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DYNAMIC RUPTURE MODELING OF THE NEWPORT INGLEWOOD FAULT: EXPLAINING COMPLEX RUPTURE PATHS

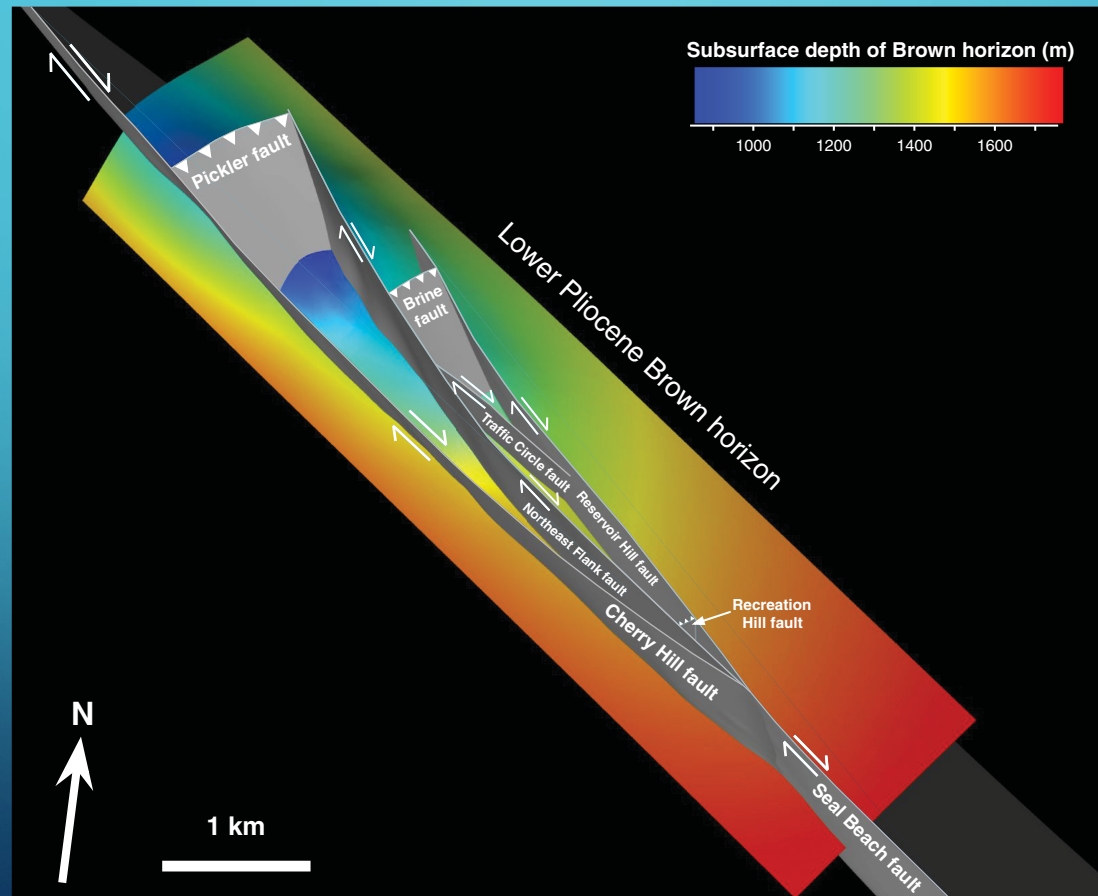
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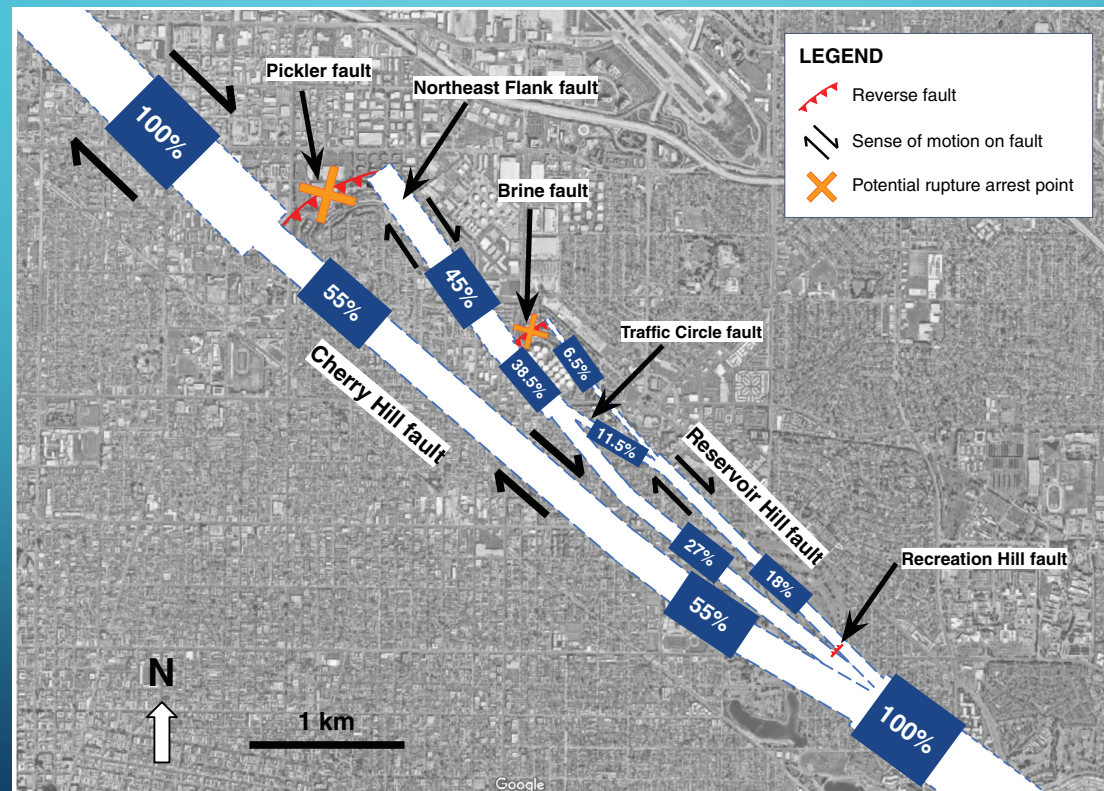
3D FAULT STRUCTURE IN SIGNAL HILL REGION NEWPORT-INGLEWOOD FAULT



[Toghramadjian and Shaw, 2024]

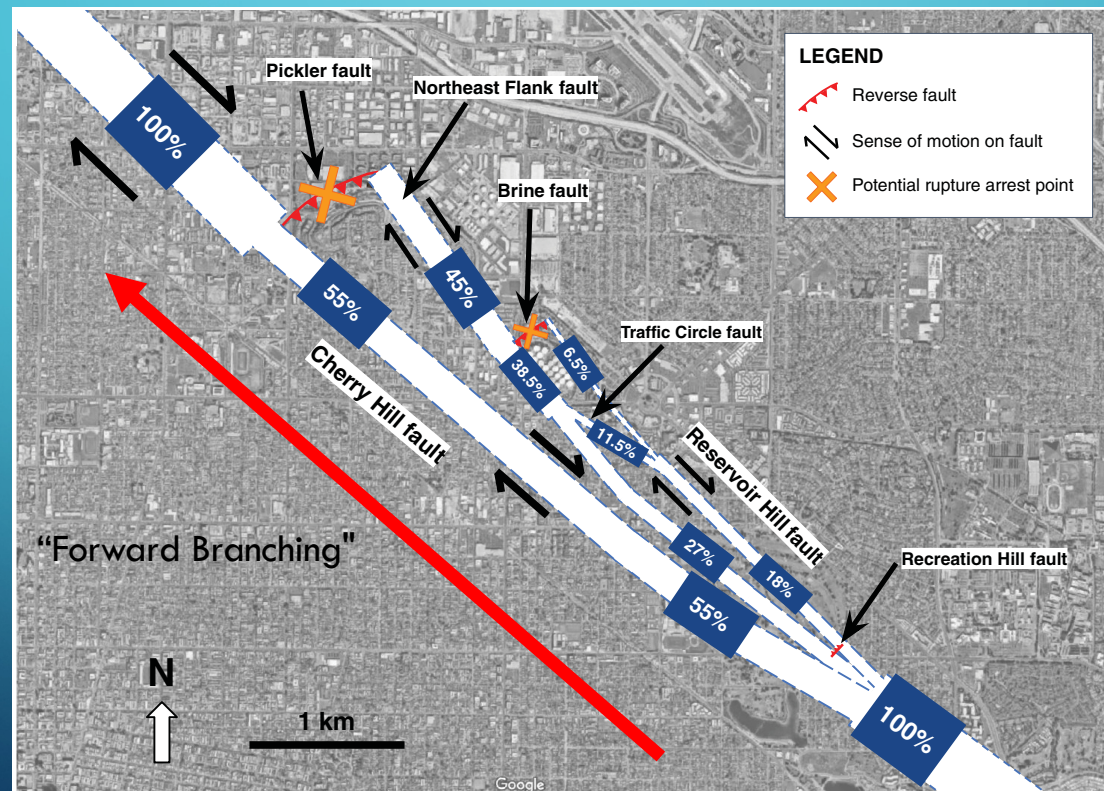
MULTIPLE RUPTURE PATHS AND CUMULATIVE FAULT SLIP INFERRED FROM SURFACE AND HORIZON DEFORMATION

“Specifically, we employ a map-based restoration approach that unfolds and unfauls horizons to define the total displacement across each fault segment”



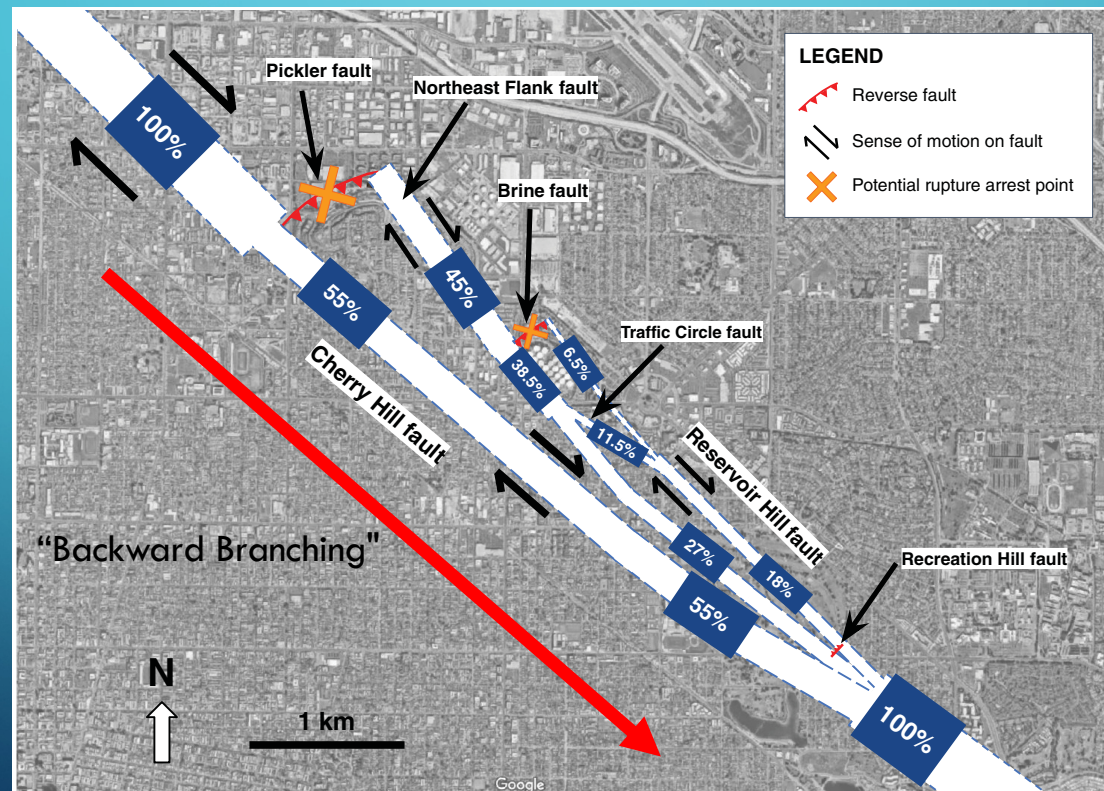
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THEORETICAL BACKGROUND: FORWARD AND BACKWARD BRANCHING



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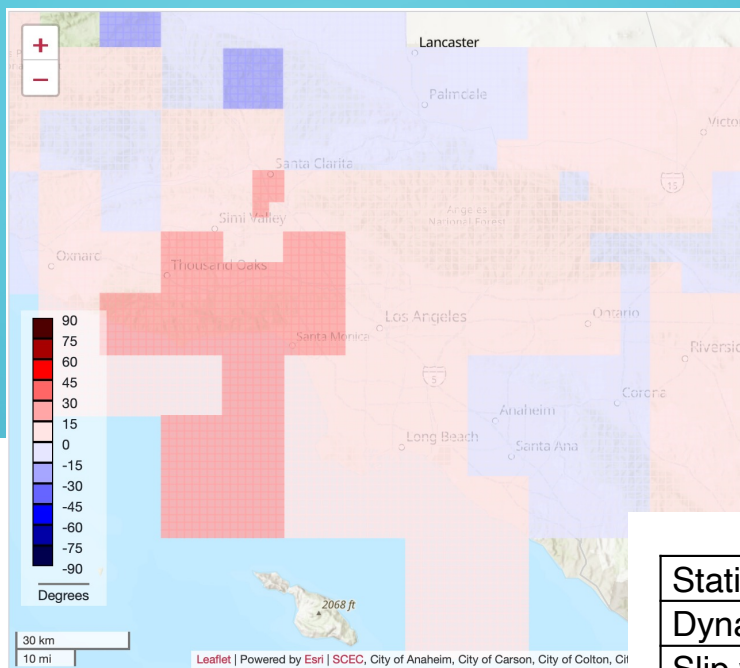
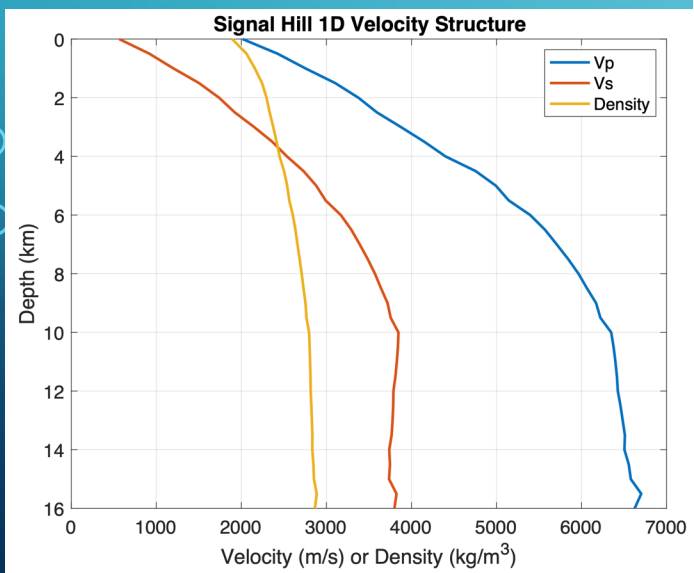
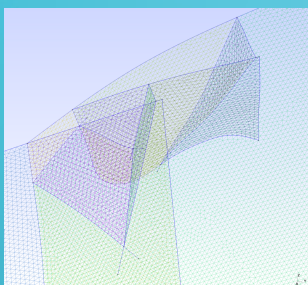
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DYNAMIC EARTHQUAKE RUPTURE MODELING WITH MIXED-FLUX-BASED NODAL DISCONTINUOUS GALERKIN METHOD (ZHANG ET AL., 2023)

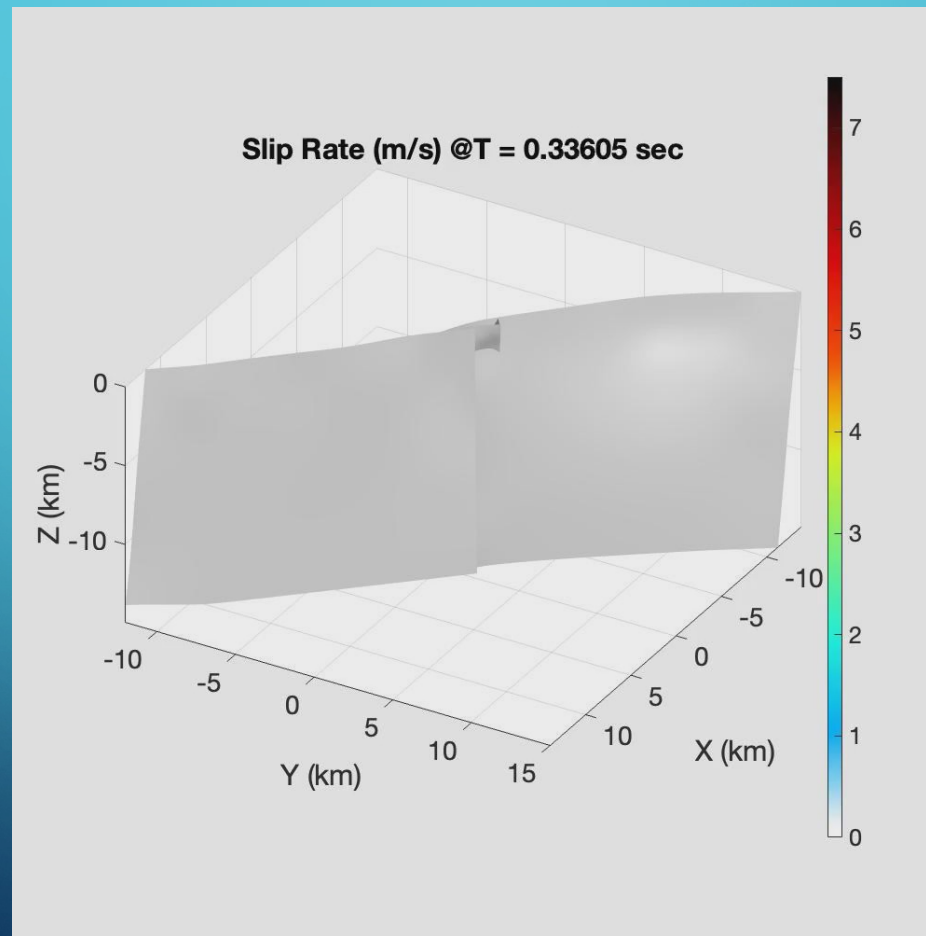
Adapted from
SCEC CVM-H
[*Shaw et al., 2024*]



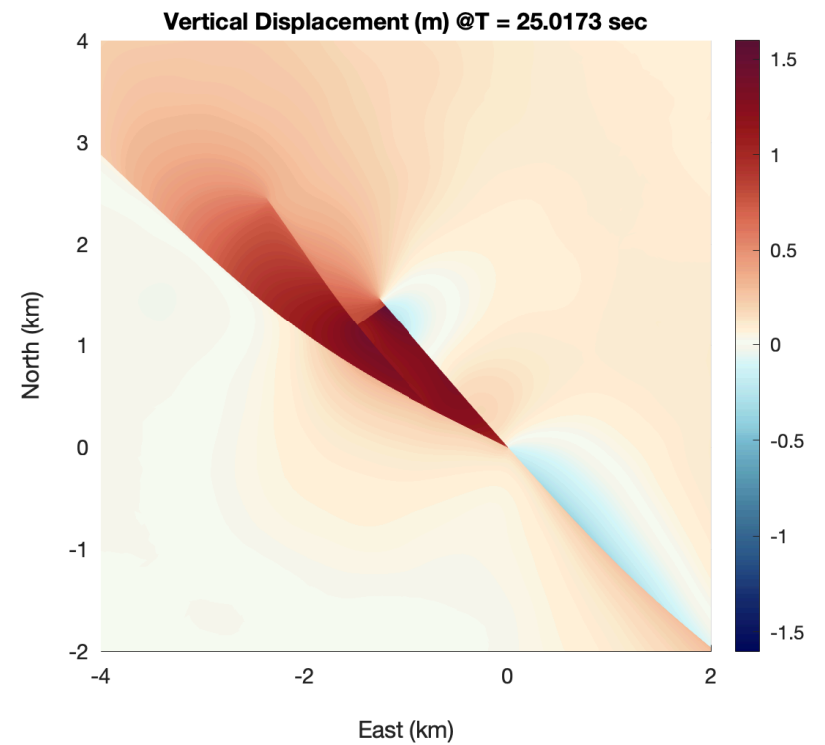
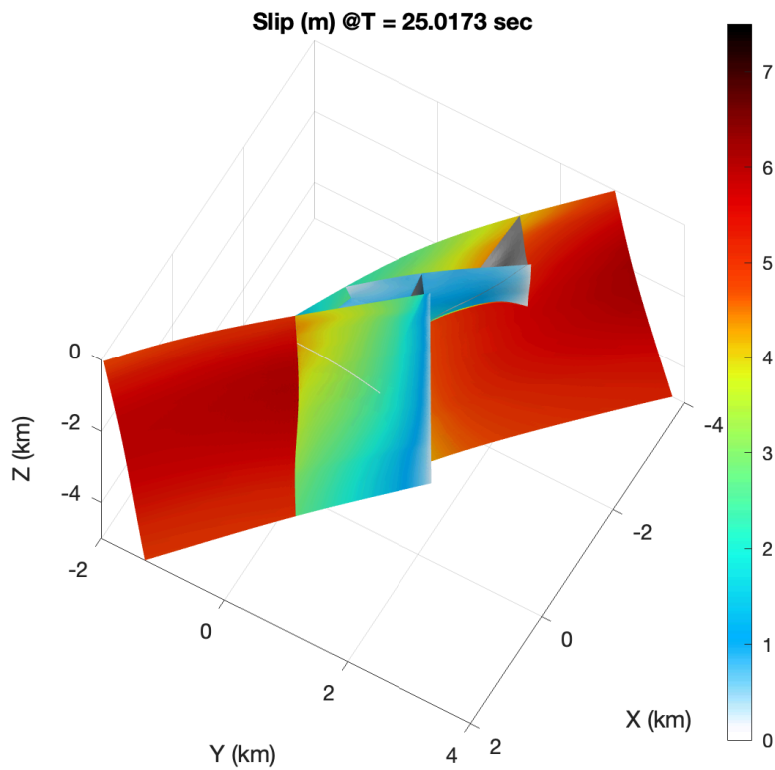
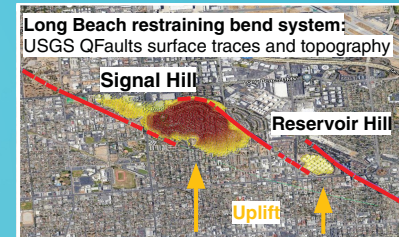
SCEC CSM
[*Hardebeck et al., 2023*]

Static friction	0.6
Dynamic friction	0.1
Slip weakening	0.2 m
Homogeneous density	2670 kg/m ³
Homogeneous V _P	6000 m/s
Homogeneous V _S	3464 m/s
Mesh size on faults	~78 m
Expanded mesh near edge of model	~5000 m

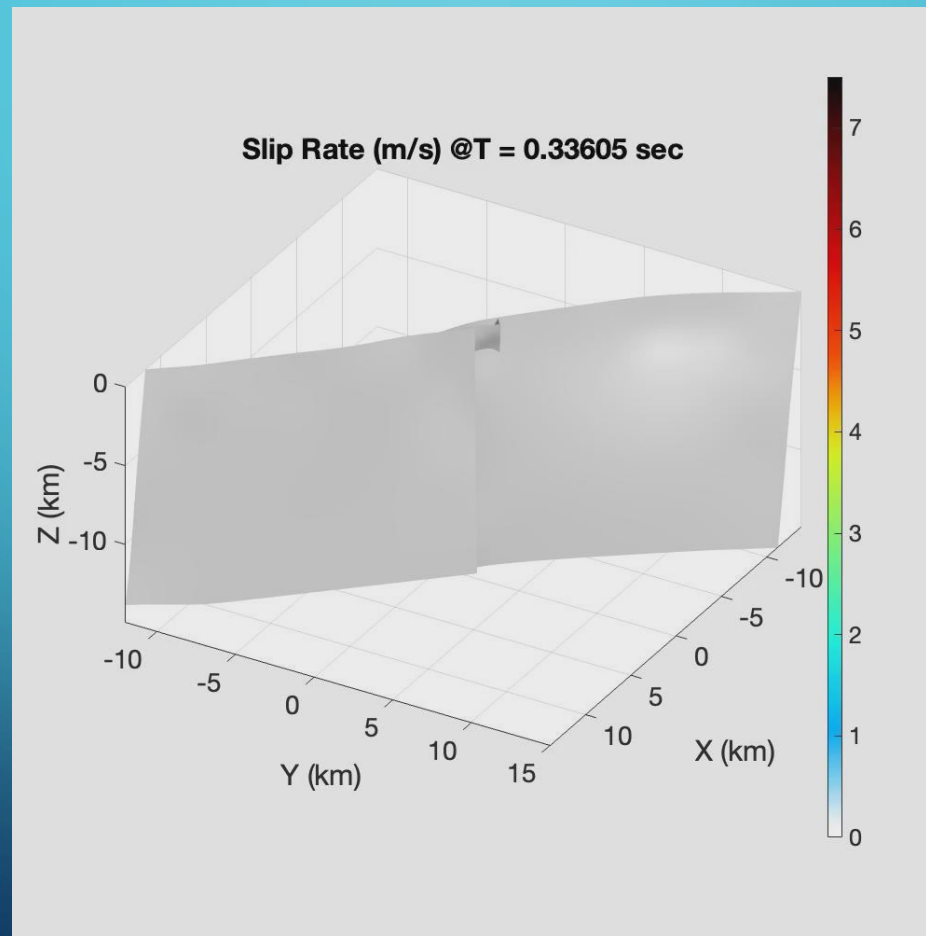
RESULTS: NUCLEATION SOUTHEAST OF BRANCH



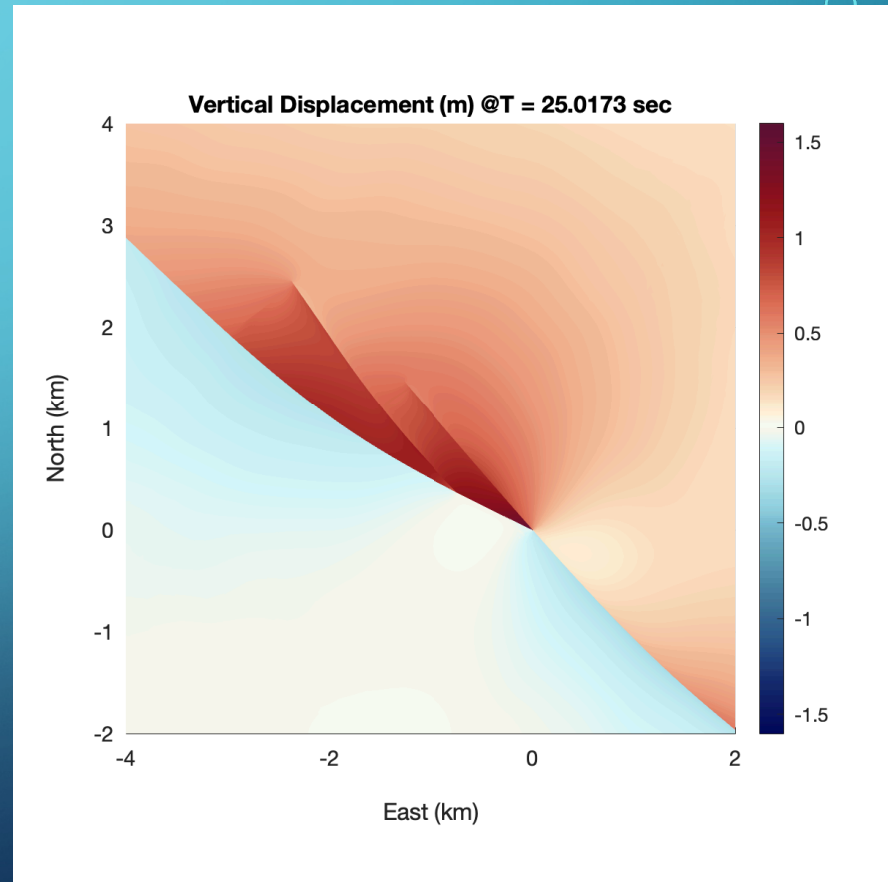
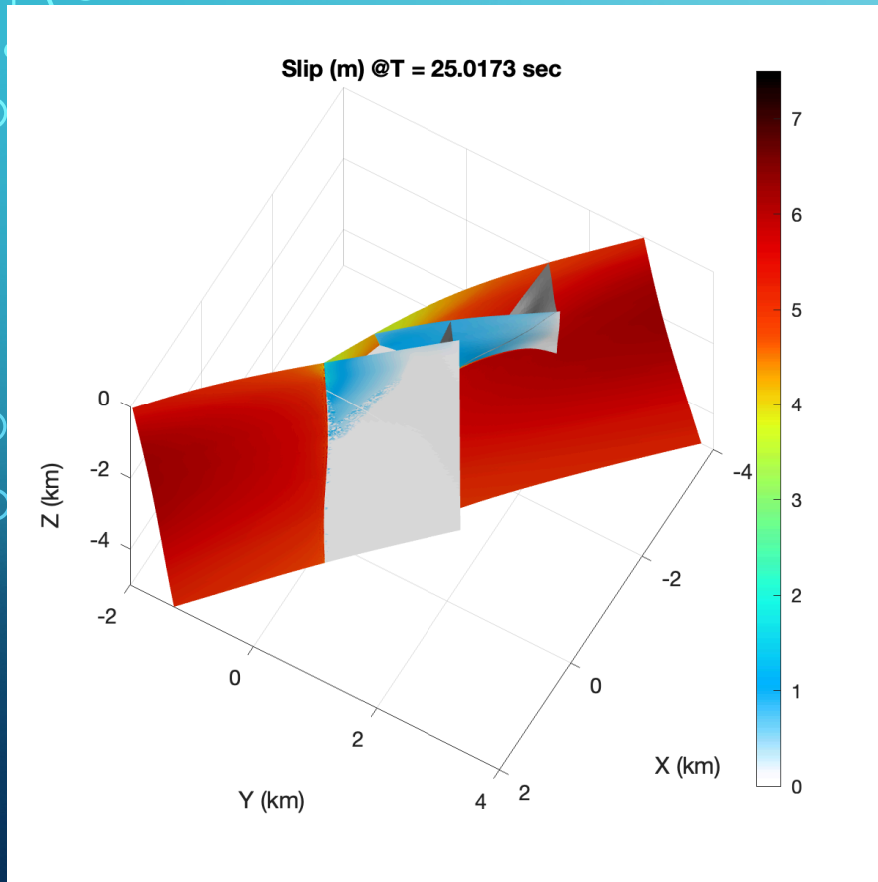
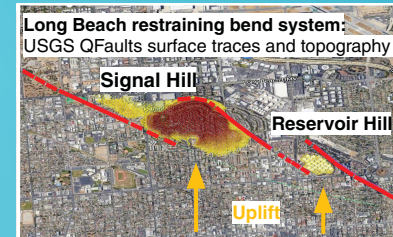
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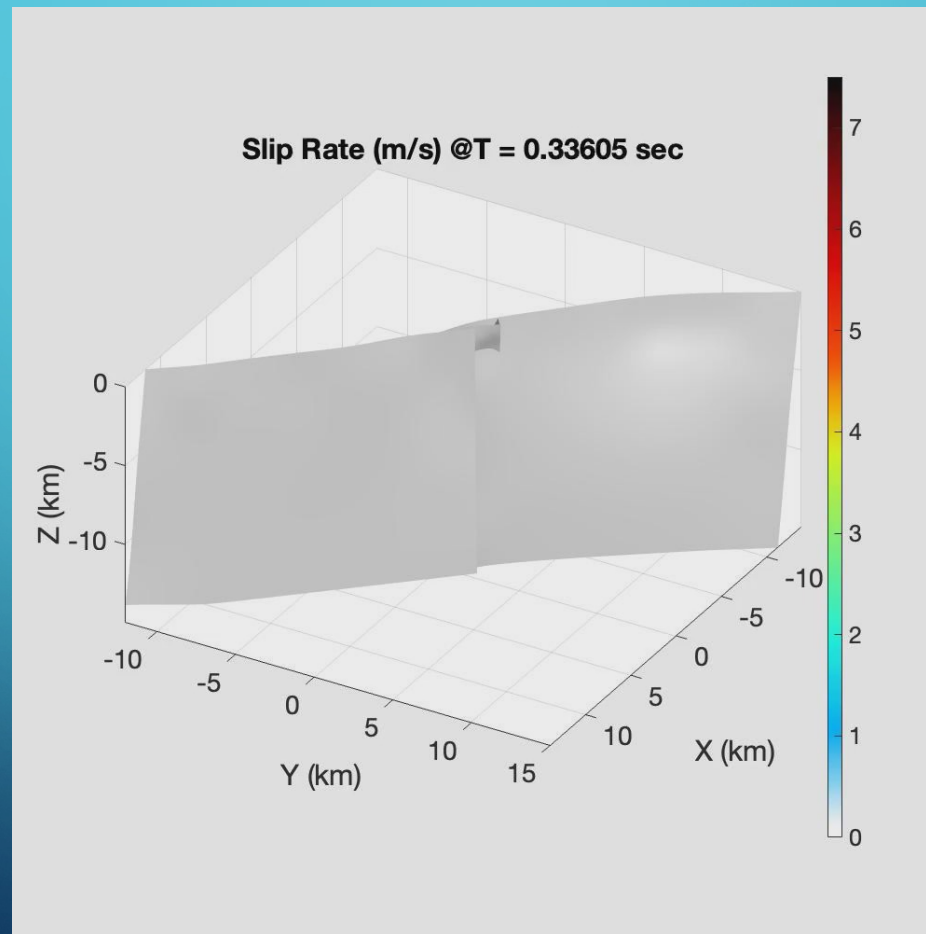
RESULTS: NUCLEATION NORTHWEST OF BRANCH



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RESULTS: NUCLEATION SOUTHEAST OF BRANCH BRANCH FAULTS CONSTRAINED NOT TO SLIP



DISCUSSION

- Branching behavior much more complex when branches are surficial and approached from below
- Geological uplift may place constraints on rupture directivity
- Small, near-surface branches may serve as earthquake gates
 - Approximate them away at our peril!

