

## Supplementary Materials for:

# **“Comparison of geodetic slip-deficit and geologic fault slip rates reveals that variability of elastic strain accumulation and release rates on strike-slip faults is controlled by the relative structural complexity of plate-boundary fault systems”**

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This document includes additional information on the methods used in this study, as well as Figures S1, S2 and Table S1.

### **1. Calculation of CoCo values**

Values of the Coefficient of Complexity (CoCo) for the Haiyuan, Altyn Tagh and Kunlun faults were calculated using the Himalayan fault system database from Mohadjer et al. (2016).

The CoCo value for the Denali fault was calculated thanks to the use of the Alaskan fault system database (Koehler et al., 2011).

Our CoCo calculation follows the one detailed in Gauriau and Dolan (2021). One slight change has been brought: Instead of using slip-rate bins up to 20 mm/yr, we further slice the possible ranges into the following ones, for slip rates that are faster than 20 mm/yr: [15 – 20[; [20 – 25[, [25 – 30[ and >30, for which we assign a median value for the CoCo calculation: 17, 22, 27, and 35 mm/yr respectively (see Gauriau and Dolan (2021) for complete methodology). This only aims at assigning values to fast-slipping sections that are closer to the actual slip rate, which applies to the CoCo calculation of the sites located on the Calico the Garlock and the San Jacinto faults only.

### **2. Remarks on the behavior of faults with intermediate CoCo values**

Some faults are neither truly low-Coco nor high-CoCo, but rather fall into an intermediate area among the whole range of CoCo values. For example, the Central Denali (16) and the Altyn Tagh (18) faults exhibit intermediate CoCo values that help us define an approximate boundary low- and high-CoCo faults. As noted by Dolan & Meade (2017), the central Denali fault’s long-term/large-displacement slip rate,  $12.1 \pm 1.7$  mm/yr, averaged over 12 ky and 144 m (Matmon et al., 2006) is faster than its geodetic slip-deficit rate of  $7.0 \pm 0.3$  mm/yr inferred from block model analysis (Elliott and Freymueller, 2020) (Table 1). The Denali fault, according to its relatively low CoCo value, would be thought to behave in a relatively constant manner, since the only major faults it might interact with are the Totschunda-Duke River fault (slipping at  $\sim 6$  mm/yr during the Holocene, Matmon et al., 2006) and the Susitna Glacier fault (a slow-slipping thrust fault). Elsewhere along the Denali fault, the geodetic rates fall within a range of 6 to 8 mm/yr. Other slip-rate sites located more to the west exhibit slower geologic slip rate values, such as  $9.4 \pm 1.6$  mm/yr (data point 17 in Figure 2; Matmon et al., 2006), which still is faster than the elastic strain accumulation rate, which at that location is  $7.8 \pm 0.3$  mm/yr (Elliott and Freymueller, 2020). This geologic/geodetic rate ratio  $<1$  for a low-CoCo fault might be explained by possible long-term post-seismic effects of the 1964  $M_w$  9.2 Alaska earthquake, which might add up to the ones of the 2002 Denali earthquake. Alternatively, given that the Aleutian megathrust is characterized by a flat and shallow slab (Jadamec et al., 2013), and that it

might be located less than 100 km below the Denali fault (Martin-Short et al., 2018), the interaction between the slab and the Denali fault would need to be accounted for in the CoCo calculation. This, however, is speculative since it would require three-dimensional considerations, whereas the CoCo analysis, as initially designed and used here, considers the 2D (ground surface) relationships among fault systems.

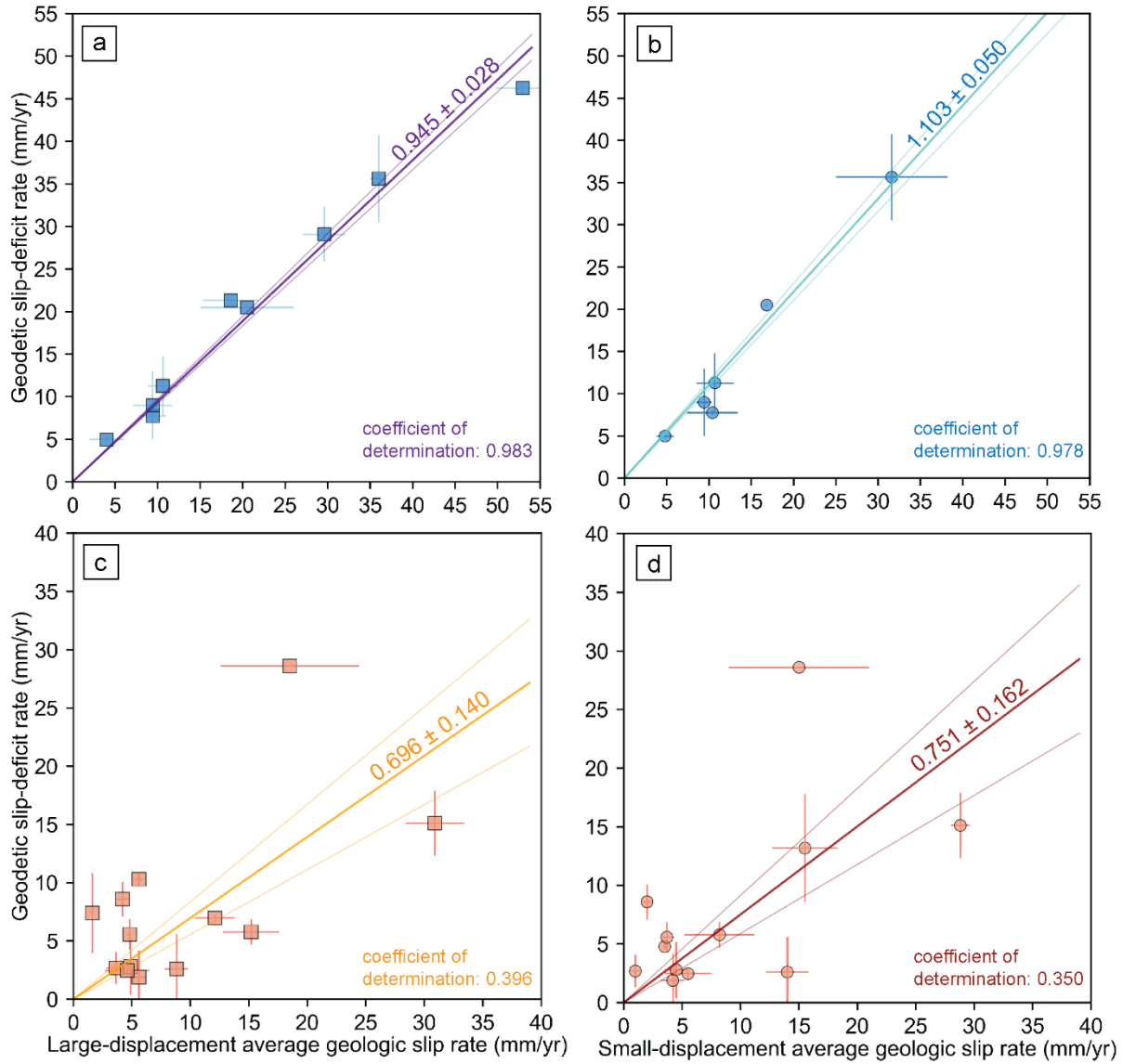
On the other hand, the Altyn Tagh fault exhibits a geologic slip rate behavior that is constant, with a slip rate of 9.4 mm/yr averaged both over 54 m and 156 m displacements (Cowgill, 2007; Cowgill et al., 2009), very close to the collocated slip-deficit geodetic rate of  $9 \pm 4$  mm/yr (Bendick et al., 2000). Several active reverse faults parallel to the Altyn Tagh fault (Yun et al., 2020) participate in the CoCo value, which places the Altyn Tagh fault's behavior between the CoCo values of the central Denali fault (16) and the Kunlun fault (19).

### **3. Comparison of geodetic rates with geologic rates**

Figure S1 displays the slope of each geodetic rate/geologic rate comparison, with geologic rates differentiated by the displacement over which they are averaged.

As mentioned in the main text, assuming a linear relationship between geologic slip rates and geodetic rates going through the origin, we find a scaling line with best-fit slope and  $1\sigma$  confidence of  $0.945 \pm 0.028$  for low-CoCo faults using the large-displacement geologic rates, and a scaling line with best-fit slope of  $1.103 \pm 0.050$  for the small-displacement average geologic rates.

For the high-CoCo faults, we find a scaling line with best-fit slope of  $0.696 \pm 0.140$  using the large-displacement geologic rates and a scaling line with best-fit slope of  $0.751 \pm 0.162$  using the small-displacement geologic rates.



**Figure S1:** Geodetic rate and geological slip rate comparisons for selected strike-slip faults. **(a)** and **(b)** for low-CoCo faults, **(c)** and **(d)** for high-CoCo faults. The dark line and the two faded lines show the linear fits with 67% confidence intervals with slopes indicated on each plot.

#### 4. Most recent events and recurrence intervals

The following table summarizes the available information on the studied strike-slip faults regarding their most recent event and average recurrence interval.

**Table S1: Date of most recent earthquakes that occurred on the studied strike-slip faults**

Fault	Fault section	MRE	References for MRE	Cluster of events?	Mean recurrence interval (years)	References for recurrence interval	Elapsed time since MRE (years)
Garlock	central	1545 C.E.	Dawson et al. (2003)	yes (500 yrs rec)	1000		478
San Andreas	Mojave	1857 C.E.			~100	Scharer et al. (2017)	166
San Andreas	Carrizo plain	1858 C.E.			88 ± 41	Akçiz et al. (2010)	166
San Jacinto	Claremont	1744-1850 C.E.	Onderdonk et al. (2015)	most recent cluster occurring between A.D. 1400 and A.D. 1850	156-195 (~164)	Onderdonk et al. (2015)	226
Owens Valley	northern	1872 C.E.	Beanland and Clark (1993)		3000-4100	Lee et al. (2001)	151
Calico fault	northern	0.6-2.0 ka*	Ganev et al. (2010)		~1500-2000	Ganev et al. (2010)	~600-2000
Hope	Taramakau	1800-1840 C.E.	Vermeer et al. (2022)				203
Hope	Conway	~1840 C.E.	Hatem et al. (2019)		~291	Hatem et al. (2019)	183
Hope	Hurunui	1888 C.E.	Khajavi et al. (2016)		298±88	Khajavi et al. (2016)	135
Wairau		268-1048 C.E.	Nicol and Van Dissen (2018)	onshore section could have experienced a period of increased earthquake frequency since 5600 yr BP	~1000		1365
Clarence		110-310 C.E.	Van Dissen and Nicol (2009)		~1700		1813
Awatere		1848 C.E.	Mason et al. (2006)		820-950	Mason et al. (2006)	175
Alpine		1717 C.E.	Berryman et al. (2012); De Pascale and Langridge (2012)		329		306

**Table S1 – continued**

Fault	Fault section	MRE	References for MRE	Cluster of events?	Mean recurrence interval (years)	References for recurrence interval	Elapsed time since MRE (years)
Dead Sea	Wadi Araba	1458 C.E.	Klinger et al. (2015)	seismic lull	~280	Marco et al. (1996)	565
Dead Sea	Beteiha	1202 C.E.	Wechsler et al. (2018)	past 1200 years=lull	190	Wechsler et al. (2018)	264
Yammouneh	Lebanese restraining bend	1202 C.E.	Daëron et al. (2007)		1127±13 5	Daëron et al. (2007)	821
Yammouneh	Missyaf (Syria)	1170 C.E.	Meghraoui et al. (2003)		550	Meghraoui et al. (2003)	853
Rachaiya-Sergaya		~1759 C.E.	Nemer et al. (2008)		1300	Gomez et al. (2003)	264
Roum		84-239 C.E.	Nemer and Meghraoui, (2006)				1861.5
Fairweather		1958 C.E.	Witter et al. (2021)				65
Queen Charlotte		2013 C.E.	Brothers et al. (2020)				10
Denali	Central	2002 C.E.	Matmon et al. (2006)				21
Denali	Western						
Altyn Tagh	Pingding (Xorxol)	1491–1741 C.E.	Yuan et al. (2018)		620±410	Yuan et al. (2018)	407
Kunlun	west	2001 C.E.	Klinger et al. (2015)		300±50	Li et al. (2005)	22
Haiyuan	Lenglongling	1540 C.E.	Jolivet et al. (2012)		1430±14 0	Jiang et al. (2017)	483
North Anatolian	Erzincan (east)	1939 C.E.	Kozaci et al. (2011)		685	Hartleb et al. (2006)	84
North Anatolian	Gerede (Demir Tepe)	1944 C.E.	Hubert-Ferrari et al. (2002)		250-300	Kondo et al. (2010)	79
North Anatolian	Tahtaköprü	1943 C.E.	Kozaci et al. (2011)		250-623	Okomura et al. (2003); Kondo et al. (2004)	80
North Anatolian	Ganos (Güzelköy+Cinerçik)	1912 C.E.	Meghraoui et al. (2012)		323±142	Meghraoui et al. (2012)	111
East Anatolian	Pazarçık	2023 C.E.	Barbot et al. (2023)		~772	Güvercin et al. (2022)	0.8

\* a small segment of the northern section of the Calico fault ruptured in an aftershock (magnitude 5) of the Landers earthquake in 1995

## 5. Choice of geodetic rates

For all geodetic slip-deficit rates used in this study, we used published values collocated with geological slip-rate data.

For the North Anatolian fault, we use DeVries et al. (2017) and choose the results from their viscoelastic model by averaging the values given by the model with  $\eta_M = 10^{19.0}$  Pa·s,  $\eta_K = 10^{19.0}$  Pa·s on the one hand, and  $\eta_M = 10^{18.6}$  Pa·s,  $\eta_K = 10^{18.0}$  Pa·s on the other hand. Only the first model is given for the Ganos segment (Meghraoui et al., 2012), so we use this one only for this site.

## 6. Measure of the dispersion in Figure 3b

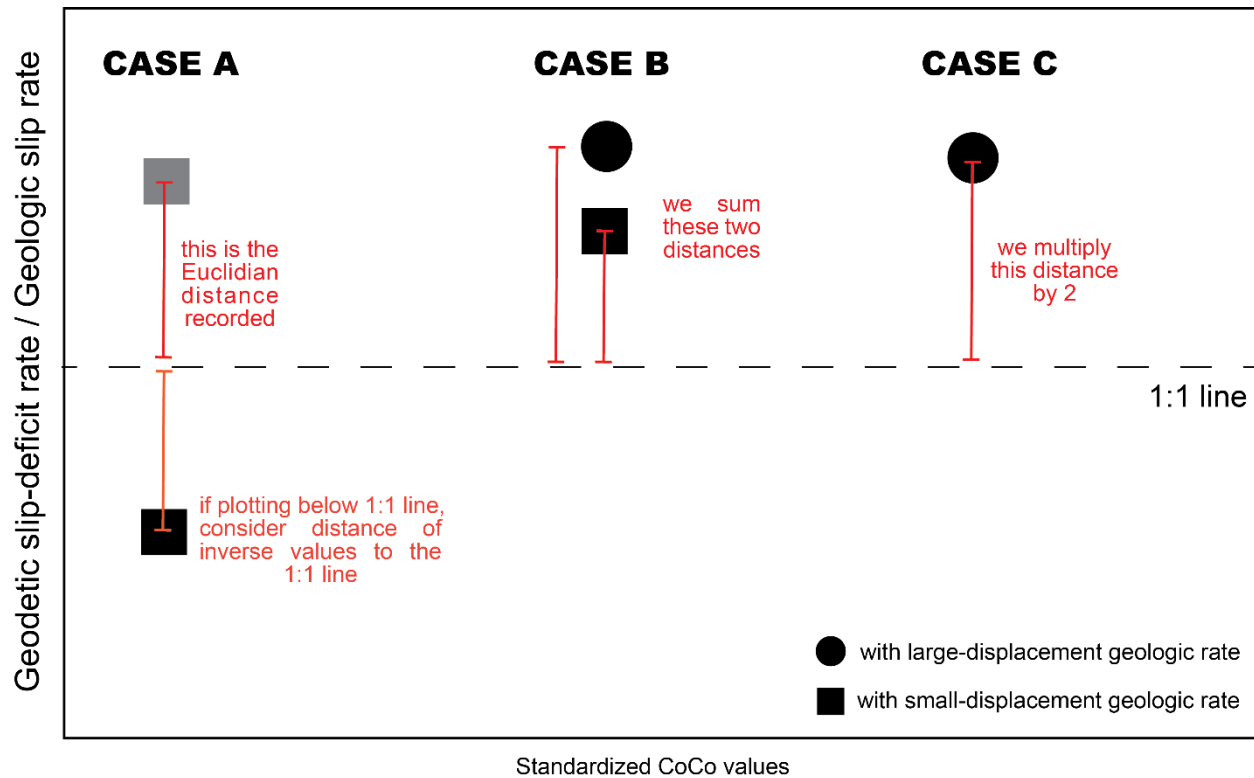
We measure the dispersion of the data points in order to illustrate the difference between data plotting in the low-CoCo region and the data plotting in the high-CoCo region in Figure 3b of the main text.

This measure accounts for the distance between each plotted datum (the ratio between the geodetic slip-deficit rate to the geologic slip rate) and the 1:1 relationship line. We want to consider a ratio  $a/b$  (where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers) equally as we would consider ratio  $b/a$ . To do this, we take the inverse of all ratios that are less than 1 (**case A** in Figure S2)

We then take the distance of each point to the 1:1 ratio line. Since it is a vertical distance, it simply is the subtraction of 1 to the ratio (Euclidian distance).

This measurement accounts for the two data points for a single fault when there are two geologic slip-rate estimates (i.e., one averaged over a small displacement, and one averaged over a large displacement). In these cases, the plotted distance on Figure 3b is the sum of the two calculated distances (**case B** in Figure S2)

To account for a potential lack of one of the geologic slip-rate estimates (i.e., whether the small-displacement geologic slip rate or the large-displacement geologic slip rate is missing), we multiply the available single distance by two (**case C** in Figure S2).



**Figure S2:** Illustration of the measurement of data dispersion shown in Figure 3b (main text).

### 7. Dispersion of data points in Figure 2c

For each high-CoCo fault plotted in Figure 2c, we measured a distance from the respective data point ( $x =$  geodetic slip-deficit rate;  $y =$  small-displacement slip rate values) to the 1:1 line, which is the shortest distance from the point to the 1:1 line.

We defined fast-slipping faults as those characterized by a small-displacement slip rate that is at least 8 mm/yr, and slow-slipping faults as these characterized by a small-displacement slip rate that is less than 8 mm/yr. Using this rule, we have the following faults that fall in the fast-slipping category: the Garlock fault (1), the Mojave section of the San Andreas fault (2), the San Jacinto fault (4), the Hope fault (7) and the northern North Anatolian fault (23).

We found that for all high-CoCo faults, the average distance from the data points to the 1:1 line is 3.65 (arbitrary units). The average distance for fast-slipping high-CoCo faults only is 6.14, whereas the average distance for slow-slipping high-CoCo faults is 1.87.

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