



# Using High Frequencies To Improve Low-frequency Inversions

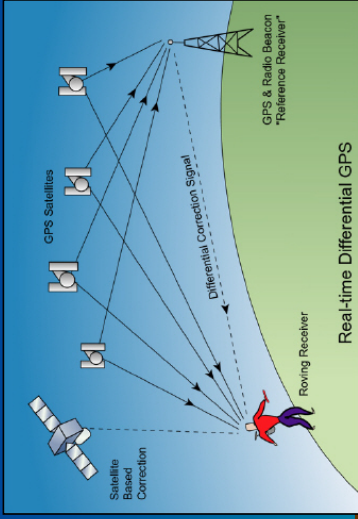
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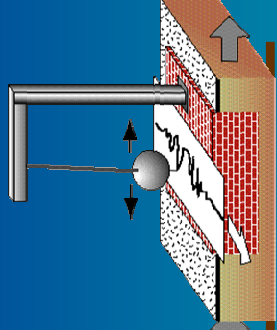
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# Describing the Earthquakes Source: Kinematics

Global Positioning System (GPS)



Seismographs



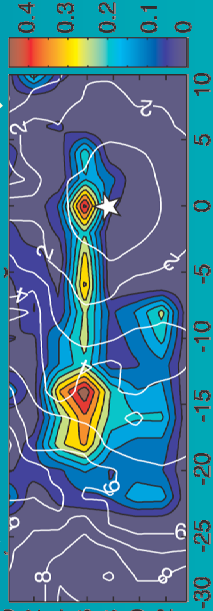
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Forward Problem

Inverse Problem

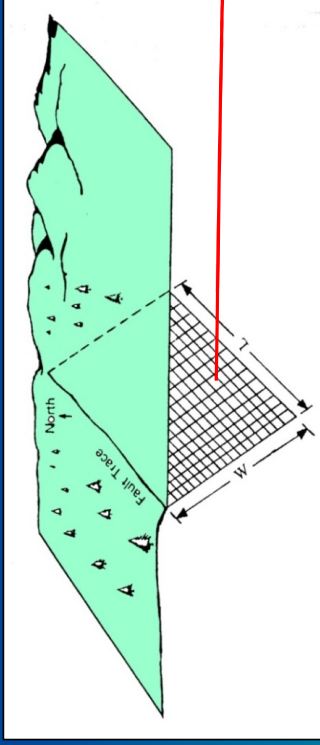
Slip Amplitude (m)

Distance down-dip (km)

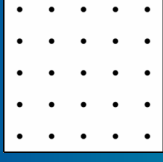


Distance along-strike (km)

# Source Representation (Ji et al., 2002, 2003)



$$Y_{jk}^i(t, t', x) = \sum_p G_{jk}^i(x'_p, x, t) * \delta(t - \Delta t_{jk}^p - t')$$



$$u(t, x) = \int dt \iint_{\Sigma} [u_i(\xi, \tau) F_{ijpq} \partial G_{np}(x, t - \tau; \xi, 0) / \partial \xi_q d\Sigma$$

$$u(t, x) \approx \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m D_{jk} [\cos \lambda_{jk} Y_{jk}^1(t, t', x) + \sin \lambda_{jk} Y_{jk}^2(t, t', x)] * \mathcal{S}_{jk}(t)$$

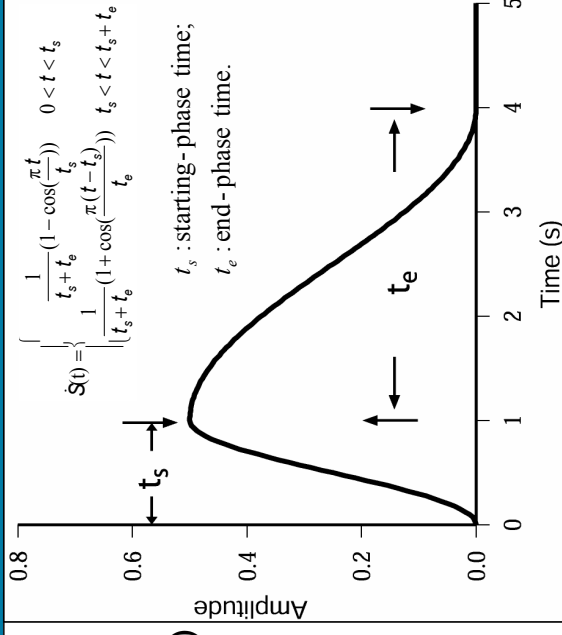
$D_{jk}$  Slip amplitude

$\lambda_{jk}$  Rake angle

$\mathcal{S}_{jk}(t)$  Derivative rise time function

$t'$  Rupture initiation time

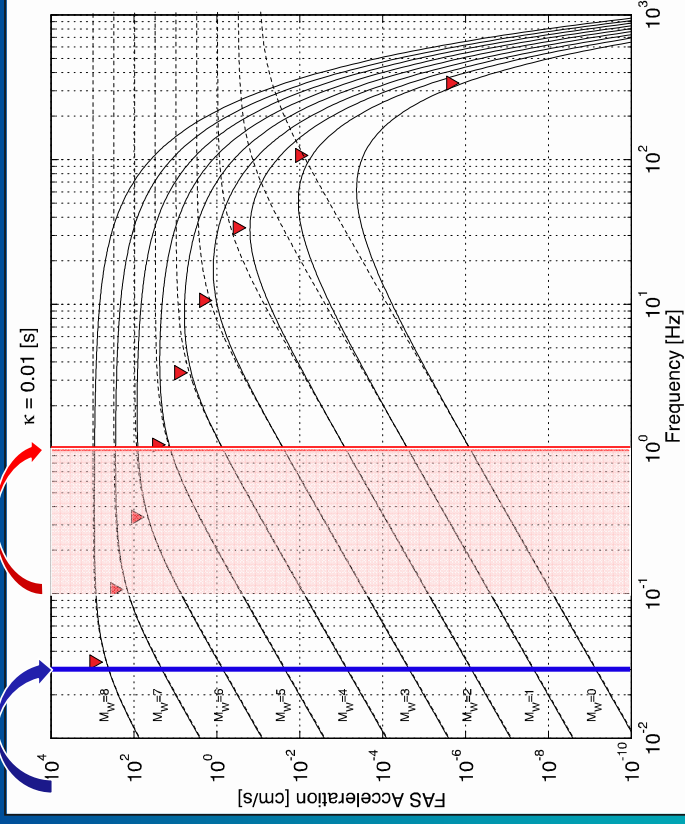
$Y_{jk}^i(t, t', x)$  Subfault Green's functions



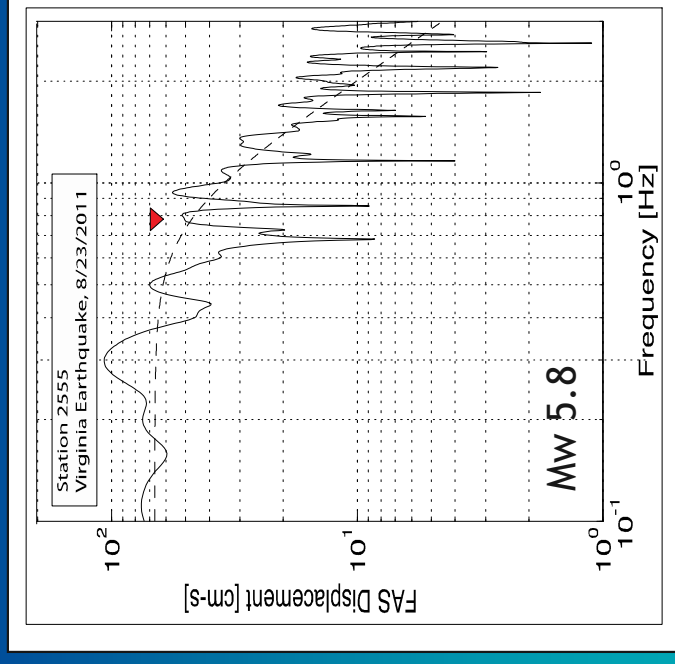
Rise time function  $S(t)$

# Aki-Brune Acceleration Spectrum

GPS Inversion Seismic Inversion

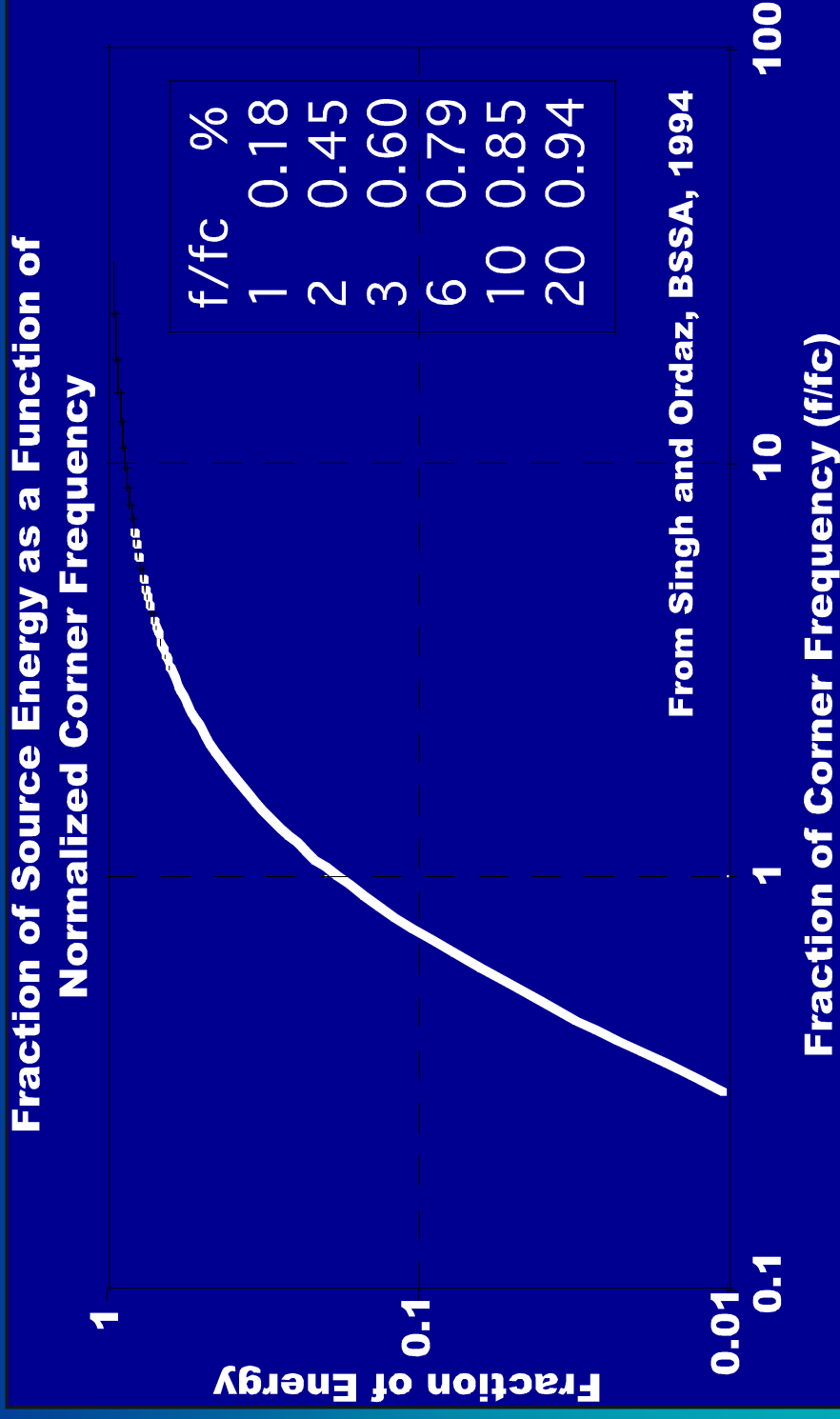


Displacement Spectrum

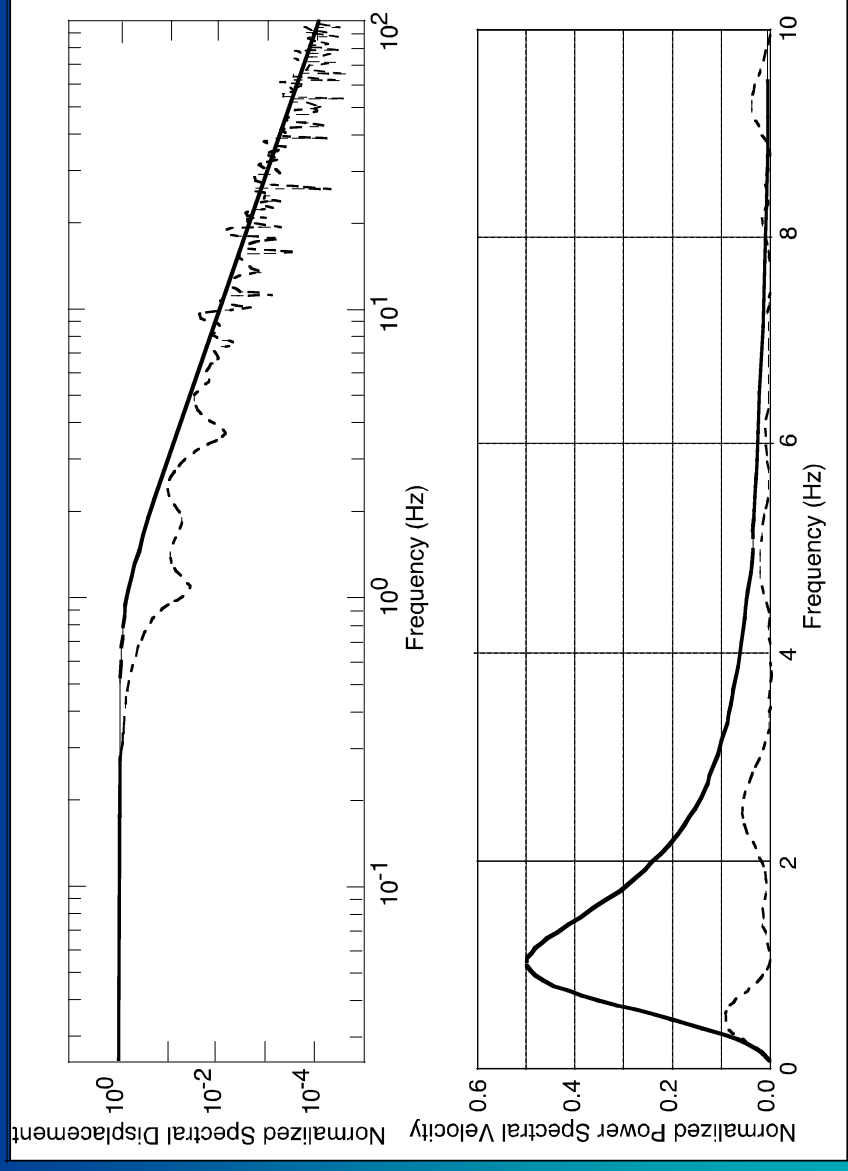


Corner Frequency for  $\Delta\sigma=5$  MPa

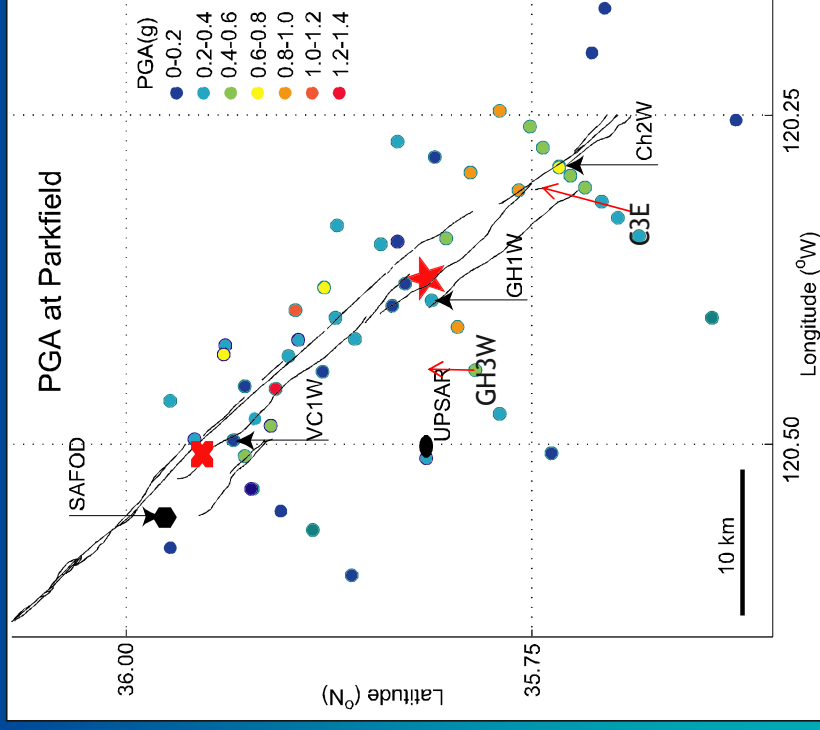
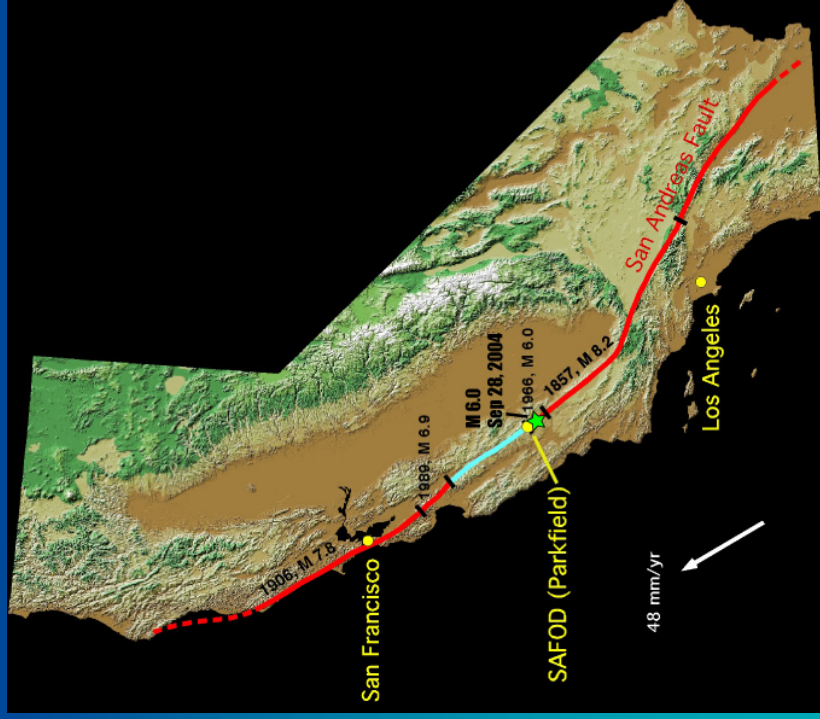
# Energy in Aki-Brune Spectrum



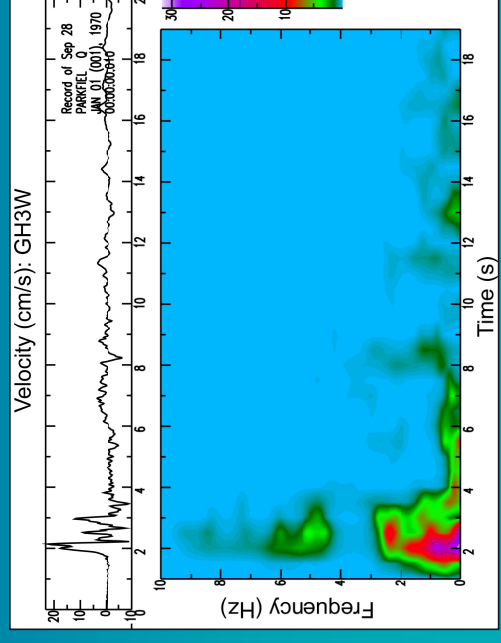
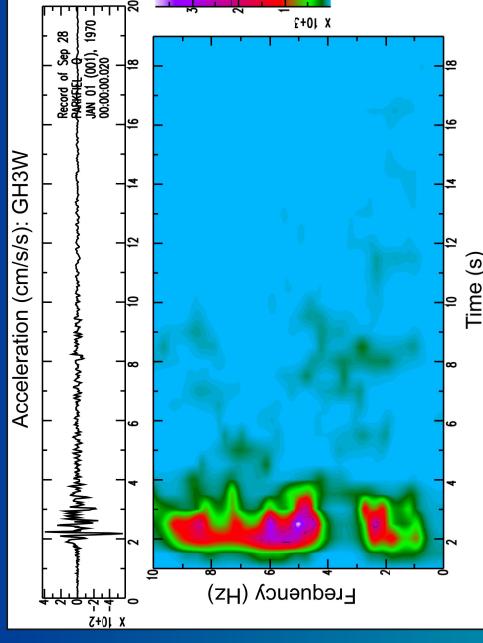
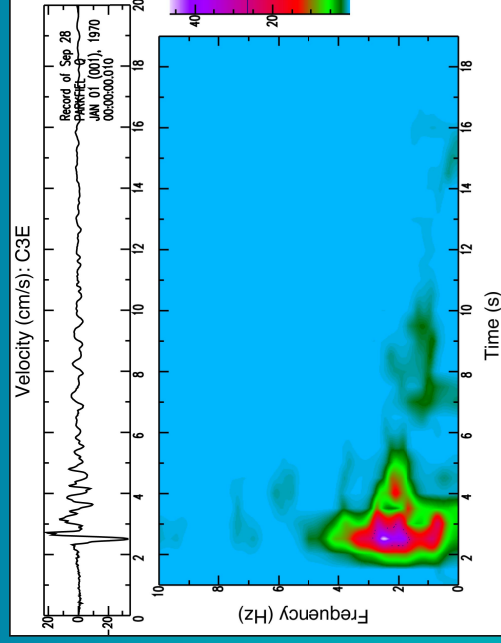
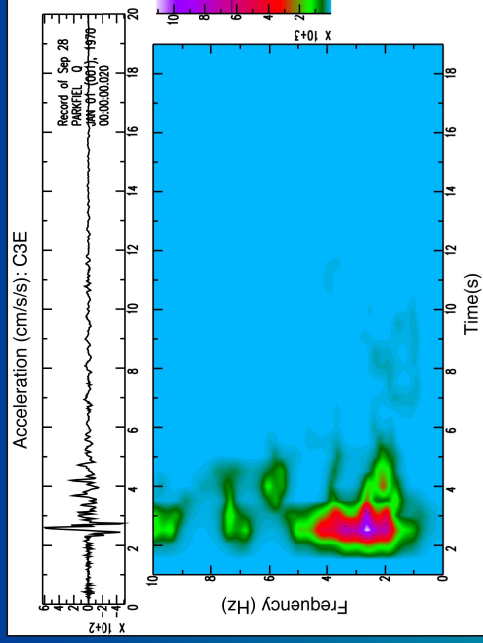
# Energy Is Concentrated Near the Corner Frequency



# Parkfield Earthquake, $M_w$ 6.0 September 28, 2004

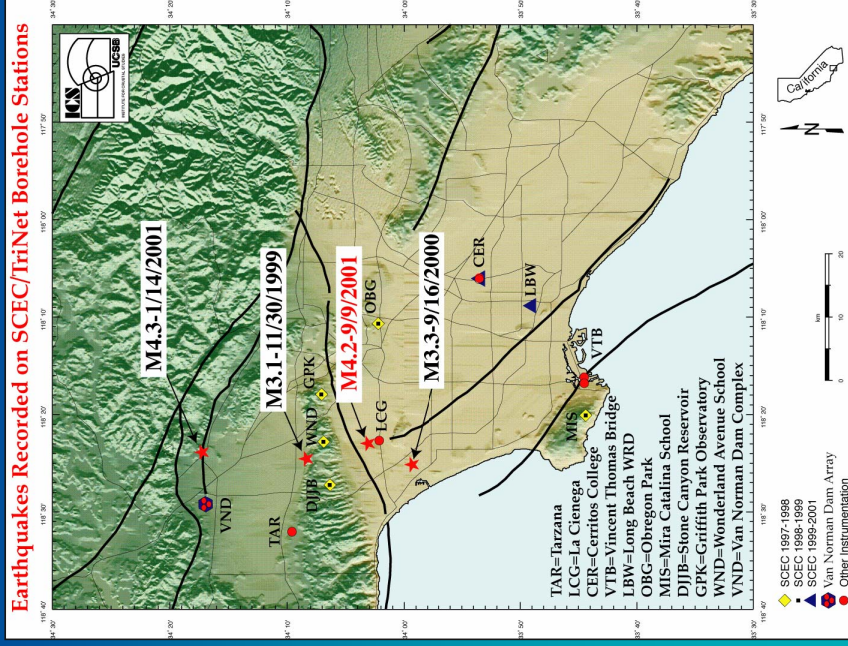


# Spectrograms: Station C3E & GH3W



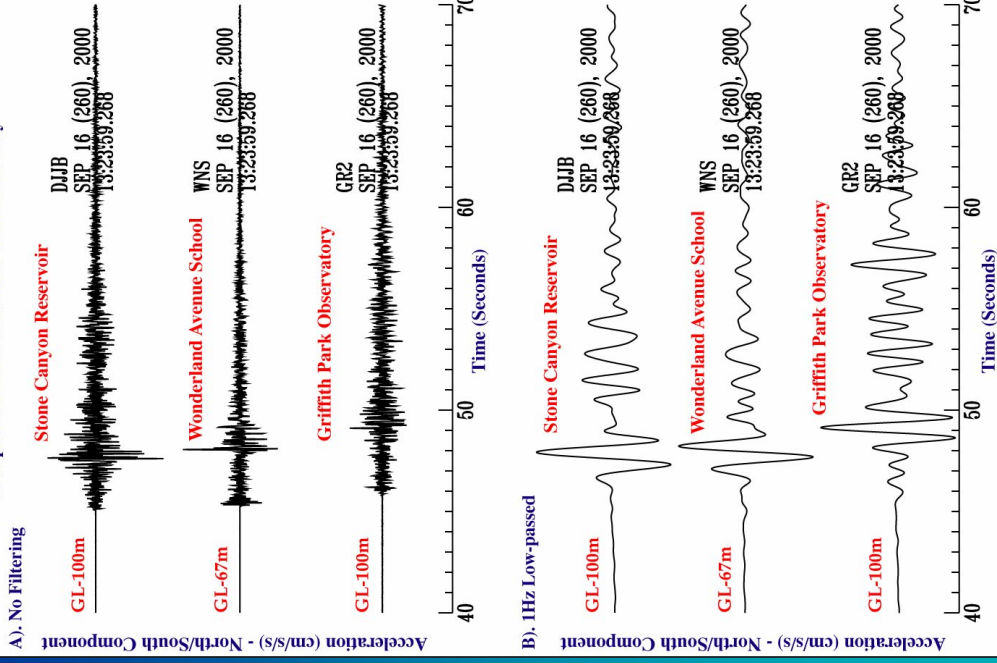


# Frequency at which Ground Motion Is Coherent



## At what frequency can we predict ground motions from small earthquakes with simple sources?

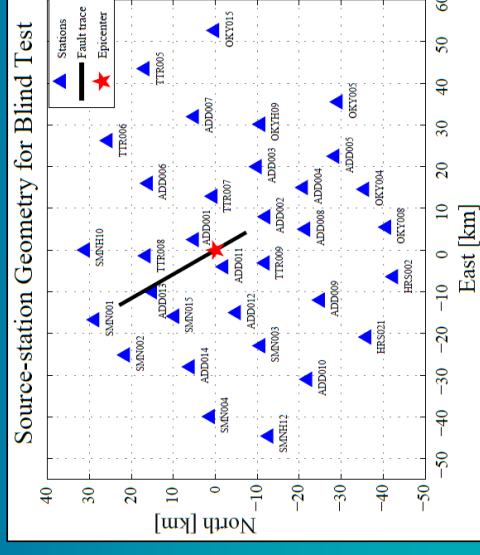
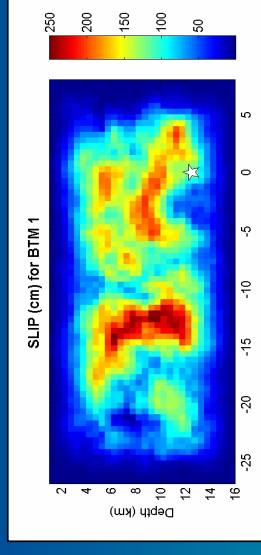
Three Borehole Stations Along Santa Monica Mountains  
 16 September 2000 M3.3 Near Marina Del Rey



# SPICE BlindTest I (Mai et al., 2007)

- **Data**
  - 1: Seismic data in velocity ( $f_{max} \sim 3$  Hz)
  - 2: Static displacements
- **Available information**
  - 1: Fault geometry & Hypocentral location (strike, dip, rake:  $150^\circ, 90^\circ, 0^\circ$ )
  - 2: Total seismic moment:  
 $1.43 \times 10^{26}$  dyne-cm
  - 3: Velocity structure
  - 4: Rupture does not break the surface
- **To be resolved:**
  1. Slip distribution on the fault plane
  2. Rupture velocity & rise time (both are constant; the investigators were given this information but not the values)

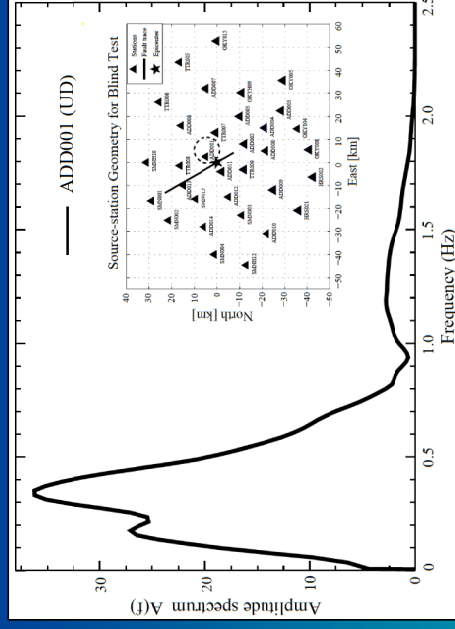
## Input model



BlindTest website: <http://www.seismo.ethz.ch/staff/martin/BlindTest.html>

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# Spectrum: Energy Ratio



Average relative energy

$$\bar{R}^b = \frac{100}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\int (o_i^b(t))^2 dt}{\int (o_i(t))^2 dt}$$

## Relative Energy

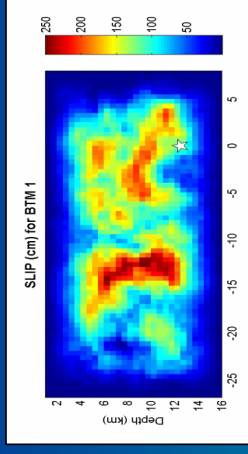
0-2.0 (Hz)	0-0.1 (Hz)	1.0-2.0 (Hz)
100%	15.04%	86.02%
		2.73%

## Note:

Misfit functions, such as variance reduction, are designed to catch the difference in amplitude (or energy). Therefore, for this case, it is dominated by the signals from 0.1 to 1 Hz.

# Forward Calculation

Input model



Corrected data

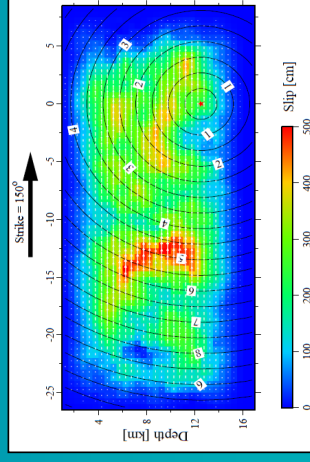
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Double of our  
synthetics

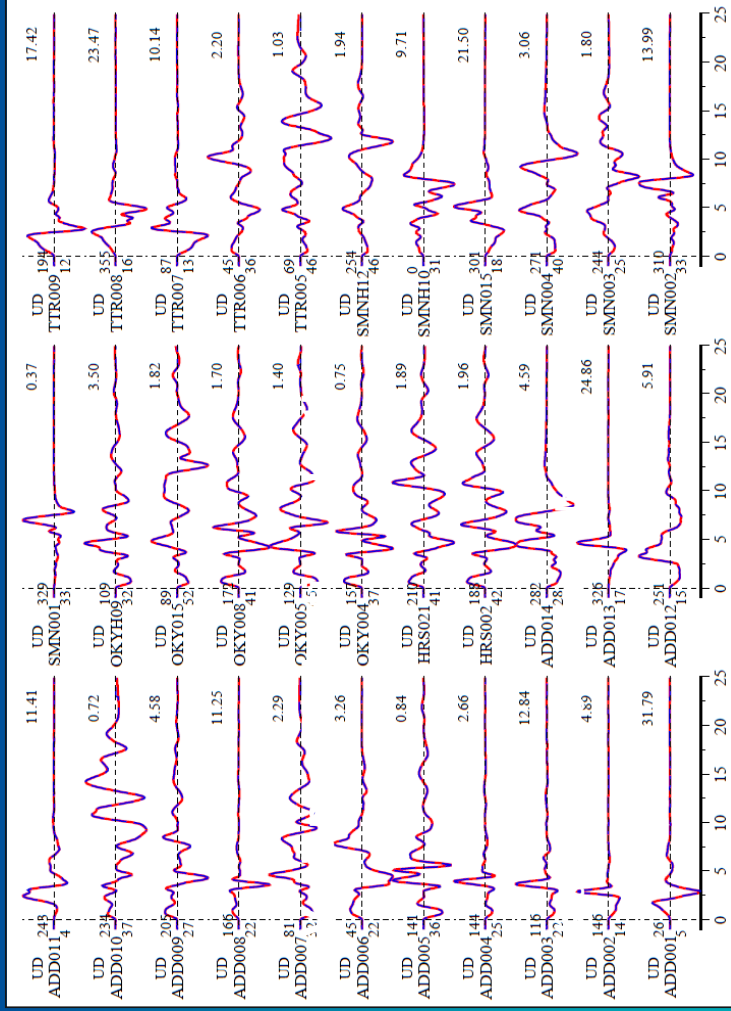
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Target



Vertical components in velocity



Indistinguishable visually!

# Variance Reduction

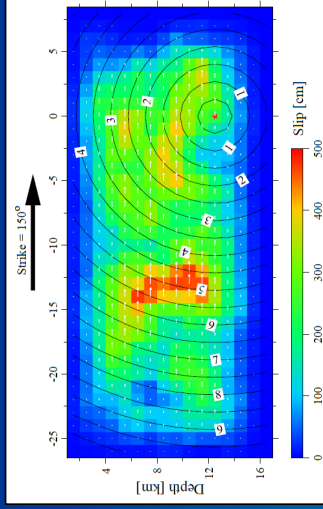
## Variance Reduction Function

$$\bar{V}^b = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\int (o_i^b(t) - s_i^b(t))^2 dt}{\int (o_i^b(t))^2 dt}$$

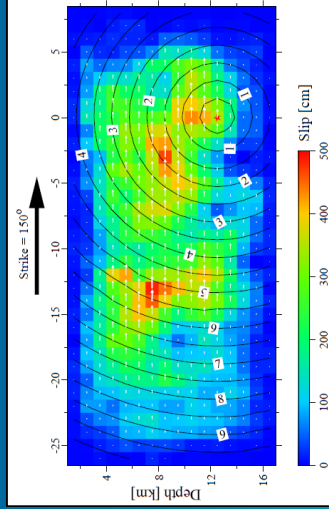
$b$  denotes a bandpass filter

<i>Variance reductions</i>			
0-2.0 (Hz)	0-0.1 (Hz)	0.1-1.0 (Hz)	1.0-2.0 (Hz)
<b>99.91%</b>	99.98%	99.92%	97.53%

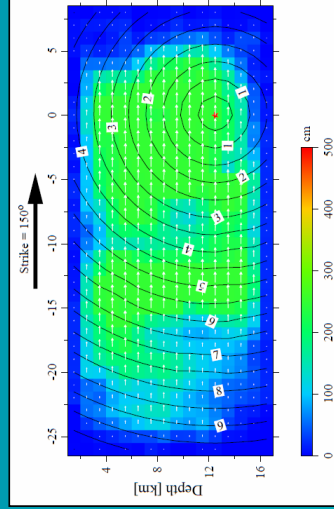
Target\_SC



Model I



Model III



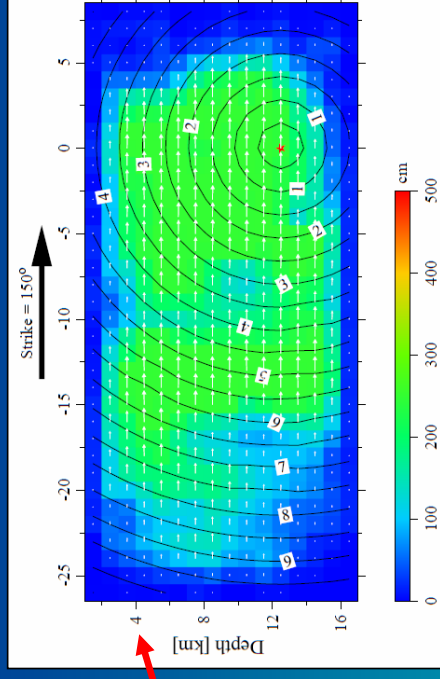
# Variance Reduction: 3 Models

Models	Variance reductions		
	0-2.0 (Hz)	0-0.1 (Hz)	0.1-1.0 (Hz)
Target_SC	99.32%	99.72%	86.21%
Model I	99.35%	99.28%	77.02%
Model III	98.87%	98.90%	64.26%

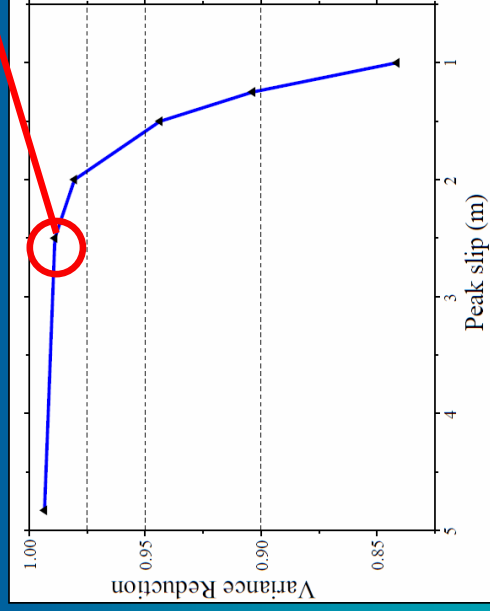
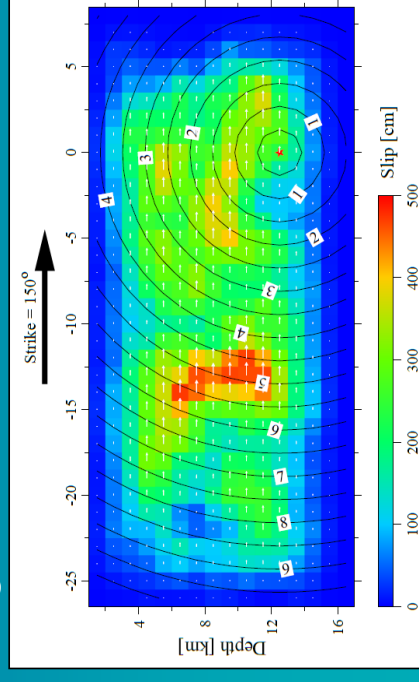
Model III cannot match the signals from 1 to 2 Hz.

# Sensitivity Test: Peak Slip

Model III: Peak slip = 2.5 m



Target\_SC

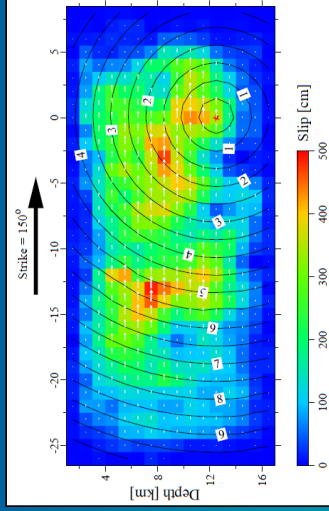


# “Coherence” Function

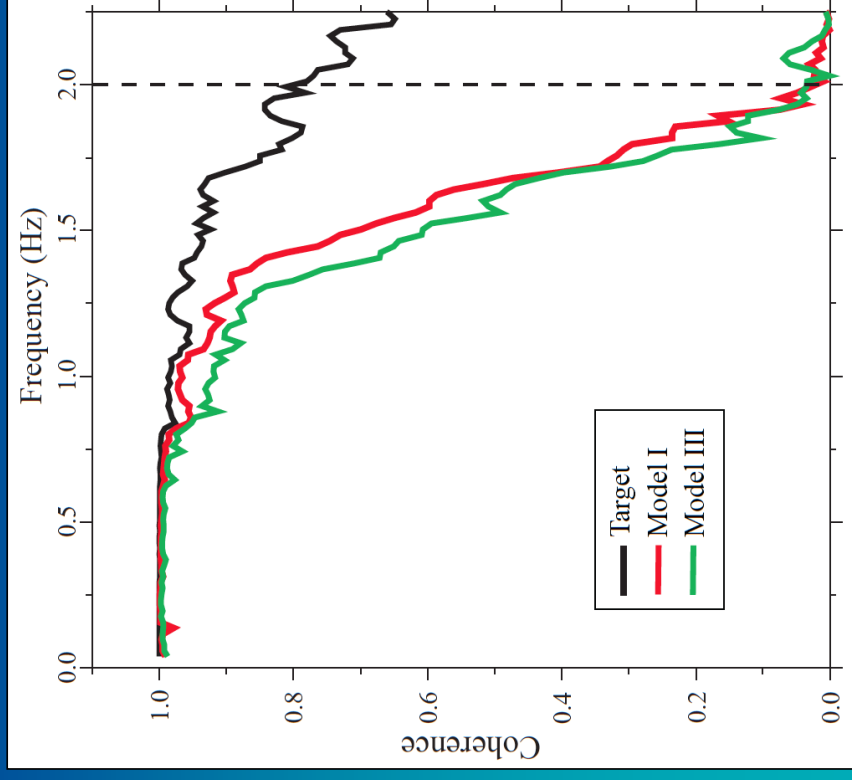
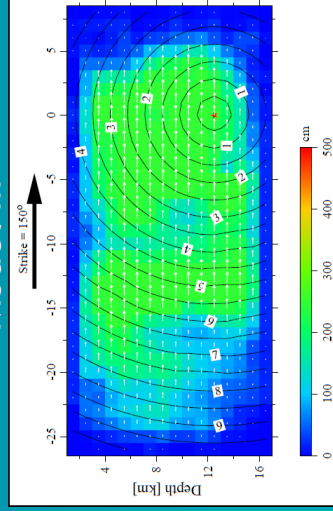
High frequency signals are sensitive to the details of the slip models.

$$\epsilon(f) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N \frac{2 \text{REAL}[d_i(f) s_i^*(f)]}{d_i(f) d_i^*(f) + s_i(f) s_i^*(f)}$$

Model I

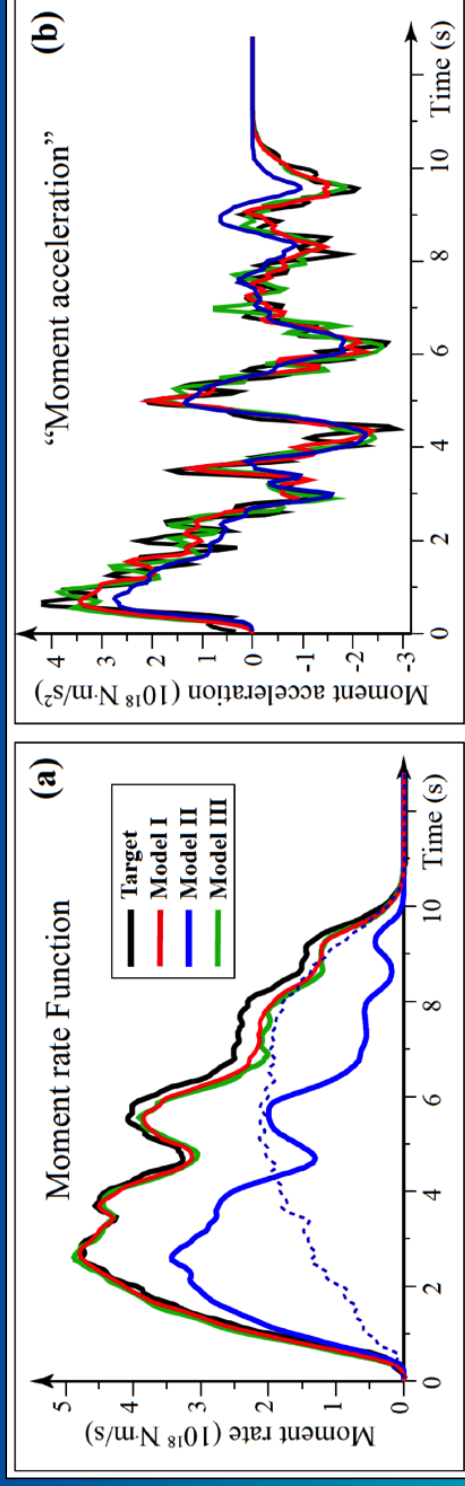


Model III





# Comparing Moment Rate Functions



## Far field body-wave

1: Displacement

2: Velocity

$$U(r, t) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi r v^3} \psi(\theta, \phi) \frac{1}{r} \dot{M}(t)$$

$$V(r, t) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi r v^3} \psi(\theta, \phi) \frac{1}{r} \ddot{M}(t)$$

# Back-projection

Suppose the excited ground motion at the  $i$ -th station can be represented

$$s_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^M \bar{M}_0^j(t) * W_i^j(t)$$

For the  $j$ -th subevent, we can define simple back-propagation function (SBP) and network response function (NRF) as

$$sbp_j(t) = \sum_{i=1}^L s_i(t) * W_i^j(-t)$$

$$nrf_j(t) = \sum_{i=1}^L W_i^j(t) * W_i^j(-t)$$

$$mbf_j(t) = sbf_j(t) *^{-1} nrf_j(t)$$

Modified back-projection function (MBF)

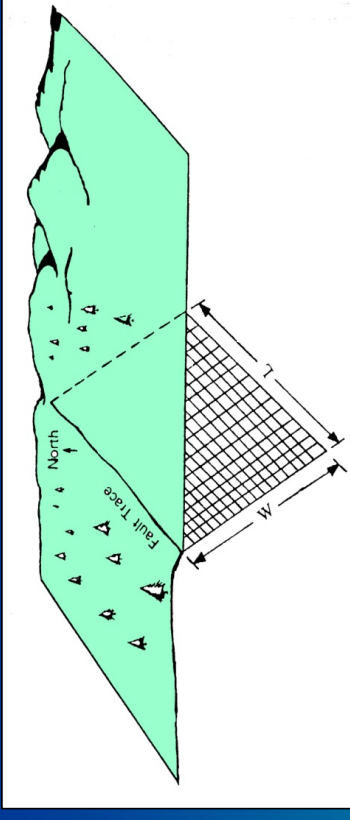
It is straightforward to prove

$$mbf_j(t) = \bar{M}_0^j(t) + \sum_{k \neq j}^N \bar{M}_0^k(t) * \left[ \sum_{i=1}^L W_i^k(t) * W_i^j(-t) \right] *^{-1} nrf_j(t)$$

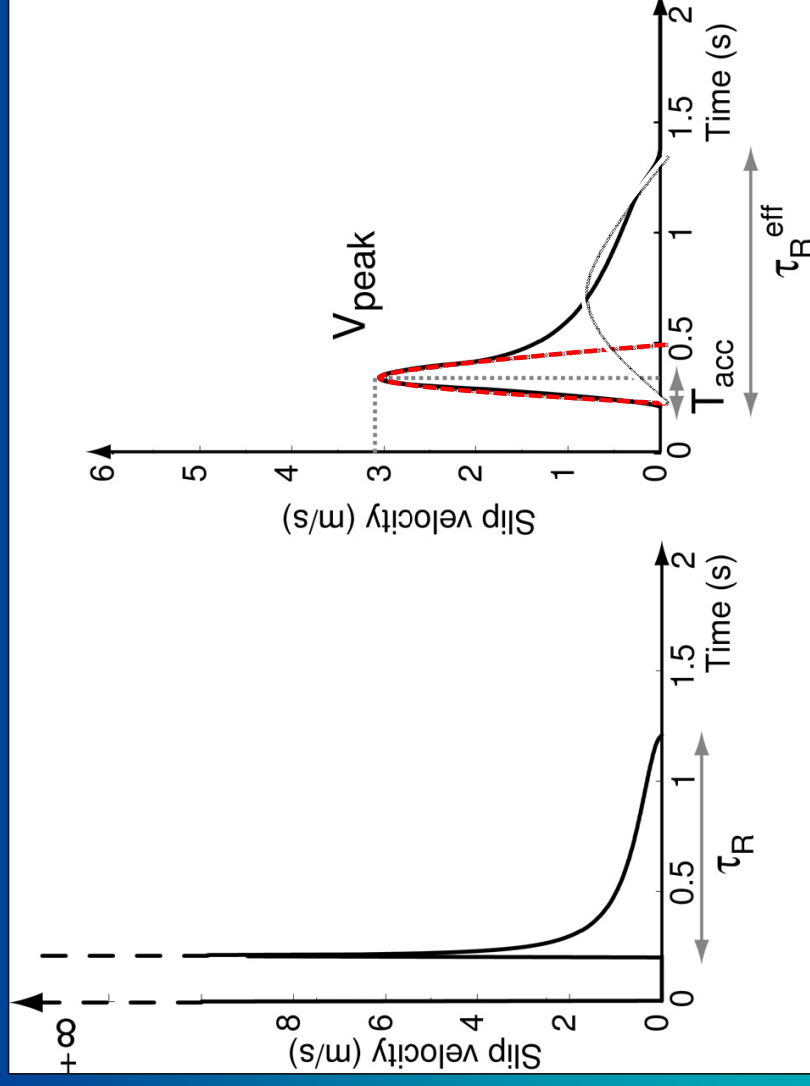
**Target**

*Imaging error caused by the slip on the rest of fault plane*

L stations

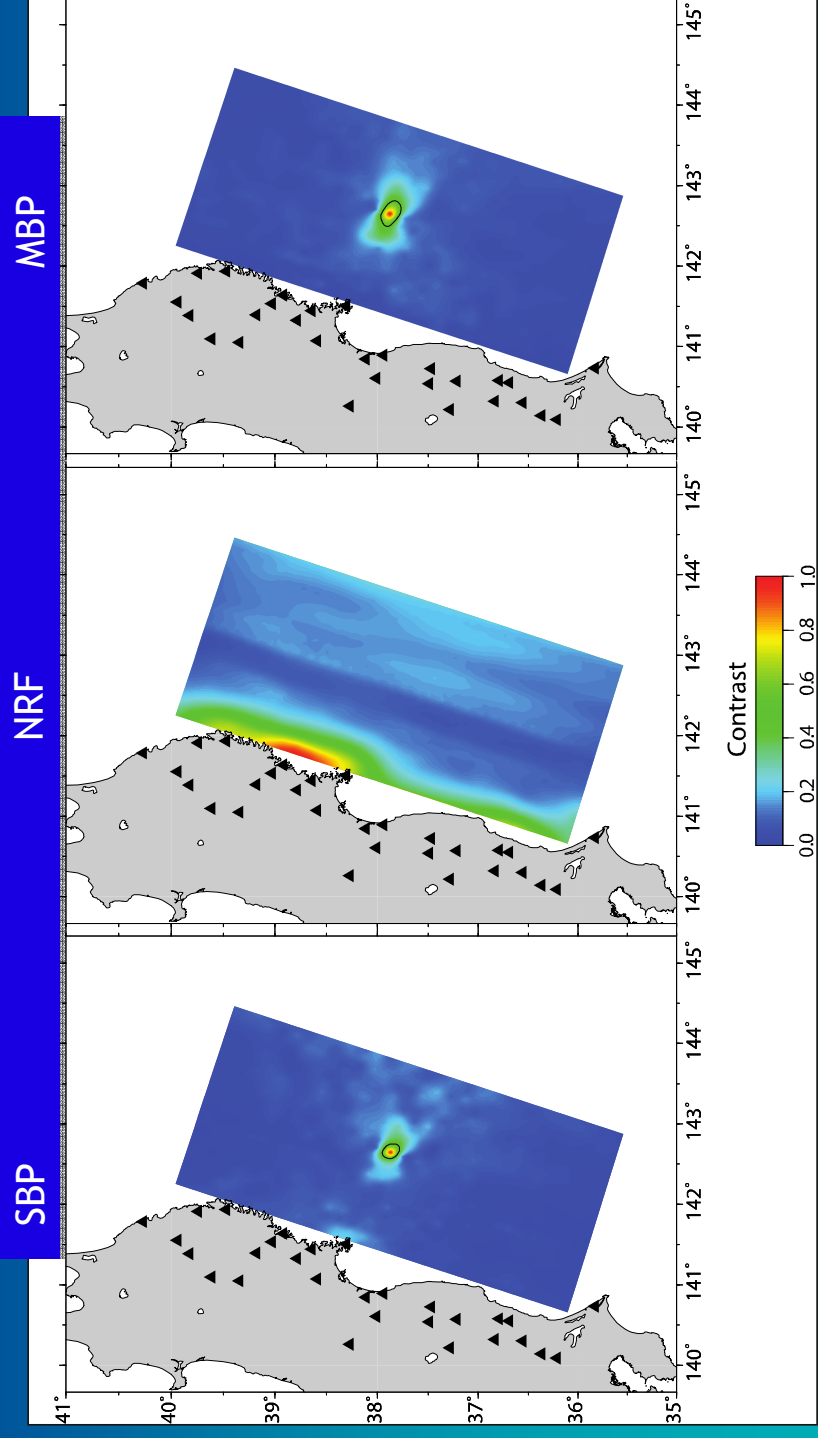


# Slip rate function

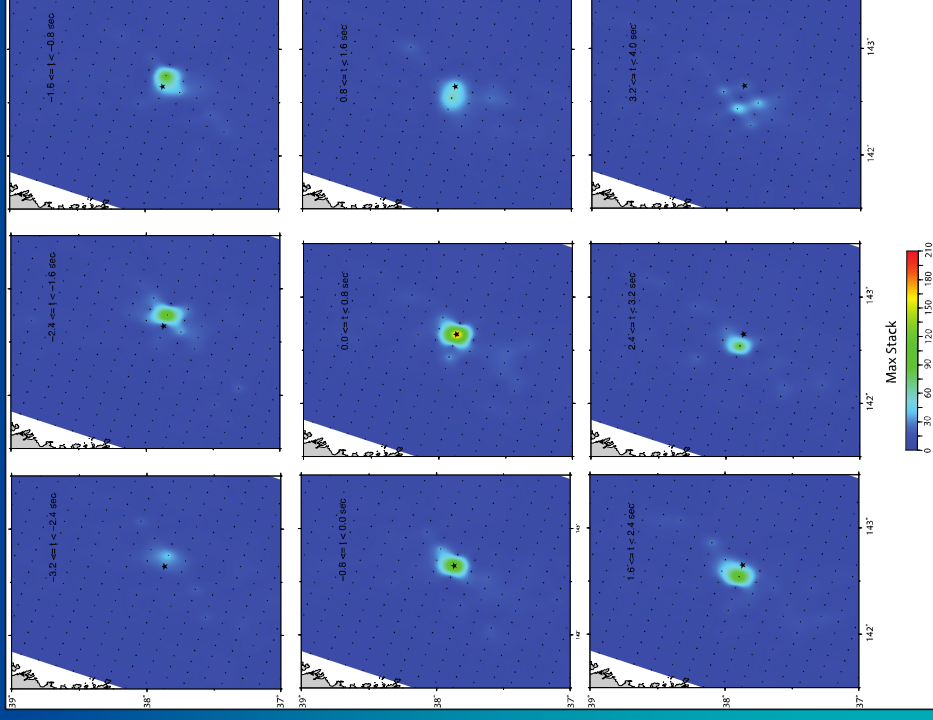
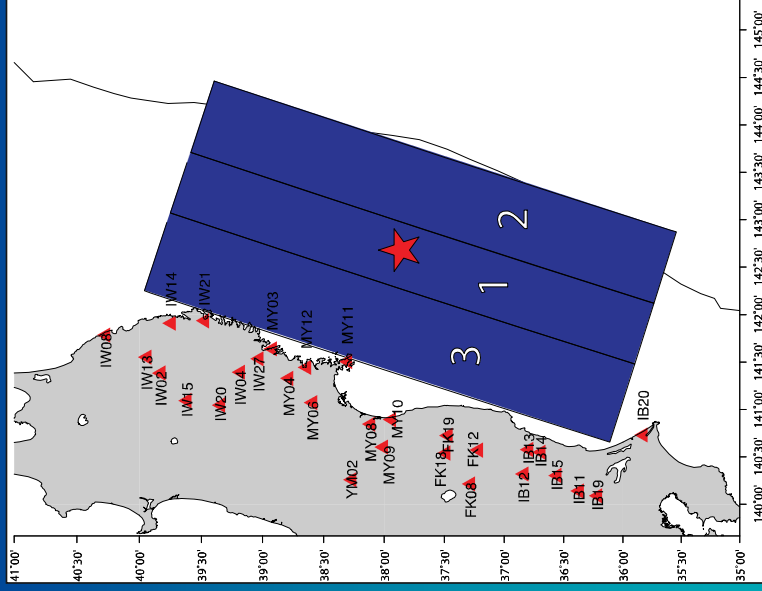


As the high frequency radiation is mainly caused by the initial rupture, we assume the target subevent has a 0.8 s triangular slip rate function.

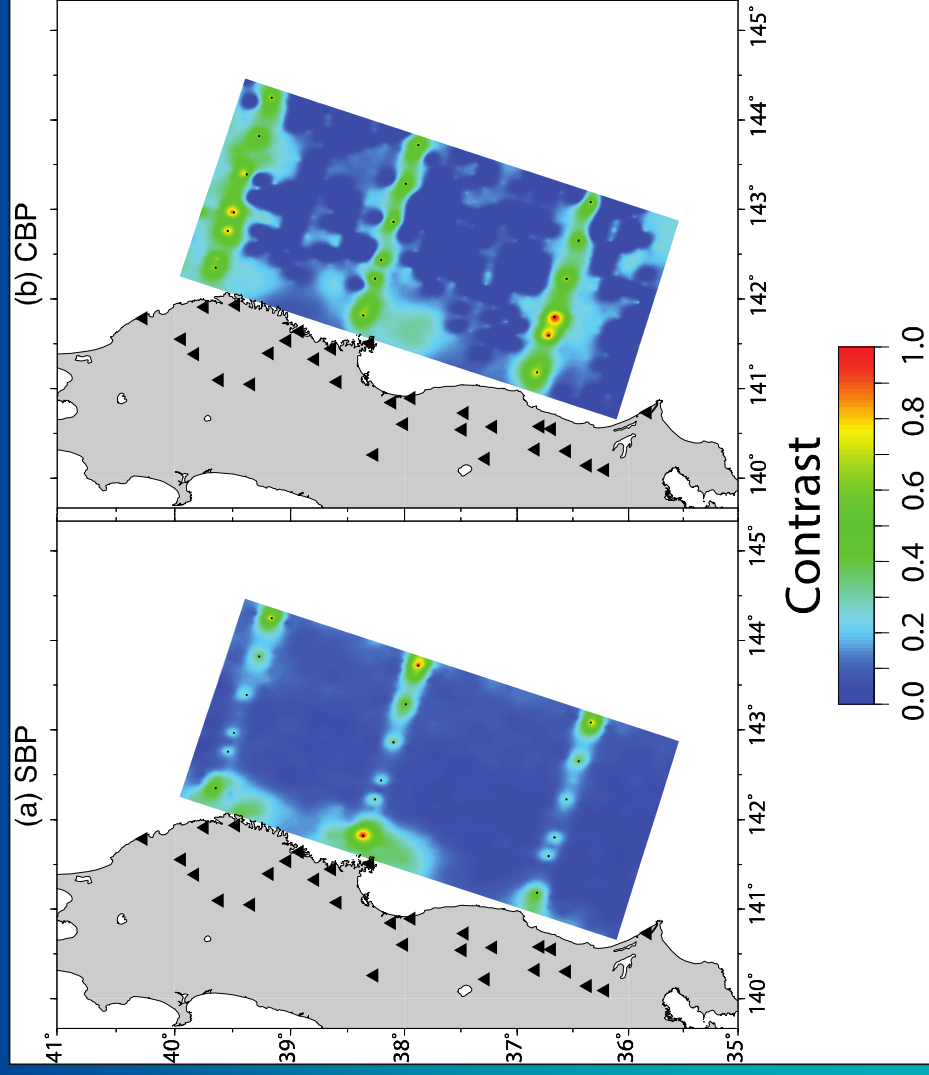
# Comparison of Back-projection Functions and Network Response Function



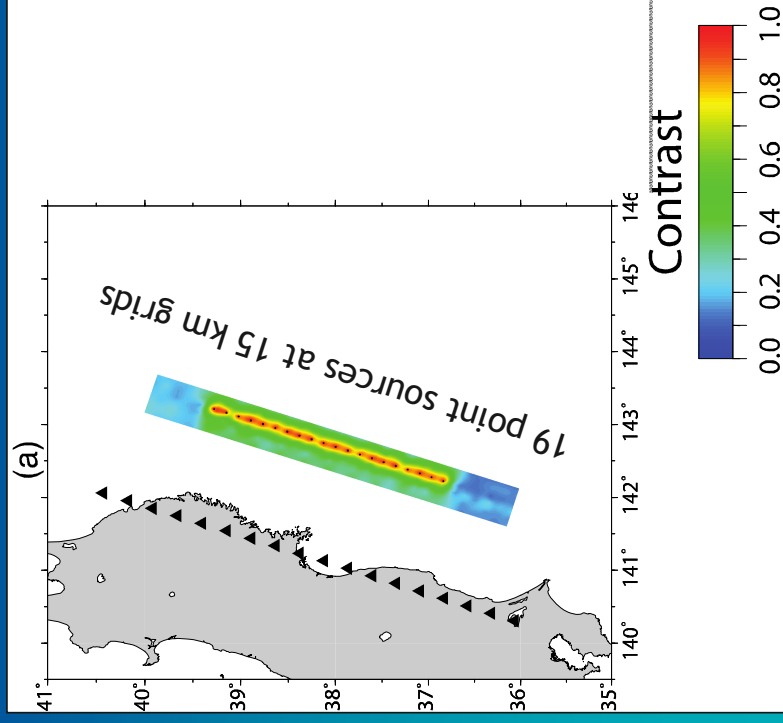
# Numerical Test: Effect of Station Distribution



# Numerical Test



# Back-projection



## Synthetic Observations:

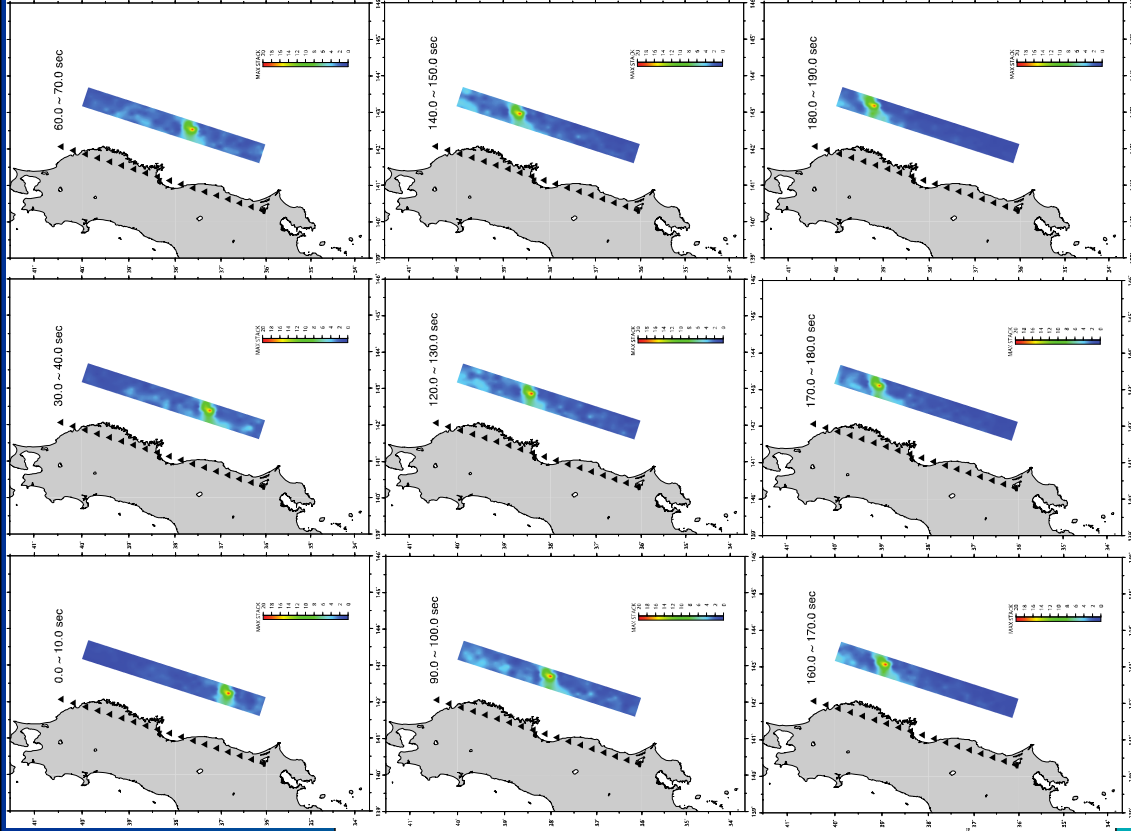
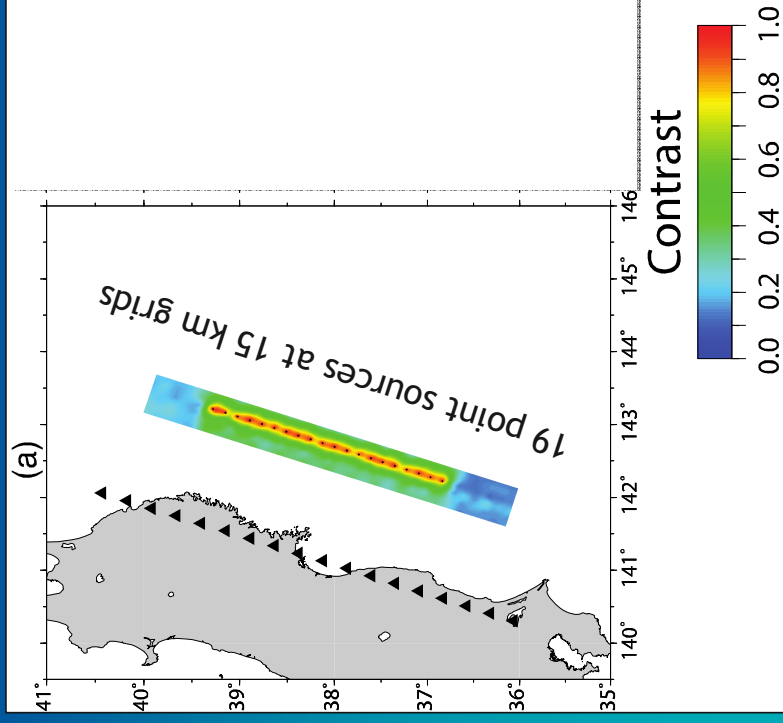
18 uniformly distributed stations on one side. Such a station distribution has relatively lower spatial resolution in down-dip direction but shall be optimal to track along strike rupture.

## Target sources:

19 point sources distribute along a line with 15 km interval. A constant 0.8 s triangular slip rate function. Rupture propagation with a speed of 1.5 km/s.

The data has been bandpass filtered from 0.03 Hz to 1 Hz before this back-propagation analysis

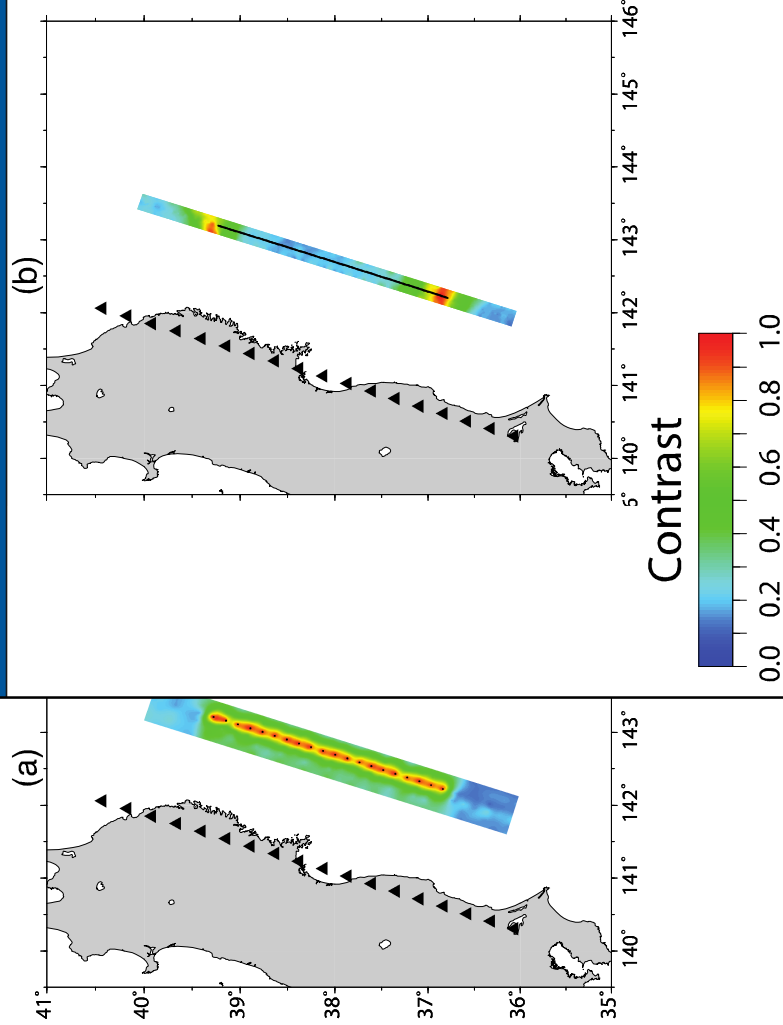
# Back-projection Test Case





# Back-Projection

[Yano et al., 2012]



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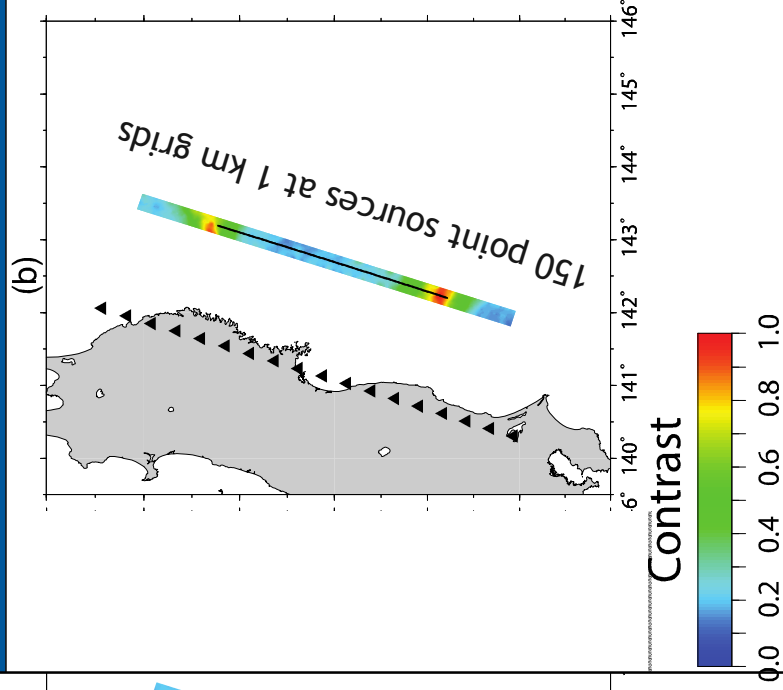
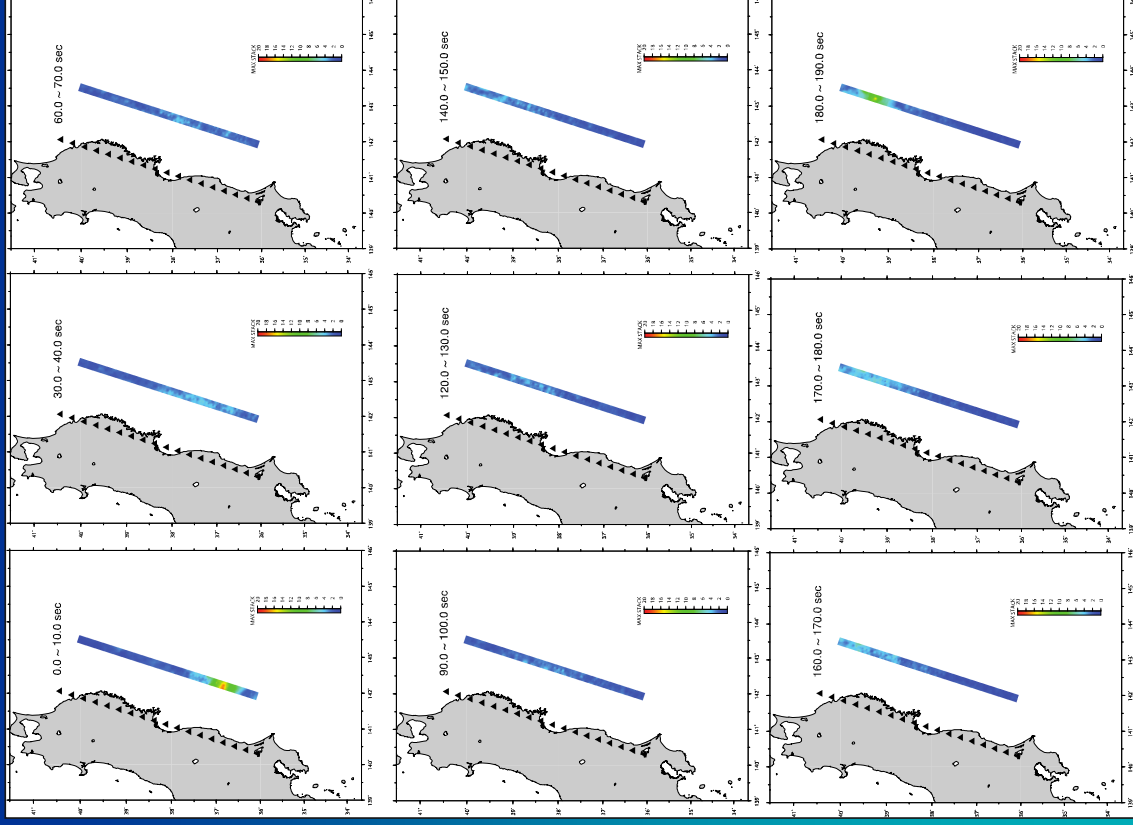
## Target sources:

270 point sources distribute along a line with 1 km interval. A constant 0.8 s triangular slip rate function. Unilateral rupture with a velocity of 1.5 km/s.

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# Back-Projection

[Yano et al., 2012]



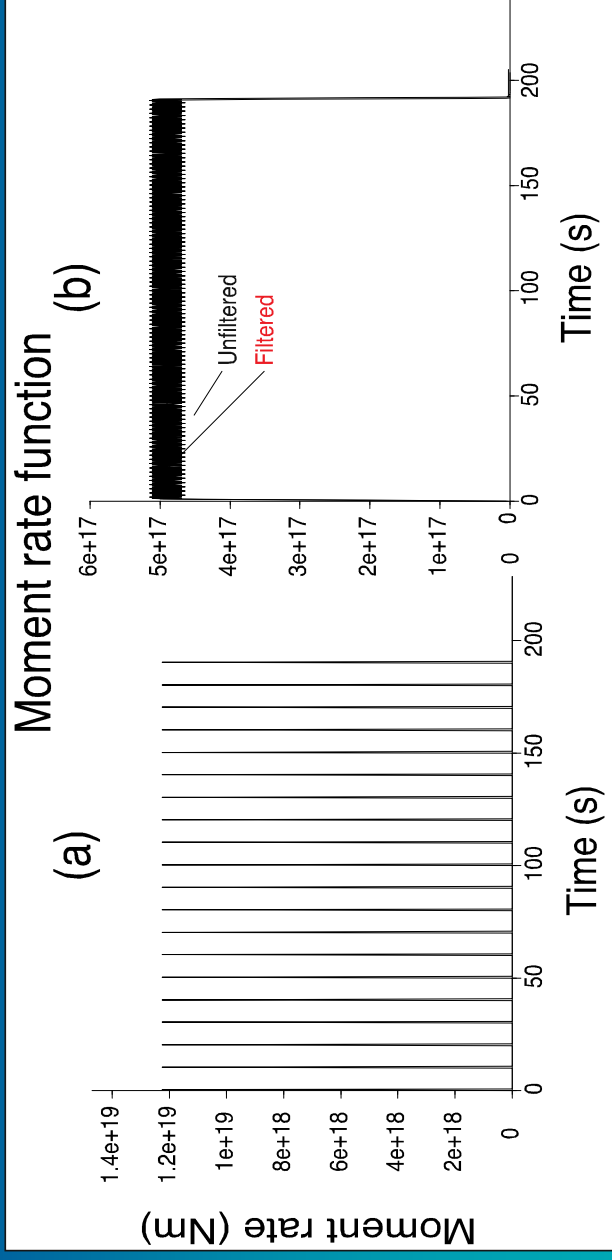
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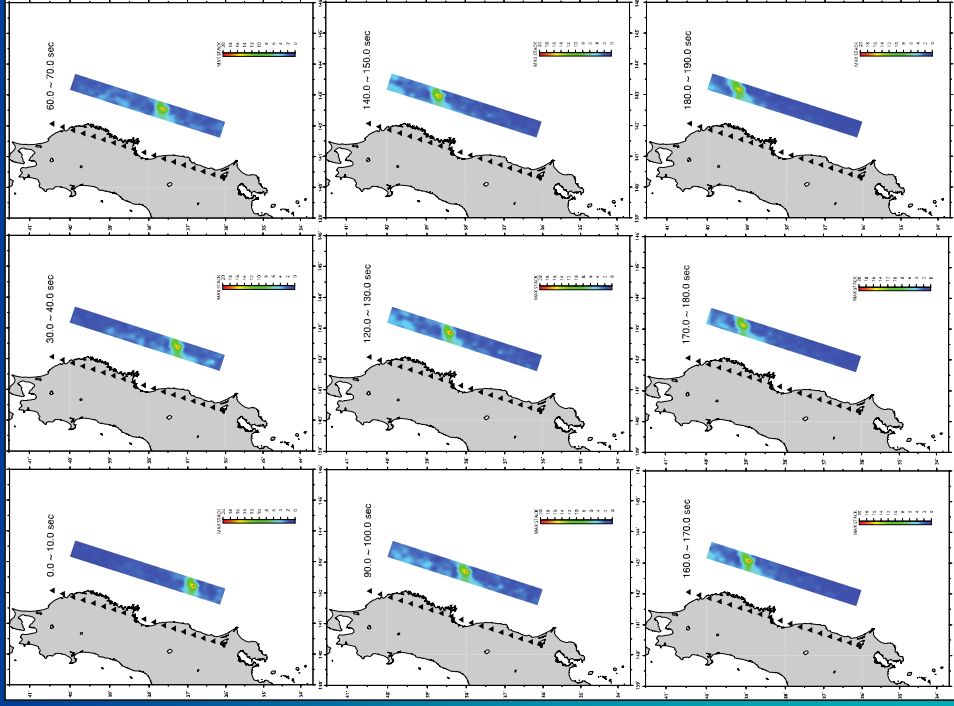
# Comparison of Moment Rate Functions

15 km interval target sources

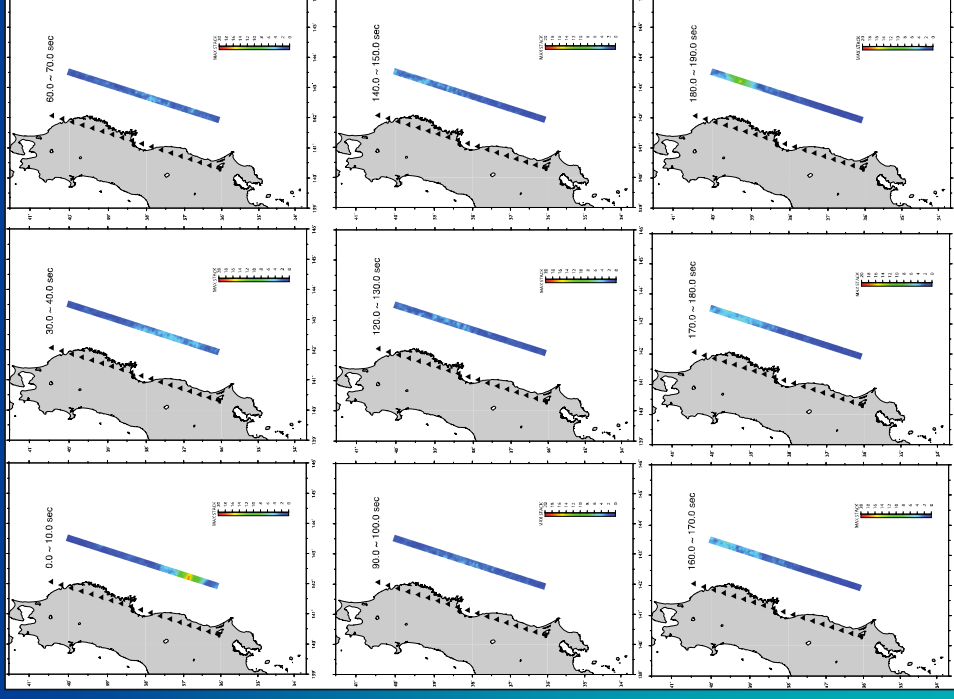
1 km interval target sources



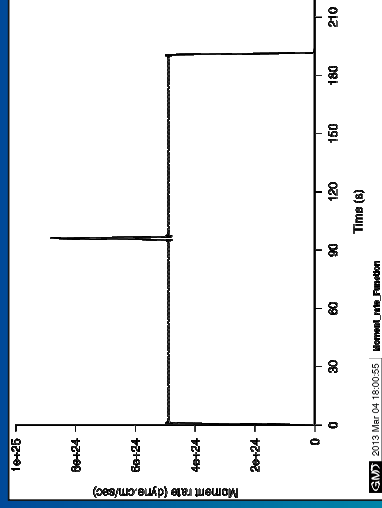
## Target sources at 15 km intervals



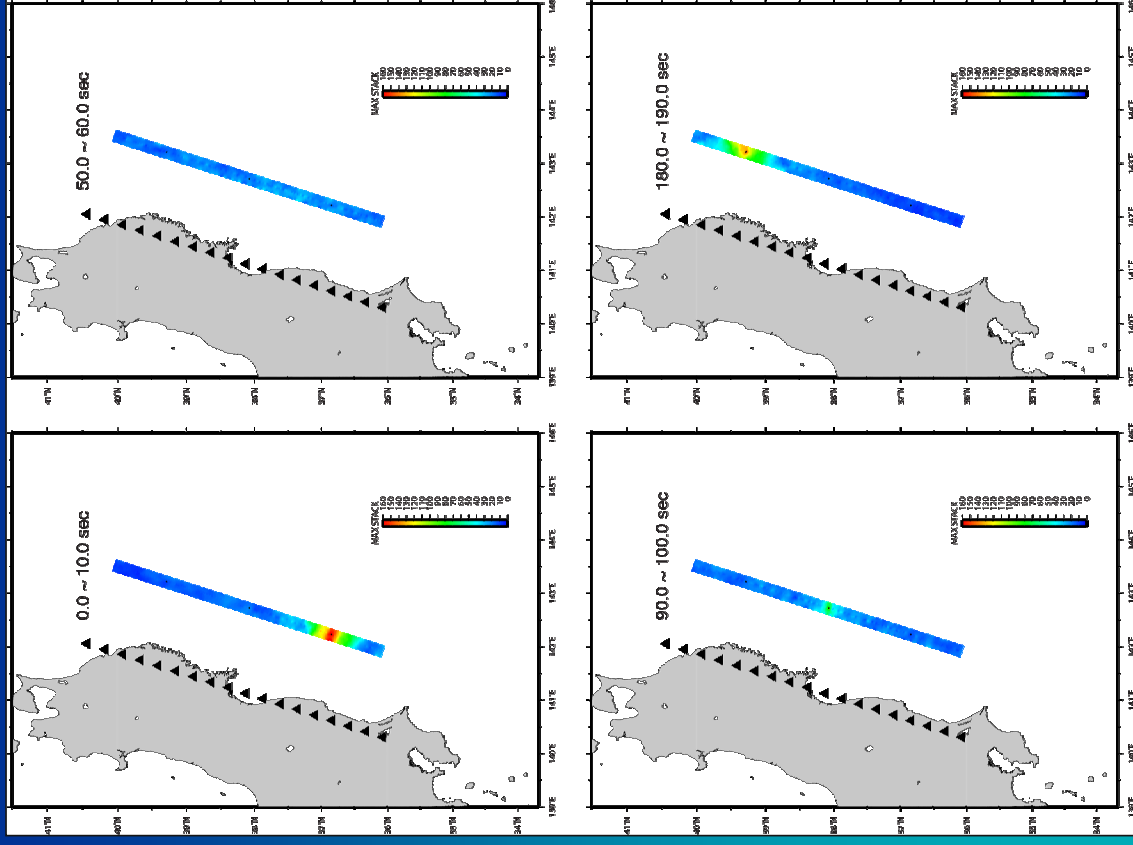
## Target sources at 1.0 km intervals



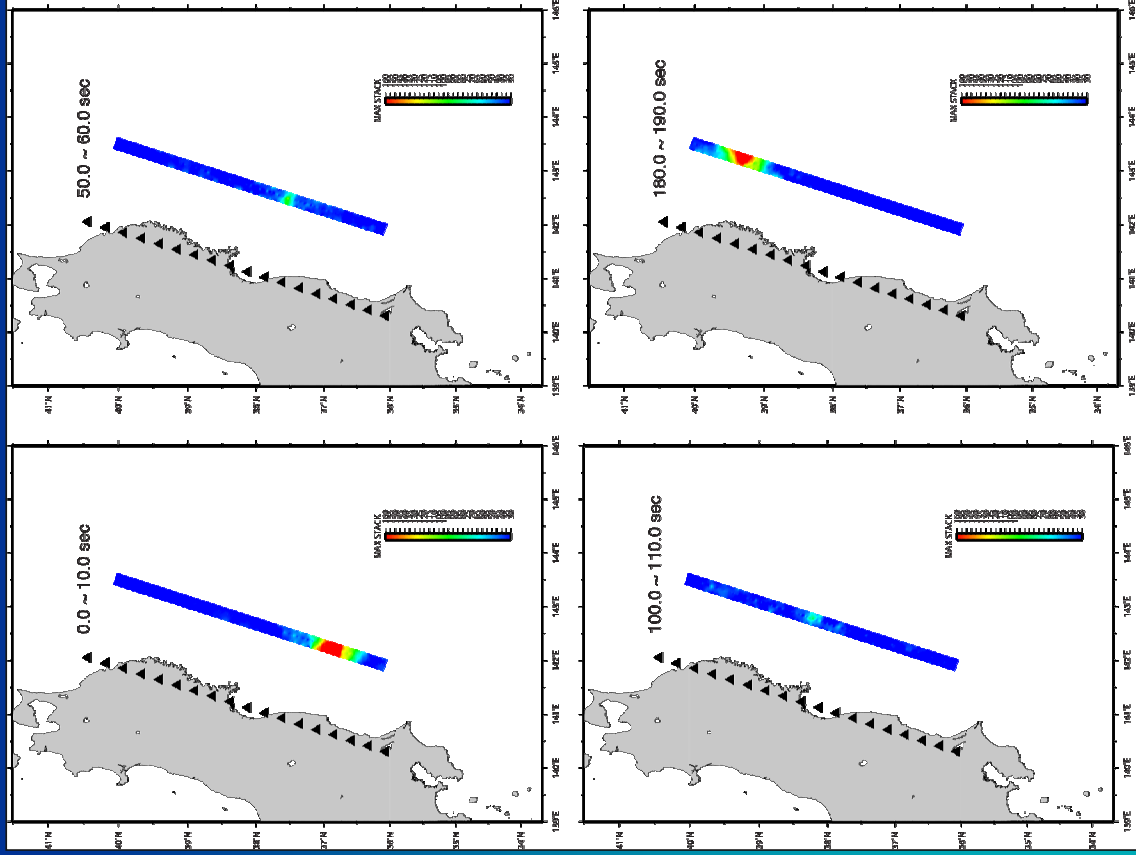
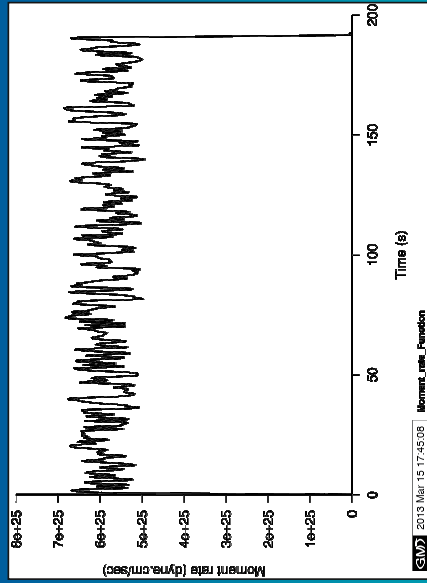
# Single Variation in Moment Rate



While the back projection can determine the location of the single point that varies, the amplitude is proportional only to the height above the constant moment rate. Compare beginning and ending points with the point in the middle.



# Variation in Moment Rate



# Conclusions

- ❖ Waveform inversion may not be an effective means to determine small scale variations of the faulting.
- ❖ The variations in the moment rate function may shed light on the basic heterogeneity of the faulting.
- ❖ Back-projection analysis is good to resolve the high frequency radiation from isolated sources. But for continuous rupture, high frequency radiation captured by the back-projection analyses generally does not have a one to one relationship with the true high frequency radiation from an individual slip patch.
- ❖ The fact that rupture front of large earthquakes can be imaged by back-projection analysis implies that rupture propagation is heterogeneous.