

1 Auxiliary material for

2 **Earthquake clusters in southern California II:**

3 **Classification and relation to physical properties of the crust**

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11 **Section A. Stability of family structure with respect to the magnitude cutoff**

12 The goal of this section is to (i) further illustrate the dominant family types and
13 (ii) explore stability of the family type with respect to the magnitude threshold of the
14 analysis. We consider here two families and study how they transform depending on the
15 minimal magnitude of the analysis. The first family is located in the Salton trough area
16 (Fig. A1). The largest event in this family has mainshock magnitude 5.75 and coordinates
17 (33.0875N, 115.6195W). The second family spans the San Gabriel valley and mountains
18 (Fig. A2). The mainshock of this family has magnitude 5.51 and coordinates (34.1380N,
19 117.7082W); it occurred right off the San Gabriel mountains near Claremont, CA.

20 When the nearest-neighbor analysis is done for earthquakes with $m \geq 4.0$, the
21 Salton trough sequence consists of a single event (Fig. A1a,b,c), while the San Gabriel
22 family (Fig. A2a,b,c) combines 6 events in a spray-like configuration with a single
23 foreshock.

24 When the magnitude cutoff in the nearest-neighbor analysis is lowered to 3.0, the
25 number of events in both the families increases. The Salton trough family (Fig. A1d,e,f)
26 now has 31 events, including 12 foreshocks and 18 aftershocks. The topology of the
27 family (Fig. A1f) combines a chain of 10 events and a burst of 15 events. The San
28 Gabriel family (Fig. A2d,e,f) now contains 34 events; and still has a single foreshock. It
29 must be noted that the foreshock that was present in the $m \geq 4.0$ analysis no longer
30 belongs to the cluster; such reshuffling of the nearest-neighbor cluster structure may
31 occur even in conventional Euclidean spaces. The number of events that change their
32 clusters under changing the magnitude cutoff of the analysis is however very small. The
33 events in the Salton trough family are organized in a prominently spray-like shape (Fig.
34 A2e,f), with 26 out of 34 earthquakes being direct aftershocks of the largest event. The
35 spatial extent of the San Gabriel family (Fig. A2e) is smaller than that of the Salton
36 trough family (Fig. A1e).

37 Finally, we decrease the magnitude cutoff to 2.0. The Salton trough family (Fig.
38 A1g,h,i) now has 315 events, with 81 foreshocks and 233 aftershocks. Topologically
39 (Fig. A1i), the family consists of multiple chains and a dominant burst that includes 136
40 events (43%). The San Gabriel family (Fig. A2g,h,i) has 400 events, with 3 foreshocks
41 and 396 aftershocks. Topologically (Fig. A2i), the family is mainly comprised of a burst
42 that includes 261 events (65%). It is now clearly seen that the spatial extend of the San
43 Gabriel family (Fig. A2h) is much smaller than that of the Salton trough family (Fig.
44 A1h). We also note that the San Gabriel family has roughly isotropic shape (reminiscent
45 of explosion) whereas the Salton trough family is concentrated in a small number of
46 directions (suggesting flow in specific channels). To conclude, our results suggest that the

47 cluster structure is stable with respect to the magnitude threshold of the nearest-neighbor
48 analysis.

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50 **Section B. *Normalized tree depth***

51 The main text of the paper analyzes the average leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$. An alternative
52 approach to treat the bimodal distribution of the average leaf depth is related to the depth
53 scaling with family size N . Note that a linear chain of size N has depth $\langle d \rangle = N-1 \sim N$; a
54 perfect spray-shaped tree of size N (a tree with $N-1$ leaves directly attached to the root)
55 has depth $1 \sim N^0$. Here the sign “ \sim ” stands for “scales as when N increases”. It is hence
56 natural to expect for the observed trees to behave like $\langle d \rangle \sim N^\kappa$, with $0 < \kappa < 1$. Figure
57 B1a shows the average leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$ as a function of the family size N for the regular
58 families obtained in the nearest-neighbor analysis for $m \geq 2$ earthquakes. The figure only
59 shows 452 families with the mainshock magnitude 4.0 or above. A notable observation is
60 the existence of two principal modes of the expected increase of the depth $\langle d \rangle$ with
61 family size N ; they are depicted by two lines $\langle d \rangle \propto N^{0.5}$. One of the modes (located to the
62 left) corresponds to the much higher tree depths for the same family size. To quantify the
63 mode separation, we introduce the normalized tree depth $\delta = \langle d \rangle \times N^{-0.5}$, which balances
64 the effect of depth increase with the family size. Figure B1b further illustrates the modes
65 of the depth-size dependence, using different levels of the normalized depth δ . Figure B2
66 shows three examples of trees with different values of the normalized depth δ .

67 We note that the tree structure is affected by the magnitude of the events in the
68 family. In particular, large-magnitude events tend to attract more offspring,

69 according to the nearest-neighbor distance of Eq. (1) that exponentially decreases with
70 the magnitude of the parent. Figure B3 shows the normalized depth δ as a function of the
71 family mainshock magnitude m for the 51 regular families of size $N \geq 100$. The values of
72 the normalized depth span the range $0.05 < \delta < 2$. Notably, there exists a *transition in the*
73 *family formation* process between medium-magnitude and large-magnitude events with
74 the transition range $4.7 < m < 6.2$. Namely, *all* $m > 6.2$ mainshocks form prominently
75 spray-shaped clusters with very small tree depth, $\delta < 0.11$; such clusters would be
76 commonly referred to as *aftershock sequences*. We note that large-magnitude events
77 typically break the entire seismogenic zone and reach the free surface; this may be related
78 to the topologic structure of the respective families. *All* medium-magnitude mainshocks,
79 $m < 4.7$, form families with high normalized depth, $\delta > 0.5$; such clusters would be
80 commonly referred to as *swarms*. Finally, the mainshocks in the transition range $4.7 < m$
81 < 6.2 may form clusters with a wide variety of normalized depths, $0.05 < \delta < 2.0$, which
82 includes linear (for $\delta > 0.5$) and spray-shaped (for $\delta < 0.2$) families as well as all
83 intermediate types ($0.2 < \delta < 0.5$).

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85 **Section C. Cluster statistics vs. average leaf depth**

86 We have noticed already in Sect. 3 that some family statistics considered in our
87 analysis are related to each other. Say, it is natural to expect the topological depth $\langle d \rangle$ to
88 be negatively associated with the family branching index B . We demonstrate in this
89 section that numerous statistical properties of the nearest-neighbor families are indeed
90 strongly coupled with the average leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$. Such coupling in many cases is a

91 natural consequence of conditional family construction, and hence presents purely
92 statistical rather than physical effect. Nevertheless, systematic exploration of these
93 dependencies seems necessary for better understanding of the earthquake family
94 structure. We choose the topological depth $\langle d \rangle$ as the governing parameter since it
95 exhibits the strongest association with the regional properties among the examined family
96 statistics not exclusively related to foreshocks (see Fig. 7, Table 1).

97 The frequency-magnitude distribution for cluster mainshocks in two groups with
98 different ranges of family depth $\langle d \rangle$ is shown in Fig. C1. The mainshock distribution
99 within the topologically shallow families (solid line) is reminiscent of that for the entire
100 mainshock population [cf. ZBZ13, Fig. 10] and can be closely approximated by the
101 exponential Gutenberg-Richter law with b -value (slope of the line) $b = 1$. The
102 mainshocks of the topologically deep families (dashed line) also follow an exponential
103 distribution, although with significantly lower b -value $b \approx 0.6$. Accordingly, the
104 proportion of large-magnitude mainshocks is higher within topologically deep, swarm-
105 like families. Recall that the b -value can be interpreted as $b = 0.5d_f$ with d_f being the
106 fractal dimension of epicenters [Aki, 1981]. This implies that the epicenters of the burst-
107 like families with small topological depth occupy statistically the entire surface ($d_f \approx 2$),
108 while those of the swarm-like families occur within essentially one-dimensional channels
109 ($d_f \approx 1.2$). This property is explicitly confirmed below in Fig. C10. Another interesting
110 observation is that while the number of swarm-like low-magnitude clusters is much
111 smaller than the number of burst-like low-magnitude clusters; the number of large-
112 magnitude clusters is comparable for both cluster types.

113 Figure C2 shows the average number of aftershocks and foreshocks per family, in
 114 regular analysis for events with small-to-intermediate mainshock magnitudes $2 \leq m \leq 6$,
 115 as a function of family mainshock magnitude m . The analysis is done separately for deep
 116 families ($\langle d \rangle > 5$, diamonds, dashed line) and shallow families ($\langle d \rangle \leq 5$, circles, solid
 117 line). The average number of foreshocks and aftershocks is larger in deep families. This
 118 is true for aftershocks in families with mainshock magnitude $m \leq 5$, and for foreshocks in
 119 families with mainshocks magnitude $m \leq 6$. At the same time, the large magnitude
 120 families seem to have fore/aftershock productivity that is independent of the tree depth.
 121 The figure does not show mainshock magnitudes above 6, which add to the variability of
 122 the plot without changing the above conclusions. The average fore/aftershock number for
 123 intermediate mainshock magnitudes can be approximated by an exponential law

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$$125 \quad N = K_N \times 10^{\beta m}. \quad (C1)$$

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127 The value of the productivity index for aftershocks in deep ($\langle d \rangle > 5$) and shallow ($\langle d \rangle \leq$
 128 5) families is $\beta \approx 0.7$, $\beta \approx 0.9$ respectively; these estimates are done within the magnitude
 129 range [2.5-5] and may be different if larger mainshocks are considered. While it is harder
 130 to estimate the productivity index for foreshocks due to large fluctuations of the
 131 foreshock number, it is safe to say that the index value is close to $\beta = 0.5$ for the
 132 mainshock magnitude range [2.5-5].

133 In part I of this study it was shown [ZBZ13, Fig. 14] that the average number of
 134 aftershocks per family N_A , ignoring the family depth, scales with the mainshock

135 magnitude m as $N_a \propto 10^{\beta m}$, $\beta \approx 1$; this result is consistent with the other studies that report
136 the productivity index α of about unity [e.g., *Helmstetter et al.*, 2005]. The depth-
137 independent index $\beta \approx 1$ may seem inconsistent with the depth-dependent indices $\beta \approx 0.7$
138 and $\beta \approx 0.9$, which are both significantly less than unity. This effect is explained by the
139 depth-dependent mainshock distribution illustrated in Fig. C1. Namely, the proportion of
140 topologically deep low-magnitude clusters is small; hence, the total number of
141 aftershocks for low-magnitude clusters is about the same as the number of aftershocks for
142 shallow low-magnitude clusters. At the same time, the proportion of topologically deep
143 large-magnitude clusters is much larger; hence, the total number of aftershocks for large-
144 magnitude clusters is the sum of that number in both deep and shallow clusters. This
145 effect leads to increase of the scaling exponent in the entire population compared to the
146 subpopulations of deep and shallow clusters.

147 In part I it was shown [ZBZ13, Fig. 15] that the aftershock and foreshock
148 productivity in Δ -analysis is independent of the family mainshock magnitude. This
149 motivates examination of the average number of Δ -foreshocks and Δ -aftershocks per
150 family grouped by the family depth. The results are shown in Fig. C3a, where all families
151 are divided into 5 equal percentile groups according to the increasing value of the average
152 leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$. The number of foreshocks and aftershocks clearly increases with the
153 topological depth. At the same time, the number of foreshocks is always less than the
154 number of aftershocks. Figure C3b shows the proportion of Δ -foreshocks in the families
155 with size $N \geq 10$, according to the average leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$. The proportion of foreshocks
156 increases with the depth from almost 0 for shallow families to above 0.25 for the deepest

157 ones.

158 Next, we focus on the temporal intensity of events within a family around the
159 mainshock. Figure C4 shows the estimated earthquake intensity, in events per day per
160 cluster, in regular clusters with mainshock magnitude $m \geq 4$ within 30 days from a
161 mainshock. The analysis is done separately for shallow clusters ($\langle d \rangle \leq 5$, solid line,
162 circles) and deep clusters ($\langle d \rangle > 5$, dashed line, diamonds). This analysis includes clusters
163 with no foreshocks and/or aftershocks. The intensity of events decreases away from the
164 mainshock, in agreement with the depth-independent results [ZBZ13, Fig. 16]. The
165 intensity of topologically deep clusters is order of magnitude higher than that of shallow
166 ones (consistent with the results of Fig. C3), independently of the time away from
167 mainshock. Moreover, the intensity of events decays faster within 10 days from the
168 mainshock (for both foreshocks and aftershocks) in shallow clusters. This visual
169 impression is confirmed by the analysis of Fig. C5 below. We note also that the
170 foreshock intensity for shallow clusters is always below 0.1 event/day/cluster, and it
171 decreases to 0.01 events/day/cluster 10 days away from a mainshock. This explains the
172 observation that only 27% of the shallow clusters ($\langle d \rangle \leq 5, m \geq 4$) have foreshocks; while
173 among the deep clusters ($\langle d \rangle > 5, m \geq 4$) 95% have foreshocks.

174 Figure C5 presents more focused results on event intensity within 10 days from
175 mainshocks for families with at least one Δ -aftershock or Δ -foreshock; the earthquake
176 intensity is measured in events per day per family. The aftershock decay in the examined
177 cases closely follows the Omori-Utsu law [Omori, 1894; Utsu *et al.*, 1995]:

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$$\Lambda = K_{\Lambda} \times (t + c)^{-p}. \tag{C2}$$

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181 The decay rate is higher for topologically shallow families ($p \approx 0.85$) than for deep ones
182 ($p \approx 0.65$). The foreshock decay shows much more scattered results due to smaller
183 number of events, but it can also be coarsely approximated by a power law. Due to
184 sampling problems, we are not trying to estimate the exact foreshock decay rates,
185 although it is clear that the overall decay in shallow families is faster than in deep ones.
186 For visual convenience we show in Fig. C5b two lines that correspond to power law
187 decay with rates of 0.65 and 1.1. The results are consistent with the depth-independent
188 intensity decay illustrated in Fig. 17 of ZBZ13. The results confirm the suggestion in Fig.
189 C4 that the intensities of events in topologically shallow sequences tend to decay faster as
190 time from mainshock (in both directions) increases.

191 Figure C6 illustrates results of regular analysis of the magnitude difference Δ_m
192 between the mainshock and the largest foreshock (diamonds, dashed line) and aftershock
193 (circles, solid line). The magnitude difference for both event types tends to be smaller for
194 deeper families; the effect although is much stronger for aftershocks than for foreshocks.
195 Notably, the depth-dependent magnitude difference for the foreshocks is always
196 statistically indistinguishable from the depth-independent average of $\Delta_m = 1.2$ [see
197 ZBZ13, Fig. 18]. In contrast, the depth-dependent magnitude differences for aftershocks
198 do deviate significantly from the depth-independent average $\Delta_m = 1.1$ for very shallow
199 and very deep families.

200 The duration of foreshocks and aftershocks in Δ -analysis is illustrated in Fig. C7;
201 both foreshock and aftershocks sequences are longer for deep families. The duration of

202 Δ -foreshocks is order of magnitude smaller than that of Δ -aftershocks, independently of
203 the family depth. The distribution of the area for aftershock sequences according to the
204 family depth is shown in Fig. C8. The area tends to increase with increasing topological
205 depth, in agreement with the example results shown in Figs. 1 and 2 (see also Figs. A1,
206 A2). The dependence of area on the family depth is more scattered than the other
207 characteristics examined in this study; this prevents a robust analysis of the foreshock
208 area.

209 Next, we examine the immediate child productivity by analyzing the average
210 number B of children per parent (Fig. C9). In graph-theoretical terminology, this is
211 known as the *branching number*; in seismological context it is usually called *the number*
212 *of first-generation offspring*. Specifically, we (i) consider *every* parent event within each
213 family, (ii) focus on the first-generation offspring only, and (iii) do not consider events
214 with no children, so the minimal number is $B = 1$. The branching numbers are averaged
215 within each family. Fig. C9a shows that the shallow families have a prominently higher
216 average B . This observation is further illustrated in Fig. C9b that displays the distribution
217 of B for shallow ($\langle d \rangle \leq 3$) and deep ($\langle d \rangle > 3$) families. As shown, the distribution of B for
218 deep families has exponential tail $1-F(B) = C_B \times 10^{-\alpha B}$ with $\alpha \approx 0.3$.

219 Finally, we analyze the directional dependency of events in families of different
220 types. Specifically, consider the empirical distribution $F(\theta)$ of the surface angle θ
221 between the epicenters of family mainshock and the other events. The angle, in degrees,
222 is counted counterclockwise assuming that East corresponds to $\theta = 0$. For each family we
223 perform a one sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test [Conover, 1971] that compares $F(\theta)$ to

224 the uniform distribution on the interval $[0, 360]$. The proportion U of families with at
 225 least 5 events and mainshock $m \geq 4$ that pass this test at level 0.01 (we call such families
 226 *isotropic*) for different average leaf depths is shown in Fig. C10. The proportion of
 227 isotropic families decreases as the tree depth increases. In other words, burst-like
 228 sequences develop in spatially isotropic fashion reflected in uniform circular event
 229 distribution, while deeper swarm-like sequences propagate along preferred channels in
 230 particular directions. The existence of preferred propagation channels may also explain
 231 the observation of Fig. C8 that the area of aftershock sequences increases with the family
 232 depth (and related results in Figs. 1 and 2); a failure cascade along specific (presumably
 233 weaker) directions can extend larger distance from the mainshock compared to the
 234 isotropic failures characterizing the burst-like shallow sequences.

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236 **Section D. ETAS model: specification and parameters**

237 The ETAS model is specified in terms of the conditional intensity $\lambda(t, \mathbf{f}, m | H_t)$ of a
 238 process $Z_t = \{t_i, \mathbf{f}_i, m_i\}$ given its history $H_t = (\{t_i, \mathbf{f}_i, m_i\} : t_i < t)$ up to time t . Here t_i represents
 239 earthquake occurrence times, \mathbf{f}_i their coordinates (e.g., epicenter, hypocenter, or centroid)
 240 and m_i the magnitudes [Daley and Vere-Jones, 2002]. The statistical analysis and
 241 inference for Z_t are done using the conditional likelihood

$$242 \quad \log L_t = \int_{t_i < t} \log m(t_i, \mathbf{f}_i, m_i | H_t) - \int_0^t \int_M \int_F m(t, \mathbf{f}, m | H_t) dt dm d\mathbf{f}, \quad (\text{D1})$$

243 where M and F denote the magnitude range and spatial domain of events, respectively.

244 We assume furthermore that the magnitudes of events are independent and drawn from

245 the Gutenberg-Richter (exponential) distribution with a constant b -value. This reduces

246 conditional intensity to the following special form, which allows various particular
 247 parameterizations [Ogata, 1998, 1999]:

$$248 \quad m(t, \mathbf{f} | \mathbf{H}_t) = m_0(t, \mathbf{f}) + \sum_{i: t_i < t} \alpha g(t - t_i, \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_i, m_i).$$

249 We use in this study a homogeneous background intensity $\mu_0 = \mu$ and the following
 250 parameterization for the response function g suggested by Ogata [1998, Eq. (2.3)]:

$$251 \quad g(t, x, y, m) = \frac{K \exp(\alpha(m - m_0))}{(t + c)^p (x^2 + y^2 + d)^q}. \quad (\text{D2})$$

252 Here m_0 is the lowest considered magnitude, and (x, y) are Cartesian coordinates of the
 253 epicenters. The model is specified by 8 scalar parameters $\theta = \{\mu, K, c, p, \alpha, d, q\}$. In this study, we generate synthetic ETAS catalogs using parameters consistent with
 254 those reported in the literature [e.g., Wang *et al.*, 2010; Chu *et al.*, 2011; Marzocchi and
 255 Zhuang, 2011]: $\mu = 0.003 \text{ (km}^2 \text{ year)}^{-1}$, $b = \alpha = 1$, $K = 0.007 \text{ (km}^2 \text{ year)}^{-1}$, $c = 0.00001$
 256 year, $p = 1.17$, $q = 1.7$, $d = 30 \text{ km}^2$; the simulations are done within a region of 500×500
 257 km during 15 years. The catalog consists of 146,432 earthquakes.

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260 **Section E. Analysis of Variance: Review**

261 The *one-way* ANOVA test (Freedman, 2005) compares the means of several
 262 groups of observations by examining the variance within the groups relative to the
 263 variance between the groups. Formally, consider samples X_{ij} , where index $i = 1, \dots, G$
 264 counts different groups and index $j = 1, \dots, N_i$ counts observations within group i ; and let
 265 $N = N_1 + \dots + N_G$. Let \bar{X}_i denote the sample average for the group i and μ_i denote the
 266 population mean for the same group. The ANOVA tests the null hypothesis $H_0: \mu_1 = \dots =$

267 μ_G vs. the alternate hypothesis that at least two groups have different means. The test
268 statistic is computed as

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$$F = \frac{SSG}{SSE} \frac{N-1}{G-1},$$

270 where *SSG* is the *group sum of squares* and *SSE* is the *error sum of squares*:

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$$SSG = \sum_{i=1}^G N_i (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2; SSE = \sum_{i=1}^G \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2.$$

272 The intuition behind the test is that if all groups have the same mean, then $SSG/(G-1) \approx$
273 $SSE/(N-1)$ and the test statistic F should be close to unity; while if the groups have
274 different means, then $SSG/(G-1) < SSE/(N-1)$ and the values of F will increase. Namely,
275 if (i) the observations are normally distributed and (ii) the variances of all the groups are
276 the same, then the test statistic F has F -distribution with $(G-1)$ and $(N-1)$ degrees of
277 freedom (*Freedman, 2005*). The ANOVA test is reasonably robust with respect to the
278 violation of both the above assumptions and it is known to have large power with respect
279 to numerous alternative hypotheses. When applying the ANOVA test, we always
280 transform the variables to make the samples approximately Normally distributed.

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Table C1: Earthquake cluster statistics related to the earthquake family type

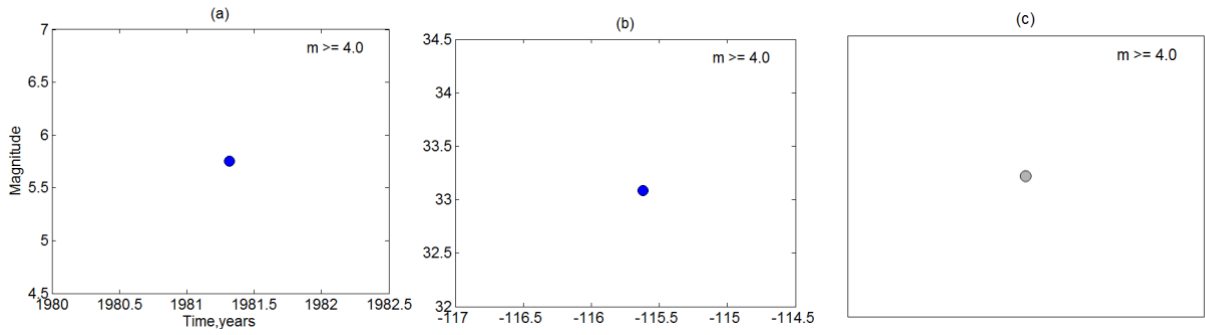
Statistic	Burst-like family	Swarm-like family	Figure #	
			Δ -analysis*	Regular analysis
Average leaf depth, $\langle d \rangle$	Low	High	1-4	
b -value for mainshocks	High	Low	C1	
Ave. no. of aftershocks per family, N_a	Low	High	C3	C2a
Ave. no. of foreshocks per family, N_f	Low	High	C3	C2b
Intensity of aftershocks, Λ_a	Low	High	C4, C5a	
Intensity of foreshocks, Λ_f	Low	High	C4, C5b	
Magnitude difference between mainshock and largest aftershock, Δ_m	High	Low		C6
Magnitude difference between mainshock and largest foreshock, Δ_m	High	Low		C6
Duration of aftershocks, D_a	Low	High	C7a	
Duration of foreshocks, D_f	Low	High	C7b	
Area of aftershocks, A_a	Low	High	C8	
Branching index, B	High	Low		C9
Angular surface isotropy, U	High	Low		C10

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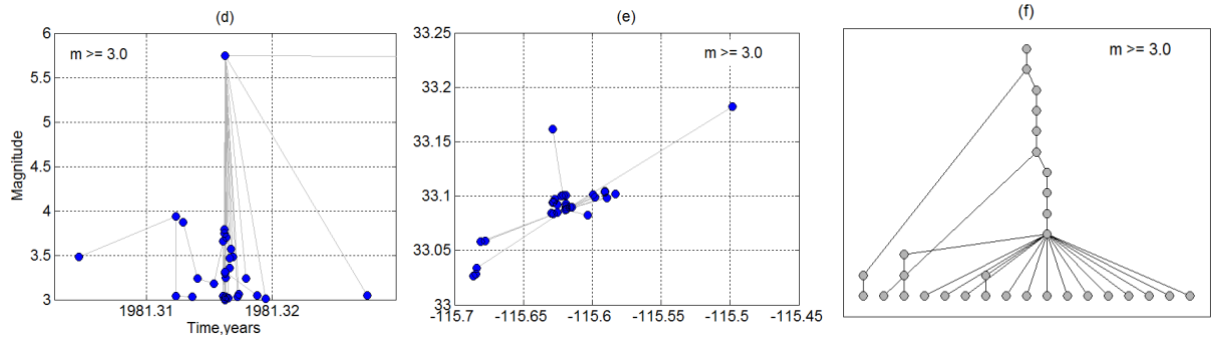
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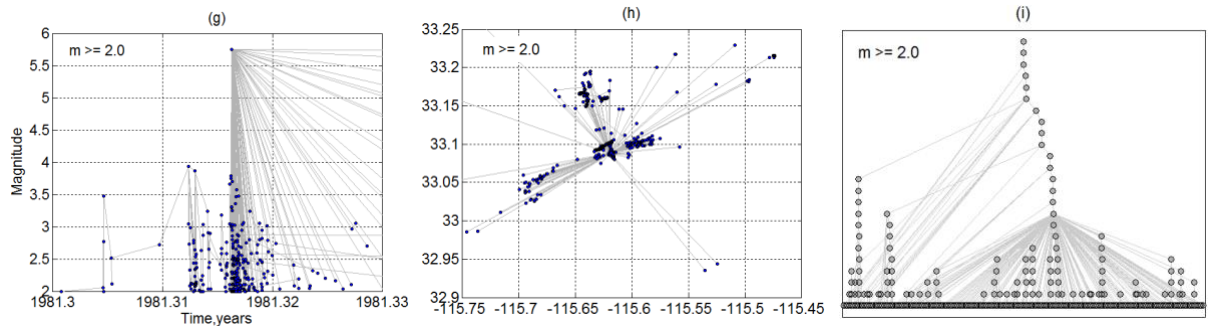
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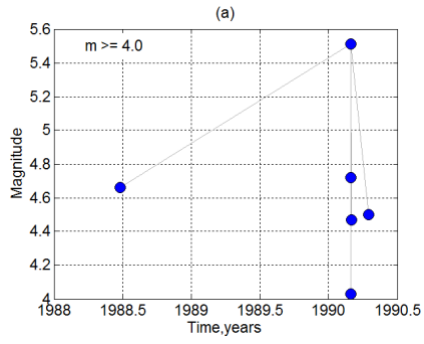
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292 parent links. Figure shows results for different magnitude thresholds of the nearest-

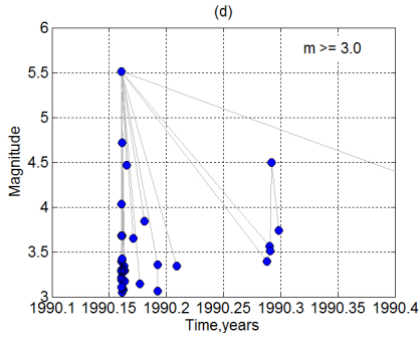
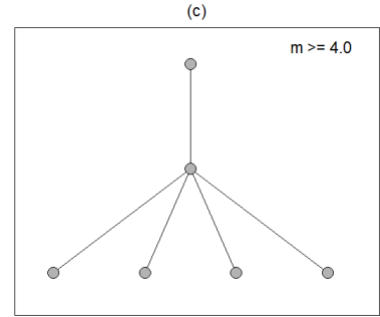
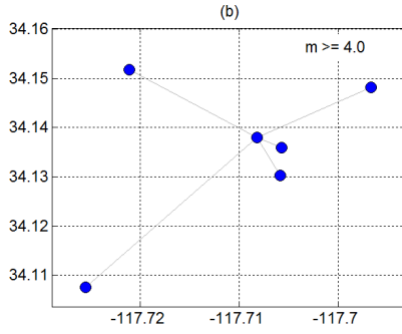
293 neighbor analysis: (a,b,c) $m \geq 4.0$, (d,e,f) $m \geq 3.0$, (g,h,i) $m \geq 2.0$. (a,d,g) Magnitude as a

294 function of time. (b,e,h) Space map. (c,f,i) Topologic tree.

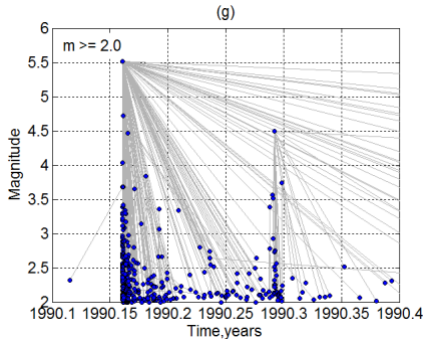
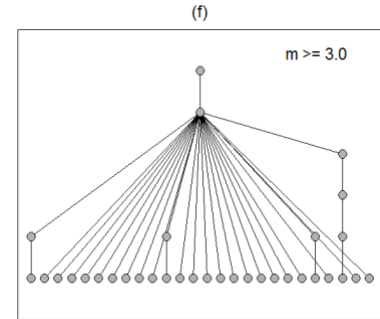
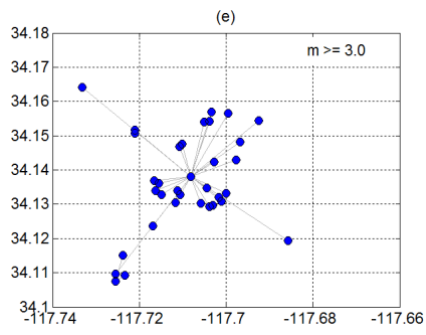
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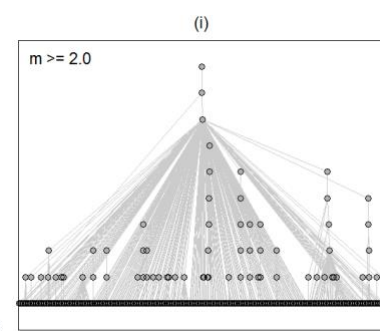
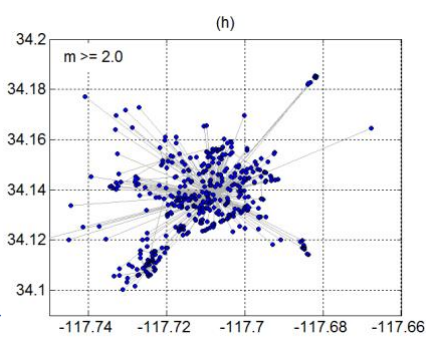
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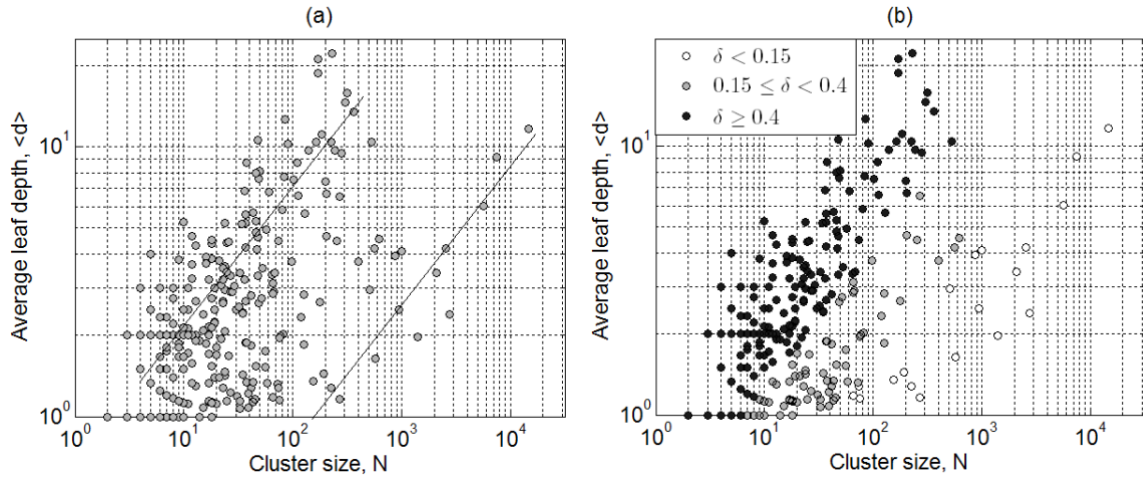
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299 Figure A2: Family in San Gabriel area. The other notations are the same as in Fig. A1.

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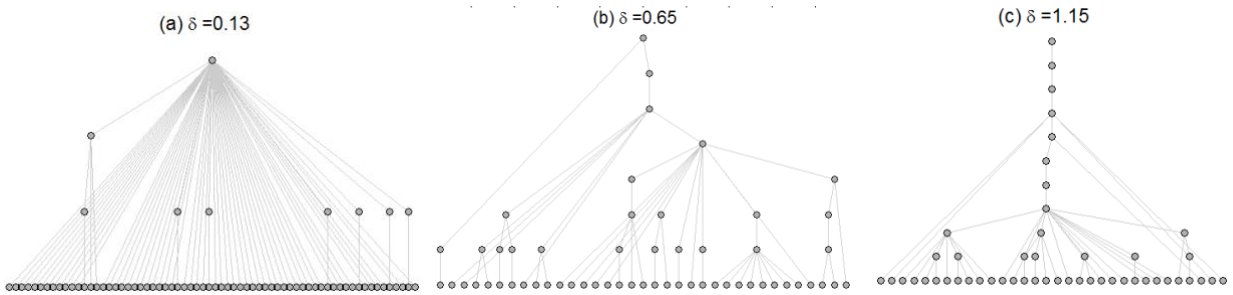
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303 Figure B1: Two types of nearest-neighbor families. The figure shows the average leaf
 304 depth $\langle d \rangle$ as a function of the family size N for 452 regular families with maximal
 305 magnitude $m \geq 4$. The nearest-neighbor analysis is done for $m \geq 2.0$. Panel (a) depicts the
 306 two modes by lines $\langle d \rangle \propto N^{0.5}$: one of the modes is characterized by much larger average
 307 leaf depth for the same family size. Panel (b) further illustrates the two modes by using
 308 different colors for families with different normalized depth $\delta = \langle d \rangle \times N^{-0.5}$, as described
 309 in the legend.

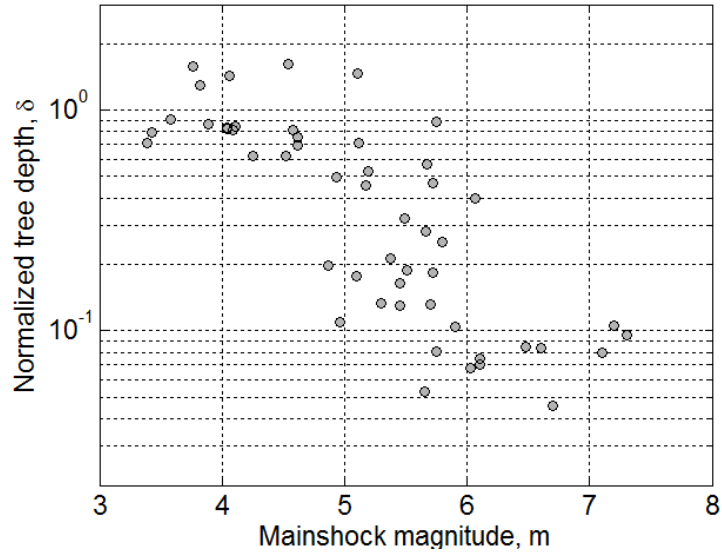
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312 Figure B2: Examples of trees with different values of the normalized tree depth δ . All
 313 trees correspond to the earthquake families observed in southern California.

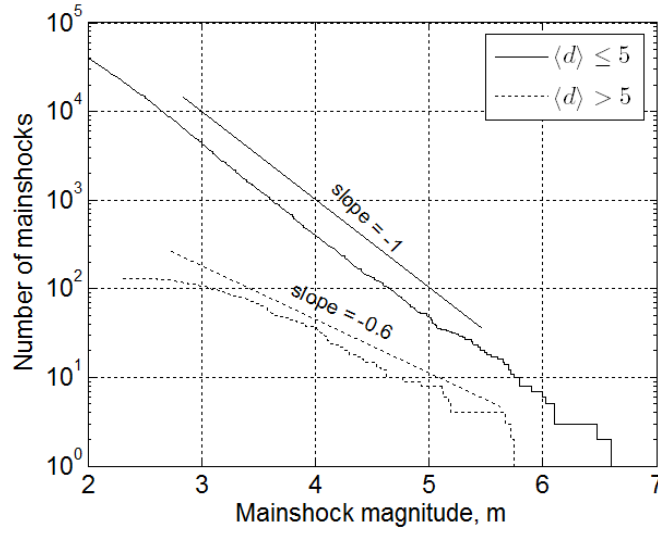
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316 Figure B3: Two types of nearest-neighbor families. The figure shows the normalized tree
 317 depth δ as a function of the family mainshock magnitude m for 51 regular families with
 318 size $N \geq 100$. There exists a transition in the family formation process: all mainshocks
 319 with $m < 4.7$ correspond to large-depth trees (swarm-like families), $\delta > 0.5$; all
 320 mainshocks with $m > 6.2$ correspond to small-depth trees (burst-like families), $\delta < 0.11$;
 321 the mainshocks in the transition range $4.7 < m < 6.2$ may form families of various types,
 322 with $0.05 < \delta < 2$.

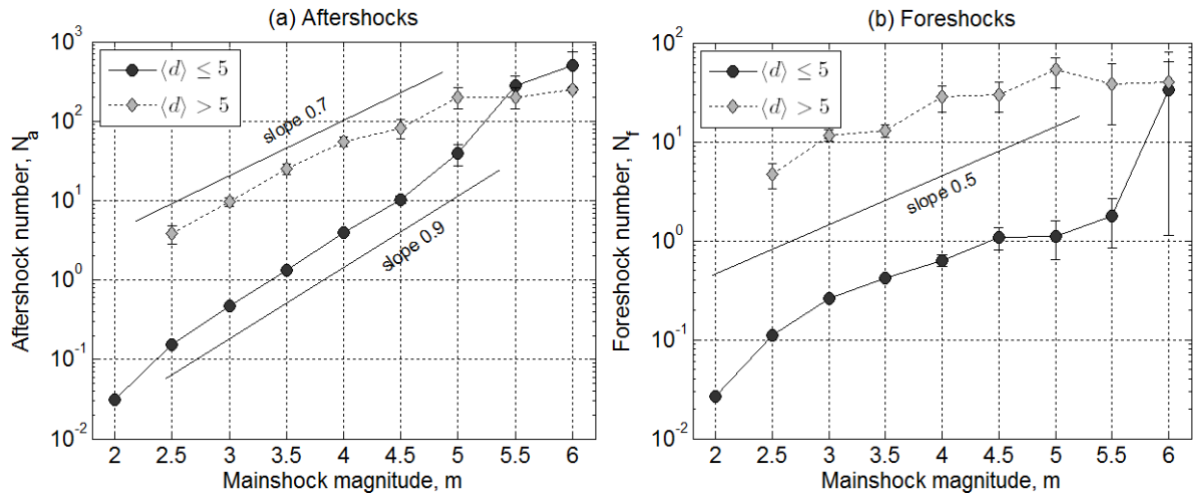
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325 Figure C1: Number of mainshocks with magnitude equal or above m . The analysis is
 326 done separately for clusters with average leaf depth $\langle d \rangle \leq 5$ (solid line) and $\langle d \rangle > 5$
 327 (dashed line). Deep, swarm-like families have significantly larger proportion of high-
 328 magnitude mainshocks.

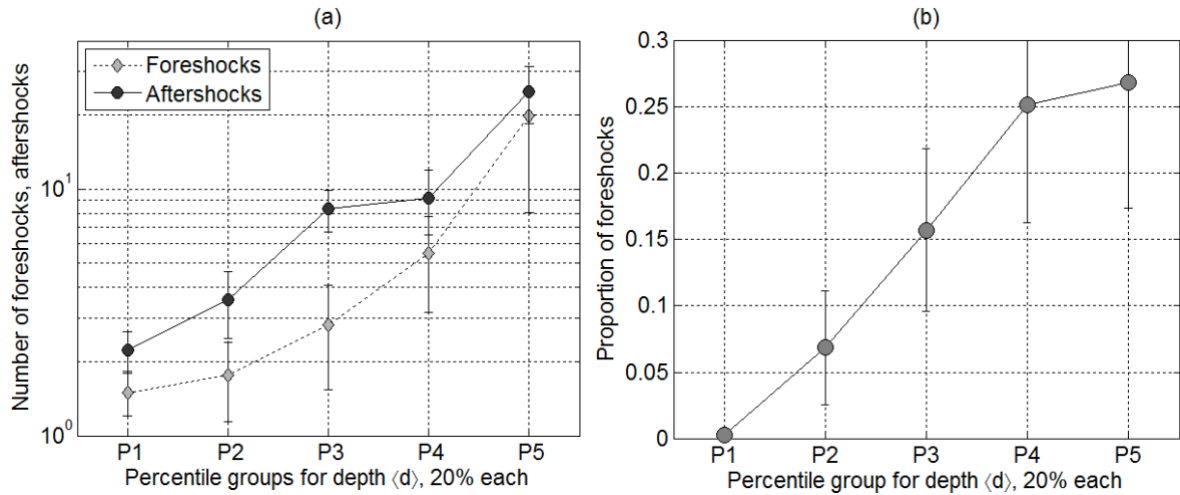
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331 Figure C2: Average number of aftershocks (panel a) and foreshocks (panel b) per family
 332 for different mainshock magnitude. The analysis is done separately for shallow families,
 333 $\langle d \rangle \leq 5$, (solid line, circles) and deep families, $\langle d \rangle > 5$, (dashed line, diamonds). The
 334 productivity is significantly larger in deep families.

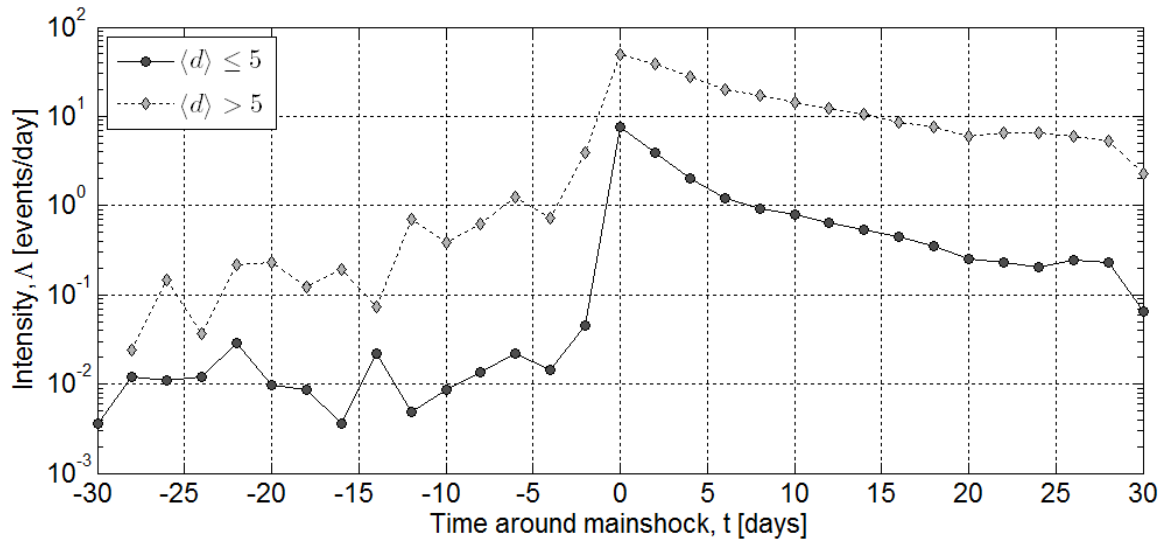
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337 Figure C3: (a) Average number of Δ -foreshocks (diamonds, dashed line) and Δ -
 338 aftershocks (circles, solid line) for families with different average leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$. Each
 339 group corresponds to 20% of the families in Δ -analysis, according to the increasing $\langle d \rangle$ -
 340 values. Only families with at least one fore/aftershock are examined. Each foreshock
 341 group contains 25 or 26 families; each aftershock group contains 27 or 28 families. The
 342 error bars correspond to a 95% confidence interval for the mean. (b) Proportion of
 343 foreshocks in Δ -families with size $N \geq 10$. Each group contains 22 or 23 families.

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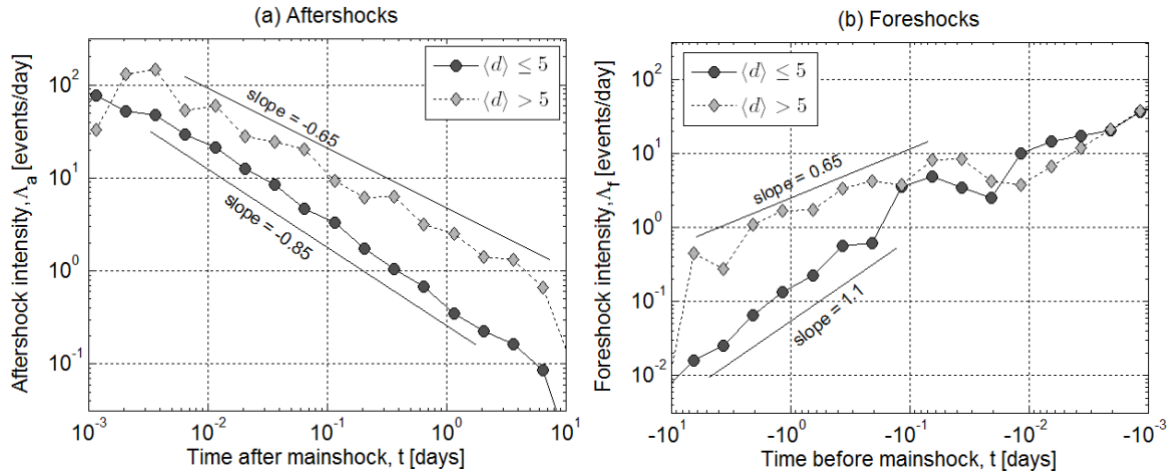
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346 Figure C4: Intensity Λ of events around a mainshock in events per day per cluster;

347 regular analysis, clusters with mainshocks $m \geq 4$. The analysis is done separately for

348 clusters with $\langle d \rangle \leq 5$ (solid line, circles) and $\langle d \rangle > 5$ (dashed line, diamonds).

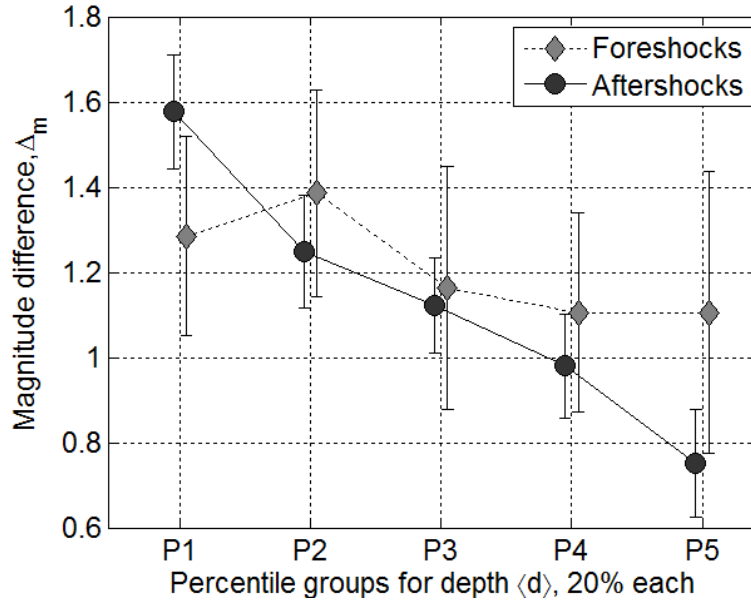
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351 Figure C5: Intensity of aftershocks (panel a) and foreshocks (panel b) in events per day
 352 per family for families with mainshock magnitude $m \geq 4$ and at least one aftershock
 353 (panel a) or foreshock (panel b) in Δ -analysis. The analysis is done separately for families
 354 with $\langle d \rangle \leq 5$ (solid line, circles) and $\langle d \rangle > 5$ (dashed line, diamonds). The event decay
 355 away from the mainshock is more rapid in topologically shallow families.

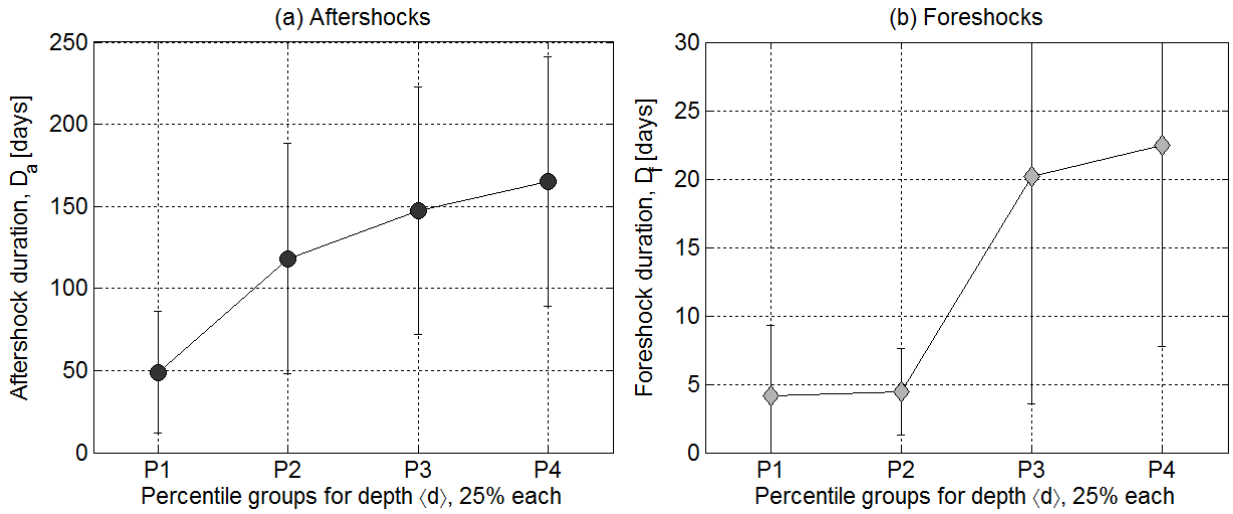
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358 Figure C6: Magnitude difference Δ_m between the mainshock and the largest foreshock
 359 (dashed line, diamonds) and aftershock (solid line, circles) in regular analysis. The figure
 360 shows the average value of the magnitude difference for different ranges of the average
 361 leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$ in regular analysis. Each depth group corresponds to 20% of families with
 362 at least one fore/aftershock. Each aftershock group contains 67 or 68 events; each
 363 foreshock group contains 25 or 26 events. The error bars correspond to a 95% confidence
 364 interval for the mean.

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367 Figure C7: Duration of foreshock and aftershock sequences. The figure shows the

368 average value of duration for different ranges of the average leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$ in Δ -analysis.

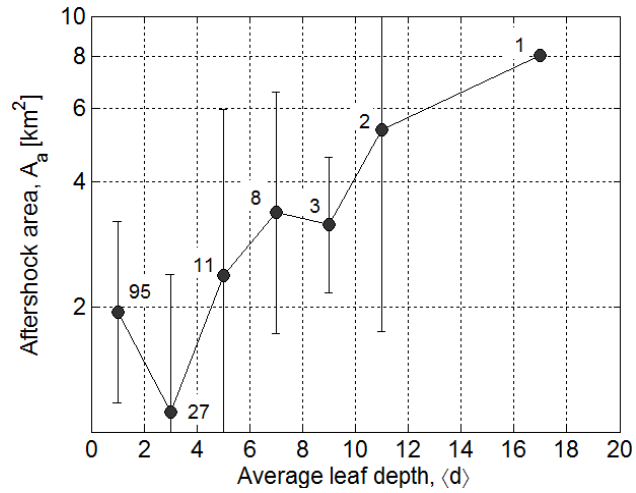
369 Each depth group corresponds to 25% of families with at least one fore/aftershock. (a)

370 Aftershocks, each group contains 84 or 85 sequences. (b) Foreshocks, each group

371 contains 32 sequences. The error bars correspond to a 95% confidence interval for the

372 mean.

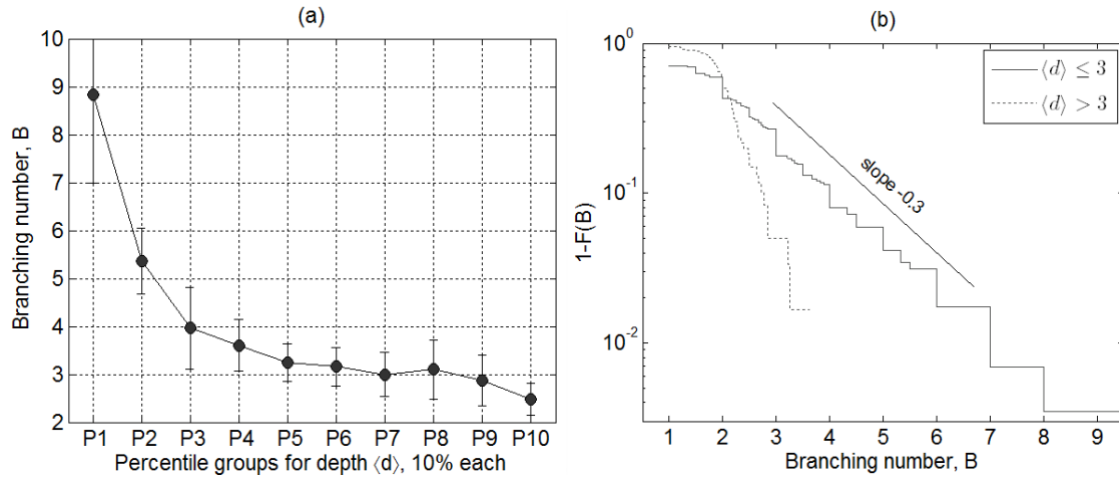
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375 Figure C8: Area A occupied by aftershocks. The analysis only considers Δ -families with
 376 at least 5 aftershocks within 5 parent fault rupture lengths from the mainshock. The area
 377 is averaged over all families within different ranges of the average leaf depth, each range
 378 has length 2. The number of families within each range is indicated in figure.

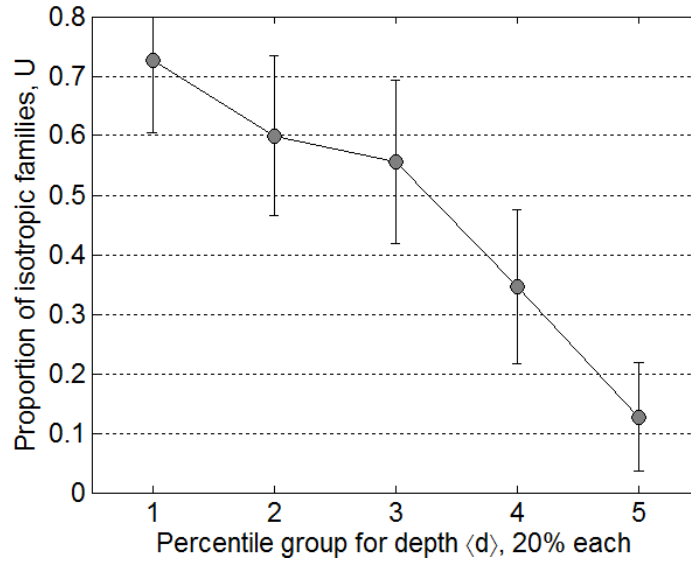
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381 Figure C9: Branching number B . (a) The average value of the branching number for
 382 different ranges of the average leaf depth $\langle d \rangle$ in regular analysis. Each depth group
 383 corresponds to 10% of families with mainshock magnitude $m \geq 4$ and size $N \geq 10$. Each
 384 group contains 19 or 20 families. The error bars correspond to a 95% confidence interval
 385 for the mean. (b) The tail of the distribution of the branching number B for families with
 386 $\langle d \rangle \leq 3$ (solid line) and $\langle d \rangle > 3$ (dashed line). Branching is larger for shallow families.

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389 Figure C10: Circular spatial isotropy of family events. The figure shows the proportion of
 390 families with circularly uniform distribution of events relative to the mainshock,
 391 according to the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test at level 0.01 (see the text for details). Regular
 392 families with at least 5 events and mainshock magnitude $m \geq 4$ are considered. The
 393 results are averaged within families with different values of the average leaf depth, each
 394 point corresponds to 20% of examines families; each group contains 54 or 55 families.

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