Identifying the unique ground motion signatures of supershear earthquakes: The one-two punch effect on high-rise buildings

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What Is a crustal Earthquake ?



Earthquake is a term used to describe both sudden slip on a fault, and the resulting ground shaking and radiated seismic energy caused by the slip.

http://earthquake.usgs.gov/ image_glossary/earthquake.html

Earthquakes are **spontaneous** frictional (shear) **ruptures** occurring along **weak planes** in the crust :

"Spontaneous" implies quasi-static tectonic loading and sudden triggering of dynamic slip.

"Rupture" means propagation of slip along a frictional (incoherent) interface. The rupture speed is the speed of dynamic unzipping and governs the nature of near-fault ground shaking. SKR 1 0.419





A GLIMPSE AT A POTENTIALLY BIG PROBLEM "Rupture" means propagation of slip along a frictional (incoherent) interface

<u>Brad Aagaard (CE Ph.D, 2000)</u> <u>Robert Graves (GPS PhD, 1990)</u> - Equivalent to fast unzipping - SCEC ShakeOut Simulation workgroup

Pressure Wave $(c_p \sim 5 \text{ km/s})$, Shear Wave $(c_s \sim 3.5 \text{ km/s})$ Rayleigh Wave $(c_R \sim 3 \text{ km/s})$



• The ground-shaking intensity and radiated energy are related to rupture speed How big could the Rupture Speed (v)be ?

Evidence of Supershear ($c_S < v < c_P$) Rupture speeds A shear wave Mach Cone only

- Within resolution of the inversion process the majority of field evidence suggests rupture speeds, v, between 0.8 C_R to C_R of crustal rock (~2.9Km/s) Venkataraman and Kanamori, *JGR* (2004)
- Evidence of supershear $(C_S < v < C_P)$ rupture bursts along fault segments.

	References	Events	
	• Song and Beroza, BSSA (2006)	1906 San Francisco,CA ; M _w 7.8	
v _r > c _s	 R. Archuleta, <i>JGR</i> (1984) Spudich and Kranswick, <i>BSSA</i> (1984) 	1979 Imperial Valley, CA ; M _w 6.5	
	 Bouchon, Bouin ,Karabulet , Toksöz ,Dietrich and. <u>Rosakis</u> ,GRL, (2001) 	1999 Izmit, Turkey ; M _w 7.4	
	•Bouchon and Vallee, <i>Science</i> (2003) •Robinson, Brough and Das, <i>JGR</i> (2006) •Das, <i>Science</i> (2007)	2001 Kunlunshan, China ; M _w 7.8 (Transition)	
	•Walker and Shearer, <i>JGR</i> (2009)		Personal favorites
	 Ellsworth et al., (2004); Walker and Shearer , <i>JGR</i> (2009) 	2002 Denali, Alaska ; M _w 7.9 (Transition and near- fault record)	

A Rare NEAR-FAULT Record of a just transitioned, SUPERSHEAR event

Mw 7.9, 2002 Denali, Alaska Earthquake. Transition at 72Km(18Km W. of pump 10 station located at 3Km north), Ellsworth et al.(2004).Right lateral slip, West to East.



References: Dunham and Archuleta, (2004); Ellsworth et al., (2004); Eberhart-Phillips et al., (2003)

From Real to Laboratory Earthquakes (Mimicking Spontaneous Rupture Events in Frictional interfaces)

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- Rock
- Fault
- Tectonic stress
- Hypocenter



Experimental setup that mimics pre-stressed faults

Non-dimensional shear prestress = $\tau_0 / \sigma_0 = f_0 = \tan \alpha$



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Fiber optic heterodyne laser interferometers enable <u>continuous particle velocity records</u> at a <i>fixed location with high temporal resolution. All three components measured.

 \Rightarrow Photo-elastic interferometer with high speed cameras: Interference fringes correspond to isocontours of $\sigma_1 - \sigma_2 = 2\tau_{max}(x_1, x_2)$, camera operated at 1Million frames per second.

















Transition: From Sub-Rayleigh to Supershear (Xia, Rosakis and Kanamori, Science 2004)

40 µs



R. Burridge, G. Cohn, L.B Freund "The stability of a rapid mode II shear crack with finite cohesive traction", JGR (1979) VOL. 85 NO. B5, 2210 – 2222

Evolution of Rupture Speed for Supershear Ruptures



2. Higher interface pre-stress results in higher super-shear speeds

How does a Mach front sound?



- In this example from Aeronautics , Mach Fronts correspond to sudden (audible) Jumps in Pressure while in earthquakes they are Jumps in Shear stress.
- •We want to study the effect of Shear "Mach Fronts" generated by super-shear ruptures

Laser Interferometers to Record Ground Shaking in both Super-shear and Sub-Rayleigh Ruptures



Simultaneous Pair of Fault Normal & Fault Parallel Velocity Measurements

Mello, Bhat, Rosakis and Kanamori, Tectonophysics, Special Volume on Supershear 2010

FP and FN Ground Velocity histories for a Sub-Rayleigh and a Supershear Rupture (station, north of Fault in compressive side)

































































































Comparison between Lab and Natural Earthquake (The trailing Rayleigh and the one-two Punch)



Reference: Dunham and Archuleta, (2004); Ellsworth et al., (2004); Eberhart-Phillips et al., (2003)

Classification of Earthquakes: Ground motion signatures of steady-state, Sub-Rayleigh and Supershear Ruptures







 M_w 7.8 San Francisco, CA? M_w 6.5 Imperial Valley, CA. M_w 7.4 Izmit, Turkey M_w 7.2 Duzce, Turkey M_w 7.8 Kunlunshan, Tibet M_w 7.9 Denali, Alaska

References: Freund and Clifton (1974); Freund (1979&1990); Aagaard and Heaton (2004); Dunham and Archuleta (2004) Bhat et al., (2007), Dunham and Bhat, (2008)

Using 2D Numerics to identify Basic Signatures: Delivering the one-two punch

2D Plane-Stress Finite Element simulations using a commercial code, ABAQUS. Simulation conducted on model material (Homalite-100) Slip-Weakening frictional constitutive description : $D_c = 10$ microns, $f_s = 0$ $f_d = 0.2$



Velocity Signatures of Sub-Rayleigh and Supershear Ruptures



The One-Two Punch: Effect of Supershear Earthquakes on Buildings

We have studied the special, ground shaking, signatures of transitioning super-shear earthquakes.

What are the implications for building safety and Seismic hazard?

Mello, Bhat, Rosakis and Kanamori, *Tectonophysics, Special Volume on Supershear 2010.*



Song and Beroza, BSSA (2006), 1906 San Francisco, CA; M 7.8

Temporally Scaling Laboratory Earthquake to Match Pump Station 10

Unique ground motion feature common to both sub-Rayleigh and Supershear Earthquakes: Trailing Rayleigh Signature



• Temporal Scaling achieved by stretching the laboratory record (t_R^{exp}) to match the Trailing Rayleigh Signature in PS10 record (t_R^{PS10}) .Common to sub-Rayleigh and Super-shear.

• Velocity Magnitude Scaling achieved by matching the amplitudes of the trailing Rayleigh signature between PS 10 and experiment. Note that by using non-dimensional arguments from steady-state rupture dynamics also results in Denali PS10-like velocity magnitudes.

Spatially Scaling Laboratory Earthquake to Match PS10 Record

Spatial Scaling achieved by solving for a station location in the laboratory specimen that would give the same time difference between the arrival of the Main Pulse and the Trailing Rayleigh Signature both in the temporally scaled laboratory record and the PS10 record.



Calculating Δt for a Supershear Rupture



Arrival time of the main Supershear pulse at Station

$$t_{SS} = \int_0^{L_T} \frac{dx}{v_r(x)} + \int_{L_T}^x \frac{dx}{v_r(x)} + \frac{y\cos\theta}{c_s} , \ \sin\theta = \frac{c_s}{v_r}$$

Arrival time of the Trailing Rayleigh Signature at the Station

$$t_R = \int_0^{L_T} \frac{dx}{v_r(x)} + \int_{L_T}^x \frac{dx}{c_R} = \int_0^{L_T} \frac{dx}{v_r(x)} + \frac{x - L_T}{c_R}$$

Difference in arrival time of the Trailing Rayleigh Signature and Supershear pulse

$$\Delta t = t_R - t_{SS} = \frac{x - L_T}{c_R} - \int_{L_T}^x \frac{dx}{v_r(x)} - \frac{y \cos \theta}{c_s}$$

Stations (x,y) With the Same Δt



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$$\Delta t = t_R - t_{SS} = \frac{x - L_T}{c_R} - \int_{L_T}^x \frac{dx}{v_r(x)} - \frac{y}{c_s} \sqrt{1 - \frac{c_s^2}{v_r^2}}$$

Solving for (x,y) one obtains a locus of stations with same Δt for a fixed transition length



Geometric Scaling





Ellsworth et al. (2004)

Constrain the locus of stations with same $\Delta t = \Delta t^{PS10,scaled}$, with geometric scaling:

$$y = x \tan \beta - L^*$$

$$\frac{y^{PS10}}{(x - L_T)^{PS10}} = \frac{1}{6} = \frac{y^{exp}}{(x - L_T)^{exp}} = S_L \quad (say)$$

Solving now for station coordinates with geometric scaling constraint gives

$$\Rightarrow x^{exp} = \frac{L^* - L_T^{exp} S_L}{\tan \beta - S_L} \quad ; \quad y^{exp} = S_L (x^{exp} - L_T^{exp})$$

 $\beta = \tan^{-1} \left[c_s \sec \theta / c_R - \tan \theta \right] \; ; \; \; L^* = (L_T + c_s \Delta t) \tan \beta \; \; ; \; \; \sin \theta = c_s / v_r$

Implications of Supershear Ruptures on Buildings

Building Studied : Existing, steel moment-frame building of the 20-story class

- 3D Finite Element simulations using FRAME3D
- Developed at Caltech by Prof. Swaminathan Krishnan



Swaminathan Krishnan CE/GPS Caltech



Asymmetric placement of Moment Frames (Center of resistance and Center of Mass don't coincide)

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Existing Building (Woodland Hills), isometric view (designed according to UBC82 provisions) $T_1 = 4.43s; T_2 = 4.22s; T_3 = 2.47s$

Identical Buildings at two near-fault locations subjected to excitation from Supershear or Sub-Rayleigh ruptures



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Redesigned Building (designed according to UBC97 provisions) $T_1 = 3.72s; T_2 = 3.51s; T_3 = 2.24s$

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Scaled Laboratory Earthquake Record vs. Denali Pump Station 10



 \diamond After Scaling, the dominant features of 2002 Denali PS10 record captured by laboratory record

Summary and Conclusions

- We have experimentally shown that:
 - In the stable supershear rupture velocity regime, the FAULT PARALLEL ground motion velocity component DOMINATES over the fault normal component.
 - In the SUB-RAYLEIGH velocity regime , the FAULT NORMAL ground motion component dominates.
- We have explored transitions to super-shear and have identified the unique "one-two punch" effect on ground shaking signatures.
- We also have demonstrated the potentially catastrophic effect of such supershear ruptures on buildings.







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