Ramification et vitesse supershear de la rupture du séisme de Kahramanmaras, 2023, M7.8, Turquie

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Earthquake doublet in Turkey and Syria

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Multi-fault ruptures



2023 Mw7.8 Kahramanmaraş, Turkey earthquake



Ding et al (2023) https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2307.06051



Local strong-motion data (AFAD)





Left-lateral strike-slip faults Main (yellow) and branch (green)

(1)

(3)

2

Nucleates on branch ① Continues bilaterally on main fault ② ③ ③ might start after ②

Dynamic rupture modeling

2.5D spectral elements SEM2DPACK software Shiqing Xu & team (SUSTech, China)







Dynamic rupture modeling

SW rupture ③ is not triggered by the splay ①, but by the NE rupture ②



Earthquake rupture speed

Supershear sources

Moving source





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Global frequency of oceanic and continental supershear earthquakes



Global survey of large strike-slip earthquakes 2000-2020 using teleseismic back-projection and surface Mach waves

\rightarrow At least 15% are supershear

(M6.7+, depth<70 km, dip angles > 70°)



Finite source inversion. Strong motion data (AFAD) + GPS. With Bertrand Delouis and Martijn van den Ende Delouis et al (BSSA 2023)

Fit to strong motion data





Finite source inversion. Strong motion data (AFAD) + GPS. Delouis et al (BSSA 2023)



Intermittent supershear rupture

Delouis et al (2023)

Source inversion with a large set of near-source strong motion records + GNSS reveals the rupture process with high resolution

The rupture speed was subshear on average, but locally supershear on three ~20 km-long portions of the East Anatolian Fault.

Supershear speeds do not correlate systematically with slip, fault geometry, aftershock density.



Intermittent supershear in a dynamic rupture model on a <u>homogeneous</u> fault By Liuwei Xu (UCLA)



Conclusions

The 2023 Turkey M7.8 earthquake: a uniquely dense dataset, provides new insights on rupture processes

- 1. Rupture branching despite acute angle
 - 2. Intermittent supershear rupture

These surprising features might be more usual than we think (limited observations) and should be incorporated in hazard assessment

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Another scenario:

SW rupture ③ is triggered by the splay ①, and the NE rupture ②starts later

This scenario is unlikely: it only happens for very high initial stress on the EAF

