

# *From Chaos to Complexity*

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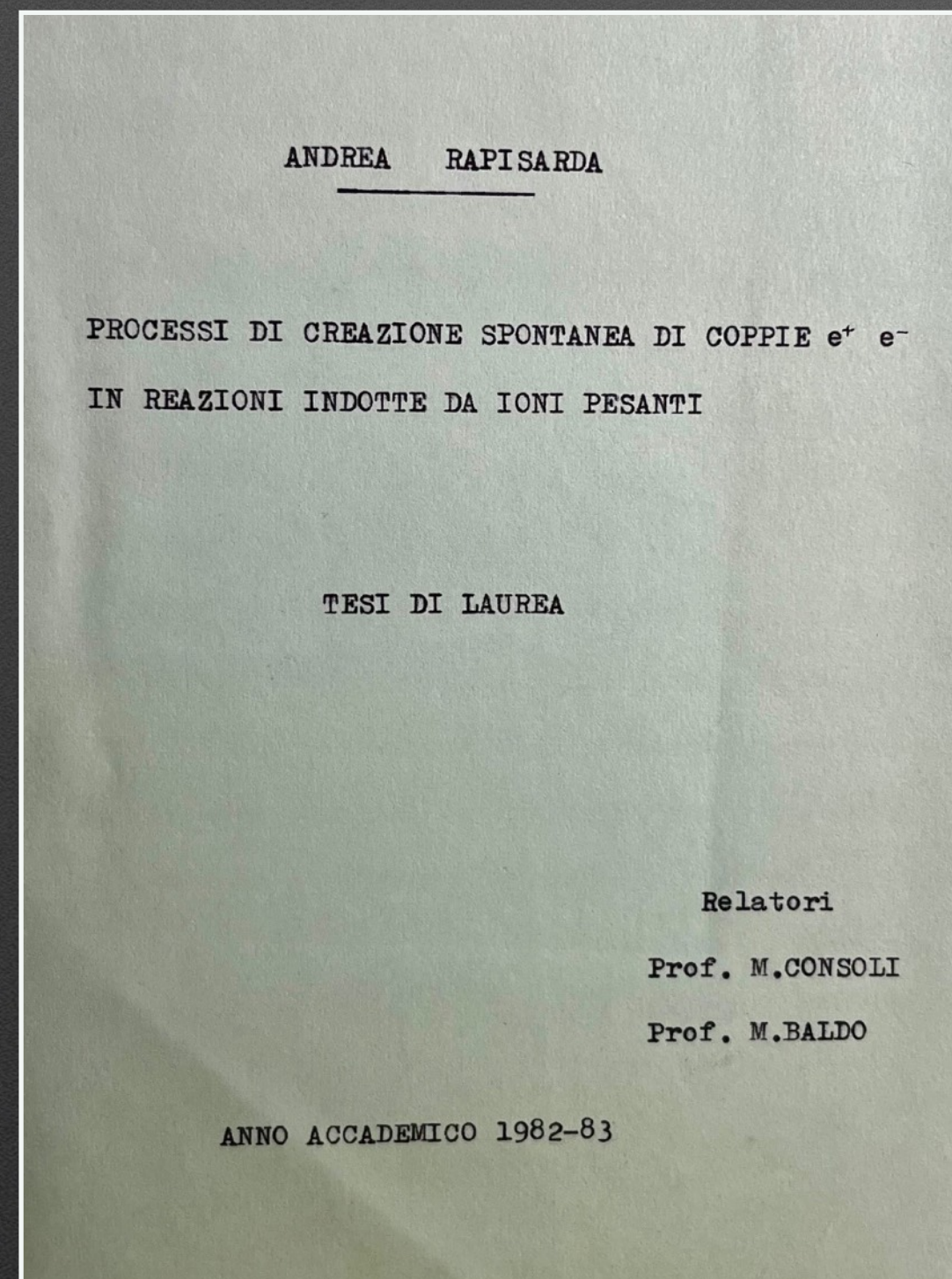
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# Early days

My collaboration with Marcello started **after my degree in physics in 1983** with frequent visits at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen



# Early days

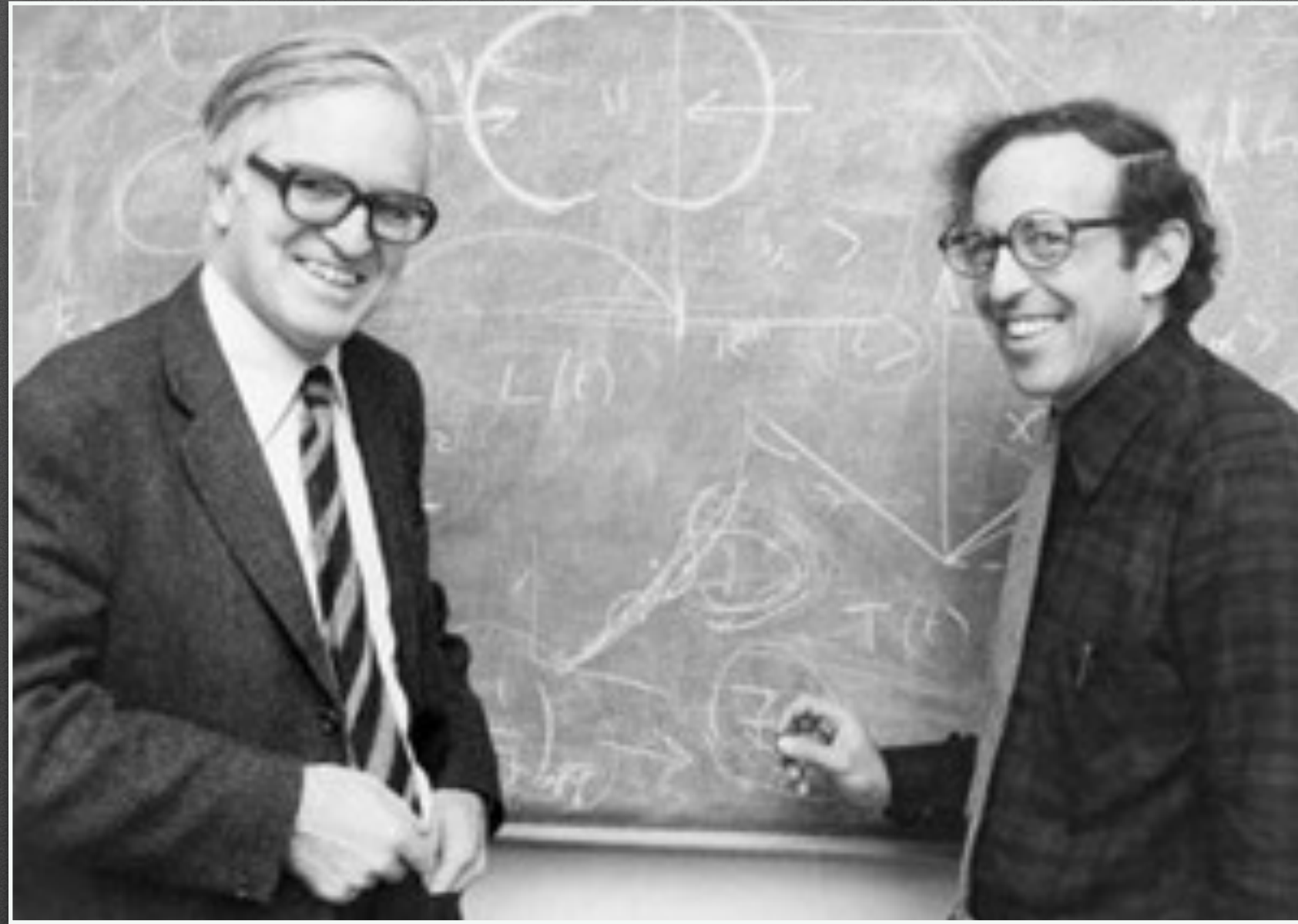
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*Me*

*Marcello*



# Early days



**Aage Bohr and Ben Mottelson**  
Nobel prize winners in 1975  
for their studies on the nuclear structure

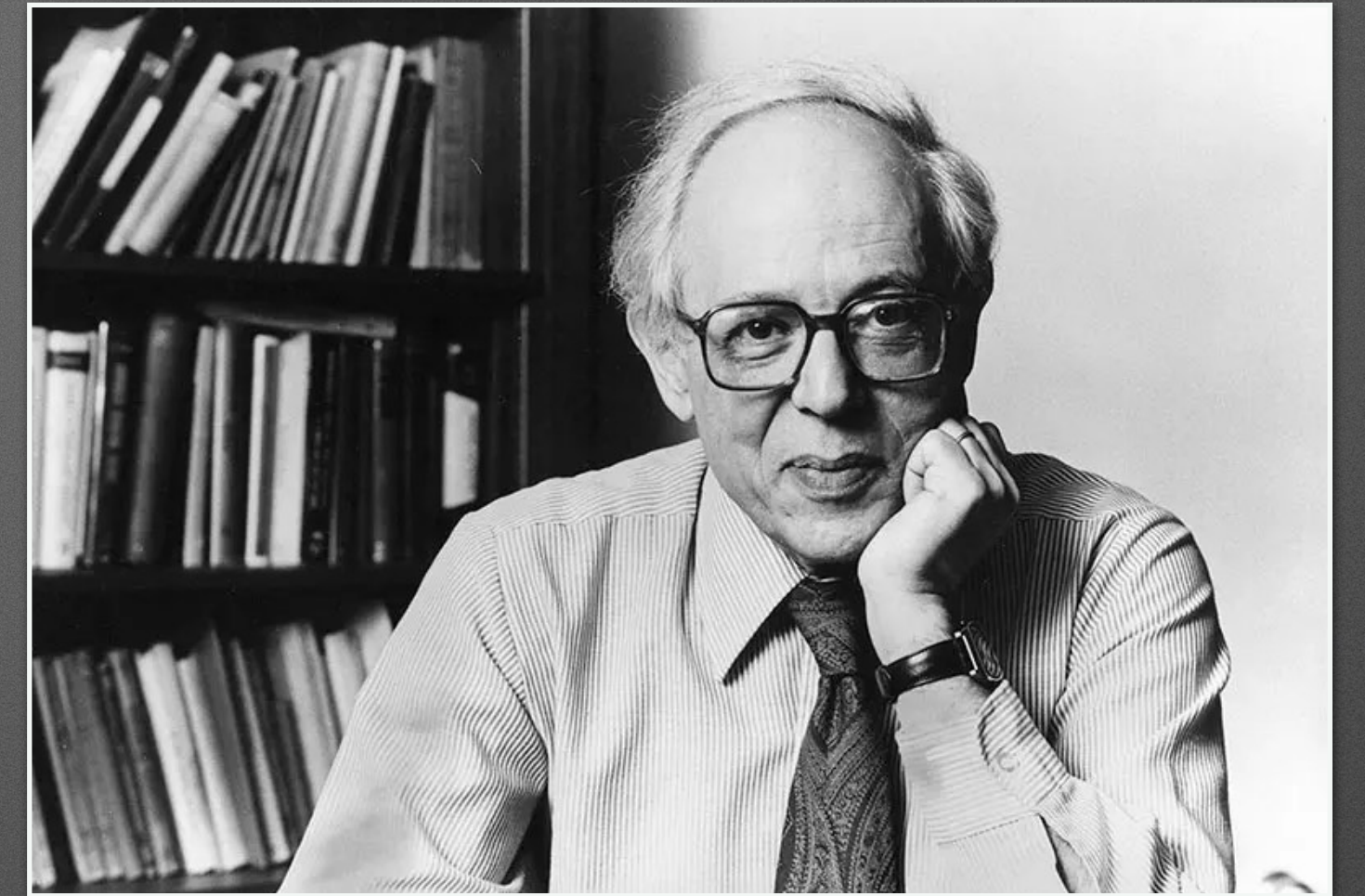


**Ricardo Broglia and Aage Winther**  
working on heavy ion collisions

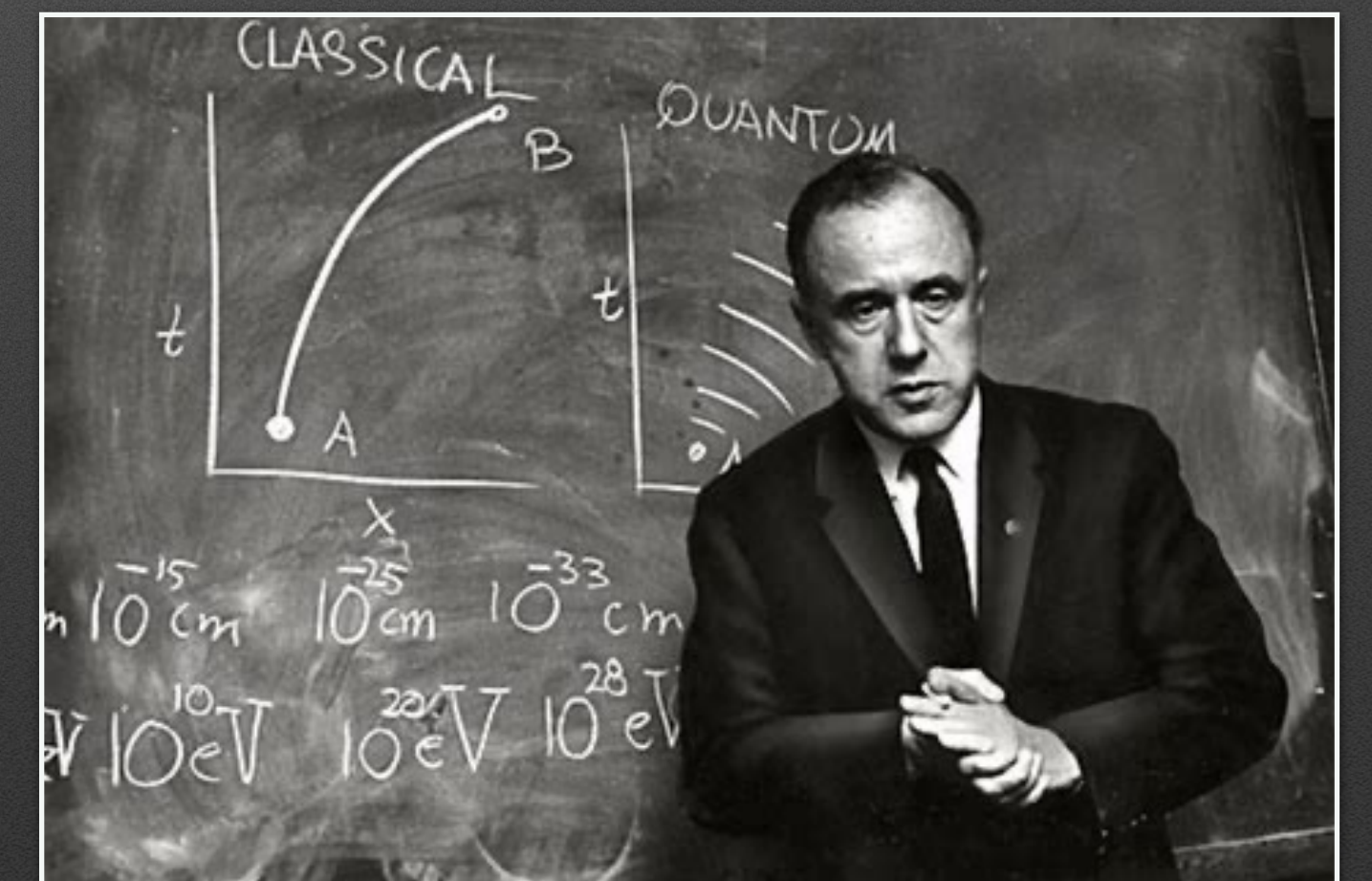
# Early days

At that time NBI was a fantastic place, a sea port where you could meet very famous physicists who spent there several periods, like **Abraham Pais**, Sir **Archibald Wheeler** and many others.

It was also the only place where physicists coming from Soviet Union or East Germany could come very easily.



A. Pais



J.A. Wheeler

# Early days

Life in Copenhagen - March 1987



# Early days

Erice School on Nuclear Physics - October 1986



# Early days

Erice School on Nuclear Physics - October 1986



Italy vs Rest-of-the-world

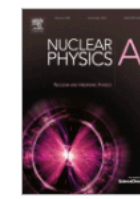


# First papers with Marcello on transfer reactions



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## Multiparticle transfer and frictional forces in heavy ion collisions

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### Abstract

We study the frictional forces in a low-energy heavy ion collision by solving the independent particle transfer between two potentials moving on prescribed trajectories. We conclude that, although one may extract both a tangential and a radial frictional force for the initial stage of the collision, they will be different in the final stage of the reaction and they depend on the shell structure. The strong coherence of the transfer process shows up in the probability of remaining in the initial ground state, which is strongly enhanced over the result obtained from incoherent transfer. This indicates that a measurement of the absorption in the entrance channel is a sensitive measure of the effect of two-body collisions and other relaxation mechanisms.

1987

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## MICROSCOPIC THEORY OF MULTIPARTICLE TRANSFER AND OF FUSION IN THE REACTION $^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{40}\text{Ca}$

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**Abstract:** The role of transfer in fusion reactions is studied within the framework of a microscopic model. In the case of the  $^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{40}\text{Ca}$  reaction, the coupling to transfer channels is essentially adiabatic and explains about one third of the observed enhancement over unrenormalized potential barrier estimates. Taking into account the excitation of low-lying vibrations in the adiabatic approximation brings theory in overall agreement with the data. Predictions for transfer processes are also presented which can be used to further discriminate between the potentials.

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## Theory of transfer reactions in peripheral heavy-ion collisions

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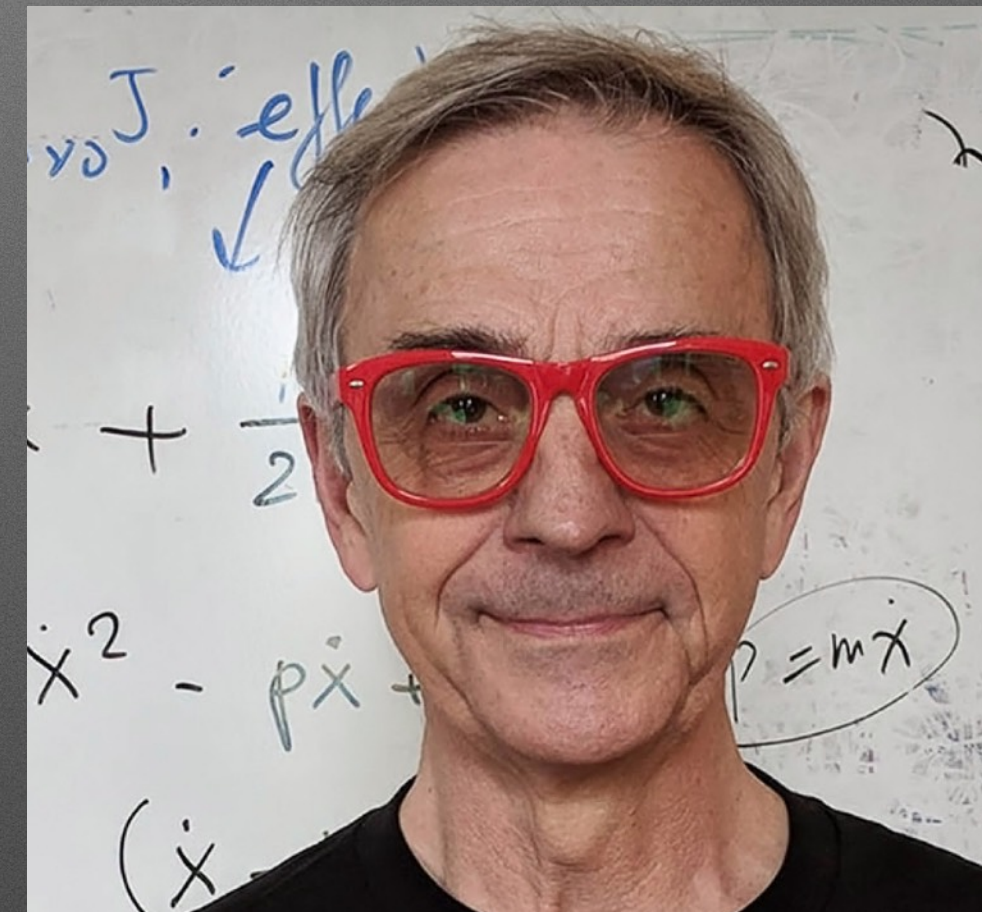
The total absorption from the elastic channel due to transfer and inelastic processes in peripheral heavy-ion collisions at low bombarding energies is calculated in a microscopic coupled-channel approach. It is demonstrated for the first time that considering the depopulation of the entrance channel as an incoherent depopulation due to transfer processes is a good approximation. Using the corresponding absorptive potential within the framework of the Born approximation to calculate the transfer to individual channels, the results of full coupled-channels calculations are accurately reproduced.

1990

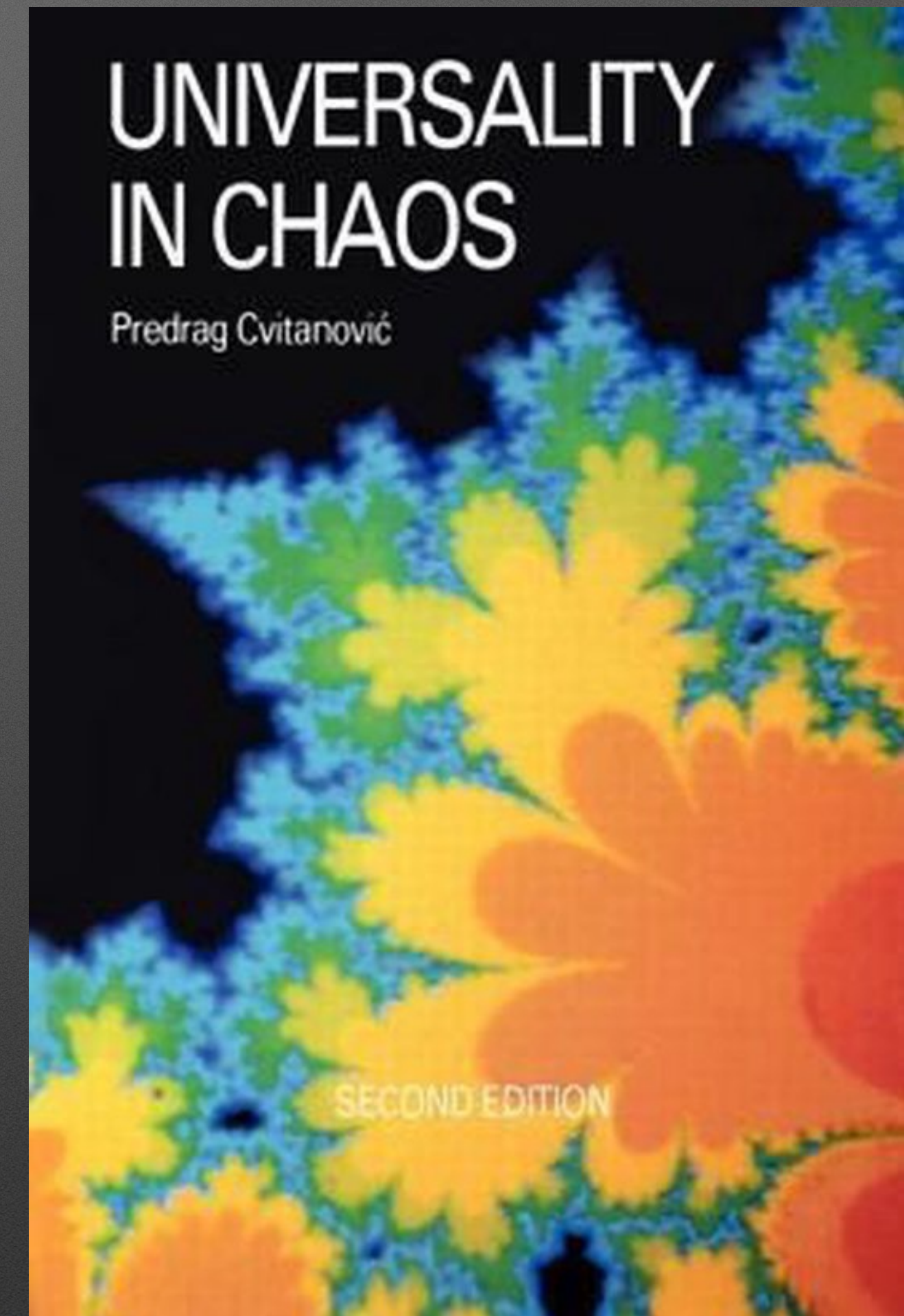
# Early days

At those times, at NBI the chaos group of *Predrag Cvitanović* was very active, hosting several international guests...

and thus me and Marcello started to get interested also in *chaos theory*



P. Cvitanović



# In 1991 first paper with Marcello on **Chaotic Scattering**

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20 MAY 1991

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## **Coexistence of Regular and Chaotic Scattering in Heavy-Ion Collisions**

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Classical dynamics of heavy-ion scattering is investigated in the case of a collision between a supposed spherical nucleus,  $^{28}\text{Si}$ , and a deformed one,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ , at energies above the Coulomb barrier. Evidence of regular and irregular motion is found. The chaotic behavior justifies the presence of Ericson's fluctuations observed for this reaction, while the presence of regular motion embedded in the chaotic region could be the crucial point to explain the nature of the observed isolated resonances, once the semiclassical theory is applied.

# Chaotic scattering around the Coulomb barrier

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## Classical Irregular Scattering and Its Quantum-Mechanical Implications

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We analyze the effect of irregular classical scattering on the corresponding quantum-mechanical scattering matrix. Using semiclassical arguments, we show that the fluctuations in the  $S$  matrix and the cross sections are consistent with a random-matrix description (Ericson fluctuations). The results are illustrated by a numerical solution of a simple quantum problem, whose classical counterpart displays irregular scattering.

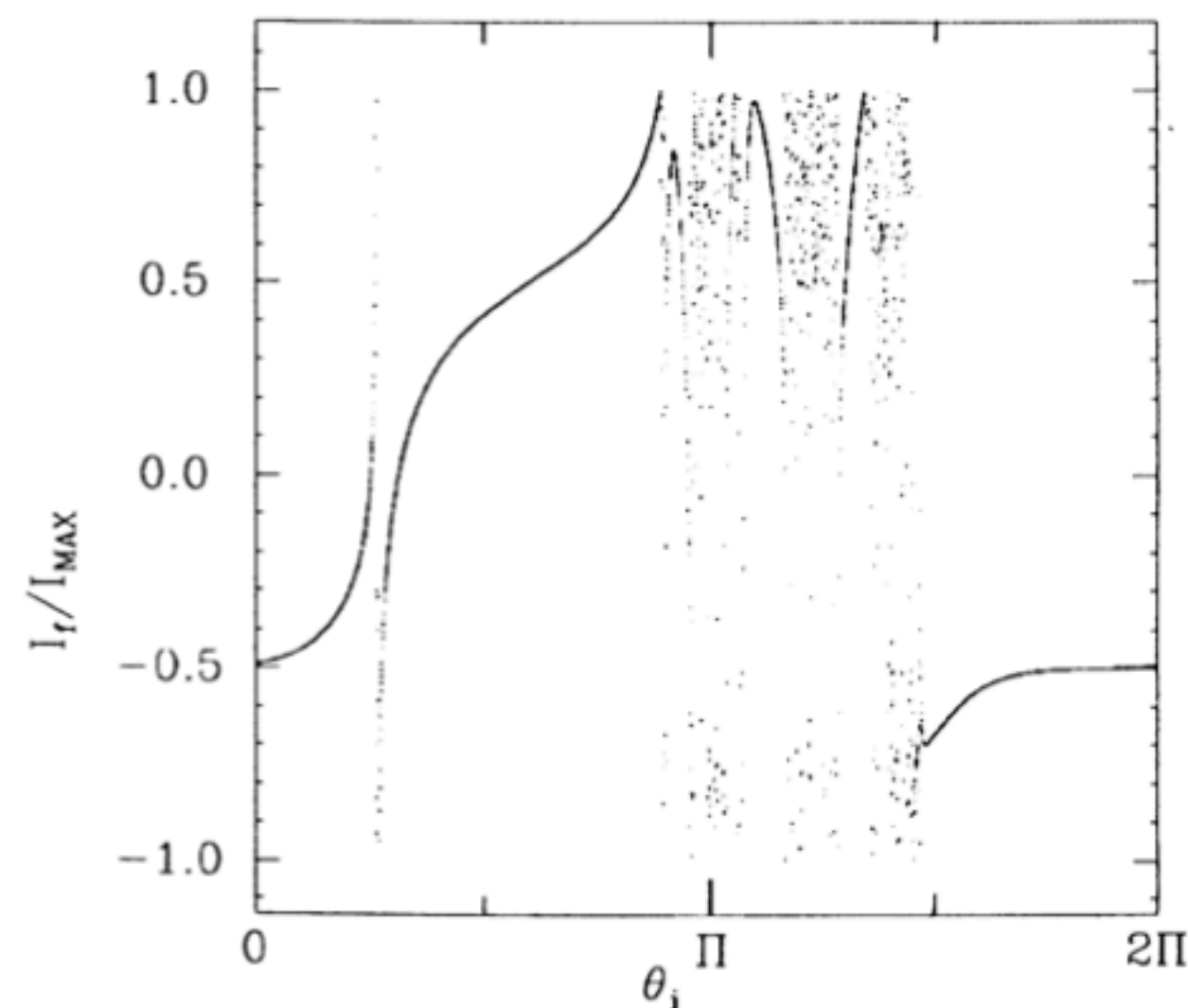
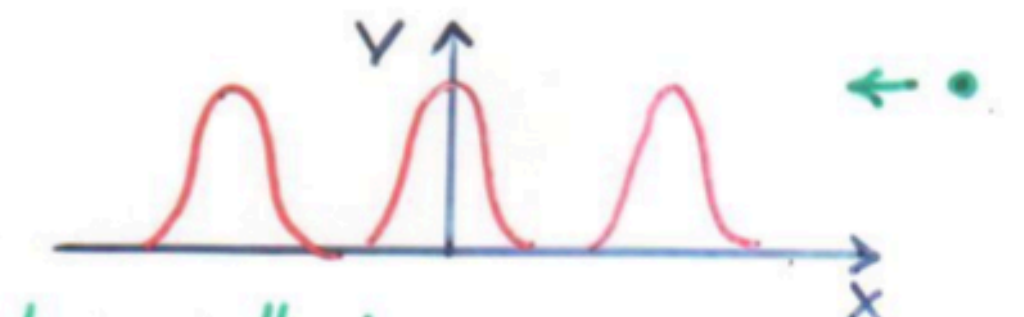


FIG. 1. The function  $I_f(\theta_i, I_i = 7\hbar)$  showing IS for  $E = 1.7$ ,  $R = 0.1$ , and  $V = 3.0$ .

system with 2 degrees of freedom

$$H(p, x, I, \vartheta) = \frac{p^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}RI^2 + V \cos \vartheta \sum_{m=0, \pm 1} e^{-(x - m\xi)^2}$$

$$\xi = 10. \\ R = 0.1$$



$V = 3.0$  Irregular scattering

$V = 0.3$  regular scattering

$$1.5 \leq E \leq 2.3$$

# Chaotic scattering around the Coulomb barrier

Trapping mechanism

Chaotic scattering occurs

- around the Coulomb barrier
- for light ions ( $^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ , ...)

- 1) the small moment of inertia allows the coupling between the relative motion and the intrinsic degrees of freedom
- 2) weak absorption at the surface

Considering a spherical nucleus impinging on a deformed one

$$H = T(r, \vartheta, \phi) + H_2(\Theta, \Phi) + V(r, \vartheta, \phi, \Theta, \Phi)$$

$$H = T(r, \phi) + H_2(\xi + \phi) + V(r, \phi, \xi)$$

# Realistic Nuclear effective potential considered

$\alpha_{20}$

is the important  
deformation parameter  
which controls chaotic  
behavior

Proximity potential (\*)

$$V_{\text{NUCL}} = 4\pi b \gamma \mathcal{R} \psi(s(\xi))$$

$$\psi(s(\xi)) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}(s-2.54)^2 - 0.0852(s-2.54)^3 & s \leq 1.2541 \\ -3.437 \exp(-s/0.75) & s > 1.2541 \end{cases}$$

$$s(\xi) = \frac{r - R_1^0 - R_2(\xi)}{b} \quad b = 1 \text{ fm} \text{ diffuseness parameter}$$

$$R_i^0 = (1.28 A_i^{1/3} - 0.76 + 0.8 A_i^{-1/3}) \text{ fm} \quad i=1,2$$

$$R_2(\xi) = R_2^0 [1 + \alpha_{20} Y_{20}(\xi)]$$

$\alpha_{20}$  = deformation parameter

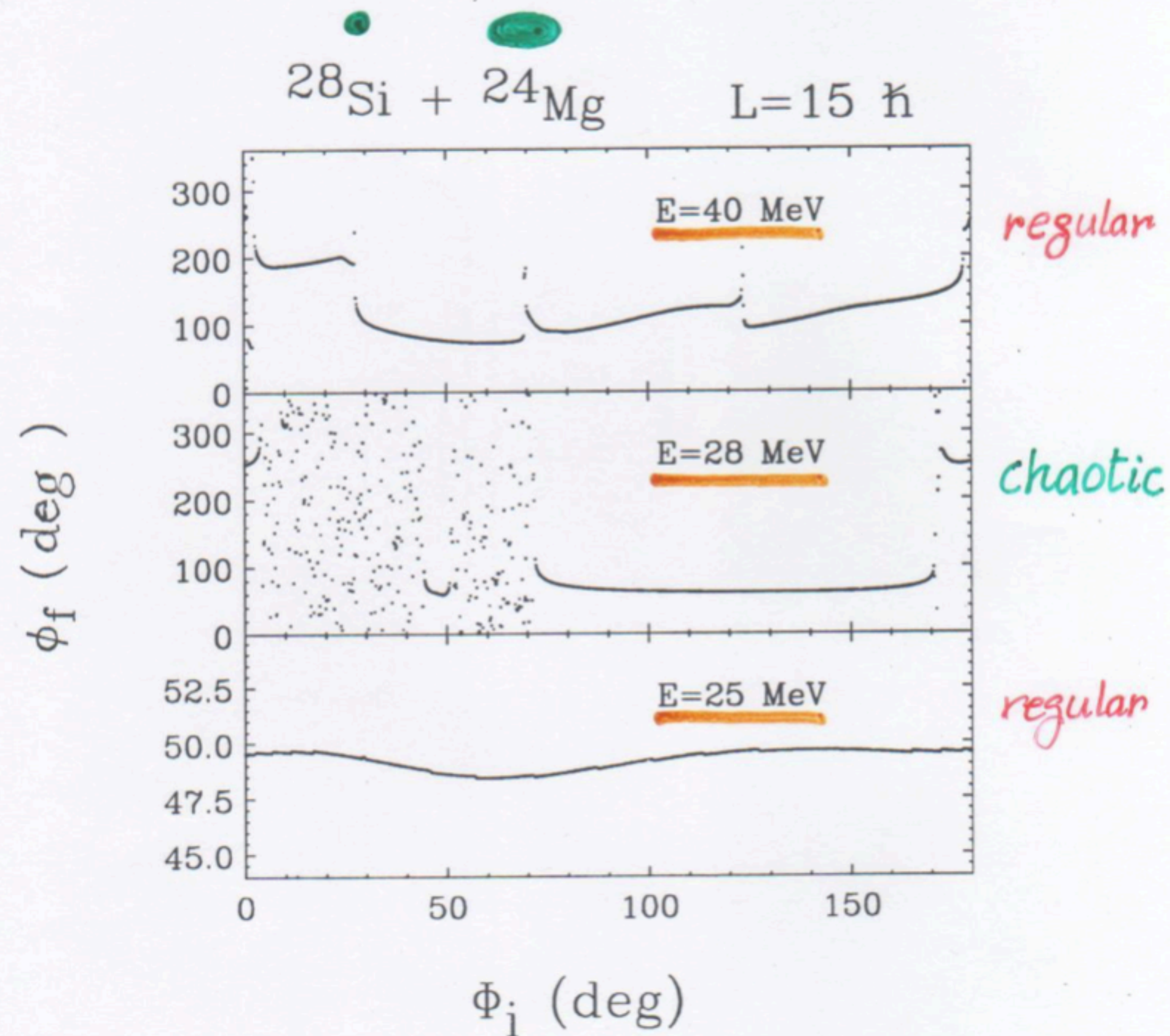
$$\mathcal{R}(\xi) = \frac{R_1^0 R_2^0}{R_1^0 + R_2^0} \left( 1 - \frac{2R_1^0}{R_1^0 + R_2^0} \alpha_{20} Y_{20}(\xi) \right)$$

$$\gamma = 0.95 \left[ 1 - 1.8 \left( \frac{N_1 - Z_1}{A_1} \right) \left( \frac{N_2 - Z_2}{A_2} \right) \right] \text{ MeV fm}^{-2}$$

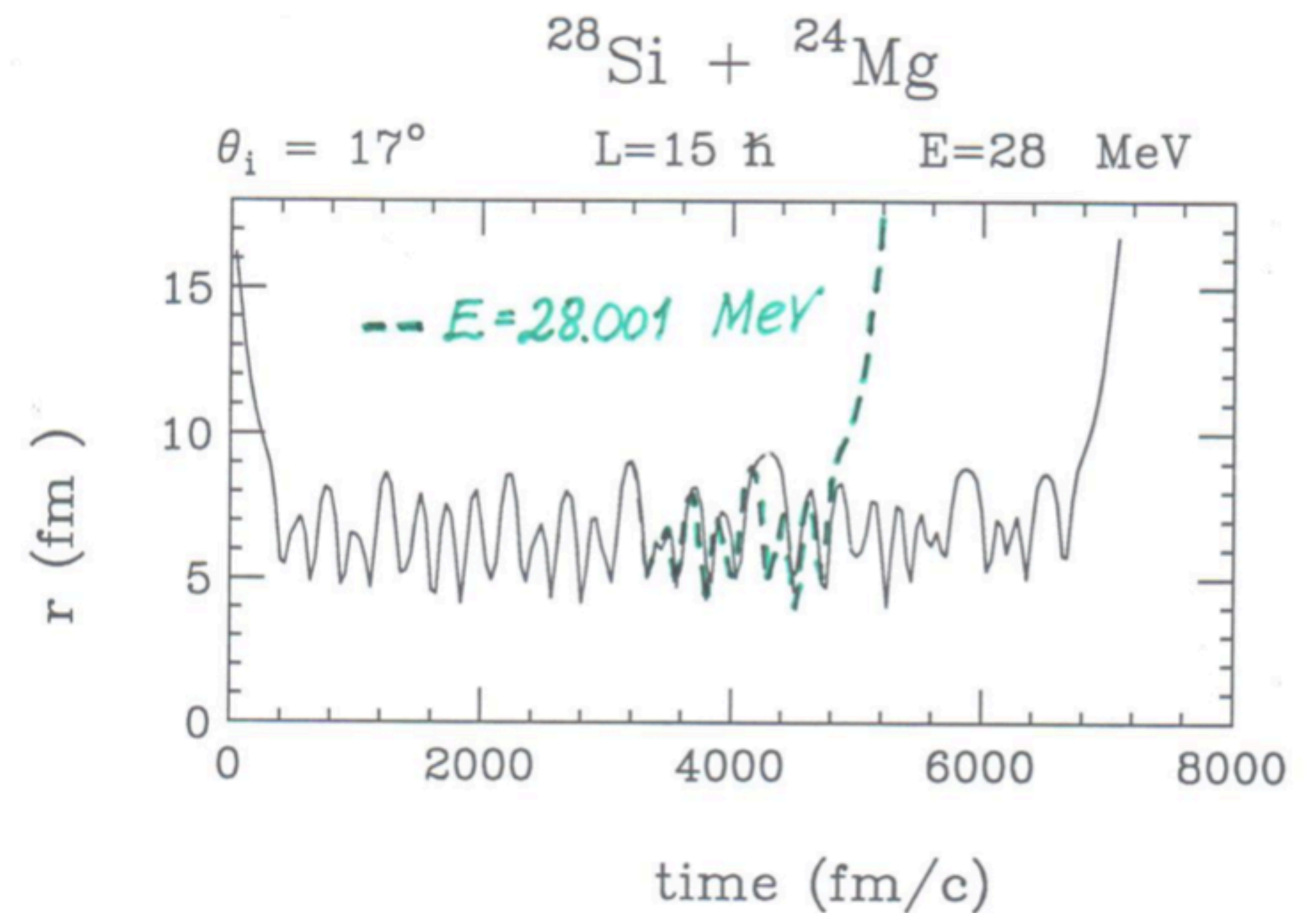
Surface tension

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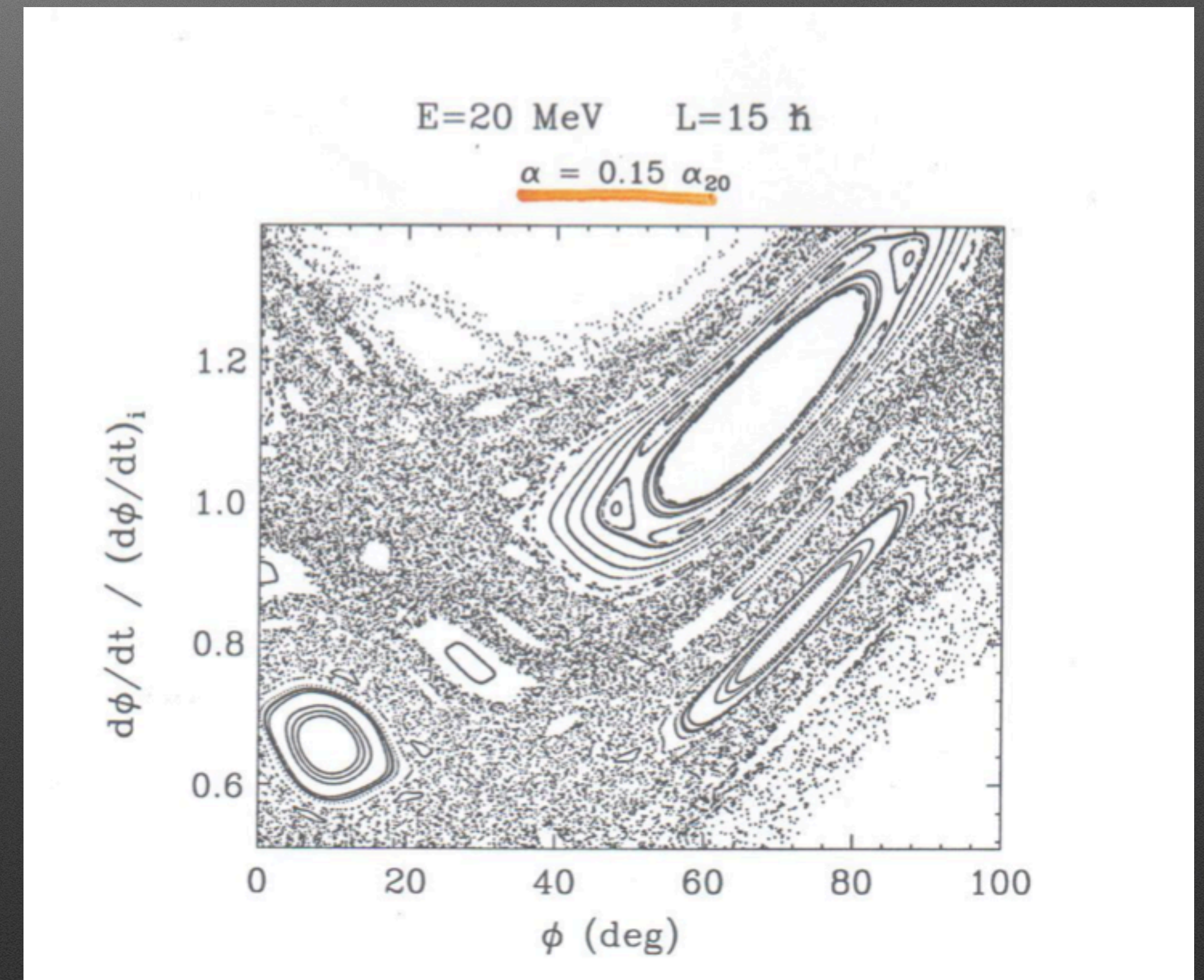
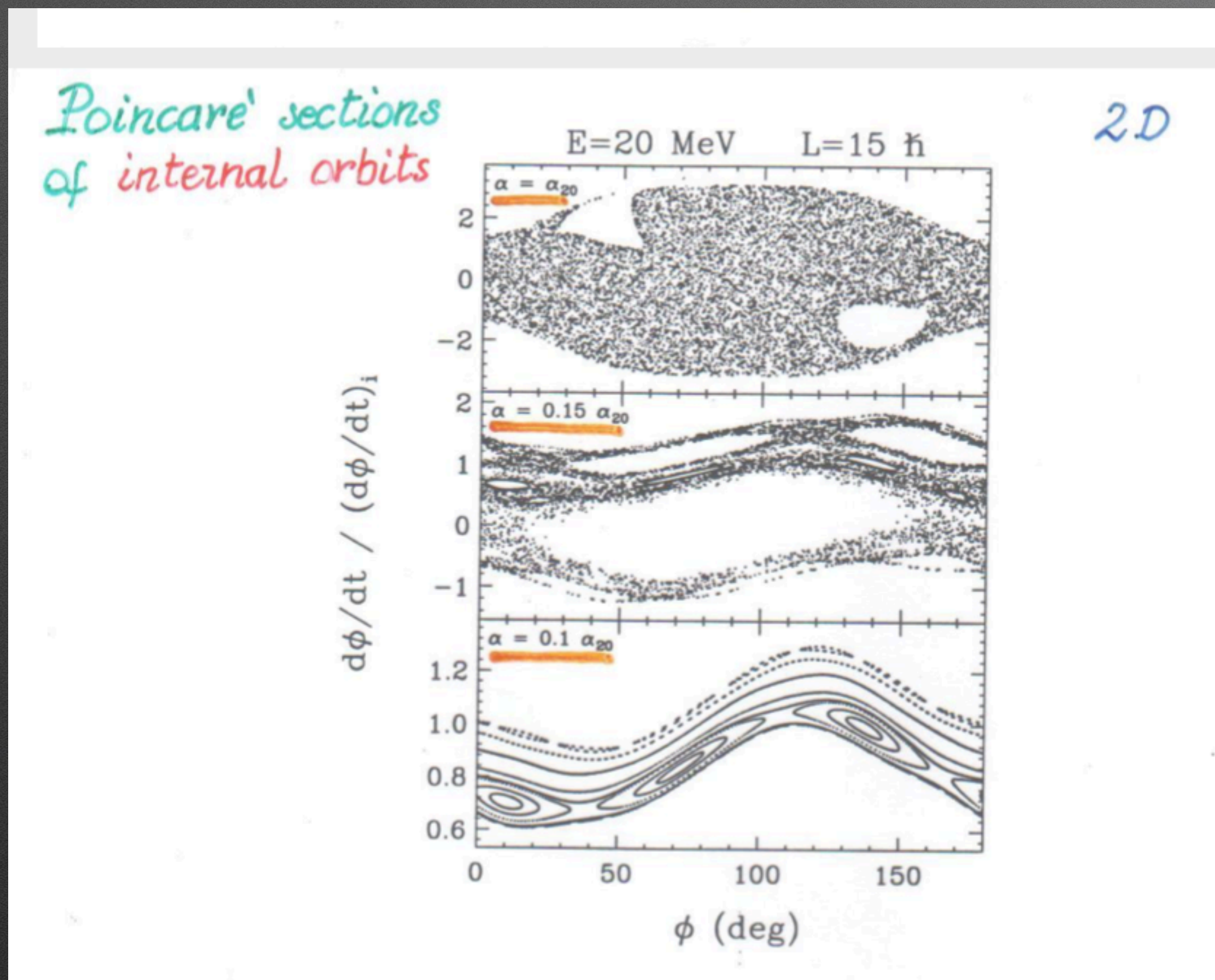
# Chaotic scattering around the Coulomb barrier



*Sensitive dependence on the initial conditions and unpredictability for long time scales*

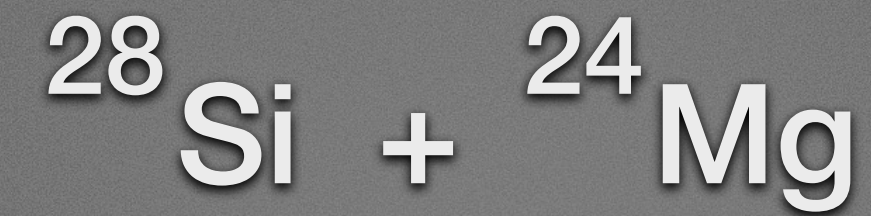


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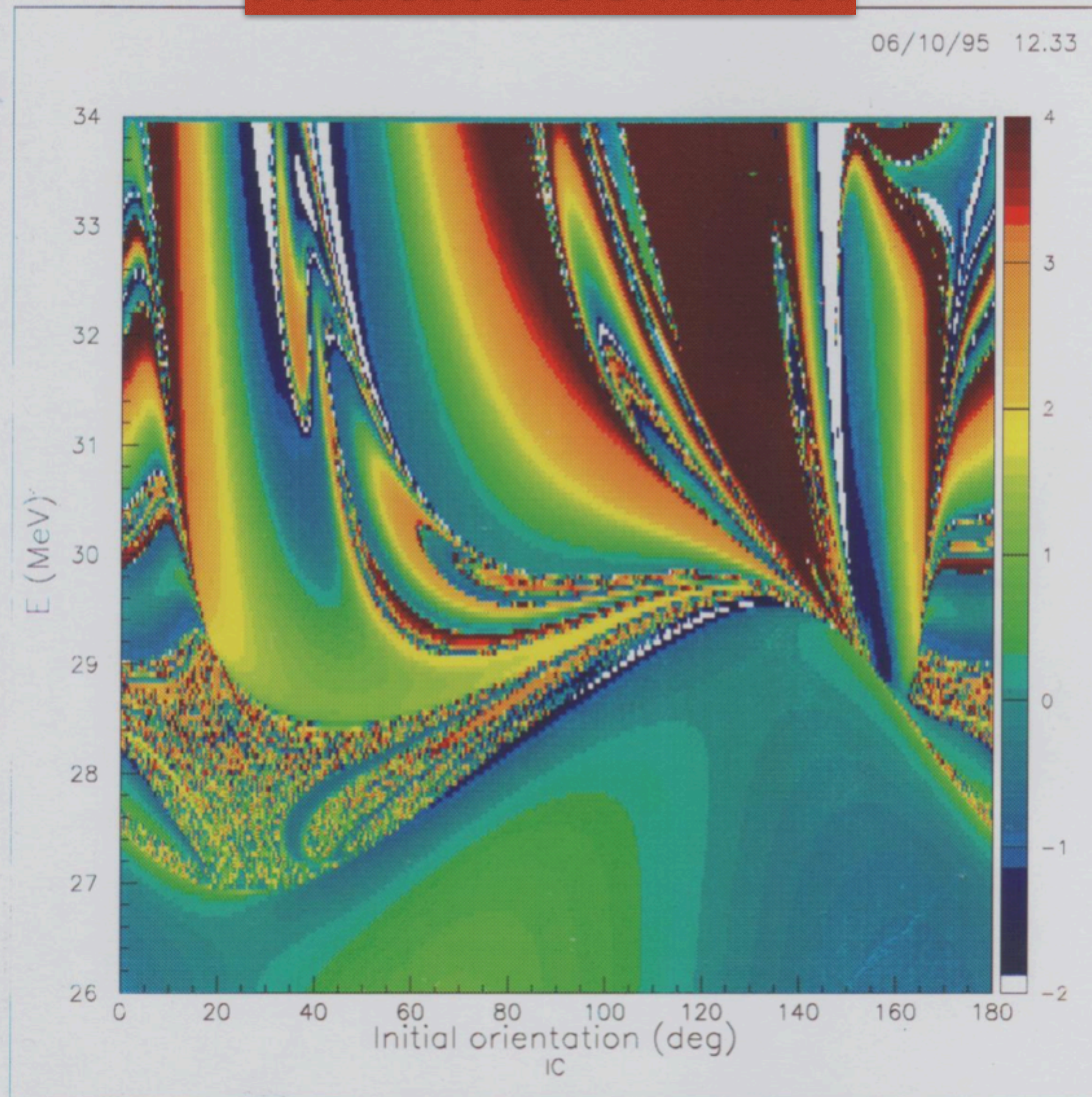




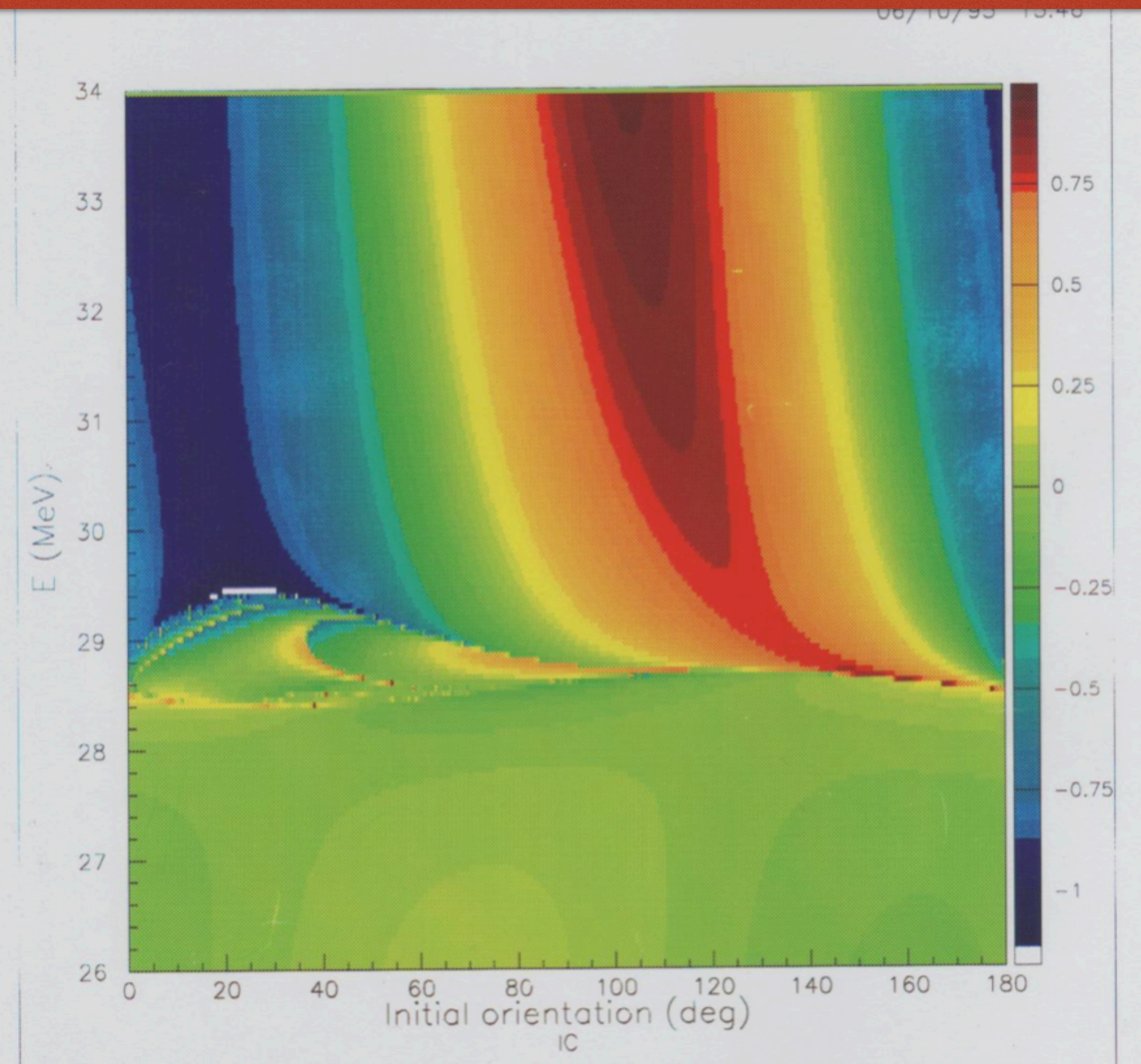
# Chaotic scattering around the Coulomb barrier



Realistic deformation



deformation reduced to 10% of the real one



# Review paper on Chaotic Scattering

## Chaotic scattering in heavy-ion reactions

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We discuss the relevance of chaotic scattering in heavy-ion reactions at energies around the Coulomb barrier. A model in two and three dimensions which takes into account rotational degrees of freedom is discussed both classically and quantum mechanically. The typical chaotic features found in this description of heavy-ion collisions are connected with the anomalous behavior of several experimental data.

# Collaboration with the Chimera group (1995)... moving towards nuclear multi fragmentation



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Chimera: a project of a 4π detector for heavy ion reactions studies at intermediate energy

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Beyond linear response theory in multifragmentation

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Within the framework of the Vlasov equation, we discuss the validity of linear response theory in the dynamics of fragment formation. Considering a hot piece of nuclear matter inside the spinodal zone, we demonstrate by numerical simulations that after the first stages of the time evolution, nonlinear terms become important and cannot be neglected. Nonlinear and chaotic dynamics seems to characterize multifragmentation occurring in heavy-ion collisions.

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## Generalized entropy and temperature in nuclear multifragmentation

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# Chaos and Phase transitions

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## Lyapunov Instability and Finite Size Effects in a System with Long-Range Forces

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We study the largest Lyapunov exponent  $\lambda$  and the finite size effects of a system of  $N$  fully coupled classical particles, which shows a second order phase transition. Slightly below the critical energy density  $U_c$ ,  $\lambda$  shows a peak which persists for very large  $N$  values ( $N = 20\,000$ ). We show, both numerically and analytically, that chaoticity is strongly related to kinetic energy fluctuations. In the limit of small energy,  $\lambda$  goes to zero with an  $N$ -independent power law:  $\lambda \sim \sqrt{U}$ . In the continuum limit the system is integrable in the whole high temperature phase. More precisely, the behavior  $\lambda \sim N^{-1/3}$  is found numerically for  $U > U_c$  and justified on the basis of a random matrix approximation. [S0031-9007(97)05121-1]

# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i,j=1}^N [1 - \cos(\vartheta_i - \vartheta_j)]$$

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- The system has an infinite range force
- It is a **useful paradigmatic** model to study **Hamiltonian long-range interacting (nonextensive) systems** as for example **astrophysical systems**, but also **fragmenting nuclei and atomic clusters**

# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

The model can be seen as  $N$  classical interacting spins or particles moving on the unit circle. One can define the total magnetization  $\vec{M}$  as an **order parameter**

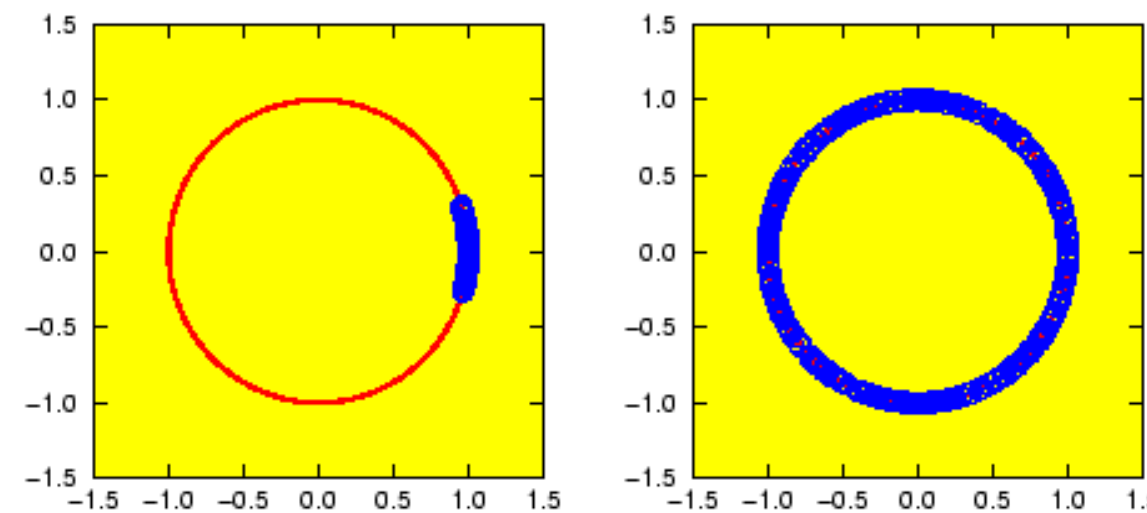
$$\vec{M} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{m}_i$$

where the single spin is

$$\vec{m}_i = (\cos\vartheta_i, \sin\vartheta_i)$$

$M=1$  clustered phase for  $U < U_c$

$M=0$  homogeneous phase for  $U > U_c$



The model shows a **second-order phase transition**, passing from a clustered phase to a homogeneous one as a function of energy

# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## Critical behavior of the model

The model has a second order phase transition.

The critical point is at

$$U_c = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad T_c = \frac{1}{2}$$

Close to the critical point one gets for  $\beta \sim \beta_c$

$$M \approx \frac{4}{\beta} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\beta}} \quad U \approx \frac{1}{2\beta} \left[ 1 - \frac{8(\beta-2)}{\beta} \right] + \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence  $M$  vanishes with the classical critical mean field exponent  $1/2$

On the other hand, the specific heat  $C_V = \frac{\partial U}{\partial T}$  is

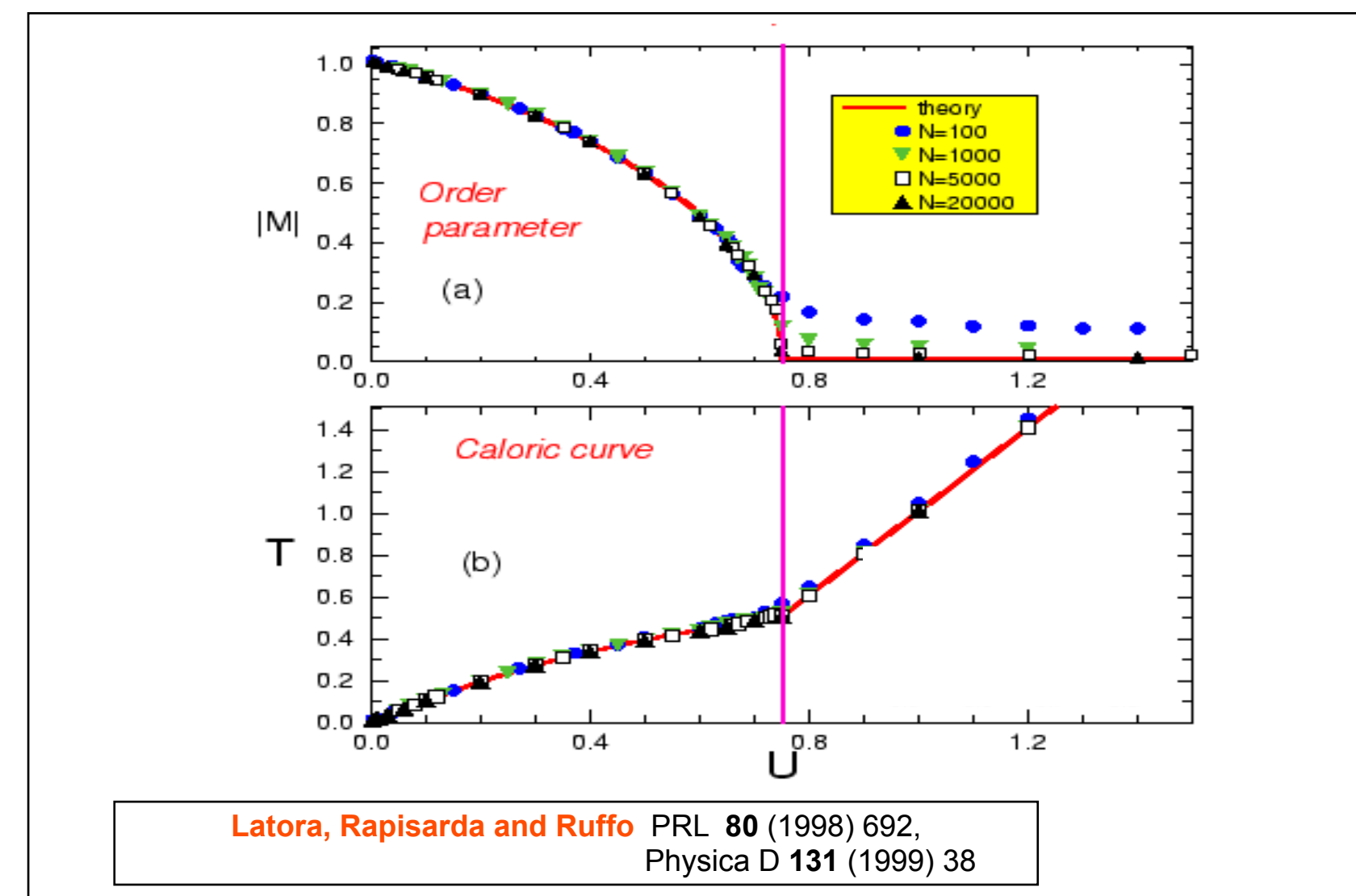
$$C_V(T_c) = \frac{5}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad C_V = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for} \quad T > T_c$$

Close to the critical point  $C_V \approx (T_c - T)^{-\alpha}$  with  $\alpha = 0$

# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## Comparison with numerical simulations at equilibrium

Good agreement between exact canonical solution and numerical microcanonical simulations at equilibrium for various sizes  $N$  of the system

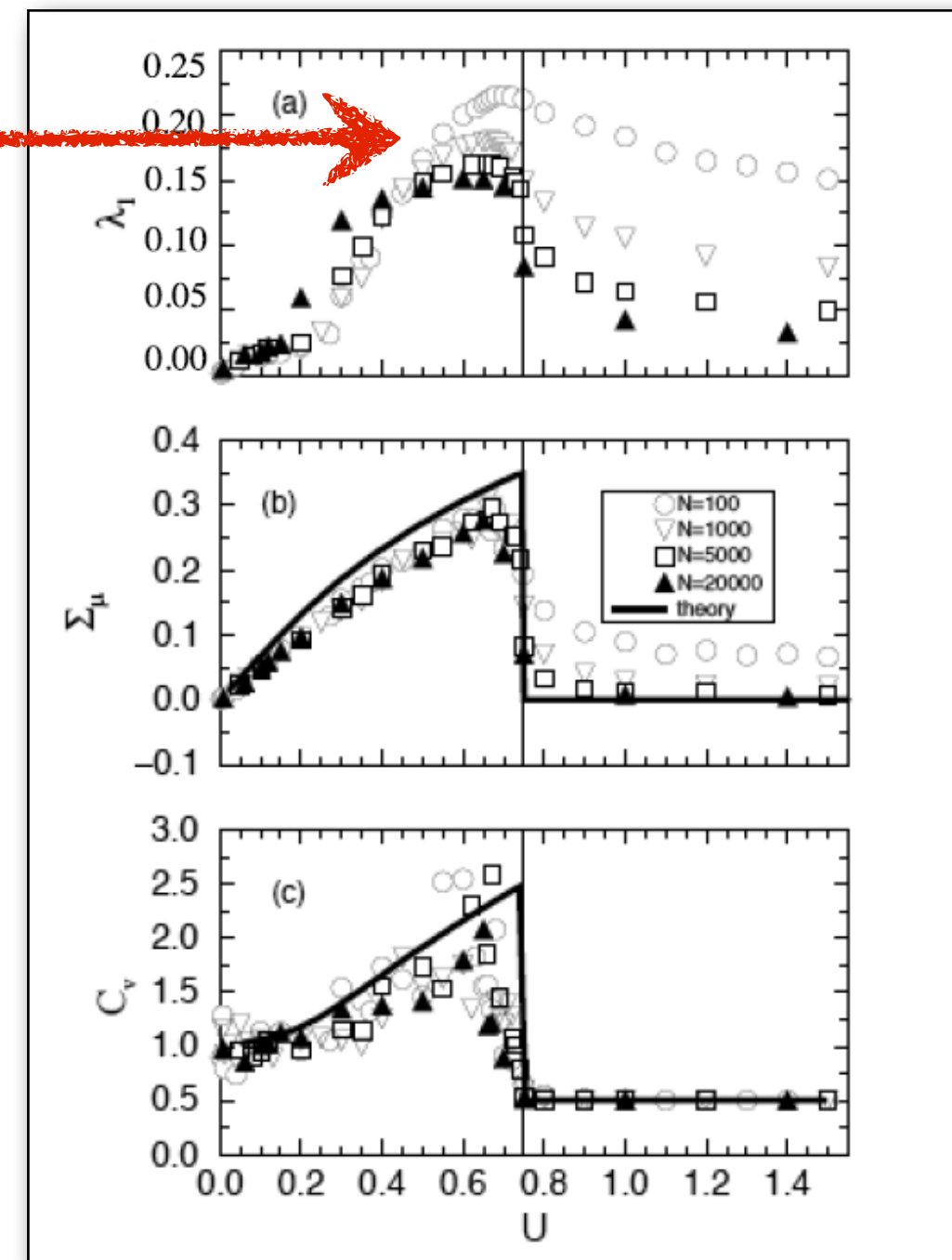




# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

One finds a maximum of the Largest Lyapunov Exponent in correspondence of the critical point, where fluctuations in kinetic energy and the specific heat have also a peak!

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# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

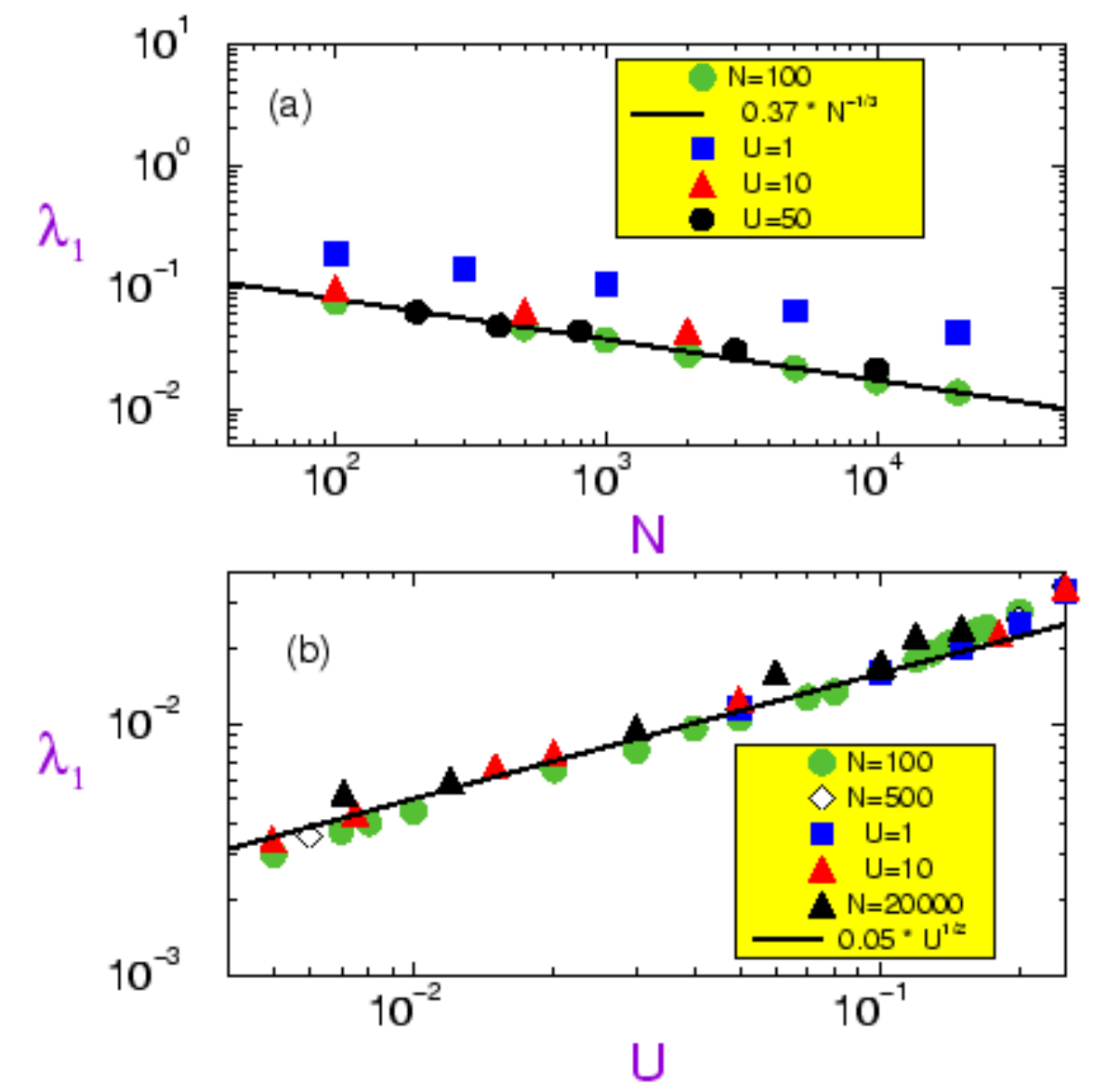
Dynamics at Equilibrium: scaling of the LLE

$$\lambda_1 \propto N^{-1/3}$$

for  $U > U_c$

$$\lambda_1 \propto U^{1/2}$$

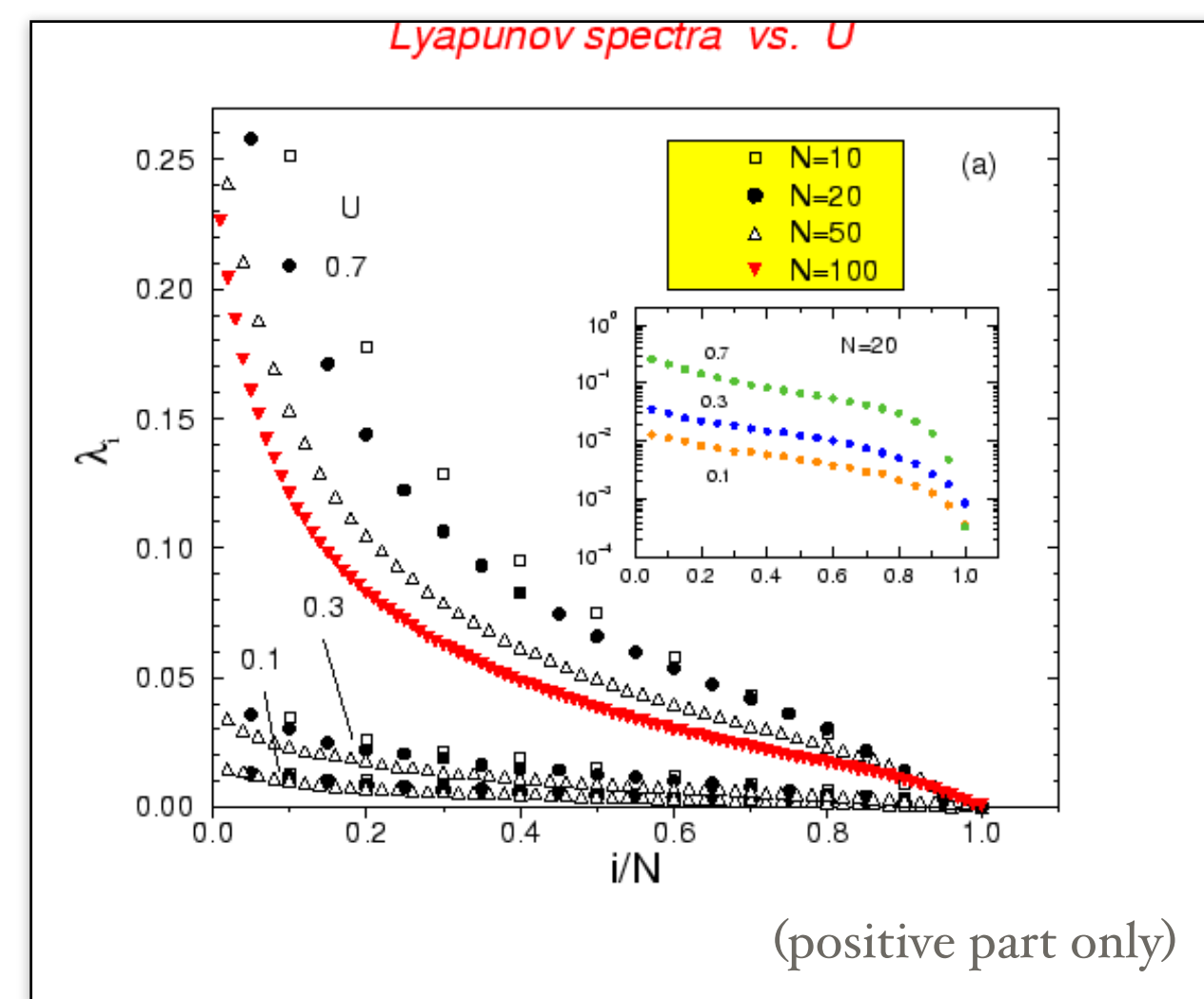
for  $U \ll U_c$



# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## Lyapunov spectra at Equilibrium

In Hamiltonian systems with  $N$  degrees of freedom



$$\lambda_i = -\lambda_{2N-i+1}$$

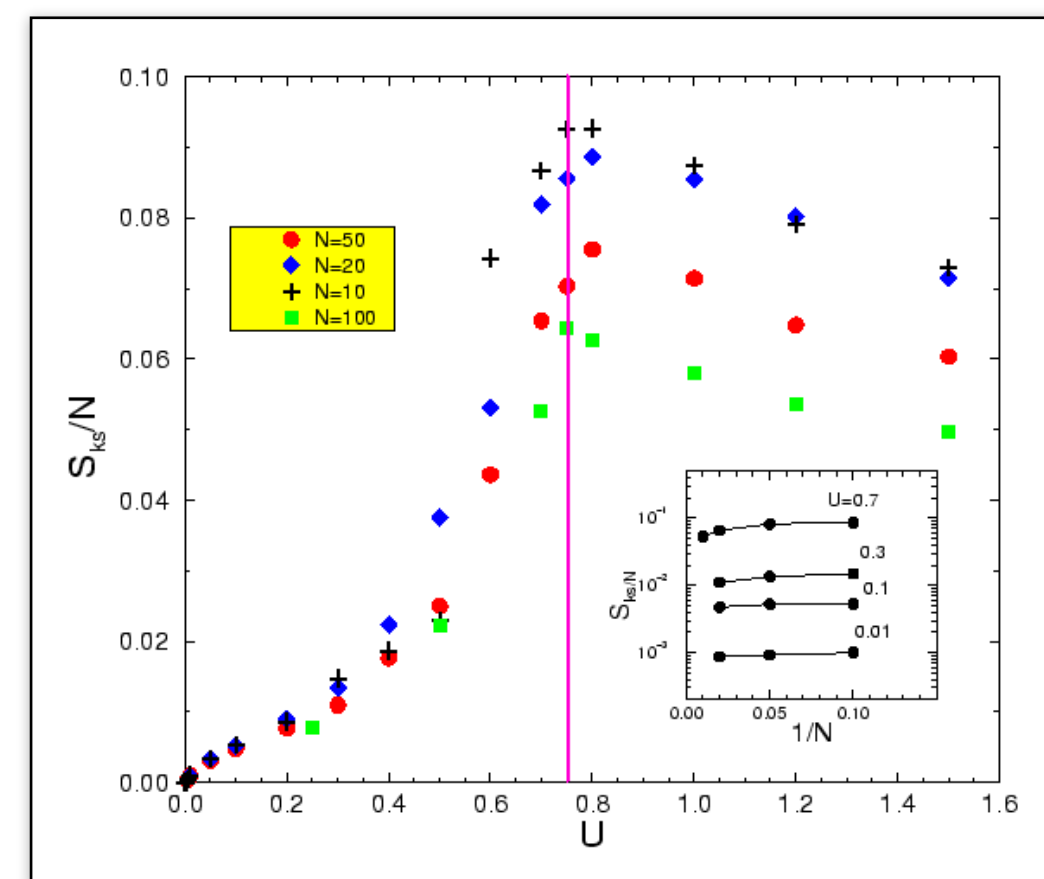
At low energy only a few degrees of freedom are active.

# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

Kolmogorov Sinai entropy

$$S_{KS} = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_i > 0$$

A peak close to the critical point is found also for  $S_{KS}$



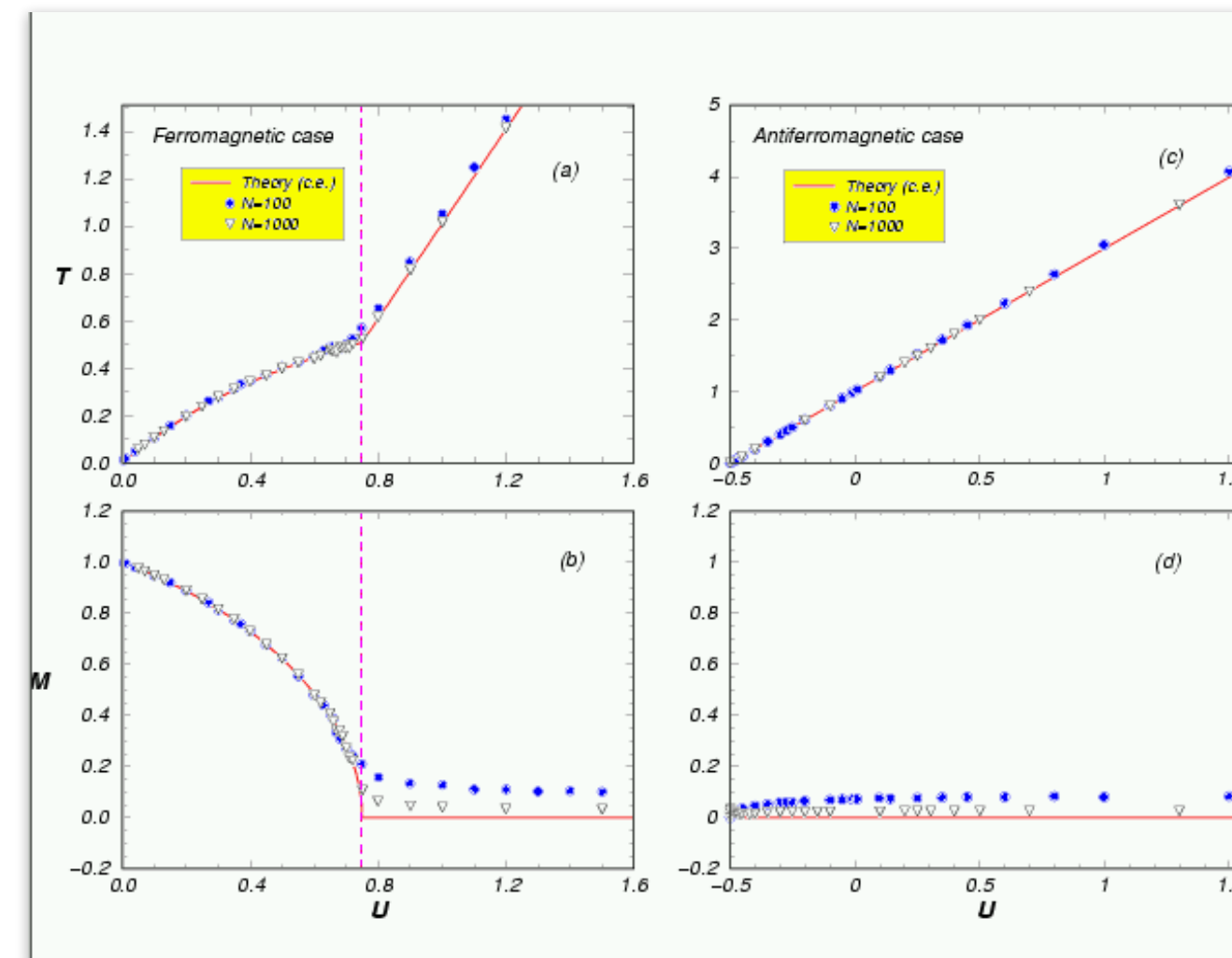
# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

Antiferromagnetic behavior of HMF

The HMF model can have also an antiferromagnetic behavior if one considers

$$H = K - V$$

The general canonical solution for  $\pm V$  is



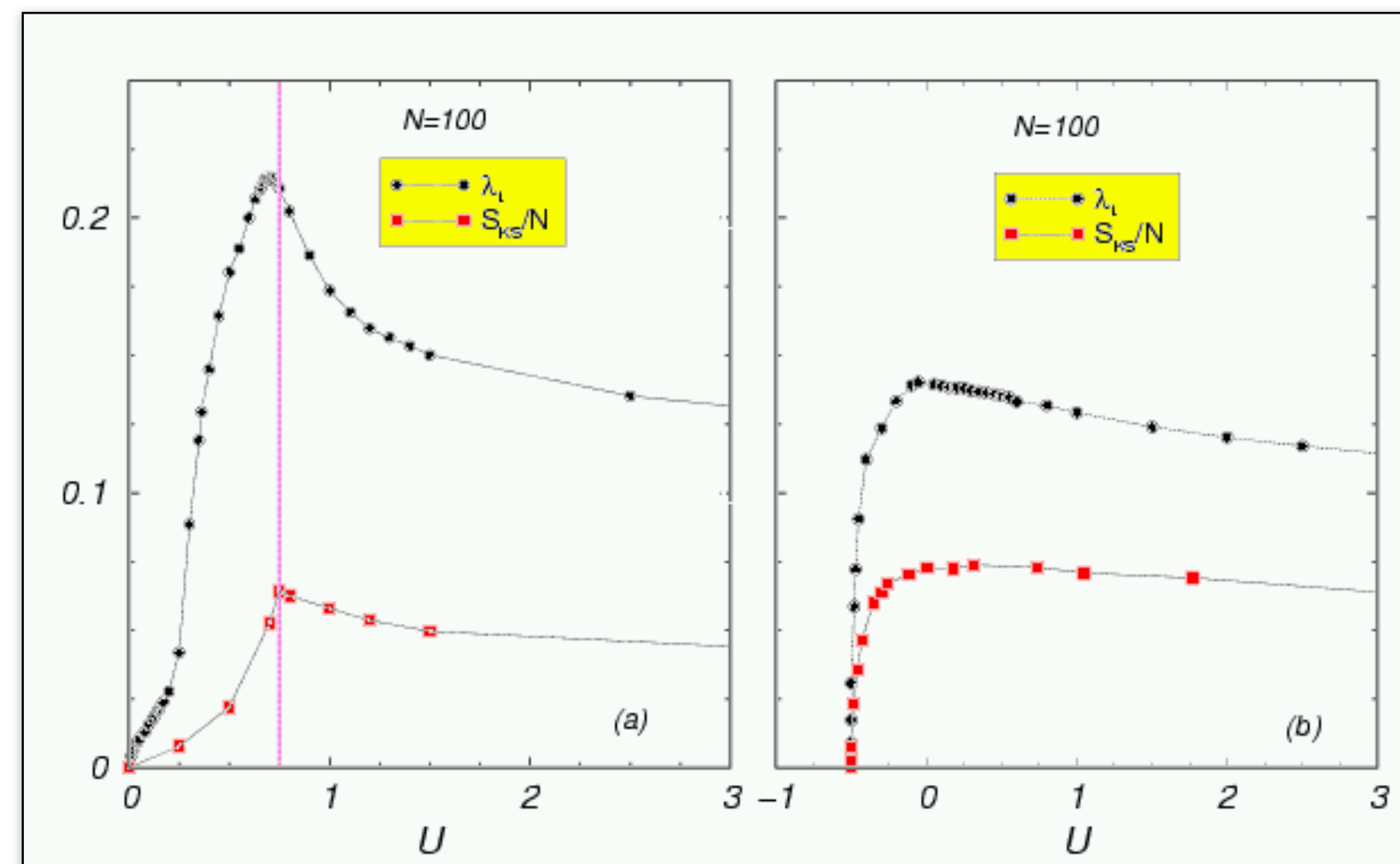
$$U = \frac{1}{2\beta} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (1 - M^2)$$

with  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$

# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## Dynamics at Equilibrium

One has a different behavior of the Largest Lyapunov exponent and the KS entropy in the ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic case



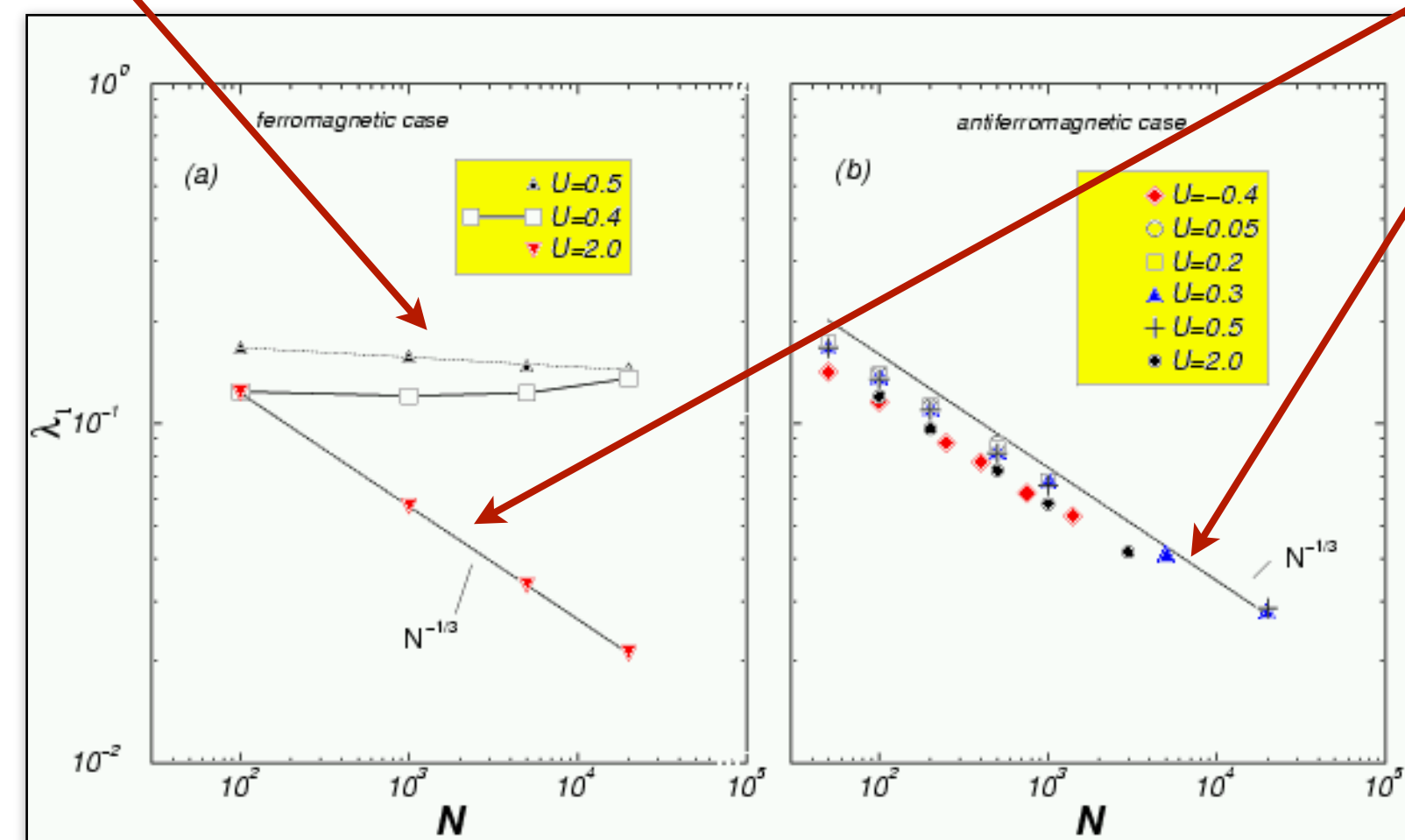
# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## LLE in the thermodynamical limit

In the thermodynamic limit, the LLE  $\lambda_1$  goes to zero for the whole energy range in the antiferromagnetic case, while it remains finite, for energies smaller than the critical one ( $U_c=0.75$ ), in the ferromagnetic one. In the latter case it goes to zero for overcritical energies as

$$\lambda_1 = \text{constant}$$

$$\lambda_1 \sim N^{-1/3}$$



# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## Equilibrium PDFs for the HMF model

In the **continuum limit**, considering the one-body distribution function  $F$ , the evolution of the HMF model is described by the **Vlasov equation**

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + p \frac{\partial F}{\partial \vartheta} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vartheta} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} = 0$$

Supposing a factorization of the distribution function

$$F = f(p)g(\vartheta, t)$$

One gets the **stationary equilibrium solution**

$$f = f_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} e^{-p^2/2T}$$

$$g = g_0 e^{M \cos(\vartheta - \phi)/T}$$

where  $g_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi I_0(M/T)}$ ,  $\phi$  is the phase of  $M$

and  $I_0$  is the Bessel function

In the **overcritical region**  $M = 0 \Rightarrow g = \frac{1}{2\pi}$

In the **low energy region**  $I_0(z) \approx \frac{e^z}{\sqrt{2\pi z}} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{8z} + \dots \right] \Rightarrow g \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\vartheta^2/2\sigma^2}$

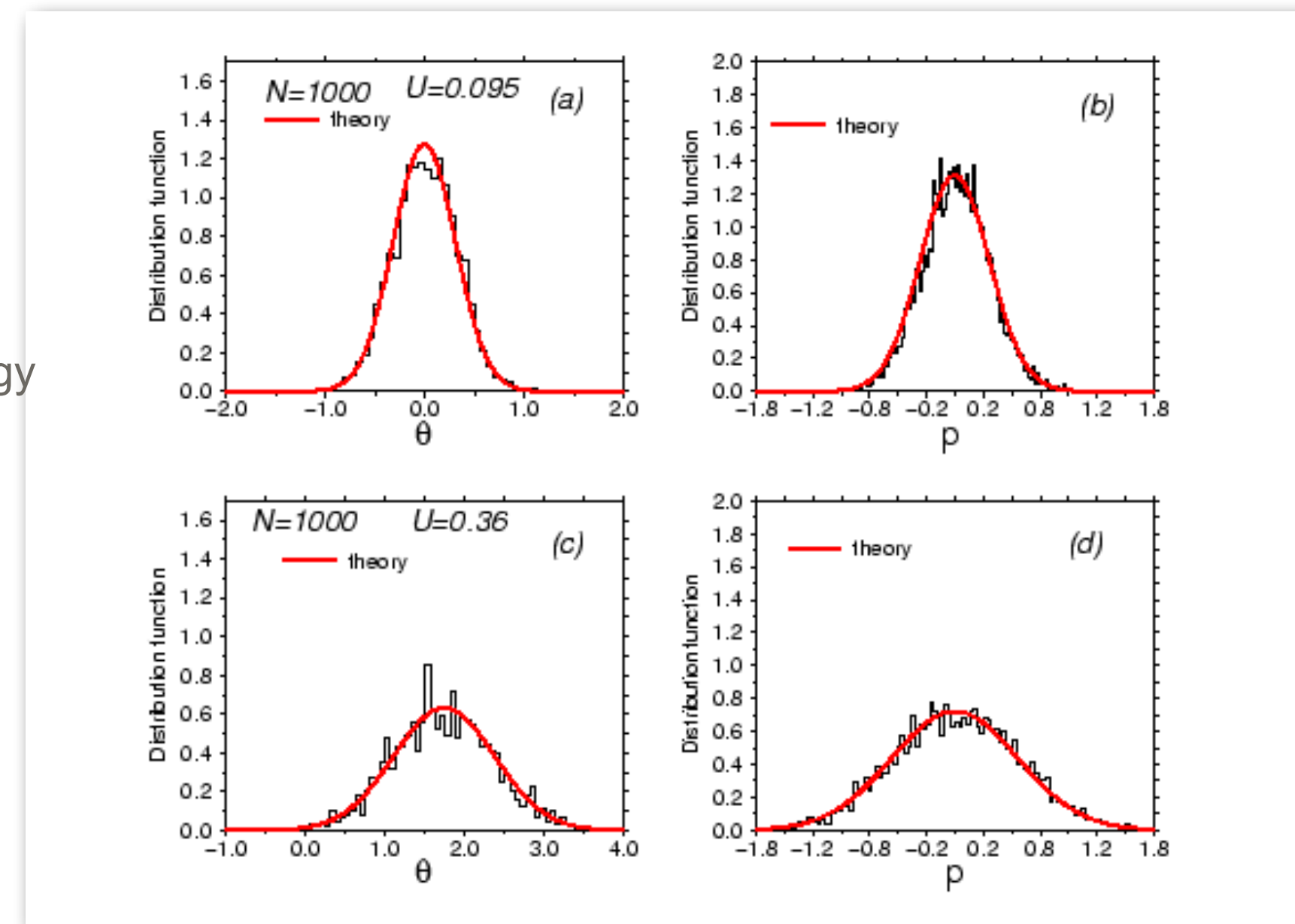
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Comparison with numerical pdfs

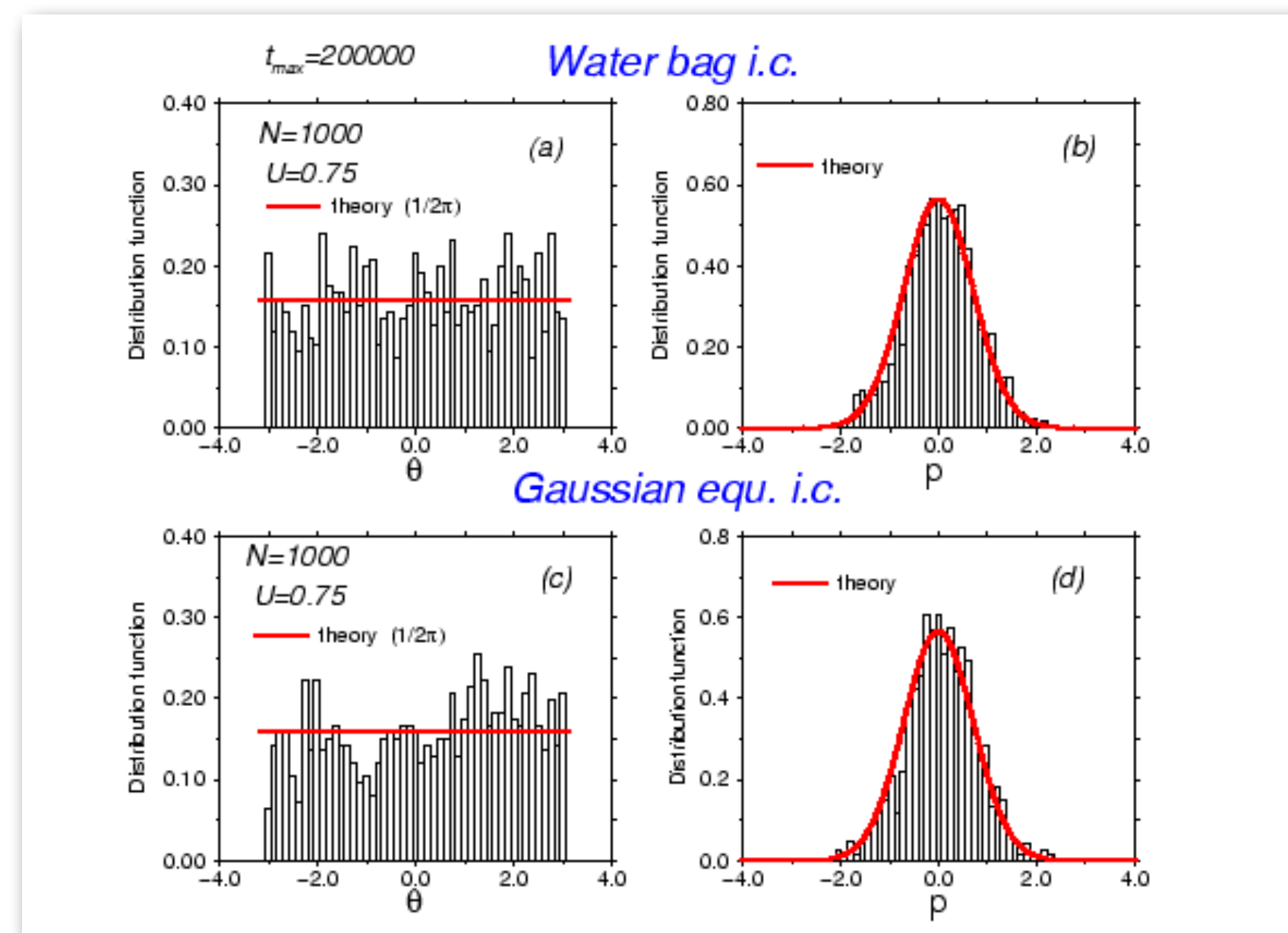
At low energy



# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

Comparison with numerical pdfs at equilibrium

At the  
critical point



# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## Out-of-equilibrium regime

When the system is started with **initial conditions very far from equilibrium**.....

..... one observes **many dynamical anomalies, in particular** in an energy range below the critical point.

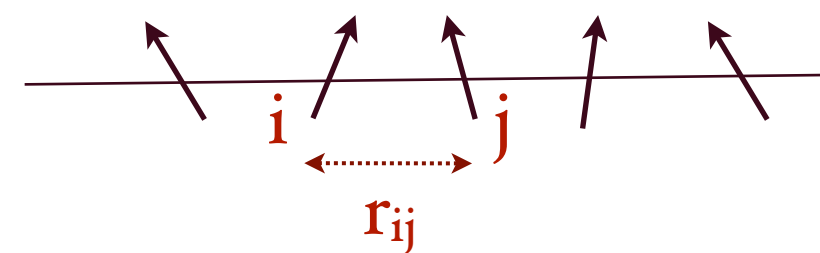
# The Generalized Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## $\alpha$ -XY model

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i \neq j}^N \frac{[1 - \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)]}{r_{ij}^\alpha}$$

The HMF model has been generalized to study the dynamic and thermodynamic behavior as a function of the range of the interaction

spins are put on a lattice



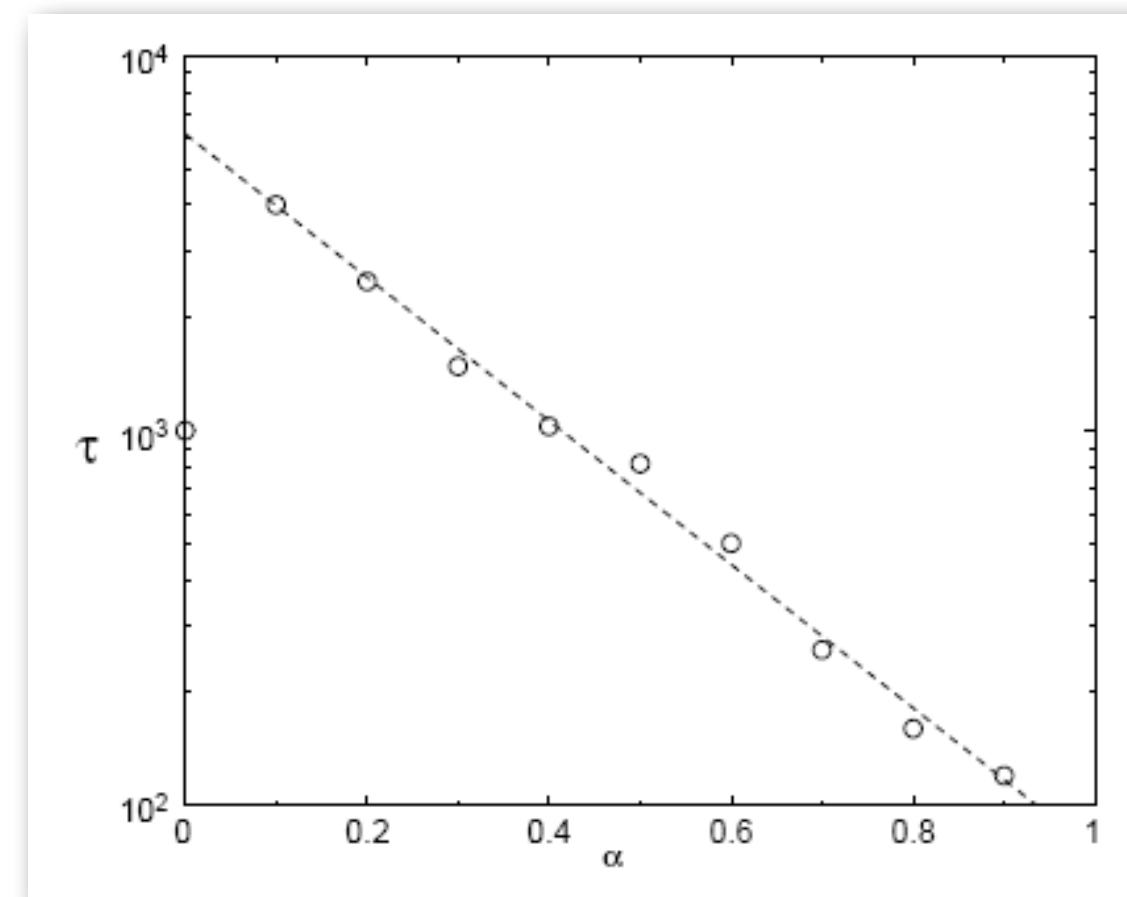
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For  $\alpha \leq d$  this generalized model reduces to HMF.

For  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  one has interaction only among nearest neighbour spins.

# The Generalized Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## $\alpha$ -XY model and nonextensive effects



Anomalies depend in a crucial way on the range of the interaction

The lifetime  $\tau$  of the QSS does not diverge for all values of  $\alpha$

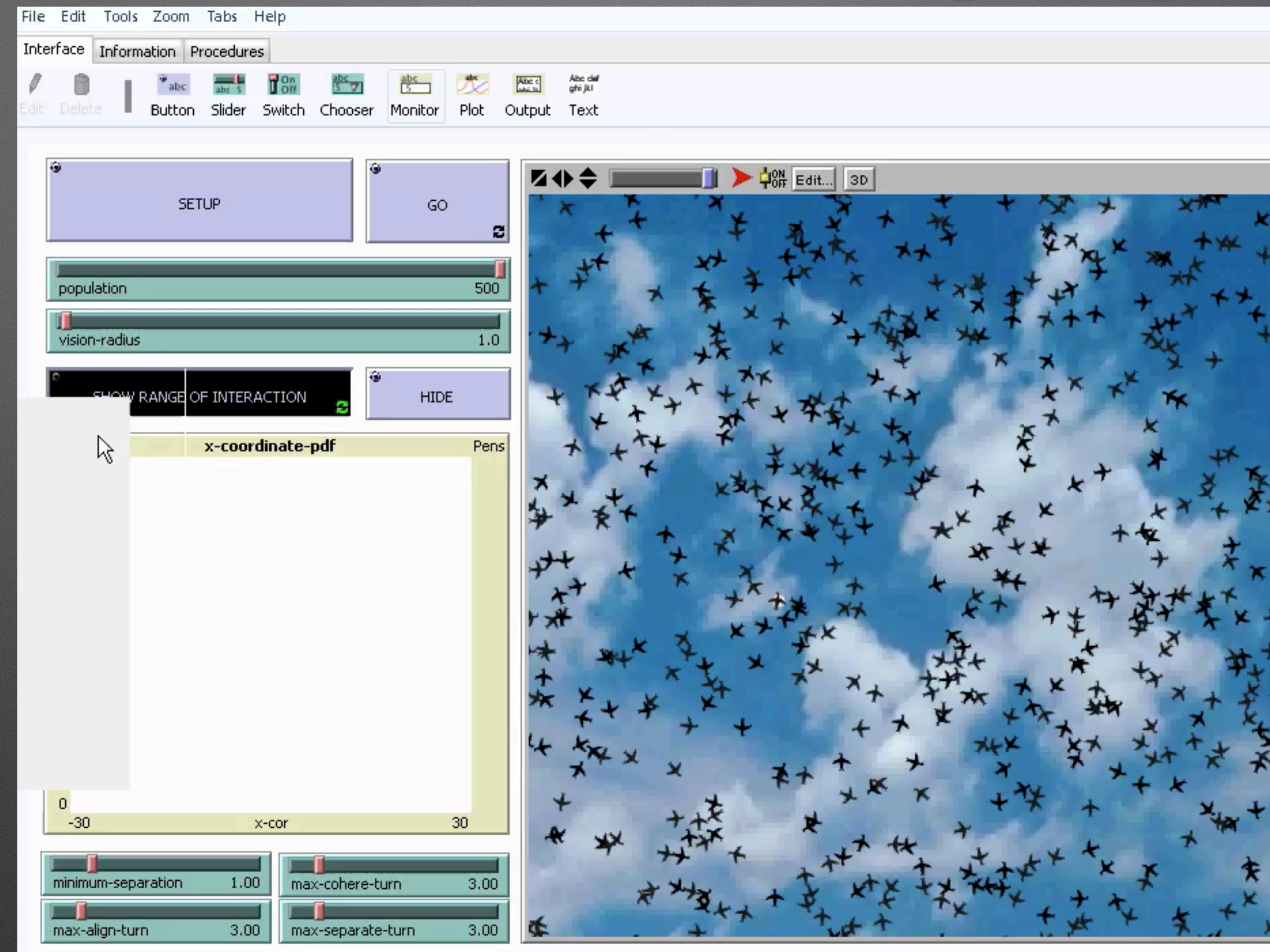
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Decreasing the range of the interaction, i.e. diminishing nonextensivity ( $\alpha > 0$ )

anomalous behaviour disappears:

- Relaxation is very fast ( $\tau \propto e^{-\alpha}$ )
- No negative specific heat is observed

# Complex behavior for systems with long-range interactions



**A simple and instructive example: birds flocking**  
Long range interactions slow down the dynamics  
and break ergodicity, inducing a complex behavior !!

# The Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

## Interpretation of QSS regime

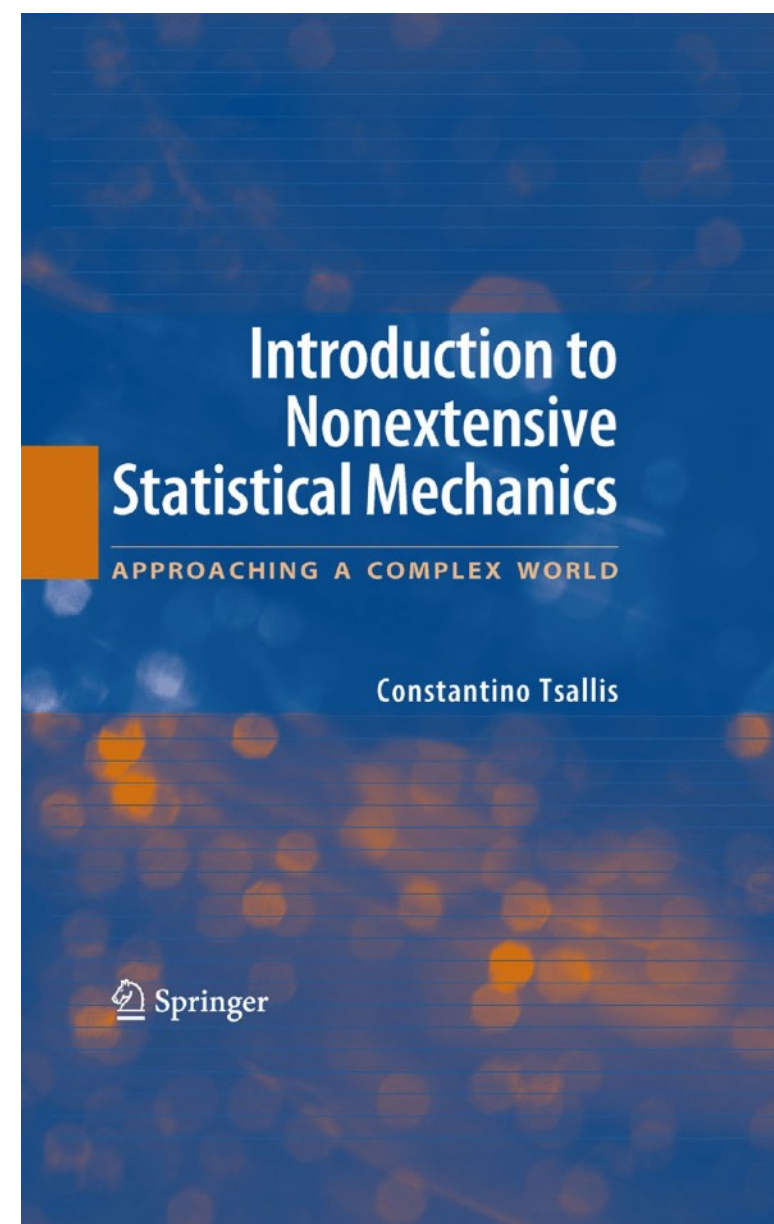
The anomalous QSS regime is the effect of non extensivity or, in other words, of the long-range character of the interaction.

These anomalies can be connected to Tsallis generalized thermostatics

# Tsallis generalized formalism

In the last decades a lot of effort has been devoted to understand if thermostatics can be generalized to nonequilibrium complex systems

In particular one of these attempts is that one started by Constantino Tsallis with his seminal paper on *J. Stat. Phys.* 52 (1988) 479



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# Tsallis generalized formalism

The generalized Tsallis entropy is

$$S_q = \frac{1 - \sum_i p_i^q}{q - 1}$$

$S_q$  is non extensive, i.e. for two independent systems A and B one gets

$$S_q(A + B) = S_q(A) + S_q(B) + (1 - q)S_q(A)S_q(B)$$

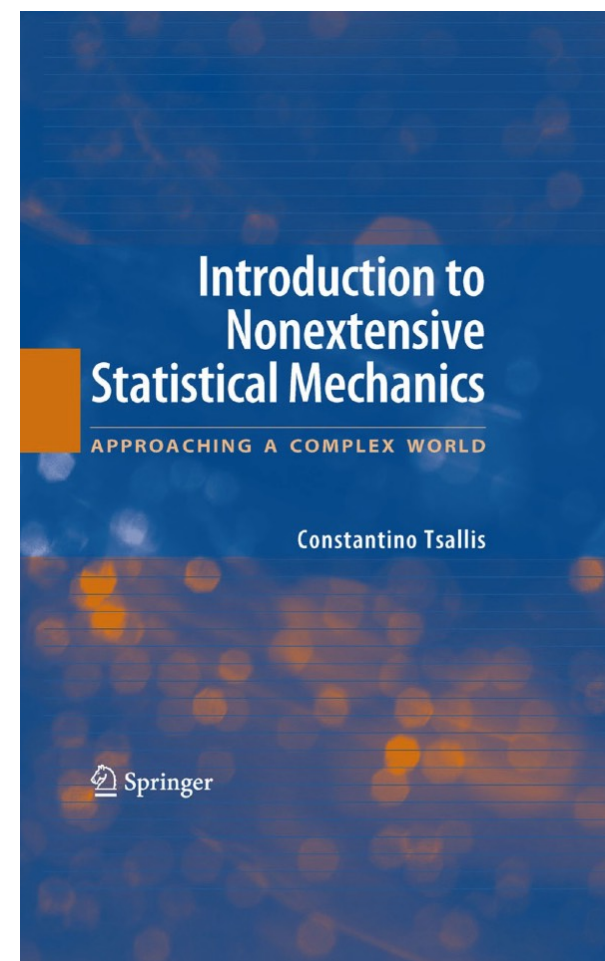
It is easy to show that reduces to the Boltzmann entropy for  $q = 1$

The Boltzmann weight is also generalized (q-exponential) and reads

$$e_q(-E/kT) = \left[ 1 - (1 - q) \frac{E}{kT} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \rightarrow e^{-\frac{E}{kT}} \quad \text{for } q \rightarrow 1$$

In general the standard statistical mechanics formalism is q-invariant

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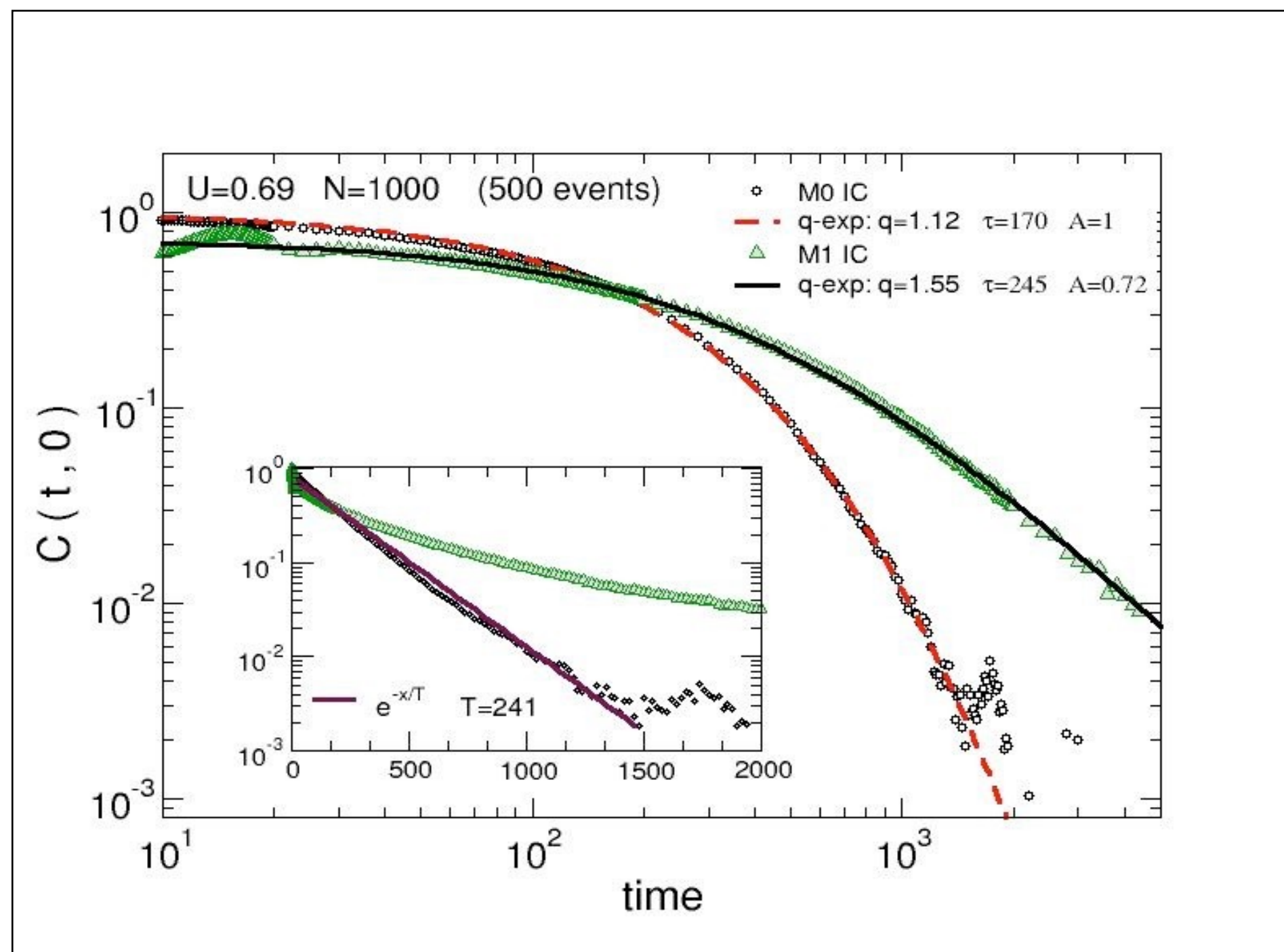
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## q-exponential decay of the correlation function C(t,0) for the HMF model



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The decay of the velocity correlation function can be reproduced very well by means of the generalized q-exponential

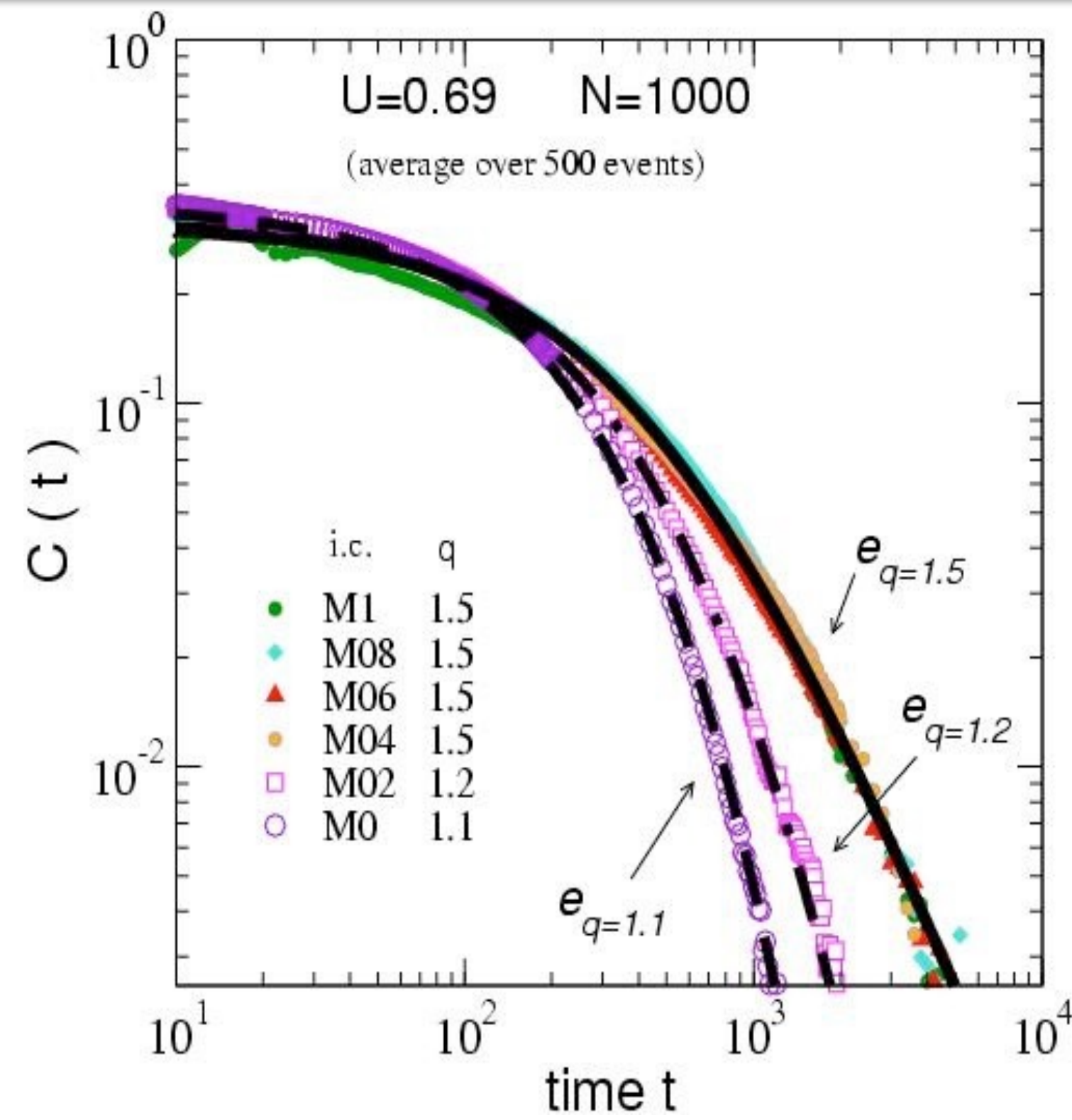
$$Ae_q(x) = A[1 + (1-q)x]^{1/(1-q)}$$

In our case  $x=t/\tau$ . Within a generalized Fokker-Plank equation which generates Tsallis q-exponential pdfs [1], one can extract the following relation between the exponent of the anomalous diffusion and q

$$\gamma = \frac{2}{3-q}$$

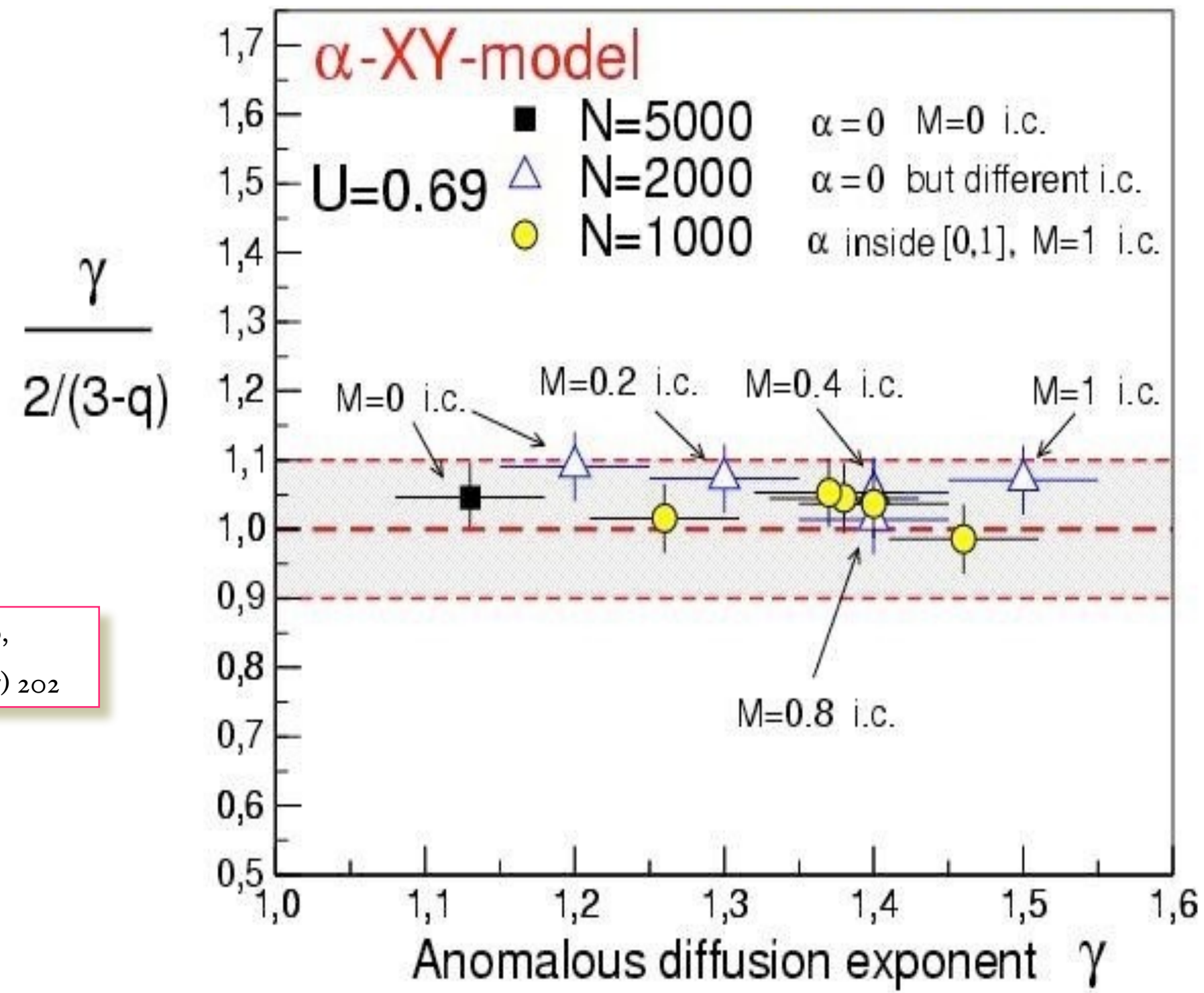
In our case  $\gamma=1.38-1.4$ , thus we expect  $q=1.55-1.6$ , which is confirmed by the fit in the figure for M1IC. On the other hand, for M0IC the decay is almost exponential.

q-exponential decay also for different initial conditions



# HMF model and q-statistics

## Anomalous diffusion vs q-exponential decay



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# The Kuramoto Model

(Kuramoto 1975)

**Eqs. for the N coupled oscillators**

$$\dot{\theta}_i(t) = \omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

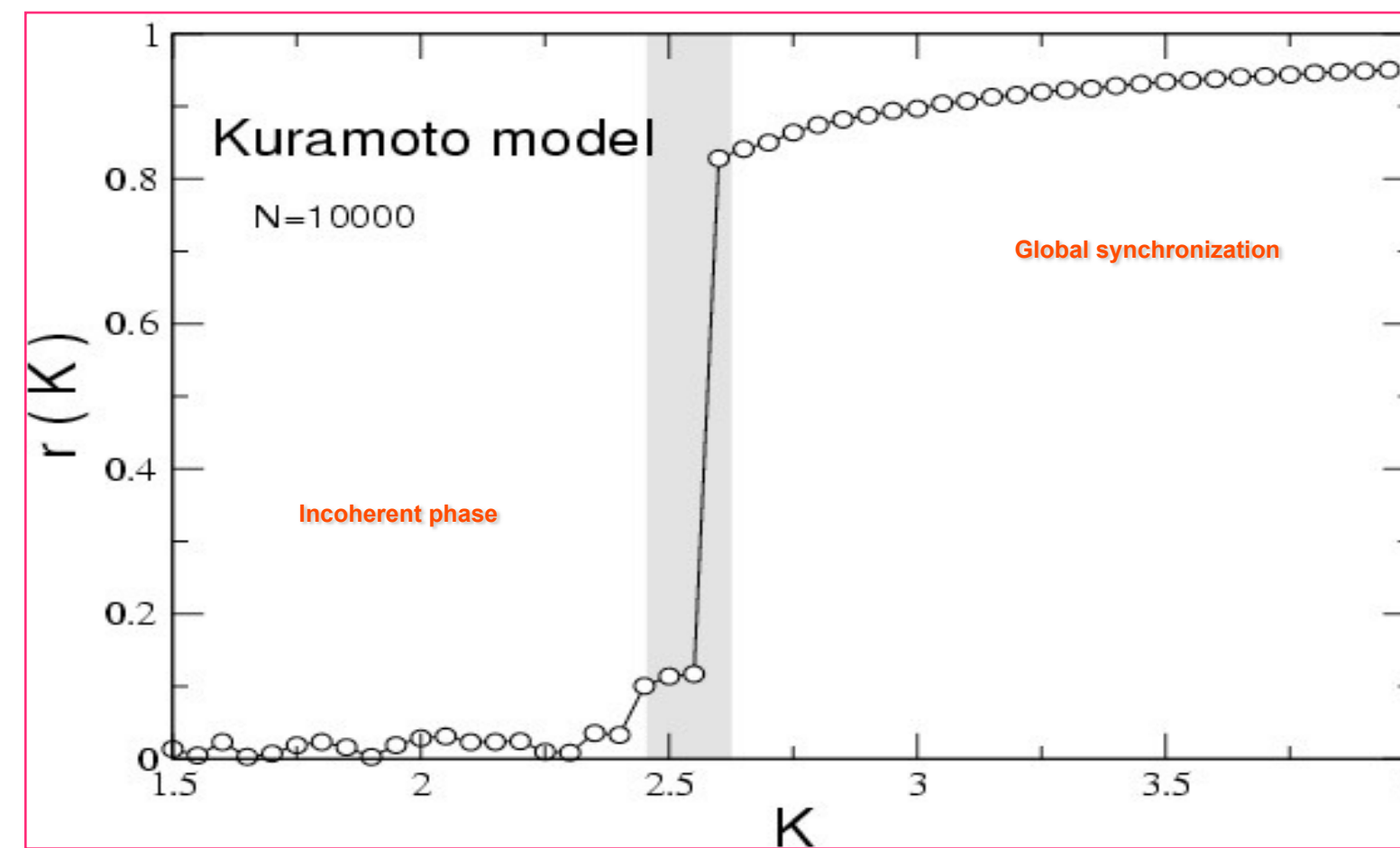
**Order parameter**

$$r e^{i\Psi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j}$$

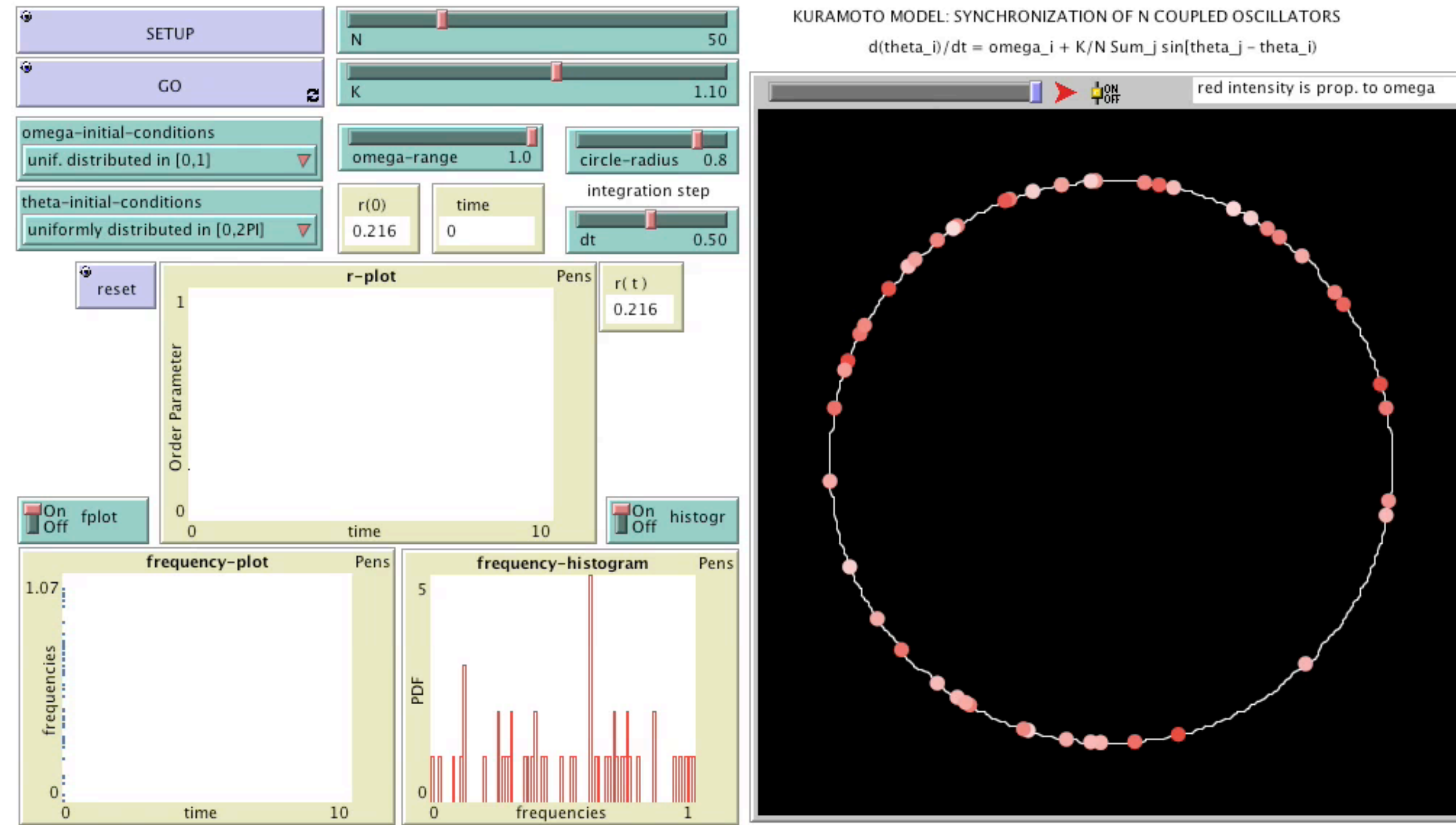
**mean field equation**

$$\dot{\theta}_i(t) = \omega_i + K r \sin(\Psi - \theta_i)$$

**Phase transition**



# Kuramoto dynamics



$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i + M K \sin(\Psi - \theta_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

## Similarities between Kuramoto and HMF model

\* Both models can be derived from the more general one

$$\ddot{\vartheta}_i + B\dot{\theta}_i + M K \sin(\theta_i - \Psi) = \omega_i \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

Conservative case

$$B = 0, K = 1, \omega_i = 0$$

$$\ddot{\vartheta}_i = M \sin(\Psi - \theta_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

*HMF*

Dissipative case

$$B \gg 1, K \geq 0, \omega_i \neq 0$$

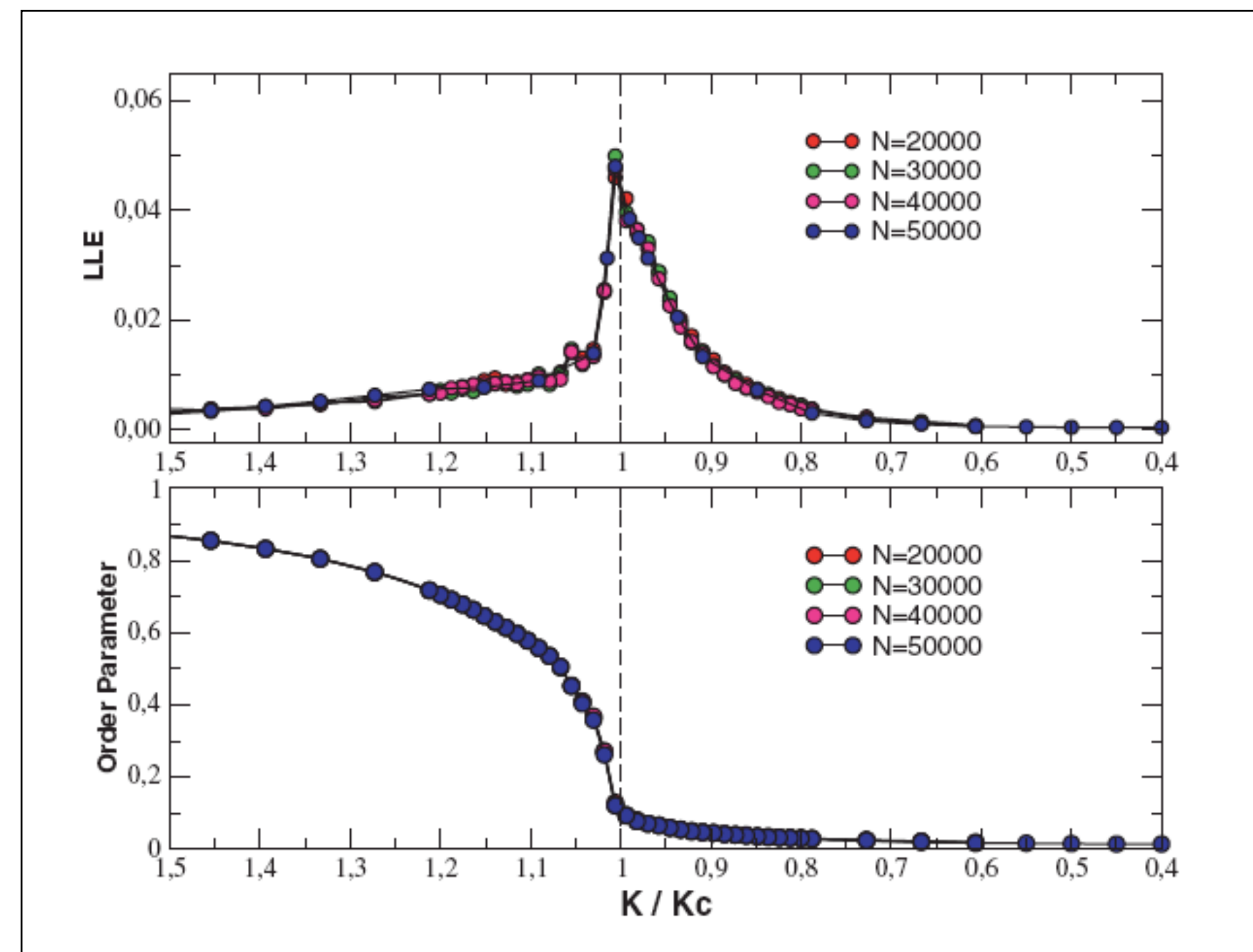
$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i + M K \sin(\Psi - \theta_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

*KURAMOTO*

A. Pluchino, A. Rapisarda, Physica A 365 (2006) 184



As for HMF there is a **peak in the LLE** at the phase transition  
 (no dependence on the size is observed) and the transition seems very  
 similar to a **second order** one



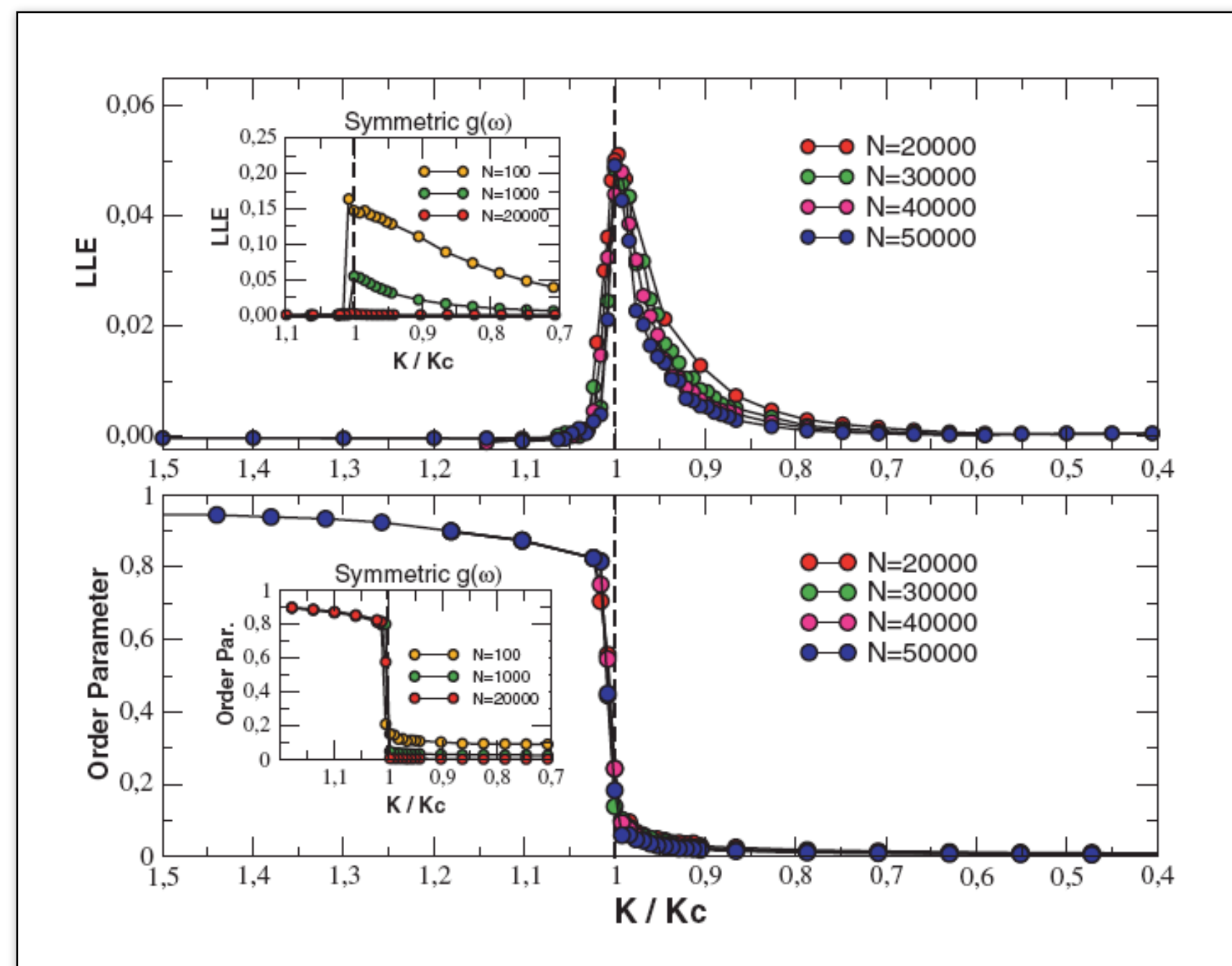
Gaussian  $g(w)$

$$K_c = 1.6$$

$$K_c = \frac{2}{\pi g(0)}$$

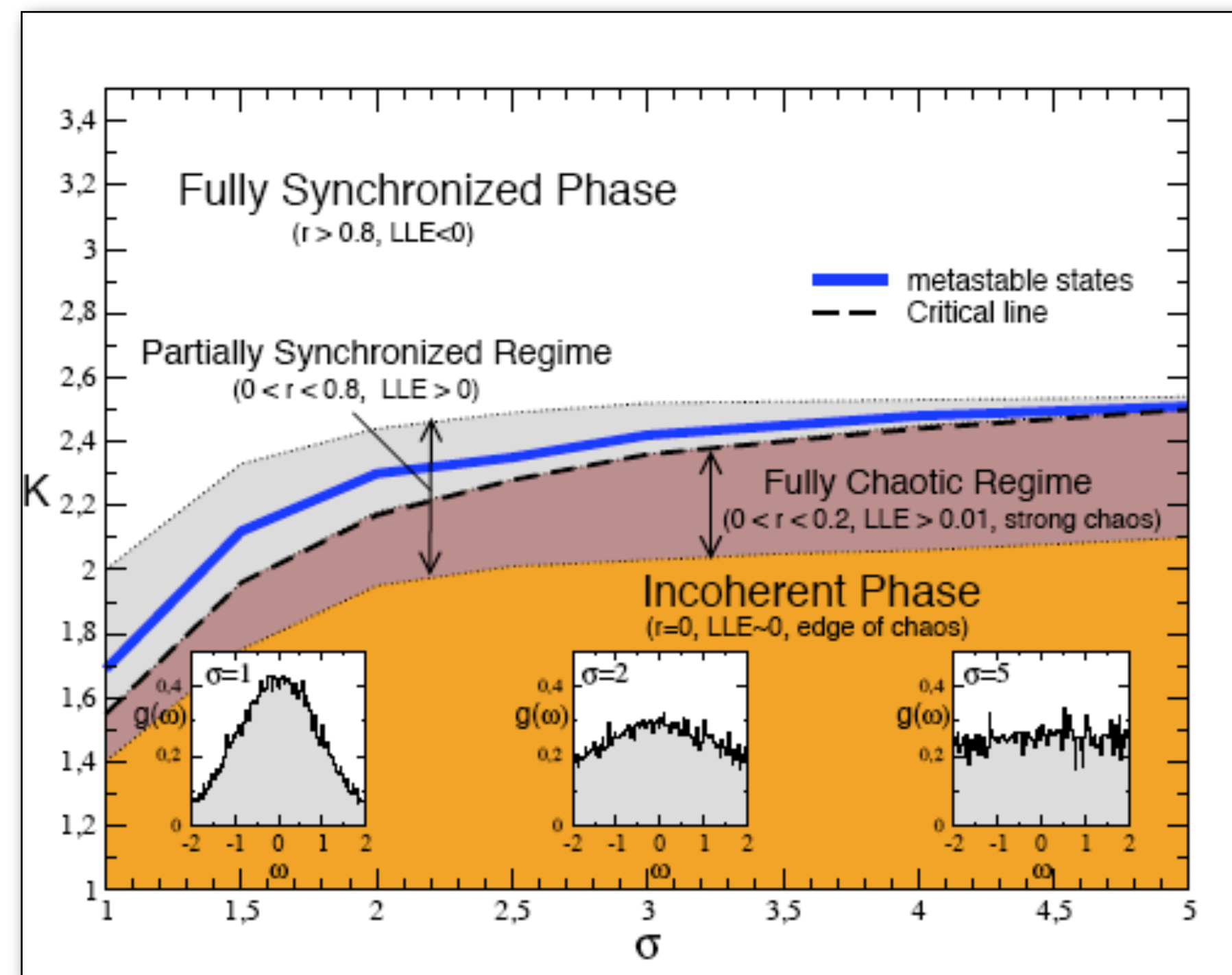
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The same happen for a **uniform distribution of frequencies**, but now the transition is sharp and similar to a **first order one**



$$K_c = 2.55$$

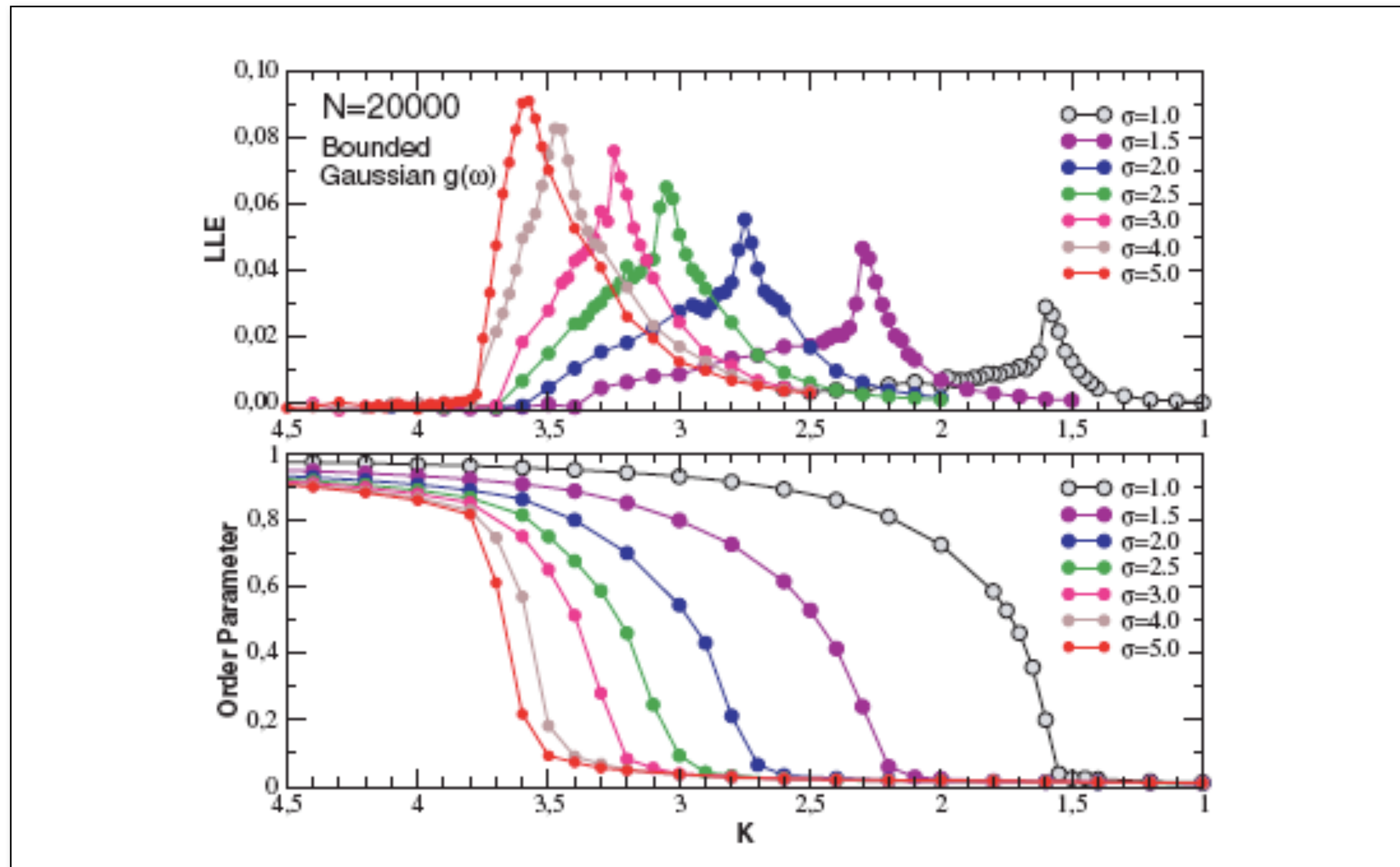
## phase diagram



**Fig. 2.** Phase Diagram  $K$  versus  $\sigma$  for the Kuramoto model with  $N = 20000$ . The critical line separates the fully synchronized phase (characterized by  $r > 0.8$  and a slightly negative  $LLE$ ) from the "edge of chaos" incoherent one (characterized by  $r = 0$  and a vanishing, but positive,  $LLE$ ). The partially synchronized regime (characterized by  $0 < r < 0.8$  and a positive  $LLE$ ) is also visible between the two, around the phase transition. In particular, just below the critical line, we recognize a weakly synchronized sub-region of the partially synchronized regime, with values  $0 < r < 0.2$  and  $LLE > 0.01$ , that we call "fully chaotic regime" (see text). In the insets, the bounded  $g(\omega)$  distributions (with  $\omega \in [-2, 2]$ ) used in the simulations are plotted for three increasing values of  $\sigma$ . See text.

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Smooth change from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition vs the standard deviation of the initial distribution of frequencies



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## Phase transitions and chaos in long-range models of coupled oscillators

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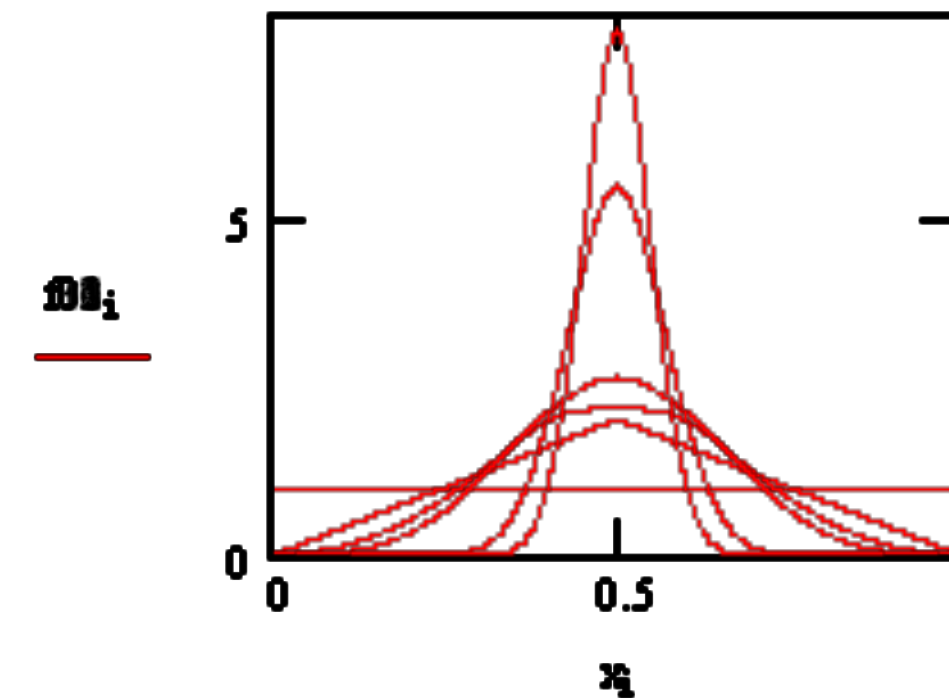
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**Abstract** – We study the chaotic behavior of the synchronization phase transition in the Kuramoto model. We discuss the relationship with analogous features found in the Hamiltonian mean-field (HMF) model. Our numerical results support the connection between the two models, which can be considered as limiting cases (dissipative and conservative, respectively) of a more general dynamical system of damped/driven coupled pendula. We also show that, in the Kuramoto model, the shape of the phase transition and the largest Lyapunov exponent behavior are strongly dependent on the distribution of the natural frequencies.

# Central limit theorem

The Central Limit Theorem says that .....the distribution of an average will tend to be Normal as the sample size increases, regardless of the distribution from which the average is taken **except** when the moments of the parent distribution do not exist.

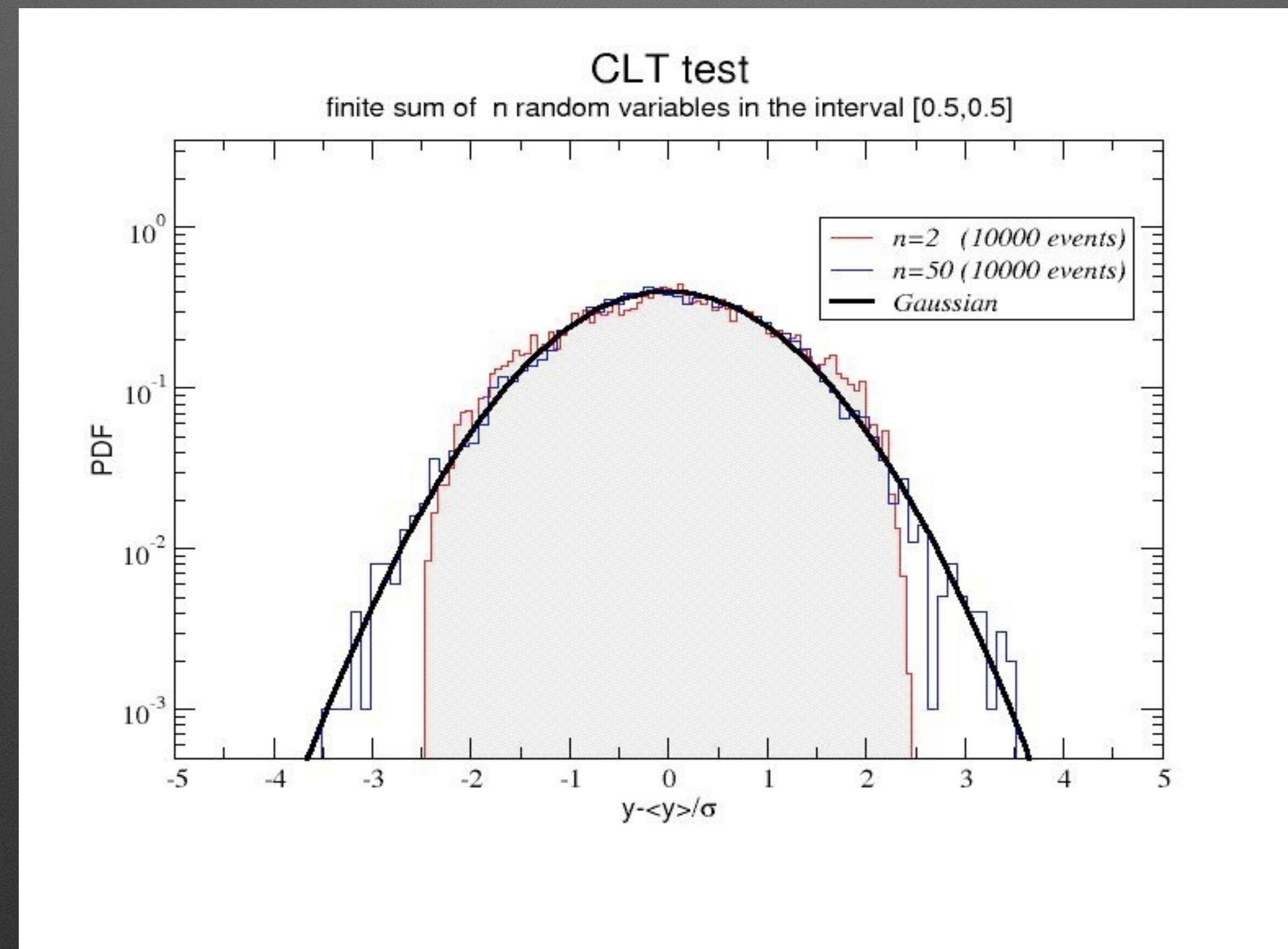
The distribution of the average converges quite fast to the final Gaussian attractor



Distribution of  $\bar{X}$  when sample size is 30

# Central limit theorem

Usually the convergence is quite fast and begins in the central part of the PDF



# CLT for the logistic map in the chaotic regime

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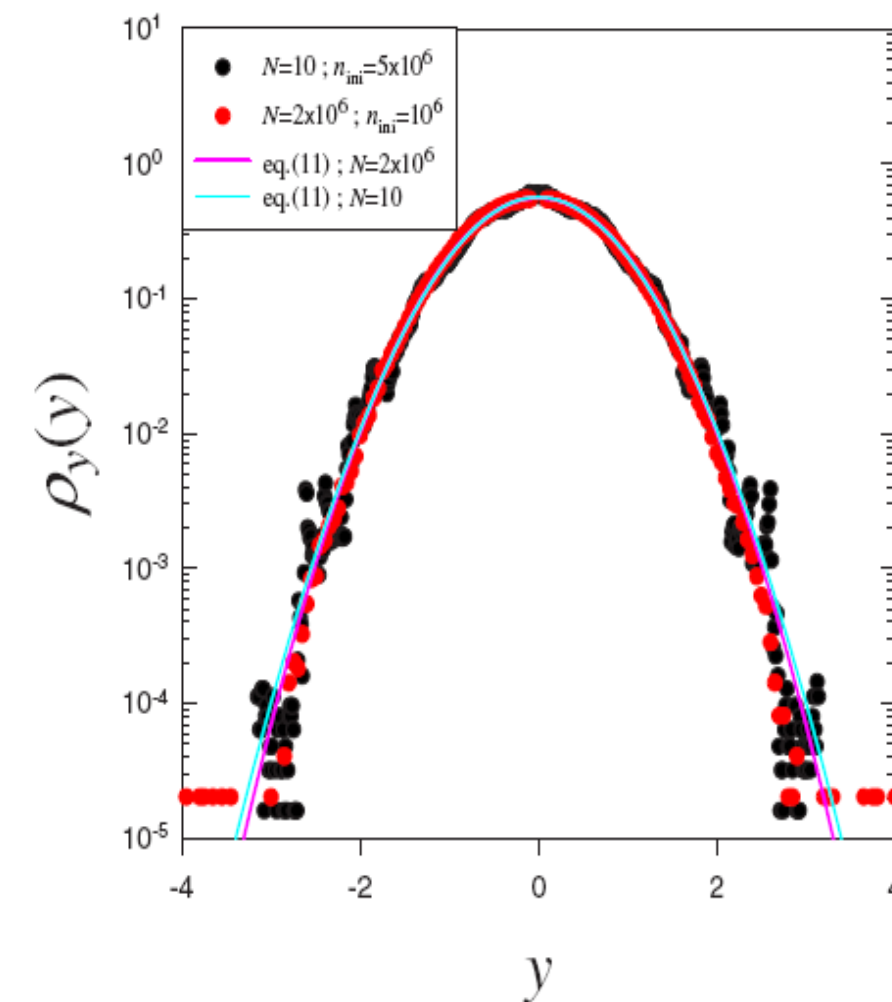


FIG. 2. (Color online) Probability density of rescaled sums of iterates of the cubic map (10) for  $N=10^7$  and  $N=10$ . The number of initial values is  $n_{ini}=10^6$ , respectively  $n_{ini}=5 \times 10^6$ . The solid lines correspond to Eq. (11).

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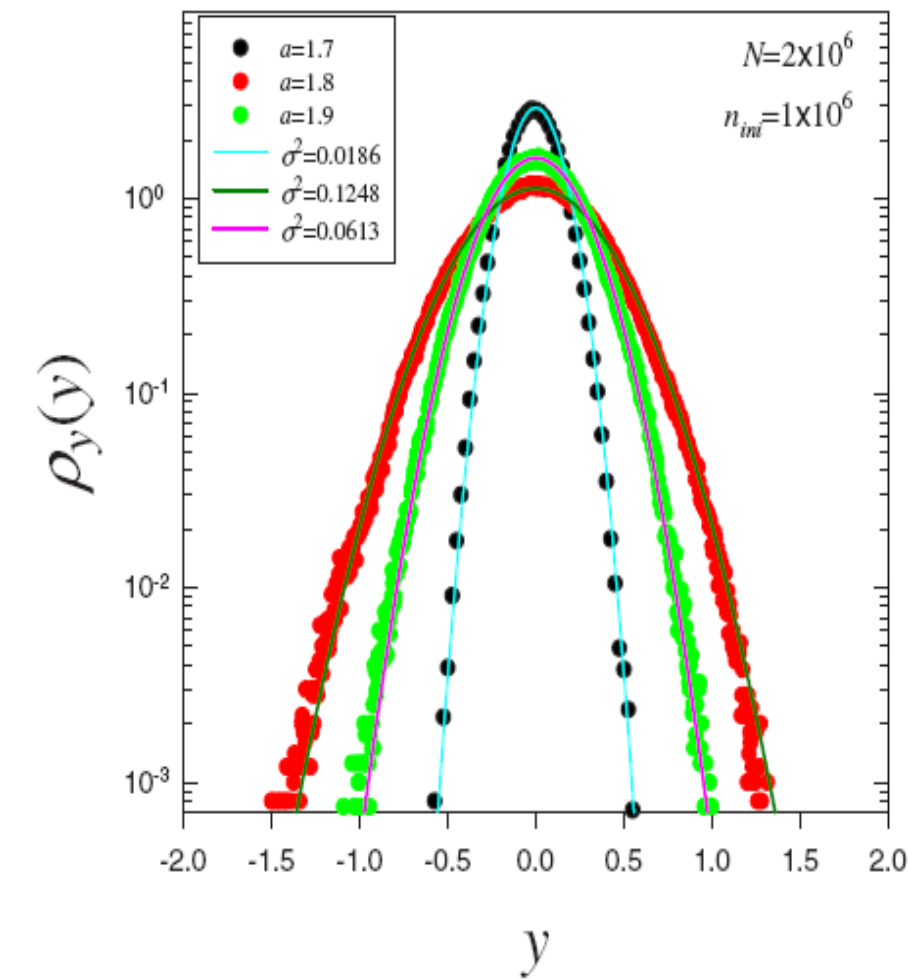


FIG. 3. (Color online) Probability density of rescaled sums of iterates of the logistic map as given by Eq. (8) for  $a=1.7, 1.8, 1.9$  and  $N=2 \times 10^6$ ,  $n_{ini}=10^6$ . The solid lines show Gaussians  $e^{-y^2/(2\sigma^2)}/\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}$  with variance parameter  $\sigma^2$  determined from Eq. (3).

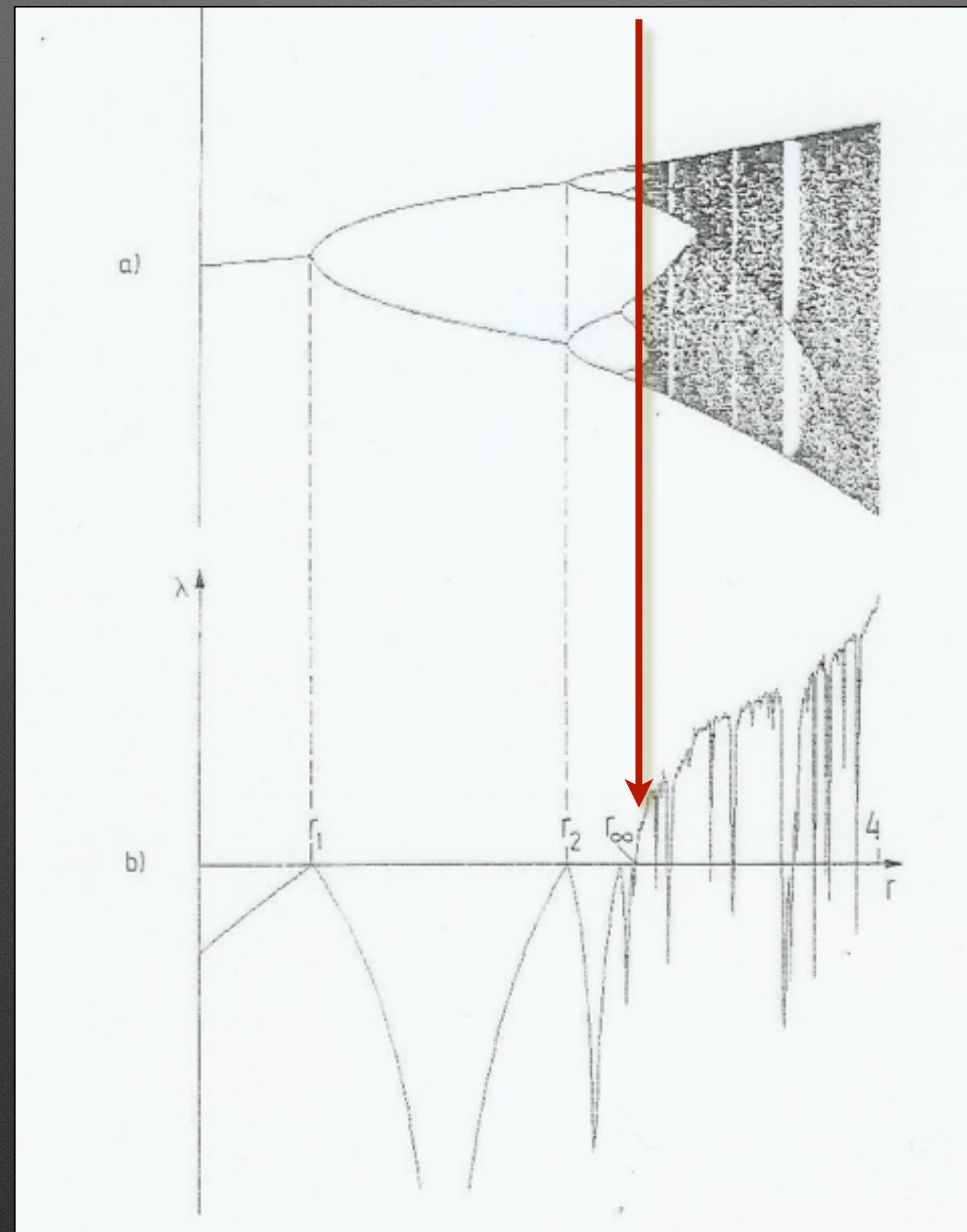
where

$$y := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \langle x \rangle)$$

$$x_{i+1} = T(x_i) = 1 - ax_i^2$$



# CLT at the edge of chaos

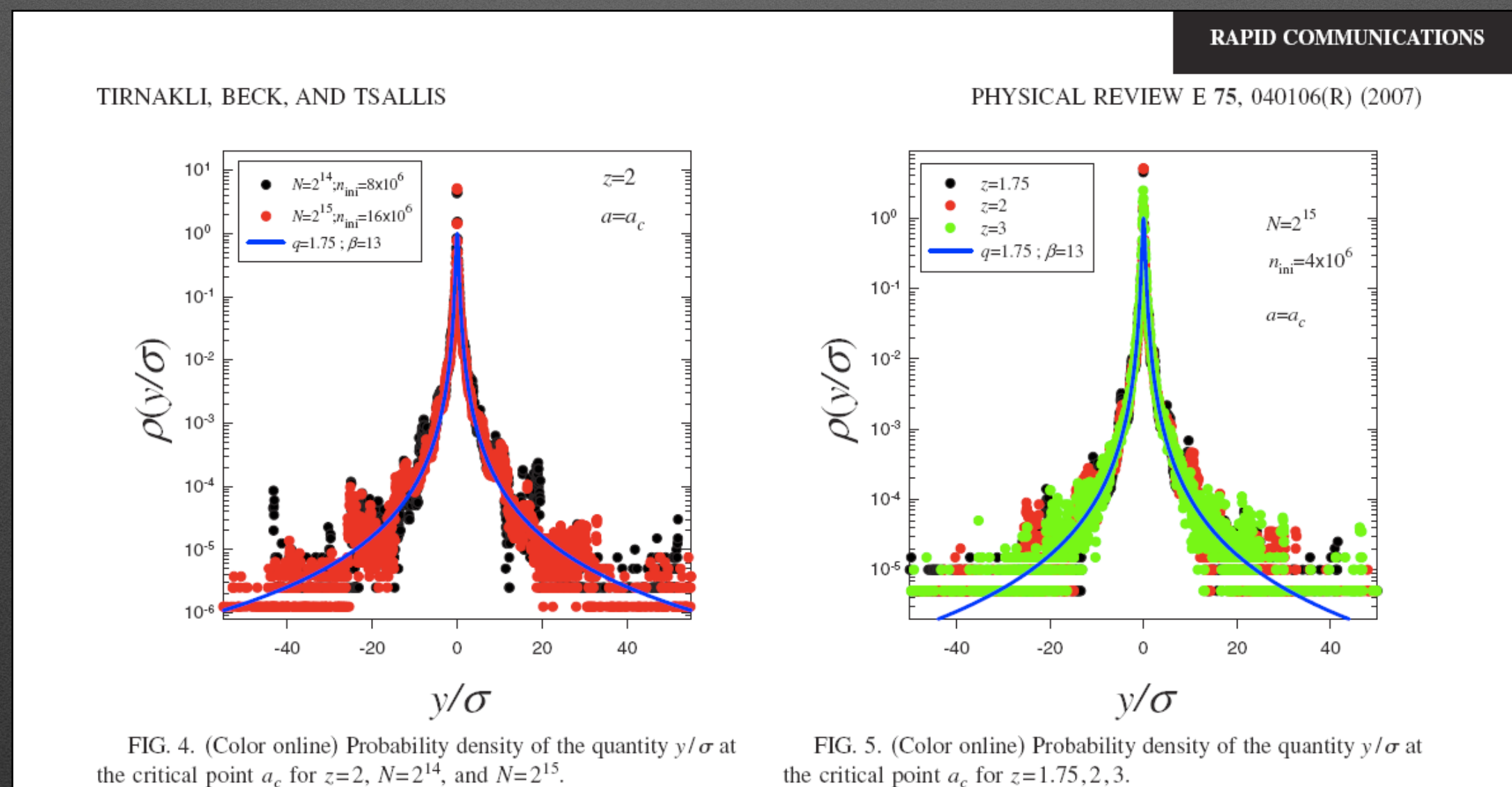


# Generalized Central limit theorem

At the edge of chaos q-Gaussians appear

$$e_q^{-\beta y^2} := \frac{1}{[1 + \beta(q-1)y^2]^{1/(q-1)}}$$

$$x_{i+1} = 1 - a|x_i|^z,$$



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# Generalized Central limit theorem

The previous numerical results are supported by a generalization of the CLT within Tsallis  $q$ -statistics

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## On a $q$ -Central Limit Theorem Consistent with Nonextensive Statistical Mechanics

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**Abstract.** The standard central limit theorem plays a fundamental role in Boltzmann-Gibbs statistical mechanics. This important physical theory has been generalized [1] in 1988 by using the entropy  $S_q = \frac{1 - \sum_i p_i^q}{q-1}$  (with  $q \in \mathcal{R}$ ) instead of its particular BG case  $S_1 = S_{BG} = -\sum_i p_i \ln p_i$ . The theory which emerges is usually referred to as *nonextensive statistical mechanics* and recovers the standard theory for  $q = 1$ . During the last two decades, this  $q$ -generalized statistical mechanics has been successfully applied to a considerable amount of physically interesting complex phenomena. A conjecture [2] and numerical indications available in the literature have been, for a few years, suggesting the possibility of  $q$ -versions of the standard central limit theorem by allowing the random variables that are being summed to be strongly correlated in some special manner, the case  $q = 1$  corresponding to standard probabilistic independence. This is what we prove in the present paper for  $1 \leq q < 3$ . The attractor, in the usual sense of a central limit theorem, is given by a distribution of the form  $p(x) = C_q [1 - (1 - q)\beta x^2]^{1/(1-q)}$  with  $\beta > 0$ , and normalizing constant  $C_q$ . These distributions, sometimes referred to as  $q$ -Gaussians, are known to make, under appropriate constraints, extremal the functional  $S_q$  (in its continuous version). Their  $q = 1$  and  $q = 2$  particular cases recover respectively Gaussian and Cauchy distributions.

# Central limit behavior in the HMF model



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## Nonergodicity and central-limit behavior for long-range Hamiltonians

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We have been studying the behavior of PDFs obtained considering time averages of the variables  $y$  so defined (along deterministic trajectories )

$$y_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i^n p_j(i\delta) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

where  $p_j$  are the velocities of the  $j$ -th rotor taken at fixed intervals of time  $\delta$  along the same trajectory

# Central limit behavior in the HMF model

We consider deterministic trajectories in different regimes and for different energies and system sizes

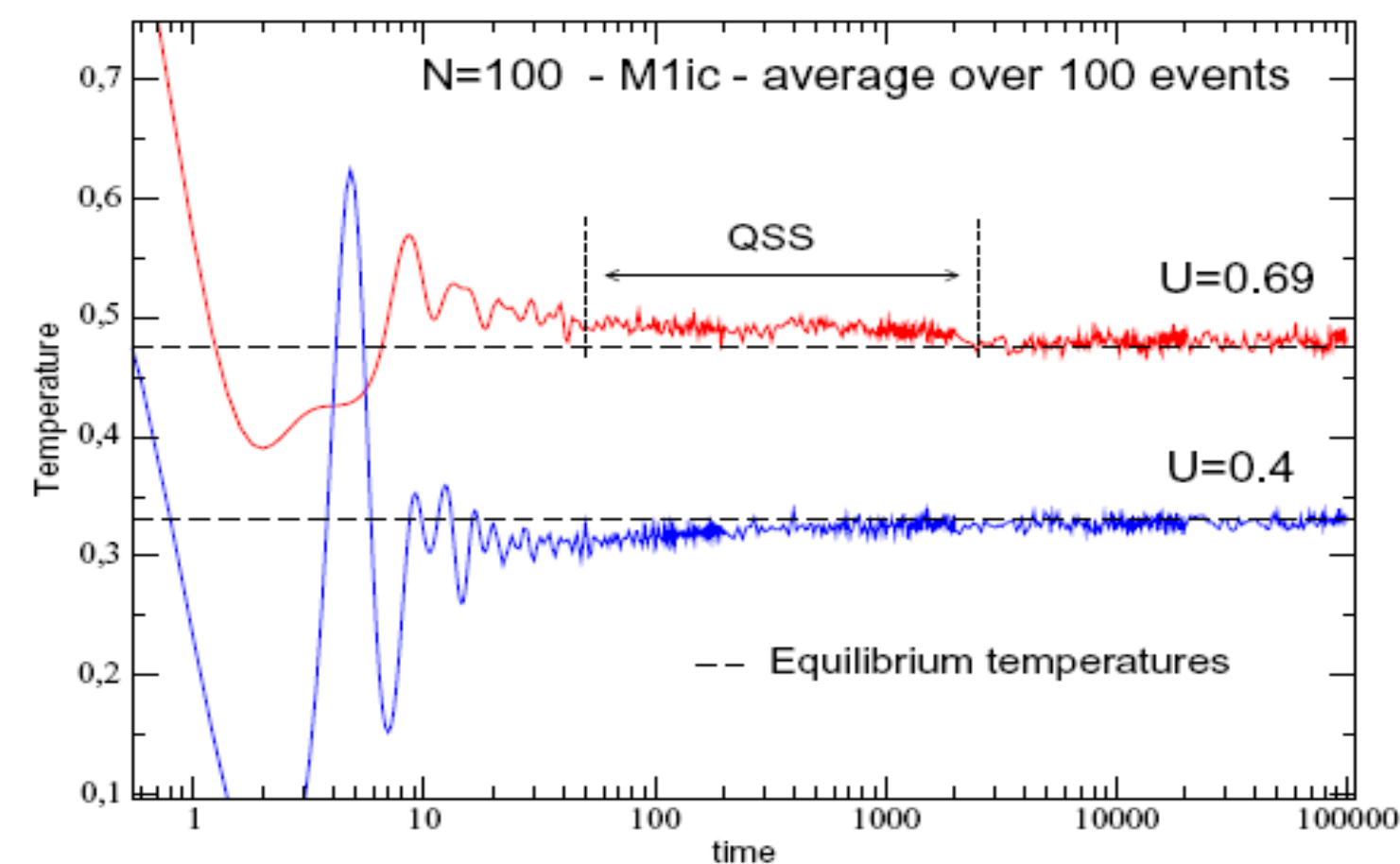
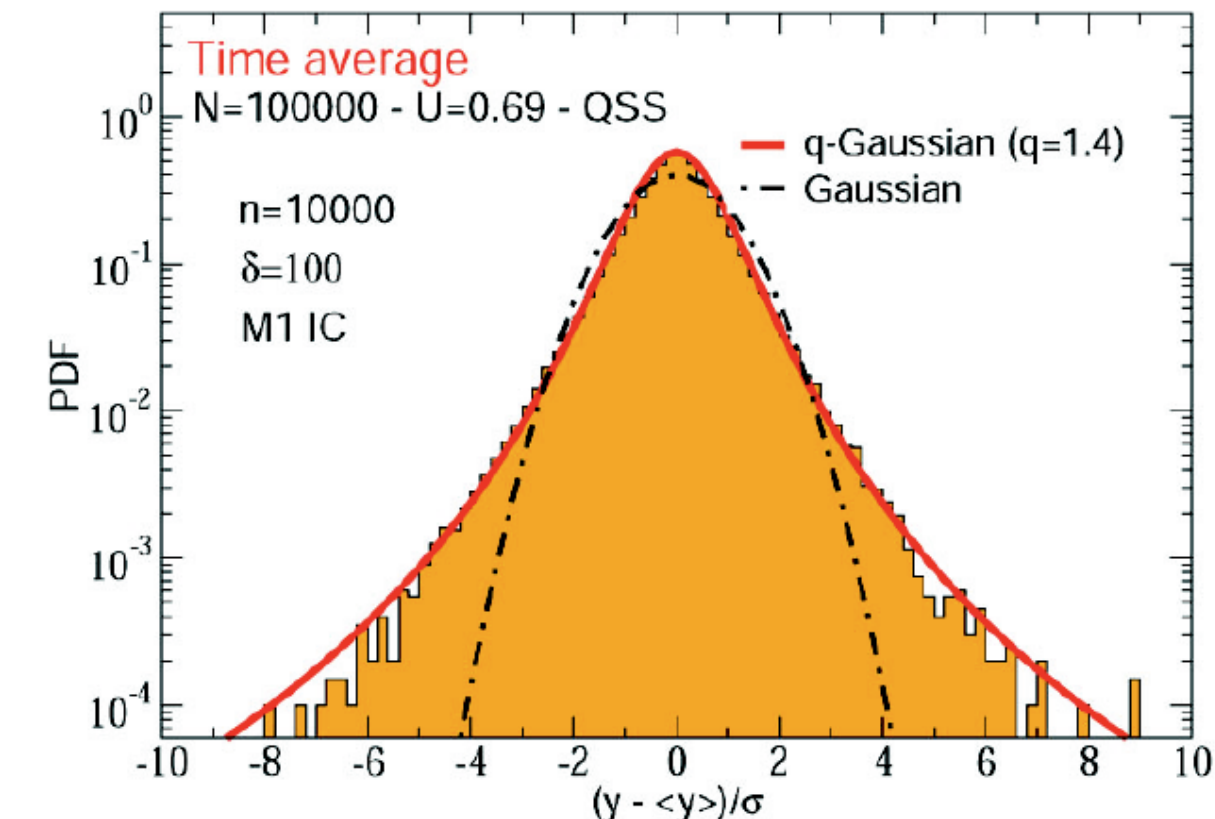
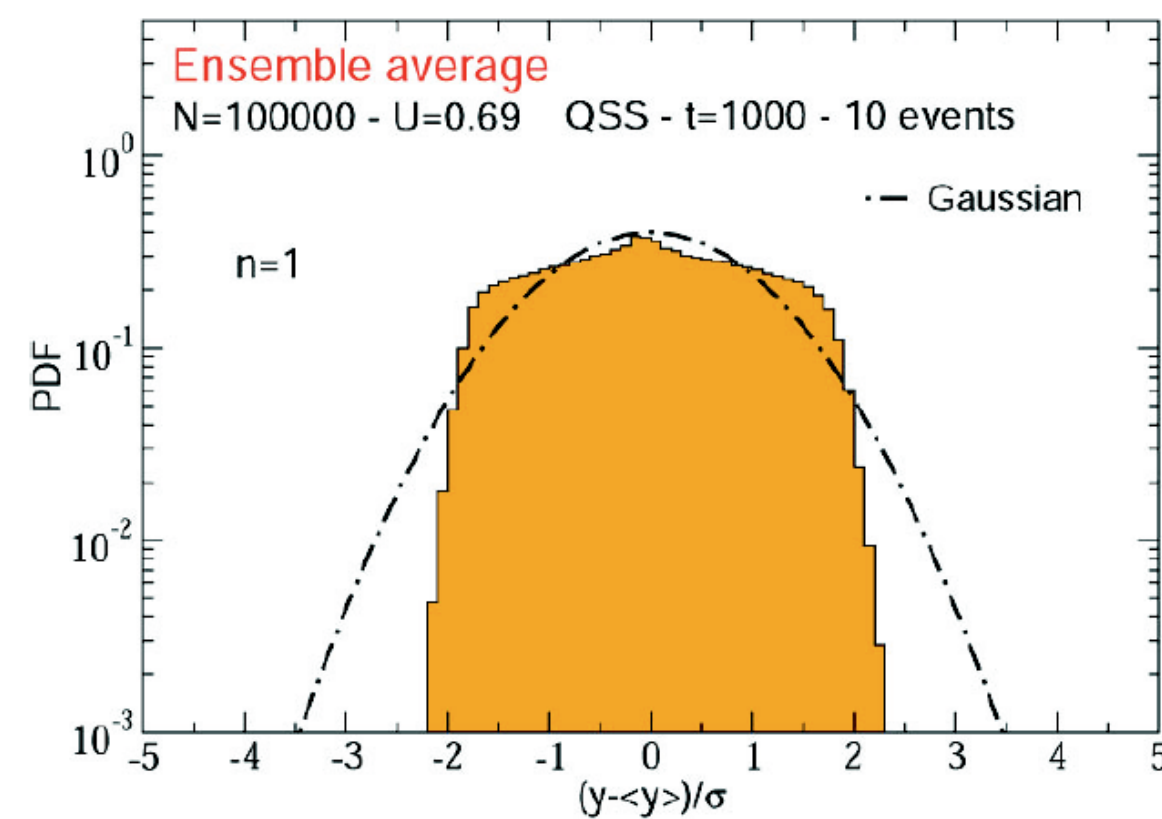


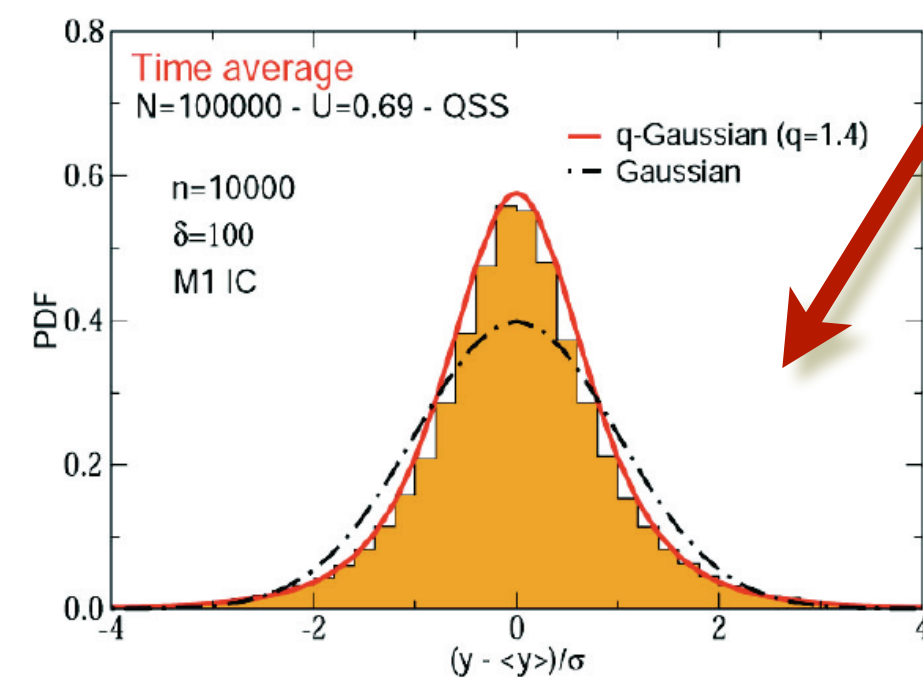
Fig. 1: Temperature evolution for the HMF system, with  $N=100$  and M1 initial conditions, for  $U=0.69$  (red line) and for  $U=0.4$  (blue line). A range of 100000 time steps is plotted. The presence of a QSS regime is visible only in the  $U=0.69$  case, although a transient regime exist also for  $U=0.4$ .

# CLT for the Hamiltonian Mean Field Model

Inequivalence between ensemble average and time average  
for  $N=100000$

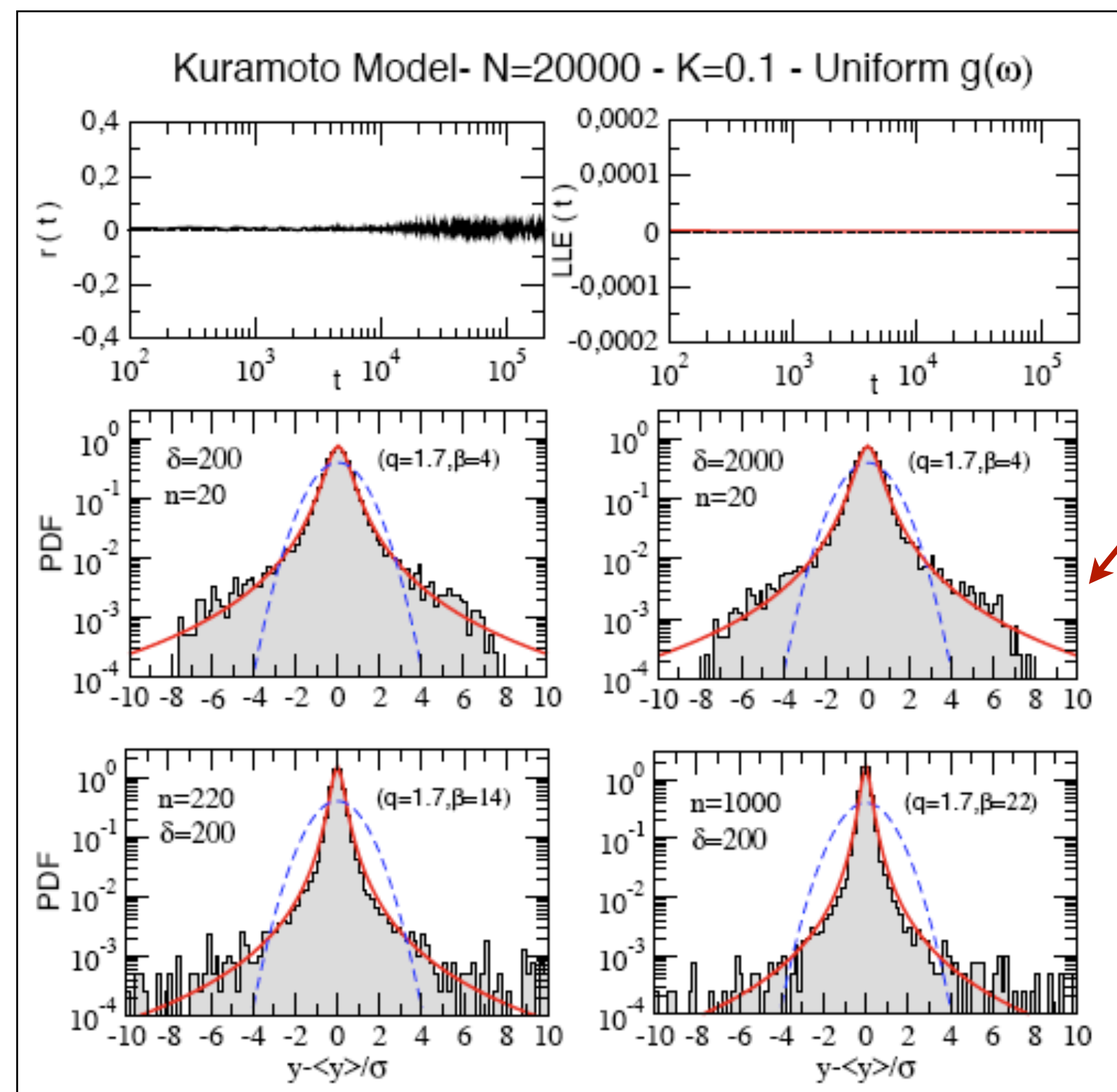


The q-Gaussian curve is able to reproduce well *not only the tail*, but also the *central part* of the PDF



Linear scale

# CLT for the Kuramoto model



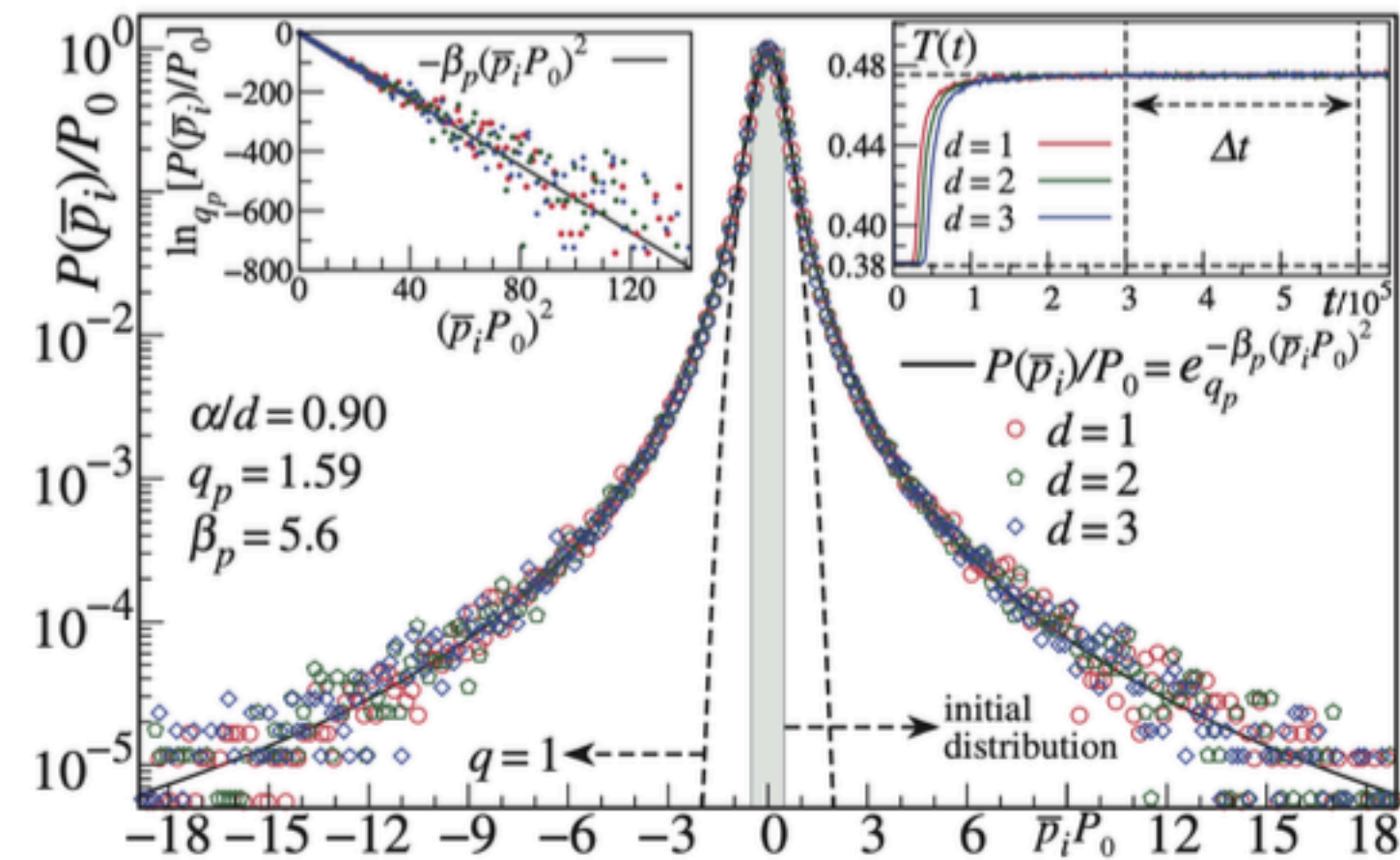
$$G_q(x) = A(1 - (1 - q)\beta x^2)^{1/1-q}$$

$$y_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_k(i\delta) \quad k=1, \dots, N$$

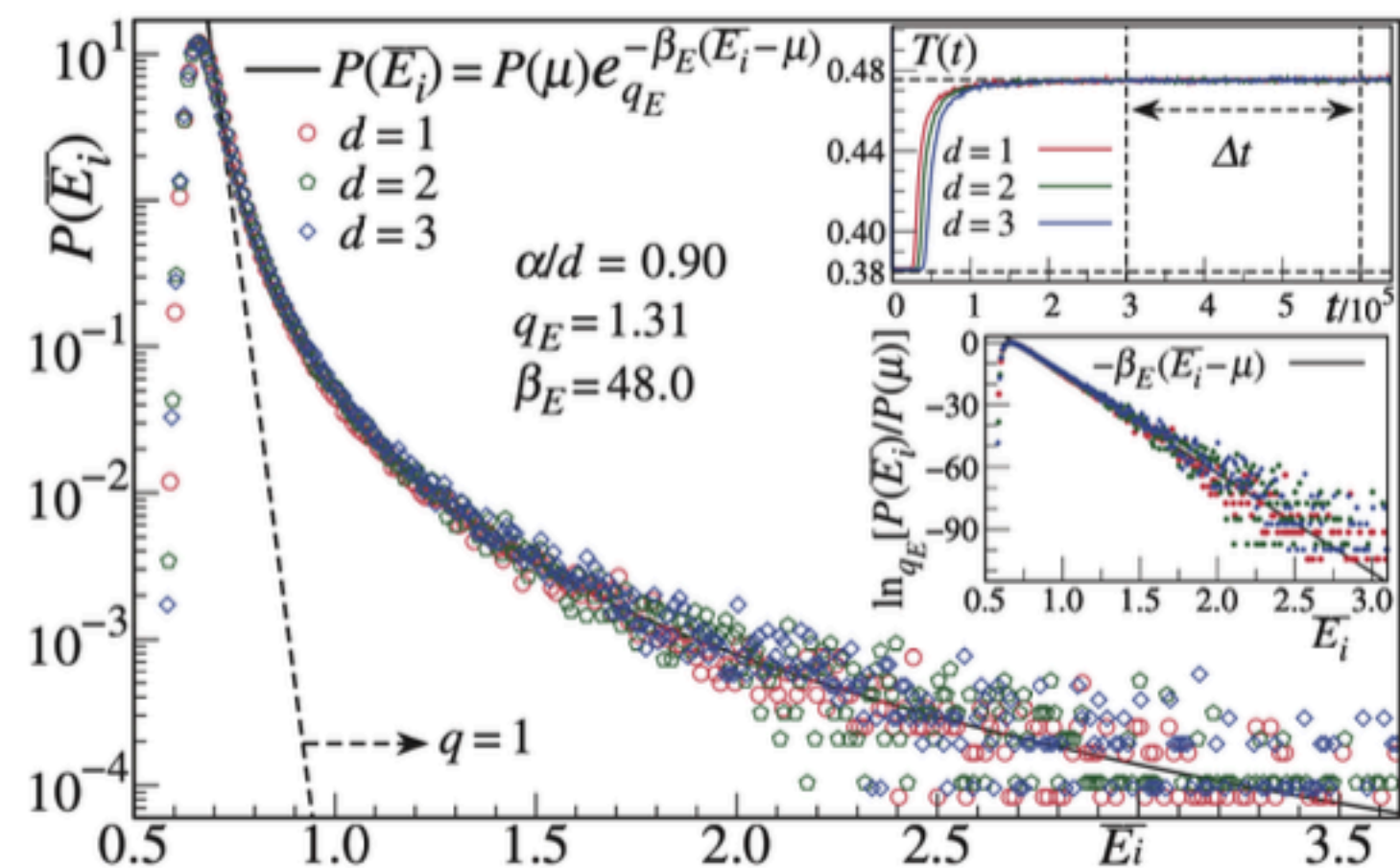
When the system is at the edge of chaos a  $q$ -Gaussian-like attractor emerges



# A review of the latest results



(a) Momentum



(b) Energy

**Figure 13.** Inertial  $\alpha$ -XY  $d$ -dimensional model (for  $d = 1, 2, 3$ ) for  $\alpha/d = 0.9$ . **Left:**  $q_p$ -Gaussian distribution of momenta (for comparison, a Maxwellian distribution is indicated in dashed line). **Right:**  $q_E$ -exponential distribution of energies (for comparison, a BG distribution is indicated in dashed line). Both distributions are averaged along the very long-time interval indicated in the insets. Figure reproduced from Ref. [72].

Review

## Nonextensive Footprints in Dissipative and Conservative Dynamical Systems

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**Abstract:** Despite its centennial successes in describing physical systems at thermal equilibrium, Boltzmann–Gibbs (BG) statistical mechanics have exhibited, in the last several decades, several flaws in addressing out-of-equilibrium dynamics of many nonlinear complex systems. In such circumstances, it has been shown that an appropriate generalization of the BG theory, known as nonextensive statistical mechanics and based on nonadditive entropies, is able to satisfactorily handle wide classes of anomalous emerging features and violations of standard equilibrium prescriptions, such as ergodicity, mixing, breakdown of the symmetry of homogeneous occupancy of phase space, and related features. In the present study, we review various important results of nonextensive statistical mechanics for dissipative and conservative dynamical systems. In particular, we discuss applications to both discrete-time systems with a few degrees of freedom and continuous-time ones with many degrees of freedom, as well as to asymptotically scale-free networks and systems with diverse dimensionalities and ranges of interactions, of either classical or quantum nature.

**Keywords:** nonextensive statistical mechanics; long-range dynamical systems; entropy; complex systems

### 1. Introduction

Statistical mechanics constitutes one of the pillars of contemporary theoretical physics. It was introduced in the 19th century by L. Boltzmann and J.W. Gibbs, and the name was coined by Gibbs himself. It is based on mechanics (classical, quantum, relativistic), electromagnetism, and theory of probabilities. Probabilities enter through the so-called entropic functional  $S$ , whose generic form for discrete stochastic variables is given by

$$S(\{p_i\}) = kF(\{p_i\}) \left( \sum_{i=1}^W p_i = 1 \right), \quad (1)$$

where  $F(\{p_i\})$  is an appropriate generic functional,  $k$  being typically equal either to unity or to the Boltzmann constant  $k_B$ . Historically, Boltzmann and Gibbs used continuous variables ( $p(x)$  instead of  $p_i$ ). The corresponding discrete form is given by



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