



FULL-RIP 9.0

The Next **BIG EARTHQUAKE**
in the **PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

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"Balances the excitement of scientific discovery with the grave risks ... about the greatest natural hazard facing the Pacific Northwest." —*The Oregonian*

Shake, Rattle & Rebound

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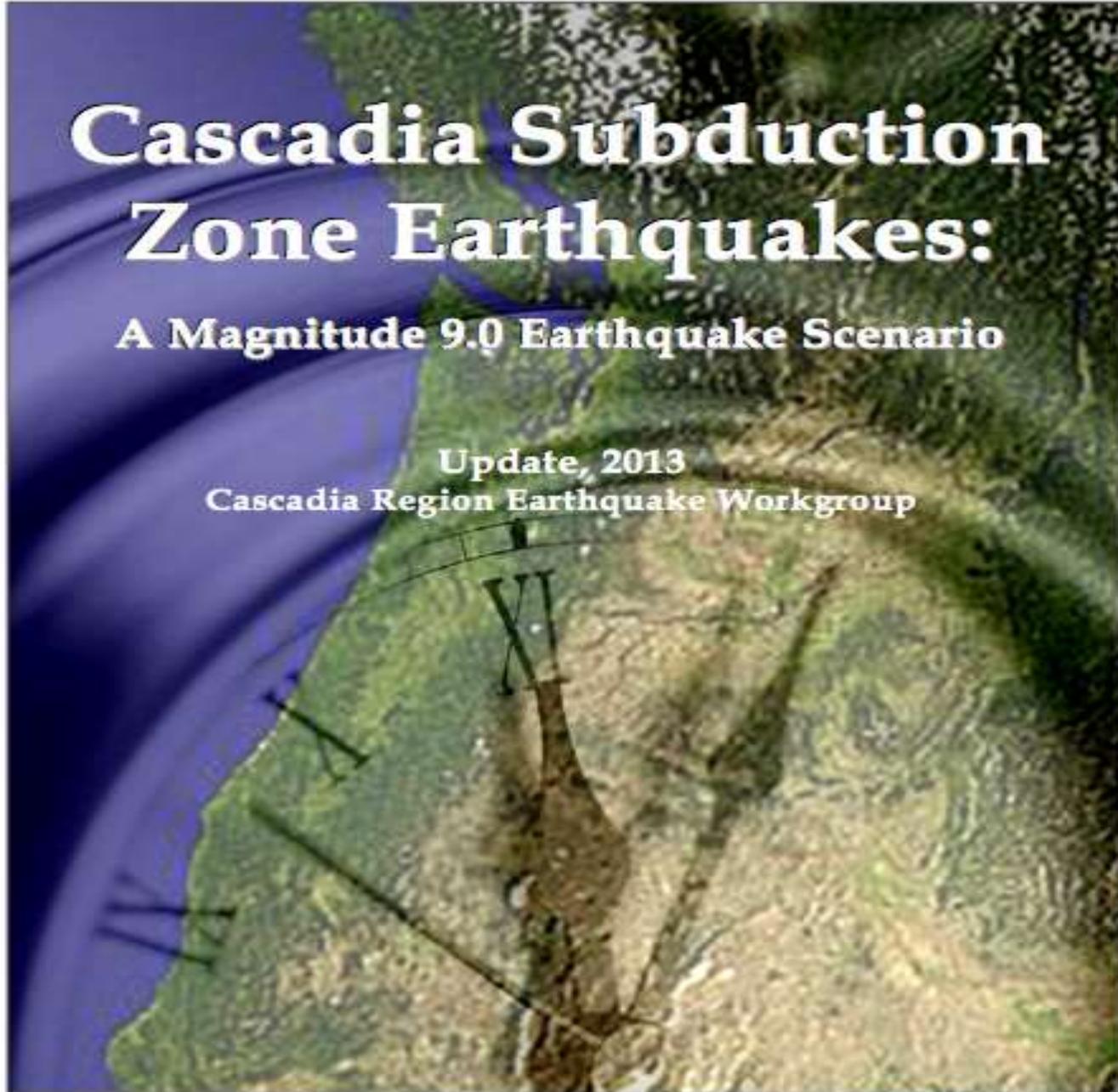


Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquakes:

A Magnitude 9.0 Earthquake Scenario

Update, 2013

Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup



FEMA





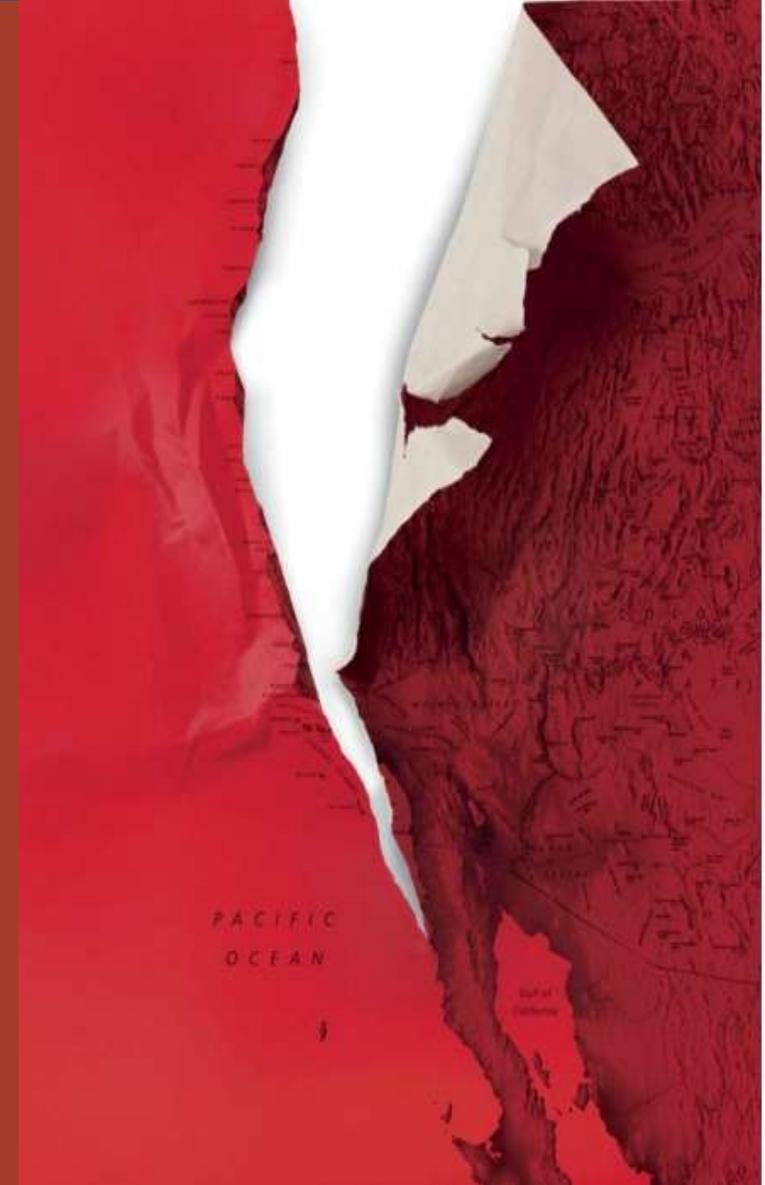
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THE REALLY BIG ONE

**An earthquake will destroy a
sizable portion of the Northwest
coast**

The question is when

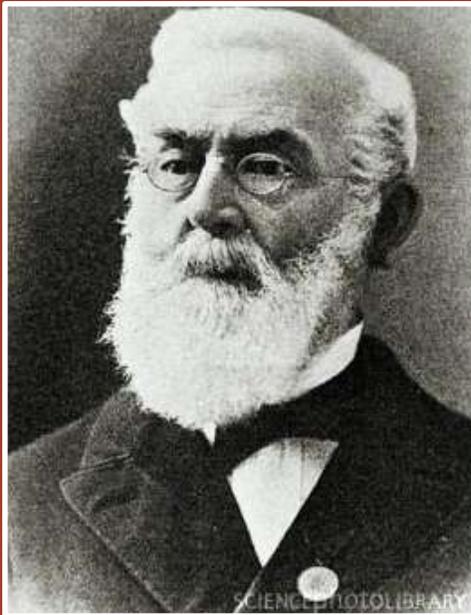
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It can't
happen *HERE*



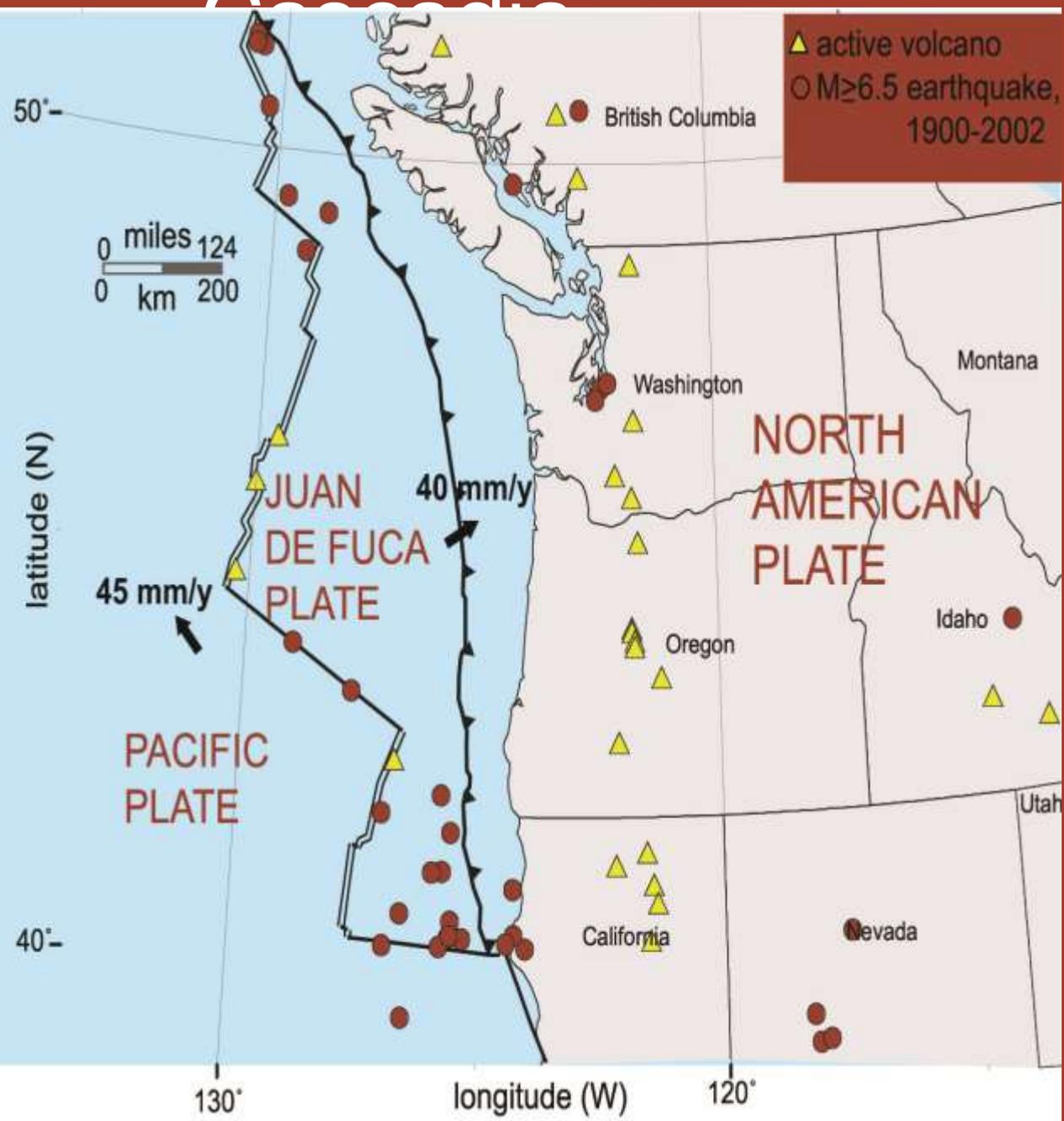
“Los Angeles may shimmy with earthquakes and San Francisco may get another one, but Seattle, set on the deepest glacial drift yet discovered, has a shock absorber that makes the city immune for all time.”

Professor Collier Cobb,
1920

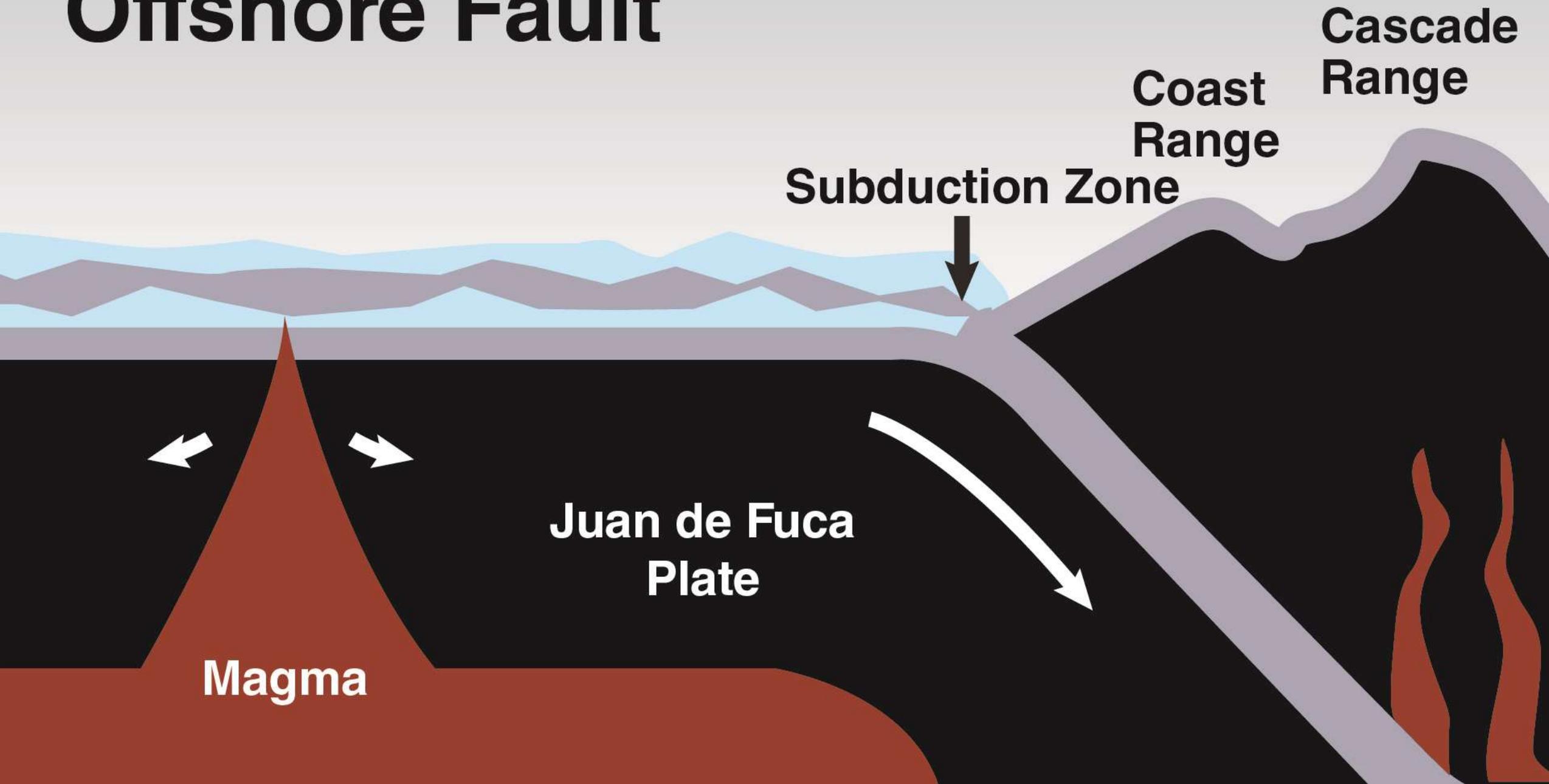


Remember WPPSS?





Offshore Fault



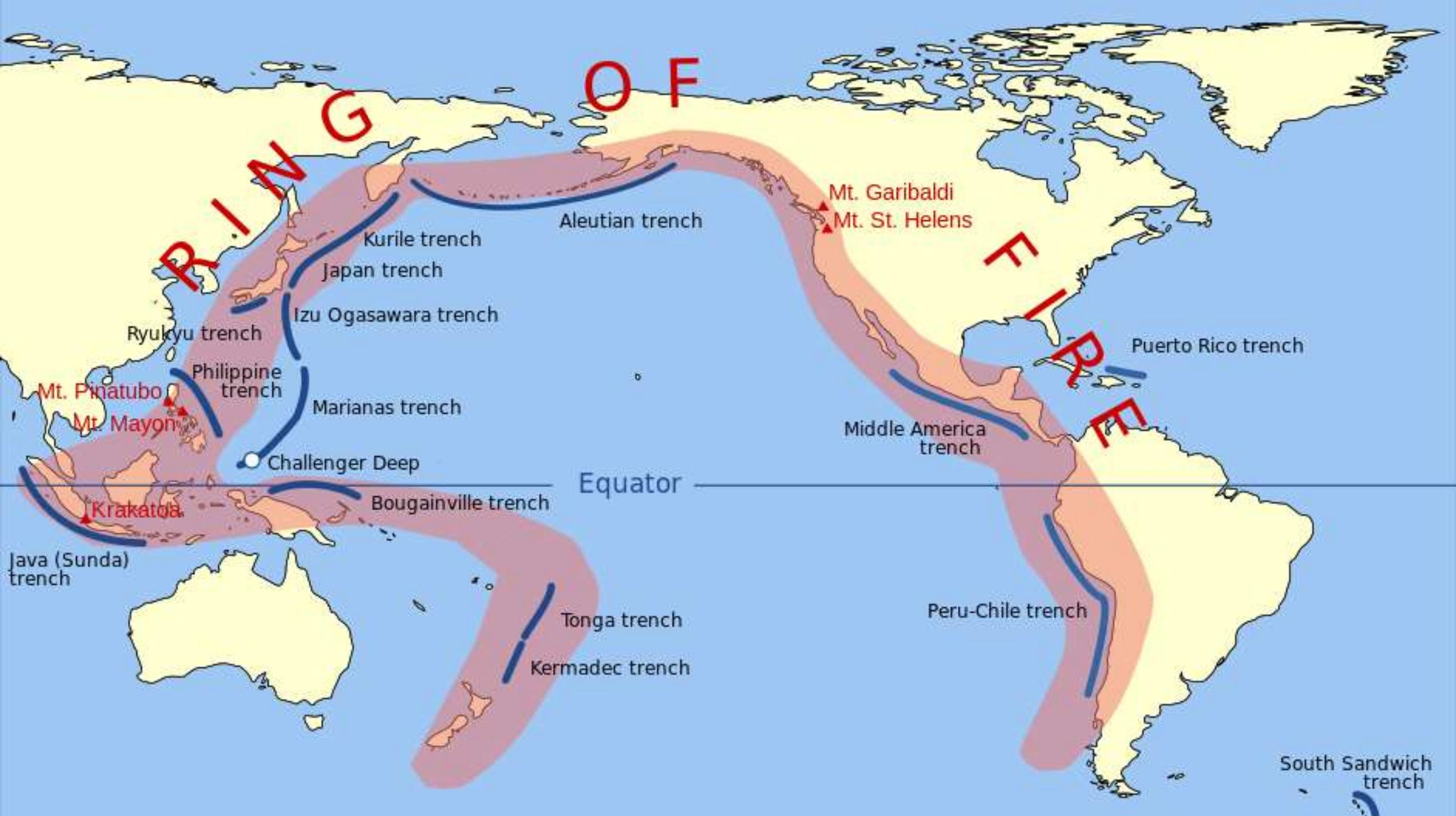
Cascade
Range

Coast
Range

Subduction Zone

Juan de Fuca
Plate

Magma



RING OF FIRE

Aleutian trench

Kurile trench

Japan trench

Izu Ogasawara trench

Ryukyu trench

Philippine trench

Marianas trench

Challenger Deep

Bougainville trench

Tonga trench

Kermadec trench

Mt. Garibaldi
Mt. St. Helens

Middle America trench

Puerto Rico trench

Peru-Chile trench

South Sandwich trench

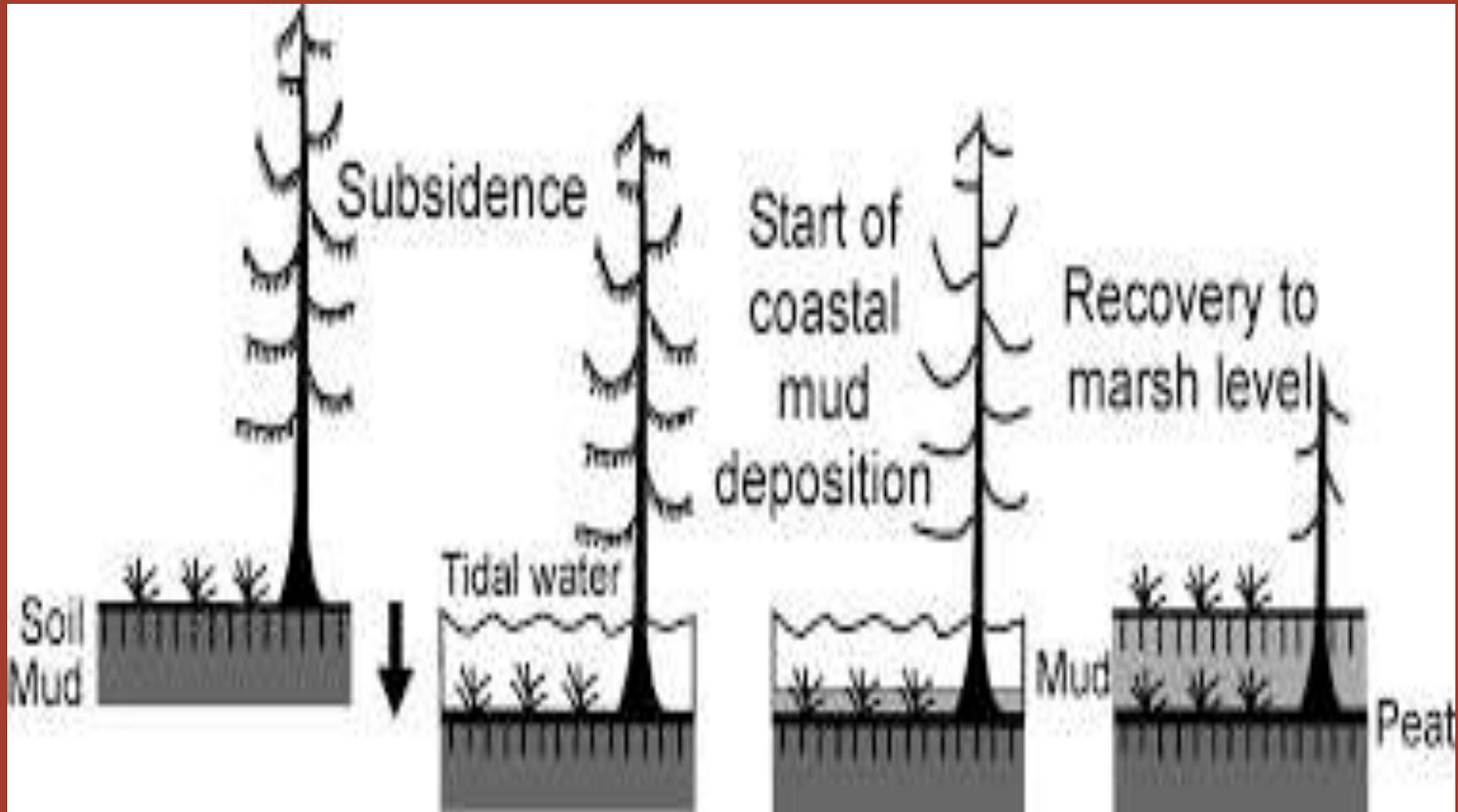
Equator

Mt. Pinatubo
Mt. Mayon

Krakatoa

Java (Sunda) trench



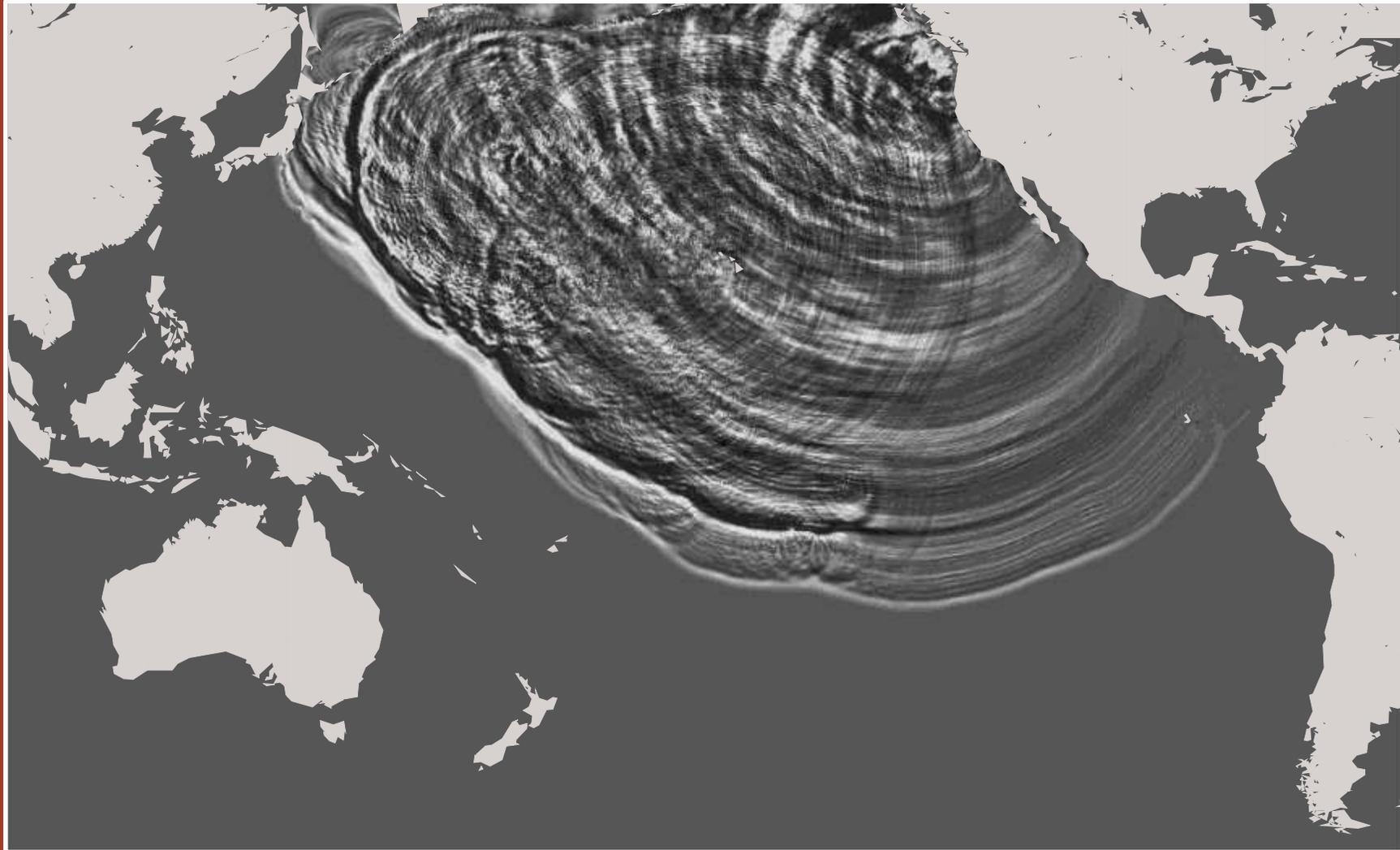




The Ghost Forest of the Copalis



Samurai records, tree rings & tsunami models date the NW's last megaquake



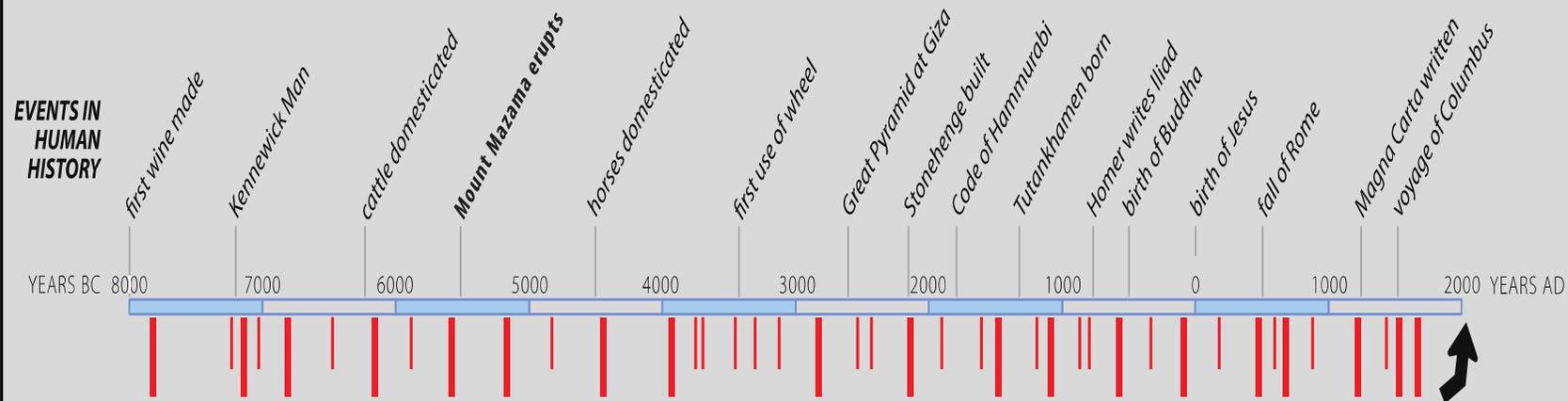


In the last 10,000 years
there have been:

- 20 Full Rip M 9.0s
- 20 Partial Rip M 8-8.5



CASCADIA EARTHQUAKE TIME LINE

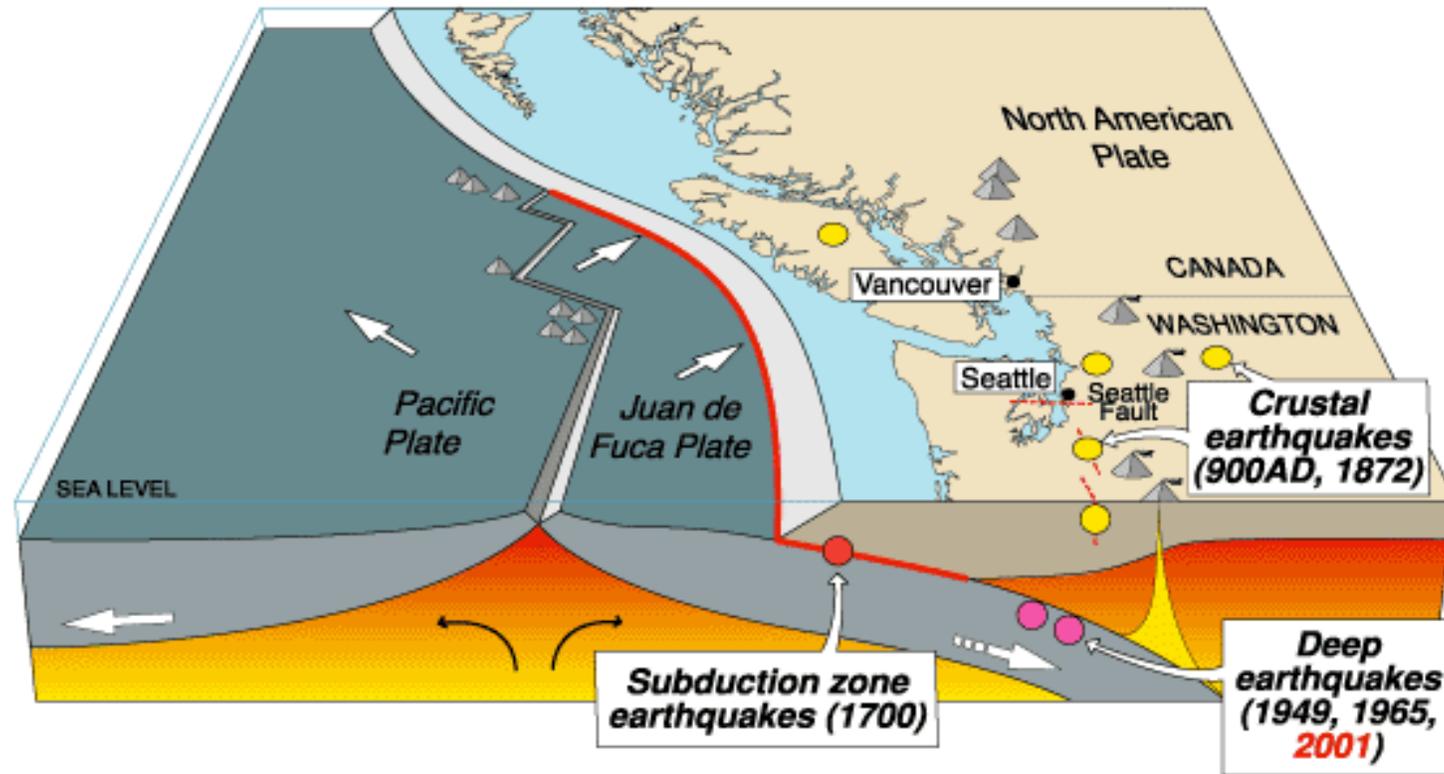


- █ Earthquake of Magnitude 9+ (fault breaks along entire subduction zone)
- █ Earthquake of Magnitude 8+ (fault breaks along southern half of subduction zone)

Comparison of the history of subduction zone earthquakes along the Cascadia Subduction Zone in northern California, Oregon, and Washington, with events from human history. Ages of earthquakes are derived from study and dating of submarine landslides triggered by the earthquakes. Earthquake data provided by Chris Goldfinger, Oregon State University; time line by Ian P. Madin, DOGAMI.



Cascadia earthquake sources

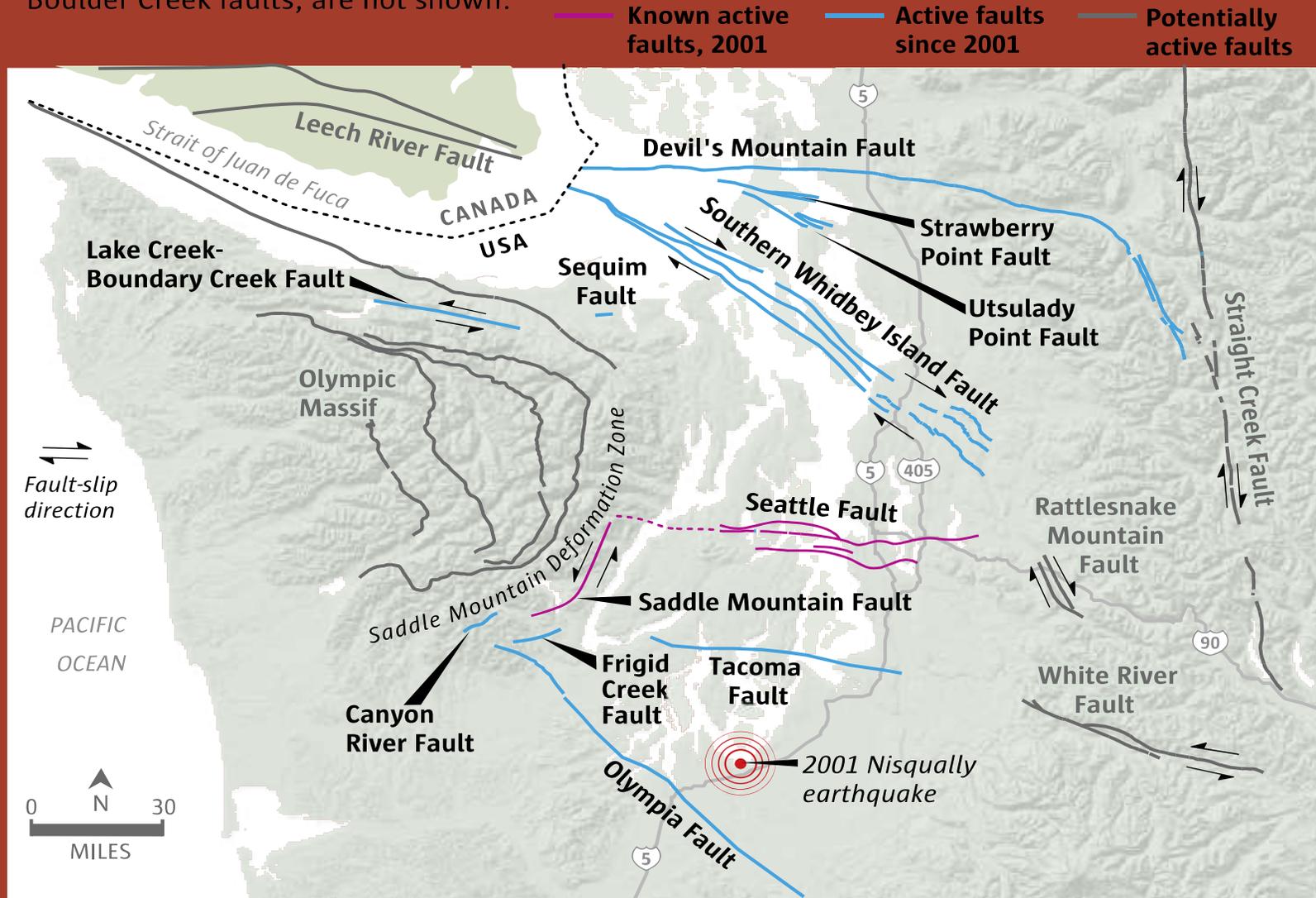


Source	Affected area	Max. Size	Recurrence
● Subduction Zone	W.WA, OR, CA	M 9	500-600 yr
● Deep Juan de Fuca plate	W.WA, OR,	M 7+	30-50 yr
● Crustal faults	WA, OR, CA	M 7+	Hundreds of yr?



New faults detected

Since the 2001 Nisqually earthquake, scientists have discovered more than 10 faults criss-crossing the region. Two recently discovered faults in Whatcom County, the Birch Bay and Boulder Creek faults, are not shown.



Source: U.S. Geological Survey

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CASCADIA

R I S I N G

**Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ)
Catastrophic Earthquake and Tsunami Functional Exercise 2016**



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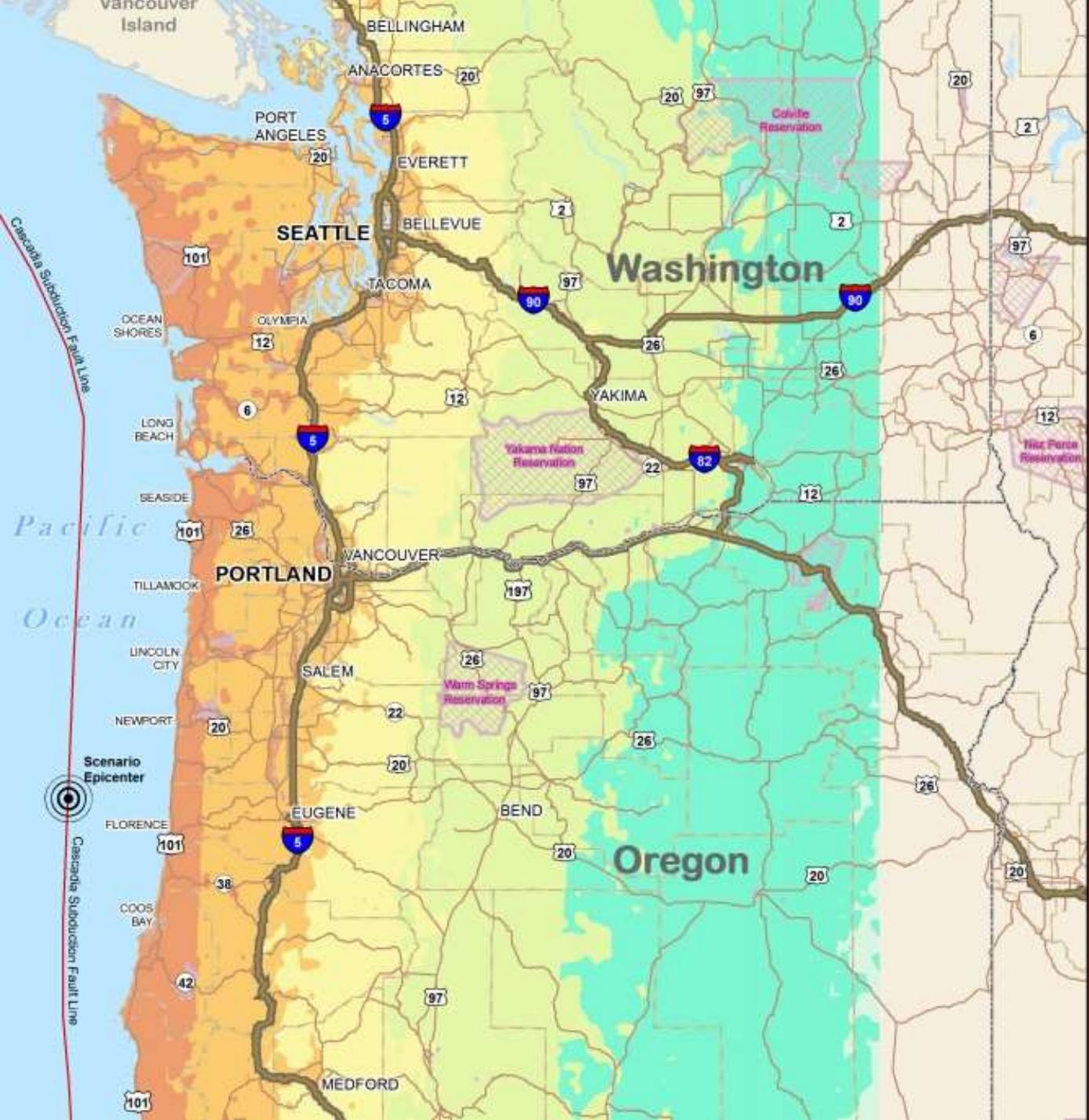




Cascadia Fault

- 10,000+ deaths
- 30,000 injuries
- 1 million people displaced
- More than \$80 billion in damages
- Impacts 140,000 square miles; 8 million people









Unreinforced Masonry Buildings:

- 800-1,000 in Seattle
- 2,000 in Portland
- 8,000 in Vancouver, BC



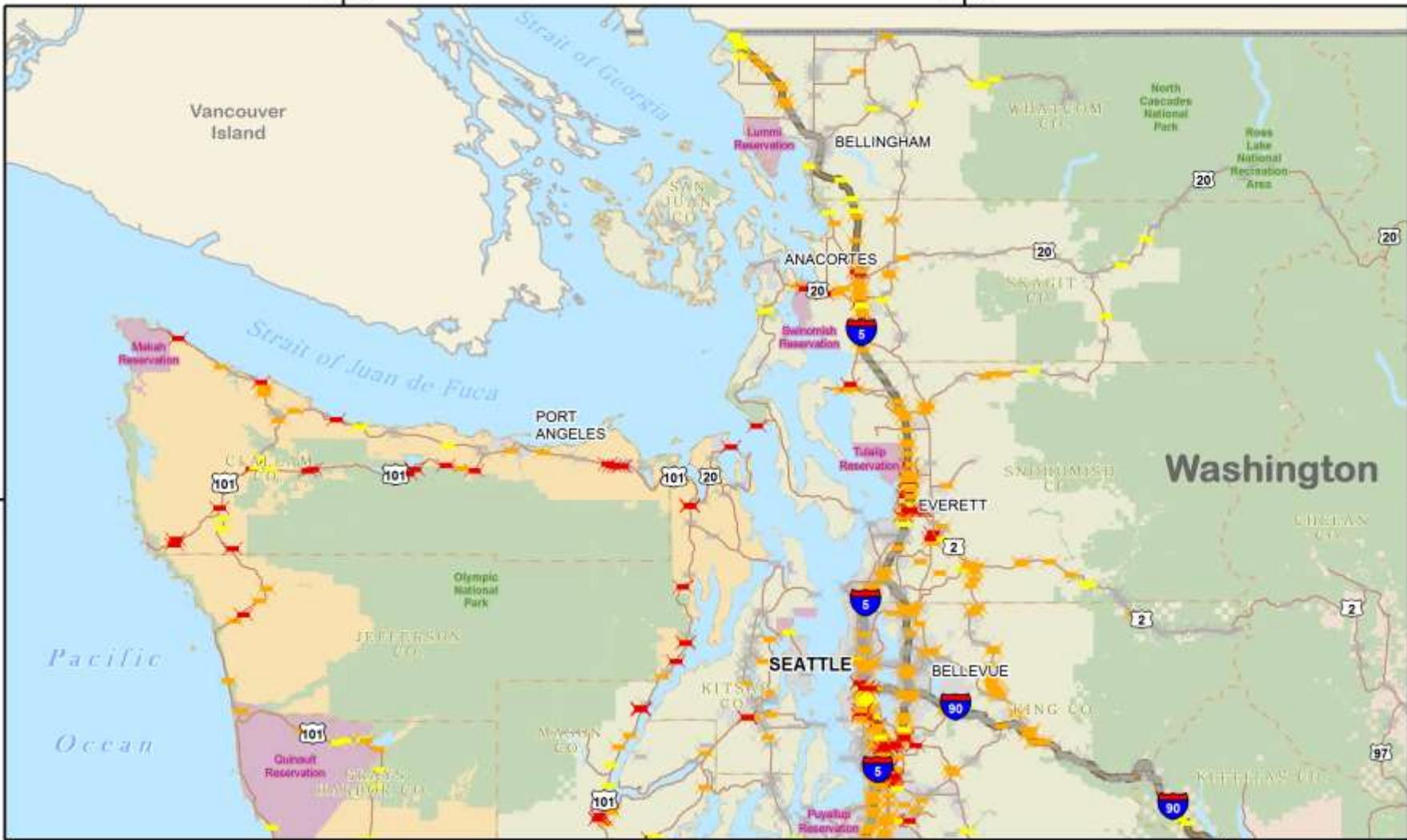
A photograph showing a woman in a white top hugging a young child in a striped shirt. They are standing in front of a severely damaged, multi-story concrete building that has collapsed. Debris is scattered everywhere. In the background, a yellow car is parked, and several construction workers in hard hats are visible on a yellow lift or scaffolding. The entire image has a semi-transparent reddish-orange overlay.

Old concrete
buildings:
an unknown number
in the Pacific
Northwest



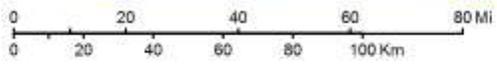
124°0'0"W

122°0'0"W



Legend

- County Boundaries
- City Limits
- Native American Reservation
- Protected Lands (National and State)



Area of Operation

- Coastal
- I-5
- East

Highways

- Highway
- Interstate

Infrastructure

- High
- Medium
- Low
- None

Road Bridges

Note: Location is relative

Cartography by
Tyler Black





Moderate to severe damage to:

- 16,000 miles of highway – including much of the I-5 corridor
- 7,000 highway bridges
- East-West traffic disrupted by landslides
- 6,000 miles of railways
- 2/3 of airports
- Most port facilities

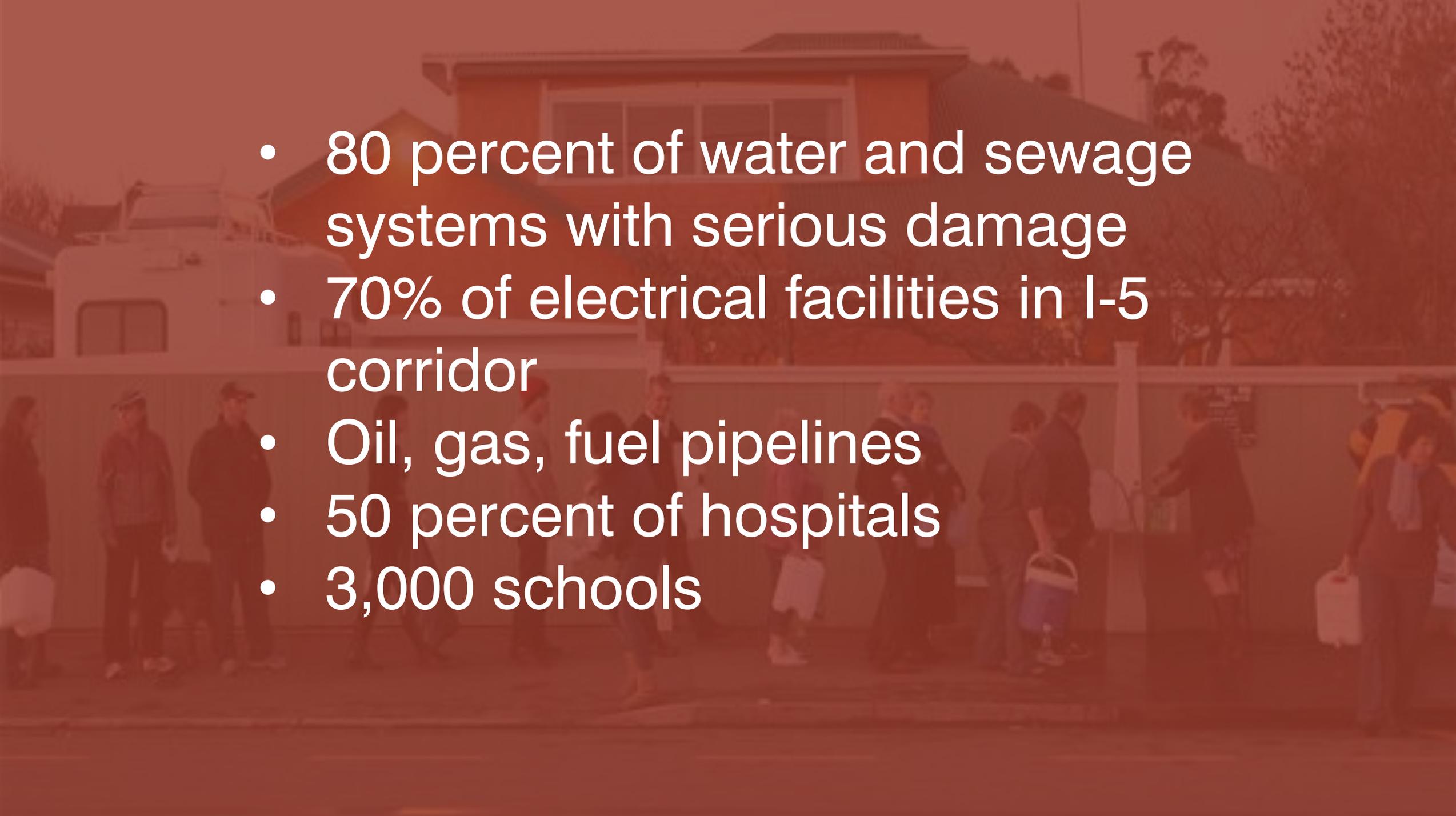




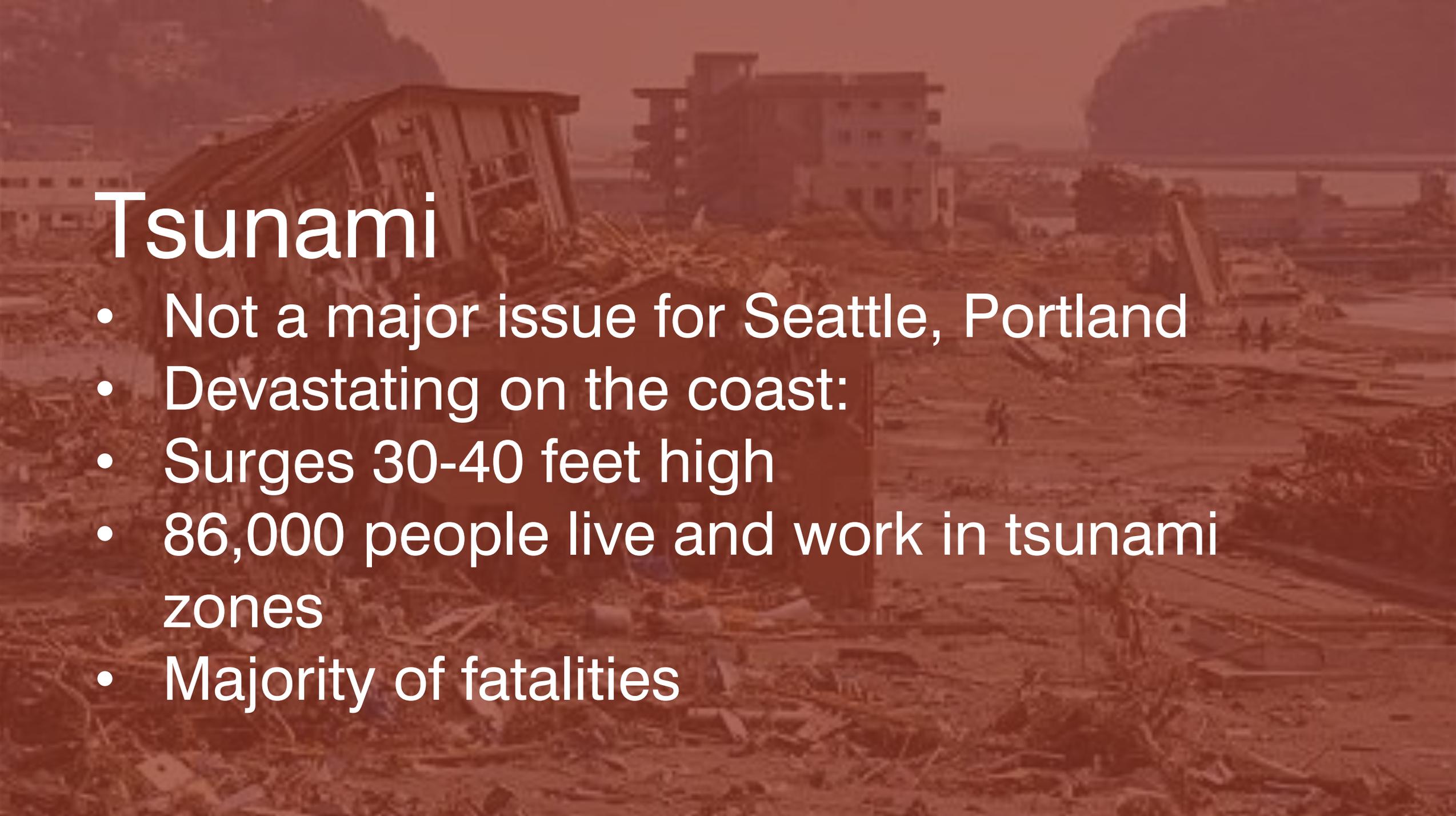
Liquefaction

- Seattle's SoDo area
- Duwamish Valley
- Ports of Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver
- Kent Valley



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- 80 percent of water and sewage systems with serious damage
 - 70% of electrical facilities in I-5 corridor
 - Oil, gas, fuel pipelines
 - 50 percent of hospitals
 - 3,000 schools





Tsunami

- Not a major issue for Seattle, Portland
- Devastating on the coast:
- Surges 30-40 feet high
- 86,000 people live and work in tsunami zones
- Majority of fatalities





East of the Cascades

- * Hospitals overwhelmed
- * East-West transportation disrupted
- * Supply lines disrupted
- * Potential damage to dams, bridges
- * Short-term power, communication outages
- * Airports become transport hubs





Disruption from a Northwest megaquake and tsunami will last for years

Estimates of the minimum and maximum times it will take to get back to normal after a major earthquake in Washington, such as a magnitude 9.0 coastal megaquake and tsunami or a powerful quake on the Seattle Fault or other shallow faults.

SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE	RECOVERY TIME	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Health and medical services	3 months	1 year	
Water supplies	1 week	1 year	
Sewage treatment	1 month		3 years
Electricity	1 month		3 months
70 percent of pre-quake levels			
Completely restore the system	1 year		3 years
Petroleum distribution	3 months		1 month
Telephone and Internet	3 months		
I-5, I-90, I-405 in the Puget Sound area	1 year		3 years
Ferry services	3 months	1 year	
Airports	1 week		
Emergency traffic	1 month		
Full service	1 year		3 years
Ports and navigable waterways	1 year		3 years

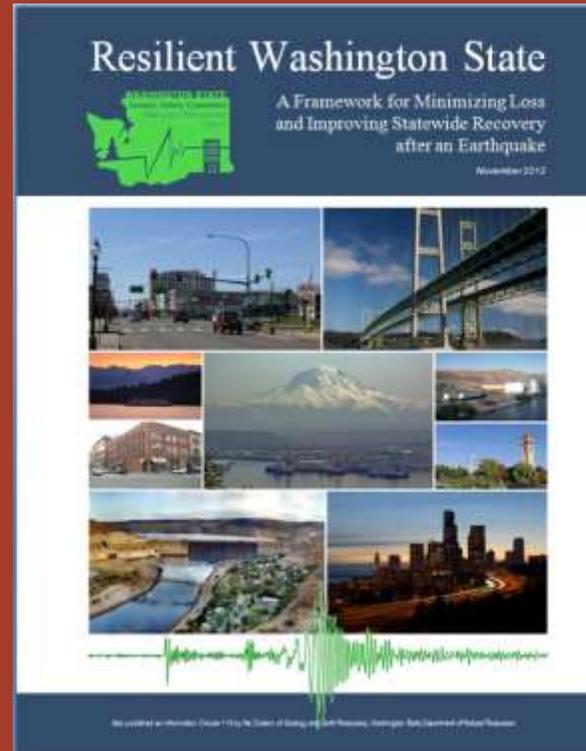
Source: Washington Seismic Safety Committee

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The Resilient Washington State:

A 50-Year Plan for Improving Earthquake Recovery



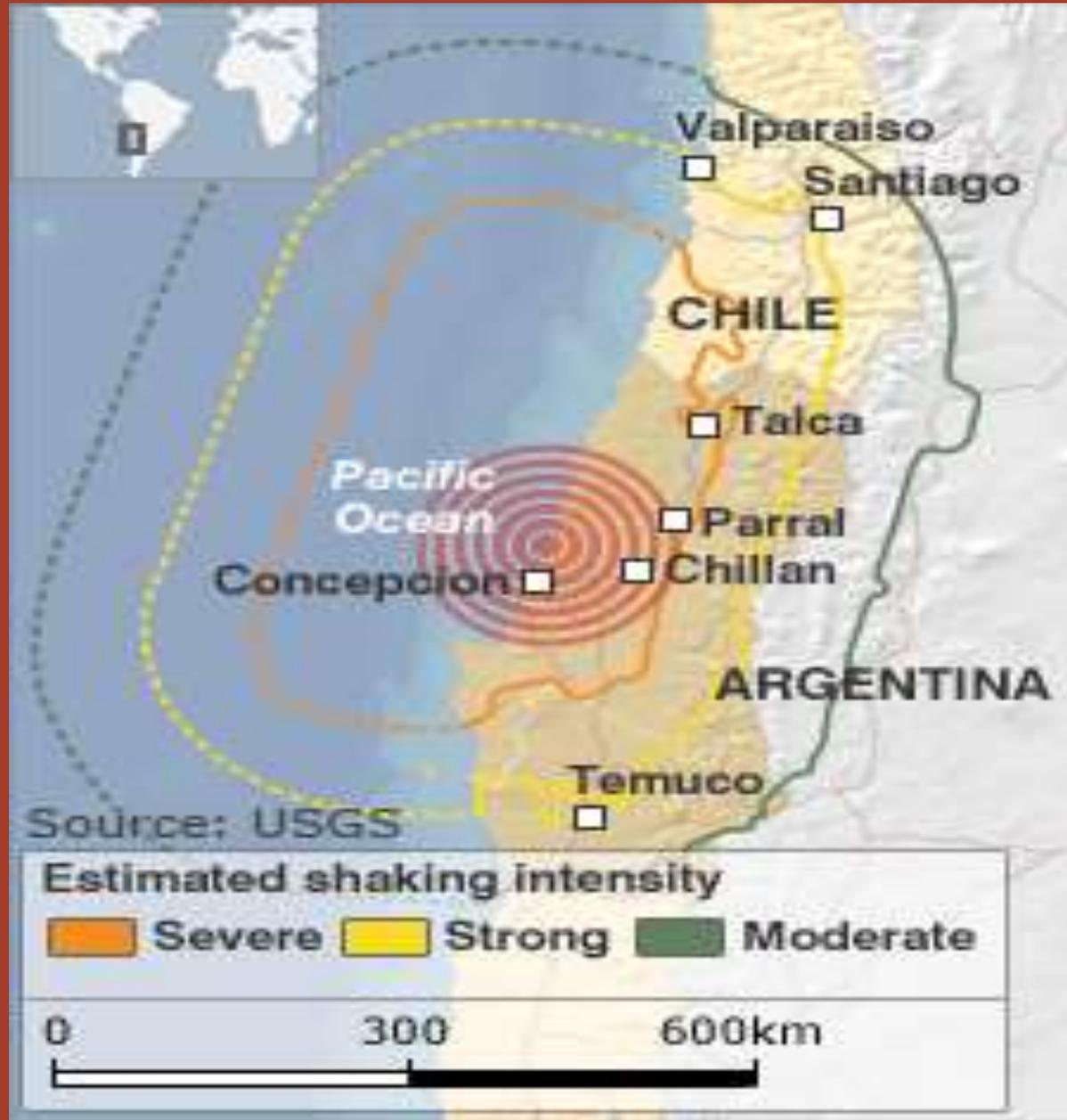
“A resilient state is one that maintains services and livelihoods after an earthquake. In the event that services and livelihoods are disrupted, recovery occurs rapidly, with minimal social disruption, and results in a new and better condition.”

- RWS

Subcommittee

Report Accessible at:
<http://www.emd.wa.gov/about/SeismicSafetyCommittee.shtml>

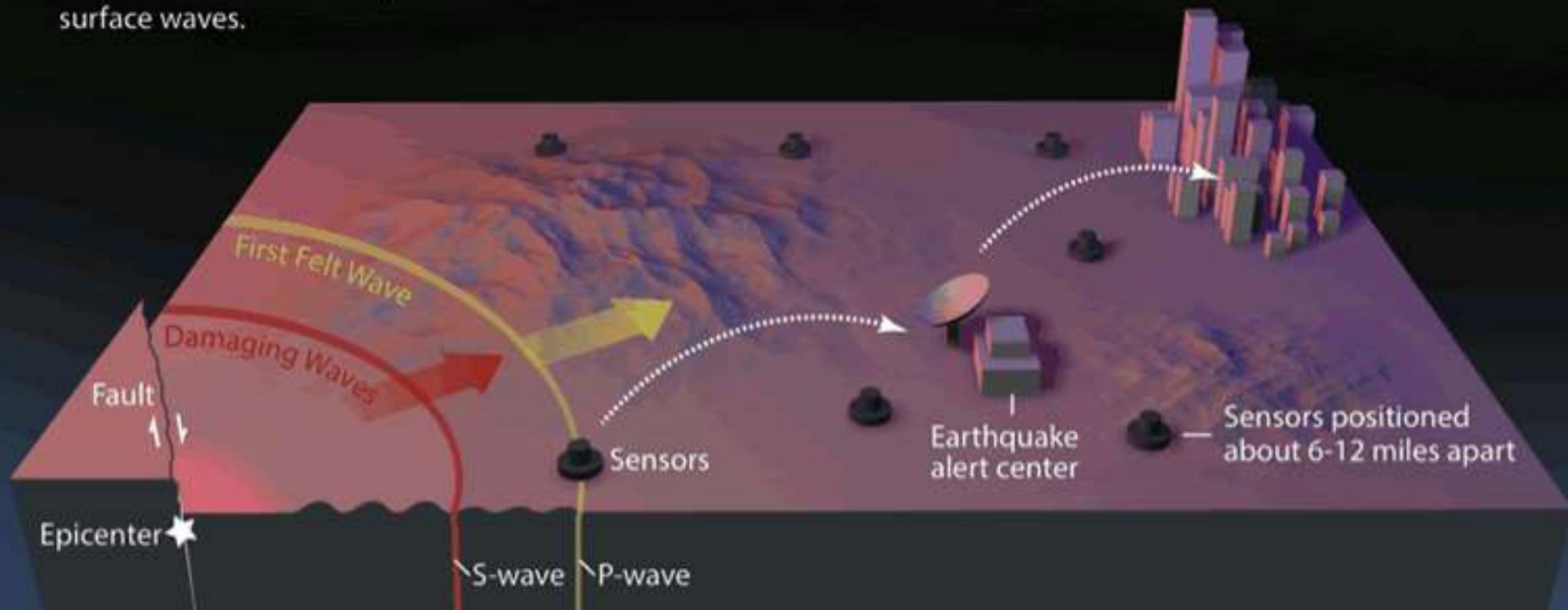






Earthquake Early Warning Basics

- 1 In an earthquake, a rupturing fault sends out different types of waves. The fast-moving P-wave is first to arrive, but damage is caused by the slower S-waves and later-arriving surface waves.
- 2 Sensors detect the P-wave and immediately transmit data to an earthquake alert center where the location and size of the quake are determined and updated as more data become available.
- 3 A message from the alert center is immediately transmitted to your computer or mobile phone, which calculates the expected intensity and arrival time of shaking at your location.





Earthquake Early Warning

- Seconds-Minutes
- Take cover
- Shut down:
 - Trains
 - Elevators
 - Industrial Processes





On your screen: ShakeAlert

- 1 Real-time tracking of seismic waves from quake's epicenter.
- 2 Real-time tracking of the fault rupture (updates intensity).
- 3 Your current location tracked by GPS.
- 4 Seconds remaining before seismic waves reach you.
- 5 Expected intensity of quake at your current location.
- 6 Estimated magnitude of quake.
- 7 Intensity scale.



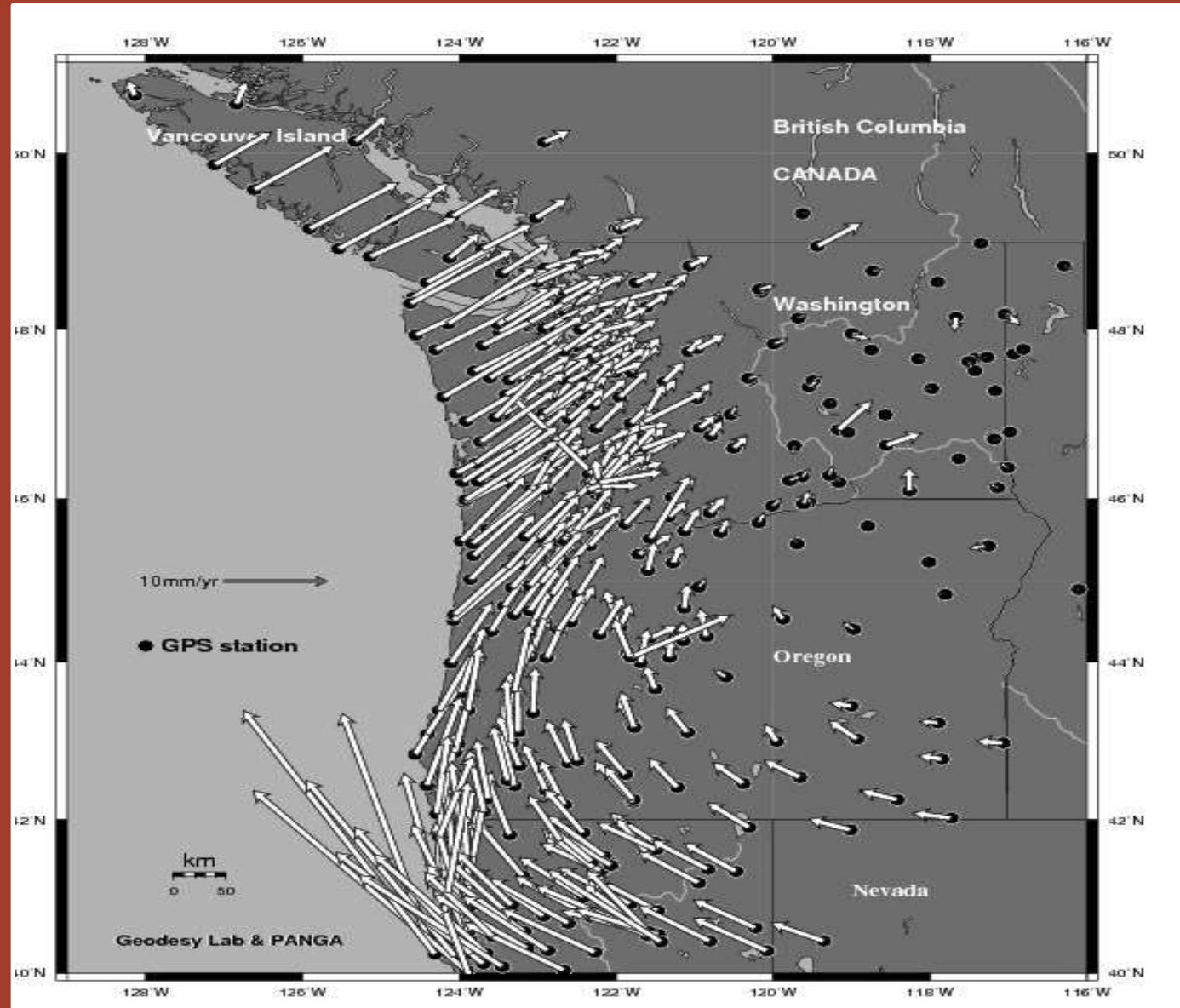




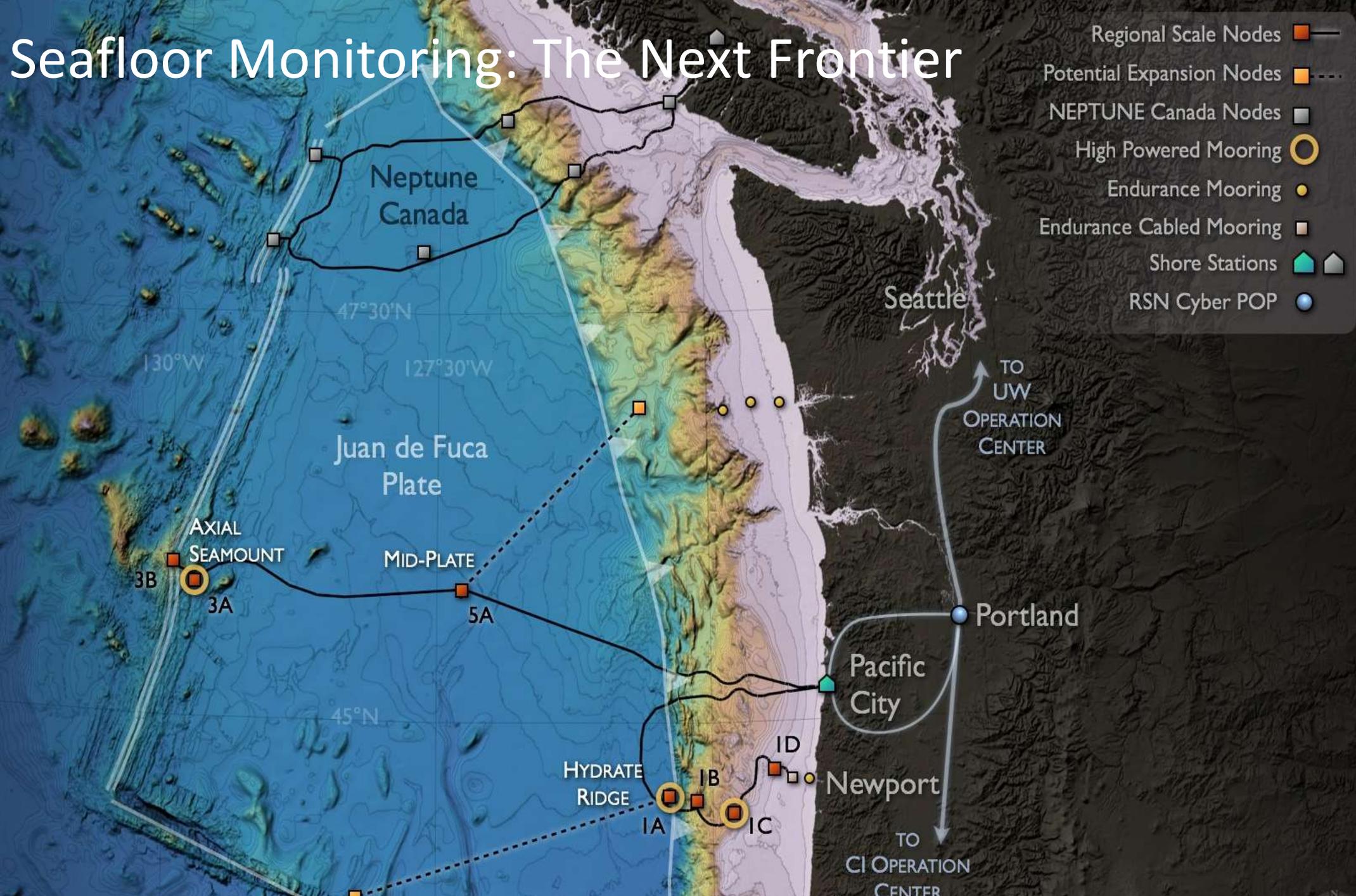




100 percent chance of earthquakes



Seafloor Monitoring: The Next Frontier





Seafloor Monitoring

- Long-term search for possible precursory motion
- Better tsunami warning

