Code Name: FDMSPLIT1.4

Language: Fortran

Type of Code: 3D Staggered Grid Finite Difference Method

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## Articles Describing the Technique.

1. Pitarka, A. (1999), 3D elastic finite-difference modeling of seismic motion using staggered grid with non-uniform spacing, Bull. Seis. Soc. Am., 89, 54 – 68.

2. Dalguer, L, and S.M. Day. (2007). Staggered –grid split-node method for spontaneous rupture simulation, JGR, 112,B02302.

Availability: Code available upon request. Requests should be made to Arben Pitarka

**Funding Source**: URS Corp. internal funding, Southern California Earthquake Center.

**Element Shapes**: Cube

**Accuracy**: 4-th order accuracy, except for the free surface and fault plane where the accuracy

is of 2-nd order.

Implementation of the Fault Boundary Conditions: Split Nodes.

Time-Stepping Method: Explicit

**Damping Method**: Artificial Viscous Damping (Dalguer and Day, 2007)

Implementation of Fault Behavior: Linear Slip Weakening Friction Law

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**Parameter Settings**: Artificial Damping = 0.3

**Mesh**: Regular mesh with constant grid spacing of 100m

**Boundary Conditions**: Clayton and Enquist (1977) absorbing boundary conditions.

**Time Step**: Constant time step calculated based on the stability condition of the finite-difference scheme.