

Detecting Small Volcanic Tsunami Signals from Kita-Ioto Caldera Using Dense DONET Ocean-Bottom Pressure Records

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1. Introduction

Non-double-couple earthquakes (EQs) repeat at the Kita-Ioto submarine caldera, Japan.
—Did the 2017/2019 EQs cause tsunamis?

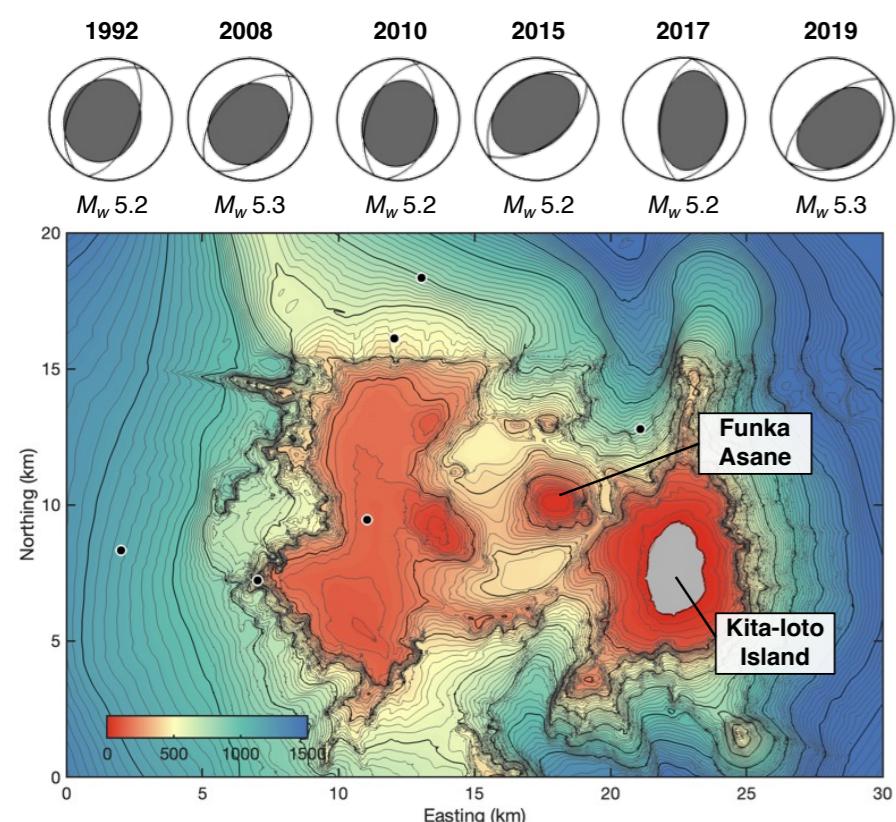


Fig. 1: Non-double-couple earthquakes at the Kita-Ioto submarine caldera, the Izu-Bonin Arc. Dots represent locations of the repeating earthquakes.

2. Data

Did ocean-bottom-pressure (OBP) gauges, ~900 km away, detect the tsunami waves?
—In raw data, tsunami signals are **unclear**!

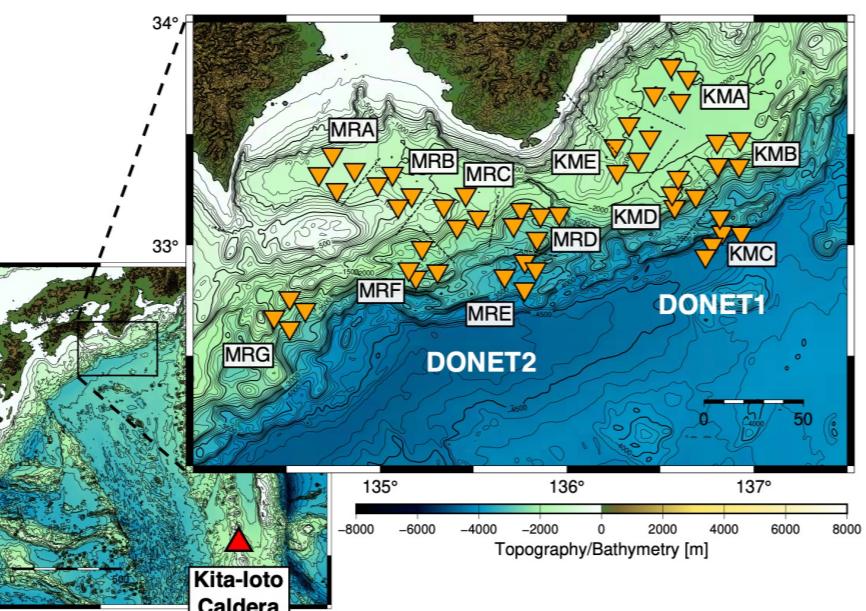
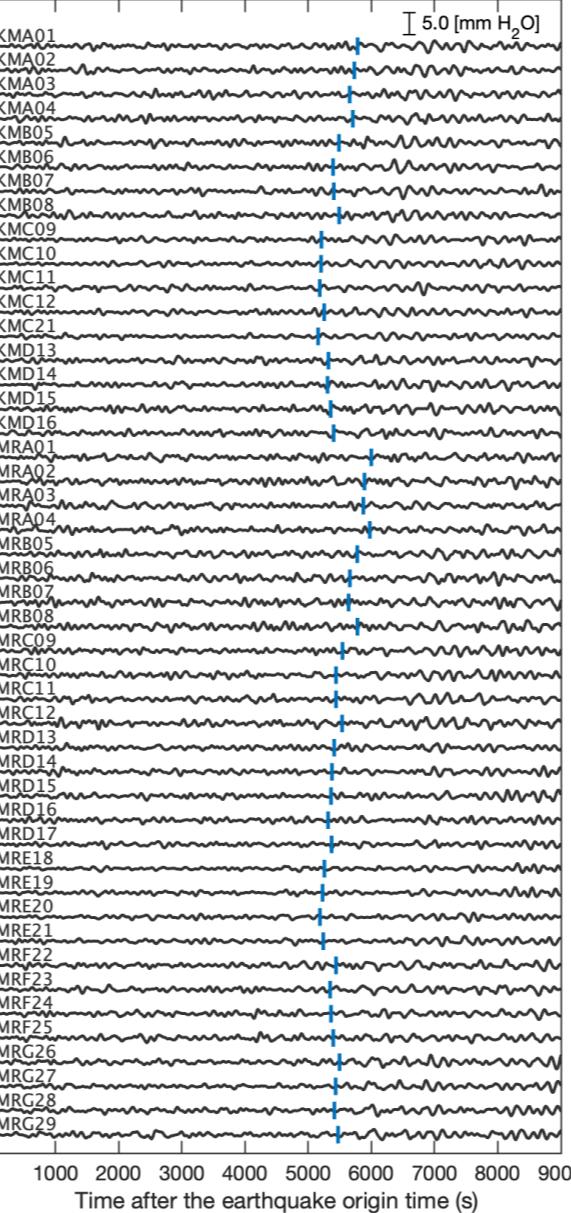


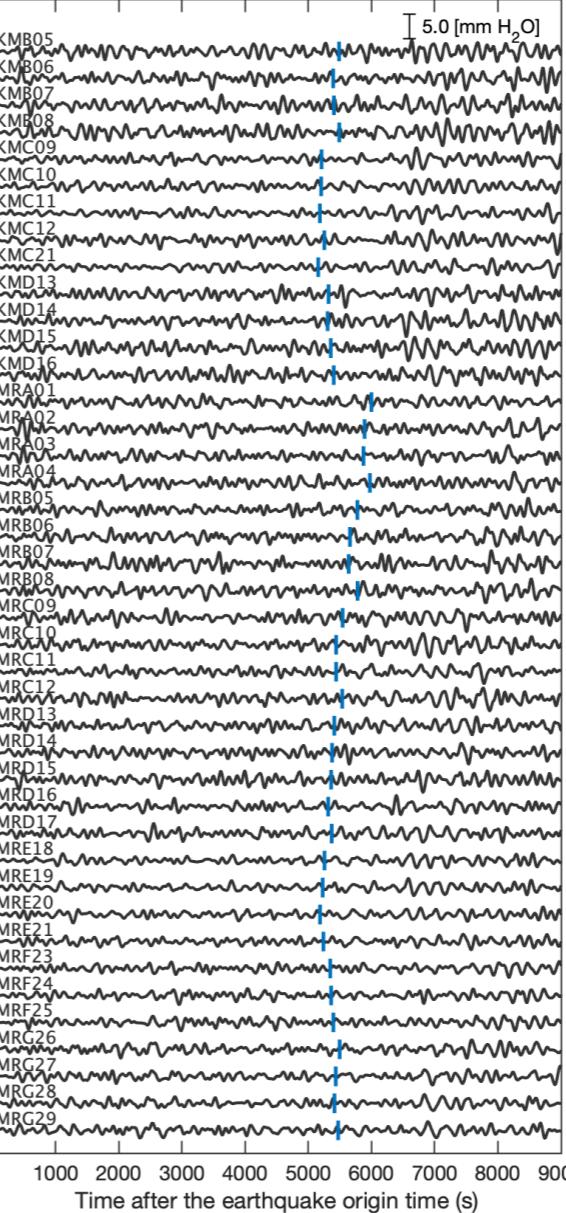
Fig. 2: OBP gauges of DONET (Dense Oceanfloor Network system for Earthquakes and Tsunamis), located ~900 km away from the submarine caldera.

Fig. 3: Band-pass (100–500 s) filtered waveforms after the earthquakes in (a) 2017 and (b) 2019. Blue lines indicate the estimated tsunami arrival times.

(a) OBP data from 17:48:25 on 15 June 2017



(b) OBP data from 18:30:50 on 11 March 2019



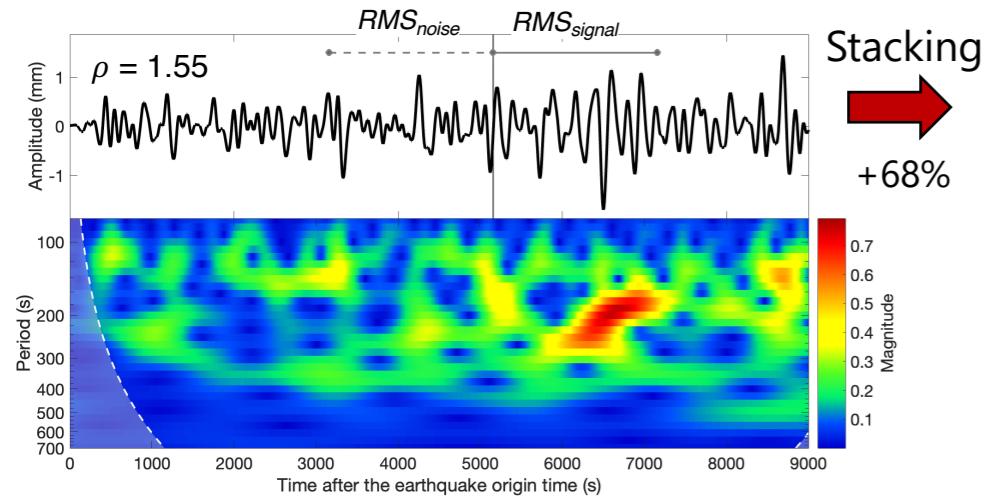
4. Results

Tsunami signals of ~1.0 mm in average became evident, with S/N-ratio increase by >~70%.

Before stacking

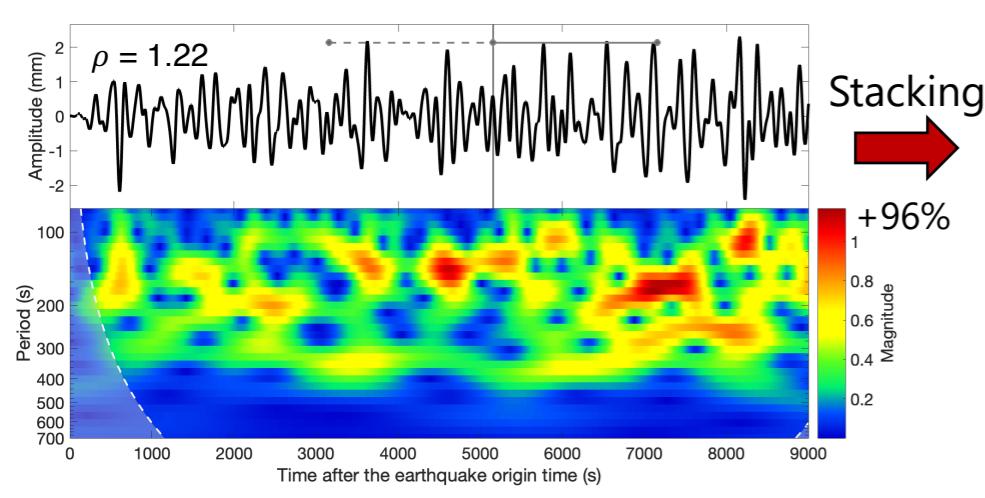
$$\text{Signal/noise (S/N) ratio } \rho = \frac{\text{RMS}_{\text{noise}}}{\text{RMS}_{\text{signal}}}$$

(a) Example OBP waveform of the 2017 EQ (@KMB07)



For the 2017 event, S/N ratio $\rho = 1.65 \pm 0.63$ (16 stations)

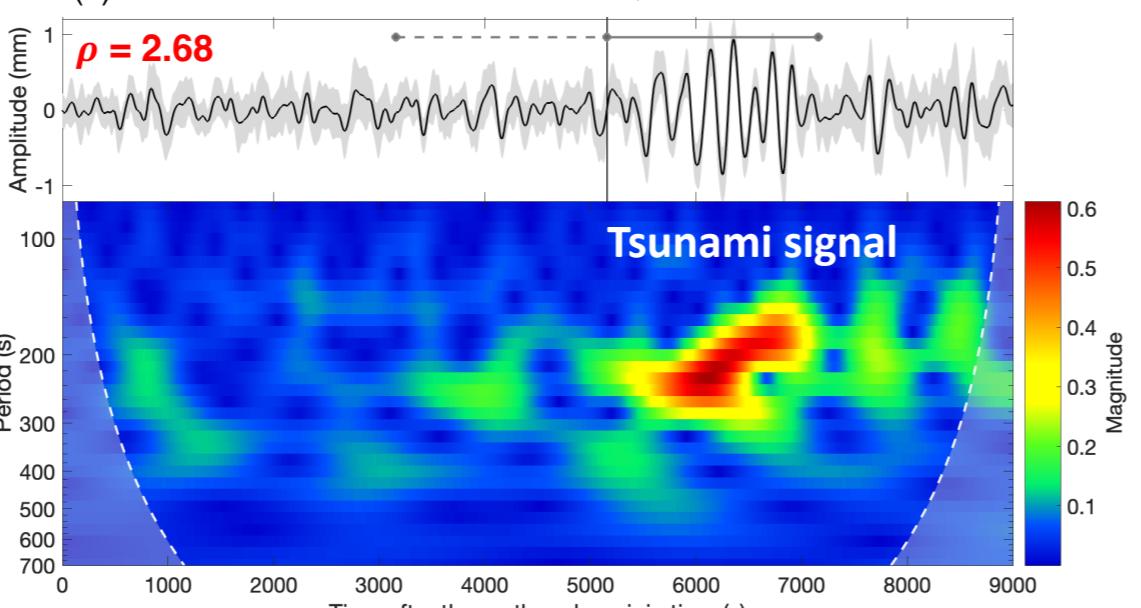
(b) Example OBP waveform of the 2019 EQ (@KMB07)



For the 2019 event, S/N ratio $\rho = 1.26 \pm 0.49$ (13 stations)

After stacking

(a) Stacked OBP waveform for 2017 EQ



(b) Stacked OBP waveform for 2019 EQ

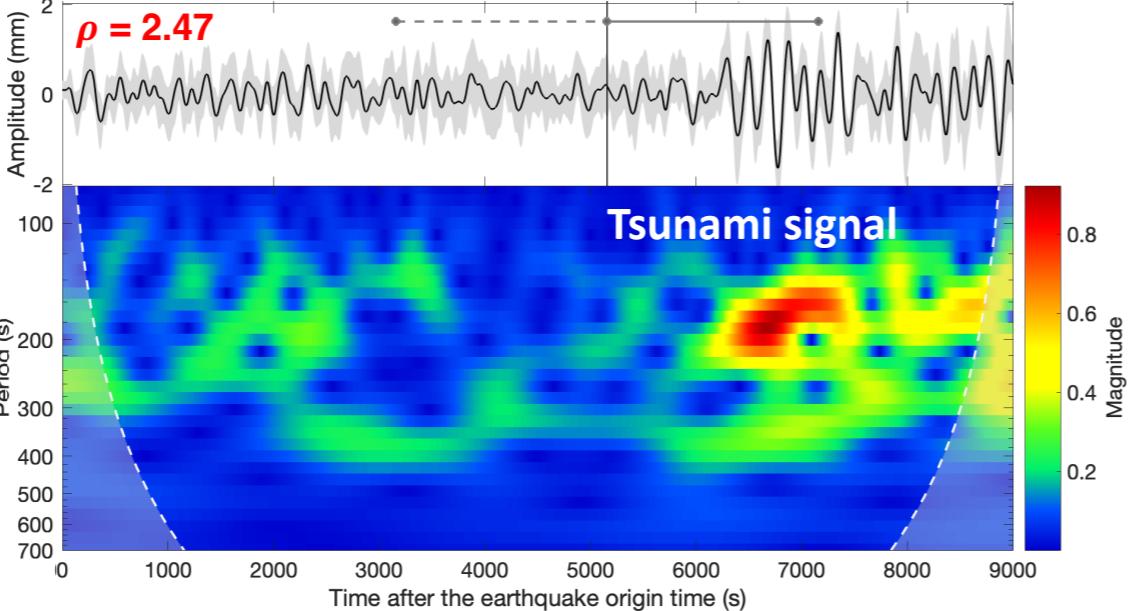


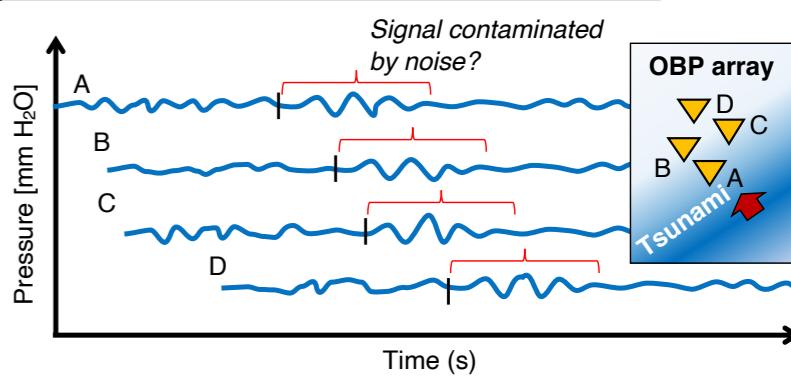
Fig. 5: An example of waveform & wavelet analysis result before stacking for the (a) 2017 & (b) 2019 EQs.

Fig. 6: Waveforms and wavelet analysis after stacking. Line & shade on top panel indicates the mean value & standard deviation, resp.

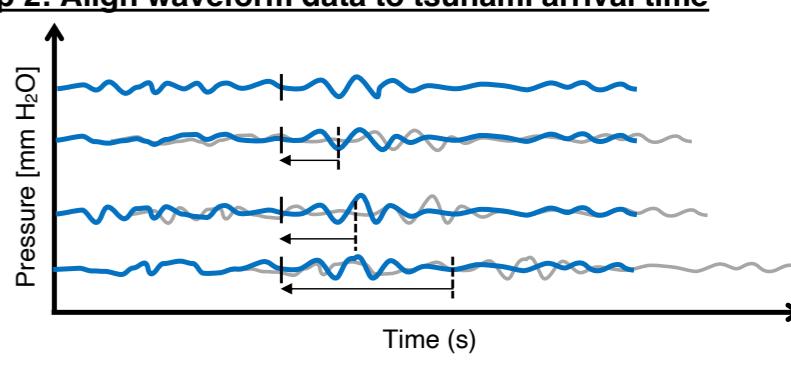
3. Methods: Waveform stacking

To improve the S/N ratio of tsunami waves.

Step 1: Estimate tsunami arrival time at stations



Step 2: Align waveform data to tsunami arrival time



Step 3: Stack and take average

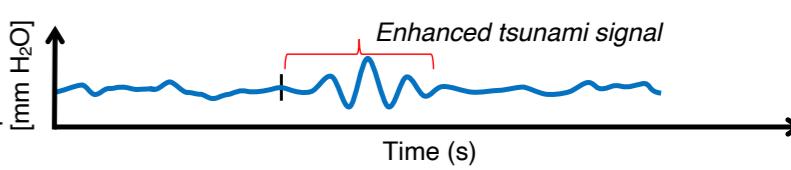
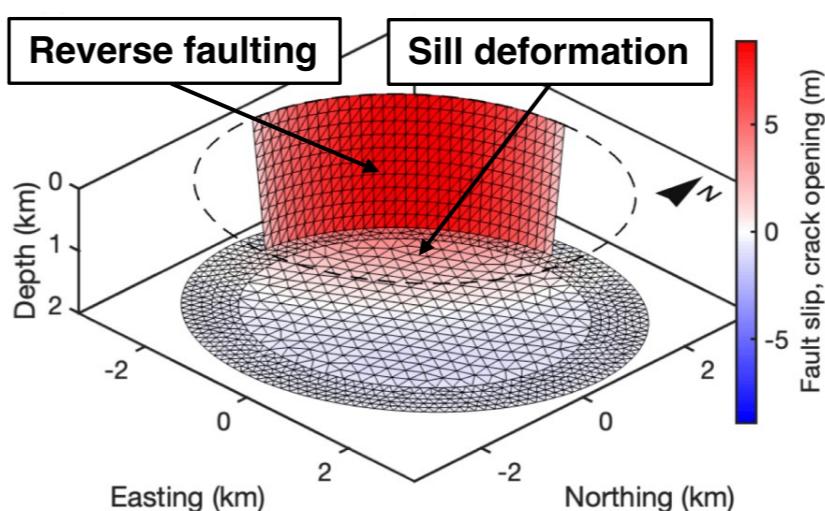


Fig. 4: Schematic illustration of waveform stacking.

5. Discussion & Conclusions

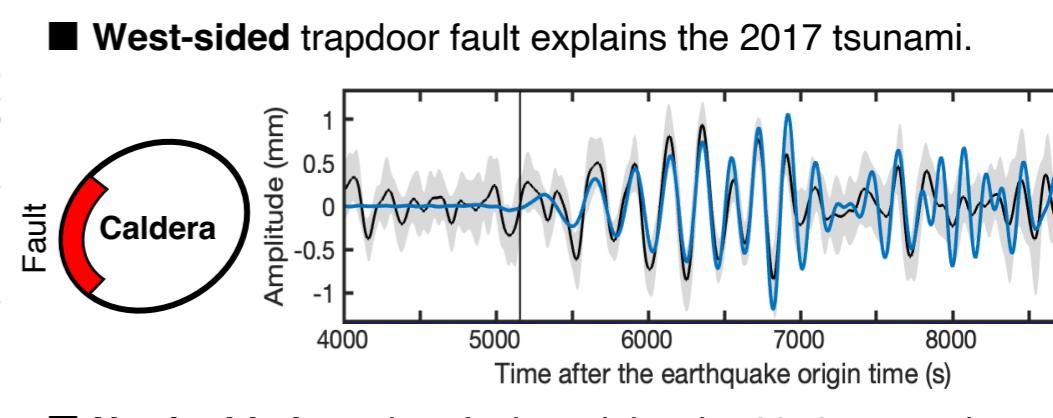
Stacked tsunami waveforms help distinguish a difference in the ruptured fault location.

- The synthesis from “trapdoor faulting (TF)” model reproduces the stacked waveforms, which resolves the detailed locations of the ruptured fault for the 2017/2019 EQs.



↑ **Fig. 7:** TF source model of the 2008 EQ.
[Sandanbata & Saito, 2023, ESSOAr]

→ **Fig. 8:** Comparison between stacked waveforms of the model (blue) and the observed data (black).



- We suggest that **successive fault rupture on segmented faults in the submarine caldera** causes frequent trapdoor faulting recurrence, in an interval of 2–5 years, at Kita-Ioto caldera.

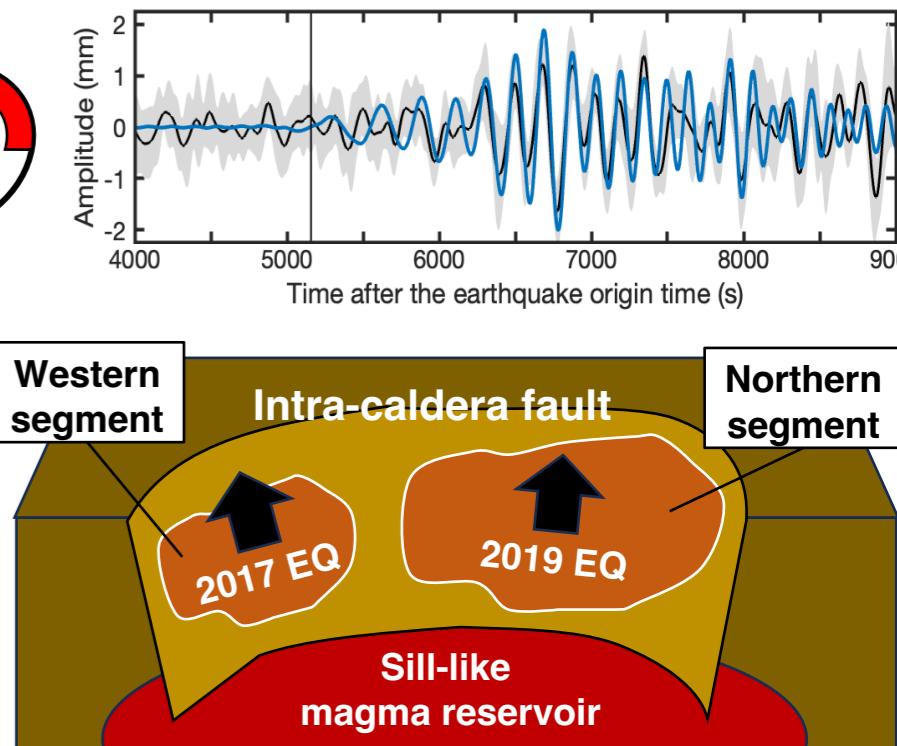


Fig. 9: Illustration of intra-caldera fault segmentations inferred from our analysis of stacked tsunami waveform data.