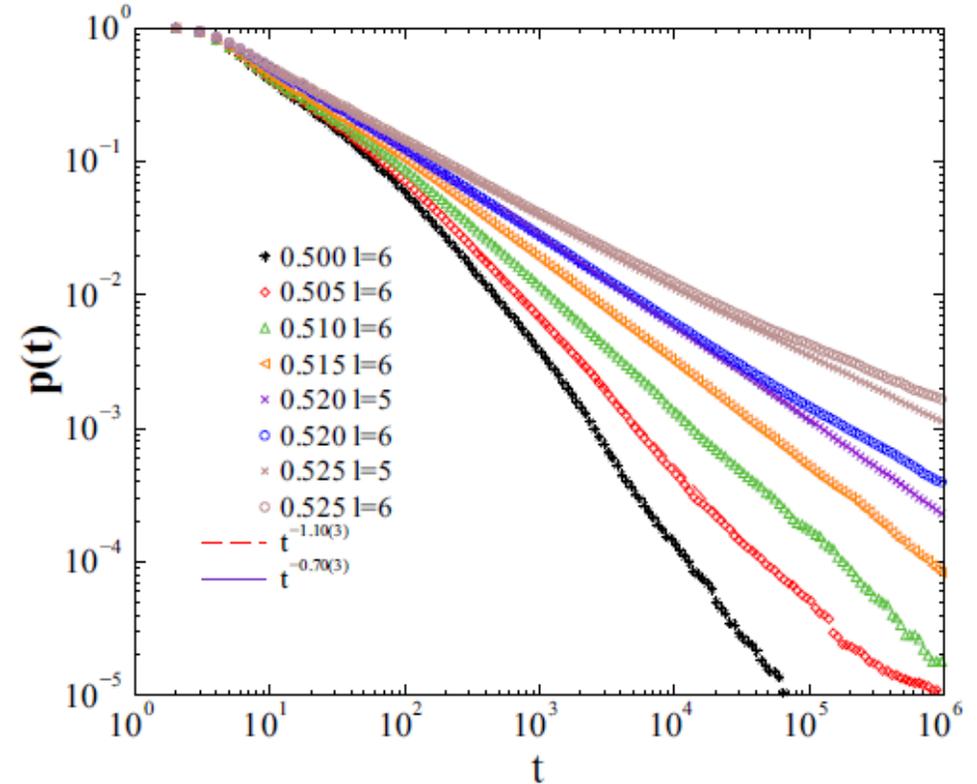


FIG. 6. Survival probability of the activity at different branching rates and  $\nu = 1 - \lambda$  for the  $K = 2$  threshold model with levels:  $l = 5, 6$  for the case with 20% of inhibitory links. From bottom to top symbols:  $\lambda = 0.5, 0.505, 0.510, 0.515, 0.520$  ( $l = 5$  purple cross and  $l = 6$  blue circle),  $0.525$  ( $l = 5$  brown cross and  $l = 6$  brown circle). Dashed lines are PL fits for the tails of  $\lambda = 0.505, 0.52$  curves.

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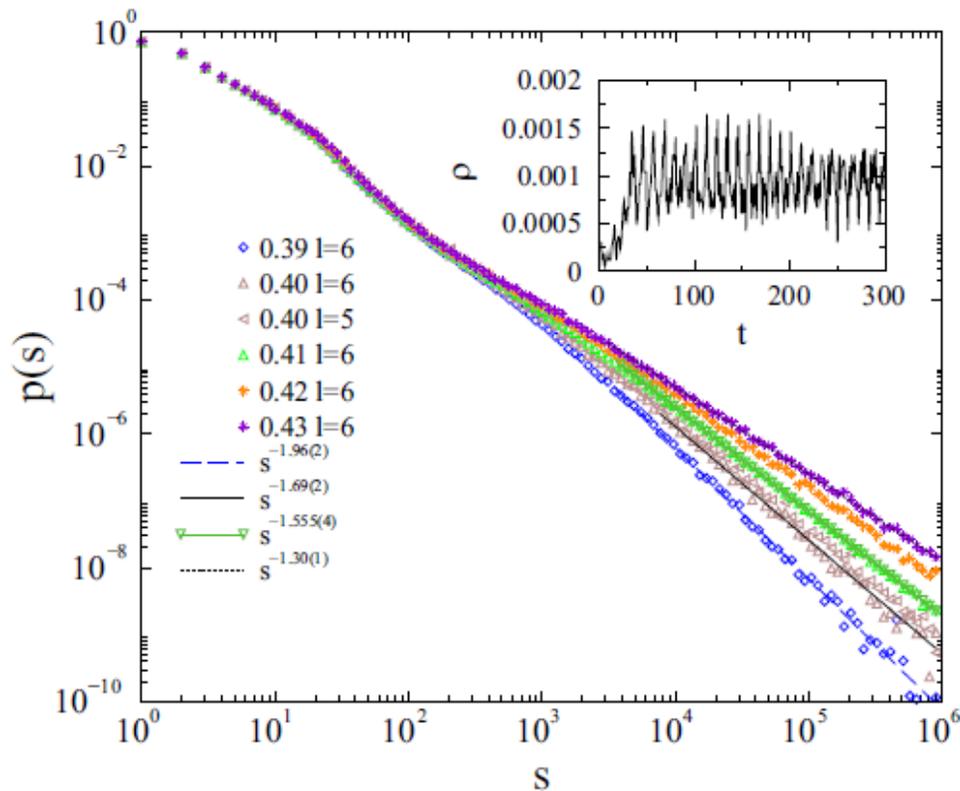


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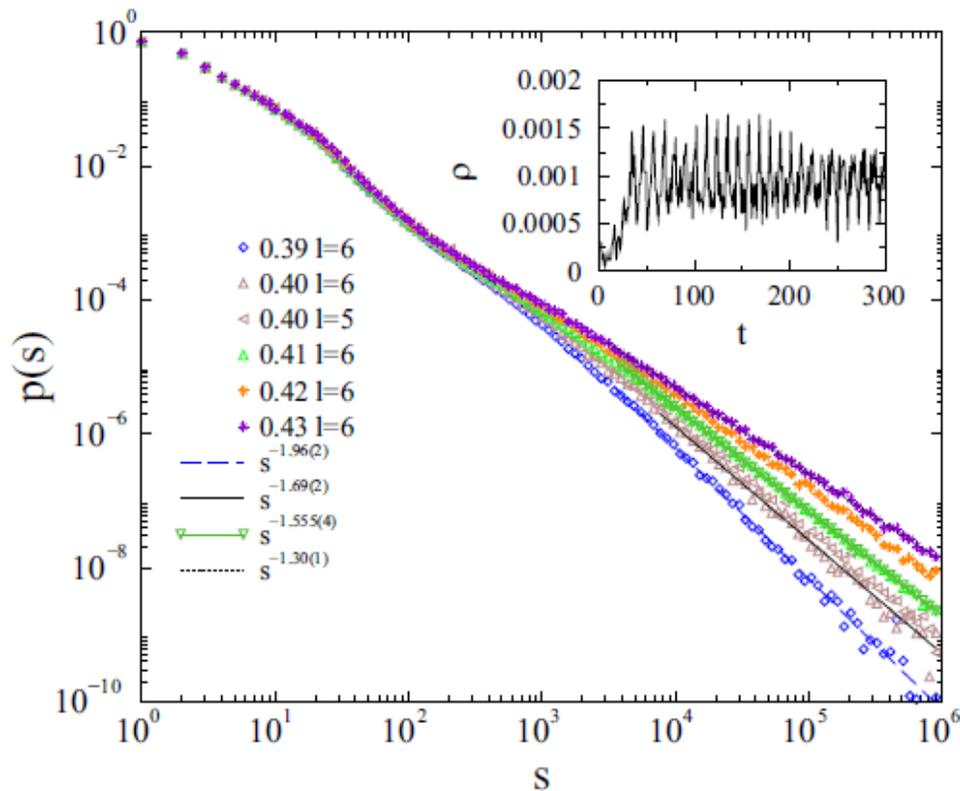


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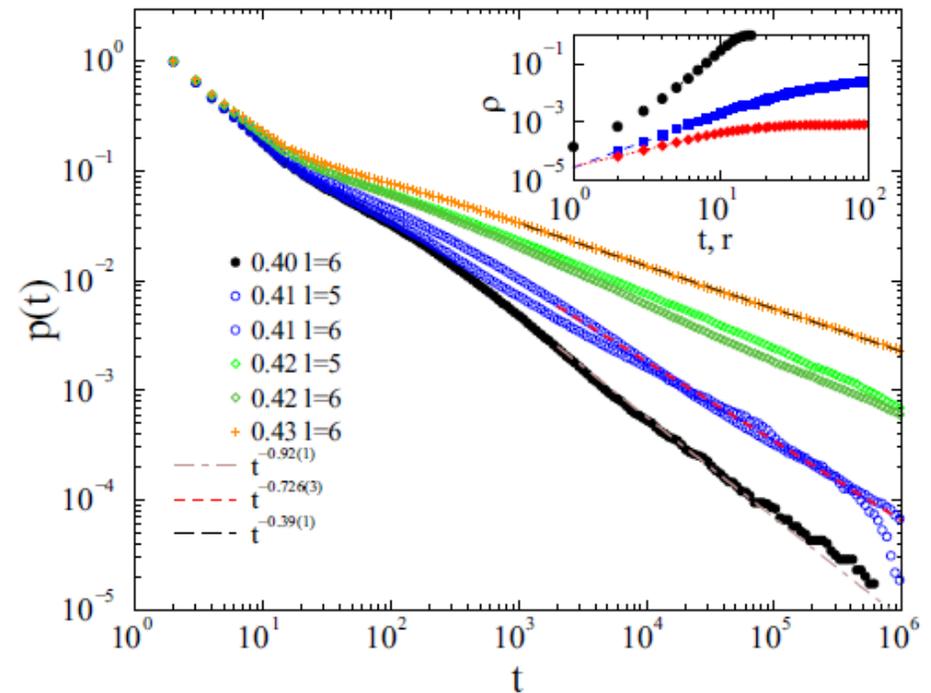


FIG. 8. Survival probability of the activity at different branching rates  $\lambda$  for the levels  $l = 5, 6$ , in the case of the inhibitory-refractory model. From bottom to top symbols:  $\lambda = 0.40, 0.41$  ( $l = 5$  and  $l = 6$ ),  $0.42$  ( $l = 5$  light green and  $l = 6$  dark green),  $0.43$ . Dashed lines show PL fits for  $t > 1000$  for the  $\lambda = 0.4, 0.41, 0.43$  cases. Inset:  $\rho(t)$  at  $\lambda = 1, l = 7$  averaged over  $10^5$  realizations. Blue boxes: excitatory; red diamonds: inhibitory. Black bullets: BFS  $\rho(r)$  results. Dashed lines are PL fits for the initial regions:  $1 \leq t < 10$  resulting in effective dimensions:  $d_{\text{eff}} = 1.84(3)$  (excitatory),  $d_{\text{eff}} = 1.19(1)$  (inhibitory),  $d = 4.18(5)$  (graph dimension estimated for  $5 < r < 10$ ).