# Coulomb

Charles-Augustin de Coulomb (14 June 1736 – 23 August 1806) was a French physicist. He is best known for developing Coulomb's law, the definition of the electrostatic force of attraction and repulsion. The SI unit of electric charge, the coulomb, was named after him. He was involved in engineering, in structural, fortifications, soil mechanics, as well as other fields of engineering.



### **Tractions and stress**

- A more strict definition of stress
- <u>Traction</u> is stress relative to a surface through a point **p**.
- <u>Stress tensor</u> is the field of tractions acting over a point **p**.
- <u>Stress field</u> is the entire collection of stress tensors in a body.

# Andersonian Faulting Theory

- Key assumptions:
  - Earth's surface is a free surface (so it has no shear tractions acting along it). Therefore,  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$ ,  $\sigma_3$  must be either parallel or perpendicular to it.
  - A fault will slip in the direction of maximum resolved shear traction

### Andersonian Faulting





Figure 6.62 Schematic representation of (A) thrust faults. (B) normal faults, and (C) strike—slip faults at or near the surface of the Earth. These are the likely orientations since each of the three principal stress directions at or near the surface of the Earth is either horizontal or vertical, and since the angle of internal friction for rocks is almost always approximately 30°.

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Davis and Reynolds, p. 306

#### The Stress Equations

Thankfully, once the magnitudes and orientations of the principal stresses at a point are known, we can readily calculate the normal stress ( $\sigma_n$ ) and shear stress ( $\sigma_s$ ) for planes of any orientation using the **fundamental stress equations** derived in standard engineering and structural geological texts (e.g., Ramsay, 1967; Jaeger and Cook, 1976; Means, 1976).



### Faults, stress, and tractions



 $\theta$  measured positive counter clockwise from  $\sigma_1$  direction to normal of plane of interest 2 $\theta$  measure positive clockwise from  $\sigma_n$  direction on Mohr circle



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#### **Global patterns of tectonic stress**

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Regional patterns of present-day tectonic stress can be used to evaluate the forces acting on the lithosphere and to investigate intraplate seismicity. Most intraplate regions are characterized by a compressional stress regime; extension is limited almost entirely to thermally uplifted regions. In several plates the maximum horizontal stress is subparallel to the direction of absolute plate motion, suggesting that the forces driving the plates also dominate the stress distribution in the plate interior.







#### Schematic diagram of a focal mechanism



USGS, 1996









Figure 6.67 Mohr diagram portrayal of the dynamic conditions of the sandbox experiment. (A) Differential stress conditions leading to normal faulting in the left-hand compartment. (B) Differential stress
 uctu conditions leading to thrust faulting in the right-hand compartment.

# Progressive failure on the North Anatolian fault since 1939 by earthquake stress triggering

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$$\sigma_{\rm f} = \tau_{\beta} - \mu \sigma_{\beta}', \tag{1}$$

where  $\tau_{\beta}$  is the shear stress on the failure plane  $\beta$  (positive in the direction of fault slip) and  $\sigma'_{\beta}$  is the effective normal stress (positive in compression);  $\mu \sigma'_{\beta} \approx \mu' \sigma_{\beta}$ , where  $\mu'$  is the apparent coefficient of friction with range 0.0-0.75. The confining stress can be related to fluid pore pressure by Skempton's coefficient, B, the ratio of the change in pore pressure in a cavity to the change in applied stress, where  $\mu' = \mu(1 - B)$  (Roeloffs 1988). Immediately after the earthquake,  $B \approx 2/3$ , but could fall to zero if fluids were to drain fully from the fault zone (Scholz 1990). We set  $\mu' = 0.4$ , equivalent to laboratory values of friction ( $\mu \sim 0.75$ ) and moderate pore pressure if fluids are not fully expelled ( $B \sim 0.5$ ), or to a low value of friction as inferred for the San Andreas fault (Zoback et al. 1987). A  $\mu'$  of 0.4 also minimizes the calculation error caused by the uncertainty in  $\mu'$  to  $\pm 25$  per cent (King, Stein & Lin 1994); compare, for example, column 2 (for  $\mu' = 0.75$ ) and column 3 (for  $\mu' = 0.40$ ) in Table 2.

#### Summary of 3D stress resolution

Ramón Arrowsmith Thanks to Don Ragan and Olaf Zielke

Given **S** principal stress tensor with orientation x'y'z'

Rotate to N-S, E-W components

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} l & l' & l'' \\ m & m' & m'' \\ n & n' & n'' \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } \begin{array}{c} l & = x * x' \\ l' & = x * y' \\ where & l'' & = x * z' \\ \dots \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{S}' = \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{R}$$

And given plane with normal vector direction cosines N

Traction  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{S}' * \mathbf{N}$  (row and column multiplication)  $T = \sqrt{\mathbf{T}(1)^2 + \mathbf{T}(2)^2 + \mathbf{T}(3)^2}$  traction magnitude

 $\sigma_n = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{N}$  dot product for normal traction magnitude

 $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N} \text{ cross product for null vector}$  $B = \sqrt{\mathbf{B}(1)^2 + \mathbf{B}(2)^2 + \mathbf{B}(3)^2} \mathbf{B} \text{ magnitude}$  $\mathbf{B}_{normalized} = \mathbf{B}./B \text{ normalize for orientation if necessary}$ 

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{T_s} &= \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{B} \text{ cross product for shear traction vector} \\ \tau &= \sqrt{\mathbf{T_s}(1)^2 + \mathbf{T_s}(2)^2 + \mathbf{T_s}(3)^2} \text{ shear traction magnitude} \\ \mathbf{T_{snormalized}} &= \mathbf{T_s}./\tau \text{ normalize for shear traction orientation} \\ \text{Coulomb failure function: } \Delta \sigma_f &= \Delta \tau - (\mu - P) \Delta \sigma_n \end{split}$$

#### %Set up Receiver Fault

%We are interested in a plane with P(75,225) poleplunge=45; poletrend =225;

[l,m,n]
=plunge\_trend\_to\_dir\_cosines(poleplunge,poletrend);
ld1 = -l; md1 = -m; nd1 = cosd(poleplunge);
[dip, dipdir] = dir\_cosines\_to\_plunge\_trend(ld1, md1, nd1);

N=[l;m;n];



dip is 45.0 and dip dir is 45.0

#### %Set up stress tensor

%assume that the principal stresses are appropriate for normal faulting %conditions so maximum stress is the vertical stress sv = -26.7.\*12; %assume 26.5 MPa per km and 12 km depth shmin = sv.\*0.1; %assume the 1 direction is the minimum horizontal stress and is 10% shmax = sv.\*0.25; %assume the 2 direction is intermediate S = [shmin 0 0;0 shmax 0; 0 0 svl %buildrotationmatrix2(xprimetrend, xprimeplunge, yprimetrend,yprimeplunge,zprimetrend,zprimeplunge, talkandplot) 30, R = buildrotationmatrix2(Ο, 120, Ο, Ο, 90, 1) N. rotatedS = R'\*S\*RS = -32.04000 0 0 -80.1000 0 0 0 - 320.4000xprime l = 0.8660 m = 0.5000 n = 0.0000vprime l = -0.5000 m = 0.8660 n = 0.0000zprime l = -0.0000 m = -0.0000 n = 1.0000checks for orthogonality: xy 0.0000 xz 0.0000 yz 0.0000 R = 0.8660 -0.5000 0 0.5000 0.8660 0 0 0 1.0000 rotatedS =-44.0550 -20.8106 0 -20.8106 -68.0850 0 0 0 - 320.4000

%Now resolve the stresses
T=rotatedS\*N; %equation 13.11

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T_mag = sqrt(sum(T.^2));
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%normalize components of T to get its direction cosines
lt=T(1)./T_mag; mt = T(2)./T_mag; nt = T(3)./T_mag;
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%plot traction vector
[plunge, trend] = dir_cosines_to_plunge_trend2(lt, mt, nt);
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%we know the orientation of the normal traction,
%but what is its magnitude?
sigma = dot(T,N); %equation 13.13
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traction vector components are 32.4328 \ 44.4478 \ -226.5570
traction magnitude 233.1428
traction vector direction cosines 0.1391 \ 0.1906 \ -0.9718
traction plunge = 76.3 trend = 233.9
normal traction mag -198.64
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%Now for the shear traction; use the McKenzie construction
B = cross(T,N); %vector normal to the plane containing T and N
B_mag = sqrt(B(1)^2 + B(2)^2 + B(3)^2);
lb = B(1)./B_mag;
mb = B(2)./B_mag;
nb = B(3)./B_mag;
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[plunge, trend] = dir\_cosines\_to\_plunge\_trend2(lb,mb,nb);

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Ts = cross(N,B); %shear traction direction
Ts_mag = sqrt(Ts(1)^2 + Ts(2)^2 + Ts(3)^2);
Ts(1) = Ts(1)./Ts_mag;
Ts(2) = Ts(2)./Ts_mag; shear traction mag 122.06
check that components make
same length as traction: 233.1428 =?= 233.1428
[plunge, trend] = dir_cosines_to_plunge_trend2(Ts(1), Ts(2),
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Ts(3));
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%let's check that the normal and shear are components of the traction testmag = sqrt(sum(sigma.^2 + Ts\_mag.^2));











# Rheology: "science of deformation and flow of matter" or relationship between stress and strain

### **Idealized Elastic Material**

Linear relationship between force and extension (Hooke, 1676):

- Ut tensio sic uis
- As extension so the force
- Analogous to spring constant









<sup>-</sup>Pollard and Fletcher, 2005



#### http://silver.neep.wisc.edu/~lakes/PoissonIntro.html



#### **Idealized Elastic Material**



#### Stiffness and strength

"Lest there be any possible, probably, shadow of doubt, strength is not, repeat not, the same thing as stiffness. Stiffness, or Young's modulus or E, is concerned with how stiff, flexible, springy or floppy a material is. Strength is the force or stress needed to break a thing. A biscuit is stiff but weak, steel is stiff and strong, nylon is flexible (low E and strong), raspberry jelly is flexible (low E) and weak. The two properties together describe a solid about as well as you can reasonably expect two figures to do."

(Gordon, New science of strong materials, 2006)

### Elastic constants

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$$\lambda = \frac{E\nu}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)},$$

$$=\frac{L}{2(1+\nu)},$$

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$$K=\frac{E}{3(1-2\nu)};$$

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Lame's constant Describes effects of dilatation on tensile stress

Shear modulus Relates shear strain to shear stress Bulk modulus Relates volumetric strain to mean stress

*E* is Young's modulus which is the ratio of axial stress to axial strain V is Poisson's ratio which is the negative of the ratio of transverse to longitudinal strain

--You only need two moduli to get the others

### Okada, 1992 and 3D dislocations

- "Industry standard" for boundary element 3D elastic deformation modeling
- Linear elastic half space
- Rectangular elements
- Displacement boundary conditions
- Stress boundary conditions come from equivalent strain and displacement discontinuity





$$u_i^j(x_1, x_2, x_3) = u_{iA}^j(x_1, x_2, -x_3) - u_{iA}^j(x_1, x_2, x_3) + u_{iB}^j(x_1, x_2, x_3) + x_3 u_{iC}^j(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$
(1)

$$\begin{cases} u_{iA}^{j} = \frac{F}{8\pi\mu} \left\{ (2-\alpha) \frac{\delta_{ij}}{R} + \alpha \frac{R_{i}R_{j}}{R^{3}} \right\} \\ u_{iB}^{j} = \frac{F}{4\pi\mu} \left\{ \frac{\delta_{ij}}{R} + \frac{R_{i}R_{j}}{R^{3}} + \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \left[ \frac{\delta_{ij}}{R+R_{3}} + \frac{R_{i}\delta_{j3} - R_{j}\delta_{i3}(1-\delta_{j3})}{R(R+R_{3})} - \frac{R_{i}R_{j}}{R(R+R_{3})^{2}} (1-\delta_{i3})(1-\delta_{j3}) \right] \right\} \\ - \frac{R_{i}R_{j}}{R(R+R_{3})^{2}} (1-\delta_{i3}) \left\{ (2-\alpha) \frac{R_{i}\delta_{j3} - R_{j}\delta_{i3}}{R^{3}} + \alpha\xi_{3} \left[ \frac{\delta_{ij}}{R^{3}} - \frac{3R_{i}R_{j}}{R^{5}} \right] \right\},$$

where,  $\alpha = (\lambda + \mu)/(\lambda + 2\mu)$ ;  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are Lamé's constants;  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta; and  $R_1 = x_1 - \xi_1$ ,  $R_2 = x_2 - \xi_2$ ,  $R_3 = -x_3 - \xi_3$ ,  $R^2 = R_1^2 + R_2^2 + R_3^2$ .

Displacement due to a point force -ith component of displacement due to the point force in the jth direction

Part A: infinite medium terms Part B: surface deformation related term Part C: depth multiplied term

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Other elastic  $e_{ij}$  field components

$$\sigma_{ij} = \lambda e_{kk} \delta_{ij} + 2 \mu e_{ij}.$$

 $\partial u_i$ 

 $\partial u_j$ 

FIG. 1. A coordinate system adopted in this study.



Definition of geometry for rectangular source

#### Displacements due to discontinuity along finite rectangular source

#### --Integrate point sources along strike and dip

INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT FIELD DUE TO A FINITE RECTANGULAR SOURCE IN A HALF-SPACE.

SEE TEXT AS TO THE MEANING OF THE TOP, MIDDLE, AND BOTTOM EQUATIONS

IN EACH COMPARTMENT.

Displacement due to a Finite Fault at $(0, 0, -c; \delta, L, W, U)$						
$\begin{cases} u_x(x, y, z) = U/2\pi \left[ u_1^A - \hat{u}_1^A + u_1^B + z  u_1^C \right] \\ u_y(x, y, z) = U/2\pi \left[ \left( u_2^A - \hat{u}_2^A + u_2^B + z  u_2^C \right) \cos \delta - \left( u_3^A - \hat{u}_3^A + u_3^B + z  u_3^C \right) \sin \delta \right] \\ u_z(x, y, z) = U/2\pi \left[ \left( u_2^A - \hat{u}_2^A + u_2^B - z  u_2^C \right) \sin \delta + \left( u_3^A - \hat{u}_3^A + u_3^B - z  u_3^C \right) \cos \delta \right] \end{cases}$	d = c - z $p = y \cos \delta + d \sin \delta$ $q = y \sin \delta - d \cos \delta$ $\alpha = (\lambda + \mu)/(\lambda + 2\mu)$	$R^{2} = \xi^{2} + \eta^{2} + q^{2}$ $\tilde{y} = \eta \cos \delta + q \sin \delta$ $\tilde{d} = \eta \sin \delta - q \cos \delta$ $\tilde{c} = \tilde{d} + z$				

 $u_i^A = f_i^A(\xi,\eta,z) \Big|_{\xi=x}^{\xi=x-L} \Big|_{\eta=y}^{\eta=y-W} \qquad \widehat{u}_i^A = f_i^A(\xi,\eta,-z) \Big| \Big| \qquad u_i^B = f_i^B(\xi,\eta,z) \Big| \Big| \qquad u_i^C = f_i^C(\xi,\eta,z) \Big| \Big|$ 

Туре	f A	f <sup>B</sup>		f <sup>A</sup> f <sup>B</sup> f <sup>C</sup>		f <sup>c</sup>
Strike	$\frac{\Theta}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \xi q Y_{11}$	$-\xi q Y_{11} - \Theta$	$-\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}I_{1}\sin\delta$	$(1-\alpha)\xi Y_{11}\cos\delta$ $-\alpha\xi qZ_{32}$		
U	$\frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{q}{R}$	$-\frac{q}{R}$	$+\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}\frac{\tilde{y}}{R+\tilde{d}}\sin\delta$	$(1-\alpha)\left[\frac{\cos\delta}{R}+2qY_{11}\sin\delta\right]-\alpha\frac{\tilde{c}q}{R^3}$		
	$\frac{1-\alpha}{2}\ln(R+\eta)-\frac{\alpha}{2}q^2Y_{11}$	$q^2 Y_{11}$	$-\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}I_2\sin\delta$	$(1-\alpha) qY_{11} \cos \delta \qquad -\alpha \left[\frac{\widetilde{c} \eta}{R^3} - zY_{11} + \xi^2 Z_{32}\right]$		
Dip	$\frac{\alpha}{2}\frac{q}{R}$	$-\frac{q}{R}$	$+\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}I_3\sin\delta\cos\delta$	$(1-\alpha)\frac{\cos\delta}{R} - qY_{11}\sin\delta - \alpha\frac{\tilde{c}q}{R^3}$		
U	$\frac{\Theta}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \eta q X_{11}$	$-\eta q X_{11} - \Theta$	$-\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}\frac{\xi}{R+\tilde{d}}\sin\delta\cos\delta$	$(1-\alpha)\tilde{y}X_{11} \qquad -\alpha\tilde{c}\eta q X_{32}$		
	$\frac{1-\alpha}{2}\ln(R+\xi)-\frac{\alpha}{2}q^2X_{11}$	q <sup>2</sup> X <sub>11</sub>	$+\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}I_{i}\sin\delta\cos\delta$	$-\tilde{d}X_{11} - \xi Y_{11} \sin \delta - \alpha  \bar{c} \left[ X_{11} - q^2 X_{32} \right]$		
Tensile	$-rac{1-lpha}{2}\ln(R+\eta)-rac{lpha}{2}q^2Y_{11}$	$q^2 Y_{11}$	$-\frac{1-lpha}{lpha}I_3\sin^2\delta$	$-(1-\alpha)\left[\frac{\sin\delta}{R}+qY_{11}\cos\delta\right]-\alpha\left[zY_{11}-q^2Z_{32}\right]$		
15-7	$-\frac{1-\alpha}{2}\ln(R+\xi)-\frac{\alpha}{2}q^2X_{11}$	$q^2 X_{11}$	$+ \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{\xi}{R+\tilde{d}} \sin^2 \delta$	$(1-\alpha) 2\xi Y_{11} \sin \delta + \tilde{d}X_{11} - \alpha \tilde{c} [X_{11} - q^2 X_{32}]$		
ĽĽ	$\frac{\Theta}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} q(\eta X_{11} + \xi Y_{11})$	$q(\eta X_{11} + \xi Y_{11}) -$	$-\Theta - \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} L_1 \sin^2 \delta$	$(1-\alpha) \left[ \tilde{y} X_{11} + \xi Y_{11} \cos \delta \right] + \alpha q \left[ \tilde{c} \eta X_{32} + \xi Z_{32} \right]$		
$\Theta = tan^{-1}$	$-\frac{\xi \eta}{qR} \qquad \qquad I_1 = -\frac{\xi}{R+d} \cos \delta$	—14 sin δ	$I_2 = \ln(R + \tilde{d}) + I_3 \sin \delta$			
$I_3 = \frac{1}{\cos\delta} \frac{\tilde{y}}{R+\tilde{d}} - \frac{1}{\cos^2\delta} \left[ \ln(R+\eta) - \sin\delta \ln(R+\tilde{d}) \right]$			$\left(I_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\eta}{R+\tilde{d}} + \frac{\tilde{y}q}{(R+\tilde{d})^2} - \ln(R+\eta)\right]  \text{if } \cos \delta = 0\right)$			
$X^2 = \xi^2$	$+q^2$ $I_4 = \frac{\sin\delta}{\cos\delta}\frac{\xi}{R+\tilde{d}}+$	$\frac{2}{\cos^2\delta}\tan^{-1}\frac{\eta(X)}{1-\delta}$	$\frac{1+q\cos\delta}{\xi(R+X)\cos\delta} + \frac{X(R+X)\sin\delta}{\xi(R+X)\cos\delta}$	$\left(I_4 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\xi \tilde{y}}{(R+\tilde{d})^2}  \text{if } \cos \delta = 0\right)$		

Strike direction Dip direction (C: image) Opening direction (C: image)

Part A: infinite medium terms Part B: surface deformation related term Part C: depth multiplied term



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http://quake.usgs.gov/research/deformation/modeling/coulomb/index.html



X (km)





Figure 1: Poly3D model configuration for a 3D fault.



#### **3D** normal fault with constant stress drop



Poly3D color figure of the displacement Ux at both the free surface observation plane and the vertical observation plane

Stress component Sxy at both the free surface observation plane and the vertical observation plane



**Chinnery's fault** 

#### Static Stress Changes and the Triggering of Earthquakes

by Geoffrey C. P. King, Ross S. Stein, and Jian Lin

Key concepts: •Source faults •Receiver faults •Optimally oriented faults •Assume receiver faults are close to failure •Triggering lag time is a problem



Figure 1. The axis system used for calculations of Coulomb stresses on optimum failure planes. Compression and right-lateral shear stress on the failure plane are taken as positive. The sign of  $\tau_{\beta}$  is reversed for calculations of right-lateral Coulomb failure on specified failure planes.

# Change of coulomb stress on faults of specified orientation

Given **S** principal stress tensor with orientation x'y'z'

Rotate to N-S, E-W components

Can change spatially Remote:

Induced:

Total:

 $\mathbf{S}' = \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{R}$ 

 $\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} l & l' & l'' \\ m & m' & m'' \\ n & n' & n'' \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } \begin{array}{c} l & = x * x \\ l' & = x * y' \\ l'' & = x * z' \end{array}$ 

And given plane with normal vector direction cosines  ${\bf N}$ 

Traction  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{S}' * \mathbf{N}$  (row and column multiplication)  $T = \sqrt{\mathbf{T}(1)^2 + \mathbf{T}(2)^2 + \mathbf{T}(3)^2}$  traction magnitude

 $\sigma_n = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{N}$  dot product for normal traction magnitude

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N} \text{ cross product for null vector} \\ B &= \sqrt{\mathbf{B}(1)^2 + \mathbf{B}(2)^2 + \mathbf{B}(3)^2} \ \mathbf{B} \text{ magnitude} \\ \mathbf{B}_{normalized} &= \mathbf{B}./B \text{ normalize for orientation if necessary} \end{split}$$

 $\mathbf{T_s} = \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{B}$  cross product for shear traction vector  $\tau = \sqrt{\mathbf{T_s}(1)^2 + \mathbf{T_s}(2)^2 + \mathbf{T_s}(3)^2}$  shear traction magnitude  $\mathbf{T_{snormalized}} = \mathbf{T_s}./\tau$  normalize for shear traction orientation Coulomb failure function:  $\Delta \sigma_f = \Delta \tau - (\mu - P)\Delta \sigma_n$ 

Can change spatially

How the Coulomb Stress Change is Calculated





Shear stress change

 $\Delta \tau_{\rm S}$ 

• Example calculation for faults parallel to master fault

From King et al (BSSA, 1994)





Shear stress change	+	Friction coefficient <b>x</b> normal stress change
$\Delta \tau_s$	+	μ' (Δσ <sub>n</sub> )

#### • Example calculation for faults parallel to master fault

From King et al (BSSA, 1994)





Shear stress change	+	Friction coefficient <b>x</b> normal stress change	=	Coulomb failure stress change
$\Delta \tau_s$	+	μ' (Δσ <sub>n</sub> )	=	$\Delta\sigma_{f}$

• Example calculation for faults parallel to master fault

From King et al (BSSA, 1994)



1986 M=6.0 North Palm Springs

from Todal et al (JGR, 2005)



1992 M=6.2 Joshua Tree

from Todal et al (JGR, 2005)



1992 M=7.4 Landers

from Todal et al (JGR, 2005)



from Todal et al (JGR, 2005)



**M**=7.1 Hector Mine

from Todal et al (JGR, 2005)



1992 M=7.3 Landers shock promotes the M=6.5 Big Bear shock 3 hr later

Landers

Big 🕢

Bear

First 3 hr of Landers aftershocks plotted

from Stein (Nature, 2003)

Los

Angeles





Figure 1 17 Oct 96 Stein et al.



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Figure 4 17 Oct 96 Stein et al.



#### From Stress Change to Earthquake Probability Change

http://quake.usgs.gov/research/deformation/modeling/animations/index.html