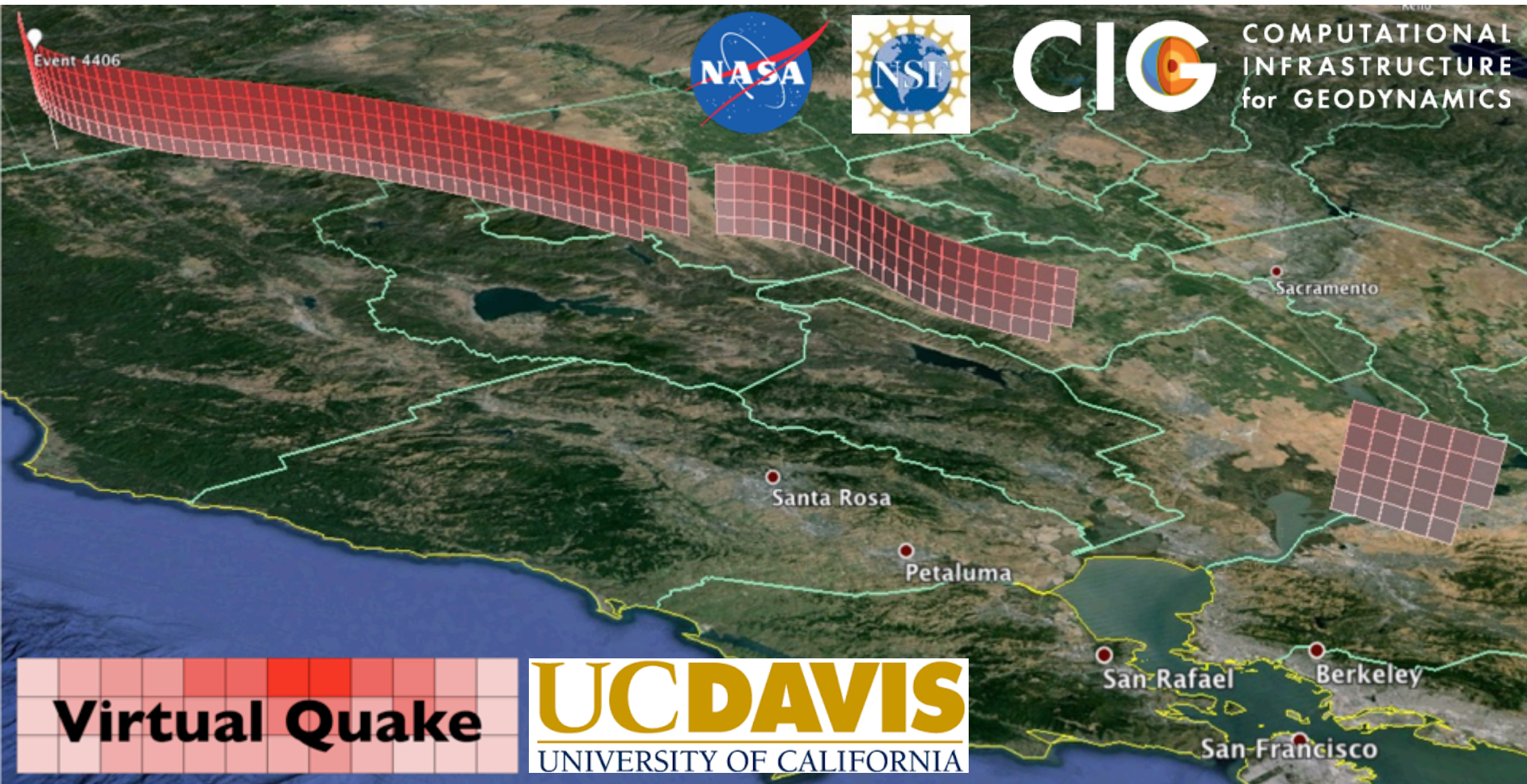


# An Introduction to **Virtual Quake**

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# Outline for Today

- What is Virtual Quake (VQ)?
- What physics does it use?
- Where to find the Virtual Quake code
- Setting up a simulation
  - Building a fault model
- Running Virtual Quake
- Analyzing Results with PyVQ (Python script)
- Featured Virtual Quake Papers
- Direct Simulation Data Analysis with PyVQ
- Other VQ projects underway
- Interesting future studies

# History of Virtual Quake

- 1989
  - “Virtual California” slider-block model proposed by John Rundle
- 1990s-2000s
  - Virtual California simulator developed and continuously improved
- Early 2000s
  - Virtual California begins to simulate the California fault system (using only vertical strike-slip faults), Prof. Rundle produces simulation-based seismic hazard assessment for California [PNAS 2005]
- Early 2010s
  - Virtual California gets more complex, all fault geometries
- 2012
  - NASA Software of the Year Co-Winner (as part of QuakeSim group)
  - A Series of BSSA papers validate Virtual California simulations with other earthquake simulation groups (RSQSim, AllCal, Visco-Sim)
- 2013-Today
  - “Virtual Quake” is a greatly improved, open source, modularized, and modern C++ code.
  - Includes fault model-building tools, simulation analysis script, and Python library “quakelib”

# Virtual Quake Validation: Earthquake Simulator Comparison

- 2012 series of papers in BSSA
- Compared California fault model simulations between four different earthquake simulators

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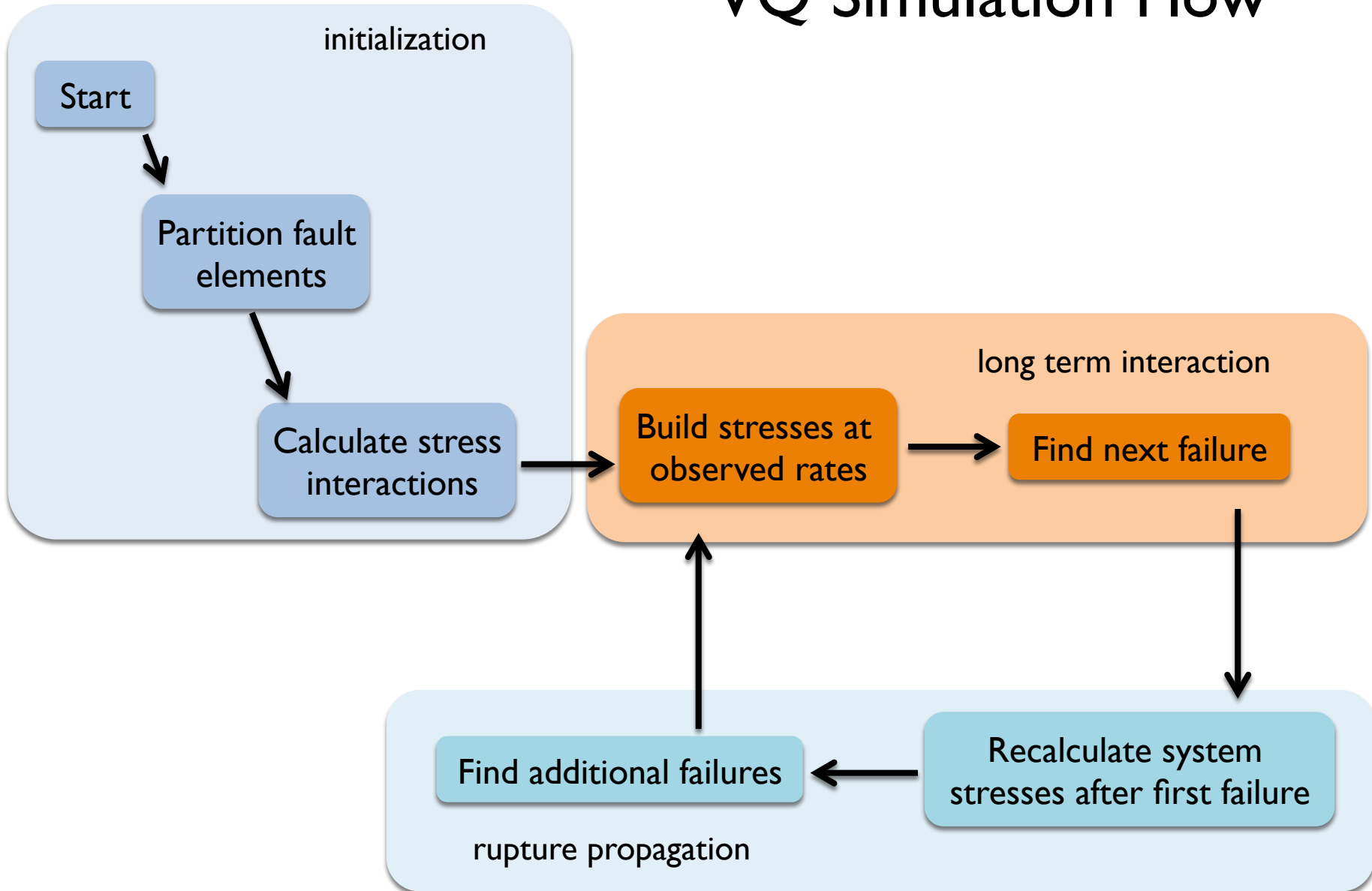
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VQ physical assumptions and simplifications are reasonable

VQ simulations consistent with observed EQ rates and with independent simulators



# VQ Simulation Flow



# Physics of Virtual Quake - Summary

- Boundary element, elastic half-space code. Simulates earthquake sequences with stress interactions between faults over 10,000 – 100,000 years.
- Specify a fault model: Fault geometry, long term slip rates, aseismic fractions
- Faults are meshed by VQ at a desired resolution (1-3km typical for large systems)
- Each fault patch experiences “chaotic” elastic rebound from self-loading (via slip rate) and being stressed by other fault patches (stress Greens’ functions for interactions – e.g. Okada 1992). Greens function matrices pre-computed
- Failure is governed by a Coulomb Failure Function (Stein 1999)
- Dynamic failure is also allowed at sub-critical stresses to approximate stress intensity at a crack tip during a rupture
- 2 free parameters:
  - Dynamic failure coefficient (fractional stress increase required during an earthquake for a fault patch to join the rupture, 0.5 = 50% increase from event start to join rupture)
  - Stress drop coefficient (complicated, think of it as a tuning parameter for the overall earthquake rates) (stress drops are used to determine amount of slip during event)
- Can incorporate slip-weakening (one of many optional parameters)

# Interaction Model: Green's Functions

$$\sigma_{ij}(x, t) = \int dx'_k T_{ij}^{kl}(x - x') s_l(x', t)$$

Discrete: stress  $\sigma(t)$  and slip  $s(t)$  only evaluated on fault elements

$$\sigma_{ij}^A(t) = \sum T_{ij}^{AB} s_B(t)$$

Shear stress along slip direction

$$\sigma_s^A(t) = \sum T_s^{AB} s_B(t)$$

Normal stress

$$\sigma_n^A(t) = \sum T_n^{AB} s_B(t)$$

- ★ Stress Green's functions  $T_n^{AB}$  and  $T_s^{AB}$  are complicated, in general they go like  $1/r^3$ , and positive slip  $s(t) > 0$  reduces local stress.

# Earthquake Model

## Static Failure

$$CFF^A(t) = \sigma_s^A(t) - \mu_s^A \sigma_n^A(t)$$

Earthquake at time  $t_{EQ}$  if  $CFF(t_{EQ})=0$   
(Coulomb Failure Function)

$\mu_s$  coefficient of static friction, derived  
from fault parameters

## Dynamic Failure

$$\frac{CFF_{init} - CFF_{final}}{CFF_{init}} > \eta$$

Elements on same fault as the  
initial failed element can slip even  
if  $CFF(t_{EQ}) \neq 0$

**Dynamic triggering factor  $\eta$**   
controls rupture propagation

$\eta=0.5$  in simulation used later



# Building Virtual Quake from Source

- CIG [geodynamics.org/software/vq](http://geodynamics.org/software/vq) (stable releases)
- GitHub [github.com/geodynamics/vq](https://github.com/geodynamics/vq) (bleeding edge updates)
- Continuously integrated on a CIG server
  - Ensures VQ will build on a variety of Linux machines
- Daily build tests on Mac OS X and Linux
- Windows not supported
- Build on command line with Cmake
  - See the MANUAL for full install instructions

```
$ cd vq
```

Make the build directory and navigate to it.

```
$ mkdir build
```

```
$ cd build
```

Use CMake to configure before compiling VQ.

```
$ cmake ..
```

Use make to build QuakeLib and the VQ binaries.

```
$ make
```

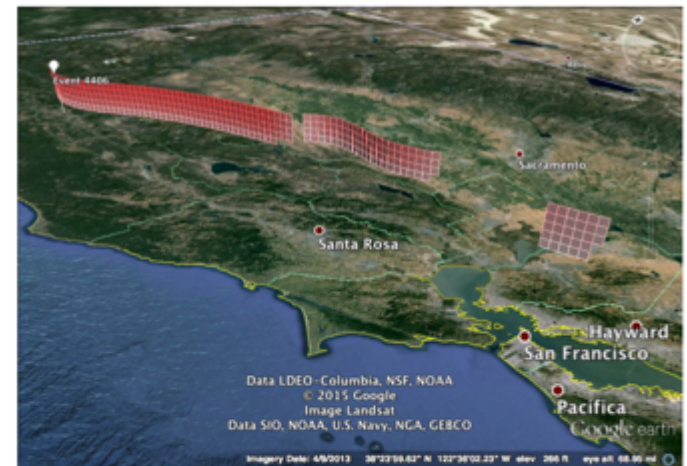
The final step is required only if the user intends to

```
$ sudo make install
```

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## Virtual Quake

User Manual  
Version 2.0



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[www.geodynamics.org](http://www.geodynamics.org)

# Extensive Unit-Testing Suite

- After installing Virtual Quake, use Cmake to run a suite of tests

```
$ cd build/
$ make test
Running tests...
Test project /.../build
   Start   1: CondUnitTest
1/230 Test  #1: CondUnitTest ..... Passed    0.08 sec
   Start   2: FricUnitTest
2/230 Test  #2: FricUnitTest ..... Passed    0.09 sec
   Start   3: GreenUnitTest
3/230 Test  #3: GreenUnitTest ..... Passed    0.09 sec
   Start   4: OctreeTest
4/230 Test  #4: OctreeTest ..... Passed    0.06 sec
   Start   5: UtilUnitTest
5/230 Test  #5: UtilUnitTest ..... Passed    0.15 sec
   Start   6: EventUnitTest
6/230 Test  #6: EventUnitTest ..... Passed    0.05 sec
   Start   7: GeomUnitTest
7/230 Test  #7: GeomUnitTest ..... Passed    0.05 sec
   Start   8: MetadataUnitTest
8/230 Test  #8: MetadataUnitTest ..... Passed    0.04 sec
...
   Start 230: test_two_consistent_taper_renorm_3000
230/230 Test #230: test_two_consistent_taper_renorm_3000 .... Passed    0.72 sec

100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 230

Total Test time (real) =  54.90 sec
```

# Building a Fault Model

- We build fault models from trace files (one per fault)
- Trace file: At some resolution, specify the following parameters along the trace of the fault
  - lat/lon, dip, rake, slip rate, depth (along dip), aseismic fraction
- Our fault mesher will build the fault from the trace information, filling the space of the fault with elements (many mesher options)

# Building a Fault Model: Example

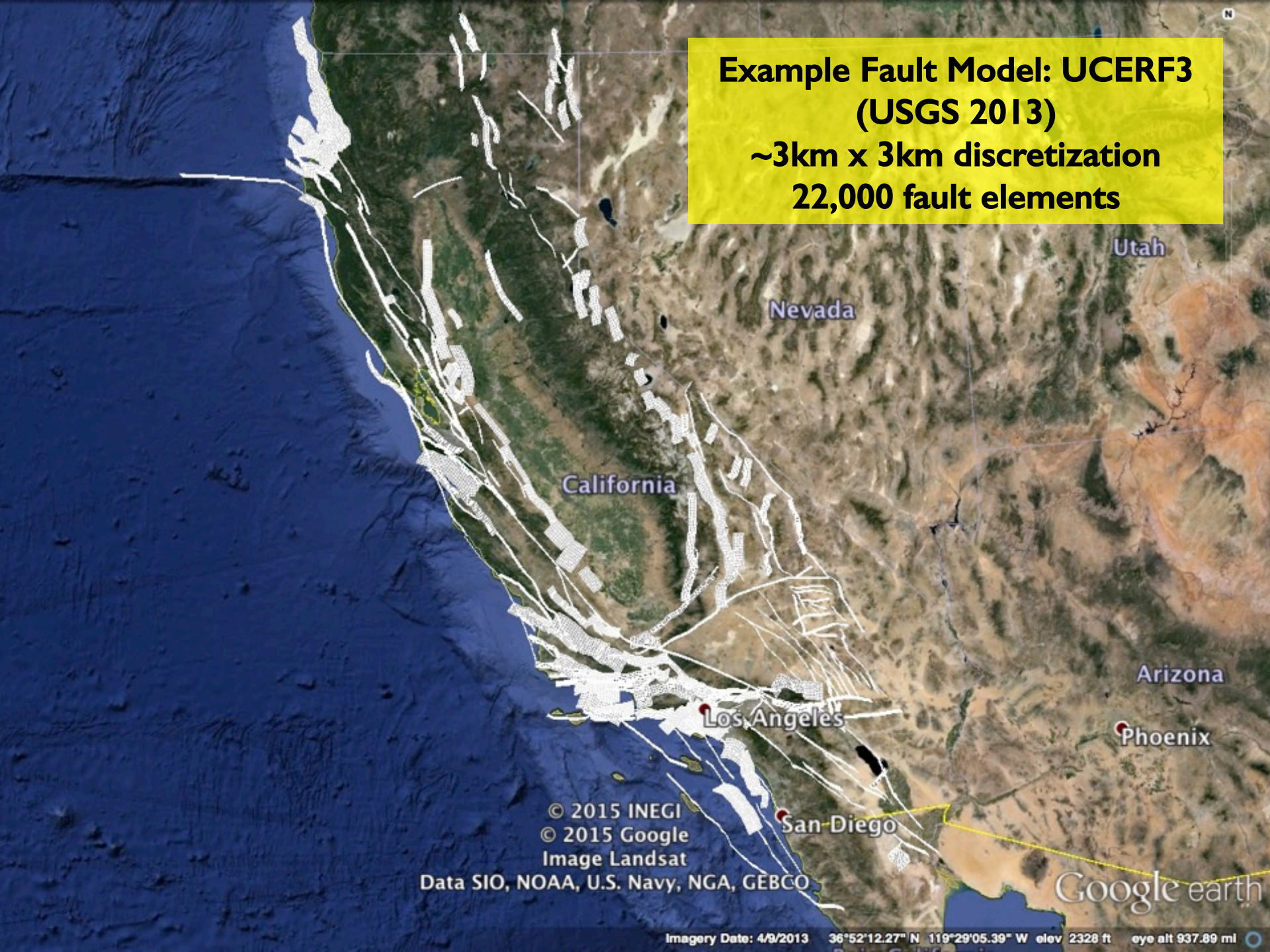
- Given two trace files, build the fault model with the mesher
- Also output a Google Earth KML file of the model

```
$ ~/vq/build/src/mesher --import_file trace_file1.txt --import_file_type=trace
--import_file trace_file2.txt --import_file_type=trace --export_file=combined_model.txt
--export_file_type=text --export_file=combined_model.kml --export_file_type=kml
```

```
# fault_id: ID number of the parent fault of this section
# num_points: Number of trace points comprising this section
# section_name: Name of the section
105 59 Bartlett_Spring
# latitude: Latitude of trace point
# longitude: Longitude of trace point
# altitude: Altitude of trace point (meters)
# depth_along_dip: Depth along dip (meters)
# slip_rate: Slip rate at trace point (centimeters/year)
# aseismic: Fraction of slip that is aseismic at point
# rake: Fault rake at trace point (degrees)
# dip: Fault dip at trace point (degrees)
# lame_mu: Lamé's mu parameter at trace point (Pascals)
# lame_lambda: Lamé's lambda parameter at trace point (Pascals)
40.2622 -123.459 0 12000 0 0 180 90 3e+10 3.2e+10
40.2357 -123.465 0 12000 0.439 0 180 90 3e+10 3.2e+10
40.209 -123.47 0 12000 0.557 0 180 90 3e+10 3.2e+10
40.1823 -123.473 0 12000 0.615 0 180 90 3e+10 3.2e+10
```

**Example Fault Model: UCERF3  
(USGS 2013)**

**~3km x 3km discretization  
22,000 fault elements**

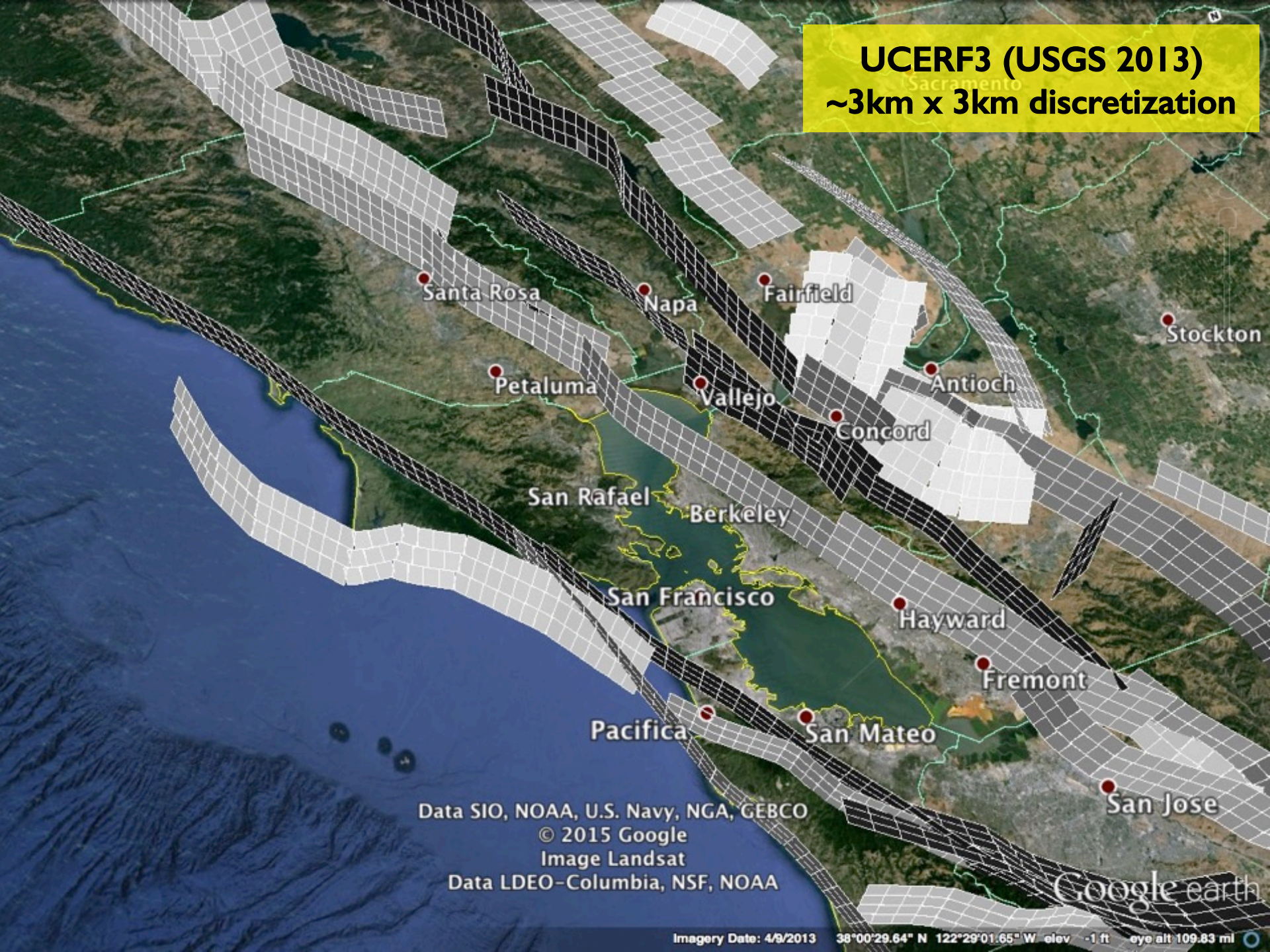


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**UCERF3 (USGS 2013)**  
~3km x 3km discretization



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# Running Virtual Quake: Parameter File

<code>sim.time.start_year</code>	<code>= 0</code>	simulation time range
<code>sim.time.end_year</code>	<code>= 10000</code>	
<code>sim.greens.method</code>	<code>= standard</code>	greens functions
<code>sim.greens.output</code>	<code>= stress_your_fault_model_3km.h5</code>	
<code>sim.file.input</code>	<code>= your_fault_model_3km.h5</code>	file I/O
<code>sim.file.input_type</code>	<code>= hdf5</code>	
<code>sim.file.output_event</code>	<code>= events_your_fault_model_3km_drops0-4_dyn0-5_10kyr.h5</code>	
<code>sim.file.output_event_type</code>	<code>= hdf5</code>	
<code>sim.friction.stress_drop_factor</code>	<code>= 0.4</code>	tuning parameters
<code>sim.friction.dynamic</code>	<code>= 0.5</code>	
<code>sim.file.output_stress</code>	<code>= test_stress.txt</code>	sim checkpoint saving
<code>sim.file.output_stress_index</code>	<code>= test_stress_index.txt</code>	
<code>sim.file.output_stress_type</code>	<code>= text</code>	
<code>sim.file.output_stress_num_events</code>	<code>= 5000</code>	

There are many more parameters, see the User's Manual for full list

# Running Virtual Quake

```
terremoto:RUNNING kasey$ mpiexec -np 4 ./vq params_allcal.d
# *****
# *** Virtual Quake ***
# *** Version 2.0.0 ***
# *** Git revision ID 34c6c14ca5e4554c1358a1faf8b5102624356774 ***
# *** QuakeLib 1.2.0 Git revision 34c6c14ca5e4554c1358a1faf8b5102624356774 ***
# *** MPI process count      : 4 ***
# *** OpenMP not enabled    ***
# *****
# Initializing blocks.
# To gracefully quit, create the file quit_vq in the run directory or use a SIGINT (Control-C).
# Reading Greens function data from file greens_UCERF3_VQmeshed_3km.h5...0%...1%...3%...4%...5%...6%...7%...8%...9%...10%...1
1%...12%...13%...14%...15%...17%...18%...19%...20%...21%...22%...23%...24%...25%...26%...27%...28%...30%...31%...32%...
...33%...34%...35%...36%...37%...38%...39%...40%...41%...42%...44%...45%...46%...47%...48%...49%...50%...51%...52%...
53%...54%...55%...56%...57%...58%...59%...61%...62%...63%...64%...65%...66%...67%...68%...69%...70%...71%...72%...73%
...74%...75%...77%...78%...79%...80%...81%...82%...83%...84%...85%...86%...87%...88%...89%...91%...92%...93%...94%...
.95%...96%...97%...98%...99%..
# Greens function took 492.36 seconds.
# Greens shear matrix takes 911.485 megabytes
# Greens normal matrix takes 911.485 megabytes
# Greens Shear:
max: 4.65309e+06
min: -2.08774e+07
mean: -2.97305e+06

# Greens Normal:
max: 2.37615e+06
min: -2.23179e+06
mean: 259898

# Greens DiagShear:: -2.08774e+07 -- -9.10632e+06 (-1.53893e+07)
# Greens DiagNormal:: -2.23179e+06 -- 2.37615e+06 (38773)
# Greens offDiagShear:: -1.33614e+06 -- 4.65309e+06 (1.24163e+07)
# Greens offDiagNormal:: -1.91868e+06 -- 2.04839e+06 (221126)

# Global Greens shear matrix takes 3.56049 gigabytes.
# Global Greens normal matrix takes 3.56049 gigabytes.
# Displaying simulation progress every 10 seconds.
#
# *****
# ***
# *** Blocks      : 21833
# *** Faults     : 313
# ***
# *** Present Time (years) : 0
# *** Min cff      : -1.87866e+07
# *** Mean cff     : -8.32438e+06
# *** Max cff      : -7.08086e+06
# ***
# To access the event output file during the simulation, pause
# by creating the file pause_vq. Delete the file to resume.
# Writing events in format hdf5 to file UCERF3_VQmeshed_3km_10kyr_dyn0-8_stressDrops0-5_GreenLimits_dynDrops.h5
# events      year      minCff[index]      avrCff      maxCff[index]
# 10          88.9    -1.877e+07[11572] -7.889e+06   3.111e+06[ 2609]
```



# Virtual Quake Output: Events

event_nu...	event_year	event_trig...	event_ma...	event_she...	event_she...	event_nor...	event_nor...	start_swe...	end_swee...
2607	1046.695...	6087	5.956098...	5436685...	-2.59680...	2.181858...	2.179609...	3636559	3636615
2608	1046.716...	5819	6.021254...	2774705...	-4.94128...	7.163904...	7.160898...	3636615	3636635
2609	1046.811...	11946	6.301970...	4029808...	-1.08651...	2.469329...	2.451347...	3636635	3636727
2610	1046.866...	7848	6.539181...	-4.54143...	-1.34861...	5.517006...	5.469131...	3636727	3636880
2611	1047.955...	13827	6.505863...	-244304...	-9.94745...	2.150692...	2.150705...	3636880	3638243
2612	1048.732...	3879	6.931241...	2.307990...	-6.52989...	2.824318...	2.819658...	3638243	3640852
2613	1048.956...	1147	6.095512...	4.508588...	-1.99687...	3.809657...	3.810502...	3640852	3640912
2614	1050.029...	4773	5.608864...	-238111...	-1.97361...	9.072139...	9.071898...	3640912	3640921
2615	1050.138...	9975	6.557674...	4.484858...	-2.38021...	8.101862...	8.141672...	3640921	3641327
2616	1051.737...	1219	5.709503...	-332517...	-2.47707...	1.598515...	1.598960...	3641327	3641344
2617	1052.092...	3411	5.483343...	-927742...	-1.80262...	6.420186...	6.420175...	3641344	3641359
2618	1052.960...	11	5.413527...	-1.26828...	-2.21256...	7.472676...	7.472672...	3641359	3641368
2619	1054.207...	7	5.700531...	-575329...	-2.93711...	8.568940...	8.571740...	3641368	3641383
2620	1055.389...	234	5.853259...	-1.09007...	-4.41516...	9.774805...	9.796425...	3641383	3641404
2621	1055.783...	1618	6.883576...	2.845782...	-5.99145...	1.826339...	1.827452...	3641404	3643065
2622	1056.472...	2780	5.903702...	1.411938...	-2.60536...	2.155342...	2.158261...	3643065	3643090
2623	1056.667...	14025	6.553990...	1.692082...	-5.50267...	7.095451...	7.151653...	3643090	3643927
2624	1056.892...	15	5.729011...	-264316...	-2.34920...	1.085080...	1.086250...	3643927	3643940
2625	1057.376...	76	6.824152...	4.003585...	-1.65340...	2.101754...	2.119302...	3643940	3645407
2626	1058.046...	159	5.680672...	1.442671...	-707938...	1.204290...	1.205646...	3645407	3645421
2627	1058.066...	2519	6.102326...	2.756317...	-1.98748...	1.761913...	1.761059...	3645421	3645481
2628	1058.897...	6367	7.179519...	5.782284...	-2.03671...	3.389651...	3.384227...	3645481	3649746
2629	1059.124...	14072	5.768294...	1296098...	-1.87837...	1.400909...	1.399145...	3649746	3649762
2630	1059.642...	3120	5.921011...	7419263...	-2.99668...	1.541562...	1.538850...	3649762	3649790
2631	1059.926...	167	6.272923...	4.605299...	-819437...	5.810756...	5.796892...	3649790	3650027
2632	1060.083...	219	5.255504...	-467569...	-582630...	4.281084...	4.281083...	3650027	3650032
2633	1060.299...	11801	6.717671...	1.474351...	-887481...	9.779089...	9.824407...	3650032	3651110
2634	1060.819...	2968	5.611284...	8692057...	-967259...	9.459485...	9.457330...	3651110	3651122
2635	1061.557...	3133	6.563689...	1.305315...	-3.58960...	7.625865...	7.687646...	3651122	3651448
2636	1062.212...	3397	6.738846...	2.083049...	-3.88056...	1.586436...	1.597113...	3651448	3653344
2637	1062.446...	3831	6.157829...	3.017735...	-2.99324...	2.618902...	2.611564...	3653344	3653390

# Virtual Quake Output: Sweeps

event_nu...	sweep_nu...	block_id	block_slip	block_area	block_mu	shear_init	shear_final	normal_init	normal_fi...
3	1	1	0.091324...	2249995...	3.000000...	5970497...	4713737...	5.959574...	5.959574...
3	1	8	0.063723...	2250011...	3.000000...	5253309...	5364172...	1.986525...	1.986525...
3	1	120	0.770756...	2250045...	3.000000...	-480740...	-1.00392...	1.986525...	1.986525...
3	2	112	0.062629...	2250045...	3.000000...	5367573...	3544792...	1.986525...	1.986525...
3	2	121	0.087574...	2250045...	3.000000...	6026826...	3899285...	5.959575...	5.959575...
3	2	0	-0.34458...	2249995...	3.000000...	-172410...	-364001...	1.986525...	1.986525...
3	2	1	0.622398...	2249995...	3.000000...	-403463...	-826121...	5.959574...	5.959575...
3	2	8	0.774877...	2250011...	3.000000...	-488897...	-997007...	1.986525...	1.986525...
3	2	120	-0.17731...	2250045...	3.000000...	-172410...	-628520...	1.986525...	1.986525...
3	3	2	0.075903...	2249995...	3.000000...	5654536...	3864808...	9.932624...	9.932624...
3	3	9	0.124672...	2250011...	3.000000...	6667470...	3199696...	5.959575...	5.959575...
3	3	16	0.085067...	2249995...	3.000000...	5652420...	3282901...	1.986524...	1.986524...
3	3	0	-0.10048...	2249995...	3.000000...	-902158...	-267881...	1.986525...	1.986525...
3	3	1	-0.14372...	2249995...	3.000000...	-137329...	-502642...	5.959575...	5.959575...
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3	3	121	0.628517...	2250045...	3.000000...	-403188...	-829930...	5.959575...	5.959575...
3	4	104	0.086013...	2250045...	3.000000...	5670070...	3258286...	1.986525...	1.986525...
3	4	113	0.125644...	2250045...	3.000000...	6687750...	3169351...	5.959575...	5.959575...
3	4	122	0.076274...	2250045...	3.000000...	5662280...	3856945...	9.932625...	9.932625...
3	4	0	0.063209...	2249995...	3.000000...	-899616...	-199799...	1.986525...	1.986525...
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3	4	8	0.128265...	2250011...	3.000000...	-174361...	-368653...	1.986525...	1.986525...
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# Recent Virtual Quake Publications

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Quiescence

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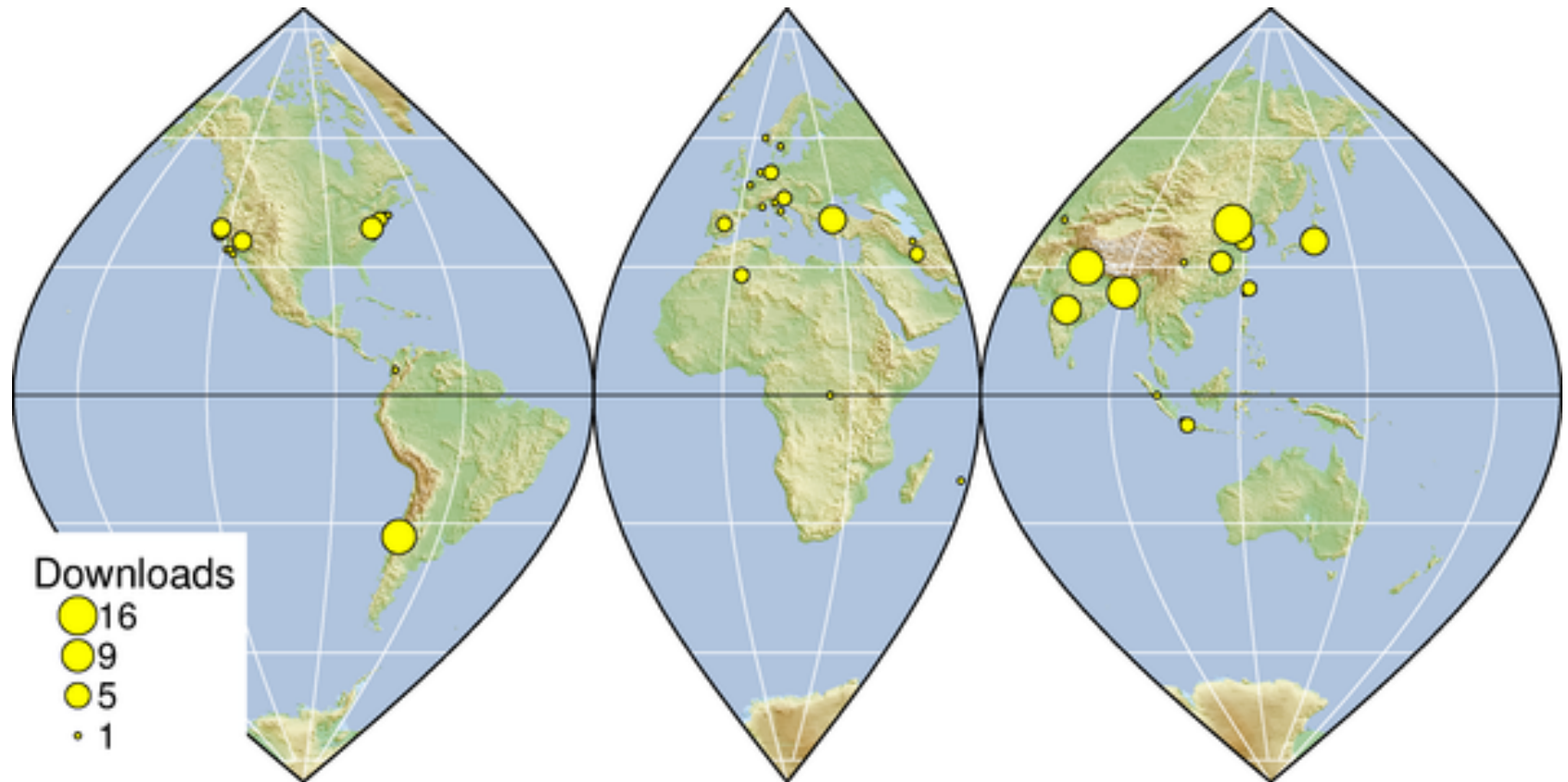
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Presented  
Fault-wise EQ  
Probabilities

12 Virtual Quake Publications listed on CIG:

[geodynamics.org/cig/news/publications/#vq](http://geodynamics.org/cig/news/publications/#vq)

# Virtual Quake Users



Currently Collaborating with:

- Univ. of Tehran researchers (Dept. of Civil Engineering)
- Universidad Católica del Norte; Antofagasta, Chile

# Virtual Iran (under development)

- Univ. of Tehran researchers (Dept. of Civil Engineering)
- Used “NeoKinema” software with geologic+GPS data to solve for fault parameters
- Currently preparing for long term Iran fault system simulations



# The quakelib module and PyVQ Analysis Script

- We use SWIG to wrap the QuakeLib C++ libraries into “quakelib”
- **quakelib** is an object-oriented Python library (example script below)

```
import quakelib

# ----- Initialize model object -----
model = quakelib.ModelWorld()

# ----- Read model file -----
model.read_file_hdf5("path/to/model_file.h5")
# or
model.read_file_ascii("path/to/model_file.txt")

# ----- Read simulation (event) file -----
events = quakelib.ModelEventSet()
events.read_file_hdf5("path/to/event_file.h5")

# Create a KML file showing the co-seismic slip distribution for event #1415
model.write_event_kml("my_event_1415.kml", events[1415])
```

- **PyVQ** is a Python script that utilizes the quakelib module
- Creating the same file as above with PyVQ on the command line:

```
$ python ~/vq/pyvq/pyvq/pyvq.py --event_kml --model_file path/to/model_file.h5
--event_file path/to/event_file.h5 --event_id 1415
```

# PyVQ Analysis Script

- Well-commented
- In Python, so easy to read through the code
- Automatic file naming: utilizes sub-setting parameters and model and event file names where applicable
- Easily adaptable, write whatever functions you want

**[ Show the file ]**

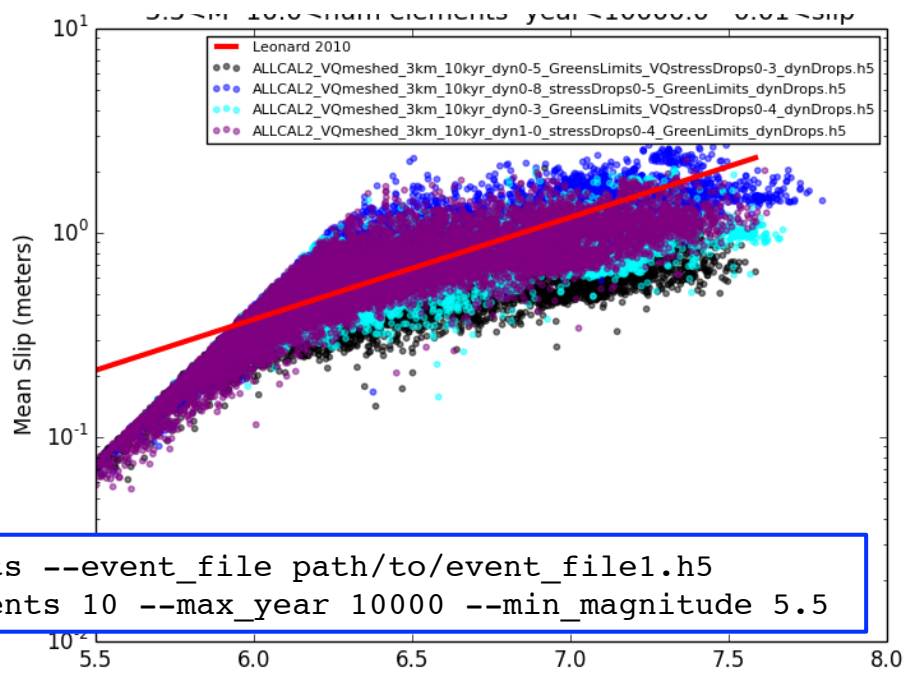
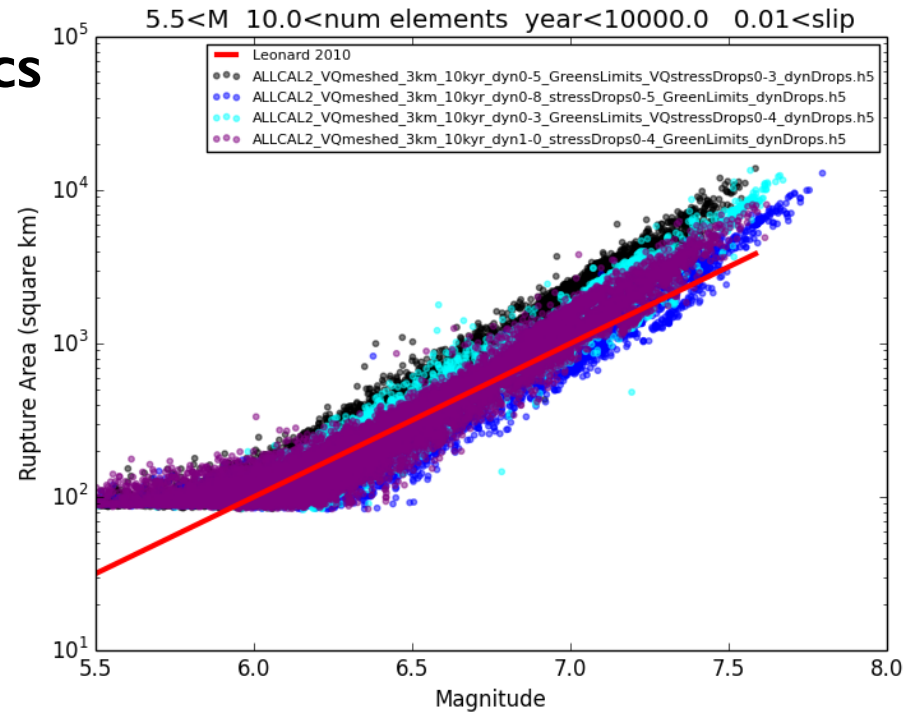
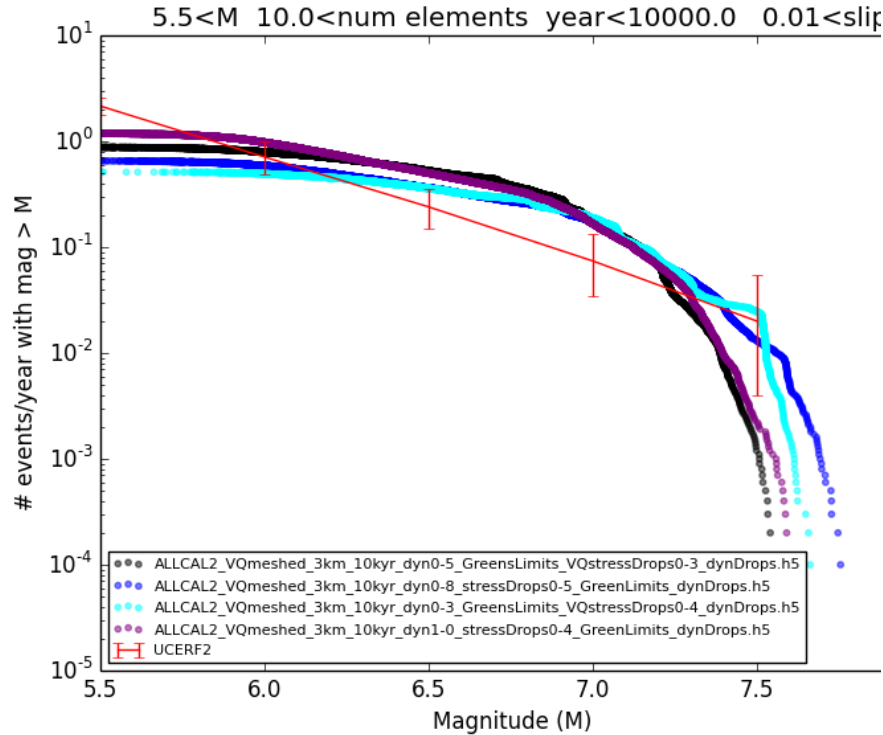
- **Many examples to follow** illustrate the utility of PyVQ and show the commands used to make the plots

# PyVQ - Direct Simulation Data Analysis

- Computing conditional probabilities for large EQs given the simulated EQ distribution
- Visualizing simulated earthquake statistics
- Visualizing spatial patterns for simulated earthquakes
  - Co-seismic gravity changes
  - Co-seismic InSAR interferograms & surface deformation
  - Co-seismic Geoid height changes
- Visualizing slip during simulated earthquakes
- The next few slides give examples of direct simulation data analysis



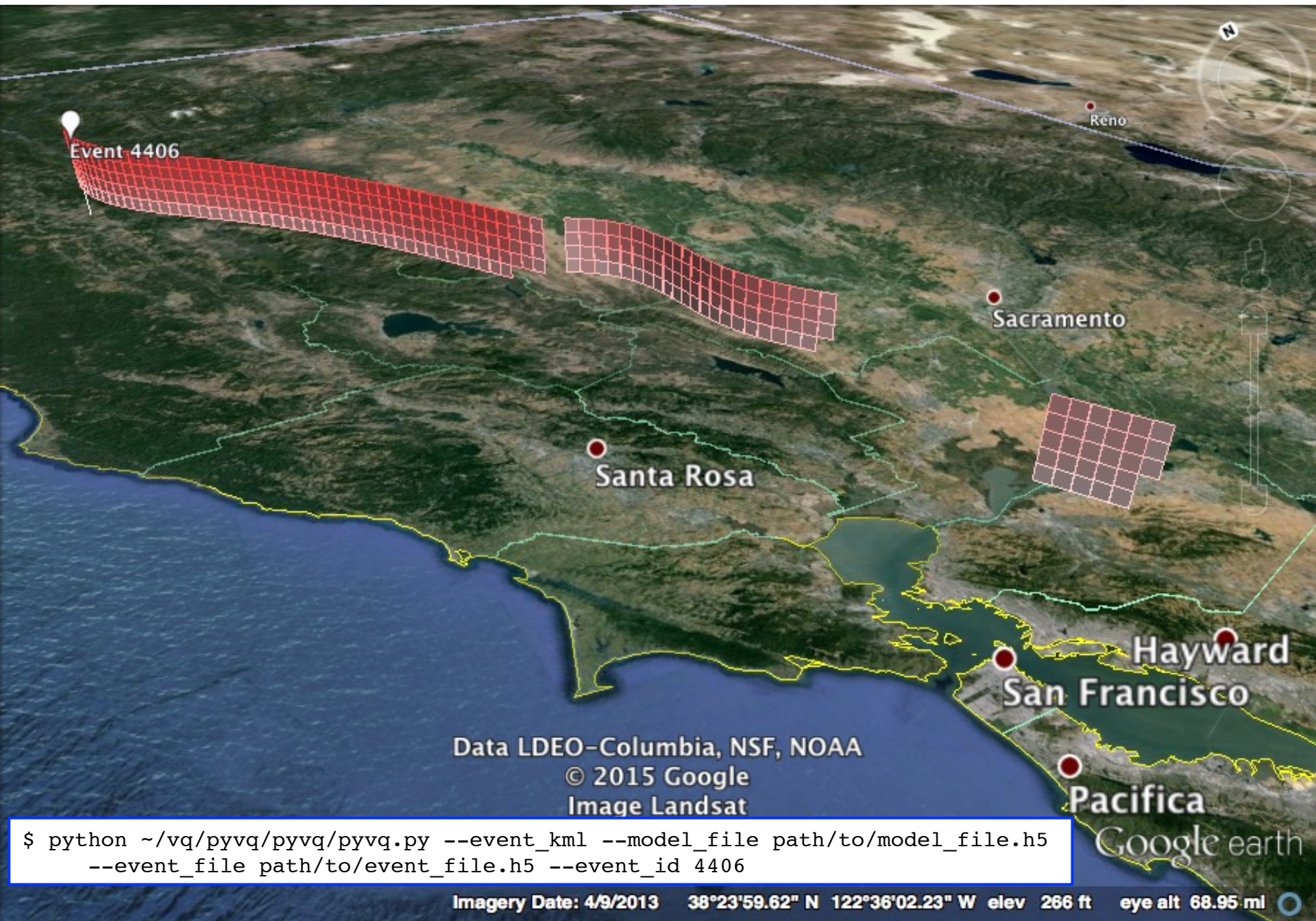
# Example: Simulated EQ Statistics



```
$ python ~/vq/pyvq/pyvq/pyvq.py --all_stat_plots --event_file path/to/event_file1.h5
path/to/event_file2.h5 ... --min_num_elements 10 --max_year 10000 --min_magnitude 5.5
```

# Example Event KML

[show Google Earth]



Event 4406

Reno

Sacramento

Santa Rosa

Hayward  
San Francisco

Pacifica

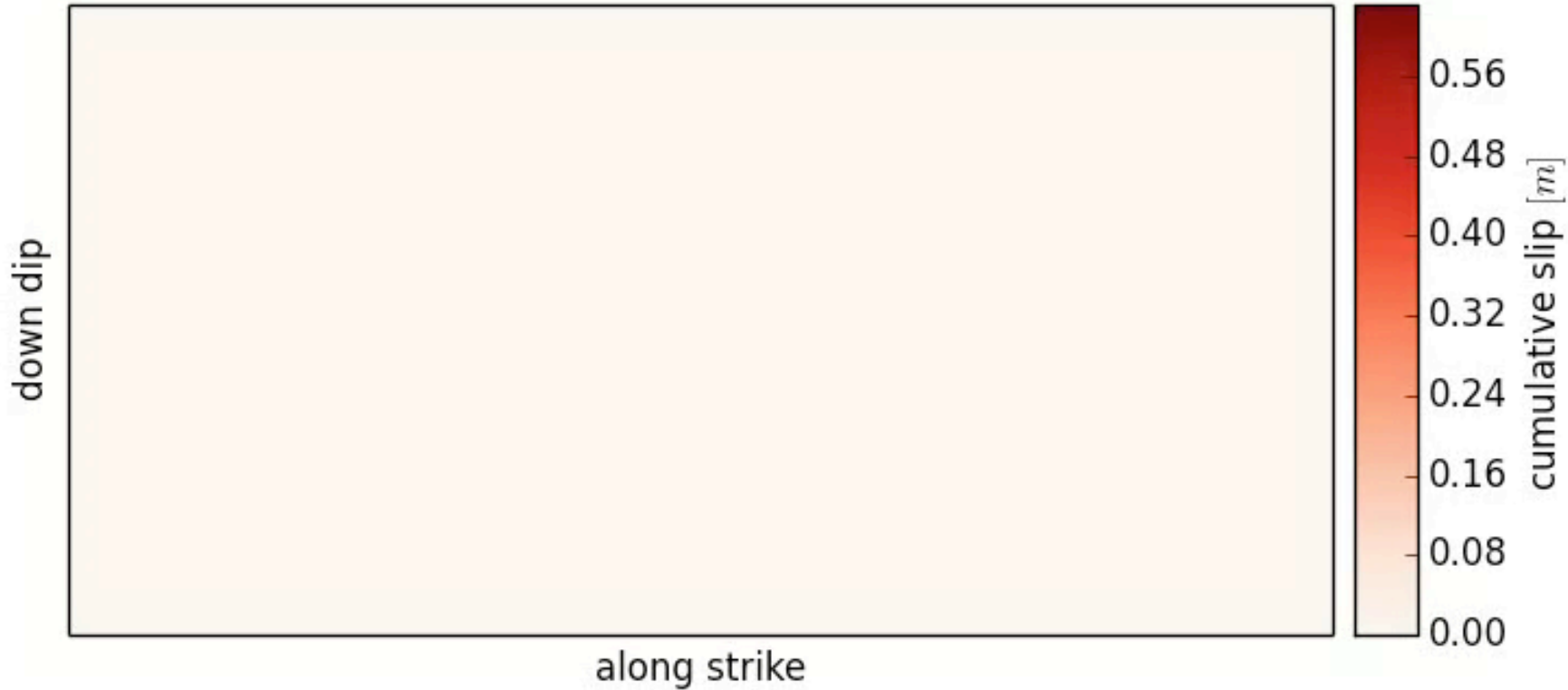
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Image Landsat

Google earth

```
$ python ~/vq/pyvq/pyvq/pyvq.py --event_kml --model_file path/to/model_file.h5  
--event_file path/to/event_file.h5 --event_id 4406
```

# PyVQ Example: Slip “during” simulated earthquake

Virtual Quake Event 0, M=6.36, Fault: Test\_Fault  
mean slip = 0.45m, max slip = 0.63m

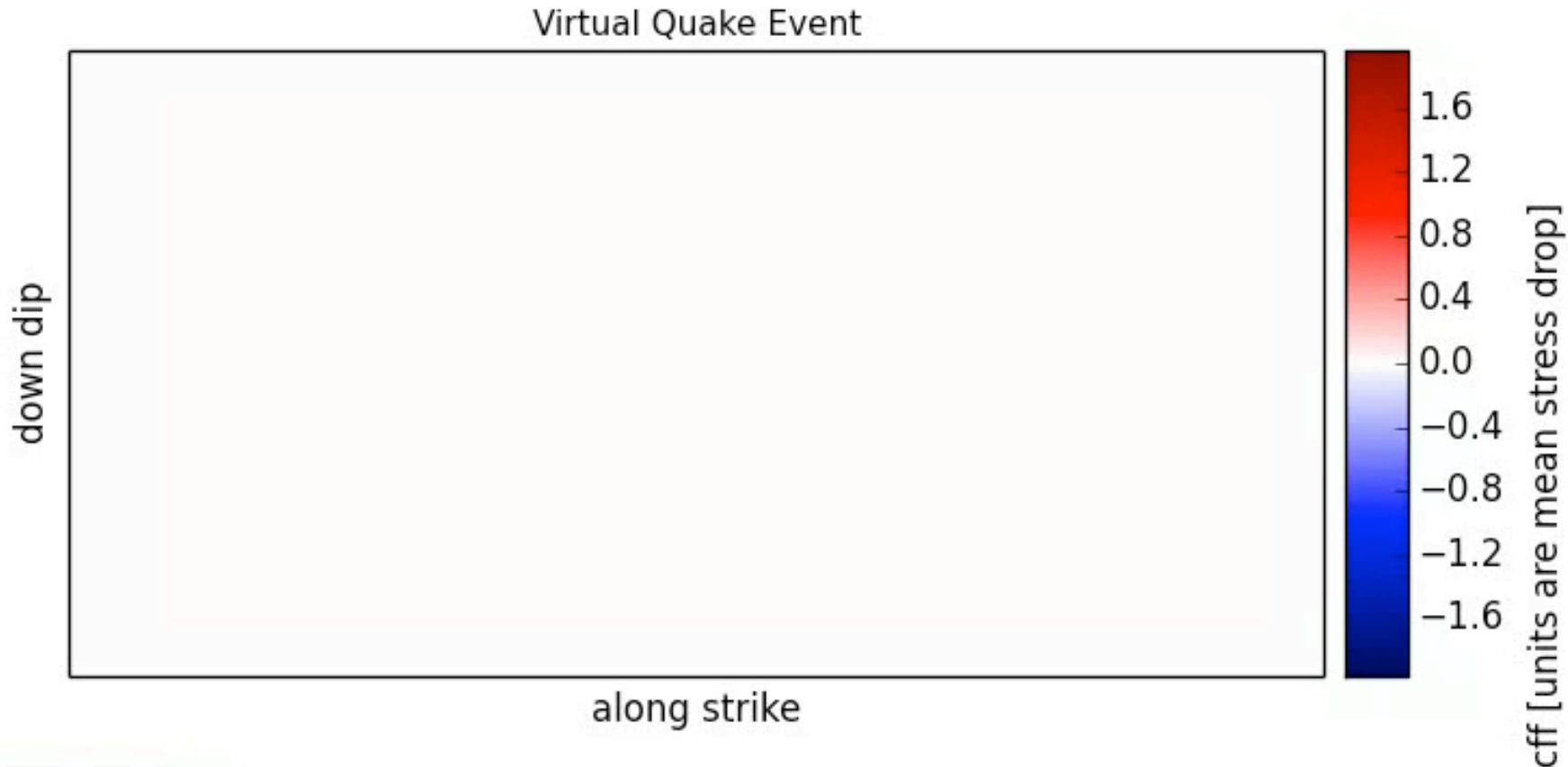


Rake Direction



```
$ python ~/vq/pyvq/pyvq/pyvq.py --event_movie --event_id 0  
--model_file path/to/model_file.h5 --event_file path/to/event_file.h5
```

# CFF (stress) during simulated EQ

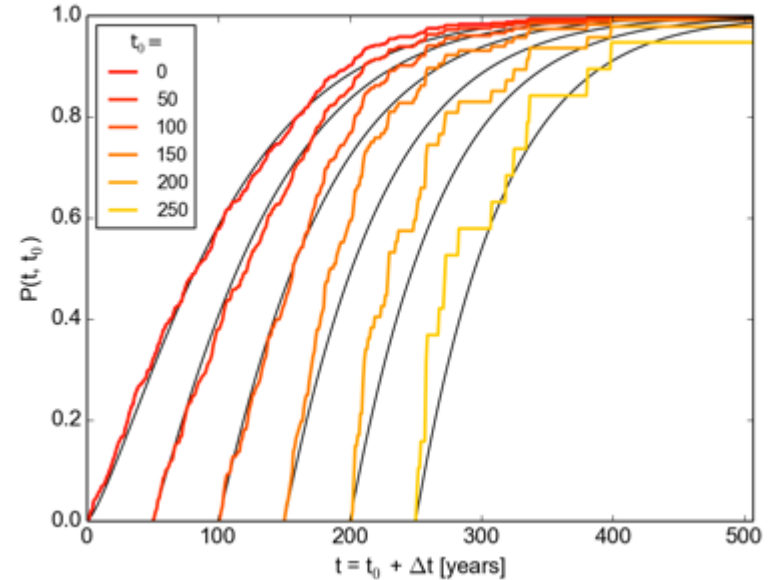
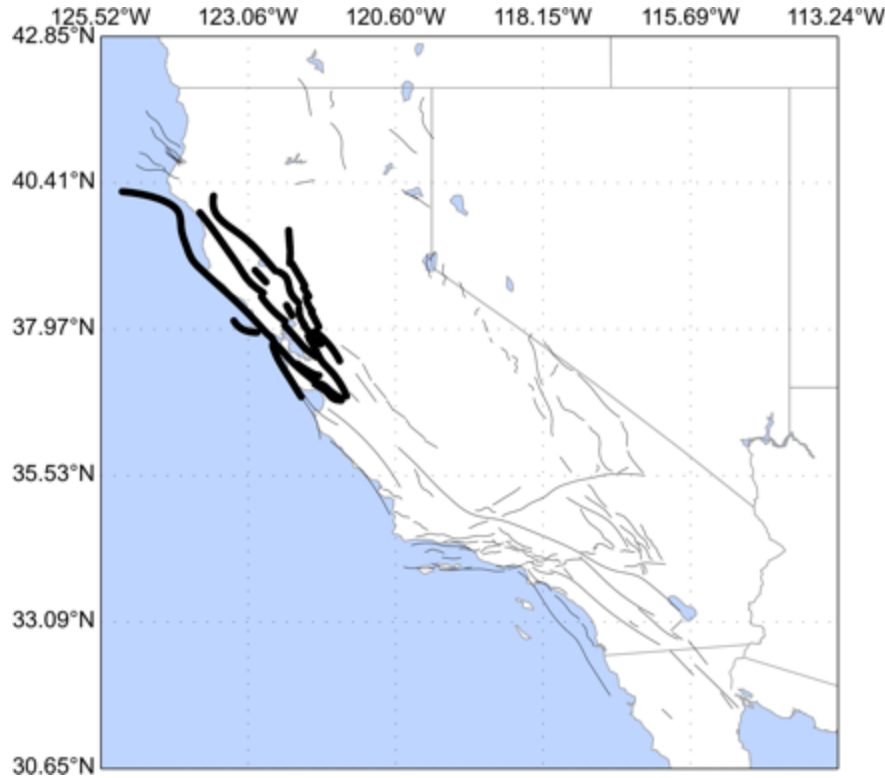


Rake Direction



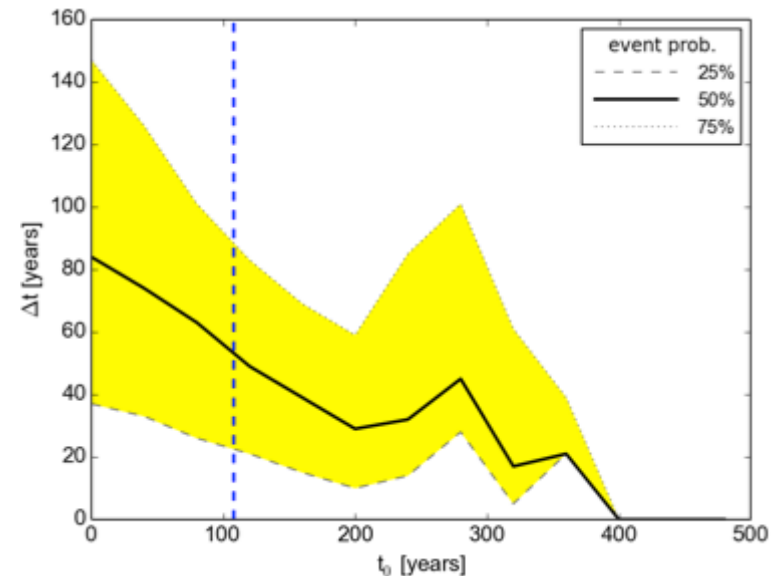
This plot is currently in Beta phase, hasn't made it to PyVQ yet. You can find other functions like this in [vq/pyvq/pyvq/betas/](https://github.com/pyvq/pyvq/betas/)

# Northern California Earthquake Probabilities, $M \geq 7.5$ (Schultz et al. 2015)



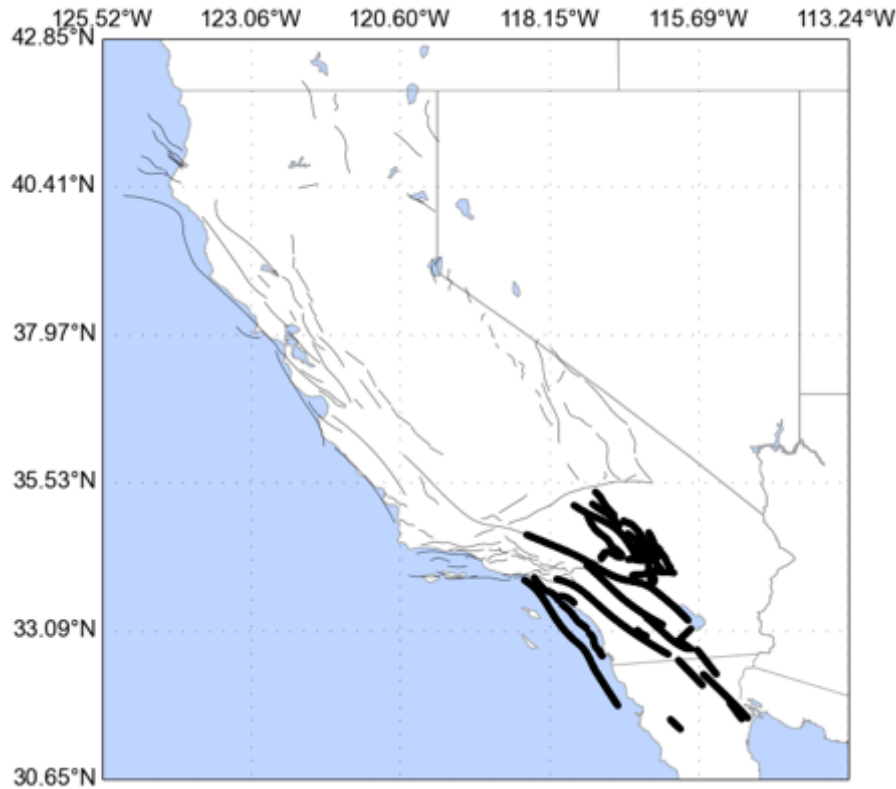
- ★ 50,000 year simulation of UCERF2 model
- ★ 482 earthquakes,  $M \geq 7.5$
- ★ Mean recurrence 98.4 years
- ★ 109 years since 1906 San Francisco  $M=7.9$

50% prob. of  $M \geq 7.5$  in next 55 years  
75% prob. of  $M \geq 7.5$  in next 94 years



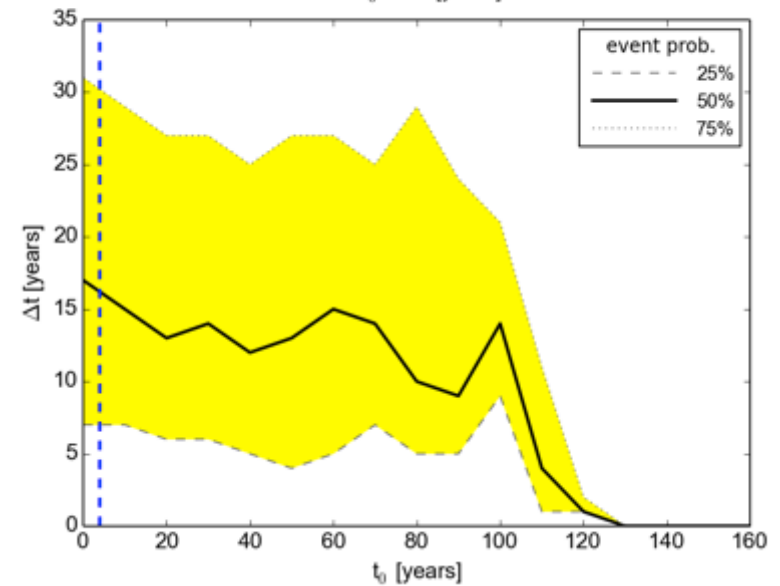
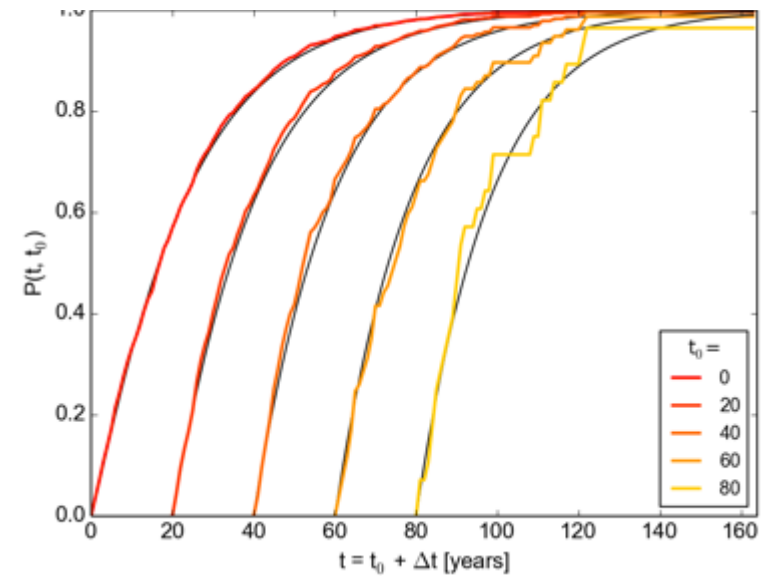
```
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```

# Southern California Earthquake Probabilities, $M \geq 7.0$ (Schultz et al. 2015)



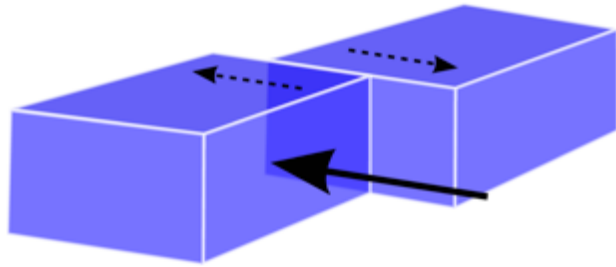
- ★ 50,000 year simulation of UCERF2 model
- ★ 1454 earthquakes,  $M \geq 7.0$
- ★ Mean recurrence 22.1 years
- ★ 5 years since 2010 El Mayor-Cucapah,  $M 7.2$

50% prob. of  $M \geq 7.0$  in next 16 years  
75% prob. of  $M \geq 7.0$  in next 30 years

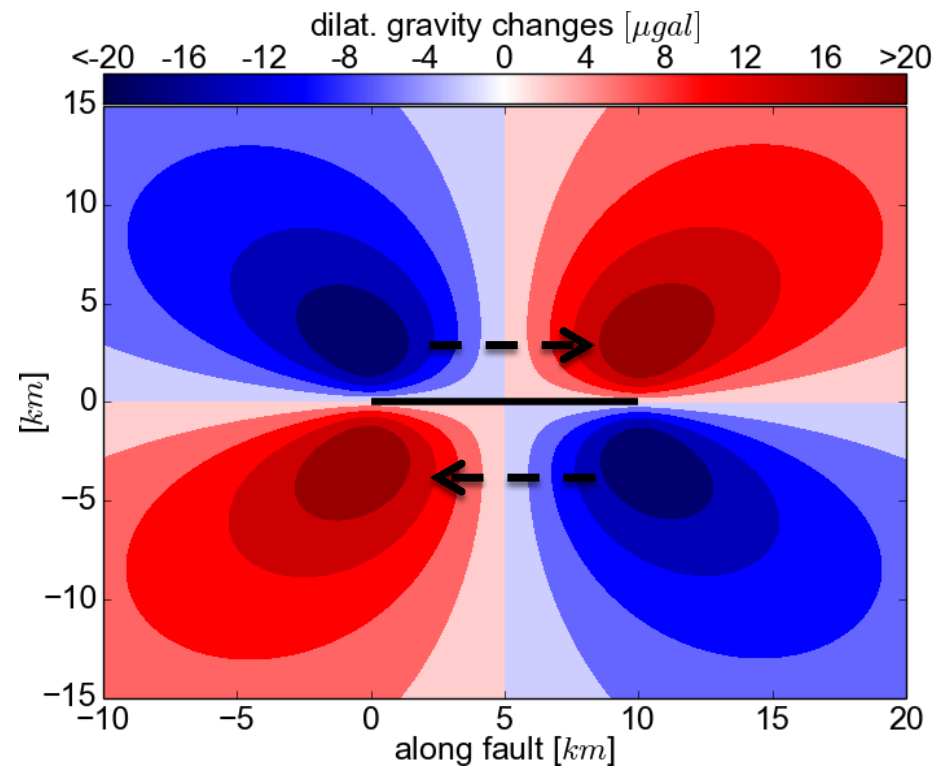
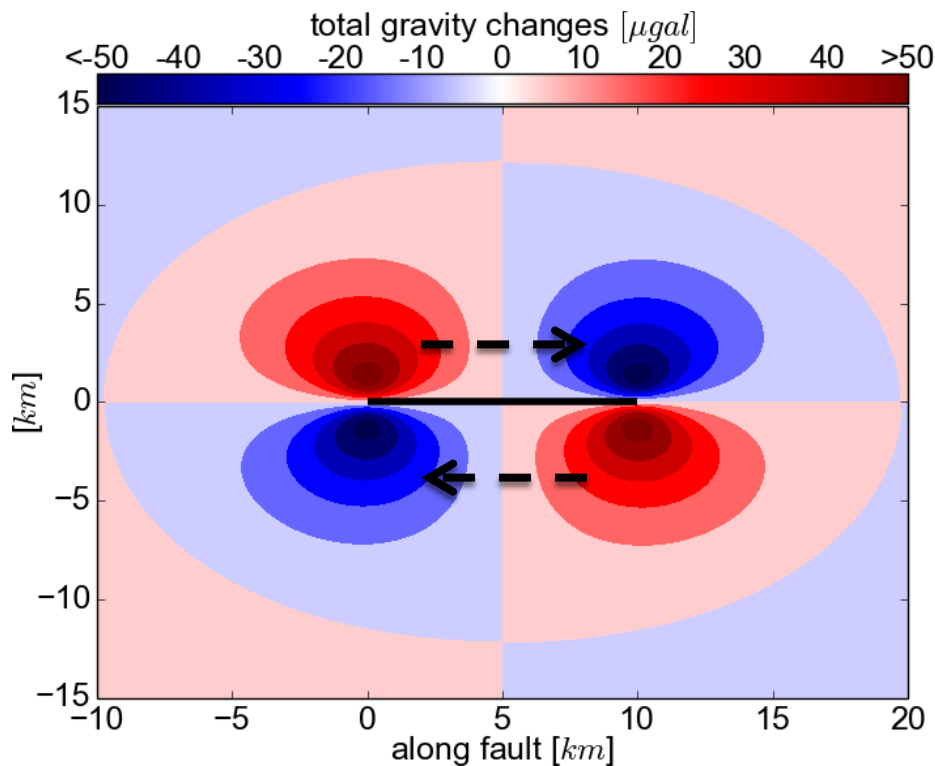


```
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```

# Gravity Change Patterns for Strike-slip Faults (Schultz et al. 2015)



- Greens Functions from Okubo [1992]
- Input: fault geometry + co-seismic slips
- unit: microgal =  $10^{-8}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>



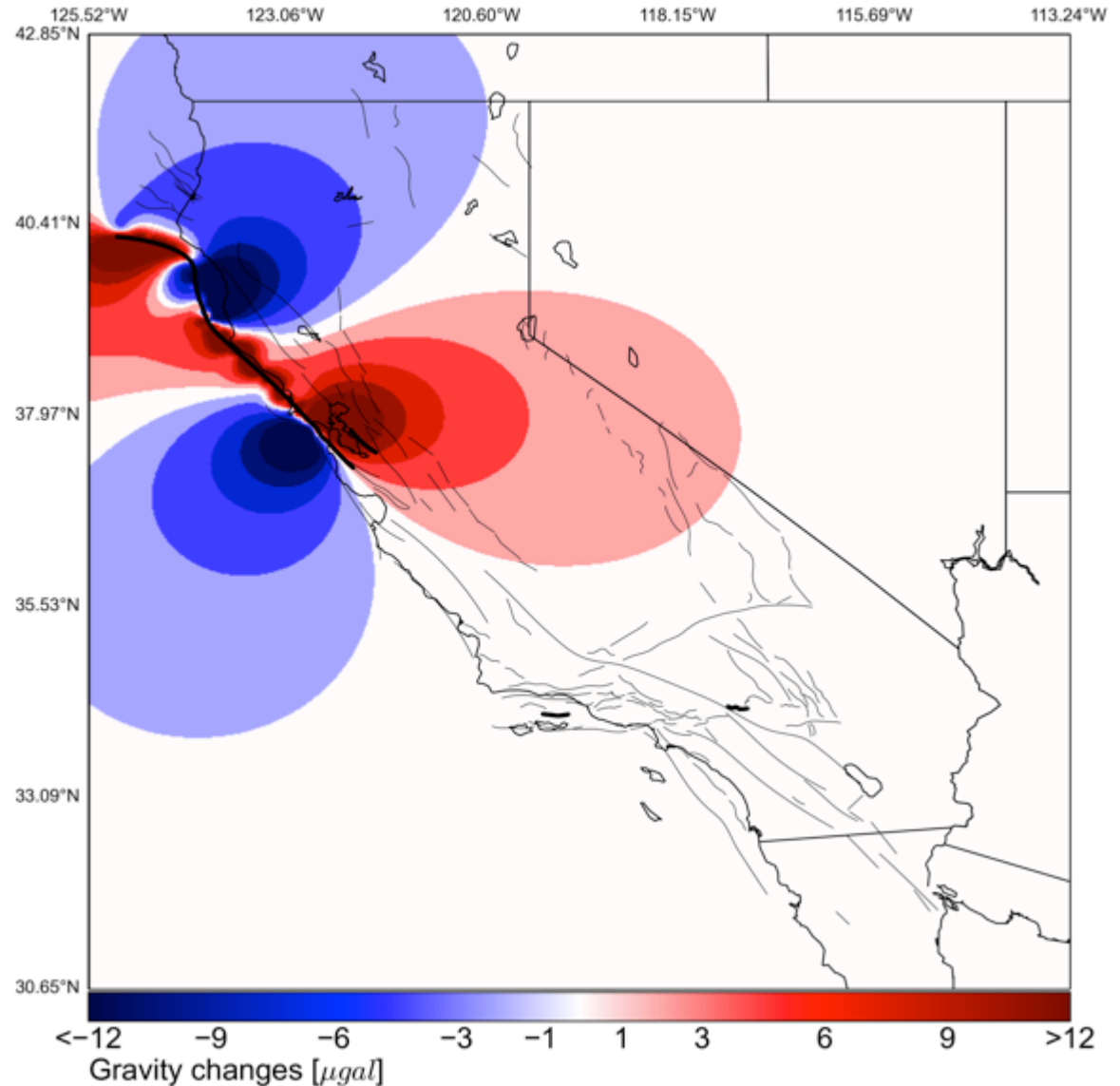
```
$ python ~/vq/pyvq/pyvq/pyvq.py --greens --field_type gravity
--plot_name "strikeslip_dip90_LL" --uniform_slip 5 --colorbar_max 50
--levels -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 0 10 20 30 40 50 --rake 0 --dip 90 --DTTF 1000
```

# Surface gravity changes for VQ earthquake similar to 1906 San Francisco

- ★ The signal you see measuring gravity changes on land with a dense network of sensors

## Simulated earthquake

- ★ Strike-slip,  $M = 7.88$
- ★ Mean slip 2.2m
- ★ Surface Rupture Length 712km



```
$ python ~/vq/pyvq/pyvq/pyvq.py -model_file ../VQModels/allcal_fault_5000.h5  
--event_file events_norcal_fault_5km_5kyr_dyn0-5_BASSgen0.h5  
--field_plot --field_type gravity --event_id 1414 --colorbar_max 20
```



# Other VQ Projects Currently Underway

- Combining VQ with the cellular automata tsunami propagation code “Tsunami Squares” [Steve Ward, UCSC] to produce simulated tsunami catalogs
- Developing a spatial verification method to compare simulated earthquake location/magnitude to observed earthquakes
- Developing a method to add fractal “roughness” to our over-simplified and smooth fault planes
- The next few slides give descriptions of these project

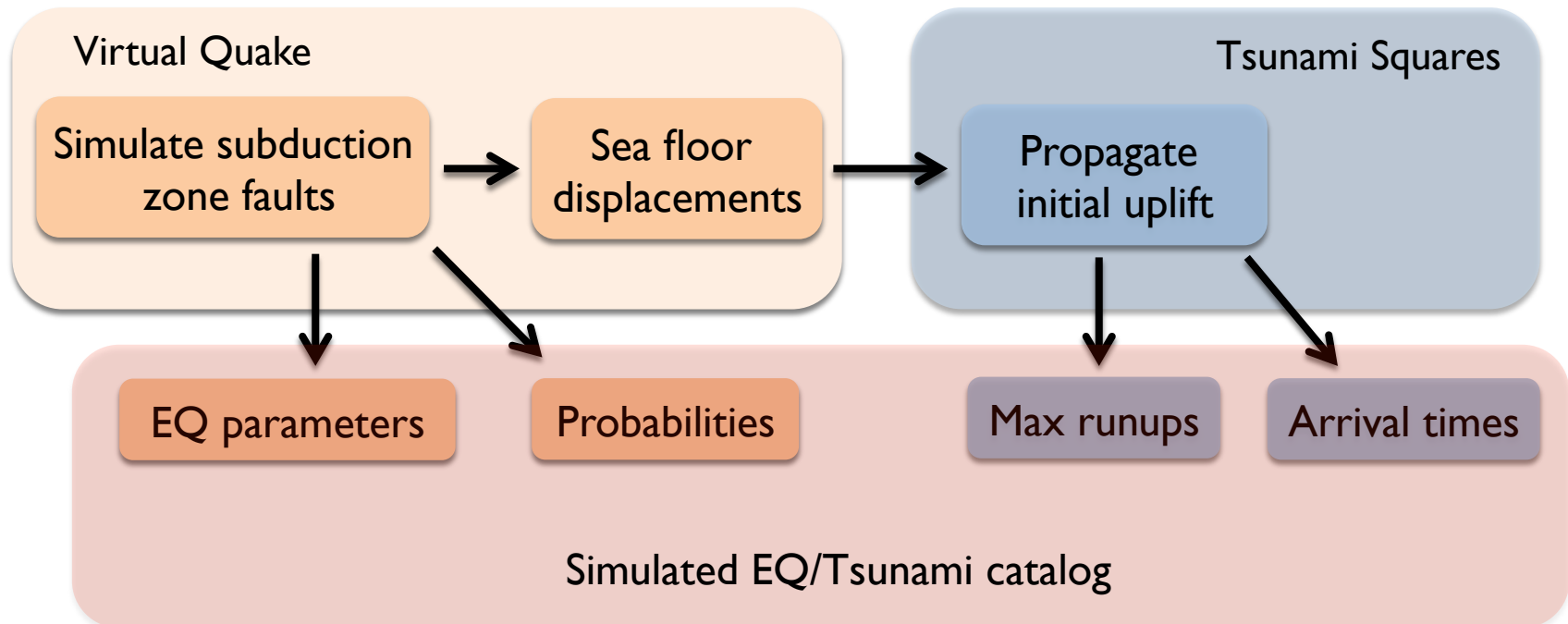
# Tsunami Squares [Open-source version under development]

- ★ Cellular automata algorithm for tsunami propagation
- ★ Consistent with observed landslide-generated tsunamis

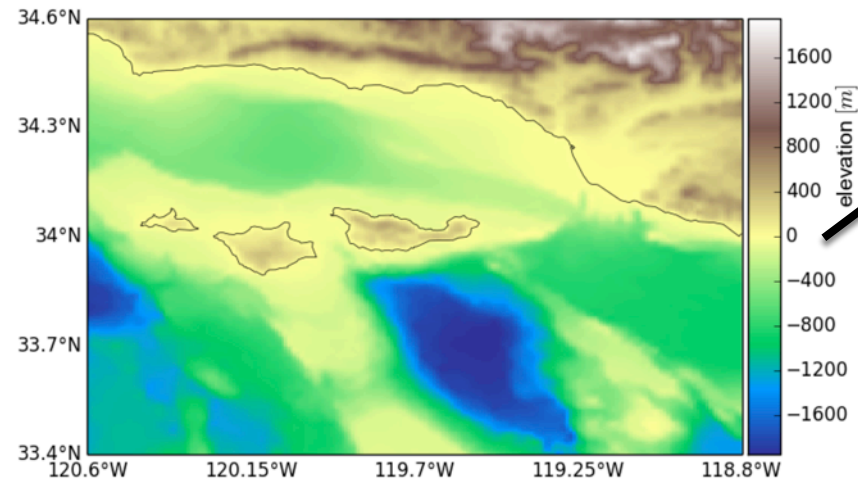
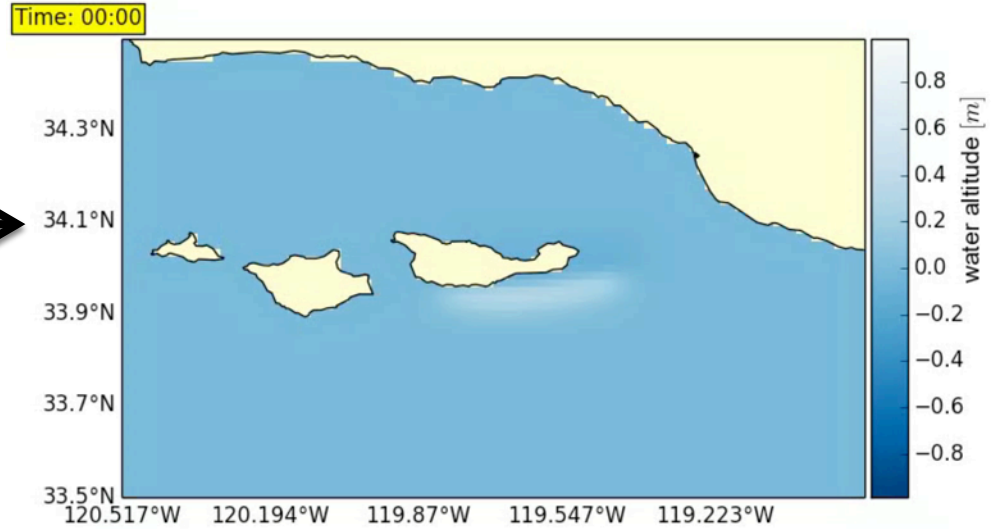
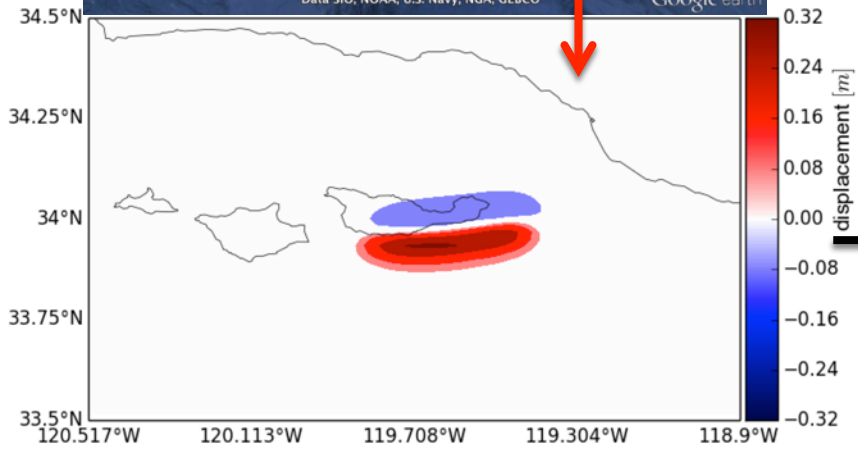
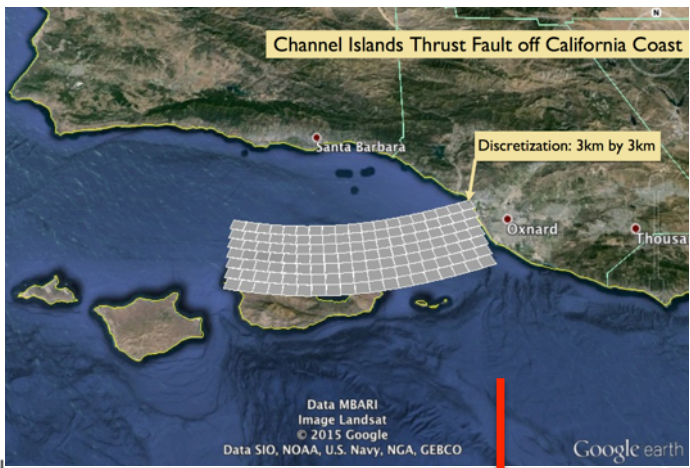
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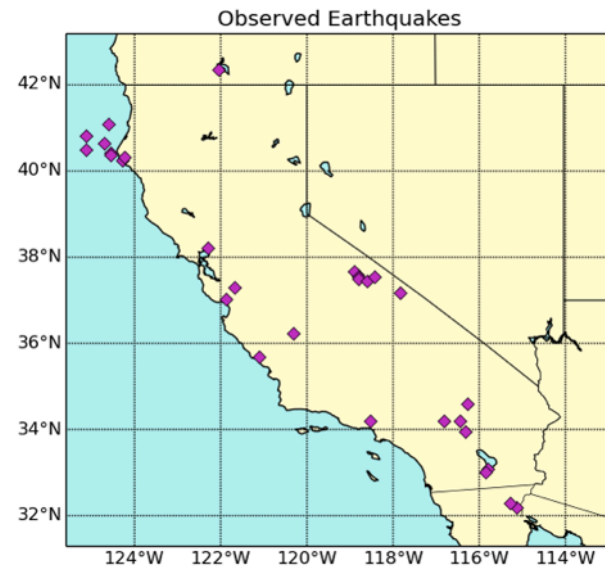
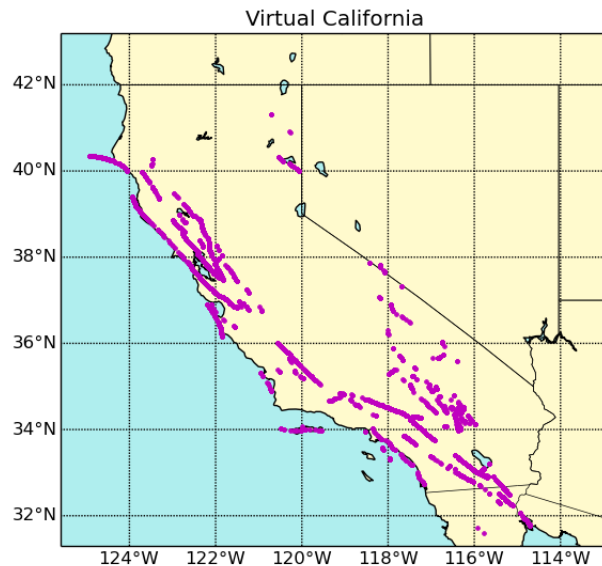


# Virtual Quake + Tsunami Squares [under development]



# Spatial Verification Using ETAS

- In addition to statistics such as frequency-magnitude relations, slip-magnitude, etc, we wish to verify the spatial distribution of earthquakes from simulators
- Simulators yield earthquakes directly on top of modeled faults
- Most observed earthquakes occur off of known major faults



# Spatial Verification Using ETAS

- Use Epidemic-Type AfterShock (ETAS) model to smear simulated earthquake seismicity through the all of space
- Omori modification to Gutenberg-Richter statistics, for an earthquake of magnitude  $m$  produces a sequence of aftershocks, down to magnitude  $m_c$ , numbering

$$N(> m_c)_{Omori} = 10^{b(m-\Delta m-m_c)}$$

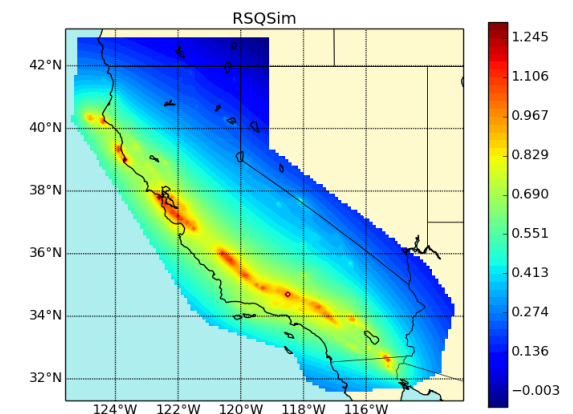
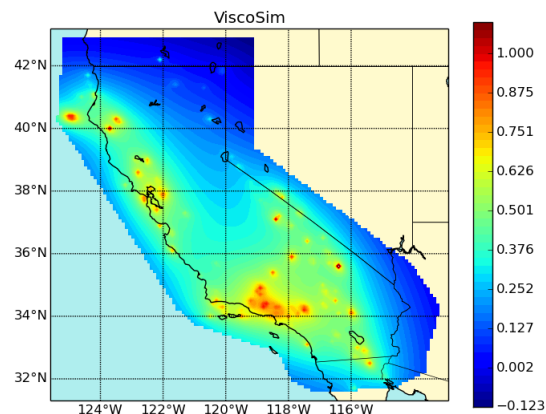
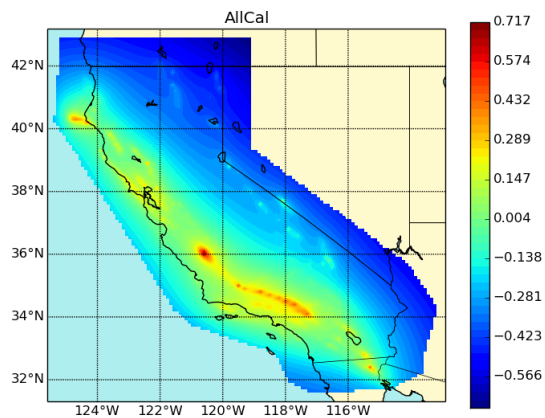
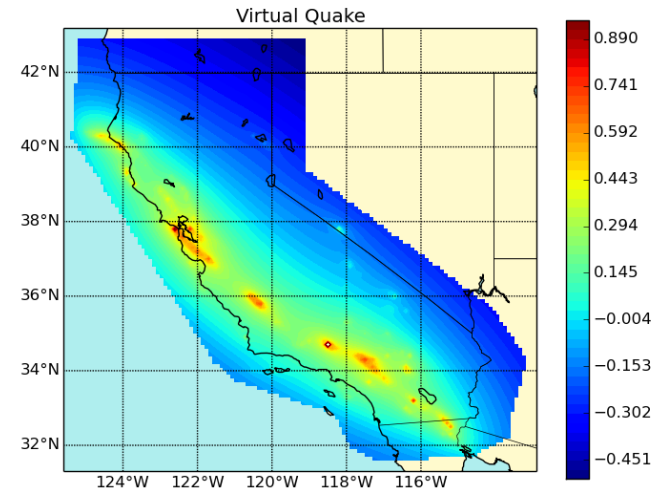
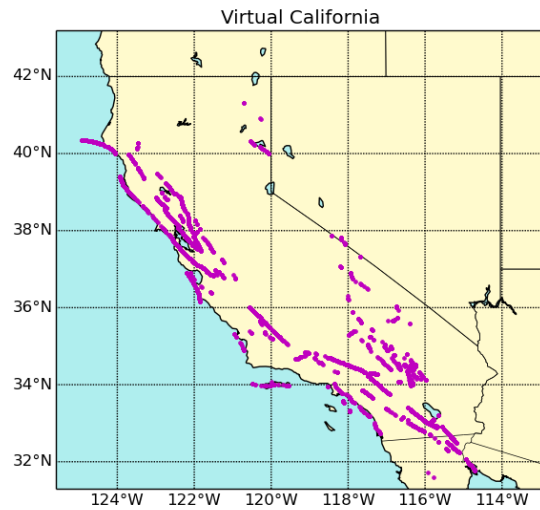
where  $\Delta m$  is 1.0. This number of aftershocks is then distributed over a spatial variant of an Omori power law distribution

$$\frac{d N}{d r} = \frac{1}{\chi(r_0+r)^q}$$

The parameter  $q$  is determined observationally to be 1.5.  $r_0$  is related to the rupture length of the mainshock, and  $\chi$  is determined from the normalization condition that all aftershocks must sum to  $N_{Omori}$

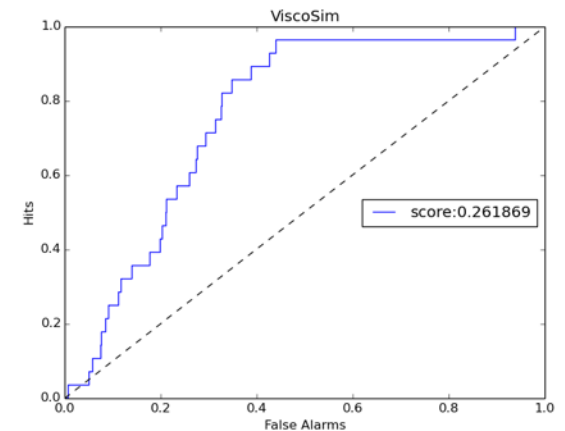
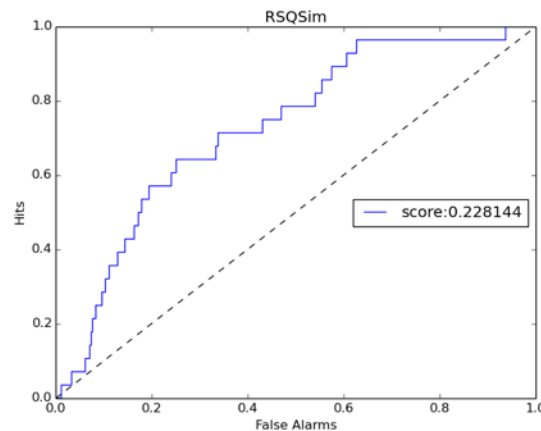
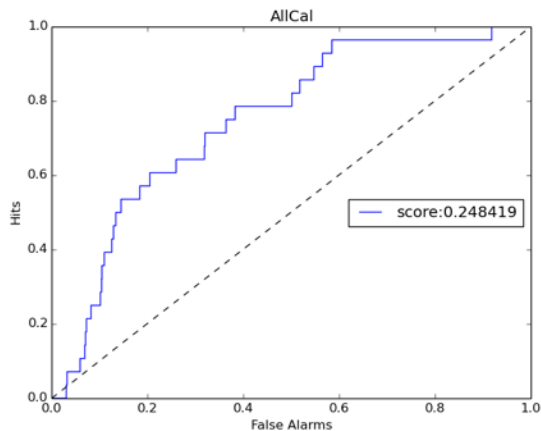
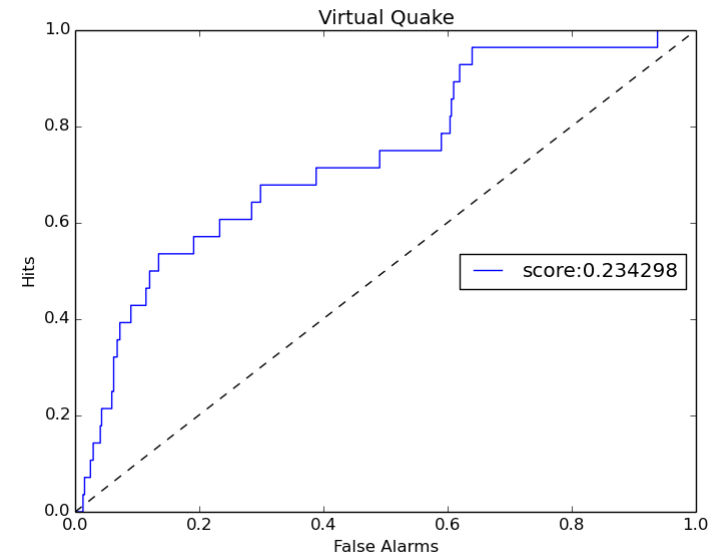
# Spatial Verification Using ETAS

- Divide test region around California into  $0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ$  degree bins



# Spatial Verification: ROC method

- For a given rate map, spatial bins are ranked by their rate, and only bins ranked higher than a set threshold are considered positive forecasts (initially, only highest-ranked bin)
- If a real earthquake occurred in this bin, a “Hit” is recorded. If not, it is a “False Alarm”
- The threshold is then lowered, and the top two bins are considered in the same manner. Hits and False Alarms are for lower thresholds, until the whole map is considered a positive forecast.
- For all threshold values, Hits are plotted against False Alarms. The area under this curve is a measure of the skill of the forecast



# Future Research with Virtual Quake: An Example

- Test the effect of modifying the input faults to include fractal distribution of “roughness”
  - Perturb the lat/lon of fault trace points along the strike according to a fractal distribution
  - Fix the end points and control the amount of perturbation to keep large scale fault geometry constant
  - Will this lead to aftershocks and foreshocks? Introduces anisotropy in shear and normal stress interactions



# Future Research with Virtual Quake: An Example



Smooth Fault, 192 km in length

# Future Research with Virtual Quake: An Example



Fractalized! Power spectrum power  
law exponent  $\beta = 1.0$

# Thank You for Tuning In

- Virtual Quake is funded by NASA, currently managed by Prof. Rundle's group at UC Davis
- Please read the users' manual on the VQ page at CIG  
[www.geodynamics.org/software/vq](http://www.geodynamics.org/software/vq)
- We are open to collaboration, contact us:  
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