



The ADER-DG method for seismology: recent technical developments and applications to earthquake rupture dynamics

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Automated CAD generation

Simmetrix

Inc.

Enabling Simulation-Based Design

Meshing, CAD generation



Technical development, HPC, Optimization, Visualization, Design



Visualization, parallel I/O



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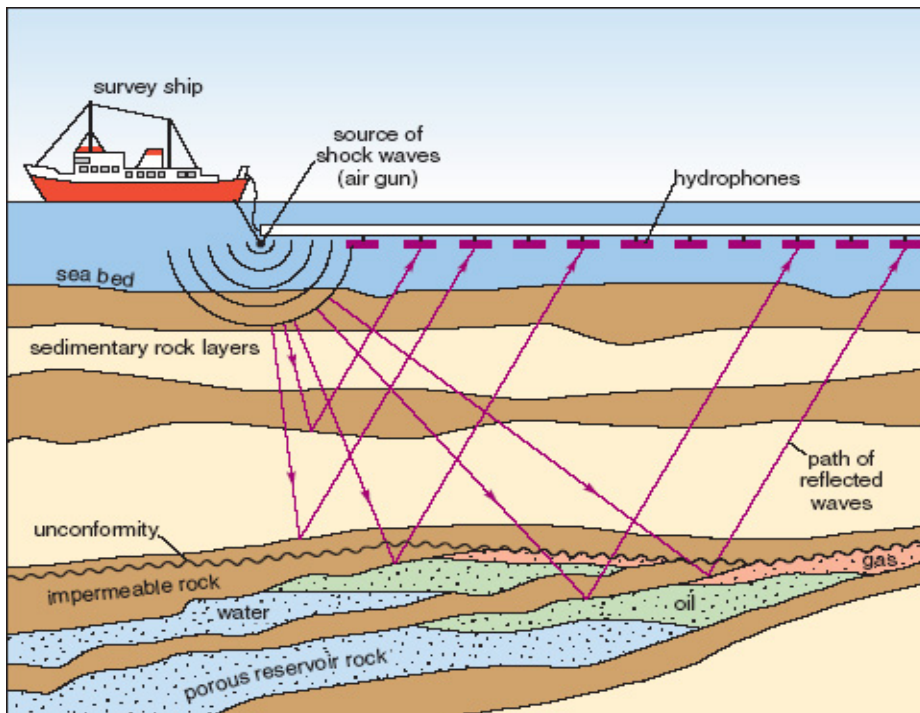
Support, Guidance, Experience sharing, Consulting, ...

Goal

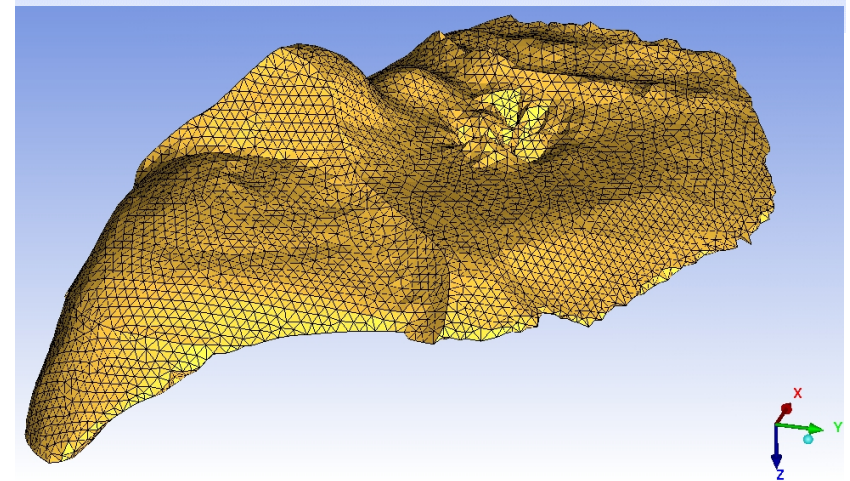
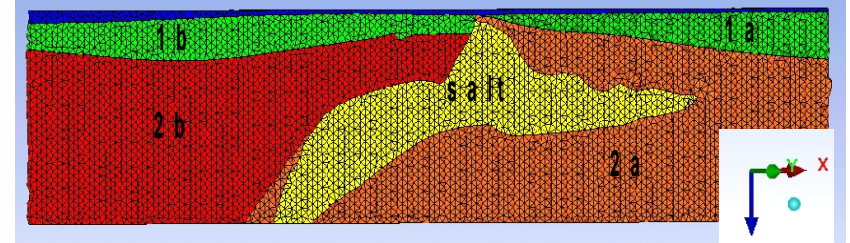
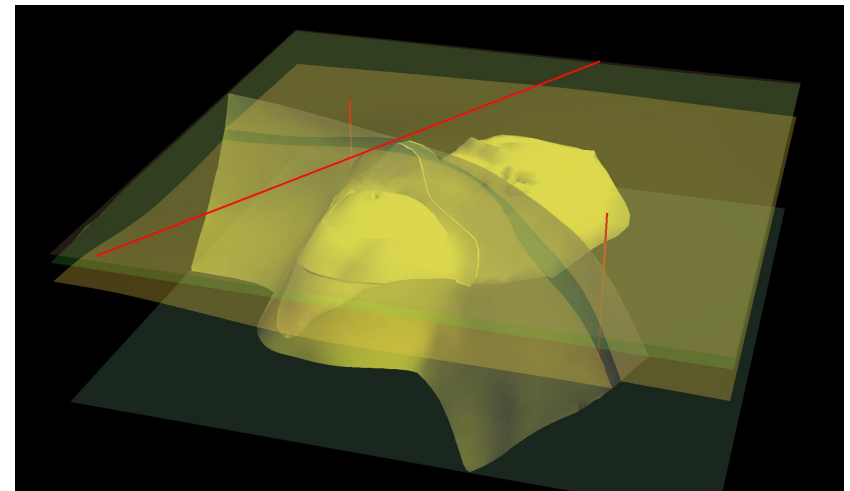
Complete seismic wave propagation package including solutions for

- dynamic earthquake rupture
- exploration industry
- Seismology

with complex geometry and heterogeneous medium.



(Open University: 2002 UK Offshore Operators Association)



Käser, Martin, Christian Pelties, E. Cristobal Castro, Hugues Dijkstra, and Michael Prange (2010), **Wave Field Modeling in Exploration Seismology Using the Discontinuous Galerkin Finite Element Method on HPC-infrastructure**, *The Leading Edge*

Problems in understanding earthquakes

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(Photos by courtesy of USGS)



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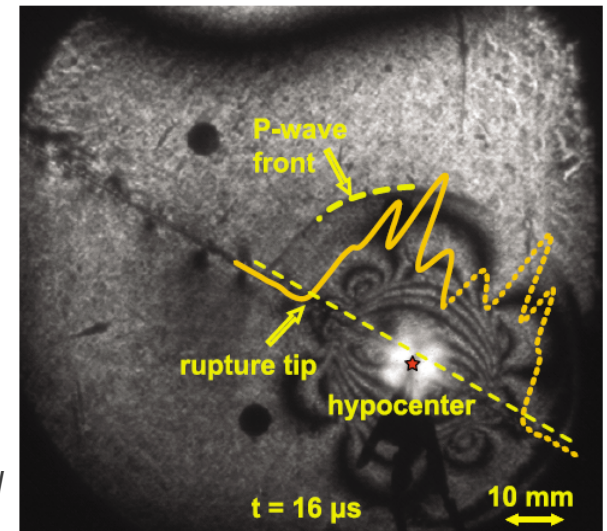
- Tools:

- Laboratory rock experiments
- Data (stress, microseismic activity, co- & postseismic deformation)
- Theory
- Numerical experiments



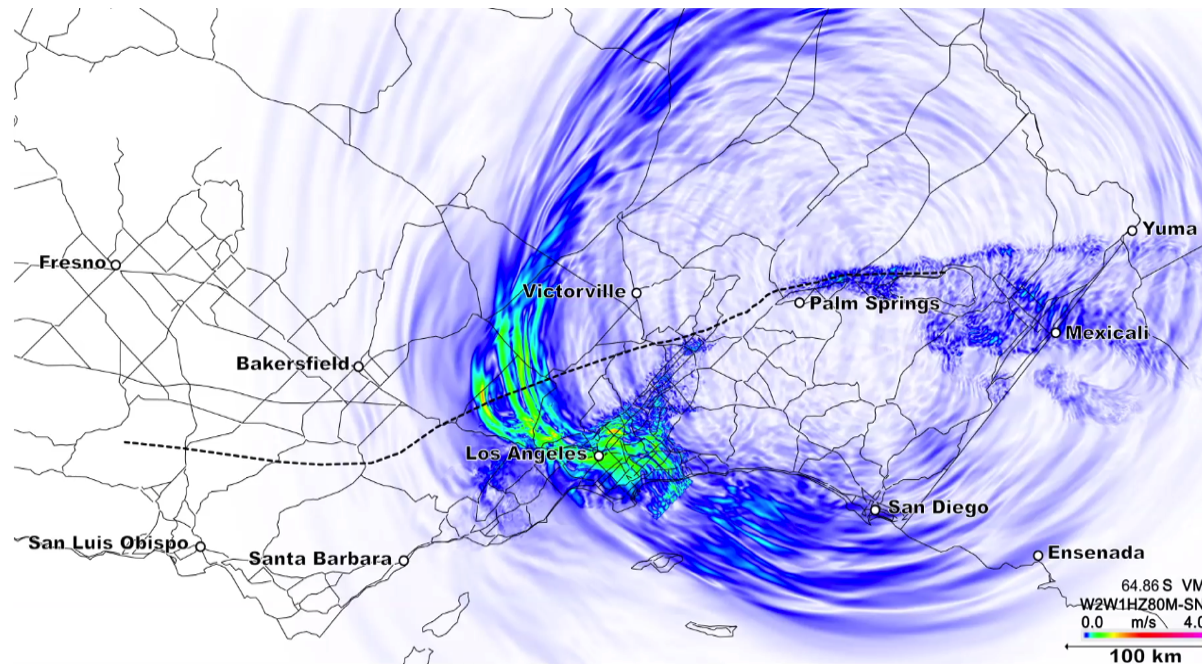
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(Lu, Lapusta and Rosakis, 2007)



Scenario simulations

- Large-scale numerical earthquake scenario simulations can improve physics-based predictions
 - Complex (realistic) dynamic ruptures in 3D Earth structure
 - Ground-motion generation and propagation
 - Data-intensive petascale computing and storage



M8 dynamic rupture simulation to study the impact of the rupture direction on peak ground motions in Southern California (2010, SCEC)

The high-frequency challenge

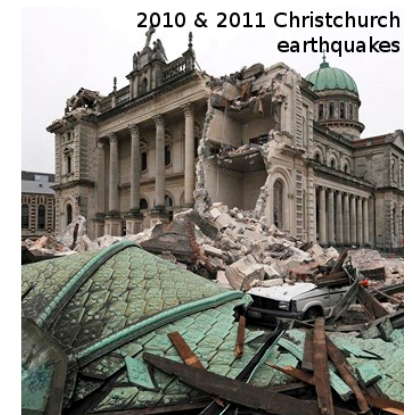
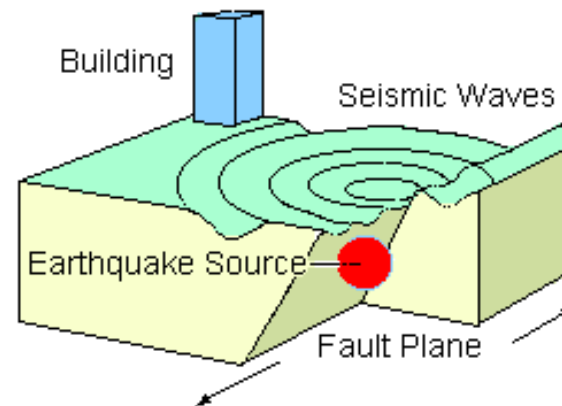
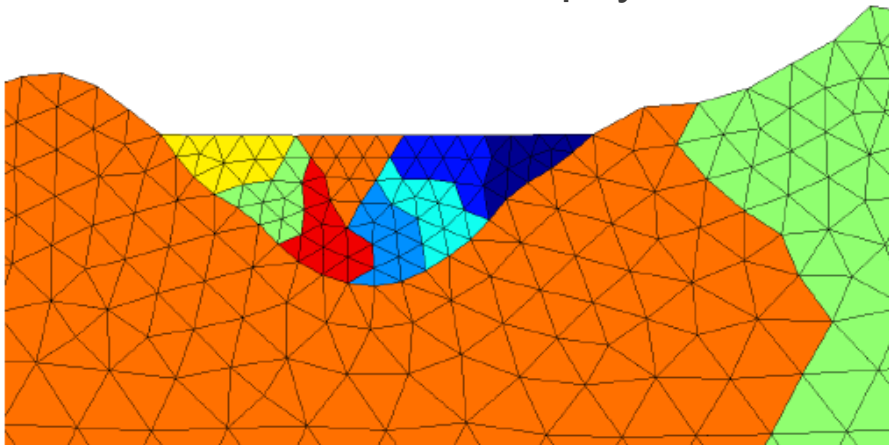
- What do we need to model the observed incoherent high frequency seismic wave field?

>1 Hz: resonance frequencies of man-made structures

~20 Hz: content of broadband ground motion data

$$v = \lambda \cdot f$$

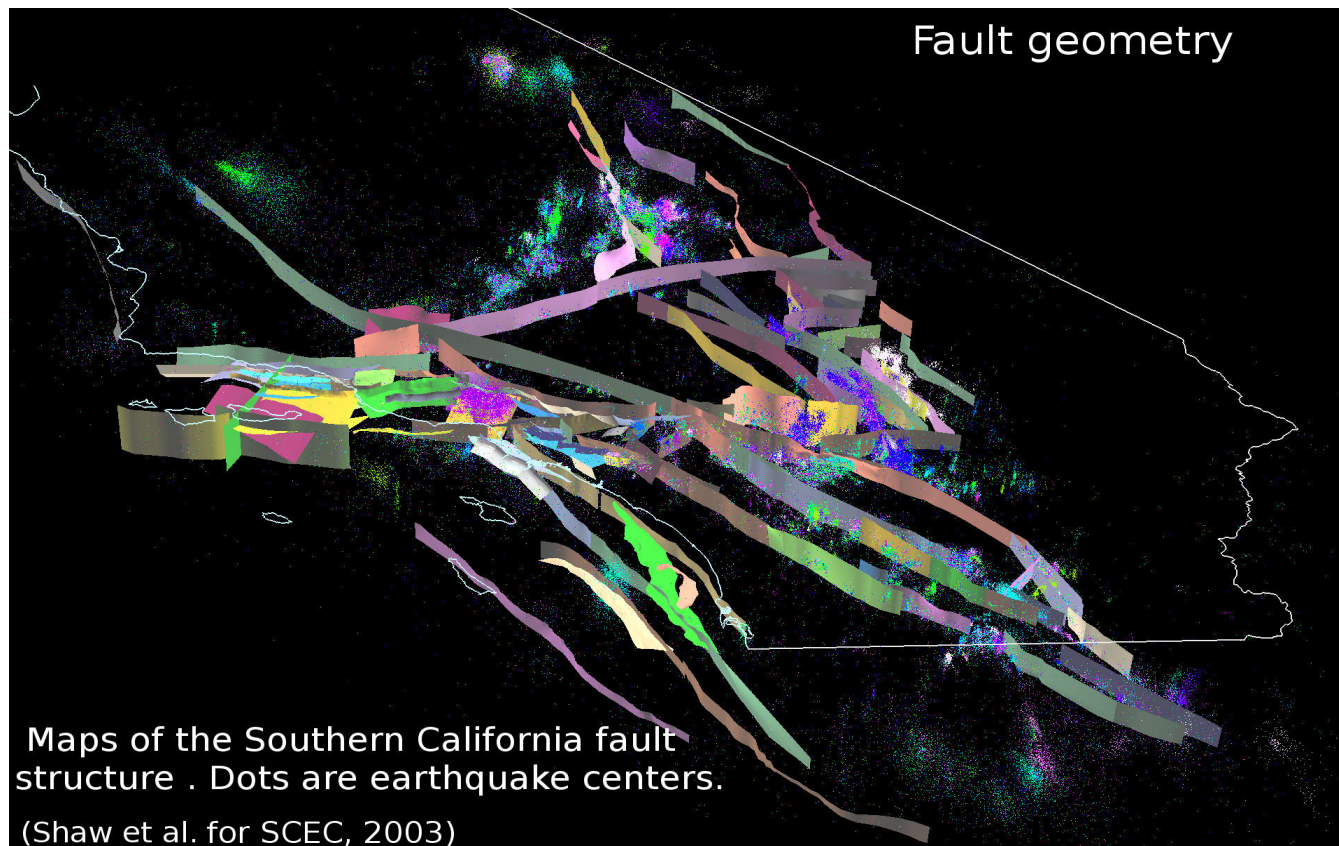
- Limited by lowest shear-wave velocity (available computational resources), knowledge of Earth's structure
- What are the relevant physics at the relevant scales?



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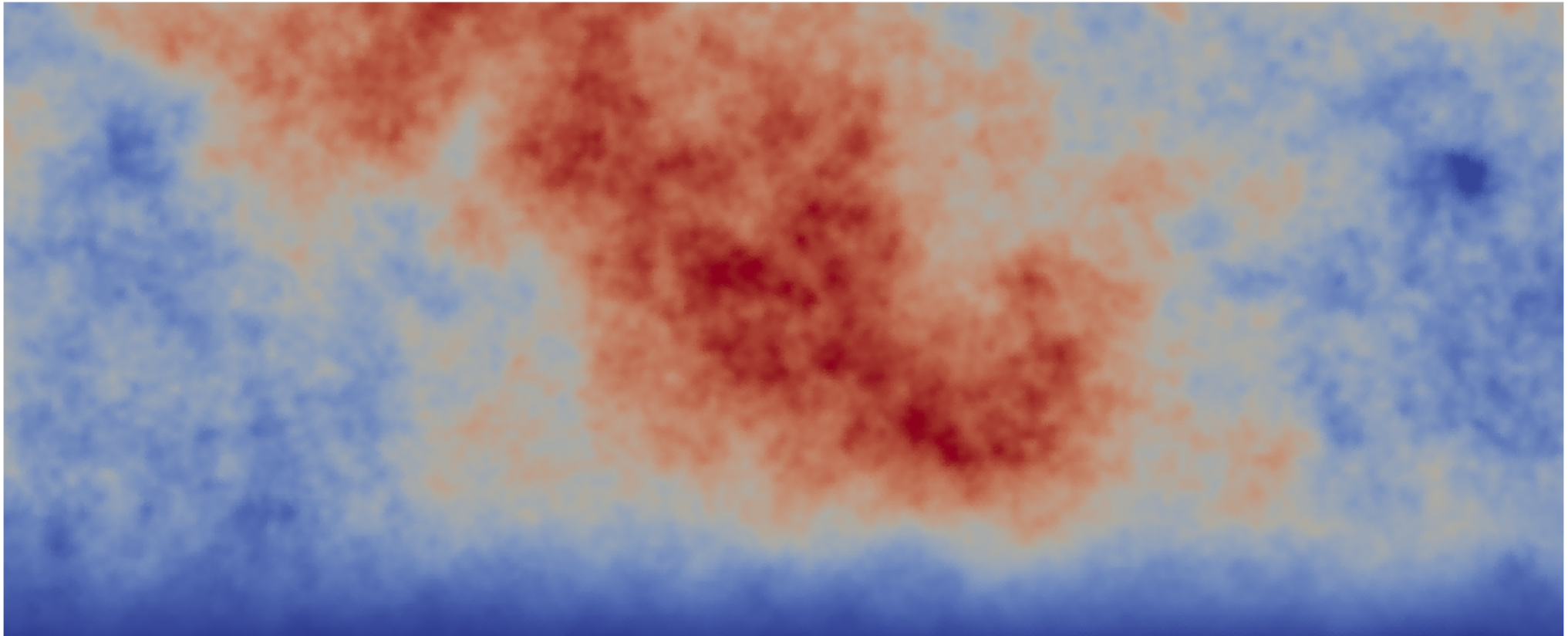
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Geometry?



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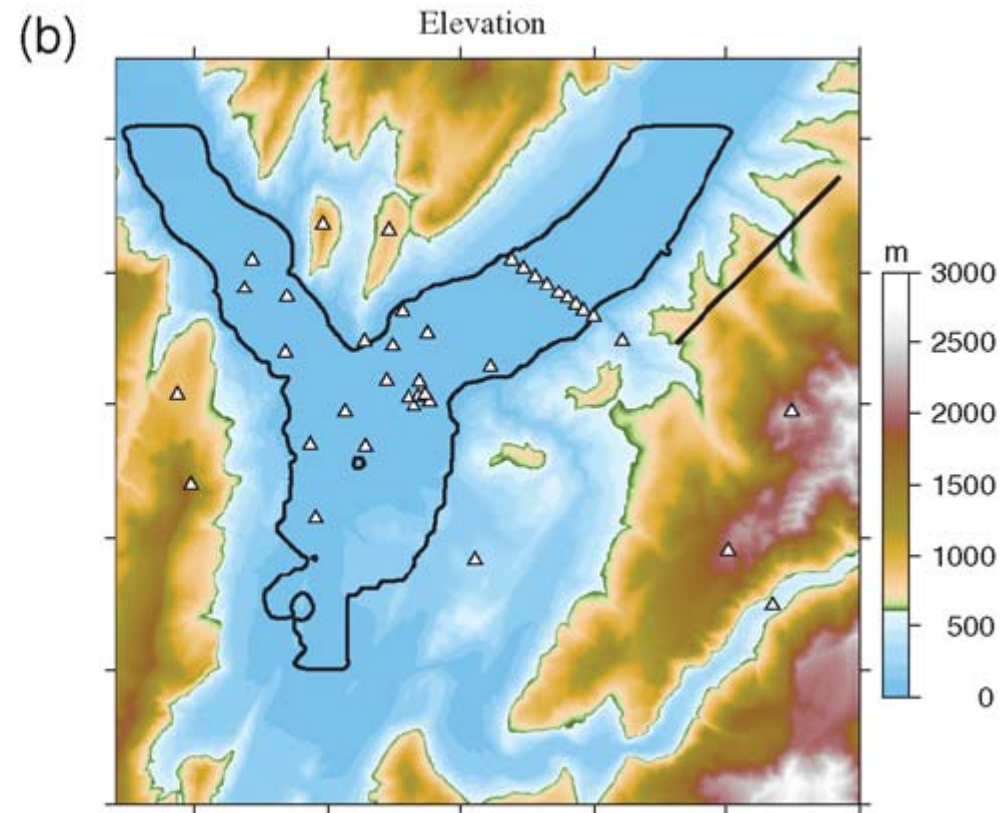
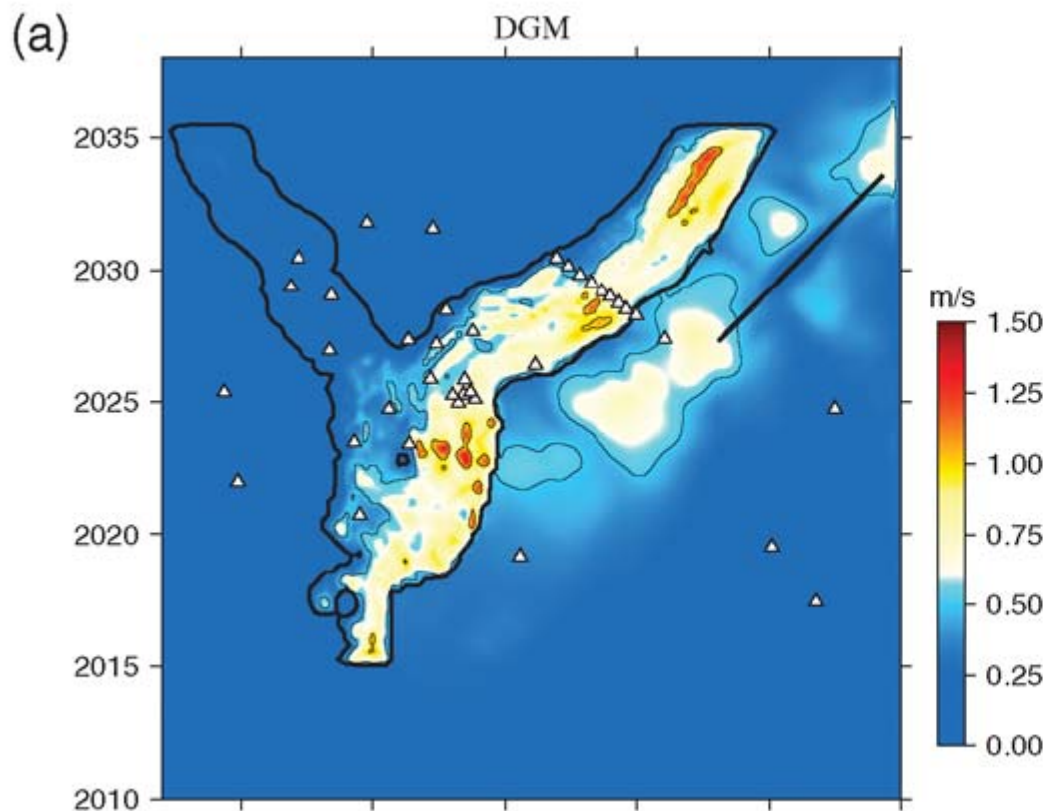
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Initial shear stress

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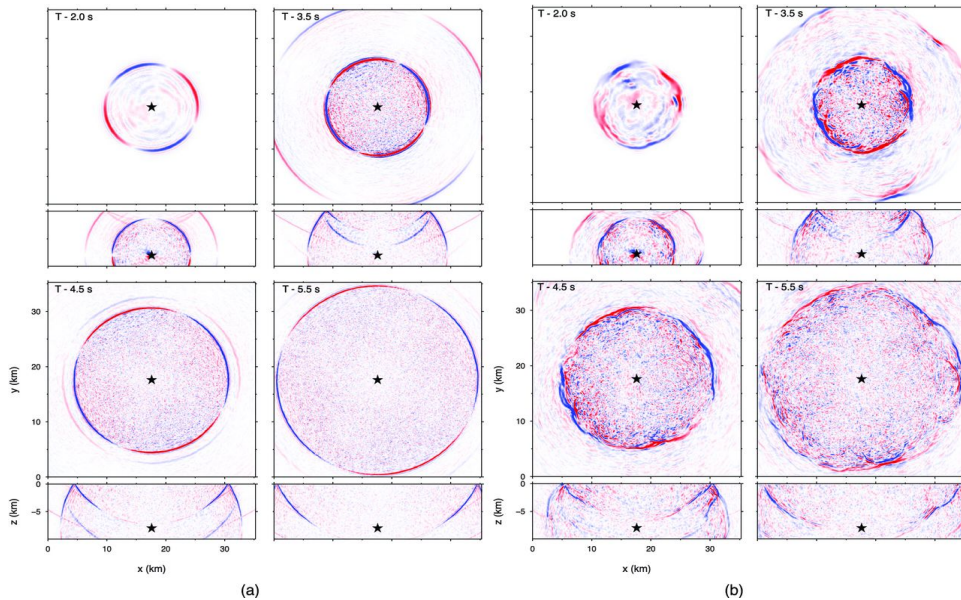
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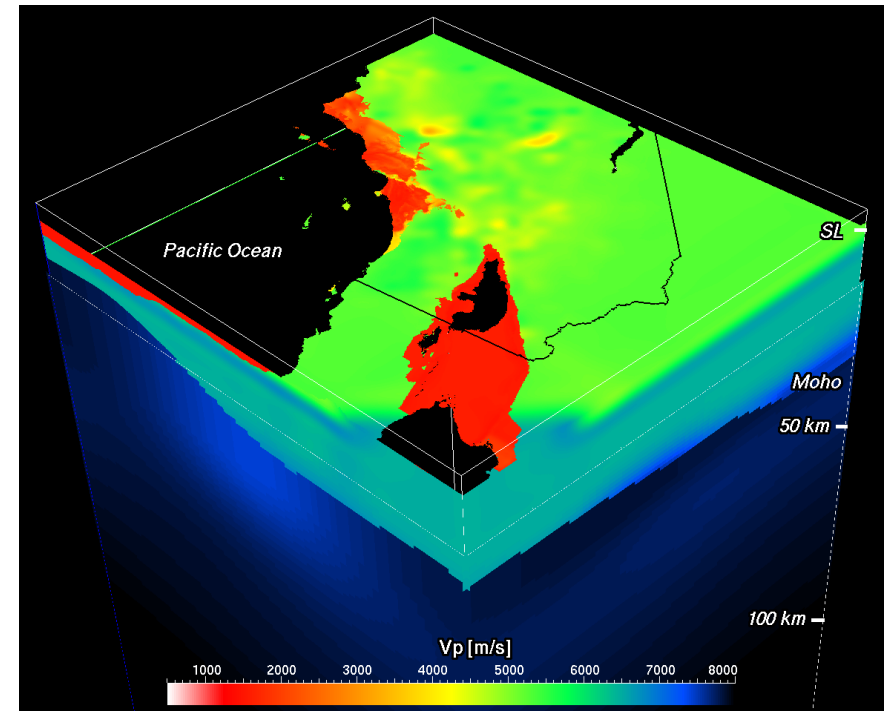
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- Topography
- Media properties



Acceleration field of waves propagating from a point source in heterogeneous random media (Imperator & Mai, 2013)

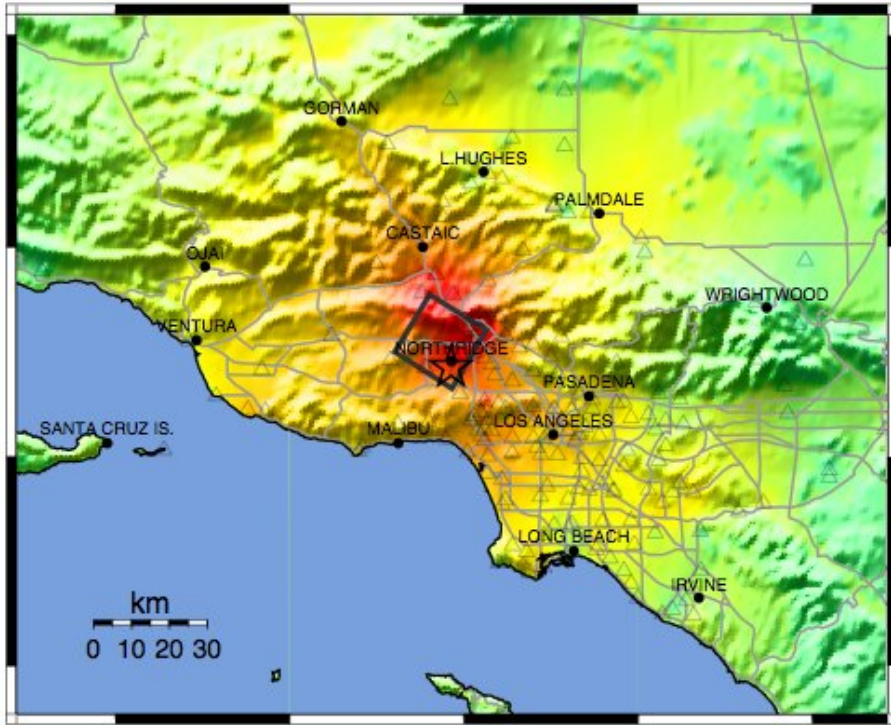


SCEC Community Velocity Model around the Northridge 1994 Earthquake (Mai et al., 2013)

→ Implement complexity in numerical simulations

Long term goal

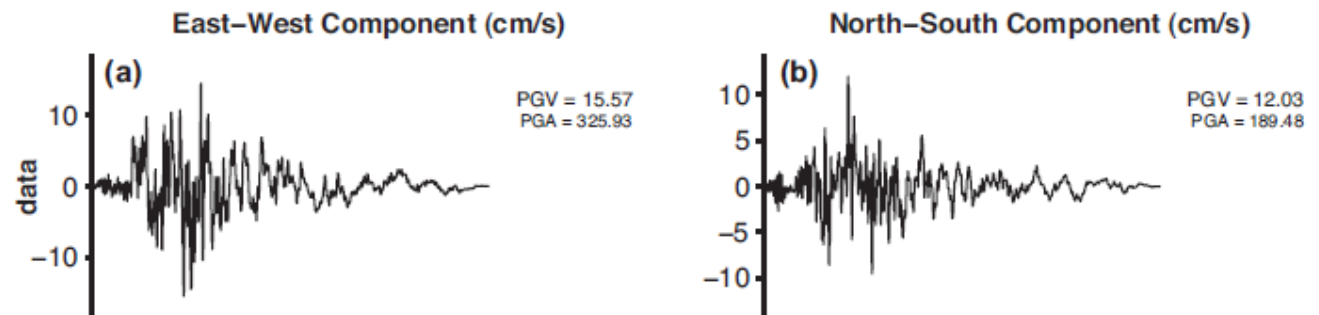
USGS - <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/shakemap/>
(modified)



Warmer colors
= higher intensity

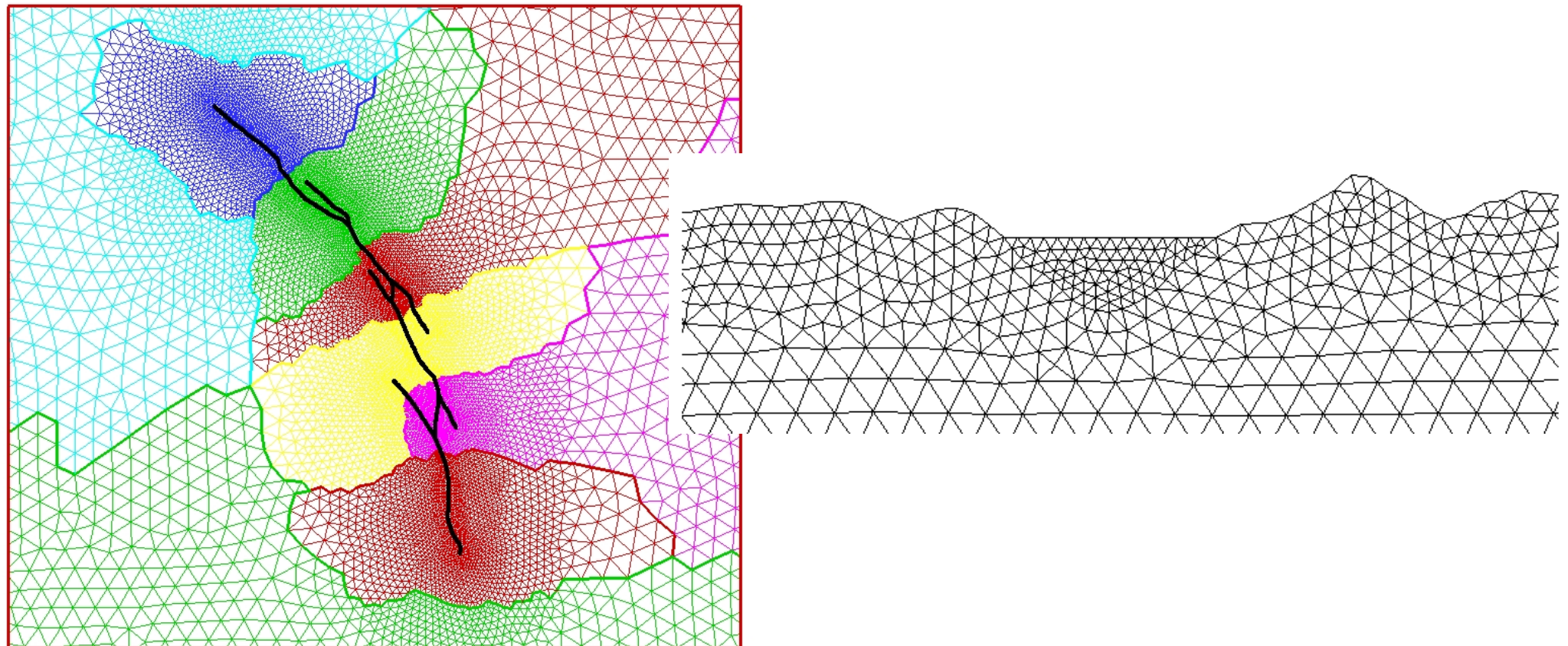


Recorded ground motions of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake.



Advantages of the ADER-DG Method

- Enables use of unstructured meshes – low velocity basins, curved or kinked faults, branching, surface rupture, fault interaction
- Mesh coarsening – adjustment of resolution
- High-order accurate simulation of the wave propagation including heterogeneous media and topography
- Local time stepping



Mathematical Model

Elastic Wave Equation as a Linear Hyperbolic System:

Vector-matrix notation:

$$\frac{\partial Q_p}{\partial t} + A_{pq} \frac{\partial Q_q}{\partial x} + B_{pq} \frac{\partial Q_q}{\partial y} + C_{pq} \frac{\partial Q_q}{\partial z} = S_p$$

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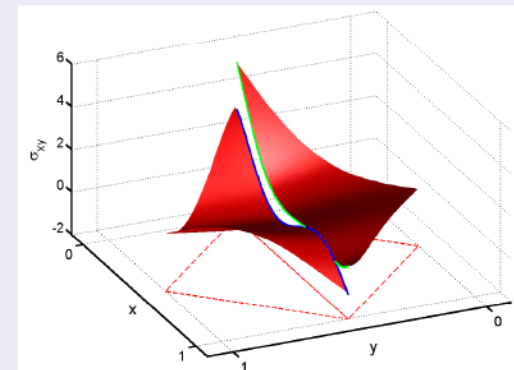
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Numerical Approximation of the solution

$$\left(Q_h^{(m)} \right)_p (\xi, \eta, \zeta, t) = \hat{Q}_{pl}^{(m)}(t) \Phi_l(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$$

- Φ_l are orthogonal basis functions
- the mass matrix is diagonal



(Fig. from de la Puente et al., 2009)

Mathematical Model

Semi-discrete form of the scheme

Multiply by testfunction Φ_l and integrate over element $\mathcal{T}^{(m)}$:

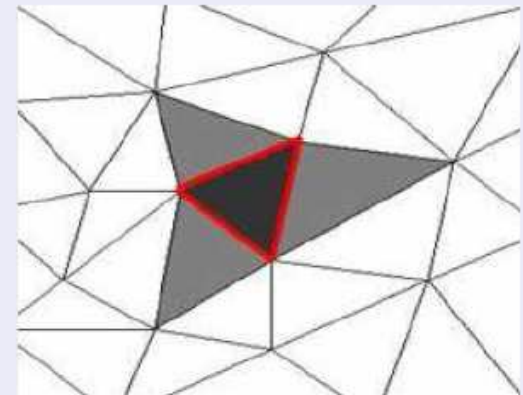
$$\int_{\mathcal{T}^{(m)}} \Phi_k \frac{\partial Q_p}{\partial t} dV + \int_{\mathcal{T}^{(m)}} \Phi_k \left(A_{pq} \frac{\partial Q_q}{\partial x} + B_{pq} \frac{\partial Q_q}{\partial y} + C_{pq} \frac{\partial Q_q}{\partial z} \right) dV = \int_{\mathcal{T}^{(m)}} \Phi_k S_p dV$$

Integrate second term by parts:

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{T}^{(m)}} \Phi_k F_p dS - \int_{\mathcal{T}^{(m)}} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_k}{\partial x} A_{pq} Q_q + \frac{\partial \Phi_k}{\partial y} B_{pq} Q_q + \frac{\partial \Phi_k}{\partial z} C_{pq} Q_q \right) dV$$

Flux term:

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{T}} \Phi_k F_p dS = \sum_{j=1}^{\# \text{ sides}} \int_0^1 \Phi_k F_p^{(j)} |S_j| dS$$



Discontinuous Galerkin Approach – Flux computation

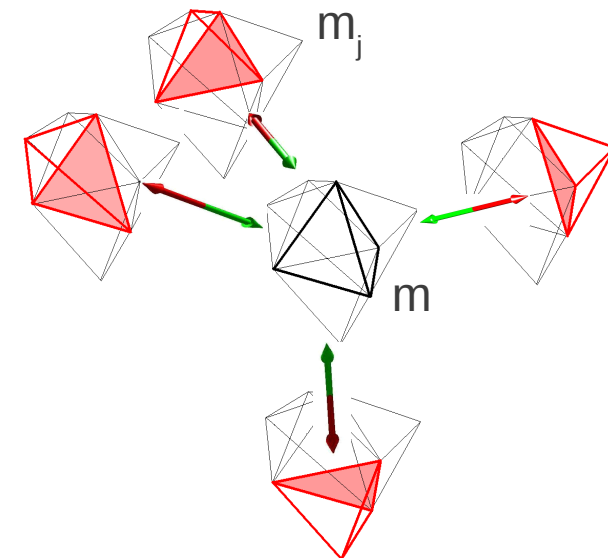
Flux computation

Exact Riemann solver is used to compute the state at the interfaces by upwinding:

$$F_p^h = \frac{1}{2} T_{pq} \left(A_{qr}^{(m)} + \left| A_{qr}^{(m)} \right| \right) (T_{rs})^{-1} \hat{Q}_{sl}^{(m)} \Phi_l^{(m)} \\ + \frac{1}{2} T_{pq} \left(A_{qr}^{(m)} - \left| A_{qr}^{(m)} \right| \right) (T_{rs})^{-1} \hat{Q}_{sl}^{(m_j)} \Phi_l^{(m_j)}$$

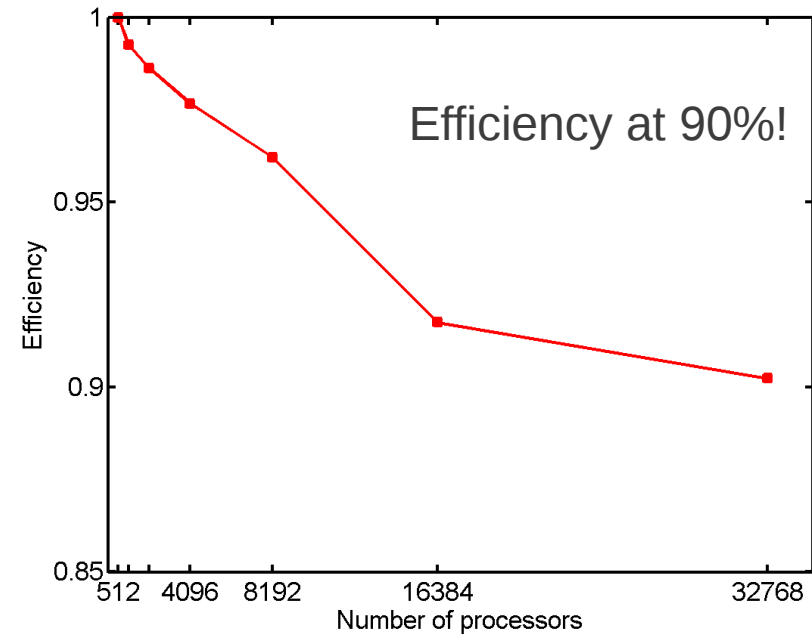
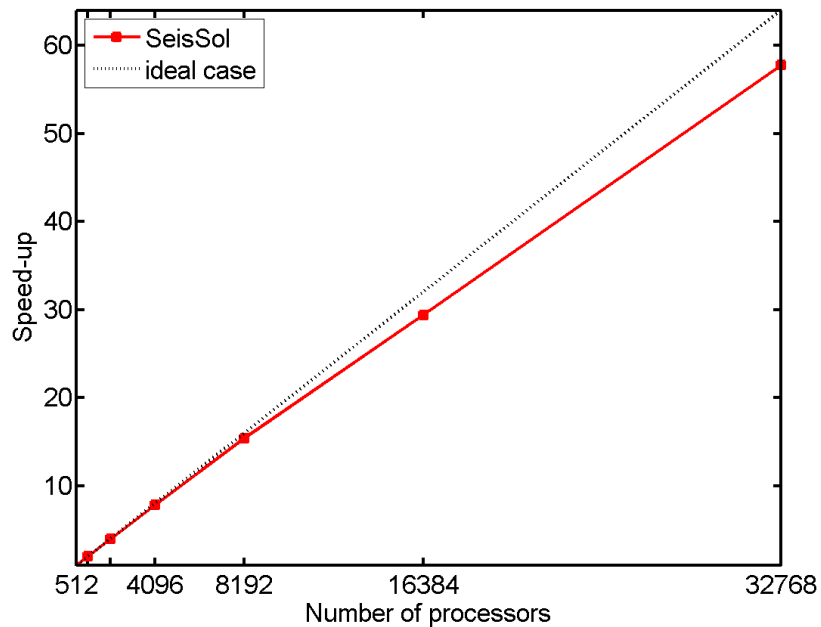
Locality of the computations:

only directly neighboring elements are required to exchange data, which leads to small communication times for parallel calculations



Suitability for large scale HPC infrastructure

Efficiency on the BlueGene/P machine Shaheen at KAUST



- 7,7 Mio. Elements
- Order of accuracy in space and time: O5
- Pure MPI parallelization – code is openMP hybrid now
- Metis partitioning

<http://glaros.dtc.umn.edu/gkhome/metis/metis/overview>

ADER time integration

Cauchy-Kovalewski procedure

Taylor expansion:

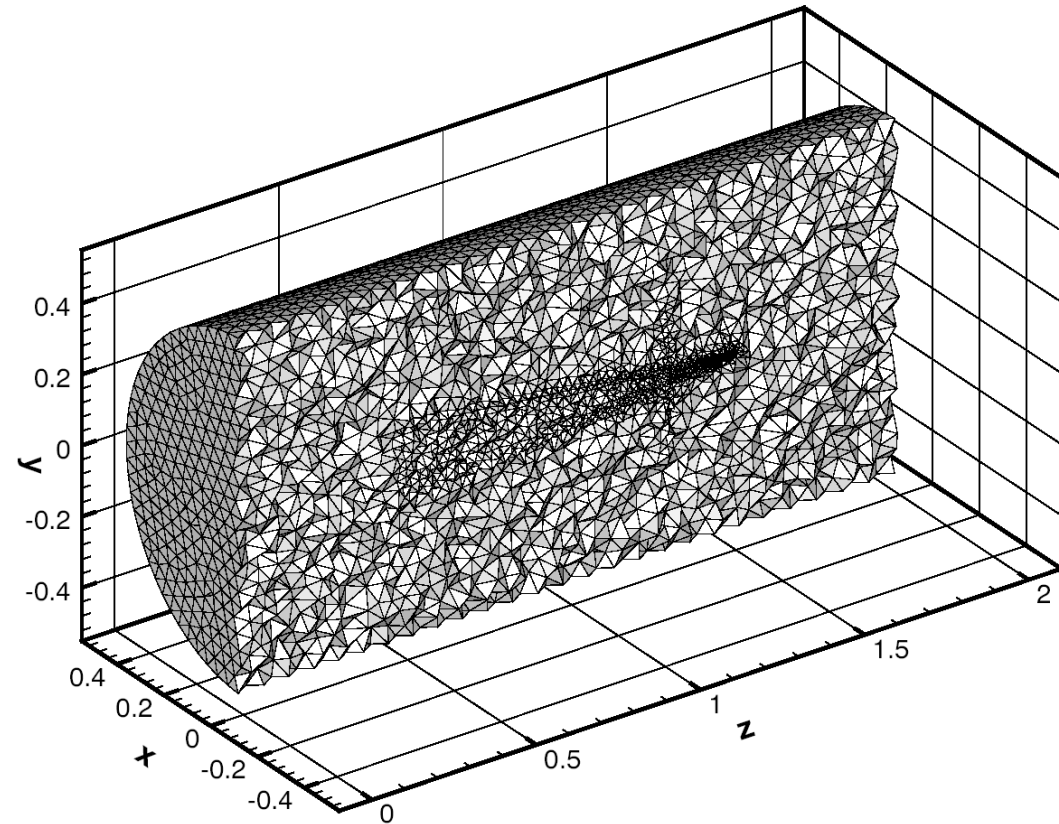
$$\begin{aligned} Q_p(\xi, \eta, \zeta, t) &= \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{t^k}{k!} \frac{\partial^k}{\partial t^k} Q_p(\xi, \eta, \zeta, 0) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{t^k}{k!} (-1)^k \left(A_{pq}^* \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + B_{pq}^* \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} + C_{pq}^* \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^k \Phi_l \hat{Q}_{ql}(0) \end{aligned}$$

Projection onto basis function and integration over one timestep:

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \hat{Q}_{pl}(\tau) d\tau = \dots$$

Only one time step has to be kept in memory!

ADER time integration – Local time stepping

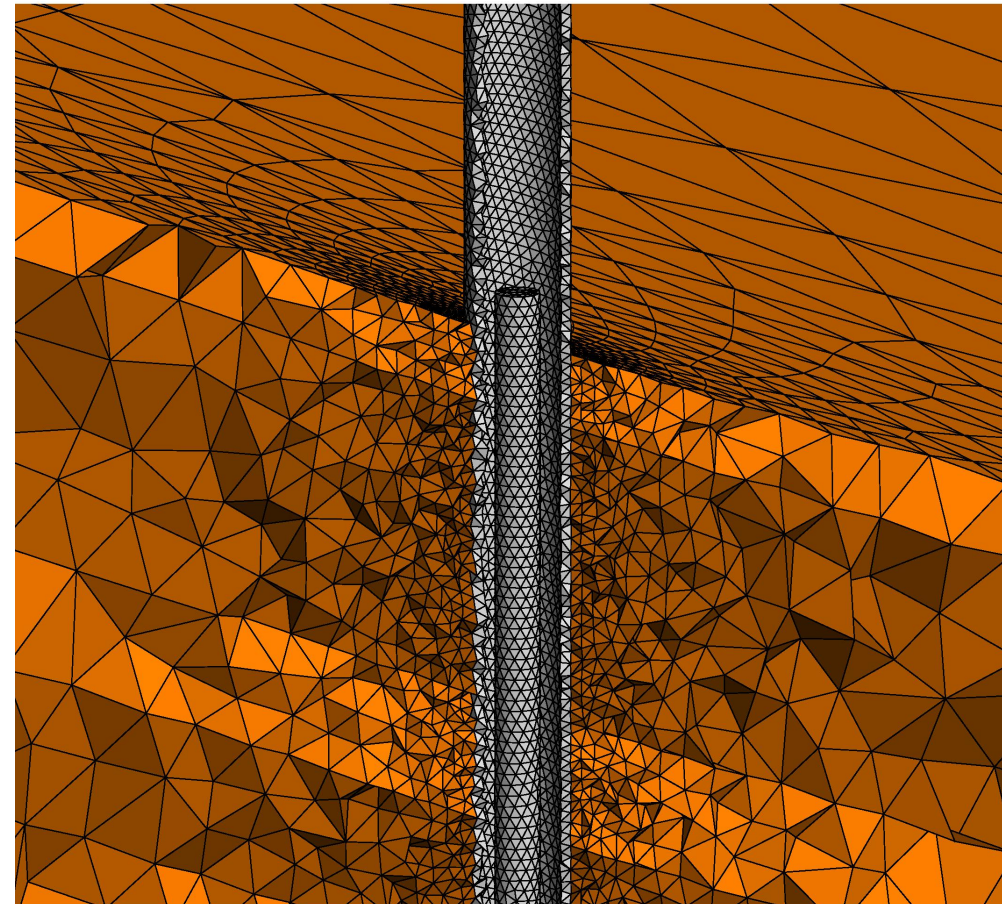


← Example:
Stiff inclusion
(modified after LeVeque 2002)

Number of element-updates:

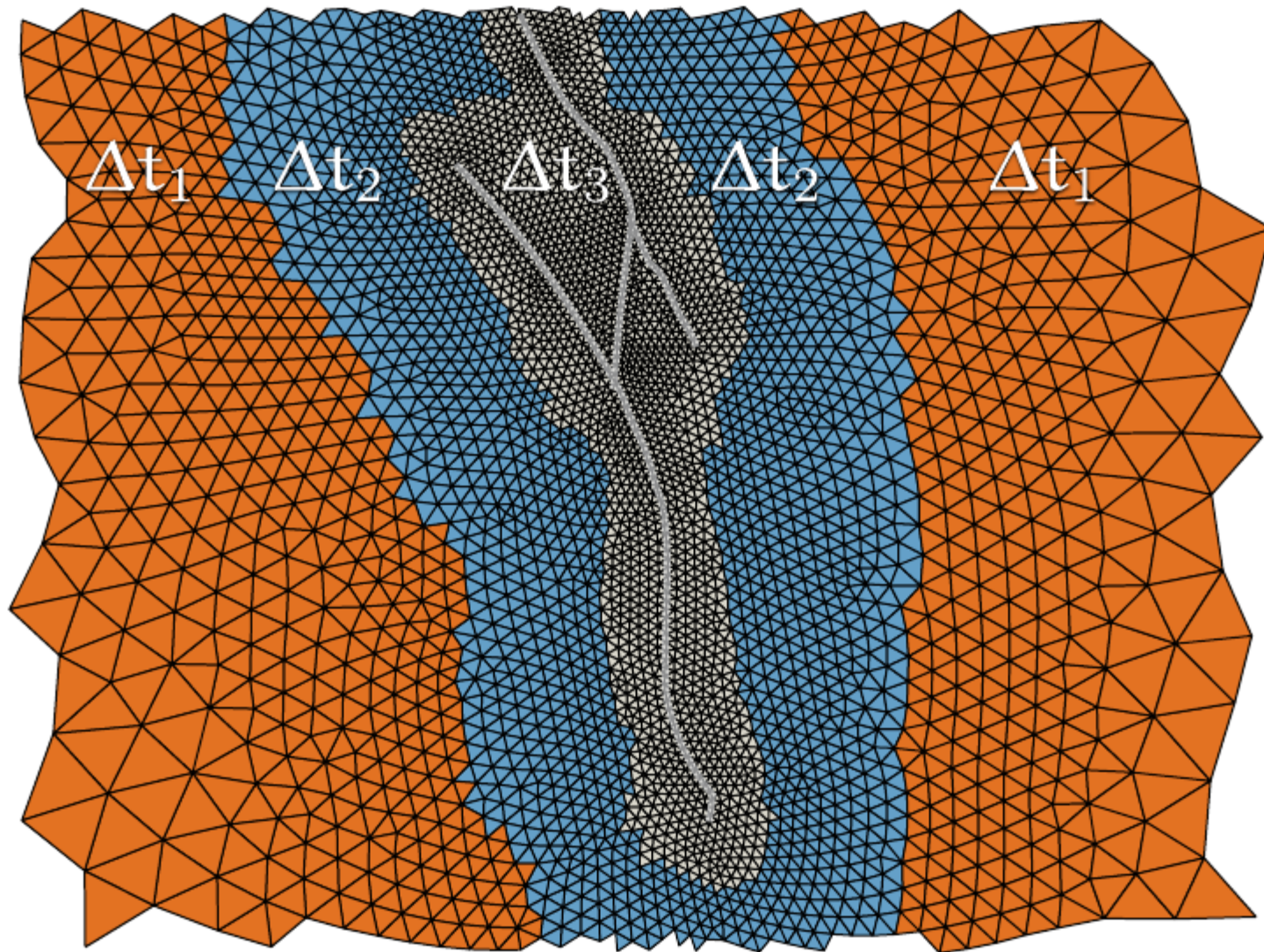
- $72 \cdot 10^9$ with global time step
- $95 \cdot 10^7$ with local time step

Speedup: ~100!



ADER time integration - Local time stepping

Load balancing? → Clustered LTS!



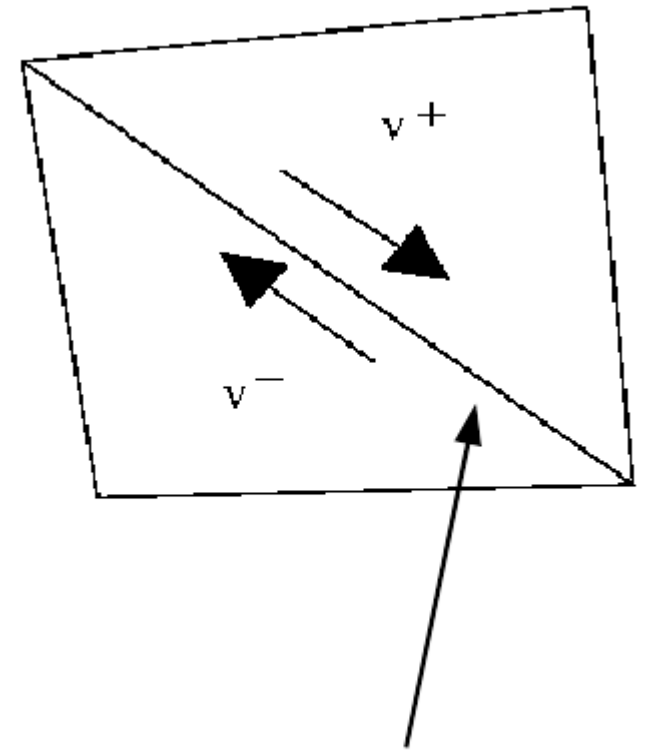
Dynamic Earthquake rupture

Incorporate source process

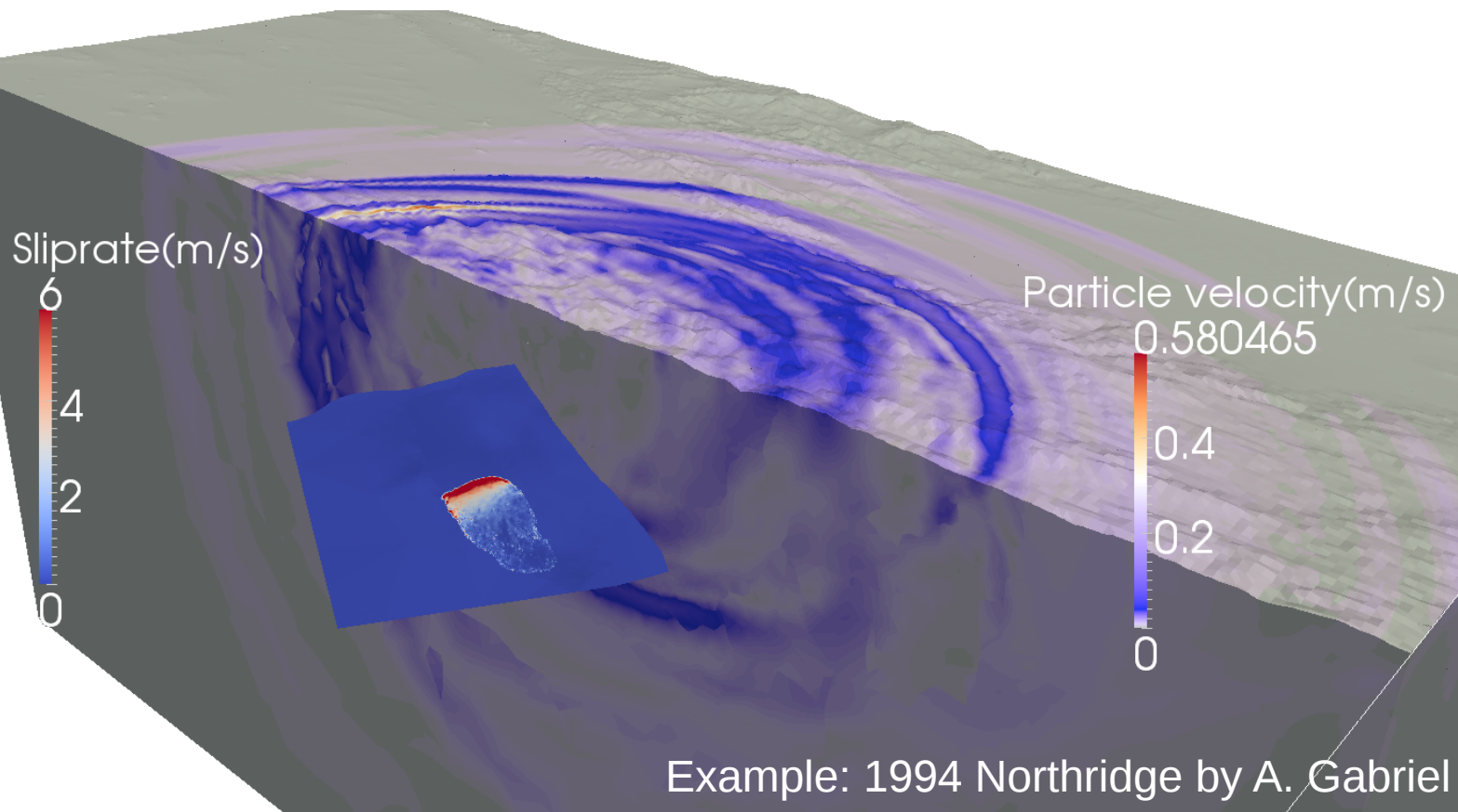
- To understand earthquake faulting
- Support physics-based ground motion prediction

Treat dynamic rupture as an interior time-dependent 'boundary condition' using the flux term!

- Impose new traction following the failure criterion
- Impose fault parallel velocities in opposite directions

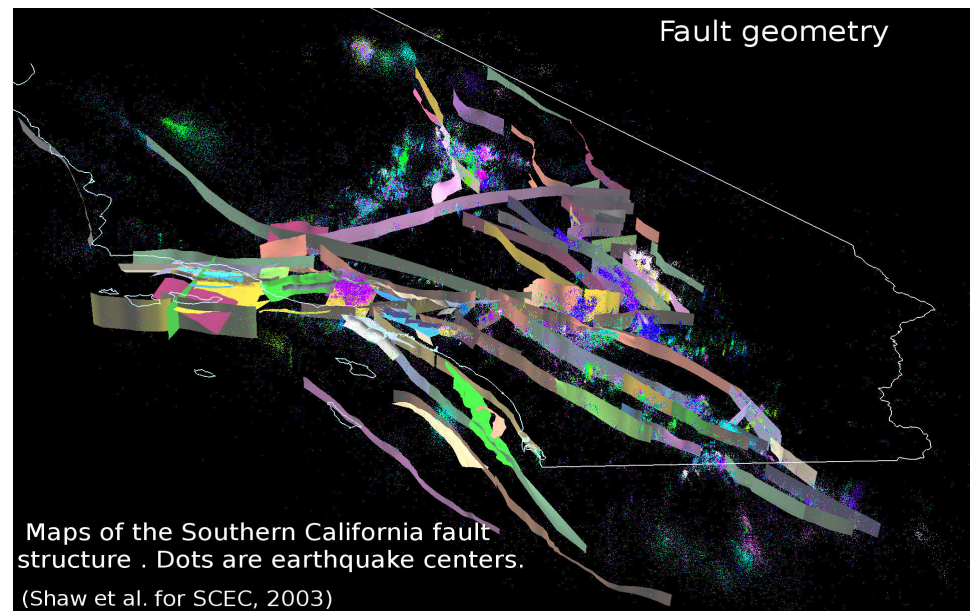
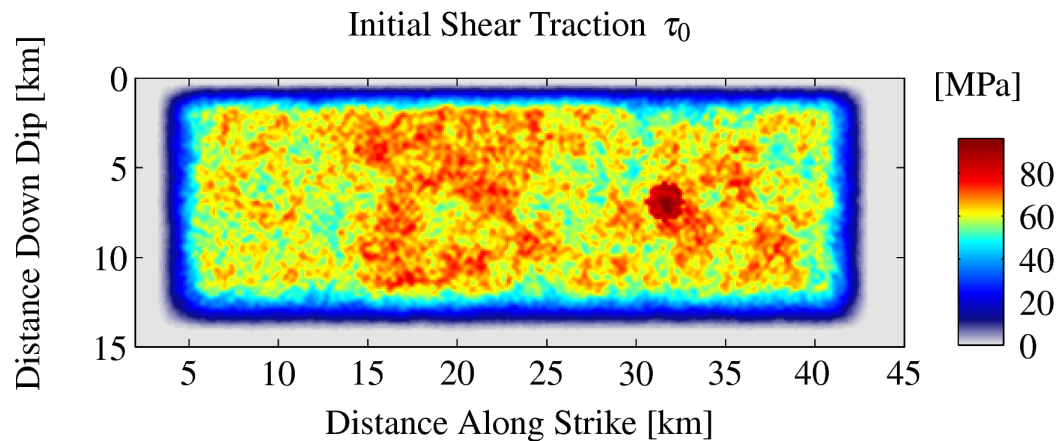


fault between
two elements

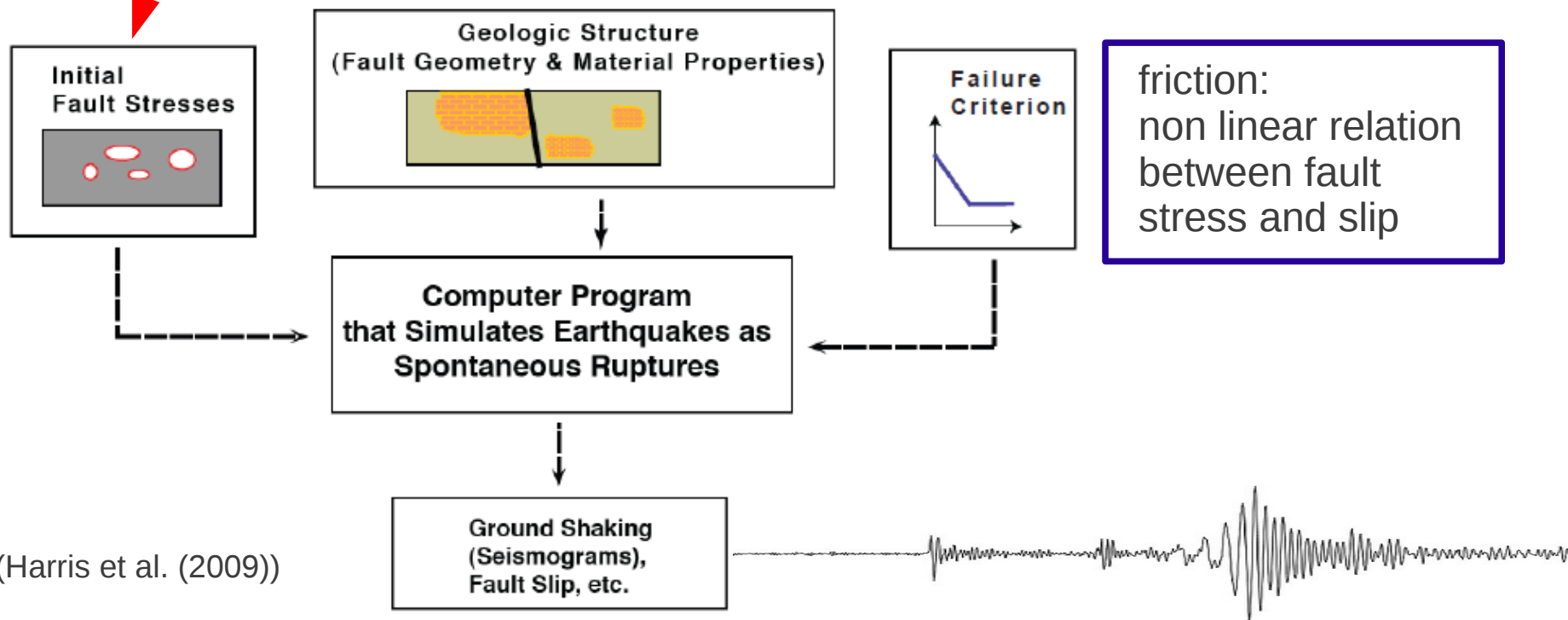


Example: 1994 Northridge by A. Gabriel

Ingredients



(Brietzke et al. (2009))



Failure criterion:

Coulomb friction model

$$|\sigma_{xy}| \leq \mu_f \sigma$$

traction fault strength

$$(|\sigma_{xy}| - \mu_f \sigma) \Delta v = 0$$

σ_{xy} traction

μ_f friction coefficient

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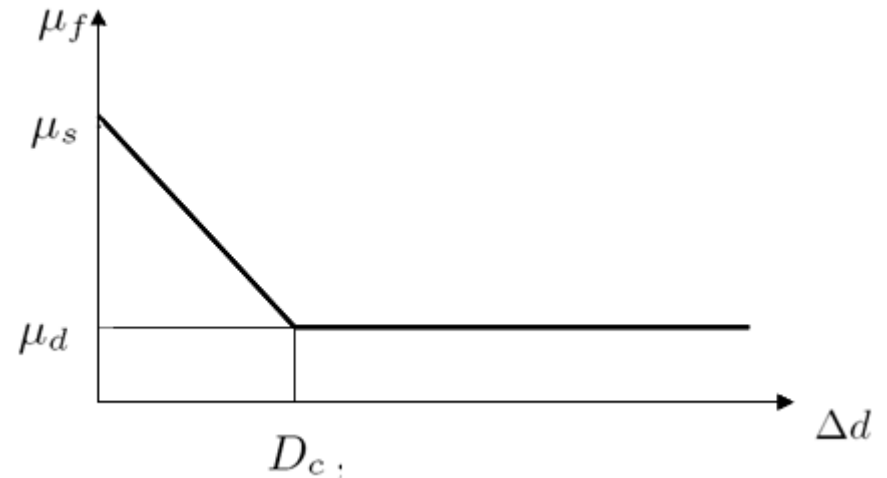
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Δd slip

D_c critical slip distance

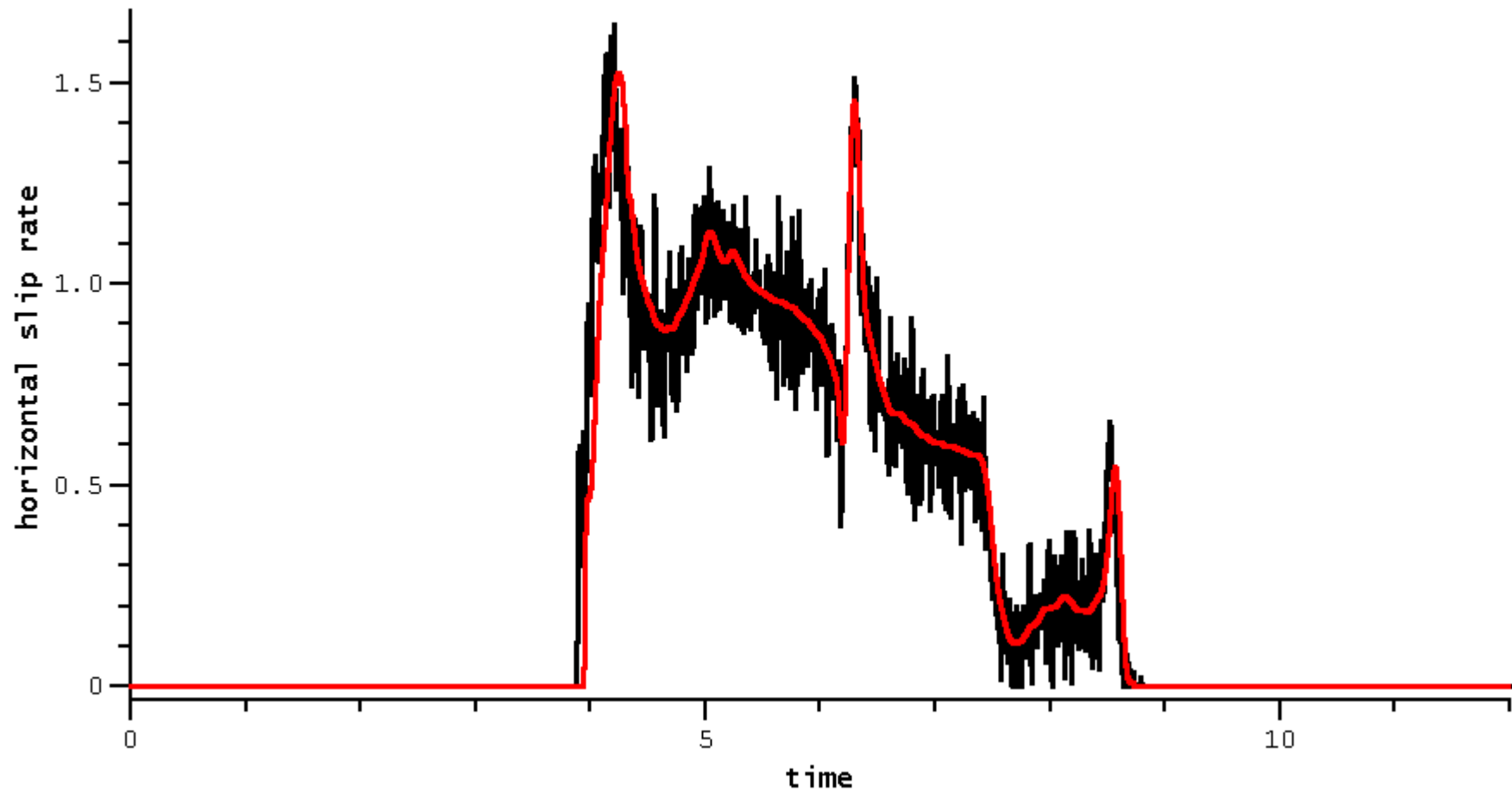


Linear Slip Weakening friction law
(laboratory experiments
– rate-and-state also implemented)

Provides:

- initial rupture
- arrest of sliding
- reactivation of slip

Comparison SpecFEM and ADER-DG: TPV5

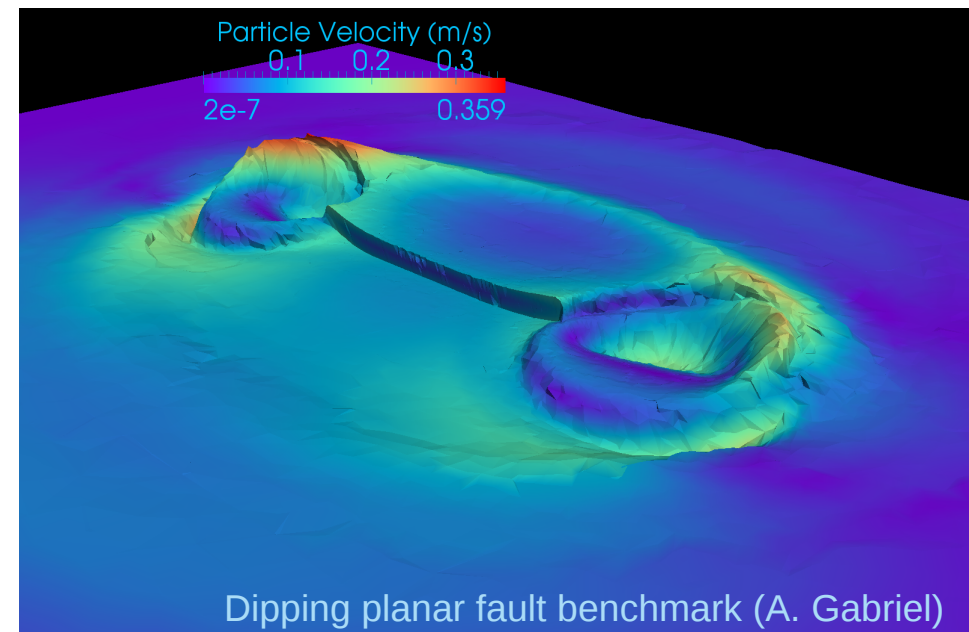
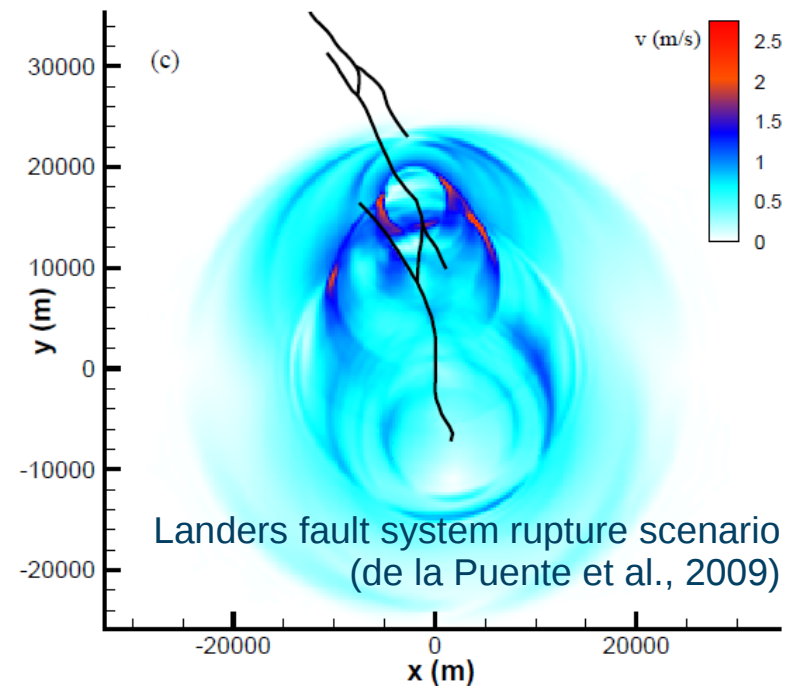


— kaneko (Yoshihiro Kaneko - Spectral Element - SPECFEM3D)
— pelties (Christian Pelties - Discontinuous Galerkin)

Visualization

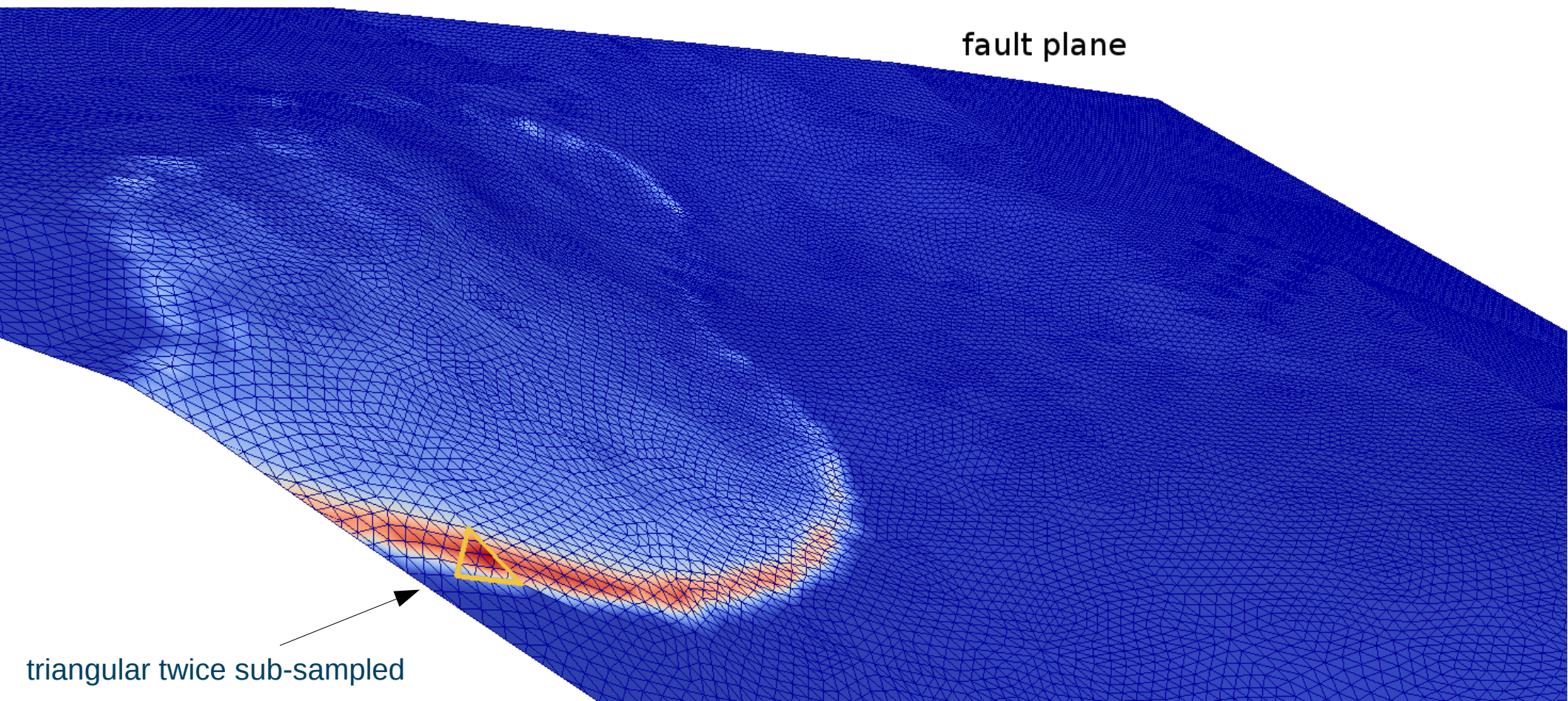
- Wavefield and Dynamic Rupture
 - Interpretation of results
 - Clear communication to non-experts

- Challenges
 - Scalable with minimal impact on performance
 - Full output of DOFs too large
 - Appropriate means to sample data on unstructured meshes



Visualization

- Wavefield and Dynamic Rupture Visualization with HDF5 + ParaView
 - Binary, parallel I/O for unstructured meshes
 - Flexibility regarding the type of data
 - Reduction of data by a factor of $\sim 4 - 8$ compared to ASCII Tecplot
 - Recursive sub-tetrahedral sampling



Kernel optimization

Problem

- ~75% of the runtime is consumed by small sparse matrix-matrix multiplications
- Available libraries (sparse or dense) only with minor improvements

Solution

- Write optimal code on hardware level
- Explicit vectorization of element-local operations

Contribution of TUM group within ASCETE - Thanks to Alex Breuer for providing the figures!

Kernel optimization

Example: CK-Procedure

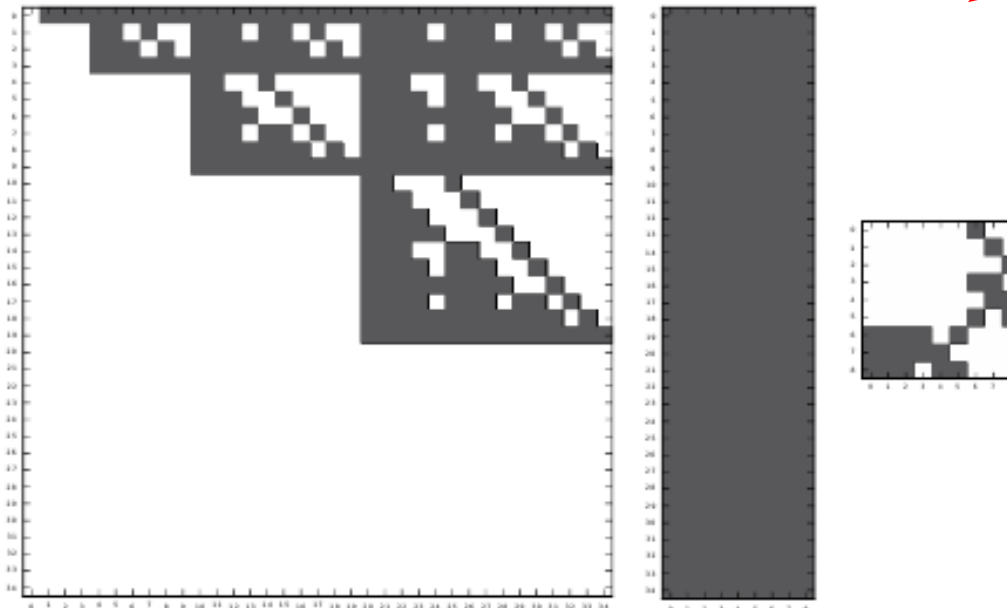
Time derivatives are defined as a recursive scheme with $\frac{\partial^0}{\partial t^0} Q_k = Q_k^n$

$$\frac{\partial^{j+1}}{\partial t^{j+1}} Q_k = -M^{-1} \left((K^\xi)^T \left(\frac{\partial^j}{\partial t^j} Q_k \right) A_k^* + (K^\eta)^T \left(\frac{\partial^j}{\partial t^j} Q_k \right) B_k^* + (K^\zeta)^T \left(\frac{\partial^j}{\partial t^j} Q_k \right) C_k^* \right)$$

$(K^\zeta)^T$

$\frac{\partial^j}{\partial t^j} Q_k$

C_k^*

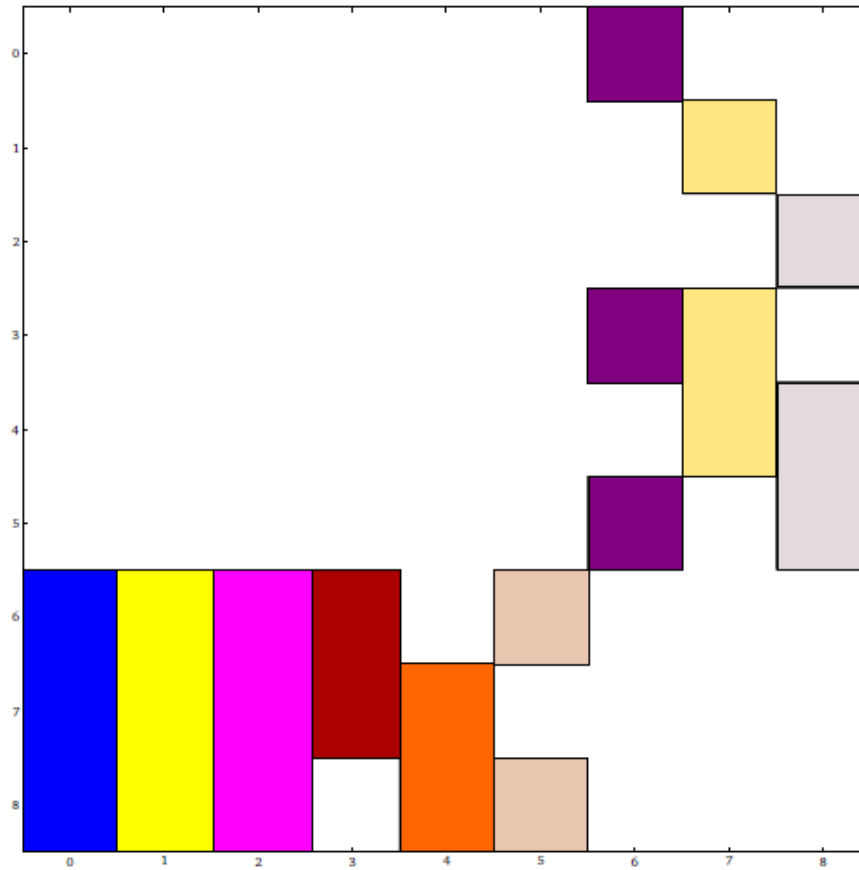


Resulting into the sparsity patterns of an order 5 scheme:

Kernel optimization

Example: CK-Procedure

Memory layout



Kernel optimization

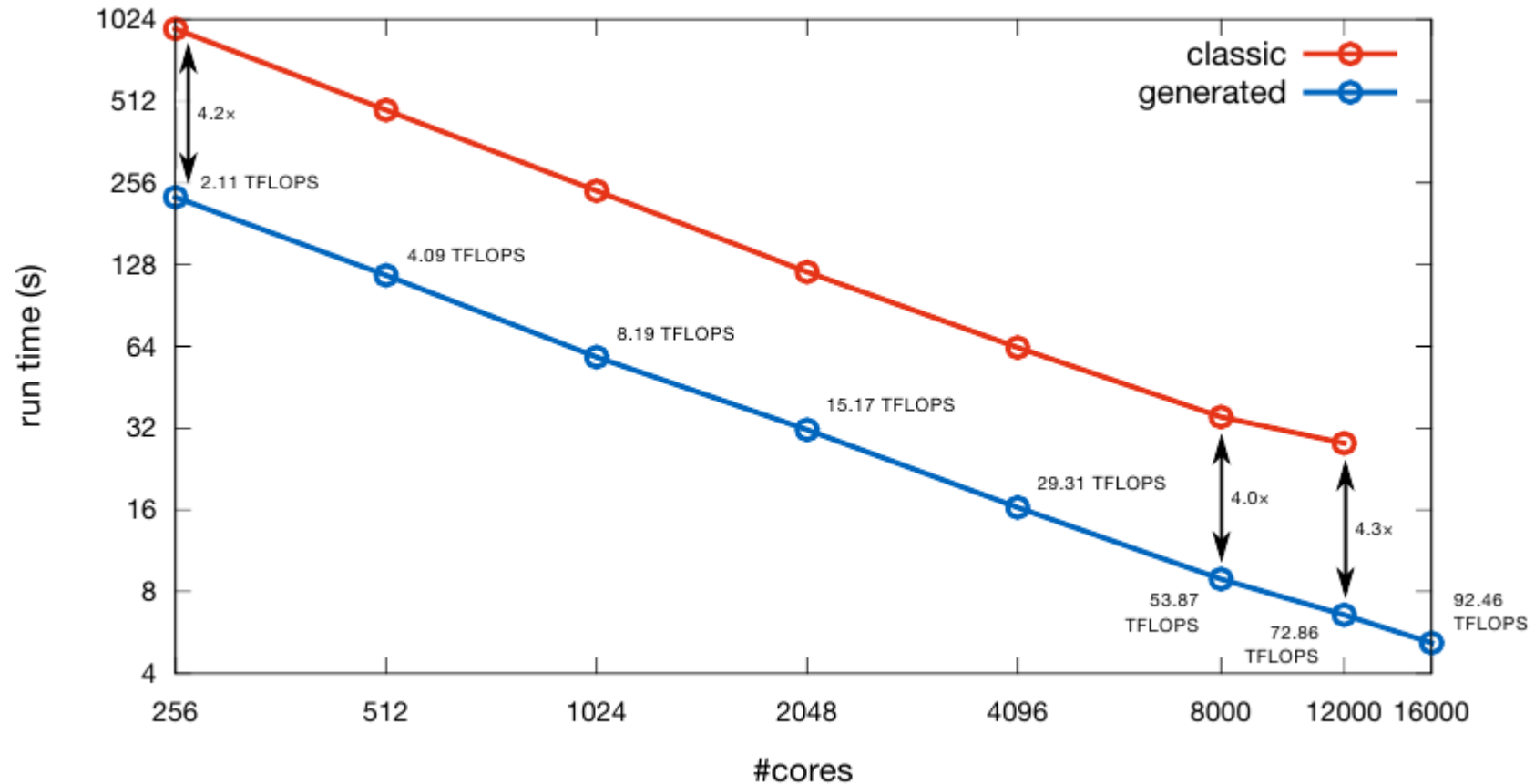
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'intrinsics'

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__m256d a3_0 = _mm256_loadu_pd(&values[16]);
c3_0 = _mm256_add_pd(c3_0, _mm256_mul_pd(a3_0, b3));
_mm256_storeu_pd(&C[(i*10)+4], c3_0);
#endif
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C[(i*10)+8] += values[20] * B[(i*10)+3];
C[(i*10)+9] += values[21] * B[(i*10)+3];
#endif
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'loop unrolling'

Kernel optimization



- SuperMUC, LRZ, Germany
- Intel Xeon E5-2680 (SNB-EP) @ 2.7 GHz
- Strong scaling
- 7.25 mio. cells
- 6th order
- Up to ~38% peak performance

Workflow

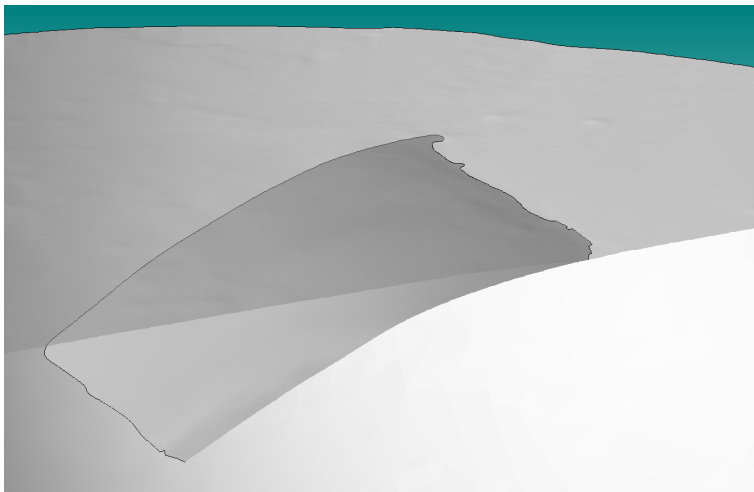
From CAD to seismogram...

- Get geometry and model data
- Assemble CAD model
- Create mesh
- Partitioning
- Set model parameters
- Solve physical equation
- Analysis of output

“Time to solution!”

Pre-processing

Post-processing

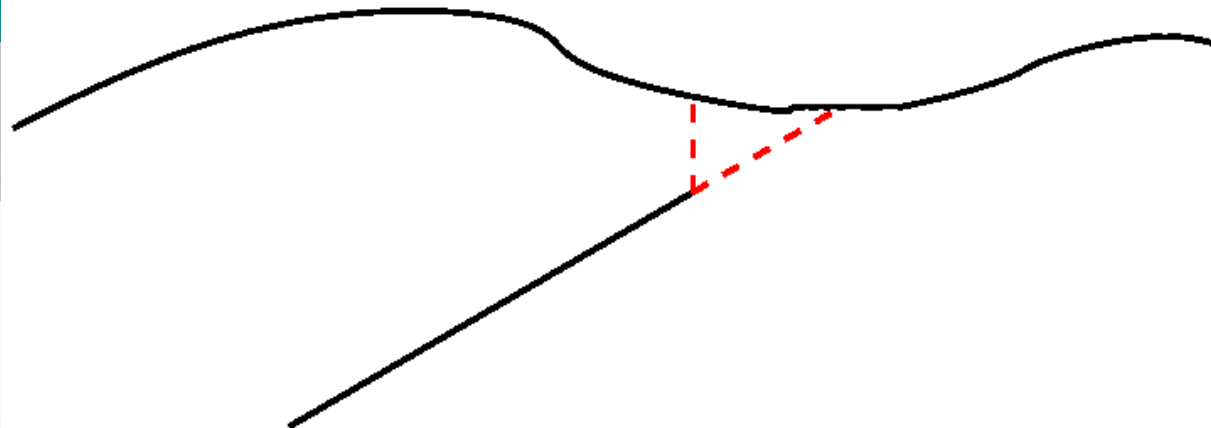
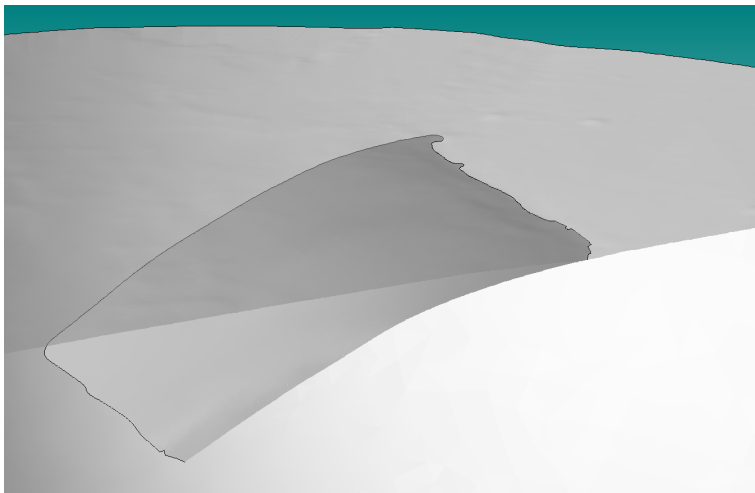


Automated CAD generation

Current bottleneck: CAD generation can easily consume **weeks to month**

Difficulties:

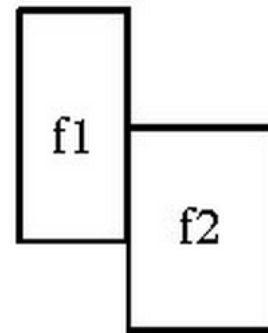
- Surface reconstruction of different types of initial raw data
- Undulating 3D surfaces that merge under shallow angles, intersect
- Remove non-physical features
- Clip too small features depending on the desired mesh size
- Representation by splines as typically used by (commercial) CAD/mesh software unfortunate for geological data
- Watertight model
- Seamless integration into meshing software (avoid format conversion)



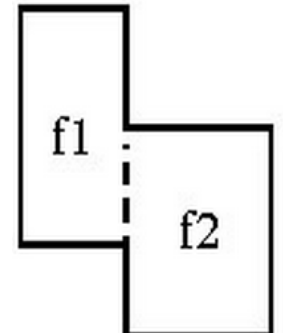
SimModeler

Customized problem definition and mesh generation interface for SeisSol
by **RPI/SCOREC/Simmetrix (C. Smith, M. Shephard)**

- Mesh coarsening/refining
- Handling complex geometries
- user-friendly interface
- Quality metrics
- Exports SeisSol format
- Non-manifold geometry required

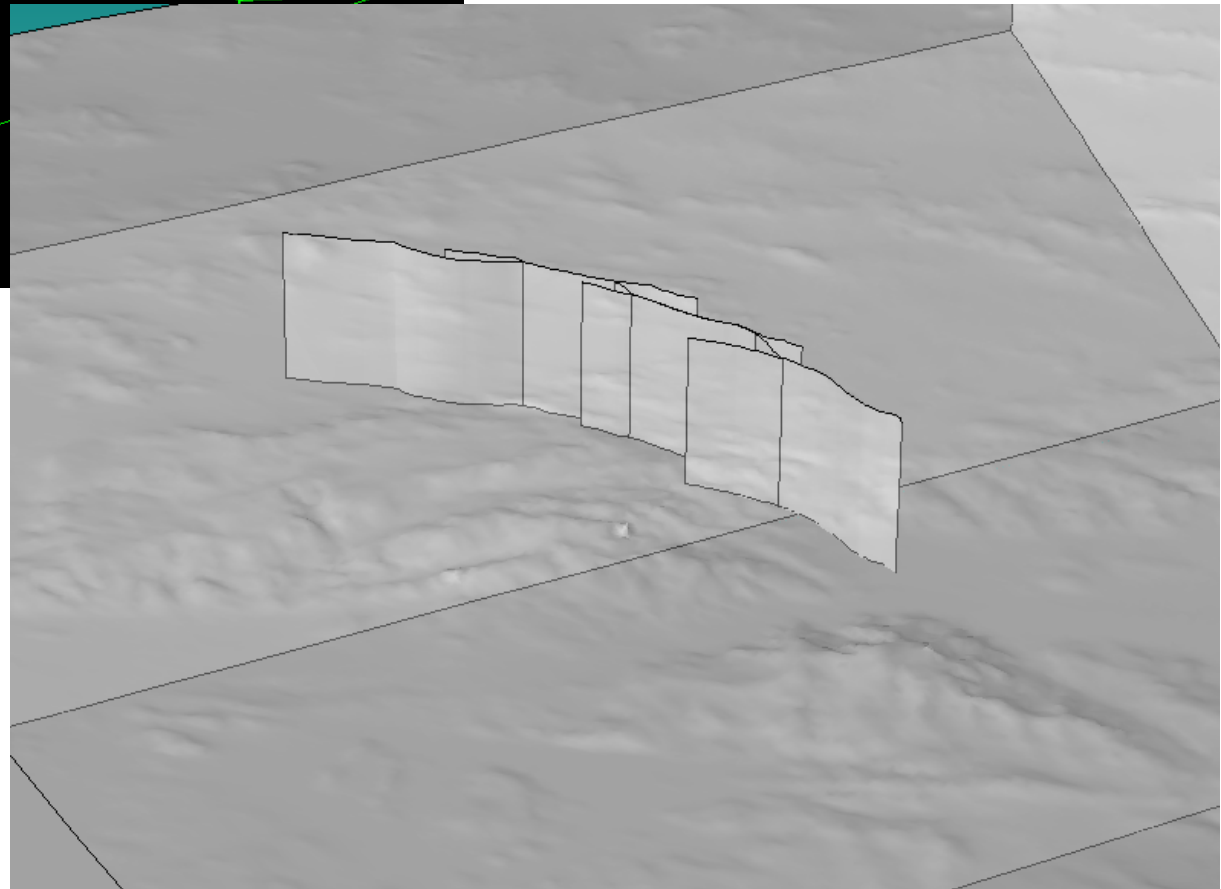
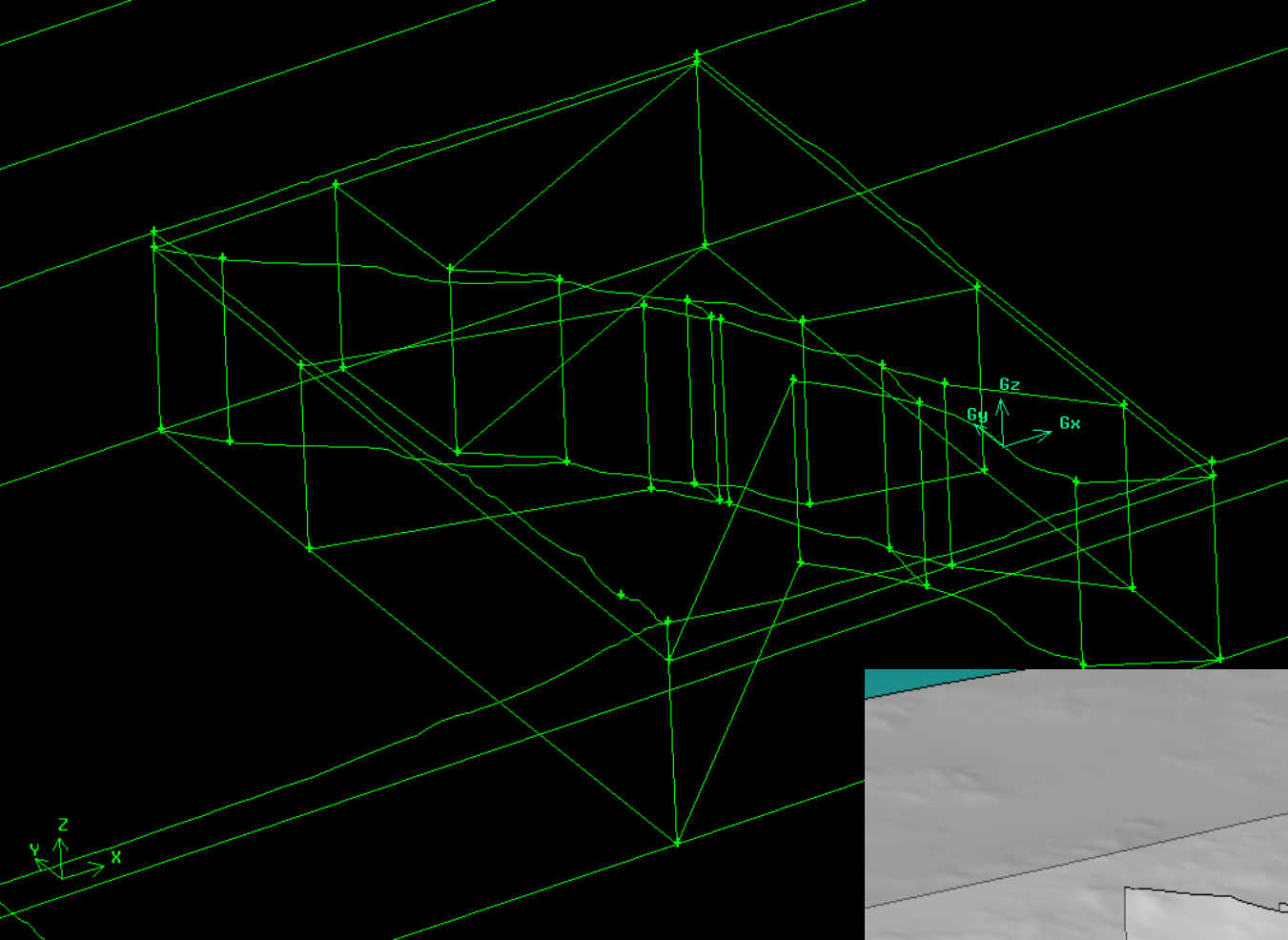


Two faces. At the intersection there are two edges overlapping.
= assembly



Two faces. At the intersection there is one shared edge.
= non-manifold

Gambit vs SimModeler



SimModeler

landers.smd

File Display Selection Model Meshing Analysis Help

landers.smd

V E F R

Analysis Attributes

+ Analysis case 1

Type	Sub-Type	Value
Boundary Condition	Dynamic Rupture	
Boundary Condition	Absorbing	
Boundary Condition	Free Surface	
Boundary Condition	Dynamic Rupture	

Model List

- Region 790
- Face 396
- Face 615
- Face 630
- Groups

Selection Info

Face 88

Face 5

Face 81

Face 95

Face 190

Face 285

Face 88

Size: x: 19.79 y: 17.748 z: 17.0023

Area: 395.974

Tolerance: 1e-08

Model Associations

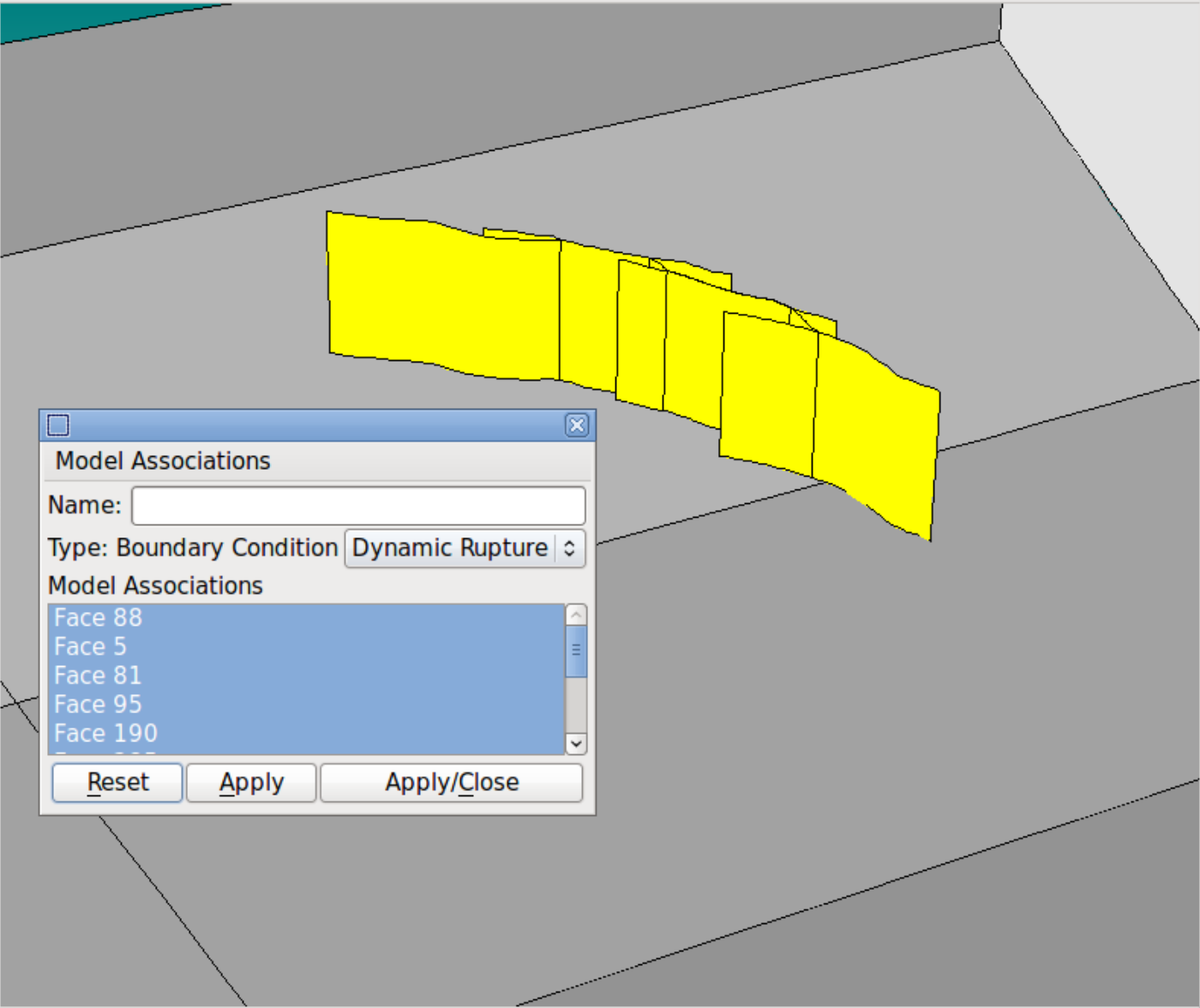
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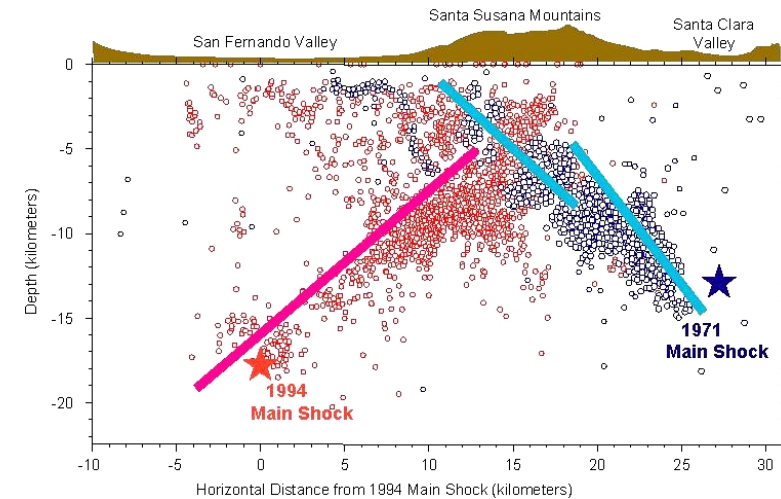
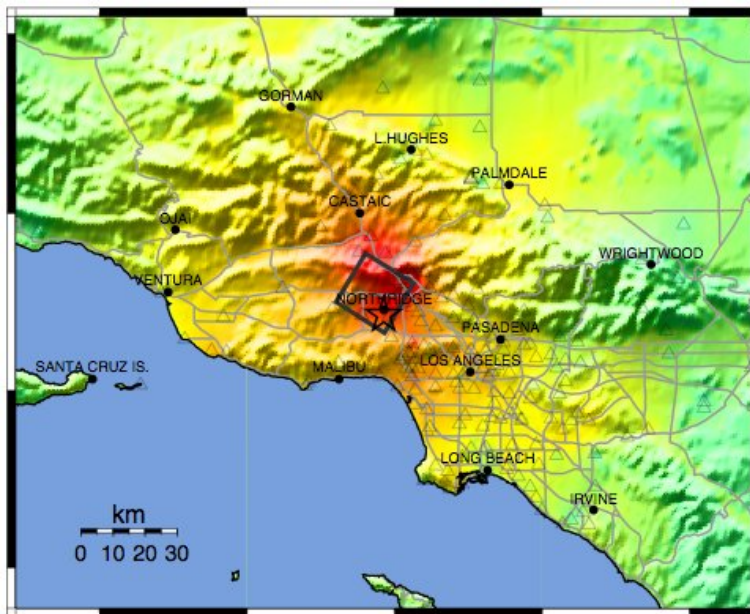
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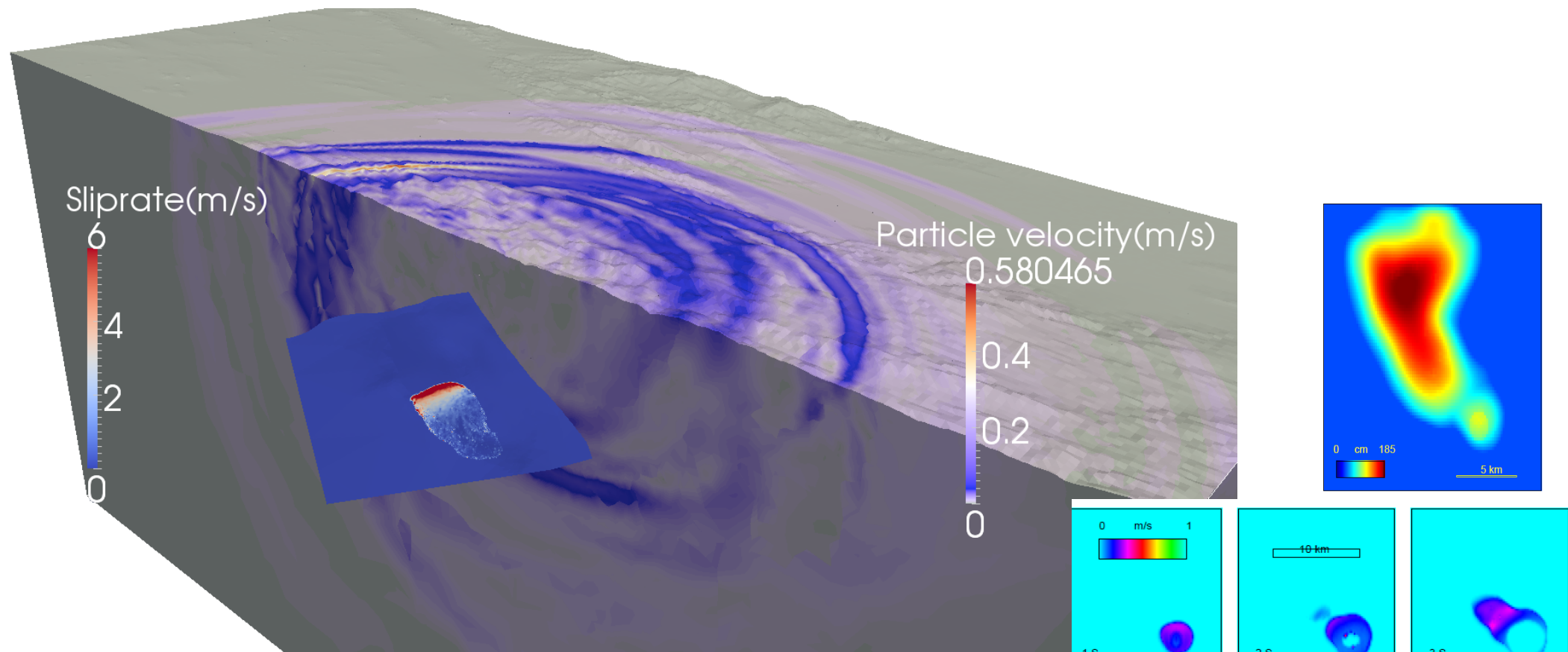
Example – The Mw 6.7 1994 Northridge earthquake

- Sixty killed, >7,000 injured, 40,000 buildings damaged, 44 Billion \$ loss
- Blind thrust earthquake which was felt over 200,000 km² in US and Mexico
- High accelerations (1g), exceeding building codes
- Well recorded and studied



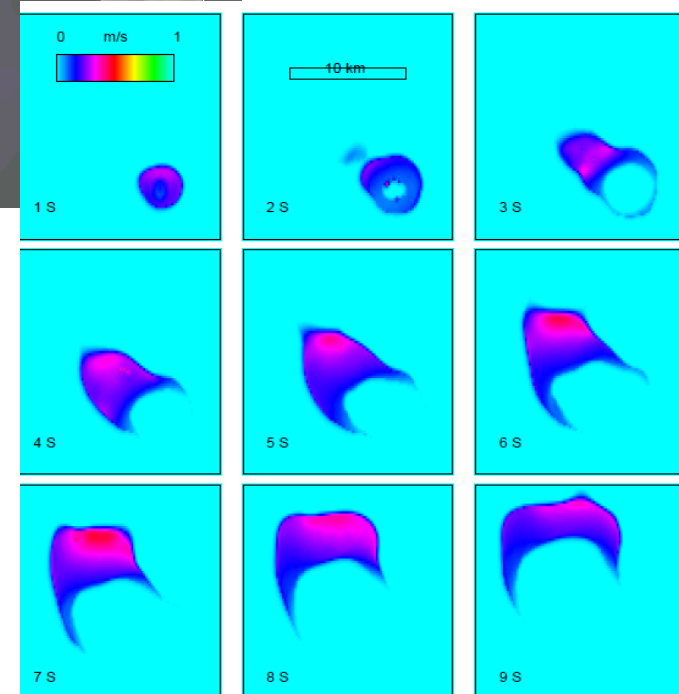
PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC.(%g)	<.17	.17-1.4	1.4-3.9	3.9-9.2	9.2-18	18-34	34-65	65-124	>124
PEAK VEL.(cm/s)	<0.1	0.1-1.1	1.1-3.4	3.4-8.1	8.1-16	16-31	31-60	60-116	>116
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Example – The Mw 6.7 1994 Northridge earthquake



Compare final slip and slip rate from homogeneous dynamic rupture simulation on planar dipping fault with rate-and-state friction (Olsen et al., 1998)

Work by A. Gabriel



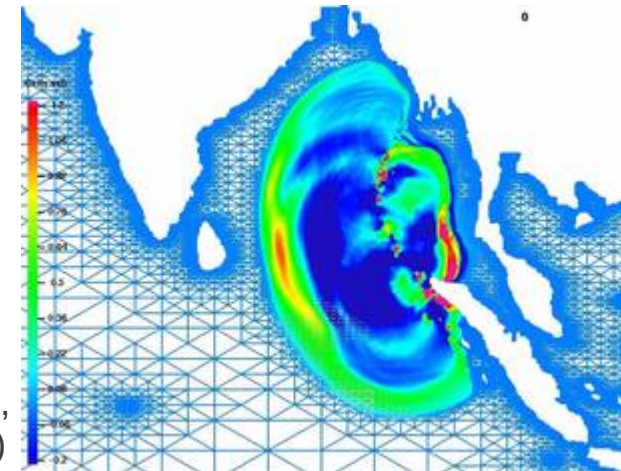
Conclusion & Outlook

- ADER-DG solver ready, functional and benchmarked
- Bring all features into production version (under construction)
- Combine dynamic rupture with local time stepping
- I/O improvements necessary (HDF5, under construction)
- Optimization on-going (serial performance, LTS load balancing)
- Toolbox in quite good shape
- Current bottleneck CAD generation (?)
- More Physics (plasticity), applications
- Open Source (soon), already available through <http://verce.eu/>

<http://seissol.geophysik.uni-muenchen.de/>

“Under which conditions do undersea earthquakes generate devastating tsunamis?”

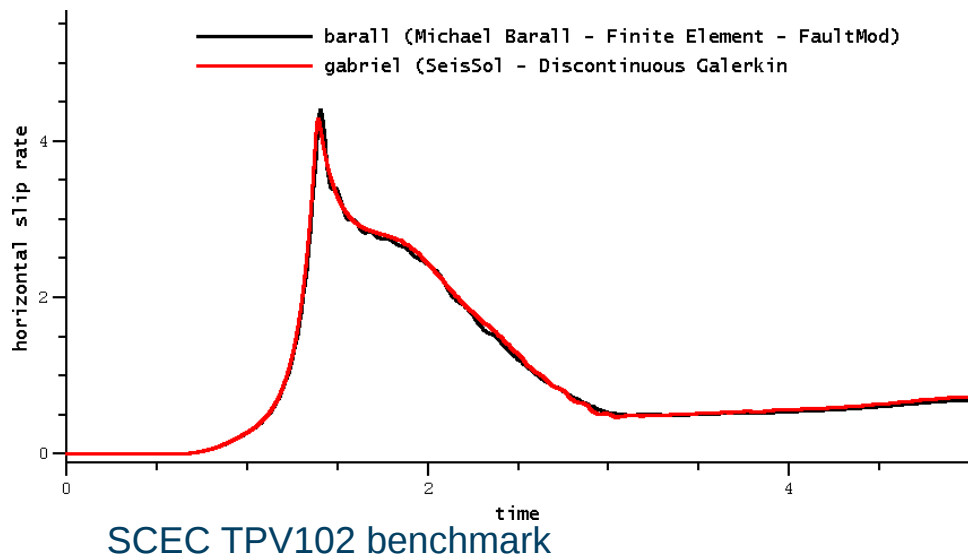
(Jörn Behrens,
KlimaCampus, Universität Hamburg,
Numerical Methods in Geosciences)



Failure criterion

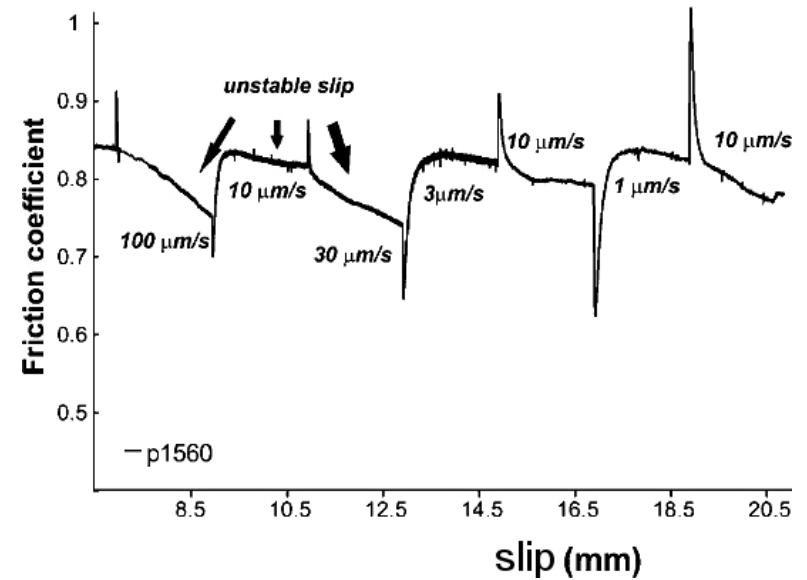
Implementation of rate-and-state friction

- Updating scheme includes Newton-Raphson search for slip rate and two iterations for state variable (Kaneko et al., 2008)



Rate-and-state dependent friction

Velocity-stepping experiment of Niemeijer et al. (2010)



$$\mu_f = \mu_0 + a \ln \frac{v}{v_0} + b \ln \frac{v_0 \theta}{D_c}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = 1 - \frac{v \theta}{D_c}$$

θ state variable

a direct effect

b evolution effect

v_0 steady-state reference velocity

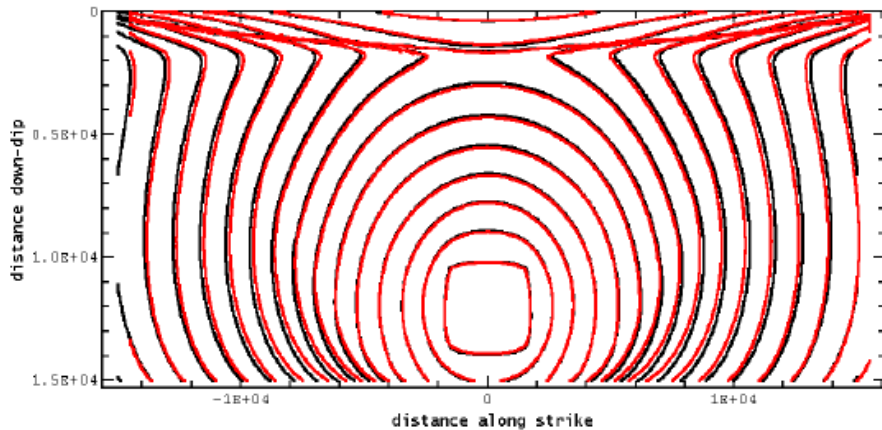
μ_0 steady-state reference friction

Dipping fault geometry

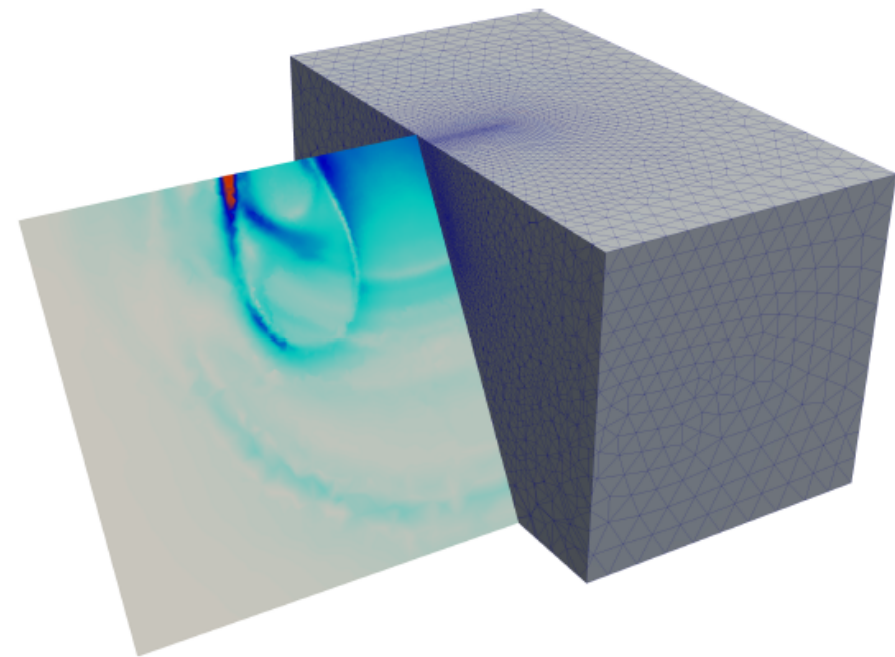
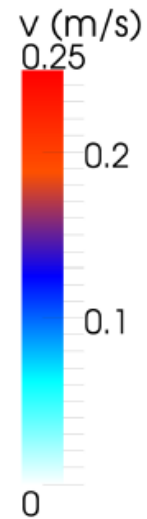
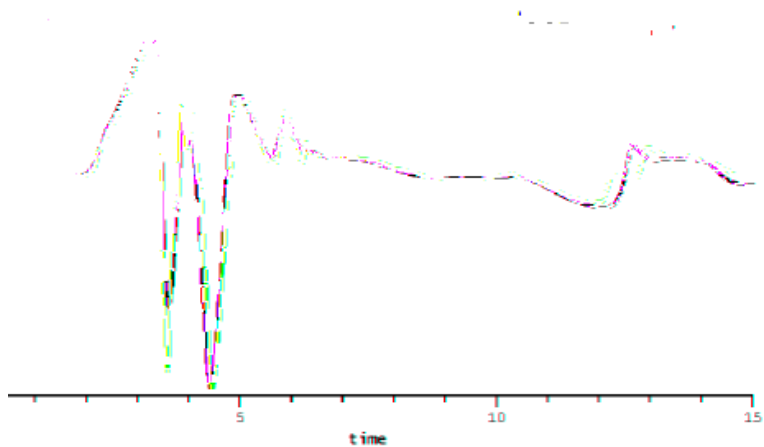
(SCEC Test Cases TPV10 and TPV11)

- 60 degree dipping normal fault geometry
- Initial stress linearly depth dependent
- **Subshear** / supershear rupture conditions

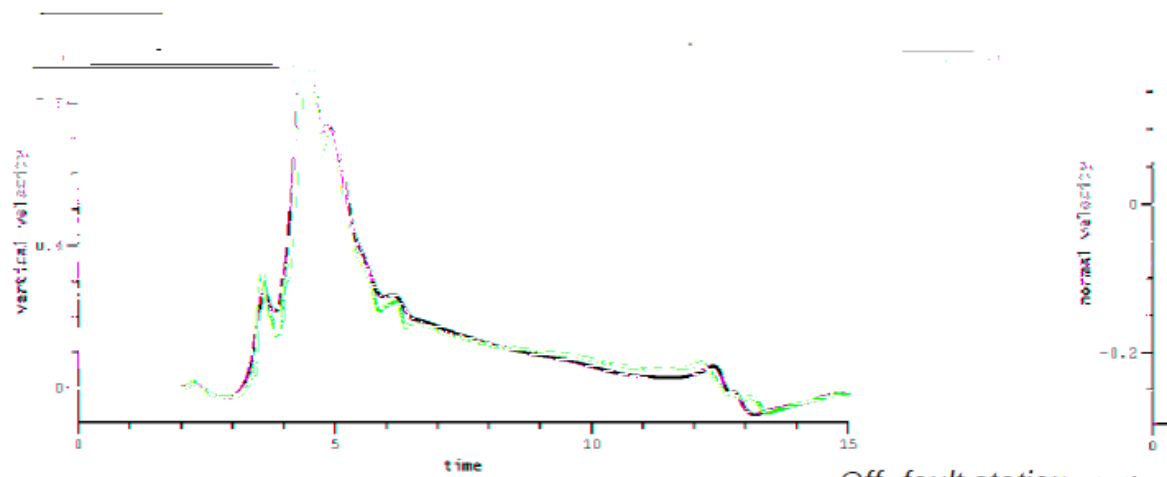
Rupture time – contour plot (each 0.5 s)



— barall (Michael Barall - Finite Element - FaultMod)
— gabriel (SeisSol - Discontinuous Galerkin (element-wise))



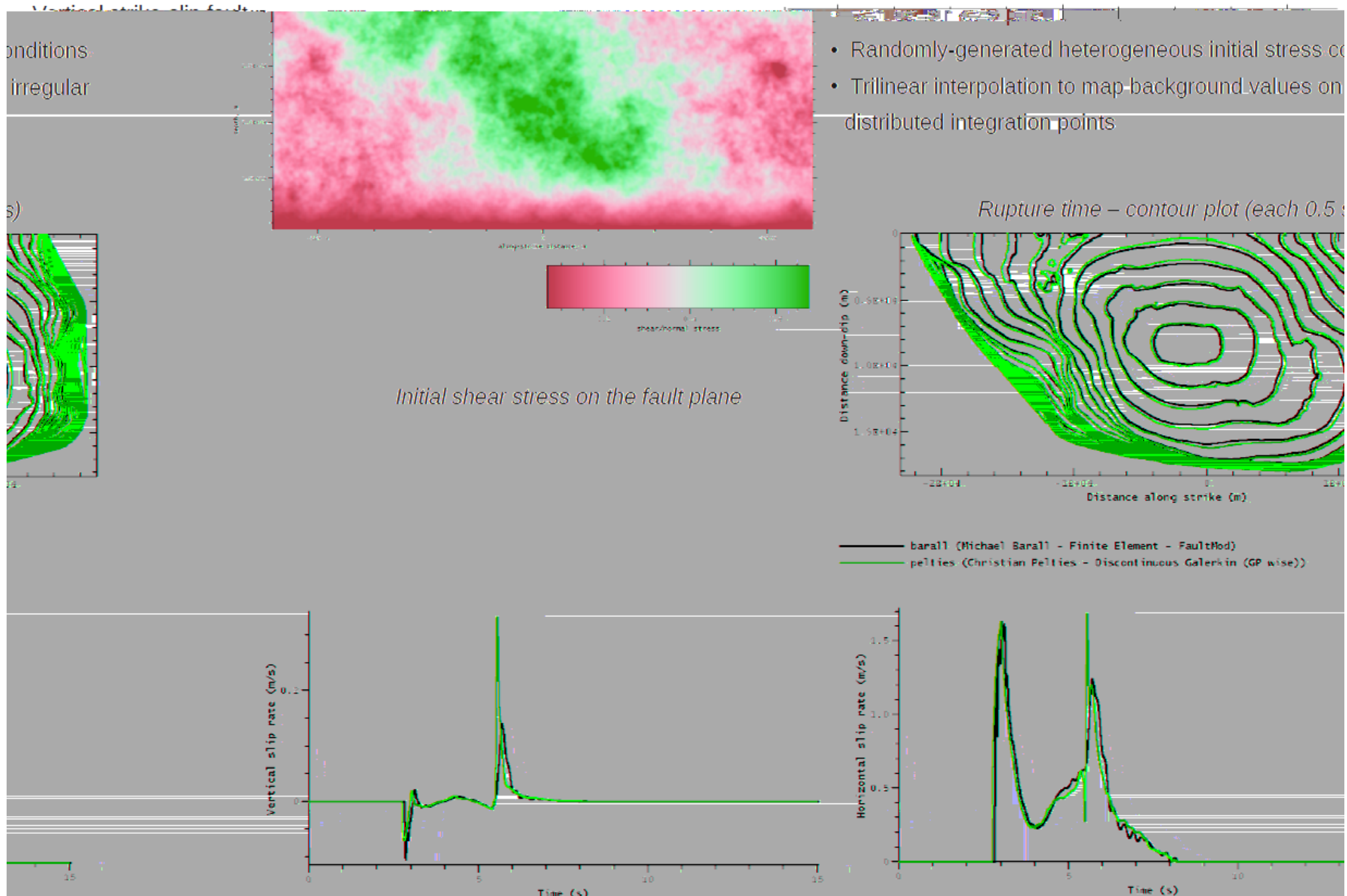
Mesh geometry, computational domain and particle velocity on the fault plane after ~ 9.6 s



Comparison of the two models: barall (Finite Element) and gabriel (Discontinuous Galerkin). The results show excellent agreement between the two models for both vertical and normal velocity time series.

Heterogeneous background stress

(SCEC Test Cases TPV16 and TPV17)

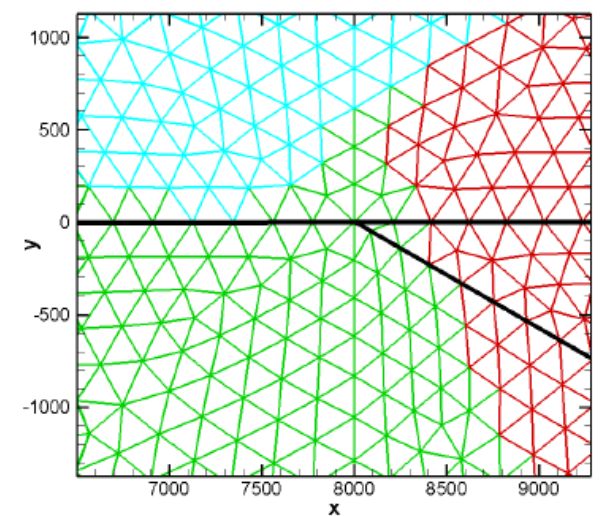


On-fault station
(strike -9.0 km, dip 9.0 km)

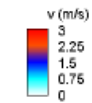
Fault branching geometry

(2D SCEC Test Cases TPV14 and TPV15)

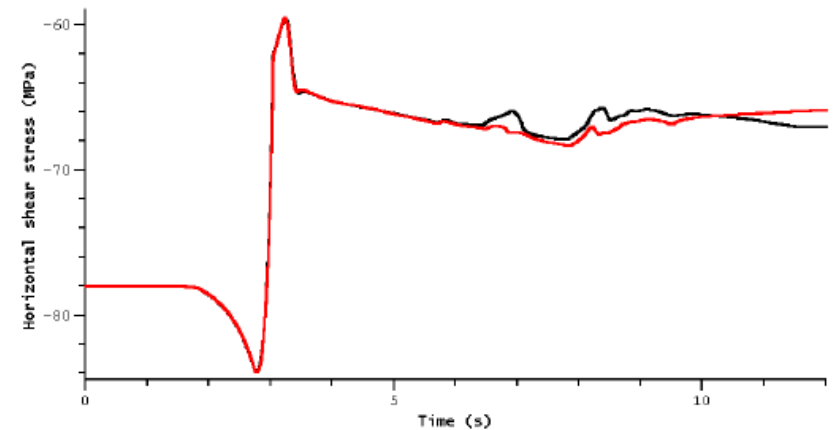
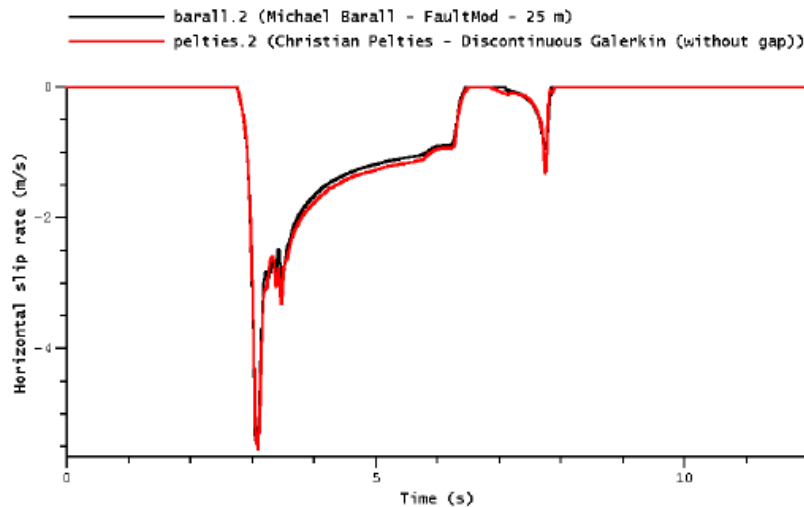
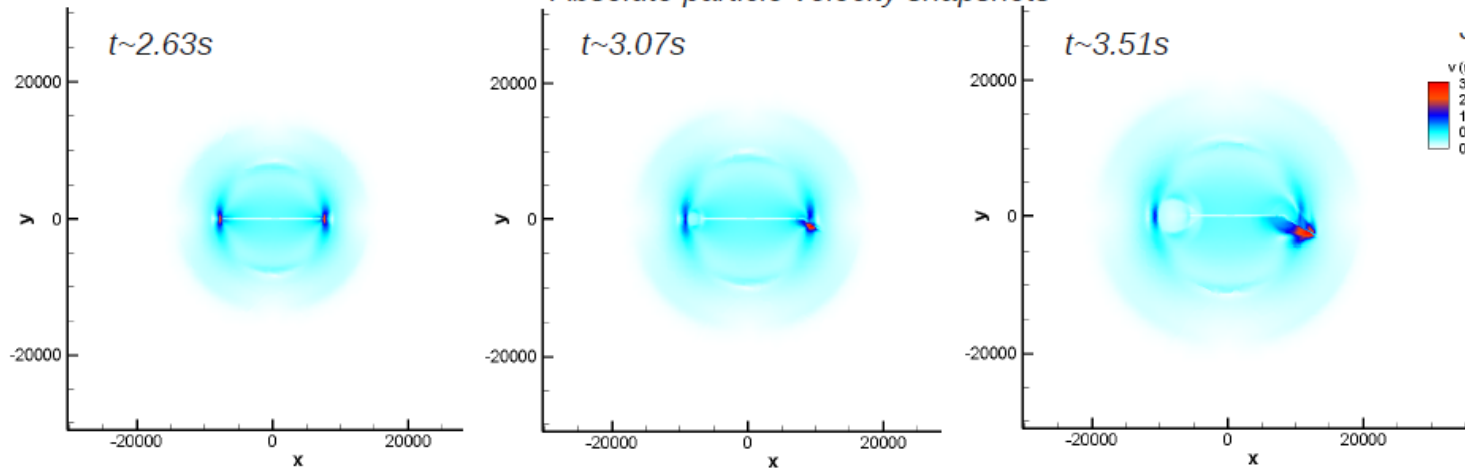
- Left-lateral, vertical, strike-slip fault with a rightward branch forming a 30 degree angle
- Slightly stress-heterogeneous
- High resolution required



Junction point domain partitioning



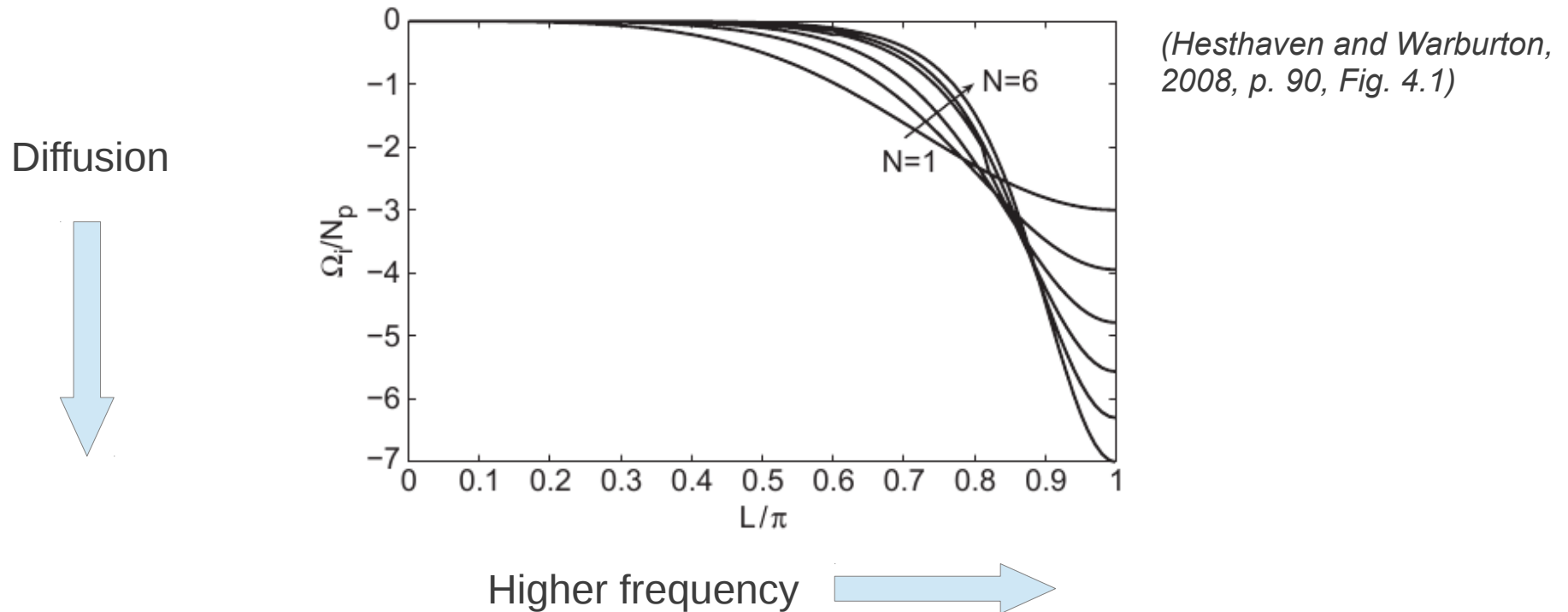
Absolute particle velocity snapshots



On-fault station
(branch, strike 2.0 km, dip 7.5 km)

By A. Nerger

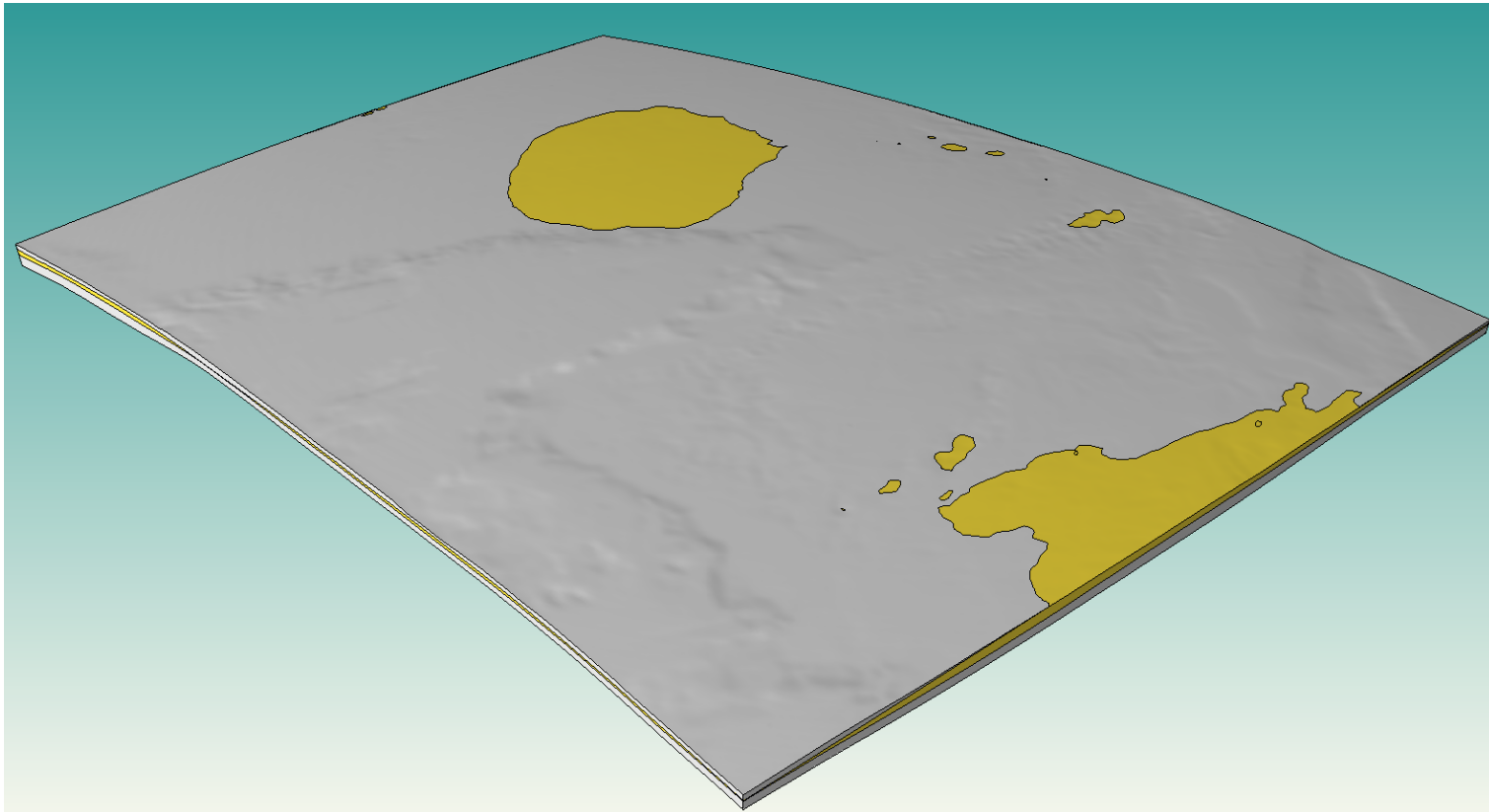
Absence of Spurious Oscillations – Explanation Approach



- Numerical discretization includes numerical diffusion
- Numerical diffusion works in a desired and optimal way
- Damps unwanted high-frequency modes
- Does not affect longer, physically meaningful wavelengths
- **But:** Dispersion analysis for ADER-DG + DR to do!

Automated CAD generation – preliminary workflow

1. Download topography/bathymetry, e.g. from NOAA's ETOPO data collection
2. Define bounding box: rectangular or spherical
3. Material interfaces: structured grids of points
4. Faults: structured grids of points, gOcad's TS format
5. Check projection
6. (Triangulated) surface generation: Poisson surface reconstruction (MeshLab)
7. Assemble model: apply union, intersection, trimming operations with Simmetrix discrete modeling tools



Biscay
model,
S. Wenk