

New Oregon Tsunami Simulation Scenarios, Published Data, and Probable Effect on the Oregon Building Code

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Designing for Tsunamis: New Oregon Data & Anticipated Changes to the Building Code

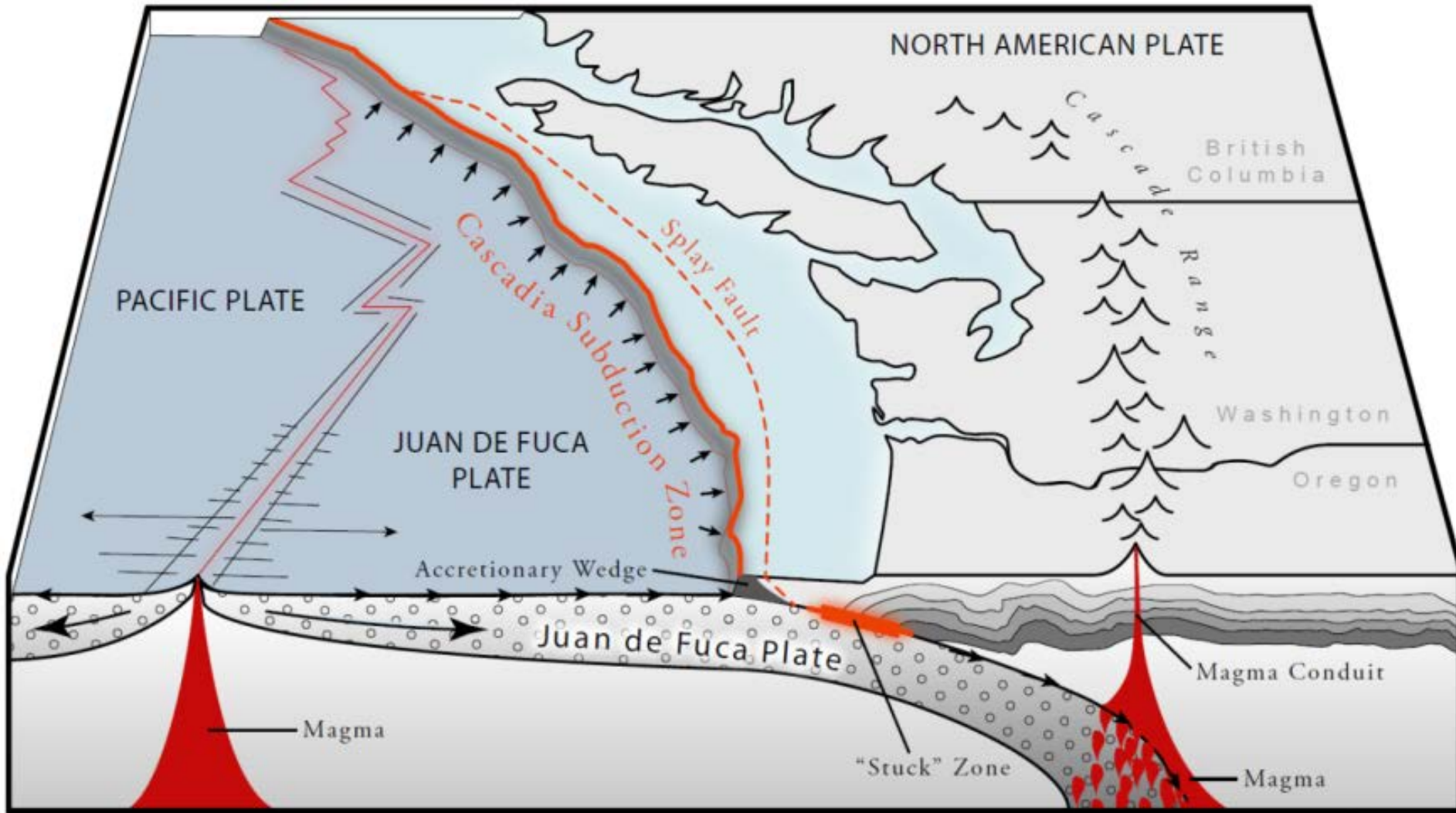
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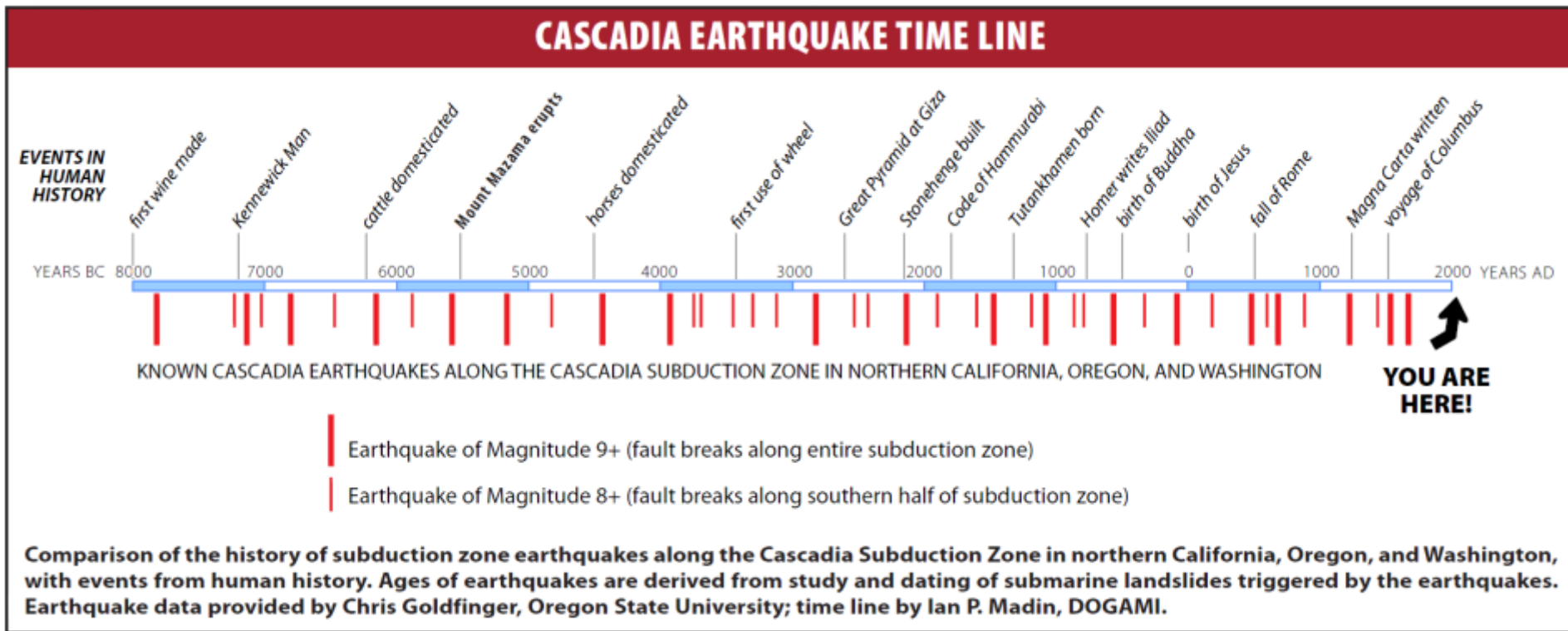


Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ)

North American Plate Overrides Juan de Fuca Plate Along
Cascadia Subduction Zone at a rate of 1.5 inches/year



What does the 10,000 year history of
~40 great Cascadia earthquakes and tsunamis mean
for probabilistic tsunami hazard analysis (PTHA)?



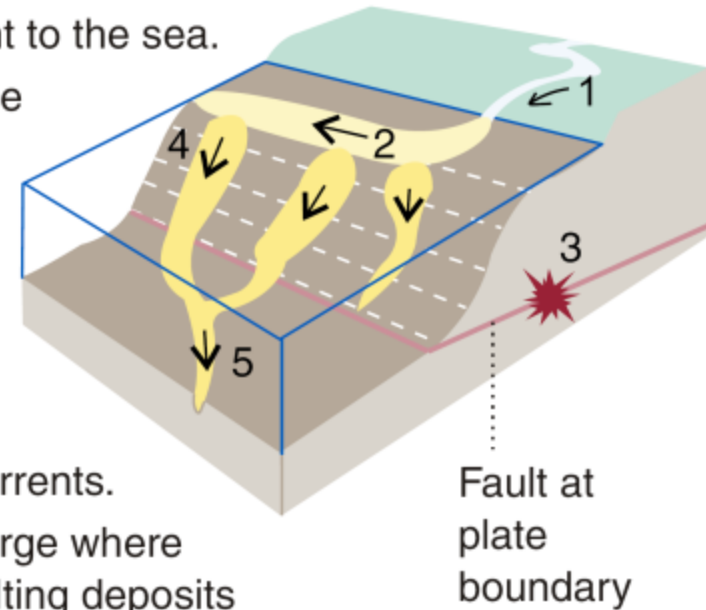
The last big Cascadia earthquake and *local* tsunami in the Northwest was January 26, 1700 at ~9:00 PM.

(Satake et al., 2003, *Journ. Geophys. Res.*, v 108, no. B11, p. 2535.)



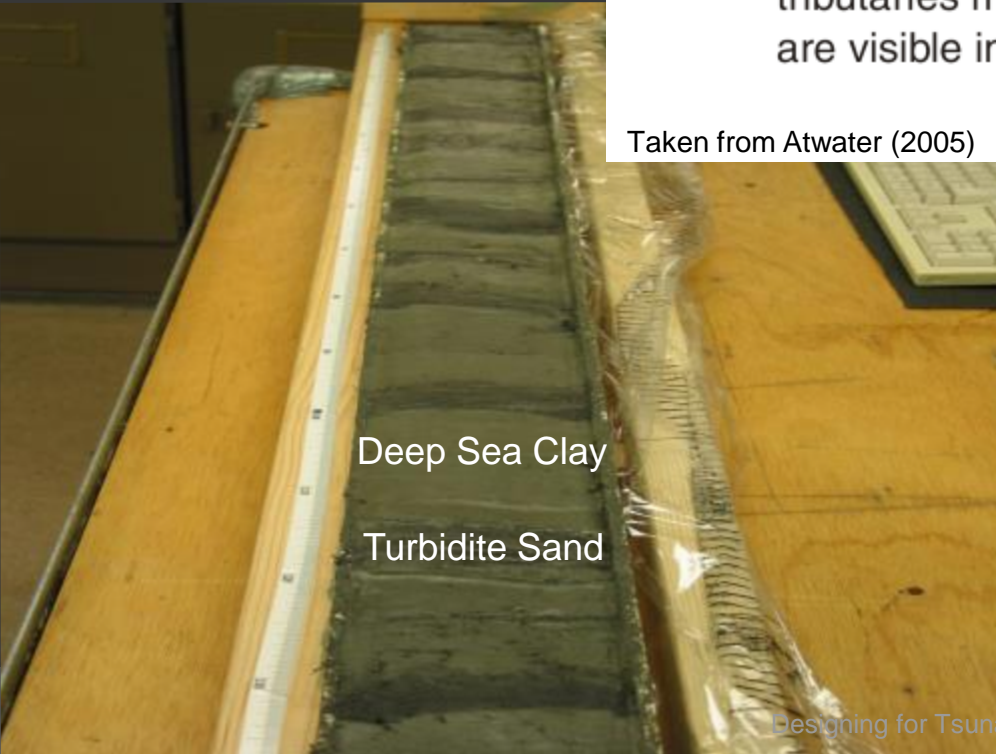
SHAKING LEAVES A DEEP-SEA DEPOSIT

- 1 **River** delivers sediment to the sea.
- 2 **Sediment** settles on the continental shelf.
- 3 **An earthquake** shakes the continental shelf and slope.
- 4 **Shaken sediment** descends submarine canyons as turbidity currents.
- 5 **Turbidity currents** merge where tributaries meet. Resulting deposits are visible in sediment cores.



Turbidites in a deep sea core.

(picture provided by Chris Goldfinger, 2010)



Cascadia Fault Rupture Lengths from Turbidite Data

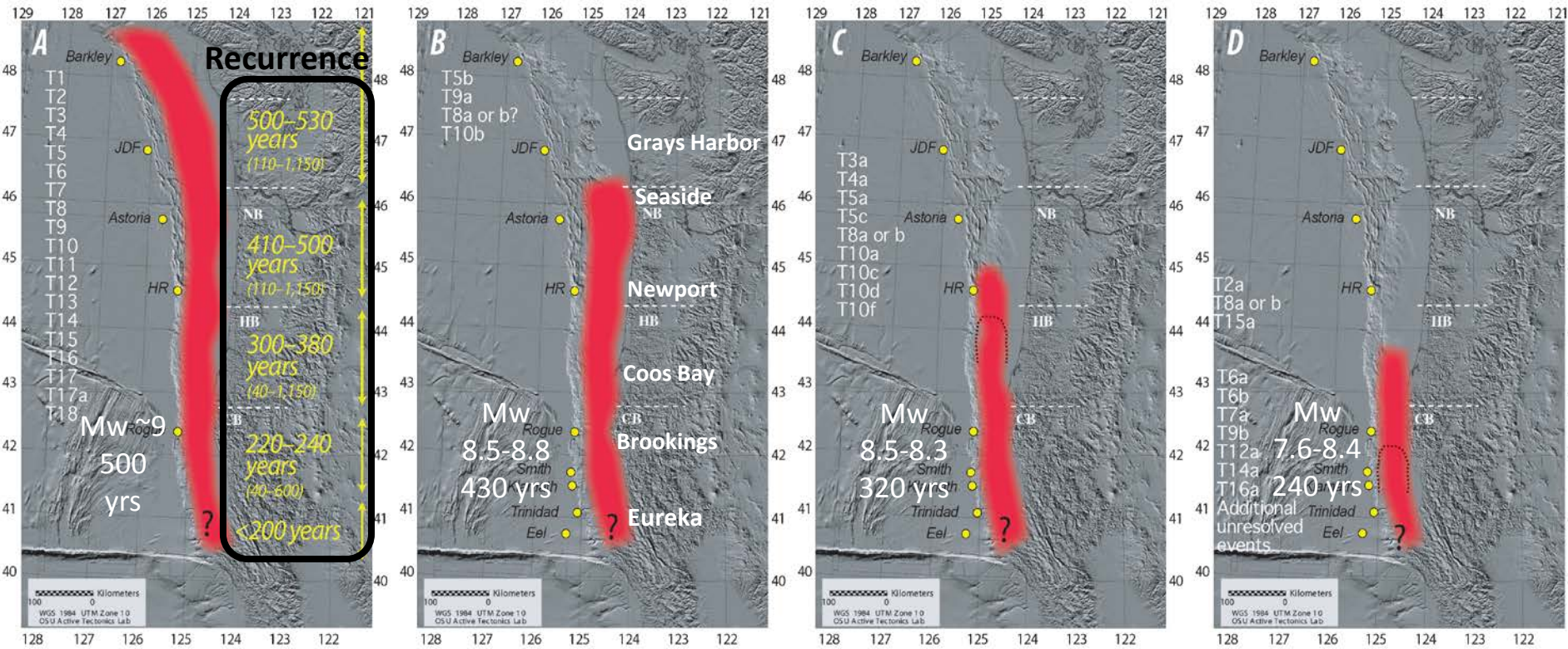
~40 earthquakes over the last 10,000 years

19 earthquakes

4 earthquakes

7 earthquakes

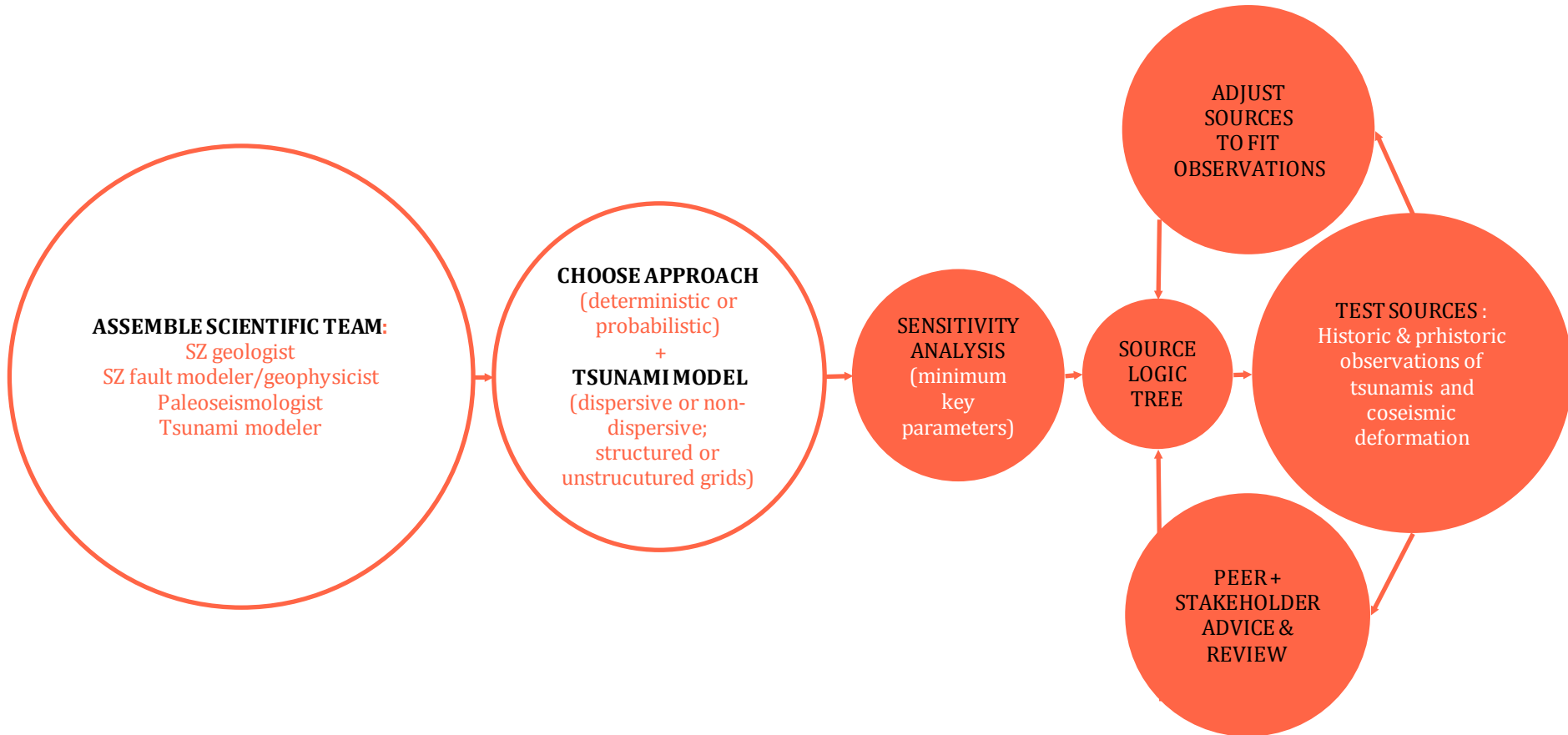
10 earthquakes



CONCLUSION: Recurrence of tsunamis \geq ~200 yrs dominated by Cascadia sources.



Tsunami Hazard Assessment Focused on (1) Defining Cascadia Sources and (2) Highly Refined Tsunami Simulations



TSUNAMI HAZARD ASSESSMENT

The 2007-2013 Scientific Team

Rob
Witter



Joseph
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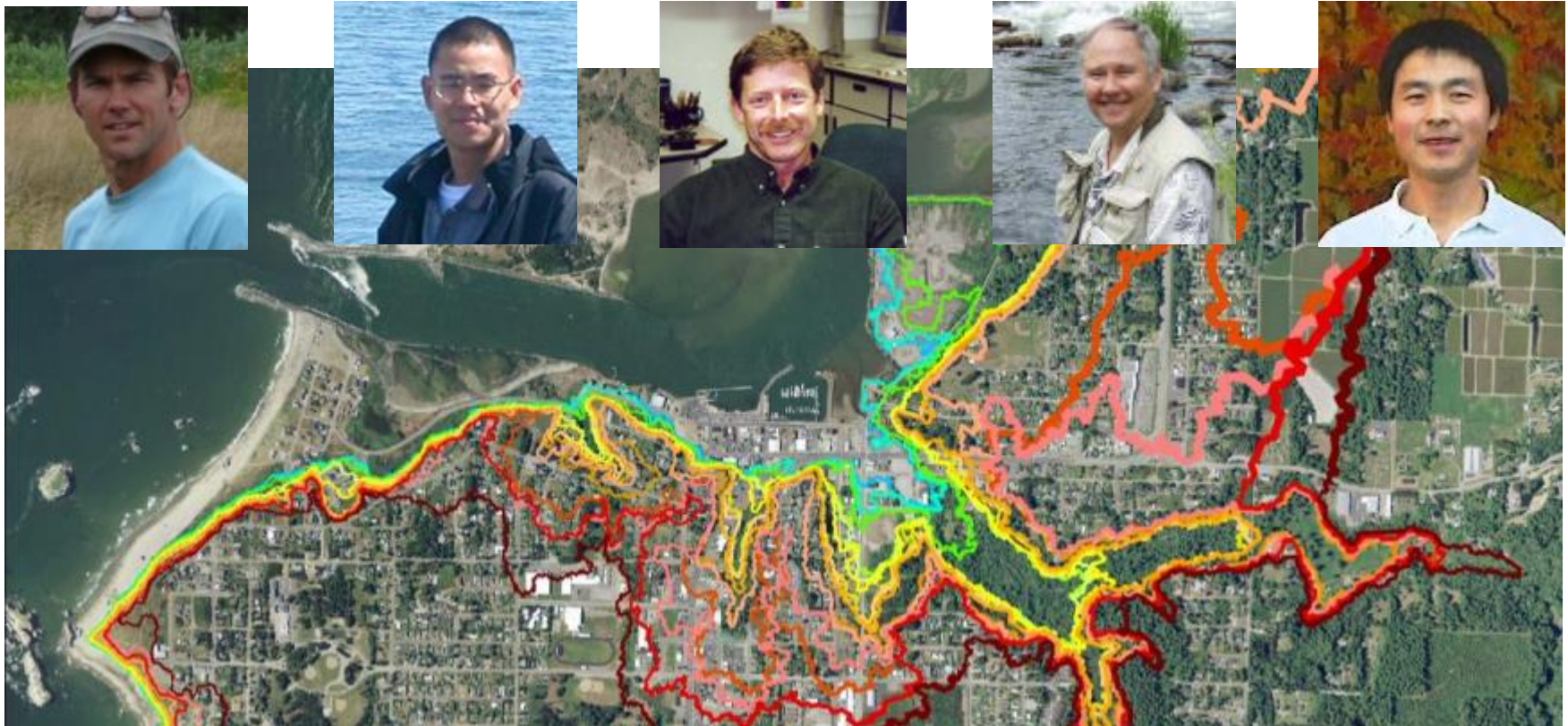
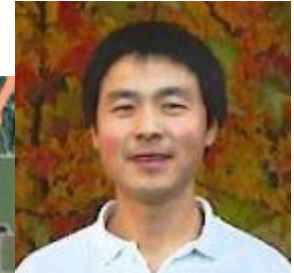
Chris
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THE QUEST FOR SLIP

Tsunami height is mainly determined by:

- 1) Peak coseismic fault slip
and
- 2) How slip deforms the ocean floor directly offshore



Step 1 - Ground Truth

Determine minimum peak slip needed to
account for
paleotsunami deposits

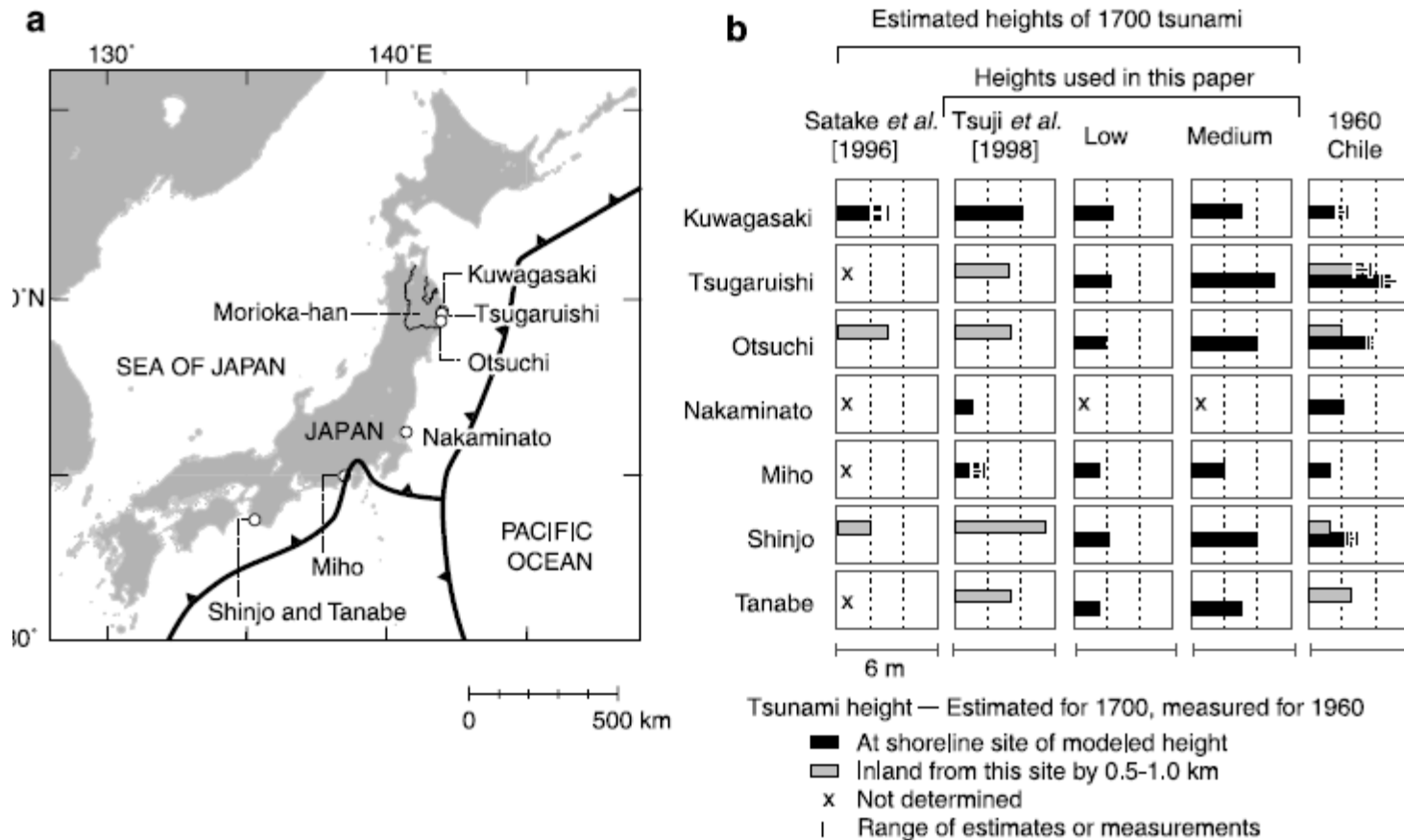
and

historical observations of the AD 1700 tsunami
using reasonable Cascadia seismic source
models.



AD 1700 Cascadia Tsunami in Japan

(up to ~5 m or ~16 ft at the shoreline)

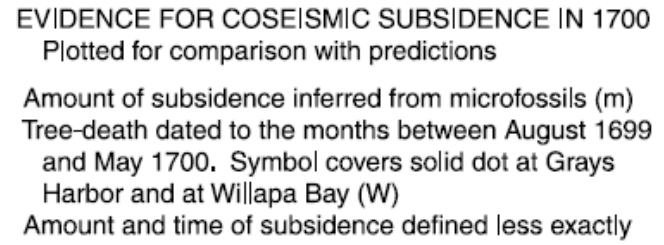
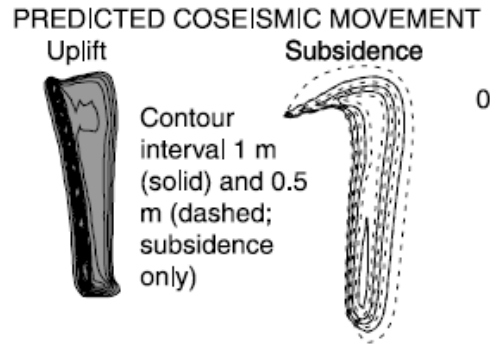
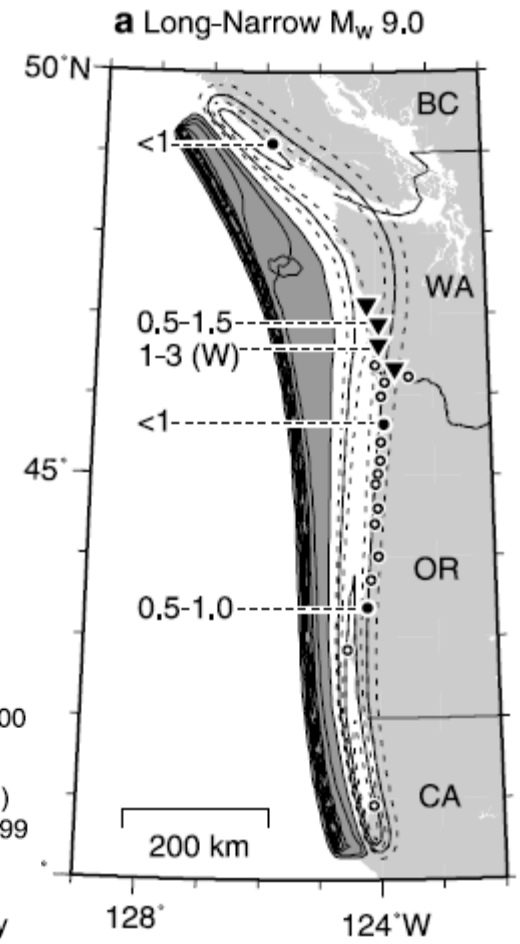
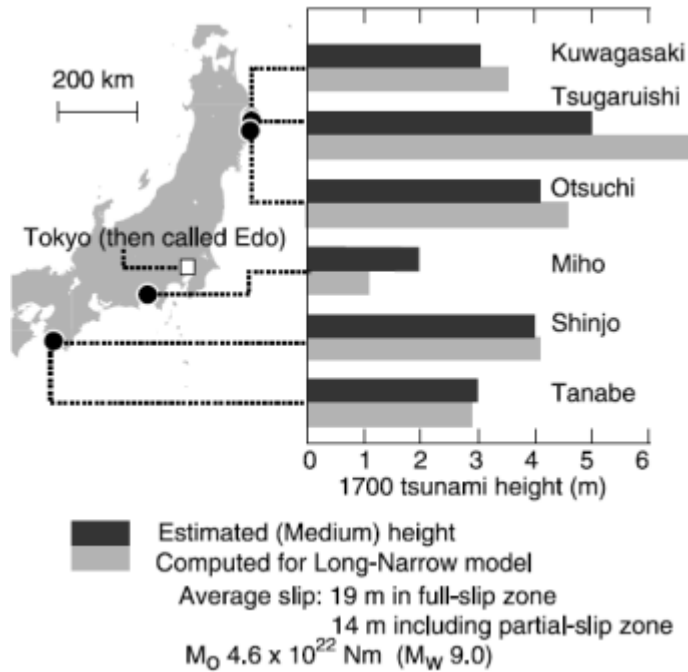


From Satake *et al.* (2003) JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH,
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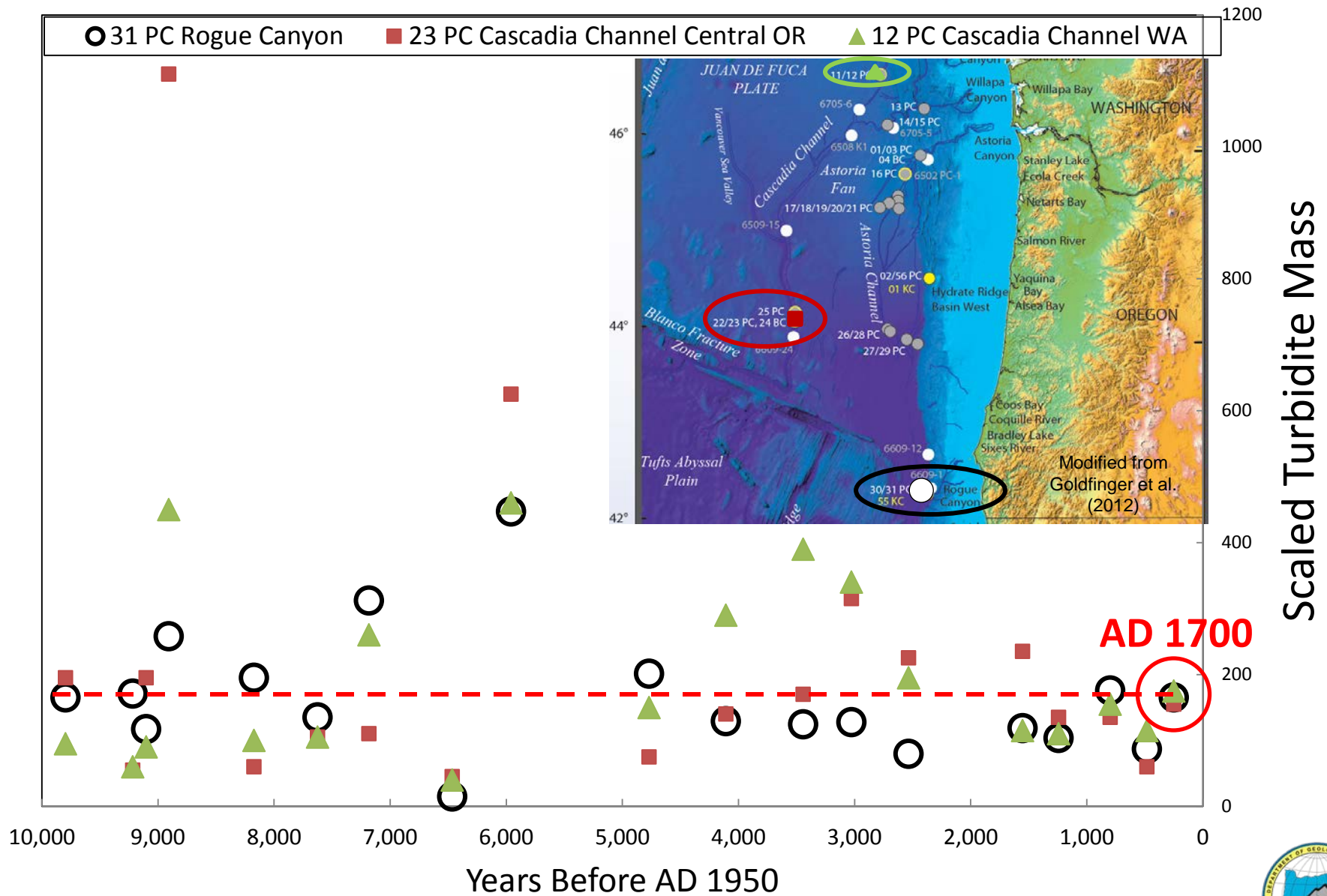
RESULTS of Satake et al. (2003) for AD1700 CSZ

Earthquake = **19 m Slip**

(**~530 yrs** of slip deficit release)



How does size of the AD 1700 earthquake compare to the other 19 full-margin Cascadia earthquakes? Inference from turbidite masses:



Conclusions from Observations of AD 1700 Earthquake:

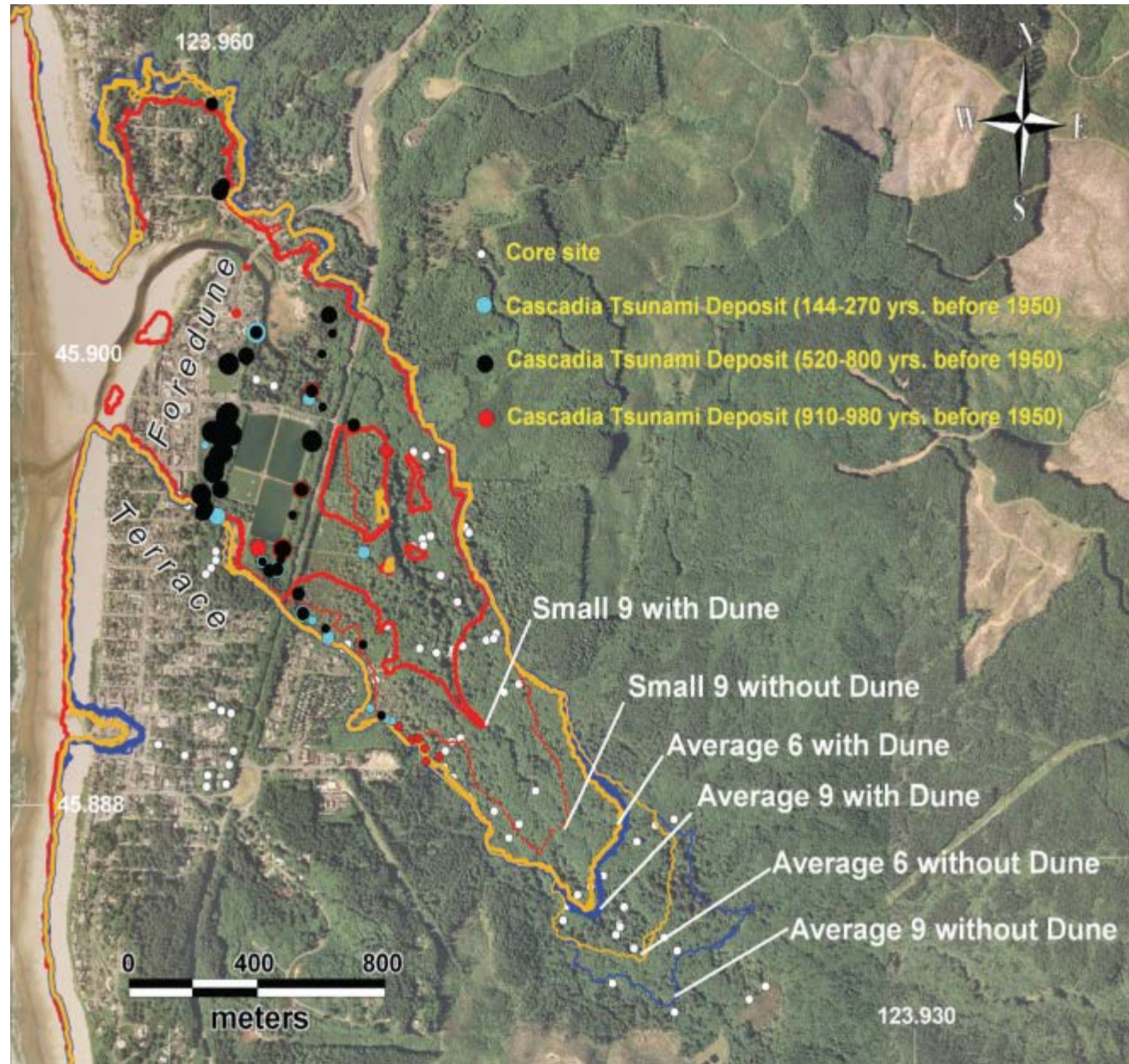
- “Average” of 19 full-margin events over 10,000 yrs
- ~19 m slip (~530 yrs slip deficit release)



CANNON BEACH PALEOTSUNAMI EXPERIMENT

Simulated tsunami inundations on 1000-yr-old paleo-landscapes compared to cored tsunami deposits.

Figure from Priest et al. (2009a)



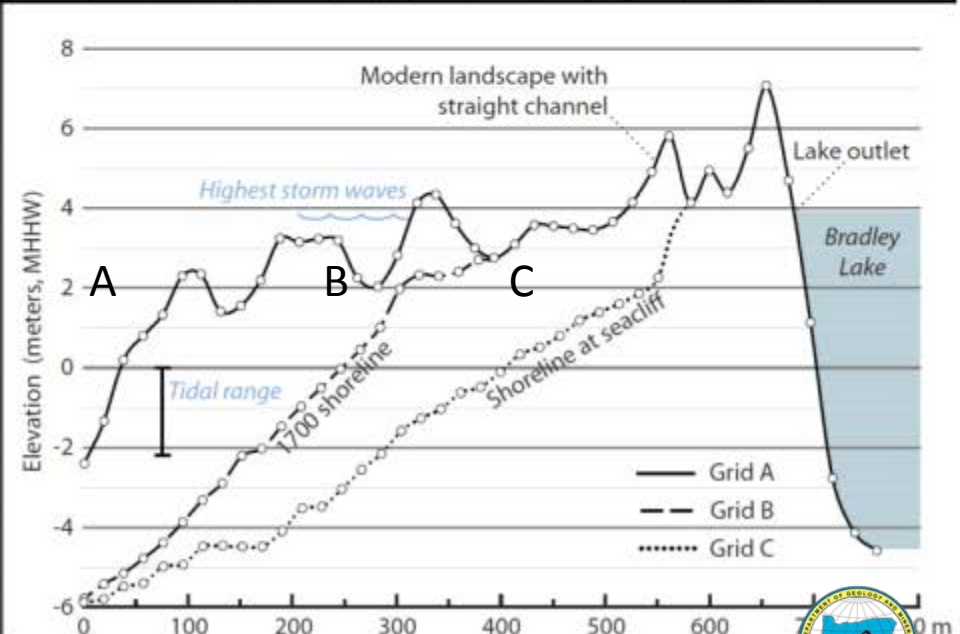
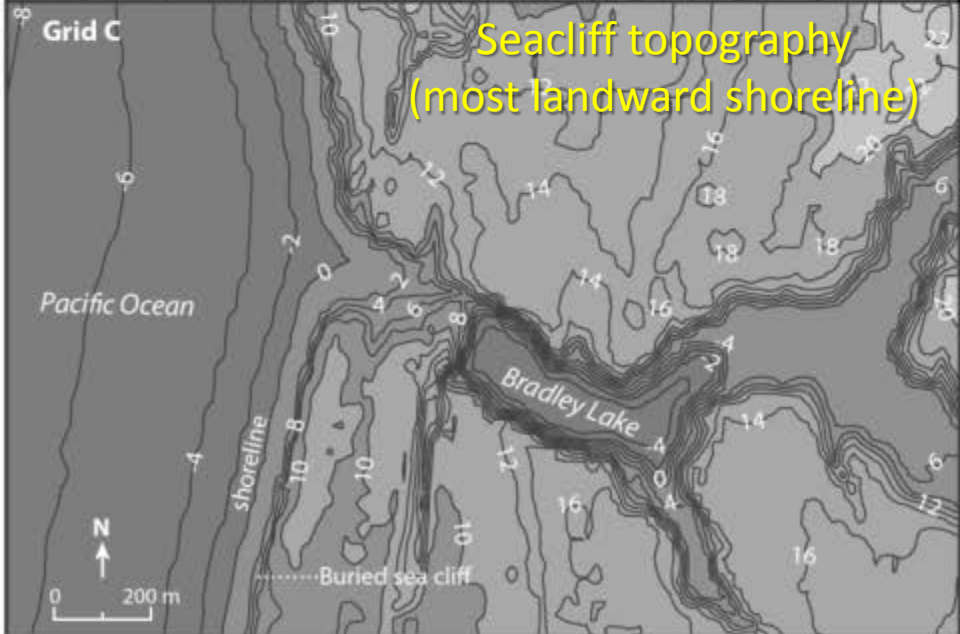
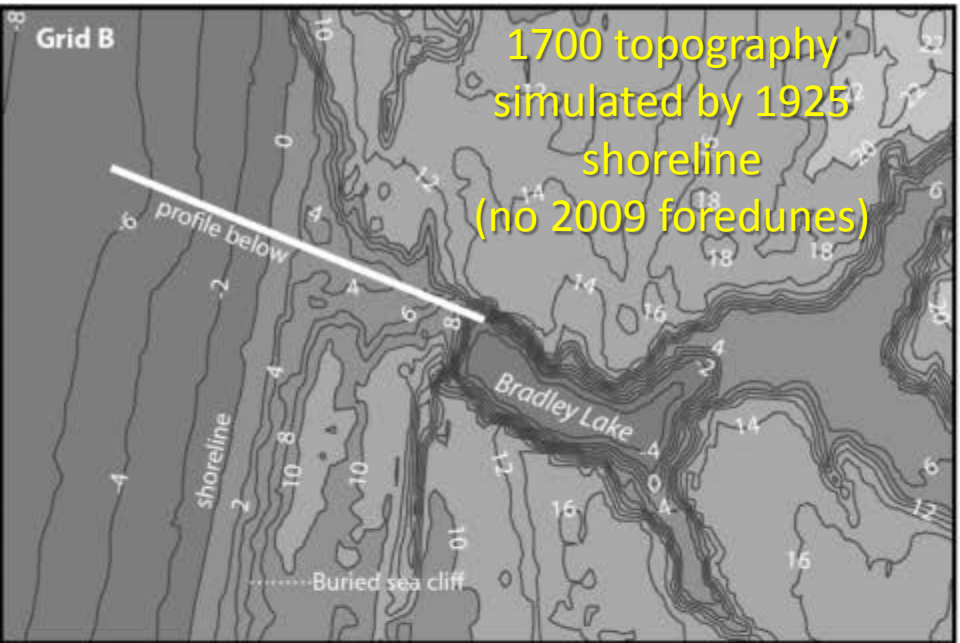
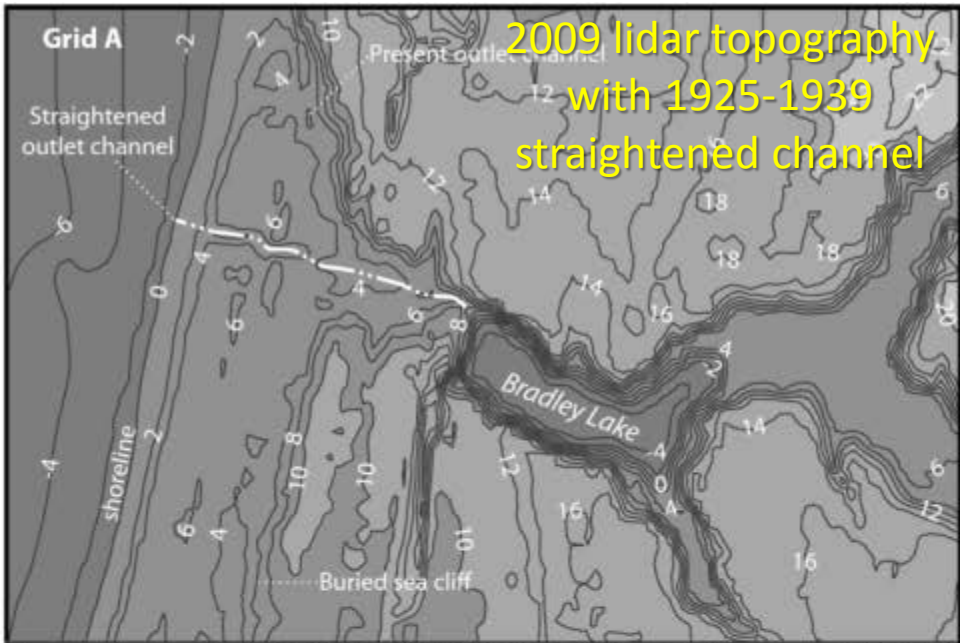
RESULTS

Cannon Beach Experiment

Minimum peak fault slip = ~ 14 m (splay fault) – 15 m (no splay fault)
(389-416 yrs slip deficit release)
to inundate past the last 3 Cascadia tsunami deposits



Bradley Lake Experiment



RESULTS: Bradley Lake Experiment

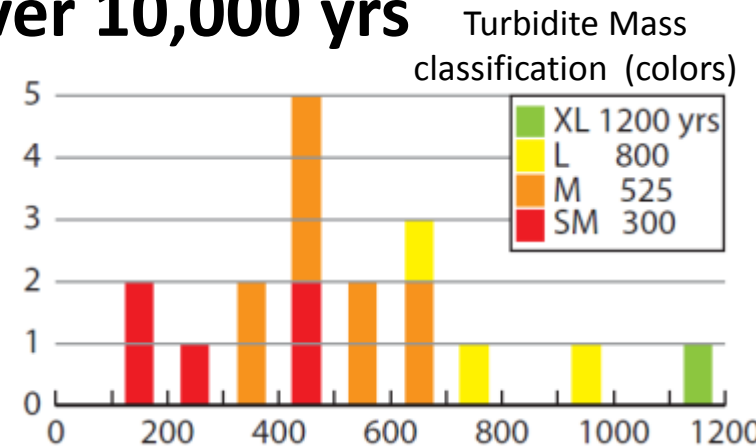


- For AD 1700 shoreline (contemporaneous with an “average” turbidite):
Minimum peak fault slip = ~12 to 13 m (Witter et al., 2012)
360-400 yrs slip deficit
- For most landward shoreline (smallest tsunami able to reach lake):
Minimum peak fault slip = ~8 to 9 m (Witter et al., 2012)
260-290 yrs slip deficit
- Mean recurrence of Bradley Lake tsunami sands = 380–400 yrs
in last 4,600 yrs when geomorphic condition of lake effectively captured tsunami sands, according to Kelsey et al. (2005)
- Mean recurrence of turbidites directly offshore = 300-380 yrs
(Priest et al., 2014)
- Mean Slip Deficit from mean turbidite recurrence = 10-13 m
(at 34mm/yr convergence on CSZ)
- Mean slip deficit = minimum slip needed to get tsunamis in the lake
a conclusion compatible with conclusions of segment tsunami paper of Priest et al. (2014).



CONCLUSIONS from Paleoseismic Observations:

- AD 1700 tsunami was an average event and the estimated **uniform slip** of **19 m (530 yrs slip deficit release)** from Japan tsunami height is consistent with **minimum peak slip** of **~14-15 m** at Cannon Beach and **~12-13 m** at Bradley Lake.
- **~500+/-150 yrs slip deficit** corresponds to:
~9/18 turbidite follow times over 10,000 yrs
- AD 1700 turbidite = “medium”
10/19 turbidites = “medium”
over 10,000 yrs
(based on mass of turbidites)



Slip Deficit Time (turbidite follow times)

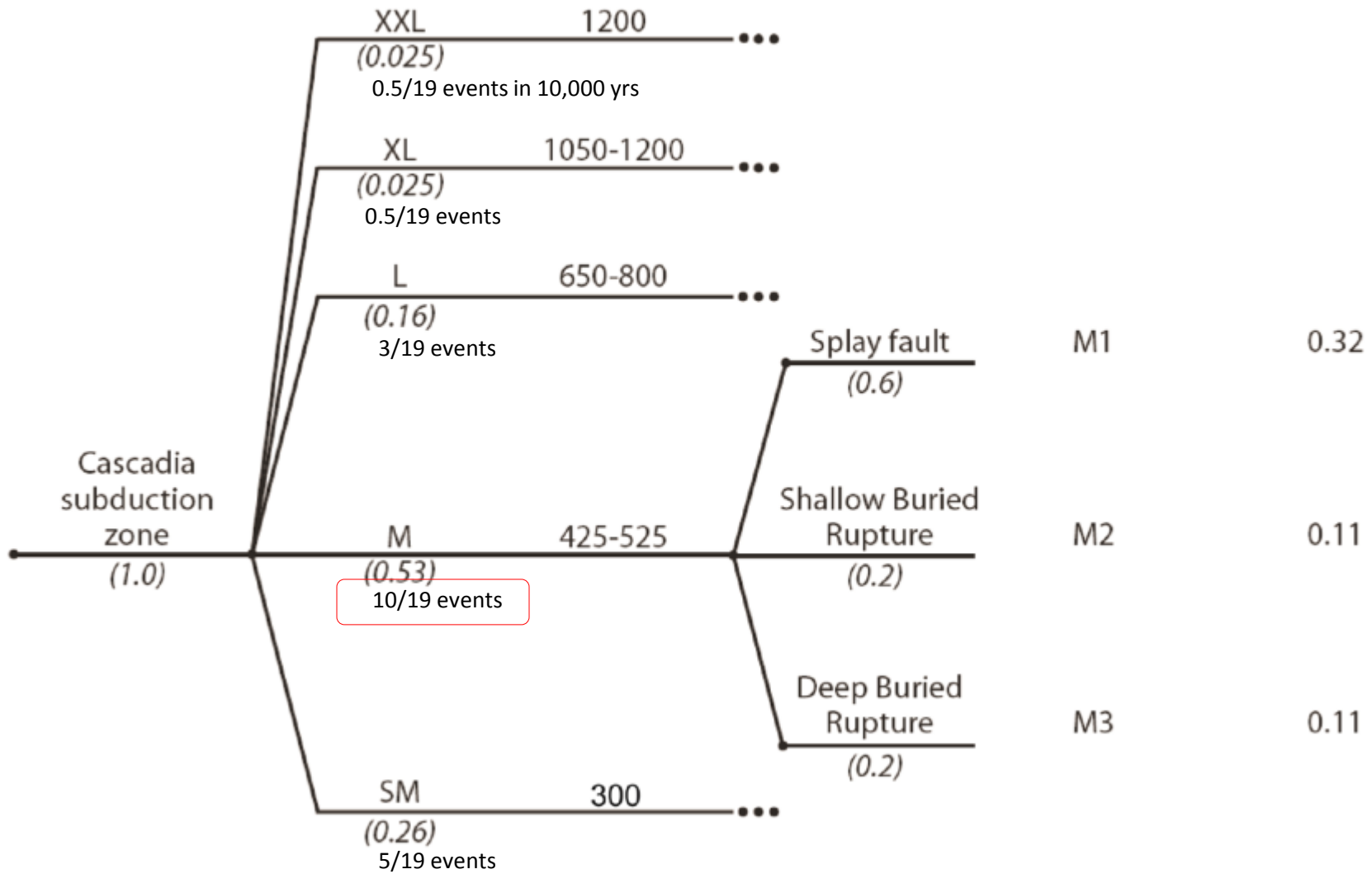
Graph from Witter et al. (2011)





LOGIC TREE FOR 15 FULL-MARGIN CASCADIA SOURCES

Earthquake source	Earthquake size	Slip Deficit Interval (yrs)	Rupture geometry	Scenario name	Total scenario weight
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Modified from Priest et al. (2013)

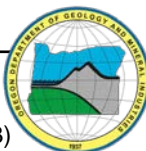
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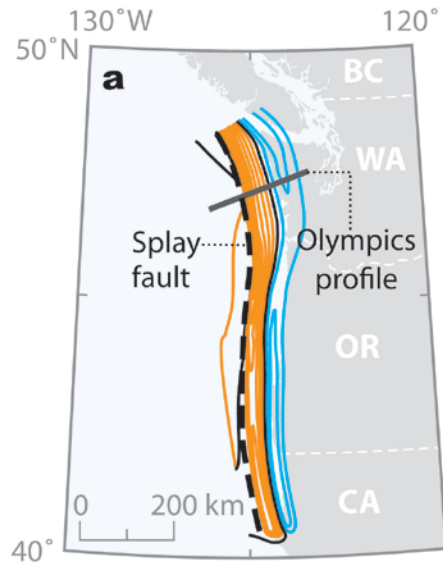
Cascadia Earthquake Source Parameters

(Red = Inundation Mapped Statewide; GIS files in **Open-File Report O-13-19**)

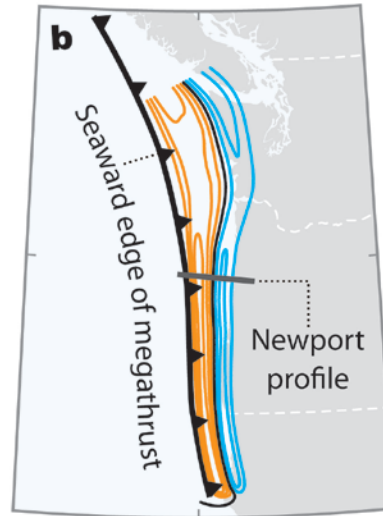
Earthquake Size	Slip Deficit (yrs) [Max Slip (m)]	Fault Geometry	Earthquake Scenario	M _w	Total Weight
Extra-extra-large (1/19/2 = 0.02)	1200 [36-44]	Splay fault (0.8)	XXL 1	~9.1	0.02
		Shallow buried rupture (0.1)	XXL 2	~9.2	<0.001
		Deep buried rupture (0.1)	XXL 3	~9.1	<0.001
Extra-large (1/19/2 = 0.02)	1050-1200 [35-44]	Splay fault (0.8)	XL 1	~9.1	0.02
		Shallow buried rupture (0.1)	XL 2	~9.2	<0.001
		Deep buried rupture (0.1)	XL 3	~9.1	<0.001
Large (3/19 = 0.16)	650-800 [22-30]	Splay fault (0.8)	L 1	~9.0	0.13
		Shallow buried rupture (0.1)	L 2	~9.1	0.02
		Deep buried rupture (0.1)	L 3	~9.0	0.02
Medium (10/19 = 0.53)	425-525 [14-19]	Splay fault (0.6)	M 1	~8.9	0.32
		Shallow buried rupture (0.2)	M 2	~9.0	0.11
		Deep buried rupture (0.2)	M 3	~8.9	0.11
Small (5/19 = 0.26)	300 [9-11]	Splay fault (0.4)	SM 1	~8.7	0.10
		Shallow buried rupture (0.3)	SM 2	~8.8	0.08
		Deep buried rupture (0.3)	SM 3	~8.7	0.08



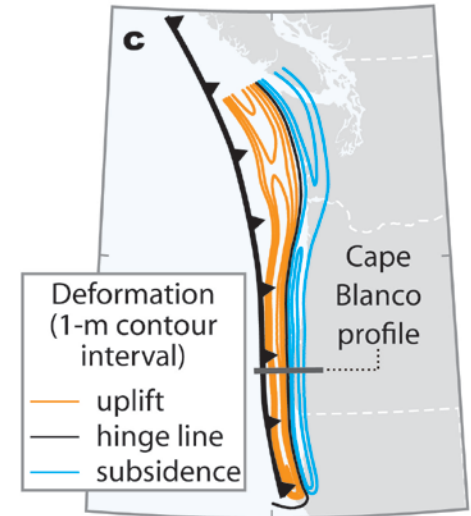
“Medium” Cascadia Earthquake Deformation Models



Splay fault rupture deformation model (M-1).

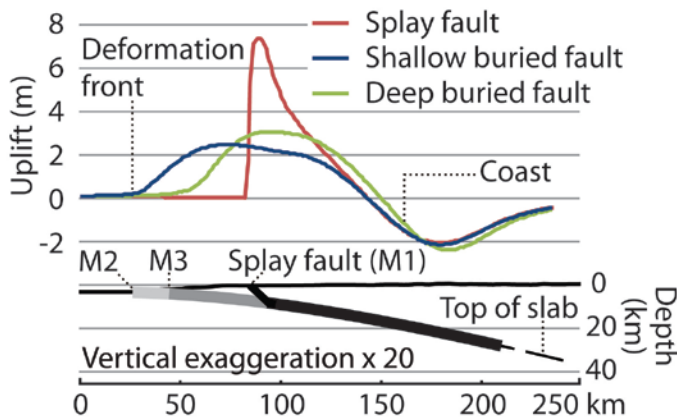


Shallow buried rupture deformation model (M-2).

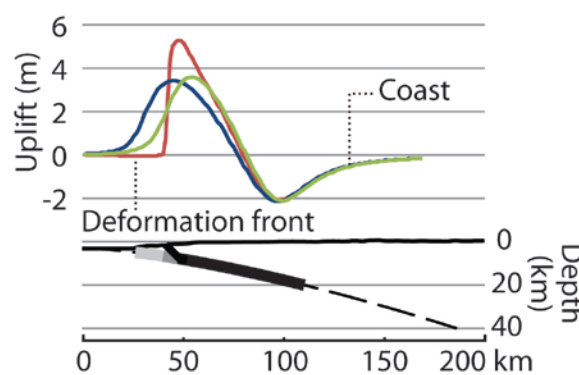


Deep buried rupture deformation model (M-3).

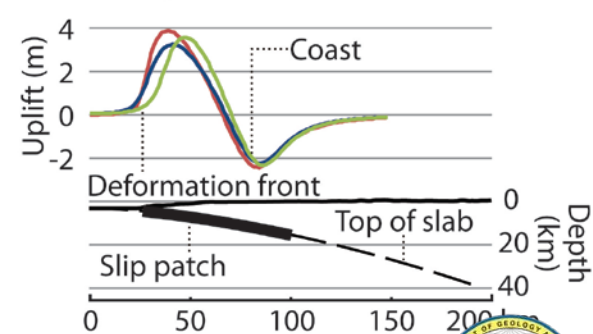
Olympics Profile



Newport Profile

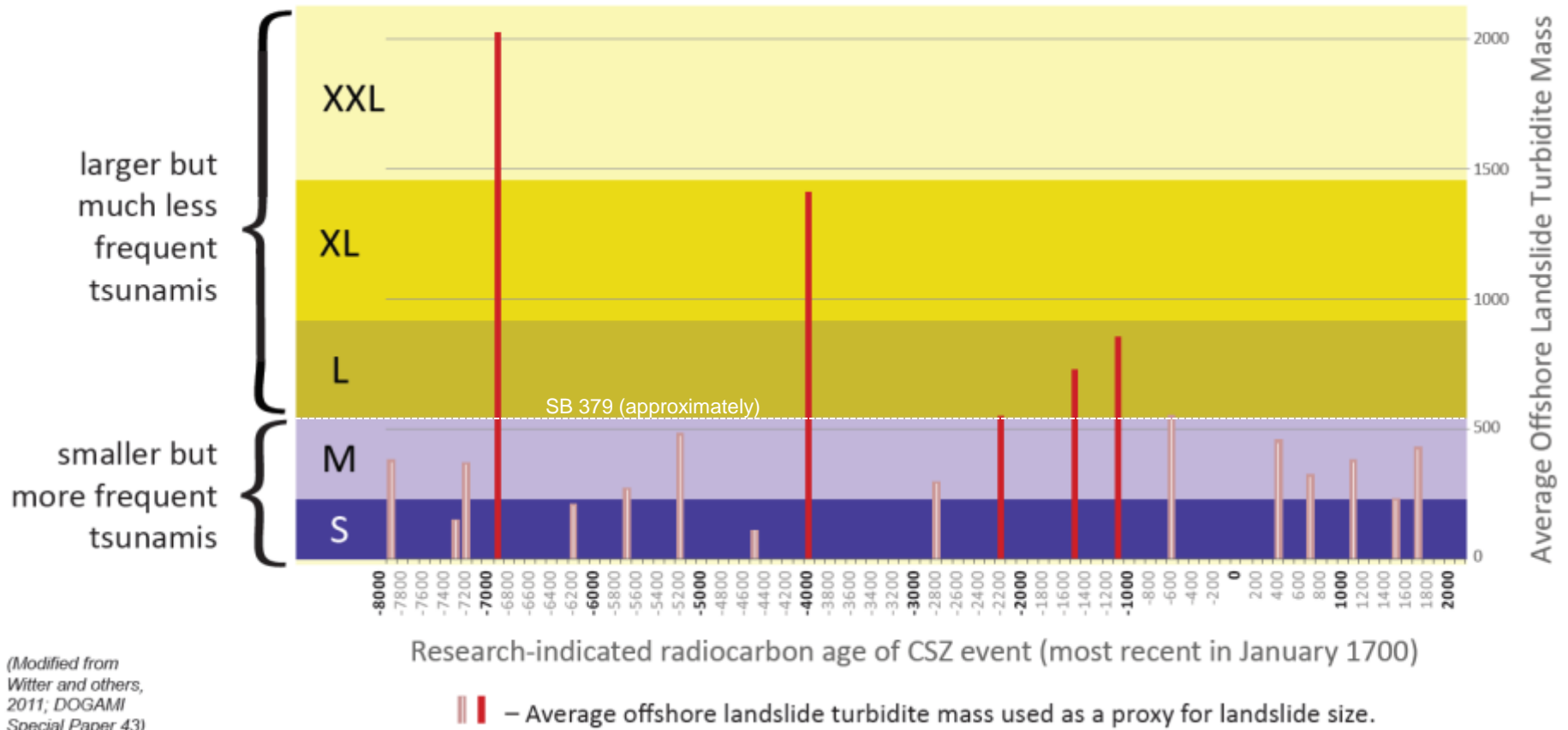


Cape Blanco Profile



Qualitative Explanation of Cascadia Tsunami Scenarios shown on published tsunami inundation maps (TIMs)

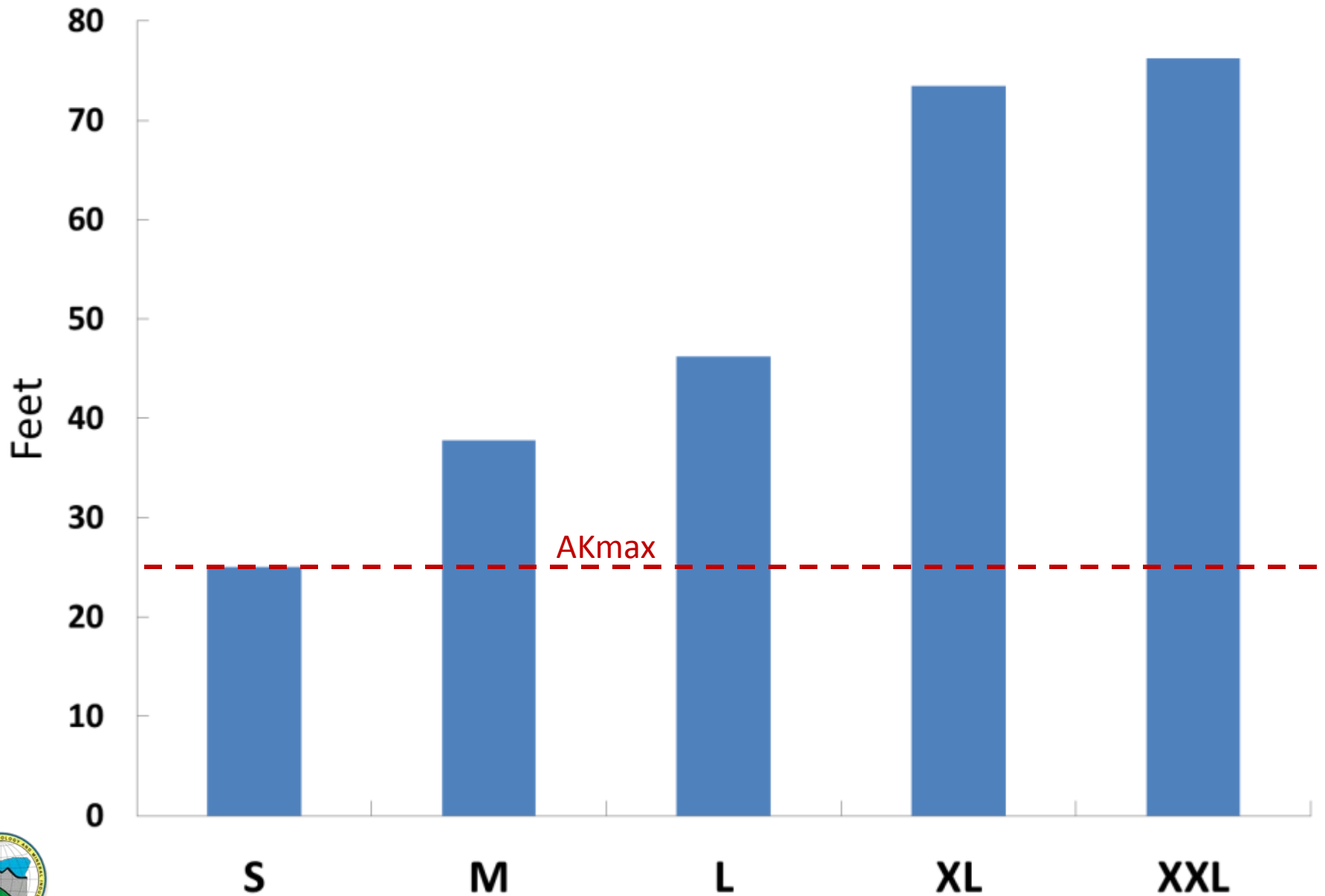
Occurrence and Relative Size of Cascadia Subduction Zone Megathrust Earthquakes



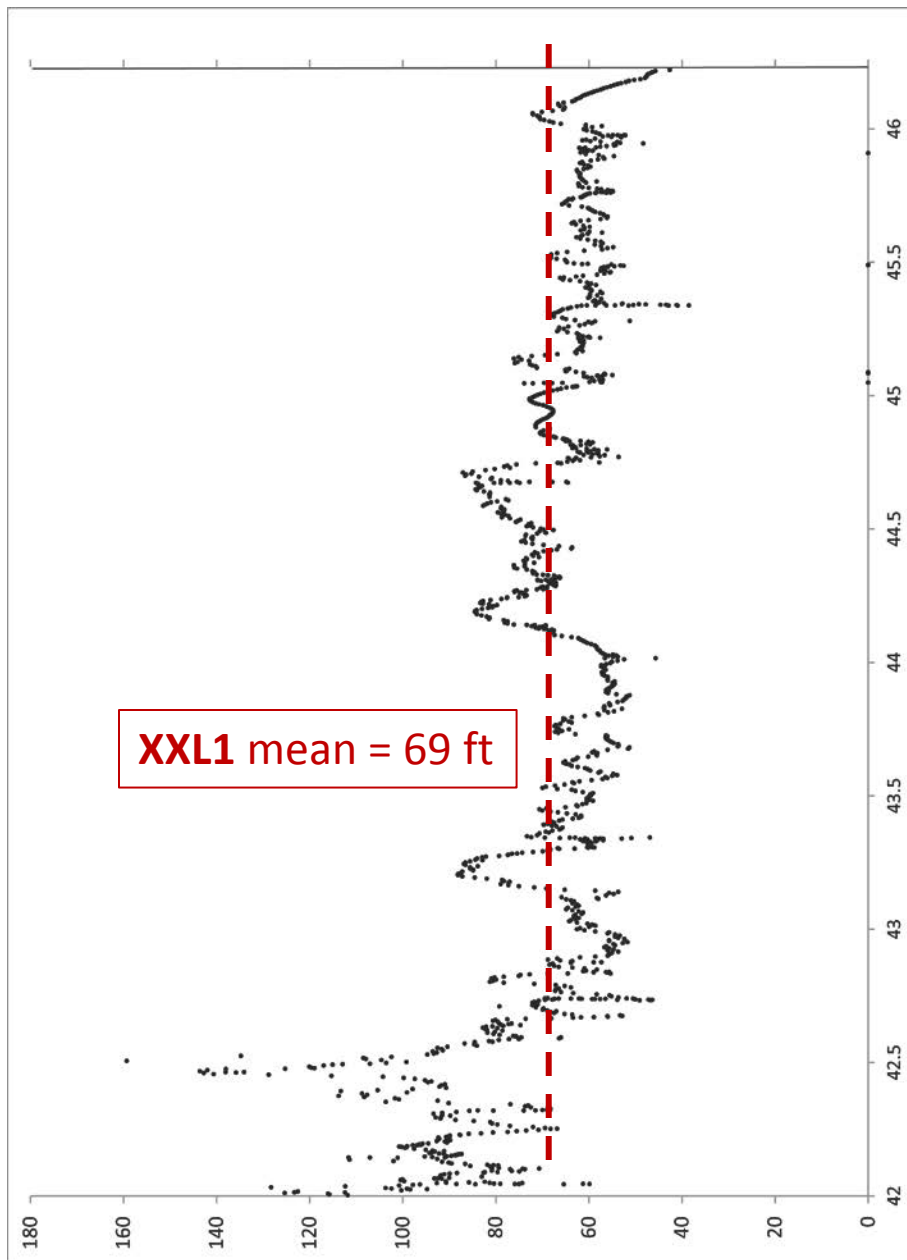
(Modified from Witter and others, 2011; DOGAMI Special Paper 43)



Representative Tsunami Wave Heights at the Coast - Cascadia "T-shirt" Scenarios



Shoreline Tsunami Height is Strongly Affected by Bathymetry



XXL1 mean = 69 ft



XXL1 Tsunami Elevation (ft NAVD88) at MHHW Shoreline

STATEWIDE DISTANT TSUNAMI SCENARIOS

- **AK64**: **Largest historical tsunami**
(1964 Mw 9.2 earthquake in Gulf of Alaska)
- **AKmax**: **Maximum-considered tsunami**
(Hypothetical Mw 9.2 earthquake in Gulf of Alaska)



AKmax = Distant Tsunami Evacuation Zone for Oregon

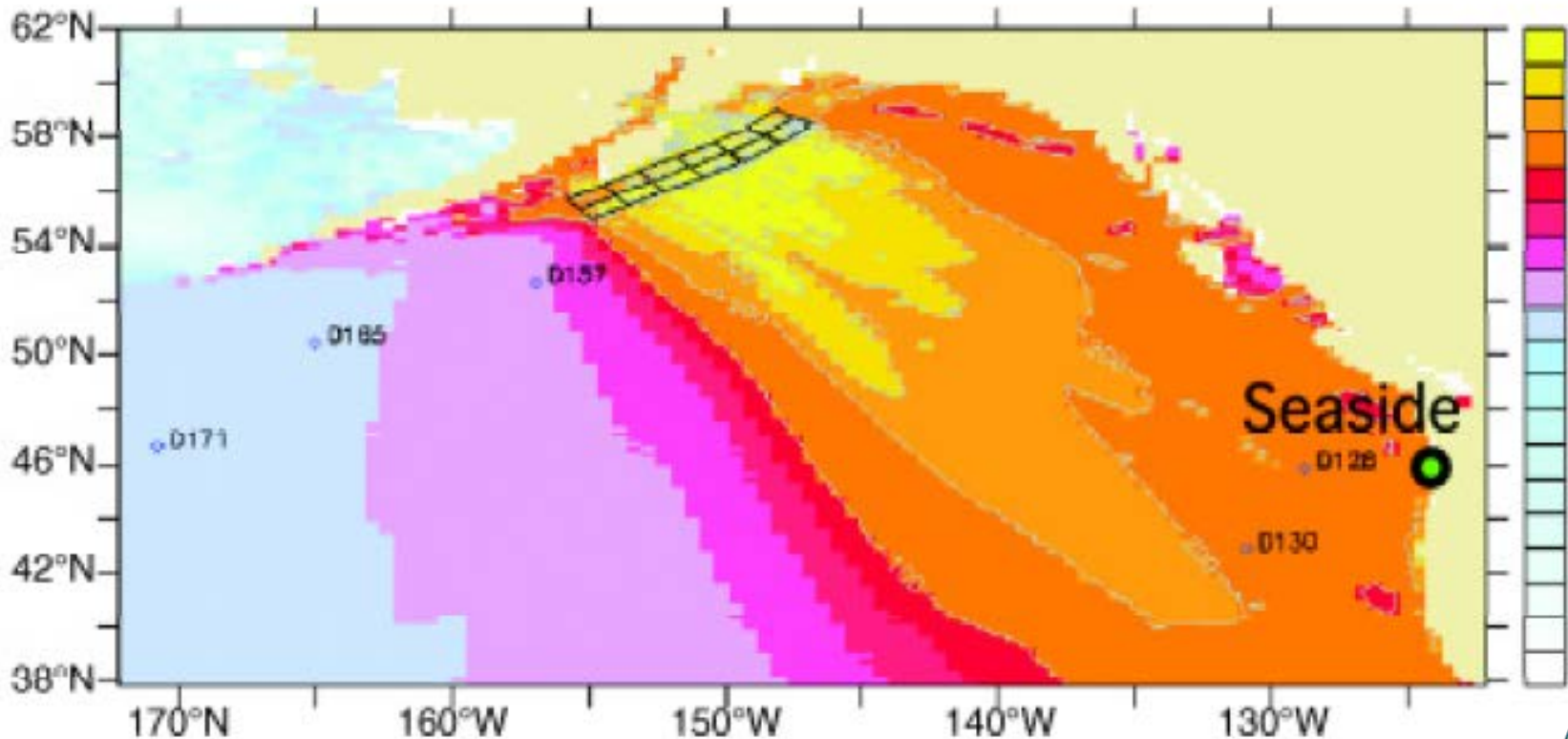
Has maximum directivity to the Oregon coast.

(Source 3 illustration from Tsunami Pilot Study Working Group (2006))

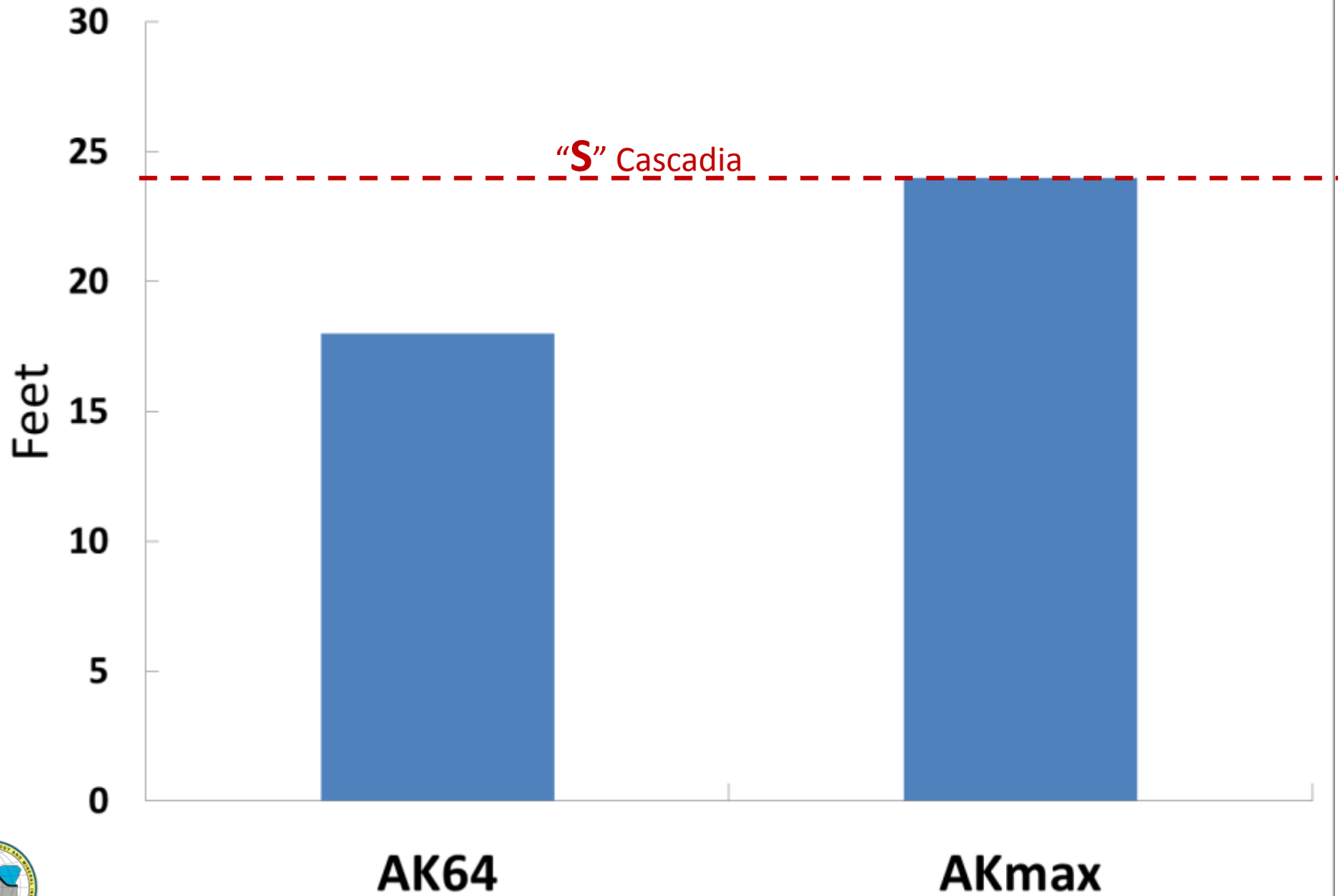
Facility for the Analysis and Comparison of Tsunami Simulations (FACTS)

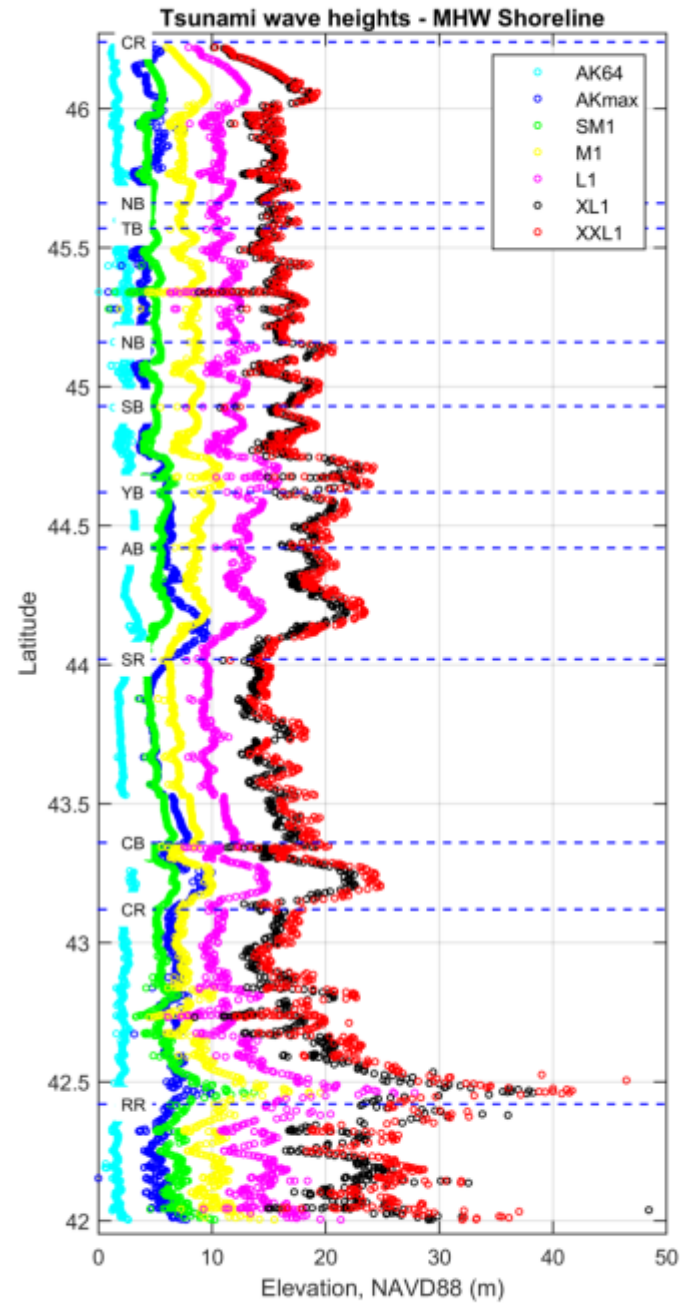
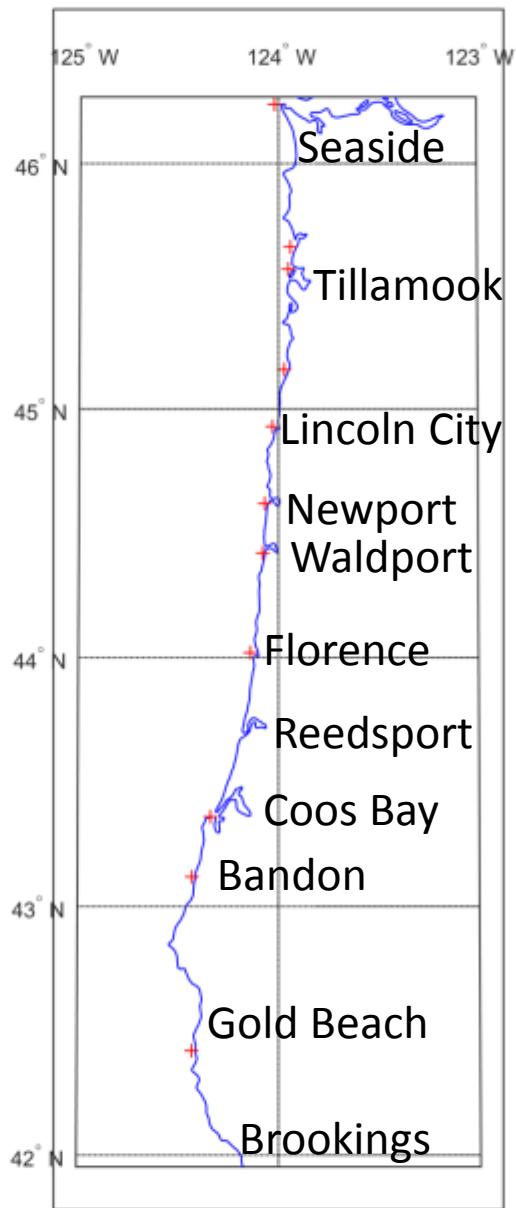
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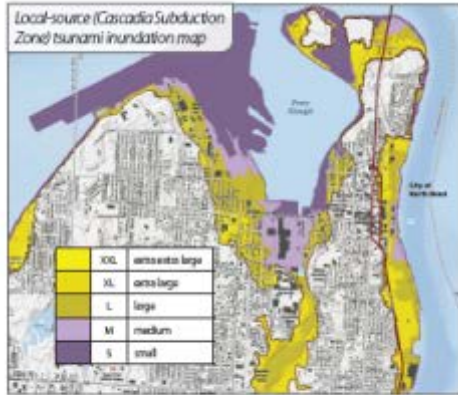


Representative Tsunami Wave Heights (ft) - Distant Tsunami Scenarios





INUNDATION AND EVACUATION MAP PRODUCTS



maximum local source (yellow) maximum distant source (orange)

Combine the maximum tsunami scenario from each map ...



- **Inundation Maps (TIMs)** – 7 inundations *whole coast*

- **5 LOCAL** Cascadia “T-Shirt” Scenarios (S, M, L, XL, XXL)

- **2 DISTANT** Alaska Scenarios

- Largest historical (Alaska 1964 – **AK64**)
- Maximum-considered (**AKmax**)

- **Evacuation Brochures** – **2** inundations *in towns*

- **XXL**

- **AKmax**

- Routes, preparedness information

- **Evacuation Web Mapper** **2** inundations *whole coast*

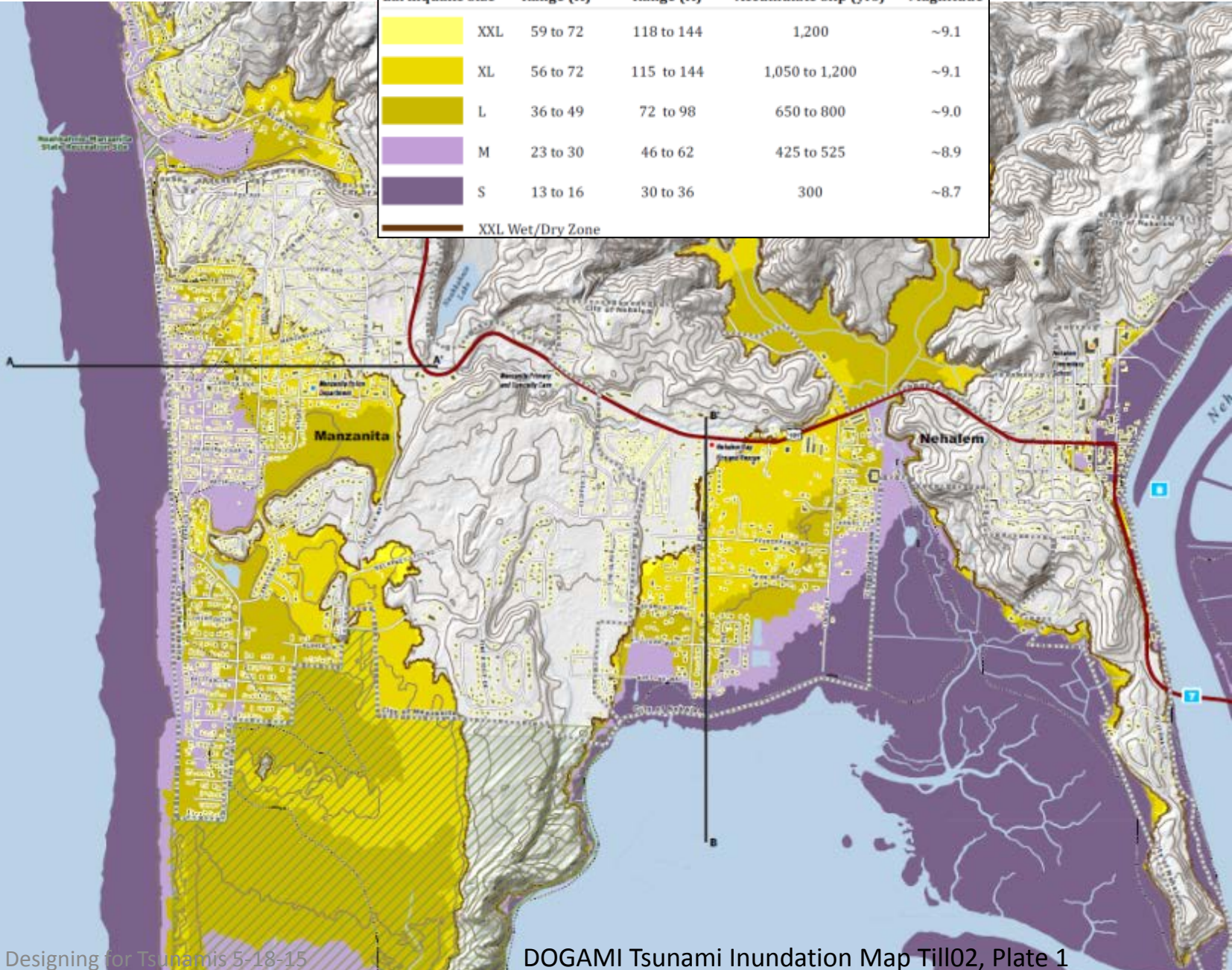
- **XXL + AKmax** on Google type base maps

- www.oregontsunami.org

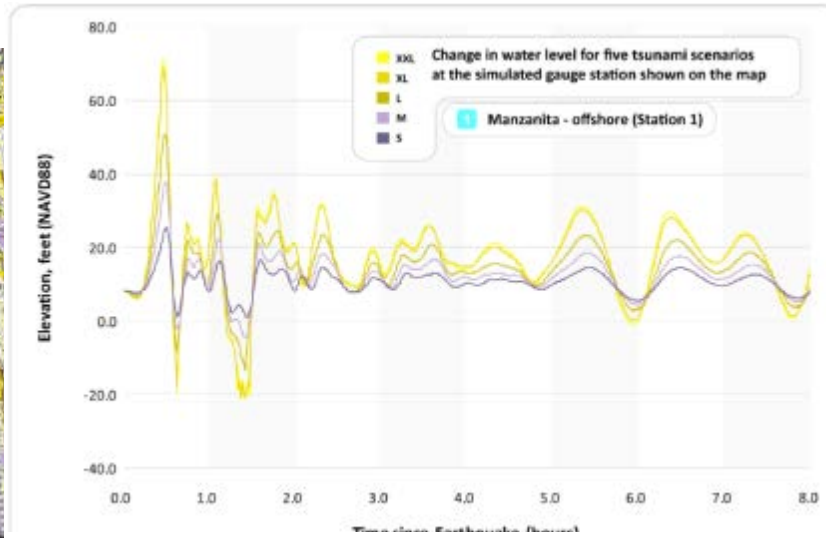


Tsunami Inundation Map (TIM) - Local Cascadia Tsunamis

Earthquake Size	Average Slip Range (ft)	Maximum Slip Range (ft)	Time to Accumulate Slip (yrs)	Earthquake Magnitude
XXL	59 to 72	118 to 144	1,200	~9.1
XL	56 to 72	115 to 144	1,050 to 1,200	~9.1
L	36 to 49	72 to 98	650 to 800	~9.0
M	23 to 30	46 to 62	425 to 525	~8.9
S	13 to 16	30 to 36	300	~8.7
XXL Wet/Dry Zone				



Tsunami Inundation Map (TIM) - Local Cascadia Tsunamis



Open Coast

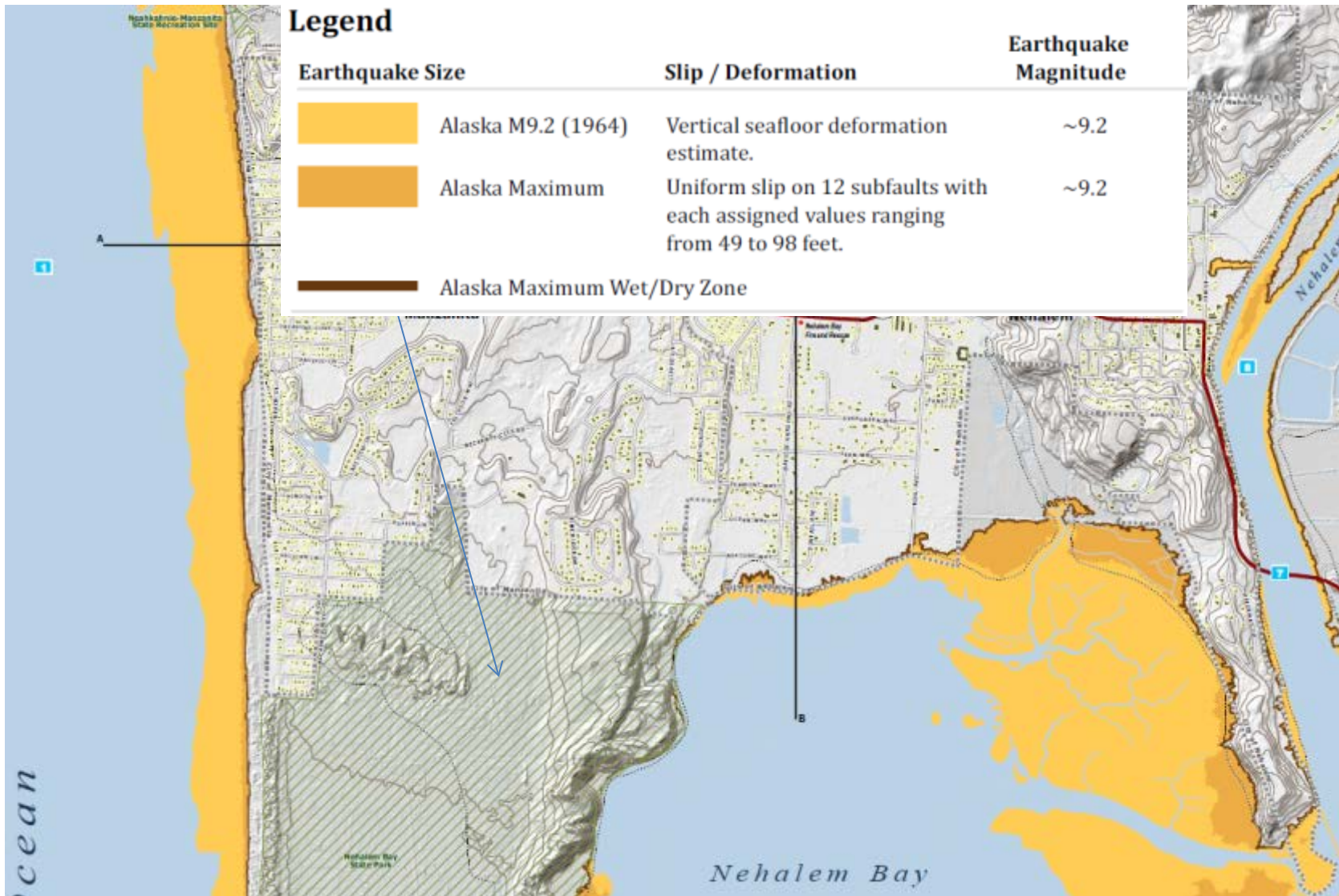
1st rise = 14 min. after earthquake
Peak = 25-71 feet at 29-30 min

Nehalem

1st rise = 37-43 min
Peak = 13-22 feet at 47-49 min



Tsunami Inundation Map (TIM) - Distant Tsunamis

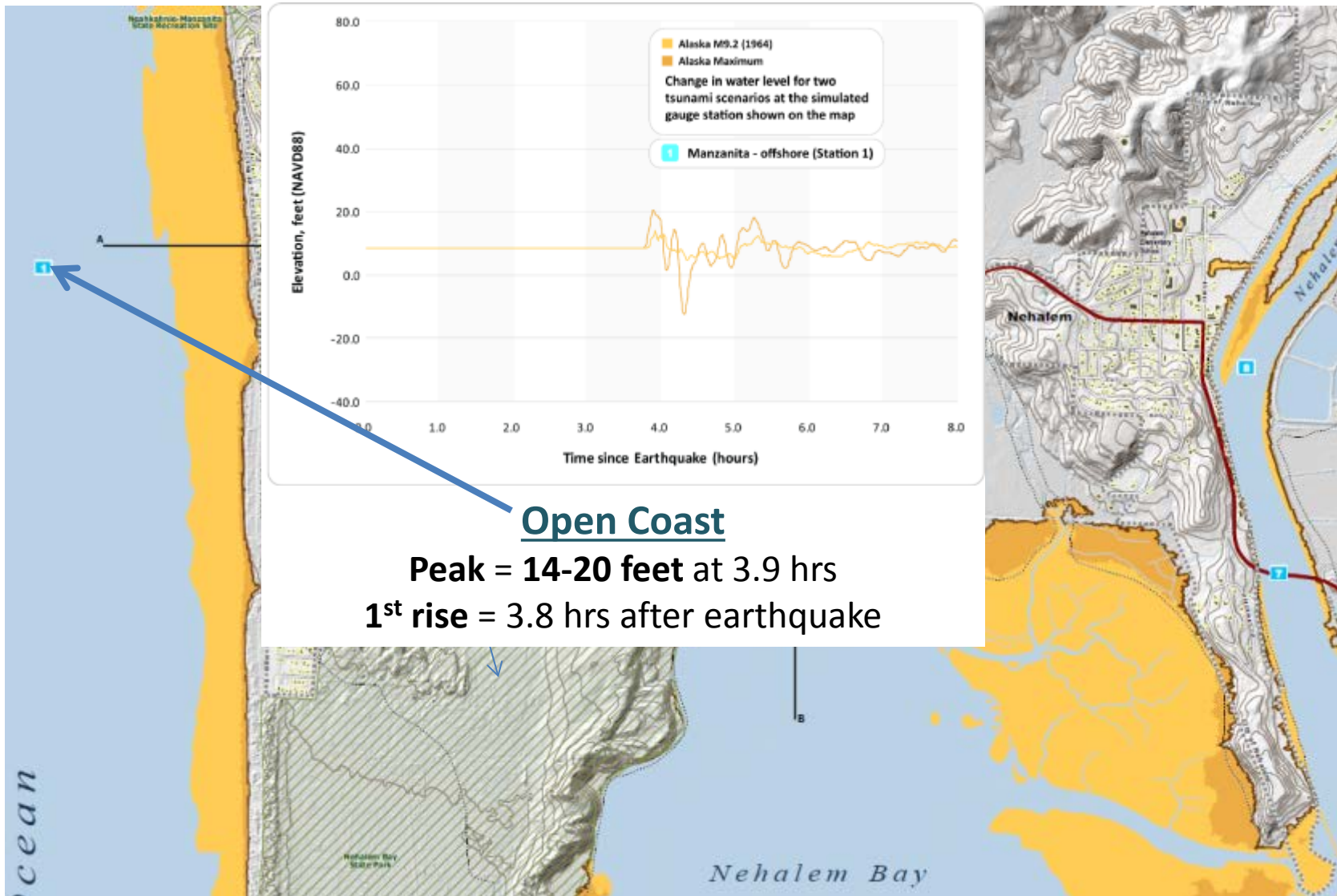


DOGAMI Tsunami Inundation Map Till02, Plate 2

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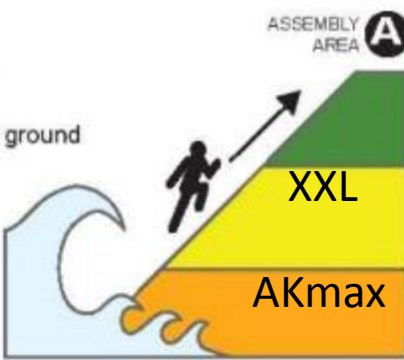
Tsunami Evacuation Map Brochure Explanation

IF YOU FEEL AN EARTHQUAKE:

- Drop, cover, and hold
- Move immediately inland to higher ground
- Do not wait for an official warning

SI USTED SIENTE EL TEMBLOR:

- Tirese al suelo, cúbrase, y espere
- Dirijase de inmediato a un lugar más alto que el nivel del mar
- No espere por un aviso oficial



OUTSIDE HAZARD AREA: Evacuate to this area for all tsunami warnings or if you feel an earthquake.	ZONA DE PELIGRO EXTERIOR: Evacue a esta área para todas las advertencias del maremoto o si usted siente un temblor.
LOCAL CASCADIA EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI: Evacuation zone for a local tsunami from an earthquake at the Oregon coast.	MAREMOTO LOCAL (terremoto de Cascadia): Zona de evacuación para un tsunami local de un temblor cerca de la costa de Oregon.
DISTANT TSUNAMI: Evacuation zone for a distant tsunami from an earthquake far away from the Oregon coast.	MAREMOTO DISTANTE: Zona de evacuación para un tsunami distante de un temblor lejos de la costa de Oregon.

- **GREEN** = outside of both local + distant tsunami inundation
- **YELLOW** = outside of only distant tsunami inundation



Manzanita-Nehalem Tsunami Evacuation Map



Make your own evacuation map anywhere – just put in an address or zoom in on the viewer! www.oregontsunami.org

We cannot prevent a tsunami but we can prepare for one.
Oregon Tsunami Clearinghouse



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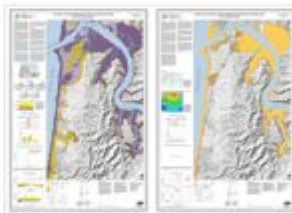
Tsunami Evacuation Zone Map Viewer

Search by address or coastal area.
[web map](#) | [iPhone app](#) | [Android app](#)



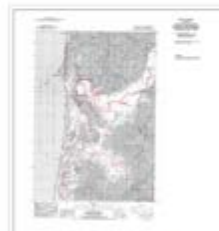
Tsunami Evacuation Brochures

For coastal communities. [Fact Sheet](#)



Tsunami Inundation Maps (TIM Series)

Maps incorporating all the best tsunami science available today. [Fact Sheet](#)



Tsunami Regulatory Maps

Official maps for implementation of ORS 455-446 and 455-447.

TsunamiReady, TsunamiPrepared News

» February 2014 - **Tsunami Warnings now part of NOAA's Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) from your mobile carrier**

- NOAA Fact Sheet: Tsunami Warnings via Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- About Wireless Emergency Alerts



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Tsunami news around the web

[Eastern Australia a tsunami](#)

ABC Science Online
Goff and colleague Catharine Chagué-Goff scoured the scientific literature, historical newspaper reports, historical records and other tsunami databases, to arrive at their estimate of the number of tsunamis that have reached Australia since ...

[Scientists to place Swiss lake](#)

spyghana.com
"So, actually, we can predict to a certain degree what sort of earthquake is required to trigger which kinds of slopes, and because our numerical codes then allow us to calculate the resulting tsunami wave, we are somehow able to say which areas will ...

[Mind the Gap: New evidence](#)

Fox News
"There seems to be more



Maximum Value Point Data, Time Histories for Selected Points + Animations of XXL1

- ASCII point files of:
 - **Maximum elevation**
 - **Maximum flow depth**
 - **Maximum velocity (north, east, and total vector)**
- **Time histories** in Excel spreadsheets plus PDF graphs
- Order from DOGAMI the DVDs (www.oregontsunami.org):
 - Curry County: Open-File Report **O-13-13**
 - Bandon area: Open-File Report **O-13-14**
 - Coos County: Open-File Report **O-13-15**
 - Douglas, Lane, Lincoln Counties: **O-13-16**
 - Tillamook Co.: Open-File Report **O-13-17**
 - Clatsop County: Open-File Report **O-13-18**

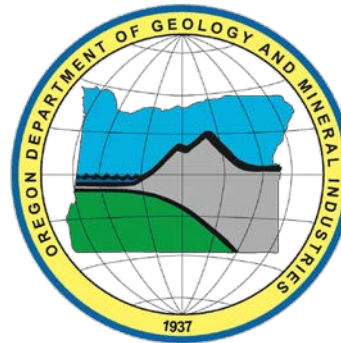


Newly Released Digital Point Data

- ASCII point files of:
 - **Maximum momentum flux**
 - **Minimum flow depth**
 - **Maximum vorticity**
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 - Coos County: Open-File Report **O-14-05**
 - Douglas, Lane, Lincoln Counties: **O-14-06**
 - Tillamook Co.: Open-File Report **O-14-07**
 - Clatsop County: Open-File Report **O-14-08**



Oregon Revised Statutes
(ORS) 455.446 and 455.447:
Restrictions on New Development
in Oregon's
Tsunami Inundation Zone



SUMMARY



- Restricts new construction of:
Critical, essential, hazardous, and high occupancy facilities.
- Prohibits (with exemptions):
 - Fire and police stations
 - Hospitals
 - Emergency response facilities
 - Schools >50 people
 - Colleges >500 people
 - Jails
- Not land use planning; only in the building code

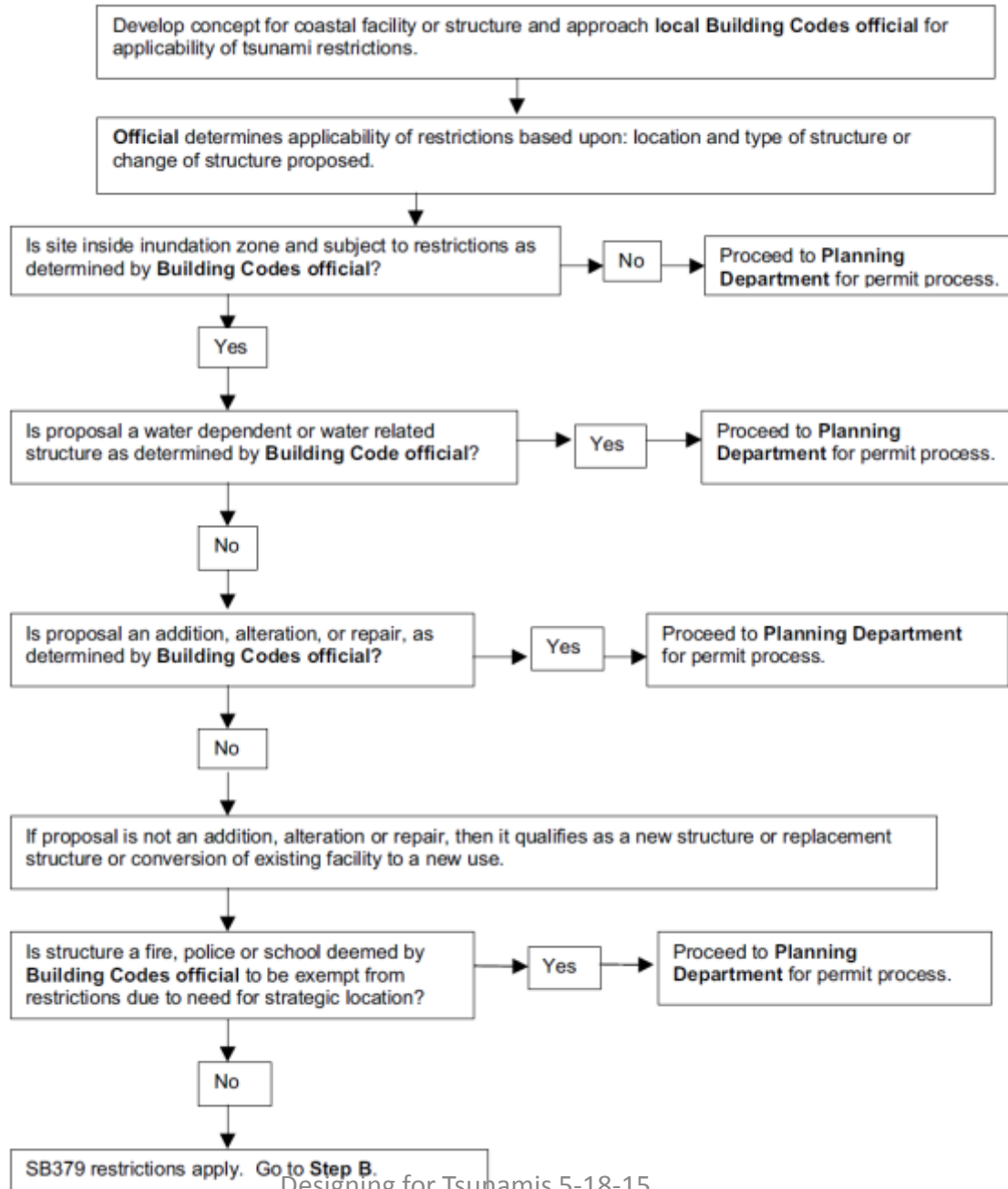
Summary of the requirements of ORS 455.447 on new construction in the official tsunami inundation zone

(omits excluded development types; see complete table in DOGAMI OFR-03-05)

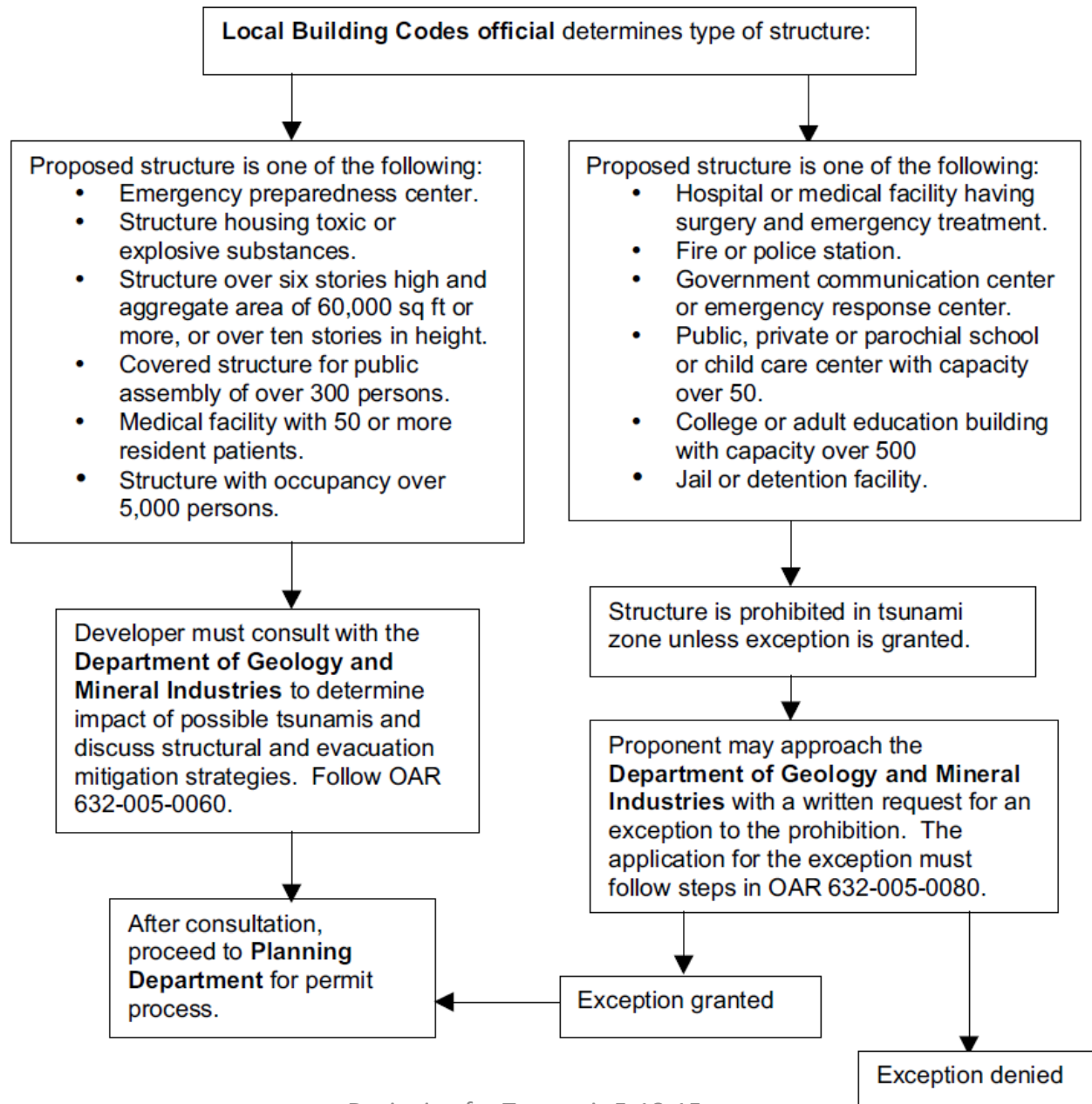
Section in ORS 455.477(1)	Type	SB 379 ORS 455.477	Local Exemptions	Prohibited with Exceptions	Must Consult with DOGAMI
aA	Hospitals and other medical facilities with surgery and emergency treatment areas	X		X	
aB	Fire and Police stations	X	X	X	
aE	Structures and equipment in emergency-preparedness centers	X			X
aG	Structures and equipment in government communication centers and other facilities required for emergency response	X		X	
b	Hazardous facility means structures, housing supporting or containing sufficient quantities of toxic or explosive substances to be of danger to the safety of the public if released	X			X
c	Major structure means a building over six stories in height with aggregate floor area of 60,000 square feet or more, every building over 10 stories in height and parking structures as determined by Department of Consumer and Business Services	X			X
eA	Covered structures whose primary occupancy is public assembly with a capacity of greater than 300 persons	X			X
eB	Buildings with a capacity greater than 50 individuals for every public, private or parochial school through secondary level or child care centers	X	X	X	
eC	Buildings for colleges or adult education schools with a capacity greater than 500 persons	X		X	
eD	Medical facilities with 50 or more resident, incapacitated patients not included in subparagraphs A to C above	X			X
eE	Jails and detention facilities	X		X	
eF	All structures and occupancies with a capacity greater than 5,000 persons	X			X



Step A: Proponent develops a proposal and approaches local Building Codes official



Step B: Comply with restrictions





Current SB379 Inundation Zone

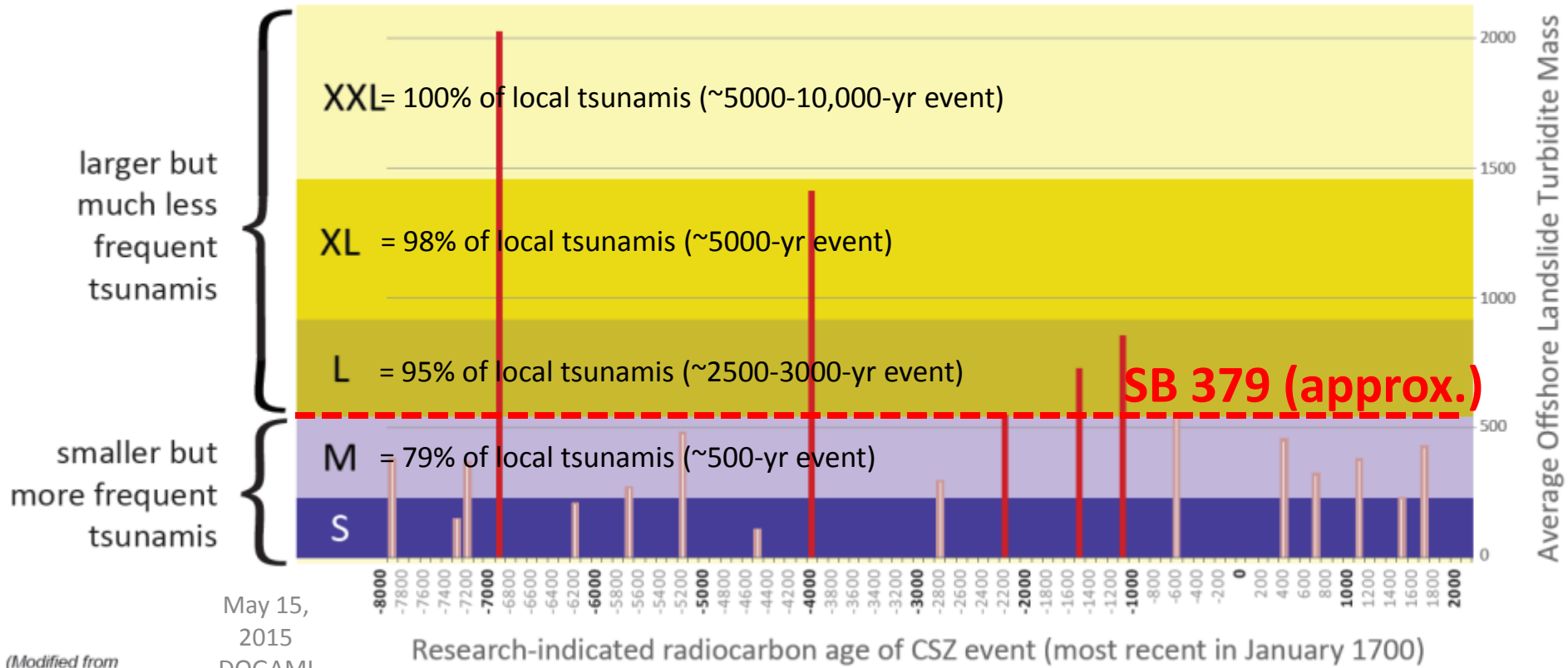
- 1995 knowledge base
- “Most likely” Cascadia earthquake = $\sim M_w$ 8.8
 - Crude fault source (2 rectangles + uniform slip)
 - Mean fault slip = 37.7 ft
 - Effective offshore uplift = ~ 7 ft over a broad area
- Inundation estimated from crude computer model.
- Drawn on 52 topographic maps – 20-40’ contours
- Line does not always match across map boundaries.
- NOT easily used in GIS (“official line = old paper maps”)



Oregon Tsunami Inundation Maps (TIMS)

Five Cascadia Earthquake/Tsunami Size Classes

From Size & Frequency of Offshore Turbidites



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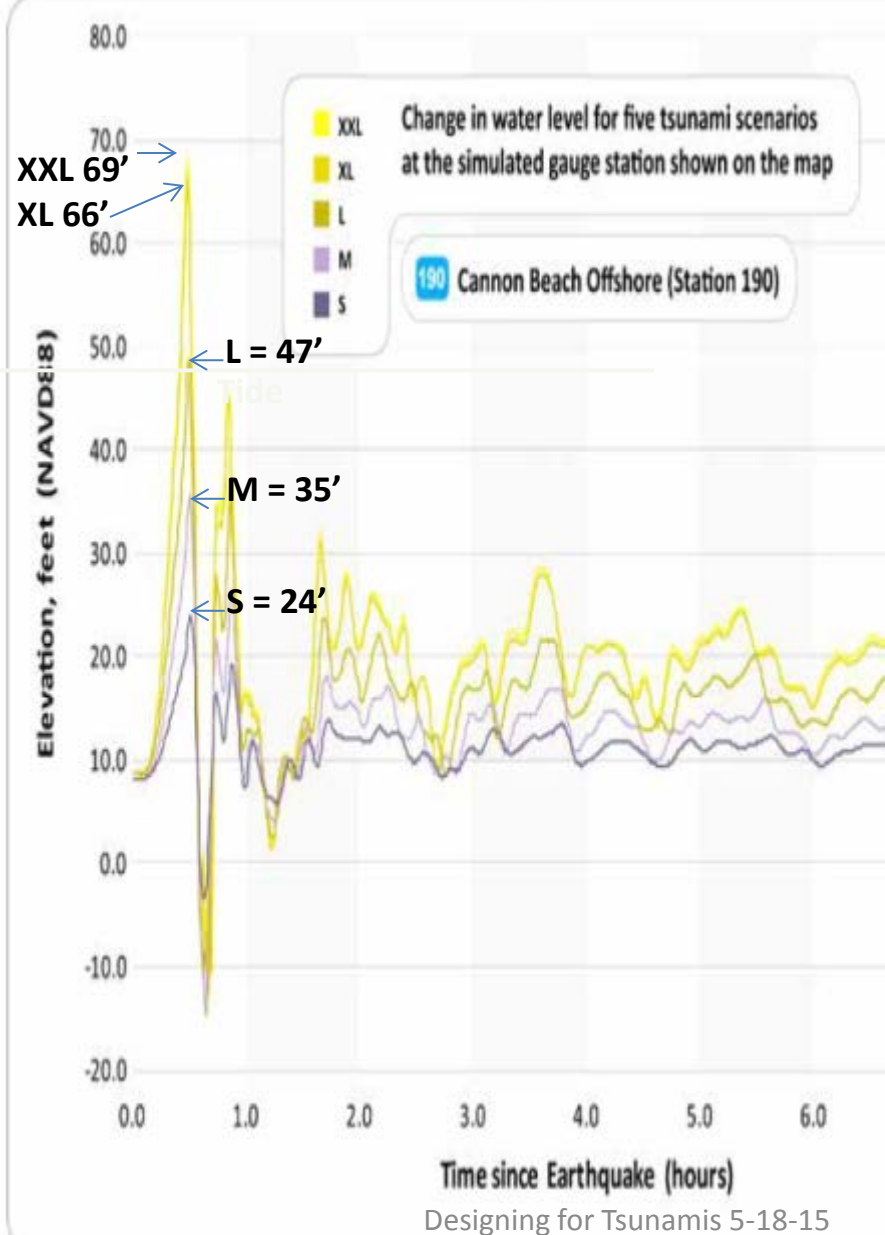
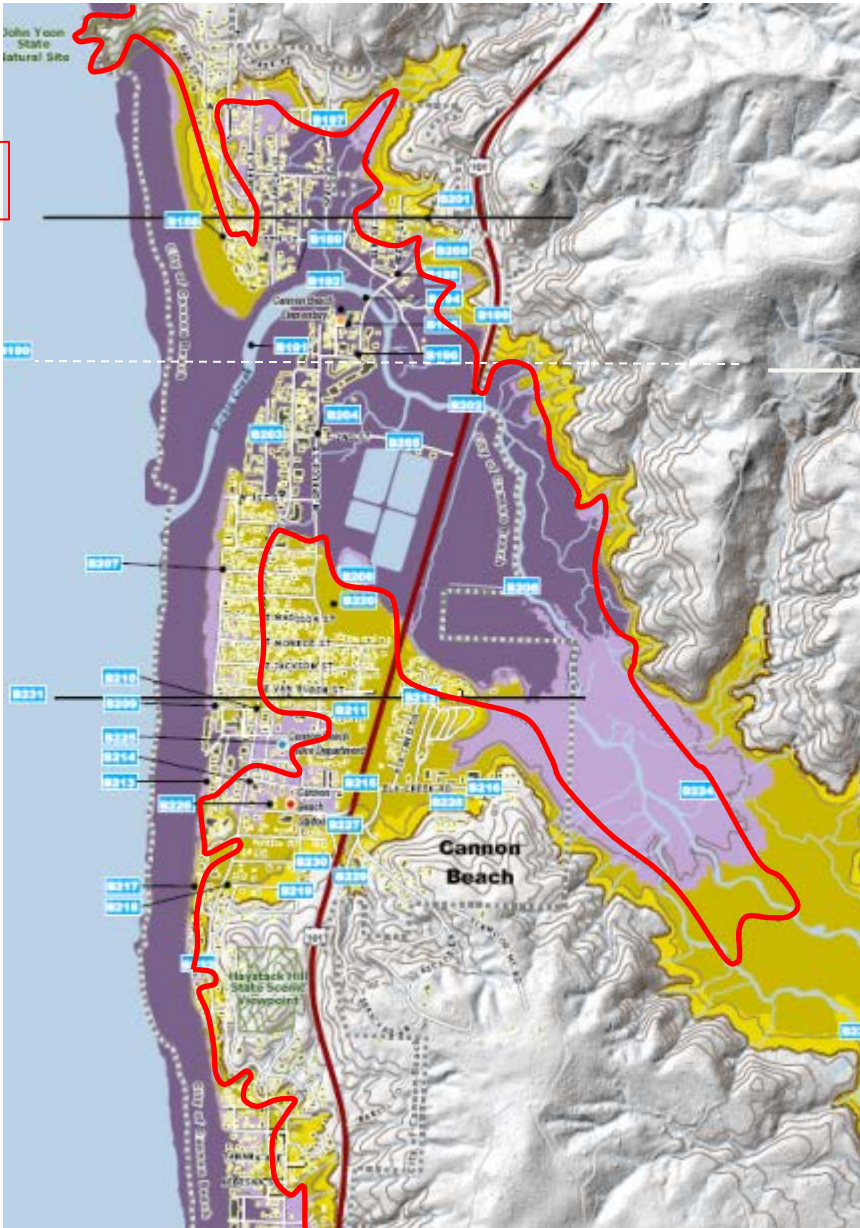
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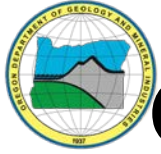
— Average offshore landslide turbidite mass used as a proxy for landslide size.



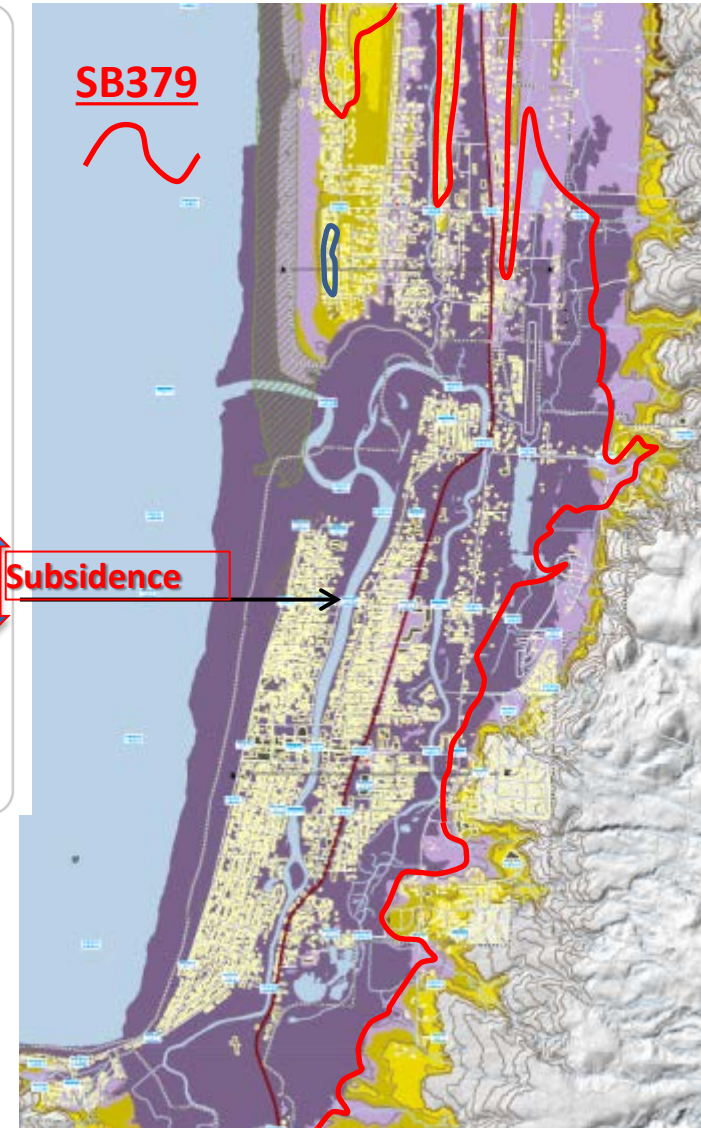
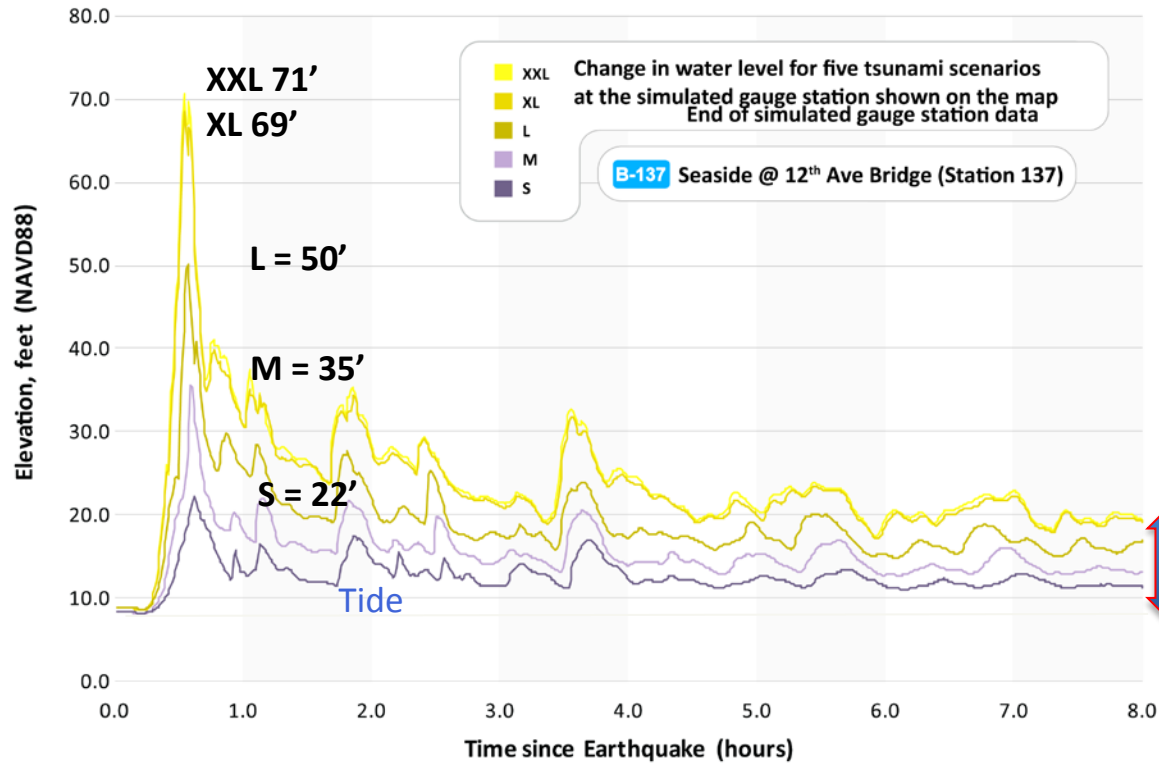
Cannon Beach Local Tsunami TIM

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Gearhart-Seaside Local Tsunami TIM



PROBABILITY OF OREGON CASCADIA TSUNAMI SCENARIOS

Insights from 2013 Crescent City Pilot PTHA
(Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Assessment)

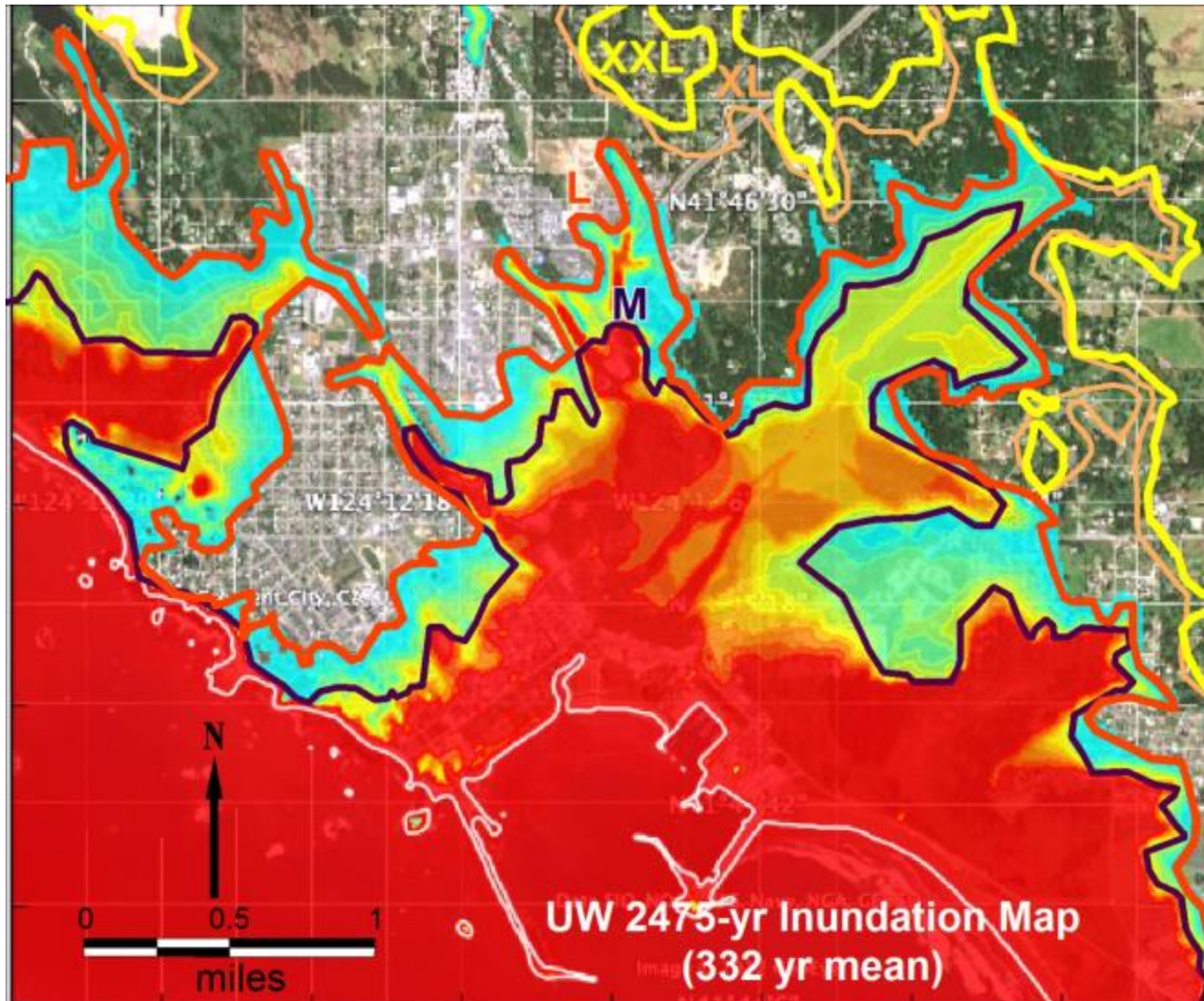


2013 Crescent City Pilot PTHA

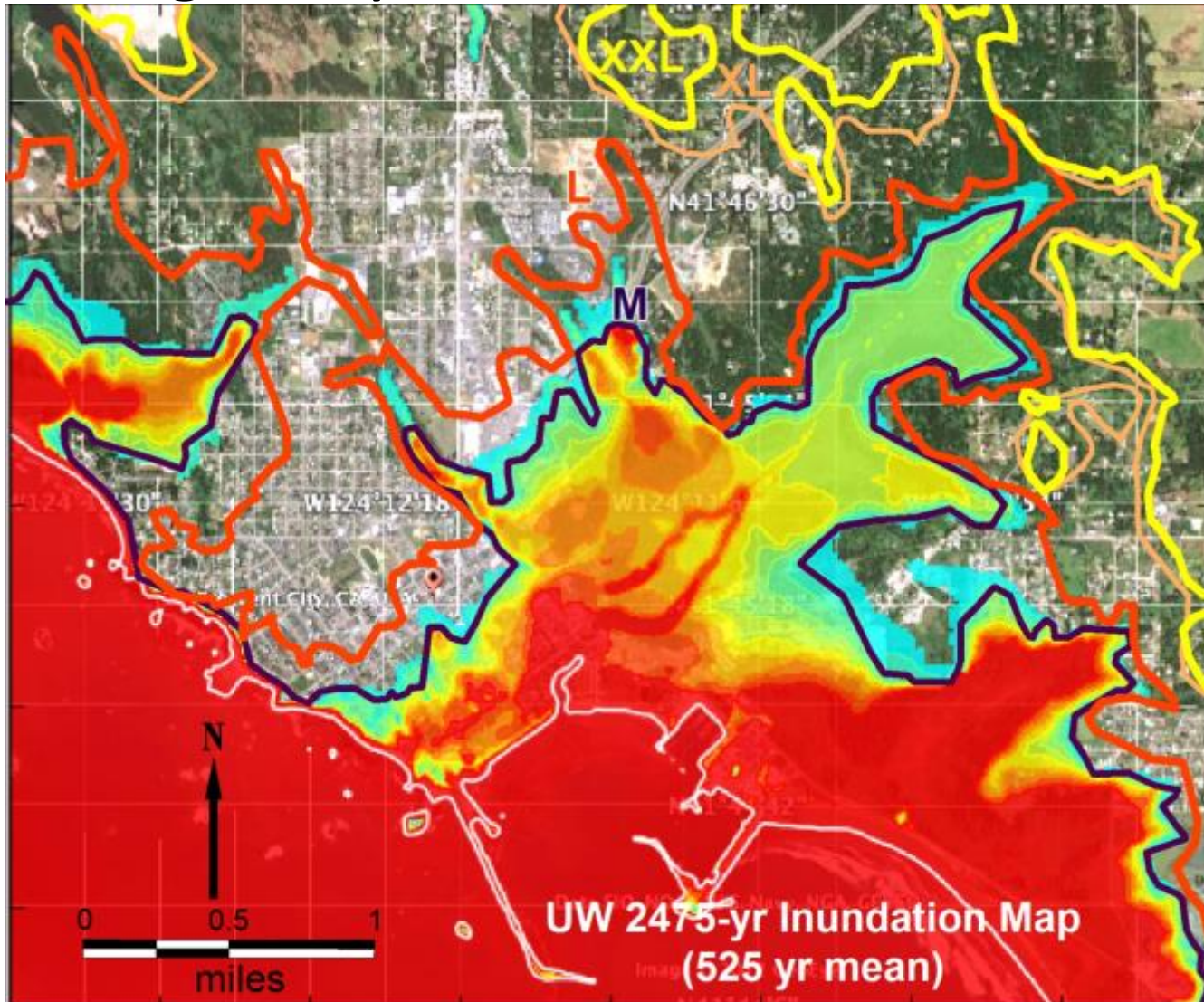
- **Sponsors:** California-CGS, FEMA, ASCE, California Coastal Comm.
- **Objectives**
 - Test approaches to PTHA at Crescent City
 - Understand and quantify uncertainties
 - 500-yr inundation for land use planning in California (1990 law)
 - 2475-yr exceedance for critical facilities: for tsunami forces in International Building Code (IBC) (ASCE-7 chapter).
- **Two Competing Teams – 2 Techniques for Cascadia**
 - URS (Hong Kie Thio) approach for Cascadia = global analogues, ~500+ scenarios (mainly aimed at IBC 2475-yr exceedance).
 - UW (Frank Gonzalez) assume SP43 (Oregon) Cascadia logic tree = 15 realizations of a 500-yr or 332-yr event
 - BOTH evaluate similar distant tsunamis + tides, etc.



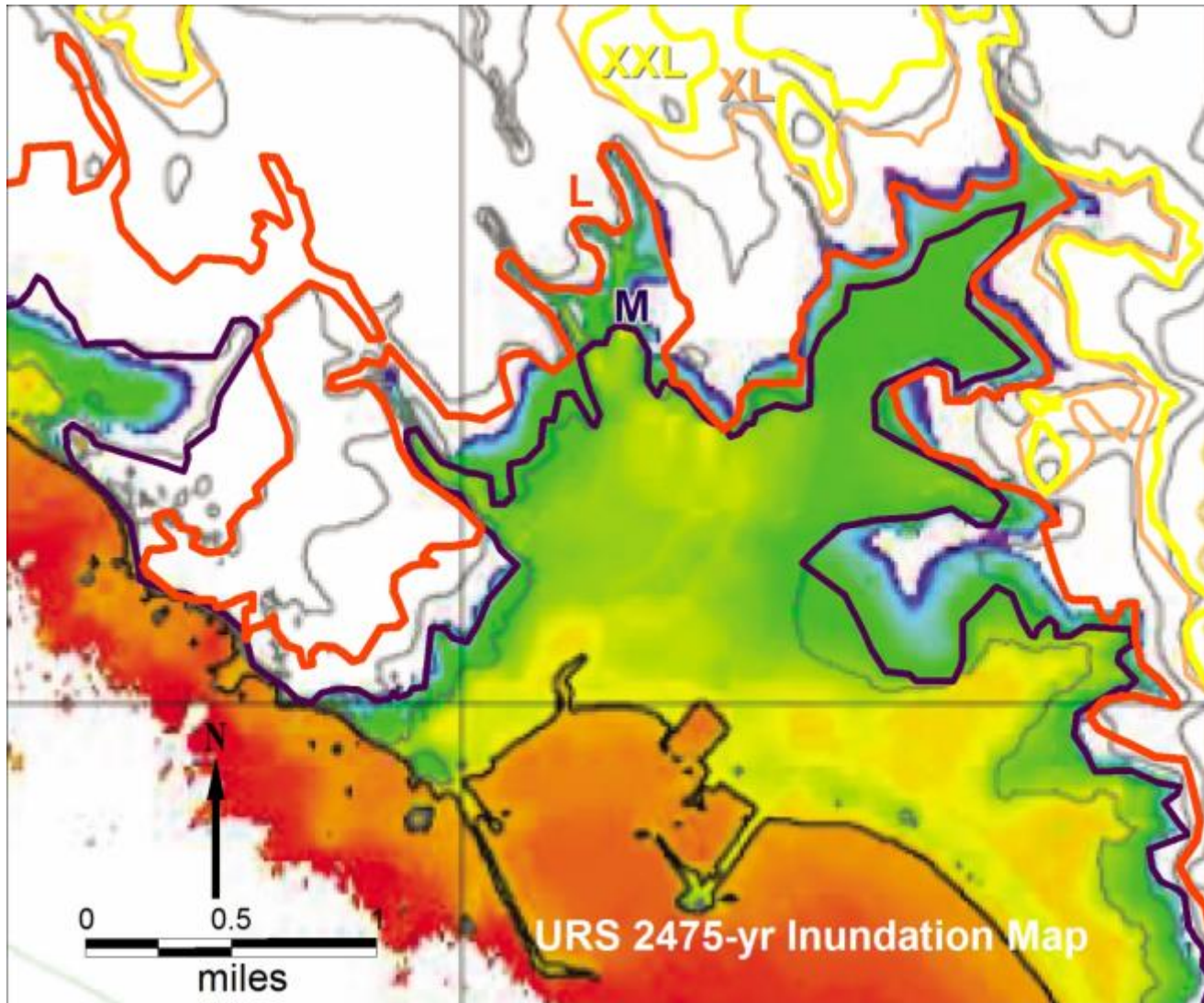
XXL, XL, L, M vs 2475-yr exceedance (assuming 332-yr mean return – 2013 **UW PTHA**)



XXL, XL, L, M vs 2475-yr exceedance (assuming 525-yr mean return – 2013 **UW PTHA**)



XXL, XL, L, M vs 2475-yr exceedance (2013 URS PTHA)



CONCLUSION:

2013 Crescent City Pilot Project

L1 \approx 2475-yr exceedance of both UW and URS



NEXT STEPS in evaluation of probability of Oregon Tsunami Scenarios

- Comparison of DOGAMI scenarios to **2014 URS** (Hong Kie) 2475-yr tsunami
 - By Joseph Zhang of Virginia Institute of Marine Studies
 - DOGAMI report in summer 2015
- **2015 UW PTHA** (in collaboration with OSU, Univ. Victoria, George Priest)
 - More robust simulation of CSZ sources based on paleoseismic data, 2015 CSZ convergence rates, and new CSZ geometry
 - Updated fault model
 - Journal publication in late 2015/early 2016

