

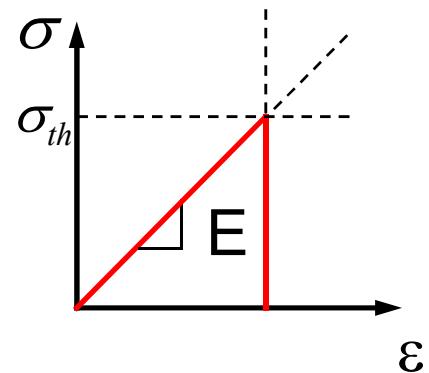
# *Breaking avalanches in the limit of high disorder of the fiber bundle model*

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0 disorder

Perfectly brittle  
fracture



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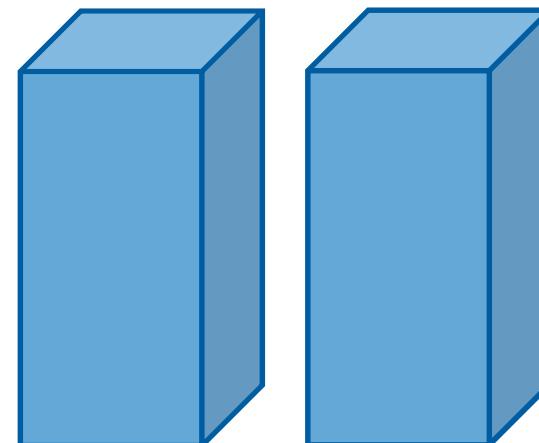
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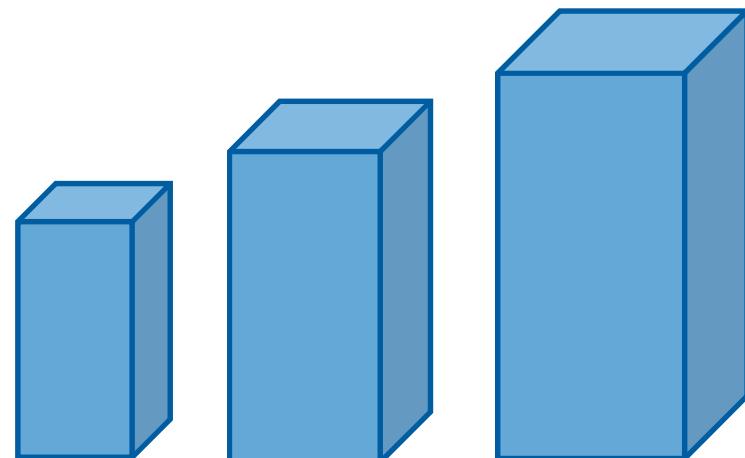
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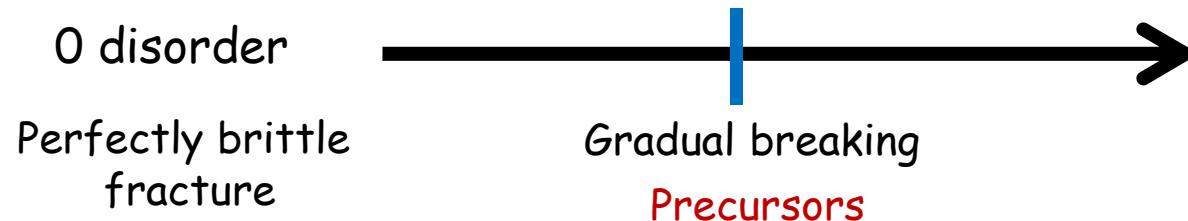
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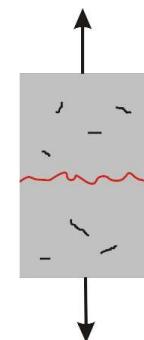
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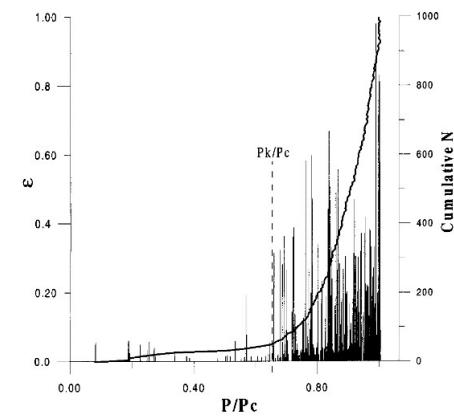
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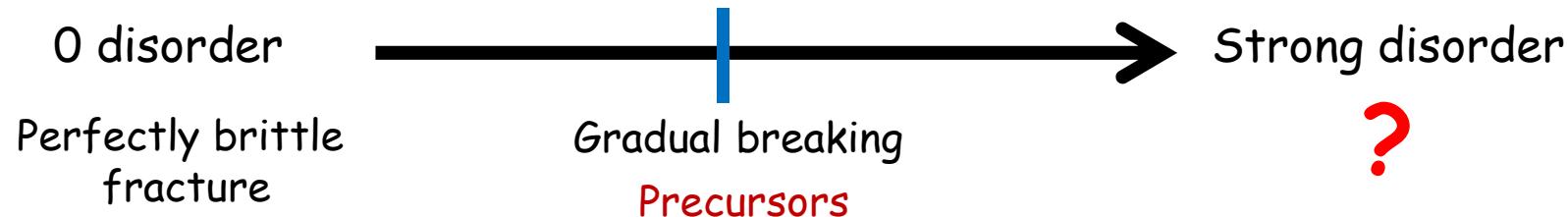


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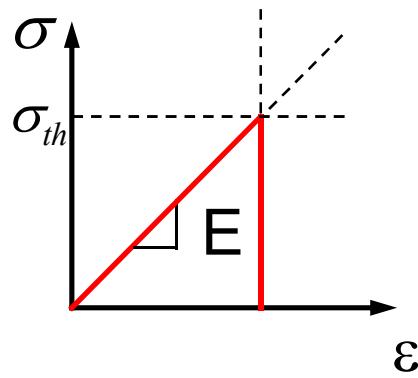
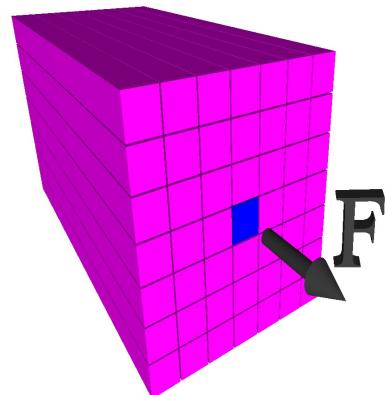
elastic waves



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## The fiber bundle model



- ❖ Discrete set of parallel fibers
- ❖ The same Young modulus  $E$
- ❖ Load parallel to fibers
- ❖ Perfectly brittle behaviour
- ❖ Breaks instantaneously, if  $\sigma_i > \sigma_{th}^i$

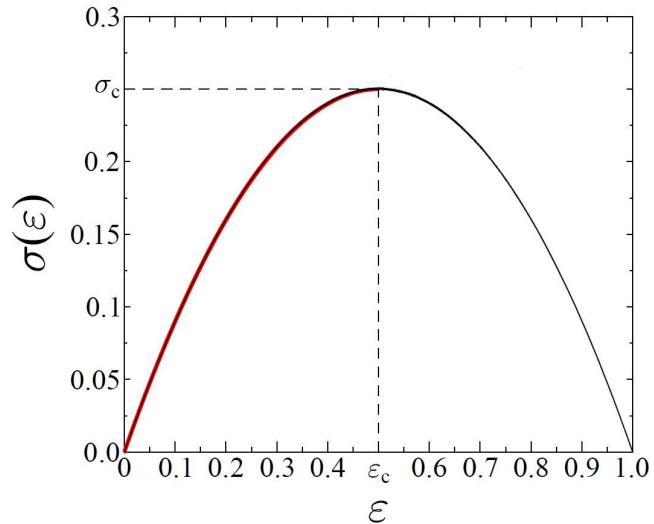
Stochastic failure thresholds

$$g(\sigma_{th})$$

- ❖ Quasi-static loading
- ❖ Equal load redistribution

# Intermediate disorder

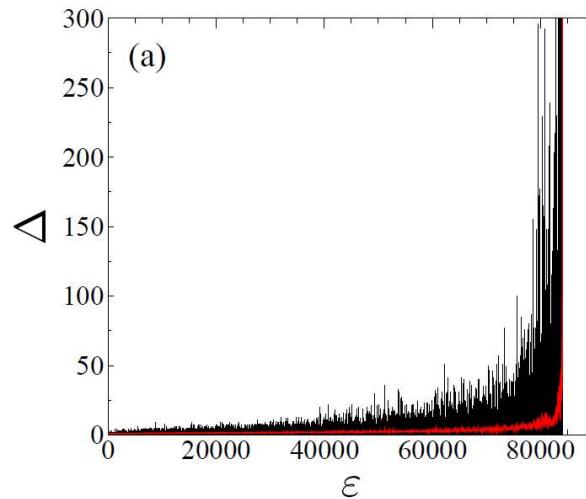
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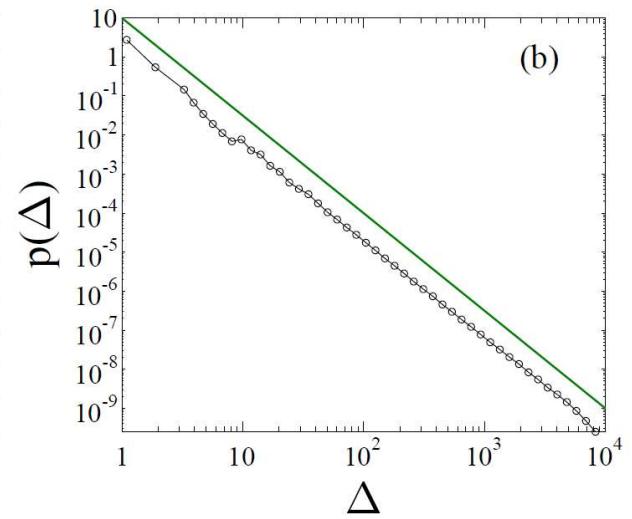
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Time series of bursts



$\Delta$ : Burst size

Burst size distribution



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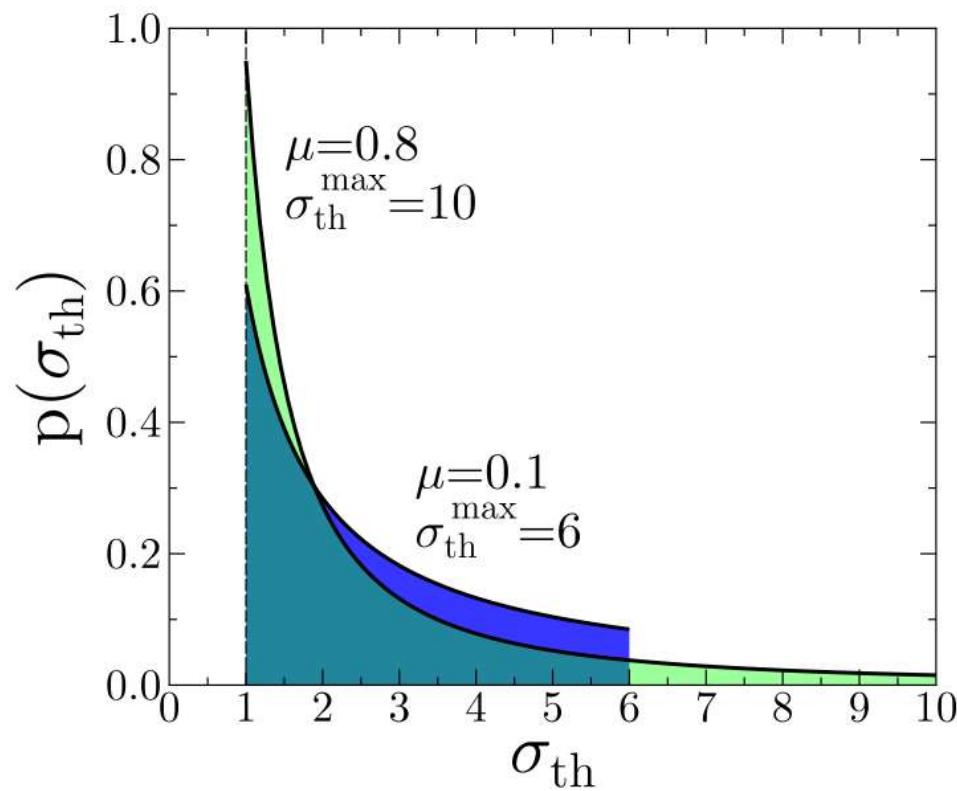
$$\tau = 5/2$$

# Realization of strong disorder

Fat tailed distribution of the failure thresholds

$$p(\sigma_{th}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \sigma_{th} < \sigma_{th}^{min} \\ A\sigma_{th}^{-(1+\mu)}, & \sigma_{th}^{min} \leq \sigma_{th} \leq \sigma_{th}^{max} \\ 0, & \sigma_{th}^{max} < \sigma_{th} \end{cases}$$

$\sigma_{th}^{min} = 1$   
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 $0 \leq \mu < 1$



*Macroscopic response  
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# Macroscopic behaviour

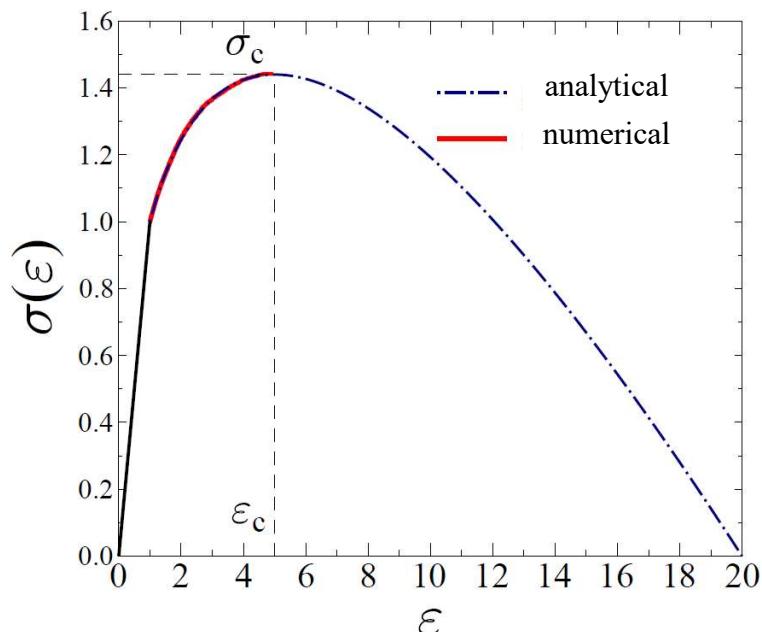
## Constitutive equation

$$\sigma(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon, & 0 \leq \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_{min} \\ \frac{\varepsilon(\varepsilon^{-\mu} - \varepsilon_{max}^{-\mu})}{\varepsilon_{min}^{-\mu} - \varepsilon_{max}^{-\mu}}, & \varepsilon_{min} \leq \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_{max} \\ 0, & \varepsilon_{max} < \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon_{min} = \sigma_{th}^{min}/E$$

$$\varepsilon_{max} = \sigma_{th}^{max}/E$$

$$\mu = 0.5, \sigma_{th}^{max} = 20$$



Macroscopic strength

Critical stress

$\sigma_c$

Critical strain

$\varepsilon_c$

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Phase boundary

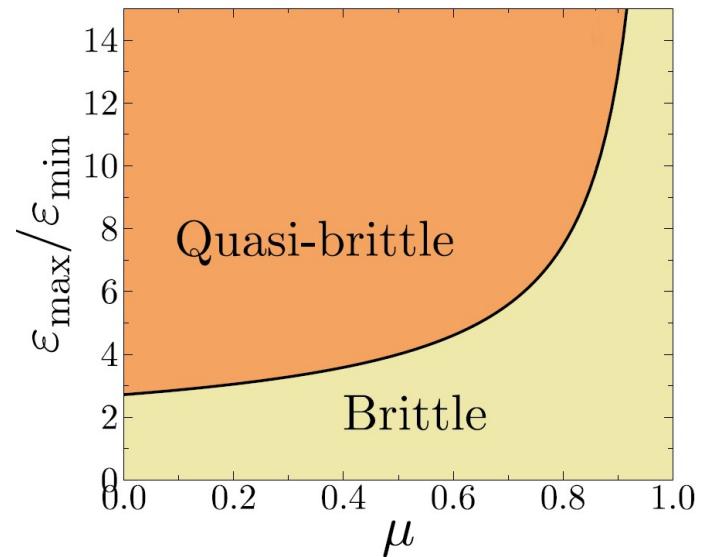
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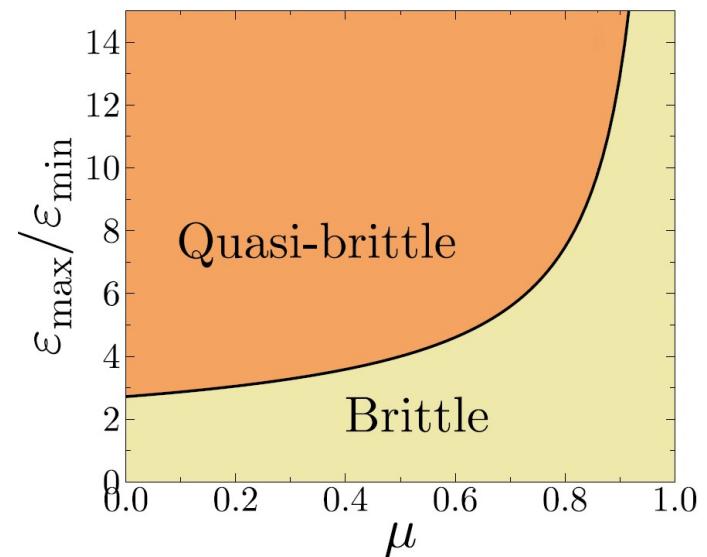


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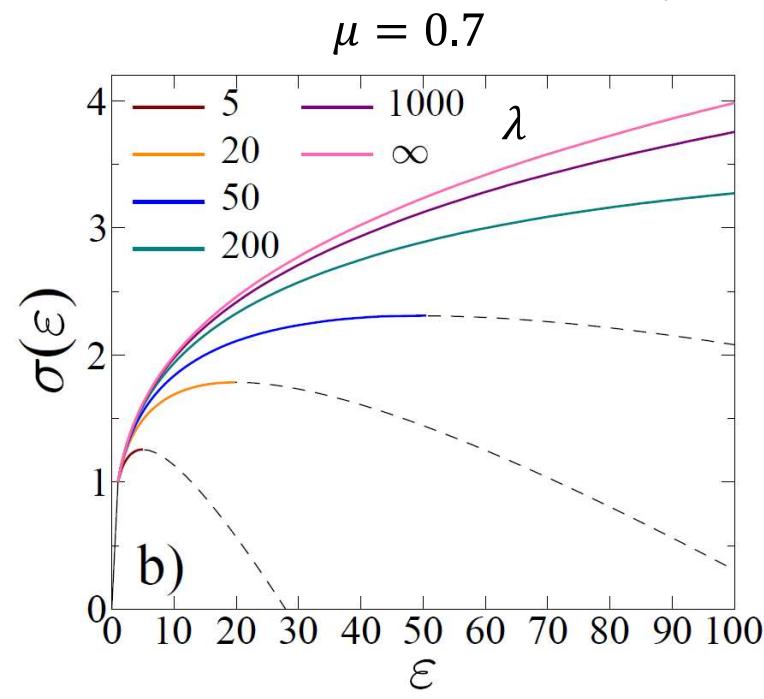
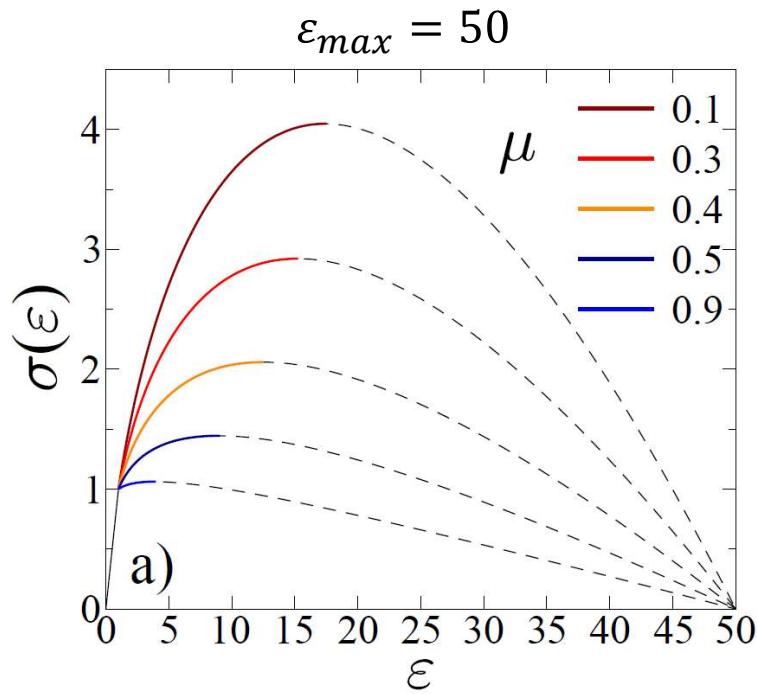
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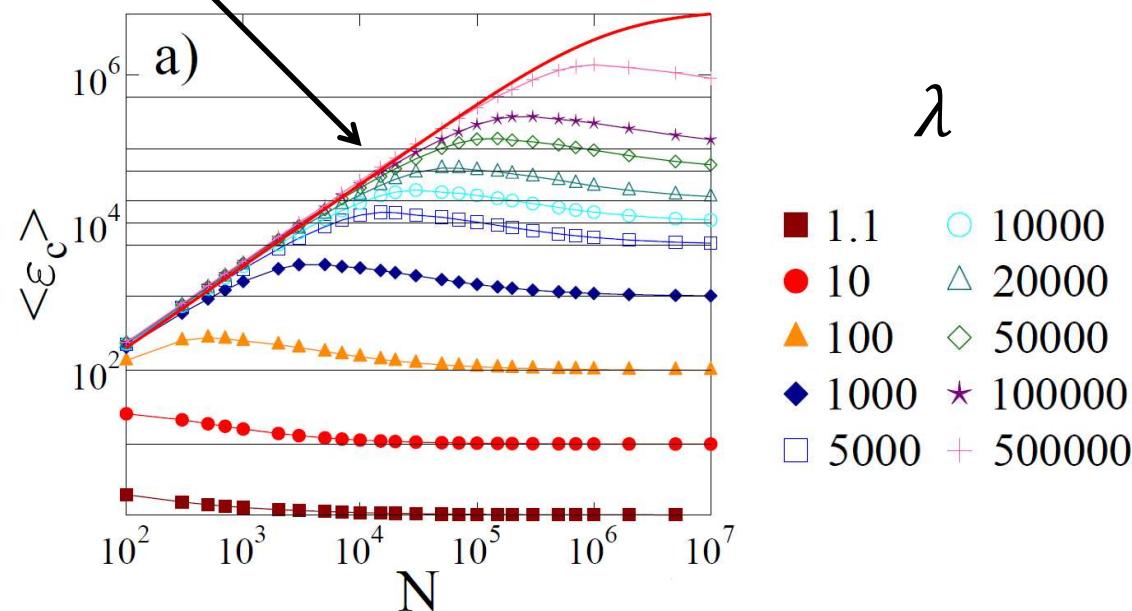
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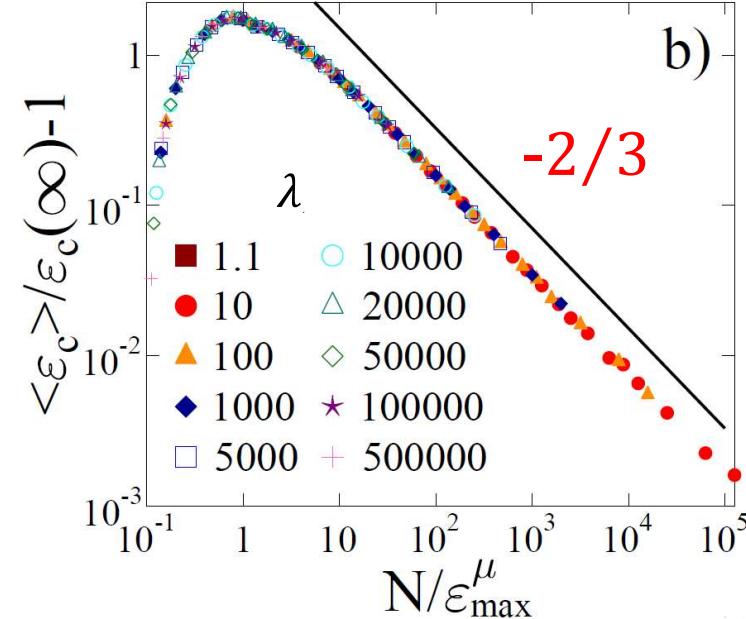
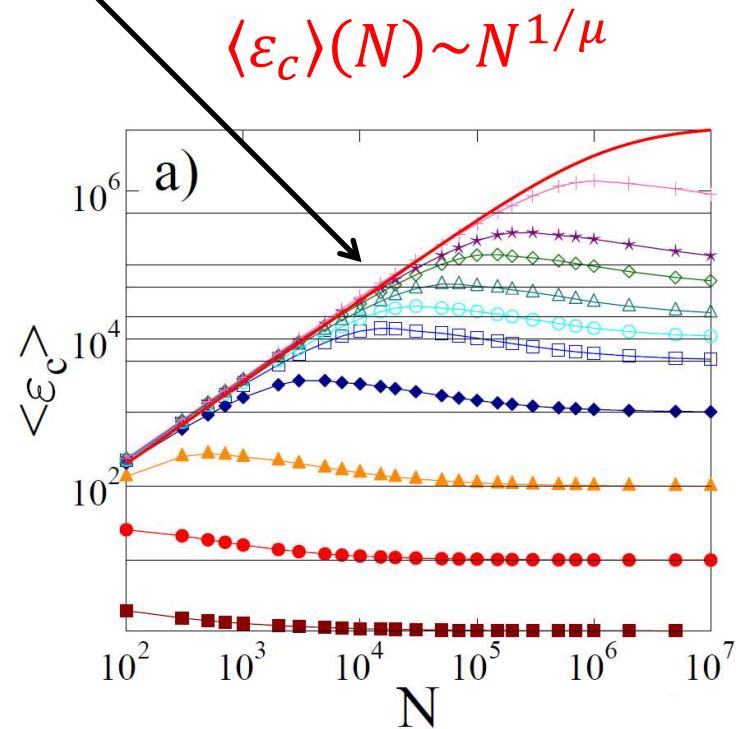
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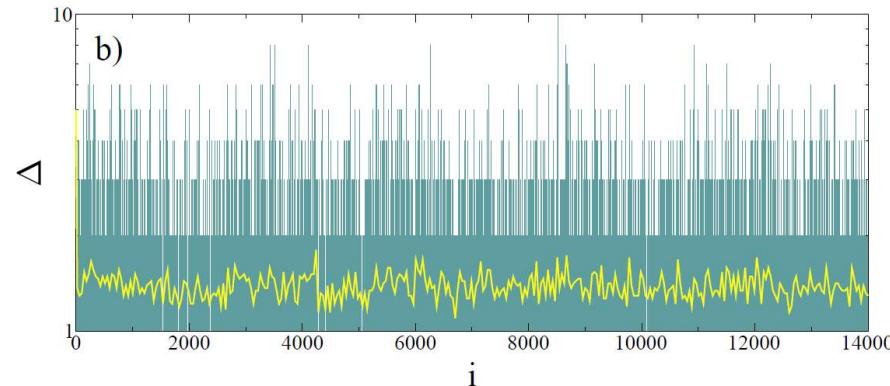


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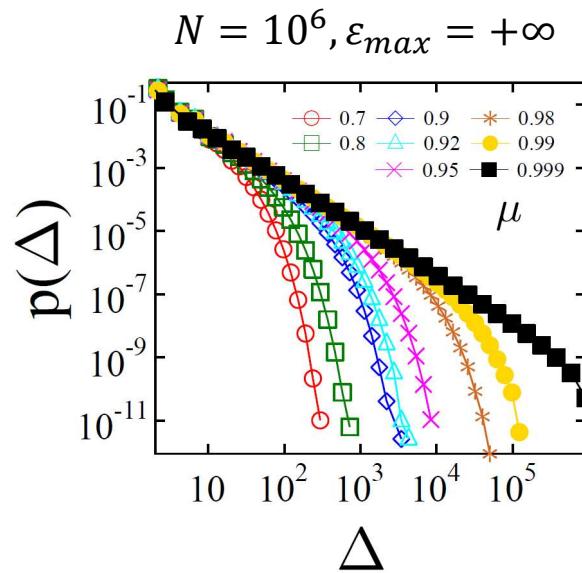
Stationary time series

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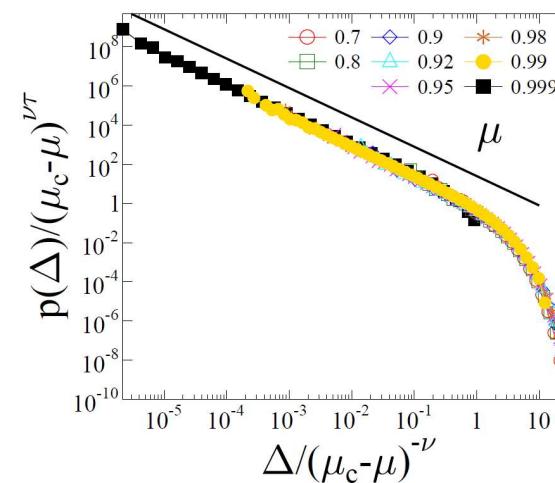
No signs of macroscopic failure

Burst size distribution



$$\tau = 3/2 \ll \tau_{ELS} = 5/2$$

Scaling



$$\frac{p(\Delta)}{N} \cong \Delta^{-3/2} e^{-\Delta/\Delta^*}$$

$$\Delta^* = \frac{1}{\mu - 1 - \ln \mu}$$

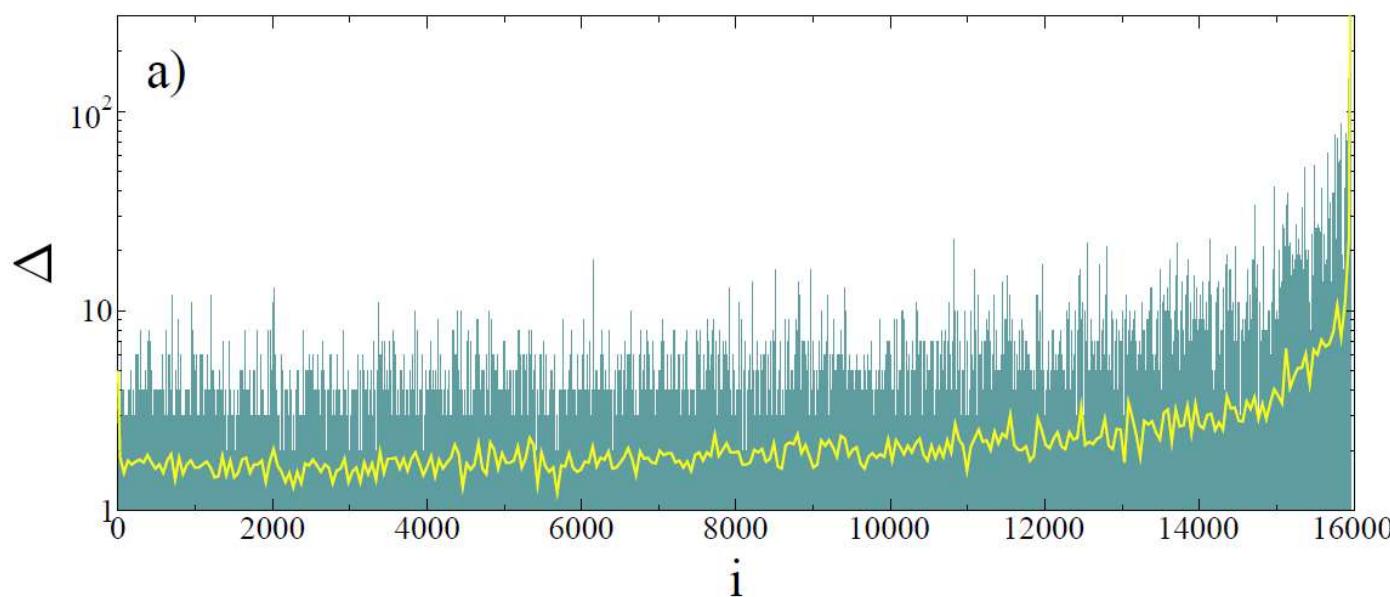
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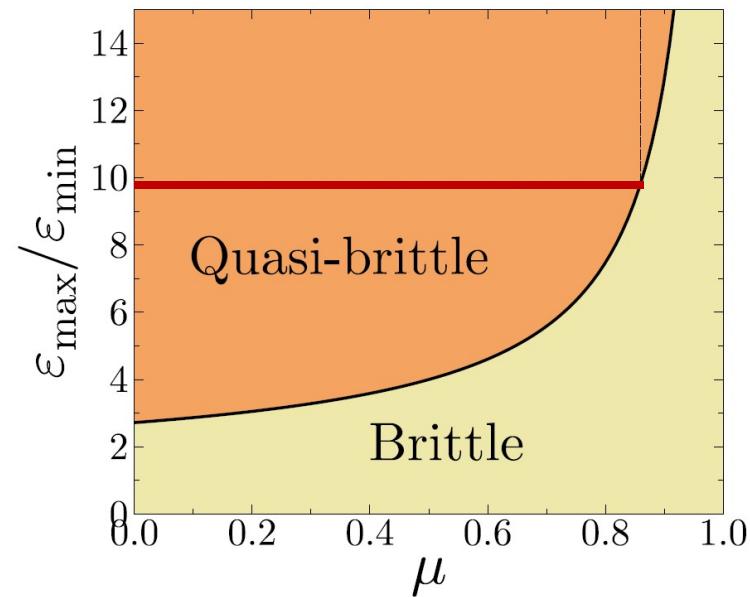
Time series

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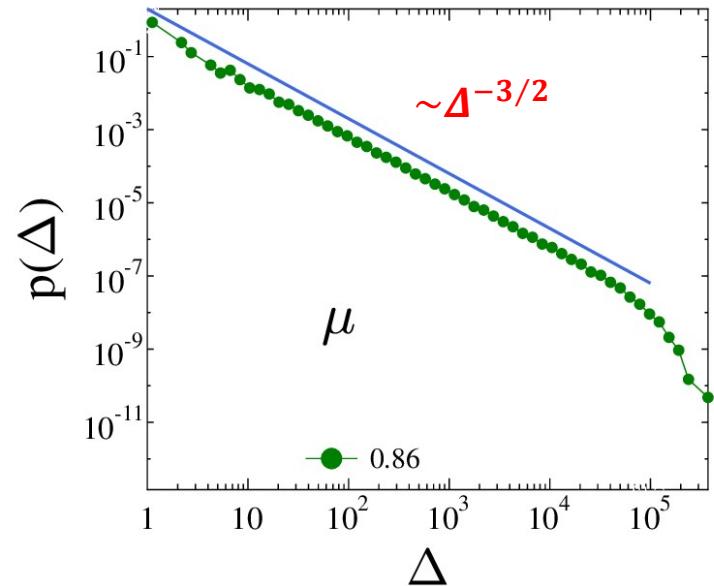
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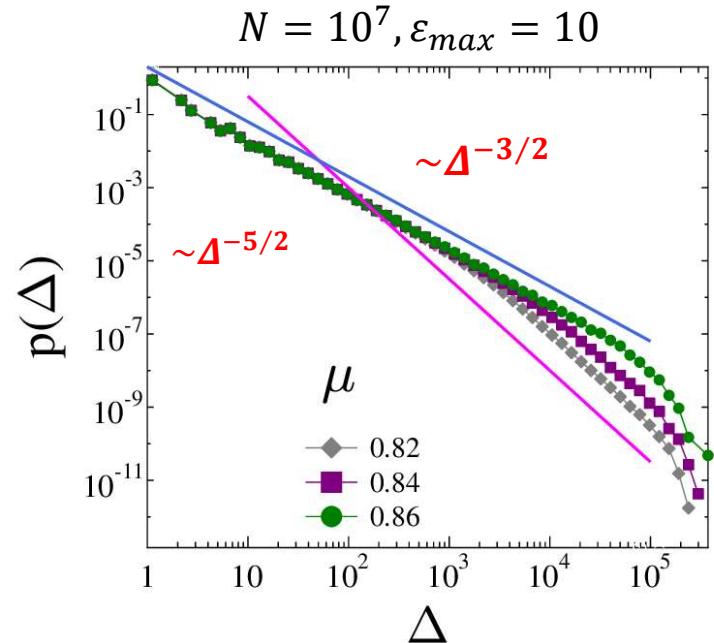
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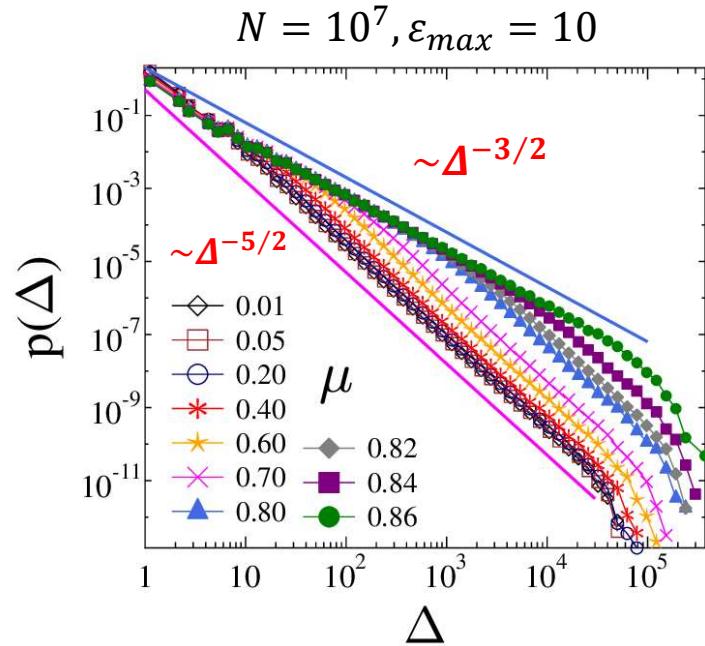
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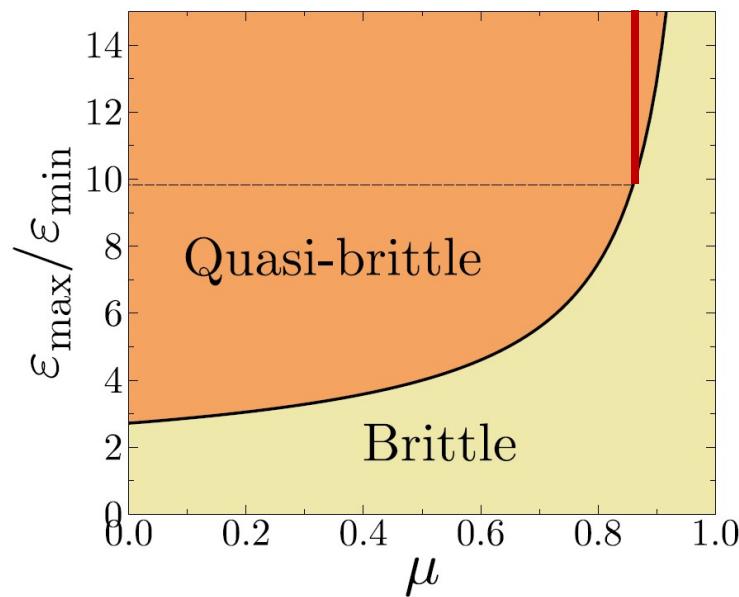


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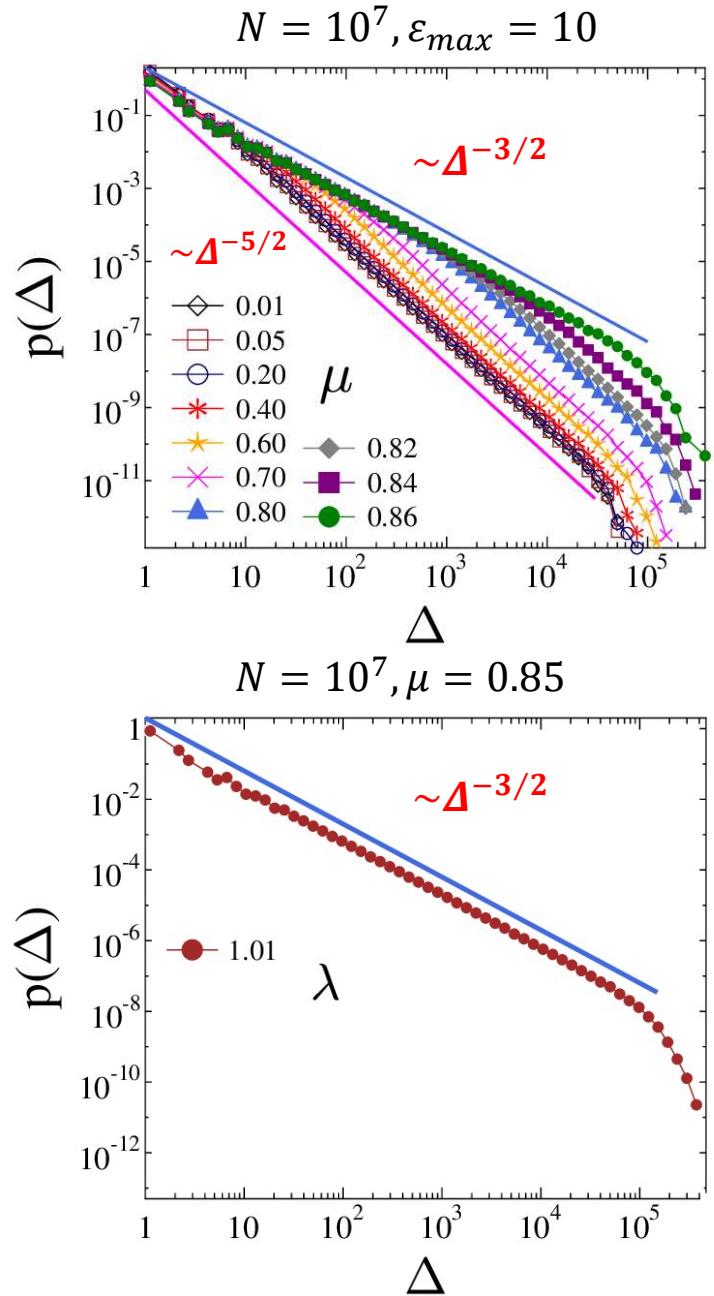
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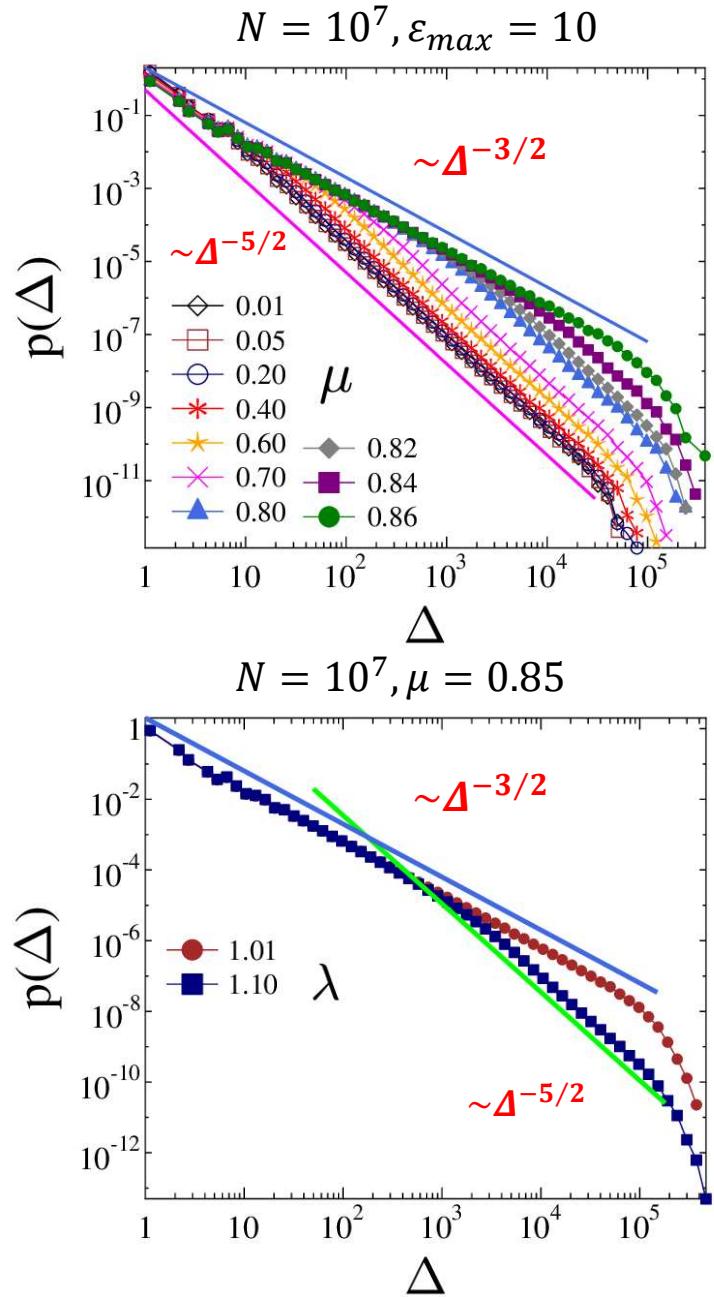
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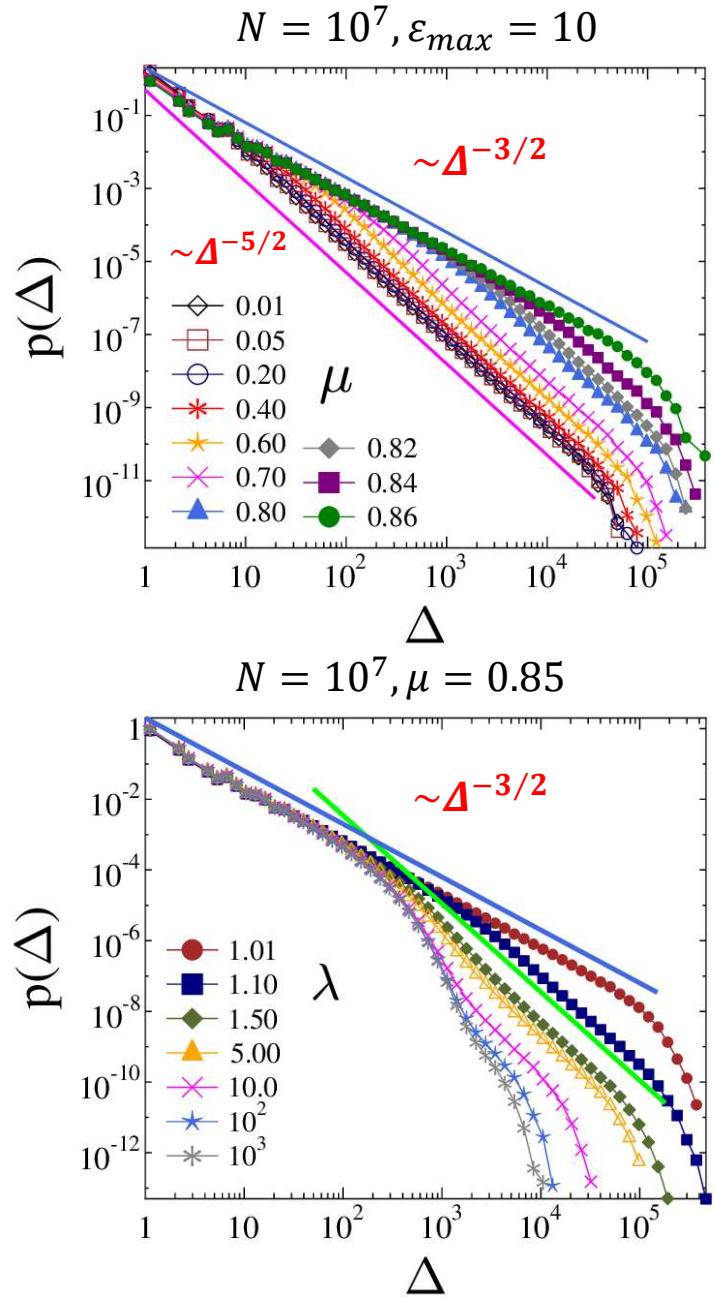
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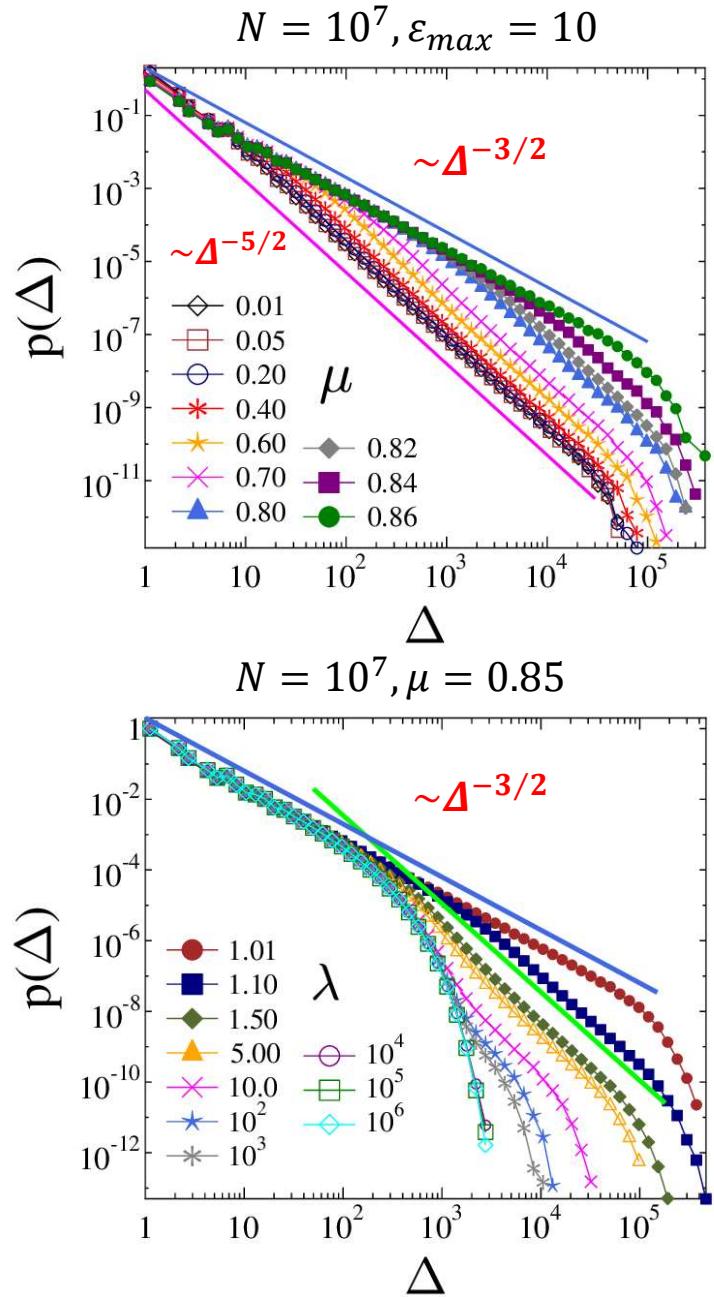
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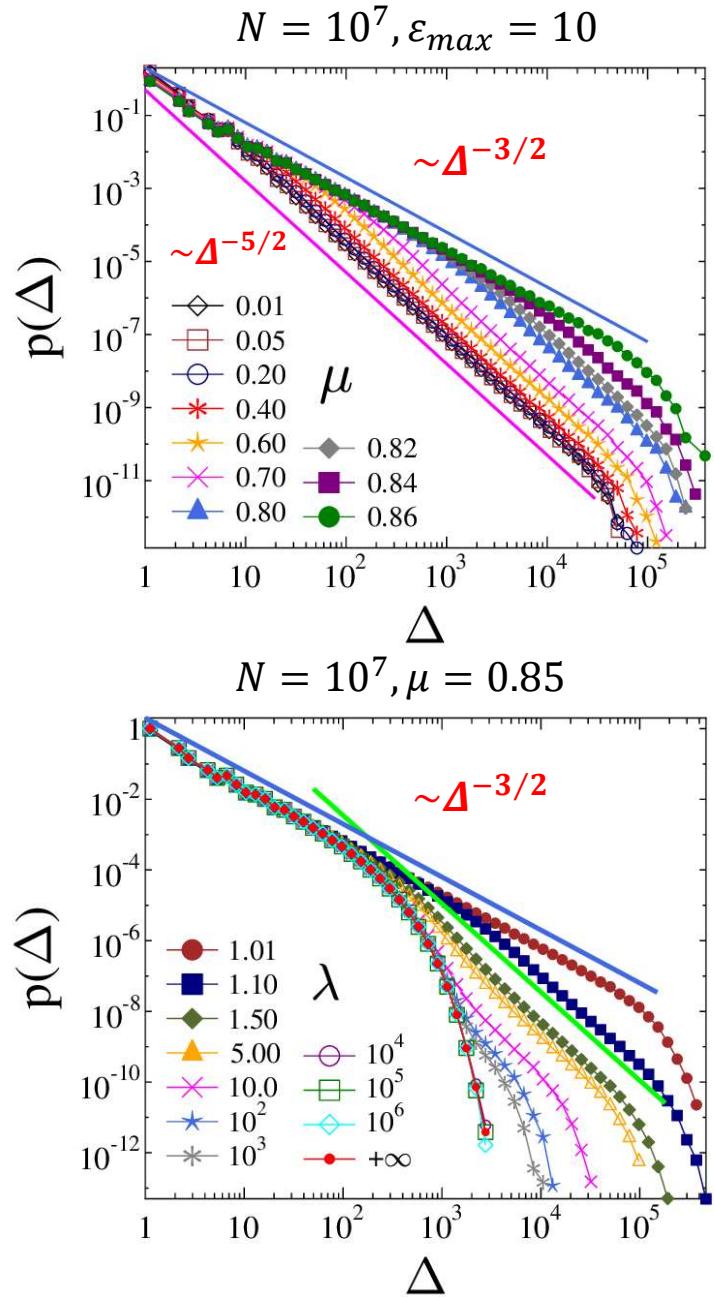


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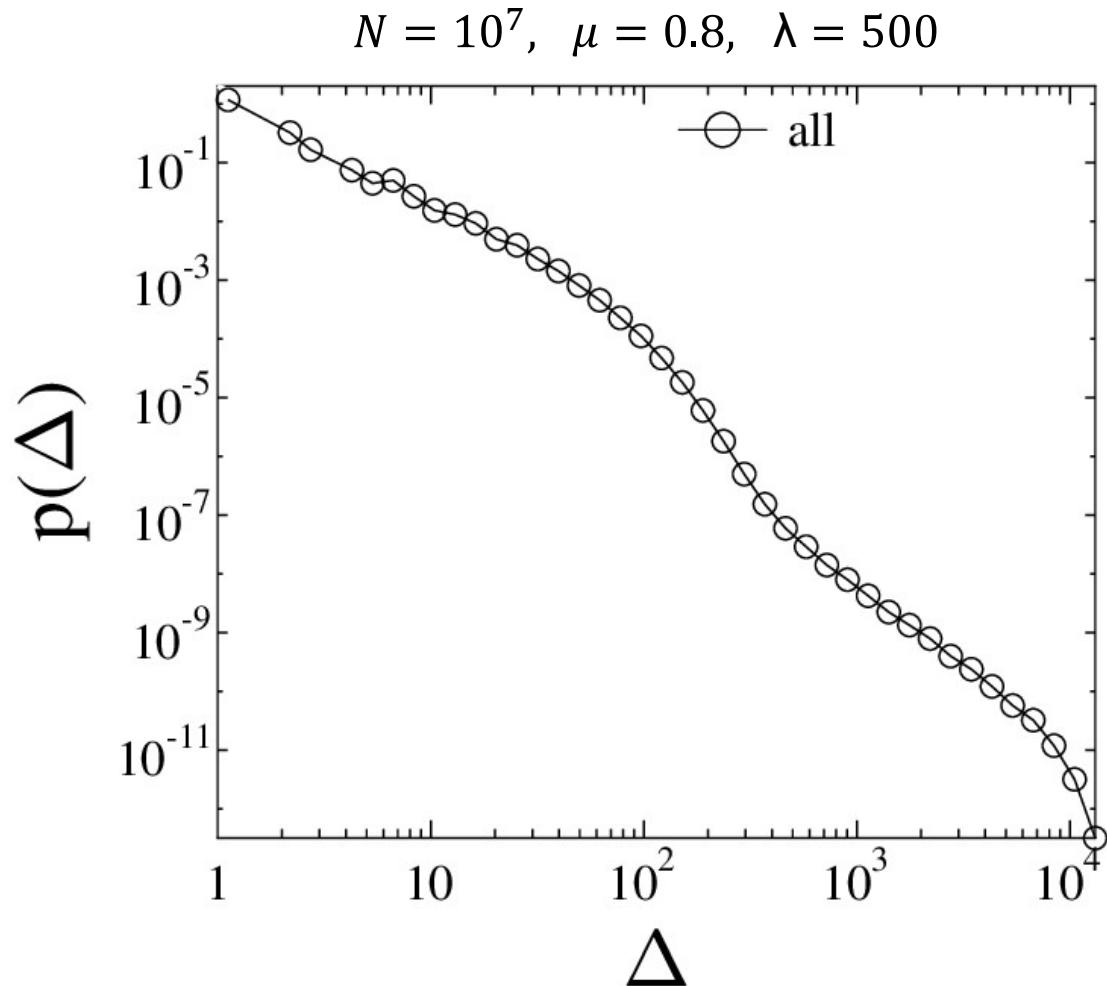
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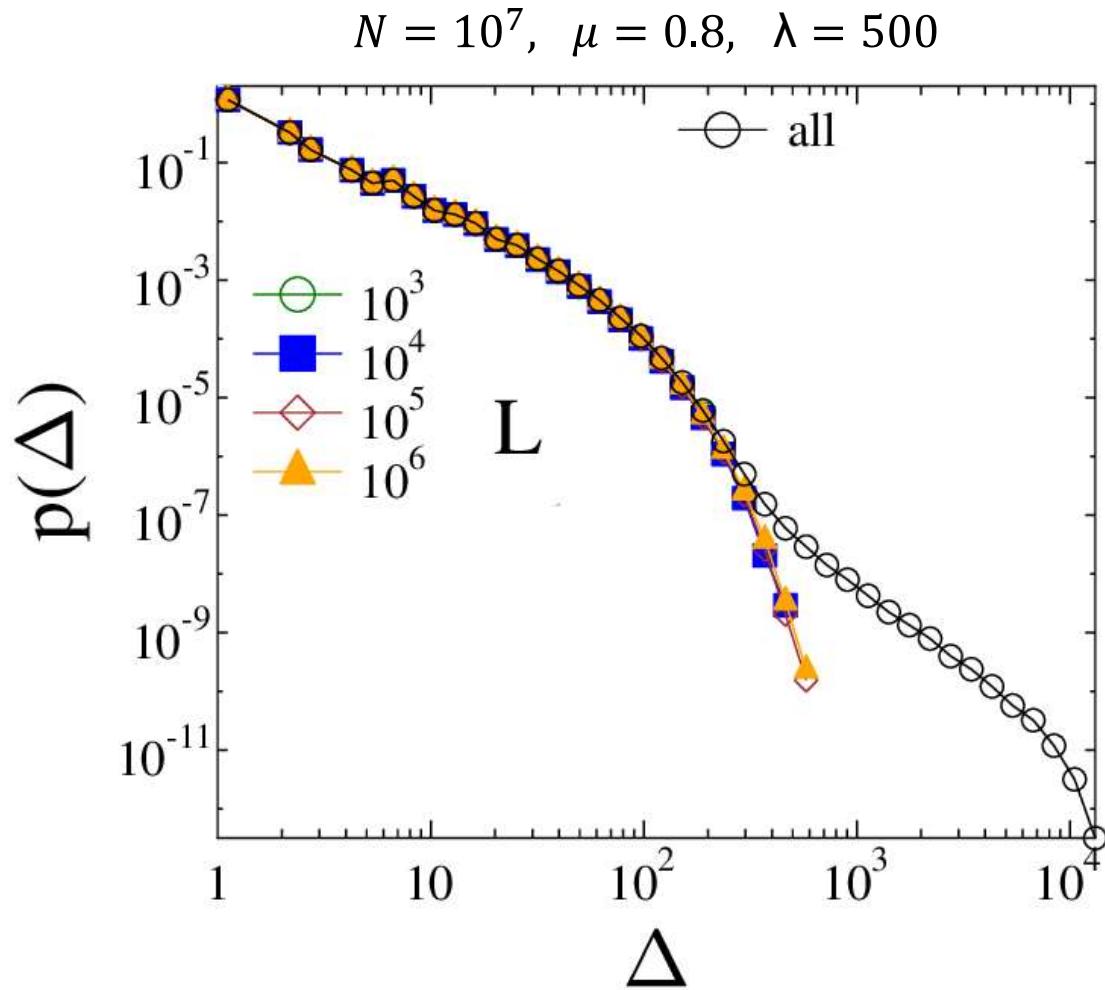
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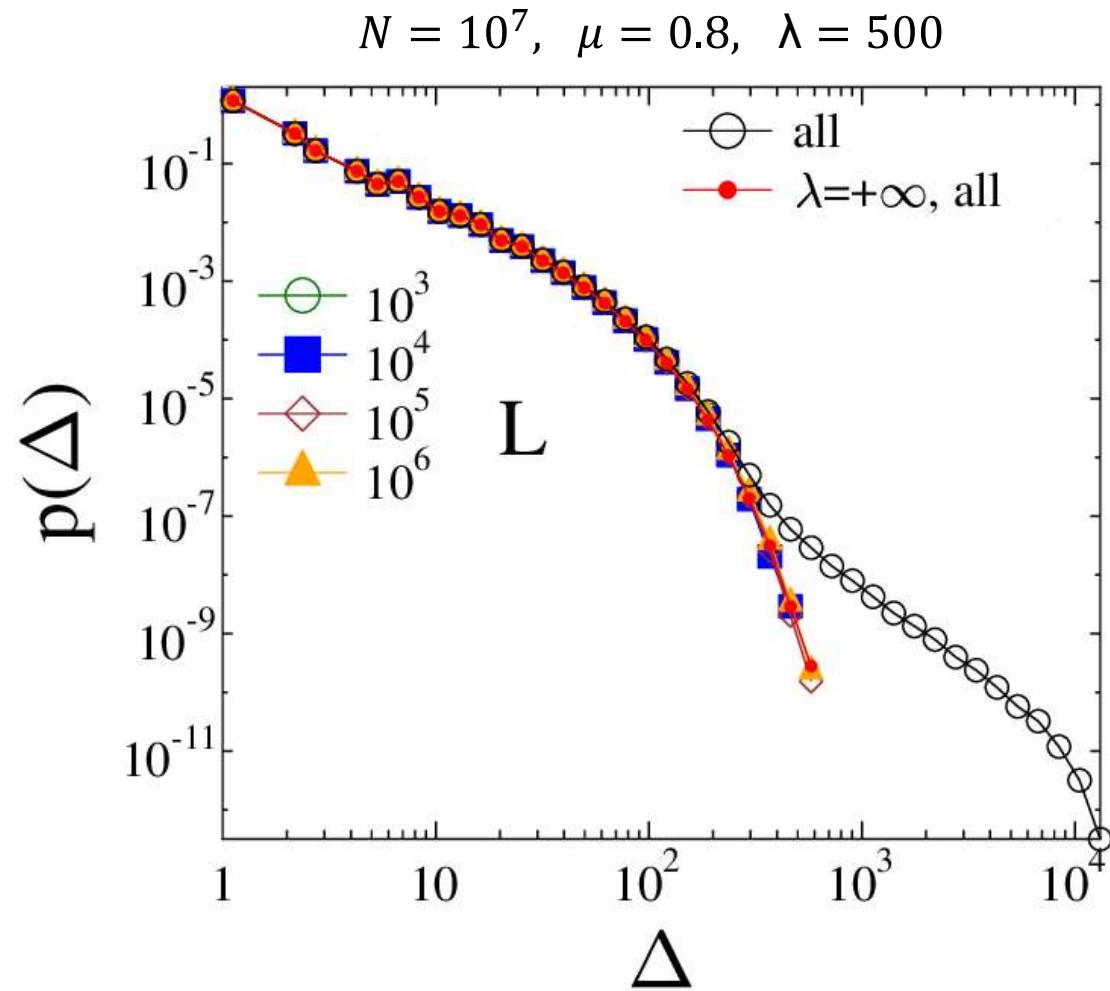
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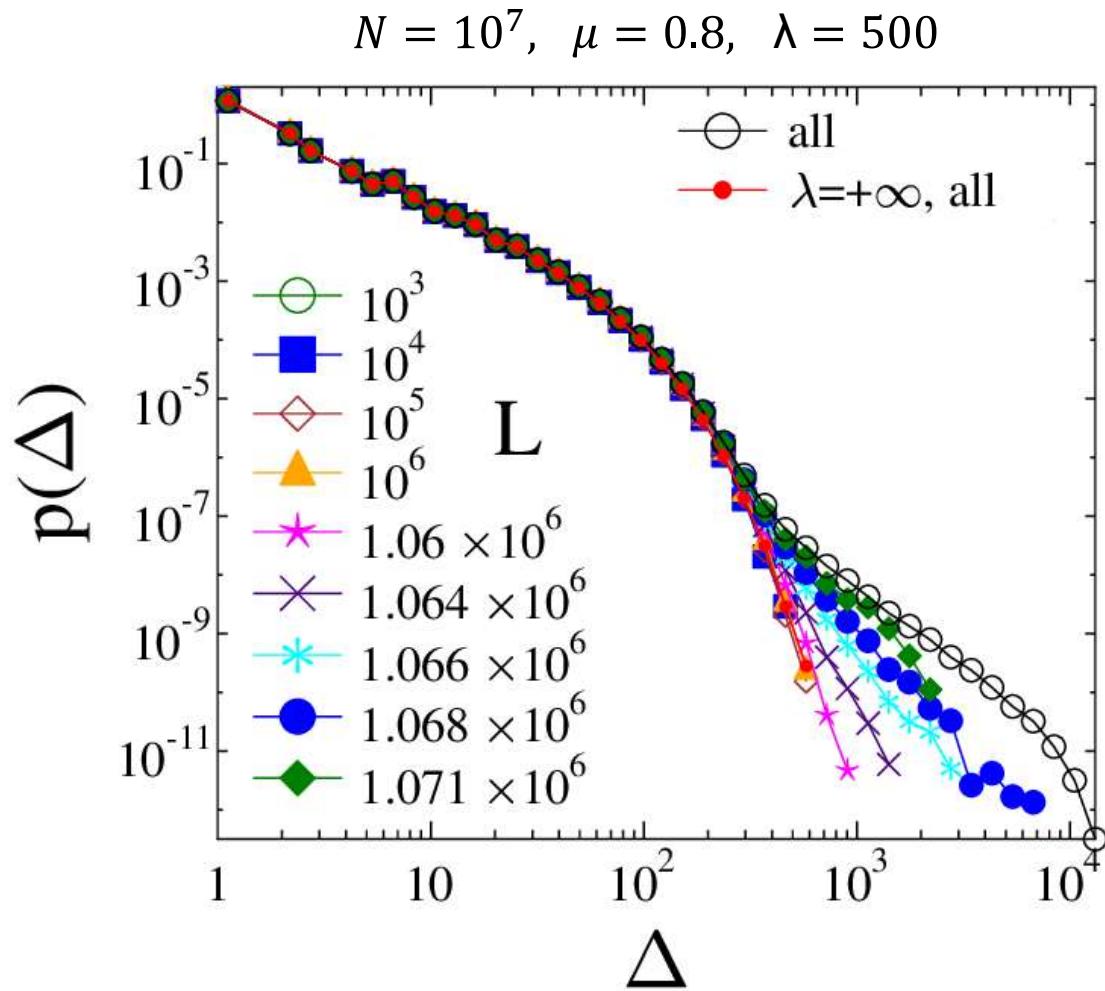
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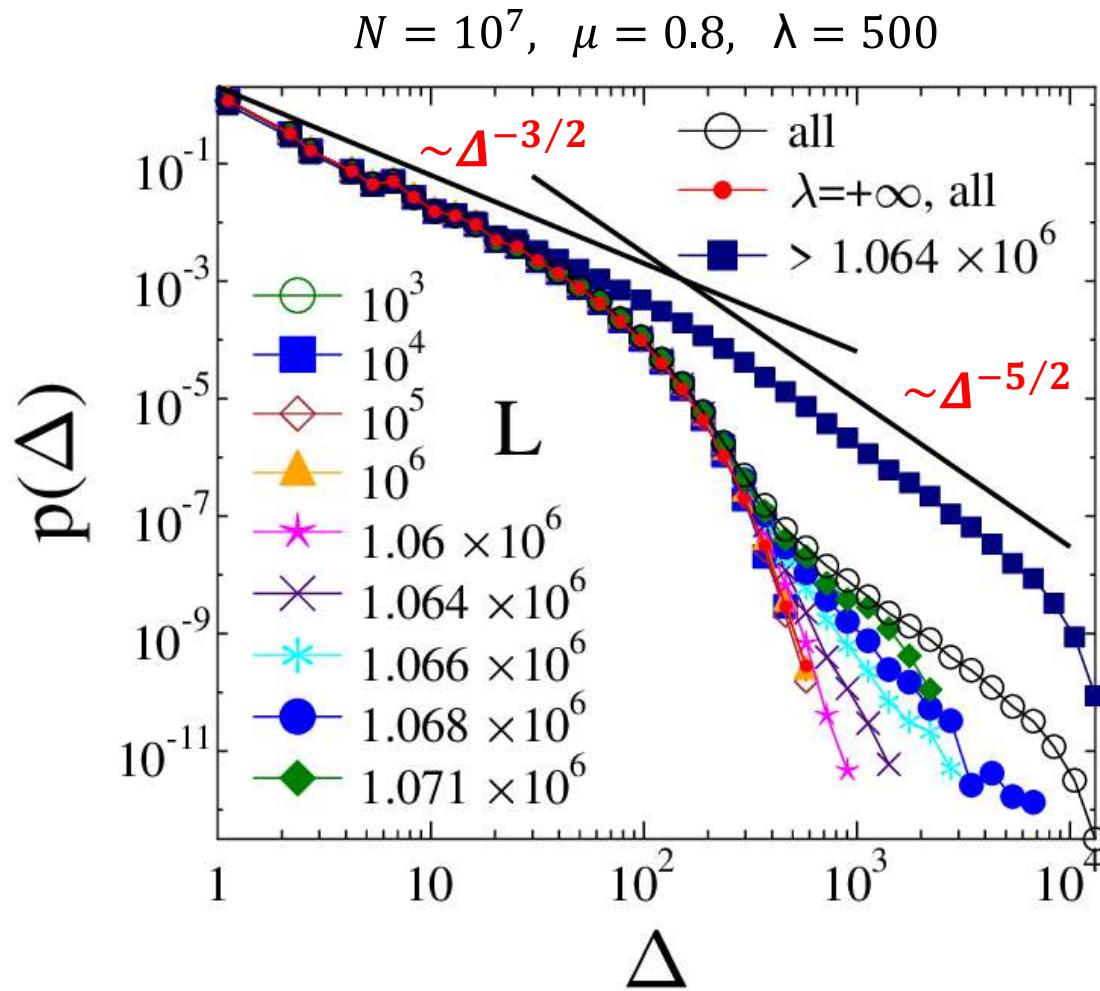
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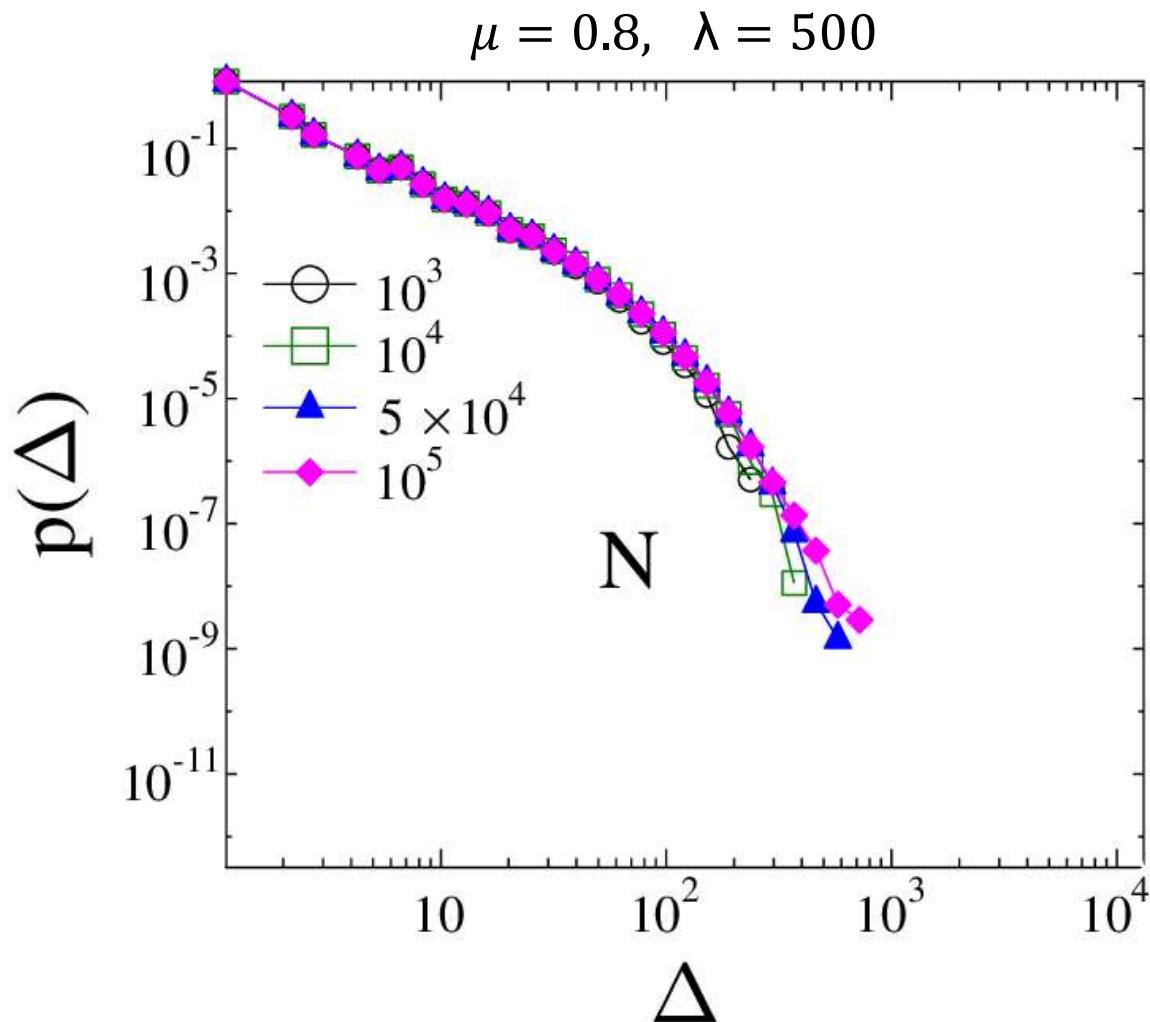
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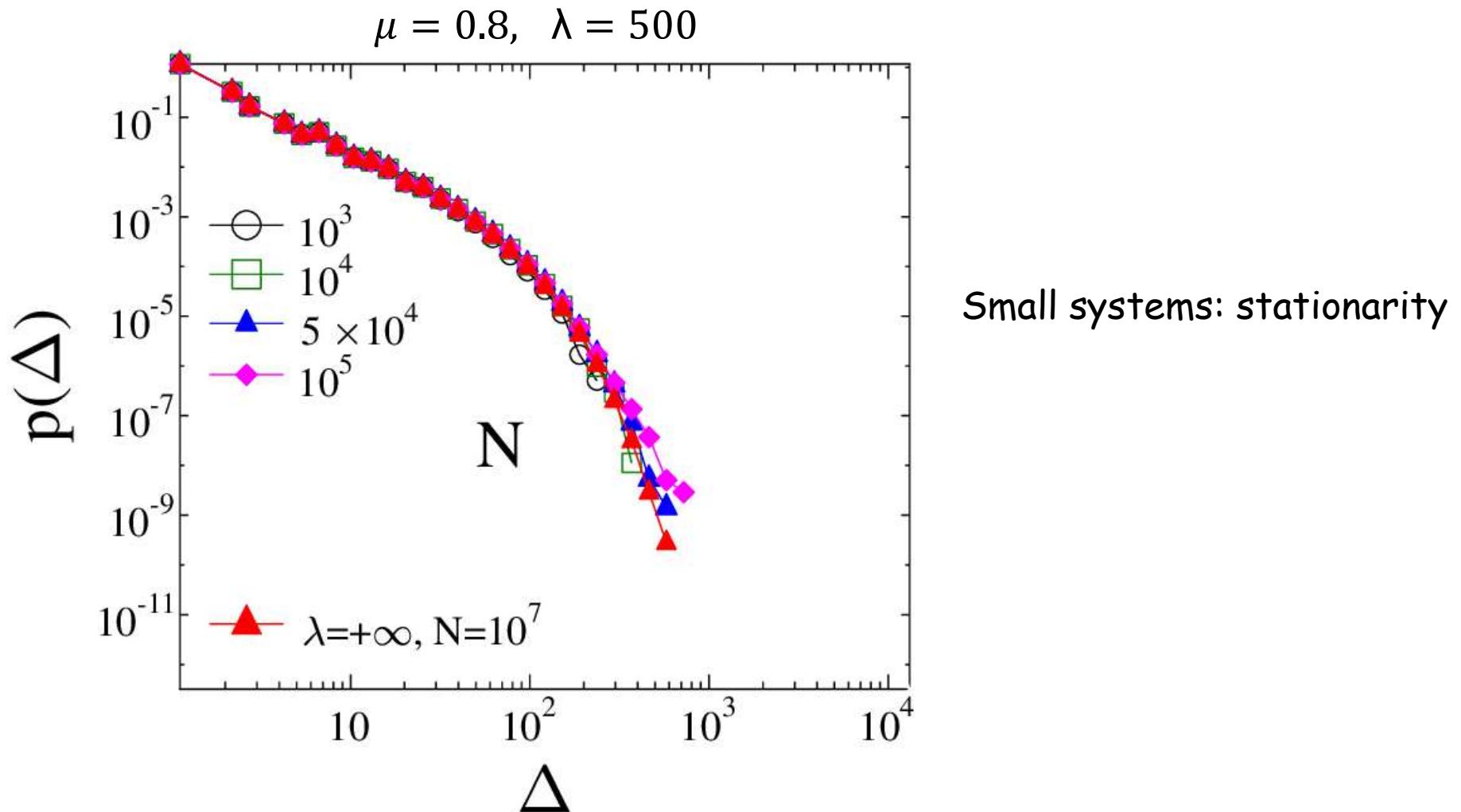
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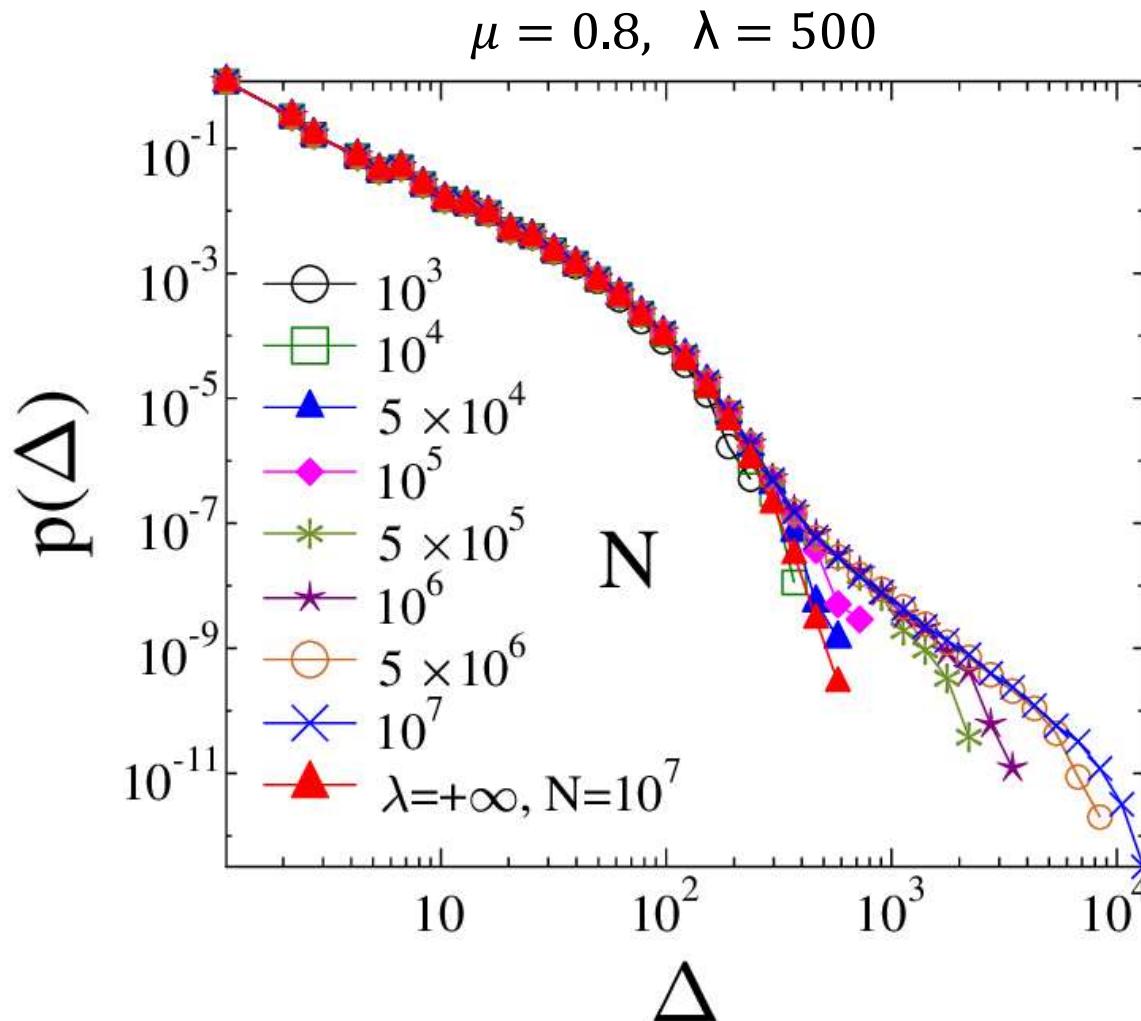
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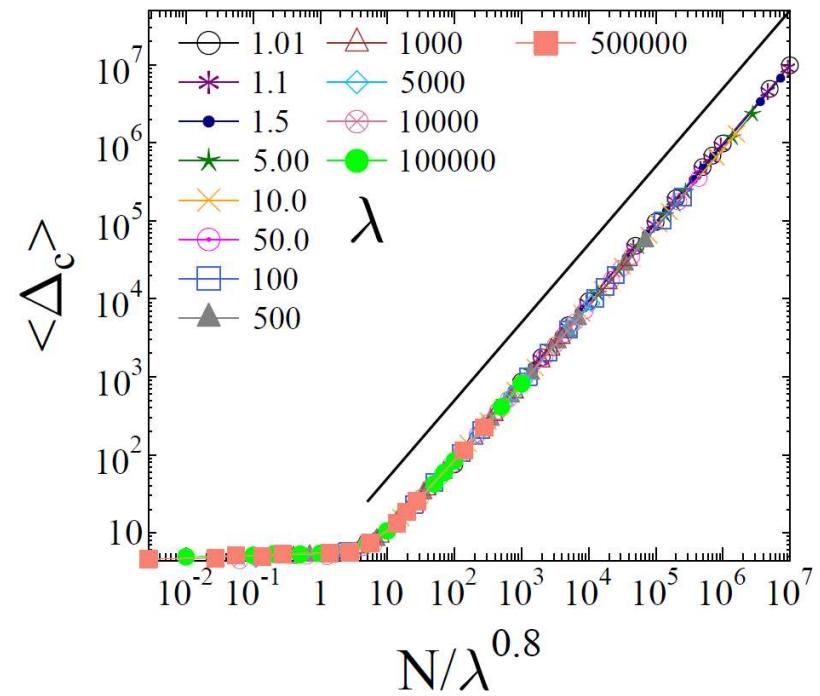
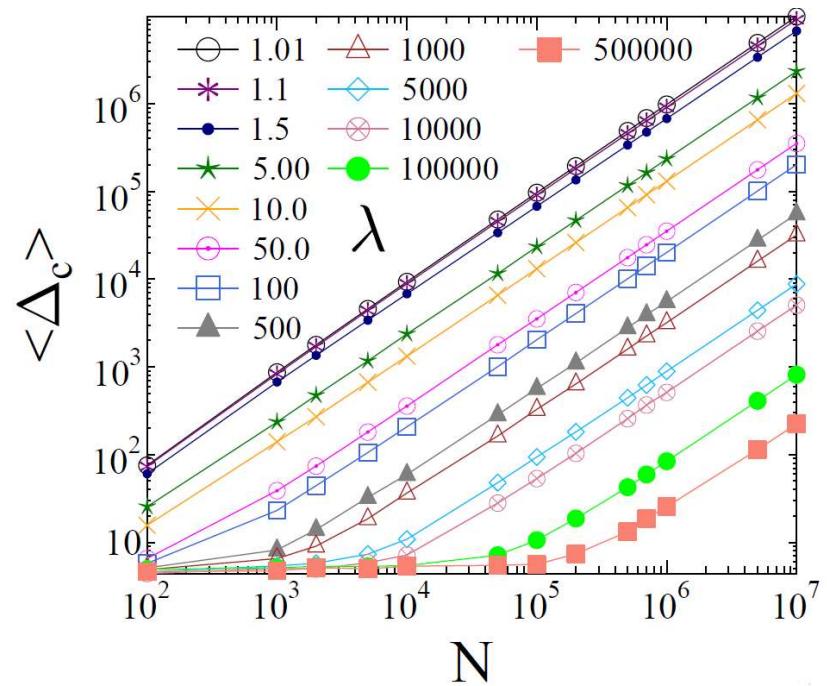
Small systems: stationarity

Second power law regime  
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System size has a strong effect on the functional form

# System size dependence of catastrophic burst

$$\mu = 0.8$$



$$N_c \sim \lambda^\mu$$

Macroscopic failure may not be predictable

# Thank you for your attention!

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