

Stochastic slip distributions on non-planar faults described by unstructured mesh

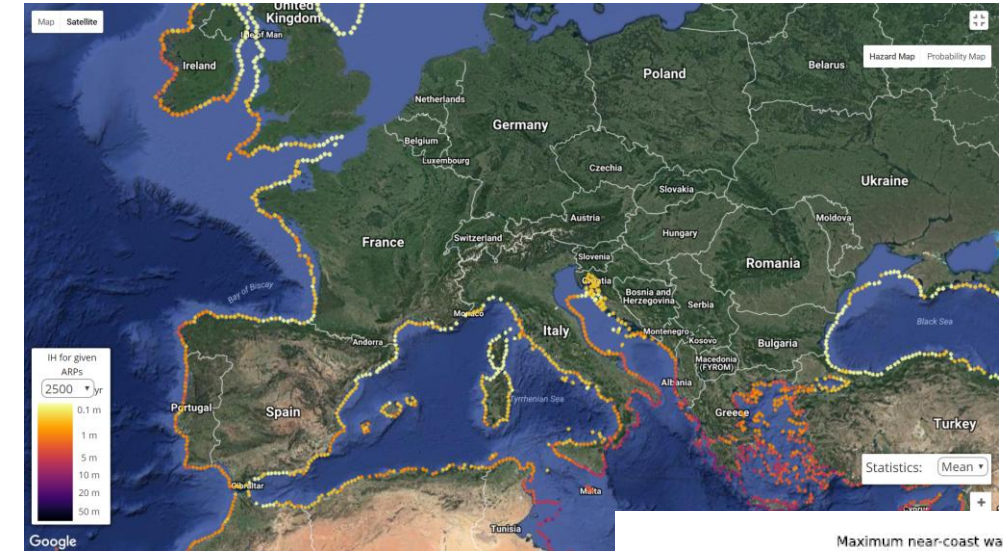
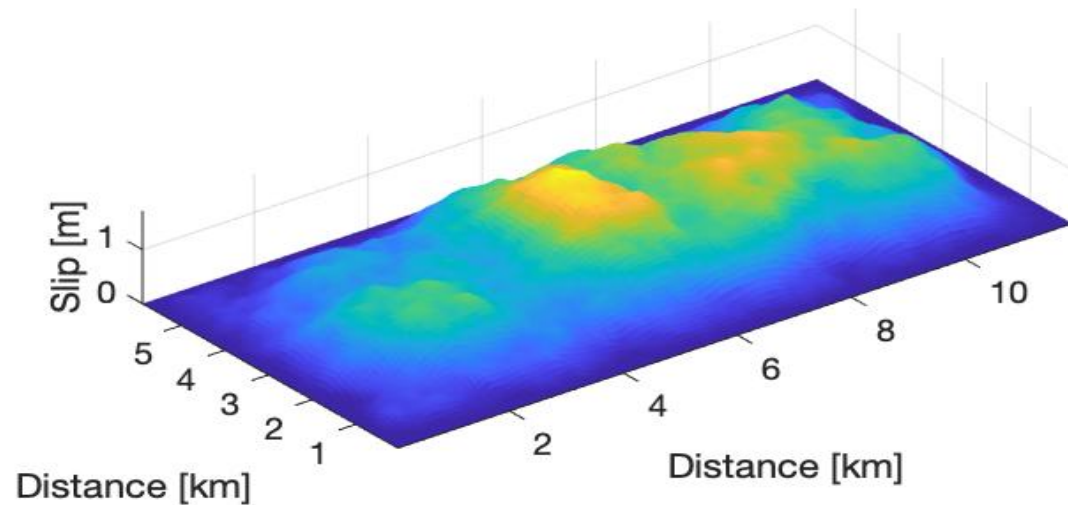
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Motivation

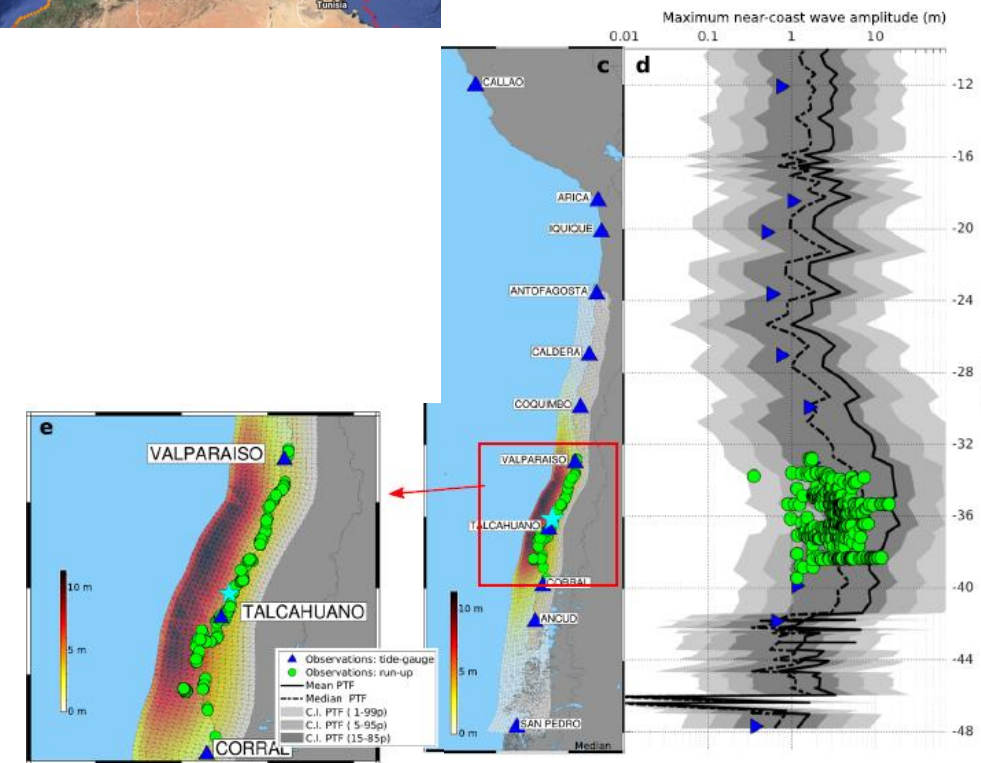
Produce rapid stochastic slip distributions containing information from observations

Use in : kinematic slip inversion
hazard assessment
tsunami forecasting



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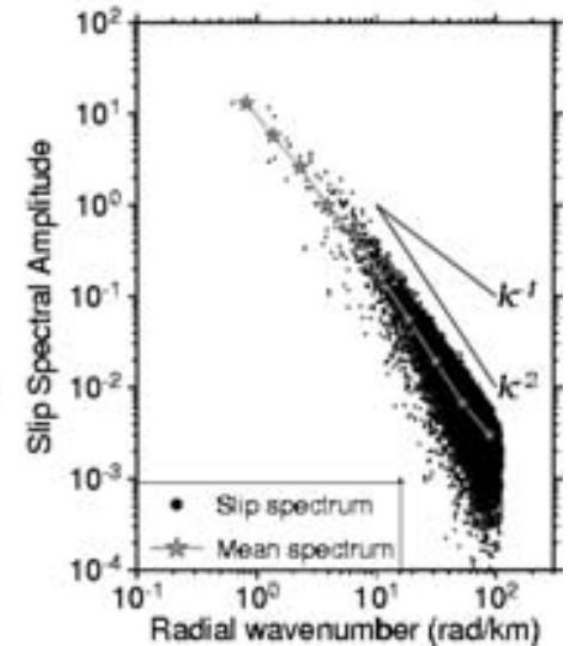
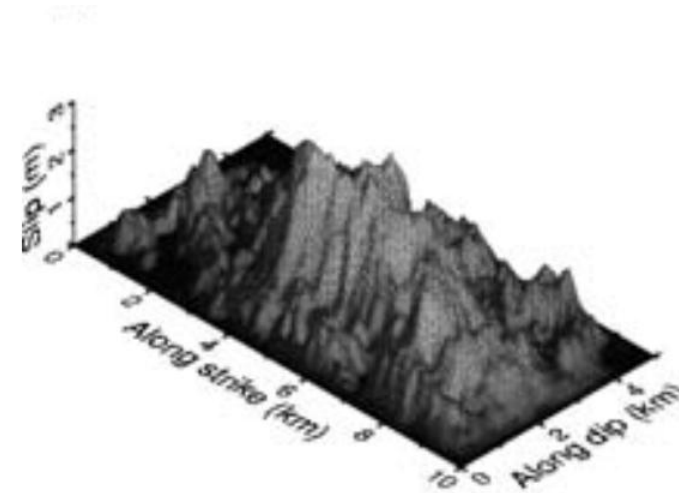
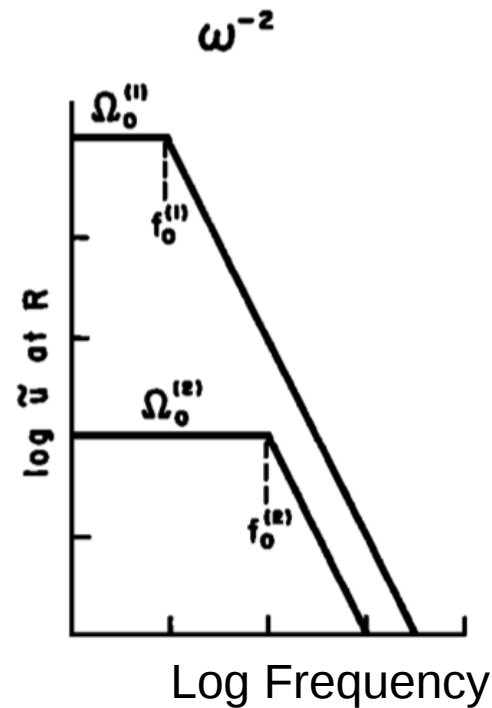
Selva et al., 2021



Why power law slip distributions?

Power law scaling of ground motion can be interpreted as being a feature of a k^{-2} slip spectra

$$\tilde{\Delta u}_L(k) = C \frac{\Delta \sigma L}{\mu k^2},$$



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b Values and $\omega^{-\gamma}$ Seismic Source Models: Implications for Tectonic Stress Variations Along Active Crustal Fault Zones and the Estimation of High-Frequency Strong Ground Motion

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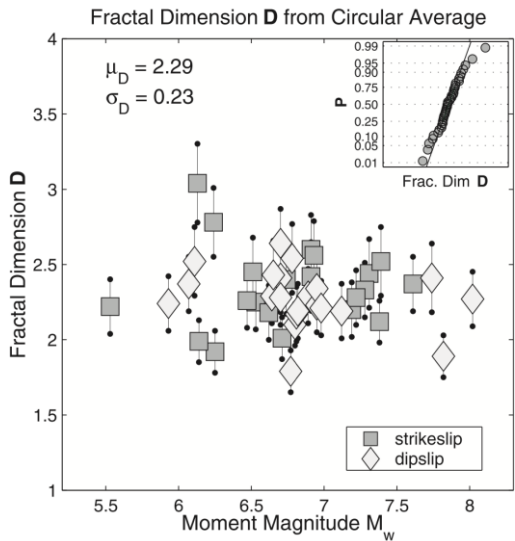
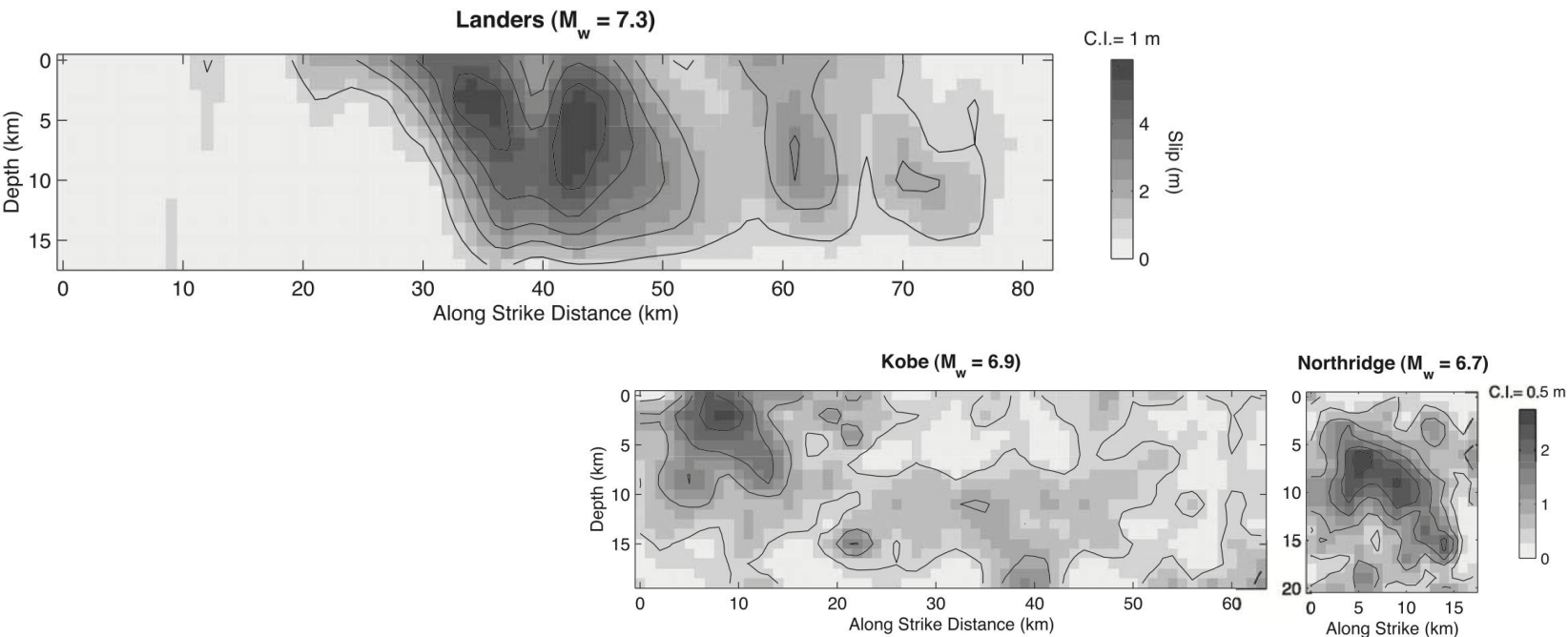
Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, Vol. 84, No. 4, pp. 1216–1228, August 1994

A Kinematic Self-Similar Rupture Process for Earthquakes

by A. Herrero and P. Bernard

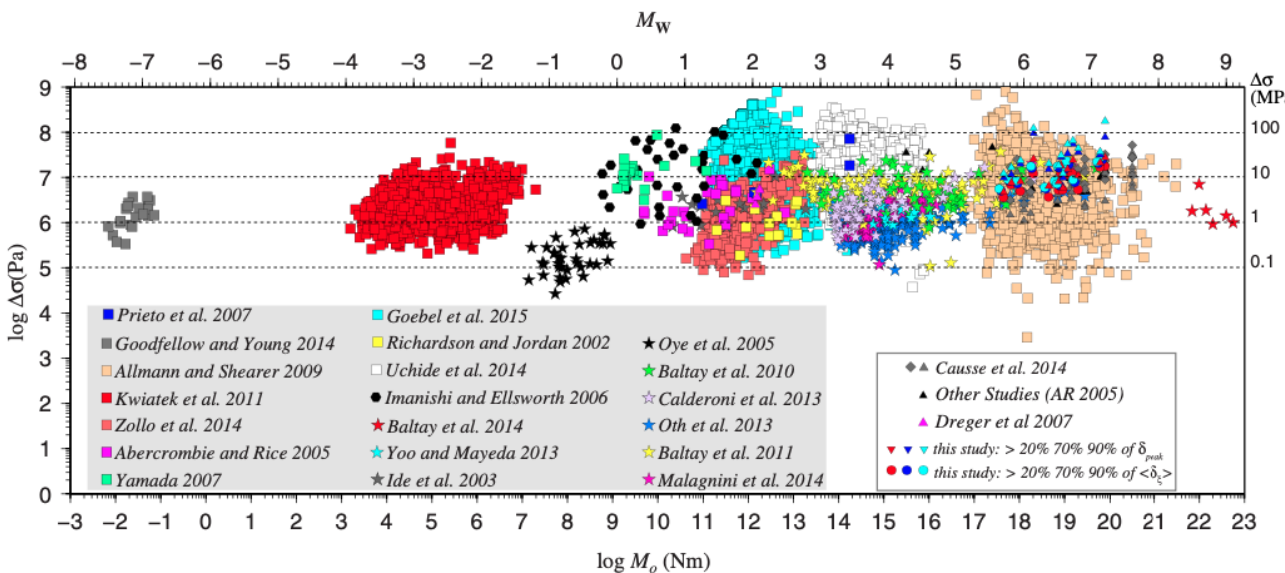
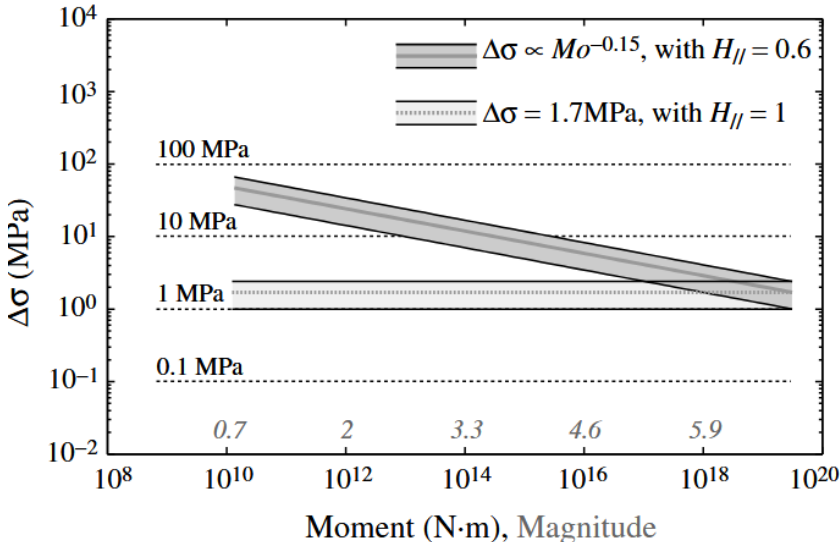
Similar v self-affine slip

Statistical analysis suggests self-affine rather than self-similar



Mai and Beroza, 2002

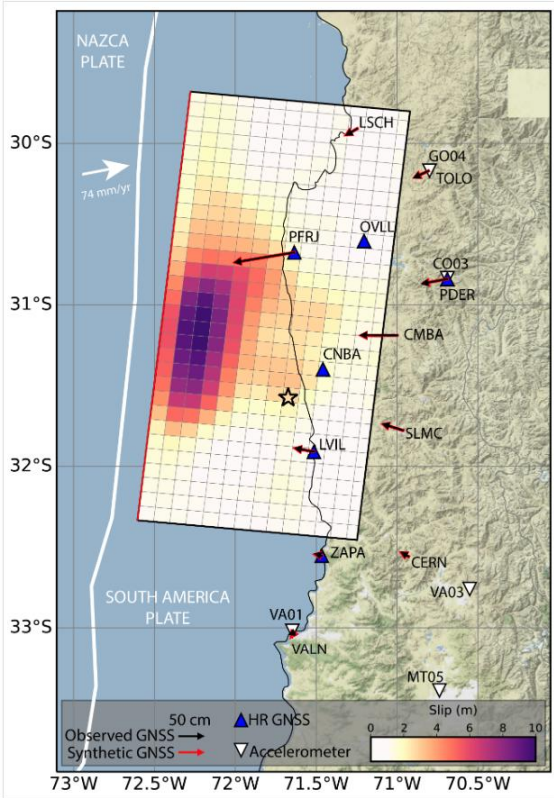
Candela et al, 2011



Cocco et al, 2016

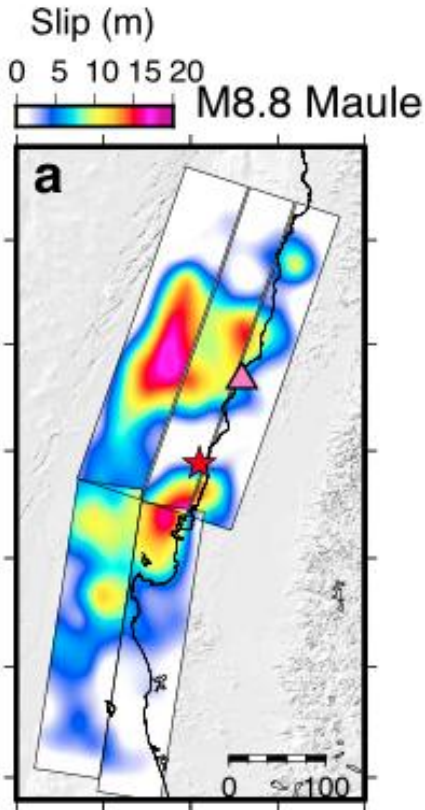
Description of fault surface

Heterogeneous Planar Fault



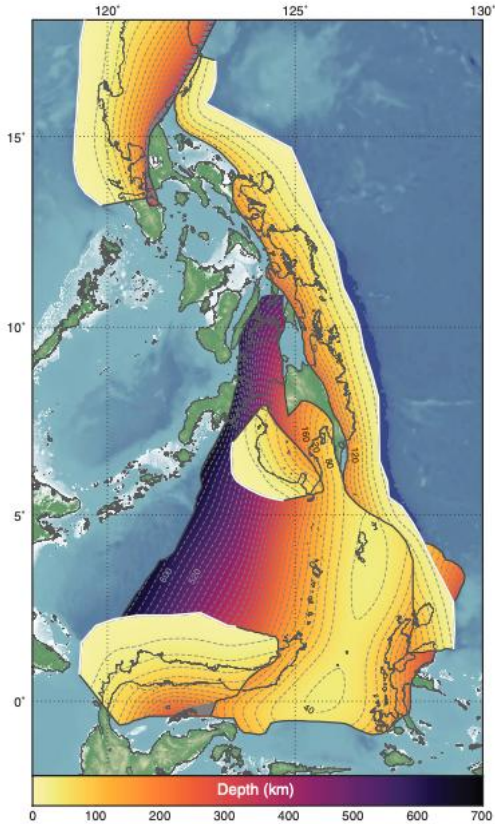
Goldberg et al. 2022

Multi-planar faults



Melgar and Hayes, 2018

Heterogeneous Non-Planar Fault

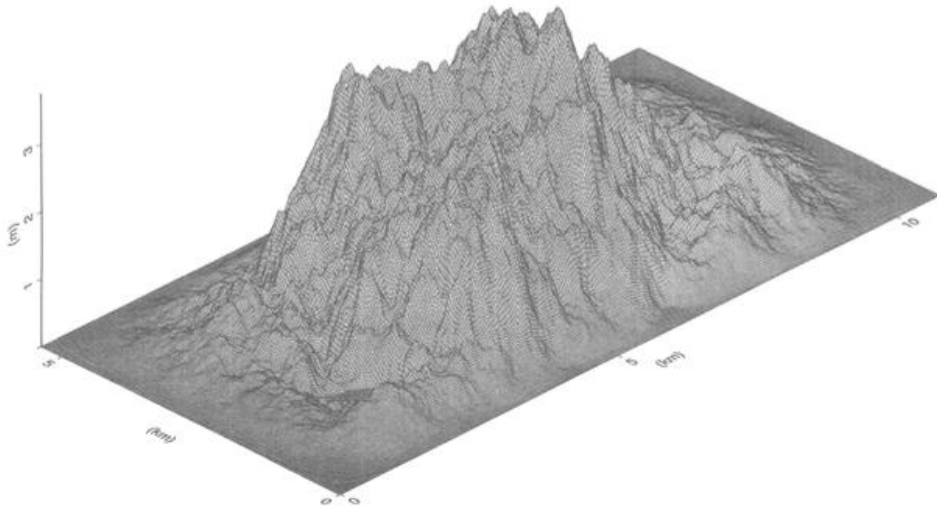


Slab 2.0 (Hayes,2018)

Generating stochastic slip distributions

Fourier Domain

$$\tilde{\Delta u}_L(k) = C \frac{\Delta \sigma}{\mu} \frac{L}{k^2}$$

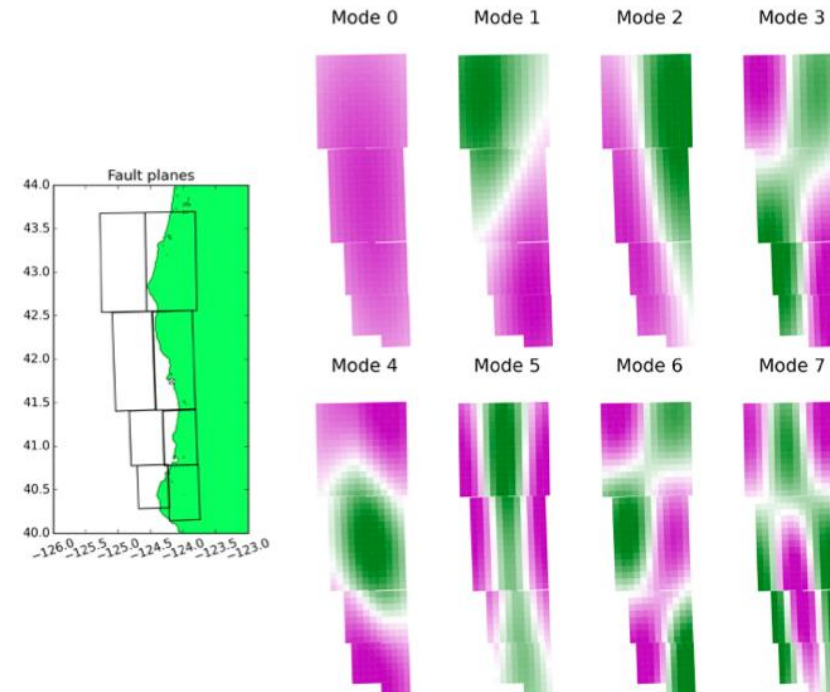


Herrero and Bernard, 1994



Karhunen-Loève Expansion

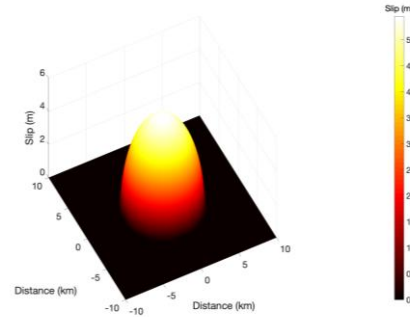
$$\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \sum_{k=1}^N z_k \sqrt{\lambda_k} \mathbf{v}_k.$$



LeVeque et al., 2016

Composite Source Model

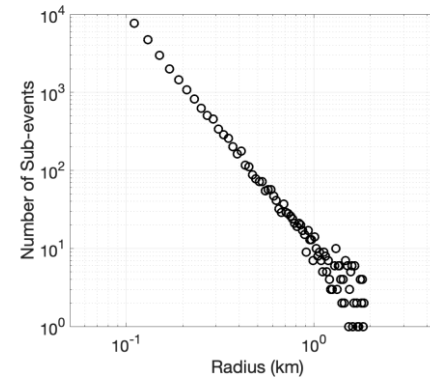
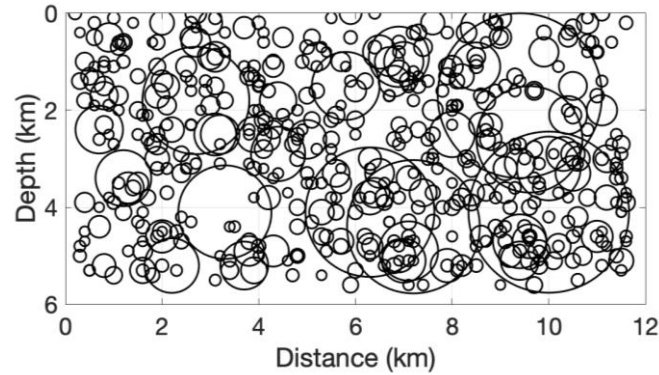
Subevent
of slip



$$u(r) = \frac{24}{7\pi} \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\mu} \sqrt{R^2 - r^2} \quad r < R$$

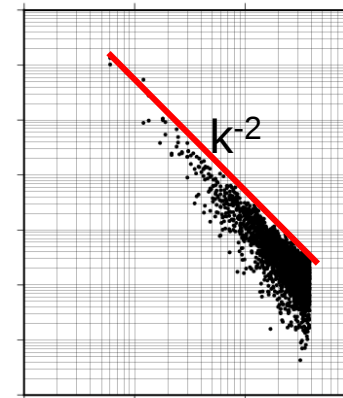
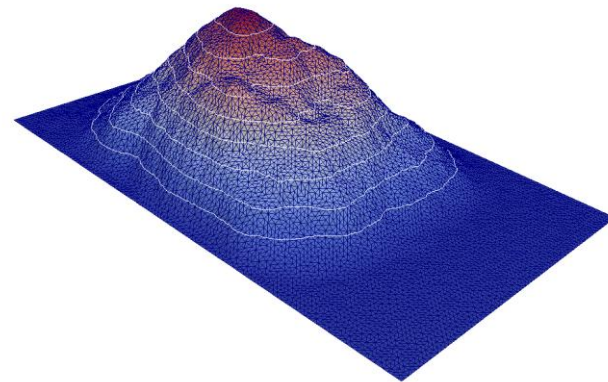
Ruiz et al. 2011;

Distribution of
subevents

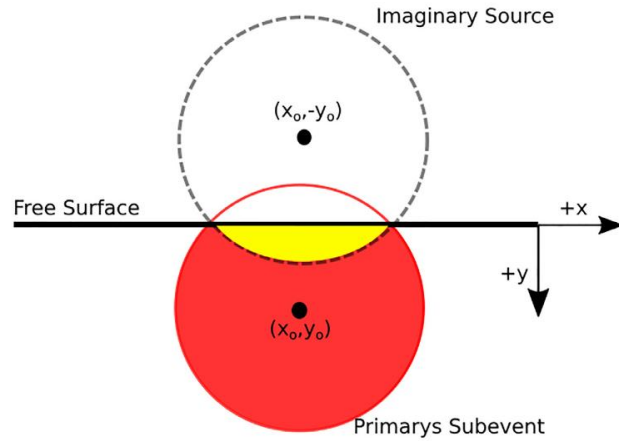


Zeng et al. 1994

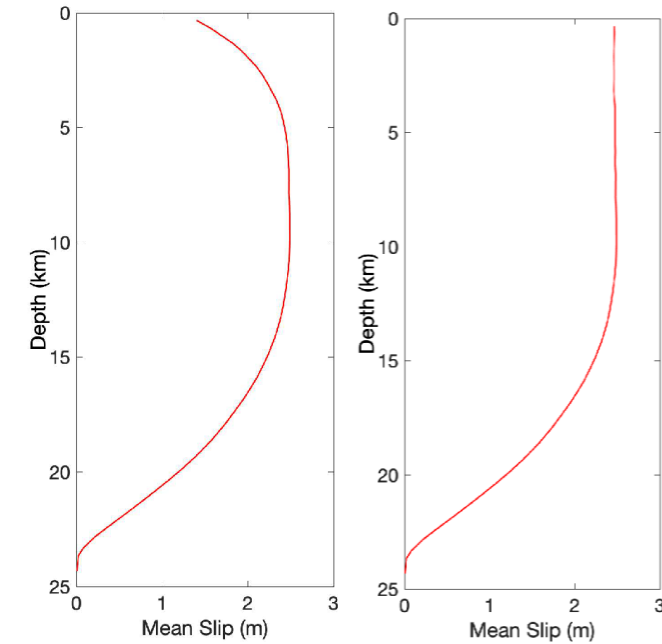
Summation
of subevents



Better accounting for surface rupture

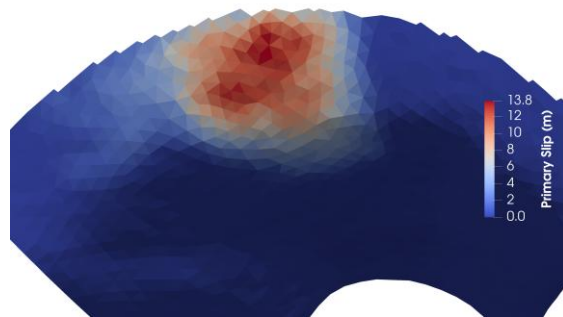


- Slip near surface decreases in standard model
- ‘Reflect’ slip patches back onto fault
- Removes depth dependance of slip near surface



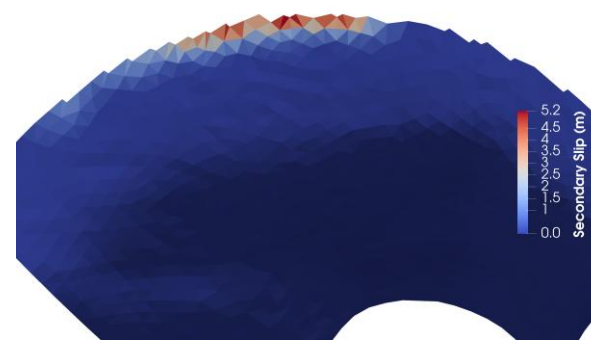
Murphy and Herrero, 2020

Primary Slip Contribution



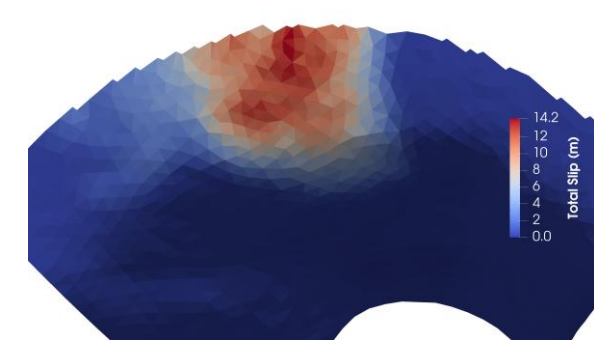
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Reflected Slip Contribution



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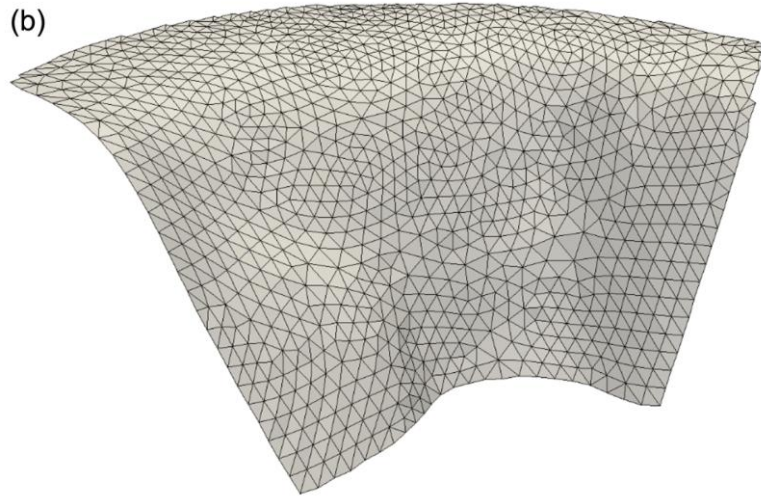
Final Slip Distribution



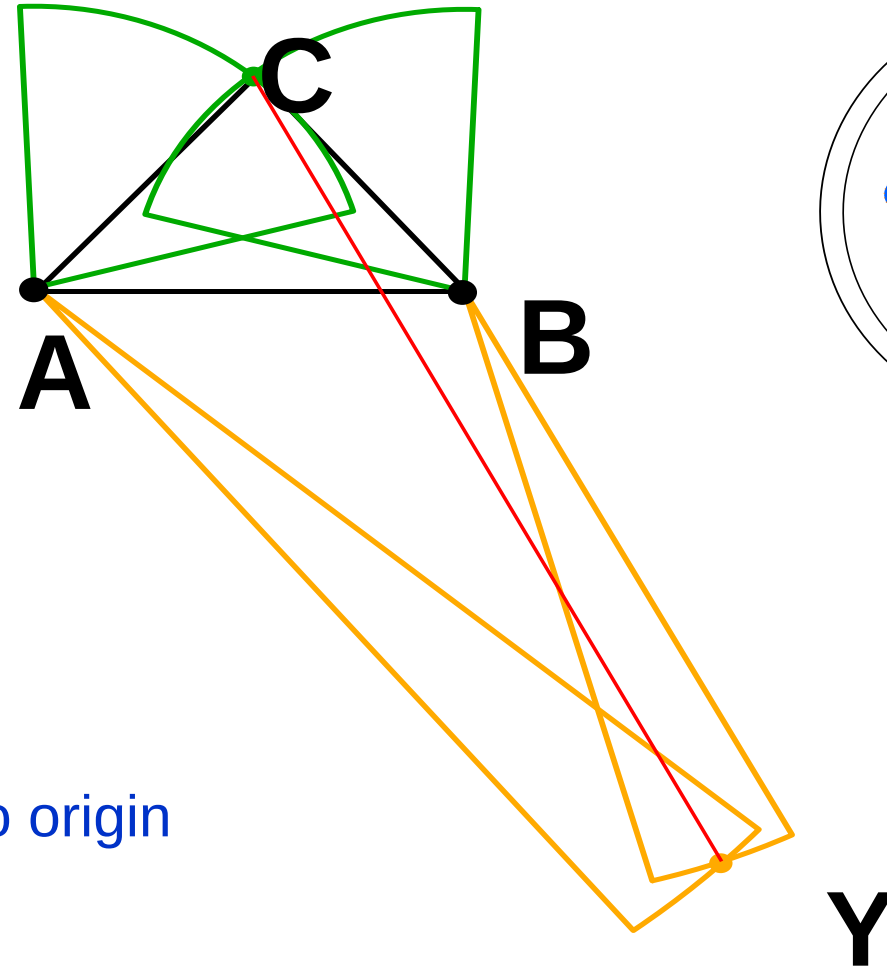
Calculating distance across a surface

Trilateration technique

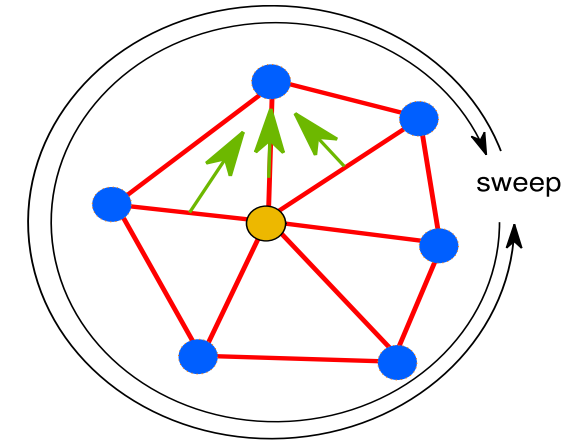
Unstructured Mesh



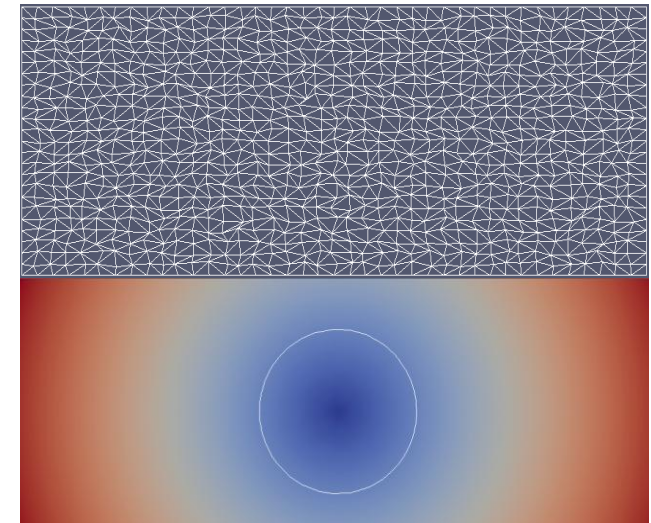
Local Level



Global Level



- 1) Reconstruct element
- 2) Locate apparent distance to origin



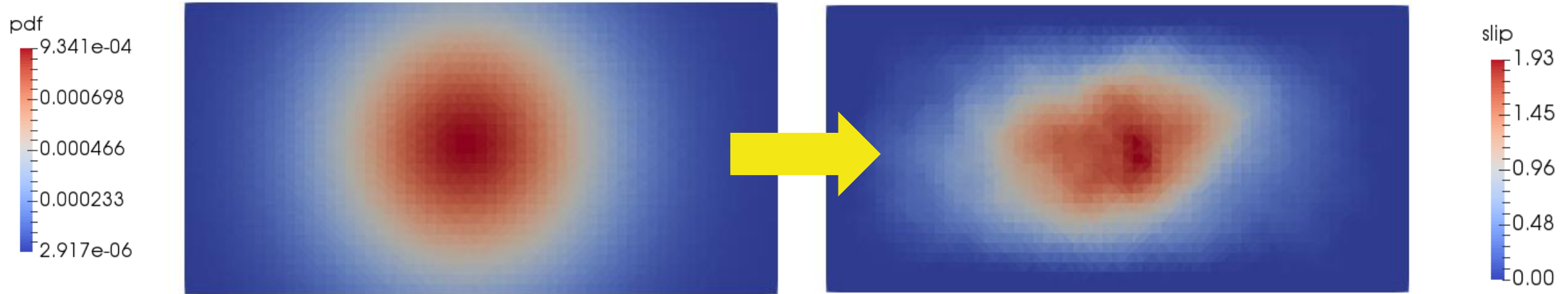
Herrero et al., 2018

Stochastic Slip: Composite Source Model

Advantages:

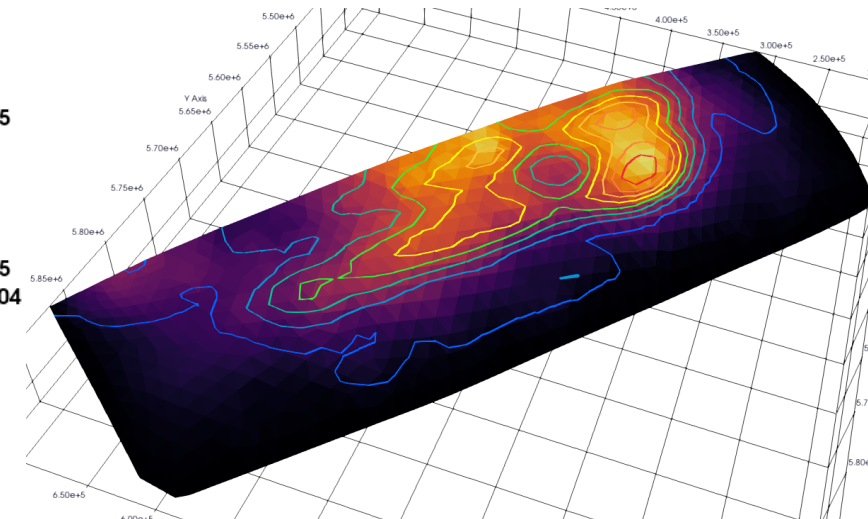
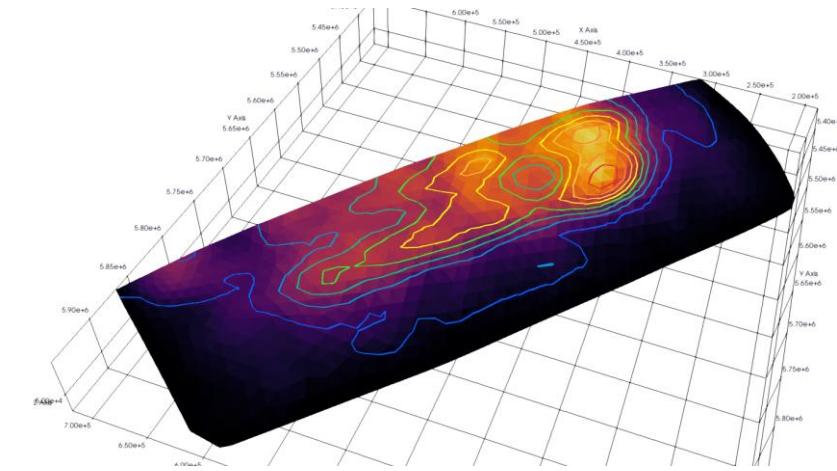
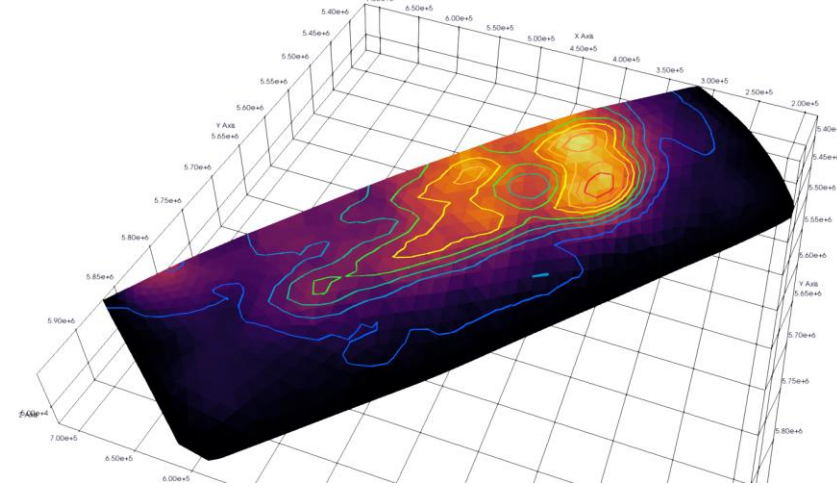
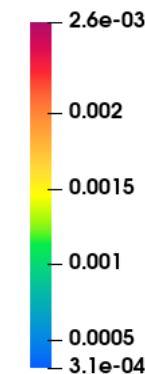
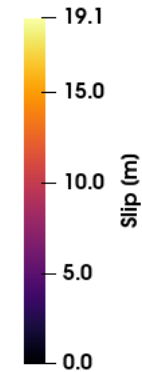
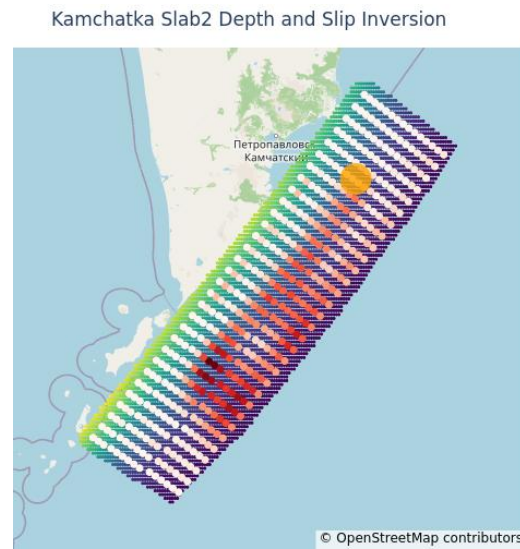
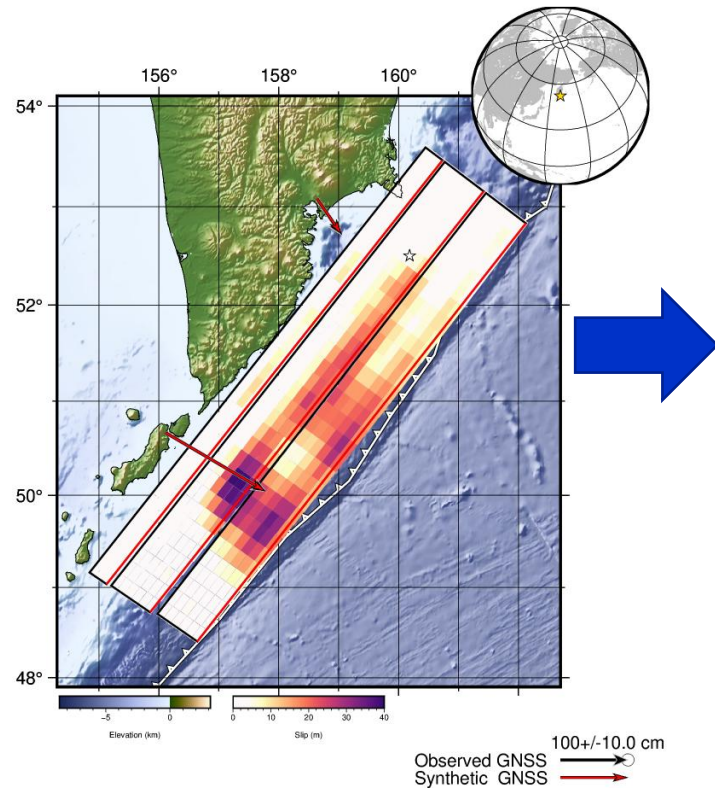
- 1) no negative slip
- 2) can be applied on non-planar surfaces
- 3) natural way of controlling low wavelengths of slip

PDF for placement of subevents



PDF for subevent placement

- M8.8 Kamchatka 2025 Earthquake
- USGS Finite Fault solution exists for planar faults
- But Slab 2.0 (Hayes et al., 2018) provides a non-planar representation of subduction zones



<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us6000qw60/finite-fault>

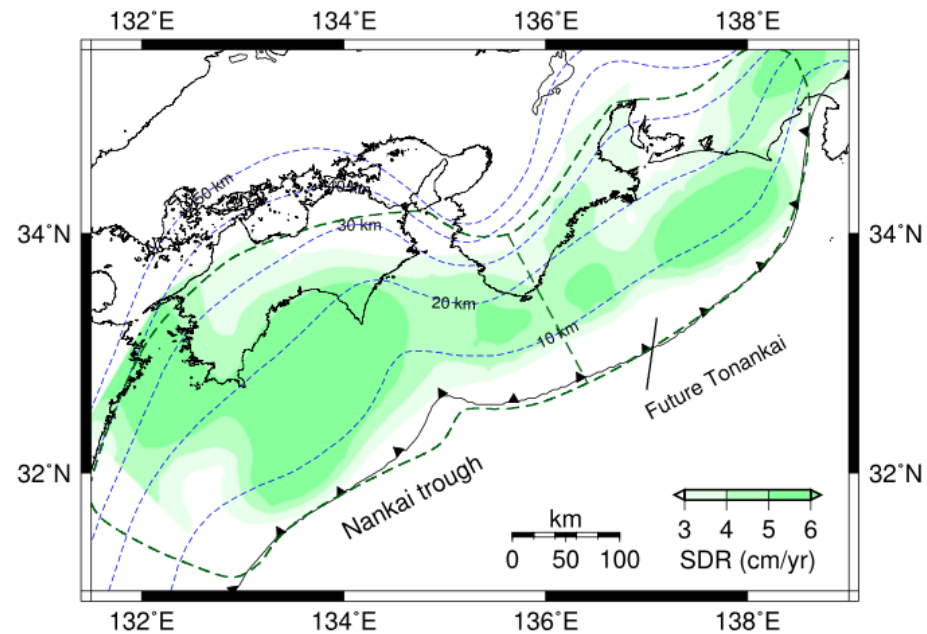


PDF for subevent placement

Different pdfs for different situations:

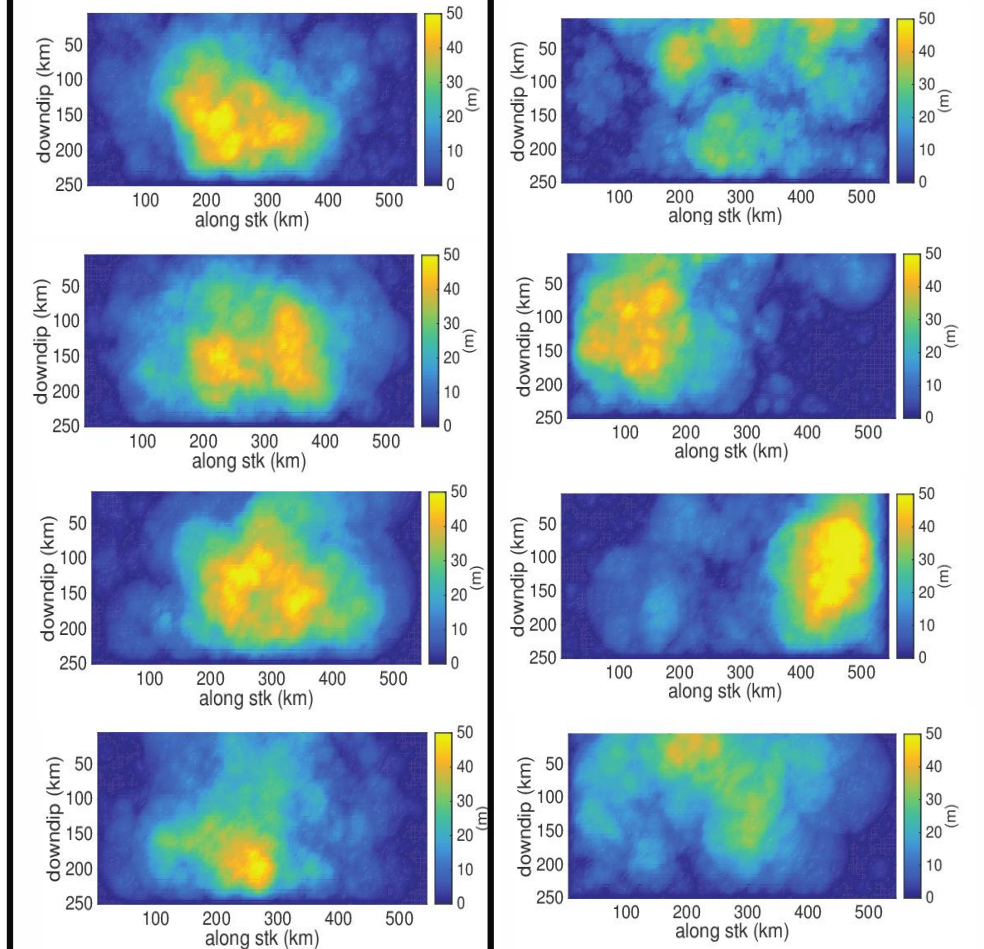
- Slip inversion : depending on uncertainty
- Tsunami hazard : completely unknown
 - Near surface amplification
 - Slip deficit / coupling

Important to check ensemble matches expectation

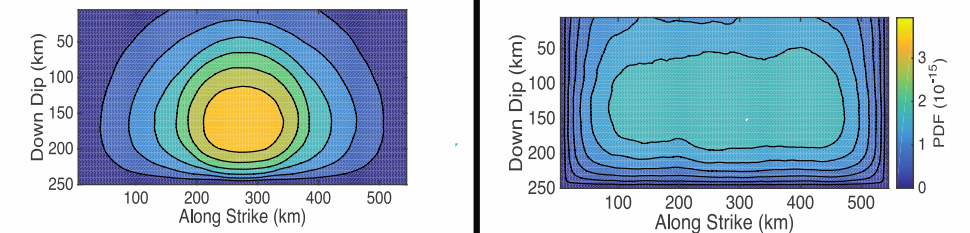


Nakano et al., 2020

Example Slip Distributions



SPDF



Murphy et al., 2016

Rupture Time Across Fault

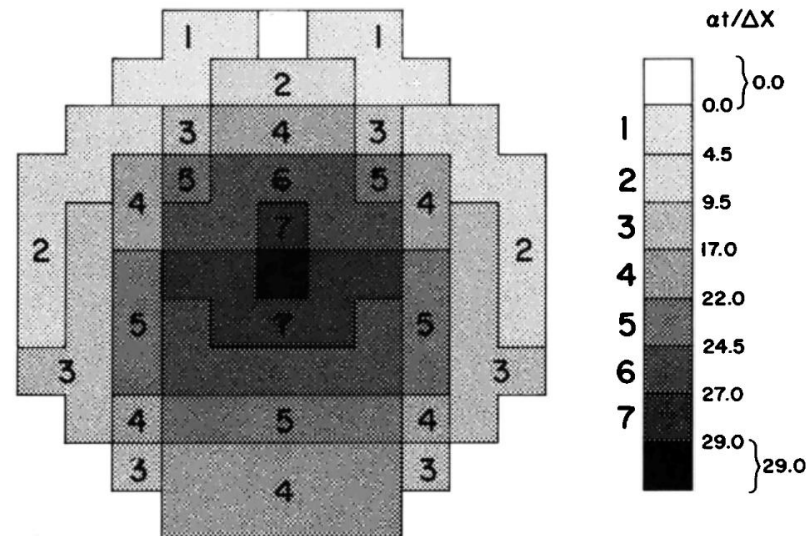
Rupture velocity can be simple or complex

$$v_r = c$$

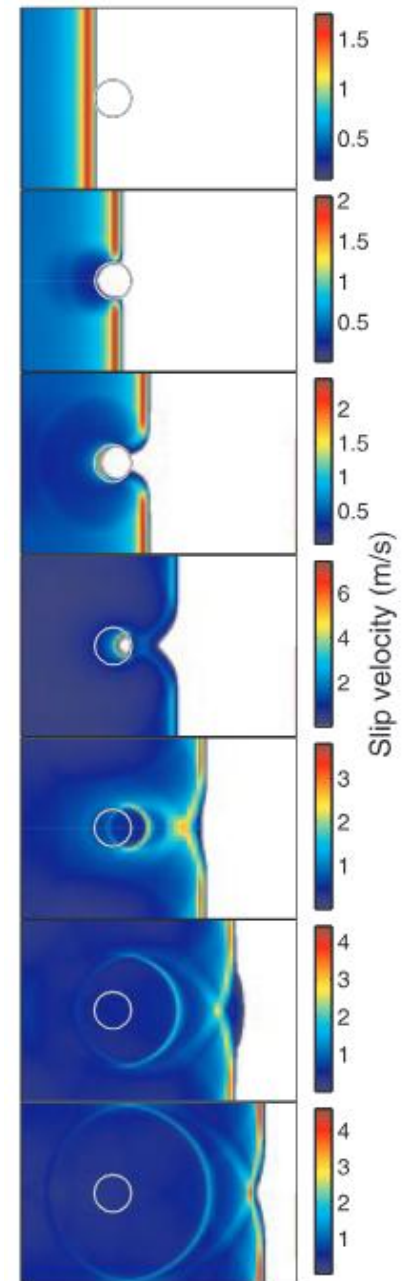
$$v_r(z) \propto z^n$$

$$v_r(\delta) \propto \delta^n$$

CASE I



Das and Kostrov, 1983



Dunham et al., 2003

k223d

- Code available on github : <https://github.com/s-murfy/k223d>
- A simplified input is used with many options given default values
- Stand alone Fortran version
 - Input done through command line
 - Mesh information passed through vtk files
- C API wrapper
 - Directly callable from Python, Julia, C, C++
 - Everything passed through interface
- Happy to work on adding new features

```
k223d.x mw=6.9 in=input.vtk out=output.vtk
```

```
k223d.x mw=6.9 < input.vtk > output.vtk
```

```
import k223d

# Minimal: slip distribution only
slip, _ = k223d.compute_source(points, cells, mw=7.0)

# With surface rupture and rupture time
slip, time = k223d.compute_source(
    points, cells, mw=7.0,
    surface_nodes=surface_nodes, # indices of nodes on the free surface
    velocity=cell_vel,           # rupture velocity per cell [m/s]
    time=itime                   # initialisation time per node
)
```



Conclusions

- The aim is to produce rapid stochastic slip distributions but include as much physics as possible
- Slip distributions exhibits power law scaling, self-similar slip can be theoretically linked to self similar ground motion and the stress drop is independent of size
- Composite source model combined with trilateration technique allows us to produce self-similar slip distributions on more realistic (non-planar) surfaces
- Possible to include more rupture physics into models, e.g. near surface slip amplification, rupturing around barriers
- Two approaches compliment each other:
 - Kinematic sim's can be used to add stochastic high frequency to dynamic simulations
 - Dynamic simulations can be used to inject more physics into kinematic simulations.



Thank you for your attention