

Ocean bottom data

The observation record of the ocean bottom pressure gauge. At around 14:46, the ground motion of the earthquake (M9) reaches the pressure gauge and at TM1 (coast-side), the sea level is gradually rising from that point.

The sea level rose 2 m, and after 11 minutes, the level went drastically up to 3m, which makes 5 m of elevation in total. At TM2: located 30km toward the land, a same elevation of sea level was recorded with 4 minutes delay from TM1.

釜石沖海底ケーブル式地震計システムで観測された海面変動

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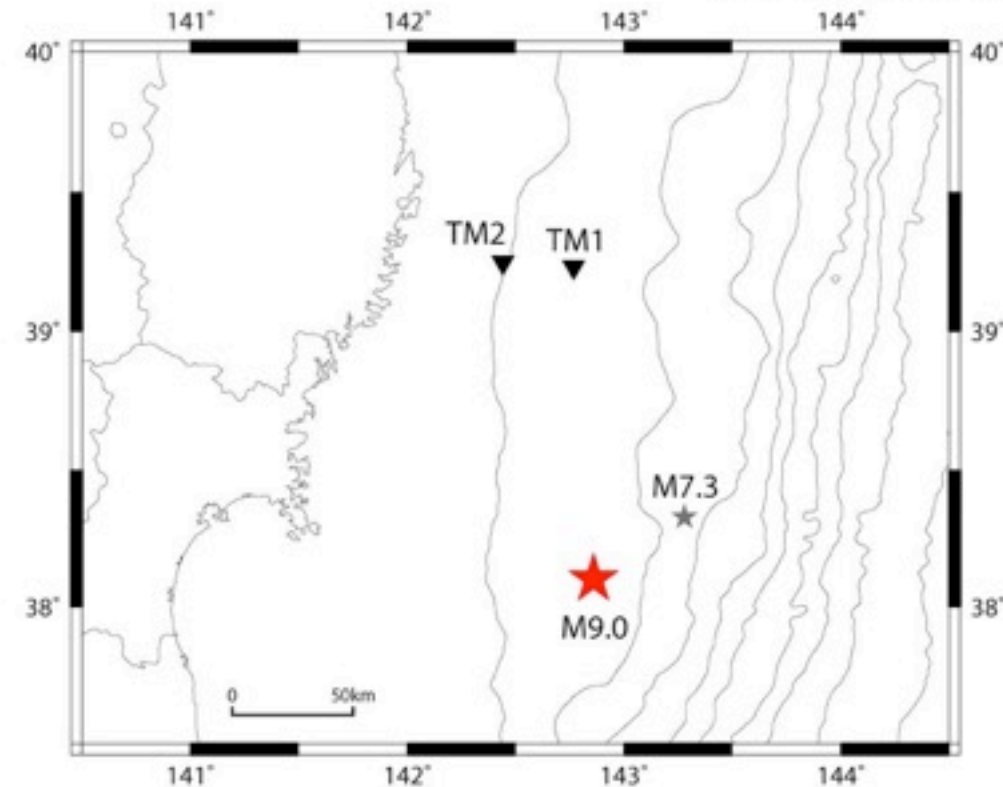


図1 釜石沖ケーブル式海底水圧計の位置

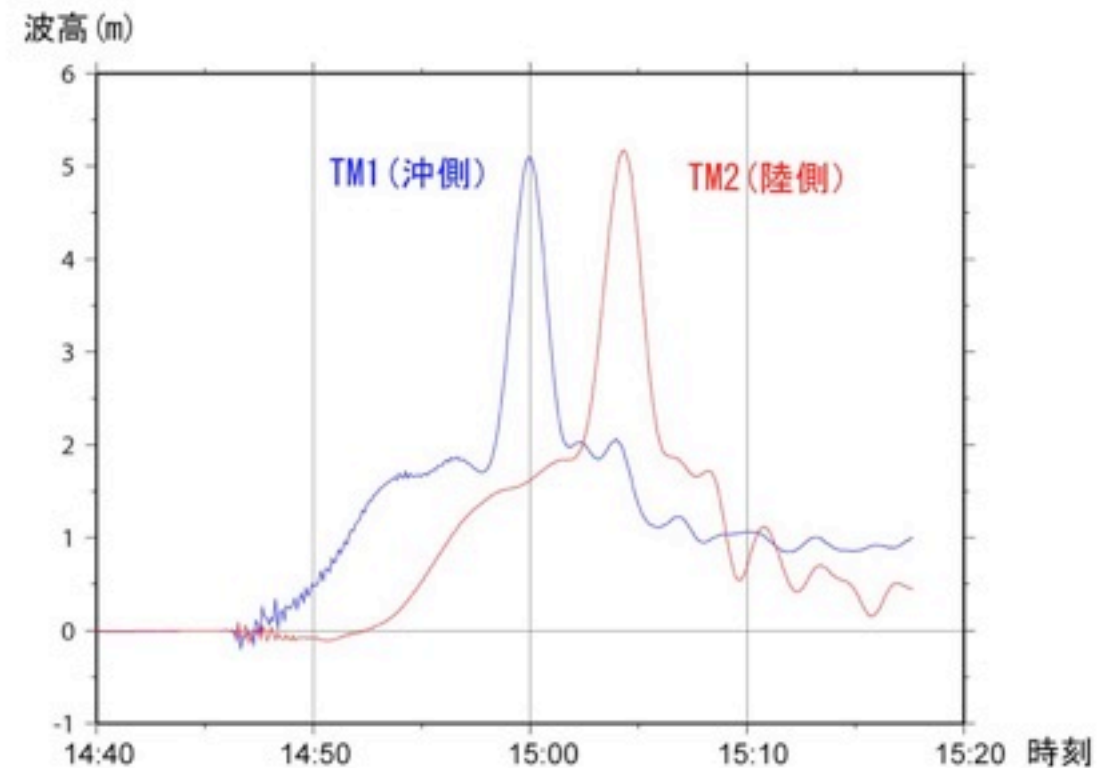
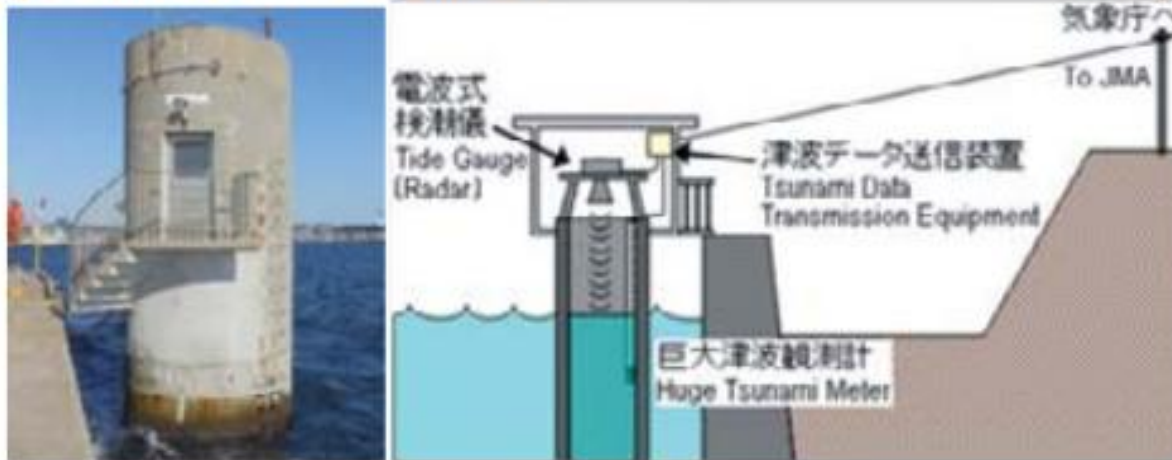


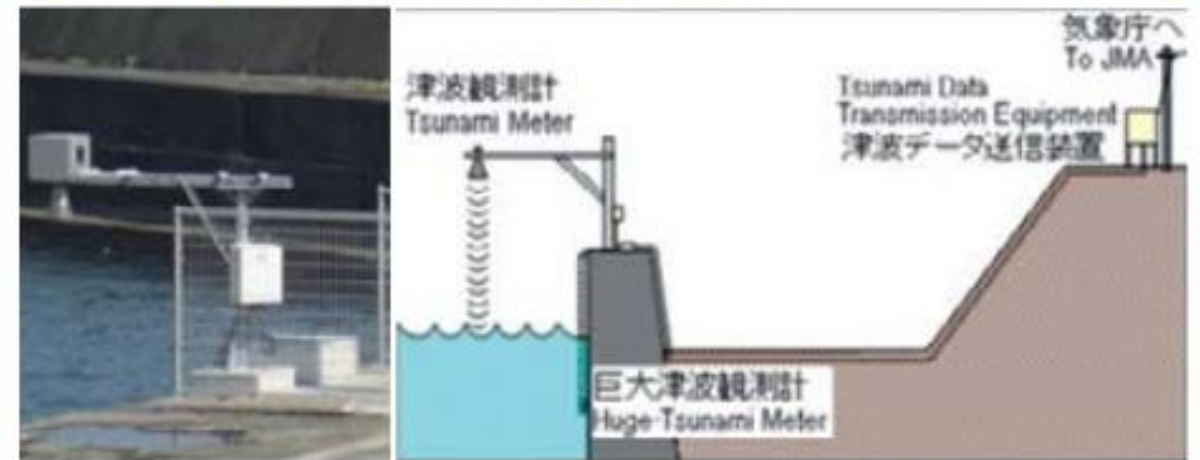
図2 海底水圧計の観測記録。14時46分頃、本震(M9.0)の振動が水圧計に伝わり、TM1(海寄り)では、その時から徐々に海面が上昇している。約2m上昇し、約11分後にはさらに約3m急激に上昇し、合計約5m海面が上昇した。約30km陸寄りに設置されているTM2では、TM1から約4分遅れて同様の海面上昇を記録した。

Tsunami measurements

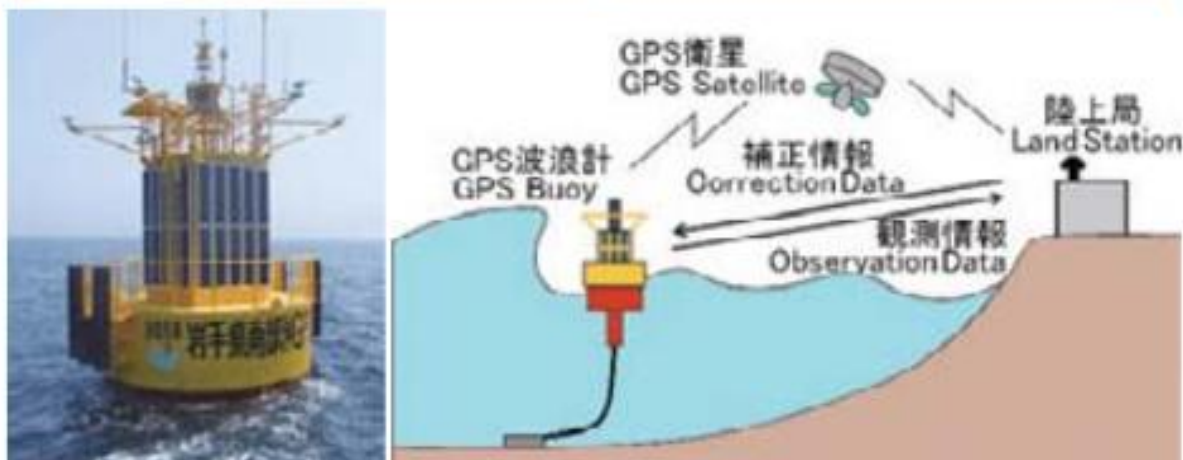
● 潮位計 Tide gauge



● 津波観測計 Tsunami meter



■ GPS波浪計 GPS buoy

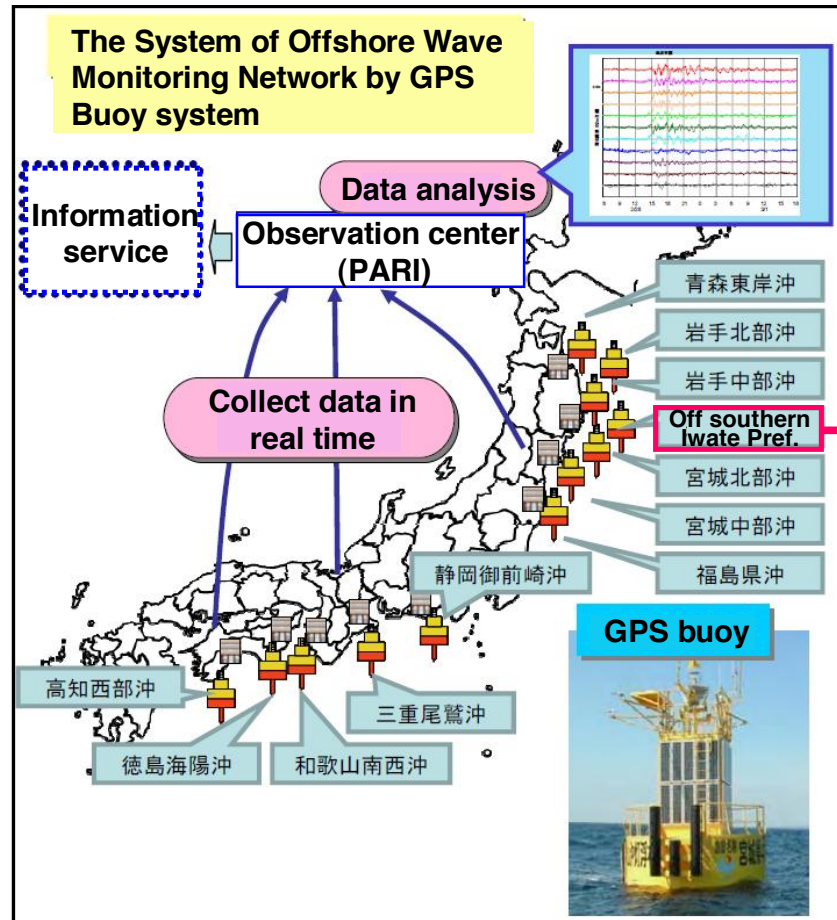


▲ 沖合水圧計 Offshore-water-pressure gauge

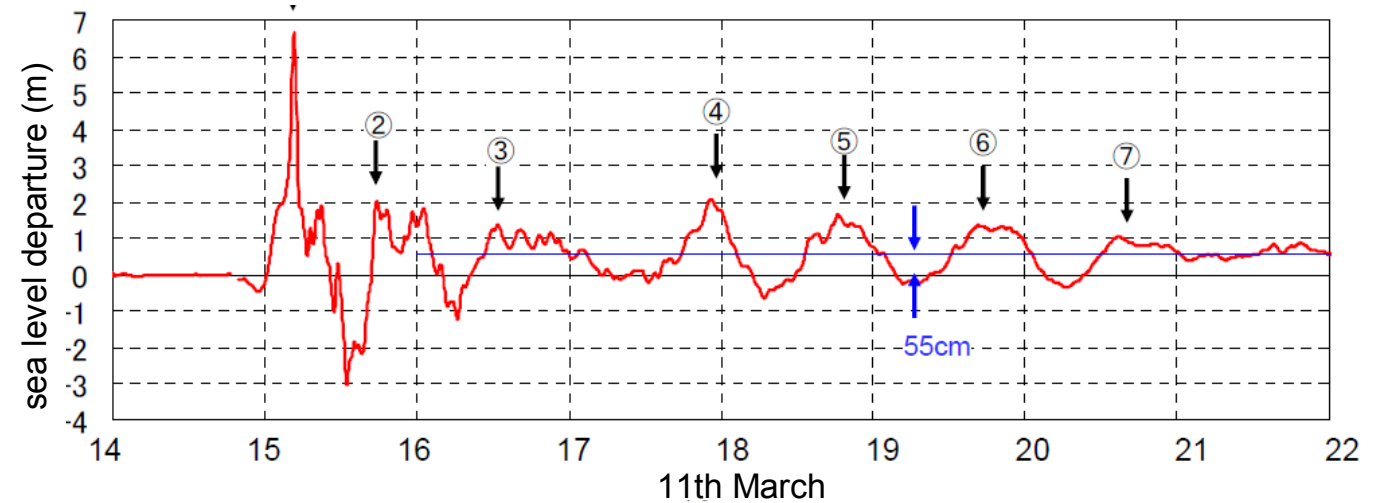


Tide gauges and tsunami meters are used to observe sea levels and tsunamis in coastal areas. When a very large tsunami with heights exceeding the measurement range of these instruments is generated, huge-tsunami meters are used. GPS buoys are installed offshore to detect tsunamis promptly, and offshore-water-pressure gauges are installed farther offshore to help clarify the situation of tsunamis in their early stages.

Tsunami wave characteristics



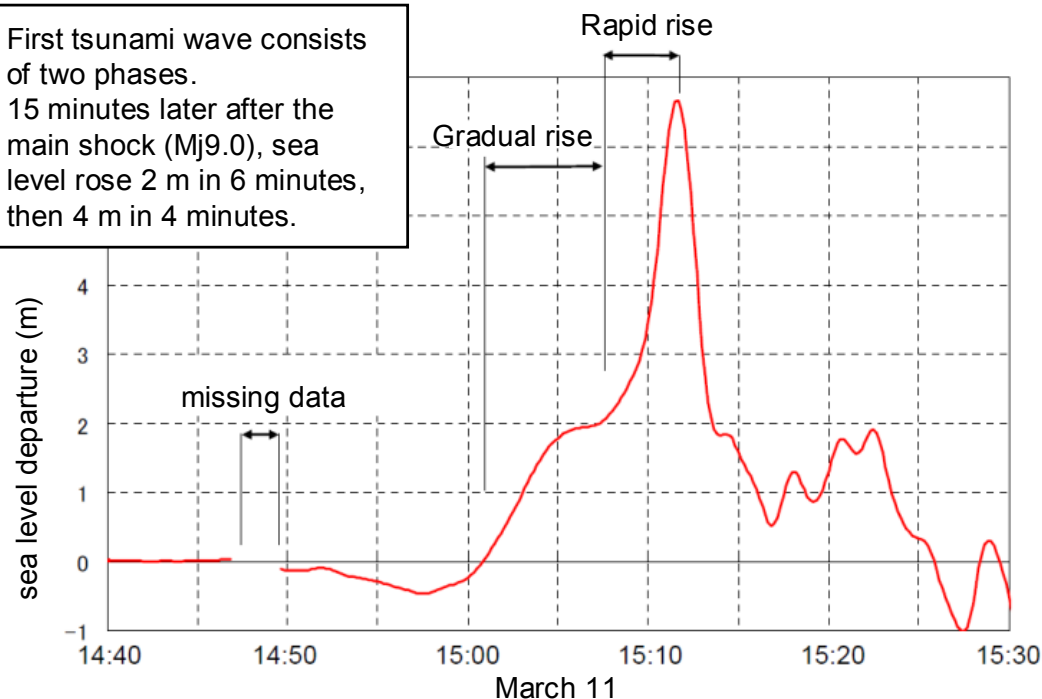
Tsunami waveform record from GPS buoy data off southern Iwate Pref. (204m off Kamaishi)



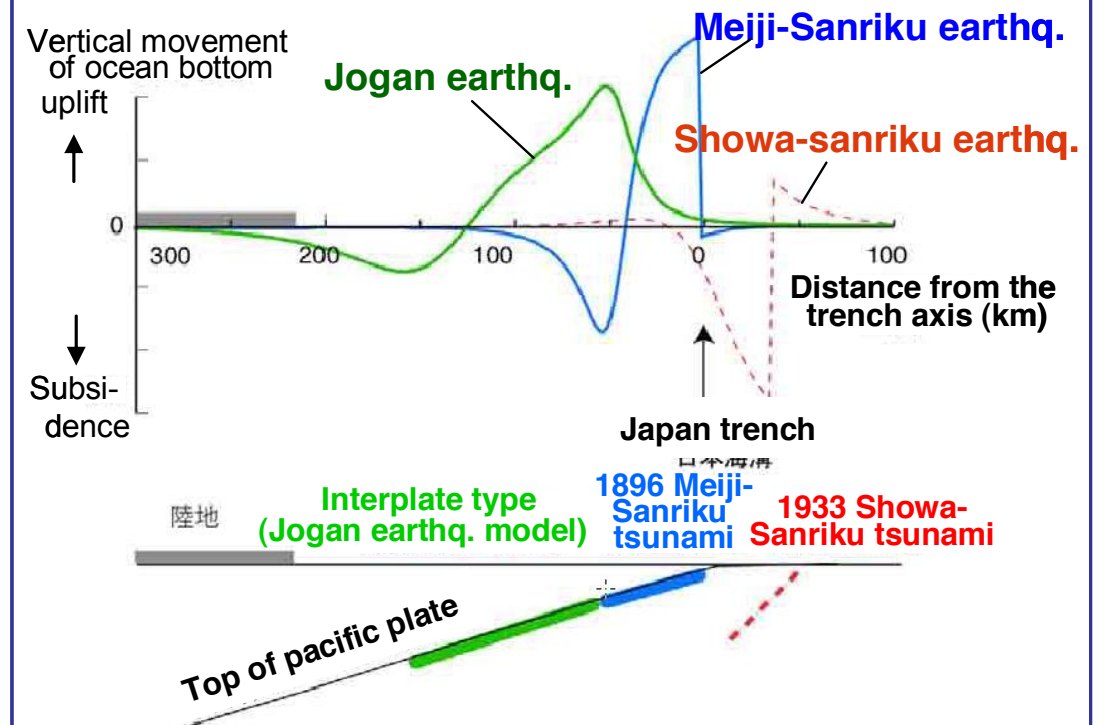
- The maximum wave height was 6.7 m (first wave) off southern Iwate Pref. at 15:12.
- First tsunami wave was extremely high.
- Wave period
 - First to third tsunami wave: irregular period
 - Fourth to seventh tsunami wave: about 50 minutes period
- Total amount of rise in average sea level were 55 cm after the earthquake.

Reference: Independent Administrative Institute Port and Airport Research Institute

- First tsunami wave consists of two phases.
- 15 minutes later after the main shock (Mj9.0), sea level rose 2 m in 6 minutes, then 4 m in 4 minutes.

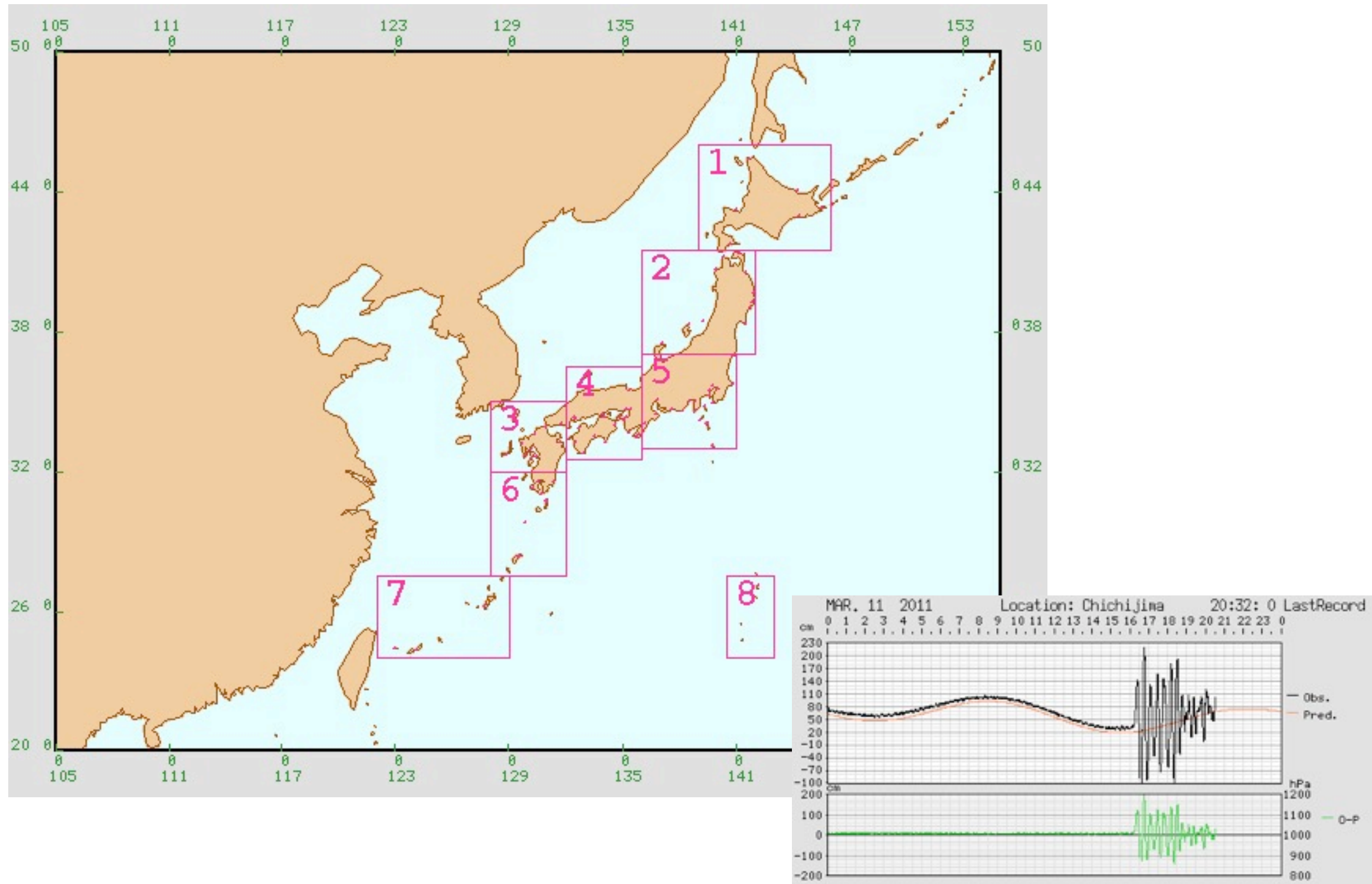


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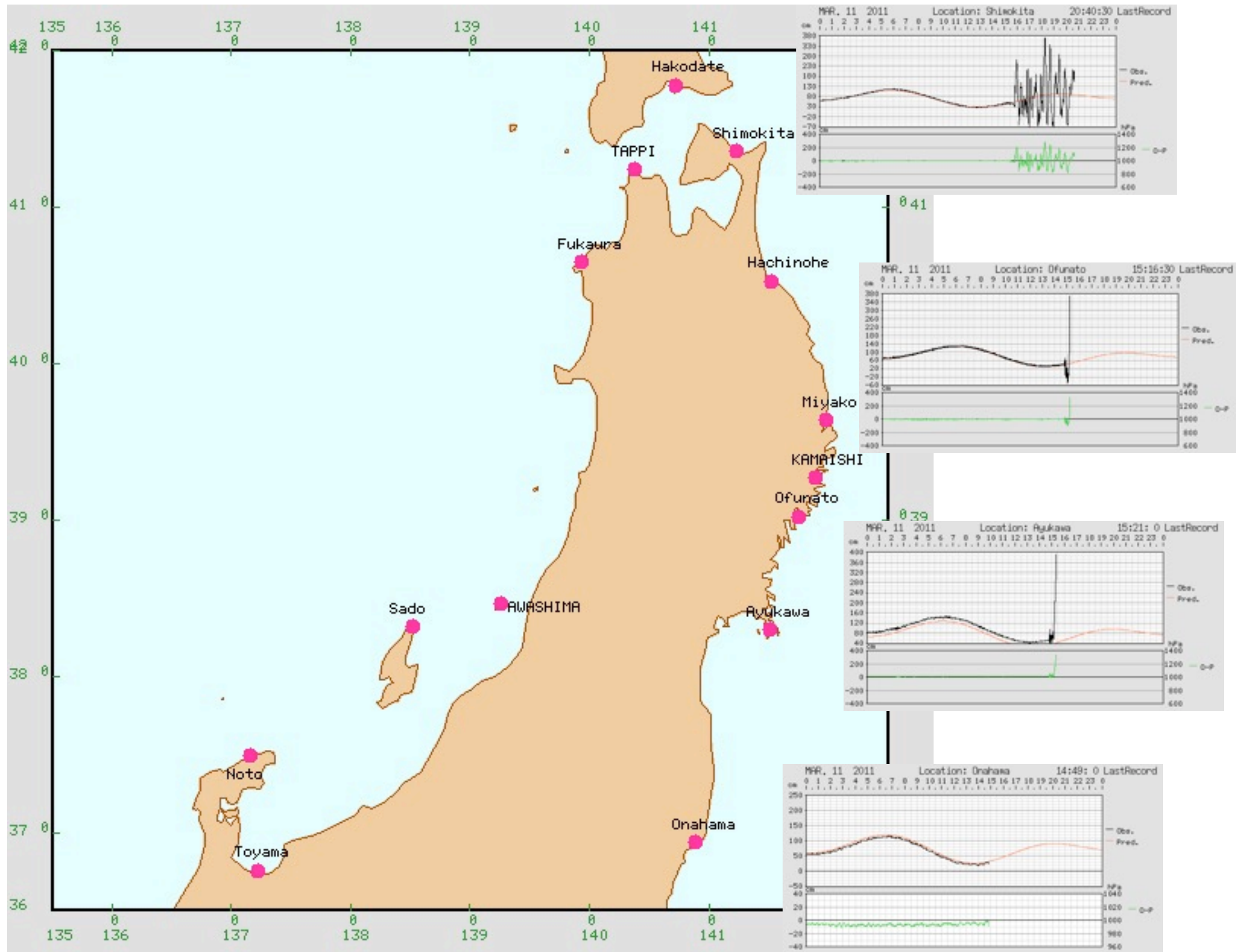


Reference : Satake (2011) Paper preparing for NIED meeting on Apr.17.

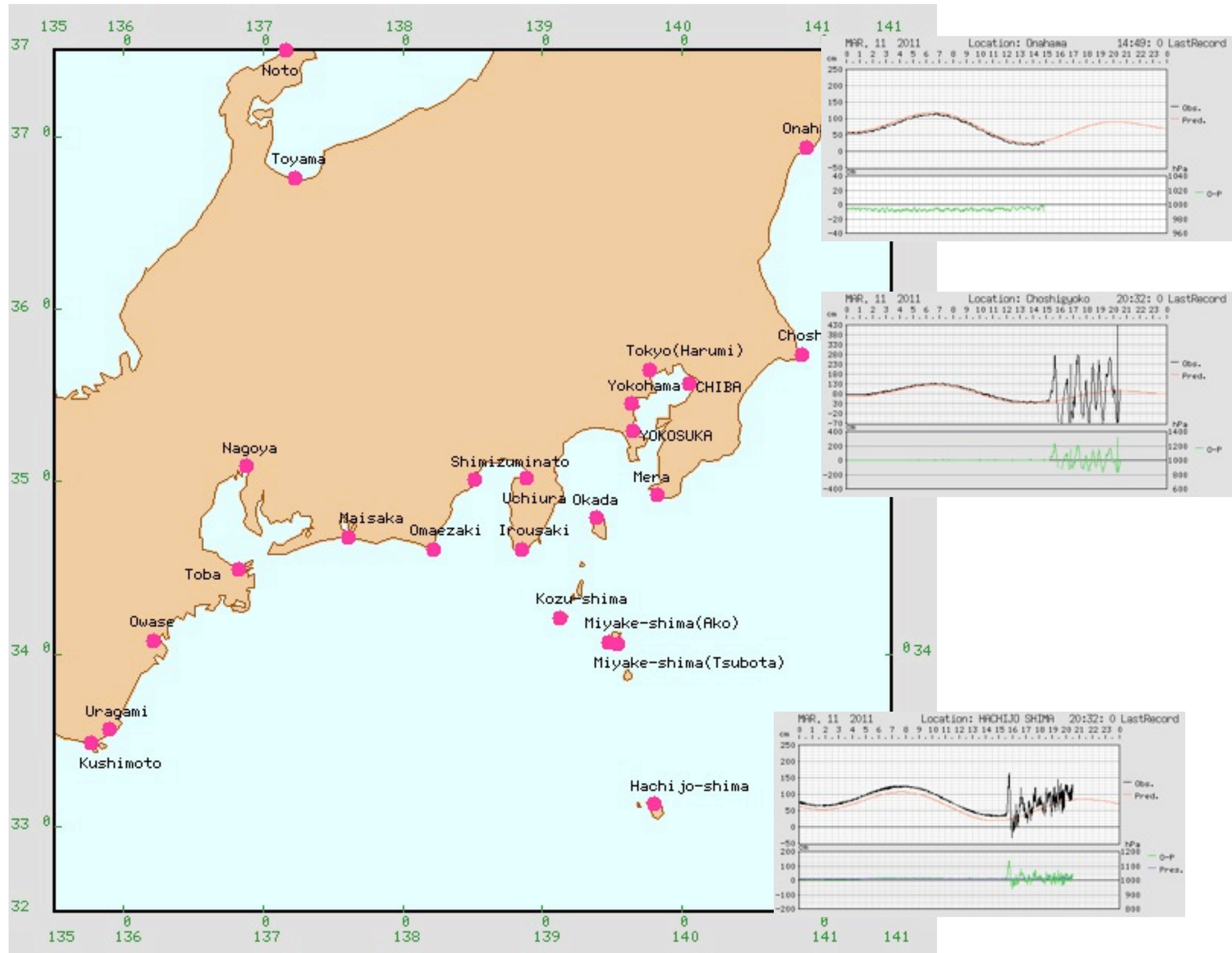
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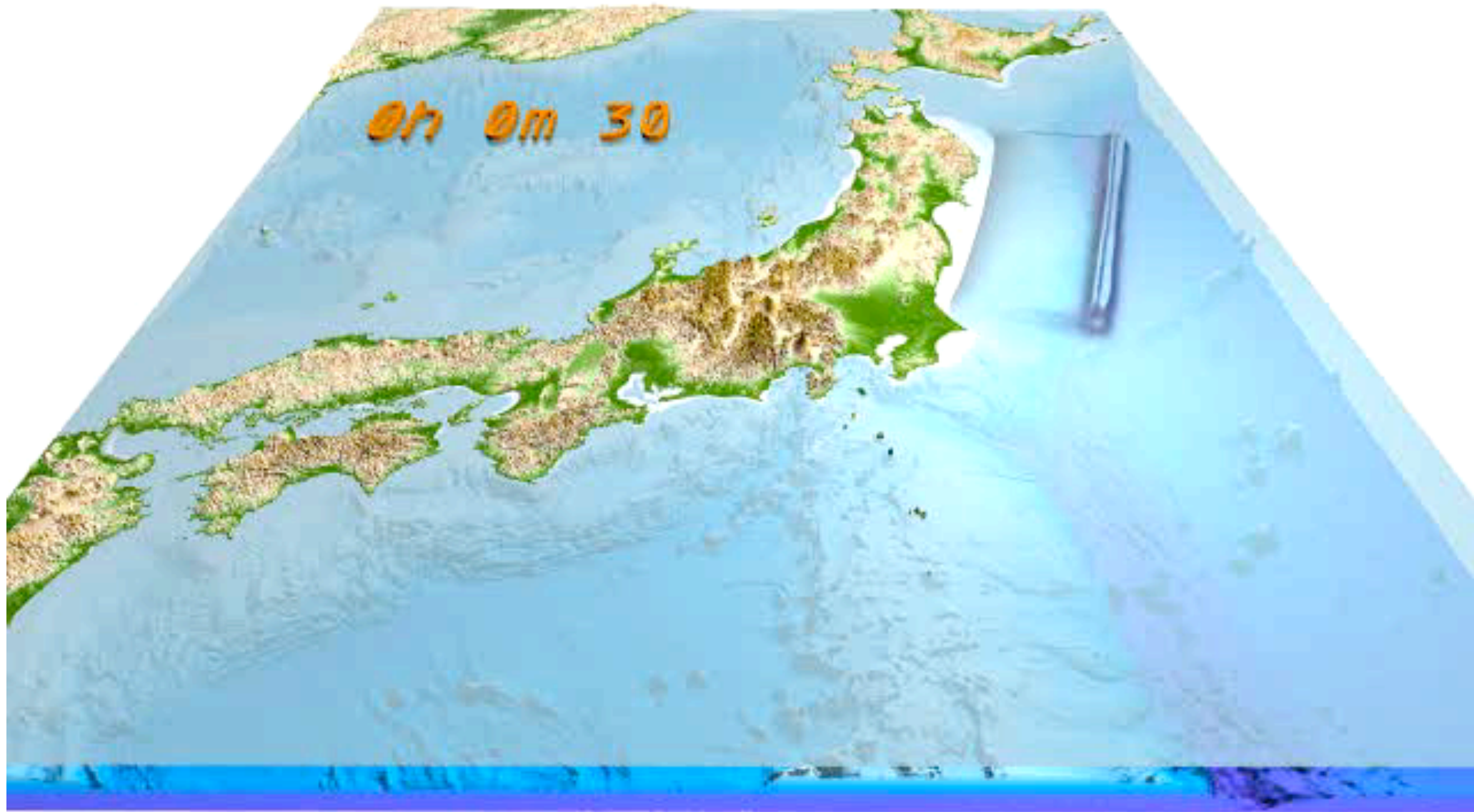
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Tsunami data - DART buoys



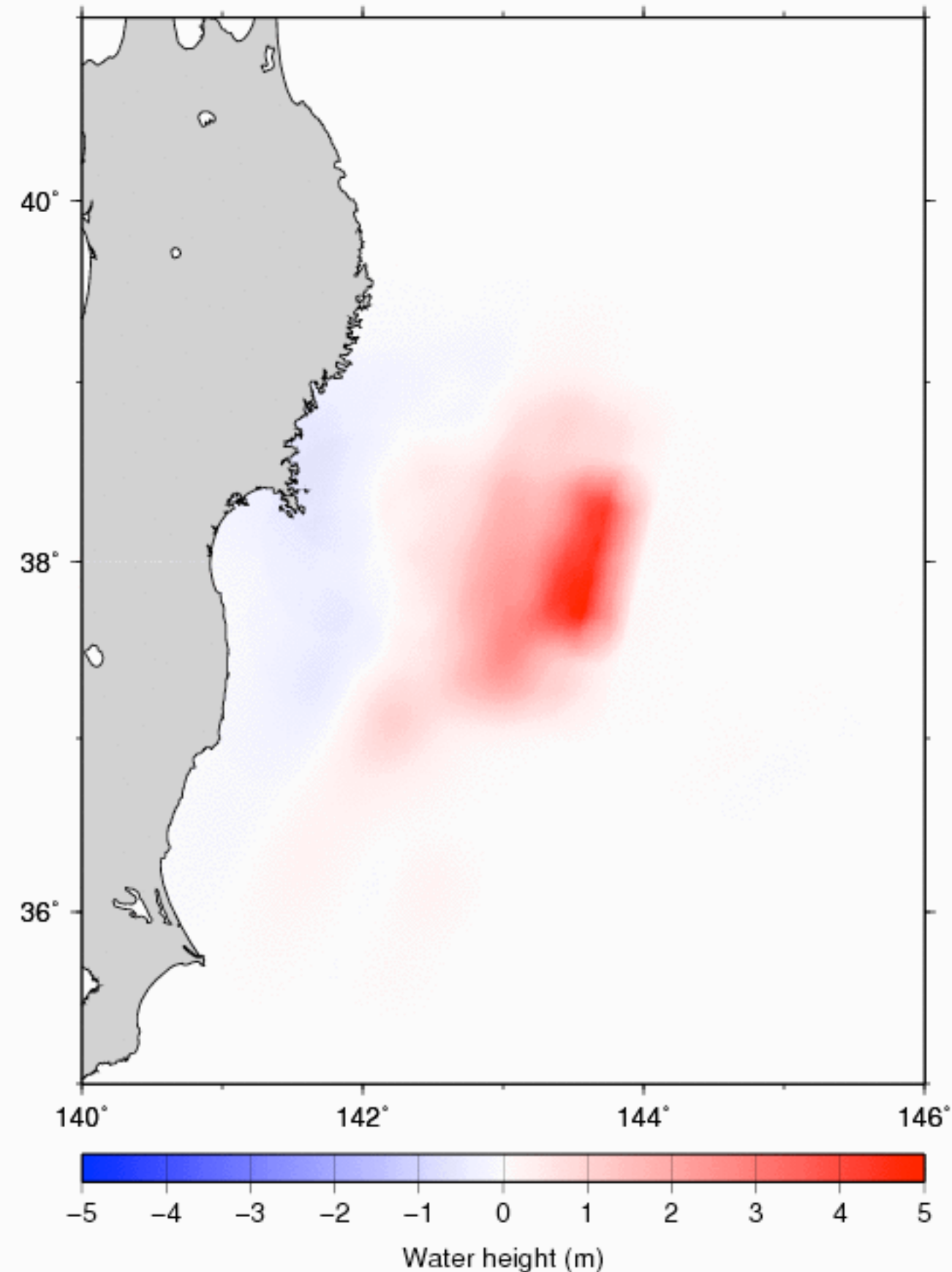
Tsunami animation: time scales...



“Earthquake Research Institute, University of Tokyo, Prof. Takashi Furumura and Project Researcher Takuto Maeda”

Tsunami data and simulations: source

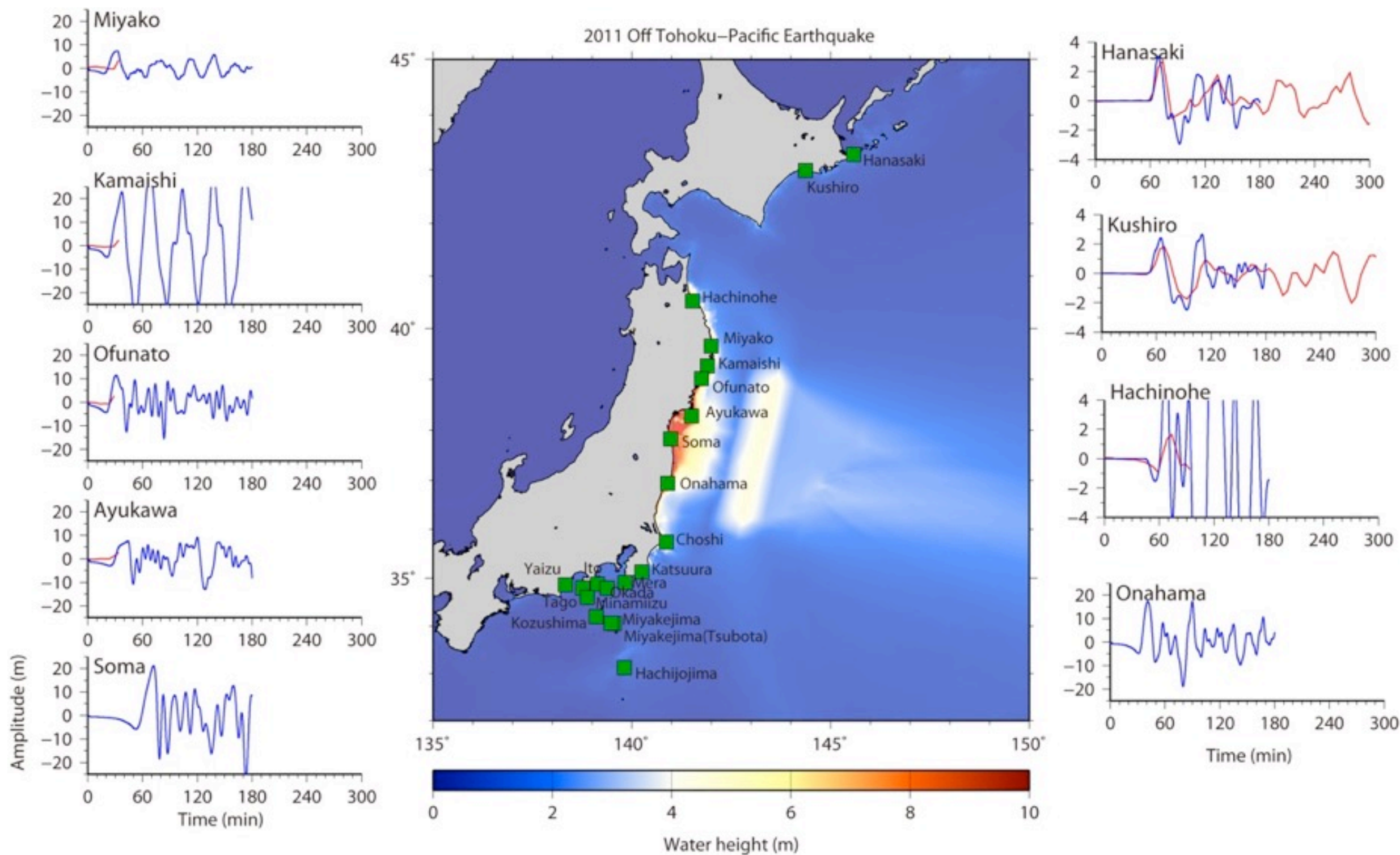
2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku earthquake 0001 min



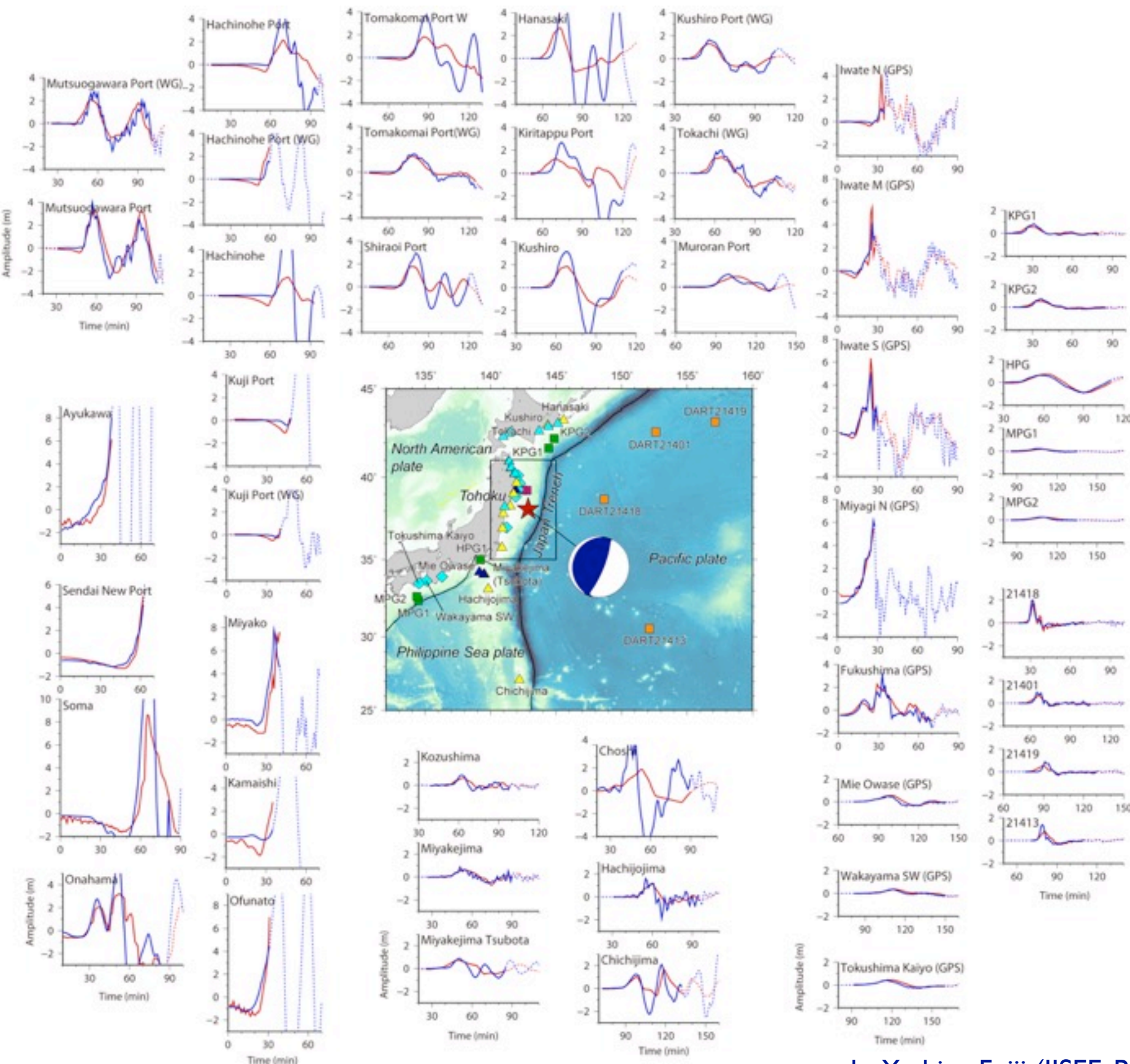
Tsunami Propagation

The red color means that the water surface is higher than normal sea level, while the blue means lower.

Tsunami data and simulations



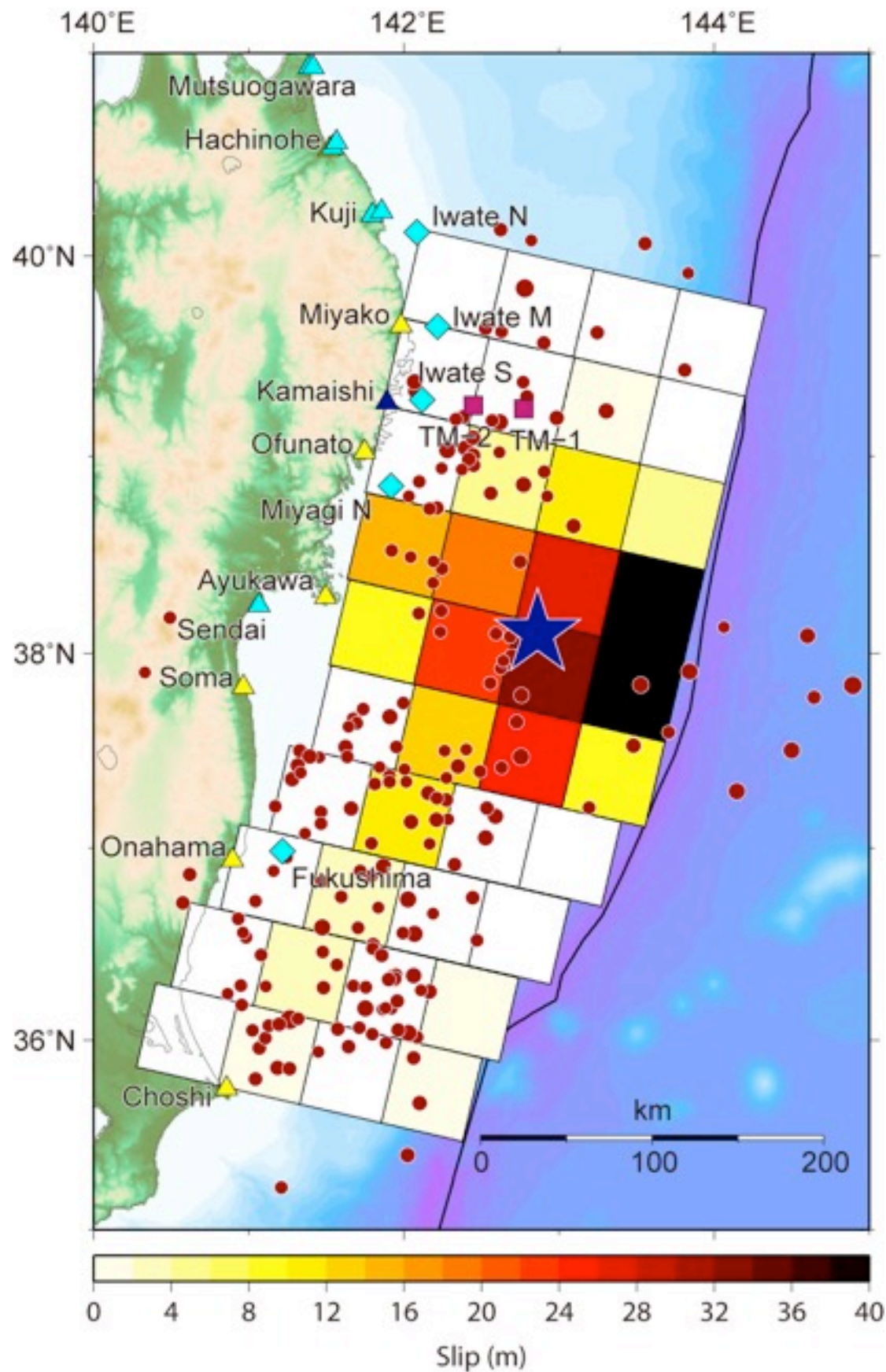
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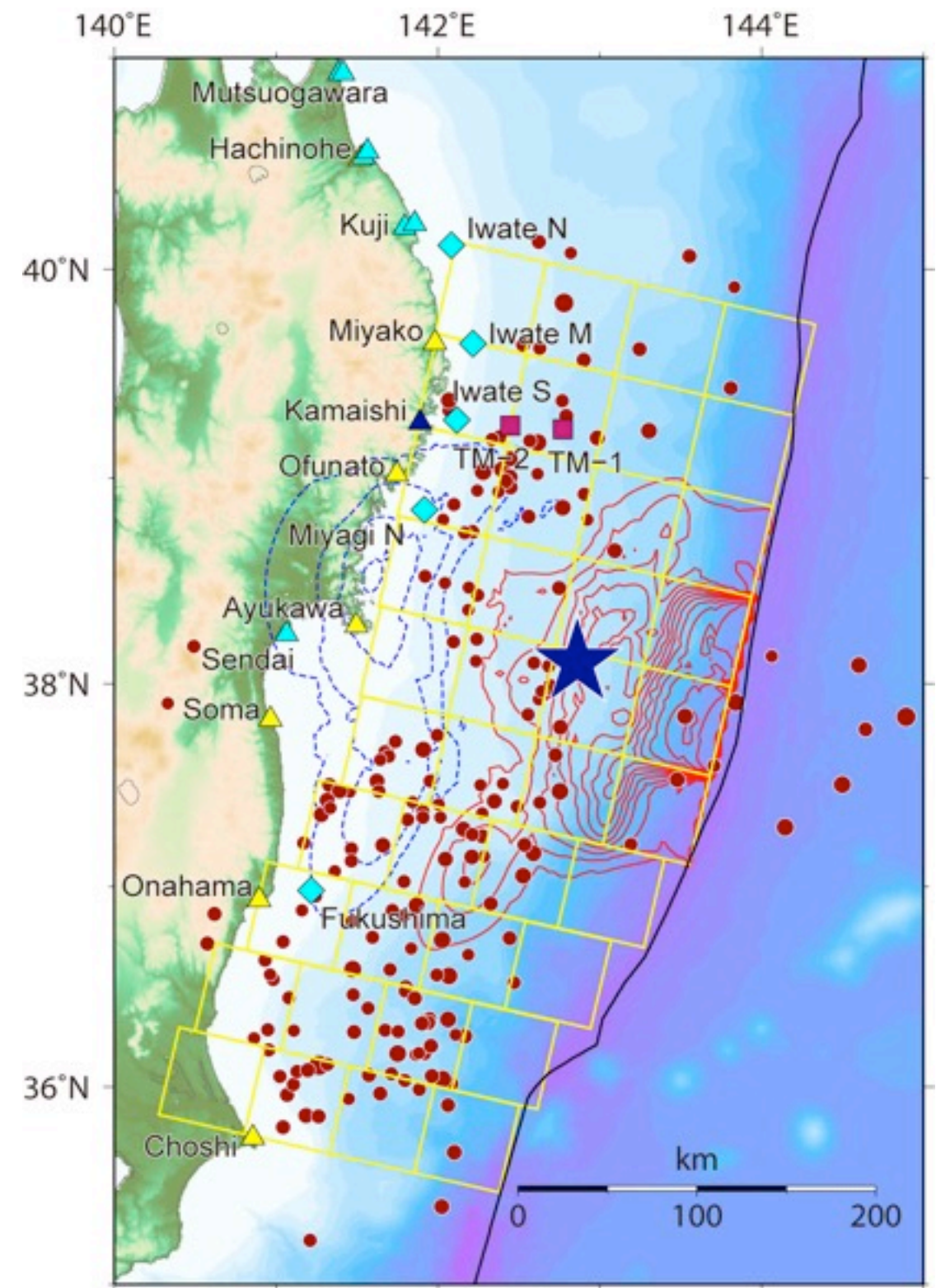
Simulated Tsunami around Japanese coasts

Red and blue lines indicate the observed tsunami waveforms at Japanese tide gauges and ocean bottom tsunami sensors and synthetic ones, respectively. Solid lines show the time windows used for inversion.

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Slip distribution on the fault mode



Calculated seafloor deformation due to the fault model

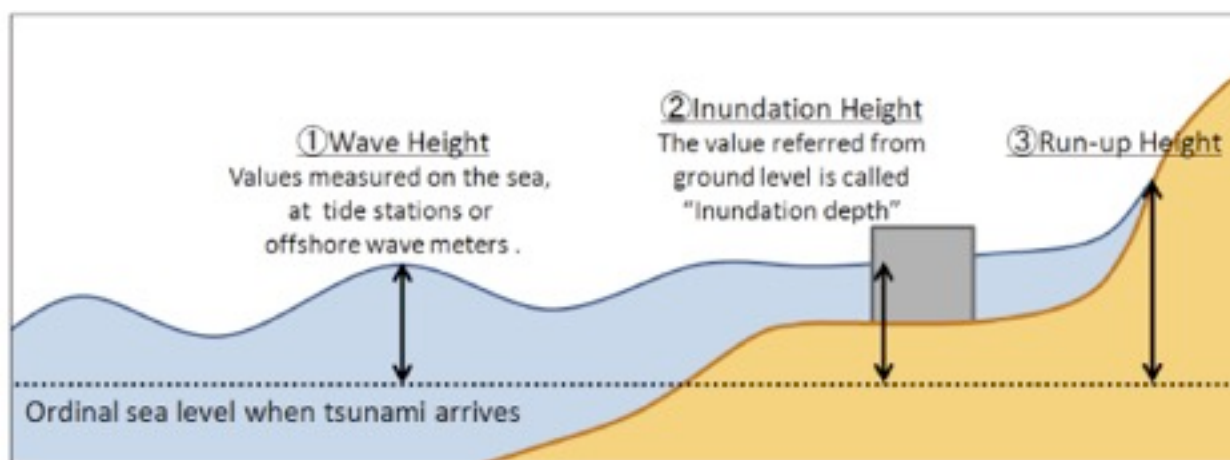
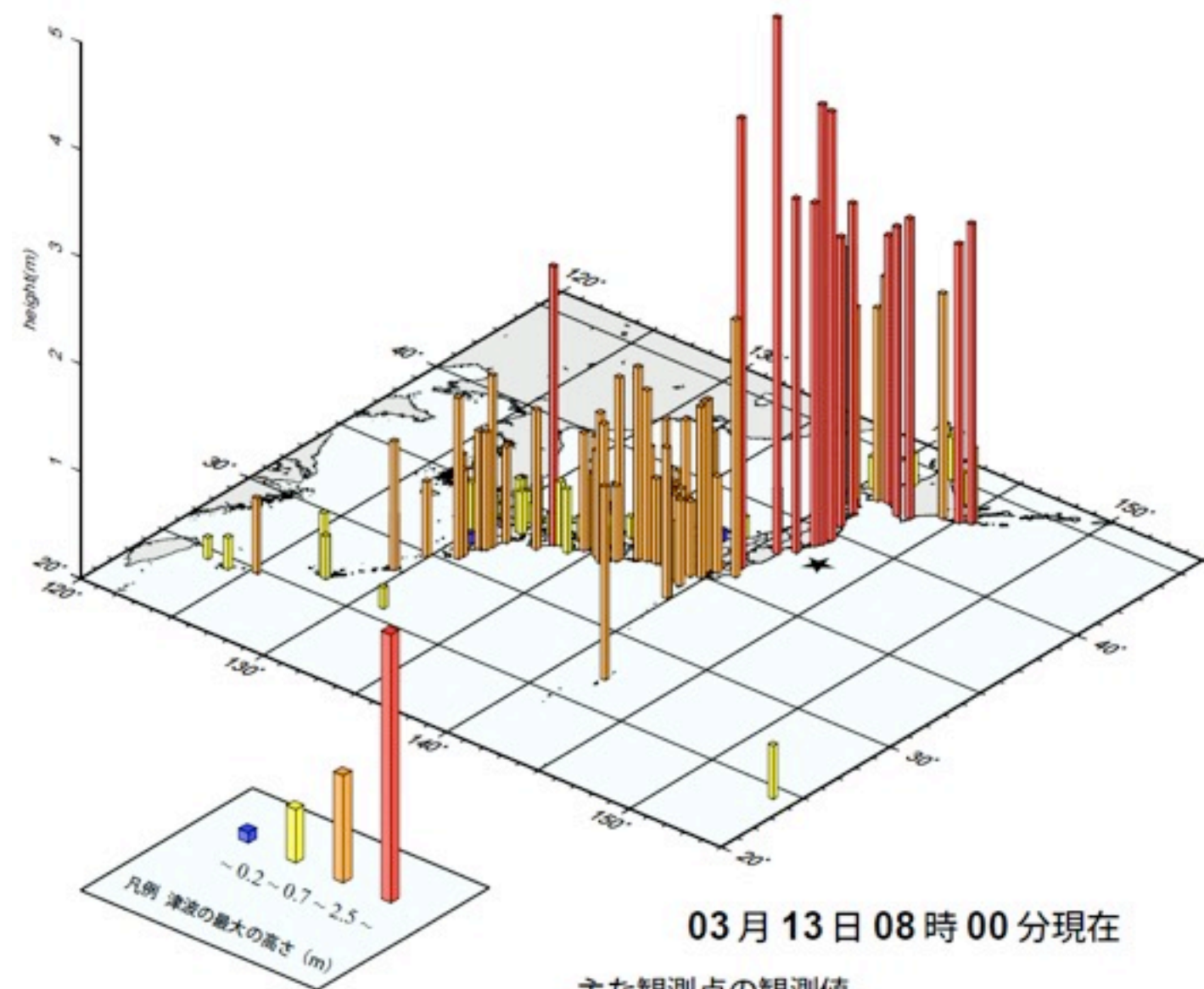
by Yushiro Fujii (IISEE, BRI) and Kenji Satake (ERI, Univ. of Tokyo)
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Distribution of tsunami heights

津波観測状況

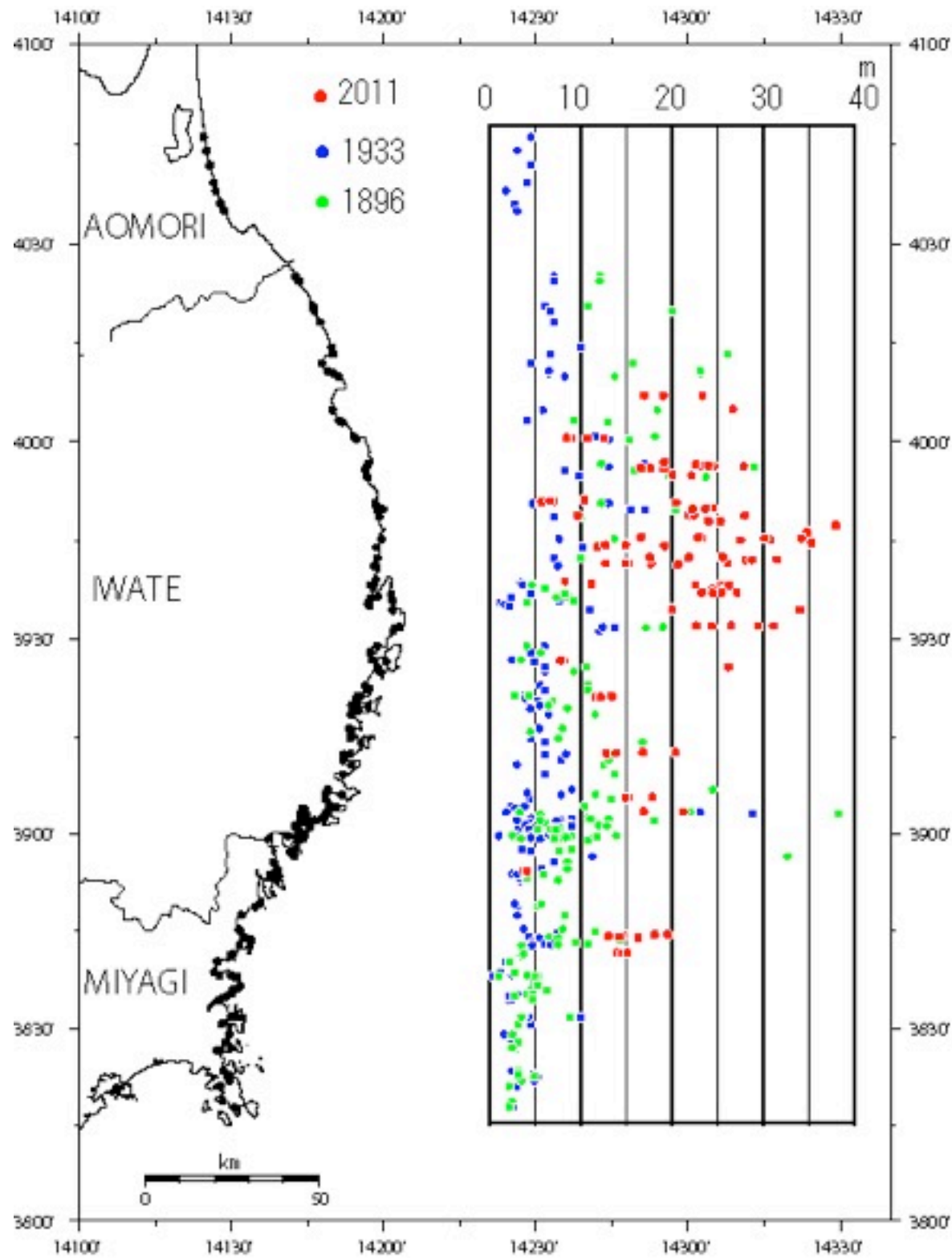
Figure from the Headquarters for Earthquake Research Promotion (at March 13)

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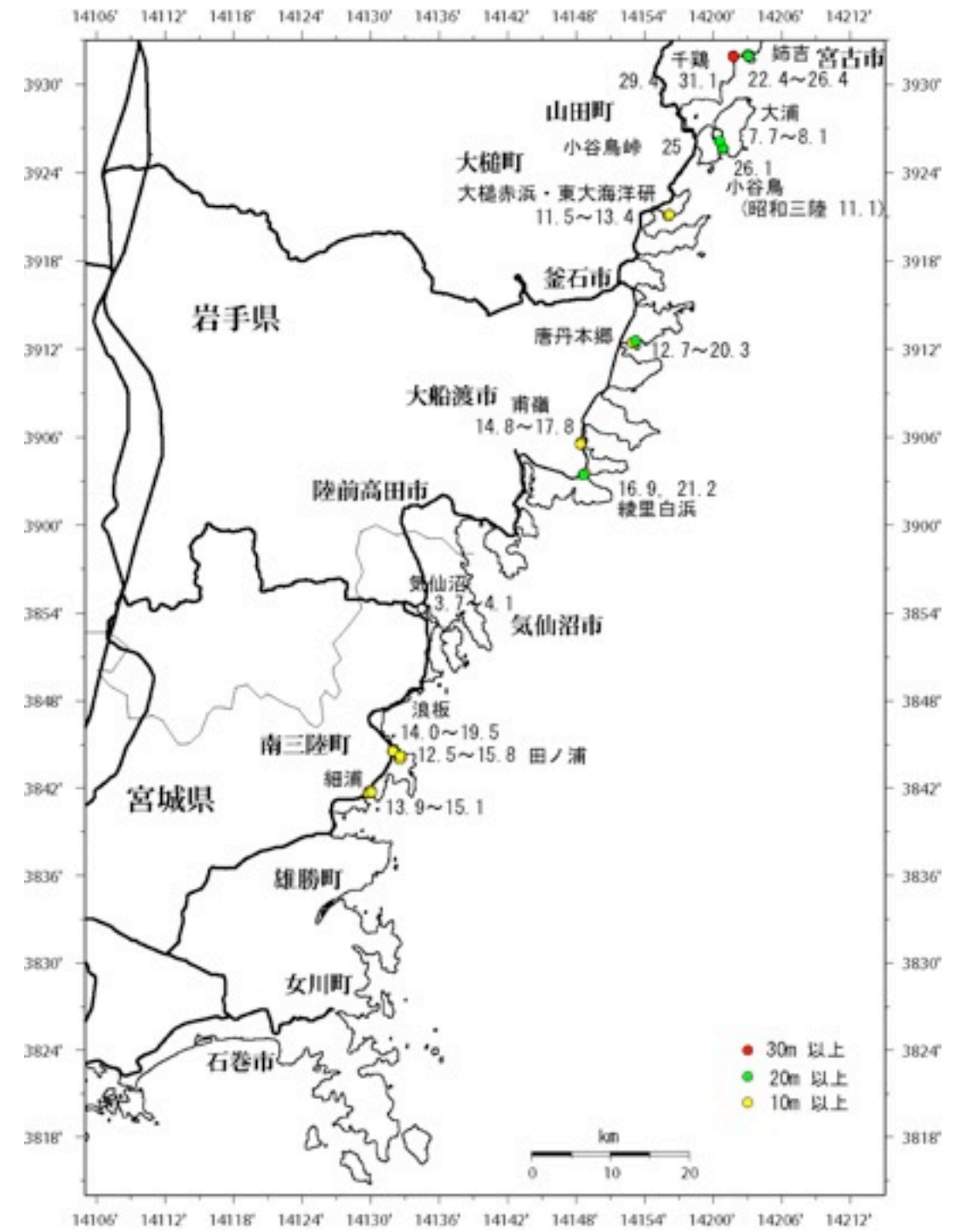


| | 第一波 | | 最大波 | | |
|--------|-------------|----|------|-------------|--------|
| | 時間 | 向き | 高さ | 時間 | 高さ |
| 相馬 | 11日 14時 55分 | 押し | 0.3m | 11日 15時 50分 | 7.3m以上 |
| 大洗 | 11日 15時 15分 | 押し | 1.8m | 11日 16時 52分 | 4.2m |
| 釜石 | 11日 14時 45分 | 引き | 0.1m | 11日 15時 21分 | 4.1m以上 |
| 宮古 | 11日 14時 48分 | 押し | 0.2m | 11日 15時 21分 | 4.0m以上 |
| 石巻市鮎川 | 11日 14時 46分 | 押し | 0.1m | 11日 15時 20分 | 3.3m以上 |
| 大船渡 | 11日 14時 46分 | 引き | 0.2m | 11日 15時 15分 | 3.2m以上 |
| むつ市関根浜 | 11日 15時 20分 | 引き | 0.1m | 11日 18時 16分 | 2.9m |
| 根室市花咲 | 11日 15時 34分 | 引き | 微弱 | 11日 15時 57分 | 2.8m |
| 十勝港 | 11日 15時 26分 | 引き | 0.2m | 11日 15時 57分 | 2.8m以上 |
| 浦河 | 11日 15時 19分 | 引き | 0.2m | 11日 16時 42分 | 2.7m |

Distribution of tsunami heights



Northern sanriku – comparison with the tsunami in Meiji period and Showa period



Southern Sanriku

Tsunami Assessment method for NPP in JSCE, Japan

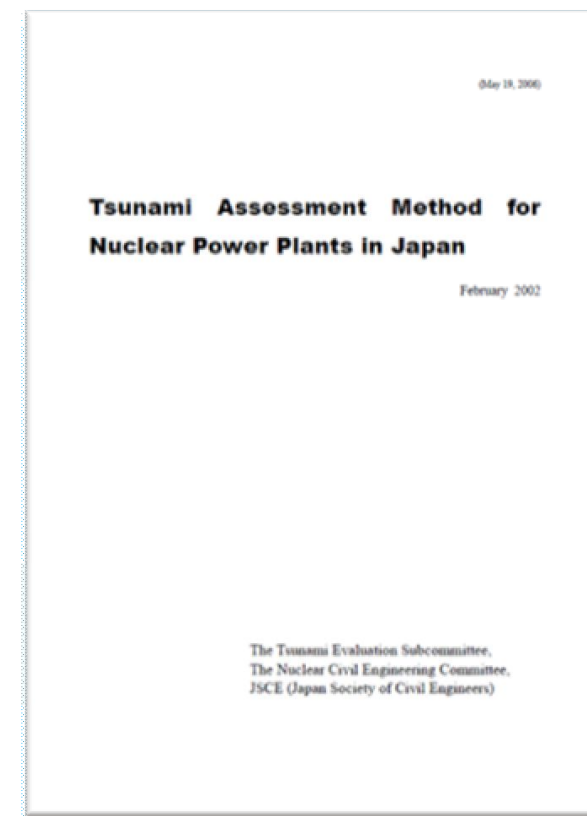
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History of TES

- Phase I 1999-2000
The maximum and minimum water levels by deterministic method
→ "Tsunami assessment method for NPP in Japan" (2002)"
- Phase II 2003-2005
Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Analysis for the max. and min. water levels
Numerical simulation of nonlinear dispersion wave theory with soliton fission and split wave-breaking
Tsunami wave force on breakwater
- Phase III 2006-2008
Topography change due to tsunami
Development of probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Analysis
- Phase IV 2009-2011
Revising of "Tsunami assessment method for NPP in Japan"

Now



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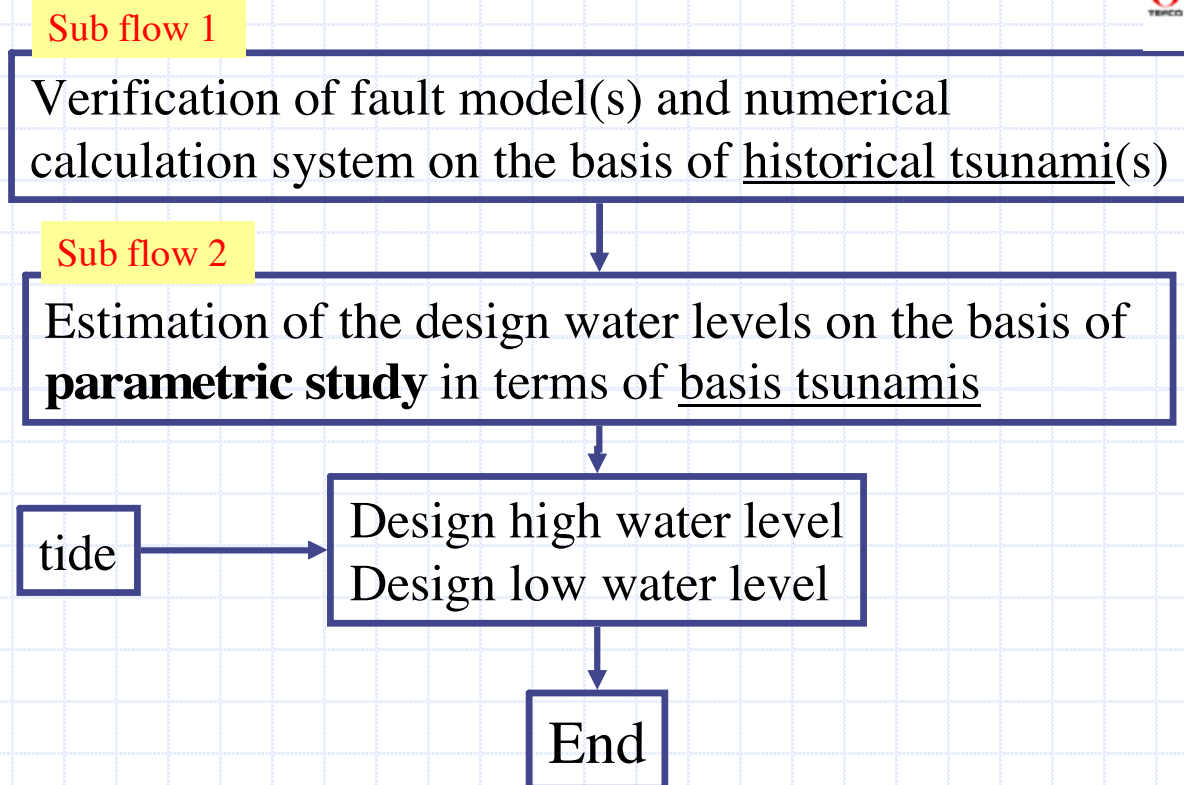
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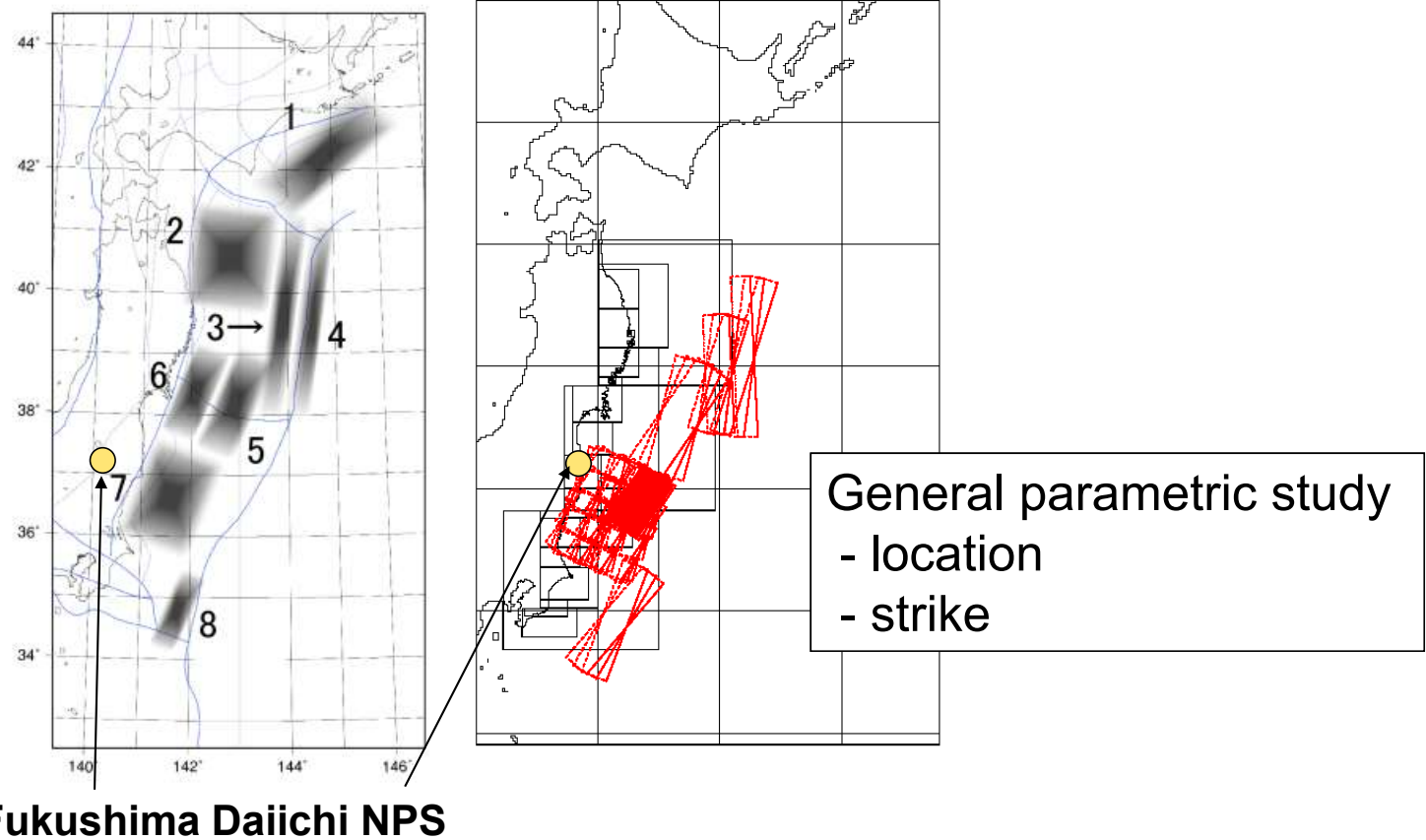
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Deterministic method (2002) Main flow chart



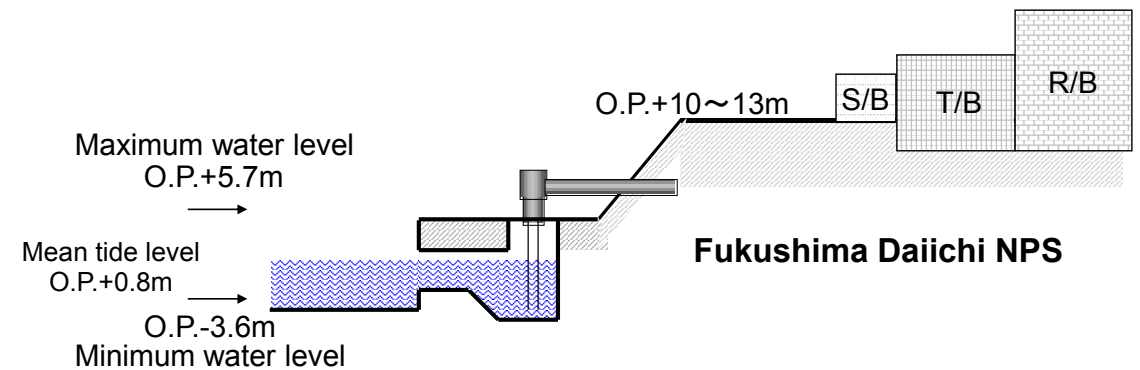
General parametric study in the near field



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Summary of Evaluation

Maximum water level = 4.4m + O.P. + 1.3m = O.P.+5.7m
Minimum water level = -3.6m - O.P. ± 0.0m = O.P.-3.6m



We assessed and confirmed the safety of the nuclear plants based on the JSCE method which was published in 2002.

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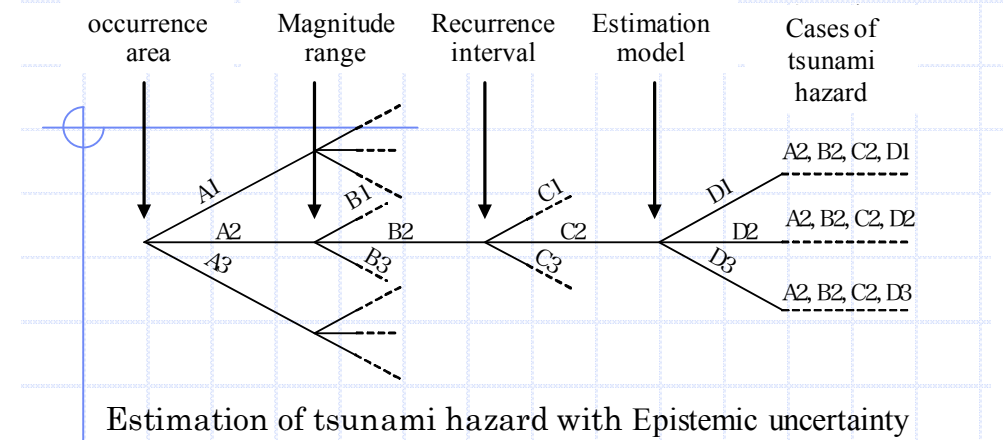
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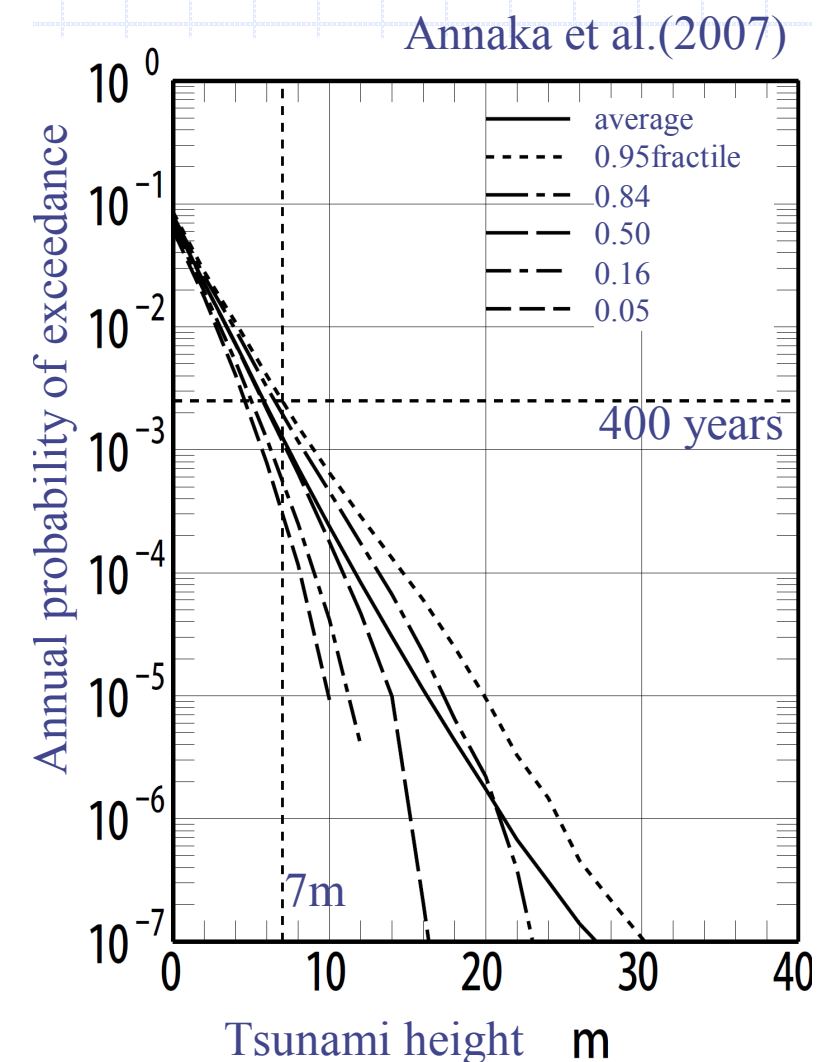
Logic-tree Annaka et al.(2007)



Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Analysis (PTHA)

- ◆ Probabilistic estimation of tsunami risk
 - Estimation of the deterministic design tsunamis
- ◆ Considering uncertainties in estimation
 - Errors in fault parameters
 - Errors in the numerical calculation system (numerical simulation, topography data)
 - Incomplete knowledge and data about the earthquake process

Fractile hazard curve Annaka et al.(2007)



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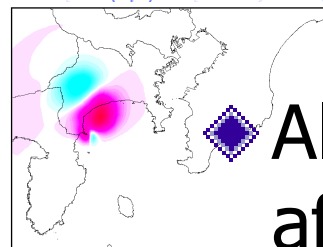
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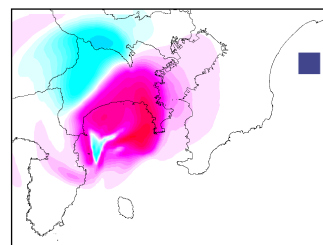
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A brief review of recent activities

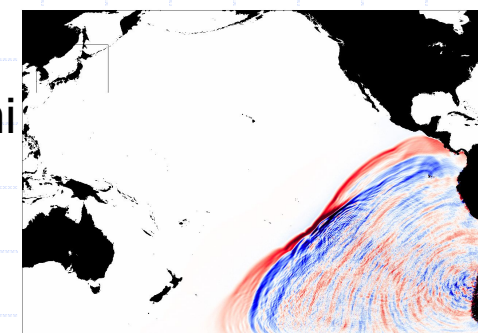
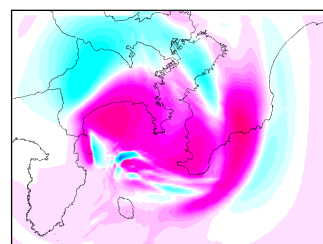
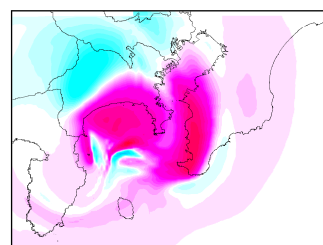


◆ Almost ten years have passed after tsunami manual released.



■ Recent advances and new knowledge

- ◆ Tsunami source model (fault model)
 - Re-evaluation of historical tsunami faults
 - Spatial inhomogeneity in terms of slip
- ◆ Numerical simulation
 - New simulation method of crustal motion (GMS, Grand Motion Simulator by NIED*)
 - New simulation method of far field tsunami
 - Nonlinear dispersion theory



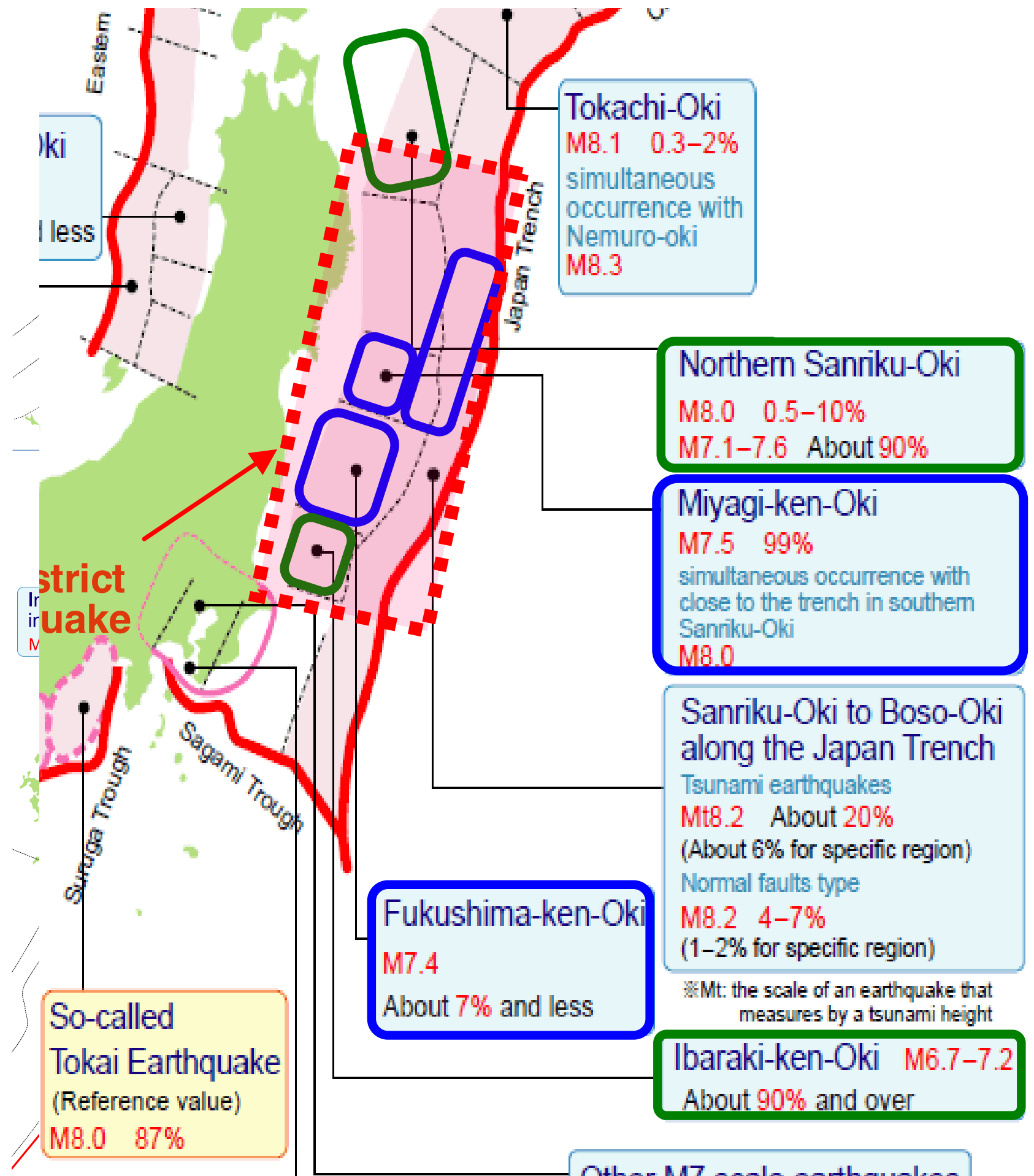
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Expectations...



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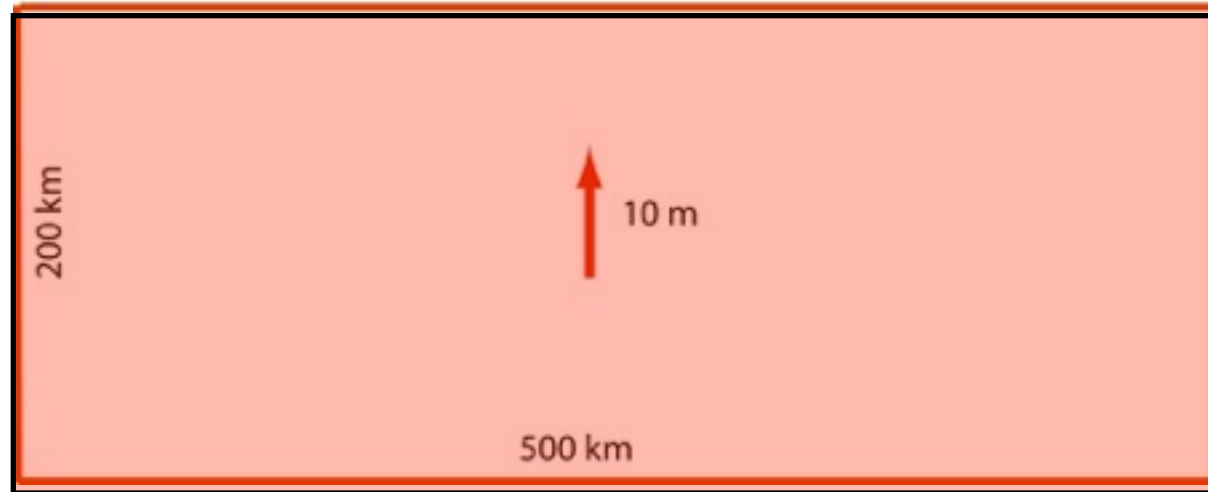
Reality...

Planning assumed maximum magnitude 8 Seawalls 5-10 m high



Magnitude 8
10 m tsunami

Magnitude 9
20 m tsunami



Tsunami runup approximately
twice fault slip

M9 generates much larger
tsunami

Stein, S. and E. Okal, The size of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake
needn't have been a surprise, EOS, 92, 227-228, 2011.



Sea gate in Hachinohe



<http://minkara.carview.co.jp/userid/405365/car/375387/1923923/photo.aspx>

Sea gate (9.3 m high)



<http://ja2xt.mu-sashi.com/Numazu5.htm>

Sea walls



Sea wall with stairway evacuation route used to protect a coastal town against tsunami inundation in Japan.

Photo courtesy of River Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan.

Deepest breakwater in Kamaishi (Iwate)

Elevated platform used for tsunami evacuation that also serves as a high-elevation scenic vista point for tourist. Okushiri Island, Japan. Photo courtesy of ITIC



Tsunami walls...



The 2.4 km long tsunami wall in Miyako, Iwate Prefecture, was destroyed. The 6 m, 2 km long, wall in Kamaishi, Iwate Prefecture, was overwhelmed but delayed the tsunami inundation by 5 minutes.

The 15.5 m tsunami wall in Fundai, Iwate Prefecture, provided the best protection, but it is good to know that the original design was only 10 m. The village mayor fought to make it higher from information in the village historical records.

The biggest problem is that tsunami walls may give a false sense of security and other preparedness measures may NOT be undertaken.

Sea wall at Fudai

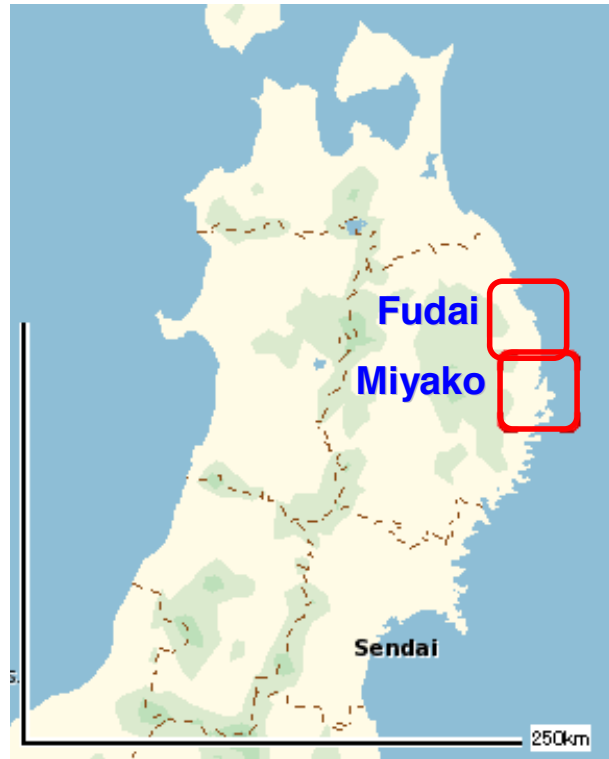


49 foot sea wall:
completed in 1967; floodgates were added in 1984.

Following the 1896 Meiji tsunami, village mayor Kotoku Wamura pressed for a seawall at least 15 meters high, often repeating the tales handed down to him growing up: that the devastating tsunami was 15 meters.



Miyako and Fudai...



The 10m-high seawall was destroyed in Taro district, Miyako city, Iwate Pref.



The 15.5m-high seawall was undestroyed in Otabe district, Fudai village, Iwate Pref.

Fig. III-1-16 Difference of seawall heights resulting in different consequence.



The stone monument

A photo from the village's point of view (i.e. facing the coast)

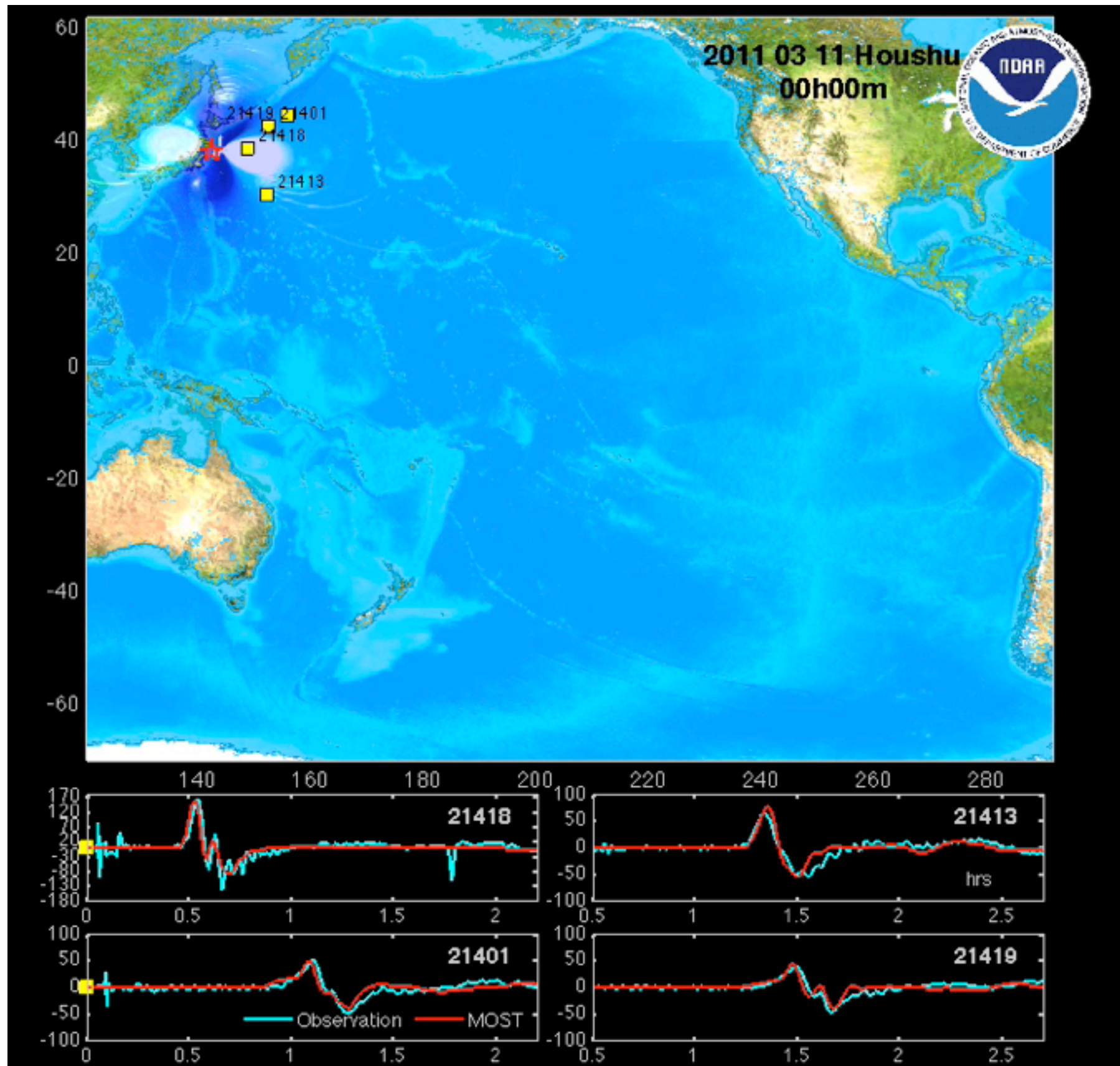


A photo from a viewpoint of facing the village taken at the spot slightly below the stone monument

Tsunami stones (Tsunami-seki)



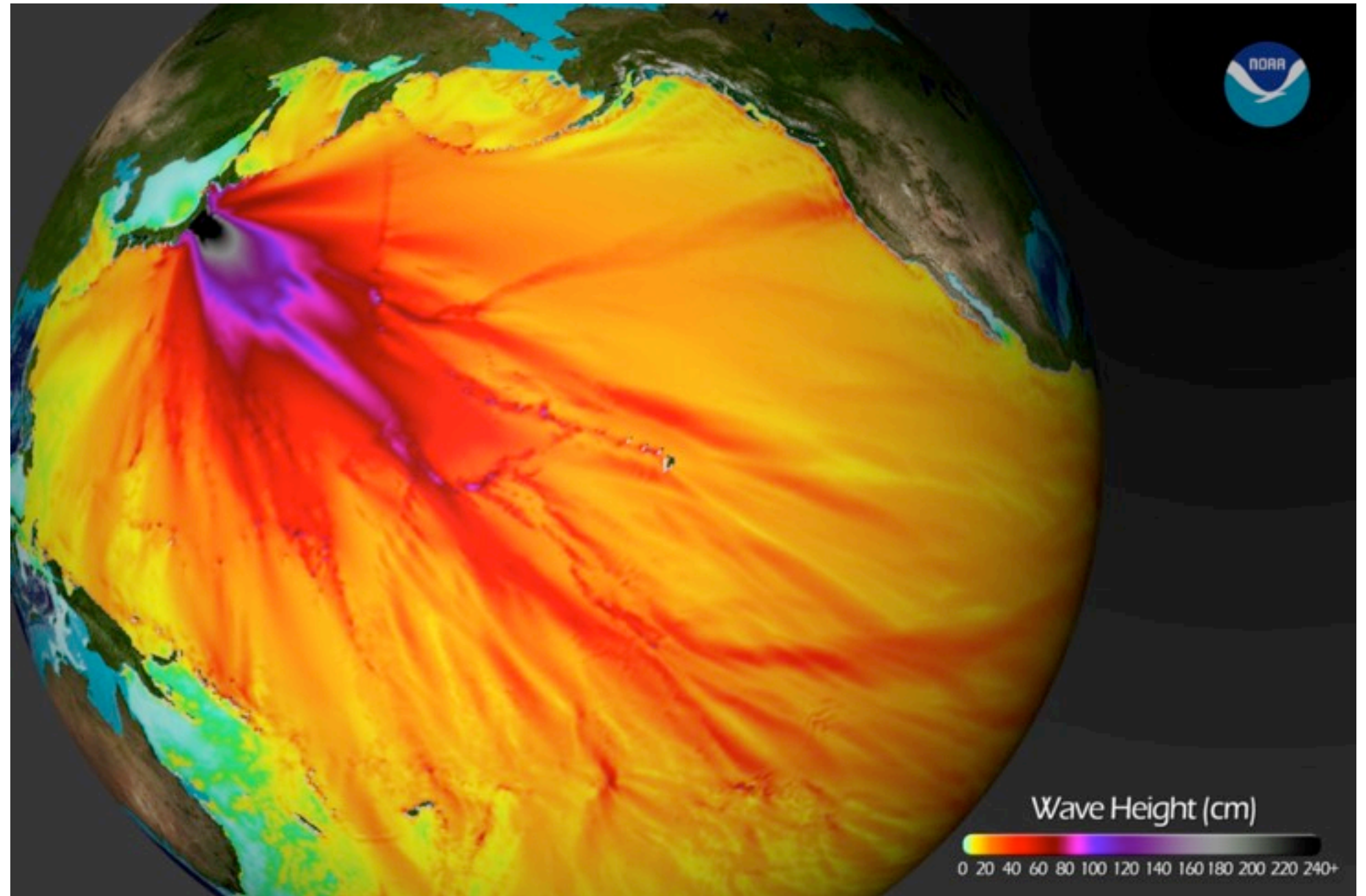
Tsunami animation - NOAA



Propagation forecast

A tsunami propagation forecast model contours the forecasted maximum wave amplitudes (in cm) from the tsunami detailing the tsunami energy propagation.

This led to a Pacific wide tsunami warning being issued.



Tsunami warning - NOAA



Widespread Warning, Watch, or Advisory in Effect

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Tsunami Information

Earthquake Information

Message Time: 11 Mar 2011 10:30 UTC

Message Num: 6

Message Text: [click to read](#)

Message Type: a Widespread Tsunami Warning is in Effect

Warning: Japan, Russia, Marcus Is., N. Marianas, Guam, Wake Is., Taiwan, Yap, Philippines, Marshall Is., Belau, Midway Is., Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Johnston Is., Solomon Is., Kiribati, Howland-baker, Hawaii, Tuvalu, Palmyra Is., Vanuatu, Tokelau, Jarvis Is., Wallis-futuna, Samoa, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue, Fiji, New Caledonia, Tonga, Mexico, Kermadec is, Fr. Polynesia, Pitcairn, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Antarctica, Panama, Honduras, Chile, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru

Watch:

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| | Preliminary (PTWC) | Official (USGS) |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Origin Time: | 11 Mar 2011 05:46 UTC | 11 Mar 2011 05:46 UTC |
| Magnitude: | 8.9 Mwp (reviewed by PTWC) | 7.9 |
| Latitude: | 38.3° N | 38.3° N |
| Longitude: | 142.4° E | 142.4° E |
| Depth: | 24 km (14.9 mi) | 24.4 km (15.2 mi) |
| Location: | Near East Coast of Honshu Japan | |
| More Info.: | updated earthquake information from the USGS NEIC | |