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Earthquake Risk in  
Indonesia:

How worried  
should we be?

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# Outline

- Earthquake hazard and Risk
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- Building Fragility and Construction Practice



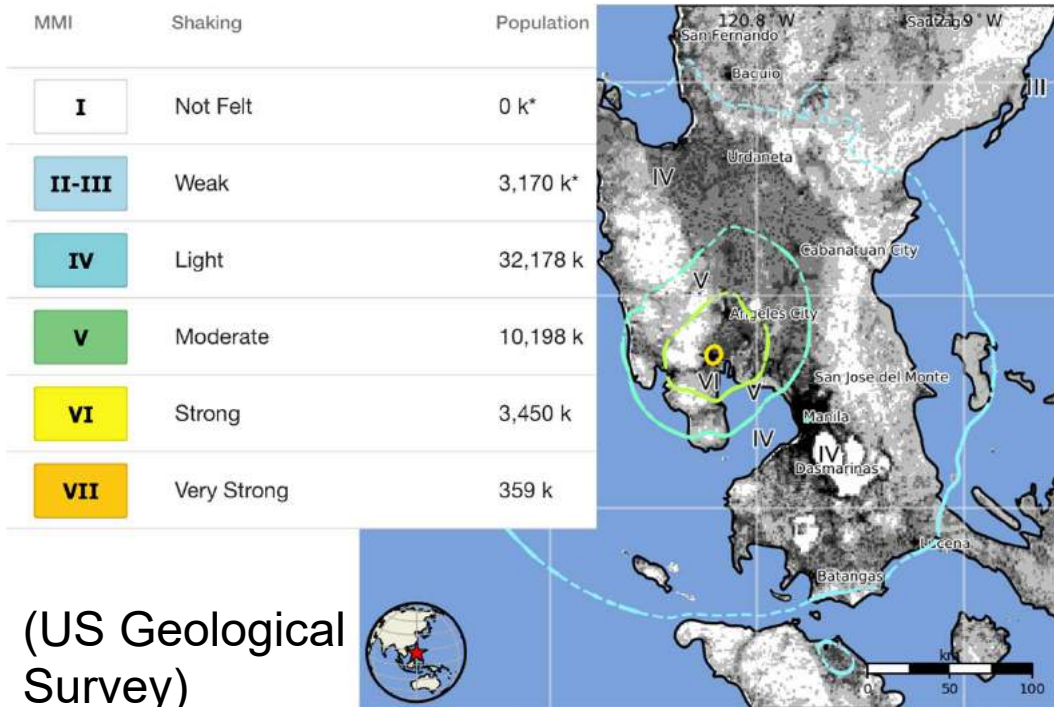
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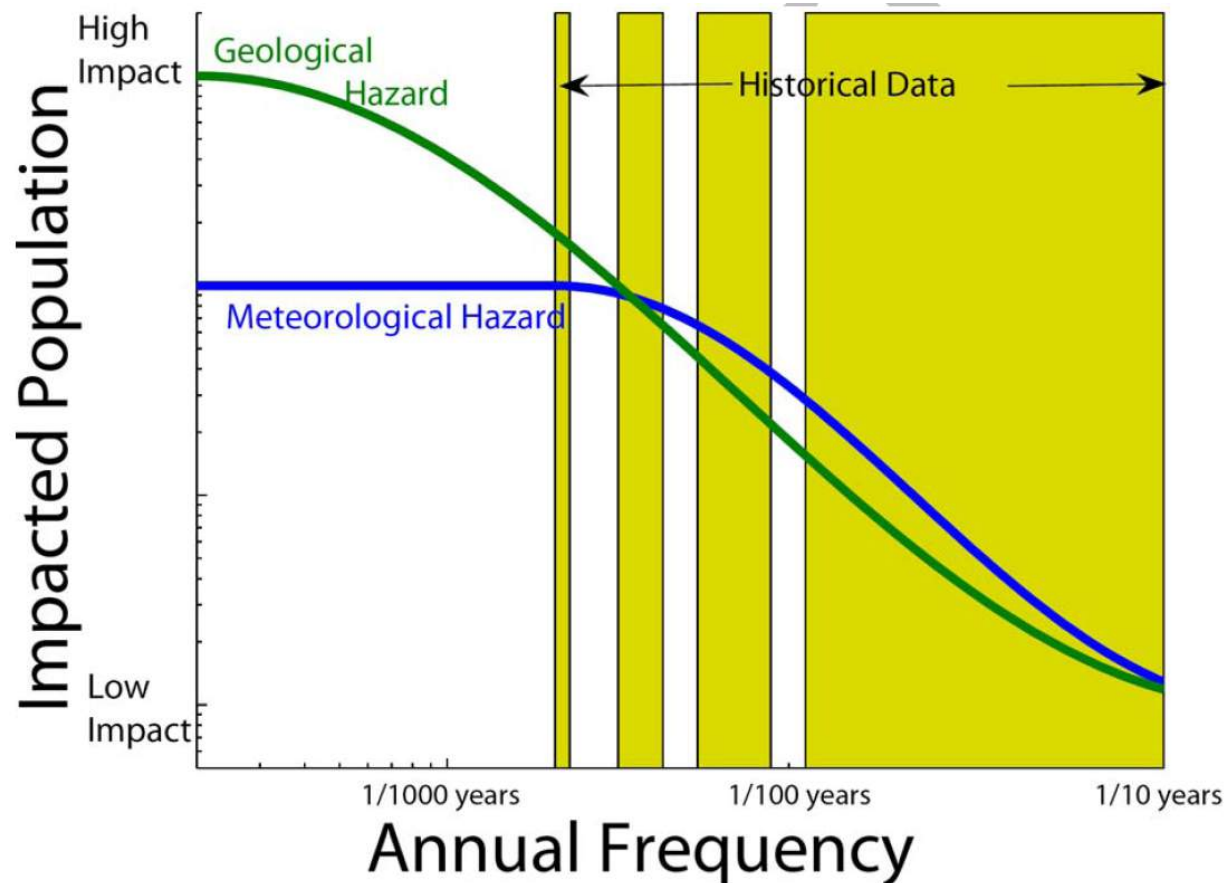
# Expect the unexpected

Mag 6.1 Earthquake 80 km from Manila caused light shaking - so why all the water?





## Can Hazard be Inferred from Historical Experience?



High-impact geological hazards can have return periods much longer than the historical record.



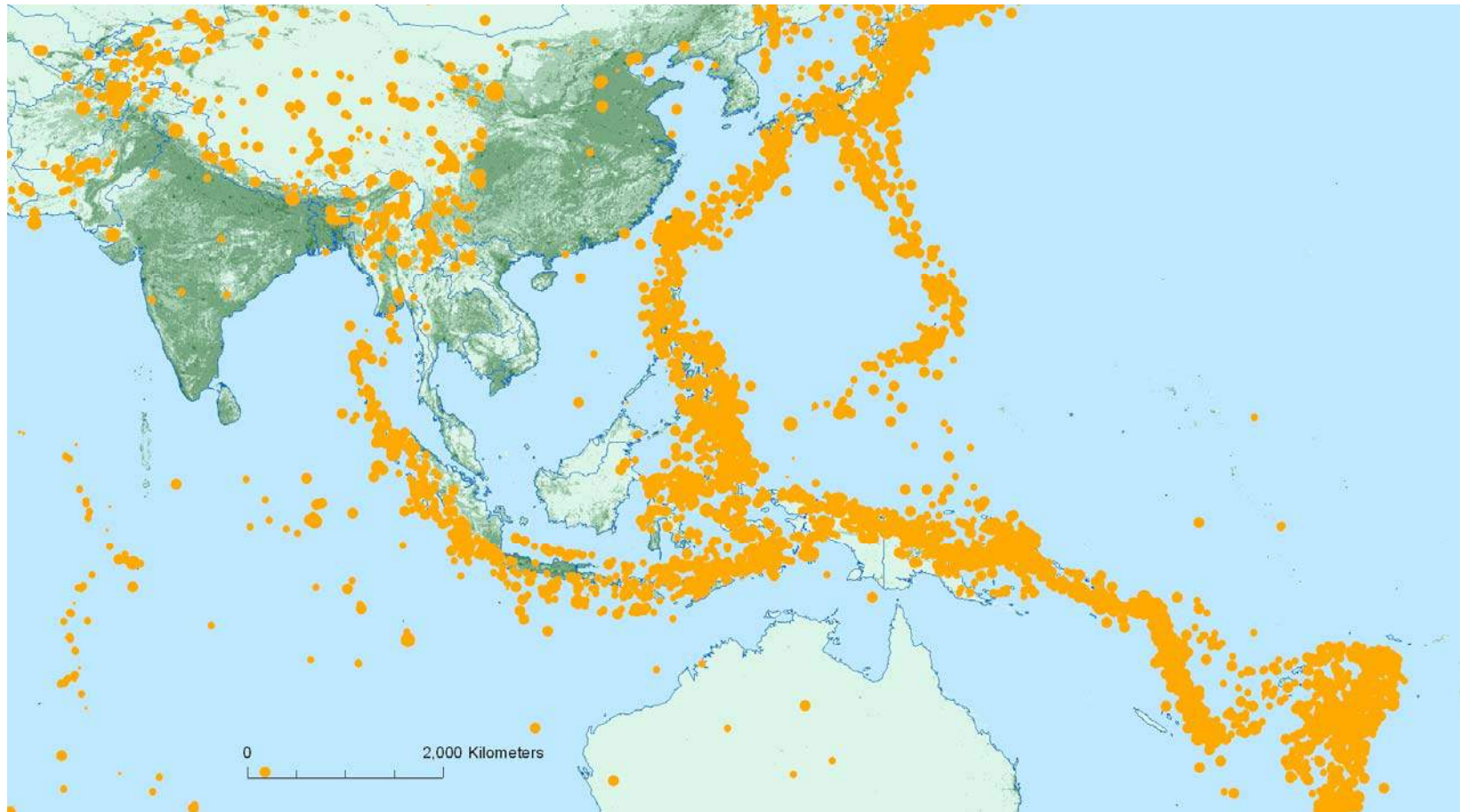
# Exposure: Population





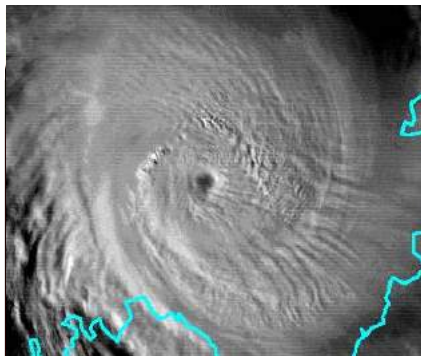
# Hazard: Earthquakes

*480 million people in the Asia-Pacific live in areas of high to very high earthquake hazard.*





# Hazard X Exposure X Vulnerability = Risk/Impact



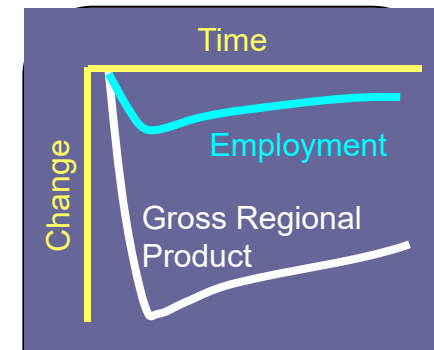
Hazard



Exposure



Vulnerability



Impact

If hazard, exposure or vulnerability increase, so does risk.

If all three increase, we are in big trouble...



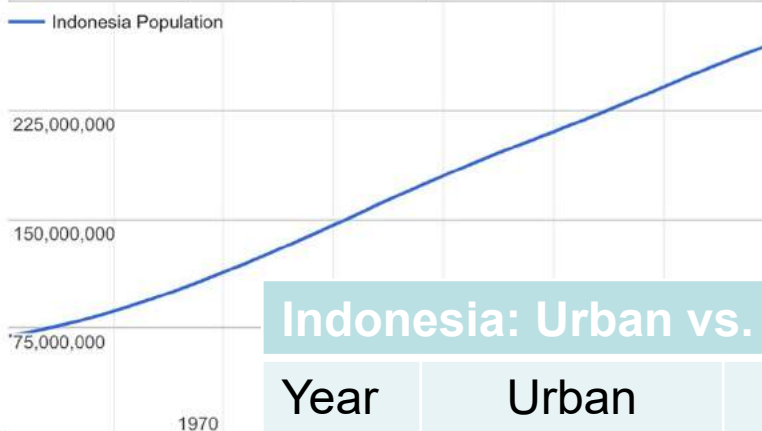
# Indonesia Population (LIVE)

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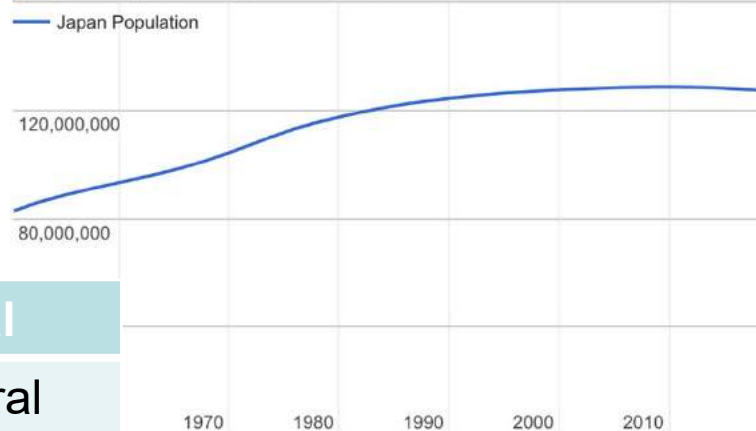
# Japan Population (LIVE)

## 126,994,018

Indonesia Population (1950 - 2019)



Japan Population (1950 - 2019)



### Indonesia: Urban vs. Rural

Year	Urban (millions)	Rural (millions)
2010	118.8	119.7
2015	136.2	119.3
2020	153.7	117.4
2025	170.9	113.9
2030	187.9	108.5
2035	203.6	102.1





# Java's Population: Large and vulnerable

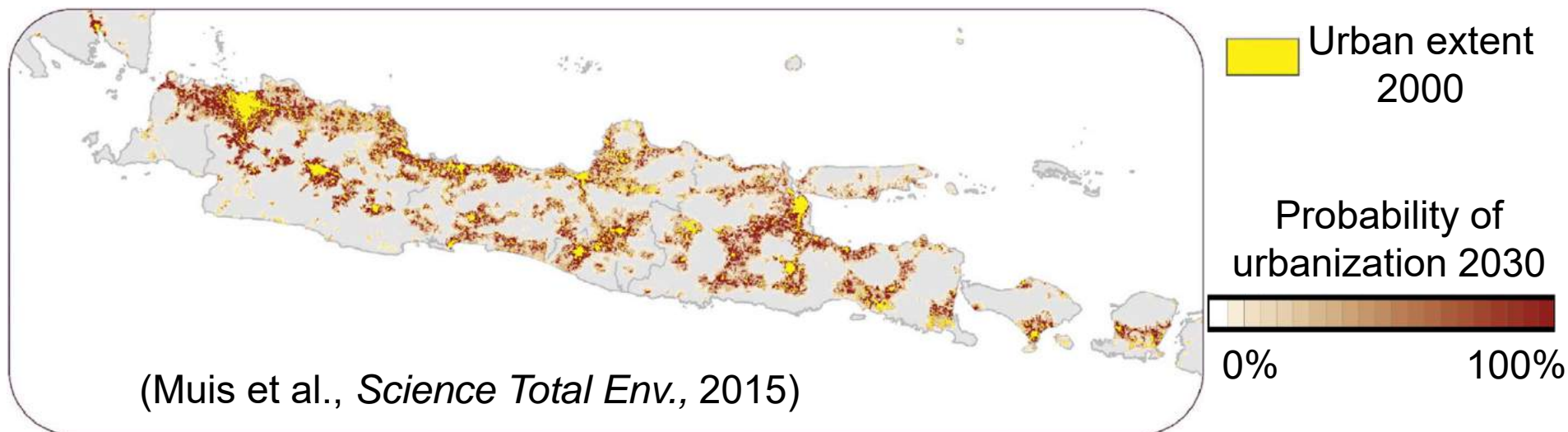
- Population currently 145 Million, 57% of Indonesia's total
- Poverty (<\$2/day) rate about 10%
- Urbanization: Currently 5% land area, expected to expand 2-3 times that by 2030 (75% of Indonesia's urban area will be on Java)



Rapidly expanding high-rise construction



Seismically non-resilient residential construction



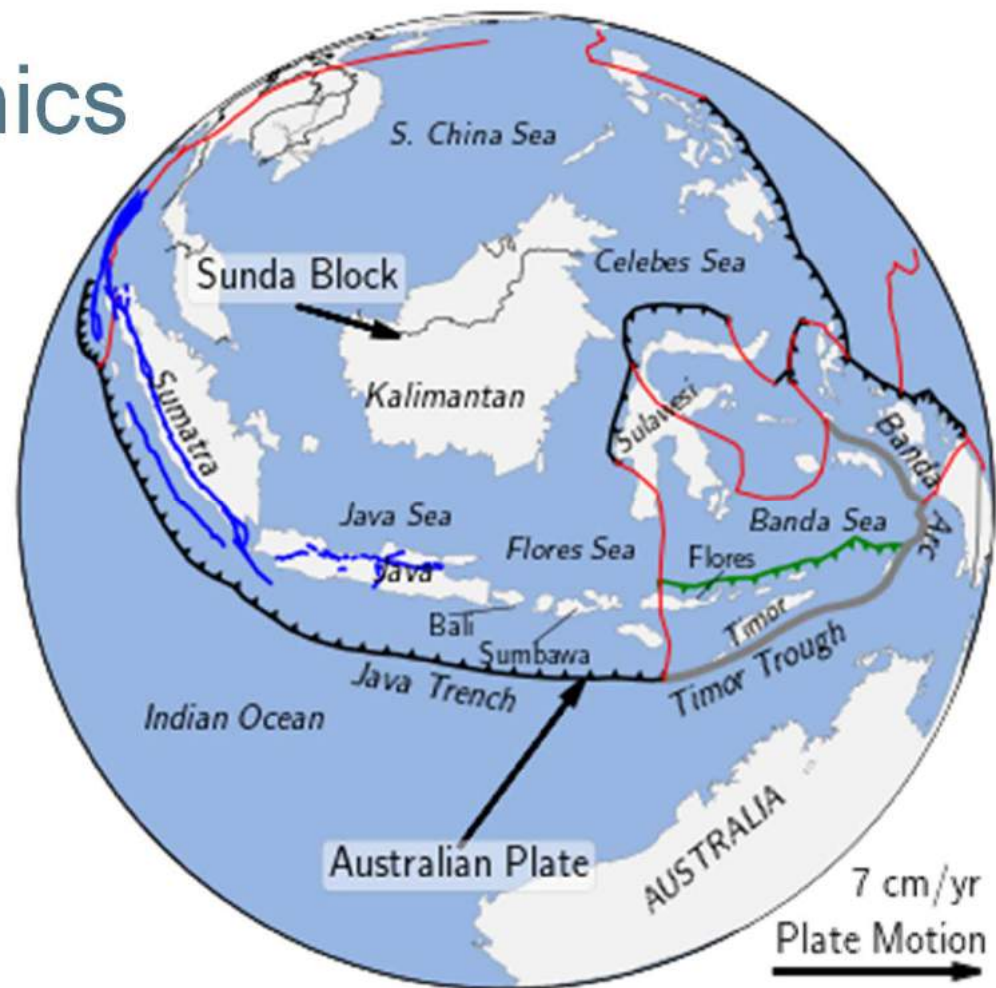


# How does Indonesia's population growth affect risk?

- Greater exposure (obviously)
- The massive growth in population since late 20<sup>th</sup> century has occurred during a period of apparent seismic quiescence
- Poverty forces settlement in hazard-prone areas and use of poor construction material
- Predominantly young mobile population with less access to local knowledge (Banda Aceh & Palu vs. Nias)
- Urbanisation
  - Large populations affected by even small-foot-print events (2006 Yogyakarta)
  - Dependence on fragile networks for critical services
- Huge investment in residential construction and infrastructure – potential lock-in of unpreparedness

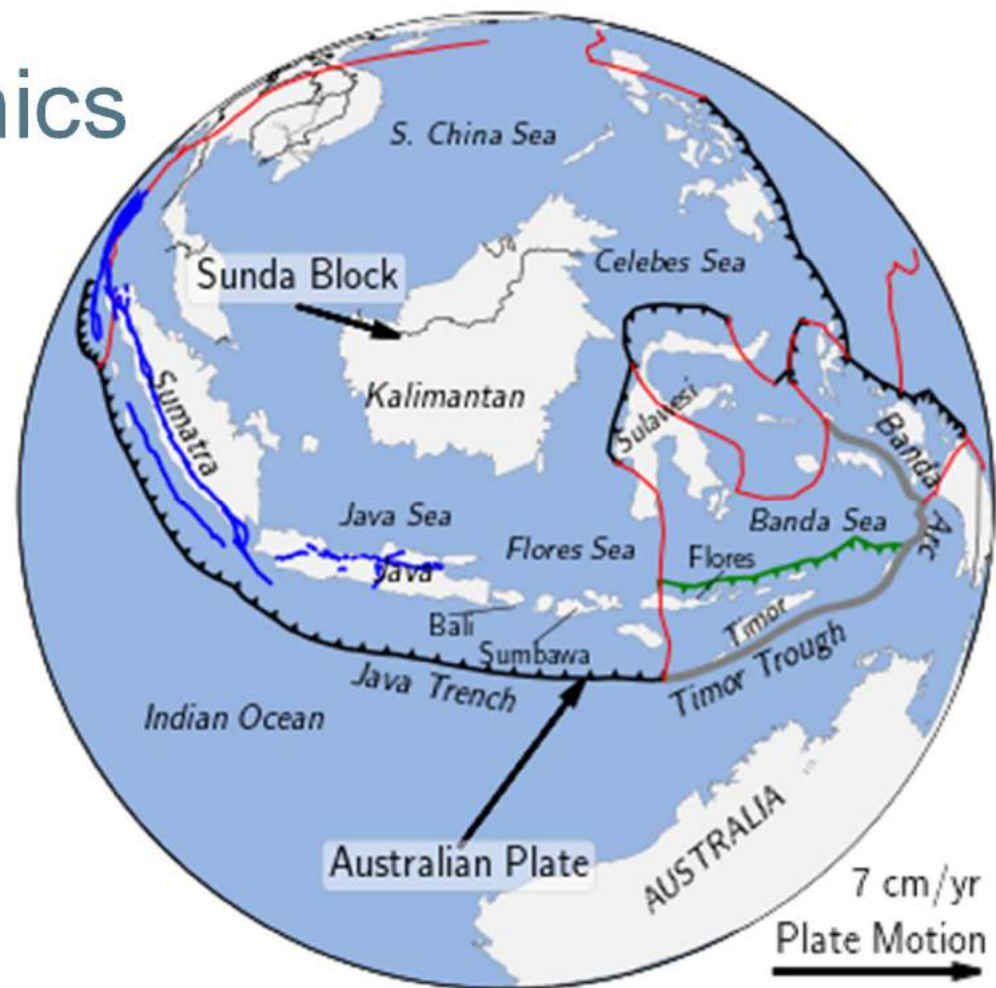
# Indonesian Tectonics

- Over 18,000 km of major tectonic plate boundary, more than twice Japan or Papua New Guinea, including:
- The Great Sumatran Fault, at 1900 km 50% longer than the San Andreas and North Anatolian faults;
- 6,000 km length of convergent plate margin, stretching from Sumatra to the Banda Sea that has experienced the world's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest megathrust and its largest intraslab earthquake.



# Indonesian Tectonics

- Over 129 volcanoes thought to have erupted in the Holocene, more than any other country in the world
- Witnessed 3 of the largest and deadliest eruptions in human history: Toba, Krakatau, Rinjani
- But the big question is, what don't we know?

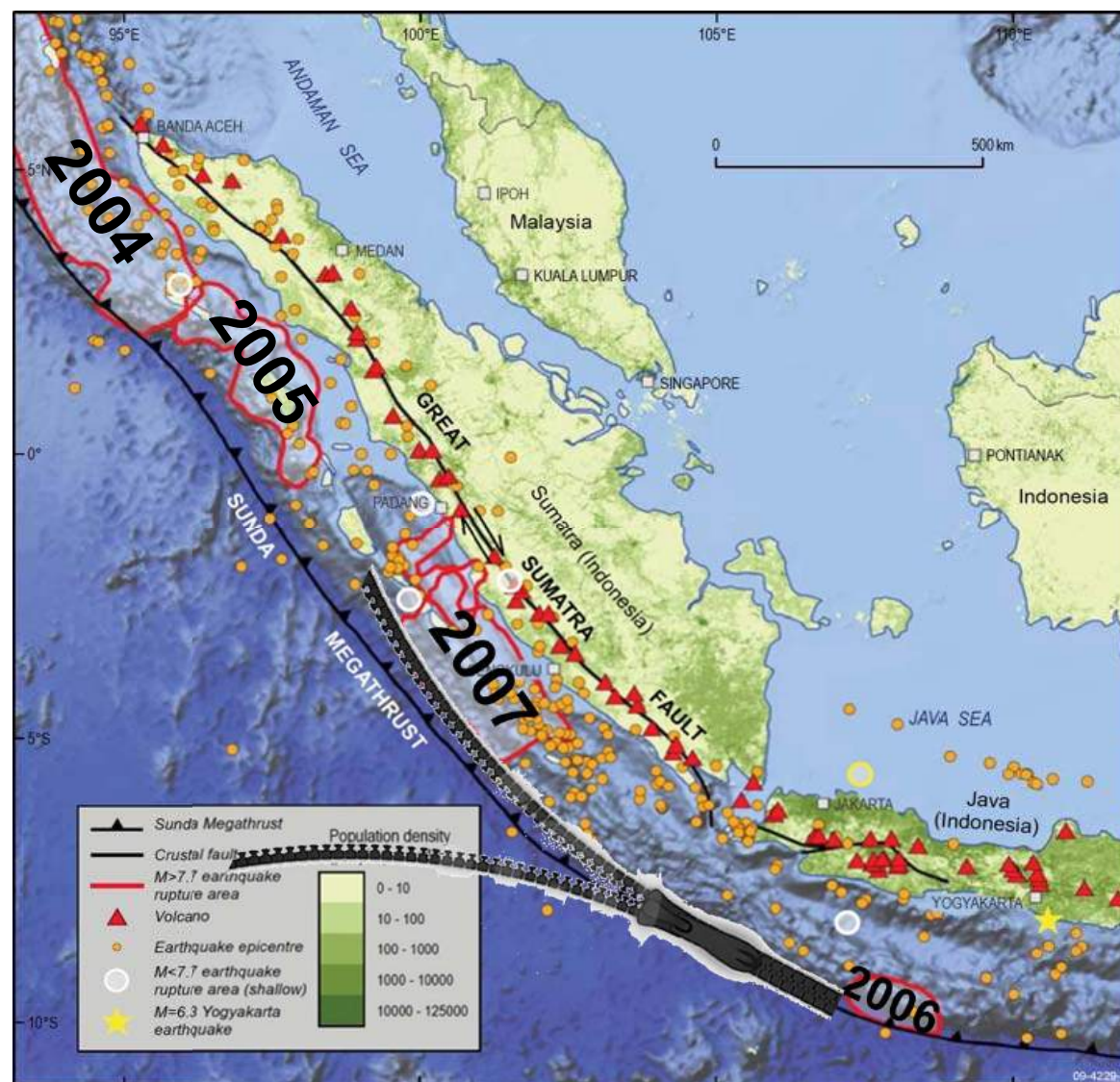




## ‘Unzipping’ of the Sumatra Megathrust – Will it continue to Java?

The 21<sup>st</sup> century began with a series of major megathrust earthquakes – in 2004, 2005 and 2007 – off Sumatra.

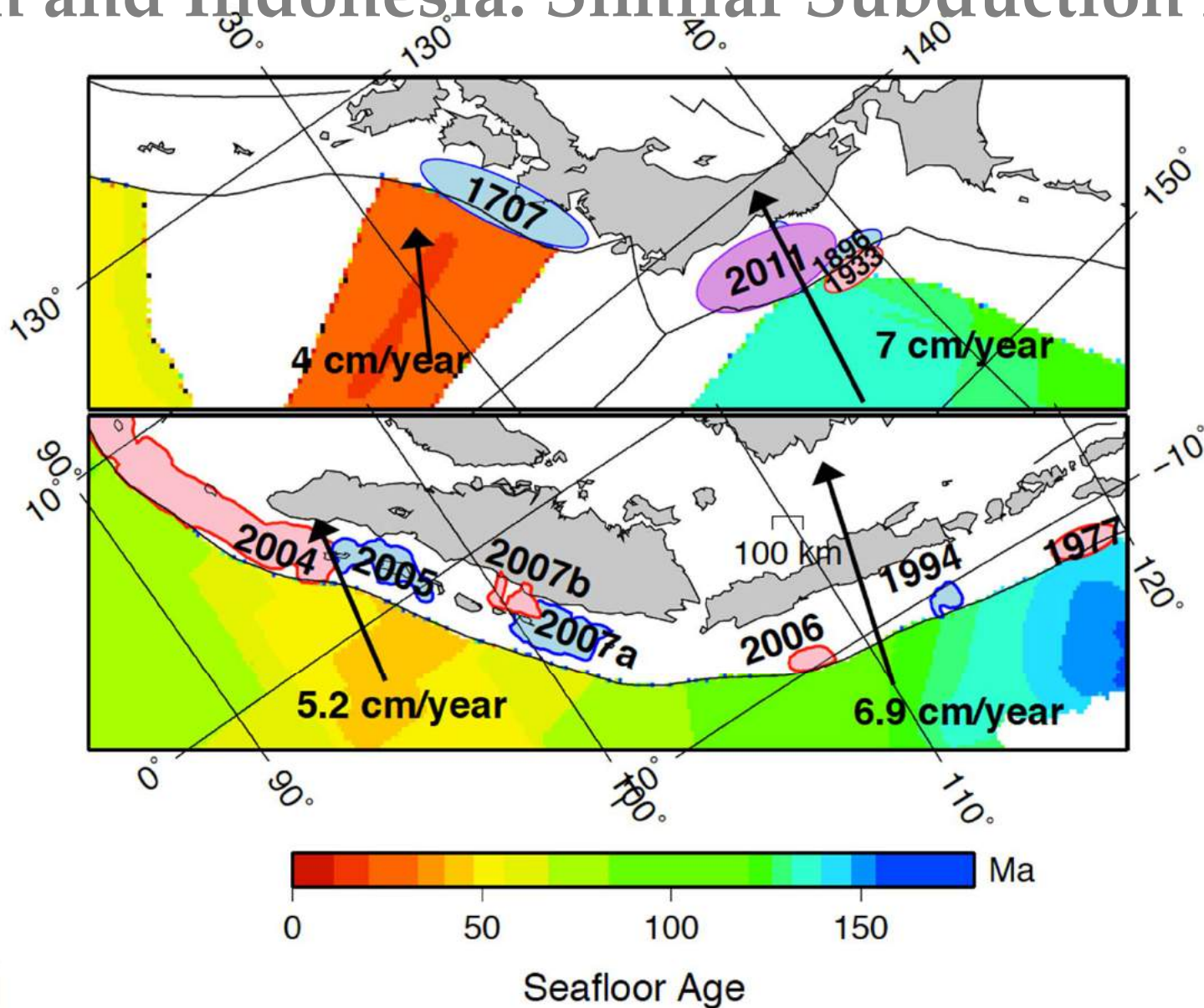
Will this sequence continue to the much more densely populated island of Java?



Brugmann, 2009

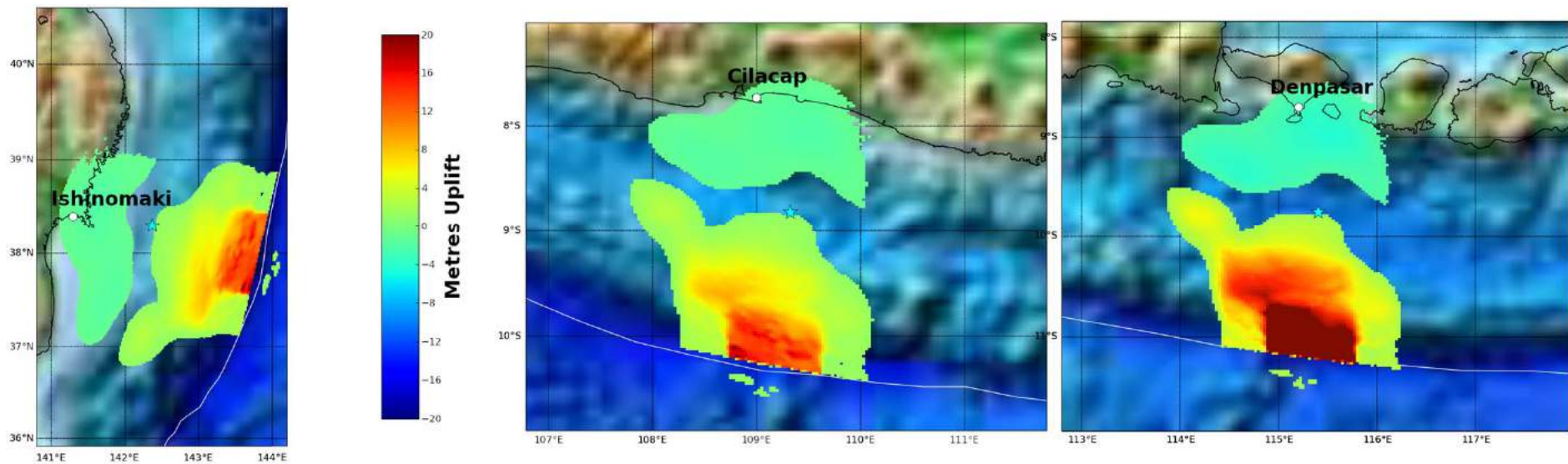


# Japan and Indonesia: Similar Subduction Zones





# What might happen if an event like the 2011 Tohoku earthquake occurred in the Java Trench?

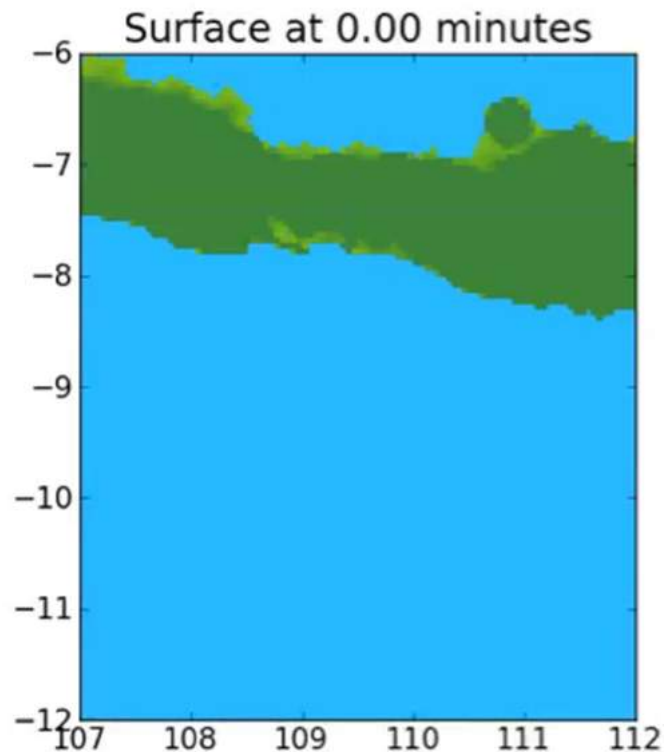


Fujii et al. (2011) tsunami source model shifted to:  
Scenario 1: south of west Java  
Scenario 2: south of Bali



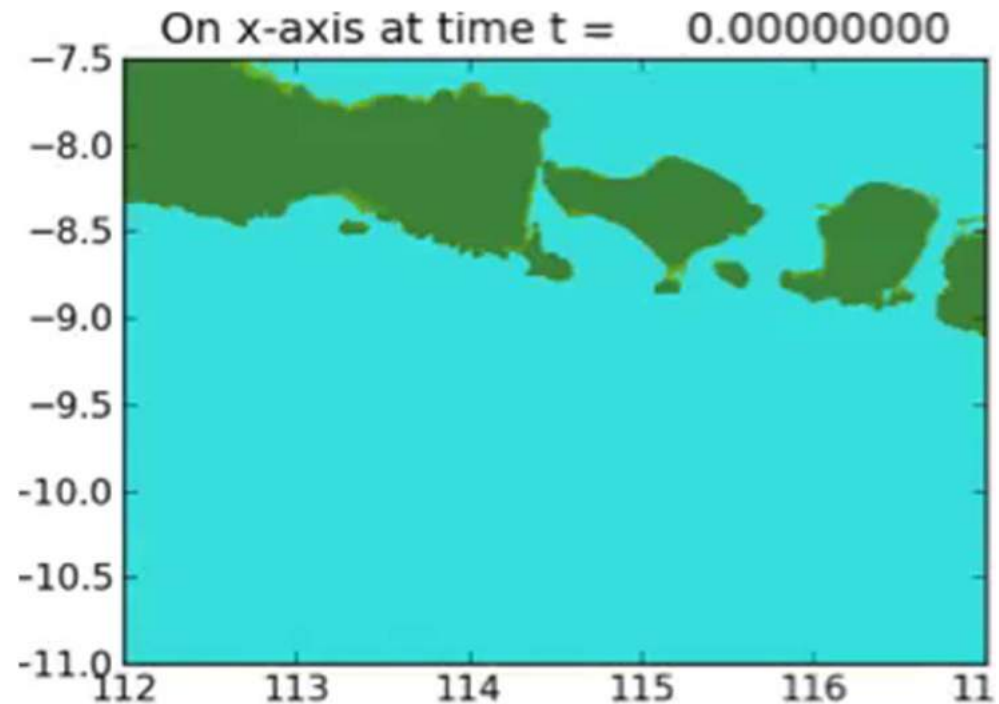
# Java Trench Earthquake Scenarios

Offshore Cilacap



A tsunami of 7-10 m height impacting a 300 km section of south Java coast, e.g. completely inundating Cilacap

Offshore Bali

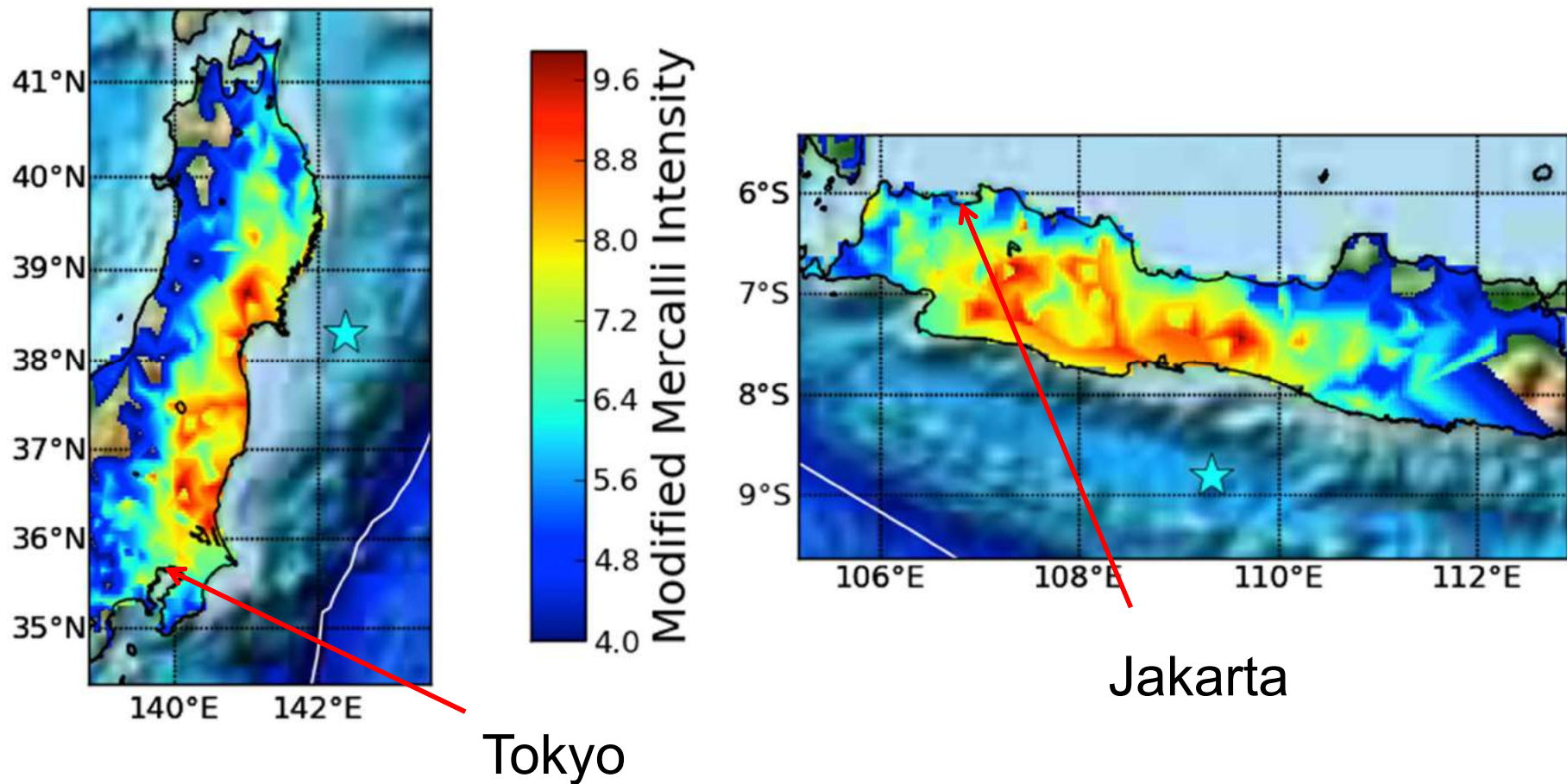


A tsunami of 7-10 m height impacts the coasts of East Java, Bali and Lombok, completely overwashing the Kuta Isthmus





# 2011 Tohoku Earthquake Ground Motions Translated to off Java





# Comparison with recent high-fatality earthquakes

Event		MMI VII	MMI VIII	MMI IX	MMI X
Damage	Resilient	Moderate	Mod/heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable	Mod/heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy
USGS Pager	2010 Haiti (M 7.0)	598k	2,030k	908k	118k
	2011 Tohoku (M 9.0)	34,740k	5,816k	257k	0
	2010 Wenchuan (M7.9)	4,006k	1,245k	528k	2k
This study	???? Java (M9.0)	29,747k	25,642k	6,313k	121k
	???? Bali (M9.0)	10,676k	10,055k	3,293k	58k

- Exposure to MMI 9 similar to Haiti EQ
- Ground motions at MMI 8 and 9 have much higher exposure than any recent earthquake



## Conclusions – Java Trench Megathrust

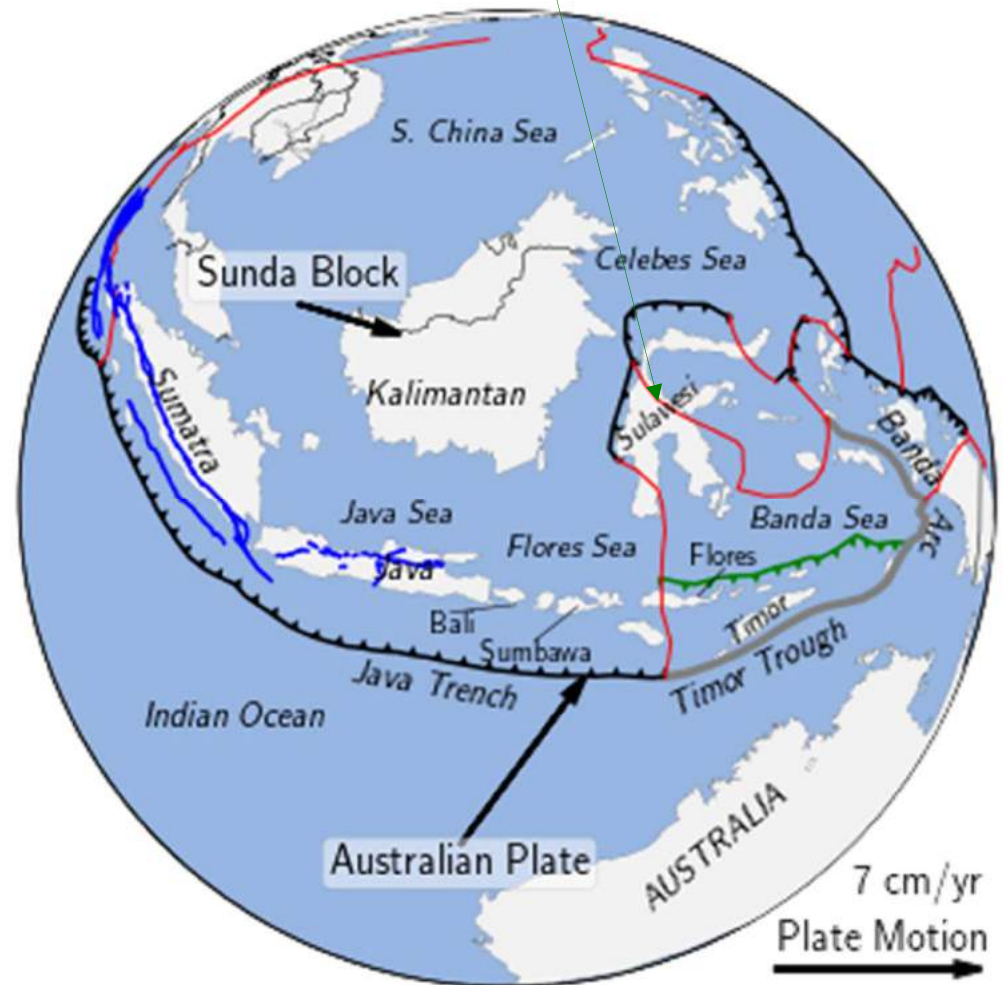
- The kind of disaster that could be caused by a giant Java Trench megathrust earthquake is one both Australia and Indonesia should be concerned about:
  - Indonesia: Many fatalities through both building collapse and tsunami, huge setback in economic development
  - Australia: Potentially many fatalities in Bali, and large loss in export income due to damage to ports/shipping
- Could be the world's first real “compound” earthquake-tsunami disaster – i.e., *major* fatalities due to *both* building collapse and tsunami inundation. *Except for Palu?*



# Sulawesi Tectonics

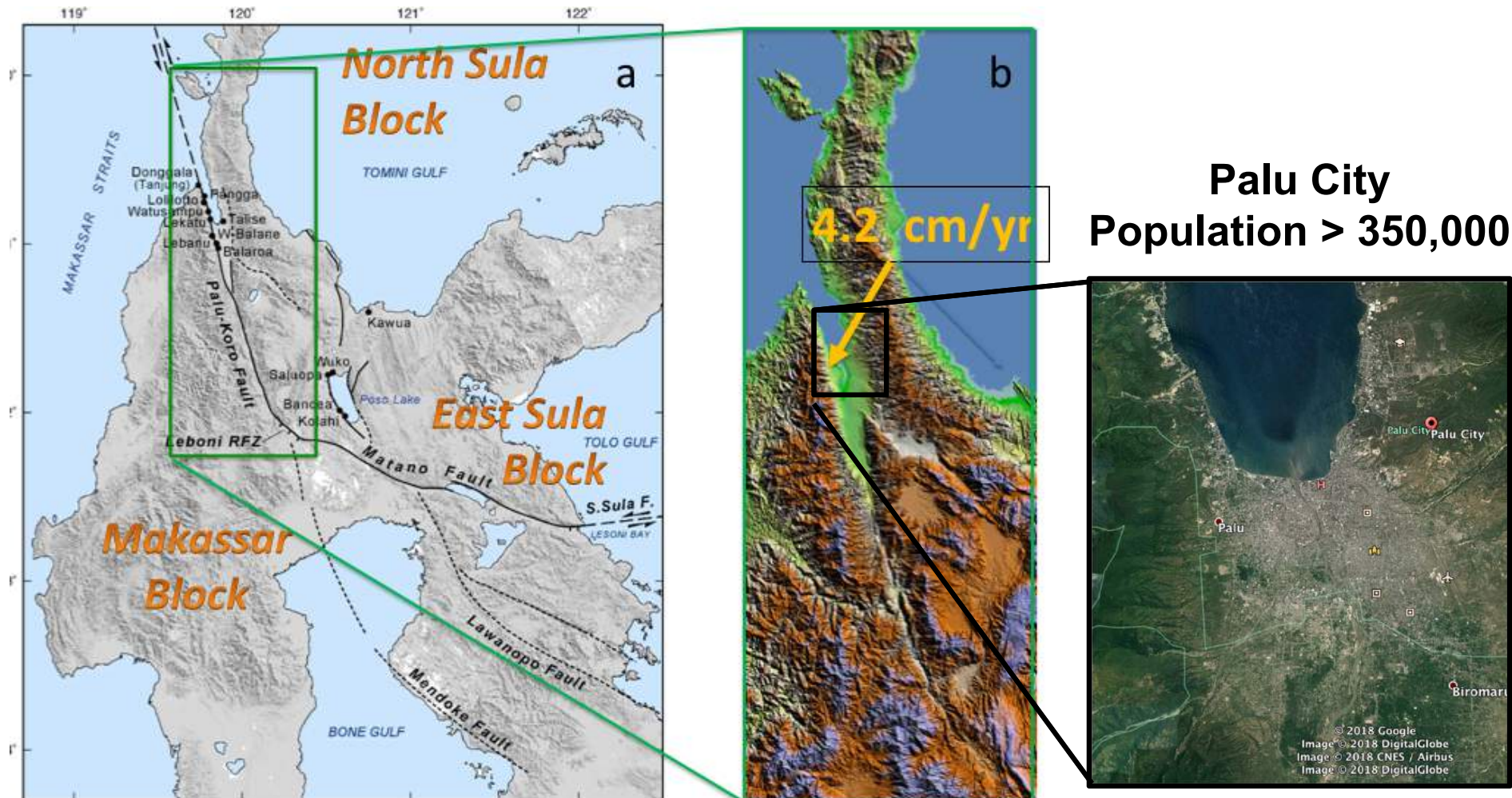
- Sulawesi is comprised of several "micro-plates": the Makassar, North Sulu and South Sulu Blocks.
- The Palu-Koro Fault is a major strike-slip fault, that accommodates left-lateral movement of two of these microplates.

## The Palu-Koro Fault



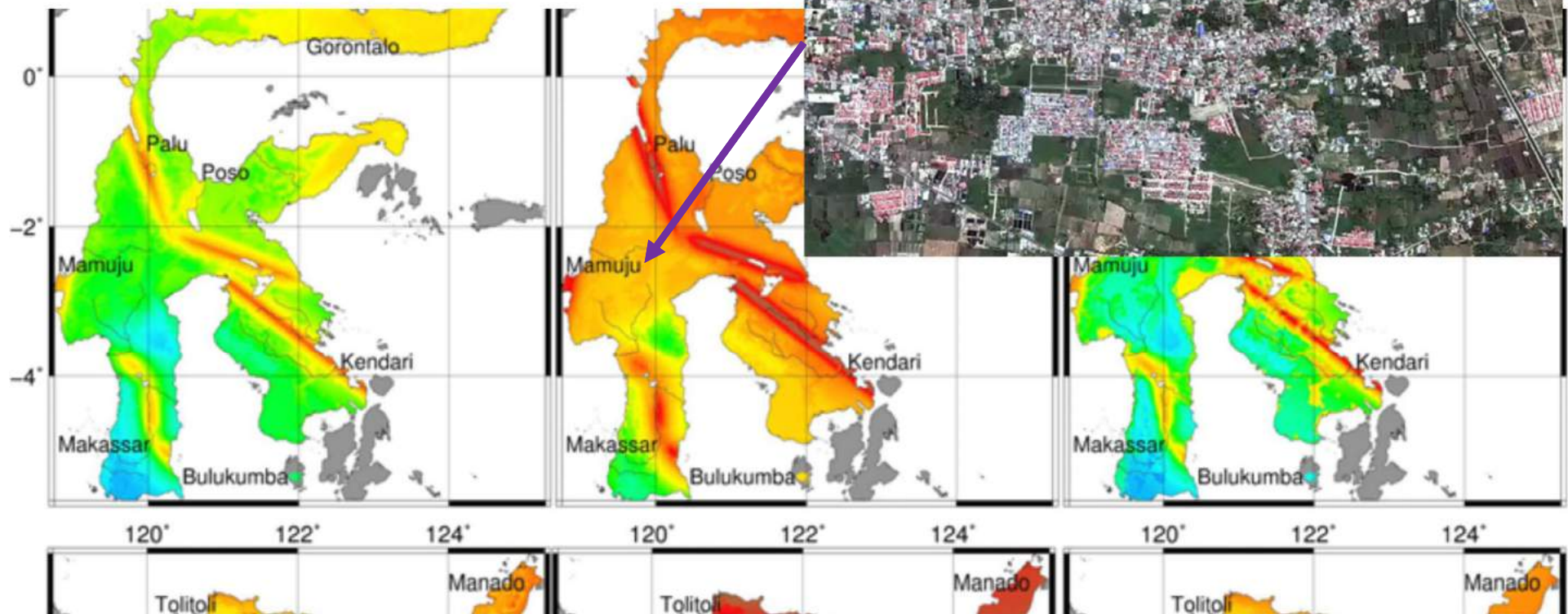


# The Palu-Koro Fault and Palu city





# Alarming levels of seismic hazard



Very high levels of ground shaking and massive accumulations of poorly consolidated, water-saturated sediments led to liquefaction on an unprecedented scale



# Petobo and Balaroa Villages Wiped Out

It is thought roughly 2000 may have died in the Palu landslide/liquefaction, but the exact figure may never be known because the bodies are buried beneath so much mud and debris.

Reports suggest the liquefaction was exacerbated by irrigation, with the initiation of the landslides aligning with a large irrigation channel running up the eastern side of the Palu Valley.

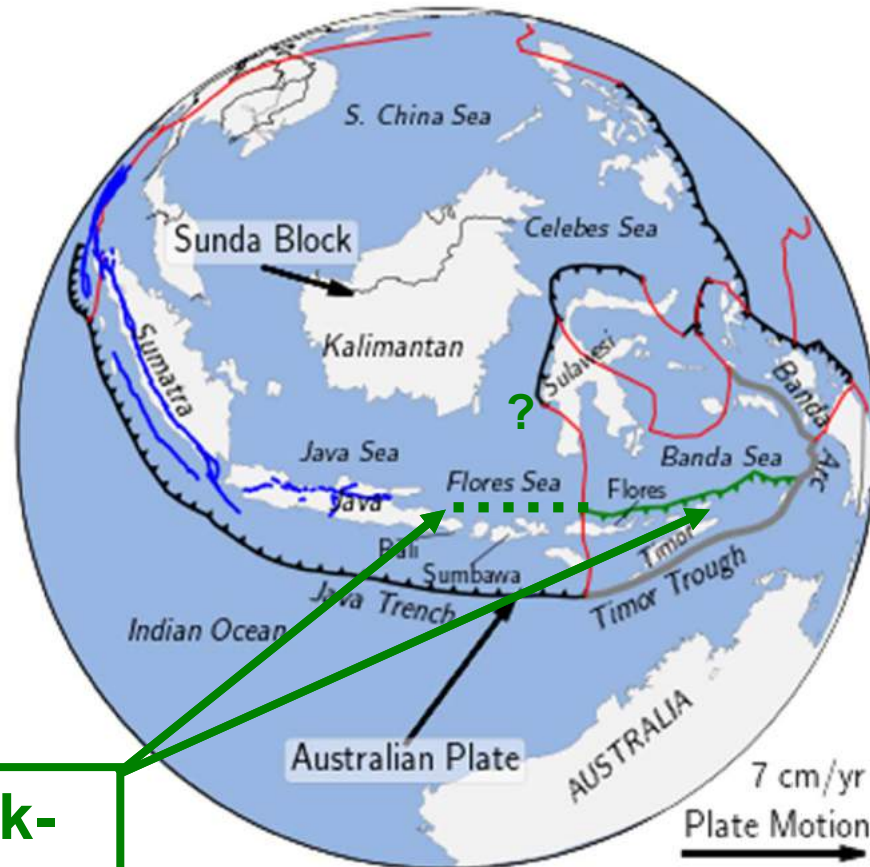


(image: Australian Broadcasting Corporation)



# Flores Back-arc Thrust

- Widely used plate boundary models (e.g. Bird, 2002, at left) present a Flores Back-arc Thrust as extending eastward from Flores.
- This fails to explain the occurrence of major historical (and recent) earthquakes west of Flores.



**Flores Back-arc Thrust**

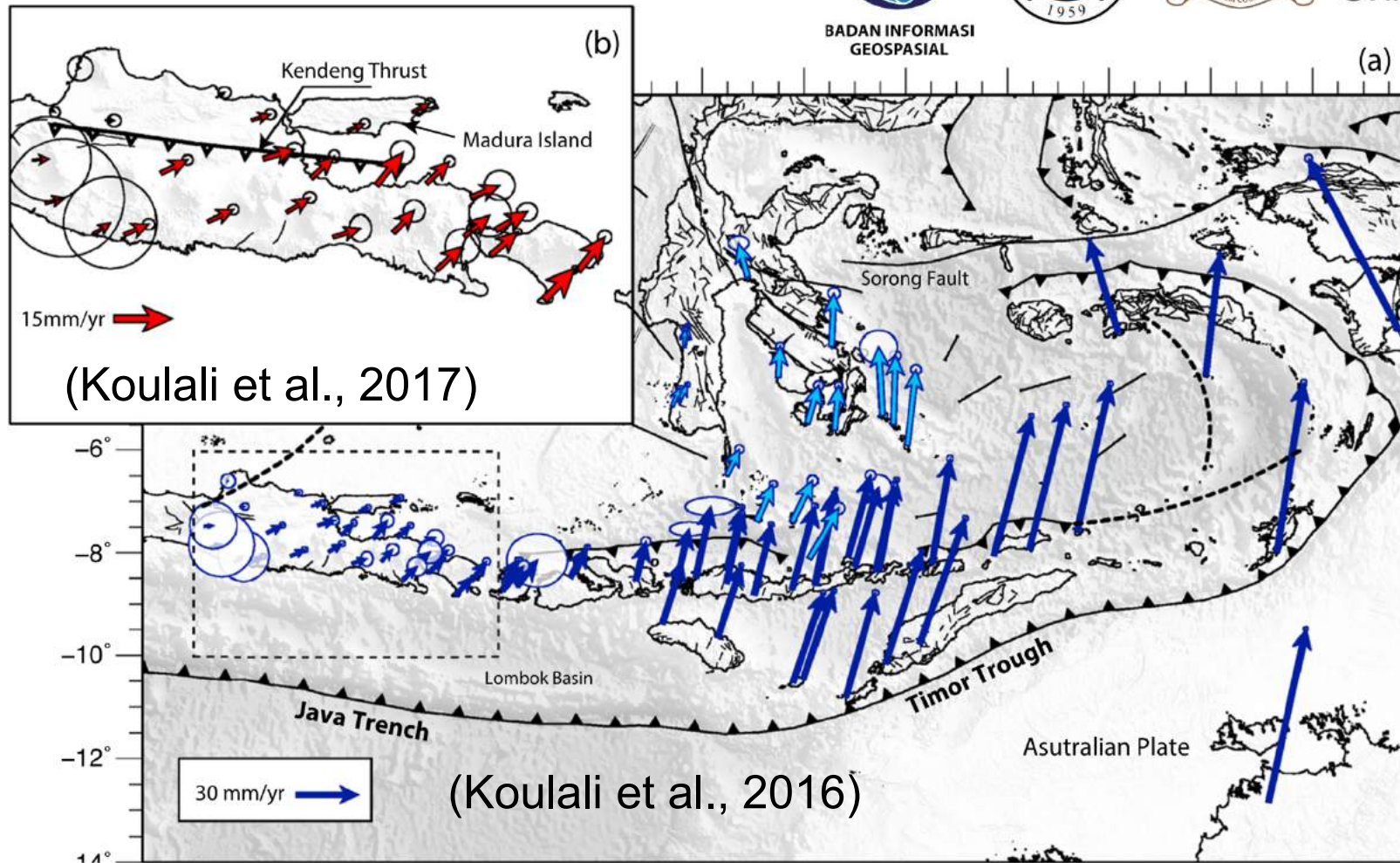




# GPS Campaign in Nusa Tenggara, East Indonesia



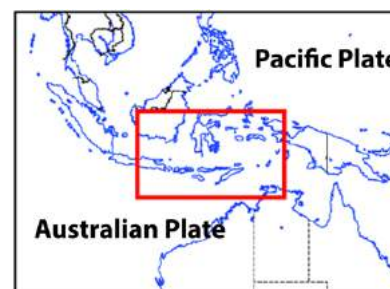
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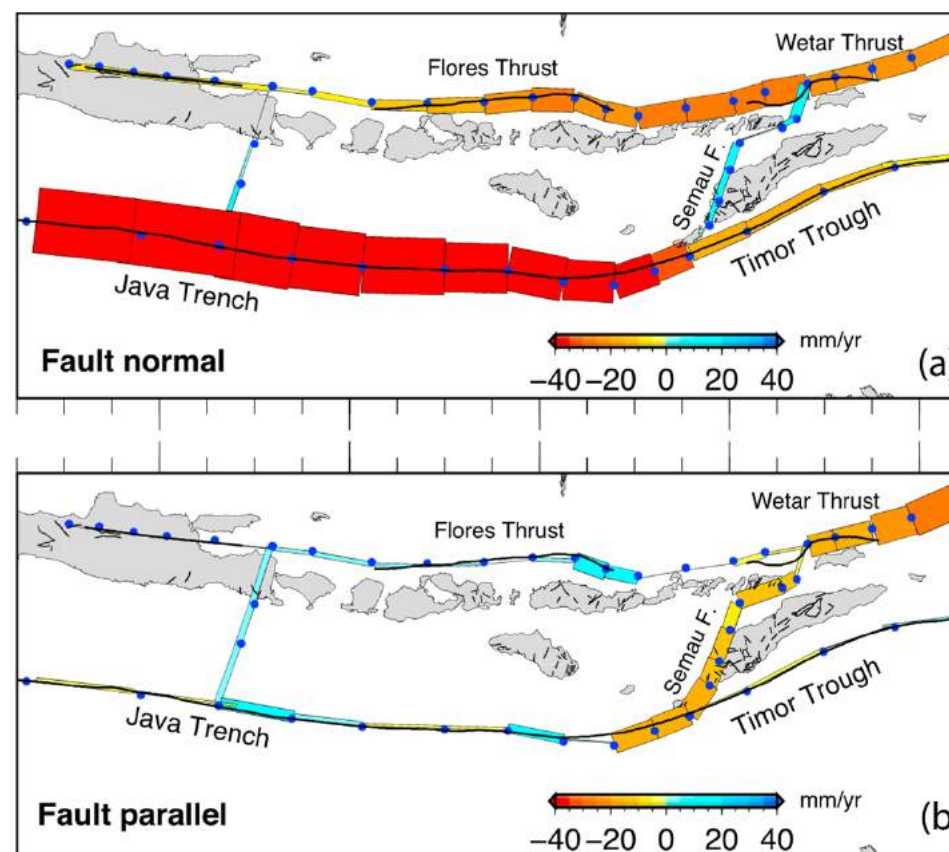


# GPS Campaign in East Indonesia

- Almost all convergence accommodated by Java Trench offshore Java and Bali, gradually decreasing to almost none east of Timor
- Small but significant (6mm/yr) convergence on Kendeng Thrust, increasing to accommodate all convergence along the Flores-Wetar Backarc Thrust
- Transfer of convergence facilitated by strike-slip motion along Semau Fault

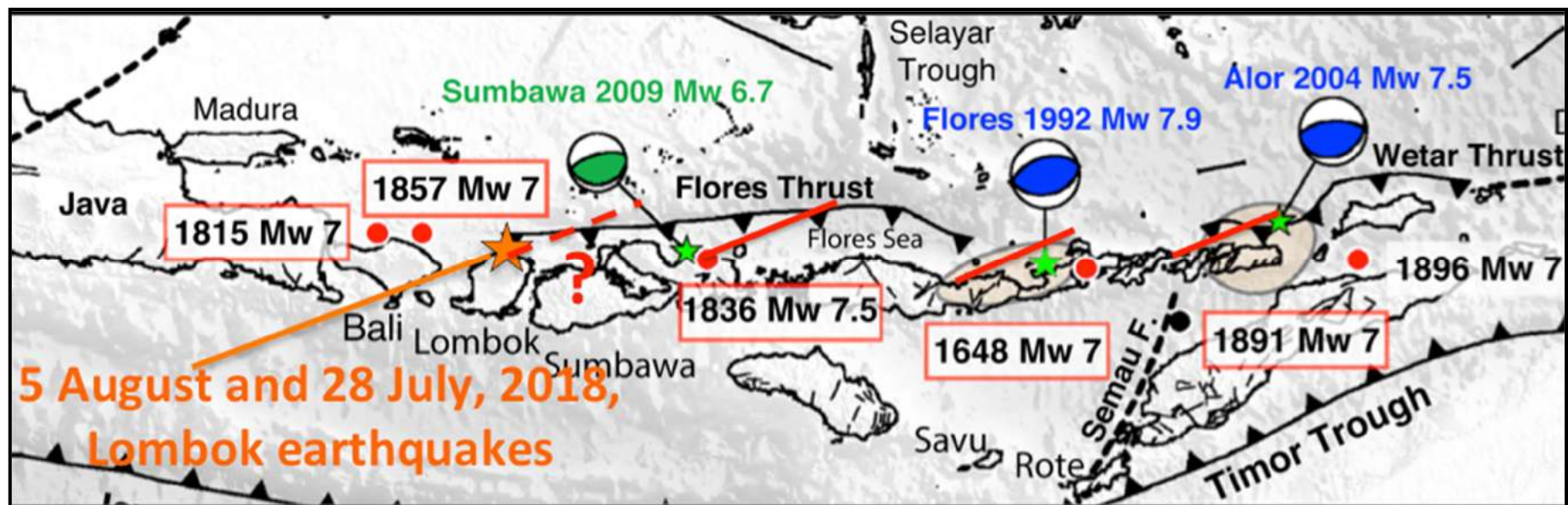


(Koulali  
et al., 2016)



# Is the Flores Back-arc Thrust Segmented?

- Detailed analysis of historical events suggest strikes trending 70-75°, that cannot be connected across the full E-W extent of the back-arc thrust.
- Significant implications for earthquake and tsunami hazard
- Does not match strike of current Lombok events (at least not yet)

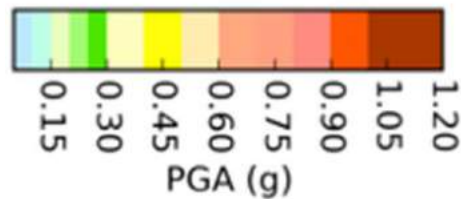




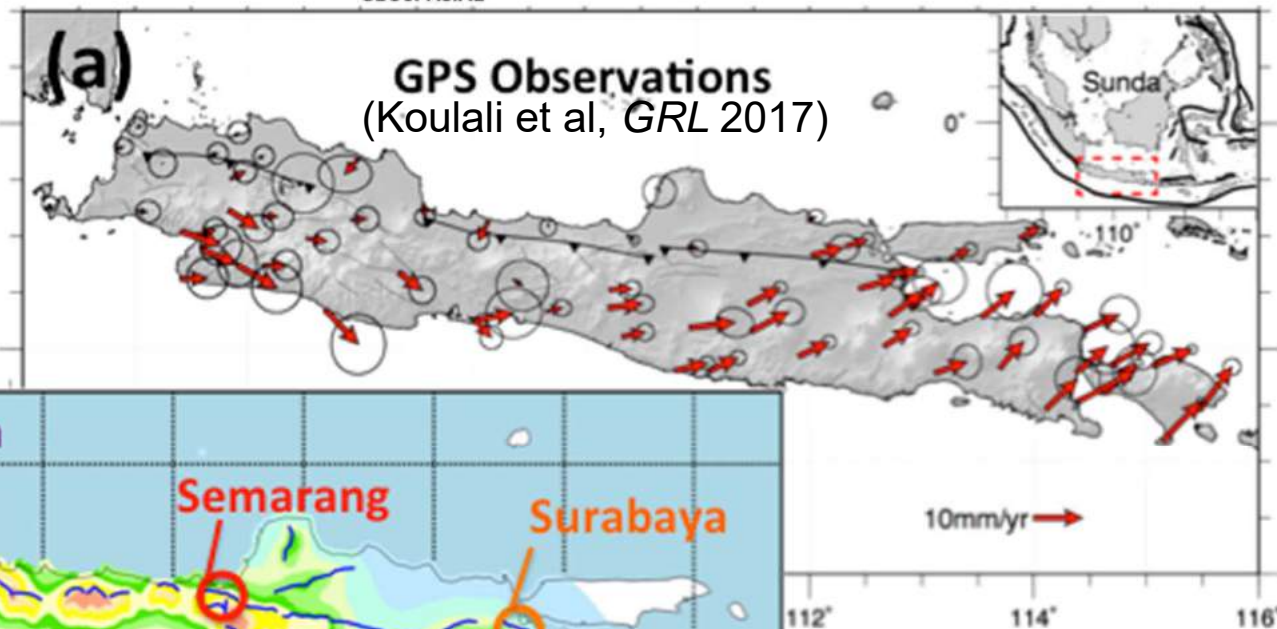
# GPS Crustal Strain Measurements in Java



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2% Exceedance in 50 Years



Et al.



# Earthquakes: Large vs. Deadly

Largest Earthquakes	Magnitude	Fatalities* (almost all due to tsunami)
1960 Chile	9.5	1886
2004 Sumatra	9.3	227,898
1964 Alaska	9.2	131
2011 Japan	9.0	20,350
1952 Kamchatka	9.0	0
2010 Chile	8.9	523
1906 Ecuador	8.8	500-1500
1965 Alaska	8.7	0
2005 Sumatra	8.6	1300

Recent Deadly Earthquakes	Magnitude	Fatalities* (Ground Shaking)
2010 Haiti	7.0	316,000
2008 Wenchuan	7.9	87,587
2005 Pakistan	7.6	80,361
2003 Iran	6.6	31,000
2001 India	7.7	20,023
1999 Turkey	7.9	17,118
2015 Nepal	7.8	8669
2006 Java	6.3	5749
1995 Kobe	6.9	5530

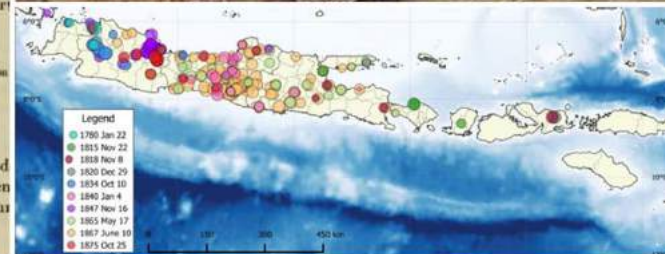
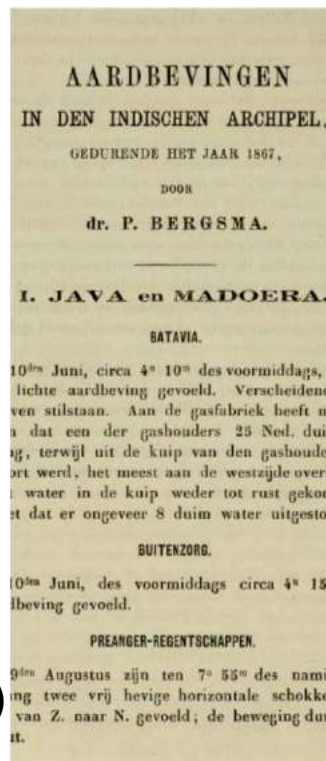
\* US Geological Survey



# Historical Earthquakes in Java

- Most of Java experienced MMI >5 between 1699 and 1867.
- Intraslab earthquakes more important than previously thought.
- Important historical events occurred on as yet unmapped active faults
- If they re-occurred today, some historical events could kill 10 000s of people and potentially displace 10s millions.
- A repeat of the 1699 Jakarta earthquake could kill 100 000 people (with high level of uncertainty)

(Griffin et al., BSSA, 2018,  
Nguyen et al., *GA Record*, 2015)



# What would be the impact of historical Earthquakes were they to re-occur today?

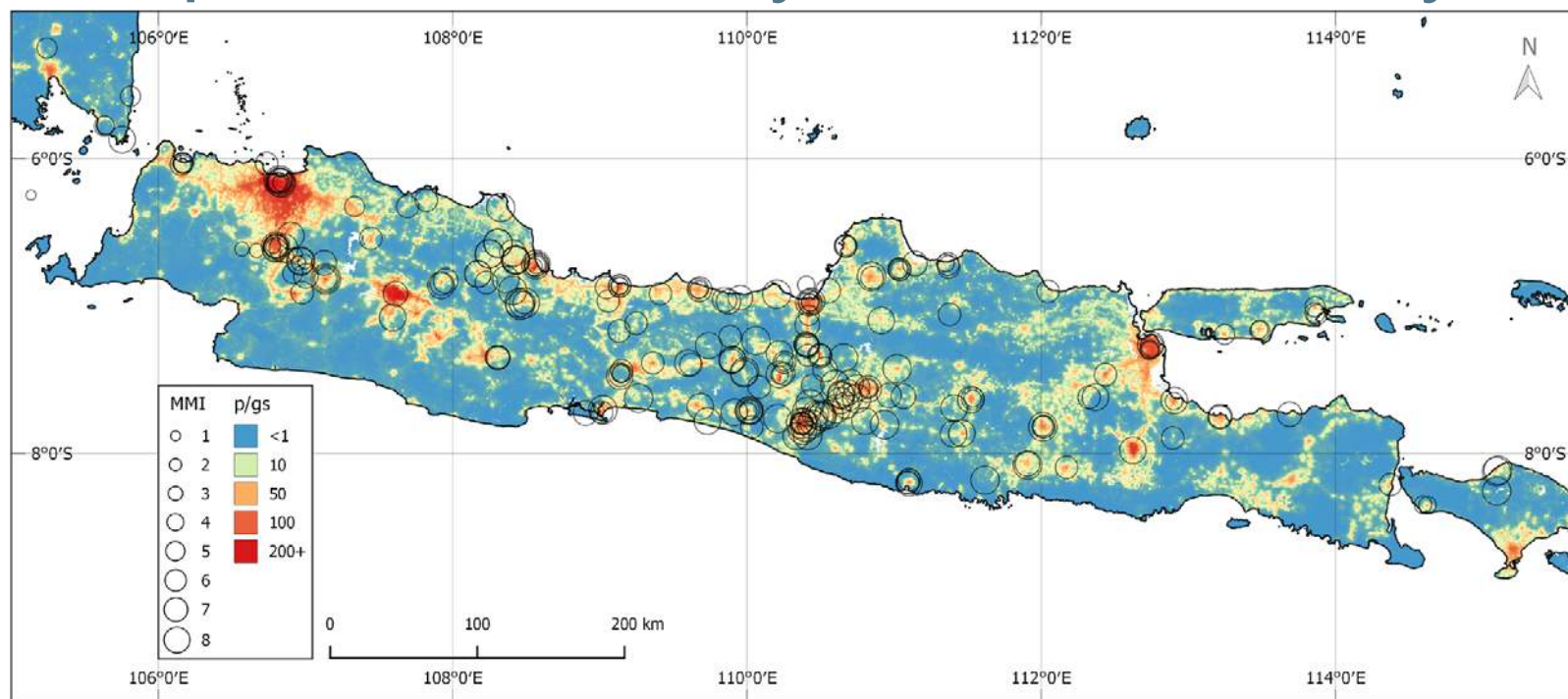
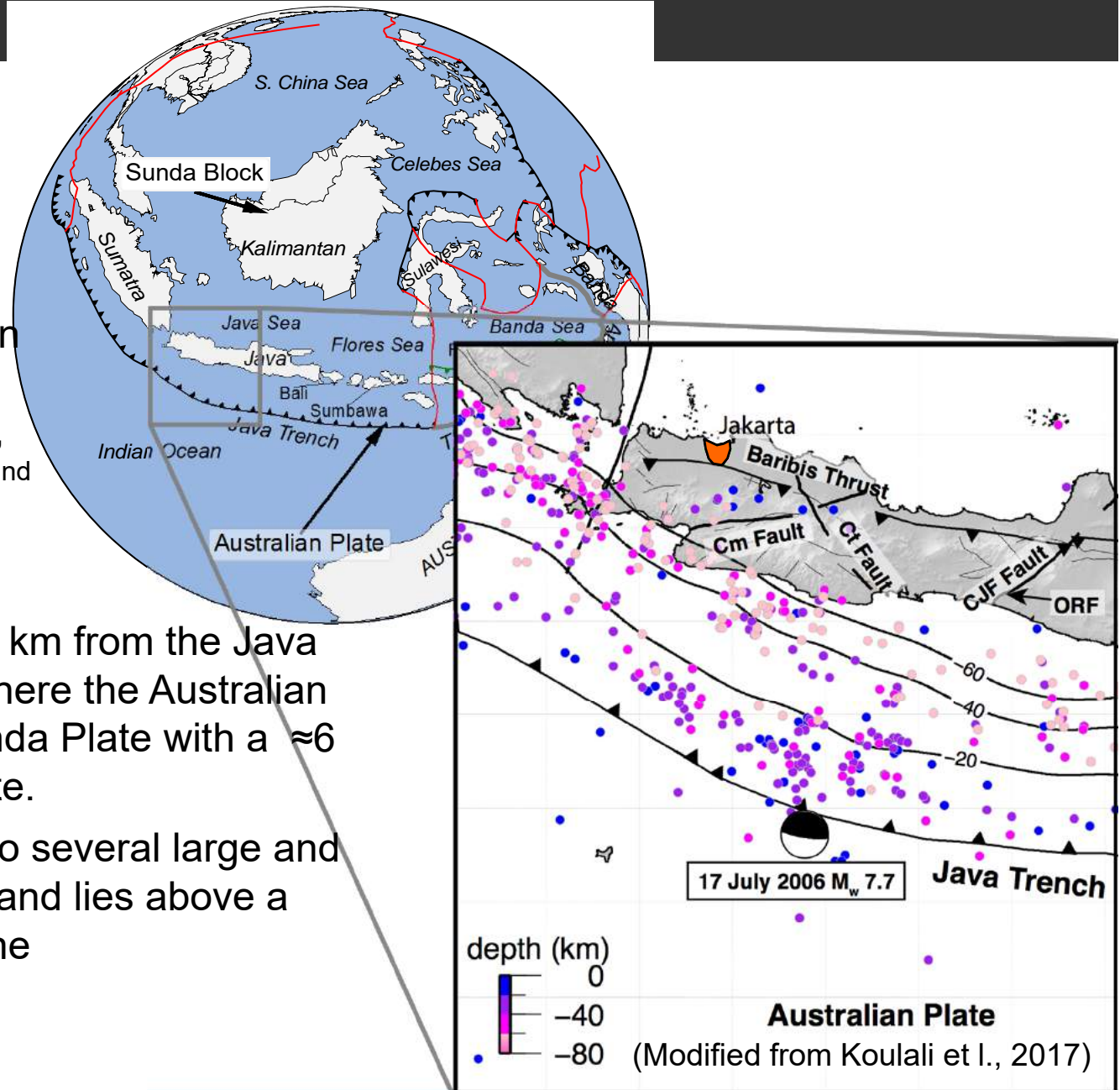


Figure 1.1 Estimates of persons per grid square (p/gS) (~100 m at the equator) in for Java for 2015 (adjusted to match United Nations' projections by Gaughan et al., 2013), with observed MMI from all events modelled. Data from WorldPop (2015).

## Jakarta

- The city of Jakarta (shown) has population 10 million, but greater Jakarta has 30 million, making it the world's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest megacity (Allianz).
- Jakarta lies about 300 km from the Java Trench megathrust, where the Australian dives beneath the Sunda Plate with a  $\approx 6$  cm/yr convergence rate.
- The city is also close to several large and possibly active faults, and lies above a very active Benioff zone



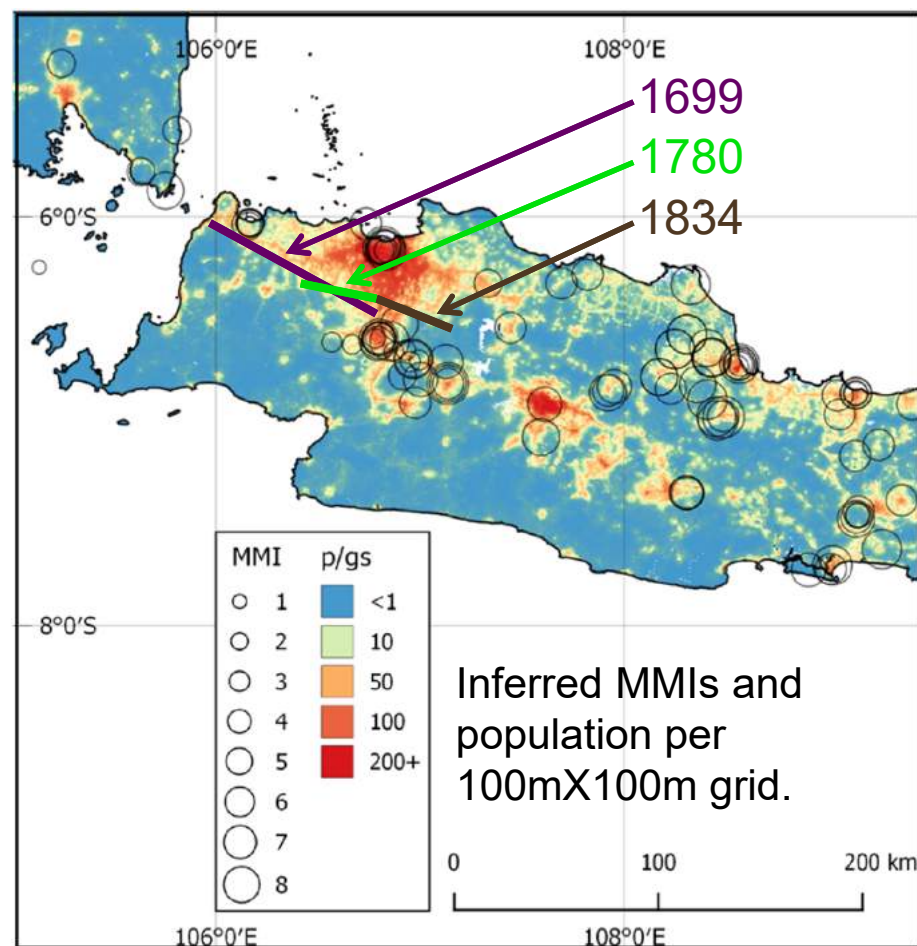




## Historical Earthquakes

While no earthquakes have caused widespread damage in West Java since before the 20<sup>th</sup> century, large events impacting Jakarta (then Batavia) occurred in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

These historical events have been studied by Albini et al. (2014), Musson et al. (2012), and by Nguyen et al. (2015), who modeled historical intensity observations to infer locations and magnitudes.



### January 5, 1699

Wide damage area extending from W Java to Sumatra: M=8, intraslab.

### January 22, 1780

Felt throughout Java, most damage in Jakarta: M=7 on Baribis Fault.

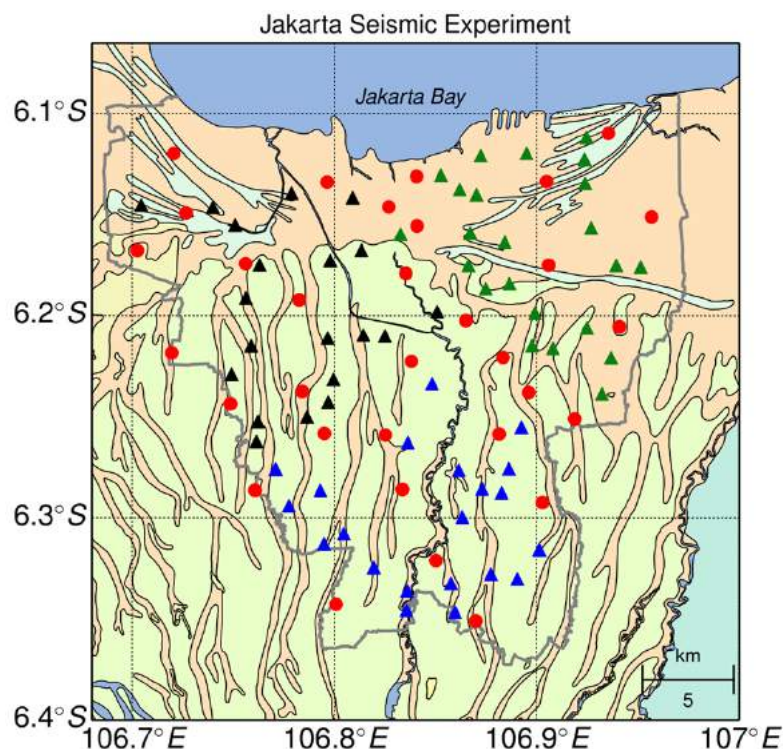
### October 10 1834

Felt as far as Central Java and Sumatra: M=7 on Baribis Fault.



# Jakarta Broadband Passive Seismometer Deployment

From Oct 2013-Feb 2014, the Australian National University collaborated with the Indonesian Bureau of Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics and Bandung Institute of Technology to deploy 50 instruments in a “rolling” deployment across Jakarta, occupying 96 sites for at least 1 month each. Instruments were compact Trillium sensors with ANU seismic recorders.





# Resonance Example: 1985 Mexico City EQ $M = 8.1$

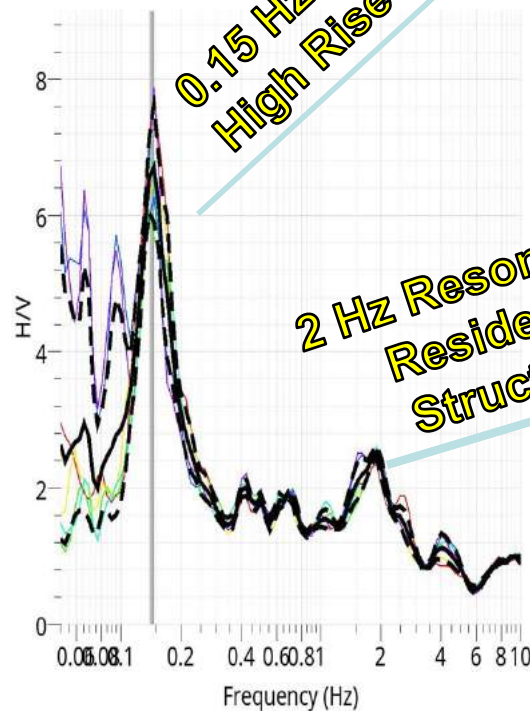
- Amplitude decreased with epicentral distance, but 400 km away shaking intensified beneath Mexico City
- Horizontal shaking amplified 10x at  $T = 1-2$  s for areas built on old lake bed (soft clay)
- Severe damage to 6-16 storey buildings, much less to taller or shorter buildings
- 8000 deaths, 500 buildings destroyed





## Basin Response using HVSR

- HVSR curves in Jakarta typically have double-peaked character
- High frequency peak -> sediment compaction in top 100 m
- Low frequency peak -> Depth to Tertiary basement



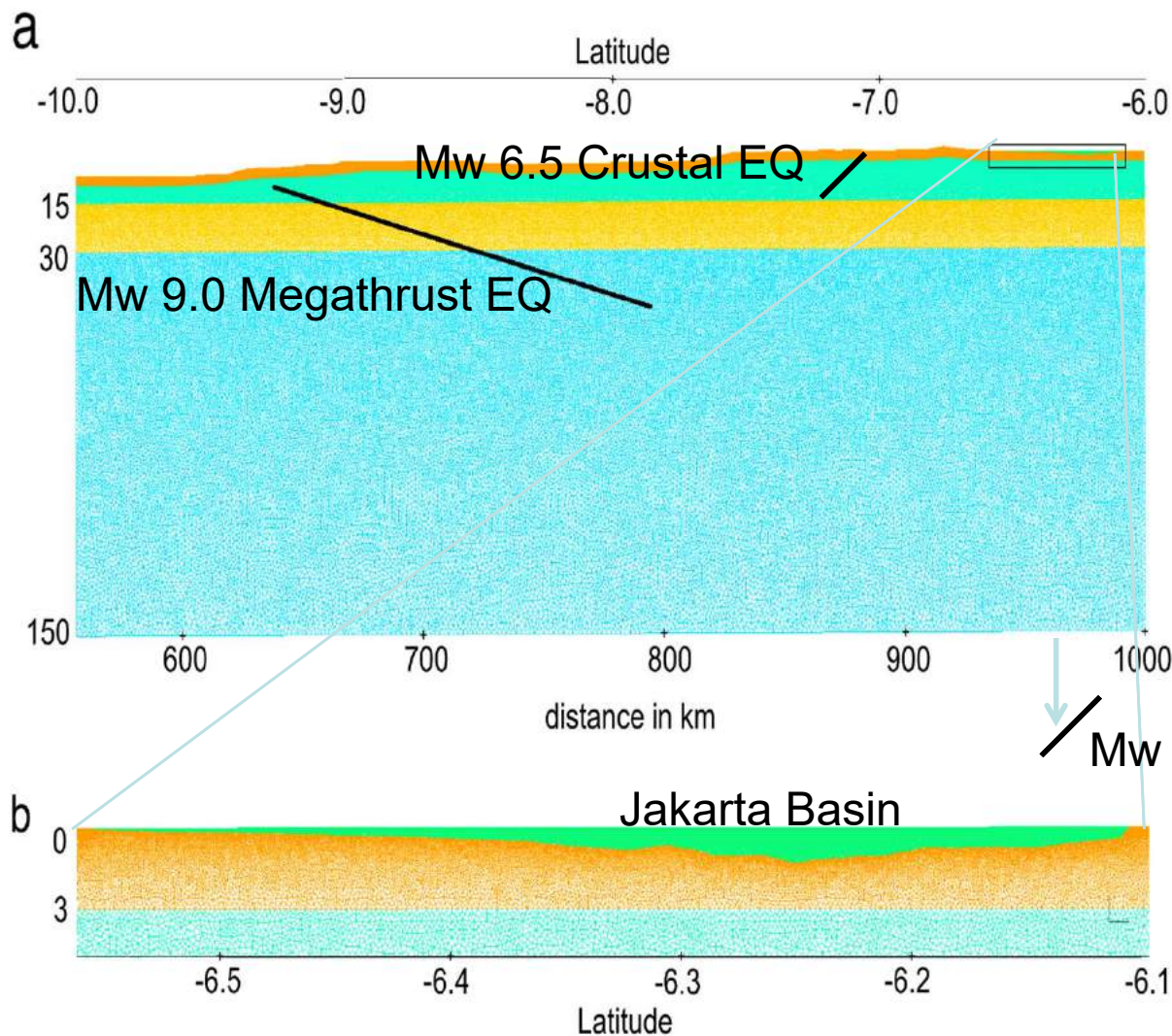
0.15 Hz Resonance - High Rise Buildings

2 Hz Resonance - Residential Structures





# Earthquake scenario simulations using Specfem2D (Komatitsch & Vilotte, *BSSA* 1998)



Domain area: 445 x 150 km  
Basin model: HVSR  
Max basin depth 1350 m  
Smallest grid-size +/- 15 m  
V<sub>p</sub> and V<sub>s</sub> in the basin are set to be 582 and 1764 m/s  
Sources: megathrust, crustal, intraslab  
Simulation type: P-SV



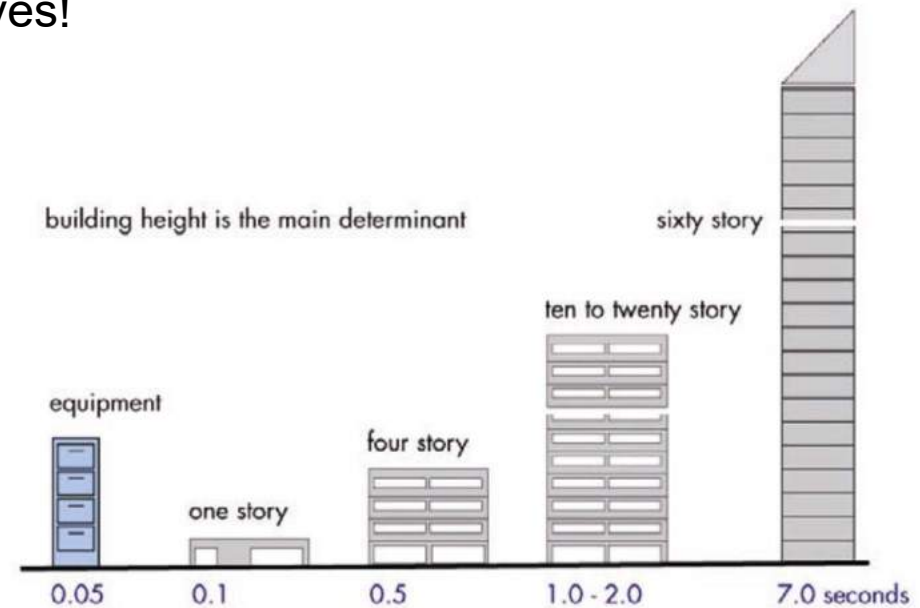
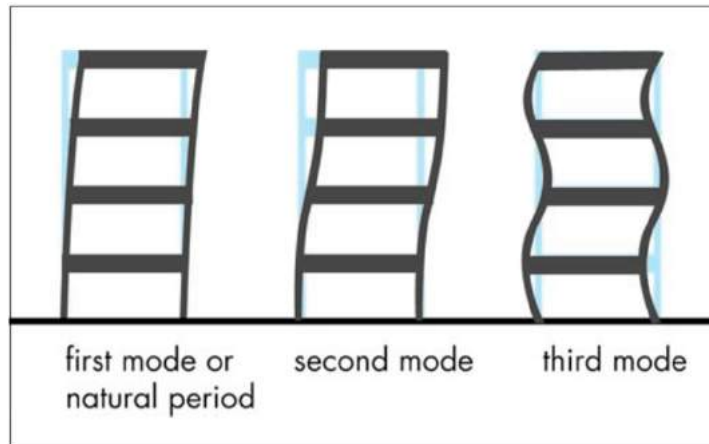


# Building Resonance

Just as a child on a swing finds a particular period for which the swing travel is greatest, buildings experience resonant modes at which they sway back and forth most readily. We don't want this period to match that of earthquake waves!



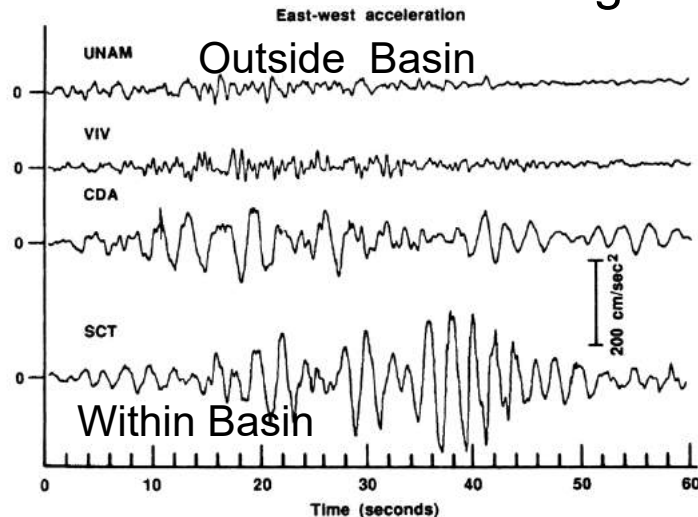
## Building Resonant Models of Vibration





# 19 Sept. 2017 Mexico City (Puebla) M7.1 Earthquake

- 70 km from city and 50 km deep
- Over 200 fatalities
- At least 44 buildings collapsed
- Nearly 4,000 buildings were declared severely damaged
- 150m+ Buildings: 19



1985  
Michoacan  
earthquake  
records  
(Anderson et  
al., 1986)







# Booming San Francisco takes unprecedented step to target earthquake-vulnerable high-rise towers

By RONG-GONG LIN II | OCT 04, 2018 | 5:35 PM | SAN FRANCISCO



The New York Times

## *At Risk in a Big Quake: 39 of San Francisco's Top High Rises*

A report by the U.S. Geological Survey includes a list of buildings that are potentially vulnerable to a large quake. Some of San Francisco's most prominent high rises are on the list.



### BRIEFING

## San Francisco is building skyscrapers like crazy -- and there could be a deadly downside

JEREMY BERKE  
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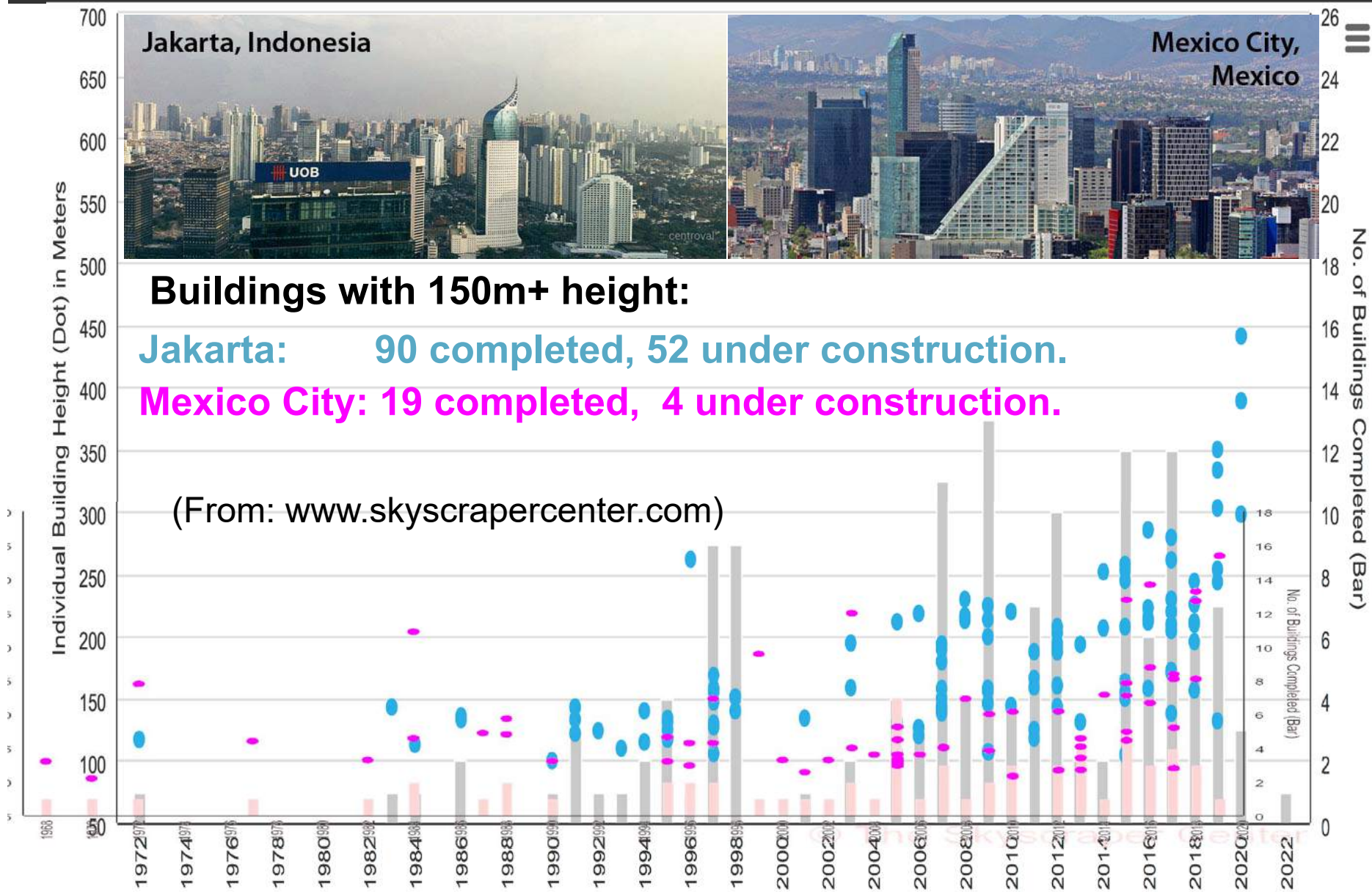


### Buildings with 150m+ height:

Jakarta: 90 completed, 52 under construction.

Mexico City: 19 completed, 4 under construction.

(From: [www.skyscrapercenter.com](http://www.skyscrapercenter.com))



## Conclusions Jakarta Basin

- The 2015 Nepal and 2017 Mexico earthquake highlight the need for more careful consideration of basin response in Indonesian cities.
- Results for the Jakarta Basin indicate the following:
  - $V_s$  less than  $\approx 200$  m/s in top 100 m
  - Depth to Tertiary bedrock is 300-500 m in southern, 1 km and more in the northern part of the basin.
  - Abrupt thickening occurs along the NS cross-section about halfway through basin.
- All suggest a fundamental frequency of several seconds, which may influence the response of high-rise buildings in Jakarta to earthquakes



# Residential Construction in Java

- Traditional wood construction largely abandoned in favor of URM.
- Non-engineered construction following popular practice, without input by building experts.
- Buildings typically experience severe damage or collapse in the earthquakes in Indonesia.
- Confined masonry is also common, but issues with concrete quality and adequate reinforcing

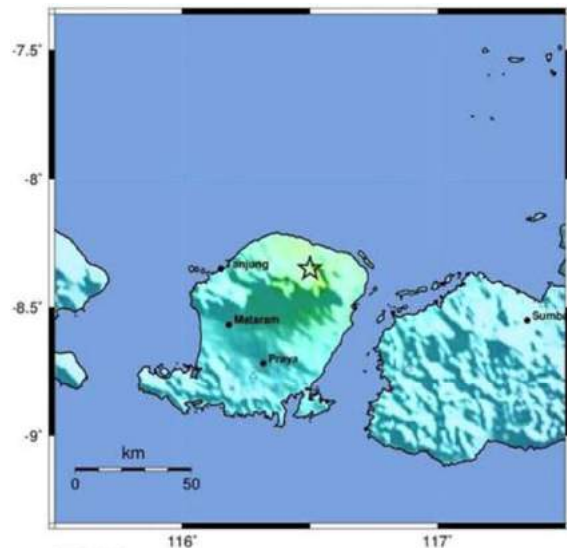
Traditional  
wood home  
(Lombok)



(<http://db.world-housing.net>)



# 2018 Lombok Earthquakes

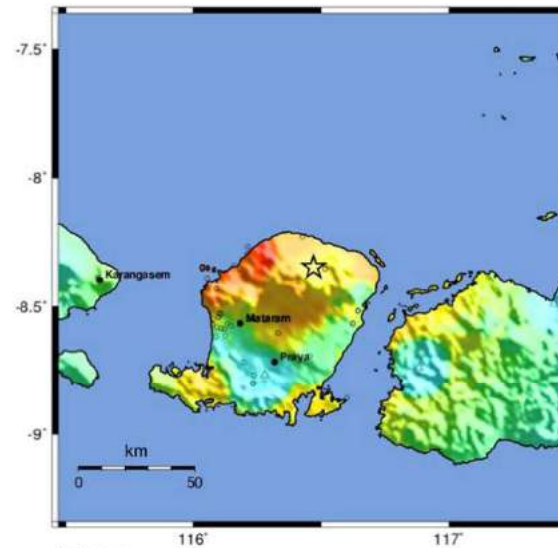


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PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
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PEAK VEL.(cm/s)	<0.02	0.1	1.4	4.7	9.6	20	41	86	>178
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Scale based upon Worden et al. (2011)

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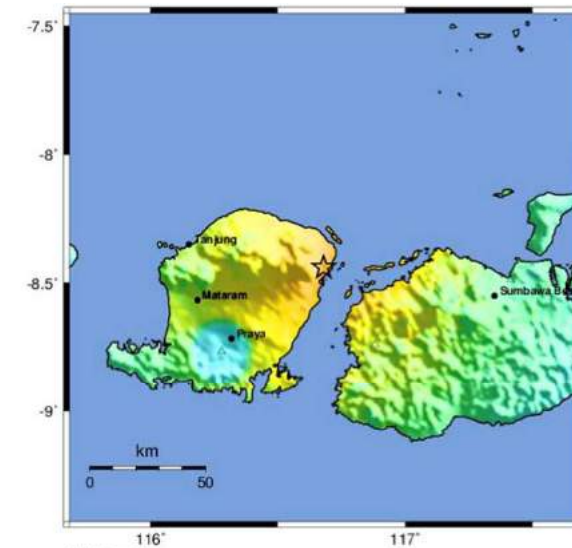


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Scale based upon Worden et al. (2011)

**M6.9, 19 Agustus 2018**

All three earthquakes caused extensive damage, but the 5 August event was particularly devastating. Impacts include displacement of 417 000 and deaths of 563 people, as well as 70% of buildings damaged.

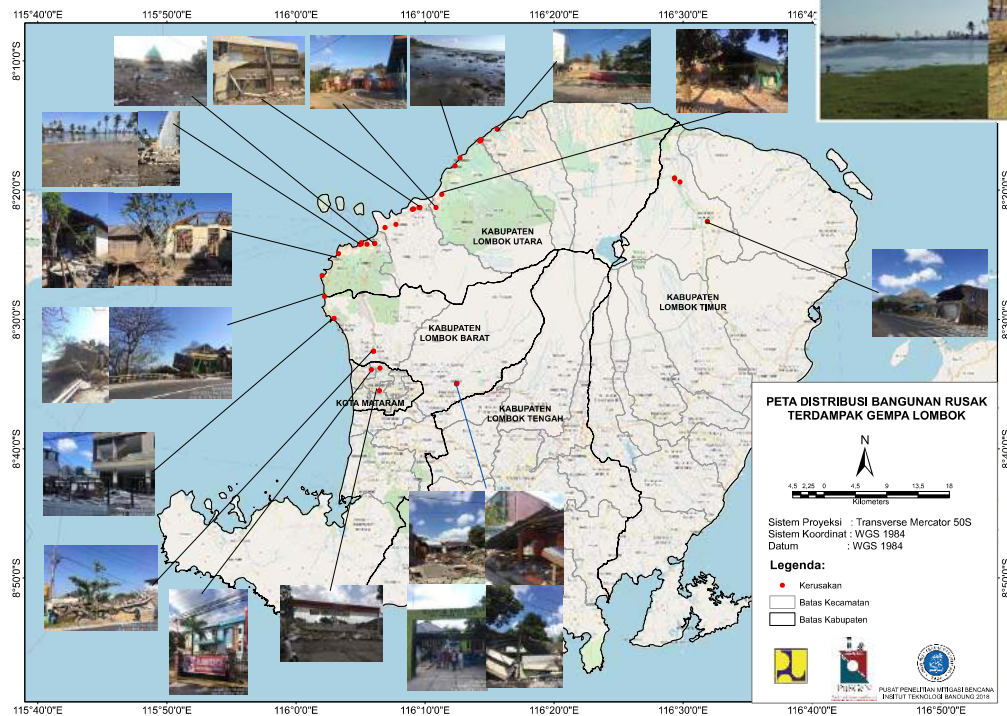
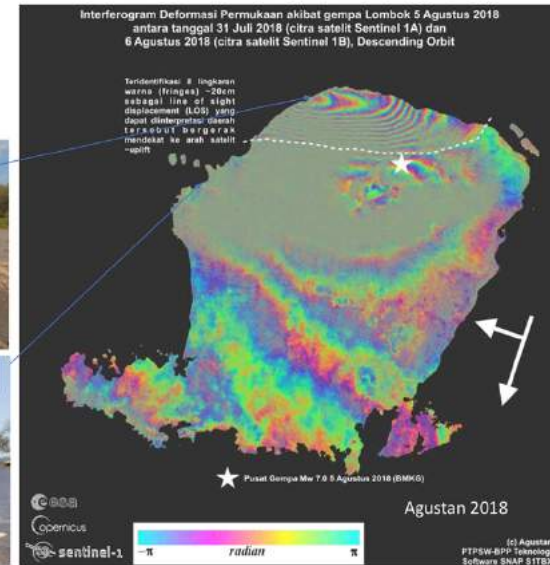


# Lombok Earthquakes Damage & Uplift



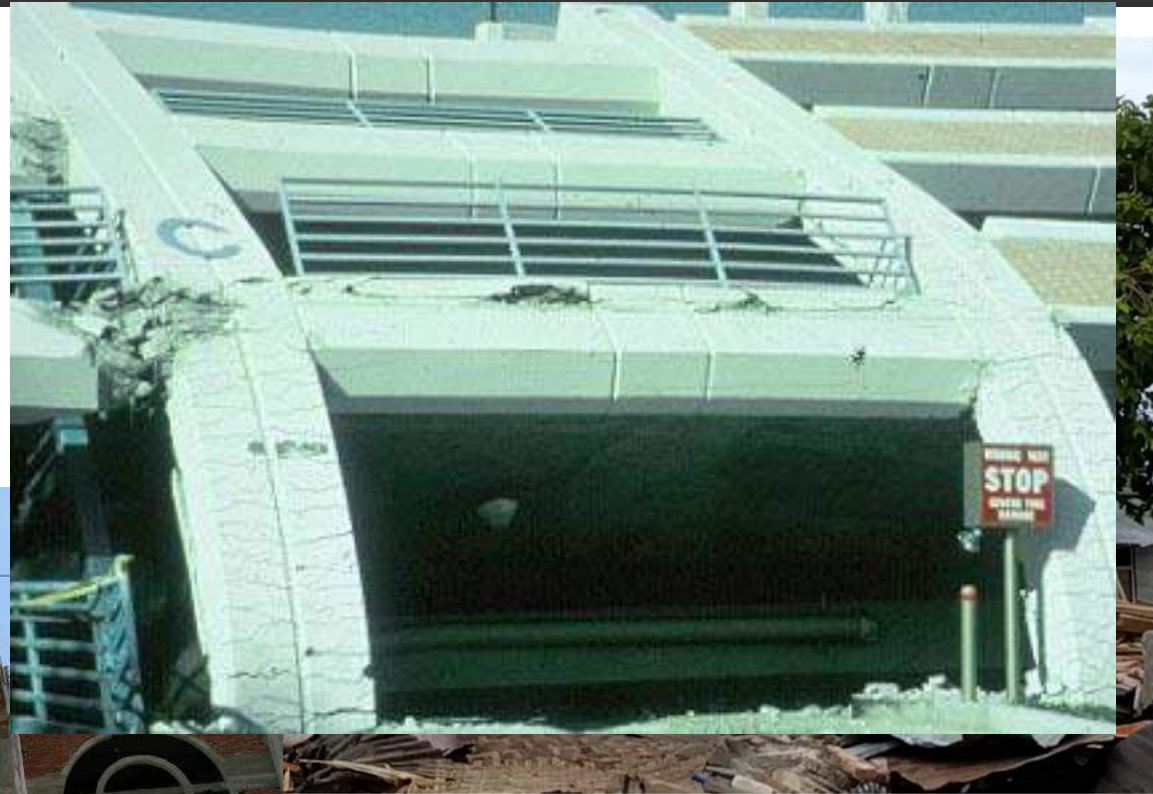
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Observasi Lapangan tim PuSGeN-LIPI-ITB-BPPT tanggal 10-12 Agustus 2018. Korral mikroatoll terangkat di wilayah pesisir Lombok Utara daerah Kayangan-Bayan. Subsidence disertai likuifikasi terobservasi di daerah Pemenang, Kab. Lombok utara di pesisir timur.





# Concrete Quality and Rebar Re-use



Examples of concrete disintegrating and failing to adhere to rebar, and possible re-use of the rebar in rebuilding.

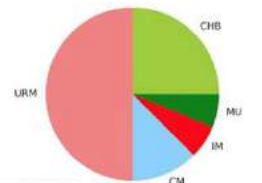


# Lombok Pilot Damage Survey

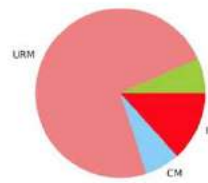
In order to obtain quantitative information on building damage, we conducted a pilot survey in December 2018. 15 subvillages (*dusun*) were surveyed, to collect information in no. buildings, damage state, etc.



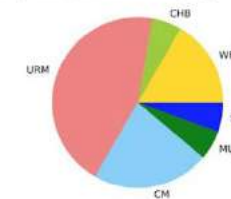
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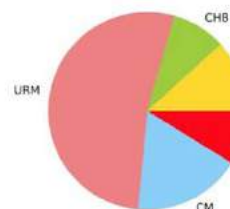


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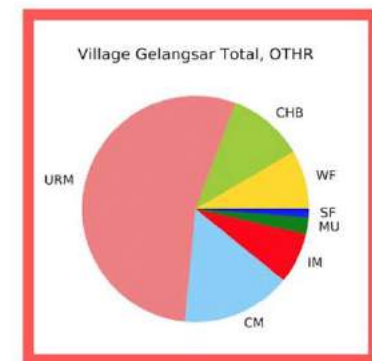
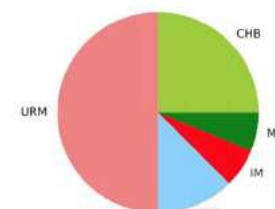
- URM: Unreinforced Masonry (pure brick)
- CM: Confined Masonry
- IM: Infill Masonry
- WF: Wood Frame
- SF: Still Frame
- MWM: Mixed Wood/Masonry
- MU: Masonry Unknown



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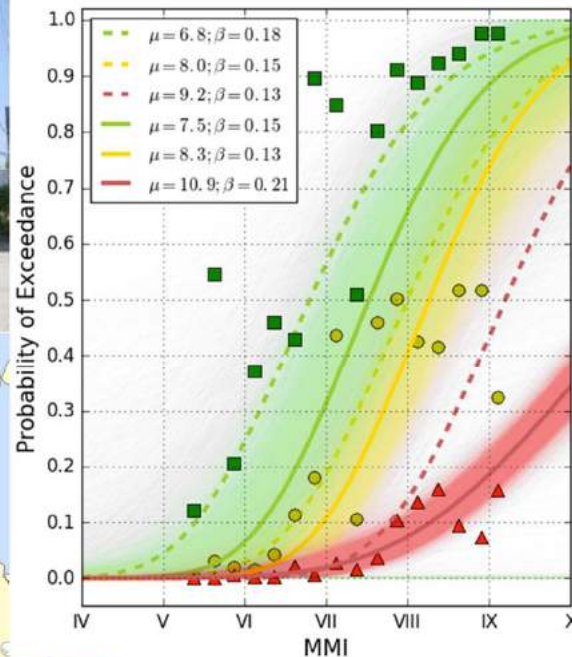
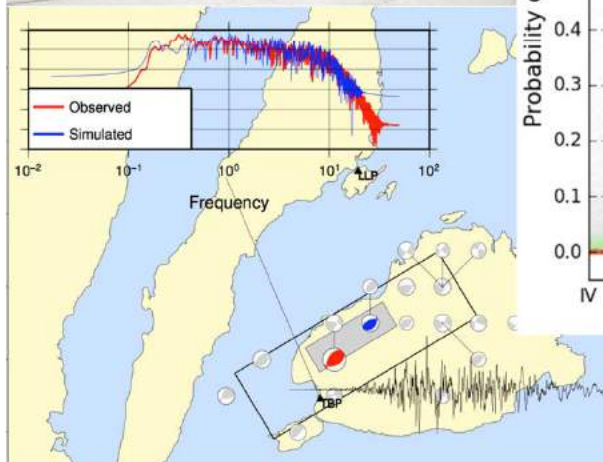
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# Improve Understanding of Building Performance During Actual Earthquakes



- More systematic collection of post-disaster data would improve knowledge of real-world building performance.
- Allow reliable forecasts of fatalities and economic loss

(Work by Muriel Naguit on building fragility revealed by the 2013 Bojol, Philippines, earthquake)





# Not all Retrofits are so Expensive



(a) Steel cage



(b) PP-band mesh

Novel low-cost techniques for reinforcing low-rise masonry construction



(c) Polymer mesh



(d) Bamboo mesh



(e) Plastic carrier bag

(Naravatnarajah, 2015)



## Conclusions (general)

- Is a massive-fatality earthquake in Java in this century all but inevitable?
  - Population explosion occurring during seismic quiescence
- How can science reduce earthquake fatalities?
  - Improve impact (fatalities, loss) forecasts
  - Change public perception of earthquake potential
- How to achieve cultural change to adopt earthquake resilient building construction?
  - Enforcement of building codes?
  - Increased wealth = increased ability to invest in preparedness
  - Prevent “lock-in” of fragile building stock



New Colombo Plan trip to Lombok to study earthquake damage/recovery planned for 17-29 June, 2019. Funding available to undergraduates who are Australian citizens and have not received NCP funding previously.

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