Crustal Deformation Modeling Tutorial

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Objectives of Tutorials

- Learn more about numerical modeling of crustal deformation
- Increase the productivity and quality of your numerical models
- Progress along the CUBIT/Trelis learning curve
- Progress along the PyLith learning curve
 - Make simple changes to examples
 - Create a simple model of your research problem of interest
- Progress along the ParaView learning curve



Overview of Tutorials

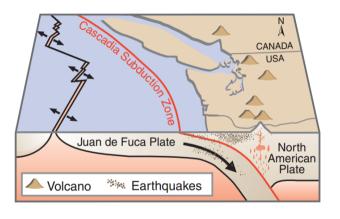
Agenda posted on geodynamics.org

Mon	Tue
Overview	Fault Friction
PyLith 2.2.1	3-D Green's Fns
Meshing	Tinker Time
Group Exercise	
	Gravity
BC & Eqs	Tinker Time
Group Exercise	PyLith v3.0
Troubleshooting	



Context of Tutorials

Examples use Cascadia Subduction Zone for realistic context





Getting Started

PyLith v2.2.1rc1 contains the examples we will be discussing

- O Download v2.2.1rc1 from https://github.com/geodynamics/pylith/releases
- If you do not have CUBIT/Trelis, download the mesh from the PyLith Wiki: https://wiki.geodynamics.org/software:pylith:cdm2017
- 3-D subduction zone example is in examples/3d/subduction



Getting Help After the Tutorial Ends

- Read the PyLith manual
- Try to work through the problem on your own
- Submit questions to cig-short@geodynamics.org
 - Describe the problem
 - Send complete output log and JSON parameters file.
- Subscribe to cig-short@geodynamics.org
 - Answers to most questions will be cc'ed to this email list
 - Short-term tectonics working group issues are posted here

What is CIG?

Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics (www.geodynamics.org)

Objective: Develop, support, and disseminate software for the geodynamics community.

- Coordinated effort to develop reusable, well-documented, open-source geodynamics software
- Strategic partnerships with the larger world of computational science and geoinformatics
- Specialized training and workshops for both geodynamics and larger Earth-science communities

Underlying principle: Earth scientists need help from computational scientists to develop state-of-the-art modeling codes



Introduction CIG

CIG: Institution-Based Organization

Educational and not-for-profit organization

Open-organization

- Any institution seeking to collaborate on the development of open-source geodynamics software
- No cost or size requirements
- Current members
 - 61 member institutions
 - 15 foreign affiliates



CIG Working Groups

Organized by sub-disciplines

- Short-term tectonics
- Long-term tectonics
- Mantle convection
- Computational seismology
- Geodynamo
- Magma dynamics



Short-Term Tectonics Working Group

Objective: Simulate crustal deformation across spatial scales from 1 m to 10^3 km and temporal scales ranging from 0.01 s to 10^5 years .

- Formed through efforts by Brad Hager and Mark Simons before CIG started
- Strong connection to SCEC Stress and Deformation through Time (SDOT) focus group
- Building connections with SCEC Fault and Rupture Mechanics (FARM) focus group



CIG Activities

- Software development: primary activity
- Workshops
 - Sponsors workshops organized by one or more working groups
 - Holds workshops focusing on scientific computing and geodynamics
- Training in use of CIG software
 - Tutorials at workshops
 - Specialized training sessions (like this one)
- Web site: geodynamics.org
 - Distribution of software and documentation
 - Mailing lists for each working group
 - Wiki-like web pages for community involvement



CIG Software





CIG Software for Crustal Deformation

Relax

- Solves 3-D problems associated with earthquake faulting and quasi-static viscoelastic deformation
- Short-term tectonics in a homogeneous half-space where geometry does not change significantly

PyLith

- Solves 2-D and 3-D problems associated with earthquake faulting and quasi-static and dynamic viscoelastic deformation
- Short-term tectonics where geometry does not change significantly

Gale (obsolete) → Aspect

- Solves problems in orogenesis, rifting, and subduction, including free surfaces with coupling to surface erosion models
- Long-term tectonics where geometry changes significantly

Virtual Quake

 Boundary element code that simulates earthquakes on fault systems based on stress interactions

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Logistics

Welcome to Golden!

- Meals
 - Breakfasst and lunch are in Mines Market
 - Dinner is on your own
- All sessions are in this room
- Reimbursement: CIG and SCEC
- We are all visitors, please be respectful to our hosts!

