

# A Regional-Scale Simulated Ground Motion Database (SGDB) for Earthquake Engineering Applications

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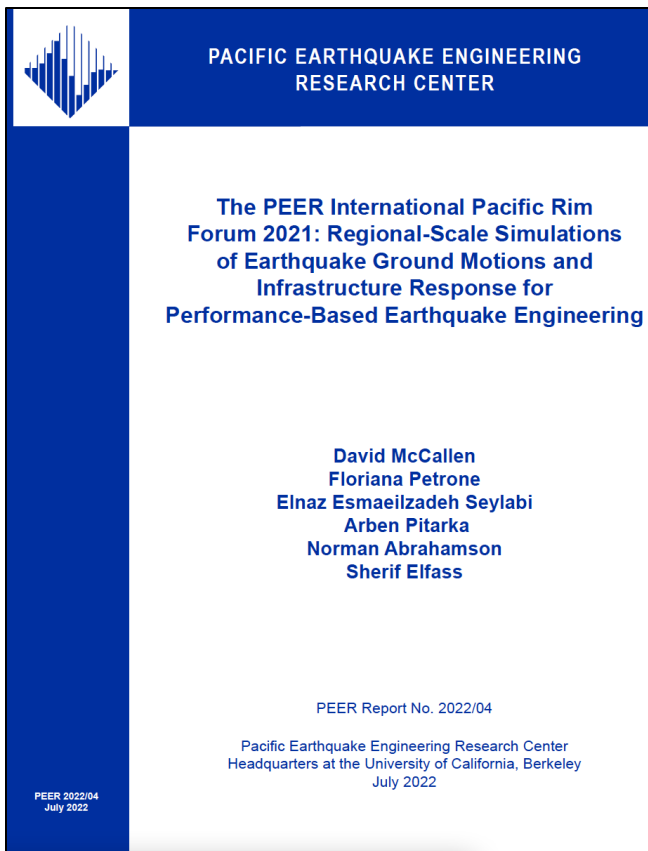


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# Community input at PEER-LBNL workshops has helped guide our direction towards a SGDB

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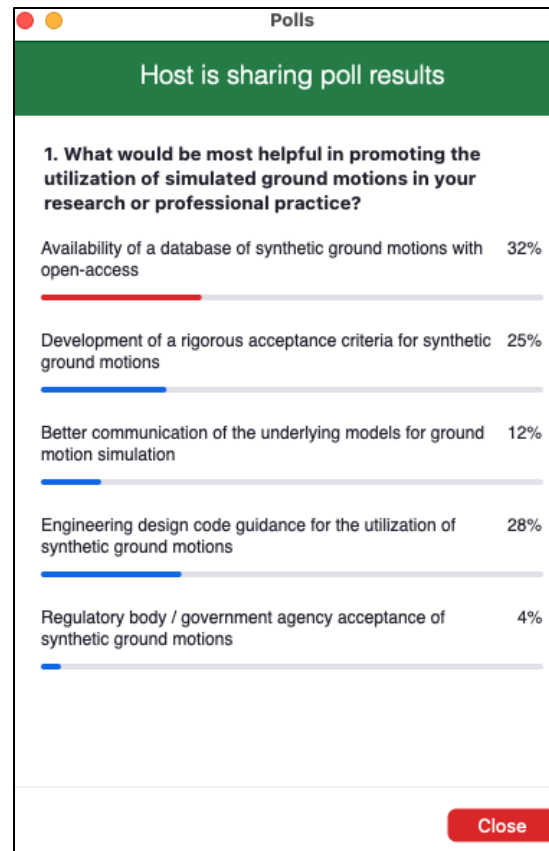
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41 International Speakers



Attendees recommended priorities

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

Assessment and acceptance criteria for synthetic motions

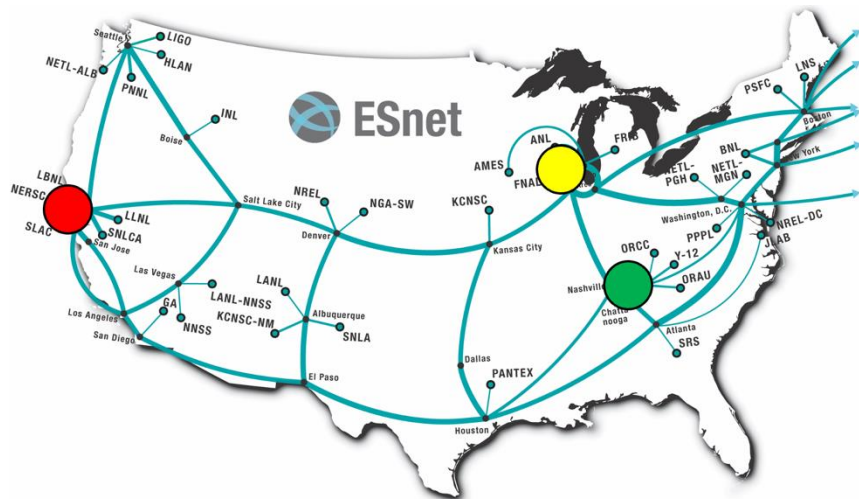
An effective and operationally efficient user interface

# Why now is the time – the recent major advances in scientific computing capabilities

The new exascale computing ecosystem



A fiber optic network with multiple 400 Gbits/s channels



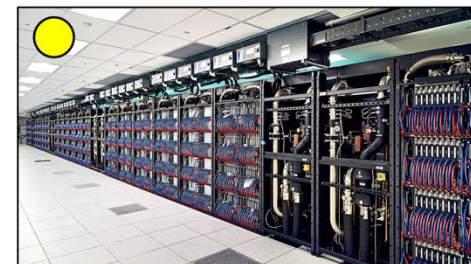
ESnet 24/7 operations



**Perlmutter (completed 2022)**  
 Lawrence Berkeley National Lab  
 National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC)  
 1536 GPU accelerated nodes  
 4 NVIDIA A100 GPUs / node  
 71 PetaFlops  
 Top500.org #8



**Frontier (completed 2023)**  
 Oak Ridge National Lab  
 Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility (OLCF)  
 9402 GPU accelerated nodes  
 4 AMD MI250X GPUs / node  
 1.194 ExaFlops  
 Top500.org #1



**Aurora (scheduled 2024)**  
 Argonne National Lab  
 Argonne Leadership Computing Facility (ALCF)  
 10,624 GPU accelerated nodes  
 6 Intel Max GPUs / node  
 Projected ~ 2 ExaFlops  
 Undergoing final assembly

# DOE successfully completed the world's first exaflop ( $1 \times 10^{18}$ Flop) GPU-accelerated computer

## Advanced hardware



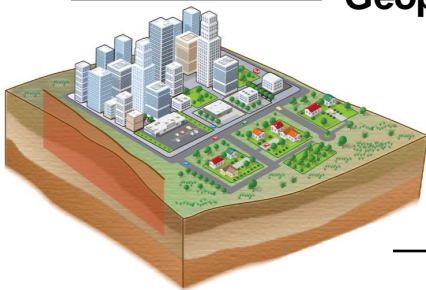
# The EarthQuake SIMulation (EQSIM) framework was designed for this computational ecosystem

Advanced software

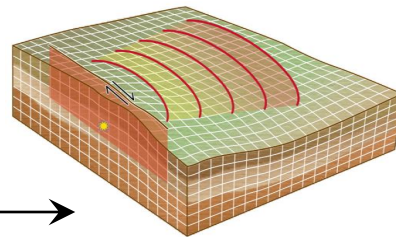
Multidisciplinary Fault-to-Structure Simulations

Geophysics

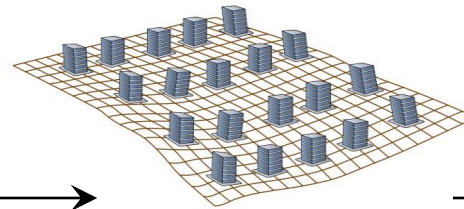
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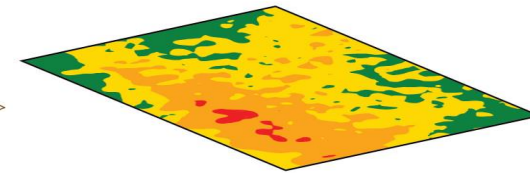
Regional-scale domain



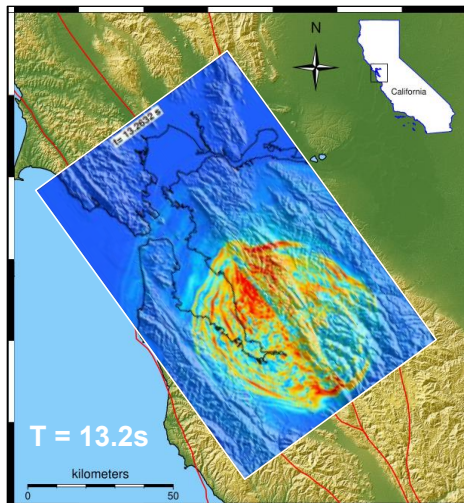
Geophysics ground motion simulations  
(billions of zones)



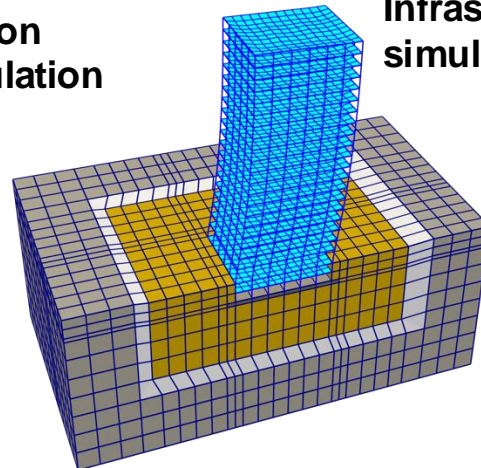
Infrastructure response simulations  
(thousands of stations)



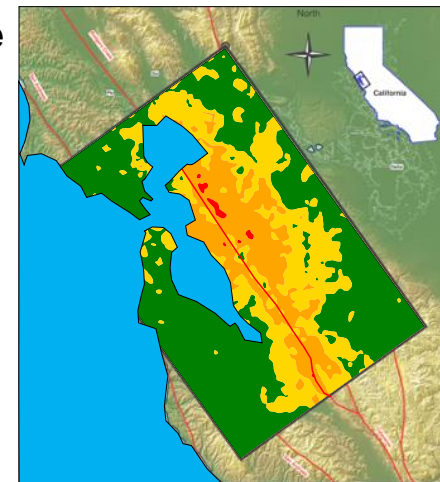
Infrastructure demand / risk



Ground motion simulation



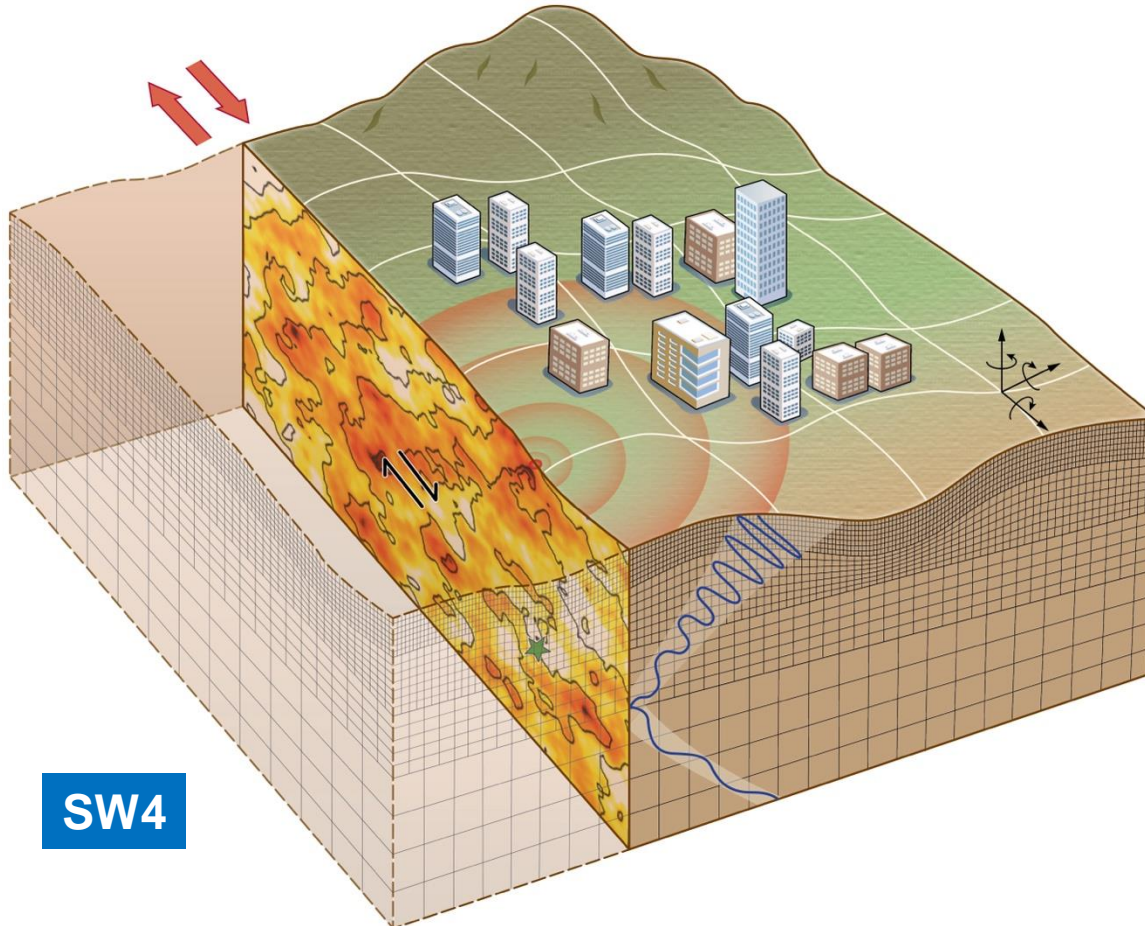
Infrastructure simulations



Regional risk

# Over 6 years many advancements were made to the SW4 geophysics wave propagation code

## SW4 – Fourth order in space and time



SW4

ST dependencies **RAJA**, ExaIO (**HDF5**), ALPINE (**ZFP**)

## Algorithms

- Mesh refinement in Cartesian and curvilinear grids

## IO and workflow

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

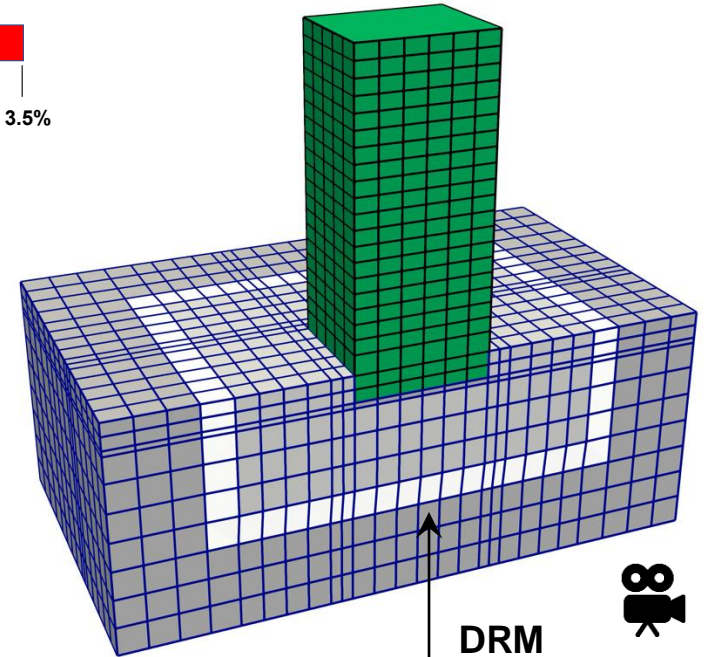
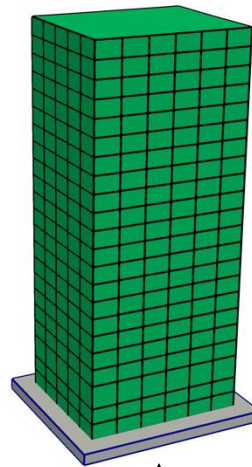
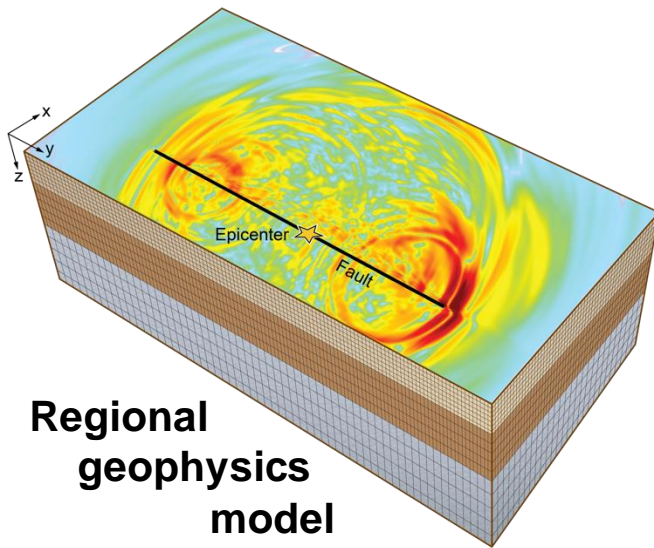
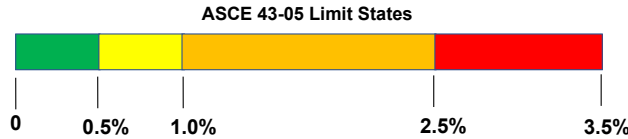
## Readiness for GPU-based platforms

- Implementation of RAJA libraries

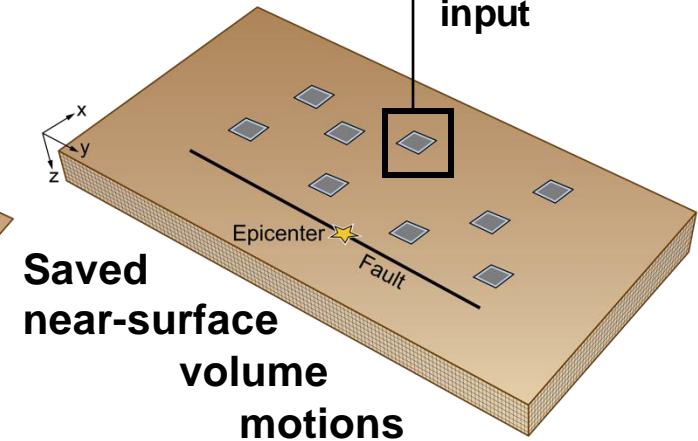
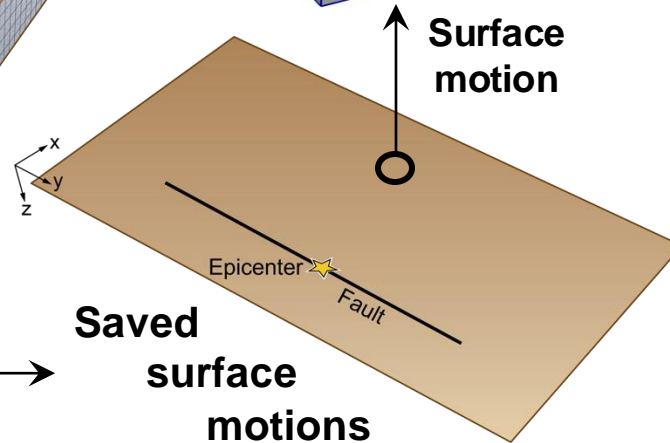
## Enhanced physics models

- Enhancements to the Graves - Pitarka rupture model workflow

# The EQSIM workflow has both fixed base and DRM options fully implemented

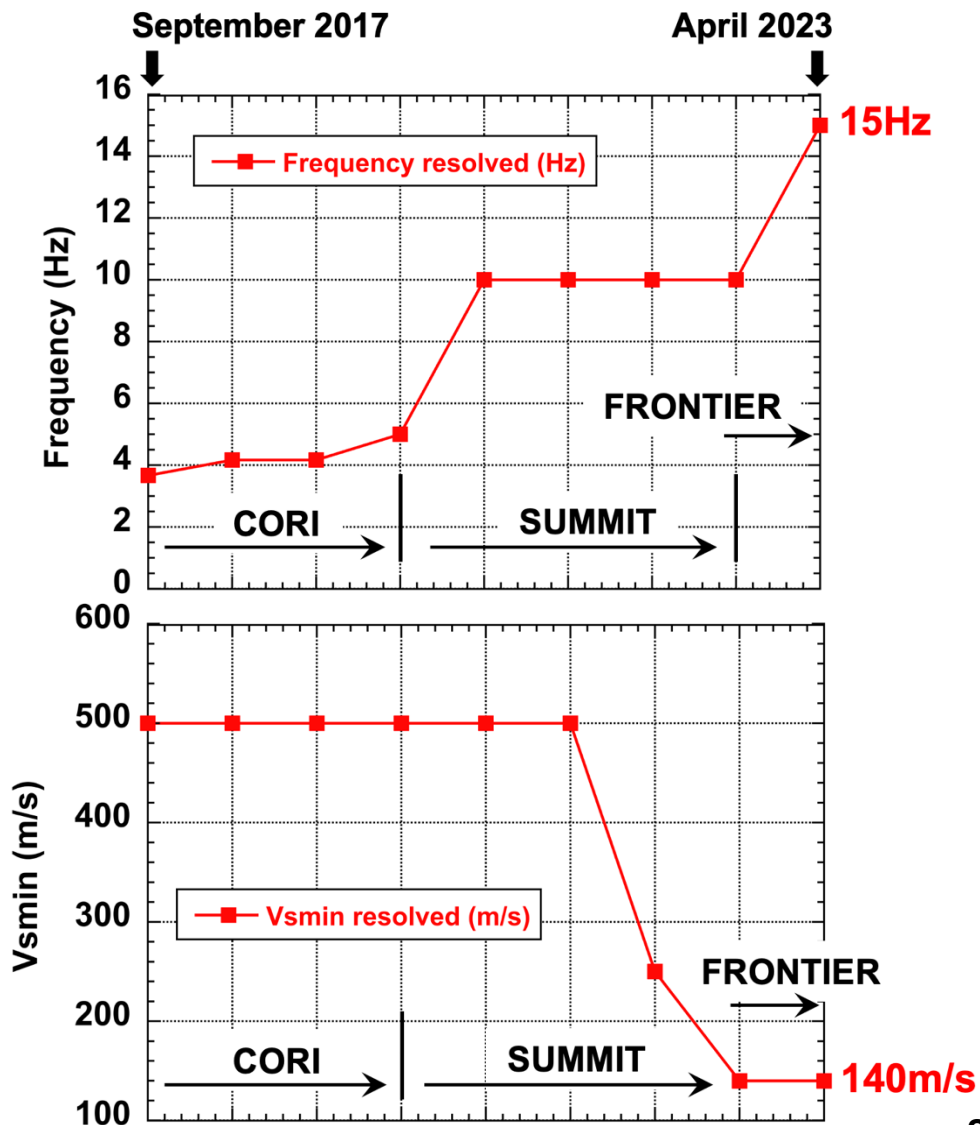
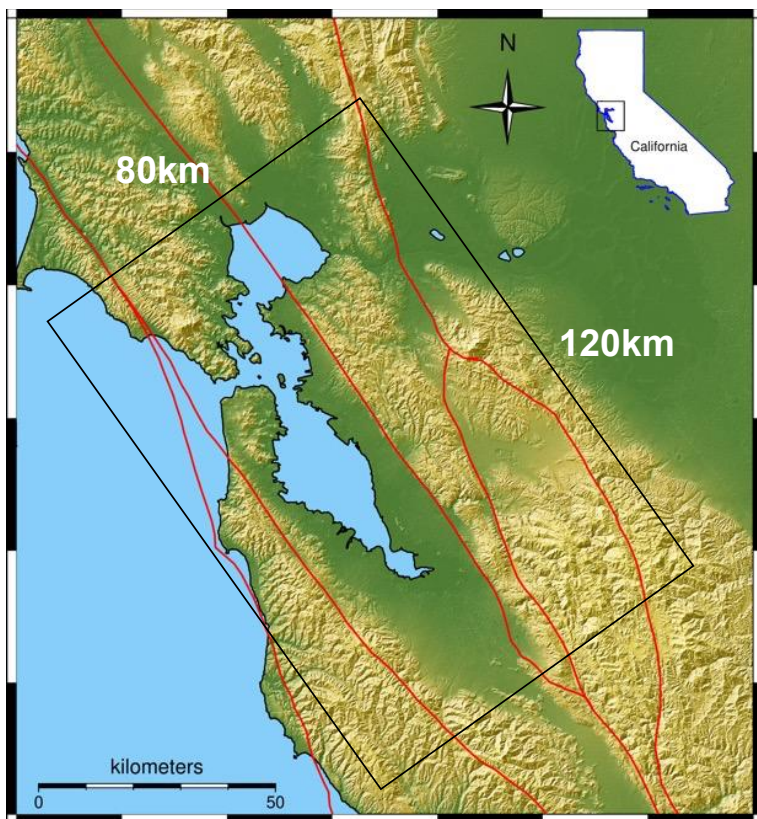


Stored data with compression



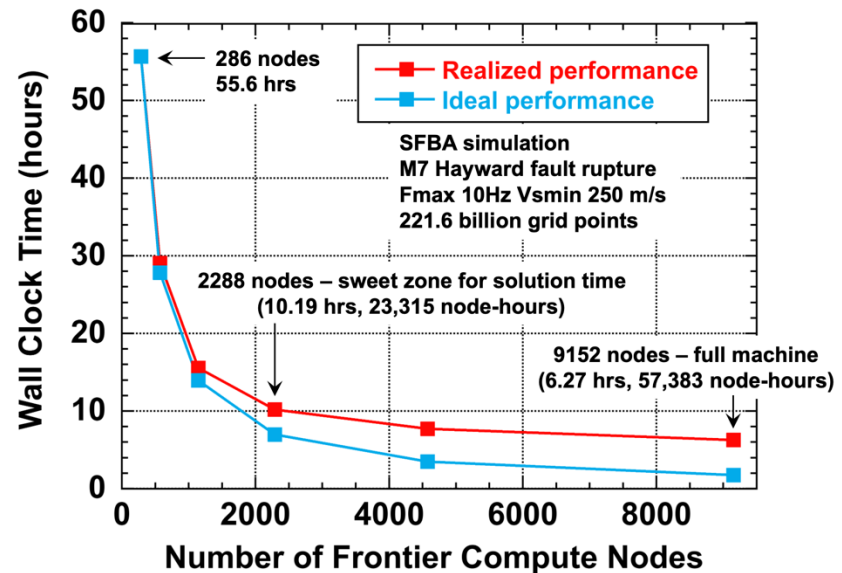
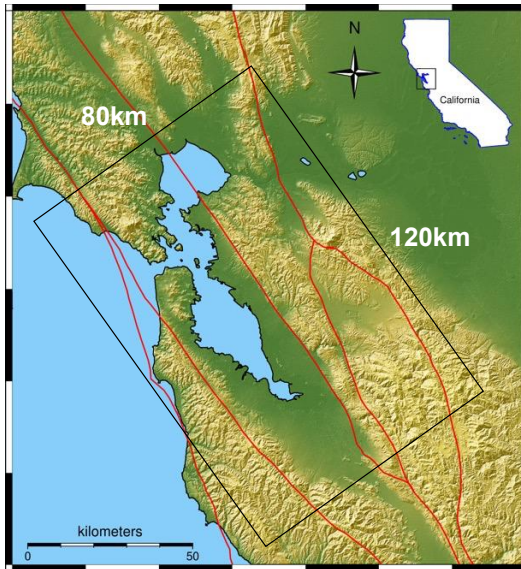
# On DOE GPU systems EQSIM has pushed the computational edge of simulation fidelity

San Francisco Bay regional model





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



Model	# Frontier nodes	Wall clock time (hrs)
Fmax 5 Hz Vsmin 250 m/s	512	3.8
	<b>3072</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Fmax 10 Hz Vsmin 250 m/s	286	66.5
	<b>9152</b>	<b>6.27</b>
Fmax 15 Hz Vsmin 140 m/s	1800	122
	<b>9152</b>	<b>29.2</b>

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

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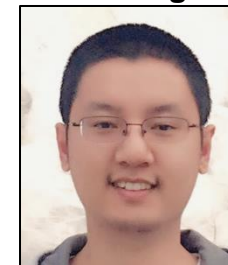
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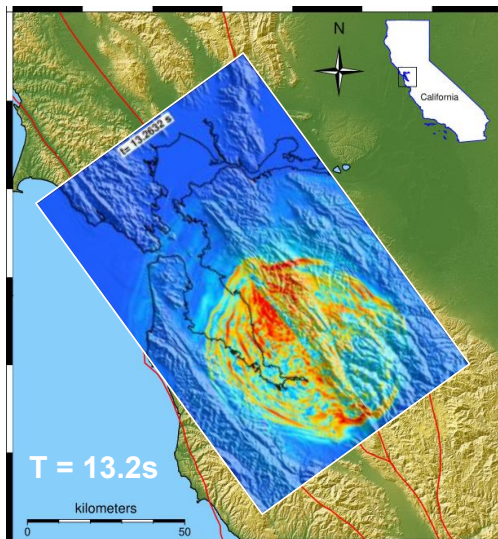


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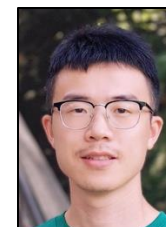
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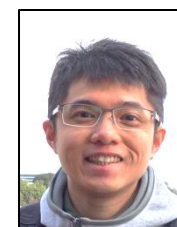
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# Activity 2 - development of the interactive open access simulated ground motion database

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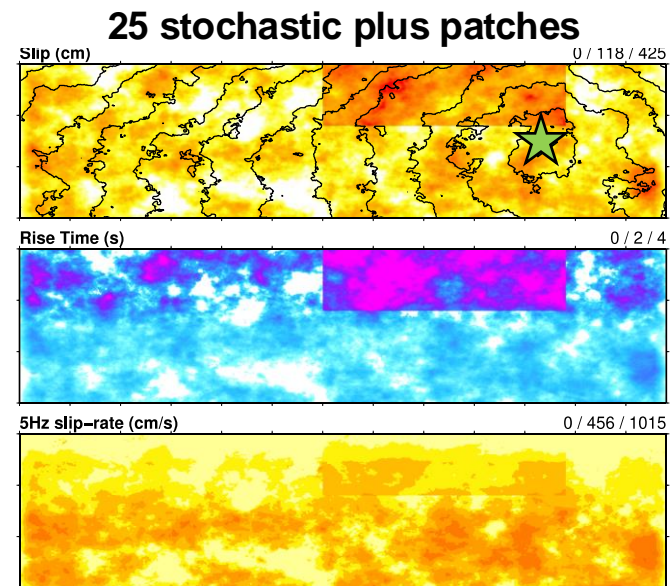
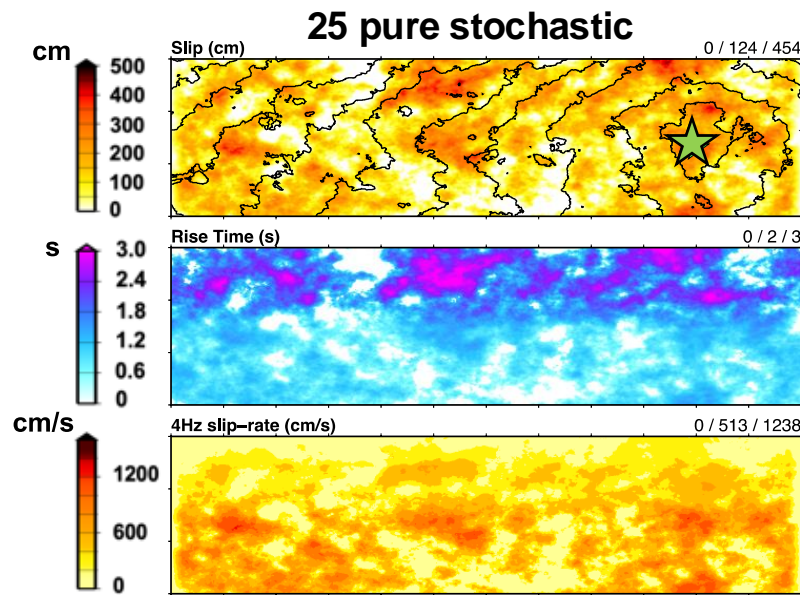
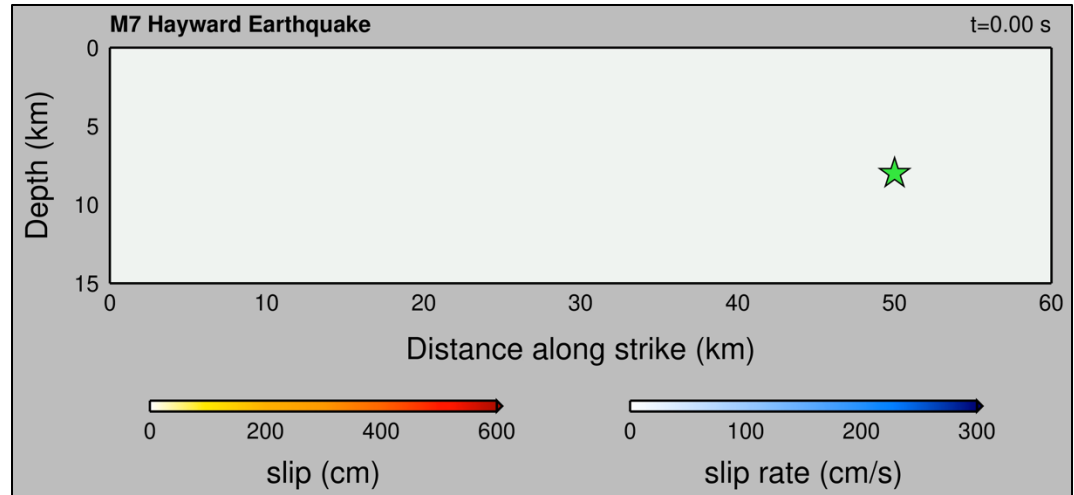


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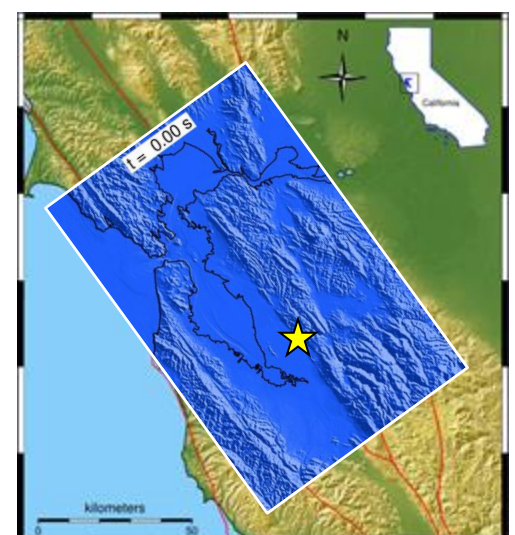
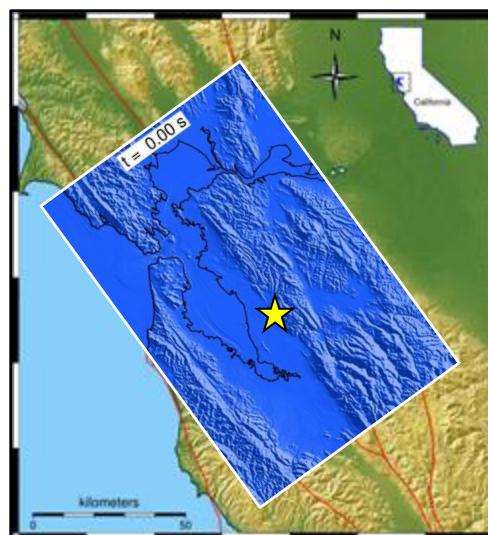
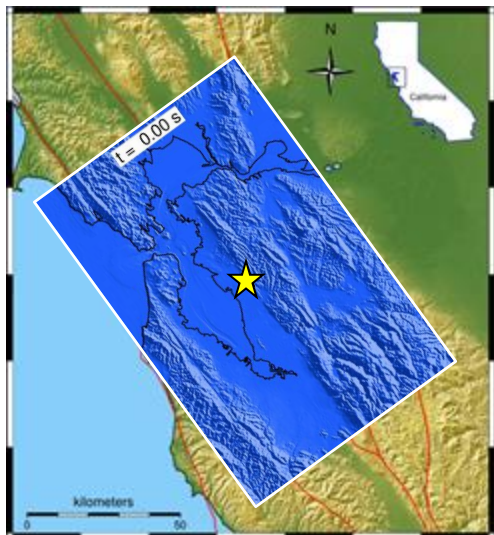
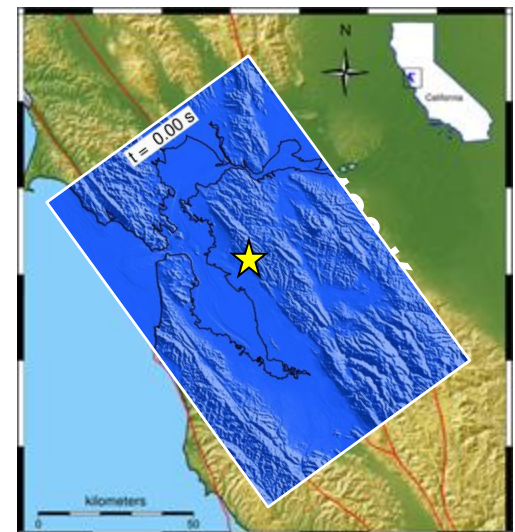
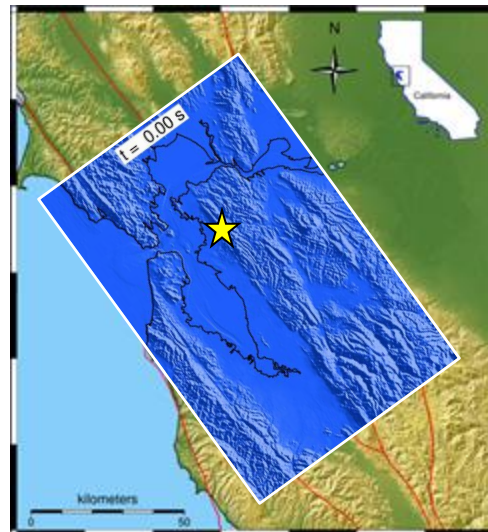
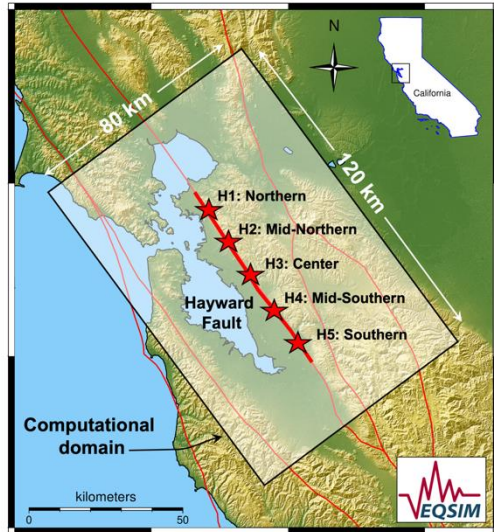


# Hayward fault M7 events are characterized using the Graves-Pitarka kinematic rupture model

## Graves-Pitarka kinematic rupture model

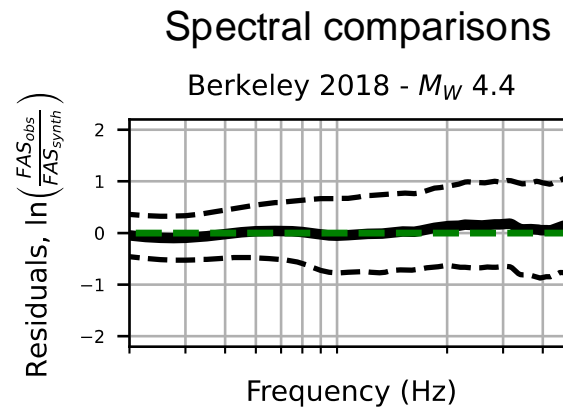
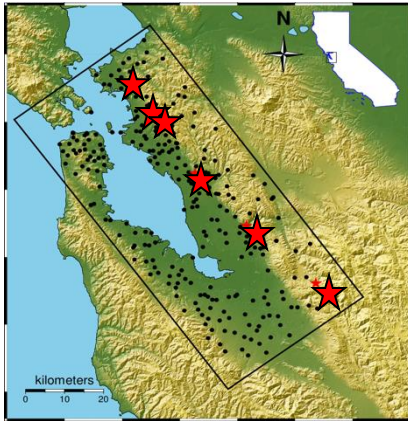


# For the simulated motion database, we are completing 50 Hayward fault rupture realizations

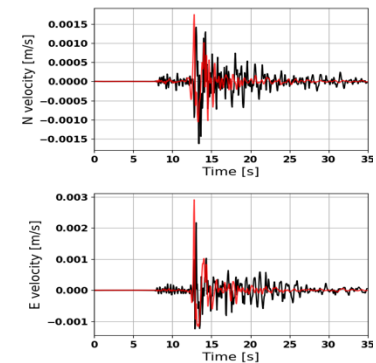


# We test our simulated motions in multiple ways

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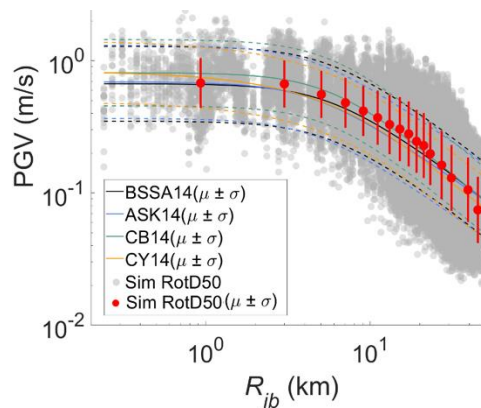


Comparison to measured ground motion waveforms

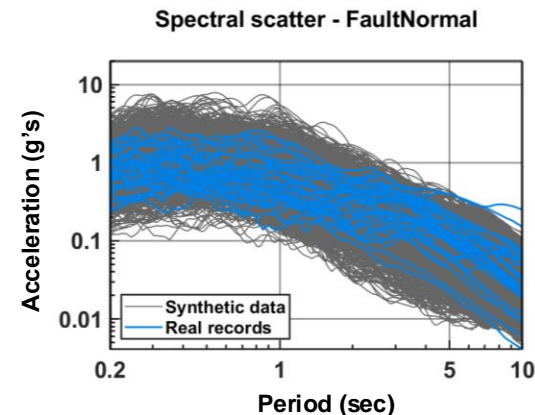


## 2) Evaluating the simulated large events - 50 M7 Hayward fault realizations

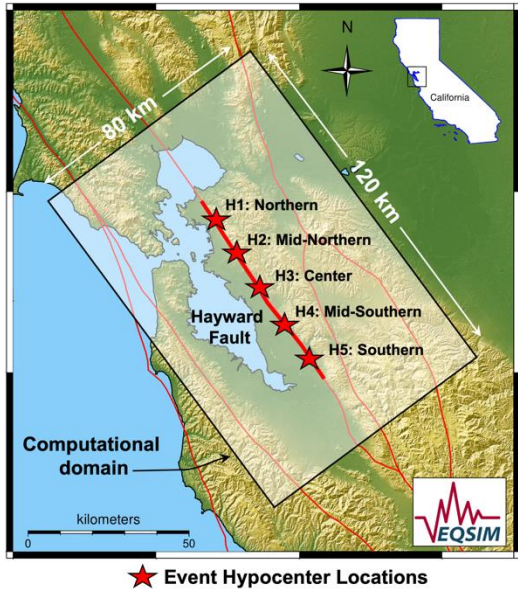
Comparison to existing empirical GMP equations



Comparison to existing commensurate ground motion data (near-fault sites < 10 km)

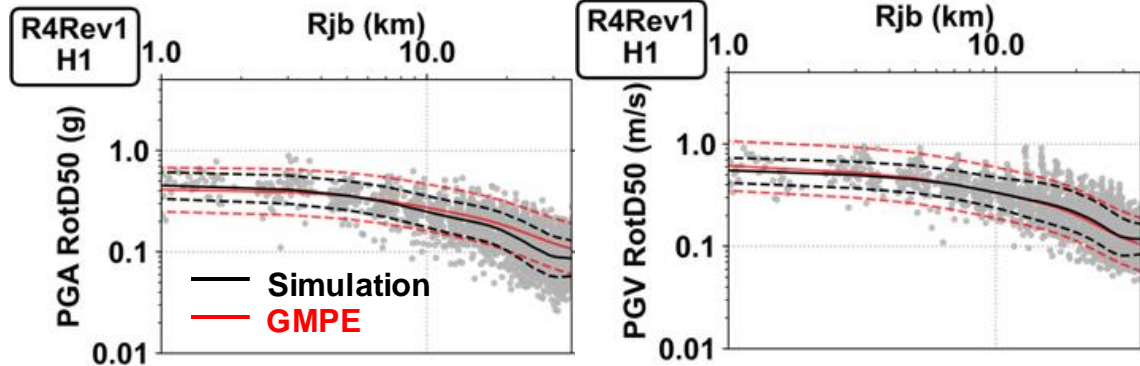
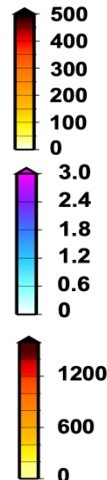
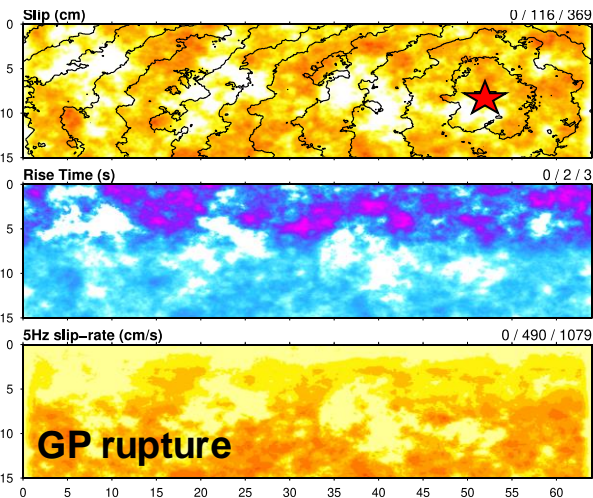
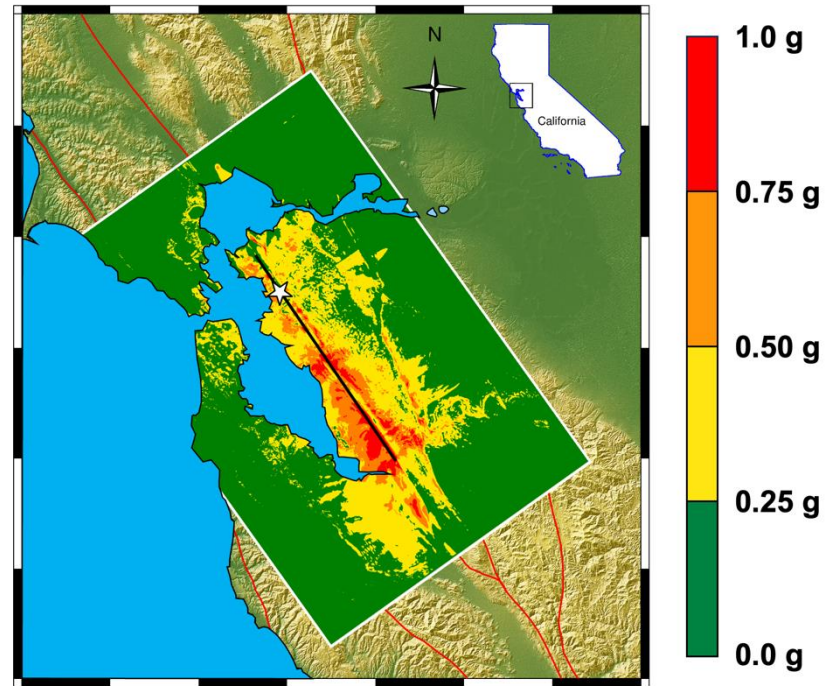


# We analyze and critique every individual rupture realization prior to acceptance



Northern hypocenter  
→

## Hypocenter H1, Realization #4



# Testing and analysis of SFBA simulations are being documented

In press for Earthquake SPECTRA

In preparation

## Performance Evaluation of the USGS Velocity Model for the San Francisco Bay Area

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### Abstract

In this study, we evaluated the performance of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) velocity model developed for the San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA), version 21.1. The evaluation was performed through high-resolution three-dimensional physics-based ground motion simulations of seven small-magnitude earthquakes (ranging from magnitude 3.8 to 4.4) that occurred on the eastern side of the San Francisco Bay. The simulations were performed in the frequency range from 0 to 5 Hz with a minimum shear wave velocity of 250 m/s, which allowed the capture of wave propagation effects of the near-surface soft materials that characterize local basins. Based on the direct comparison of Fourier amplitude spectra between recorded and simulated

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## Ground-motions site and event specificity: Insights from assessing a suite of simulated ground motions in the San Francisco Bay Area


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### Abstract

This article presents the results of a research that is part of a larger collaborative effort between the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, funded by the US Department of Energy Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response. The main objective of this study is to assess a suite of near and far-field simulated ground motions obtained from 20 realizations of an M7 Hayward Fault earthquake in the San Francisco Bay Area, California USA, and inform the selection of rupture simulation parameters leading to strong motions. To this aim, comparisons are conducted with NGA-W2 and directivity ground-motion models and a selected population of records. An archetypal steel moment-resisting frame is utilized to assess infrastructure response distributions. The analyses carried out for each simulated event and subdomain with consistent properties in terms of shallow shear-wave velocity proved to be instrumental for better interpreting the differences between simulated motions and empirical models. The main reasons identified for variances between simulations and empirical relationships included (1) directivity effects fully captured by the simulations across the full breadth of rupture models; (2) site vicinity to ruptures that incorporate large-slip patches, particularly if these are in the forward-directivity direction; and (3) presence of geologic structures that can "trap" seismic waves and produce ground motions with large amplitude and long signal duration. The analyses carried out in this work provide a path for interpreting ground-motion site and event specificity obtained from a suite of physics-based simulations, differing only in the rupture model characterization, to inform the selection of simulation scenarios for site-specific engineering analyses

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## Separation of frequency-dependent ground motion directivity from path and site effects using deterministic 5Hz simulations of M7 earthquakes on the Hayward fault

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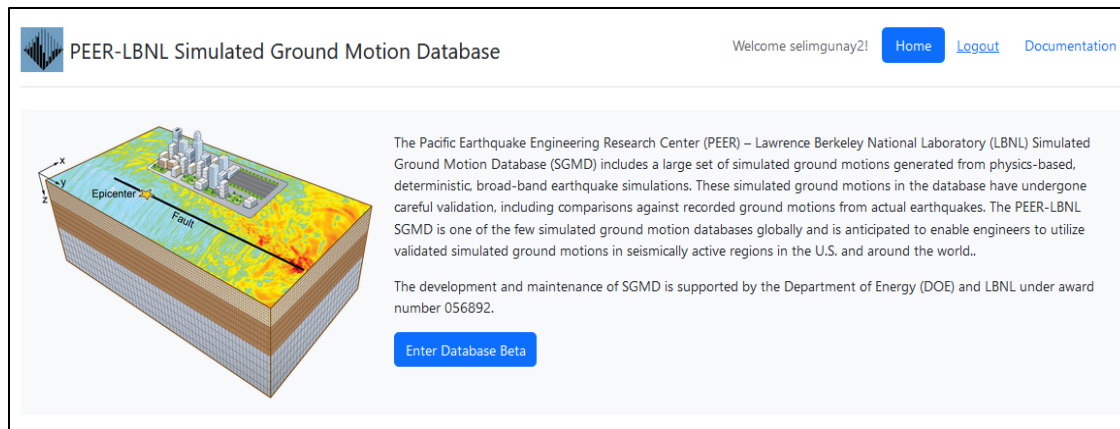
### Abstract

Large earthquakes occur along major active faults, potentially causing devastating damages to infrastructures and claiming a large number of casualties. The active Hayward fault in the San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA), Northern California is a part of the San Andreas Fault system and sits within one of the most densely populated metropolitan areas. Near-fault motions amplified by the directivity of rupture propagation is a prominent risk. We perform 25 scenario M7 Hayward-fault earthquakes using five hypocenter locations and analyze the directivity effects. The ensemble average of the 25 scenarios exhibit that the discrepancies in wave propagation effects within the deep basins and across the Hayward fault. Source directivity effects in spectra acceleration, peak ground acceleration and peak ground velocity are isolated by subtracting those value averaged point-wise over 25 scenarios. We demonstrate that this approach is more effective than subtracting empirical ground motion predictions, in which propagation effects such as deep basin effects evident in simulation results are not well captured by the empirical GMMs. The extracted amplifications are mostly symmetric across the fault suggesting that the amplification factor is not significantly affected by the structural effects. The amplification decays quickly and is prominent in the fault parallel component at high frequencies. Amplification factors increase at low frequencies, and affect wide areas in both fault parallel and fault normal components.



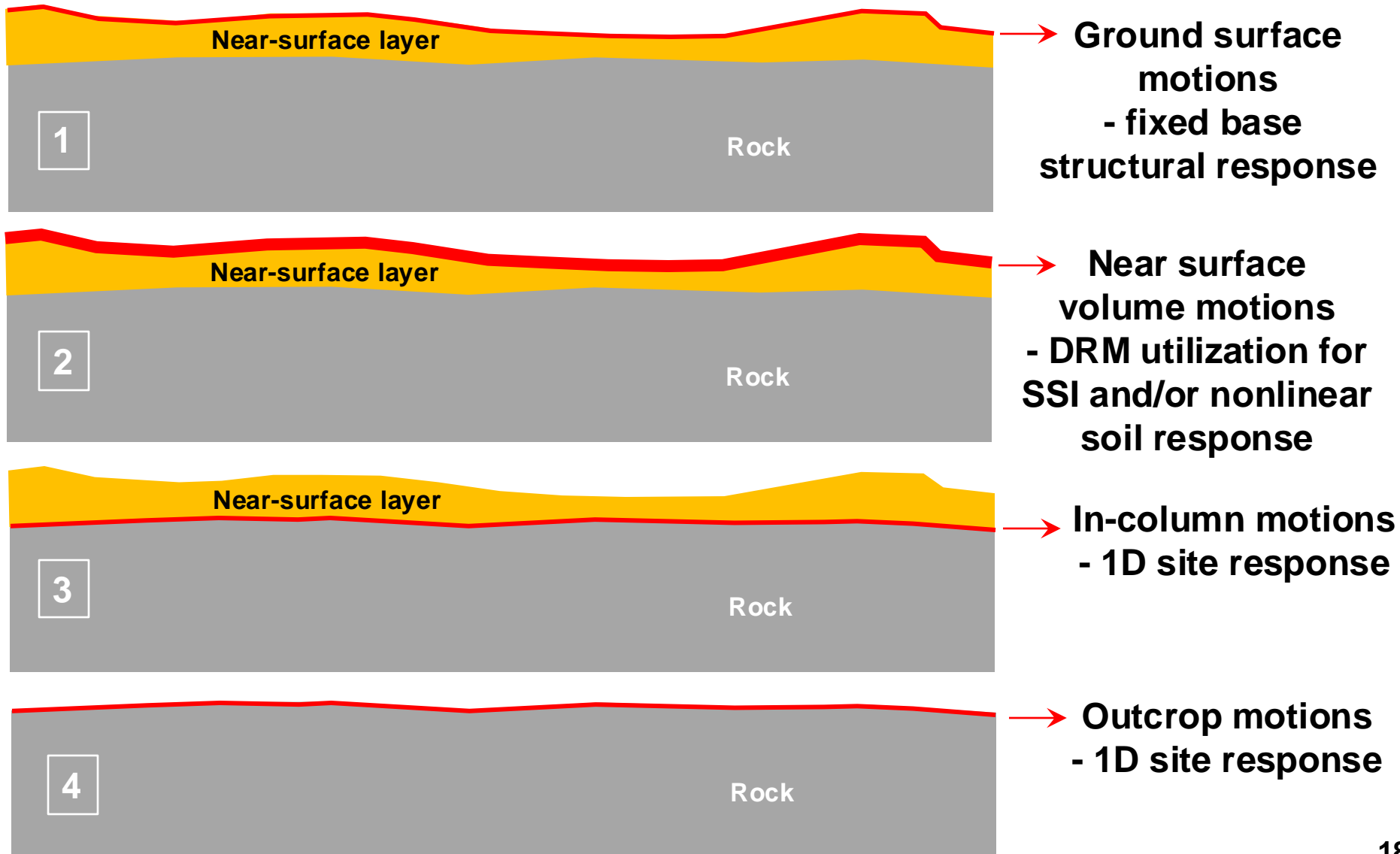
# Immediate steps ahead to complete the first regional application in the SF Bay Area

- **Complete creation and testing of PEER interactive user software for browsing and downloading simulated ground motions**



- **Finalize 50 rupture scenarios and acceptance testing**
- **Provide open access to the set of beta users and obtain early feedback**
- **Identify any key software utility tools that can help process simulated motions (e.g. RSPmatch)**

# The SGDB could support multiple engineering use cases depending on the degree of user *pull*



# Applying a similar approach, Southern California model generation and testing is underway

Chino Hills M5.4, 2008

