

# Tsunami Modeling on the Oregon Coast: A 15-year Retrospect.

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# What we do...

Stakeholders: 48 coastal communities; residents ~56,506; visitors ~2-3 times; 10 harbors.

## Oregon's Tsunami Program Building a Culture of Awareness



Awareness

Education & Outreach

Modeling & Mapping

### Prepare

Know what to do

- Attend local outreach events
- Know your evacuation route
- Assemble an emergency kit
- Have a family or business plan
- Practice

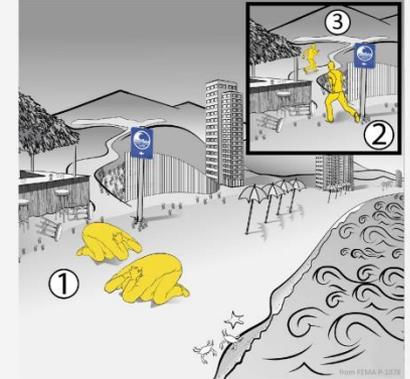
### Act!

During an earthquake or if you hear a tsunami warning

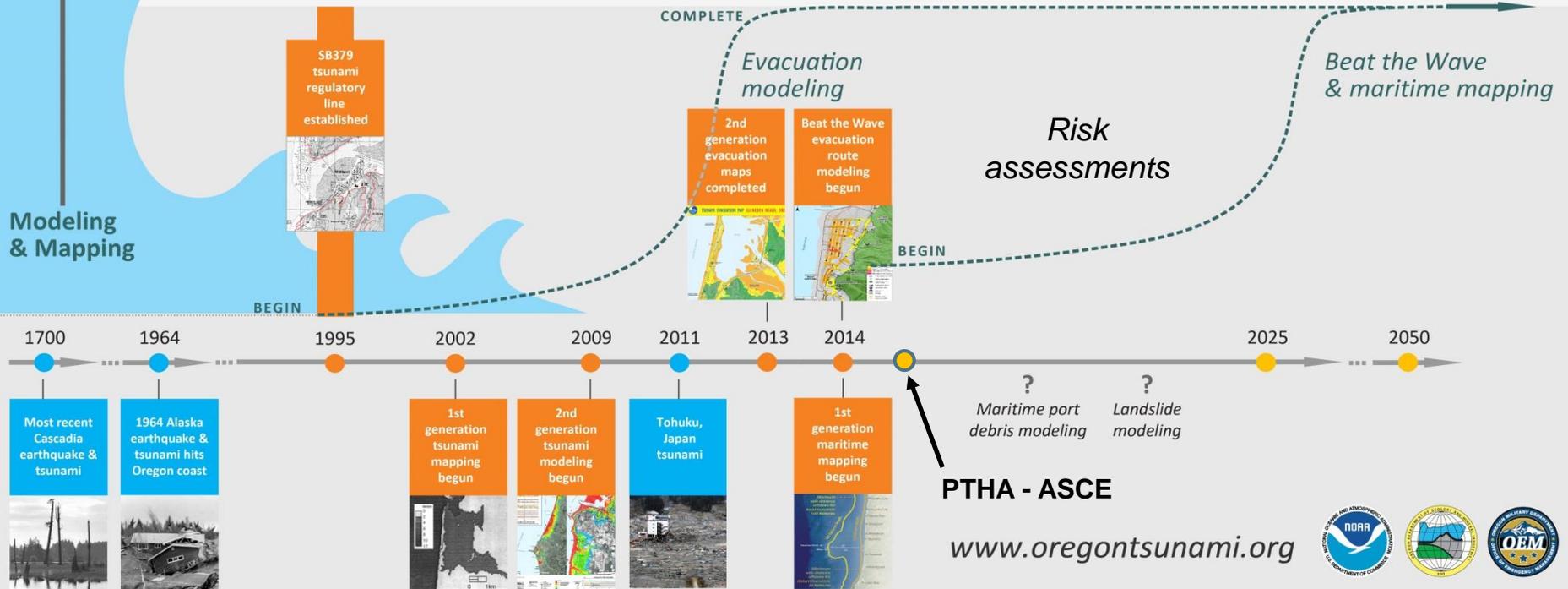
1. Drop, cover, and hold during the earthquake
2. Follow evacuation signs to high ground
3. Stay there until you get the okay from officials; tsunami waves may continue to arrive for several hours



Goal: instinctive response

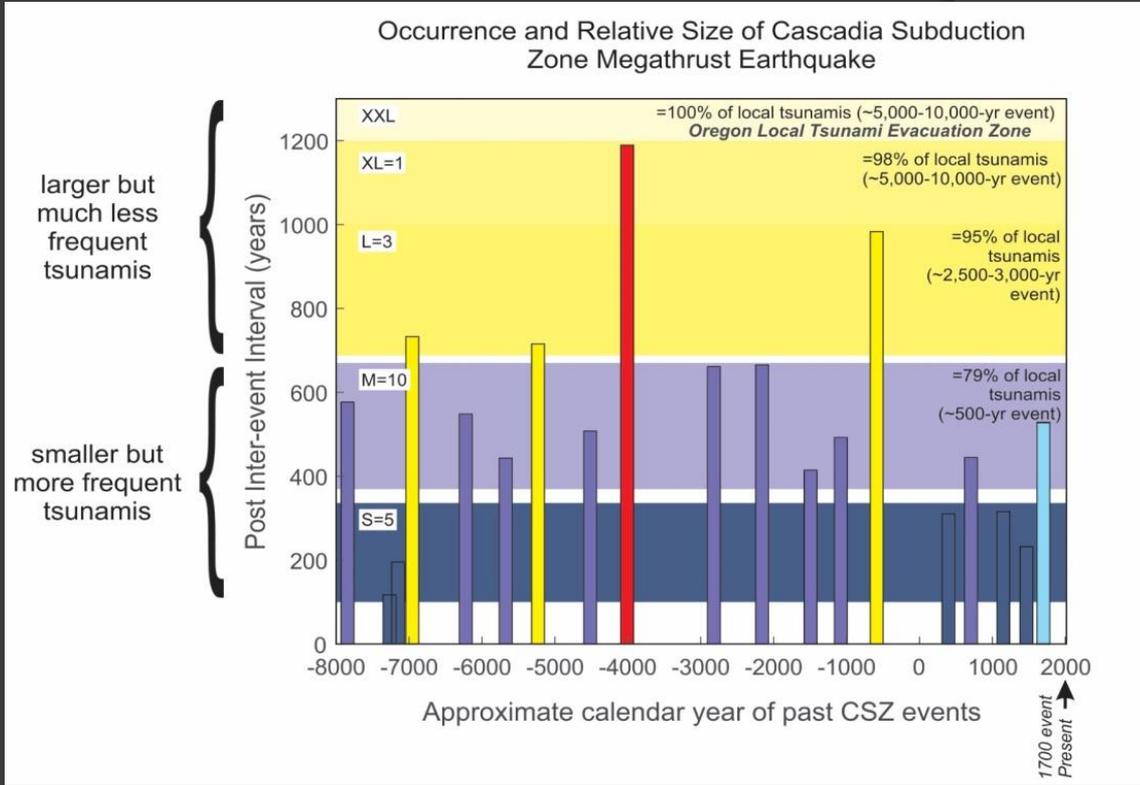
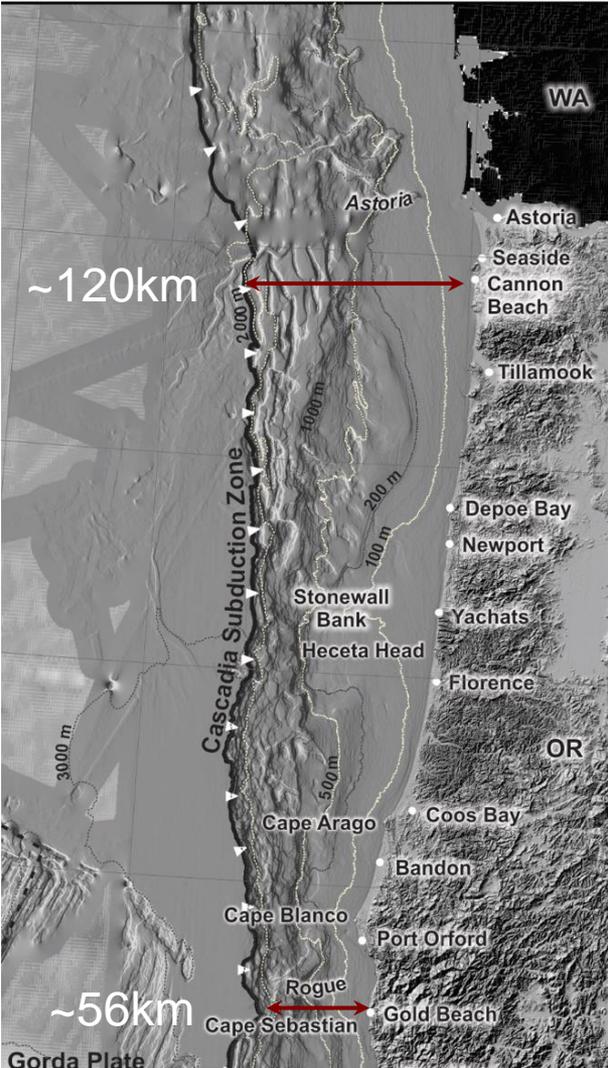


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# Local Tsunamis

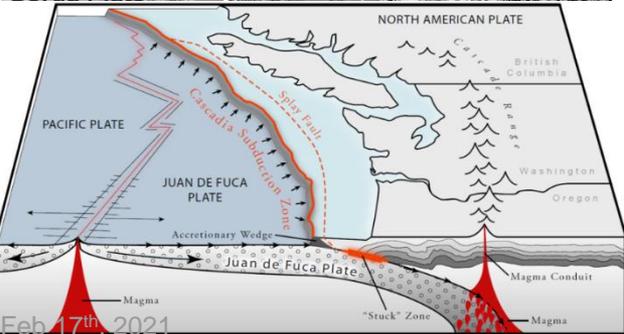
Convergence along CSZ = ~3.8 cm/year



10,200 year record of deep sea turbidites, subsidence and tsunami inundation in coastal lakes and estuaries

19 = Great earthquakes (> 8.5 Mw)

26 = smaller events (> 7.4, < 8.5 Mw)



# Oregon Tsunami Inundation Hazard: 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Maps (2009-2013)

Paleoseismology

Rob  
Witter



Tsunami  
Modeling

Joseph  
Zhang



Cascadia/  
Geophysics

Kelin  
Wang



Marine Geology/  
Paleoseismology

Chris  
Goldfinger



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## Needed elements

Paleoseismology (size & recurrence)

Earthquake slip (deformation) model

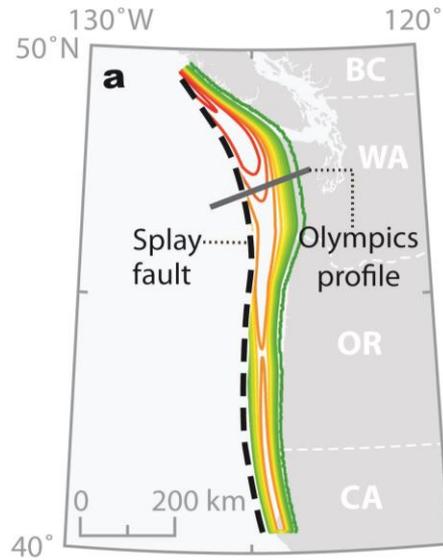
Coseismic response (geologic data)

Accurate bathy/topo DEM

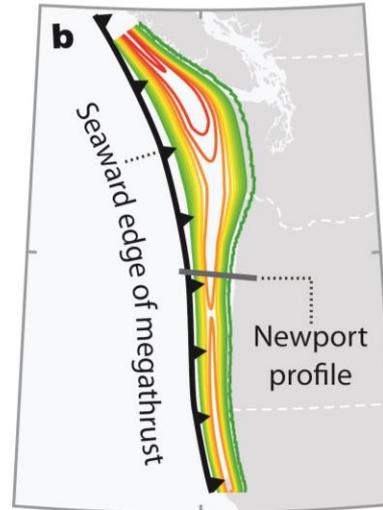
Tsunami Inundation Modeling



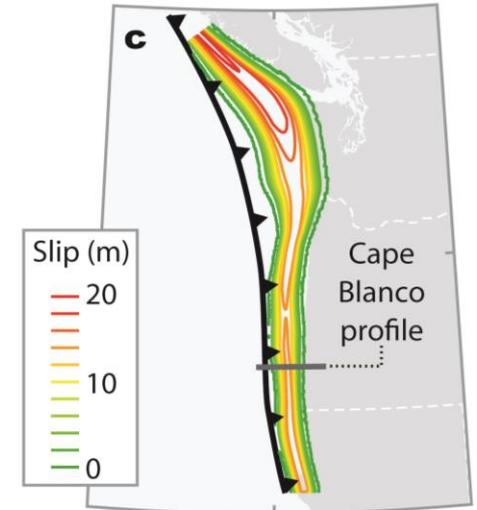
# Earthquake Slip Models



Splay fault rupture slip model (M-1).

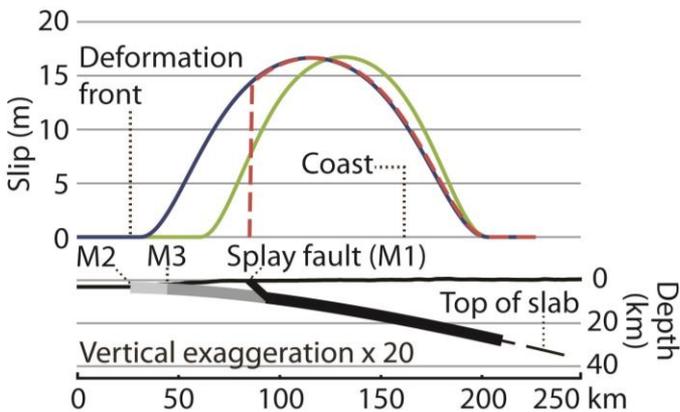


Shallow buried rupture slip model (M-2).

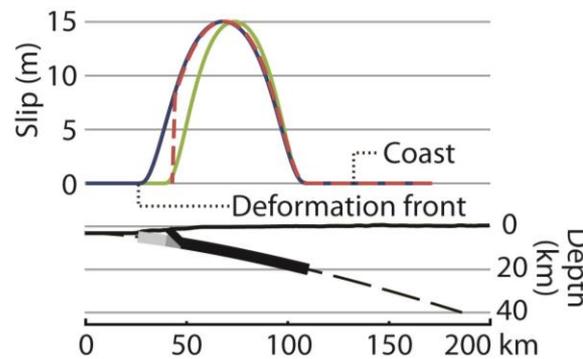


Deep buried rupture slip model (M-3).

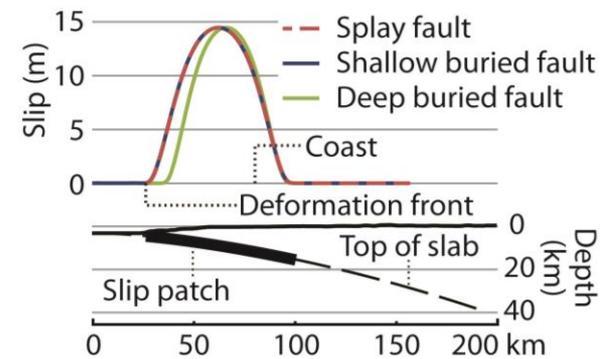
## Olympics Profile



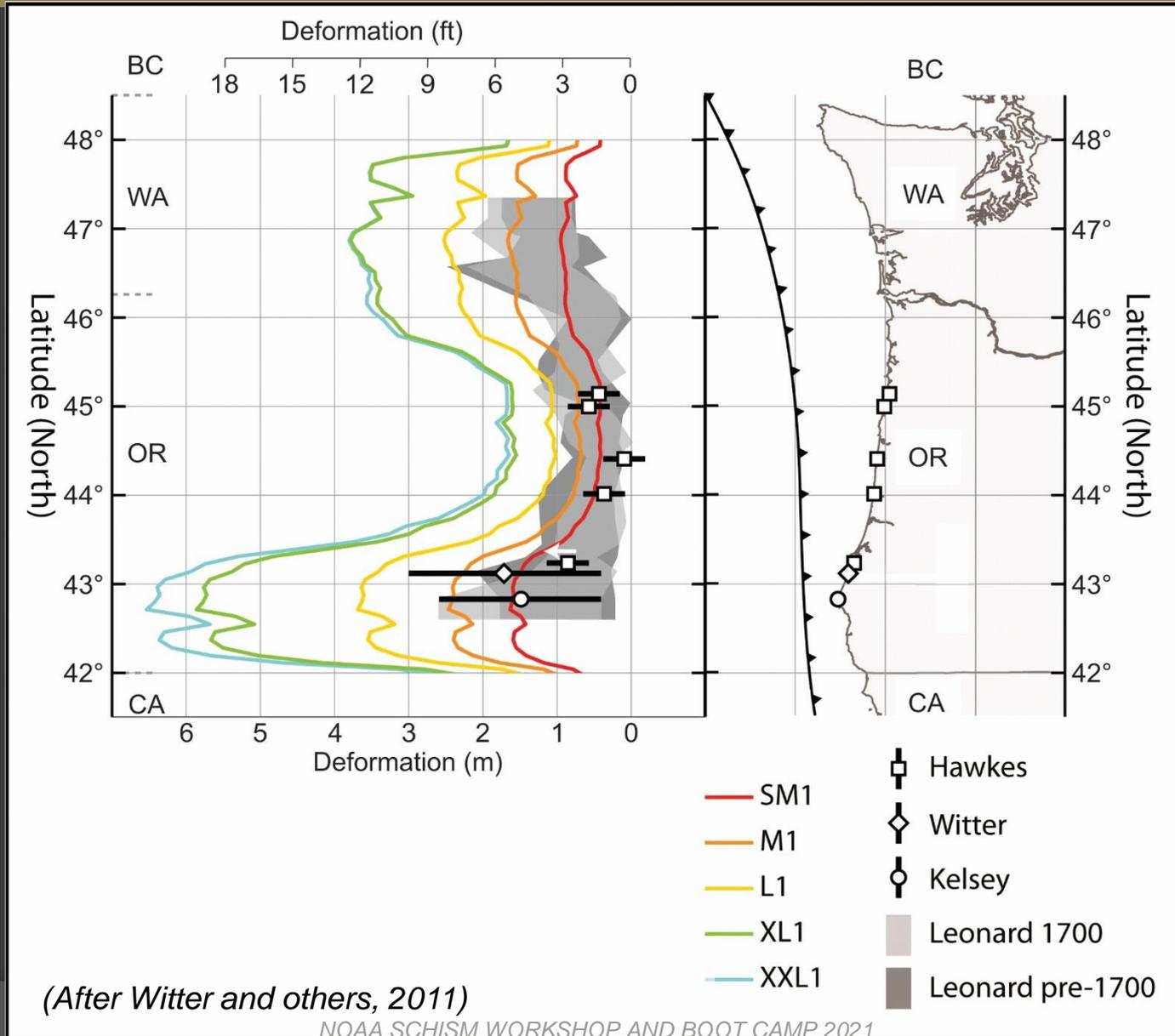
## Newport Profile



## Cape Blanco Profile



# Coseismic Response... uplift/subsidence at the coast



# Tsunami Modeling

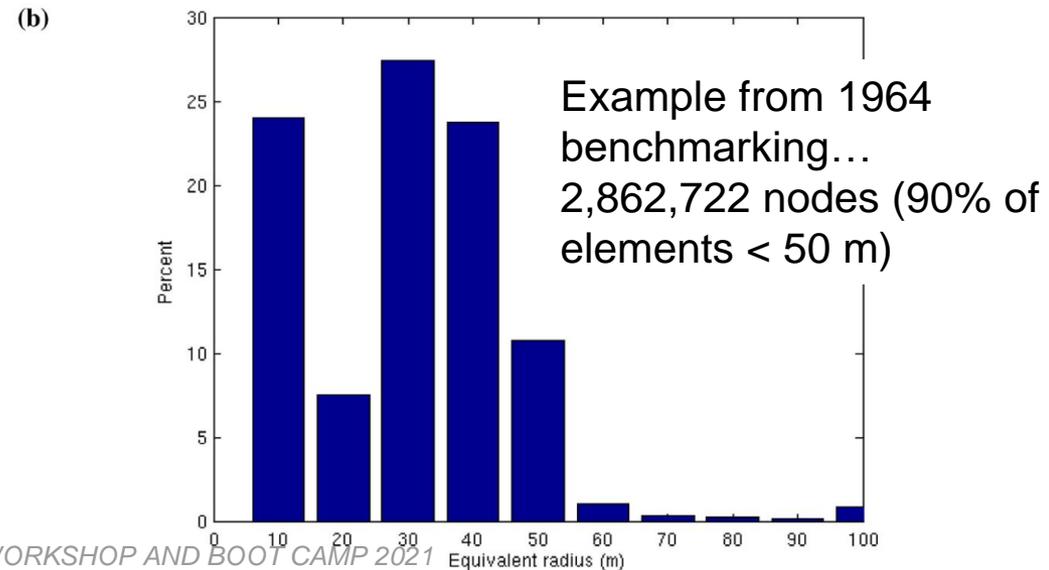
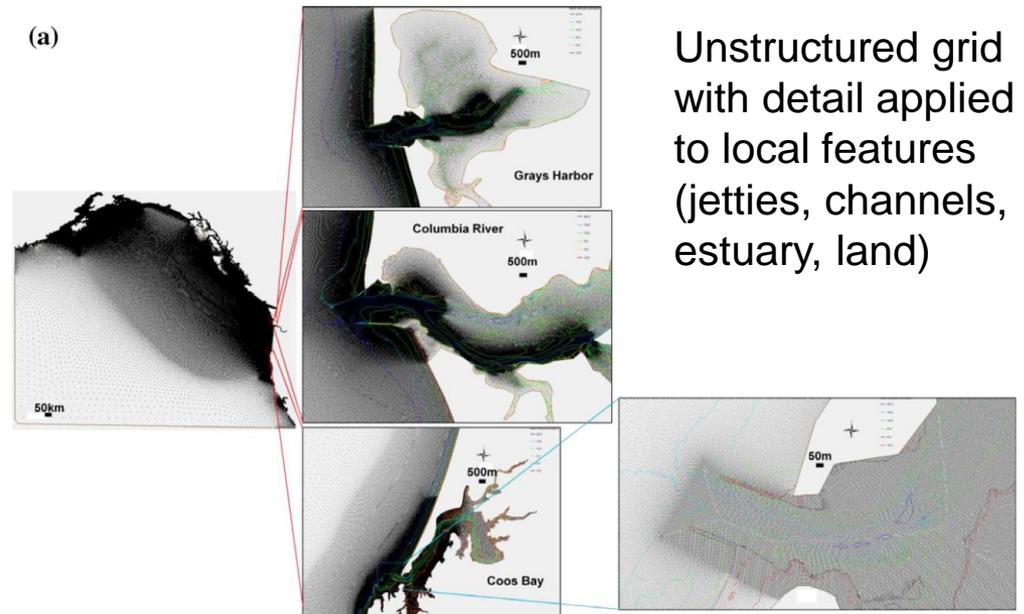
SELFE (*Zhang and Baptista, 2008*)

## a) Benchmarking

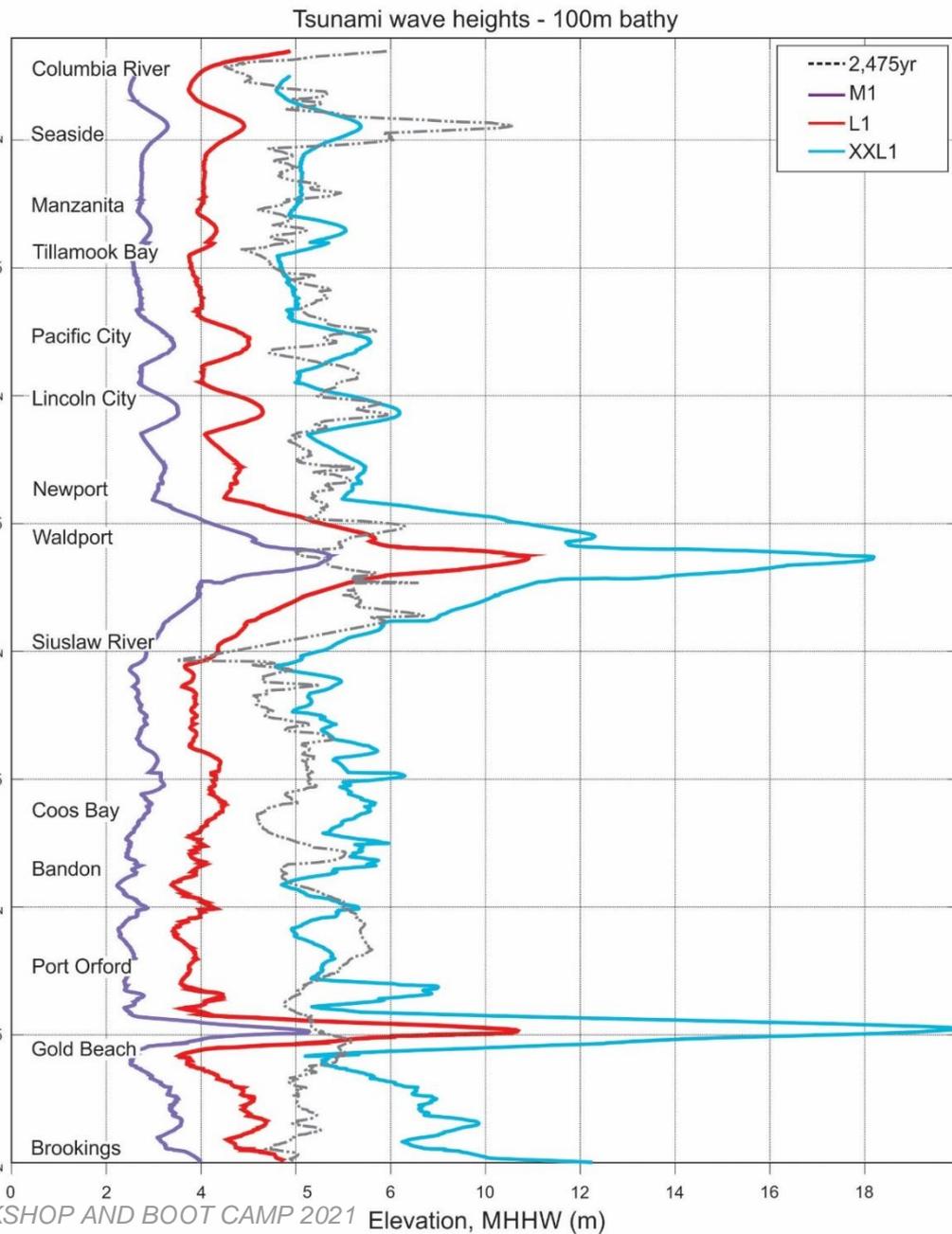
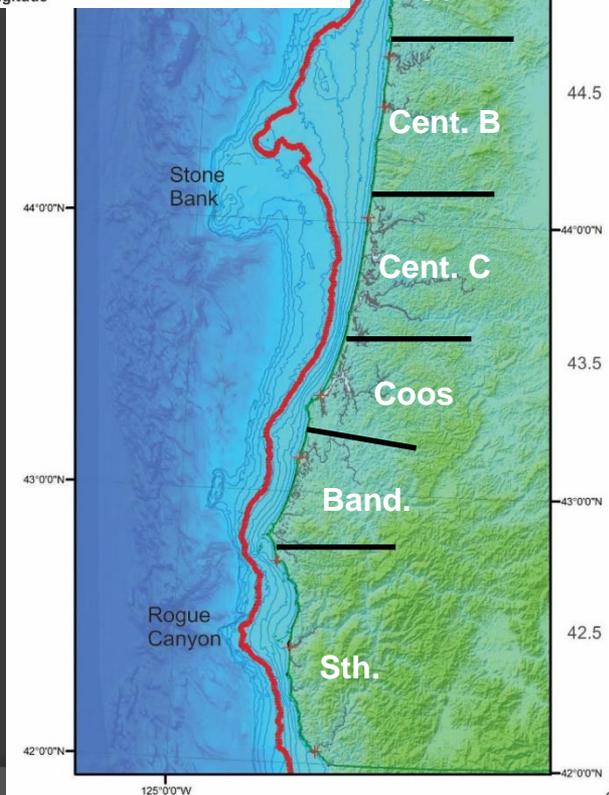
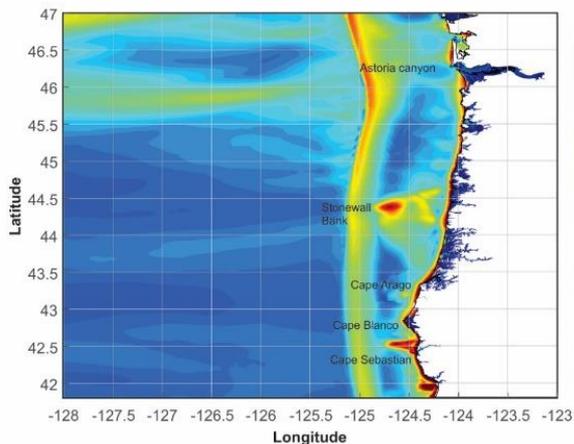
- NTHMP Inundation benchmarking workshop (*Zhang et al., 2011*)
- 1964 Alaska event (*Zhang et al., 2011*)
- 15 local runs..
  - Bandon, OR
  - 3 EQ slip models
  - 5 deterministic events (*Witter et al., 2011*)

## b) Oregon tsunami Inundation modeling

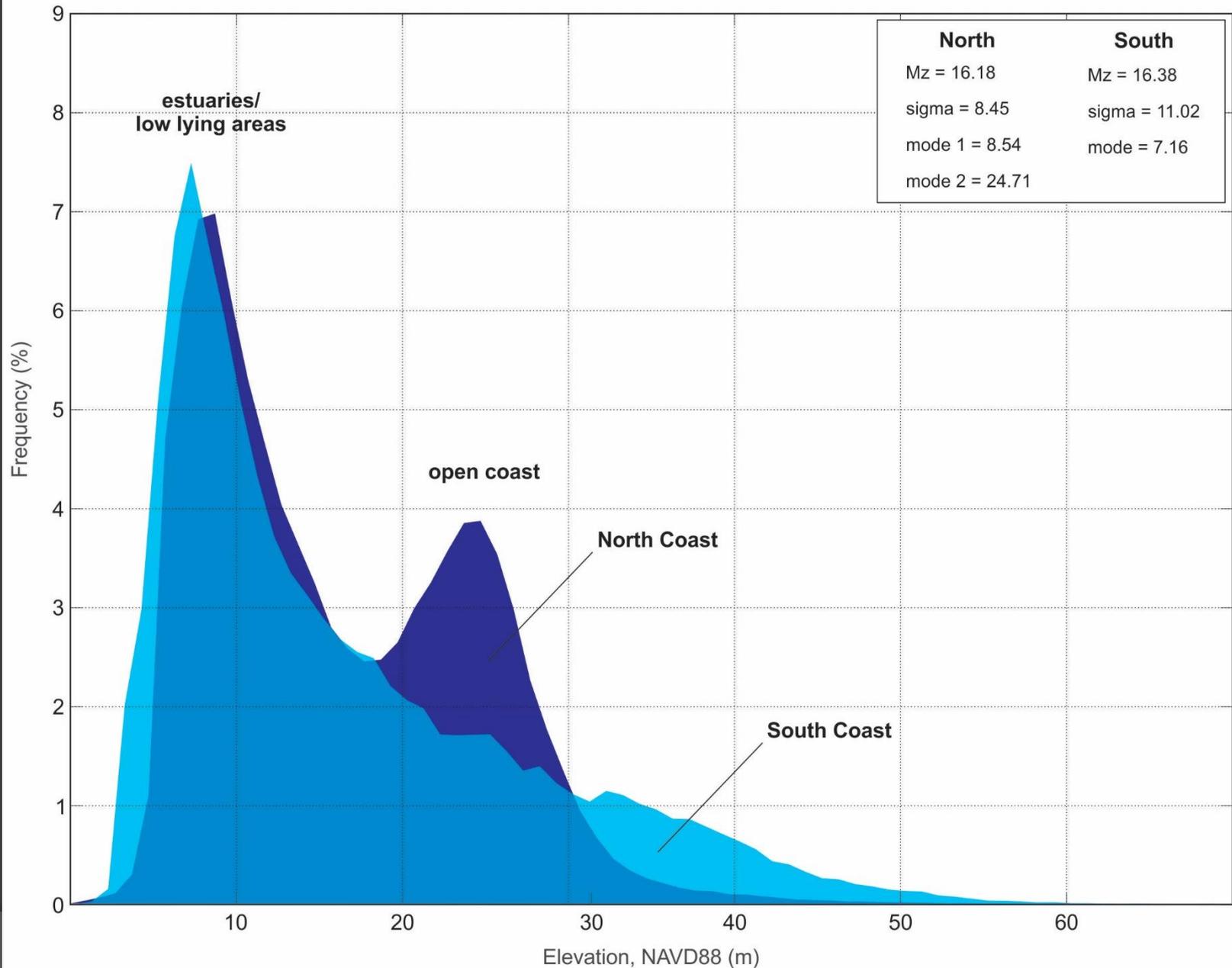
- 7 scenarios (2 distant/5 local)
- 10 grids
- Manning's  $n=0$
- MHHW (static) tide (*Priest et al., 2013*)



# Tsunami Modeling

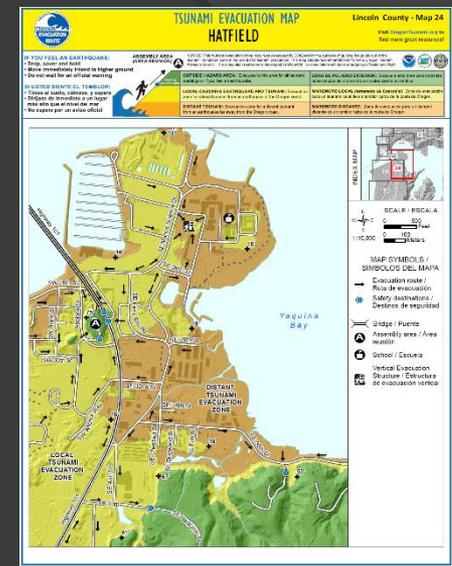
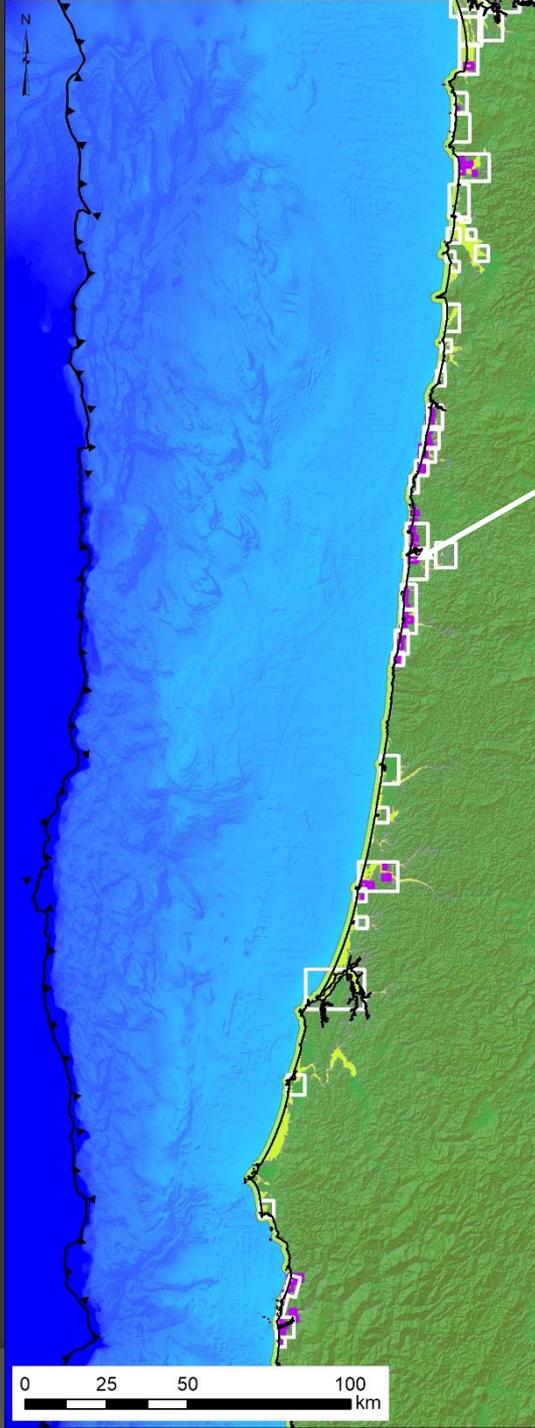
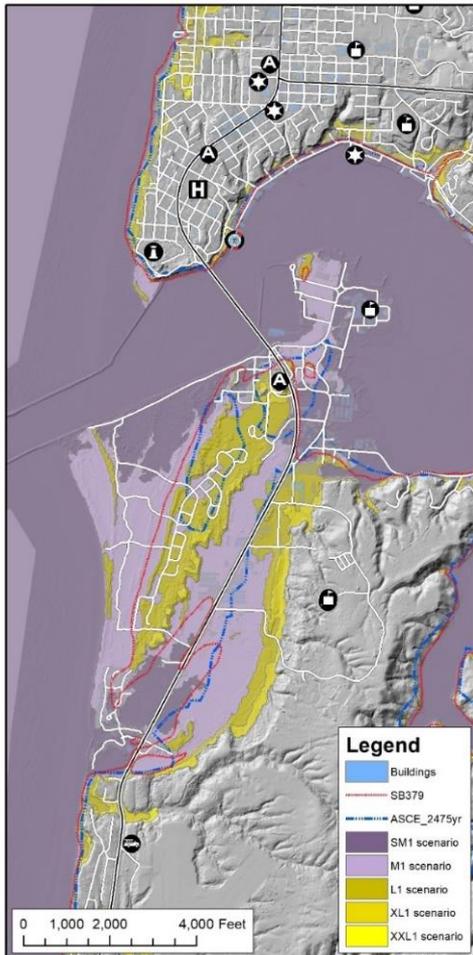


# Tsunami Inundation Runup (max) Elevations



# Maps for Preparedness & Planning

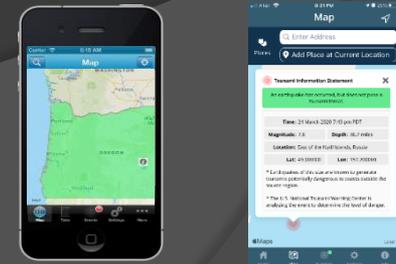
## Tsunami Inundation Maps



Evacuation brochures

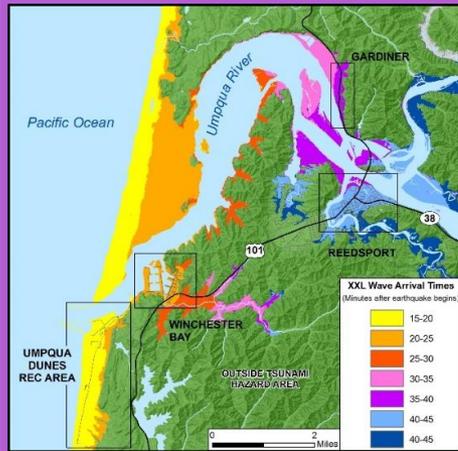


Online evacuation zone viewer



# Evacuation Modeling

## “Beat The Wave” Products



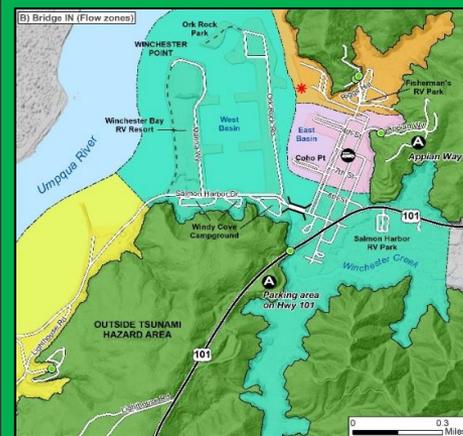
### 1. Tsunami wave arrival time map

Detailed map of the first tsunami wave arrival for the entire region



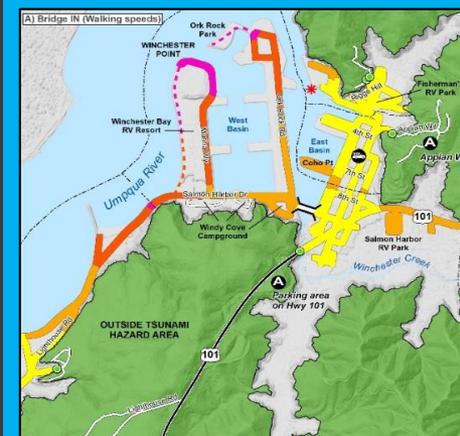
### 2. Evacuation routes

Detailed information on the most efficient routes to safety (arrows)



### 3. Evacuation communities

- “flow zones” or “watersheds”
- Zones delineating which safety destination is best for entire town
- These community boundaries will change depending on the scenario (i.e. non-retrofitted bridges out, or adding a vertical evacuation structure)



### 4. Pedestrian travel speeds

- The MINIMUM walking speed someone must travel in order to reach safety ahead of the first tsunami arrival at the start of their route
- These speeds will change depending on the scenario (i.e. non-retrofitted bridges out, or adding a vertical evacuation structure)

Enter address or click on map

Enter Address  Click on Map

Displays distance to safety & min evacuation speed highlighted

**Ave K, Seaside**

Type: Generic

Description:

Address:  Update Location

Latitude: 45.9877 Longitude: -123.9306

**Tsunami Zone Information**

**Local & Distant Earthquake and Tsunami Region**  
In the event of a local earthquake or tsunami, make your way to higher ground. If a distant tsunami occurs, make your way outside of the orange zone.

**Evacuation Route**

Exit Location: 3436 SUNSET Boulevard  
Distance: 1.4 miles  
Walk Time: 21 minutes @ 15 min/mile  
**Jog Time: 12 minutes @ 8.6 min/mile**  
*Minimum speed needed to reach safety in time*  
Run Time: 9 minutes @ 6 min/mile

Delete Place Done

Finds nearest exit point and displays route (will have turn by turn instructions)

**West Coast Tsunami Information**

No watch, warning, or advisory is in effect.

**Tsunami Regions**

- Outside Known Hazard Areas
- Local Earthquake and Tsunami
- Local & Distant Earthquake and Tsunami
- Unmapped Regions

**ATTENTION:** If you are in a tsunami evacuation zone or a low-lying coastal area during a strong earthquake, move immediately to high ground outside of the tsunami evacuation zone; a tsunami could reach the shore within minutes.



# 2011 Japan Tsunami

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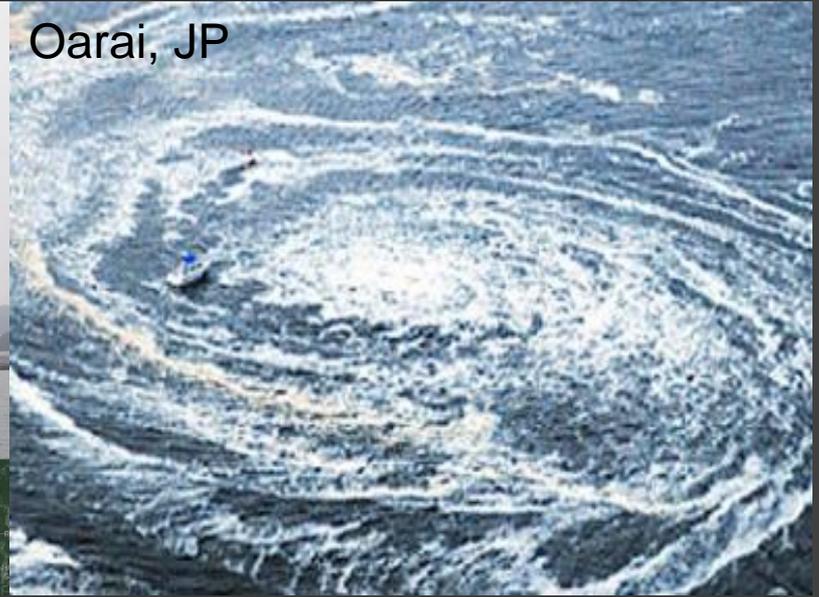
**Container ship lifted onto dock**  
Kamaishi, Iwate (max height: 32.4m)

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**Tsunami left yacht atop 2-story home**  
Otsuchi, Iwate (max height: 18.5m)

Oarai, JP



Crescent City, CA

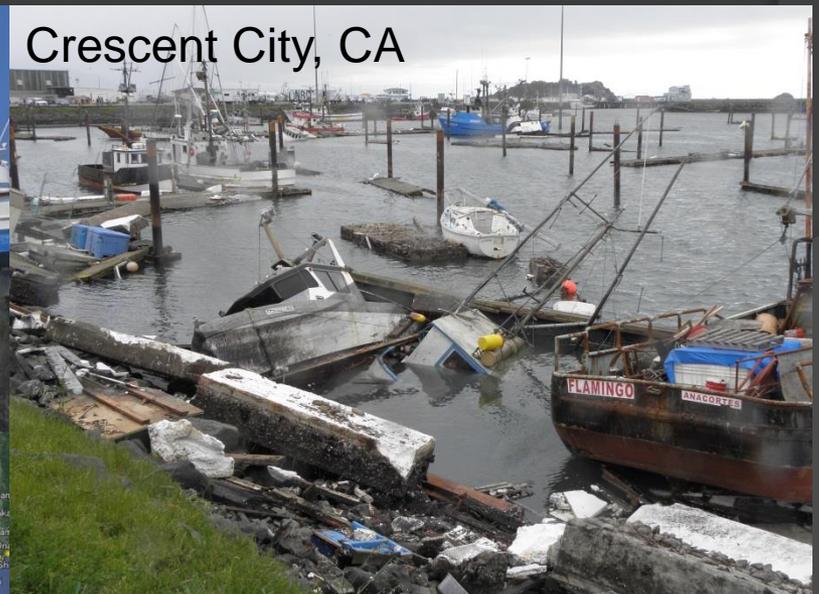


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# Maritime Modeling – Columbia River

## **SCHISM... modeling in 2017-2018**

### **Passed multiple NTHMP Benchmarking simulations**

- Inundation

- Tsunami currents

### **Domain extends up to Bonneville Dam/Willamette Falls**

**DEM from USACE (*Lower Columbia River Digital Terrain Model Development, 2010*), with additional refinement by *DOGAMI/VIMS*;**

**Grid consists of ~5.1 million horizontal nodes and ~10.2 million triangular elements;**

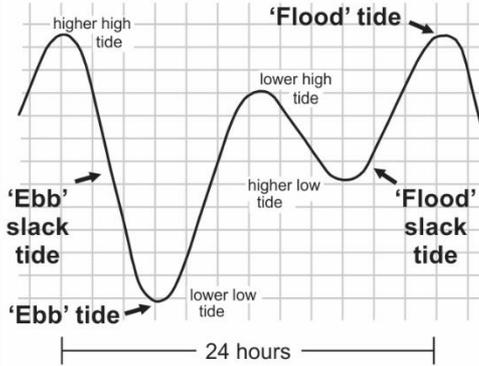
**~40 m grid spacing in the channel, 5 m on land (~10-20 m spacing on the WA side);**

**Simulations run for 24 hours;**

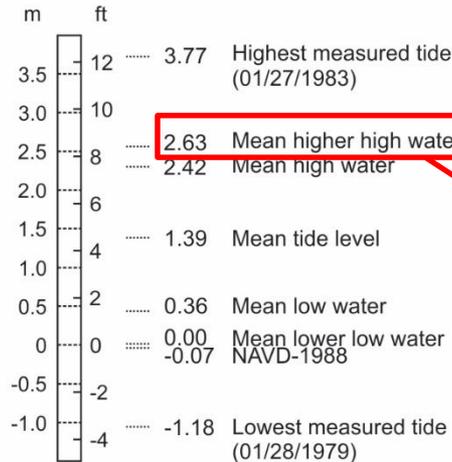
# Simulations

## TIDAL ELEVATIONS ASTORIA, OREGON

(Information from the National Ocean Service)



## Tide Elevations, MLLW.

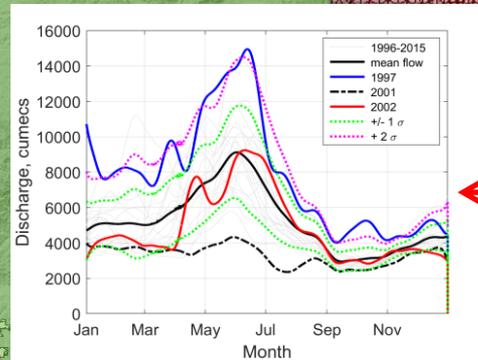
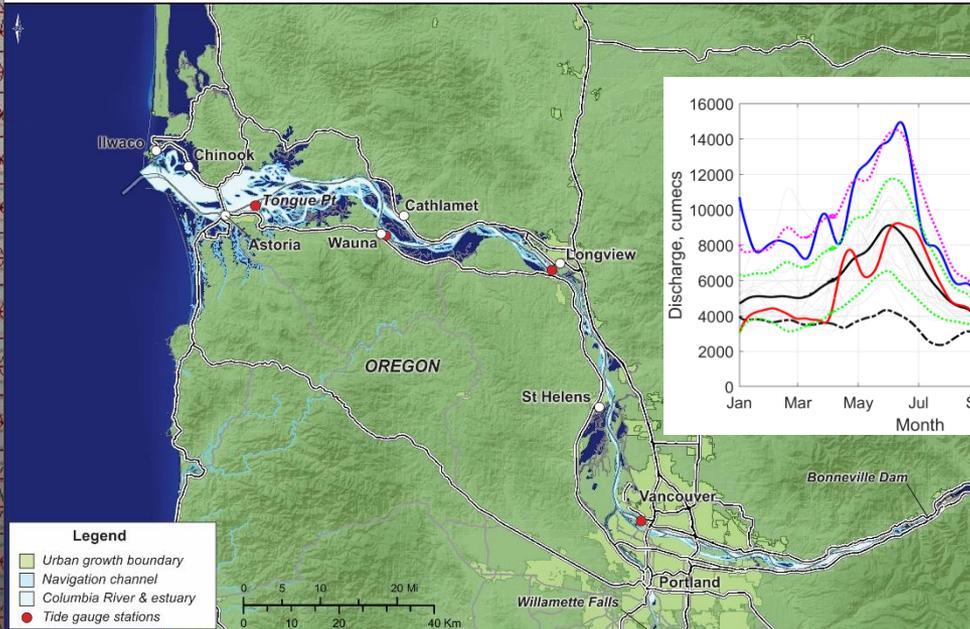


## Earthquake sources:

**AK64 (QC benchmark testing),  
AKmax (distant scenario),  
L1 & XXL1 (local scenarios)**

## Tides (Static & dynamic):

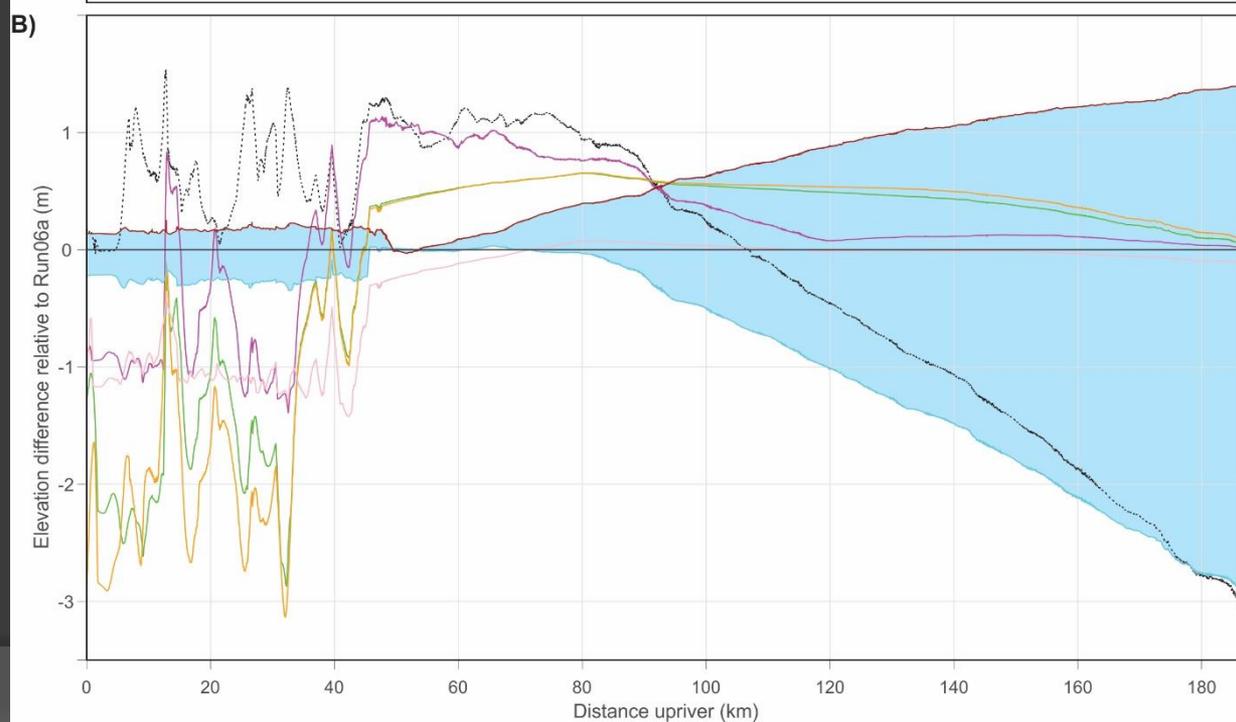
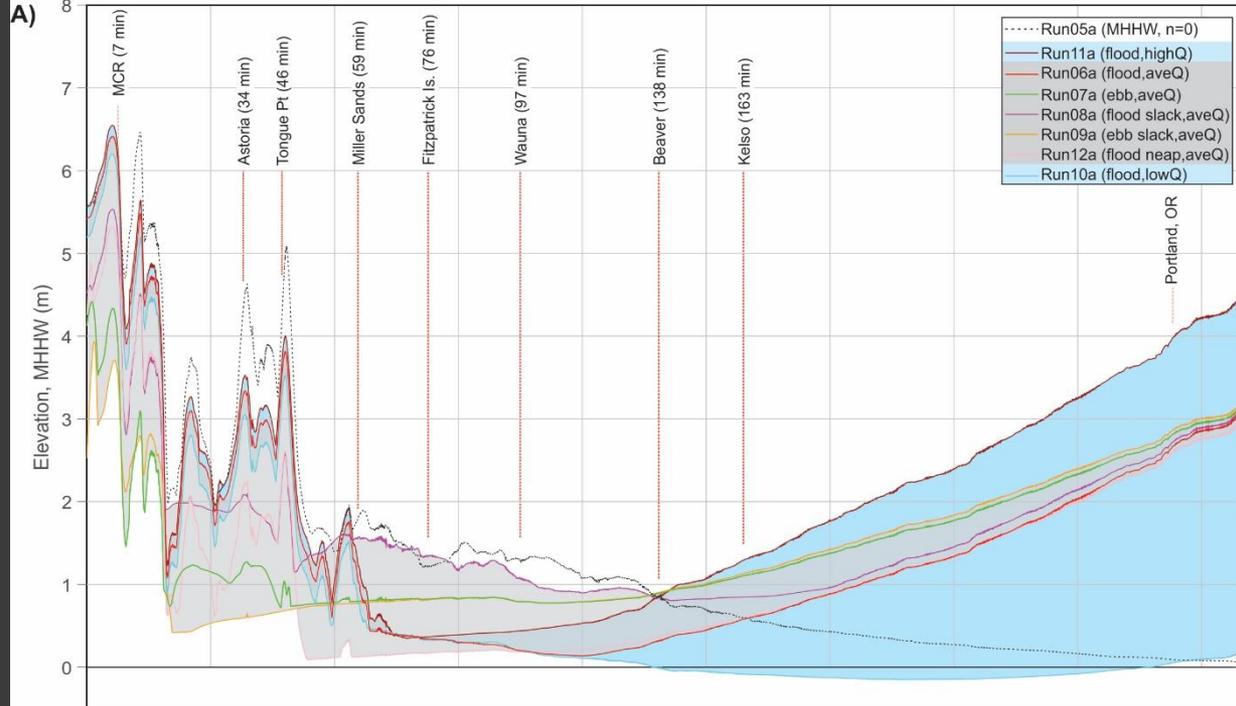
**Static = MHHW (2.6 m)  
Dynamic = tsunami timed to  
arrive at *flood, ebb, flood  
slack, ebb slack, spring and  
neap tides.***



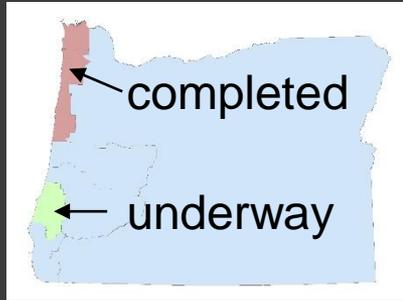
## River discharge (Q):

**Average spring Q (June 2002)  
Low Q (Sep 15, 2001)  
High Q (June 1997)**

**Total = 35 simulations**



# Tsunami Building Damage and Casualty Estimation



## WHAT'S AT RISK ?

## WHAT'S THE HAZARD ?

## WHAT'S THE IMPACT ?

# ANALYSIS

### **BUILDINGS**

- Usage
- Type

### **PEOPLE**

- How many
- Where
- When (time of day and year)
- Who (Demographics)

### **EARTHQUAKE**

- Ground Shaking
- Ground Failure

### **TSUNAMI**

- Time of Arrival
- Extent
- Depth
- Momentum Flux



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v4

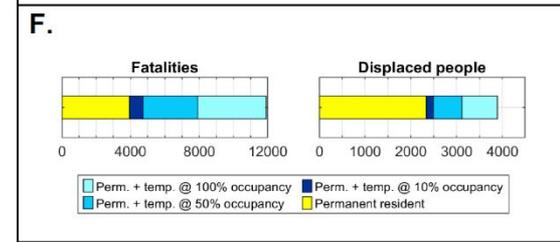
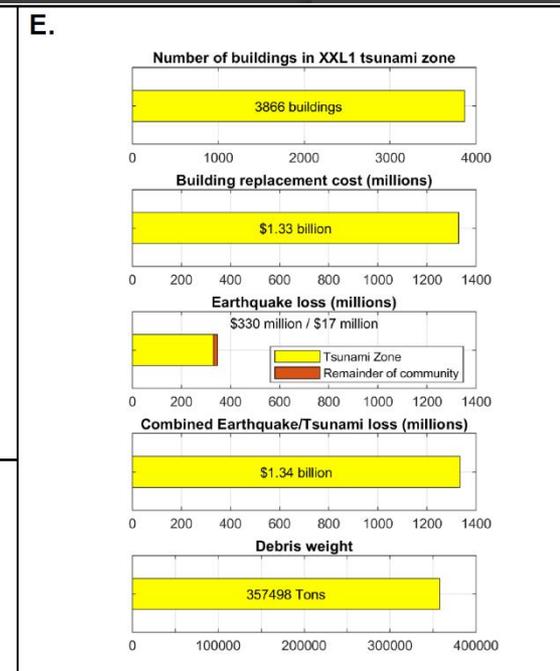
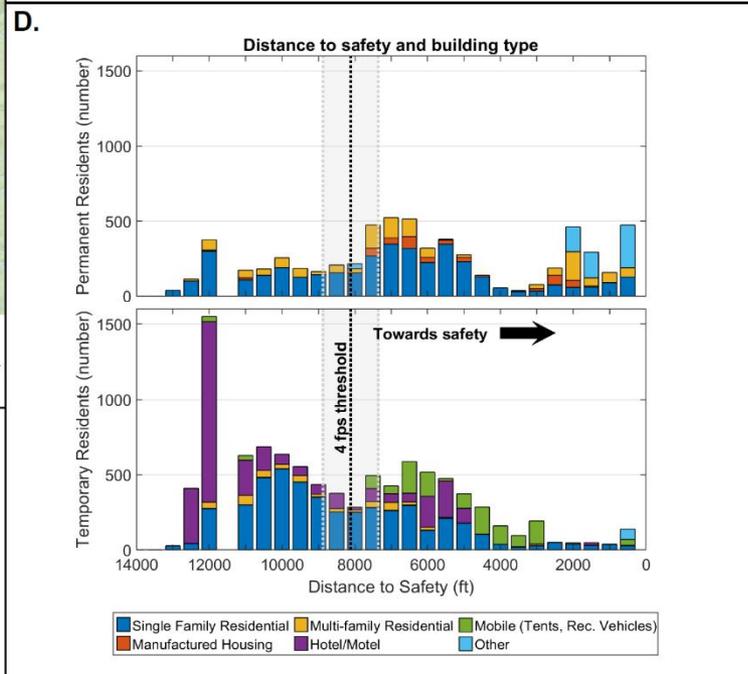
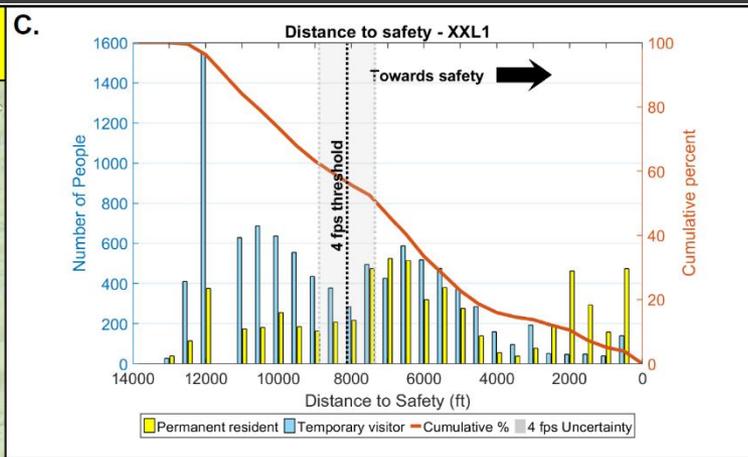
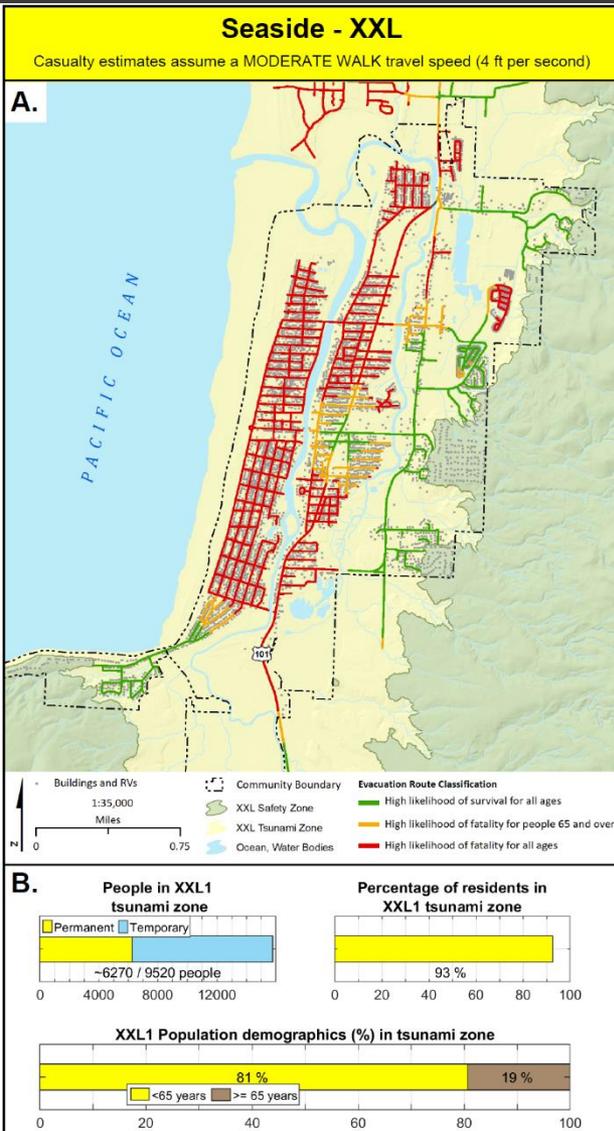
earthquake model  
tsunami model

- includes landslides
- includes liquefaction

### **LOSS ESTIMATES**

- Buildings
- Casualties
- Displaced Population
- Debris

# Community Profile Sheets



Description	Total
Earthquake Injuries (Entire Community)	209
Tsunami Injuries - Permanent + Temporary	265
Tsunami Fatalities - Permanent	3,833
Tsunami Fatalities - Temporary @ ~100% occupancy	7,796
Displaced Population - Permanent	2,337
Displaced Population - Permanent + Temporary	3,893

# Concluding remarks

- Geologic evidence along the PNW coast of OR/WA document the occurrence of 19 great earthquakes over the past 10,000 years. Average recurrence ~530 years;
- Another 23 smaller events on the southern Oregon coast (average recurrence ~240 years);
- The most recent CSZ event occurred on 26 January 1700;
- To address the hazard:
  - Beginning ~2009, Oregon accelerated its tsunami modeling;
  - Acceleration was made possible due to a convergence of a variety of factors:
    - Improved knowledge of Cascadia;
    - New high resolution lidar based topo and bathy;
    - Accuracy and flexibility of SELFE/SCHISM for undertaking simulations;
    - Continued modular enhancements that include the ability to model erosion.
  - Future efforts will be directed at probabilistic tsunami hazard analyses (PTHA) .