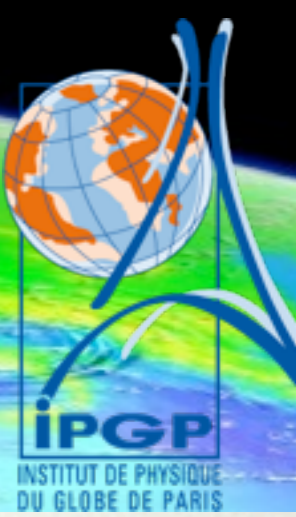




**QU**antitative estimation of **E**arth's seismic sources and **ST**ructure



# Multi-scale imaging of the large subduction earthquakes combining back projection and kinematic modelling

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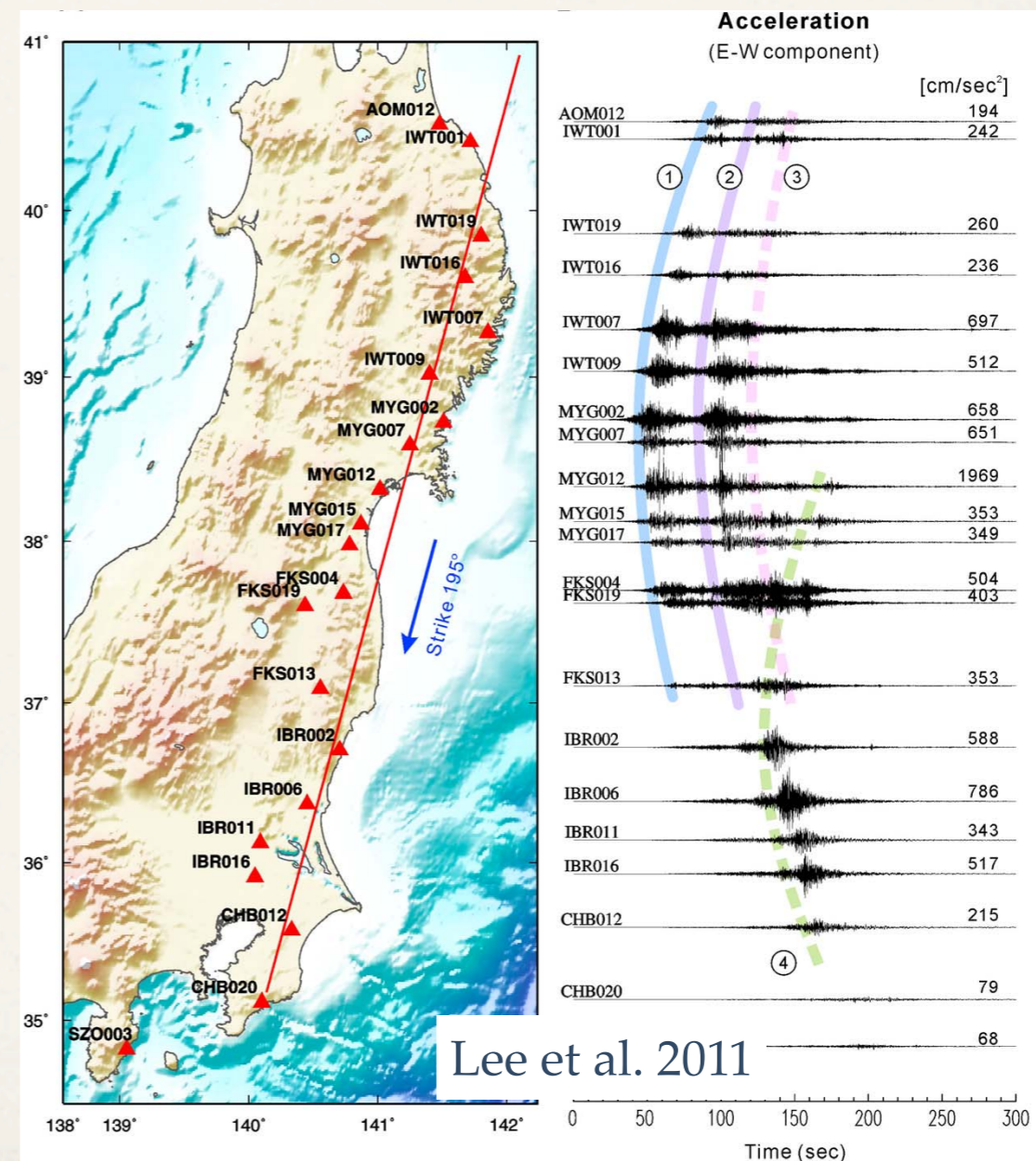
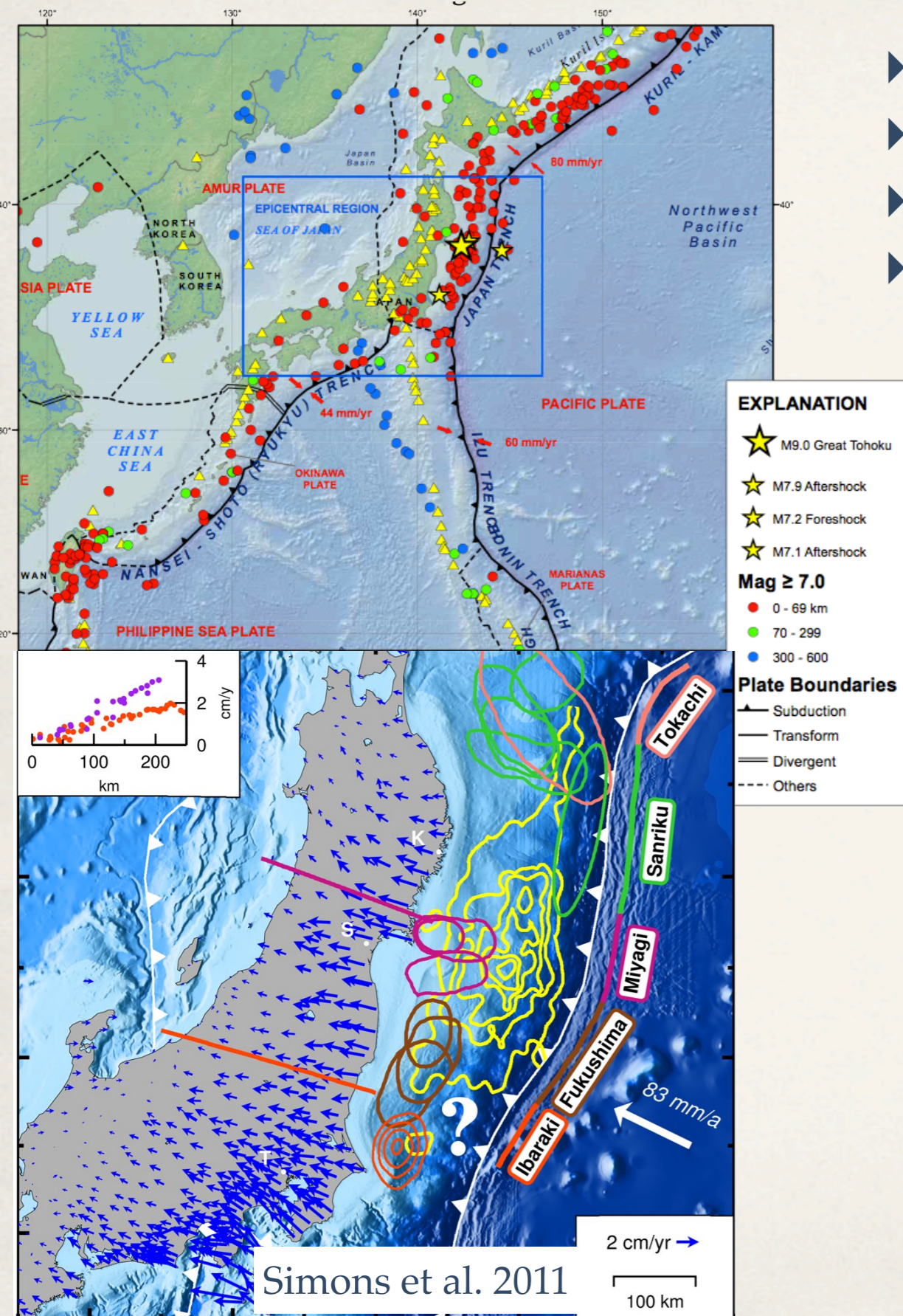
# Introduction

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- \* The rupture process of extended earthquakes is actually quite complex involving broadband processes: need to integrate different frequency bands and spatial scales resolution.
- \* Increasing density of modern global and regional seismology and geodesy networks open up new methodologies to image the earthquake source dynamics (e.g. antenna and coherent interferometry methods).
- \* Kinematic and dynamic inversion methodologies rely on a-priori source parametrization.
- \* Combining parametrized inversion methods with iterative deconvolution methods provides new perspectives for extended source imaging.

# 2011 Mw 9.0 Tohoku Earthquake

- ▶ Regular number of large earthquakes
- ▶ No great earthquakes in the last 1000 years
- ▶ Large rupture size was not expected
- ▶ Complexity of the Tohoku rupture

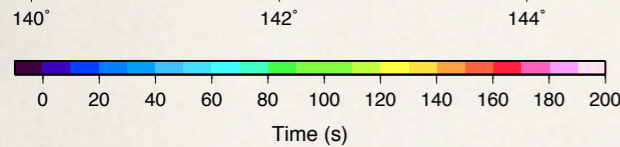
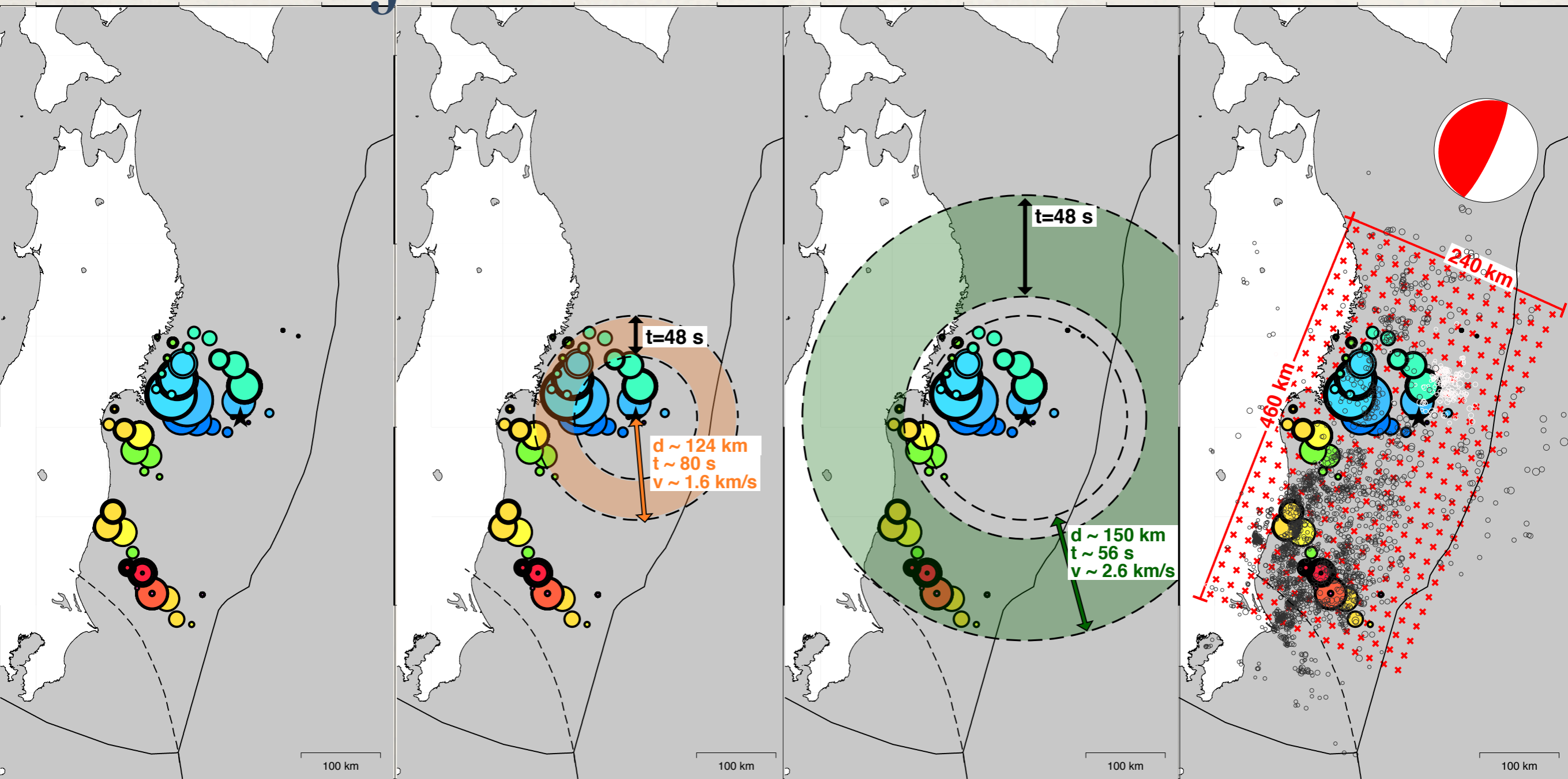


## Regional acceleration recordings:

A complex rupture, at least 4 sub-events, closer to the coast.

# Back Projection Results

European Array 0.20-0.50 Hz

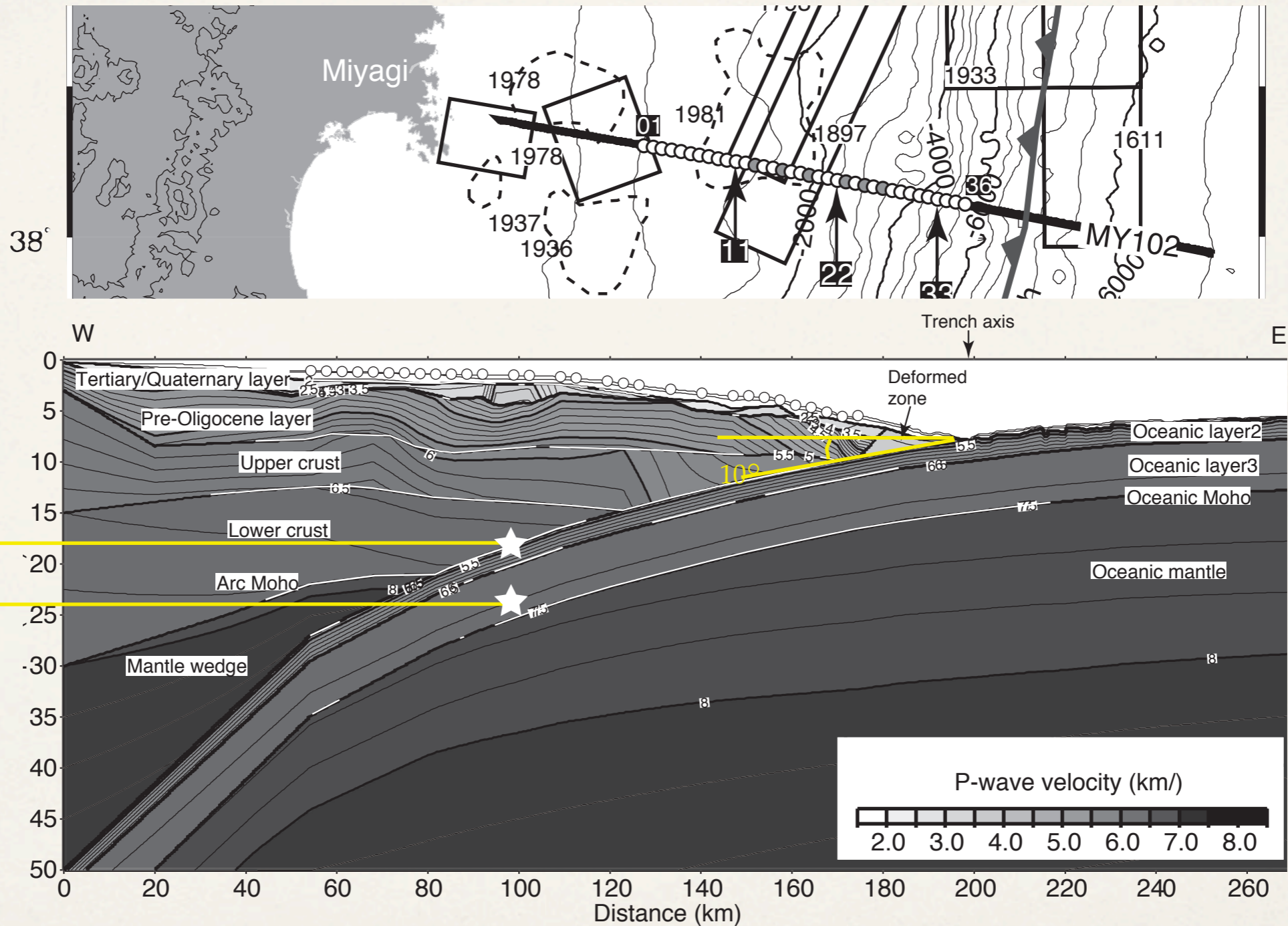


- Source Time = 48 s
- Rupture Velocity 1=1.6 km/s

- Rupture Velocity 2=2.6 km/s

- Area 460 x 240 km<sup>2</sup>,
- strike=203°, dip=10°, slip=88°
- 20x20 km<sup>2</sup> subfaults

# Structural Model



Vertical exaggeration: 2.3

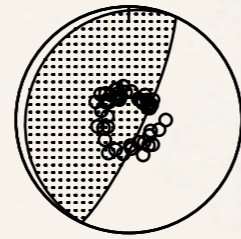
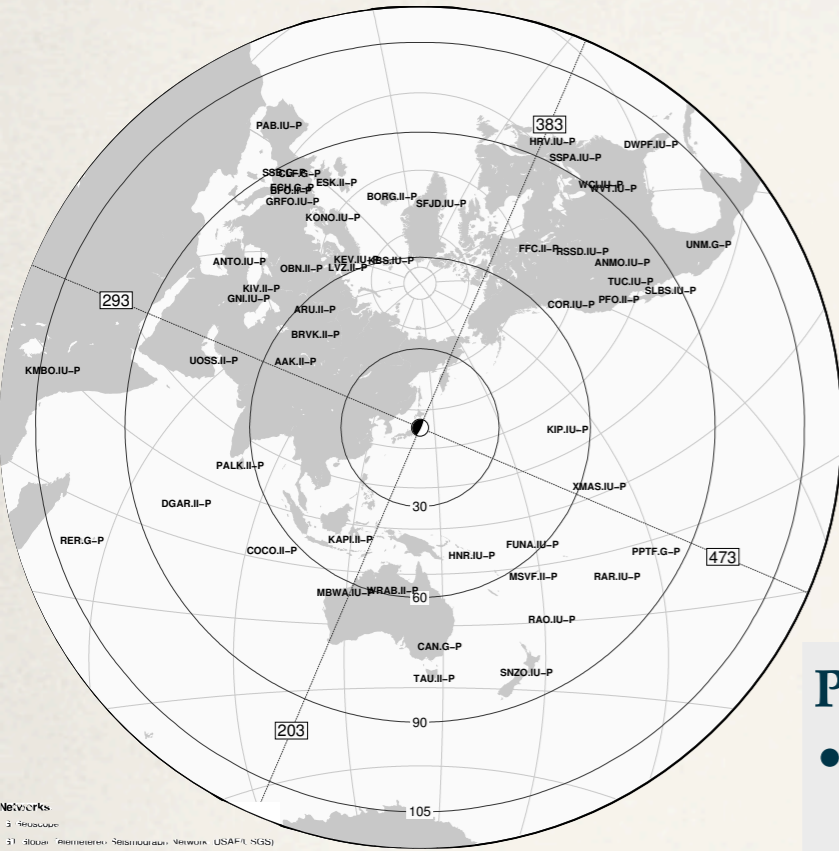
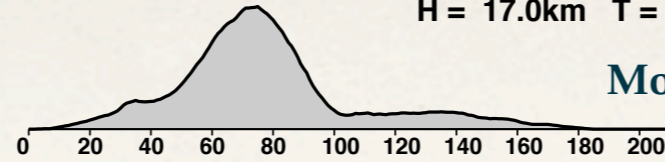
Miura et al. 2005

# Data and Method

$M_0 = 0.442E+23 \text{ Nm}$   $M_w = 9.03$

$H = 17.0 \text{ km}$   $T = \text{s}$   $\text{var.} = 0.0798$

Moment rate



(203., 10., 88.)

GPS (not used for inversion)

GPS data: GSI (processed by Caltech)

Seafloor GPS data: Sato et al. (2011)

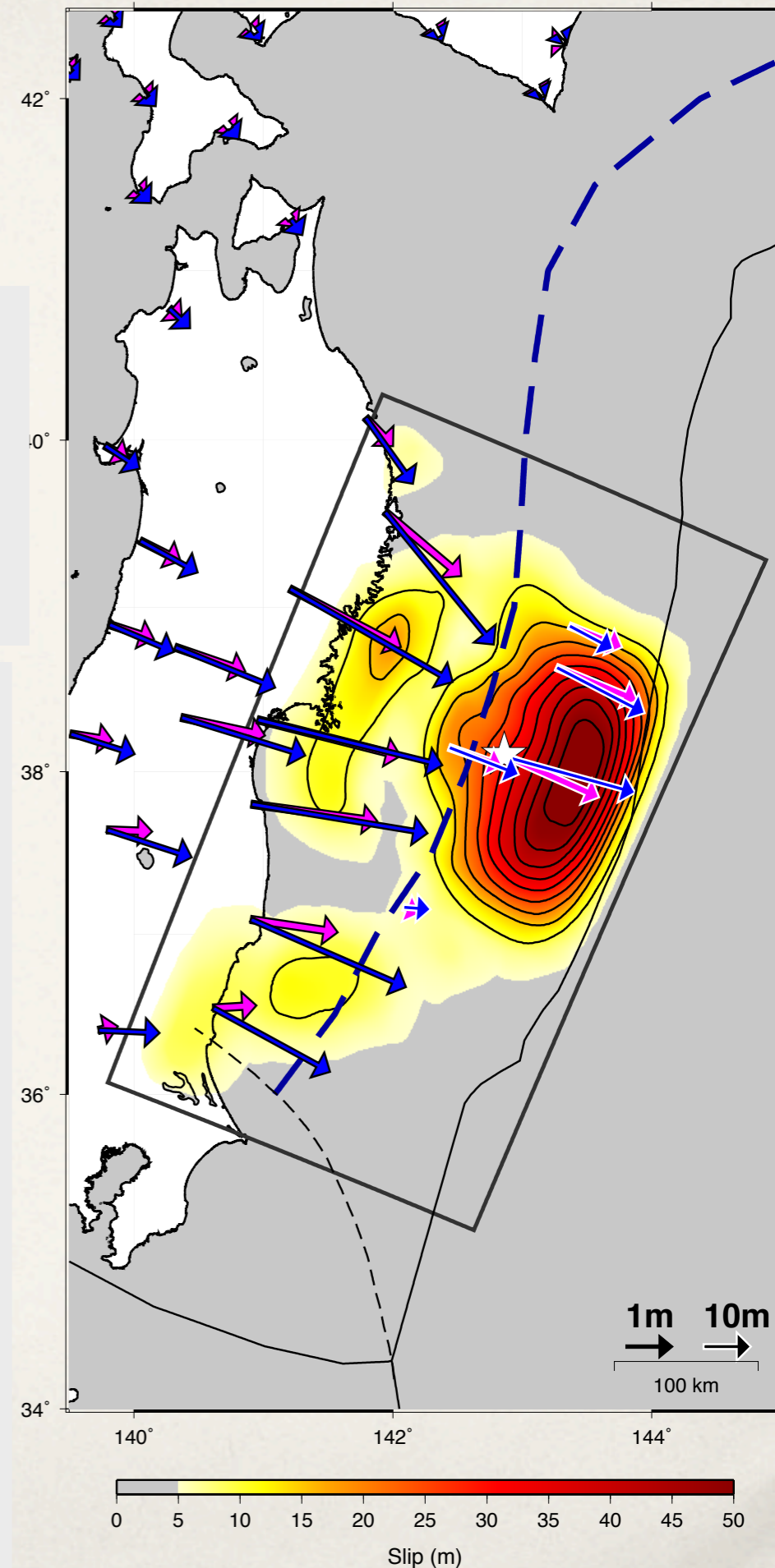
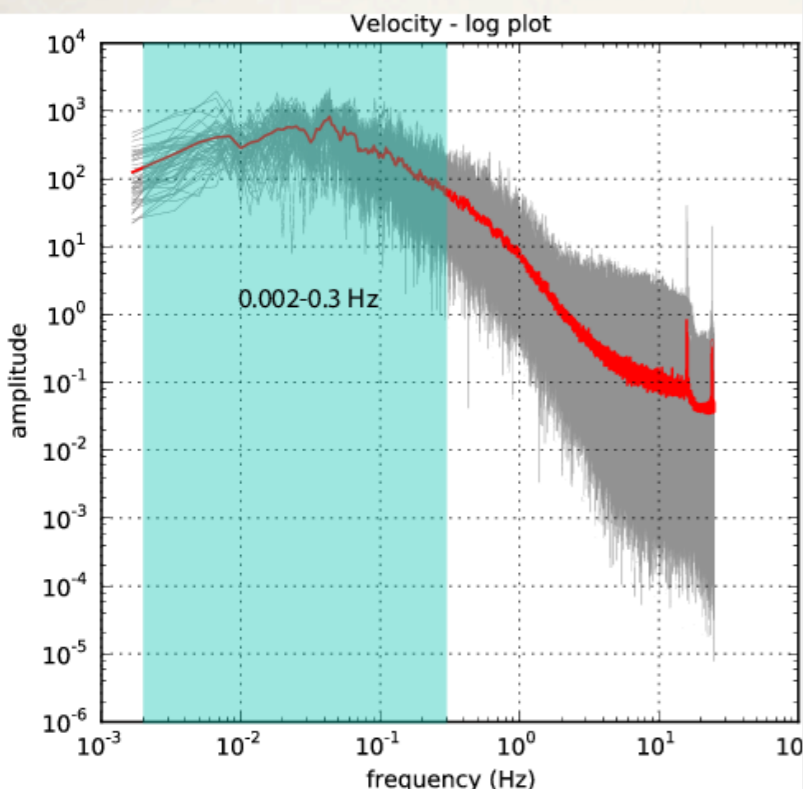
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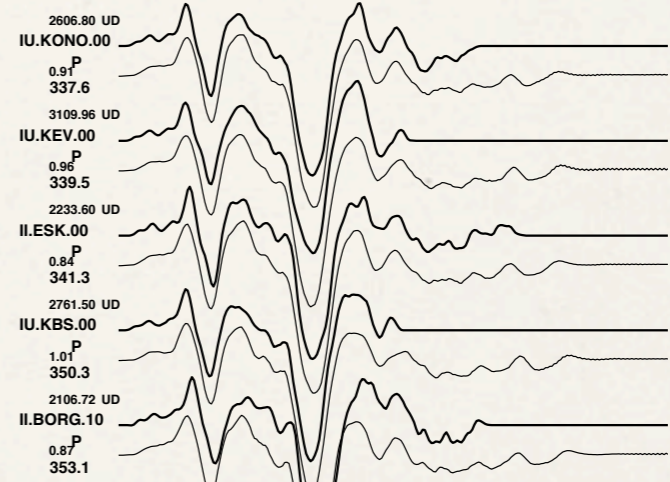
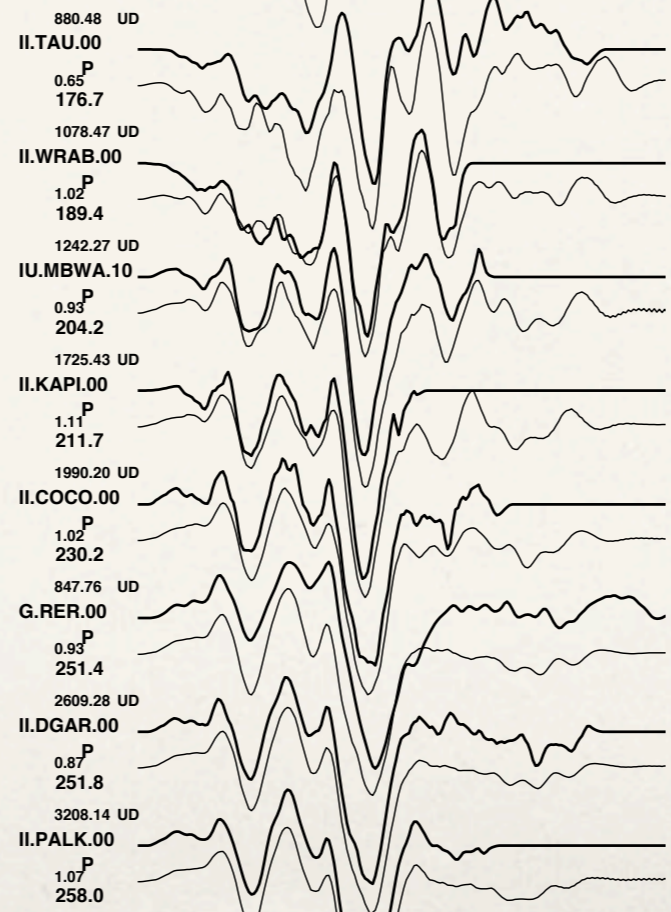
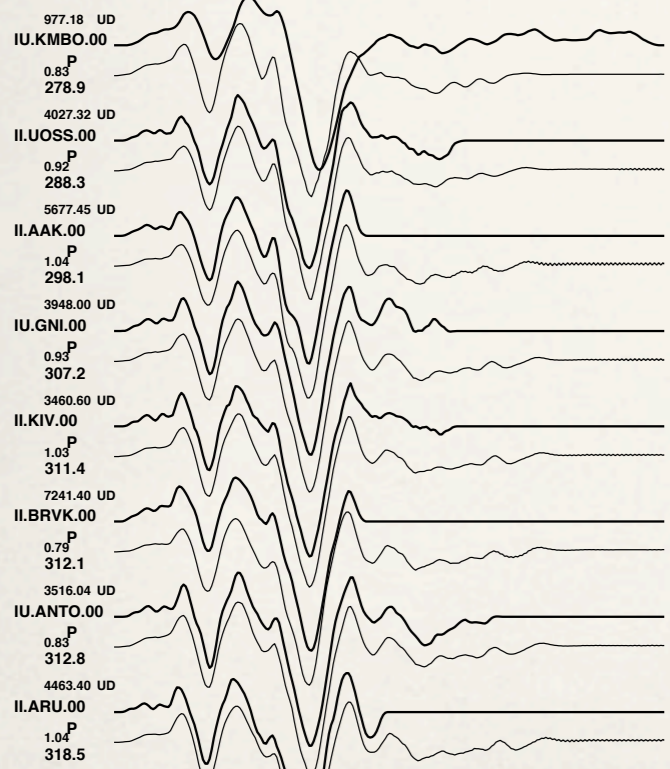
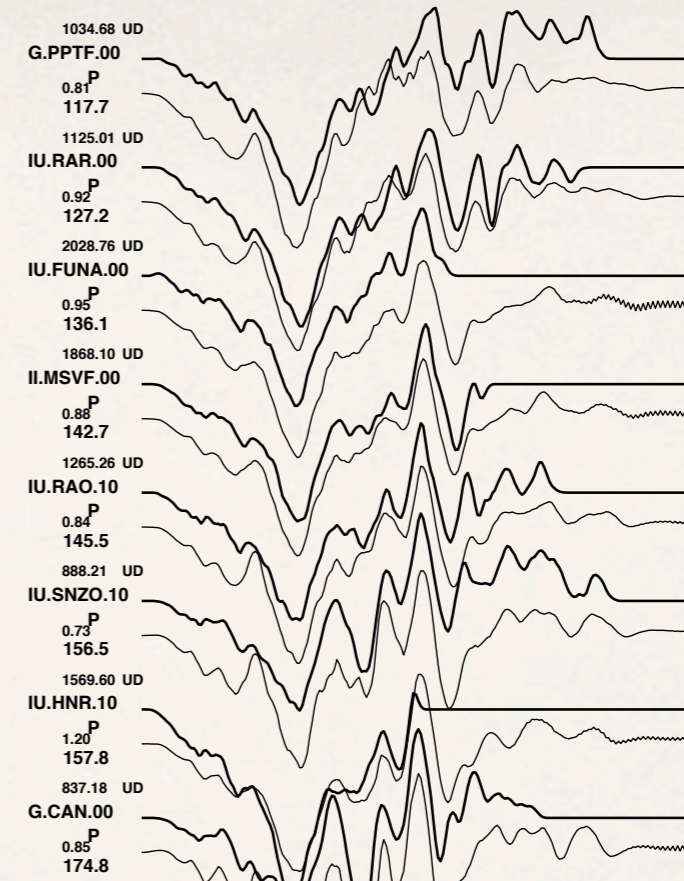
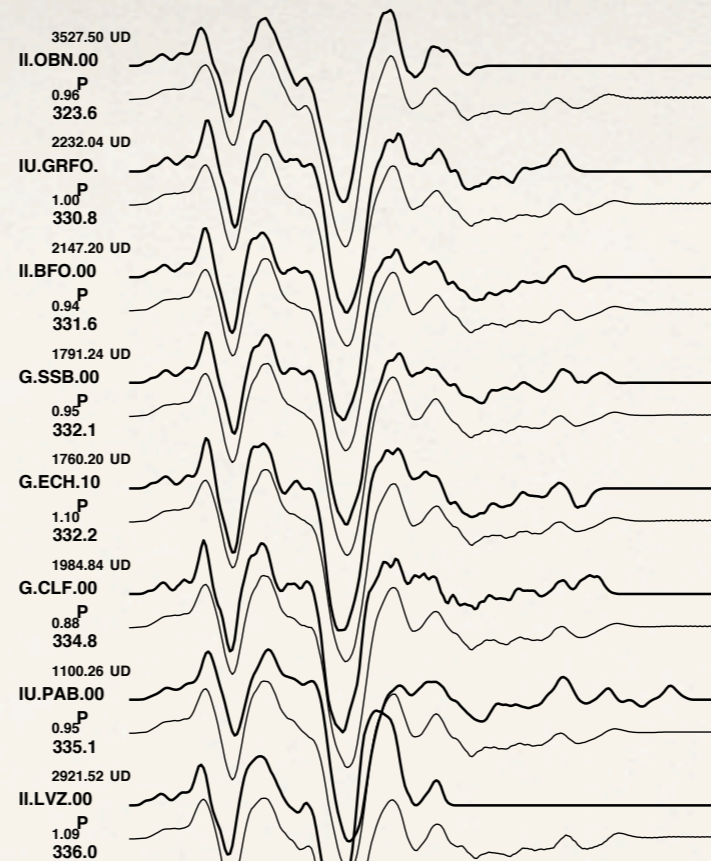
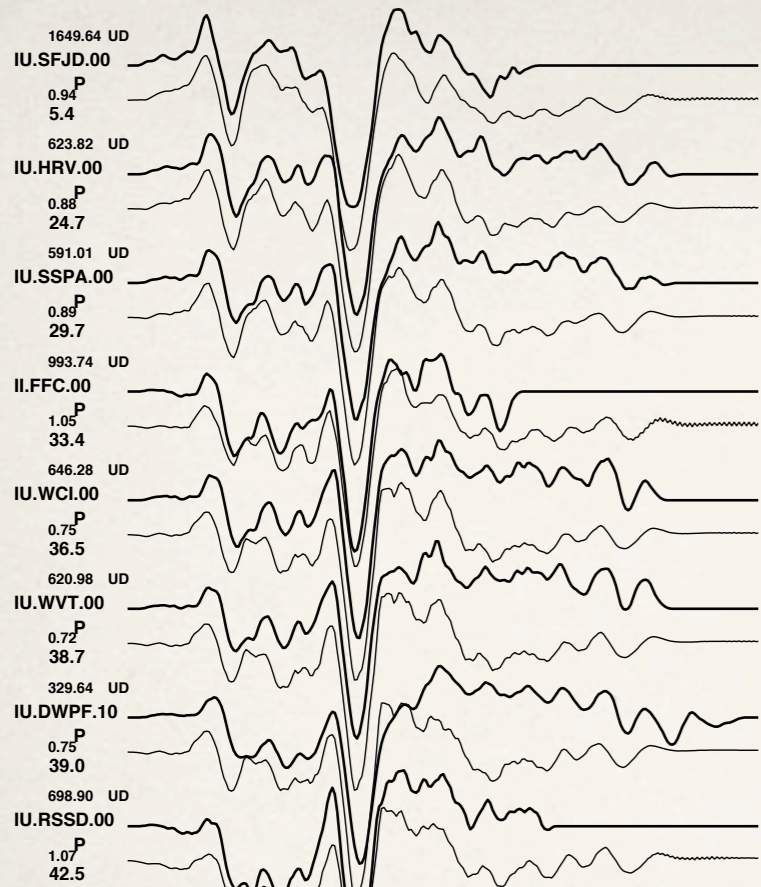
- Rupture velocity 1 = 1.5 km/s (for  $t \leq 80 \text{ s}$ )
- Rupture velocity 2 = 2.5 km/s (for  $t > 80 \text{ s}$ )
- Source time function = 45 s
- Fault surface  $460 \times 240 \text{ km}^2$

Other parameters:

- Hypocenter location: JMA (depth 23.7 km)
- Fault plane (GCMT): dip  $10^\circ$ , strike  $203^\circ$

Method by Kikuchi and Kanamori (1991)





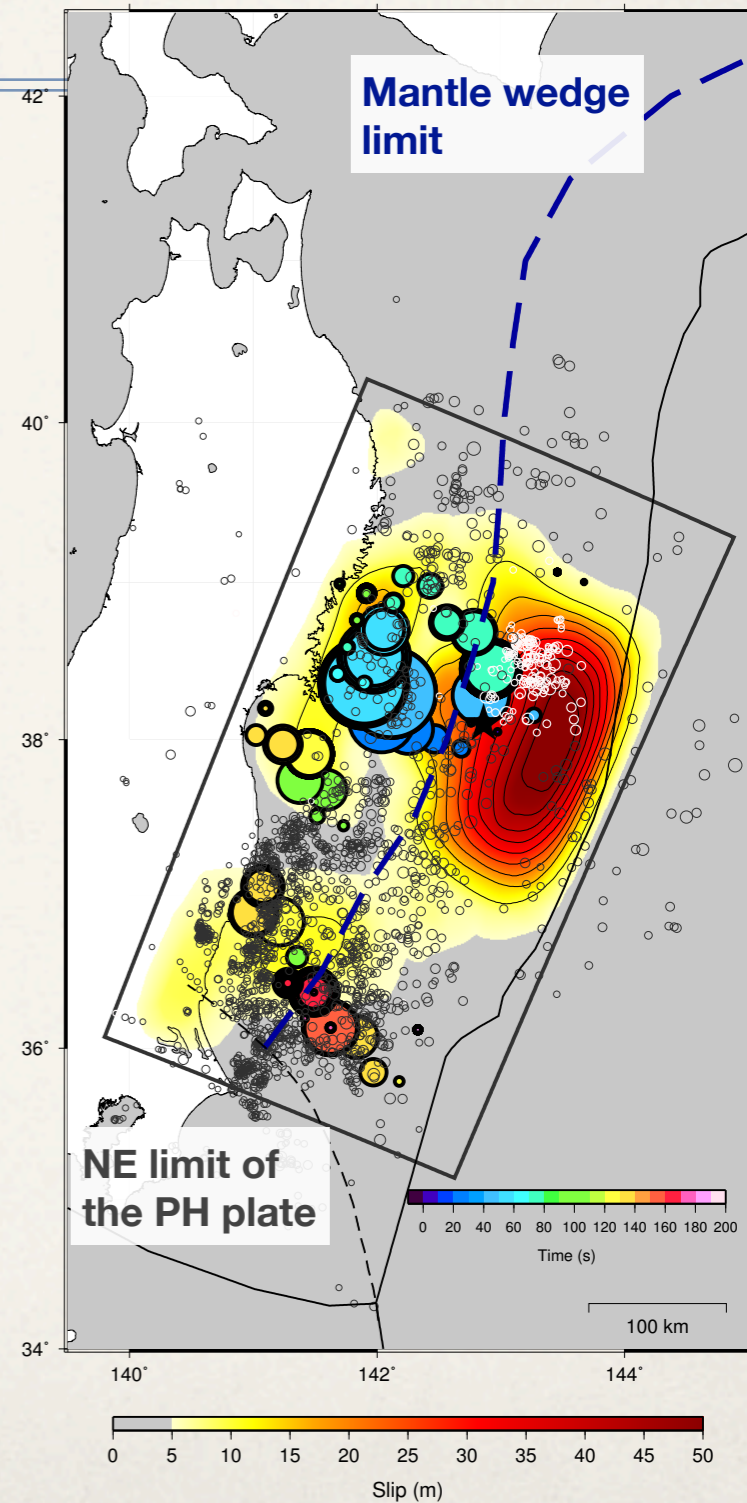
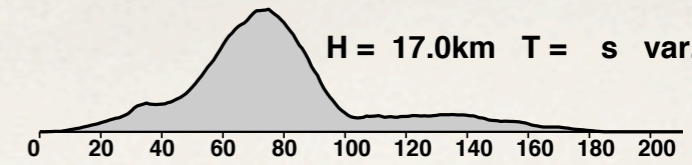
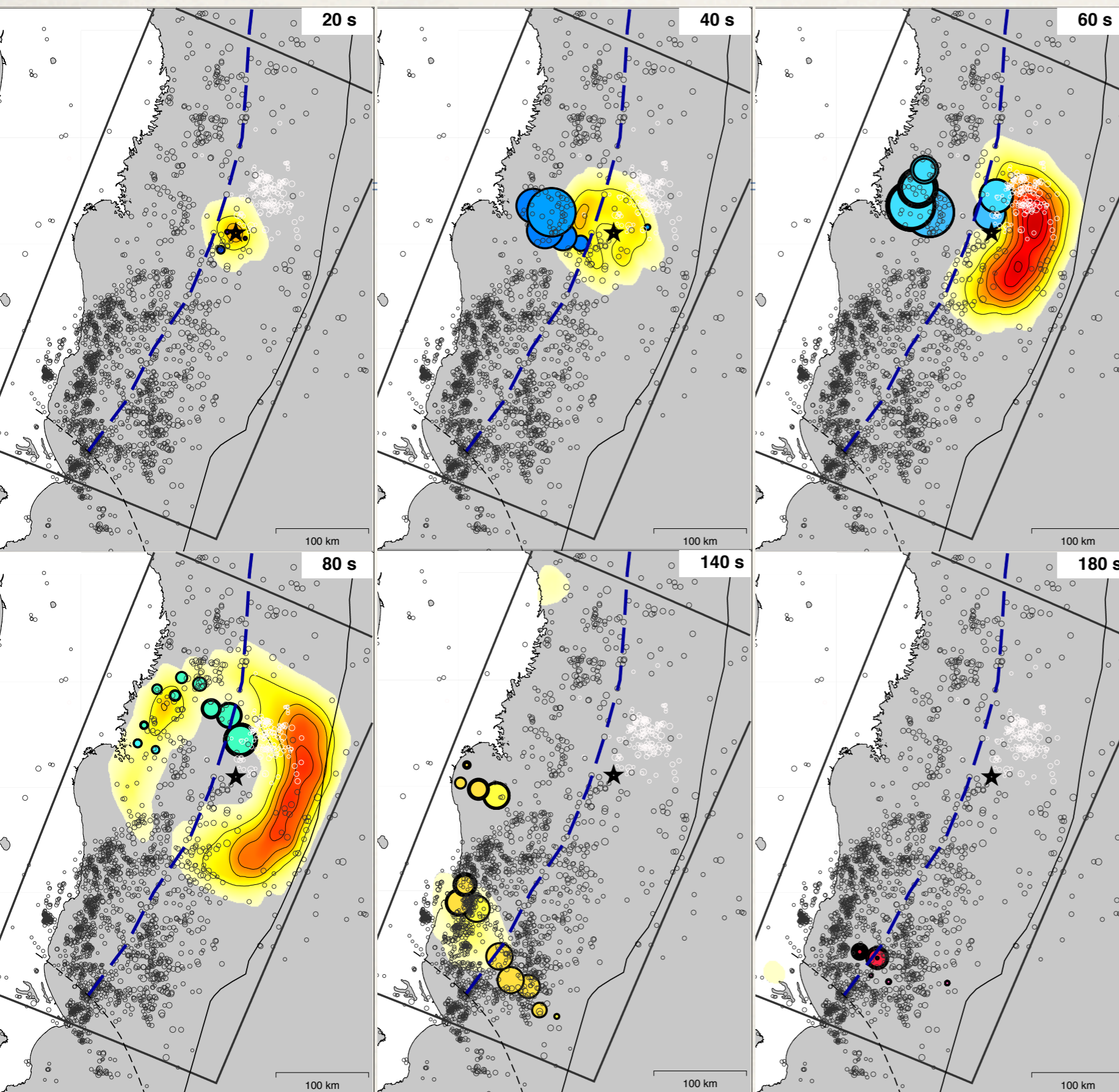
$M_0 = 0.442E+23$  Nm  $M_w = 9.03$

H = 17.0km T = s var. = 0.0798

# Final Results

$M_0 = 0.442E+23 \text{ Nm}$   $M_w = 9.03$

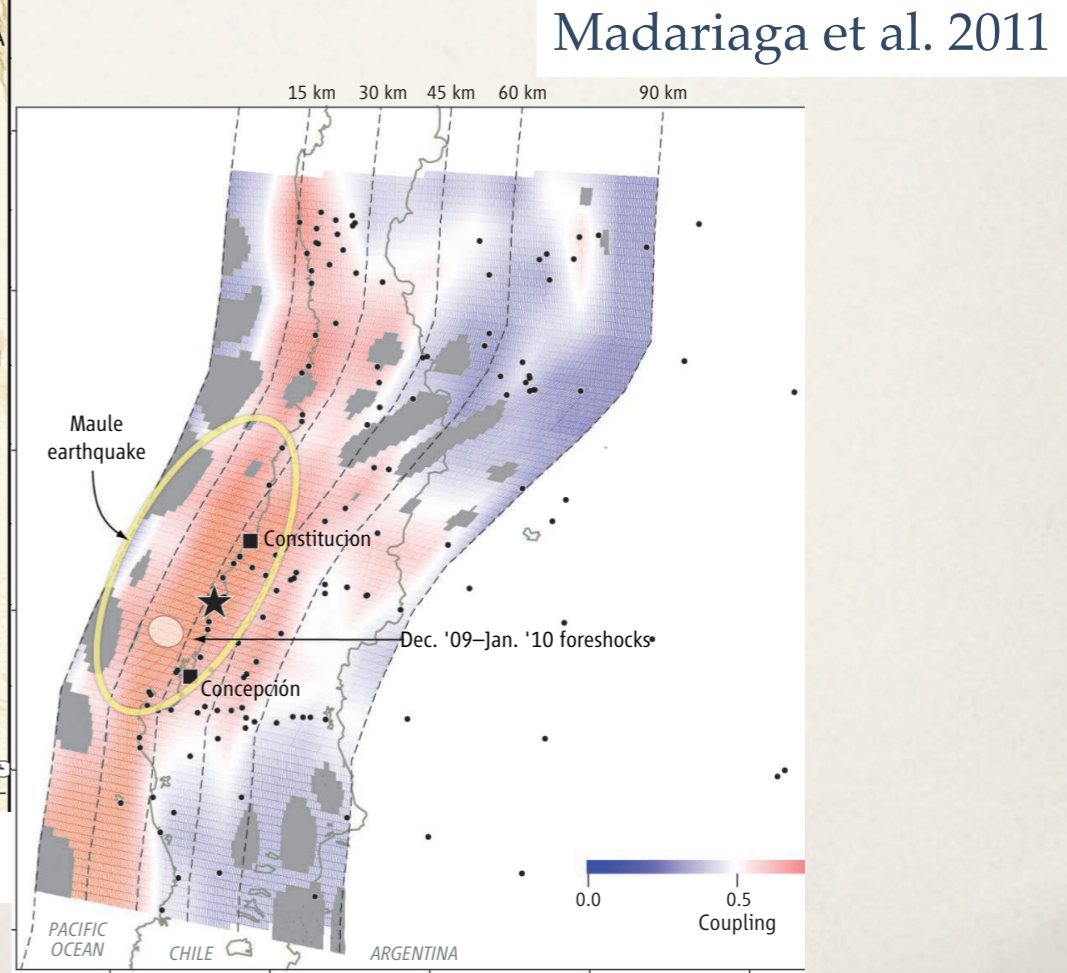
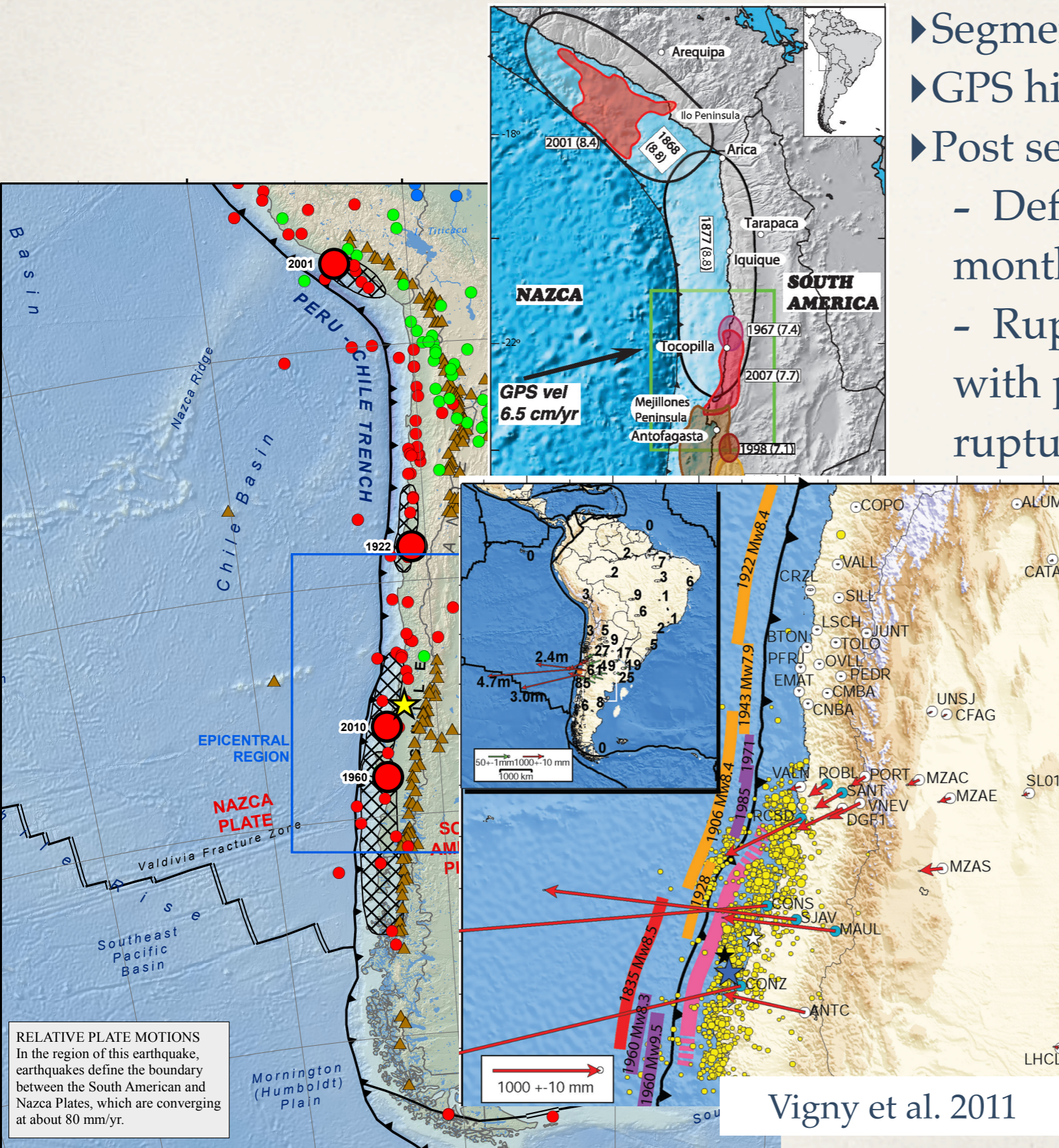
$H = 17.0 \text{ km}$   $T = \text{s}$   $\text{var.} = 0.0798$





# 2010 Mw 8.8 Maule Earthquake

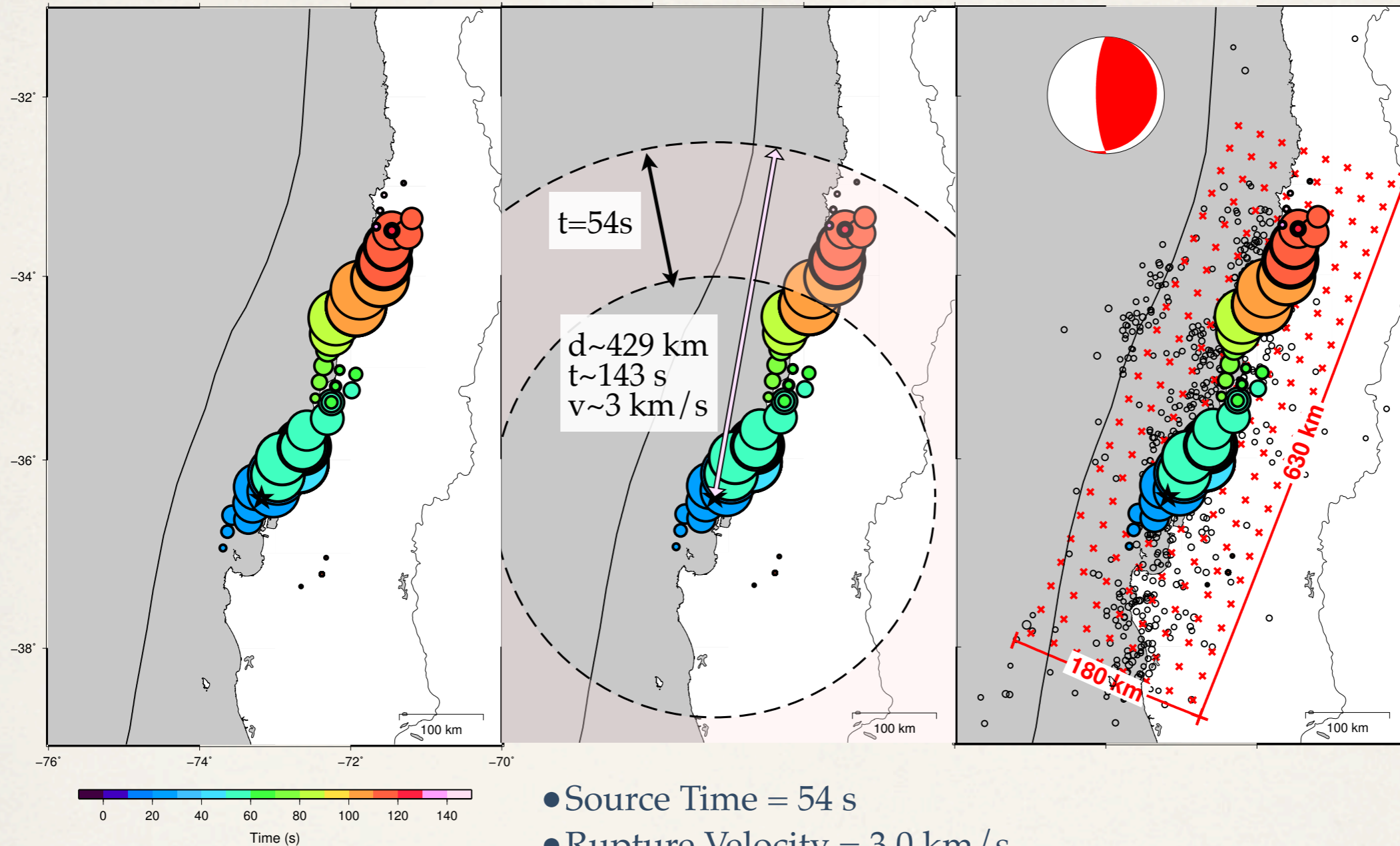
- ▶ Segments based on the historic seismicity.
- ▶ GPS high coupling on Maule rupture zone
- ▶ Post seismic activity:
  - Deficit of large aftershocks in the first months.
  - Rupture extended over than expected with partial overlap with previous ruptures.



Vigny et al. 2011

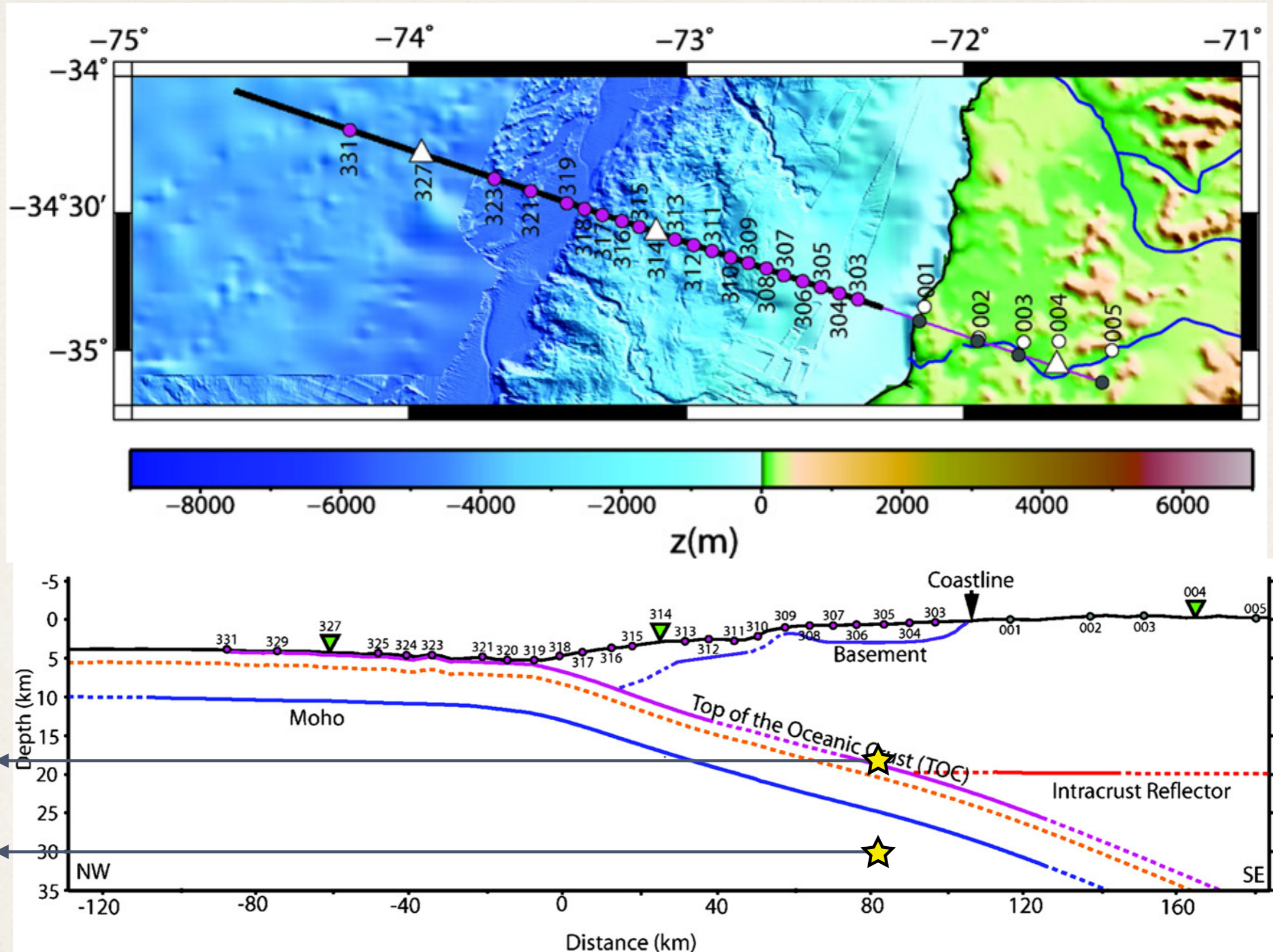
# Back Projection Results

US Array 0.30-1 Hz



- Source Time = 54 s
- Rupture Velocity = 3.0 km/s
- Area 630 x 180 km<sup>2</sup>,
- strike=22°, dip=15°, slip=112°
- 30x30 km<sup>2</sup> subfaults

# Structural Model



Moscoso et al. 2011

Vertical exaggeration: 2.0

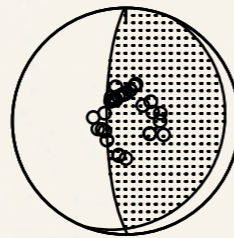
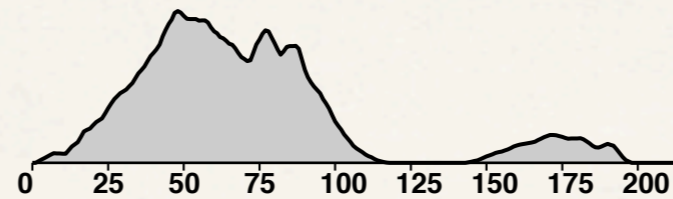
# Kinematic slip inversion

- Why no slip in the south part of the rupture if the GPS indicates big displacement?
- Is it a bi-lateral effect?



$M_0 = 0.265E+23 \text{ Nm}$   $M_w = 8.88$

$H = 18.0 \text{ km}$   $T = \text{s}$   $\text{var.} = 0.3223$



Moment rate

(22.,15., 112.)

Parameters (driven by back-projection):

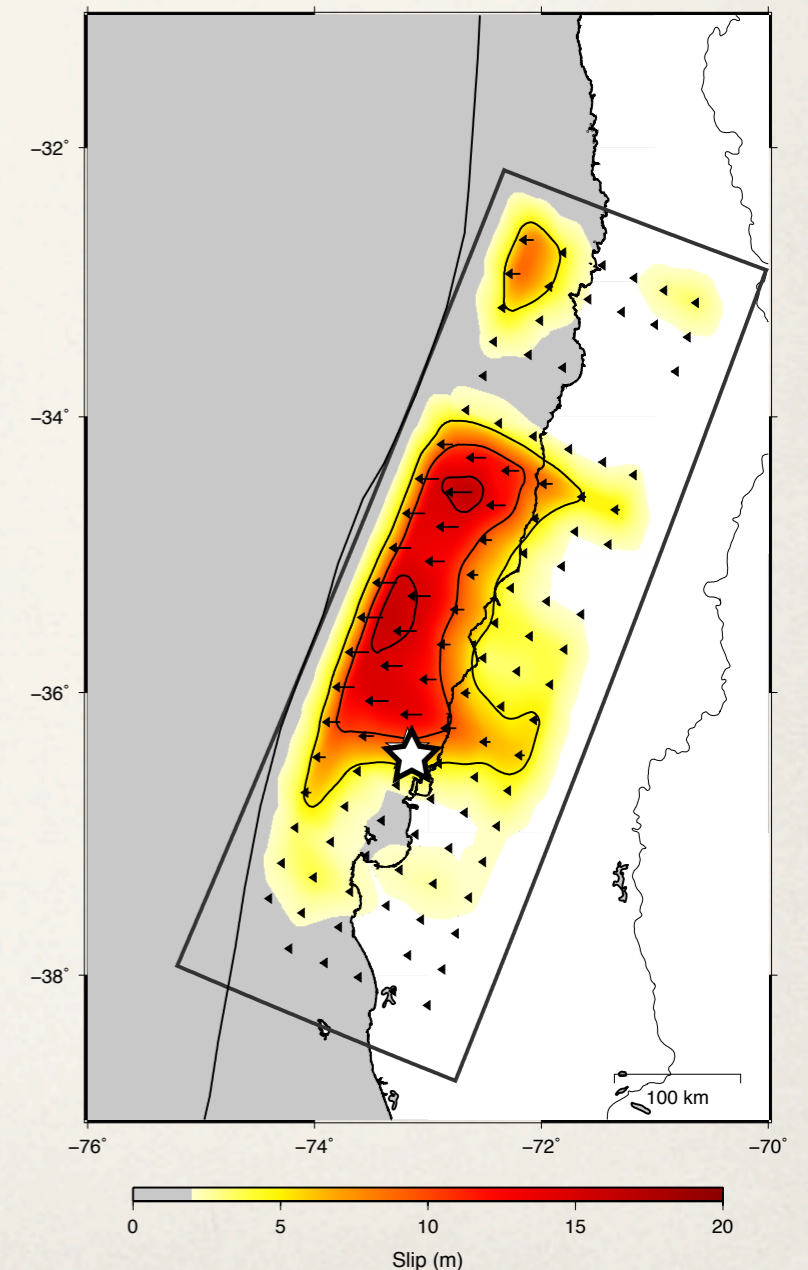
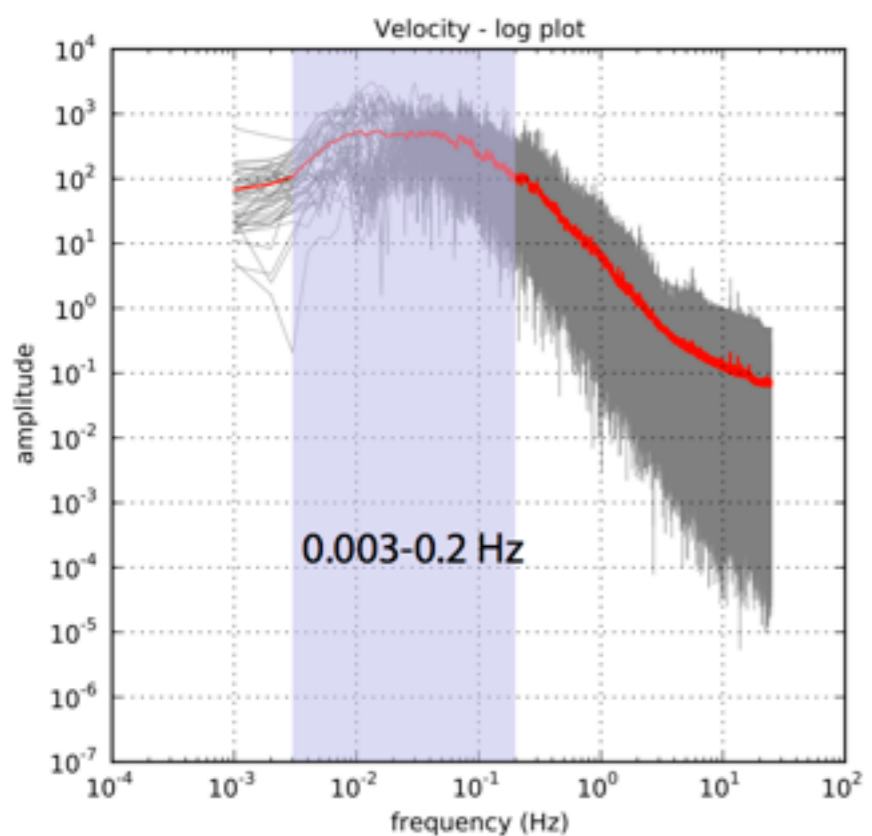
- Rupture velocity = 3.0 km/s
- Source time function = 54 s
- Fault surface 630x180 km<sup>2</sup>

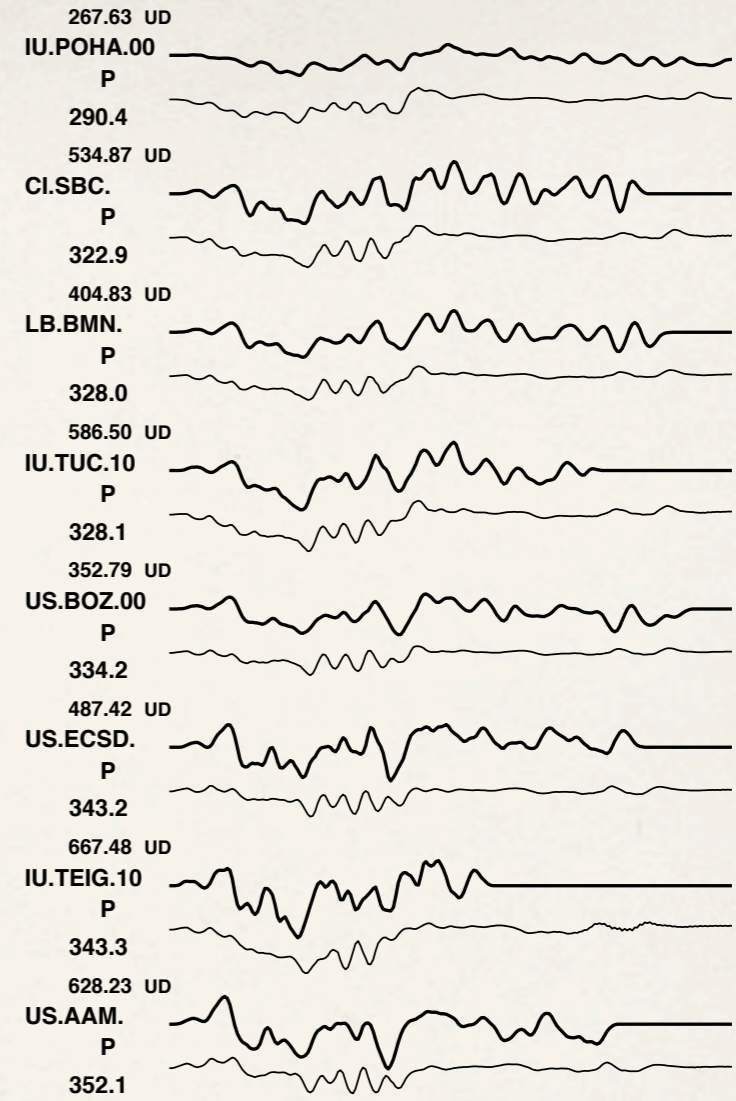
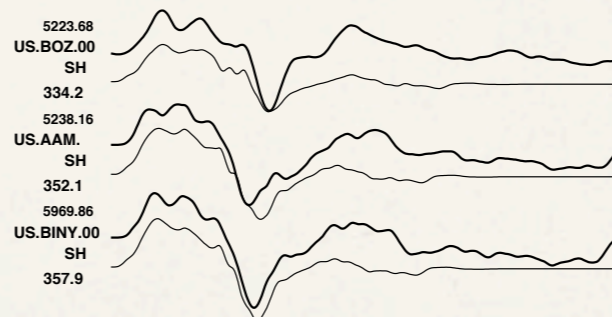
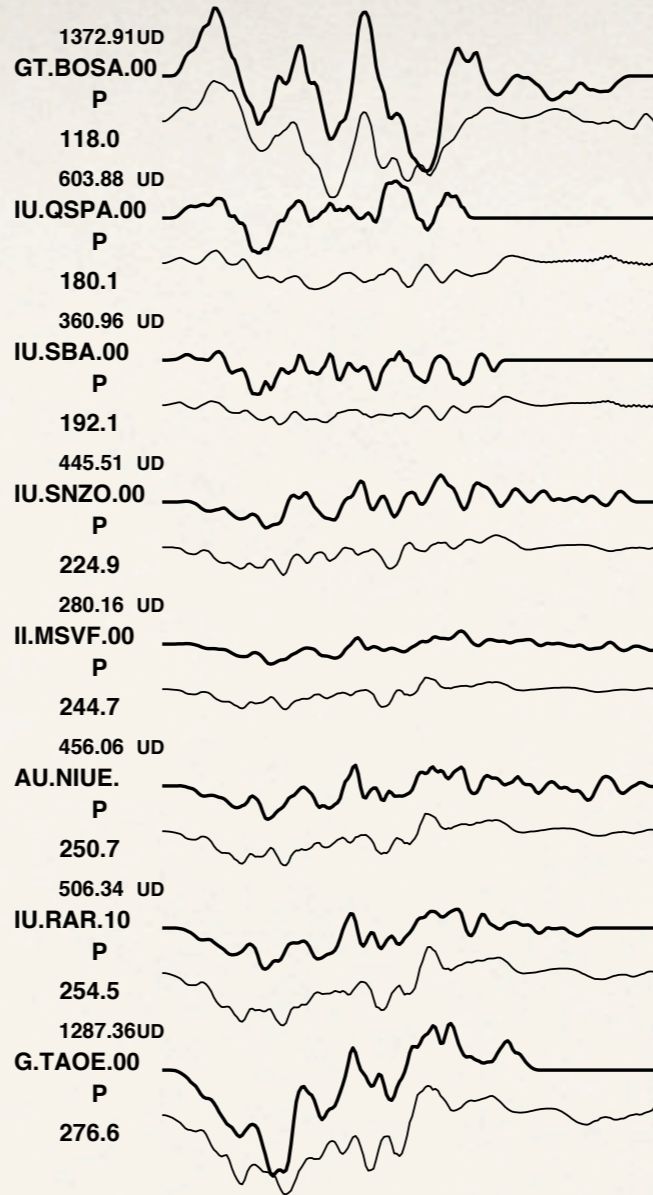
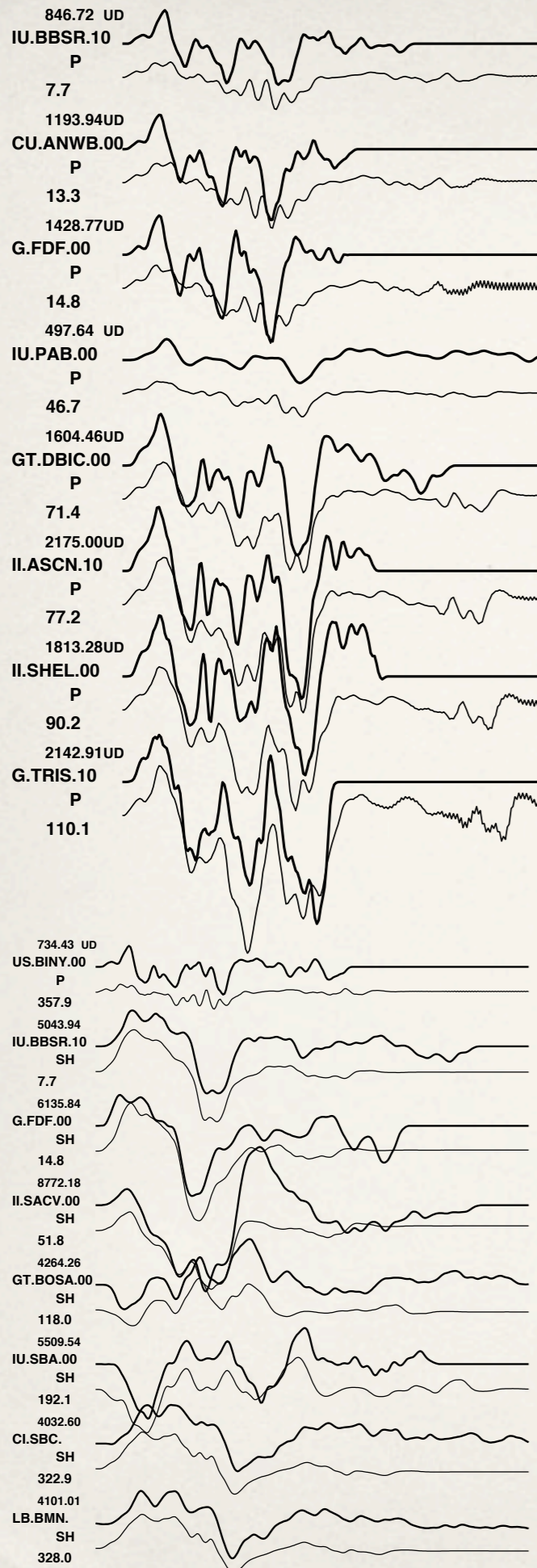
Other parameters:

- Hypocenter location: Vigny et al. 2011 (depth 18 km)
- Fault plane (GCMT): dip 15°, strike 22°

Method by Kikuchi and Kanamori (1991)

Networks:  
USArray  
US Regional Stations





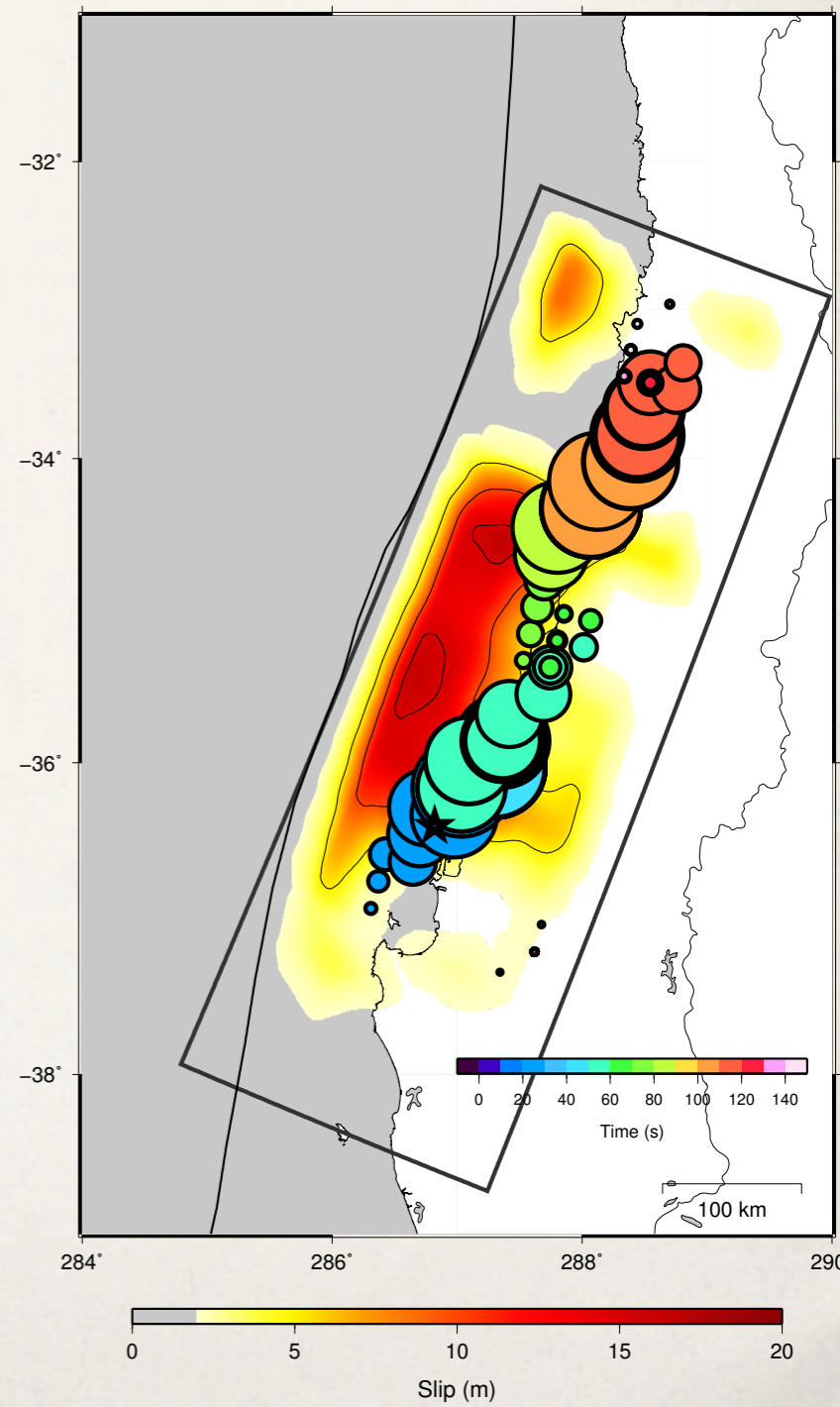
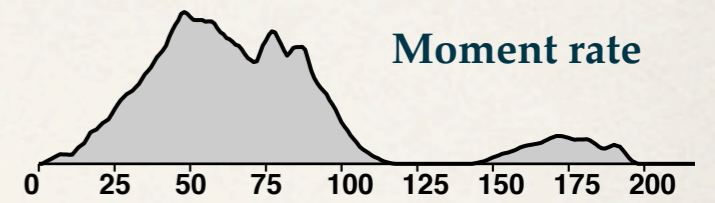
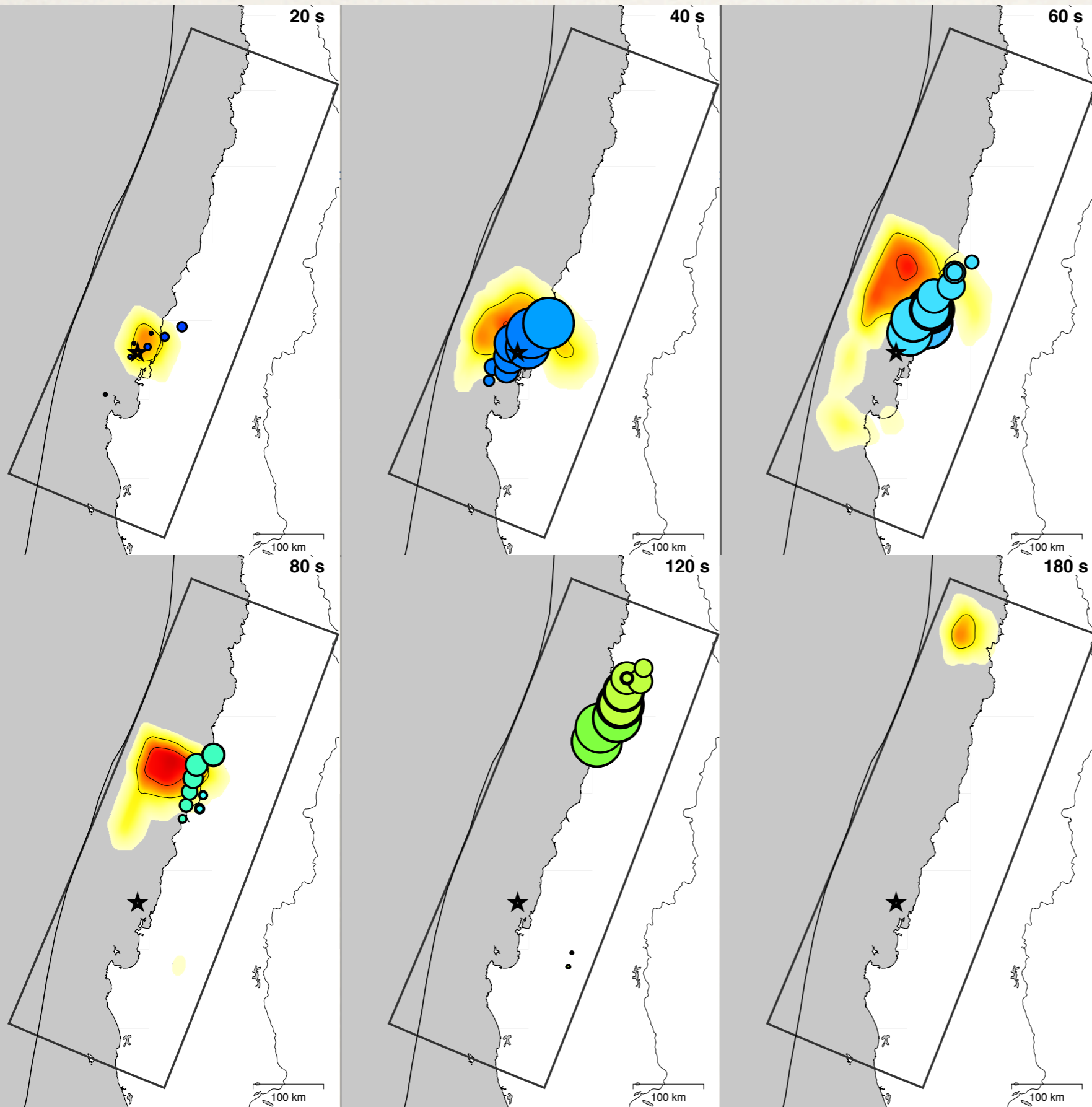
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# Final Results

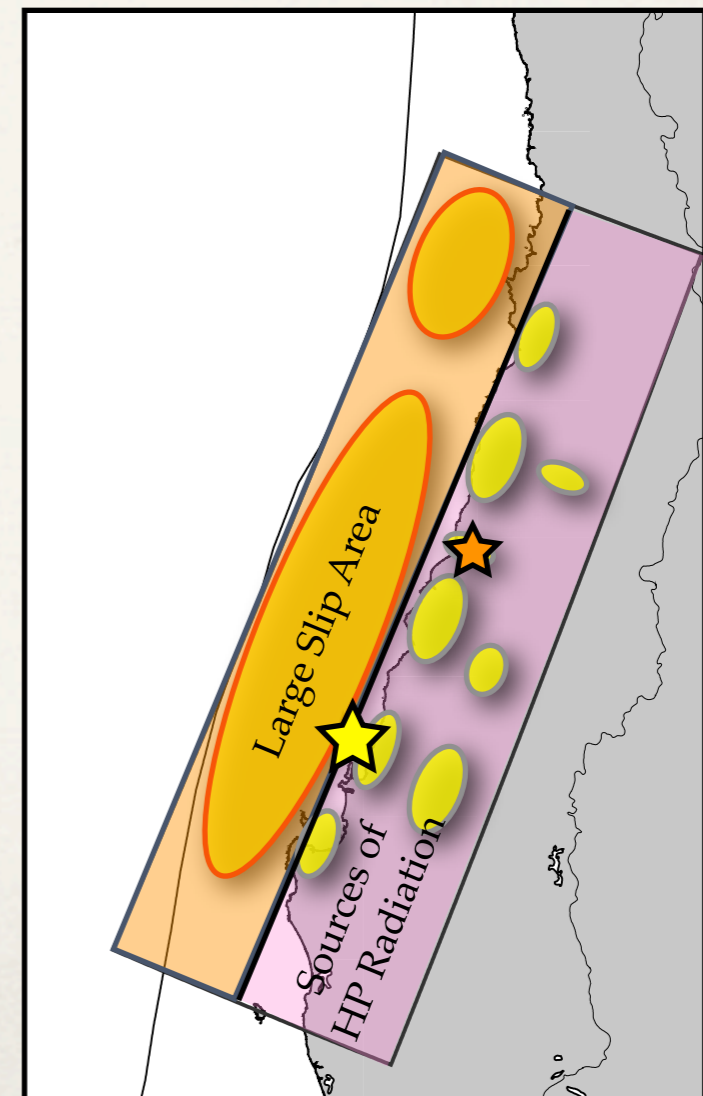
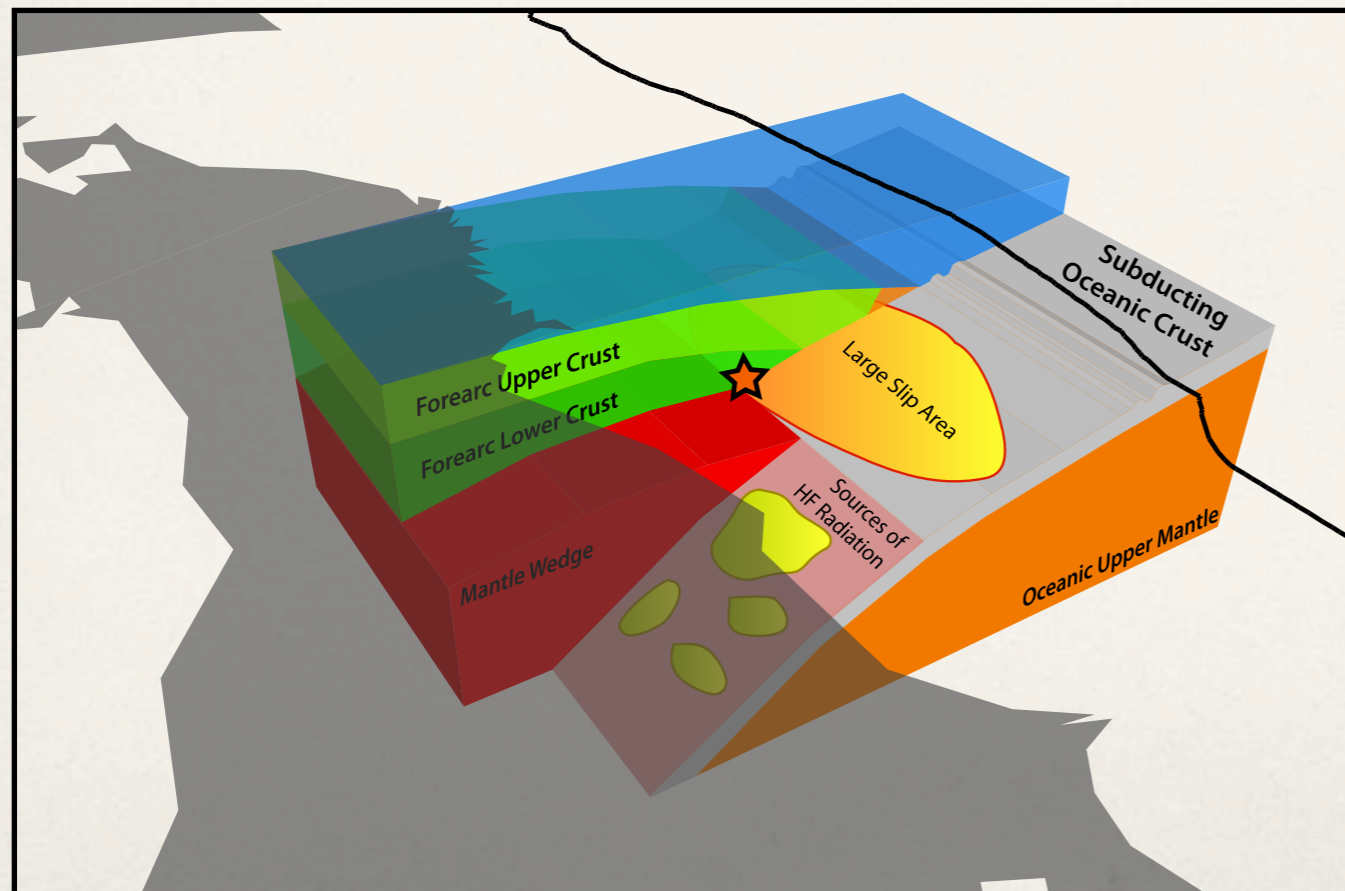
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# Conclusion and Discussion

- ✓ The HF coherent radiation is located on the border of the coherent slip.
- ✓ Multi-scale distribution of asperities, it must reflect specific frictional behavior on the asperities and around them, depending on pressure, temperature, rheology composition,...
- ✓ Is this distribution related to the mantle wedge geometry and rheology ?
- ✓ Is the distribution a feature of ALL the subduction zones?



# Conclusions and Perspectives

- ✓ Need of structural studies for characterizing the subduction structure.
- ✓ Need of innovative multi-frequency source imaging techniques to understand the rupture complexity of large subduction earthquakes combining both **teleseismic and local monitoring** networks on land and on the ocean bottom.
- ✓ The inverted slip distribution strongly depends on the **kinematic parametrization**: it is necessary to constrain the kinematic parameters by other means (e.g. **back projection**) in order to obtain physically acceptable results.



Thank you

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