

# Kinematic Rupture Generator

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- Graves and Pitarka (2004, *13WCEE*)
- Graves and Pitarka (2010, *BSSA*)
- Available on SCEC Broadband Simulation Platform  
[http://scec.usc.edu/scecpedia/Broadband\\_Platform](http://scec.usc.edu/scecpedia/Broadband_Platform)

## • Required Inputs

- Seismic moment (magnitude)
- Location and dimensions (length, width, depth, segmentation)
- Geometry (strike, dip, rake)
- Hypocenter

## • Additional (region specific)

- Local seismic velocity structure
- Magnitude-Area scaling
- Corner frequency

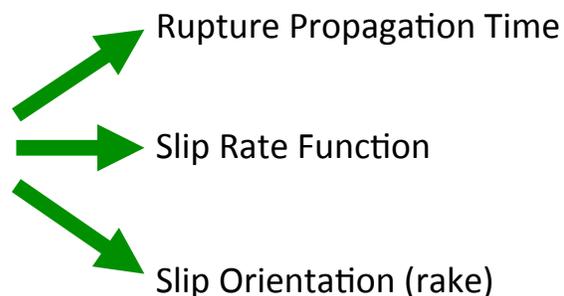
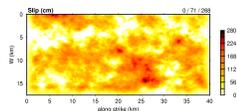
# Kinematic Rupture Description

Given a specified fault and hypocenter, a complete kinematic rupture description gives the slip vector as a function of time for all points on the fault surface:  $\text{slip}(x,y,z,t)$

Generation process guided by rupture model inversions of past EQs and dynamic rupture simulations of hypothetical EQs

*Scaling relations  
and Correlations*

Final Slip:  $D(x,y,z)$



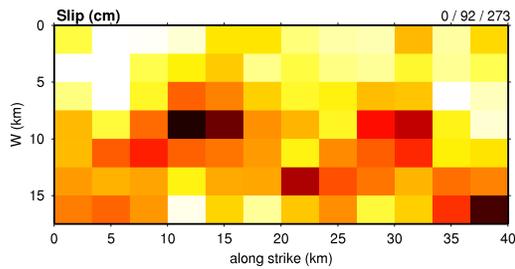
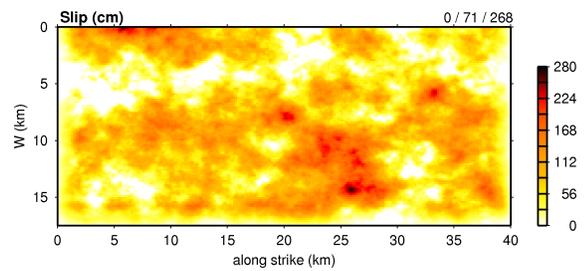
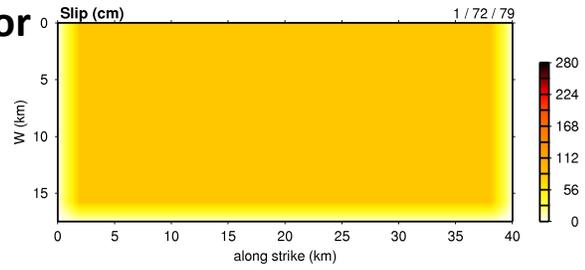
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## Scenario Earthquake

- Begin with uniform slip having mild taper at edges.
- Use Mai and Beroza (2002) spatial correlation functions ( $M_w$  dependent,  $\kappa^{-2}$  falloff) with random phasing to specify entire wavenumber spectrum.

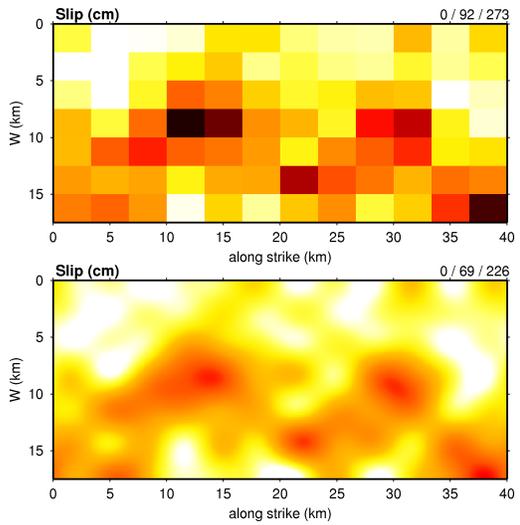
Standard deviation of slip set to 85% of mean value:

$$\sigma_s = 0.85 \cdot D_{\text{avg}}$$



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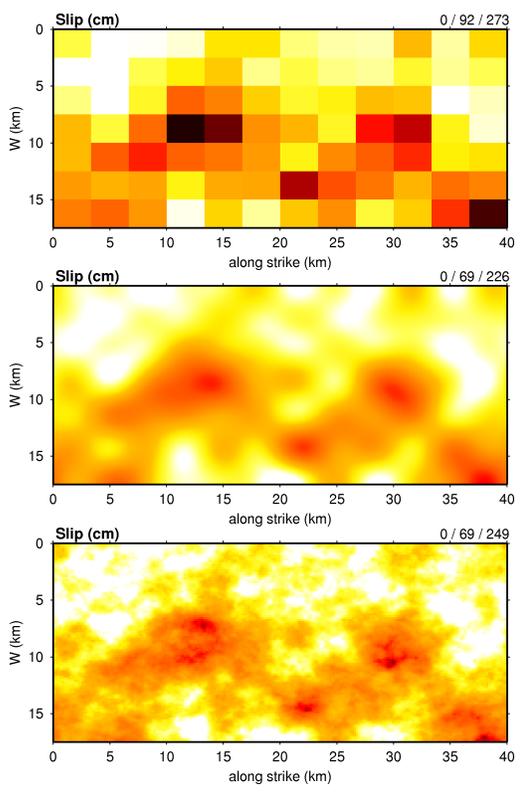
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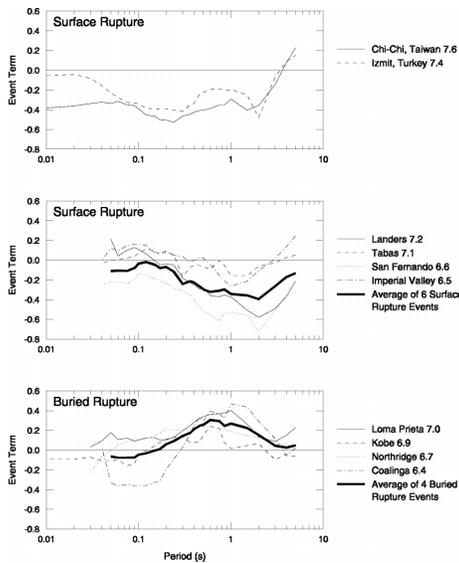
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- Extend to fine grid using Mai and Beroza (2002) spatial correlation functions with random phasing for shorter wavelengths.  
And  $\sigma_s = 0.85 \cdot D_{avg}$

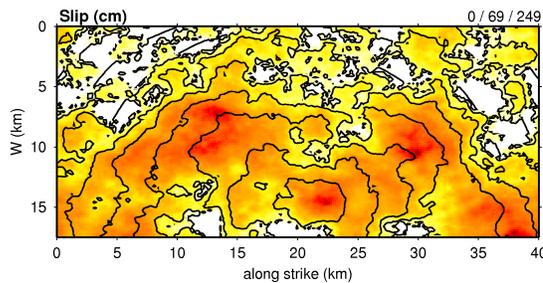
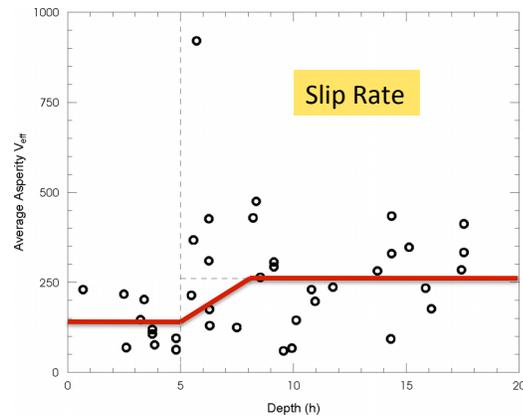
# Differences in Shallow and Deep Rupture

Kagawa et al. (2004)

## Active Regions



- Ground Motions for shallow rupture less than deep rupture (on average)
- Rupture speed and slip rate decreased in upper 5 km
- Dynamically modeled with weak shallow portion of fault



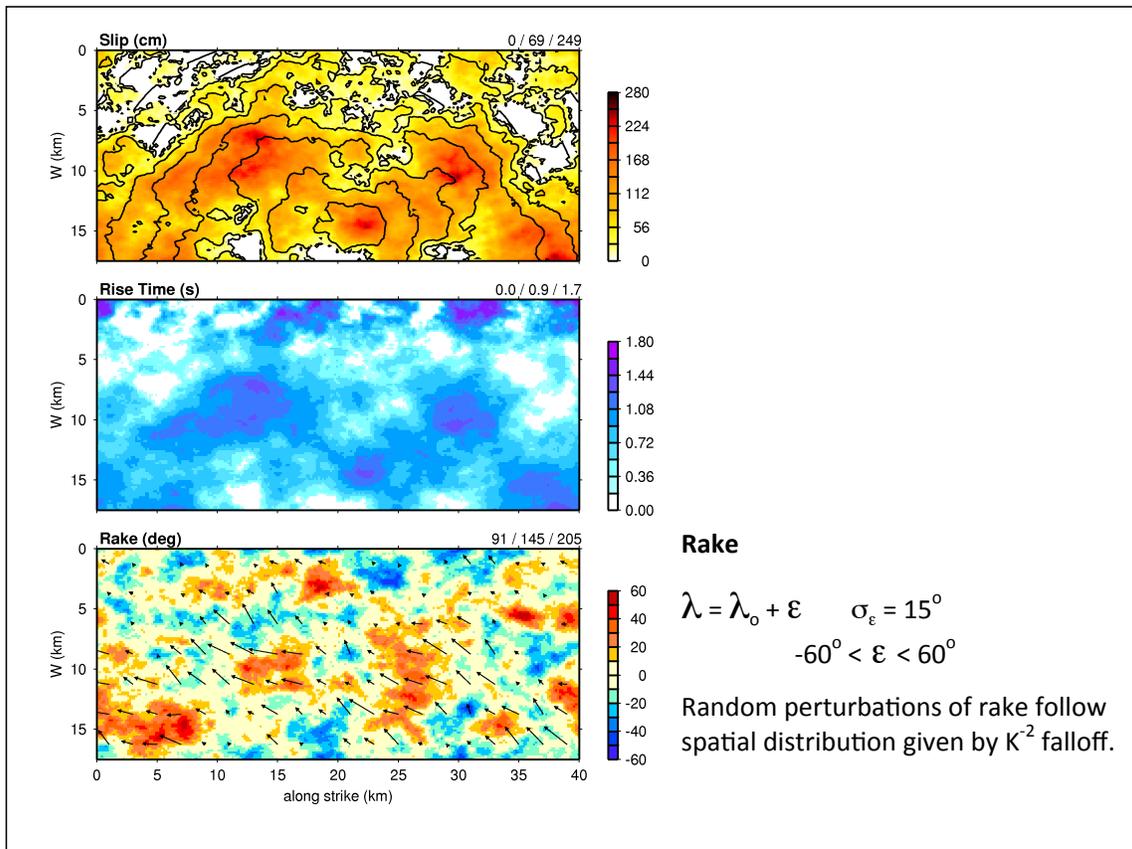
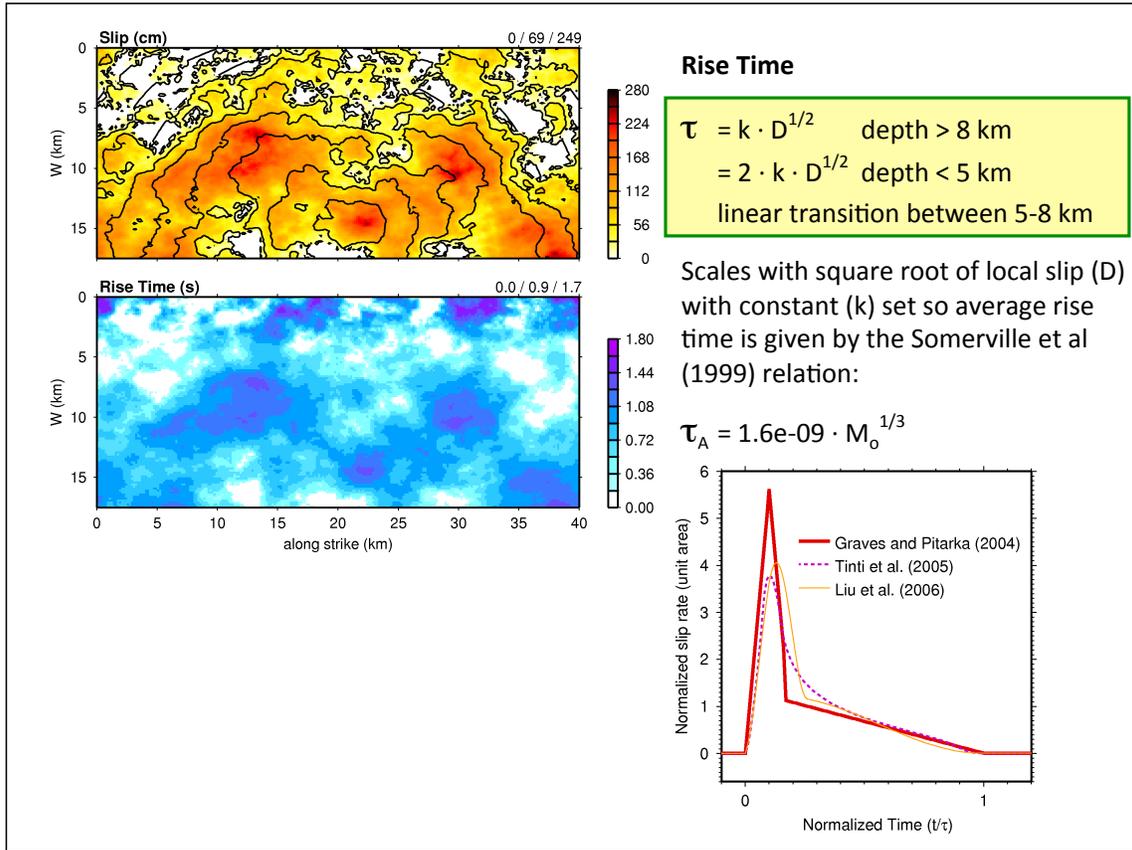
## Rupture Initiation Time

$$T_i = r / V_r - \delta t(D)$$

$V_r = 80\%$  local  $V_s$  depth  $> 8$  km  
 $= 56\%$  local  $V_s$  depth  $< 5$  km  
 linear transition between 5-8 km

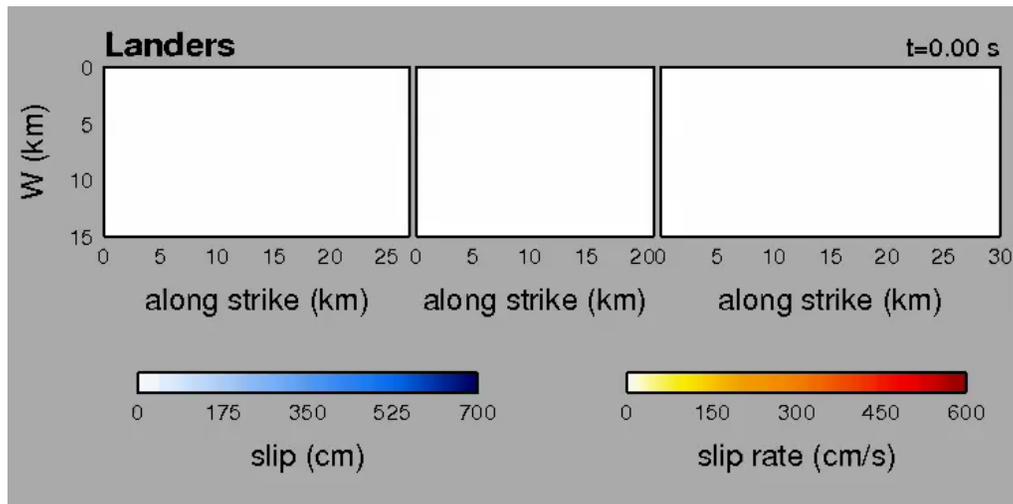
$\delta t$  scales with local slip (D) to accelerate or decelerate rupture

$$\delta t(D_{avg}) = 0$$



## 1992 Landers EQ:

- Multi-segment jumps (rupture delay)
- Shallow rupture effects

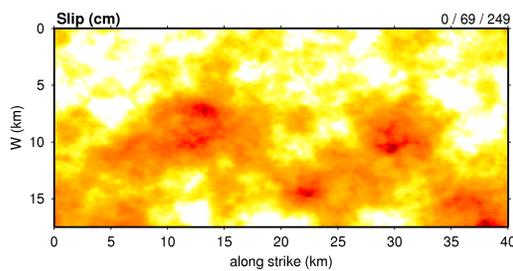


## Limitations

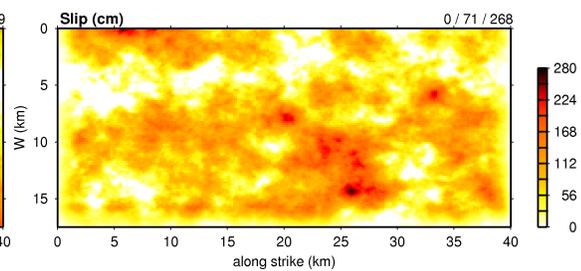
- Not guaranteed to satisfy underlying physical constraints.
- Most experience and testing (validation) of kinematic rupture generators has been with EQs from Active Tectonic Regions.  
**Stress Parameter SCR/TCR: 2.6     Rise Time SCR/TCR: 0.54**
- The generators are designed/calibrated to produce “median” values, particularly with respect to rupture velocity and rise time. For example, in a given realization rupture velocity averaged over the fault is  $0.8 V_s$ , but how often does a rupture with an average of  $0.9 V_s$  occur?
- Current implementation has direct (1:1) correlation of rupture speed perturbations with slip and rise time perturbations with square root of slip (better to sample PDFs).



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### Scenario Earthquake



- Rupture generator produces “realistic” slip distributions: Mai and Beroza (2002) correlation functions are derived from slip inversions of past earthquakes.
- Can also be applied to synthetic rupture models: Pseudo-dynamic approach (e.g., Guatteri et al., 2004).

## Some Recently Proposed Methods:

- Bykovtsev and Kramarovskii (1987 in Russian, 1988)
- Frankel (1991), Frankel (2009)
- Zeng, Anderson and Yu (1994)
- Guatteri, Mai and Beroza (2004)
- Graves and Pitarka (2004), Graves and Pitarka (2010)
- Liu, Archuleta and Hartzell (2006), Schmedes, Archuleta and Lavallee (2010)
- Song and Somerville (2010)
- Aagaard, Graves, Schwartz, Ponce and Graymer (2010)

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- **Kinematic Rupture Description**
  - Parameters
  - Inputs
- **Review of (some) Methods**
- **Assessment of Methods**
  - Sufficiently validated
  - Adequate for CEUS
  - Availability