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# **GEOSPATIAL SIMULATION OF TSUNAMI EVACUATION USING GIS DATA AND AGENT BASED MODELING**

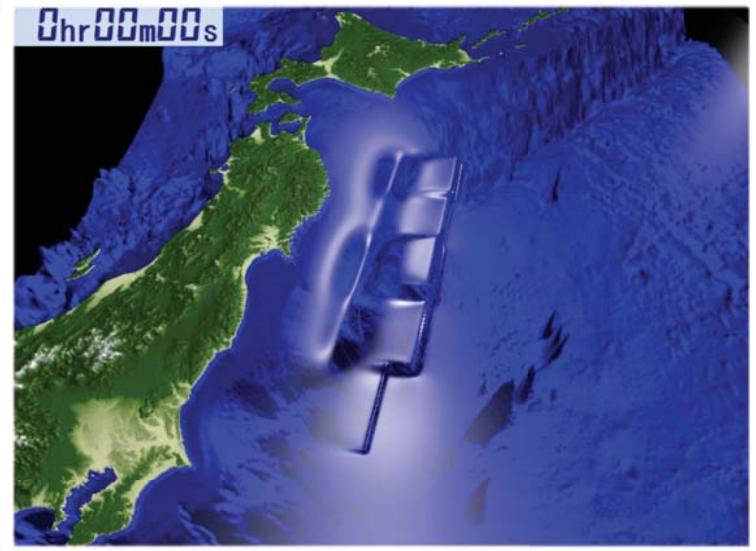
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## Problem

- Population exposed to tsunami
- Need of tools to conduct and evaluate tsunami evacuation plans
- Evacuation drill? - Good for training, but not for experimentation. (i.e. threat of injury, lack of realism)

TUNAMI-N2 (*Shallow water equations*)



## Background and Objective

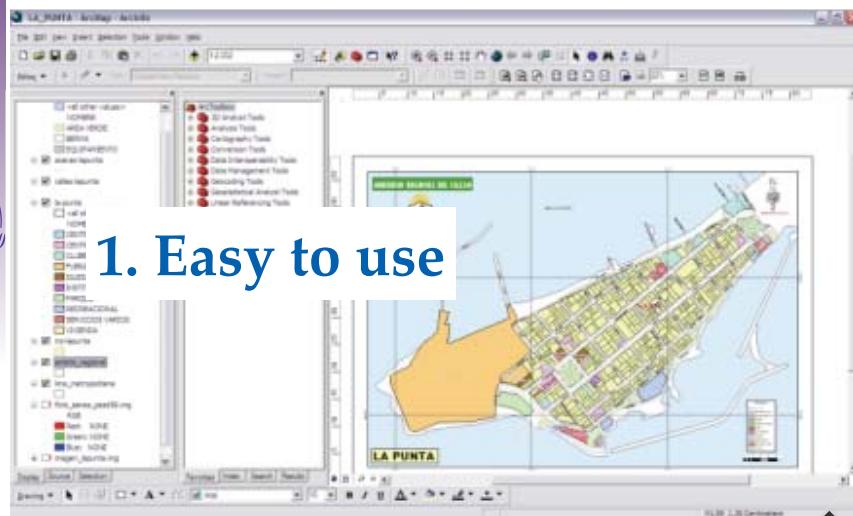
- **Hazard** - Tsunami Simulation
- **Vulnerability** - Exposure, Preparation, Behavior, etc
- **Risk** - Human losses
- **Risk Reduction measures**

*Japan tsunami 2011*

Arahama-Sendai, Miyagi, Japan

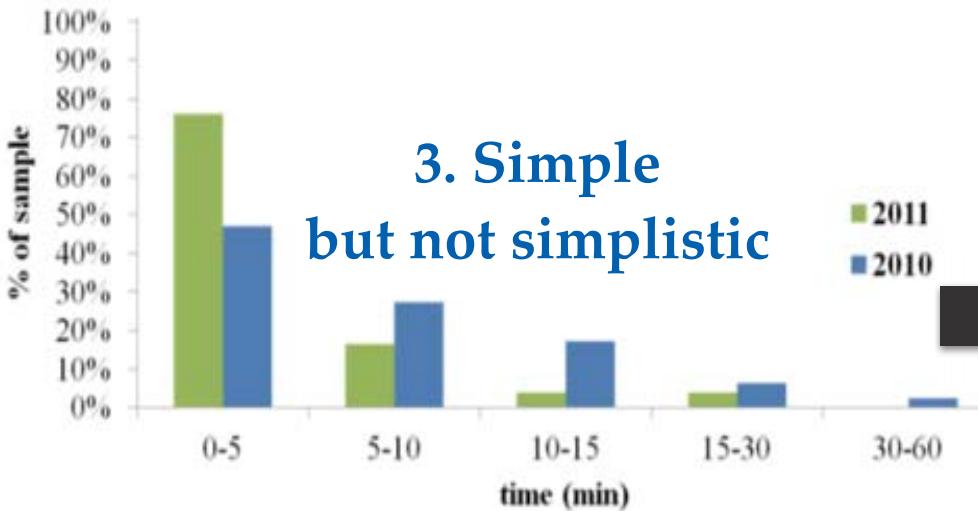


# APPROACH



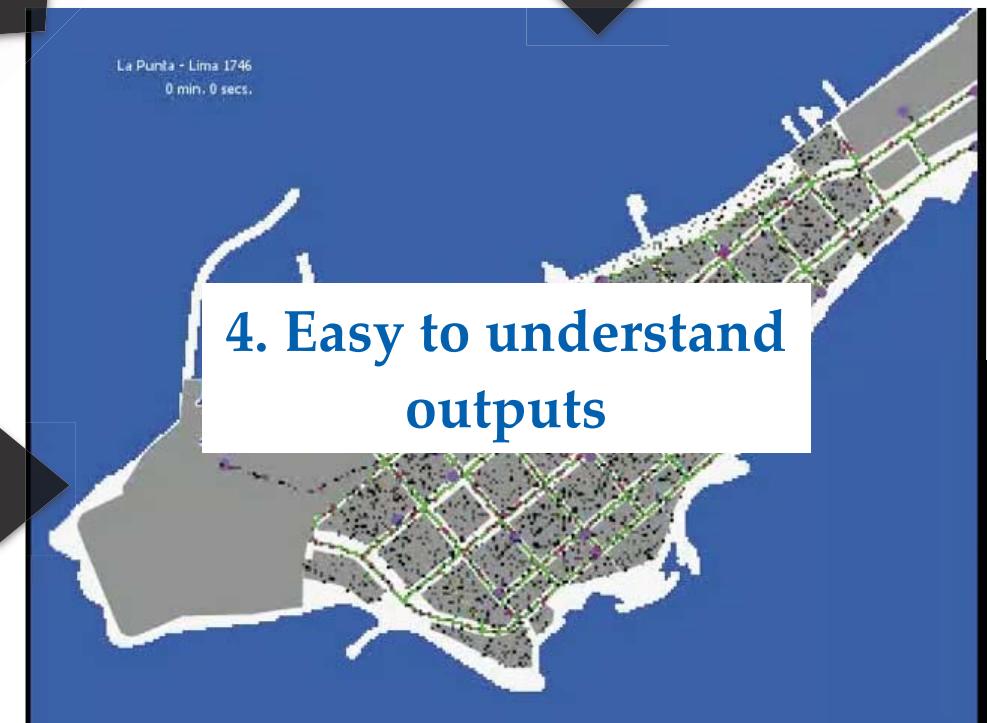
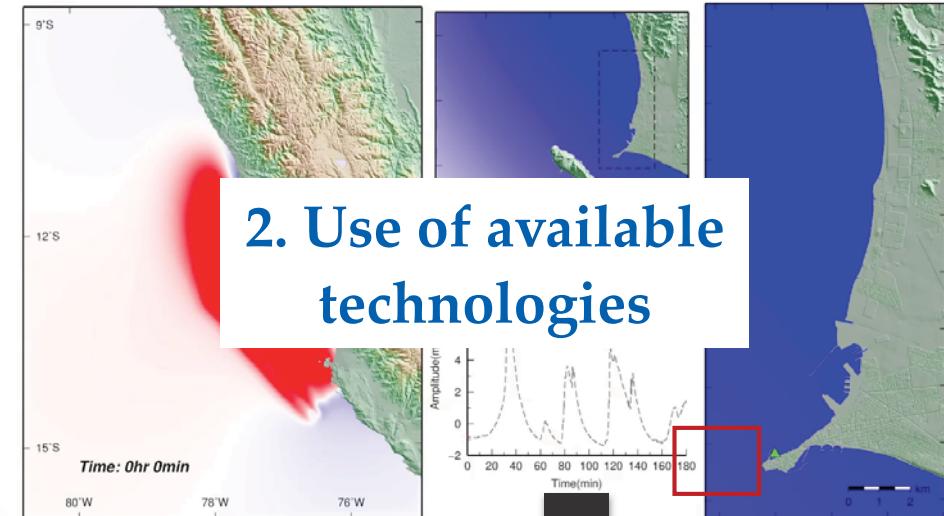
GIS data

Preparation times - La Punta



Questionnaire survey data

# Tsunami numerical simulation results



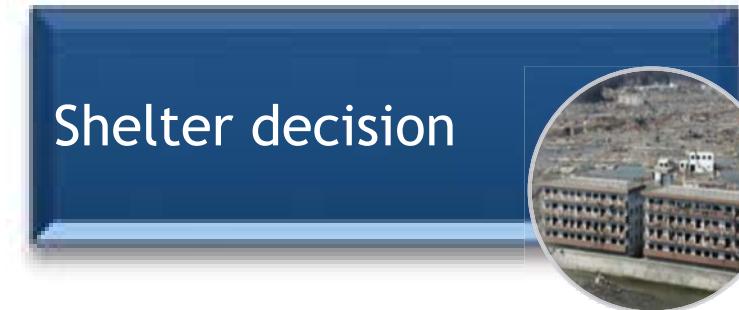
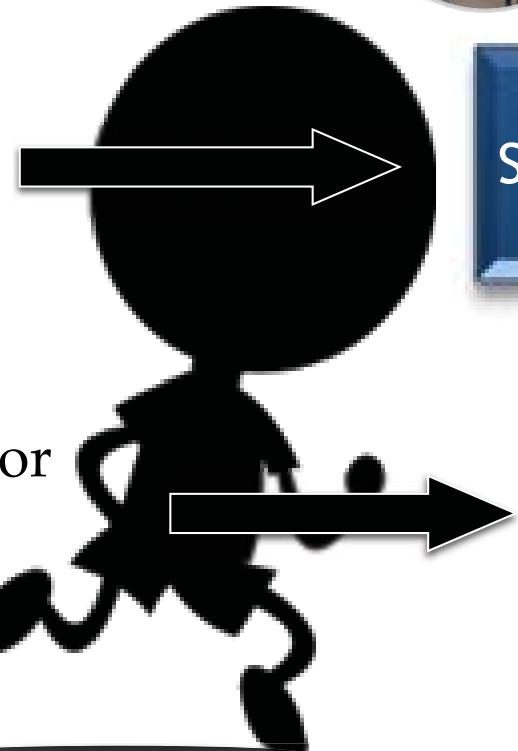


Tsunami  
Departure  
Curves



## AGENT RULES

Based on surveyed  
preferences

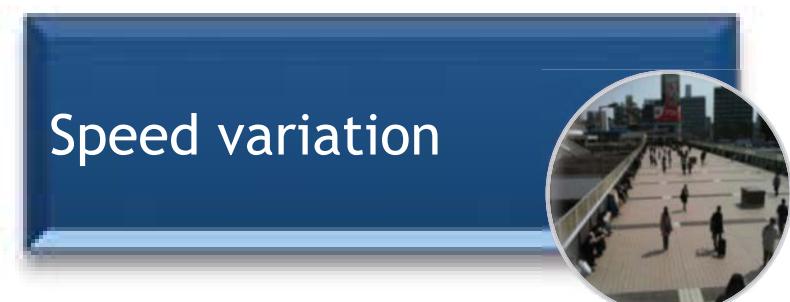


A\* algorithm for  
pathfinding

Density recognition  
within FOV



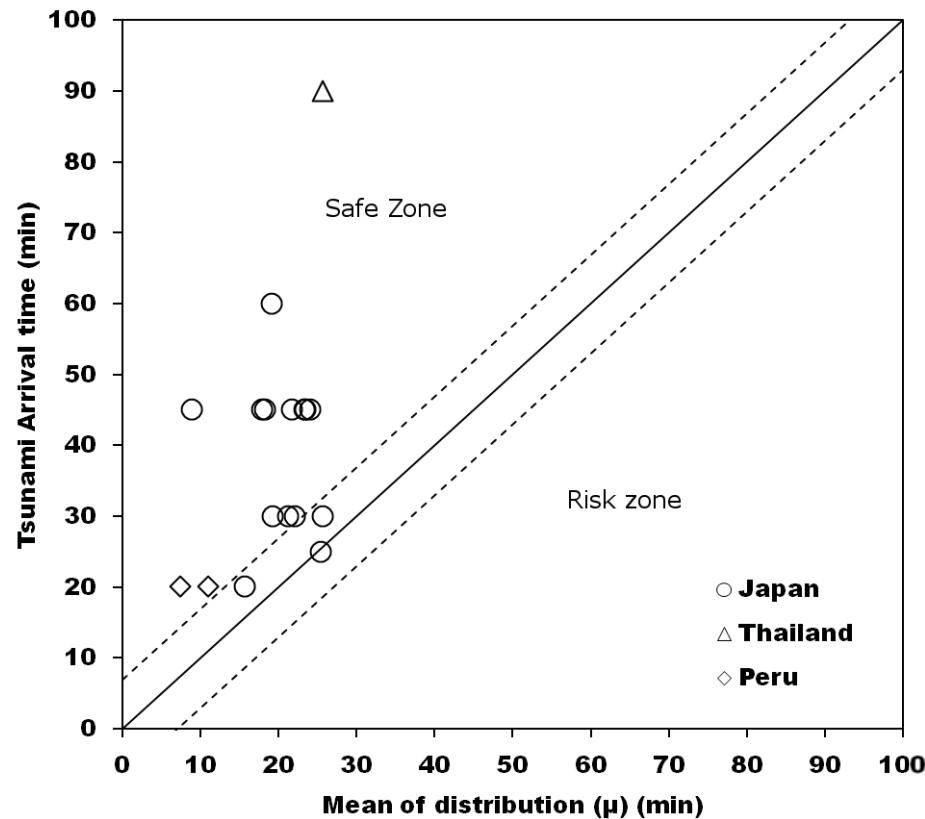
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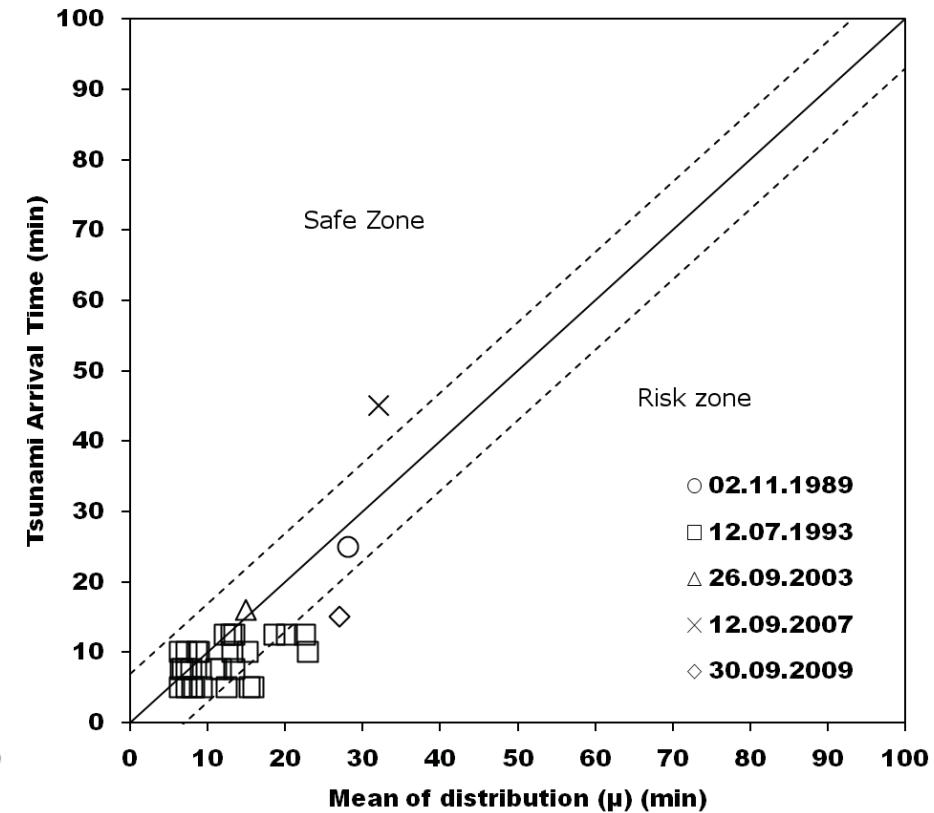


# From pre and post tsunami evacuation behavior surveys

## Stated Preference surveys



## Revealed Preference surveys



$$D(t) = 1 - e^{\frac{-\pi t^2}{4\mu^2}}$$

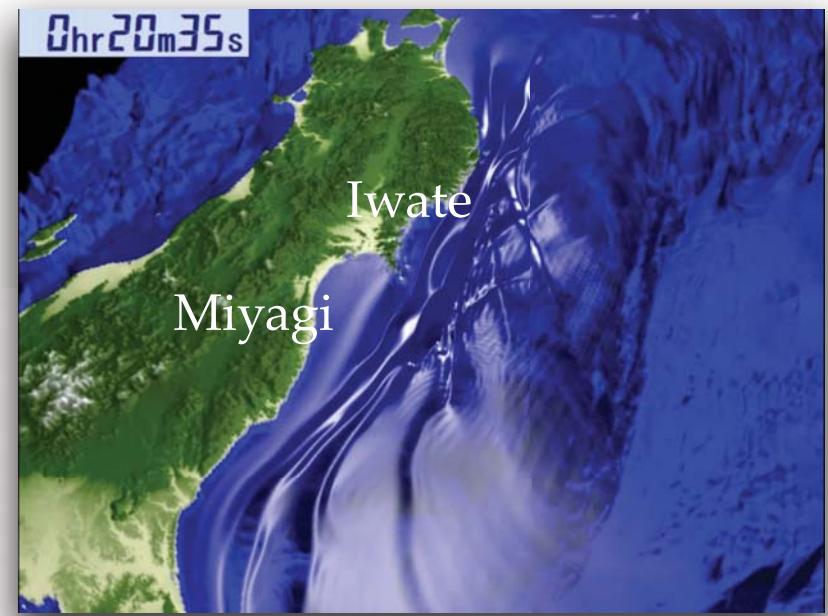
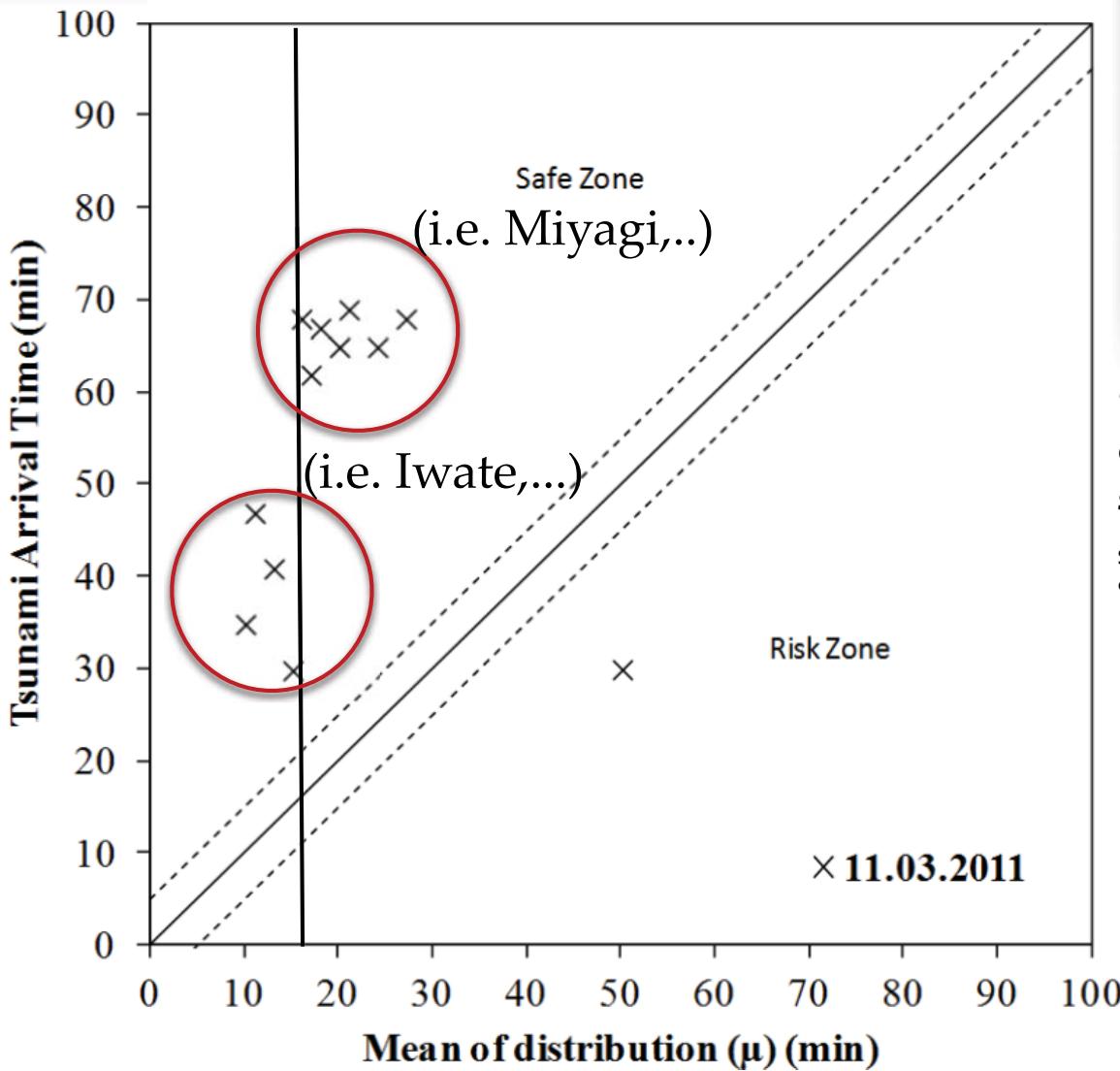
Based on a Rayleigh distribution

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# The Japan 2011 tsunami evacuation behavior confirms it

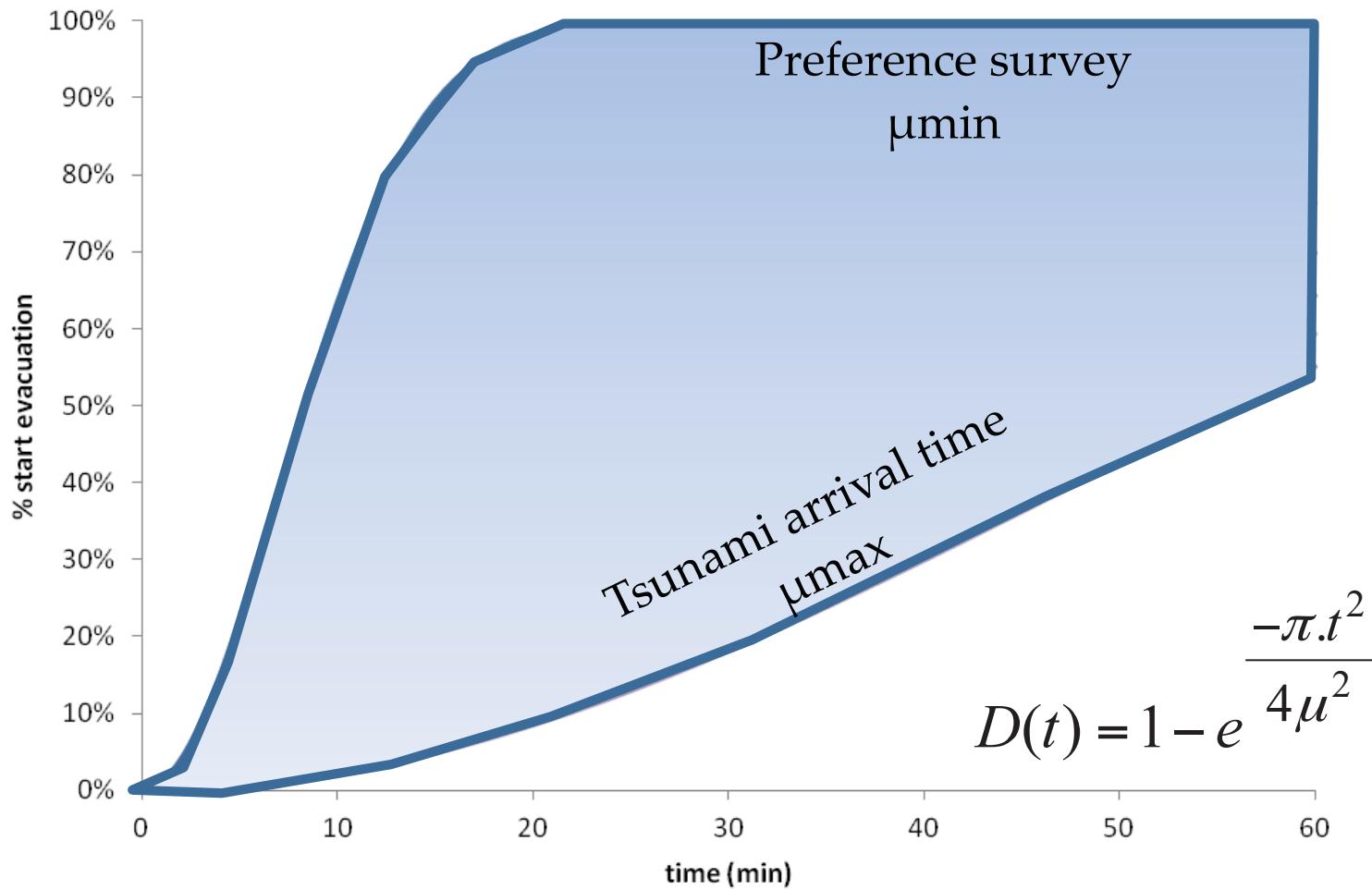


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# Tsunami Departure Curves for evacuation start time



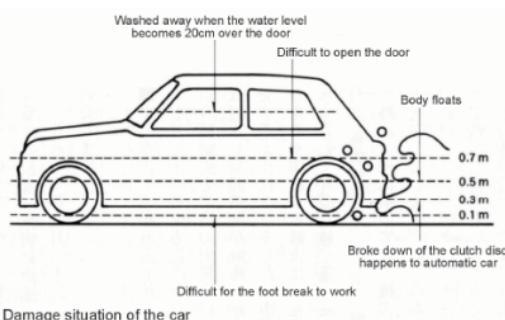
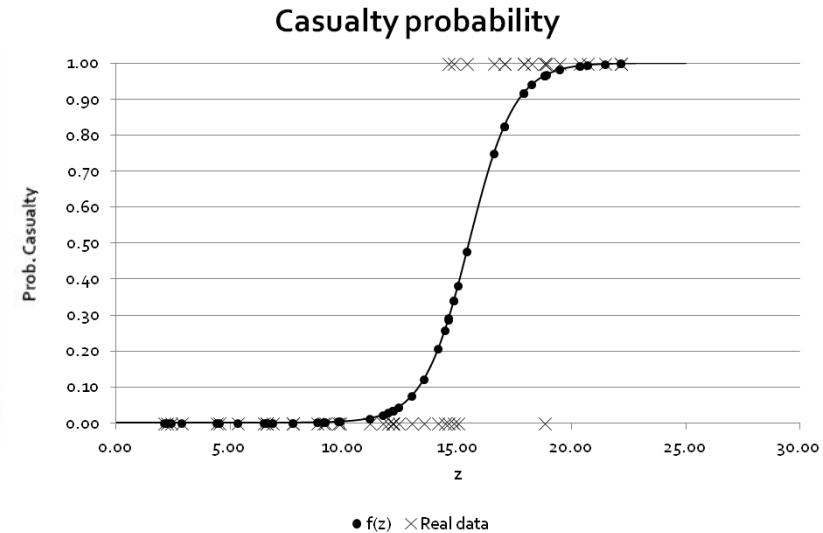
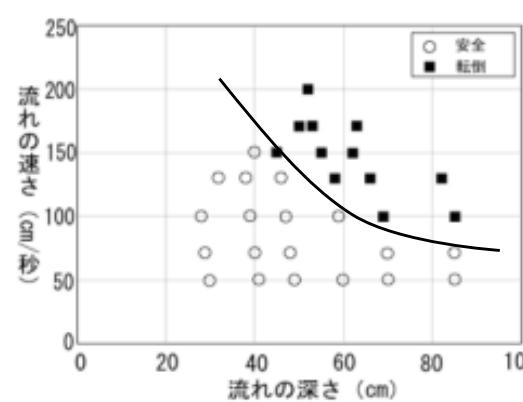
Stochastic simulation of several possible behaviors of departure curves bounded by Stated Preference surveys ( $\mu_{\text{min}}$ ) and the arrival time of the tsunami in the study area estimated by numerical simulation ( $\mu_{\text{max}}$ ).



# Casualty estimation using tsunami features



Takahashi et al, 1992



Yasuda et al, 2004

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(15.48 - z)}}$$

$$z = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * h + \beta_2 * u$$

$$\beta_0 = -12.37$$

$$\beta_1 = 22.036$$

$$\beta_2 = 11.517$$

Note: Equation is applicable for  $h$  [0.28, 0.85] (m) &  $u$  [0.50, 2.00] (m/s)  
(Nagelkerke  $R^2 = 0.83$ )

Pedestrian  
( $h \leq 0.85$ )  $f(z)$   
( $h > 0.85$ )  $\rightarrow$  casualty

Car  
( $h > 0.50$ )  $\rightarrow$  casualty



# TSUNAMI EVACUATION SIMULATOR



Interactive Environment for modeling

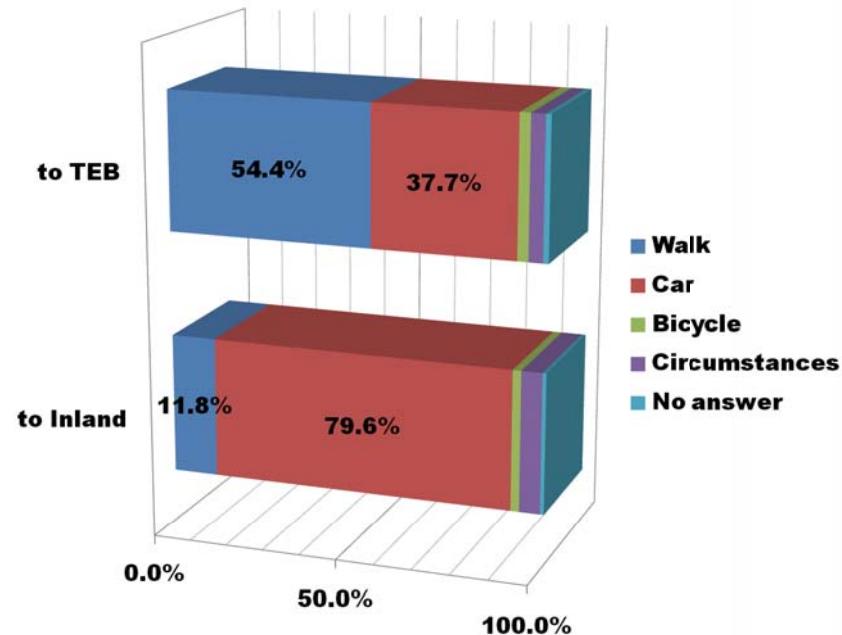
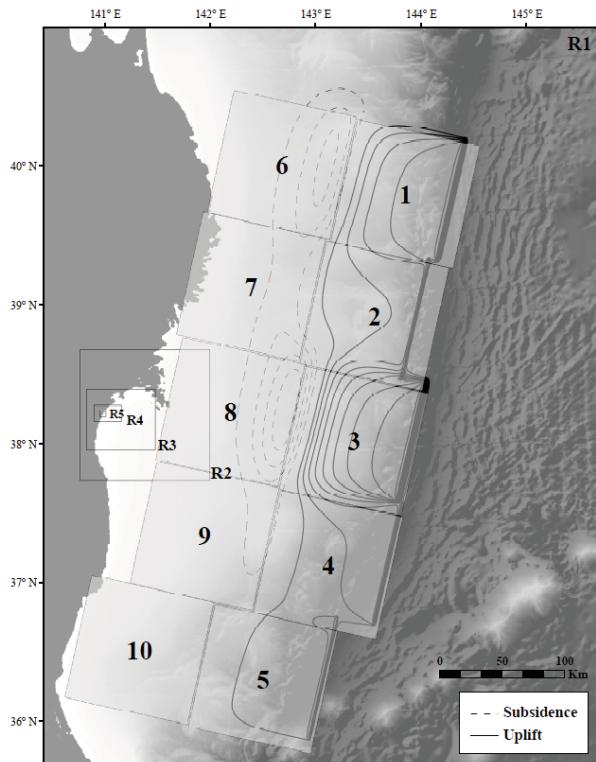
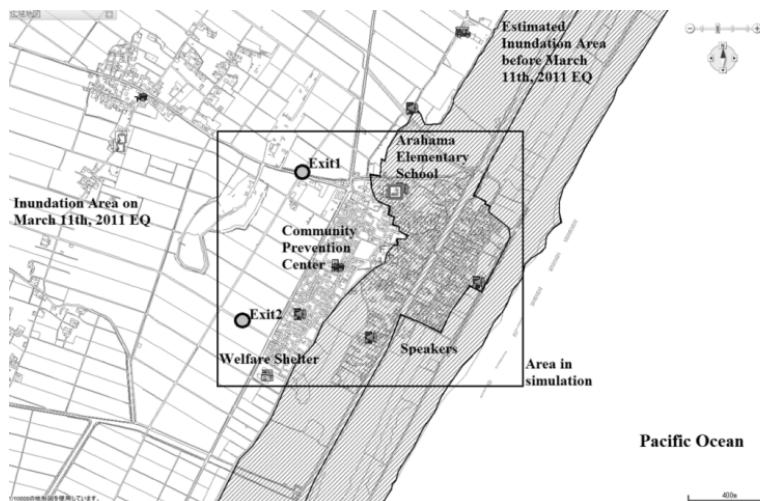


# Case studies





# 1. Arahama, Japan



- **2011 Japan tsunami**
- **2,271 residents (peds. & cars)**
- **Objective: Verify bottleneck and casualties**



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Results



- Casualties
- Casualties on “traffic”
- Crowd density condition fulfilled at any moment of the computation

Case	Casualties	TEB	Inland
Model	406	498	1367
Real	283	520	1468

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**TEB: Tsunami Evacuation Building**

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## 2. Yuriage, Natori, Japan



**Population: 5,612  
Casualties: 762**

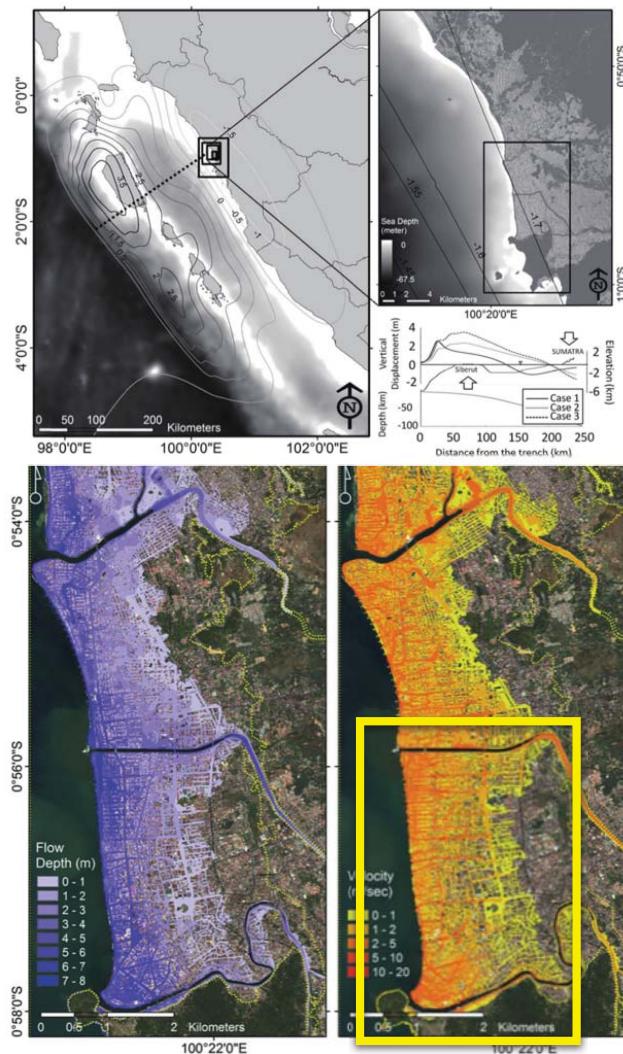


Case	Casualties	TEB1	TEB2	TEB3	Inland
Model	774	43	1050	699	1367
Real	762	~30	~1000	~870	1468

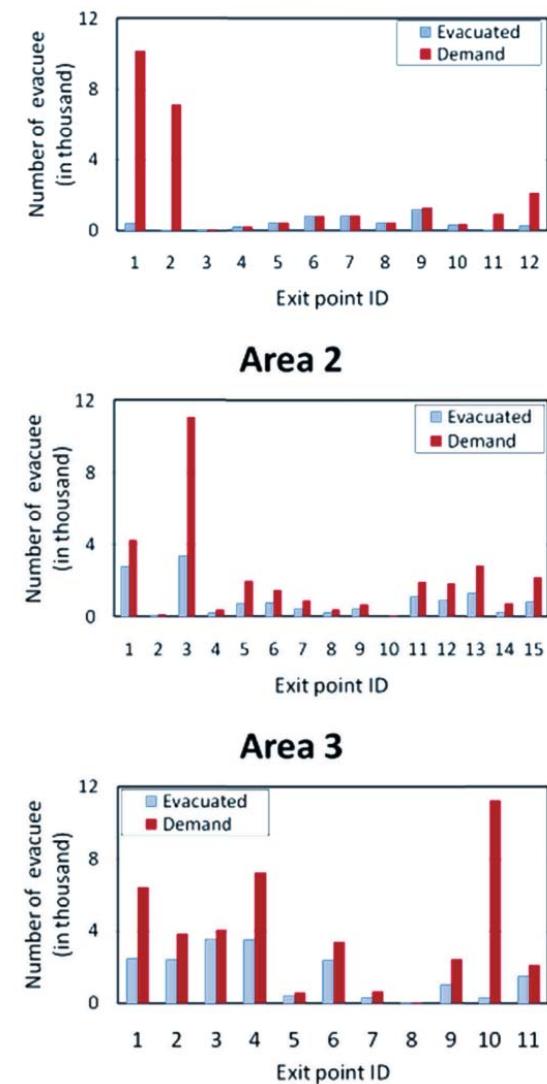
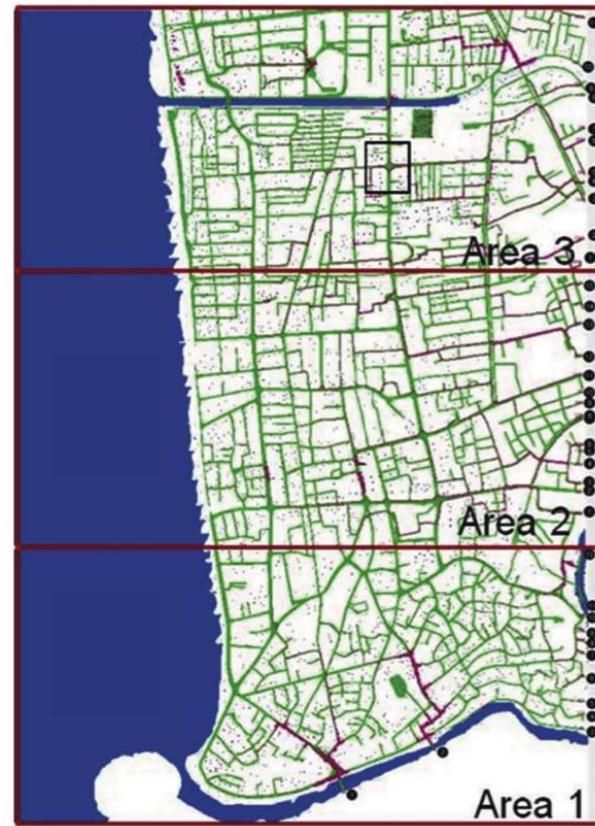
**TEB: Tsunami Evacuation Building**

- **2011 Japan tsunami**
- **3,944 residents (peds. & cars)**
- **Objective: Verify bottleneck, casualties and double evacuation**

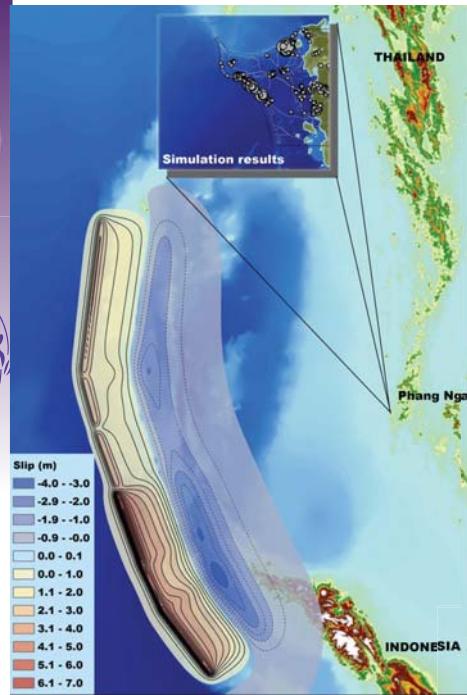
## 3. Padang, Indonesia



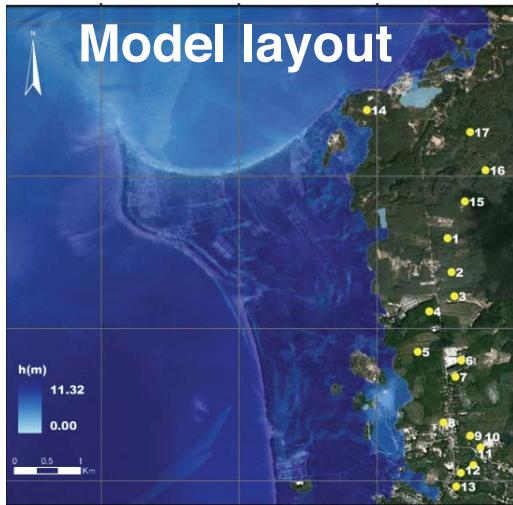
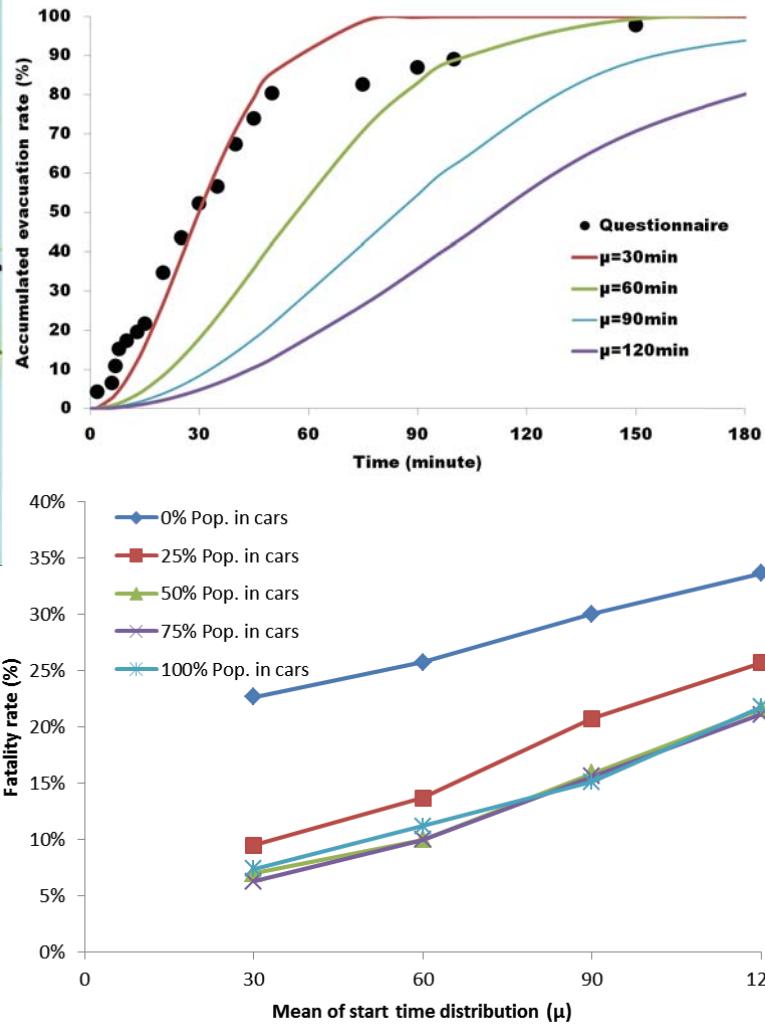
## Model layout



- **Mega earthquake in Padang**
- **104,352 pedestrian agents**
- **Objective: Identify bottleneck areas, evaluate casualty estimation (62% pop.)**

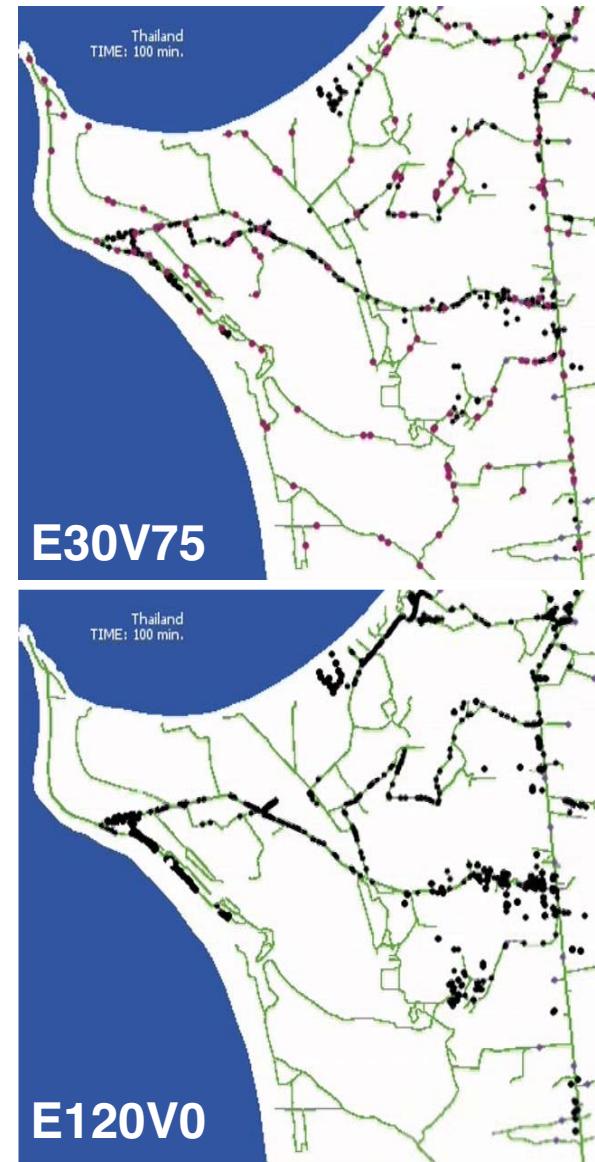


## 4. Phang Nga, Thailand



- 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami
- 2,649 residents (peds. & cars)
- Objective: Vehicle evacuation

Population in Vehicle	Start Time of Evacuation(min)			
	30	60	90	120
0%	E30V0	E60V0	E90V0	<del>E120V0</del>
25%	E30V25	E60V25	E90V25	<del>E120V25</del>
50%	E30V50	E60V50	E90V50	E120V50
75%	<del>E30V75</del>	E60V75	E90V75	E120V75
100%	<del>E30V100</del>	E60V100	E90V100	E120V100

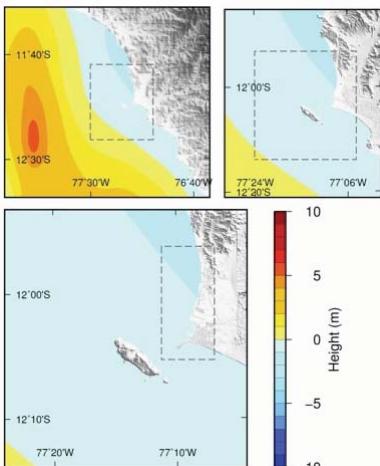
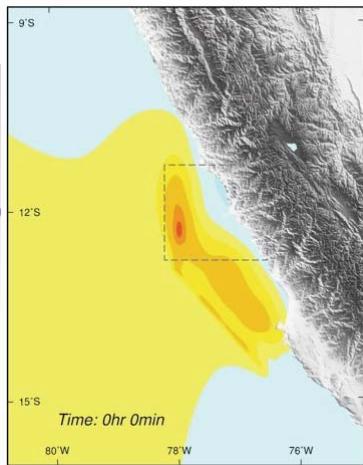


● Vehicles

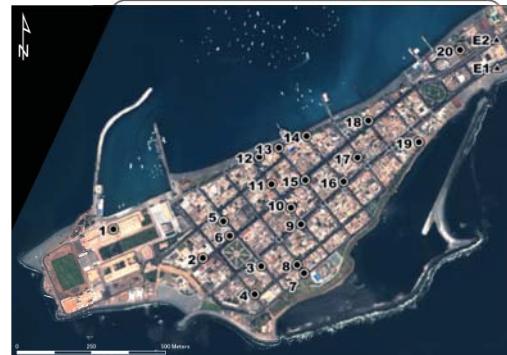
● Pedestrians



## 5. La Punta, Peru



Total Shelter capacity: ~7,000



- Future mega earthquake scenario
- 4,370 residents (peds. & cars)
- Objective: Estimate shelter demand

Population: 4,370 / Casualties: 271



## 5. La Punta, Peru

**Vertical Evacuation**  
**Casualties = 16**

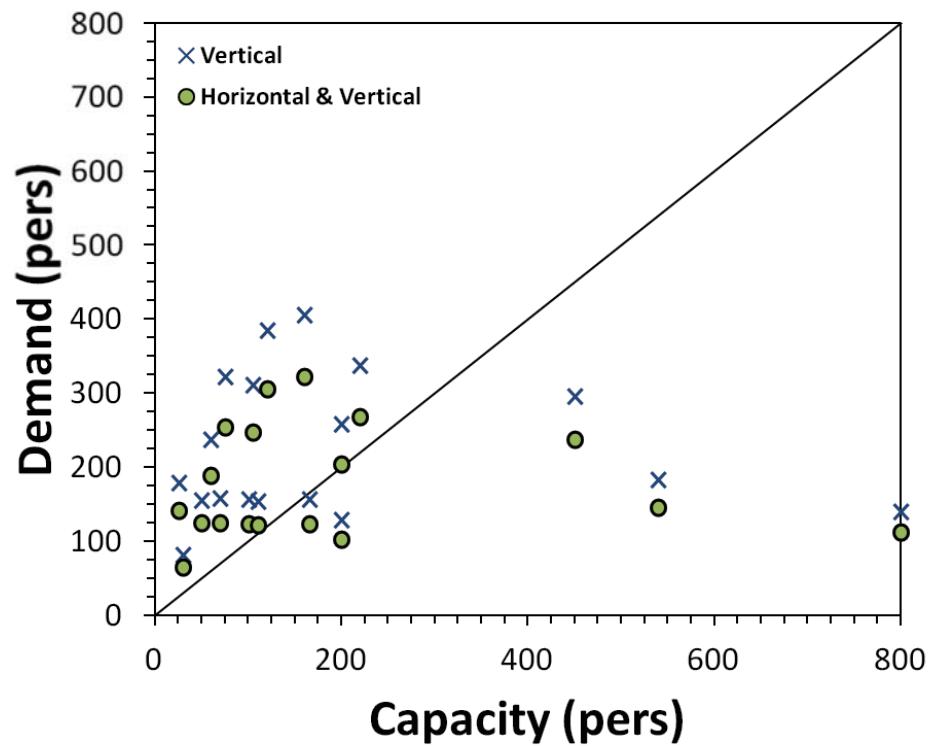
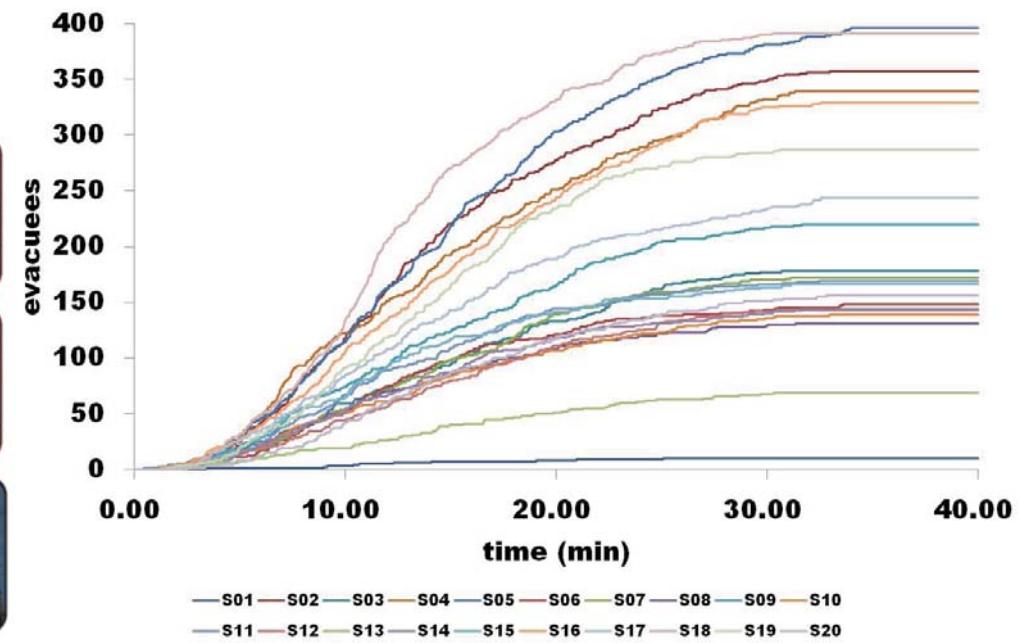


**Horizontal and Vertical Evacuation**  
**Casualties = 153**

- **Vertical evacuation yields better results because no vehicles are involved for traffic congestion.**
- **Notice that here the use of vehicles is not convenient, different to the case shown in Thailand**



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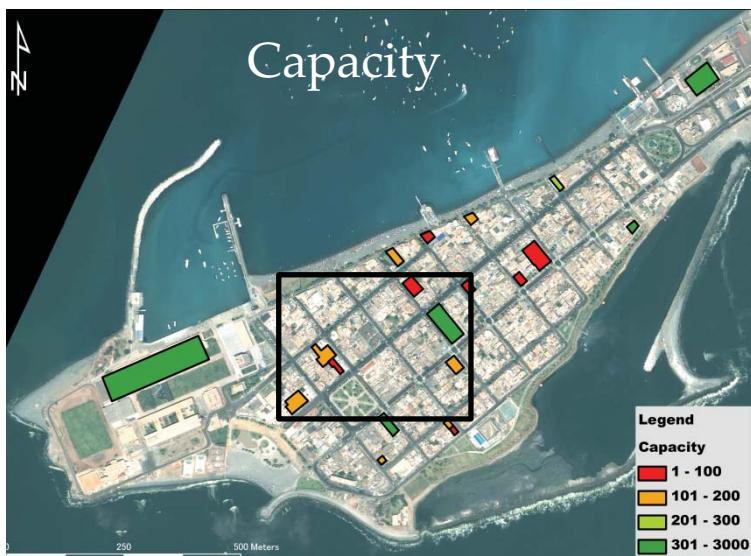
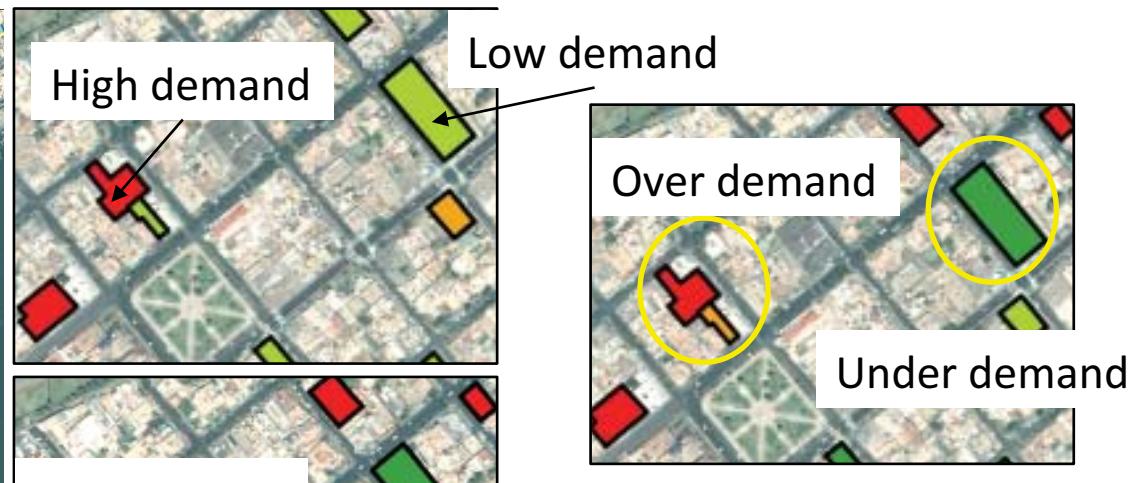
- At least 13 out of 20 shelters can experience over demand in case of emergency evacuation



## 5. La Punta, Peru

Another way is to spatially look at the results

**RED: OVER DEMAND  
GREEN: UNDER DEMAND**





# Conclusions

- Complex environments can be simulated using simple and basic rules. (Agent based paradigm)
- Physical simulation, Social behavior and Geospatial information are put together in an easy to understand manner as a tool for tsunami evacuation planning.
- The model was built in NetLogo, an easy language to understand the core, limitations and even modify the model.
- Multiple applications can be tested by modifying the model to answer specific research questions.

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