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Unified Scaling Laws in Seismicity

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Outline

- motivation
- examples
- existence & shape
- multifractality
- optimal spatial scaling

Scale free distributions

- power laws: GR, Omori
- unified scaling laws (Bak et al, 2002)

ξ_Δ - statistics

Δ - scale (space or time or both)

$\exists a_\Delta : a_\Delta \xi_\Delta$ is independent of Δ



p.d.f. of $\xi_\Delta = a_\Delta f(a_\Delta x)$

where $f(x) = \text{p.d.f. of } \eta = a_\Delta \xi_\Delta$

$$a_\Delta = c/E \xi_\Delta$$

Reasons for consideraton:

- evidence of complex spatio-temporal behaviour of seismic regime
- a tool for
 - = renormalization of precursors
 - de-clustering of EQ catalogs
- understanding of limits in predictability

Problems

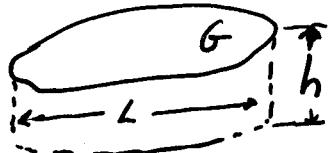
- existence of unified scaling laws
- shape
- real scale range
- new information contained in a unified law

Examples

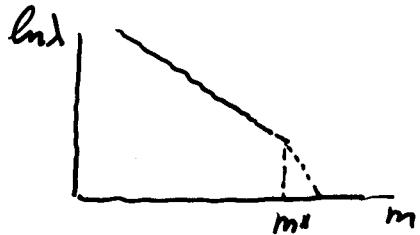
The Gutenberg-Richter law

$$\text{rate of } \{M > m\} \text{ in } G = \lambda_G(m)$$
$$= A_G 10^{-Bm}$$

limitation: EQ linear size $\ll \min(L, h)$



Evidence:

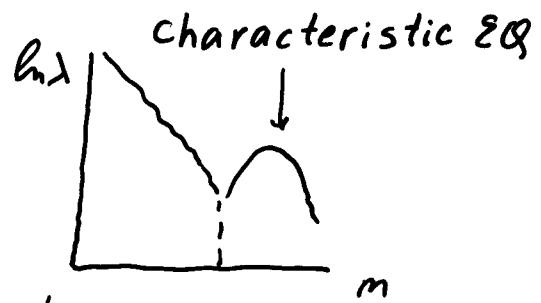


$m^* = 6$ Mid-Atlantic Ridge, $h = 10 \text{ km}$

$m^* = 7.5$ Subduction zone, $h = 60 \text{ km}$

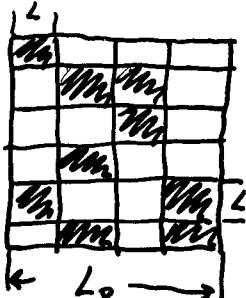
$m^* = ?$ Aftershocks

Success in { $m \geq 7.5$
prediction { strongest aftershock



some segments
of $L = 100 - 150 \text{ km}$
in California

Fractality of epicenters



$\lambda(dg)$ - rate of events of $M > m_c$ in an area dg

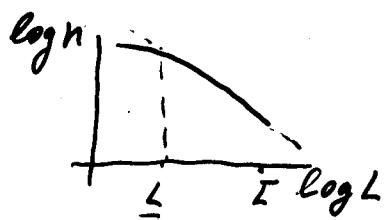
$$\blacksquare - \lambda(L \times L) > 0$$

$$\times \{ \blacksquare \} = n_L$$

Definition: d_f is the Box-dimention of support of measure $\lambda(dg)$

if

$$\log n_L \simeq d_f \log L_0 / L, L \ll 1$$



$$\text{California: } d_f = \begin{cases} 1.8 & m > 2 \quad L = 10-100 \text{ km} \\ ? & m > 3.5 \\ < 1 \text{ (apriori)} & m > 6 \end{cases}$$

Other estimations: 1.6 (Corral) $L = 100-1000$
1.2 (Kagan, Kossobokov)

Consequence (Keilis-Borok et al, 1989)

$$\langle \lambda(L \times L) \rangle \approx \text{const } 10^{-6m} (L/L_0)^{d_f}$$

\uparrow
 $\lambda > 0$

Problems: range of L

d_f is not unique ; $d_f = d_f(m) - ?$

Correlation of events

Baiesi & Paczuski, 2004

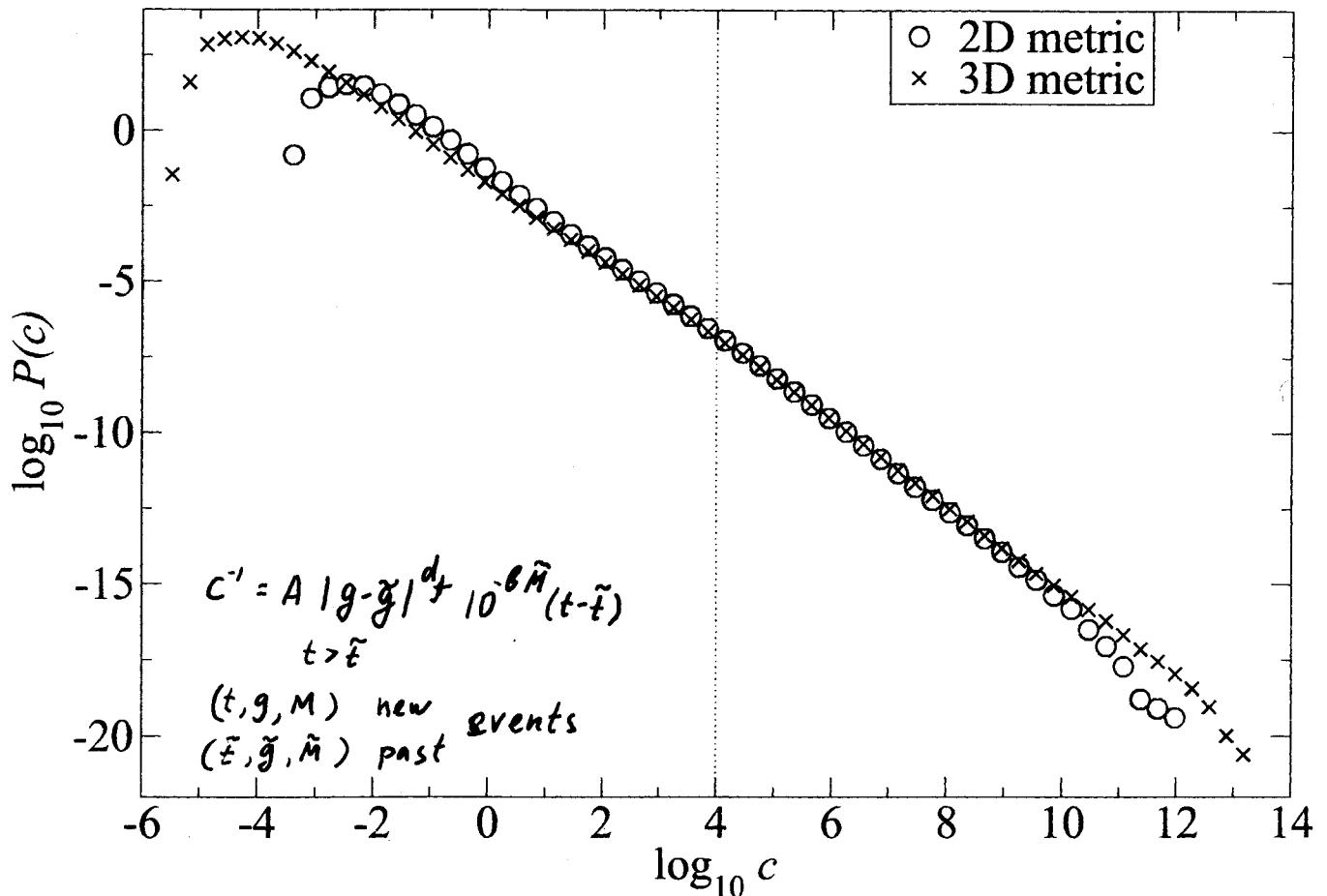
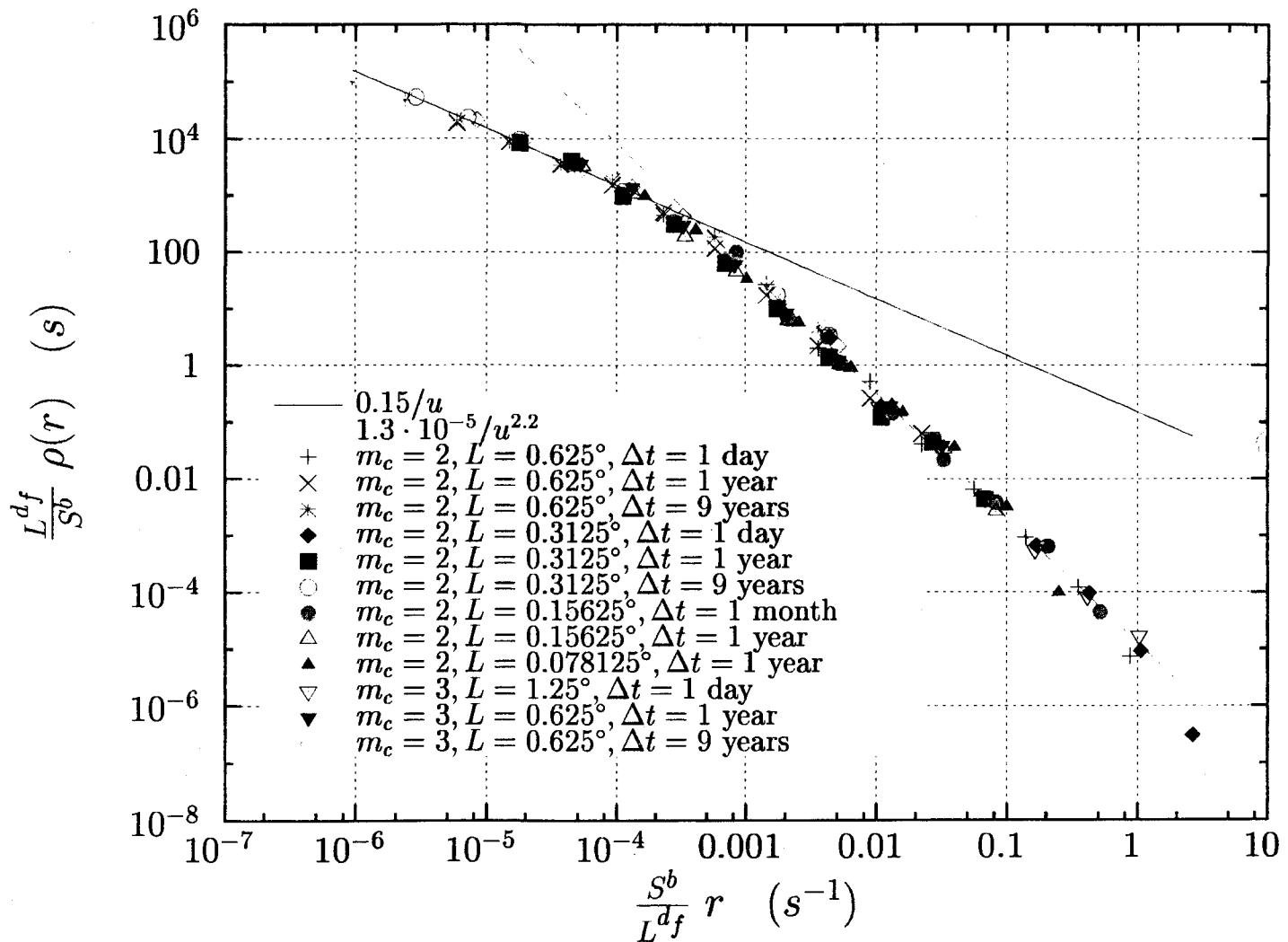


FIG. 2: The probability distribution of the correlation, c , between all earthquake pairs in the data base, with $m_< = 3$, using both the 2D metric and the 3D one. They are scale free distributions over many orders of magnitude. The threshold $c_< = 10^4$ where correlations are considered significant and links are made is indicated in the figure. Note that, with that threshold, most links are eliminated from the network, giving a reduced data set to examine seismic properties.

$$[g] \text{ meter}, [t] \text{ sec}, \lg A = -4(1 + \dim g)$$

Unified scaling law for rate, $\lambda(dg)$
 (California) Corral, 2003



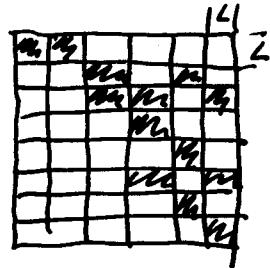
Scaled distributions of rates, $\lambda(L \times L) / a_L$,
 for several Δt , L , and m_c .

$$d_f = 1.6, b = 0.95$$

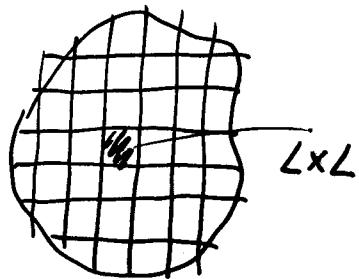
$$a_L = 10^{-8} m \left(\frac{L}{L_0}\right)^{d_f}$$

$$\Delta L = 8-140 \text{ km}$$

$$\Delta t = 1 \text{ day - 9 years}$$



Waiting-time distribution: unified law by Bak et al (2002)



Statistics $\bar{\tau}_L$: time between consecutive EQs
of $M > m_c$ in a random cell $L \times L$

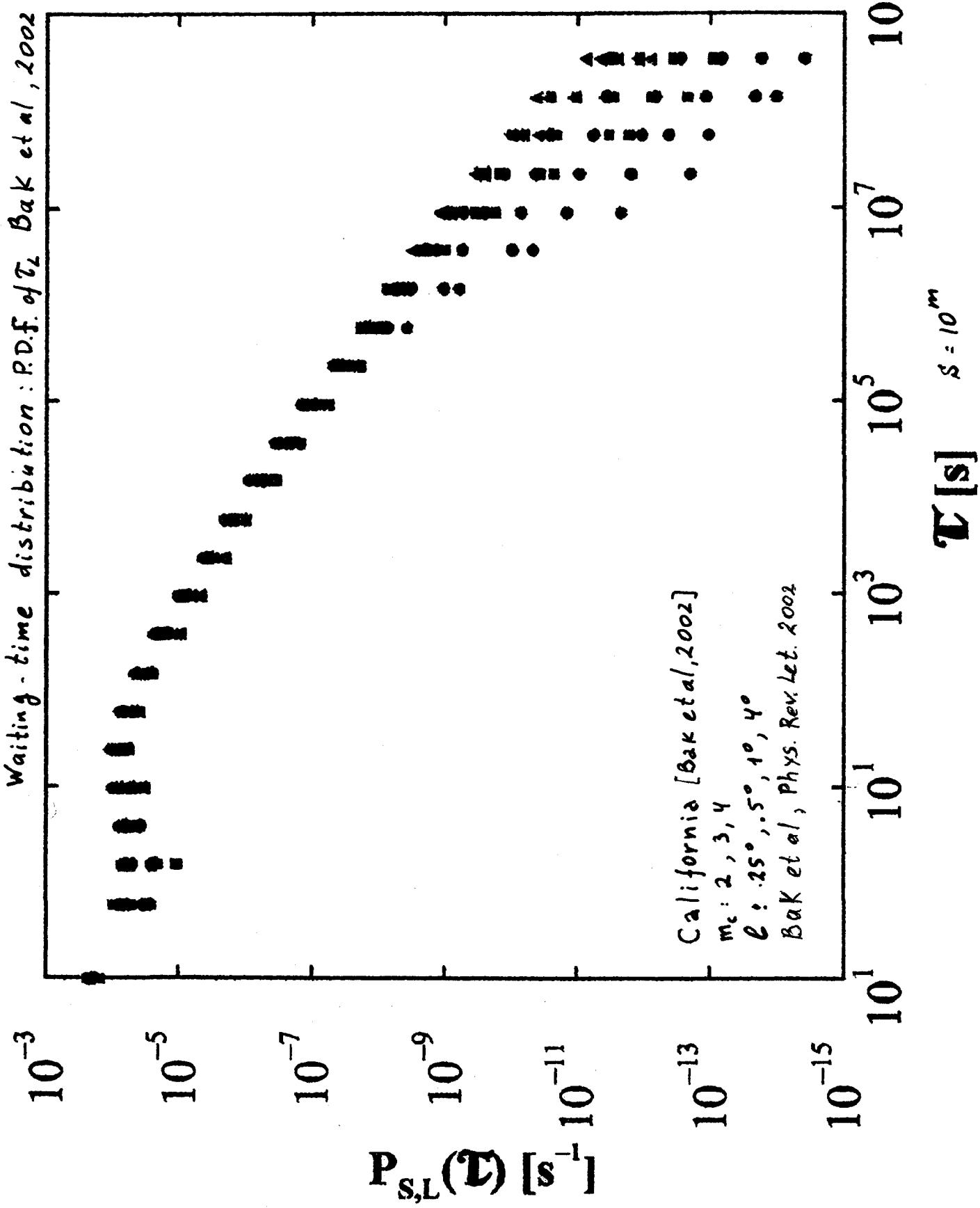
$$\text{Prob}\{\text{cell } L \times L\} = \lambda(L \times L) / \lambda(G)$$

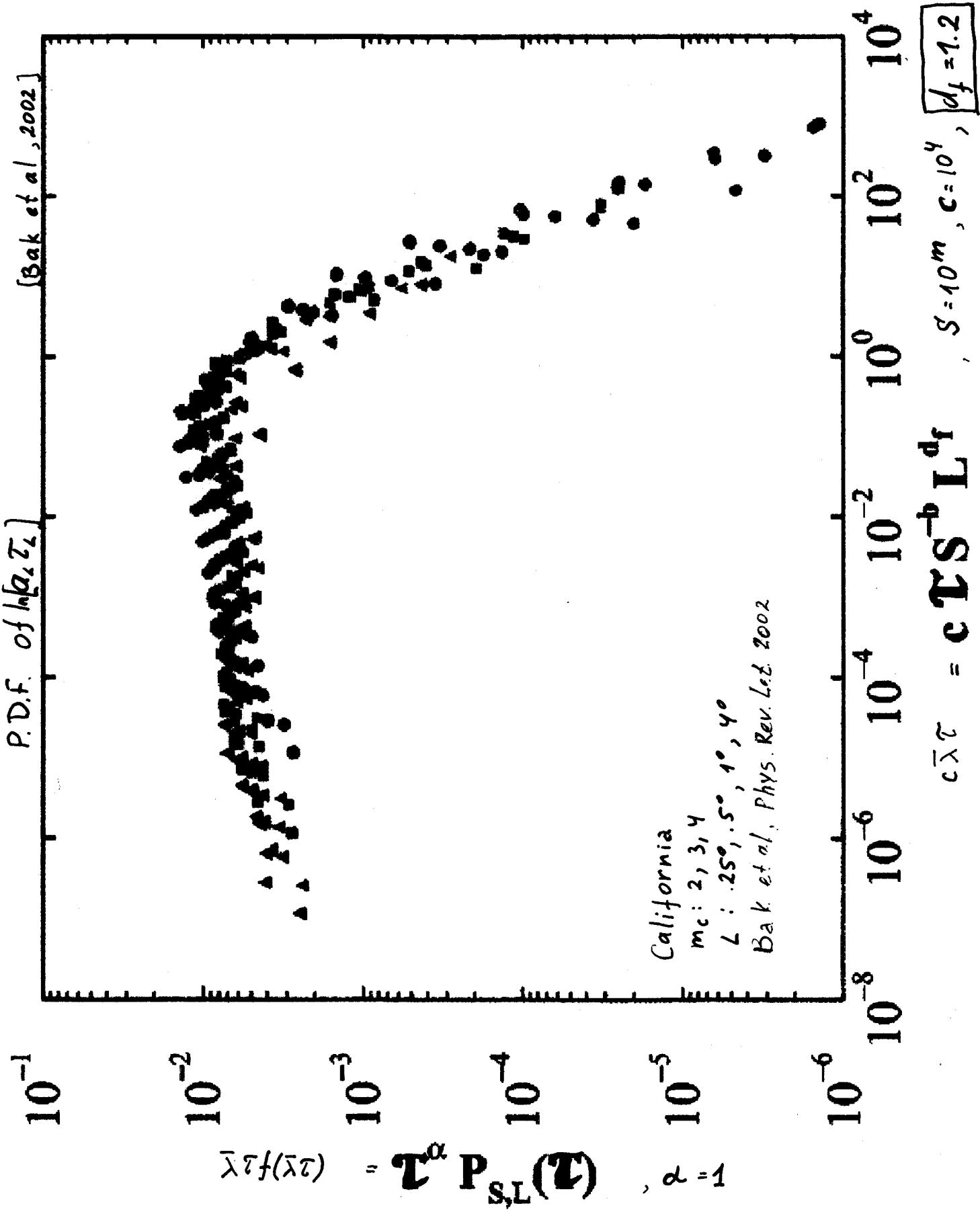
Normalization: $E a_L \bar{\tau}_L = 1$

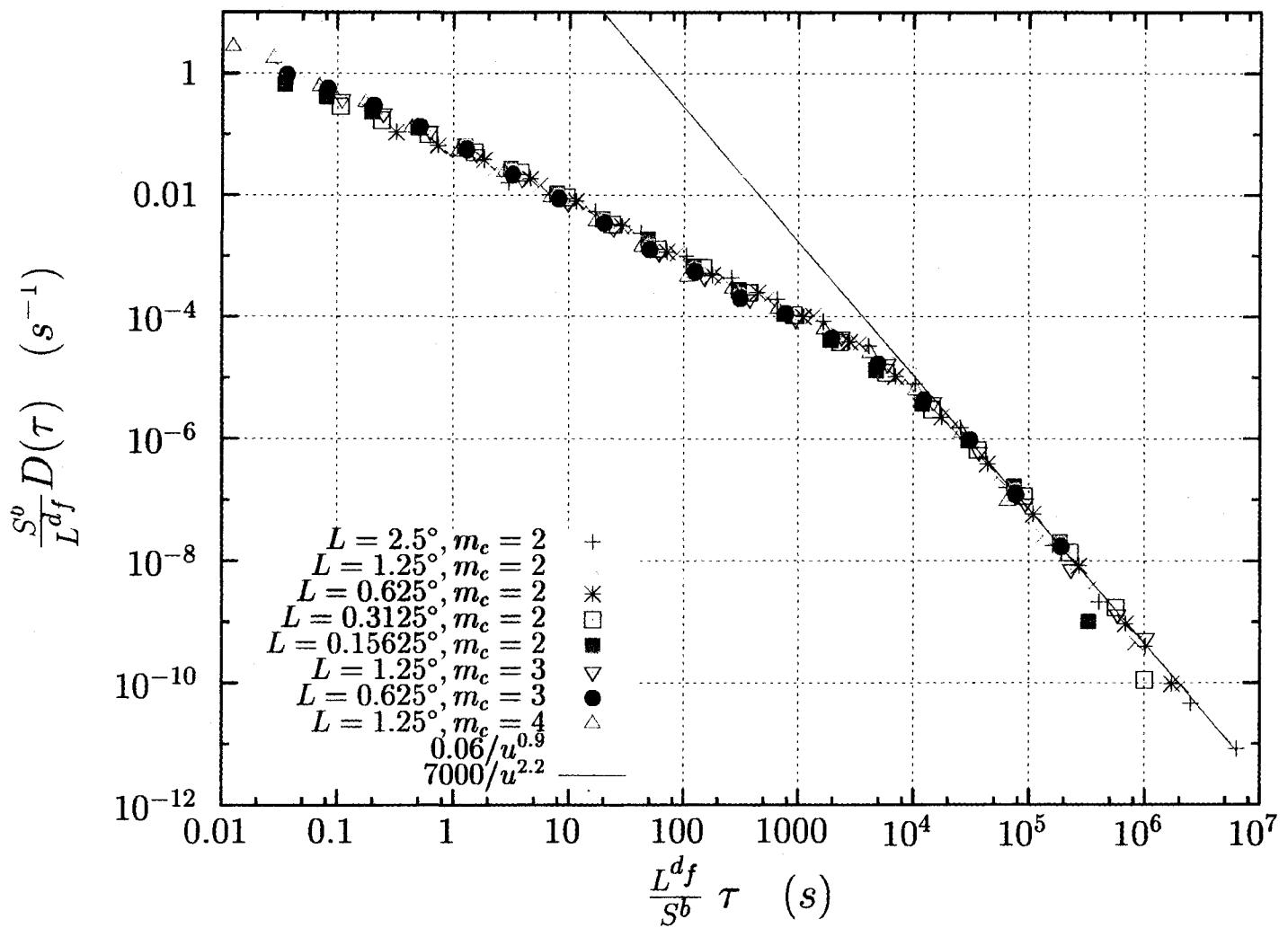
$$a_L = \langle \lambda(L \times L) \rangle = c 10^{-Bm_f} \left(\frac{L}{L_0}\right)^{d_f}$$

d_f - ?

Waiting-time distribution : P.D.F. of τ_2 Bak et al., 2002







Scaled distributions of τ_L (Corral, Phys. Rev E 68, 2003)

$$d_f = 1.6, b = 0.95, \tau > 38s$$

$\Delta L = 15 - 250 \text{ km}$

$\Delta m_c = 2-4$

5° Unified Scaling Law by Bak

Bak's philosophy applied to EQs:

Don't care about

- the tectonic environment

(a subdivision of seismogenic region is independent of it.)

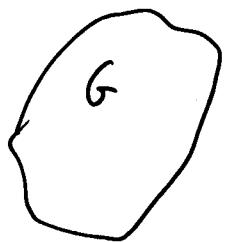
- after-, for- or main-shocks

(there is nothing in the seismograms that differentiates these events)

- space and temporal heterogeneity

Waiting-time distribution:

Universal scaling law by Corral



statistics $\bar{\tau}_G$: time between consecutive EQs
of $M > m$ in a region G

Normalization: $E a_c \bar{\tau}_L = 1$

$$a_c \propto 10^{-8m} (L/L_0)^d$$

Unified scaling law by Corral

Corral, Phys Rev E 68 (2003)

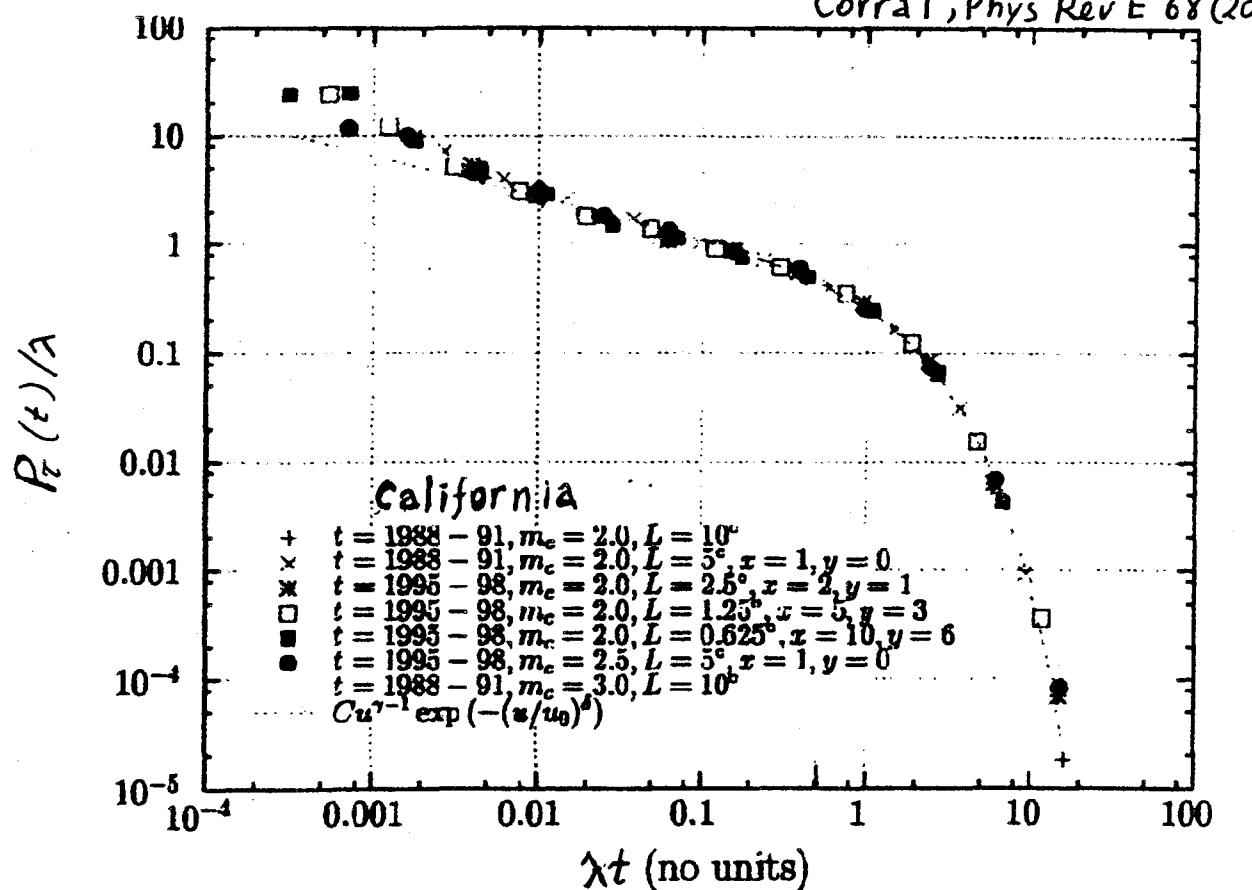
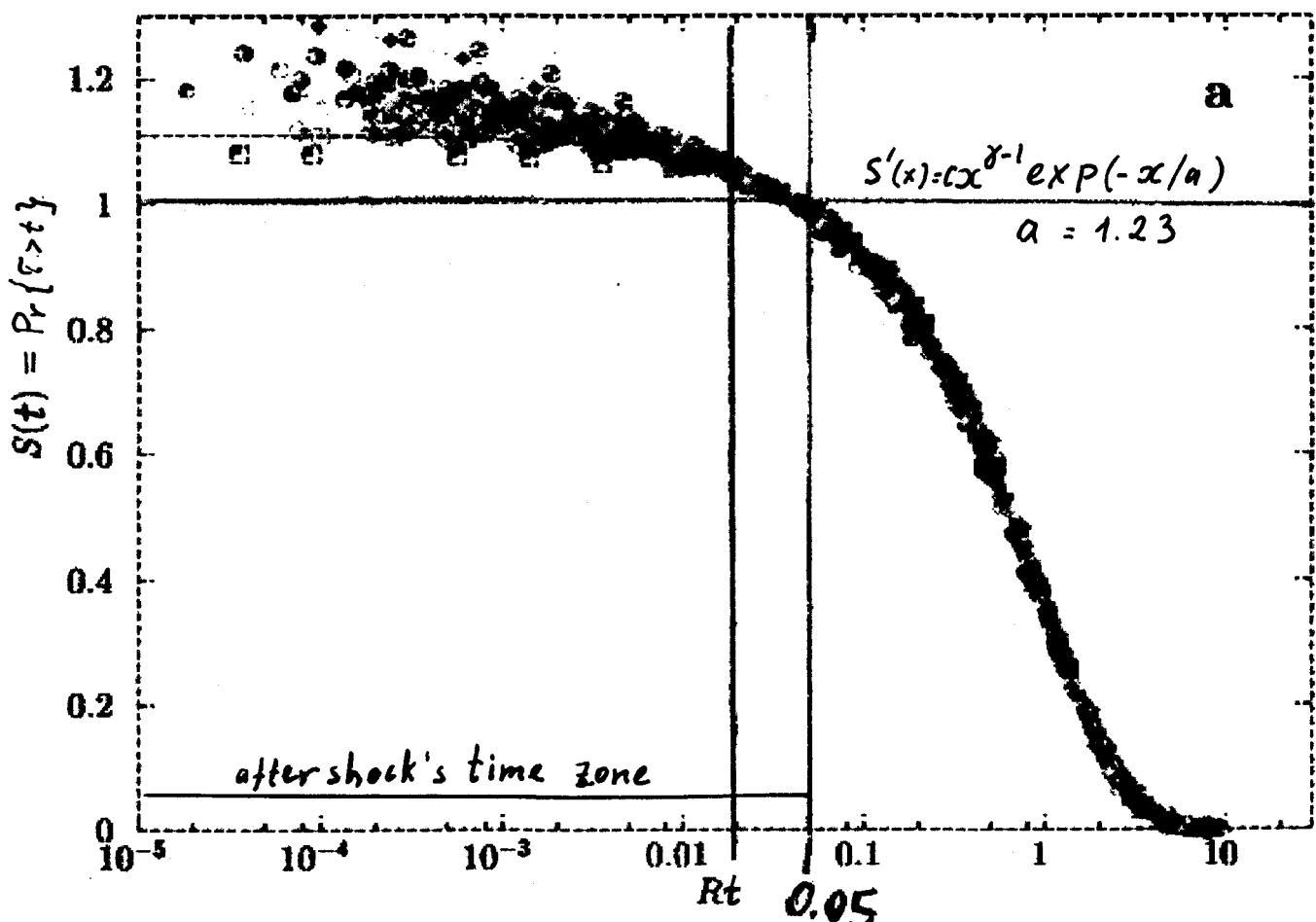
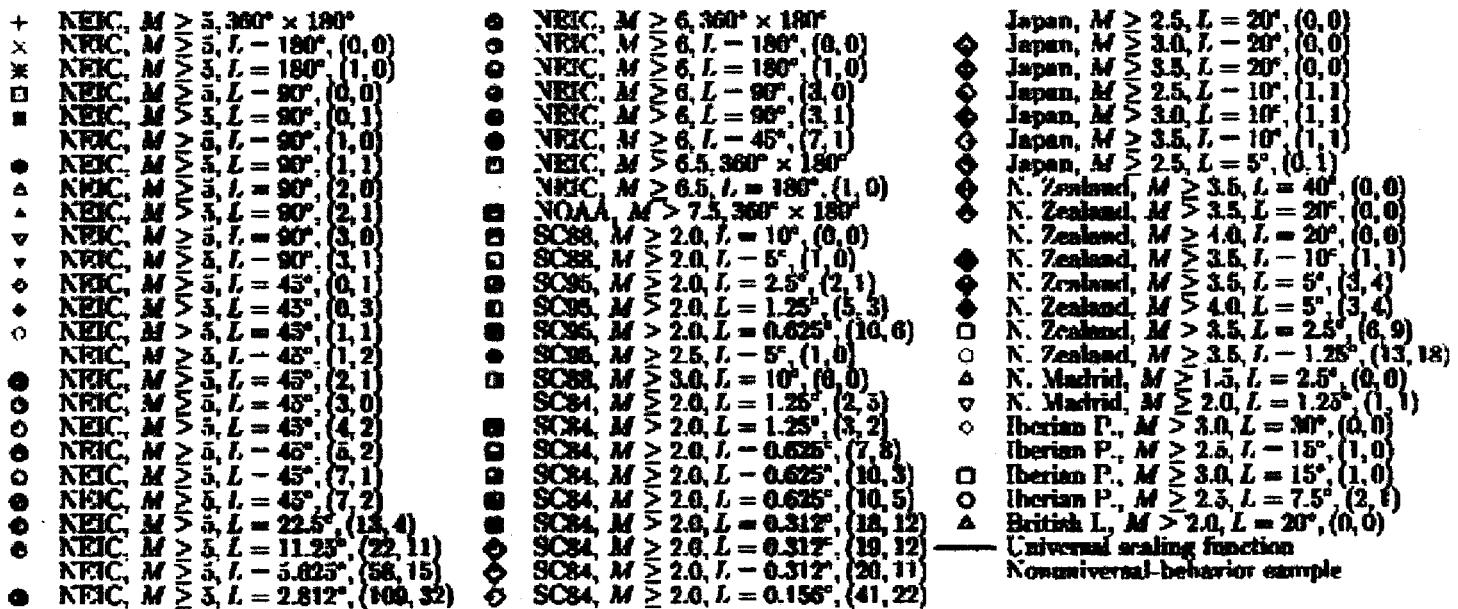


FIG. 1. Local distributions of interoccurrence times for several stationary periods and different regions, after scaling by the rate.

Catalog: NEIC, SC: 88,95 ; Japan, N.Zeland, N.Madrid, Iberian, British
 $m : 2, 2.5, 3.5, 5, 6$

$L : 15^\circ, 31^\circ, 62^\circ, 1.25^\circ, 2.8^\circ, 5.6^\circ, 11.2^\circ, 22.5^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, 180^\circ$



Theoretical Results (Molchan, 2005)

1^o The Shape of Corral's universal scaling law

If there are two areas with independent seismicity then

a universal p.d.f. of τ_λ , $E\tau_\lambda = 1$, is exponential

more exactly:

$$G_1 \cup G_2 = G_0$$

$N_i(dt)$ - stationary sequence of events $i \in G_i$

$$N_0 = N_1 + N_2$$

If

- N_1 and N_2 are stochastically independent (!)
- the rescaled τ -distribution for G_i , $i=0,1,2$ are the same with p.d.f. $f(x)$
- $f(x) \propto x^{-\theta}$, $0 < \theta < 1$, $x \ll 1$

then

$$f(x) = \exp(-x)$$

Conclusion: observed $f(x) \neq \exp(-x)$



Corral's universal scaling law
can't exist in the whole range of time

2° Main peculiarities of the rescaled $\bar{\tau}_G$ distribution

In the general Poissonian cluster model

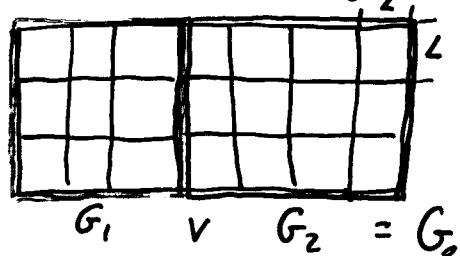
With Omori law $\Lambda(t) \propto t^{-\alpha}$, $t \ll 1$

$$\text{p.d.f. of } a_G \bar{\tau}_G(t) \propto \begin{cases} \exp(-t/a) & t \gg 1 \\ \Lambda(t) & t \ll 1 \end{cases} (*)$$

where a is fraction of main events among all seismic events

- (*) is supported by observations
- What other information can be extracted from the "universal" law by Corral!

3° Unified scaling law by Bak



$$\bar{\tau}_L(G_i) = \tau_L(\text{random } L \times L \text{ cell in } G_i)$$

$$a_L(G_i) = \langle \lambda(L \times L) \rangle, L \times L \subset G_i, \lambda > 0$$

- If $\bar{\tau}_L(G_i) a_L(G_i), i=0,1,2$ have the same distribution then $a_L(G_1) = a_L(G_2)$ (!)

- if unified scaling law by Bak holds for G and $\lambda(\tilde{G})$ continuously depends on subarea \tilde{G} then

$$\lambda(dg) = c|dg| \text{ is homogeneous}$$

Conclusion: the observed $\lambda(dg)$ is non-homogeneous

↓
the scaling law by Bak can hold
approximately only

Spatial scaling of seismicity rate

$\lambda(L \times L)$ is rate of $\{M > m_c\}$ in cell $L \times L$

Scaling:

$$\lambda(L \times L) \propto L^{+d}$$

$$\tau(L \times L) = O(1/\lambda(L \times L)) \propto L^{-d}$$

Practice: $d = d_0$ (Box dimension)

d_2 (correlation dim)

d_p (generalized dim)

by Grassberger- Procaccia)

Problem: which d is better?

Example (Pisarenko 1996)

If $\lambda(dg)$ is a sample of a random Levy measure

of index $0 < \alpha < 1$ then

$$P(\lambda(L \times L)/L^{2/\alpha} < x)$$

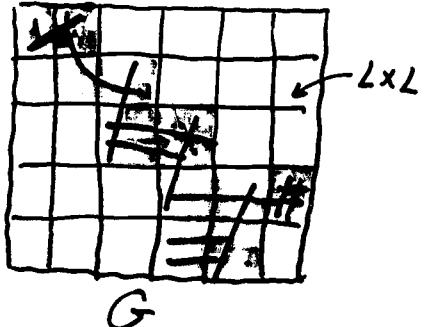
is independent of L , i.e. $d = 2/\alpha > 2$

Here $E\lambda(L \times L) = \infty$!

$d_p \neq \text{const} \Leftrightarrow \lambda(dg)$ - multifractal measure
 ? ?

The rate $\lambda(dg)$ as a multifractal

1° Box-dimension of set $S = \text{support of } \lambda(dg)$



$$\square \cap S \neq \emptyset$$

$$n(\zeta) = \#\{ \text{cell of type } \square \}$$

$$\log n(\zeta) \simeq -d_0 \log \zeta, \zeta \rightarrow 0$$

$$d_0 = \text{B-dim}(S)$$

H-dim (Hausdorff dimension) is more strict analogue of B-dim

2° Singularity of type α / Hölder's exponents

$g \in L \times L$



$$\log \lambda(L \times L) \approx \alpha \log L, \quad L \rightarrow 0$$



$$\alpha = 2$$



$$\alpha = 1$$



$$\alpha = 0$$

$$S_\alpha = \{g : g \text{ is of type } \alpha\}$$

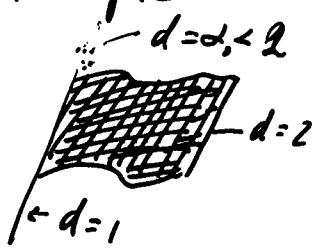
3° $\lambda(dg)$ is multifractal if

$$S = \{\text{support of } \lambda(dg)\} = \bigcup S_\alpha, \quad S_\alpha \neq \emptyset$$

Multifractal Spectrum: $(\alpha, f(\alpha))$

$$f(\alpha) = \dim S_\alpha$$

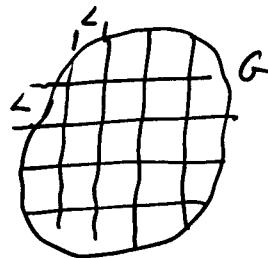
Example



trivial mixture of
mono fractals
(no similarity)
 $f(d) = d, \alpha = \alpha_0, 1, 2$

4^o $\tau(q)$ function

Renyi function



$$R_L(q) = \sum_{\lambda > 0} \left[\frac{\lambda(L \times L)}{\lambda(G)} \right]^q \quad |q| < \infty$$

$$\log R_L(q) \underset{L \rightarrow 0}{\approx} \underline{\underline{\tau(q) \log L}}, \quad L \rightarrow 0$$

Multifractal formalism:

$$\tau(q) = \min_{\alpha} (q\alpha - f(\alpha)) := \mathcal{L}f$$

If $\tau(q)$ is strictly concave and smooth
then

$$f(\alpha) = \min_q (q\alpha - \tau(q)) := \mathcal{L}\tau$$

(\mathcal{L} - the Legendre transformation)

- $\min_q \rightarrow \alpha = \dot{\tau}(q) \rightarrow \alpha$ is unique (monofractal)
if $\tau(q) = \alpha(q-1)$ is linear
- Box-counting method give $H\text{-dim}(S_\alpha)$!

5° The Renyi dimensions /
the generalized Grassberger-Procaccia dimensions

$$d_q = \frac{\tau(q)}{q-1} = \frac{\tau(q) - \tau(1)}{q-1} = \underline{\dot{\tau}(q^*)}$$

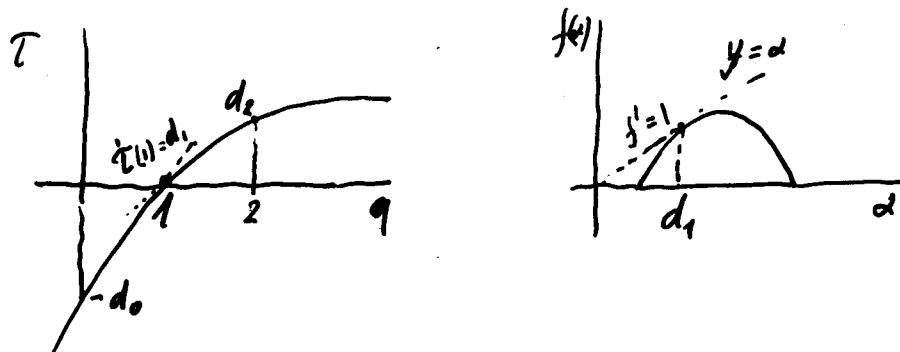
Hölder's exponent

$d_0 = -\tau(0)$ - Box-dim

$d_1 = \dot{\tau}(1)$ - the information dimension

$d_2 = \tau(2)$ - the correlation dimension

Typical τ, f functions

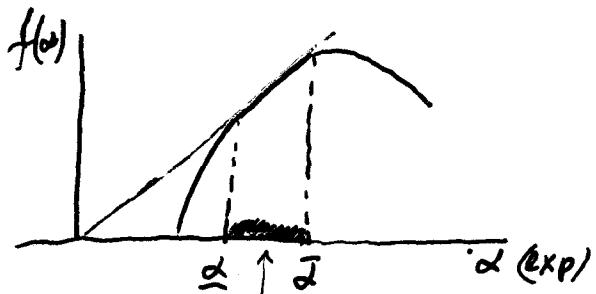


- $d_0 \geq d_1 \geq d_2 \dots, d_p +$

6° Hölder's exponents vs dimensions

(Young, 1982) If $\lambda(S'_\alpha) > 0$ then
 $\alpha = \text{H-dim } S'_\alpha = f(\alpha)$

(dim) i.e. $f(\alpha) < \alpha \Rightarrow \lambda(S'_\alpha) = 0$



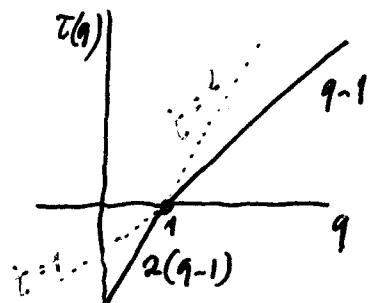
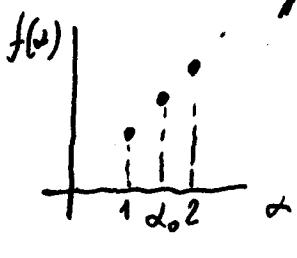
$$\underline{\alpha} = \bar{\tau}(1+) \quad \bar{\alpha} = \bar{\tau}(1-)$$

dimensions of
the support of $\lambda(dg)$
 exponents related to

Example



mixture of monofractals



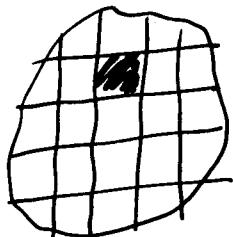
no information
 on d_α :
 $1 < d_\alpha < 2$

- $\bar{\tau}(1)$ exists $\Rightarrow d_0, d_1$ are dimensions of $\text{supp } \lambda(dg)$
 other d_p are Hölder's exponents

Problems:

- multifractality of real seismicity, i.e.
 $\tau(q) \neq d_0(q-1)$ (evidence)
- optimal scaling of $\lambda(L \times L)$ and $\tau(L \times L)$
 for random cell $L \times L$ under multifractal condition

Random cell $L \times L$:



$\blacksquare - L \times L$

$$\Pr(\blacksquare) = c_p [\lambda(L \times L)]^p, p \geq 0$$

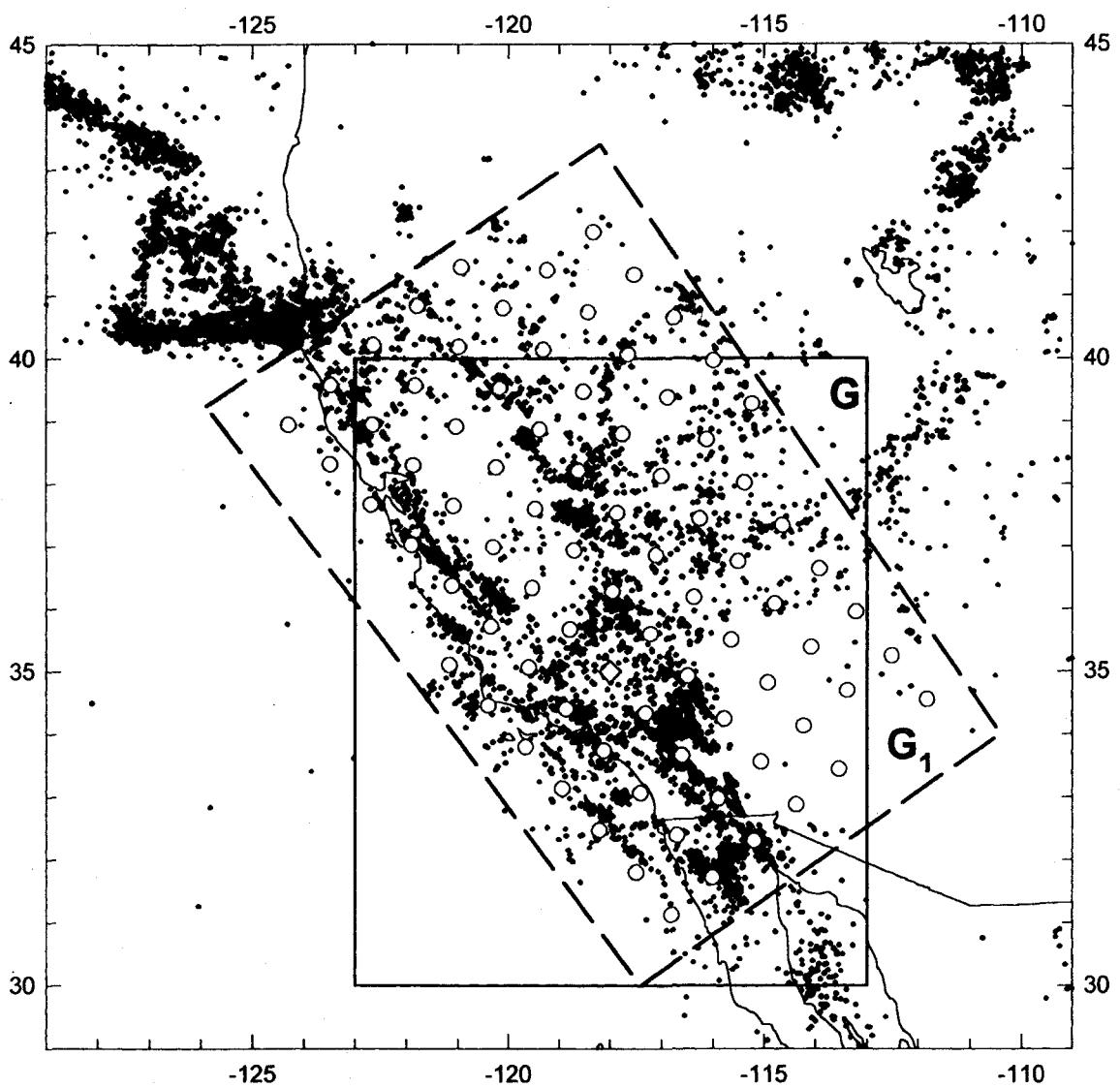
$$1/c_p = \sum [\lambda(L \times L)]^p = R_L(p)/[\lambda(G)]^p$$

$p=1$ - the Bak's case

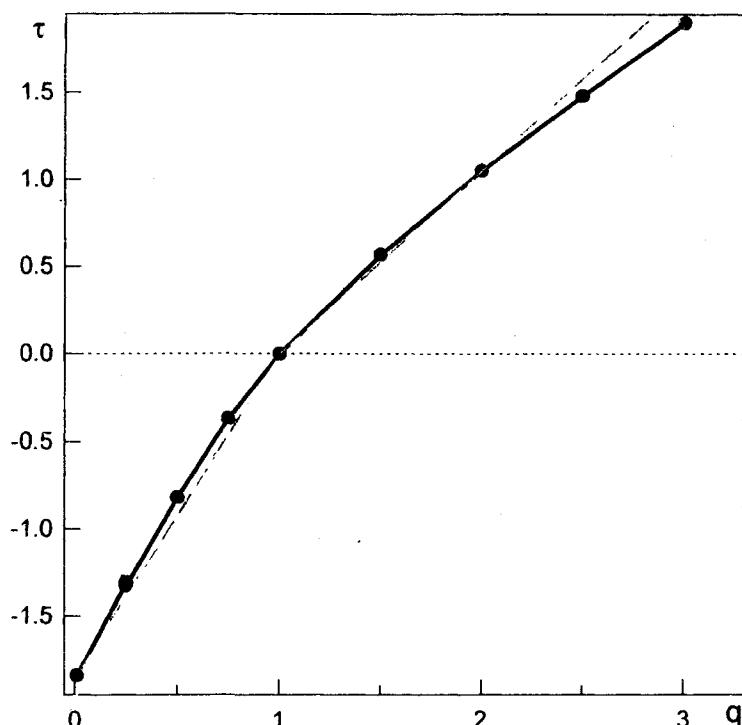
$p=0$ - the case of generalized G-R law

$$\langle \lambda(L \times L) \rangle = \frac{1}{n_L} \sum_{\lambda > 0} \lambda(L \times L)$$

and of distribution of $\{\lambda(L \times L)\}$



California: seismic events with $M \geq 3$ (·); grid of spacing $L=100$ km (\circ)
centered at (rombus); the main (G) and alternative (G₁) rectangular
seismic region for dimension computations



Tau-function for $M \geq 2$ events in region G; it is based on the interval of scales $\Delta L = (10, 100)$ km. The broken straight line of two segments
is $\tau(q)$ for a bi-fractal

with the observed dimensions d_0 and d_2 .

$$d_0 = 1.8 \pm 0.1; d_1 = 1.35 \pm 0.05 \quad d_2 = 1.1 \pm 0.05$$

Evaluation of $\tau(q)$

$$\log R_L(q) \simeq \tau(q) \log L$$

Problem: find the range of scale (L, L^*)
 with stable slope in
 $(\log R_L(q), \log L)$

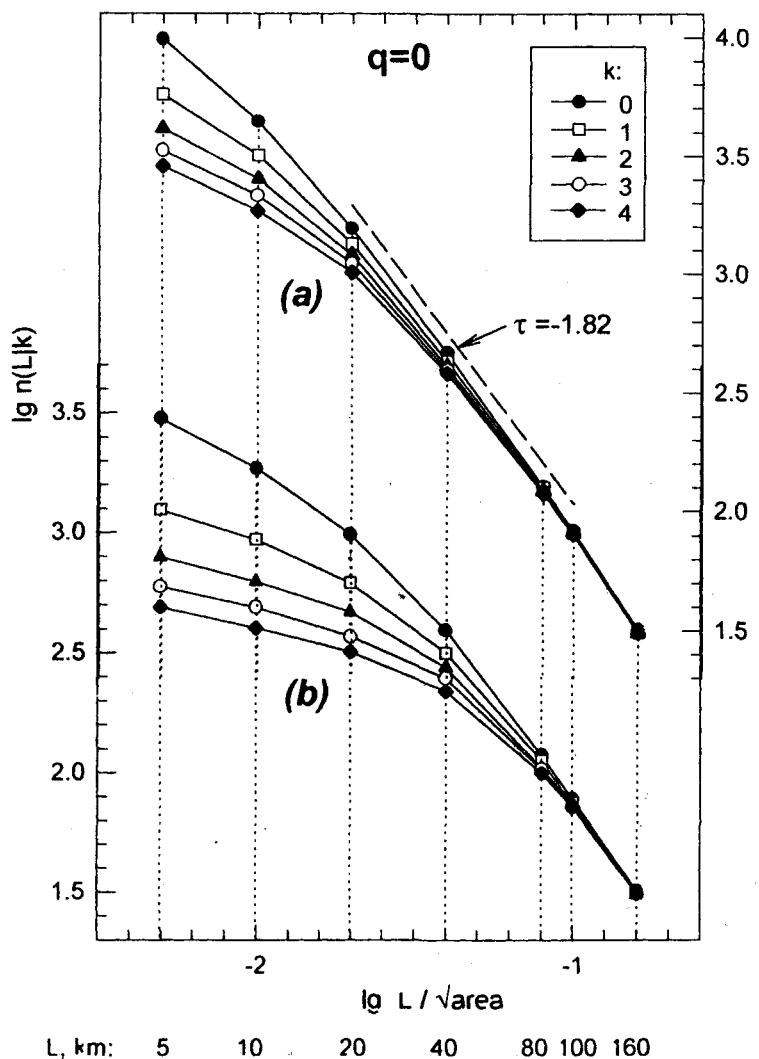
Idea: isolated points in support of
 $\lambda(dg)$ do not affect its
 multifractal spectrum



use cell $L \times L$ with $\star \epsilon q_s > k = 0, 1, 2 \dots$

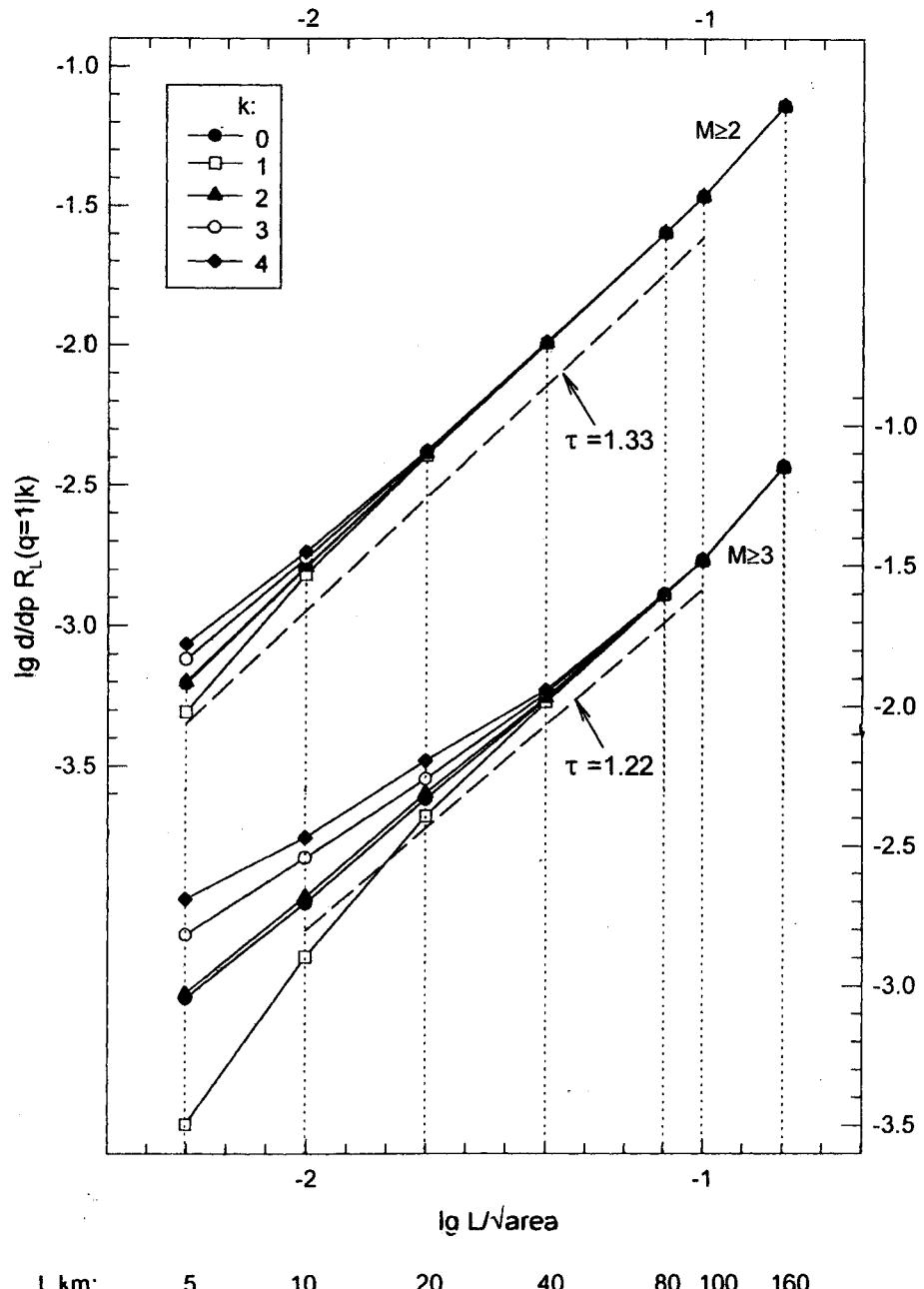
$$\downarrow \\ L > L_*$$

- $n_L \geq 100 \Rightarrow L < L^*$



Data for estimating the box dimension $d_0 = -\tau(0)$
based on $M \geq 2$ events (a) and $M \geq 3$ events (b).

The vertical axis shows the number of $L \times L$ cells, $n(L|k)$, that have numbers of events greater than k , $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$. The dashed line shows both the slope $\tau(0)$ and the interval of scales ΔL for estimation of d_0 by least squares using $n(L|0)$.



Data for estimating the information dimension α_1 from $M \geq 2$ (a) and $M \geq 3$ (b) events

The vertical axis shows the derivatives $d/dq R_L(q=1|k)$ for $k=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$
where R_L is the modified Renyi function.

The dashed line shows both the slope d , and the interval of scales ΔL
for estimation of slope by least squares.

Weighed means of $\lambda(L \times L)$ and $\tau(L \times L)$:
Scaling

$$W^{(p)}(L \times L) = [\lambda(L \times L)]^p \cdot c_p \quad - \text{weigh of cell } L \times L$$

$$1^\circ \quad \langle \lambda(L \times L) \rangle_p = \sum_{\lambda > 0} \lambda(L \times L) \cdot W^{(p)}(L \times L) \sim L^d$$

$$d = \bar{\tau}(p+1) - \bar{\tau}(p) = \begin{cases} d_0 & p=0 \\ d_1 & p=1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{California} \\ 1.8 \end{matrix}$$

$$2^\circ \quad \langle \tau(L \times L) \rangle_p = \sum \lambda'(L \times L) W^{(p)}(L \times L) \sim L^{\tilde{d}}$$

$$\tilde{d} = |\bar{\tau}(p+1) - \bar{\tau}(p)| = \begin{cases} |\bar{\tau}(-1)| - d_0 & p=0 \\ d_0 & p=1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \geq 2 \\ 1.8 \end{matrix}$$

$$3^\circ \quad d[\langle \lambda \rangle_p] \leq \bar{\tau}(p+0) \leq \bar{\tau}(p-0) \leq d[\langle \tau \rangle_p]$$

Hint

$$\langle \lambda^\varepsilon(L \times L) \rangle_p = \lambda^\varepsilon(G) R_L(p+\varepsilon) / R_L(p)$$

$$\sim L^{\bar{\tau}(p+\varepsilon) - \bar{\tau}(p)}$$

Optimal spatial scaling of $\tau(L \times L)$ and $\lambda(L \times L)$

Statistics $\bar{\tau}_L$: time between consecutive Eqs
of $M > m_c$ in W_p -random cell $L \times L$

$$\xi_L = L^d \bar{\tau}_L, d - ?$$

Statistics λ_L : rate of W_p -random cell $L \times L$

$$\xi_L = L^{-d} \lambda_L, d - ?$$

d is inadmissible if

$\xi_{L_i}, L_i \rightarrow \infty$ can have limit (in distribution)
of type 0 or ∞

Problem: find all admissible exponents d

Result All admissible exponents
 in spatial scaling of τ_L and λ_L
 related to w_p -random cell $L \times L$
 are given by unique interval

$$[\dot{\tau}(p+0), \dot{\tau}(p-0)]$$

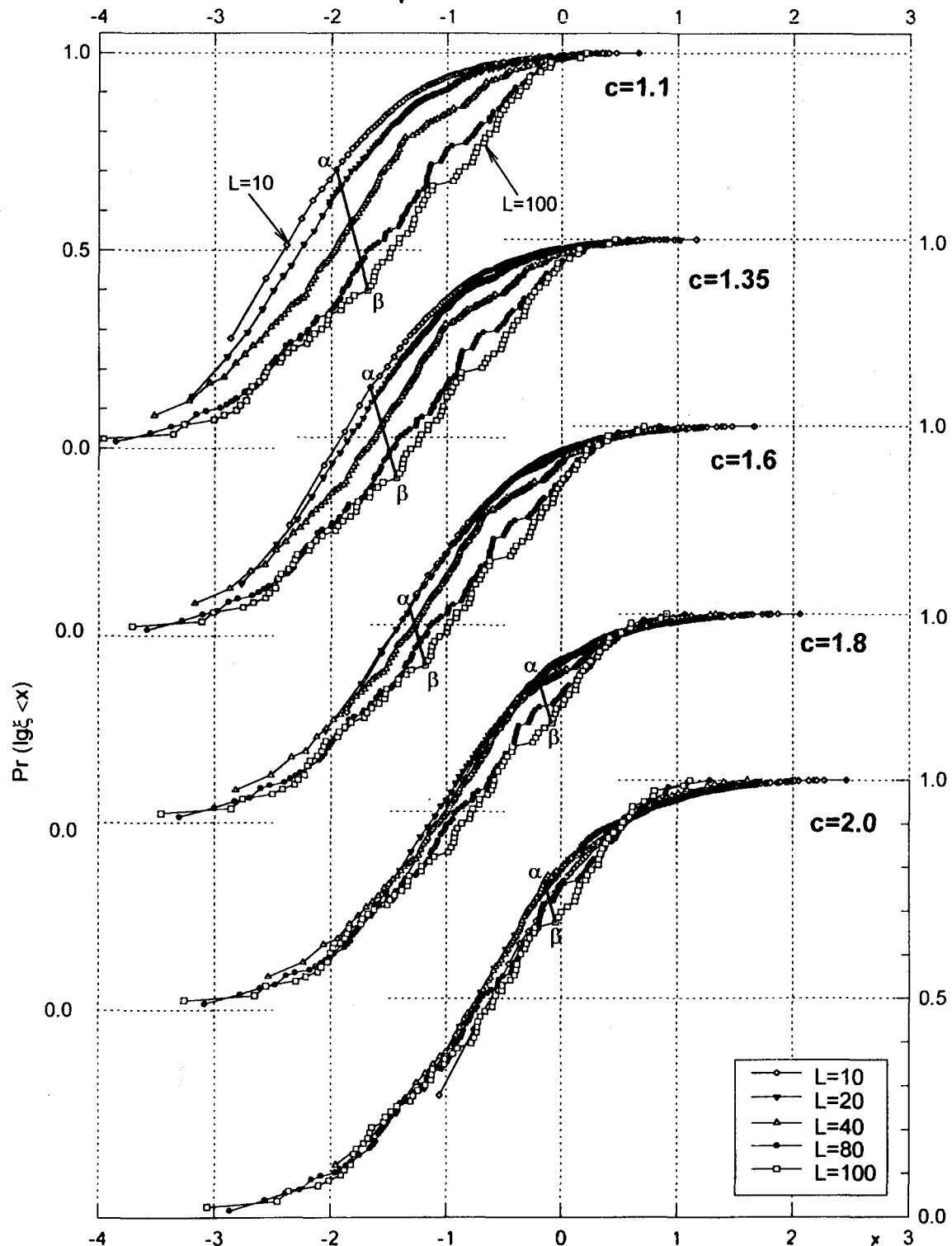
i.e. $d = \dot{\tau}(p)$ if $\dot{\tau}$ exist

$$d = \begin{cases} \dot{\tau}(0) & p=0 \\ d_1 & p=1 \\ \dot{\tau}(2) & p=2 \end{cases}$$

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*Scaling of λ_L , $p=0$
predicted $d=2$*

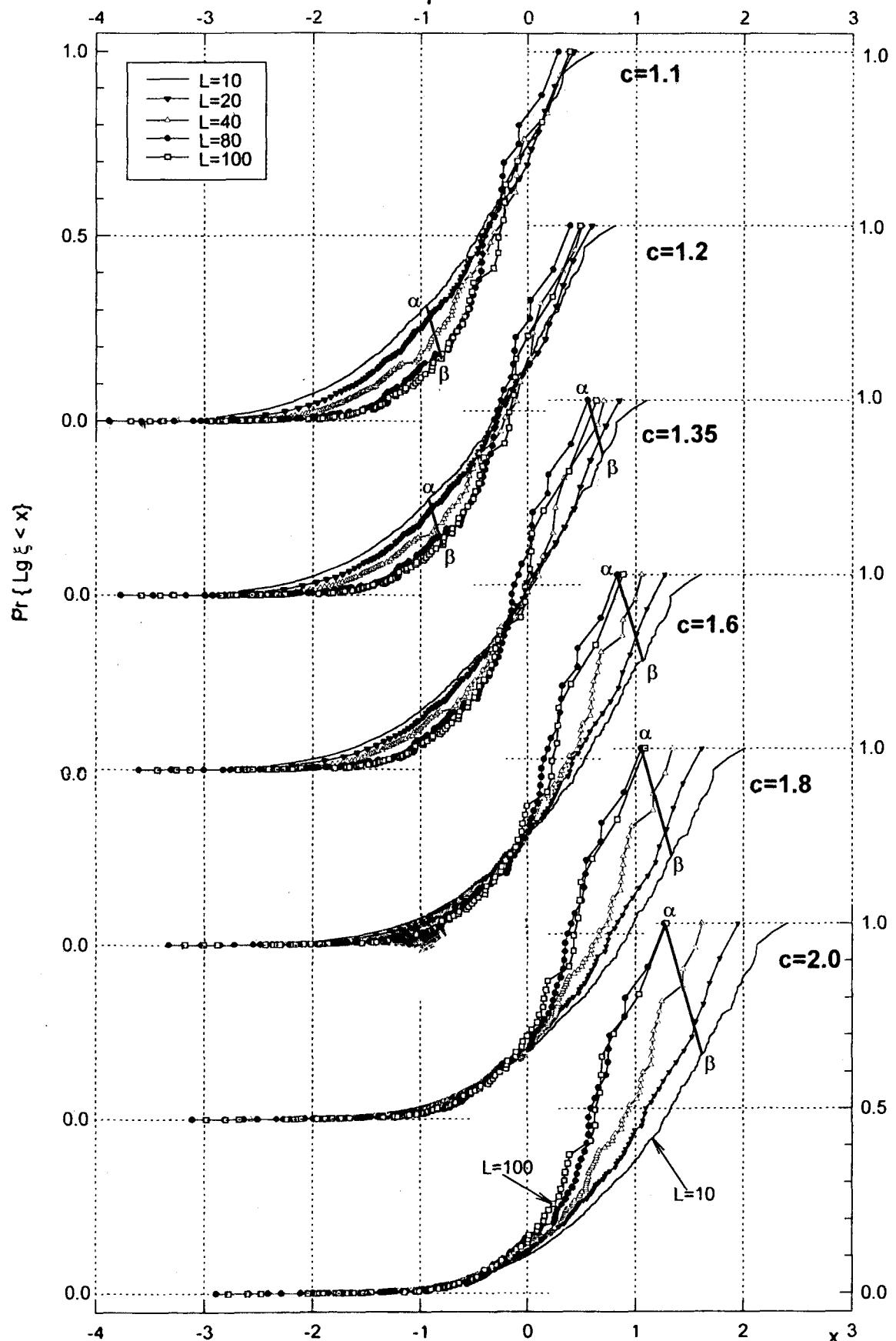


Distribution functions for $\lg \xi_L$ corresponding to the scales $L=10, 20, 40, 80$ and 100 km and to the scaling index $c = 1.1, 1.35, 1.6, 1.8$ and 2.0 .

The segment (α, β) has the slope (-1) , its length provides information on the scatter of the distributions of $\lg \xi_L$ at a fixed c .

The case $p=0$: each $L \times L$ cell enters in the distribution with the same weight

Scaling of λ_L , $p=1$
predicted $d = 1.35$



Distribution functions for $\lg \xi_L$ corresponding to the scales $L=10, 20, 40, 80$ and 100 km and to the scaling index $c=1.1, 1.2, 1.35, 1.6, 1.8$ and 2.0 . The segment (α, β) has the slope (-1) , its length provides information on the scatter of the distributions of $\lg \xi_L$ at a fixed c . The case $p=1$: each $L \times L$ cells enters in the distribution with a weight proportional to the seismicity rate in the cell.

Conclusion

1. Unified scaling laws by Corral and by Bak et al can't exist in strict sense
2. We find a suitable exponents d in the relations

$$T(L \times L) \propto L^d \quad \lambda(L \times L) \propto L^d$$

assuming multifractality of rate $\lambda(dg)$;

d is not unique and depends of a problem,
i.e. d is a parameter in applications

3. We confirm the multifractal property of rate in the range of scale : 10-100 km in California

We do it twice: estimating $T(q)$
and using prediction of exponents
in scaling of T_L and λ_L