

Presentation for April 23, 2018  
Kellogg West Conference Center, Pomona, CA

**A Joint SCEC Workshop:**

**Rupture Dynamics Code Validation  
and  
Comparing Simulations of  
Earthquake Sequences and Aseismic Slip (SEAS)**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**Welcome!**

**Thank you very much to Tran and Deborah  
for making our workshops happen!**

## Plans for this workshop



Day 1: 10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Dynamic Rupture Studies  
Day 1: 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Earthquake Cycle Studies  
Day 2: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Earthquake Cycle Studies



**\*Introduce ourselves**

**\*Learn about exciting dynamic rupture research frontiers**

**\*Learn about ideas for dynamic rupture code validation**

**\*Learn about exciting SEAS research frontiers**

**\*Discuss SEAS benchmark #1 results**

**\*Discuss next steps**



## Day 1 (Monday April 23)

- 10:00 **Ruth**: Welcome to the workshop, overview of dynamic rupture group activities
- 10:15 **Everyone** (remote and in-room): Workshop participants self-introductions
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- 11:45 **Luis Dalguer**: GMPEs and dynamic rupture models: Which direction to go for validation
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- 13:30 **Ben Duan**: From single-event dynamics to multi-cycle dynamics of geometrically complex faults
- 13:45 **All**: Group Discussion about dynamic rupture code validation, etc.
- 14:15 Break
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- 16:30 **Kayla Kroll** (remote access): RSQSim modeling and applications
- 16:45 Discussion
- 17:30 Adjourn for the day
- 18:00 Dinner



**Day 2 (Tuesday April 24)**

07:00 Breakfast

08:30 **Kali Allison**: The effect of shear heating on the earthquake cycle

08:45 **Brittany Erickson**: Time stepping for earthquake cycles with plasticity

09:00 **Pranger Casper Cornelis** (remote): Modelling frictional faults as plastic shear bands in nonlinear media

09:15 **Paul Segall**: FDRA — Fault Dynamics with Radiation damping Approximation: history and capabilities

09:30 **Sylvain Barbot**: The spectrum of rupture styles at subduction zones governed by geometry & rheology of the upper plate

09:45 **Yajing Liu**: Modeling of slow slip events on a non-planar subduction fault

10:00 **Matt Wei**: Numerical simulation of dynamic triggering of slow slip events in California and New Zealand

10:15 Break

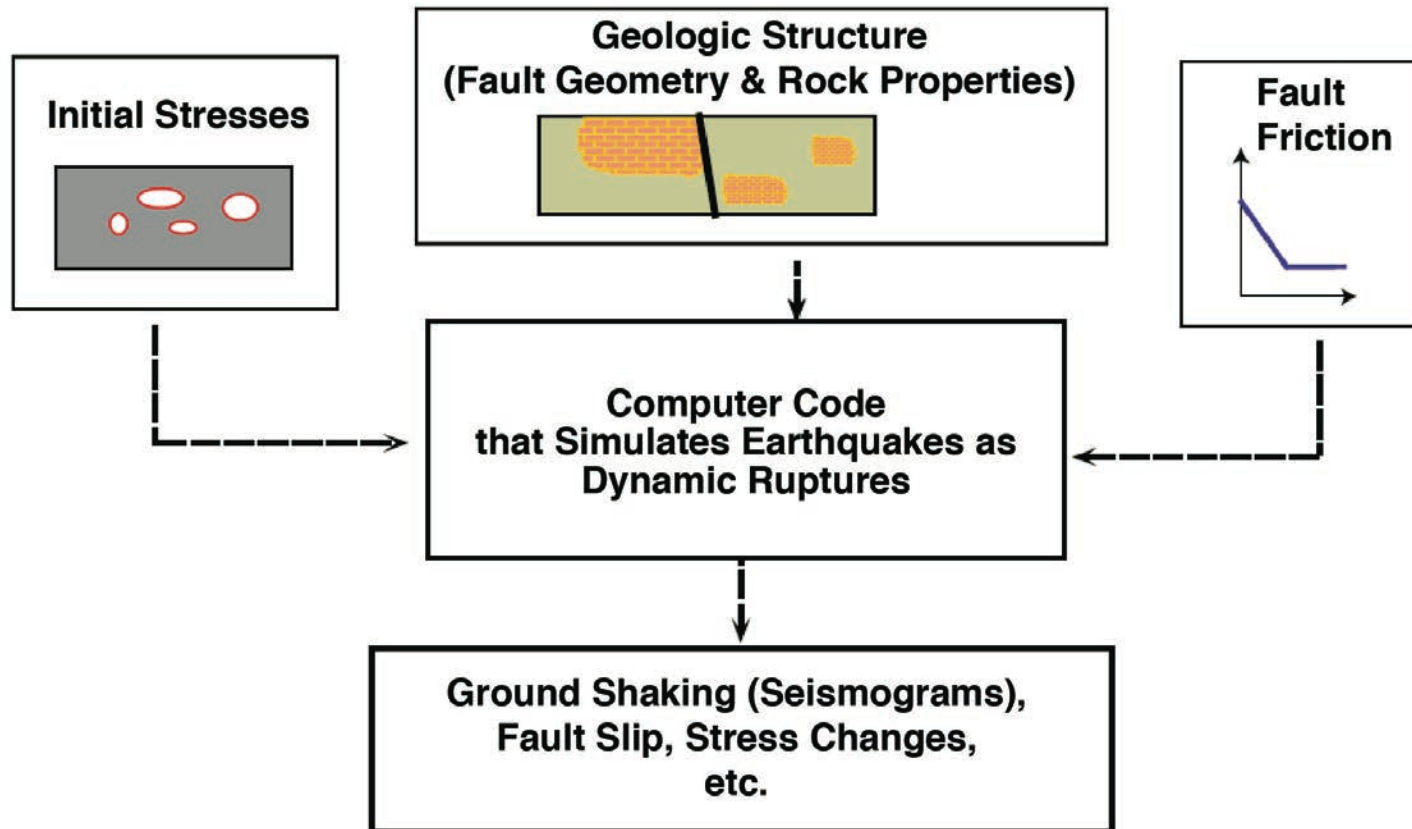
10:30 **Junle Jiang/Brittany Erickson**: Benchmark results and discussions

12:00 Lunch

13:00 **All**: Discussion and future plans

15:00 Adjourn

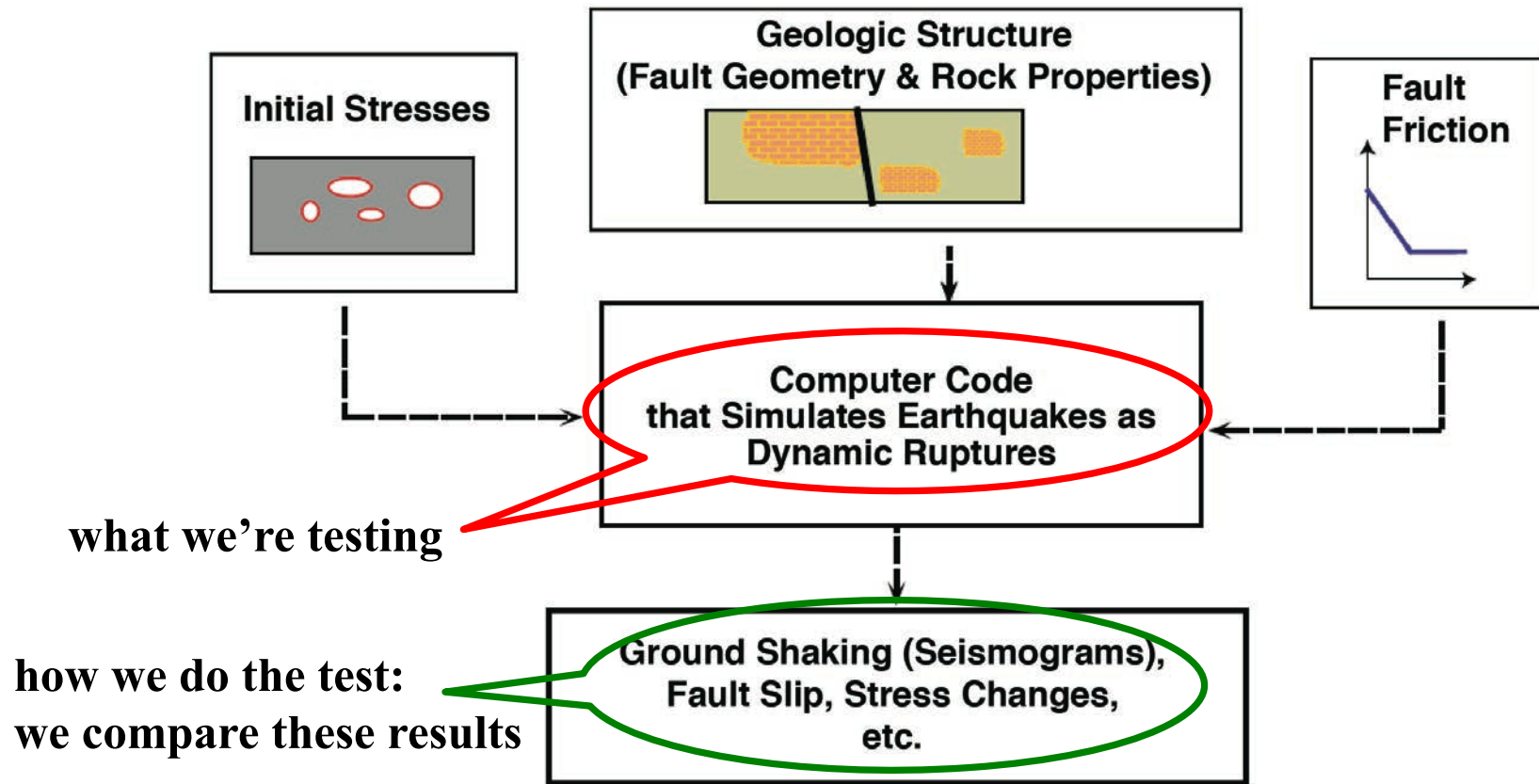
## *Ingredients and Results for Dynamic Rupture Simulations*



*Harris et al., SRL, 2018*



*What our Dynamic Rupture Code Verification Group Does:  
We Test Computer Codes Used to Simulate Earthquakes*





## Goal of our Code Group

Compare and validate the computational methods currently used by SCEC and USGS scientists to simulate (spontaneous) earthquake rupture dynamics and the resulting ground motion

## Some Specific Objectives

Understand if our methods produce the same results when using the same assumptions about friction, crustal structure, fault geometry, etc.

## Funding

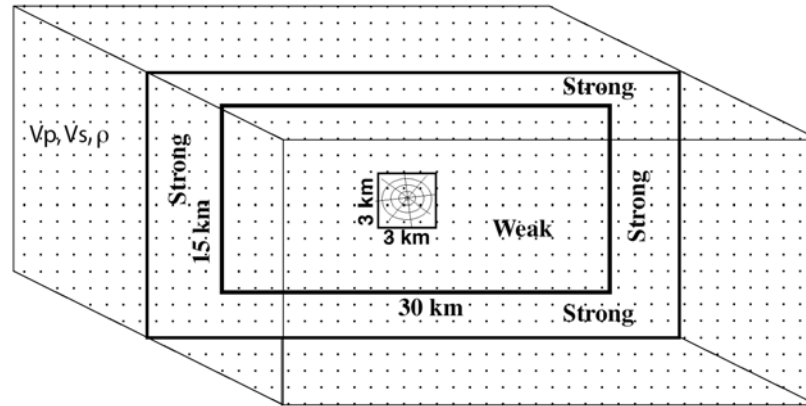
This project has received funding from SCEC, the USGS, and PG&E



# Code Comparison Strategy

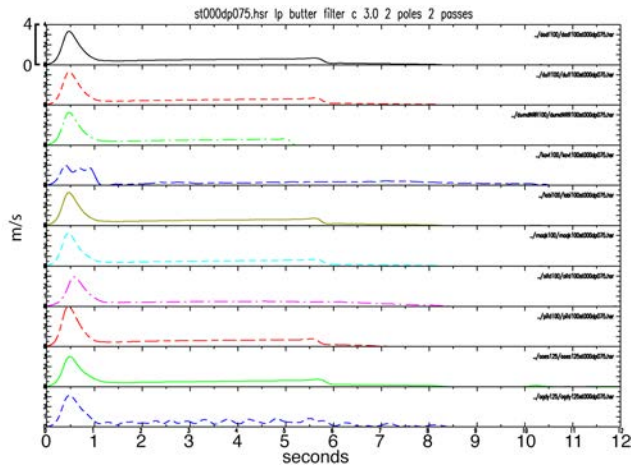
Start simply

Spontaneous rupture on a **vertical strike-slip fault** set in a **homogeneous (materials) elastic Fullspace**

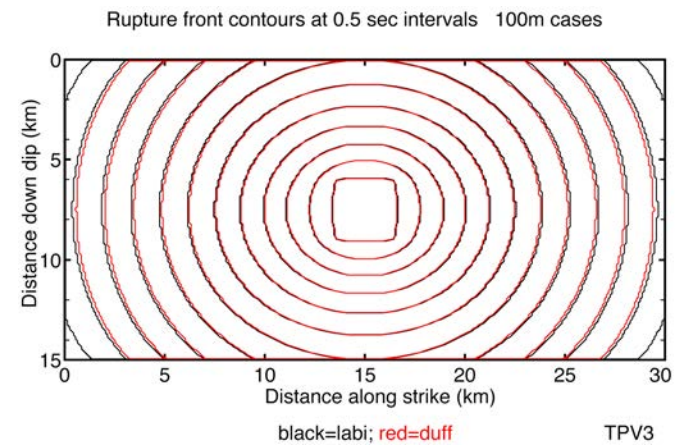


**homogeneous initial stresses**

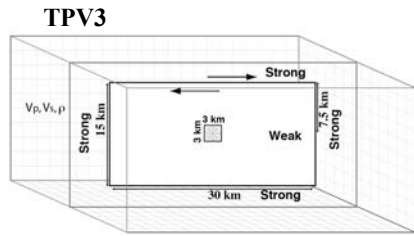
**slip-weakening friction**



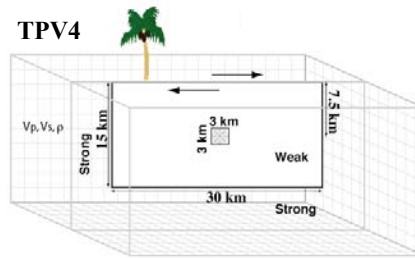
Some Results



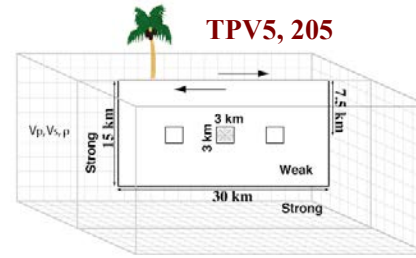
# Code Comparison Benchmarks – Incrementally add complexity



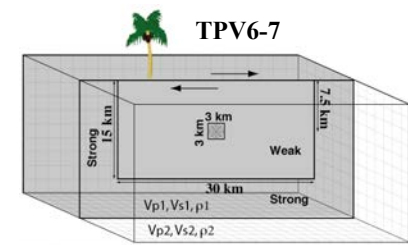
Homogeneous fullspace



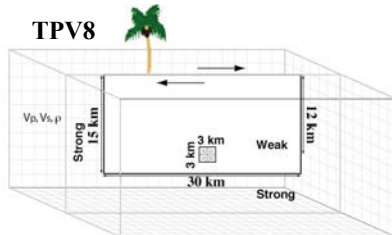
Homogeneous halfspace



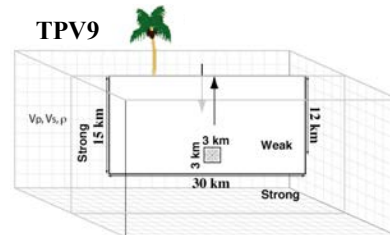
light stress heterogeneity



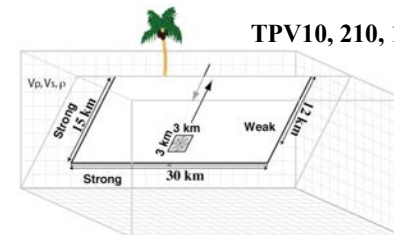
bimaterial



Depth-dependent initial stresses



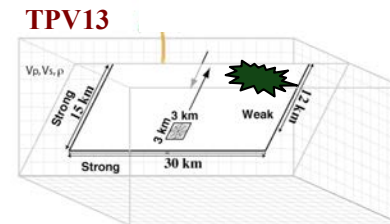
Vertical dip-slip fault, subshear



Dipping dip-slip fault, subshear, supershear



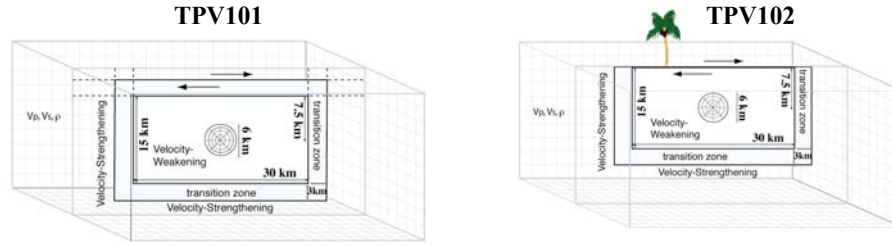
Dipping dip-slip fault super-supershear, elastic



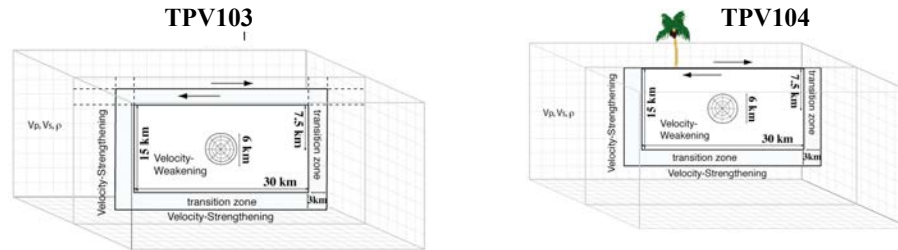
Dipping dip-slip fault super-supershear, plastic

Extreme Ground Motion

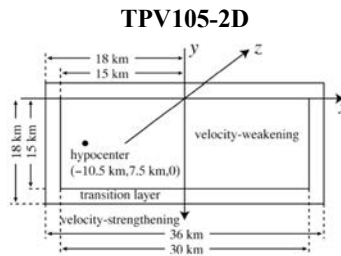
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Rate-state friction using an ageing law

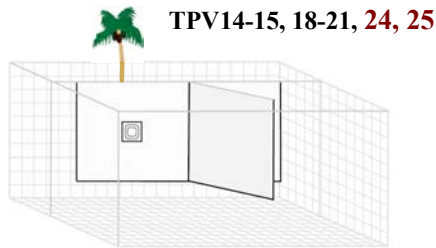


Rate-state friction using a slip law with strong rate-weakening

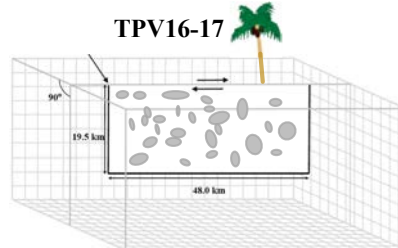


Thermal pressurization, rate-state friction, slip-law, strong rate-weakening

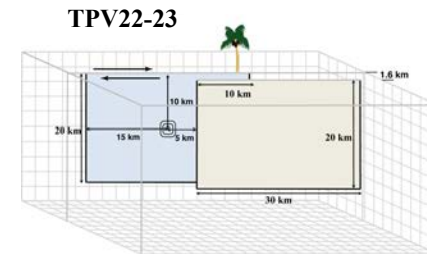
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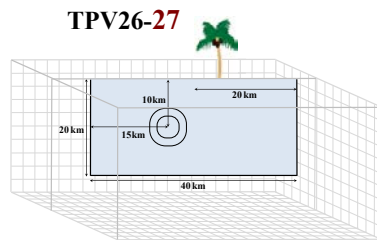
Fault Branches: elastic, viscoplastic



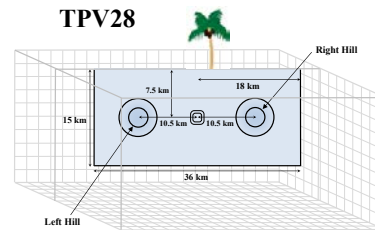
Heterogeneous initial stress



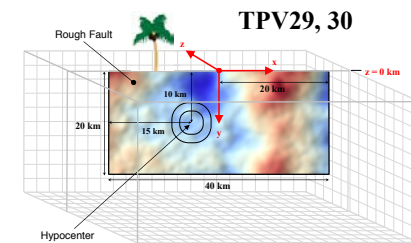
Fault Stepovers



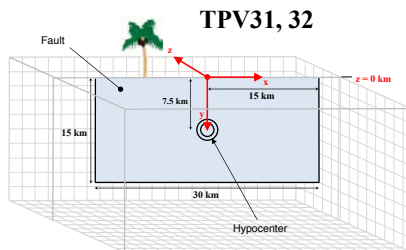
Elastic, Viscoplastic



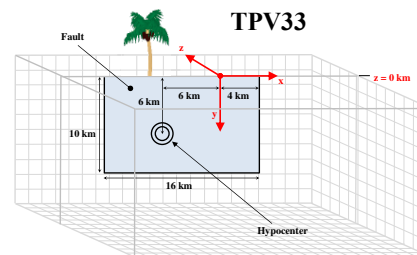
Slightly rough fault



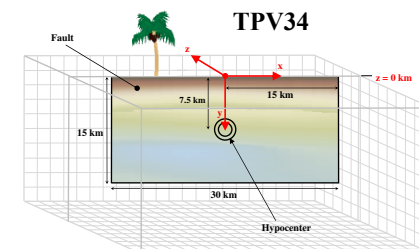
Rough fault: Elastic, viscoplastic



Discontinuous, Continuous 1D horiz. vel. structure



1D vertical Velocity structure



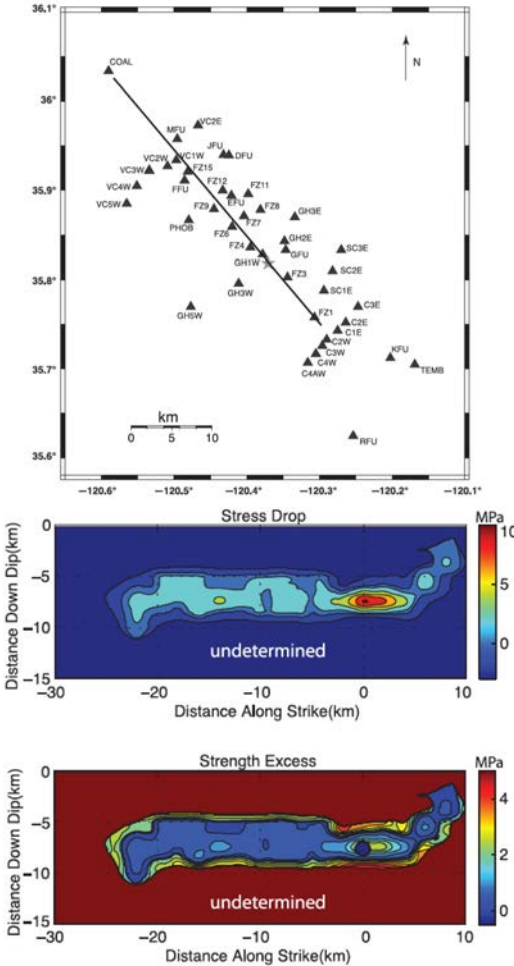
3D CVM-Hish Velocity structure



# Code Comparison Strategy, Aiming Towards Validation

## TPV35: Real Earthquake: 2004 Parkfield M6.0

Rupture on a vertical planar strike-slip fault set in a 3D-ish velocity structure, Elastic, Slip-weakening friction



Ma et al., JGR 2008, Figs. 10, 4



Figure 37. Oblique aerial photograph of the San Andreas fault, town of Parkfield, Stop 7 (marked with red dot), and abundant geomorphic evidence for the presence of an active fault. View is northeastward; photograph taken March 2003. Rymer et al., GSA Field Guide, 2006, Fig. 37

**Results:**  
**Synthetic seismograms matched each other well, matching real 1 Hz data is hard (for all EQ's and all codes)**

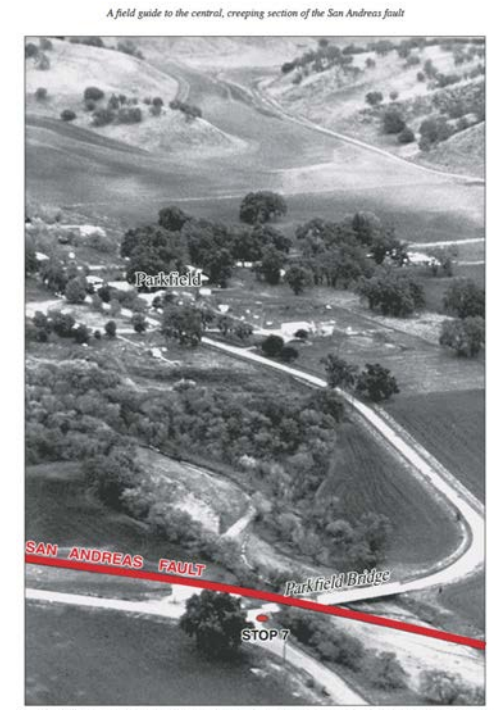


Figure 39. Oblique aerial view of the San Andreas fault and Parkfield (in midground); location of Stop 7 is at bridge (Parkfield Bridge) in lower right. View is northeastward; photograph taken in 1984 by W.H. Bakun. Rymer et al., GSA Field Guide, 2006, Fig. 39

### Many of our Tested Codes (see Table 1 of Harris et al., SRL, 2018)

<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Code Type</u>	<u>Code Availability</u>	<u>Notes</u>
AWP-ODC	finite difference	contact author Roten	
beard	discontinuous Galerkin f.e.	contact author Kozdon	
CG-FDM	finite difference	contact author Zhang	
DFM	finite difference	contact author Dalguer	
DGCrack	discontinuous Galerkin f.e.	contact authors Tago or Cruz-Atienza	
EQdyna	finite element	contact author Duan	
FaultMod	finite element	contact author Barall	
fdfault	finite difference	<a href="https://github.com/egdaub/fdfault">https://github.com/egdaub/fdfault</a>	
Kase code	finite difference	contact author Kase	
MAFE	finite element	contact author Ma	
PyLith	finite element	<a href="https://geodynamics.org/cig/software/pylith">https://geodynamics.org/cig/software/pylith</a>	supercedes EqSim
SeisSol	discontinuous Galerkin f.e.	<a href="https://github.com/SeisSol/SeisSol/wiki">https://github.com/SeisSol/SeisSol/wiki</a>	
SESAME	spectral element		same as SPECFEM3D
SORD	finite difference	contact author Shi	
SPECFEM3D	spectral element	<a href="https://geodynamics.org/cig/software/specfem3d">https://geodynamics.org/cig/software/specfem3d</a>	supercedes old SPECFEM3D
WaveQLab3D	finite difference	<a href="https://bitbucket.org/ericmdunham/waveqlab3d">https://bitbucket.org/ericmdunham/waveqlab3d</a>	





### Our group 2018 SRL article

Harris, R.A., M. Barall, B. Aagaard, S. Ma, D. Roten, K. Olsen, B. Duan, B. Luo, D. Liu, K. Bai, J.-P. Ampuero, Y. Kaneko, A.-A. Gabriel, K. Duru, T. Ulrich, S. Wollherr, Z. Shi, E. Dunham, S. Bydlon, Z. Zhang, X. Chen, S.N. Somala, C. Pelties, J. Tago, V.M. Cruz-Atienza, J. Kozdon, E. Daub, K. Aslam, Y. Kase, K. Withers, and L. Dalguer, **A suite of exercises for verifying dynamic earthquake rupture codes**,  
Seismological Research Letters, vol. 89, 2018.

### 2015 Barall Metrics SRL article

Barall, M., and R.A. Harris, **Metrics for comparing dynamic earthquake rupture simulations**,  
Seismological Research Letters, vol. 86, 223-235, 2015.

### Our group 2011 SRL article

Harris, R.A., M. Barall, D.J. Andrews, B. Duan, S. Ma, E.M. Dunham, A.-A. Gabriel, Y. Kaneko, Y. Kase, B.T. Aagaard, D.D. Oglesby, J.-P. Ampuero, T.C. Hanks, and N. Abrahamson,  
**Verifying a Computational Method for Predicting Extreme Ground Motion**,  
Seismological Research Letters, vol. 82, 638-644, 2011.

### Our group 2009 SRL article

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**The SCEC/USGS Dynamic Earthquake-Rupture Code Verification Exercise**,  
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links available on our website <http://scecddata.usc.edu/cvws>



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