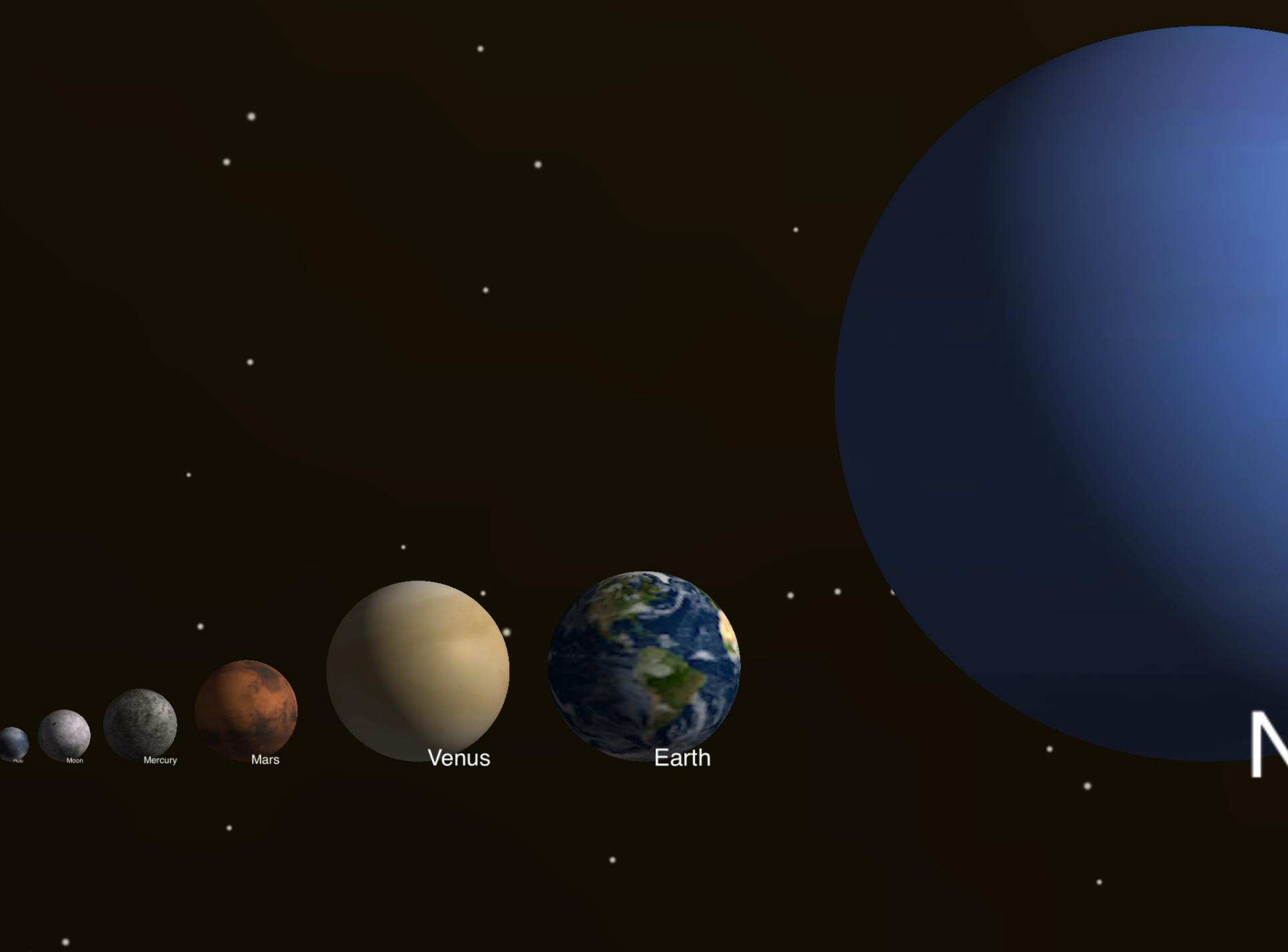


45°N 90°W





Pluto

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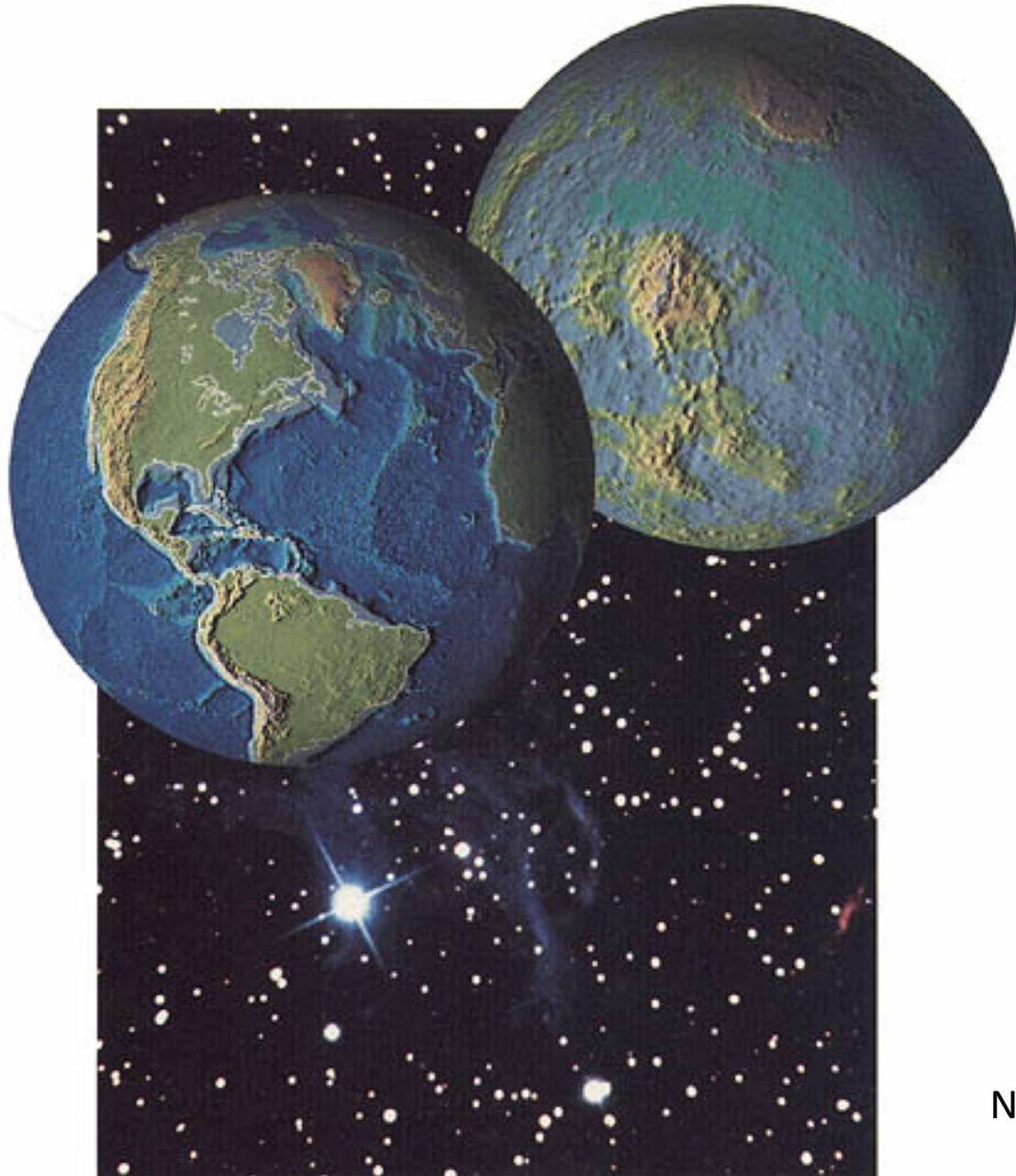
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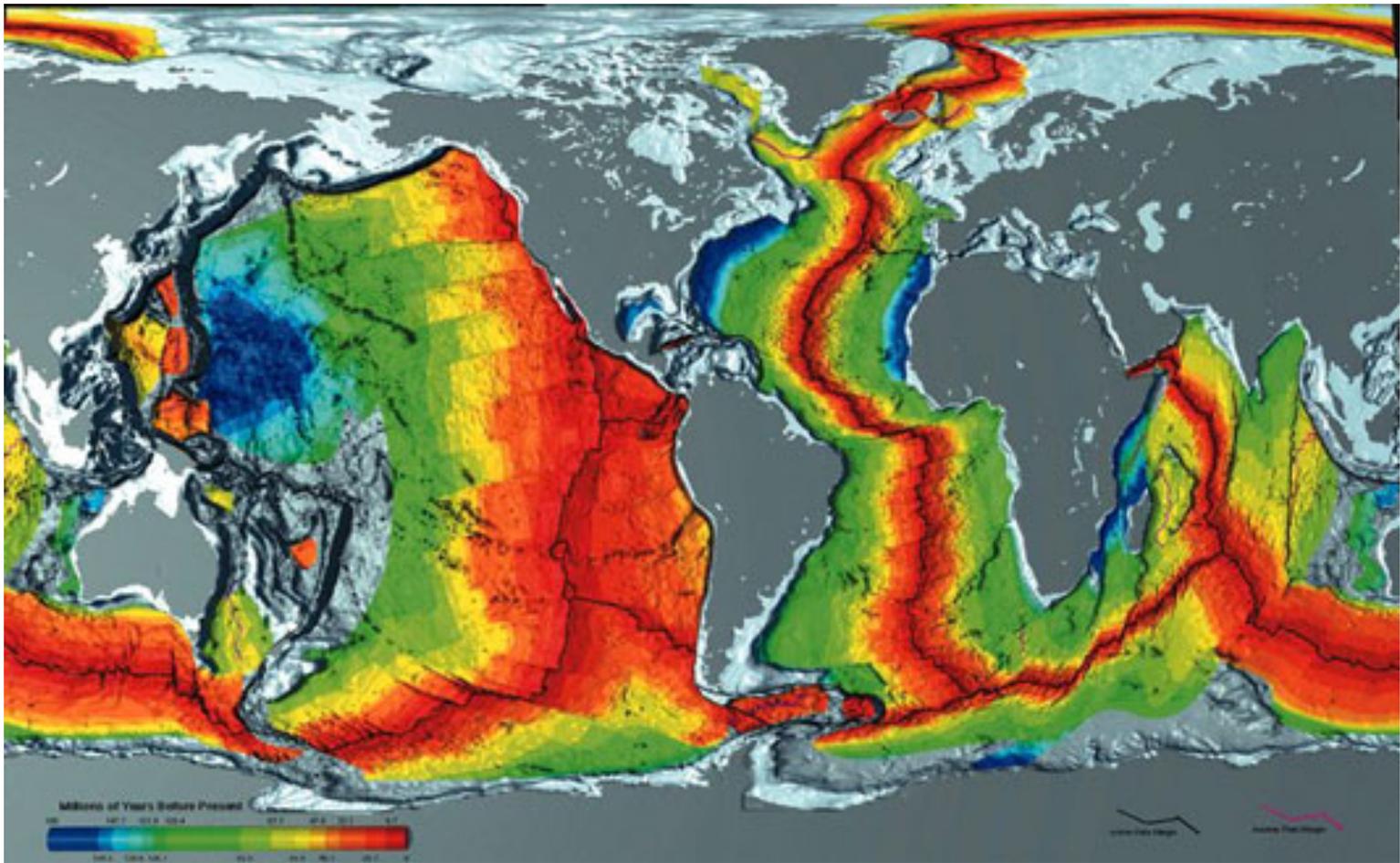
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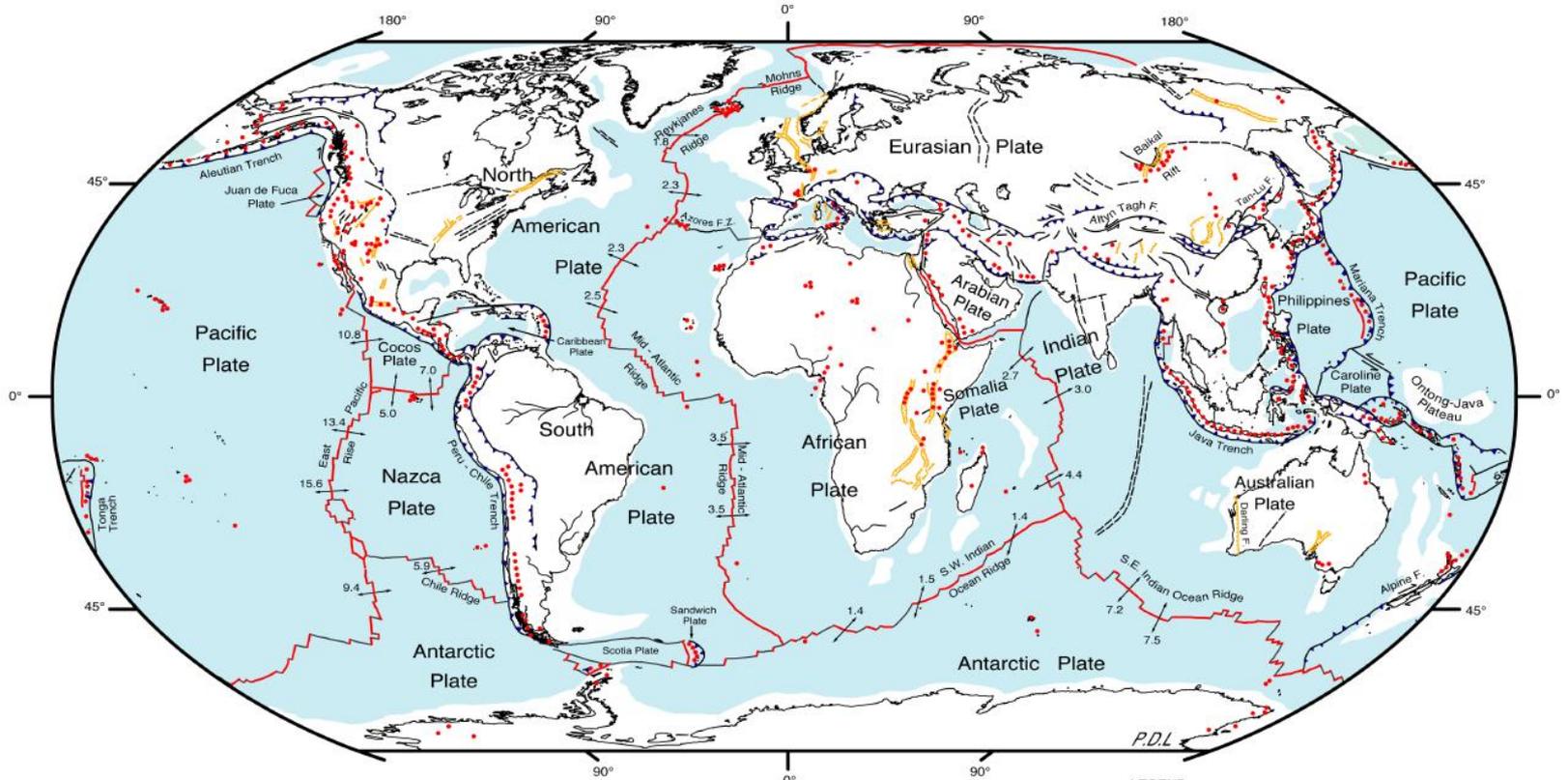




NASA



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DIGITAL TECTONIC ACTIVITY MAP OF THE EARTH
Tectonism and Volcanism of the Last One Million Years

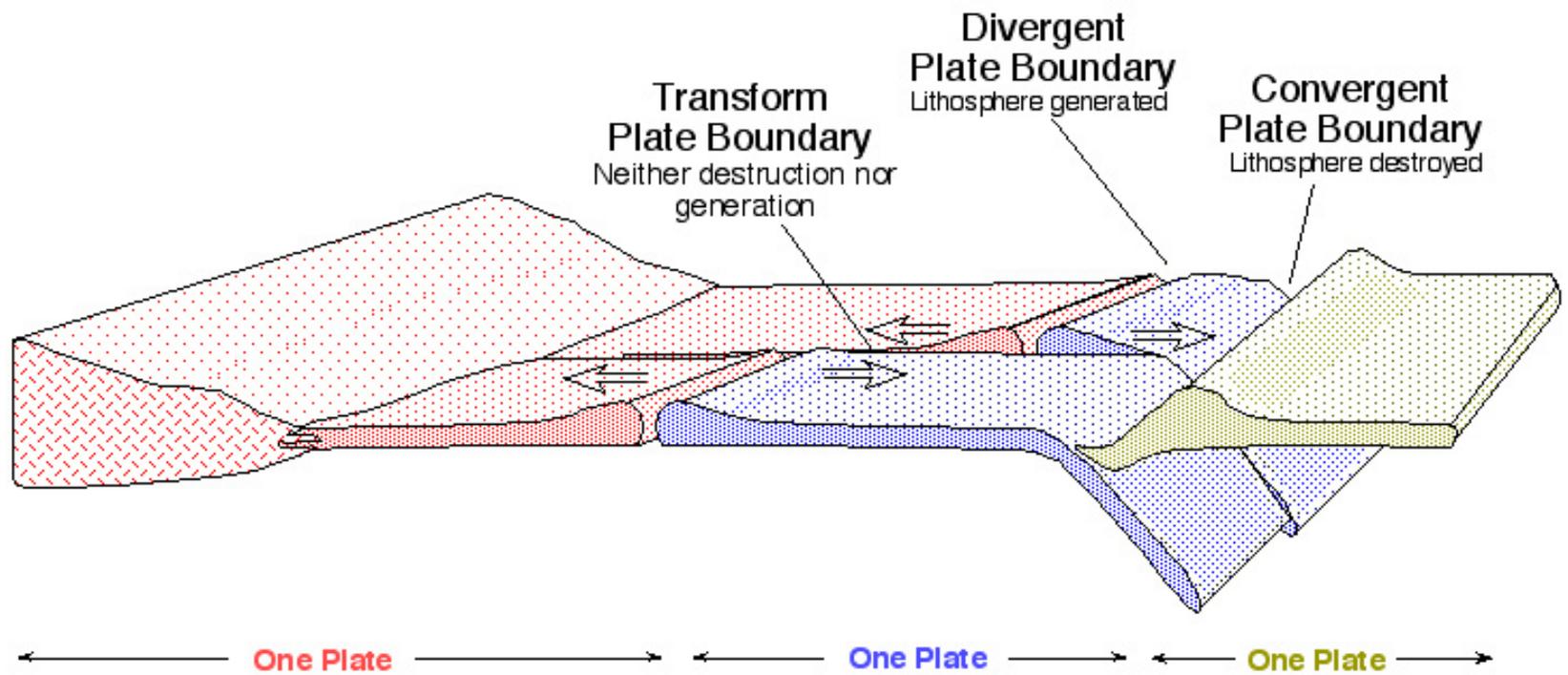
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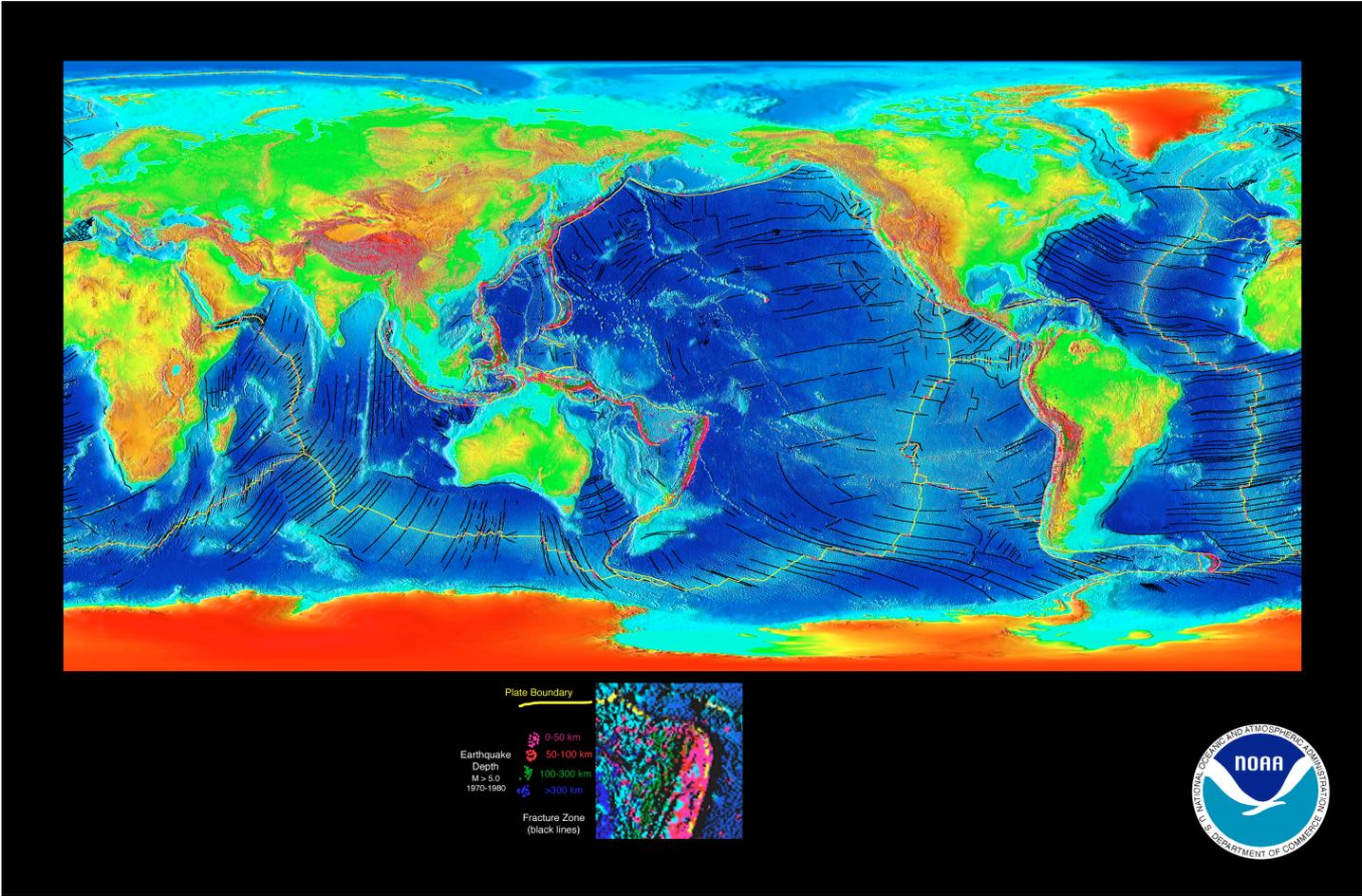
NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, Maryland 20771

Robinson Projection
Mainly oceanic crust
October 1998

- LEGEND**
- Actively-spreading ridges and transform faults
 - Total spreading rate, cm/year, NUVEL-1 model (DeMets et al., Geophys. J. International, 101, 425, 1990)
 - Major active fault or fault zone; dashed where nature, location, or activity uncertain
 - Normal fault or rift; hachures on downthrown side
 - Reverse fault (overthrust, subduction zones); generalized; bars on upthrown side
 - Volcanic centers active within the last one million years; generalized. Minor basaltic centers and seamounts omitted.



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Magnitude 9.0 NEAR THE EAST COAST OF HONSHU, JAPAN

Friday, March 11, 2011 at 05:46:23 UTC

Japan was struck by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake off its northeastern coast Friday. This is one of the largest earthquakes that Japan has ever experienced.



USGS

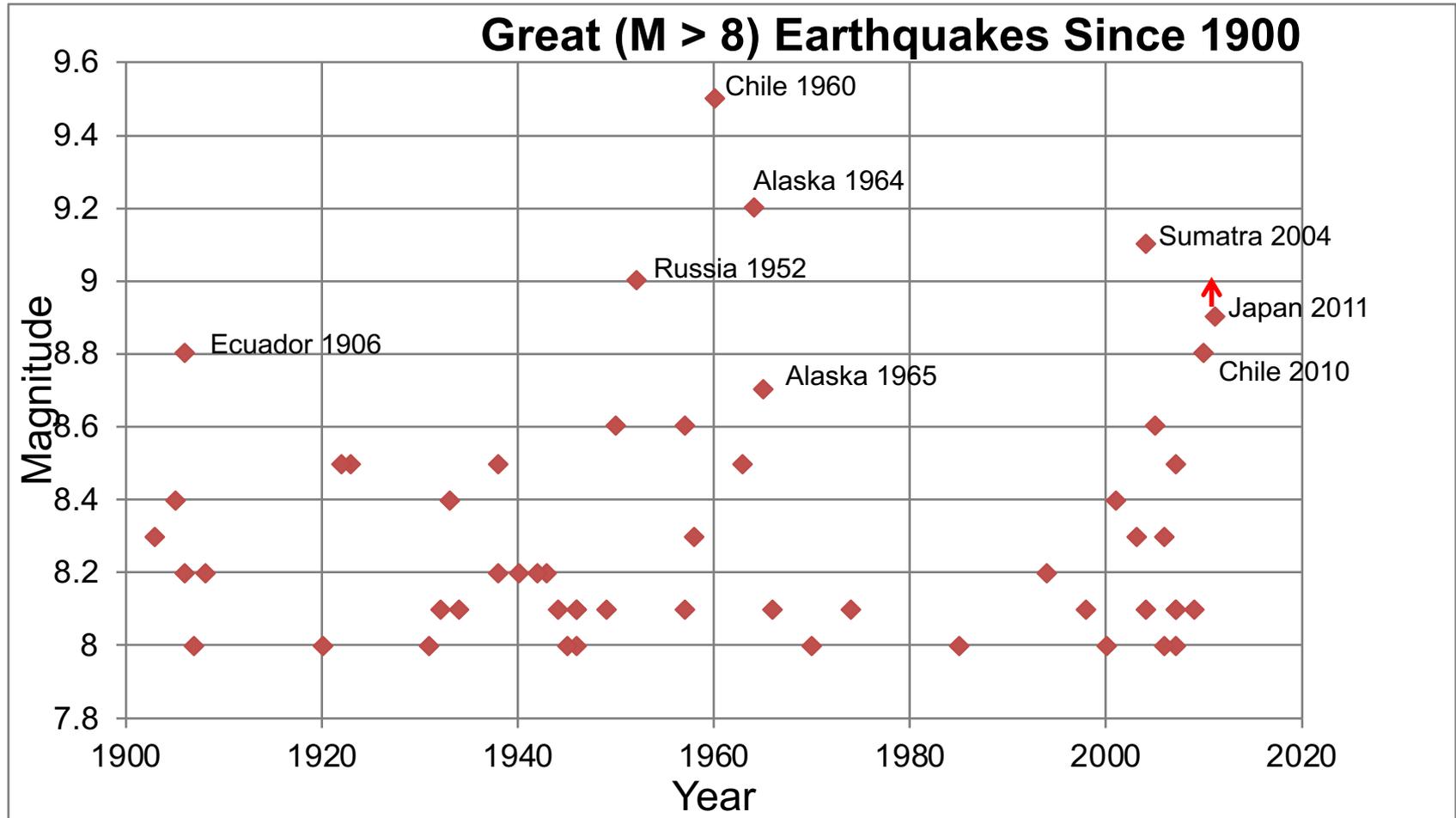
In downtown Tokyo, large buildings shook violently and there is severe flooding due to a tsunami generated by the earthquake.

Part of houses
swallowed by
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after Japan was
struck by a strong
earthquake off its
northeastern coast
Friday, March 11,
2011.



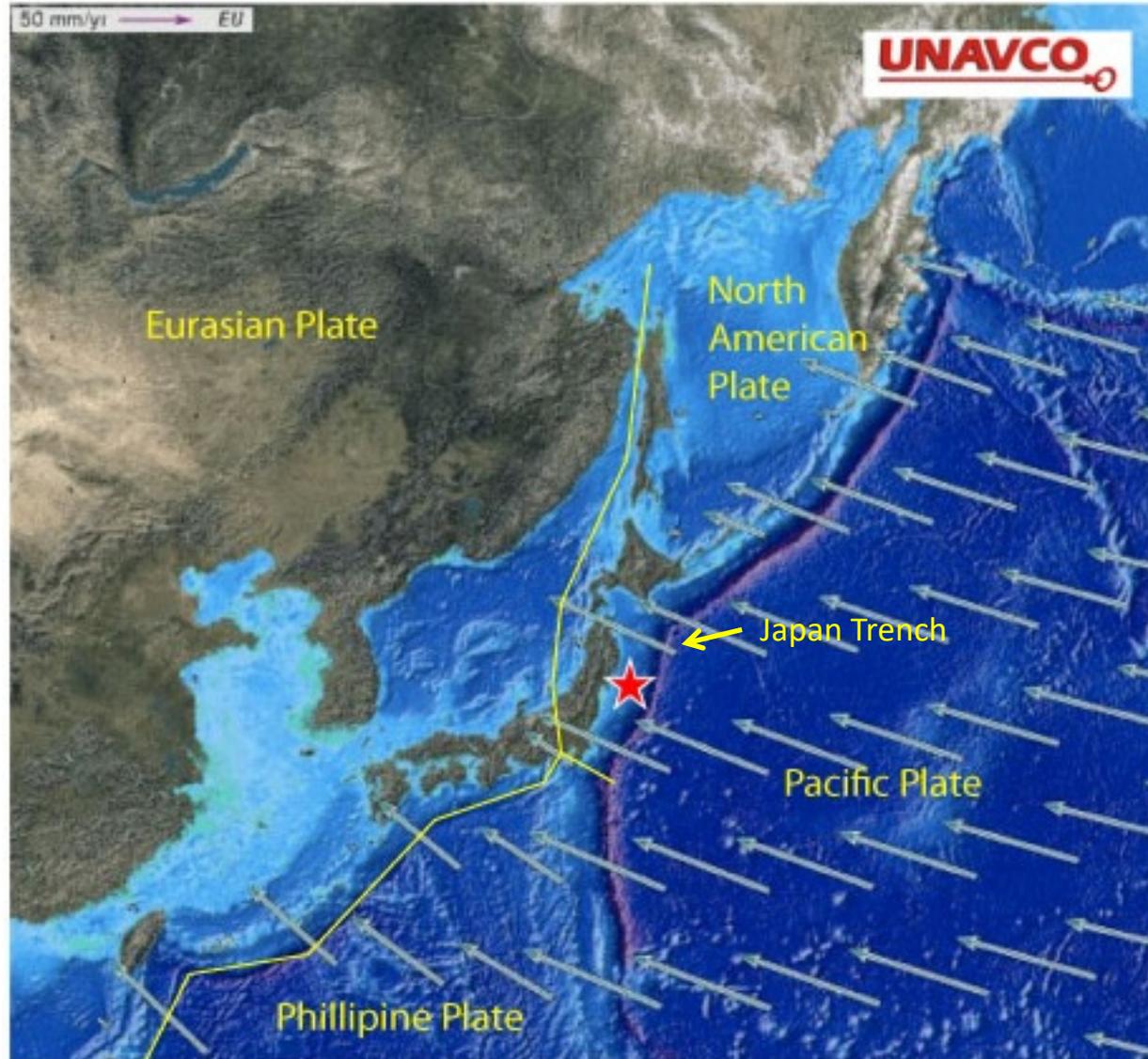
New York Times

Globally, this is the 4th largest earthquake since 1900.



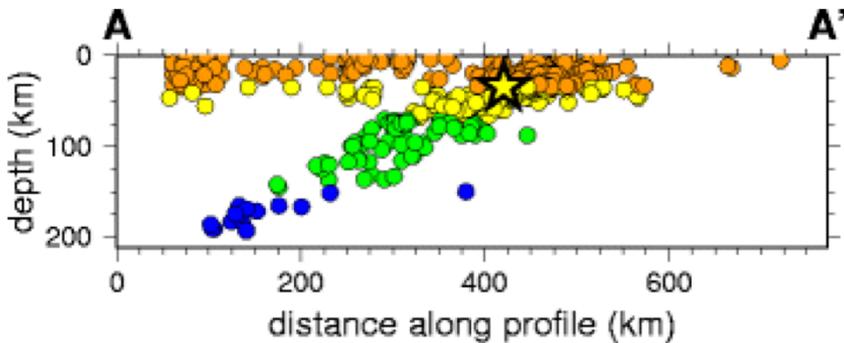
This earthquake was the result of thrust faulting along or near the convergent plate boundary where the Pacific Plate subducts beneath Japan.

This map also shows the rate and direction of motion of the Pacific Plate with respect to the Eurasian Plate near the Japan Trench. The rate of convergence at this plate boundary is about 83 mm/yr (8 cm/year). This is a fairly high convergence rate and this subduction zone is very seismically active.



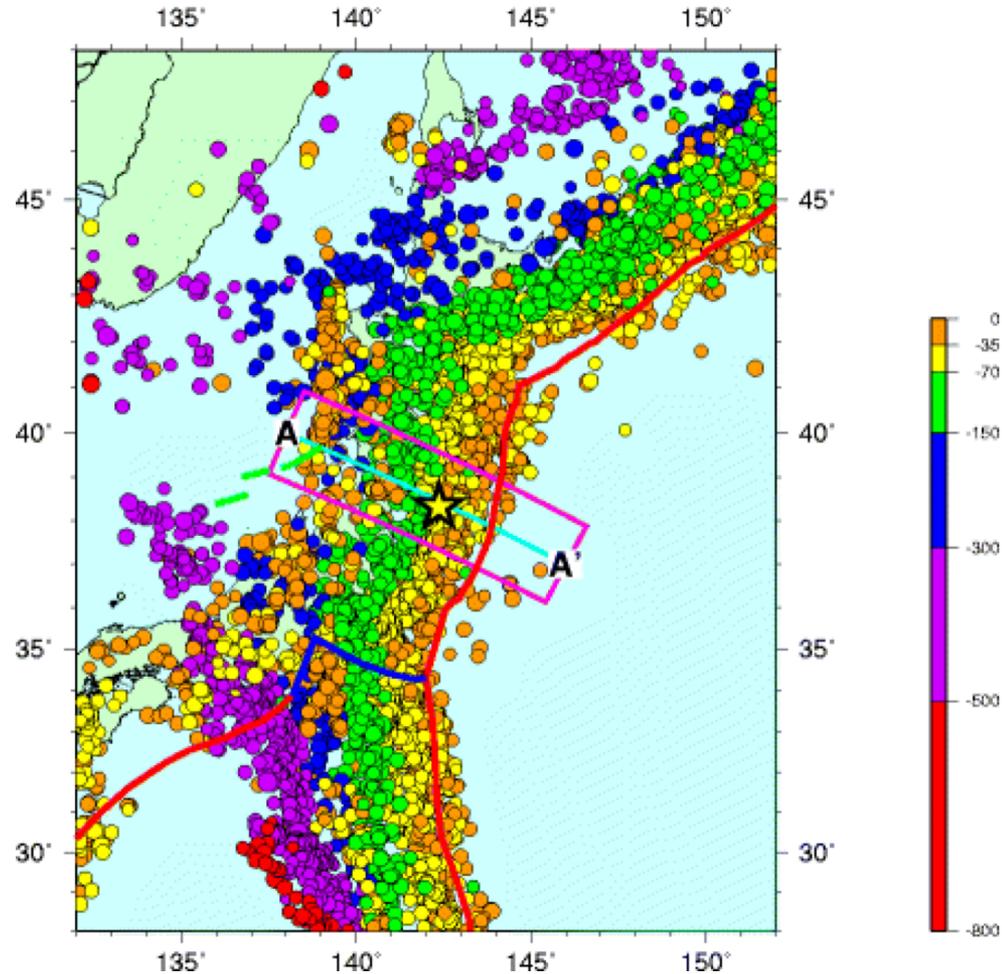
The map on the right shows historic earthquake activity near the epicenter (star) from 1990 to present.

As shown on the cross section, earthquakes are shallow (orange dots) at the Japan Trench and increase to 300 km depth (blue dots) towards the west as the Pacific Plate dives deeper beneath Japan.



Seismicity Cross Section across the subduction zone showing the relationship between color and earthquake depth.

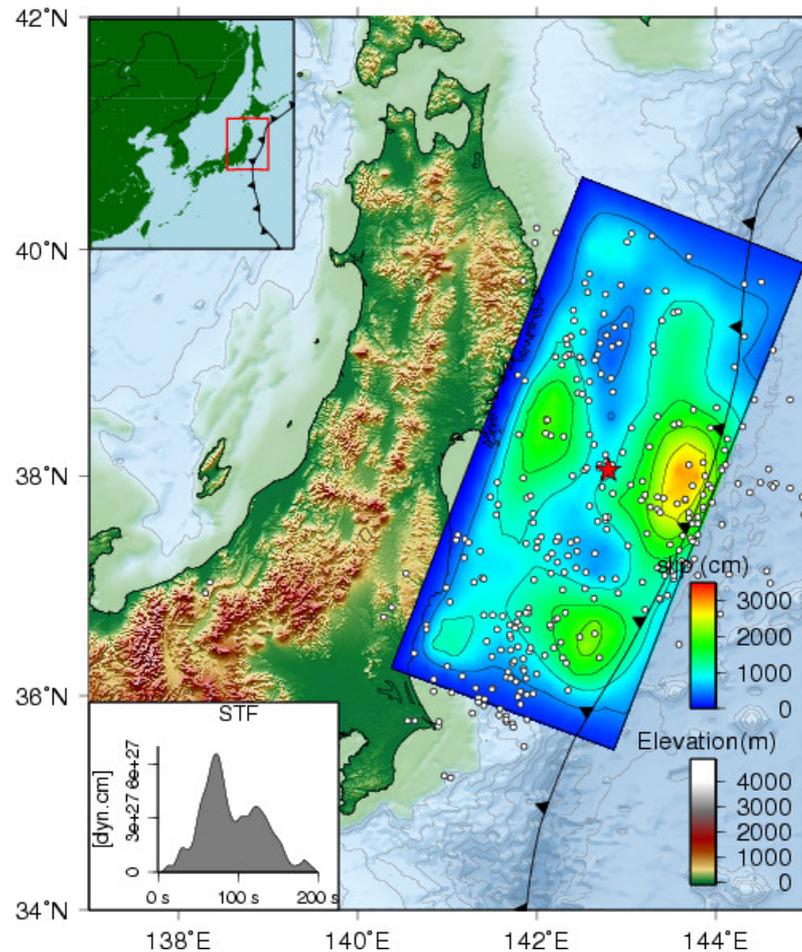
Seismicity Cross Section



Images courtesy of the US Geological Survey

http://www.tectonics.caltech.edu/slip_history/2011_tohoku-oki-tele/

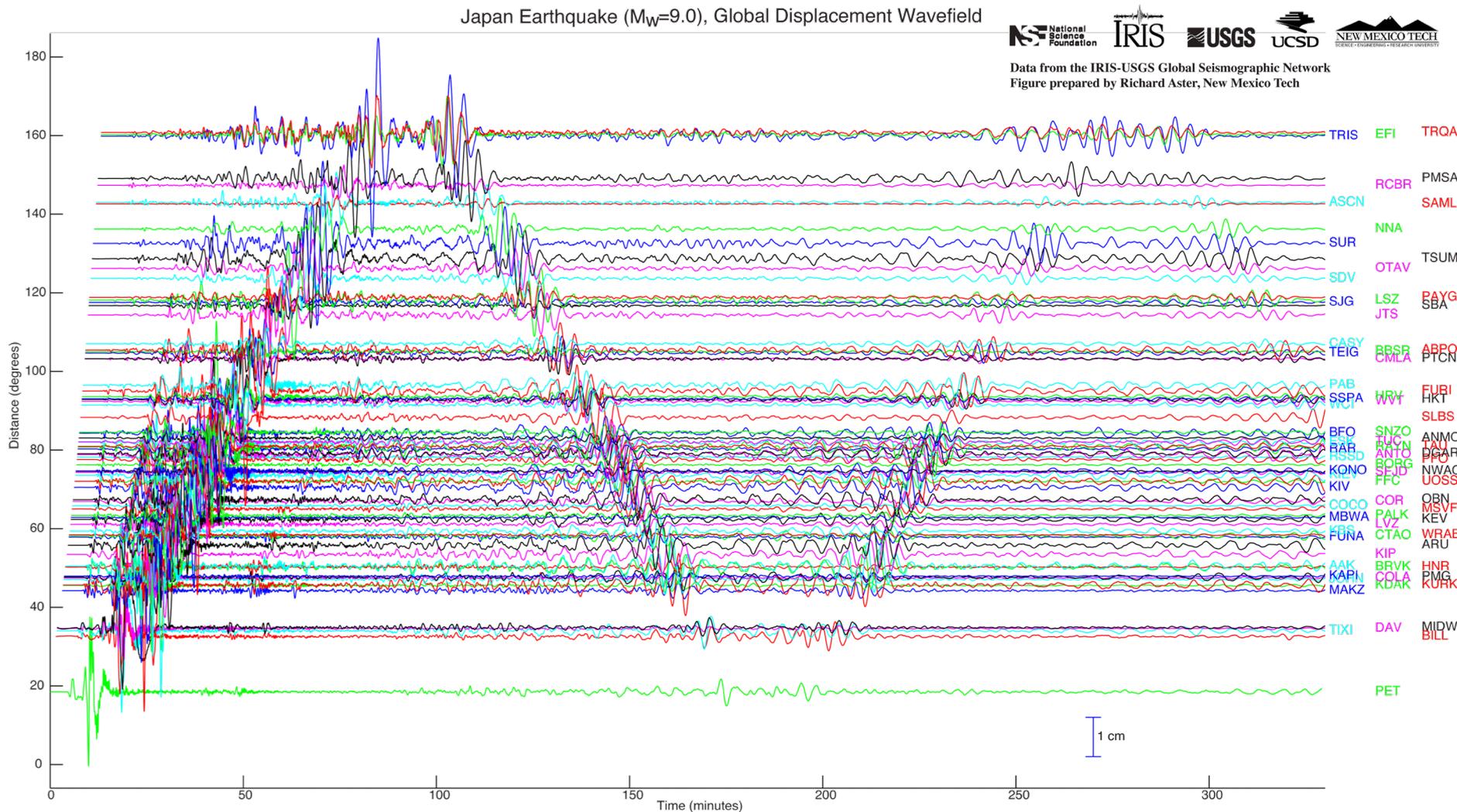
Shengji Wei
(Caltech)
Anthony Sladen
(Geoazur-CNRS)



Magnitude 9.0 NEAR THE EAST COAST OF HONSHU, JAPAN

Friday, March 11, 2011 at 05:46:23 UTC

Seismic waves recorded around the world.



Magnitude 7.8 NEPAL

Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 06:11:26 UTC



A magnitude 7.8 earthquake occurred with an epicenter 77 km (48 miles) northwest of Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal that is home to nearly 1.5 million inhabitants. The earthquake flattened homes, buildings and temples, causing widespread damage across the region and killing more than 2,300 and injuring more than 5,000.

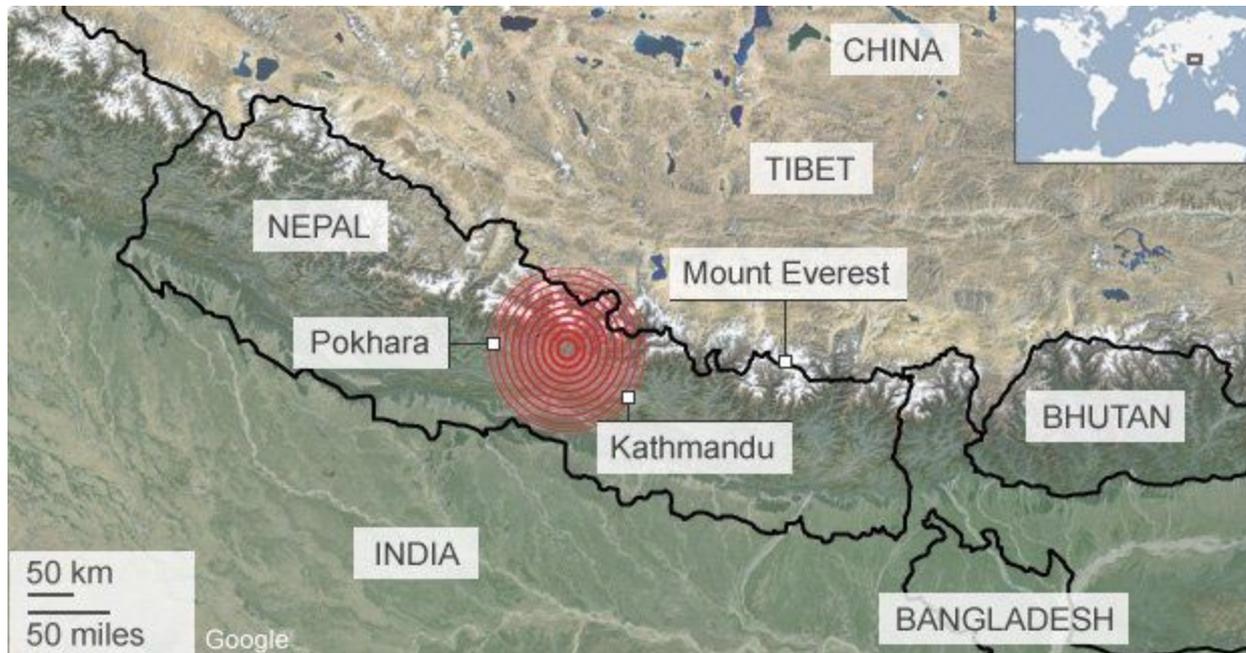
Rescue workers remove debris as they search for victims of earthquake in Bhaktapur near Kathmandu, Nepal. A major earthquake shook Nepal's capital and the densely populated Kathmandu Valley before noon Saturday, causing extensive damage with toppled walls and collapsed buildings, officials said.

(AP Photo/Niranjan Shrestha)





The earthquake centered outside Kathmandu, the capital, was the worst to hit Nepal in over 80 years. It destroyed swaths of the oldest neighborhoods of Kathmandu and severely damaged three Unesco World Heritage sites. The earthquake was strong enough to be felt all across parts of India, Bangladesh, China's region of Tibet and Pakistan.



Reports of damage and injuries are still being confirmed. The situation is unclear in remote areas which remain cut off or hard to access. Many mountain roads are damaged or blocked by landslides.

Image courtesy of the BBC

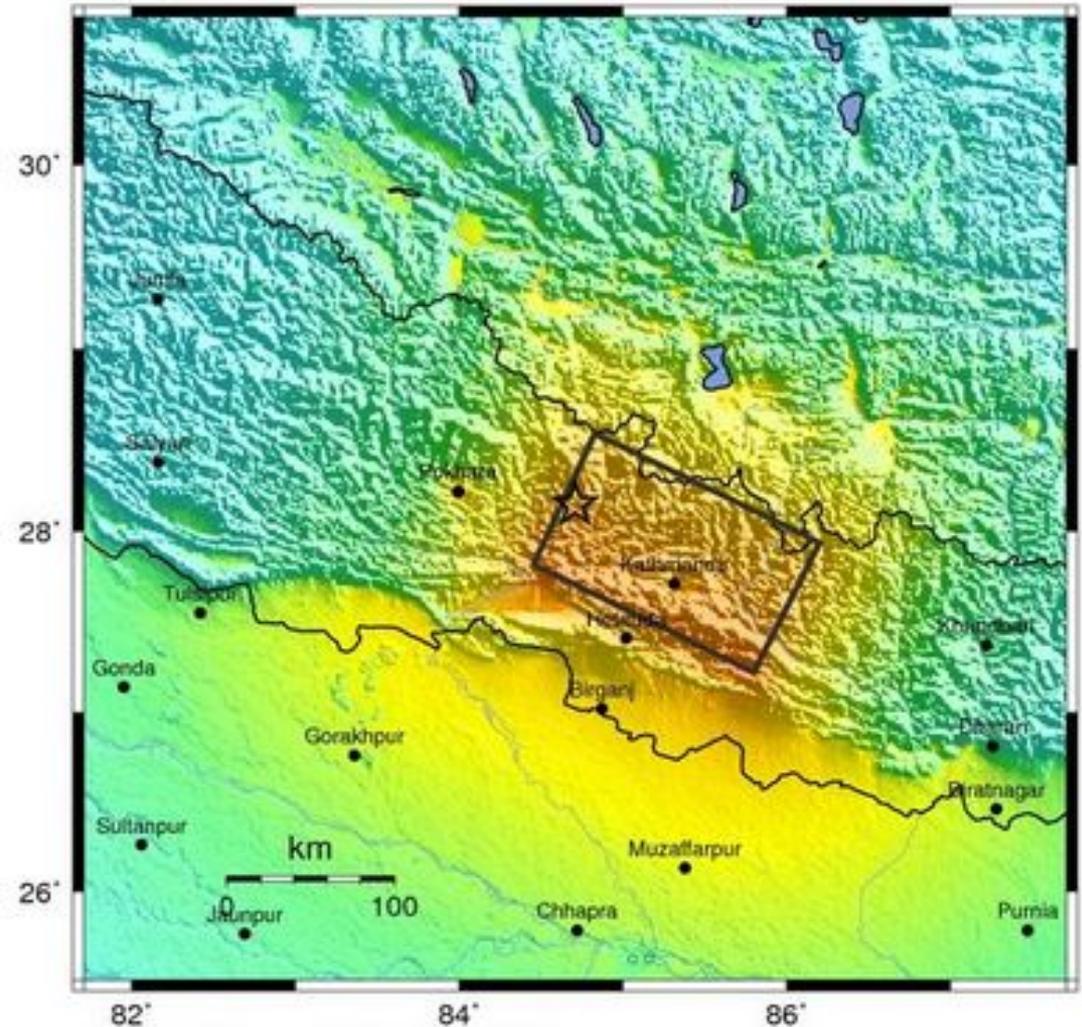
Shaking Intensity

The Modified Mercalli Intensity (MMI) scale depicts shaking severity. The area nearest Katmandu experienced very strong to severe shaking.

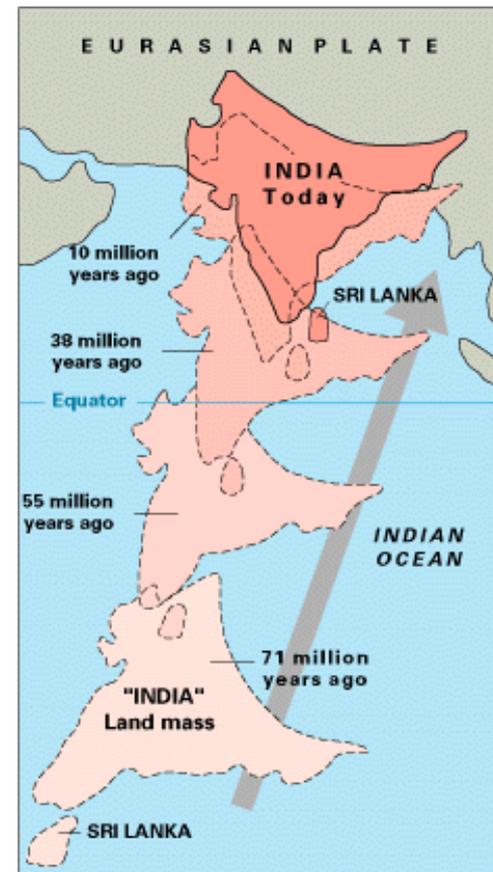
Modified Mercalli Intensity

X
IX
VIII
VII
VI
V
IV
II-III
I

Perceived Shaking
Extreme
Violent
Severe
Very Strong
Strong
Moderate
Light
Weak
Not Felt



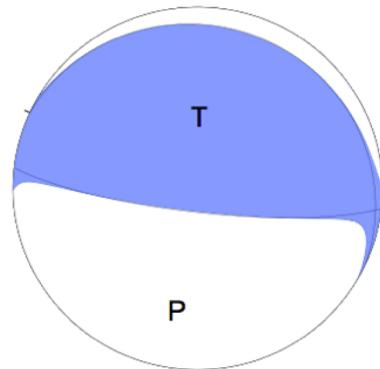
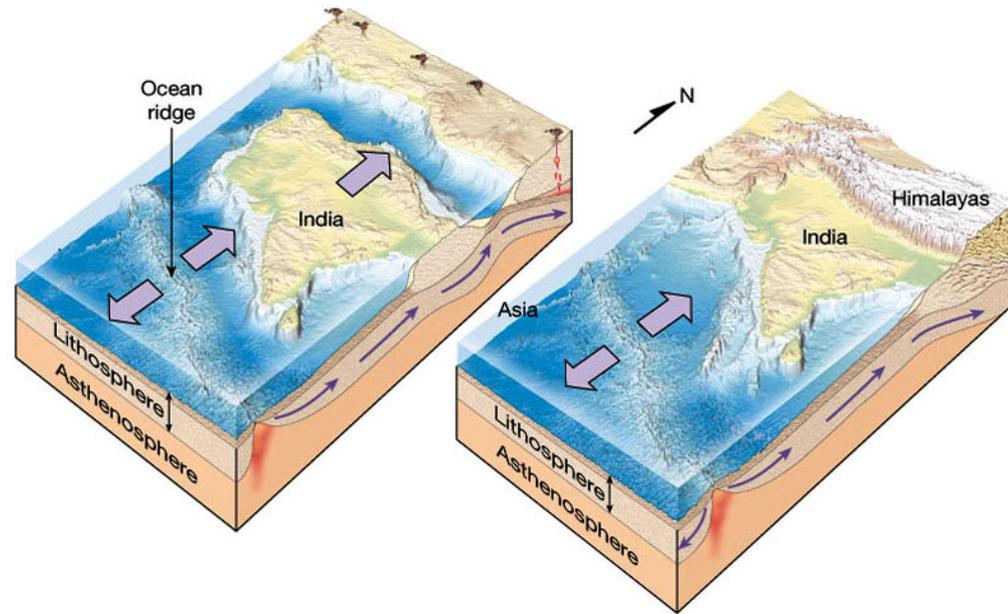
The earthquake activity in Nepal is caused by the ongoing continent-continent collision between India and Asia. That collision has produced the Himalaya Mountains and the Tibetan Plateau. The collision zone wraps around the northwest promontory of the Indian continent in the Hindu Kush region of Tajikistan and Afghanistan then extends to the southeast through Nepal and Bhutan.



The motion of India into Asia is essentially perpendicular to the Himalaya Mountains in Nepal. So thrust faulting earthquakes are the most common kind of earthquake in the central Himalayan region.

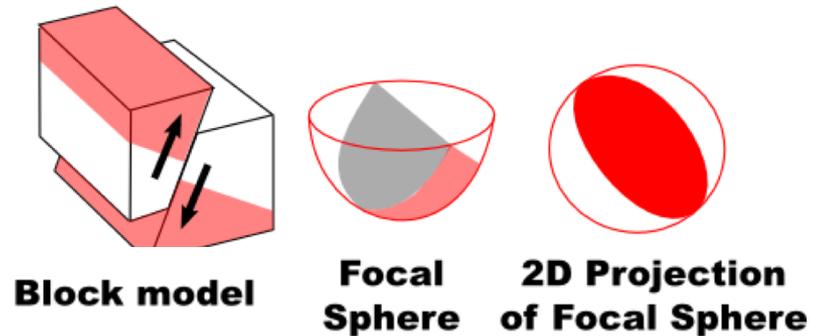
This earthquake occurred as the result of thrust faulting between the subducting Indian Plate and the overriding Eurasian Plate to the north.

At the location of this earthquake the Indian Plate is converging with Eurasia at a rate of 45 mm/yr towards the north-northeast, driving the uplift of the Himalayas and the Tibetan Plateau.

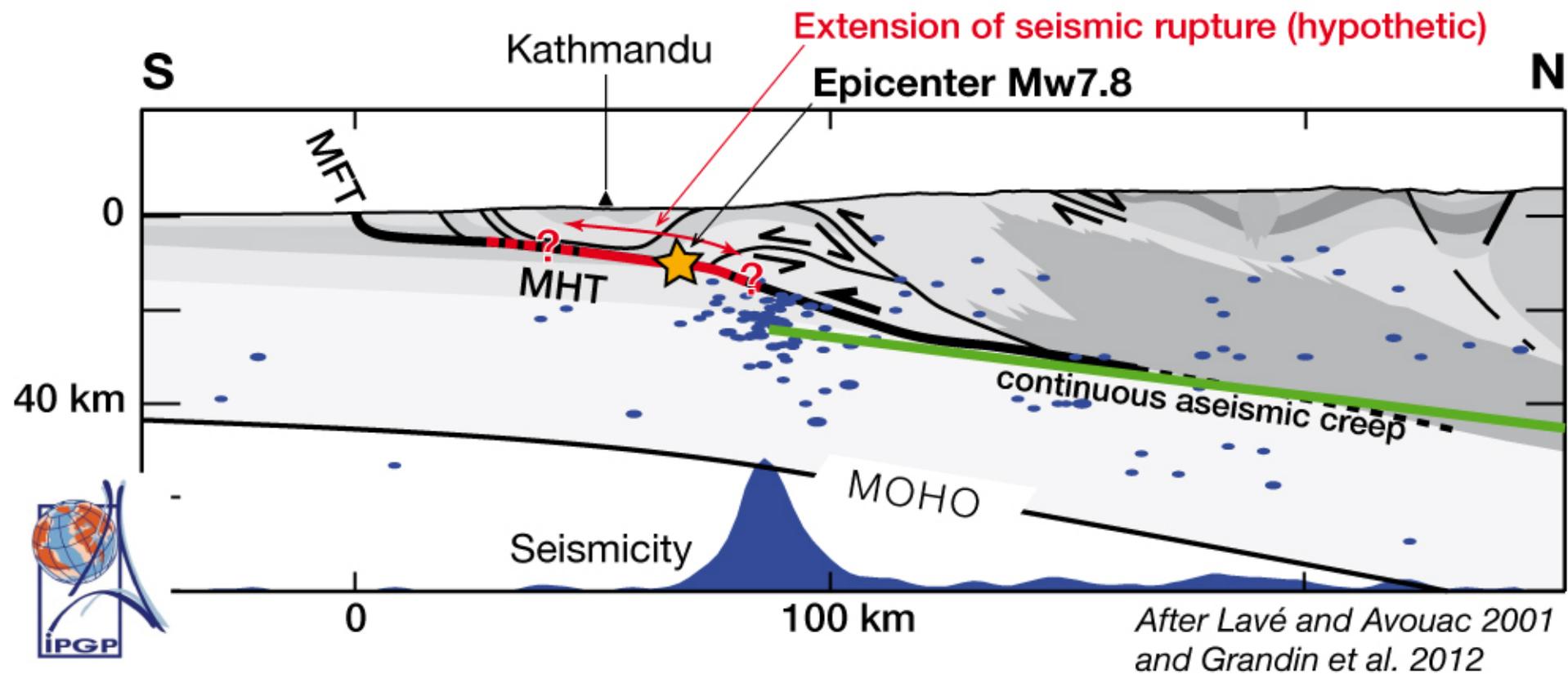


*USGS Centroid
Moment Tensor
Solution*

Reverse/Thrust/Compression



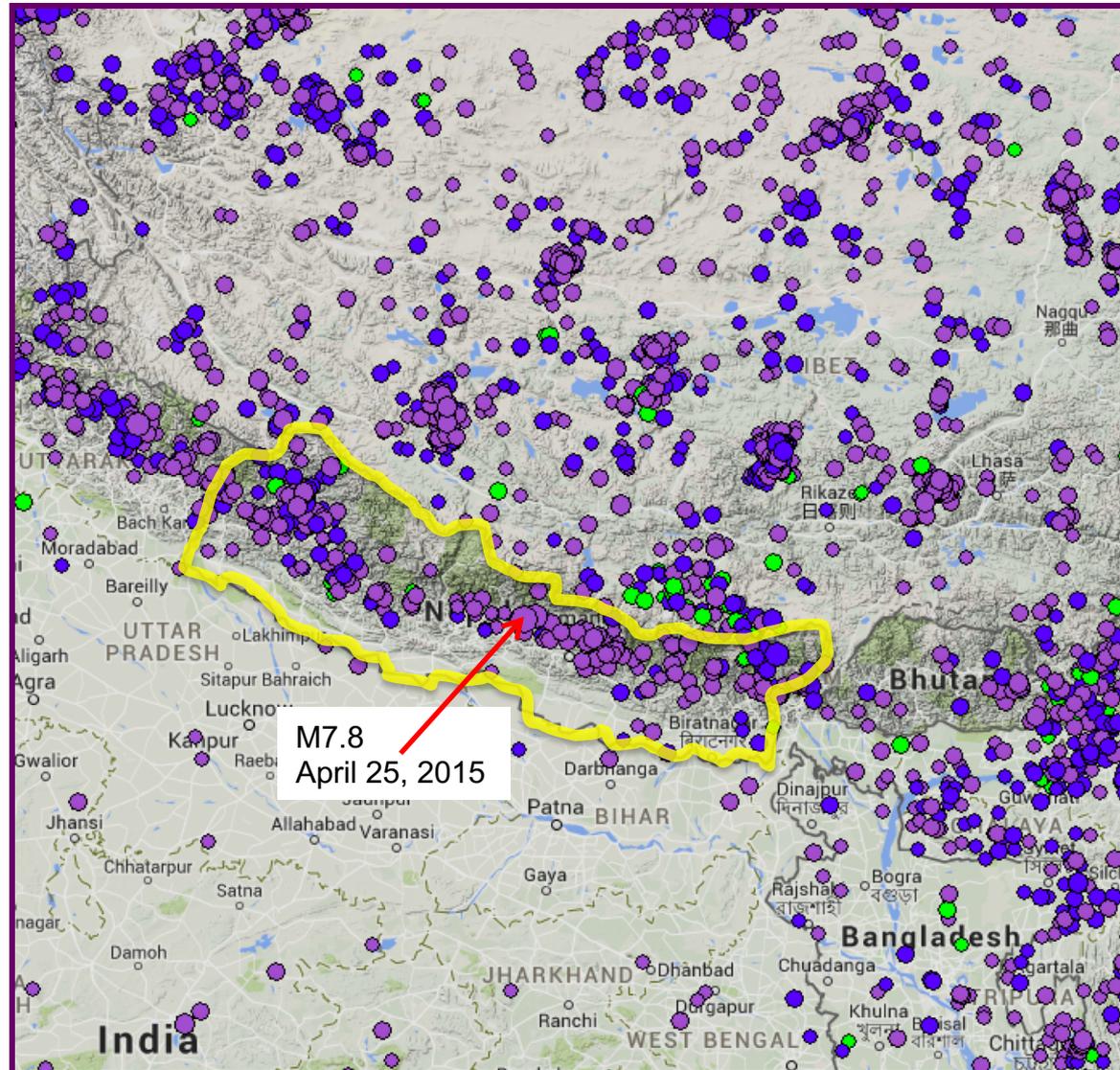
The tension axis (T) reflects the minimum compressive stress direction.
The pressure axis (P) reflects the maximum compressive stress direction.



<http://www.ipgp.fr/en/central-nepal-earthquake-april-25th-2015>

This map shows epicenters of earthquakes since 1990 ($>M4$) within the India – Asia collision zone. Note the belt of earthquakes along and south of the Himalaya Mountains sweeping through Nepal (yellow outline).

Four earthquakes $\geq M6$ have occurred within 250 km of the April 25 earthquake over the past century. The largest included a M6.9 in August 1988 and a M8.0 in 1934 which severely damaged Kathmandu. The 1934 earthquake is thought to have caused around 10,600 fatalities.

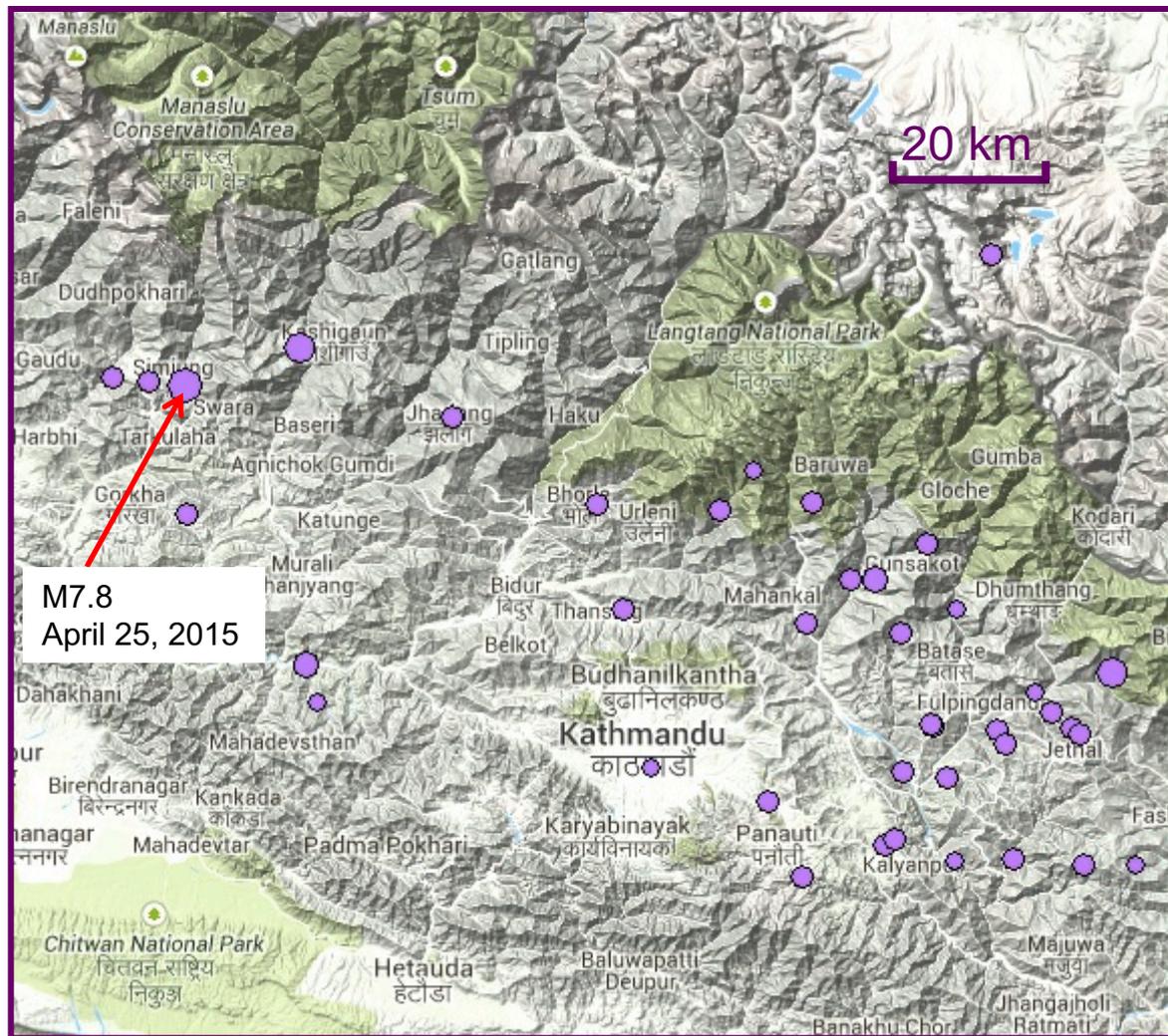


Map created using the IRIS Earthquake Browser: www.iris.edu/ieb

This map shows the magnitude 7.8 earthquake (mainshock) and the distribution of 40 aftershocks of magnitude 4 or larger that occurred over the following 27 hours.

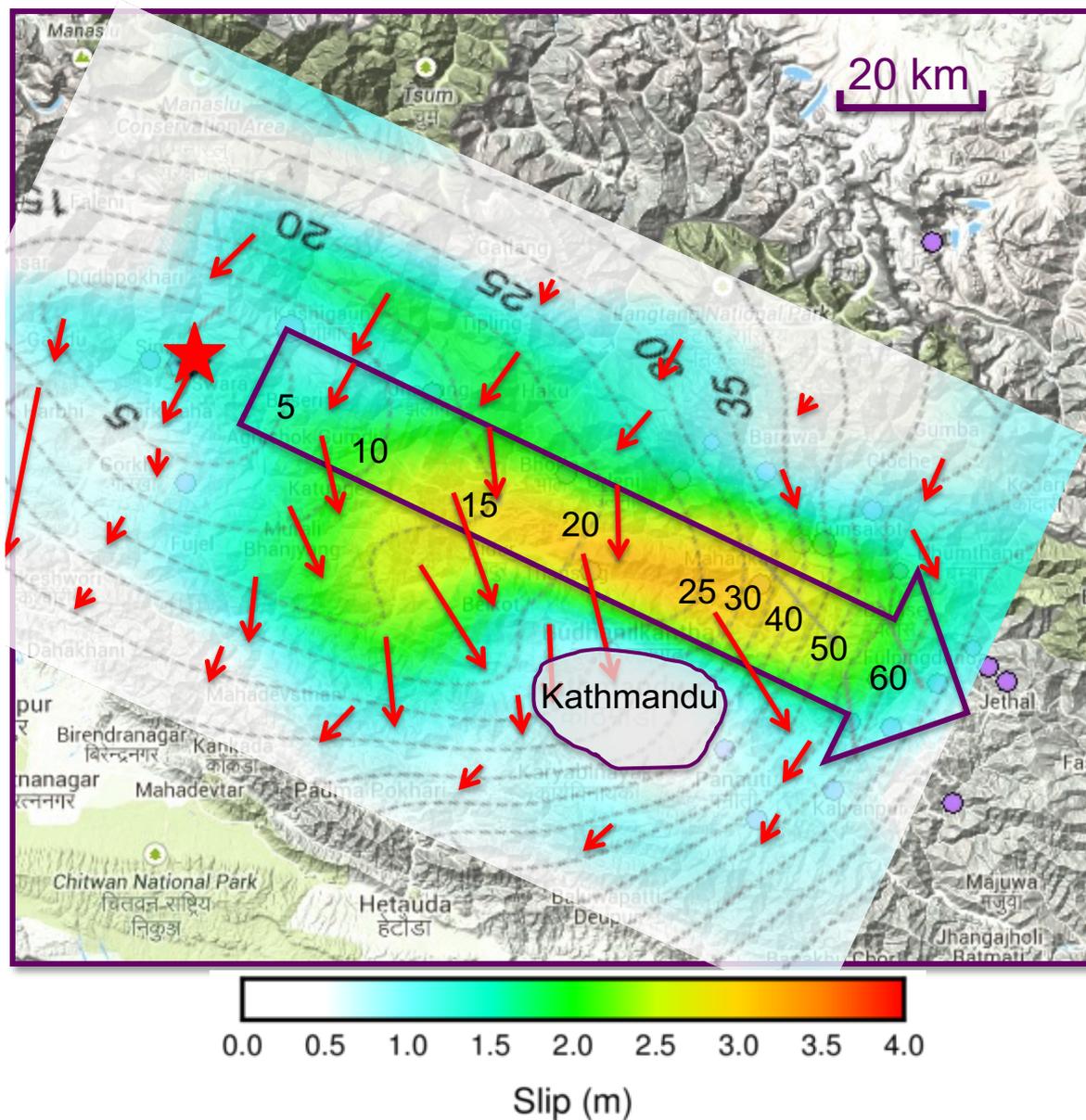
The aftershock distribution outlines the rupture zone of the mainshock. The rupture during the mainshock initiated beneath the epicenter and propagated toward the southeast.

On the next slide, a map of fault displacement during the earthquake is superimposed on this same map.



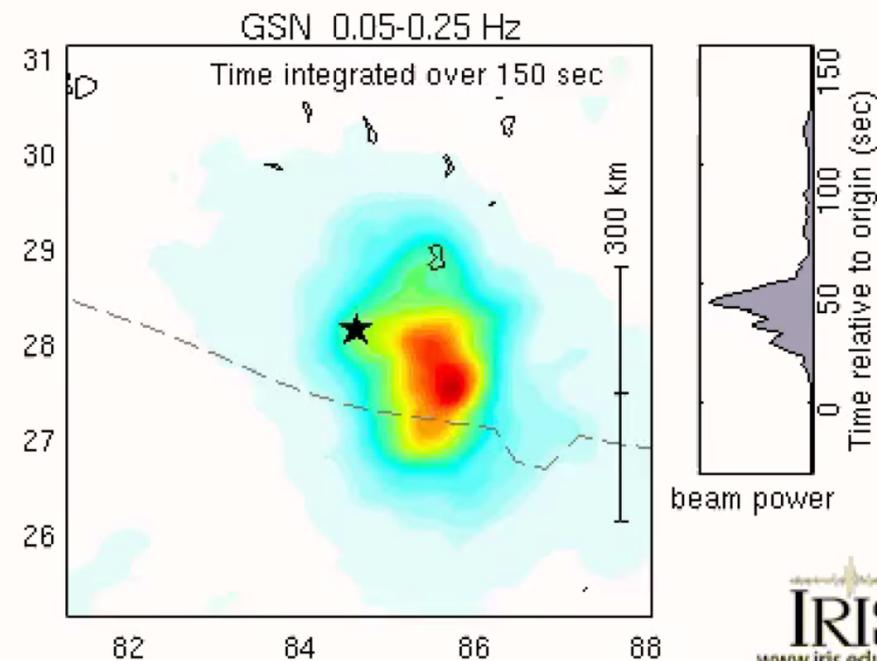
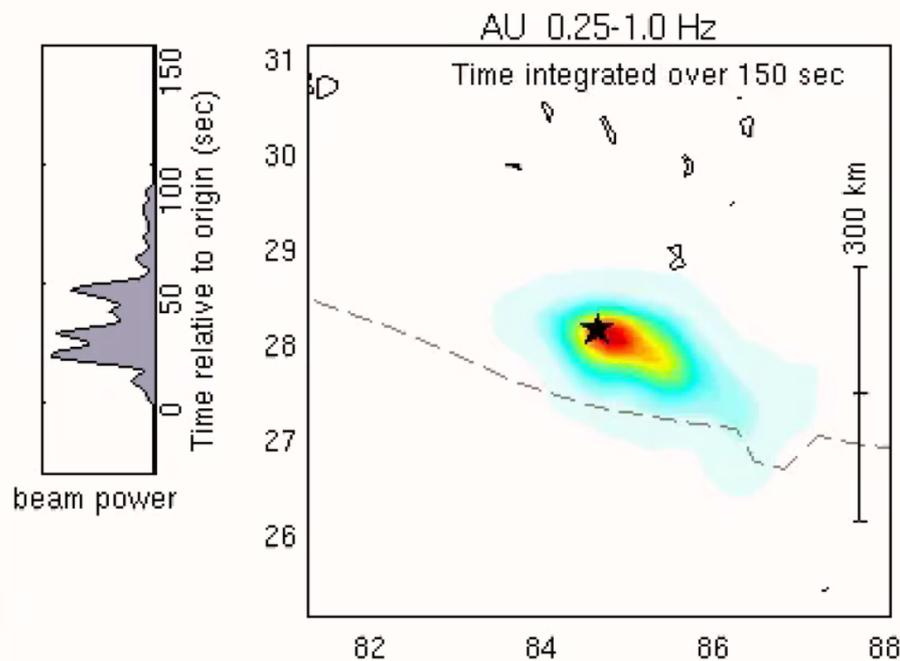
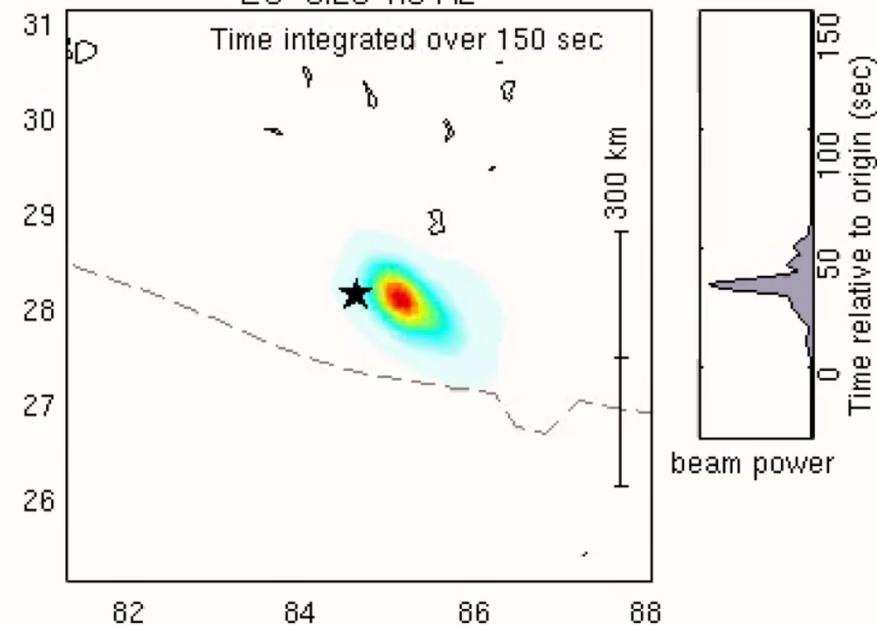
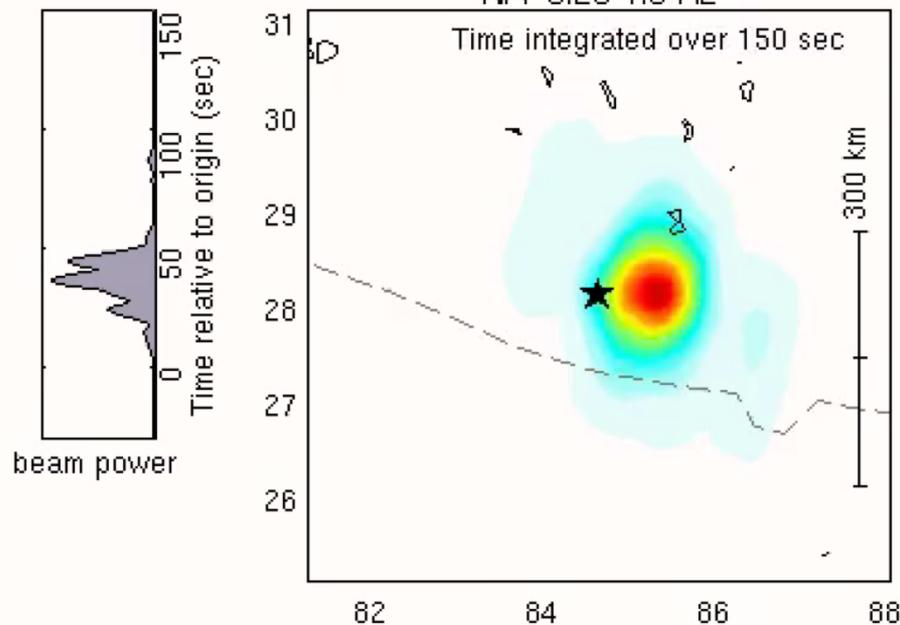
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This map shows fault displacement during this earthquake. The red star is the epicenter while the purple arrow shows the direction of rupture propagation towards the southeast. Contours show the rupture front in 5 second increments after rupture initiation. Small red arrows show the direction and amount of motion of the rocks above the fault with respect to the rocks below the fault. The amount of slip is shown by color of shading. Maximum fault displacement of about 3 meters occurred in the rupture zone about 20 km north of Kathmandu.



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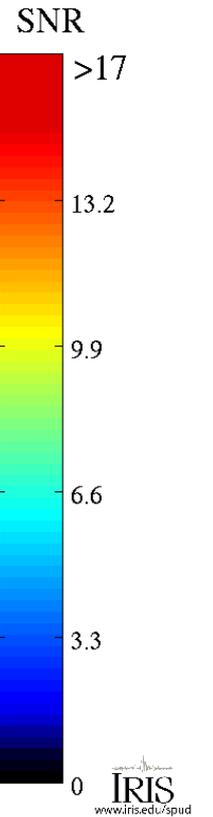
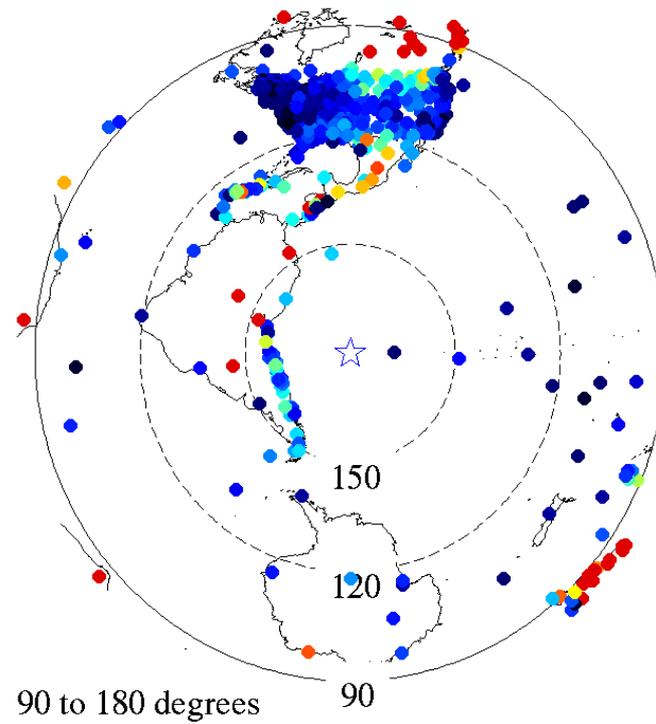
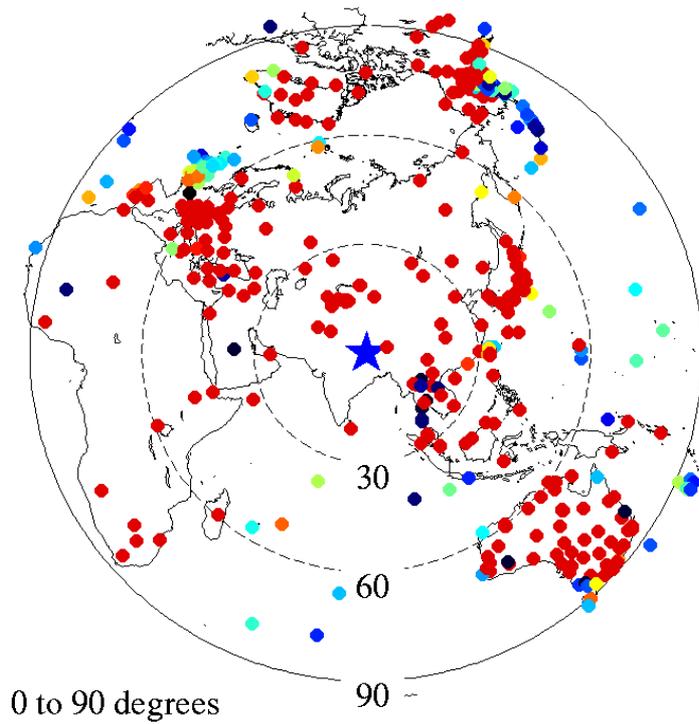
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Signal to noise ratio map for all BHZ data at IRIS 0.3to1.0Hz

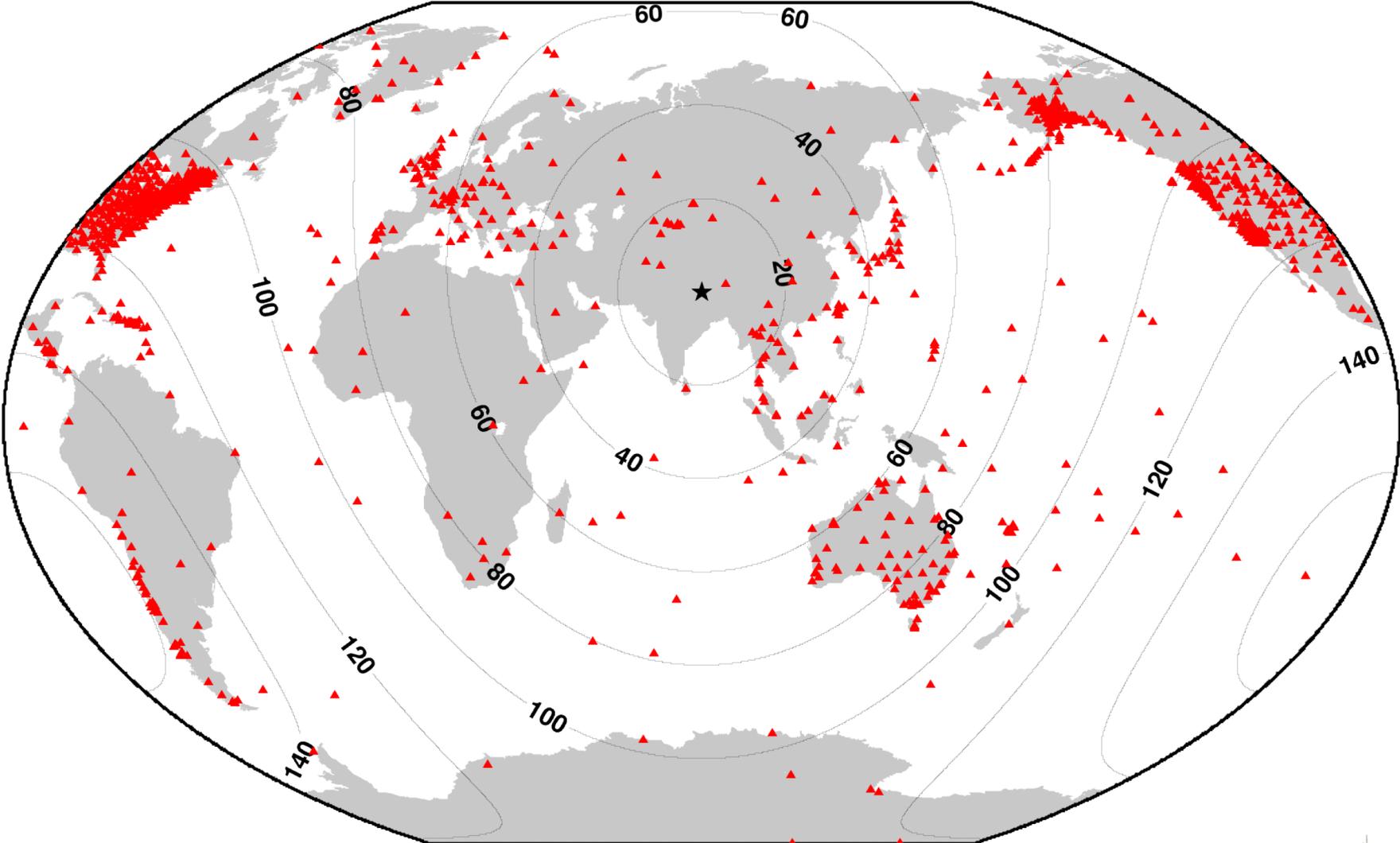
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Broadband stations

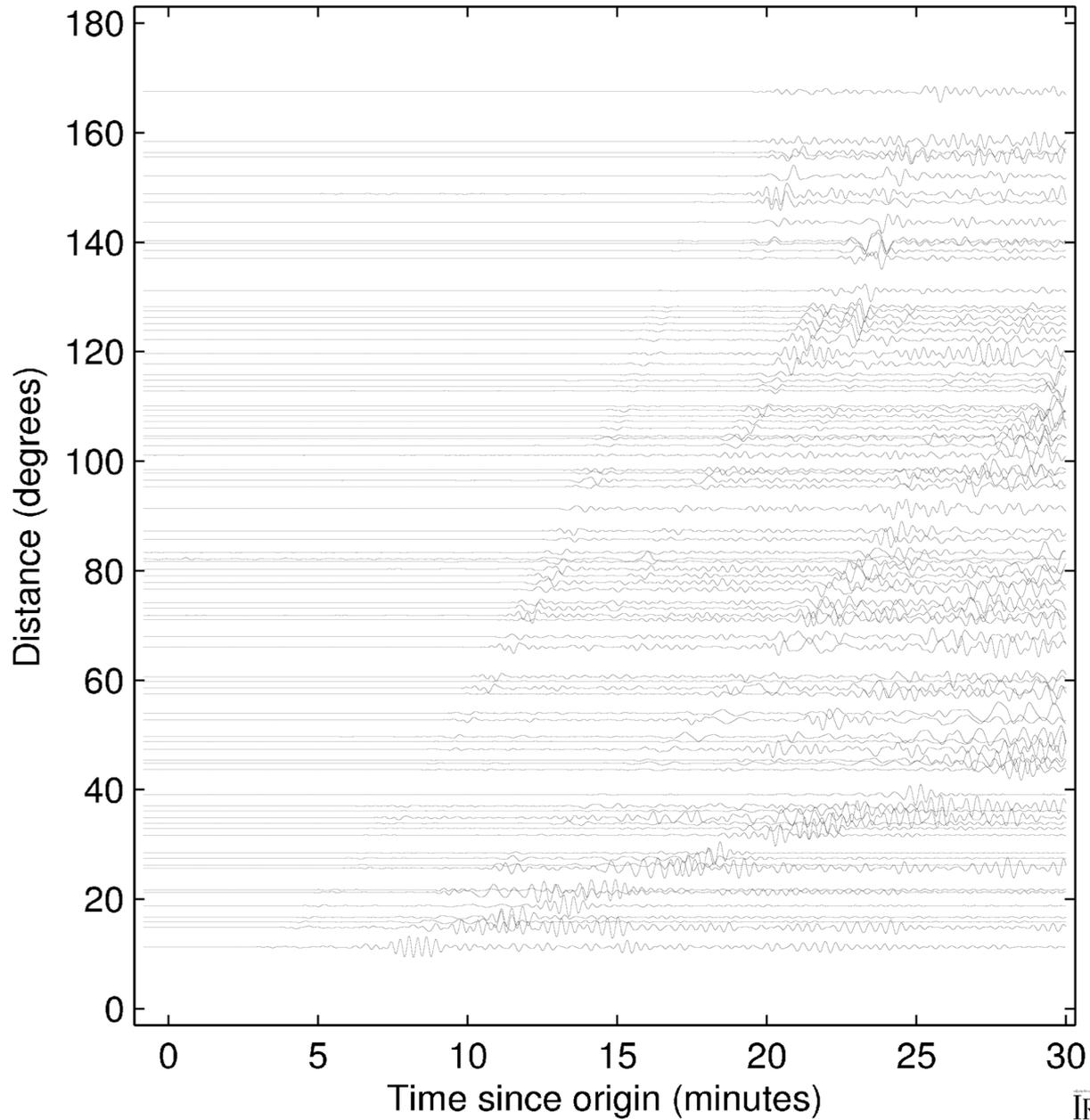
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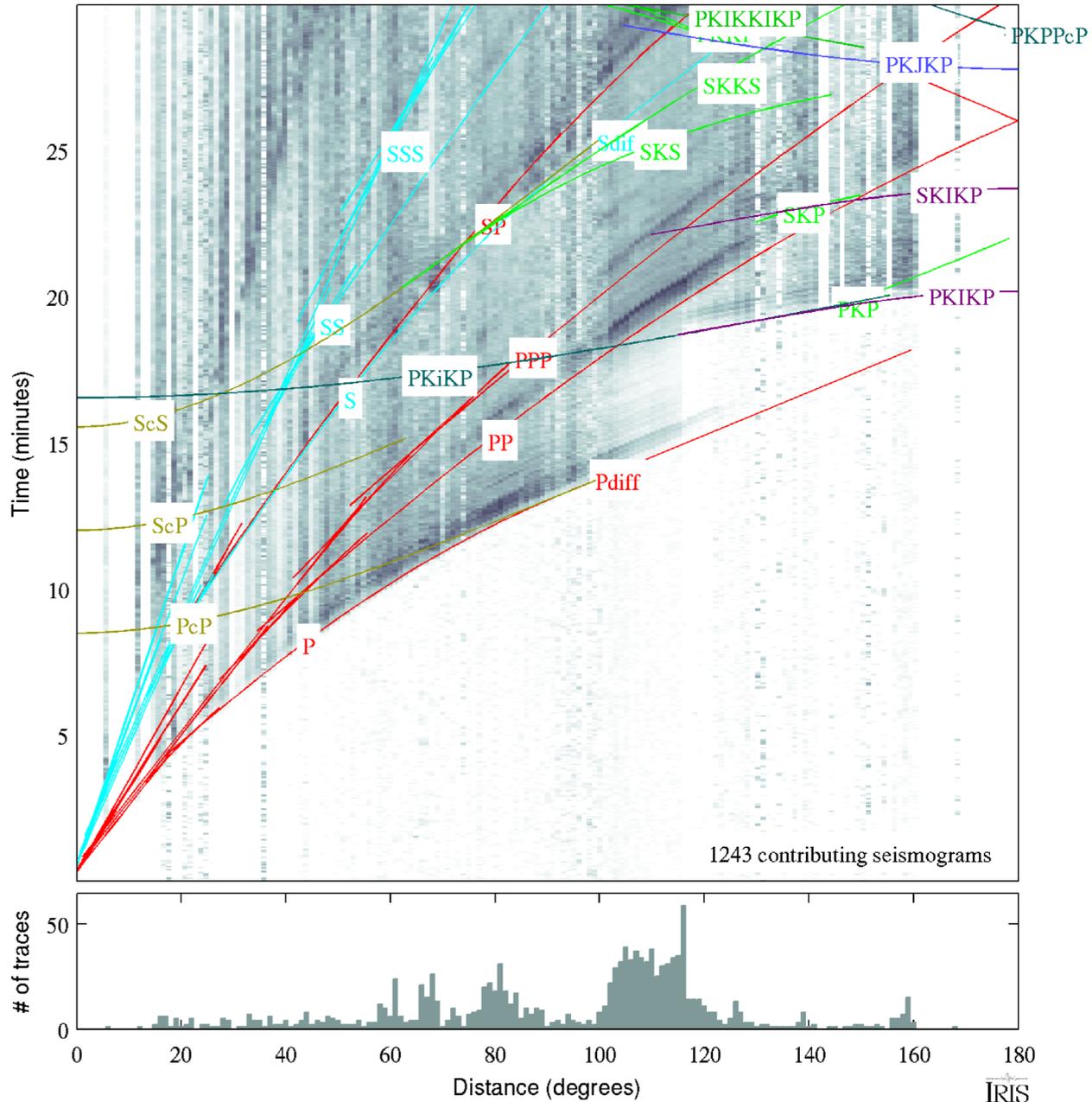
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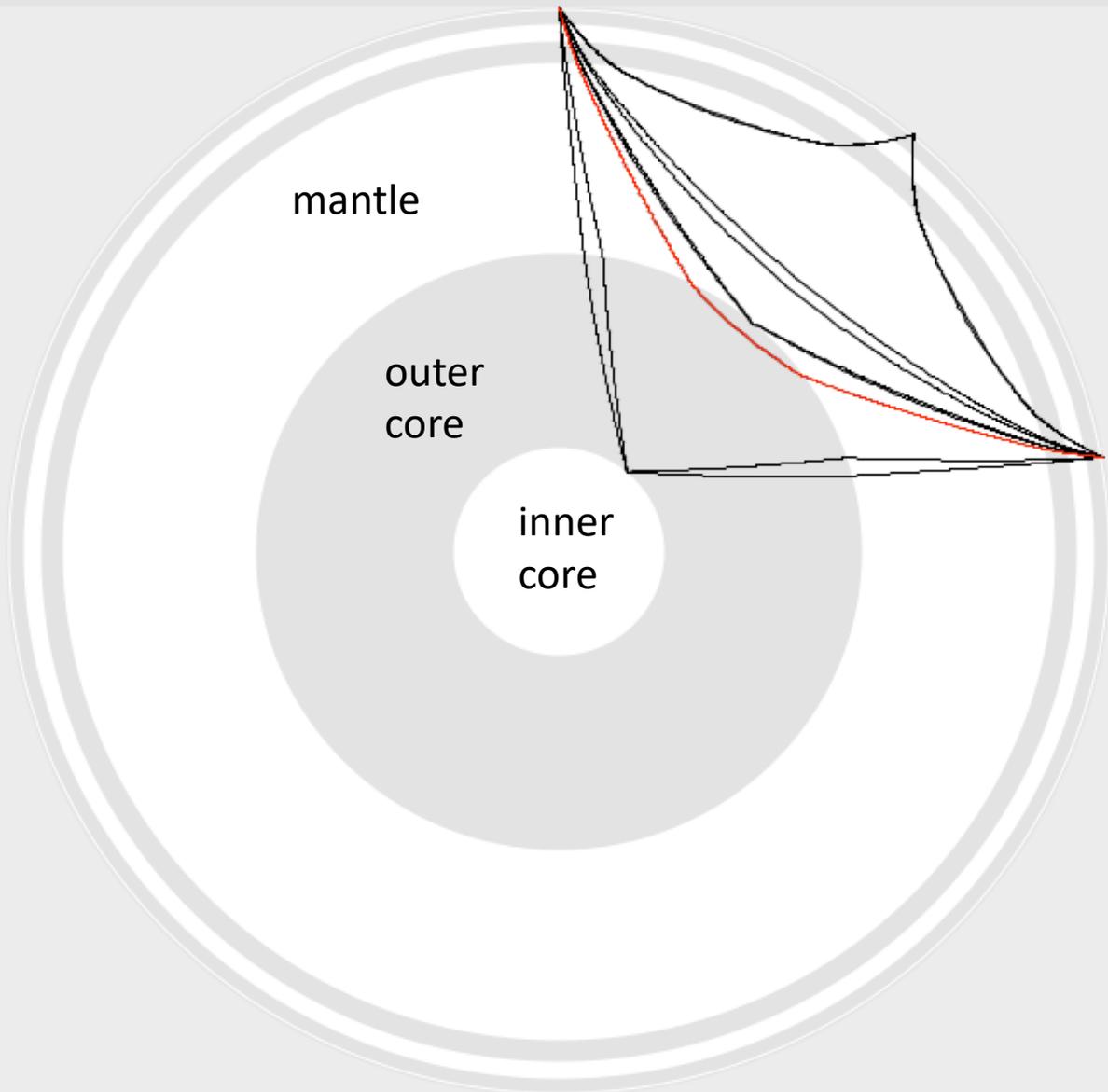
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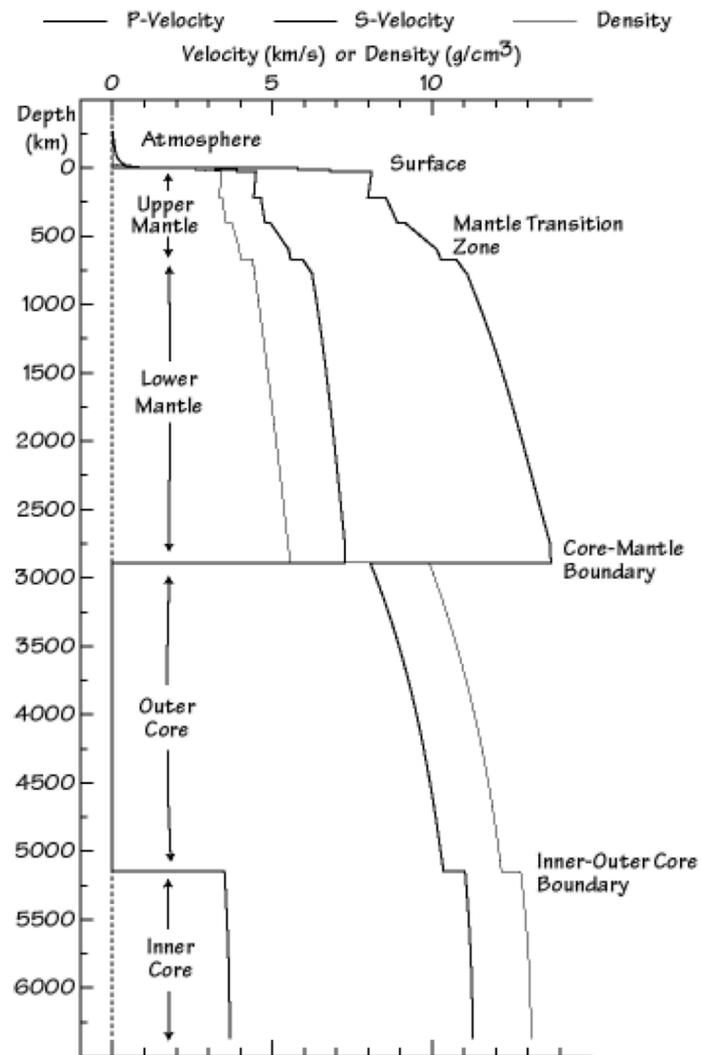
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- PKiKP
- SKiKS
- PP
- SS



Model

Distance (deg)

Depth



http://eqseis.geosc.psu.edu/~cammon/HTML/Classes/IntroQuakes/Notes/Images_specific02/prem.gif



Moment Tensor for MW 7.9 (GCMT) NEPAL



Centroid Event

Date-Time (UTC): 2015-04-25 06:11:58
 Location: NEPAL
 Latitude, Longitude: 27.910 °, 85.330 °
 Magnitude: 7.9 MW
 Depth: 12.0 km
 Author: Global CMT Project
 Catalog, Contributor: GCMT, GCMT

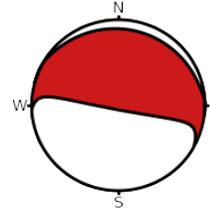
Event

Date-Time (UTC): 2015-04-25 06:11:25
 Location: NEPAL
 Latitude, Longitude: 28.231 °, 84.731 °
 Magnitude: 7.8 MWW (US)
 Depth: 8.2 km
 Author: US
 Catalog, Contributor: NEIC PDE, NEIC COMCAT
 Related Products:

CMT Details

Event ID: C201504250611A
 Timestamp: S-20150713124123
 CMT Version: Final
 NDK Version: V10
 Reference Catalog: PDEW
 Source: Zero Trace
 Moment Rate Fn: TRIHD
 Half Duration: 21.3
 Depth Determination: FIX
 Scalar Moment: 8.386 e+27 (dyne-cm)

Focal Mechanism



Moment Tensor (Exponent: 27)

Component	Value	Error
Mrr	1.76	0.004
Mtt	-1.82	0.004
Mpp	0.058	0.004
Mrt	8.04	0.042
Mrp	-1.51	0.049
Mtp	0.475	0.003

Principal Axes (Exponent: 27)

Name	Azimuth	Plunge	Length
T	10	51	8.302
N	101	1	0.166
P	191	39	-8.471

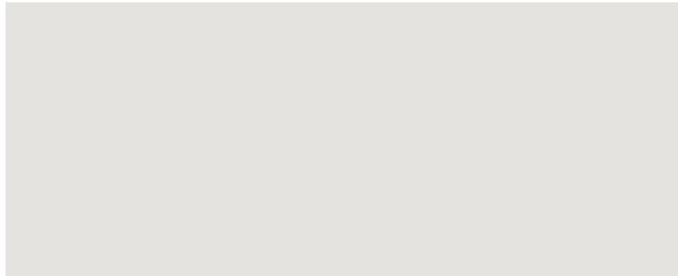
Nodal Planes

Name	Strike	Dip	Rake
NP1	287	6	96
NP2	101	84	89

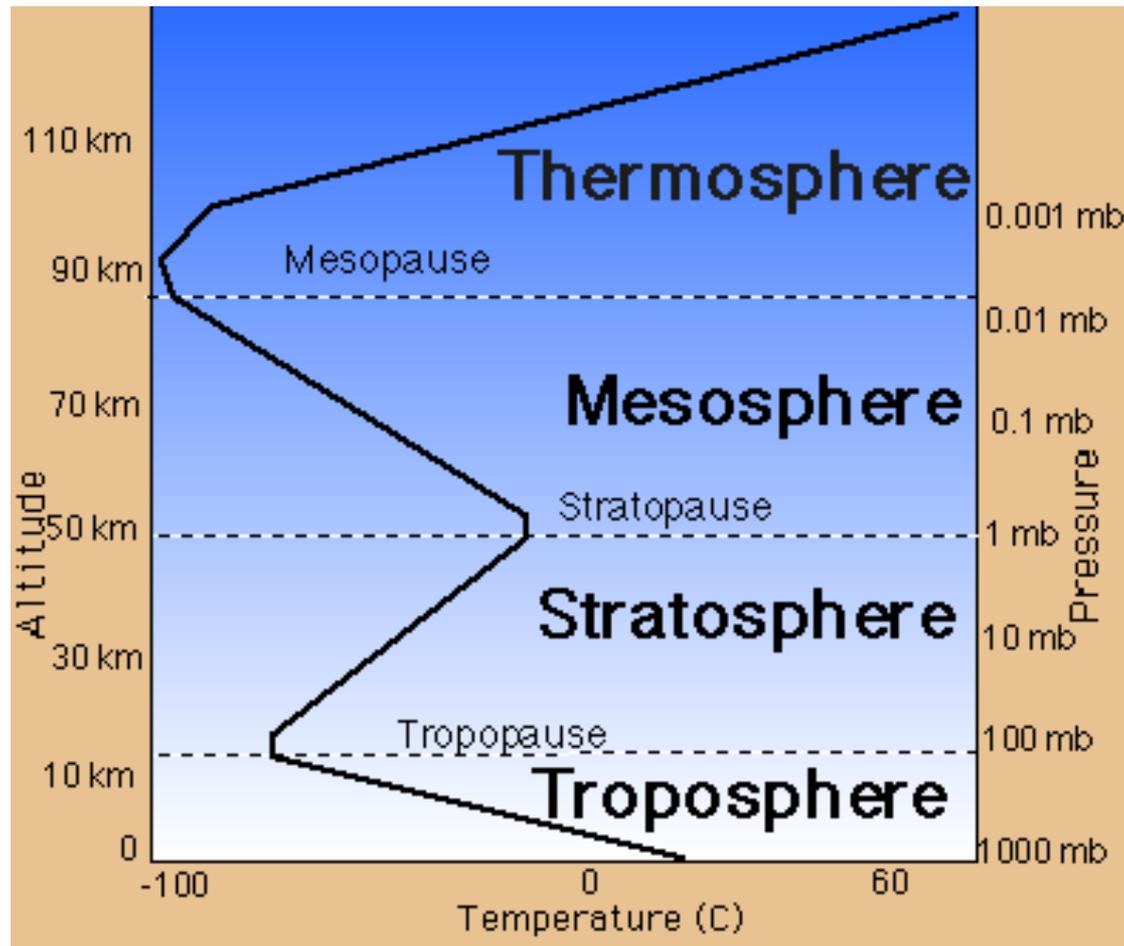
Data Used in Inversion

Type	Stations	Components	Shortest Period
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Mantle Waves	172	480	150
Surface Waves	160	380	50

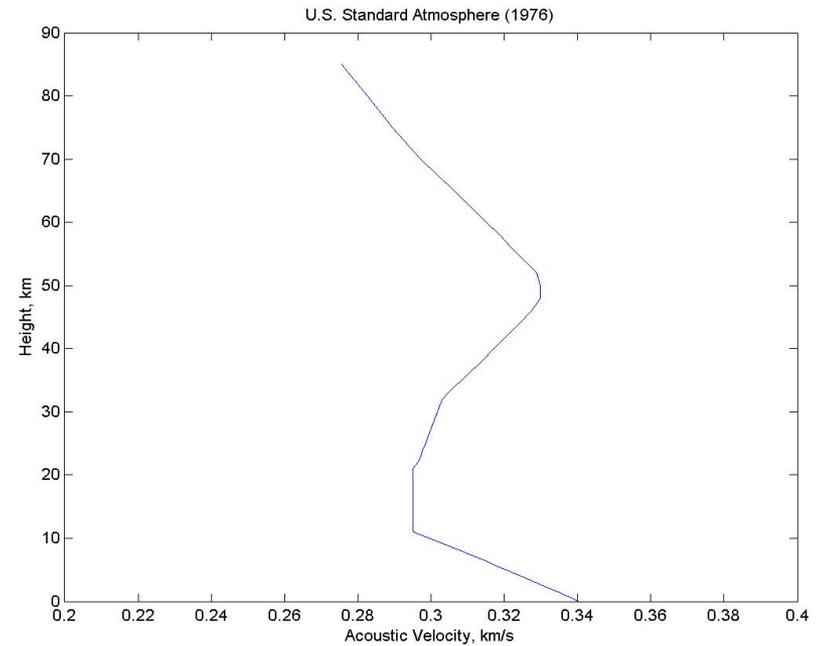
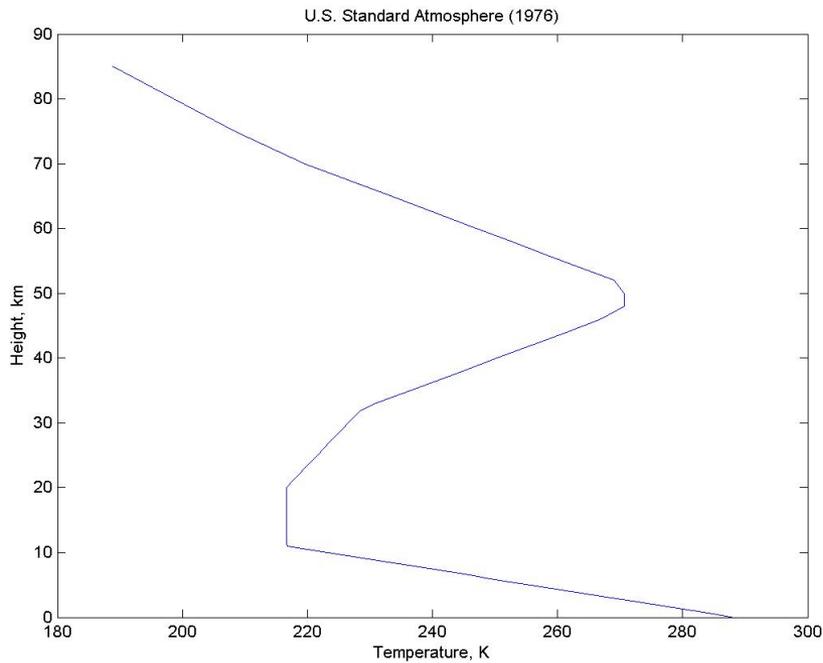
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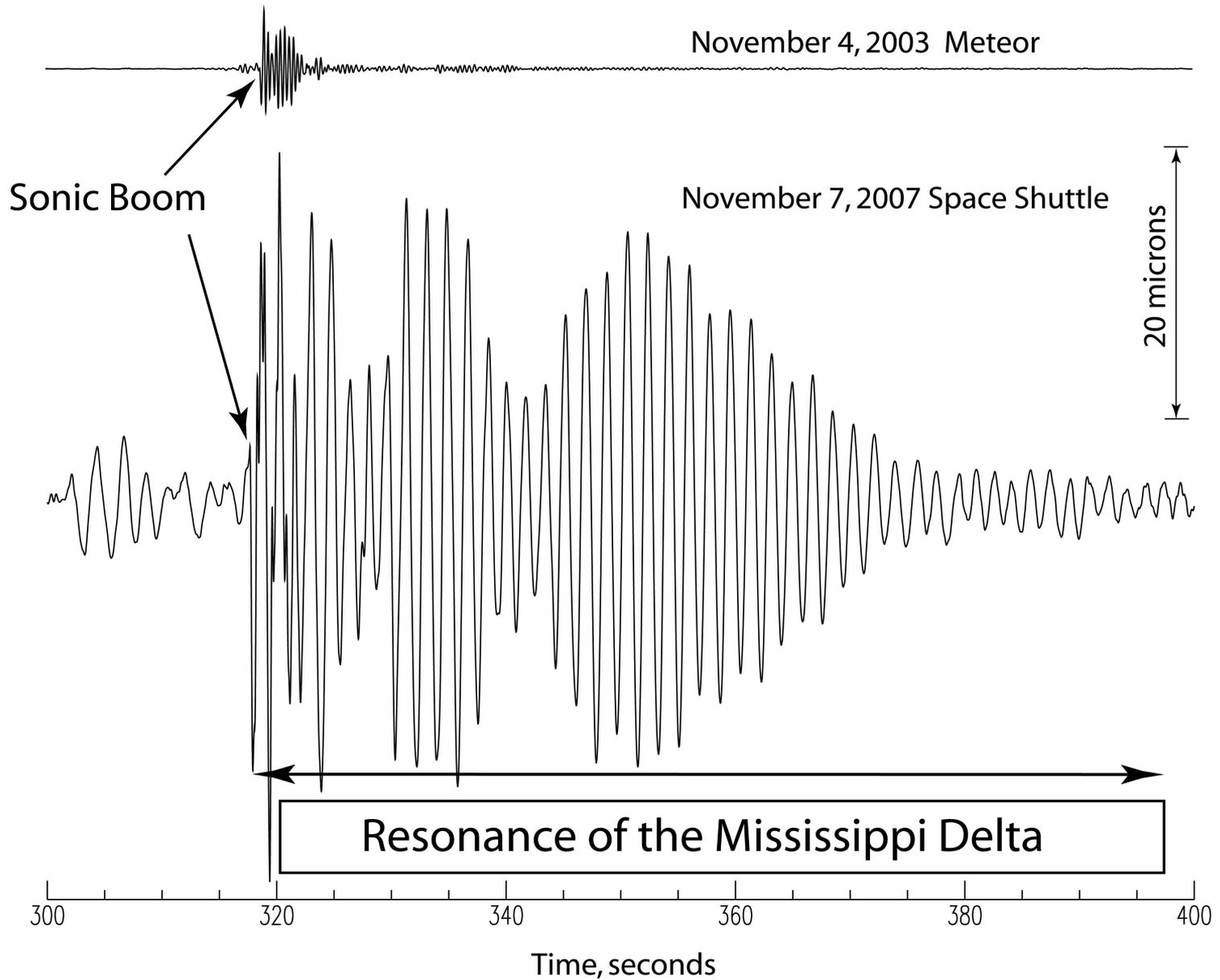
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$$c_{eff} = \sqrt{\gamma_g RT} + \hat{n} \cdot \vec{u}$$

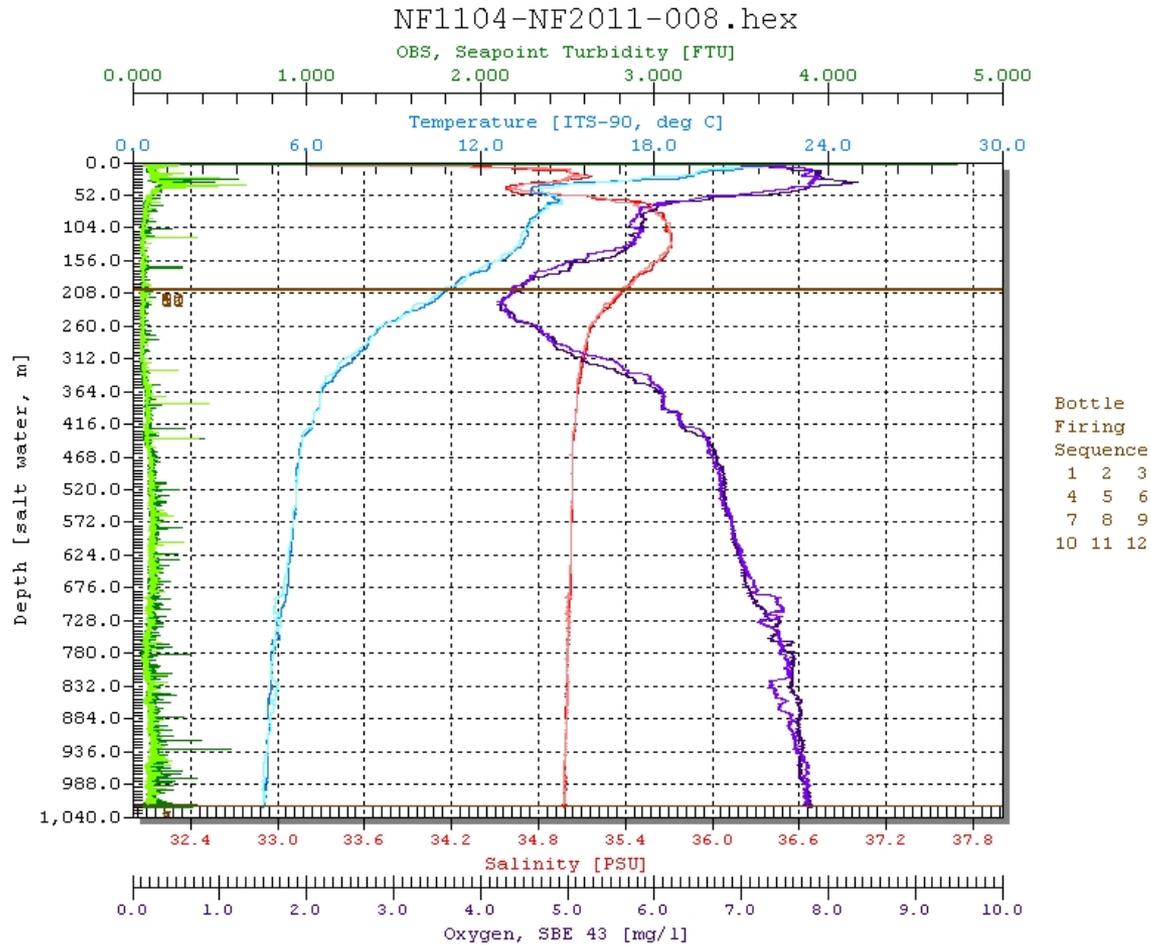
where \vec{u} is wind direction

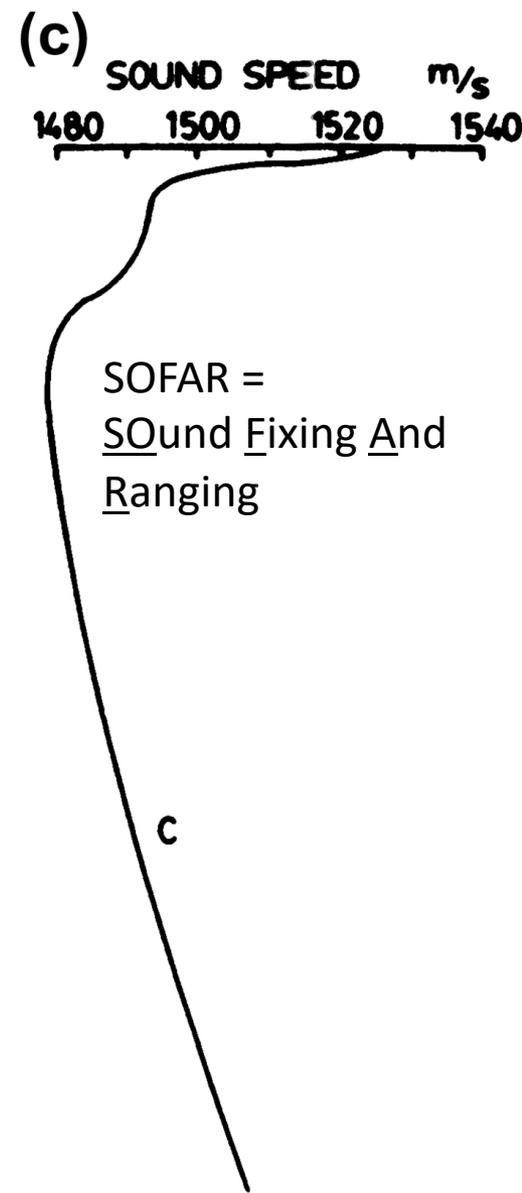
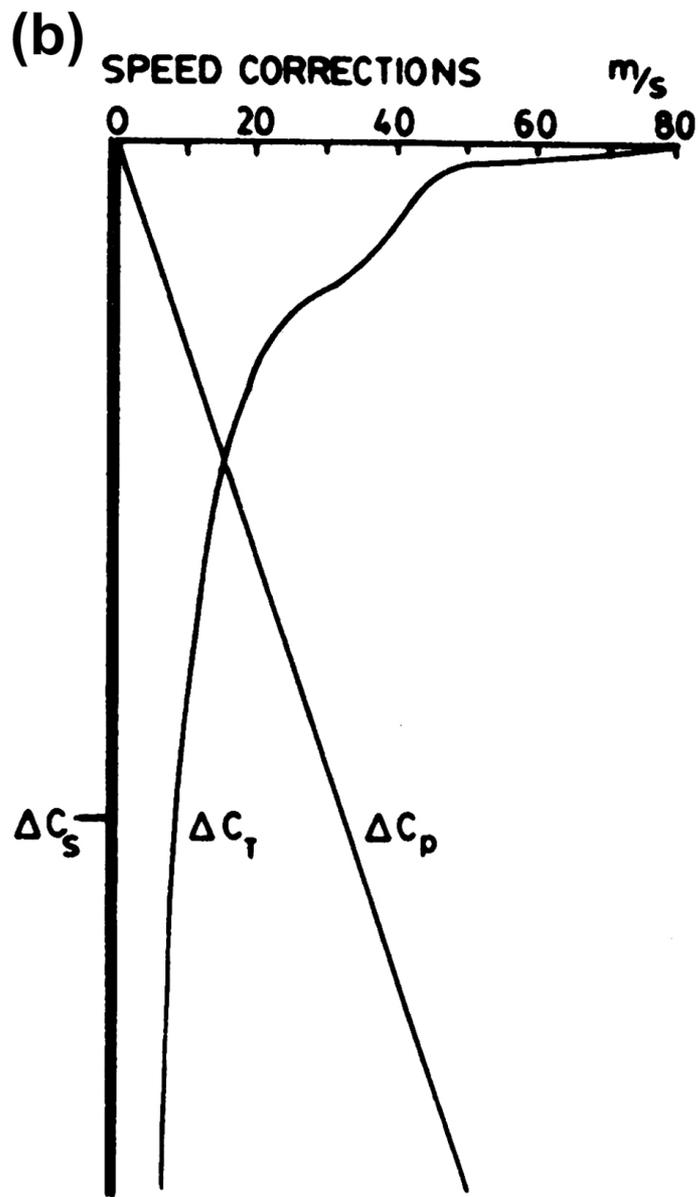
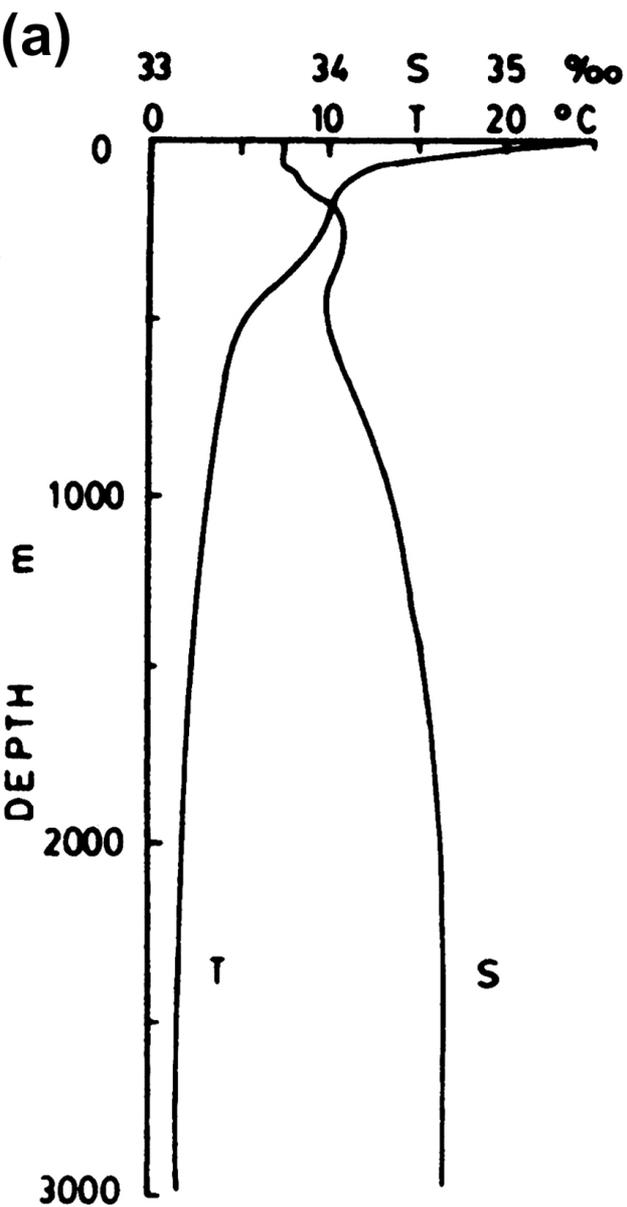
Vertical Ground Motion at Harrisburg, AR, Caused by Sonic Booms

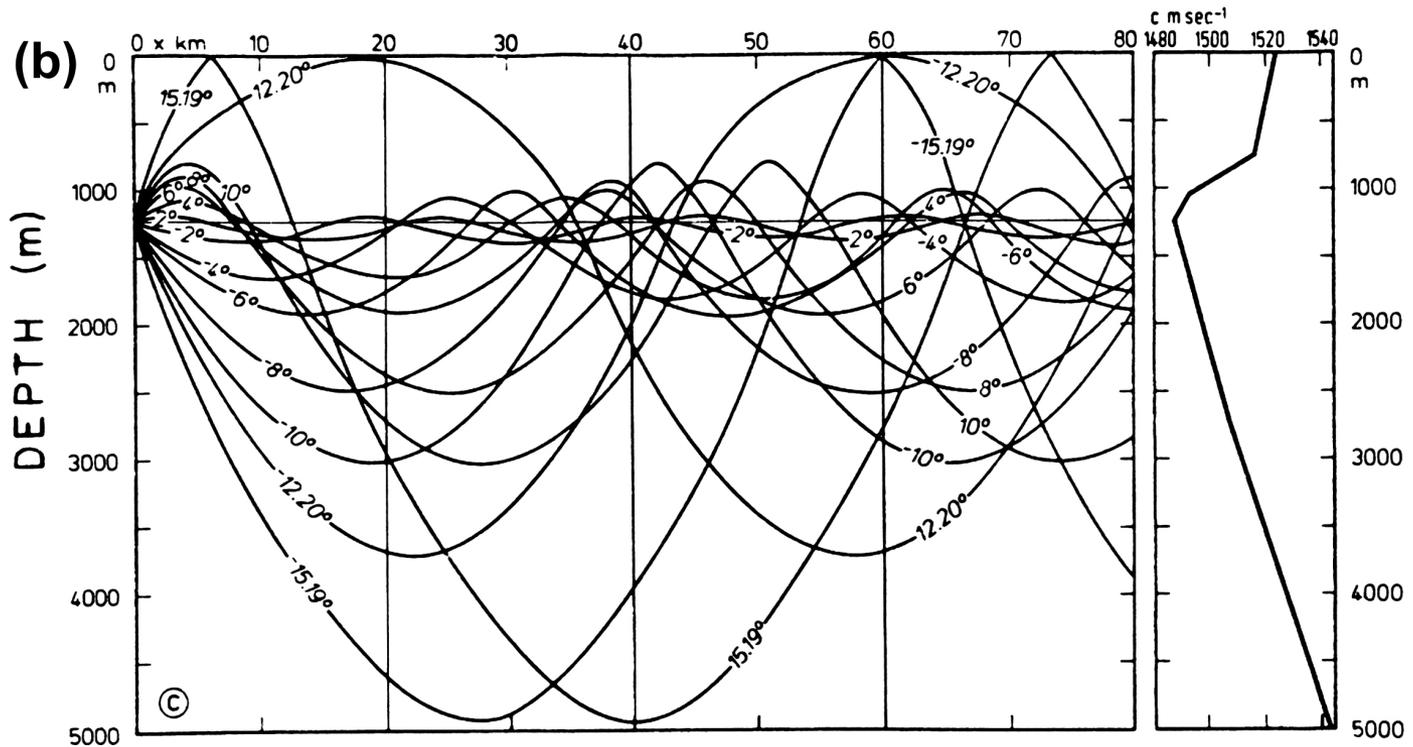
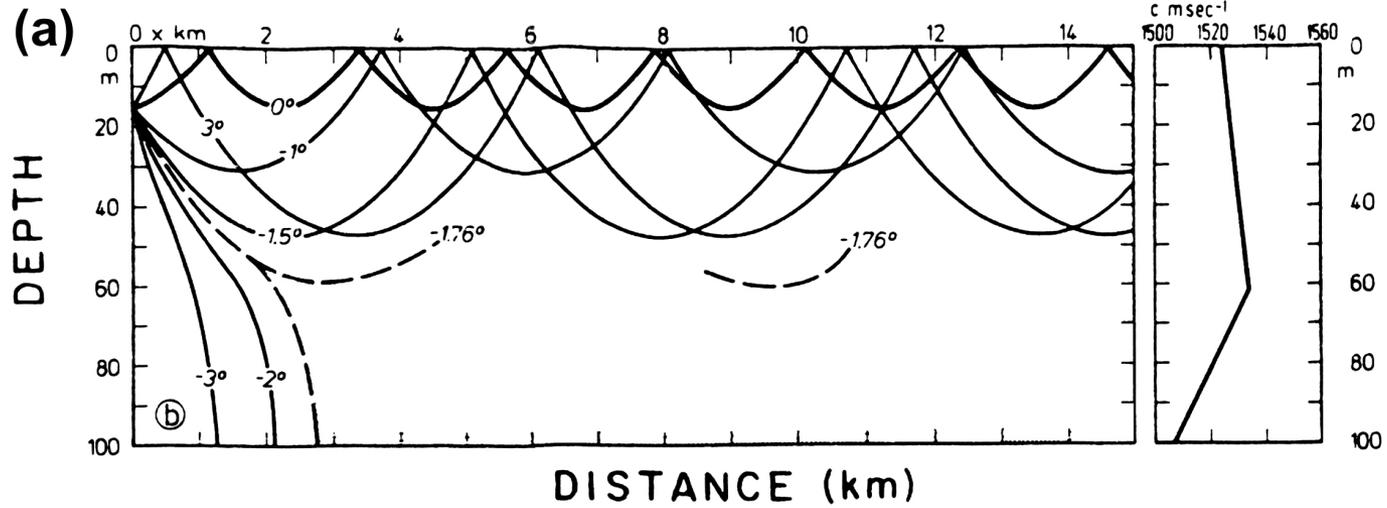




Ocean Velocity Structure









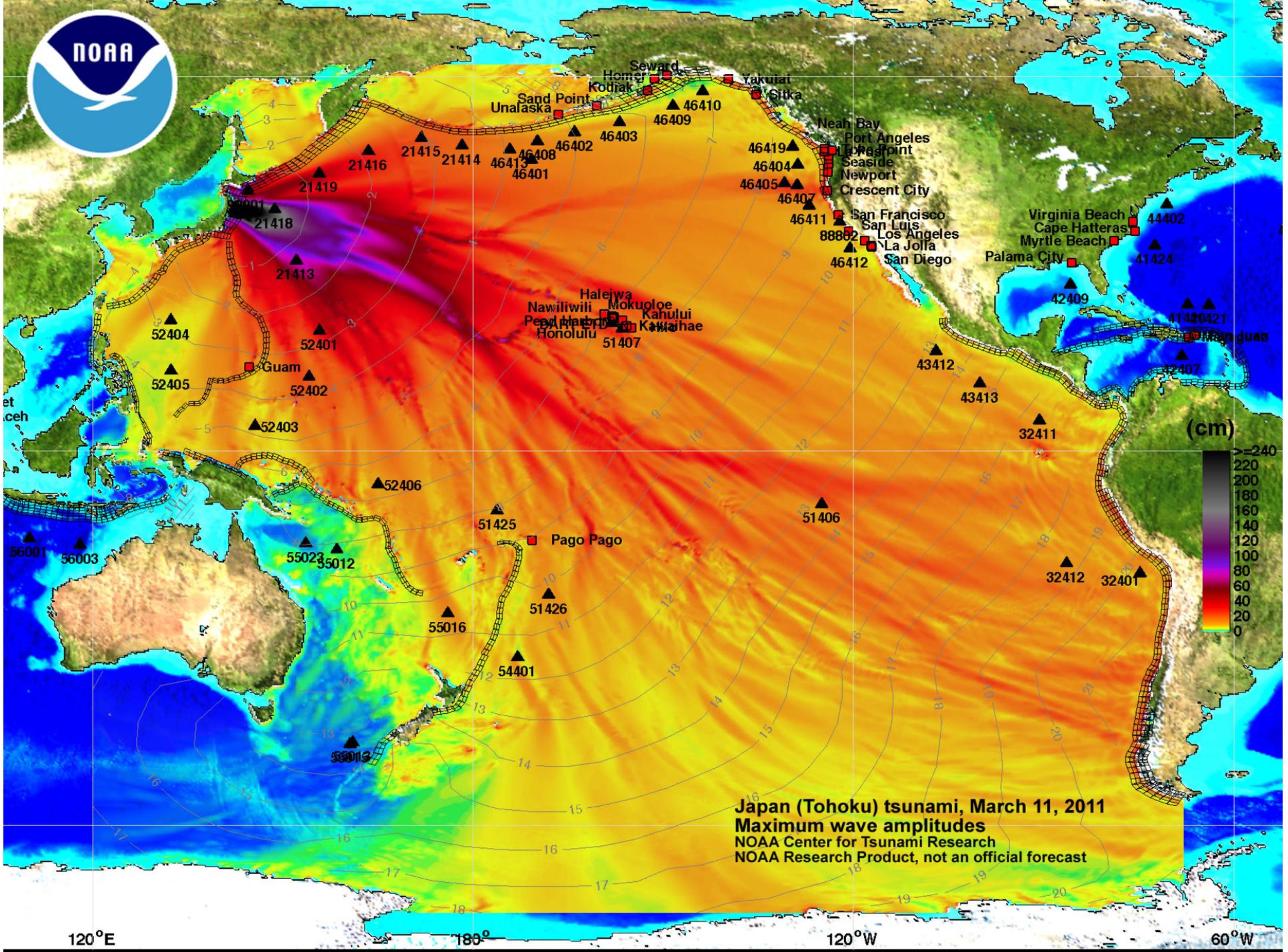
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Before: Waves breach an embankment in Miyako, Iwate prefecture, on March 11, 2011. (Toru Yamanaka / AFP/Getty Images).

After: Jan. 16, 2012. (Toru Yamanaka / AFP/Getty Images)



Japan (Tohoku) tsunami, March 11, 2011
Maximum wave amplitudes
NOAA Center for Tsunami Research
NOAA Research Product, not an official forecast

120°E 180° 120°W 60°W

