



# *In Preparation for the Next Megathrust Cascadia Earthquake and Tsunami*

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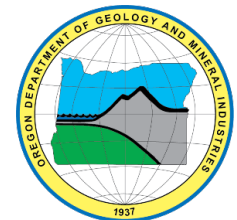
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*Devastation after the 2011  $M_w$  9.1 Tōhoku, Japan tsunami (images courtesy of creativecommons.org & AP)*

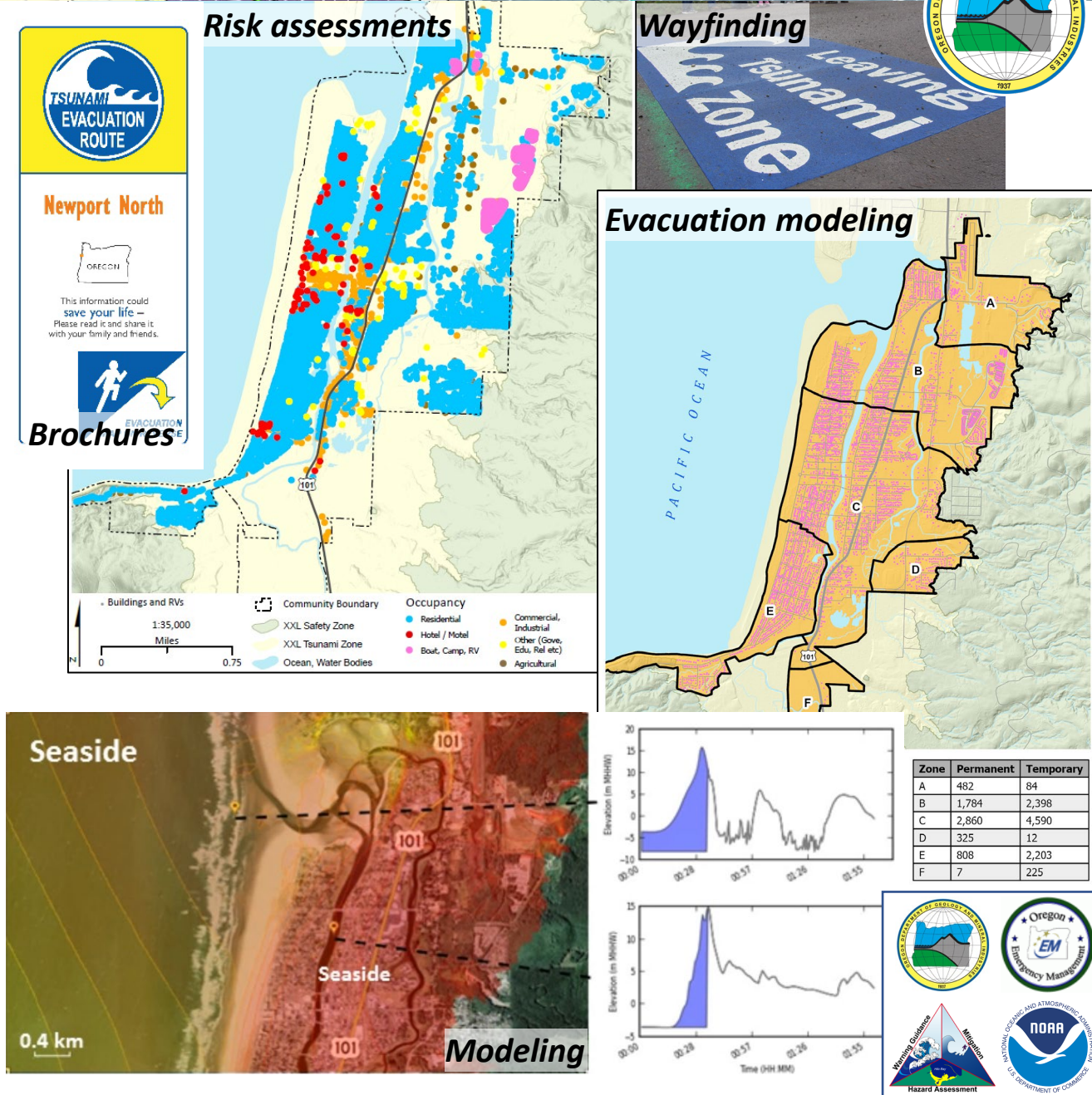
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# DOGAMI Roles and Responsibilities

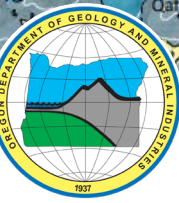
- NTHMP reps: Tsunami science (DOGAMI), E&O (OEM)
- Mapping, modeling, product development
- Help facilitate Oregon Tsunami Advisory Committee discussions (e.g., review potential map changes)
- Participating with ASCE tsunami loads committee
- Tsunami hazard science representative in response to a tsunami threat



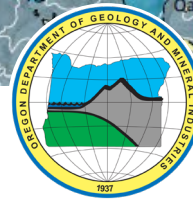


## Oregon Tsunami History

- **1995:** first tsunami inundation maps for the Oregon coast (*Priest, 1995*)
- **1995:** SB379 tsunami regulatory line adopts Priest (1995) maps; ORS 455.446 & 455.467 limits construction of new essential facilities and special occupancy structures in tsunami flooding zones
- **1996:** NTHMP is formed (collaboration between NOAA & five western states). Goals: *produce evacuation maps and implement a tsunami warning system*
- **1997 – 2007:** first generation detailed tsunami maps produced for 12 communities
- **2009:** second generation mapping begins. Pilot study at Cannon Beach (*Priest et al., 2009*) and Bandon (*Witter et al., 2011*). State adopts 5 local CSZ sources (SM, M, L, XL, XXL) & 2 distant (AK64, Akmax)
- **2010 – 2013:** Second generation modeling initiated. Results reviewed by Oregon TAC and communities. Two-zone maps adopted for evacuation planning (distant (AKmax) and local (XXL))
- **2011:** NTHMP tsunami inundation benchmarking workshop (*Horrillo et al., 2015*)
- **2013:** second generation mapping is completed (evacuation maps produced for entire Oregon coast)
- **2016:** NTHMP tsunami currents benchmarking workshop (*Lynett et al., 2017*)
- **2017:** ASCE7-16 tsunami loads chapter (tsunami design guidance for various *risk category* buildings, adopted 2,475-yr tsunami design zone for the five western states). **ASCE updates occur on a 6-year cycle**
- **2020:** OR HB 3305 repeals SB379 (building of critical facilities in the tsunami zone briefly allowed)
- **2021:** OR HB 2605 passed. BCD adopts ASCE TDZ and tsunami design guidance. However, BCD makes it 'optional' for communities to enforce tsunami design requirements
- **2023:** NTHMP debris/sediment transport benchmarking workshops (*Lynett et al., in prep; Kirby et al., in prep*)
- **2024 – 2028:** OR/WA update ASCE7-16 2,475-yr TDZ. New Cascadia PTHA developed - adoption in 2028

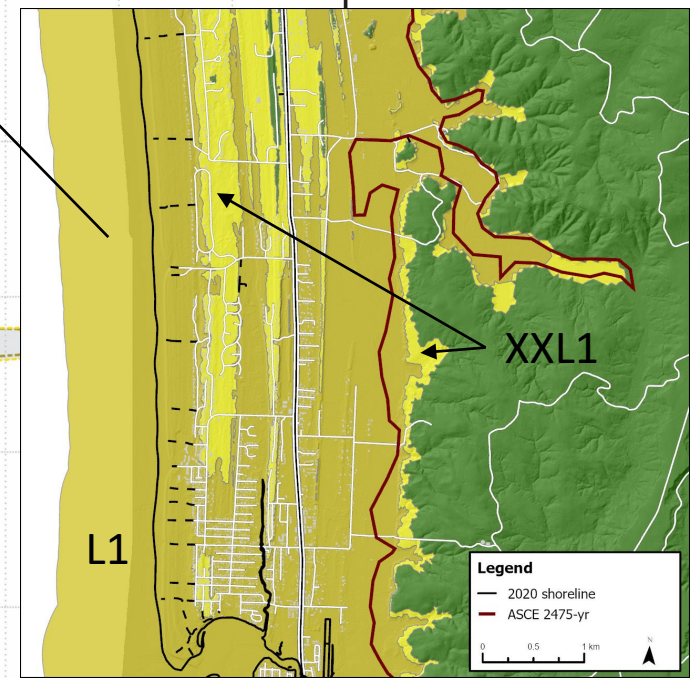
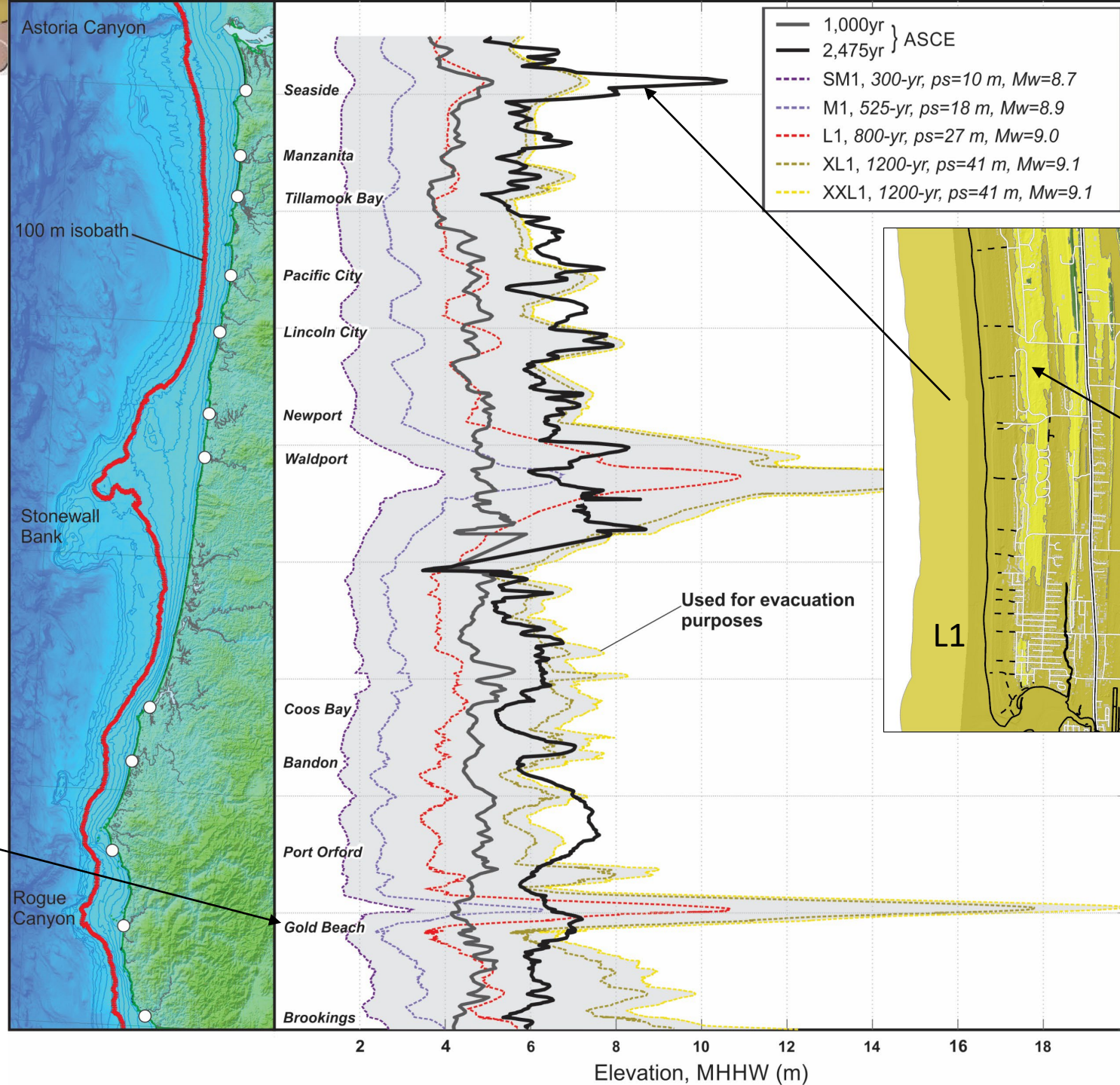
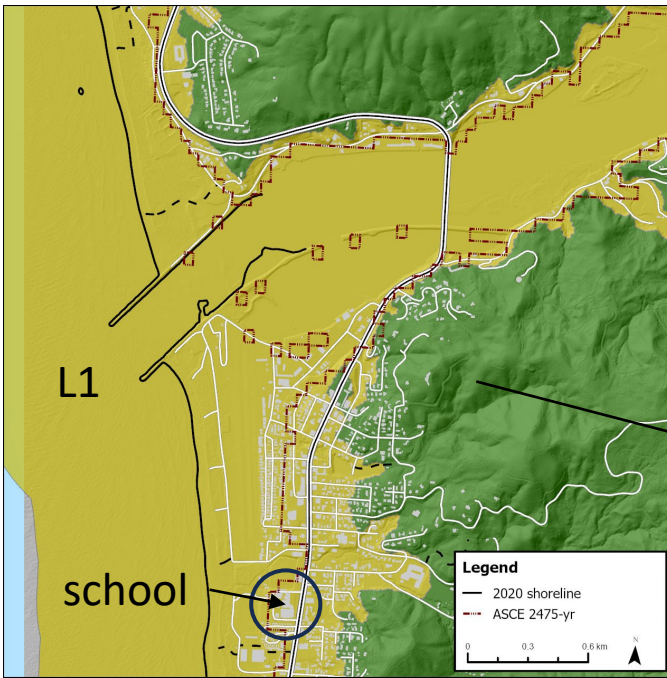






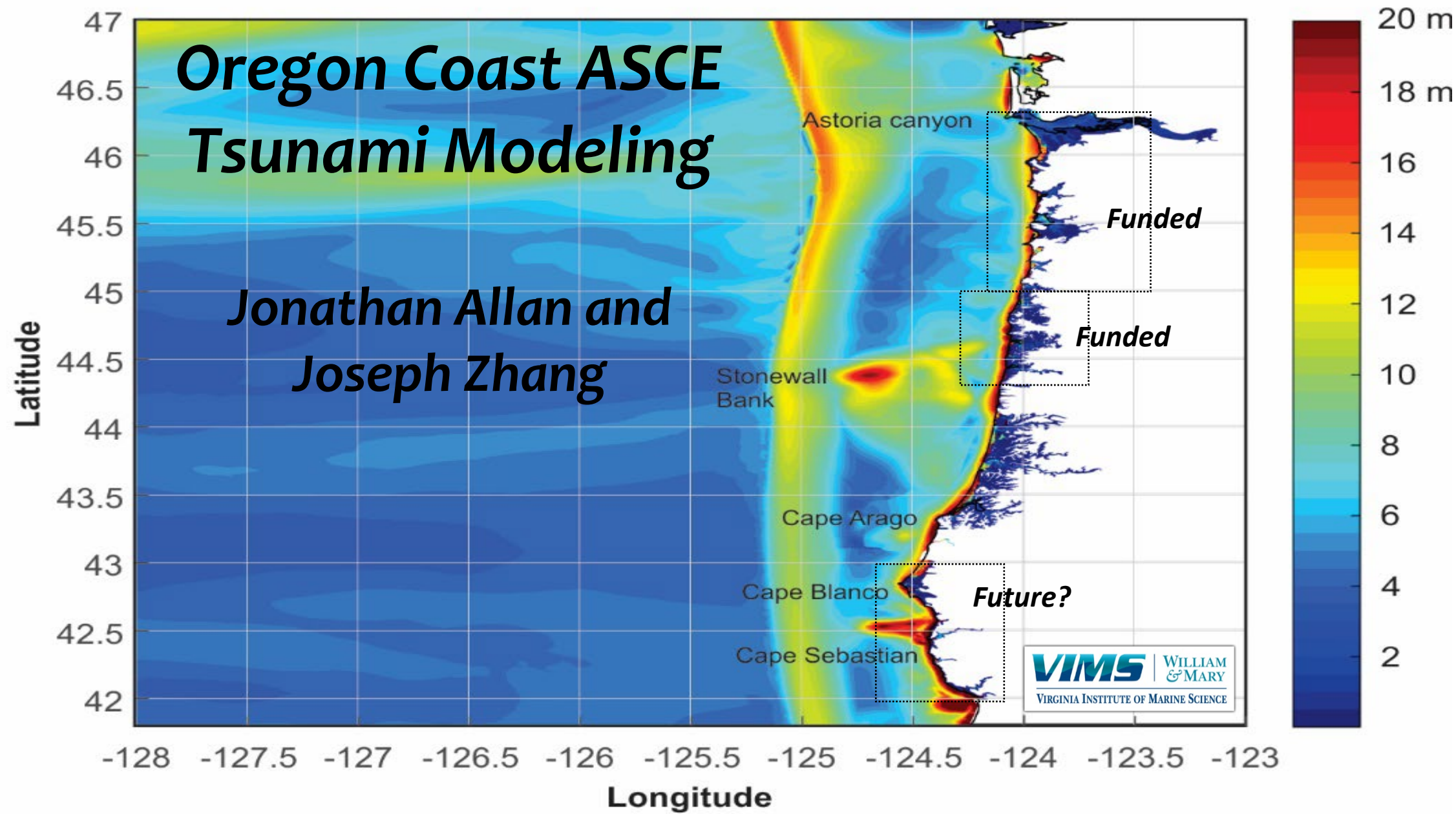
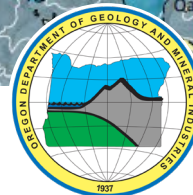
# Existing PTHA (ASCE7-16) versus DOGAMI modeling

Notes:  
ASCE 1,000-yr closest to L1  
ASCE 2,475-yr closest to XL1

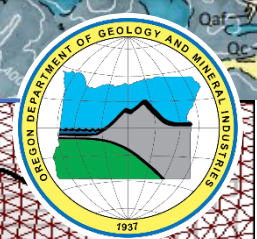


(Thio, 2017;  
Wei et al, 2017)









# Oregon coast ASCE7-28 2,475-year Inundation Modeling: *Clatsop, Tillamook and Lincoln Counties.*

## Why?

- Improvements to coastal DEMs (Carignan et al., 2019; 2021; 2022; Lim et al., 2024)
- Refinements to Cascadia sources, e.g., USGS Powell Center workshop, (05/2022), Sypus and Wang (2024)
  - New CASIE21 seismic imaging data (Carbotte et al., 2022; Canales, et al., 2023) → refinements to the fault zone geometry (dip, fault depth) and earthquake rupture types:
    - Modified splay model constrained by new seismic data (Ledeczi et al., 2024)
    - Tohoku type trench breaching scenario included (guided by new seismic data)
    - Buried rupture models and floating slip models
- Original inundation modeling used 60 m grids (we will use  $\leq 10$  m model grids).

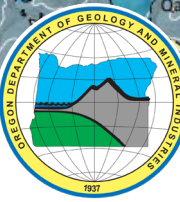
**Phase 1 – New Cascadia EQ deformation models (Sypus and Wang, 2024)**

**Phase 2 – North Oregon Coast tsunami PTHA modeling (underway)**

**Future – Simulate suite of tsunami inundation scenarios that would allow for developing PTHA hazard curves on land.**

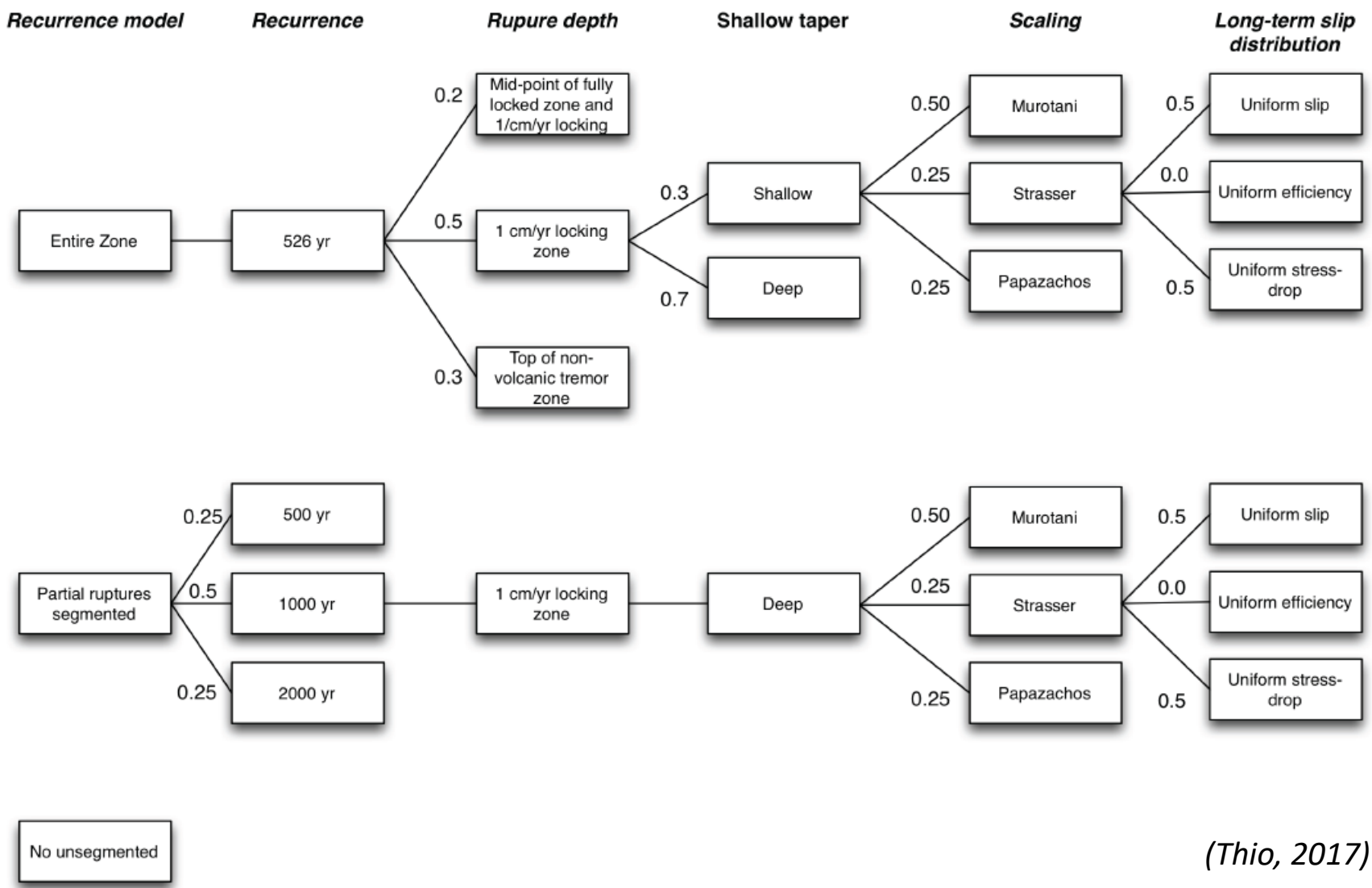
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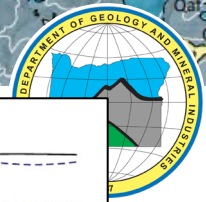
# 2016 Logic Tree for Probabilistic Hazard Assessments

ASCE 7-16 Cascadia probabilistic tsunami hazard model (*limited community input*)



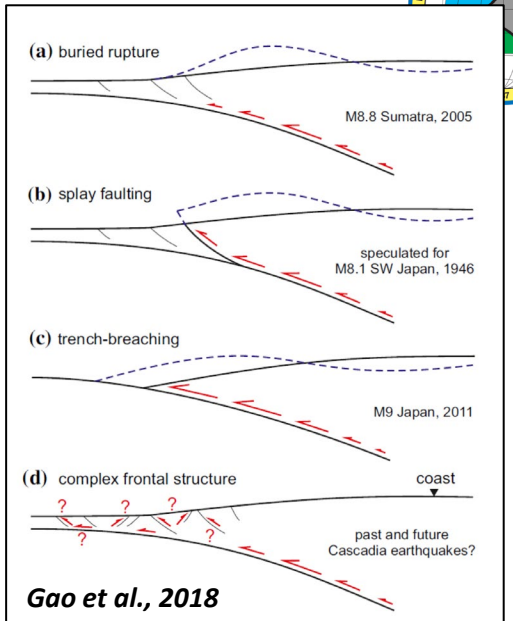
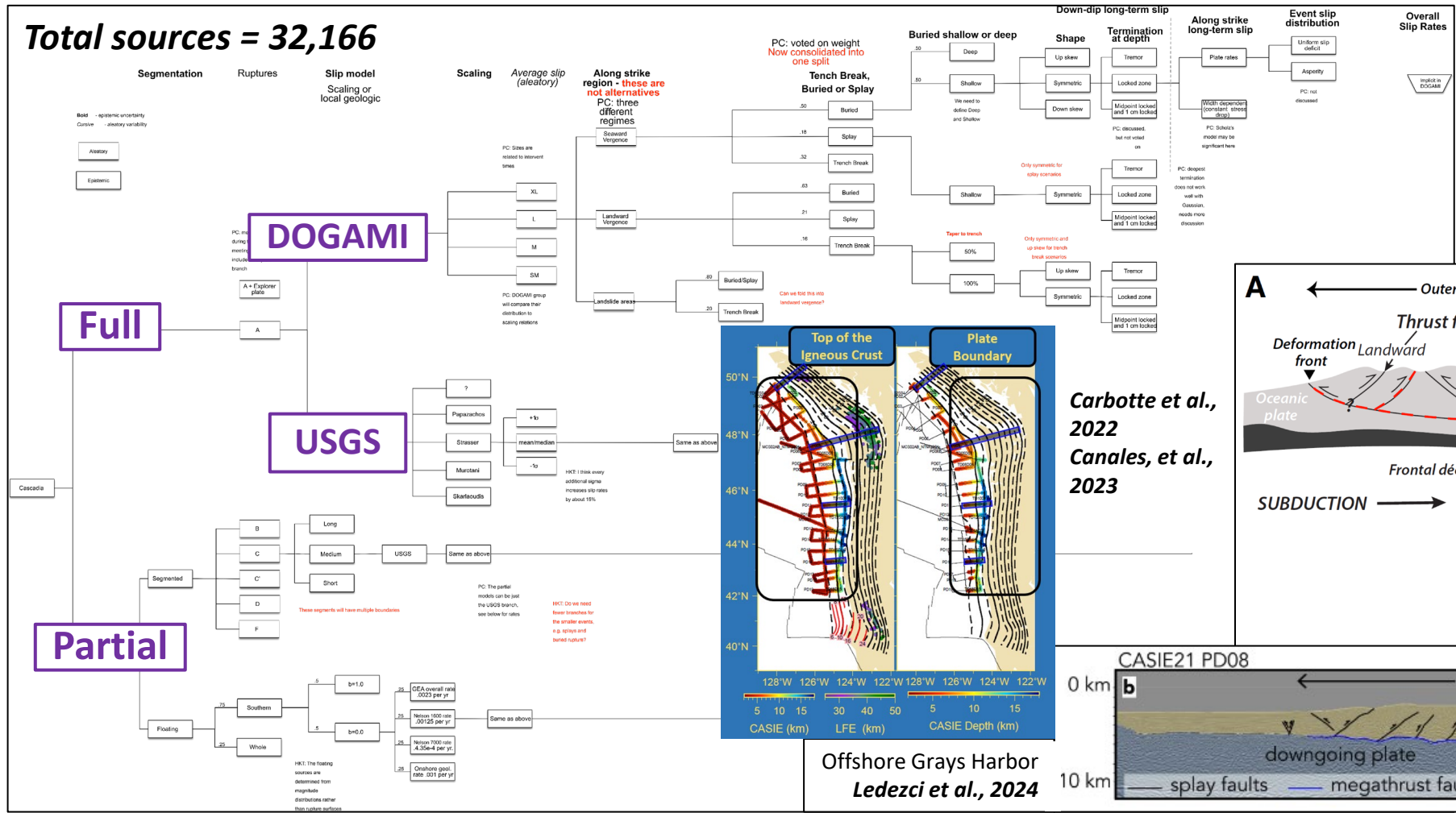
**Total sources = 729**

(Thio, 2017)

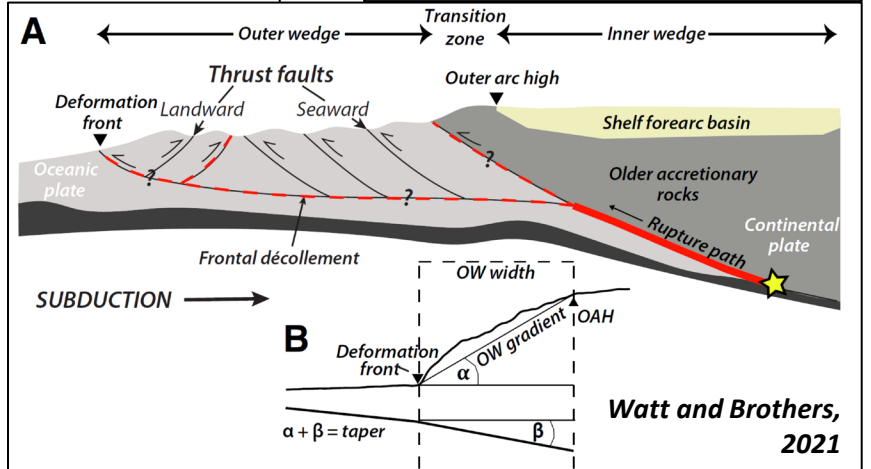


# 2024 Logic Tree for Probabilistic Hazard Assessments

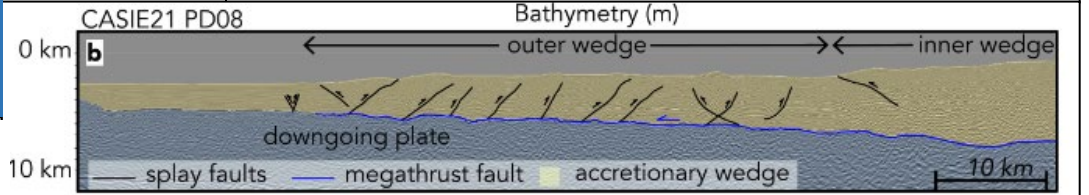
- Updated Cascadia probabilistic tsunami hazard model (**extensive community input**)
- Revised offshore (100 m) 2,475-yr tsunami amplitudes near completion for Cascadia (next cycle for adoption is 2028)



Gao et al., 2018

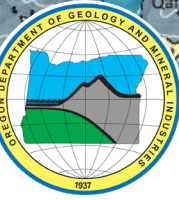


Watt and Brothers, 2021



Offshore Grays Harbor  
Ledezci et al., 2024

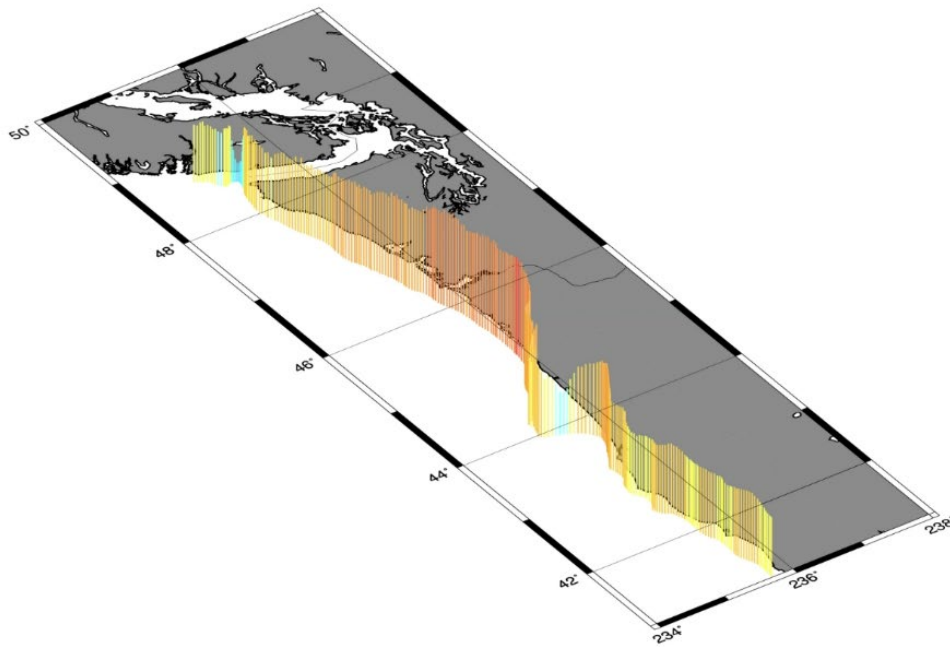




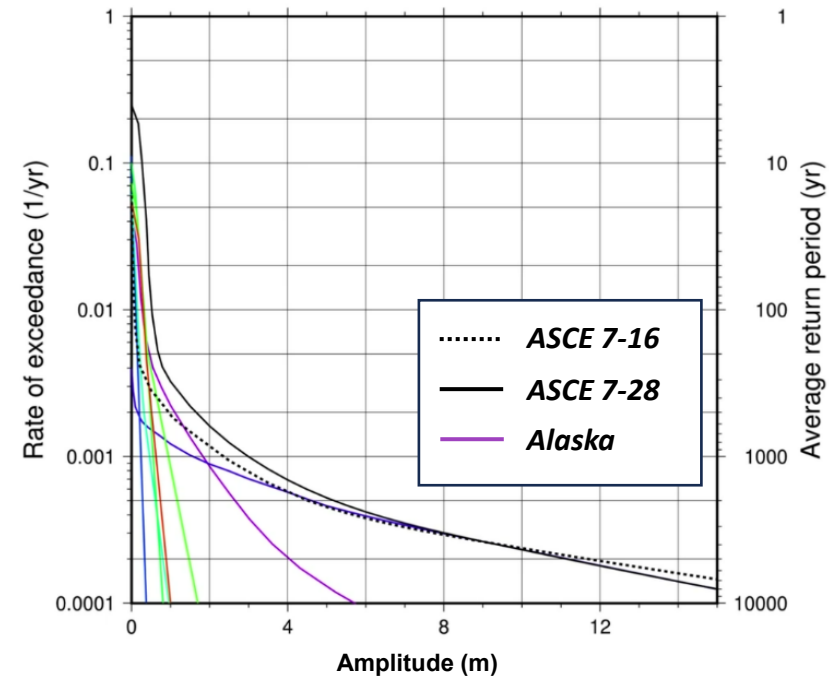
# Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Analysis (Thio, in prep)

- (left) Revised offshore (~100 m) 2,475-yr tsunami amplitudes for Cascadia (scheduled for adoption by ASCE in 2028)
- (right) Example offshore hazard curve developed for single location

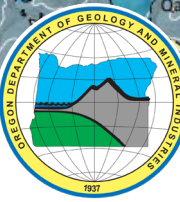
ASCE 7-28 Offshore hazard for Cascadia



Comparison between 7-16 and 7-28 hazard curves







# Needs...

1. Recast existing Oregon Cascadia sources into a probabilistic framework – ***underway***
2. Better constraints on paleoseismology (recurrence) and coseismic responses – ***Powell Center, CRESCENT, Copes Hub***
3. Tsunami modeling that accounts for the erosion of dunes due to tsunami waves and currents (**initial NTHMP benchmarking undertaken in 2023**)
4. Understanding future tsunami inundation models in the face of a changing climate (i.e., SLR)
5. Integration of onshore seismic hazard modeling with tsunami modeling
6. Better integration of multihazard effects (liquefaction, landslides, erosion)

