

# Earthquake Risks in Multnomah County



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## II. Seismic Vulnerabilities

- URM & Weak Buildings
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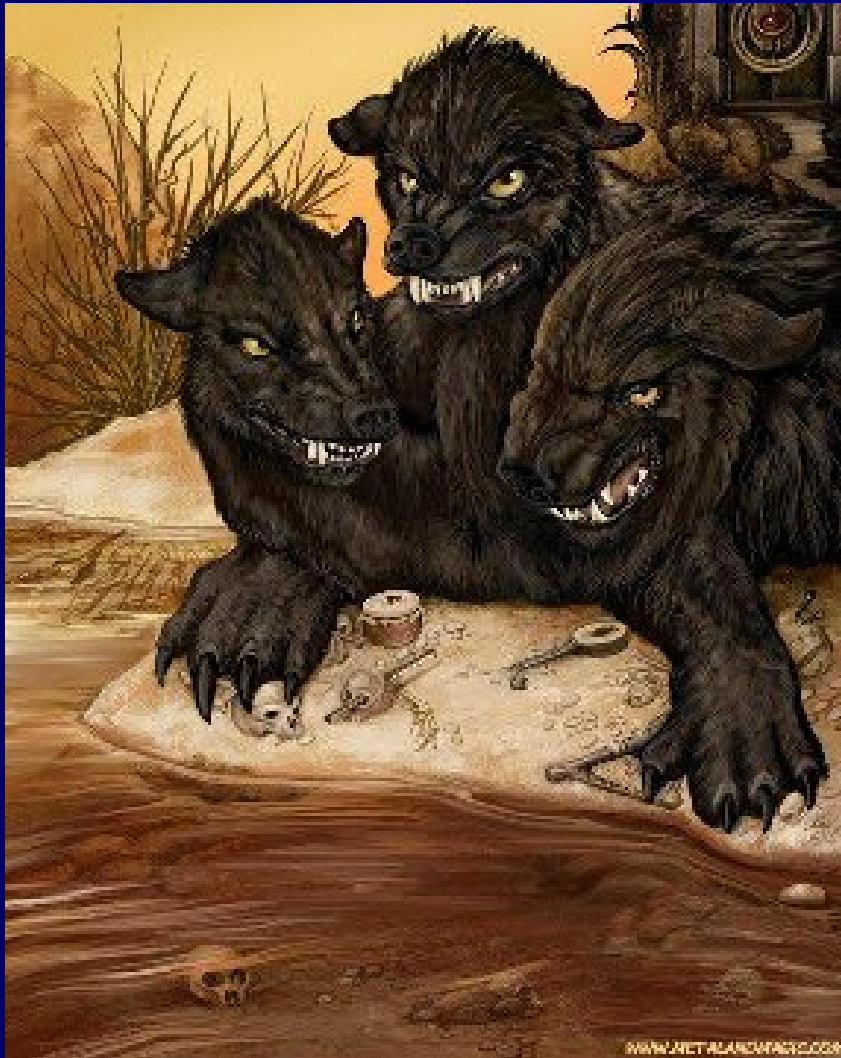
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# Origin of Earthquakes



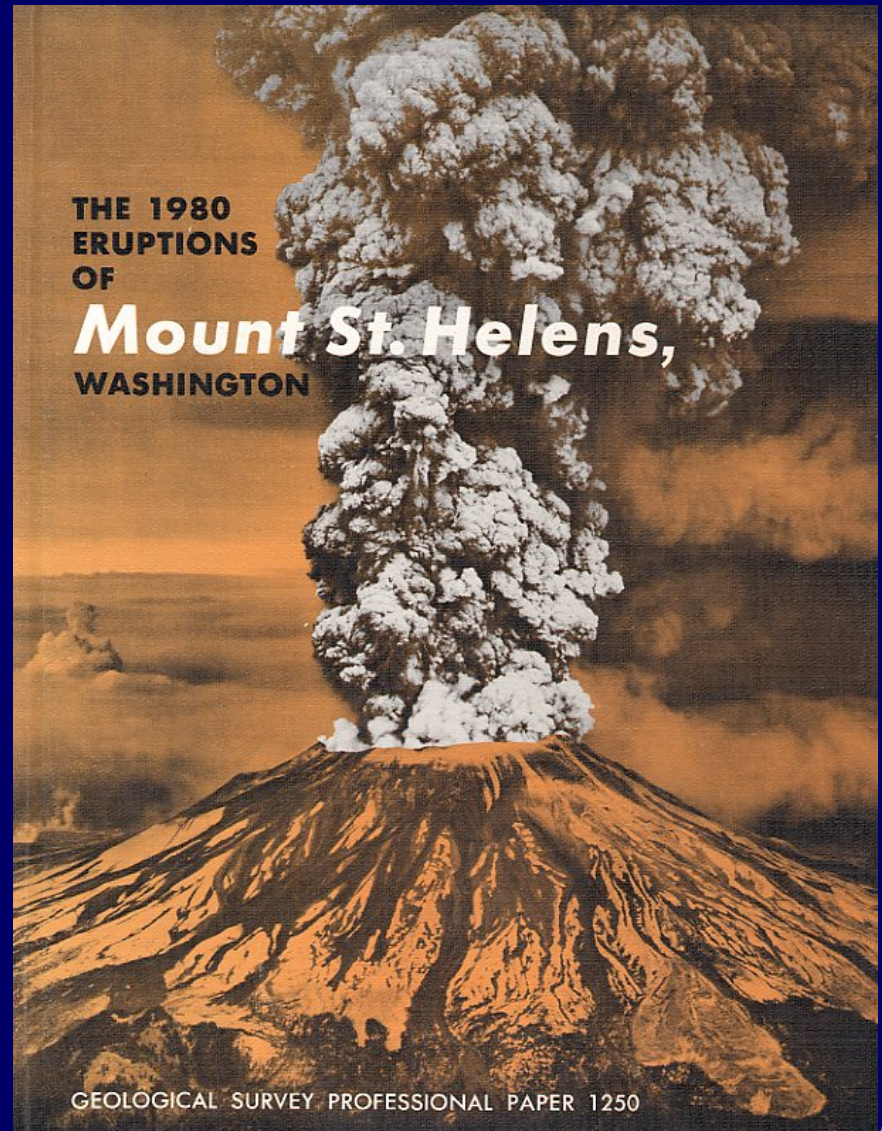
Greek Mythology: Cerberus



Japanese Mythology: Namazu

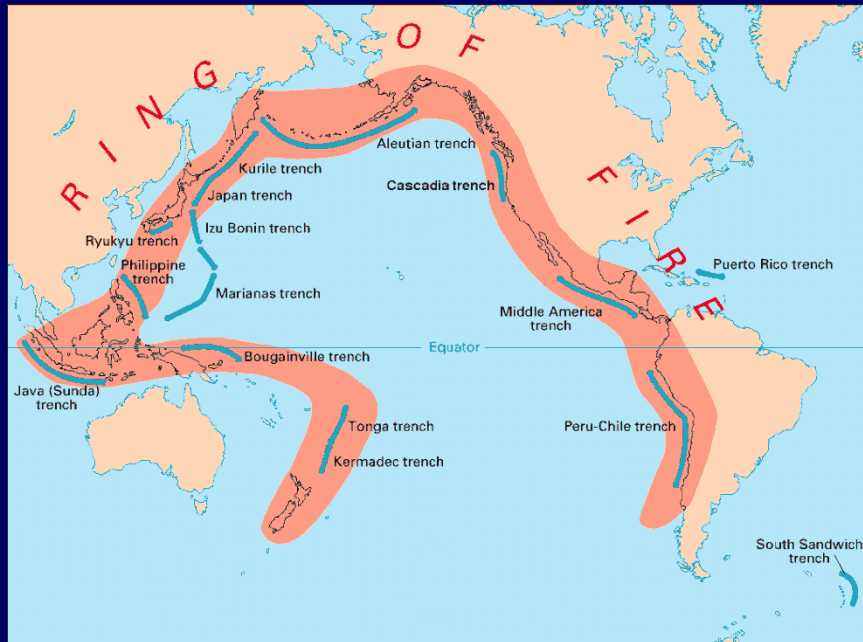
# 1980 Mt St Helens Eruption

In 1980, volcanoes were known, but geologists did not understand Oregon's earthquake potential





# Late 1980s, Cascadia Fault “discovered”

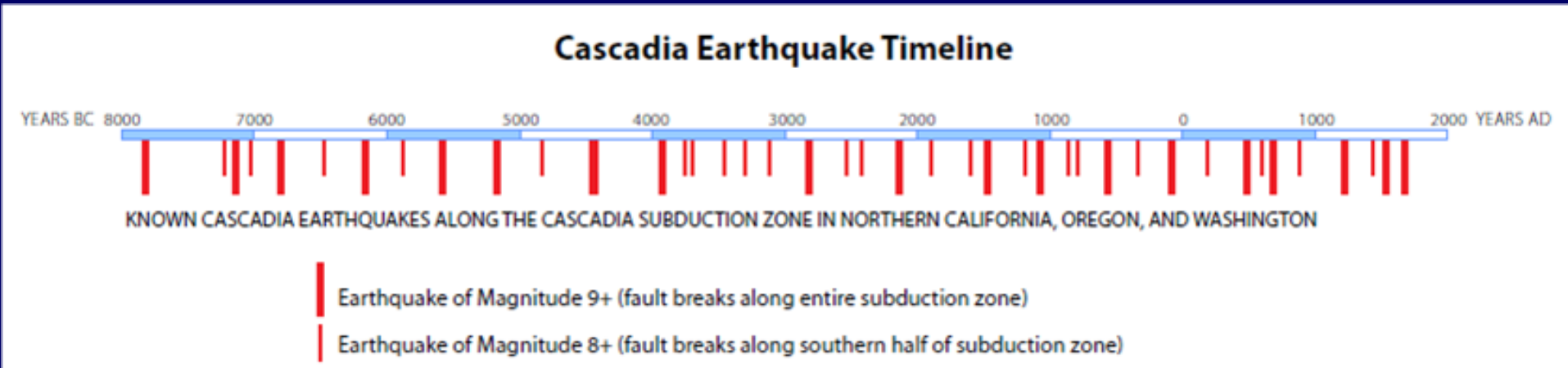


[http://celebrating200years.noaa.gov/magazine/dart\\_buoys/ring\\_of\\_fire.html](http://celebrating200years.noaa.gov/magazine/dart_buoys/ring_of_fire.html)



# When, Where, How Big?

100%, don't know exactly when...

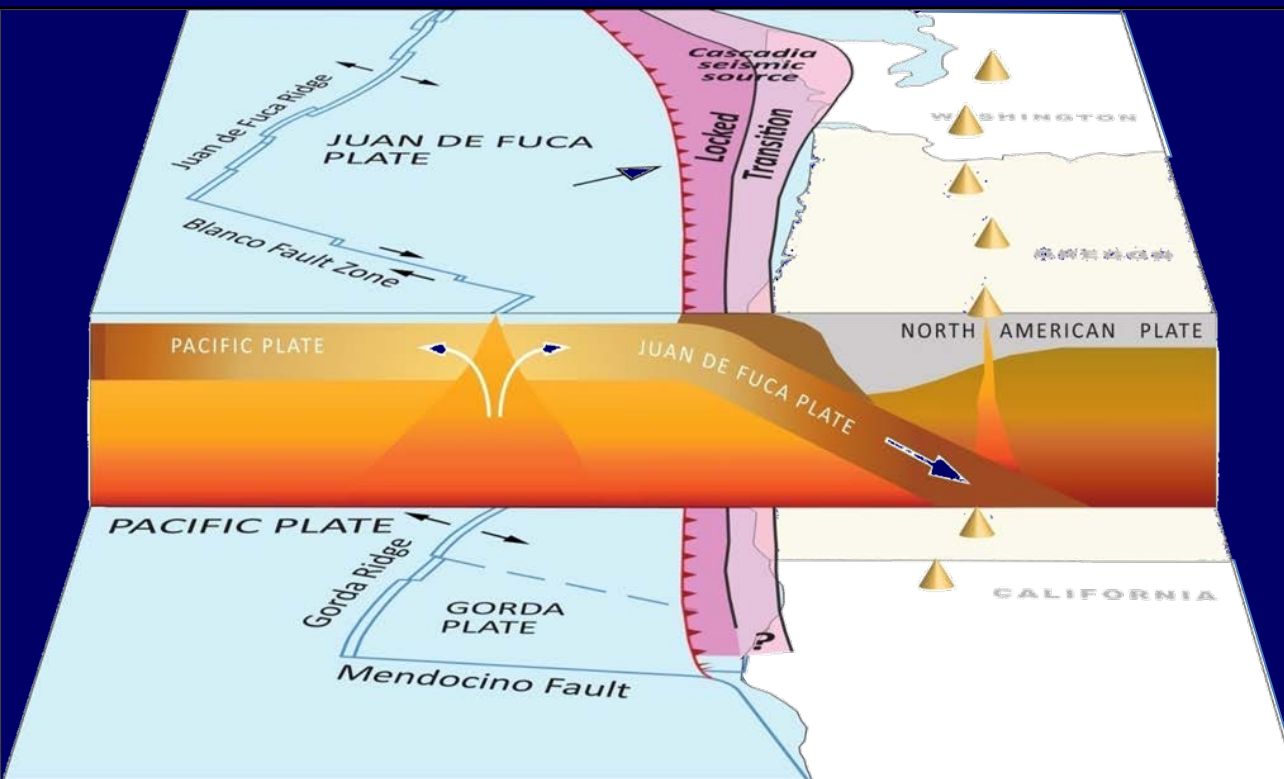


(Goldfinger et al, 2012; Image: DOGAMI Cascadia, 2010)

- Magnitude 9 on Jan. 26, 1700 (314 yrs ago)
- ~41 >Magnitude 8 in 10,000 year record



# Cascadia Double Whammy!

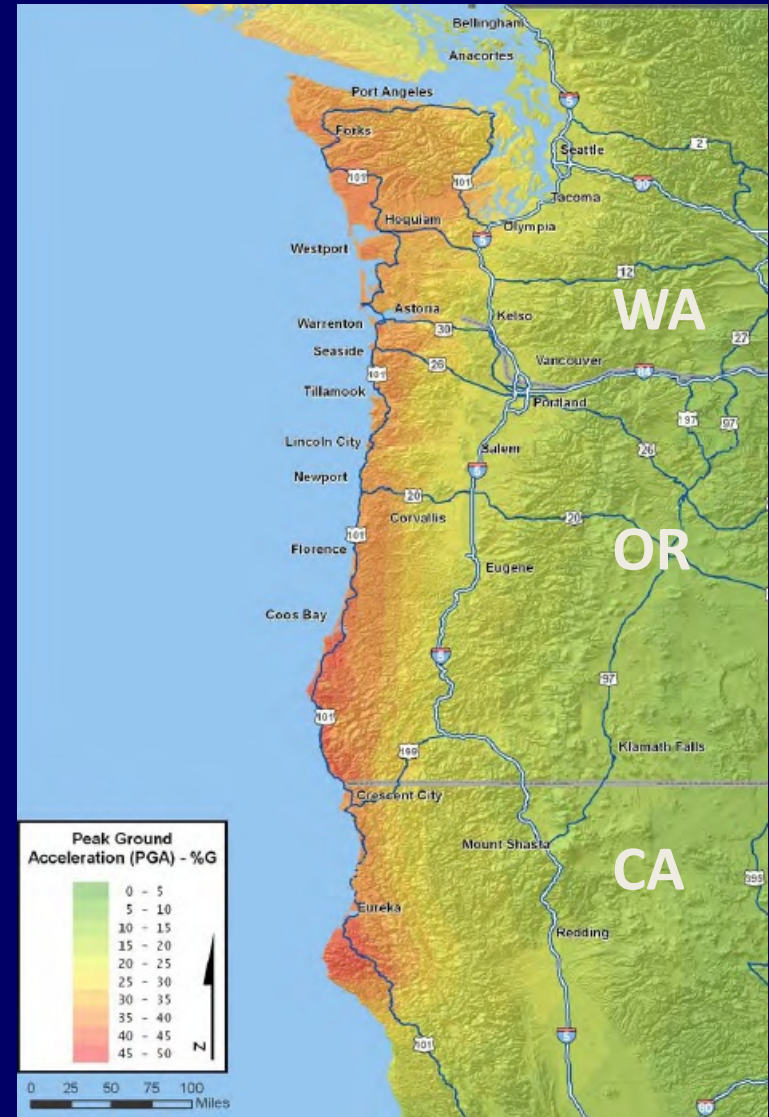


- Ground shaking
- Tsunami (coast)
- Coast subsidence
- Liquefaction
- Lateral spreading
- Landslides
- Ground settlement
- Seiches (waves)
- Fires
- Hazmat spills
- Infrastructure damage
- Service disruptions



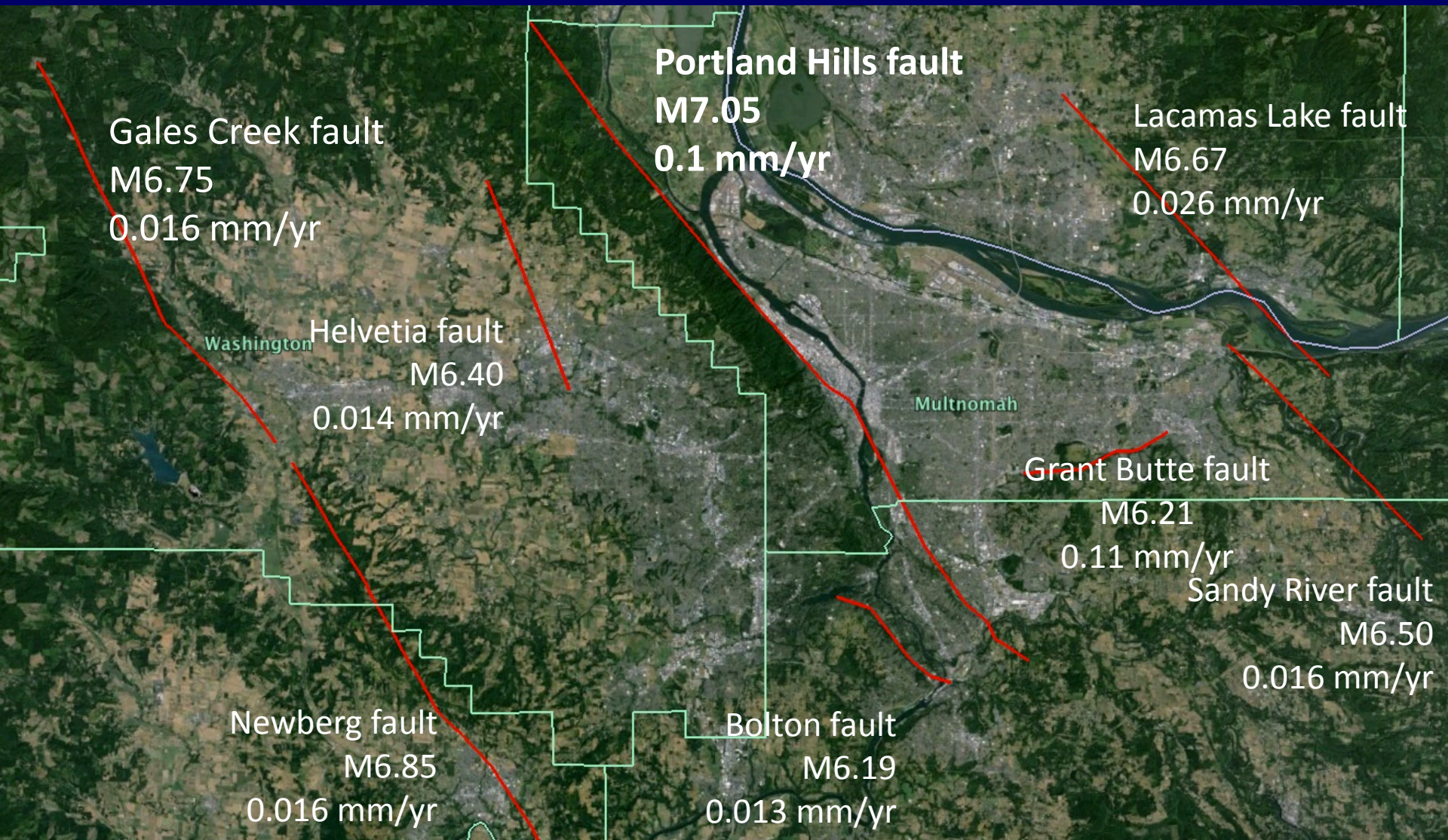
# Cascadia Fault: Strong Shaking and Damage in Western OR & WA

- Extreme Damage by Tsunami
- Major Damage in Coastal Areas
- Significant Damage in Valley
- Light or No Damage in Central OR





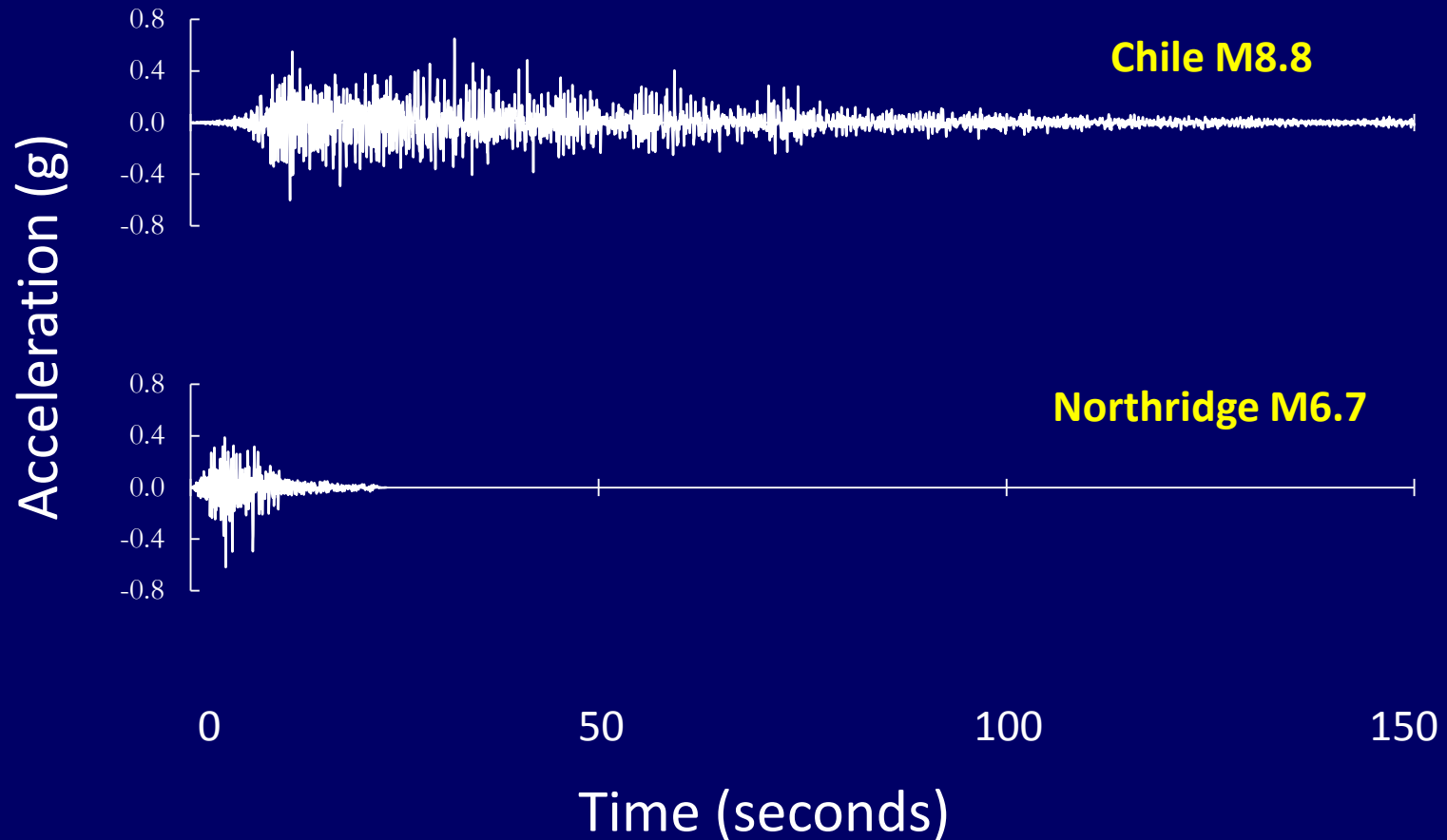
# Portland Area Faults



Source: USGS, 2014



# Duration: Cascadia vs. Portland



Source: D. Baska, Terracon





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# Why Does Oregon Have Seismic High Risk?



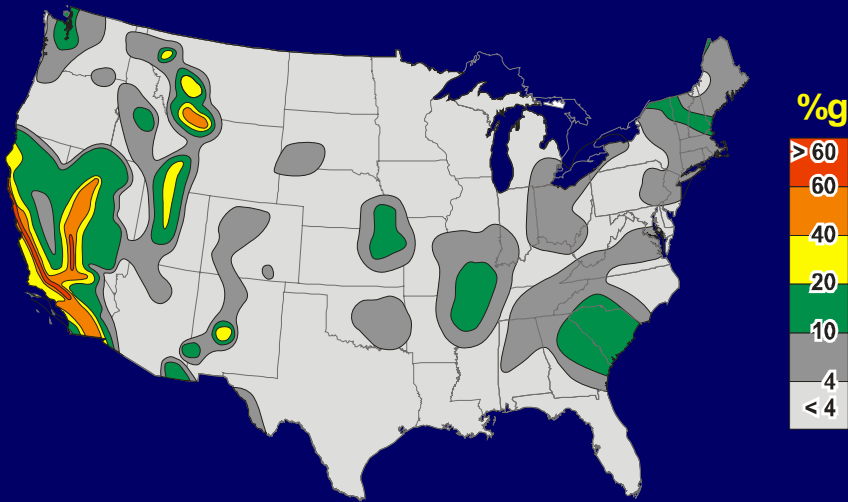
**Late Knowledge on Cascadia Fault  
+  
Inadequate Seismic Design & Building Codes  
=  
Vulnerable Infrastructure**



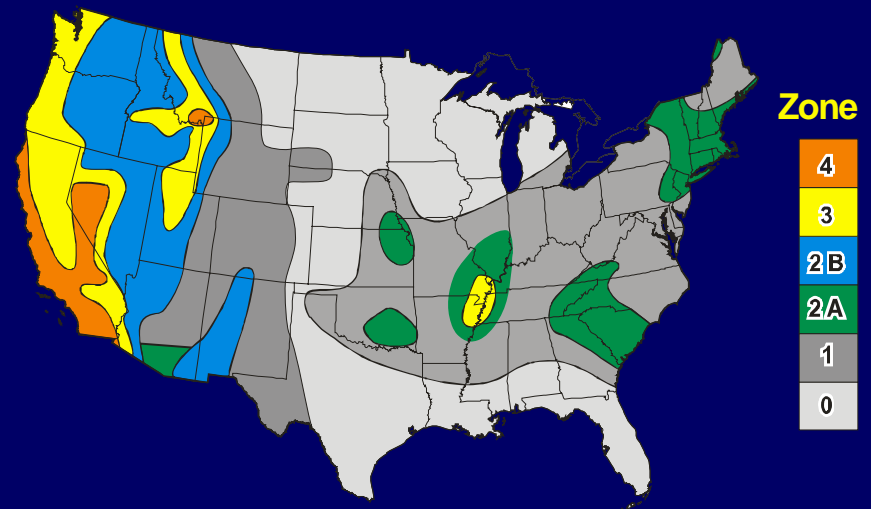
# Seismic Building Code Maps

## 1976

(10% PE in 50 yrs) (Algermissen & Perkins)



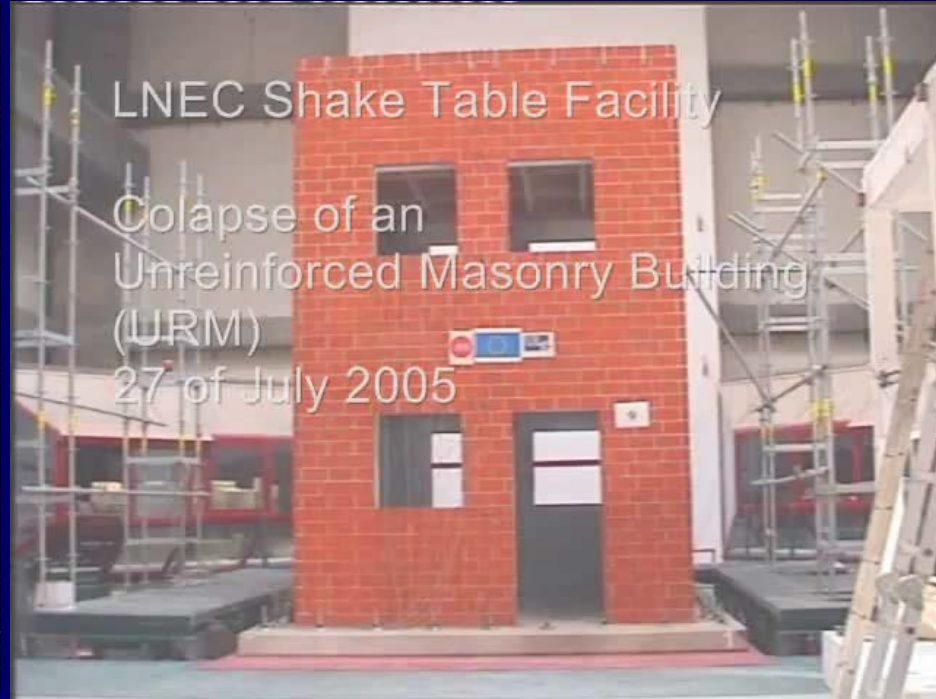
## 1994





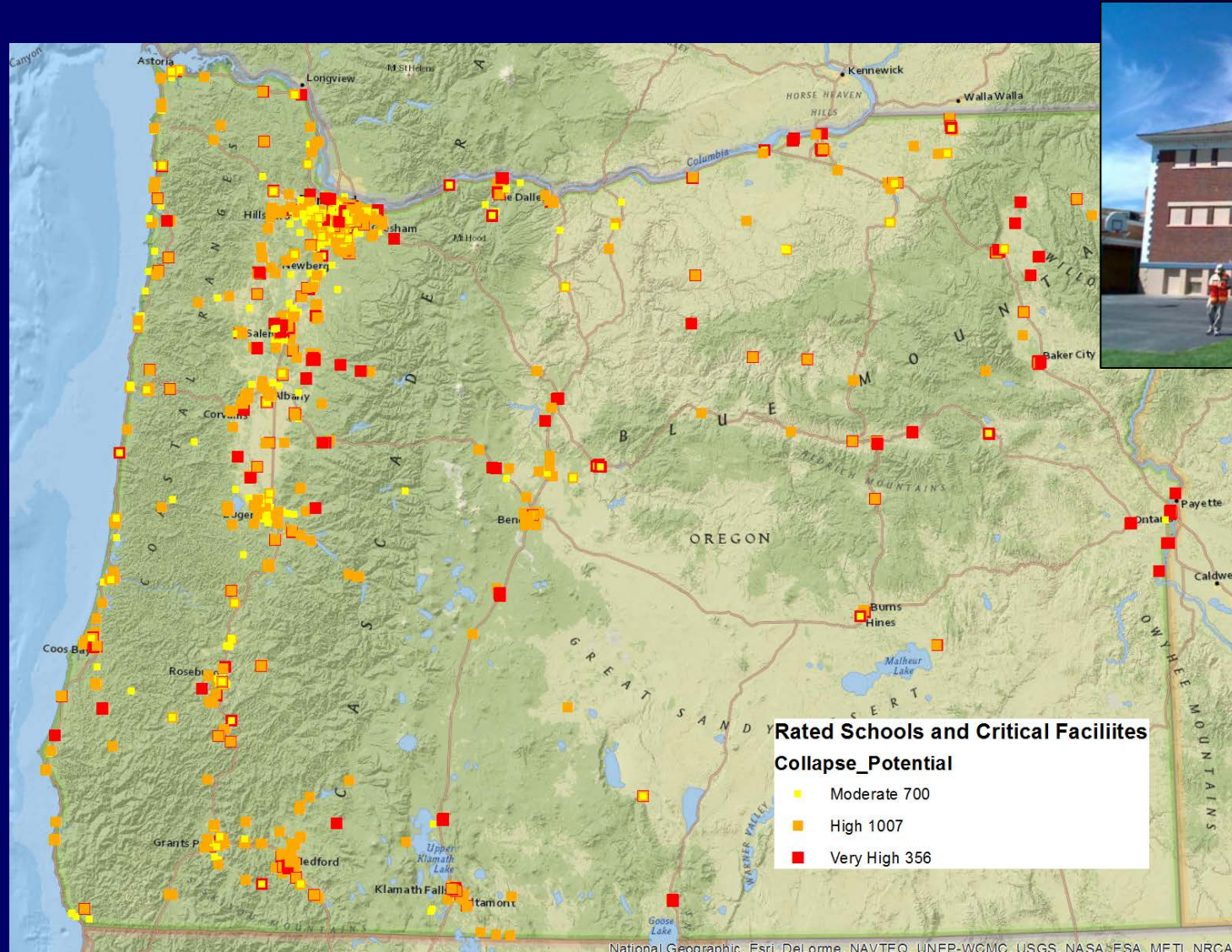
# Wood vs. Unreinforced Masonry (URM)

*Shaking Response Differences Shown in Lab*



# Collapse Potential: Schools & Critical Facilities

([www.oregongeology.org/sub/projects/rvs/default.htm](http://www.oregongeology.org/sub/projects/rvs/default.htm))



# Multnomah County

**DOGAMI (2007)** ([www.oregongeology.org/sub/projects/rvs/default.htm](http://www.oregongeology.org/sub/projects/rvs/default.htm))

**331 school & emergency response buildings**

293 constructed before 1993

**6 hospitals (original building date and licensed beds)**

Good Samaritan (1921, 539 beds)

Emanuel (1936, 554 beds)

Providence (1941, 483 beds)

OHSU (1956, 560 beds)

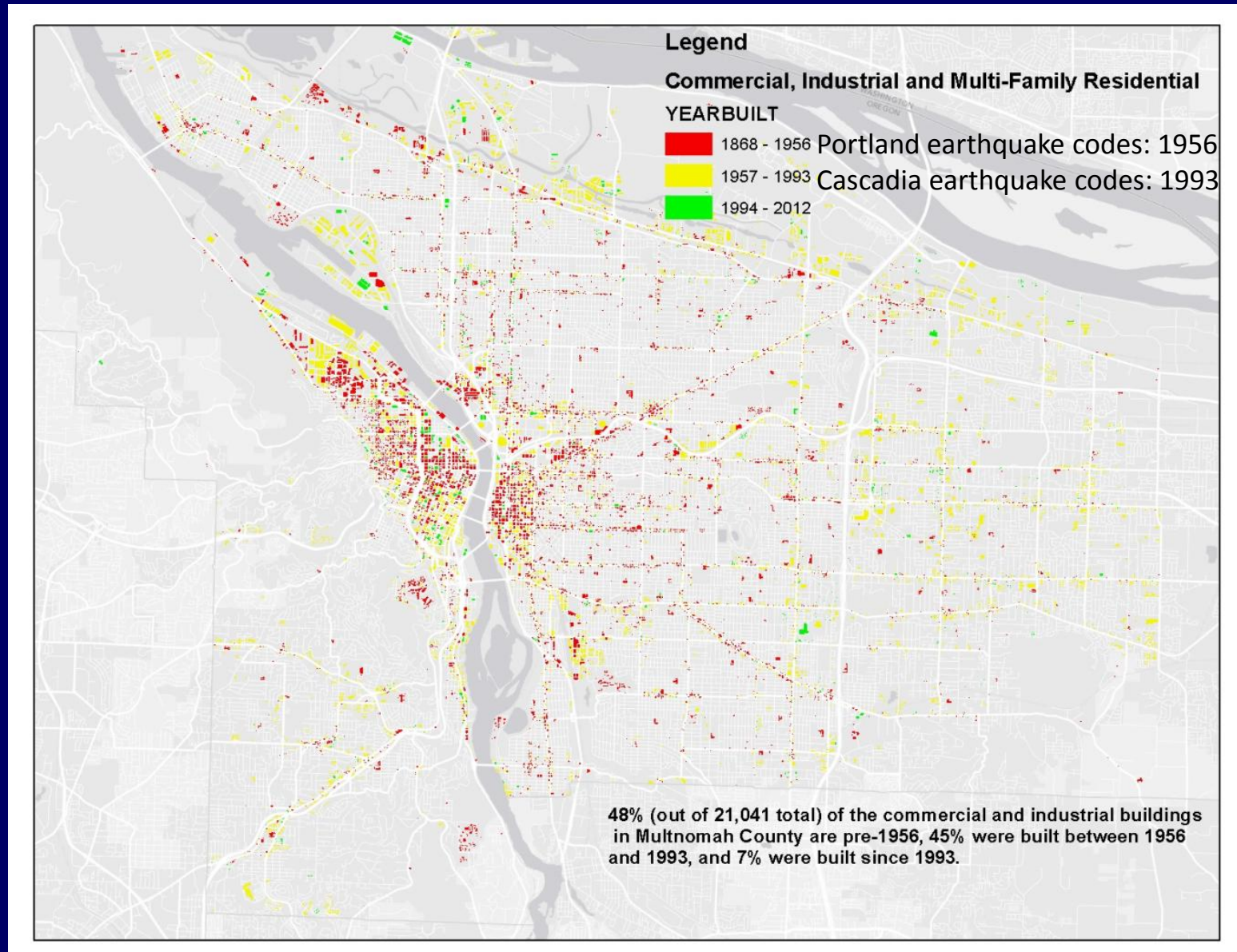
Adventist (1977, 302 beds)

Mt Hood (1983, 115 beds)





# Portland Area Non-Residential 1868-2012



# Deaths: Concentrated Fatalities

## Weak buildings that collapse

Weak in “lateral” strength

Un-Reinforced Masonry “URM”

Calif. has URM ordinances



## People in Tsunami Zones

Low lying coastal towns

Seaside, Rockaway,

Bandon, more





# Liquefaction (sandy soils) & Landslides



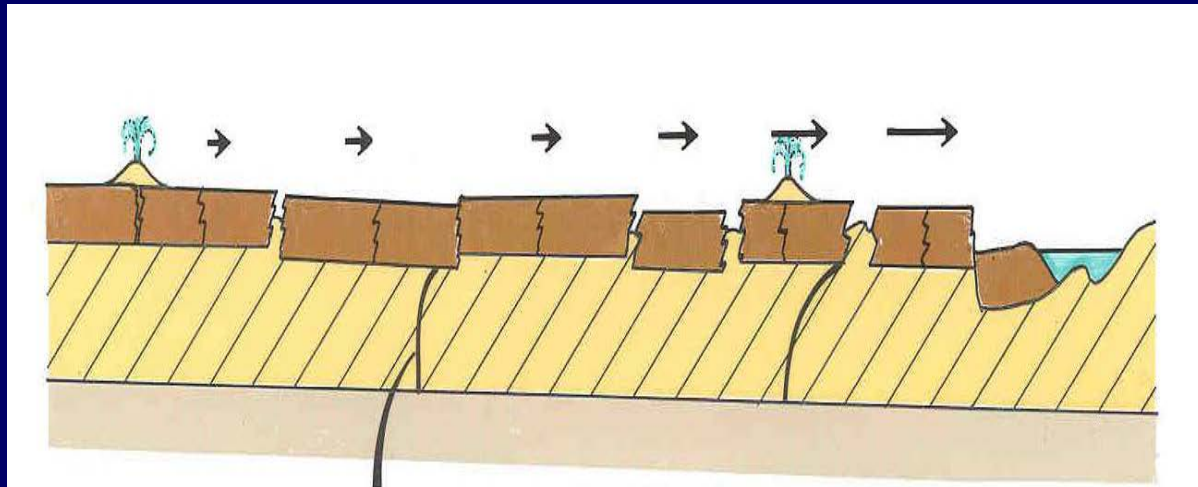
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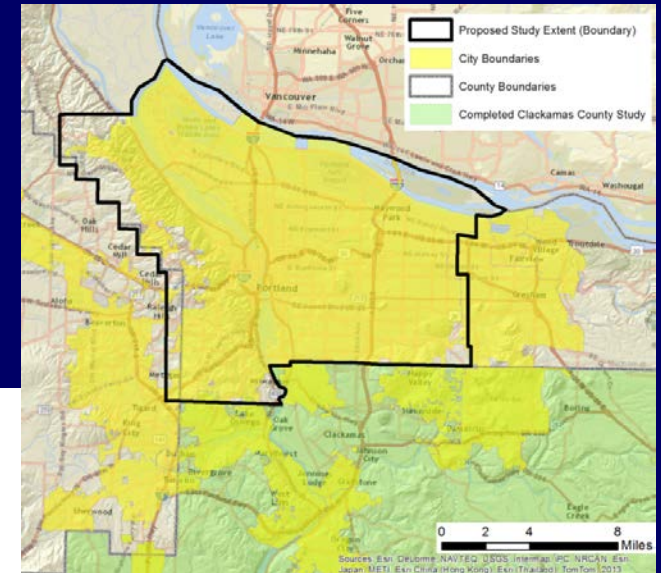
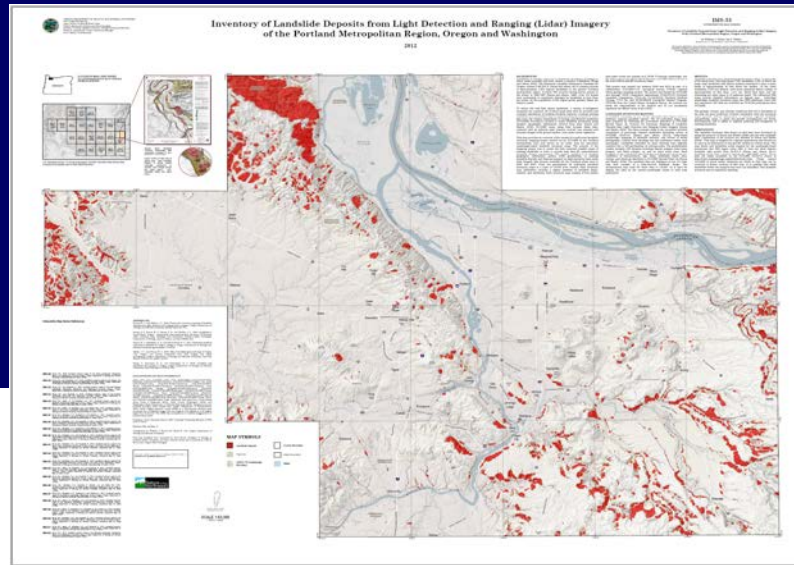
# Portland Riverbanks & Floodplains



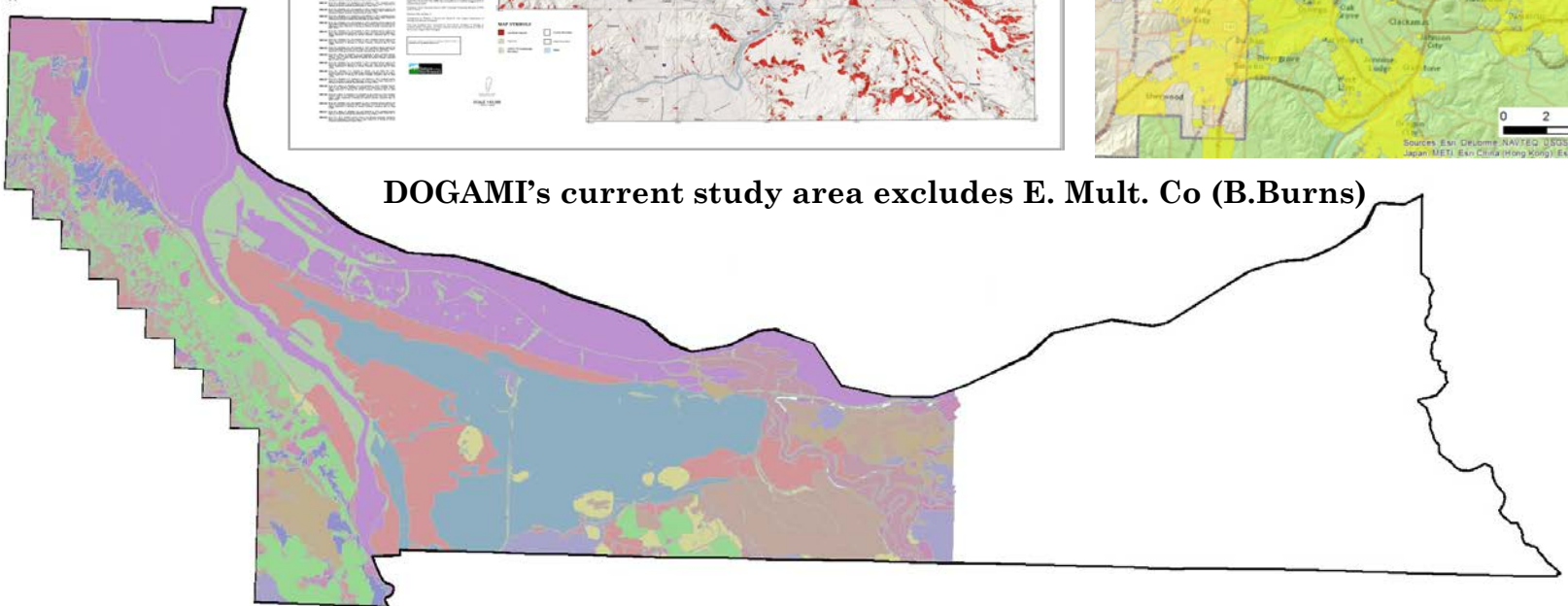
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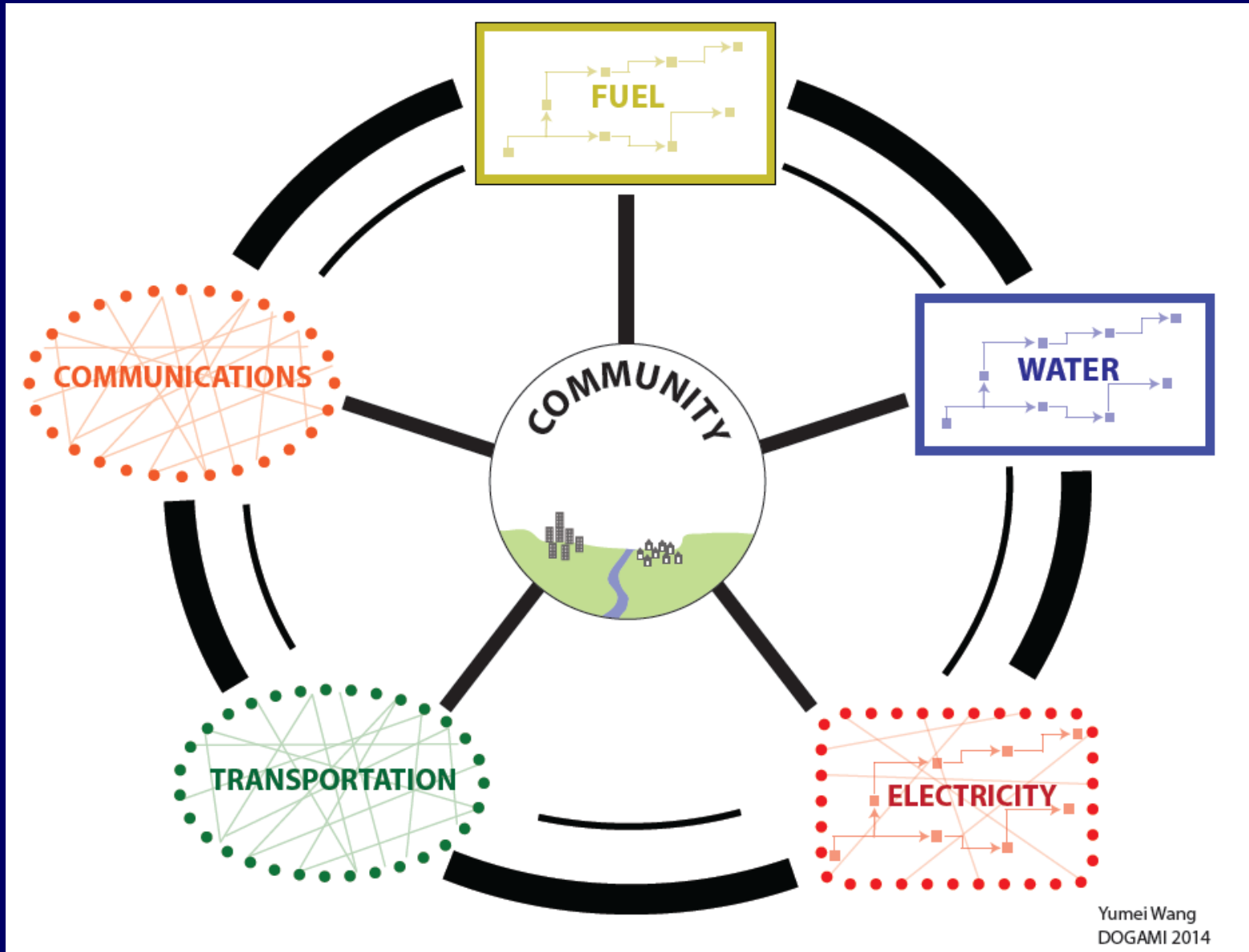
# Portland Landslide Mapping Efforts



DOGAMI's current study area excludes E. Mult. Co (B.Burns)

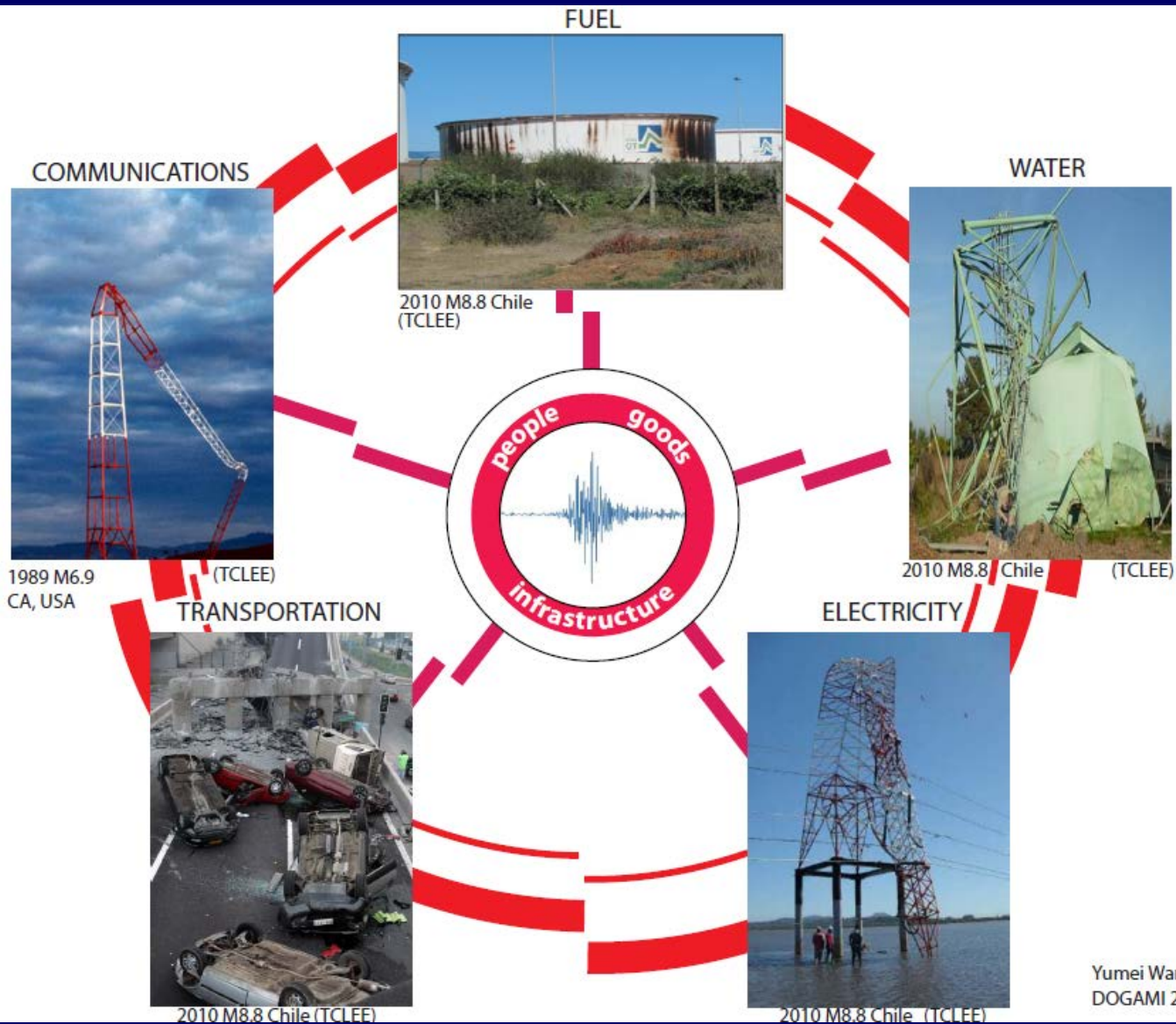


# Lifelines: Community Interdependencies





# Earthquakes Damage Lifelines



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# Emergency Lifeline Services



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# CALL TO ACTION

## Build Human Resilience

Resilience Advisor & Public Education (Resilience Task Force, Sept 2014)

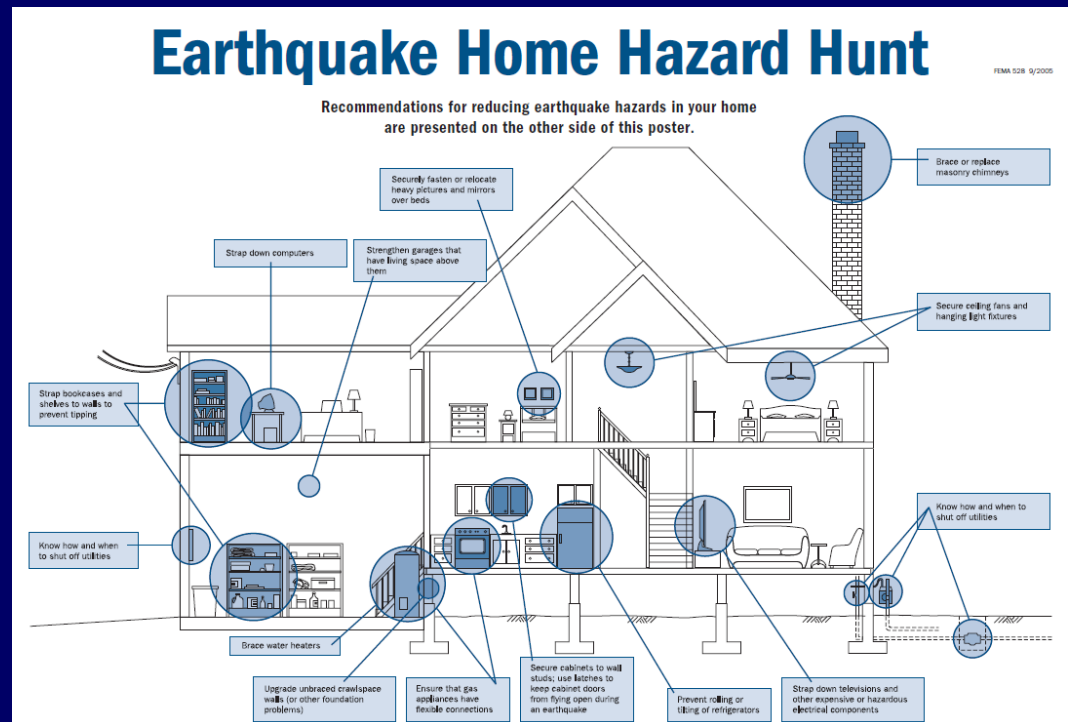


Similar to Recycling



# Get Citizens Prepared

- Earthquake Drills
- Encourage home inspections
- Prepare citizens to “Camp at home” (3 wks of supplies)



(FEMA 528)



# Identify Vulnerable Infrastructure Prioritize and Fix Before Earthquake

- Home, School, Work
- Community Services
- Utility Services
- Transportation & Fuel



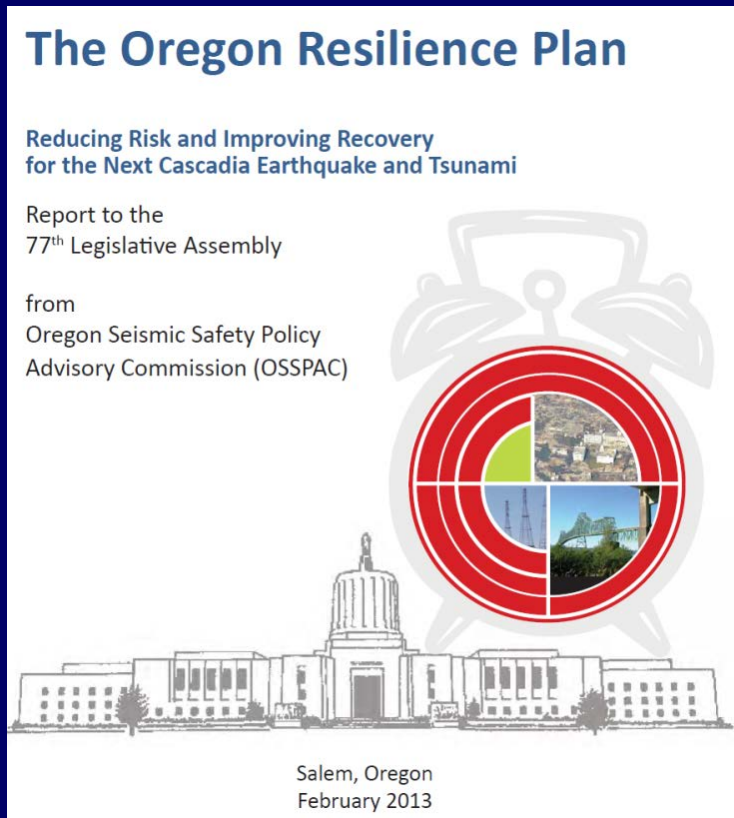


# 2013 Oregon Resilience Plan & 2014 Task Force Recommendations

[www.oregon.gov/omd/oem](http://www.oregon.gov/omd/oem)

## 50-Year Vision

## 2015 Priorities



- Oversight: Resilience Advisor to Governor
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Energy
- Critical Facilities & Seismic Rehabilitation Grants
- Research
- Training & Education
- Water & Wastewater



# Findings for Cascadia Magnitude 9 Scenario

Source:  
ORP 2013

## Business Group

Tolerate 2 to 4 wks  
outages or gone ...

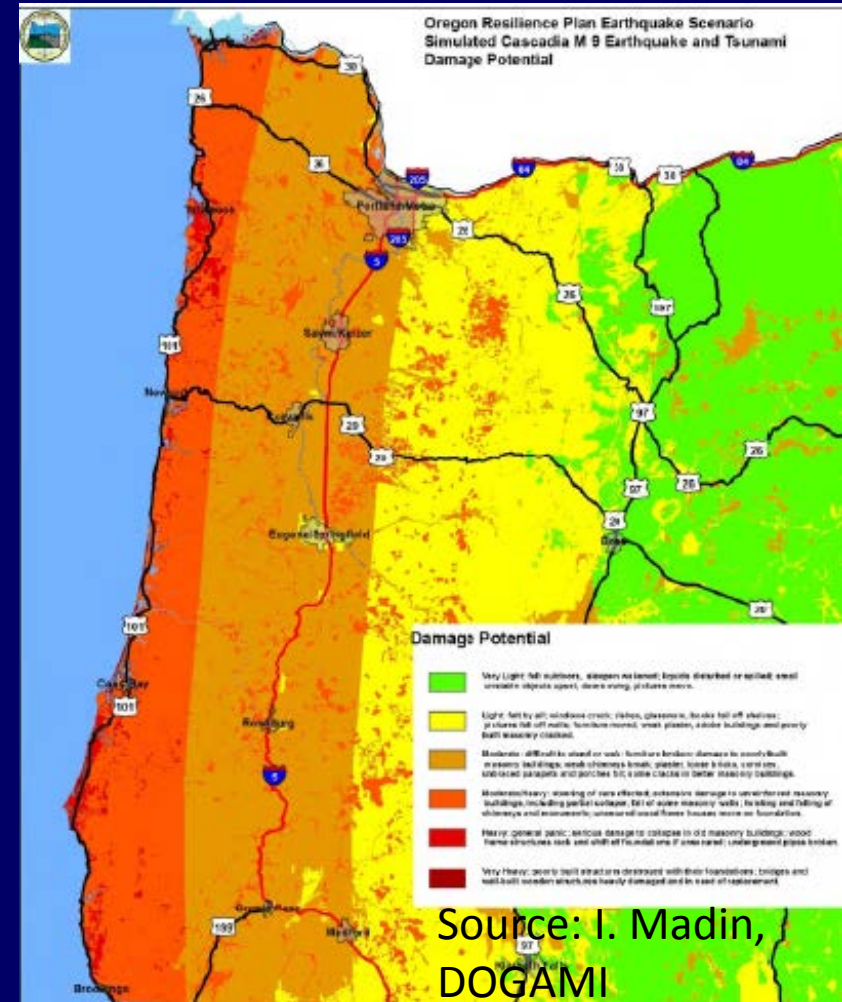
## Portland/Valley “Downtime”

Electricity: 1 to 3 mo

Fire & Police: 2 to 4 mo

Water: 6 to 12 mo

Healthcare: 18 mo



# Deaths, Dollars & Downtime



- Portland multi-modal transportation corridor
  - Union Pacific & BNSF rail yards (rail)
  - Port of Portland & other ports (marine)
  - Interstate 5, I-205 & I-84 (highways)
  - PDX (air)
- Oregon's fuel supply hub on liquefiable soils





# Oregon's Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub Located in Portland



- Intersection of:
  - Petroleum
  - Natural Gas
  - Electric
  - **Liquefaction Risk**

2013 DOGAMI Energy Sector Report



# Liquefaction Hazards

## Energy Facilities Built on Hydraulic Fill

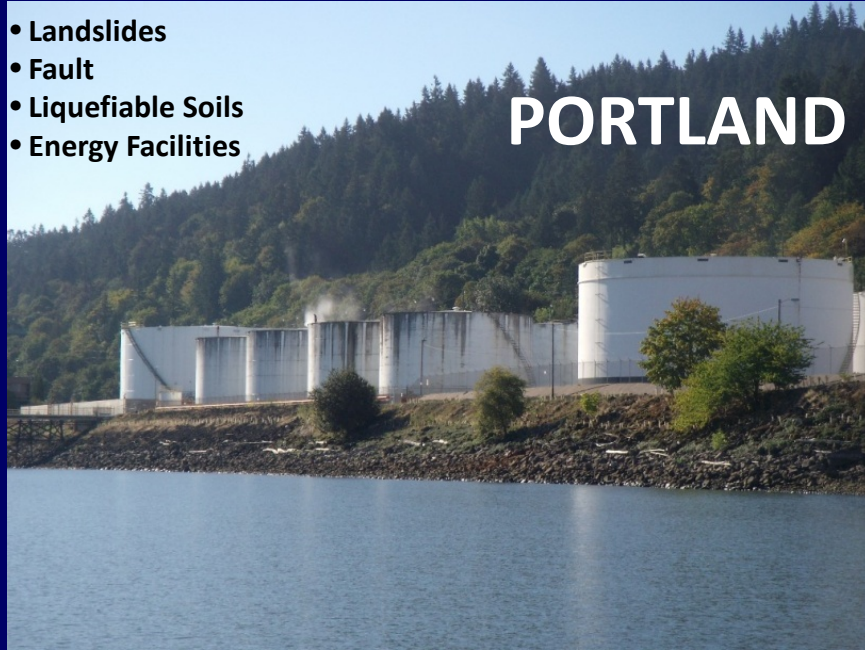




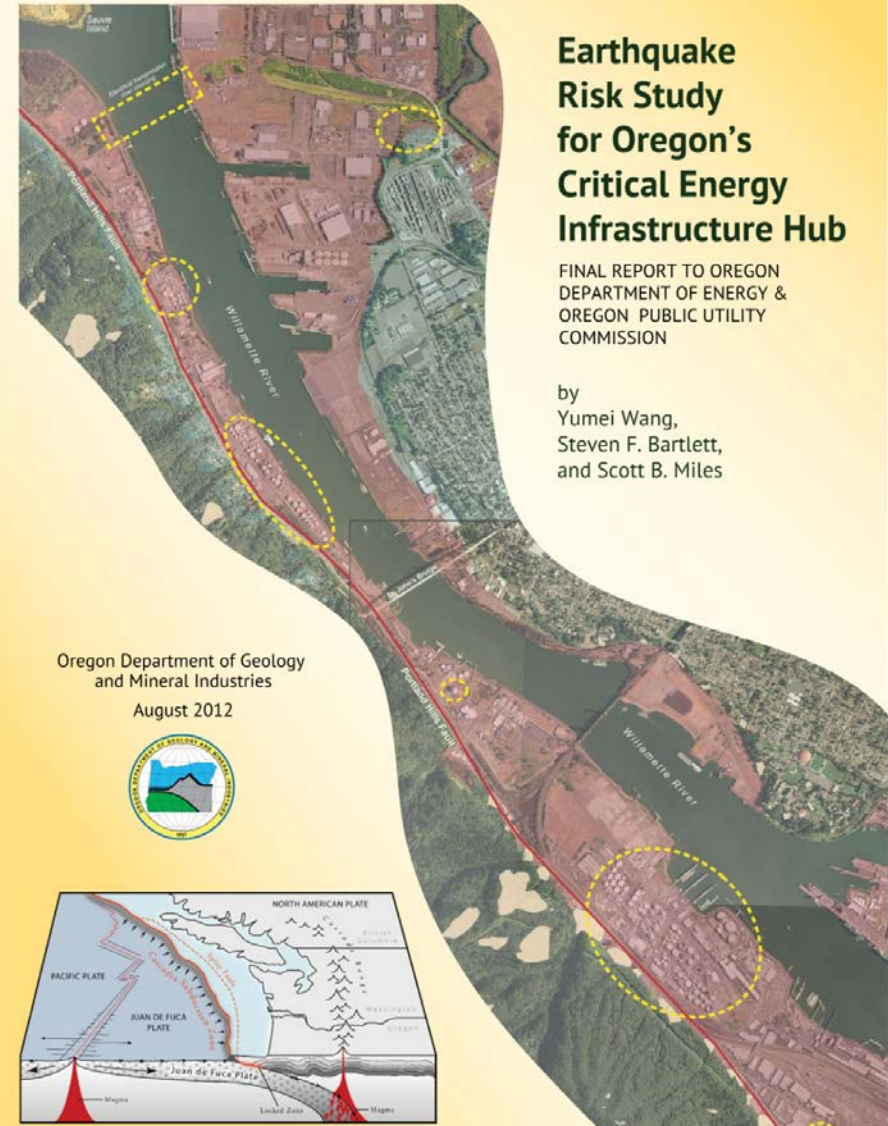
# Pre-Disaster: Geohazards & Risk Identification

- Landslides
- Fault
- Liquefiable Soils
- Energy Facilities

## PORTLAND



## 2011 Japan Fire & Hazmat





# Fuel Oil Terminals in Portland

Many facilities built before seismic design codes & vulnerable





# 1964 Alaska Earthquake

timber  
piles

ground  
displacement

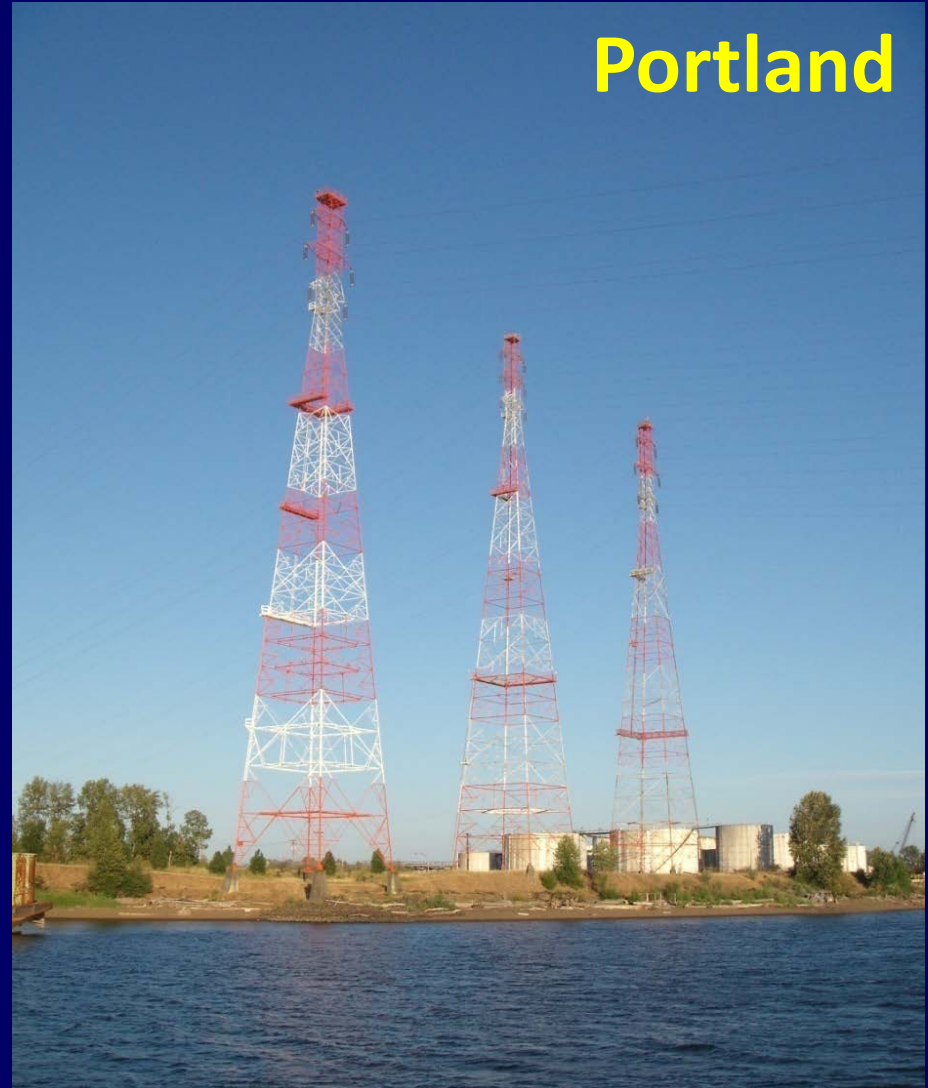




# Electrical Transmission Towers

BPA estimates  
up to 25 Ft  
movement  
towards river.  
Mitigate in 2015

Portland



Chile's Damage





# ODOT Vulnerable Bridges



# Highway Planning Activities

## ODOT Prioritization: Tier 1 Highway in Cascadia earthquake





# 1926 Burnside Bridge

## 2002 Phase 1 Seismic Retrofit: Life Safety

### But not Serviceable



#### Phase I

1. Longitudinal restrainers at each abutment
2. Longitudinal restrainers at Piers 1 and 4
3. Strengthening approach span end diaphragm
4. Strengthen fixed span connection to pier wall

#### Phase II

1. Strengthen approach span bracing
2. Approach span base isolation
3. Counterweight restrainer
4. Bascule pier collar beam
5. Bascule leaf strengthening
6. Post-tension Bascule Pier
7. Soil Densification at abutments
8. Restore bar through trunnion

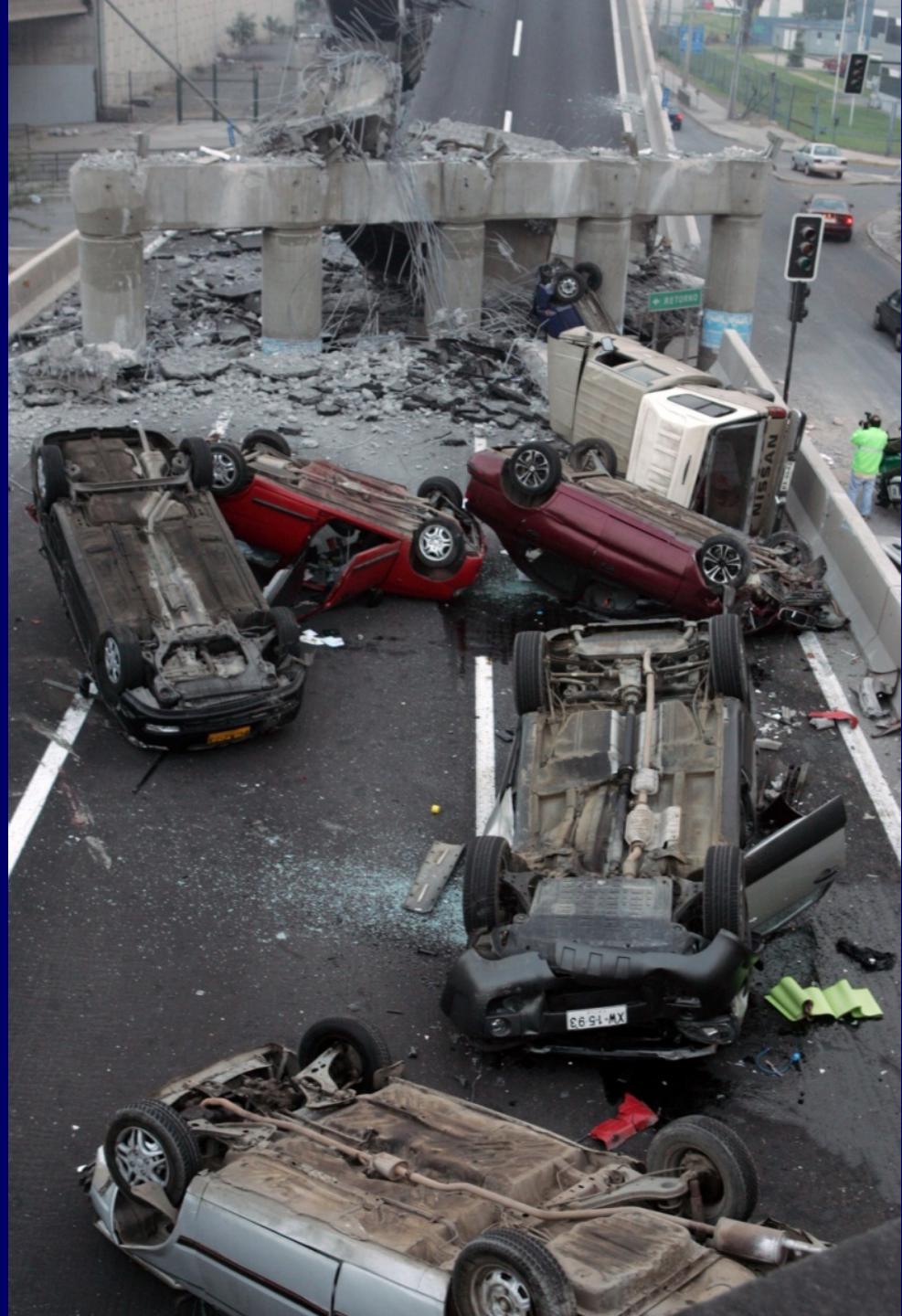
Jon Henrichsen, Multnomah County, Bridge Engineer





# 2010 Chile Magnitude 8.8

## Overpass in Santiago (inland)



# Mitigation Examples

## Emergency Facilities

- City of Portland
  - All fire stations seismically upgraded
  - New Emergency Coordination Center
- State of Oregon's Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program
  - Hospitals, Fire & Police Stations, & Emergency Op. Centers





# Mitigation Examples

## Water Systems

50 MG Powell Butte Reservoir  
City of Portland PWB





# Mitigated 15-Story PSU Residential Hall to Prevent Building Collapse

Plus energy efficiency upgrades



2010 Chile apartment collapse



Portland State University





# Beams, Rebar, Steel & Concrete Walls





# Questions?

[www.oregongeology.org](http://www.oregongeology.org)



Oshiokuri Hato Tsusen no Zu (Fast Cargo Boat Battling The Waves) 1805  
<http://thesoundsinsidemymyhead.blogspot.com/2008/05/hokusais-great-wave.html>