

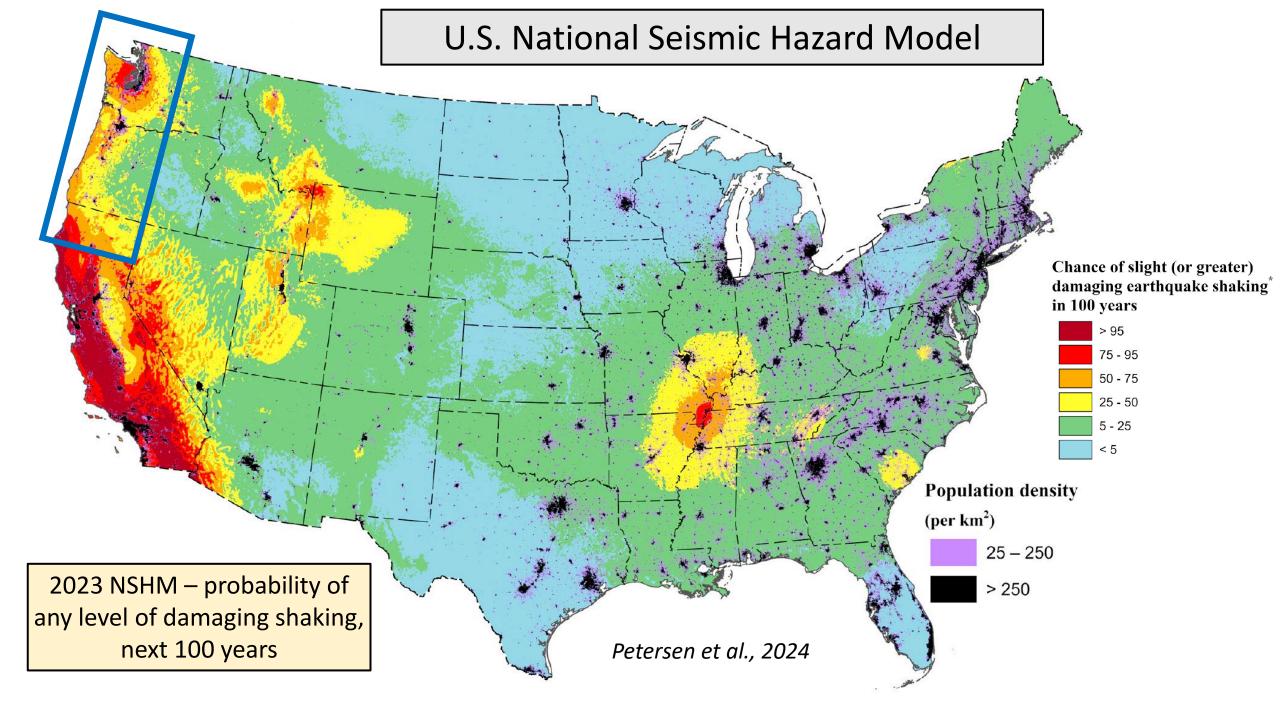


The Science of CRESCENT:

Building a community of researchers advancing our understanding of Cascadia's earthquake system







FEMA map of Annualized Earthquake Losses

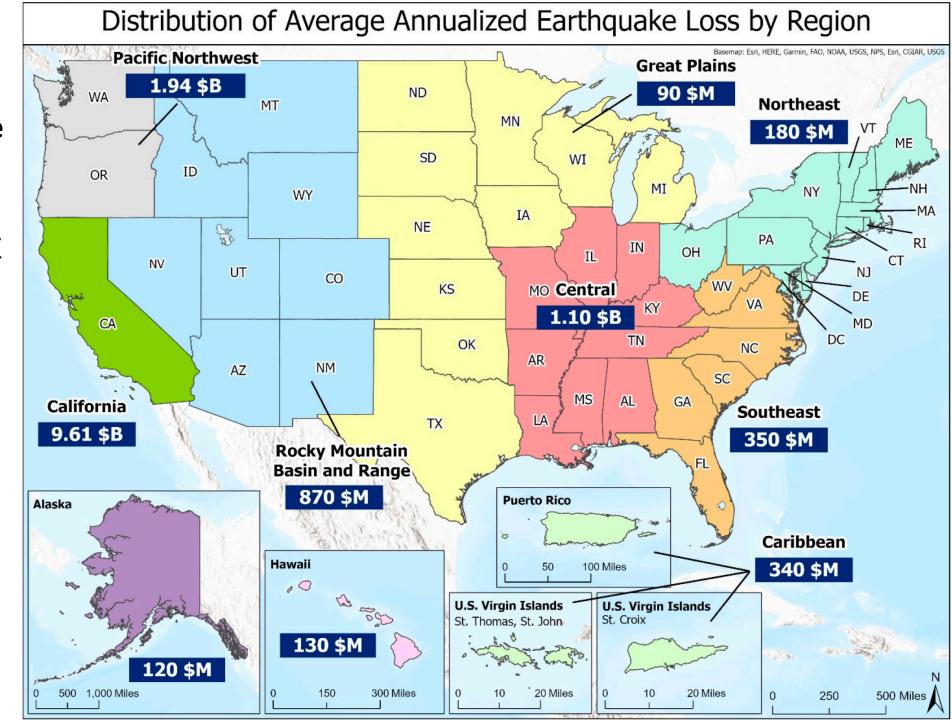
(expected cost <u>per year</u> of earthquake damage)

PNW \$1.94 billion

Washington: \$1.4 billion

Oregon:

\$0.7 billion



Cascadia earthquake sources

Deep Slab Earthquakes

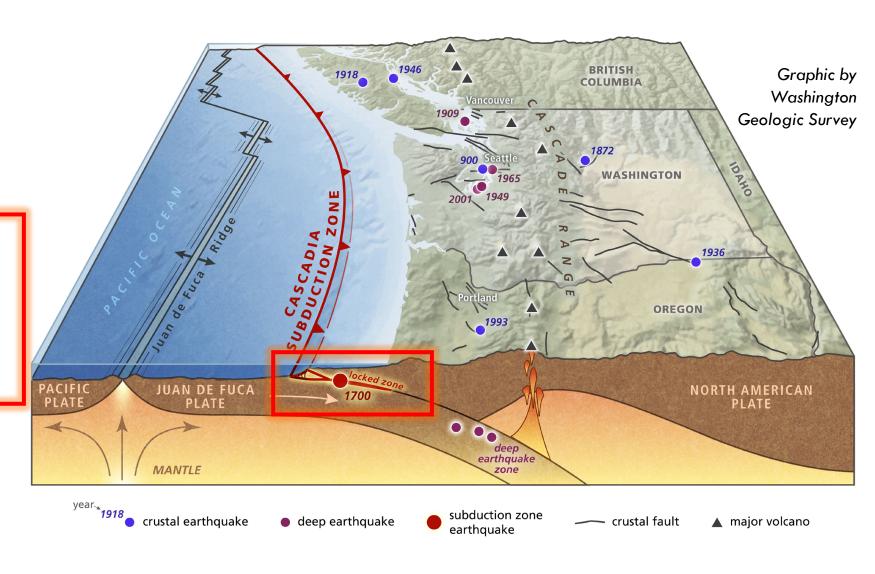
Magnitude 6.5 - 7-ish e.g., Nisqually 2001
Few to no aftershocks
~85% chance in 50 yr.

Cascadia Subduction Fault

Giant earthquake every:
300-800 years in north
~260 years in south
~12-25% probability in 50 years

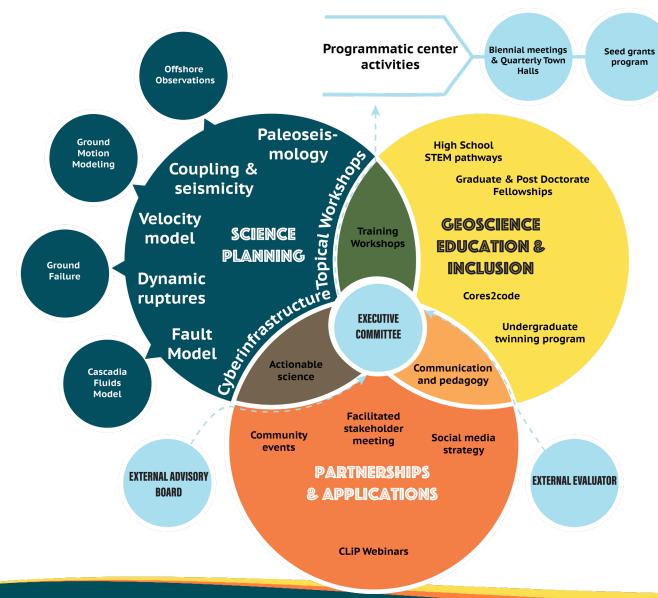
"Shallow" Crustal Faults

Magnitude 7-ish
1872 (largest historic)
~15% probability in 50 yr.



Expressed values are synthesized from the USGS NSHMP calculations of Petersen et al. 2018 & 2024

About CRESCENT



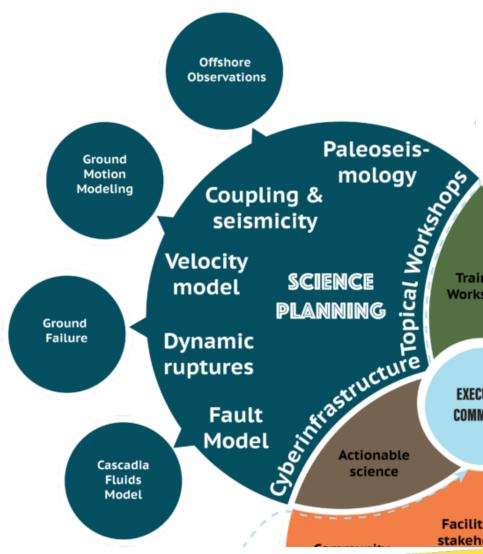


- The science behind our region's earthquakes and their attendant cascading hazards
- Connecting the science to meaningful societally relevant outcomes through partnerships and development of applications
- Expanding access to careers through geoscience education and inclusion

The Science Pillar

- Five Working Groups (WGs)
 - Synthesize and assess the state of knowledge on key elements of the earthquake system
 - Build science products that can be leveraged by the community
 - Have dedicated cyberinfrastructure to develop key tools and products
 - Respond to community feedback (you!)
- Four Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
 - Teams charged with building community for and advancing science on specific topics





Science Overview



- Overarching question: What are the plausible and most likely scenarios for future damaging earthquakes and their cascading effects?
 - **The Big Ones:** megathrust structure, locking, segmentation, the nature of rupture & recurrence patterns
 - The Other Ones: Crustal faults, slab events, adjacent impacts (Mendocino, Nootka)
 - The Cascading Hazards: shaking, tsunami generation, landslides, liquefaction, and more
- The core mission for CRESCENT science is creating focused collaborations creating new knowledge that can translate to action
 - Developing the frameworks and tools for coordinated, multi-disciplinary research
- Today: accomplishments and where we are headed
 - How are the activities of our Working Groups and SIGs addressing these questions?
 - A sampling of major activities so far and what's on the horizon

Frameworks: the Community Models



- Addressing these key scientific goals requires a common framework for understanding the structure, properties, and history of the earthquake system
 - Community Fault Model: What do we know about active fault systems?
 - Where are the faults and what is their 3D geometry?
 - What do we know about their event history to make inferences about future hazard?
 - Community Velocity Model: Seismic wave velocities in 3D are our core measure of the properties of the crust and upper mantle
 - Understanding and predicting ground motion in earthquakes
 - Understanding the structure, strength, and elastic properties of the region
 - Underpins simulation of movement in the crust from slow tectonics to fast earthquakes
 - Seismicity Catalog: Better 3D archive of all the seismic events that have been recorded

Workshops!

Tsunami Topical Workshop Nov 7-8, 2024 Eugene, OR





Cascading Hazards Topical Workshop March 7, 2025 Newport, OR







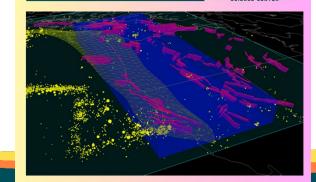


Fluids in Cascadia Topical Workshop April 23-25, 2025 Portland, OR



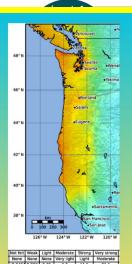






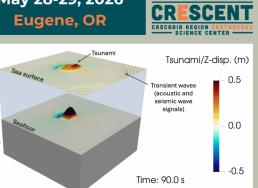






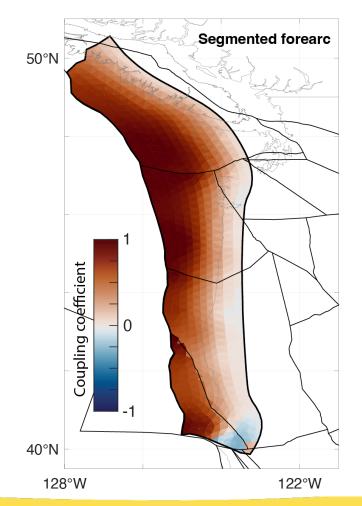


Shallow Rupture and Tsunamigenesis Topical Workshop May 28-29, 2026 Eugene, OR



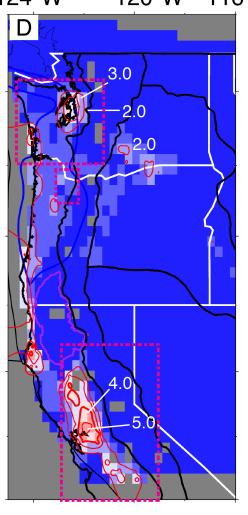
What is the Structural Framework of Cascadia?

- CVM Community
 Velocity Model
- C3S Block Models
- CFM Faults inventory









Community Velocity Model (CVM)

Constraining the velocity properties of Earth's lithosphere and upper mantle in 3 dimensions allows us to:

- Create more accurate wave propagation simulations and ground motion predictions
- 2) Define elastic properties for modeling
- 3) Delineate "blind" geologic features in the subsurface



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The CRESCENT CVM Workflow

Gen 0.x

Gen 1.x

Gen 2+

P-wave Receiver Functions Rayleigh Wave (Adaptive Common **Ambient Noise Tomography** (Fast Marching Seismic Tomography) Conversion Point Stacking) Offshore OBS Three-station CCs Receiver Function + Ambient Noise **DRAM-MCMC Bayesian Joint Inversion** Adjoint Full-waveform Inversion Adjoint Full-waveform Inversion of dense nodal array data of ambient noise with Joint Inversion Vs Model as "initial" model Uncertainty analysis based on resulting Constrains the shallow crust structure, such misfits to primary input datasets as sedimentary basin, on a small local-scale Include topography in inversion Incorporation of "known" structures e.g., basin properties from active source data/other models where available

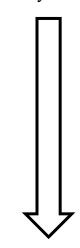
Continued incorporation of "higher wavenumber" datasets into model

Site effects (e.g., Vs30, HVSR) + CFM structure? Create families of GRESCIENT similar base methodologies that build on each other

"low wavenumber" Large-scale

Regional Structure

(e.g., teleseismic body waves, surface waves)



"high wavenumber" Finer-scale

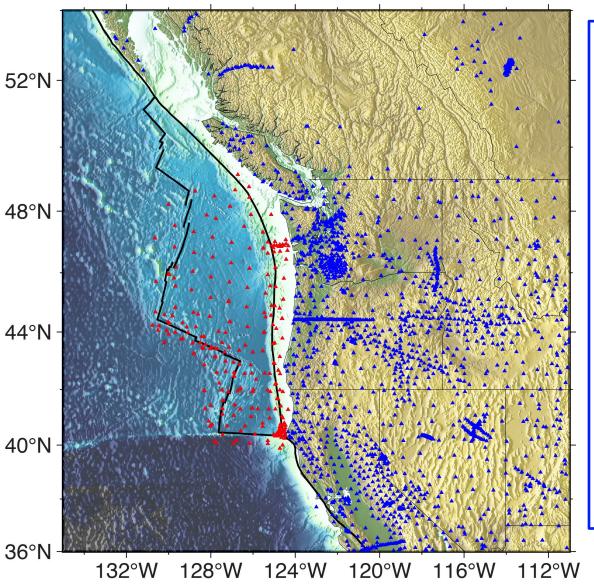
Local Structure

(e.g., basins, geotechnical layers)

Foundational" (Regional) Models

Models with shallow constraints

CVM-0: datasets and model settings



DATA: 20+ years Seismic Ambient Noise + Teleseismic P-wave Receiver functions

→ Bayesian Joint inversion

Model metadata:

Lat: 35N-50N

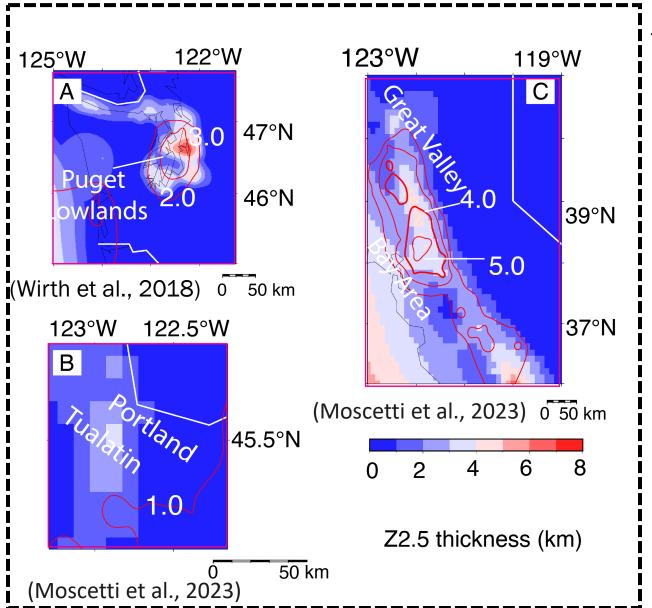
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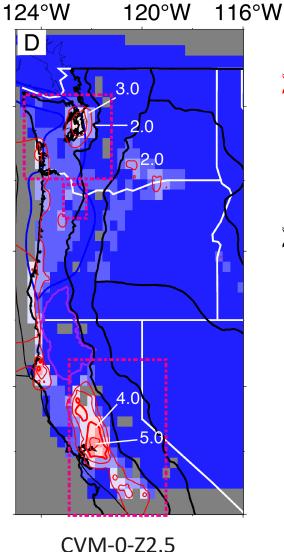
Depth: topo-80km

Lateral grids: ~0.2 deg

Vertical grids: ~1.0 km

CVM-0: Implications for seismic hazard (GMM)





- ➤ Basin materials and structures are critical for GMM
- Limited resolution at shallow depth, but our model reveals major basin shapes and depth.

CVM-0: Implications for Dynamic Rupture

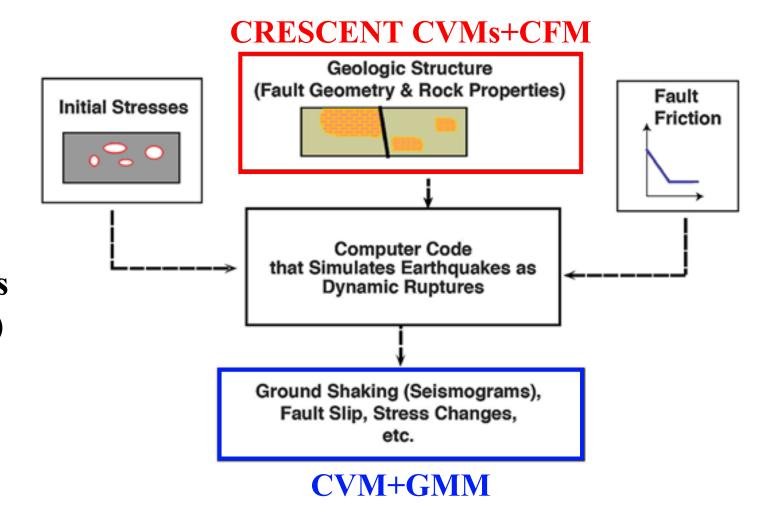


Dynamic Rupture Simulations need 3D Earth models

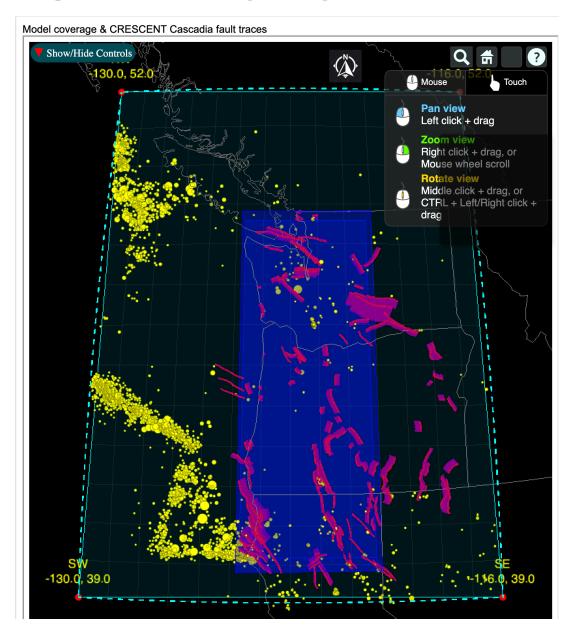
to characterize geologic structure and rock properties

The CVM can **provide properties + uncertainties** to be used in simulations (w/ CFM)

The CVM can be used to model/validate shaking at the local-to-regional scale (w/ GMM)



CVM Viewer



 Visualize and interactively explore multiple models of the seismic velocity and density structure

 Includes published models and newly developing CVM working group models

Cyberinfrastructure Team!

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CRESCENT staff plus effort from Earthscope personnel

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 Lithospheric block models to evaluate the strain budget of the PNW for seismic coupling and more



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 Seismogeodetic detection of transient events



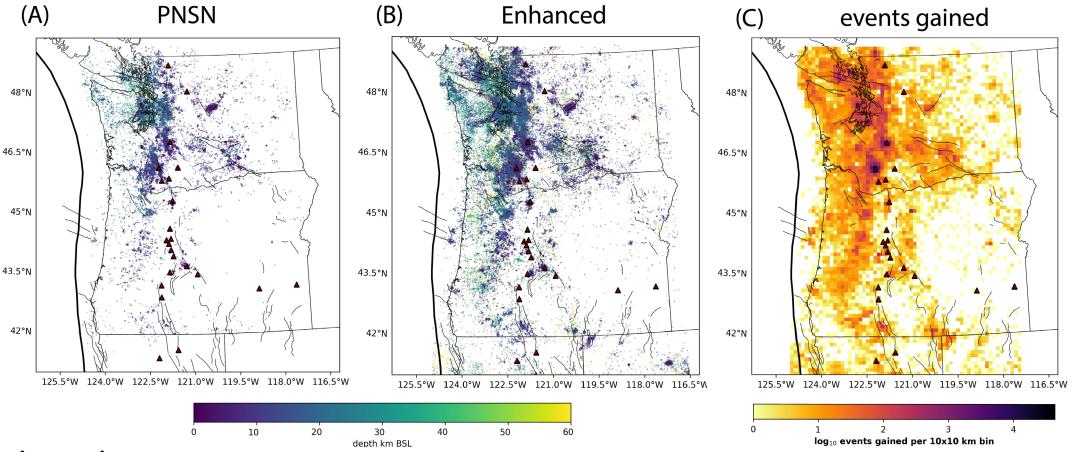


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ML Seismicity Catalog



• Approach:

- o ML Detection using EQ Transformer (Ni et al. 2023)
- 3D velocity model of He et al. (in prep, CRESCENT CVM gen 1), solve for Vp
- Locate associated picks with nonlinloc (3D Vp and Vs models) & do quality control

• Early observations of catalog:

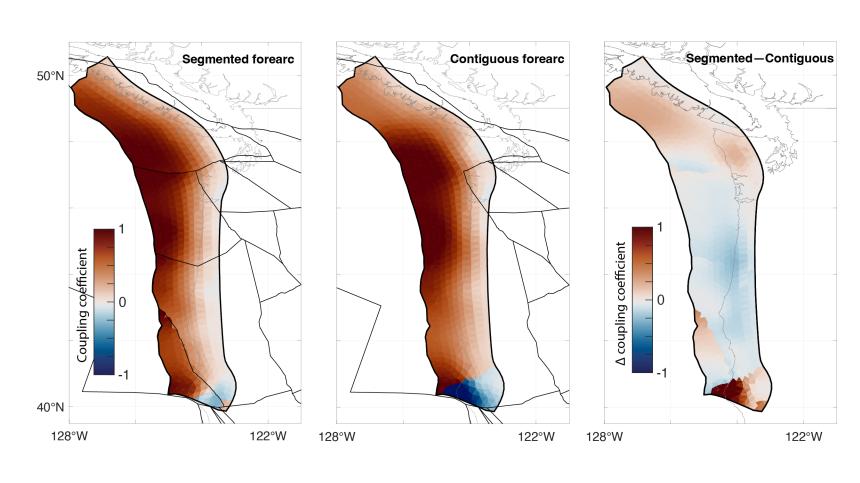
- 4x increase in number of events
- The megathrust is confirmed as seismically quiet; ML doesn't find many "missing" small earthquakes
- Lots of crustal seismicity that delineates faults
- Swarms!

Coupling distribution estimates CRE Megathrust



$$\frac{\text{Coupling}}{\text{coefficient}} = \frac{\text{Slip deficit rate}}{\text{Long-term rate}}$$

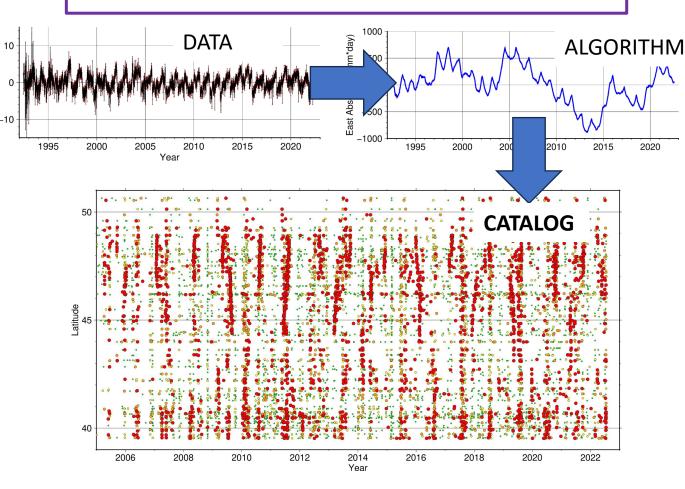
- Uses geodetic (GNSS) data
- Higher coupling coefficient = higher strain accumulation
- Coupling is greater for contiguous model at 43-46°N (blue)
- Coupling is greater for segmented model at 49-50°N (red)
- Also makes coastal uplift predictions that can be compared to tidal/geodetic records



Work of H. Elston, J. Loveless, et al.

Transient Exercise: Ongoing throughout YR3

What it is: A cross-validation exercise to develop, compare, and contrast methodologies for transient detection and characterization.



- Key science driver: Properly determining all deformation signals over time will lead to better coupling models, the ability to investigate time-dependent changes in coupling, and to help inform of underlying physics/processes.
- Data: Consistent input GNSS time series format for streamlined algorithm development and testing. Synthetic datasets generated in the same format with realistic noise and varied signals.
- End goal: A community driven transient deformation catalog, time-dependent interseismic deformation, and visualization tools for validation of algorithms.

Cascadia Subduction Fluids SIG



Addresses:

- Role of geo-fluids in the stress, strain, and rheological properties of the seismogenic and slow-slipping regions of the megathrust
- Long term fluid behavior and budgets
- Geochemical and petrologic constraints on fluid behavior
- Mechanical constraints and effects of fluids



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Cascadia Subduction Fluids SIG



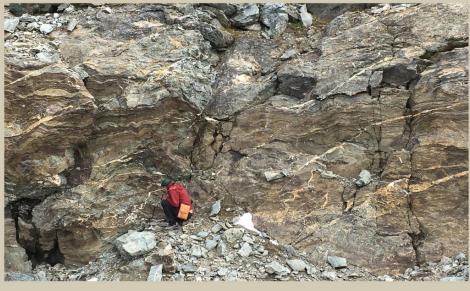
Long-term Goal:

 Develop a community fluid model for Cascadia, integrating plate interface geometry, thermal structure, and fluid sources from trench to sub-arc



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Where are the faults and how potentially active are they?

- Community Fault Model
 - focus on all potentially active faults in the region
- Cascadia Paleoseismology
 - focus on megathrust event histories

Community Fault Model (CFM)

- Evaluate evidence for potentially active faults throughout Cascadia
- Generate and refine the best 2D and 3D represeantation of those faults and their hazard
- Deliver that information in a way most useful for numerical modeling & hazard assessment



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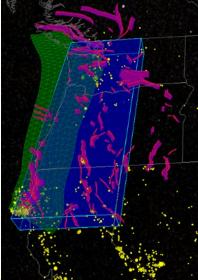
Working Group Objectives

- Generate the best 2D & 3D structural representation of faults. Some anticipated uses of the CFM:
 - Dynamic earthquake rupture modeling and shaking simulations (DET, C3S, CVM, SIG2)
 - Knowledge of stress accumulation on faults (C3S, CVM)
 - Seismic hazard assessment (Community)











Products & Outcomes

- Collaborative with USGS & SCEC (in northern CA)
- 3D Model of the plate interface and upper plate fault geometries in CSZ
- Interactive web viewer of faults in 2D & 3D, including USGS seismicity layer
- Will include earthquake geology point data (slip, recurrence, displacement)

CFM Version 0.1 (pre-release)

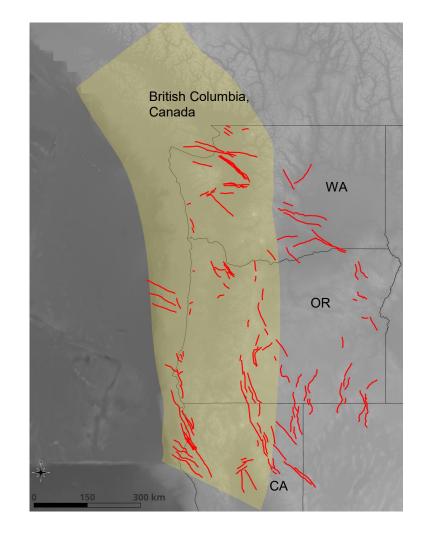
2D and 3D geometries for ~150 faults (red lines)

- 2023 National Seismic Hazard Model (NSHM) (Hatem et al., 2022)
- GEM & Canada Geological Survey faults
 collaborative research
 (Hobbs et al, in prep; Styron et al., in prep)

3D slab interface models from 4 studies

- McCrory et al., (2012) (yellow shading)
- Slab2.0 (Hayes et. al, 2018)
- Carbotte et al., (2024)
- Graham et al., (2018)



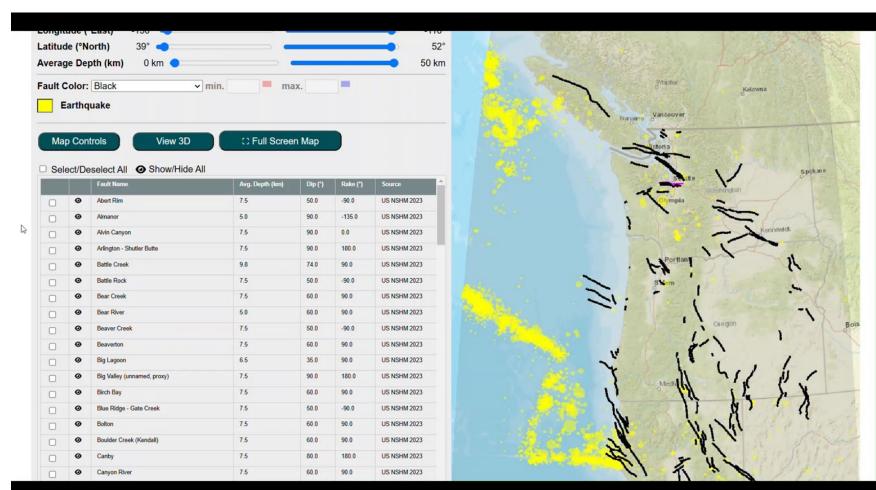


CFM web viewer

CONTRACTOR SARTHAUGHT STATE

- Interactive access to view CFM v0.1
- 2D map view of the faults
- Associated quick view of metadata
- 3D visualization of the faults and slabs





Web viewer:

https://cfm.cascadiaquakes.org/

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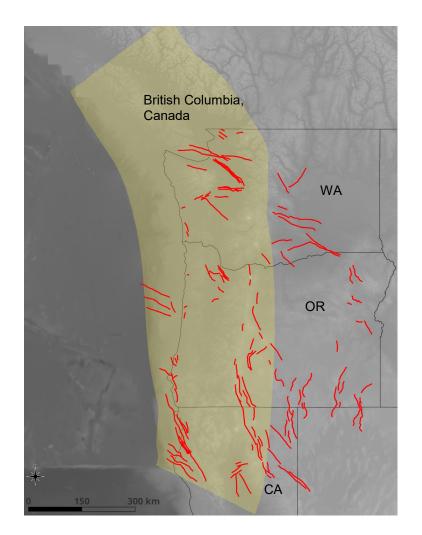
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Moving towards CFM v1.0

- 1. Ongoing work with existing faults including
 - Fault complexity (e.g., fault intersections, additional data)
 - Considerations for overlapping region with SCEC
 - Adjust upper and lower depth extents of faults
- 2. Evaluation and incorporation of additional onshore faults
- 3. Accretionary wedge faults
 - Addition of faults from recent publications
- 4. Metadata table
- 5. CFM topical workshop August 12-13

 Great in-person and remote participation from community members!

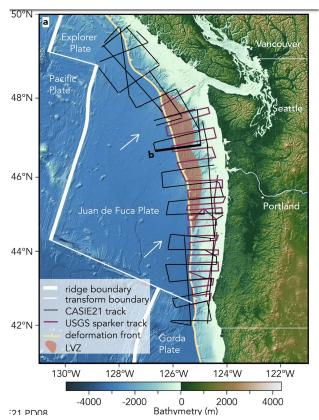




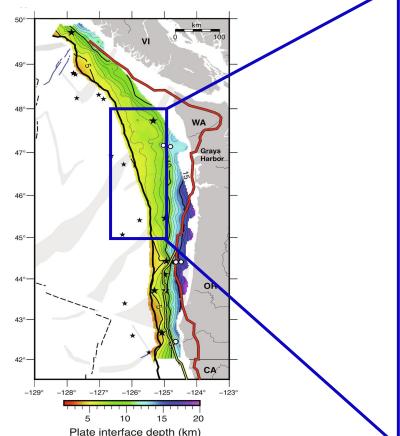
Incorporating Cascadia offshore faults

CASIE21:Cascadia Seismic Imaging Experiment 2021 and associated recent publications provide new data sets and models in the central and northern offshore

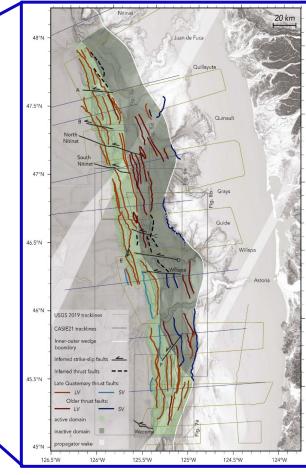
sections (42°N – 50°N) of the Cascadia



Track lines of recently collected seismic data offshore OR and WA (Ledeczi et al., 2024)



New model of plate interface geometry (modified from Carbotte et al., 2024)



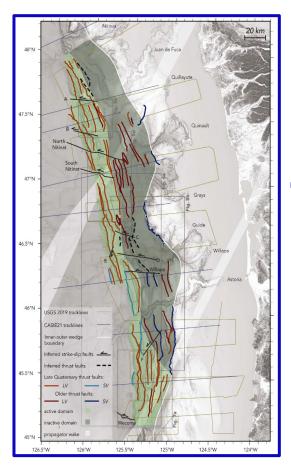
New mapping of accretionary wedge faults (Ledeczi et al., 2024)

In progress: Offshore fault additions

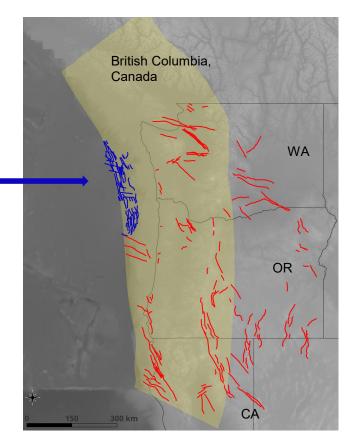




Addition of faults: landward-vergent section 45°N – 48°N presented in Ledeczi et al. (2024)



New fault mapping in Ledeczi et al. (2024)



\ Existing v0.1 CFM faults
\ Ledeczi et al. (2024) faults

*not yet included

3D splay fault geometries built using

- 2D mapped fault traces (Ledeczi et al., 2024)
- 3D fault depth interpretations (A. Ledeczi)
- processed seismic lines (CASIE21 data, Carbotte et al., 2023)
- plate boundary interface model (Carbotte et al., 2024)
- bathymetry

Tools used:





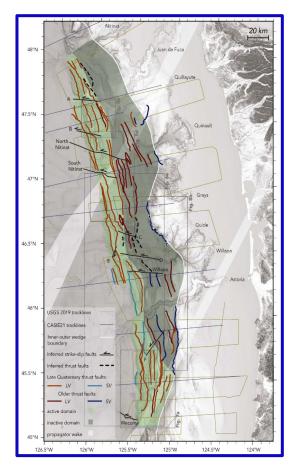


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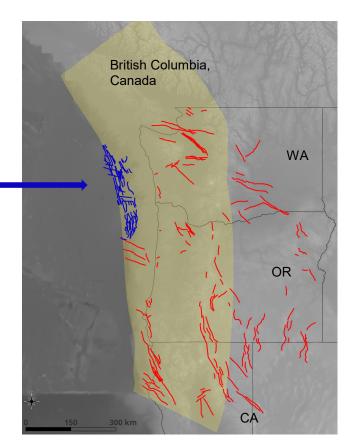




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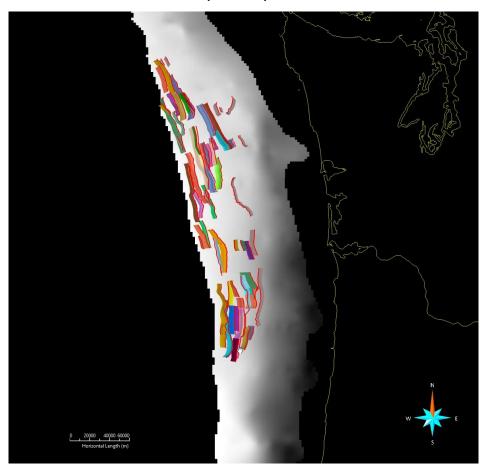


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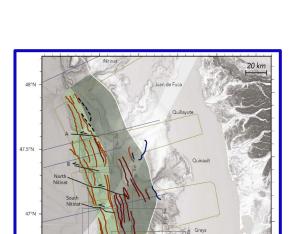
Work in progress 3D faults surfaces

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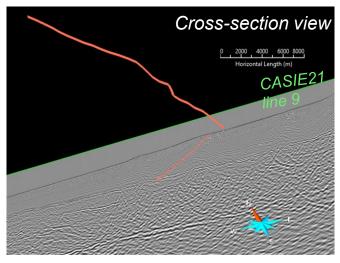
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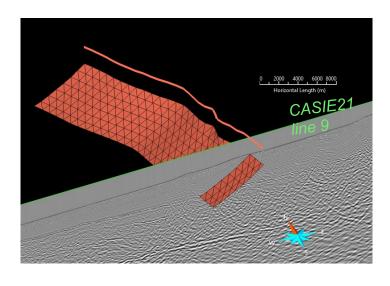


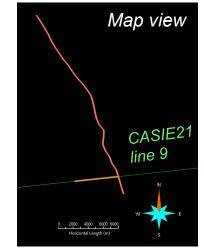
Fault geometry constraints: splay geometry and surface trace





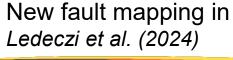
3-D 1km smooth mesh





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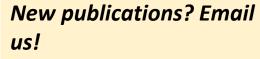


Field fault characterization







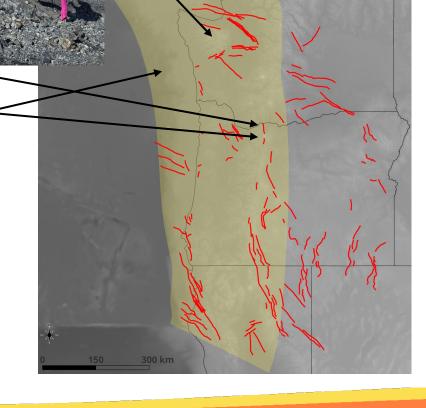


Seeking input from the research community, and collaborating with SCEC, State & Federal agencies as we update CFM fault geometries.



Olympic Mtns

paleomegathrust



CFM web viewer demonstrations





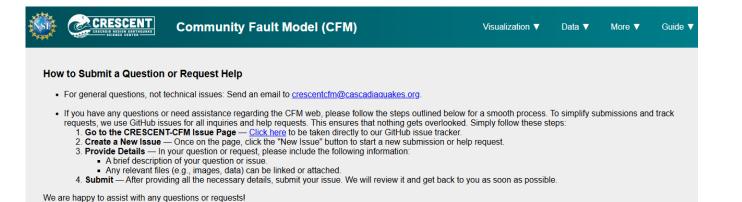


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How to engage and provide feedback









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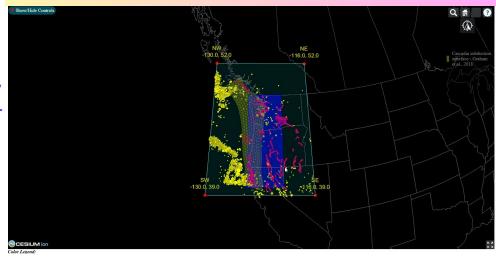
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Overarching Goal

Use the geologic record at Cascadia to reveal patterns, timing, and size of past megathrust earthquakes and tsunamis to inform earthquake models



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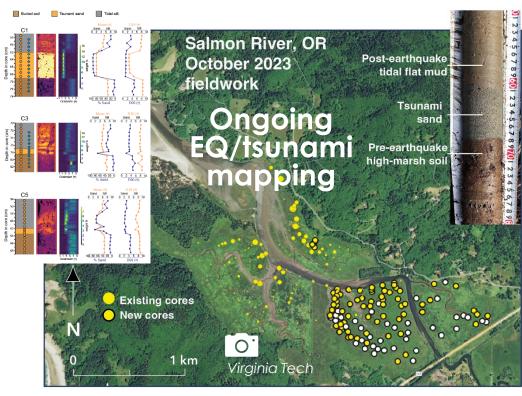
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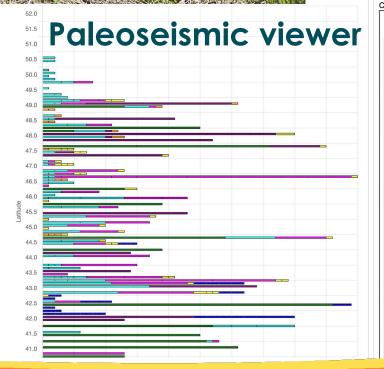
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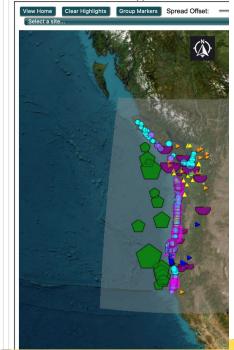


Radiocarbon dating







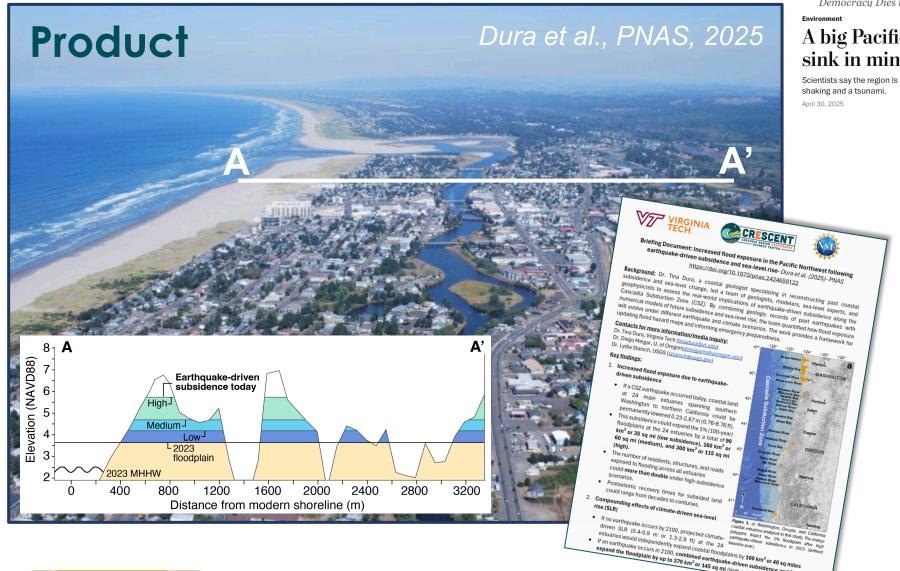






A big Pacific Northwest quake could cause land to sink in minutes

Scientists say the region is overdue for a major tremor, and a new study predicts serious flooding would result along with



Year 3: Updated inland tsunami inundation extent datasets

- Publish Salmon River, OR and Bone River, WA work
- Establish diatoms as a proxy for tracking inland inundation beyond sand extent
- Use new inundation limits to constrain rupture and inundation models

Year 3: Updated earthquake chronologies

- Publish new radiocarbon results from Lagoon Creek, CA
- Update chronologies at the Coquille River, Salmon River, and Alsea Bay

Looking ahead: Deformation over multiple earthquake cycles

Publish downcore subsidence estimates at the Coquille River,
 Salmon River, and Alsea Bay

Pushing the limits

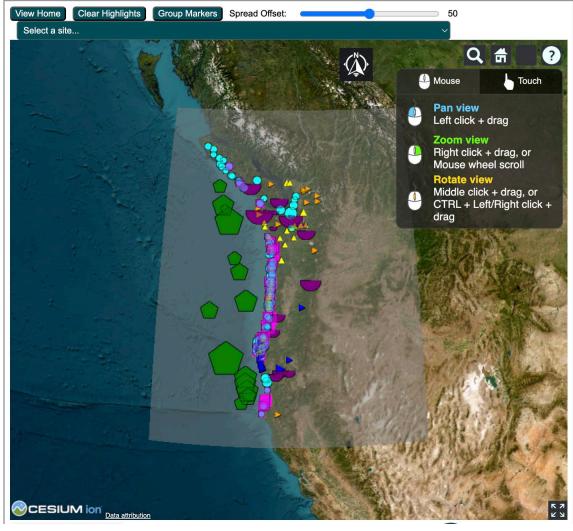
- Interseismic microfossil-based deformation reconstructions!
- Trench-perpendicular deformation reconstructions





CPAL Viewer

CRESCENT Paleoseismic Dataset(s)



 Interactive platform for mapping, cataloging, and visualizing paleoseismic datasets associated with past megathrust earthquake evidence

Open source, builds off USGS products and expands them

Much more to come!

Cyberinfrastructure Team!



Dynamic Rupture, Earthquake Cycle, and Tsunamis (DET)

- Developing a wide range of earthquake simulations using advanced numerical models
- Different modeling approaches, fitto-purpose for different questions
- Building them on the structural frameworks by CVM, C3S, and CFM groups
- Informed by the earthquake histories uncovered by CPAL



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Dynamic Rupture, Earthquake Cycle, and Tsunamis (DET)



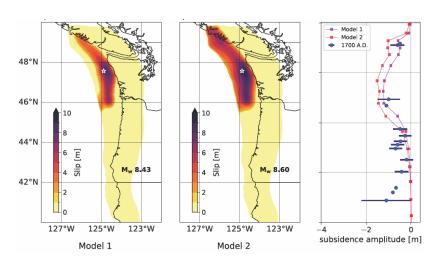


Working Group Objectives

- Models of earthquakes & tsunami generation
 - Single-event dynamic ruptures (with coupling to ocean for tsunami generation)
 - Earthquake cycle models spanning thousands of years, capturing earthquakes, frictional-viscous transition, and slow slip events
- Community code verification
 - Dynamic rupture (including coupling with tsunami)
 & earthquake cycle benchmarks
 - Joint with SCEC/USGS

Products & Outcomes

- Open-source software
- Web platform for code comparison



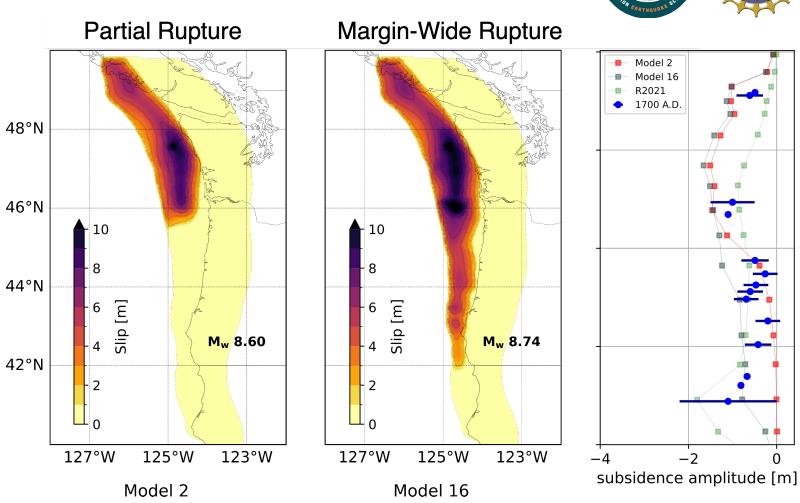
(Glehman, Gabriel, Ulrich, Ramos, Huang, Lindsey, ""Partial ruptures governed by the complex interplay between geodetic slip deficit, rigidity, and pore fluid pressure in 3D Cascadia dynamic rupture simulations", 2025, Seismica)

Dynamic rupture (informed by slip deficit models) at Cascadia





- Geodetic slip deficit models (SDMs) informed singleevent dynamic ruptures
- 22 dynamic rupture scenarios to unravel the dynamic trade-offs of assumptions for SDMs, rigidity, and pore fluid pressure
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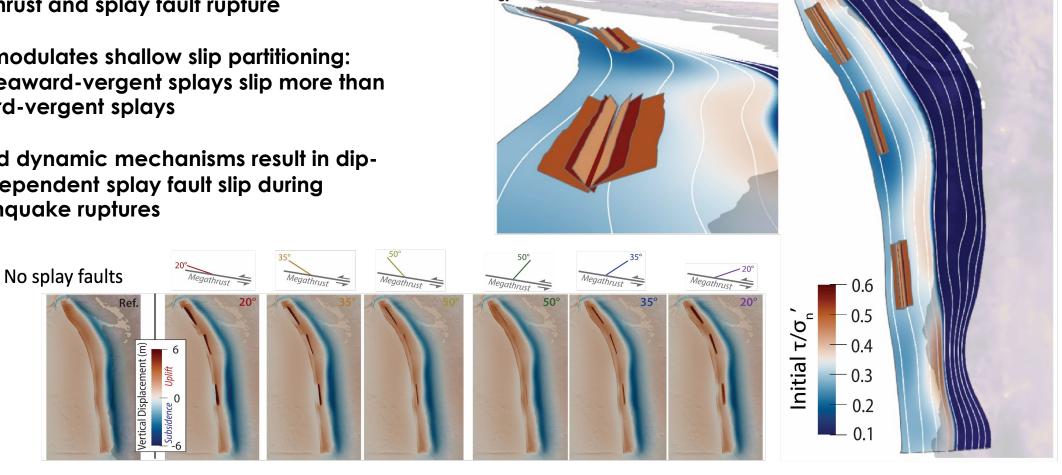


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Dynamic Rupture (with splays) + Tsunamigenesis at Cascadia



- 3D dynamic rupture models of Cascadia subduction zone earthquakes reveal coseismic competition between megathrust and splay fault rupture
- Fault geometry modulates shallow slip partitioning: gently dipping seaward-vergent splays slip more than steeper, landward-vergent splays
- Distinct static and dynamic mechanisms result in dipand vergence-dependent splay fault slip during megathrust earthquake ruptures



James Biemiller, Alice Gabriel, Lydia Staisch, Thomas Ulrich, Audrey Dunham, Madeleine Lucas, Anna Ledeczi, Harold Tobin, Erin Wirth, Janet Watt, Ruth Harris, in press, AGU Advances

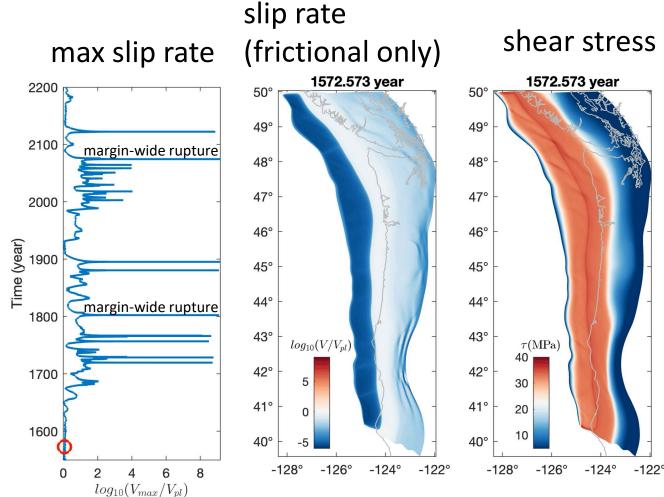
DET: 3D Earthquake Cycle Simulations



1. steady state fluid model to set pore pressure and effective normal stress

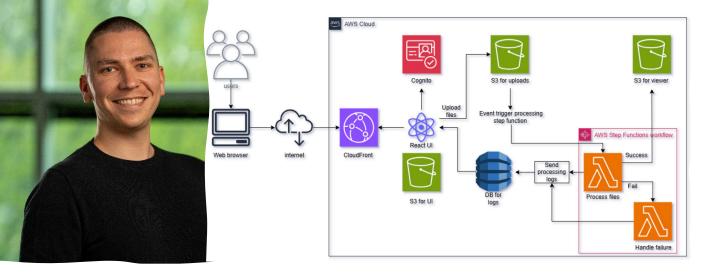
2. project effective stress vs depth along strike for 3D modeling

3. cycle simulations(with **fixed pore pressure**)



Work by Wenqiang Zhang, So Ozawa, Eric Dunham

Slab 2.0 geometry (Hayes, 2018)





Earthquake Dynamic Rupture, Seismic Cycle and Tsunami Code Verification Platform

Led by Loic Bachelot & Amanda Thomas, with Fabian Kutschera, Alice Gabriel



- The CRESCENT Code Verification Platform provides a cloud-based, open-access system for verifying and comparing earthquake, tsunami, and earthquake-cycle simulation codes across the community
- The platform enables standardized community benchmarks, interactive visualization, and future extensions toward automated quantitative metrics between models advancing reproducibility and trust in complex geophysical simulations

DET Updates:

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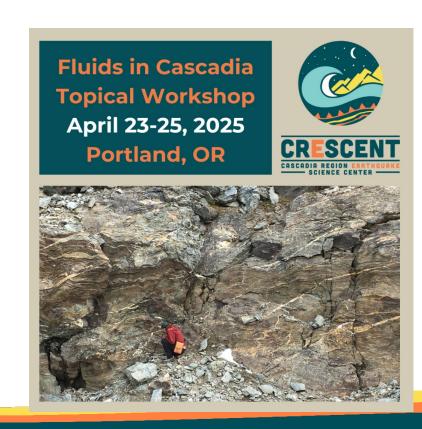
Dynamic rupture benchmark (with SCEC/USGS)

CRESCENT Tsunami Benchmark (with SCEC/USGS)

Fluids in Cascadia Topical Workshop

Continued **Platform** Development with CRESCENT developers (thanks Loic!)

Ongoing science projects – see posters & talks (and publications)



3D EQ cycle code development & initial benchmark - joint with SCEC SEAS

DET Goals



Tsunami modeling (coupled with dynamic rupture) and validation with paleoseismic data

Integration with CVM (3D elastic heterogeneities, not just layered) & CFM (alternative slab models)

EQ cycle code development & additional benchmarking; initial steps toward integration of viscoelasticity, fluid transport.

Coupled **earthquake + tsunami** modeling in self-consistent framework

Fully **3D EQ cycle** code development & additional benchmarking with integrated viscoelasticity, fluid transport, CFM, and CVM.

Coupled earthquake+tsunami modeling for hazard assessment.

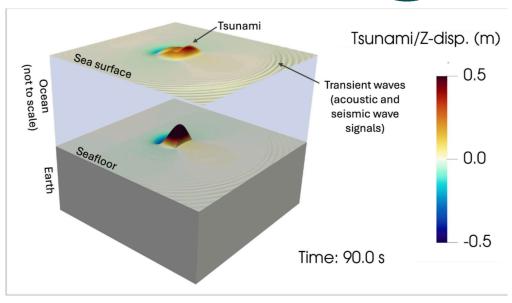


Figure by Fabian Kutschera and Loïc Bachelot

CRESCENT Topical Workshop

Tian Sun, Ignacio Sepulveda & Alice Gabriel

SHALLOW RUPTURE AND TSUNAMIGENESIS

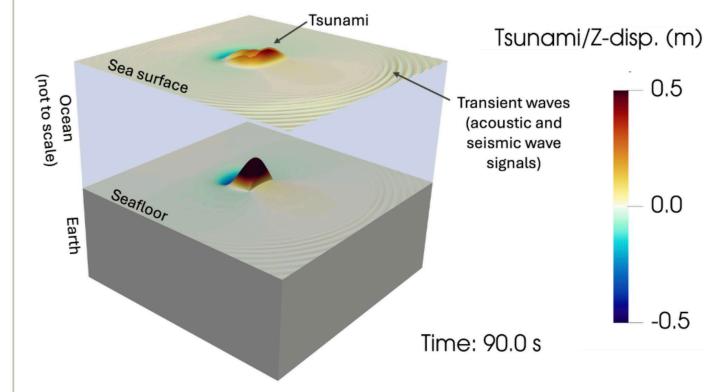
May 28-29, 2026, University of Oregon, Eugene

DET Year 4 Goals



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Ground Failure SIG

 Landslides, liquefaction, and lateral spreading are among the key cascading hazards of earthquakes in the PNW



- bring together researchers on the potential for (and history of) seismic triggering of these effects
- Consider them on a regionally-consistent, quantitative basis
- Facilitate translation of the WG outputs to useful ground failure information



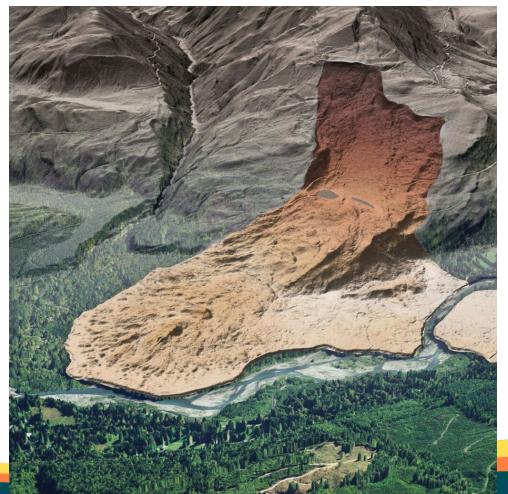
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Cascading Hazards: Landslides, **Liquefaction and Ground Failure**

Earthquakes drive significant ground failure, directly affects post-earthquake recovery.

The Past:

- Leverage expertise and best science to better understand past Cascadia impacts.
- Analysis of past landslides, liquefaction data to constrain past EQ shaking intensity.

The Present:

- Expand on CRESCENT science products to constrain ground failure impacts to communities, lifelines.
- Develop tools for planners that enable more resilient design and emergency planning.

The Future:

- Evaluate how long hazards remain after shaking.
- Evaluate best practices for recovery.





Ground Failure Workshop

Hosted in-person Ground Failure workshop in Newport in March 2025

- >30 Attendees from across US, Canada
- Planners, state/federal partners, researchers
- Focused on state of knowledge, needs, opportunities based on objectives.
- Consensus/discussion on important ground failure questions and needs in Cascadia.

Review Paper planned with three key themes:

- Looking at Ground Failure from Past EQs
- Ground Failure on the Day of the EQ
- The Legacy of EQs and Data Collection Strategies
- Want to be involved? Reach out to Ben Leshchinsky!

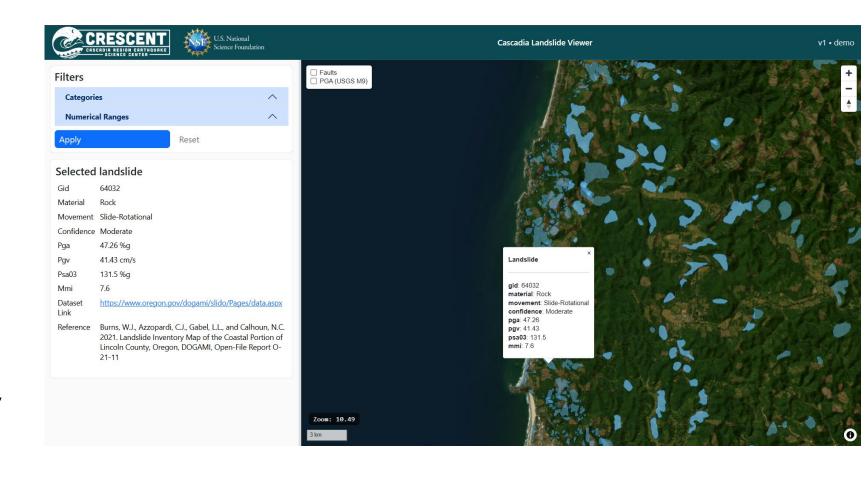


Landslide Viewer

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CASCADIA REGION EARTHQUAKE
SCIENCE CENTER

- New effort by Loic Bachelot, Prasaya Acharya, Ben Leshchinsky
- Hosting referenced landslide inventories from Canada, US.
- Consistent metadata for landslides.
- Can query, export data by M_w9.0 PGA, PGV, landslide type, any metadata
- Upload function for sharing ground failure data online soon.
- Next steps: added functionality, curation of new databases, gathering feedback.



https://cascadiaquakes.org

Ground Motion Models (GMM) SIG

- Take the knowledge coming from the other WGs – fault architecture, rupture models, seismic velocity structure – and translate that into state-of-theart estimates of shaking
- Develop roadmaps to improved practice in the PNW



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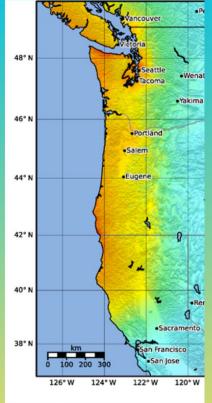
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excerpt image from Wirth et al. (2021)

postponed...

Offshore Observations SIG

- Advance the frontier of data collection relevant to the earthquake system beyond the shoreline
- Held a workshop yesterday!



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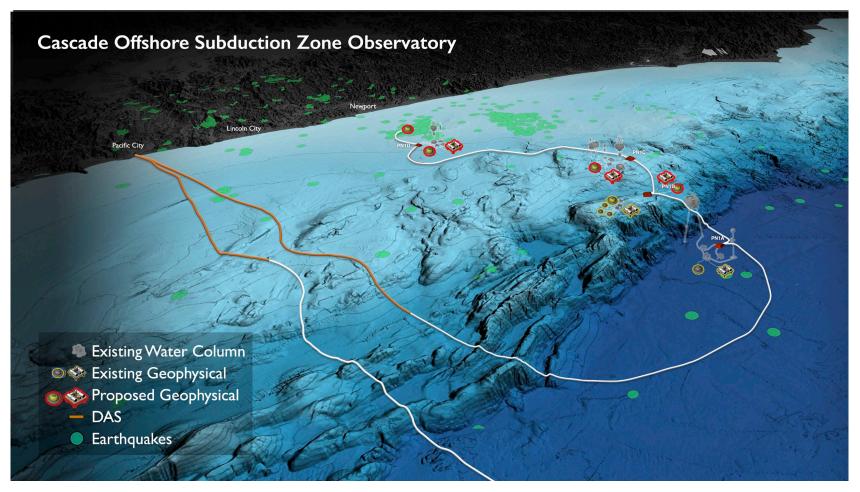


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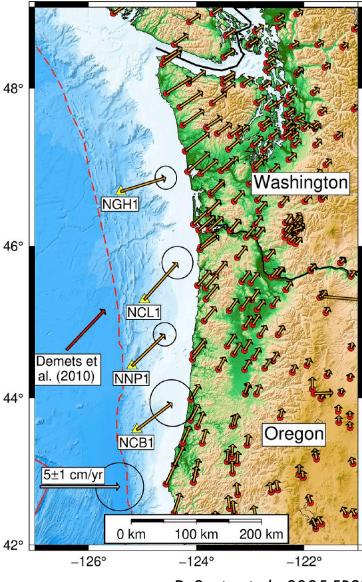


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Offshore Observations SIG



Cabled seafloor observatories



DeSanto et al., 2025 EPSL

Seafloor geodesy

CRESCENT is weaving a web of data, models, and methods while building a vibrant research community

The developing whole is much greater than the sum of its parts



