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# HPC for Urgent Tsunami Computation



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## Tsunami Computation in ChEES ...

- **Faster Than Real Time tsunami simulation**
- **Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Analysis**
- **Probabilistic Tsunami Forecast**

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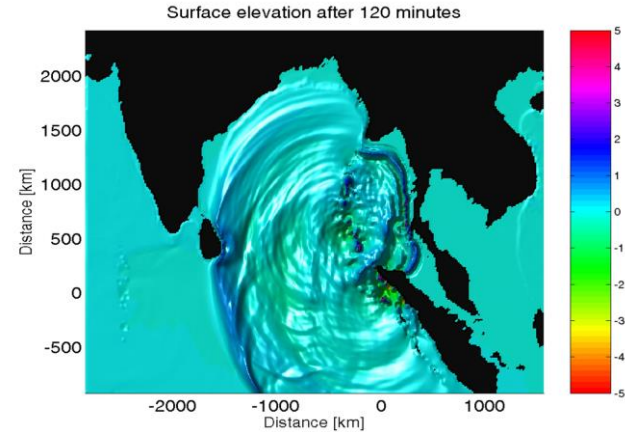
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# The Tsunami Hazard ...

## Indian Ocean Tsunami - 2004

- Around 230.000 fatalities
- Up to 51 m run-up (near Banda Aceh)
- Rupture length ~1200 km, slip 20-25 m

Banda Aceh, Sumatra, 2004  
Courtesy - USGS



# The Tsunami Hazard ...

## Tohoku earthquake and tsunami - 2011



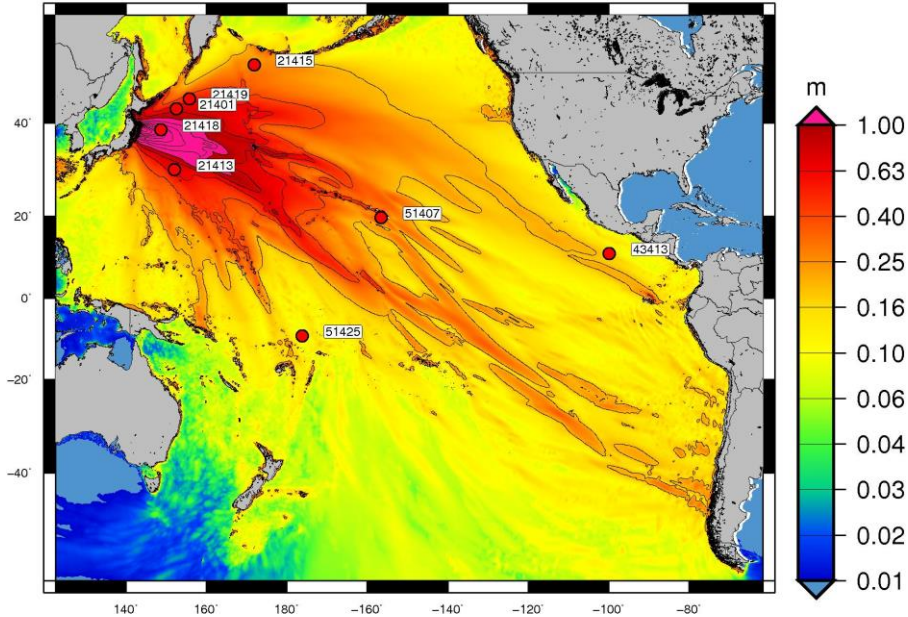
- Around 20.000 fatalities
- 130.000 buildings totally collapsed
- Up to 40 m run-up
- NE Japan displaced up to 2.4 m eastward



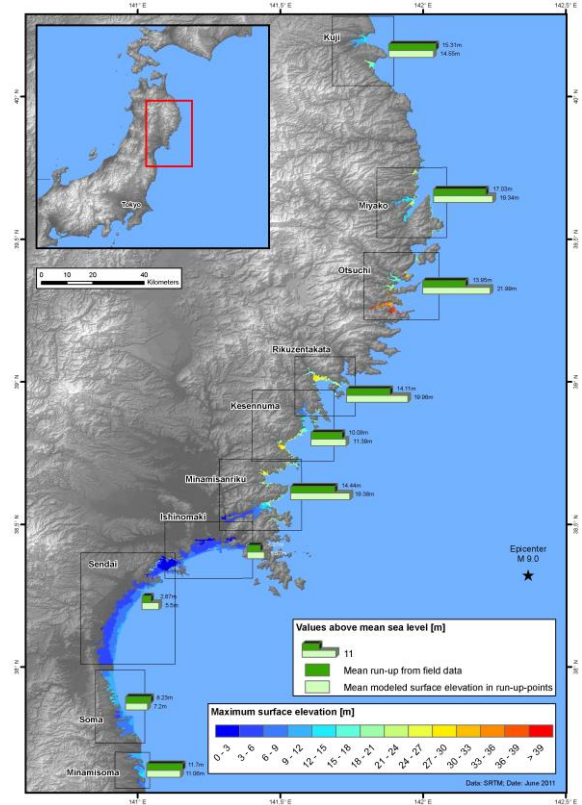


# Tsunami Propagation ...

Tohoku 2011 tsunami (Løvholt et al., 2012)



- Efficient propagation over the ocean ...
- Significant directivity



Greatest risk associated with inundation from local sources

# Tsunami Traveltimes ...

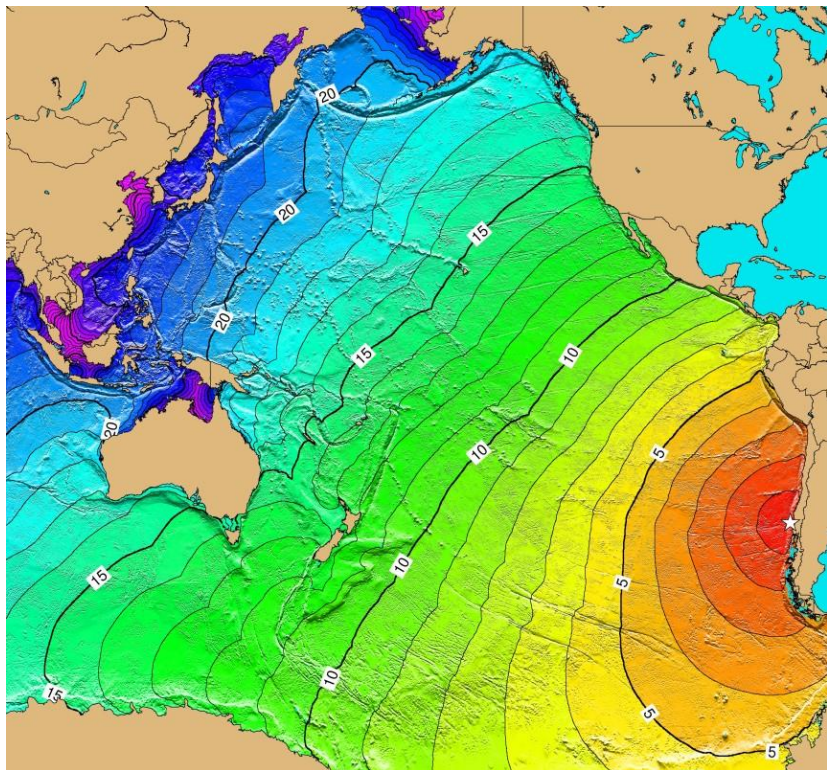


Figure from NGDC/NOAA

- Trans-oceanic propagation – velocity  $\geq \sim 500$  km/hour
- Typically **several hours** for trans-continental tsunami propagation
- 24-30 hours for trans-Pacific propagation.
- Within distances of 10s to  $\sim 100$  km: Under one hour/maybe just minutes

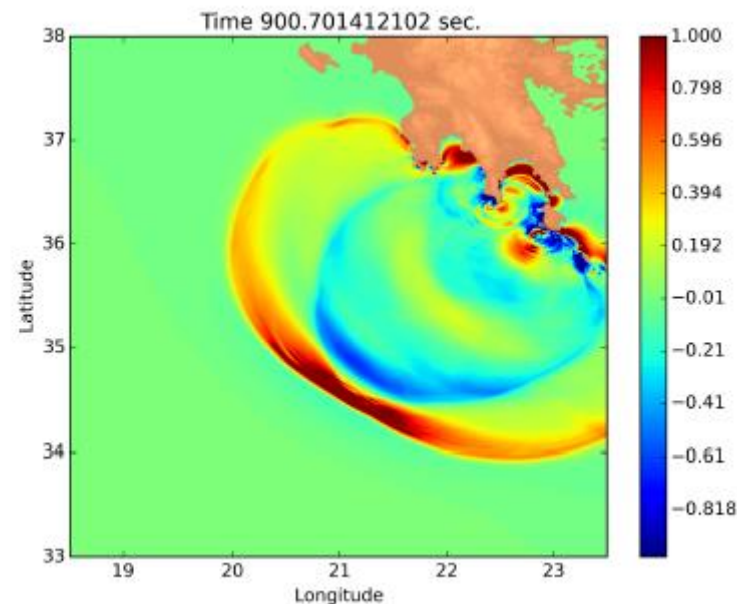
**Where the most severe inundation is expected is where you have the shortest warning time. Therefore HPC and Urgent Computing.**

# Numerical Tsunami Simulation



- Tsunami-HySEA code (Univ. Málaga)
- Shallow-water non-linear equation GPU-implementation (CUDA)
- Computational time dependent on spatial domain and resolution.

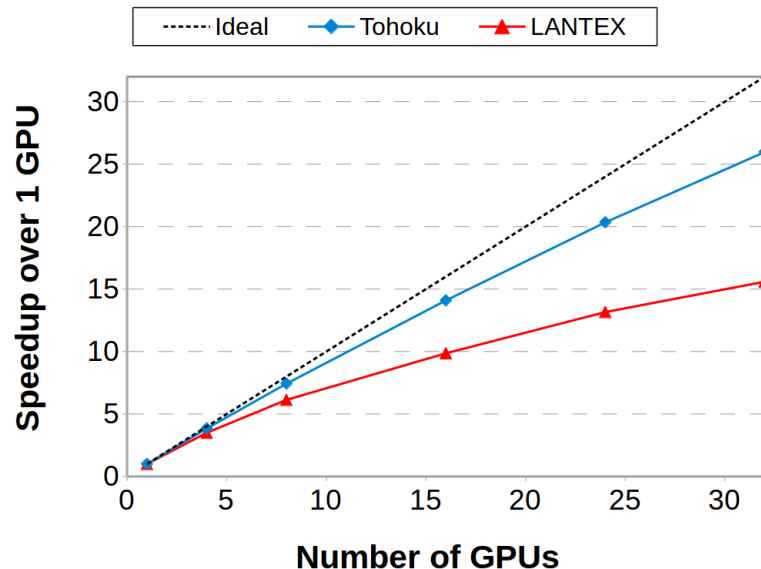
n. GPUs	Comput. time	Speed-up	#times FTTRT
1	1181.51	1.00	18.28
2	672.35	1.76	32.13
4	396.70	2.98	54.45
8	221.31	5.34	97.60
12	200.78	5.88	107.58



[https://edanya.uma.es/hysea/index.php/17-T\\_H-software-details](https://edanya.uma.es/hysea/index.php/17-T_H-software-details)

# Numerical Tsunami Simulation

- Scalability very much a function of the physical domain.
- The Trans-Pacific (Tohoku) tsunami calculation on open ocean scales better than LANTEX (Large Atlantic Tsunami Exercise) – Caribbean source and inundation regions.

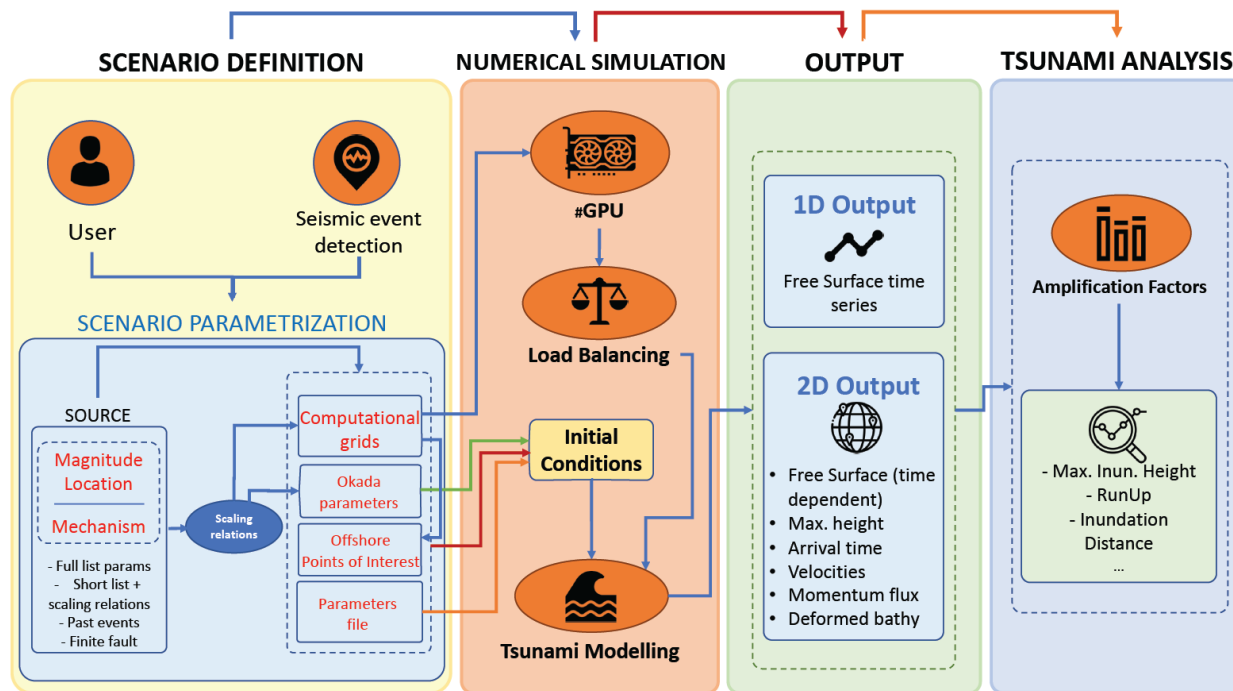


nGPUs	Tohoku			Lantex		
	Time (s)	Speedup	Efficiency	Time (s)	Speedup	Efficiency
1	7547.54	1.00	1.00	8108.44	1.00	1.00
4	1963.02	3.84	0.96	2313.60	3.50	0.88
8	1016.23	7.43	0.93	1322.52	6.13	0.77
16	535.64	14.09	0.88	822.57	9.86	0.62
24	371.01	20.34	0.85	616.11	13.16	0.55
32	290.64	25.97	0.81	520.16	15.59	0.49

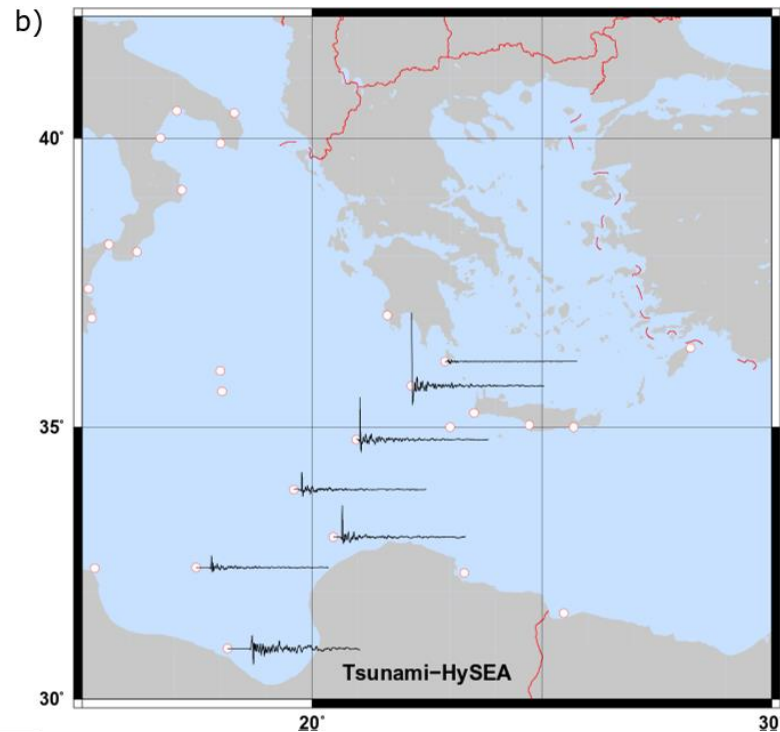
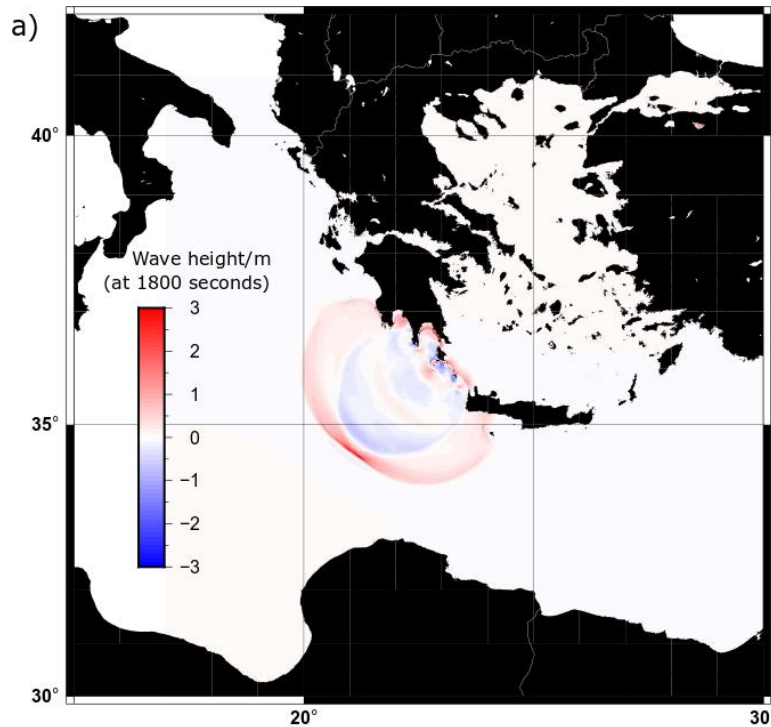


# A Workflow for FTRT Tsunami Computing

**Faster  
Than  
Real  
Time**

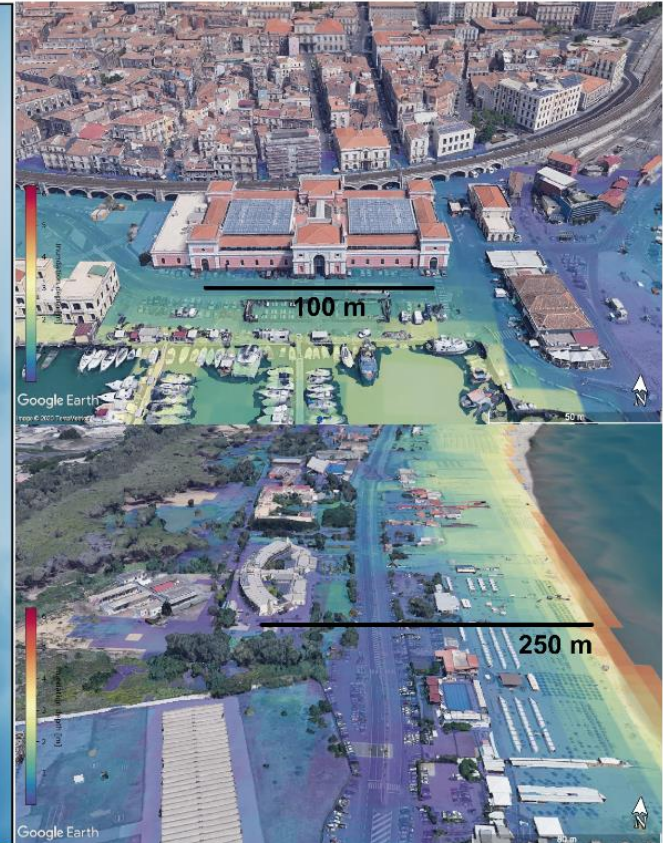
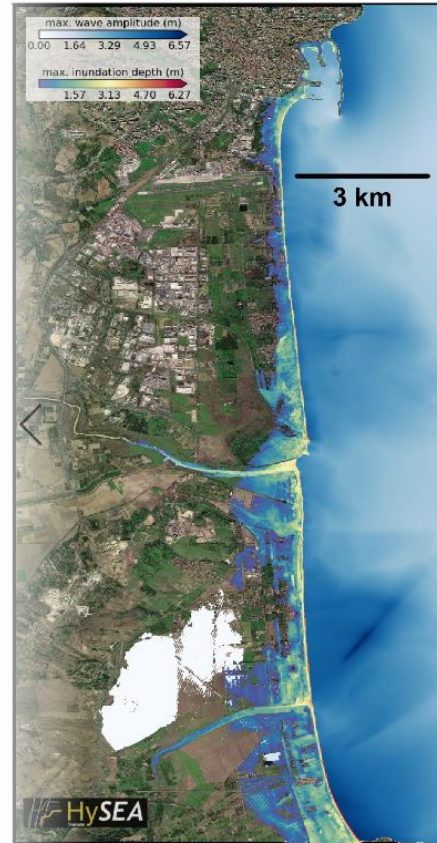


# Numerical Simulations using Tsunami-HySEA



# Numerical Simulations using Tsunami-HySEA

- Inundation can be visualized over many different scales
- We can display, for example, the maximum elevation of water for a given location.
- With accurate topobathymetric models, we can model well inundation down to scales of ~10m



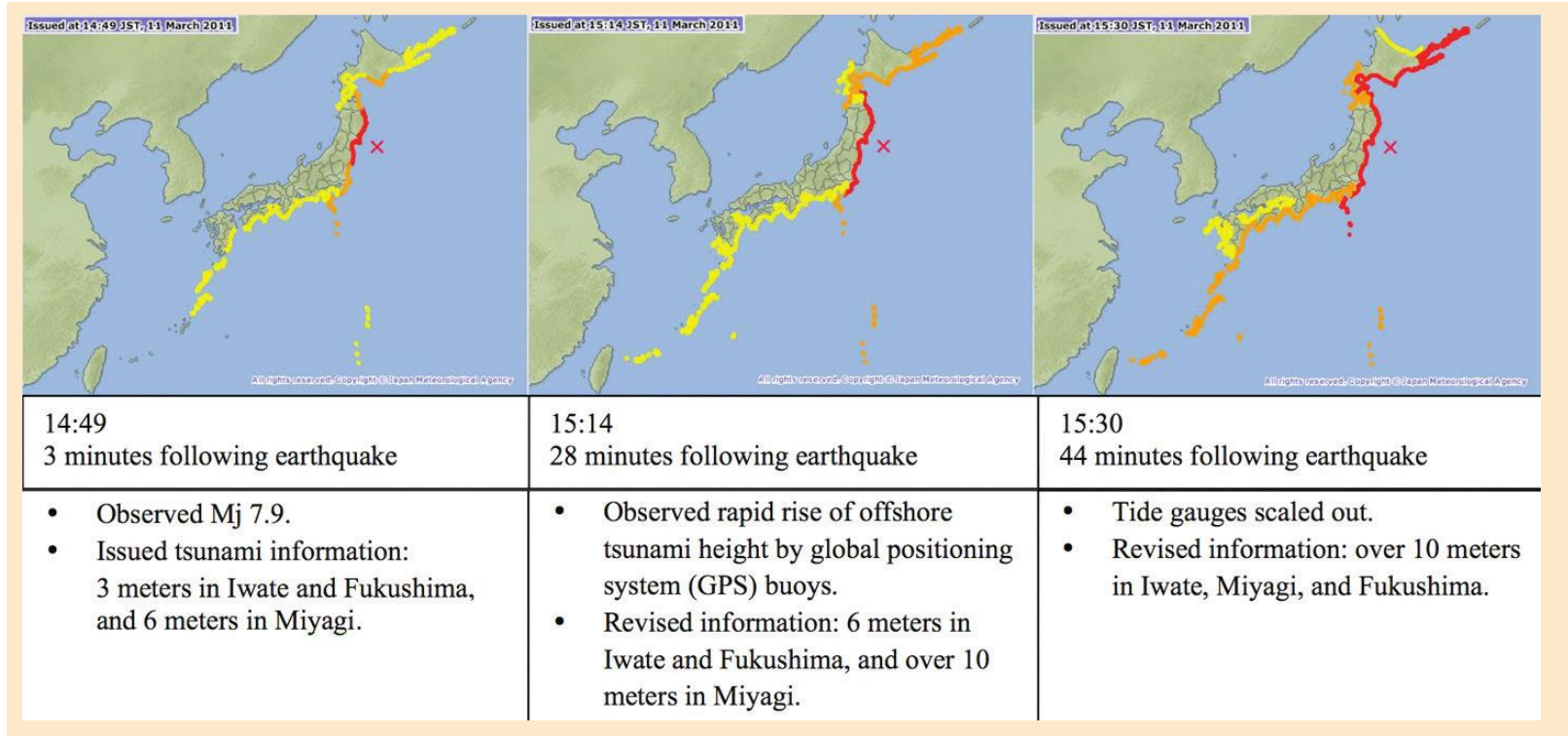
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FTRT Tsunami simulation alone not sufficient to provide a comprehensive ALERT system.

- Can be **several minutes** after an earthquake before the event is accurately located.
- Focal mechanism/slip distribution is a non-trivial process. Waiting for a definitive answer not an option given the time press.
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## The Tohoku tsunami timeline



(courtesy of JMA)

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- **PTF** designed to consider many (possibly thousands) of scenarios.
- **FTRT** simulations using **HPC** resources will calculate the tsunami propagation/inundation for each of these scenarios.
- Probabilistic Hazard estimate.

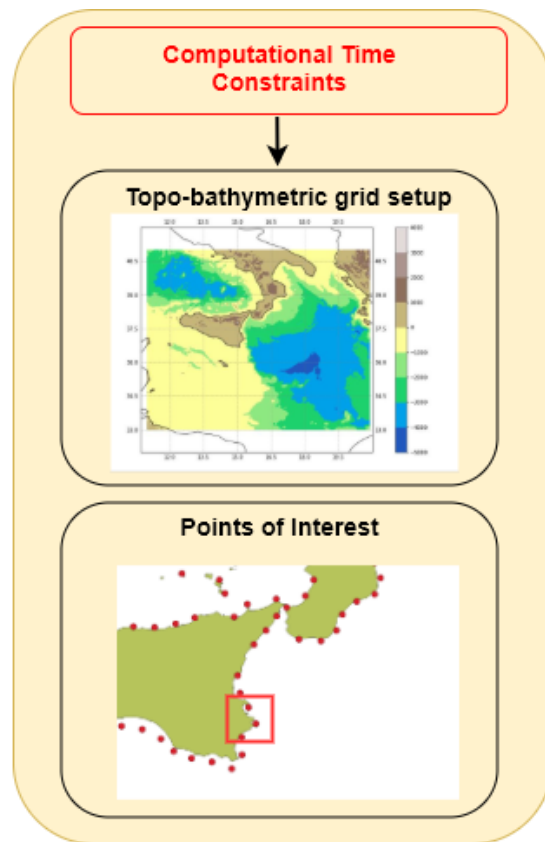
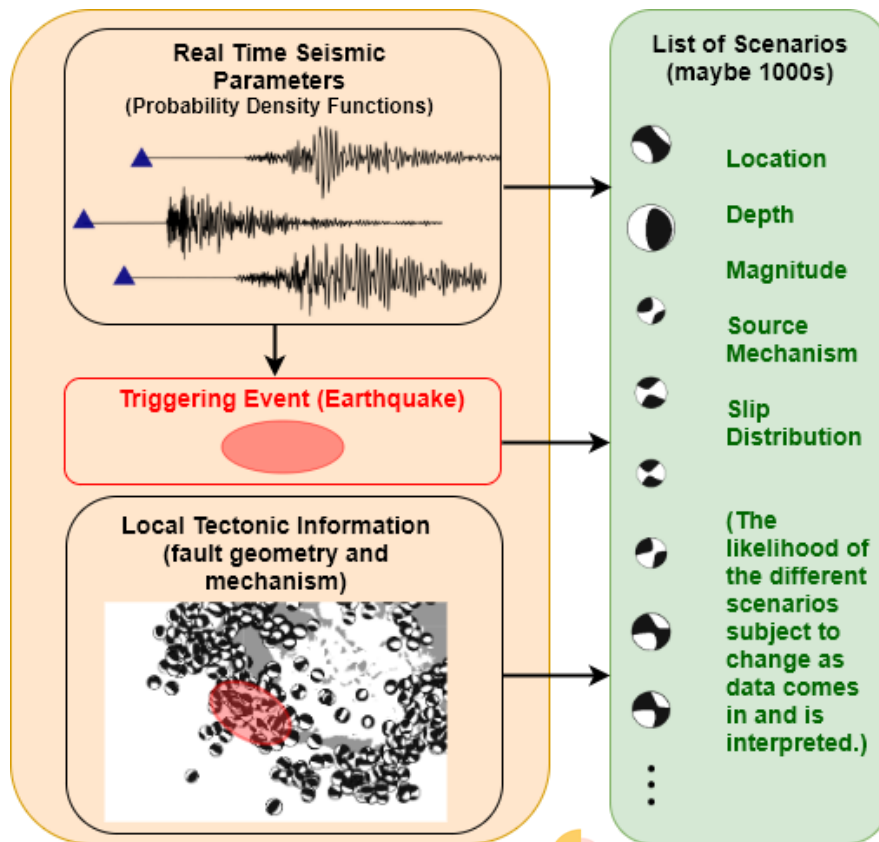
# Probabilistic Tsunami Forecast

Inputs to HPC

Source  
Description

Scenario list  
(discretized)

Computational  
domain



# Probabilistic Tsunami Forecast

HPC unit

In

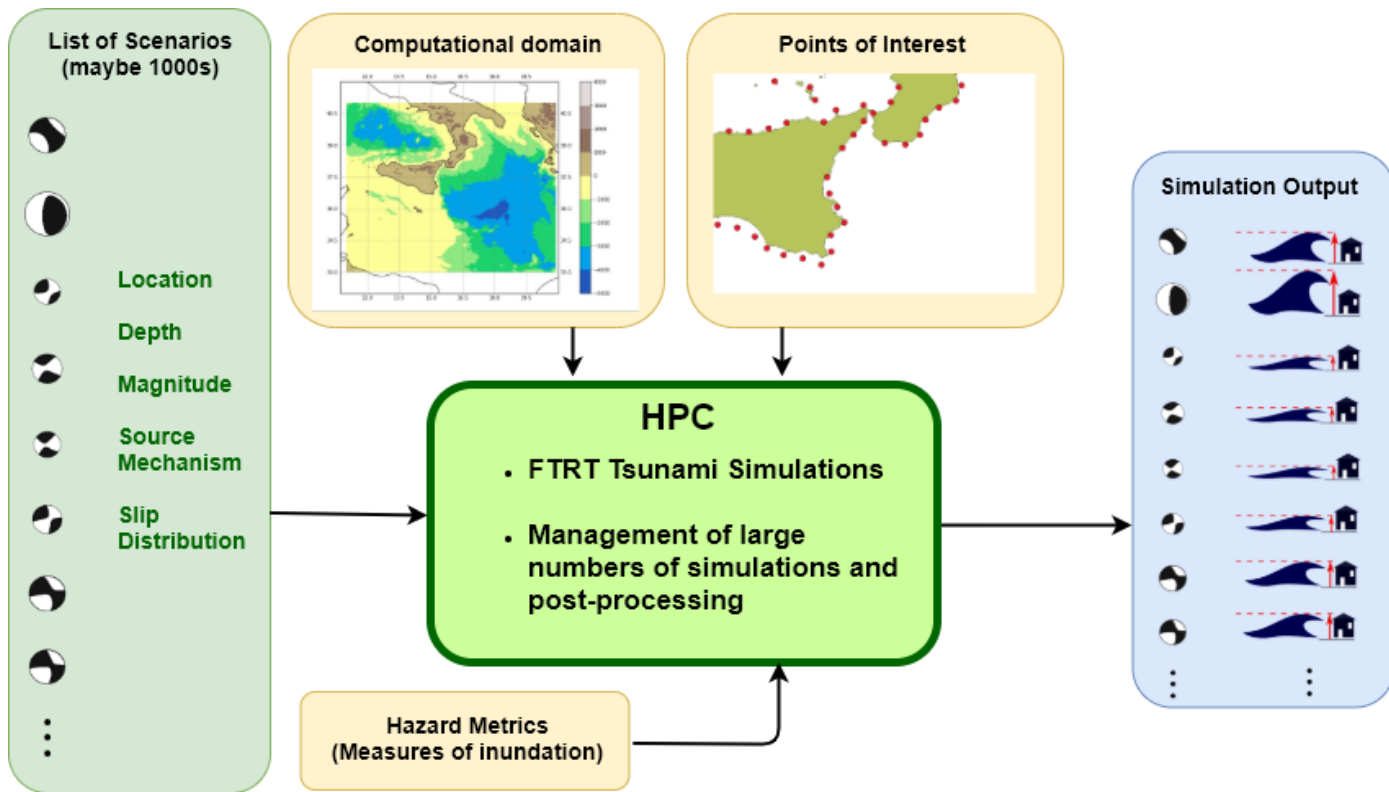
Scenario list

Computational domain

POI/hazard metrics

Out

Inundation results





# Probabilistic Tsunami Forecast

Following HPC:  
Hazard Aggregation

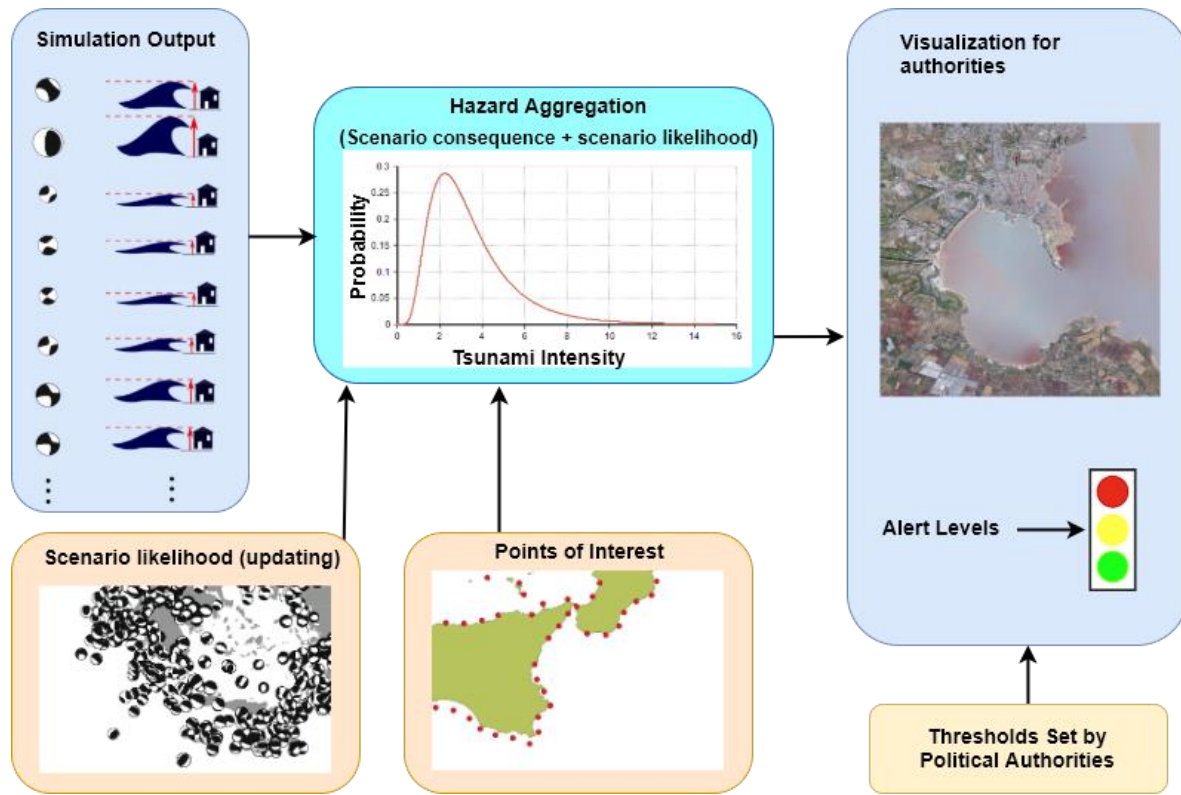
In

Inundation results

Scenario likelihood

Out

Hazard visualization  
Alert levels



# Probabilistic Tsunami Forecast

PTF Application  
NEAMWAVE17 M=8.5

(A)

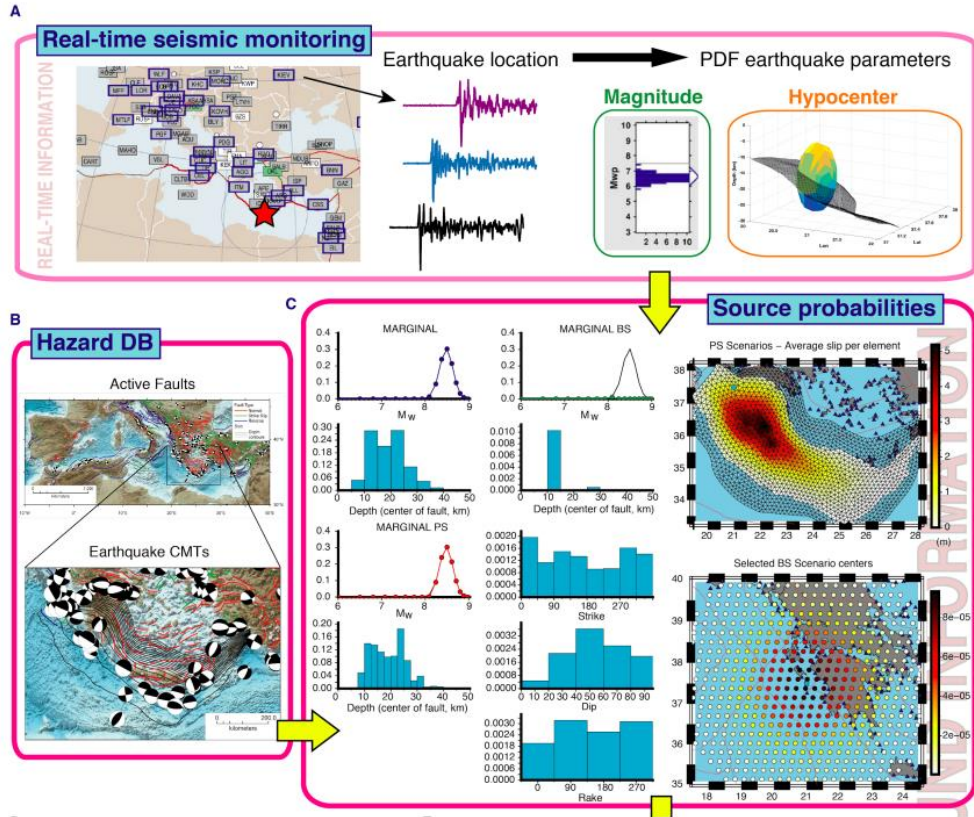
Real-time seismic monitoring

(B)

Hazard database

(C)

PTF Source Model  
(List of scenarios to run with related probabilities)



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(D)

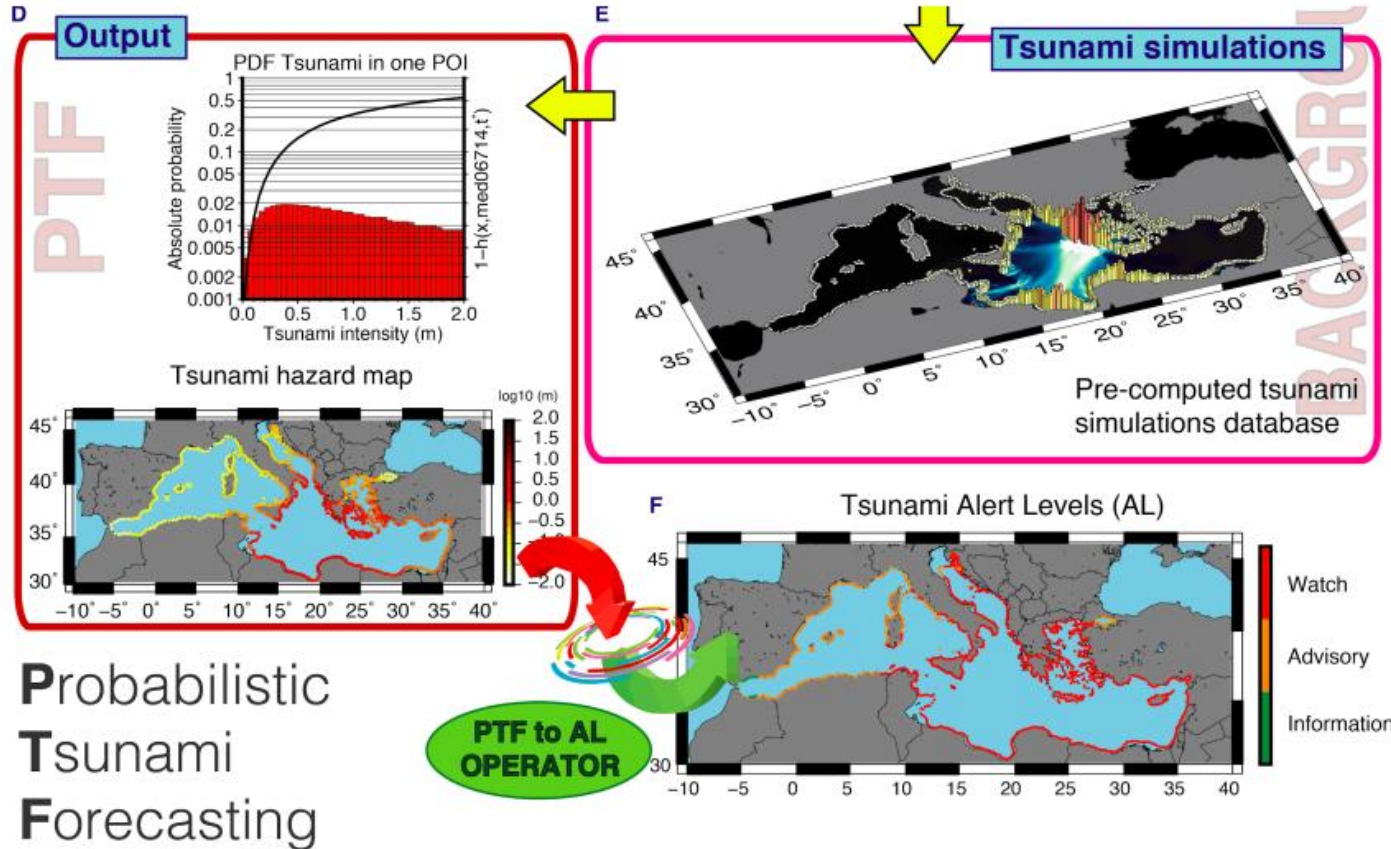
FTRT Tsunami  
Simulations

(E)

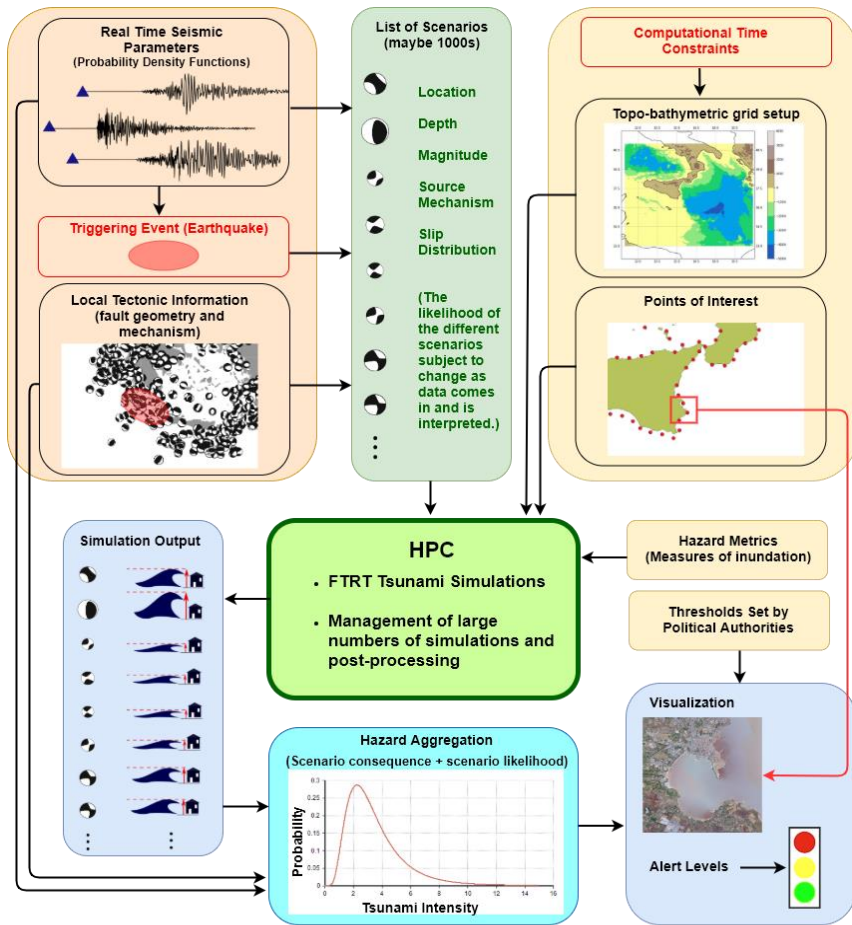
Hazard map  
Hazard curves

(F)

Tsunami Alert Levels



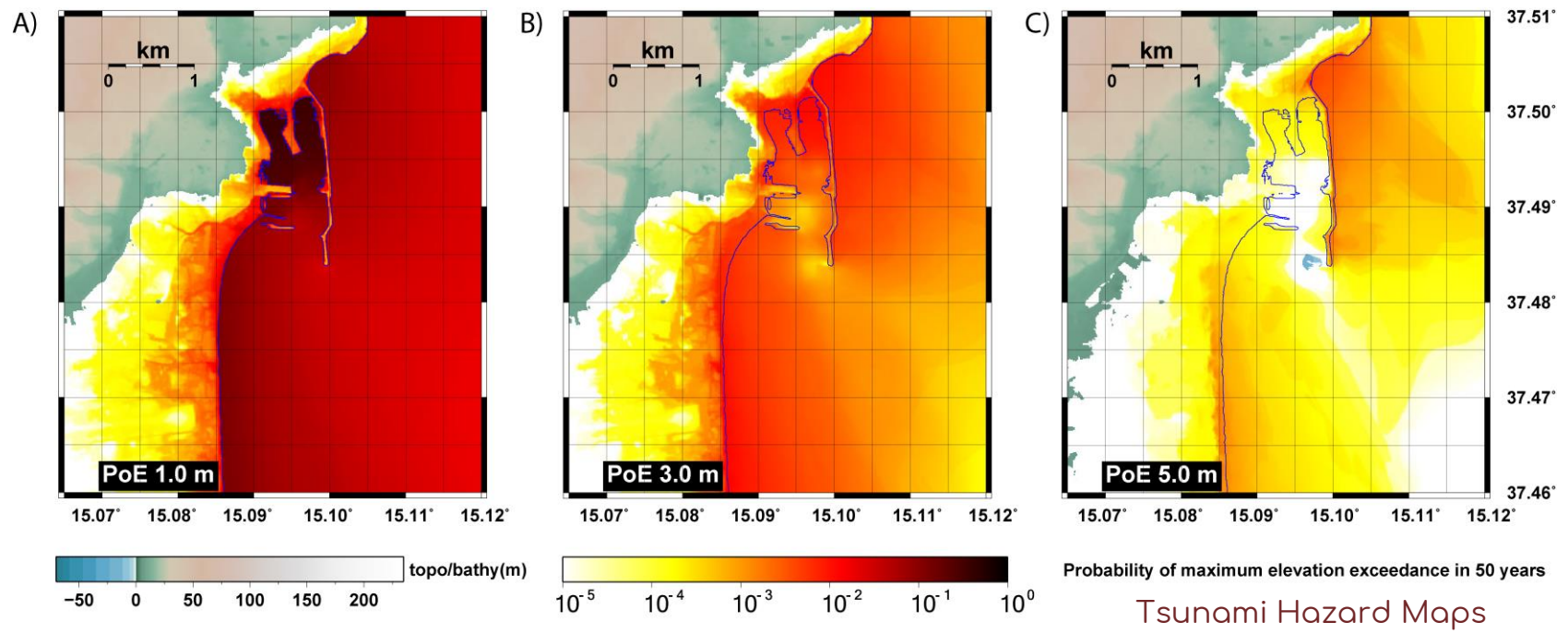
Probabilistic  
Tsunami  
Forecasting



# Probabilistic Tsunami Forecast Workflow

- Pilot Demonstrator (PD8) within ChEESE (Center of Excellence within Exascale for the Solid Earth).
- Implemented and tested on Mediterranean and global earthquake tsunamis.
- Tested on past events during development phase. Now being tested on new events.

# Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Analysis



PTHA estimates the probability of exceeding a given tsunami inundation metric at a given location in a given time interval.

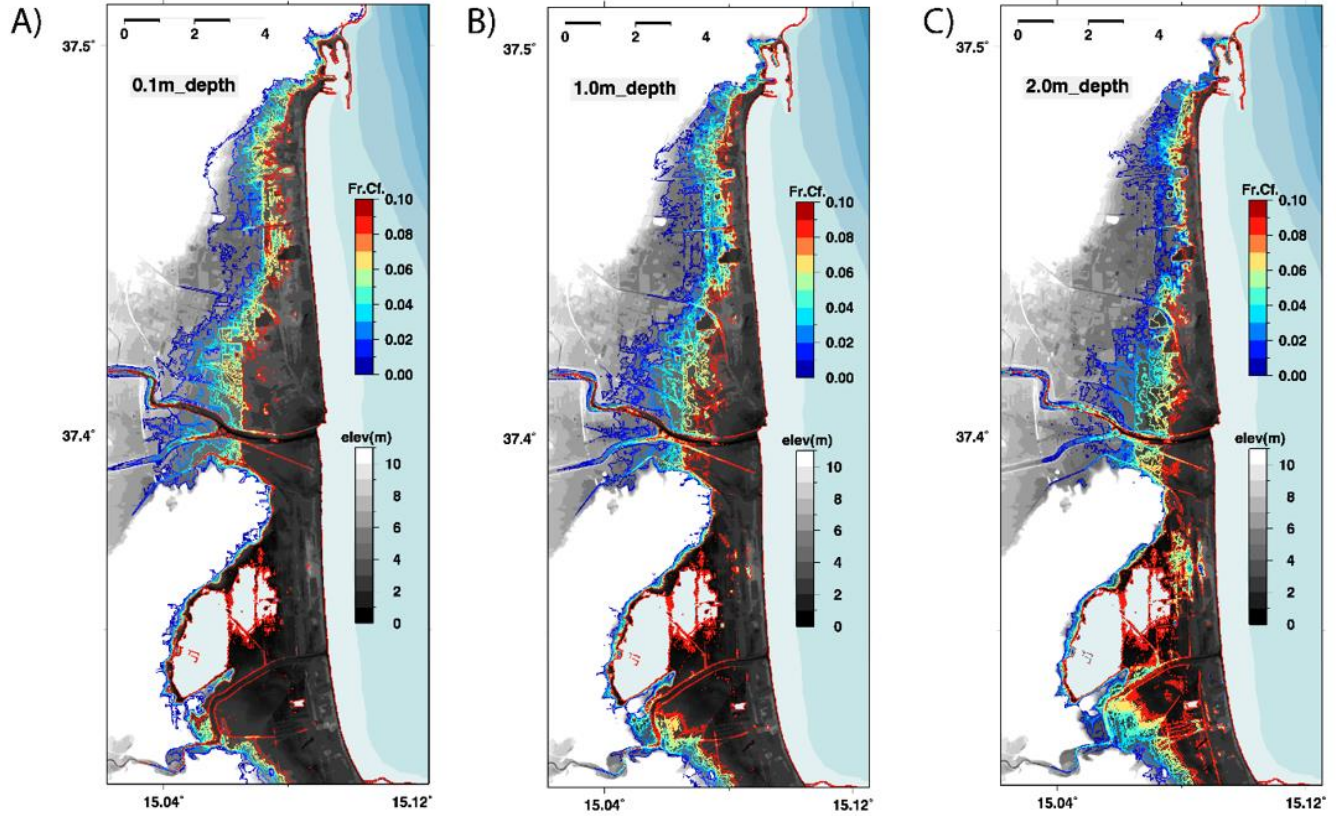
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Sensitivity Studies allow us to see how the severity of tsunami inundation changes with details of the numerical model.

(Here, friction.)

This helps us quantify the uncertainty.

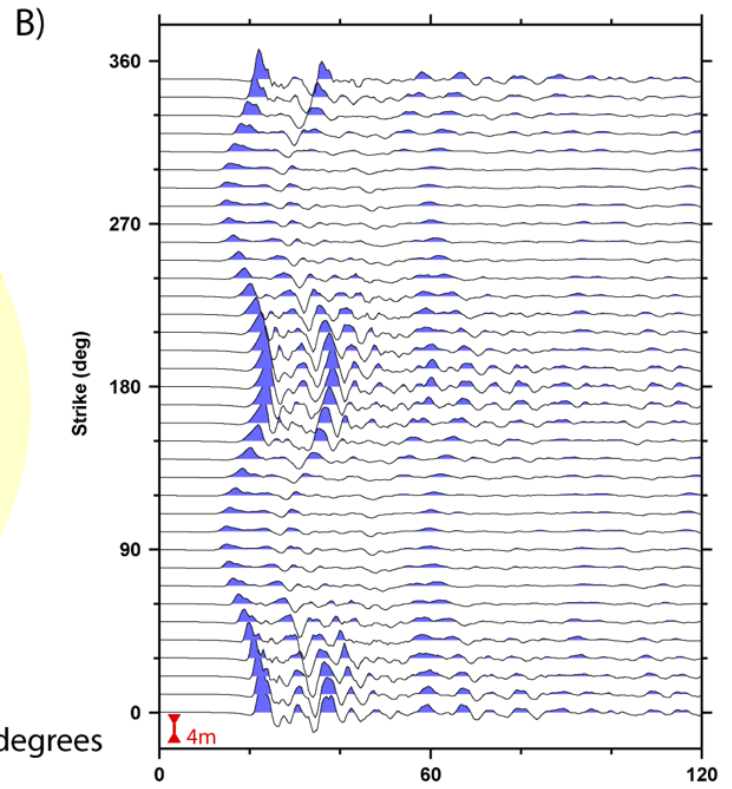
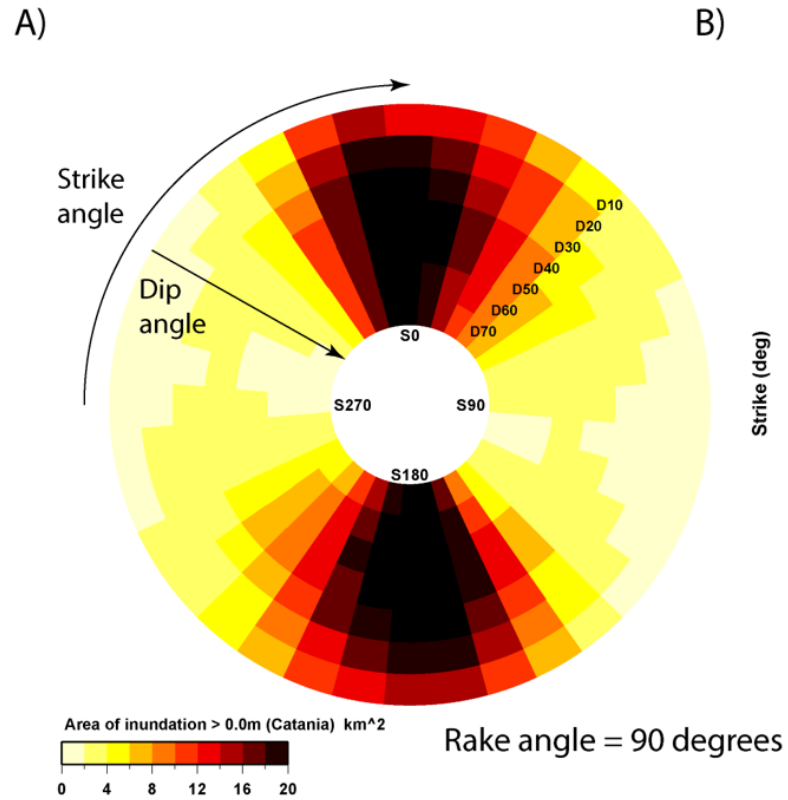


# Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Analysis



Sensitivity Studies allow us to see how the severity of tsunami inundation changes with the earthquake parameters.

This guides our choice of earthquake scenarios for PTF and UrgentHPC.



## Conclusions

- HPC now opens up the possibility of realistic **Faster Than Real Time** tsunami simulation.
- Tsunami Computation is a vast multi-scale problem with impacts near and far from the source.
- Near the source,
  - *the impacts are greater*
  - *the time shorter, and*
  - *the uncertainty larger.*We need new approaches and turn to UrgentHPC.
- **Probabilistic Tsunami Forecast** is presented and demonstrated as a means of providing Civil Protection with timely warning.

