

Dynamic source inversion of the 2014, Mw6 South Napa, California, earthquake



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Dynamic rupture modelling – the FD3D_TSN code

• Efficient computer code for modelling of the dynamic earthquake source (Premus et al., 2020)

. Freely available at https://github.com/JanPremus/fd3d_TSN

• Vertical planar fault with slip-weakening and fast-velocity weakening laws of friction implemented in the fault boundary condition

• Finite difference calculations accelerated using GPU (OpenACC directives)

Discrete step	Degrees of freedom x time	Single-core wall	GPU accelerated wall
(m)	steps (RAM requirement)	clock time (s)	clock time (s)
100	54,558,900 x 3000 (210 MB)	0:3:12	0:0:22
50	389,491,200 x 6000 (1490 MB)	0:39:13	0:3:47

USGS/SCEC TPV5 benchmark (Harris et al., 2018) – Table showing performance of single CPU/GPU accelerated versions of the code Comparison of solutions between FD3D_TSN and SeiSol codes: a) Rupture time contour plot b) Slip rate and traction plots in chosen positions (shown in a)) at the fault



Dynamic inversion

• Bayesian dynamic inversion suite fd3d_tsn_pt (Gallovič et al., 2019) <u>https://github.com/fgallovic/fd3d_tsn_pt</u> with FD3D_TSN as a forward solver

 \cdot We perform inversion of strong ground motions (usual frequency range 0.05 – 0.5 Hz), using random walk on dynamic model space

• Apriori constraints on dynamic parameters, size of the nucleation zone and maximum overstress

• Synthetic seismograms calculated using precalculated (AXITRA code, Bouchon, 1981) Green's functions

Parametrization of the rupture model: a) Schematic of the slipweakening friction law and its parameters, b) Normal stress depth profile c) Illustration of three grids considered in the calculations – i) Finite difference grid ii) model parameter grid (coarsest) iii) Green's functions grid. When changing between grids, values are either spatially averaged (coarser -> denser), or bilinearly interpolated (denser -> coarser) (Adopted from Gallovič et al., 2019)



2014, South Napa earthquake – best dynamic model





• We performed a dynamic inversion of the 2014, South Napa earthquake.

• Tests with east/west dipping fault geometries (Pollitz et al., 2019) did not show any relevant difference (east-dipping is used here).

Spatial distribution of dynamic parameters: a) Static - Synamic friction. b) Prestress. c) Slip weakening distance Dc. d) Final slip e) Moment rate function f) Snapshots of the slip rate and the wavefield.





2014, South Napa earthquake – seismograms

• For strong ground motions (used for inversion), the variance reduction is 0.49.

• Modelled high frequency seismograms are comparable, some features are missing - shorter length of the synthetic seismogram, high frequency motions smaller on some stations.





a) Map showing orientation of fault with final slip, source mechanism, and positions of stations used for the inversion.
b) Velocity model. Measured (black) and synthetic (red) seismograms c) up to 0.5 Hz d) up to 5 Hz

Outlook – addition of the fault zone

Fault zone of damaged material is simulated as a decrease in s wave velocity/shear modulus
Test case – addition of fault zone (width 500m and velocity reduction 30%) into already presented dynamic model

• Low frequency seismograms practically unchanged (variance reduction drop from 0.49 to 0.47)

• High frequency seismograms (station N019) show oscillations due to near surface velocity model

• We notice overall longer duration of both rupture propagation (from 8s to 9s) and seismograms (e.g. station 6831)





a) Moment rate function. Measured (black) and synthetic (red) seismograms b) up to 0.5 Hz c) up to 5 Hz

Conclusions

• We performed a dynamic inversion of 2014, South Napa earthquake, constraining its dynamic parameters.

• Resulting model was further used to model high frequency ground motions showing good results, but underperforming (lower modelled ground motions) on several stations.

• Addition of a low-velocity fault zone into the dynamic model offers a promise of improving high frequency radiation.

• While an addition of the fault zone did not impact low-frequency seismograms, we are planning to perform a dynamic inversion with a fault zone to further optimize the dynamic model.

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