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# TE TAI WHANAKE

Growing a stronger, more resilient Aotearoa.

📍 Te Papa, Wellington 13 & 14 May 2024

# Technology and Innovation

*How is technology contributing to resilience building and emergency management, and where are opportunities for innovation for New Zealand?*

## **Speakers:**

- David Johnston, Joint Centre for Disaster Research (*Chair*)
- Andrea Wolter, GNS Science
- Max Stephens, University of Auckland
- Murray Ford, University of Auckland
- Tom Robinson, University of Canterbury
- Raj Prasanna, Joint Centre for Disaster Research
- Andy Nicol, University of Canterbury

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# Community Engaged Low-Cost EEW

## A Decentralised Edge Processing Approach



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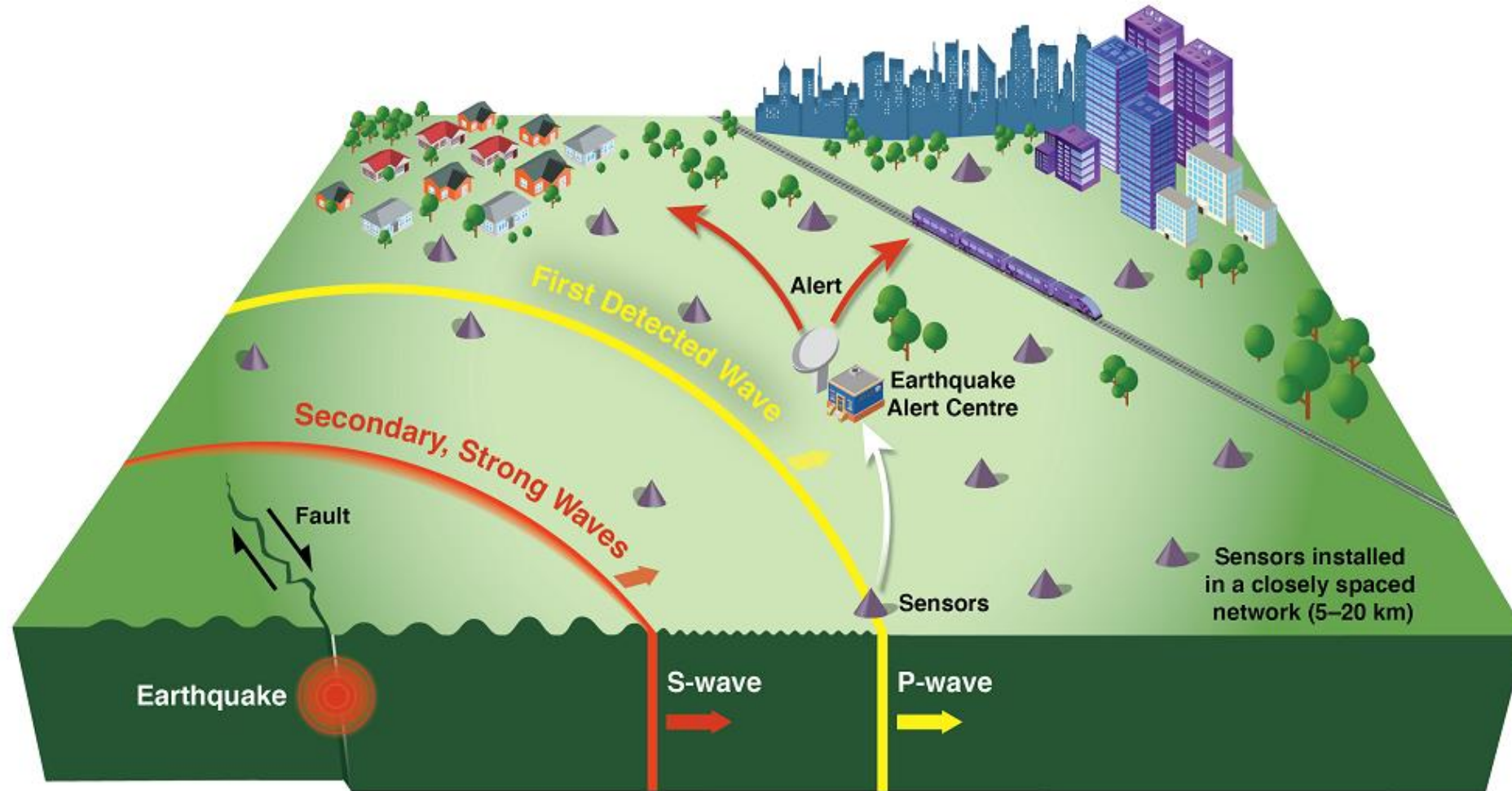
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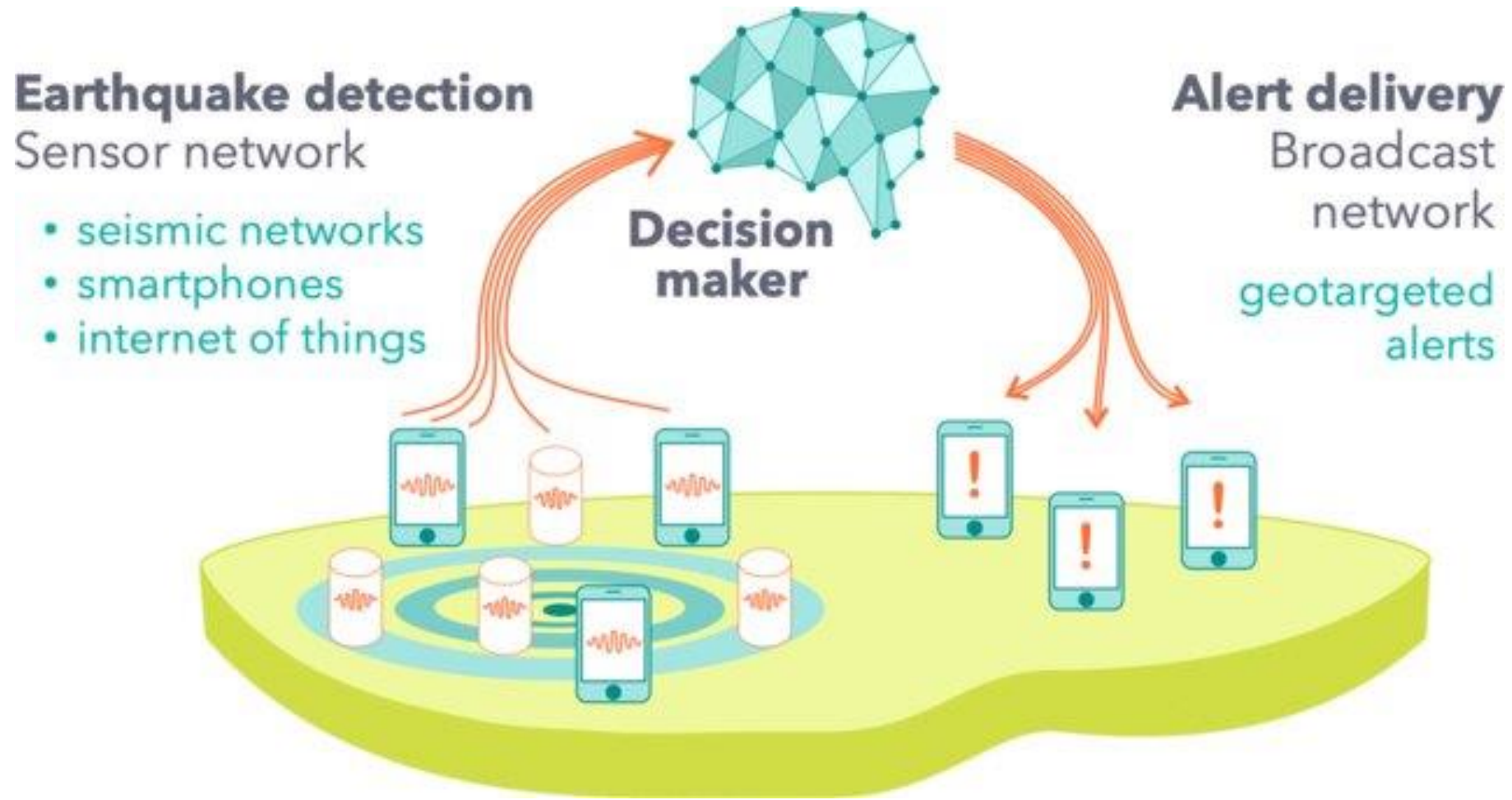
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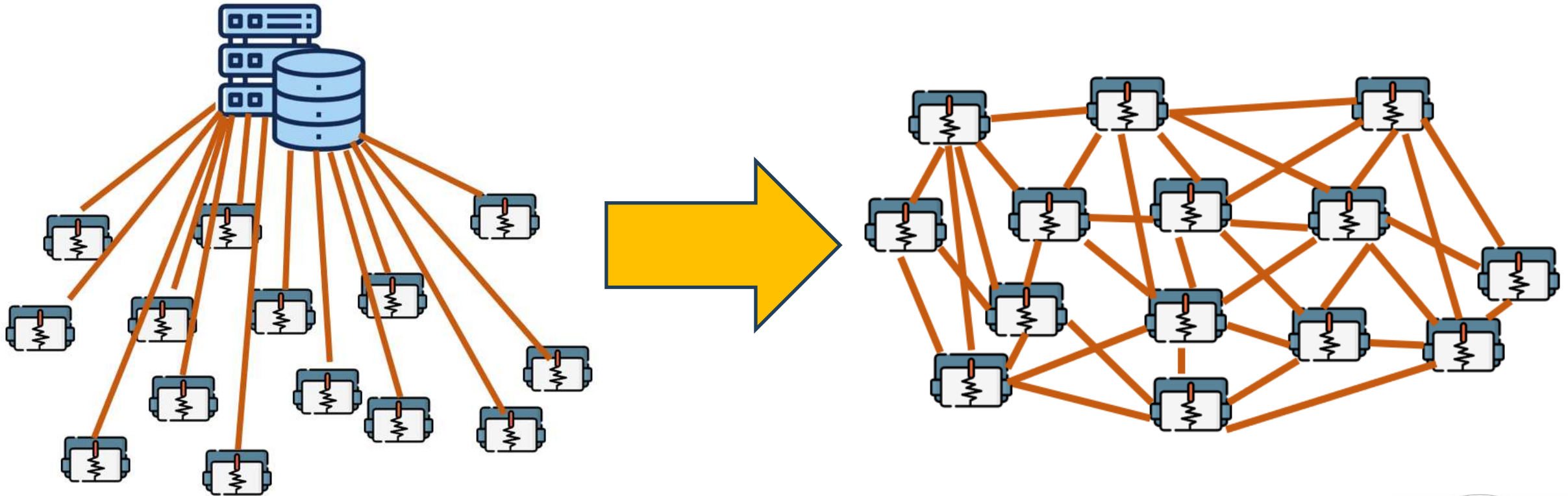
# Earthquake Early Warning



# Traditional Approach to EEW Alert Generation & Dissemination



# Mesh Network Driven Decentralised Data Processing at the Edge



# Low-cost Sensors in the Community

Living in Wellington?

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**SENSOR**

We need volunteers to host ground motion detection sensors in their homes to help with earthquake early warning research.

Sign Up

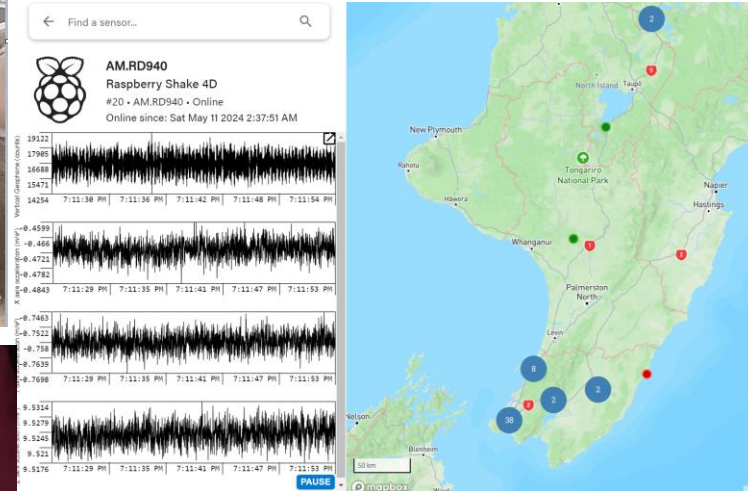
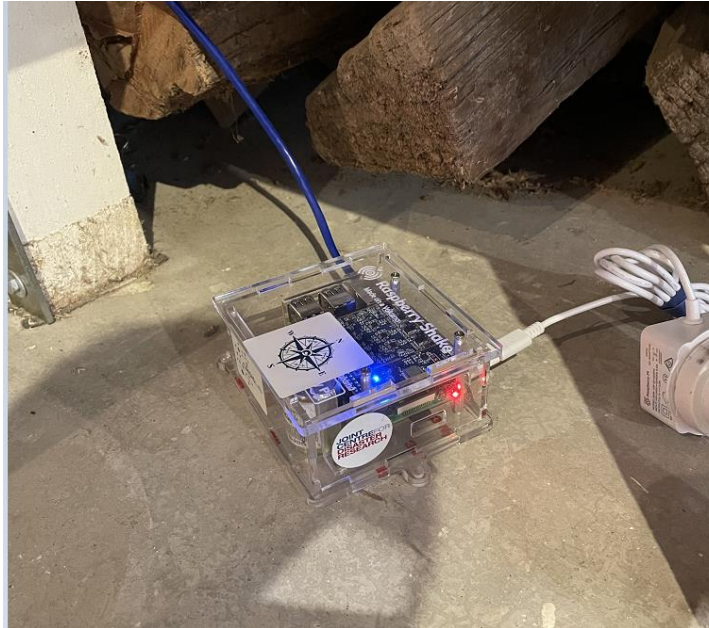
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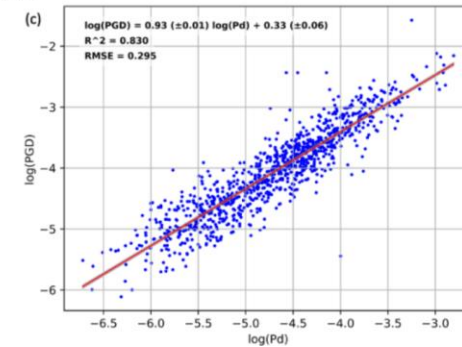
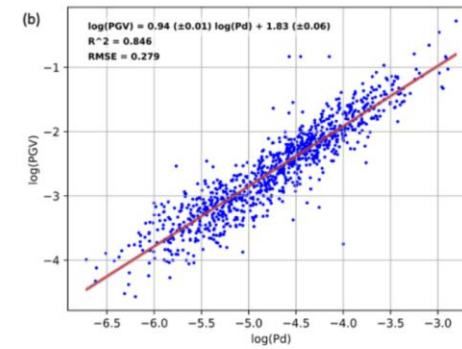
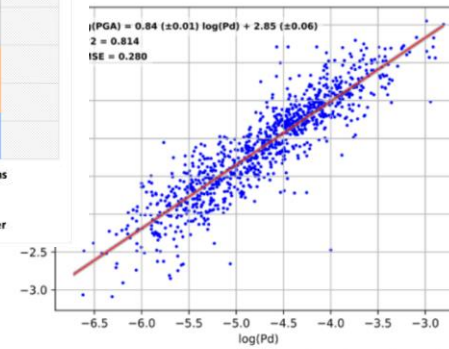
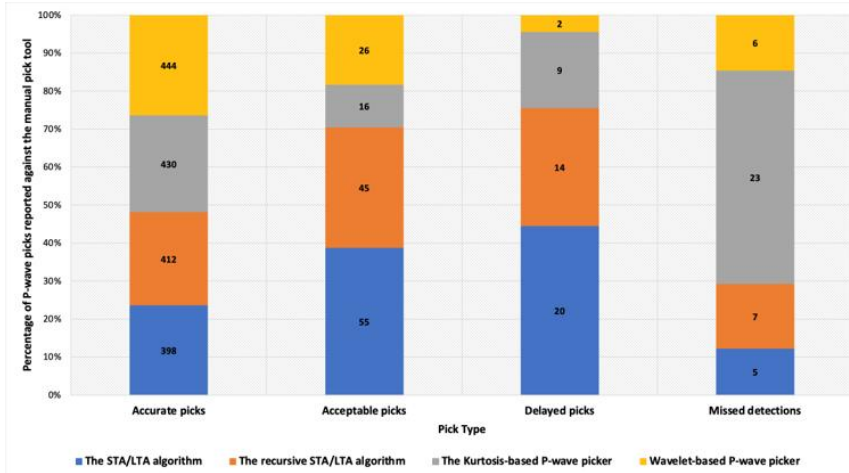
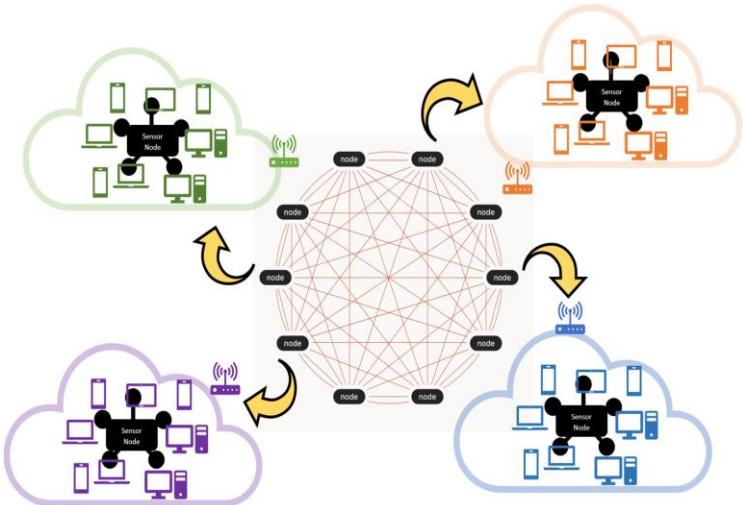
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# Node-Level Detection and Alert Generation



## False Detections

### Algorithms

The standard STA/LTA

Recursive STA/LTA

Kurtosis-based P-wave picker

Wavelet-based P-wave picker

## Missed Detections

### Algorithms

The standard STA/LTA

Recursive STA/LTA

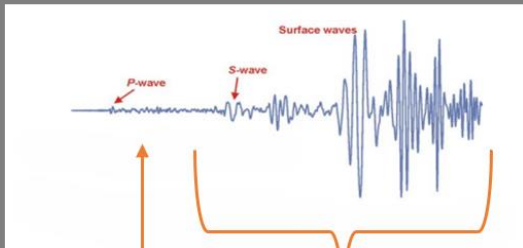
Kurtosis-based P-wave picker

Wavelet-based P-wave picker

Wavelet-based P-wave picker

# Machine Learning Models for Resource-Constrained Edge Devices of On-site EEWS

On-site EEW system in a low resource device (ex: RS4D sensor)



Performance trade-off of estimation model Algorithm 3

Detect P Waves Algorithm 1

Estimate earthquake Intensity Algorithm 2



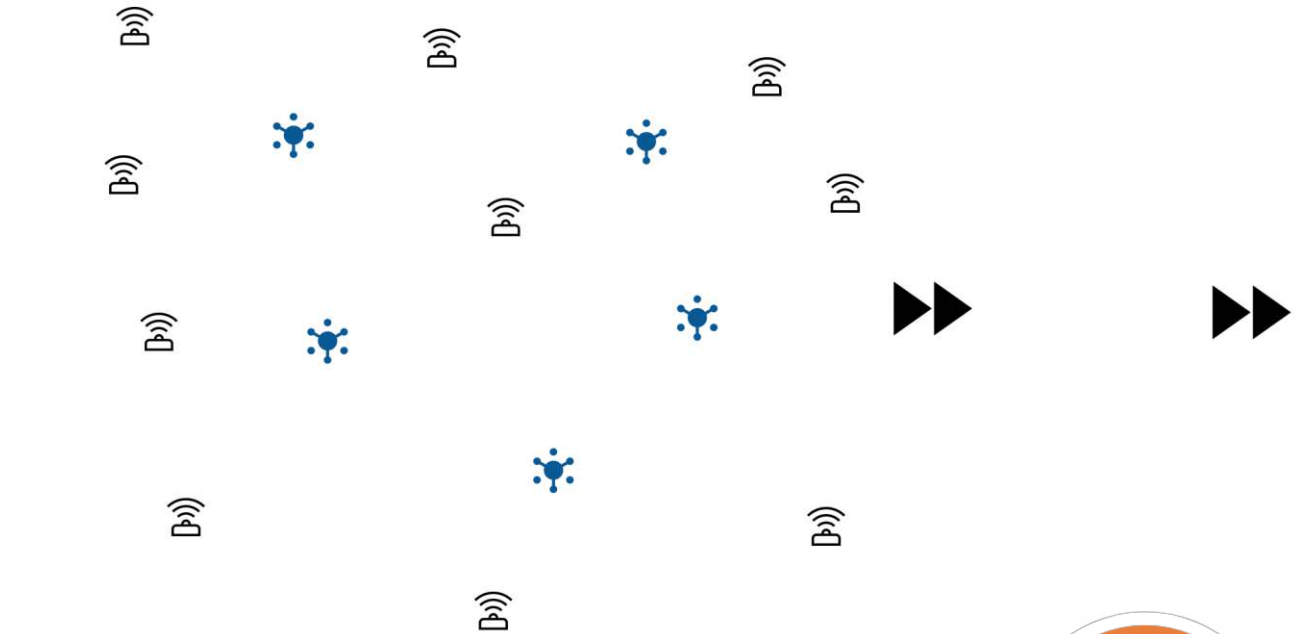
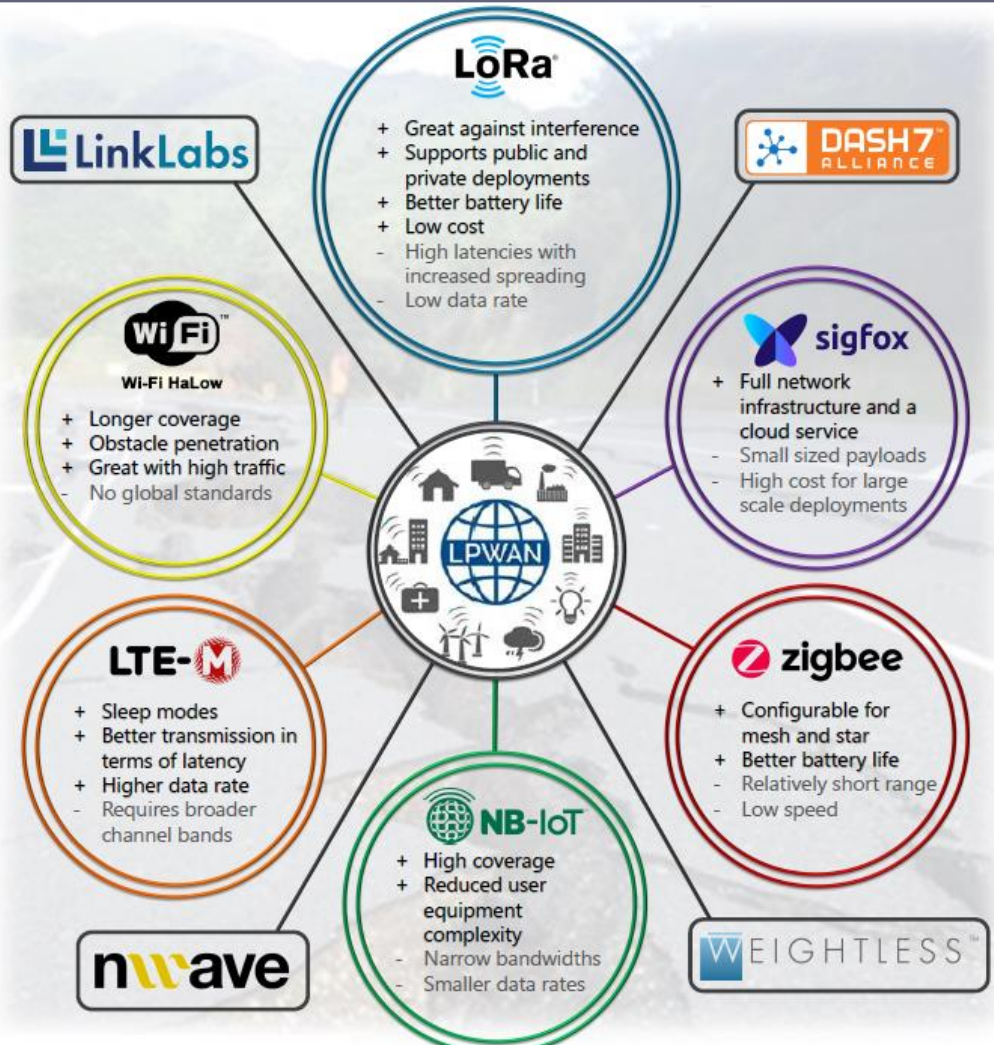
- Develop reliable ML algorithms for
1. P Wave-based earthquake detection
  2. Earthquake intensity predictions



## EDGE AI



# Alternative Long-Range Data Communication Solutions When Limited or No-access to the Internet



# Using earthquake simulators to understand earthquake and tsunami hazard

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Andy Nicol, Bill Fry, Andy Howell, Camilla Penney,  
Bruce Shaw, Laura Hughes, Jade Humphrey, Jack  
Williams, Mark Stirling (and 13 others)



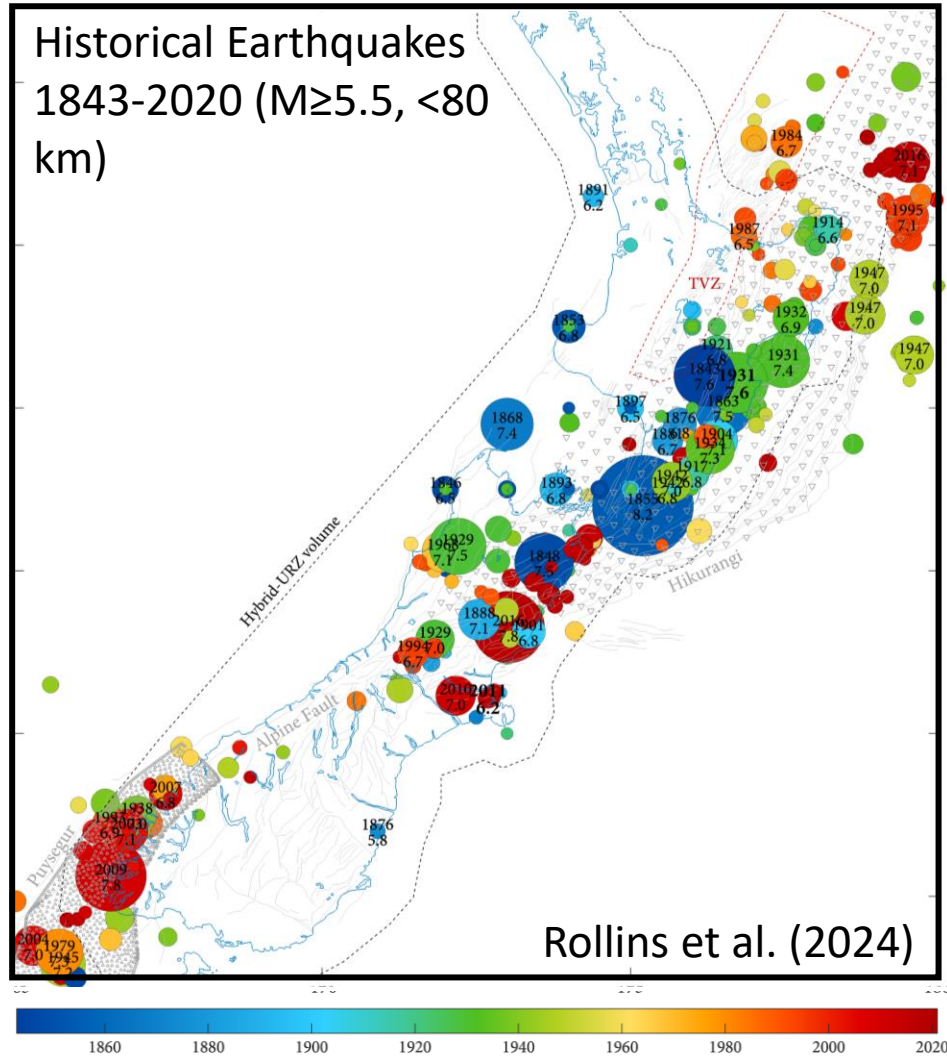
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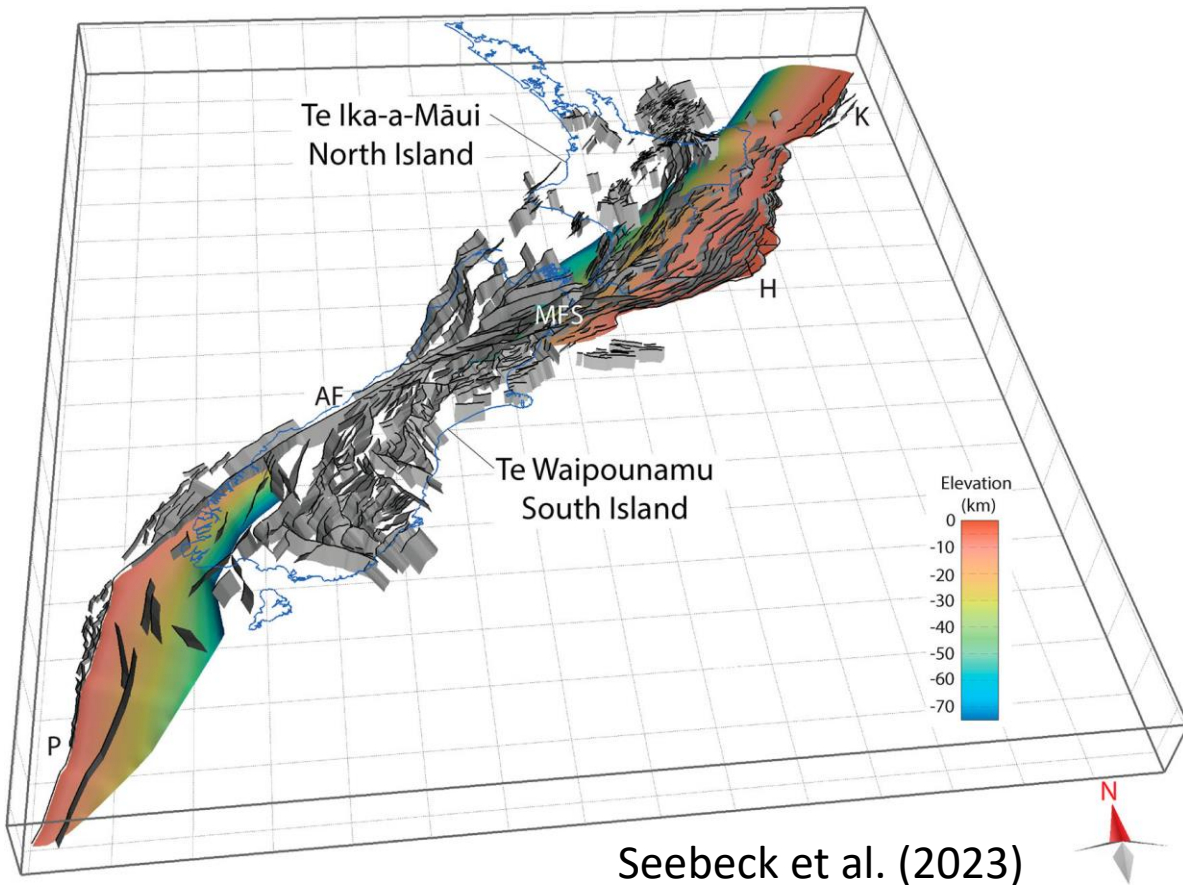
# Earthquake and Tsunami Hazard Forecasts



- Seismic hazard information is typically derived from historical and prehistorical earthquakes.
- Datasets have limitations.
- Historical record short duration (~180 yrs).
- Paleoseismic information for  $< 100$  of 880 known active faults (~ $< 10\%$ ).
- Uncertainty about what earthquakes are possible/likely.



# Earthquake Simulators – What, How & Why?



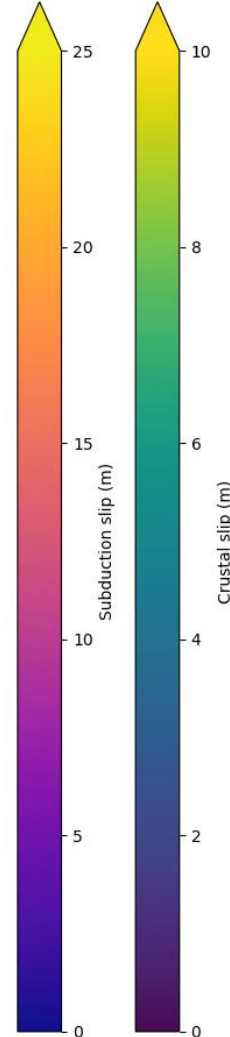
RNC contributed to building of A-NZ Community Fault Model (~880 faults).

- Earthquake simulators - computer programs that use physics to produce synthetic earthquakes.
- ‘First-generation’ multi-cycle models using RSQSim software.
- Use 3D representations of known faults and earthquake slip, timing and slip rate for many faults across Aotearoa-NZ.
- Models produce displacement and shaking of ground surface.
- Results used to model earthquake, tsunami, landslide and sea-level hazards (multi-peril – see Bill Fry’s talk tomorrow).



# Earthquake Simulator Models for Aotearoa New Zealand

Bruce Shaw



- Generated in total 7 models for all of A-NZ and specific regions.
- Models run for up to 1 Million years (most commonly 200-500 thousand years).
- Models contain millions of earthquakes >M5.5.
- Synthetic earthquakes show many of the features of real earthquakes.
- Testing and model improvements ongoing.

Year

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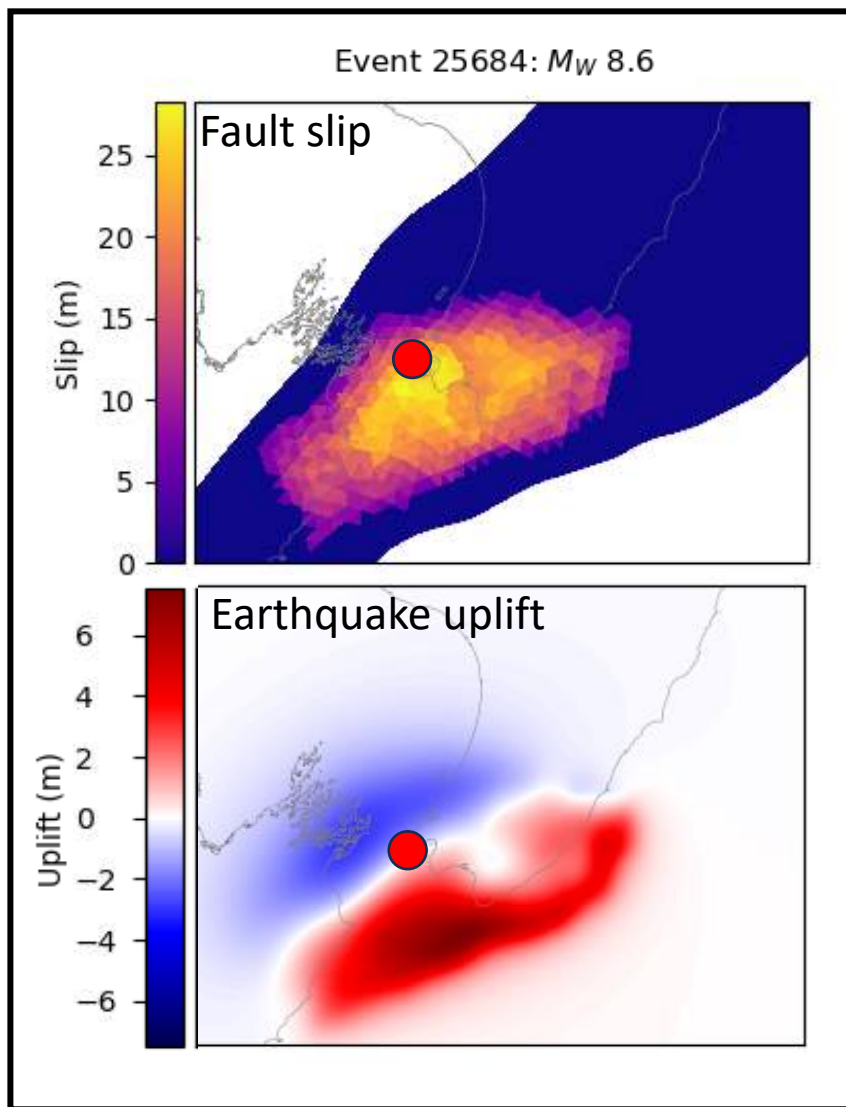
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Earthquakes & Tsunami Programme



# Earthquake Simulator Models for Aotearoa New Zealand



Simulator catalogues used for tsunami hazard modelling (this study, RCET), inform aspects of earthquake hazard in NSHM, develop of earthquake scenarios for central A-NZ (e.g., Building Resilience to earthquake sequences), estimate sea-level changes (e.g., Our Changing Coast).

## Case Study Applications

- 1) Understanding relationships between subduction and upper crust earthquakes.
- 2) Identifying potential earthquake scenarios and sequences.
- 3) Quantifying seismic hazards in low seismicity regions.
- 4) Modelling tsunami wave heights.





# 1) Relationships Subduction Thrust and Upper Plate

## Earthquakes

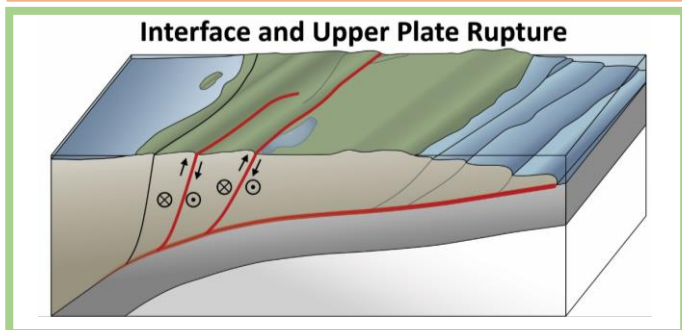
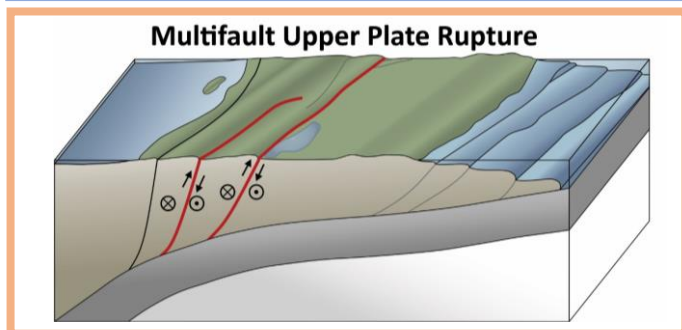
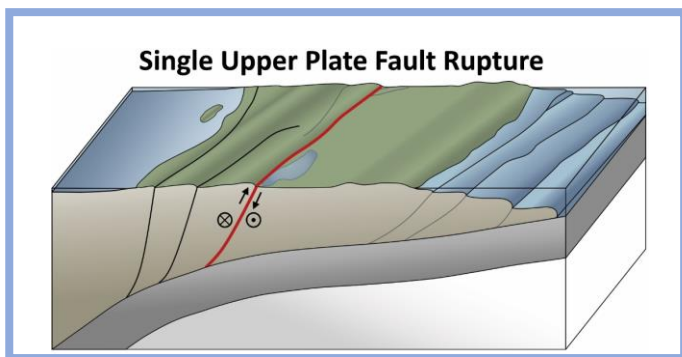
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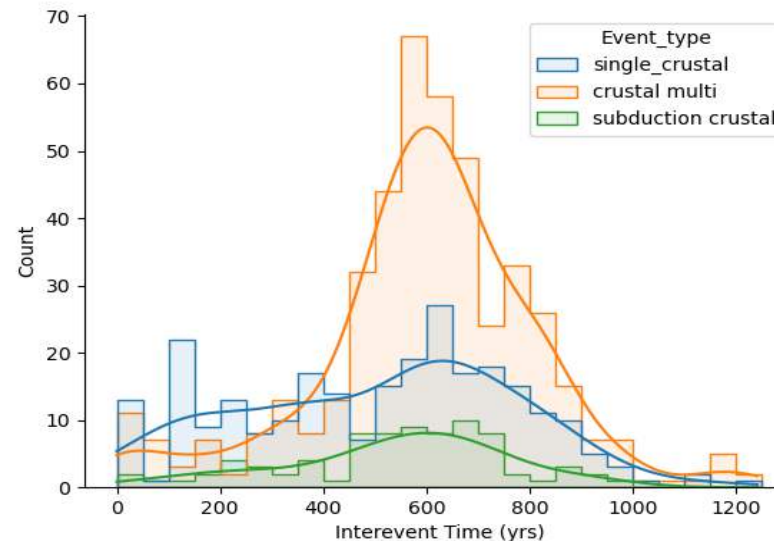
Camilla Penney



Wellington Region



Wellington Fault Eqs (>M7)



- Most large earthquakes (>M7) involve multiple faults (i.e., Kaikōura type).
- Co-rupture of subduction interface and upper plate faults common.

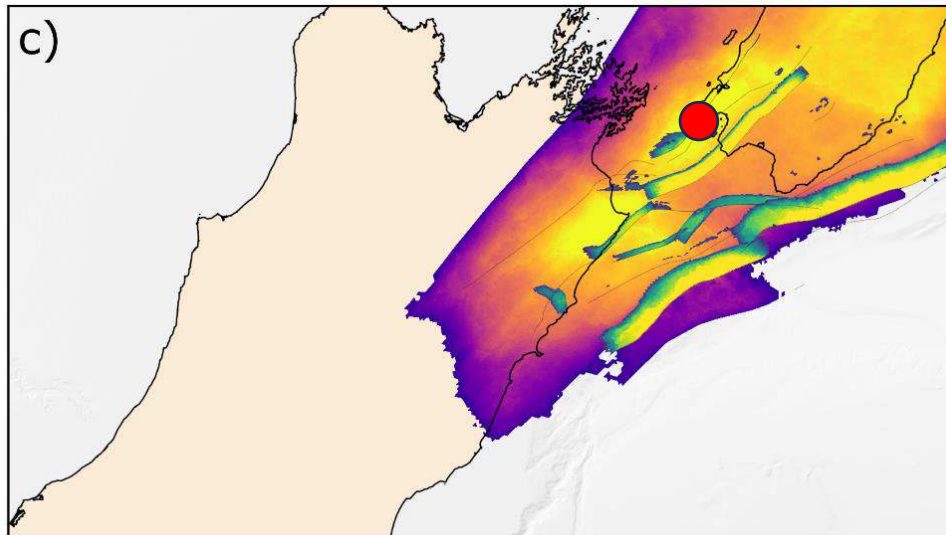
Jade Humphrey Wellington Collaboratory meeting for 18 June 2024



# 2) Earthquake Scenarios and Sequences

## Earthquake Scenarios

Event 7135628 (Mw 8.7, year 359650)



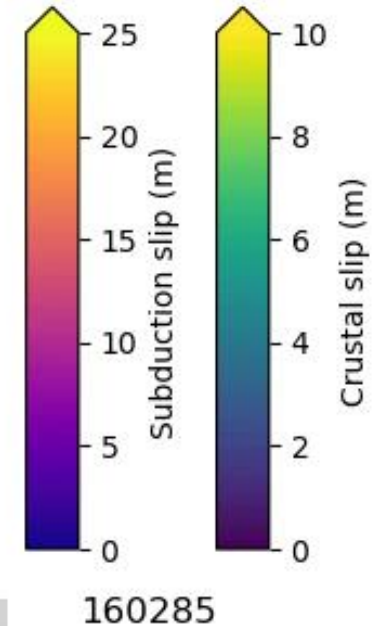
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## Earthquake Sequences

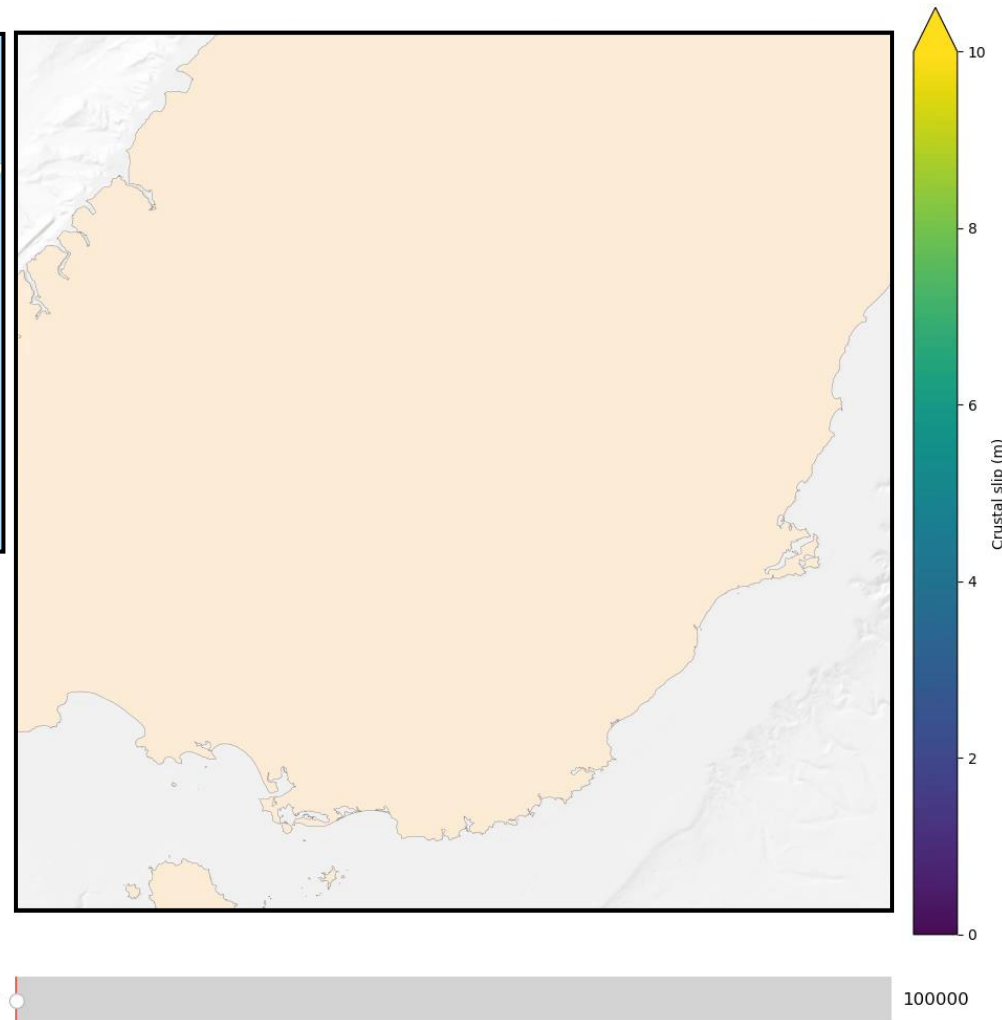
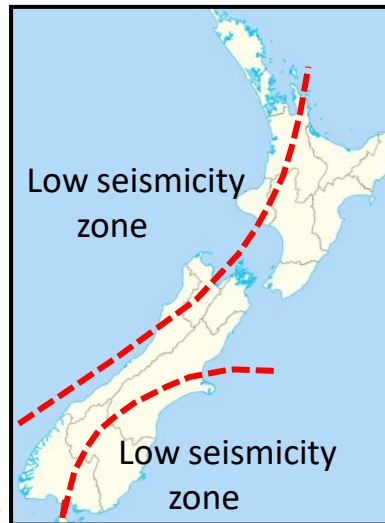


Penney et al., in prep



# 3) Simulated Earthquakes in Low Seismicity Areas

- Otago seismicity model.
- Model run 1 million years to investigate many earthquakes.
- Large dataset suitable for statistical analysis.
- Comparison with observations and NSHM rupture sets being led by Jack Williams.



Jack Williams Mark Stirling Andy Howell

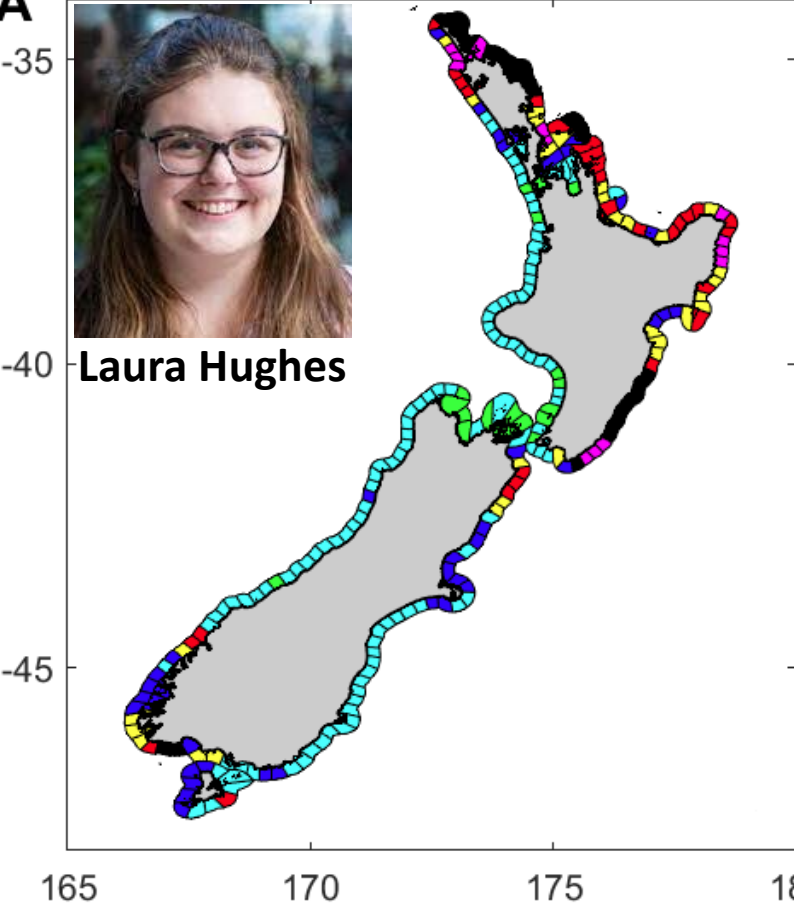


# 4) Synthetic Earthquake Catalogues for Tsunami Hazard Assessments

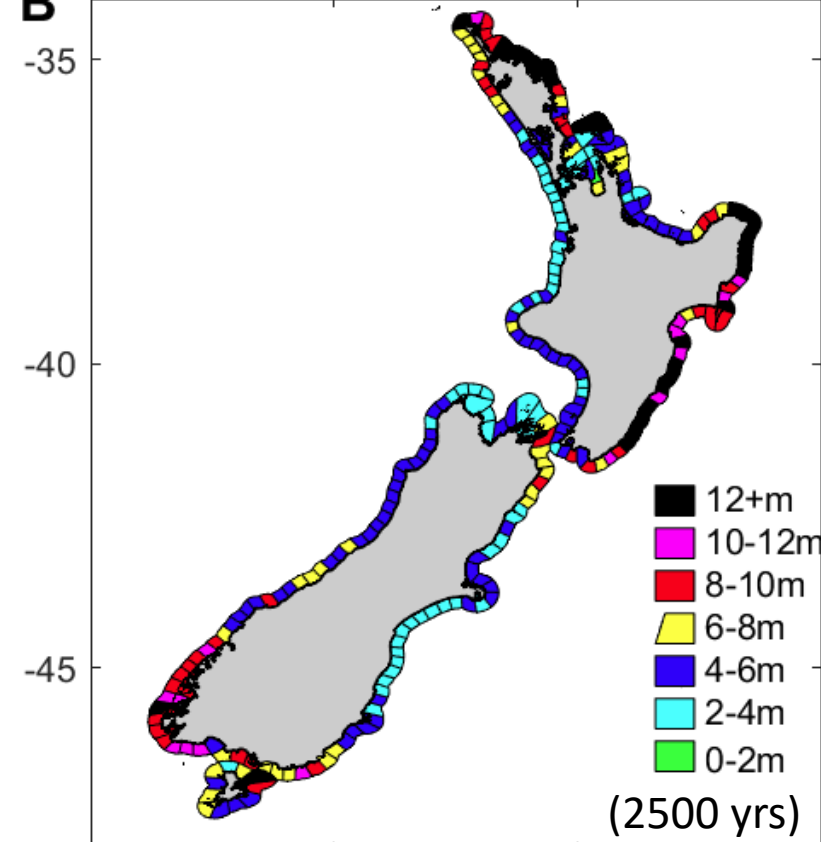
**A** Tsunami hazard: Physically-based model



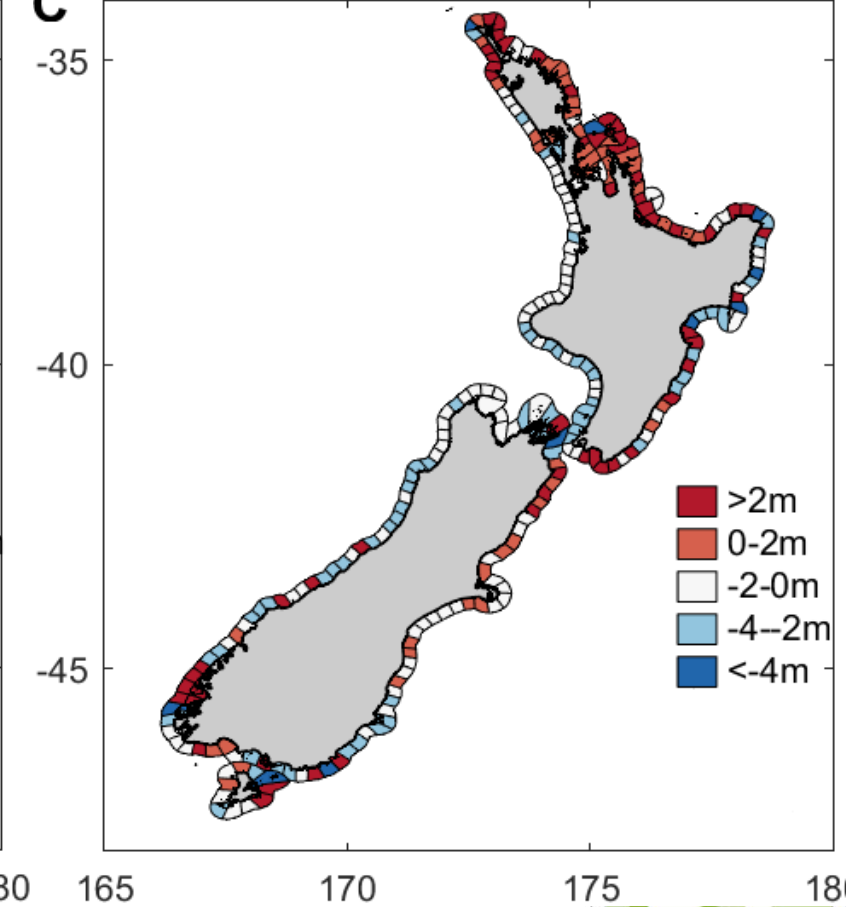
Laura Hughes



**B** Tsunami hazard: Statistical model



**C** Difference (A - B)



# Concluding remarks

- During RNC we have produced multiple synthetic earthquake catalogues for Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Earthquake models have widespread applications including earthquakes, tsunami, landslides and sea rise (See Bill Fry talk tomorrow).
- The earthquakes may provide key information about earthquake processes, earthquake sequences and earthquake scenarios.
- Our earthquake models are 'first-generation'. Future research will develop the hazard/risk outputs and test their ability to replicate real earthquake processes.



# So we have some building data, now what?

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*University of Auckland*

Amin Ghasemi, Soon to be PhD  
*University of Auckland*

Many others  
*Massey, Victoria, etc.*

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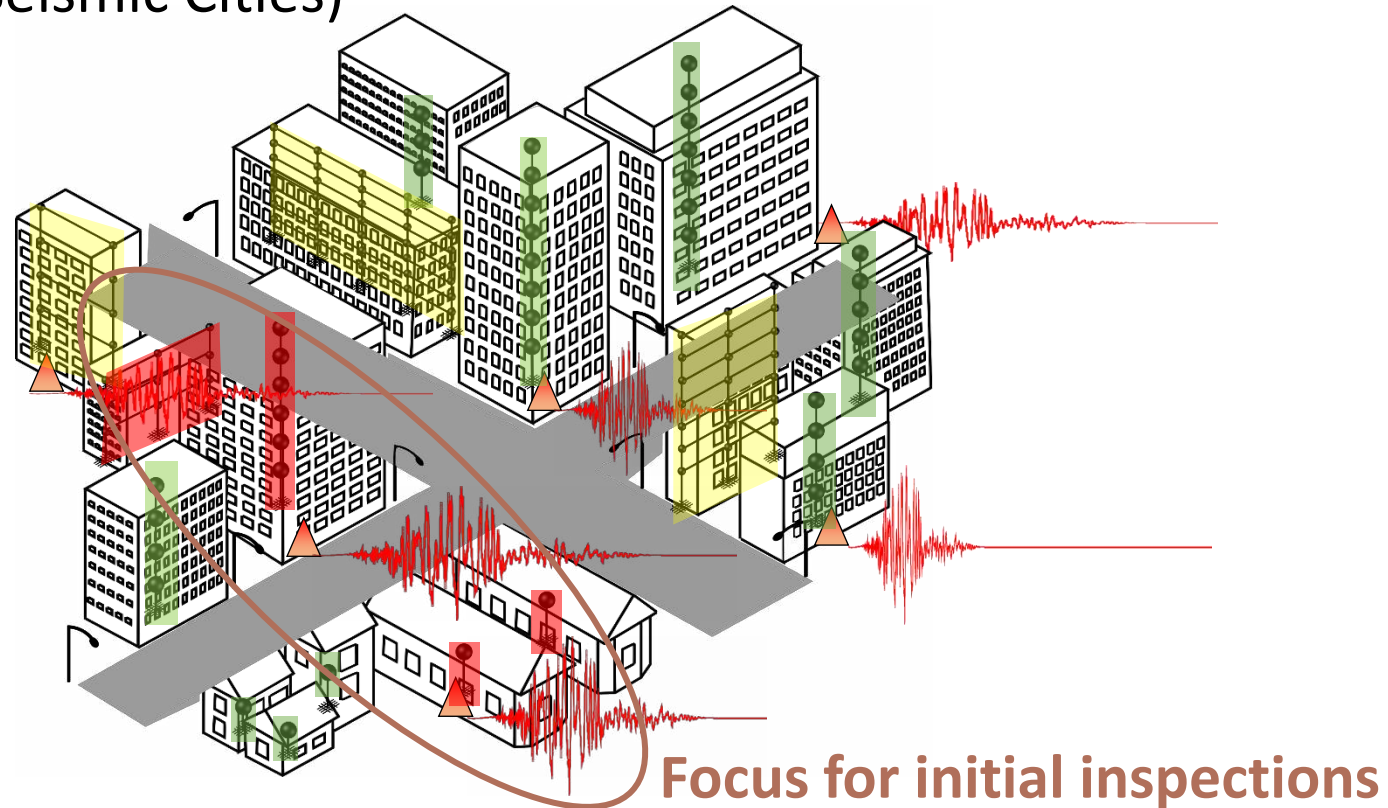


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NZ Centre for Earthquake Resilience

Toka  
Tū Ake **EQC**

# A Wellington near real-time impact tool

In mid 2016, the concept of developing a near real-time seismic impact tool for Wellington was proposed (Smart Seismic Cities)



# Then this happened

Kaikōura Earthquake 2016 - M7.8 >200km from Wellington, New Zealand

*10% of commercial space in CBD was closed, 20 demolitions*

*Cordons*

NEW ZEALAND (/NEWS/NATIONAL) / KAIKŌURA EARTHQUAKE (/NEWS/KAIKOURA-EARTHQUAKE)

## New round of earthquake checks ordered for 80 Wellington buildings

8:10 am on 20 December 2016



**Anne Gibson**

Property editor of the NZ Herald

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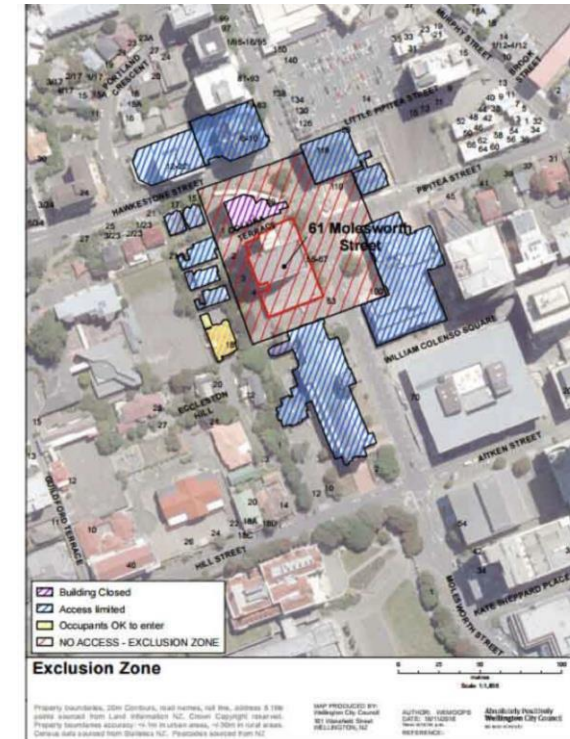
## Revealed: 16 Wellington blocks shut by quake

Wednesday, 07 December 2016

## The New Zealand Herald

### Wellington Reading Cinemas carpark building 'likely to collapse' in large aftershock

By Susan Strongman in Wellington, NZME

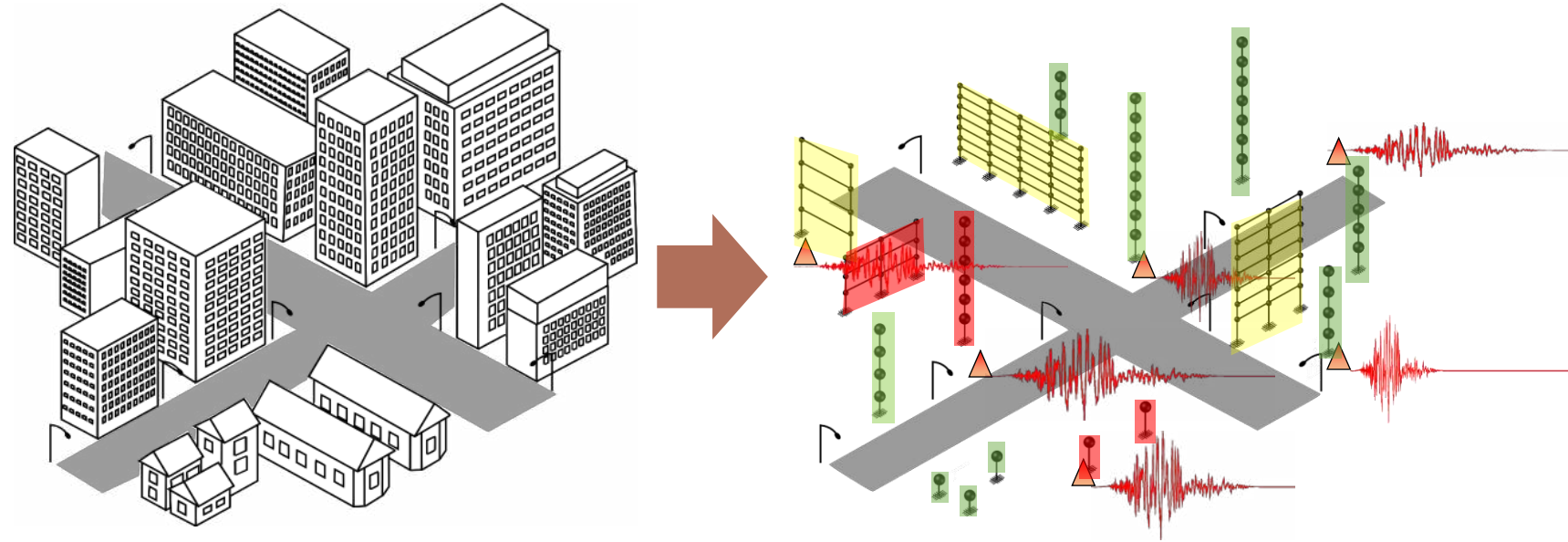




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Clearly a useful tool  
following earthquakes

Not clear exactly where  
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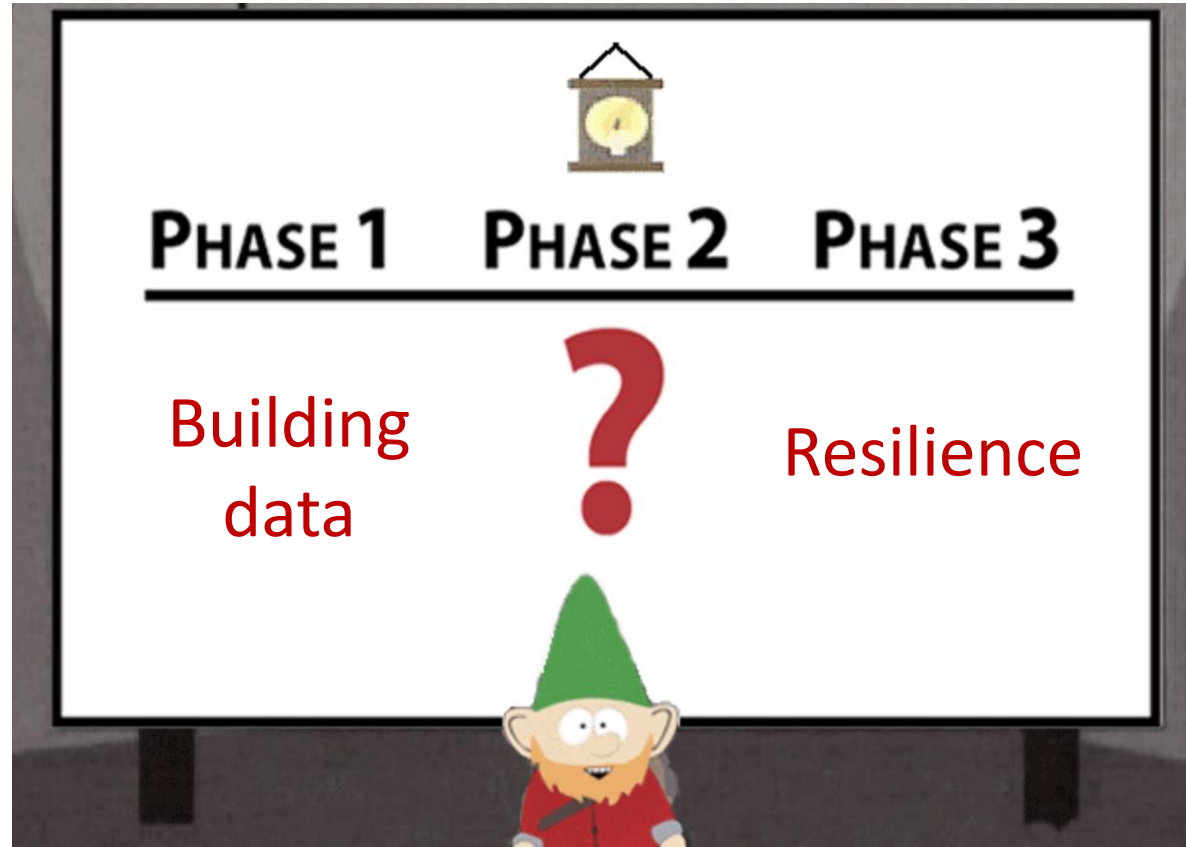


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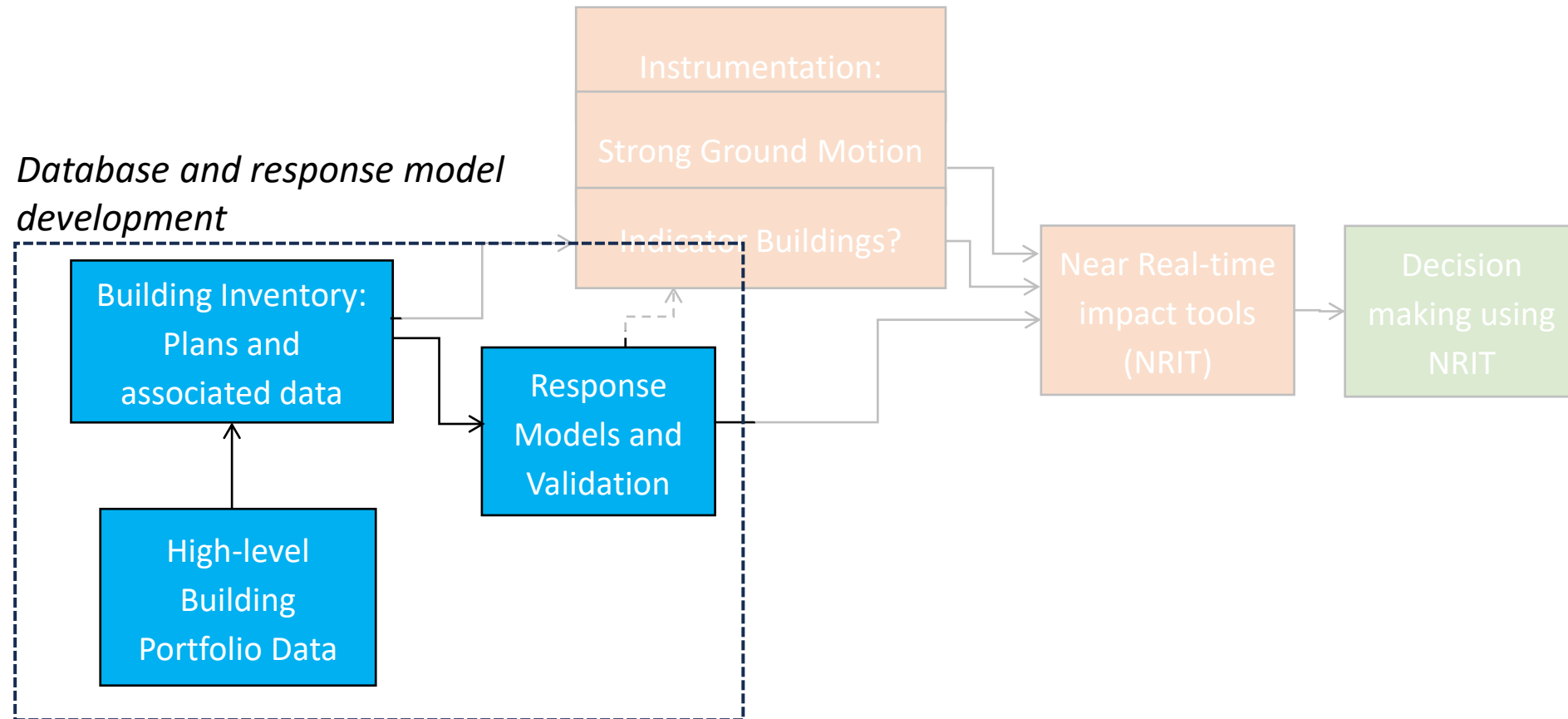
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Understanding that question mark is important



# The original plan



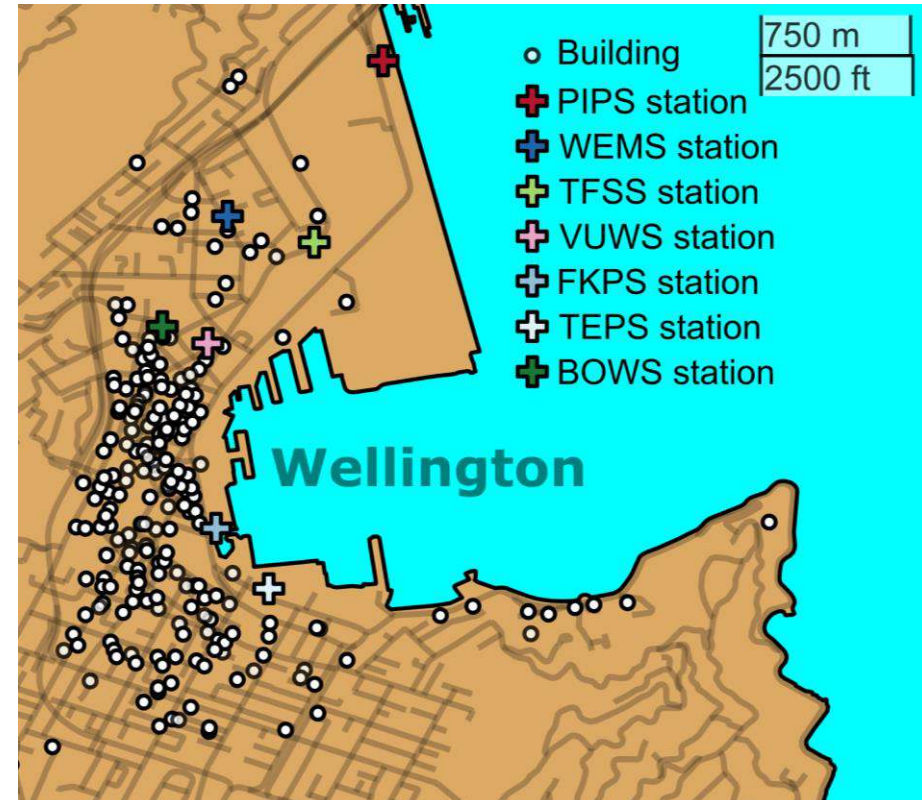
# The Wellington building inventory

‘Simple’ objective was to develop an inventory of concrete buildings over 5-storeys

*Timeline* This took so long, we basically stopped here!

- **2016** - WCC provides 247 drawing sets
- **2017-2020** – data extraction, compiling existing databases, data quality checking, development of online interface
- **2020-2021** – adding additional response modelling parameters
- **2021** – WCC provides and additional 250 drawing sets
- **2021** – Use existing databases to add ~500 1 and 2 storey buildings

*Initial tranche of buildings*



# The Wellington building inventory

A comment about the difficulties of using the data provided...

## Proposed Industry Enlistment



- Structural Drawings

- drawings for 260 buildings in hand, another 200 (approx) incoming (all vintages)
- currently includes buildings over 5-storeys only because...
- detailed information provided, allowing for development of informative MDOF models
- man-hours required to parse all drawings for necessary information...
  - many hands make light work!
- confirmation required for information within drawing packages – current and accurate



# The Wellington building inventory - modified

In its original inception, site characteristics not included in the database

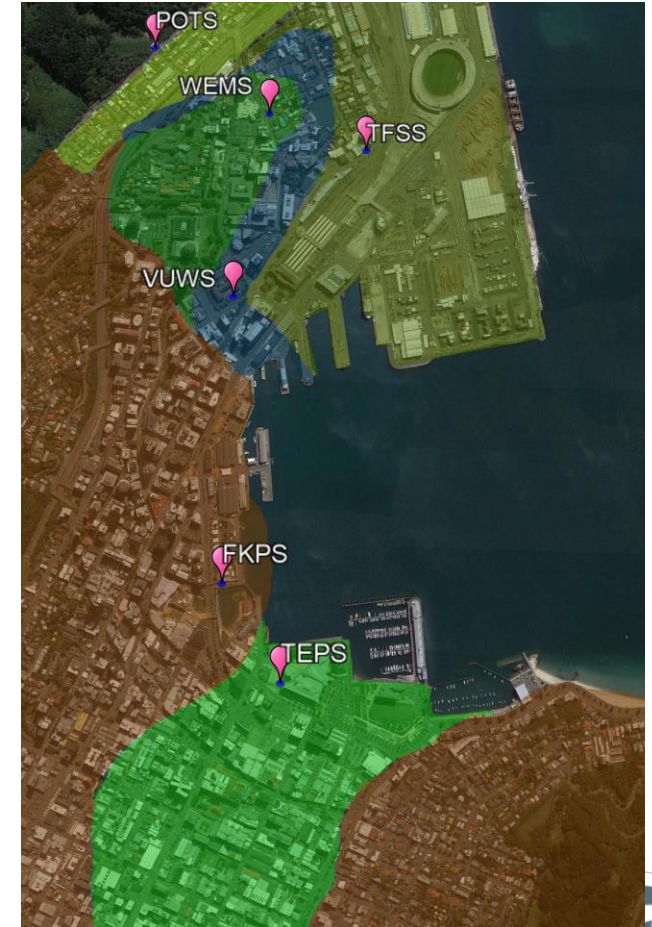
How do we tie earthquake acceleration demands to a given structure?

For more recent structures, how do we determine the design loads?

So we had to go back and add these...



Site Period



Strong Motion Stations



# Response model

We developed a GUI for data entry and automatic macro model generation...

Building Entry Form

Building Name: Statistics House New Zealand  
Year Indicated on Drawing: 2004  
Gravity System: [Dropdown]  
Center of Mass EW: 15600.0

Unique Identifier: BUI\_1  
Stories Above Grade: 5  
Gravity Columns: Concrete  
Center of Mass NS: 28800.0  
Building Instrumented?: No

Importance Factor: [Dropdown]  
Stories Below Grade: 0  
Typical Gravity Bay Span EW: 5200.0  
Lateral System EW: Concrete\_Moment\_Frame  
Strengthened?: Dont\_Know

Occupancy: [Dropdown]  
Story 1 Height: 4200.0  
Typical Gravity Bay Span NS: 4800.0  
Lateral System NS: Concrete\_Moment\_Frame

Latitude: -41.278048  
Typical Story Height: 3800.0  
Typical Number of Column Lines EW: 7  
Add Lateral Information

Longitude: 174.784473  
Typical Deck Thickness: 125.0  
Typical Number of Column Lines NS: [Dropdown]  
Gravity System Post-Tensioned?: Yes

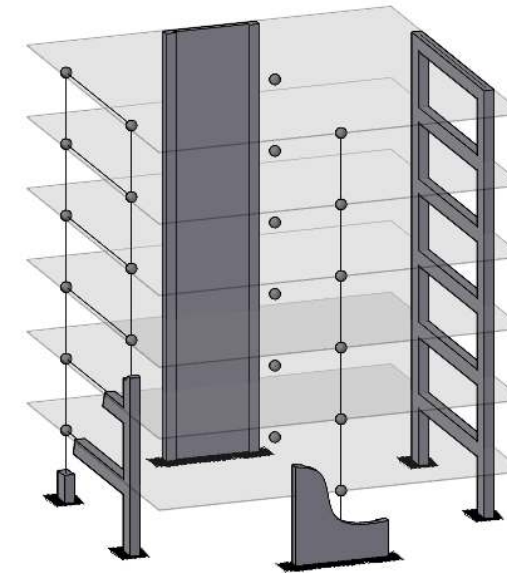
General Notes: [Text Area]

Update Building

**Concrete Moment Frame:**

Bay Length: [Input]  
Number of Bays: [Input]  
Column Width: [Input]  
Column Depth: [Input]  
Size of Vertical Bars in Columns: [Input]  
Number of Vertical Bars in Columns: [Input]  
Size of Transverse Reinf. in Columns: [Input]  
Spacing of Transverse Reinf. in Columns: [Input]  
Beam Depth: [Input]  
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Size of Vertical Bars in Beams: [Input]  
Number of Vertical Bars in Beams: [Input]  
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Save Moment Frame



*Macro models in OpenSees,  
This was the goal!*



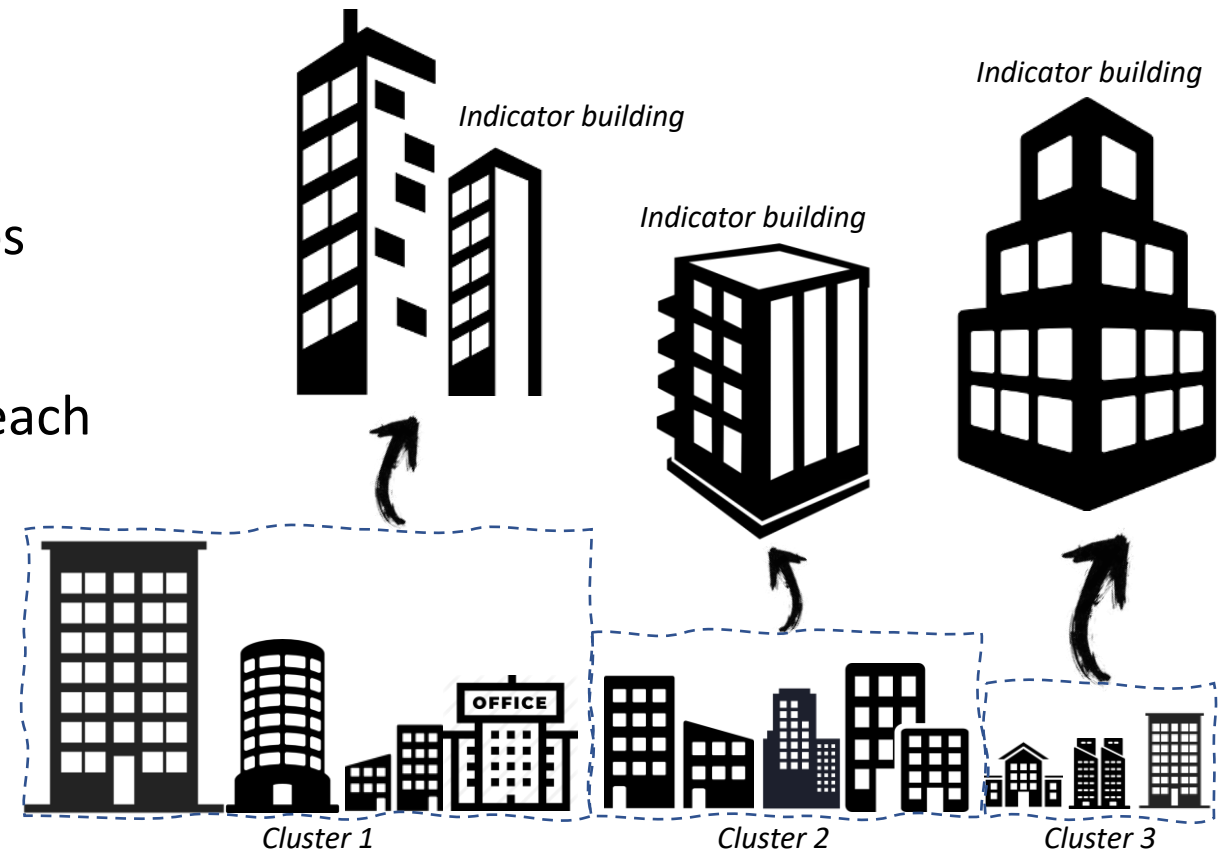




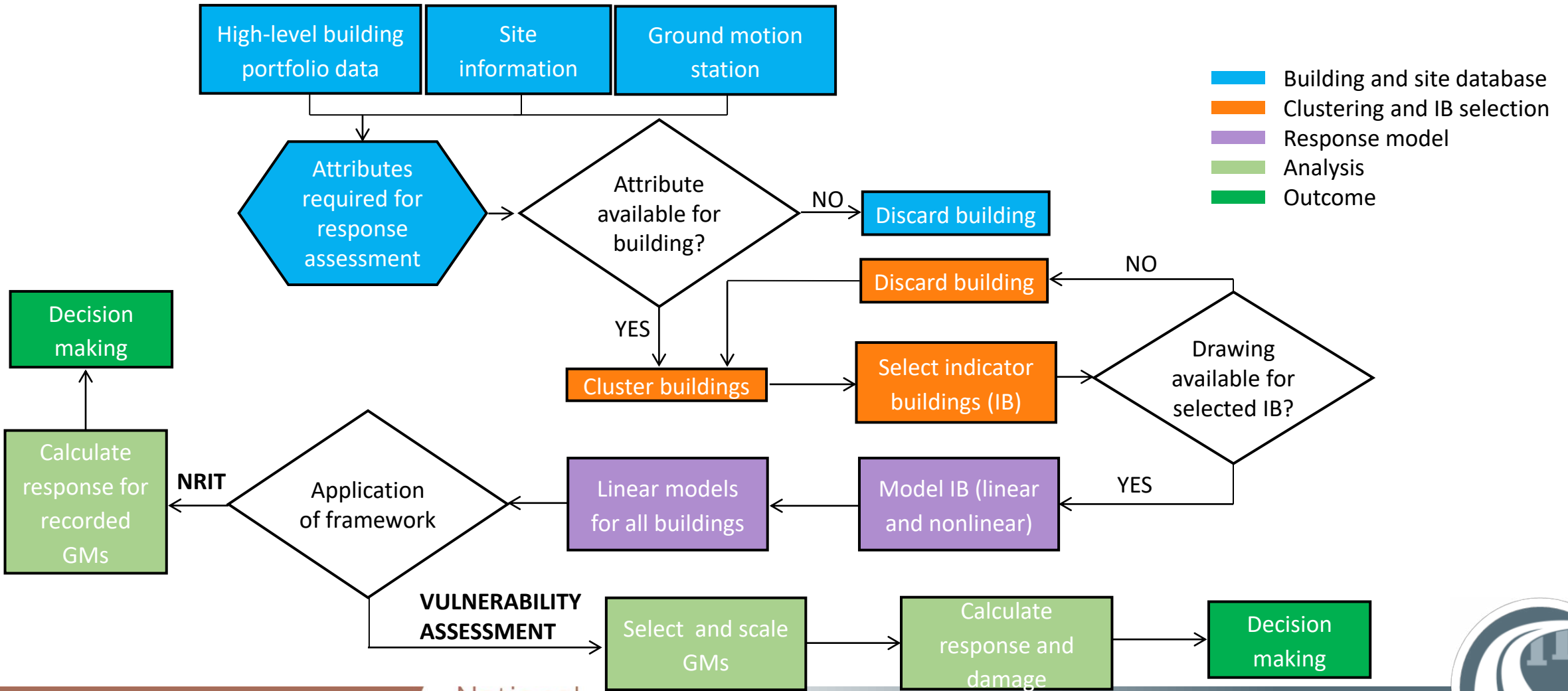
# We had to modify the approach – indicator buildings

## Indicator building approach:

- Cluster buildings into typologically similar groups
- Select a representative indicator building from each cluster
- Use indicator building to estimate response/damage/loss/etc. across each cluster

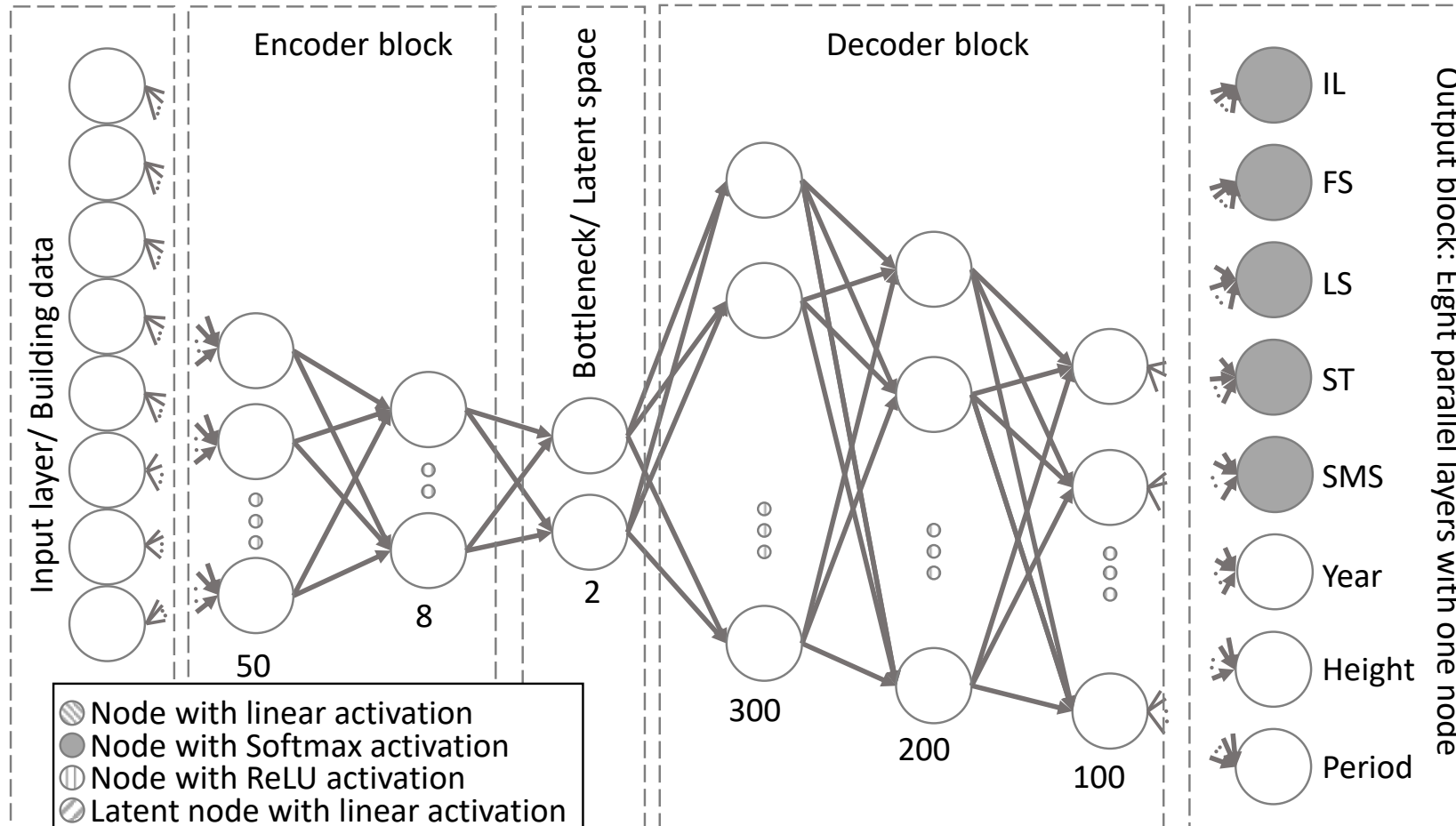


# Indicator building workflow

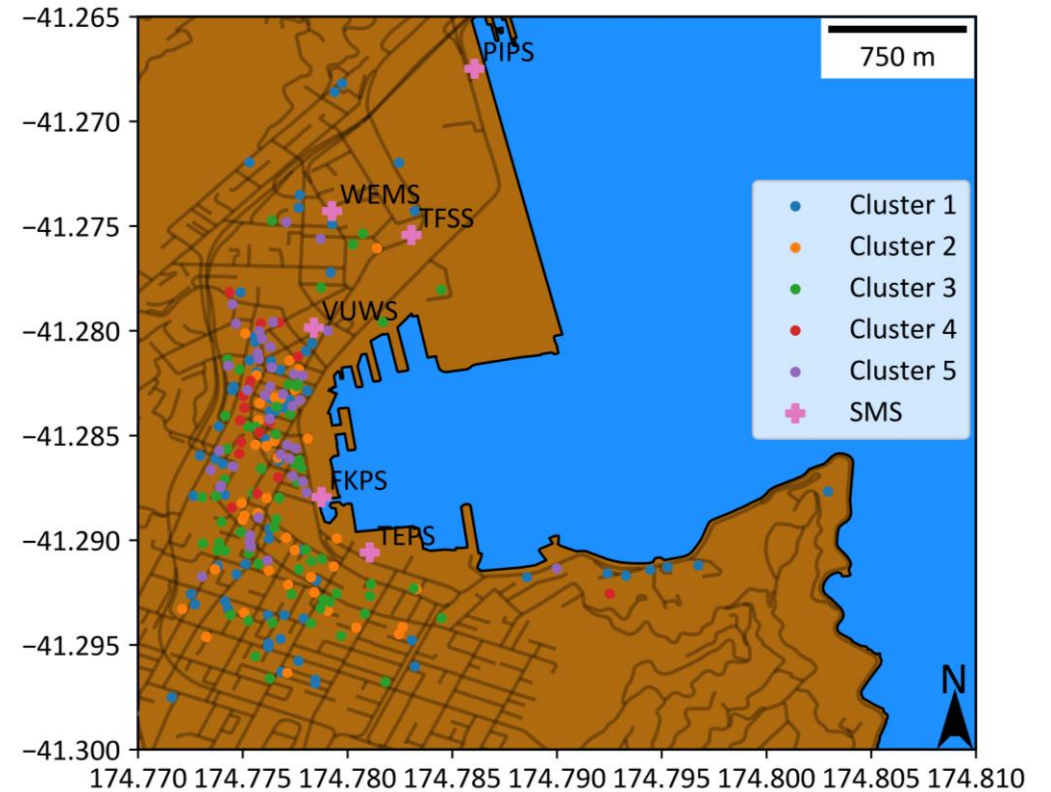
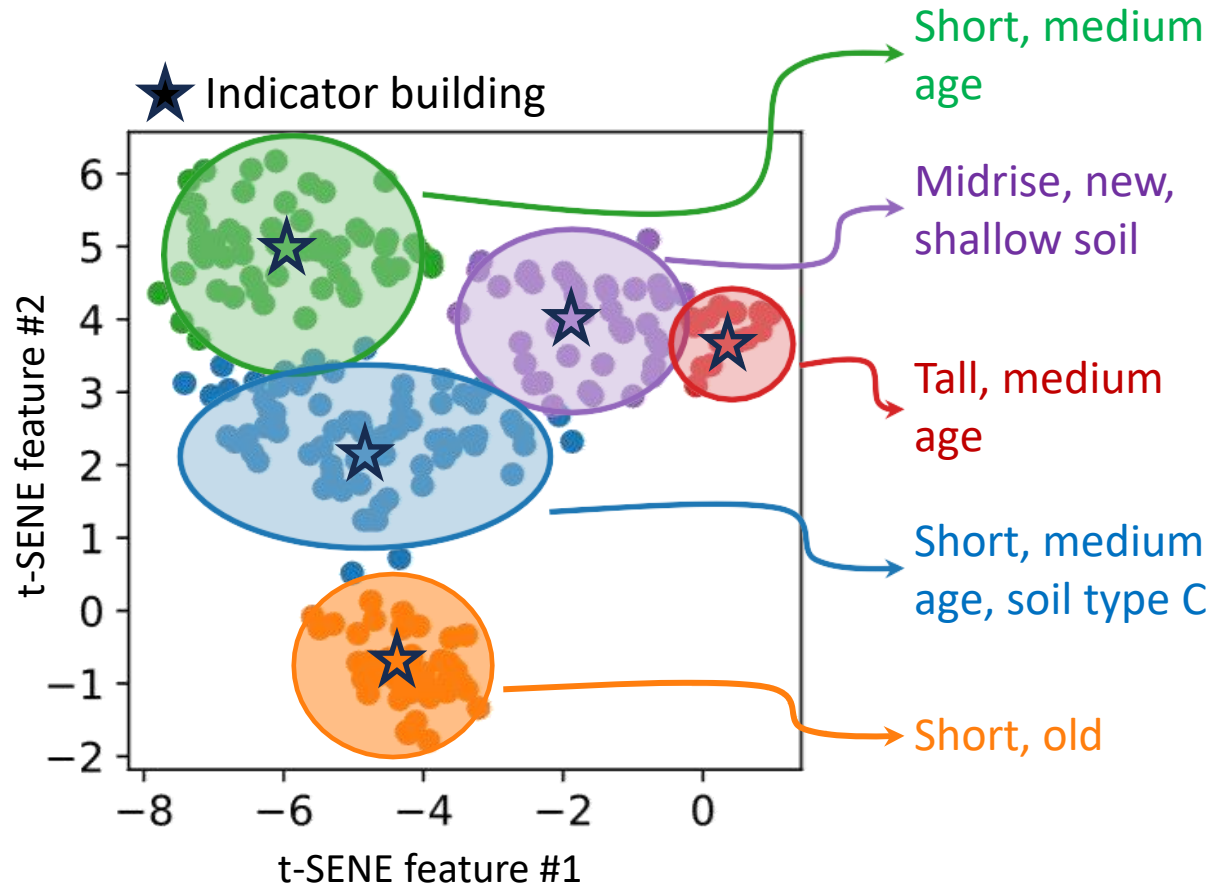


# Building clustering

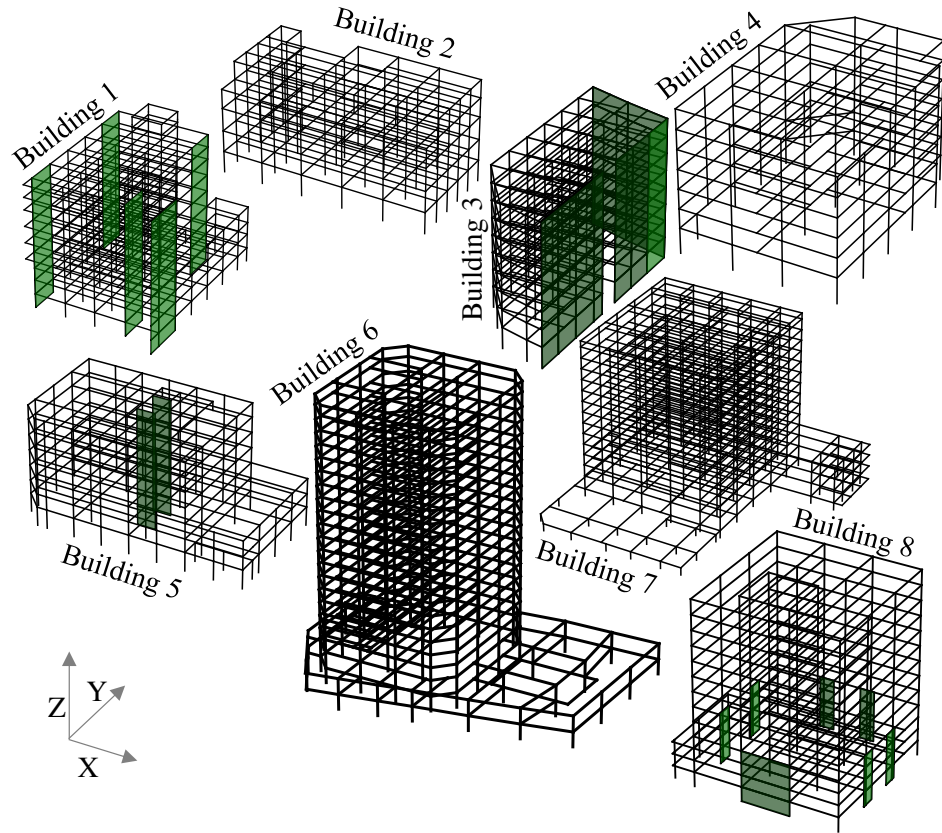
Autoencoder neural network to efficiently cluster mixed numerical/categorical attributes



# Building clustering and indicator building selection



# Building response models



*Indicator building models*

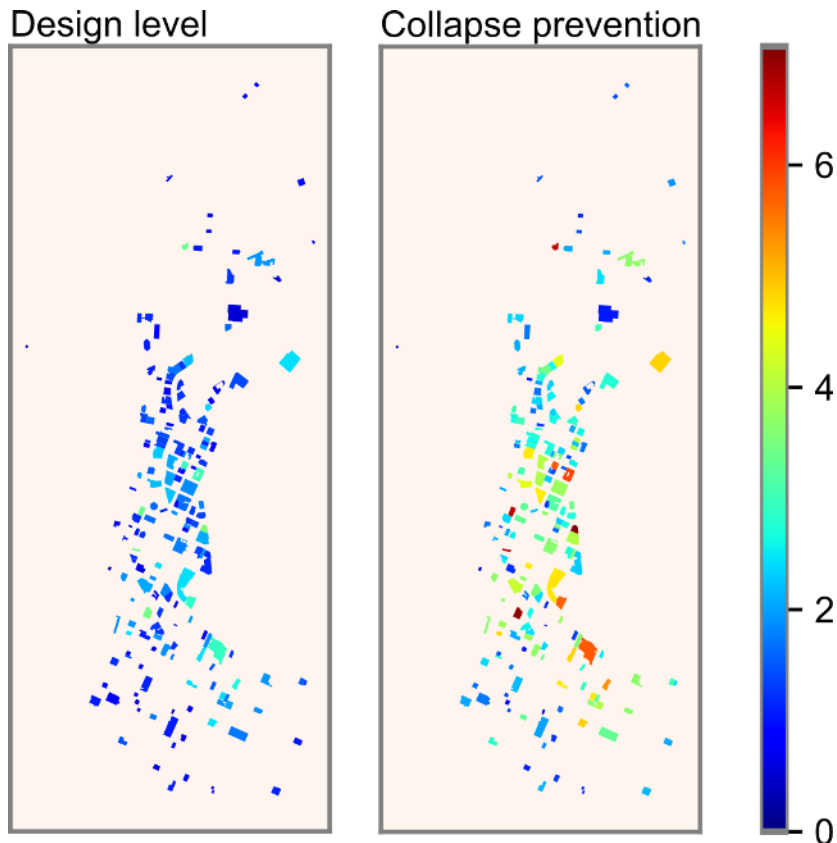


*Response models for all buildings in inventory*

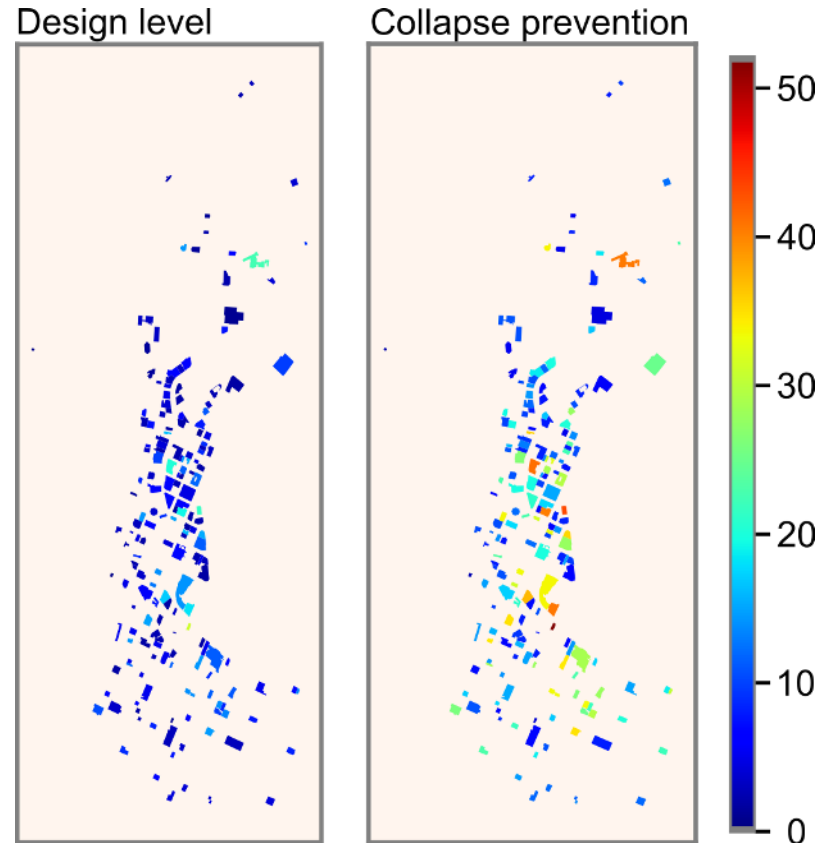


# Response and damage maps

Structural response and damage can be estimated across the inventory



Estimated drifts



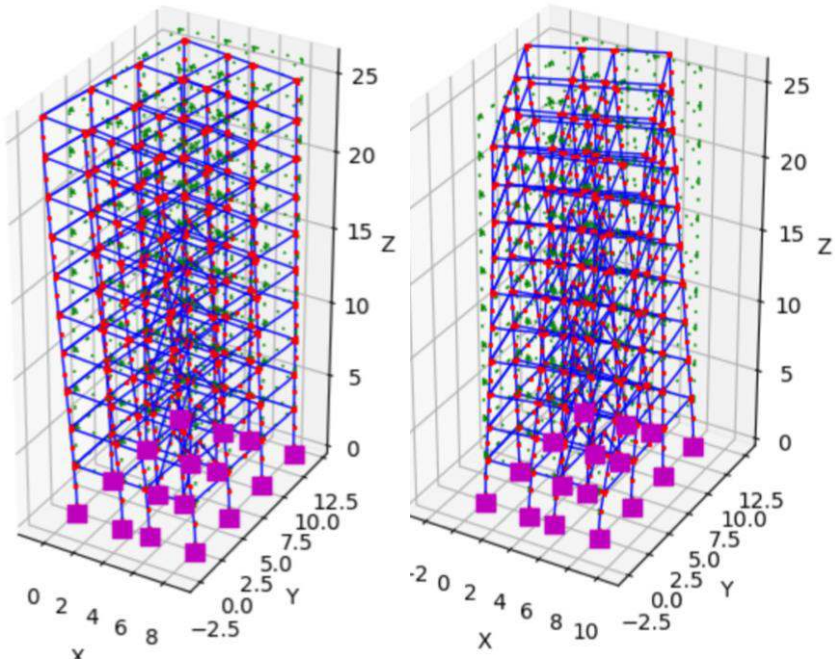
Estimated damage



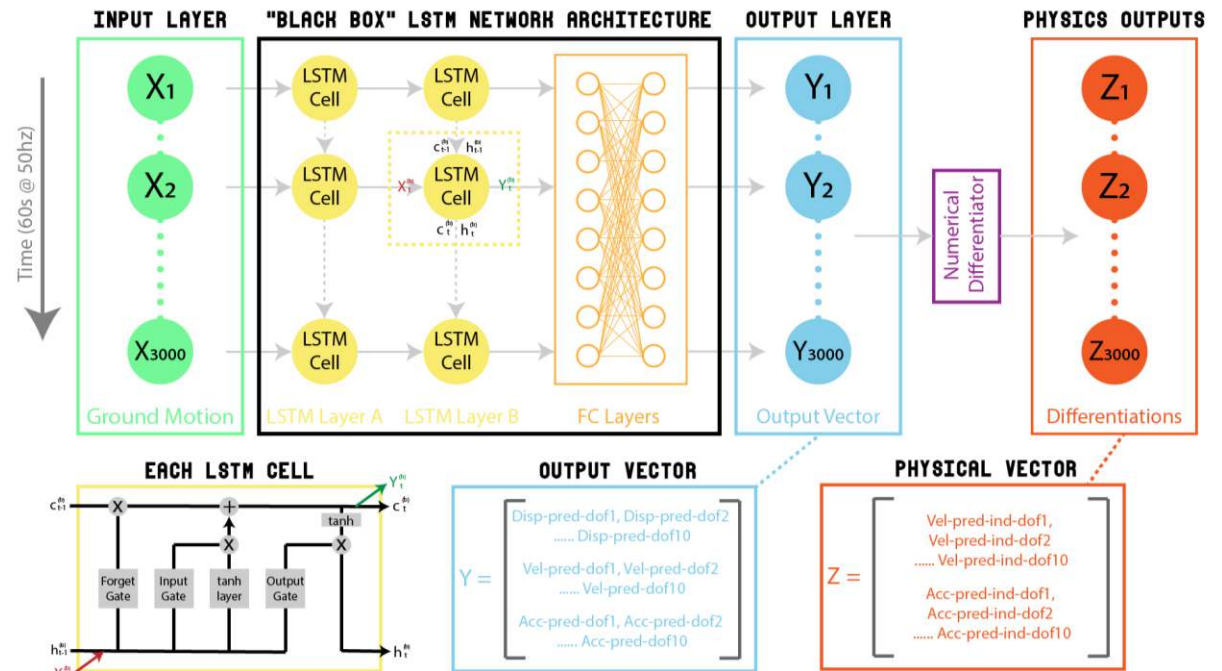
# Next steps

Using machine learning for hyper efficient response modelling

## Traditional physics-based model



## LSTM network



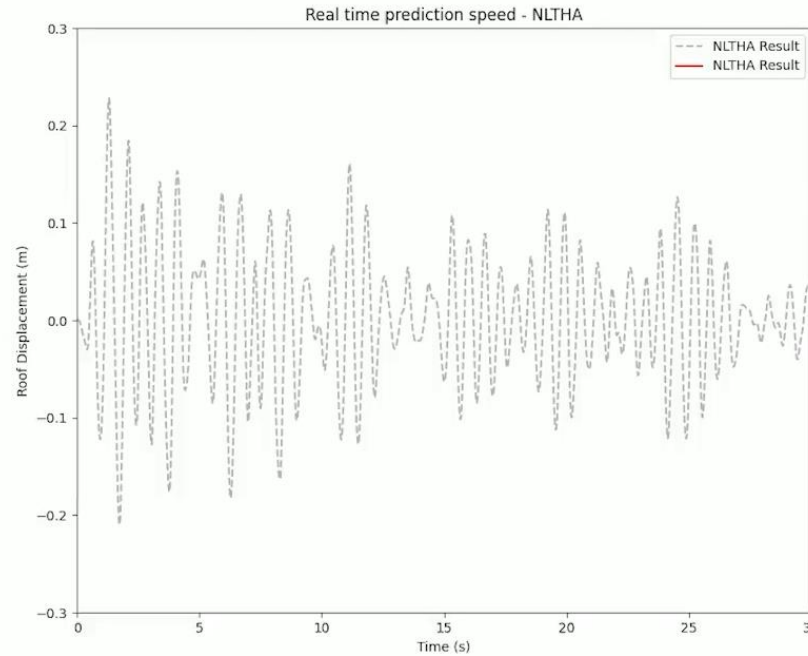
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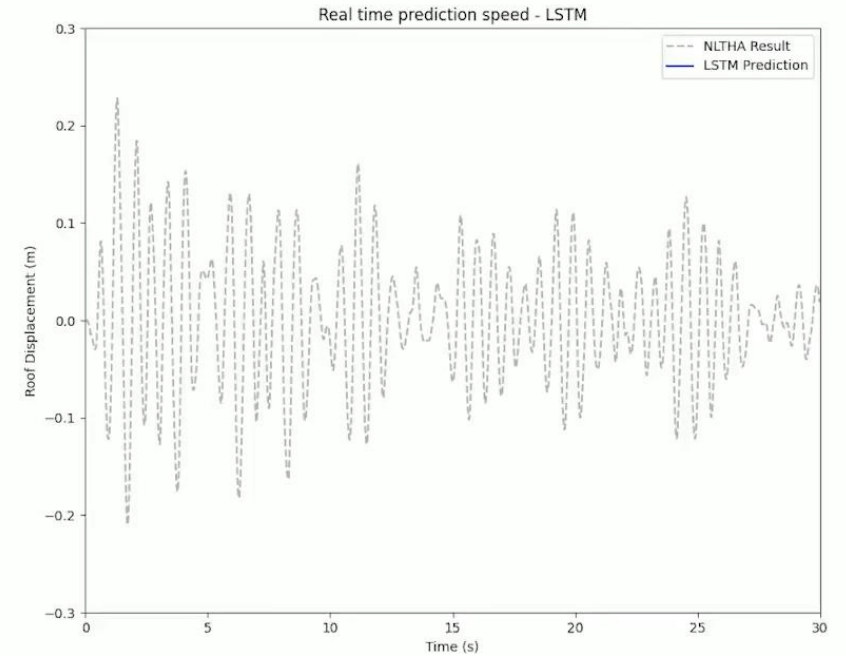


**Study building  
(10-storey, full scale test)**

## Estimated roof drift



**Physics based model**



**Trained LSTM model**





# Lessons learnt (a summary)

Extracting and organising 'big' data is extremely resource intensive but also extremely important (which can be frustrating)

When developing your dataset, make sure you consider your ultimate objective (e.g. collect the data you need)

Have a plan to future proof your data (this is hard)

Understand uncertainties when setting objectives for the data



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Thank you



# Opportunities to understand dynamic changes in population exposure

Learnings from 790 days of listening at Piopiotahi | Milford Sound

Darling M J<sup>1</sup>, Robinson T<sup>1</sup>, Wilson T<sup>1</sup>, Adams B<sup>2</sup> and Orchiston C<sup>3</sup>

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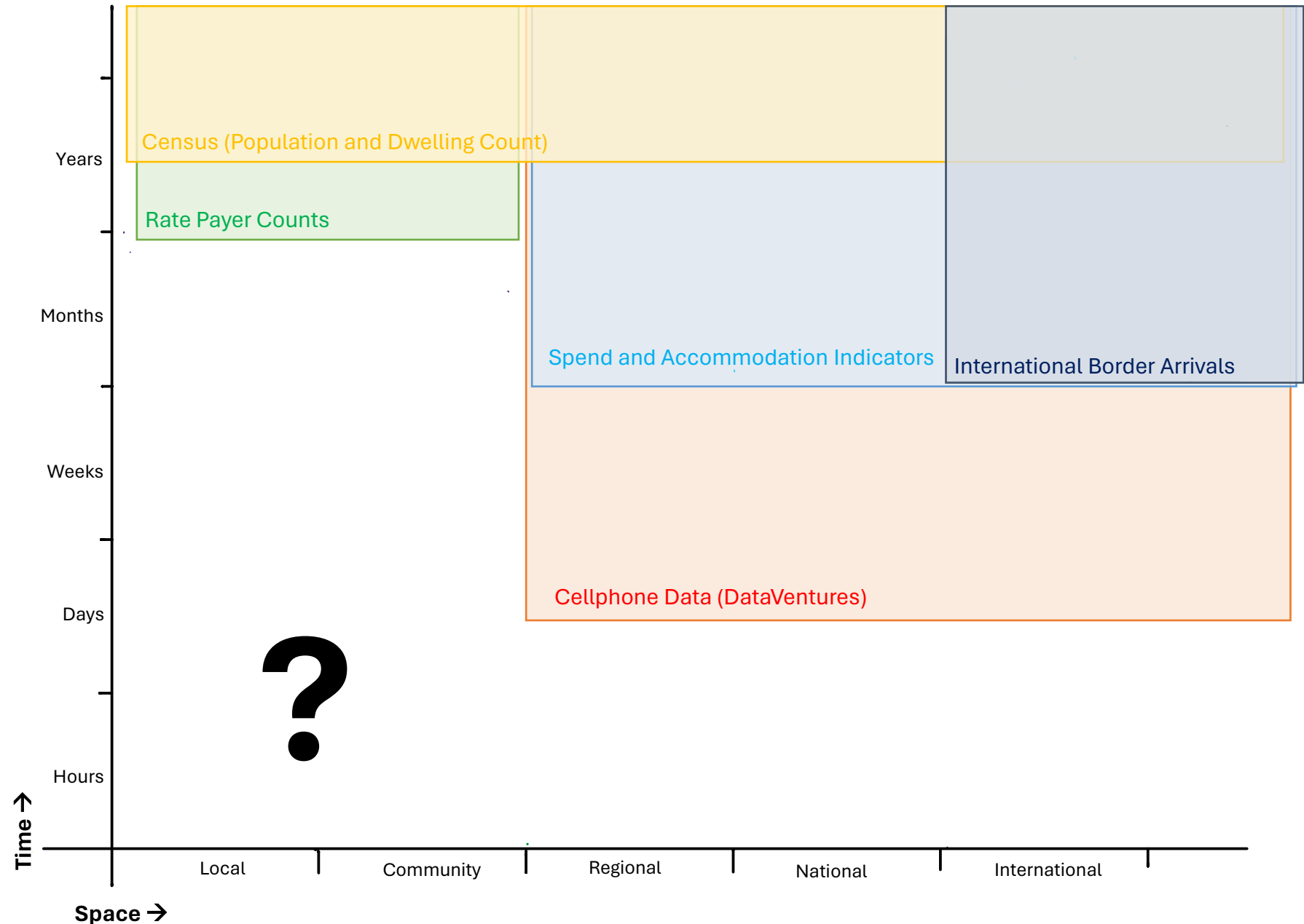
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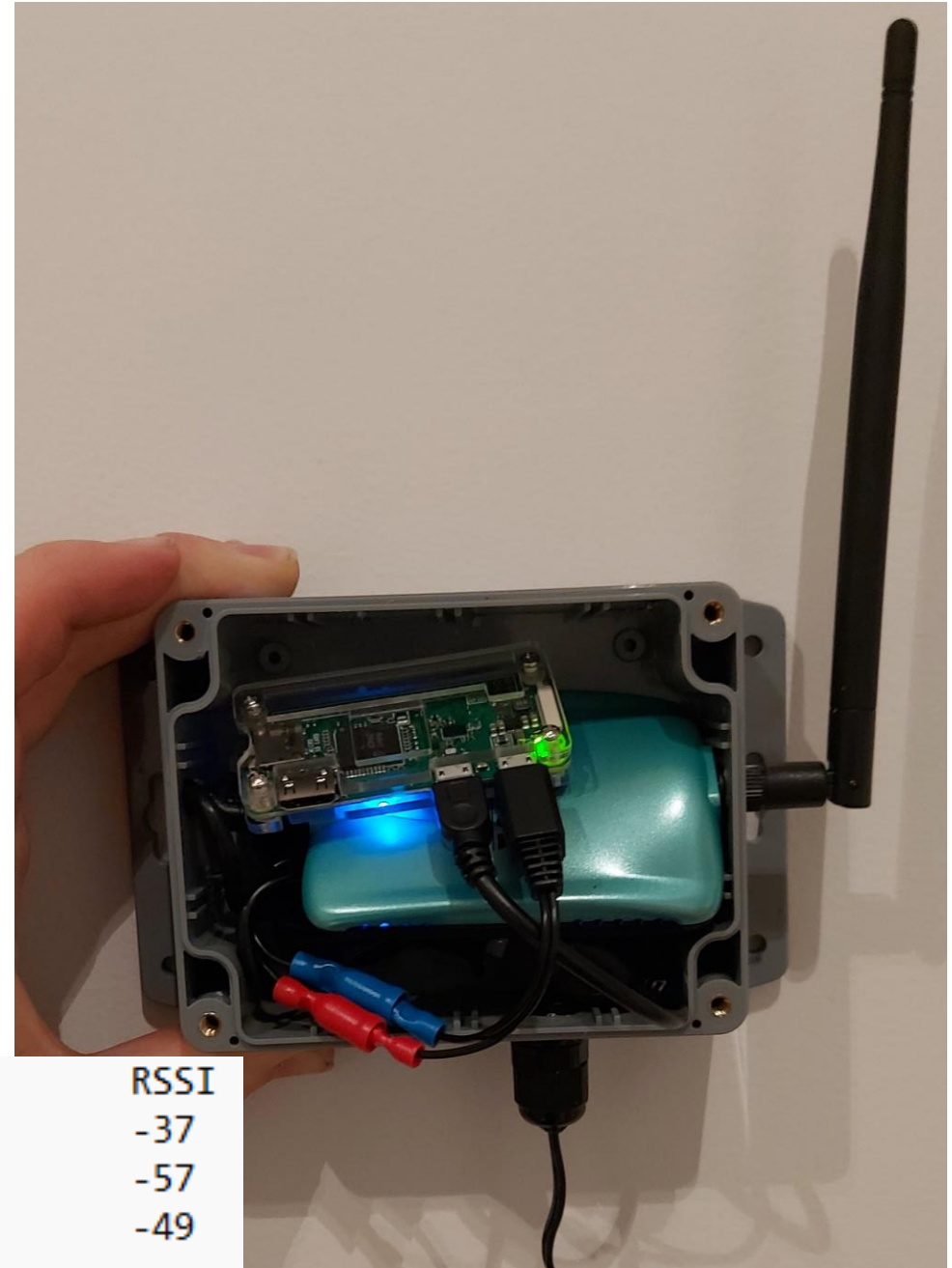
# Population Exposure

- Current data for population exposure in risk analysis is limited
- High spatial resolution *OR* high temporal resolution
- Data is static – provides a **snapshot** of population at a time and place
- Population is dynamic at multiple timescales
- Need to understand local-scale population dynamics over short-time scales to understand risk



# WiFi Probes

- Simple, low cost technology
- Built using reasonably simple computing module and antenna
- WiFi capable devices send a periodic probe request
- Devices periodically anonymise their identifier, so no privacy issues
- Installed in multiple locations throughout South Island
- What a typical probe “sounds” like



Date Time

2023-05-07T11:48:27.640820

2023-05-07T11:48:28.454428

2023-05-07T11:48:29.616139

MAC Address

c2:8e:dd:ec:ad:a4

9c:32:ce:81:10:2c

94:e2:3c:40:97:f5

Type

UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN

RSSI

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# Piopiotahi Milford Sound



NEWS > NEW ZEALAND

## Tourists trapped at Milford Sound on New Zealand's South Island

Lucy Quaggin • 7NEWS • Monday, 3 February 2020 6:11 pm

stuff

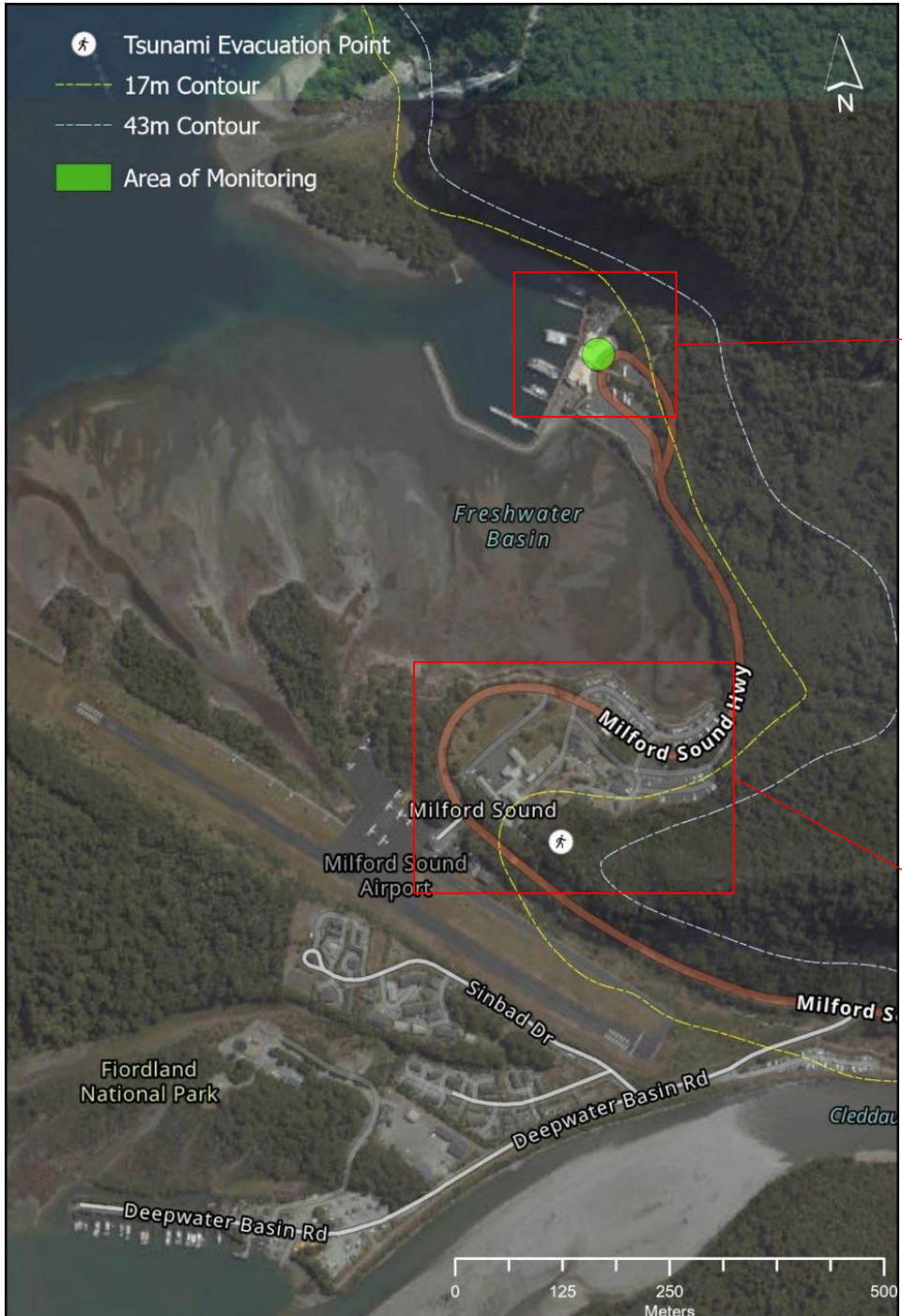
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## Trapped tourists to remain at Milford Sound as weather hampers rescue effort

Rachael Kelly • 16:28, Feb 04, 2020



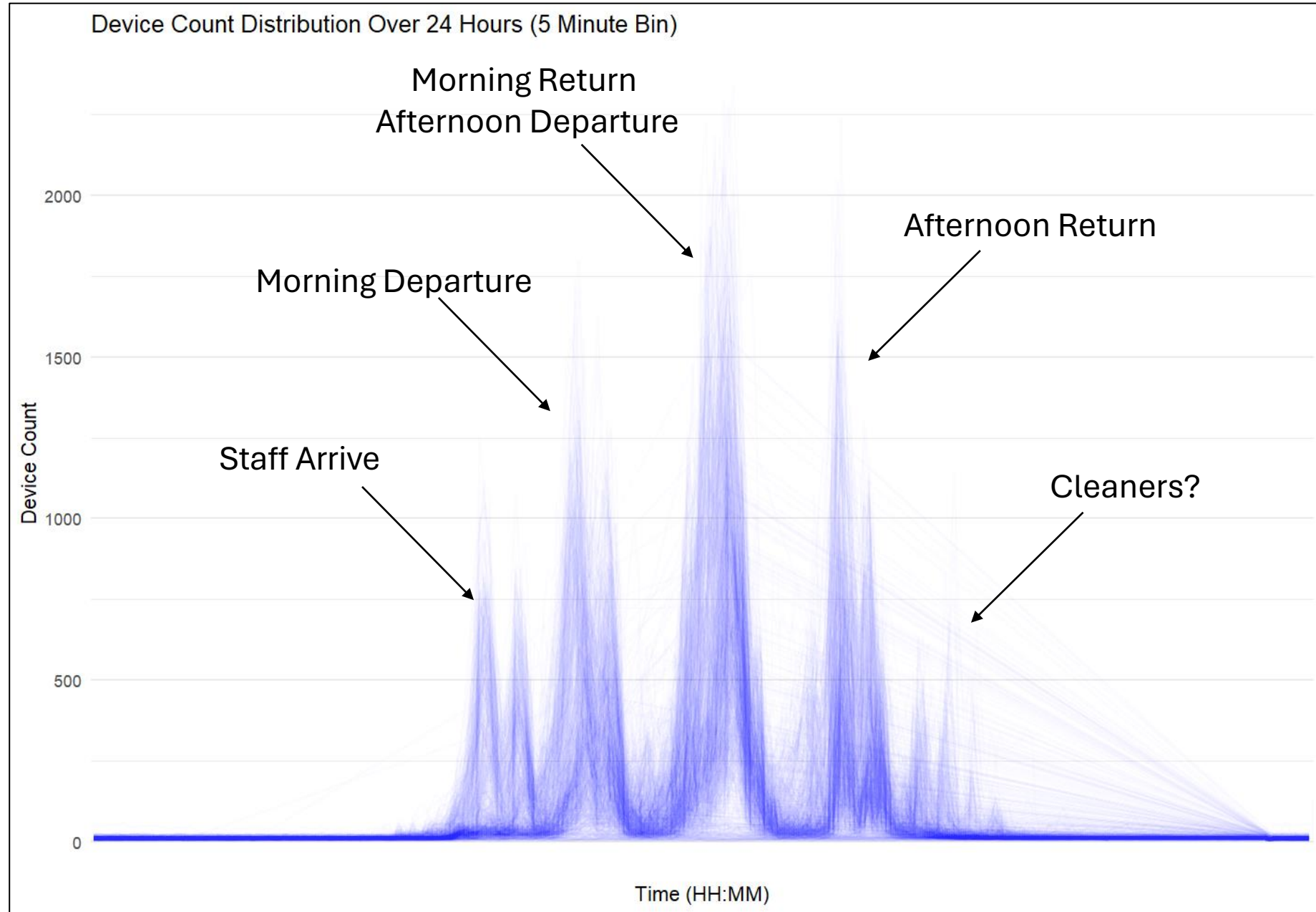
- 1) 75% probability of an Alpine Fault earthquake in next 50 years (82% probability M8)
- 2) Est. 44% probability of landslide-tsunami in an Alpine Fault earthquake
- 3) Potentially producing a 17m tsunami wave within 2-7 min



$$R_t = P_{s,t} \times P_l \times E_t \times V_i$$

- $R_t$  - Risk for a given time (t)
- $P_{s,t}$  - Probability of an earthquake for a given time
- $P_l$  - Probability that the earthquake generates a landslide tsunami
- $E_t$  - exposure, for the given time (t)**
- $V_i$  - vulnerability index

# Temporal changes in population

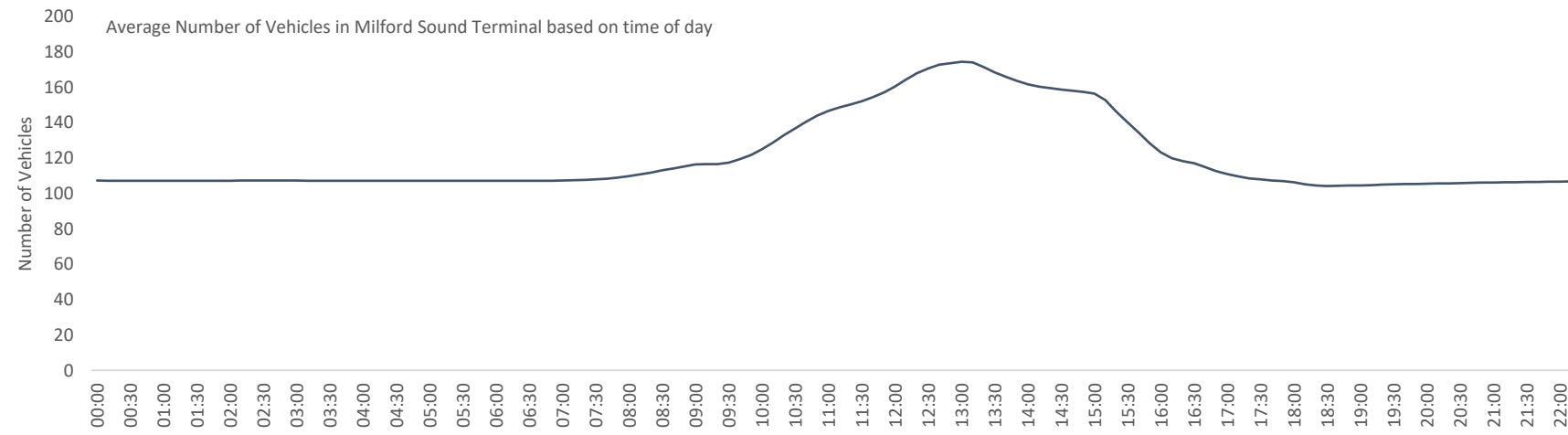
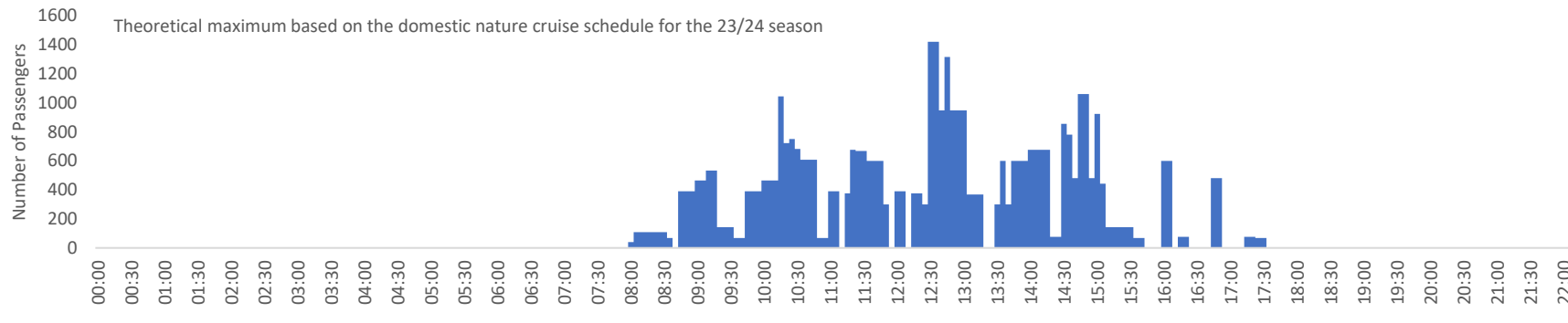
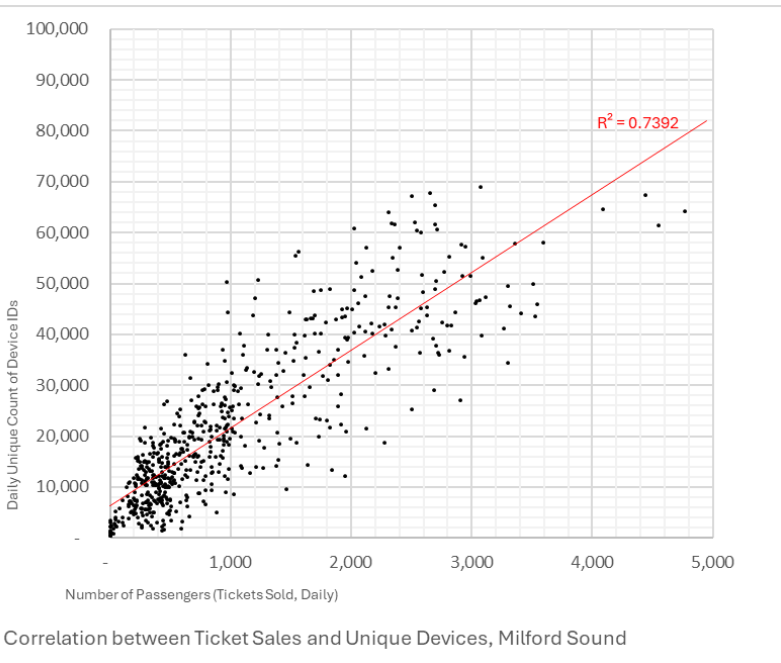
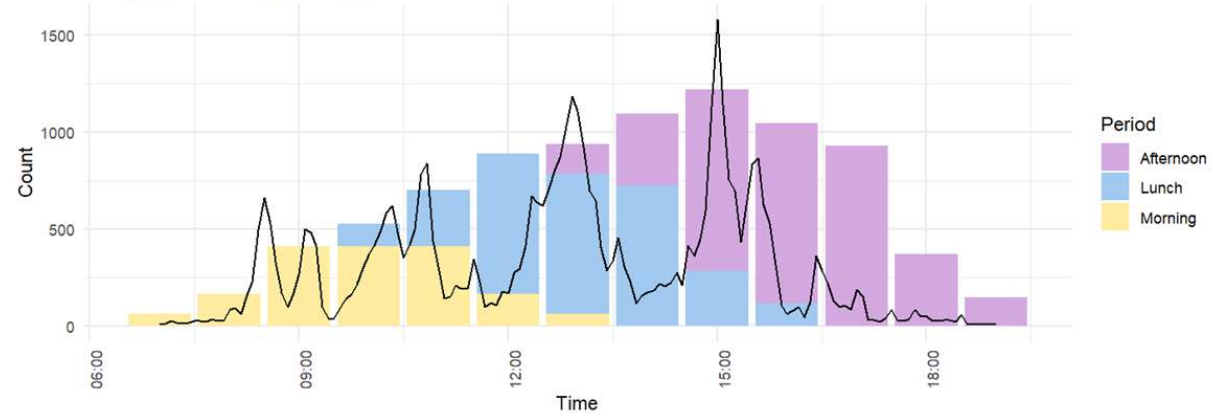




# Validation of Approach

Comparing to known “signals”

Estimates of Visitation to Milford Sound  
31 January 2023, 2,069 tickets sold



# Implications for Risk

$$R_t = P_{s,t} \times P_l \times E_t \times V_i$$

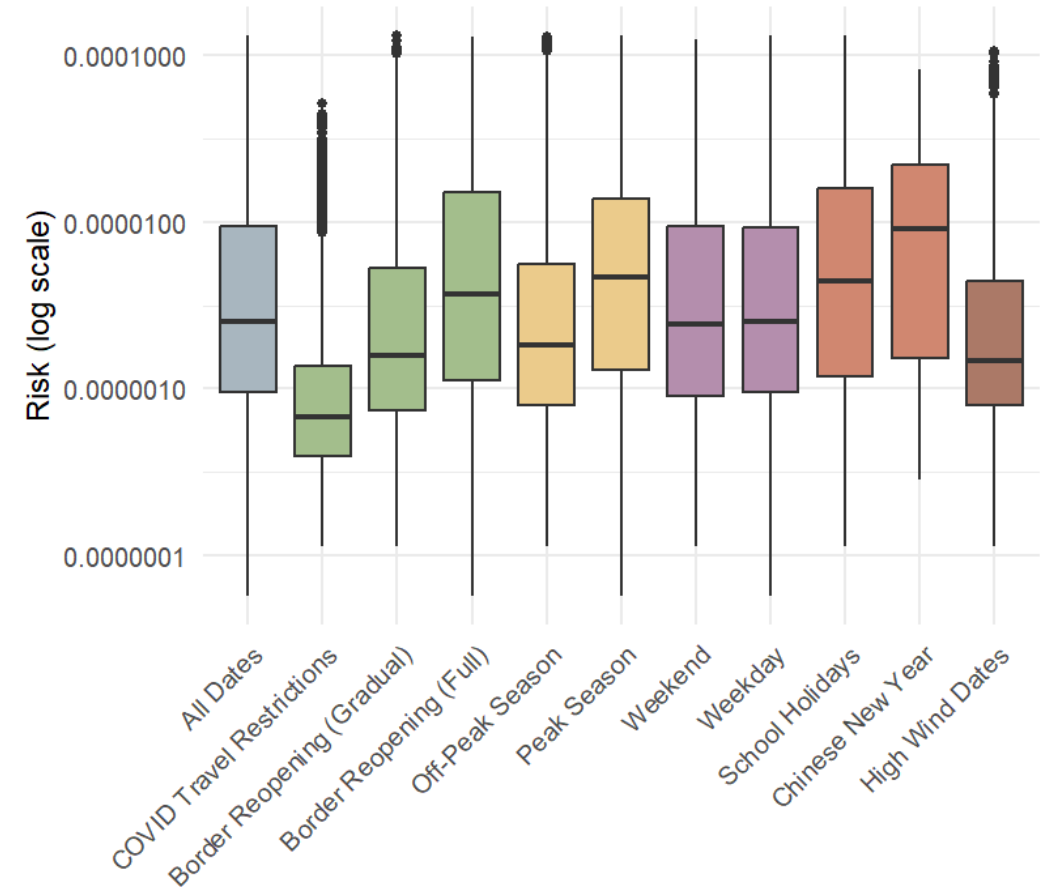
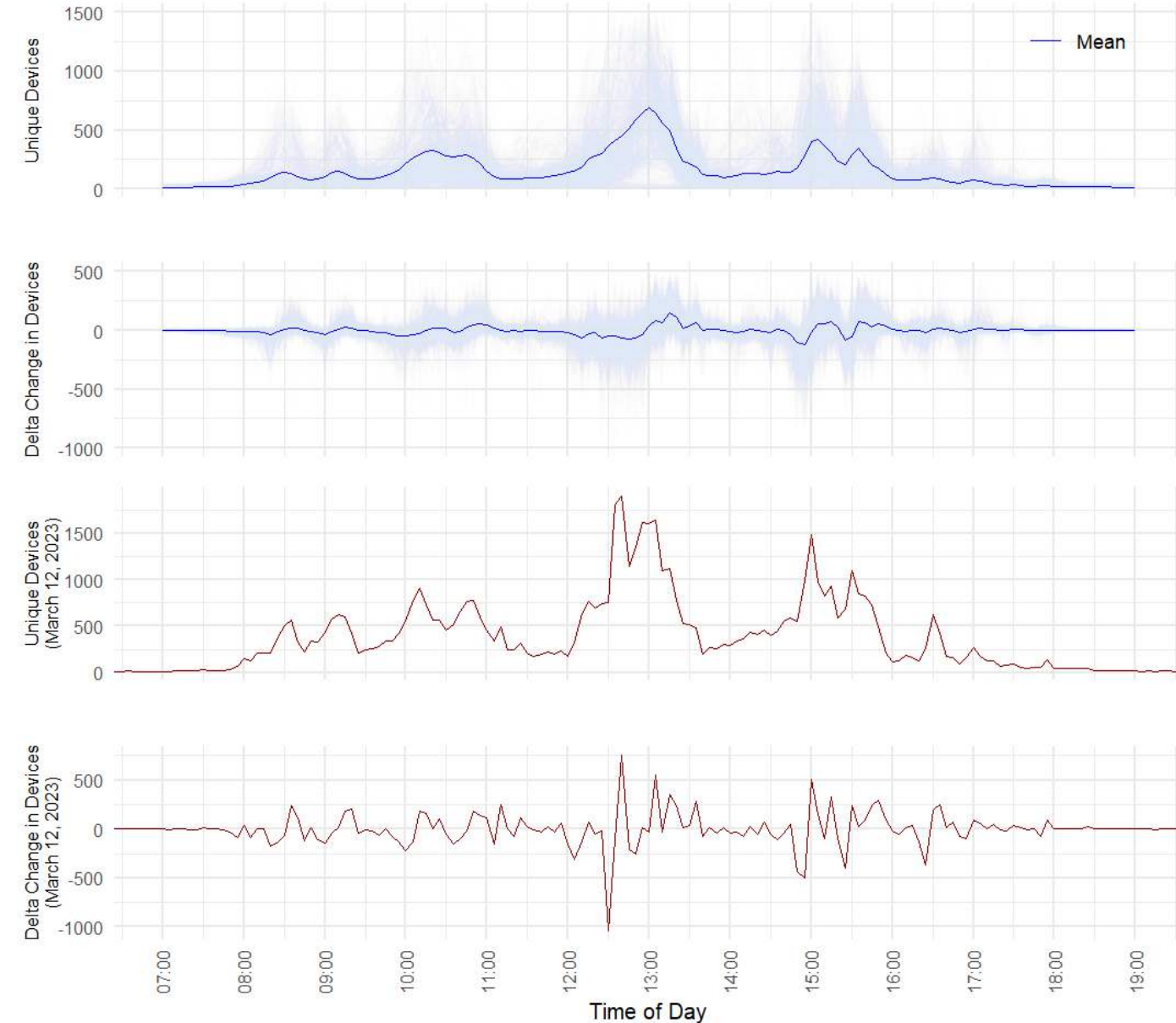
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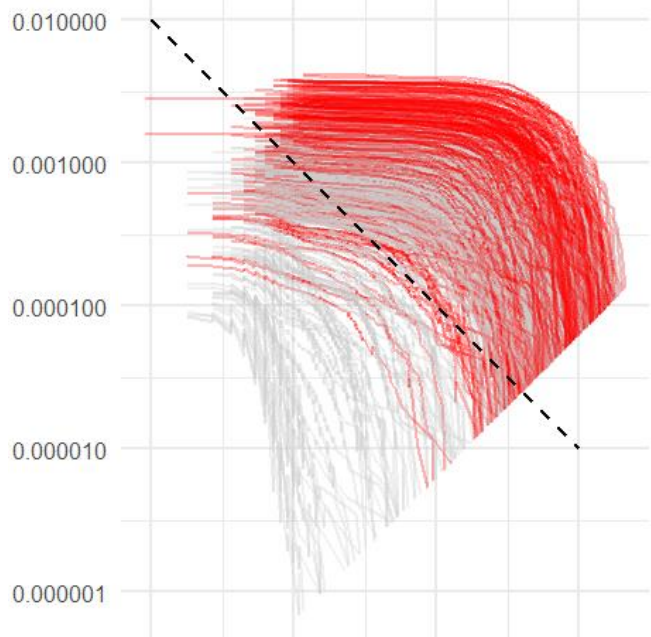
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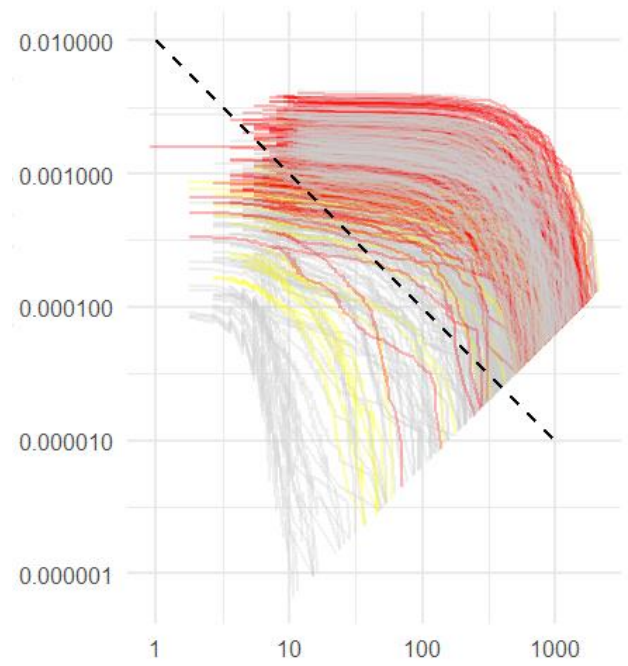
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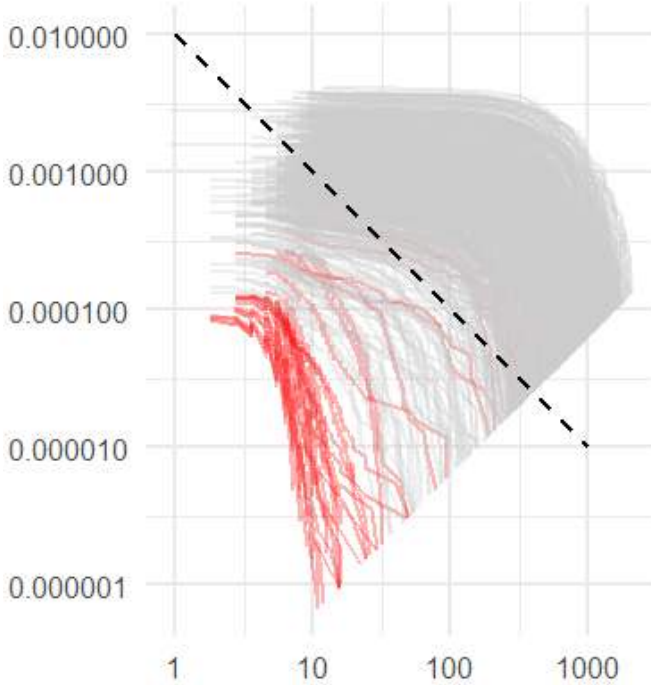




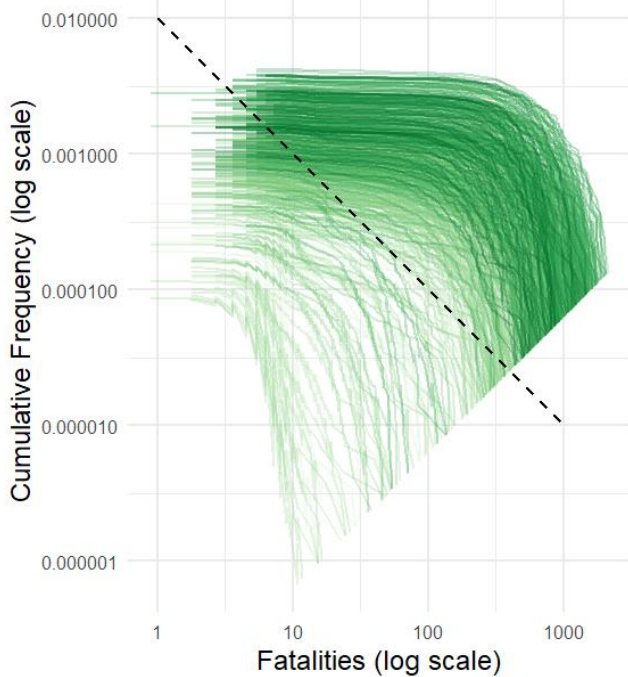
**Season**  
 — Off-Peak Season  
 — Peak Season



**Border Status**  
 — International Border Closed  
 — International Borders Open  
 — International Border Partially Open



— No domestic travel restrictions  
 — Domestic Travel Restrictions (COVID-19 Pandemic)



**Year**  
 — 2020  
 — 2021  
 — 2022  
 — 2023  
 — 2024

# Ngā mihi! Pātai?



**Te Hiranga Rū**  
NZ Centre for Earthquake Resilience  
*QuakeCoRE*

**RESILIENCE  
TO NATURE'S  
CHALLENGES**

Kia manawaroa  
– Ngā Ākina o  
Te Ao Tūroa

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**Be Careful What You Wish for: Navigating Coastal  
Change Amid Rapid Advancements in Remote Sensing**

Murray Ford and several others...

*University of Auckland*

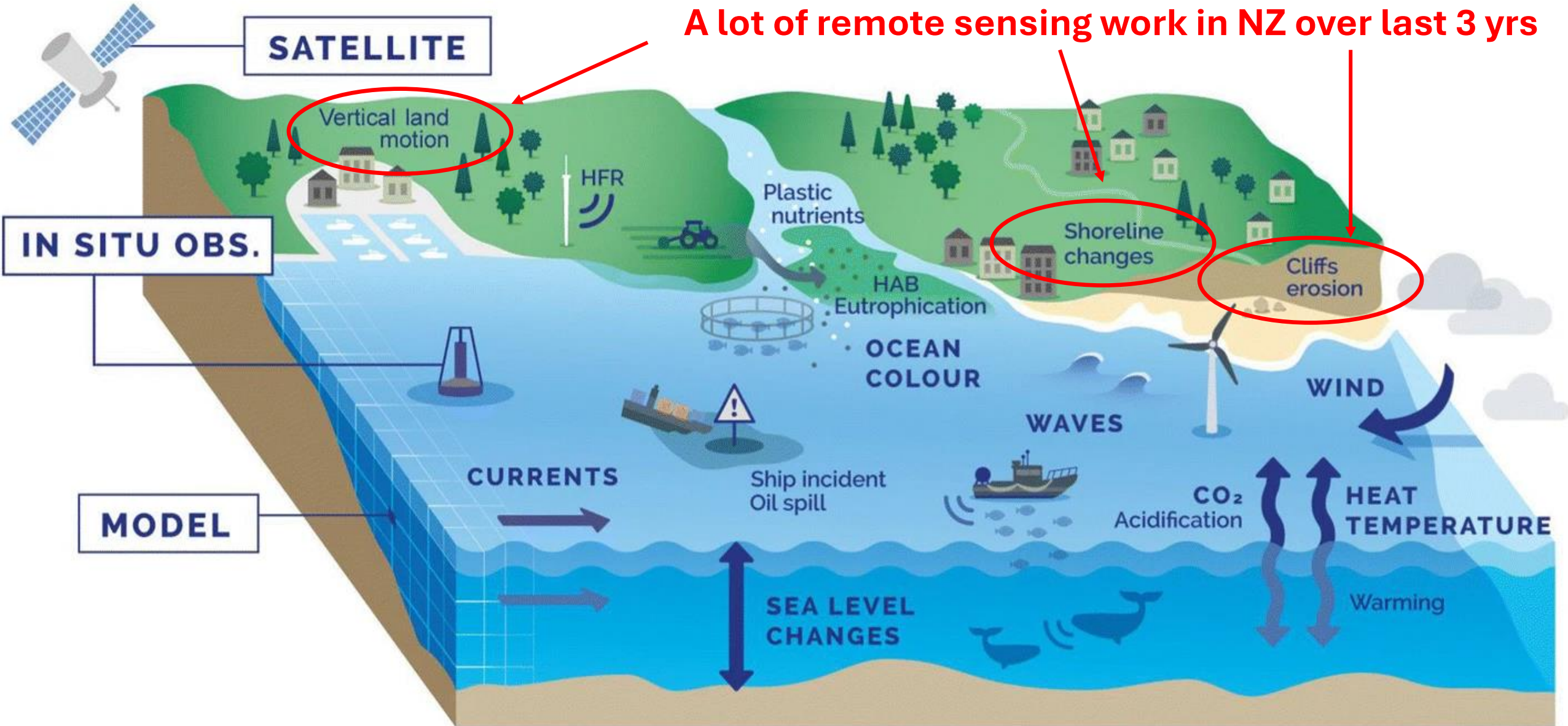
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# Remote sensing of our coast

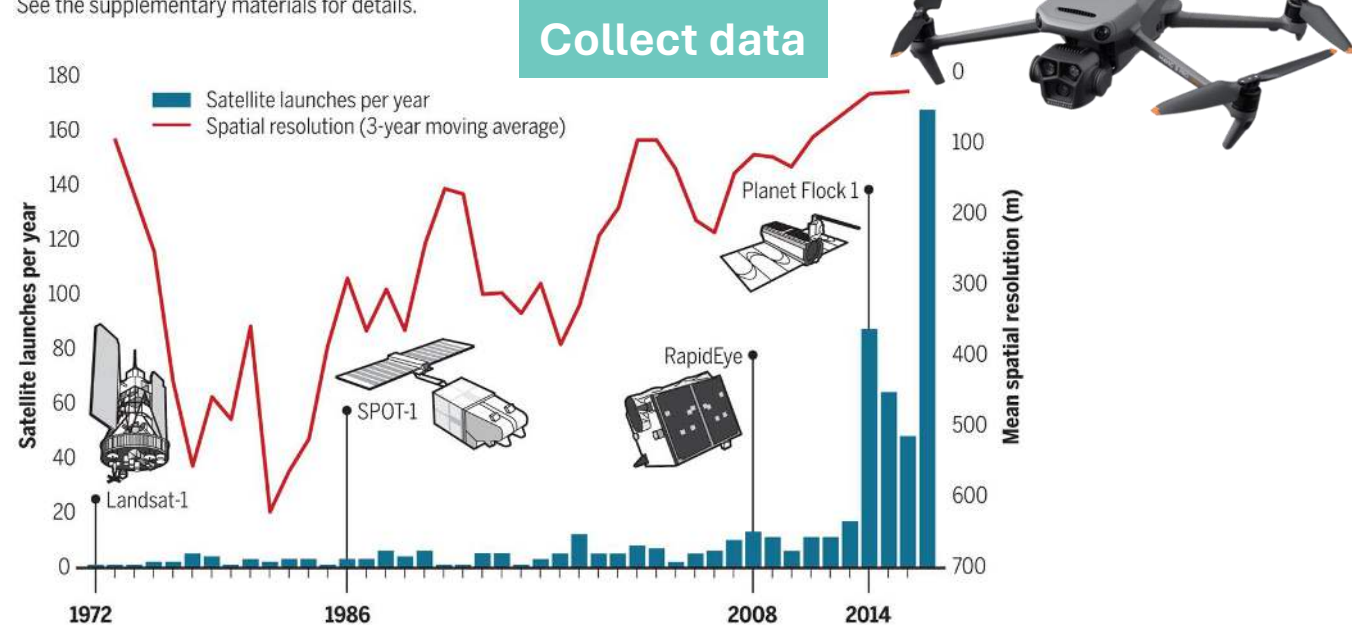
A lot of remote sensing work in NZ over last 3 yrs



# The coastal science/manager's toolbox has expanded significantly over the last decade.

## Trends in earth observation satellites

Data reflect 488 earth observation satellites launched since 1972 by commercial and government providers (excluding military). We followed methods established in (5) and added satellites from the Union of Concerned Scientists database and public launch information from SpaceFlightNow and Planet. See the supplementary materials for details.



## Process data



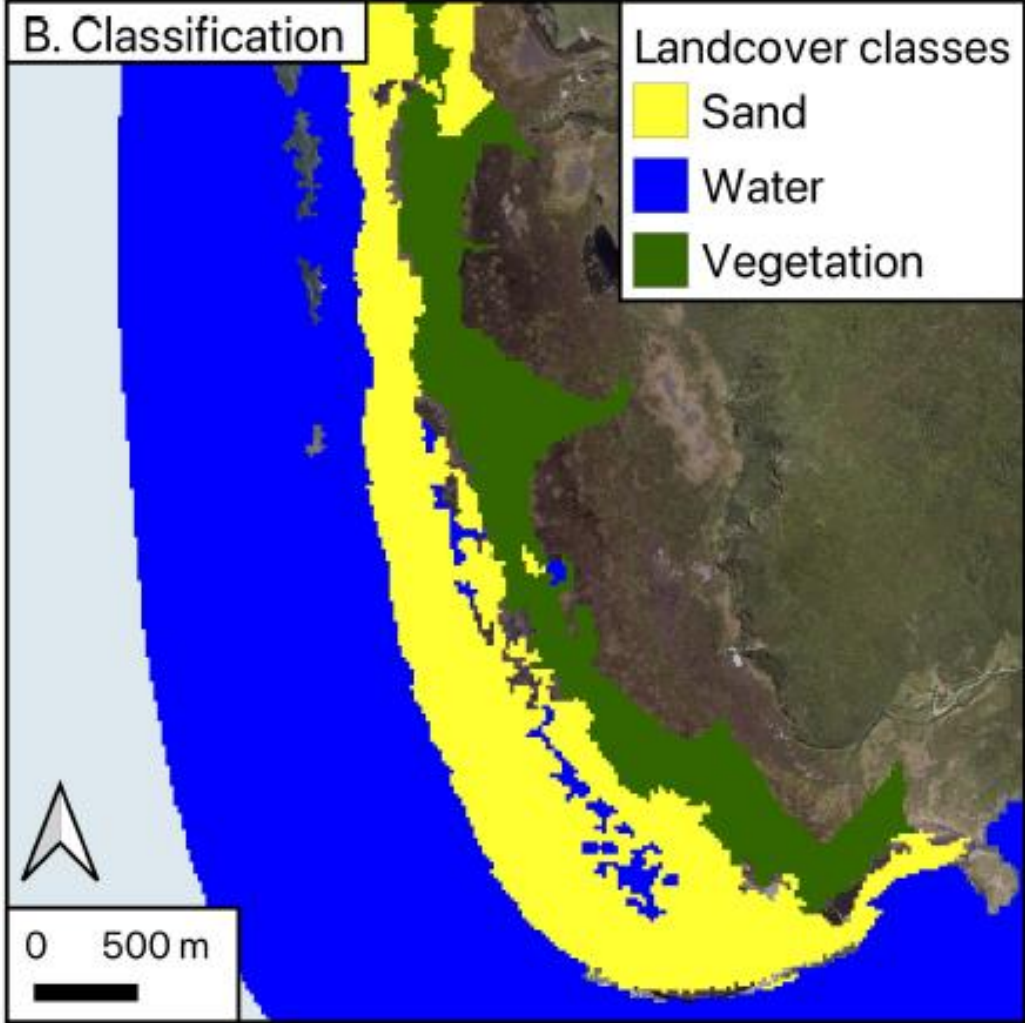
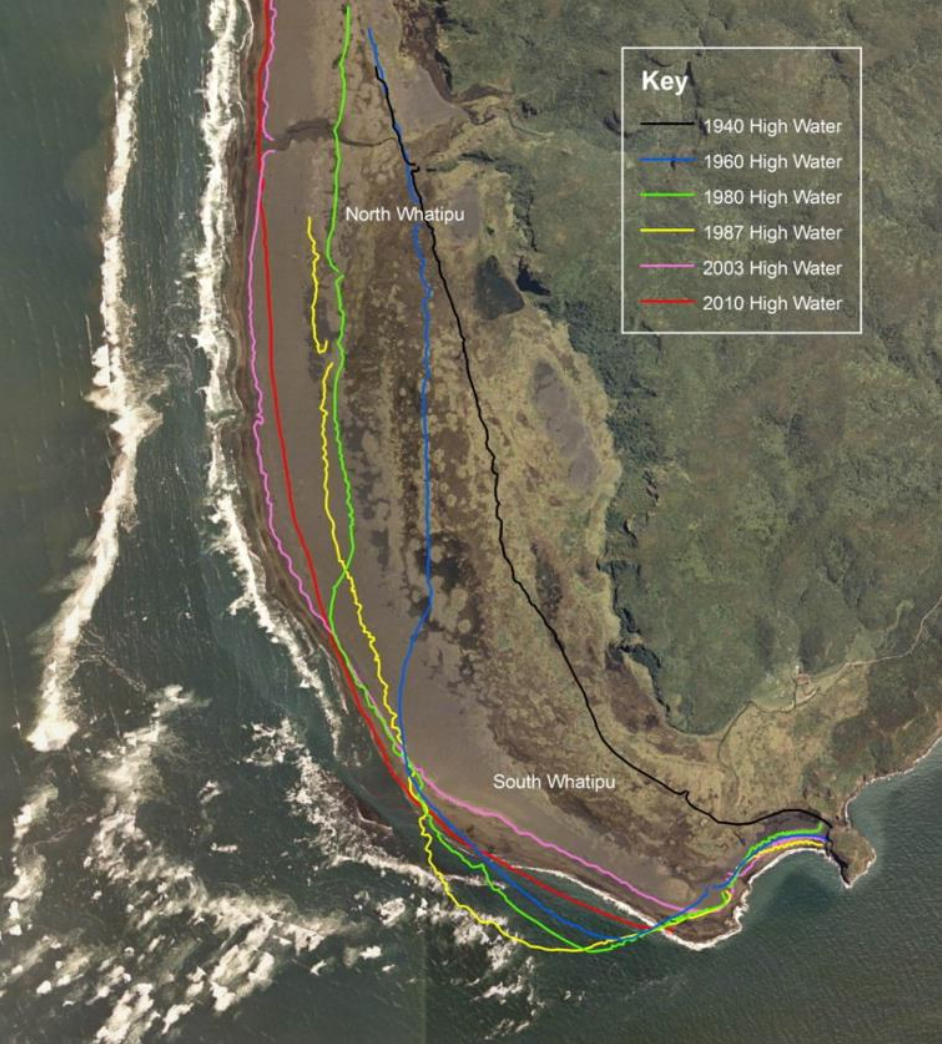
Various datacubes, high performance computing

## Share data

Endless numbers of platforms to share data with users. Free/cheap and easy

Finer, M., Novoa, S., Weisse, M. J., Petersen, R., Mascaro, J., Souto, T., ... & Martinez, R. G. (2018). Combating deforestation: From satellite to intervention. *Science*, 360(6395), 1303-1305.

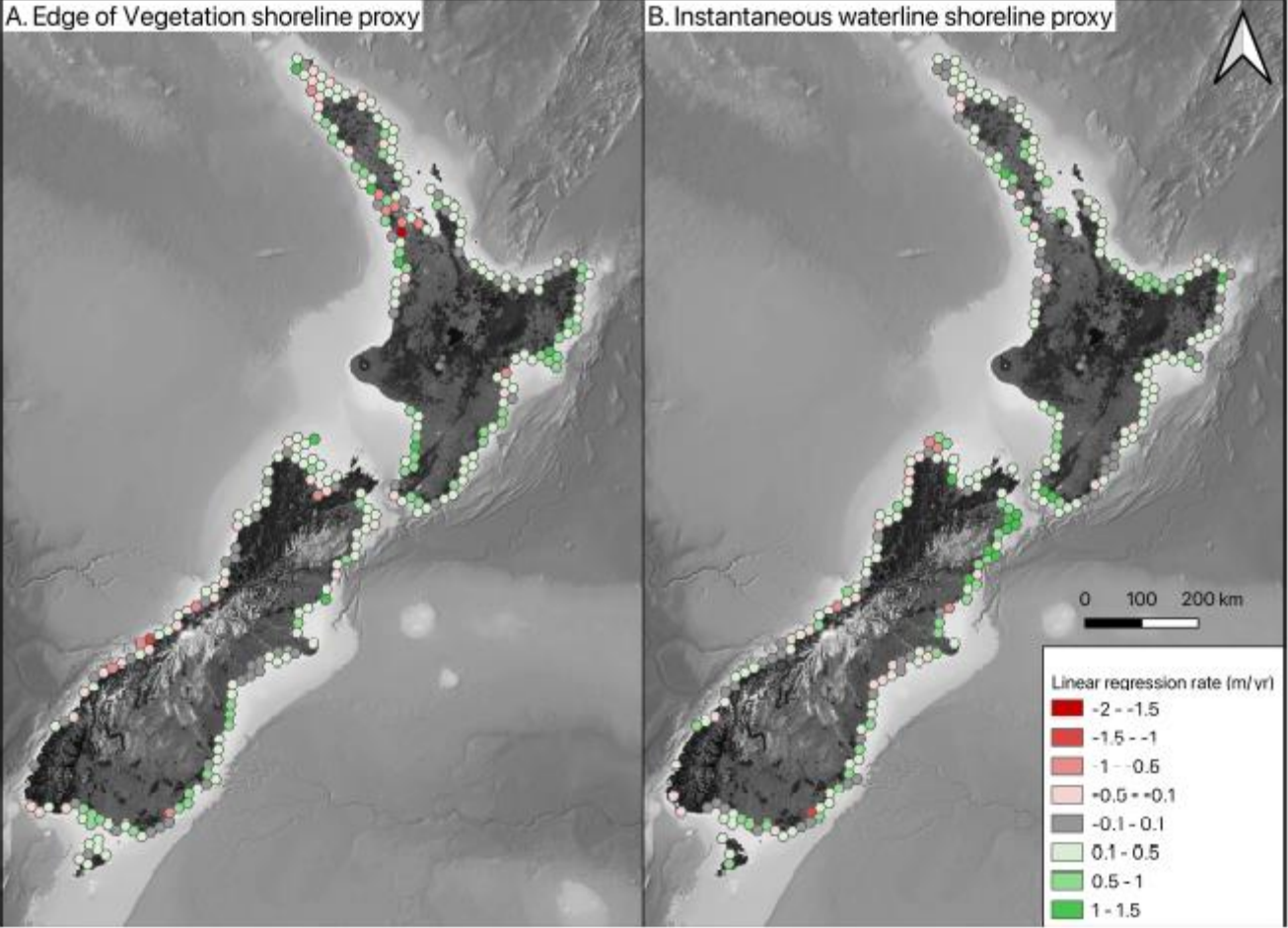
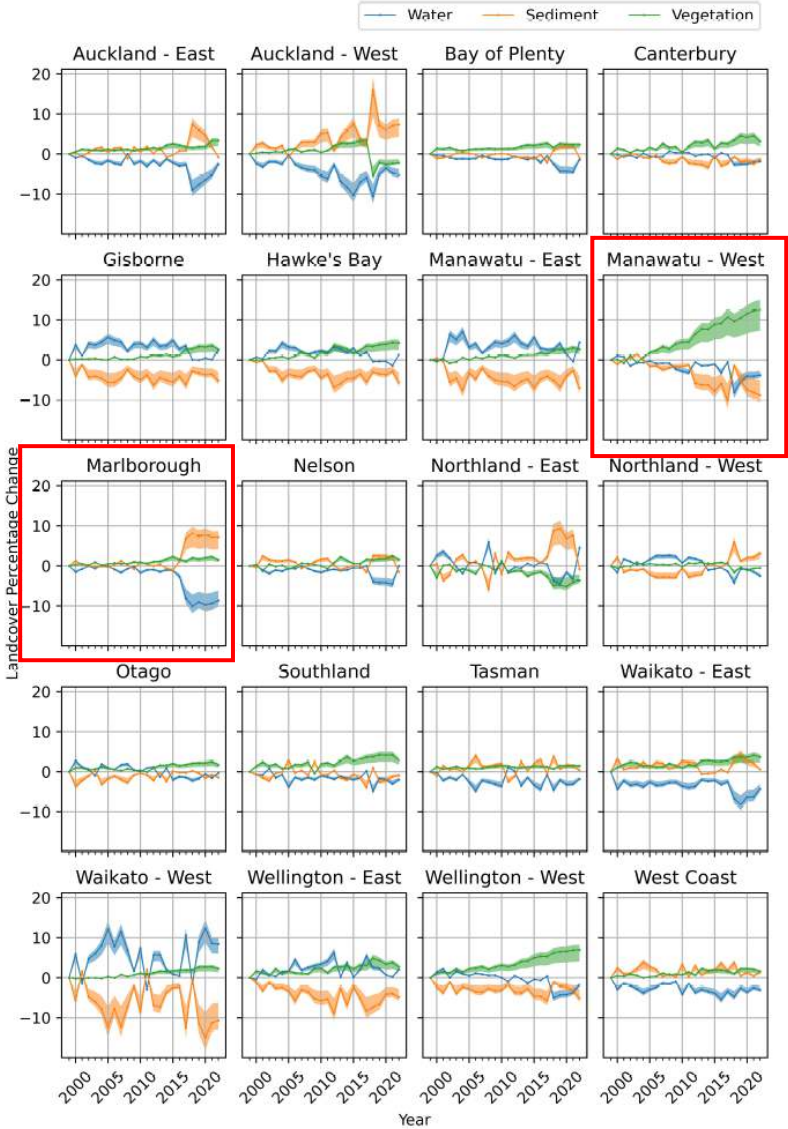
# Our remote sensing toolbox now allows us to think beyond the line



Blue, B., & Kench, P. S. (2017). Multi-decadal shoreline change and beach connectivity in a high-energy sand system. *New Zealand journal of marine and freshwater research*, 51(3), 406-426.



# Coastal insights from around NZ.



## The future?

*“While manual digitalization of shoreline position is a reliable and accurate method, particularly on high-resolution images, it remains time-consuming and impractical when employed for long stretches of coastline with hundreds of revisits.”*



Create an image of person sitting next to a computer and a giant pile of aerial photos. The person looks sad and frustrated and is questioning their life

**But...**

*“It isn't necessarily because such studies have any utility; it's simply that the data are there and academicians have worked hard to learn the mathematical skills needed to manipulate them. Once these skills are acquired, it seems sinful not to use them, even if the usage has no utility or negative utility. As a friend said, to a man with a hammer, everything looks like a nail”*

**Warren Buffet on ~~remote sensing~~ financial studies.**

# We need to think about spatial scale

## SCIENTIFIC REPORTS



Correction: Author Correction

### OPEN The State of the World's Beaches

Arjen Luijendijk<sup>1,2</sup>, Gerben Hagenaars<sup>2</sup>, Roshanka Ranasinghe<sup>3,4,2</sup>, Fedor Baart<sup>2</sup>, Gennadii Donchyts<sup>1,2</sup> & Stefan Aarninkhof<sup>2</sup>

*Algorithm driven, global scale, coarse resolution*



<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/northern-advocate-urged-to-have-a-day-on-future-of-ninety-mile-beach/NH77R6O2VANZ4YRD6O5SC4K64U>

# scientific data

Check for updates

### OPEN DATA DESCRIPTOR Three years of weekly DEMs, aerial orthomosaics and surveyed shoreline positions at Waikīkī Beach, Hawai'i

Anna B. Mikkelsen<sup>1</sup>, Kristian K. McDonald<sup>1</sup>, Julianne Kalksma<sup>2</sup>, Zachary H. Tyrrell<sup>1</sup> & Charles H. Fletcher<sup>1</sup>

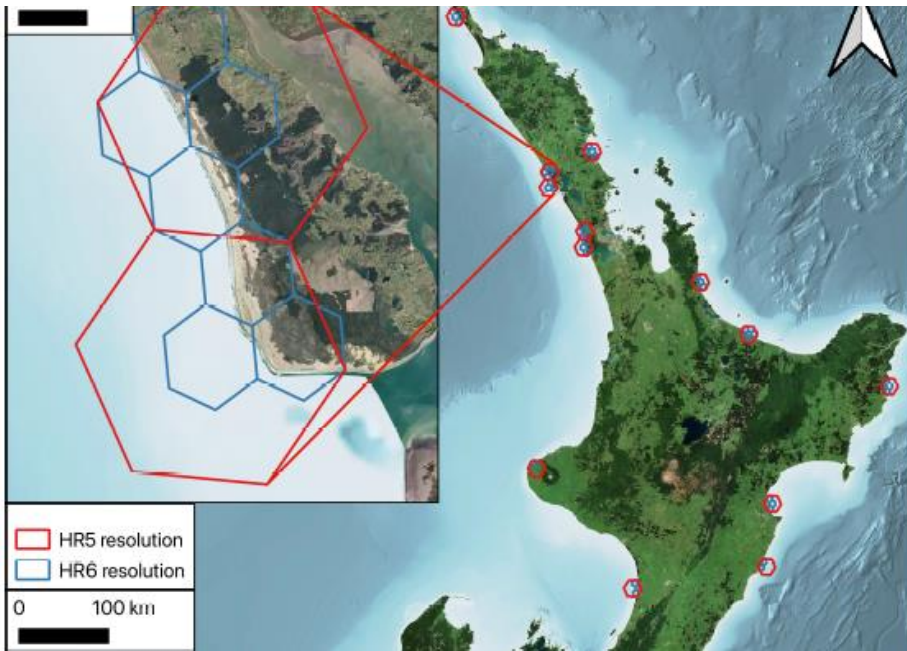
*Detailed surveys, small scale, high resolution*



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mission\\_Bay,\\_New\\_Zealand#/media/File:Mission\\_Bay\\_Beach\\_-\\_Auckland\\_2017.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mission_Bay,_New_Zealand#/media/File:Mission_Bay_Beach_-_Auckland_2017.jpg)

## We need to work within a hierarchical framework

- There is no single approach to coastal monitoring that is effective across all scales.
- We need a framework to match the monitoring approach to the scale of the problem/process and what's at stake.



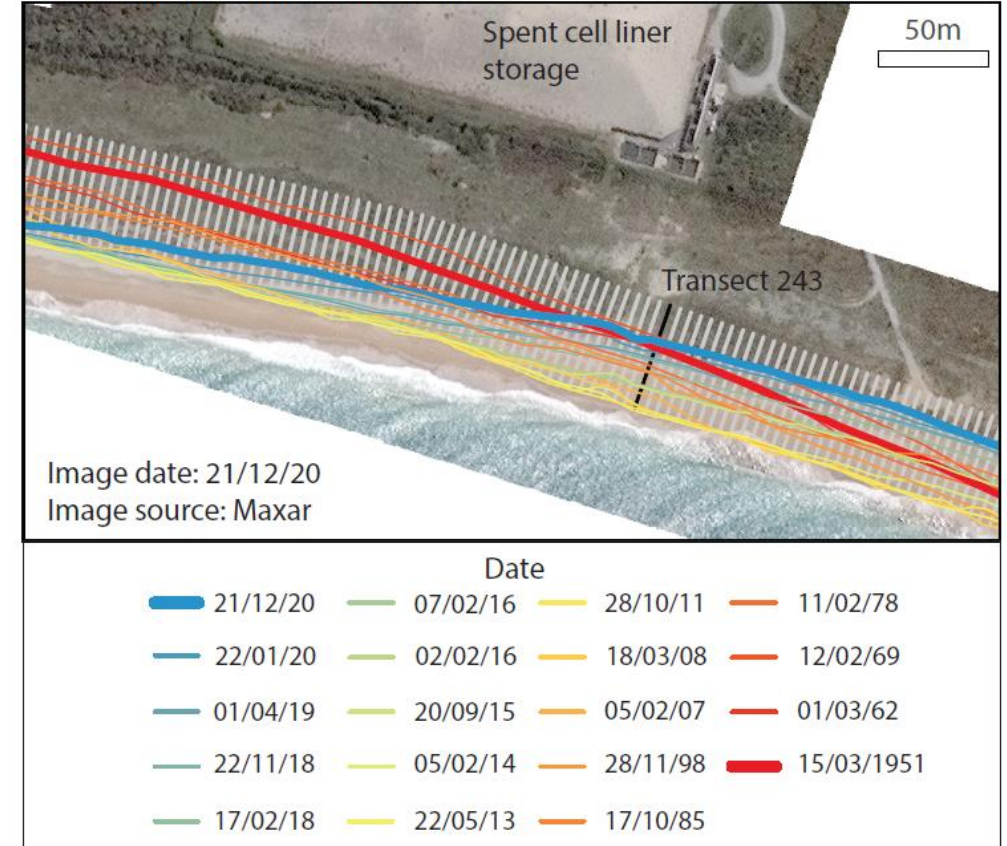
Ben Collings – RNC2 PhD student



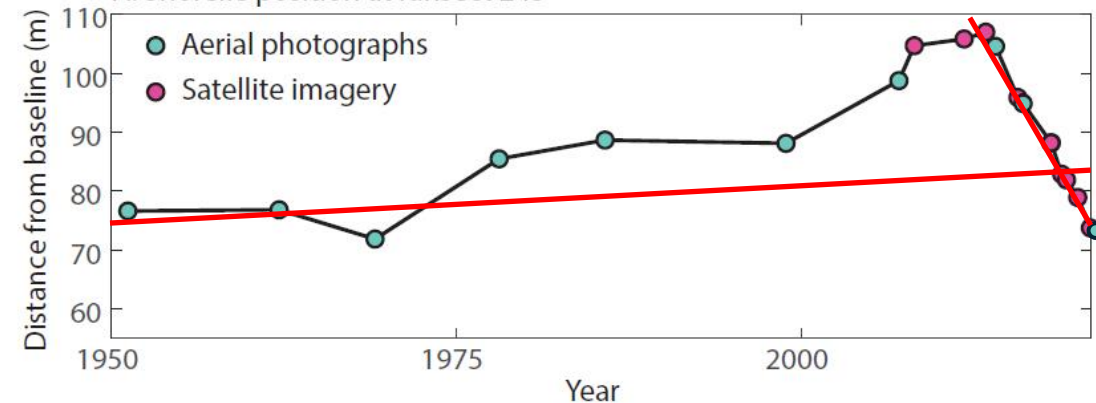
## We need to think about temporal scale

- We can access high-frequency imagery at near daily timescales from 2013-onwards (more in the last 2-3 years).
- There is a rich collection of coastal change information locked away in the historic aerial photo record that has been widely ignored to date.
- Nesting recent change within the broad historical record provides a context that the short satellite records can't yet provide.

A. Shoreline positions at Tiwai Point



A. Shoreline position at transect 243



## Pathway to decision making is key

There is a widening gap between our ability to collect vast amounts of data and our understanding of the coast and our ability to make good decisions.



<https://www.smh.com.au/environment/sustainability/construction-begins-on-northern-beaches-sea-wall-despite-vexed-funding-issues-20210223-p5754a.html>



<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/sep/18/beachfront-homeowners-push-to-extend-collaroy-seawall-to-protect-property-from-erosion>

## Conclusion

- The coastal monitoring toolbox has expanded considerably.
- There is no best approach to monitoring coastal change using remote sensing. There is no single approach that should be relied on.
- We need to develop a hierarchical approach to pick the right tool.
- We need to address the gap between the availability of remote sensing tools and our understanding of coastal change and decisions this understanding supports.