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Volcanic (Hazards) and Mātauranga Māori

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Mātauranga Māori

Te Ika a Maui

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Mātauranga – a - iwi

Taranaki

Hazard scenarios

Ruapehu

Hazard mapping

Tongariro/Ruapehu

Probabilities

Monitoring

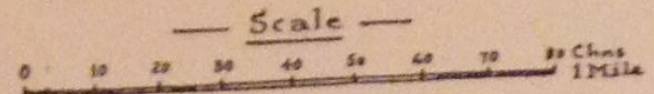
Ruapehu

Tohu/Indicators

Forecasting

The Future

**Social Science Motivation -
Science/Engineering told us**



**Lake was a simple dune lake
Lake was feed from the mountains by
groundwater - Punahau**

**Controlling the water with a weir would
have no effect**

We thought it would fill with sediment

Sewerage would cause no impact

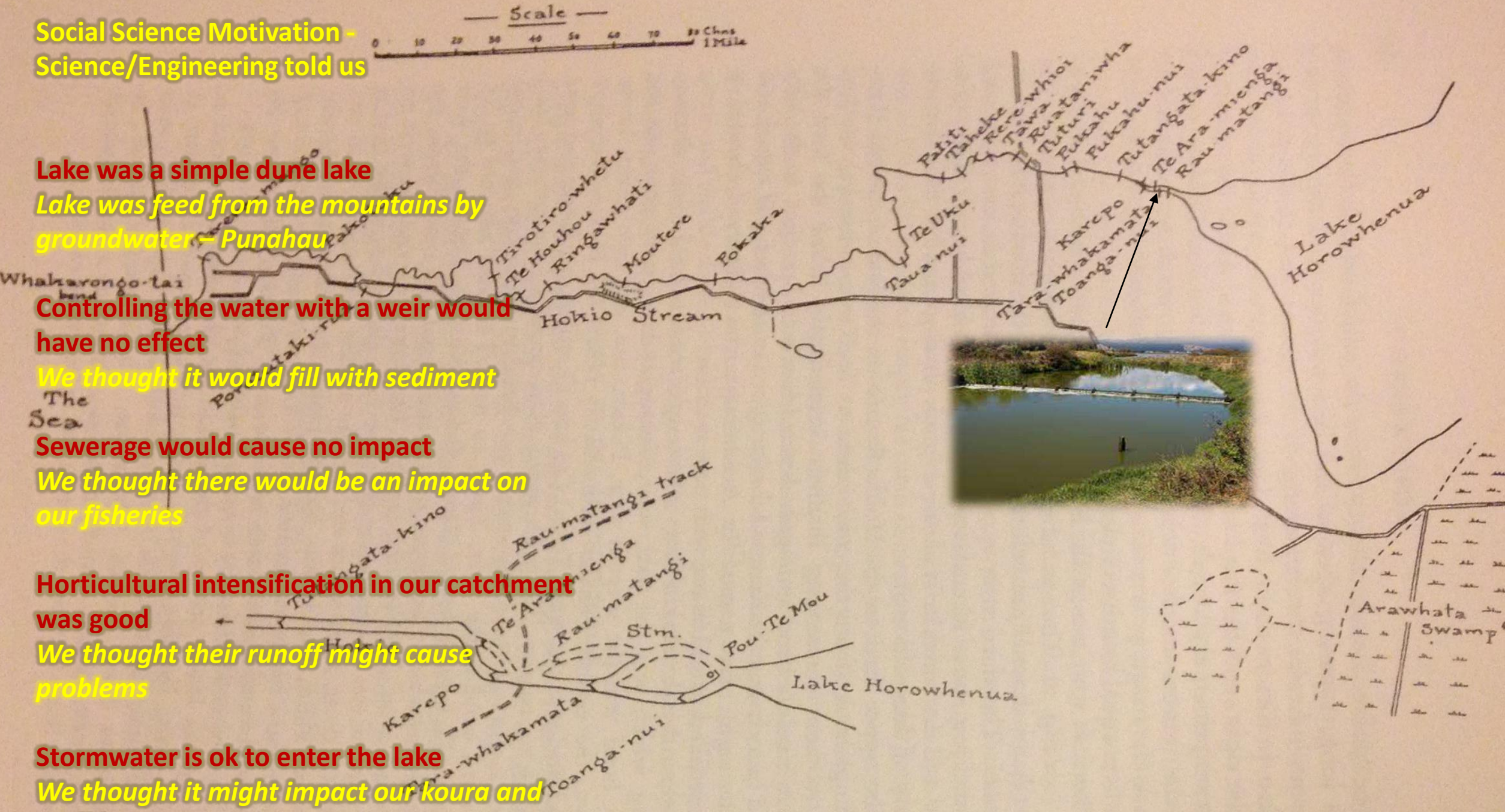
**We thought there would be an impact on
our fisheries**

**Horticultural intensification in our catchment
was good**

**We thought their runoff might cause
problems**

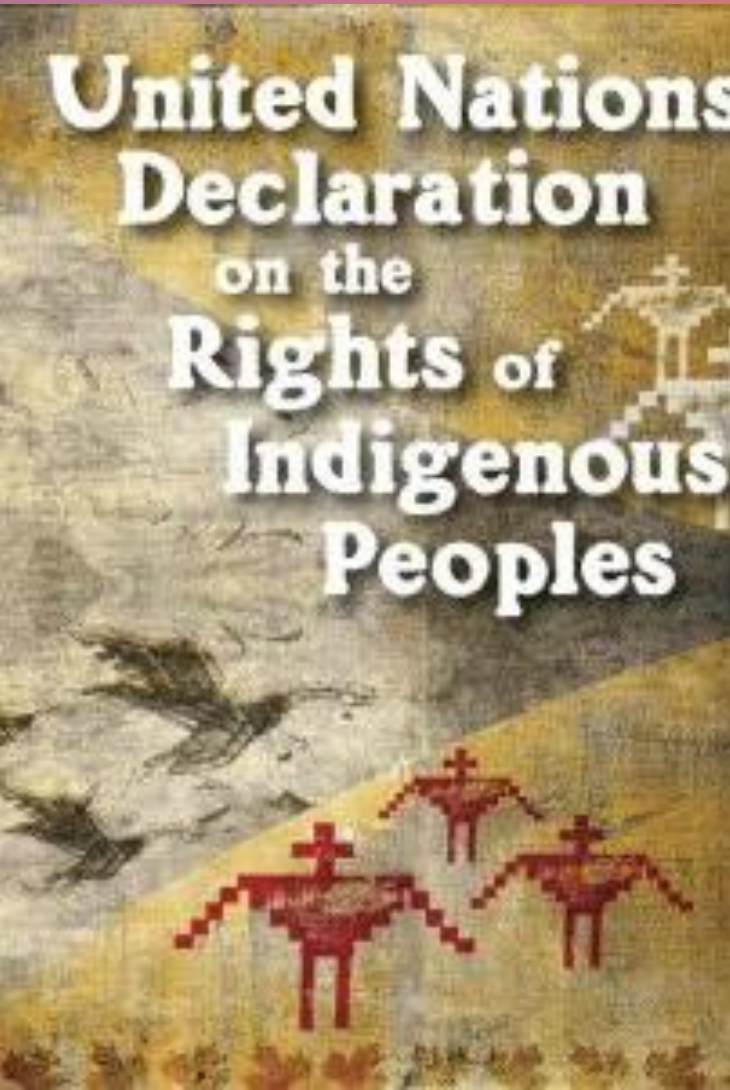
Stormwater is ok to enter the lake

**We thought it might impact our koura and
patiki**



Enlarged plan of outflow of Hokio Stream

Can we really compare science and indigenous knowledge?



Science

- Ancient Greece, Egypt – Euro Centric 3000-1200 BC
- Mathematics, Astronomy, Medicine.
- 14-16th Century Science to explain nature, gravity, further advances mathematics away from the Church as determining to adopting a standard methods to explain nature
- 19th Century move away from science into technology

Humans are separate to the world around them

Indigenous Knowledge

- Global but locally focused 10 000 BC
- Materials processing, Tools, Agriculture.
- Links between natural world and people's being
- Localized locally but adapted to different conditions over time
- Expansion across the Pacific from 4000 BC to ~1200 yrs ago
- Understanding cycles in Earth, Oceans and Sky

Humans are part of the world



Smith et al (2016)

specialists in particular forms of knowledge, and **developed their knowledge through a range of formal and informal instruction**, apprenticeships, and mentoring, and even being sent to live in another tribe for further instruction. There were different knowledge requirements for the specialisms; for example, a navigator needed to know how to read the sea and the stars, a weaver needed to know how to source materials, how to dye fabric and how to create garments. Each of these **speciality areas developed their own methodologies** within the wider philosophies and world views of their communities.

Durie et al (2012)

Mātauranga Māori is about an evolving knowledge. What students of Mātauranga Māori should come away with is a sense that **knowledge is always changing**, and that there are different approaches to it. The values might be derived from long ago, but knowledge changes. There is a **difference between discovering, developing, and being excited by new knowledge, and simply being told the old knowledge...** But when you look back on ancient times, Mātauranga Māori was an evolving form of knowledge. You didn't survive otherwise. **You had to adapt to new situations all the time.**

Mead (2012)

Mātauranga Māori is a lot more complex. It is a part of Māori culture and, over time, much of the knowledge was lost ... Mātauranga Māori is ... **linked to Māori identity and forms part of the unique features** which make up that identity. Because this is so, it also means that Mātauranga Māori is a unique part of the identity of all New Zealand citizens.

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Mātauranga Māori

- Polynesian origins where knowledge elements include **observation**, **experimentation**, mythology, imaginative, innovative
- Māori ways of knowing
- The body of knowledge originating from Māori ancestors, including the Māori world view and perspectives, Māori creativity and cultural practices
- **Is an epistemology, that is transferred and transferrable through different methods over many generations**

Mātauranga Maori is different from Science

Prof. Mason Durie

MĀTAURANGA MĀORI

Holistic

Accepted truths

Based on environmental encounters

Centrifugal thinking

Highlights similarities

Practitioners older

Time enhances knowledge

Steadily evolving

SCIENCE

Analytical

Skeptical

Measurement & replication

Centripetal thinking


Highlights differences


Practitioners younger

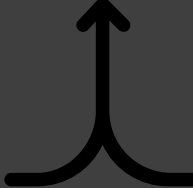
Time ages science


Knowledge constantly changing


How do we operate
with two different
knowledge
systems?


One advances and the other is diverted 

Intertwined, woven together 

Merged equally 

One is subsumed by the other 

Parallel development 

Different pathways of development 

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○ Mātauranga -
Solutions Focused

(what skills do we
want our children to
have? *Problem-
solvers of future
challenges*)

- Long term
- Powerful at predictions - locally
- Holistic
- Focused on people's wellbeing
- Nonhierarchical
- Nonlinear





Te Roro o Taiteariki
Agglutinate
New Vent already recognized by iwi

Te Reo for Kohatu and Whenua

Classification based on textural properties, hardness and usage

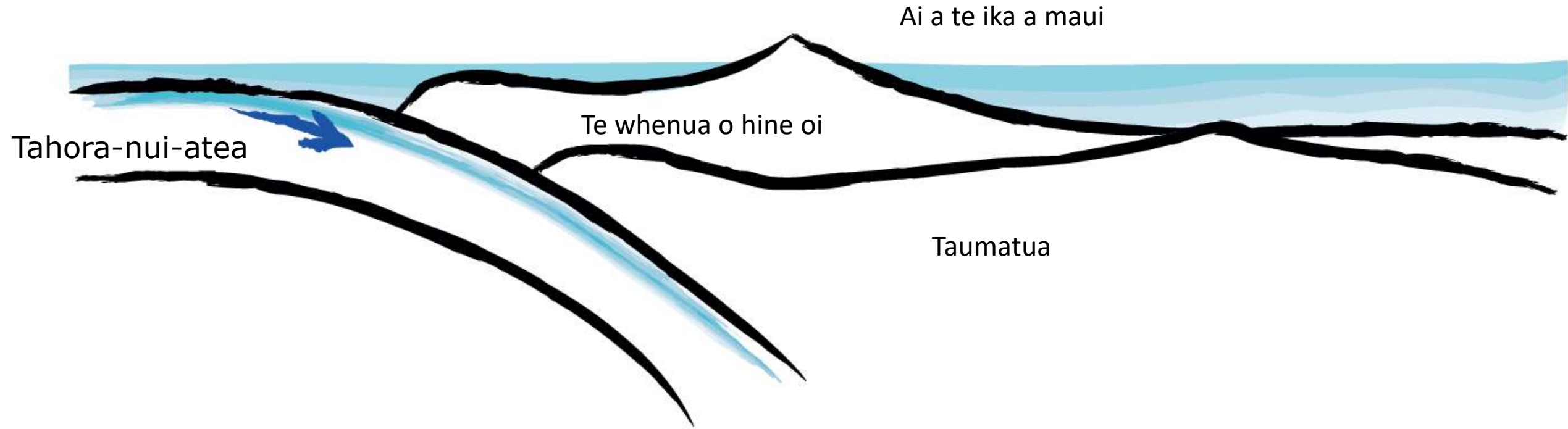
- Rehu – Flint
- Mata one – Andesite/dome forming
- Mataa – Quartz Flint
- Onewa – Auckland Basalt
- Karaa – Fine grained Basalt (Tuhoe)
- Tuapaka - Limestone
- Kurutai - Gabbro
- Makahua – Sandstone
- Papa – Mudstone
- Pakohe – Argillite
- Pari Whero/Rangitoto– Jasper (greywacke)
- Kaihau – Scoria
- Kohurau – Quartzite
- Manutea - Marble

Hamoamo	clay	Kowatukara	limestone	Pahu	a sonorous stone; a bell
Haupapa	ledge of rocks	Kowatukura	a red stone	Pakeho	limestone
Hinangakore	green stone	Kupapahi	pyrites	Papa	a ledge of rock
Hinangarewa	green stone	Kurutai	green whinstone	Pararahi	a flat stone
Hinangatuhi	green stone	Kurutongarerewa	green stone	Parataua	green stone; a bad kind
Hohanga	sandstone. Syn. with Onetai	Makahuri	a stone	Parau-umu	black soil
Hohapa	green stone	Makowa	indurated sand	Paru	mud
Horete	a stone. Syn. with Ngahu	Manatuna	a whinstone	Paru-ma	pipe-clay
Ihu	swamp mud	Mata	obsidian	Piaronga	iron
Kahurangi	finest kind of green stone	Moa	a layer of stone; iron pyrites; ironstone	Piauuu	iron
Kamaka	a rock	Mohehu	a white stone	Pikiki	
Kamuka		Nehu	dust	Pora	iron. Syn. with Piauuu
Kapiti Kowatu	a stone cliff or precipice	Ngahu	a stone. Syn. with Horete	Pounamu	green stone
Kapowai	petrified wood	Nganga	a stone	Puehu	dust. Syn. with Nehu
Kara	a basaltic stone	Ngarahu	charcoal	Pungapunga	pumice stone
Karakatau	round pebbles; used as shot for pigeons	Ngawa	sulphur	Pungarehu	ashes
Kawakawa	green stone	Ohanga		Pungawerawera	brimstone
Kawakawaamoana	green stone	Okehu	pipe-clay rock	Pungawera	pumice stone
Kawakawarewa	green stone	Oneone	earth	Rahoto	a scoriaceous stone
Kawakawatongarerewa	green stone; very fine	Oneharuru	good soil	Rangitoto	lava
Kawakawatumu	bad kind of green stone	Onekeretu	stiff clay	Rino	iron. Syn. with Pora
Keretu	clay	Onekotai	swampy soil	Tahoata	pumice stone
Kerewenua	yellow clay	Onekura	red earth; volcanic table land	Tangiwai	green stone
Kerikeri	gravel	Onemangu	black or bog soil	Teko	a soft red stone
Kiripaka	flint stone	Onematua	(Fatherland); strong marly valley	Toka	a stone; a rock in the sea
Kokowai	red ochre	Onepu	sea sand	Totoeka	green tone
Koma	basaltic stone	Onetai	sandstone. Syn. with Hohanga	Tuhua	obsidian
Kotiatia	a boulder	Onetaipu	light sandy alluvial loams	Tungaherehere	green stone; bad
Kotore	steatite	Oneware	waxy soil; rich greasy soil	Wanariki	brimstone
Koropungapunga	pumice-stone	Onoke	pipe-clay rock. Syn. with Okehu	Waro	coal

- + • Poutiriao and tipua that exist to explain formation of rock and surface processes

- **Rakahore** Associated with all forms of rock
- **Papakura** Origin of volcanic rock
- **Hinetuakirikiri** Creation of gravel in rivers
- **Hine-one** Creation of sand
- **Whauaho** Formation of greywacke
- **Hine-uku** How clay was created
- **Hine-tūāpapa** Greenstone
- **Hine-aroaro-te-pari** Cliffs
- **Hine-i-te-repo** Swamps, wetlands
- **Parawhenuamea** Land/soils

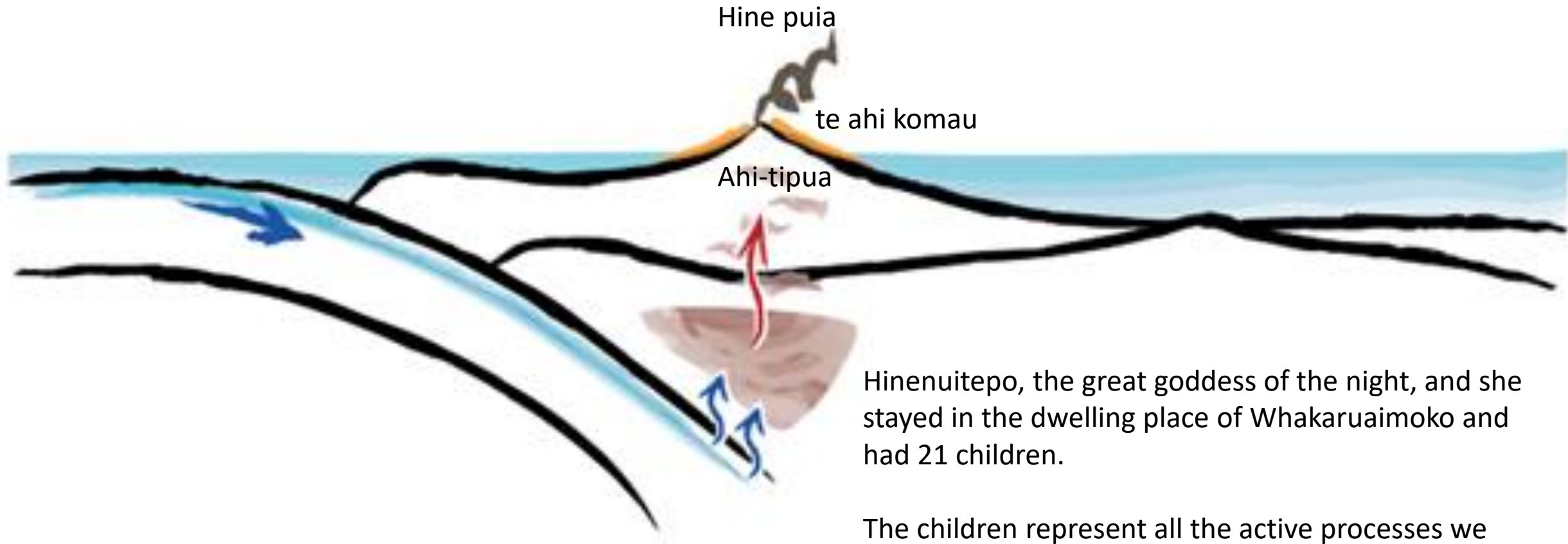
General mātauranga Māori Observations recognizing different land masses



General mātauranga Māori to explain volcanism.



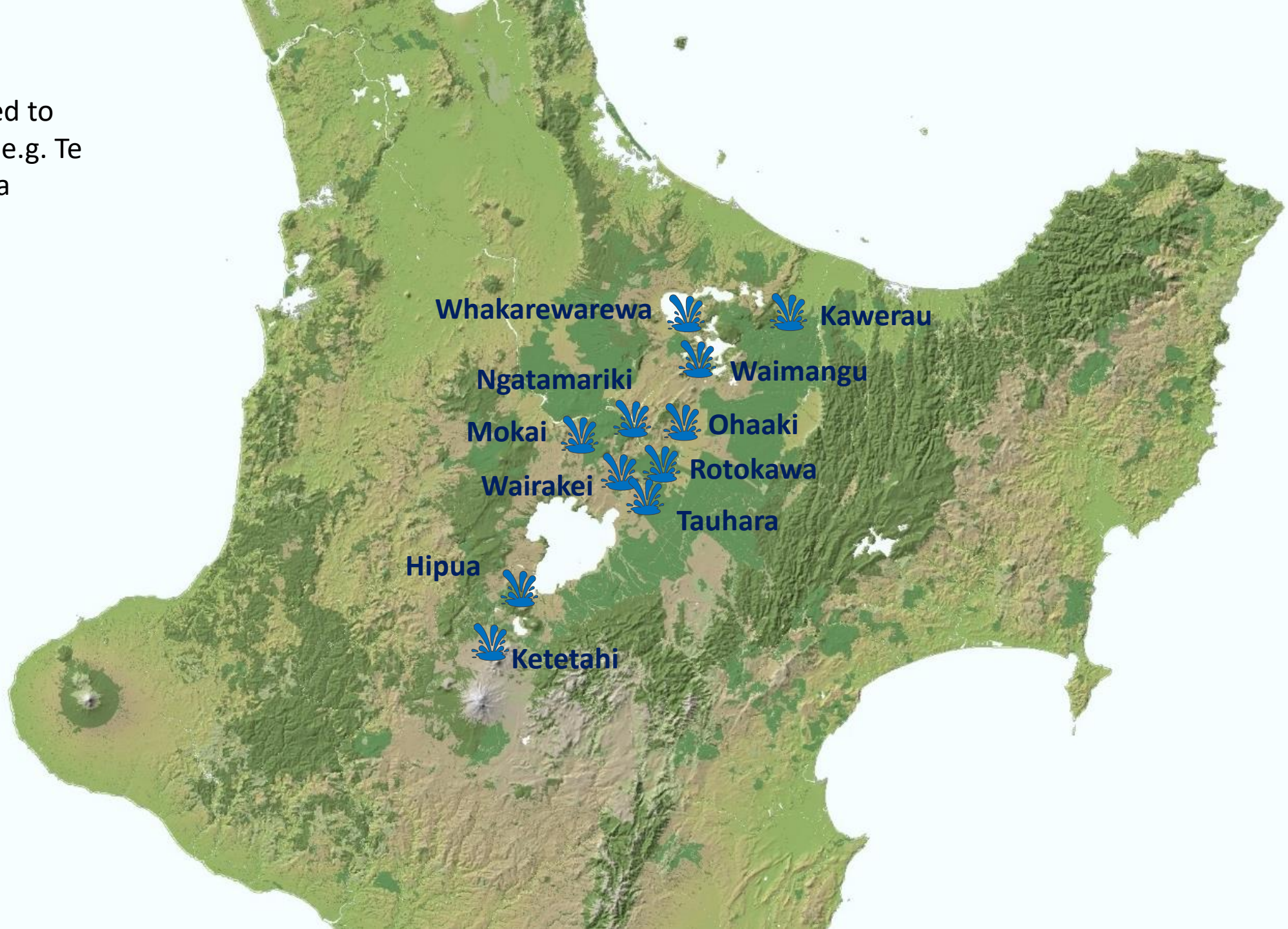
Earthquakes and volcanism were the drivers of geomorphic change.



Hinenuitepo, the great goddess of the night, and she stayed in the dwelling place of Whakaruaimoko and had 21 children.

The children represent all the active processes we observe at the surface.

Ruaumoko
Other Tipua related to
geothermal areas e.g. Te
Pupu and Te Hoata



Omapere/Pukenui

Rangitahua

Taupo Volcanic Zone - Te Ahi Tipua

Tuhua

Whakaari

Rotorua

Okataina

Tongariro

Taupo

Taranaki

Ngauruhoe

Ruapehu

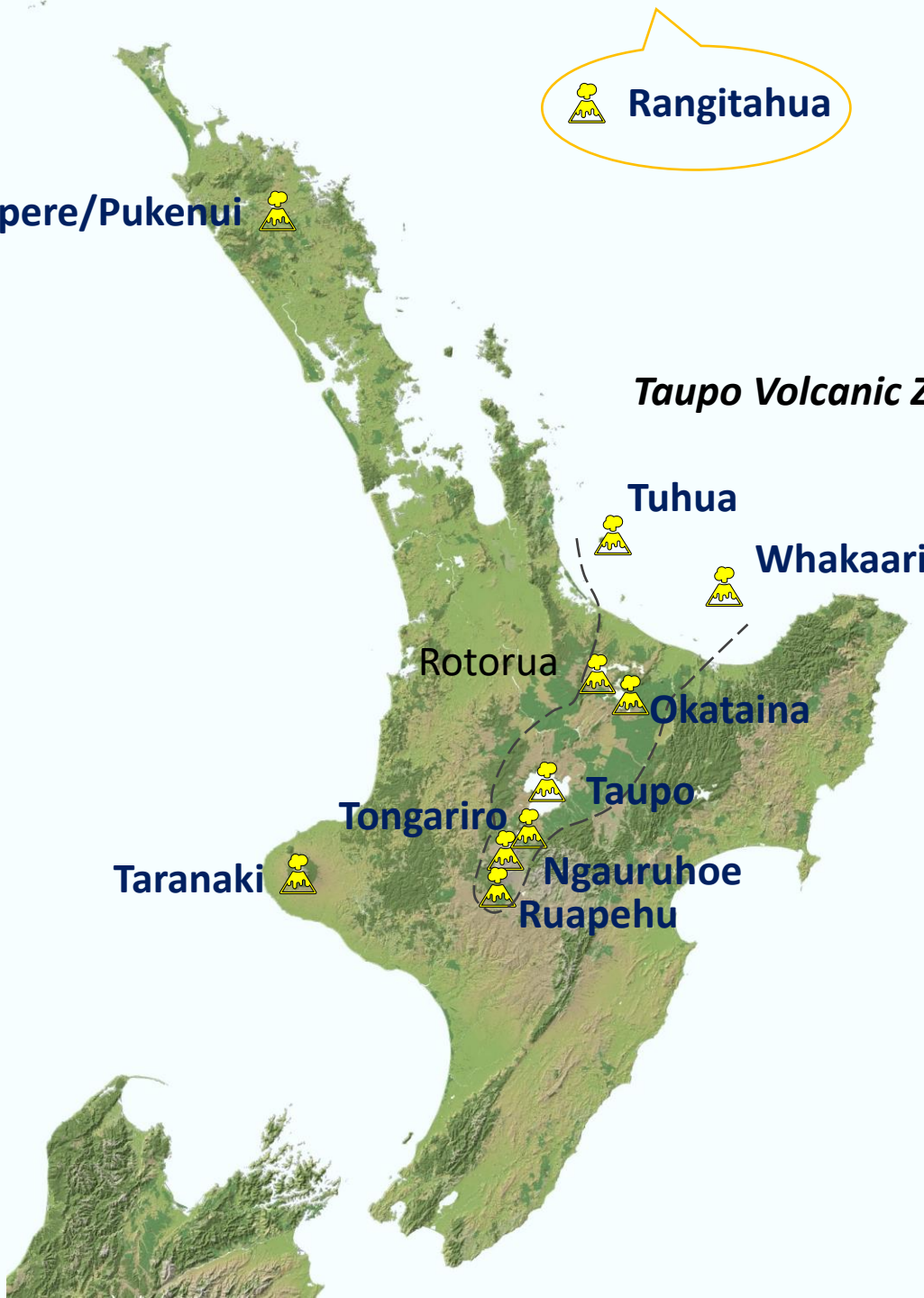
Connections to eruptions

- Rangitahua eruption clouds guiding Waka to Aotearoa 1000 yrs ago
- Ngatoroirangi defeating Tamaohoi to stop the Kaharoa/Tarawera eruption 700 yrs ago
- Ngatoroirangi calling for fire while on ngauruhoe 700 yrs ago

Taupo Volcanic Zone
Many explanations ...

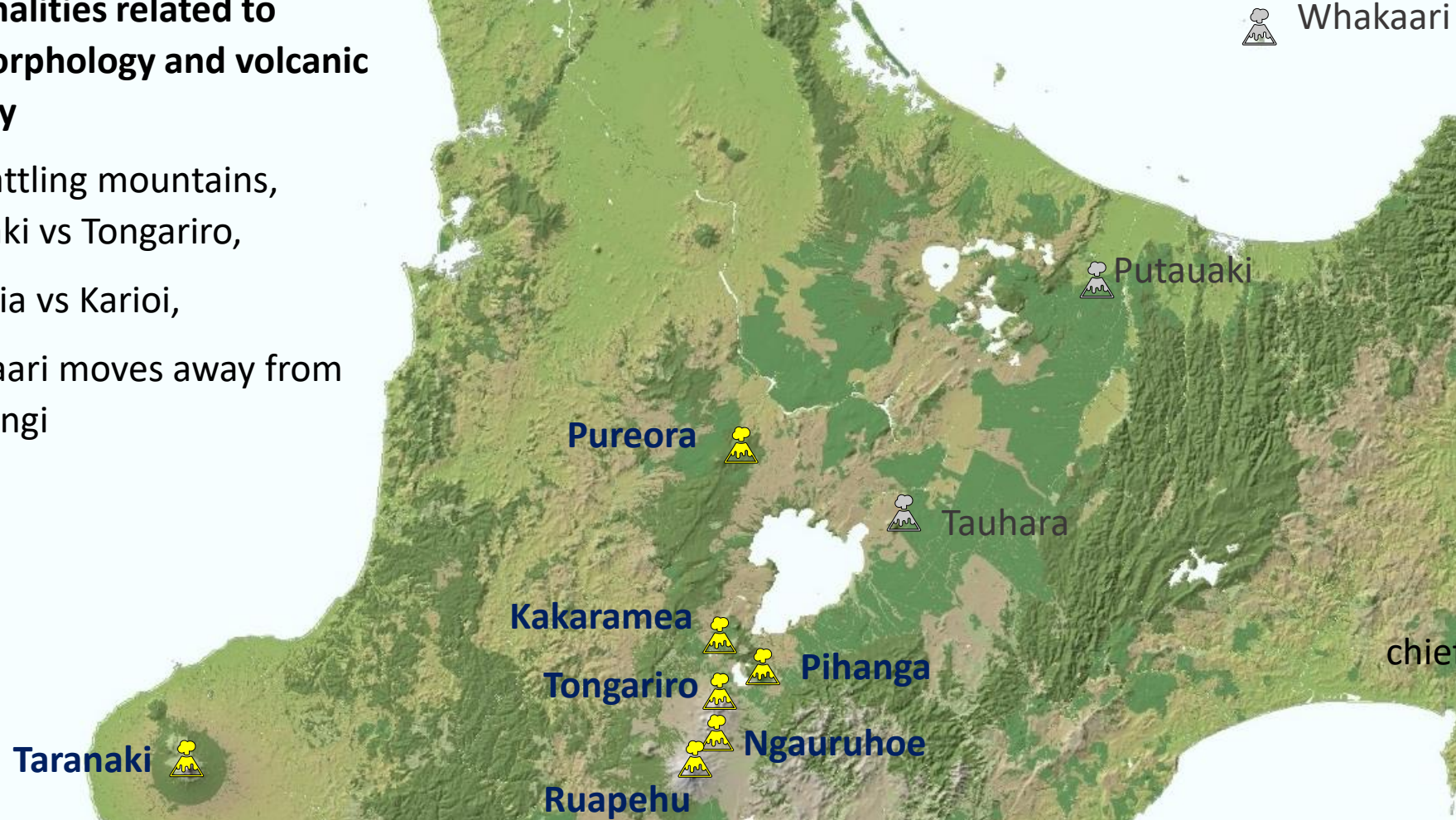
- *Top knot of Papatūānuku with strands connected through the land to the pacific ring of fire.*
- *Handprint of Maui*
- *Volcanoes represent blow-hole of the fish*
- *Lake Taupo "stomach" connecting to umbilical cord*

Various explanations much like our geochemists...



Volcanoes become active entities with different personalities related to geomorphology and volcanic activity

e.g. Battling mountains, Taranaki vs Tongariro, Pirongia vs Karioi, Whakaari moves away from Hikurangi



Te kāhui maunga tangata (the chiefly mountain family) created by Ruaupoko and given mana identifying them as individually;

Ruapehu, Matua te mana
Tongariro, Matua te toa
Taranaki, Matua te tapu
Ngāuruhoe, Matua te pononga
Pihanga, Matua te hine

Matauranga – a – iwi

stories of tapu, retribution, respect of the local environment

Ngaati Awa decide to maroon Te Tahi o te Rangi on Whakaari, an island in the Bay of Plenty which is an active volcano and is now known as White Island. But when Ngaati Awa have abandoned Te Tahi on the island and are paddling back to the mainland, the tohunga summons up a taniwha that carries him across the sea.

Horomatangi is said to be an old man and as red as fire. Thus the natives assert to have seen him. He lives in a cave on the island Motutaiko in the lake.

ko nga maunga nga mea e whakanuia ana e te tangata. E hau ana te rongu o ia maunga, o ia maunga ; ... e moiri-tahi ana te maunga, me te tangata ; e puta ana ki tawhiti, a, waihotia iho hei whakatauki. Mountains are something that are revered by man. Each mountain is renowned ; ... a mountain and a person (chief) become associated together and known throughout by a proverbial saying.

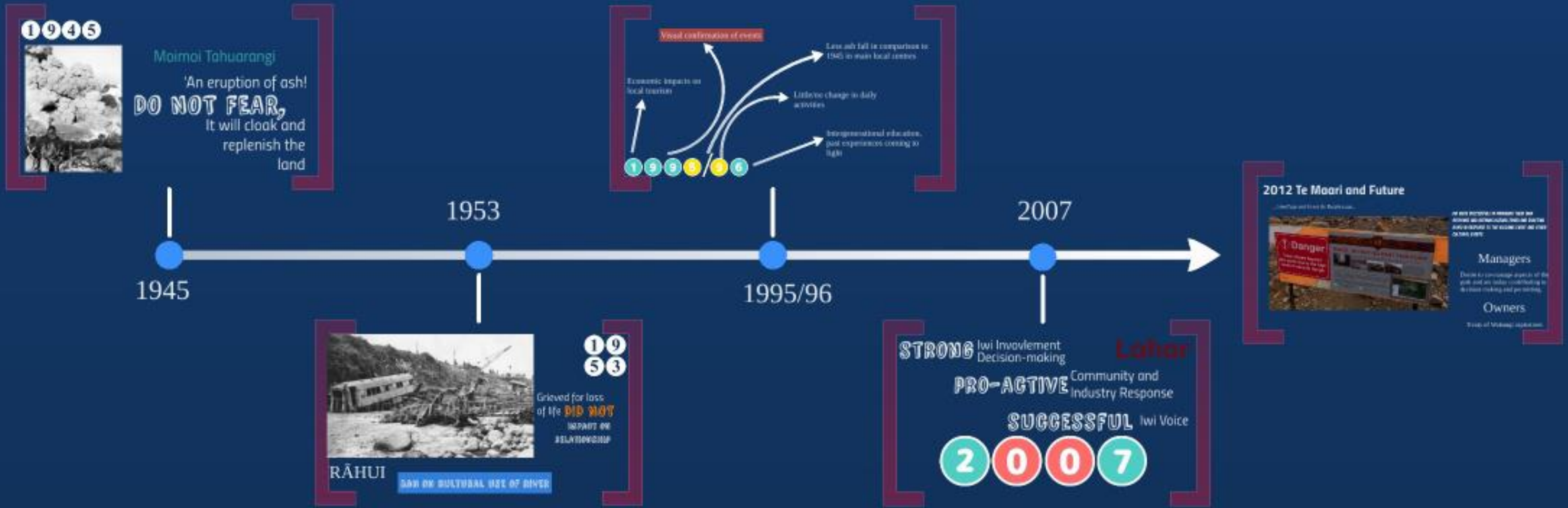
The Māori state that because Tongariro mountain is tapu, they do not approve of Europeans going to that place

Mango-huruhuru now built a large house at that place, which was used by him and his people as a dwelling. Its name was Te Tapere-o-tutahi.

the old man that he would exercise his powers and bring some sands from Hawaiki, to improve his new home.

A dark cloud appears on the horizon, rapidly advancing towards the reciter, charged with a heavy burden of sand, with lightning flashing and thunders rolling.





Ngāti Rangī
Paerangi – i – Te Whare
Toka

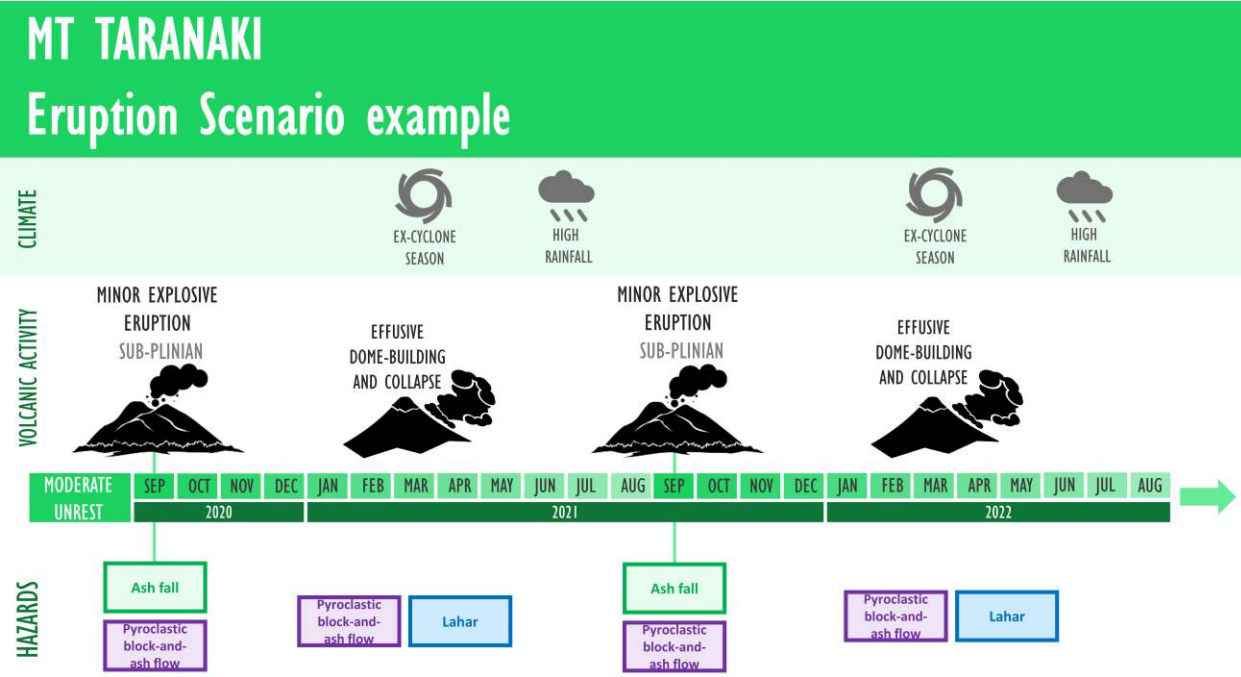
Te Matua o Te Mana

Our ancestor is not a volcanic
HAZARD

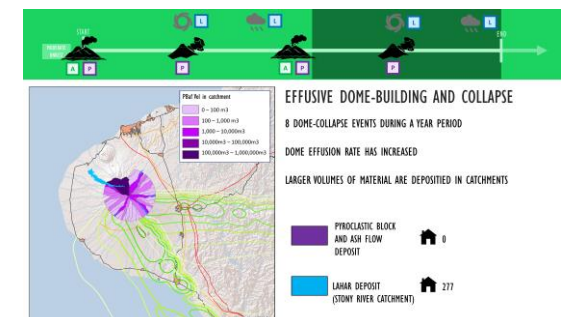
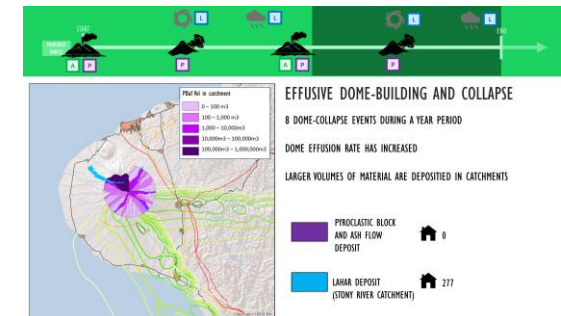
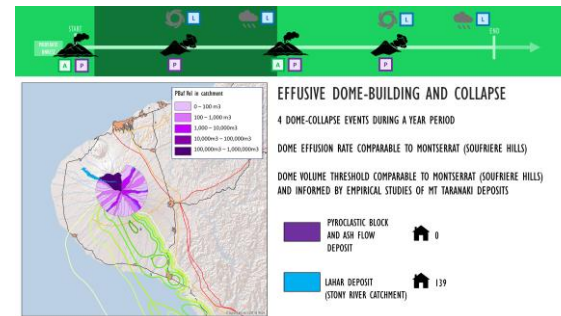
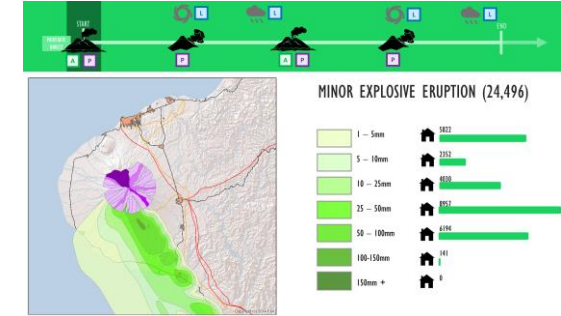
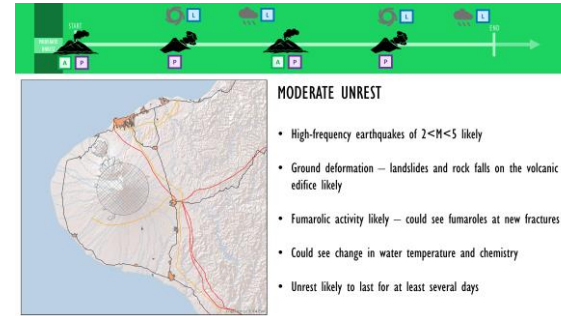
A living memory of
responding and
recovering to events

Taranaki

Scenario Modelling for Risk/Impact

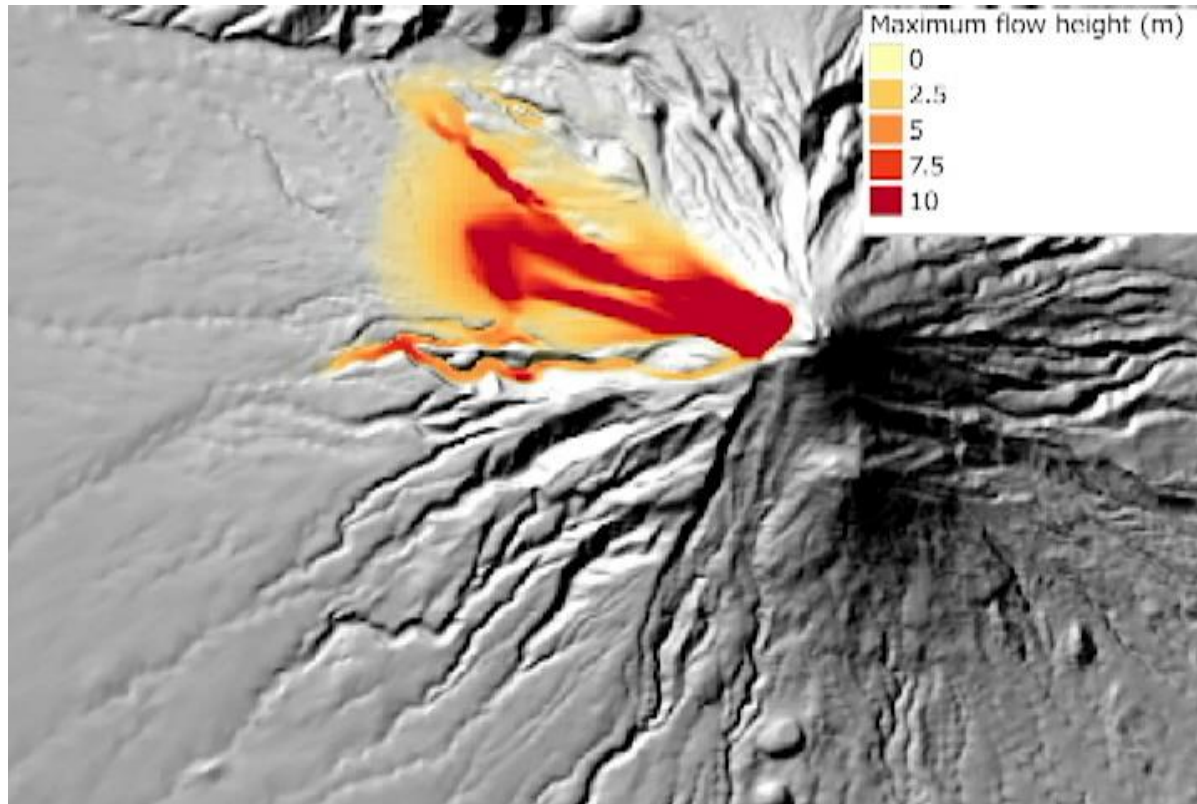


Alana Weir and Stuart Mead



Probabilistic modelling for Taranaki

- Egmont NP hazard is ultimately conditional on an eruption (~35-38% chance of 1 or more in next 50 years)
- Following an eruption, hazardous phenomena is likely within ~900 m contour. Vulnerability is most probably binary.
- Monitoring and decision making will be essential in unrest.



Event	Estimated probability	Comments
One or more eruption of Mt. Taranaki in the next 50 years.	0.35 – 0.38	Expert elicitation suggests the most likely next eruption size is VEI 3.
Ashfall affecting North Egmont Visitors Centre requiring moderate repair to replacement.	0.4 following an eruption	Assuming moderate damage begins at ~100 mm of ashfall.
Debris avalanche at Mt. Taranaki	0.00018 per year 0.03 – 0.3 following a VEI4 or larger eruption.	
Debris avalanche affecting North Egmont Visitors Centre.	~ 0.238 if a debris avalanche is triggered.	
Pyroclastic flow travelling further than North Egmont Visitors Centre	0.58 following a VEI 2 eruption 0.90 following a VEI 3 eruption >0.95 following a VEI>4 eruption	
Pyroclastic flow affecting North Egmont Visitors Centre	≥ 0.41 given an eruption and pyroclastic flow	Topographic position suggests damage to non-structural elements and wood-framed buildings
Block-and-ash flows near North Egmont Visitors Centre	0.6 for flow heights ≥2 m following an eruption and dome collapse (current configuration) ~0.1 for flow heights ≥4 m following an eruption and new dome growth episode	Probability of a dome growth episode is ~0.73 (Ogburn et al., 2015; Procter et al., 2019) Topographic position suggests damage to non-structural elements and wood-framed buildings.

A tahu atu koe te ahi a Tahu-rangi Whakautu i runga rāka
ngangana i te rangi, nā-ī. Spark of immortal fire, thou shalt fan
*That flame vulcanian, Tahurangi' fire When heavenward shoots
its radiant columned plan* (Stowell 1911:155-157)

Taranaki

The mounga, Tahurangi would swell and puff with pride with
each Taranaki victory..



Series of Pā / kāinga / marae located between Karaka
Tonga/Waiwhakaiho streams to Maketawa Stream at 700-800
elevation - near the current visitor centre

Heavily occupied and defended by Te Kāhui Maunga & Taranaki Iwi.

Significant for pua-tahere, kokowai & stone for mahe, toki etc,whare-kura and
marae, Tahurangi

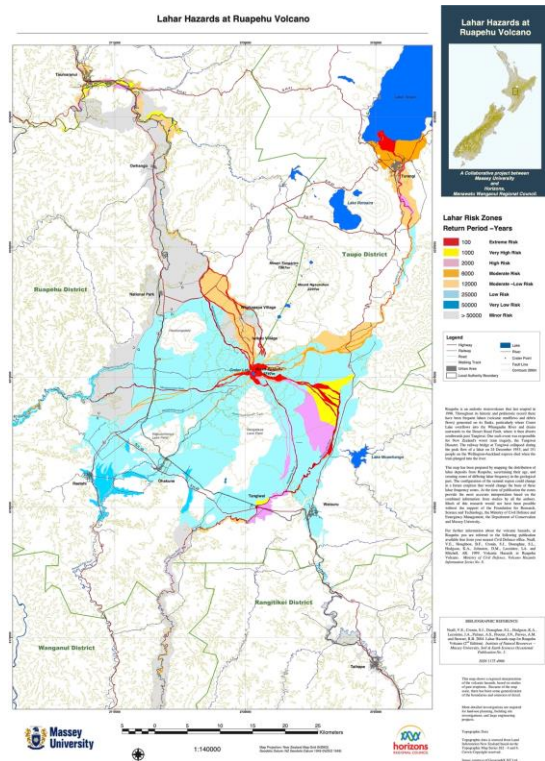
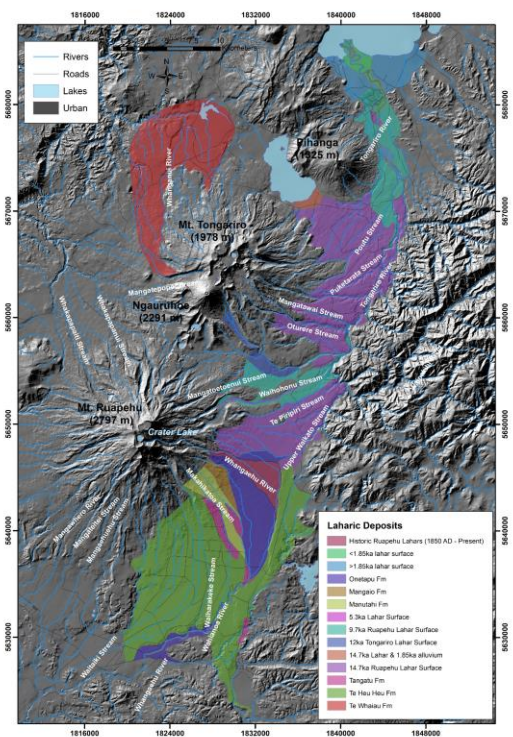
Karakatonga was destroyed by an eruption ~1230 "When the newmountain,
Pukeonaki, surfaced the people temporarily evacuated the site with many also
perishing." (Te Kāhui o Taranaki, n.d.)

Wāhi tapu & rāhui – it has happened before and will happen again

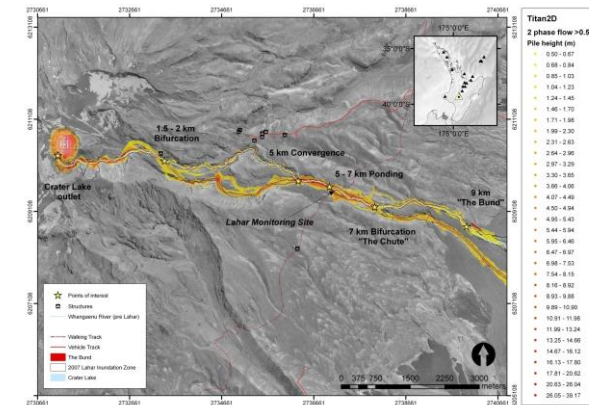
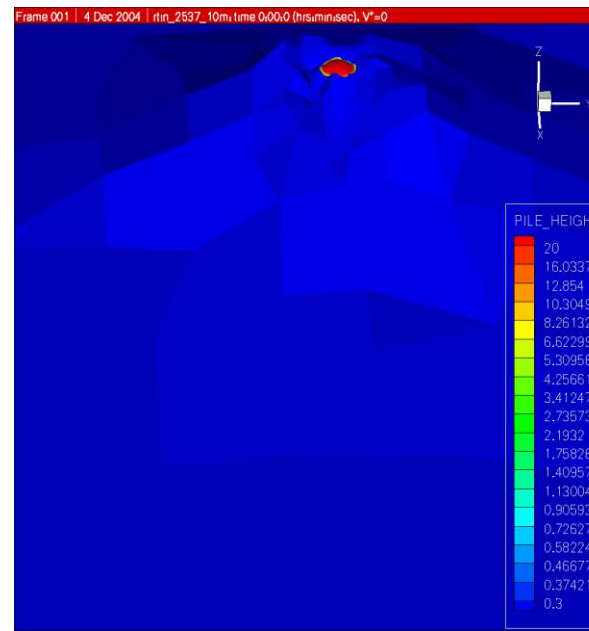


Ruapehu Hazard Zones

Observing the lithologies



Simulation of different events/building scenarios of activity



Determining Frequency/Magnitude

Ruapehu

The mountains also had kaitiaki and tipua. Stories about the guardians of the mountains – Te Ririo (ruler of the patupaiarehe), Takakā, Tarapikau, Taunapiki, and Rangitaiki

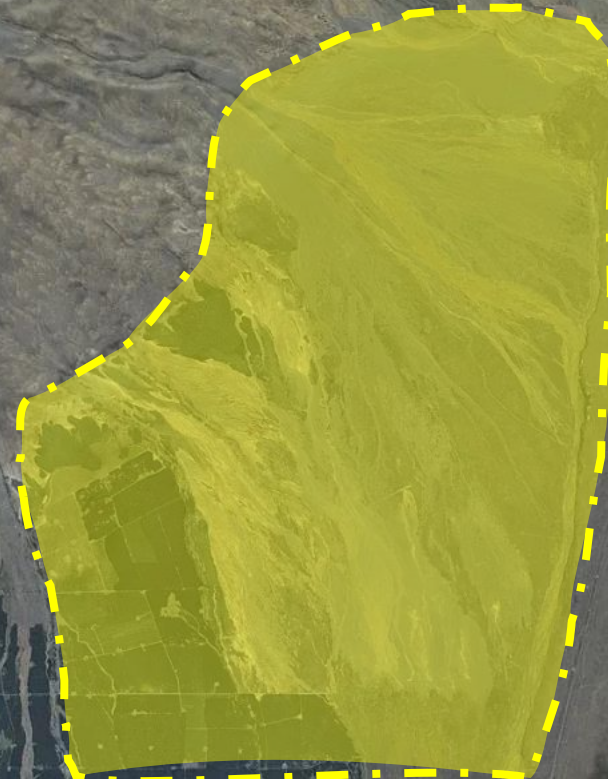
Series of Pā / kāinga / marae that acted as traditional astromical and volcanological observatories by matakite

Recognition of a number of different volcanic phenomena and manifestations in the environment that were monitored by tangata tiaki

Te Wai a Moe, the sweat gland of Koro

Traditional practice of have tohunga to guide you across recognised hazardous zones e.g. Te One Tapu – guided at certain times, no fires, eyes sheltered by kawakawa leaves, moved through areas quickly

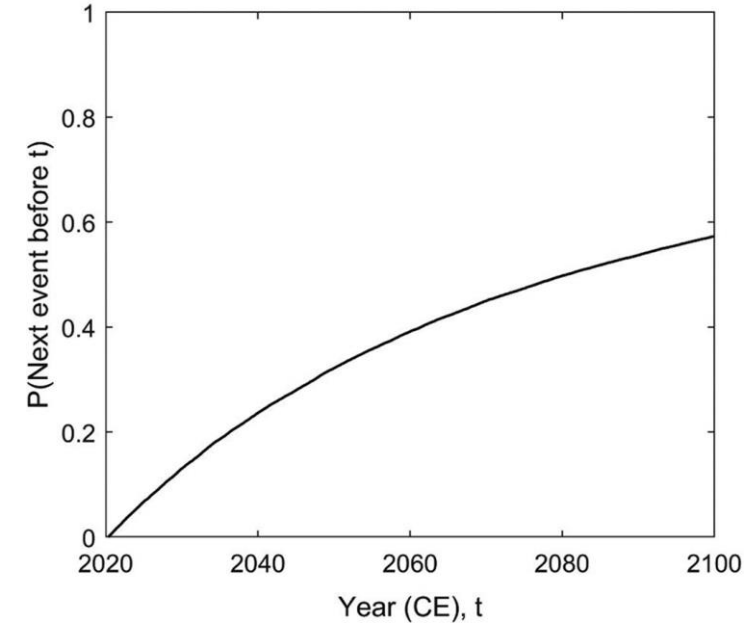
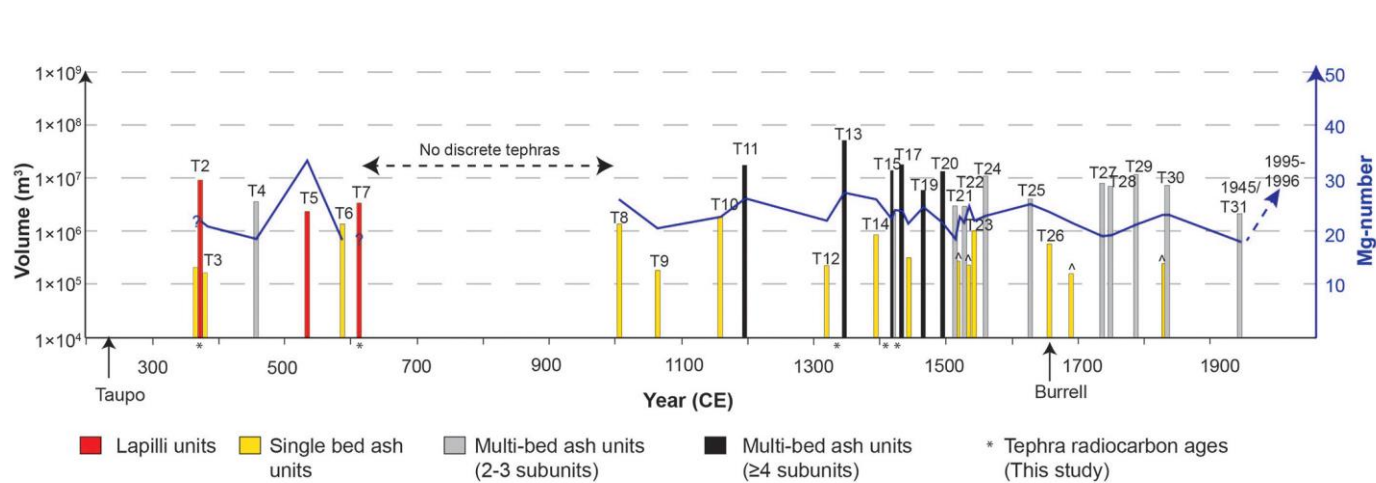
Rāhui regularly applied to lahars, volcanic activity pre and post event



Te One Tapu

Time-varying multi-hazard forecasting: Develop new models to forecast the long-term time-varying multi-phase multi-hazards of NZ's cone volcanoes.

Mt. Ruapehu – the last 2000 yrs



- The current regime is most likely a medium rate state with one eruption every ~40 years.
- The next eruption with a magnitude equal or larger than those preserved in the Tufa Trig Formation has a median forecast date of 2079 CE.

- For Mt. Ruapehu, the probability of another phase following any current phase is approximately 54%.
- Intra-sequence models show that eruption volumes increase with eruption progression.

➤ Informing new risk assessments for Tongariro National Park

Understanding cycles of eruptions for Tongariro & Ruapehu

- Understanding of Te Maari eruptions as being related to generations of leaders
 - Te Maari/Ketetahi Erupts everytime one of our Ariki passes away.
- Ruapehu 1945 “Do Not Fear – The land will be nurtured and fertile.”
 - Eruptions related to fertile land – crop rotations, 7-10 year cycles?
- Te Wai Moe – Larger eruptive processes related to Tohunga/Rangatira being placed in Crater Lake?





Ruapehu Tohu

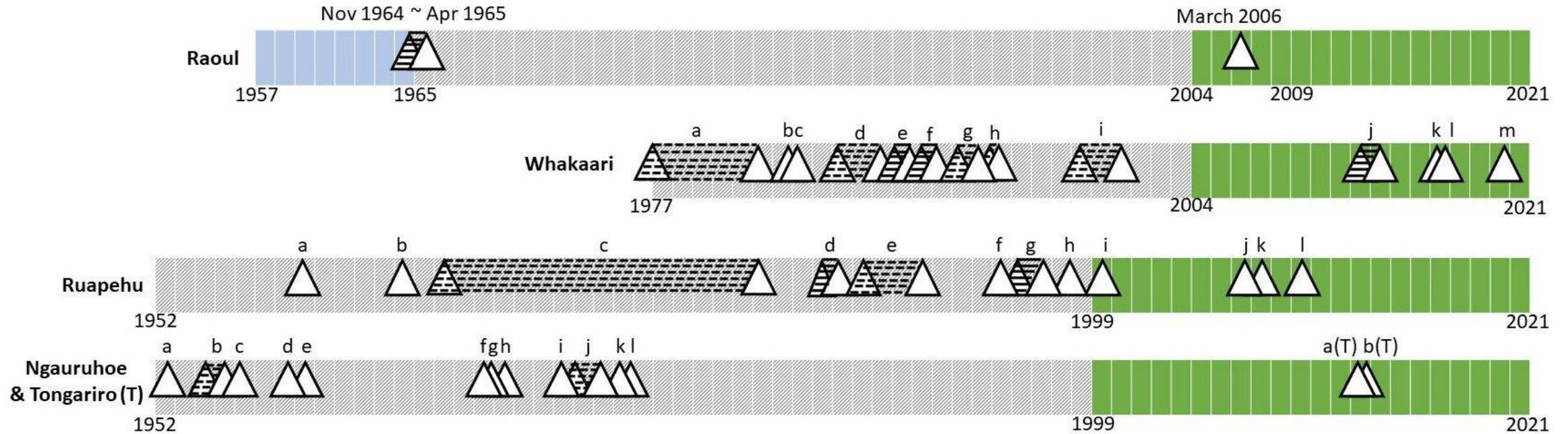








Seismic data yet to be exploited



Ruapehu		Whakaari		Ngauruhoe & Tongariro	
a. May – Aug 1959	i. Sep – Oct 1999	a. Dec 1976 – Jan 1982	i. Mar 1998 – Jul 2000	a. Nov 1952	i. Apr 1972
b. Apr - June 1964	j. Oct 2006	b. Dec 1983	j. Aug 2012 – Oct 2013	b. May 1954 – Mar 1955	j. Jan 1973 - Mar 1974
c. Mar 1966 – Mar 1982	k. Sep 2007	c. Feb 1984	k. Apr 2016	c. Jan 1956	k. Feb 1975
d. May 1985 – Feb 1986	l. July 2009	d. Feb 1986 - Apr 1988	l. Sep 2016	d. Nov 1958	l. May 1975
e. Aug 1987 – June 1990		e. Jan - Nov 1989	m. Dec 2019	e. Jun 1959	
f. Feb – Mar 1994		f. May 1990 - Mar 1991		f. Jul 1968	
g. Jan 95 – Sep 1996		g. Feb 1992 - Apr 1993		g. Dec 1968	a(T). Aug 2012 (Tongariro)
h. Oct 97 – Jan 1998		h. Oct 1993 – Mar 1994		h. Jul 1969	b(T). Nov 2012 (Tongariro)

Eruption records

Ra: Christenson et al. (2013)

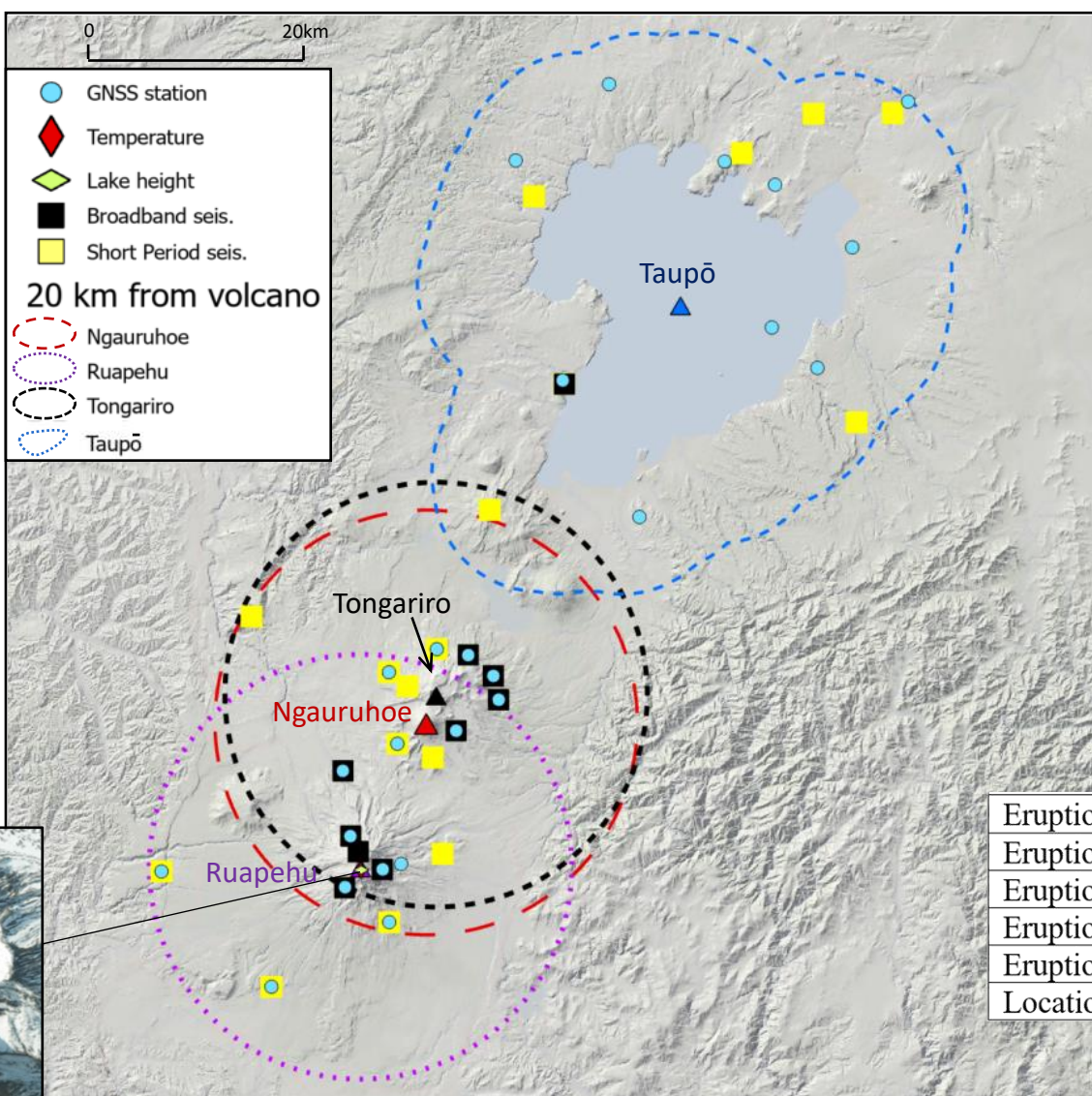
Ru: Scott (2013)

Ng: Latter et al. (1985), Hobden et al. (2002)

To: Scott and Potter (2014)

Wh: Kilgour et al. (2021)

Ruapehu Volcano



Sufficient seismic stations (> 6 broadband) suggests relative ease of application of but data longevity is a limiting factor.

	Expert Interpretation	Event Trees	Belief Networks	Belief Networks with training	Failure Forecasting	Process/Source based	Machine Learning
Eruption onset time	Blue	Red	Red	Red	Blue	Yellow	Red
Eruption size	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red
Eruption style/type	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red
Eruption duration	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red
Eruption specific hazards	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red
Location specific parameters	Blue	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red

Negligible effort/time
Medium effort/time
Significant effort/time
Some effort/time
Not currently feasible

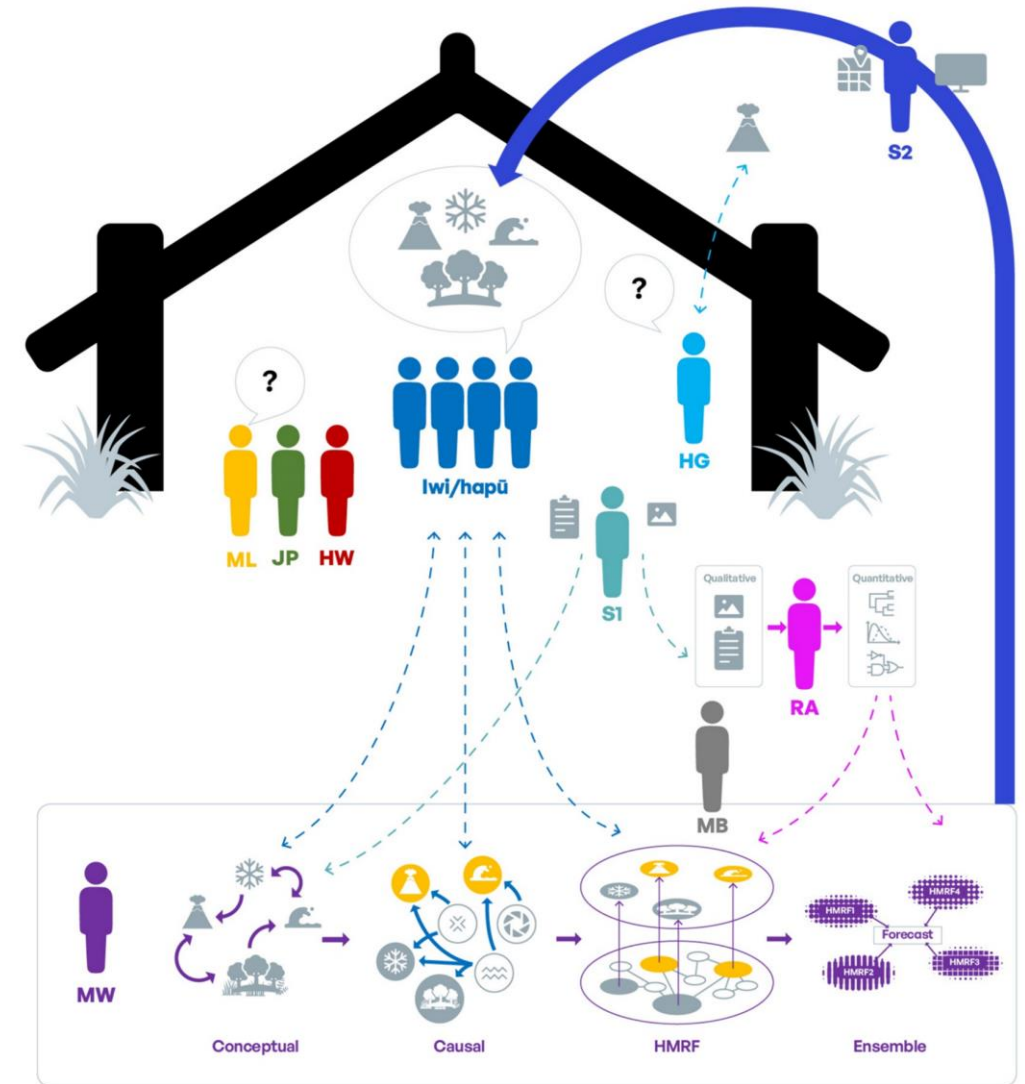
The Future...



Matatuhi

Unlocking the forecasting potential of environmental tohu via ensemble systems models

Tohu and tohunga/matakite driven expert elicitation



Research Plan and Team

Key Concepts for Māori...

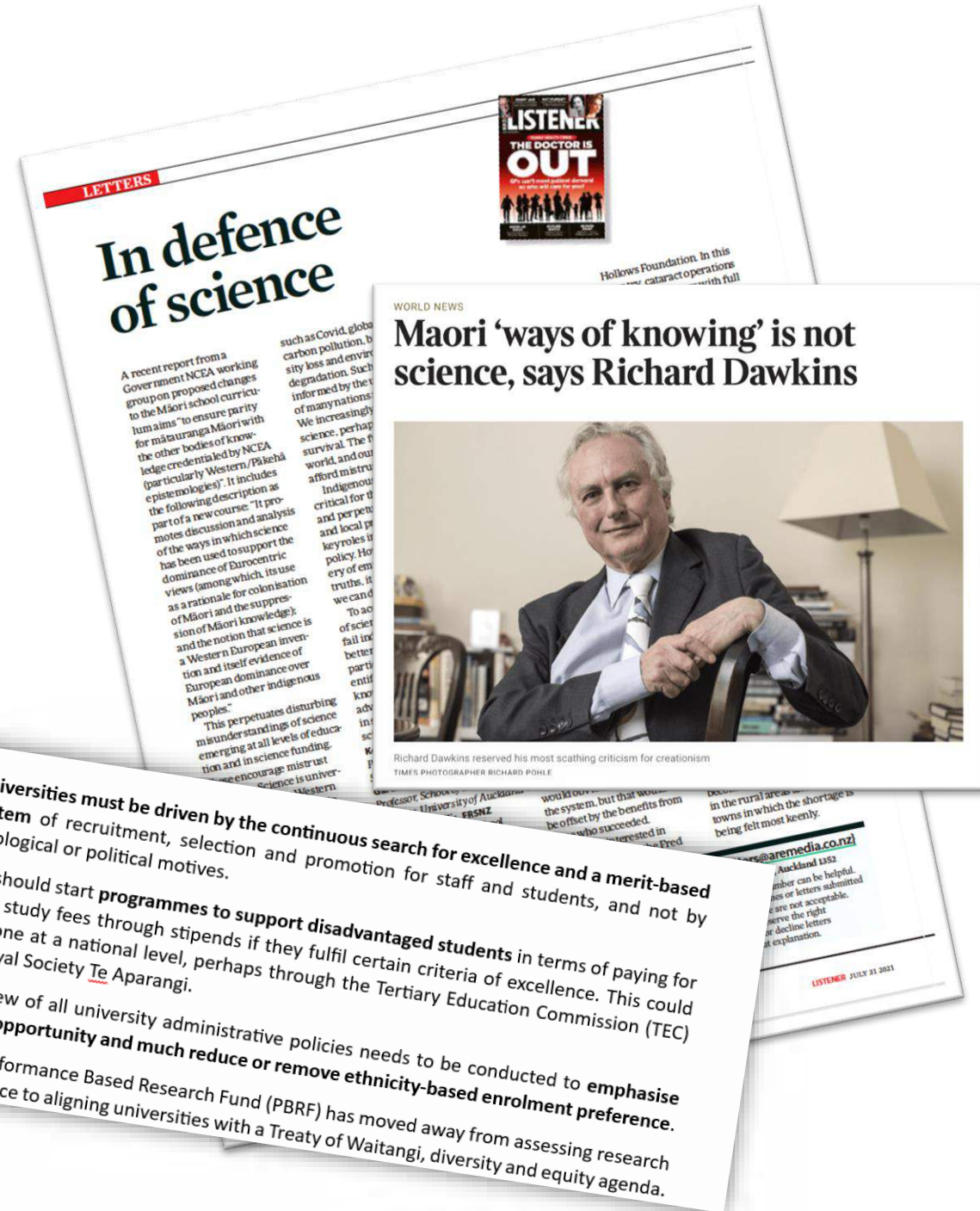
maybe for Earth Science?



- **Whakapapa**
 - We are all connected
- **Ahi Kaa**
 - We are connected to place that are part of our whakapapa and that connection will never be broken
- **Kaitiaki/Atua**
 - There is an element of respecting and balancing all entities in the environment
- **Whakapaparanga (*Generational Outcomes*)**
 - Thinking, decisions and plans are longer term with outcomes benefiting the next generations; wise use of resources
- **Matatau (*Survival/Endurance/Adaption*)**
 - There is no concept of hazard and risk, paramount is for the next generation to thrive and flourish
- *Wairua /Hauora – elements of caring for the wellbeing of all*
- *Te Ao Turoa – need to understand the world around us*

Problems for Earth Science in NZ- the real issues

- Caught in political cross-fire
- Played out in the Media
- Associated to mining/oil/gas industry
- Perceived as “stamp collectors” not problem solvers
- Our children are not engaging in STEM
- Māori and Pacifica are disproportionately affected
- Earth Science Curriculum will contain Mātauranga Māori and focus on Space, Observation/analysis and People/climate



The share of children who are Māori is projected to increase from 27 percent in 2018 to 33 percent (about 1 in 3 children) in 2043.



*You have to adapt to
new situations all the
time.
(Durie et al, 2012)*