

# Pareto-Zipf law, Gibrat's law, detailed-balance and their breakdown

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# japanese personal income

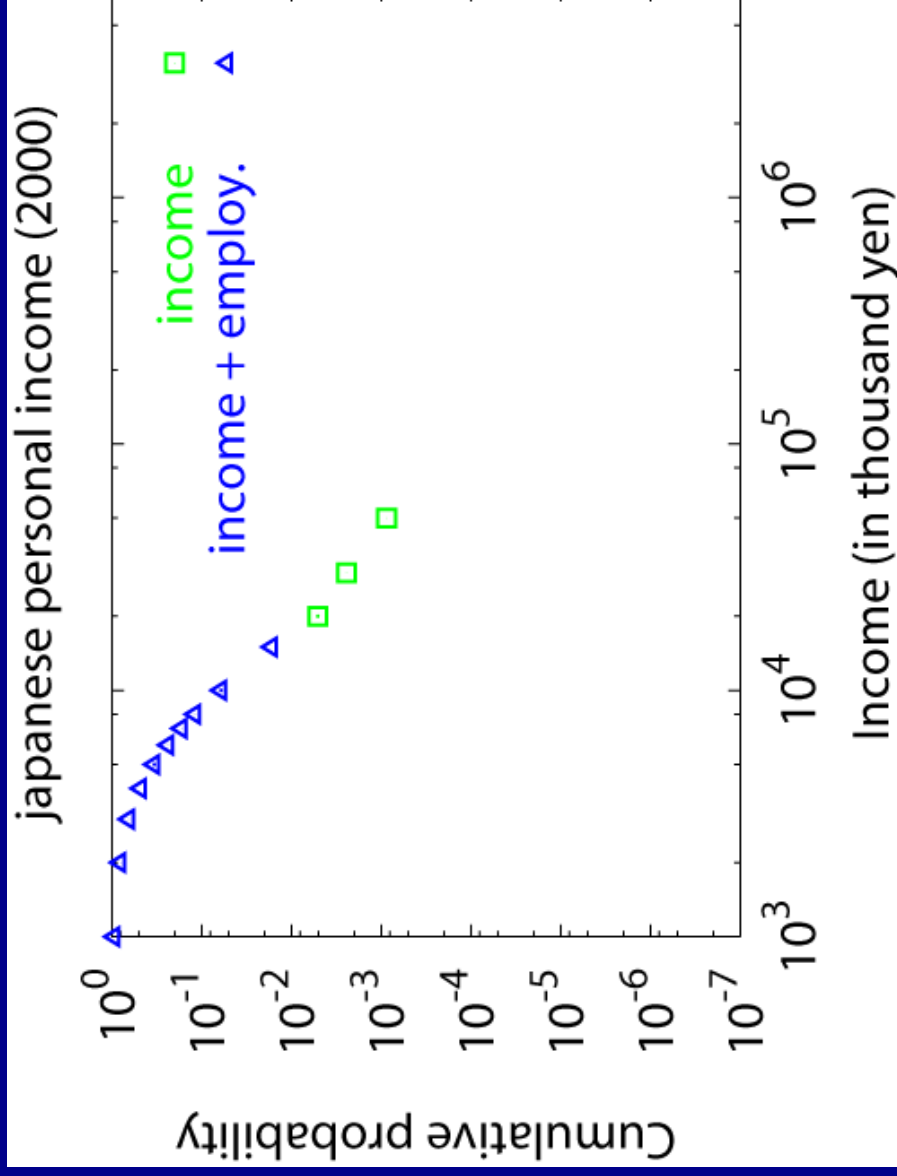
## def. of income

**wages/salaries**, income from self-employment,  
**capital gains** (lands/stocks etc.),  
miscellaneous (public pension, transfer, etc.)

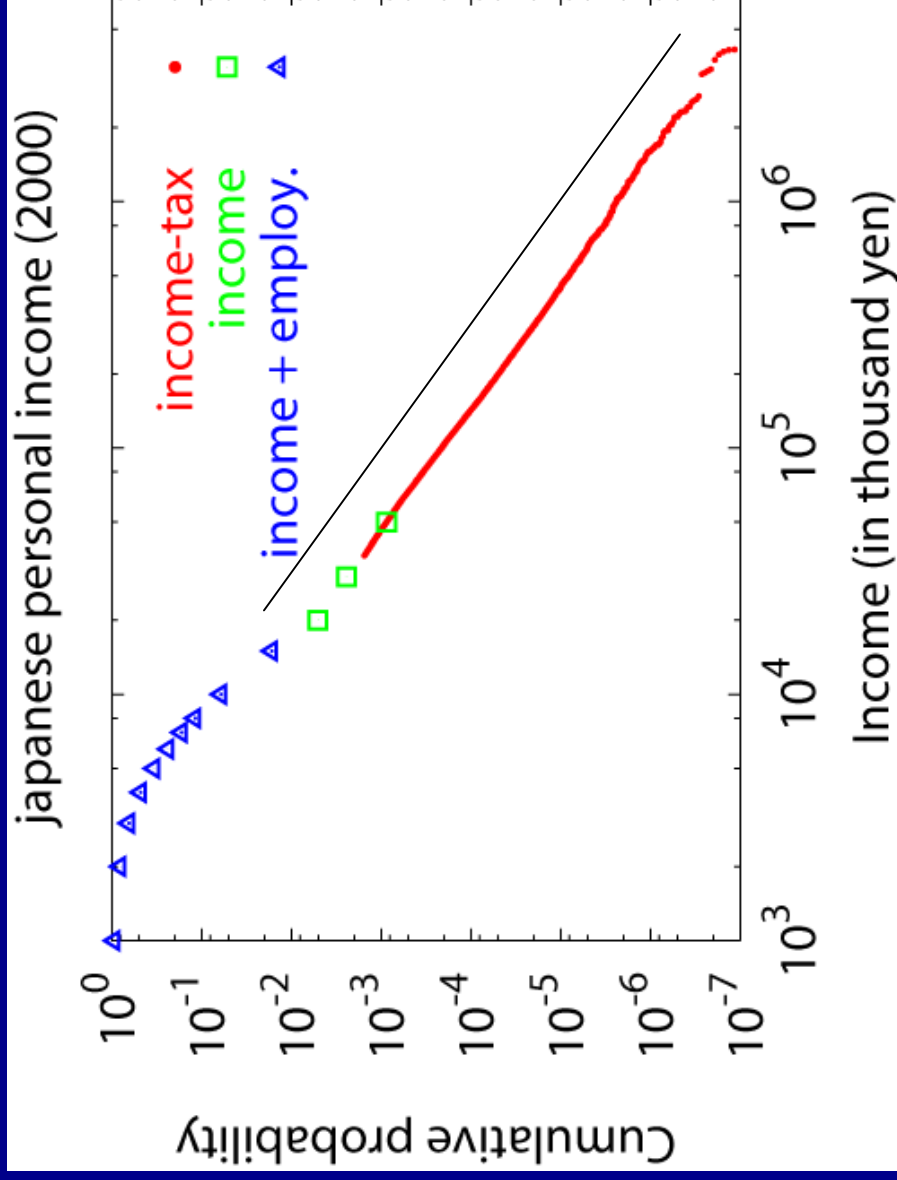
N.B. inheritance not included

## data sources

1. Employment income
  - **sample survey for salaries workers** in companies
  - sampled out of 45 million people
2. Income data
  - compiled and **tabulated**
  - 7 million **people who filed tax returns**
3. Income-tax data
  - **complete list of high-income taxpayers**
  - 80,000 people w. names and addresses

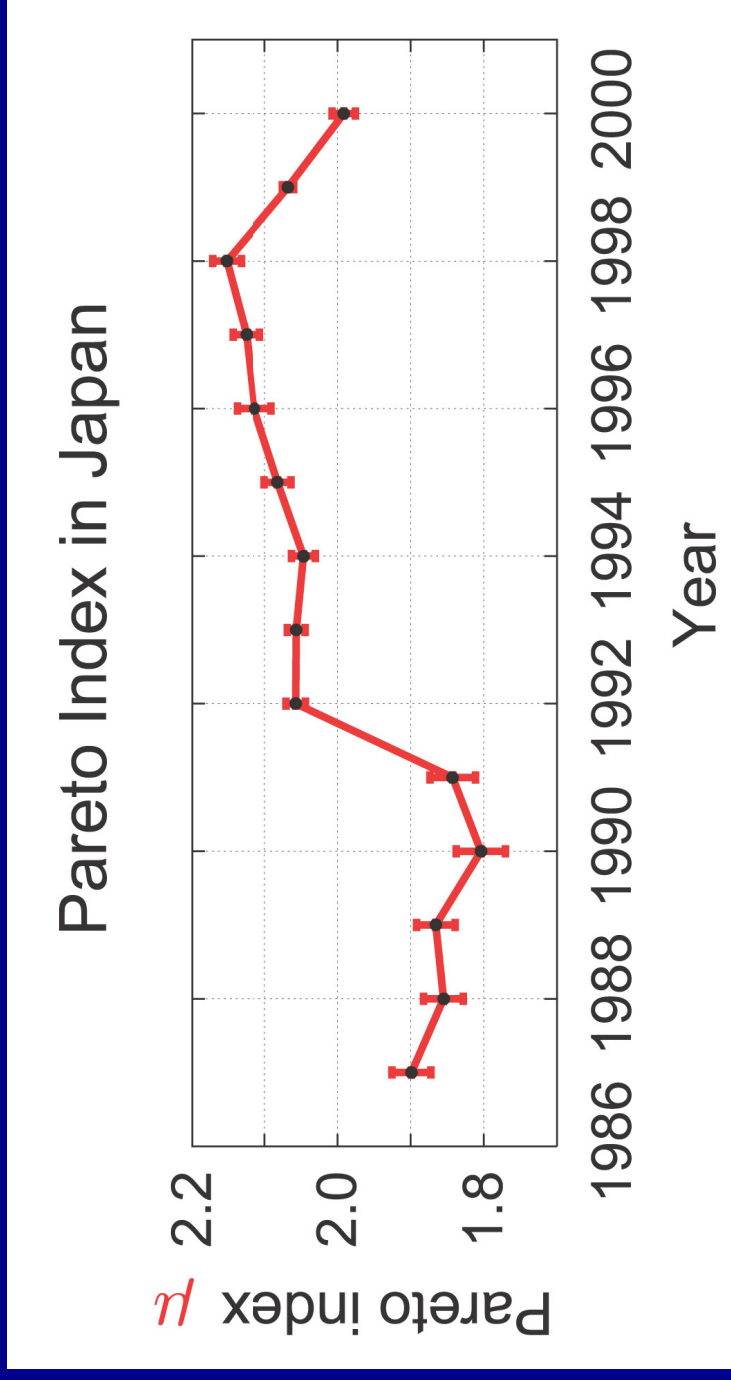


200,000 Euros/USD | 100 Yen=1 Euros/USD



$$P_{>}(x) \propto x^{-\mu}$$

# Annual change of Pareto index 1987-2000



## Problem addressed

- Pareto's law: snapshot of distribution
  - many scenarios for power-law
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- Champernowne (1953)
  - Mandelbrot (1961)
  - Ijiri & Simon (1977)
  - Montroll & Shlesinger (1983)
  - Levy & Solomon (1996)
  - Bouchaud & Mezard (2000)
  - Solomon & Richmond (2001)
  - etc.

Empirical study of dynamics is lacking

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# Growth and fluctuations

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variable:  $x$  (income, firm size; flow and stock)

How does  $x$  change in time?

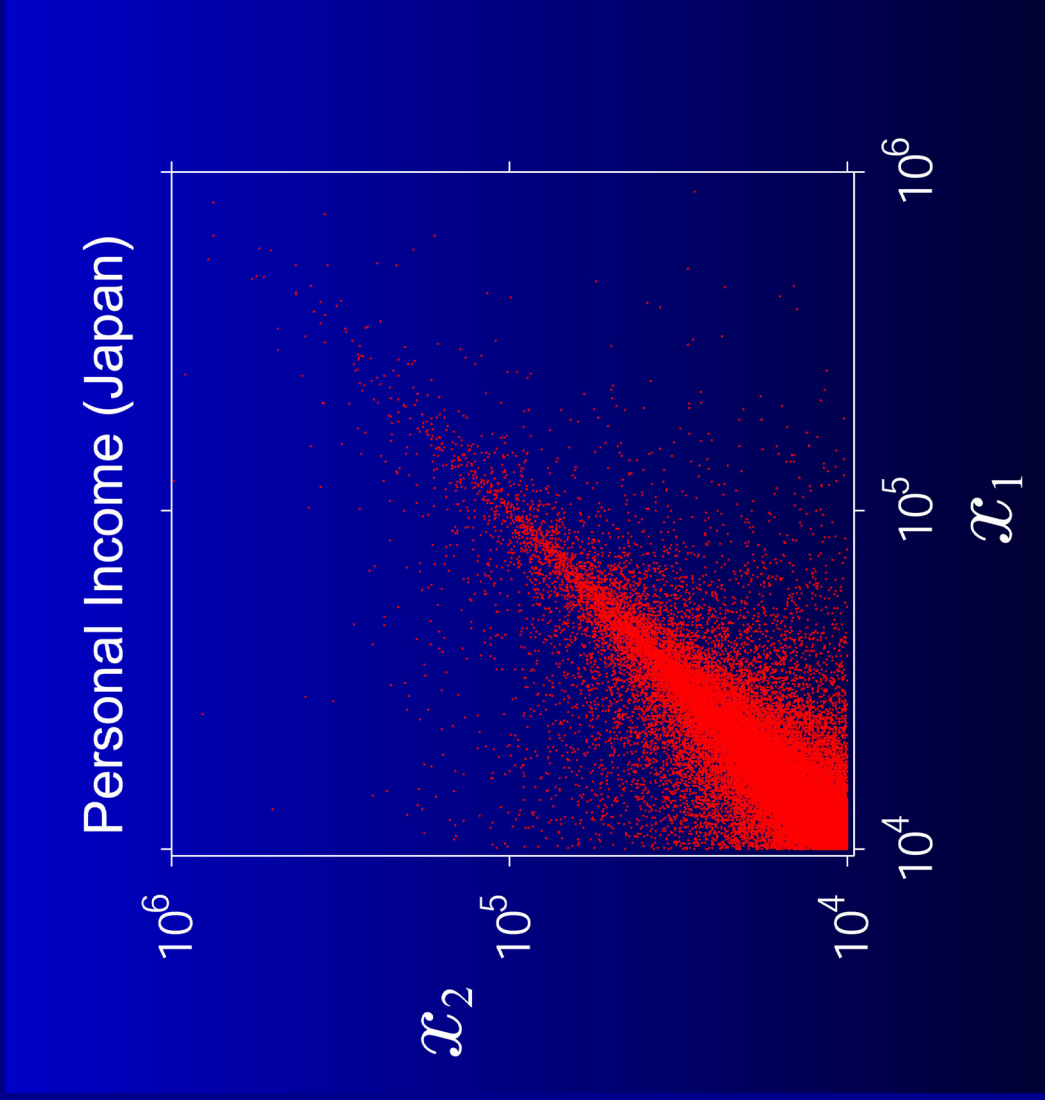
$x_1$  : at initial year

$x_2$  : at next year

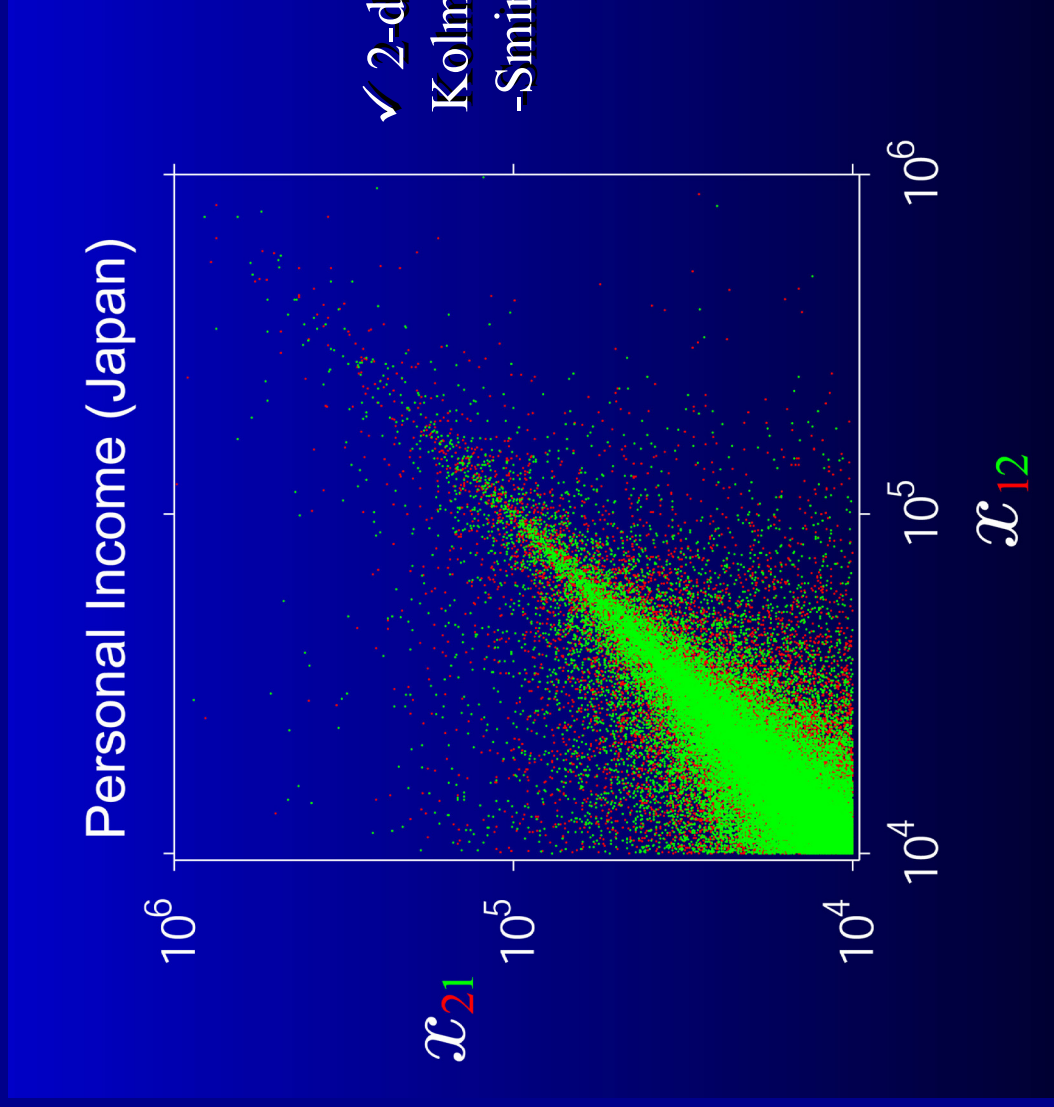


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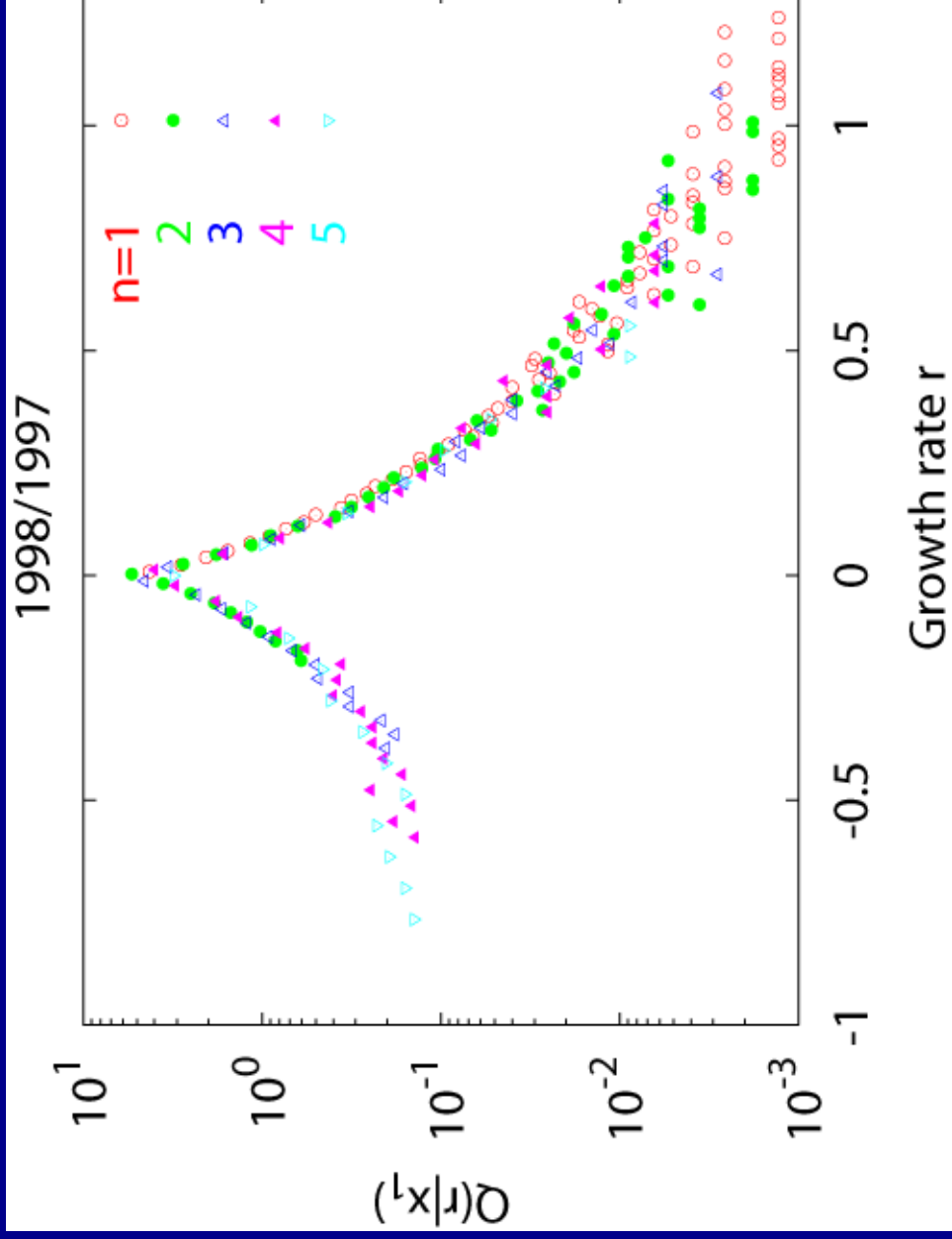
$$P_{12}(x_1, x_2) = P_{12}(x_2, x_1)$$

growth rate:  $R = x_2/x_1 \longrightarrow P_{1R}(x_1, R)$

$P_1(x)$  : prob. distribution of  $x$   
 $Q(R|x_1)$  : conditional prob. distribution

$$P_{1R}(x_1, R) = P_1(x_1)Q(R|x_1)$$

$r \equiv \log_{10} R : \log \text{ growth rate}$



# Gibrat's law

The growth rate  $R$  is independent from the first year's value  $x_1$ .

$$Q(R | x_1) = Q(R)$$

or,

$$P_{1R}(x_1, R) = P_1(x_1)Q(R) \quad (x_1 \gg x_0)$$

Robert Pierre Louis Gibrat  
(1932)



# Pareto's law

Cumulative PDF

$$P_{>}(x) \propto x^{-\mu}$$

PDF

$$P(x) \propto x^{-\mu-1}$$

$$(x_1 \gg x_0)$$

$\mu$  : Pareto index



Vilfredo Pareto  
(1897)

# Relation of detailed-balance, Pareto and Gibrat

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## 1. Detailed-balance

$$P_{12}(x_1, x_2) = P_{12}(x_2, x_1)$$

## 2. Gibrat's law

$$Q(R | x_1) = Q(R)$$

## 3. Pareto's law

$$P_1(x) \propto x^{-\mu-1}$$

How 1,2,3 are related with each other?

Under detailed-balance (1)

Gibrat's law (2)



Pareto's law (3)

*plus*

- “reflection” relation

$$Q(R) = R^{-\mu-2}Q(R^{-1})$$

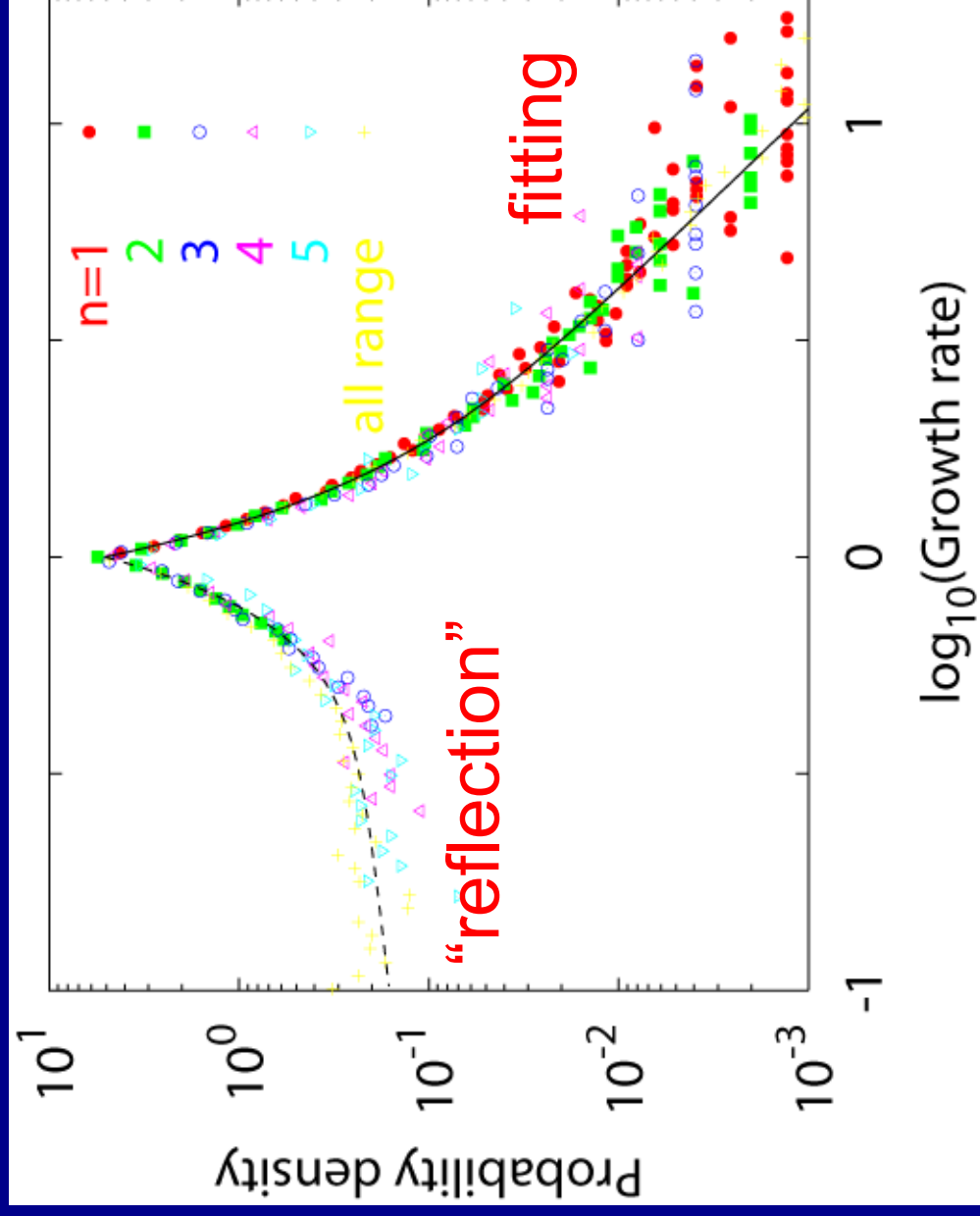
*skewness*

- shape at  $R = 1$

$$\frac{Q^{+'}(1)+Q^{-'}(1)}{Q(1)} = -\mu - 2$$

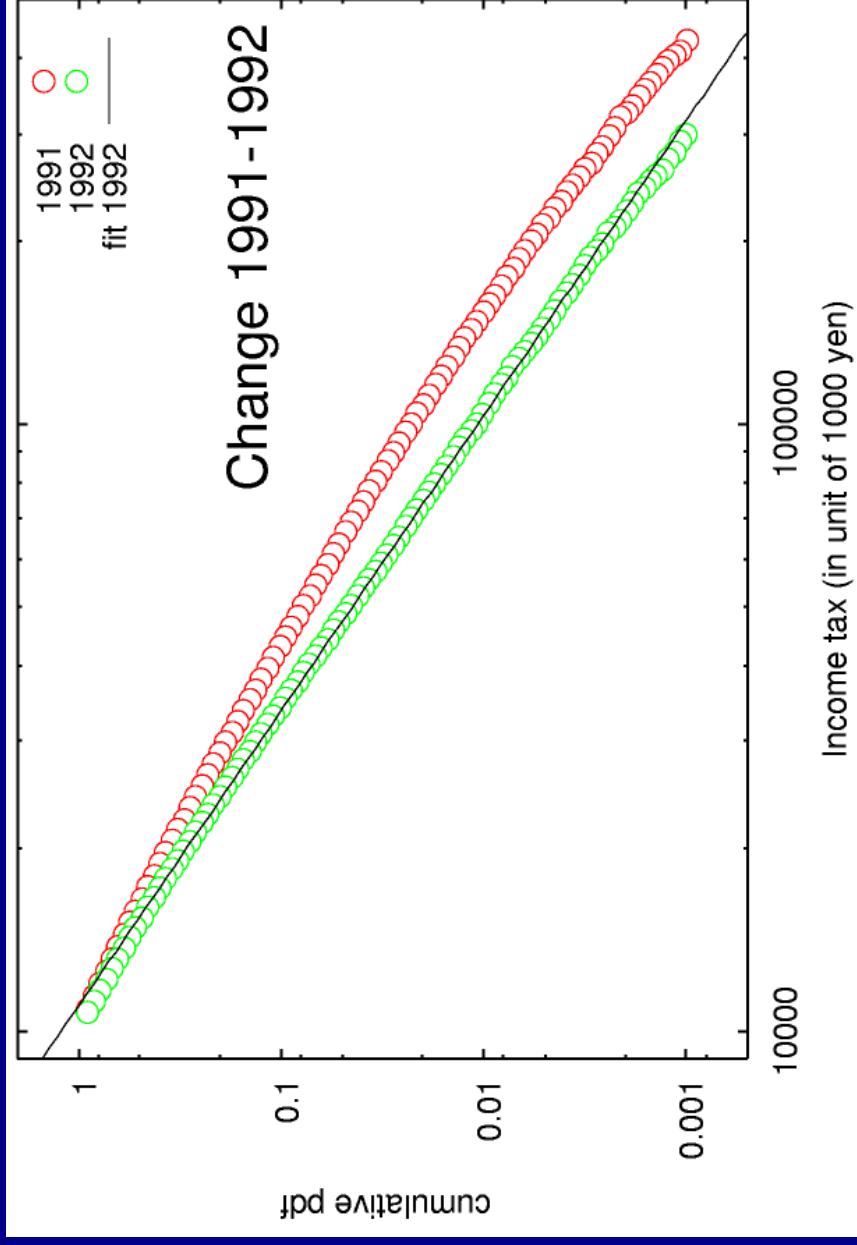
*cusp*





# Breakdown of all laws in non-stationary state

power-law breaks down under economic change

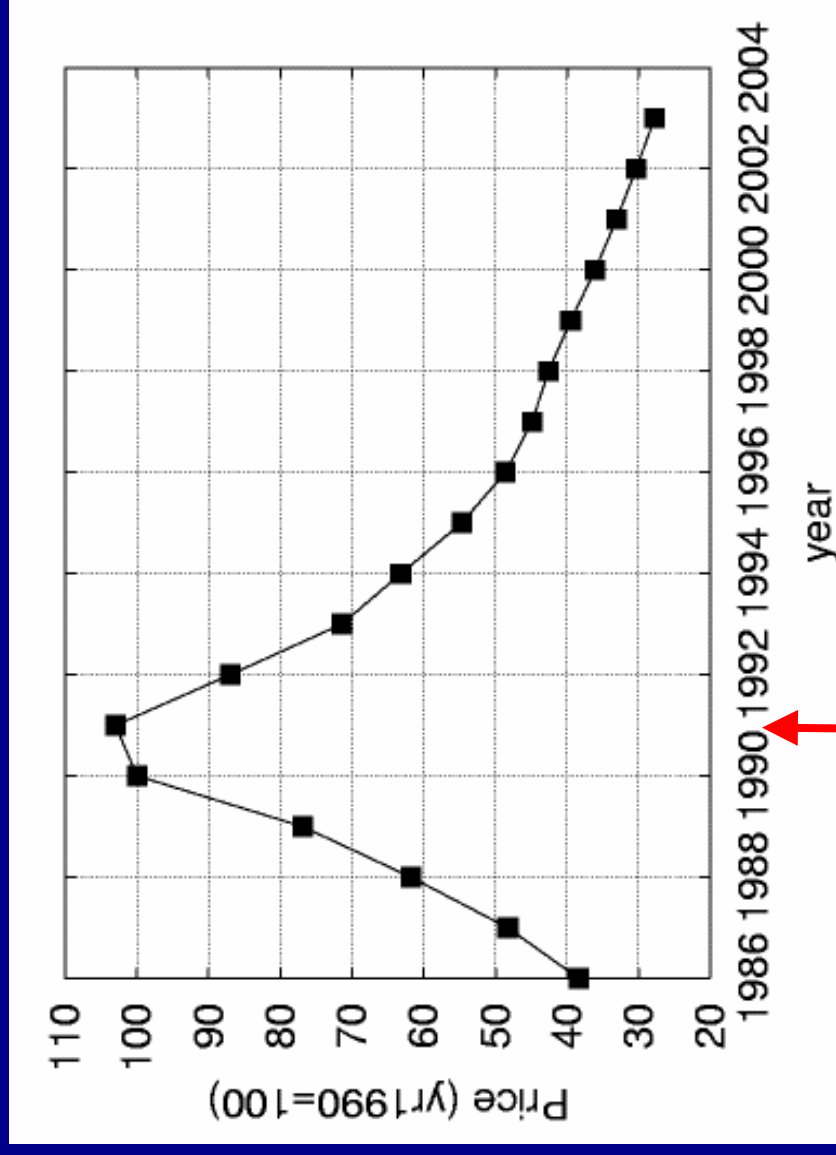


Q. Gibrat's law?

detailed-balance?

Q. What was economic change?

## speculative land-price rise and drop



1991 6 largest urban areas

avg. for residential/industrial/commercial

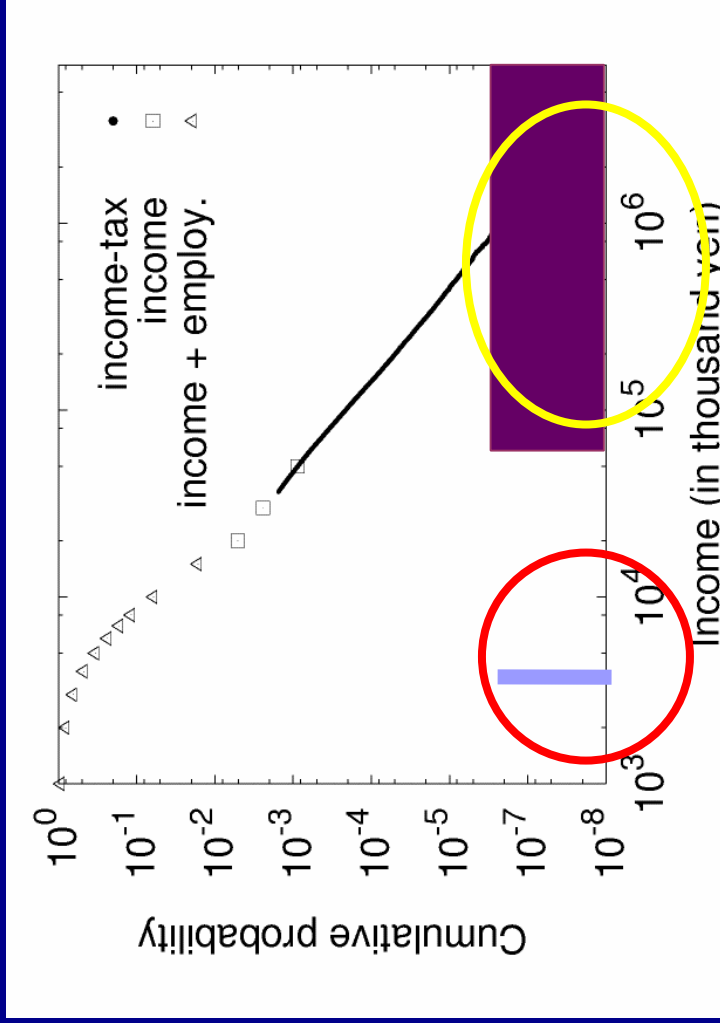
# banks, firms and households

Banks = sources of finance

Firms = borrowers

- 1980's: large firms finance more directly from markets (stocks/corporate bonds etc.)
  - Banks shift loans to small-business firms and individuals
  - Speculation about larger demand for lands
  - Small firms invest concentratedly on real estates (esp. Non-manufacturing sectors)
  - Big effect to individuals
- e.g. balance-sheet change in firms and households

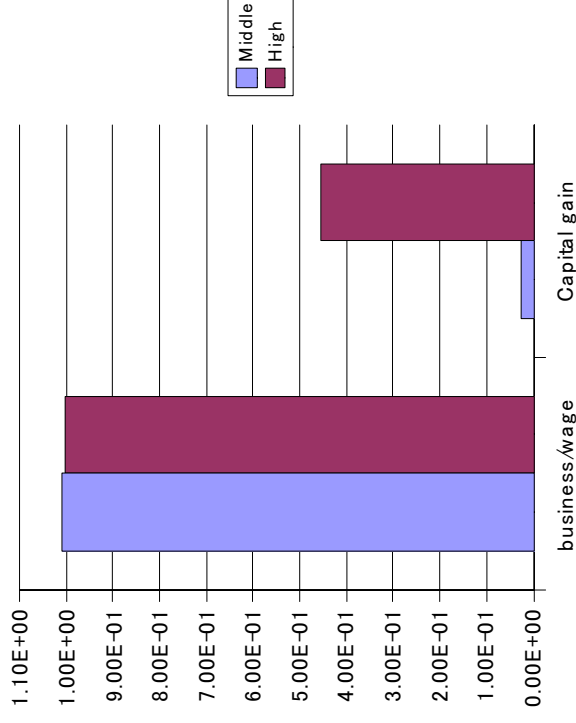
# income sources



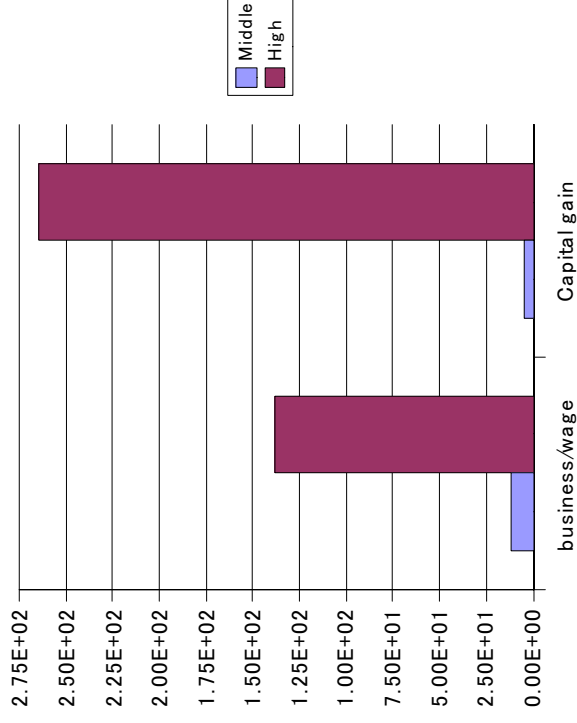
salary/wages      capital gain

High-income from capital gain  
(esp. real estate)

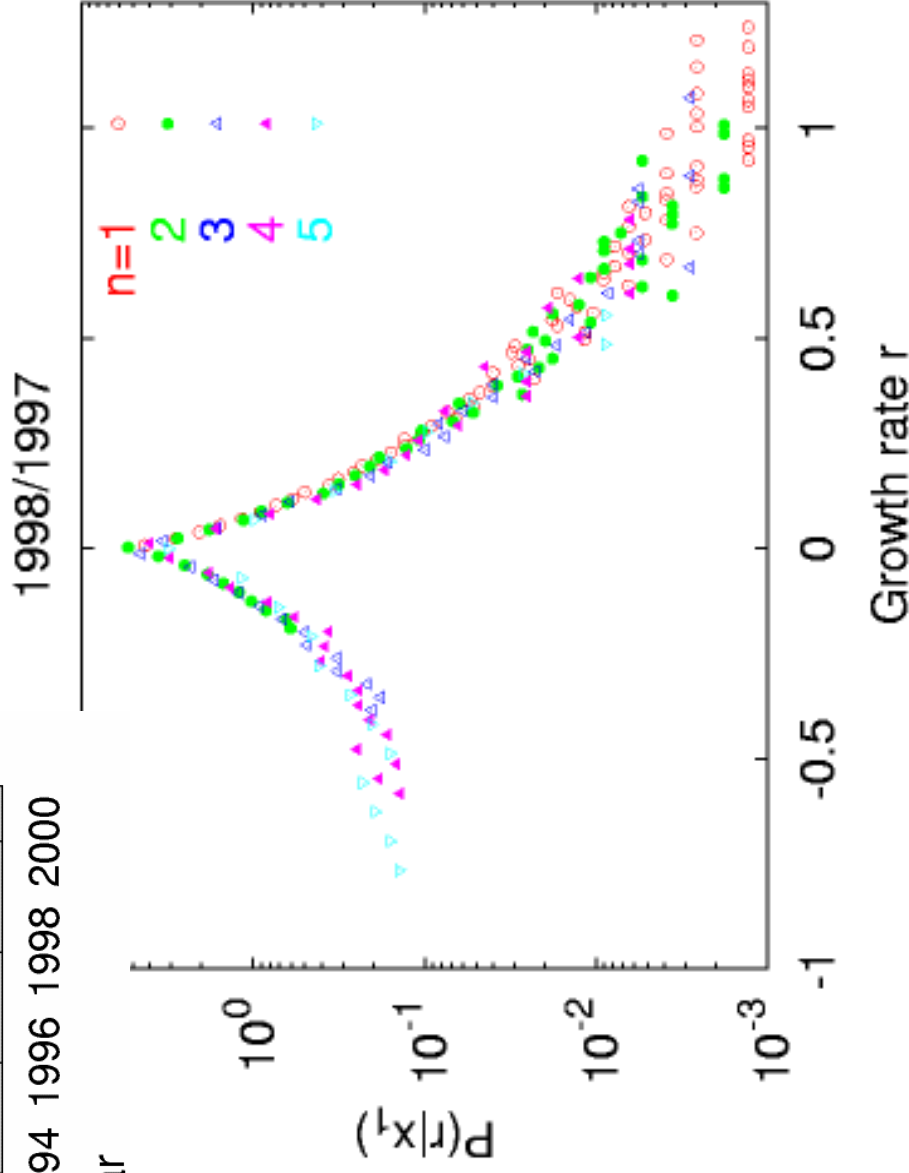
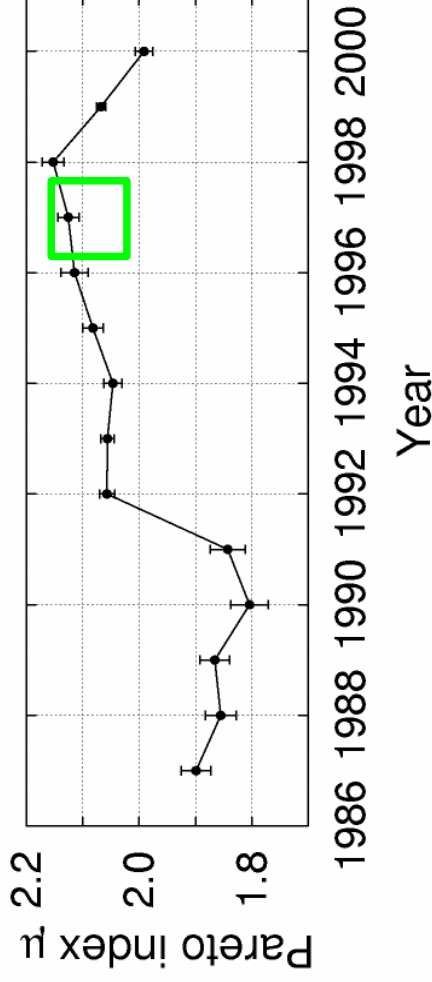
number (fractional)

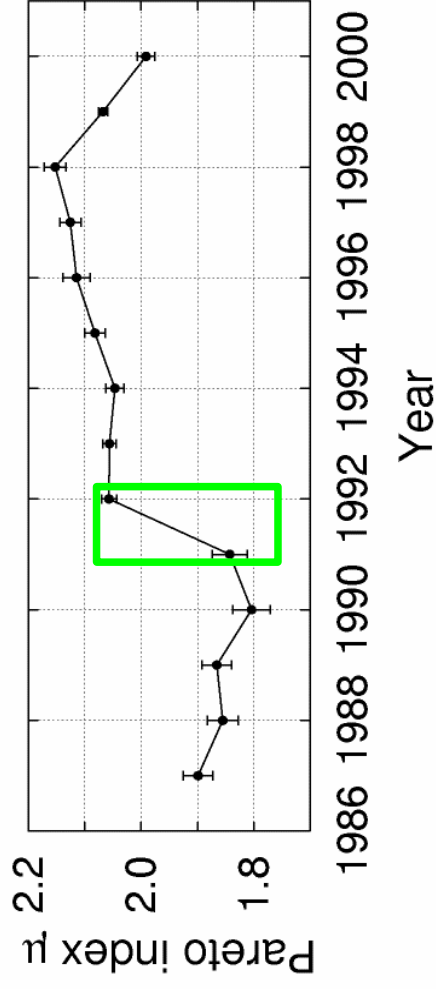


income/person

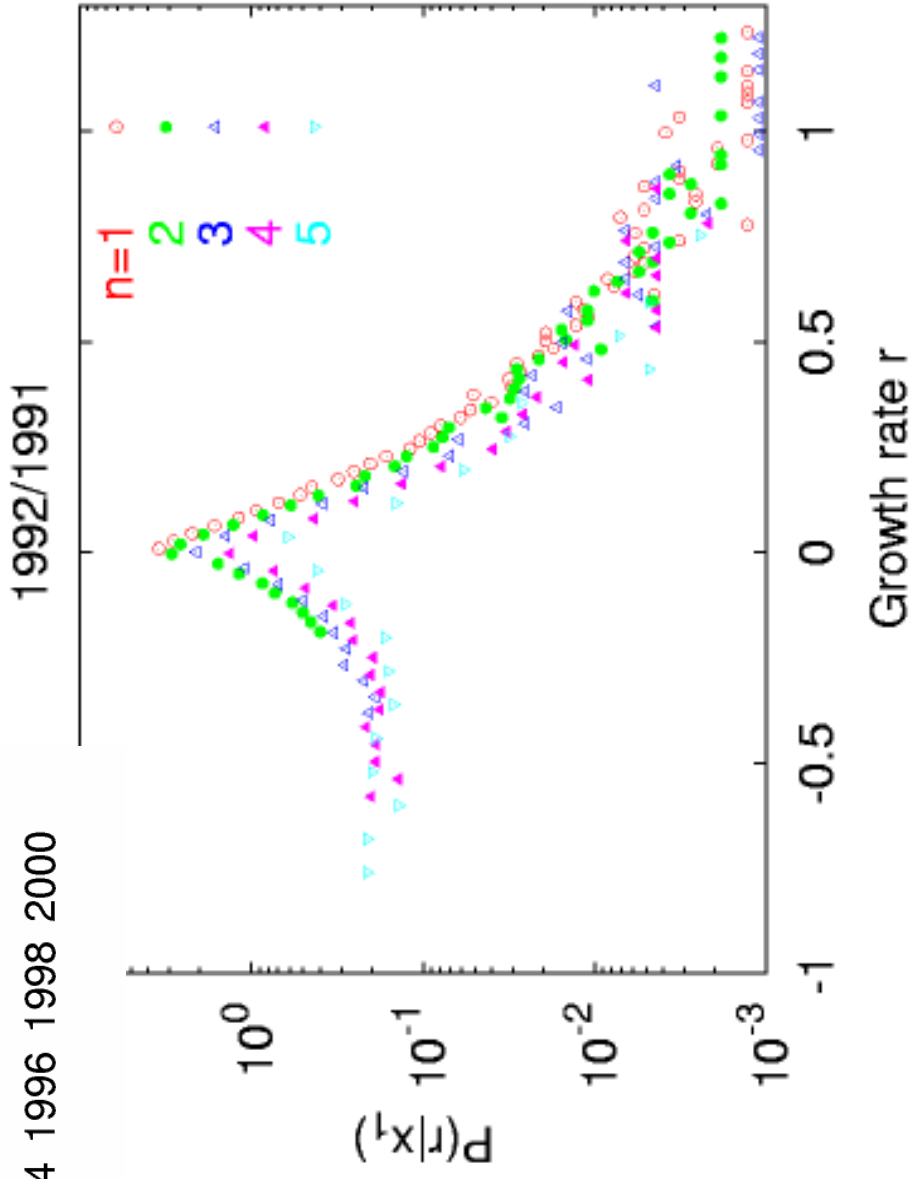


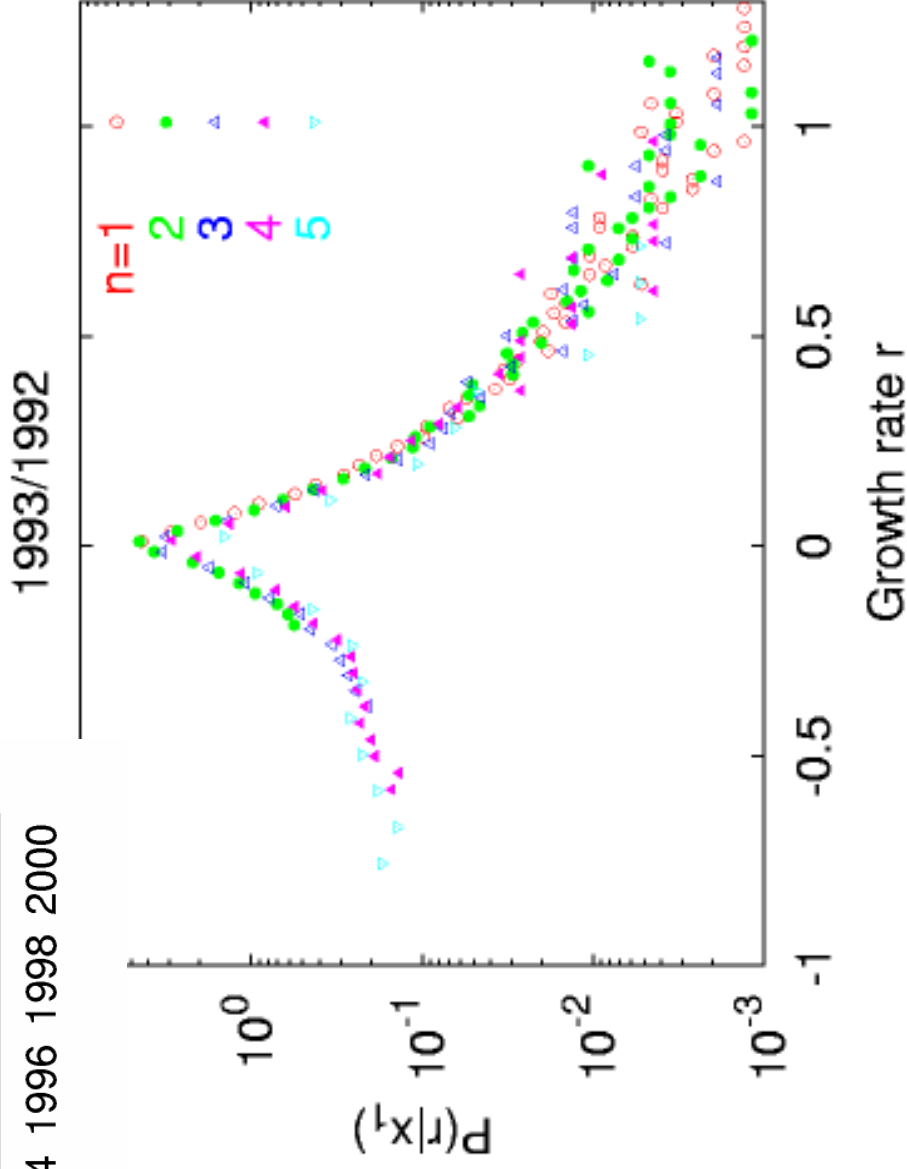
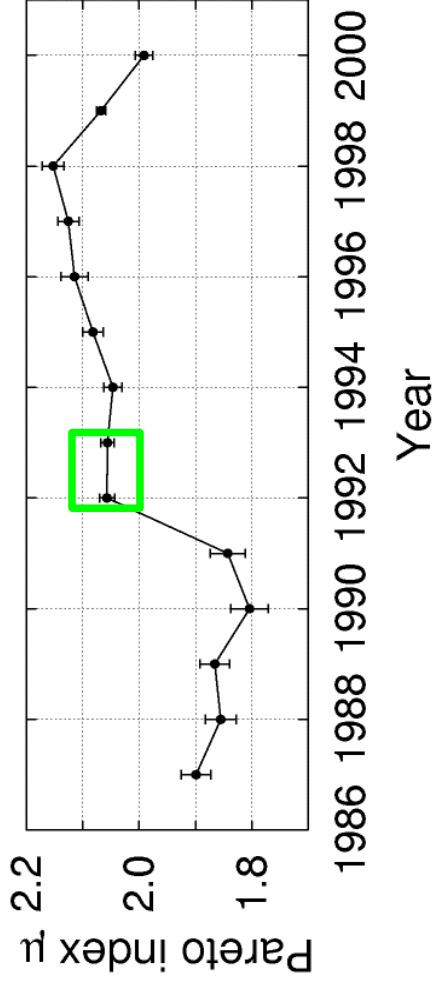
# Gibrat's law





## Gibrat breaks down





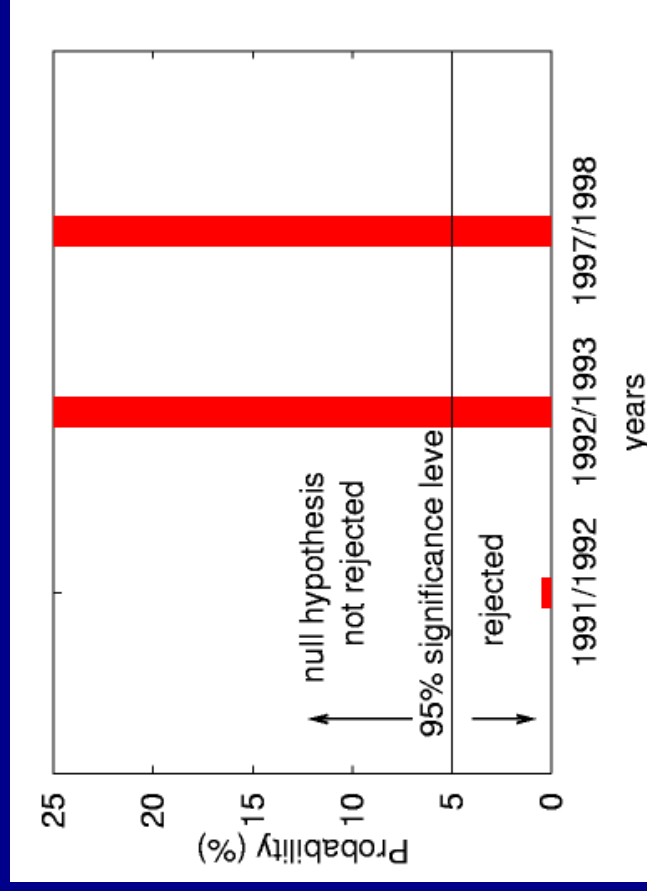


# breakdown of detailed balance

null hypothesis

$$P_{12}(x_1, x_2) = P_{12}(x_2, x_1)$$

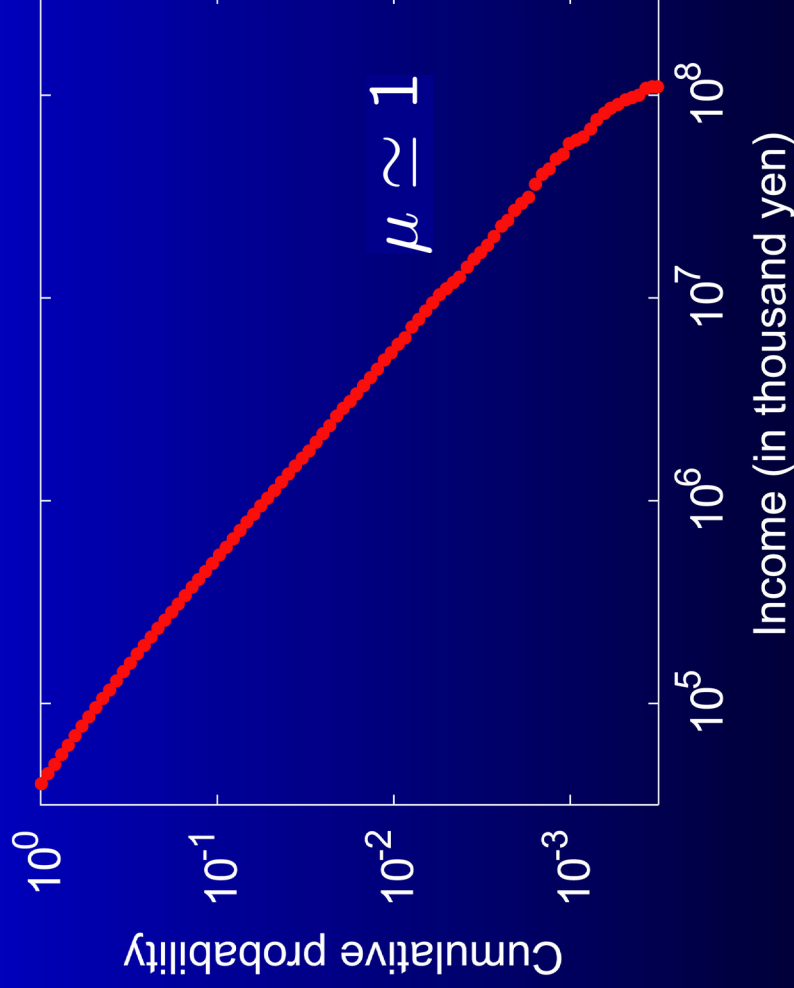
- 1991 **rejected**
- 1992 not rejected
- 1997 not rejected

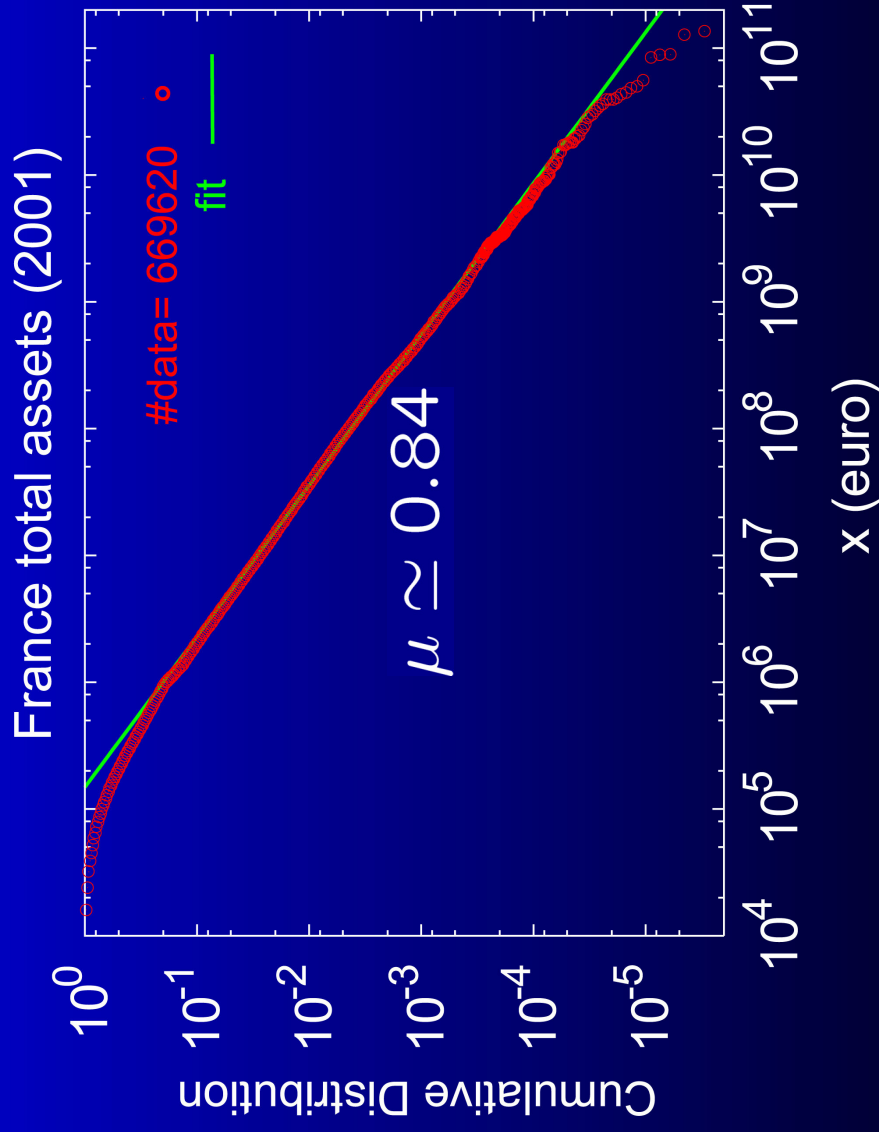


# Firm size distribution and growth-rate

## (1) power-law region

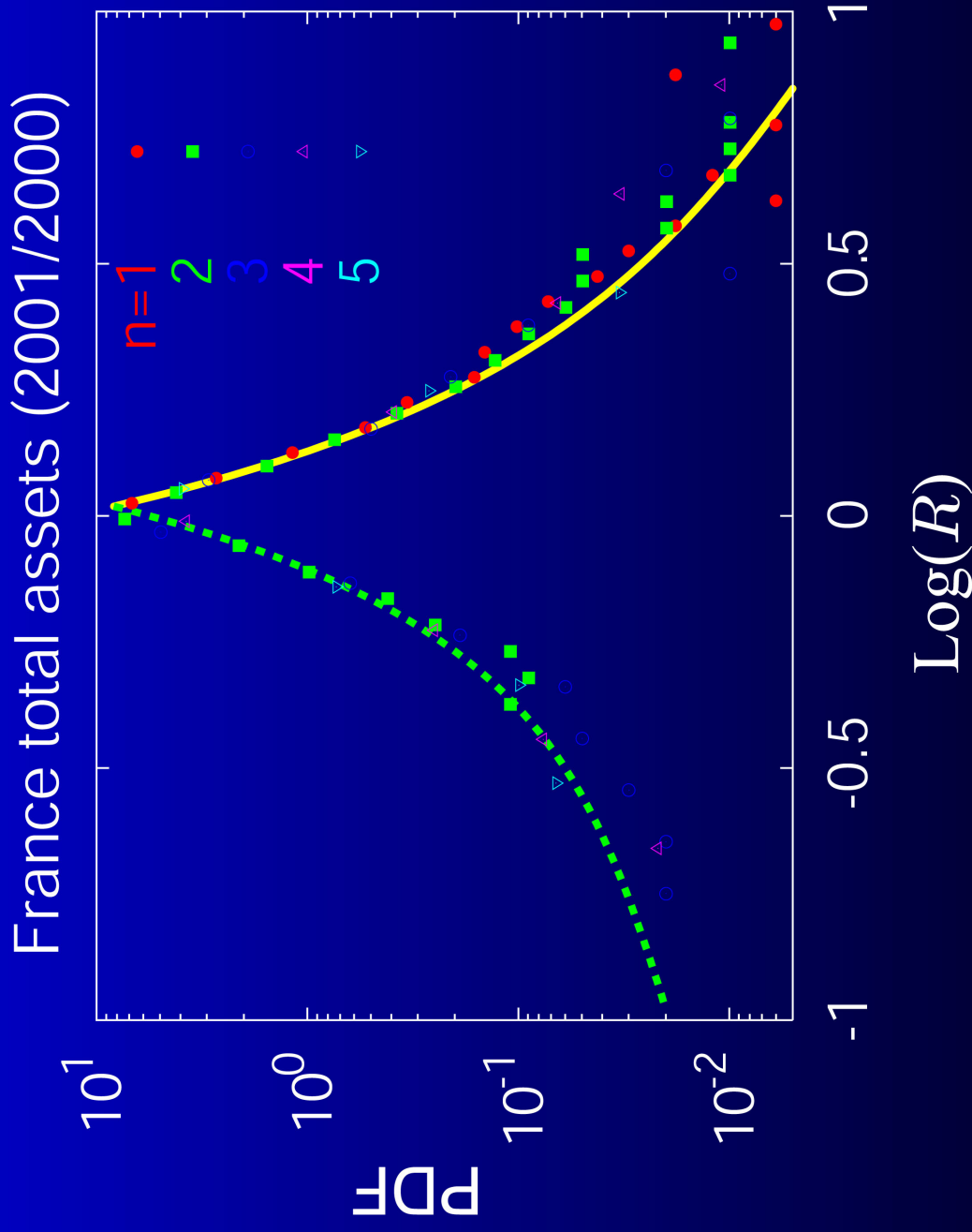
japanese firm profit (top 70,000 firms)

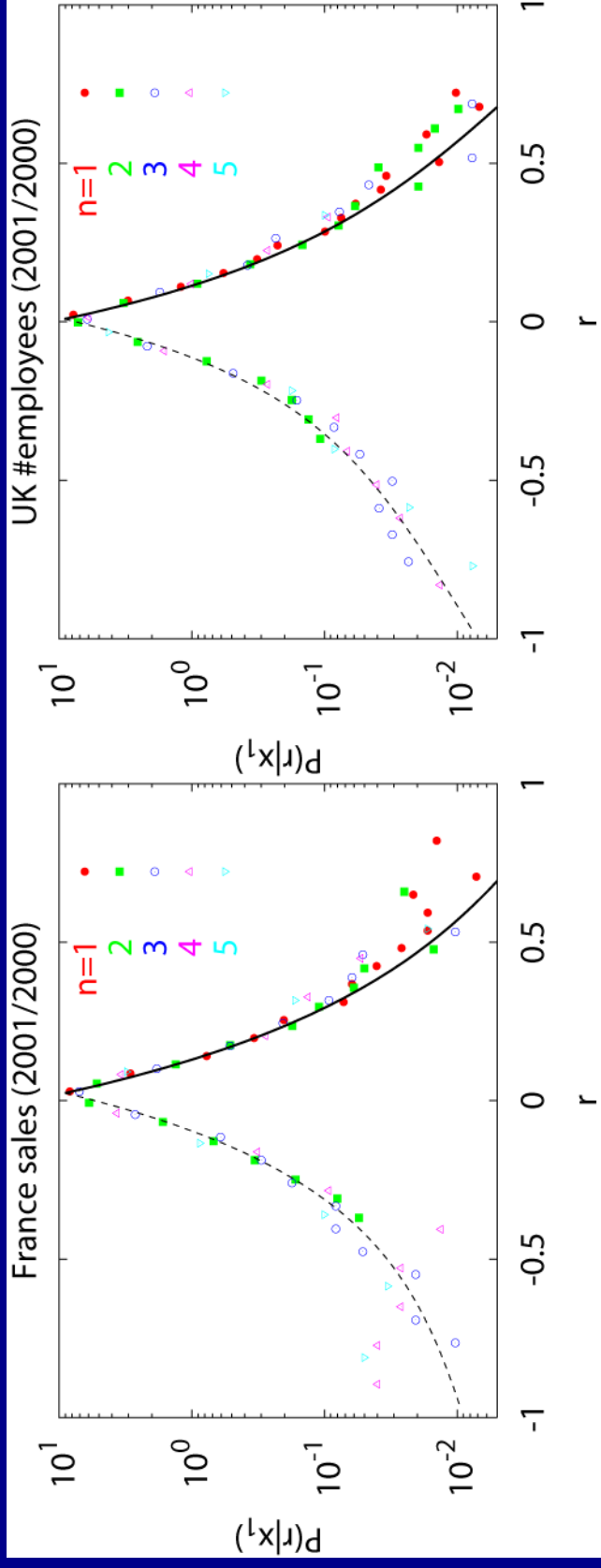




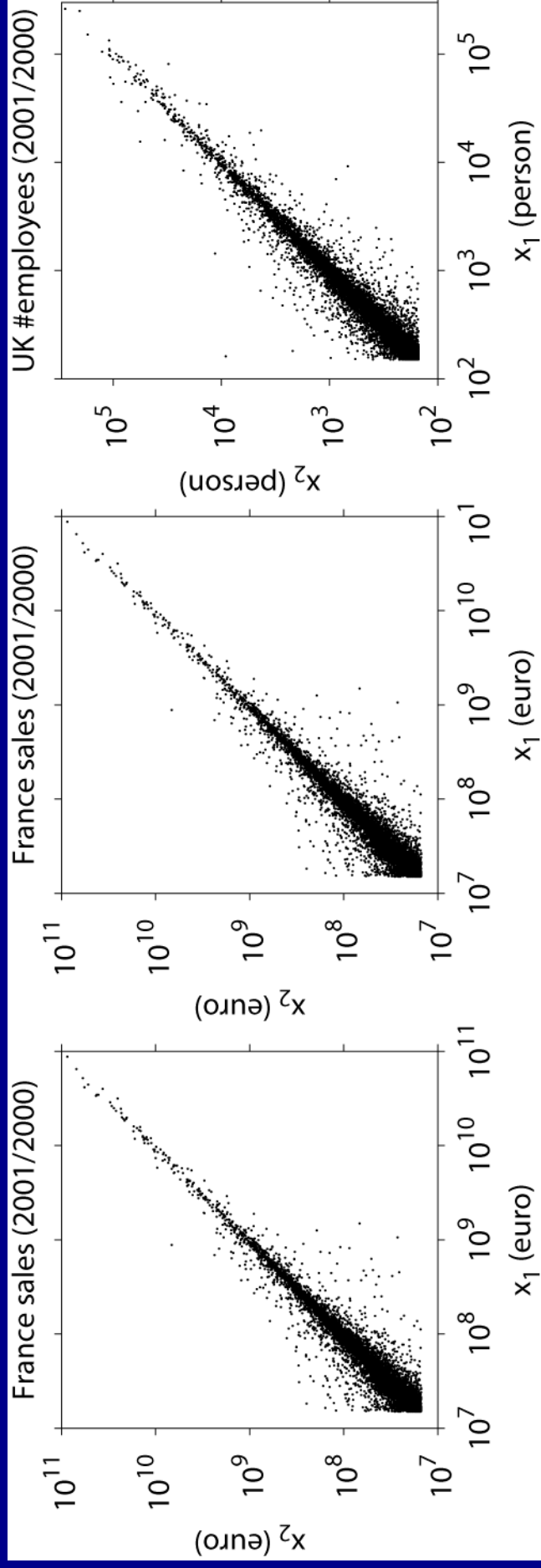
exhaustive list of largest firms in France

## (2) Gibrat's law





### (3) detailed-balance holds



✓ 2-dim Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

# Small/midsize firms

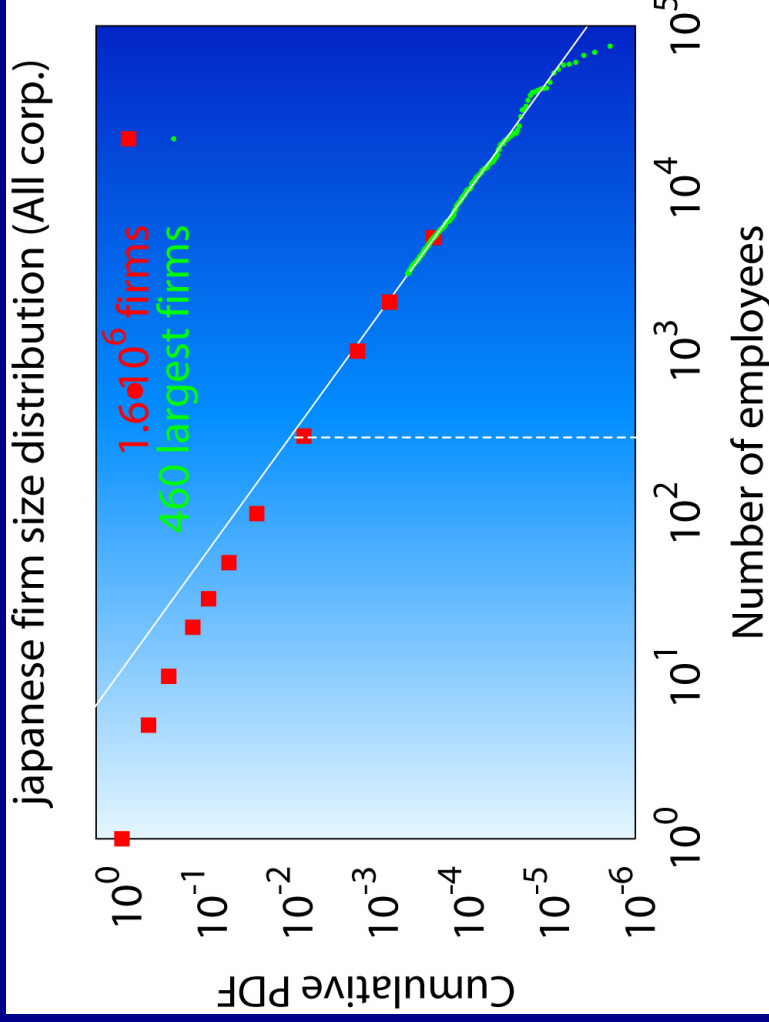
## Credit risk database, Japan

- 1 million firms which covers 60% of small/midsize firms
- sampled by credit guarantee association, government-affiliated financial institutes, private-sector financial institutes
- data:
  - financial statements, default information, etc.

## def. of small/midsize firms

	capital <	or	#employees <
manufacturing etc.	0.3 billion yen		300
wholesales	0.1 billion yen		100
retails	50 million yen		50
service	50 million yen		100

all japanese corporations (2001)=1.6 million firms



non-power-law regime

power-law regime

# firms

1.6 million (99%)

12,000 (1%)

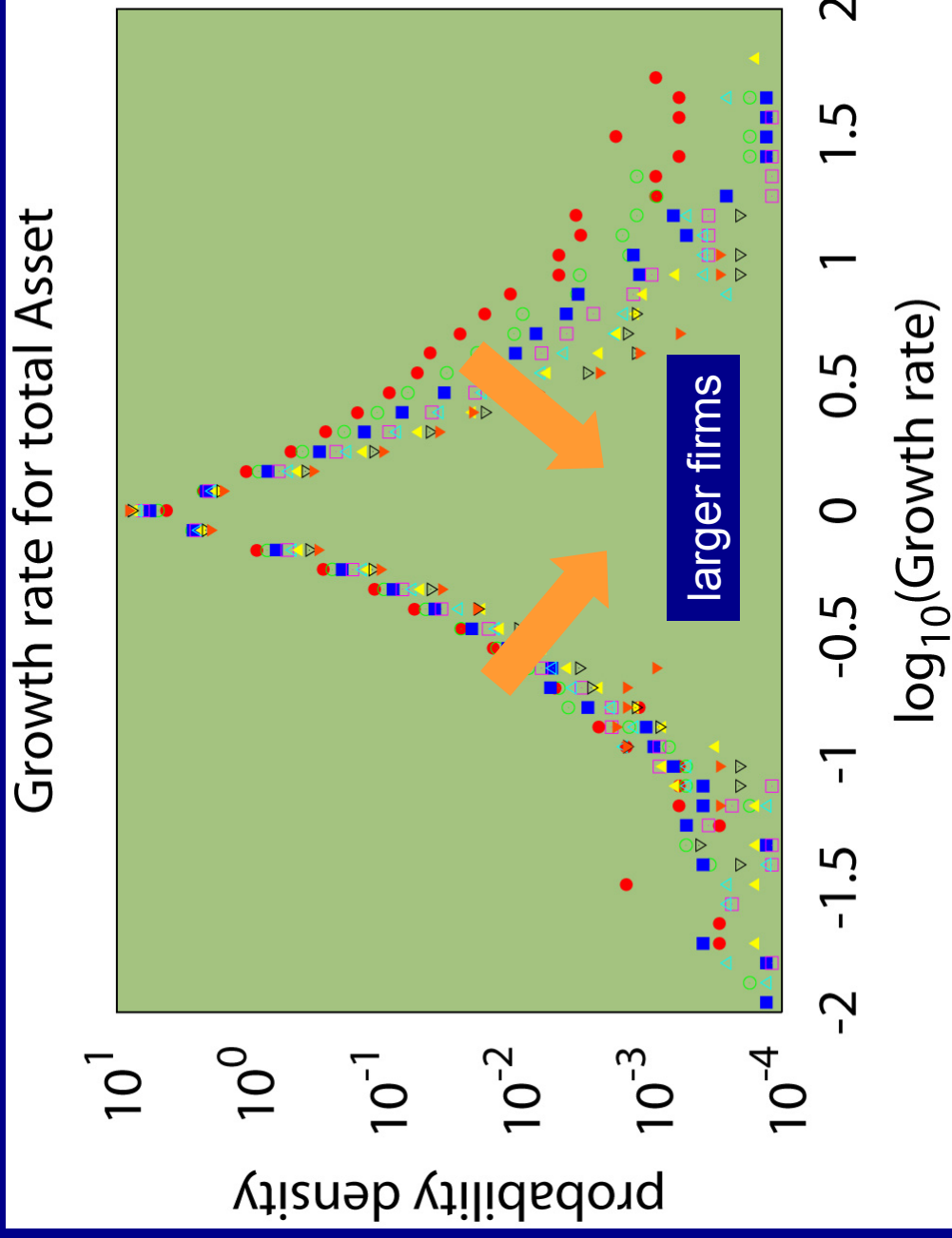
# employees

60%

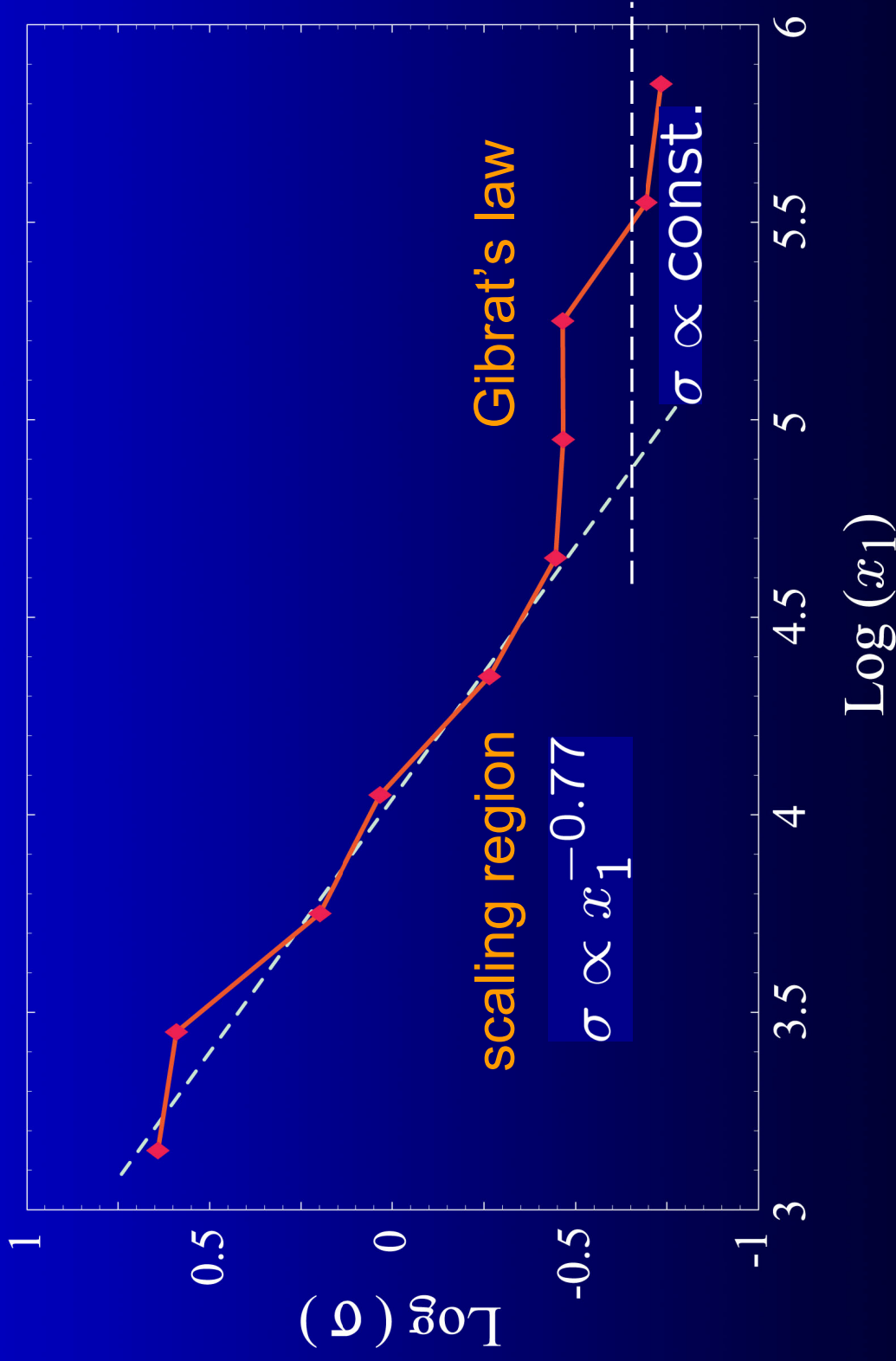
40%



# Growth-rate PDF for different firm sizes



# Standard Deviation of Growth-rate PDF



cf. Stanley's group

Yoshi Fujiwara at Saha Institute, Kolkata, 3/17/2005

# Conclusion

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- Using japanese personal income data
  - (1) detailed-balance
  - (2) Gibrat's law in Pareto-region
- Under detailed-balance Gibrat implies Pareto (not *vice versa*)
- relation between positive and negative growth-rate and cusp in growth-rate distribution
- Breakdown of all laws in “bubble” collapse phase
- Firm size has similar feature with Zipf
- Small/midsized firms have scaling relation in non-power-law region

Thank you

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## Appendix: proof

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detailed-balance:  $P_{12}(x_1, x_2) = P_{12}(x_2, x_1)$


$$P_{12}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{x_1} P_{1R}(x_1, R)$$

$$P_{1R}(x_1, R) = \frac{1}{R} P_{1R}(Rx_1, R^{-1})$$


$$P_{1R}(x_1, R) = P_1(x_1) Q(R | x_1)$$

$$R \frac{Q(R | x_1)}{Q(R^{-1} | Rx_1)} = \frac{P_1(Rx_1)}{P_1(x_1)}$$

$$R \frac{Q(R|x_1)}{Q(R^{-1}|Rx_1)} = \frac{P_1(Rx_1)}{P_1(x_1)}$$

Gibrat's law states  $Q(R|x_1) = Q(R)$

$$R \frac{Q(R)}{Q(R^{-1})} = \frac{P_1(Rx_1)}{P_1(x_1)}$$

Therefore

$$P_1(x) \propto x^{-\mu-1} \quad \text{Pareto's law}$$

$$Q(R) = R^{-\mu-2}Q(R^{-1})$$