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Dear Editor:

Re: Responses to Reviewers and Revised Manuscript *Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss.*, 8, C4357-C4359, 2011, “Extended power-law scaling of air permeabilities measured on a block of tuff” by M. Siena, A. Guadagnini, M. Riva, and S.P. Neuman

We greatly appreciate the efforts that our reviewers have invested in our manuscript and their excellent suggestions for improvement.

Attached is a revised manuscript addressing all of the reviewers’ concerns.

Following is an itemized list of reviewers’ concerns and our response to each. Modifications are highlighted in red font within the revised manuscript.

Concerns of REVIEWER #1

Concern: This paper focuses on a structure function defined using measurement increment which supports the comparison with variogram analysis. Yet, such kind of function and moment approach (eq. 1) and the occurrence of power-law scaling have been largely applied (Bird et al., 2006, *J. of Hydrology*; Dathe et al., 2006; Geoderma) to the measurement itself (in this case the size of the support volume is used instead of the lag) and conclude that the nonlinear variation of the scaling exponent with q denotes multifractality. I believe it would be useful to comment on the use of measurement increment versus measurement (as well as the possible use of negative values for q).

Response: In the literature structure functions are usually defined in the way we do, and we limit ourselves to functions so defined. It would be outside the scope of our work to consider support volumes instead of lags, as suggested by the reviewer. Lines 68 – 69 of the revised manuscript now makes clear that we limit our analysis of data to non-negative values of q .

Concern: What could explain that the log permeability distribution of this rock is similar to a $tfBm$ (and why it is not the case along direction z)?

Response: In lines 276 – 278 of the revised manuscript we note on the basis of cited references that “Gaussian samples commonly characterized in the literature by stationary variograms may in fact represent truncated self-affine fields.” This and the cited review article by Neuman and Di Federico (2003) suggest that there is nothing unusual about log permeabilities behaving as $tfBm$. An answer to the question “why this is so” can be found in Neuman, S.P., Relationship between juxtaposed, overlapping and fractal representations of multimodal spatial variability, *Water Resour. Res.*, 9(8), 1205, 10.1029/2002, WR001755, 2003. Though the behavior is common, it is not universal and we are therefore not surprised that it is not manifested by our data in one of three

directions; the rock is clearly anisotropic in its scaling behavior, most likely due to anisotropy in its hydrogeologic structure.

Concern: Could we extend the conclusions by saying that: if the signal measured is not a tfBm distribution, then ESS should not perform better than the standard moment method?

Response: Our revised conclusions 8 and 9 now state:

Conclusion 8: “Our demonstration in Appendix A that tfBm is consistent with ESS scaling according to (6) at all separation scales, and with power law scaling according to (2) at intermediate scales, explains why and how ESS works for our data at all scales. The same explains how and why ESS worked for sub-Gaussian processes $W\Delta G(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ considered by Guadagnini and Neuman (2011).”

Conclusion 9: “The fact that our data are consistent with (6) but not with (2) at small and large lags constitute yet another indication that, despite their nonlinear power law scaling at intermediate lags, the data are inconsistent with multifractals or fractional Laplace motions, which theoretically scale in this manner at all lags. The same likely holds true for other Gaussian or heavy-tailed earth and environmental variables (such as those listed in our introduction) that scale according to (2) at intermediate lags and according to (3) over an extended range of lags, a possibility noted earlier by Guadagnini and Neuman (2011).”

Concern: The use of “s” for denoting the lag is sometimes confusing (while the structure function is noted “S”) and makes typos consequential such as in equation 2 ($S \sim s^{\hat{f}(q)}$)

Response: Consistency with the background literature we cite suggests that we stick to similar notation. We think that the distinction between S and s should be obvious to the reader.

Concern: Why “N” depends on “s” (it is not always the case isn’t it)?

Response: For a given set of Y data the number N of increments decreases, always, with the lag s .

Concern: I believe that a couple of sentences (in the introduction) explaining for non-specialists what is “a signal derived from additive processes subordinated to a truncated version (tfBm) of additive, self-affine fractional Brownian motion (fBm)” would make the paper more attractive to most of the hydrologists!

Response: We regret that we do not see any way to explain these concepts in a couple of sentences; the interested reader would need to study the cited references.

Concern: Line 24, page 7814 “to $H = 0.74r_i = 1.27$ cm” should be “to $H = 0.74$ for $r_i = 1.27$ cm”.

Response: Indeed, the text has been corrected.

Concern: (some of the) stationary variograms of Fig. 14 could be added in Figure A1 for direct comparison.

Response: We added a new Figure A2, explaining in our revised Appendix A (lines 423 – 424) that “Fig. A2 complements this analysis by juxtaposing the TPVs associated with Gaussian modes in Fig. 14a with corresponding PVs.”

Concern: explain notation “!!” in A2 and A8

Response: The revised Appendix A explains: “!! indicates double factorial defined as $q!! = q (q-2) (q-4) \dots 2$ if q is even and $q!! = q (q-2) (q-4) \dots 3$ if q is odd,”

CONCERNS OF TOM KOZUBOWSKI AND FRED MOLZ

Concern: In the paragraph following their equation (3) the reviewers interpret our general finding to be that the data do not seem to follow SS, although its ESS is quite apparent.

Response: This is a misunderstanding which our revised manuscript clears by noting, on lines 149 – 152, that “After showing that our data behave as a sample from tfBm (a truncated self-affine process) we demonstrate in Appendix A that this process is consistent with (6) at all separation scales (lags s) and with (2) at intermediate scales ($s_I < s < s_{II}$), as are most of our data.” That our data scale according to (2), and thus follow SS at intermediate scales, is demonstrated clearly in Sections 3.1 and 3.3. Our revised Conclusion 6 amplifies this by stating that “log permeability increments ... associated with all tip sizes scale in the manner of multifractals at intermediate lags.”

Concern: The reviewers demonstrate that whereas SS implies ESS, the reverse is not generally true; ESS is equivalent to their equation (9). In their view we have interpreted the ESS of our data on the false premise that they follow SS, rendering our analysis invalid.

Response: As noted in our response to the previous concern, our data do in fact follow SS at intermediate lags. Furthermore, we demonstrate in Appendix A that the tfBm model we use to represent our data is consistent with equation (9) of the reviewers, as they themselves point out. Our analysis is therefore perfectly valid. To bring this home we have added the following to the two concluding paragraphs of our Introduction:

“Two among our reviewers, Tom Kozubowski and Fred Molz, note that (3) is obtained from (2) simply upon rewriting the latter as $S^n(s) = C(n) s^{\xi(n)}$ and $S^m(s) = C(m) s^{\xi(m)}$, solving the first of these expressions for s and substituting into the second. Kozubowski and Molz point out further that whereas (2) implies (3) the reverse is generally not true, (3) being equivalent instead to

$$S^q(s) \propto f(s)^{\xi(q)} \quad (6)$$

where $f(s)$ is some, possibly nonlinear, function of s . This is seen upon rewriting (6) as $S^n(s) = C(n)f(s)^{\xi(n)}$ and $S^m(s) = C(m)f(s)^{\xi(m)}$, solving the first for $f(s)$ and substituting into the second.

After showing that our data behave as a sample from tfBm (a truncated self-affine process) we demonstrate in Appendix A that this process is consistent with (6) at all separation scales (lags s) and with (2) at intermediate scales ($s_I < s < s_{II}$), as are most of our data. We thus explain why and how ESS works for our data at all scales. The same likely holds true for other Gaussian or heavy-tailed earth and environmental variables (such as those listed earlier) that scale according to (2) at intermediate lags and according to (3) over an extended range of lags, a possibility noted earlier by Guadagnini and Neuman (2011)."

In addition, our revised Conclusion 8 now states: "Our demonstration in Appendix A that tfBm is consistent with ESS scaling according to (6) at all separation scales, and with power law scaling according to (2) at intermediate scales, explains why and how ESS works for our data at all scales. The same explains how and why ESS worked for sub-Gaussian processes $W\Delta G(s; \lambda_I, \lambda_{II})$ considered by Guadagnini and Neuman (2011)."

Concern: The reviewers state that we have failed to provide a theoretical reason for our observation in Figure 5 that the ratio of consecutive powers tends to 1 as q increases; they explain this observation on the basis of their equation (13).

Response: The reviewers missed our statement, in what is now line 219, that a theoretical explanation for this behavior is provided in Appendix A; more importantly, they missed our statement in Appendix A that, according to our equation (A10), "The slope of this line decreases asymptotically from 2 at $q = 1$ toward 1 as $q \rightarrow \infty$."

Concern: According to the reviewers we do not state clearly that tfBm has stationary increments.

Response: The revised manuscript now states so in the sentence leading to equation (A1).

Concern: The authors express concern about a 1994 paper on ESS due to Kaplan and Kao.

Response: It is not clear to us how this concern reflects on or relates to our paper.

Concern: The reviewers suggest that we bring into our discussion the scaling behaviors of fractional Laplace motion.

Response: Our original manuscript, in what are now lines 98 – 101, noted that “Though nonlinear variation of $\xi(q)$ with q is also reproduced by the fractional Laplace model of Meerschaert et al. (2004; see Kozubowski et al., 2006, and Ganti et al., 2009), the latter does not include cutoffs and thus fails to reproduce observed breakdown in power law scaling at small and large lags.”

The last paragraph of our revised Introduction now adds: “As our data are consistent with (6) but not with (2) at small ($s < s_l$) and large ($s > s_H$) scales, we conclude that they are inconsistent with multifractals or fractional Laplace motions (Meerschaert et al., 2004; Kozubowski et al., 2006; Ganti et al., 2009) which theoretically scale according to (2) at all lags. In other words our data, being consistent with a truncated self-affine process, exhibit apparent rather than actual multifractal scaling at intermediate lags.”

Our revised Conclusion 9 summarizes: “The fact that our data are consistent with (6) but not with (2) at small and large lags constitute yet another indication that, despite their nonlinear power law scaling at intermediate lags, the data are inconsistent with multifractals or fractional Laplace motions, which theoretically scale in this manner at all lags.”

Technical Correction: The reviewers ask us to clarify that tfBm is Gaussian with stationary increments, provide its covariance function, avoid talking about Gaussian and exponential autocorrelation functions which in their view readers may find misleading, replace λ_m in (A4) by λ to avoid confusion, examine our equations (A2), (A9) and (A10) for correctness, and replace “powers” by “slopes” in the 6th line of Section 3.2.

Response: The revised version of Appendix A makes clear that tfBm is Gaussian with stationary increments. The corresponding variance and variogram, given in the original version of Appendix A, jointly define the autocovariance of the process. The terms exponential and Gaussian variogram, or autocorrelation, are standard in the geostatistical literature; we feel that dropping or replacing them with new terms would be doubly confusing. As (A4) includes the term $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u) = \gamma_i^2(s; \lambda_u) - \gamma_i^2(s; \lambda_l)$, replacing λ_m in $\gamma_i^2(s; \lambda_m) = \sigma^2(\lambda_m) \rho_i(s / \lambda_m)$ by λ would leave $\gamma_i^2(s; \lambda_l)$, $\gamma_i^2(s; \lambda_u)$ and hence $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ undefined. We found no error in our equations (A2). We corrected a typographical error appearing in equations (A9) and (A10). Finally, we replaced “powers” with “slopes” in the 6th line of Section 3.2, as suggested.

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3 **EXTENDED POWER-LAW SCALING OF AIR PERMEABILITIES MEASURED ON A**
4 **BLOCK OF TUFF**
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ABSTRACT

We use three methods to identify power law scaling of (natural) log air permeability data collected by Tidwell and Wilson (1999) on the faces of a laboratory-scale block of Topopah Spring tuff: method of moments (M), extended power-law scaling also known as Extended Self-Similarity (ESS) and a generalized version thereof (G-ESS). All three methods focus on q^{th} -order sample structure functions of absolute increments. Most such functions exhibit power-law scaling at best over a limited midrange of experimental separation scales, or lags, which are sometimes difficult to identify unambiguously by means of M. ESS and G-ESS extend this range in a way that renders power-law scaling easier to characterize. Most analyses of this type published to date concern time series or one-dimensional transects of spatial data associated with a unique measurement (support) scale. We consider log air permeability data having diverse support scales on the faces of a cube. Our analysis confirms the superiority of ESS and G-ESS over M in identifying the scaling exponents $\zeta(q)$ of corresponding structure functions of orders q , suggesting further that ESS is more reliable than G-ESS. The exponents vary in a nonlinear fashion with q as is typical of real or apparent (Guadagnini and Neuman, 2011; Guadagnini et al., 2011) multifractals. Our estimates of the Hurst scaling coefficient increase with support scale, implying a reduction in roughness (anti-persistence) of the log permeability field with measurement volume. ESS and G-ESS ratios between scaling exponents $\zeta(q)$ associated with various orders q show no distinct dependence on support volume or on two out of three Cartesian directions (there being no distinct power law scaling in the third direction). The finding by Tidwell and Wilson (1999) that log permeabilities associated with all tip sizes can be characterized by stationary variogram models, coupled with our findings that log permeability increments associated with the smallest tip size are approximately Gaussian and those associated with all tip sizes scale show nonlinear (multifractal) variations in $\zeta(q)$ with q , are consistent with a view of these data as a sample from a truncated version (tfBm) of self-affine fractional Brownian motion (fBm). Since in theory the

48 scaling exponents, $\zeta(q)$, of tfBm vary linearly with q we conclude, in accord with Neuman (2010a,
49 2010b, 2011), that nonlinear scaling in our case is not an indication of multifractality but an artifact of
50 sampling from tfBm. This allows us to explain theoretically how power law scaling of our data, as well
51 as of non-Gaussian heavy-tailed signals subordinated to tfBm of the kind considered by Guadagnini
52 and Neuman (2011), are extended by ESS. It further allows us to identify the functional form and
53 estimate all parameters of the corresponding tfBm based on sample structure functions of first and
54 second orders. Our estimate of lower cutoff is consistent with a theoretical support scale of the data.

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1. Introduction

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58 The literature indicates (Neuman and Di Federico, 2003) that hydrogeologic variables exhibit
59 isotropic and directional dependencies on scales of measurement (data support), observation (extent of
60 phenomena such as a dispersing plume), sampling window (domain of investigation), spatial
61 correlation (structural coherence), and spatial resolution (descriptive detail). Attempts to explain such
62 scale dependencies have focused in part on observed and/or hypothesized power law behaviors of
63 structure functions of variables such as hydraulic (or log hydraulic) conductivity (e.g. Painter, 1996;
64 Liu and Molz, 1997a, 1997b; Tennekoon et al., 2003), space-time infiltration (Meng et al., 2006), soil
65 properties (Caniego et al., 2005; Zeleke and Si, 2006, 2007), electrical resistance, natural gamma ray
66 and spontaneous potential (Yang et al., 2009) and sediment transport data (Ganti et al., 2009). Power
67 law behavior means that a sample structure function

$$68 \quad S_N^q(s) = \frac{1}{N(s)} \sum_{n=1}^{N(s)} |\Delta Y_n(s)|^q \quad (1)$$

69 of order- q (for simplicity we limit our mathematical exposition to one dimension and our analysis of
70 data to non-negative values of q) scales according to

$$71 \quad S_N^q(s) \propto s^{\zeta(q)} \quad (2)$$

72 where $Y(x)$ is the variable of interest (assumed to be defined on a continuum of points x in space or
73 time), $\Delta Y_n(s)$ is a measured increment $\Delta Y(s) = Y(x+s) - Y(x)$ of the variable over a separation
74 distance (lag) s between two points on the x axis, and $N(s)$ is the number of measured increments.

75 When the scaling exponent (power) $\zeta(q)$ varies linearly with q , $Y(x)$ is interpreted to form a self-
76 affine (mono-fractal) random field and the slope H of the corresponding line is termed Hurst exponent.

77 When the scaling exponent $\zeta(q)$ is a nonlinear function of q , $Y(x)$ has traditionally been taken to form

78 a multifractal field. A semi-empirical “universal” multifractal model due to Schertzer and Lovejoy
79 (1987) relates $\zeta(q)$ to the Hurst exponent via $H = \zeta(1)$, as explained and illustrated by Seuront et al.
80 (1999); some approximate H by $d\zeta/dq$ near $q = 0$.

81 Neuman (2010a, 2011) has shown theoretically and Neuman (2010b) and Guadagnini et al.
82 (2011) have demonstrated numerically that signals derived from additive processes subordinated to a
83 truncated version (tfBm) of additive, self-affine fractional Brownian motion (fBm) scale in a manner
84 similar to multifractals even as they differ from such multiplicative constructs in a fundamental way.
85 Their work suggests that nonlinear variations in $\zeta(q)$ with q need not represent multifractal scaling but
86 could instead be an artifact of sampling from tfBm or fields subordinated to tfBm.

87 Power-law scaling is typically inferred from measured values of earth and environmental
88 variables by the method of moments (M). This consists of calculating sample structure functions (1) for
89 a finite sequence, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n , of q values and for various separation lags. For each order q_i the
90 logarithm of $S_N^{q_i}$ is related to $\log s$ by linear regression and the power $\zeta(q_i)$ set equal to the slope of the
91 regression line. Linear or near-linear variation of $\log S_N^{q_i}$ with $\log s$ is typically limited to intermediate
92 ranges of separation scales, $s_l < s < s_H$, where s_l and s_H are theoretical or empirical lower and upper
93 limits, respectively. Breakdown in power law scaling is attributed in the literature to noise at lags
94 smaller than s_l and to undersampling at lags larger than s_H (Tessier et al., 1993). Yet noise-free signals
95 subordinated to tfBm generated by Neuman (2010b) and Guadagnini et al. (2011) show power law
96 breakdown at small and large lags even when sample sizes are large. This breakdown is caused by
97 cutoffs which truncate the fields at small lags proportional to the measurement and/or resolution scale
98 of the data, and at large lags proportional to the size of the sampling domain, regardless of noise or
99 undersampling. Though nonlinear variation of $\zeta(q)$ with q is also reproduced by the fractional Laplace
100 model of Meerschaert et al. (2004; see Kozubowski et al., 2006, and Ganti et al., 2009), the latter does

101 not include cutoffs and thus fails to reproduce observed breakdown in power law scaling at small and
 102 large lags.

103 Benzi et al. (1993a, 1993b, 1996) discovered empirically that the range $s_l < s < s_{II}$ of separation
 104 scales over which velocities in fully developed turbulence (where Kolmogorov's dissipation scale is
 105 assumed to control s_l) scale according to (2) can be enlarged significantly, at both small and large lags,
 106 through a procedure they called Extended Self-Similarity (ESS). ESS arises from the observation that
 107 structure functions of different orders, n and m , computed for the same separation lag are related by

$$108 \quad S^n(s) \propto S^m(s)^{\beta(n,m)} \quad (3)$$

109 where $\beta(n,m) = \zeta(n)/\zeta(m)$ is a ratio of scaling exponents. Benzi et al. (1996) introduced, and Nikora
 110 and Goring (2001) employed, a generalized form of ESS (G-ESS) according to which

$$111 \quad G^{n,p}(s) \propto G^{n,q}(s)^{\rho(p,q,n)} \quad (4)$$

112 where

$$113 \quad G^{n,p}(s) = \frac{S^p(s)}{S^n(s)^{p/n}} \quad G^{n,q}(s) = \frac{S^q(s)}{S^n(s)^{q/n}} \quad \rho(p, q, n) = \frac{\zeta(p) - (p/n)\zeta(n)}{\zeta(q) - (q/n)\zeta(n)} \quad (5)$$

114 The exponent $\rho(p,q,n)$ is a ratio between deviations of structure functions of order p and q ,
 115 respectively, from linear (monofractal or self-affine) scaling. Chakraborty et al. (2010) cite the success
 116 of ESS in extending observed scaling ranges, and thus allowing more accurate empirical determinations
 117 of the functional exponent $\zeta(q)$ for turbulent velocities. ESS has been reported to achieve similar results
 118 for diffusion-limited aggregates, natural images, kinetic surface roughening, fluvial turbulence, sand
 119 wave dynamics, Martian topography, river morphometry, gravel-bed mobility and atmospheric
 120 barometric pressure, low-energy cosmic rays, cosmic microwave background radiation, metal-insulator
 121 transition, irregularities in human heartbeat time series, turbulence in edge magnetized plasma of fusion
 122 devices and turbulent boundary layers of the Earth's magnetosphere (Guadagnini and Neuman, 2011).

123 In all cases, ESS has revealed nonlinear variation of $\xi(q)$ with q . Whereas the literature has
124 interpreted this to imply that ESS applies to multifractals, Guadagnini and Neuman have shown that (3)
125 works equally well when applied to signals derived from additive processes subordinated to tfBm. As
126 the latter are not multifractal, neither must be processes revealed by ESS (or any other method of
127 analysis) to yield nonlinear variations in $\xi(q)$ with q .

128 In this paper we use three methods to identify power law scaling of log air permeability data
129 collected by Tidwell and Wilson (1999) on the faces of a laboratory-scale cube of Topopah Spring tuff:
130 method of moments (M) and extended power-law scaling via ESS and G-ESS. Most published analyses
131 of extended power law scaling concern time series or one-dimensional transects of spatial data
132 associated with a unique measurement (support) scale. We use instead data measured on diverse
133 support scales and distributed in two or three dimensions across several faces of the cube. Our aim is to
134 infer the scaling behavior of these data using all three methods, compare results among the methods
135 and explore the dependence of corresponding scaling exponents on support scales and direction.

136 “In spite of several attempts to explain the success of ESS” cited by Chakraborty et al. (2010)
137 the authors note that “the latter is still not fully understood and we do not know how much we can trust
138 scaling exponents derived by ESS. It would be nice to have at least one instance for which ESS not
139 only works, but does so for reasons we can rationally understand.” Chakraborty et al. provide such a
140 theoretical reason in the special context of one-dimensional Burgers equation. In contrast, they consider
141 “the multifractal description of turbulence,” with which ESS is commonly associated, to be “quite
142 heuristic and arbitrary.” Two among our reviewers, Tom Kozubowski and Fred Molz, note that (3) is
143 obtained from (2) simply upon rewriting the latter as $S^n(s) = C(n) s^{\xi(n)}$ and $S^m(s) = C(m) s^{\xi(m)}$,
144 solving the first of these expressions for s and substituting into the second. Kozubowski and Molz point
145 out further that whereas (2) implies (3) the reverse is generally not true, (3) being equivalent instead to

146 $S^q(s) \propto f(s)^{\xi(q)}$ (6)

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148 $S^n(s) = C(n)f(s)^{\xi(n)}$ and $S^m(s) = C(m)f(s)^{\xi(m)}$, solving the first for $f(s)$ and substituting into the

149 second.

150 After showing that our data behave as a sample from tfBm (a truncated self-affine process) we
 151 demonstrate in Appendix A that this process is consistent with (6) at all separation scales (lags s) and
 152 with (2) at intermediate scales ($s_l < s < s_H$), as are most of our data. We thus explain why and how ESS
 153 works for our data at all scales. As our data are consistent with (6) but not with (2) at small ($s < s_l$) and
 154 large ($s > s_H$) scales, we conclude that they are inconsistent with multifractals or fractional Laplace
 155 motions (Meerschaert et al., 2004; Kozubowski et al., 2006; Ganti et al., 2009) which theoretically
 156 scale according to (2) at all lags. In other words our data, being consistent with a truncated self-affine
 157 process, exhibit apparent rather than actual multifractal scaling at intermediate lags. The same likely
 158 holds true for other Gaussian or heavy-tailed earth and environmental variables (such as those listed
 159 earlier) that scale according to (2) at intermediate lags and according to (3) over an extended range of
 160 lags, a possibility noted earlier by Guadagnini and Neuman (2011).

161 **2. Previous analyses of experimental data**

162 Tidwell and Wilson (1999) measured air permeabilities, k , on six faces of a block of Topopah
 163 Spring tuff (Fig. 1), extending 30 cm on each side, with the aid of a Multisupport Permeameter (MSP).
 164 Measurements were conducted at intervals of $\Delta = 0.85$ cm on a grid of 36×36 points along each face
 165 using four tip-seal sizes having inner radii $r_i = 0.15, 0.31, 0.63, 1.27$ cm and outer radii $2r_i$. As the
 166 precise nature and size of the support volume associated with each measurement is the subject of
 167 debate (Goggin et al., 1988; Molz et al., 2003; Tartakovsky et al., 2000; Neuman and Di Federico,

168 2003), we consider the inner radius of the tip-seal to represent a nominal measurement scale (data
169 support) as proposed by Tidwell and Wilson (1999). We conclude from their analysis that
170 measurements on face 6 of the block are less reliable than the rest and therefore limit our analysis
171 below to those on faces 1 - 5.

172 Measured (natural) log permeability values, $Y = \ln k$, were found to have bi-modal frequency
173 distributions particularly at larger tip sizes (Fig. 2 of Tidwell and Wilson, 1999). This was deemed by
174 them to be consistent with the geologic structure of the tuff sample within which regions of high
175 (associated with pumice fragments) and low (corresponding to solid matrix) permeability could be
176 visually identified. Tidwell and Wilson were able to fit spherical models with nuggets to sample
177 variograms on all faces of the cube for each tip radius. The variograms were found to be isotropic in the
178 xy plane of Cartesian coordinates on face 1 of the cube but anisotropic in the xz and yz planes on faces
179 2 - 5, with estimated ranges in the z direction about one half of those in the x and y directions. Sill and
180 range estimates decreased and increased, respectively, with tip seal inner radius. For additional details
181 the reader is referred to the above authors.

182 **3. Identification of power law scaling**

183 To evaluate sample structure functions for the experimental data of Tidwell and Wilson (1999)
184 according to (1) we compute directional increments, ΔY , of $Y = \ln k$ at various separation lags (taken to
185 be integer multiples of grid spacing, Δ , for each tip size) parallel to the x , y and z coordinates on the
186 faces of the cube. Figure 2 depicts variations in ΔY associated with lag $s_x = 8.5$ cm along selected
187 transects in the x direction on face 1 associated with the smallest and largest tip radii, $r_i = 0.15$ and 1.27
188 cm. Clearly, increasing the tip radius results in smoother and more persistent variability of the
189 increments. Figure 3 shows frequency distributions of similar increments along all x -directional
190 transects on multiple faces and Maximum Likelihood (ML) fits of Gaussian probability density
191 functions (pdfs) to these distributions. Both frequency distributions are symmetric about zero with

192 humps reflecting the bi-modal distributions of Y identified by Tidwell and Wilson. Increments
 193 corresponding to the smallest tip size appear to be closer to Gaussian than those corresponding to the
 194 largest tip size, consistent with their finding that Y becomes increasingly bimodal with tip size.

195 **3.1 Analysis of face 1 data by method of moments**

196 As lag increases the number $N(s)$ of incremental data along all transects of face 1 decreases
 197 from 1260 corresponding to $s_x = s_y = \Delta = 0.85$ cm to 36 corresponding to $s_x = s_y = 35 \times \Delta = 29.75$ cm.
 198 Figure 4 depicts $\log S_N^q(s_x)$ as functions of $\log s_x$ along all transects for $0.1 \leq q \leq 2.5$ at each tip size. To
 199 identify a middle range of lags within which these relationships are linear we have fitted regression
 200 lines to the data within several such ranges and adopted those that yield the highest coefficients of
 201 determination for each tip size. These ranges, identified in Fig. 4 by dashed vertical lines, are on the
 202 order of $(s_I = 2\Delta) \leq s_x \leq (s_{II} = 6\Delta)$ or $1.7 \text{ cm} \leq s_x \leq 5.1 \text{ cm}$. The corresponding nonlinear variation of
 203 $\zeta(q)$ with q for the largest tip size (based on data such as those in Fig. 4d) is depicted in Fig. 5. The
 204 solid line has slope $d\zeta/dq|_{q=0} = 0.74$ which, if taken to represent a Hurst exponent H , implies a
 205 persistent signal consistent with that depicted in Fig. 2b. Values of $\zeta(q)$ in Fig. 5 start deviating from
 206 this solid line at about $q \approx 0.6$ to become asymptotically linear in q at about $q \geq 3.5$, as evidenced by
 207 the dotted line obtained through regression against these values. Results for other tip sizes and in the y
 208 direction (not reported) are qualitatively similar. Though such behavior would typically be interpreted
 209 to imply that increments of $\ln k$ are multifractal, we note that qualitatively similar scaling has been
 210 produced synthetically by Guadagnini and Neuman (2011, their Fig. 4) with a model in which Y is
 211 subordinated to tfBm, a truncated version of self-affine (monofractal) fBm.

212 **3.2 Analysis of face 1 data by extended power law scaling**

213 Replotting the data in Fig. 4d (corresponding to the largest tip size) as $\log S_N^q$ versus $\log S_N^{q-1}$
 214 for $2.0 \leq q \leq 5.0$ (at intervals of 0.5) reveals much less ambiguous power law scaling over a much

215 wider range of lags in Fig. 6. Equations of corresponding curves (regression lines on log-log scale)
 216 included in the figure are characterized by coefficients of determination, R^2 , that exceed 0.98 at all
 217 lags. Results of similar quality (not reported) have been obtained for all tip sizes and directions. The
 218 slopes of the regression curves, representing $\beta(q, q-1)$ in (3), decrease asymptotically with q toward
 219 unity consistently with the asymptotic tendency of $\zeta(q)$ in Fig. 5 toward linear variation with q . In
 220 Appendix A we explain this behavior theoretically by demonstrating that tfBm scales according to (2)
 221 at intermediate lags and according to (3) at all lags. The fact that our data scale according to (2) at
 222 intermediate lags allows us to follow an approach patterned after Guadagnini and Neuman (2011):
 223 adopt the value of $\zeta(1)$ from Fig. 5 as computed by the method of moments, fit straight lines by
 224 regression to $\log S^q$ versus $\log S^p$ values corresponding to $p = q - \Delta q$ where $\Delta q = 0.1$ for $0.1 \leq q \leq 3$
 225 and $\Delta q = 0.5$ for $3 < q \leq 5$ in ascending orders $q = 1.1, 1.2, \dots$ and descending orders $q = 0.9, 0.8, \dots$,
 226 set the slopes of these lines equal to $\zeta(q)/\zeta(q-\Delta q)$ according to (3), then compute $\zeta(1.1), \zeta(1.2), \zeta(1.3),$
 227 ... in ascending order and $\zeta(0.9), \zeta(0.8), \zeta(0.7), \dots$ in descending order from these ratios. Resulting
 228 values of $\zeta(q)$ corresponding to the x and y directions on face 1, identified as ESS, are plotted versus q
 229 in Fig. 8.

230 As $\zeta(q)$ in Fig. 5 starts deviating from the solid line at approximately $q \approx 0.6$ we set $n = 0.5$ in
 231 (5) and plot in Fig. 7 $\log G^{n,q+1}(s_x)$ versus $\log G^{n,q}(s_x)$ for $q = 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, \dots, 4.0$ corresponding to the
 232 increments in Fig. 4d. Included in Fig. 7 are equations of curves fitted to these log-log relationships by
 233 linear regression and associated R^2 values. The figure reveals extended power law scaling with $R^2 \geq$
 234 0.98 over virtually the entire range of lags. As in the earlier case of $\beta(q, q-1)$, the scaling ratios
 235 $\rho(q+\Delta q, q, n)$ diminish asymptotically toward unity as q increases. Similar behavior is observed in the
 236 case of other tip sizes. Resulting values of $\zeta(q)$ corresponding to the x and y directions on face 1,

237 computed in a manner analogous to that described in the previous paragraph and identified as G-ESS,
238 are plotted versus q in Fig. 8.

239 Figure 8 juxtaposes values of $\zeta(q)$ as functions of q within the range $0 \leq q \leq 5.0$, in the x and y
240 directions of face 1, obtained for the largest tip size by the method of moments and two methods of
241 extended power law scaling. We saw earlier that the latter two methods are much less ambiguous than
242 the first in helping one to identify and quantify power law scaling of structure functions at various
243 orders q . As ESS requires only one reference value, $\zeta(1)$, to compute $\zeta(q)$ on the basis of $\beta(q, q-1)$ for
244 any order q while G-ESS requires two such reference values, we consider the former more reliable than
245 the latter.

246 Figure 9 shows that values of $\beta(q, q - \Delta q)$ and $\rho(q + \Delta q, q, n)$ are relatively insensitive to tip
247 size and direction. The same is not true for the scaling exponent $\zeta(q)$ which, as shown in Fig. 10,
248 increases consistently with tip size. Though these results correspond to the x direction on face 1, they
249 do not differ qualitatively from those corresponding to x and y on all five faces. This behavior translates
250 into a consistent increase in the Hurst exponent H with tip size (from $H = 0.13$ for $r_i = 0.15$ cm to $H =$
251 0.74 for $r_i = 1.27$ cm), implying that averaging over larger and larger support volumes smoothes a
252 signal and renders it more persistent.

253 3.3 Analysis of multiple face data by extended power law scaling

254 Next we consider jointly the scaling of $Y = \ln k$ data from all five faces 1 - 5 of the cube along
255 each Cartesian direction for each tip size, yielding 12 sets of three directional increments for 4 tip sizes.
256 Figure 11 depicts log-log plots of $S_N^q(s_z)$ versus separation distance, s_z , along the z direction for $0.1 \leq q$
257 ≤ 2.5 corresponding to each tip size. In neither plot is it possible to identify an intermediate range of
258 power law scaling, most likely due to the reduced range of the increments in this direction. We
259 therefore omit incremental data in the z direction from further consideration in this paper. Structure
260 functions in the x and y directions (not shown) display behaviors qualitatively similar to those noted

261 earlier in the x direction on face 1 (Fig. 4). Figure 12 compares values of $\zeta(q)$ obtained by each method
262 on all available data with x -directional values obtained on face 1 via ESS. Whereas face 1 values in Fig.
263 8 show no significant difference between directions x and y , the multiface values in Fig. 12 do suggest
264 a slight directional dependence revealed, most likely, by the relatively large size of this sample. In
265 general, multiface values of $\zeta(q)$ in Fig. 12 lie below the face 1 values in Fig. 8, reflecting the impact of
266 sample size on the quantification of power law scaling.

267 As in the case of face 1, multiface values of $\beta(q, q - \Delta q)$ and $\rho(q + \Delta q, q, n)$ are seen in Fig. 13
268 to be relatively insensitive to tip size and direction.

269 We note that there is no conflict between the ability of Tidwell and Wilson (1999) to
270 characterize Y for any tip size by means of a stationary variogram and our finding that order- q structure
271 functions of Y exhibit power law scaling at intermediate lags with exponents that vary in a nonlinear
272 fashion with q . Instead both, coupled with our finding that increments of Y associated with small tip
273 sizes are approximately Gaussian, are consistent with a view of Y as a sample from tfBm (implying that
274 Y is not multifractal). Such a sample is characterized by a truncated power variogram (Di Federico and
275 Neuman, 1997) which is difficult to distinguish from stationary variogram models (Neuman et al.,
276 2008) and exhibits power law scaling with exponents that are nonlinear in q at intermediate lags
277 (Neuman, 2010a, 2010b, 2011; Guadagnini et al., 2011). The former implies that Gaussian samples
278 commonly characterized in the literature by stationary variograms may in fact represent truncated self-
279 affine fields, the latter implies that such samples may in turn display apparent multifractality as does Y
280 in this paper.

281 **3.4 Model identification and parameter estimation**

282 As shown by Eq. (A2) in Appendix A the q^{th} -order structure function of tfBm is completely
283 defined by q and the ensemble (theoretical) truncated power variogram (TPV) $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$. Since
284 increments of Y associated with the smallest tip size have a near-Gaussian distribution, one should be able

285 to estimate the parameters of this variogram by fitting such theoretical structure functions to their sample
 286 counterparts, S_N^q , for $r_i = 0.15$ cm. As the number of data N needed to obtain stable S_N^q values increases
 287 with q , we limit our estimation of parameters to structure functions S_N^1 and S_N^2 of orders $q = 1, 2$.

288 Equations (A4) – (A7) in Appendix A make clear that a TPV is defined by four parameters: the
 289 Hurst exponent H , coefficient A , upper cutoff λ_u and lower cutoff λ_l . We found earlier from the slope of
 290 $\zeta(q)$ at small q that, for incremental data on face 1, $H = 0.13$ in the x direction and $H = 0.09$ in the y
 291 direction while, for incremental data on multiple faces, $H = 0.08$ in the x direction and $H = 0.09$ in the y
 292 direction. All four parameters are linked by the relationship

$$293 \quad A = \frac{2H \sigma^2}{(\lambda_u^{2H} - \lambda_l^{2H})} \quad (7)$$

294 where σ^2 is the sill (asymptotic plateau) of the variogram $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$. We expect the estimate of this
 295 sill to not differ significantly from the sample variance of the Y data.

296 We estimate parameters on the basis of sample variograms, $\gamma^{2*}(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$, of Y data computed
 297 from sample structure functions of first and/or second order, respectively, via

$$298 \quad \gamma^{2*}(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u) = \frac{\pi}{4} (S_N^1(s))^2 \quad \text{and/or} \quad \gamma^{2*}(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u) = \frac{S_N^2(s)}{2} \quad (8)$$

299 according to (A2). We estimate the sill, σ^2 , by averaging values of $\gamma^{2*}(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ corresponding to
 300 large lags, s , obtained from S_N^1 and/or S_N^2 in this manner. We then estimate the cutoffs (and A) through
 301 a maximum likelihood (ML) fit of $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ to $\gamma^{2*}(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ where the first is a TPV model based
 302 either on Gaussian or on exponential modes as defined in (A4) – (A7). The ML procedure consists of
 303 minimizing the log likelihood criterion (Carrera and Neuman, 1986)

$$304 \quad NLL = \frac{J}{\sigma_\gamma^2} + n \ln \sigma_\gamma^2 + \ln |\mathbf{V}| + n \ln 2\pi; \quad J = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}^2 - \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{2*})^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}^2 - \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{2*}) \quad (9)$$

305 with respect to λ_u and λ_l subject to (7). Here $\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}^2$ and $\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{*2}$ are vectors of n discrete $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ and
 306 $\gamma^{*2}(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ values, respectively, T denotes transpose, $\mathbf{C}_\gamma = \sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{V}$ where \mathbf{C}_γ is the covariance matrix
 307 of errors in $\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{*2}$ (resulting from log permeability measurement errors), σ_γ^2 is estimated during inversion
 308 according to

$$309 \quad \sigma_\gamma^2 = \frac{J_{\min}}{n} \quad (10)$$

310 where J_{\min} is the minimum of J , and \mathbf{V} is a known symmetric positive-definite matrix. For simplicity
 311 we take errors in $\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{*2}$ to be uncorrelated and set \mathbf{V} equal to the identity matrix.

312 Applying the above procedure to face 1 yields a sill of 4.48 based on S_N^1 as well as on S_N^2 of
 313 increments parallel to the x axis, 3.64 based on S_N^1 and 3.88 on S_N^2 of increments parallel to the y axis,
 314 the variance of the corresponding Y data being 4.06. Applying the above procedure jointly to faces 1, 2
 315 and 4 (where incremental data in the x direction are available, see Fig. 1) yields a sill of 3.52 based on
 316 S_N^1 and 3.77 based on S_N^2 of increments parallel to the x -axis, the corresponding variance of Y being
 317 3.77; applying it to faces 1, 3 and 5 (where incremental data in the y direction are available, see Fig. 1)
 318 yields 3.52 based on S_N^1 and 3.79 on S_N^2 of increments parallel to the y -axis, the corresponding
 319 variance of Y being 3.91 while that of all Y data on faces 1 – 5 is 3.79. We conclude that to obtain
 320 consistent estimates of σ^2 it is best to consider jointly all data from faces 1 – 5 as we do below.

321 Due to the irregular behavior of $S_N^1(s)$ and $S_N^2(s)$ at large lags (Fig. 4a) we limit our ML
 322 estimation of cutoffs (and A) to lags in the range $\Delta \leq s \leq 13\Delta$ so that $n = 13$. Table 1 lists parameter
 323 estimates and corresponding 95% confidence intervals for TPV models consisting of Gaussian and
 324 exponential modes obtained on the basis of S_N^1 , S_N^2 and both with x - and y -directional increments. The

325 table also lists J_{min} , NLL , the determinant $|\mathbf{Q}|$ of the covariance matrix \mathbf{Q} of λ_u and λ_l estimation errors,
 326 and the Bayesian model discrimination criterion KIC (Kashyap, 1982)

$$327 \quad KIC = NLL + M \ln\left(\frac{n}{2\pi}\right) - \ln|\mathbf{Q}| \quad (11)$$

328 where $M = 2$ is the number of parameters. Values of quantities obtained on the basis of S_N^1 , S_N^2 and
 329 both are seen to be mutually consistent. Though estimates of λ_u in the x direction exceed those in the y
 330 direction by about 25-30%, we hesitate to interpret this as anisotropy due to their relatively large
 331 uncertainty. Figures 14a and 14b compare sample x - and y -directional variogram values, respectively,
 332 based on S_N^1 , S_N^2 and S_N^1 and S_N^2 jointly with variogram models calibrated against these values.

333 Whereas values of NLL corresponding to TPV models based on Gaussian and exponential
 334 modes are similar, those of KIC show a preference for exponential modes. Adopting the latter while
 335 considering S_N^1 and S_N^2 jointly yields $\lambda_u = 1.65$ cm in the x direction and $\lambda_u = 1.31$ cm in the y
 336 direction with an average of 1.48 cm. These correspond to ratios $\mu = \lambda_u / L$ of upper cutoff to block size
 337 L equal to 0.055 in the x direction and 0.044 in the y direction with an average of 0.049. Corresponding
 338 estimates of the lower cutoff λ_l are 6.8×10^{-2} cm in the x direction and 1.2×10^{-1} cm in the y direction
 339 with an average of 6.8×10^{-2} cm. Adopting the suggestion of Di Federico and Neuman (1997) that $\mu =$
 340 $\lambda_u / L = \lambda_l / l_m$ yields support (measurement) scales $l_m = 1.24$ cm in the x direction and 2.69 cm in the y
 341 direction with an average of 1.88 cm. The latter is about 12 times the inner radius of the MSP. Albeit
 342 one should consider all the approximations involved in this estimate, we note that it is consistent with a
 343 definition of MPS support volume by Tartakovsky et al (2000) as a region containing 90% of total gas
 344 flow (see their Fig. 6). Estimates of μ and l_m for all cases are listed in Table 2.

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4. Conclusions

Our work leads to the following conclusions:

1. Natural log air permeability data collected by Tidwell and Wilson (1999) on the faces of a laboratory-scale block of Topopah Spring tuff, at four scales of measurement (support), exhibit power law scaling at intermediate lags in two out of three Cartesian directions. Scaling exponents vary in a nonlinear fashion with the order q of corresponding structure functions in a manner typical of multifractals.
2. Identification of this nonlinear power law scaling was greatly enhanced by a method of analysis that extend its range to virtually all lags (Guadagnini and Neuman, 2011) known as Extended Self-Similarity (ESS) and a generalized version thereof (G-ESS).
3. Most analyses of extended power law scaling published to date concern time series or one-dimensional transects of spatial data associated with a unique measurement (support) scale. We considered log air permeability data having diverse support scales and distributed in two or three dimensions across several faces of a cube.
4. Our estimates of the Hurst scaling exponent were found to increase with support scale, implying a reduction in roughness (anti-persistence) of the log permeability field with measurement volume.
5. ESS and G-ESS ratios between scaling exponents $\zeta(q)$ associated with various orders q showed no distinct dependence on support volume or on two out of three Cartesian directions (there being no distinct power law scaling in the third direction). As ESS requires only one reference value, $\zeta(1)$, to compute $\zeta(q)$ for any q on the basis of such ratios while G-ESS requires two such reference values, we consider the former to be more reliable than the latter.
6. Tidwell and Wilson (1999) were able to characterize log permeabilities associated with all tip sizes by stationary variogram models. This, coupled with our findings that log permeability

371 increments associated with the smallest tip size are approximately Gaussian and those
372 associated with all tip sizes scale in the manner of multifractals at intermediate lags, are
373 consistent with a view of the data as a sample from truncated fractional Brownian motion
374 (tfBm).

375 7. Since in theory the scaling exponents, $\zeta(q)$, of tfBm at intermediate lags vary linearly with q we
376 conclude, in accord with Neuman (2010a, 2010b, 2011), that nonlinear scaling in our case is not
377 an indication of multifractality but an artifact of sampling from tfBm.

378 8. Our demonstration in Appendix A that tfBm is consistent with ESS scaling according to (6) at
379 all separation scales, and with power law scaling according to (2) at intermediate scales,
380 explains why and how ESS works for our data at all scales. The same explains how and why
381 ESS worked for sub-Gaussian processes $W\Delta G(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ considered by Guadagnini and
382 Neuman (2011).

383 9. The fact that our data are consistent with (6) but not with (2) at small and large lags constitute
384 yet another indication that, despite their nonlinear power law scaling at intermediate lags, the
385 data are inconsistent with multifractals or fractional Laplace motions, which theoretically scale
386 in this manner at all lags. The same likely holds true for other Gaussian or heavy-tailed earth
387 and environmental variables (such as those listed in our introduction) that scale according to (2)
388 at intermediate lags and according to (3) over an extended range of lags, a possibility noted
389 earlier by Guadagnini and Neuman (2011).

390 10. Since increments of Y associated with the smallest tip size have a near-Gaussian distribution,
391 we were able to identify the functional form and estimate all parameters of the corresponding
392 tfBm based on sample structure functions of first and second orders. Our estimate of lower
393 cutoff is consistent with a theoretical support scale of the data.

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Appendix A

396 Let $G(x; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ be truncated fractional Brownian motion (tfBm), a Gaussian process defined
 397 by Neuman (2010a) where x is a generic space (or time) coordinate and λ_l, λ_u are lower and upper
 398 cutoff scales, respectively. As shown by this author, central q^{th} -order moments of absolute values of
 399 corresponding zero-mean stationary increments

$$400 \quad \Delta G(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u) = G(x+s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u) - G(x; \lambda_l, \lambda_u) \quad (\text{A1})$$

401 of $G(x; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ are given by

$$402 \quad S^q = \left\langle |\Delta G(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)|^q \right\rangle = \left[\sqrt{2\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)} \right]^q (q-1)!! \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} & \text{if } q \text{ is odd} \\ 1 & \text{if } q \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\text{A2})$$

403 where s is separation scale or lag, !! indicates double factorial defined as $q!! = q(q-2)(q-4)\dots 2$ if q is
 404 even and $q!! = q(q-2)(q-4)\dots 3$ if q is odd, and $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ is the variogram of $G(x; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$, i.e.

$$405 \quad \gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u) = \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \Delta G(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)^2 \right\rangle. \quad (\text{A3})$$

406 The latter is given by (Neuman, 2010a)

$$407 \quad \gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u) = \gamma_i^2(s; \lambda_u) - \gamma_i^2(s; \lambda_l); \quad \gamma_i^2(s; \lambda_m) = \sigma^2(\lambda_m) \rho_i(s / \lambda_m) \quad (\text{A4})$$

408 where

$$409 \quad \sigma^2(\lambda_m) = A \lambda_m^{2H} / 2H \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$410 \quad \rho_1(s / \lambda_m) = \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{s}{\lambda_m}\right) + \left(\frac{s}{\lambda_m}\right)^{2H} \Gamma\left(1-2H, \frac{s}{\lambda_m}\right) \right] \quad 0 < H < 0.5 \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$411 \quad \rho_2(s / \lambda_m) = \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi s^2}{4 \lambda_m^2}\right) + \left(\frac{\pi s^2}{4 \lambda_m^2}\right)^H \Gamma\left(1-H, \frac{\pi s^2}{4 \lambda_m^2}\right) \right] \quad 0 < H < 1 \quad (\text{A7})$$

412 A is a coefficient, H is a Hurst exponent ($0 < H < 1$), $i = 1$ for tfBm with modes (defined in Neuman,
413 2010a) having exponential autocorrelation functions and $i = 2$ for modes having Gaussian
414 autocorrelation functions. Figure A1 compares TPVs based on Gaussian modes with $A = 1$, $H = 0.3$, λ_l
415 $= 10$ and four values of λ_u ($= 10^4$, 10^3 , 5×10^2 , 10^2) with a power variogram (PV) $\gamma^2(s) = A_2 s^{2H}$
416 where $A_2 = A(\pi/4)^H \Gamma(1-H)/2H$. The slopes of the TPV and PV coincide in a midrange of lags
417 (labeled Zone II) but not in the outlying ranges of small and large lags (labeled Zone I and III,
418 respectively). This break in power law scaling at small and large lags is due entirely to the presence of
419 lower and upper cutoffs, respectively, being unrelated to noise or oversampling which play no role in
420 Fig. A1 (Neuman, 2010a). It follows that estimating H as the slope of the variogram on log-log scale is
421 valid at intermediate lags but not at small and large lags which would lead, respectively, to over- and
422 under-estimation of its value. Fig. A2 complements this analysis by juxtaposing the TPVs associated
423 with Gaussian modes in Fig. 14a with corresponding PVs.

424 For a PV (A2) takes the form

$$425 \quad S^q = \left\langle |\Delta G(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)|^q \right\rangle = (q-1)!! \left[\sqrt{2A_i} \right]^q s^{qH} \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} & \text{if } q \text{ is odd} \\ 1 & \text{if } q \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\text{A8})$$

426 rendering a log-log plot of S^q versus s linear with constant slope qH . As in the case of $q = 2$, the slopes
427 of corresponding truncated structure functions are similar in the midrange of lags but larger and
428 smaller, respectively, at small and large lags.

429 From (A2) it follows that the ratio between structure functions of order $q+1$ and q is

$$430 \quad \frac{S^{q+1}}{S^q} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\pi} \frac{q!!}{(q-1)!!} \sqrt{\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)} & \text{if } q \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{q!!}{(q-1)!!} \sqrt{\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)} & \text{if } q \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\text{A9})$$

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432 which depends on the square root of $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$. Using (A2) to express $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ as a function of

433 S^q and substituting into (A9) yields, after some manipulation,

$$434 \quad S^{q+1} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{(q-1)!!} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \frac{q!!}{(q-1)!!} [S^q]^{1+\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } q \text{ is odd} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{1}{(q-1)!!} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \frac{q!!}{(q-1)!!} [S^q]^{1+\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } q \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad q=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\text{A10})$$

435 This makes clear that S^{q+1} is linear in S^q on log-log scale regardless of what functional form does

436 $\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ take. The slope of this line decreases asymptotically from 2 at $q = 1$ toward 1 as $q \rightarrow \infty$.

437 Equation (A10) and its asymptotic behavior follow from the fact that (A2) is equivalent to (6) in which

438 $f(s) = \left[\sqrt{2\gamma^2(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)} \right]$. As such it helps explain how and why ESS works for our data. The same

439 explains how and why ESS worked for sub-Gaussian processes $W\Delta G(s; \lambda_l, \lambda_u)$ considered by

440 Guadagnini and Neuman (2011).

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Tables

Table 1. Calibration results, main statistics and Model quality criteria. The 95% confidence intervals of the parameter estimates are reported in parenthesis.

Only S_N^1 data				
	<i>x</i> -axis		<i>y</i> -axis	
Modes	Gaussian	Exponential	Gaussian	Exponential
λ_u [cm]	2.82 (1.84 - 4.56)	1.65 (0.21 - 3.10)	2.15 (1.41 - 2.91)	1.27 (0.55 - 1.98)
λ_l [cm]	6.1×10^{-4} (0 - 6.5×10^{-3})	9.2×10^{-2} (0 - 3.8×10^{-3})	8.9×10^{-3} (0 - 4.3×10^{-2})	1.7×10^{-1} (0 - 4.1×10^{-1})
A [cm ^{-2H}]	0.64	1.41	0.88	2.01
J_{min}	0.12	0.12	0.04	0.04
σ_γ^2	9.55×10^{-3}	9.49×10^{-3}	2.88×10^{-3}	3.25×10^{-3}
<i>NLL</i>	-23.58	-23.65	-39.16	-37.57
 Q 	1.24×10^{-6}	8.26×10^{-4}	4.27×10^{-6}	1.15×10^{-4}
<i>KIC</i>	-8.53	-15.10	-25.34	-27.05
Only S_N^2 data				
	<i>x</i> -axis		<i>y</i> -axis	
Modes	Gaussian	Exponential	Gaussian	Exponential
λ_u [cm]	2.73 (1.04 - 4.43)	1.64 (0.21 - 3.07)	2.14 (1.27 - 2.99)	1.26 (0.47 - 2.04)
λ_l [cm]	2.3×10^{-5} (0 - 5.6×10^{-4})	4.8×10^{-2} (0 - 2.5×10^{-1})	2.5×10^{-4} (0 - 3.0×10^{-3})	8.4×10^{-2} (0 - 2.8×10^{-1})
A [cm ^{-2H}]	0.61	1.29	0.74	1.70
J_{min}	0.10	0.10	0.03	0.04
σ_γ^2	7.97×10^{-3}	7.76×10^{-3}	2.68×10^{-3}	2.91×10^{-3}
<i>NLL</i>	-25.93	-26.27	-40.10	-39.04
 Q 	6.26×10^{-9}	3.59×10^{-4}	3.44×10^{-8}	8.37×10^{-5}
<i>KIC</i>	-5.58	-16.88	-21.46	-28.20
S_N^1 and S_N^2 data jointly				
	<i>x</i> -axis		<i>y</i> -axis	
Modes	Gaussian	Exponential	Gaussian	Exponential
λ_u [cm]	2.78 (0.96 - 4.61)	1.65 (0.12 - 3.18)	2.19 (0.71 - 3.66)	1.31 (0 - 2.61)

λ_l [cm]	1.5×10^{-4} (0 - 2.4×10^{-3})	6.8×10^{-2} (0 - 3.3×10^{-1})	2.0×10^{-3} (0 - 2.4×10^{-2})	1.2×10^{-1} (0 - 4.9×10^{-1})
A [cm $^{-2H}$]	0.62	1.35	0.80	1.78
J_{min}	0.63	0.63	0.60	0.61
σ_γ^2	2.44×10^{-2}	2.43×10^{-2}	2.30×10^{-2}	2.33×10^{-2}
NLL	-22.77	-22.91	-24.28	-23.97
$ Q $	2.12×10^{-7}	9.42×10^{-4}	8.86×10^{-6}	1.16×10^{-3}
KIC	-4.56	-13.11	-9.80	-14.37

Table 2. Multiple faces data. Estimates of $\mu = \lambda_u / L$ and the associated support scale l_m .

Data	μ				l_m [cm]			
	x-axis		y-axis		x-axis		y-axis	
	Gauss	Exp	Gauss	Exp	Gauss	Exp	Gauss	Exp
S_N^1	0.094	0.055	0.072	0.042	0.01	1.68	0.00	4.10
S_N^2	0.091	0.055	0.061	0.042	0.00	0.87	0.02	2.01
S_N^1 and S_N^2 jointly	0.093	0.055	0.073	0.044	0.00	1.24	0.03	2.69

Figure Captions

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533 Figure 1. Scheme of block (size: $81 \times 74 \times 63 \text{ cm}^3$) of Topopah Spring tuff sample. Faces of size $30 \times$
534 30 cm^2 where MSP measurements were taken are highlighted in gray.

535 Figure 2. Increments, ΔY ($s_x = 8.5 \text{ cm}$), versus position, x , along three transects on face 1 ($y = 0, 10.16,$
536 20.32 cm) for (a) $r_i = 0.15 \text{ cm}$ and (b) $r_i = 1.27 \text{ cm}$.

537 Figure 3. Frequency distributions of ΔY ($s_x = 8.5 \text{ cm}$) on multiple faces and $r_i = 0.15; 1.27 \text{ cm}$
538 (symbols). ML fits of Gaussian probability density functions are also reported (lines).

539 Figure 4. Sample structure functions of absolute increments of various orders q versus lag along x
540 direction on face 1 and (a) $r_i = 0.15 \text{ cm}$, (b) $r_i = 0.31 \text{ cm}$, (c) $r_i = 0.63 \text{ cm}$, (d) $r_i = 1.27 \text{ cm}$.
541 Dashed vertical lines delineate ranges of lags within which power law scaling is noted.

542 Figure 5. $\xi(q)$ versus q evaluated for $r_i = 1.27 \text{ cm}$ on face 1 along x axis. Continuous line has slope
543 similar to $\xi(q)$ near $q = 0$. Dashed line has slope similar to $\xi(q)$ for $q \geq 3.5$.

544 Figure 6. S_N^q versus S_N^{q-1} for $2.0 \leq q \leq 5.0$ and $r_i = 1.27 \text{ cm}$ evaluated on face 1 along x -axis. Linear
545 regression equations and relative regression coefficients (R^2) are also reported.

546 Figure 7. $G^{n,q+1}$ versus $G^{n,q}$ for $n = 0.5, 1.0 \leq q \leq 4.0, r_i = 1.27 \text{ cm}$ evaluated on face 1 along x -axis.
547 Linear regression equations and relative regression coefficients (R^2) are also reported.

548 Figure 8. $\xi(q)$ versus q evaluated for $r_i = 1.27 \text{ cm}$ on face 1 in x and y directions.

549 Figure 9. (a) $\beta(q, q - \Delta q)$ and (b) $\rho(q + \Delta q, q, n = 0.5)$ versus q evaluated on face 1 in x and y directions
550 and various r_i .

551 Figure 10. ESS estimates of $\xi(q)$ versus q evaluated on face 1 in x direction and various r_i .

552 Figure 11. Sample structure functions of absolute increments of various orders q versus lag in z
553 direction and (a) $r_i = 0.15 \text{ cm}$, (b) $r_i = 0.31 \text{ cm}$, (c) $r_i = 0.63 \text{ cm}$, (d) $r_i = 1.27 \text{ cm}$.

554 Figure 12. $\xi(q)$ versus q evaluated for $r_i = 1.27\text{cm}$ using all the available data in x and y directions. ESS
555 estimates obtained in x direction on face 1 are included for comparison.

556 Figure 13. (a) $\beta(q, q - \Delta q)$ and (b) $\rho(q + \Delta q, q, n = 0.5)$ versus q evaluated using all available data in x
557 and y directions and various r_i .

558 Figure 14. Variograms obtained from multiple faces data in (a) x (faces 1, 2, 4) and (b) y (faces 1, 3, 5)
559 directions, on the basis of S_N^1 (O) and S_N^2 (X). Estimated variograms are also reported with
560 continuous (Gaussian modes) and dashed (exponential modes) lines. Black lines correspond
561 to estimated variograms obtained on the basis of S_N^1 and S_N^2 jointly.

562 Figure A1. Power variogram (dashed curves) and truncated power variogram (continuous curves)
563 evaluated with $A = 1$, $H = 0.3$, $\lambda_l = 10$ and $\lambda_u =$ (a) 10^2 (b) 5×10^2 (c) 10^3 (d) 10^4 .

564 Figure A2. Power variogram (dashed curves) and truncated power variogram with Gaussian modes
565 (continuous curves) obtained with the parameters estimated in Fig. 14a on the basis of S_N^1
566 (red curves), S_N^2 (blue curves), and S_N^1 and S_N^2 jointly (black curves)

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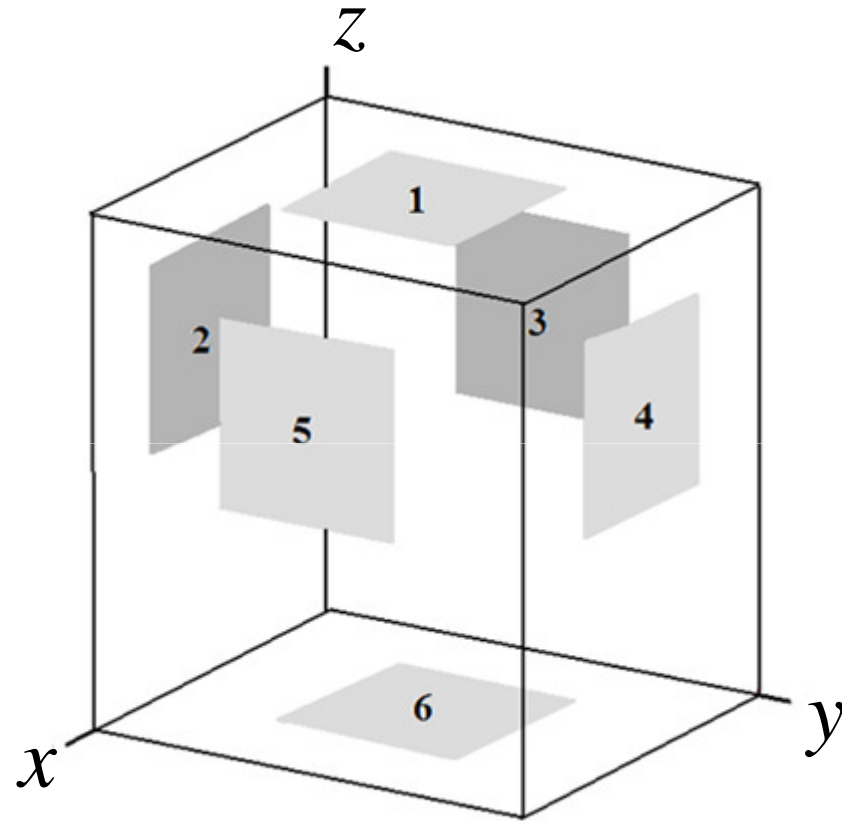


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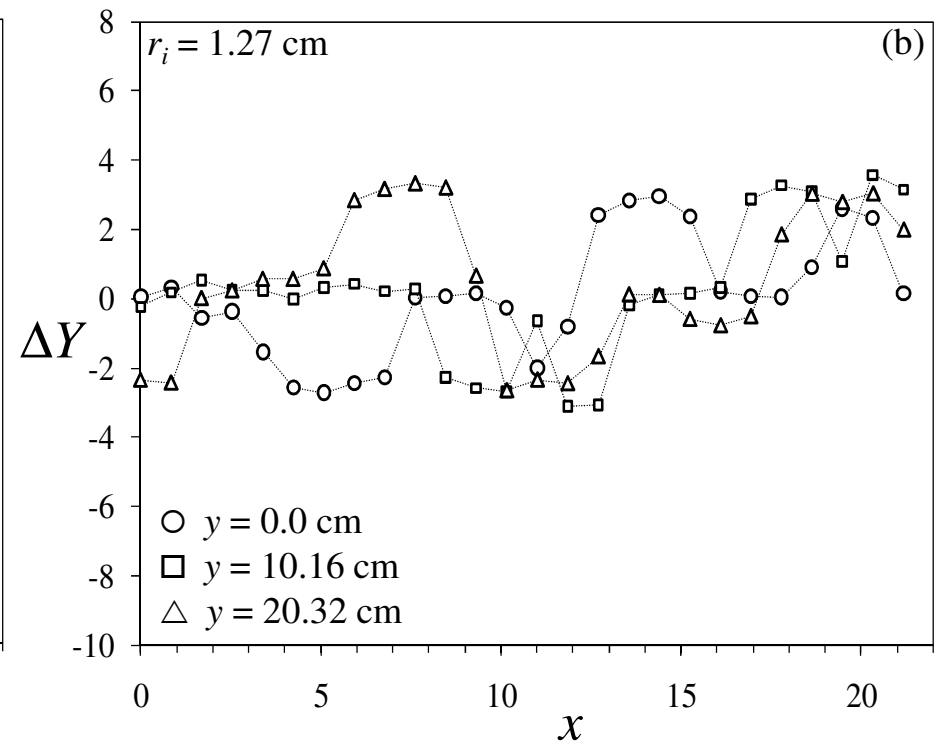
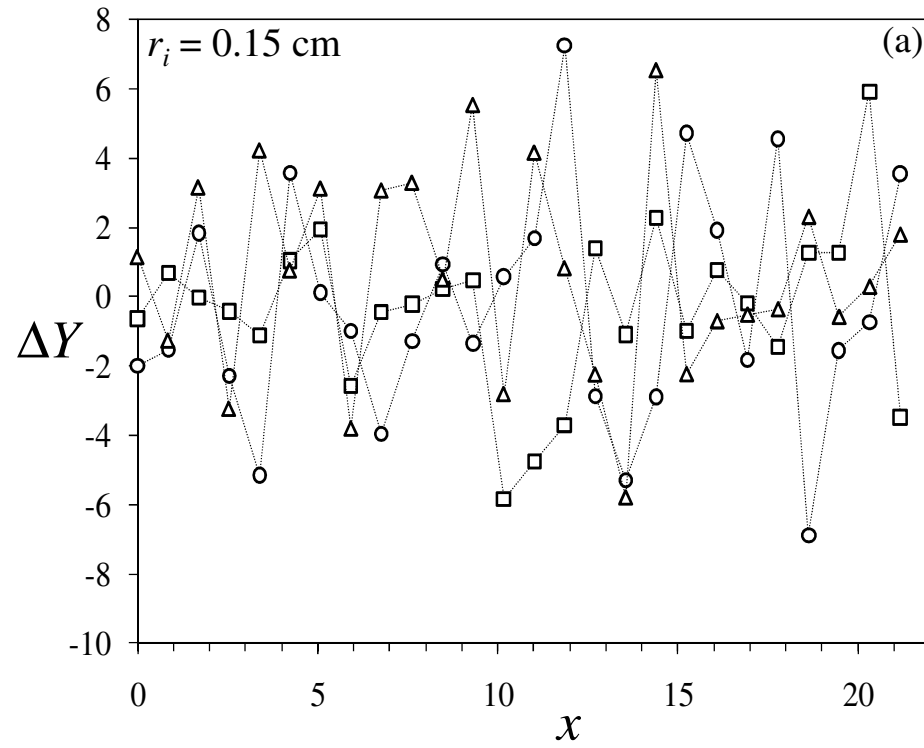


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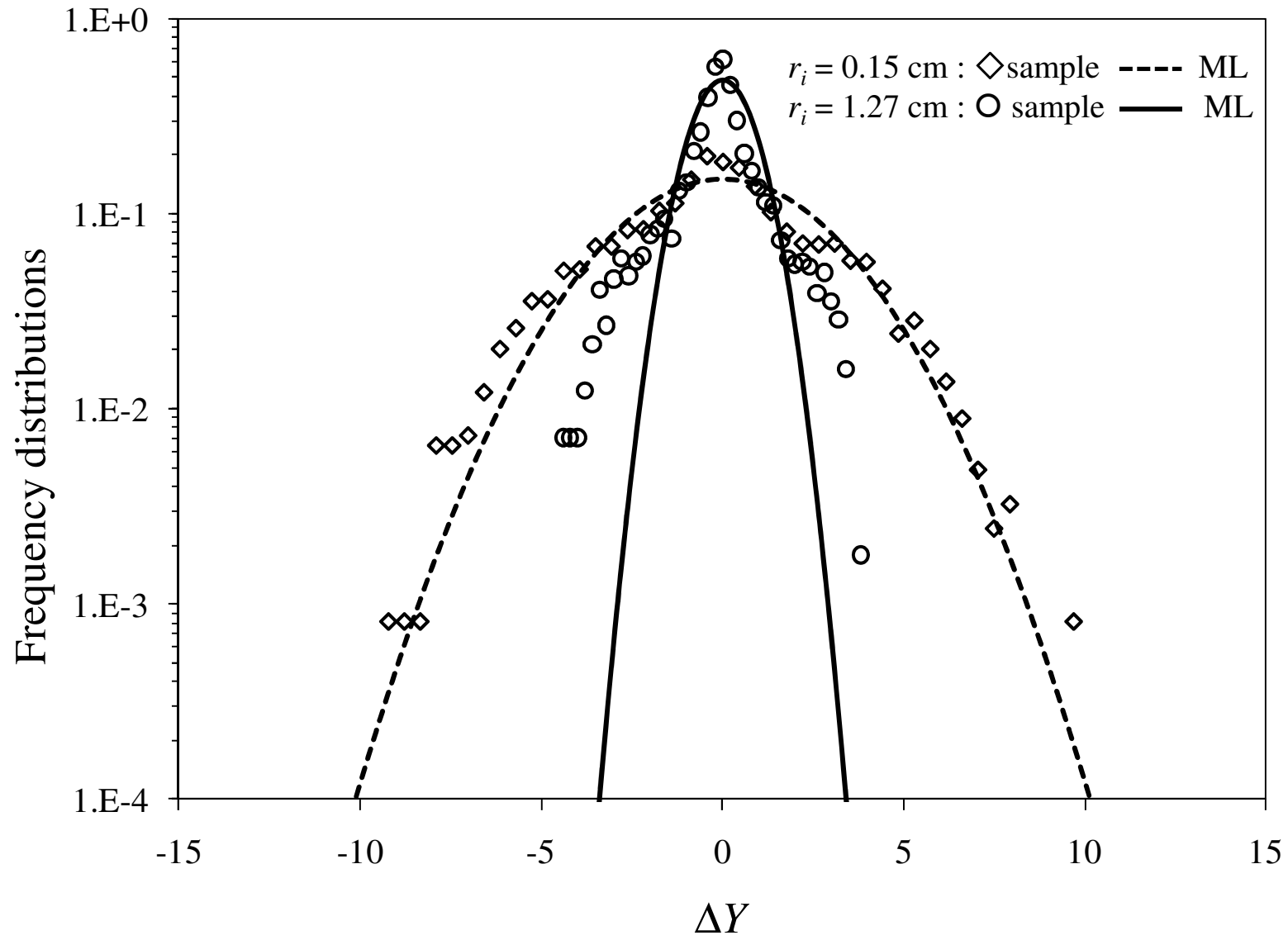


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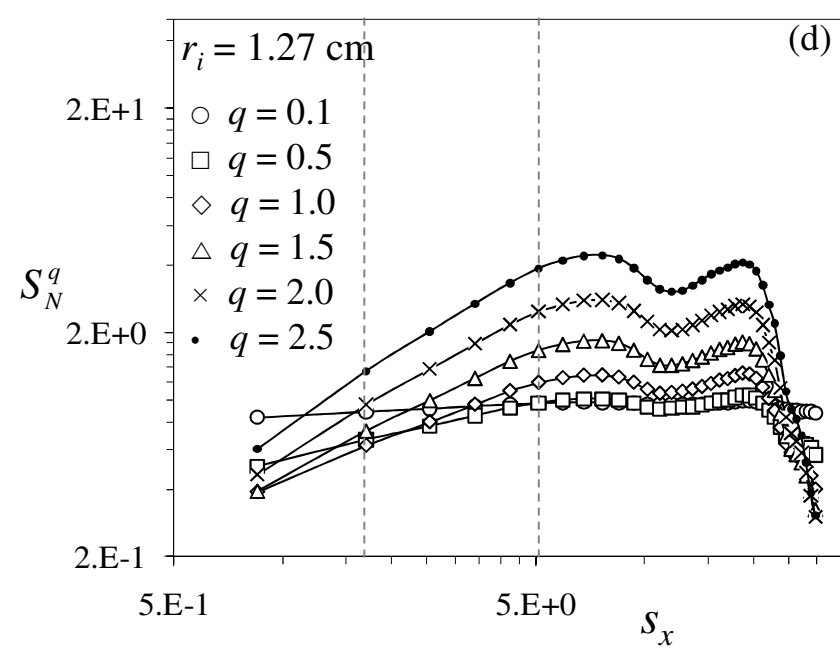
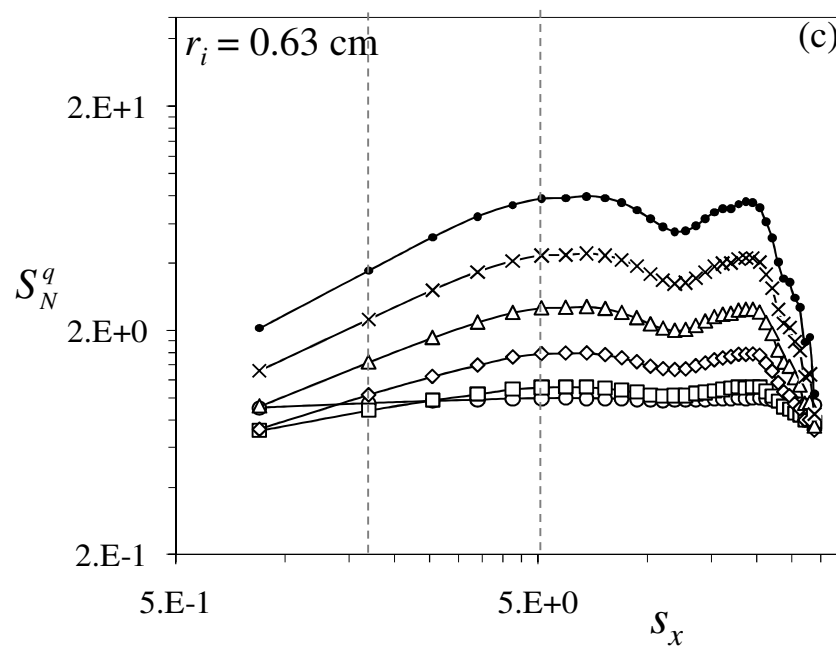
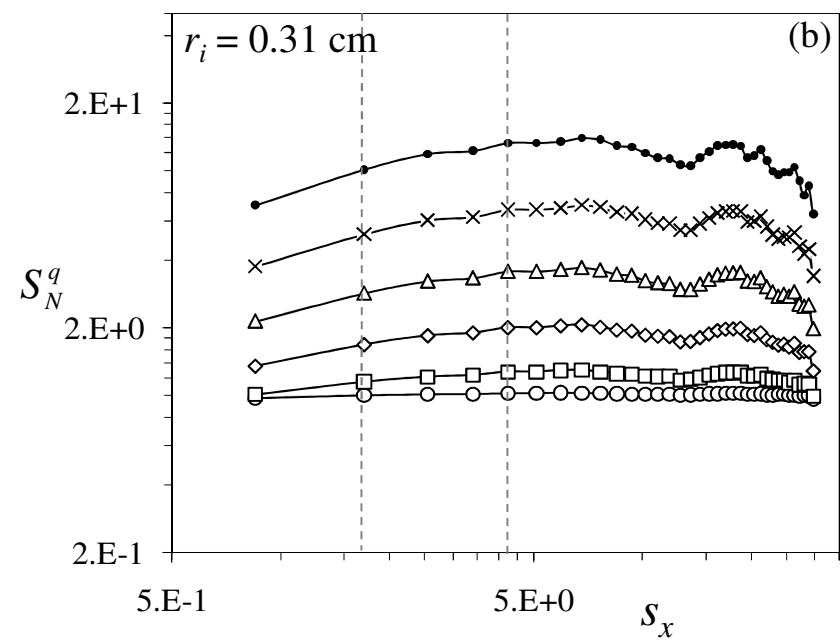
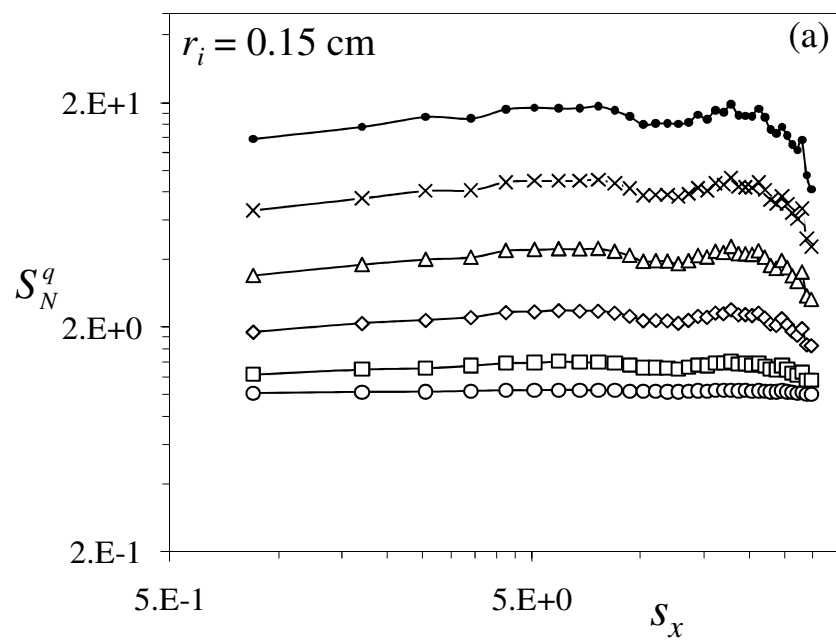


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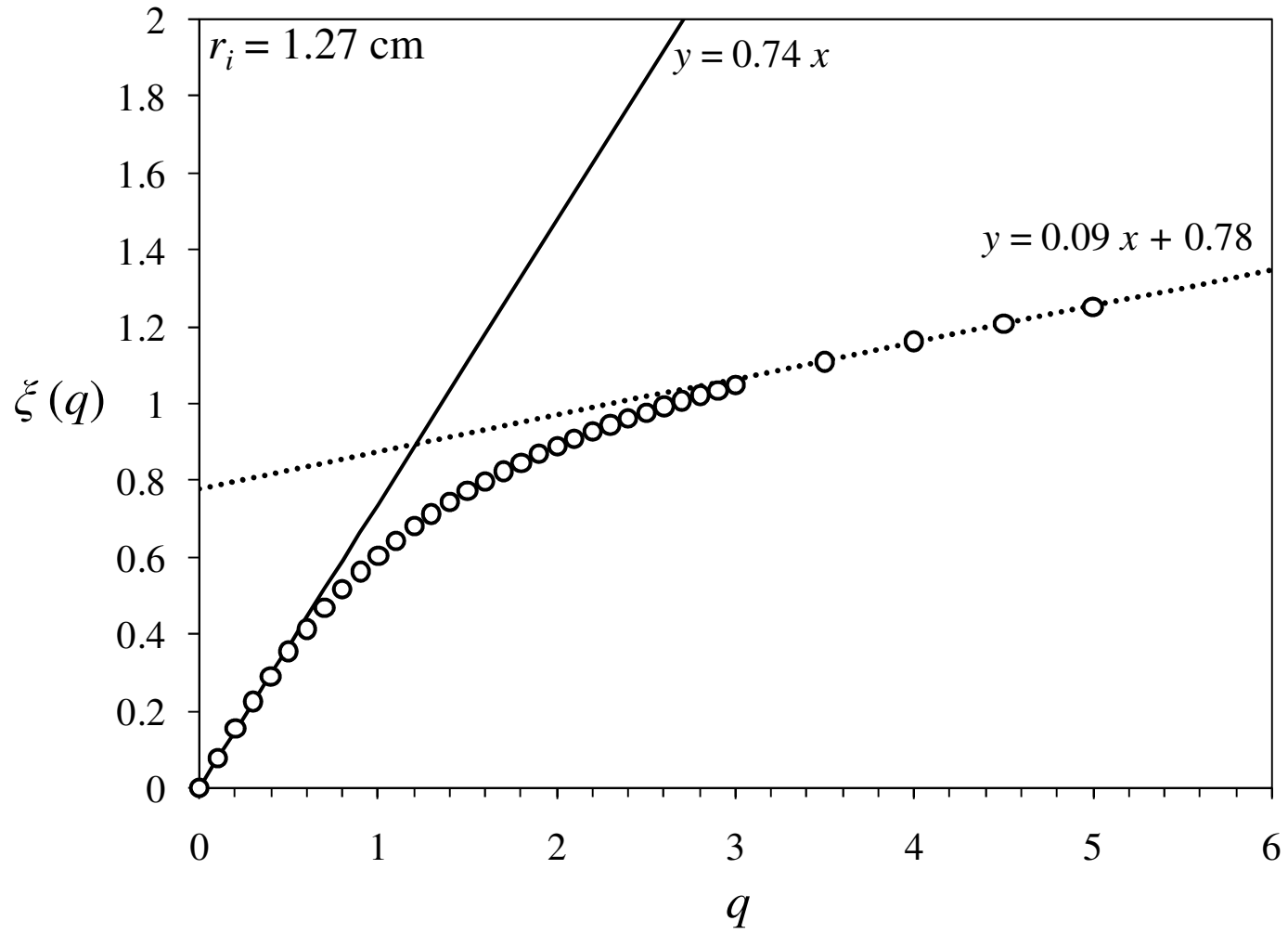


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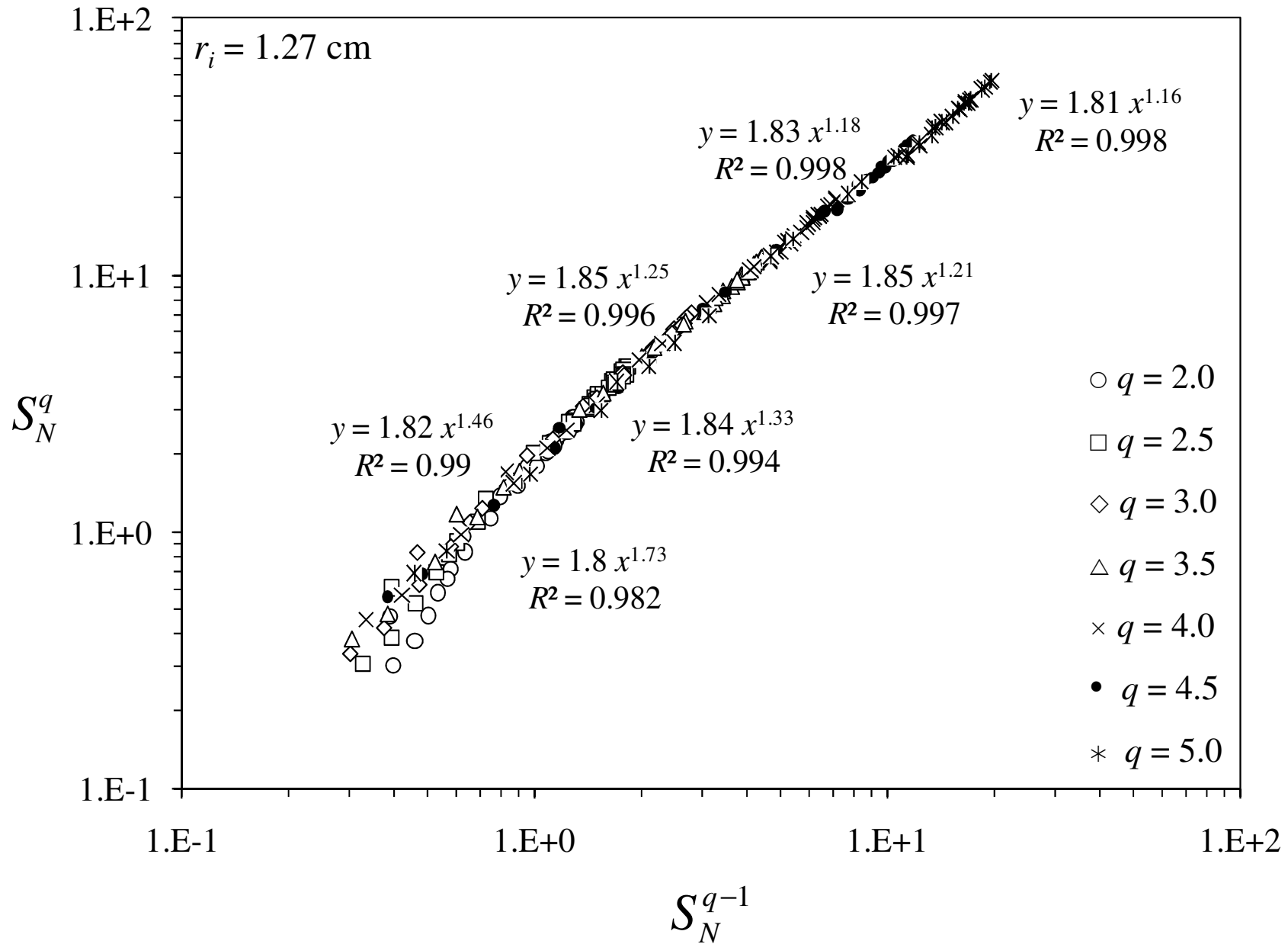


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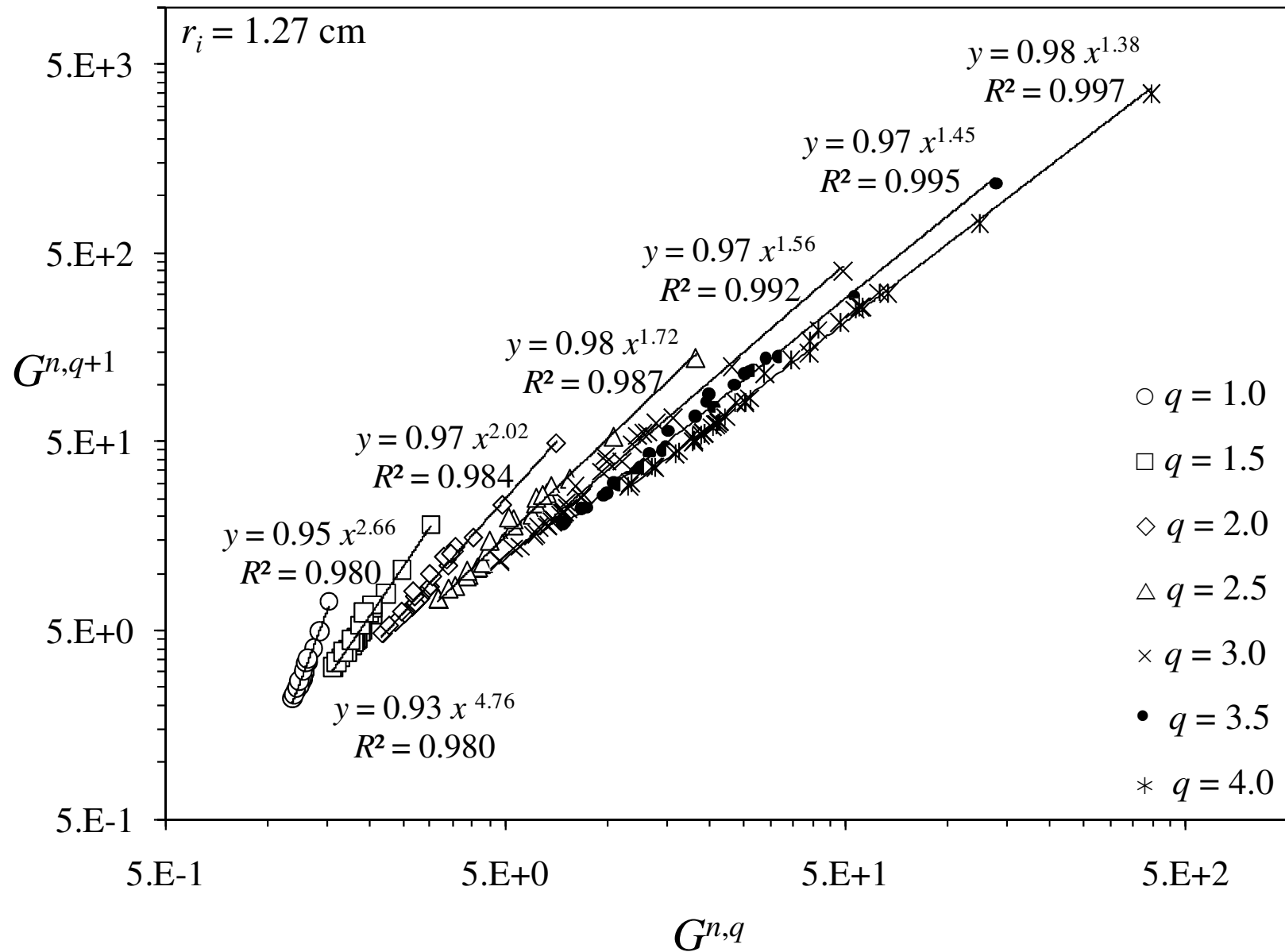


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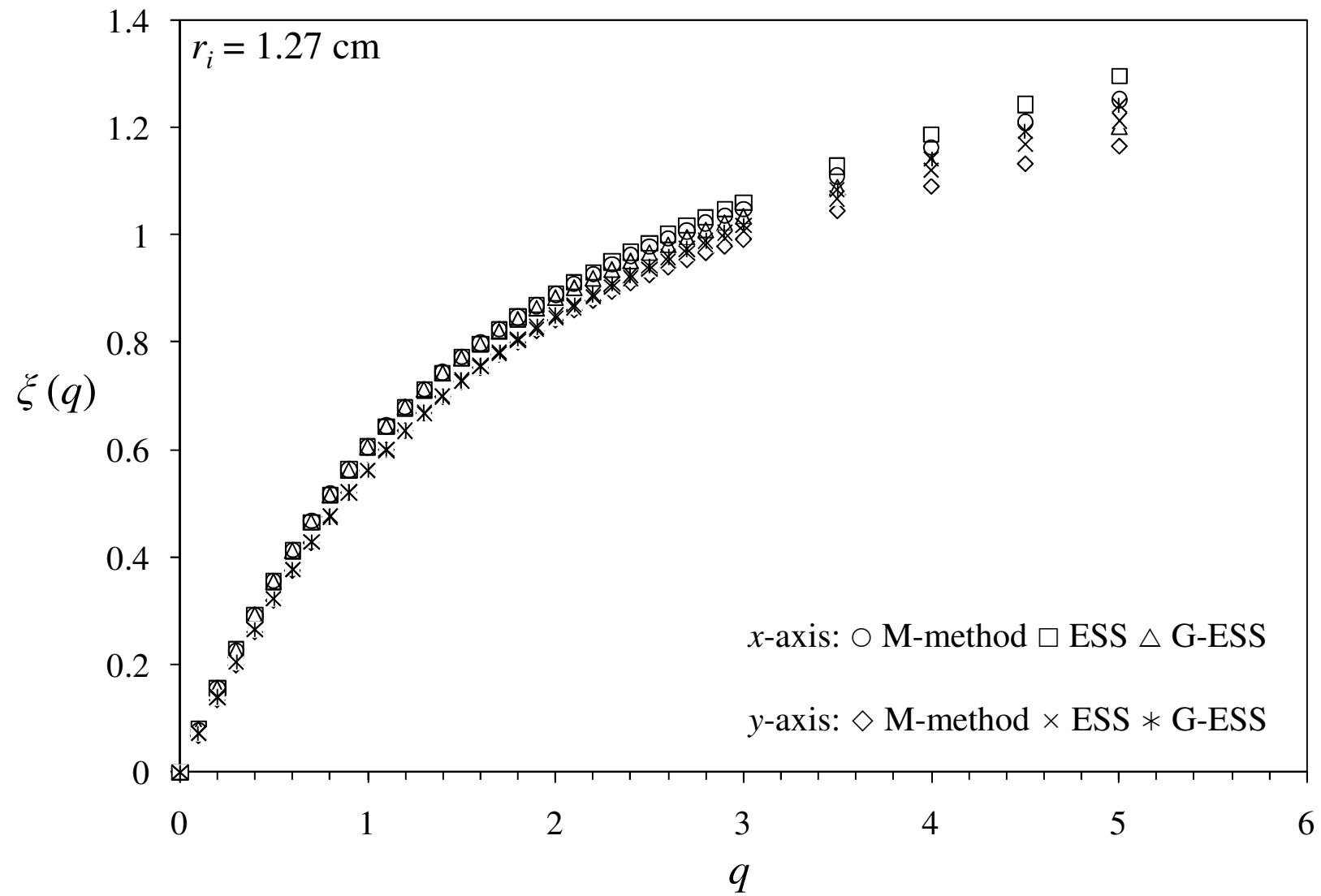


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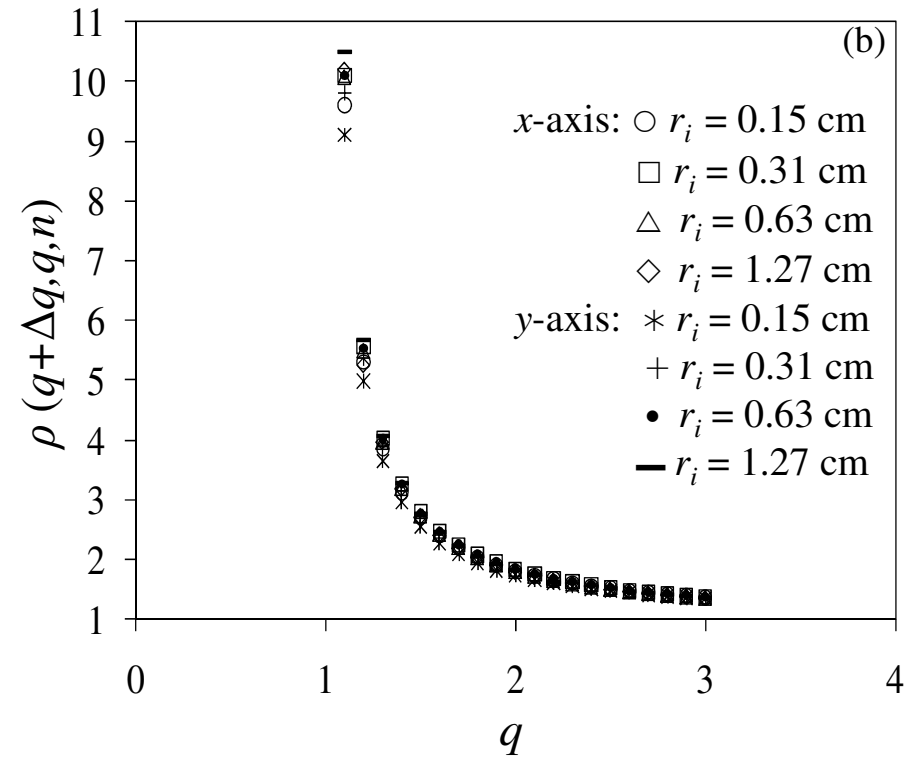
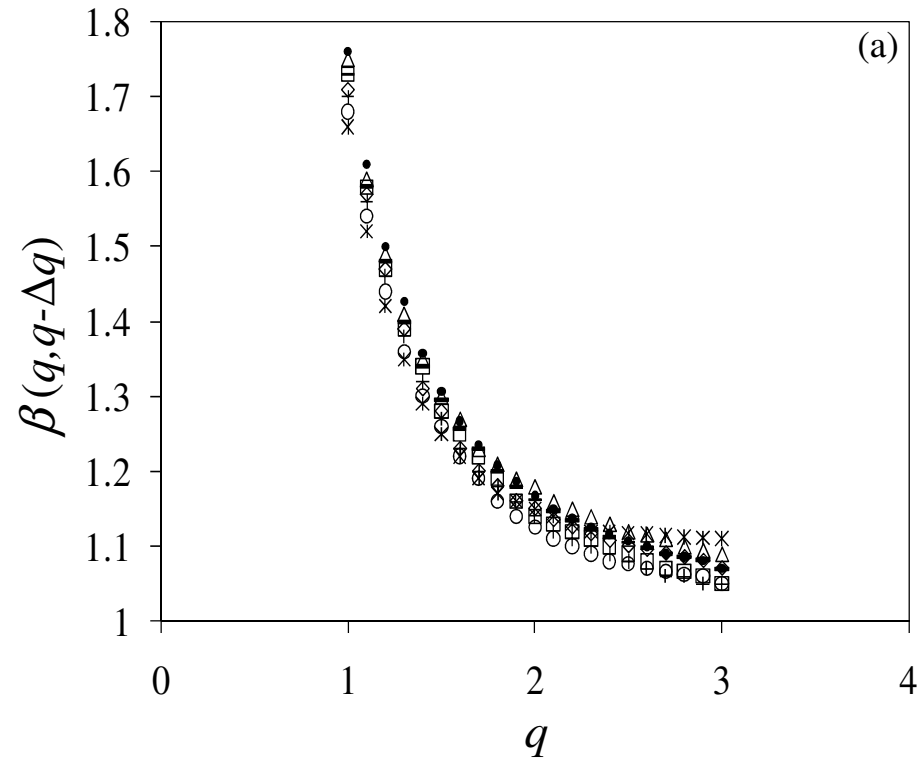


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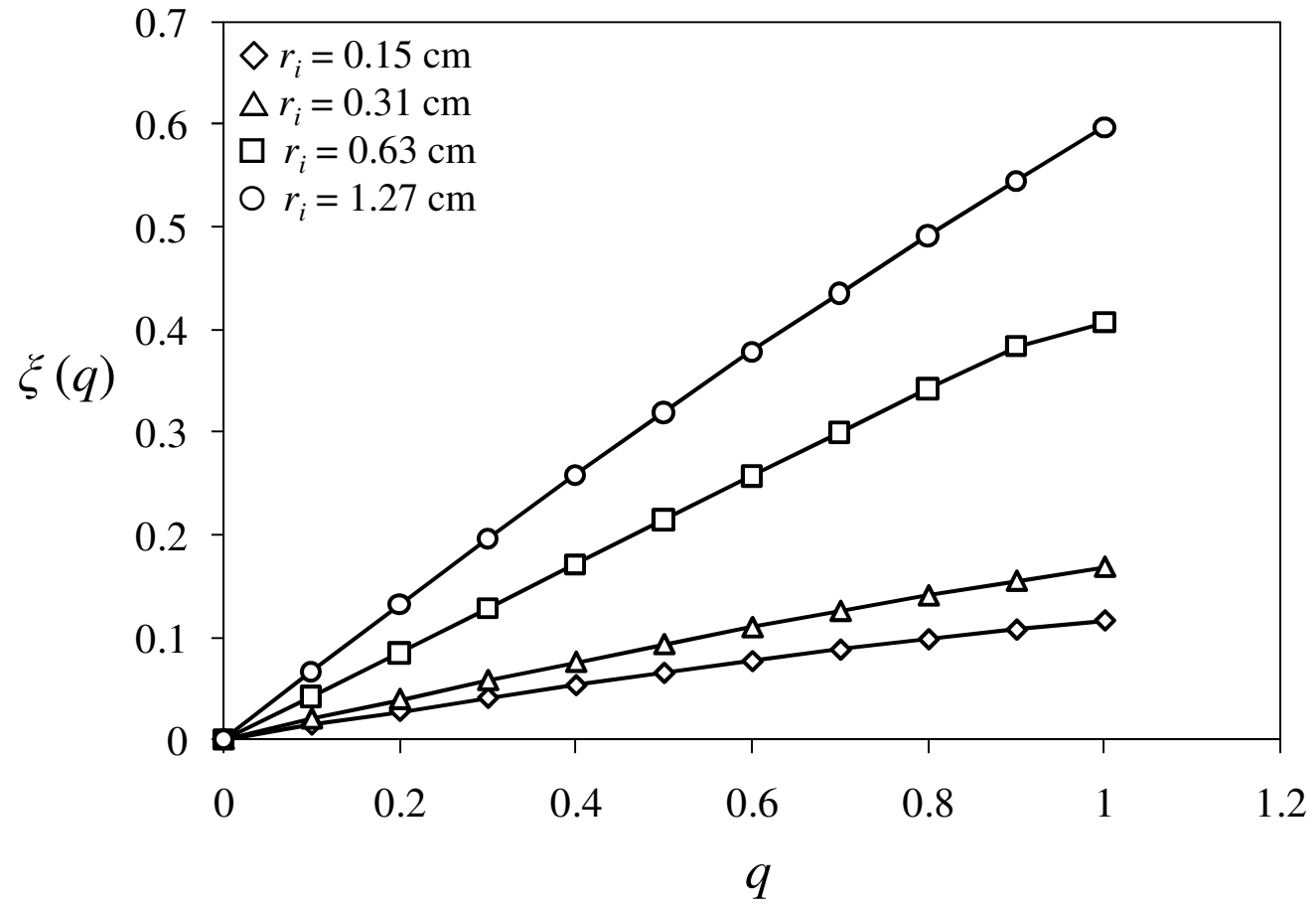


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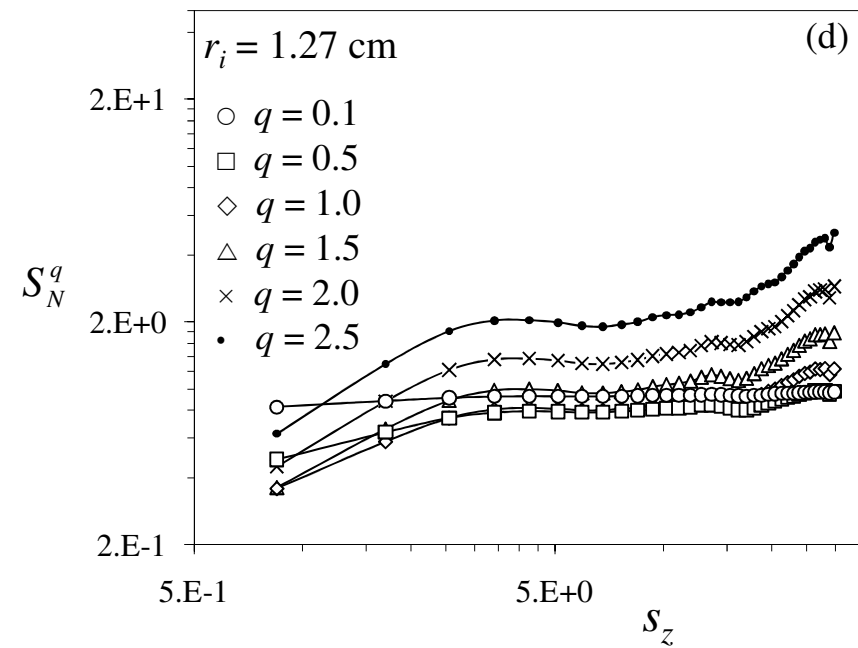
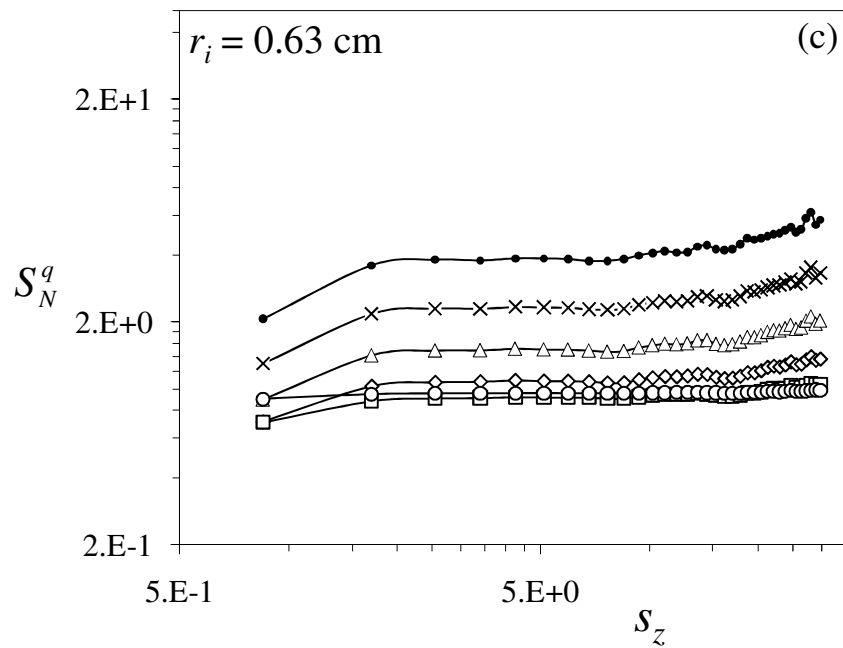
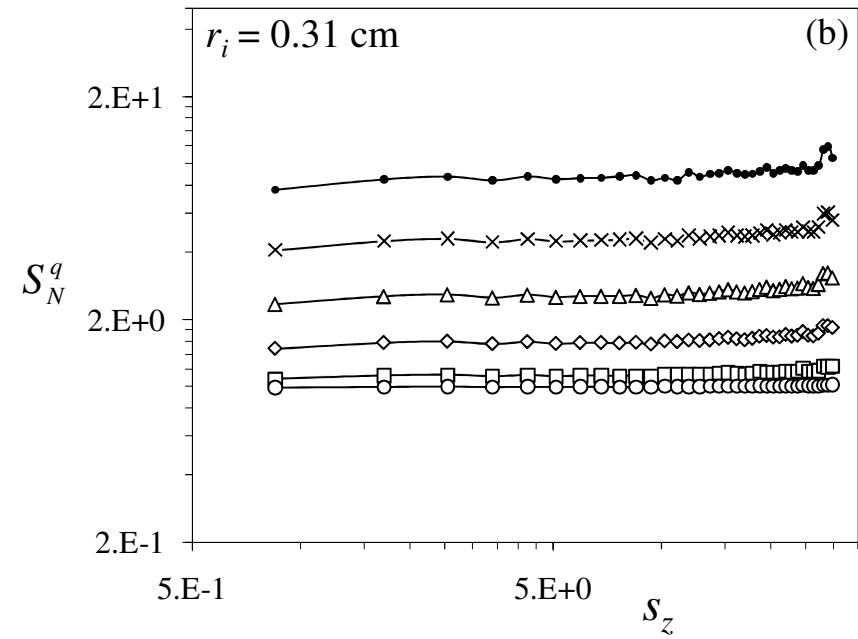
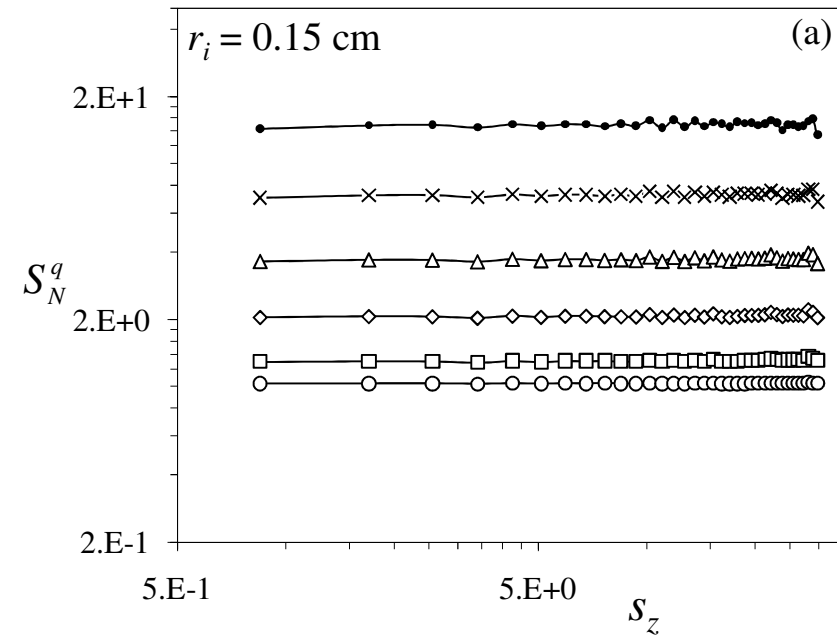


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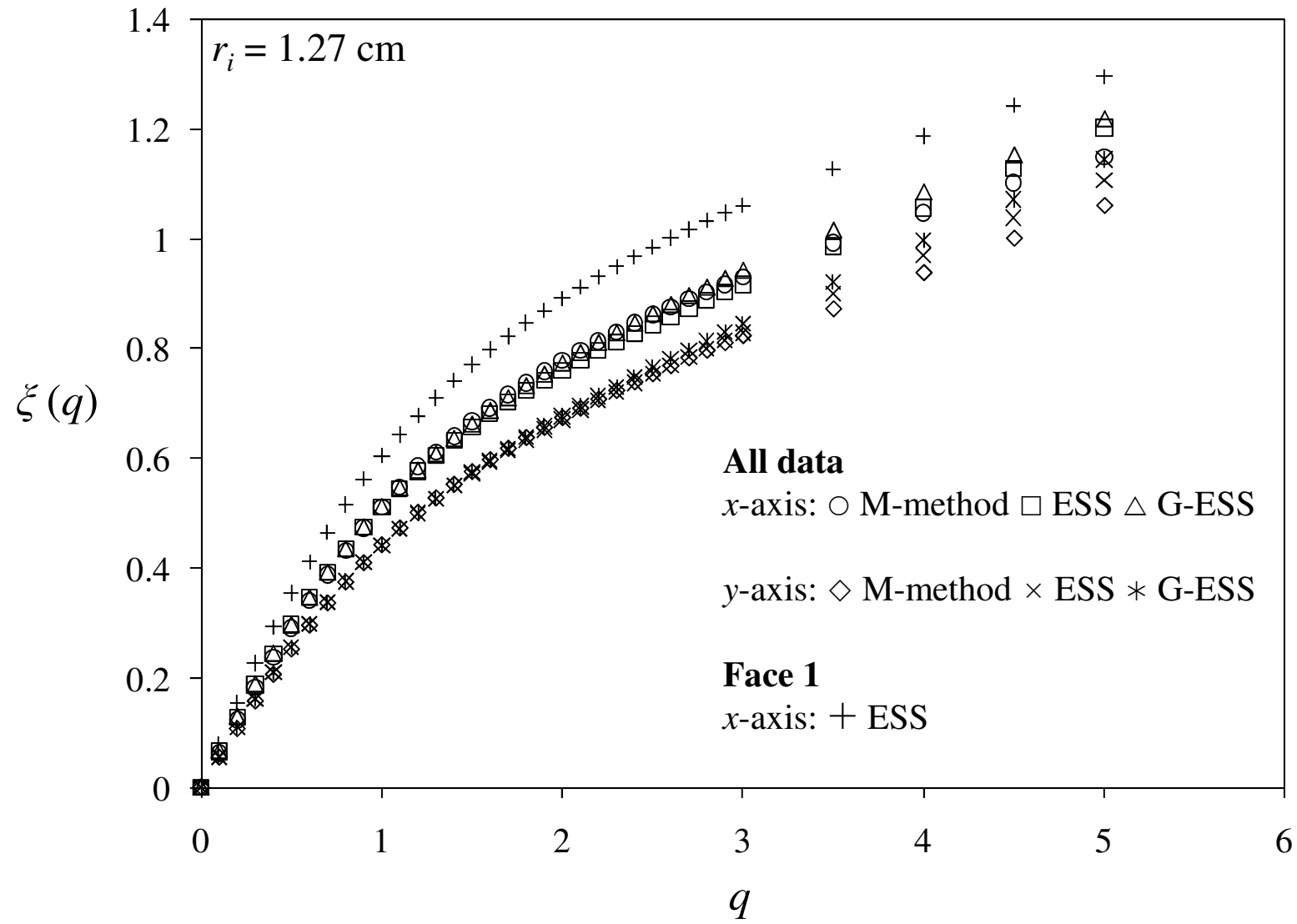


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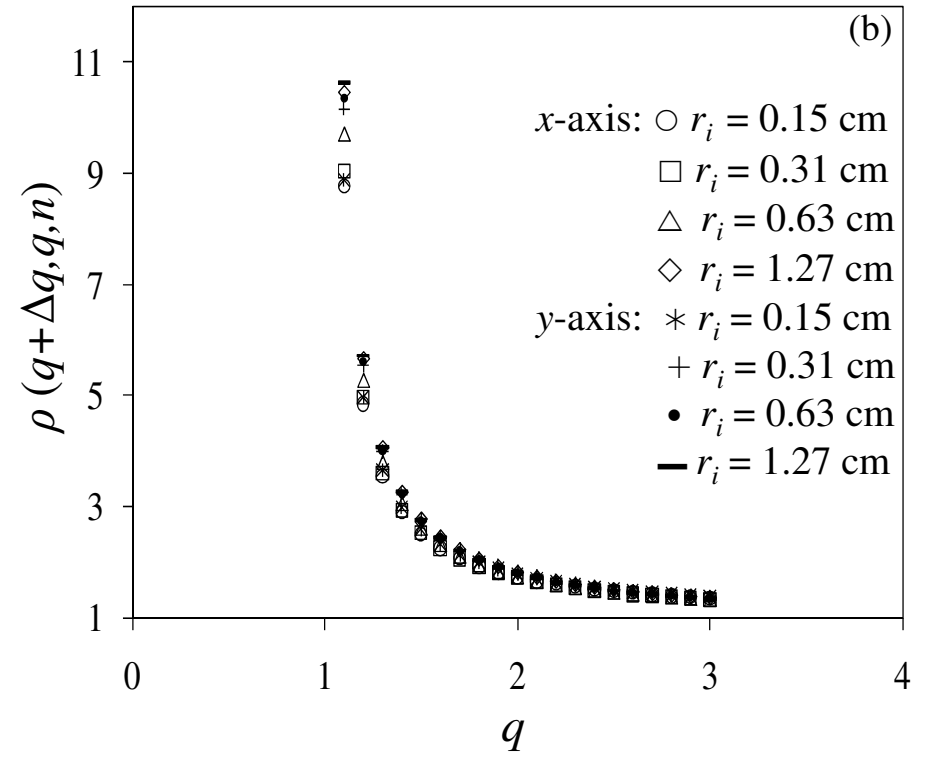
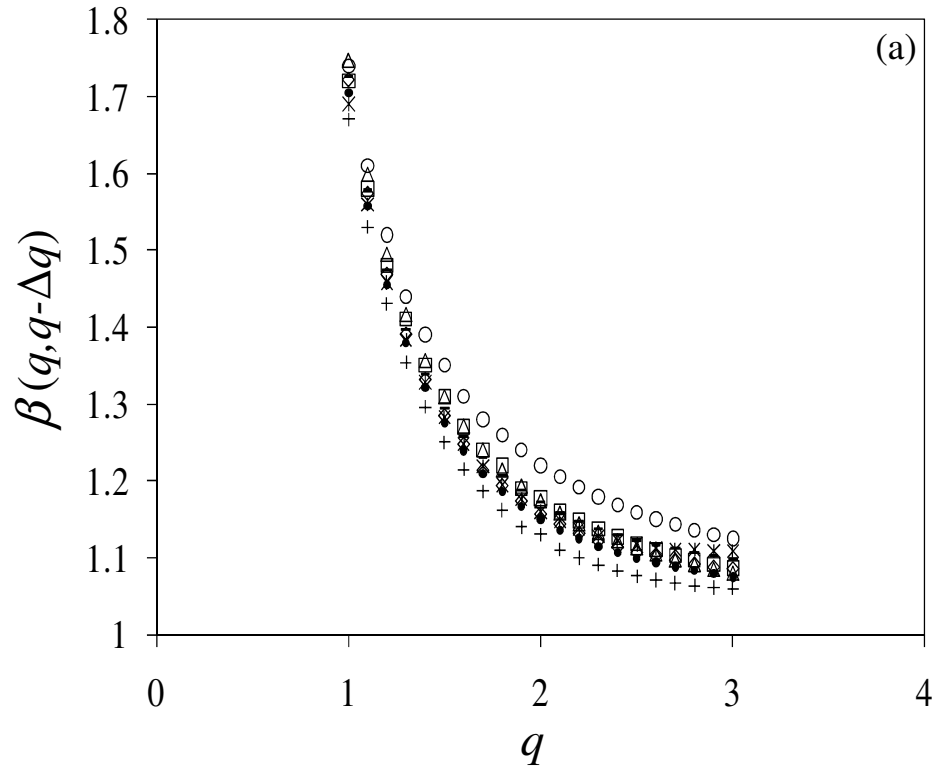


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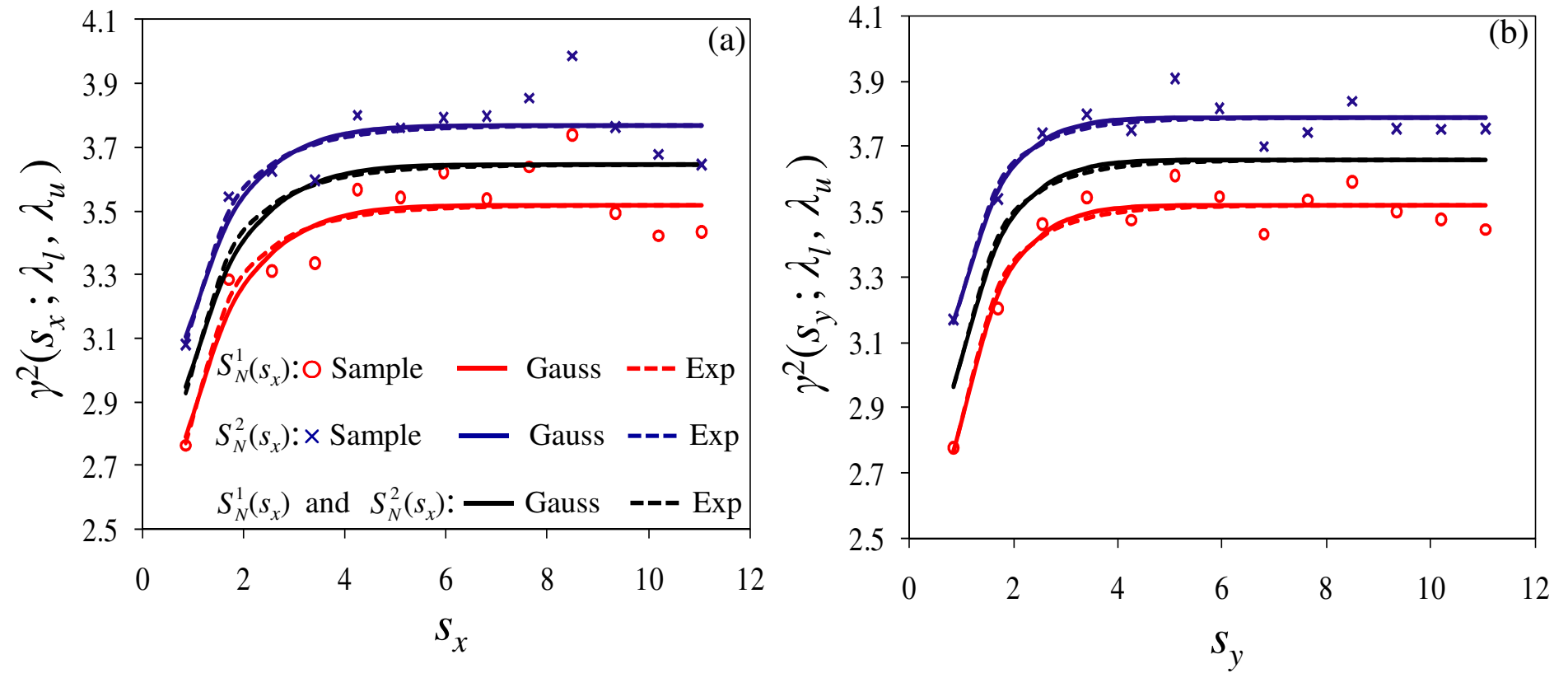


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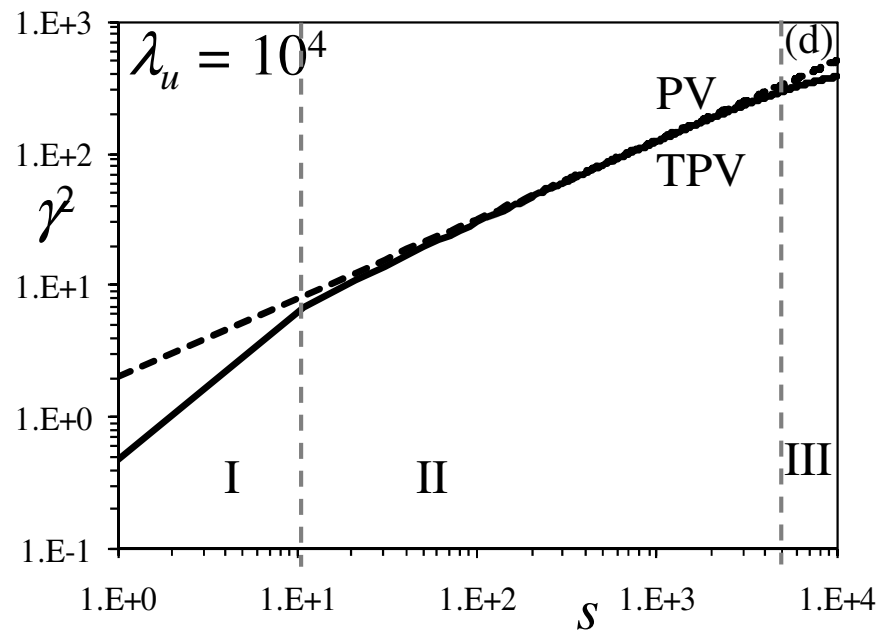
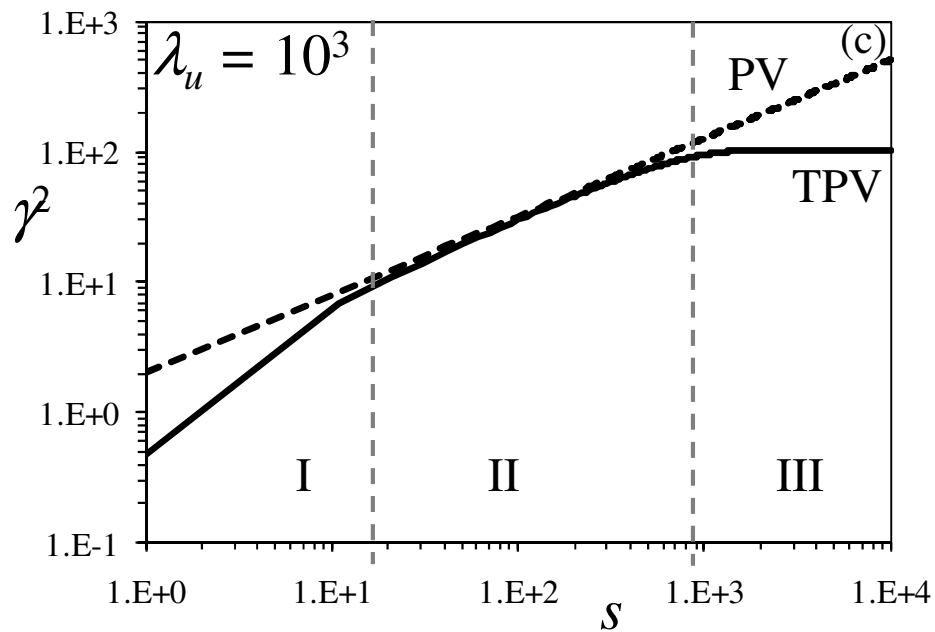
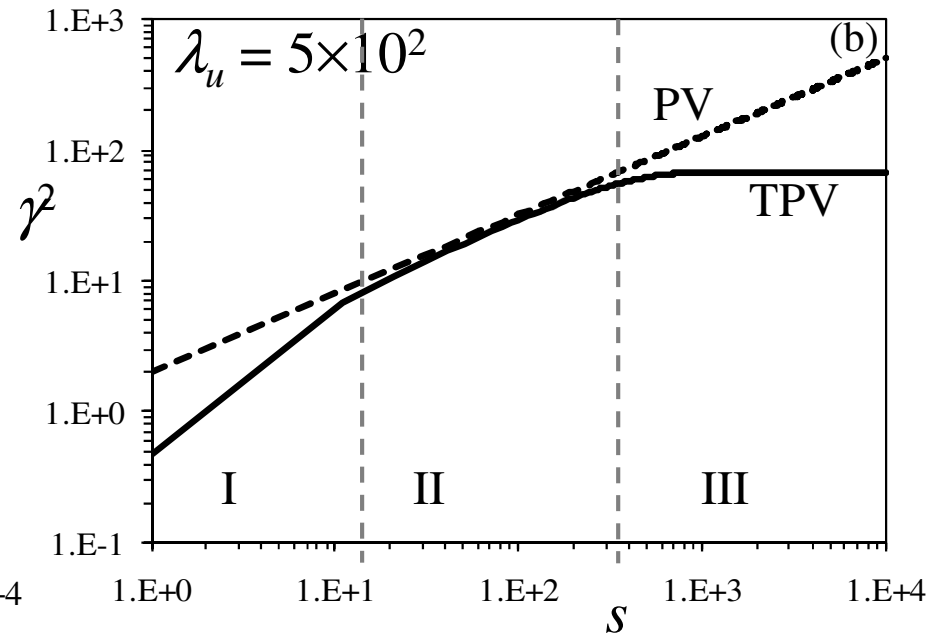
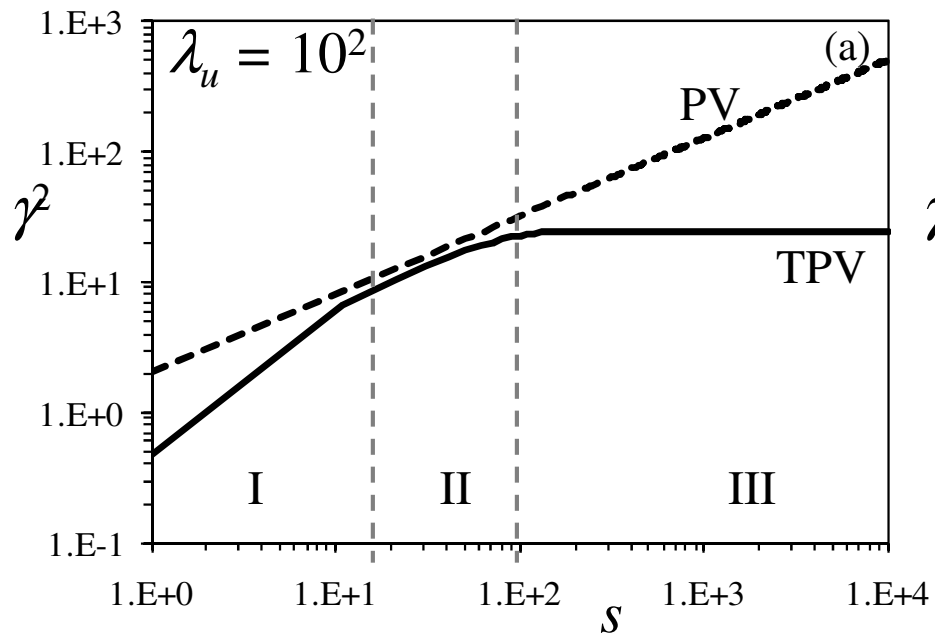


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