# Post-Earthquake Relaxation Using a Spectral Element Method: 2.5D Case



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#### Seismic wave propagation

SPECFEM3D / Dimitri Komatitsch et al. - Sichuan earthquake, May 12, 2008



2008 Sichuan earthquake (Komatitsch et al. -http://komatitsch.free.fr/)



Komatitsch and Tromp (Linux Journal, 2001)



#### Seismic wave propagation







t=9.0s

t=52.5s

Seismic wave propagation

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r};s) = \rho(\mathbf{r})s^2 \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)$$
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) = \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r};s) : \boldsymbol{\nabla}\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)$$

Quasi-static deformation

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abla} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)$$

u = displacement; σ = stress tensor; f = source term
c = elastic tensor
r = position vector; s = Laplace transform variable

# Outline

- SEM for quasi-static deformation in 2.5D
- Comparison of SEM with analytic solution
- Application to post-Landers and Hector Mine relaxation

## Steps for implementing SEM

- Equations of quasi-static  $\rightarrow$  Strong form equilibrium
- Model discretization
- $\rightarrow$  Mesh of elements

Weak form

- $\rightarrow$  Transformation between physical and local elemental coordinates
- Mapping =
- on the elements
- Integration over the element
- -Mass-matrix---Stiffness matrix
- Interpolation of functions  $\rightarrow$  Lagrange polynomials Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre (GLL) points
  - $\rightarrow$  GLL integration quadrature GLL points and weights
  - $\rightarrow$  Quasi-static problem
- Assembly of global linear system •



Geometry of model domain in 2.5D. Viscoelastic structure is assumed symmetric with respect to a symmetry pole P, i.e., it does not vary with  $\phi$ , but may vary with  $\theta$  and r.

## Equations of quasi-static equilibrium

 $-\rho(\mathbf{r})\boldsymbol{\nabla}\Phi_{1}(r) + \boldsymbol{\nabla}\left[\rho(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)\cdot\mathbf{g}\right] - \boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\left[\rho(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)\right]\mathbf{g} + \boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r};s) = \mathbf{0}$ 

 $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) = \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r};s) : \boldsymbol{\nabla} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)$ 

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_1(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi G \, \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \rho(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}; s) \right]$$

where  $\rho$  is density,  $\Phi_1$  is perturbed gravitational potential, c is the elastic tensor, and g is the reference gravitational acceleration vector

$$\mathbf{g} = -g_0(r)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

Ignore coupling of the elastic deformation field with  $\Phi_1 \rightarrow \Phi_1$ 

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \left[ \rho(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s) \cdot \mathbf{g} \right] - \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \rho(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s) \right] \mathbf{g} + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r};s) = \mathbf{0}$$

**r** = position vector; s = Laplace transform variable

## Equations of quasi-static equilibrium

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For a reference structure that is in hydrostatic equilibrium

$$\nabla \rho \times \nabla g = 0$$

This enables us to re-write the equation of quasi-static equilibrium in a form which does not depend on the gradient of density:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r})\boldsymbol{\nabla}\left[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)\cdot\mathbf{g}\right] - \rho(\mathbf{r})\left[\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)\right]\mathbf{g} + \boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r};s) = \mathbf{0}$$

## Viscoelasticity

Implemented in the Laplace transform domain

Burgers body: 
$$\mu(s) = \frac{\mu_1 s \left(s + \frac{\mu_2}{\eta_2}\right)}{\left[\left(s + \frac{\mu_2}{\eta_2}\right) \left(s + \frac{\mu_1}{\eta_1}\right) + s \frac{\mu_1}{\eta_2}\right]}$$



#### Weak form of equation of quasi-static equilibrium

 $\rho(\mathbf{r})\nabla \left[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)\cdot\mathbf{g}\right] - \rho(\mathbf{r})\left[\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)\right]\mathbf{g} + \nabla\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r};s) = \mathbf{0}$ 



Take the vector product with  $w_j(r)$  and integrate over a volume V, the annulus swept out by an elemental area over the azimuth range from 0 to  $2\pi$  about the pole of symmetry

$$\int_{V} \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \{\rho(\mathbf{r}) \boldsymbol{\nabla} [\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s) \cdot \mathbf{g}] - \rho(\mathbf{r}) \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot [\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)] \mathbf{g} \} d^{3}\mathbf{r}$$

$$+\int_V \mathbf{w}_j(\mathbf{r})\cdot \left[ oldsymbol{
abla} \cdot oldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) 
ight] \, d^3\mathbf{r} \, = \, -\int_V \, \mathbf{w}_j(\mathbf{r})\cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r};s) \, d^3\mathbf{r}$$

Apply the divergence theorem to the  $\nabla \cdot \sigma$  term to obtain the weak form:

$$\begin{split} \int_{V} \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \left\{ \rho(\mathbf{r}) \boldsymbol{\nabla} \left[ \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s) \cdot \mathbf{g} \right] - \rho(\mathbf{r}) \left[ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s) \right] \mathbf{g} \right\} \, d^{3}\mathbf{r} \, + \, \int_{\partial V} \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) \cdot \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) \, d^{2}\mathbf{r} \\ &- \, \int_{V} \, \boldsymbol{\nabla} \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) : \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) \, d^{3}\mathbf{r} = \, - \, \int_{V} \, \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r};s) \, d^{3}\mathbf{r} \end{split}$$

## Model discretization

A general mapping of local to global coordinates in element Γ is

$$\begin{split} r &= \frac{r_k + r_{k+1}}{2} + z(r,\theta) \frac{\Delta r^{\Gamma}}{2} \qquad (-1 \leq z(r,\theta) \leq 1) \\ \theta &= \frac{\theta_l + \theta_{l+1}}{2} + x(r,\theta) \frac{\Delta \theta^{\Gamma}}{2} \qquad (-1 \leq x(r,\theta) \leq 1) \end{split}$$

In the Laplace transform domain, let the local 3D displacement field be expanded as

$$\mathbf{u}(r, heta,\phi;s) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{lpha=0}^{N} \sum_{eta=0}^{N} \left[ a^m_{lphaeta}(s) \psi_{lphaeta}(x,z) \hat{oldsymbol{ heta}} + b^m_{lphaeta}(s) \psi_{lphaeta}(x,z) \hat{oldsymbol{\phi}} + c^m_{lphaeta}(s) \psi_{lphaeta}(x,z) \hat{oldsymbol{r}} 
ight] e^{im\phi}$$

- $\psi_{\alpha\beta}$  are 2D Gauss-Legendre-Lobatto basis functions
- m = azimuthal order number



## Gauss-Legendre-Lobatto basis functions



Interpolation points

 $x_0 = -1, \quad x_\gamma = ext{zeroes of } P'_N(x), \quad x_N = 1 \quad (1 \le \gamma \le N - 1)$ 

1D GLL basis functions

$$\psi_\gamma(x)=rac{-1}{N(N+1)P_N(x_\gamma)}rac{(1-x^2)P_N'(x)}{x-x_\gamma}$$

#### Gauss-Legendre-Lobatto basis functions



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#### Integration over the elements

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Quadrature points  $x_0 = -1, \quad x_\gamma = ext{zeroes of } P'_N(x), \quad x_N = 1 \quad (1 \le \gamma \le N-1)$ 

2D Legendre-Gauss-Lobatto integration rule

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-1}^{1} f(x,z) \, dx \, dz \approx \sum_{\gamma} \sum_{\nu} w_{\gamma} w_{\nu} f(x_{\gamma}, x_{\nu})$$

Weights

$$w_{\gamma} = \frac{2}{N(N+1)} \frac{1}{[P_N(x_{\gamma})]^2} \quad (\gamma = 0, \cdots, N)$$

- Extremely high spatial accuracy -- 2D integration rule exact for polynomial functions up to degree 2N-1 in each dimension
- Quadrature points are identical to the interpolation points

## Linear system of simultaneous equations

$$\int_{V} \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \{\rho(\mathbf{r}) \boldsymbol{\nabla} \left[\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s) \cdot \mathbf{g}\right] - \rho(\mathbf{r}) \left[\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s)\right] \mathbf{g} \} d^{3}\mathbf{r} + \int_{\partial V} \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) \cdot \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) d^{2}\mathbf{r}$$

Weak form of eqns of static equilibrium

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{\sigma}_{\mathbf{r}}^{\text{of}} &= -\int_{V} \nabla \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) : \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) d^{3}\mathbf{r} = -\int_{V} \mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r};s) d^{3}\mathbf{r} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r};s) &= \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r};s) : \nabla \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r};s) \end{aligned}$$

Expansion of displacement field in terms of Gauss-Legendre-Lobatto basis functions  $\mathbf{u}(r,\theta,\phi;s) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha=0}^{N} \sum_{\beta=0}^{N} \left[ a^m_{\alpha\beta}(s)\psi_{\alpha\beta}(x,z)\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + b^m_{\alpha\beta}(s)\psi_{\alpha\beta}(x,z)\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + c^m_{\alpha\beta}(s)\psi_{\alpha\beta}(x,z)\hat{\mathbf{r}} \right] e^{im\phi}$ 

Test functions defined using GLL basis functions

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if i = 1

2D Gauss-Lobatto integration rule

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-1}^{1} f(x,z) \, dx \, dz \approx \sum_{\gamma} \sum_{\nu} w_{\gamma} w_{\nu} f(x_{\gamma}, x_{\nu})$$

$$\mathbf{w}_{j}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \psi_{\gamma\delta}(x(r,\theta), z(r,\theta)) e^{-im\phi} \begin{cases} \mathbf{o}, & \text{if } j = 1\\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}, & \text{if } j = 2\\ \hat{\mathbf{r}}, & \text{if } j = 3 \end{cases}$$



## Linear system of simultaneous equations

#### $\mathbf{KU} = \mathbf{F}$

(Stiffness matrix) (Displacement coefficients) = Source vector

The vector of unknowns U contains the  $3(N_{Nr}+1)(N_{N\theta}+1)$  expansion coefficients of the displacement components  $(a^m_{\alpha\beta}, b^m_{\alpha\beta}, \text{and } c^m_{\alpha\beta})$ , three for each of the  $(N_{Nr}+1)(N_{N\theta}+1)$  nodes of the global grid



At the 2D GLL interpolation points

$$\psi_{\alpha\beta}(x_{\gamma}, x_{\nu}) = \delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta_{\beta\nu}$$

Displacement field at points  $(r_{\gamma\nu}, \theta_{\gamma\nu})$  and arbitrary  $\phi$  is

$$\mathbf{u}(r_{\gamma\nu},\theta_{\gamma\nu},\phi;s) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ a^m_{\gamma\nu}(s)\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + b^m_{\gamma\nu}(s)\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + c^m_{\gamma\nu}(s)\hat{\mathbf{r}} \right] \, e^{im\phi}$$

#### **Boundary Conditions**

#### Vanishing stress



## Time domain results





## Details

- Uniform elastic parameters throughout  $\kappa_0 = \lambda_0 + (2/3)\mu_0 = 50 \text{ GPa}, \mu_0 = 30 \text{ GPa}$
- Uniform viscoelastic between 30 km and 180 km
- 34 x 27 cells, each with 36 GLL quadrature points
- Max azimuthal order number = 1353 in increments
   of 33 → repeating sources spaced 1200 km apart





Cumulative displacements up to 5τ for post-thrusting relaxation





0.10

0.05

-0.10

-0.05

-0.00

 $U_z/U$ 

Cumulative displacements up to  $5\tau$  for post-thrusting relaxation

#### Cumulative displacements along the equator for post-thrusting relaxation





Cumulative displacements up to  $5\tau$  for post-strike-slip relaxation



Cumulative displacements up to  $5\tau$  for post-strike-slip relaxation

#### Cumulative displacements along the equator for post-strike-slip relaxation





Cumulative displacements up to  $5\tau$  for post-dipslip relaxation



Cumulative displacements up to  $5\tau$  for post-dip-slip relaxation

#### Cumulative displacements along the equator for post-dip-slip relaxation



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Cumulative displacements up to  $5\tau$  for post-strike-slip relaxation

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Cumulative displacements up to  $5\tau$  for post-strike-slip relaxation

Cumulative displacements along the equator for post-strike-slip relaxation

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

Application to post-Landers and Hector Mine relaxation

- Estimate transient velocities
- Joint afterslip + lower crust and mantle relaxation modeling
  - -- 3D time-dependent displacements
  - -- 2D viscoelastic structure

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# Available code: VISCO2.5D

- 3D quasi-static displacement field on 2D viscoelastic structures
- •Limited to linear rheologies
- •Currently implements simple elements bounded by spherical shells and vertical interfaces
- Simple to run in parallel