UW CEE Industry Capstone Study

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Tsunami Risk

- Maximum threat occurs from an earthquake along the Seattle Fault Line
- **City Hall located** outside inundation zone



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Lahar Risk

 Snowmelt and hydrothermallyaltered rock increases flow

 Fife is at the base of converging flow paths



• Rough average = 10-30 feet, 20-40 ft/s



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Lahar loading

 Because of the increased magnitude and uncertainty associated with lahar, groups recommended a protection structure instead of designing the building for lahars



Figure from Pierson et al, Journal of Applied Volcanology

 This will require additional study, but presents an option for simpler structural design of the relevant buildings

Industry Capstone

- ✤ Finally, we want to thank the City of Fife for their support
- Typical enrollment for these courses is ~4-6 students. We had 17 students participate, giving us 3 groups to engage with
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