

# Strong Motion Estimation and Seismic Microzoning in Major Cities in Peru

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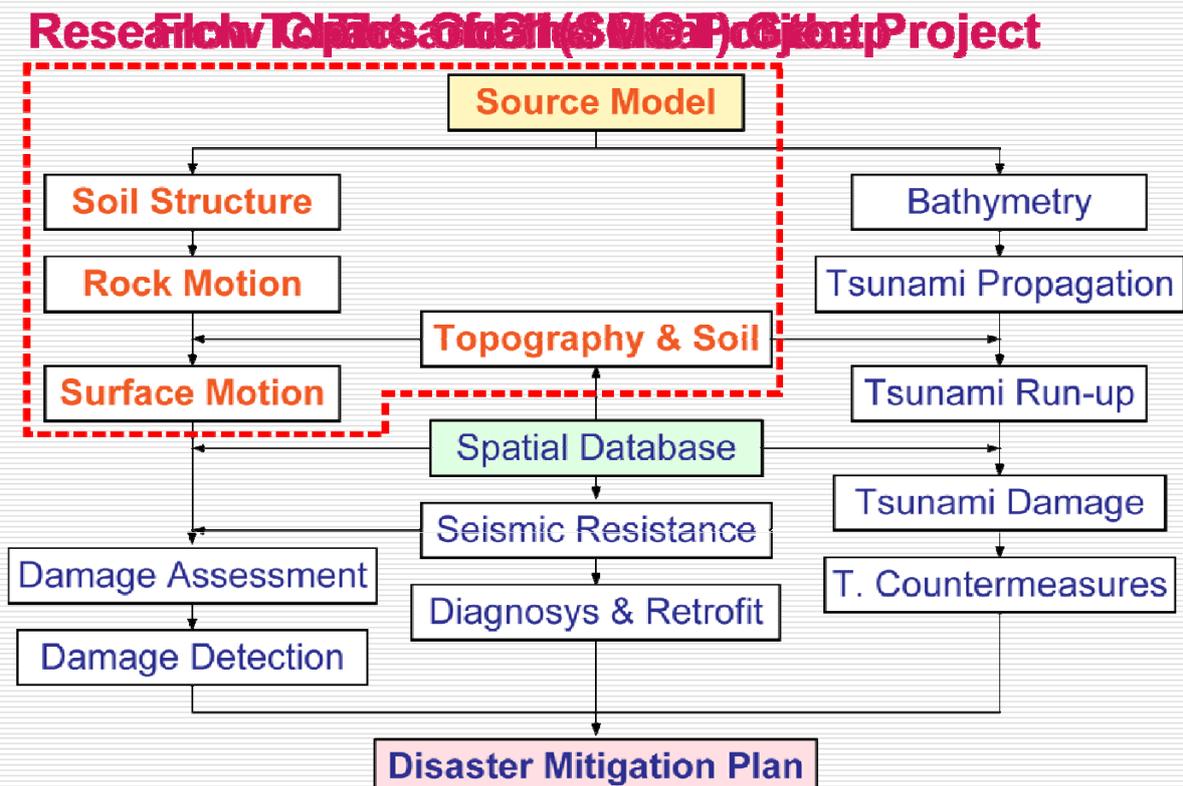
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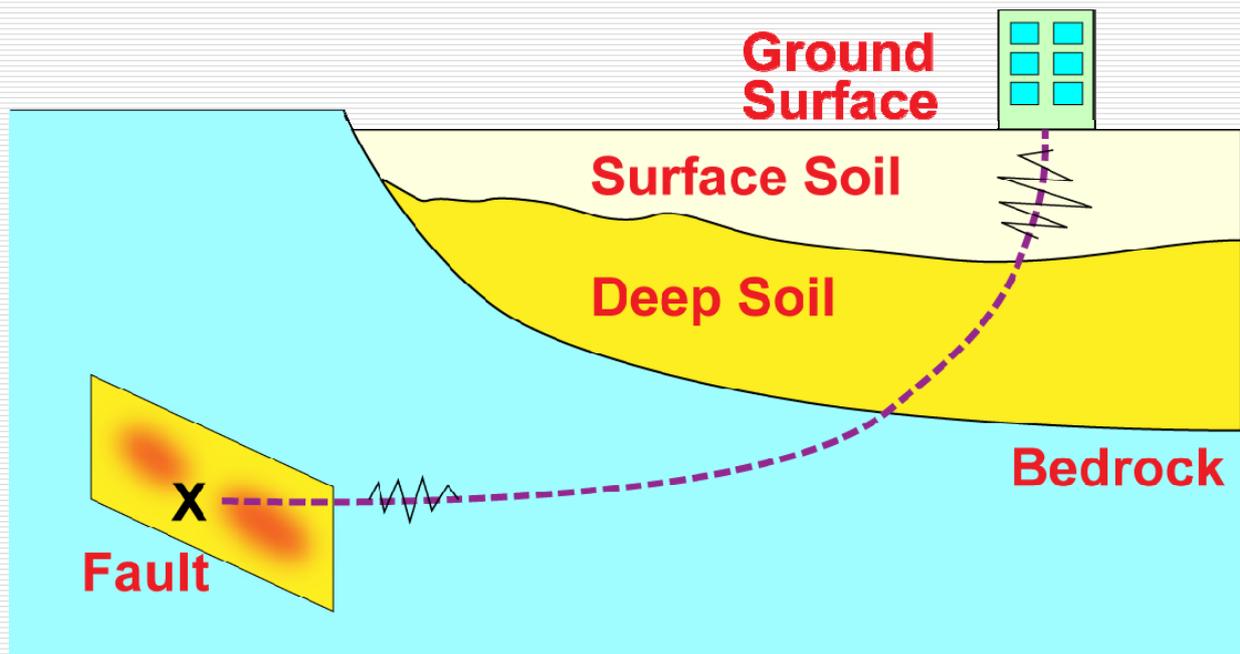
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## Overall Flow Chart of the Project



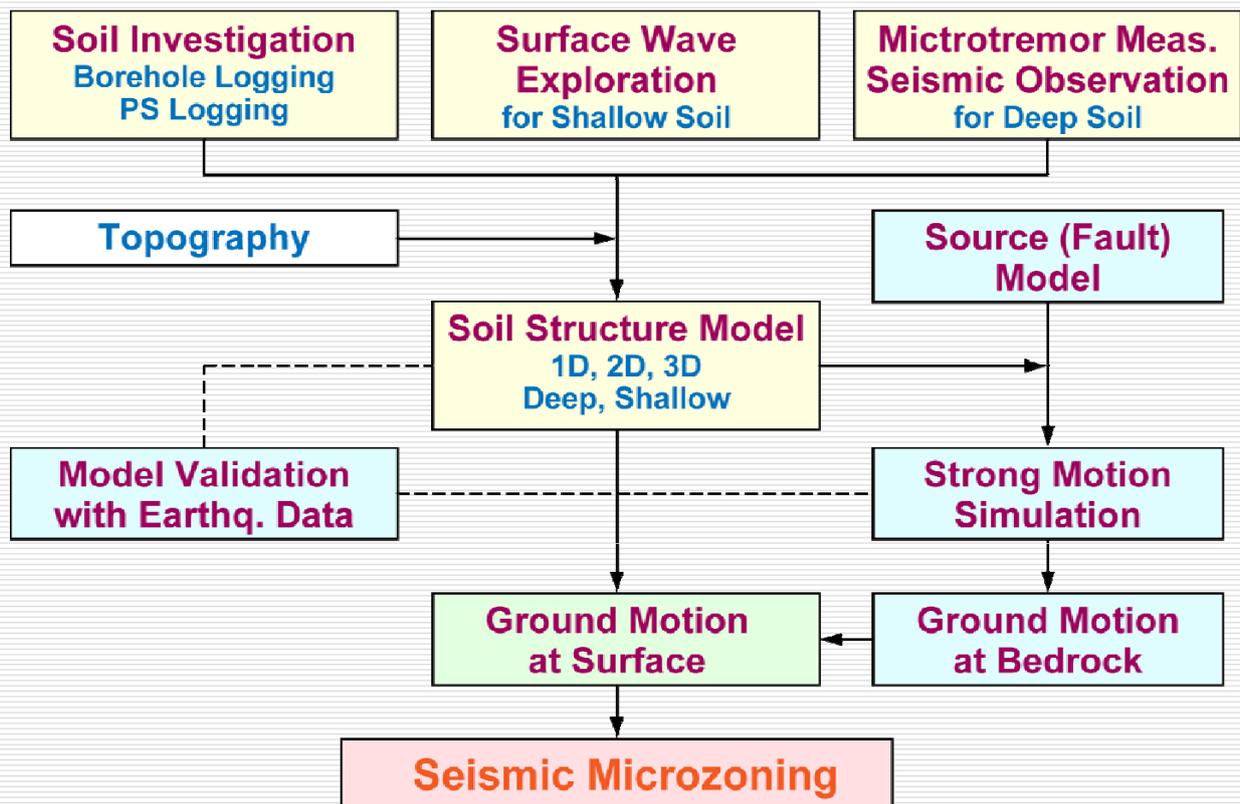
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# Strong Motion Prediction



Fault Model → Deep Soil Structure → Surface Soil Structure

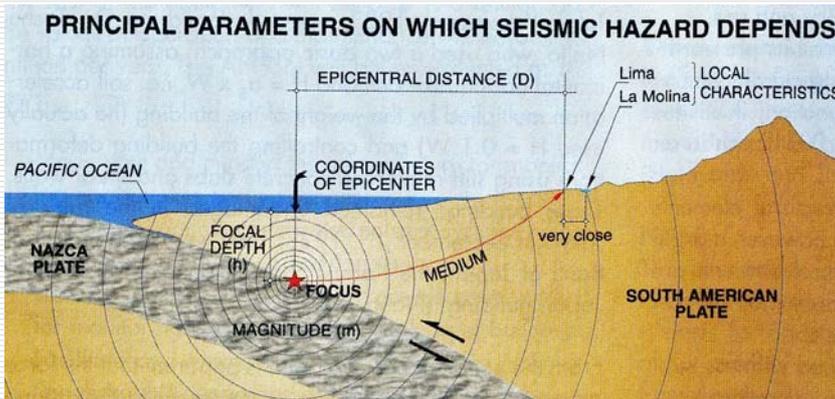
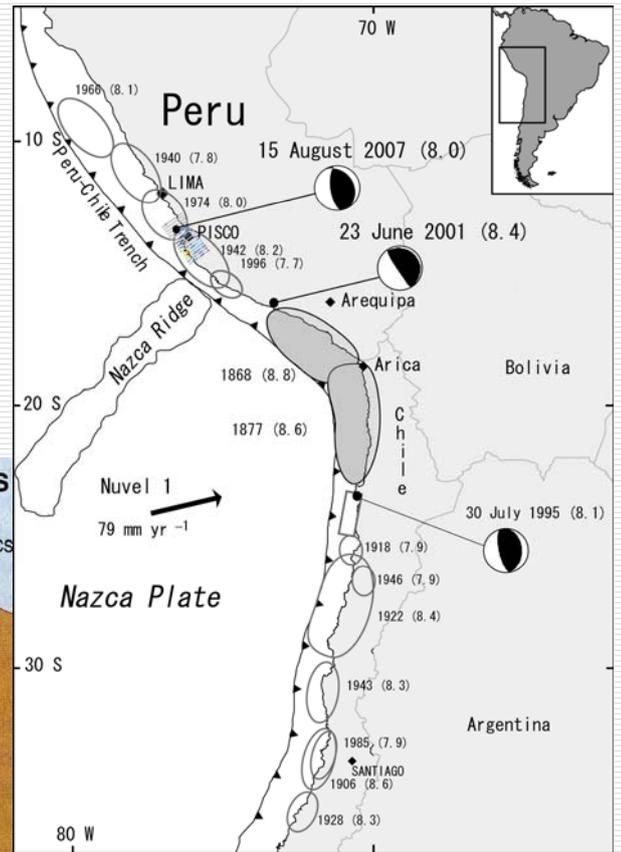
# Research Topics of G1 (SMGT) Group



# Strong Motion Records and Historical Seismicity

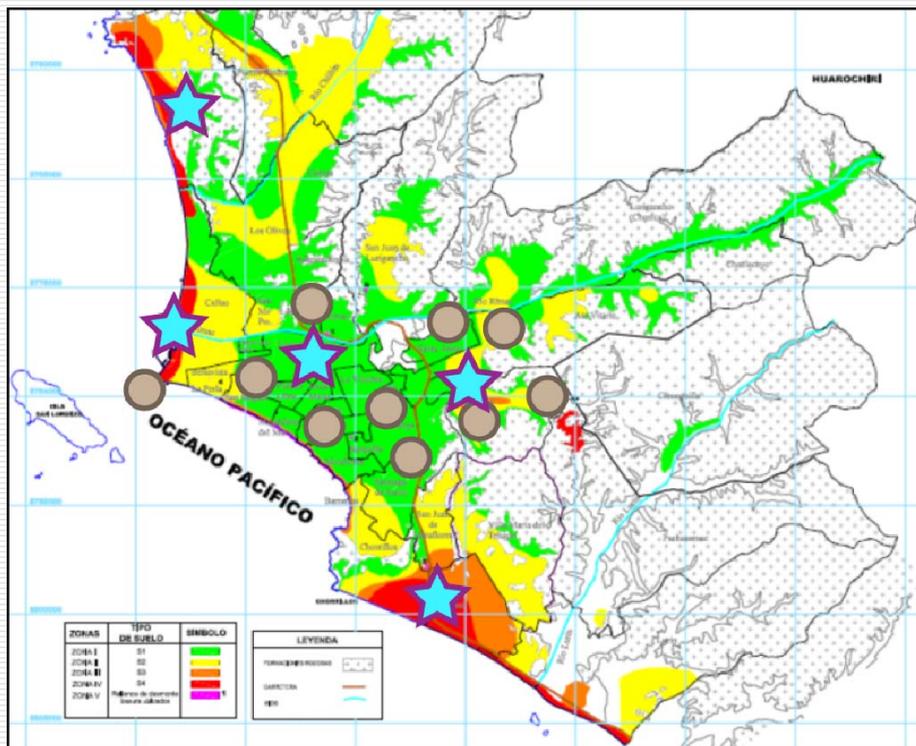
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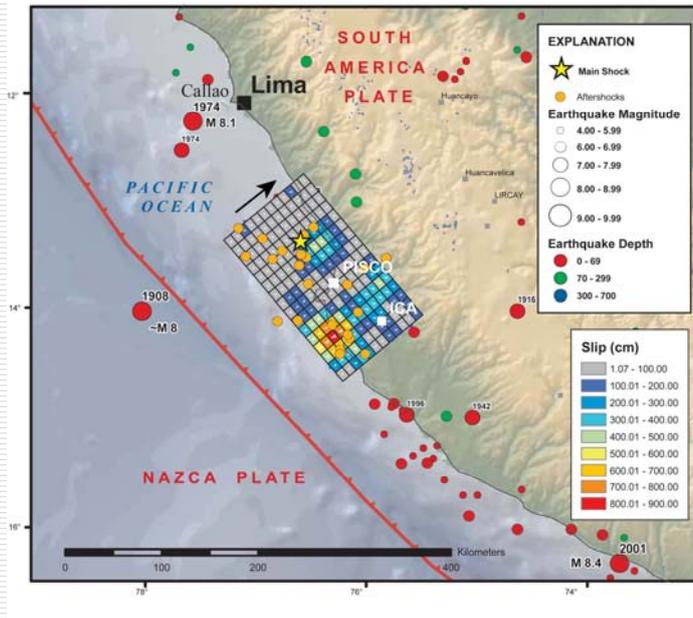
# Strong Motion Observation



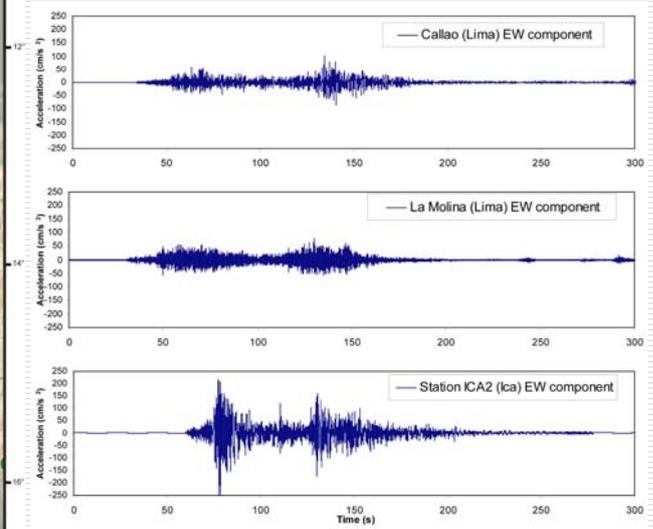
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# Source Model and Strong Motion Simulation

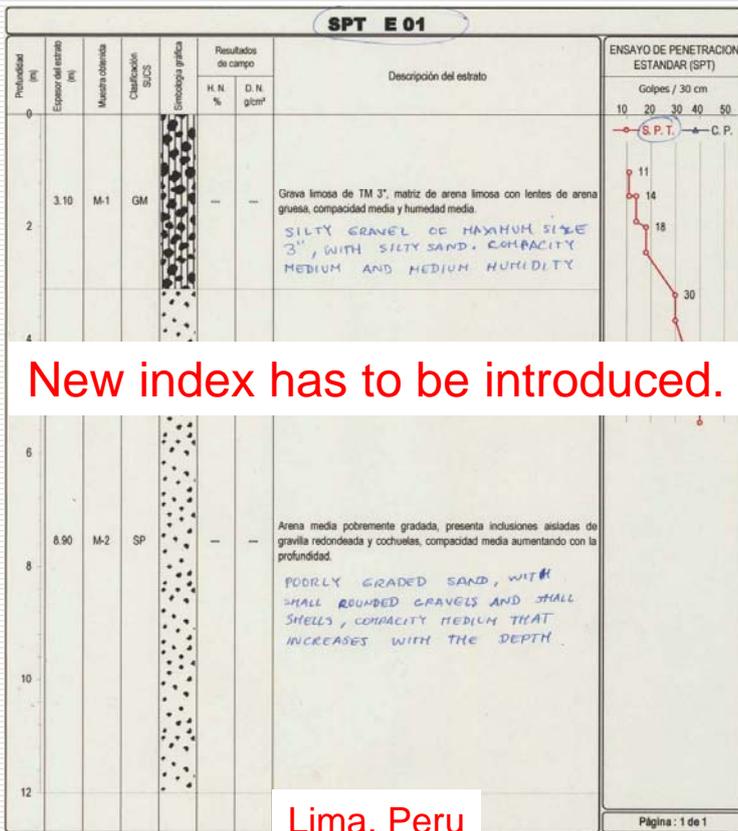


Construction of Source Model

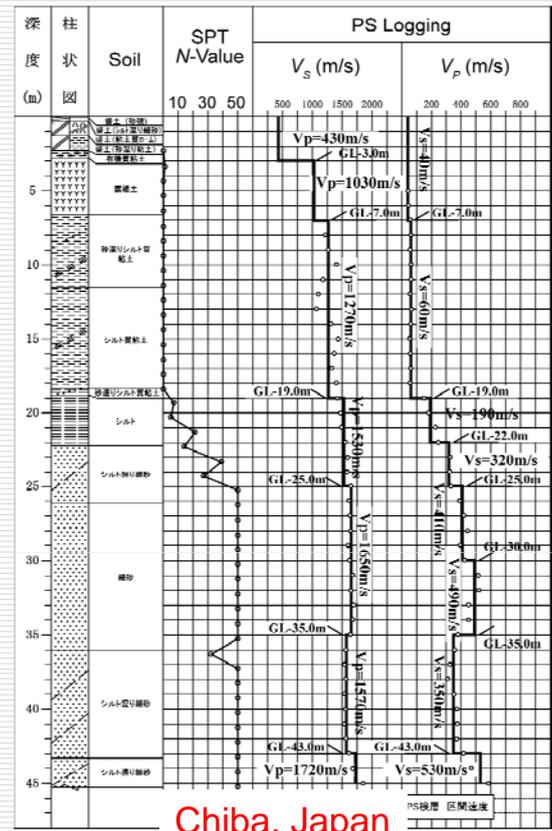


Strong Motion Simulation by 3D Finite Difference Method

# Surface Soil Investigation (1)



Lima, Peru



Chiba, Japan

## Surface Soil Investigation (2)

- Borehole and PS logging will be conducted at several sites to examine the soil profiles and the soil properties of the surface soil.



Borehole

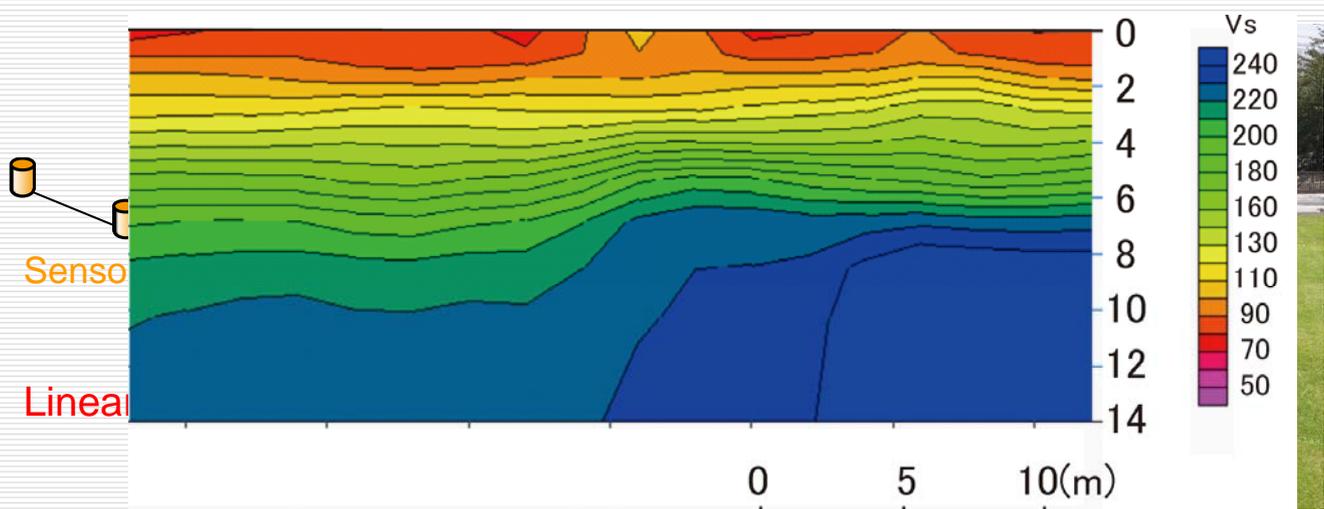


PS Logging

## Surface Wave Method

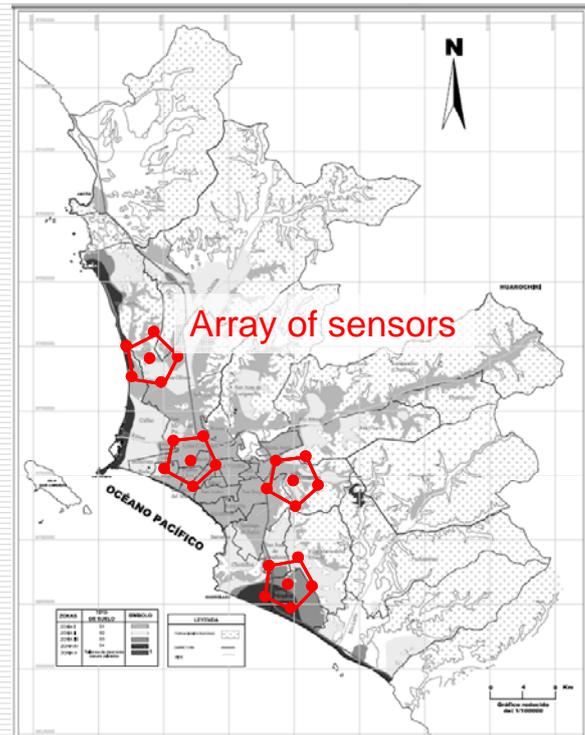
- In order to estimate the shallow soil profiles, the surface wave method will be conducted, in addition to single point / array microtremor measurements.

### S-Wave Velocity Profile

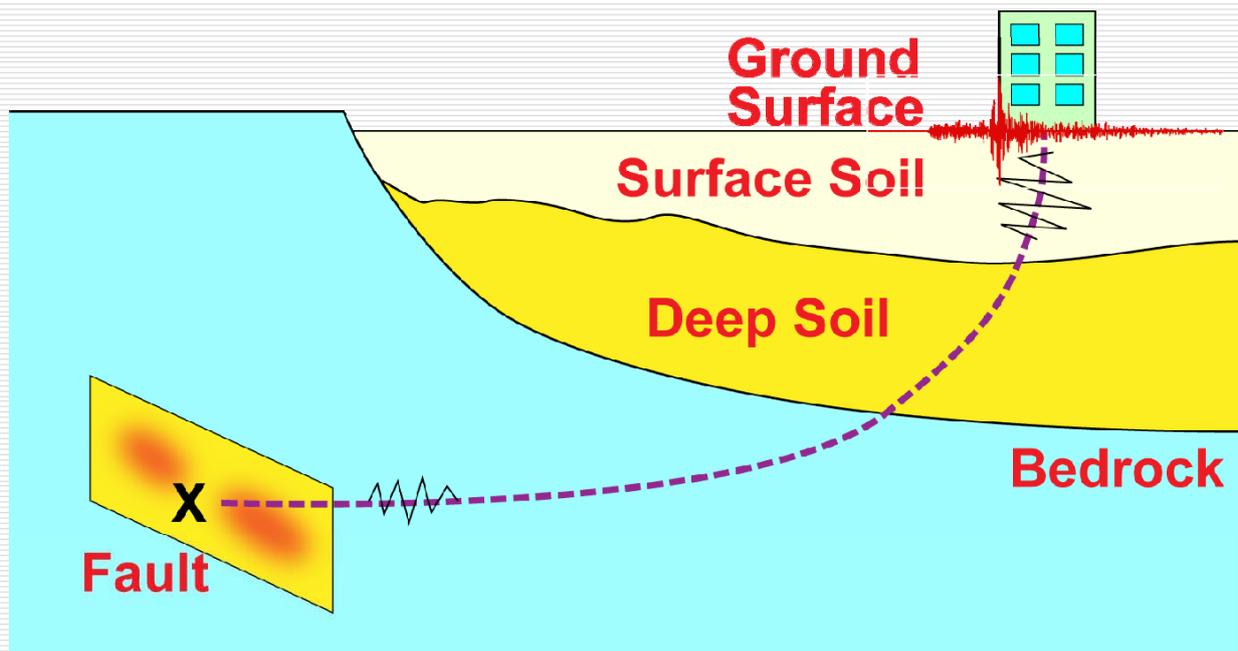


# Array Measurement of Microtremors

- Array measurements of microtremors are conducted in several locations in order to estimate the deep soil profile of the target site in 1D, 2D or 3D.



# Strong Motion Prediction



Fault Model → Deep Soil Structure → Surface Soil Structure  
→ Strong Motion Prediction Analysis based on Wave Prop. Theory

# Prediction of Ground Motions



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# Prediction of Response of Buildings



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# Prediction of Tsunami Run-up

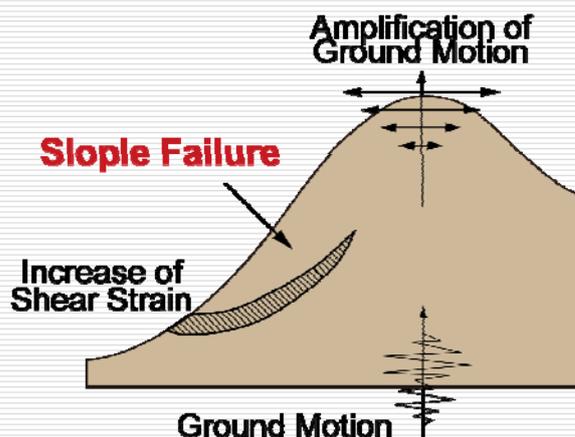


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## Seismic Risk of Slopes

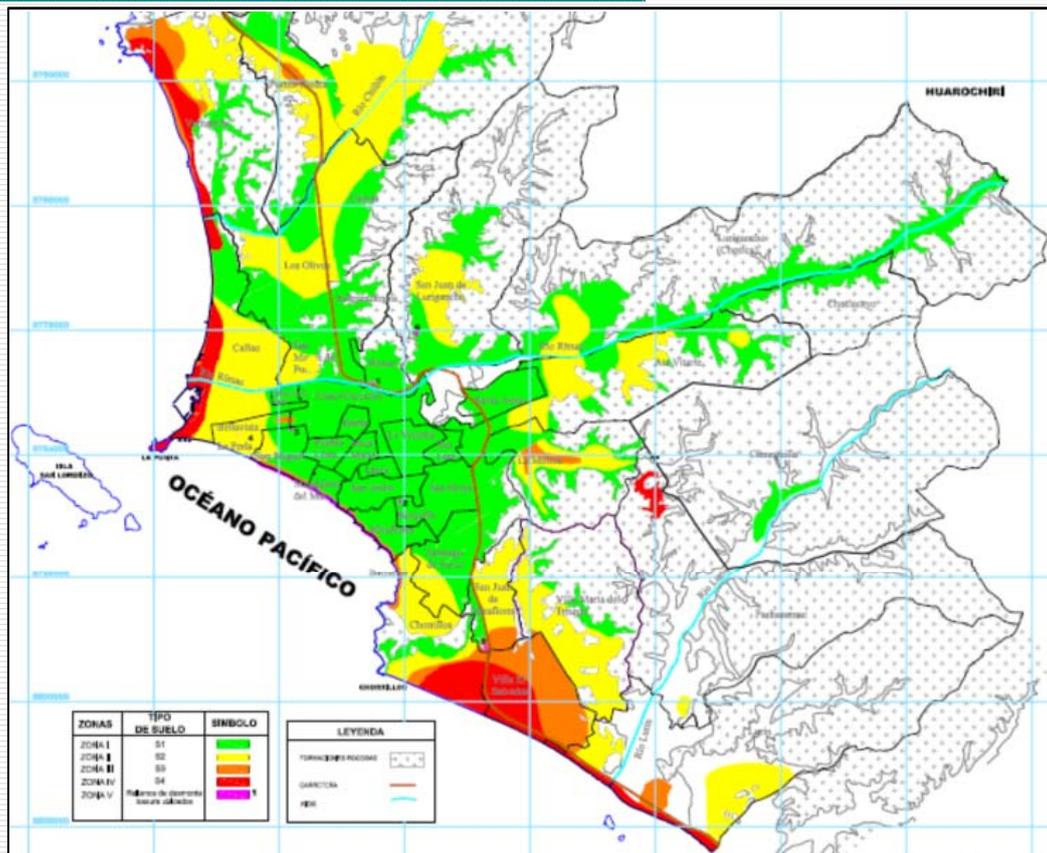
- ❑ In Lima, there are many steep slopes where houses are densely built.
- ❑ Ground motion tends to become large due to ground irregularity (slopes), which may cause failure or landslide during an earthquake.

Densely built houses in Lima



Slope failure during EQ

# Seismic Microzoning



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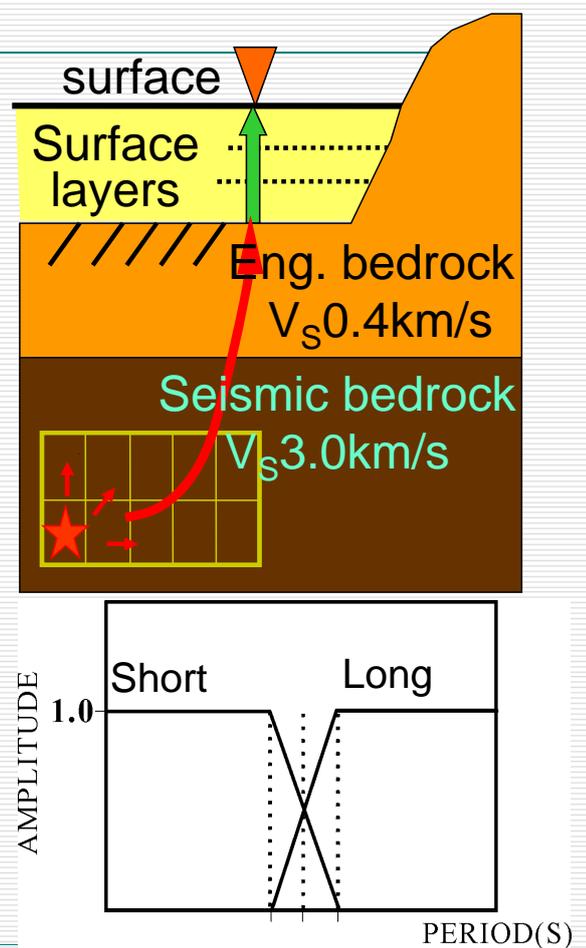
## Summary: Research Plans of G1 Group

- Construction of fault models for large scenario earthquakes along the subducting plate.
  - Survey of historical seismic activities.
  - Strong motion observations by installing seismometers.
- Construction of deep and shallow soil models.
  - Geophysical and geotechnical surveys including borehole and PS loggings.
  - Surface wave and microtremor measurements.
  - Analysis of earthquake data from small events.
- Construction of microzonation maps.
  - Strong motion simulation based on fault models and deep/shallow soil models.
  - Estimation of amplification due to surface soils.
  - Estimation of slope failure.

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## Strong Motion Simulation

- Simulation of broadband strong motion on engineering bedrock from different scenario earthquakes in Lima, Pisco and Arequipa areas using a hybrid approach.
- 3D FDM in long-period range, and stochastic method using 1D model in short-period range).
- Calculation of surface motion considering 1D amplification in surface layers due to input motion on engineering bedrock.

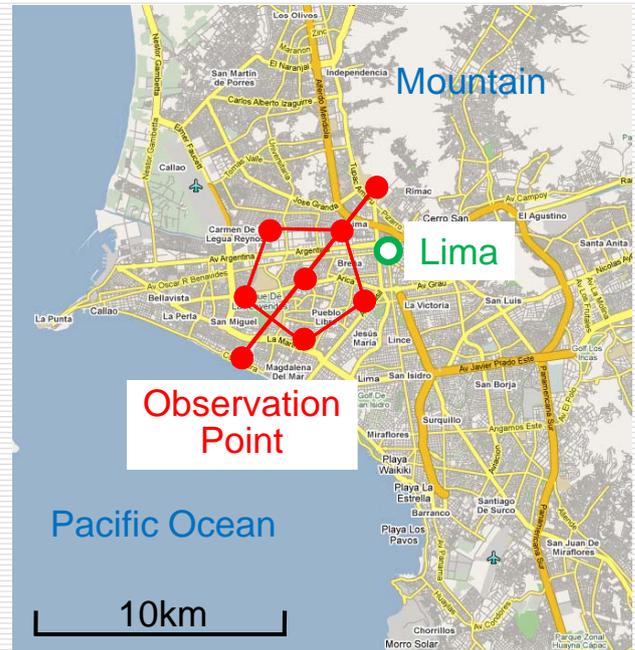


# Seismic Observation

- Seismic observation is also carried out to examine the effect of surface soils by using the array of sensors in Lima city.

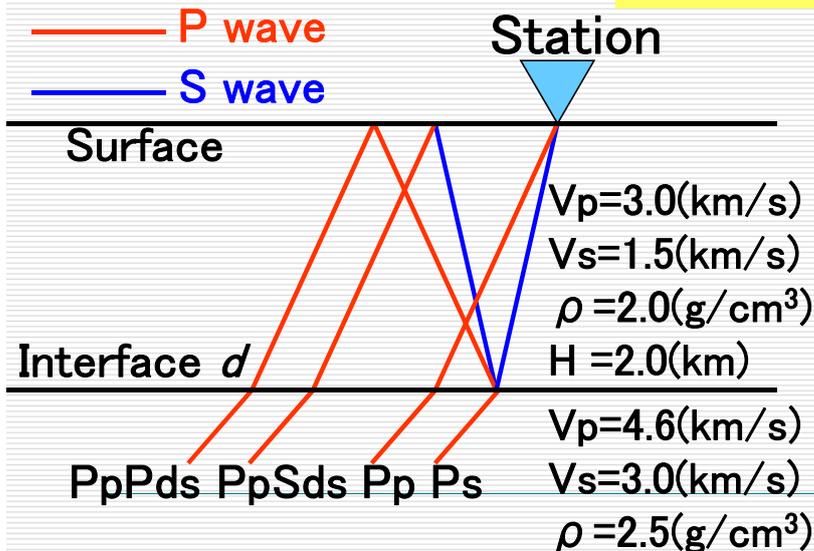
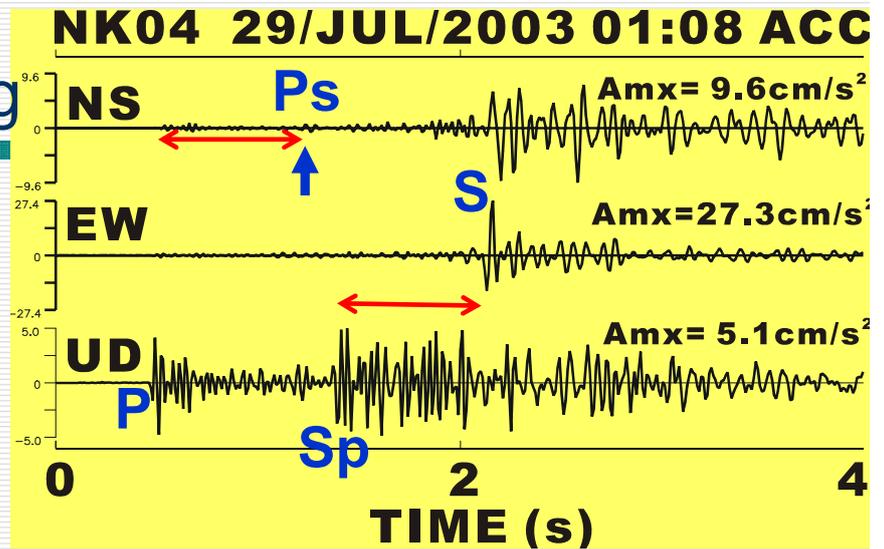


Seismometer



## Use of Converted Wave for Vs-profiling

Many later phases can be seen between initial P- and S-waves.



Initial P-wave generates P- and S-waves at each interface. The P- and S-waves at surface appear in vertical and radial components. These data are used to obtain deep Vs profile.

# Research Plans of SM/GT Group

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- ❑ Fault models for large scenario earthquakes along the subducting plate with cooperation of Tsunami group.
- ❑ Installation of strong motion instruments on ground or BF of buildings (5 locations in Lima at first)
- ❑ Geophysical and geotechnical surveys for shallow and deep S-wave structure including borehole loggings
- ❑ Analysis of earthquake data from small events to characterize source, path and site amplification
- ❑ Calculation of site amplifications for microzonation map
  
- ❑ Estimation of slope failure from geotechnical surveys
- ❑ Strong motion simulation based on hybrid approach of theoretical and empirical methods

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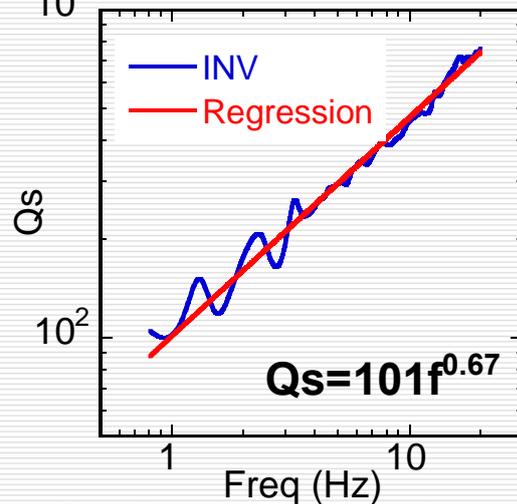
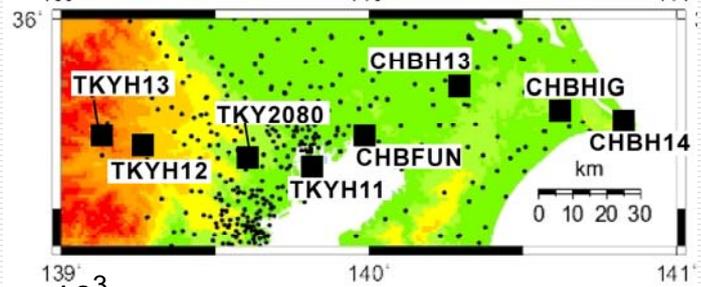
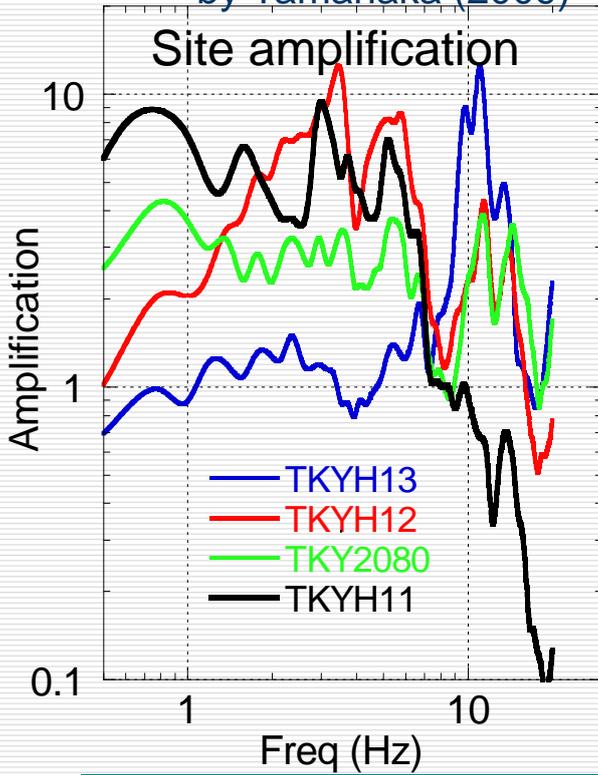
## Analysis of Small Earthquake Data

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- ❑ Estimation of source characteristics of small events, Q-factor for the crust and mantle, site amplification
- ❑ Estimation of envelope function of small events for use of stochastic Green's function
- ❑ Exploration of deep S-wave velocity profiles using earthquake data, such as receiver function, phase velocity and Rayleigh wave ellipticity
- ❑ Validation of geological models from geophysical and geotechnical surveys using 1D site amplification or 3D simulation of moderate events
- ❑ Examination of applicability of existing attenuation equations

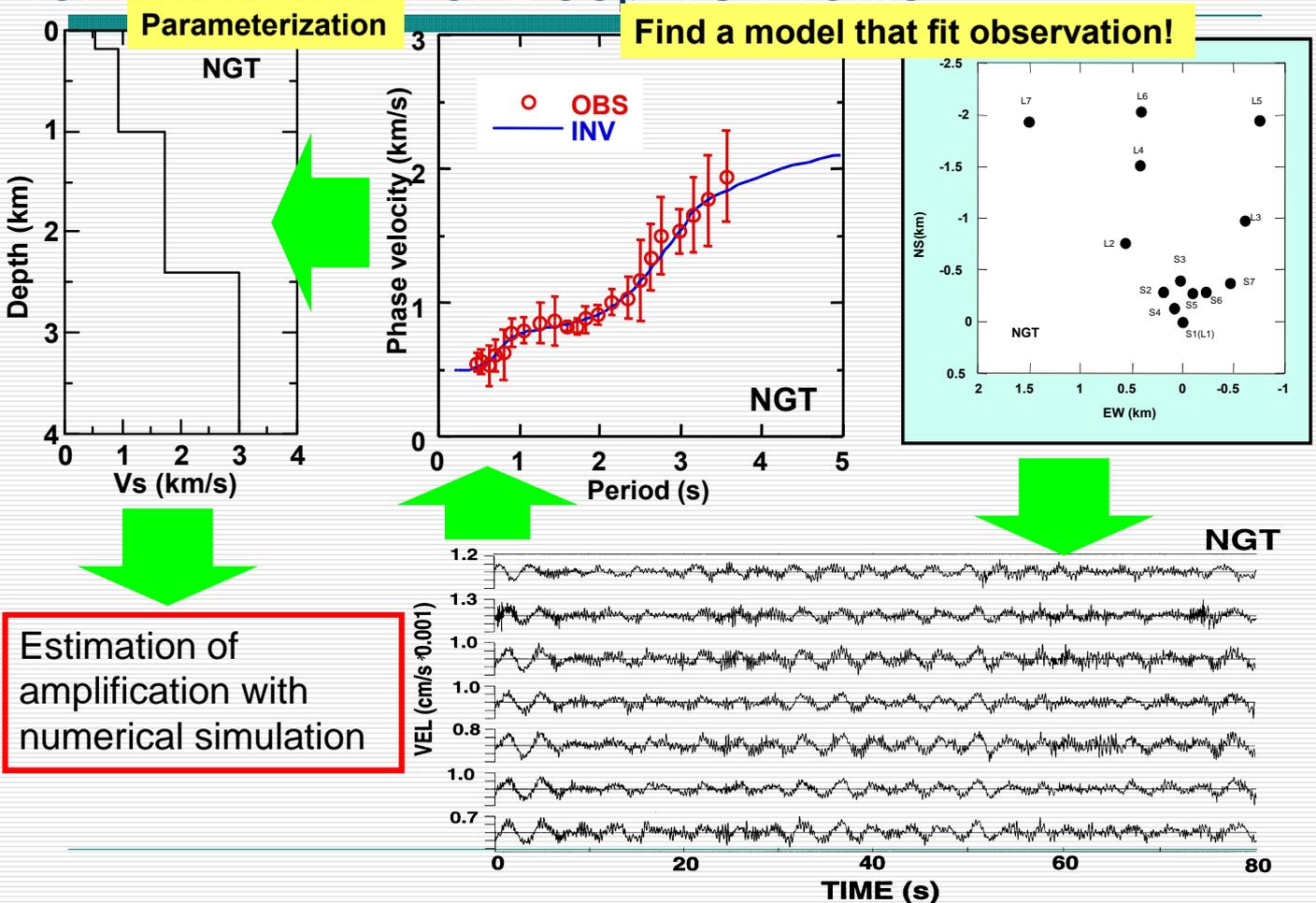
# Estimation of Empirical Site Amplification from Earthquake Data

Case for Tokyo area by Yamanaka (2009)



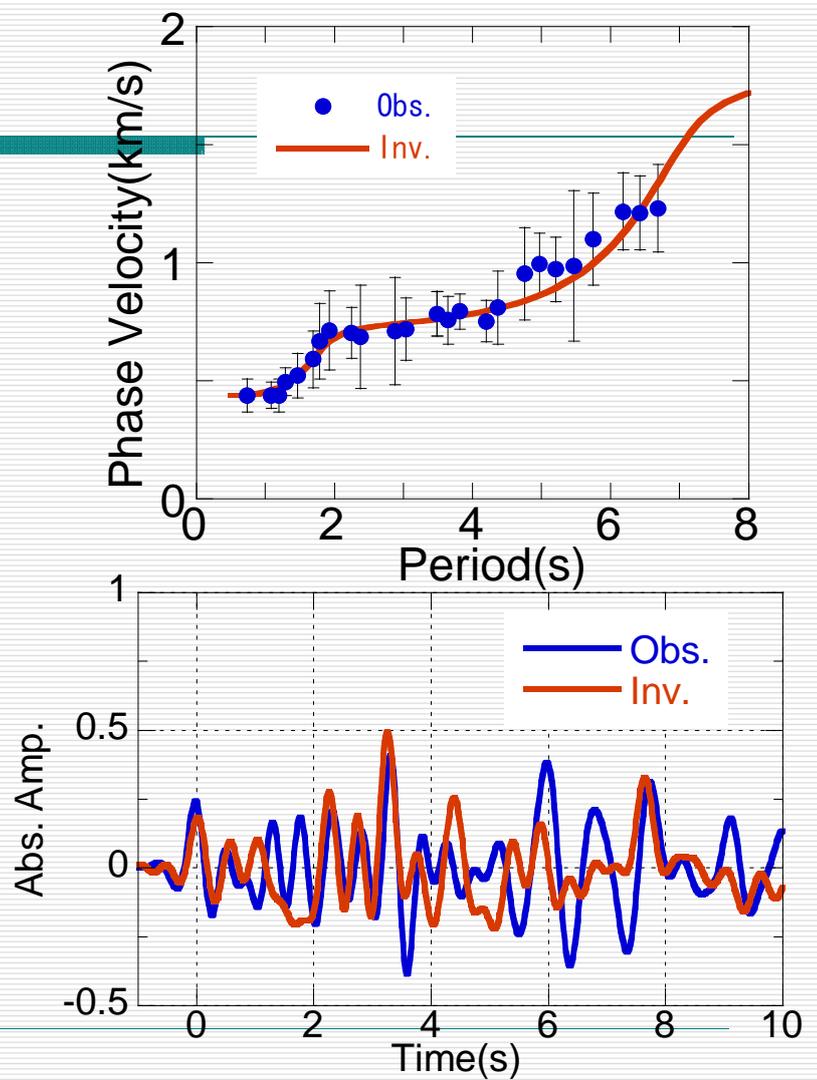
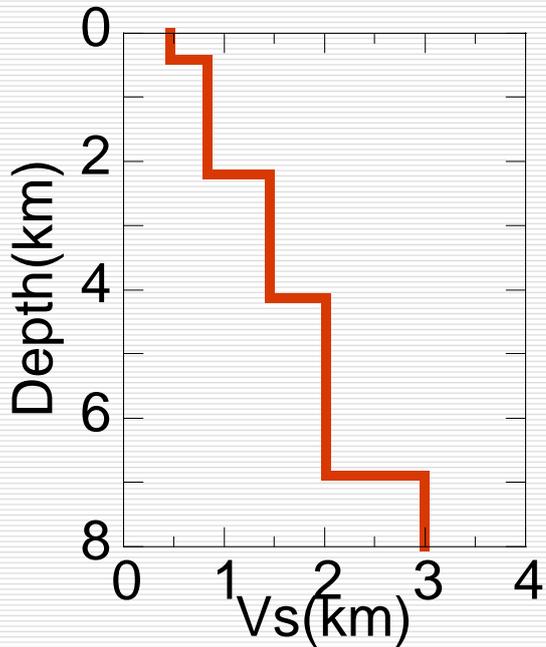
Q-value for propagation path in crust and mantle

# Inversion of Rayleigh Wave Phase Velocity for Exploration of Deep Vs Profile

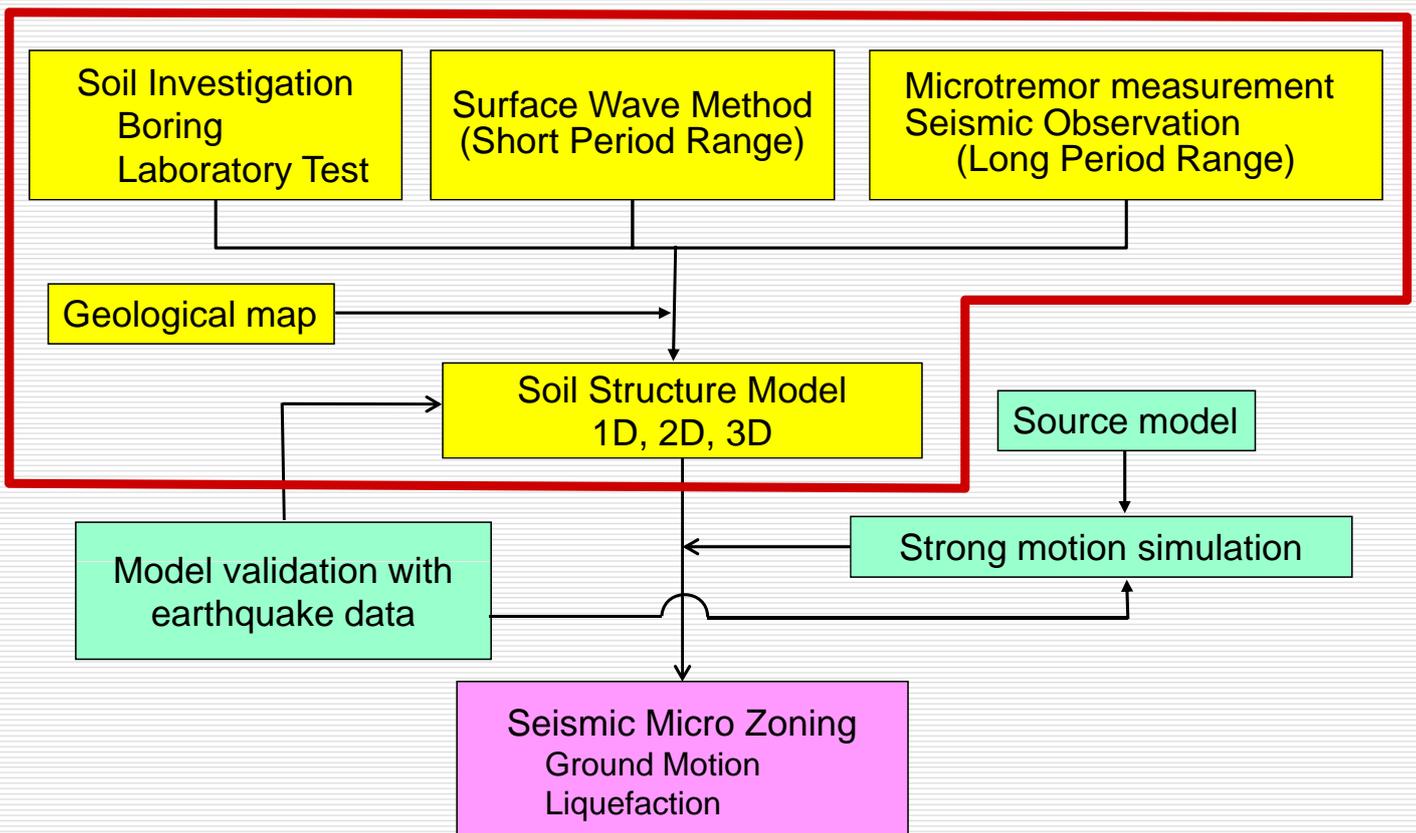


# Joint Inversion of Phase Velocity and Receiver Function

(Kurose and Yamanaka, 2006)

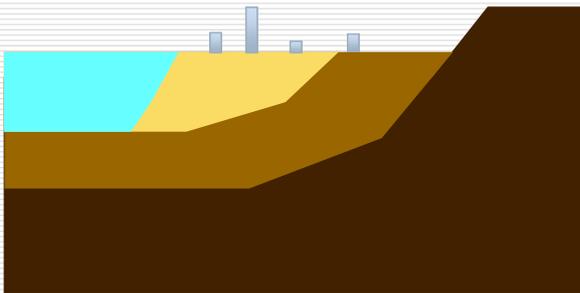


# Geophysical & Geotechnical surveys

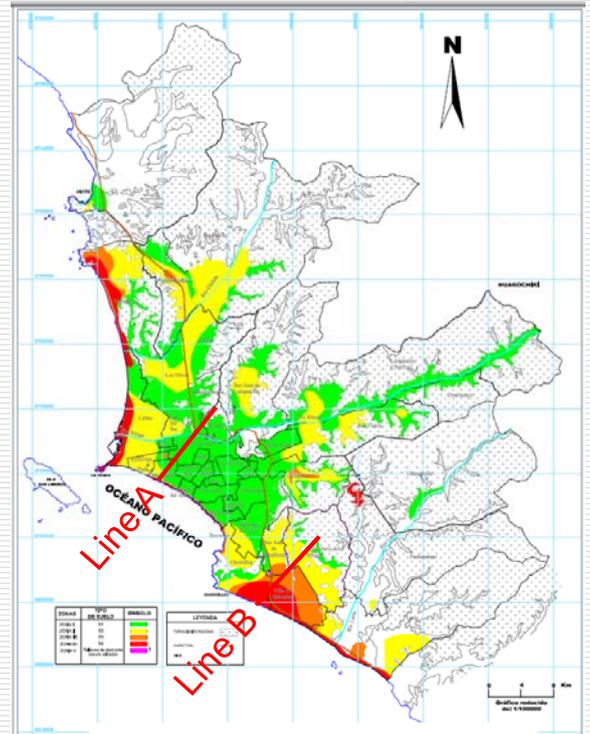


# Seismic Micro Zoning

- Seismic Micro Zoning will be improved based on various in-depth surveys.
- 2 or 3-Dimensional soil structure model will be constructed.



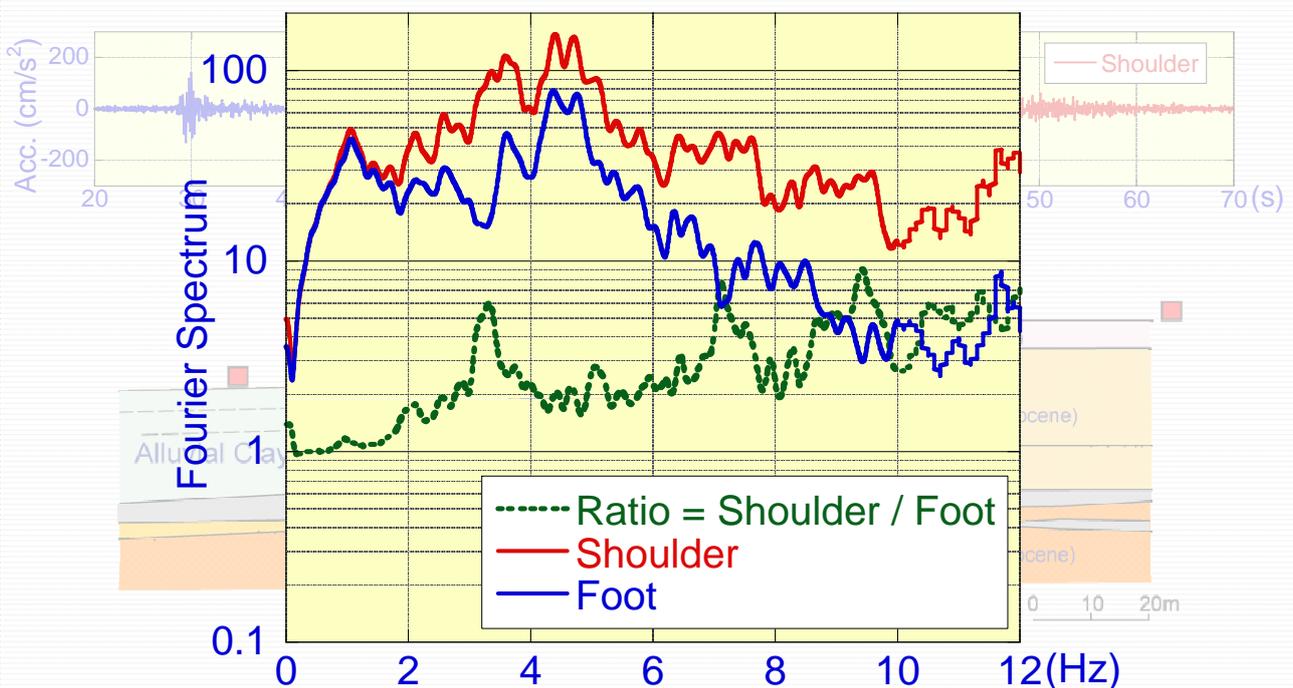
2-Dimensional Soil Structure Model



Seismic Hazard Map in Lima (CISMID)

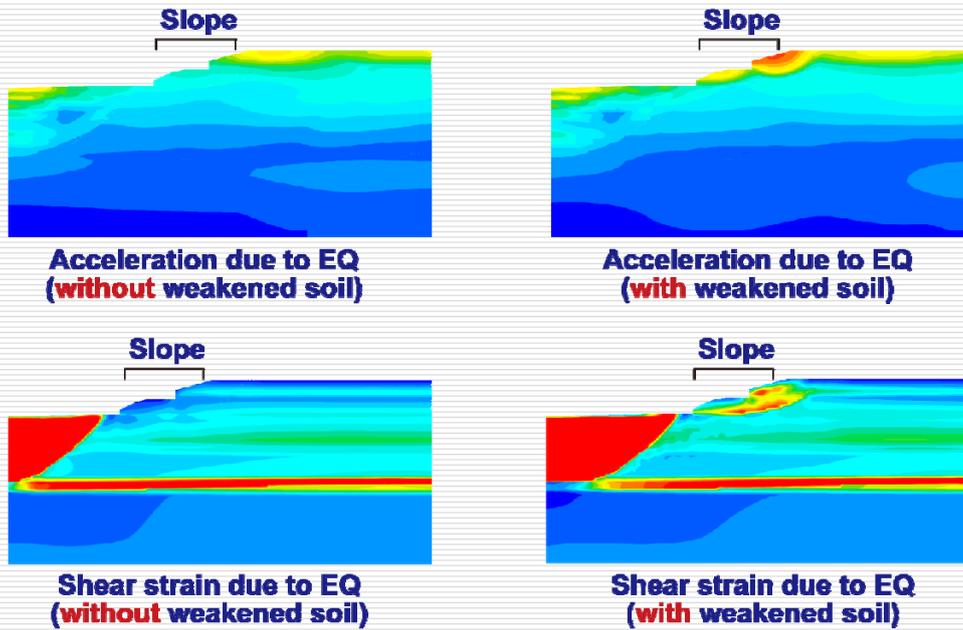
# Seismic Risk of Slopes (2)

- It is known that the response due to an earthquake tends to become large at the shoulder of a slope.



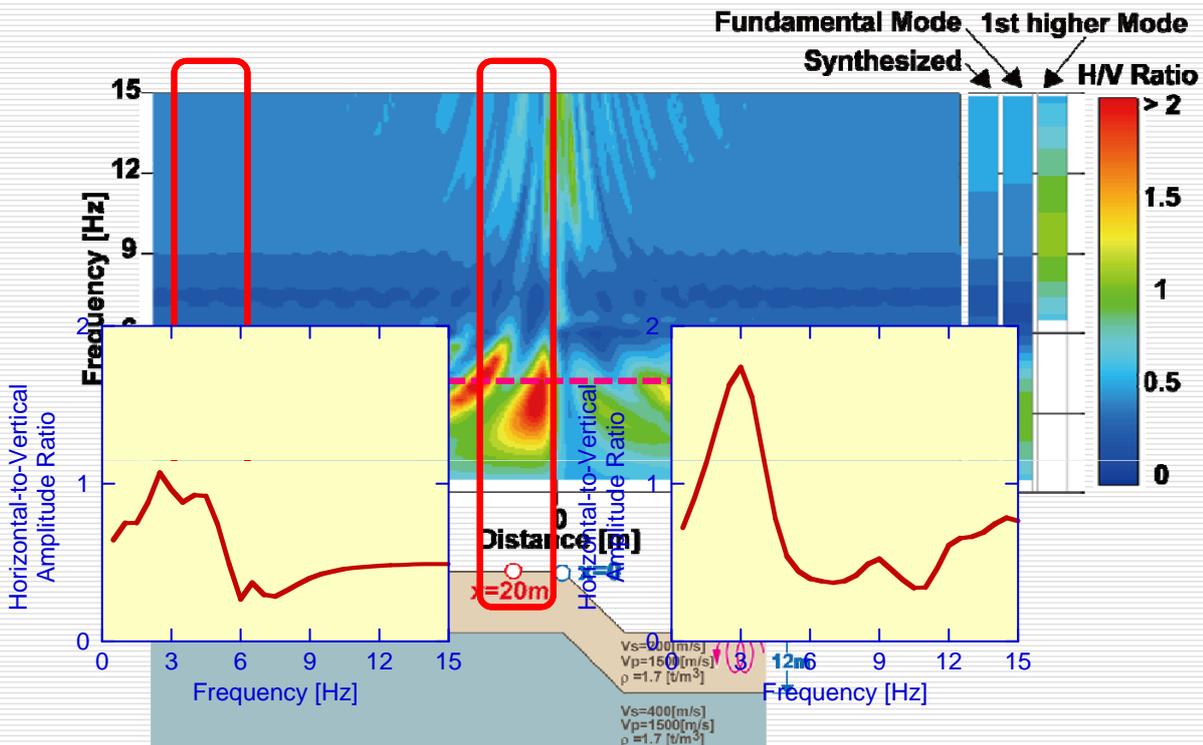
# Seismic Risk of Slopes (3)

- One of the reasons is believed that the surface soil of a slope is “weakened” due to weathering.
- The existence of this weakened soil has a negative influence to the seismic risk from various aspects.



# H/V Spectral Ratio

- This is another example of the effect of a slope. The results of microtremor measurement are also affected by the slope.



# Research Plan for Evaluation of Risk of Slopes

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- The research plan includes:
  - Select a few target sites in Lima, where houses are densely built.
  - Collect soil investigation data, if any.
  - Conduct soil investigation, if possible.
  - Conduct a series of microtremor measurements.
  - Construct soil models and perform finite element analyses.
  - Evaluate seismic risks of the area with slopes based on these data along with the results from other groups in this project.

