The USGS Tsunami Source Working Group: Current Activities and Current and Potential Future Collaborations

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List of Current Activities & Collaborations

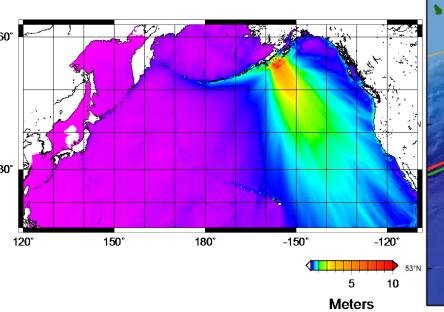
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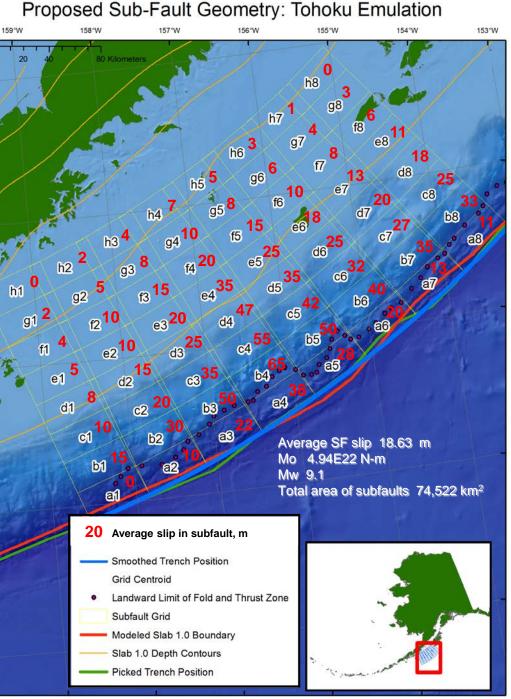
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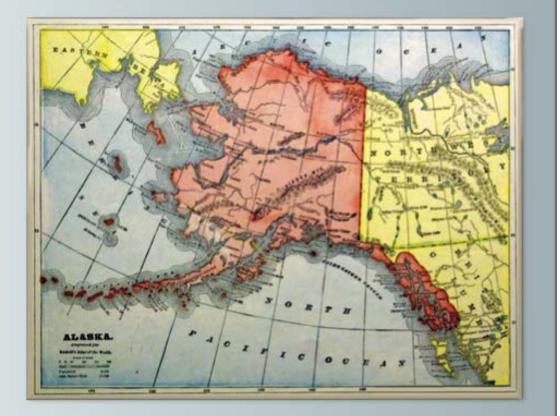
Source EQ: Subfault Geometry and Slip Distribution: M9.1 Tohoku Emulation V4: Tsunami Scenario for CA shorelines.





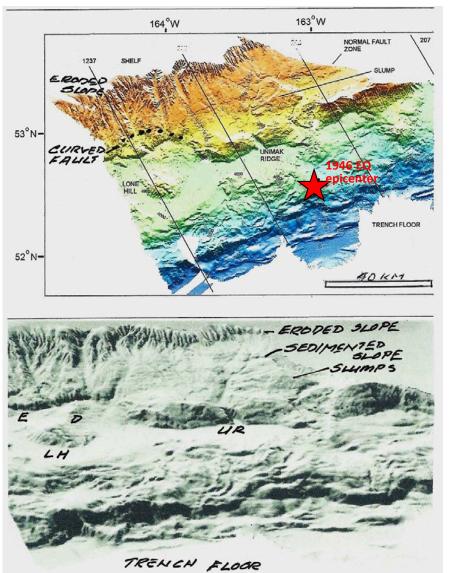


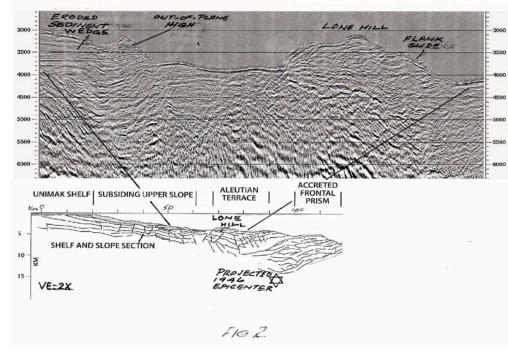
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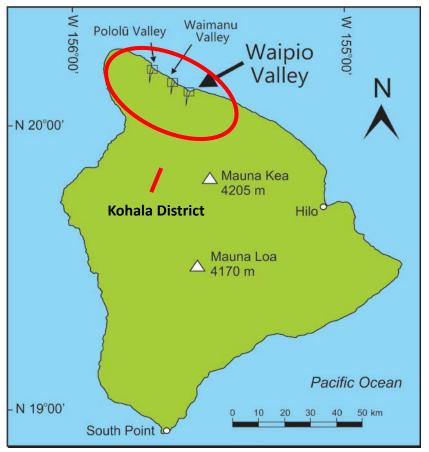
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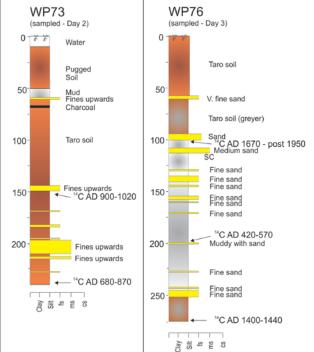


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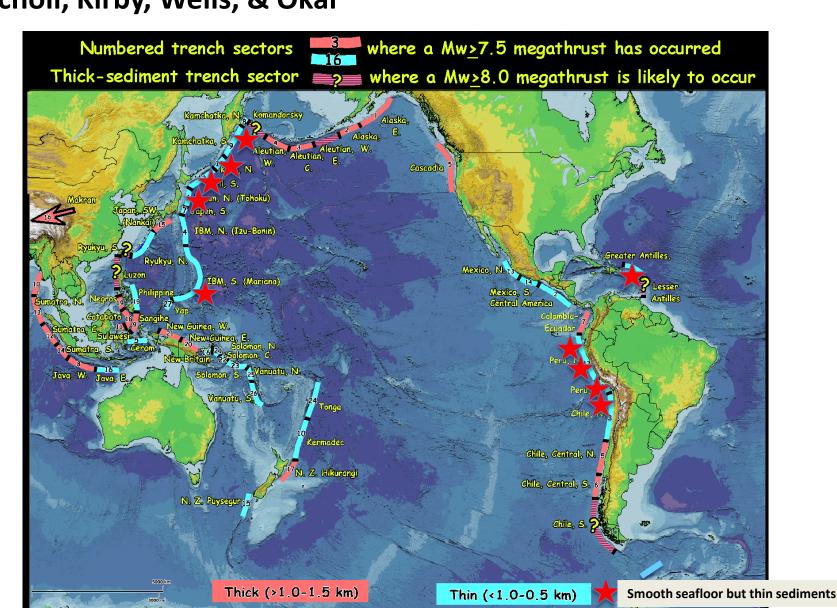
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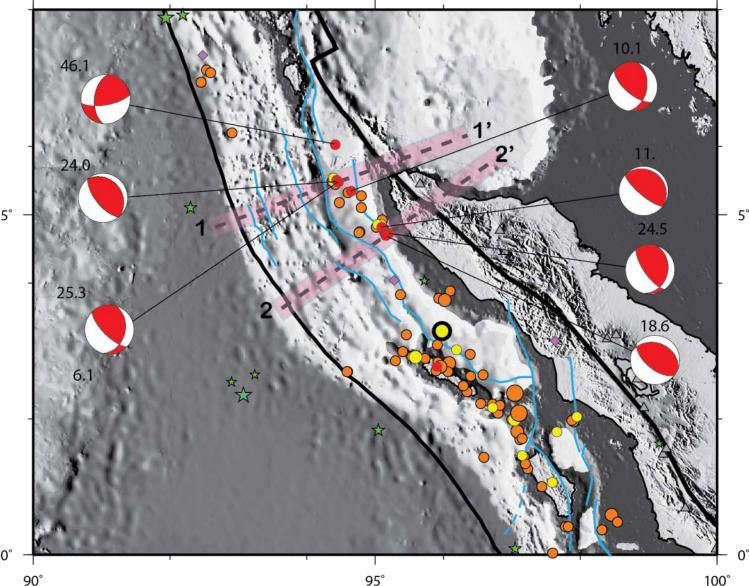




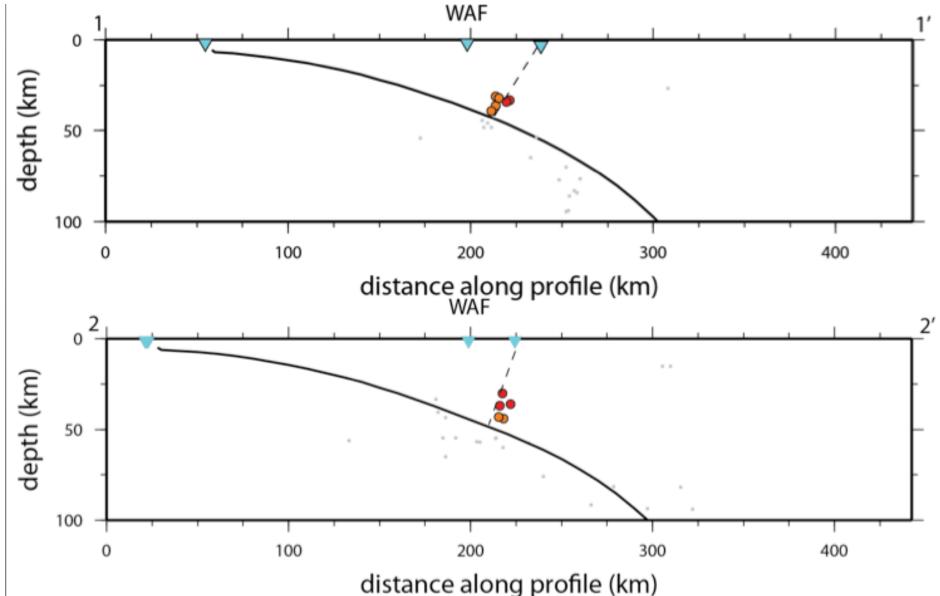
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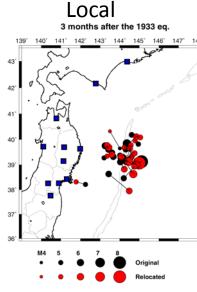
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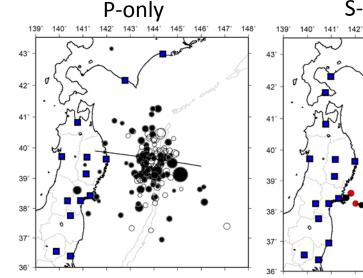


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Aftershocks both at oute-rise and inner trench wall.
 Main shock hypocenter is located in the aftershock seismicity (little

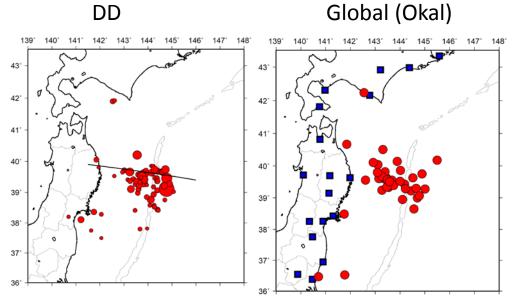
- south from the aftershock centroid).
- The north-south extent of outer rise aftershock is about
 100 km x D = 40 km

L = 190 km x D = 40 km.

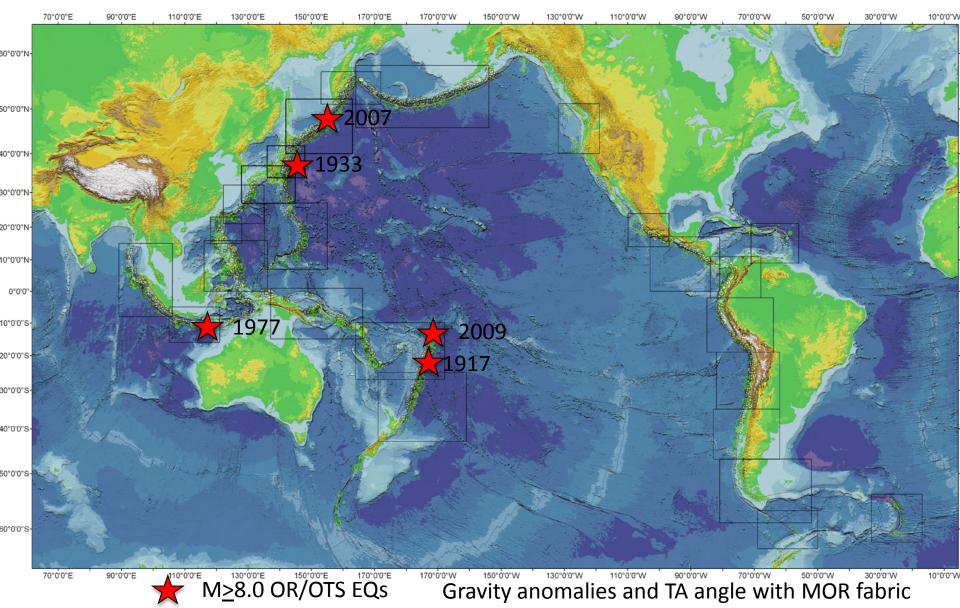
~Rupture source dimensions

•Mw 8.6, s = 15 m

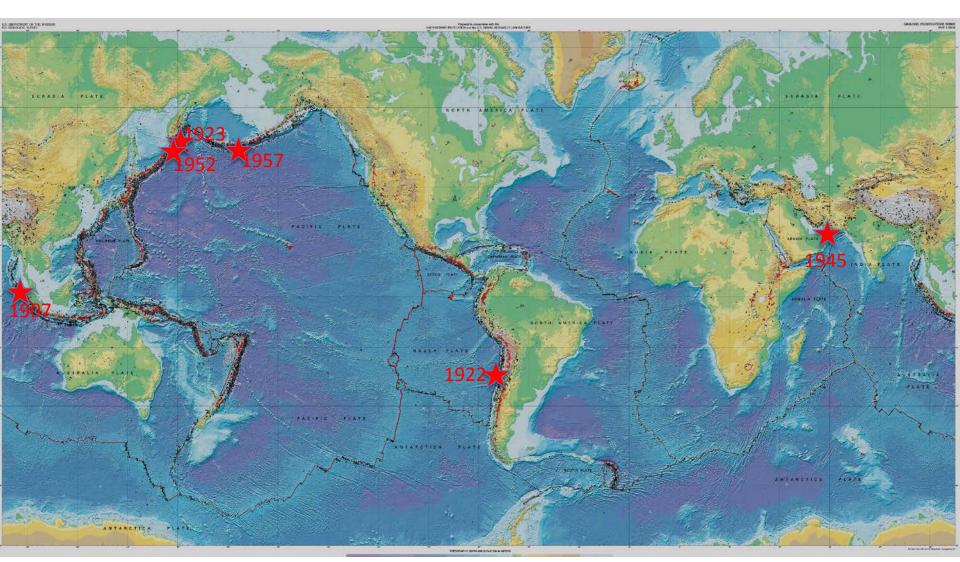
•Source for near-field and far-field tsunami modeling



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U.S. States and Territories Affected

TSWG Activity	States Affected
1. SAFRR Tsunami Scenario	AK, CA, & HI
Reprocessing of Alaska legacy seismic lines and swath mapping	AK, CA, HI, & WP Territories
3. Exploratory paleotsunamic survey in Waipio and Waimanu Valleys, HI	HI, AK, WA, OR, CA, & U.S. Territories
4. Global tsunami hazard appraisal	Pacific rim states, PR & U.S. Territories
5. Splay and popup EQ sources off Sumatra and applications to U.S.	Pacific rim states, PR & WP U.S. Territories
 Great off-trench normal-faulting earthquakes of western Pacific 	AK, WA, OR, CA, HI, PR, & WP Territories
Reappraisal of seismic moments of giant tsunamigenic earthquakes.	Pacific Rim States, HI, & WP Territories

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- 13. Guy Gelfenbaum
- 14. George Choy

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Thank You!

Fishermen netting bodies of tsunami victims, 1896 Sanriku,

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Proposed Subfault Geometry and Slip Distribution: M9 Tohoku Emulation V3.0*: S. California Tsunami Scenario

