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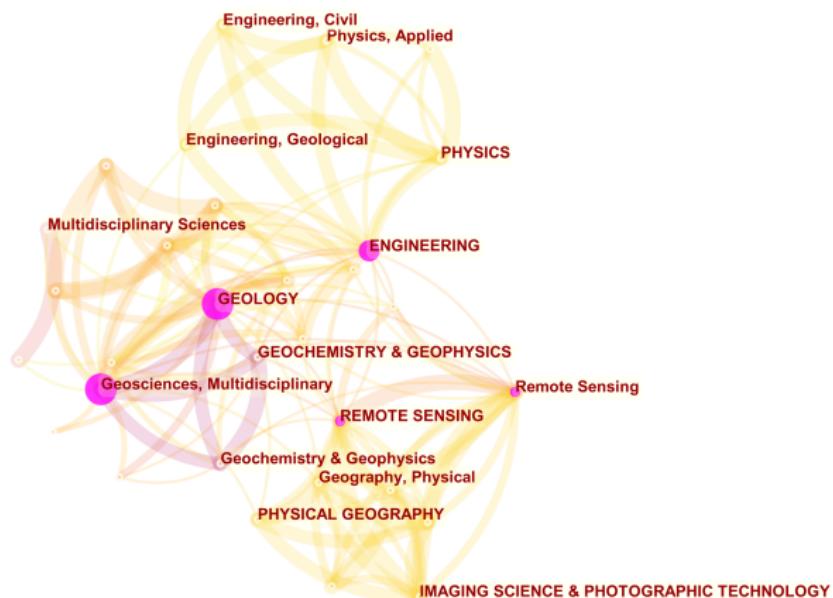
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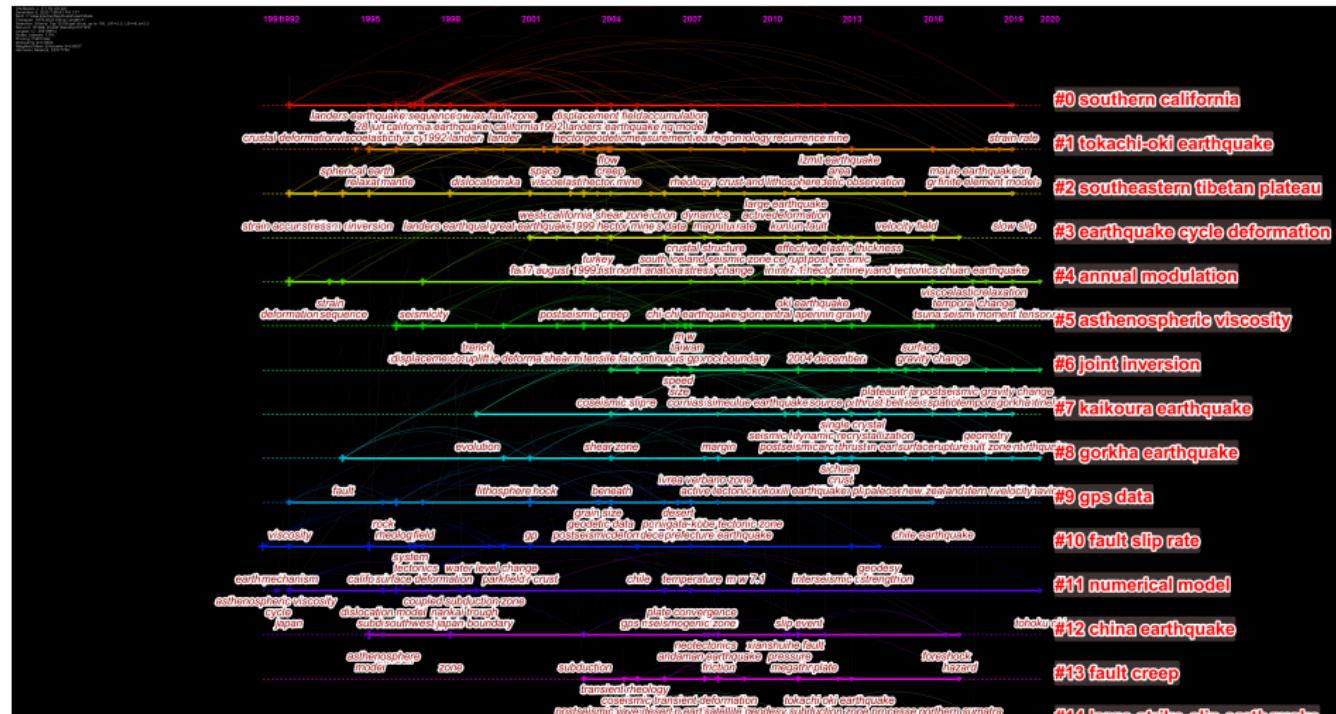
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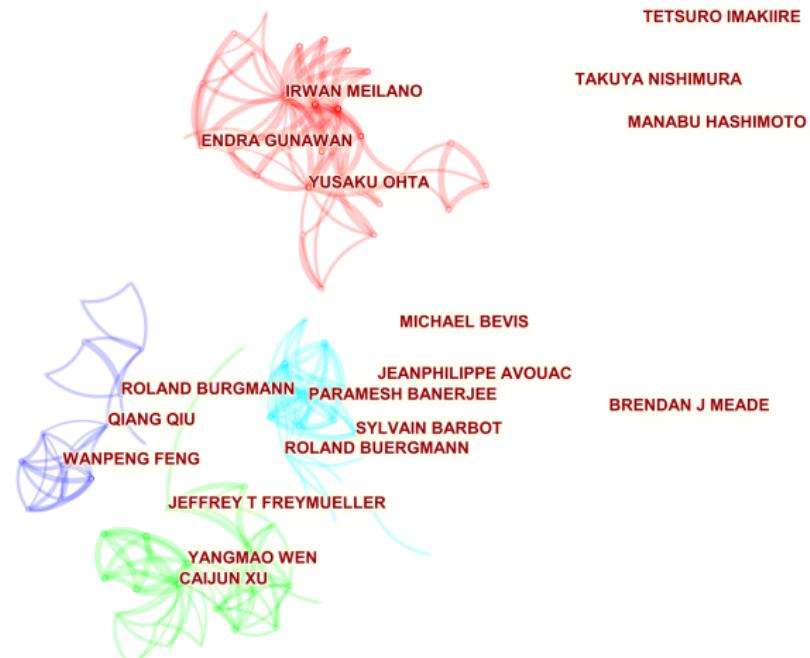


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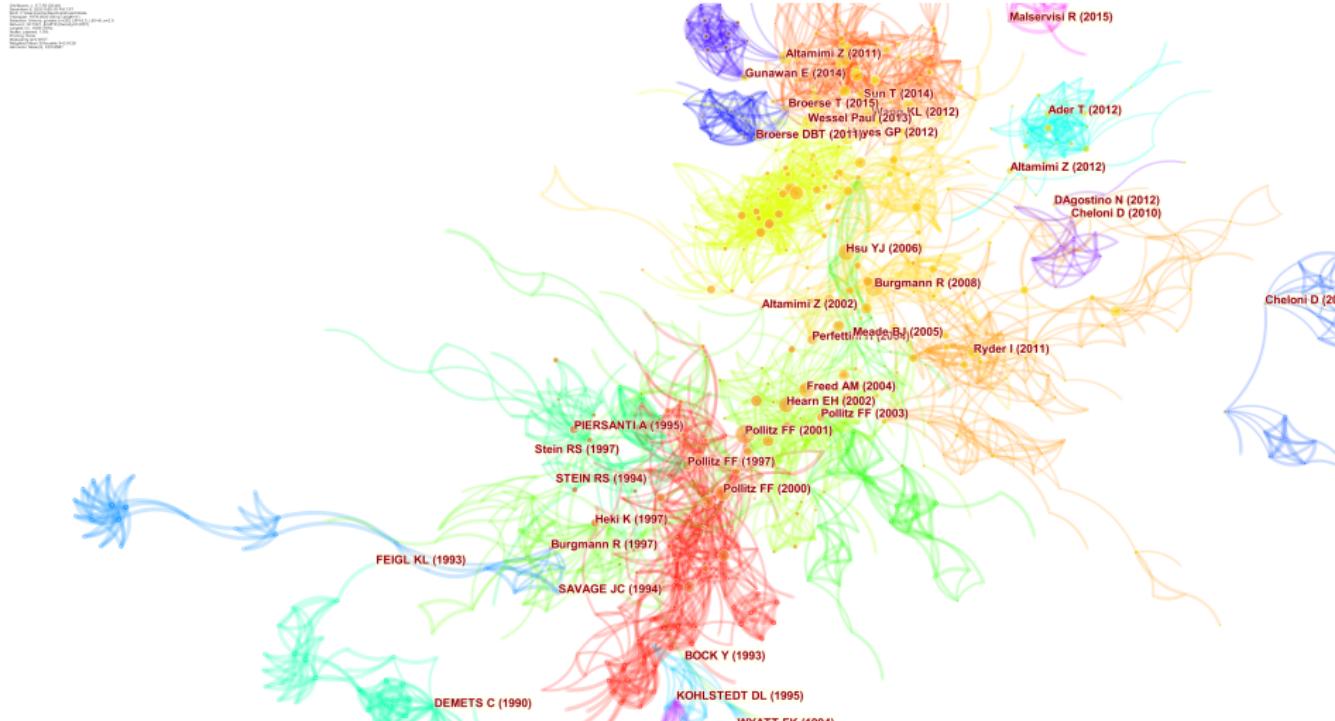


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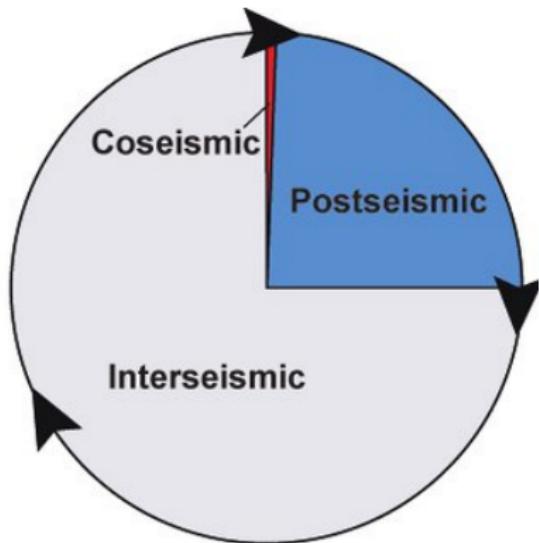


Figure: Schematic figure of the earthquake cycle

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The Earthquake Cycle: A Simple View

- [Initial Conditions]
 - Plate motion begins
 - Fence is straight
- [Step 1]
 - Plate motion continues
 - Stress/strain is localized on fault
 - Fence is strained/deformed
 - Deformation is recoverable (elastic)
- [Step 2]
 - Plate motion continues
 - Stress/strain exceeds rock strength
 - The fault slips (ruptures)
 - Fence is broken into two undeformed pieces

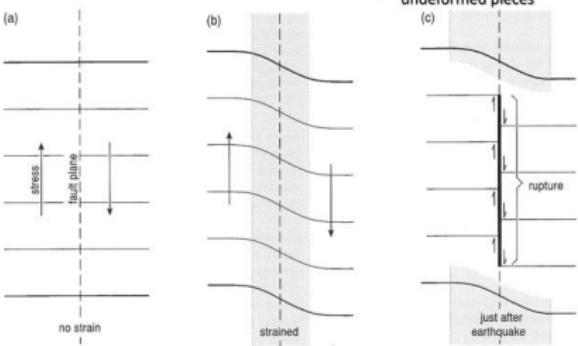


Figure: A simple view of the earthquake cycle

Postseismic Deformation

Immediately after the occurrence of the earthquake, the mechanism of stress release due to viscous flow in the ductile part of the Earth's crust starts to operate, leading to **post-seismic deformation**.

The delayed deformation of the lithosphere caused by stress relaxation in the mantle or in the low viscosity layers of the crust is called **post-seismic deformation** ([R. Sabadini & B. Vermeersen, 2004](#)).

Viscoelasticity

黏弹性 (Viscoelasticity): 在外加载荷作用下，应变落后于应力的性质。

麦克斯韦模型 (Maxwell model): 一种用以描述固体物质黏弹性性质由一个弹簧和一个阻尼器串联组成的简化的理论模型。麦克斯韦体对施加的力的短时间响应像弹性固体，而长时间响应则像黏滞流体。

开尔文 - 沃伊特模型 (Kelvin-Voight model): 一种用以描述固体物质的黏弹性，由一个弹簧和一个阻尼器并联组成的简化的理论模型。

标准线性固体 (standard linear solid): 性质介于弹性与黏滞性的非完全弹性体，其本构方程可以表示为应力、应力的一阶导数与应变、应变的一阶导数呈线性关系的、既有弹性响应又有黏性响应的介质。

Viscoelasticity

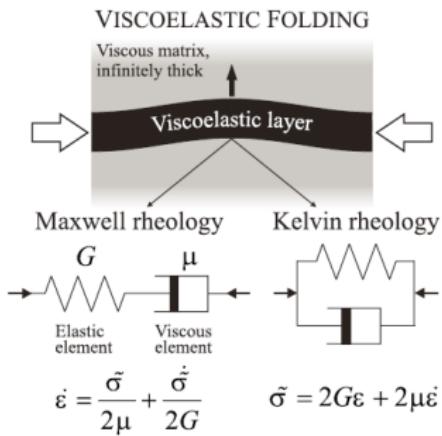


Figure: Sketch of viscoelastic folding and presentation of the two simplest viscoelastic rheologies: the Maxwell and the Kelvin rheology. In a Maxwell model strains are additive whereas in a Kelvin model stresses are additive. The equations are given for deviatoric stresses.(S.M. Schmalholz et al., 2001)

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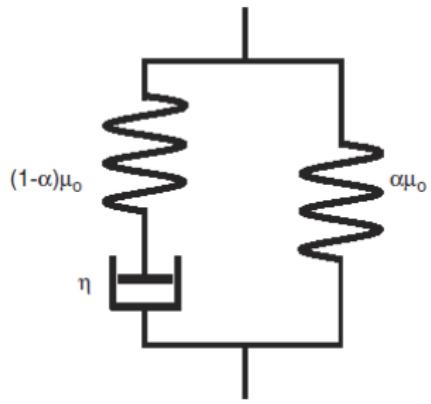


Figure: Model of SLS rheology(R.
Wang et al., 2006)

(b) Burgers rheology

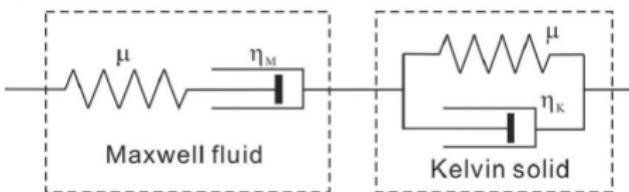


Figure: Cartoon illustration of the Burgers material consisting of the Maxwell fluid in series with the Kelvin solid.(Yan Hu et al., 2012)

Afterslip

Afterslip又称“后滑动事件 (post-seismic slip event)”。在一次大的构造地震(突然的同震滑动)后，断层的位移通过蠕滑增加，产生与主震相当的滑动量的现象。余滑可持续数年，小部分系由余震引起的，但大部分余滑的发生不产生地震波。余滑事件通常遵从大森定律 (Omori's law)。

大森定律 Omori's law: 又称“大森关系式 (Omori's relation)”“双曲线定律 (hyperbolic law)”。日本大森房吉 (F. Omori) 于 1894 年得到的余震频次随时间呈反比衰减的定律。

Rate-and-state friction

At steady-state, both state evolution laws reduce θ to D_c/V , so that the steady-state coefficient of friction can be simply expressed as (M.P.A van den Ende et al., 2018):

$$\mu_{ss}(V) = \mu^* + (a - b) \ln\left(\frac{V}{V^*}\right)$$

- ① The parameter $(a-b)$ now describes the velocity-dependence of μ at steady-state, with **positive values** (i.e. $a>b$) resulting in **velocity strengthening**, and **negative values** resulting in **velocity-weakening** behaviour.
- ② It has been demonstrated by Ruina (1983) that a material characterised by a negative $(a-b)$ is prone to frictional instabilities, i.e. stick-slip behaviour, and thus it is assumed that **seismogenic fault segments exhibit a negative $(a-b)$** .
- ③ **Typical values for $(a-b)$** reported by experimental studies lie in the range of $\pm 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$.

Poroelastic Rebound

After the earthquake, fluids will migrate from high-pressure areas to low pressure areas resulting in time-dependent surface deformation associated with **poroelastic rebound** (Peltzer et al., 1996, 1998; Yan Hu et al., 2014).

Significance

- ① Understanding the mechanical strength (**rheology**) of the lithosphere and the processes that govern postseismic stress transfer is central to our **understanding of the earthquake cycle and seismic hazards** (Freed et al., 2006).
- ② Inferences from postseismic studies provide insights into some of the most **basic properties of the lithosphere**, such as the **constitutive properties** and **extent of faulting**, the **permeability of the crust** and **influence of fluid flow**, the **depth extent of the elastic portion** of the crust, and the **relative viscoelastic strength** of the lower crust and upper mantle (Freed et al., 2006).
- ③ Important part of the **ITRF2014** (Altamimi et al., 2016).

Problems

- ① List some of the **software** related to the postseismic deformation?
- ② How to **extract** the 'pure' postseismic deformation?
- ③ How to get the **viscosity** or **frictional parameters**?

Software

Software	Earth structural parameters	Maxwell	Burgers	Power law constitutive relation	lateral inhomogeneous
VISCO1D	ρ, B, M, η	yes	yes	no	no
PSGRN/PSCMP	$(V_p, V_s), \rho, \eta$	yes	yes	no	no
RELAX	$\dot{\gamma}$	yes	no	yes	no
VISCO2.5D	$(V_p, V_s), \rho, \eta$	yes	yes	no	yes

Figure: 粘弹性松弛软件比较 (赵斌, 2017)

Software

Code Name	Type	Modeler Name & Group Members	References
SCycle	FDM	abrahams (Abrahams/ Allison/Dunham)	Erickson and Dunham (2014) Allison and Dunham (2018) https://github.com/kali-allison/SCycle
FDCycle	FDM	erickson (Erickson/Mckay)	Erickson and Dunham (2014) https://github.com/brittany-erickson/FDCycle
QDESDG	DG-FEM	kozdon (Kozdon)	https://github.com/jkozdon/QDESDG
Unicycle	BEM	barbot (Barbot)	Barbot (2019) http://bitbucket.org/sbarbot
FDRA	BEM	cattania (Cattania/Segall)	Segall and Bradley (2012b); Bradley (2014)
BICyclE	BEM	jiang (Jiang) lambert (Lambert/Lapusta) xma (Ma/Elbanna)	Lapusta et al. (2000); Lapusta and Liu (2009)
QDYN	BEM	luo (Luo/Idini/ van den Ende/Ampuero)	Luo and Ampuero (2017) https://github.com/ydluo/qdyn
ESAM	BEM	liu (Liu) wei (Wei/Shi)	Liu and Rice (2007)

Figure: Codes for simulating sequences of earthquake and aseismic slip
(SEAS)(Erickson et al.,2019)

Extract the 'pure' postseismic deformation

The raw time series obtained from GPS observations usually contain various signals, such as: **offsets** related to earthquake or antenna/receiver changes; **secular velocities** due to plate motion or fault locking; **seasonal variations** which mainly come from hydrological loading ([Zhen Tian et al., 2020](#)).

Extract the 'pure' postseismic deformation

- **Preprocessing** the data, such as eliminating outliers, repairing nonseismic offsets and correcting coseismic offsets.
- **Interpolating** the interseismic 3-D velocities of the stations installed after the mainshock. The computer code VISR (velocity interpolation for strain rate) developed by Shen et al. (2015) is applied to interpolate the inter-seismic velocities of those stations without preearthquake observations.
- Determining the **logarithmic relaxation time** after removing longterm trends and seasonal items.
- **Improving** the signal-to-noise ratio of postseismic displacements using the PCA algorithm. ([Z.S. Jiang et al., 2018](#))

Extract the 'pure' postseismic deformation

$$y(t)_{\text{preseismic}} = A + Bt + C\sin(2\pi t) + D\cos(2\pi t) + E\sin(4\pi t) + F\cos(4\pi t) + H(t)$$

$$y(t)_{\text{postseismic}} = \alpha \ln(1 + \frac{t}{\tau}) + \beta \sin(2\pi t) + \gamma \cos(2\pi t) + H(t) + \delta$$

(Ingleby et al., 2020)

Extract the 'pure' postseismic deformation

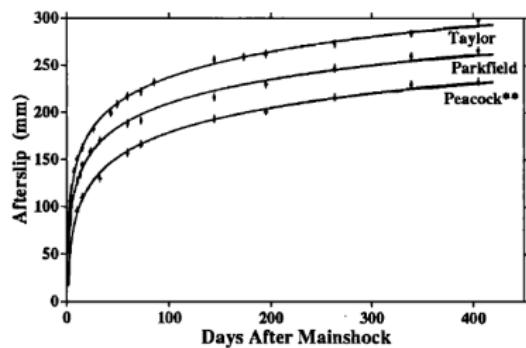


Figure: “Transient after slip creep” behavior [Marone et al., 1991; Perfettini and Avouac, 2004; Savage et al., 2005] tending to follow a logarithmic function.

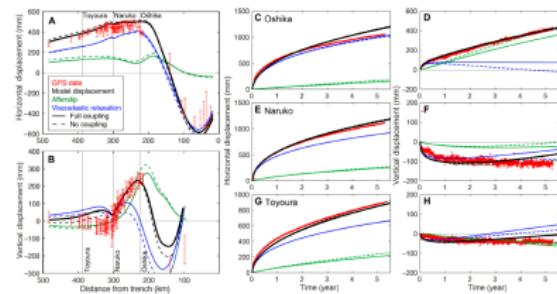


Figure: “Viscoelastic relaxation” type [Savage and Prescott, 1978; Pollitz, 1997] that is better described by an exponential decay (Muto et al., 2019).

Viscosity or frictional parameters

- ① Trial and error method
- ② Grid search method
- ③ ABIC
- ④ Adjoint method

Viscosity or frictional parameters

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Postseismic deformation following the 1999 Chi-Chi earthquake, Taiwan: Implication for lower-crust rheology

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[1] On 1999 September 21, the Mw 7.6 Chi-Chi earthquake ruptured a segment of the Chelungpu Fault, a frontal thrust fault of the Western Foothills of Taiwan. The stress perturbation induced by the rupture triggered a transient deformation across the island, which was well recorded by a wide network of continuously operating GPS stations. The analysis of more than ten years of these data reveals a heterogeneous pattern of postseismic displacements, with relaxation times varying by a factor of more than ten, and large cumulative displacements at great distances, in particular along the Longitudinal Valley in eastern Taiwan, where relaxation times are also longer. We show that while afterslip is the dominant relaxation process in the epicentral area, viscoelastic relaxation is needed to explain the pattern and time evolution of displacements at the larger scale. We model the spatiotemporal behavior of the transient deformation as the result of afterslip on the décollement that extends down-dip of the Chelungpu thrust, and viscoelastic flow in the lower crust and in the mid-crust below the Central Range. We construct a model of deformation driven by coseismic stress change where afterslip and viscoelastic flow are fully coupled. The model is compatible with the shorter relaxation times observed in the near field, which are due to continued fault slip, and the longer characteristic relaxation times and the reversed polarity of vertical displacements observed east of the Central Range. Our preferred model shows a viscosity of $0.5\text{--}1 \times 10^{19}$ Pa s at lower-crustal depths and 5×10^9 Pa s in the mid-crust below the Central Range, between 10 and 30 km depth. The low-viscosity zone at mid-crustal depth below the Central Range coincides with a region of low seismicity where rapid advection of heat due to surface erosion coupled with underplating maintain high temperatures, estimated to be between 300°C and 600°C from the modeling of thermo-chronology and surface heat flow data.

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Figure: Trial and error method

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Overlapping post-seismic deformation processes: afterslip and viscoelastic relaxation following the 2011 M_w 9.0 Tohoku (Japan) earthquake

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Figure: Grid search method

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Improvement on spatial resolution
 of a coseismic slip distribution using postseismic
 geodetic data through a viscoelastic inversion



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Figure: ABIC

Figure: Model

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}_c \\ \mathbf{d}_{p_1} \\ \mathbf{d}_{p_2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{d}_{p_K} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{G}_e & & \cdots & & 0 \\ \hat{\mathbf{G}}_{V_{1,0}} & \mathbf{G}_e & & & \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{G}}_{V_{2,0}} & \hat{\mathbf{G}}_{V_{2,1}} & \mathbf{G}_e & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ \hat{\mathbf{G}}_{V_{K,0}} & \hat{\mathbf{G}}_{V_{K,1}} & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{G}}_{V_{K,K-1}} & \mathbf{G}_e \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$\times \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_c \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}_{p_1} \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}_{p_2} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}_{p_K} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_c \\ \mathbf{e}_{p_1} \\ \mathbf{e}_{p_2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_{p_K} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Adjoint-based direct data assimilation of GNSS time series for optimizing frictional parameters and predicting postseismic deformation following the 2003 Tokachi-oki earthquake

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Forward and inverse modelling of post-seismic deformation

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SUMMARY

We consider a new approach to both the forward and inverse problems in post-seismic deformation. We present a method for forward modelling post-seismic deformation in a self-gravitating, heterogeneous and compressible medium, a variety of linear and non-linear rheologies. We further demonstrate how the adjoint method can be applied to the inverse problem approach to invert for rheological structure and to calculate the sensitivity of a given surface measurement to changes in rheology or time-dependence of the source. Both the forward and inverse aspects are illustrated with several numerical examples implemented in a spherically symmetric earth model.

Key words: Numerical solutions; Inverse theory; Transient deformation; Dynamics of lithosphere and mantle.

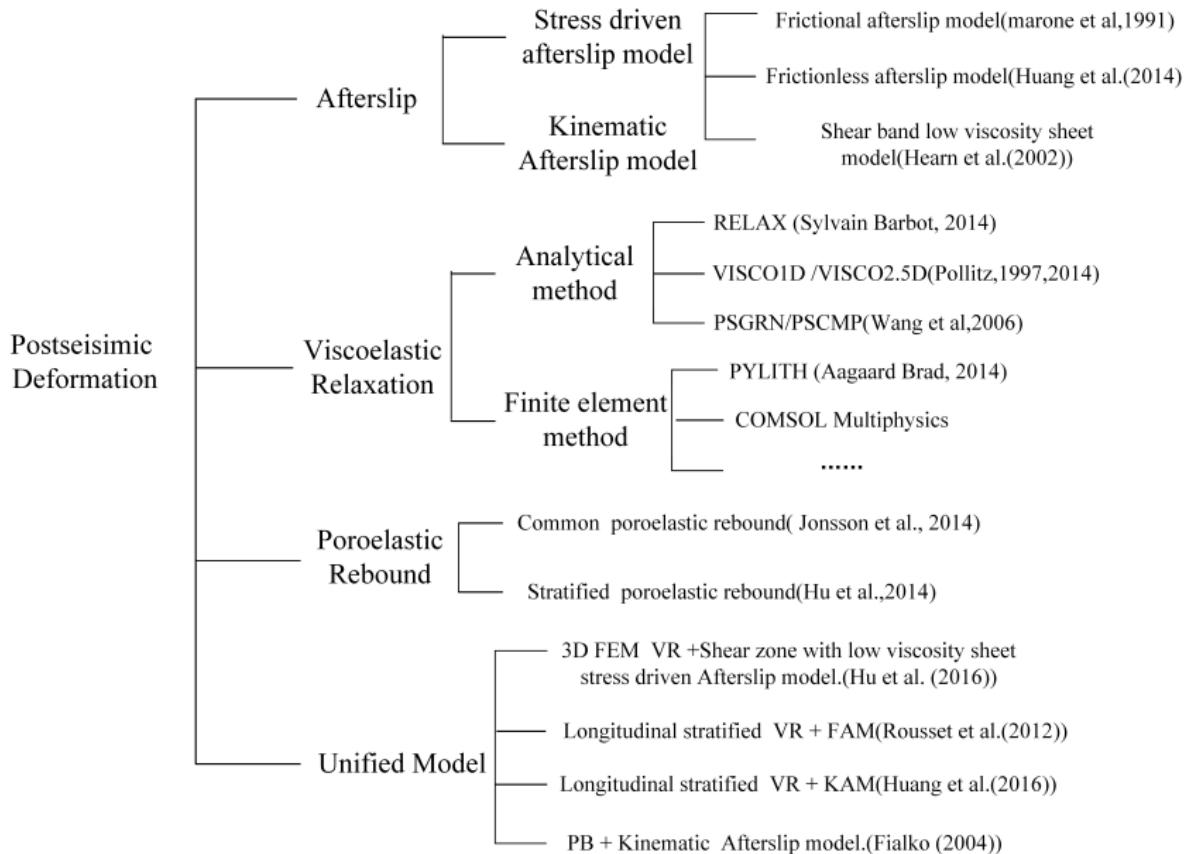
Figure: Adjoint method

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- ① Develop **softwares** that simulate the postseismic deformation
- ② Compare the methods of **extracting 'pure'** postseismic deformation
- ③ Propose **new methods or ways to invert** for the viscosity and frictional parameters
- ④ Analyse the postseismic deformation to find **new phenomenon or knowledge.**

Problems

- ① Could we use the postseismic deformation to **constraint the fault geometry?**
- ② How to **separate** the effect of various postseismic mechanisms?
- ③ What is the **relationship** among the coseismic slip distribution, afterslip distribution, and occurrence of aftershocks?
- ④ When do viscoelastic relaxation and afterslip **begin** and **how long** will they last in near- and far-field?
- ⑤ Is the friction properties of the fault **stationary?**



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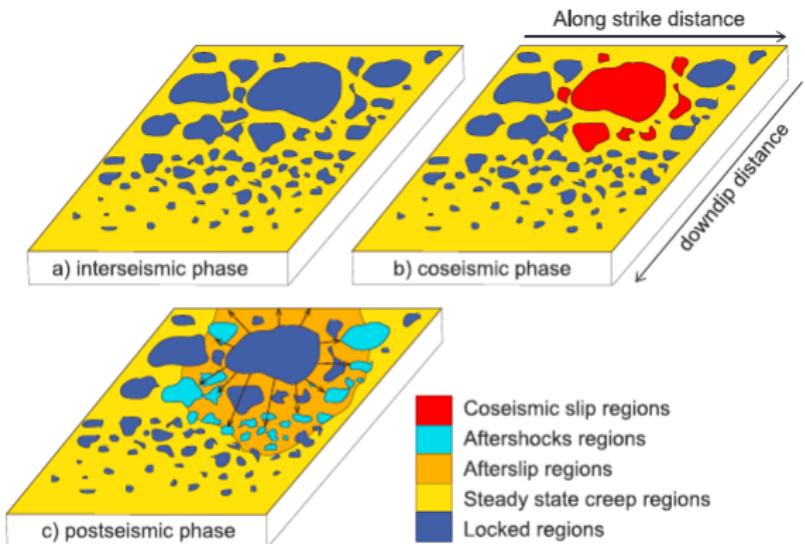


Figure 1. Schematic sketch of the model: (a) During the interseismic phase, a population of asperities (dark blue patches) are loaded by the surrounding interseismic creep (yellow region), occurring at a steady state (plate) velocity; (b) during the coseismic phase, some asperities slip coseismically (red patches), transferring large positive Coulomb stress into the nearby creeping regions; (c) during the postseismic phase, the creeping regions loaded by the mainshock show large amount of afterslip (orange region). As this afterslip increases along the fault with time, aftershocks (light blue) are produced accordingly when a significant amount of afterslip (of the order of U_a given in equation (19)) is reached. The black vectors describe the afterslip migration.

Figure: H. Perfettini et al., 2018. A model of aftershock migration driven by afterslip. GRL.

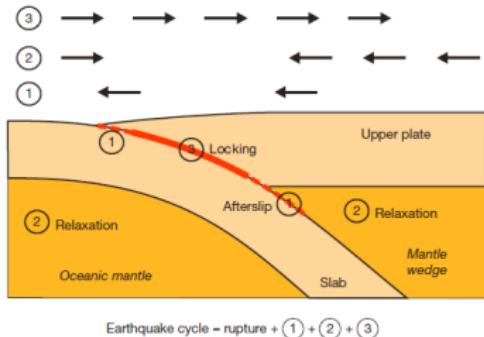


Figure 2 | Three primary processes after a subduction earthquake. (1) Aseismic afterslip occurs mostly around the rupture zone, (2) the coseismically stressed mantle undergoes viscoelastic relaxation, and (3) the fault is relocked. Arrows at the top show the sense of horizontal motion of Earth's surface, relative to distant parts of the upper plate, caused by each of these three processes.

Figure: Kelin Wang et al., 2012.
Deformation cycles of subduction
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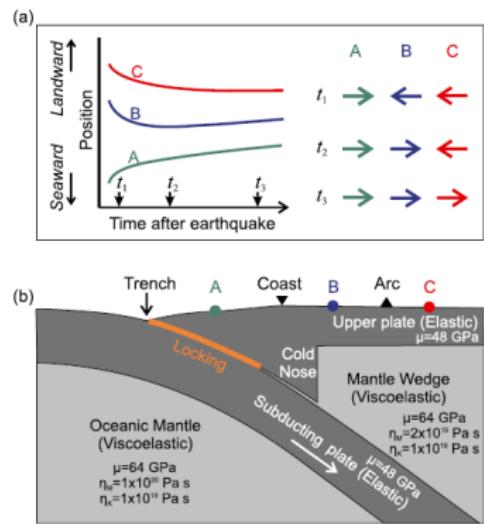


Figure: Haipeng Luo et al., 2020.
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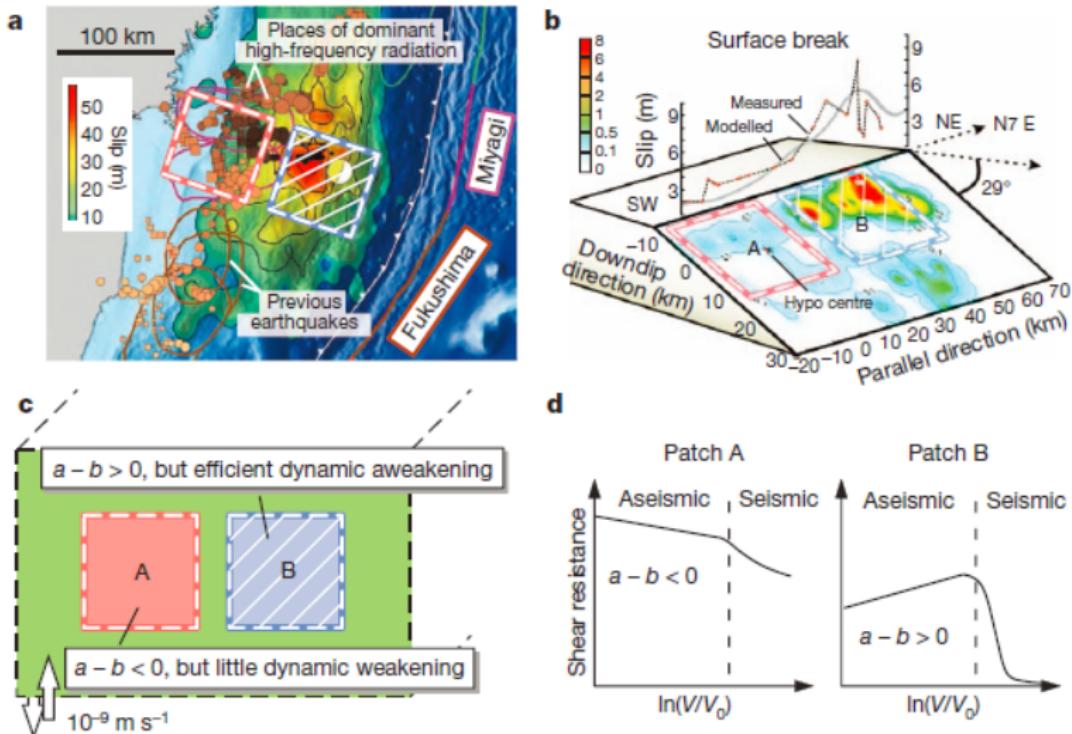


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