Fault interaction and stress triggering

Types of interactions

Interaction type	Perturbation effects	Spatial scale	Temporal scale
Dynamic	- Rupture propagation; - Arrest	1 – 60 Km	1 – 20 s
Static	 Earthquake triggering; Off – faults aftershocks; Sesimicity rate change 	1 – 60 Km 1 – 60 Km 1 – 100 Km	minutes – few years
Post – seismic	Long – term stress changes	10 – 1000 Km	few years – centuries

Coulomb Failure Function

Following the Coulomb's failure assumption we define a Coulomb Failure Stress as (e.g. *Jaeger and Cook, 1969*):

$$CFS = \|\mathbf{T}\| + \mu (\sigma_n + p_{fluid}) - C$$

where: $\|\mathbf{T}\|$ is the shear tration modulus,

- μ is the coefficient of friction,
- σ_n is the normal stress (positive in tension),
- p_{fluid} is the pore fluid pressure,
- *C* is the cohesion.

Assuming μ and *C* constant over time, we have the Coulomb Failure Stress change:

$$\Delta CFS = \Delta \|\mathbf{T}\| + \mu (\Delta \sigma_n + \Delta p_{fluid})$$

where it has been assumed an isotropic failure plane.

 $\triangle CFS$ is used to evaluate if one earthquake brought another earthquake closer to, or farther from, failure:

 $\triangle CFS > 0 \Rightarrow$ fault plane loaded \Rightarrow closer to failure $\triangle CFS < 0 \Rightarrow$ fault plane relaxed \Rightarrow farther from failure (Stress Shadow)

Neglecting the spatial dependence in tractions, are:

 $T(t) = T(0) + \Delta T(t) \qquad \sigma_n(t) = \sigma_n(0) + \Delta \sigma_n(t) \qquad p_{fluid}(t) = p_{fluid}(0) + \Delta p_{fluid}(t)$ Therefore we can write:

$$\Delta CFS(t) = \| \mathbf{T}(0) + \Delta \mathbf{T}(t) \| - \| \mathbf{T}(0) \| + \mu (\Delta \sigma_n(t) + \Delta p_{fluid}(t))$$

 $\Delta \| \mathbf{T} \|$ is the change in shear stress due to the first earthquake and it is resolved in the slip direction of the second earthquake;

 $\Delta \sigma_n$ is the change in normal stress due to the first earthquake and it is resolved in the direction orthogonal to the fault plane of the second earthquake.

Stress changes approaches (after Harris, 1998)

Method	Parameters Required	Successes	Problems	Authors
Static Coulomb failure stress (elastic) ΔCFS	mainshock static slip model, μ' , and $\Delta\sigma$, $\Delta\tau$, $\dot{\tau}$, on known fault planes and known slip directions*	$\Delta CFS > 0$ explains locations of aftershocks that do occur, $\Delta CFS < 0$ predicts shadows (timing and locations); may give rupture extent	many $\Delta CFS > 0$ faults do not experience subsequent large earthquakes, so it is hard to use $\Delta CFS > 0$ as a predictive tool	Smith and Van de Lindt [1969], Rybicki [1973], Yamashina [1978], Stein and Lisowski [1983], Simpson et al. [1988], Yoshioka and Hashimoto [1989a, b], Reasenberg and Simpson [1992], etc. (see text for more authors); Crider and Pollard [this issue], Hardebeck et al. [this issue], Harris and Simpson [this issue], Kagan and Jackson [this issue], Nostro et al. [this issue], Taylor et al. [this issue], and Toda et al. [this issue]
Dynamic Coulomb failure stress (clastic) ΔCFS(t)	mainshock dynamic fault slip model, μ ', and $\Delta\sigma$ (t), $\Delta\tau$ (t) on known fault planes and known slip directions*	may predict rupture lengths, given fault geometry	does not explain long delays (more than tens of seconds) between subevents; needs more testing	Harris et al. [1991], Harris and Day [1993], Hill et al. [1993], Gomberg and Bodin [1994], Spudich et al. [1994, 1995], Cotton and Coutant [1997], etc.
Static rate and state	mainshock static slip model, $\Delta\sigma$, $\Delta\tau$, σ , τ , $\dot{\tau}$, A , B , D_c , H , time of last event, recurrence interval (to determine slip speed)	seems to predict aftershock duration	needs more testing; rate-and-state parameters defined in the laboratory, but not known for the Earth	Dieterich [1994], Dieterich and Kilgore [1996], Roy and Marone [1996], Gross and Bürgmann [1998], Gomberg et al. [this issue], Harris and Simpson [this issue], and Toda et al. [this issue]
Dynamic rate and state	mainshock dynamic fault slip model, $\Delta\sigma(t), \Delta\tau(t), \sigma, \tau,$ $\dot{\tau}, A, H$, time of last event, slip speed	may explain remote triggering	needs more testing; still need to define rate- and-state parameters in the Earth; inertial terms not yet included in models	Dieterich [1987] and Gomberg et al. [1997, this issue]
Static Coulomb failure stress (viscoelastic)	mainshock slip model, Maxwell relaxation time, relaxing layer thickness	may explain time delays between mainshock and subsequent events, also irregular recurrence intervals	needs more testing, also needs more geodetic data to confirm viscoelastic parameters	Drnowska et al. [1988], Roth [1988], Ghosh et al. [1992], Ben-Zion et al. [1993], Taylor et al. [1996], Pollitz and Sacks [1997], Freed and Lin [this issue]
Fluid flow	mainshock slip model, permeability tensor	may explain time delays between mainshock and subsequent events	may not be successful at predicting both the spatial and temporal aftershock pattern	Li et al. [1987], Hudnut et al. [1989], Noir et al. [1997], etc.; Secher et al. [this issue]

*If the aftershock fault planes are not known, then some authors assume optimally oriented faults; this requires knowledge of the background stress directions.

1 – D Spring – slider model





Analytical stress perturbations



Analytical stress perturbations The step and the pulse #1





Analytical stress perturbations The step and the pulse #2 Step: t_p=29.5 days 10 t_=216 years لا (* 1/2)/A <u>_</u>^B10 -20 -10 20 30 -10 Å -20 -30 $\ln(V/V_{\star})$ Pulse: t_=126.2 years 10 t, =126.2 years $(\tau_f^{-\tau_*})/A$ СВ 10 -20 -10 -80 20 3 A' A -10 -20 -30 $\ln(V/V_{\star})$

Realistic stress perturbations Syntetic seismograms





Realistic stress perturbations Syntetic seismograms #2





Fault interaction by dynamic stress transfer: the case of the 2000 South lceland seismic sequence

Part I

Motivations and **Goals**

To evidence the eventual effect of the transient part of the coseismic stress changes due to the 17 June 2000, M 6.6 South Iceland earthquake;

The debate on the triggering potential of transient stress changes is still open;

> The observational evidences are difficult and few.

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- O The largest events (M ~ 5) occurring in the first five minutes
- ➢ 8s, 26s, 30s, 130s, 226s
- O in intermediate far field
- ➢ ✗, 26s, 30s, 1✗s, 226s

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O that reasonably are not secondary aftershocks

2.6s.

9.7 mm/yr SISZ² 9.7 mm/yr Hengill volcano WVZ 64°N Resivianes Perinsula Resivianes Perinsula (km) 0 10 20 22°W 21°W 21°W 20°W

The 26 s and 30 s events

- They were not detected teleseismically.
- 26 s (64 km far)
 - -Not detected by DInSAR.
 - –Known fault.
- 30 s (77 km far)
 - Waveforms partially obscured by the first event (mechanism uncertain)
 - Detected by DInSAR and surface effects.
 - August 2003: M 5 event on N-S fault with the same epicenter.

From SIL seismograms the 26 s and 30 s events occurred at the arrival (later than the first) of shear waves traveling at 2.5 km/s at their location.



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- Slip distribution from geodetic data (Arnadottir et al. 2003). Right lateral strike slip fault, strike 7° E, dip 86°.
- Rupture history: bilateral Haskell model, rise time: 1-2 s, rupture velocity: 2.5 km /s.
- 2 crustal models with 4 layers:



	Depth	VP	ſ
	(km)	(km/s)	
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0-3.1	3.3	1.85	2300
3.1-7.8	6.0	3.37	2900
7.8-17	6.85	3.88	3100
>17	7.5	4.21	3300

 V_{S}

Density

(km/s) (kg/m³)

Depth	V _P	Vs	Density
(km)	(km/s)	(km/s)	(kg/m ³)
0-1.1	3.2	1.81	2300
1.1-3.1	4.5	2.54	2900
3.1-7.8	6.22	3.52	3100
>7.8	6.75	3.8	3300



West of Hengill

East of Hengill



△CFF(t) at the two hypocenters



Time separation between the events and between stress peaks comparable.

Snapshots of dynamic stress



Parameters sensitivity #1

- Stress at each hypocenter is affected by uncertain parameters such as the crustal model, rise time and the hypocentral depth.
- Crustal model



The origin times (from mainshock) of the two events remain at, or follow closely the second CFF peak for ~1 - 2 s rise time.



Uncertainties in stress amplitudes.

The fault response

- We study the fault response to the stress changes as evaluated at the two hypocenters with varying the parameters within their uncertaintes;
- We use a spring-slider model with rate- and state-dependent friction for variable effective normal stress σ_n^{eff} ;
- The system is perturbed either in shear stress and normal stress ($\Delta \tau(t)$, $\Delta \sigma_n^{\text{eff}}(t)$);
- We investigate the possibility of instantaneous triggering (during the transient stress perturbation).

Dieterich and Linker (1992)

$$\tau = \left[\mu_* + a \ln\left(\frac{v}{v_*}\right) + b \ln\left(\frac{\Psi v_*}{L}\right) \right] \sigma_n^{eff}(t)$$
$$\frac{d}{dt} \Psi = 1 - \frac{\Psi v}{L} - \alpha_{LD} \frac{\Psi \dot{\sigma}_n^{eff}}{b}$$
$$\alpha_{LD} = 0 \implies \sigma_n^{eff} = \sigma_n^{eff}(0)$$





The instantaneous trigger

- $h \sim 10$ km linear fault dimension,
- standard values of rheological parameters ($\mu_* = 0.7$, L = 1 mm, b = 0.01),
- $v_0 = 2 \text{ cm/yr}$ (spreading rate in the SISZ),
- fault in close to failure conditions (100% steady state ï unperturbed failure expected at less than 2 yr from June 17, 2000)
- The fault tends to fail within 1 s after a peak in CFF, as evaluated at the two hypocenters

if

- 1. the initial effective normal stress σ_0 is enough low, so that the shear stress perturbation $\Delta \tau$ at that peak is much larger than $a(\sigma_0 + \Delta \sigma)$
- 2. and the direct effect of friction *a* is enough low to keep fault unstable ($k/k_{crit} < 1$) for low values of σ_0 .



>For $a \le 0.003$ and $\sigma_0 \cong 20$ bar, we obtained instantaneous trigger within 1 second after the second peak of CFF, as expected for the two aftershocks in the SISZ.

>For a = 0.003 and $\sigma_0 > \gamma 20$ bar, $1 < \gamma < 10$ (increasing with the amplitude of the second peak of $\Delta \tau$) the trigger is not instantaneous (failure time > 4 hours).



 The 26 and 30 s events occurred near one of the important geothermal areas of Iceland;

- They were neglibly affected by static stress changes;
- They followed closely a peak of positive CFF;
- These results favour the hypothesis of dynamic triggering;
- Dynamic models of fault responses can explain observations for low values of effective normal stress (near lithostatic pore pressure).

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Part II





The spatial sampling of the receiver grid is <u>not</u> sufficient to correctly resolve the dynamic processes occurring during the rupture nucleation and propagation (Bizzarri and Cocco, 2003; 2005), as well as the temporal discretization.

We develop an algorithm that employs a C^2 cubic spline to interpolate $\Delta \sigma_{ij}$ in space and in time.





At time *t*, in each fault node, the dynamic load is: $\mathcal{L}_i = f_{ri} + T_{0i} + \Delta \sigma_{2i}$ (*i* = 1 and 3).

 T_{0i} are the components of the initial traction $(T_0(x_1, x_3) = \tau_0(x_1, x_3)(\cos(\varphi_0), 0, \sin(\varphi_0)))$

 f_{ri} are the components of the load (namely the contribution of the restoring forces, f_r) exerted by the neighboring points:

 $f_{ri} = (M^- f_i^+ - M^+ f_i^-)/(M^+ + M^-),$

where M^+ and M^- are the masses of the "+" and "-" half split-node of the fault plane Σ and **f**⁺ is the force acting on partial node "+" caused by deformation of neighbouring elements located in the "-" side of S (and viceversa for **f**⁻).

 $\{\Delta \sigma_{2i}\}$ are coupled to the components of the fault friction T_i via

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2}{\mathrm{d}t^2} u_1 = \alpha \left[\mathcal{L}_1 - T_1 \right]$$
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2}{\mathrm{d}t^2} u_3 = \alpha \left[\mathcal{L}_3 - T_3 \right]$$

where $\alpha \equiv \mathcal{A} ((1/M^+) + (1/M^-))$, $\mathcal{A} = \Delta x_1 \Delta x_3$. T_i express on the governing law.

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1) Perturbed rupture time $t_r = 25.9 \pm 0.1 \text{ s}$

2) Hypocenter (63.951 \pm 0.004 °N, 21.689 \pm 0.008 °W, 8.9 \pm 1.3 Km) \leftrightarrow on fault coordinates of (16500 \pm 450, 8900 \pm 1300) m (Antonioli et al., 2005)

Green: All Relocated Events within the Fault

63.90

Depth [km]

Orange: Relative Error in Lat, Lon and Depth < 100m

A

Latitude

63.95

3) From the aftershocks distribution shown in Hjaltadottir and Vogfjord (2005) we consider the seismic part of the fault (*A*) limited in latitude between 63.890 °N and 63.951 °N (in the case of Nord–South fault this corresponds to [9700, 16500] m in strike direction) and limited in depth between 5400 m and 7400 m

Upper bound estimates:

 $M_0 = 1.23 \times 10^{15} A^{3/2} = 6.15 \times 10^{16} \text{ Nm};$ Av. fault slip: $\langle u \rangle_A = M_0 / (\rho v_S^2 A) = 0.12 \text{ m};$ Av. stress drop: $\langle \Delta \tau \rangle_A = 2M_0 / (\pi W_A L_A) = 1.44 \text{ MPa}$

4) $M_w \ge 5$ (Arnadottir et al., 2006; Vogfiord, 2003) $\Rightarrow M_0 \cong 3.2 \times 10^{16}$ Nm











In the "virtual" hypocenter

Dieterich – Ruina governing law



Ruina – Dieterich governing law



<i>v</i> ^{<i>H</i>} = 0.01 m/s	(<i>t</i> = 24.56 s)
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 $v^{H} = 0.05 \text{ m/s} (t = 24.84 \text{ s})$

$$v^{H} = v_{I} = 0.1 \text{ m/s} (t = t_{p} = 24.94 \text{ s})$$

Failure occurs before traction reaches the residual level.

RD with L = 5 mm: $t_p^{min} = 23.99$ s @ (14600,7600) m $M_0 = 1.27 \times 10^{16}$ Nm [9500,16800] m in strike direction [6500,7700] m in dip direction

RD with L = 10 mm $t_p^{min} = 24.72 \text{ s} @ (13300,7300) \text{ m}$ $M_0 = 2.27 \times 10^{16} \text{ Nm}$ [9500,16700] m in strike direction [6000,7400] m in dip direction

From Bizzarri and Belardinelli (Nov. 2005; subm. to JGR)



Alternative source time functions

From Bizzarri and Belardinelli (Nov.

2005; subm. to JGR)

Bouchon modificata, $t_0 = 3.2$ s

 t_p^{min} = 26.49 s @ (13000,7500) m M_0 = 2.30 x 10¹⁶ Nm [9700,16500] m in strike direction [6400,7600] m in dip direction



Bouchon modificata, $t_0 = 1.6$ s; $\sigma_n^{eff^*} = 4.2$ MPa

 $t_p^{min} = 25.36 \text{ s} @ (13500,7600) \text{ m}$

 $M_0 = 2.59 \text{ x } 10^{16} \text{ Nm}$

[9500,16700] m in strike direction

[6200,8700] m in dip direction





 We simulate the remote triggering in a truly 3–D fault model with different governing laws;

- We generalize the results of Antonioli et al. (2006), providing additional details of the 26 s event: the location of the hypocenter, its failure time, the rupture area and the seismic moment;
- The spring-slider and the 3-D model are intrinsically different, but we observe an excellent agreement during the slow nucleation phase...
- ... during the acceleration, in the 3–D model the dynamic load of the slipping points further decrease the perturbed failure time;
- Dieterich–Ruina and Ruina–Dieterich laws are valid candidate to model the activation of the Hvalhnúkur fault at 26 s;

- On the contrary, with slip-dependent friction laws it is not possible to simulate the activation of the 26 s aftershock;
- The agreement with observations increases considering a modified (and more causal) source time function;
- ✓ If a detailed information of the initial state of the fault, potentially highly heterogeneous, was available the agreement with observations will be even better.



	Case	σ _{n0} profile	Constitutive law	Heterogeneous rheology	Rupture extension along strike (m)	Rupture extension along dip (m)	Hypocenter location (m)	Origin time (s)	Total seismic moment M ₀ (Nm)
	А	(b)	DR	No	Whole fault	Whole fault	(20700,2900)	23.47	2.37×10^{19}
	В	(b)	DR	No	Whole fault	Whole fault	(16500,2900)	23.47	2.23×10^{19}
	С	1	DR	No	[0, 27400]	[6000, 11600]	(15400,6600)	24.08	1.94×10^{17}
	D	2	DR	No		Not d	efined		1.21×10^{14}
	Е	3	DR	No	[6600, 20000]	[6400, 7500]	(13200,7500)	24.94	6.43×10^{16}
	F	3	DR	Yes	[9700, 16500]	[6400, 7500]	(13200,7500)	24.94	2.27×10^{16}
	G	3	DR	No	[15700, 35100]	[6000, 7800]	(27300,7500)	23.44	1.22×10^{17}
	Н	3	RD	Yes	[9000, 17300]	[6300, 8000]	(15700,7900)	23.44	2.02×10^{16}
	Ι	3	$\frac{\text{RD}}{(L=5 \text{ mm})}$	Yes	[9500, 16800]	[6500, 7700]	(14600,7600)	23.99	1.27×10^{16}
	L	3	$\begin{array}{c} \text{RD} \\ (L = 10 \text{ mm}) \end{array}$	Yes	[9500, 16700]	[6000, 7400]	(13300,7300)	24.72	2.17×10^{16}
	М	3	OY	Yes		Not d	efined		1.46×10^{14}
	Ν	3	ΟΥ	No	Whole fault	Whole fault	(24000,7700)	23.75	2.49×10^{19}
>	0	3	DR	Yes	[9700, 16500]	[6400, 7600]	(13000,7500)	26.49	2.30×10^{16}
	Р	3	DR	Yes	[9500, 16700]	[6200, 8700]	(13500,7600)	25.36	2.59×10^{16}
		Obs	ervational constra	ints	[9700, 16500]	[5400, 7400]	(16500 ± 450, 8900 ± 1300)	25.9 ± 0.1	\equiv 3.2 ×10 ¹⁶

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Geothermal areas in Iceland



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NATURAL CHANGES IN UNEXPLOITED HIGH-TEMPERATURE GEOTHERMAL AREAS IN ICELAND

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Figure 1. Geothermal areas in Iceland. The five main exploited high-temperature areas, Svartsengi, Reykjanes, Nesjavellir, Krafla and Námafjall are shown as well as the four unexploited high-temperature geothermal areas selected for study of natural changes, Krýsuvík, Theistareykir, Torfajökull and Kverkfjöll areas.

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Parameter	Value
	parallelepiped that extends $x_{1_{end}} = 36.5 \text{ Km}$
Ś	along x_1 , $x_{2_{end}} = 10$ Km along x_2 and
	$x_{3_{end}} = 11.6 \text{ Km along } x_3$
$\Sigma = OS$	$\{ \mathbf{x} \mid x_2 = x_2^f = 5000 \text{ m} \}$
$\Delta x_1 = \Delta x_2 = \Delta x_3 \equiv \Delta x$	100 m ^(a)
Number of nodes	4,289,571
Δt	1.27×10^{-3} s (a)
Number of time levels	33,650
v _l	0.1 m/s
$\sigma_n^{e\!f\!f^*}$	2.5 MPa
$\varphi(x_1, x_3, 0)$	$\varphi_0 = 180^\circ$
$v(x_1, x_3, 0)$	$v_{init} = 6.34 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m/s} (= 20 \text{ mm/yr})$
$\Psi(x_1, x_3, 0)$	$\Psi^{ss}(v_{init}) = 1.577 \times 10^6 \text{ s} \ (\cong 18.25 \text{ d})$
$\sigma_n^{eff}(x_1, x_3, 0)$	See Table 3
$\tau_0(x_1, x_3)$	$\mu^{ss}(v_{init})\sigma_n^{eff}(x_1, x_3, 0)$
a	0.003 ^(b)
b	0.010
L	1×10^{-3} m
μ_*	0.7
V.*	V _{init}
α_{LD}	0

3-D

Crustal profile (from Vogfjord et al., 2002; Antonioli et al., 2005)

Layer # k	$\frac{v_{P_k}}{(m/s)}$	$\frac{v_{S_k}}{(m/s)}$	ρ_{rock_k} (Kg/m ³)	$\begin{array}{c} \textit{Up do depth of} \\ x_{3_k}(m) \end{array}$
1	3200	1810	2300	1100
2	4500	2540	2540	3100
3	6220	3520	3050	7800
4	6750	3800	3100	11600

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