# Parallel Finite Element Simulations of Dynamic Earthquake Rupture and Seismic Wave Propagation

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Why Do Earthquakes Happen?

# **Earthquakes occur at Plate Boundaries**



### (Duan et al., 2017)

## Potential Earthquake in North China





Topography (color) and sediment basin depth (contours) in North China.

#### (Yin et al., 2014)



Peak Horizontal Ground Velocity from 3 Scenario Realizations (Duan et al., 2017).

Scenario earthquakes and corresponding ground motions from parallel finite element simulations of dynamic rupture and wave propagations. In each model, there are ~480 million elements. Each simulation takes ~22 hrs using 256 MPI processes: ~5000 BUs + 500 Gb Memory per Simulation.

### Dynamic rupture on fault (Top) and seismic wave propagation along Earth's surface (Bottom)



(Duan et al., 2017)