

M7.5 San Andreas Fault Earthquake Simulation

The PEER – LBNL Simulated Ground Motion Database (SGMD)

2025 PEER annual meeting

David McCallen
Energy Geosciences Division
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

Office of
 Cybersecurity, Energy Security,
 and Emergency Response

Our computational capabilities dictate what we can include in a simulated motion database

The DOE Exascale Computing Project (ECP) developments (2017-2023)

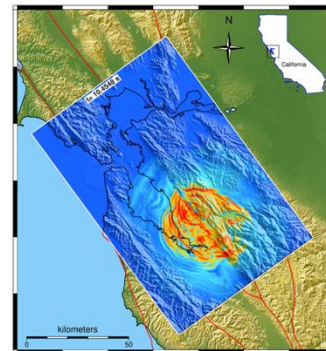
Advanced computer platforms – Frontier was the world's first exaflop (1×10^{18} Flops) GPU-accelerated supercomputer



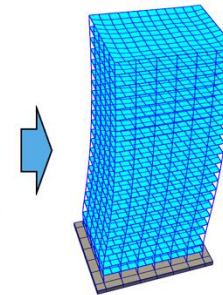
9,400 nodes, 1.194 exaflops
(1,000,000,000,000,000 Flops)



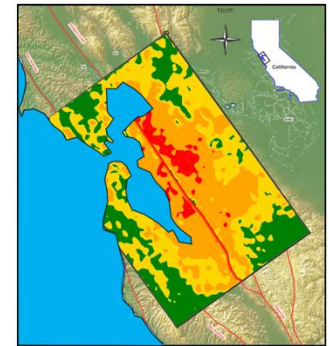
Advanced software – the *EQSIM* framework for regional-scale fault-to-structure simulations purpose built for GPU-accelerated platforms



Ground motion simulations



Infrastructure response simulations

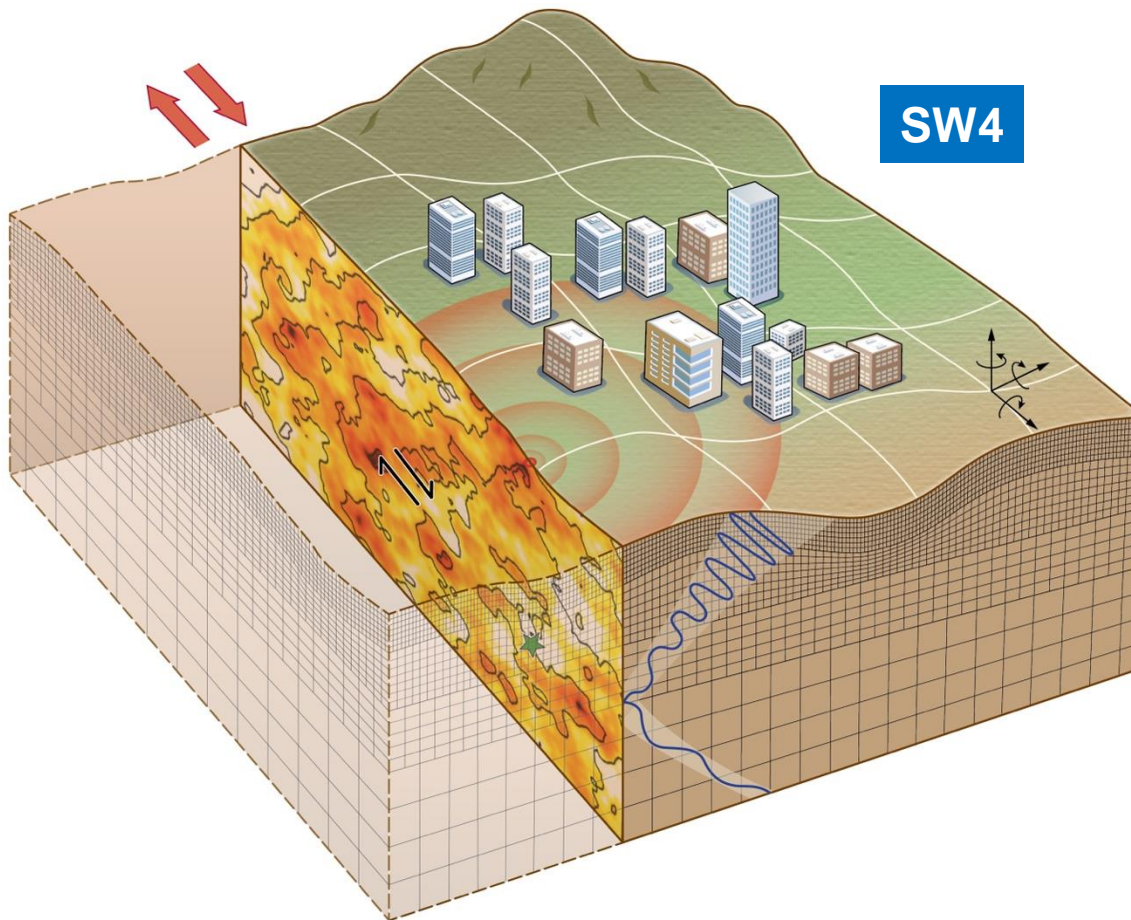


Deeper insight into regional infrastructure risk



ECP provided the opportunity to complete many key advancements to the SW4 geophysics code

SW4 – Fourth order in space and time
(Petersson et al.)



Advanced algorithms

- Mesh refinement in curvilinear and Cartesian grids

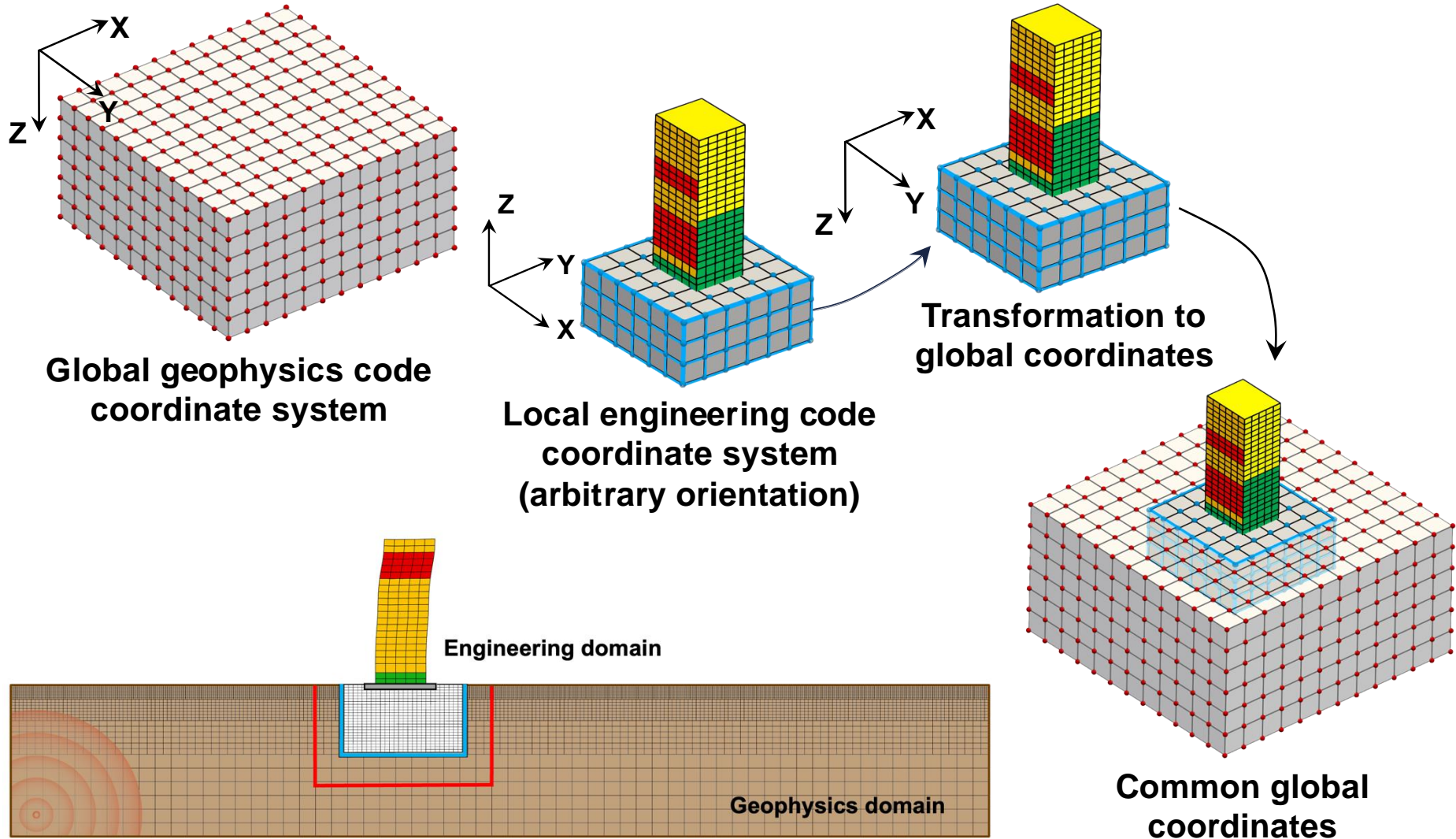
Readiness for GPU-based platforms

- Decompose computation loops into subtasks and tuning code for GPUs

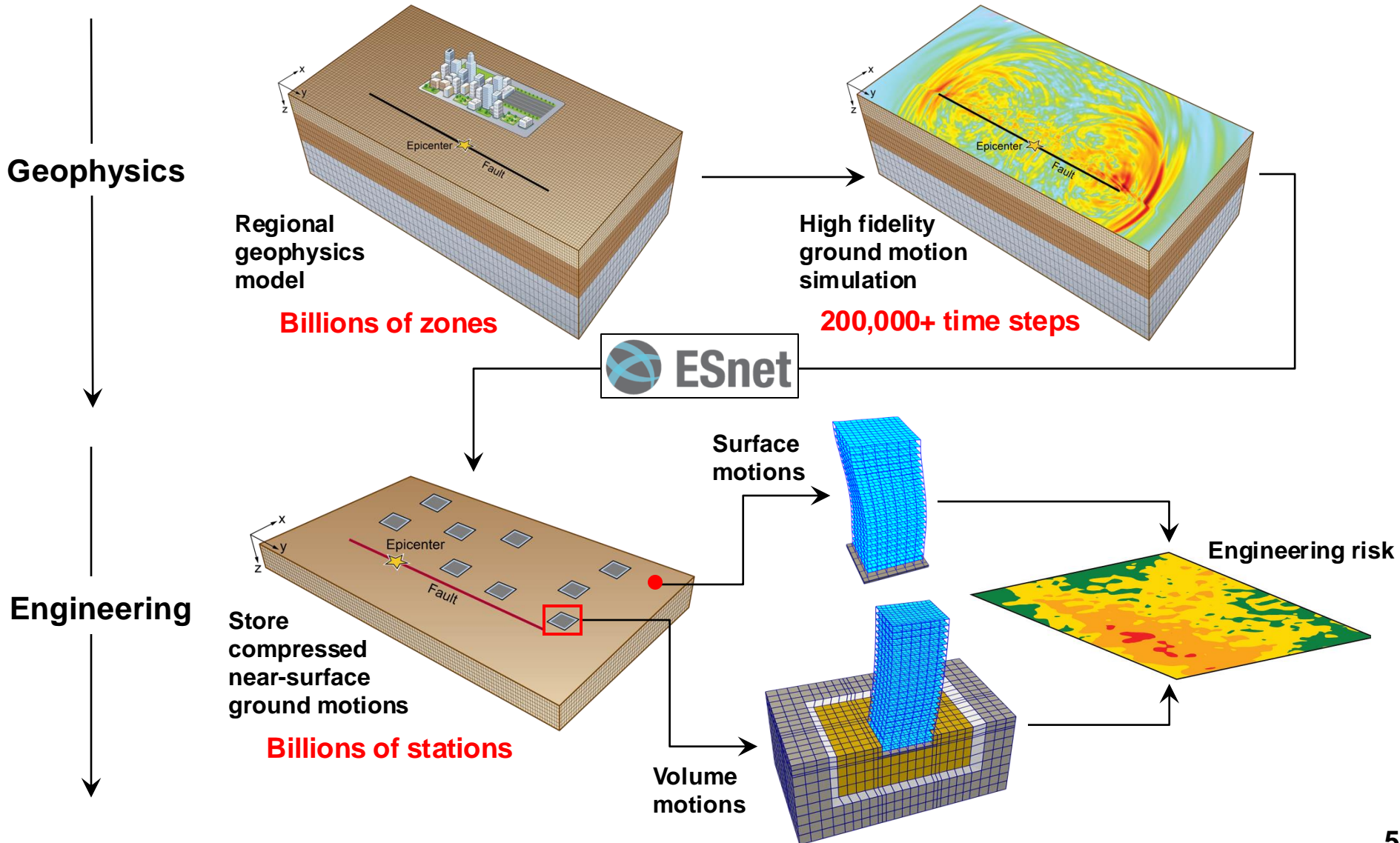
IO and data management

- Transition to HDF5-based IO (from SW4 homebrew)
- Utilization of ZFP for data compression

Implementation of DRM allows representation of SSI, inclined waves and local nonlinear soils

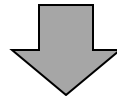


The resulting EQSIM workflow for regional-scale, fault-to-structure simulations



In the EQSIM workflow development three principal objectives were front of mind

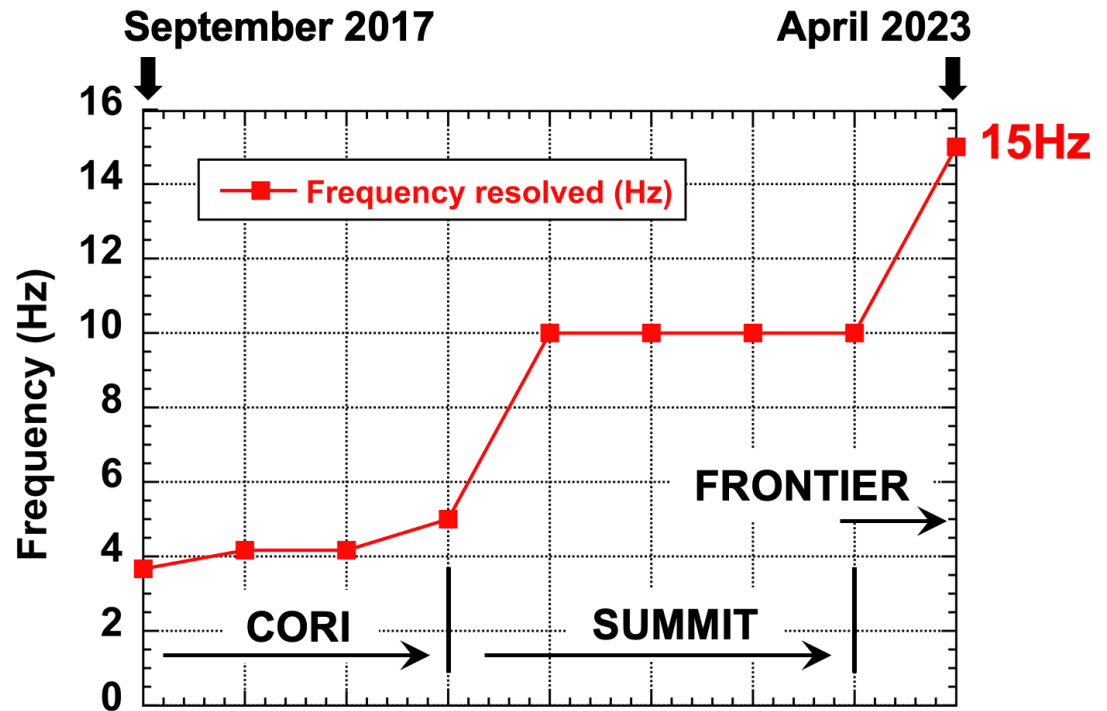
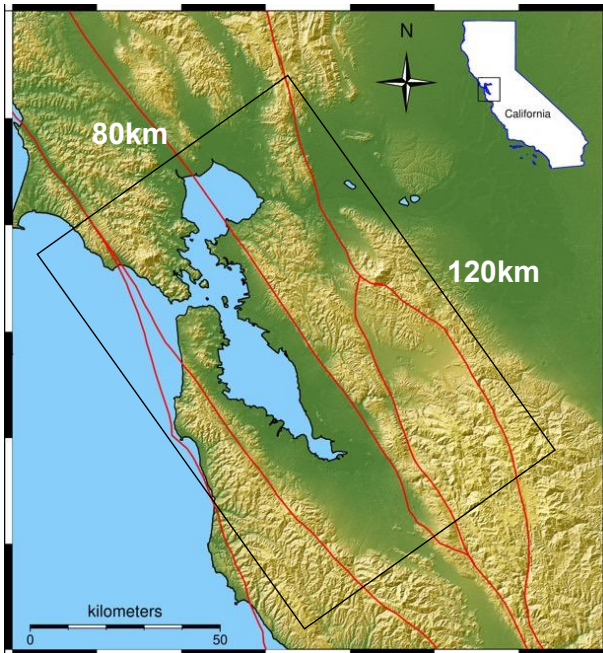
1. **Resolution** – the ability to simulate higher frequencies (Fmax) of engineering relevance and to resolve soft near-surface sediments (Vsmin)
2. **Speed** – achieve regional simulation wall clock times that allow the practical execution of many realizations
3. **Usability** – efficient and effective operational interfaces for large problems with extreme data



Transition from “heroic” to “routine” regional simulations

On GPU systems EQSIM has pushed the computational edge of simulation *resolution*

San Francisco Bay regional model

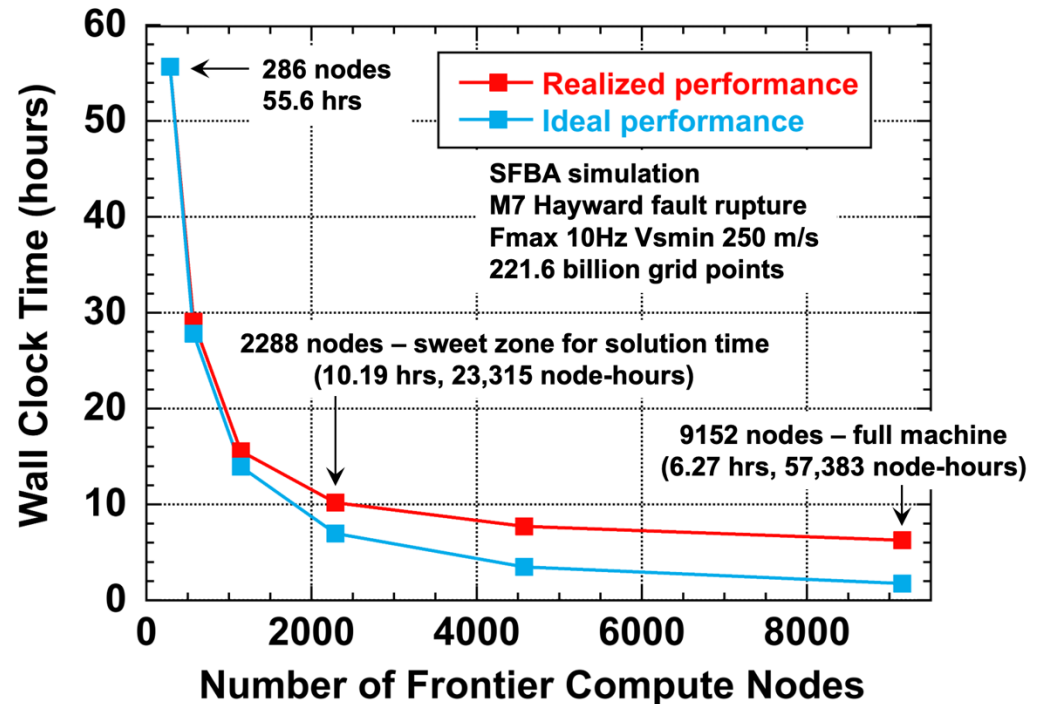
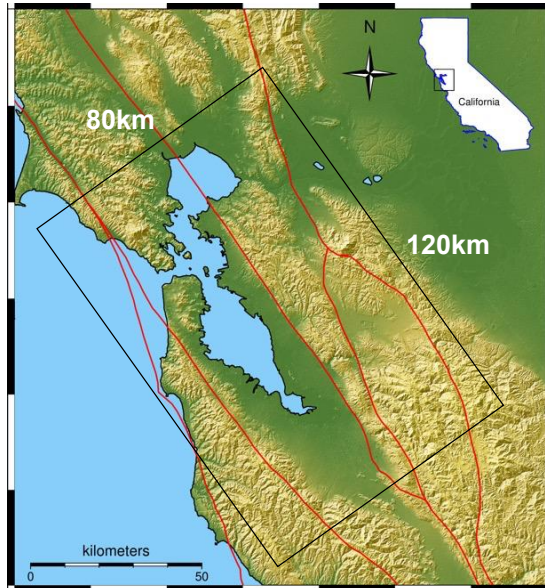


➔ Advanced algorithms

➔ Well designed workflow and IO

➔ Transition to GPU platforms

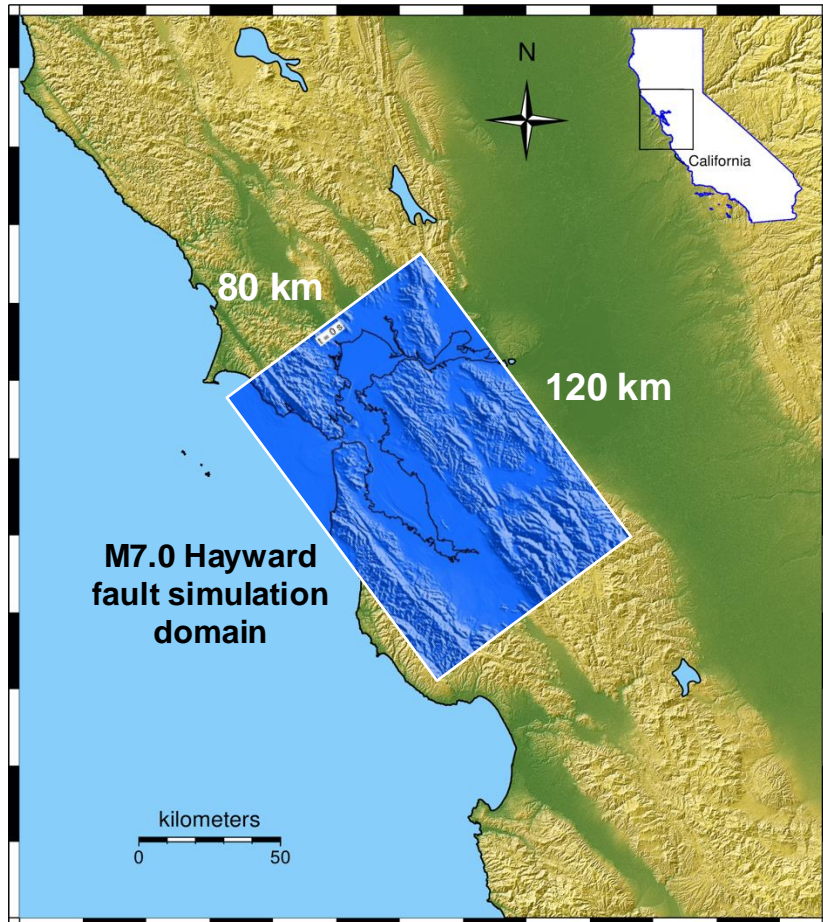
On GPU systems EQSIM has pushed the computational edge of simulation *speed*



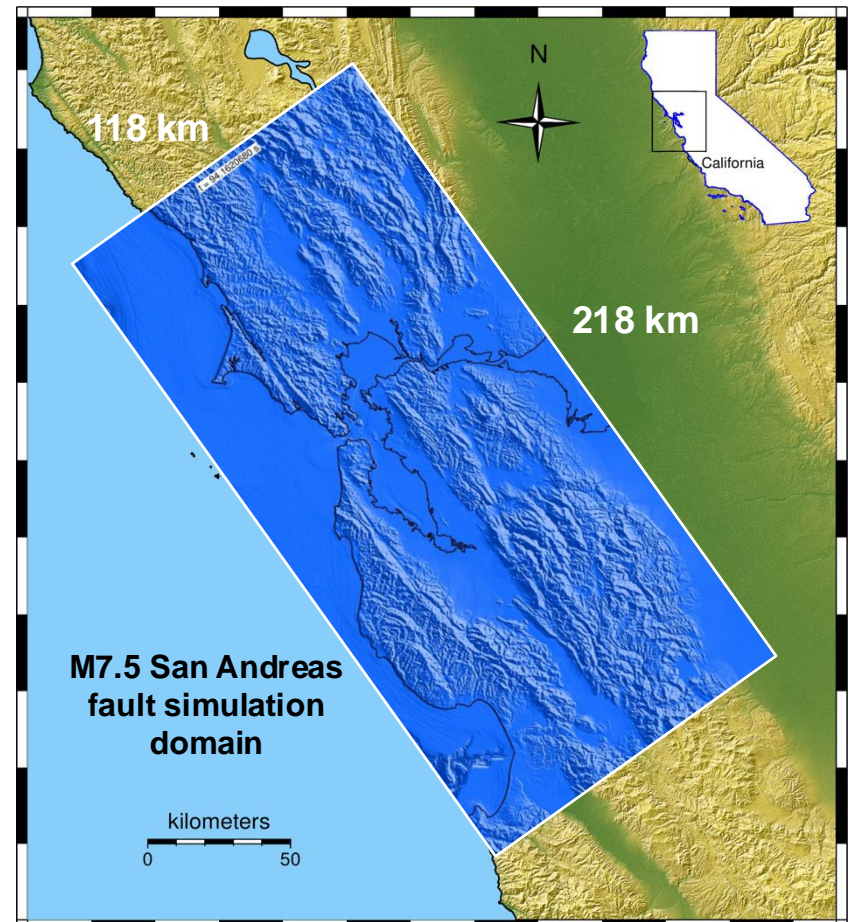
Model	# Frontier nodes	Wall clock time (hrs)
Fmax 5 Hz V _{min} 250 m/s	3072	1.8
Fmax 10 Hz V _{min} 250 m/s	9152	6.3
Fmax 15 Hz V _{min} 140 m/s	9152	29.2

Take away - much bigger problems are now within our computational grasp

M7.0 Hayward rupture
10Hz resolution, 221 billion grid points
9152 Frontier nodes
~6 hours for 90 second earthquake



M7.5 San Andreas rupture
10Hz resolution, 583 billion grid points
9152 Frontier nodes
~29 hours for 200 second earthquake



The notion of a Simulated Ground Motion Database grew from the PEER-LBNL workshops



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

Office of
Cybersecurity, Energy Security,
and Emergency Response

**PEER Pacific Rim Forum
June 2021**

**261 International Participants
41 International Speakers**

PACIFIC EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING
RESEARCH CENTER

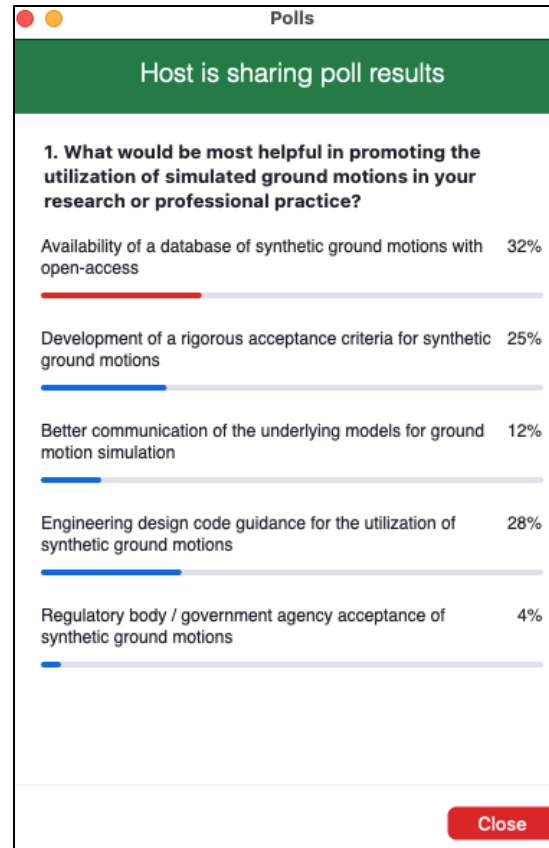
The PEER International Pacific Rim
Forum 2021: Regional-Scale Simulations
of Earthquake Ground Motions and
Infrastructure Response for
Performance-Based Earthquake Engineering

David McCallen
Floriana Petrone
Elnaz Esmailzadeh Seylabi
Arben Pitarka
Norman Abrahamson
Sherif Elfass

PEER Report No. 2022/04

Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center
Headquarters at the University of California, Berkeley
July 2022

PEER 2022/04
July 2022



**Attendees
recommended
priorities**

**Availability of a database
of synthetic motions
with *open-access***

**Assessment and
acceptance criteria for
synthetic motions**

**An effective and
operationally efficient
user interface**



Activity 1 - development of regional-scale simulated earthquake ground motions

Engineering

D. McCallen



Berkeley Lab

F. Petrone



Univ. Nevada

M. Miah



Berkeley Lab

Seismology

A. Pitaraka



Livermore Lab

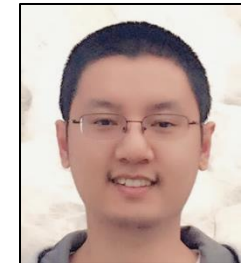
R. Nikata



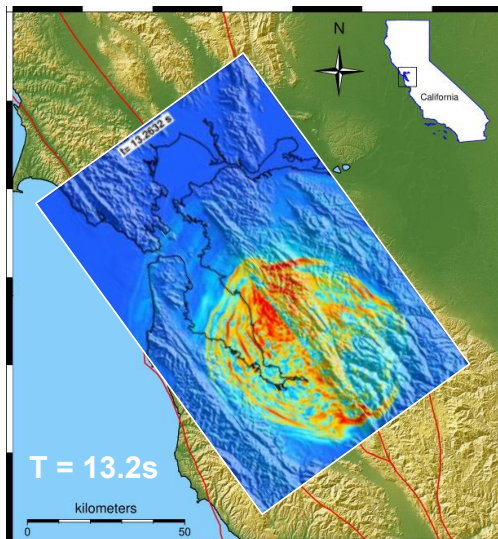
Berkeley Lab

Computer Science

H. Tang



Berkeley Lab



E. Taciroglu



UCLA Civil Engineering

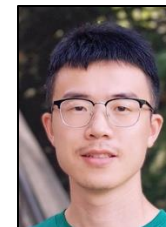
Current postdoctoral scholars and PhD students

Kostantinos Tsalouchidis



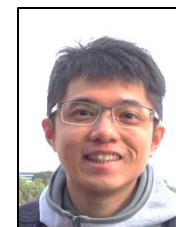
LBL

Junfei Huang



LBL

Clifford Yen



UCLA

Flora Xia



CALTECH



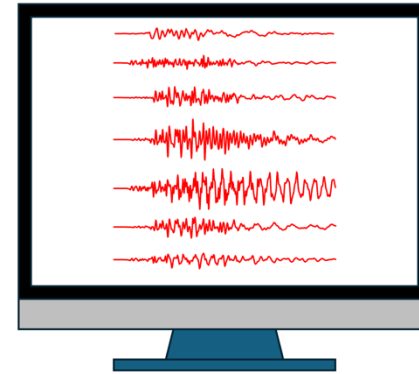
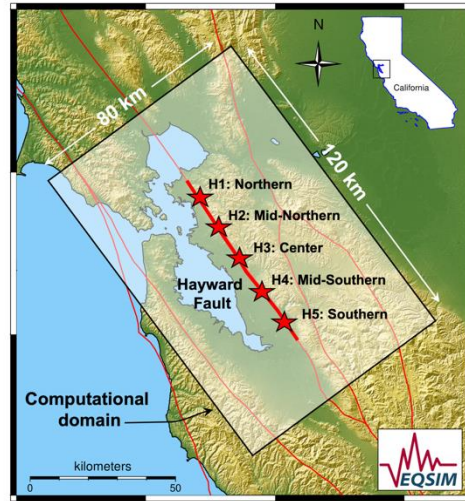
UCLA Samueli School of Engineering

For the inaugural database we have generated 50 realizations of a M7 Hayward fault rupture

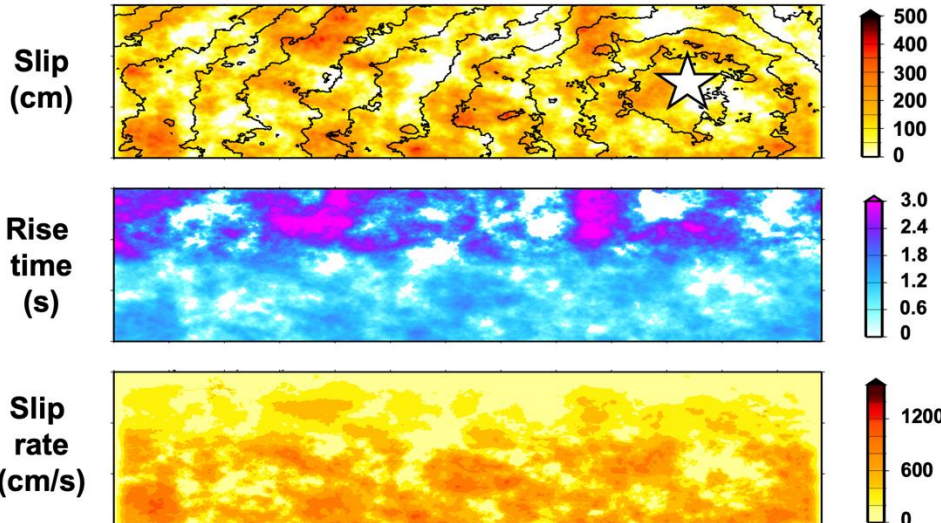
50 M7 Hayward fault rupture realizations

0 - 5 Hz

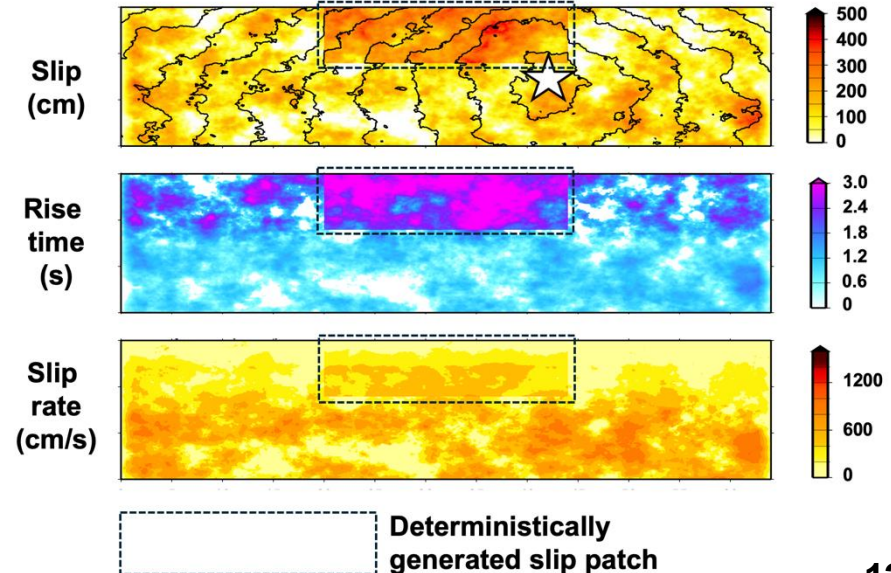
Graves-Pitarka rupture model



Pure stochastic rupture models



Stochastic plus deterministic patch rupture models



Activity 2 - development of the interactive open access simulated ground motion database

K. Mosalam



PEER Director &
UC Berkeley

S. Gunay



G. Vargas



A. Kasalanati



C. Perez
PhD student



PEER-LBNL Simulated Ground Motion Database

Home Signup Login

Log In

Username*

mccallen

Password*

.....

Log In

PEER-LBNL Simulated Ground Motion Database

Welcome mccallen!

Home Logout Documentation

Regions

SFBA -- San Francisco Bay Area

Search

San Francisco Bay Region

Los Angeles Region

New Madrid Region

PEER-LBNL Simulated Ground Motion Database

Welcome mccallen!

Home Logout Documentation

Region

Region Name: San Francisco Bay Area

Region Code: SFBA

Search Parameters

Realizations(no Patch):

Realizations(with Patch):

Example:(1,2,3)

Latitude Min: 38.0 Latitude Max: 38.3

Longitude Min: -121 Longitude Max: -100

Vs30 Min (m/s): 80.0 Vs30 Max (m/s): 1205

Rjb Min (km): 0.20 Rjb Max (km): 50.0

Rrup Min (km): 0.10 Rrup Max (km): 50.0

Rx Min (km): -41.0 Rx Max (km): 38.0

PGA Min (g): 0.0 PGA Max (g): 1.00

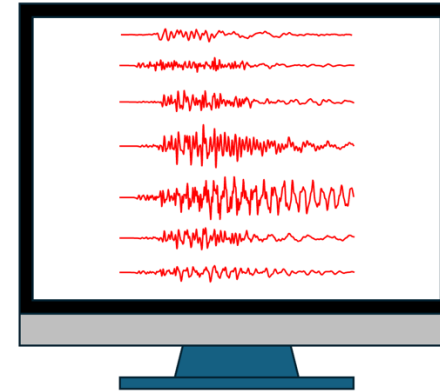
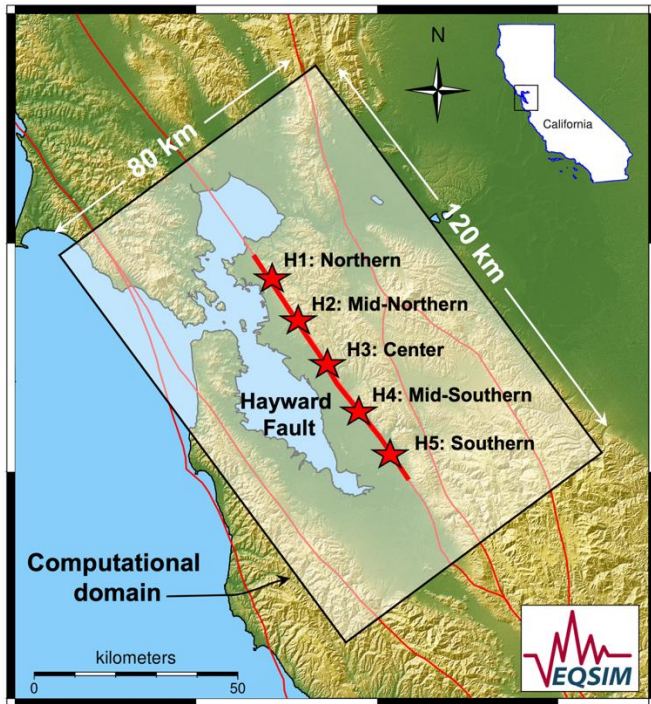
PGV Min (m/s): 0.0 PGV Max (m/s): 1.30

PGD Min (m): 0.0 PGD Max (m): 1.150

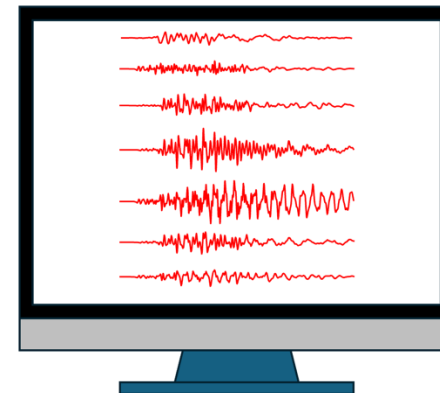
Search

The SGMD is ready for access (15 Beta Users have had access since January)

50 Hayward fault rupture realizations

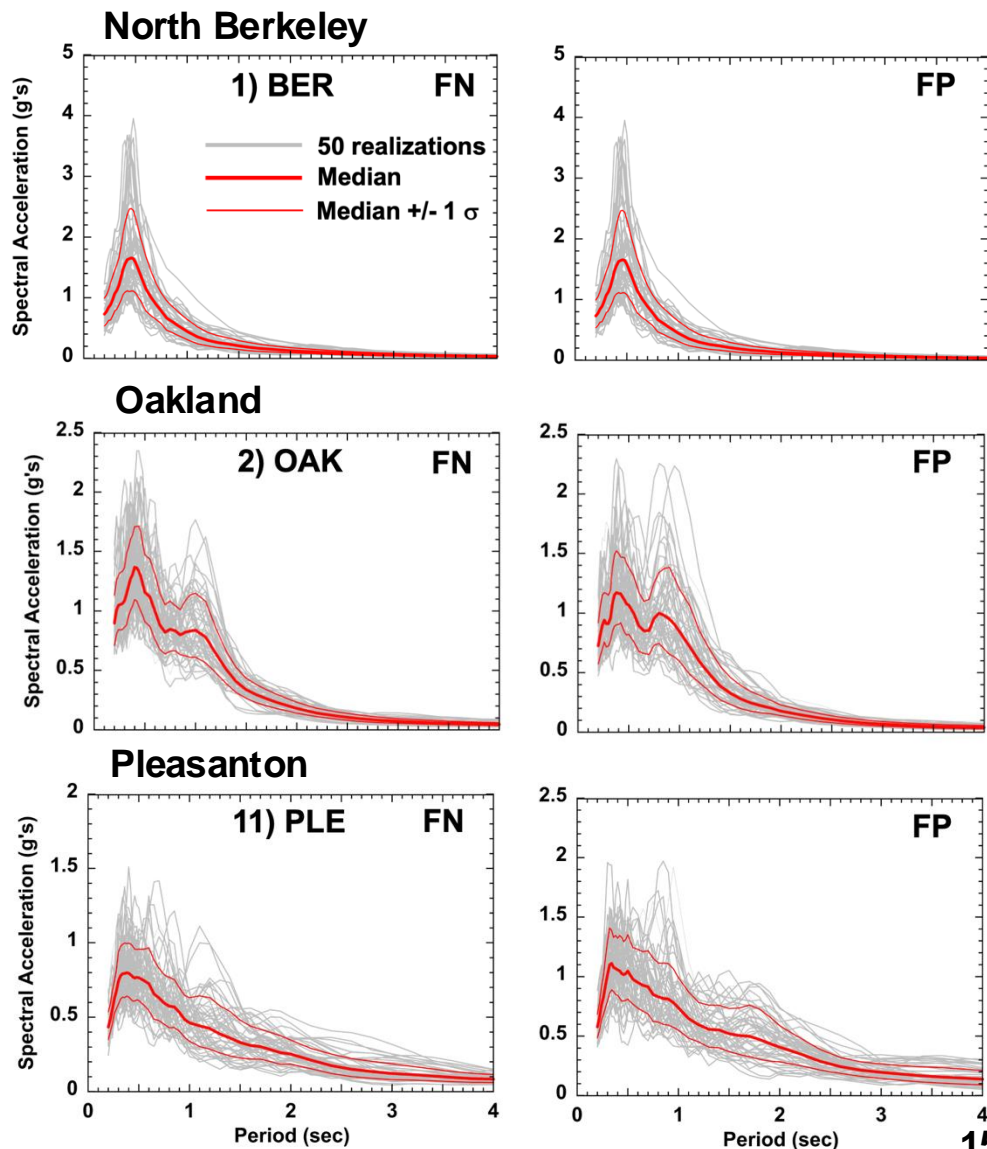
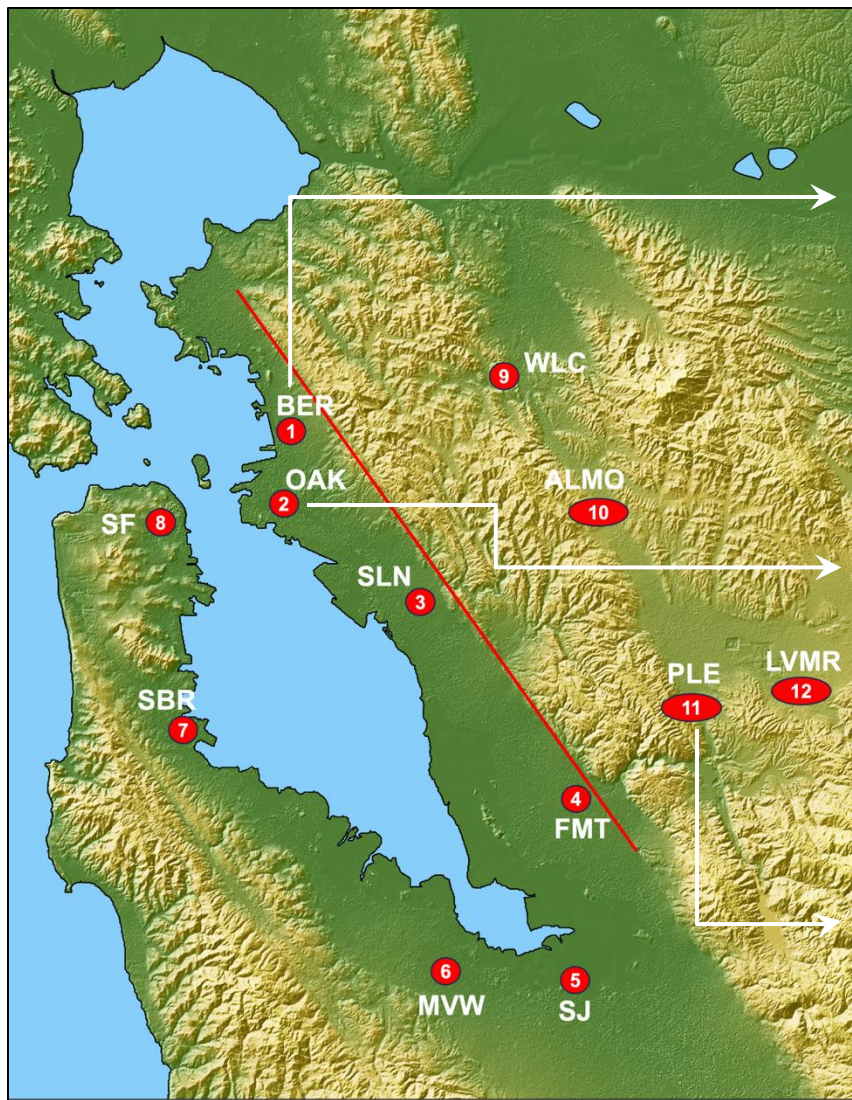


1,021,500 time series @ 2 Km spacing
(uncompressed HDF5 files - 330GB
uncompressed ASCII files - **700GB**)



110,606,400,000 time series @ 6.25 m spacing
(compressed and time down sampled HDF5 files - **42TB**)

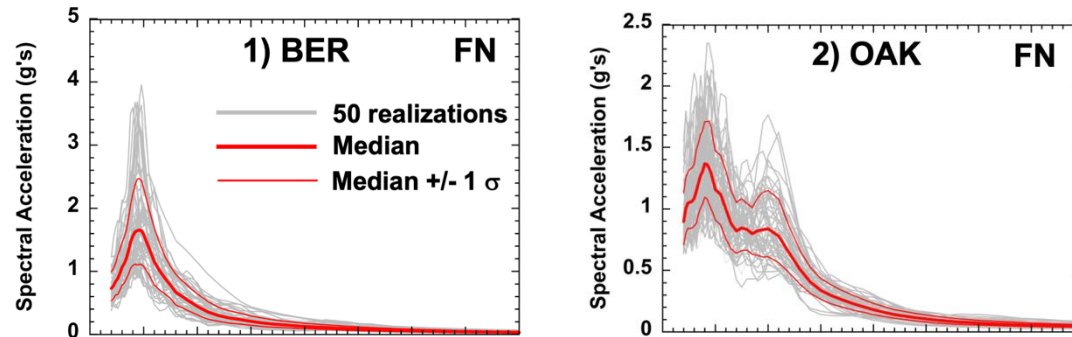
There is a *LOT* to analyze, e.g. complex within- and between-event distributions of motions



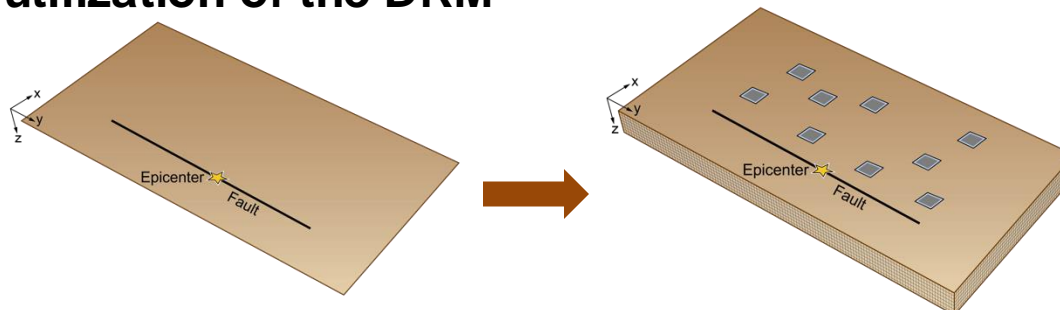
Poll results from yesterday's workshop

Voted “most popular” future features for the SGMD

- Downloadable response spectra showing for all 50 realizations at every site



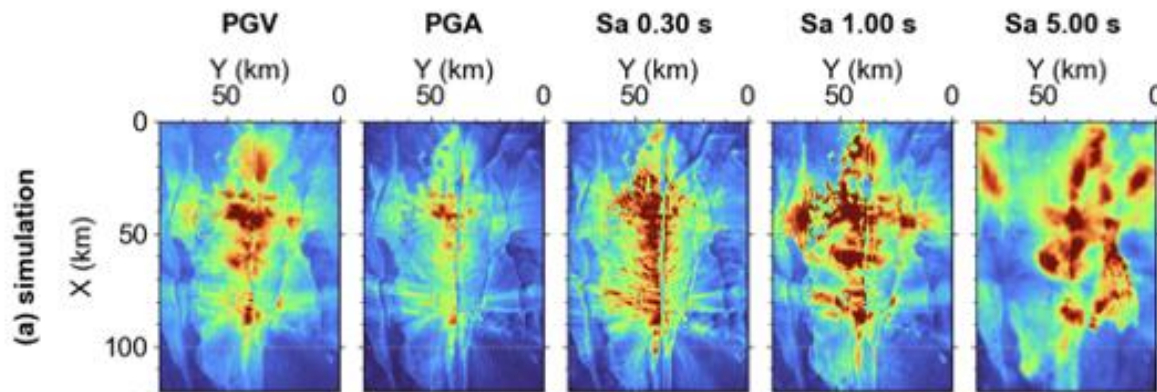
- Implementation of a nonlinear soil representation for near-surface layers
- Provide motions in a near-surface volume (not just surface) to enable utilization of the DRM



Poll results from yesterday's workshop

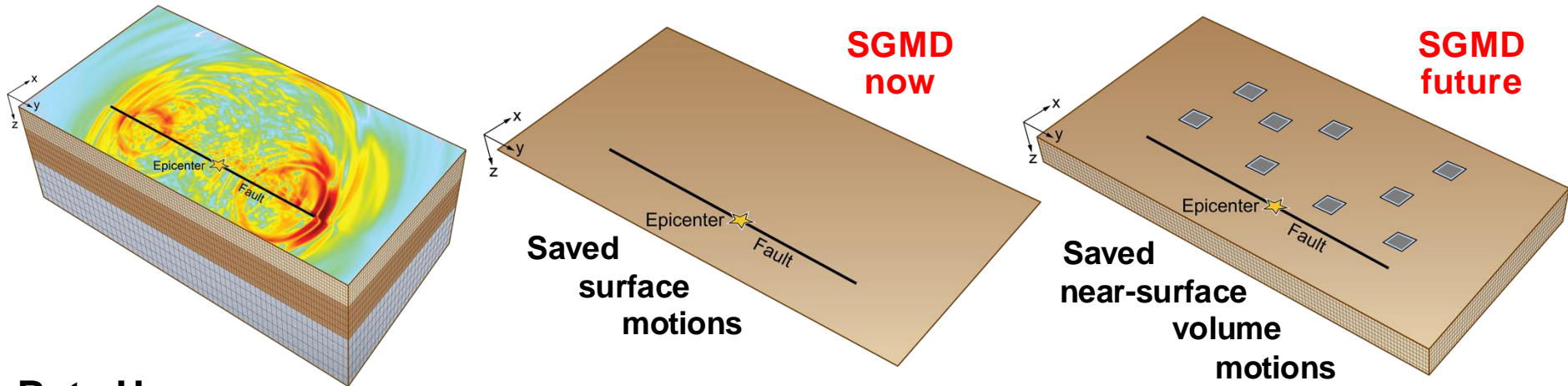
Voted “most popular” future features for the SGMD

- Additional ground motion intensity measures in the database for each realization



- Creation of an on-line chat tool for application examples and discussion of best practices ad

The SGMD will continue to evolve and add features in response to engineering objectives



Beta Users

P. Arduino



F. McKenna

