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Geologic Framework Modeling (GFM) Integration

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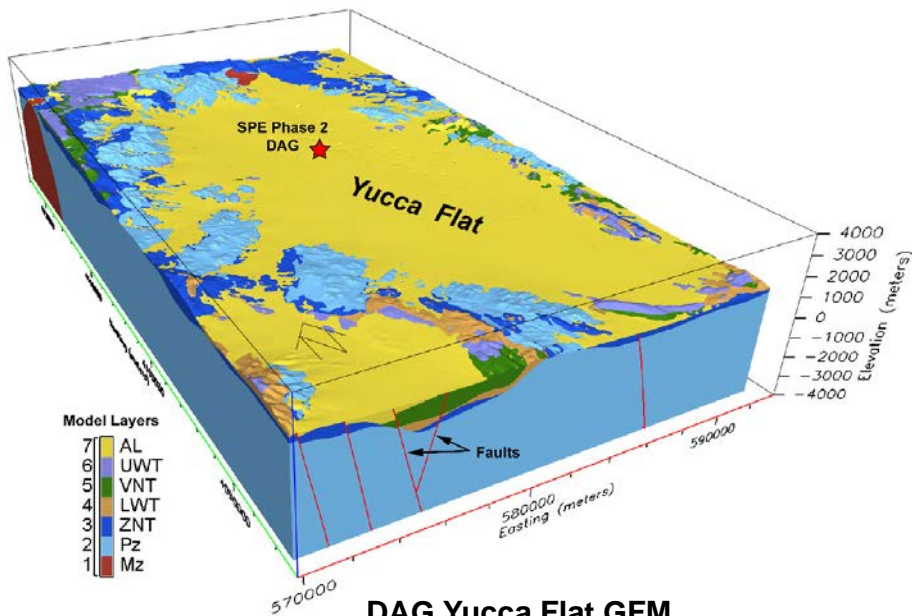
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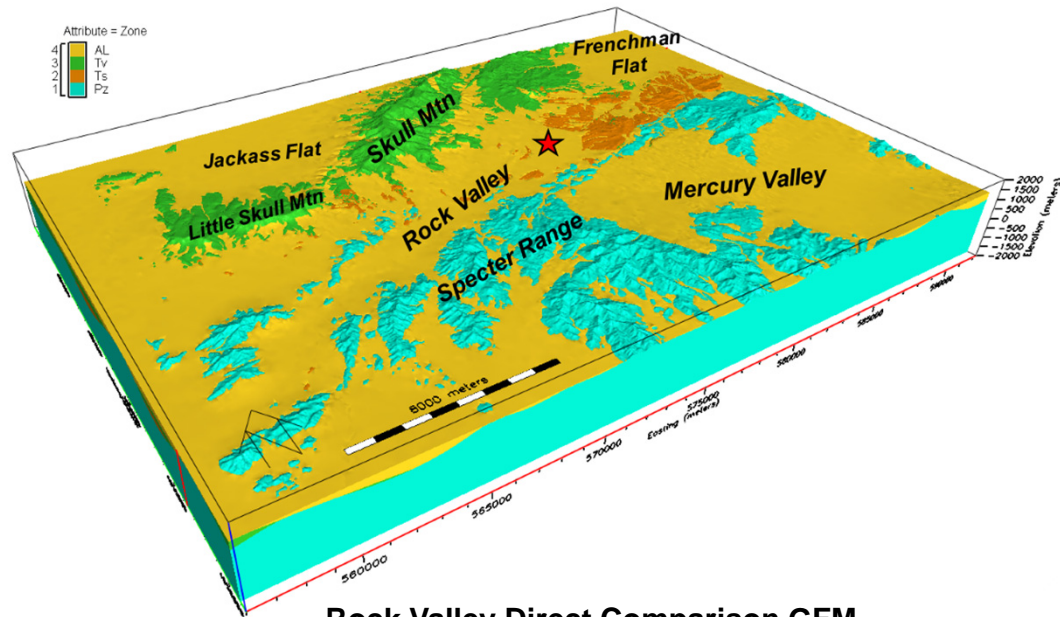
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- **GFM's:**

- 3-D representations of the geology of a region
- Model the 3-D distribution of geologic features such as stratigraphic layers and faults
- Provide a methodology for integrating geologic information and constraints into other models and simulations



DAG Yucca Flat GFM



Rock Valley Direct Comparison GFM

• DAG Yucca Flat GFM

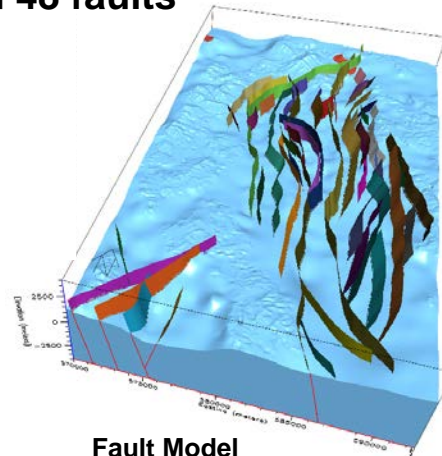
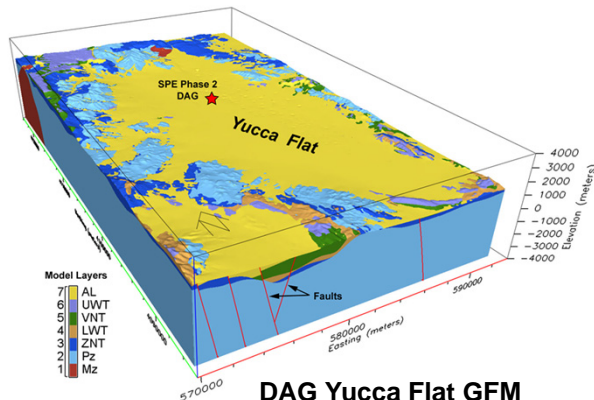
– Dimensions:

- 22.5 x 39.0 km (878 km²)
- Extends from land surface to -4,000 m bsl

– Input data:

- Surface geology
- 956 drill holes
- 2-D seismic reflection
- Gravity

– Includes 7 stratigraphic layers and 48 faults



Stratigraphic Column	Stratigraphic Unit	Model Layers
Quaternary/Tertiary Alluvium	Quaternary/Tertiary Alluvium	Alluvium (AL)
Tertiary Volcanic Rocks	Tertiary Volcanic Rocks	Upper Welded Tuff (UWT)
Pre-Tertiary Rocks	Pre-Tertiary Rocks	Vitric Nonwelded Tuff (VNT)
		Lower Welded Tuff (LWT)
		Zeolitic Nonwelded Tuff (ZNT)
		Paleozoic Rocks (PZ)
		Mesozoic Rocks (MZ)

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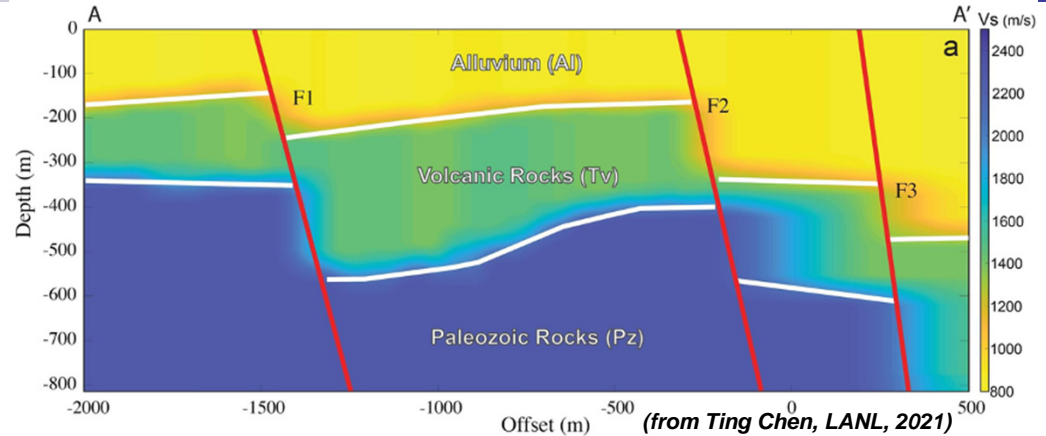
alluvium
 welded ash-flow tuff
 bedded and welded tuff
 lava
 eolian deposits
 clay and silt
 paleocolluvium
 silty shale/quartzite
 limestone/dolomite
 intrusive granite
 PC sediments

¹ Included with LWT in southeast portion of model area where Tpc is welded.

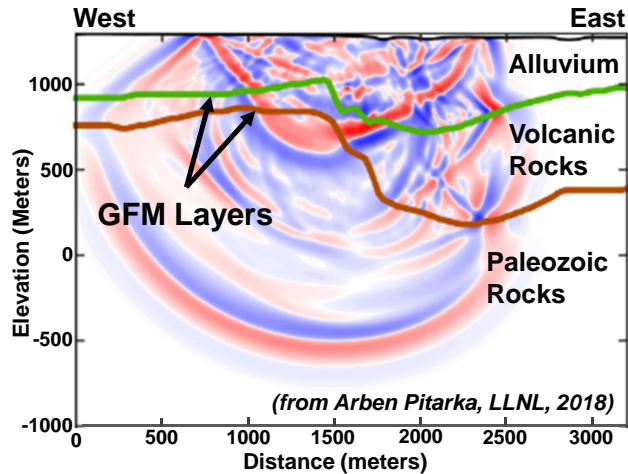
Stratigraphic Column for the DAG Yucca Flat GFM

• Examples of DAG GFM Integration

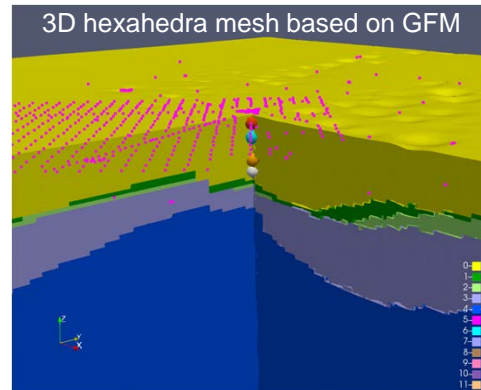
- Pre-experiment simulations
- Velocity model development
- Wave propagation modeling



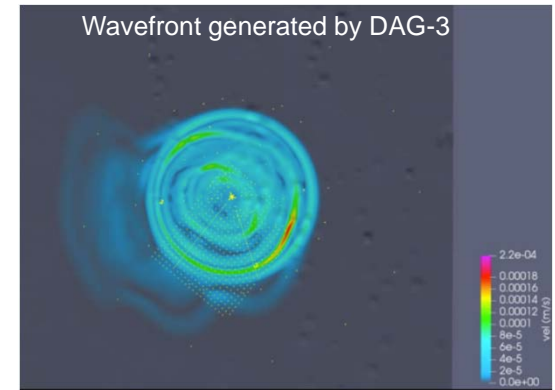
Comparison of Velocity Model with the DAG Yucca Flat GFM (LANL)



DAG Pre-Experiment Wave Propagation Simulation (LLNL)

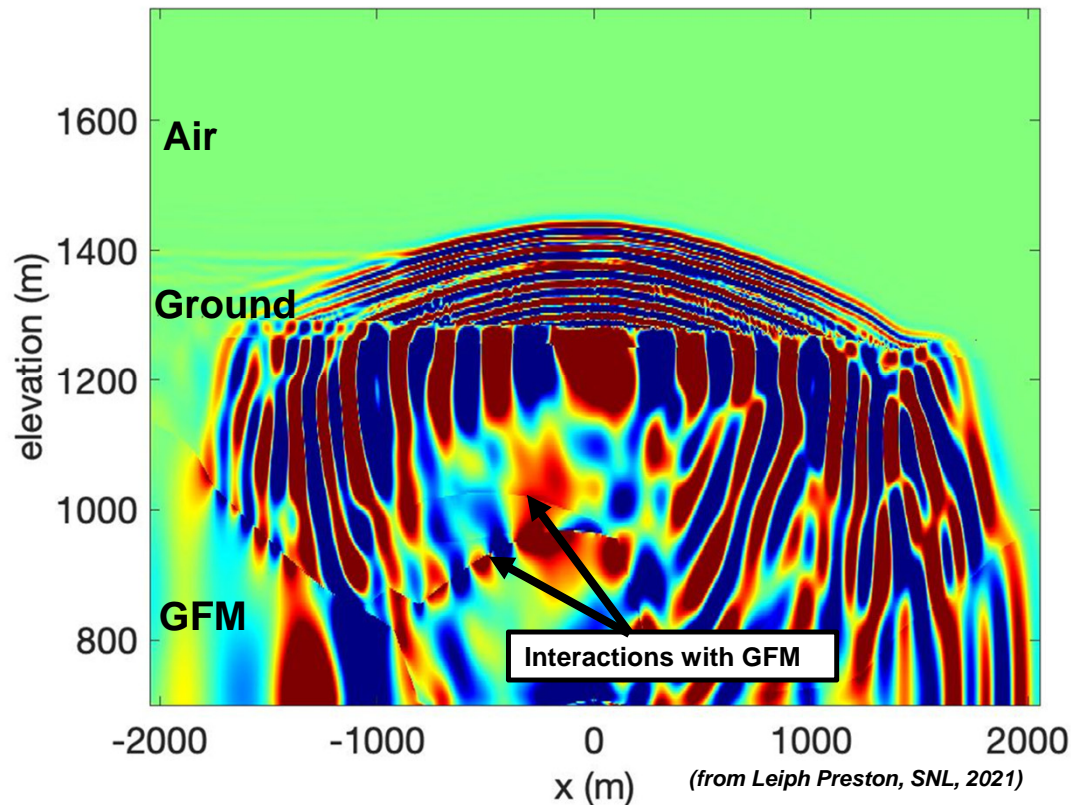


DAG-3 Wavefront Model (LANL)



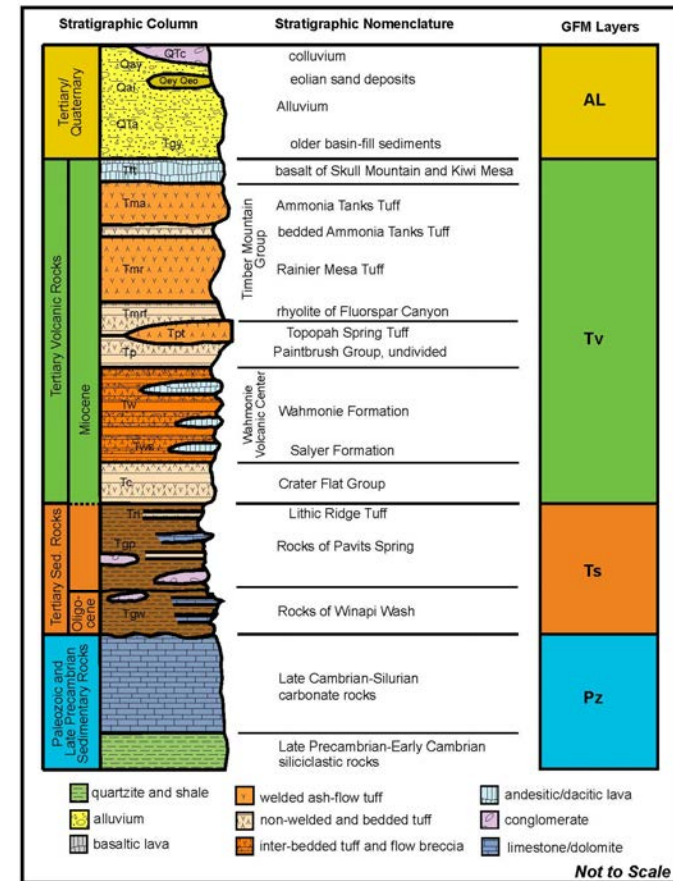
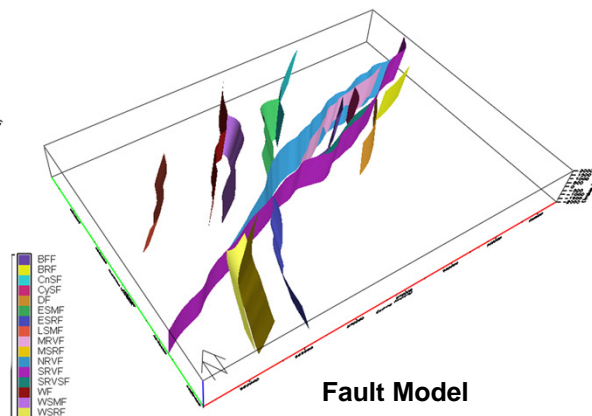
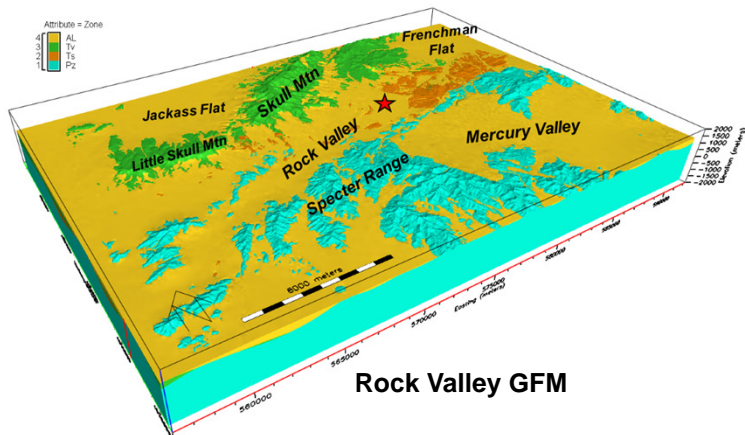
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- Examples of Integration (cont.)
 - Elastic-acoustic coupled simulations



Snapshot of the Pressure Wavefield of an Elastic-Acoustic Coupled Simulation of DAG (SNL)

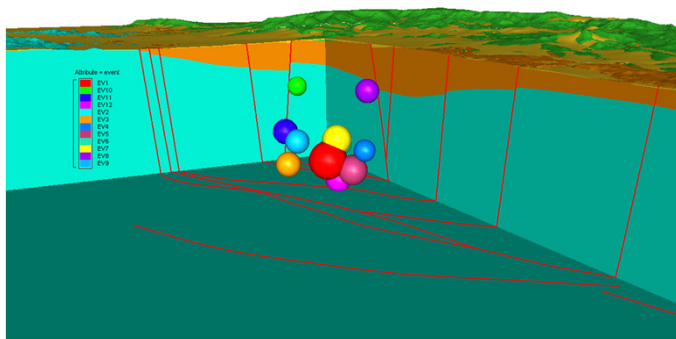
- **Rock Valley Direct Comparison GFM**
 - **Dimensions:**
 - 36.2 x 24.5 km (887 km²)
 - Extends from land surface to -2,000 m bsl
 - **Input data:**
 - Surface geology
 - 10 drill holes
 - Gravity
 - Includes 4 stratigraphic layers and 16 faults



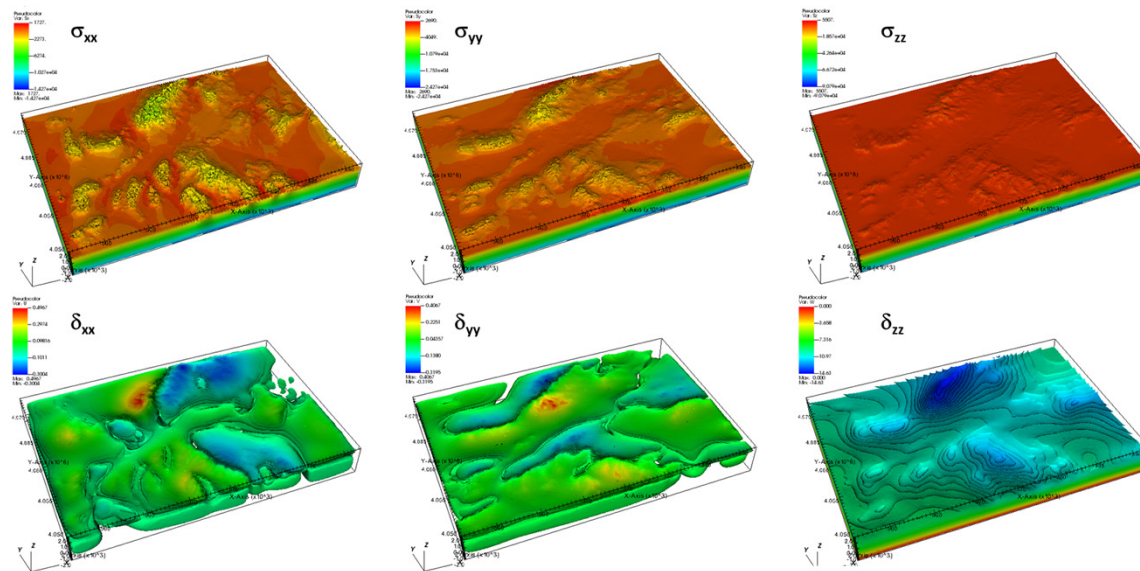
Stratigraphic Column for the Rock Valley GFM

• Near-term Integration and Additional Work for the Rock Valley GFM

- Simulations of Local Stresses
- Incorporate information from planned geophysical surveys
 - Seismic reflection
 - Gravity
- Build a more detailed near-field GFM
 - Rapid development of alternative geology scenarios
 - Drill hole planning
 - Earthquake relocation



Chair Cut-Away View of the Rock Valley GFM
Showing Locations of Earthquake Hypocenters



(from Souheil Ezzedine, LLNL, 2021)

Simulation of the State of Local Stresses in Rock Valley Using the GFM

Questions