

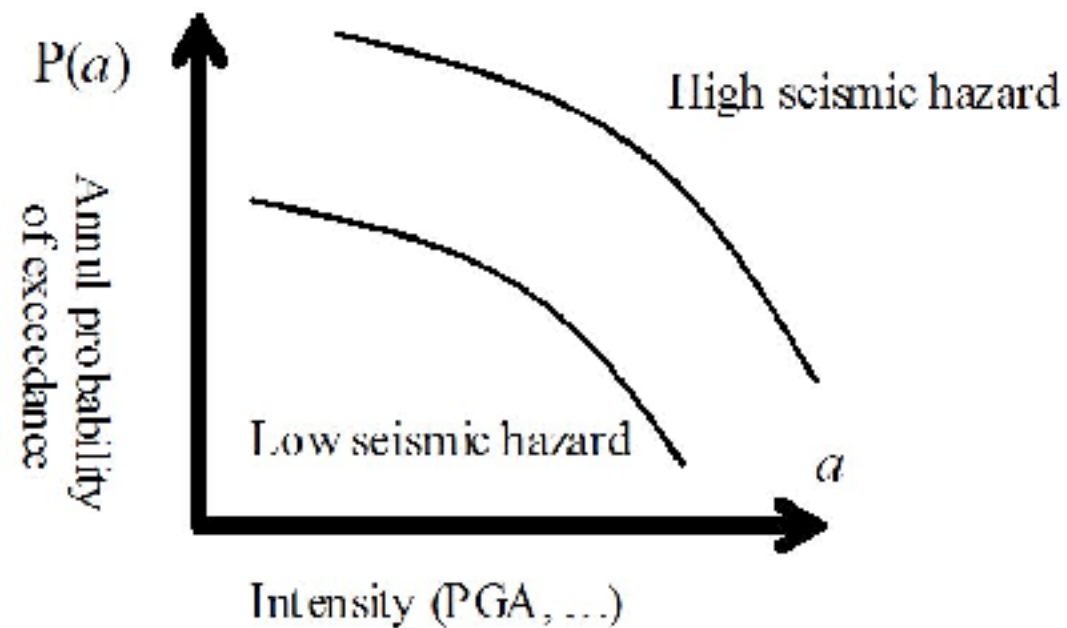
# Turn Fault Data into Seismic-Hazard Models: Assumption & consequences

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# Do we need to model active faults in SHA?

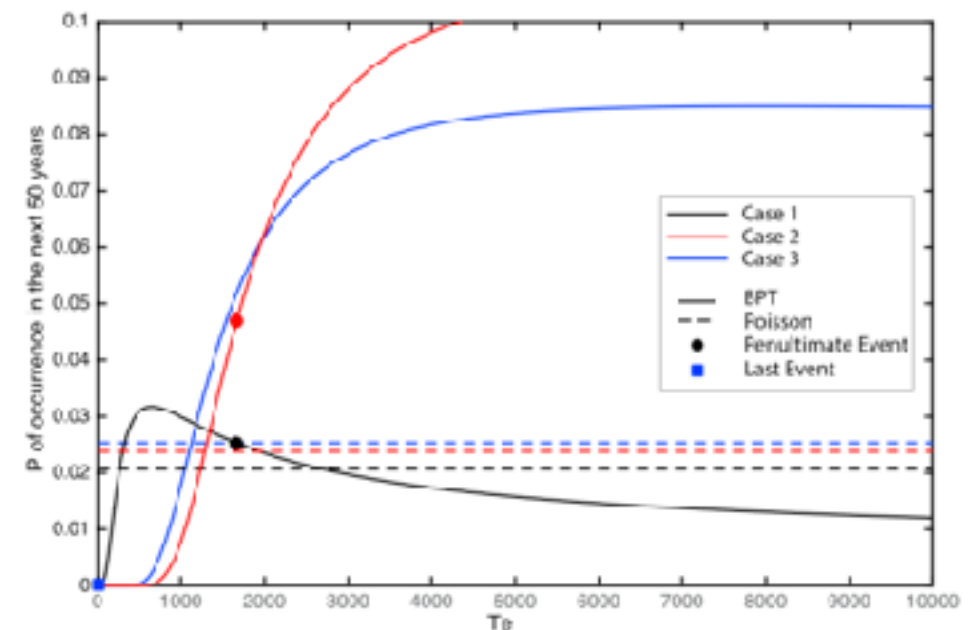
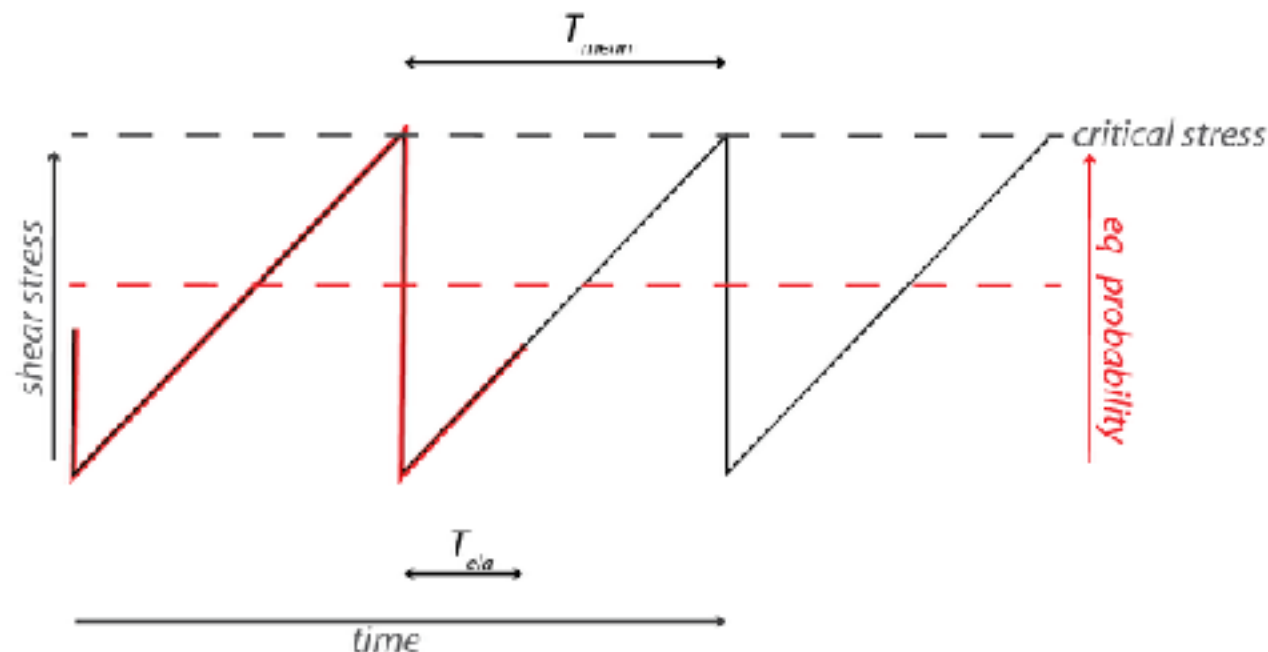
*PSHA quantifies the probability of exceeding specified levels of ground motion at a site, given the range of possible earthquakes during a specific period of time.*



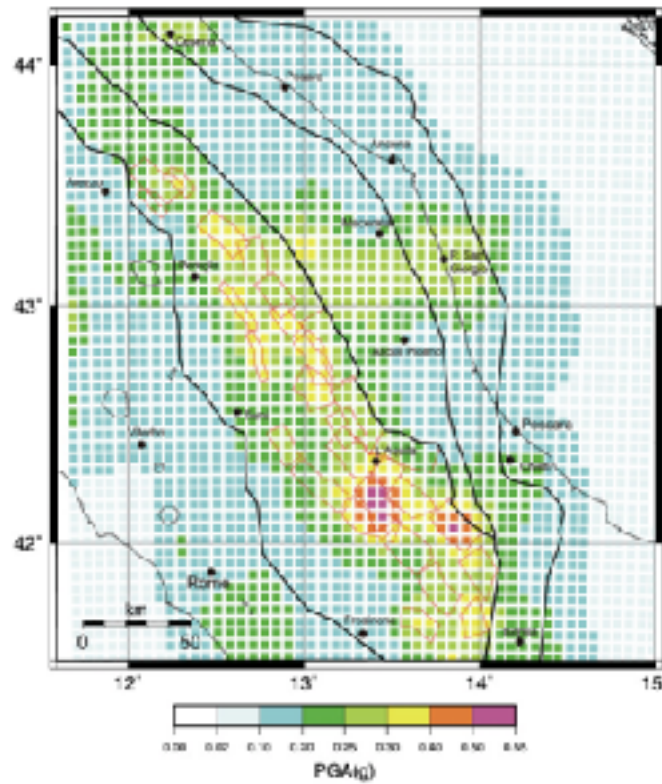
$$P(A) = 1 - e^{-\lambda \Delta t} \approx \lambda \Delta t$$

$$\lambda = \frac{N}{\Delta T}$$

Time dependency



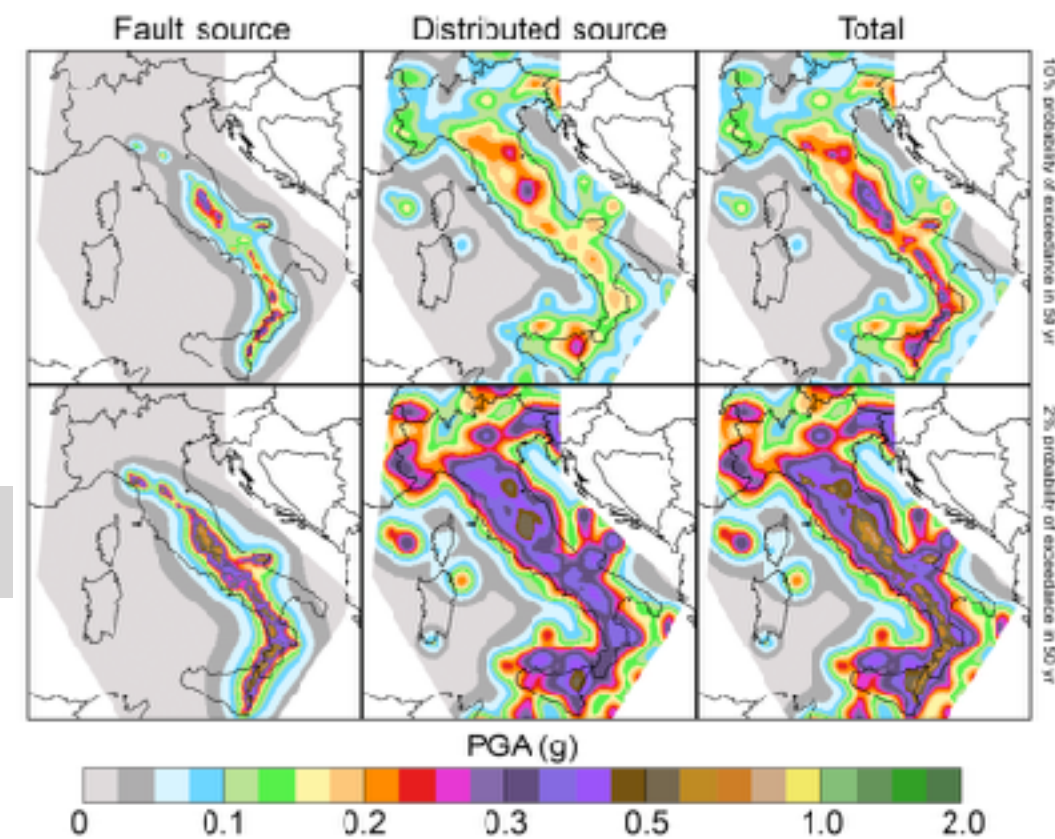
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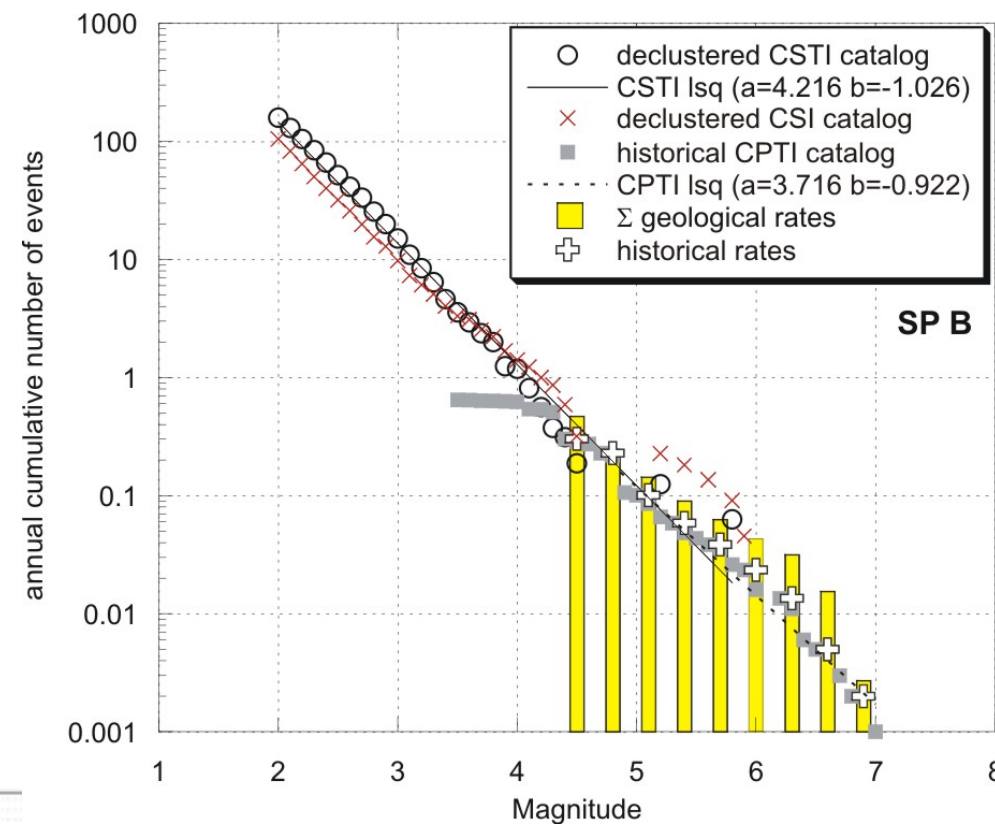


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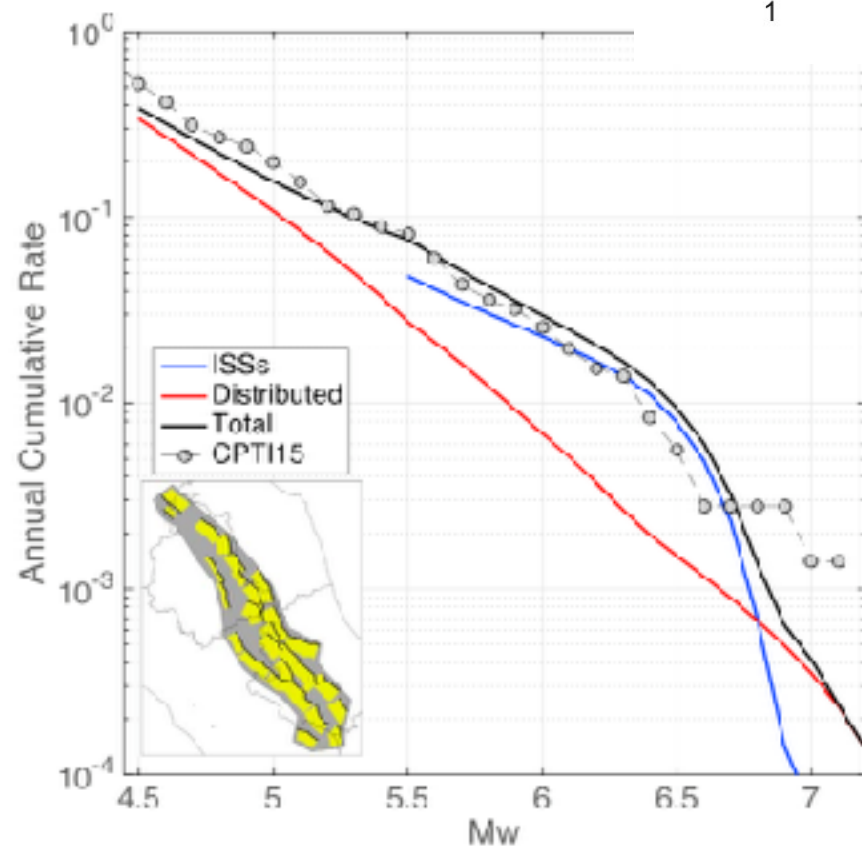


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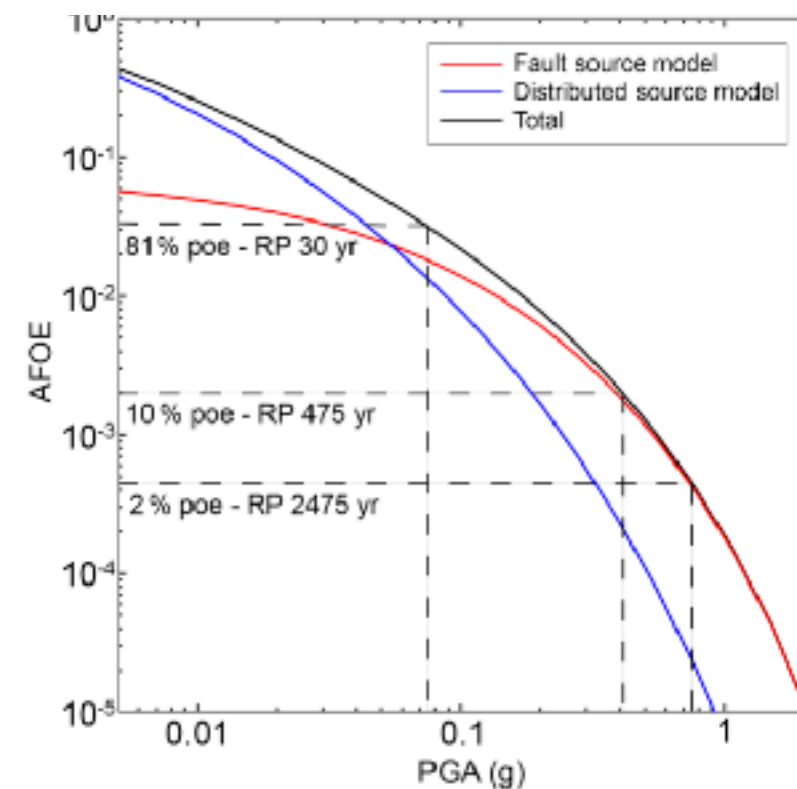
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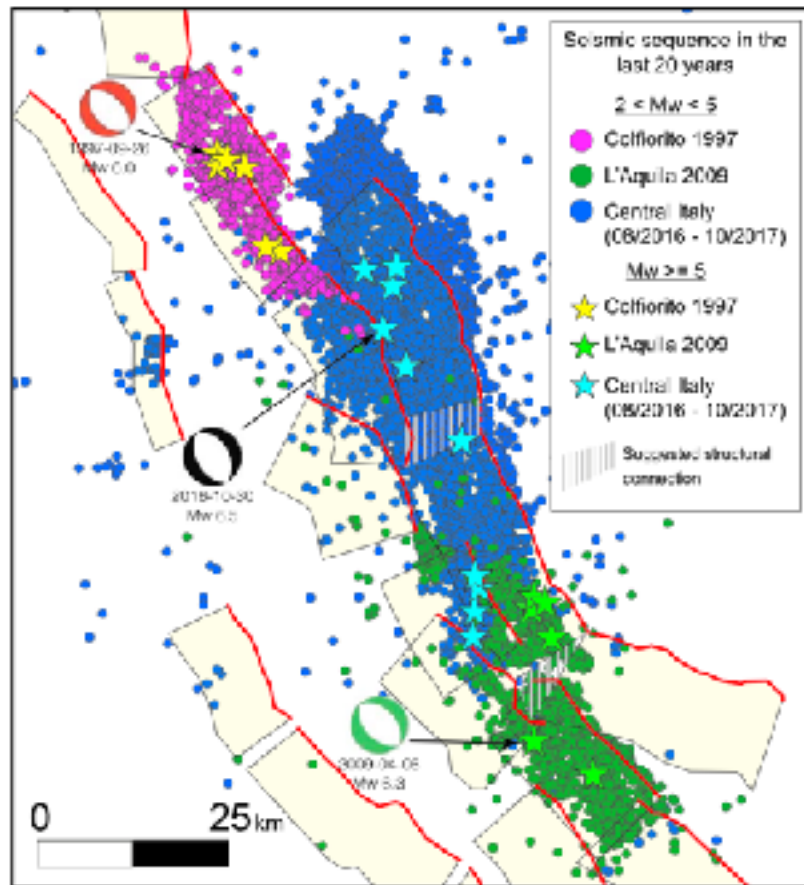


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# new data conforming complexities

segmented vs. unsegmented rupture models

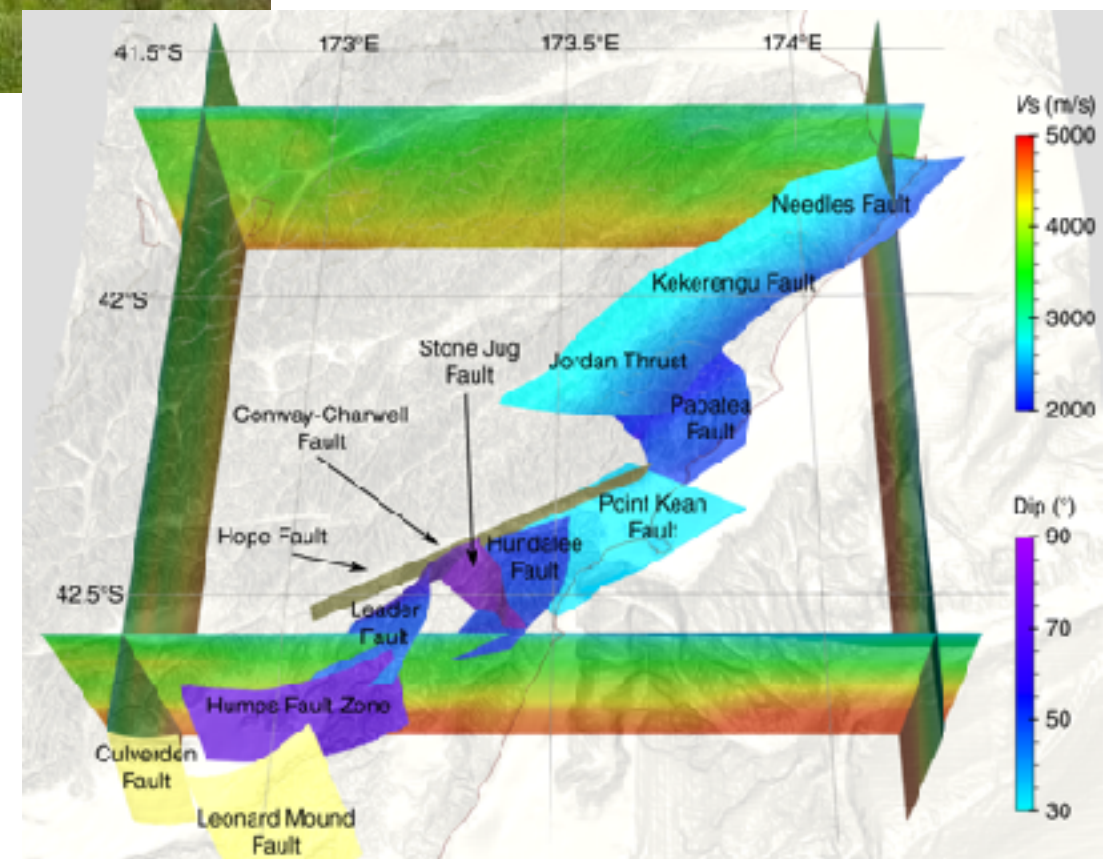
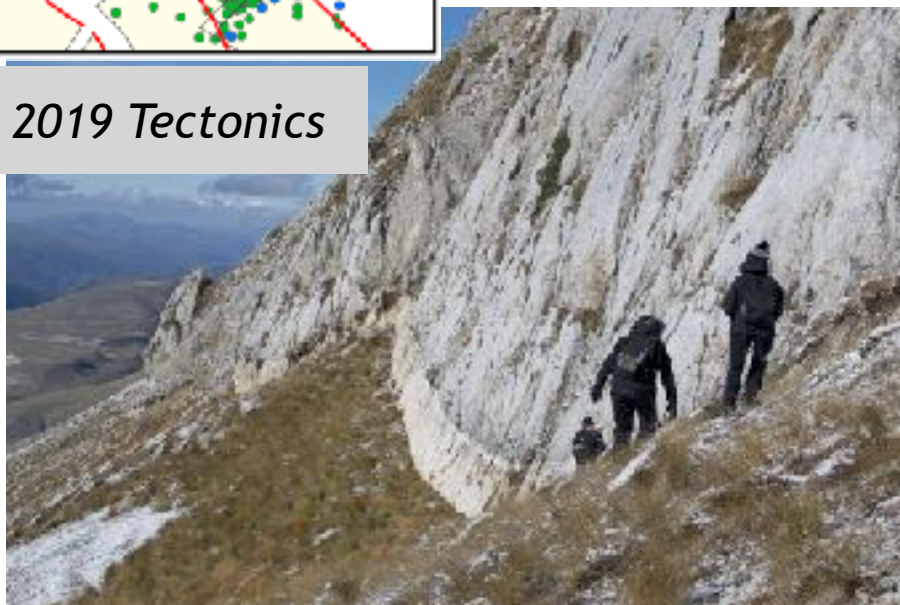


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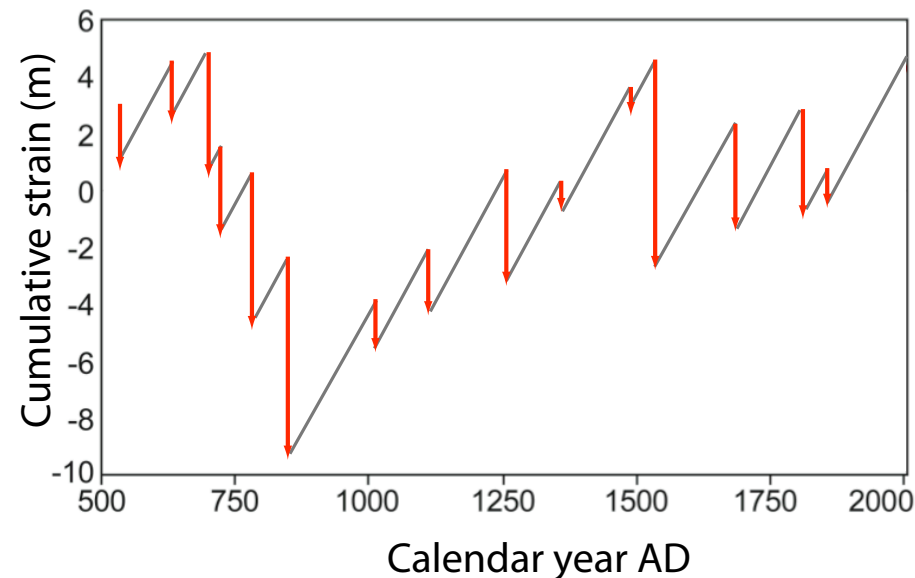
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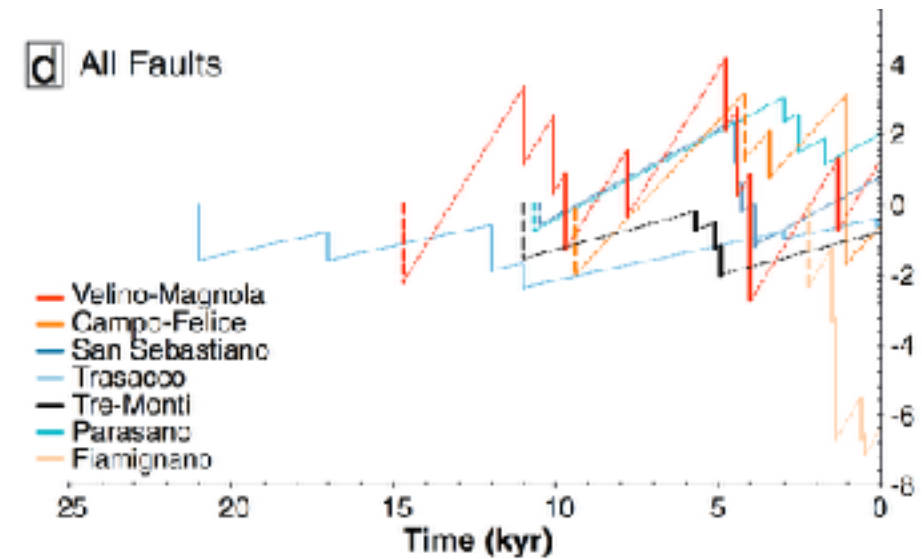
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## Clustering



*San Andreas Fault, Weldon et al., 2004*

## Synchronicity

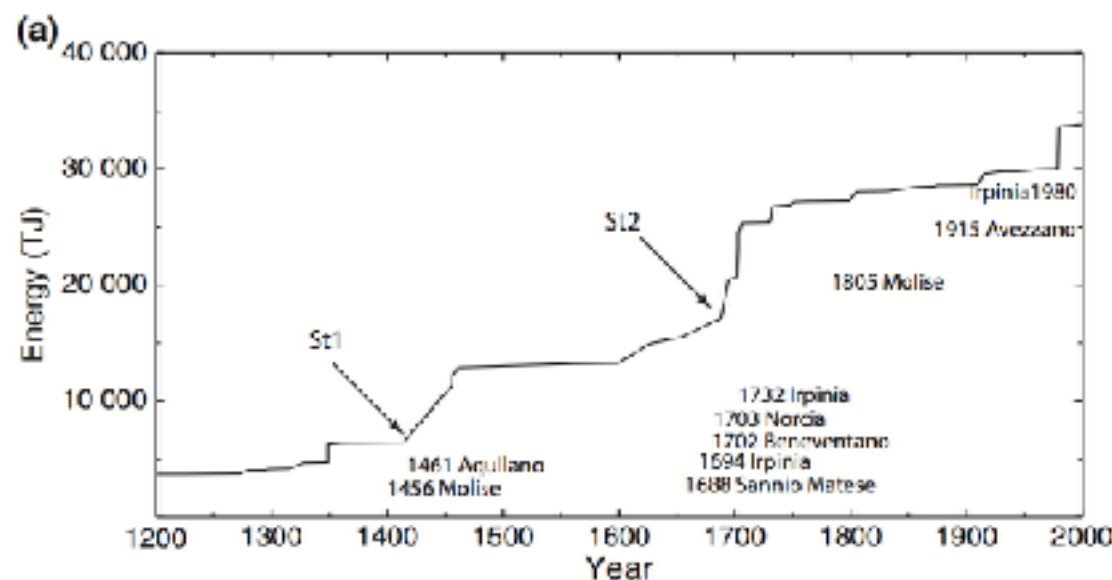


*Central Italy, Benedetti et al., 2013*

## trenching

## $^{36}\text{Cl}$ exposure dating

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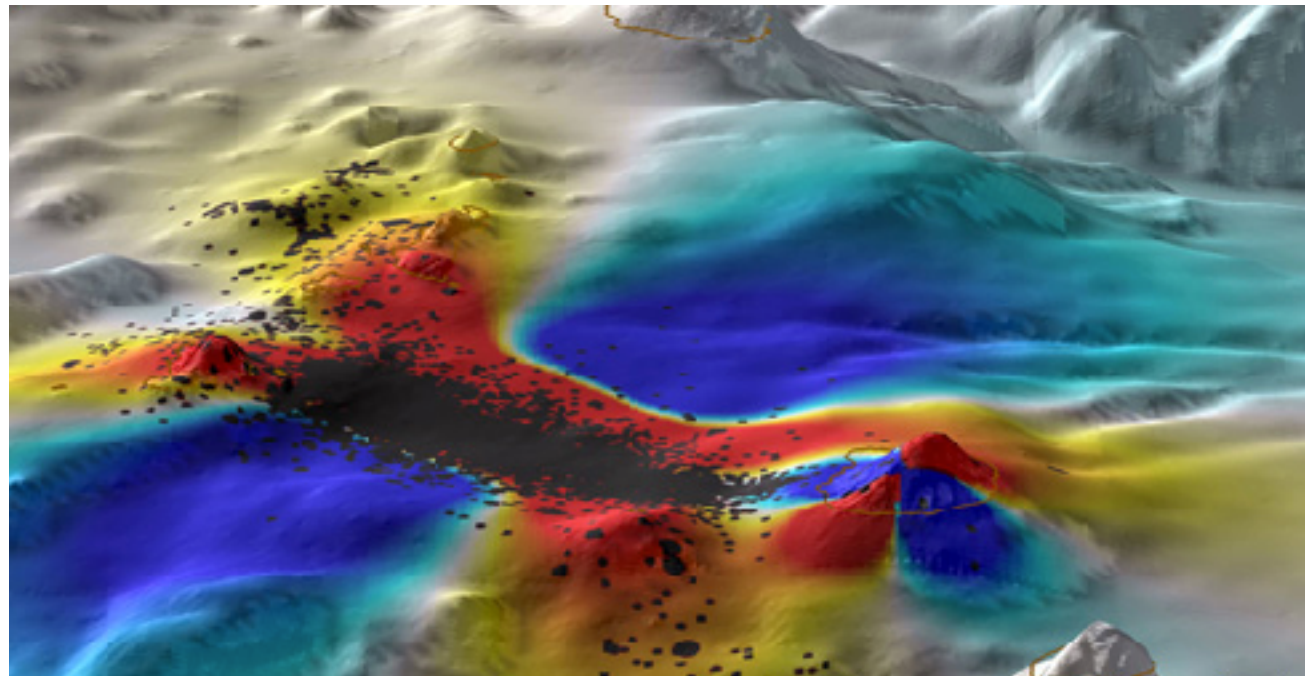


*Central Italy, Chiarabba et al., 2011*

## seismology



# Fault interaction



- fault interaction and seismic hazard models
- relaxing the segmentation model in SHA

**space**



**time**



## *Do we need to model active faults in SHA?*



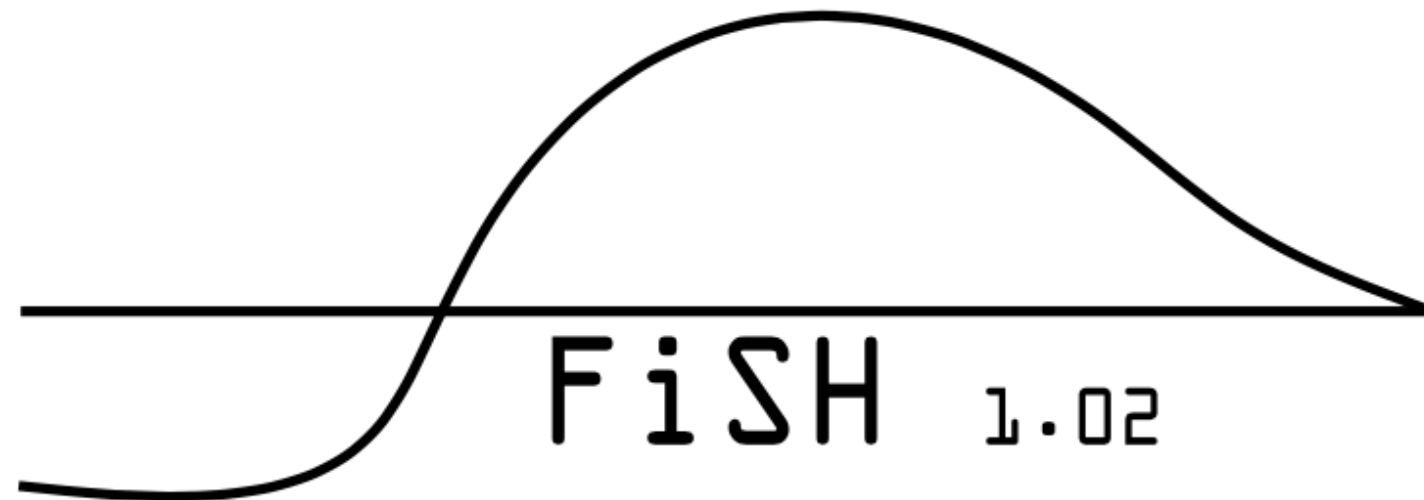
Yes, if we want to complete the information available in the earthquake catalogues and if we want to overcome the Poisson hypothesis.

We have to work on relaxing the segmentation and to include fault interaction in the SH models



# How we can use fault data in SHA?

## *FiSH*: MATLAB Tools to Turn Fault Data into Seismic-Hazard Models



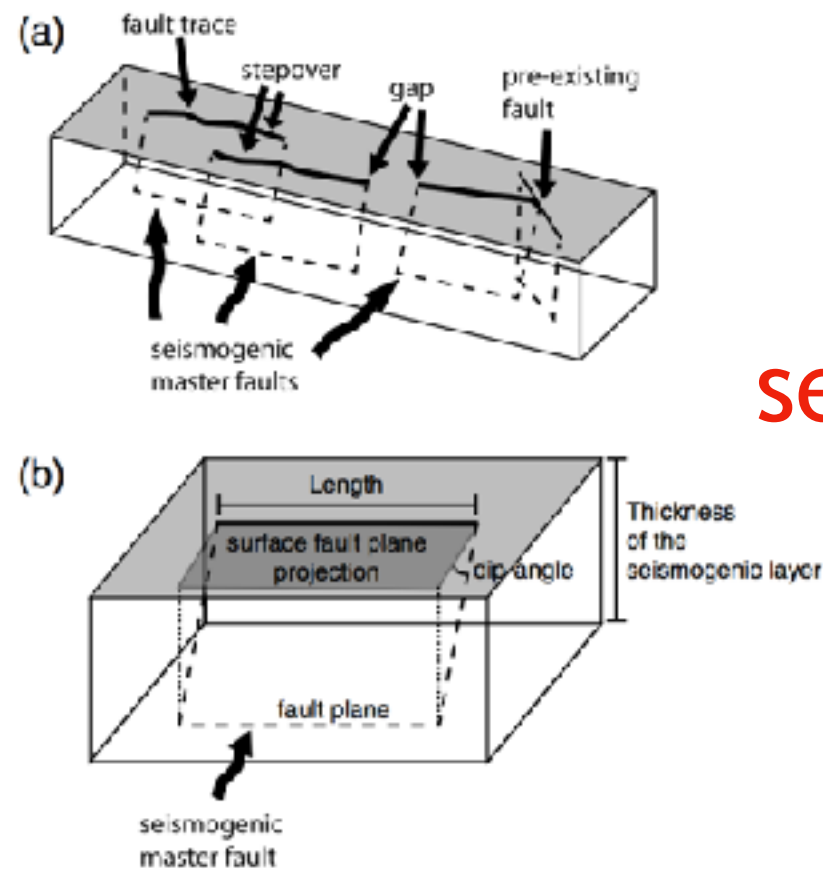
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# Introduction

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segmented rupture models

## Three tools:

-**Moment Budget (MB):** it converts fault geometry and slip rates into global budget of the seismic moment released in a given time frame

-**Recurrence Parameter (RP):** it computes the recurrence parameters and associated uncertainties from historical and/or paleoseismological data

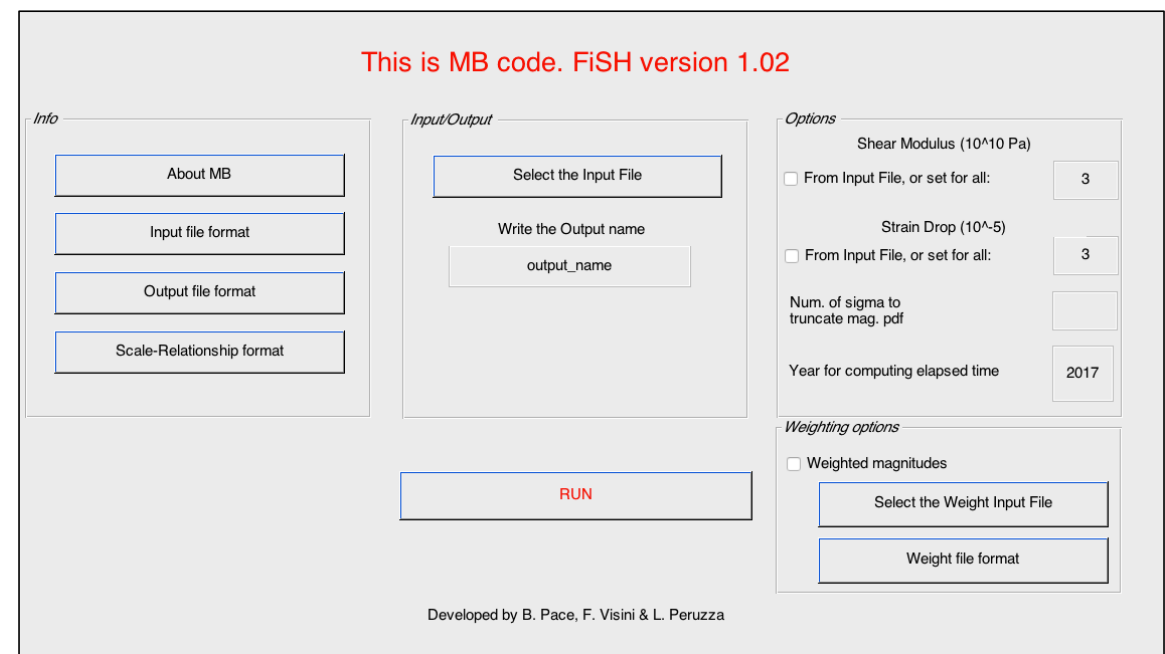
**Activity Rates (AR):** it outputs time-independent or time-dependent earthquakes rates from different MFD models

# Introduction

***FiSH*** is written in **MATLAB**, a Mathworks commercial software package widely used by geosciences researchers.

A MATLAB license is mandatory to run *FiSH*.

But, due to *FiSH*'s graphical user interface, no knowledge of the MATLAB language is required to use the tools.

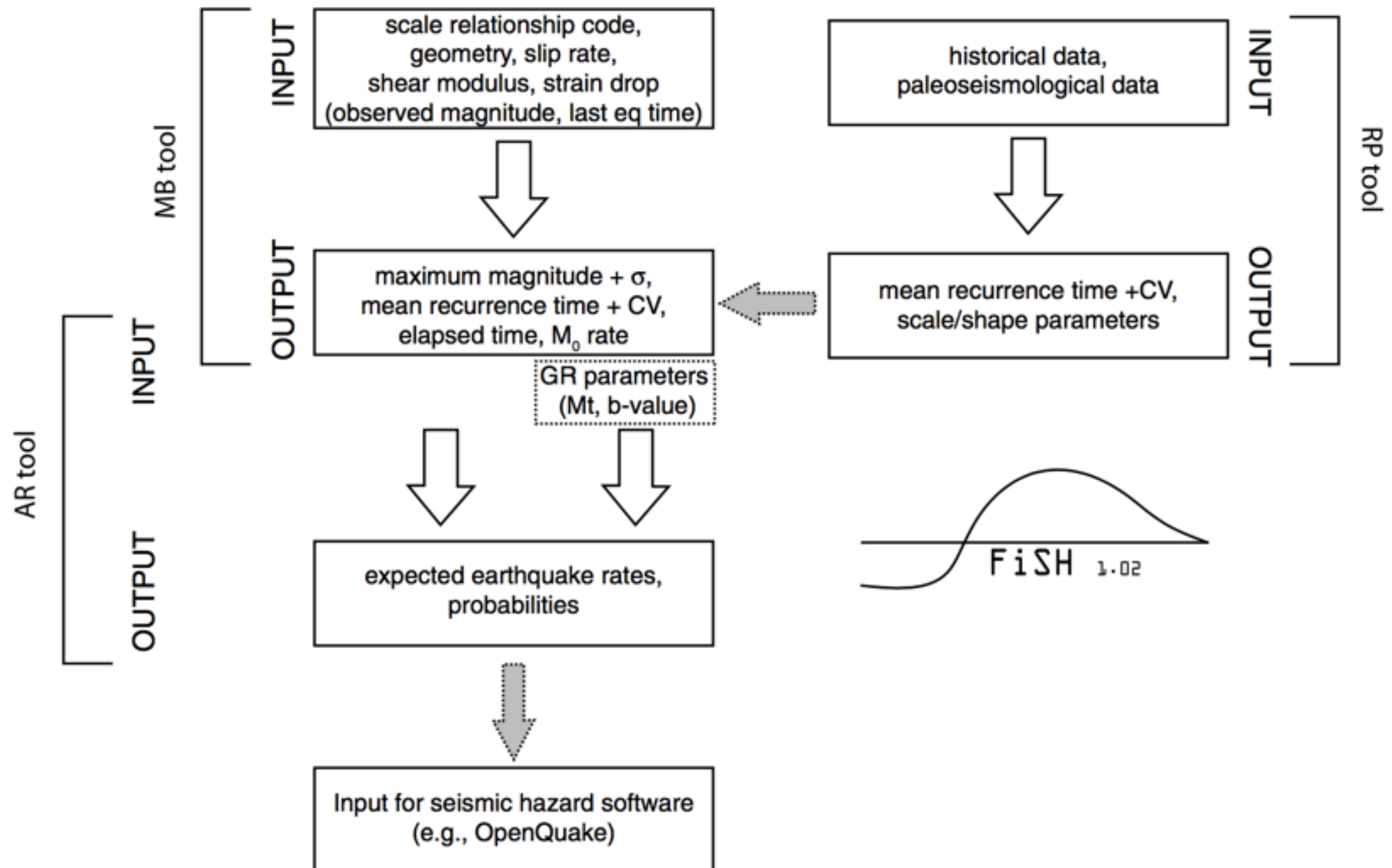


The source codes are available at: <http://fault2sha.net/what/tools/>



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# MB tool

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## Input list:

- 1) Fault name
- 2) Scale relationship code
- 3) Length along strike (km)
- 4) Dip angle (degrees)
- 5) Seismogenic Thickness (km)
- 6) Min and Max slip rate (mm/yr)
- 7) Maximum observed magnitude ( $M_w$ , if any)
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# MB tool

## Scale relationships implemented in MB Tool and their code

Wells and Coppersmith (1984) relationships:

WC94-N - normal faults

WC94-R - reverse faults

WC94-S - strike slip faults

WC94-A - all the kinematics

Leonard (2010) relationships:

Le10-D - dip slip faults

Le10-S - strike slip faults

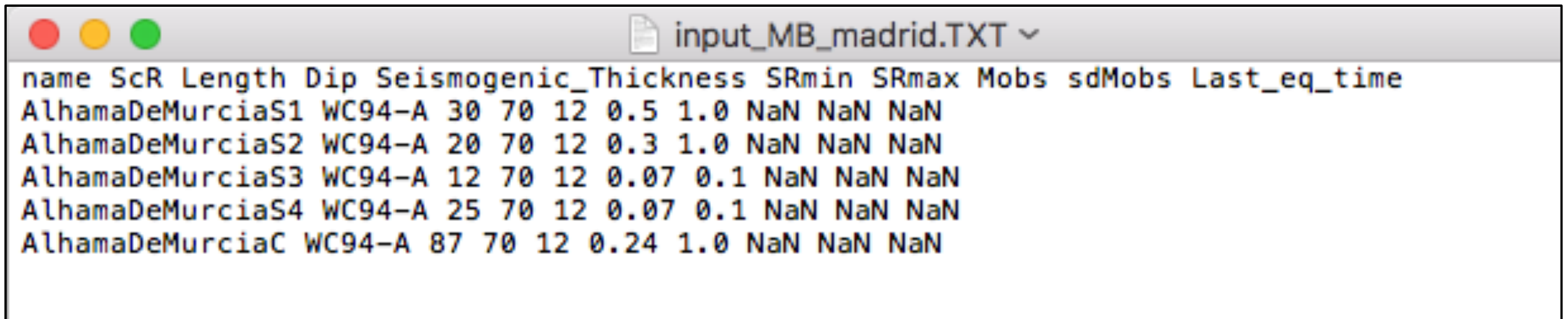
Le10-SCR - stable continental regions

Volcanic context relationships (Azzaro et al., 2015; Villamor et al., 2001):

Volc - all the kinematics

# MB tool

Input file for MB Tool.... A simple .txt file



A screenshot of a text editor window titled "input\_MB\_madrid.TXT". The window displays a table of seismic data for five locations in Alhama de Murcia. The table has 11 columns: name, ScR, Length, Dip, Seismogenic\_Thickness, SRmin, SRmax, Mobs, sdMobs, and Last\_eq\_time. The data rows are for AlhamaDeMurciaS1, AlhamaDeMurciaS2, AlhamaDeMurciaS3, AlhamaDeMurciaS4, and AlhamaDeMurciaC. All locations are associated with the station code "WC94-A". The "Mobs" and "sdMobs" columns contain "NaN" for all entries.

name	ScR	Length	Dip	Seismogenic_Thickness	SRmin	SRmax	Mobs	sdMobs	Last_eq_time
AlhamaDeMurciaS1	WC94-A	30	70	12	0.5	1.0	NaN	NaN	NaN
AlhamaDeMurciaS2	WC94-A	20	70	12	0.3	1.0	NaN	NaN	NaN
AlhamaDeMurciaS3	WC94-A	12	70	12	0.07	0.1	NaN	NaN	NaN
AlhamaDeMurciaS4	WC94-A	25	70	12	0.07	0.1	NaN	NaN	NaN
AlhamaDeMurciaC	WC94-A	87	70	12	0.24	1.0	NaN	NaN	NaN

# MB tool

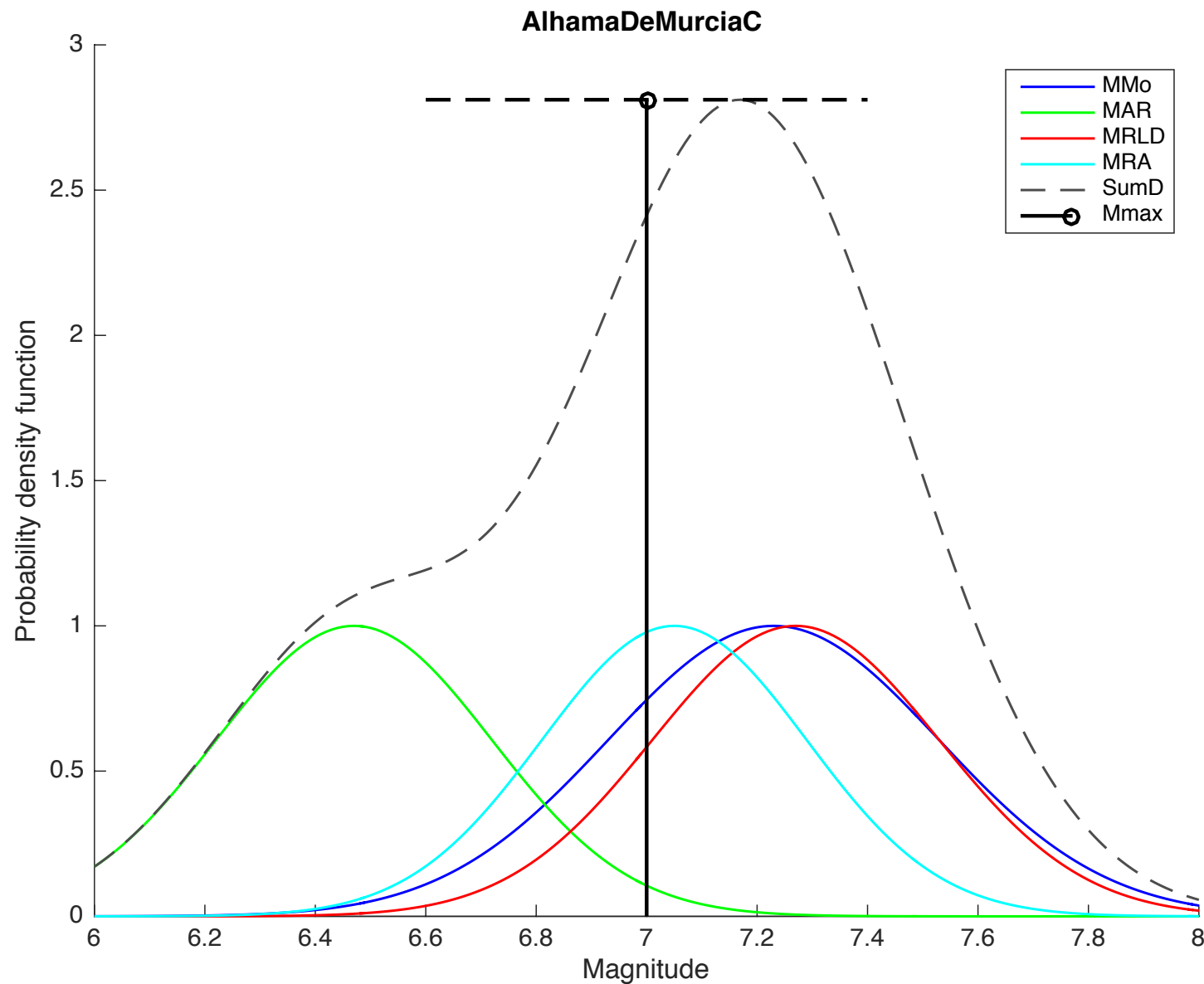
## What does it do?

For each fault, up to five  $M_{\max}$  values (and their errors) are computed:

1. A magnitude value  $M_{M_0}$  is directly computed by applying the standard formula  $M_w = 2/3 (\log M_0 - 9.1)$  (IASPEI, 2005)
2. A value of magnitude ( $M_{ASP}$ ) is computed by modifying the along-strike dimension if it exceeds the length that is predicted by the aspect ratio relationships (Peruzza and Pace, 2002)
3. Two magnitude values that depend on the choice of the scale relationship are calculated.
4. A value that corresponds to the maximum observed magnitude ( $M_{obs}$ ), if available



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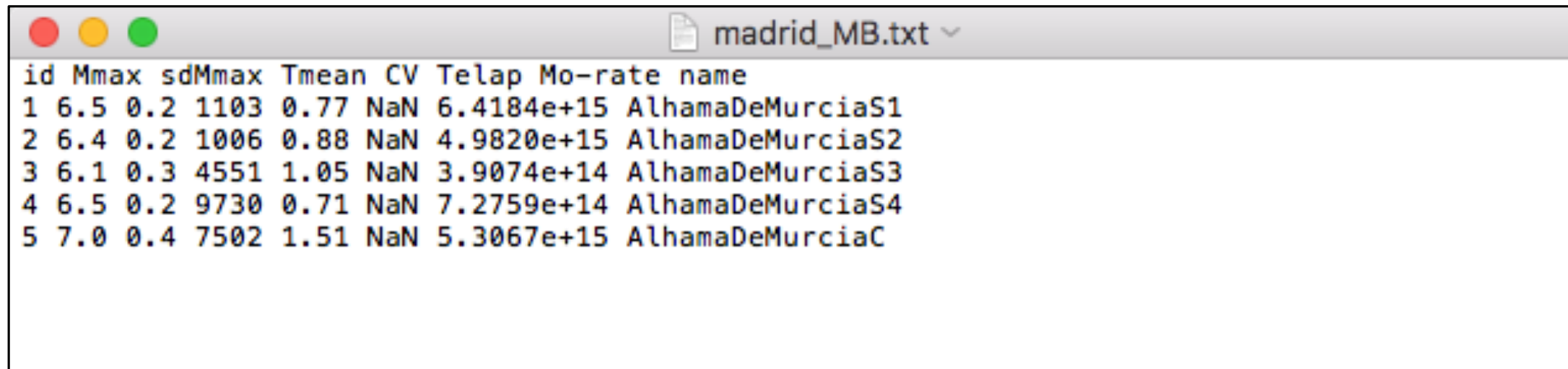


$$\underline{Mmax} = 7.0 \pm 0.4$$

To combine the maximum magnitudes, MB draws a probability curve for each magnitude estimate by assuming a normal distribution and then sums the probability density curves and fits the summed curve to a normal distribution to obtain the mean of the maximum magnitude and its standard deviation

# MB tool

## Output .txt file by MB Tool



The screenshot shows a text editor window with the title 'madrid\_MB.txt'. The content is a table with 8 columns: id, Mmax, sdMmax, Tmean, CV, Telap, Mo-rate, and name. There are 5 rows of data, all with 'NaN' for the CV column.

id	Mmax	sdMmax	Tmean	CV	Telap	Mo-rate	name
1	6.5	0.2	1103	0.77	NaN	6.4184e+15	AlhamaDeMurciaS1
2	6.4	0.2	1006	0.88	NaN	4.9820e+15	AlhamaDeMurciaS2
3	6.1	0.3	4551	1.05	NaN	3.9074e+14	AlhamaDeMurciaS3
4	6.5	0.2	9730	0.71	NaN	7.2759e+14	AlhamaDeMurciaS4
5	7.0	0.4	7502	1.51	NaN	5.3067e+15	AlhamaDeMurciaC

**Tmean** = mean recurrence time of Mmax, given by the criterion of “segment seismic moment conservation” that was proposed by Field et al., 1999, which divides the seismic moment that corresponds to Mmax by the moment rate given a slip rate

$$T_{\text{mean}} = \frac{1}{\text{Char\_Rate}} = \frac{10^{1.5M_{\text{max}}9.1}}{\mu VLW}$$

**CV** = Coefficient of Variation, standard deviation of the recurrence times over their mean

**Mo-rate** (N \* m \* yr<sup>-1</sup>) = the ratio between the seismic moment, that corresponds to Mmax, and Tmean

# RP tool

## Why?

Mean and standard deviation of the recurrence times can be derived from paleoseismological or historical earthquake time series by considering the uncertainties in dating.

## How?

Starting from an input file that contains the youngest and oldest years of occurrence for each event in the series, RP produces  $n$  simulations of the earthquake catalogue using a uniform distribution for the occurrences within its window of uncertainty.

For each simulation RP estimates the arithmetic mean of the recurrence times and its standard deviation. RP also fits each simulation using three probability function (BPT, Weibull, Poisson)

*Input file format  
(filename.txt)*

Paganica

*Input file format  
(Paganica.paleo)*

oldest	youngest
2009	2009
1461	1461
890	1150
-760	670
-2900	-760



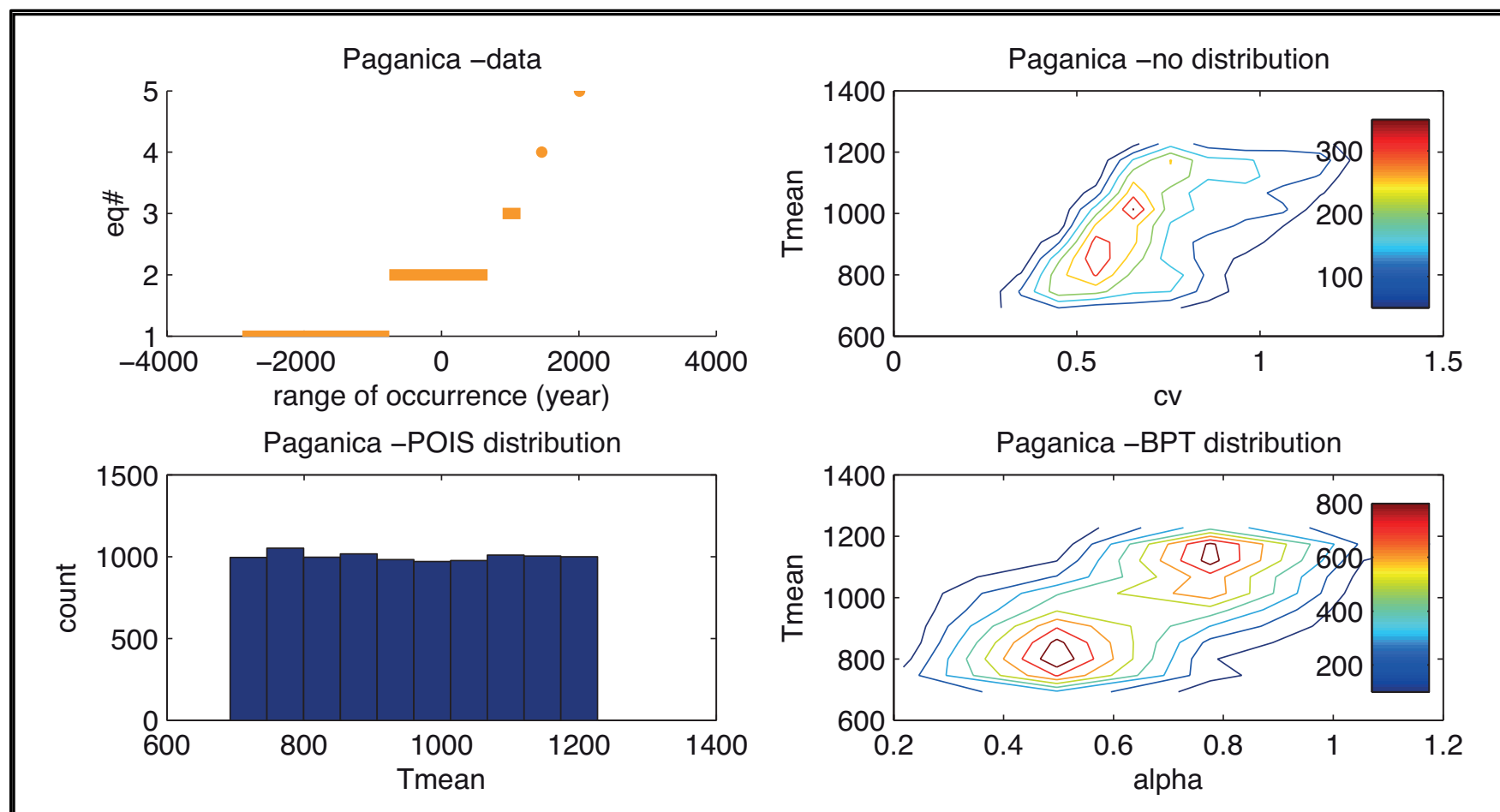
# RP tool

## Two output from RP

*Output file  
format*

ARITH: CV=0.65 Tmean=1013 BPT  
param: alpha=0.50 Tmean=799 WBL  
param: b=1.27 a=1233 b=1.27

WBL param (CV,Tmean) CV=0.53 Tmean=1021 POIS  
param: Tmean=1013 Paganica

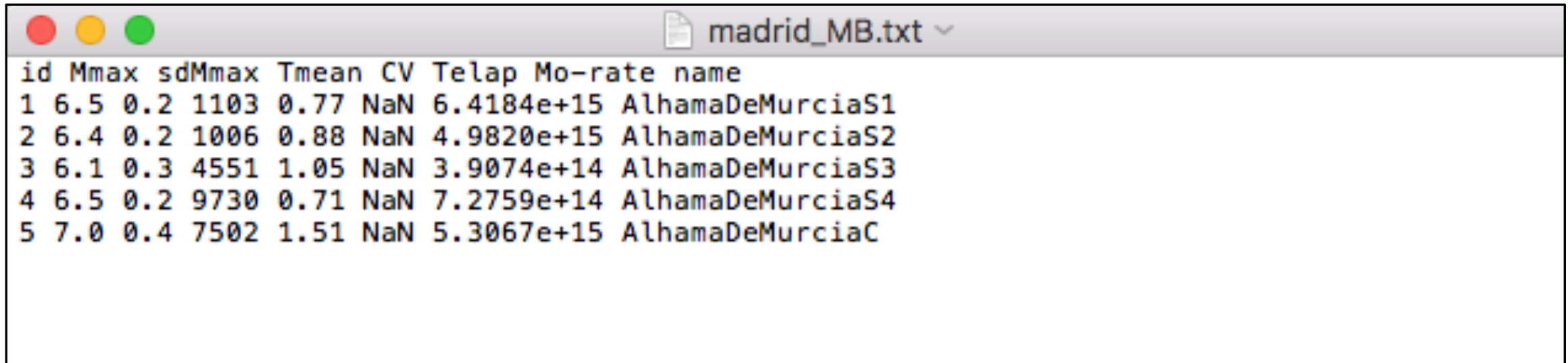


The pairs of Tmean and CV that are obtained by RP can be entered into the AR tool depending on the user's need.

# AR tool

AR is designed to return annual earthquake rates. AR balances the annual earthquake rates over the range of magnitudes for the MFD with the moment rate.

**Output** .txt file from MB Tool is the **Input** file for AR



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The basic information for modeling Gutenberg-Richter MFDs, that is, the minimum magnitude and b-value, is handled separately in a second input file.

# AR tool

Before to run AR Tool, the user has to choose the MFD, among these:

- *Single-Value Model (Poisson)*
  - *Single-Value Model (BPT)*
- *Single-Value Model (User-Defined Probability)*

- ◆ *Characteristic Gaussian Model (Poisson)*
  - ◆ *Characteristic Gaussian Model (BPT)*
- ◆ *Characteristic Gaussian Model (User-Defined Probability)*

- ☐ *Classical Gutenberg-Richter*
- ☐ *Truncated Gutenberg-Richter*

# AR tool

## Two outputs .txt file by AR Tool

### -Rates

```
madrid_AR_SinglePoisson_rates.txt
id Mchar rate name
1, 6.5, 9.066e-04, AlhamaDeMurciaS1
2, 6.4, 9.940e-04, AlhamaDeMurciaS2
3, 6.1, 2.197e-04, AlhamaDeMurciaS3
4, 6.5, 1.028e-04, AlhamaDeMurciaS4
5, 7.0, 1.333e-04, AlhamaDeMurciaC
```

```
madrid_AR_ChGaussPoisson_rates.txt
id Mmin bin rates name
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2, 6.2, 0.1, 1.3748e-04 2.0003e-04 2.2667e-04 2.0003e-04 1.3748e-04 , AlhamaDeMurciaS2
3, 5.8, 0.1, 1.9233e-05 2.5391e-05 2.9996e-05 3.1709e-05 2.9996e-05 2.5391e-05 1.9233e-05 , AlhamaDeMurciaS3
4, 6.3, 0.1, 1.4214e-05 2.0681e-05 2.3435e-05 2.0681e-05 1.4214e-05 , AlhamaDeMurciaS4
5, 6.6, 0.1, 7.9104e-06 9.8447e-06 1.1510e-05 1.2641e-05 1.3042e-05 1.2641e-05 1.1510e-05 9.8447e-06 7.9104e-06 , AlhamaDeMurciaC
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madrid_AR_SinglePoisson_Probability.txt
id Mchar window Probability name
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3, 6.1, 50, 1.093e-02, AlhamaDeMurciaS3
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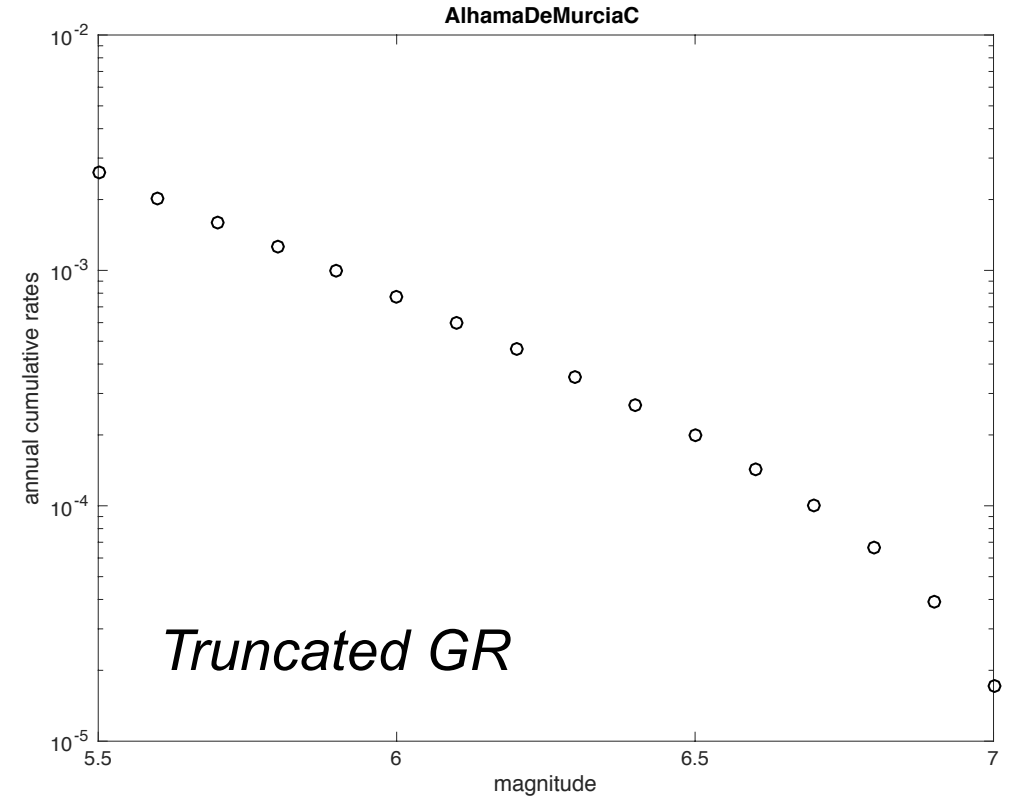
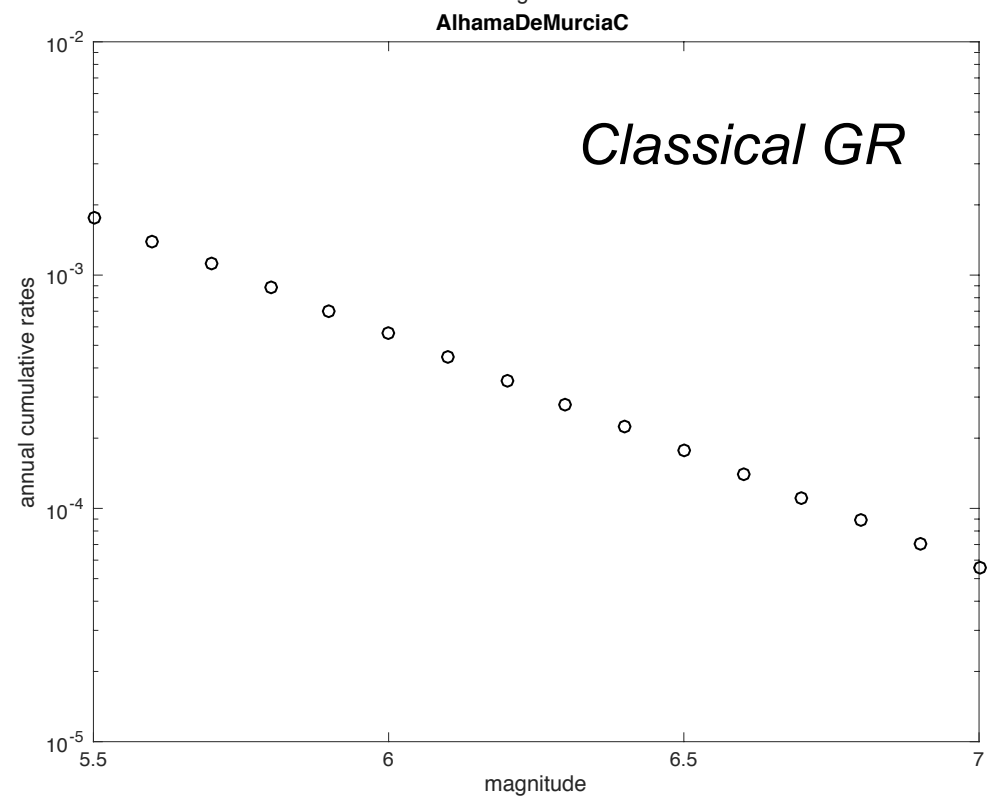
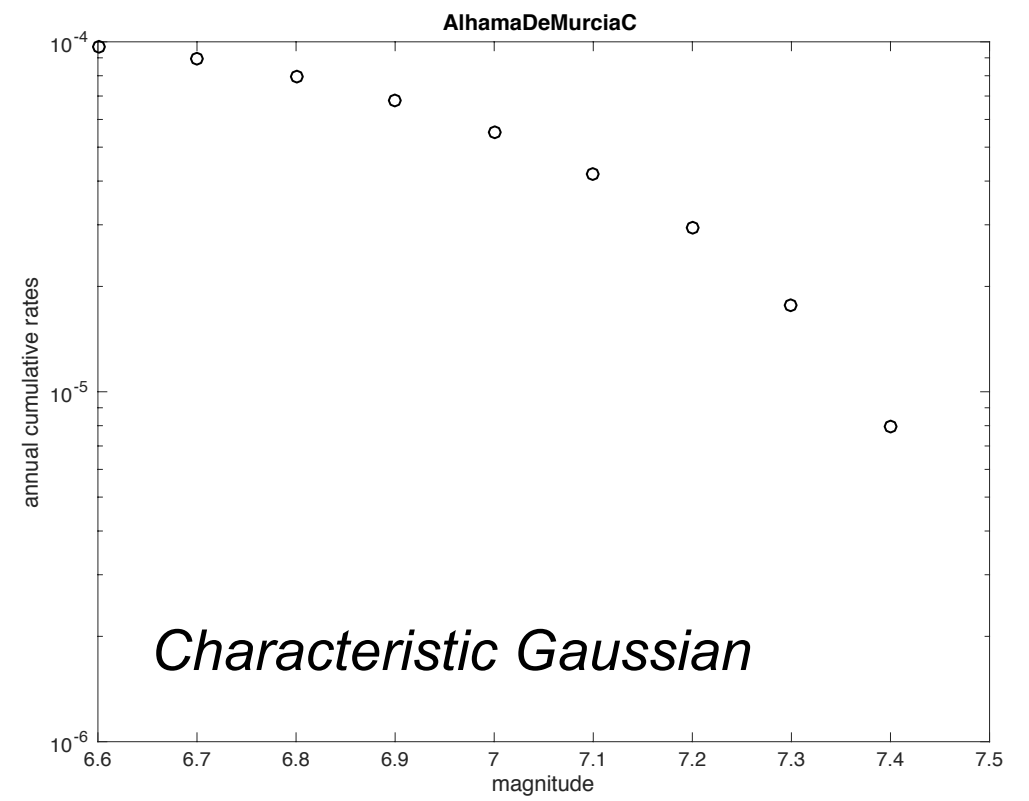
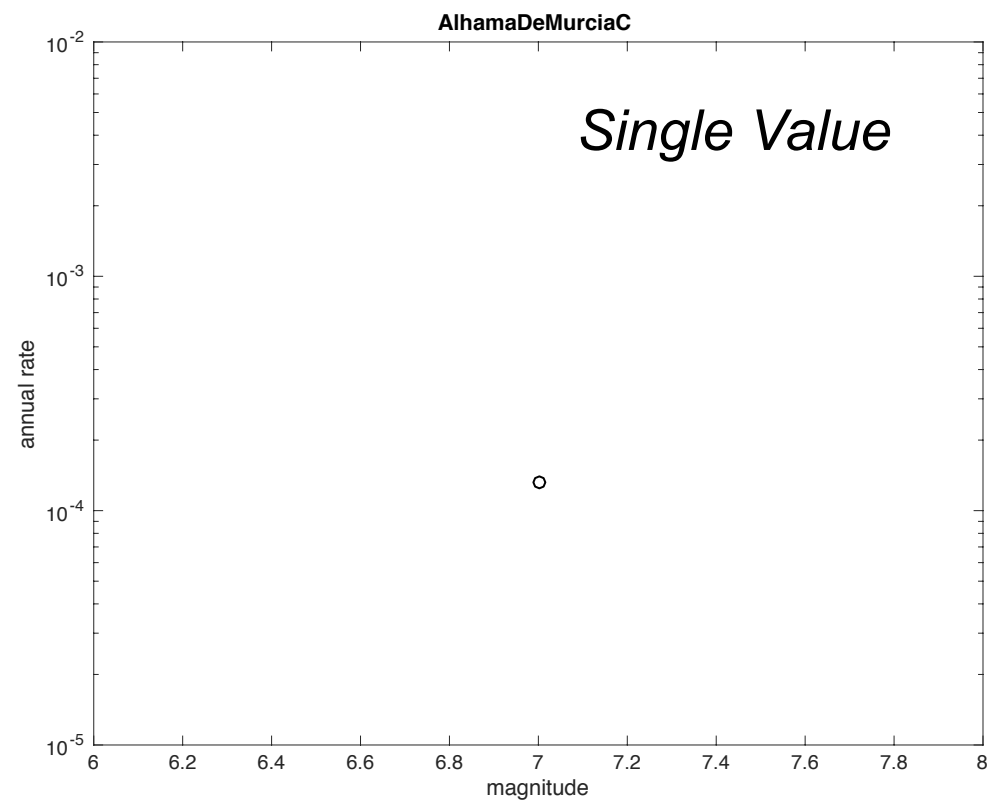
### -Probability

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id Mmin window Probability name
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2, 6.2, 50, 4.408e-02, AlhamaDeMurciaS2
3, 5.8, 50, 9.007e-03, AlhamaDeMurciaS3
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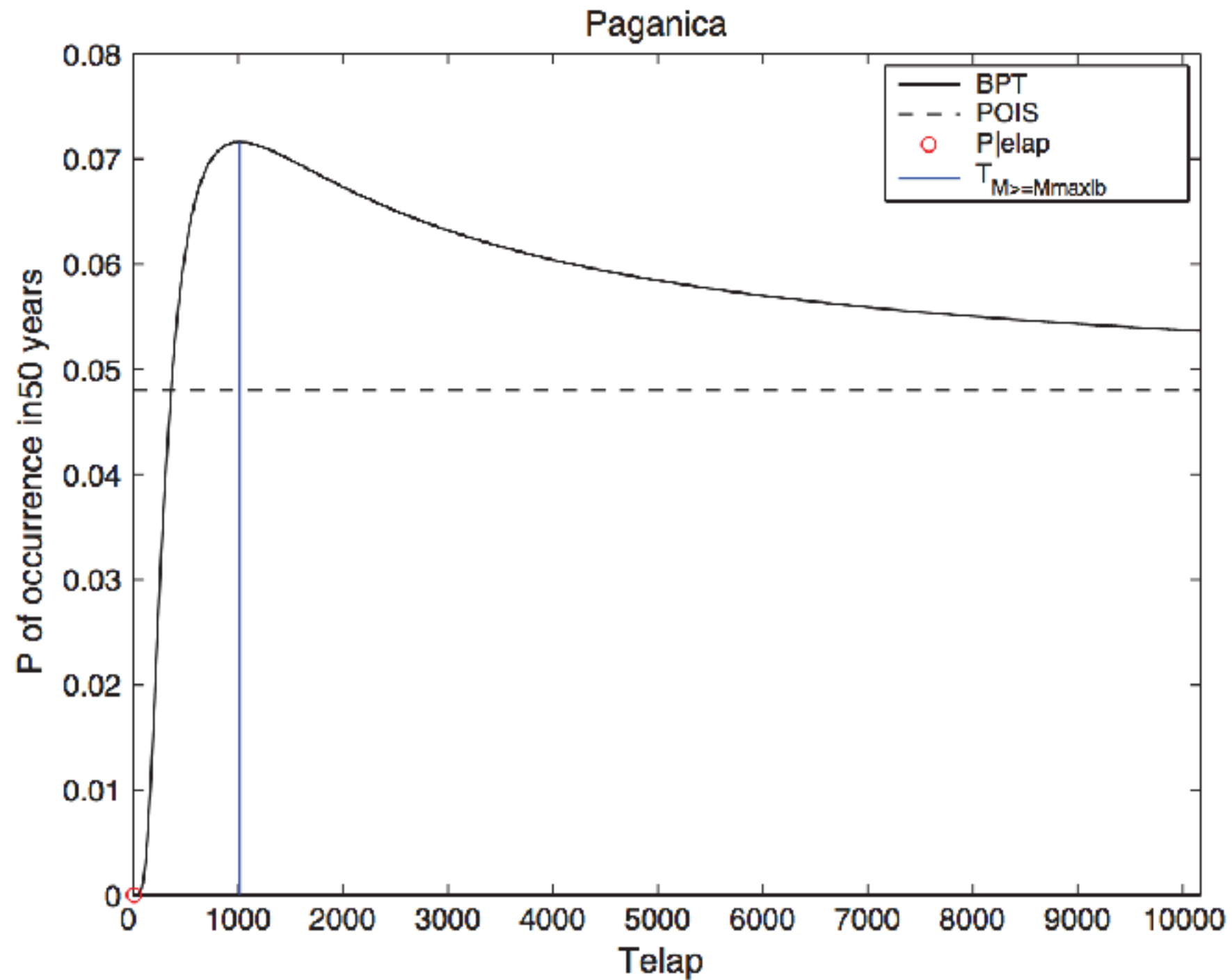
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.eps output file with the rates for each fault



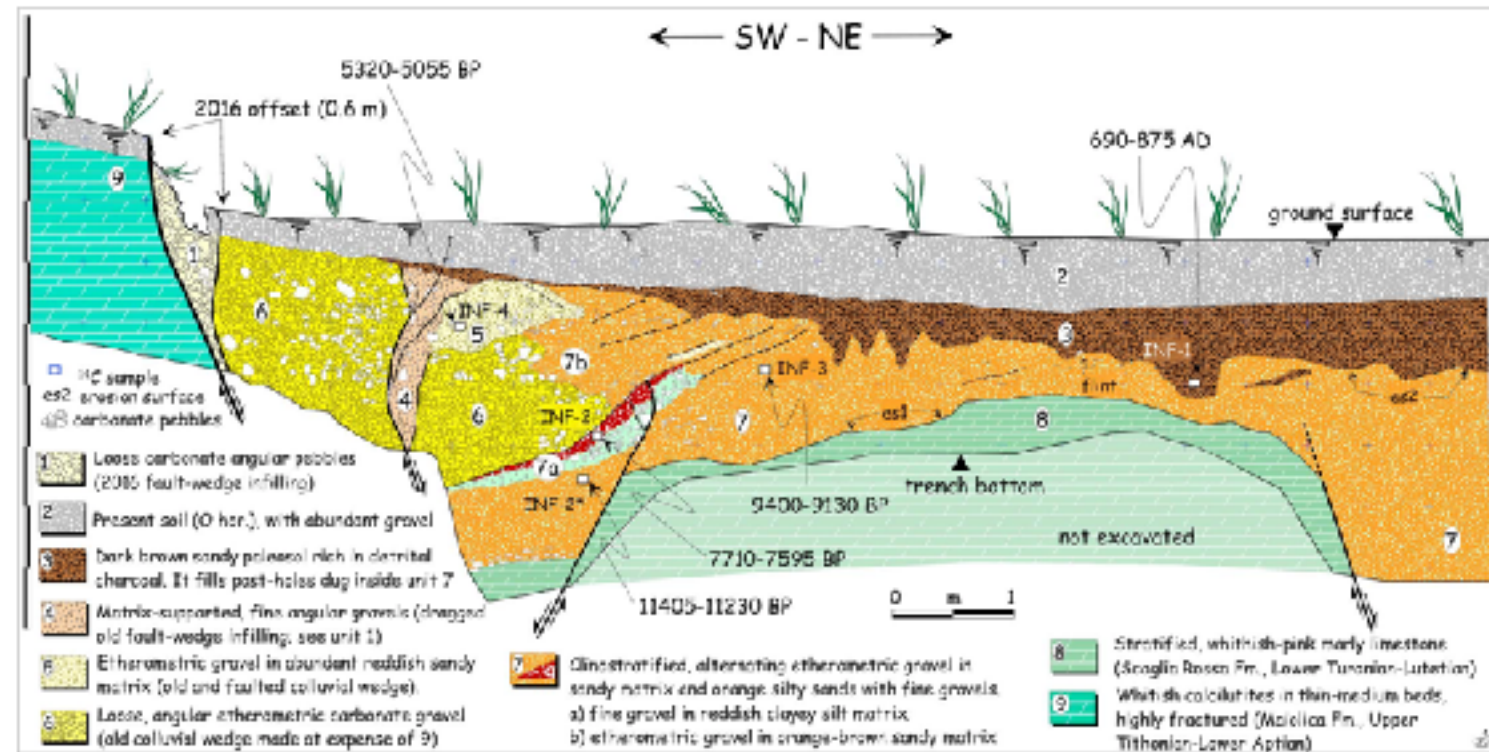
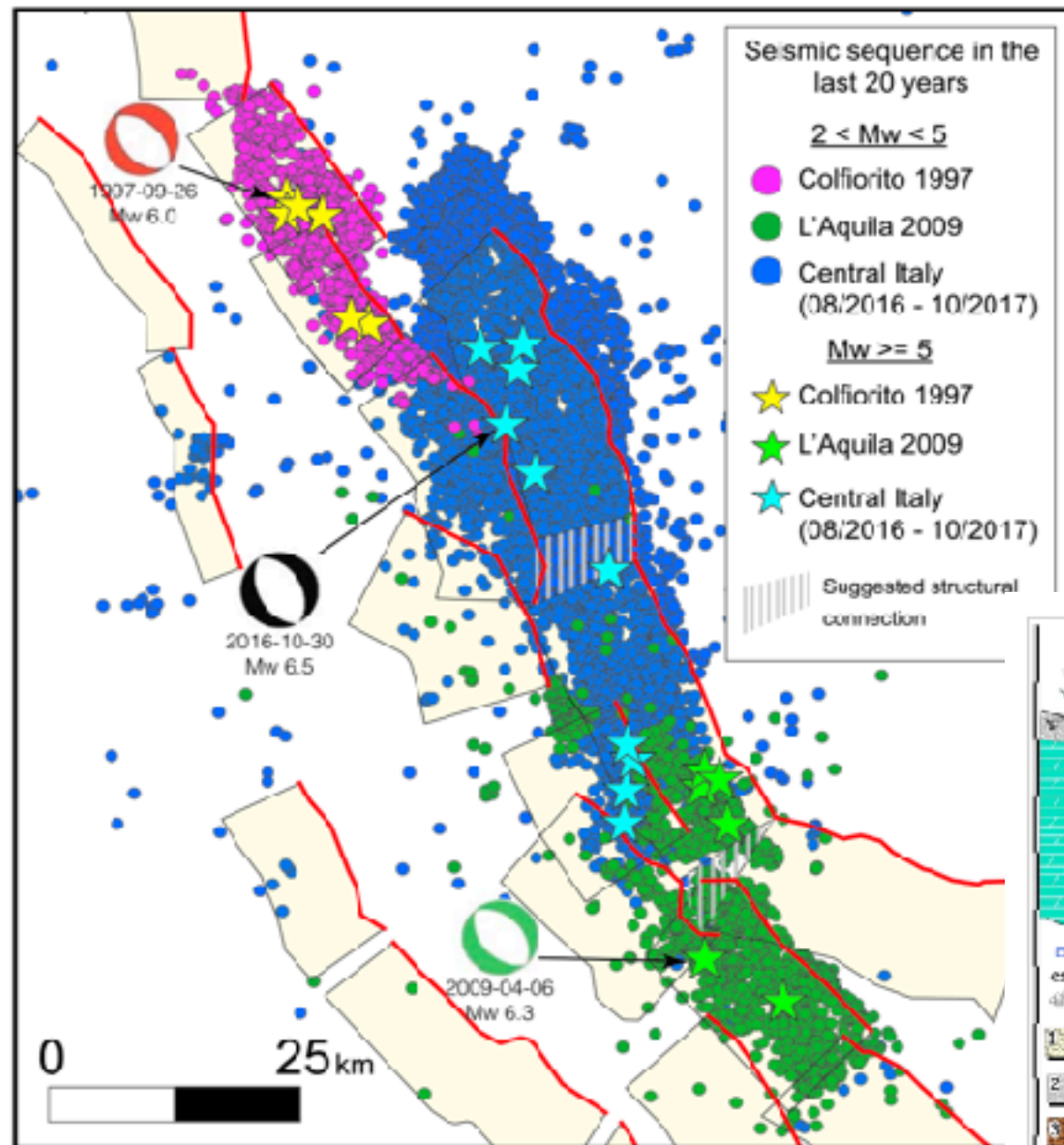
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# Assumptions and consequences

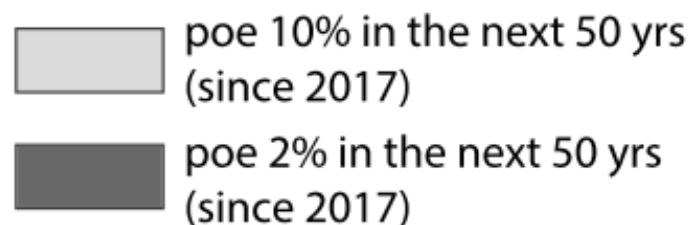
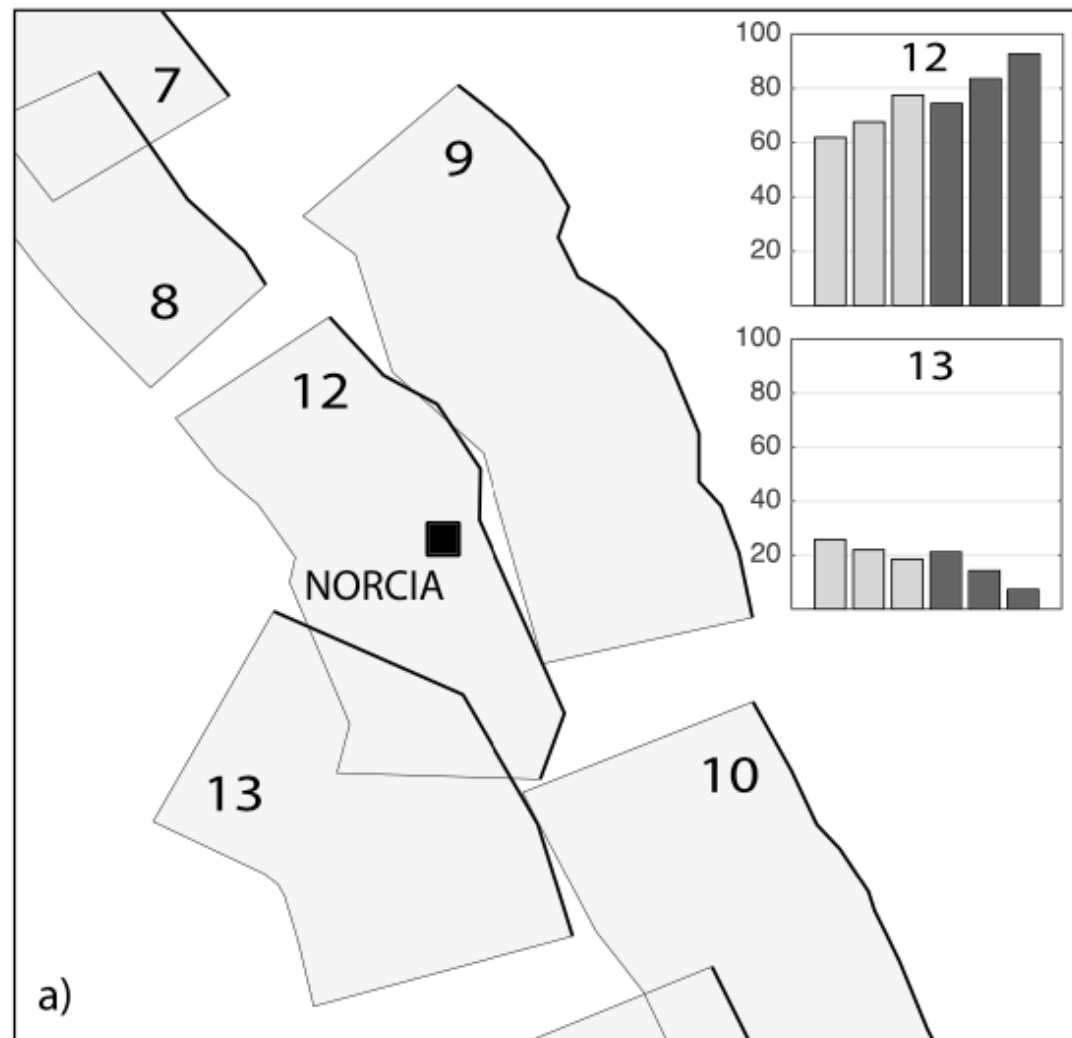
## The 2016 Central Italy seismic sequence



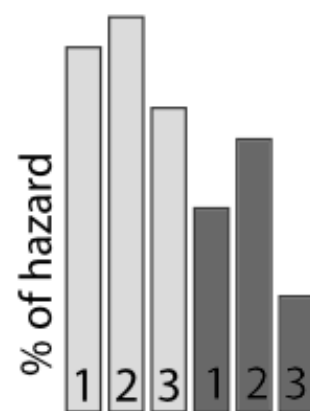
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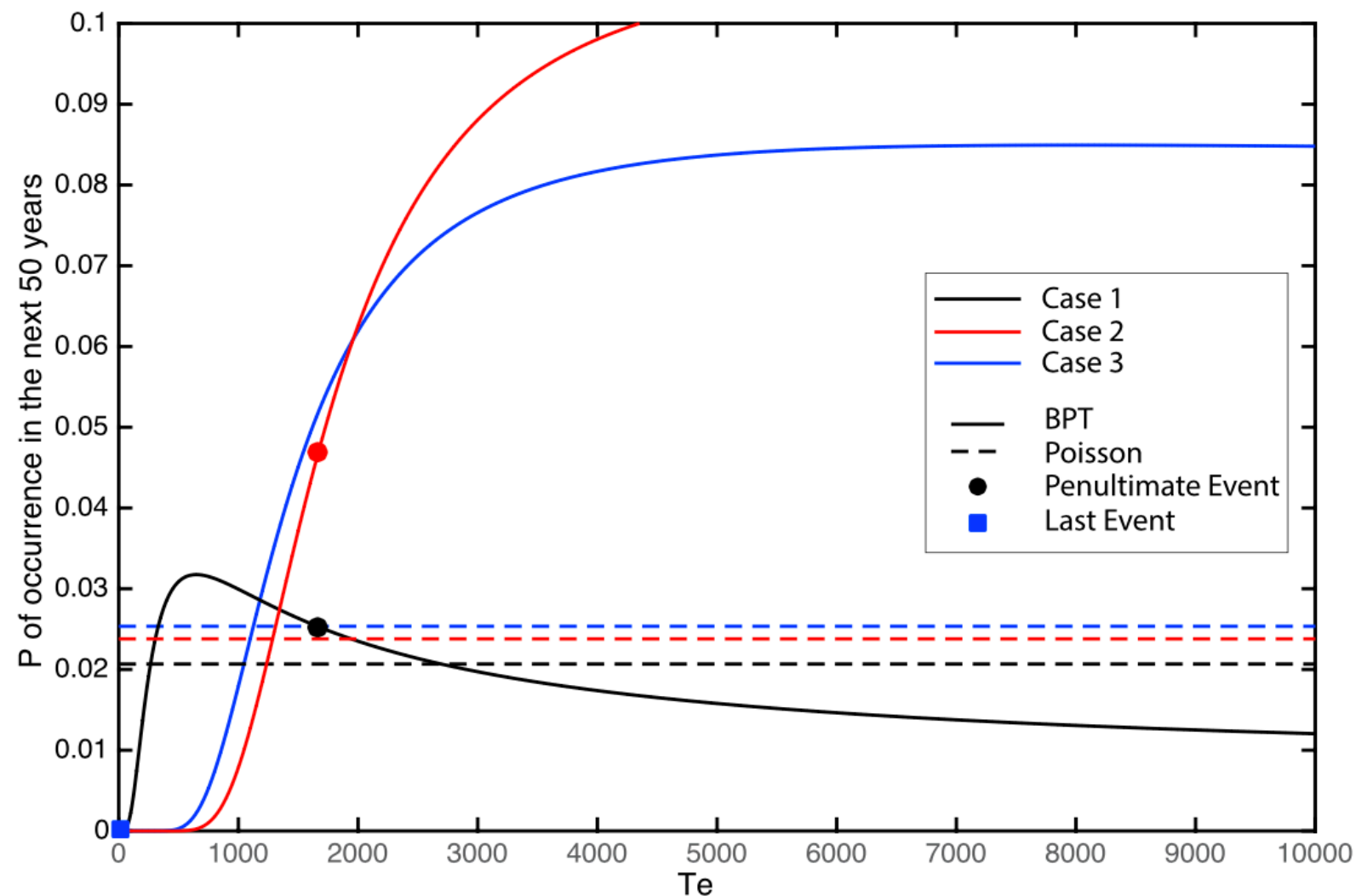
- 1) Bindi et al. 2011
- 2) Cauzzi et al. 2015
- 3) Bindi et al. 2014



**3 cases:** (1) before the 2016 seismic sequence, (2) before the seismic sequence with the new(post 2016) knowledge, and (3) after the seismic sequence. In the first case, we used old geometrical and kinematical parameters (length, seismogenic thickness, rake, and long-term slip rate), to compute the activity rates for the two ISSs involved in the 2016 sequence. Being a time-dependent approach a key role is played by the time elapsed since the last event. In the first two cases the last event occurred on the Bove-Vettore source ~1,700 years ago, whereas in the last case the elapsed time is only 1 year. Moreover, in Cases 2 and 3, we used new data acquired after the sequence, in particular the new paleoseismological data collected on the fault, to understand how a good knowledge of a fault seismic history impacts the hazard estimation.



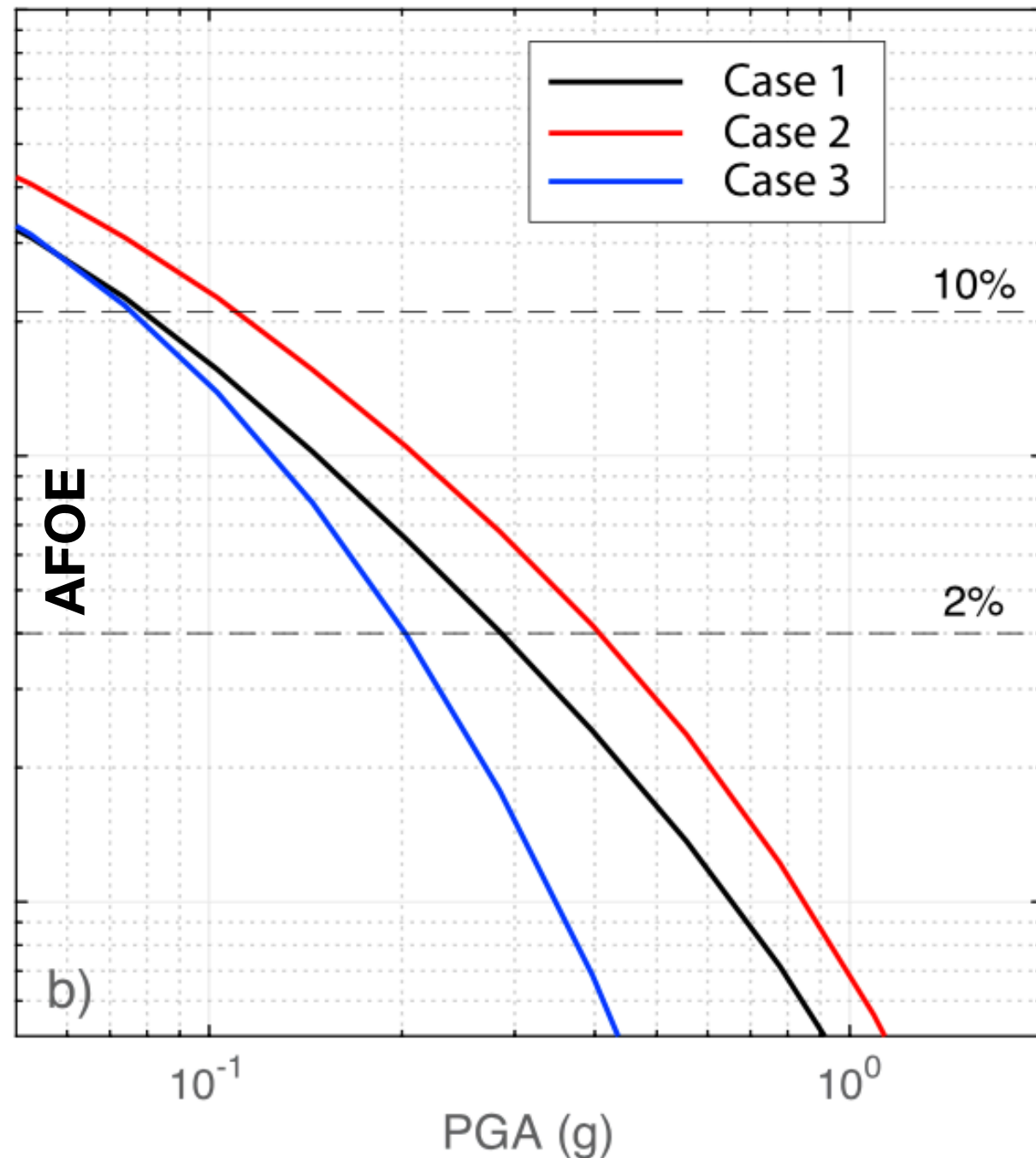
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BPT and Poissonian probability curves versus elapsed time ( $T_e$ ) calculated for the Bove-Vettore ISS9 for the 3 cases explored. Case (1) geometrical/kinematic parametrization of the source before the 2016 sequence ( $T_{\text{mean}} = 1971$ ;  $\text{CoV} = 1.24$ ); (2) use of paleoseismological data, excluding the 2016 event ( $T_{\text{mean}} = 1710$ ;  $\text{CoV} = 0.33$ ); (3) as (2) but including the last event ( $T_{\text{mean}} = 1604$ ;  $\text{CoV} = 0.39$ ).

BPT = Brownian Passage Time; CoV = coefficient of variation.

# Assumptions and consequences



PGA hazard curves computed at Norcia considering only the two ISSs (9 and 10) involved in the 2016 seismic sequence and the 3 cases.

The figure shows clearly how modification of the parameter of the sources can impact on the seismic hazard estimation. The figure shows also that in a fault-based PSHA, the time- dependent approach can play a key role in the hazard estimation. In the third case, where the elapsed time from the last earthquake is 1 year for ISS 9-Bove-Vettore, the hazard curve shows the lowest values as it is actually controlled mainly by the ISS 10-Gorzano.



With FiSH our intent was to distribute tools that can help researchers to pinpoint potential inconsistencies and obtain more

- reliable fault-based seismic hazard evaluations.

A fault-based and time-dependent approaches give a complementary view of PSHA with respect to zone-based and Poisson ones, especially in terms of spatial resolution and extension of the observational time required to capture the recurrence of large-magnitude events, improving the reliability of seismic hazard assessments.



In a fault-based and time-dependent approaches, improving the knowledge of the seismogenic sources, regarding geometry, kinematics, seismic history, and seismogenic potential can have a large impact to final results. To this aim, we need to encourage collecting and analyzing new geological data on active faults.



**THANK YOU AND SEE YOU TO THE  
HANDS ON SESSION!**

