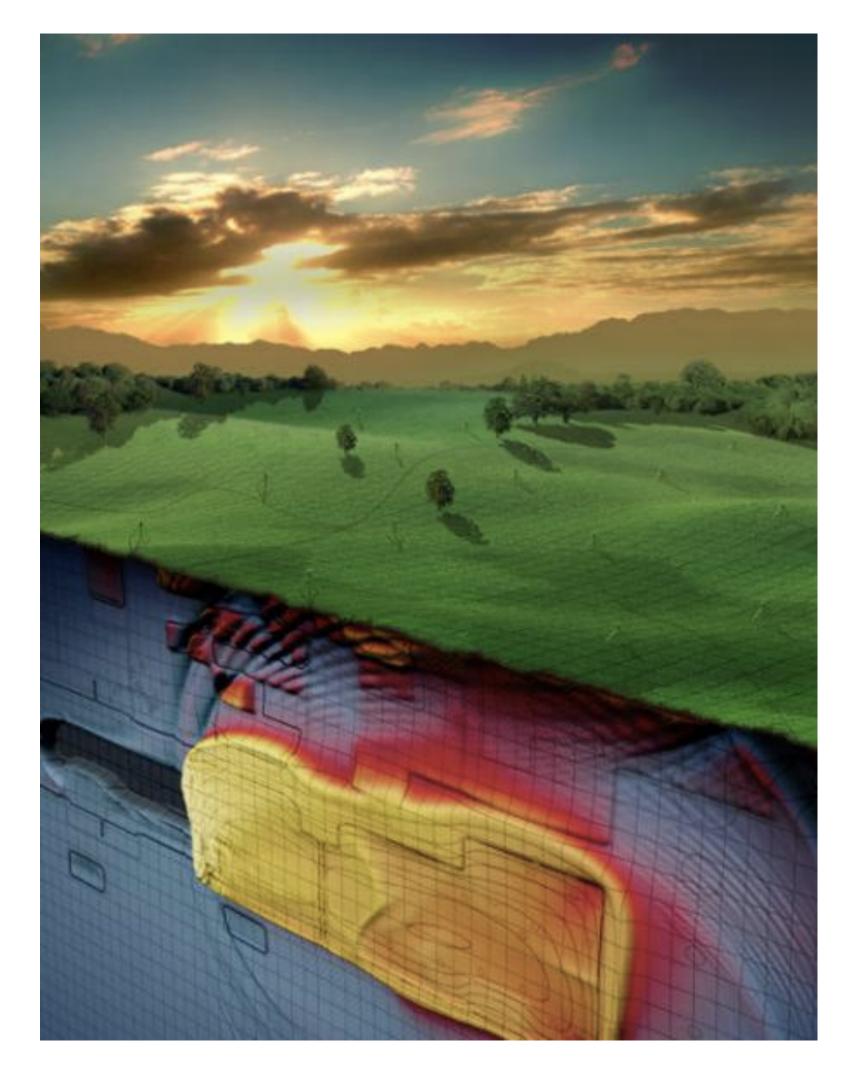
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Physics-based Earthquake Seismology: The dynamic rupture problem



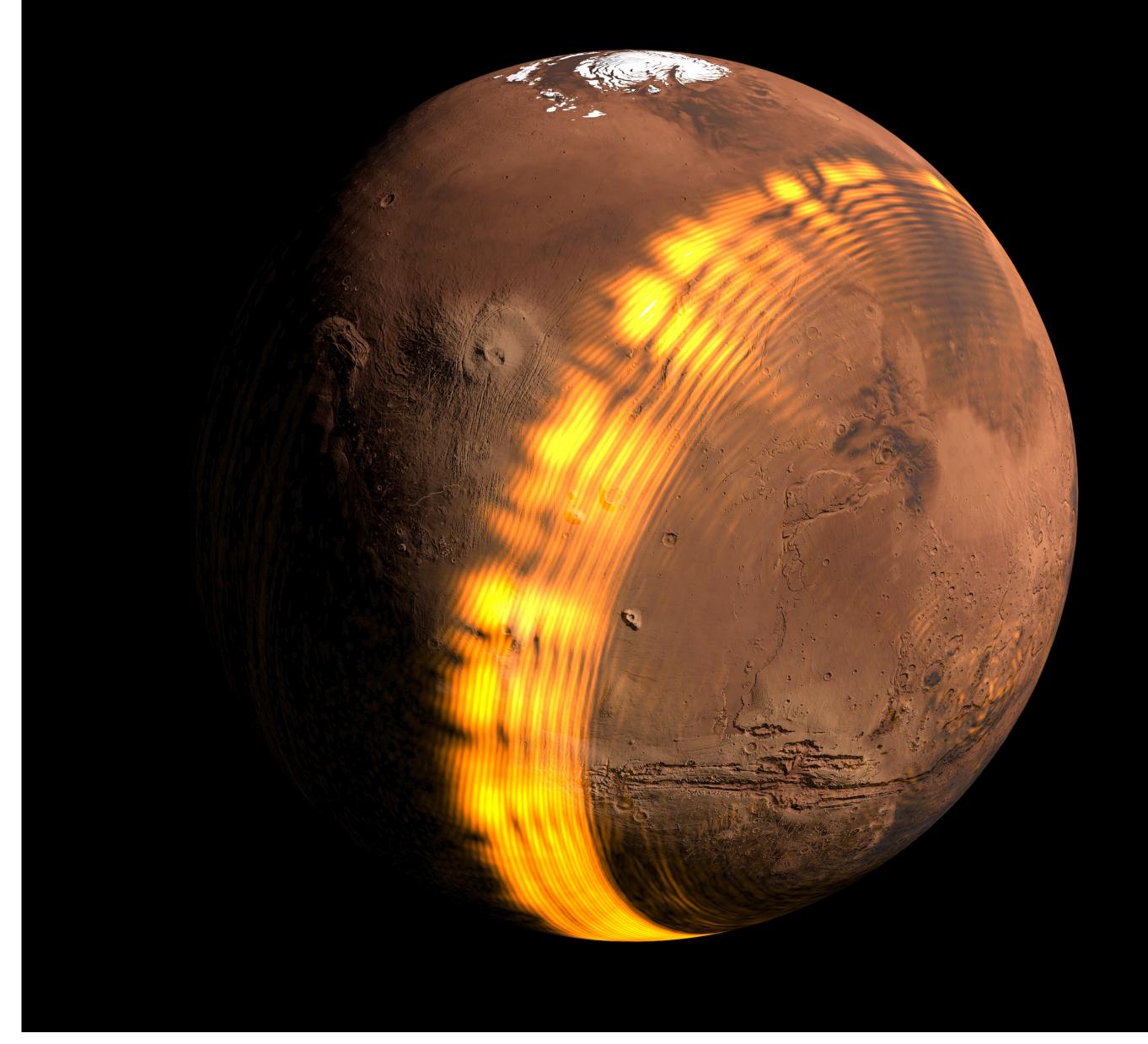
Global seismic wave simulations of the 2009 L'Aquila earthquake using SeisSol, Igel 2017, Wenk et al., 2009



Schematic view of on-going seismic rupture of the Parkfield segment of Sand Andreas Fault, Caltech/Tim Pyle

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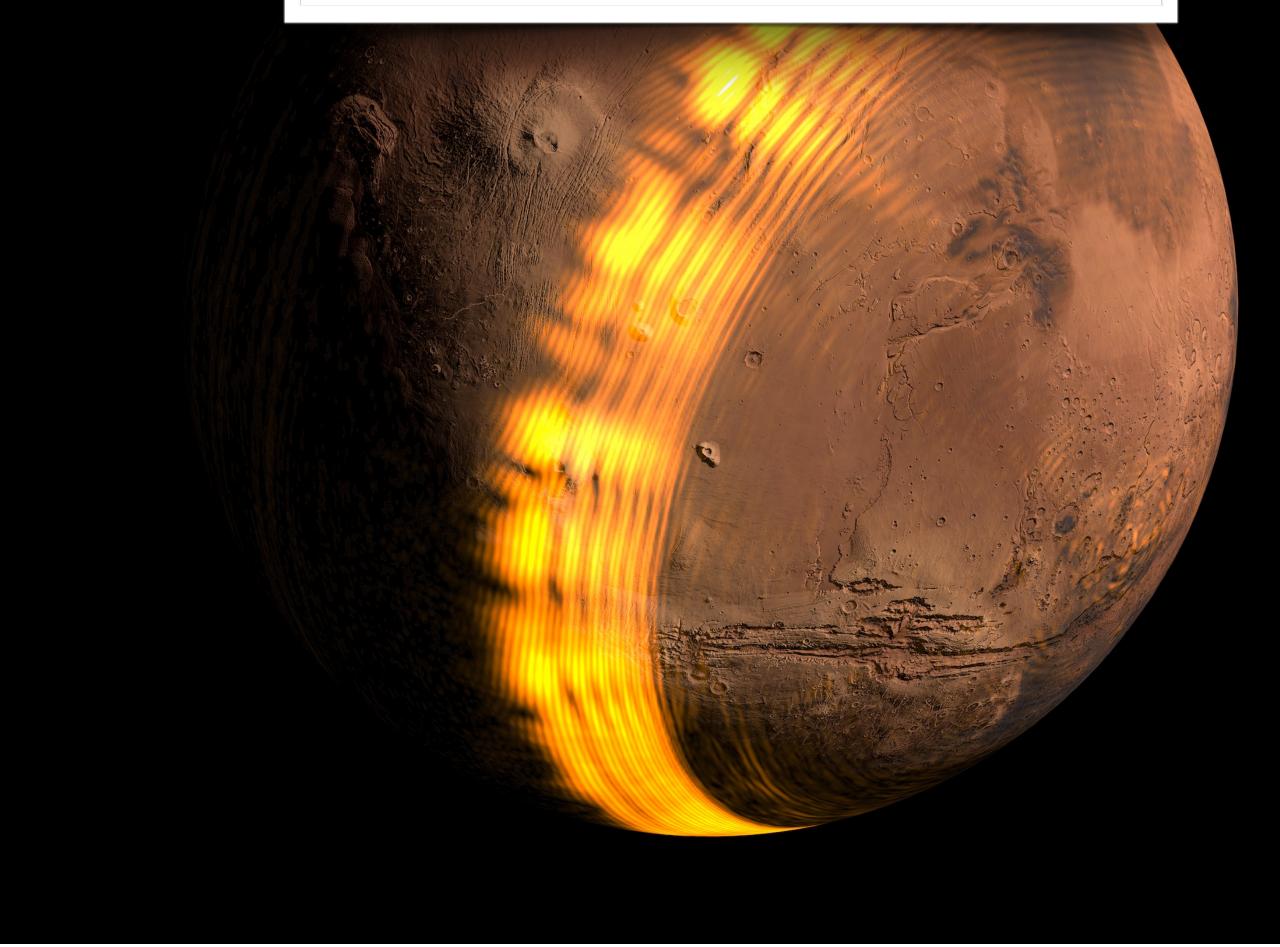
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"The forward problem for seismic wave propagation is solved"

(Jeroen Tromp)



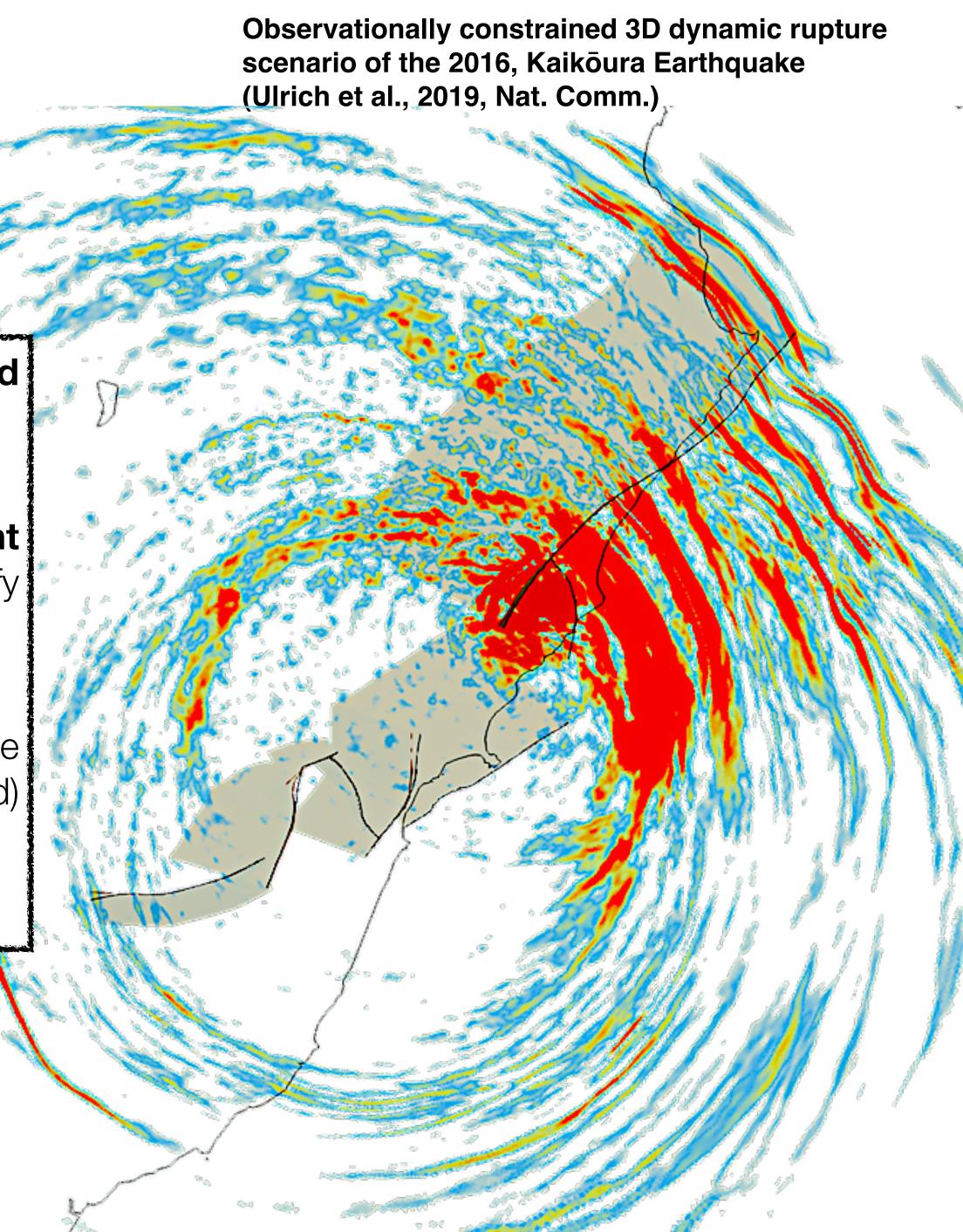
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Challenge 1: Earthquake source processes are (very) ill-constrained and highly non-linear.

Challenge 2: Which physical processes are dominant and relevant at a given spatio-temporal scale (and in real earthquakes)? Can we justify the "cost" of their inclusion?

Challenge 3: How to assimilate all available knowledge in a suitable manner for software (numerical discretisation, solvers, equations solved) and hardware (heterogeneous HPC systems, energy concerns)?

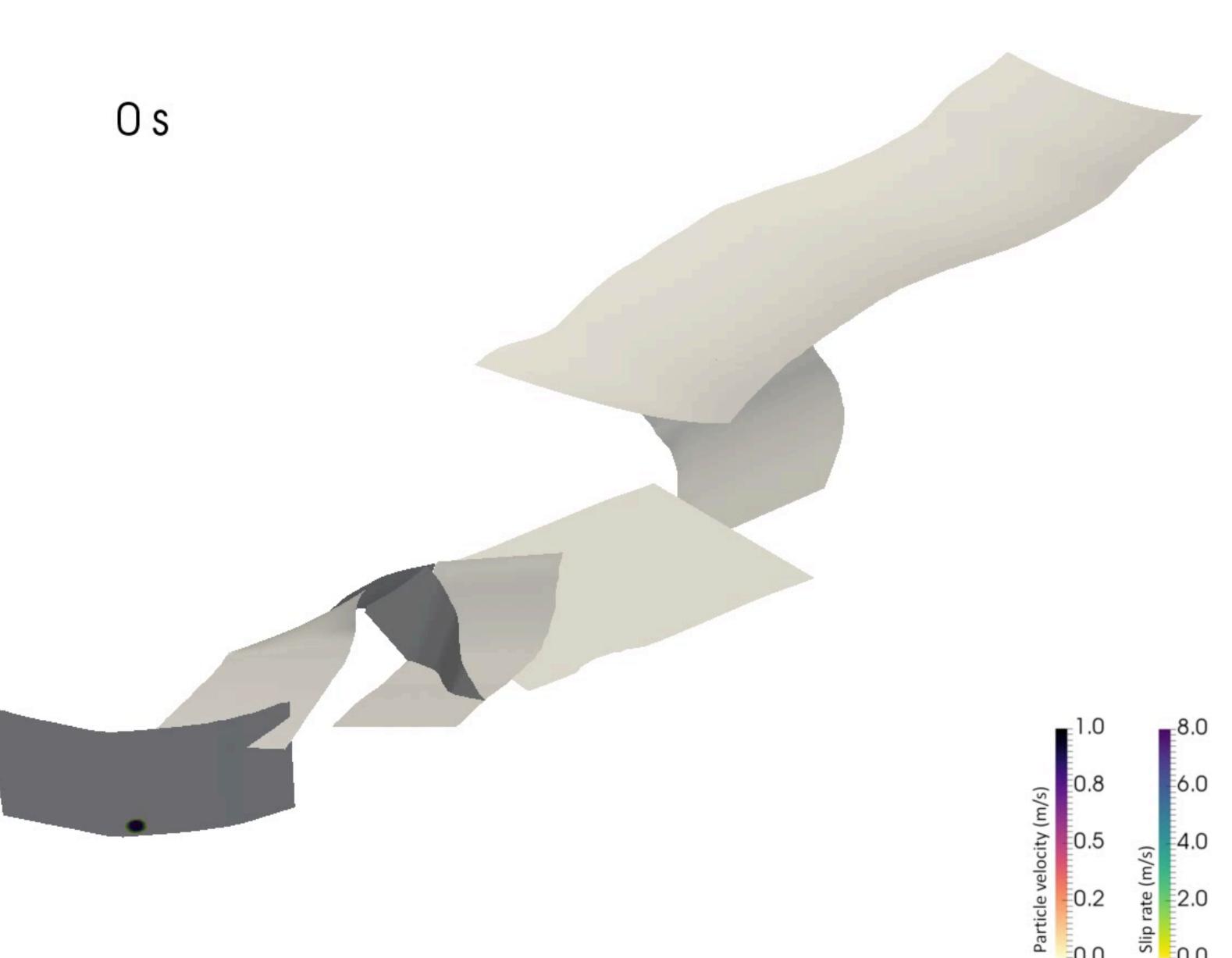


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Observationally constrained 3D dynamic rupture scenario of the 2016, Kaikōura Earthquake (Ulrich et al., 2019, Nat. Comm.)

Physics-based approach

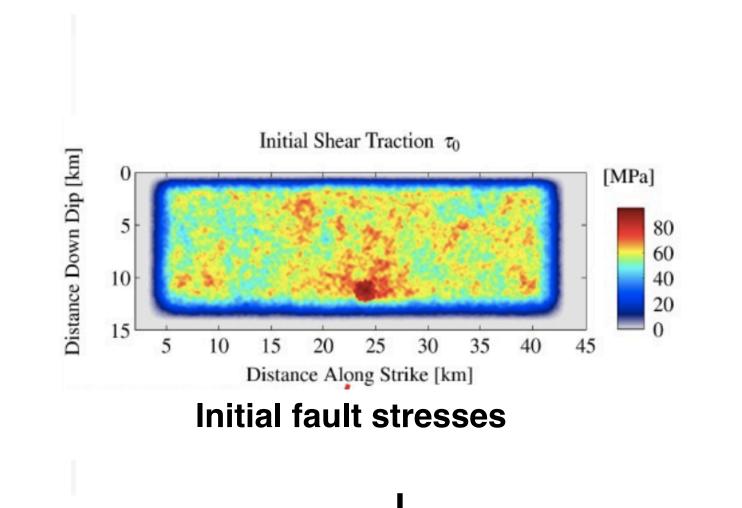
- Solving for spontaneous dynamic earthquake rupture as non-linear interaction of frictional failure and seismic wave propagation
- Earthquake = frictional shear failure of brittle solids under compression along preexisting weak interfaces
- We often "bootstrap" on methods originally not developed for earthquake source modelling



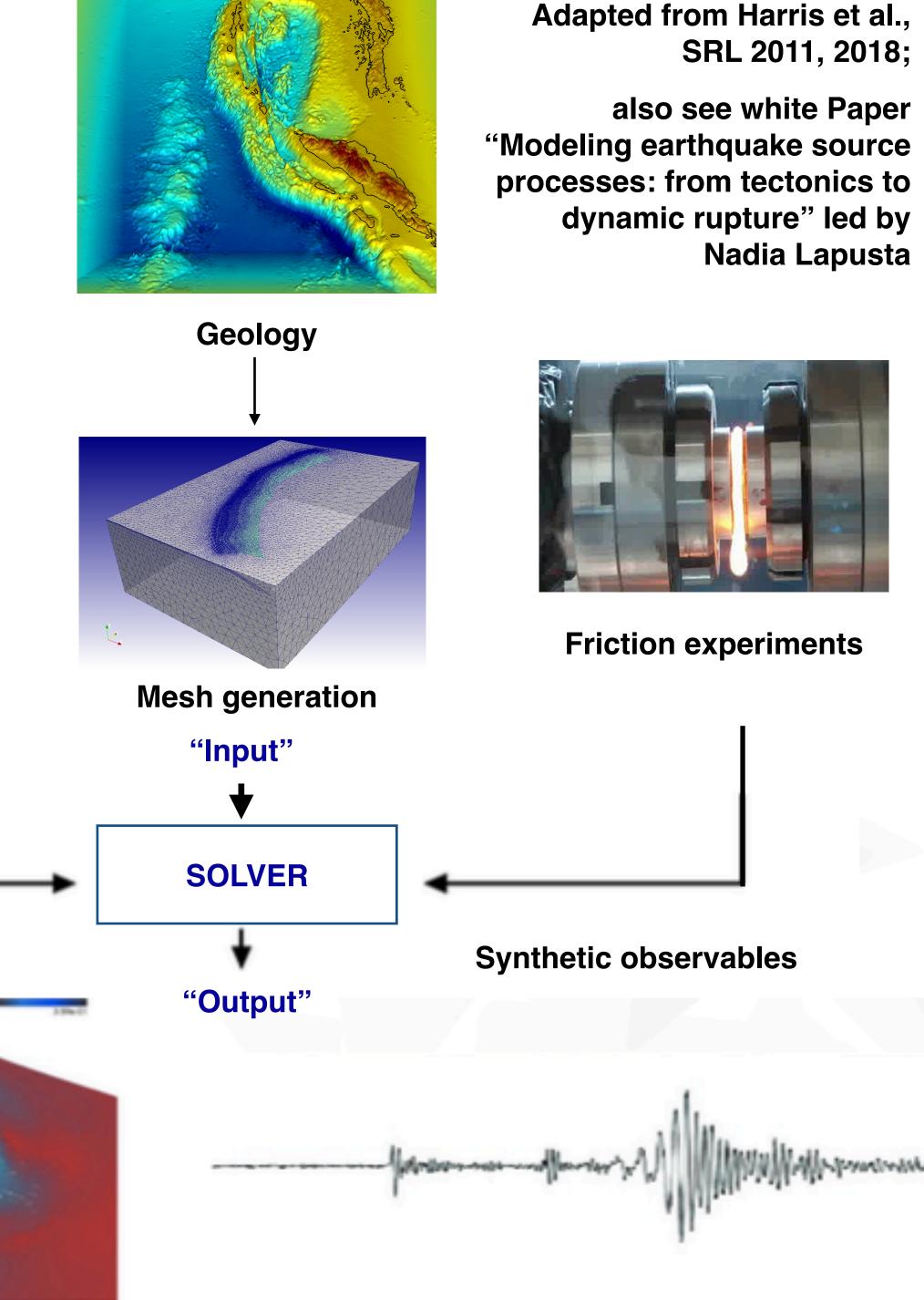
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Bridging scales and disciplines

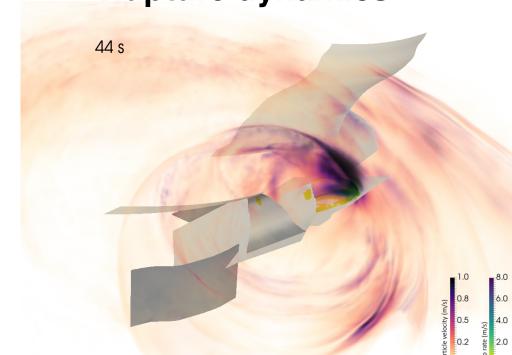
- Integration and interpretation of full range of observations
- **Tightly links** seismology, geodesy, geology, tectonophysics, hydrology with numerical computing, data science, machine learning, applied mathematics, continuum mechanics, tribology, rock mechanics, materials science, and engineering



Ground deformation

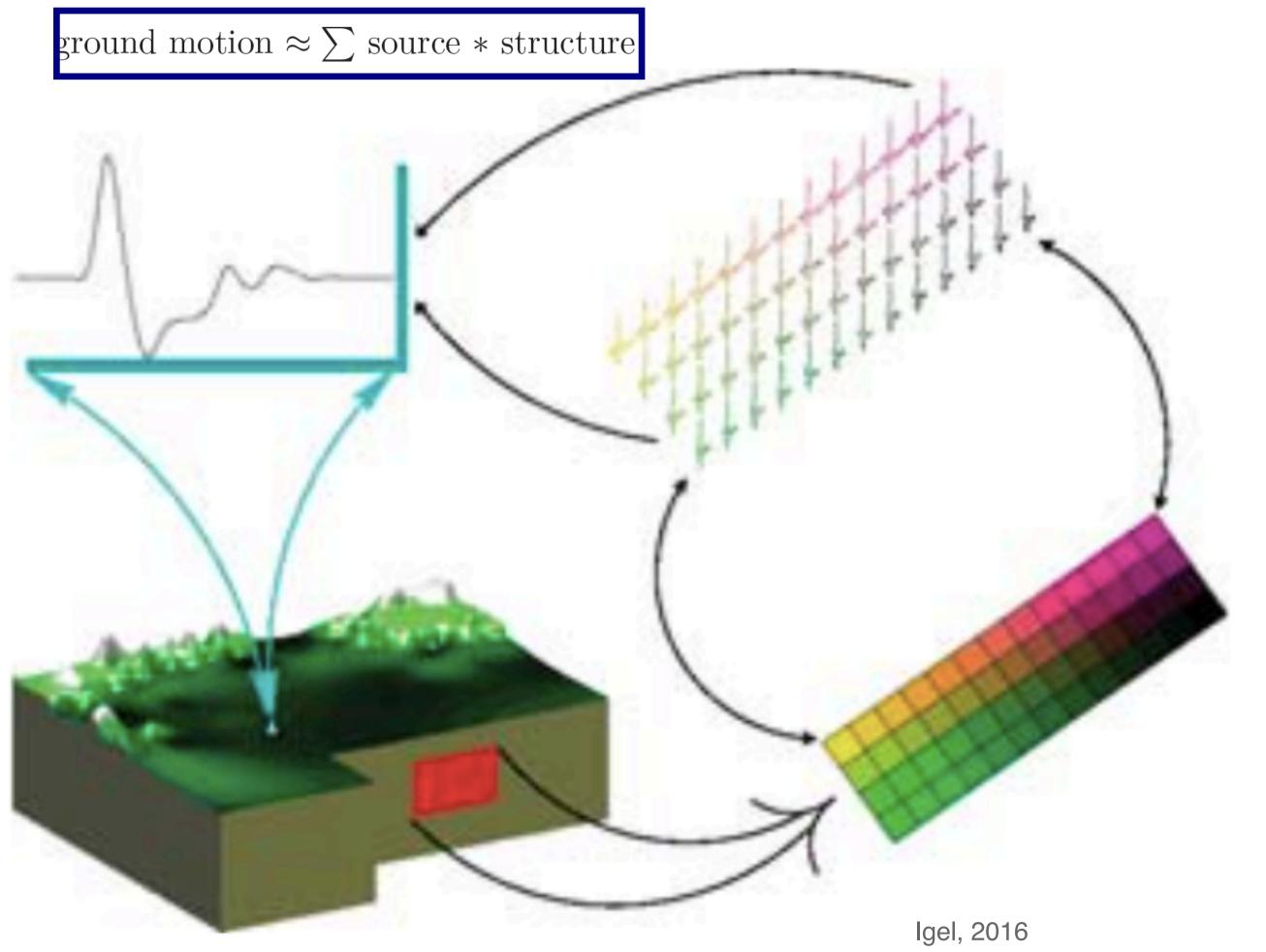


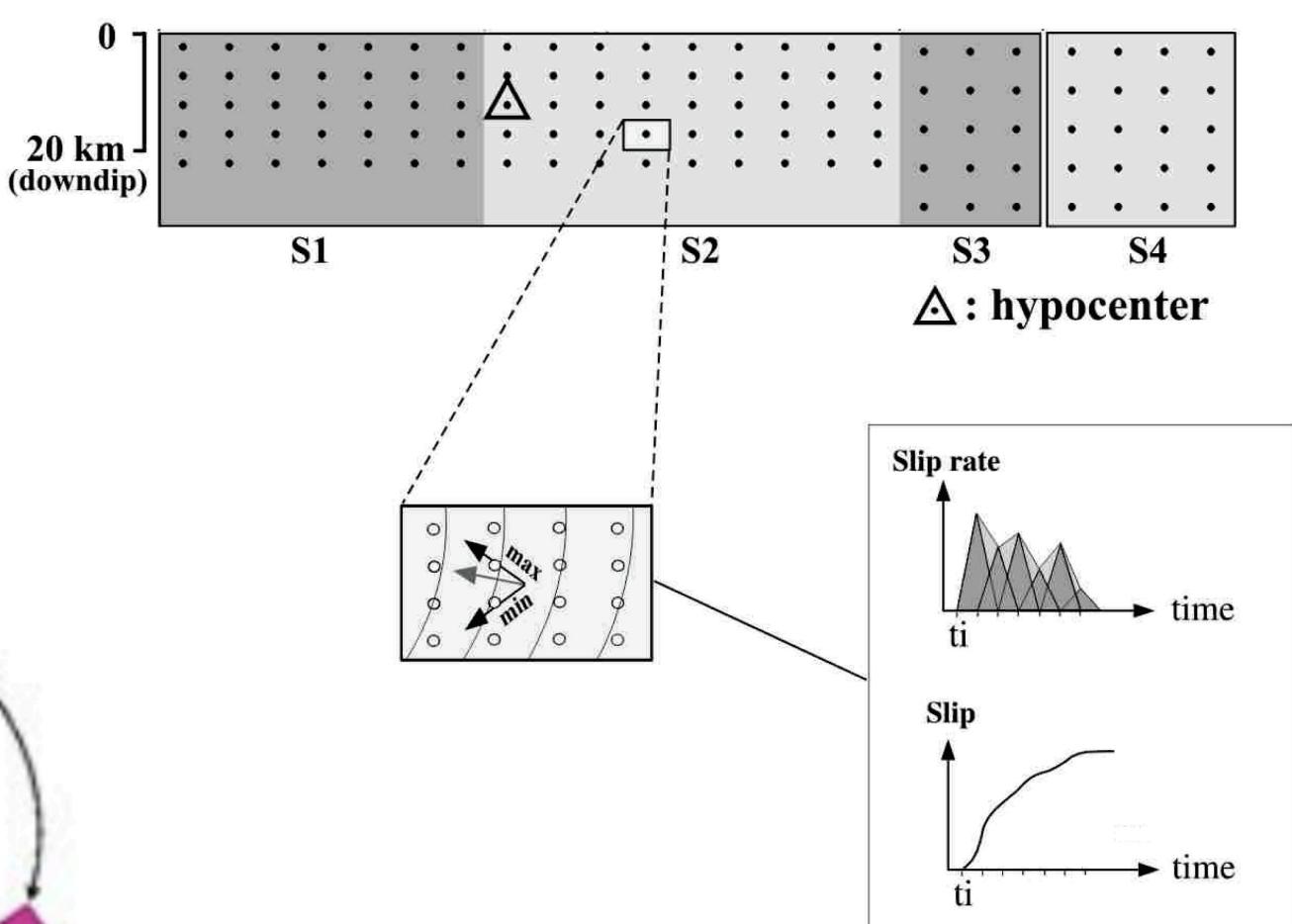




Kinematic earthquake source modeling

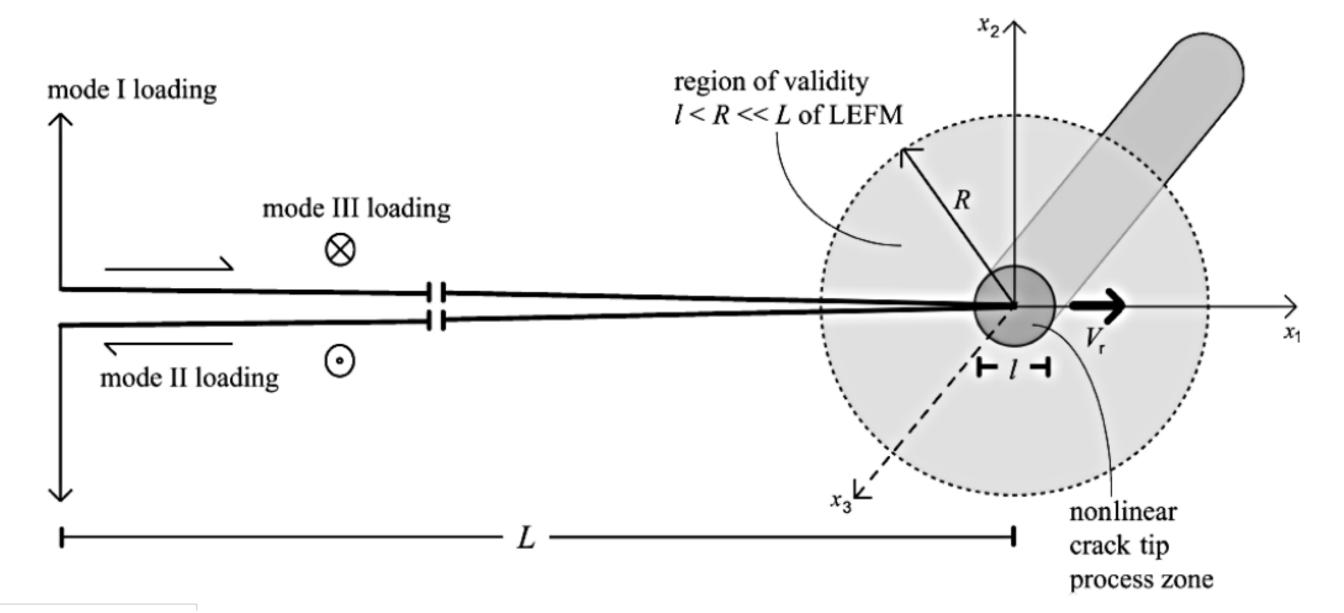
Standard inverse approach: Linearisation of Volterra's formula



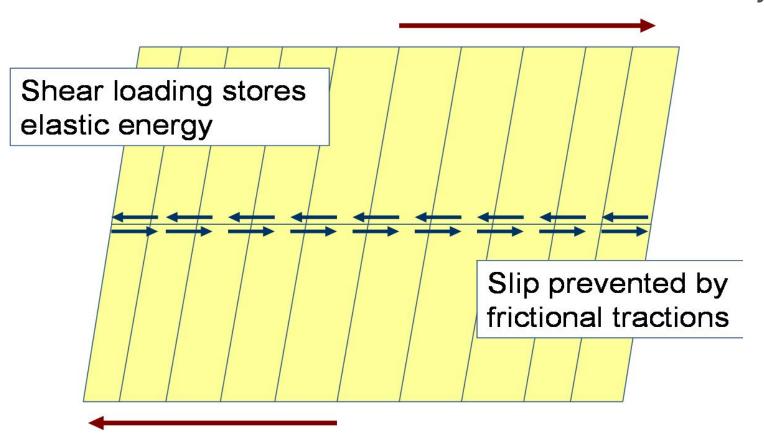


• seismograms for arbitrary finite sources are obtained by adding up seismograms (Green's functions) from a sufficient number of point sources appropriately timed and scaled to correctly reproduce the kinematic source

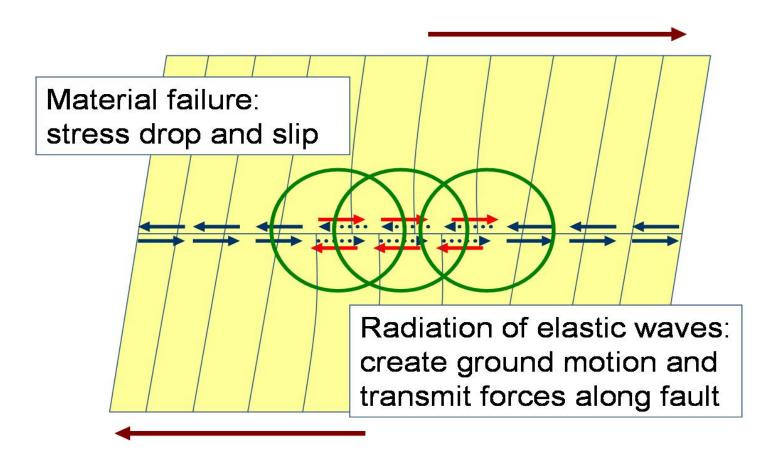
- <u>definition:</u> Earthquake = Frictional shear failure of brittle solids under compression along preexisting weak interfaces
- elastodynamics with embedded frictional interfaces
- · inherent length scale: cohesive zone



A schematic of a 2D crack illustrating the region of validity for linear elastic fracture mechanics and modes I, II and III of rupture extending along the x_1 axis with velocity v_r (Ben-Zion, 2003).

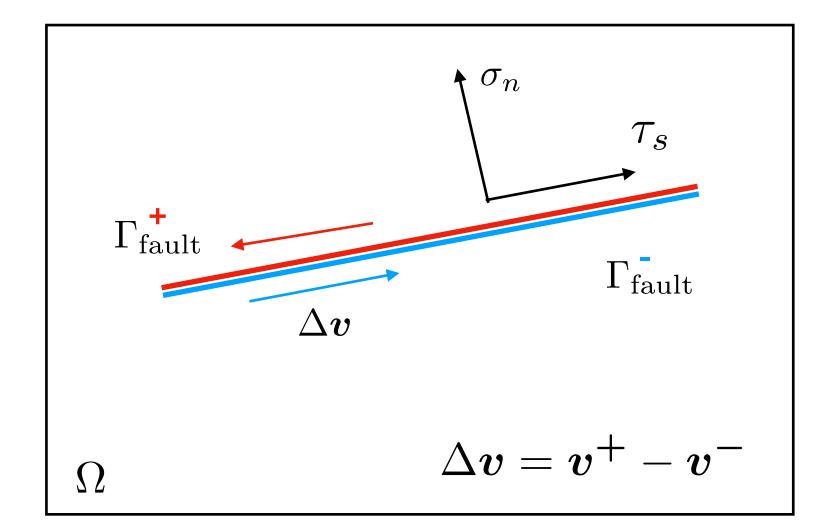


The fault is the horizontal line through the center, with the blue arrows representing frictional forces that keep the sides of the fault locked. The slanted vertical lines indicate the shear displacements created by tectonic loading.



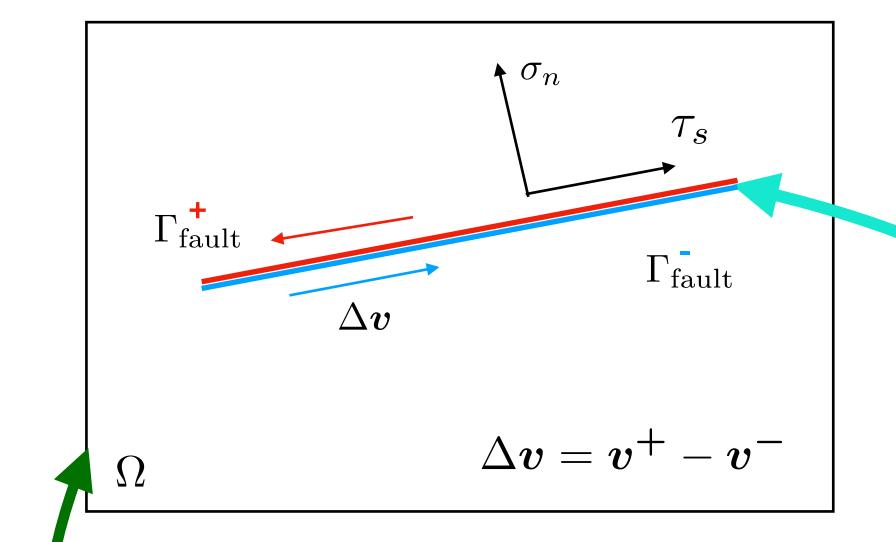
Material in the fault zone fails (or static friction is exceeded) and the fault begins to slip. Physically, we can view this process as the application of shear forces on the fault that negate the static friction, as represented by the red arrows. This releases elastic waves, indicated by the expanding green circles.

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(surfaces) $\tau_s = \mu_f$

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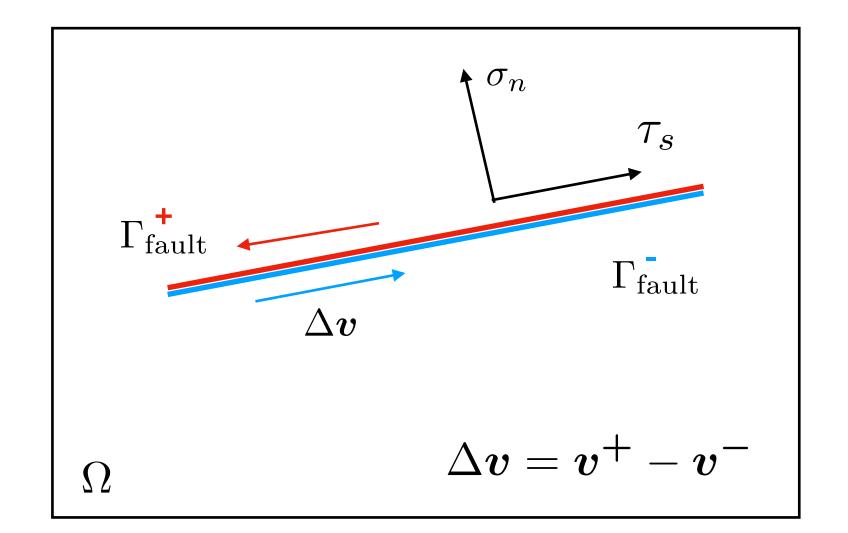
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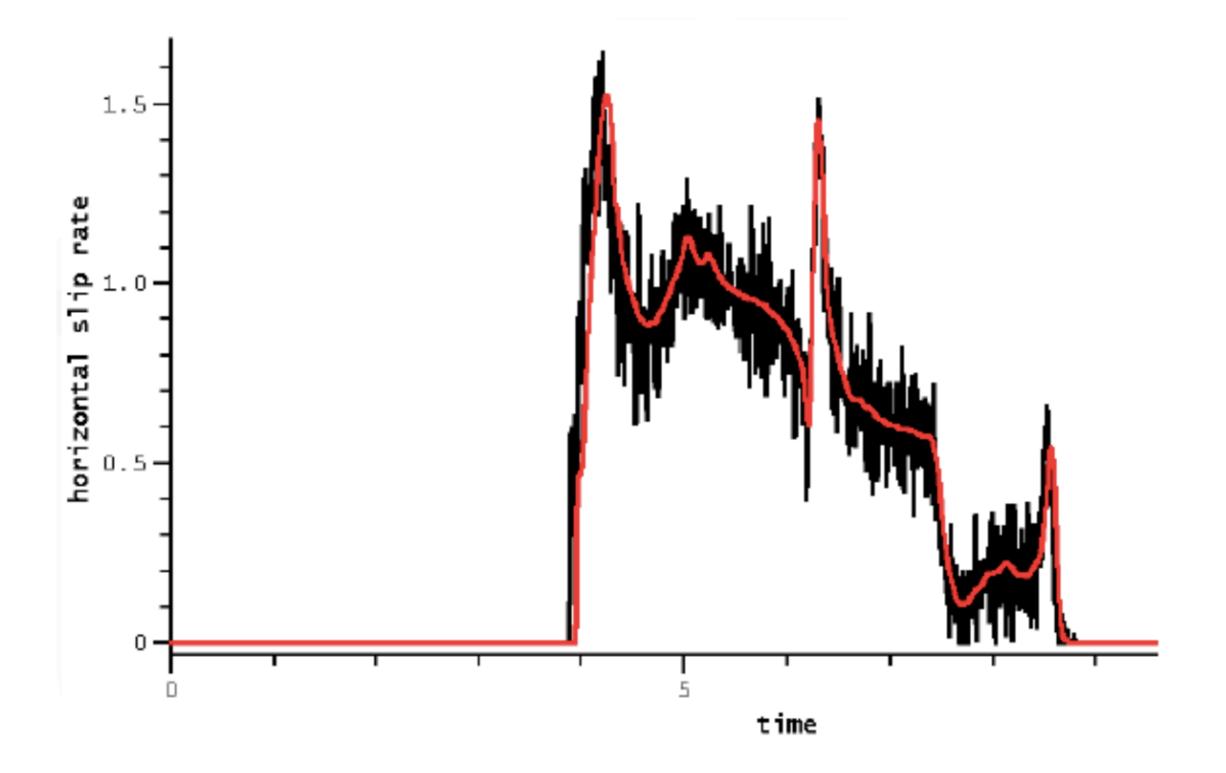
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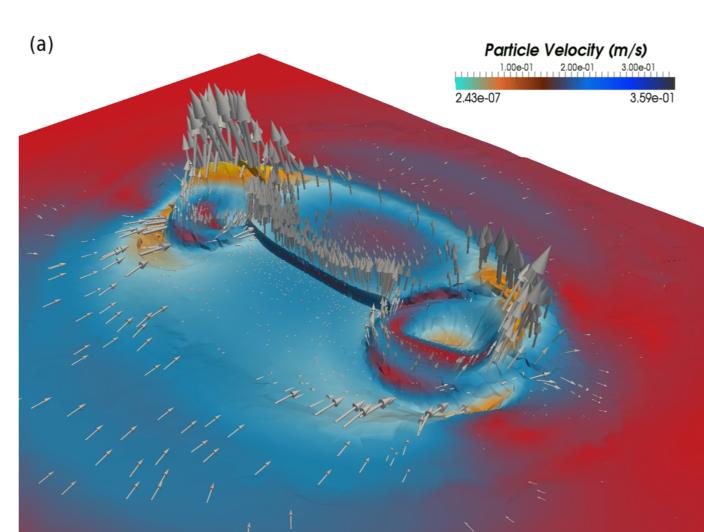
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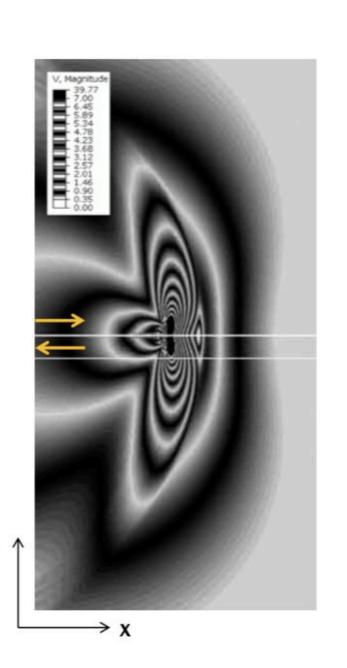
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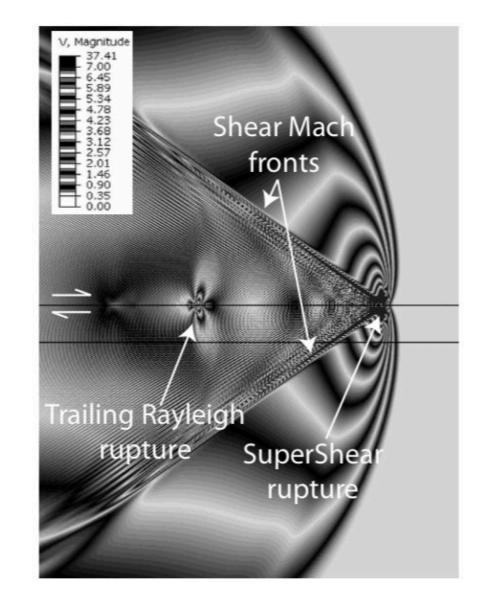




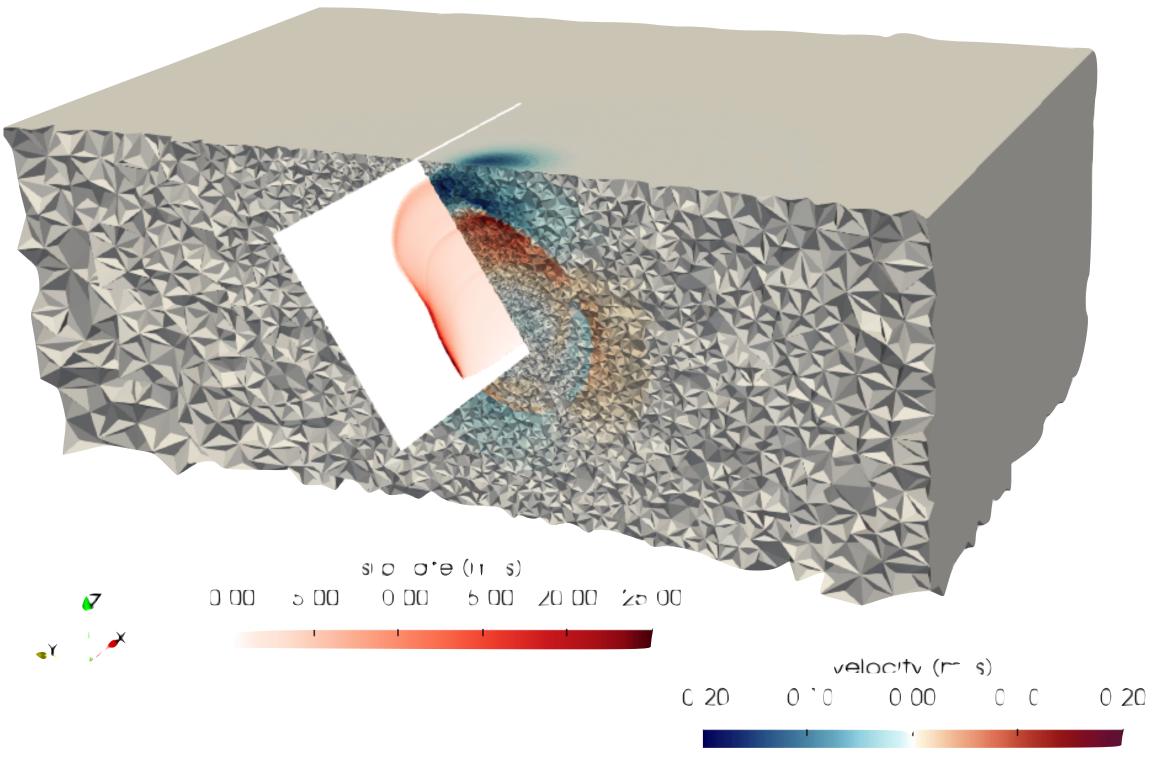








Sub-Rayleigh vs **supershear** rupture in the laboratory. Mach cone emanating from rupture tip (courtesy of L. Bruhat)

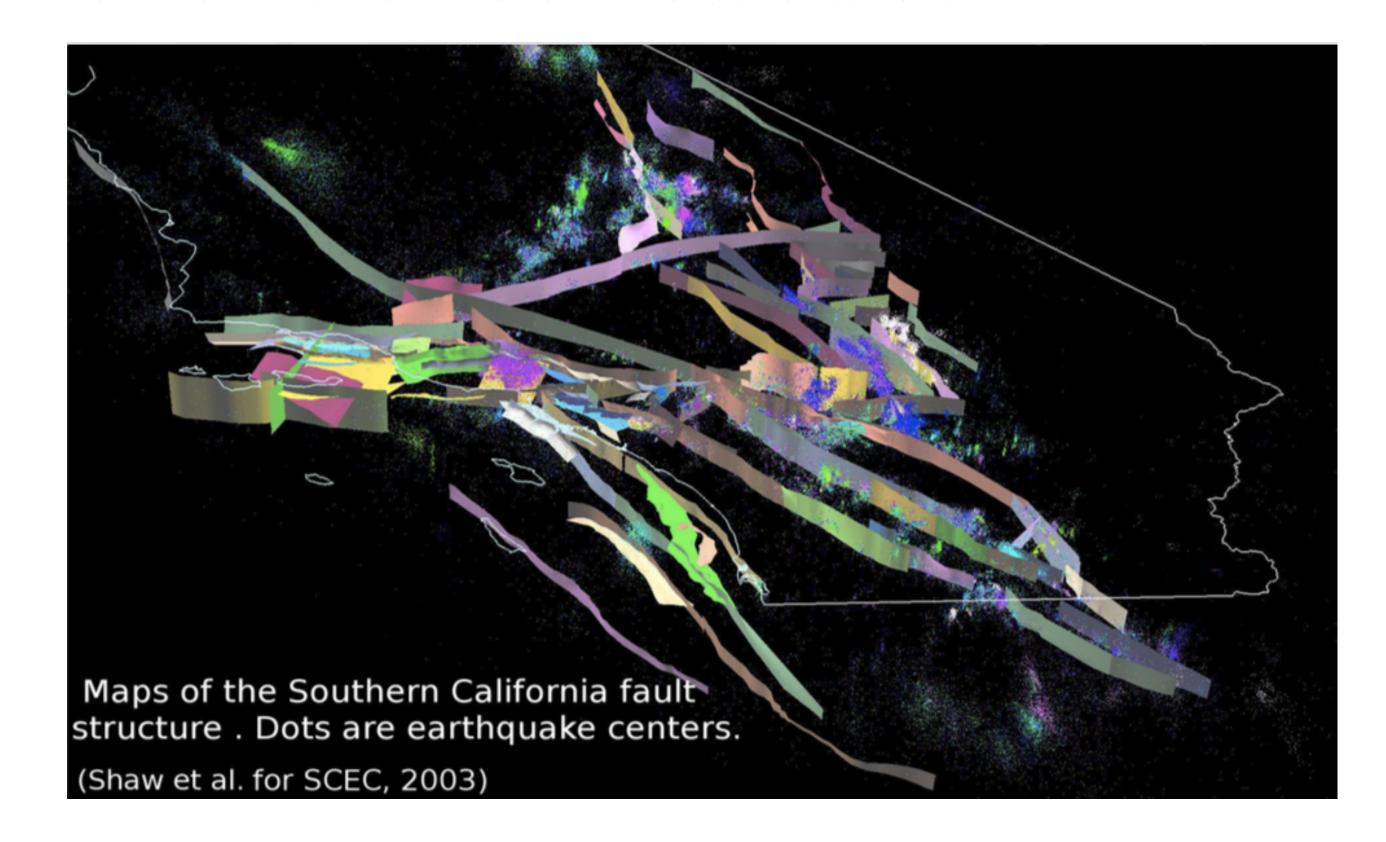


3D dynamic rupture

earthquake simulation

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Few methods support all modelling requirements



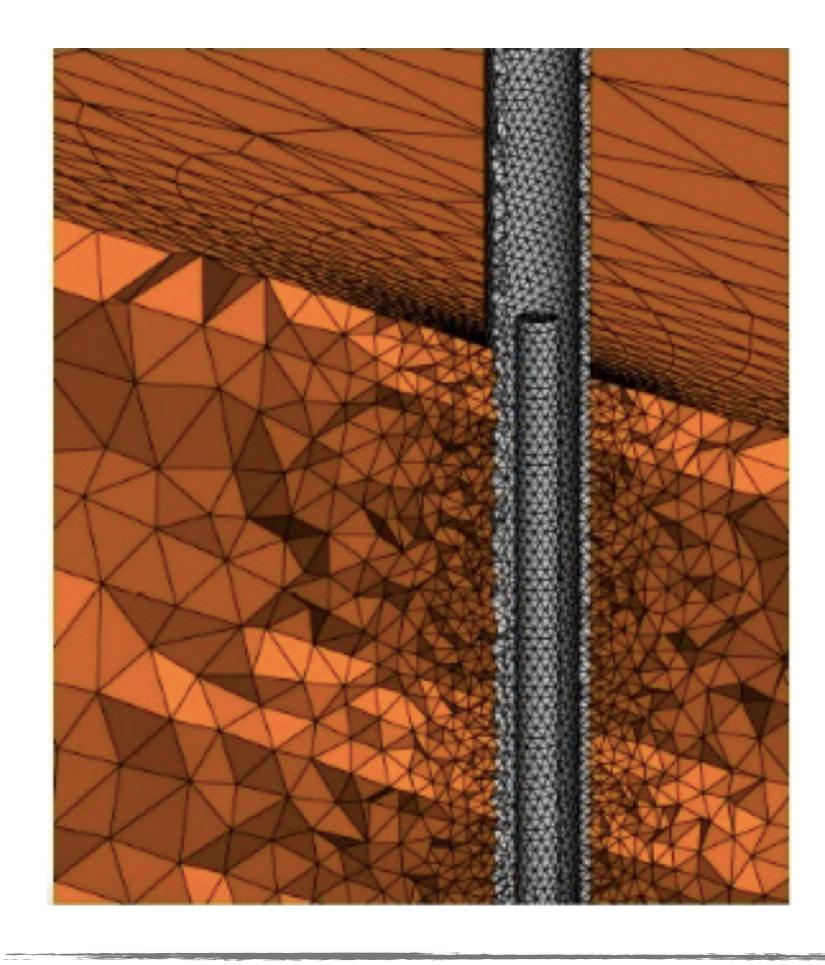
Multitude of spatio-temporal scales: fault geometry spans hundreds of km; frictional process zone size is m (or even cm) scale, tectonic loading (seismic cycle) 10-10000 years; rise time on second scale



- Non-planar, intersecting faults
- Non-linear friction
- Heterogeneities in stress and strength
- Dynamic damage around the fault
- Fault roughness and segmentation on all scales
- Bi-material effects
- Low velocity zones surrounding faults
- Thermal pressurization of fault zone fluids
- Thermal decomposition
- Dilatancy of the fault gouge
- Flash heating, melting, lubrication
- Feedback mechanisms across time scales

... this list grows continuously

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Discontinuous Galerkin methods for wave propagation in poroelastic media

Geophysics, 2008

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Verification of an ADER-DG method for complex dynamic rupture problems

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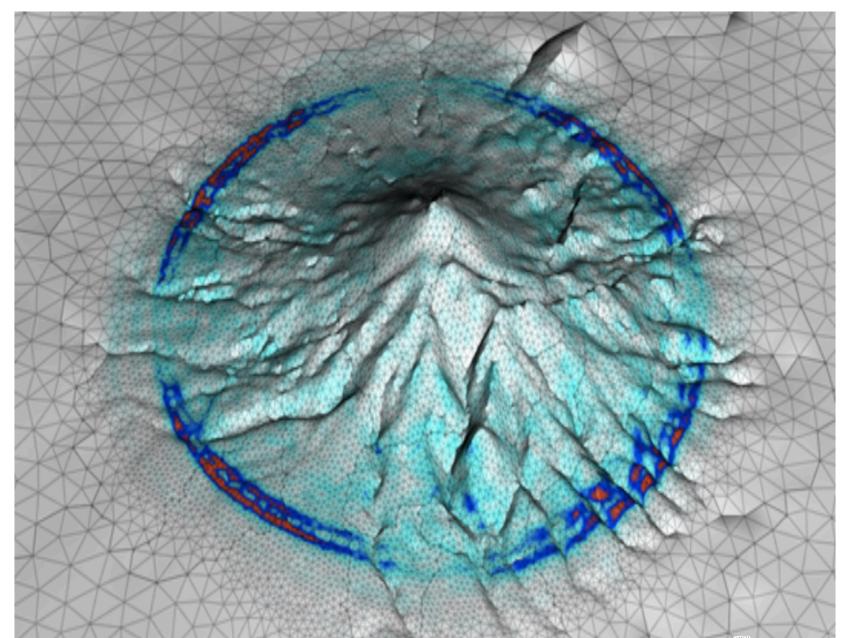
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SeisSol - ADER-DG A unique modelling framework

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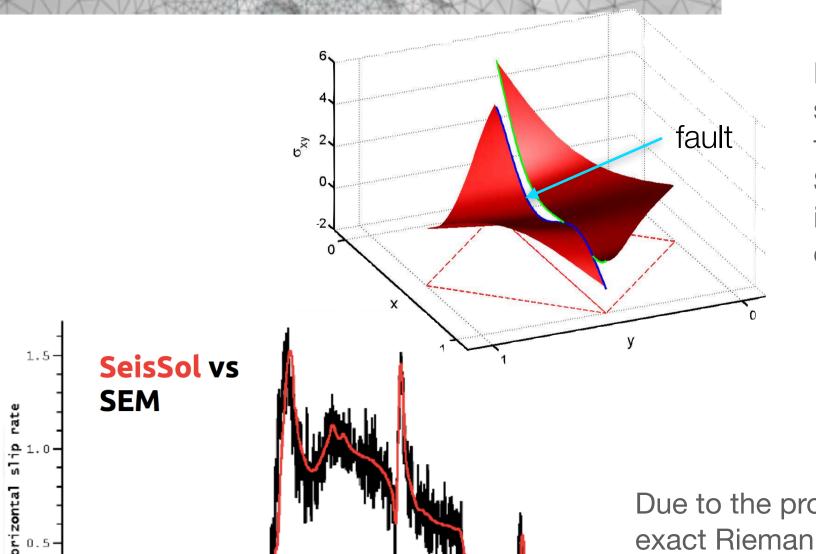
The method, by design, permits:

- representing complex geometries by discretising the volume via a tetrahedral mesh
- modelling heterogenous media elastic, viscoelastic, viscoplastic, anisotropic
- multi-physics coupling flux based formulation is natural for representing physics defined on interfaces
- high accuracy modal flux based formulation allows us to suppress spurious (unresolved) high frequencies
- high resolution suitable for parallel computing environments



Wave field of a point source interacting with the topography of Mount Merapi Volcano.

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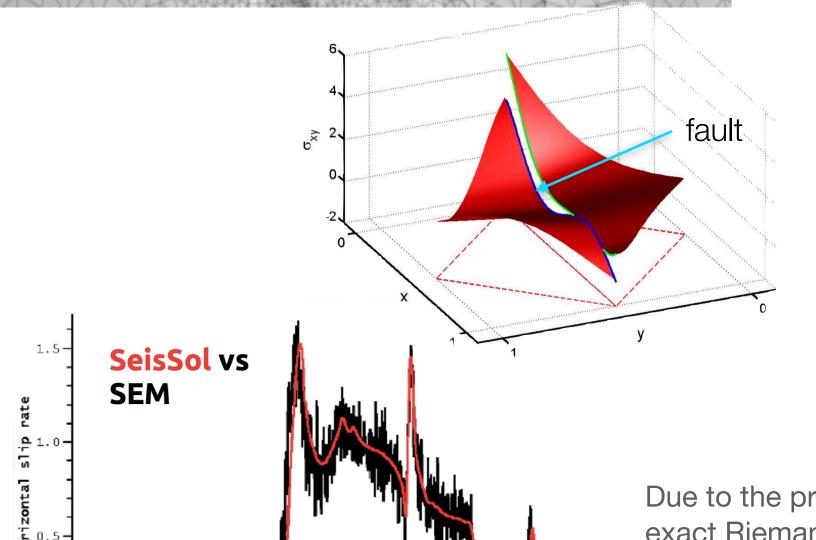
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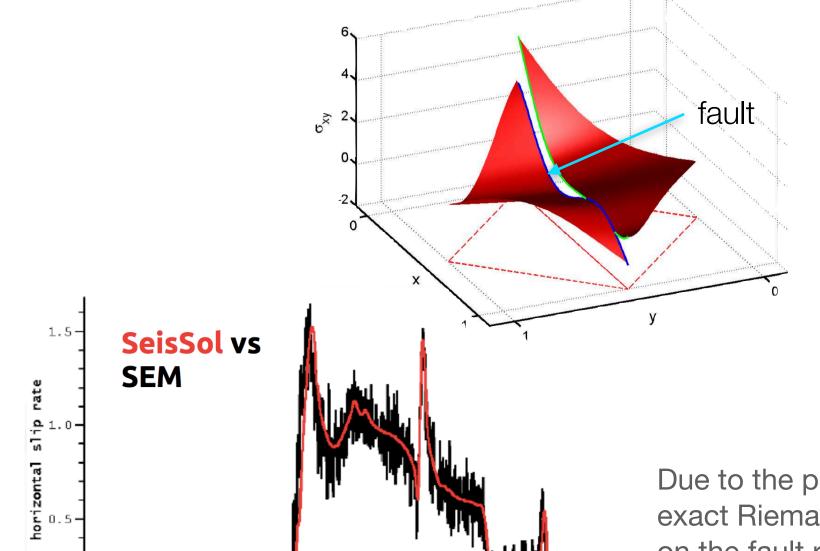
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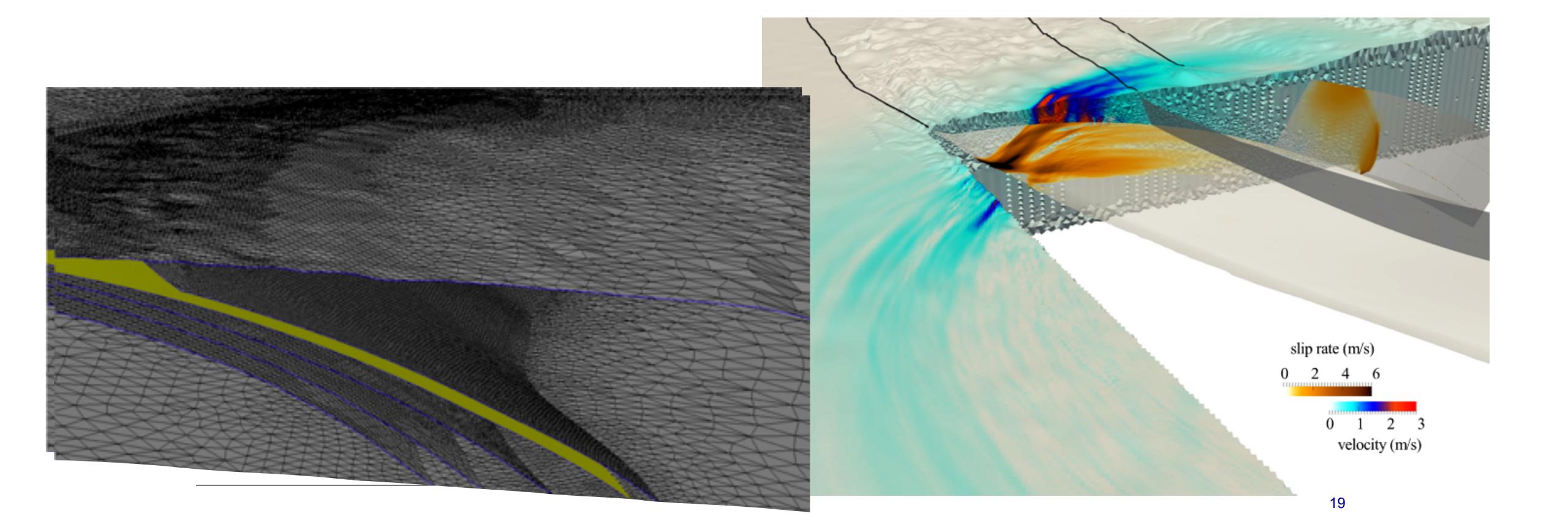
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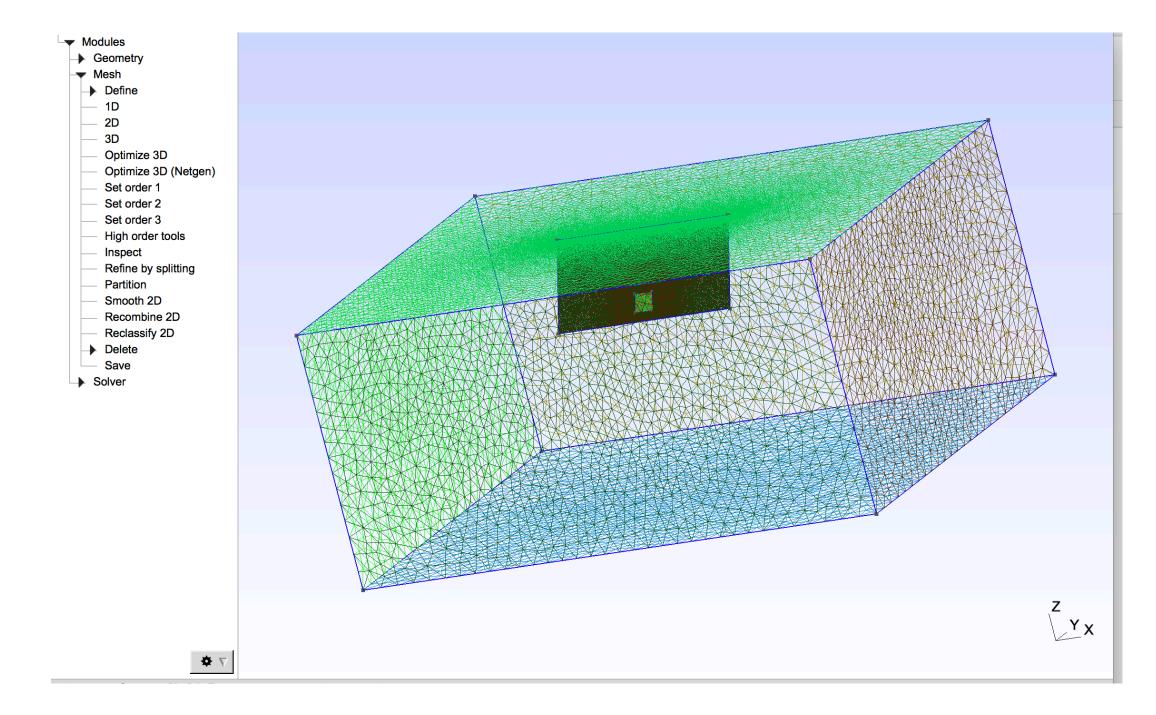
The "grand challenge" of meshing

- Community standard 1) Hexahedral meshes can easily consume weeks to months, is limited for complex geometries (external / internal boundary conditions)
- Community standard 2) Unstructured tetrahedral meshes allows automatised meshing and complex internal/ external boundary conditions - however are numerically challenging (sliver elements)



Geometry and meshing

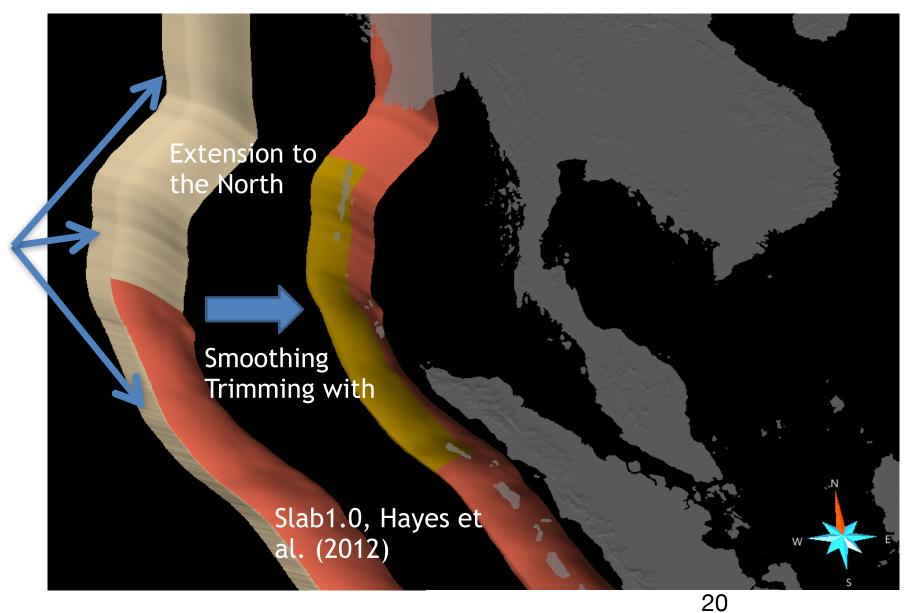
- **Gmsh** (http://gmsh.info, open source) for most simple geometries and every-day mesh sizes, many tutorials, limited in terms of geometry
- Simmodeler (Simmetrix, free for academics) for large meshes / complex geometries: customised GUI for SeisSol, pumgen library for parallel meshing on Clusters
- Mesh is provided in parallel data format code does internal partitioning



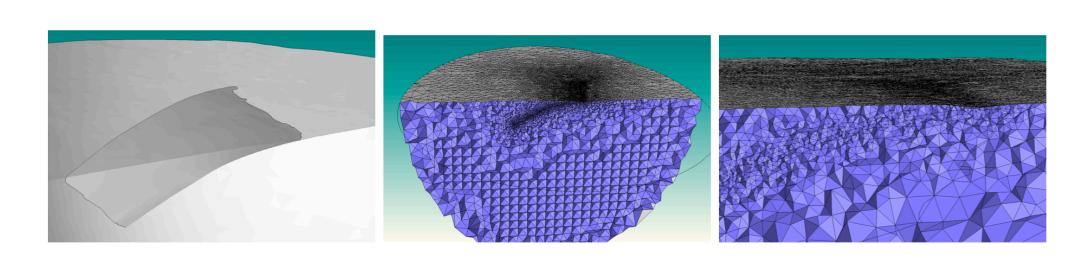
Gmsh interface for example geometry and 2D mesh

Extension to

sea-floor



GoCAD interface for complex geometries



http://www.simmetrix.com/index.html

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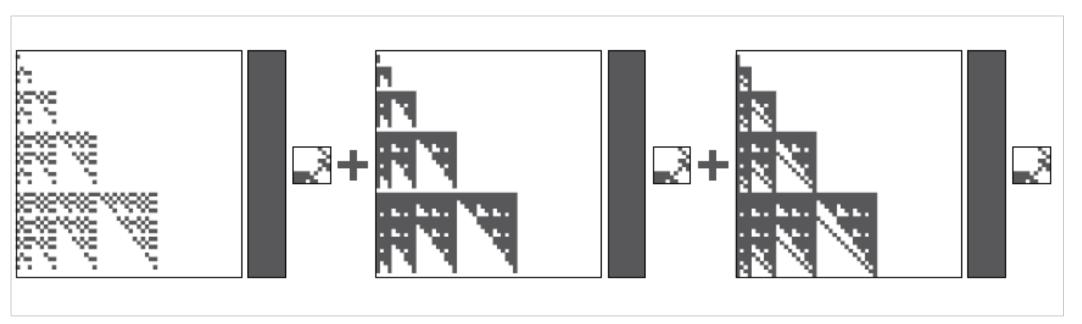
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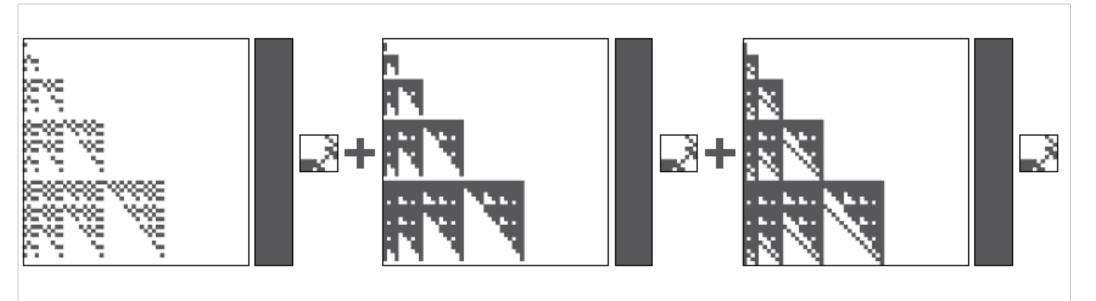
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Update scheme

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Cauchy Kovalewski

$$I(t^{n}, t^{n+1}, Q_{k}^{n}) = \sum_{j=0}^{J} \frac{(t^{n+1} - t^{n})^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} \frac{\partial^{j}}{\partial t^{j}} Q_{k}(t^{n})$$

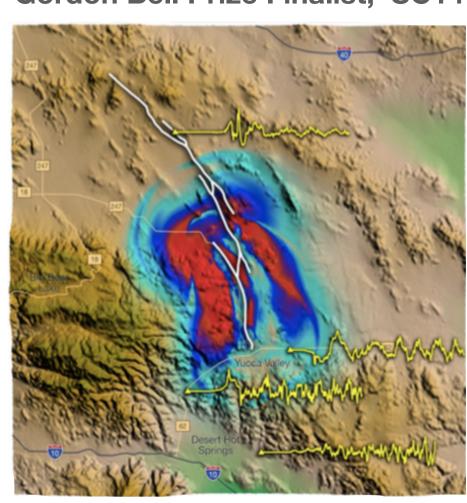
$$(Q_{k})_{t} = -M^{-1} \left((K^{\xi})^{T} Q_{k} A_{k}^{*} + (K^{\eta})^{T} Q_{k} B_{k}^{*} + (K^{\zeta})^{T} Q_{k} C_{k}^{*} \right)$$

Balancing HPC and geophysics -SeisSol

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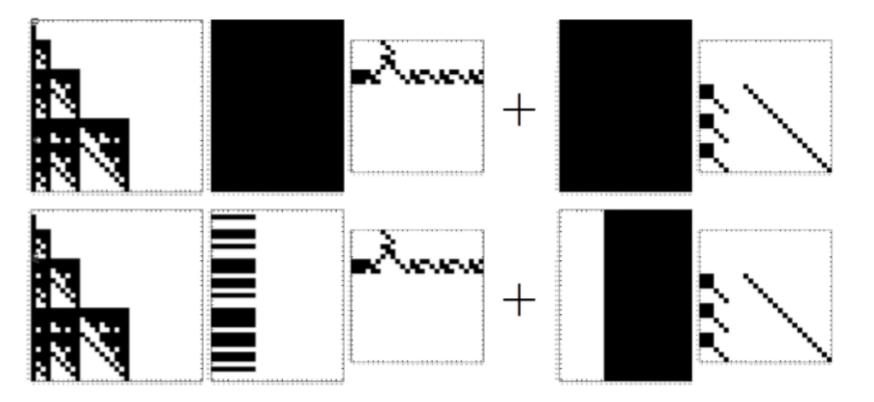
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"Geophysics" Version

Landers scenario (96 billion DoF, 200,000 time steps)

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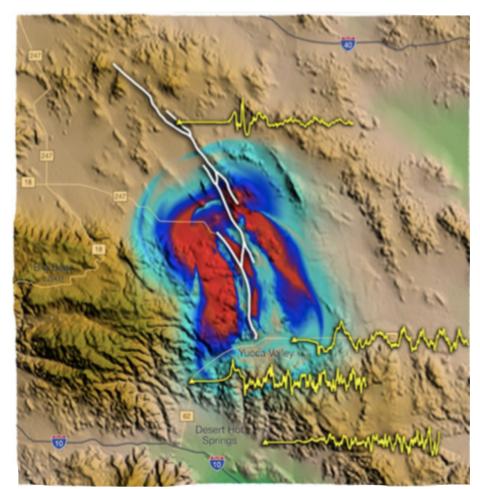


Partial kernel before (top) and after (bottom) removing irrelevant entries in matrix chain products

- **→** A code generator automatically detects and exploits sparse block patterns
- **→** Hardware specific full "unrolling" and vectorization of all element operations
- Customised code for each matrix-matrix multiplication via the libxsmm back-end
- **→** Efficiently exploits as of 2014 available hardware (AVX, MIC), reaching unto 8.6 PFLOPS on Tianhe-2

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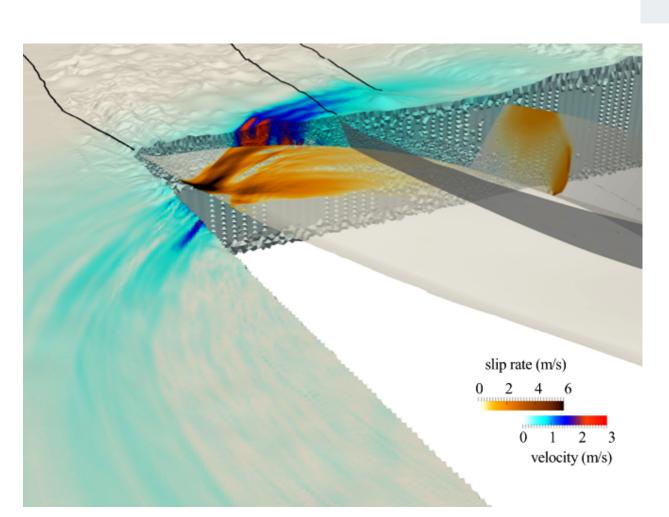


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- Optimized for Intel KNL
- Speed up of 14x
- 14 hours compared to almost 8 days for Sumatra scenario on SuperMuc2



Best Paper Award, SC17

Integrating interdisciplinary observations

in high-resolution forward models

The open source software SeisSol (www.seissol.org) exploits unstructured tetrahedral meshes and high-order accuracy in space and time based on an ADER-DG method handling geometric complexity and highly varying element sizes

- "Hero runs" use full supercomputers, e.g. a petaflop scale simulation revisiting the 1992 Landers earthquake linking 3D spontaneous dynamic rupture simulations with the interplay of fault geometry, topography, rheology, off-fault plasticity, and viscoelastic attenuation
- Recent in-house developments: a geoinformation server for fast and asynchronous input/output, clustered local time stepping, flexible boundary conditions (e.g. gravity, with Eric Dunham's group), GPU optimisation, code generator (YATeTo, Uphoff & Bader, TOMS 2020) generating > 80% of core routines

Wollherr et al., GJI'18, JGR'19 modelled off-fault Multi-scale and multi-physics modelling is routinely feasible (few kCPUh per high resolution forward simulation) Yucca Valley Springs

Heinecke et al., Gordon Bell Prize Finalist, SC'14

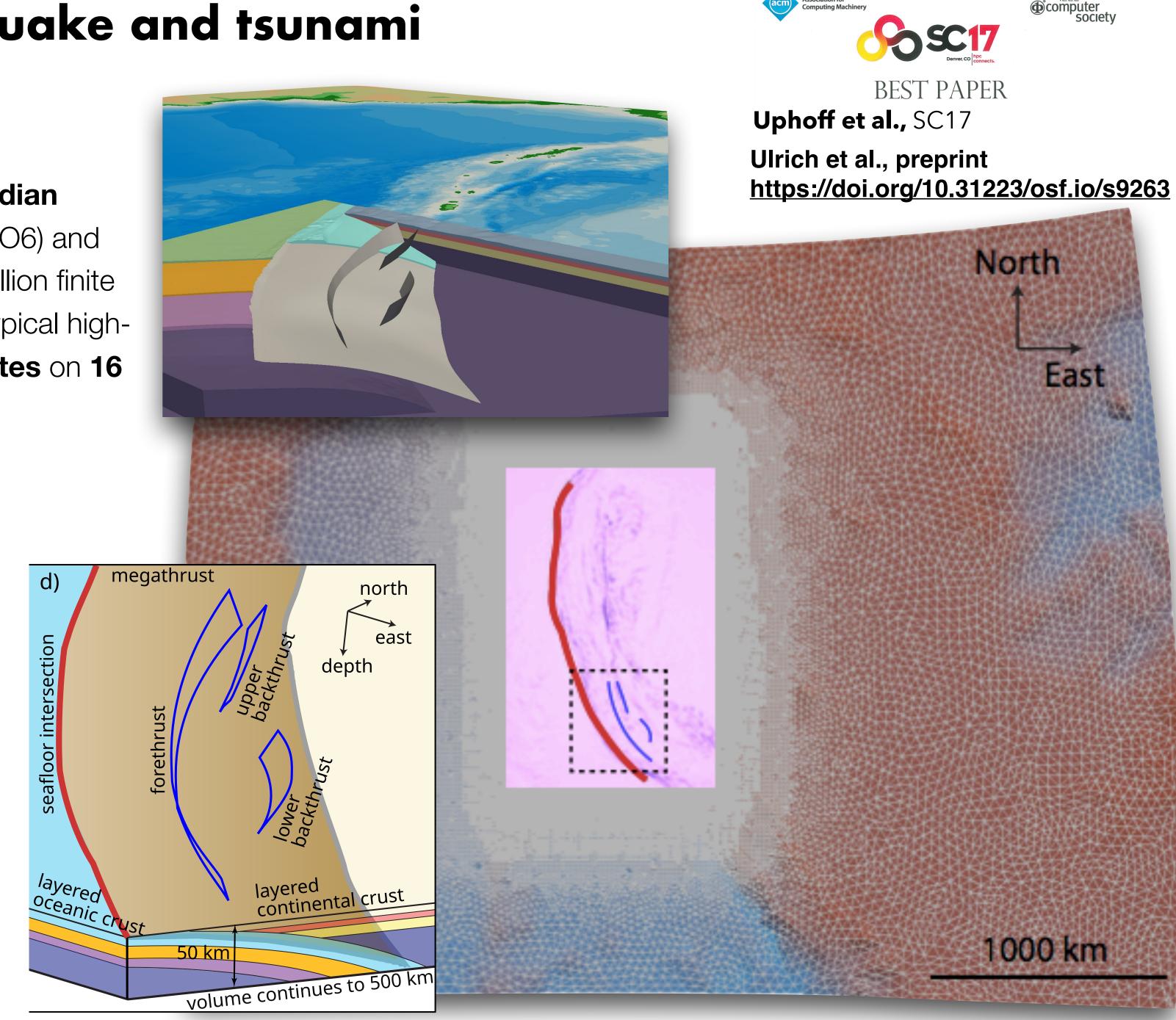
Landers earthquake dynamic rupture and 10 Hz wave propagation scenario (96 billion DoF, 200,000 time steps)

Linking geodynamic, earthquake and tsunami

modeling tools

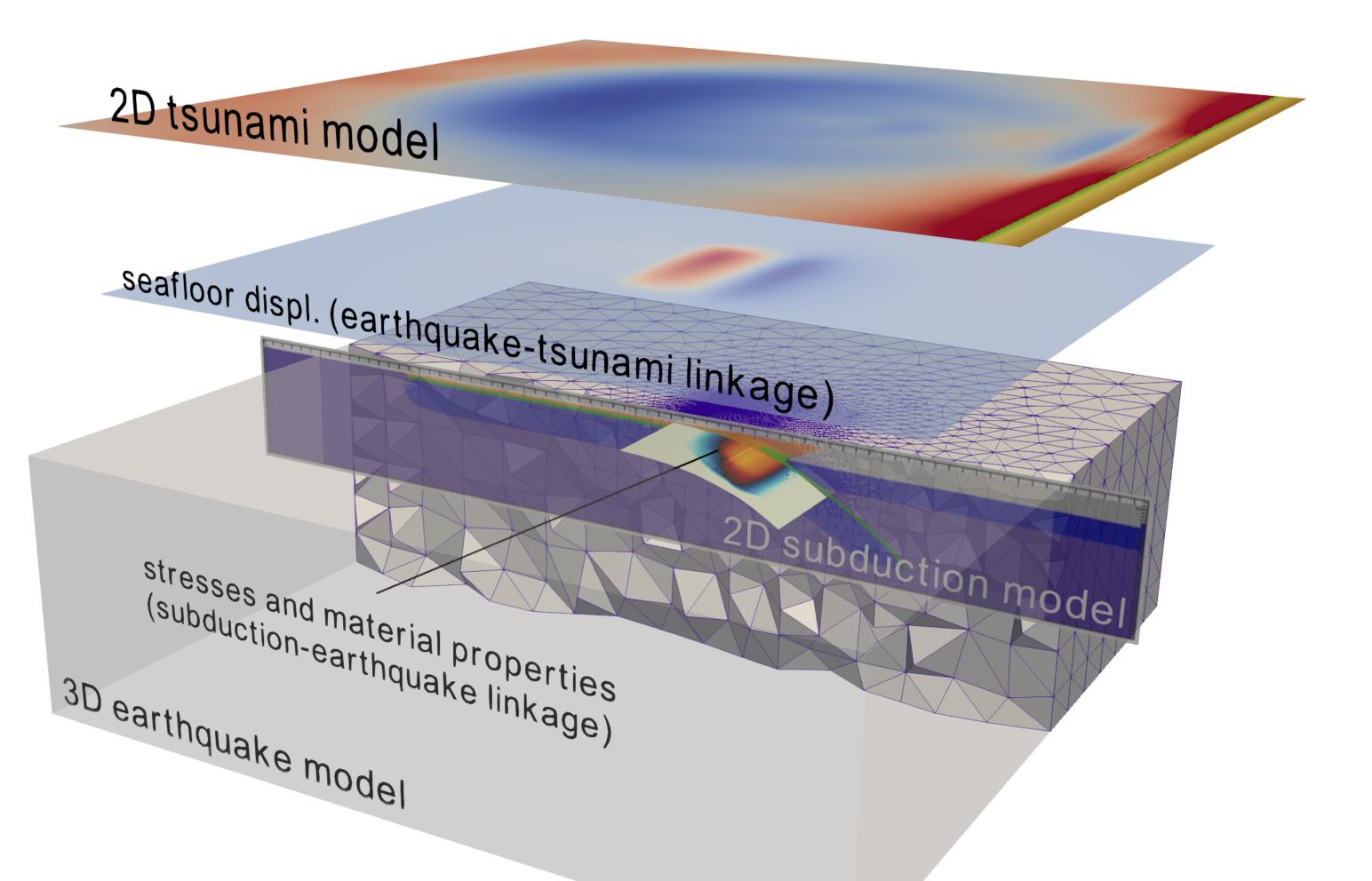
• The 2004 Sumatra-Andaman earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami: Spatial resolution (400m on-fault, O6) and 2.2 Hz wave propagation required mesh with 220 million finite elements (~111 x 109 degrees of freedom), now typical highorder simulations: >10 Mio elements run 5h30 minutes on 16 nodes (4k CPUh)

- Reproducibility: A setup including a mesh with over 3 million elements for the 2004 Sumatra-Andaman earthquake can be obtained from Zenodo https://dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.439946.
- 16 teams of undergraduate students reproduced our paper in a real-time, non-stop, 48-hour challenge during the SC'18 conference.



Linking geodynamic, earthquake and tsunami modeling tools

Madden et al., GJI 2020



Ulrich et al., preprint https://doi.org/10.31223/osf.io/s9263 0 s slip rate (m/s)

Open source linkage workflows such as filtering of time-dependent displacements, treatment of seismic surface waves, required spatial resolution, translating between large deformation models to elastodynamics ...

Rapid earthquake/tsunami response - The 2018, Palu-Sulawesi Event

 A devastating 'surprise' tsunami related to a Mw7.8 strike-slip earthquake propagating at supershear speed crossing the narrow Bay of Palu





Early and persistent supershear rupture 2018 magnitude 7.5 Palu earthquake

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The speed at which an earthquake rupture propagates affects its energy balance and ground shaking els of supershear earthquakes, which are faster than the speed of shear waves, often start at substant faster than Eshelby's speed. Here we present robust evidence of an early and persistent supershear rust speed of the 2018 magnitude 7.5 Palu, Indonesia, earthquake. Slowness-enhanced back-projection of a sharp image of the rupture process, along a path consistent with the surface rupture trace inferred of synthetic-aperture radar and satellite optical images. The rupture propagated at a sustained velocities initiation to its end, despite large fault bends. The persistent supershear speed is further validated by seismoiogical evidence of far-field Rayleigh Mach waves. The unusual features of this earthquake probe the connections between the rupture dynamics and fault structure. An early supershear transition could be promoted by fault roughness near the hypocentre. Steady rupture

propagation at a speed unexpected in homogeneous media could result from the presence of a low-velocity damaged fault zone.

Evidence of supershear during the 2018 magnitude 7.5 Palu earthquake from space geodesy

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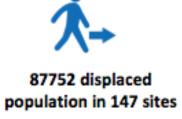
A magnitude 7.5 earthquake hit the city of Palu in Sulawesi, Indonesia on 28 September 2018 at 10:02:43 (coordinated universal time). It was followed a few minutes later by a 4-7-m-high tsunami. Palu is situated in a narrow pull-apart basin surrounded by high mountains of up to 2,000 m altitude. This morphology has been created by a releasing bend in the Palu-Koro fault, a rapidly moving left-lateral strike-slip fault. Here we present observations derived from optical and radar satellite imagery that constrain the ground surface displacements associated with the earthquake in great detail. Mapping of the main rupture and associated secondary structures shows that the slip initiated on a structurally complex and previously unknown fault to the north, extended southwards over 180 km and passed through two major releasing bends. The 30 km section of the rupture south of Palu city is extremely linear, and slightly offset from the mapped geological fault at the surface. This part of the rupture accommodates a large and smooth surface slip of 4-7 m, with no shallow slip deficit. Almost no aftershock seismicity was recorded from this section of the fault. As these characteristics are similar to those from known supershear segments, we conclude that the Palu earthquake probably ruptured this segment at supershear velocities.



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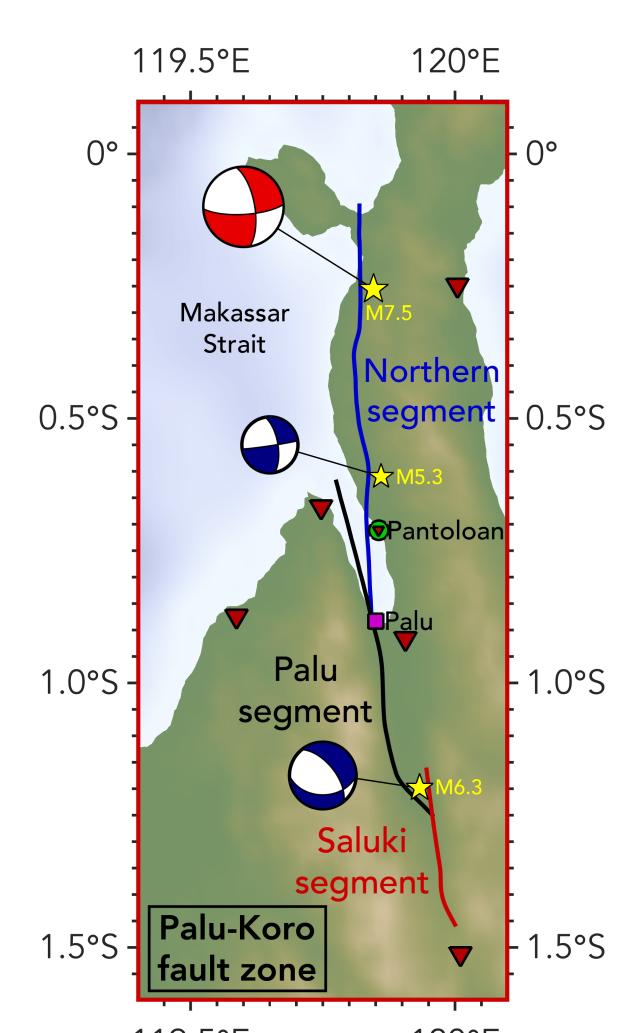
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2100 fatalities 45 health facilities affected

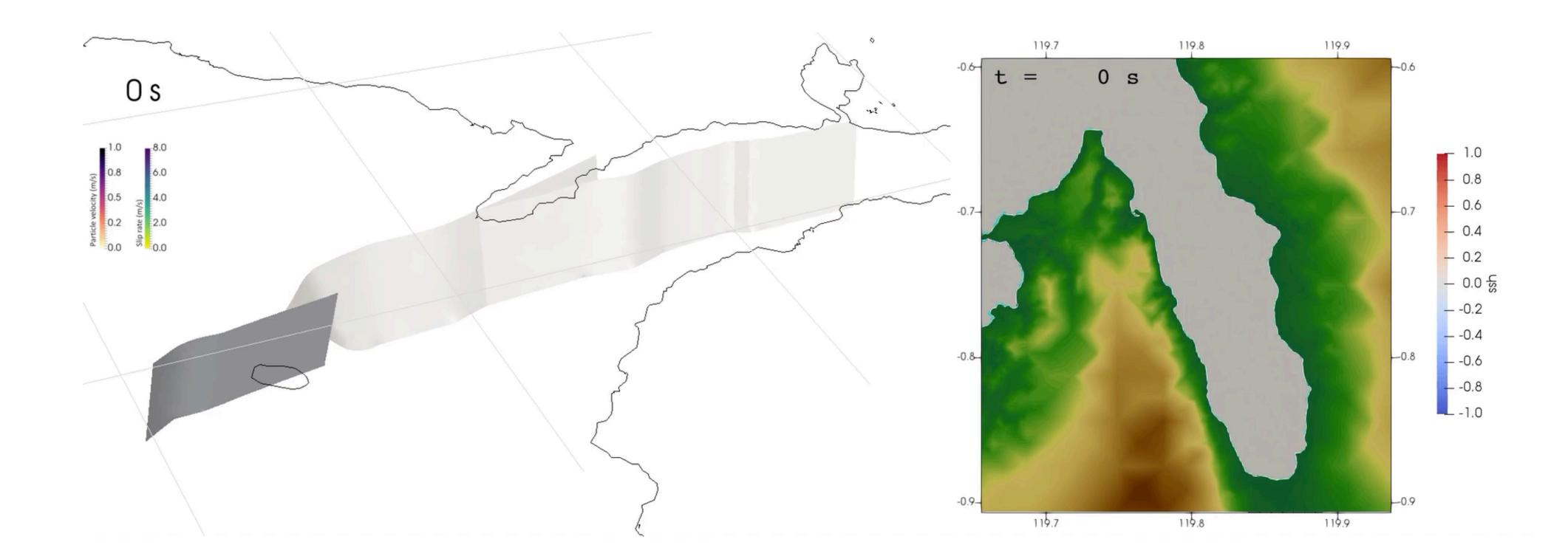




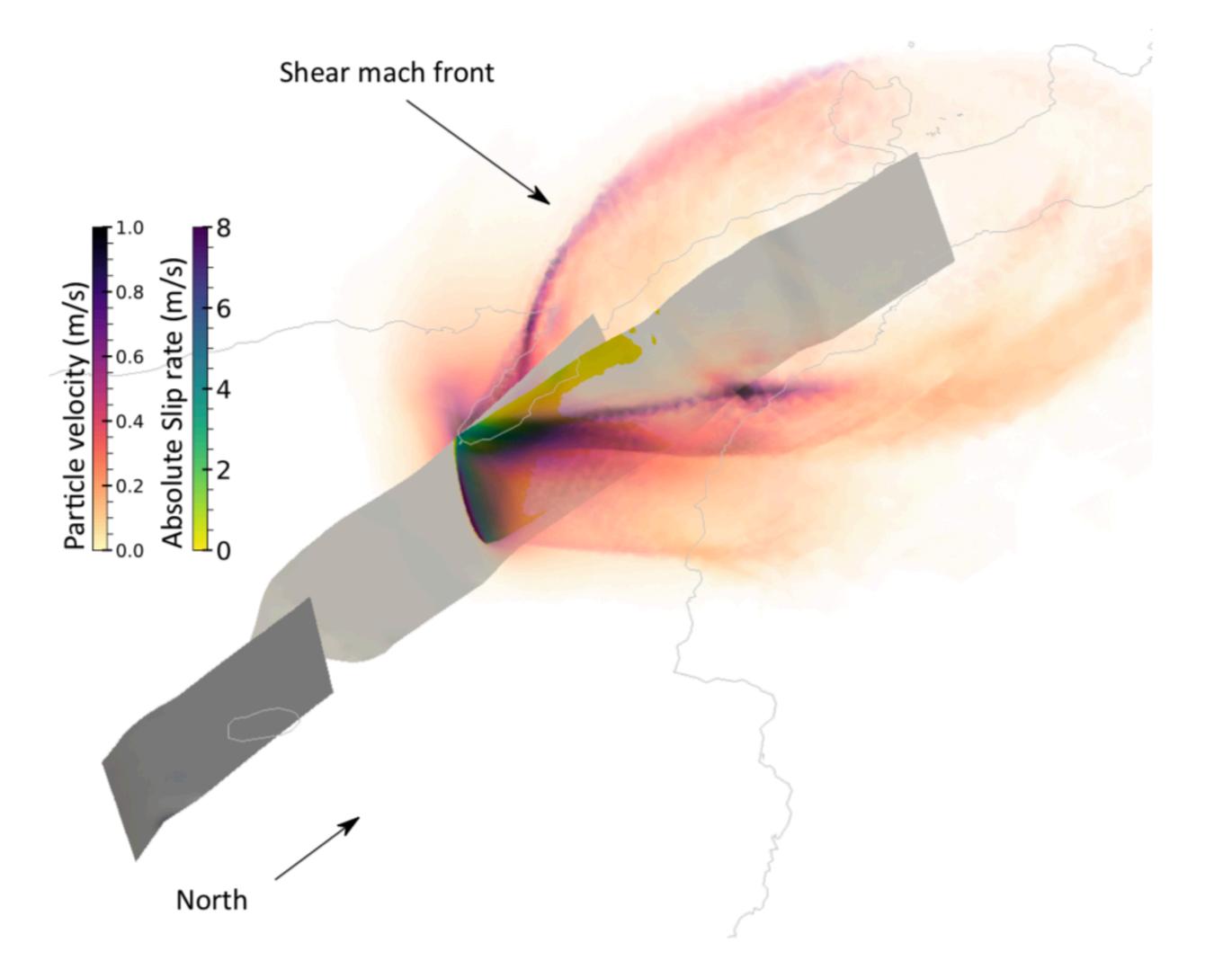
Rapid earthquake/tsunami response - The 2018, Palu-Sulawesi Event

3D dynamic rupture setup from sparse data: co-seismic (strike-slip) displacement

- Fault system from Sentinel-2, SAR data, regional seismicity; Stress and strength based on World stress map; and assuming a transtensional regime; high fluid pressure, mechanic viability across the fault system's geometric complexities, dynamics constrained by teleseismics and moment rate release
- · Earthquake-induced movement of seafloor beneath Palu Bay itself played a critical role generating the tsunami

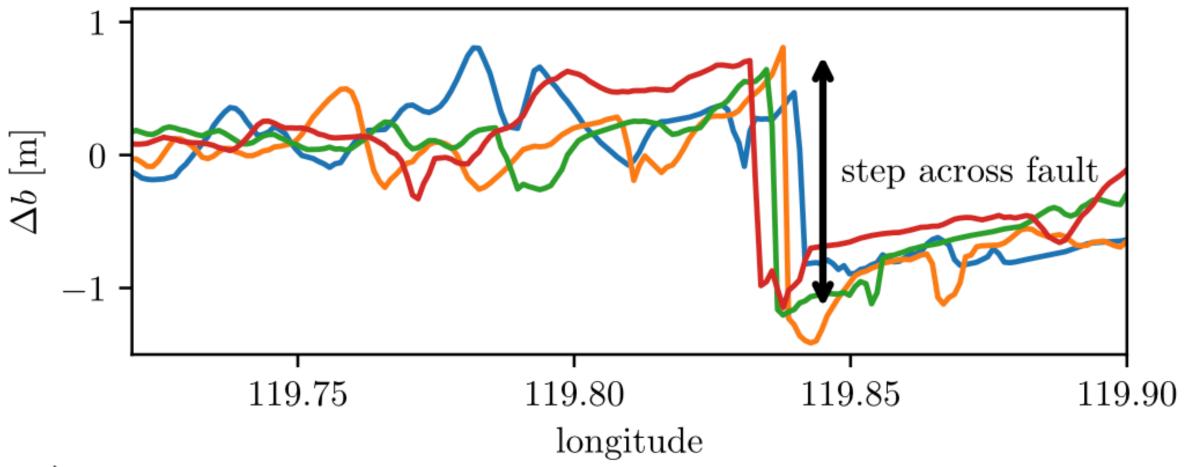


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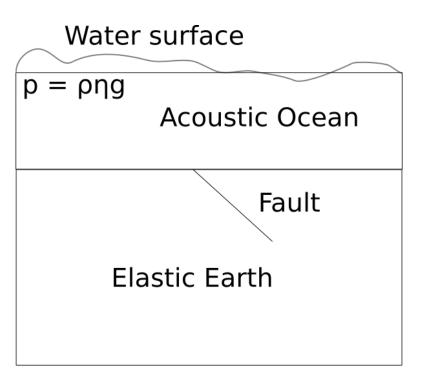
Ulrich, Vater, Madden, Behrens, van Dinther, van Zelst, Fielding, Liang, Gabriel, PAGEOPH 2019

Step of ~1.5m across fault due to normal faulting component and horizontal movements beneath bathtub-like bathymetry

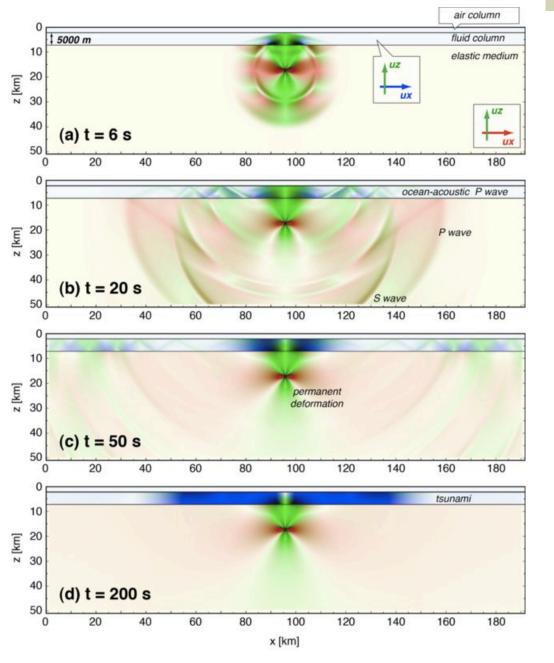


Fully coupled acoustic-elastic earthquake / tsunami modeling

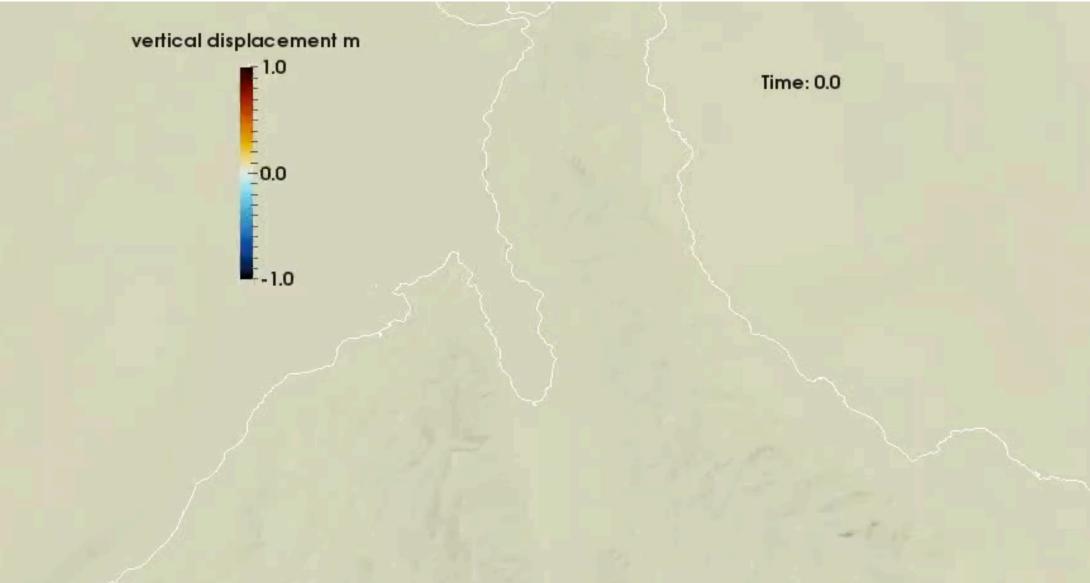
- 3D implementation of free surface tracking (gravitational effects) by linearised free surface boundary condition (Lotto & Dunham, 2015)
- Accuracy of implementation investigated in convergence analysis of Scholte wave / Snell's Law (Abrahams et al., AGU 2019)
- Local time stepping is crucial to resolve the different wave speeds of acoustic and elastic media with both sufficient accuracy in an efficient manner.
- Application to subduction Earthquake-Tsunami scenarios will require several hundred billion degrees of freedom and will need to exploit the entire computing power of the upcoming exascale supercomputers

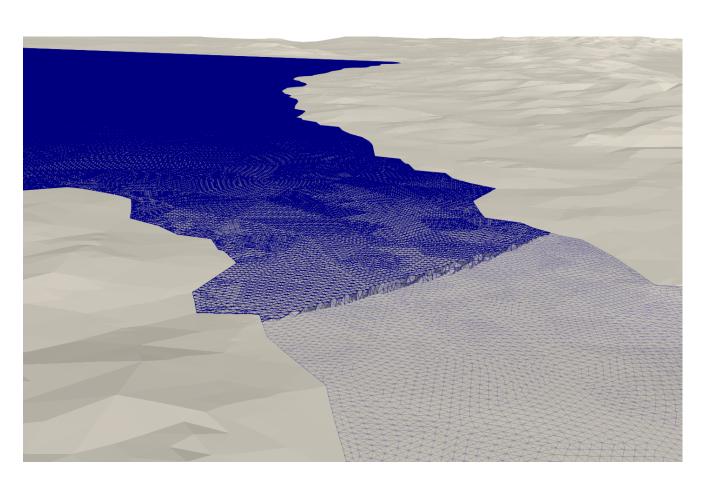


Maeda & Furumara, 2013



Lotto & Dunham, 2015; Lotto et al., 2017; Krenz et al. & Abrahams et al. AGU'19





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