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Simulated Ground Motions in the Development of Machine Learning-Based Risk Estimations

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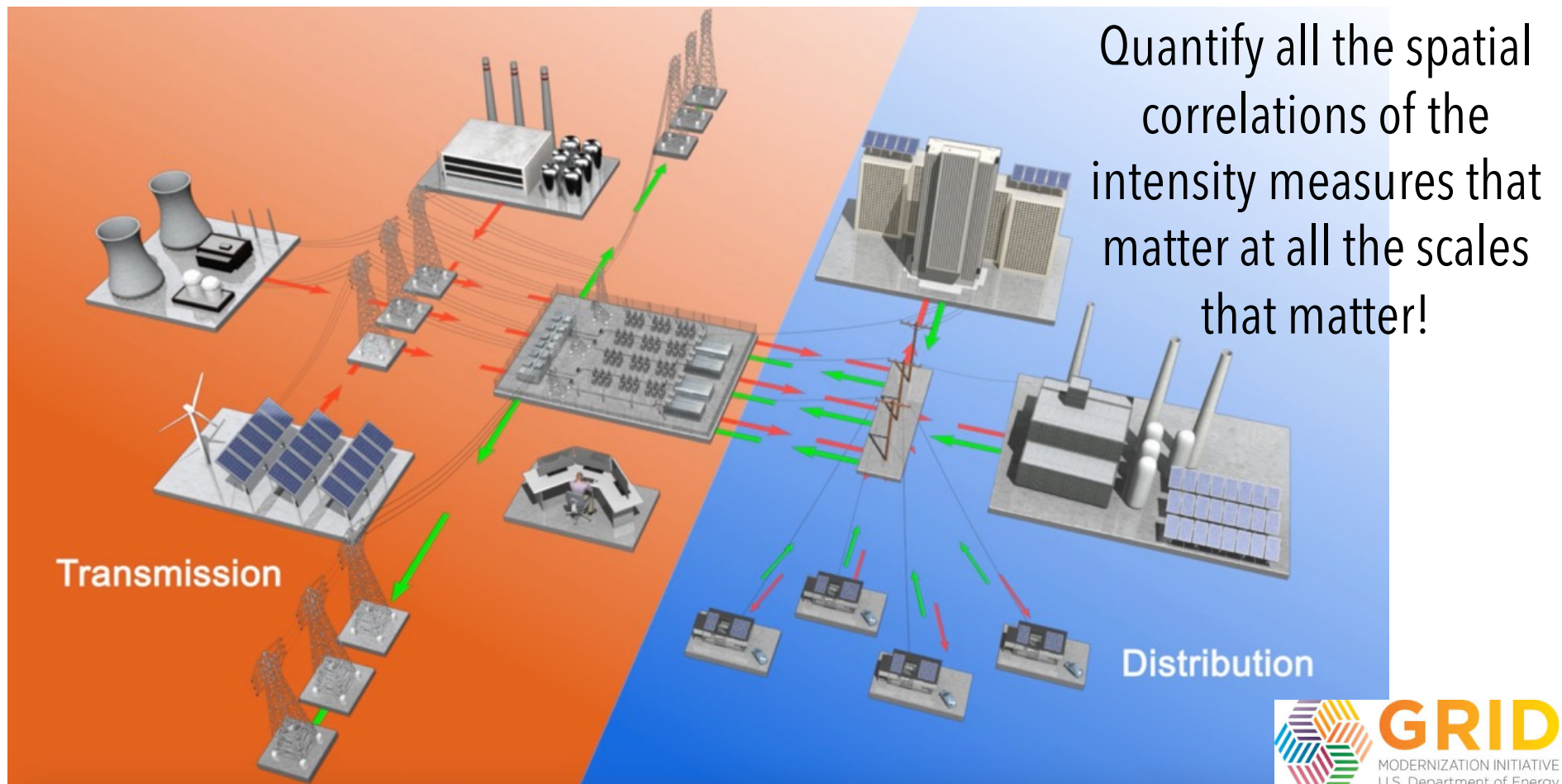
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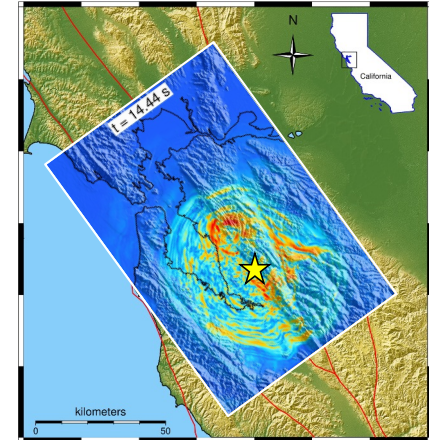
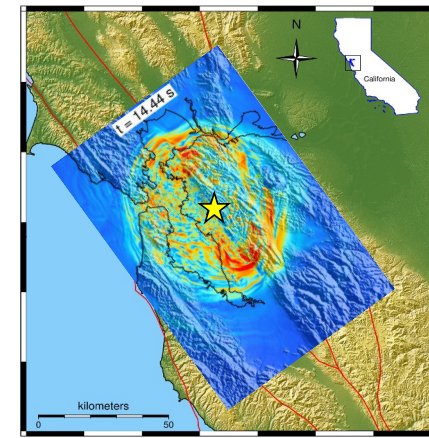
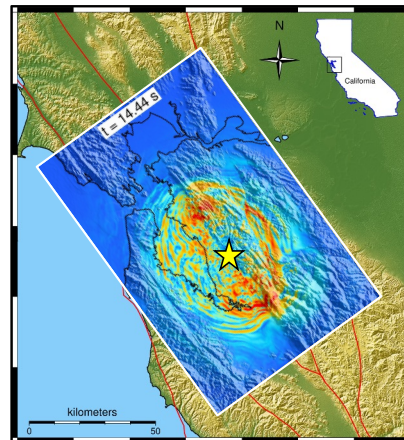
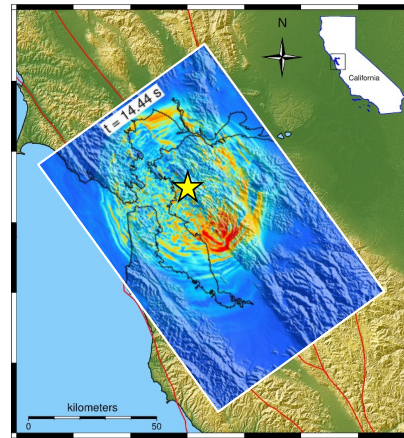
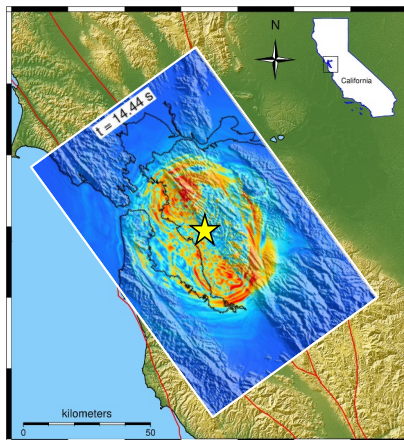
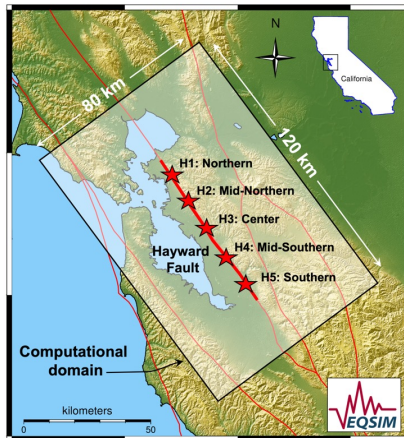
Imagine a distributed infrastructure system



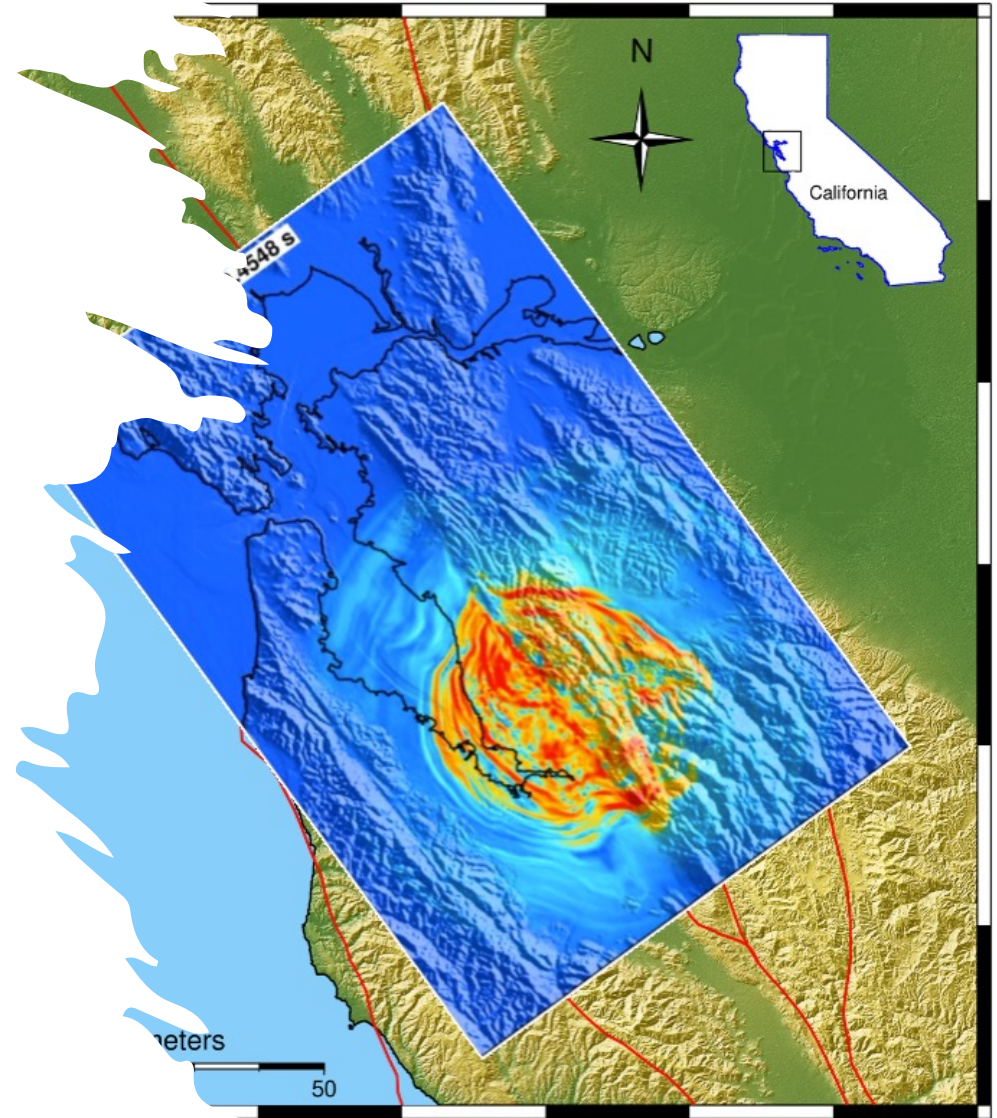
The ability to efficiently execute high fidelity simulations enables full exploration of the geophysical parameter space



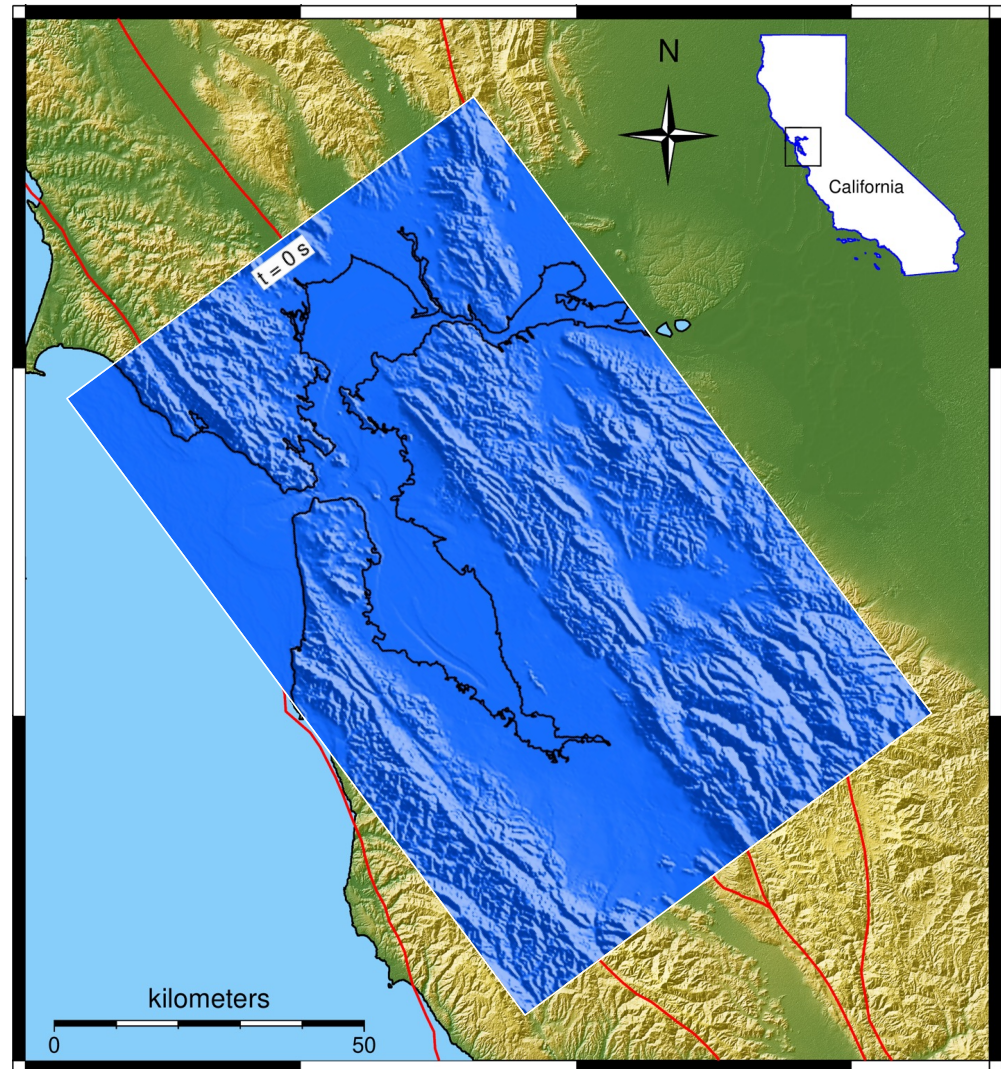
Five
Hayward
fault M7
rupture
realizations



but...



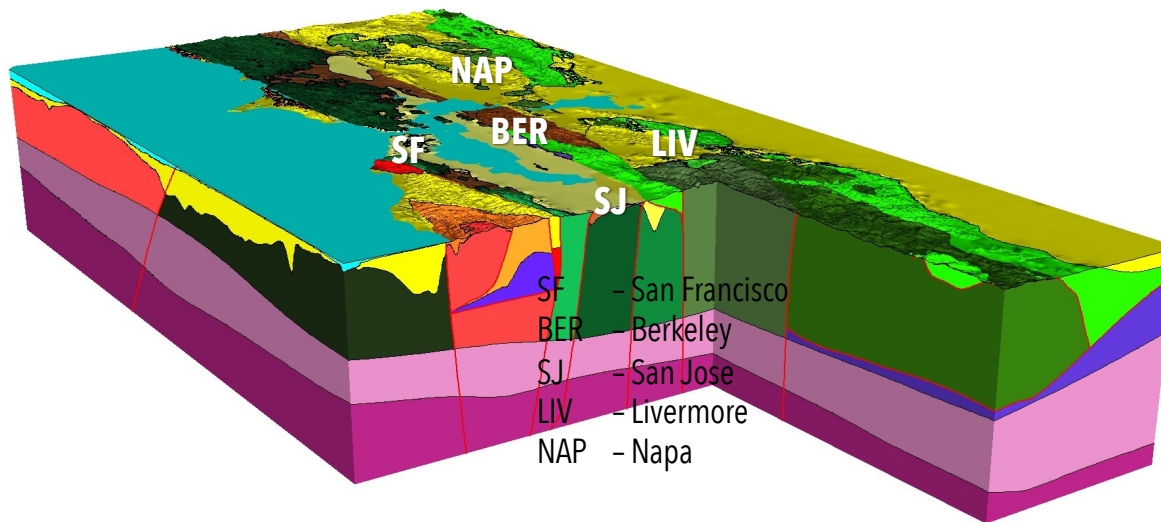
1. The output is as accurate as the input (geology, rheology, hydrology etc, etc...)
2. The computational cost of physics-based perturbations for risk analyses of distributed systems is high: need sampling of full ground motion distribution (3000 GPU node hours for each M7 simulation).



Now, imagine the distributed system is in the SFBA

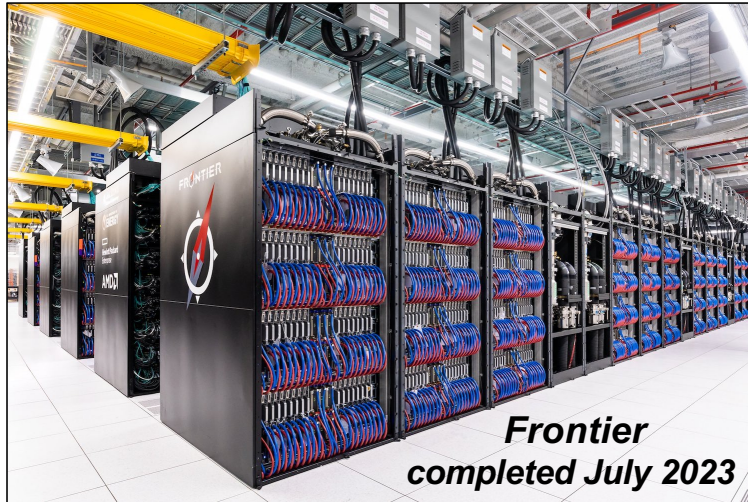
Sample scenarios across the entire hazard curve (it's not only Hayward fault's fault 😊)

We want to include model uncertainties, such as uncertainty in the source, hypocenter, velocity model etc.



DEEPSIMR³ is developing a hybrid earthquake simulator

Run new supercomputer simulations



Frontier
completed July 2023

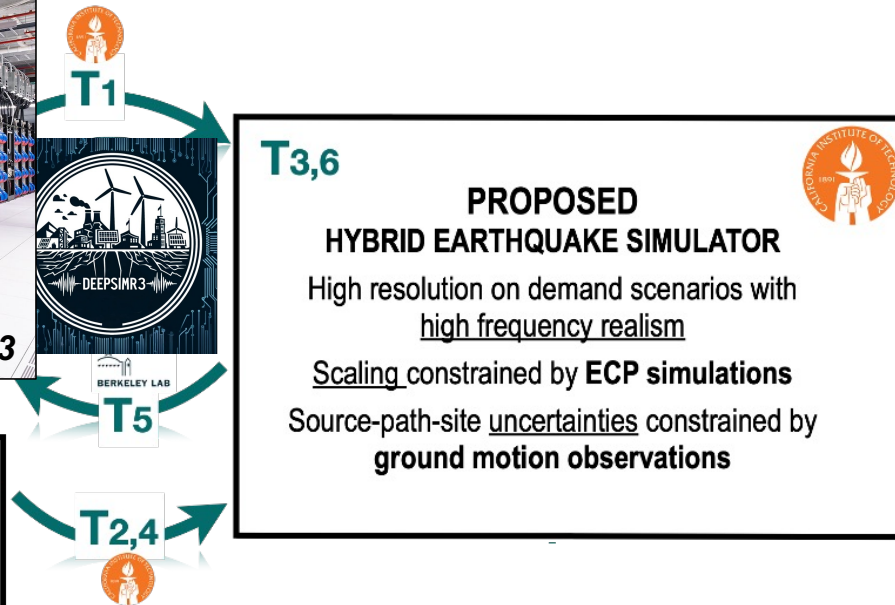
9,400 nodes, 1.194 exaflops



PROS: Ground truth high frequencies and aleatory uncertainties

CONS: Sparse, scarce observations, not available on demand / for large events & near field = **Where it matters!**

OBSERVATIONS



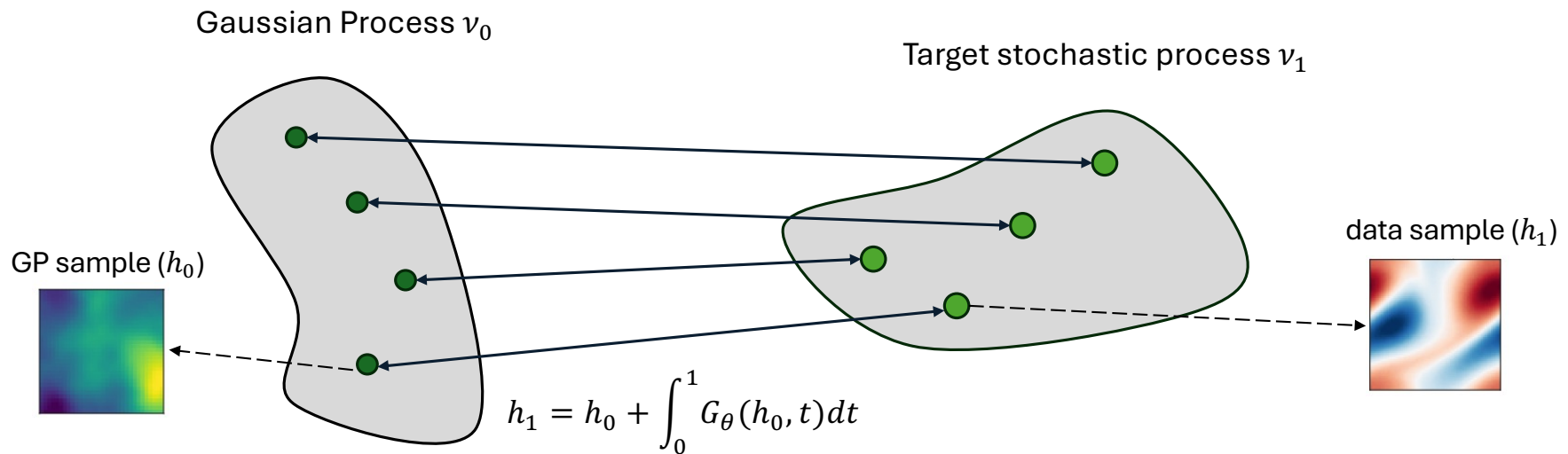
Flow Matching visualization



Fjelde et al. (2024)

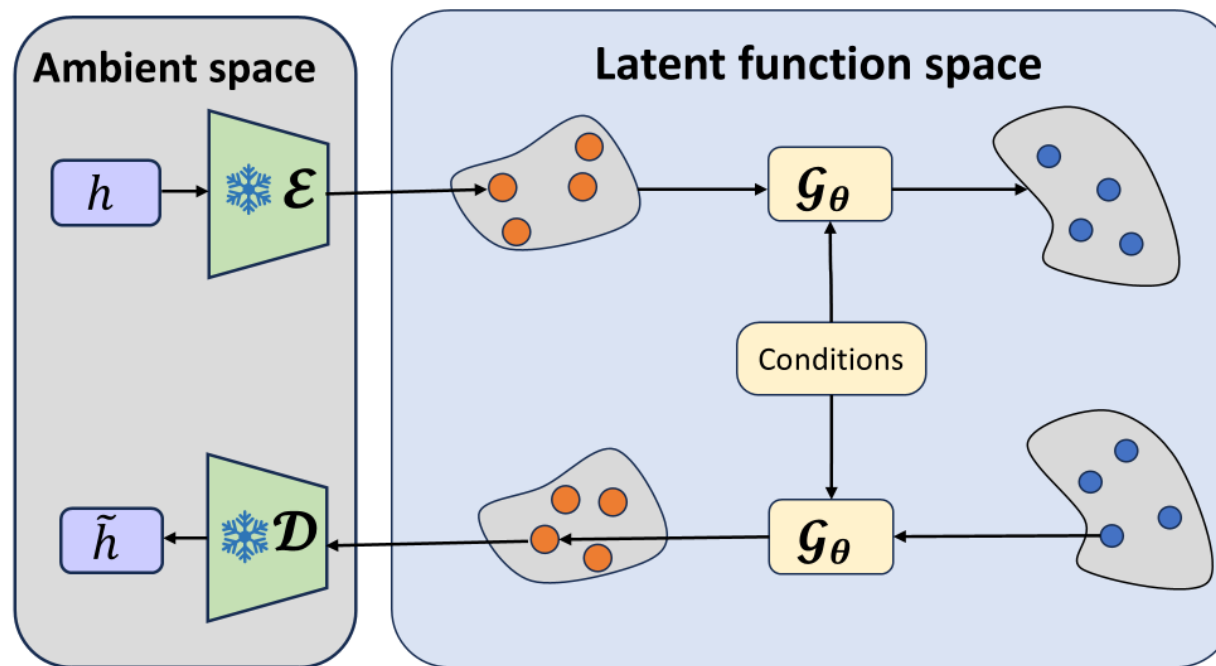
DEEPSIMR³: Operator Flow Matching (OFM)

Mapping a Gaussian Process to the target stochastic process through flow differential equation with dynamic optimal transport plan.



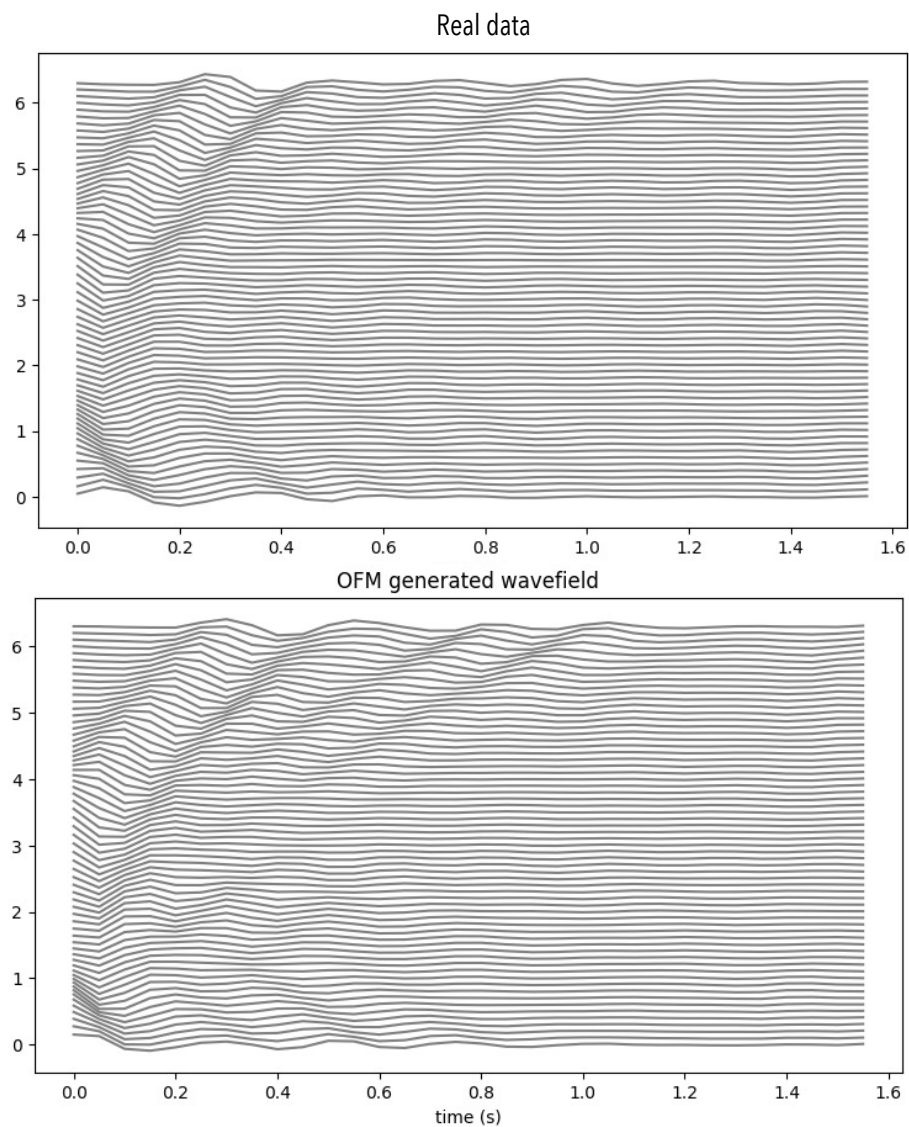
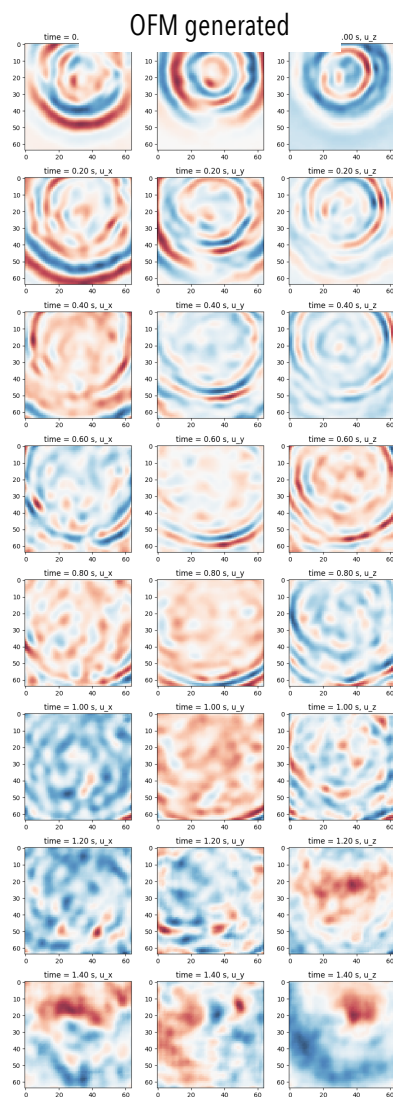
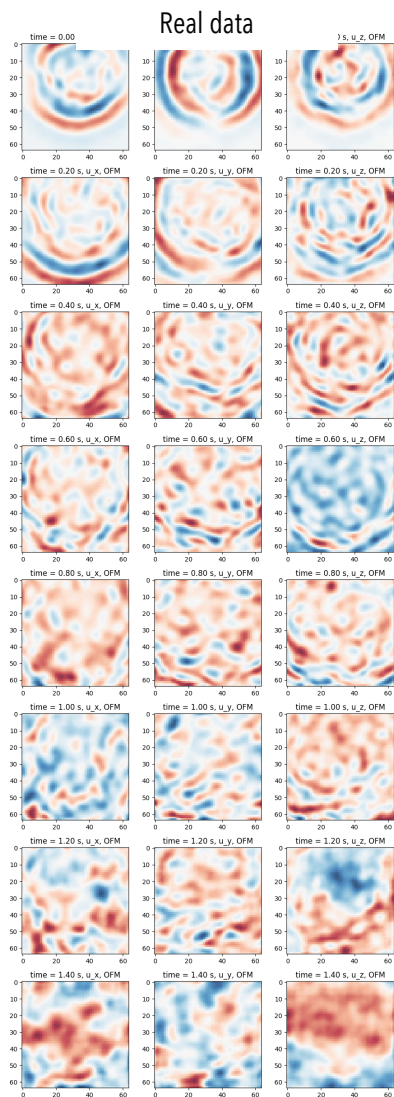
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Latent Operator Flow Matching (OFM)

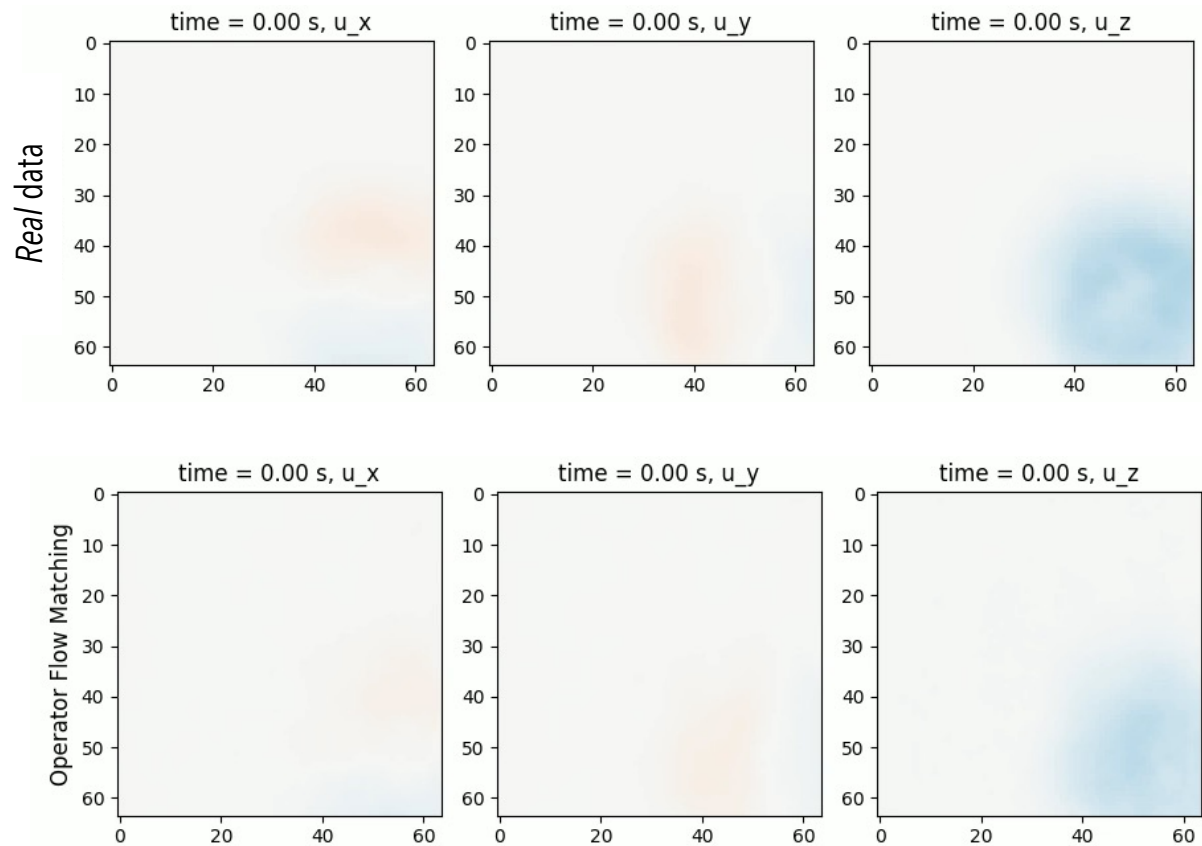


\mathcal{E} : Operator encoder \mathcal{D} : Operator decoder \mathcal{S} : super-resolution operator ❄️ : frozen \mathcal{G}_θ : operator flow matching

3D displacement \mathbf{u} : Point source in random fields

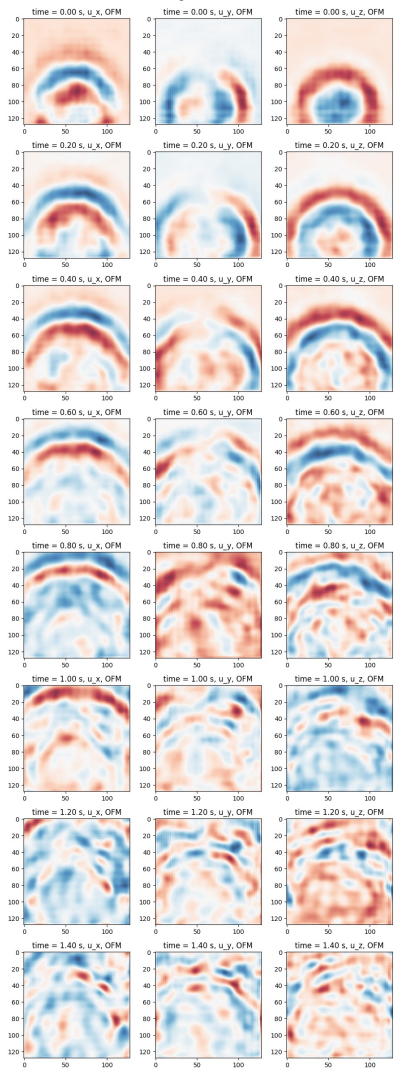


Animation: Latent OFM conditional model vs. data

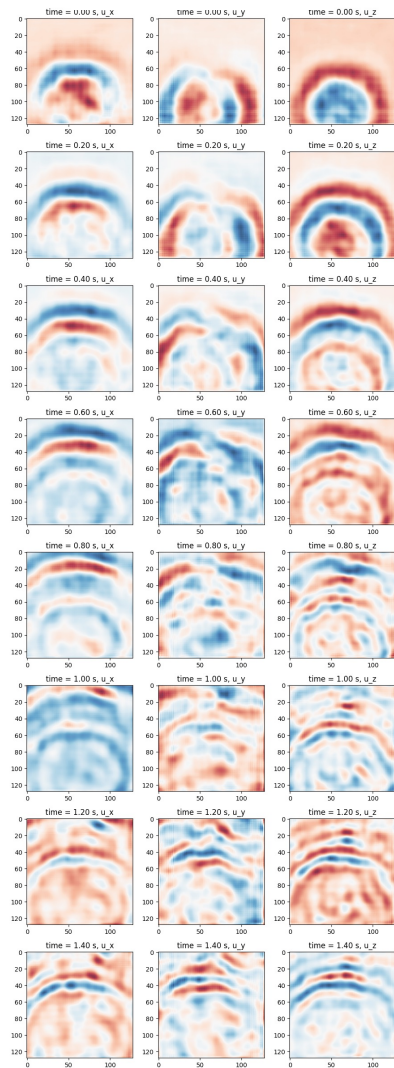


3D displacement \mathbf{u} : OFM is resolution invariant

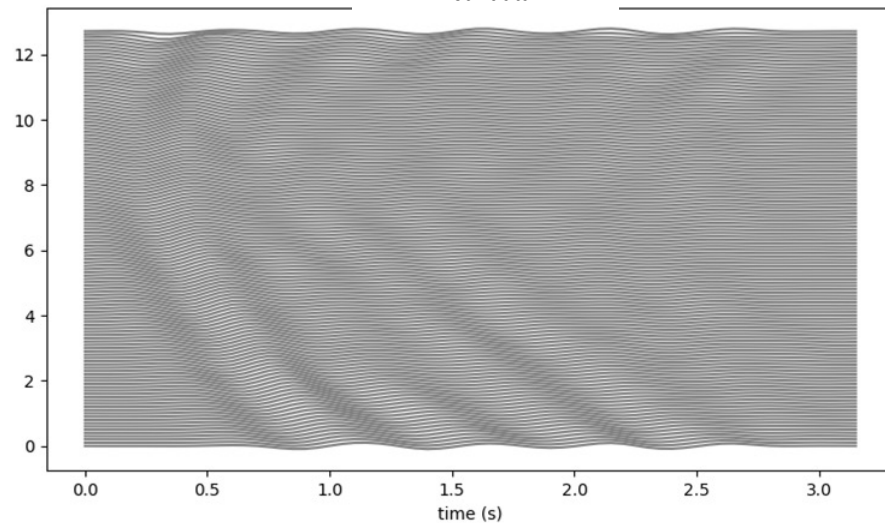
OFM – super resolution



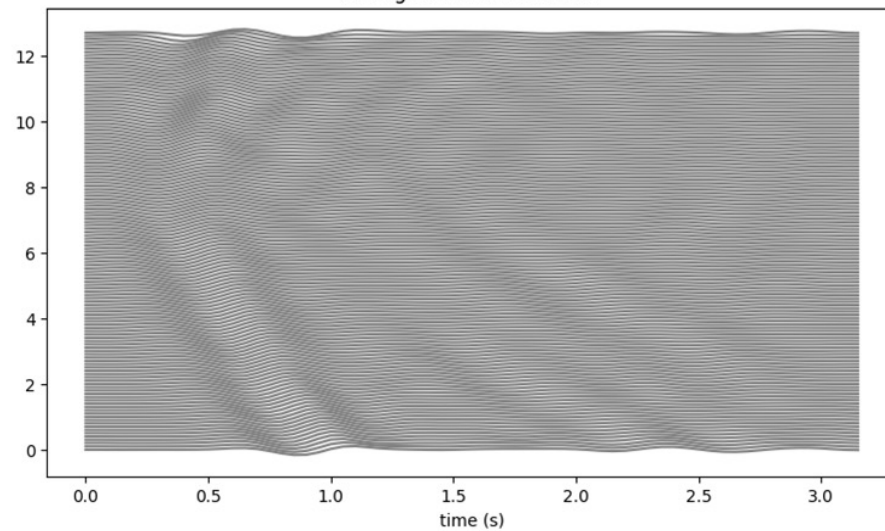
Real data



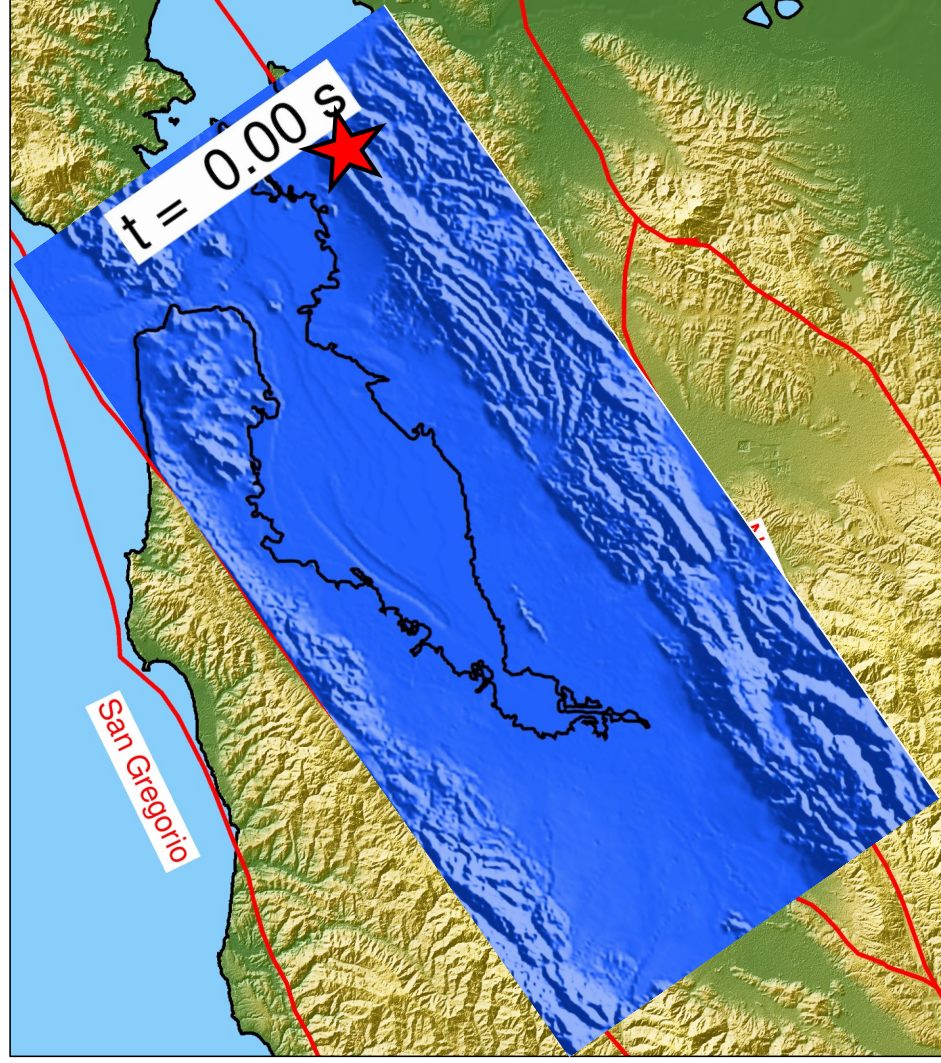
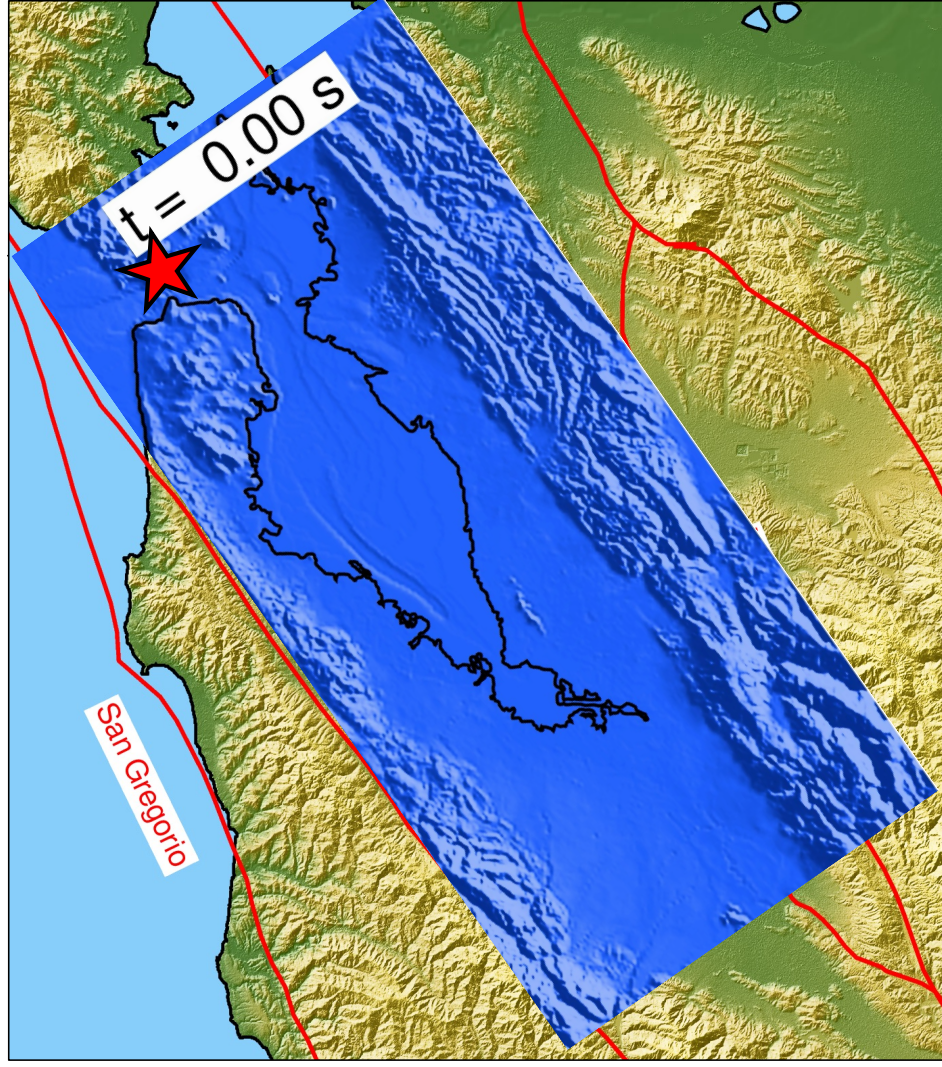
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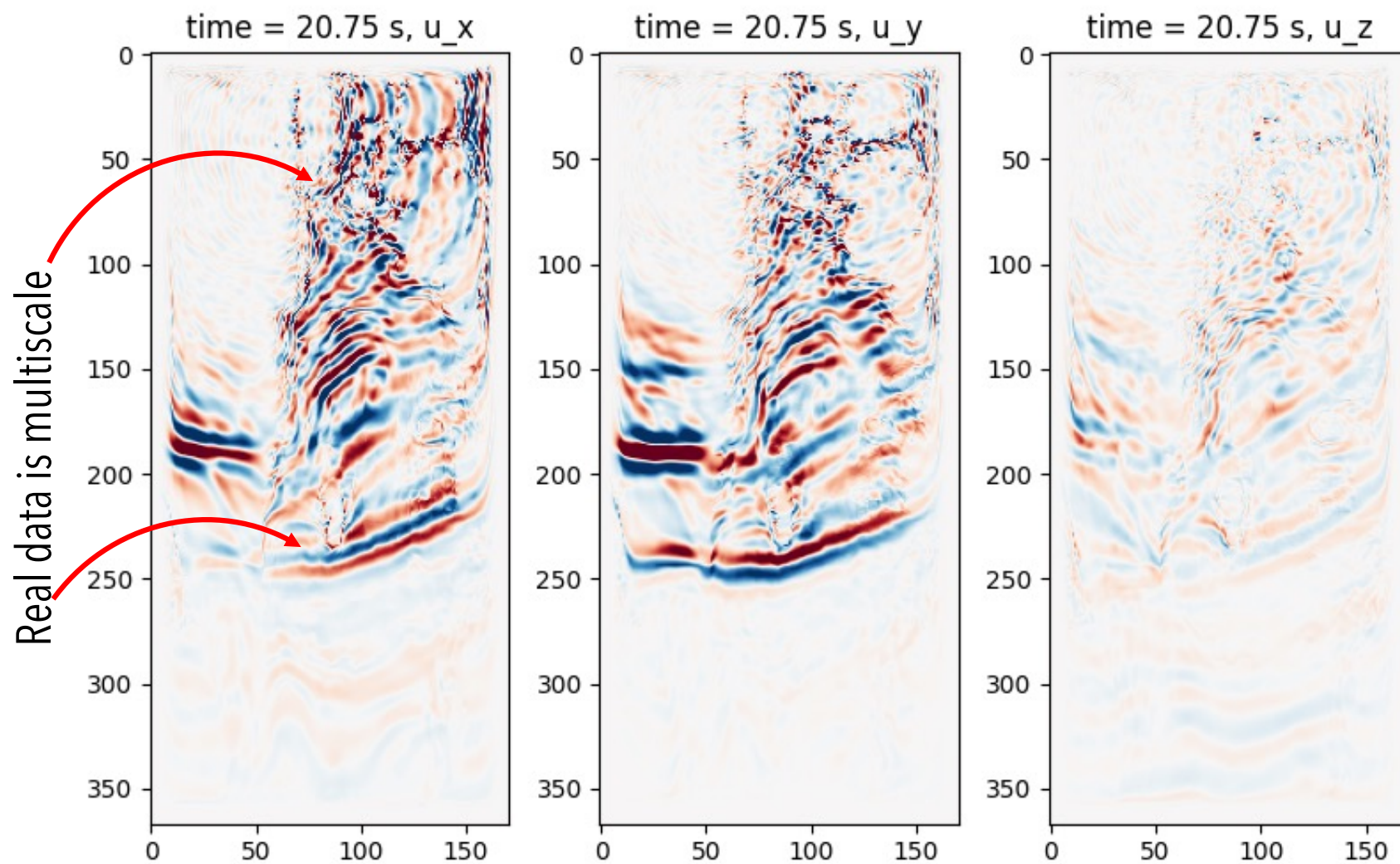


OFM generated wavefield

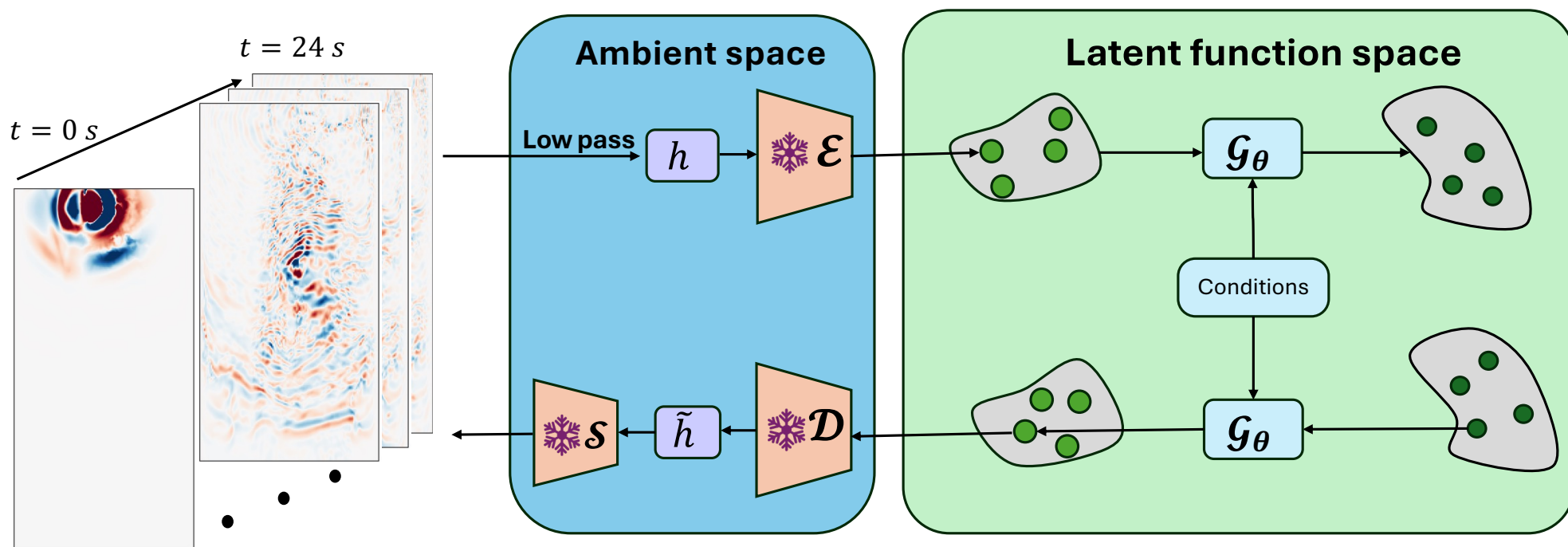


Our goal: LBNL regional model for risk reduction



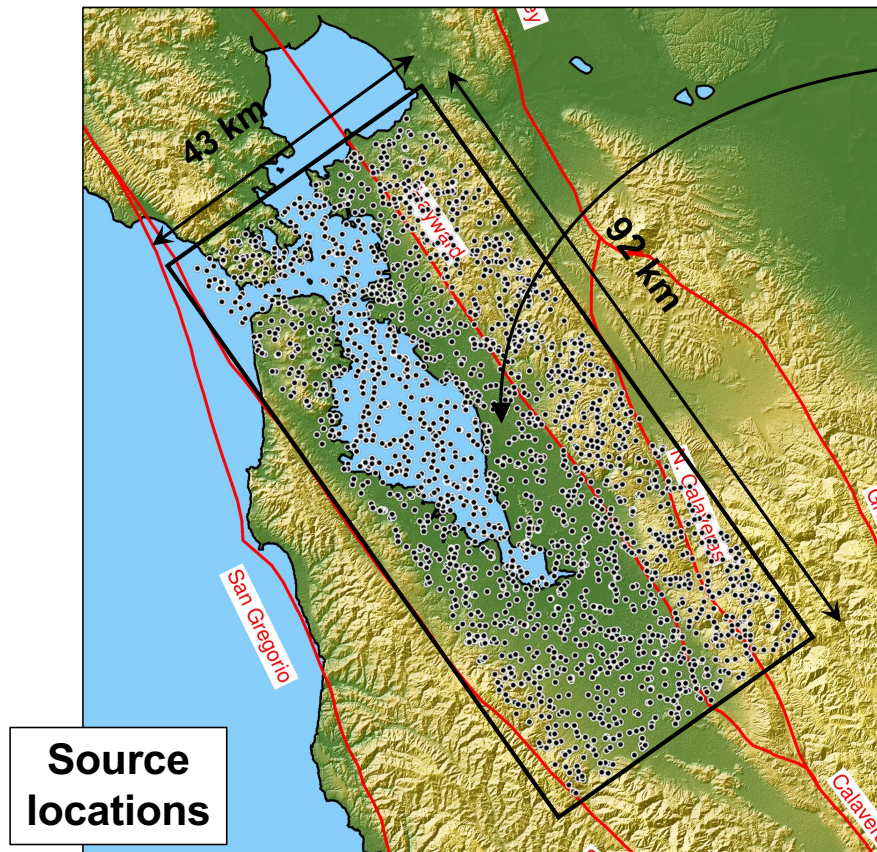


Latent OFM model + super-resolution operator



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Earthquake simulation dataset overview



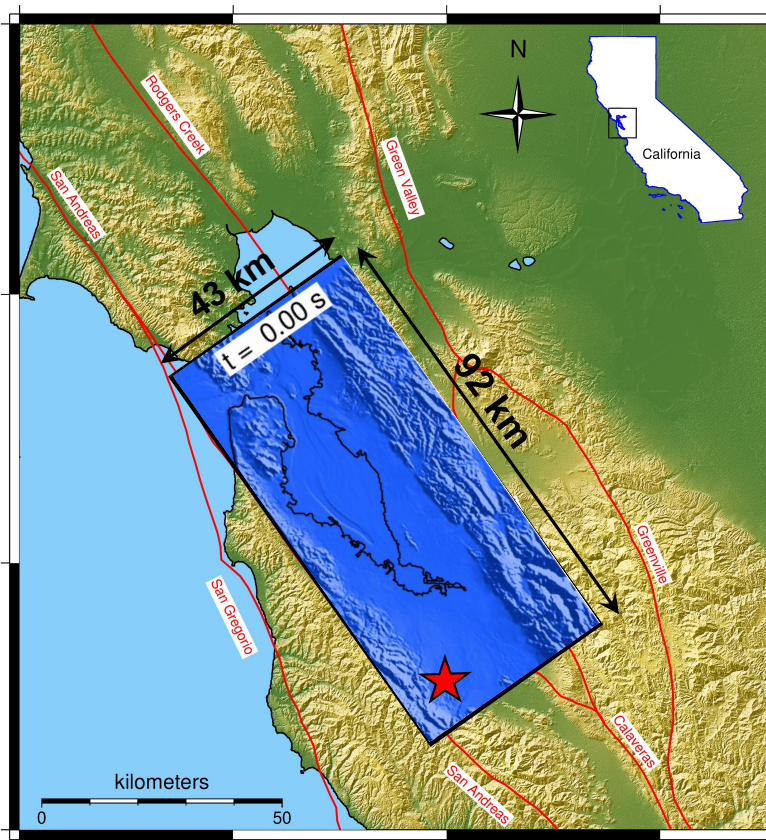
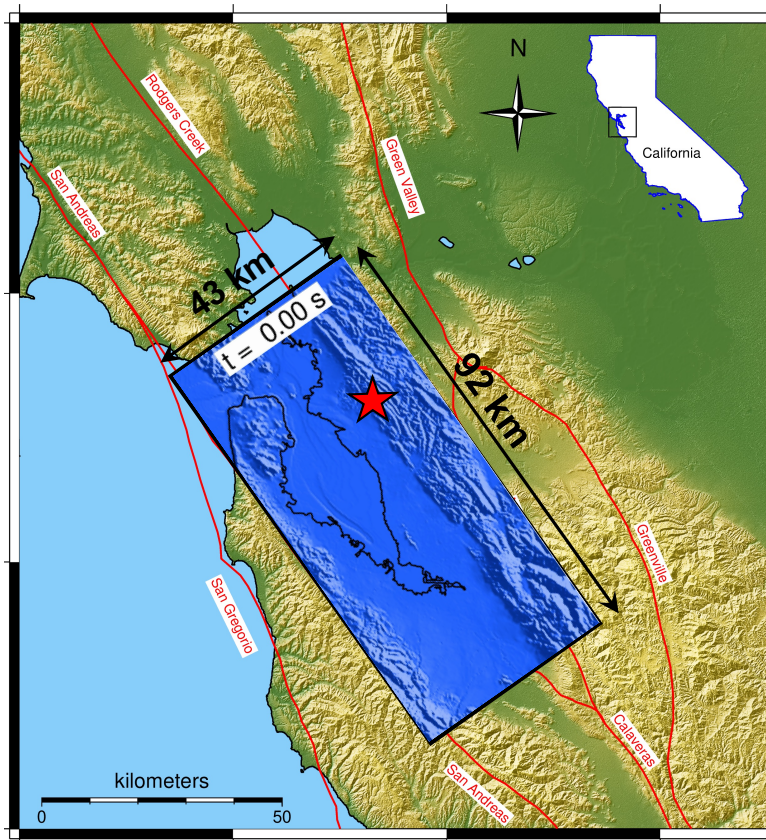
These 2100 locations are the hypocenters of the following earthquake simulations:

- 2000 simulations – training of ML algorithms
- 100 simulations – validating of ML algorithms
 - Perlmutter, NERSC – $f_{\max} = 1$ Hz
- 40 simulations – further validation, higher frequency resolution
 - Frontier, OLCF – $f_{\max} = 2.5$ Hz

Earthquake simulation characteristics

Vs,min	250 (m/s)
Radiation pattern	dip=80°, strike=145°, rake=180°
Seismic source function	Dirac delta function

Example simulations of two M4.4 earthquake events in the San Francisco Bay Area



★ Hypocenter
location, 6km depth

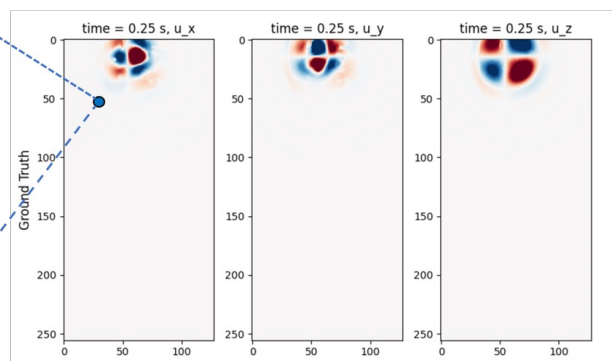
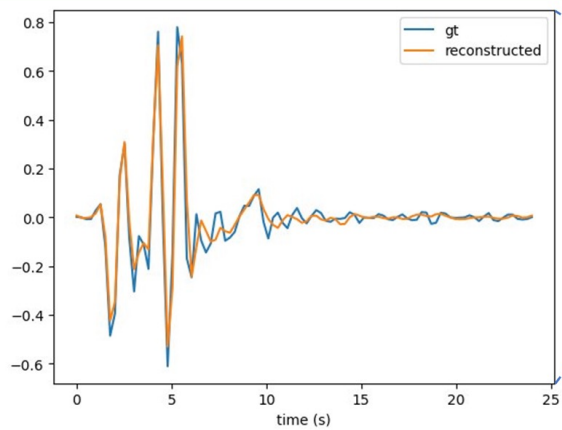
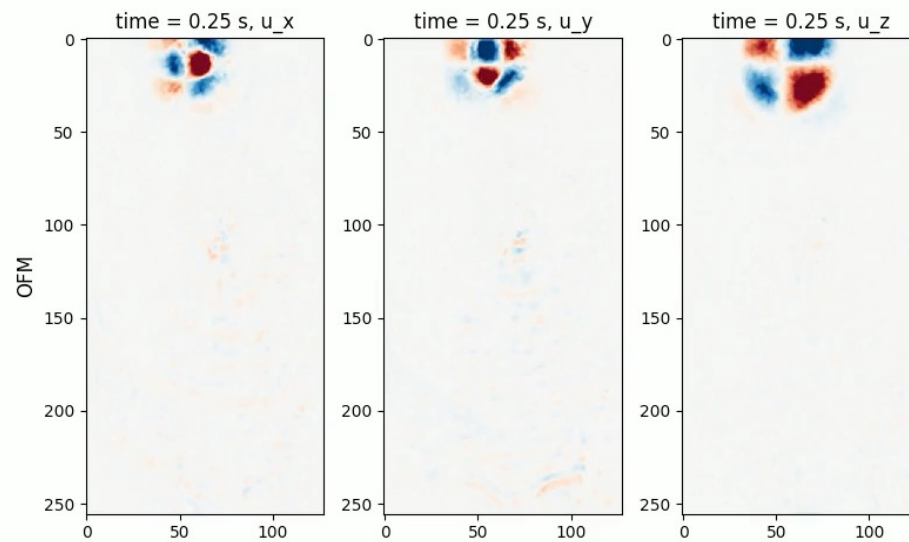
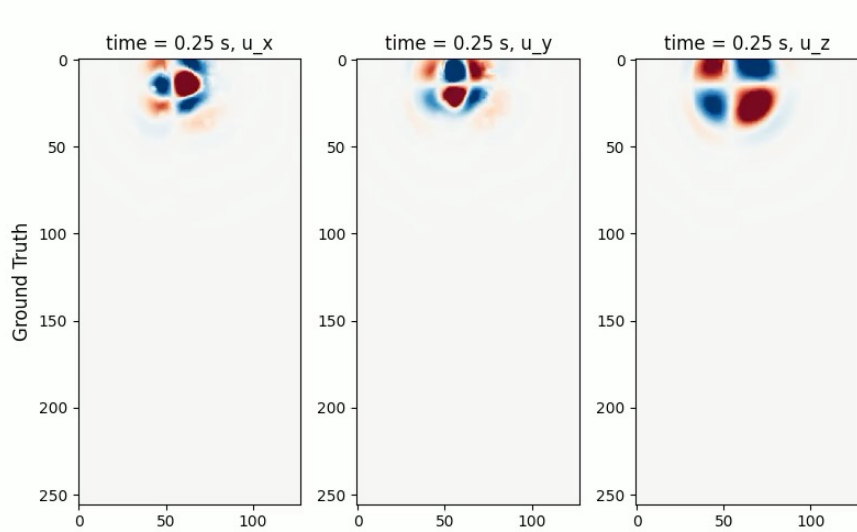
$f_{\max} = 2.5\text{Hz}$

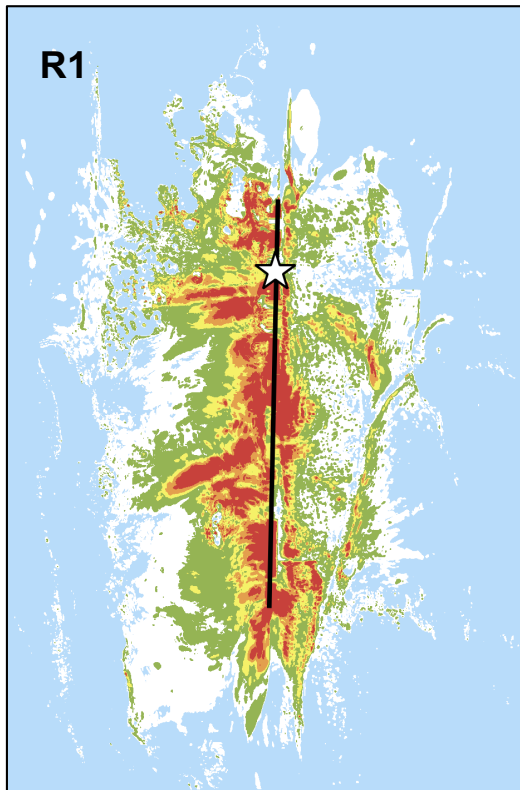
$V_{s,\min} = 250\text{ m/s}$

+
2,098 more

~ 1TB of hdf5,
zfp-compressed data

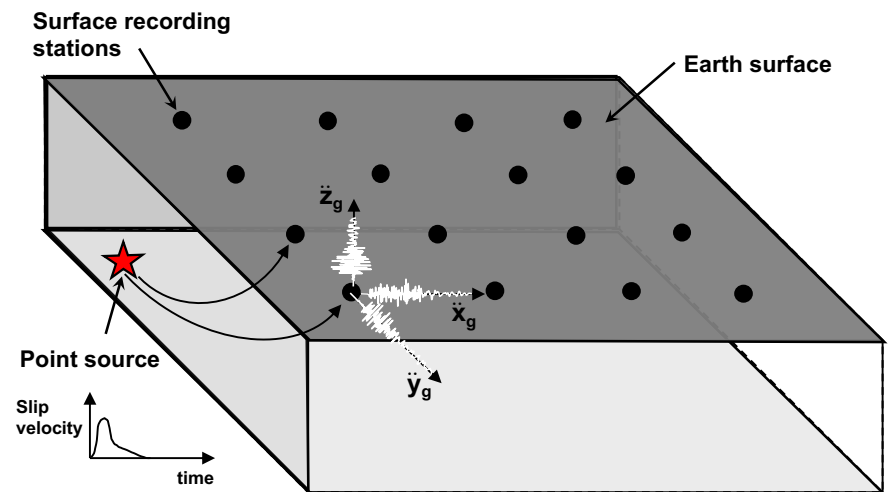
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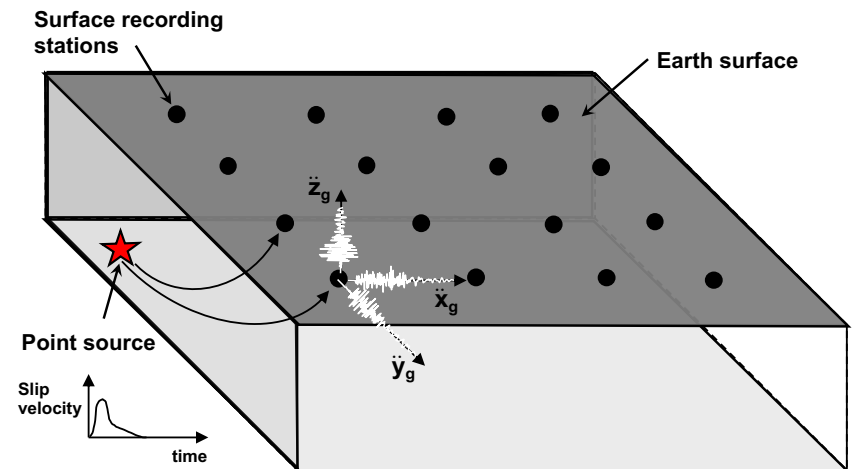
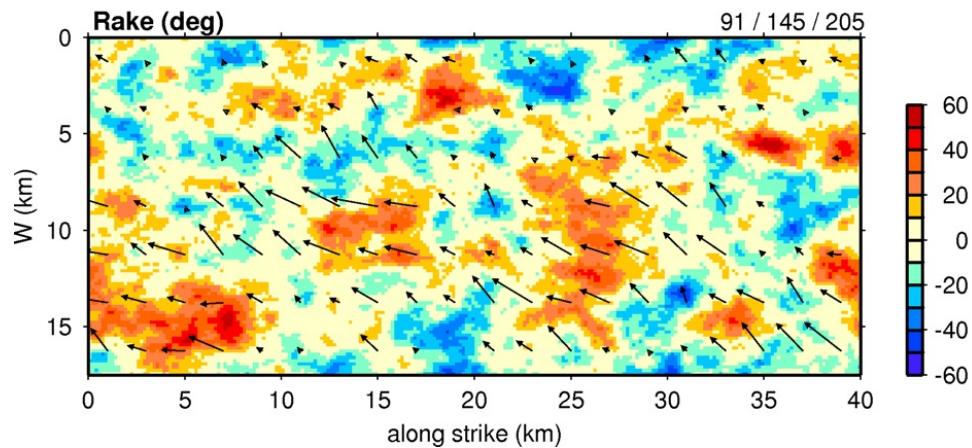
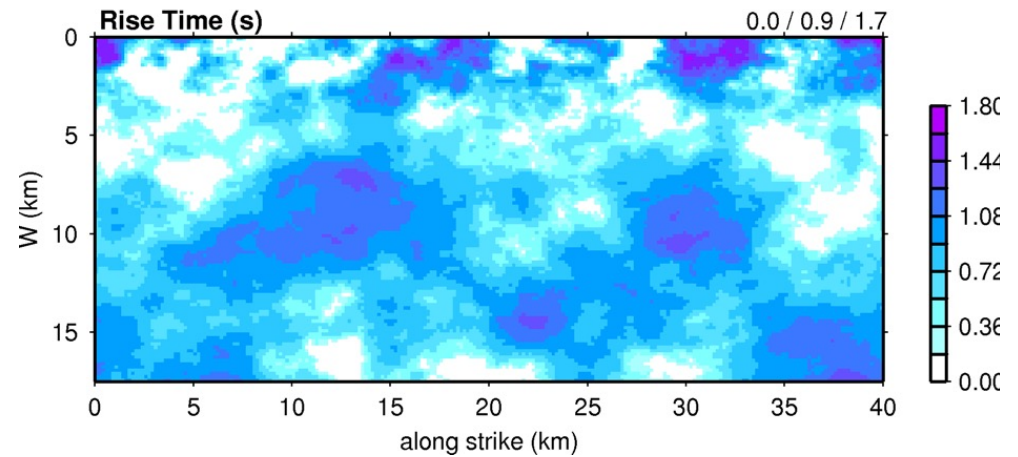
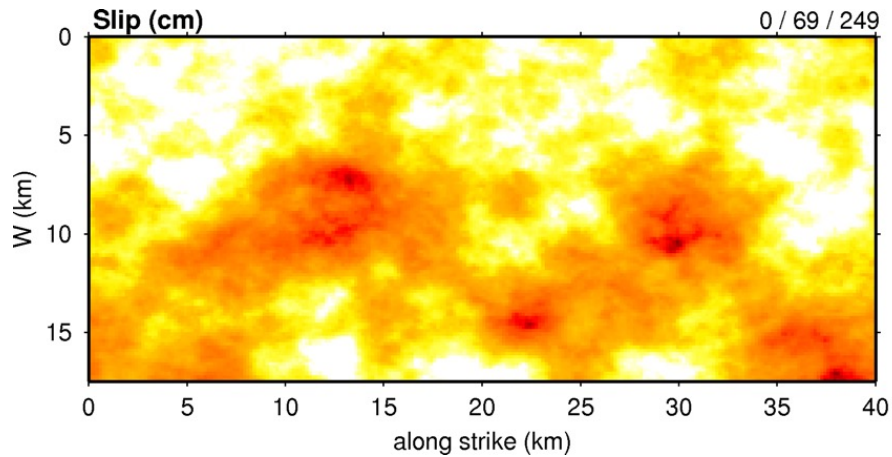


And now what?

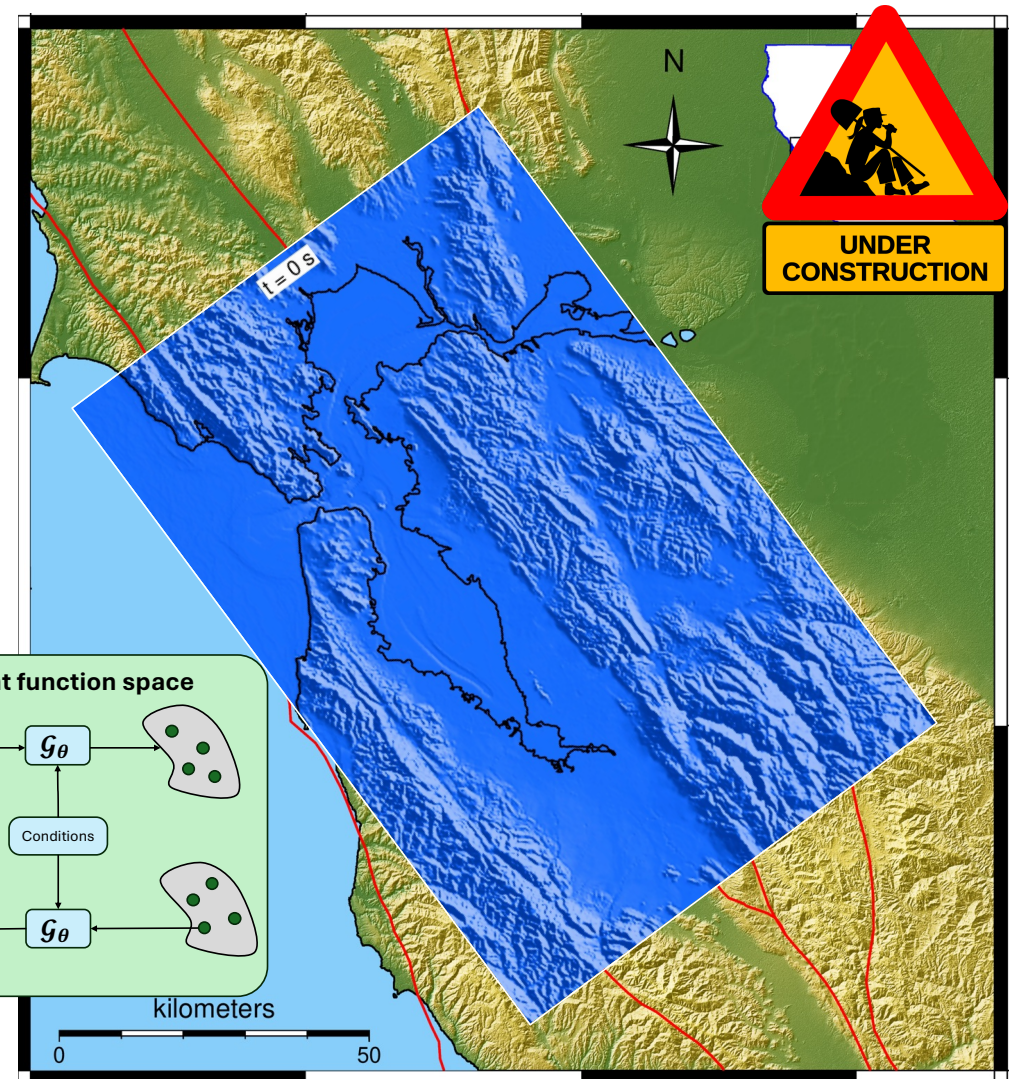
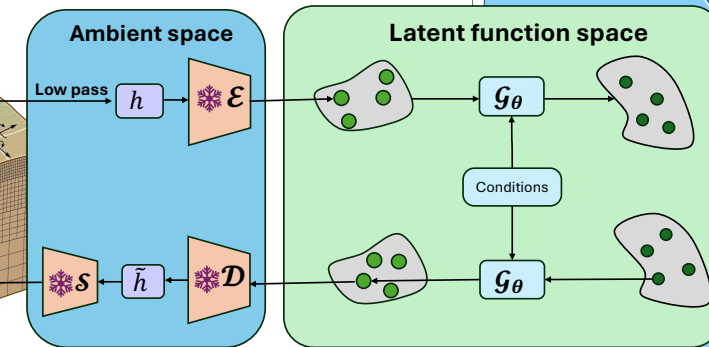
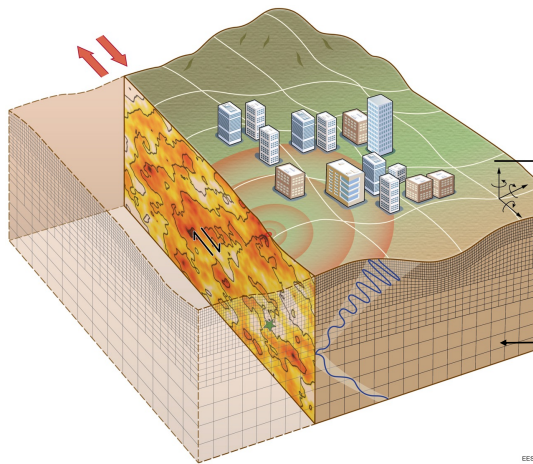
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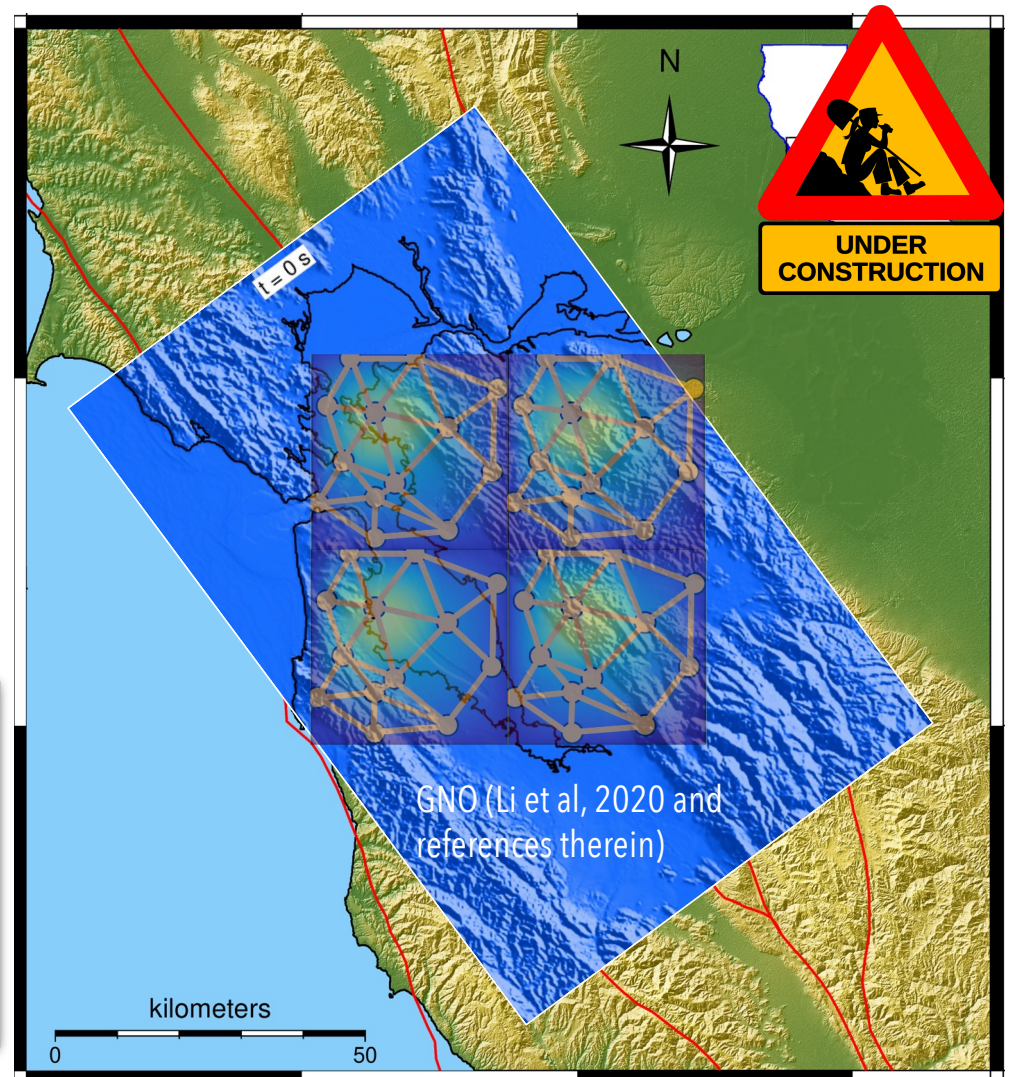
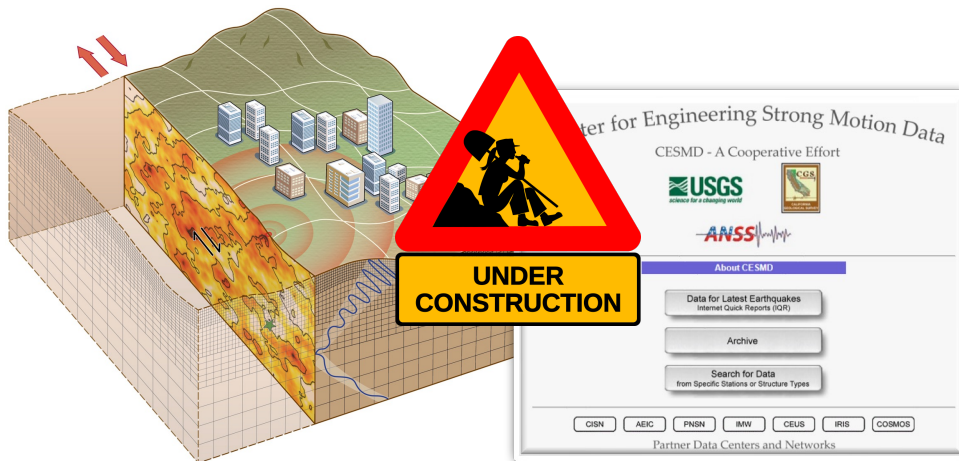
From point to finite sources (Graves & Pitarka, 2016)



Probabilistic latent OFM model will learn slip with randomness mapping on long period ground motion



[to be named] will fuse long period synthesized ground motions with observed high frequencies and associated spatial uncertainties.





Products of DeepSimR³

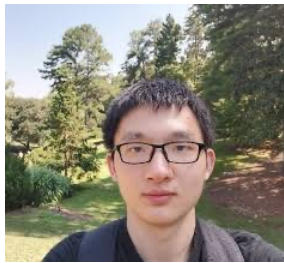
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Presentations on DeepSimR³

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Thank you!

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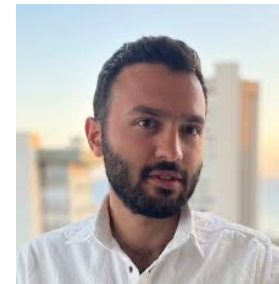
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Questions?

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