

# Tsunami Disaster Mitigation in Asia after the 2004

Indian Ocean and 2011 Tohoku Tsunamis

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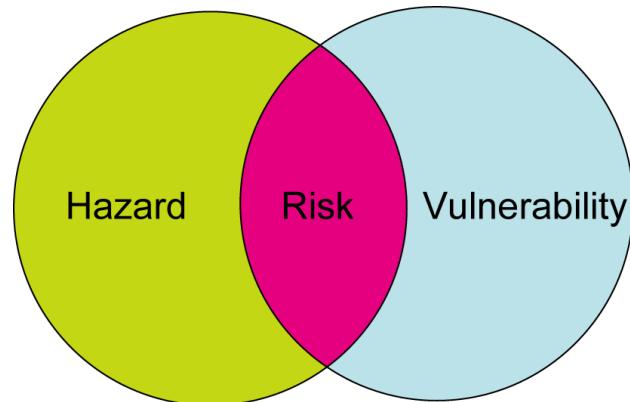
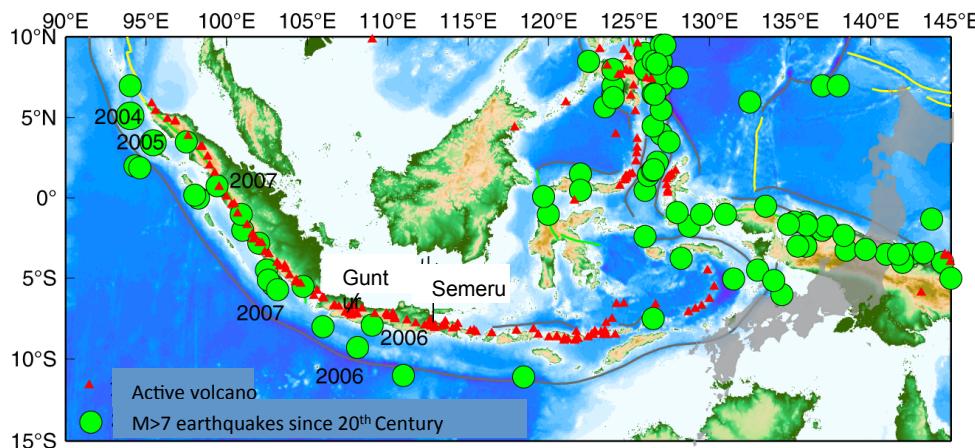
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# Earthquakes with > 1,000 fatalities in last decade

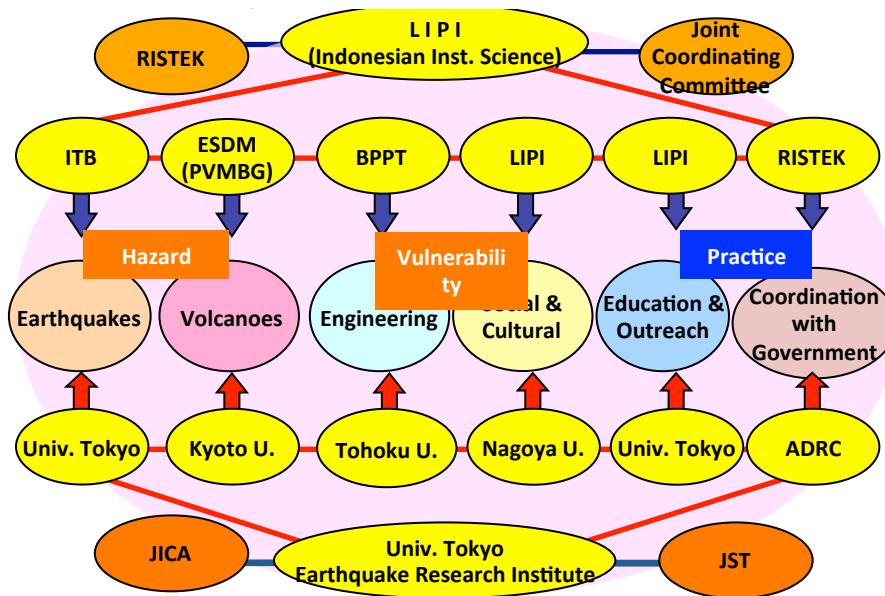
Date	Region	M	Fatalities
2011/3/11	Tohoku, Japan	9.0	20,896
2010/1/12	Haiti	7.0	222,570
2009/9/30	Padang, Indonesia	7.5	1,117
2008/5/12	Sichuan, China	7.9	87,587
2006/5/26	Java (Jogjakarta), Indonesia	6.3	5,749
2005/10/8	Kashmir, Pakistan	7.6	86,000
2005/3/28	Sumatra (Nias), Indonesia	8.6	1,313
2004/12/26	Sumatra (Aceh), Indonesia	9.1	227,898
2003/12/26	Bam, Iran	6.6	31,000
2003/5/21	Algeria	6.8	2,266
2002/3/25	Afghanistan	6.1	1,000
2001/1/26	Bhuj (Gujarat), India	7.6	20,023

Of these 12 events, 10 occurred in Asia and 4 in Indonesia

# Multi-disciplinary Hazard Reduction Program from Earthquakes and Volcanoes in Indonesia



Disaster Risk =  
Natural Hazard X Society's Vulnerability



- (1) Eq. Forecast                          (3) Engineering  
(2) Volcanic eruption                      (4) Social Sciences  
  
(5) Education and Awareness  
  
(6) Coordination with Governments

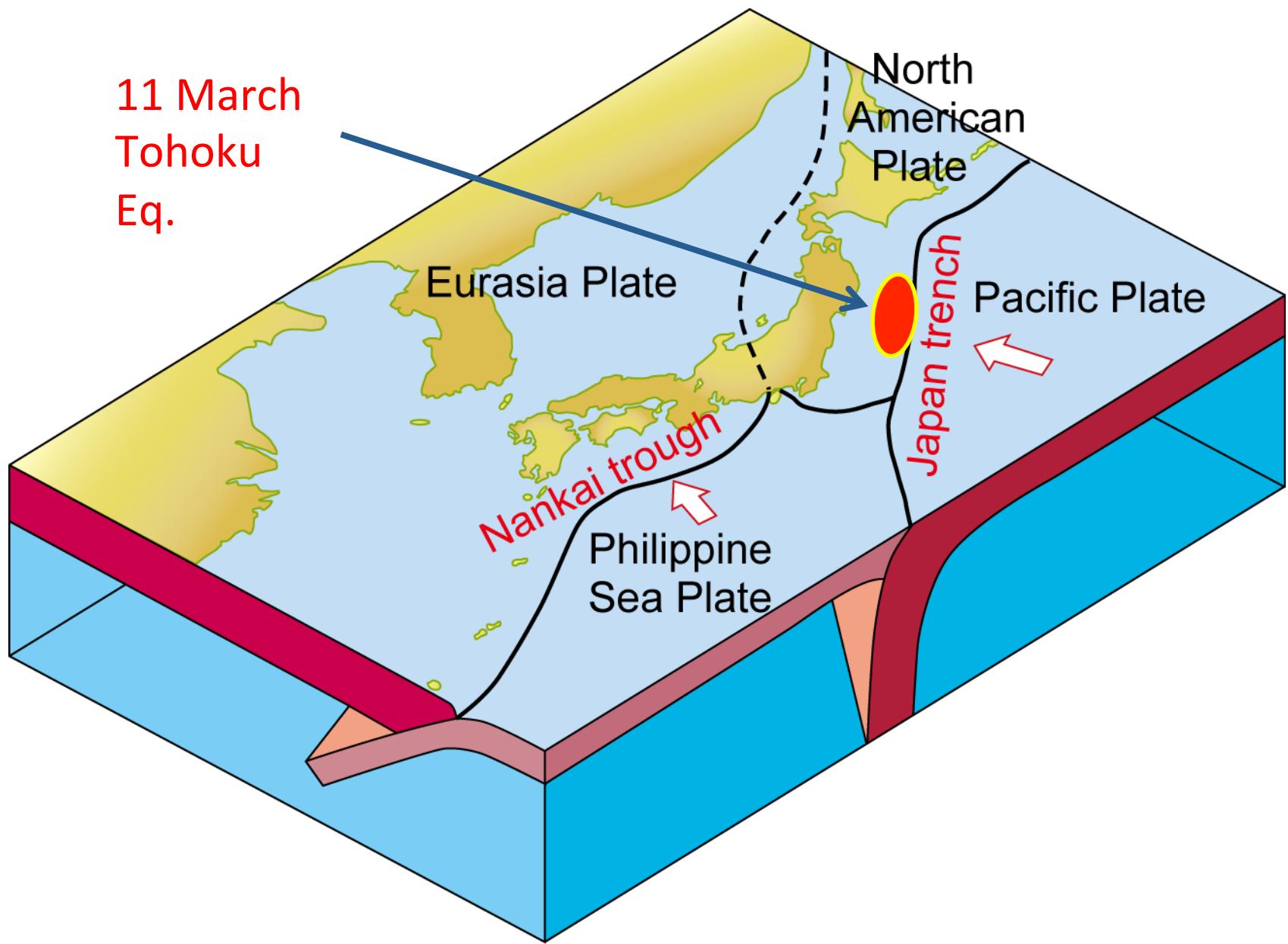
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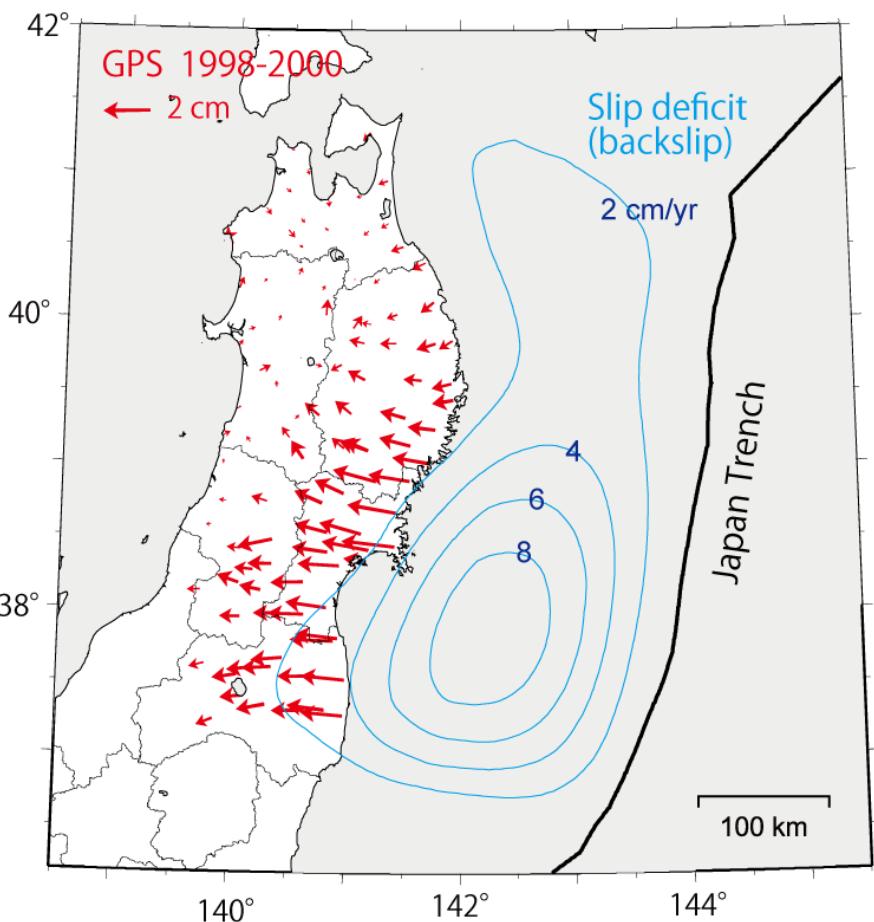
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# Plates around Japan



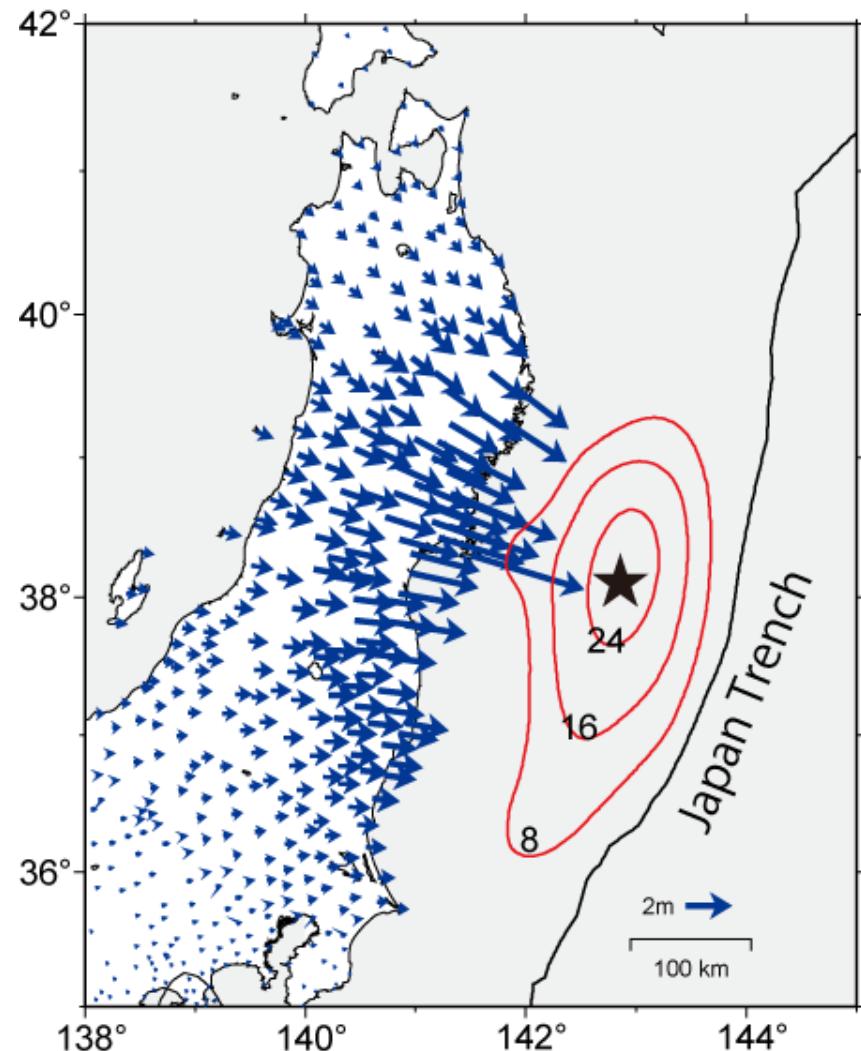
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1998-2000



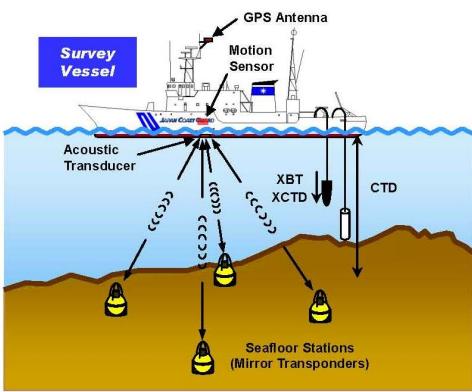
GSI (2010, 2011)

March 11, 2011

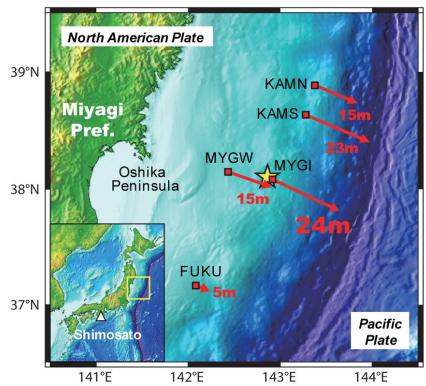


# Seafloor displacement

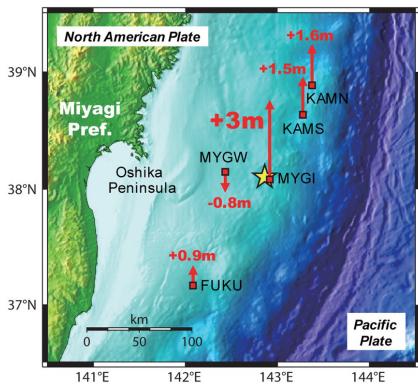
Max slip on fault (estimated): > 50 m



(A) Horizontal displacements

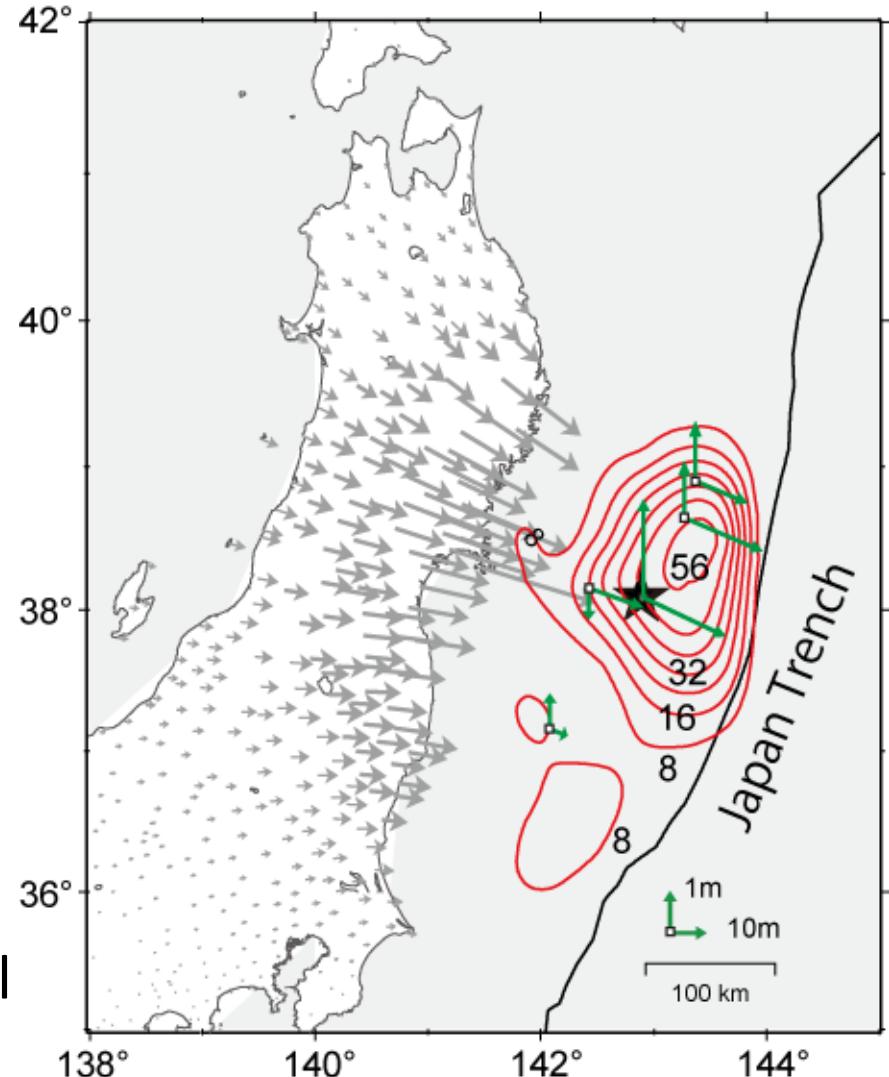


(B) Vertical displacements



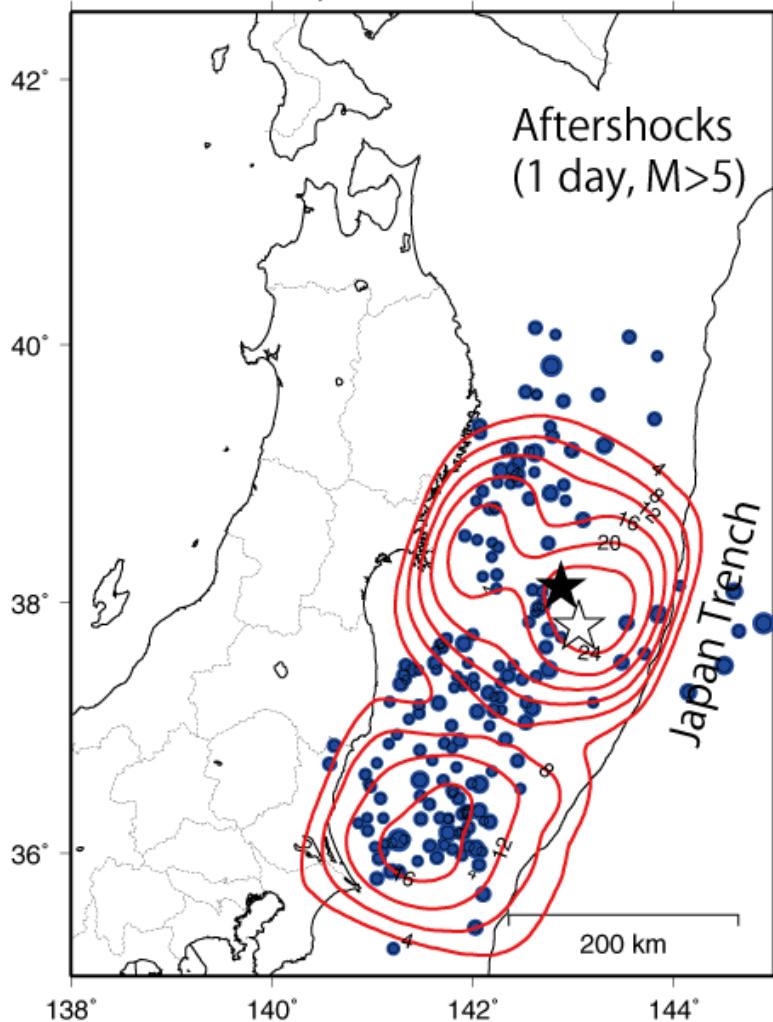
Max observed slip: 24 m horizontal  
3 m vertical

Sato et al. (Science 2011)

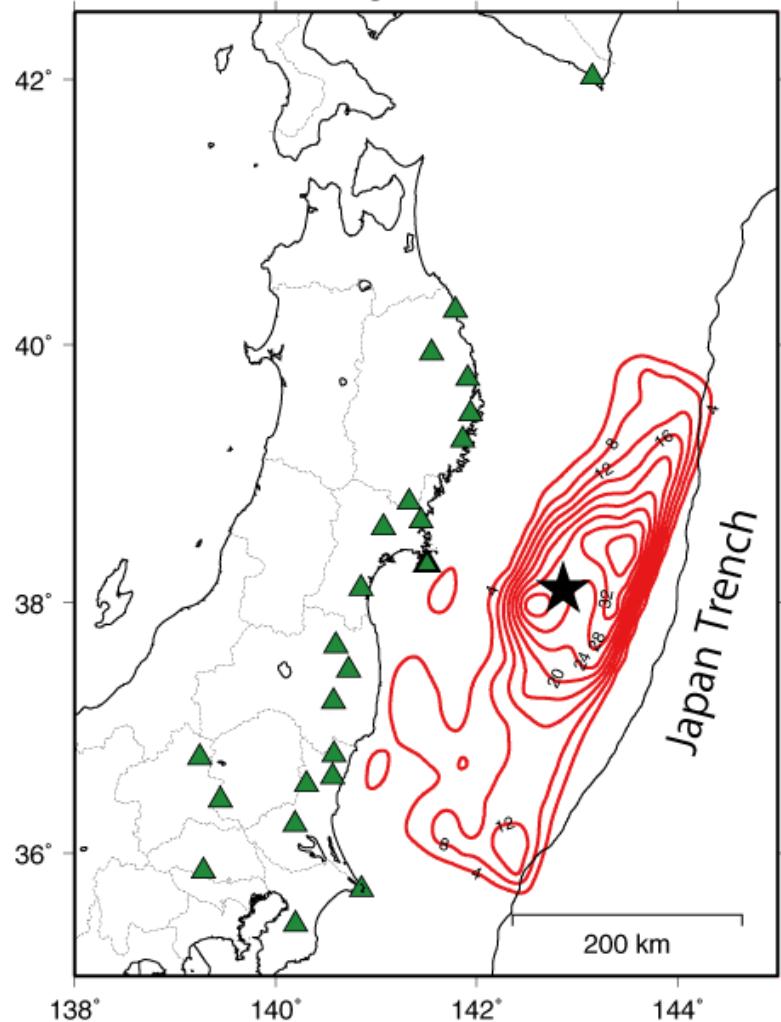


# Slip Distribution from Seismic Waves

Far-field body waves

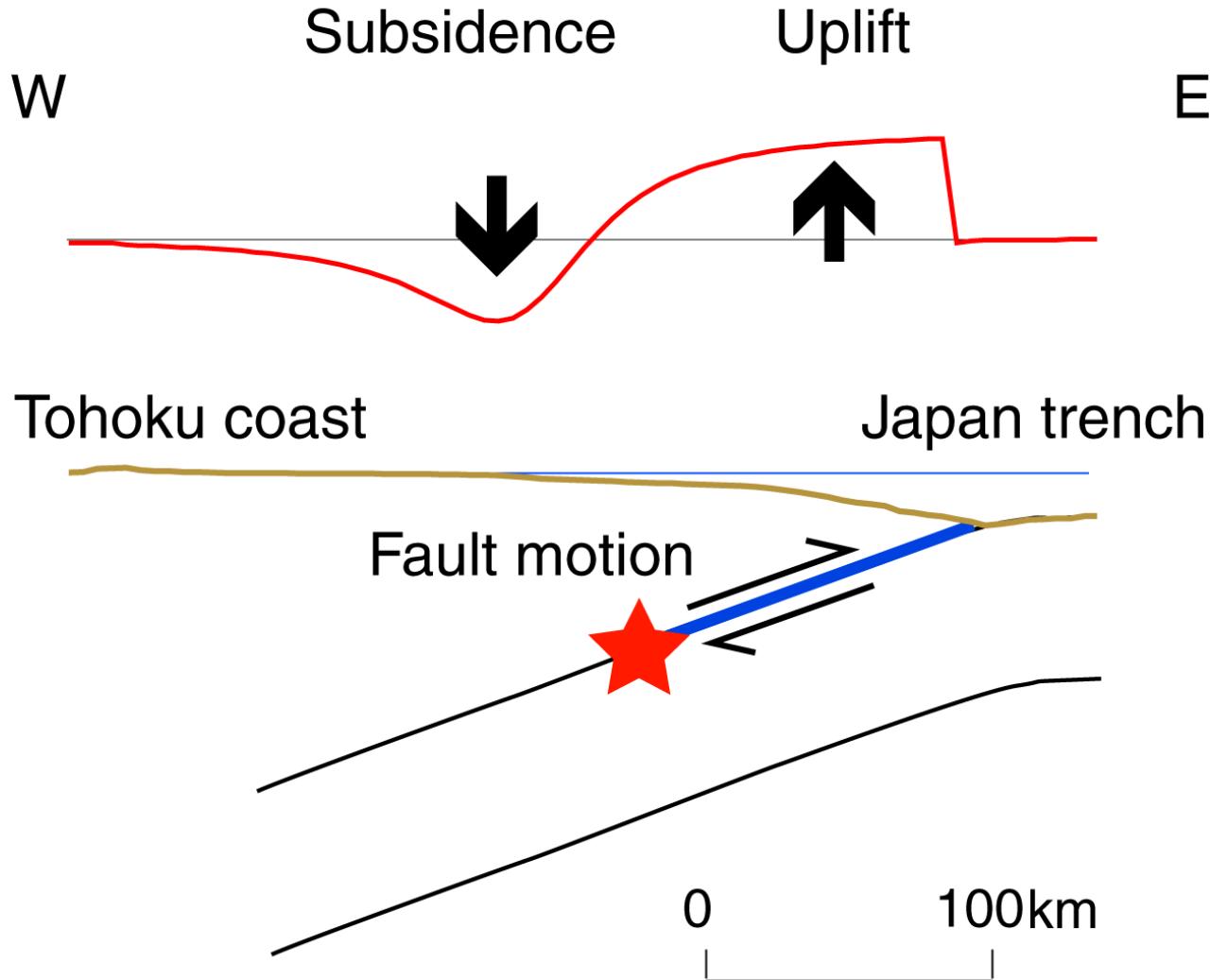


Near-field strong-motion



# Seafloor displacement (cross-section)

## Surface displacement



# March 11, 2011 tsunami

Miyako, Iwate pref.

About 30 minutes  
After the earthquake

*Mainichi Newspaper*



Natori, Miyagi pref.

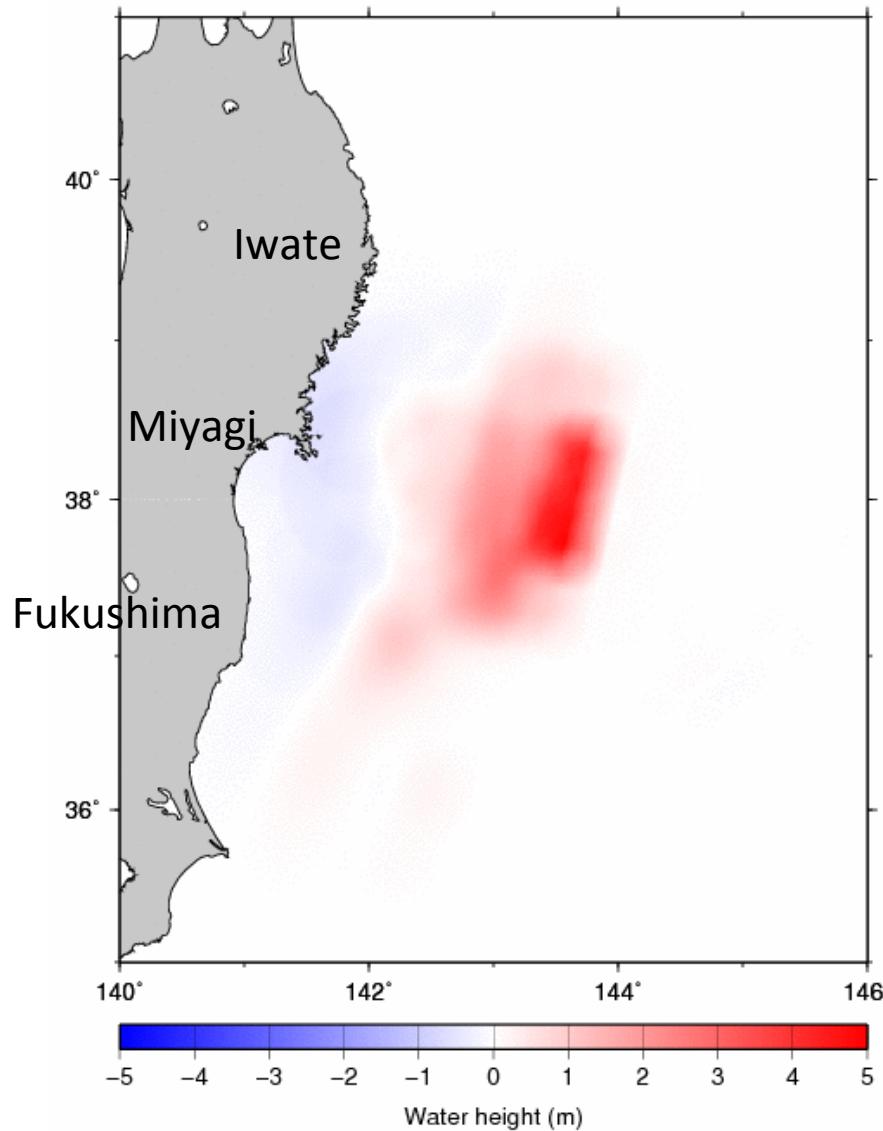
About 1 hour after eq.

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# Tsunami generation and propagation

2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku earthquake 0001 min

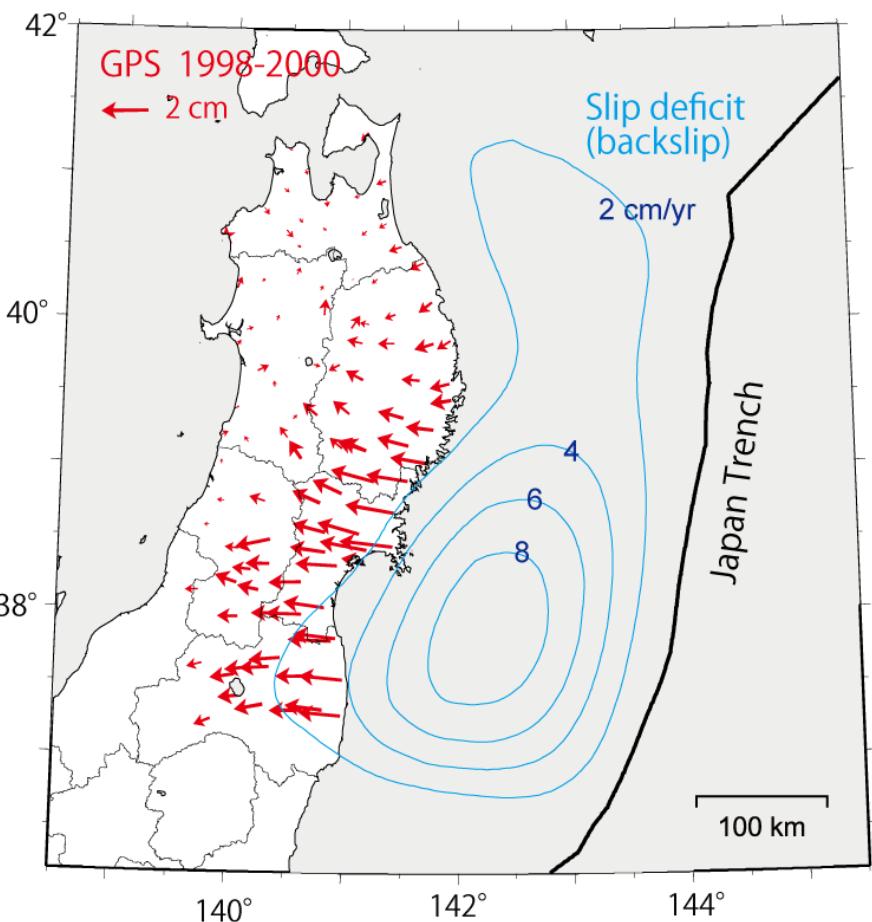


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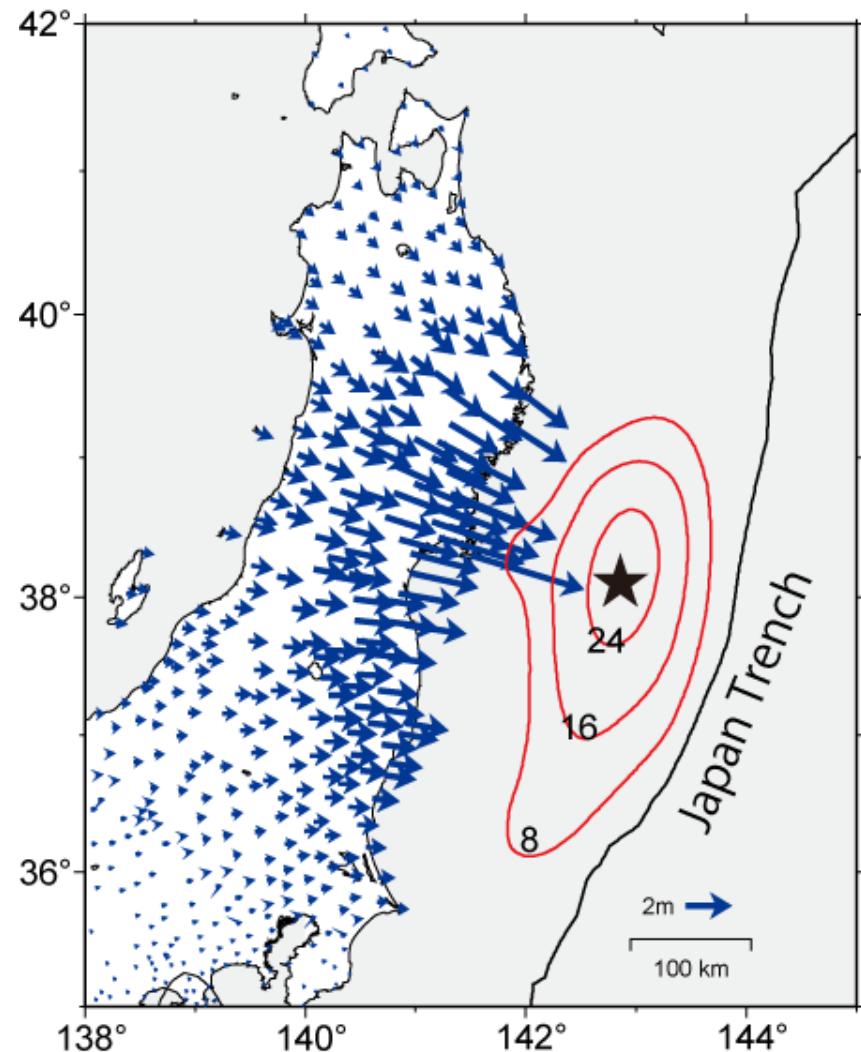
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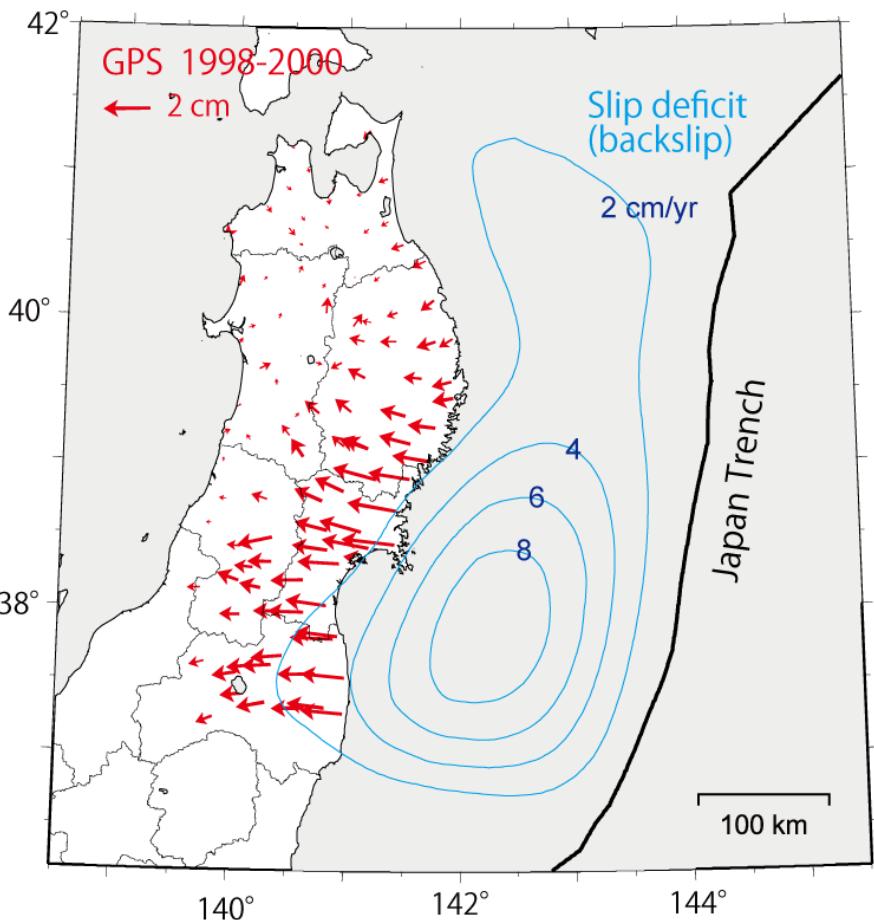
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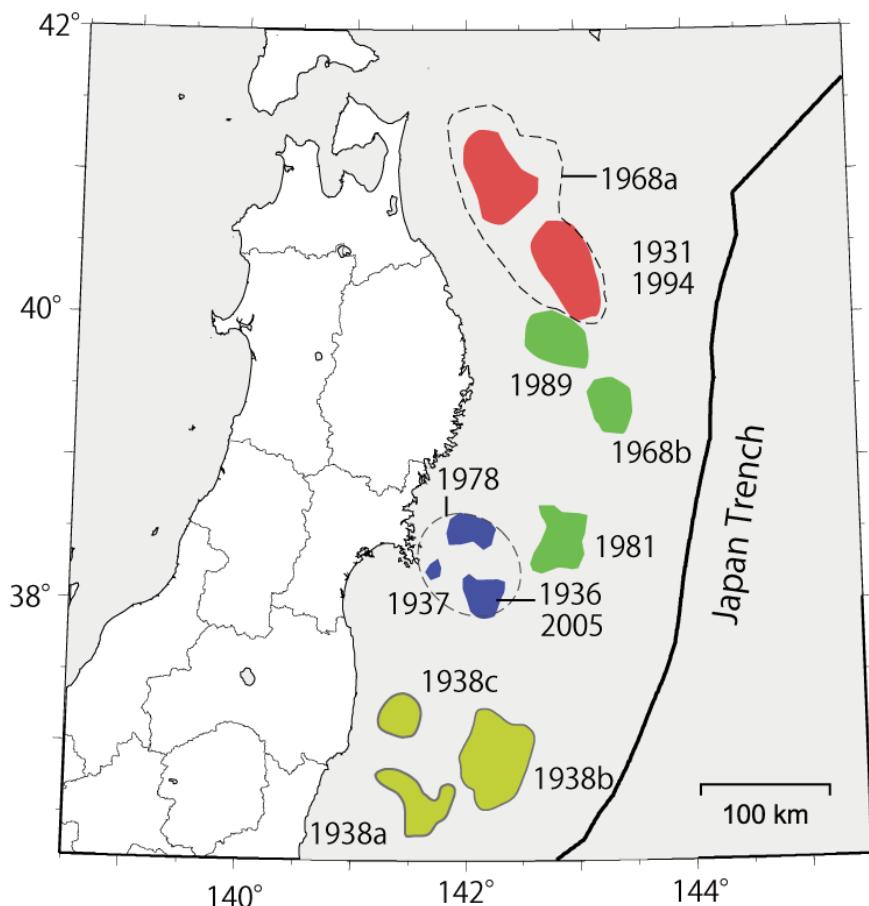
# GPS data and past earthquakes

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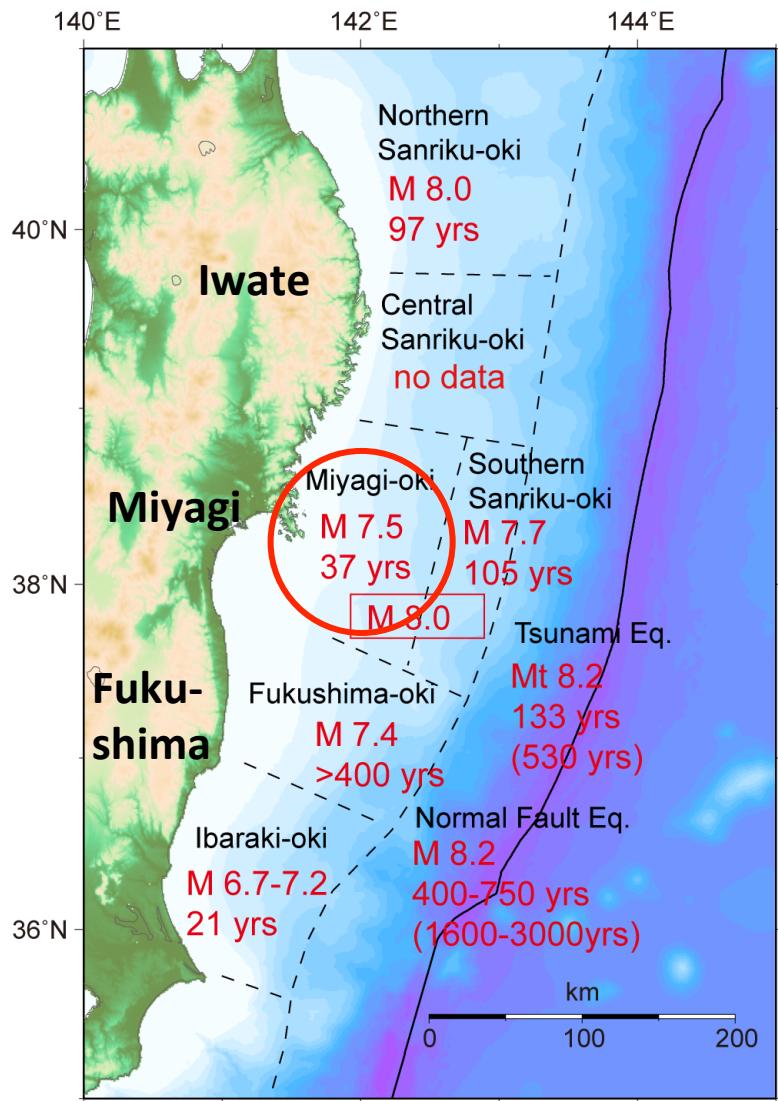
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Large earthquakes since 1900

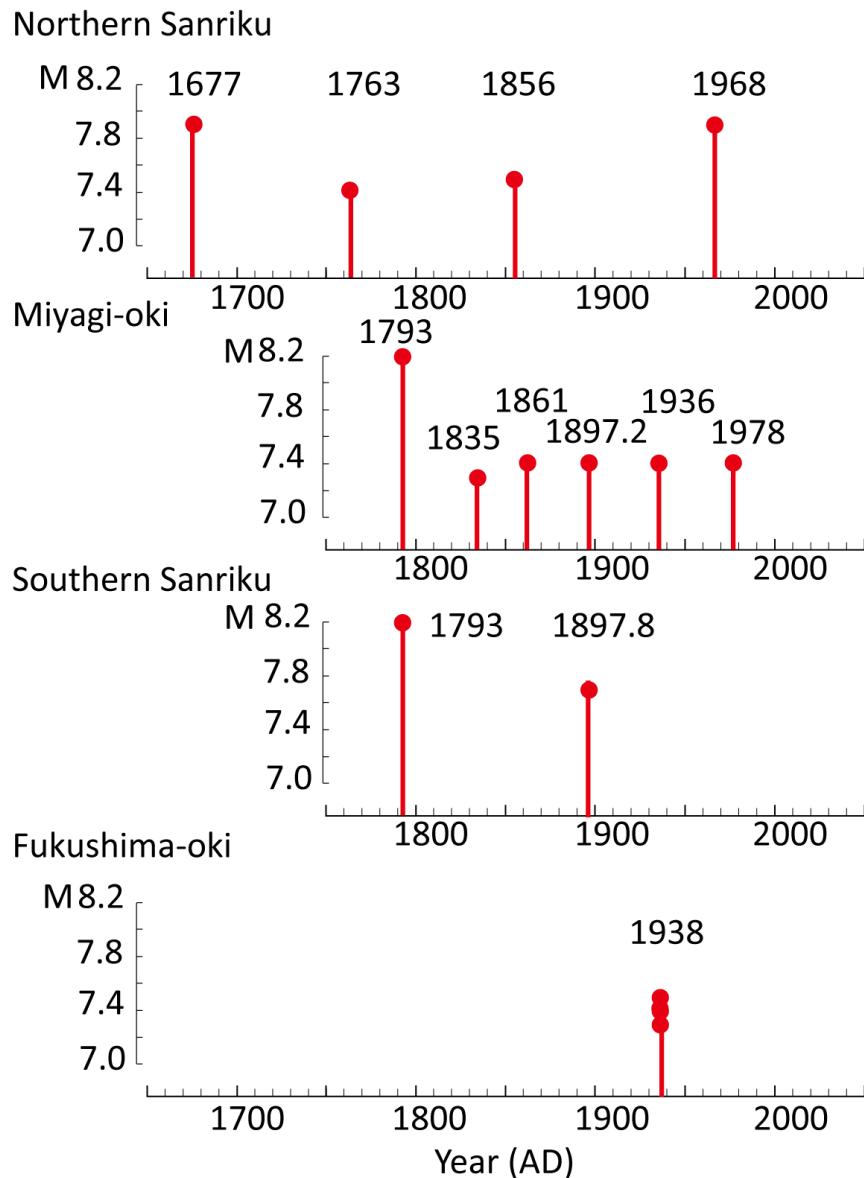


Yamanaka and Kikuchi (2004)

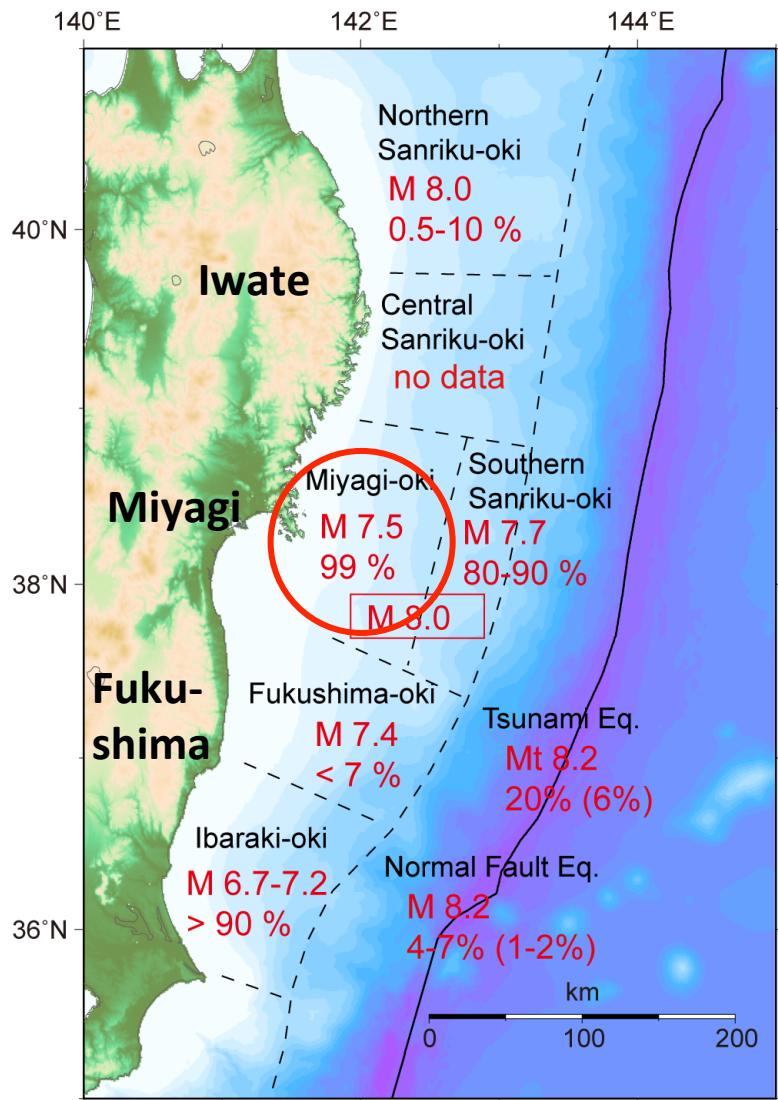
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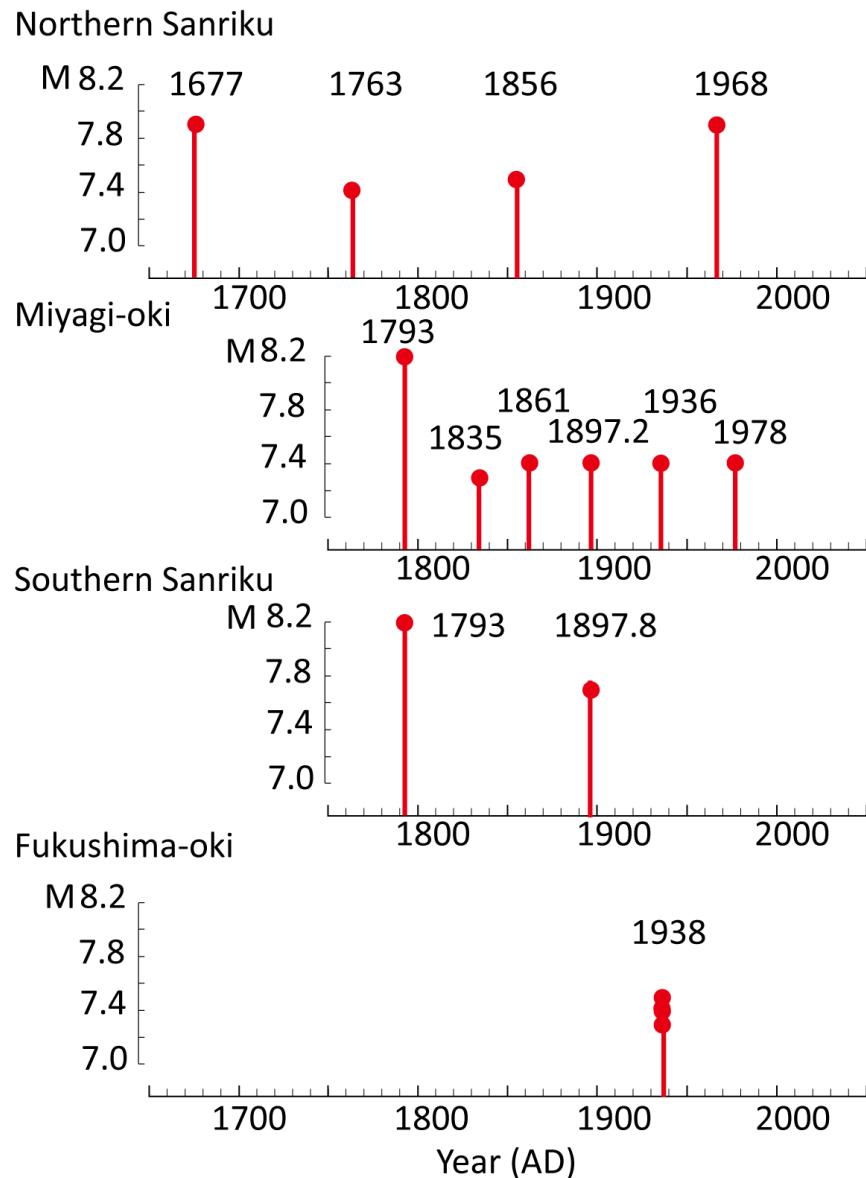
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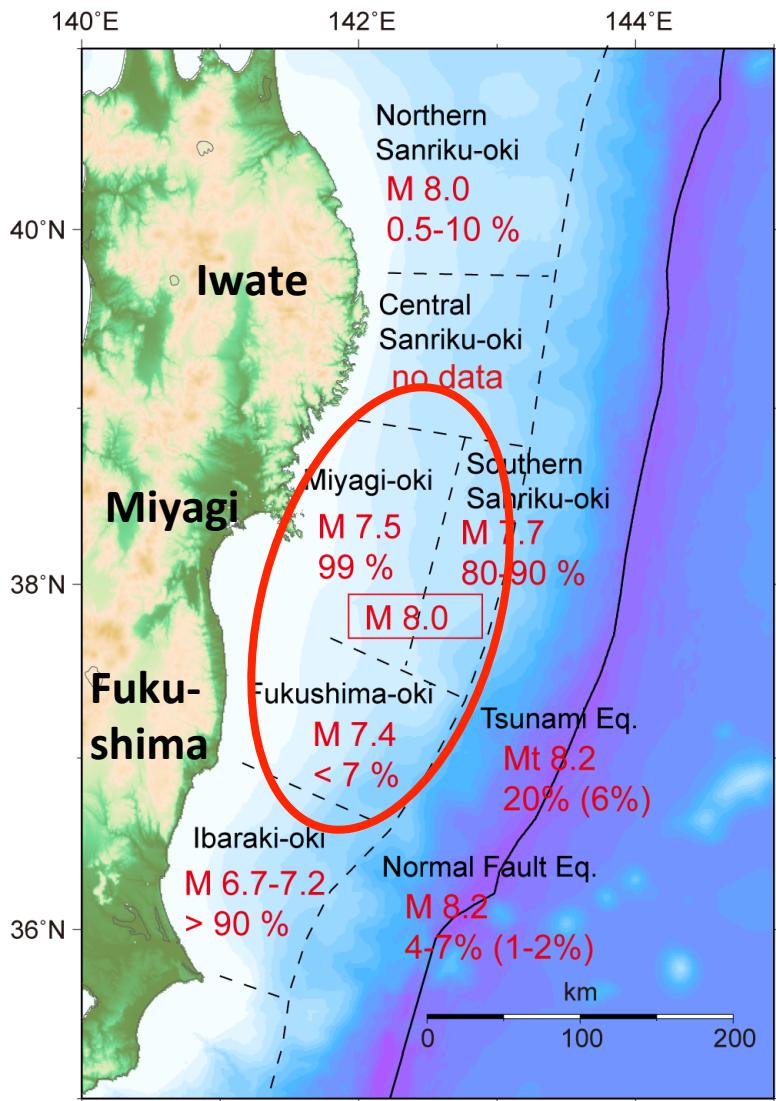
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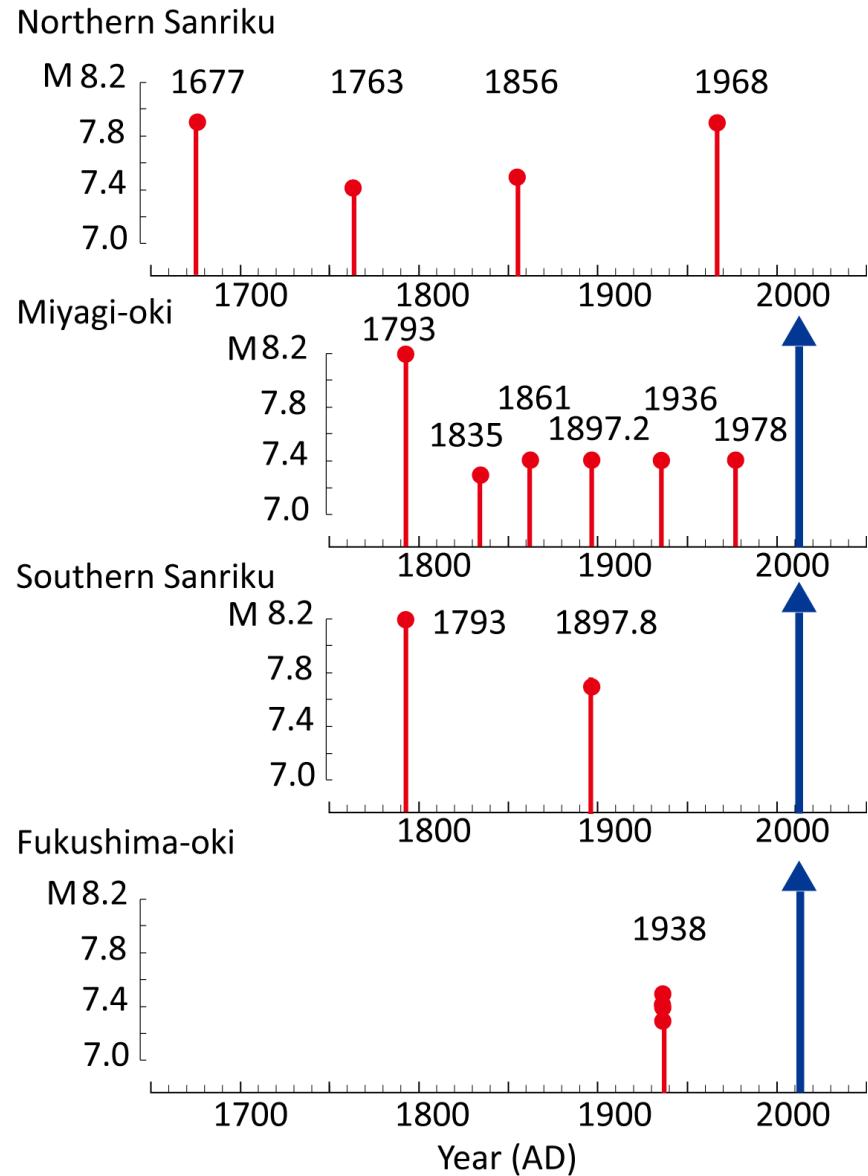
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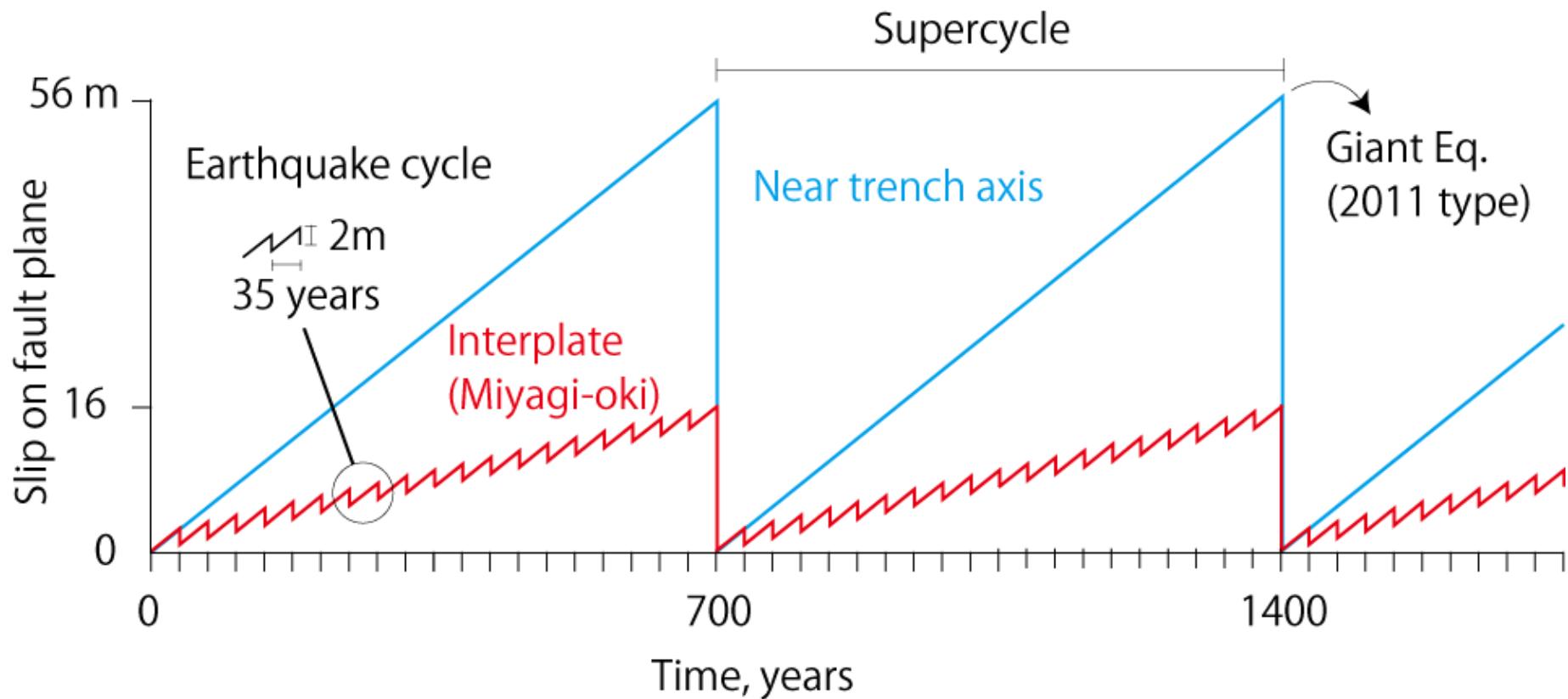
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# Supercycle of earthquakes



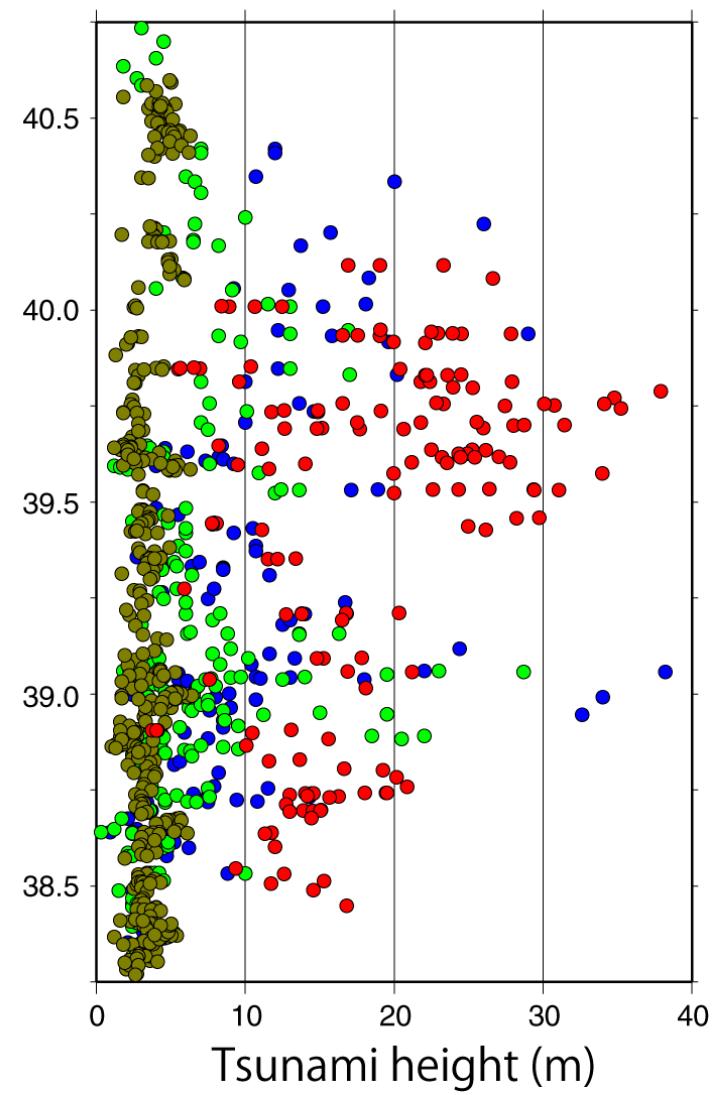
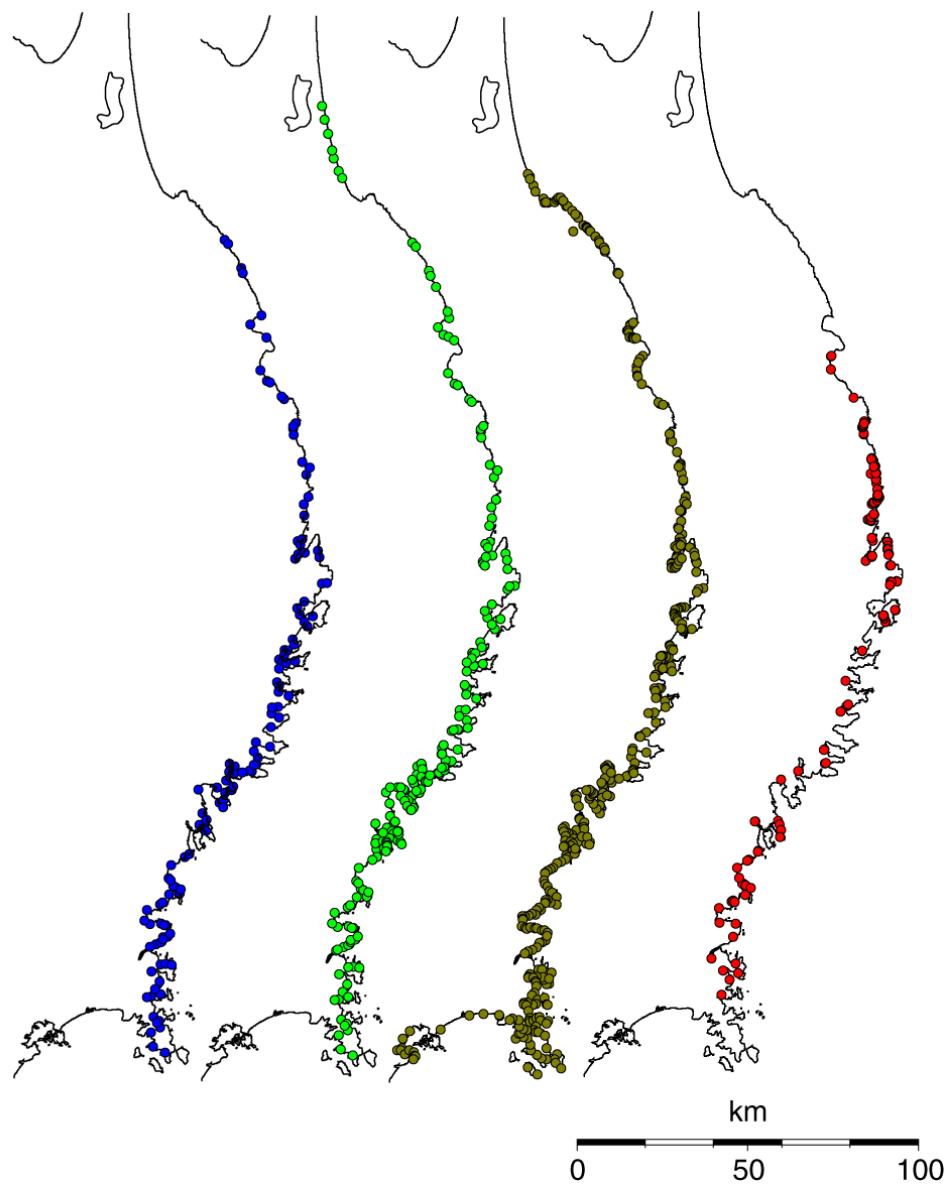
Seismologists assumed earthquake cycle (~35 years) from past records of two centuries and made forecast (99% in 30 years), but there seems to be a supercycle (~700 years) on top of it.

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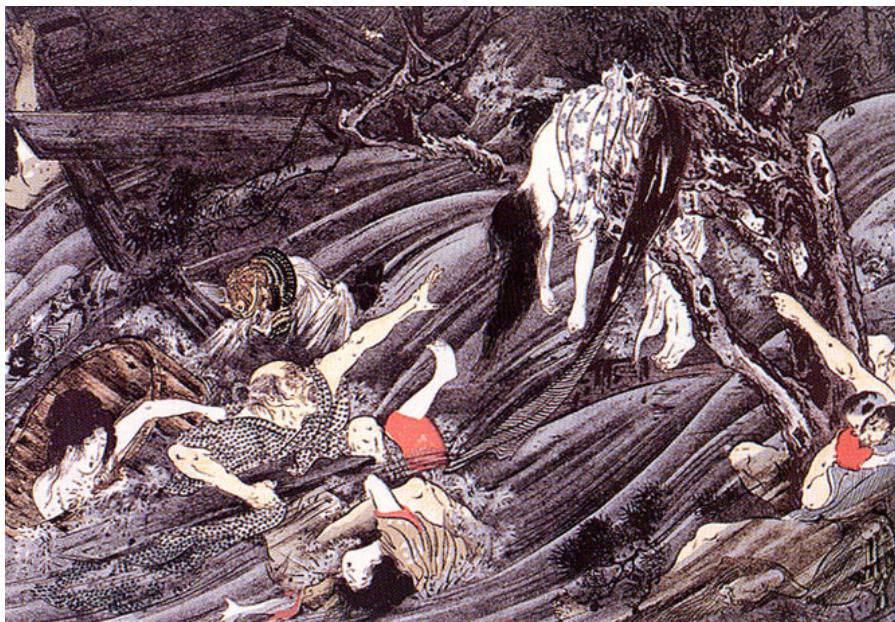
# Past tsunamis

1896      1933      1960      2011

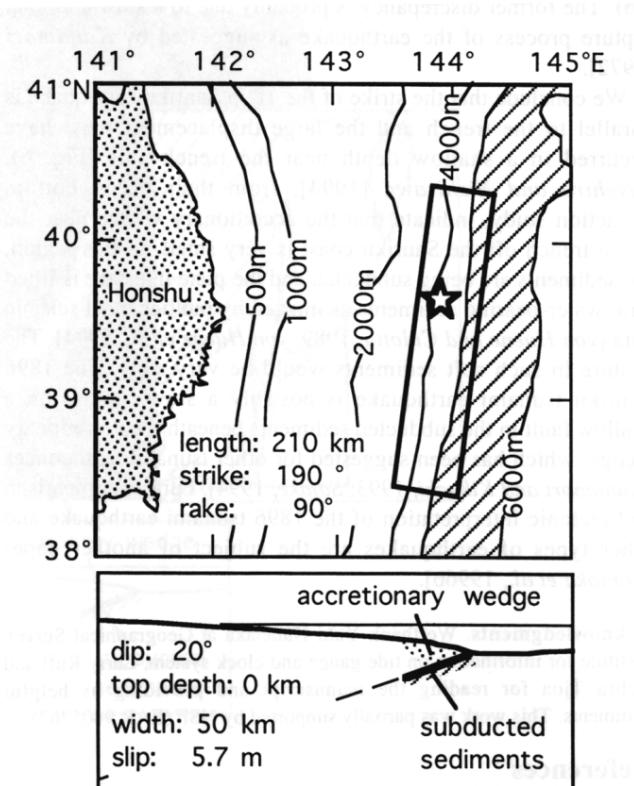


# 1896 Sanriku tsunami

1896 Meiji tsunami: 22,000 casualties (more than 2011 tsunami)



M 7.2, Max tsunami height 38 m  
Weak shaking but large tsunami  
“Tsunami earthquake”



Width: 50 km, slip: 6m  
Near trench axis

# The 869 Jogan earthquake

**Nihon Sandai Jitsuroku** (Chronicle of Japan)

A large earthquake in Mutsu

Panic stricken by violent tremblings

Fallen houses, wide-opened ground fissures

Roaring like thunder heard from the sea

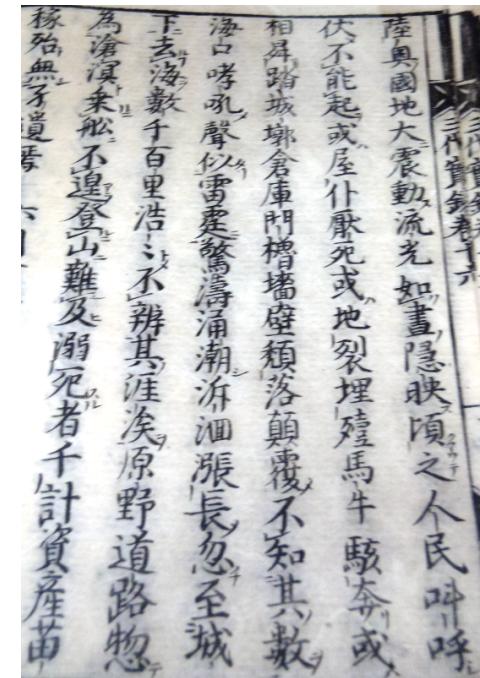
Sea rushed into castle, a few hundred miles

About 1,000 people were killed

## Tsunami deposit studies

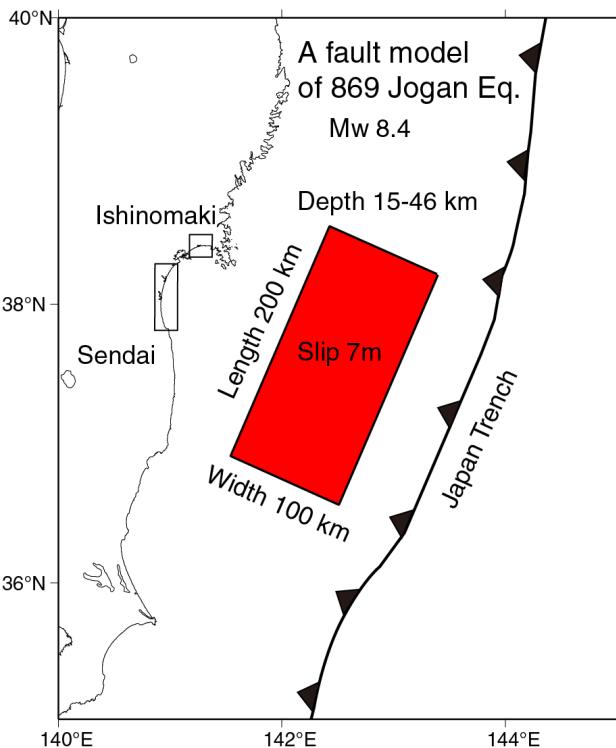
Sand layer brought by tsunami  
below volcanic ash (AD915)

distributed ~ 5 km  
from the coast



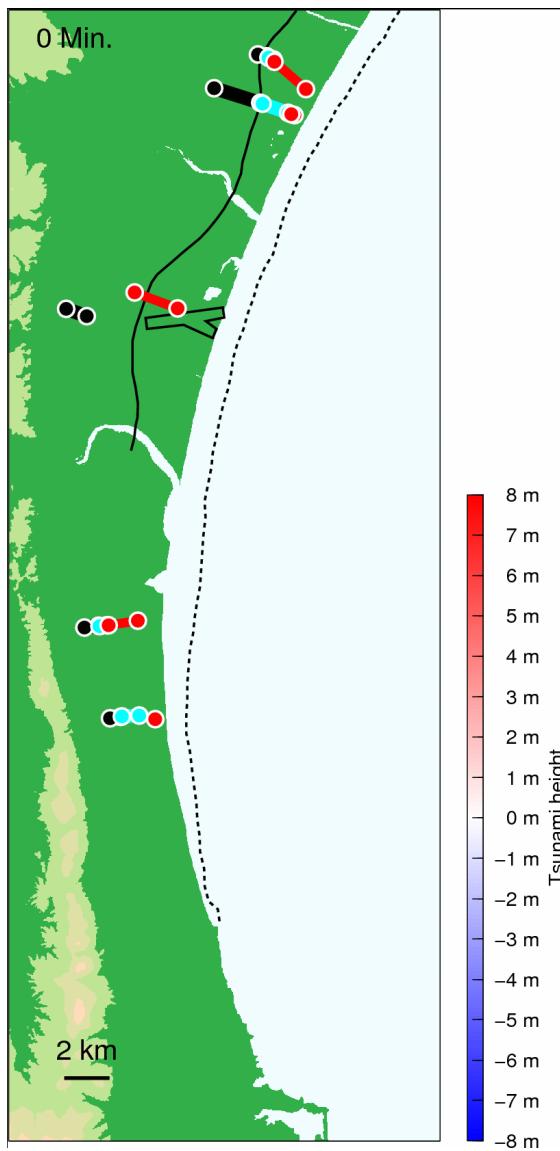
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A fault model proposed in 2008



- The 869 deposits
- Possible 869 deposits
- No deposits

869 Simulation



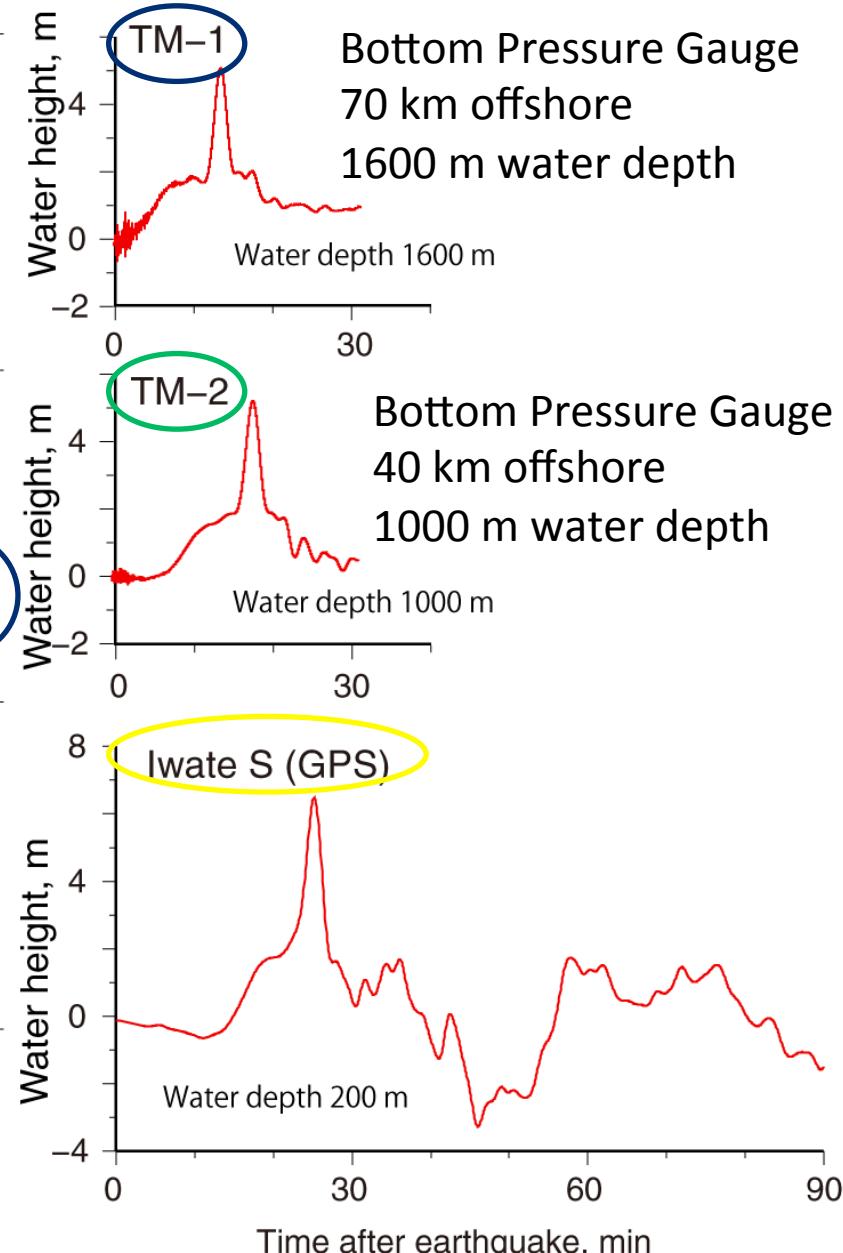
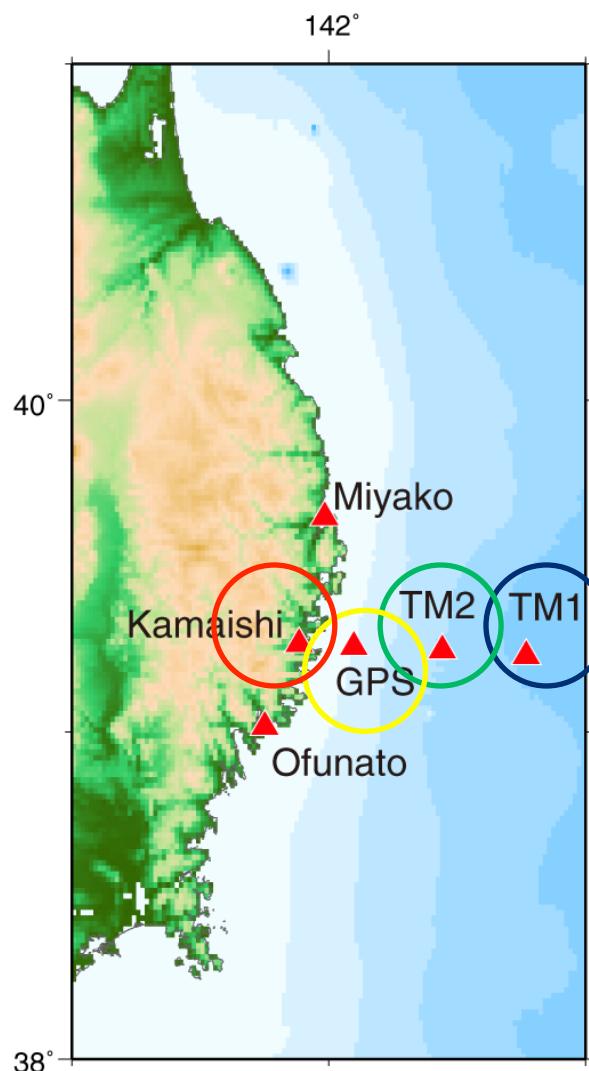
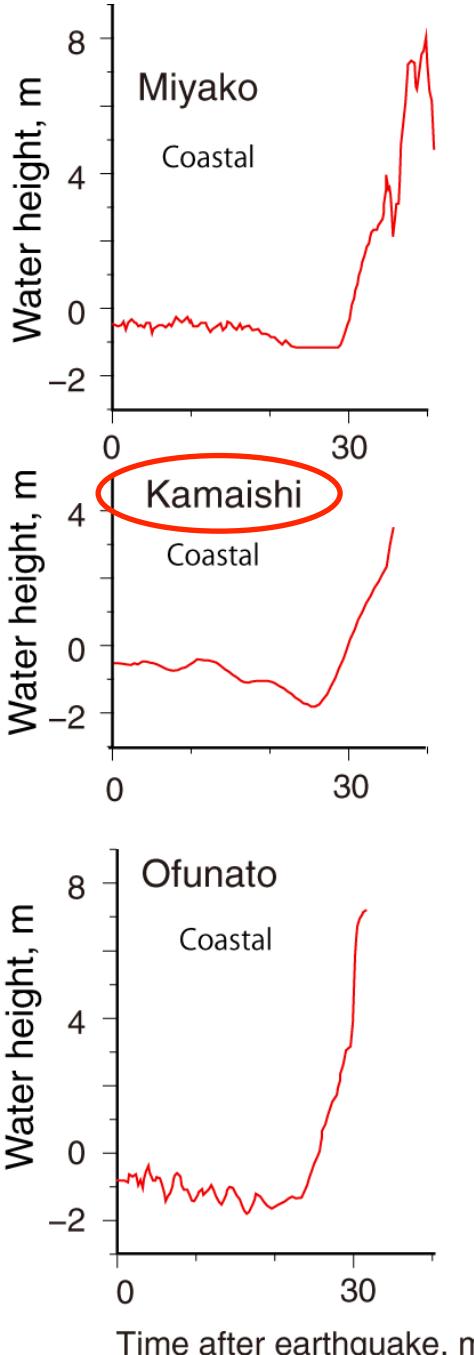
2011 inundation



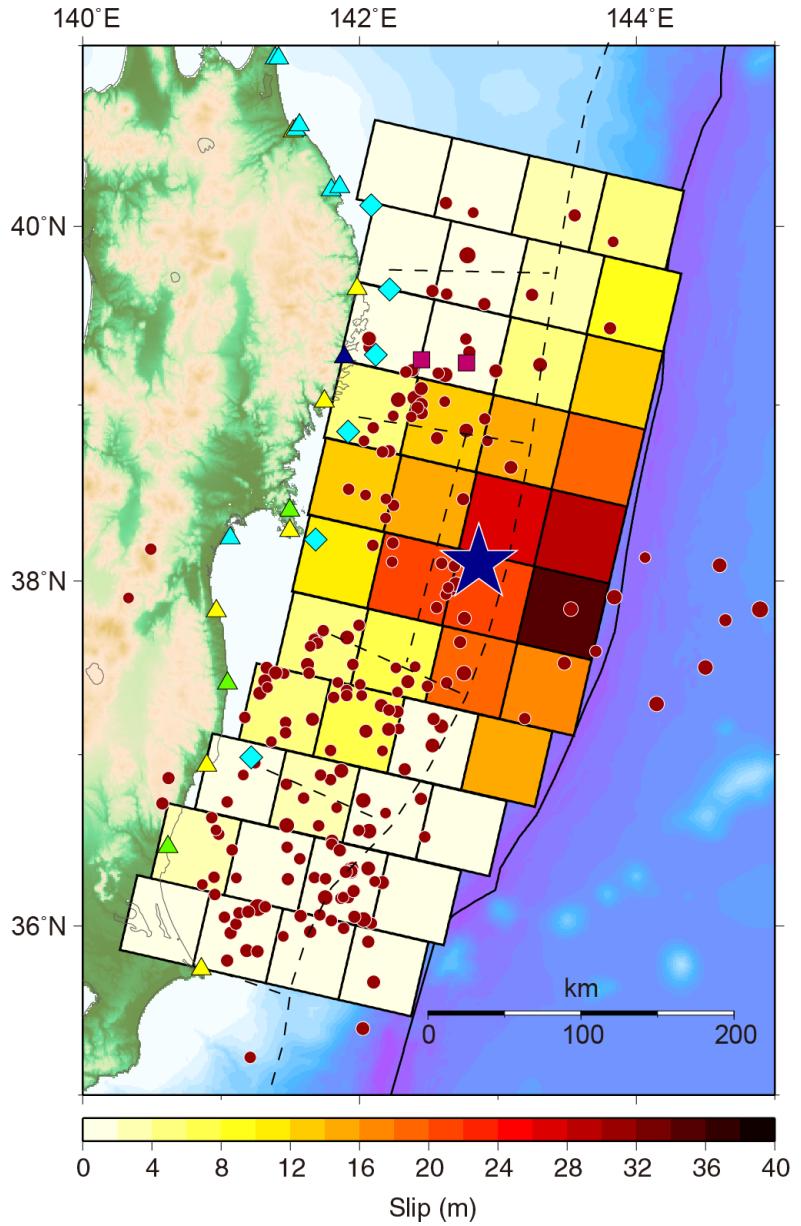
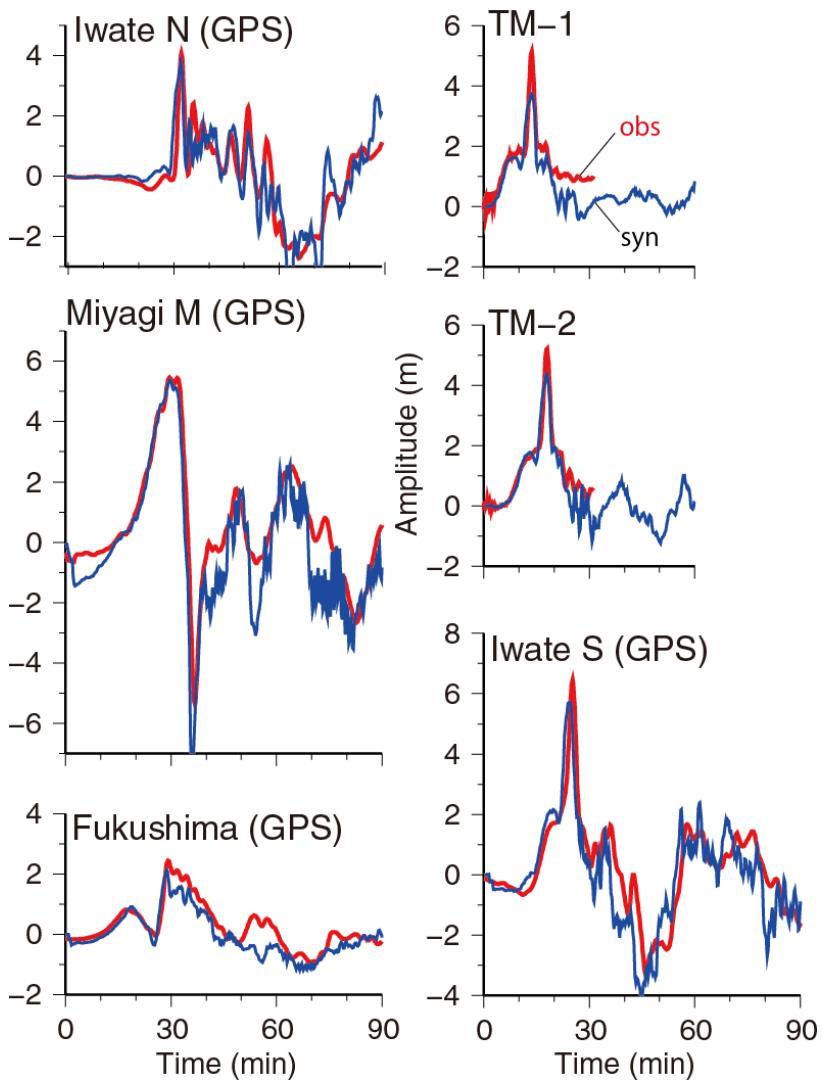
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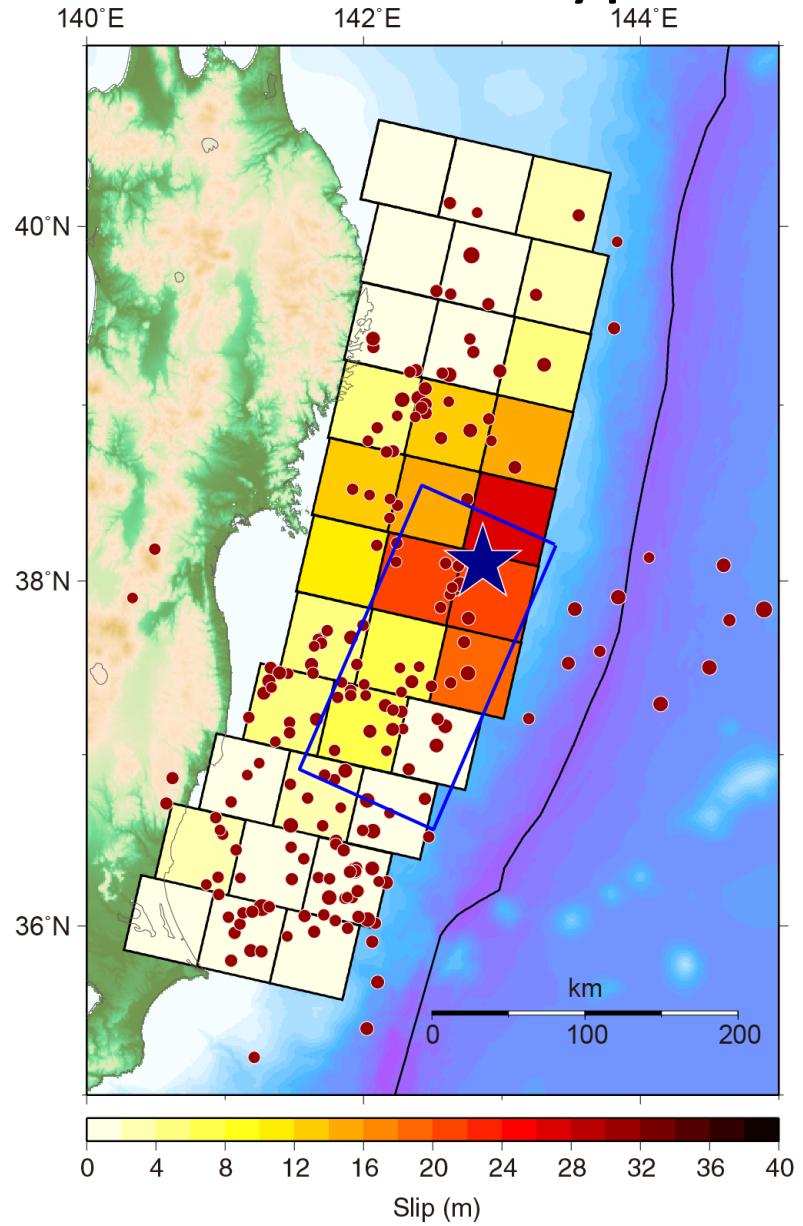
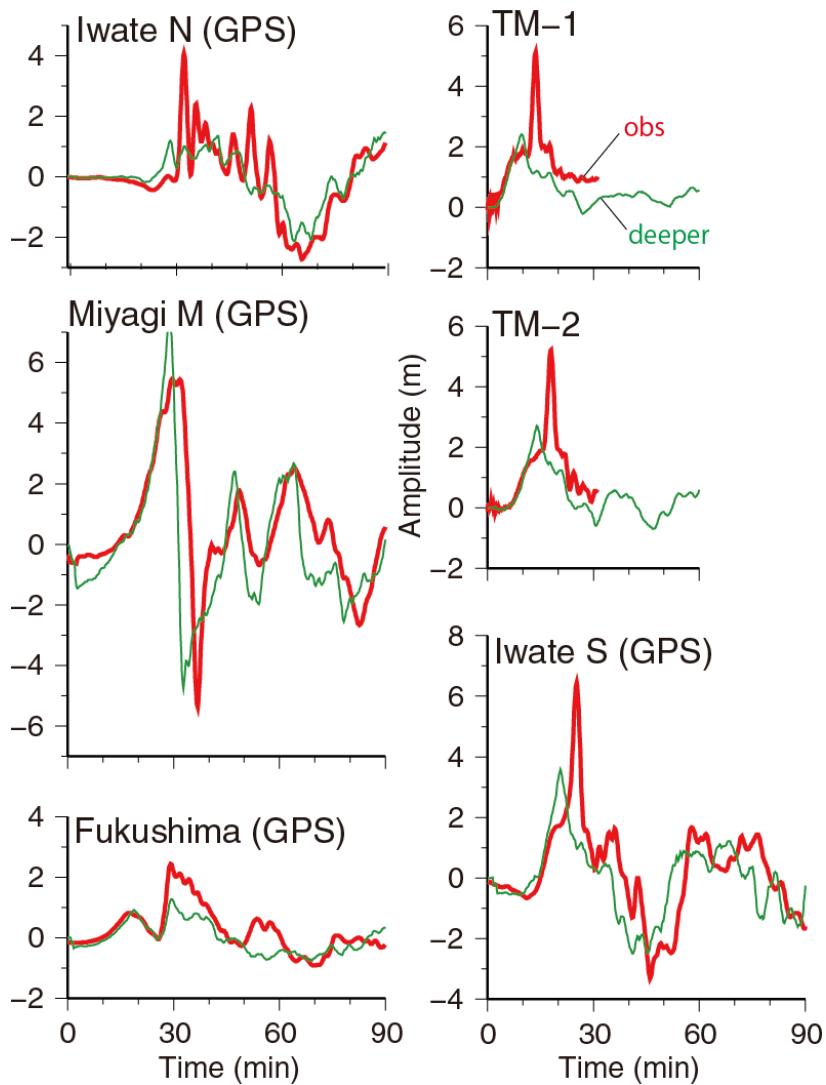
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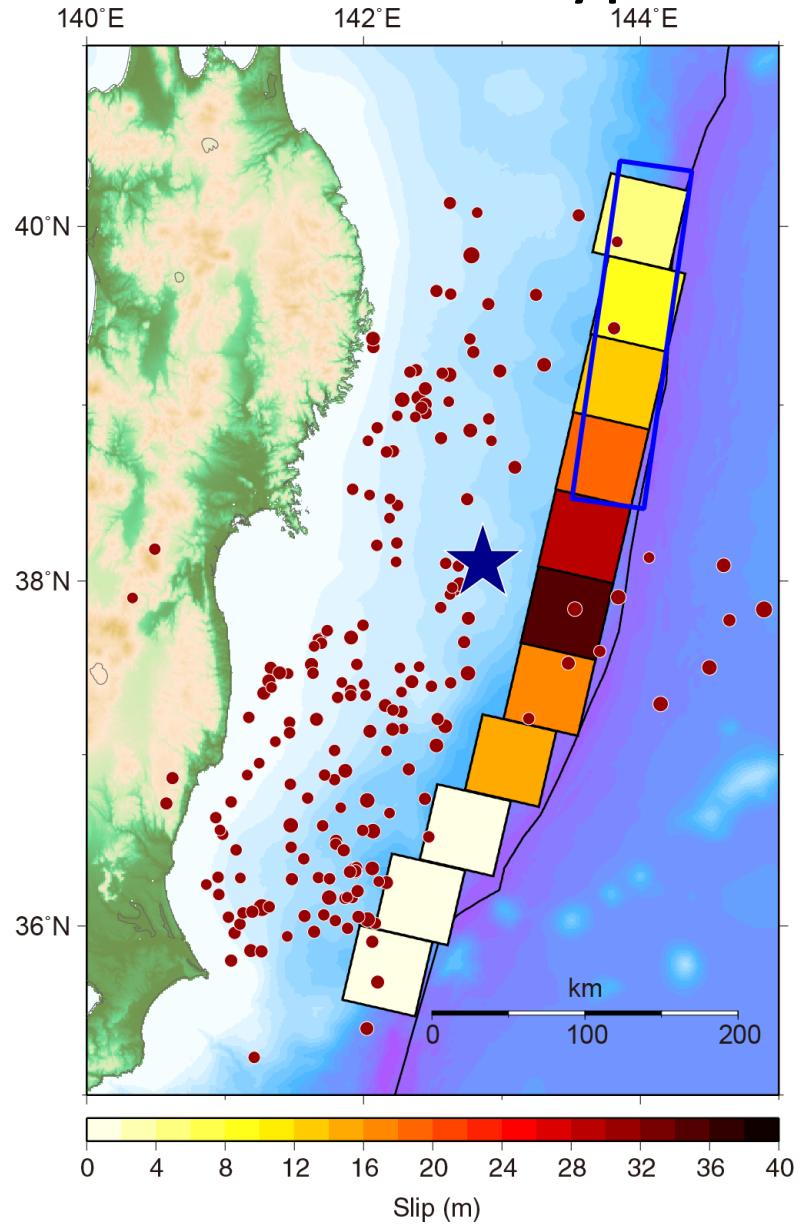
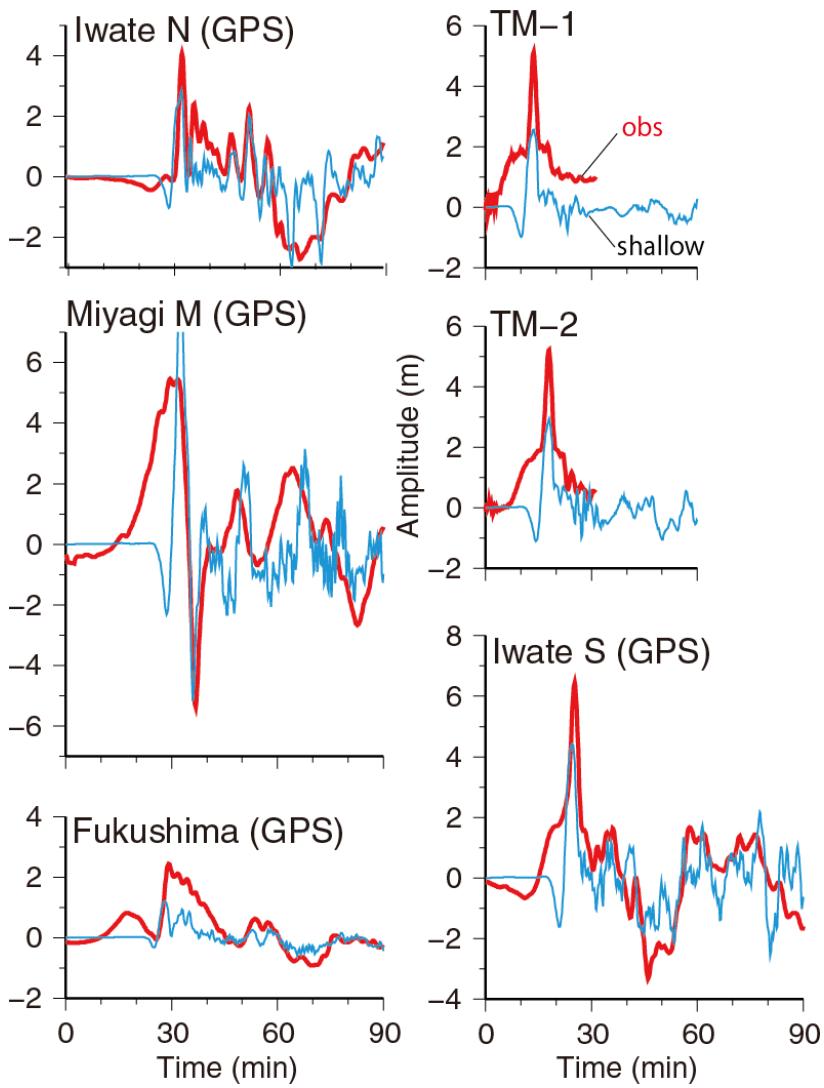
# Slip distribution from tsunami waveforms



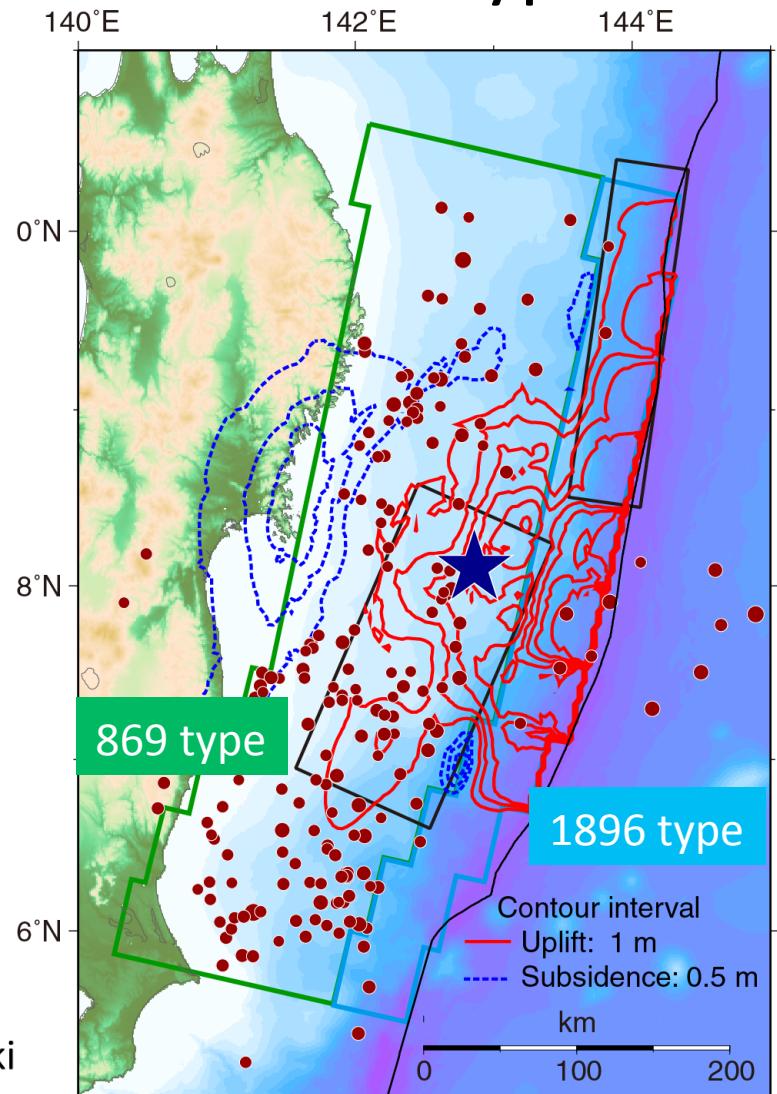
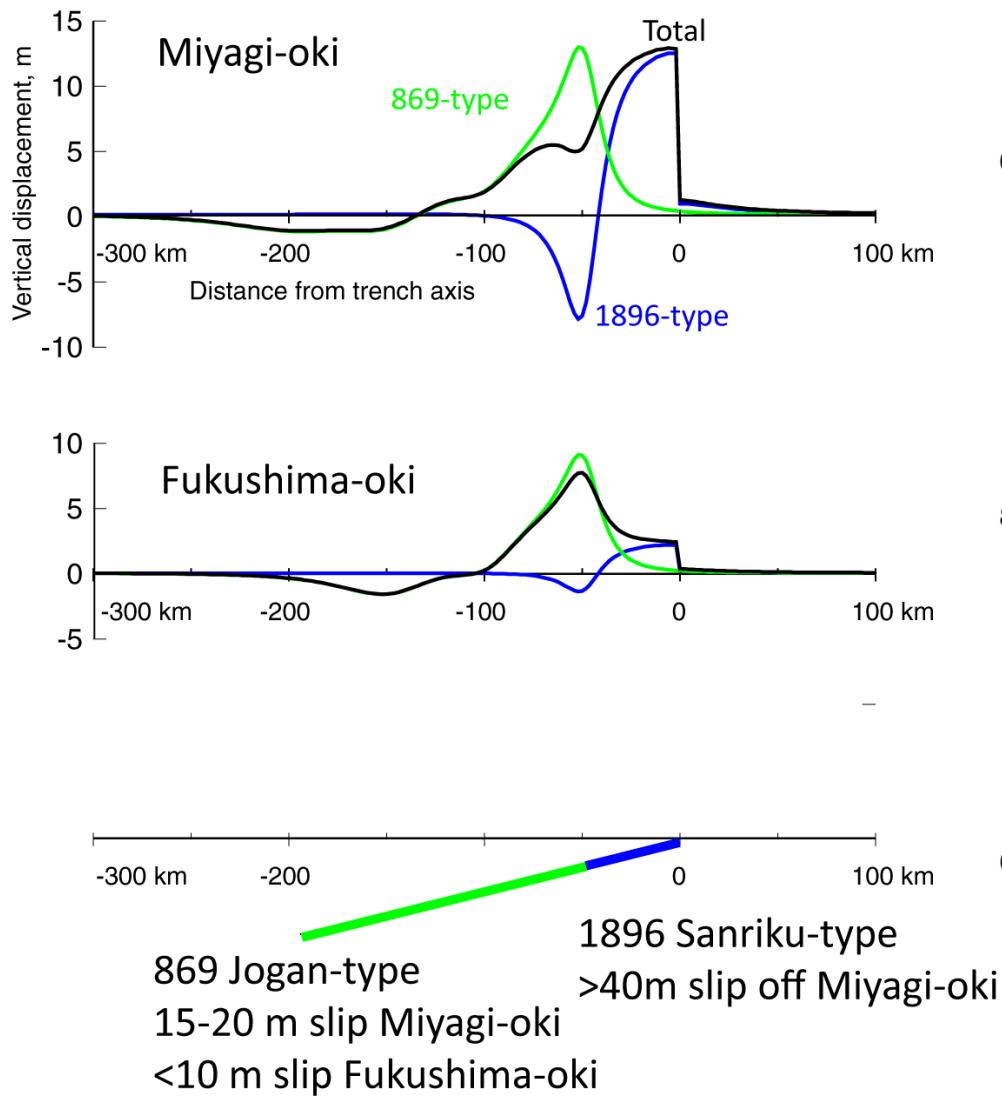
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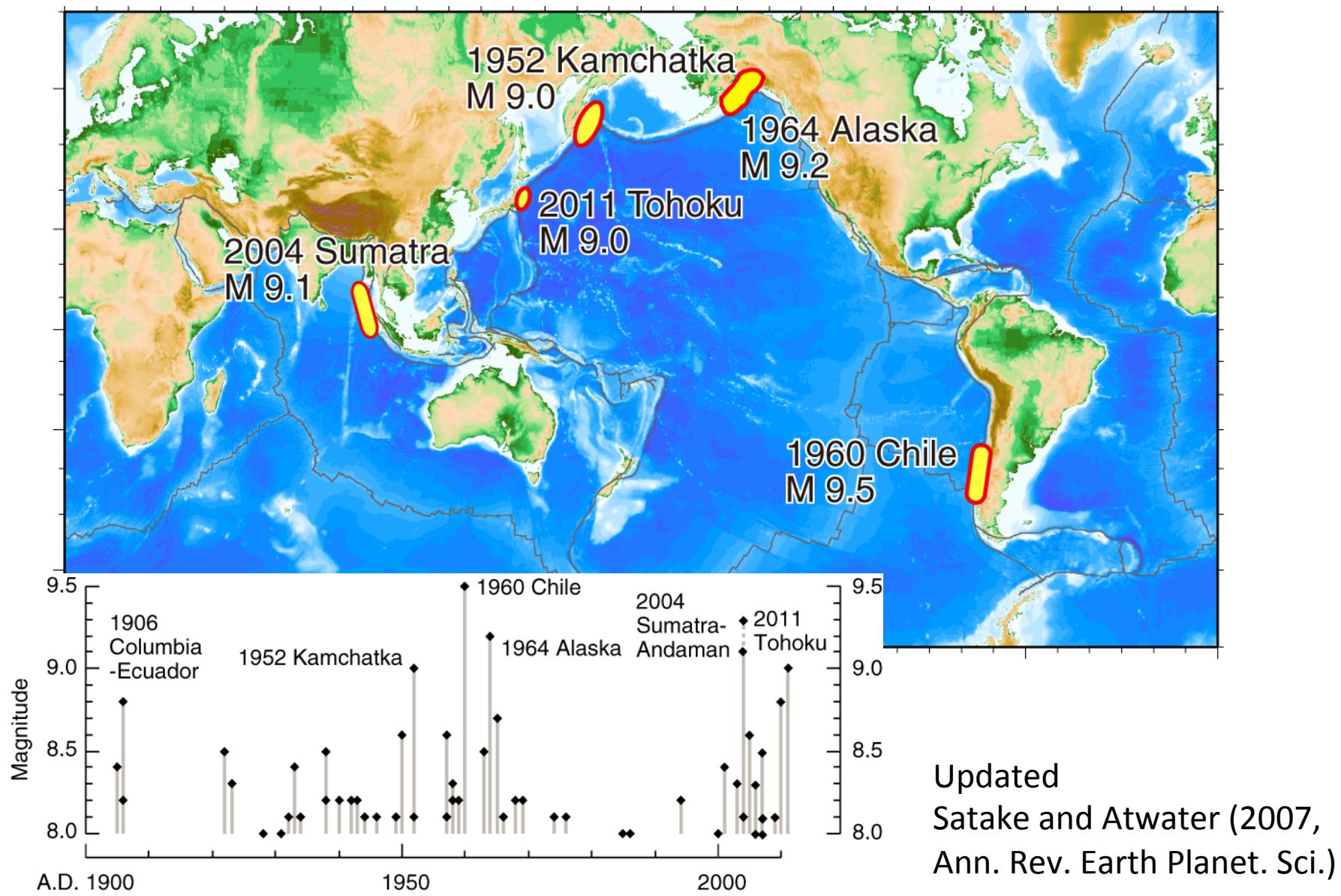
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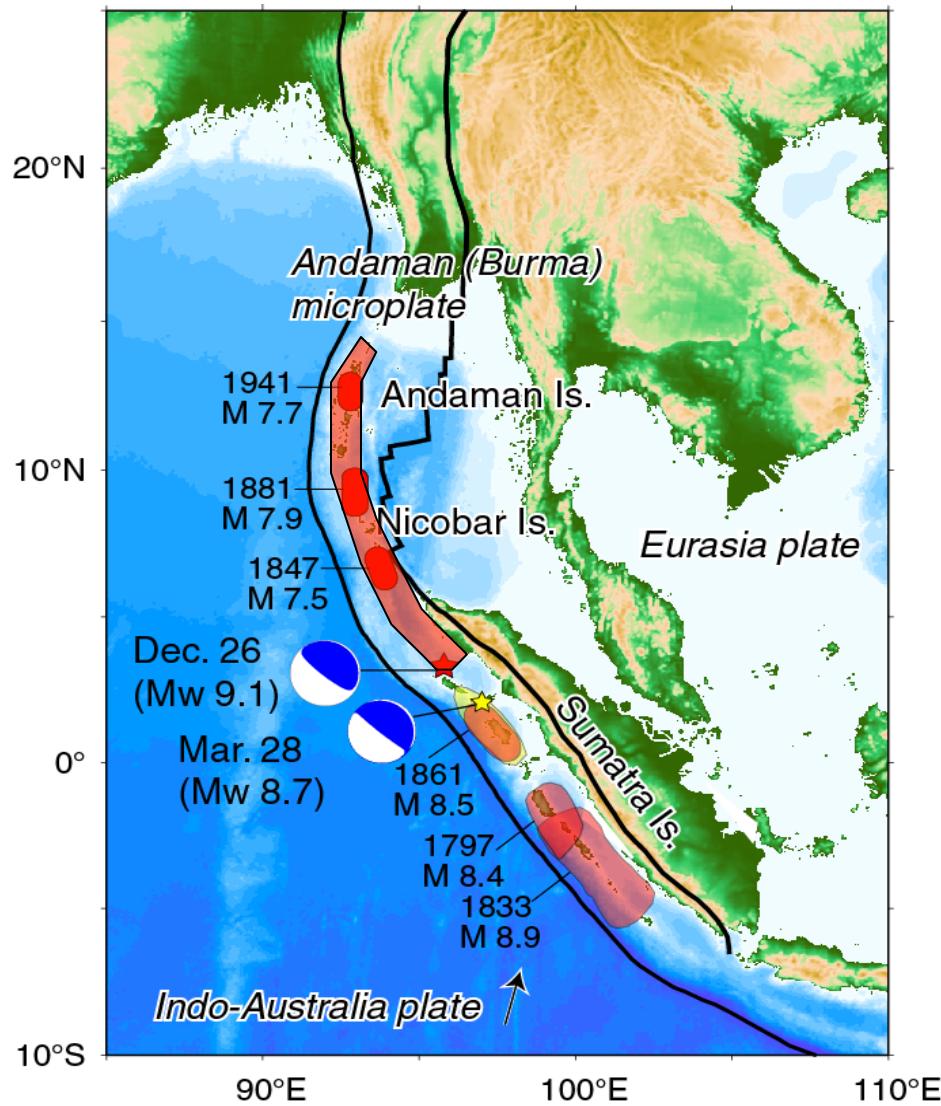
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# Only five M9 earthquakes since 20<sup>th</sup> century



# 2004 Sumatra-Andaman earthquake



Andaman-Nicobar Is.

1941 M 7.7

1881 M 7.9

1847 M 7.5

(from historical records)

**2004 M 9.1**

**2005 M 8.7**

Sumatra

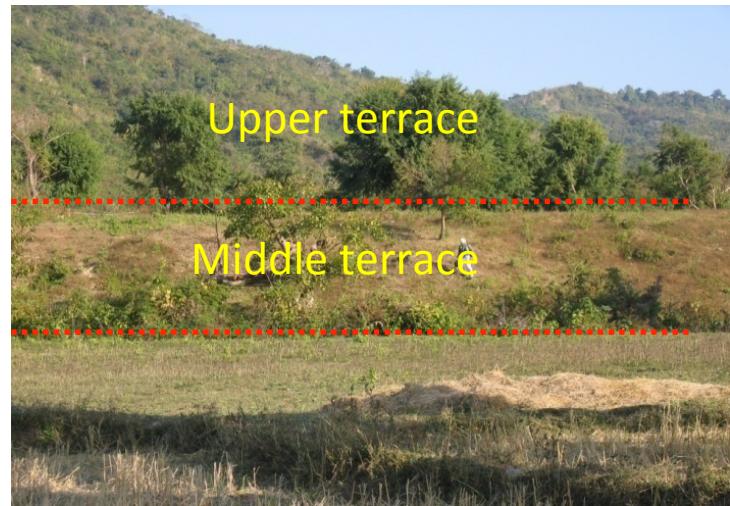
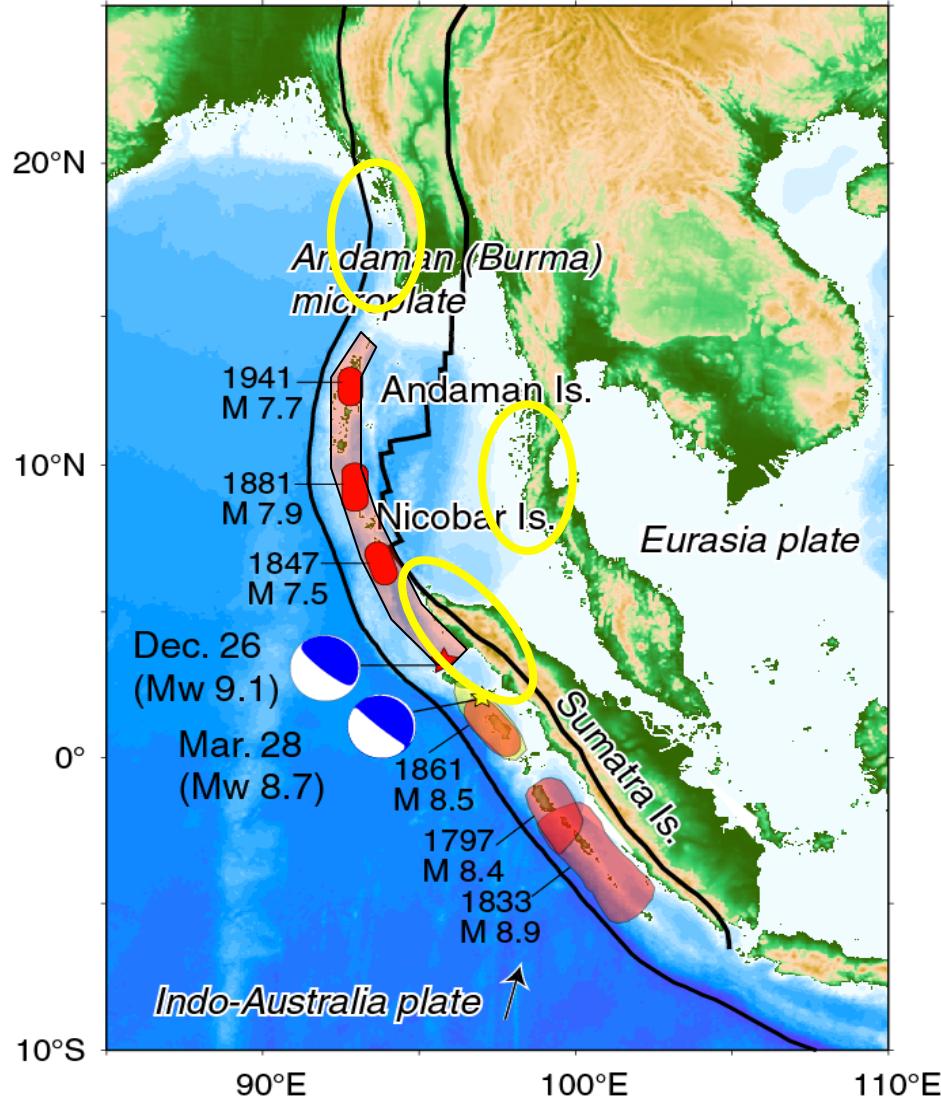
1861 M 8.5

1797 M 8.4

1833 M 8.9

(from coral studies)

# Paleoseismological Studies since 2004

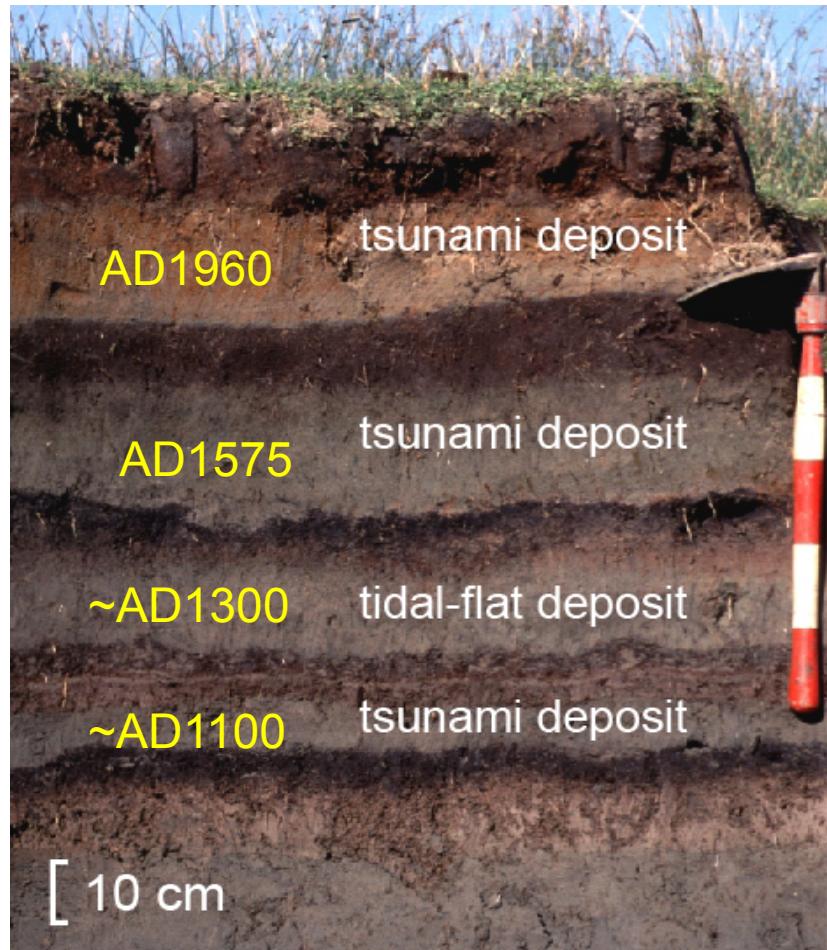
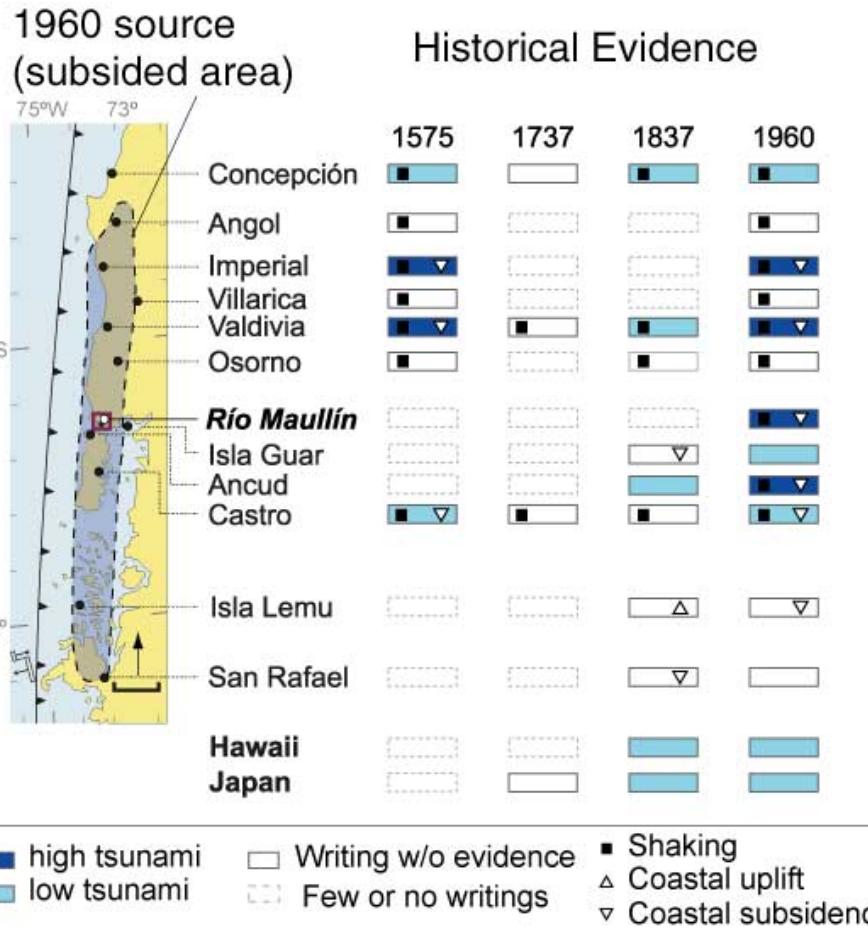


Aung *et al.* (2008 J. Earthq. Tsunami )



Jankaew *et al.* (2008 Nature )

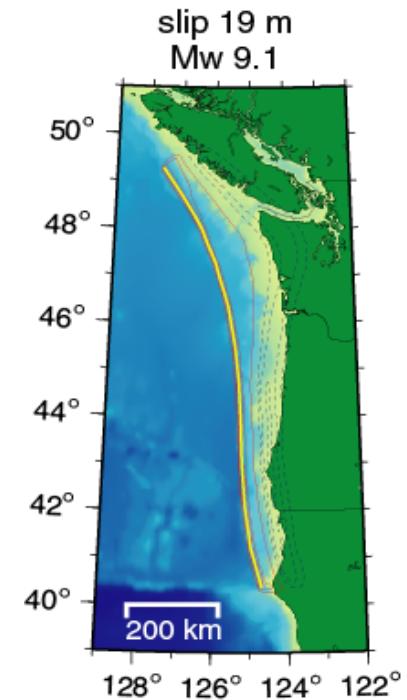
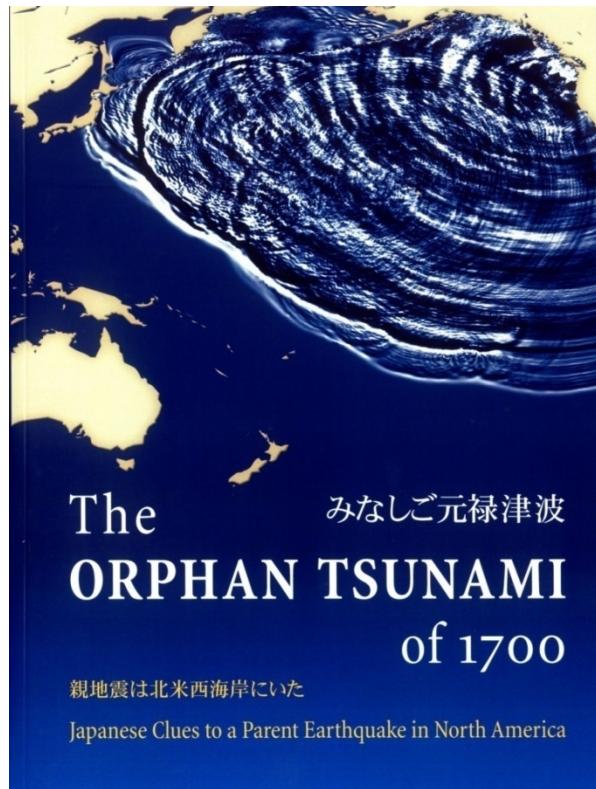
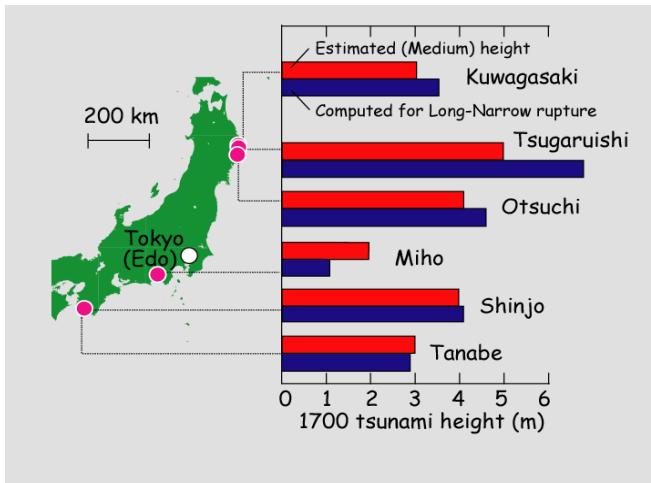
# South-Central Chile



Giant ( $M \sim 9.5$ ) earthquakes  $\sim 300$  yr interval  
NOT  $\sim 130$  yr as inferred from historic data

Cisternas et al. (2005 Nature)

# Tsunami recorded in Japan in 1700

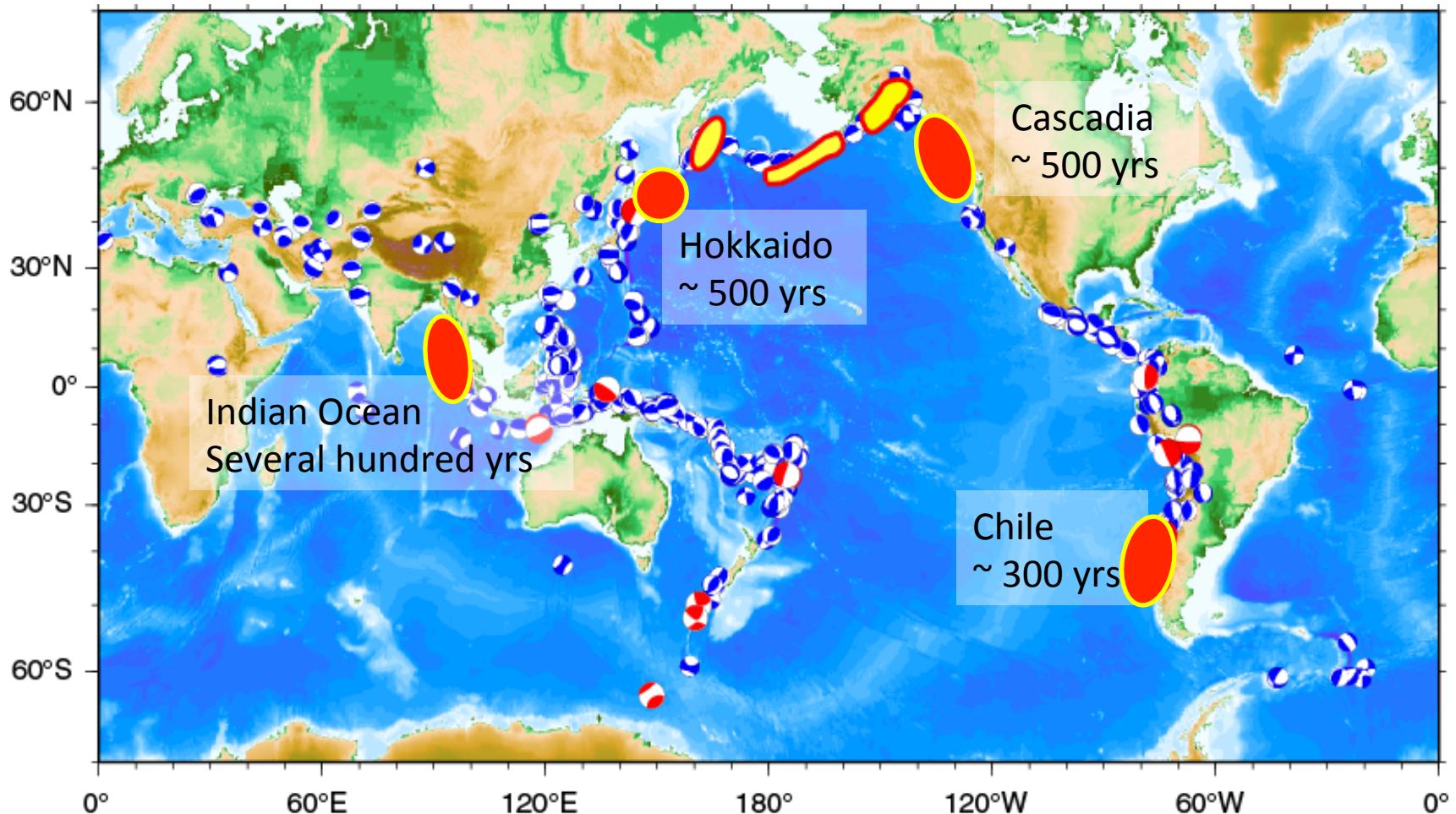


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Fault length: 1,100 km, slip: 14 m,  
 $M_0 4.6 \times 10^{22} \text{ Nm}$  (Mw 9.0)  
similar to the 2004 Sumatra-Andaman earthquake  
Average recurrence interval: ~500 years

Satake, Wang, Atwater (2003, JGR)

# Interval of Giant ( $M \sim 9$ ) Earthquakes



# Conclusions

1. 2011 Tohoku earthquake was the largest ( $M \sim 9$ ) in Japan's history
2. Long-term forecast estimated 99 % probability but  $M \sim 8$  in Miyagi-oki
3. Tsunami warning was issued in 3 minutes but the heights were initially underestimated
4. The Tohoku coasts experienced similar tsunamis in the past
5. The 2011 tsunami was a combination of the 1896 and 869 type tsunamis
6. Giant earthquakes ( $M \sim 9$ ) occur once in several centuries in the world's subduction zones