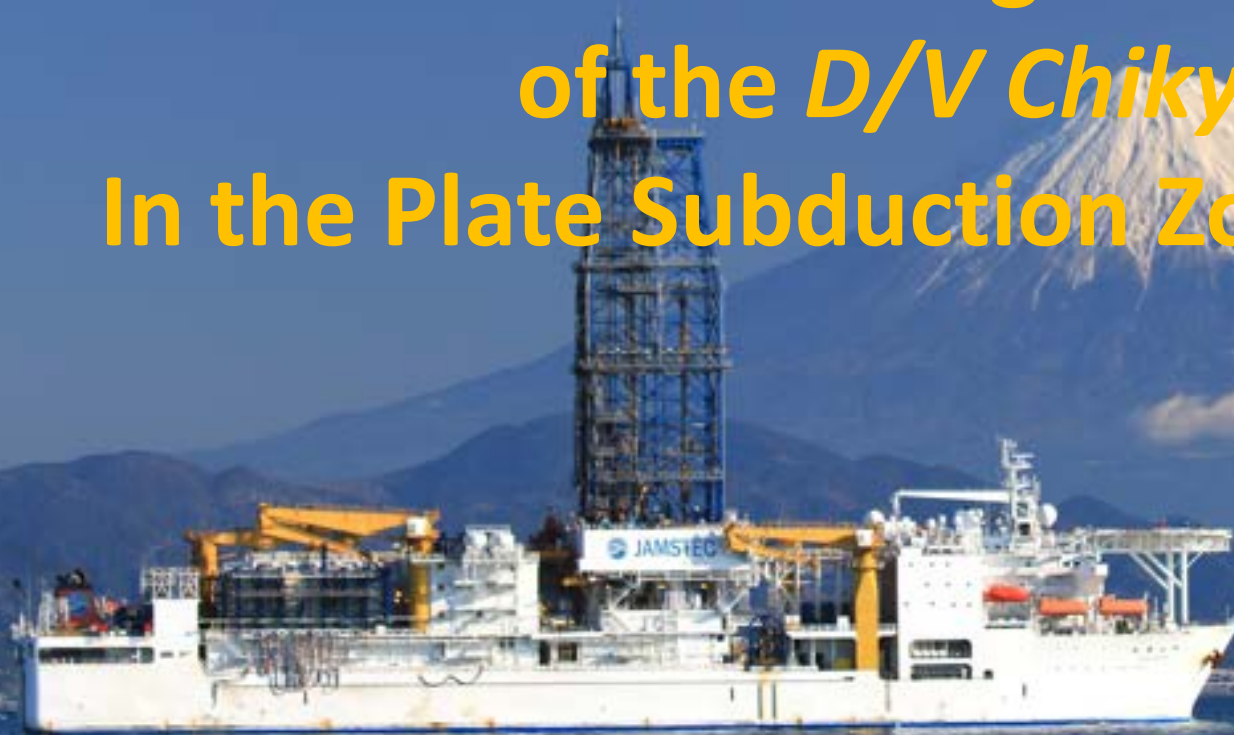


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# Scientific and Technological Achievements of the *D/V Chikyu* In the Plate Subduction Zone Drilling



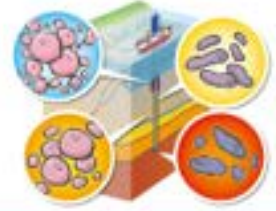
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# The Deep-sea Scientific Drilling Vessel *Chikyu*

## The Flagship of IODP since 2007



### D/V Chikyu Missions



### D/V Chikyu IODP scientific drilling records (as of March 2018)

Expeditions: 17      Exp. days: 938  
Exp. holes: 102      Drilling: 41km  
Cumulative collected core lengths: 5.6 km  
Number of cores: 1057 cores  
Deepest water depth record:  
6,900 m (Exp. 343)  
Deepest hole record: 3058.5 m (Exp. 348)

IODP=**Integrated** Ocean Drilling Program  
**Integrated** = Integrated Technology

**Integrated Technology**=

**Core** : Geological Sampling

**Logging** : Physical Property Measurements

**Seismic** : Seismic Profiling of Geological Structure

**Observatory** : Borehole Observatory & Cable Network

**Experiment** : Active Experiment using Borehole  
e.g.: Controlled Hydrothermal Mineral  
Precipitation at the Okinawa Trough



# *R/V Tanseimaru – R/V Fred Moore*

## Two-ship Seismic Experiment at the Nankai Trough

July 1987 (Univ. Tokyo-UT Austin-Univ. Hawaii)



*R/V  
Fred Moore  
&  
R/V  
Tanseimaru*



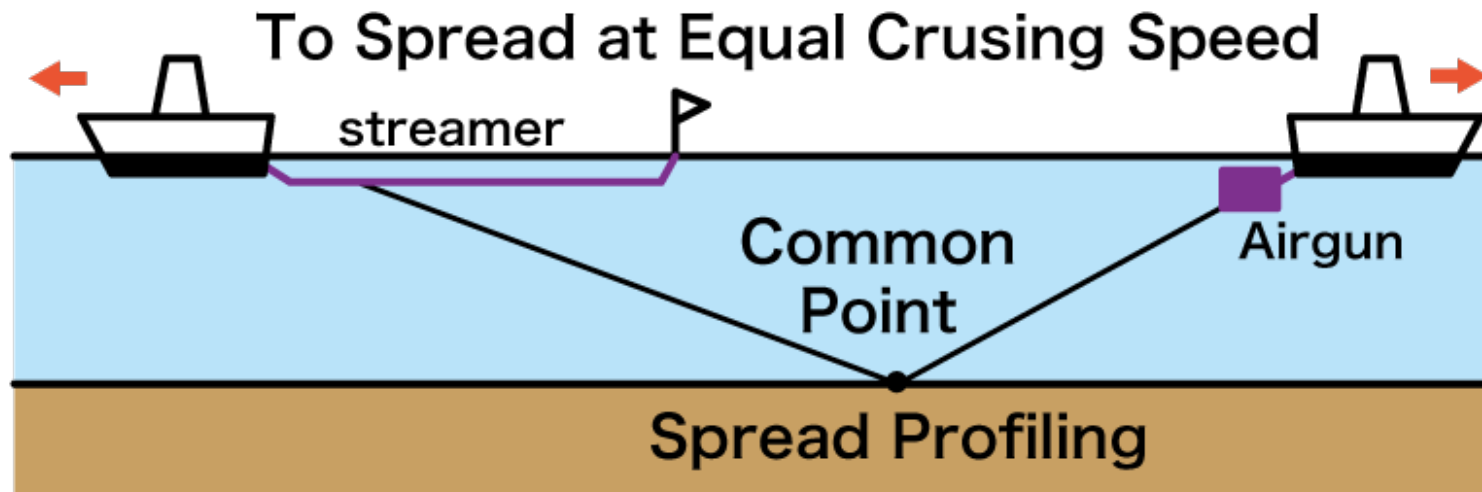
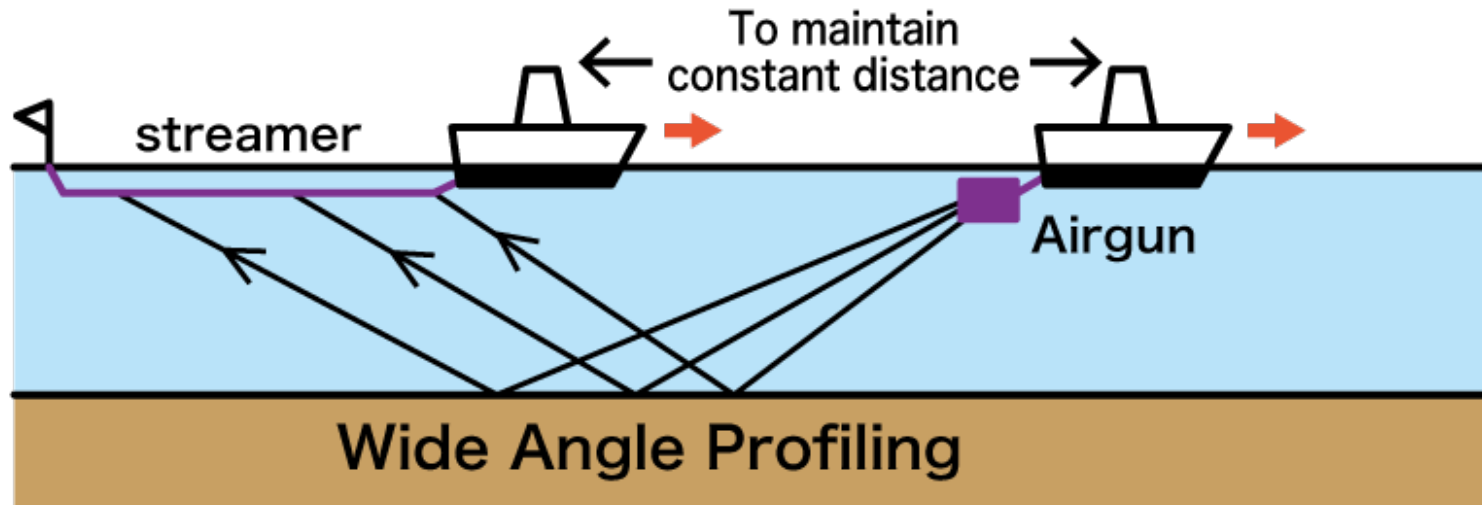
Prof. Greg Moore  
& Dr. A. Nishizawa



*A. Taira on R/V Tanseimaru*

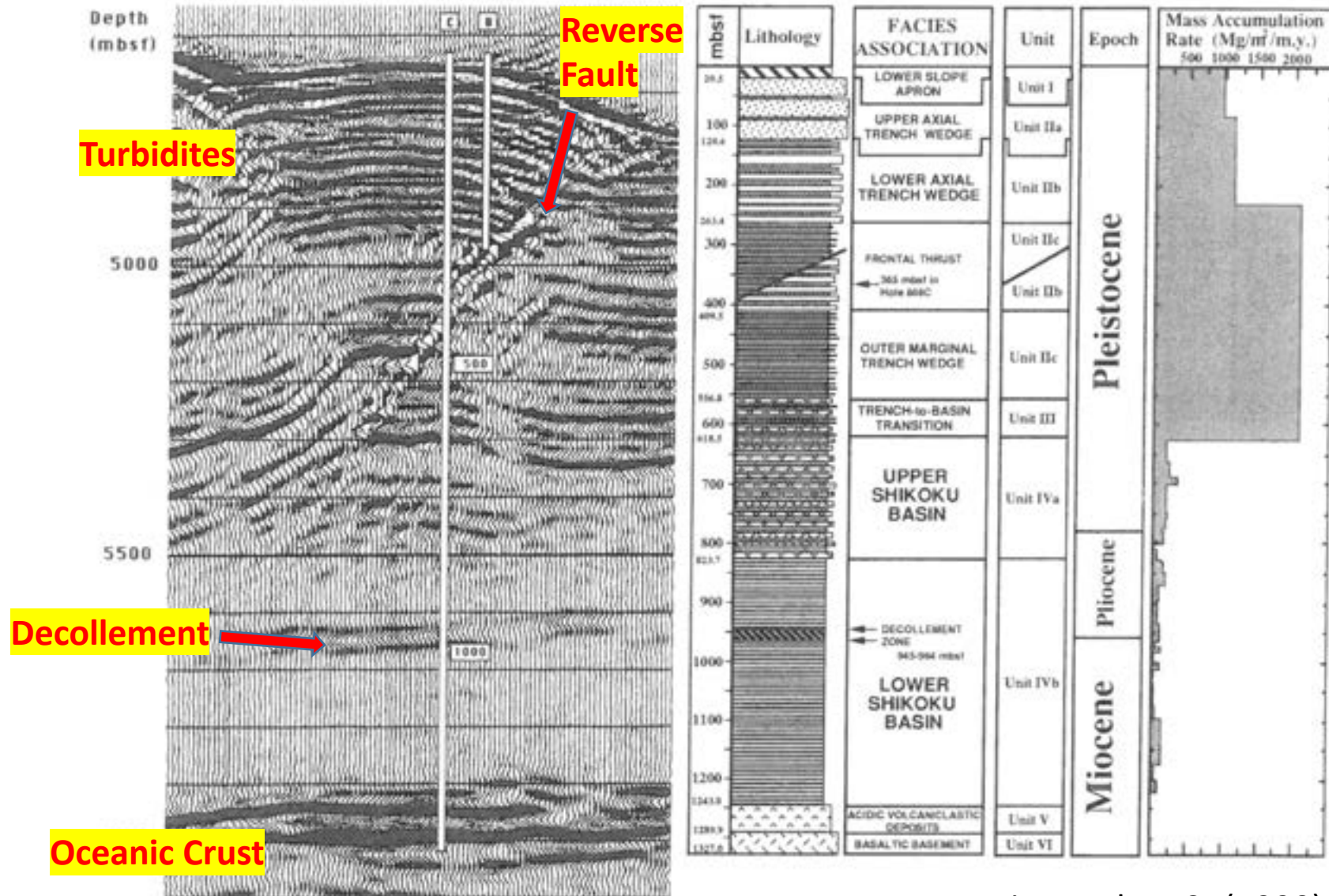


# Two-ship Seismic Profiling: High-quality Velocity Structure Determination





# Correlation of Seismic Profile and Lithology Site 808, Leg 190 Nankai Trough



From Taira et al. *EPSL* (1990)



# ODP Nankai Downhole Observatory: ONDO Project Leg 190, 1990

Taira, A. et al. *Proc.ODP* (1990)



Thermistor Cable

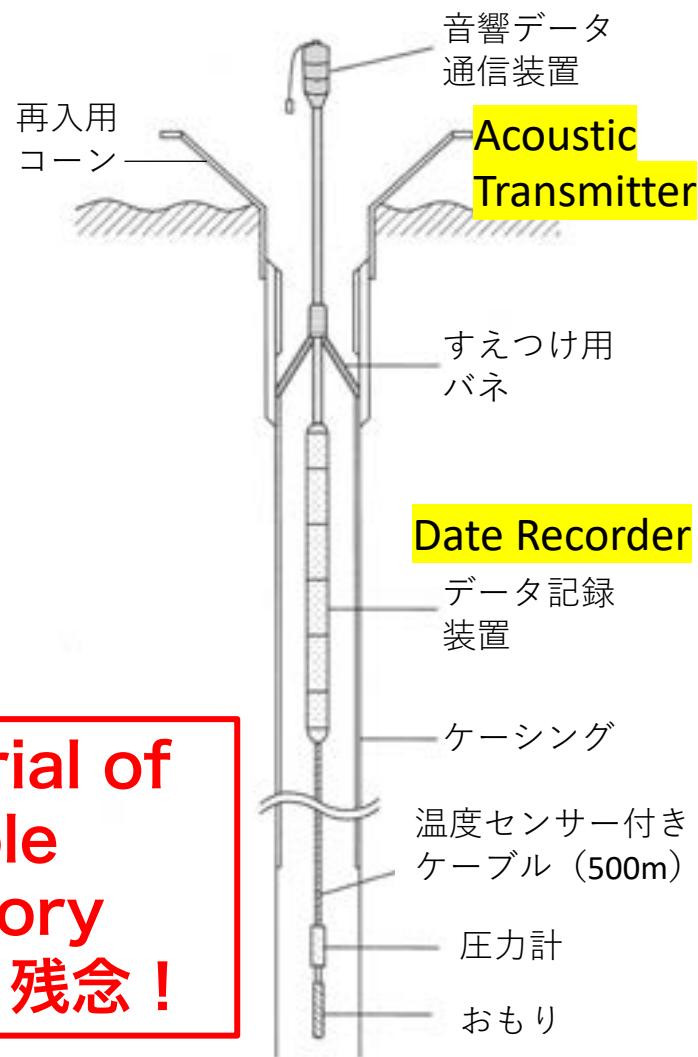


Landing Device



**The First Trial of  
Downhole  
Observatory  
But, Failed ! 残念 !**

Acoustic Data Transmitter



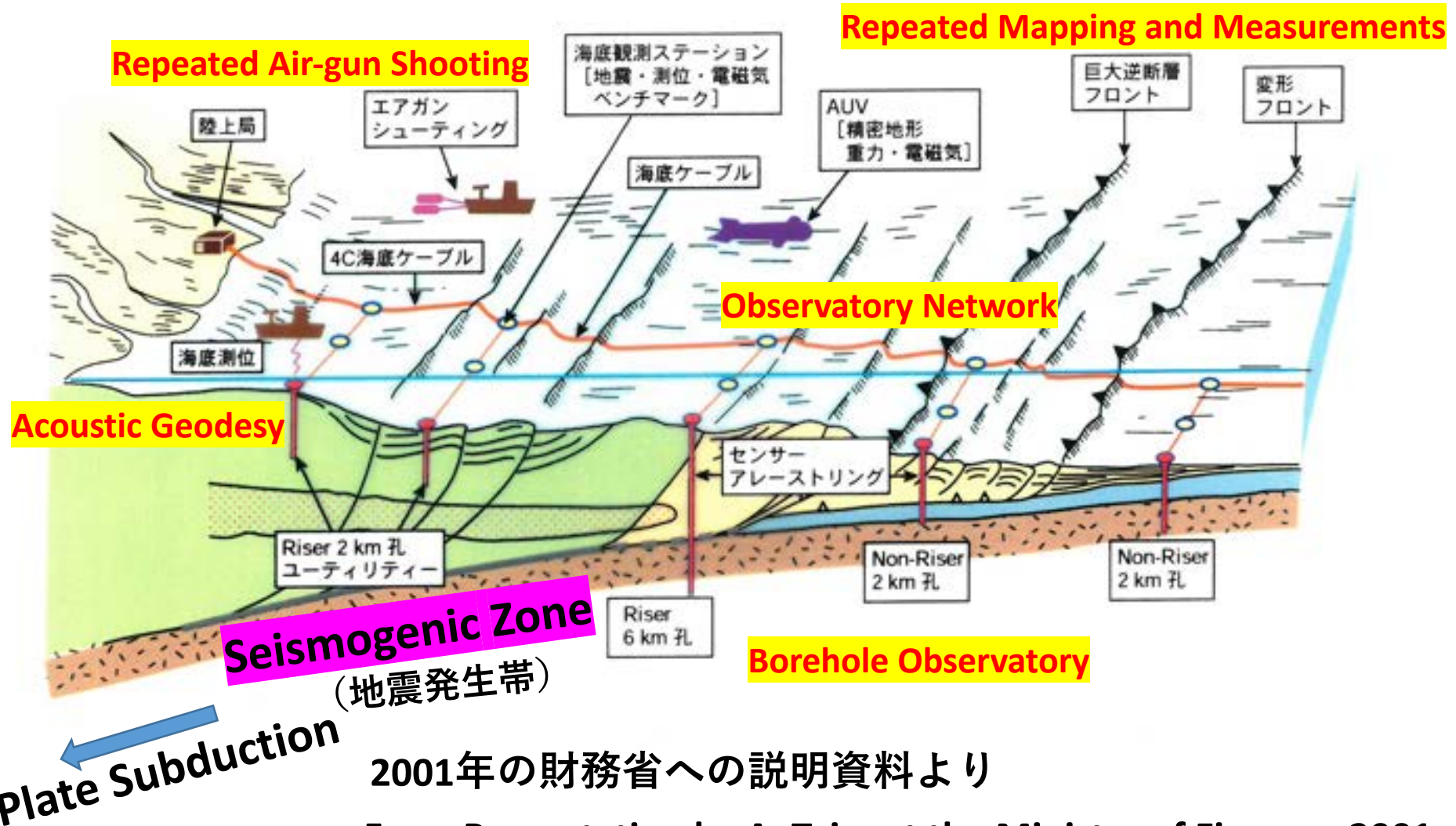
Schematics of ONDO 7



# Chikyu Project Proposal:

## Not Just For Geological Sampling But Monitoring of Earth Interior

掘削孔とその周辺域の海底地殻変動観測



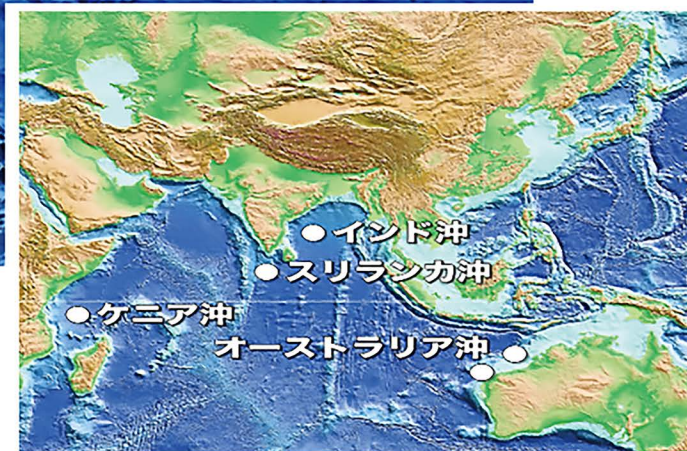
2001年の財務省への説明資料より

From Presentation by A. Taira at the Ministry of Finance, 2001

# IODP and Other Drilling Sites by the *Chikyu*

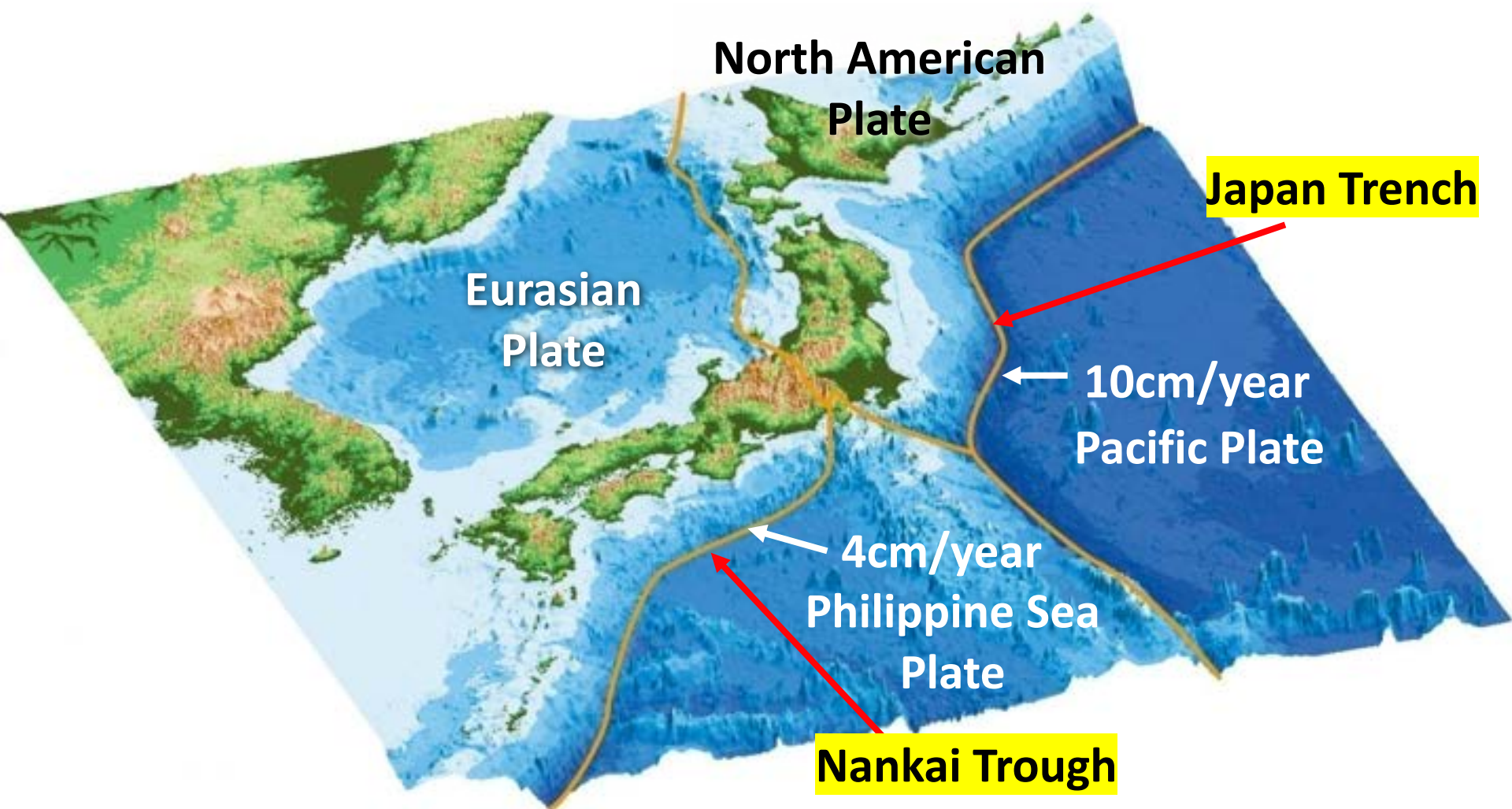
## 地球深部探査船「ちきゅう」掘削地点 (2007-2017)

- 国際深海科学掘削計画 (IODP)
- 内閣府戦略的イノベーション創造プログラム (SIP)
- 日本周辺受託資源掘削



Drilling for Oil and Gas  
海外資源受託掘削

# Topography of Japan Islands and Plate Boundaries





# J-FAST

## Japan Trench Mega-earthquake **Fast**-Response Drilling Exp.343 and Exp.343T 2012



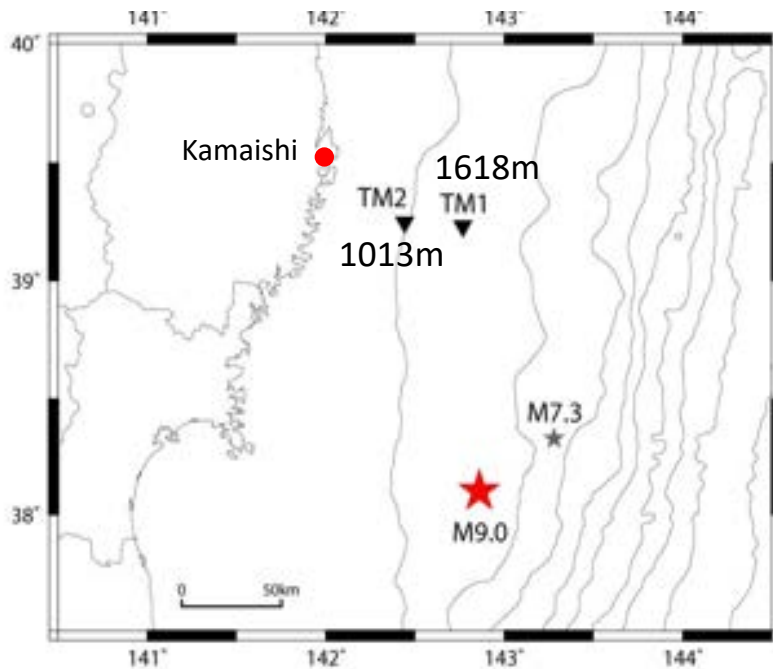
# Tsunami washed the Sendai Airport, March 11, 2011



Photo by Jiji press (2011) 12

# Huge Tsunami Observed by Ocean-floor Sensors

**The offshore pressure sensors detected the huge tsunami 20 minutes prior to the arrival at the City of Kamaishi.**



**Cable Observation Point: TM1 & TM2**  
Off the coast of Kamaishi

Earthquake Research Institute(ERI), Univ. of Tokyo. (2011),  
Maeda et al., *Earth Planets Space* (2011)

**Wave Height**

**Kamaishi Ground Motion**

**20 minutes**

**Kamaishi Tsunami**  
**15:21**

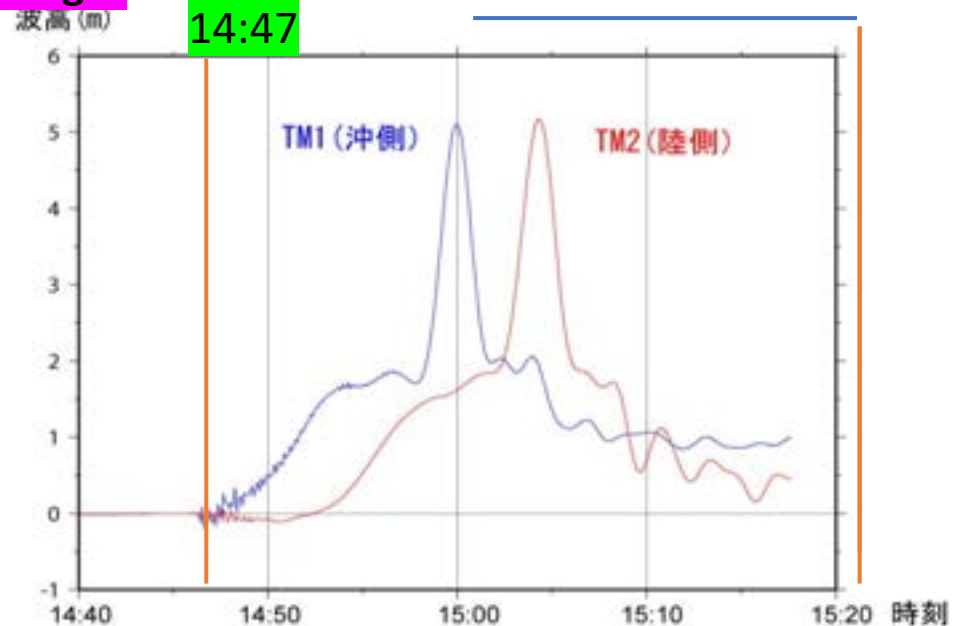


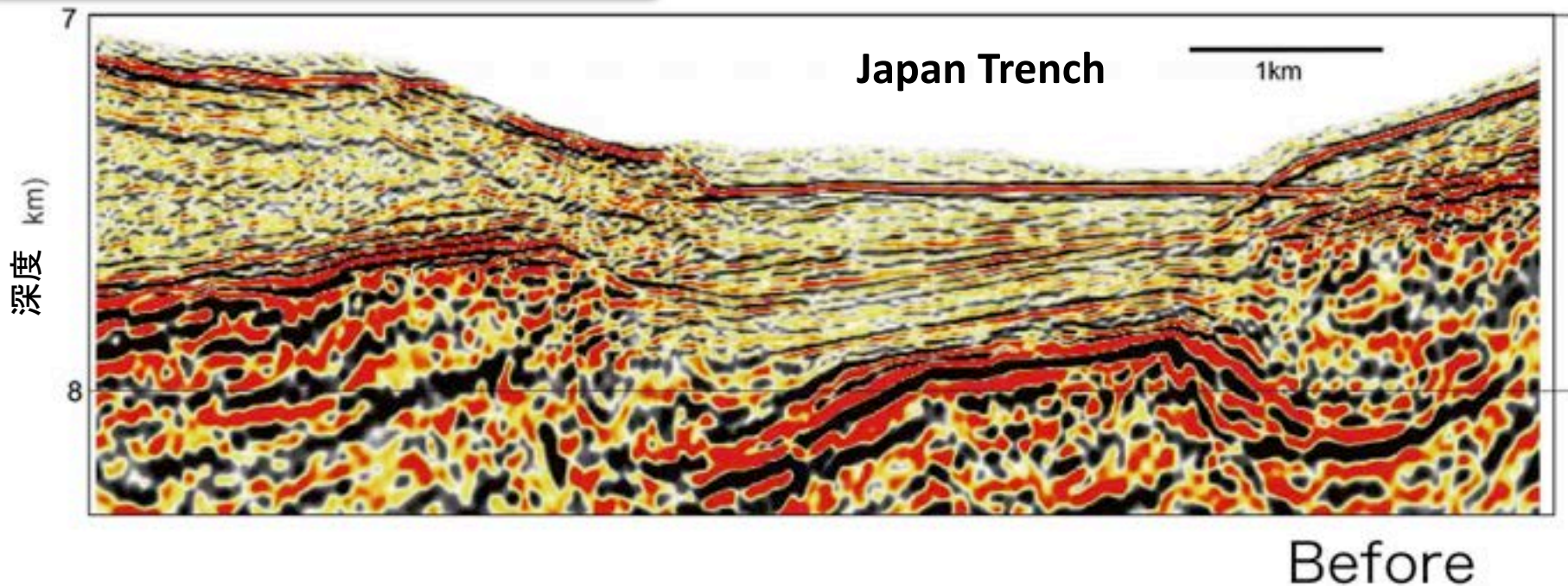
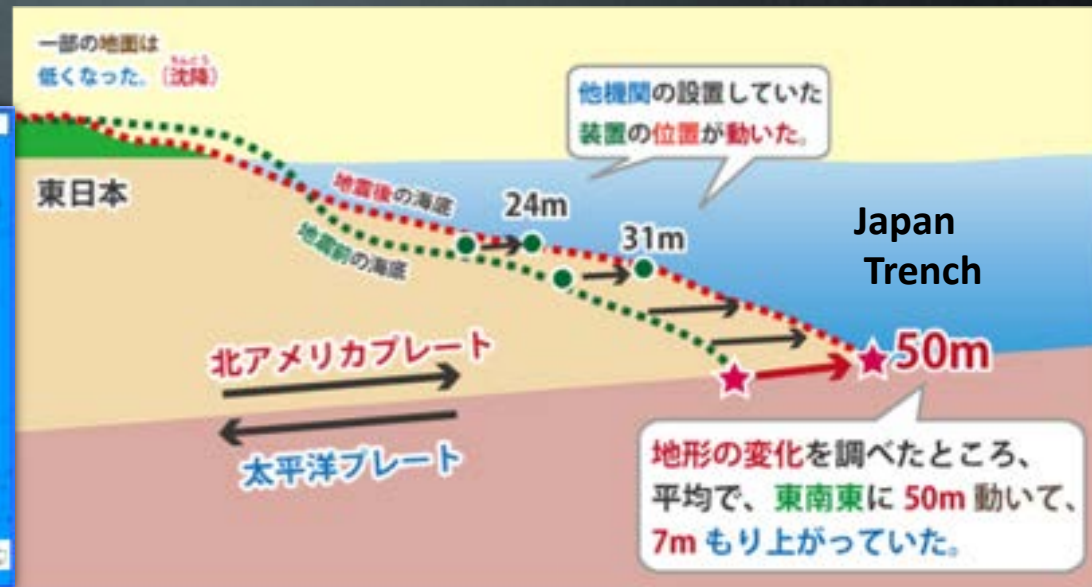
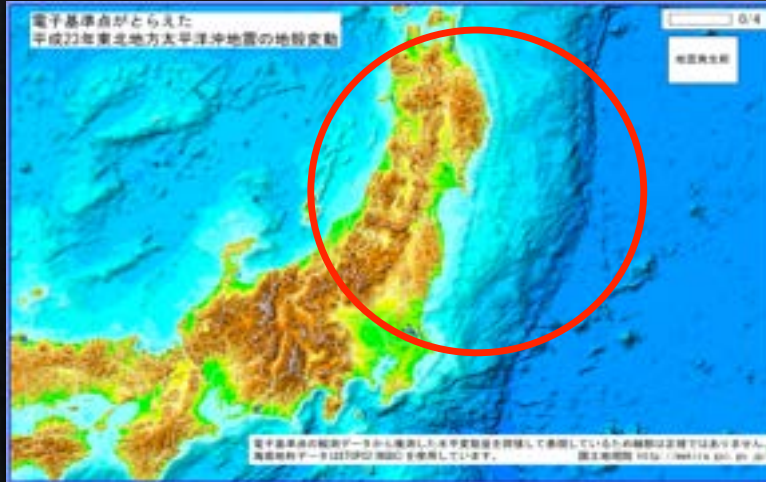
図2 海底水圧計の観測記録。14時46分頃、本震(M9.0)の振動が水圧計に伝わり、TM1(海寄り)では、その時から徐々に海面が上昇している。約2m上昇し、約11分後にはさらに約3m急激に上昇し、合計約5m海面が上昇した。約30km陸寄りに設置されているTM2では、TM1から約4分遅れて同様の海面上昇を記録した。

**Data were not used for the official warning system**



# Huge Eastward Motion of Landward Slope and Trench Axis

Slide made by S.Kuramoto  
based on National Geographic Inst. Home Page,  
Fujiwara et al., *Science* (2011),  
Kodaira et al., *Nat. Geosci.* (2012)

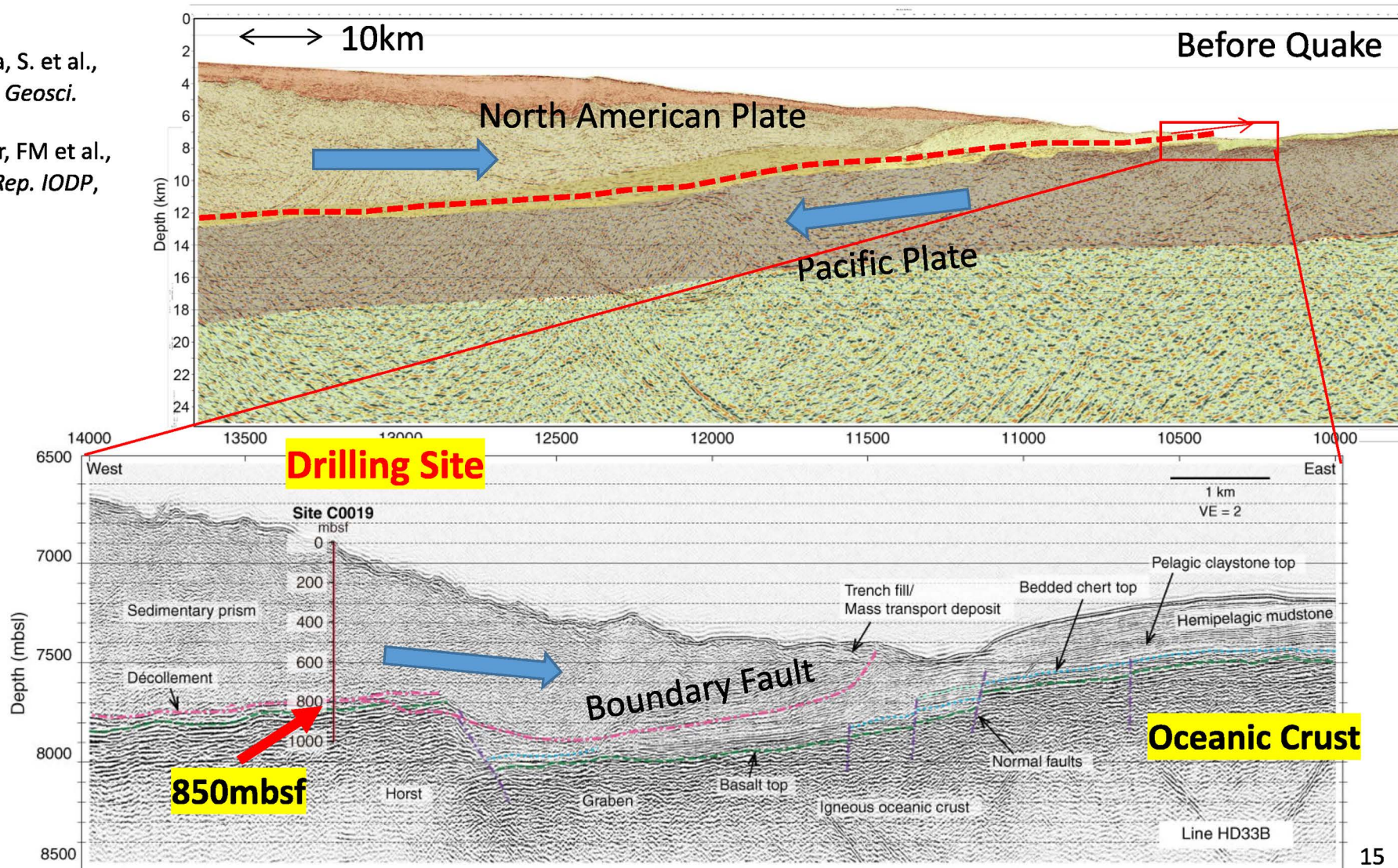




# IODP J-Fast Drilling: April-May, 2012

## From 6900m water depth to the Plate Boundary Fault Zone

Kodaira, S. et al.,  
*Nature Geosci.*  
(2012)  
Chester, FM et al.,  
*Initial Rep. IODP*,  
(2012)



# Exp. 343: Fault Zone Core from 817mbsf

**For the first time in the history of Scientific Ocean Drilling, M9-earthquake fault zone was drilled, logged and sampled.**

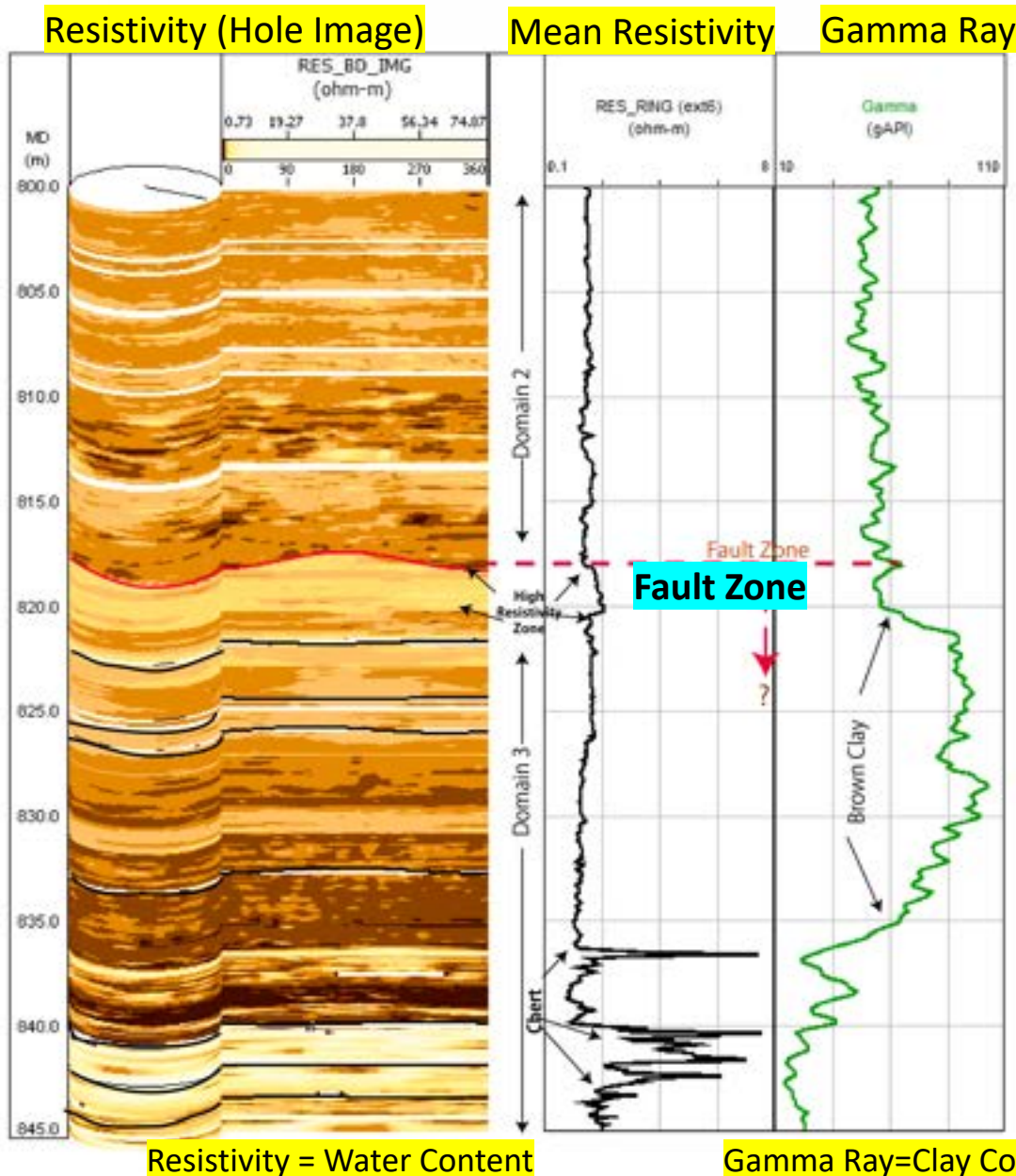




# Installation and Recovery of Thermistor String, Exp. 343T

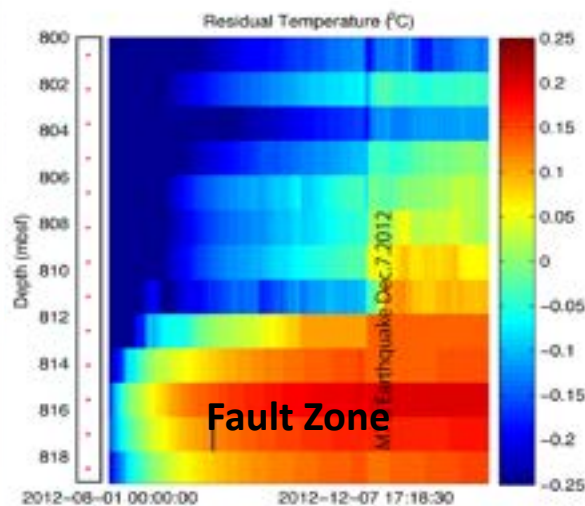


# Fault at 817mbsf and Thermal Anomaly



Fulton et al., *Science* (2013)  
Mori et al., *Oceanography* (2014)  
Kirkpatrick et al., *Tectonics* (2015)

## Residual Temperature



## Friction Coefficient less than 0.1

- Hemipelagic Siliceous Mudstone
- Highly Sheared Mudstone
- Pelagic Claystone (Brown Clay)
- Chert
- Porcellanite/Siliceous Claystone

# IODP Nankai Trough Seismogenic Zone Experiments (NantroSEIZE)

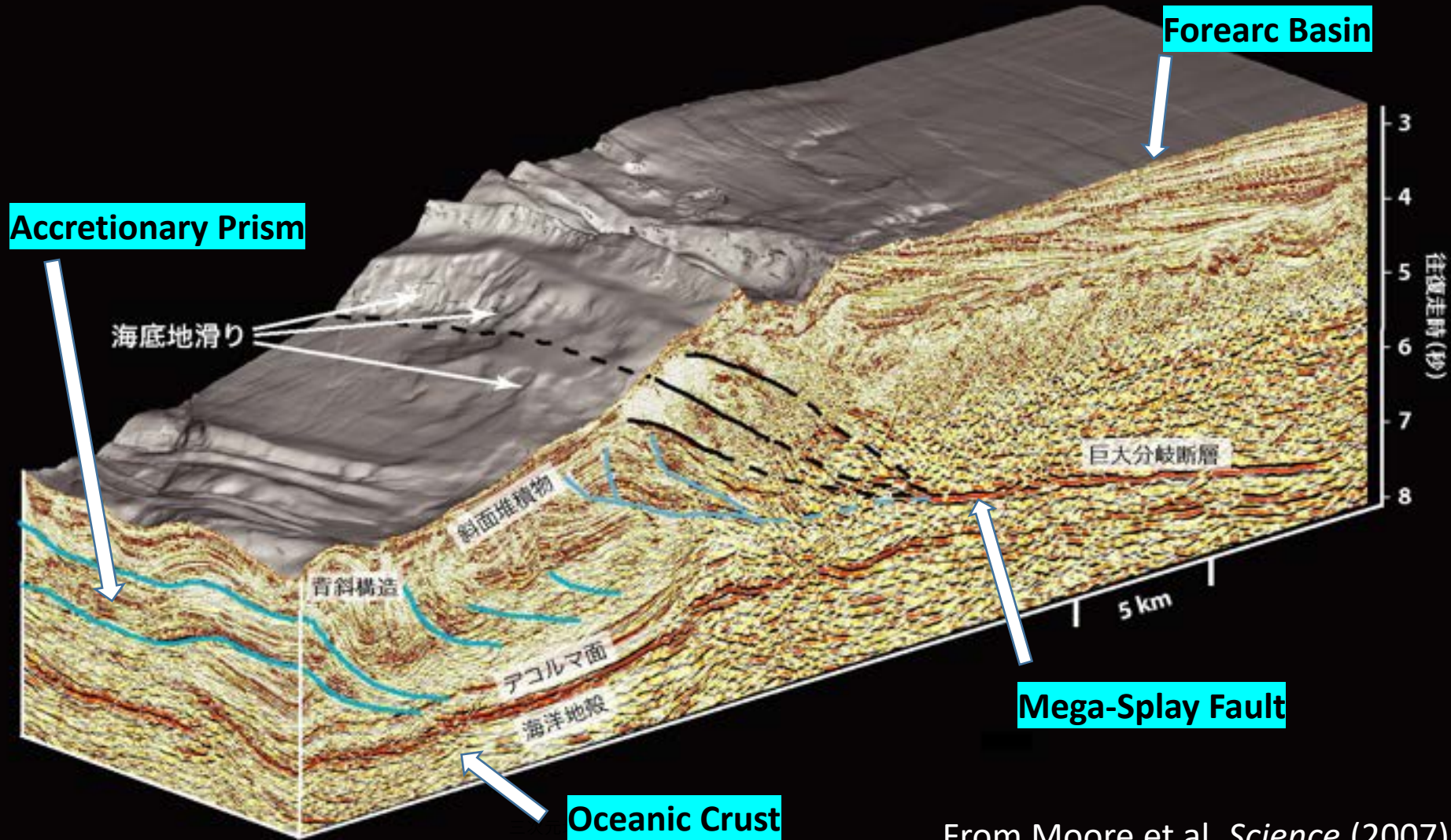
## Multiple Expeditions 2007-2018



# 3D Seismic Profile of the Nankai Trough

## Accretionary Prism & Forearc Basin

( JAMSTEC - Univ. Hawaii Collaboration )



From Moore et al. *Science*, (2007)

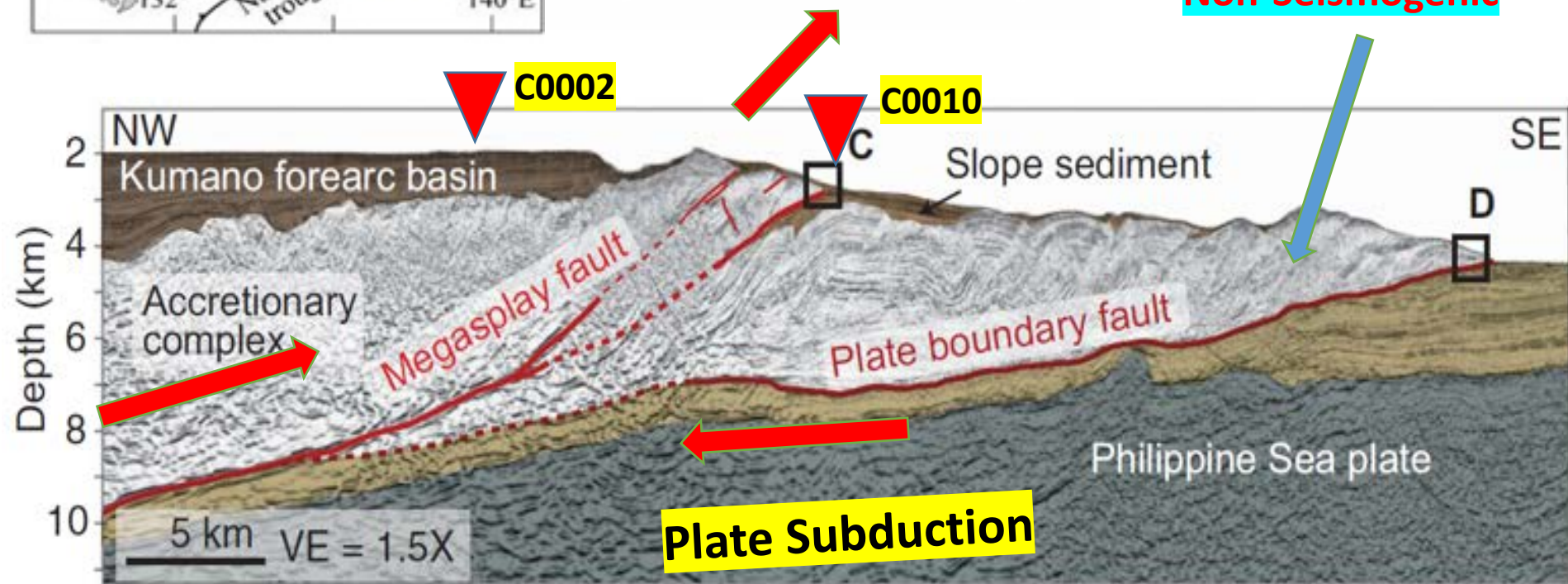


# A Model of Tsunami Generation by Mega-Splay Fault - 2007 Version -



Surface Propagation of  
Seismic Rupture  
through Mega-splay Fault:  
**The Cause of Tsunami**

Weak Newly Formed  
Accretionary Prism:  
**Non-Seismogenic**



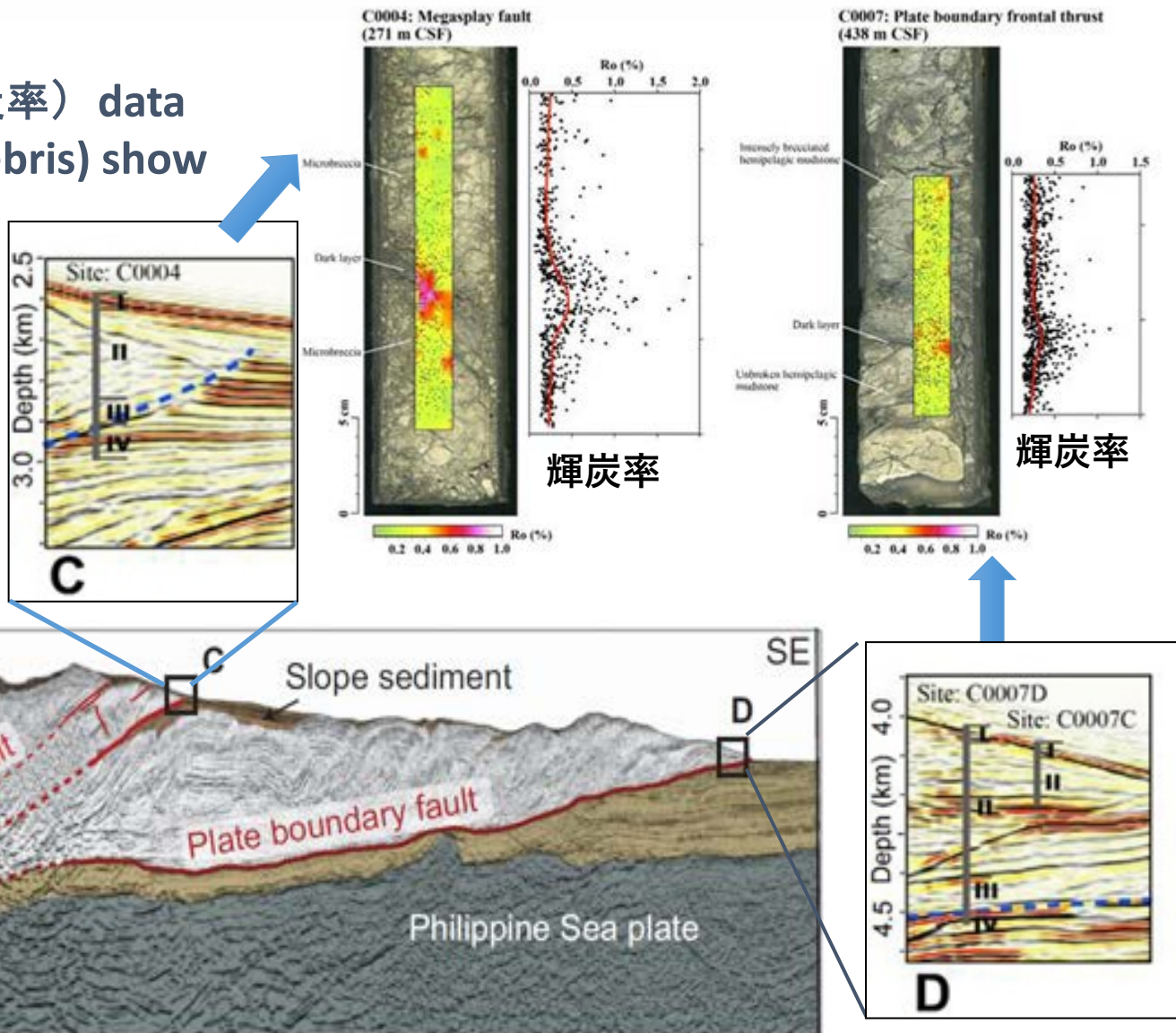
**Observatory Site**

Seismic Profile from Moore et al., *Proc. IODP*, (2009)

# Evidence for Trench Seismic Slip at the Nankai Trough

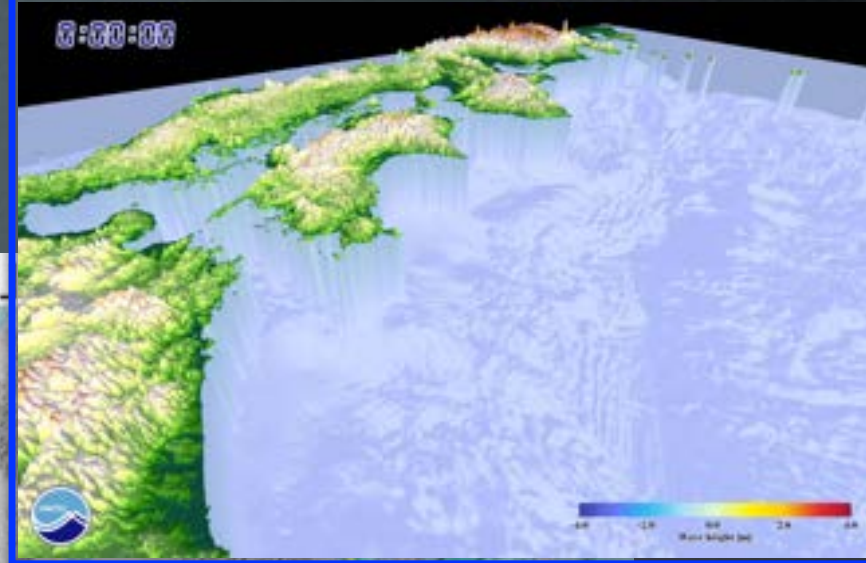
## A New Model for Tsunami Generation

Vitrinite reflectance (輝炭率) data (Coalification of Plant Debris) show frictional heating at the mega-splay fault and the forefront of the plate boundary.



# Revised Model of the Nankai Trough Mega-earthquake & Tsunami Generation

図4 「最大クラスの地震・津波」



By JAMSTEC

Kuroshio-cho Town  
1946 Nankai Earthquake T.H.=6m  
Maximum Rupture and Tsunami Zone T.H.=34m  
(T.H.= Tsunami Height)

Previous Zone of the Maximum Rupture  
(M9.0)

南海トラフ

津波地震を検討する領域

Add-on Tsunami Generation Zone  
based on the IODP data  
(M9.1 )

by Japan Cabinet Office (2012)

(内閣府 中央防災会議)



# DONET Technology Innovation



Connector Joint



Node for Extension



Termination Device



Seismometer



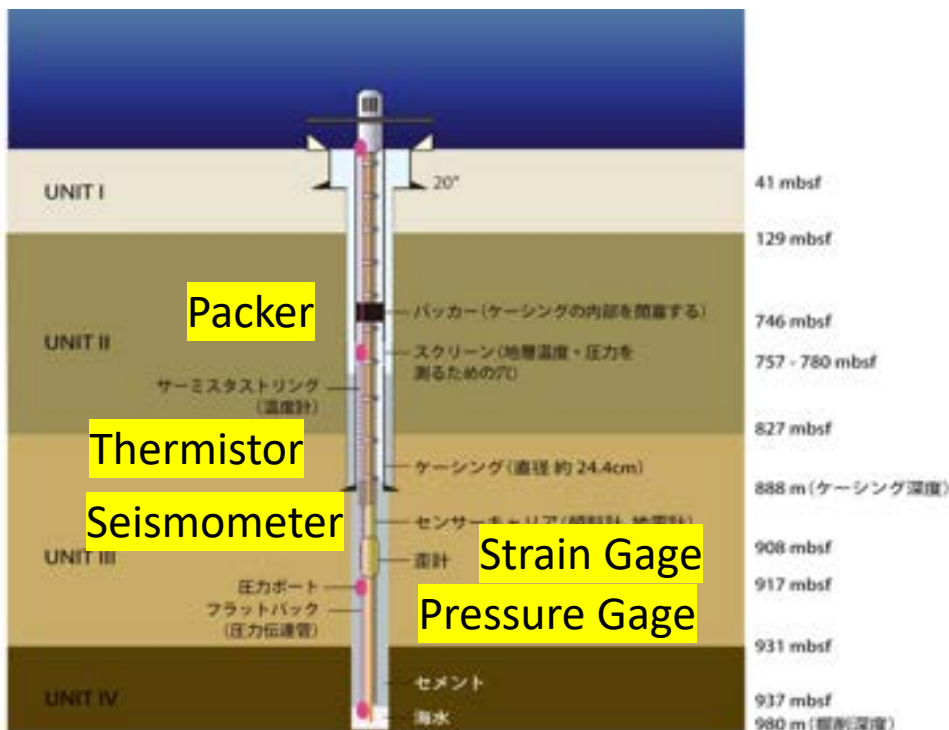
Pressure Gage (Tsunami Sensor)



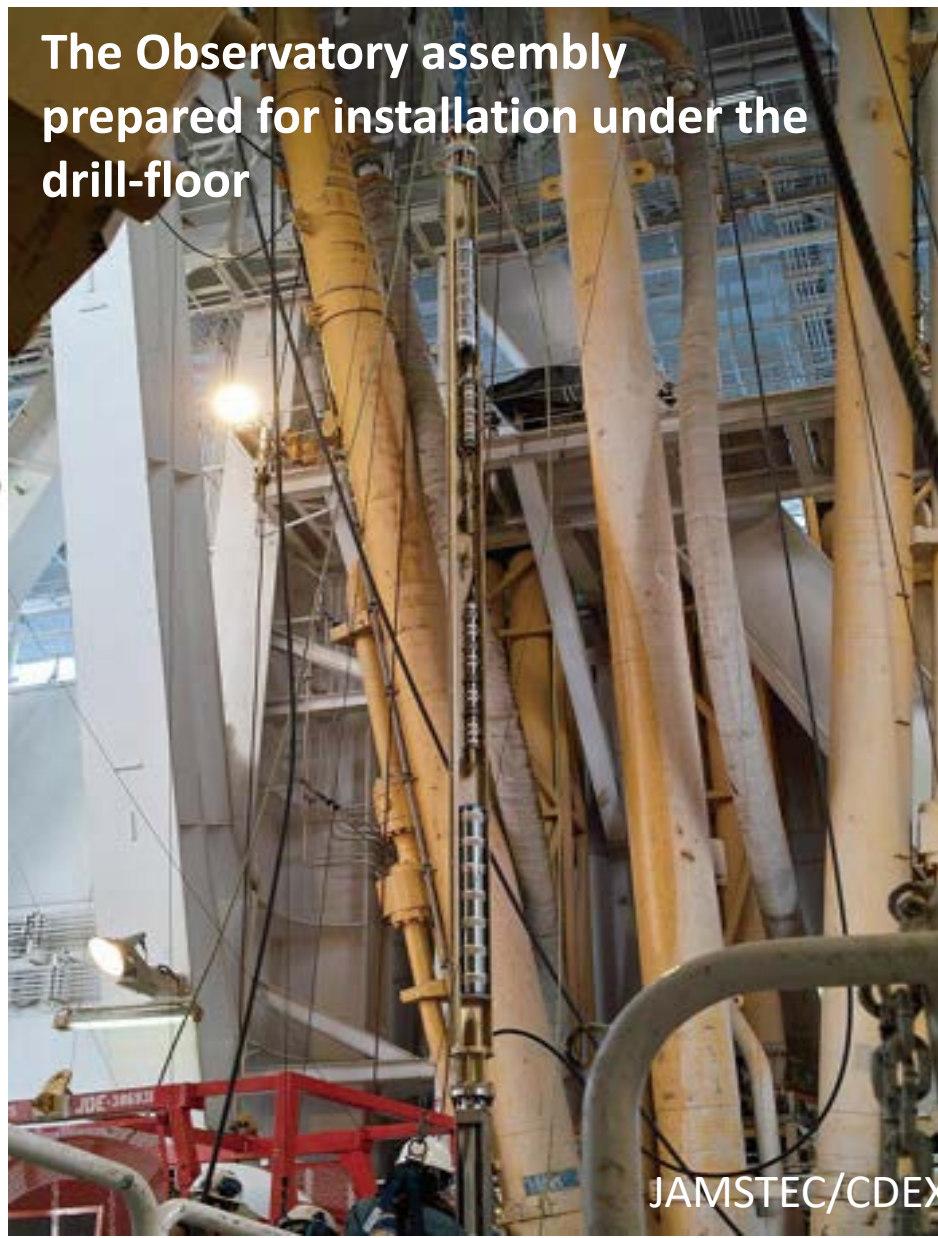
Extension Cable



# Borehole Observatory of C0002 Site Nankai Trough



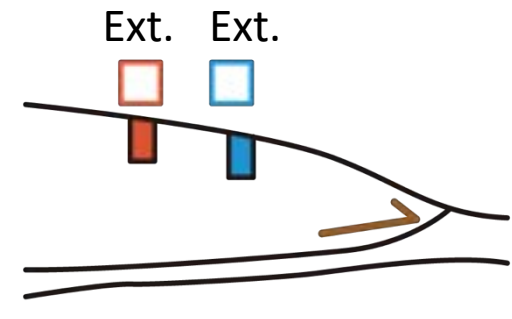
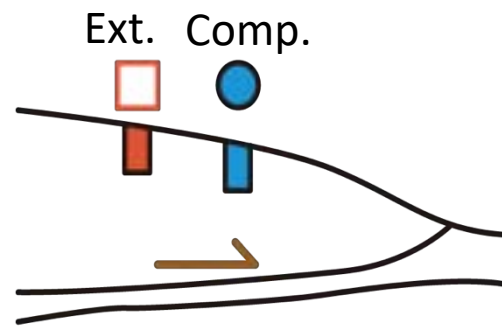
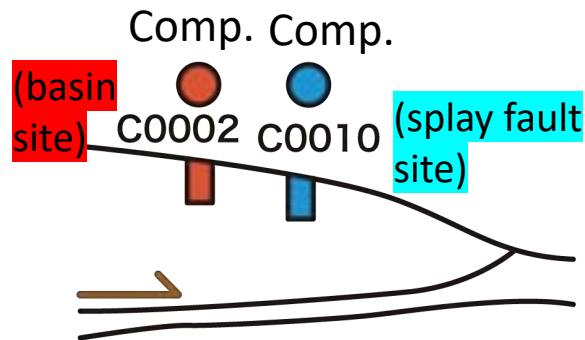
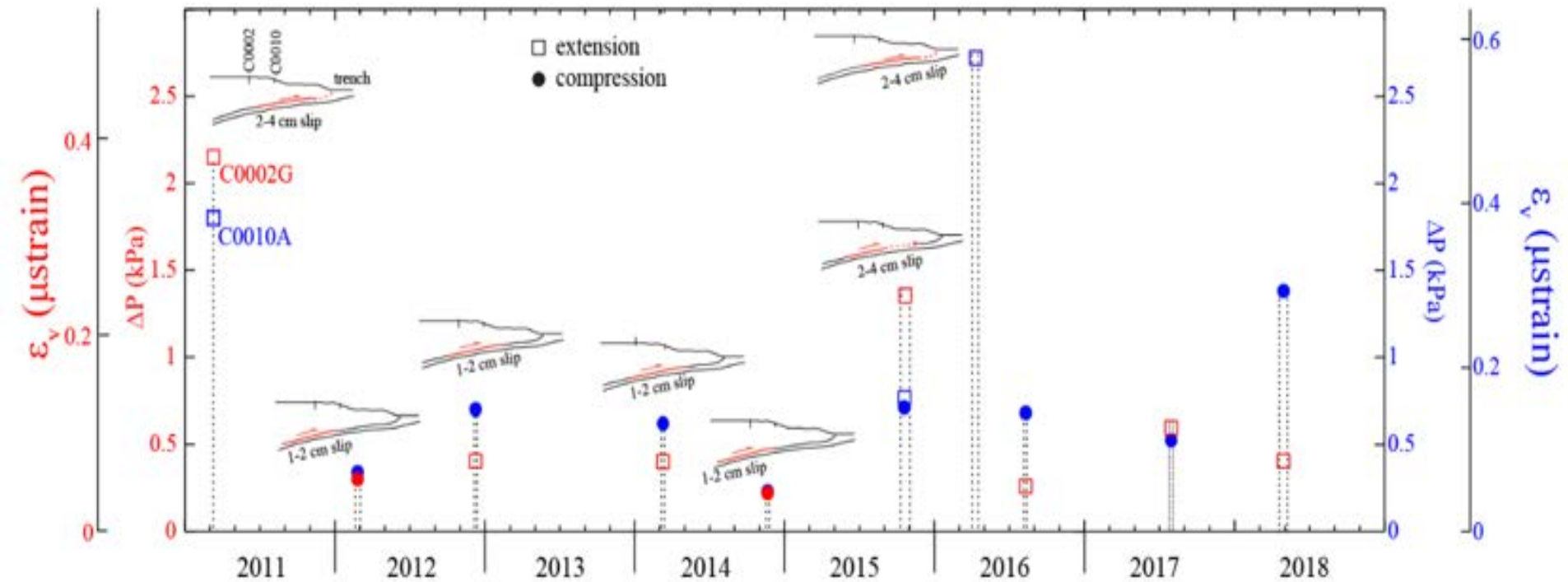
The Observatory assembly  
prepared for installation under the  
drill-floor





# Detection of Slow-Slip Events by Pore Pressure Measurement

From  
Araki et al.  
*Science* (2017)



1-4cm of slip at each event

Equal with 30-50% release of subduction strain



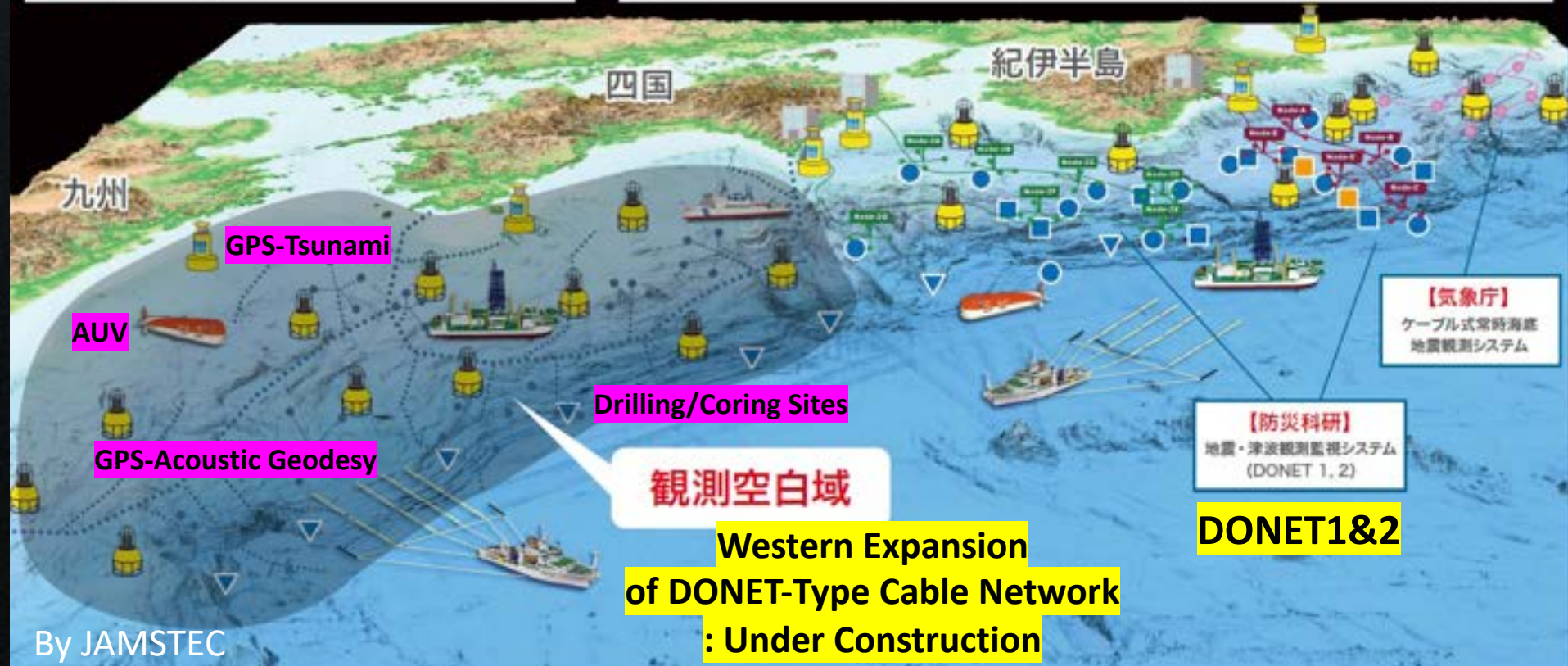
# Proposed Full Coverage of the Nankai Trough by DONET-type Network & Real-time Warning System

## 陸域の観測体制

- 【防災科研】高感度地震観測網 (Hi-net) (全国 800 点)
- 【産総研】地下水等総合観測点 (東海・四国地方 20 点)
- 【国土地理院】GNSS 地殻変動連続観測 (GEONET) (全国 1,300 カ所)
- 【気象庁】東海地域ひずみ観測点

## 将来の海域の観測体制 (各機関の対応は未調整)

- 【海上保安庁】GPS-A 海底地殻変動観測 (既設 / 未設)
- 【海洋機構】深部孔内地殻変動観測 (計画)
- 【港湾局】GPS 津波・波浪計
- 【海洋機構】海底地殻変動観測センサ (水圧・傾斜) (計画)
- 【海洋機構】深部孔内地殻変動観測 (既設)
- 【海洋機構】コアリングによる地質試料採取 (計画)



次の南海トラフ沈み込み帯での巨大地震は、いつ、どこで、どのように発生するかは不明である。予測、予知することも現在の科学技術力ではできない。しかし発生に至る過程や、一部で地震が発生した後の追跡は可能である。我々は即時モニタリングを最低限行うことによって、多くの生命・財産を守ることができるであろう。



# Japan Trench and Nankai Trough Project Summary

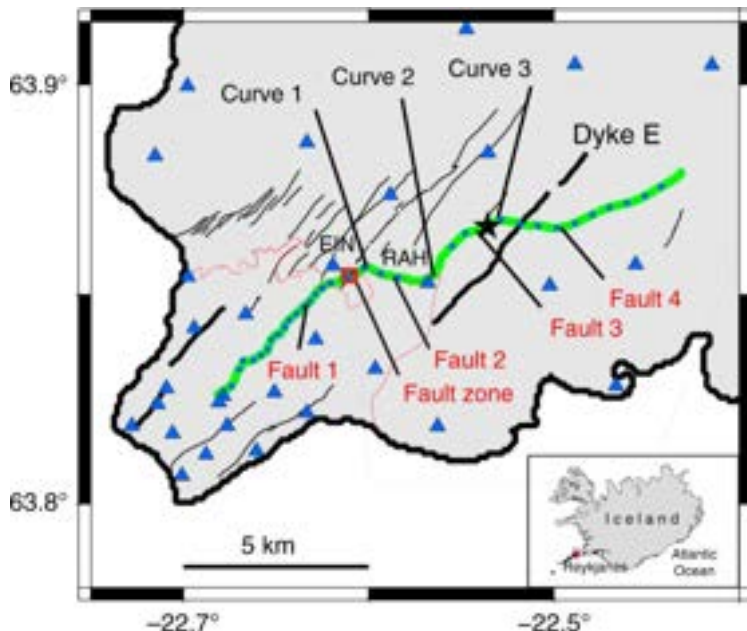
- © Technical innovation of core-log-seismic-observatory integration has completely revised our understanding of the plate boundary mega-earthquake and tsunami genesis.
- © Combined borehole observatory and seafloor cable network would provide real-time warning system for the reduction of casualties.  
(The system is now utilized at the national and local government levels and private organizations)



# Future Cutting-edge Technology The *Chikyu* and IODP Beyond No.1

## Further Development of Core-Log-Seismic-Observatory-Experiment Integration

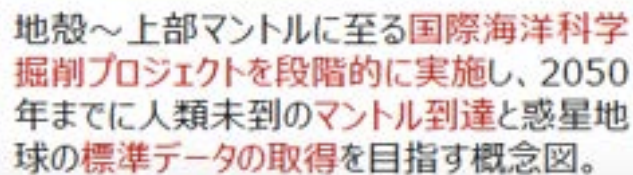
### Key Technology: Fiber Optic Cable as Seismic & Crustal Motion Sensor



◎ **Observation of High-Resolution Plate-wide Seismicity and Crustal Deformation**

◎ **New Insight into Earth's Interior Dynamics and Geo-Hazard Science**

Iceland crustal deformation  
observed by fiber optic cable  
(green line)



© **Ultra-deep Drilling** from the Oceanic Crust to the Uppermost Mantle

© **Drilling Transect of Oceanic Plates** ( Mantle Convection, Plate Tectonics, Earth's Material Cycle and Evolution of Life )

## ◎ Insights into Evolution and Habitability of Exoplanets

◎ Borehole Experiments for Deep-Biosphere (e.g. Role of Electromagnetic Energy)

## © Mantle Minerals as Paleo-detector for Dark Matter and Neutrino

**Baum, s, et al., Looking for Dark Matter with Olivine,  
Tohoku Univ. Frontier Symposium (2022)**



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