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**Fractal geometry of fracture patterns in rocks simulated with a stochastic Laplacian growth model**<sup>1</sup> ALEJANDRA AGUILAR-HERNANDEZ, Posgrado en ciencias de la Tierra, UNAM, GUILLERMO RAMIREZ-SANTIAGO, Instituto de Fisica, UNAM (MEXICO) — We investigate the fractal properties of 2D-patterns generated from a stochastic two-dimensional Laplacian growth model (SLGM) and 2D-patterns obtained from rock's fracture binary images. The SLGM is defined in terms of a conformal nonlinear mapping that depends on two parameters. One of them  $a$  ( $0 < a < 1$ ) defines the form of the object, a strike or a bump, that attaches to the cluster that at the end generates the patterns. It was found that the pattern's fractal dimension and roughness exponent values depend on  $a$ . A detailed analysis of the patterns structures indicates that the fractal dimensions of capacity, information, and correlation, decrease monotonically as  $a$  increases. When  $a \lesssim 1$  the values of these fractal dimensions become closer to each other, suggesting that the patterns are self-similar. In addition, analyzes of the scaling of the patterns roughness exponent for  $a = 0.9$ , suggests a self-affine structure. For this value of  $a$ , the roughness exponent values are found to be in a range that is characteristic of rock's fractures.

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