

# 3D rupture effects (seismogenic depth)

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#### Rupture speeds in 2D

#### Modes II (strike slip)



#### Stable speeds in 2D



#### Finite seismogenic width



Weng and Ampuero, 2019



Fault and Rock Mechanics (FARM)

#### Elongated earthquake ruptures



Ishii et al 2005

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Rupture unzipping the lower edge of the seismogenic zone (simulation by Junle Jiang)



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#### Warm-ups

#### **Kinematics**



**Dynamics** 

#### Slip inversion method



#### Imaged by back-projection



- How to explain observed source kinematics?
- What is the intrinsic earthquake physics?
- How to link kinematics and dynamics of earthquakes?





## Fracture mechanics:

-- connection between kinematics and dynamics



- Energy balance between energy release rate and fracture energy
- Rupture speed as a function of distance

Kostrov, Freund, Andrews (60-70s)



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- Classical LEFM is not "inertial"  $G_c = G(v_r, L, \Delta \tau)$
- Speed is independent of acceleration



#### Crack in bounded media



Release elastic energy is linearly proportional to width of strip

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$$G_c = G_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\dot{v}_r b}{v_s^2} \frac{1}{(1 - (v_r/v_s)^2)^2} \right)$$
 LEFM  
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#### Strip experiments



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Force? Apparent mess? Acceleration
$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{ma}$$

## Key points

1 Classical LEFM links kinematics and dynamics of 2D infinite media, which is not "inertial"

$$G_c = G(v_r, L, \Delta \tau)$$

2 The crack-tip-equation-of-motion for 2D strip media is "inertial"

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#### Which may control ruptures on 3D bounded fault? 1 or 2 ?

#### The dynamics of elongated ruptures: -- Rupture acceleration (how rupture begins?) -- Rupture deceleration (how rupture stops?)



#### Ingredients

- Anti-plane fault embed in 3D full-space
- Uniform elastic properties
- Uniform fault parameters
- Uniform seismogenic width
- Steady-state speed



 $\sigma_{ij,j} = \rho \ddot{u}_i$  (3 equations)









$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} - k_3^2 u = \frac{1}{v_s^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

- ✓ Energy release rate G is a constant independent of rupture s peed and distance, i.e.,  $G = G_0$
- $\checkmark G_c = G_0 \rightarrow$  propagate at any speed

$$G_{0} = \frac{\Delta \tau^{2} W}{\pi \mu} \qquad \qquad G_{c} \neq G_{0}?$$

#### Energy balance at rupture tip

#### Intuitive physical process

- $G_0 = G_c \rightarrow$  ruptures propagate steadily
- $G_0 > G_c \rightarrow$  ruptures accelerate  $\uparrow$
- $G_0 < G_c \rightarrow$  ruptures decelerate  $\downarrow$



#### Validation from numerical simulations



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$$\frac{\dot{v}_r W}{v_s^2 (1 - G_c / G_0)} = 1.2\pi \alpha_s^{2.6}$$
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#### Validation from 3D simulations



## "Inertial" rupture



- Rupture evolution predicted by rupture-tip-equation-of-motion
- Rupture is also "inertial"

#### Elongated ruptures in the lab



1 Closed-form energy release rate on 3D bounded fault is a constant:

$$G_0 = \frac{\Delta \tau^2 W}{\pi \mu}$$

2 Ruptures on 3D bounded fault are controlled by the theoretical equation for very long ruptures:

$$G_c = G_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\dot{\nu}_r W}{\nu_s^2} \frac{1}{A \alpha_s^P} \right)$$

$$\alpha_s = \sqrt{1 - (v_r/v_s)^2}$$

## Implications:

- -- Rupture potential and final earthquake size
- -- Super-cycle

#### Rupture potential



$$\frac{\dot{v}_r W}{v_s^2 (1 - G_c/G_0)} = A\alpha_s^P$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$v_r dv_r$$

$$v_s^2 \alpha_s^P = A(1 - G_c/G_0) dx/W$$

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$$\frac{\dot{v}_r W}{v_s^2 (1 - G_c/G_0)} = A \alpha_s^P$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{v_r} dv_r}{v_s^2 \alpha_s^P} = A(1 - G_c/G_0) dx/W$$
"Kinetic" energy? 
$$\oint \text{ "Potential" energy?}$$

$$\frac{1}{P-2} (\alpha_s^{2-P} - 1)|_{v_{r1}}^{v_{r2}} = \int_{L_1}^{L_2} A(1 - G_c/G_0) dx/W$$

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Write the energy of the energy

#### Determine earthquake size



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#### Weng and Ampuero, JGR, in revision

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#### Super earthquake cycles?

- Fault segmentation  $\geq$
- Maximum magnitude?  $\geq$



#### Super cycles



Stressing rate:

$$\dot{\tau}(L) = \gamma_l \exp(-L/W) + \gamma_l$$

Assumption:

$$G_c/G_0 = B\Delta\tau^{n-2}$$

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Analytic result (similar as mode III):

$$G_0 = \lambda \frac{\Delta \tau^2 W}{\mu}$$

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$$\alpha_R = \sqrt{1 - (v_r/v_R)^2}$$



Weng and Ampuero, In prep.

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 $V_{\rm r}/V_{\rm s}$ 

Rayleigh speed

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$$G_0 = \lambda \frac{\Delta \tau^2 W}{\mu}$$

 $G_c/G_0$ 

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0.96 0.95 0.94

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L/W



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## Dynamics of supershear ruptures

- Steady-state supershear
- G<sub>c</sub>/G<sub>0</sub> controls supershear speed
- Critical value of G<sub>c</sub>/G<sub>0</sub> for supershear

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#### 2018 Mw7.5 Palu earthquake



Bao et al, 2019

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#### Non-pure strike slip



- How to explain the observed slow supershear earthquakes?
- What is the effects of rake angle (mixture of modes II and III) on dynamic ruptures?

#### Mixture of modes II and III



#### Slow supershear (sub-Eshelby)



#### Geometrical effects?



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## Insight for seismology

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#### Summary

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