

Development of a GNSS-Enhanced Tsunami Early Warning System



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The Banda Aceh earthquake and tsunami claimed 250,000 lives without warning ...

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Phuket Island, Thailand
December 26, 2004

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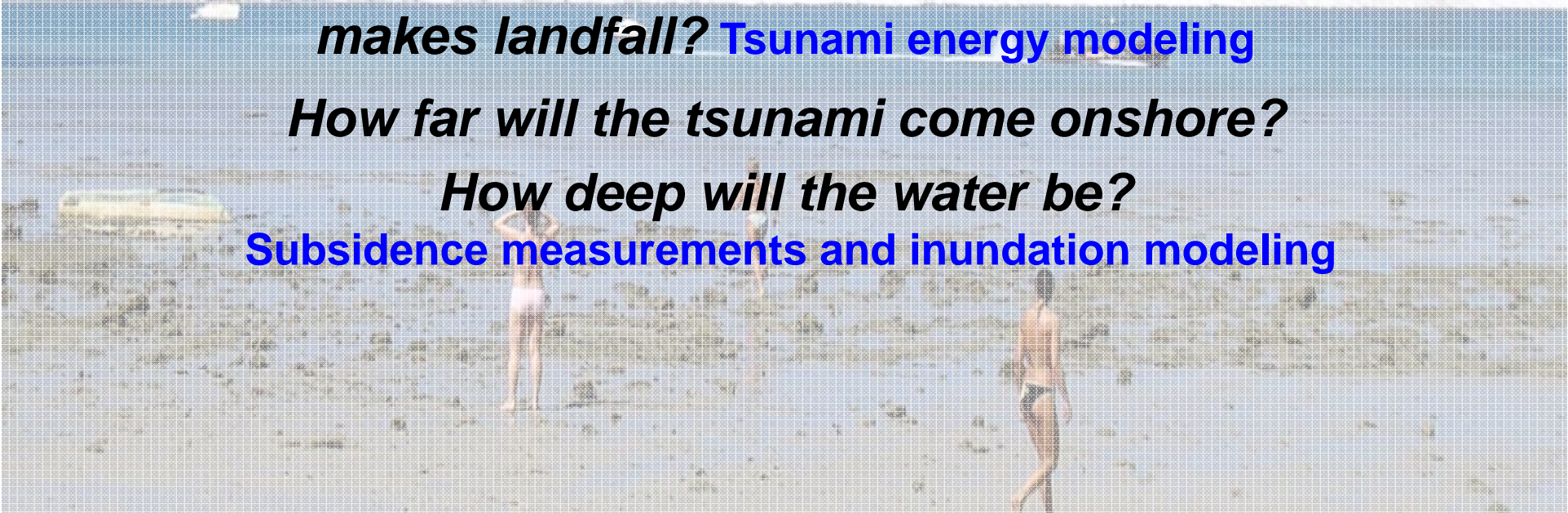
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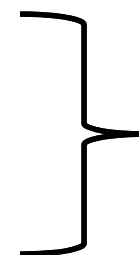


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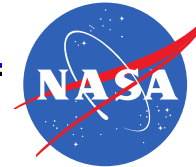


Real-Time
GNSS



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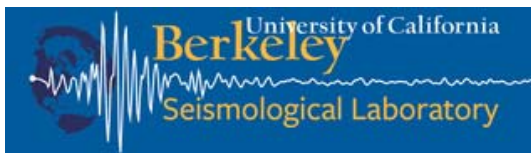
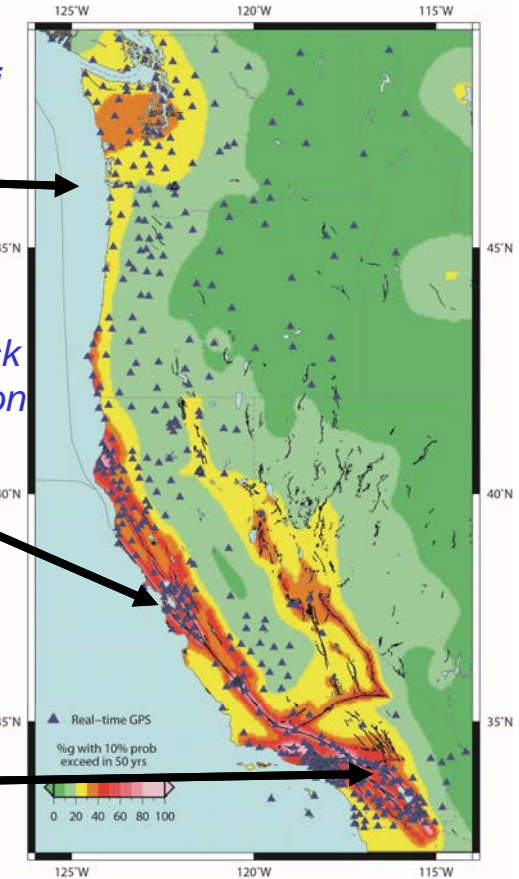
- Real-Time Earthquake Analysis for Disaster mitigation network (READI): ~750 GPS stations, a NASA driven project
- Super set of GNSS networks maintained by (sorted according to largest to smallest number of stations):
 - UNAVCO/PBO
 - CWU/PANGA
 - USGS/Pasadena-SCIGN & Menlo Park
 - UC Berkeley/BARD
 - Scripps Institution of Oceanography/SCIGN
 - JPL/Caltech



Cascadia Subduction Zone – Mw 9.0 earthquake & tsunami similar to 2011 Japan events

San Francisco Bay Area – Increasing risk of large earthquake on Hayward fault

Southern San Andreas fault – overdue for large earthquake

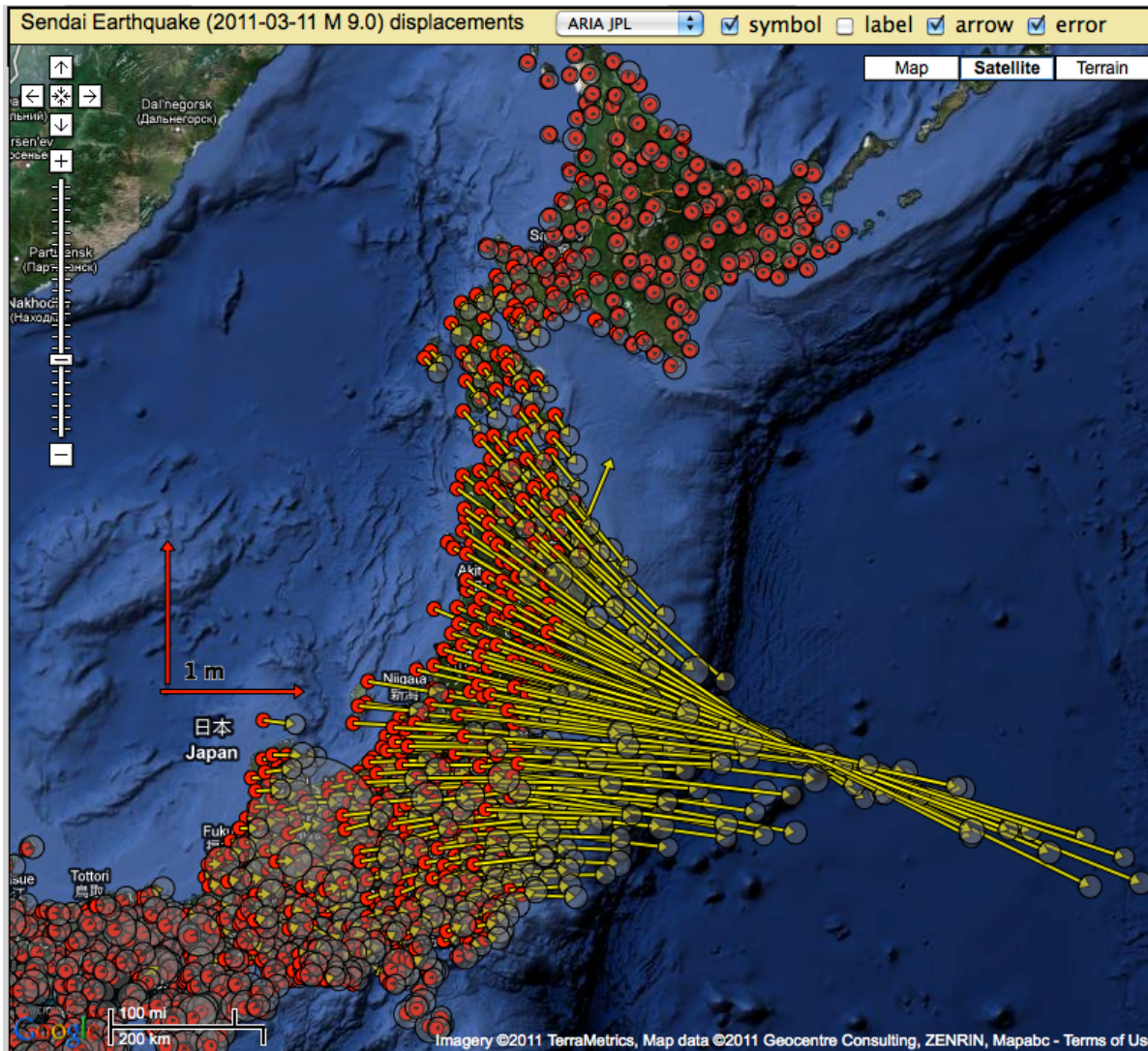


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GNSS Earthquake and Tsunami Early Warning



Data courtesy of the Geospatial
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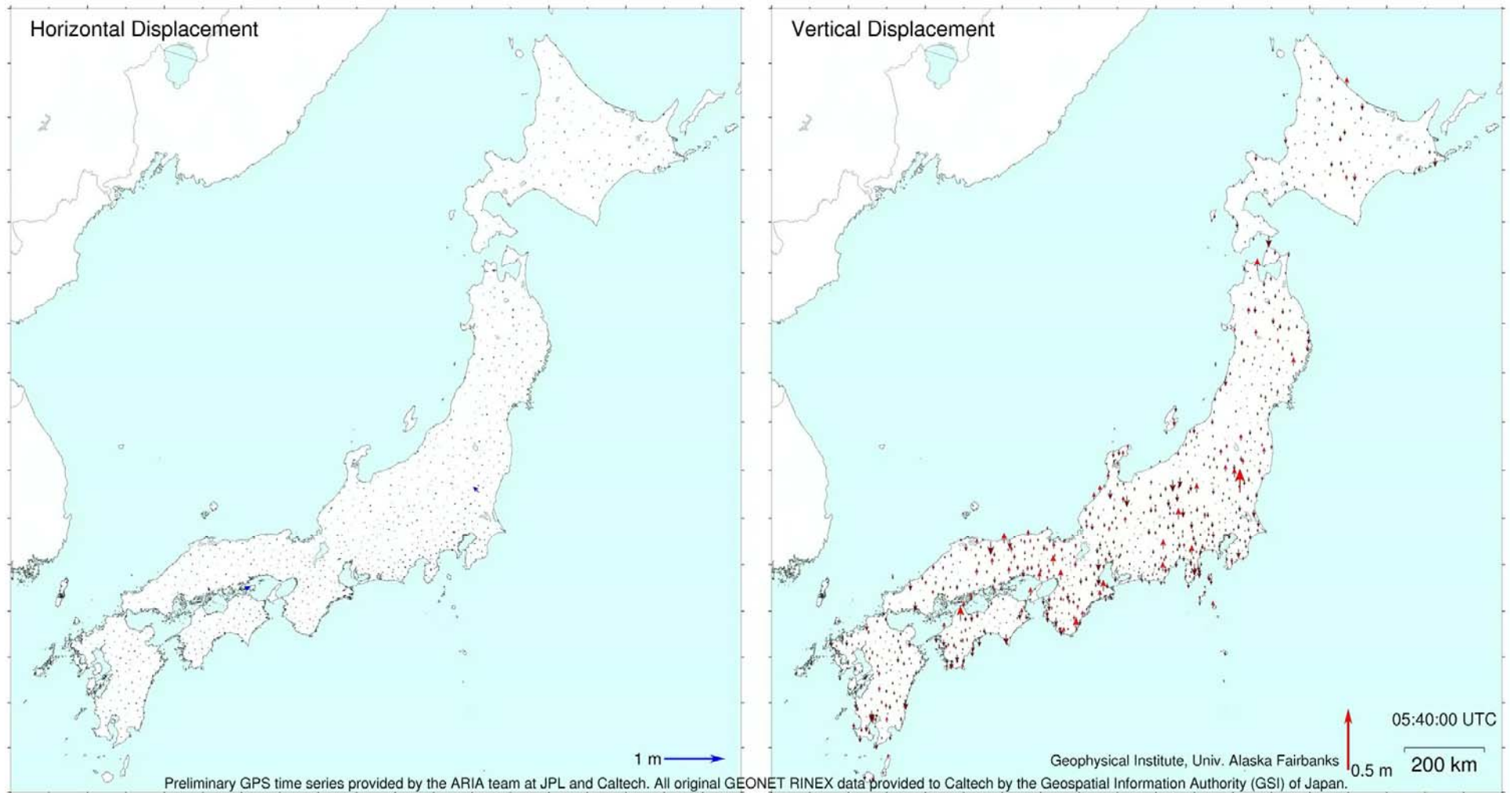
GEONET GPS Array

Great East Japan Earthquake and
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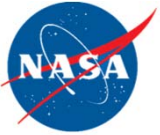
Maximum GPS displacement
~5 meters



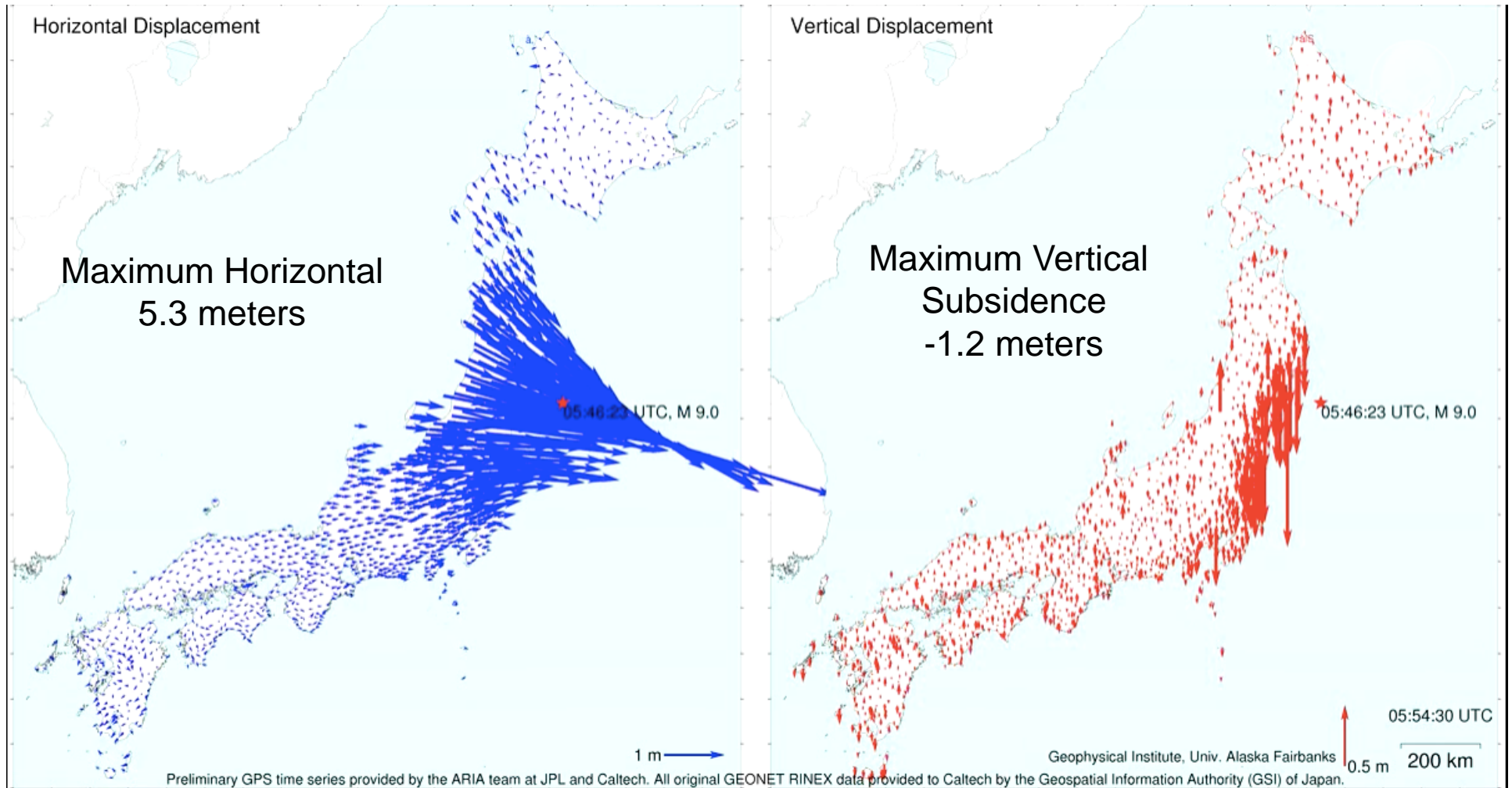
GSJ GEONET GPS Array Earthquake Displacement Pattern



<http://gps.alaska.edu/ronni/sendai2011.html>: Ronni Grapenthin



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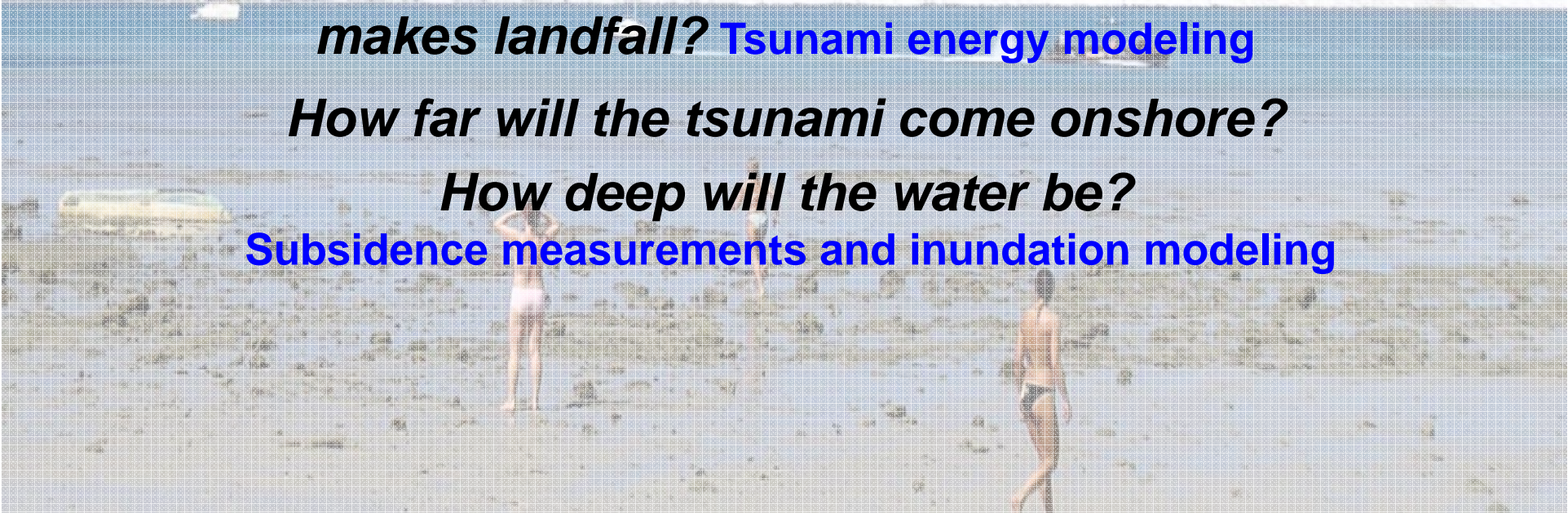
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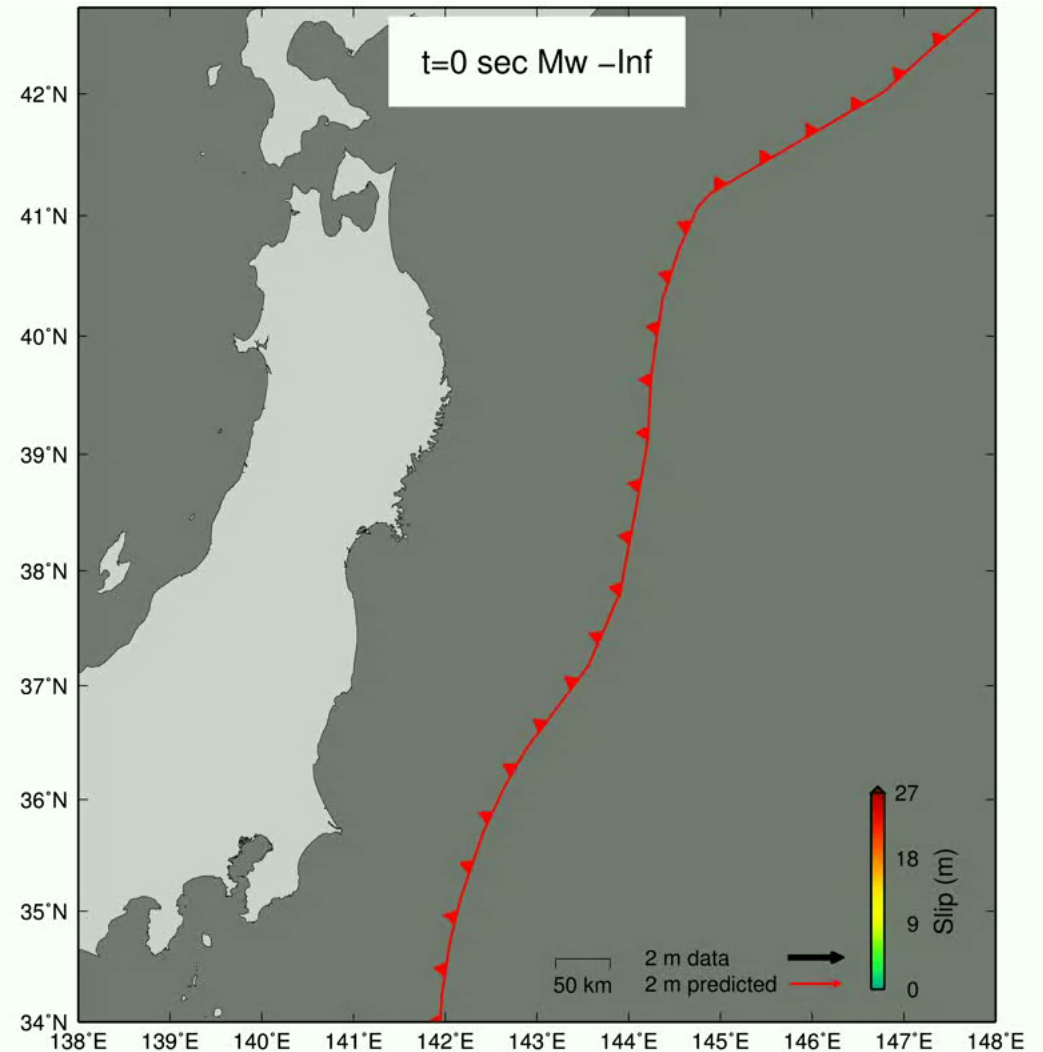
Real-Time GNSS for Rapid Earthquake Magnitude Determination and Fault Slip Distribution

**Case 1 – model determines
fault location**

S. E. Minson et al, 2013
JGR

07 - November - 2016

11th Meeting of the

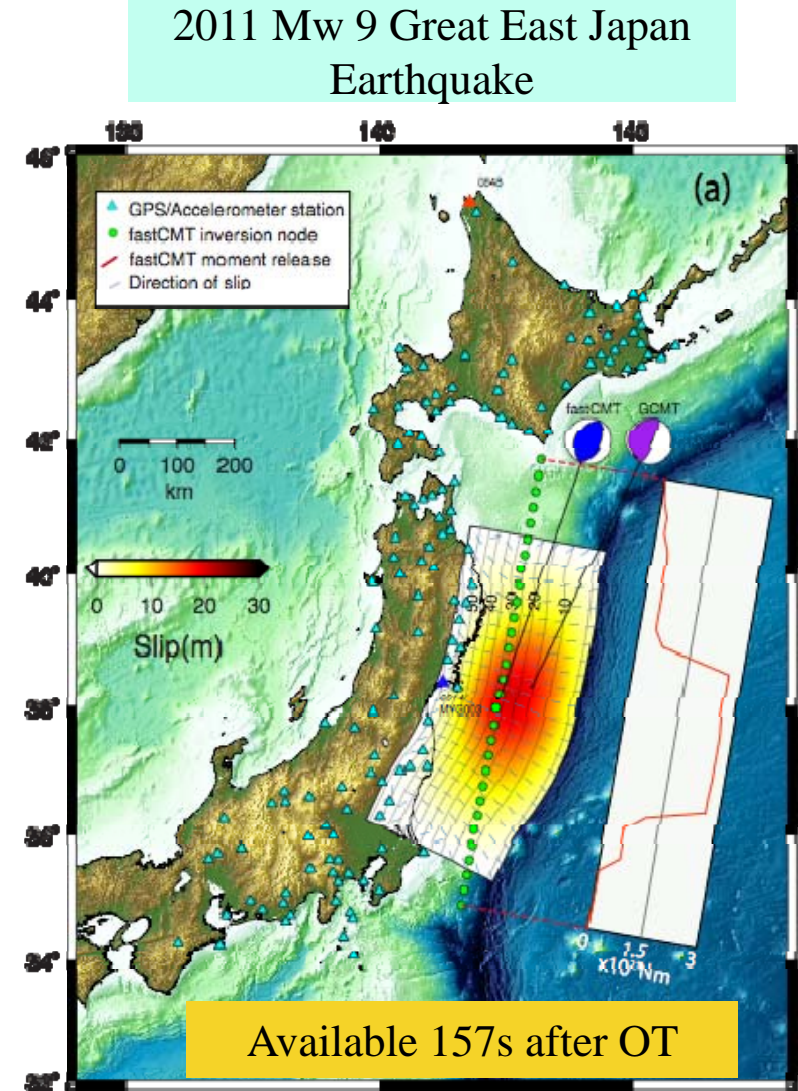
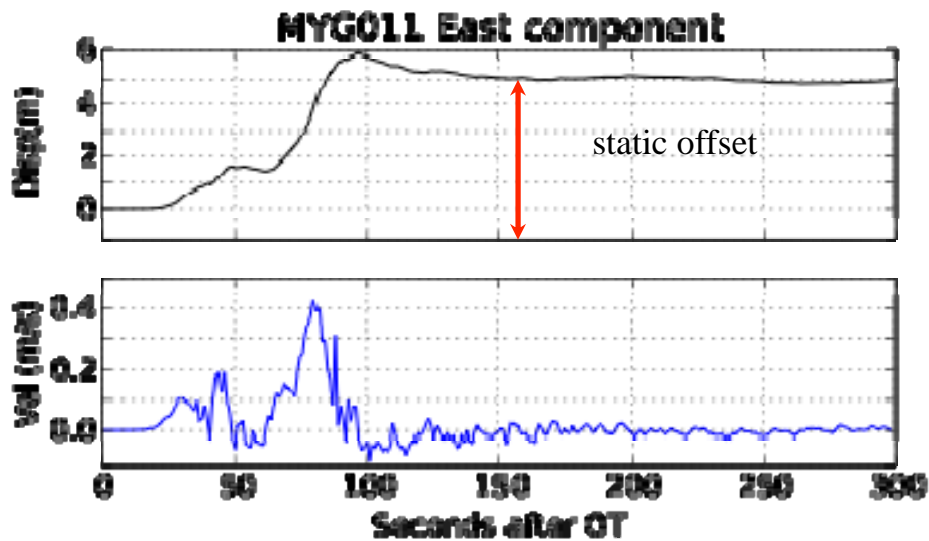




GNSS Static Slip Model 157 seconds

- Magnitude estimates from seismic data-only tend to saturate for large events.
- Regional seismic data are band limited, they cannot adequately capture long periods in real-time.
- Create rapid models with the GNSS static field

- **Static = simple and fast**



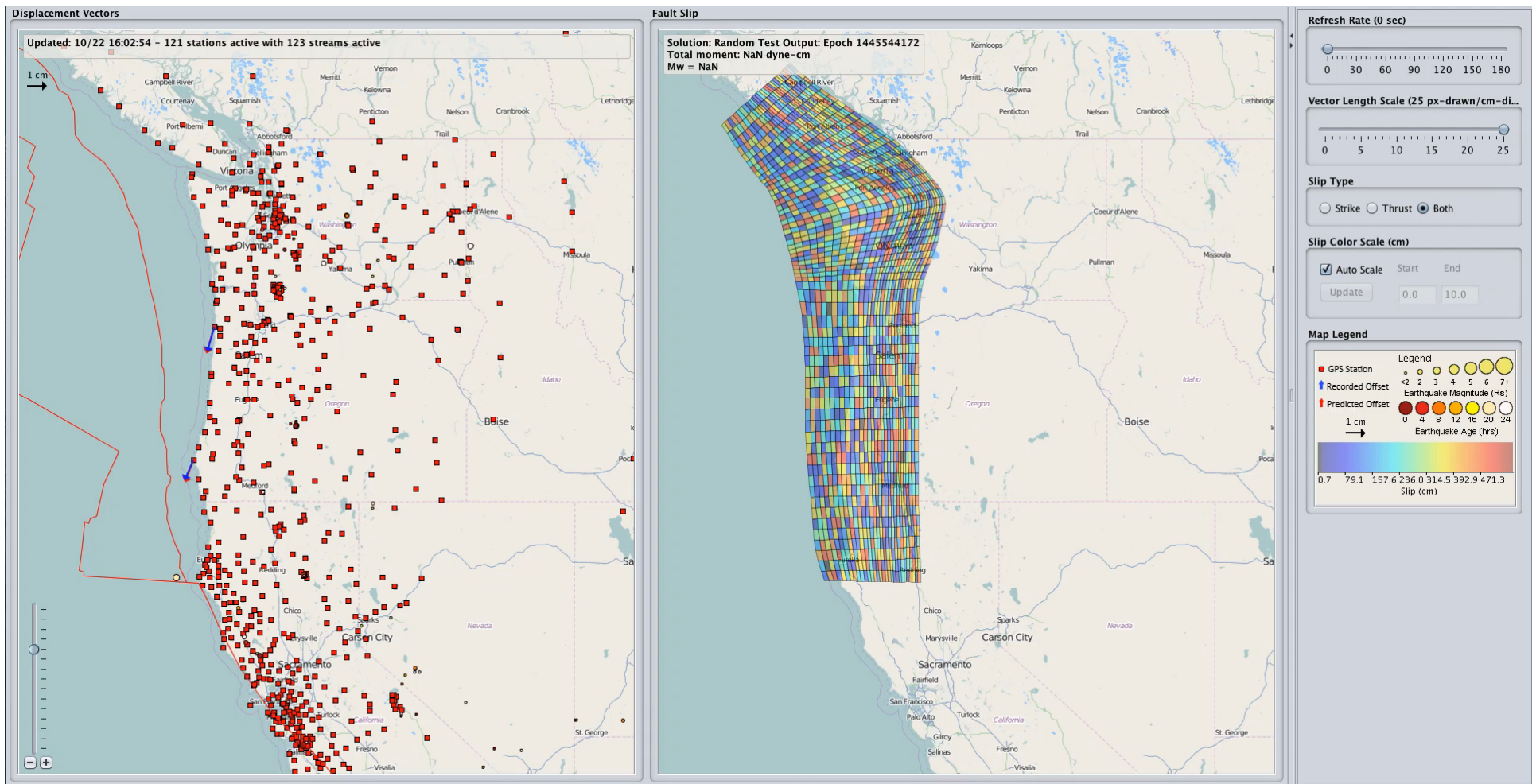
Source: Melgar et al., GRL, 2013



GNSS Earthquake Source Model for a Predefined Fault

Case 2 – Real-time displacements on a fixed fault surface

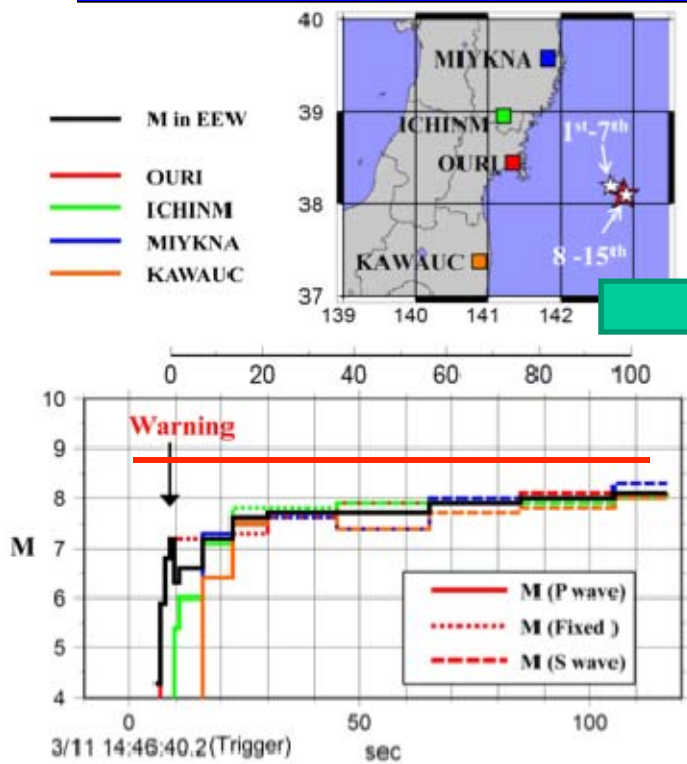
Prototype running in real-time on a fixed fault surface



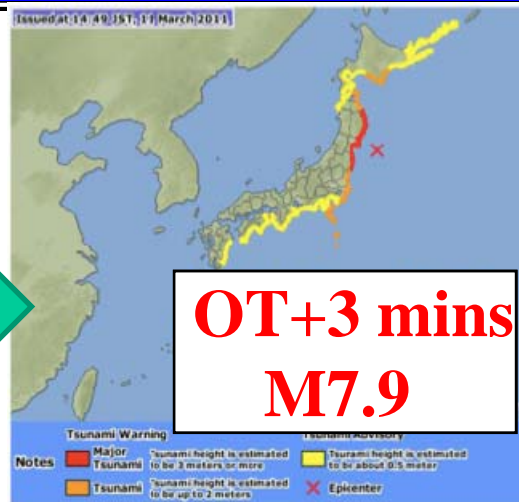
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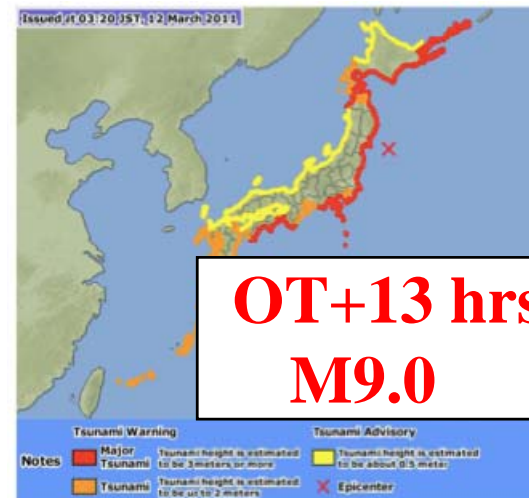
Japanese Response to 2011 Mw9 Tohoku-oki Earthquake



Hoshiba et al, 2011, EPS



Japan seismic data => magnitude => tsunami impact based on precomputed database



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Ozaki et al, 2011, EPS



USGS Results for 2011 Tohoku-oki Earthquake from Teleseismic Data

23 minutes after OT

2 hrs 44 minutes after OT

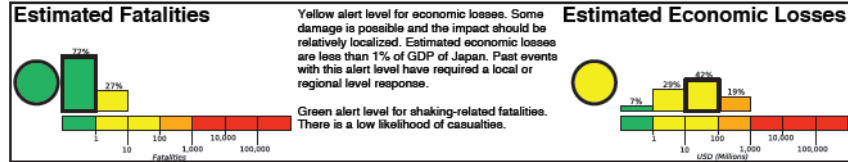
USGS Earthquake Shaking **Yellow Alert** **USAID** FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

M 7.9, NEAR THE EAST COAST OF HONSHU, JAPAN

Origin Time: Fri 2011-03-11 05:46:23 UTC (14:46:23 local)
 Location: 38.32°N 142.37°E Depth: 24 km

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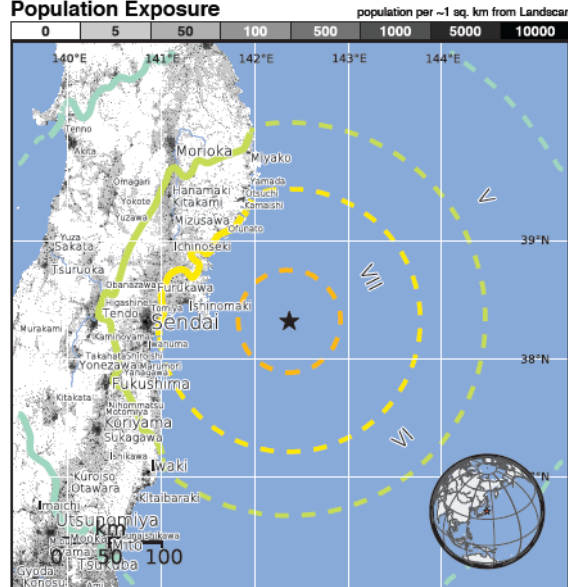
Created: 22 minutes, 58 seconds after earthquake



Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k = x1000)	--*	--*	3,227k*	6,192k	2,918k	719k	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Resistant Structures	Resistant Structures	Resistant Structures	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
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Selected City Exposure from GeoNames.org

MMI City	Population
VII Ishinomaki	117k
VII Yamoto	32k
VII Shioyama	60k
VII Kogota	20k
VII Rifu	35k
VI Ofunato	35k
VI Sendai	1,038k
VI Yamagata	255k
V Morioka	295k
V Fukushima	294k
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bold cities appear on map (k = x1000)

Event ID: usc0001xgp

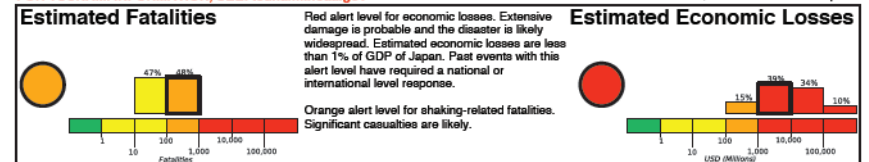
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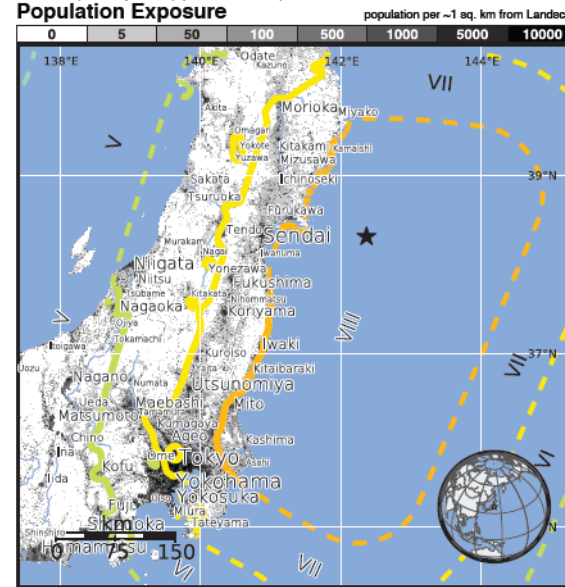
Created: 2 hours, 44 minutes after earthquake



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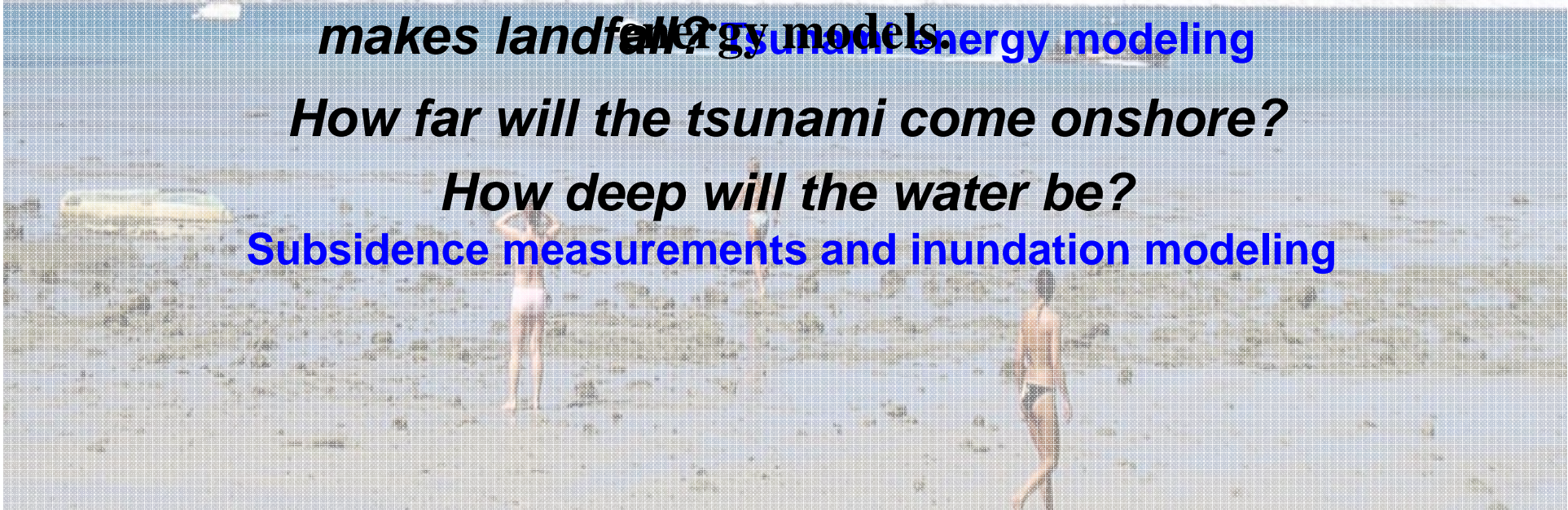
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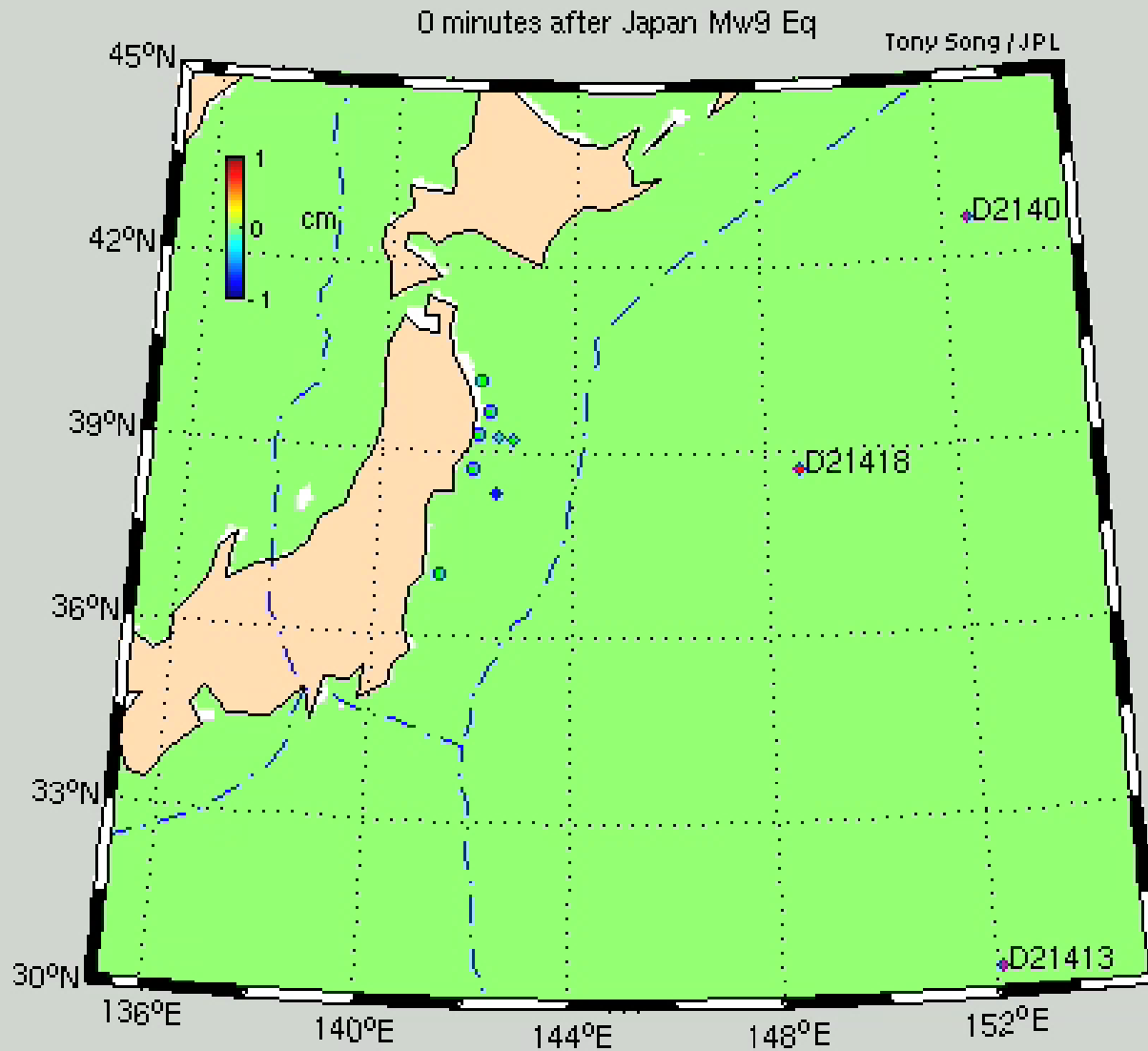
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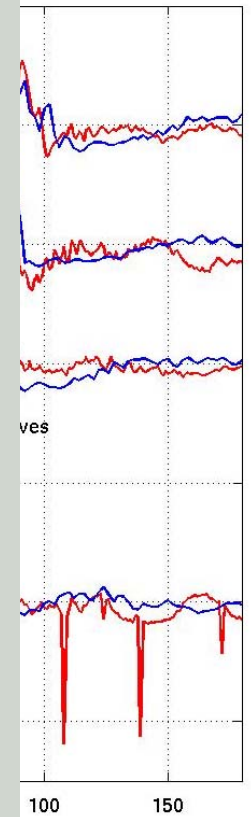




The 2011 Tohoku-Oki Tsunami



Japanese
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used



Bawden, NASA HQ

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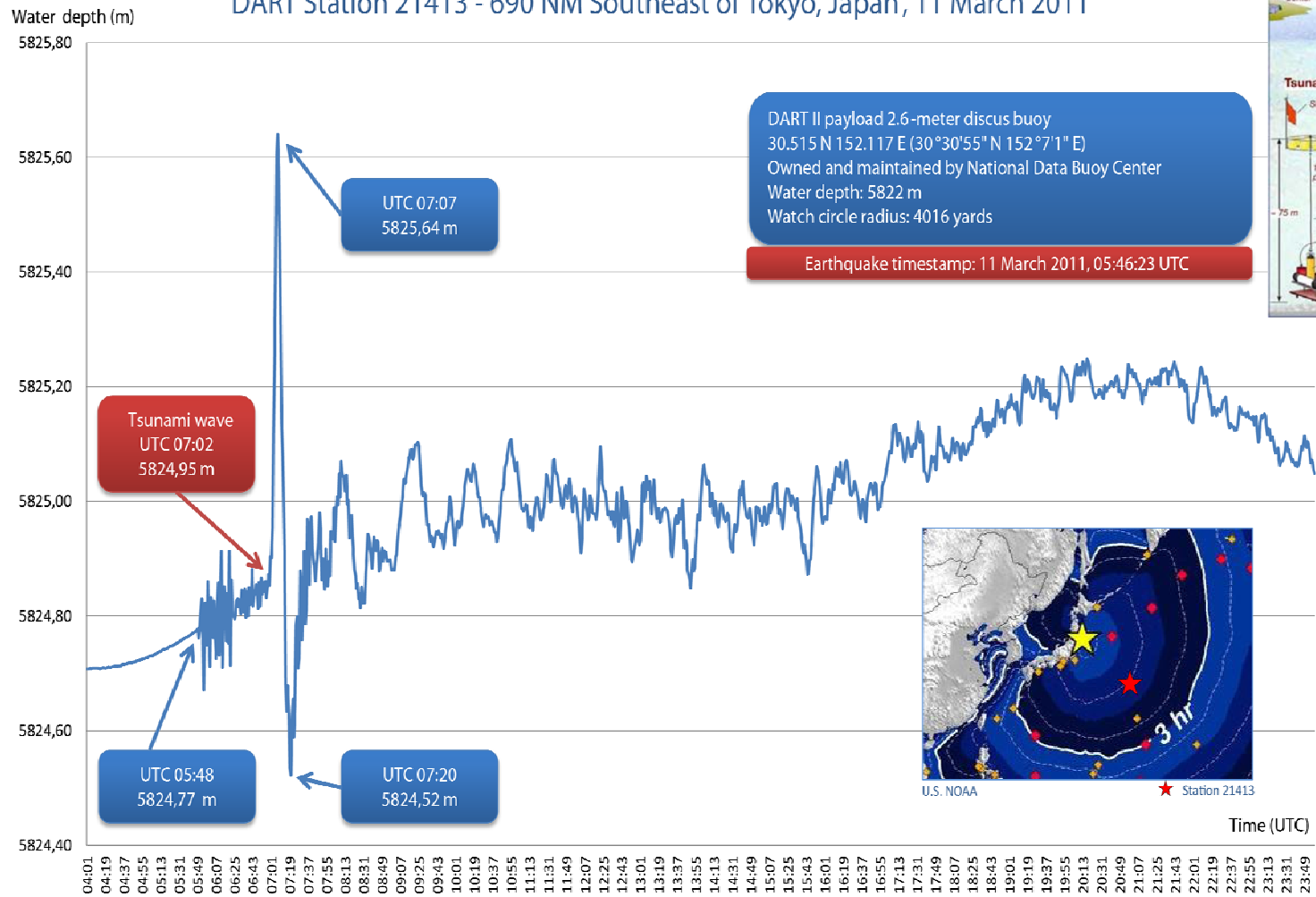
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Currently – DART Buoys are only way to track tsunamis in open ocean

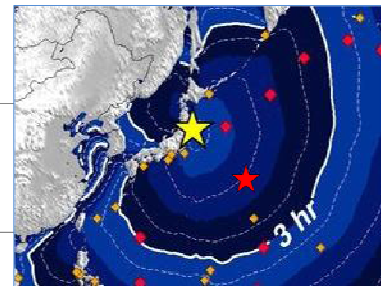


DART Station 21413 - 690 NM Southeast of Tokyo, Japan, 11 March 2011

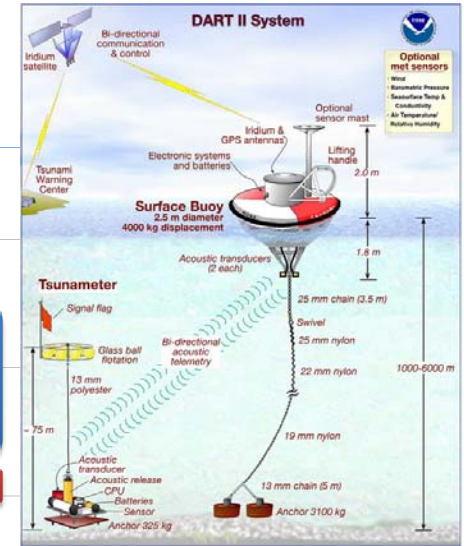


DART II payload 2.6-meter discus buoy
 30.515 N 152.117 E (30°30'55" N 152°7'1" E)
 Owned and maintained by National Data Buoy Center
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 Watch circle radius: 4016 yards

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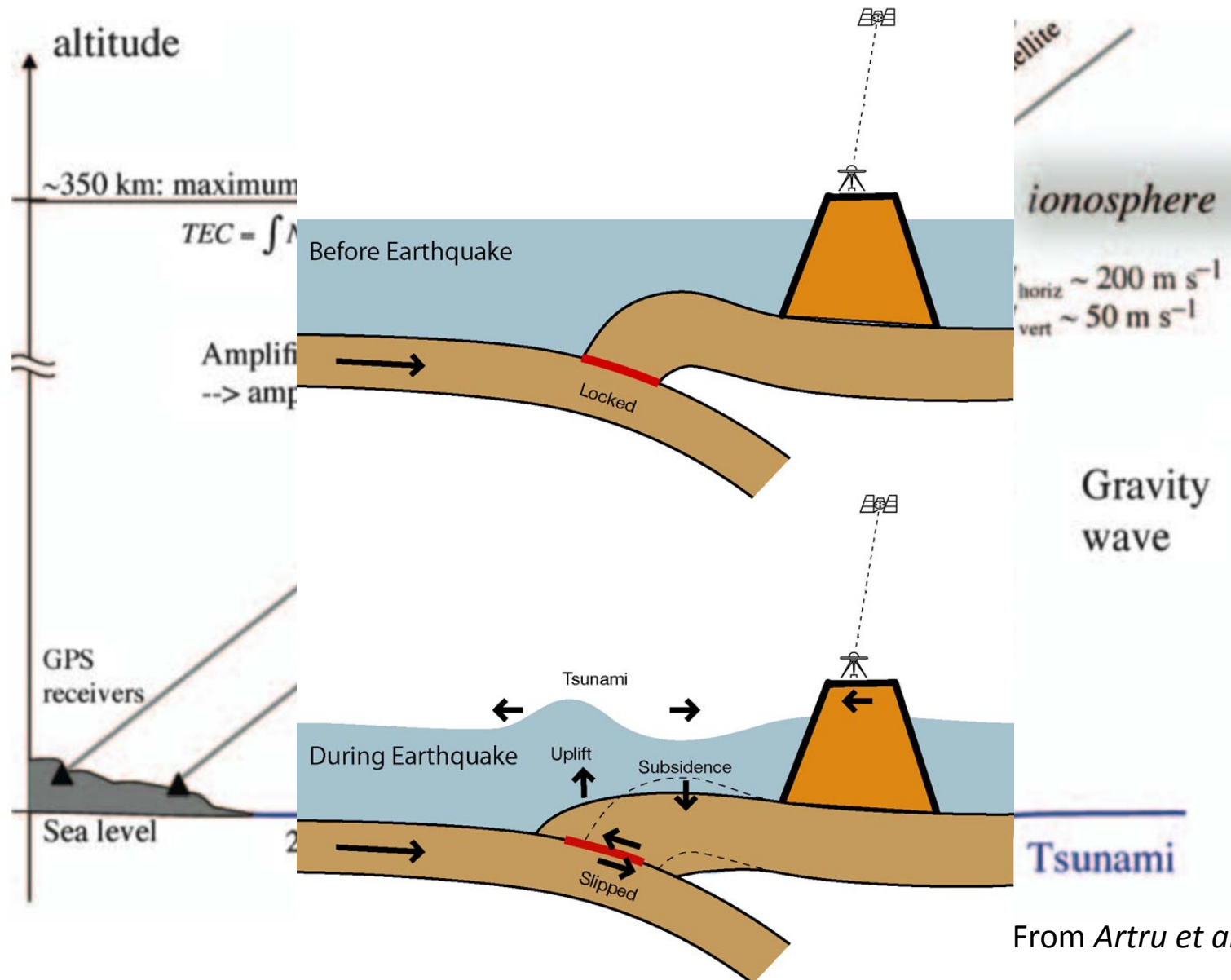


U.S. NOAA ★ Station 21413





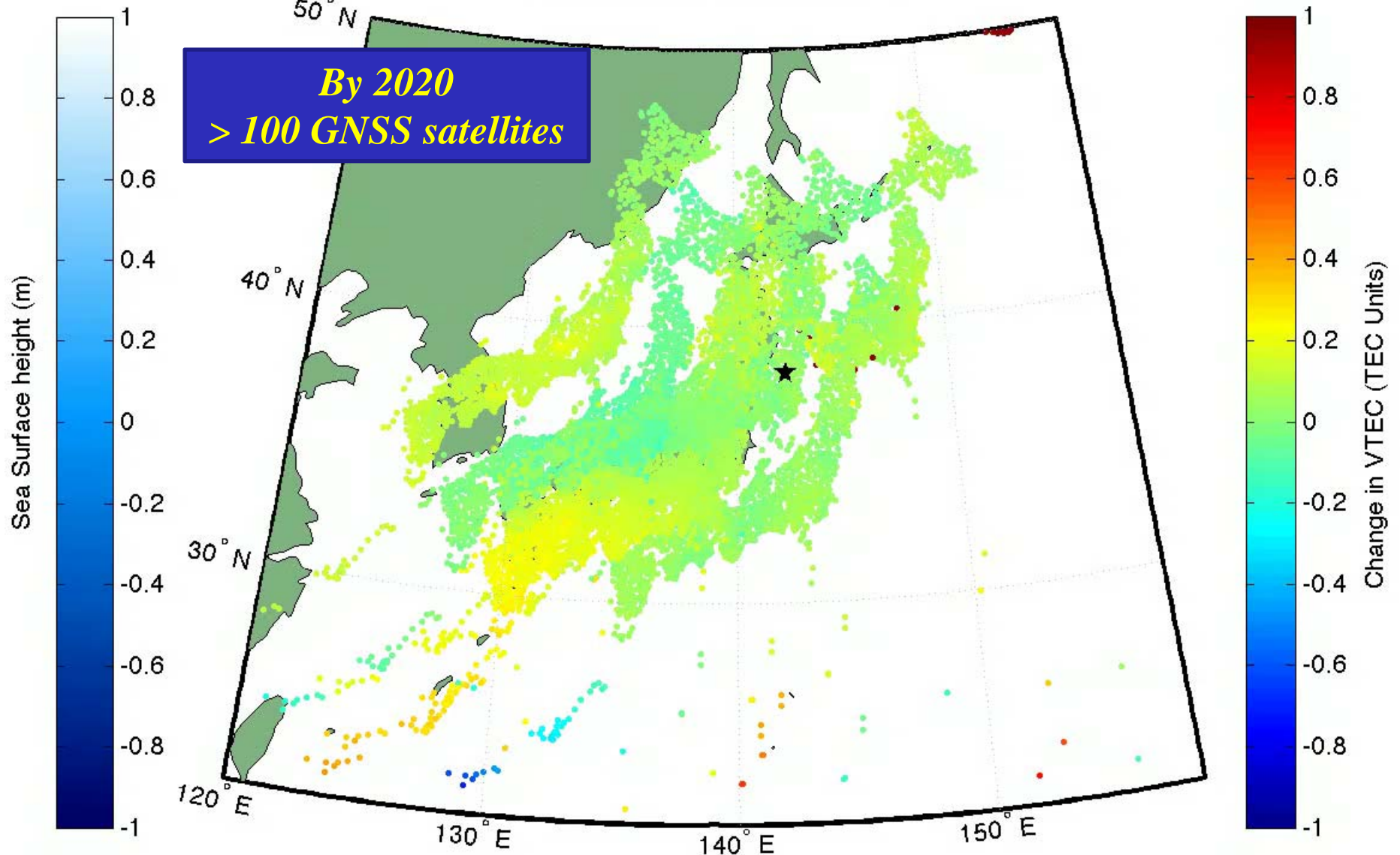
The Tsunami Generated Displacement of the Ocean Surface Couples to the Ionosphere



From Artru *et al.*, 2005

GSI's GEONET Captured the Ionospheric Coupled Waves and Imaged the Tsunami Generation and Propagation

UT Time: 11-Mar-2011 05:30:45



Ionospheric Response to Mw 9.0 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan on March 11, 2011, A.Komjathy, D.A.Galvan, M.P Hickey, P.Stephens, Mark Butala, and A.Mannucci, (<http://visibleearth.nasa.gov/view.php?id=77377>)

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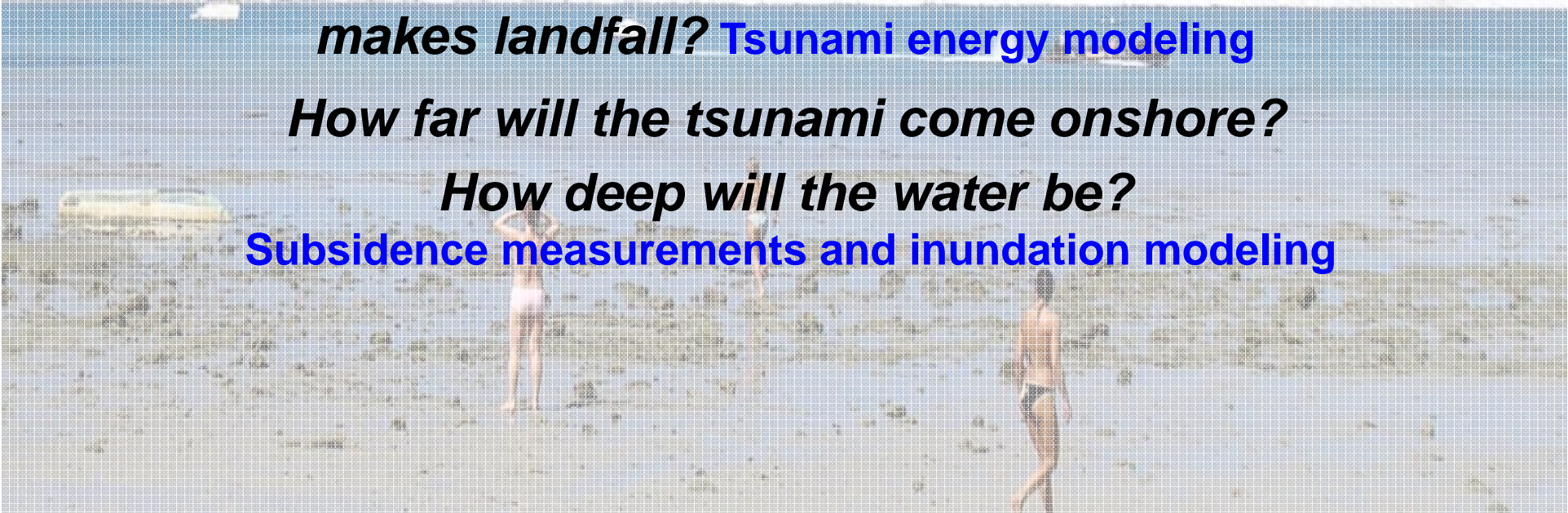
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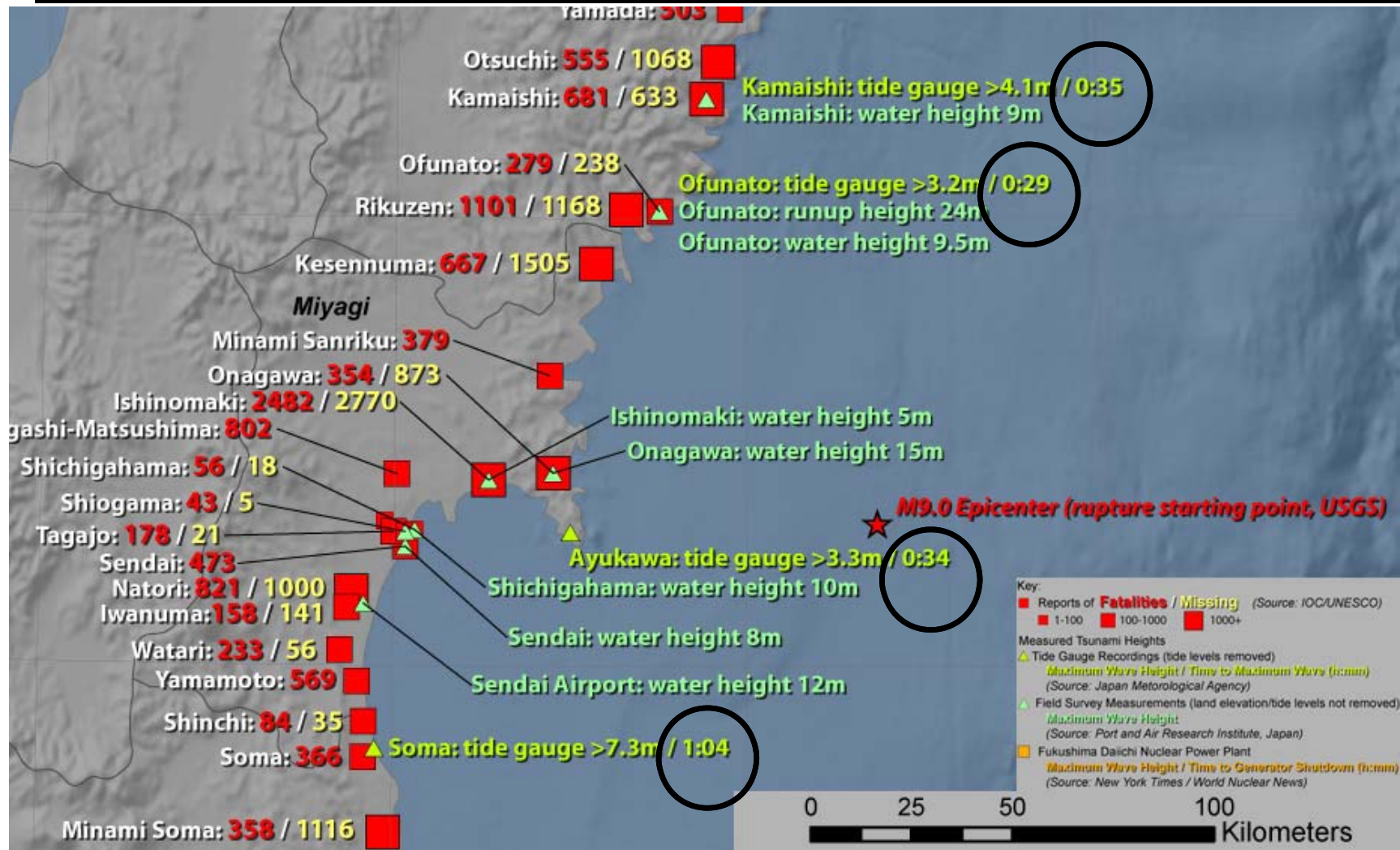
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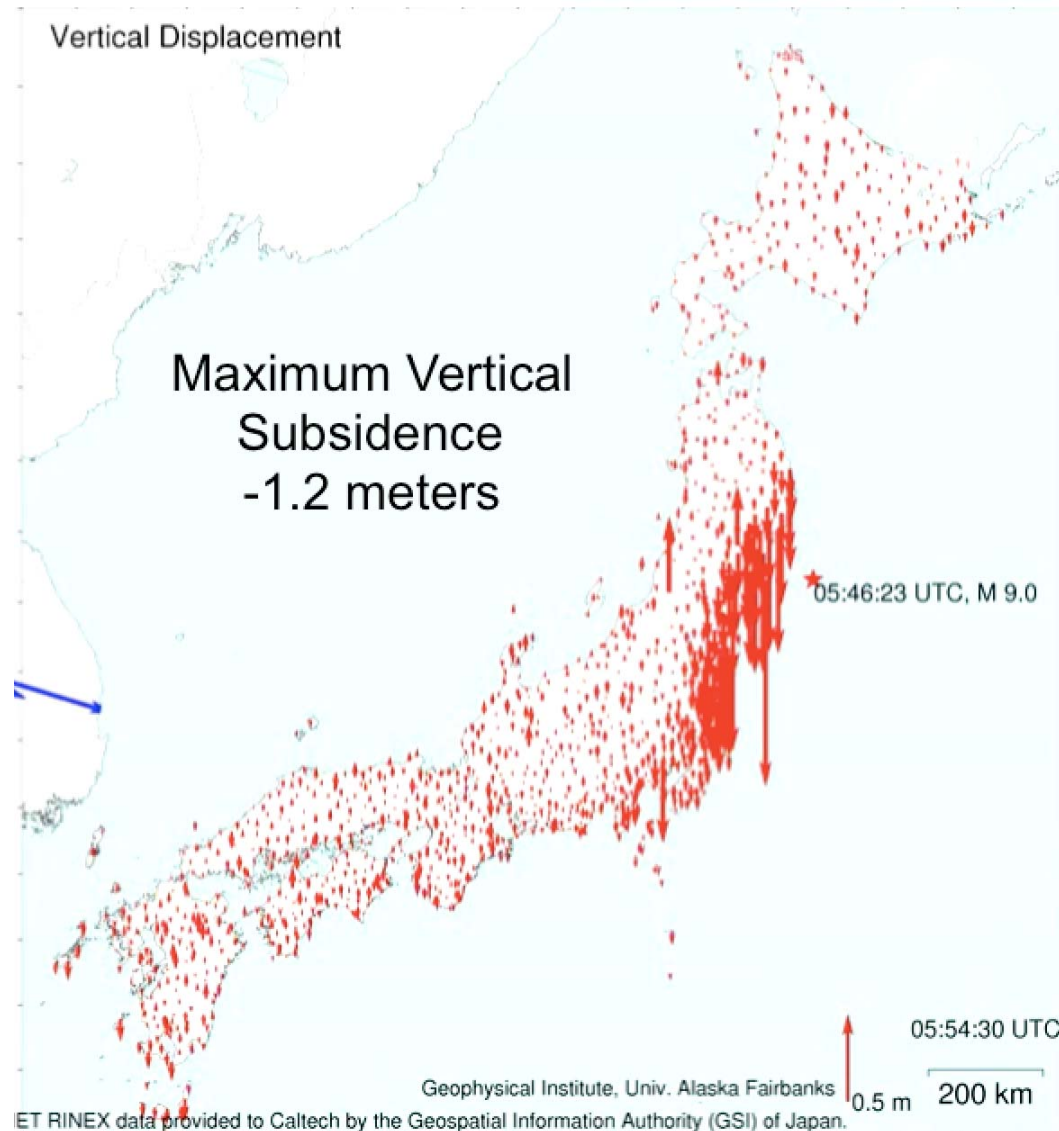


Tsunami travel times for 2011 Mw 9.0 Tohoku-oki earthquake





Dynamic Coastal Inundation Maps rtGNSS + Tsunami Rise-Up models



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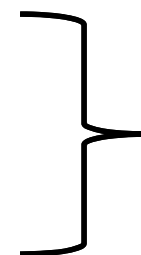
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GNSS Earthquake and Tsunami Early Warning

Expanding the earthquake and tsunami early warning globally requires access to **shared real-time** GNSS data in areas that are:

- Seismically active
- Coastal communities that may be impacted by a tsunami

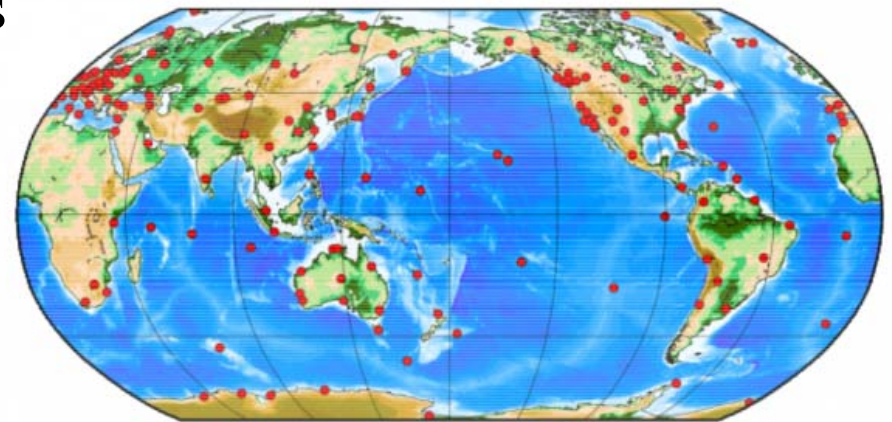
Partnership with regional/national tsunami and earthquake early warning Centers.

- The GNSS Early Warning approach enhances current capabilities

Partnership with the International GNSS and Earth Observation's communities

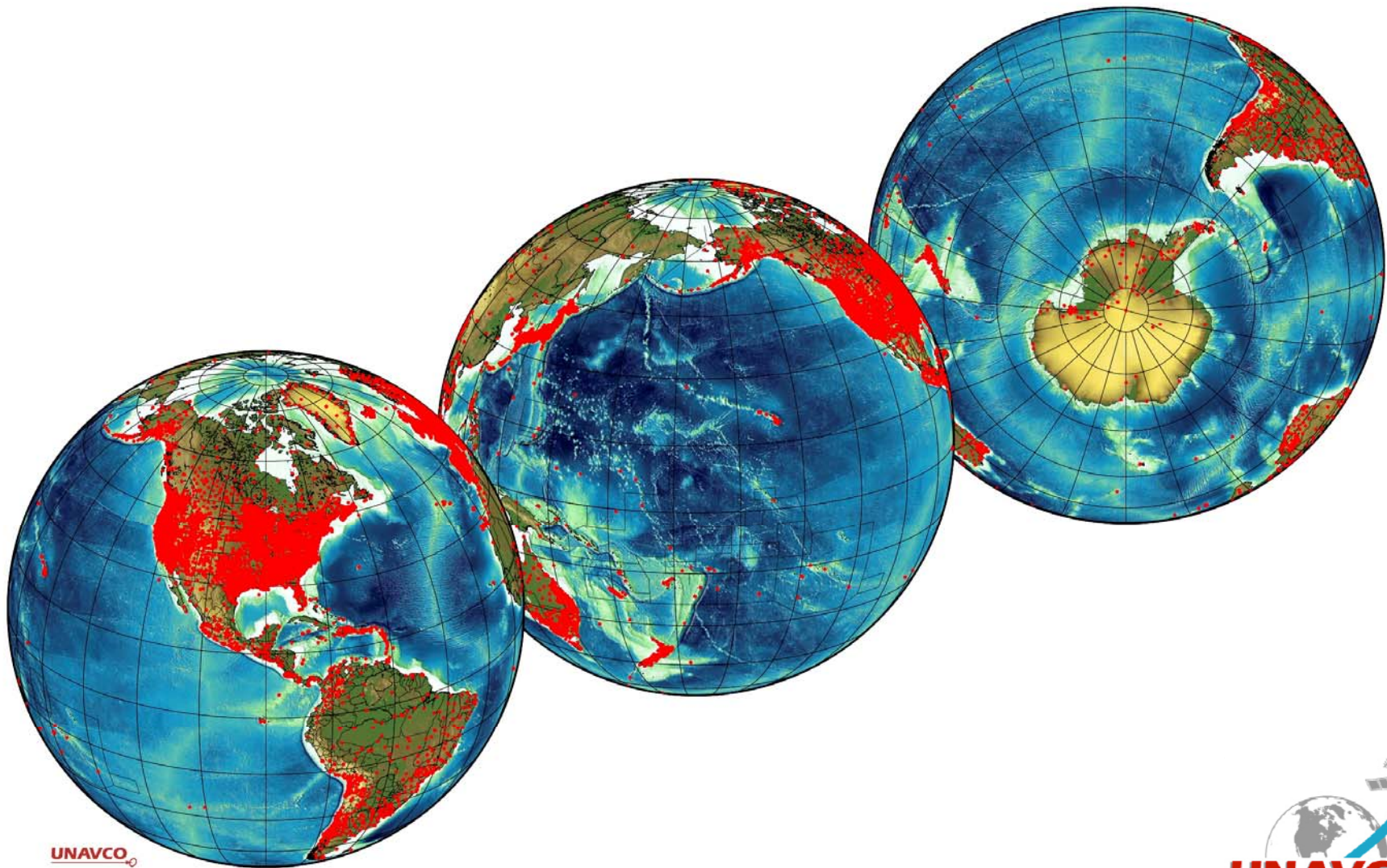
- ICG – UN International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems + UNOOSA
- IGS – International GNSS Service
- GGOS – Global Geodetic Observing System
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GGOS/IGS Real-Time Network





Known and Publically Accessible Continuous GNSS sites – 14,667

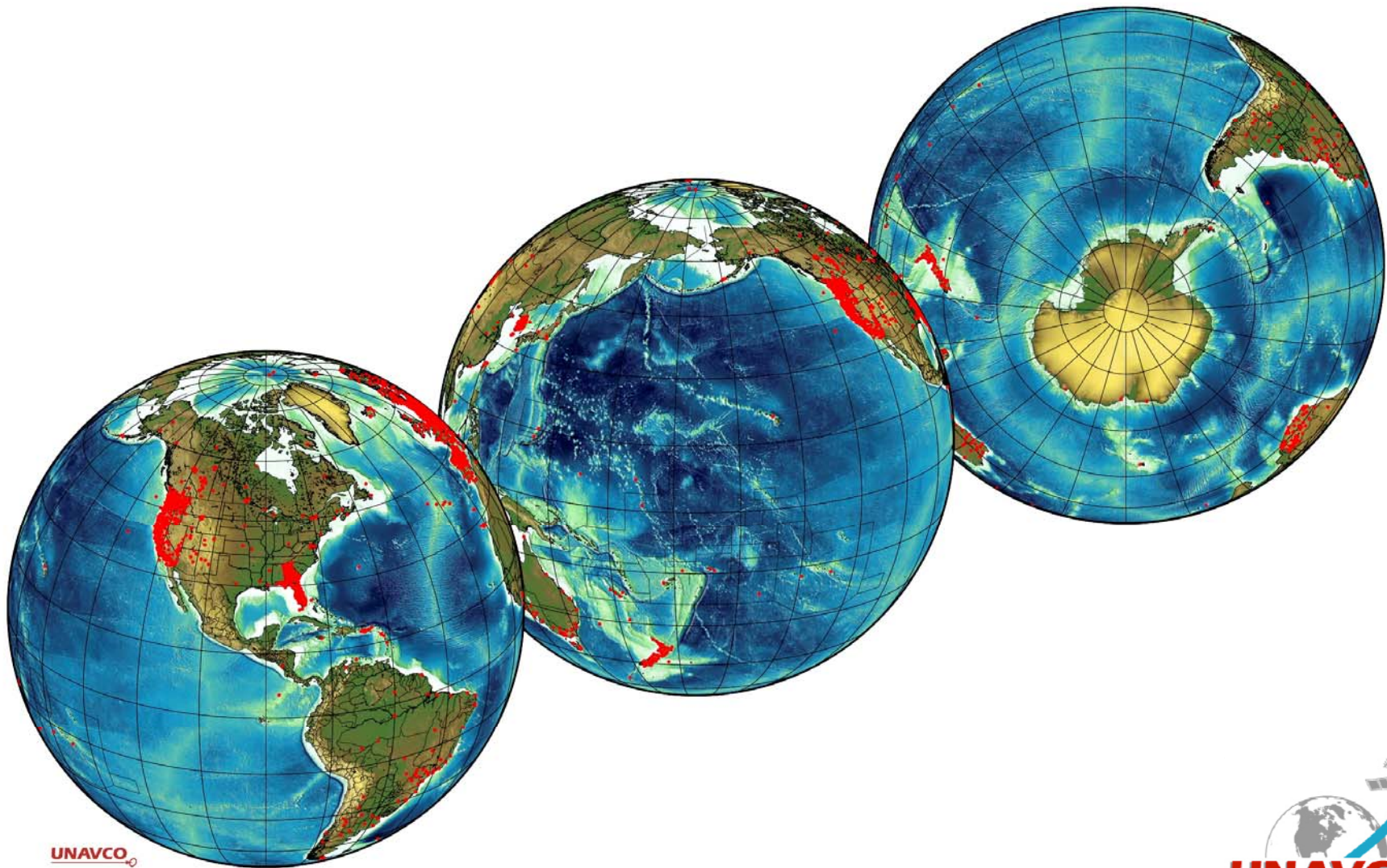


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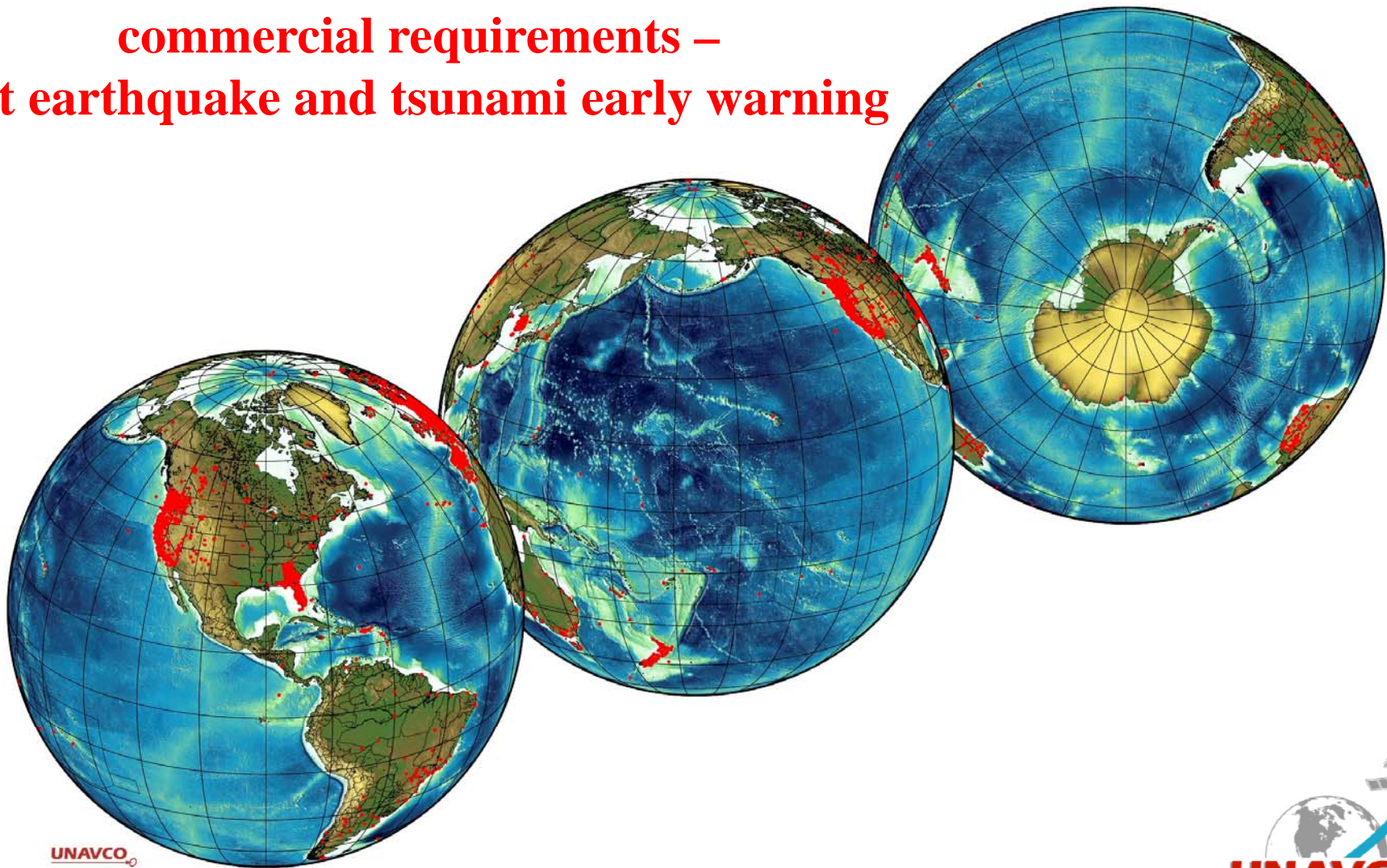
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Available Real-Time GNSS sites – 2,287

**Most were installed for science or
commercial requirements –
Not earthquake and tsunami early warning**



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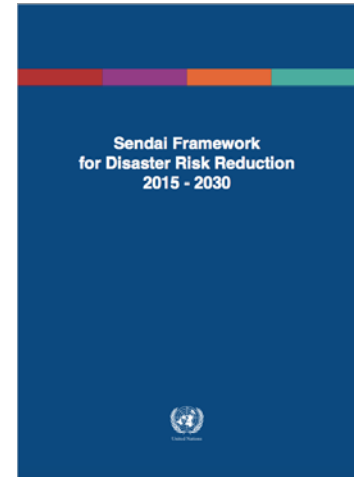




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SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

A real-time GNSS network would support a number of goals described the Sendai Framework



18. To support the assessment of global progress in achieving the outcome and goal of the present Framework, seven global targets have been agreed.

- (a) Substantially **reduce global disaster mortality** by 2030, aiming to lower the average per 100,000 global mortality rate in the decade 2020–2030 compared to the period 2005–2015;*
- (f) Substantially **enhance international cooperation** to developing countries through adequate and sustainable support to complement their national actions for implementation of the present Framework by 2030;*
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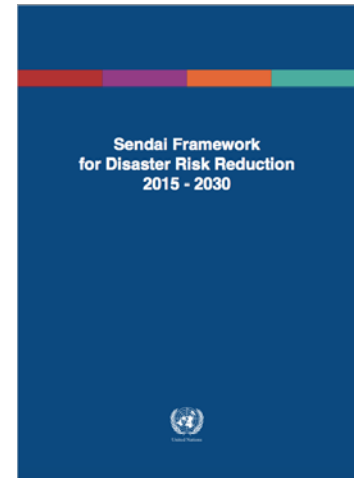




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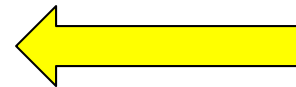
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IV. Priorities for action

20. Taking into account the experience gained through the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, and in pursuance of the expected outcome and goal, there is a need for focused action within and across sectors by States at local, national, regional and global levels in the following four priority areas:

Priority 1: Understanding disaster risk.

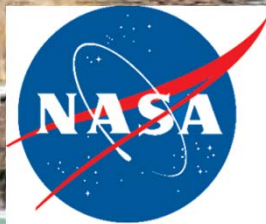


**GNSS 99.99% of the time
Scientific Research**

Priority 2: Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk.

Priority 3: Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience.

Priority 4: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.



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Backup Slides



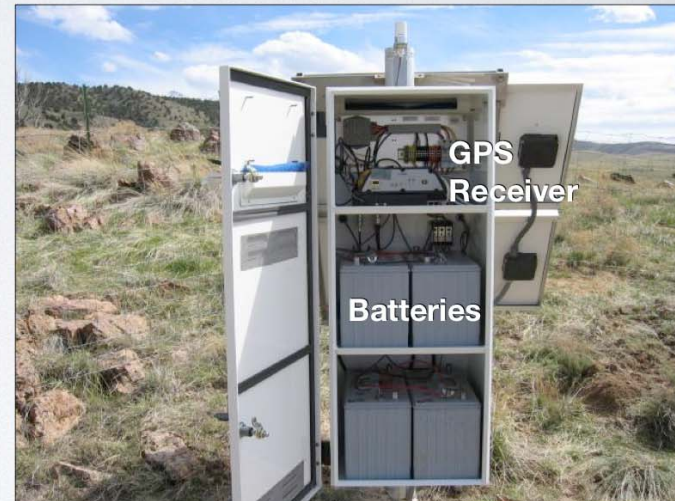
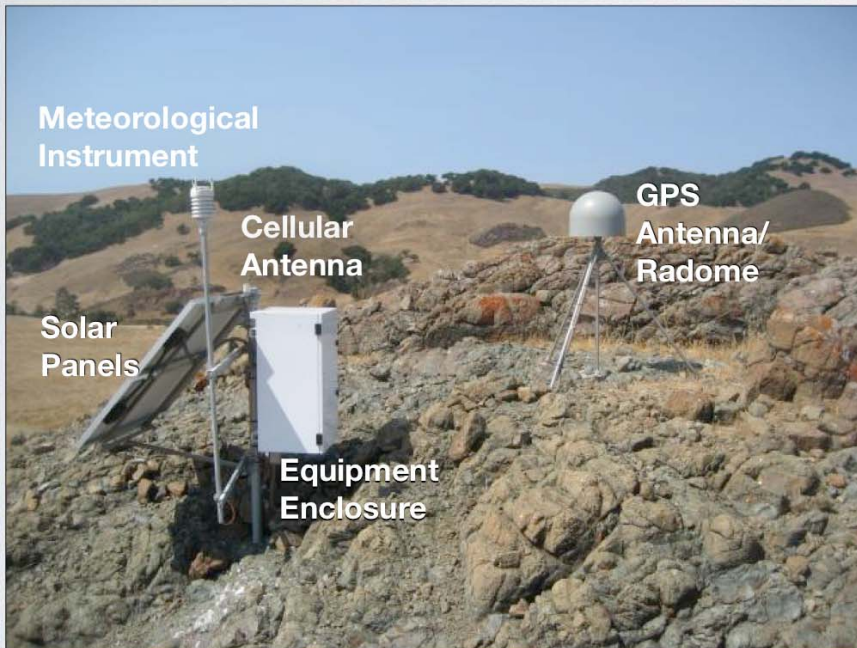
GNSS Site Installation Costs

Costs to build a PBO-quality station:

- Deep Drilled-Braced Monument ~\$50K/station
- Shallow Drilled-Braced Monument ~\$25K/station

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TYPICAL PBO GPS STATION





GNSS Site Yearly Costs



COST PER STATION PER YEAR

	Mean	Median	Min	Max	number of stations (n)
All Stations	\$5.8k	\$5.5k	\$3.9k	\$13.7k	1100
Critical Stations	\$6.1k	\$5.5k	\$4.0k	\$13.7k	331
Volcanic Targets	\$7.9k	\$6.7k	\$4.1k	\$13.7k	102
Alaska Stations	\$8.6k	\$7.5k	\$4.9k	\$13.7k	140
Low Strain Targets	\$5.2k	\$5.2k	\$4.0k	\$8.4k	260
High Strain Targets	\$5.5k	\$5.4k	\$4.0k	\$9.8k	628
Stable North America	\$5.0k	\$5.0k	\$3.9k	\$7.2k	28
Snow/Soil Moisture Targets	\$5.7k	\$5.4k	\$4.0k	\$13.2k	149



GNSS Site Yearly Costs



MEAN COST PER STATION (1100 STATIONS)

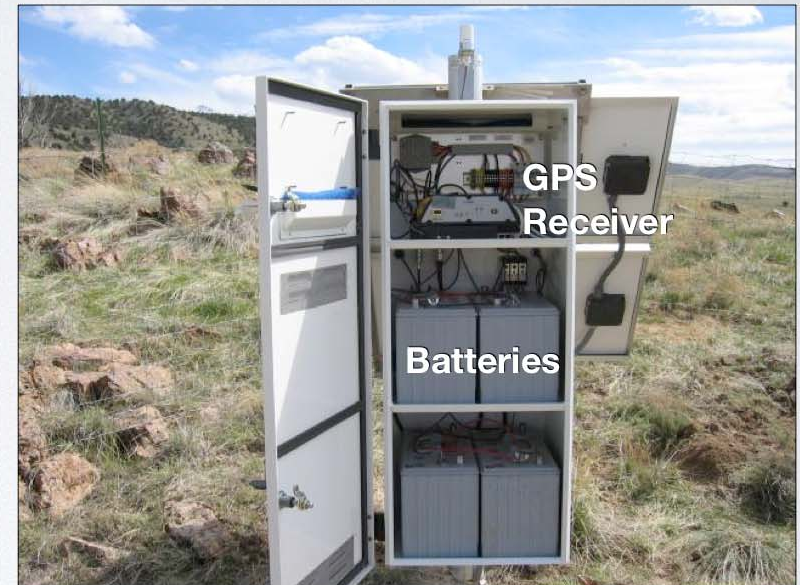
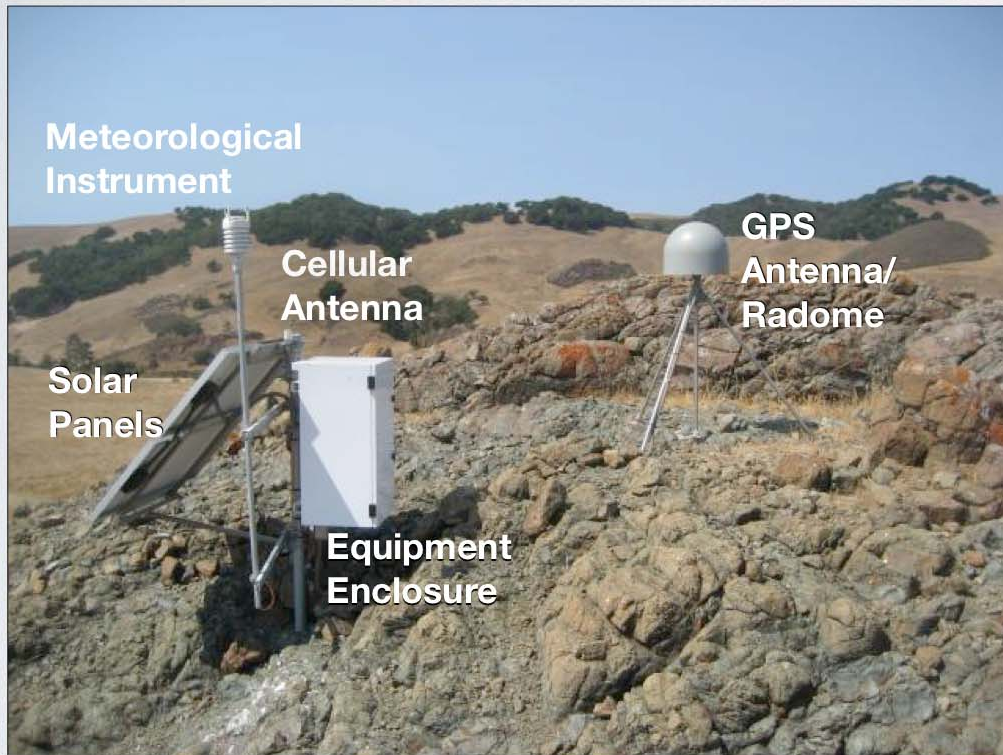
	Mean Cost Per PBO Station Per Year
Field Operations Fixed Costs (Facilities, Storage, Shipping)	\$255
Sub-Award Data Processing	\$365
Archiving and Data Operations (staff, servers, software, etc)	\$899
Realtime Data Handling	\$305
Field Travel	\$626
Labor (with fringe)	\$1,267
Materials/Supplies/Equipment	\$471
Station Permitting	\$469
Data Communications	\$386
Indirect Rate (15.79%)	\$796
TOTAL	\$5.8k



Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) will increase to over 110 satellites by 2020

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TYPICAL PBO GPS STATION



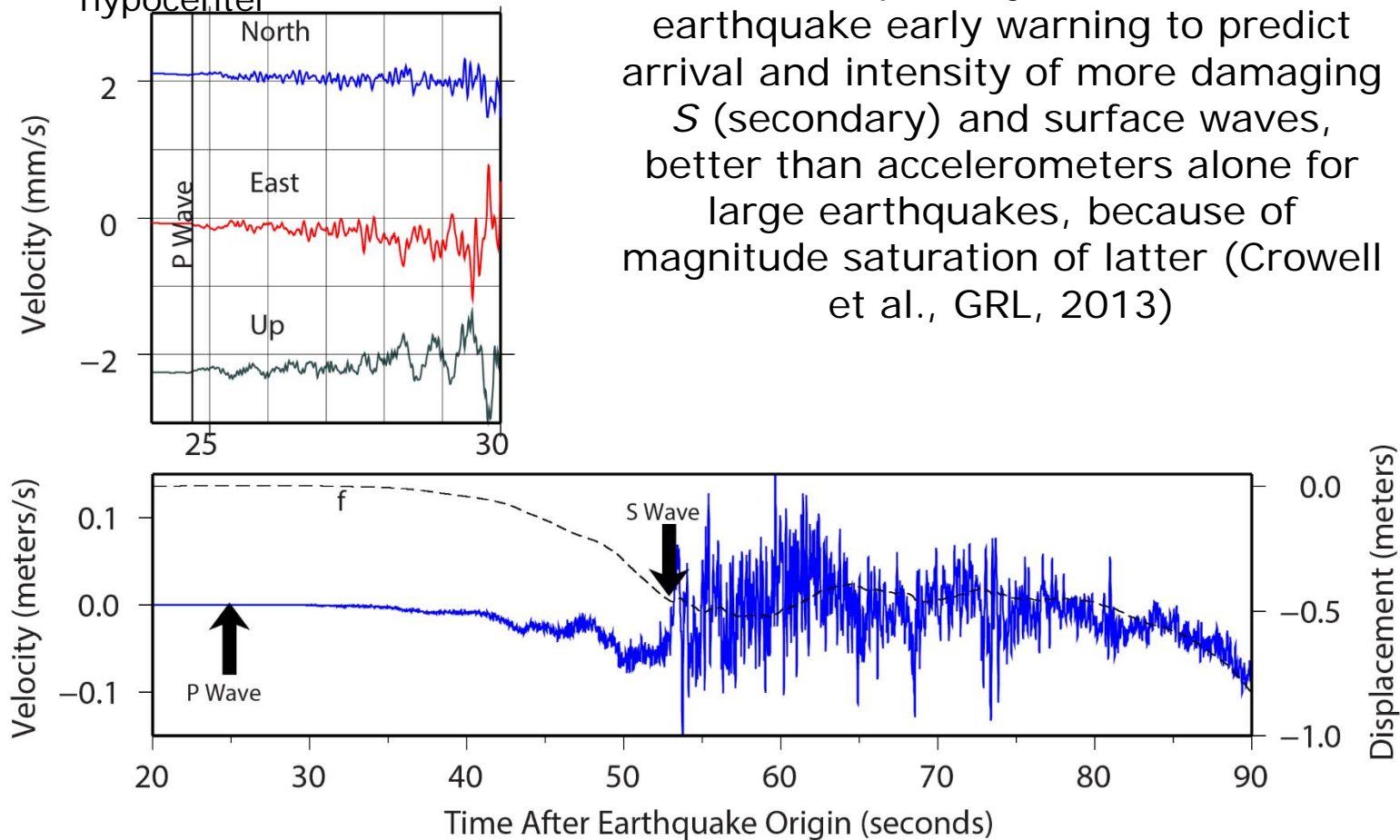


Next Generation of GNSS will Include Accelerometers

Seismogeodetic Earthquake Early Warning at Scripps Institute of Oceanography

2011 Tohoku-oki earthquake
GEONET GPS station O914 and
K-NET accelerometer MYG003,
155 km from the JMA
hypocenter

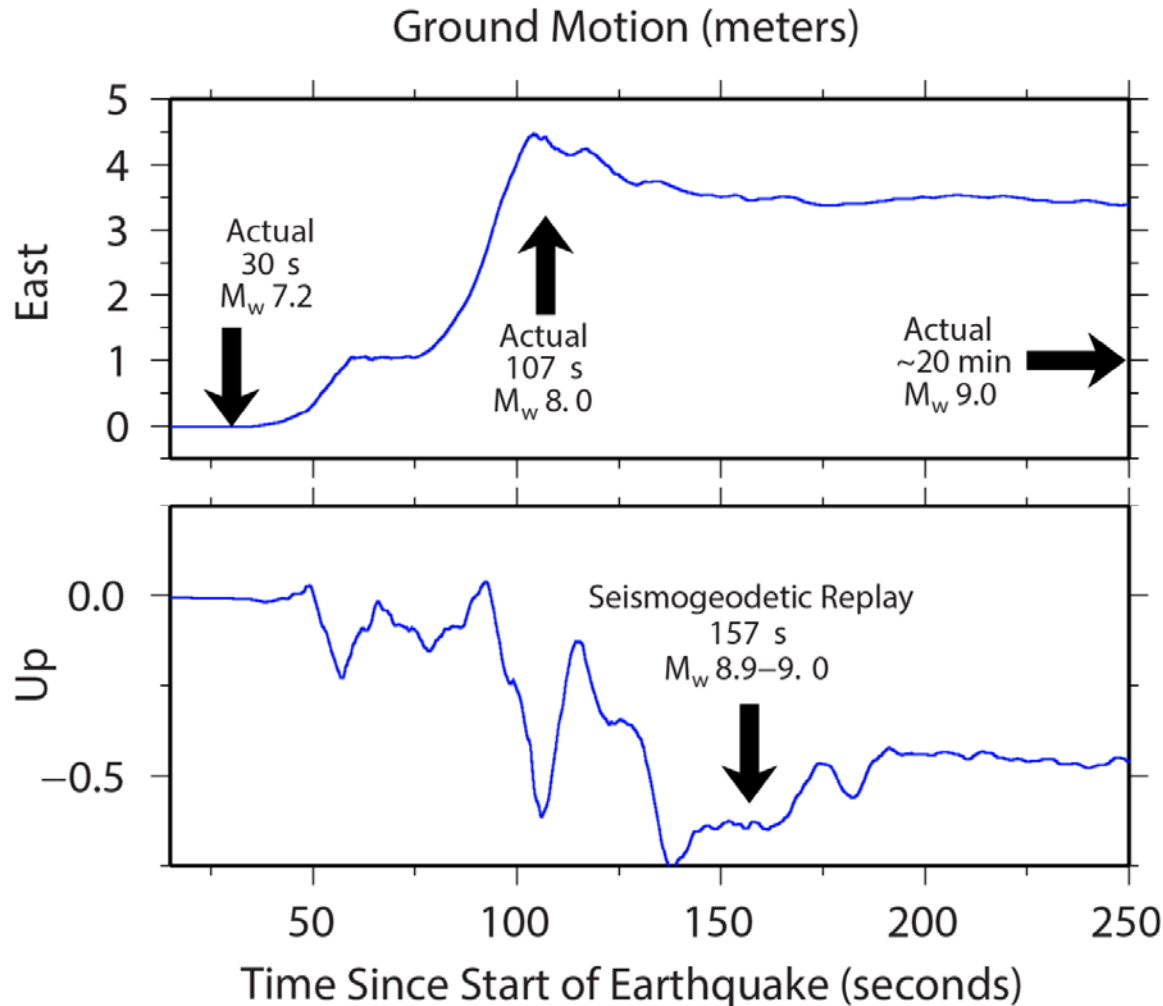
Seismogeodesy detects arrival of seismic P (primary) waves used in earthquake early warning to predict arrival and intensity of more damaging S (secondary) and surface waves, better than accelerometers alone for large earthquakes, because of magnitude saturation of latter (Crowell et al., GRL, 2013)



Source: Melgar et al., GRL, 2013



Seismogeodetic Displacements and Magnitude Estimation



Seismogeodesy improves on traditional seismic monitoring by accurately determining magnitude of large ($> M 7$) earthquakes without saturation and by estimating both ground motions and permanent displacements

2011 Tohoku-oki earthquake
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Components of a Real-Time GNSS Tsunami Early Warning System

- GNSS sites located in seismogenic region *streaming* phase and range in real-time
- Precise Point Positioning (PPP) estimates calculated and accessible in real-time
- Dynamic change detection algorithms – in real-time
- Earthquake source modeling – in real-time
- Tsunami source modeling – in real-time
 - Continued iterations as new GNSS data are available
 - Continued iterations as other data become available
- Integration of the rtGNSS derived source model into warning assessment and protocols
 - Initial rtGNSS solution
 - Iterative rtGNSS solutions
- Tsunami run-up modeling
 - Including GNSS vertical deformation measurements
- Ionosphere-tsunami linkage – wave propagation

