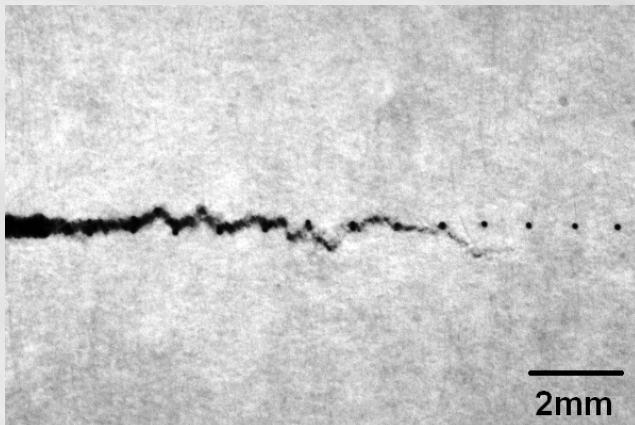


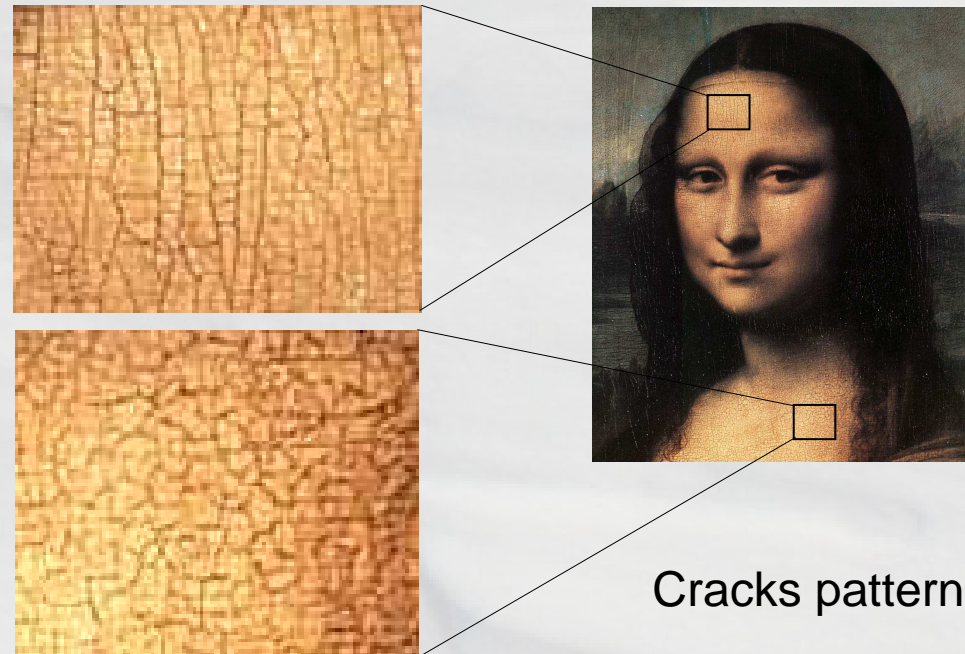


# Osvanny Ramos.

## Main projects & collaborators



Slow crack propagation

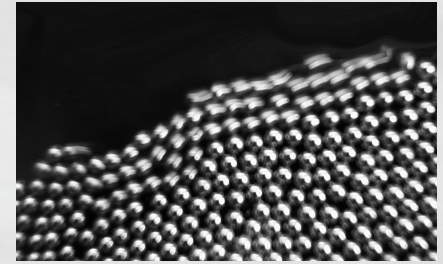


Cracks patterns

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# Criticality in Earthquakes. Good or bad for prediction?



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# Scale invariance in Nature

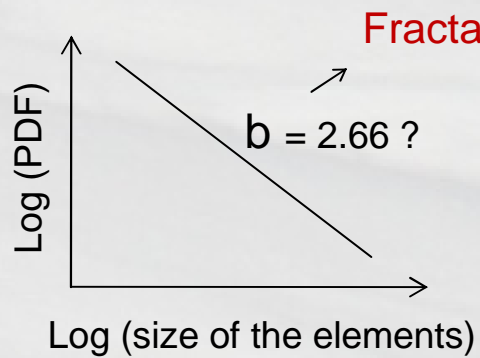
Spatial domain

Fractals

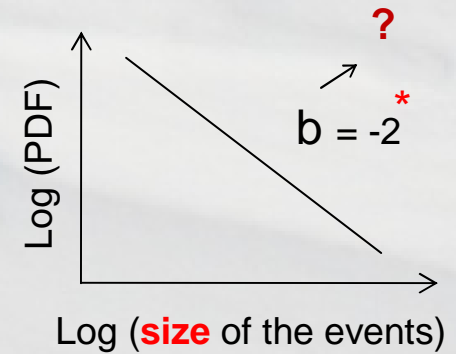


Temporal domain

Catastrophic events distributed following a power-law



The events distribute spatially forming fractals.



Motivation

# The magnitude distribution of declustered earthquakes in Southern California

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Contributed by Leon Knopoff, May 22, 2000

PNAS (2000)

**B**ecause of its reputation of validity over a wide range of magnitudes, the log-linear Gutenberg–Richter (G-R) frequency-magnitude law of earthquake occurrence (1, 2)

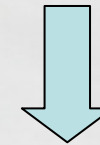
$$\log_{10} N = a - bM \quad [1]$$

has been a simple paradigm for modeling the evolution of earthquake patterns. Eq. 1 is expressed in the power law form

$$N \sim E^{-b/\beta} \quad [2]$$

through the intermediary of either a logarithmic energy-magnitude relation derived originally by Gutenberg (3) or a logarithmic moment-magnitude relation (4, 5);  $\beta \approx 3/2$  for both surface wave and local magnitudes in the magnitude range of this paper (3). Because of the presumed universality of local estimates of the exponent  $b \approx 1$ , and because of the scale independence implicit in Eq. 2, the model of self-organized criticality (SOC) to understand earthquake occurrence (6–9) has been proposed and discussed abundantly in recent years. The corre-

$$N(E) \sim E^{-2/3}$$



$$P(E) \sim E^{-2/3 - 1} = E^{-1.66}$$

# Scale invariance in Nature

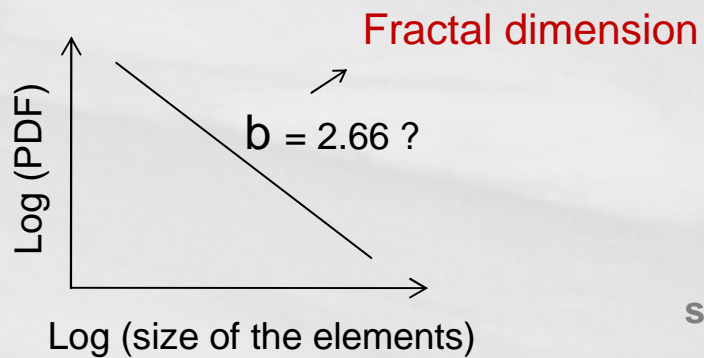
Spatial domain

Fractals

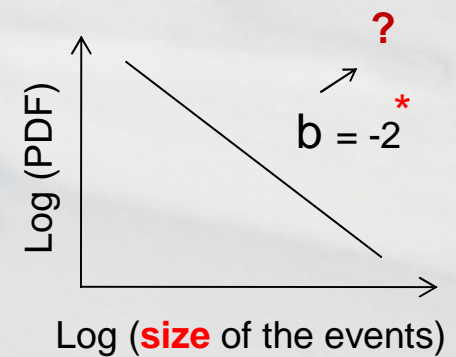


Temporal domain

Catastrophic events distributed following a power-law



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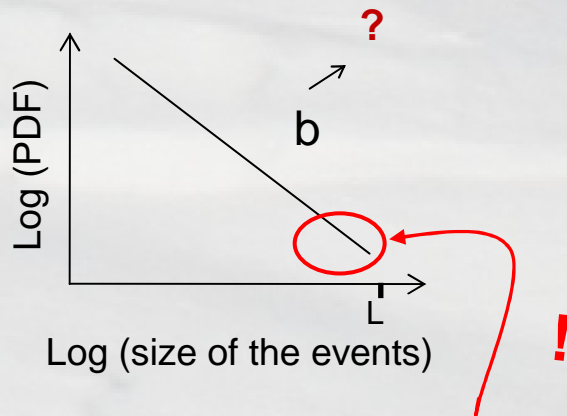
Motivation

# Scale invariance in Nature

# vs. Critical phenomena

## Temporal domain

Catastrophic events distributed following a power-law



**1 - Events reaching the size of the system. Interpreted as a *divergence of the correlation length*.**

**2 - The events distribute spatially forming fractals.**

At the critical point of a phase transition:

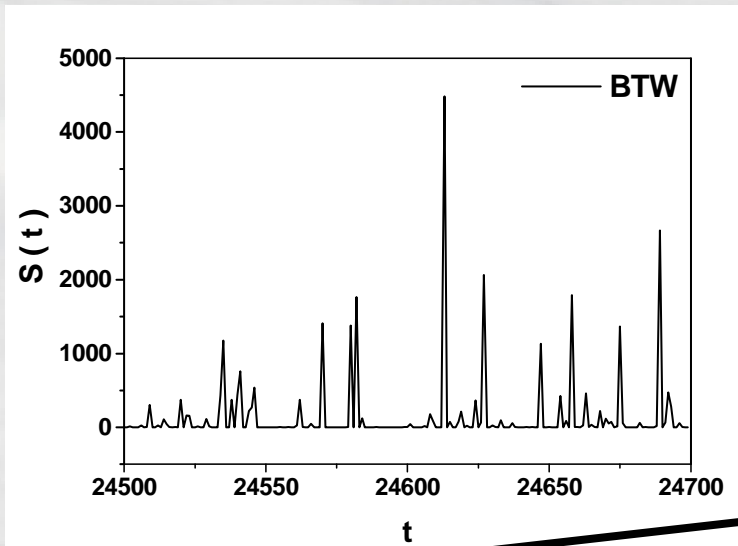
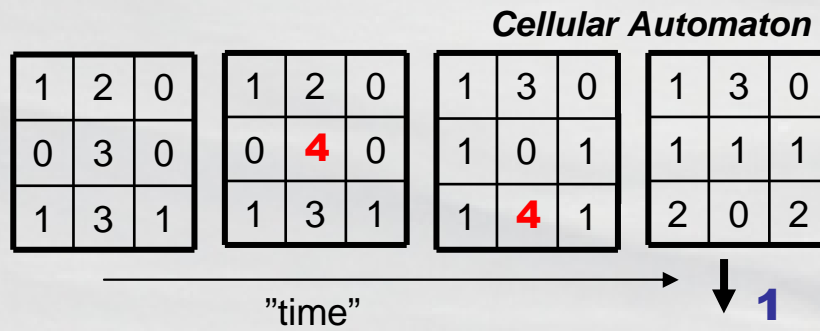
- 1 - The correlation length diverges.**
- 2 - The system displays a fractal structure.**

However,

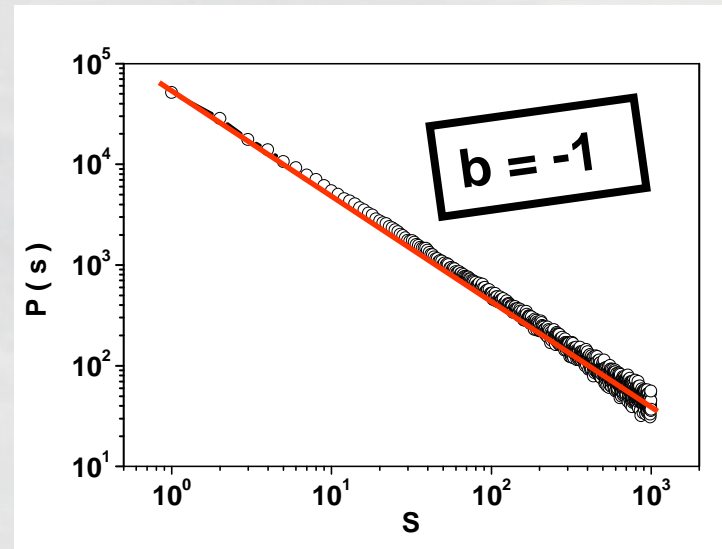
Critical phenomena need a **tuning!**

# SELF-ORGANIZED CRITICALITY (SOC)

BTW model (1987)



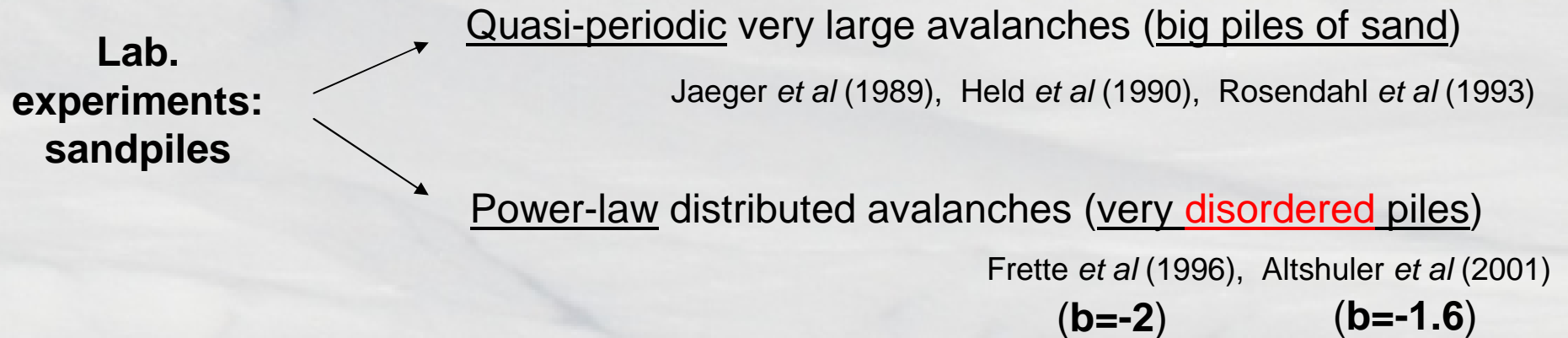
**Uncorrelated avalanches**



**Sandpiles :**

**Motivation**

## Does it really work ? (SOC in real systems ?)



**Models:** Earthquakes ( **$b=-2$** ), Solar flares ( **$b=-1.8$** ), Superconducting vortices ( **$b=-1.6$** )  
Evolution ( **$b=-1.3$** ), Stock markets ( **$b=-1.8$** ) ...

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### Labeling a system as SOC:

- ▶ Catastrophic events and more frequent small events are a result of the same dynamics.
- ▶ Intrinsic unpredictability <sup>!</sup> as a heritage of critical systems.



## Unpredictability of SOC avalanches !

*...the consensus of a recent meeting was that the Earth is in a state of self-organized criticality where any small earthquake has some probability of cascading into a large event.*

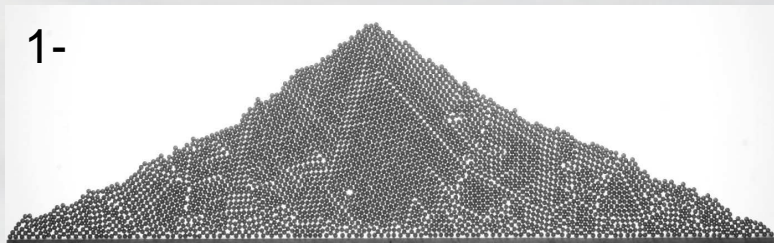
Geller et al, **Science** 275, 1616 (1997)

*Thus, any precursor state of a large event is essentially identical to a precursor state of a small event. The earthquake does not "know how large it will become".*

Per Bak. in *debates about Earthquake prediction*, **Nature** (1999)

## Outline:

1-



*“Avalanche prediction in a self-organized pile of beads”*

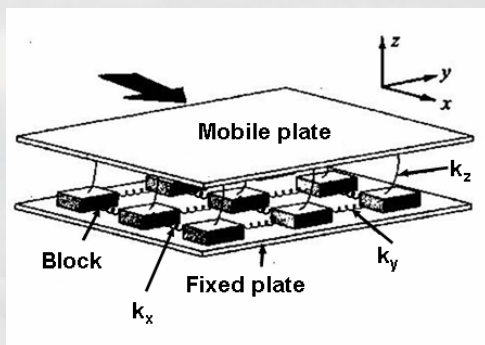
*O. Ramos et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2009)*

**NewScientist**

significance  
statistics making sense



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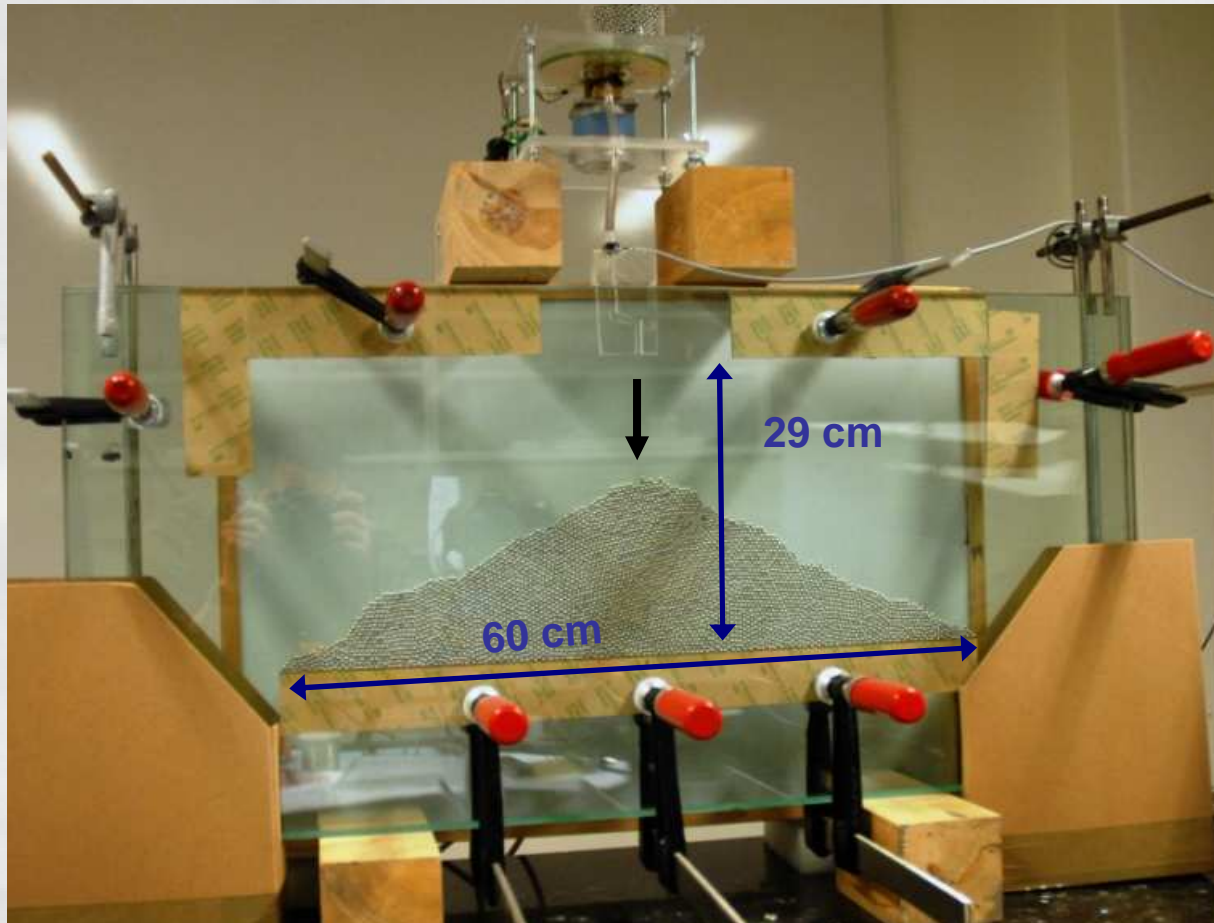


*“Criticality in earthquakes. Good or bad for prediction?”*

*O. Ramos, Tectonophysics. (accepted)*

3- Conclusions and open questions

## Experimental setup



**Grains:**  
4 mm-diameter steel beads.

**Spacing between glasses:**  
4.5 mm.

**Base:** 60 cm long row of random spaced beads glued to the surface.

**Camera:** Canon D20: **resolution:** 20 pixels/bead diameter.

**Statistics:** 55000 dropping events.

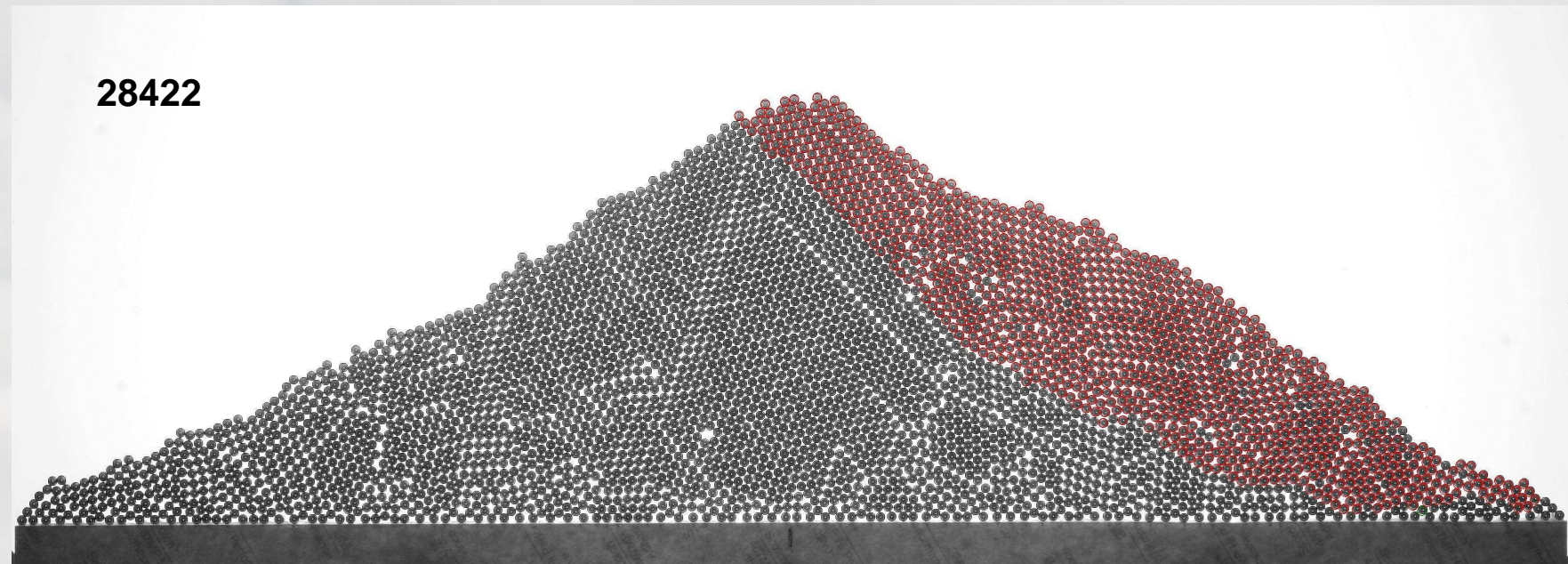
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**Experiment**

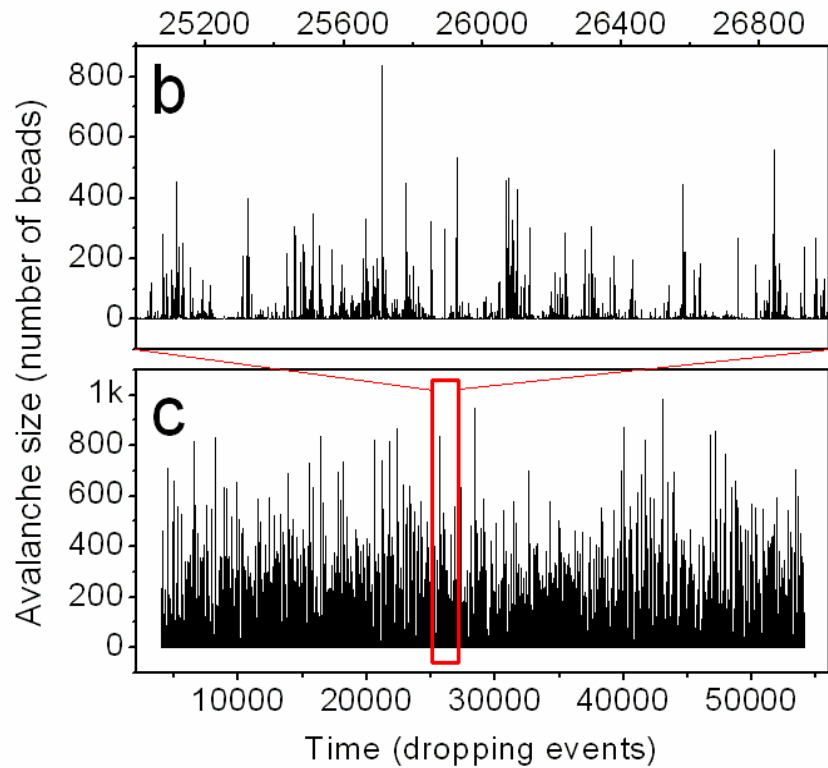
IPG Strasbourg, Nov. 10, 2009

## Defining avalanche size



**Number of beads that have moved between two consecutive dropping events =**  
Number of beads that don't have any neighbor at a distance  $\leq 1/7$  diameter in  
the consecutive image.

**Avalanche size (28422) = 984**

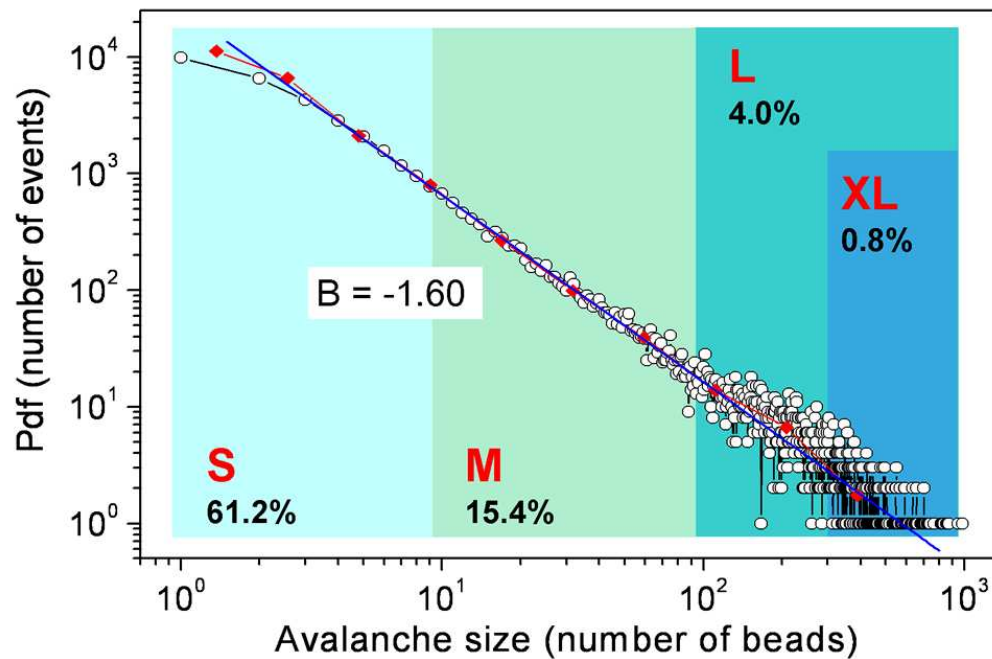


## Avalanche distributions

Avalanche time series

Avalanche size distribution

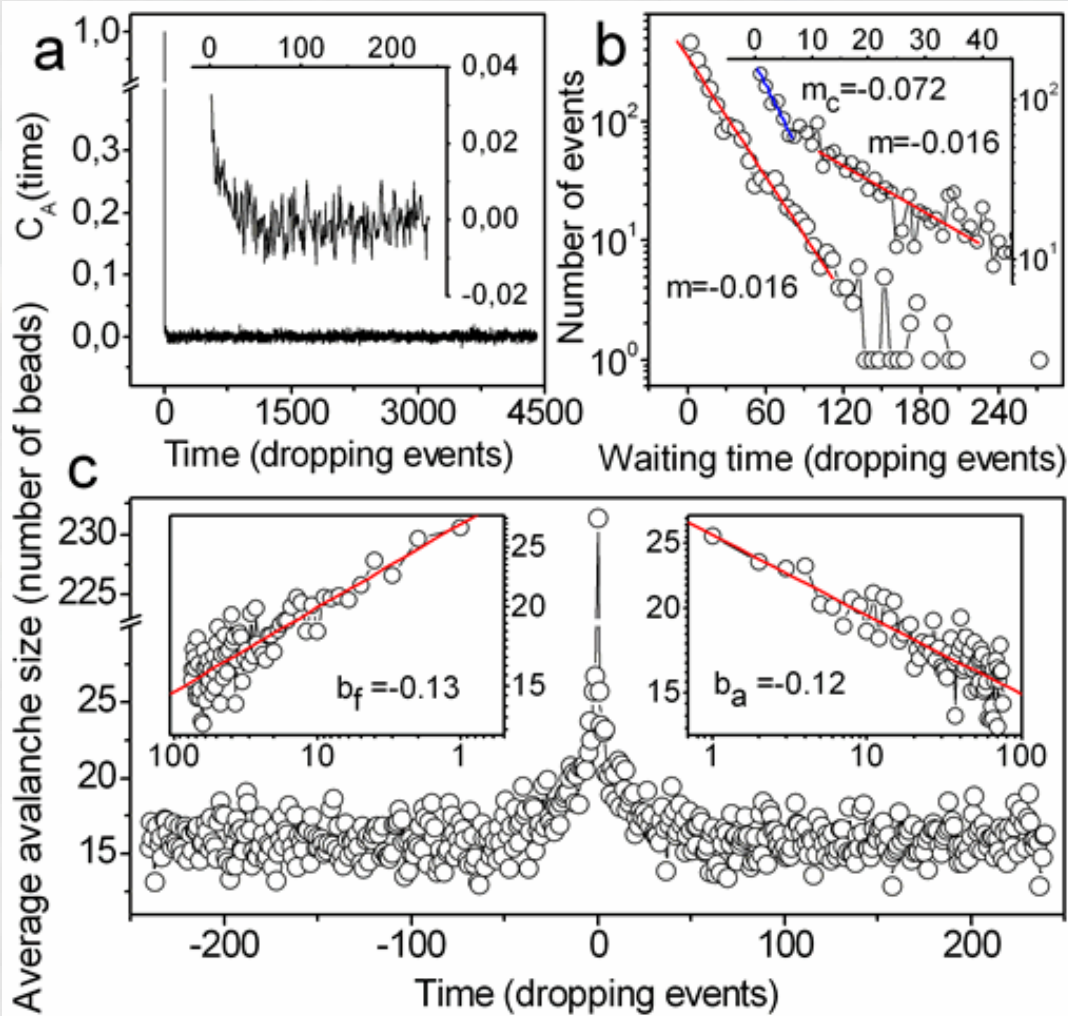
**Experiment**



## Analysis of the avalanche time series

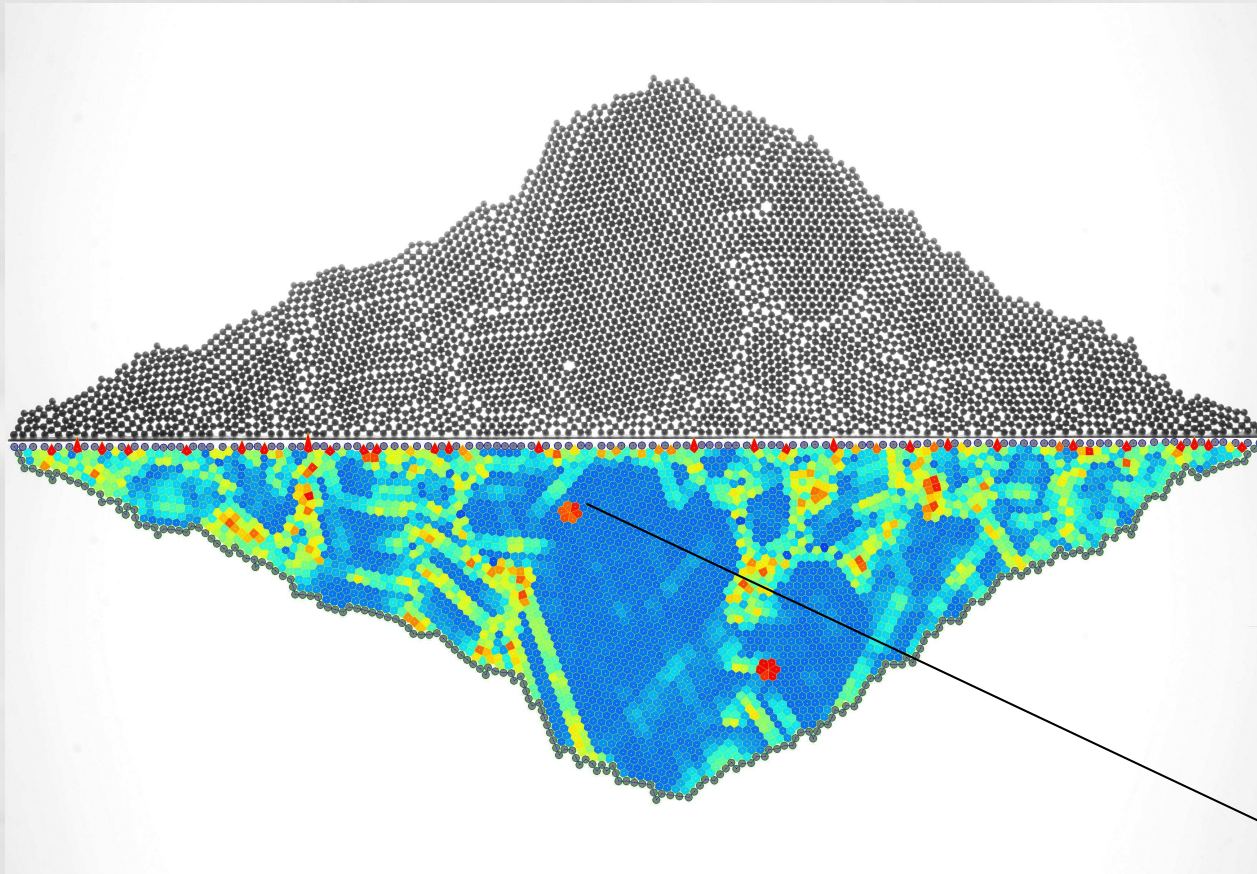
$$C_A(t) = \frac{\sum [s(\tau)s(\tau + t)] - \langle s(\tau) \rangle^2}{\sum [s(\tau) - \langle s(\tau) \rangle]^2}$$

$s(t)=1$  if size(avalanche)=L  
 $s(t)=0$  if size(avalanche)=S, M



- Uncorrelated L events.
- Exponential decay of the waiting times between L events.
- Signs of foreshocks and aftershocks, but too weak in order to work as precursors of L events

## Internal structure



**Size** = number of beads

Area of the pile

Profile perimeter

PDC= profile disorder coefficient

**Shape factor  $\zeta$**

$$\zeta = \frac{C^2}{4\pi \cdot S}$$



**Voronoi cells**

Circle  $\zeta = 1$

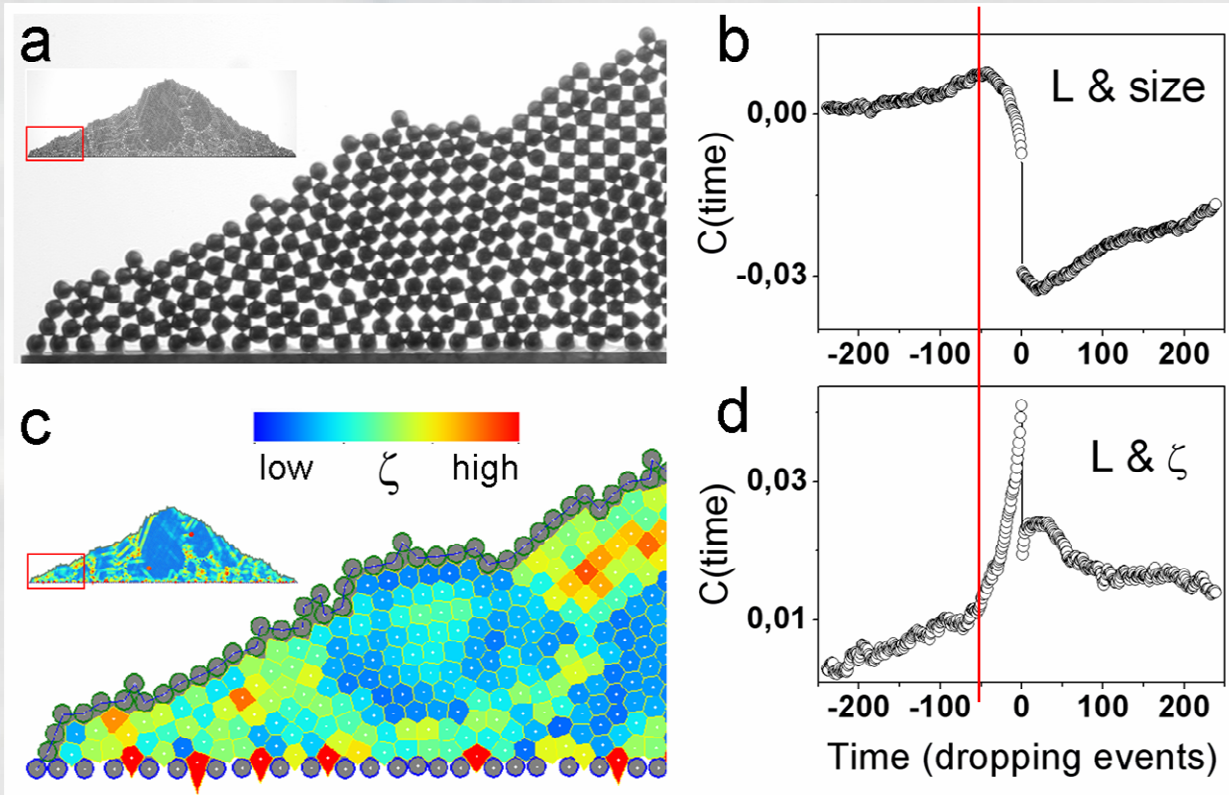
Regular hexagon  $\zeta = 1.103$

square  $\zeta = 1.273$




# correlation between structure & L avalanches

$$C(t) = \frac{\sum (s(\tau) x(\tau+t)) - \langle s(\tau) \rangle \langle x(\tau) \rangle}{\sqrt{\sum (s(\tau) - \langle s(\tau) \rangle)^2 \sum (x(\tau) - \langle x(\tau) \rangle)^2}}$$



## Global Analysis

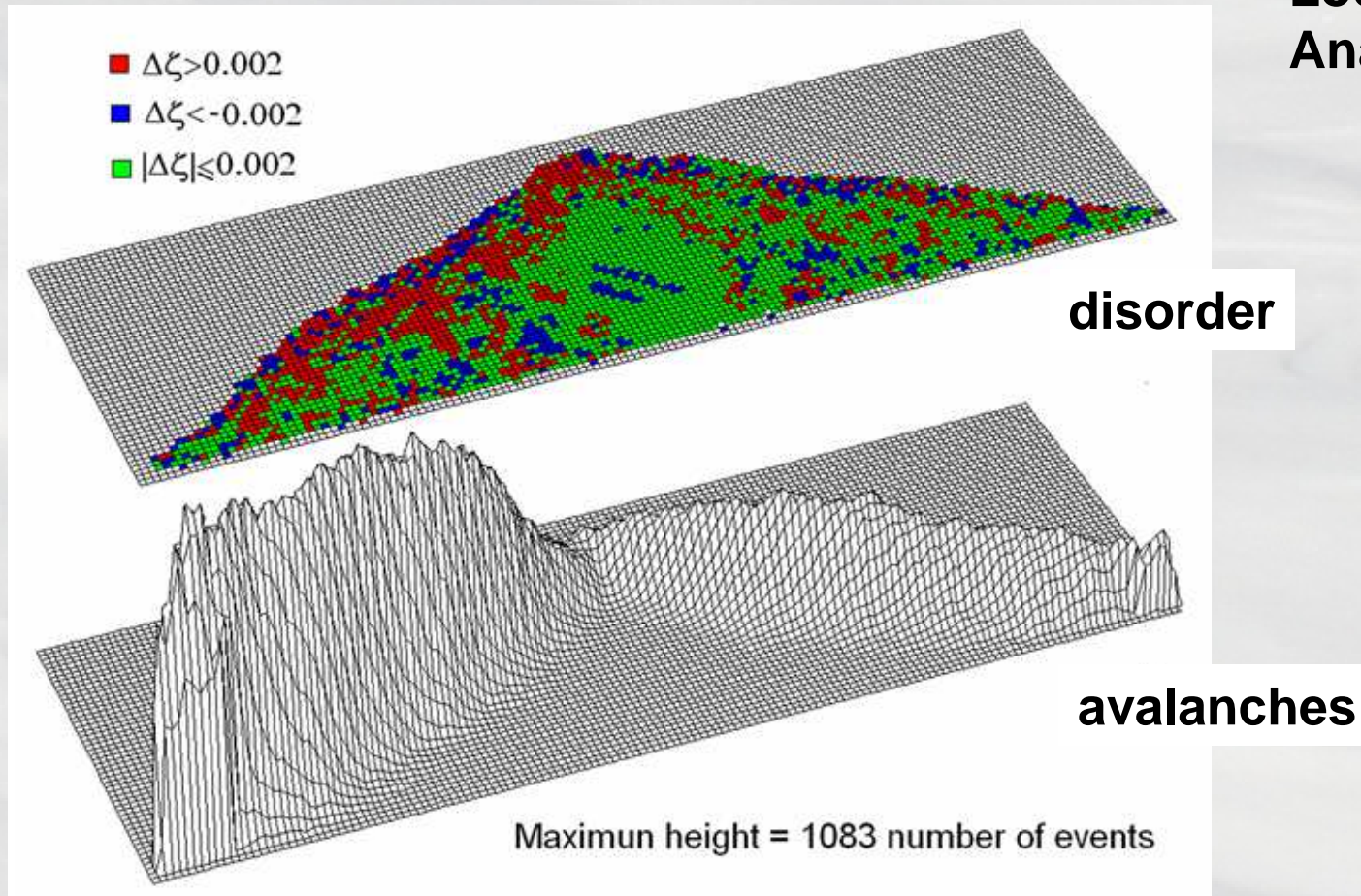
<b>Alarms:</b>	Contidions 	Alarm <b>ON</b>	Success
	If $\zeta(t) > \zeta(t-50)$	(L) 51 ± 3%	62 ± 4%
		(XL) 51 ± 3%	64 ± 7%
	considering aftershocks:	(L) 50.0 ± 0.1%	65 ± 4%

**Experiment**

IPG Strasbourg, Nov. 10, 2009

**short-term prediction !**

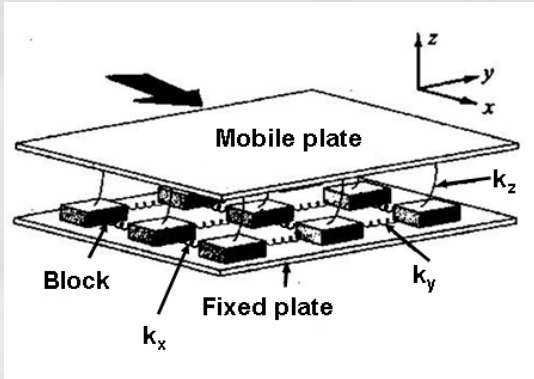
## correlation between structure & avalanches



Local  
Analysis

# Simulations in an earthquake model

Burridge - Knopoff



## O.F.C.

*Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1992)

## Cellular Automaton

-The Force is applied to every site at the same time.

-When a site reaches the threshold its force goes to zero and a fraction  $4\alpha$  of it is redistributed equally between its nearest neighbors.

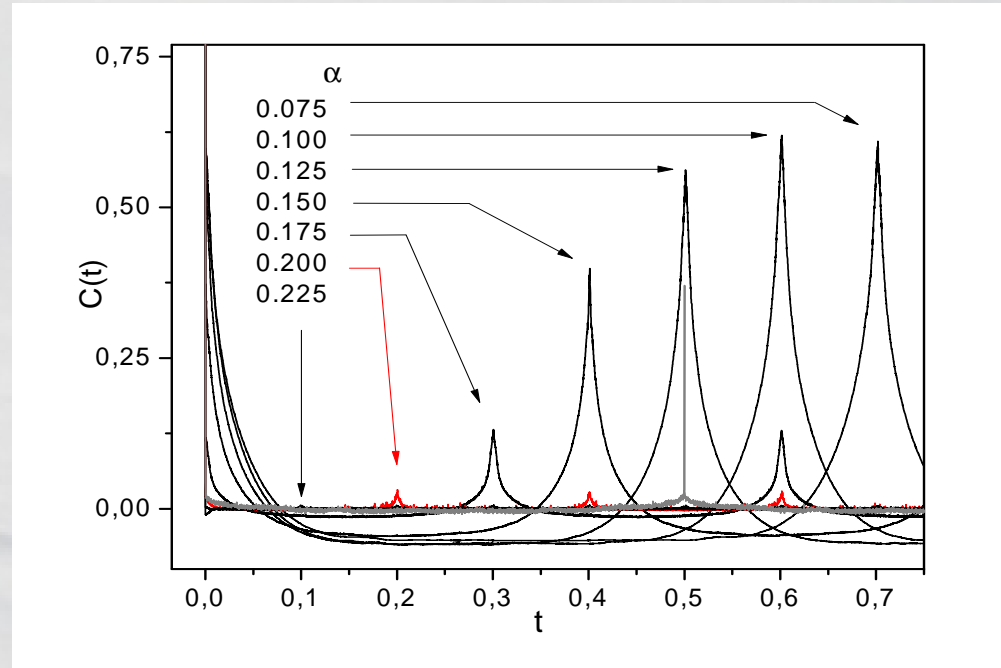
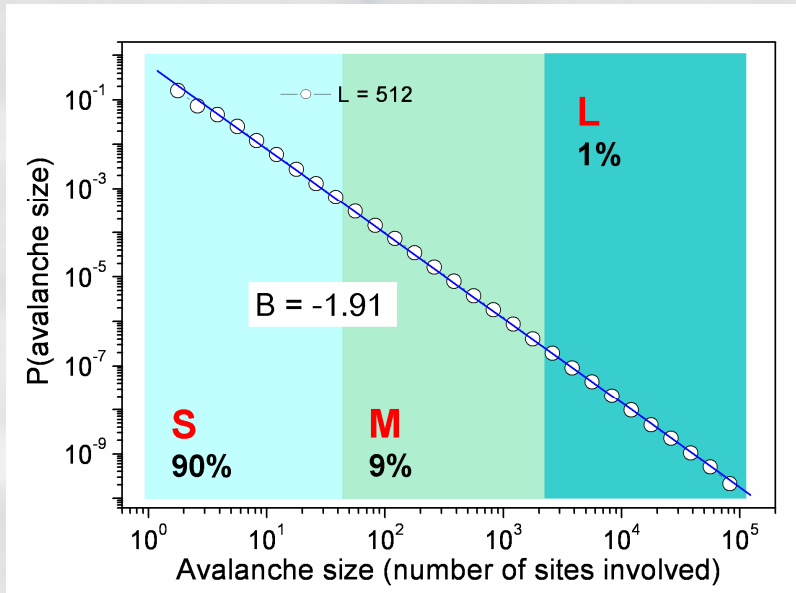
## OFC

## Ours

Source of randomness	Block thresholds have a single value. At $t=0$ random forces are imposed.	Thresholds distributed randomly following a Gaussian distribution with an standard deviation $\sigma$ . When a block slips a new threshold is imposed.
Excitation	Force added "ad hoc" to excite the site closest to the threshold (speed $\rightarrow 0$ ). Infinitely accurate tuning.	A quantum of force is added in each step (speed = constant).

O. Ramos et al., *Phys. Rev.Lett.* (2006)

# Quasi-periodicity in the avalanches

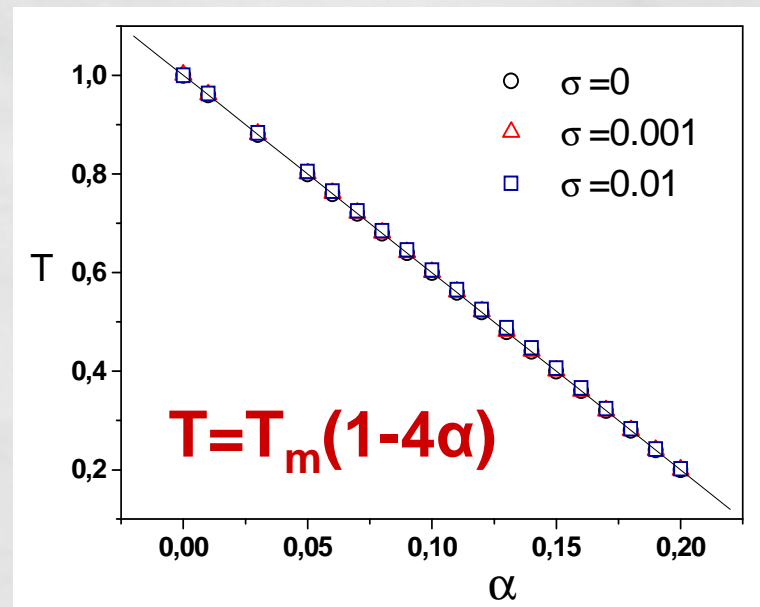


$\alpha = 0.2$

$\sigma = 0.001$

Quasi-periodic behavior as “natural” state in earthquakes?

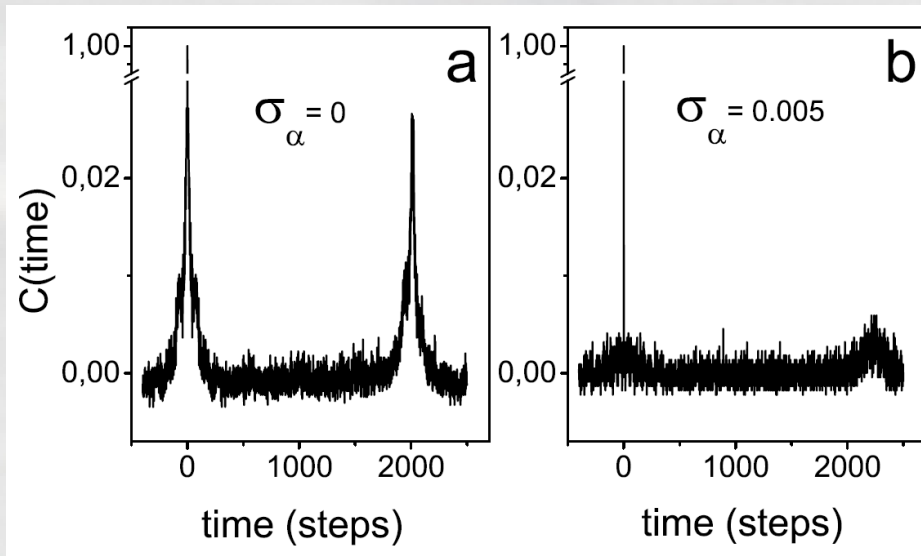
Gap theory?



Simulations

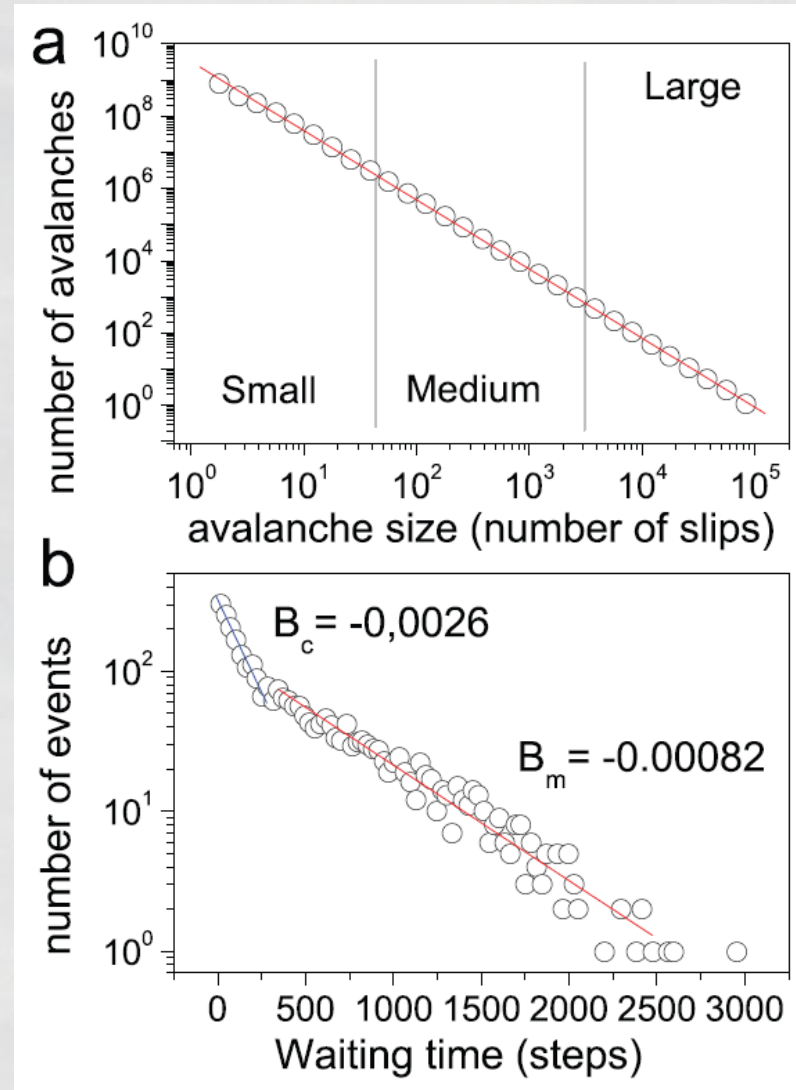
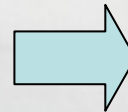
# However, real earthquakes are not quasi-periodic!

By adding disorder.



$\alpha = 0.2$      $\sigma\alpha = 0.005$     (dissipation)

$\sigma = 0.001$     (friction thresholds)



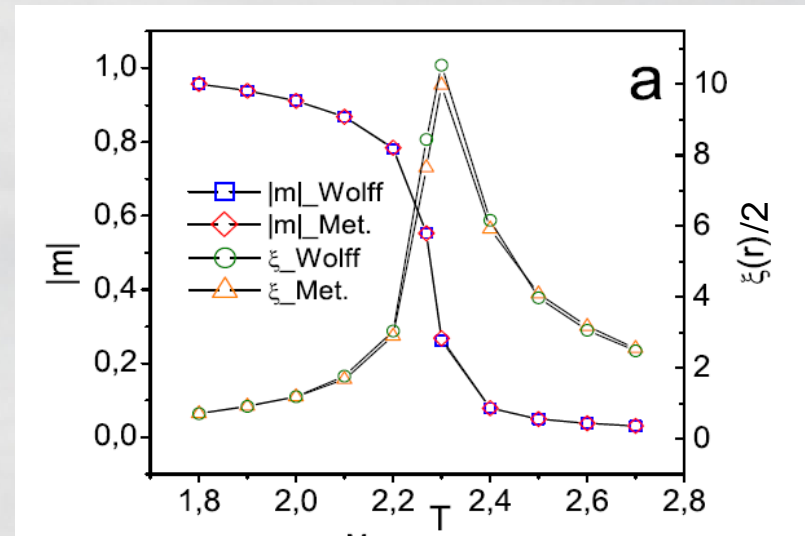
**A more realistic situation**

# Classical critical phenomena

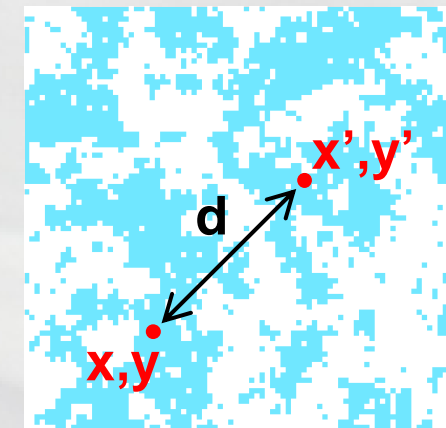
1- Divergence of the correlation length ( $\xi$ ):

$$\langle C_{AS}(d, t) \rangle_t = \left\langle \frac{\sum (f(x, y) f(x', y')) - \langle f(x, y) \rangle^2}{\sum (f(x, y) - \langle f(x, y) \rangle)^2} \right\rangle_t$$

$$C_{AS}(d) \sim \exp(d/\xi) \quad (\forall T \neq T_c)$$



Ising Model



$t$

$$\xi = |t|^{-\nu} \quad t = (T - T_c) / T_c$$

Some basics

## Classical critical phenomena

1- *Divergence of the correlation length* ( $\xi$ ):

$$\langle C_{AS}(d, t) \rangle_t = \left\langle \frac{\sum (f(x, y) f(x', y')) - \langle f(x, y) \rangle^2}{\sum (f(x, y) - \langle f(x, y) \rangle)^2} \right\rangle_t$$

$$C_{AS}(d) \sim \exp(d/\xi)$$

$$(\forall T \neq T_c)$$

2- *Divergence of the correlation time* ( $\tau$ ): **Critical slowing down**

$$C_{At}(t) = \frac{\sum (f(t_i) f(t_i + t)) - \langle f(t_i) \rangle^2}{\sum (f(t_i) - \langle f(t_i) \rangle)^2}$$

$$C_{At}(t) \sim \exp(t/\tau)$$

3- As the size of the system increases, *the transition between the two states becomes sharper, and it is infinitely sharp in an infinite system.*

$$\xi = |t|^{-\nu}$$

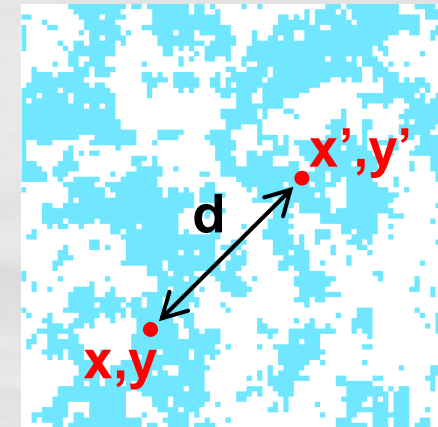
$$\tau = |t|^{-z\nu}$$

$$t = (T - T_c)/T_c$$

$$\tau = \xi^z$$

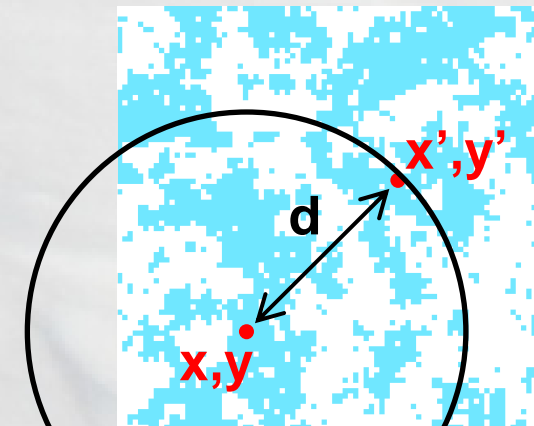
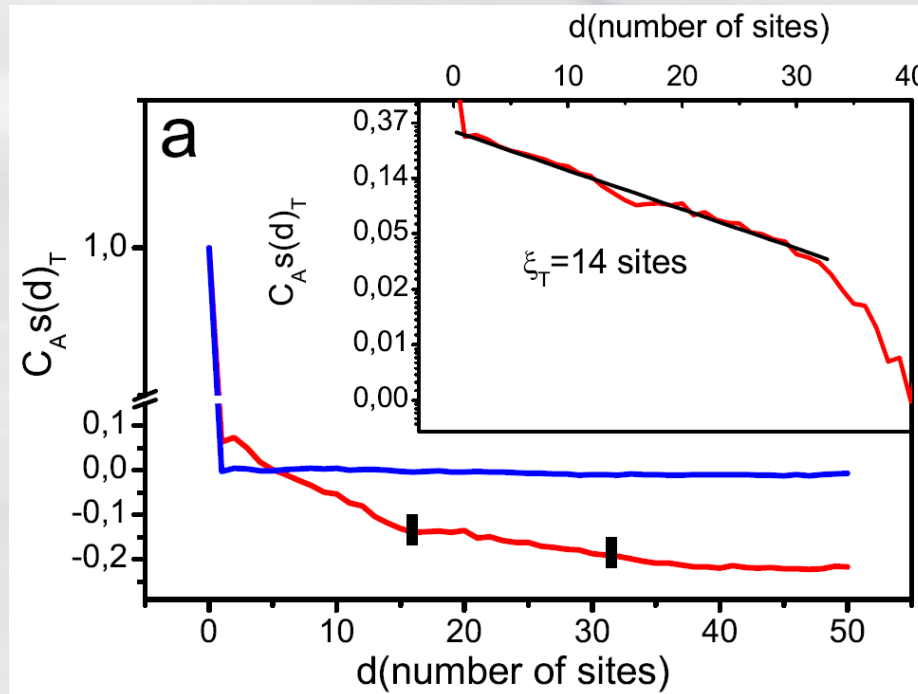
# Spatial autocorrelation function & correlation length

$$\langle C_A s(d, t) \rangle_t = \left\langle \frac{\sum (f(x, y) f(x', y')) - \langle f(x, y) \rangle^2}{\sum (f(x, y) - \langle f(x, y) \rangle)^2} \right\rangle_t$$



t<sub>i</sub>

L=128



t<sub>i</sub>

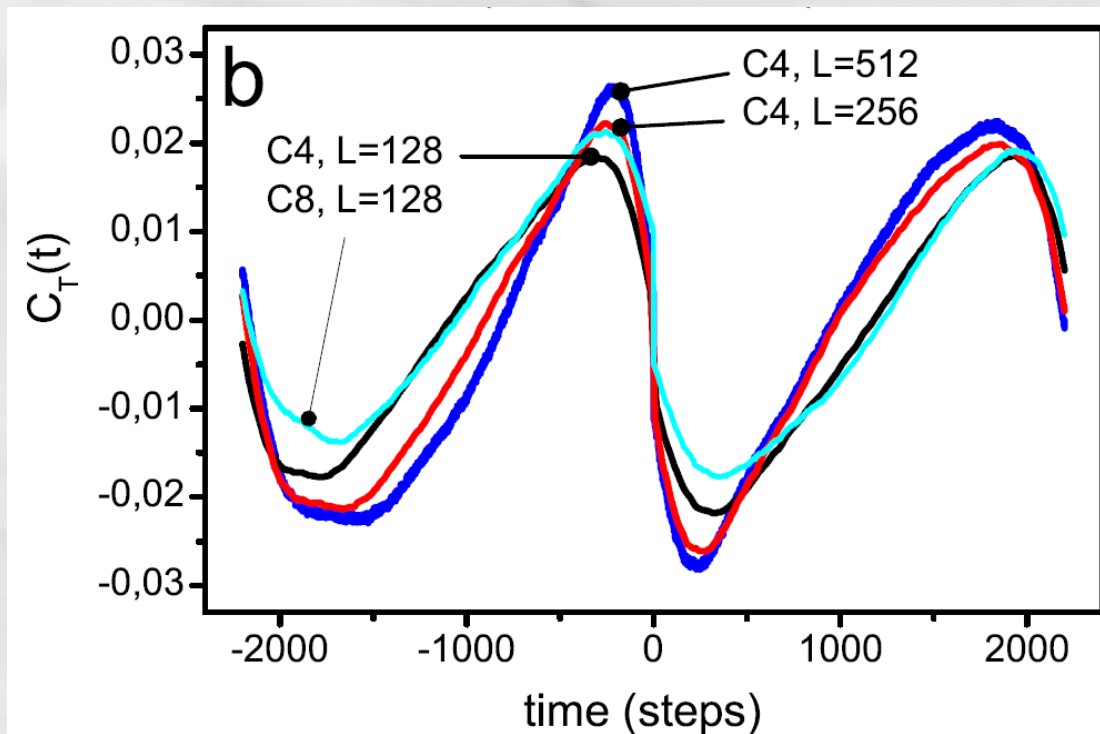
d=L/4, d=L/8



## Temporal corr (spatial autocorrelation function & Large avalanches)

$$C_t(t) = \frac{\sum (La(t_i)Cx(t_i + t)) - \langle La(t_i) \rangle \langle Cx(t_i) \rangle}{\sqrt{\sum (La(t_i) - \langle La(t_i) \rangle)^2 \sum (Cx(t_i) - \langle Cx(t_i) \rangle)^2}}$$

$La(t)=1$  if size(avalanche)=L  
 $La(t)=0$  if size(avalanche)=S, M  
 $Cx(t) = C4(t), C8(t)$

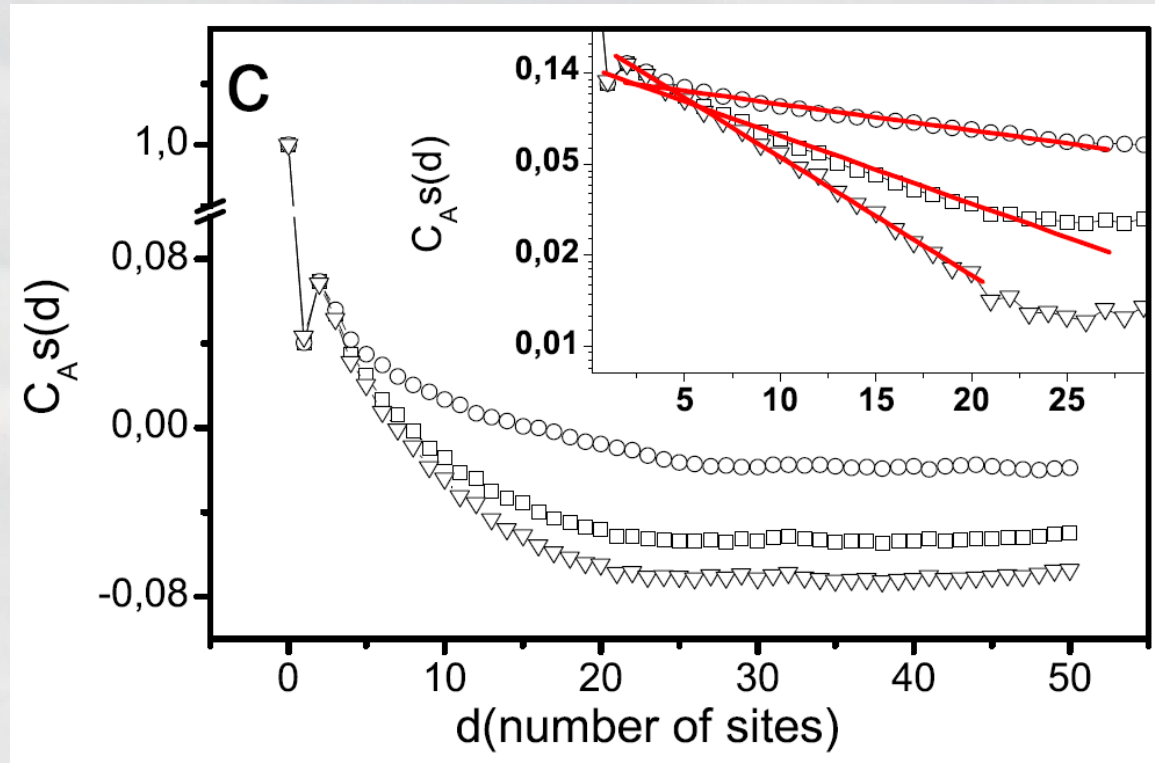


Structure still shows Quasi-periodicity.

Large oscillations of  $Cx(t)$  around L events.

**Criticality ?**

## Spatial autocorrelation function & correlation length $\xi$

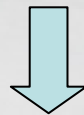


max.  $\xi = 36$  sites

average  $\xi = 12$  sites

min.  $\xi = 7$  sites

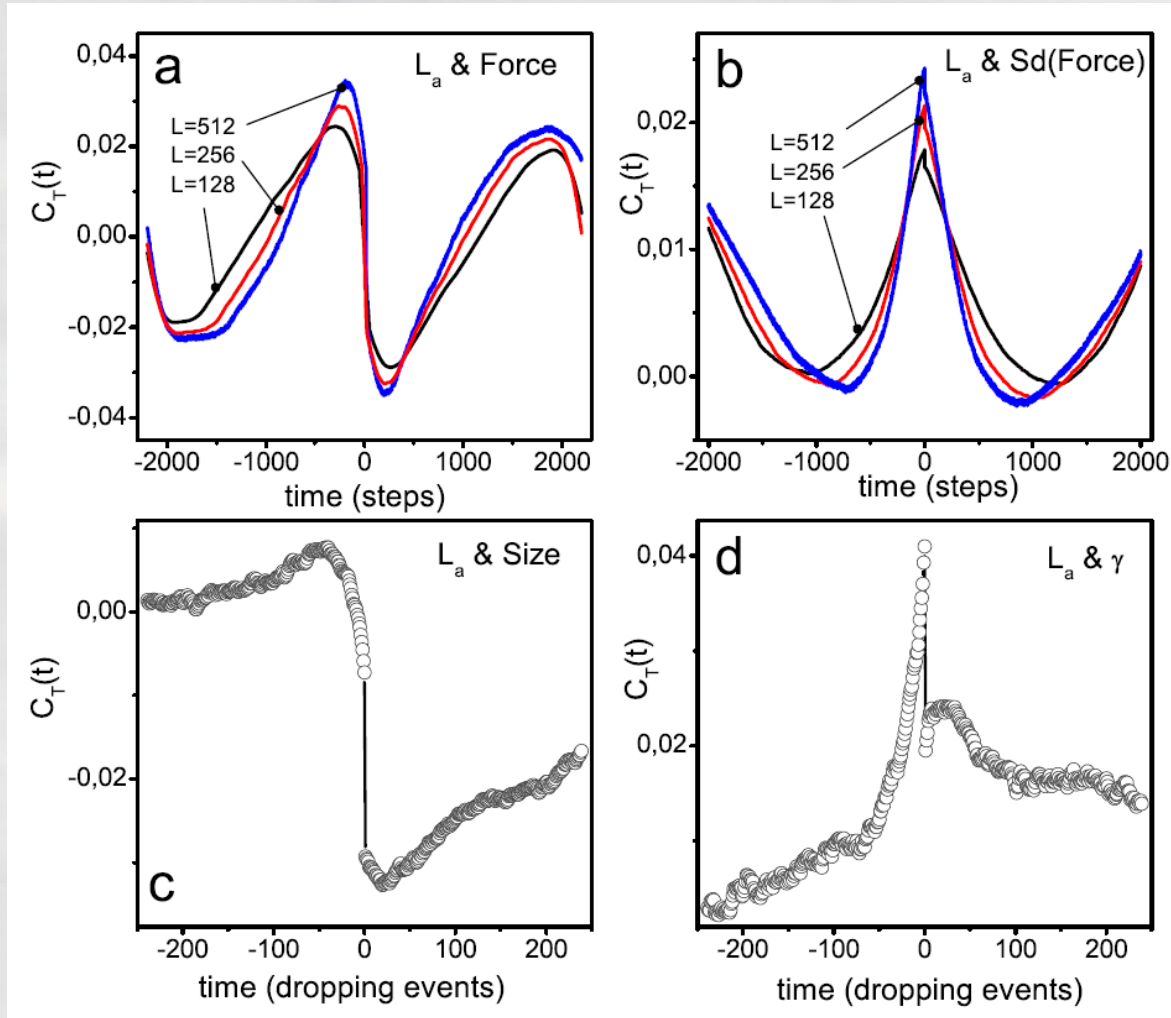
- In average the system is not critical (the correlation length is small).



**In principle, prediction is possible**

**Simulations**

# Temporal correlation between structure & avalanches



Simulations

Experiments



Energy accumulation **Disorder accumulation**



Simulations

## Can be "criticality" good for prediction?

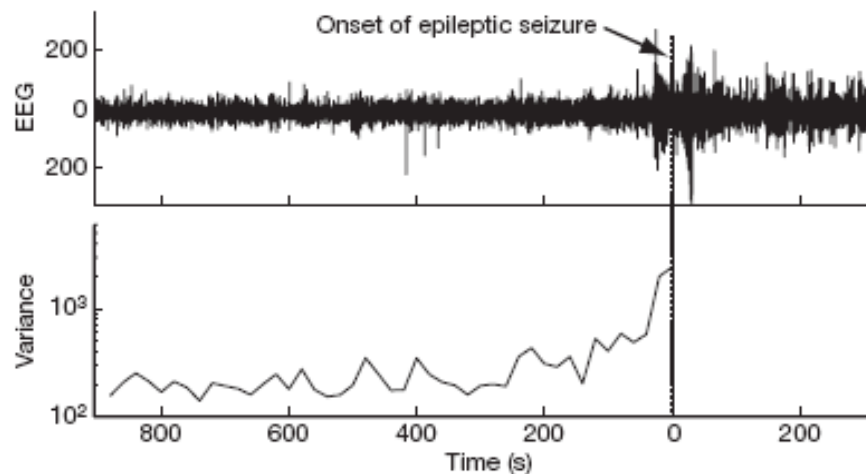
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## Early-warning signals for critical transitions

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**Figure 5 | Subtle changes in brain activity before an epileptic seizure may be used as an early warning signal.** The epileptic seizure clinically detected at time 0 is announced minutes earlier in an electroencephalography (EEG) time series by an increase in variance. Adapted by permission from Macmillan Publishers Ltd: Nature Medicine (ref. 3), copyright 2003.

**Critical slowing down**

# Can be "criticality" good for prediction?

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## Turbulencelike Behavior of Seismic Time Series

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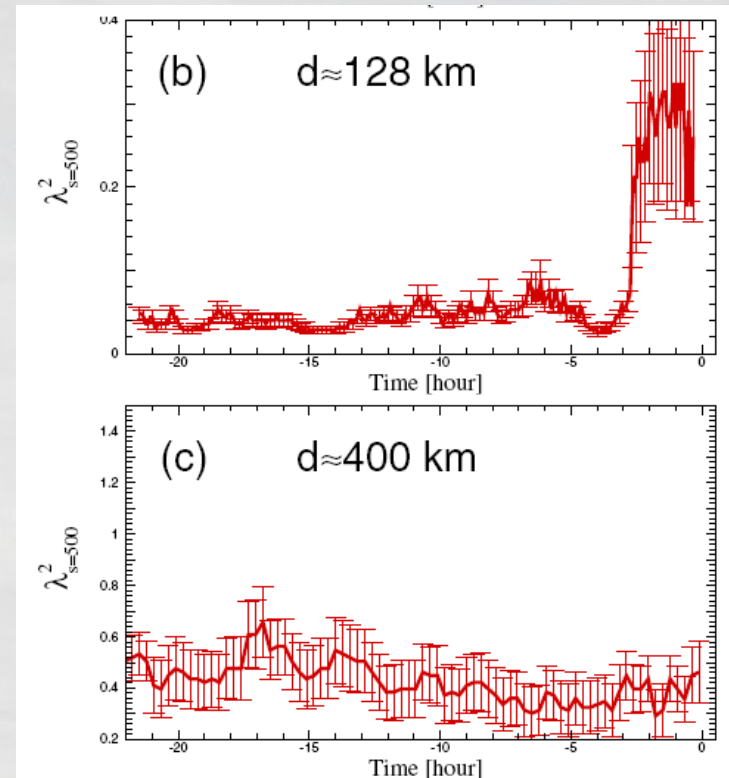
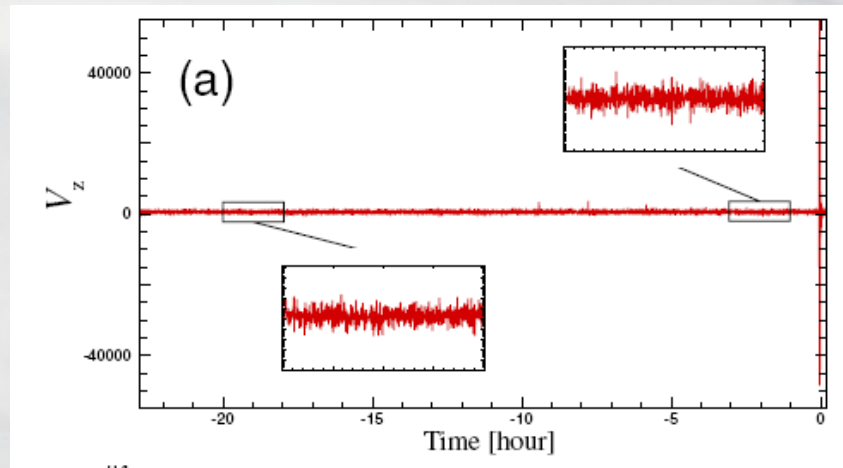
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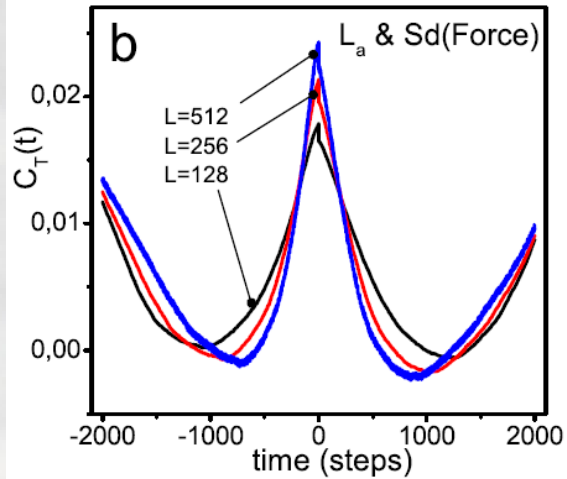
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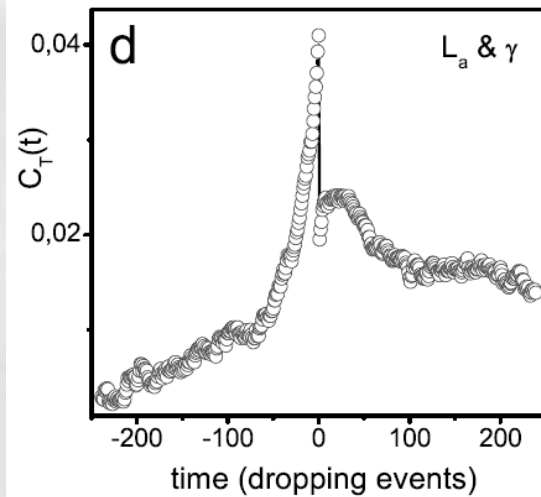
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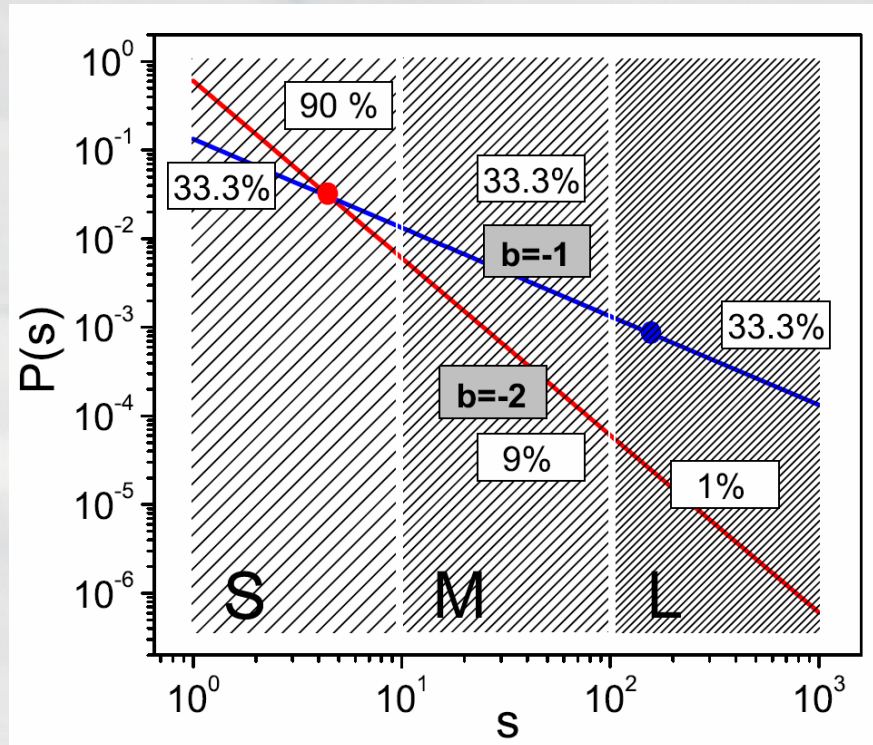


Experiments



**Disorder accumulation**

## Classifying catastrophic events in power-law distributed avalanches



“Many very small events and a few very large ones”.



Energy balance:

$$\forall t \quad E_{max} \gg \langle E_{input} \rangle = \langle E_{dissip} \rangle = \langle E_{bulk} \rangle + \langle E_{boundaries} \rangle$$

$$\alpha S_{max} \qquad \qquad \qquad \alpha \langle s \rangle$$

- Large  $b$  values are forbidden in dissipative slowly-driven systems!
- For small  $b$  values the system is not critical

## Size distributions of shocks and static avalanches from the functional renormalization group

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Interfaces pinned by quenched disorder are often used to model jerky self-organized critical motion. We study static avalanches, or shocks, defined here as jumps between distinct global minima upon changing an external field. We show how the full statistics of these jumps is encoded in the functional-renormalization-group fixed-point functions. This allows us to obtain the size distribution  $P(S)$  of static avalanches in an expansion in the internal dimension  $d$  of the interface. Near and above  $d=4$  this yields the mean-field distribution  $P(S) \sim S^{-3/2} e^{-S/4S_m}$ , where  $S_m$  is a large-scale cutoff, in some cases calculable. Resumming all one-loop contributions, we find  $P(S) \sim S^{-\tau} \exp(C(S/S_m)^{1/2} - \frac{B}{4}(S/S_m)^\delta)$ , where  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\tau$  are obtained to first order in  $\epsilon=4-d$ . Our result is consistent to  $O(\epsilon)$  with the relation  $\tau = \tau_\zeta := 2 - \frac{2}{d+\zeta}$ , where  $\zeta$  is the static roughness exponent, often conjectured to hold at depinning. Our calculation applies to all static universality classes, including random-bond, random-field, and random-periodic disorders. Extended to long-range elastic systems, it yields a different size distribution for the case of contact-line elasticity, with an exponent compatible with  $\tau = 2 - \frac{1}{d+\zeta}$  to  $O(\epsilon=2-d)$ . We discuss consequences for avalanches at depinning and for sandpile models, relations to Burgers turbulence and the possibility that the relation  $\tau = \tau_\zeta$  be violated to higher loop order. Finally, we show that the avalanche-size distribution on a hyperplane of codimension one is in mean field (valid close to and above  $d=4$ ) given by  $P(S) \sim K_{1/3}(S)/S$ , where  $K$  is the Bessel- $K$  function, thus  $\tau_{\text{hyper plane}} = \frac{4}{3}$ .

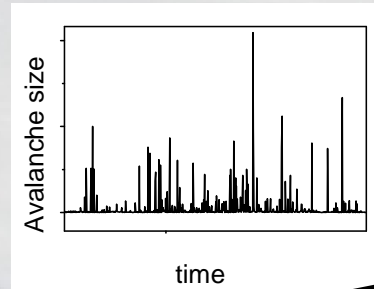
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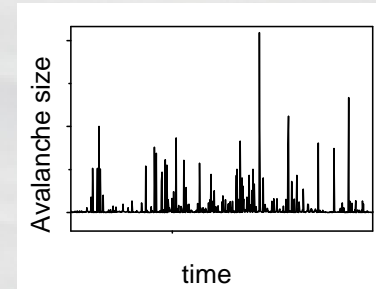


# Predicting catastrophic events in power-law distributed avalanches

1 - Temporal autocorrelation

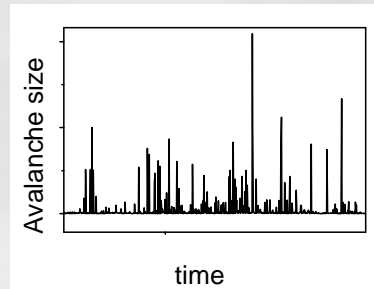


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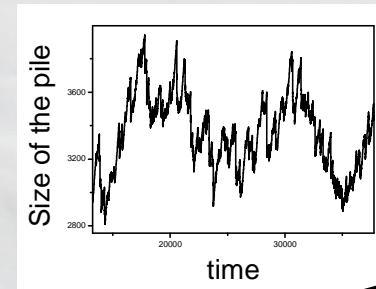


“Spiky” functions

2 - Temporal correlation between avalanches & structure



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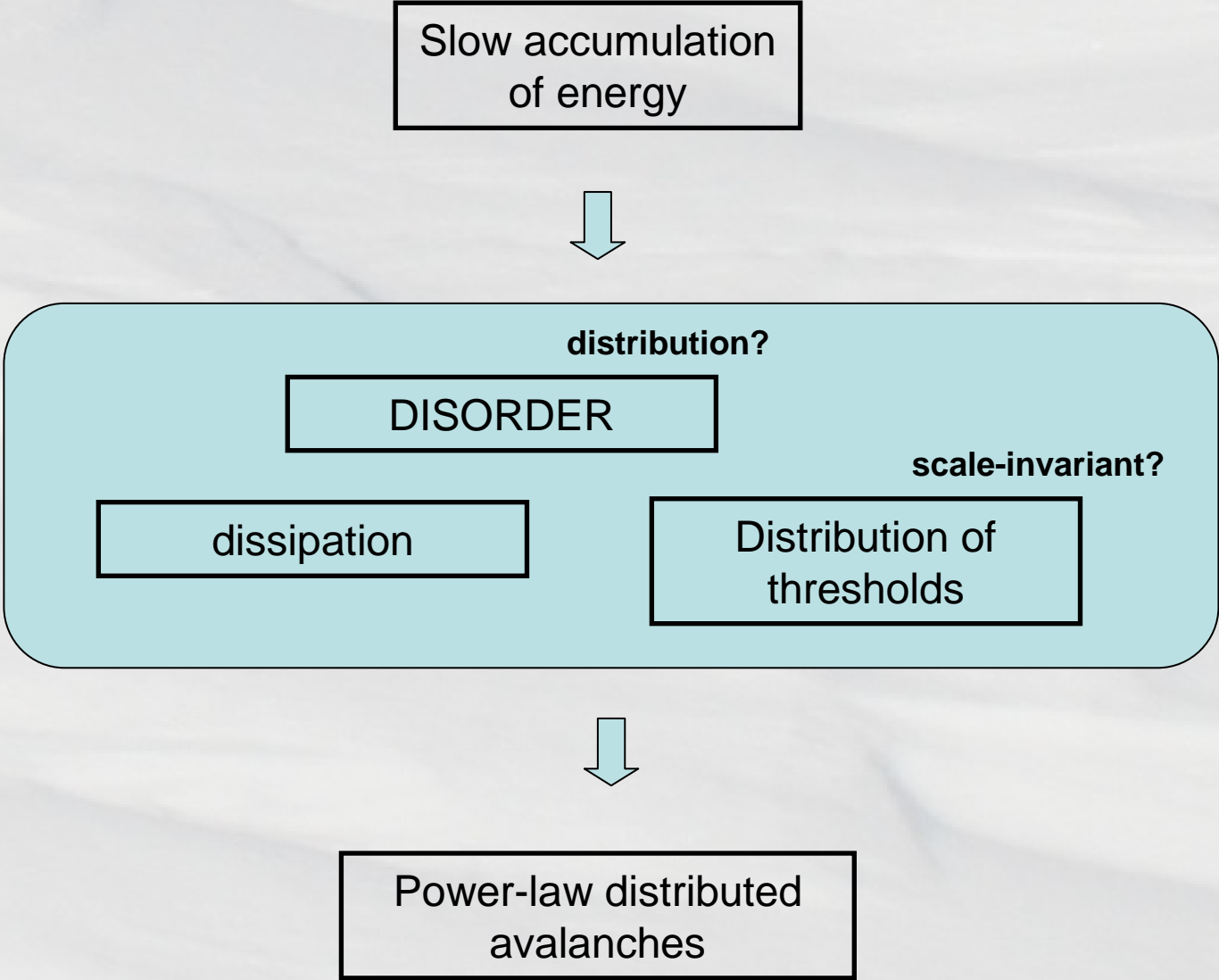


continuous function

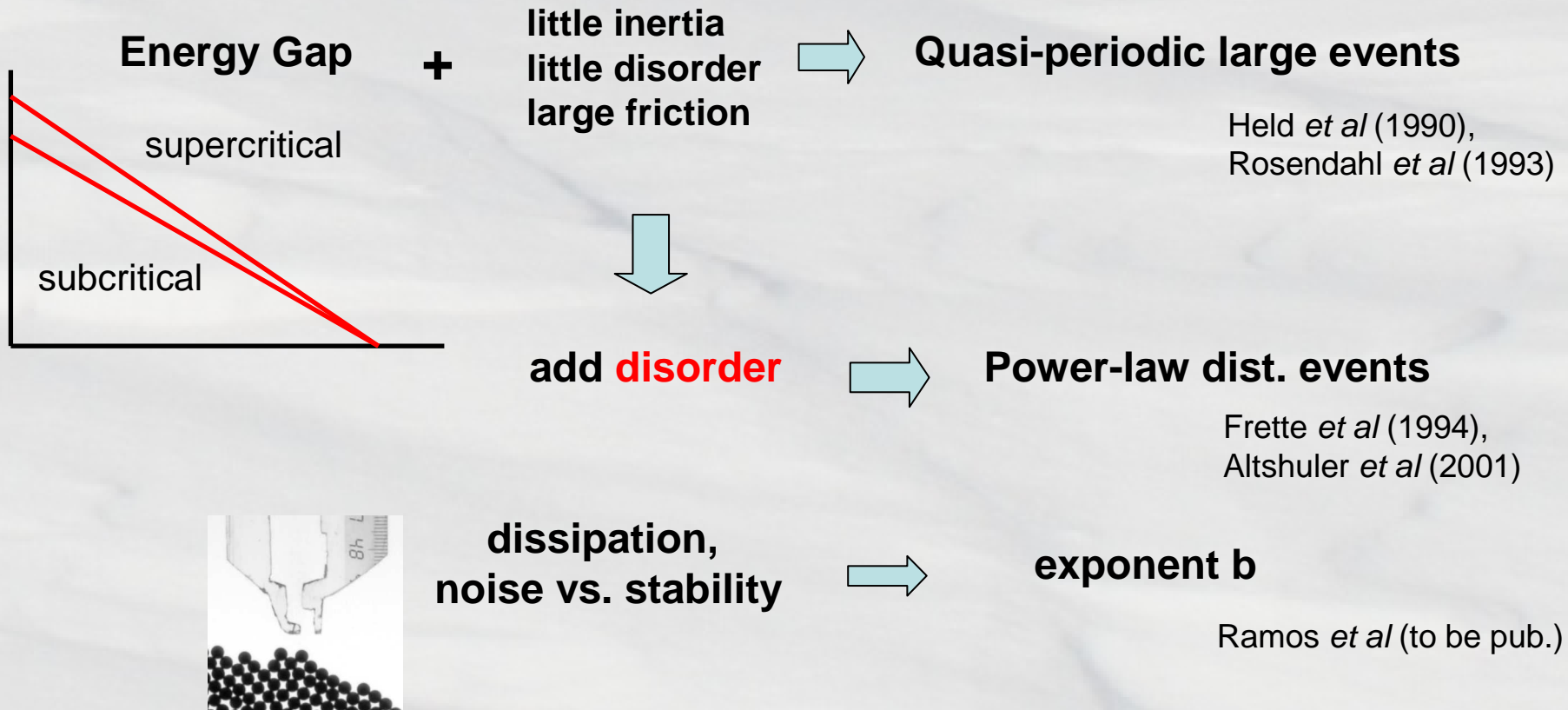
## Conclusions:

- Power law distributed avalanches do not imply necessarily that the correlation length diverge and the system is all the time in the verge of a catastrophic event.
- If the correlation length (averaged over the entire experience) does not diverge, prediction is in principle possible. Prediction of power law distributed events has been reached experimentally.
- The increase of the disorder of the structure and others signs of *critical slowing down* seems to be related with the occurrence of large events.
- (*trivial, but important*) In general, the analysis of functions which evolve continuously with time bring more useful information than the functions of “spikes”. So, collecting and analyzing this kind of data can be relevant in order to achieve prediction.

**Open questions:**

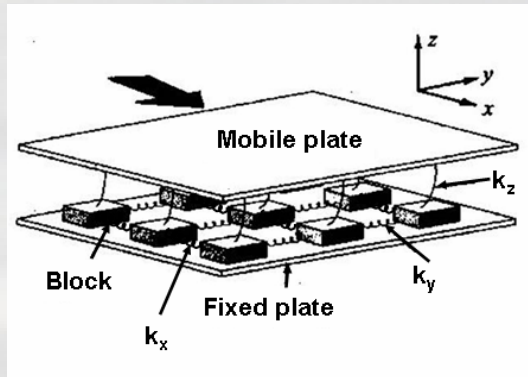


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## Earthquake simulations



O. Ramos *et al*, PRL (2006)

Basic state: No interaction between blocks or identical initial conditions to all: **Trivial periodic behavior**



Interactions (**dissipation**) +  
**different friction thresholds** (Gaussian)

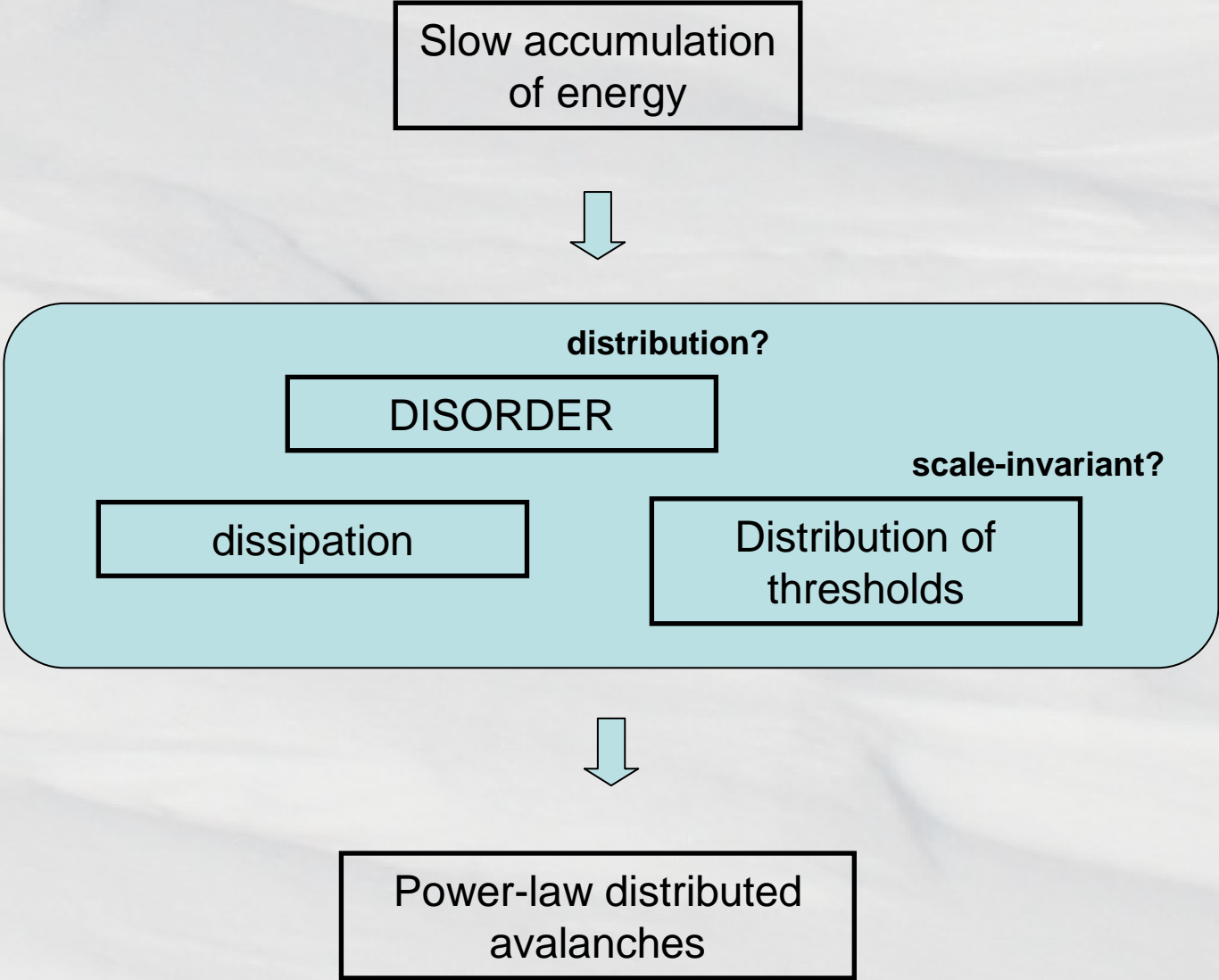
**Non trivial quasi-periodic behavior** proportional to the degree of dissipation as a “natural” state.  
(coexisting with a power-law distribution of events)



**Addition of disorder** (Gaussian) to the values of the dissipation

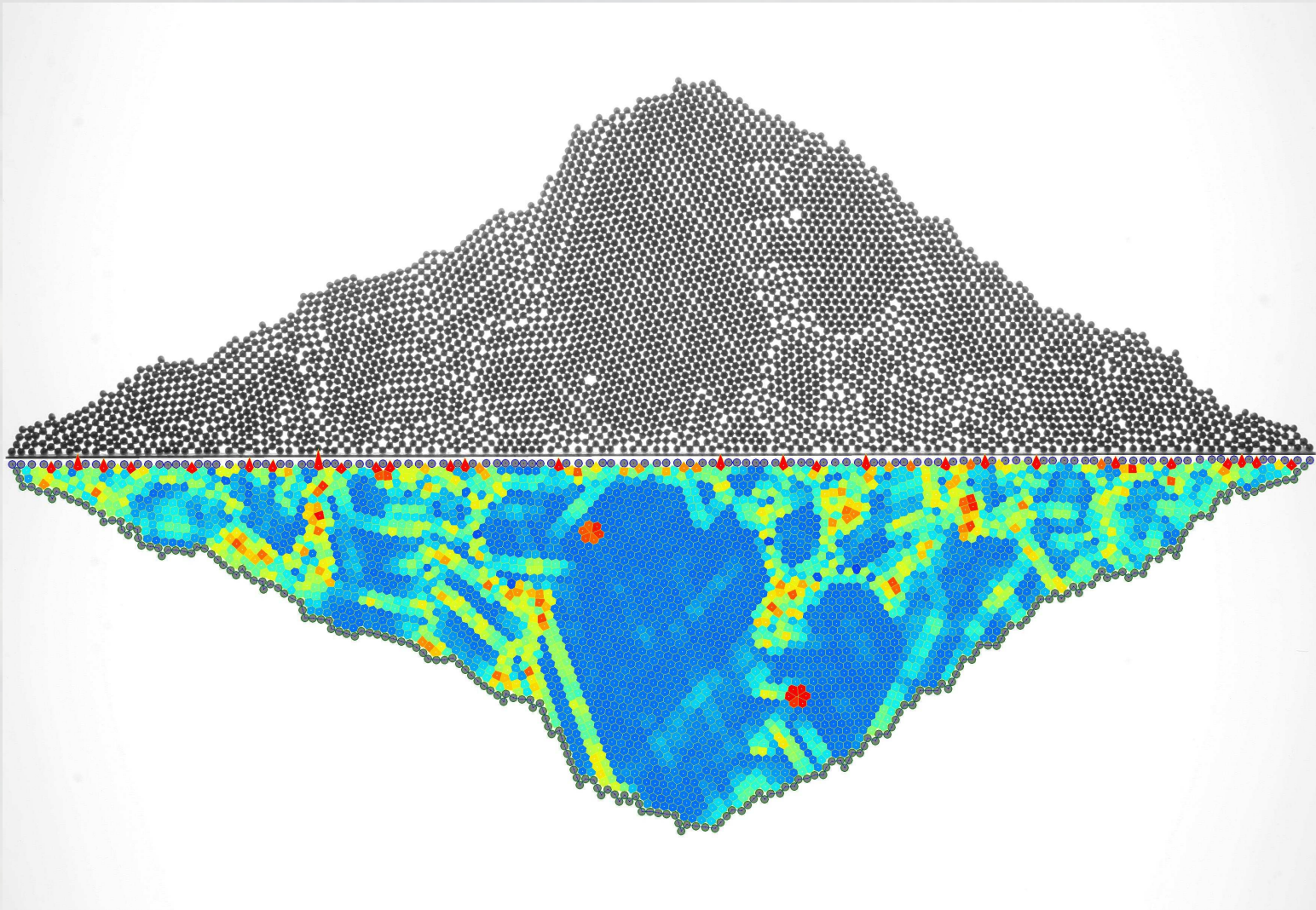
**The quasi-periodicity is broken** (the power-law distribution of events remains). More realistic situation

**Open questions:**



Merci beaucoup!

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## Gutenberg – Richter law: $\text{Log} [ N (x) ] \sim bM$

where:

$N(x)$ : cumulative number of earthquakes. ( earthquakes with a magnitude larger than  $M$ )

$M \sim \text{Log } E$  : magnitude (damage)

$b \sim -1$

then

$\text{Log} [ N (E) ] \sim - \text{Log } E$

$N (E) \sim E^{-1}$

$P(x)$  : distribution of avalanches

$N(x)$  : cumulative number of avalanches

$$P(x) = N(x) - N(x + \Delta x)$$

$$\frac{P(x)}{\Delta x} = - \left[ \frac{N(x + \Delta x) - N(x)}{\Delta x} \right]$$

$$P(x) \sim -N'(x)$$

$$N(x) \sim - \int P(x) dx$$

If  $N(x) = x^{-1}$

$$P(x) \sim - \left( x^{-1} \right)' = - \left( -x^{-2} \right) = x^{-2}$$

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