

Resilience of Aotearoa New Zealand's Built Environment

How is research improving the resilience of our buildings and infrastructure networks to natural hazards?

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- The Challenges
- Built Environment Programme
 - Vertical Infrastructure
 - Horizontal Infrastructure
- Research Examples
- Next Steps
- Collaboration & Engagement

The Challenges



- The built environment plays a significant role in our resilience to natural hazard events
- Recent natural hazard events have had significant impact on the built environment and wider society
- A number of events nationally since 2010
 - Earthquakes
 - Storms
 - Flooding
 - Coastal Inundation
 - etc
- Many international events

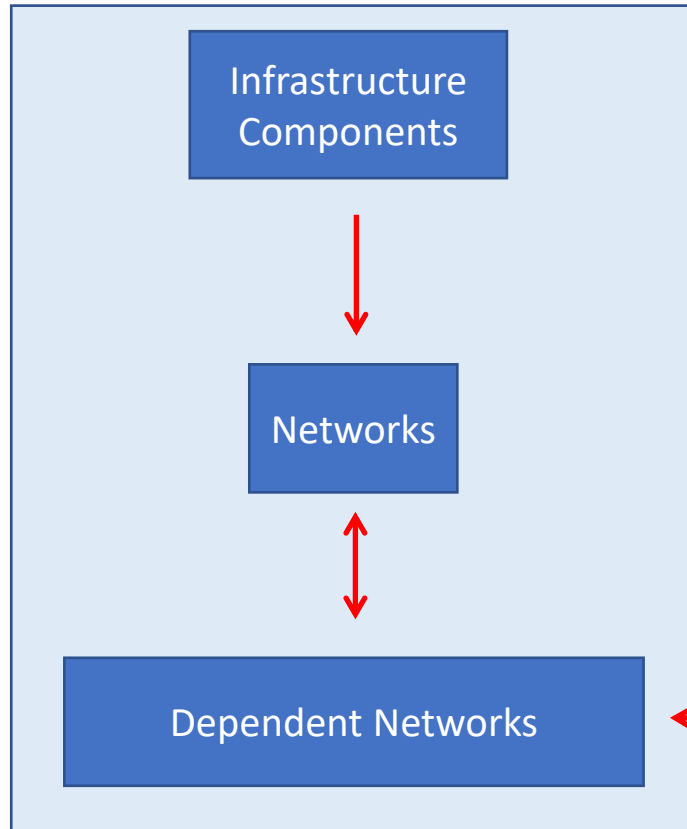
Built Environment Programme - Aims



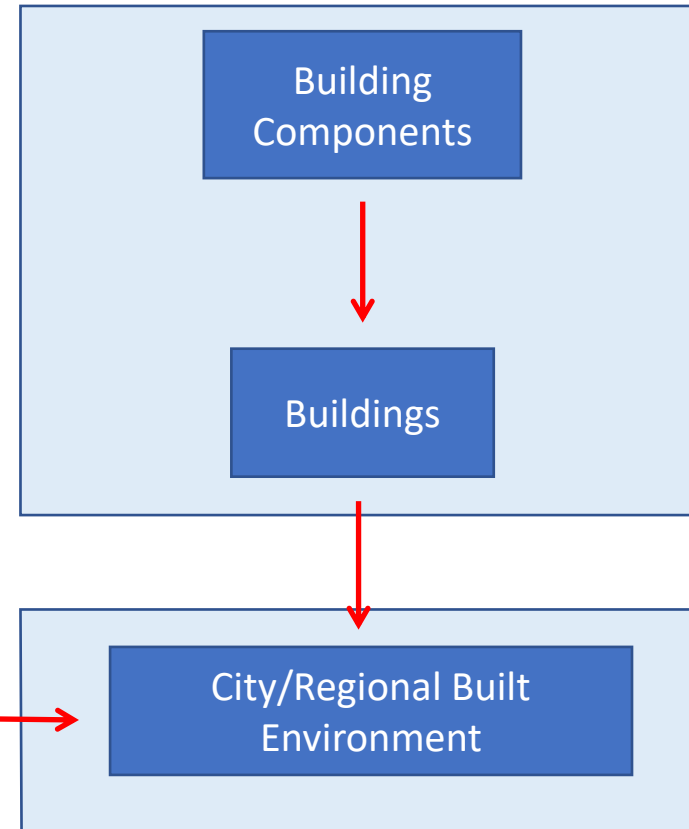
- Improve our understanding of the performance of infrastructure under various natural hazards
 - Buildings (Vertical Infrastructure)
 - Infrastructure (Horizontal Infrastructure)
- Improve our approaches for design, assessment and repair
- Develop new approaches to inform decision-making and investment
- Work alongside range of stakeholder partners to provide real-world context to the research



Horizontal Infrastructure



Vertical Infrastructure

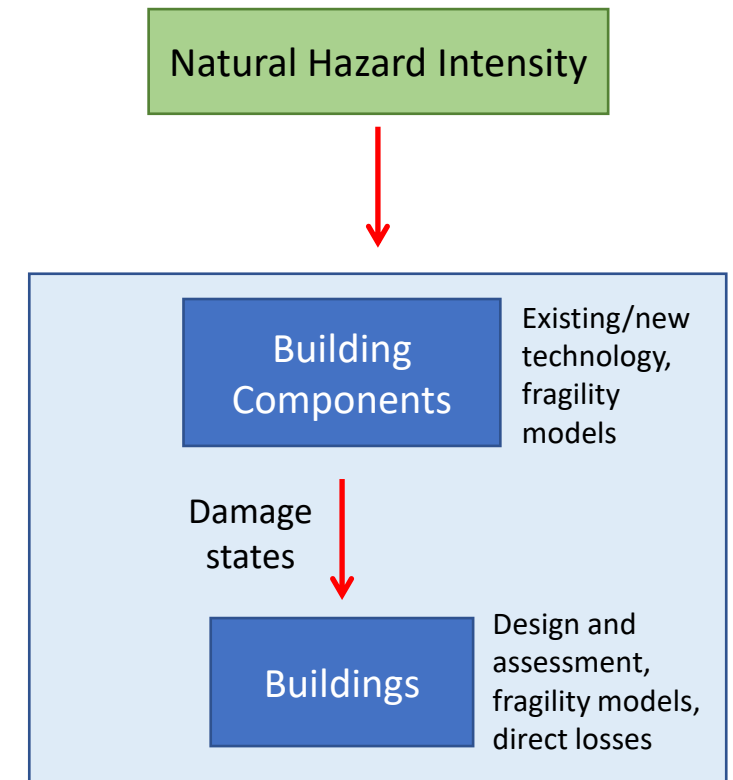




- Over 20 academics
- Over 30 postgraduate students
- Strong collaborations with stakeholders and industry groups
 - Regional focus
 - Network focus
 - Discipline focus



- Range of building types:
 - Commercial buildings
 - Low-rise residential
 - Medium-density residential
- Range of materials:
 - Structural steel
 - Reinforced concrete
 - Timber
- Components to systems to portfolios
 - Info on structural & non-structural components connected to whole of building performance.
 - Building design criteria linked to performance – building specific and regional performance

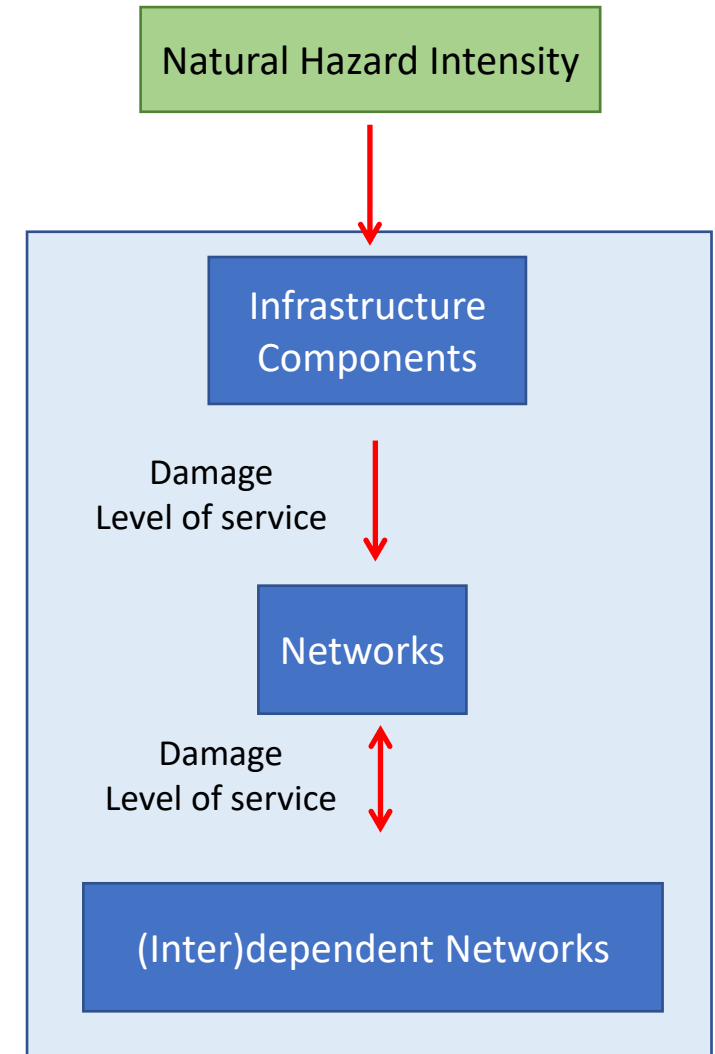




- Understanding natural hazard-induced demands on vertical infrastructure
- Quantification of structural fragility and vulnerability from case history observations and modelling
- Advancing methods of natural hazard design and assessment
- Designing analytical methods for quantifying performance of new and retrofit buildings
- Examining future resilience trajectories and decision-making



- Network Types
 - Transport
 - Energy
 - Communications
 - 3 Waters
 - Flood Defence
- Components
 - Damage and level of service under different hazard intensities
- Networks
 - Capture connectivity and flow of network
- (Inter)dependant Networks
 - Influence of outage on one network on another network

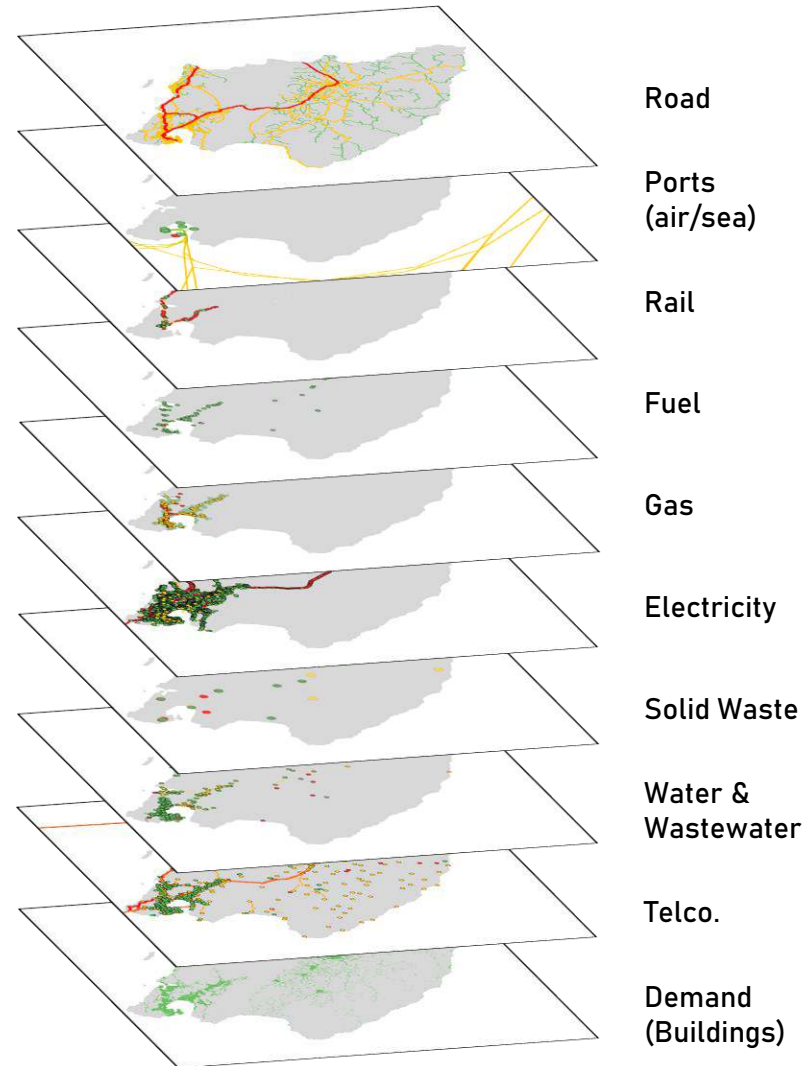


Horizontal Infrastructure - Aims



- Understanding natural hazard-induced demands on horizontal infrastructure
- Quantification of infrastructure component performance from case history observations and modelling
- Developing methods to quantify system-level performance of infrastructure networks and dependencies
- Examining future resilience trajectories and decision-making

Built Environment - Combined



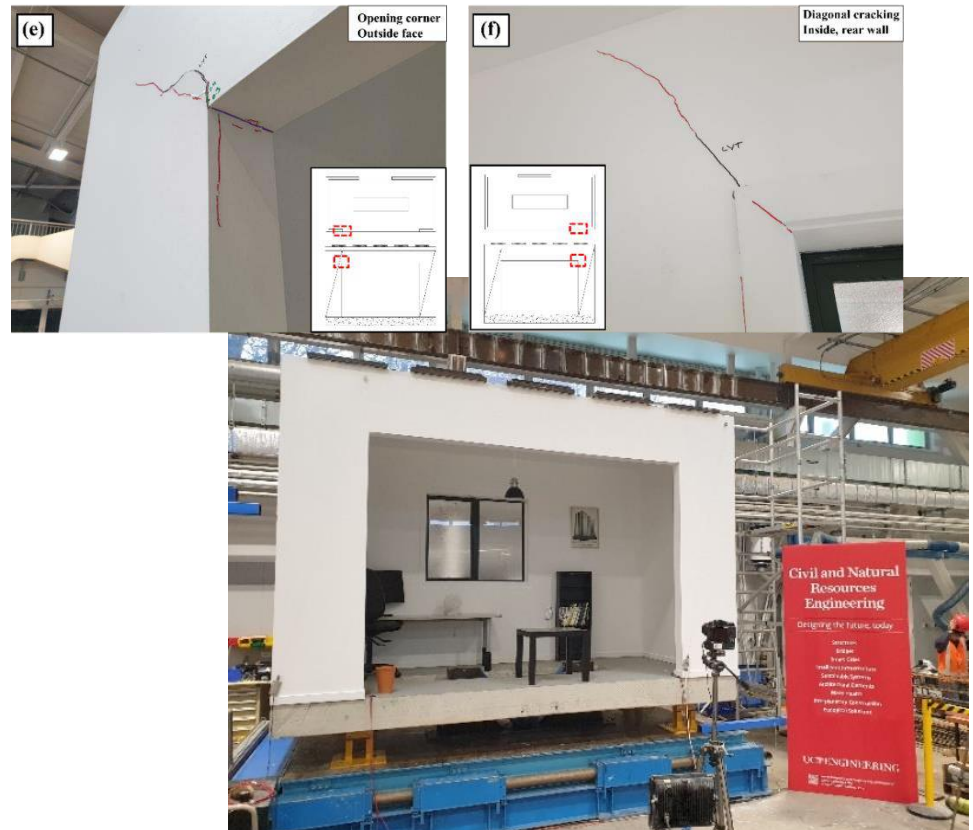
Project Examples



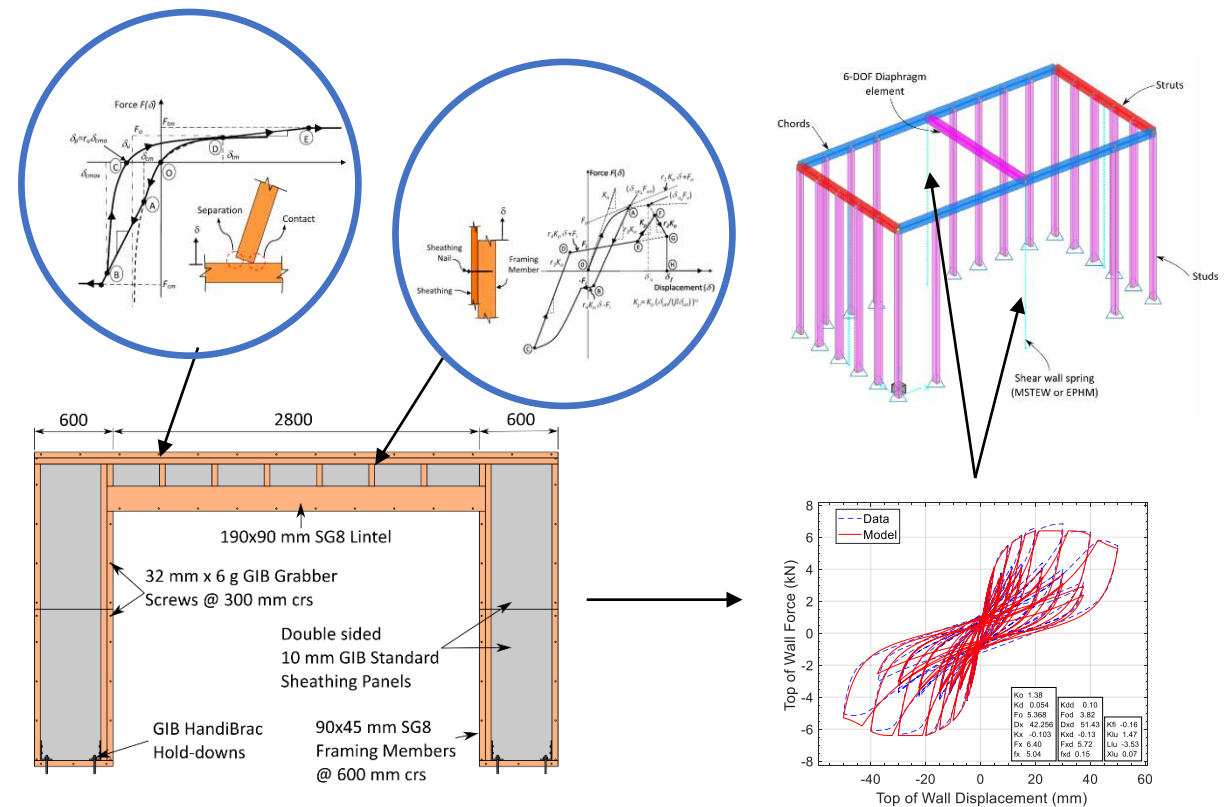


Vulnerability of existing housing to EQ shaking

- Improved insight into the vulnerability of modern timber-framed housing



Shake Table Testing



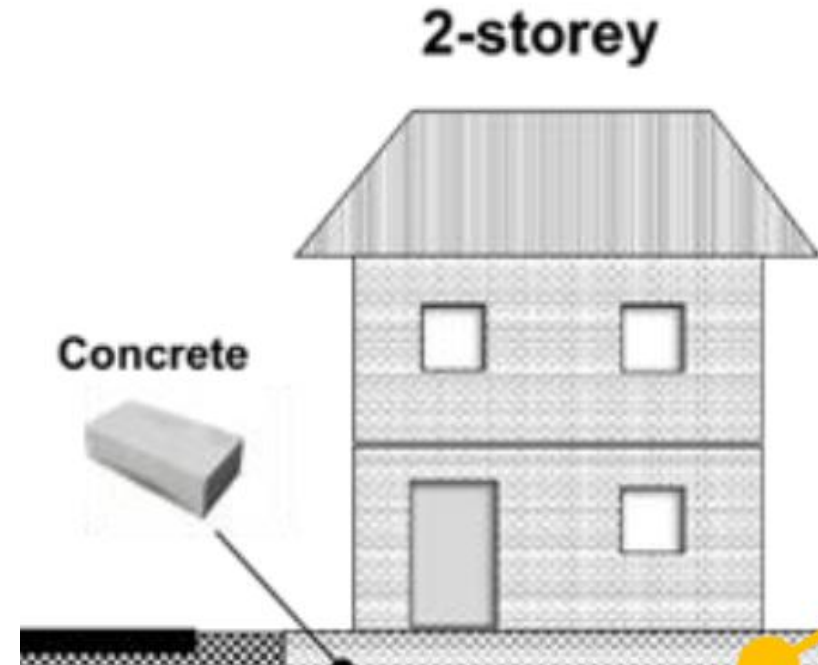
Numerical Simulations/Assessment



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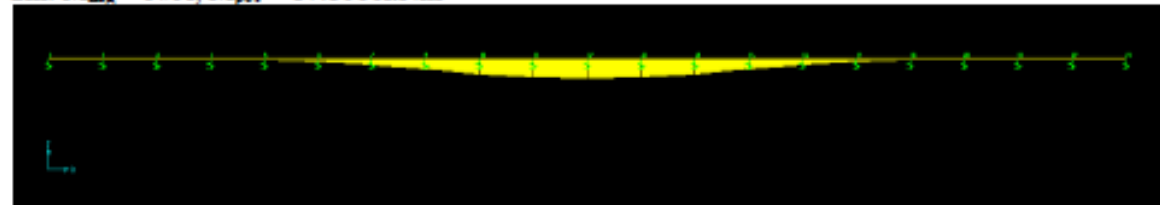
- Foundation performance

Do our prescriptive design provisions for foundations on liquefiable ground provide good protection against damage in future earthquakes?



R.1: Bearing Loss in Centre, 80% Loss

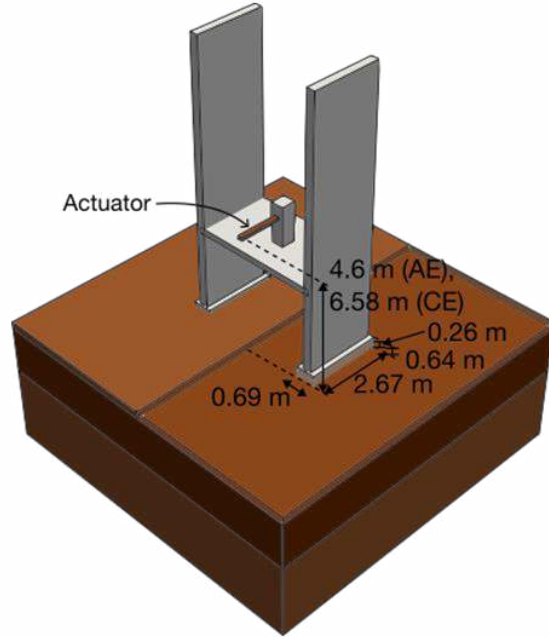
2m: $M_{neg} = N/A$, $M_{pos} = 17.8066kNm$



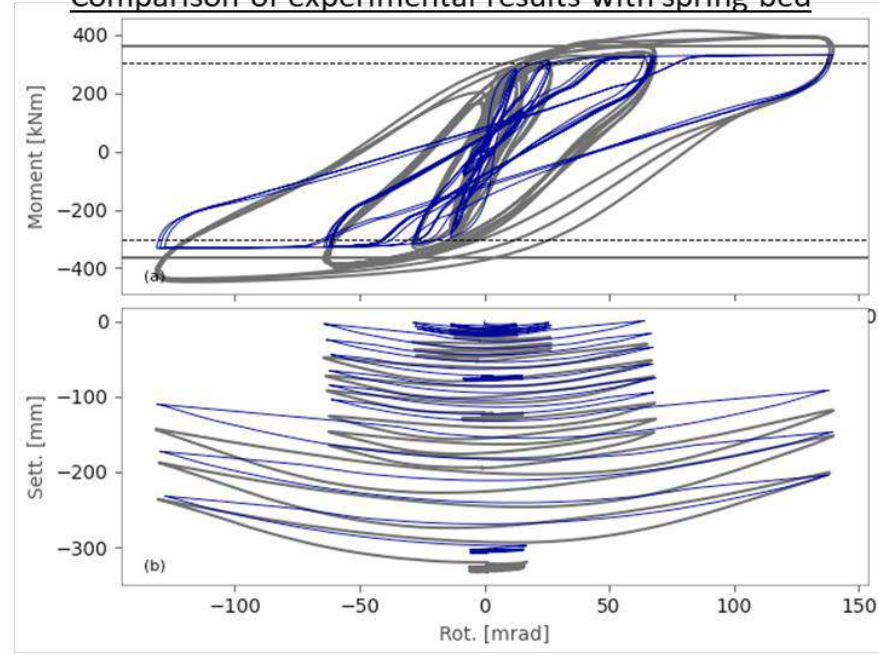
Experimental evaluation of numerical methods for soil-structure interaction



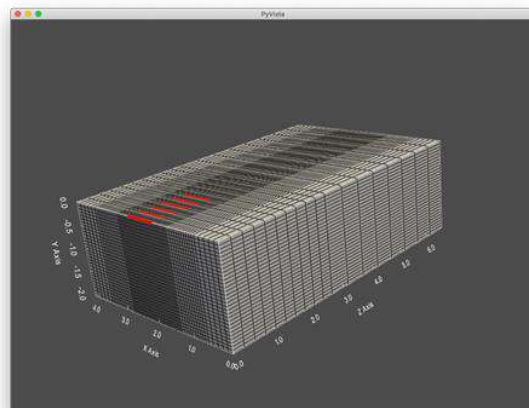
Experimental setup (prototype scale)



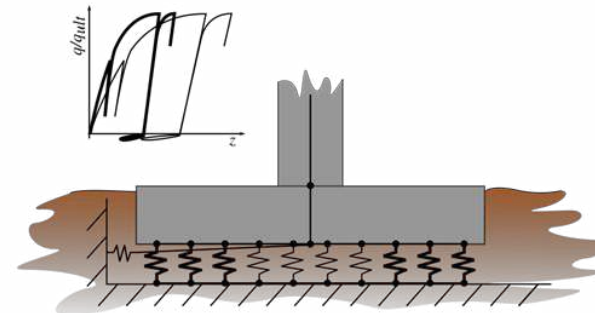
Comparison of experimental results with spring bed



3D Finite element setup



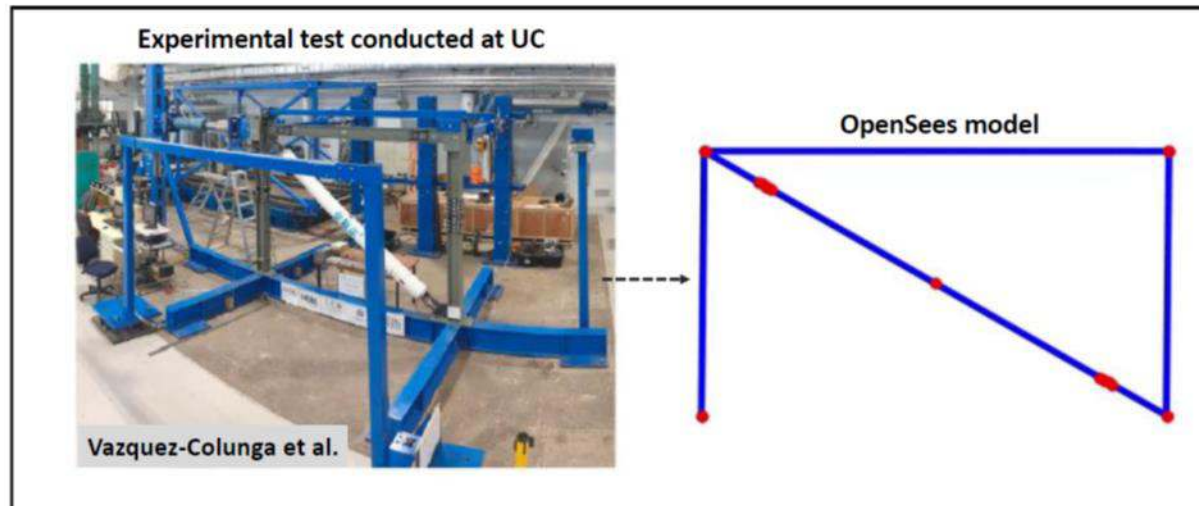
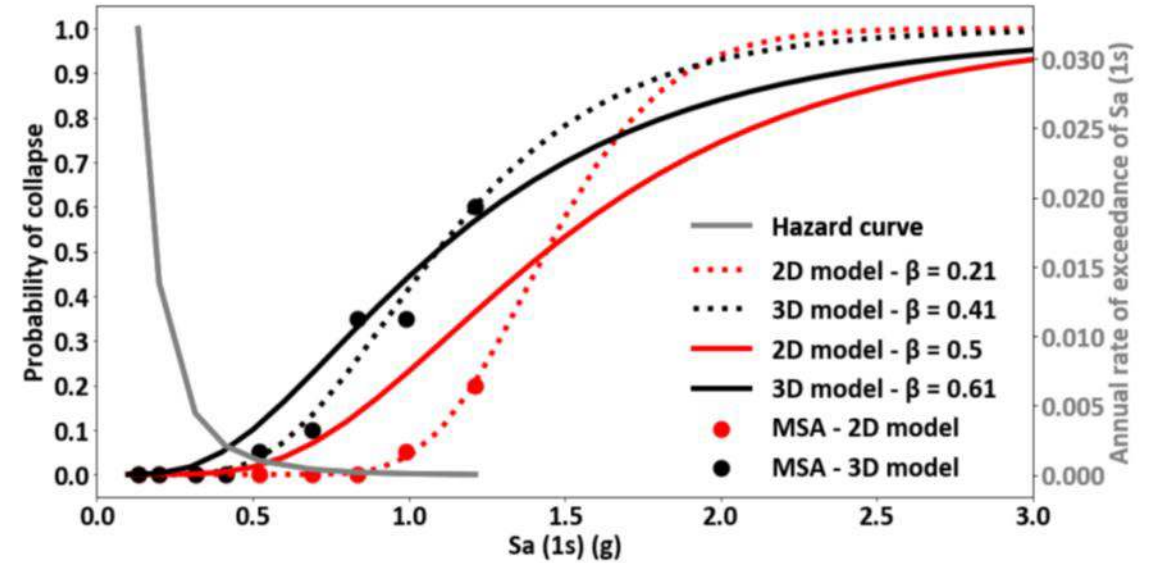
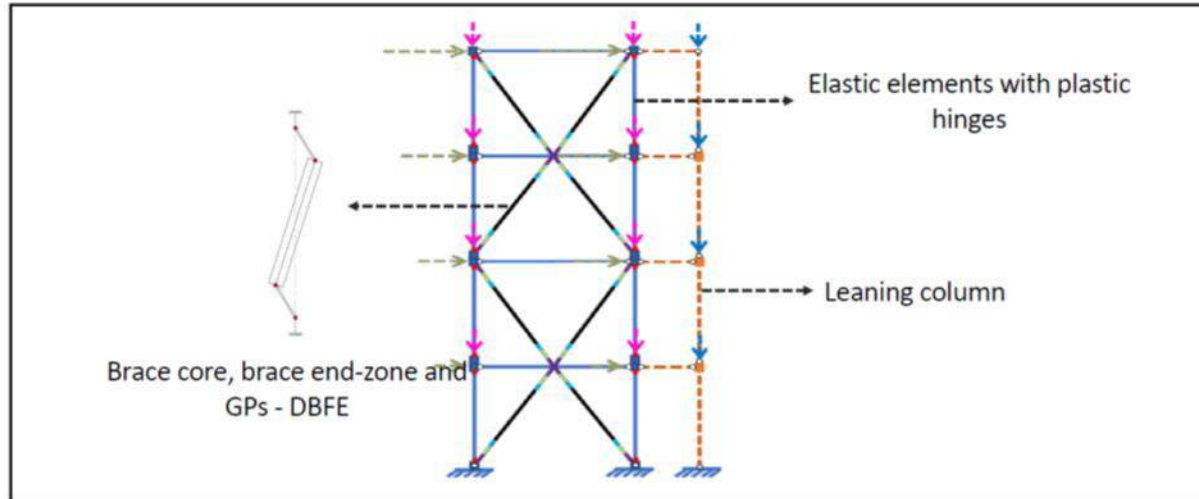
2D Artist rendering of spring bed model





Quantifying likely performance of modern commercial buildings

- Examples of benchmarking study for standard design - BRB



Annual rate of collapse (λ_c)				
Model	θ	β	λ_c	$\frac{\lambda_c}{\lambda_{c_code}}$
2D	1.45	0.21	1.30×10^{-5}	0.13
	1.45	0.5	1.31×10^{-4}	1.31
3D	1.09	0.41	2.21×10^{-4}	2.21
	1.09	0.61	5.95×10^{-4}	5.95
$\lambda_{c_code} = 10^{-4}$ to 10^{-5}				
θ is the median $S_a(T_1)$ causing collapse				
β is the standard deviation				

Loss assessment research – process?



Hazard analysis

Advanced
structural
analysis

Building damage
model

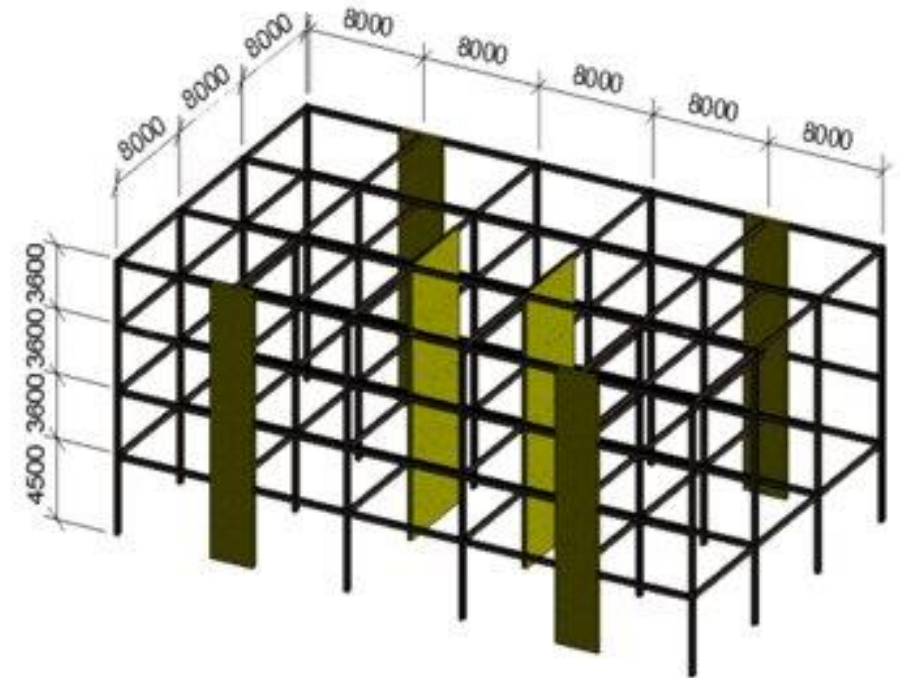
Consequence
assessment
(cost)



Comparing traditional and “low-damage” design options

Example of Case study buildings

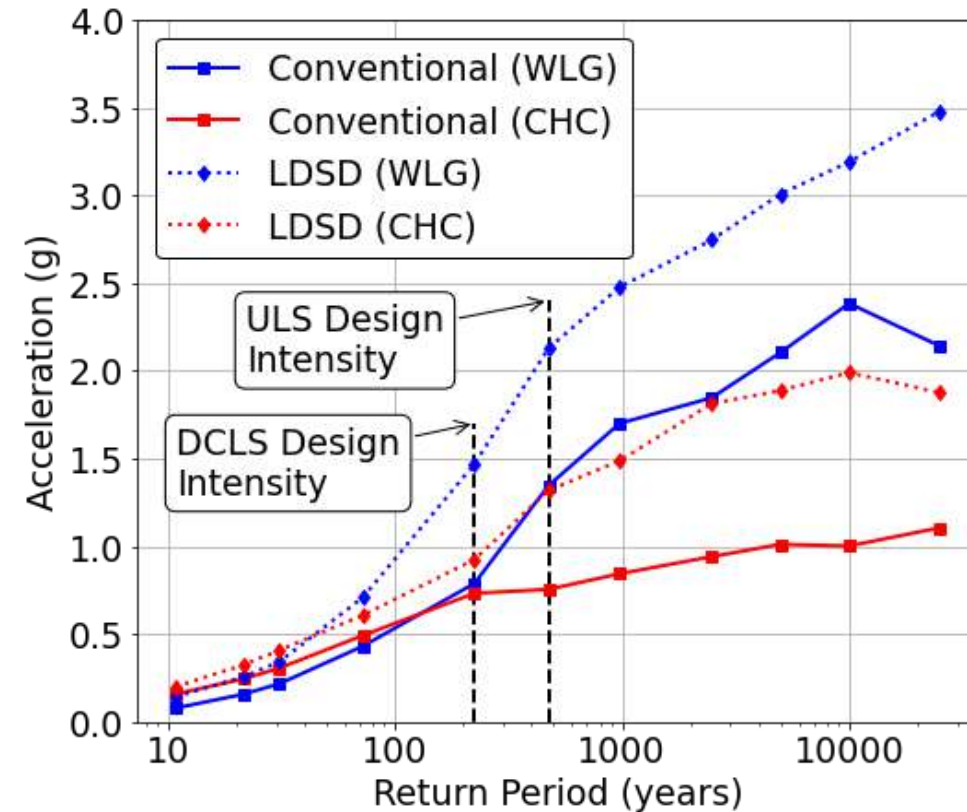
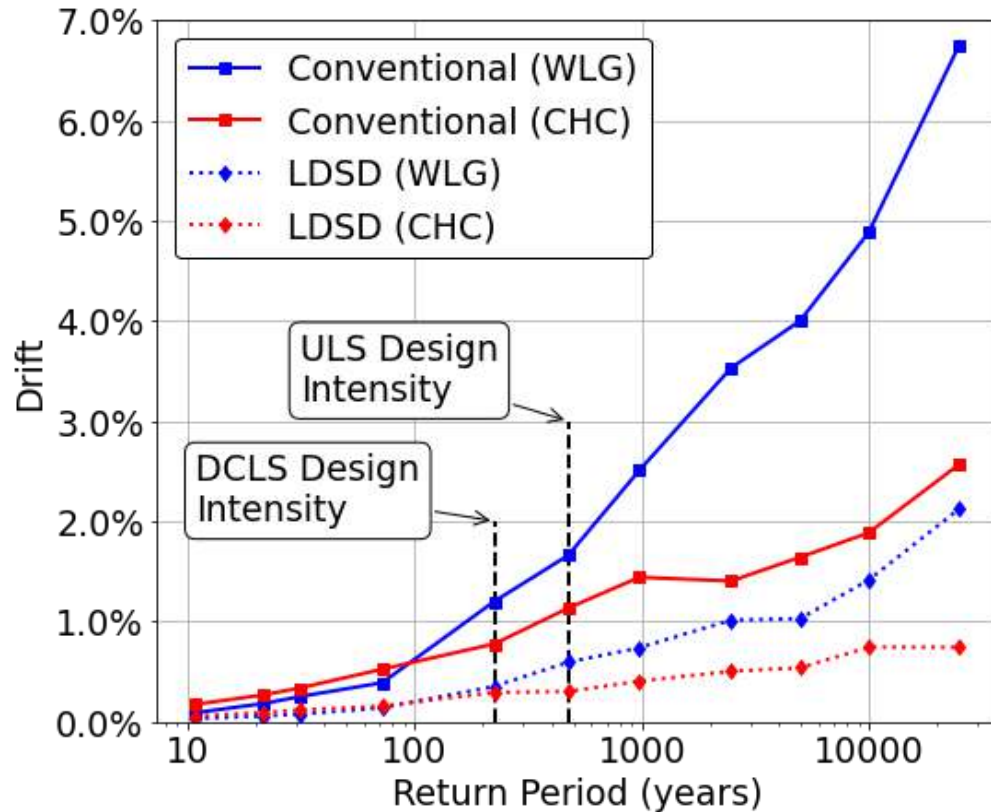
- Located in Wellington and Christchurch
- 4- and 12-storey commercial office buildings (IL2)
- RC walls as the lateral load resisting system
- Seismic design following NZS 1170.5 (equivalent static method) and NZS 3101
- Designed:
 1. as code-compliant (conventional case)
 2. to draft LDSD guidance (LDSD case)



Source: S. Kim and R. Slight (2019)

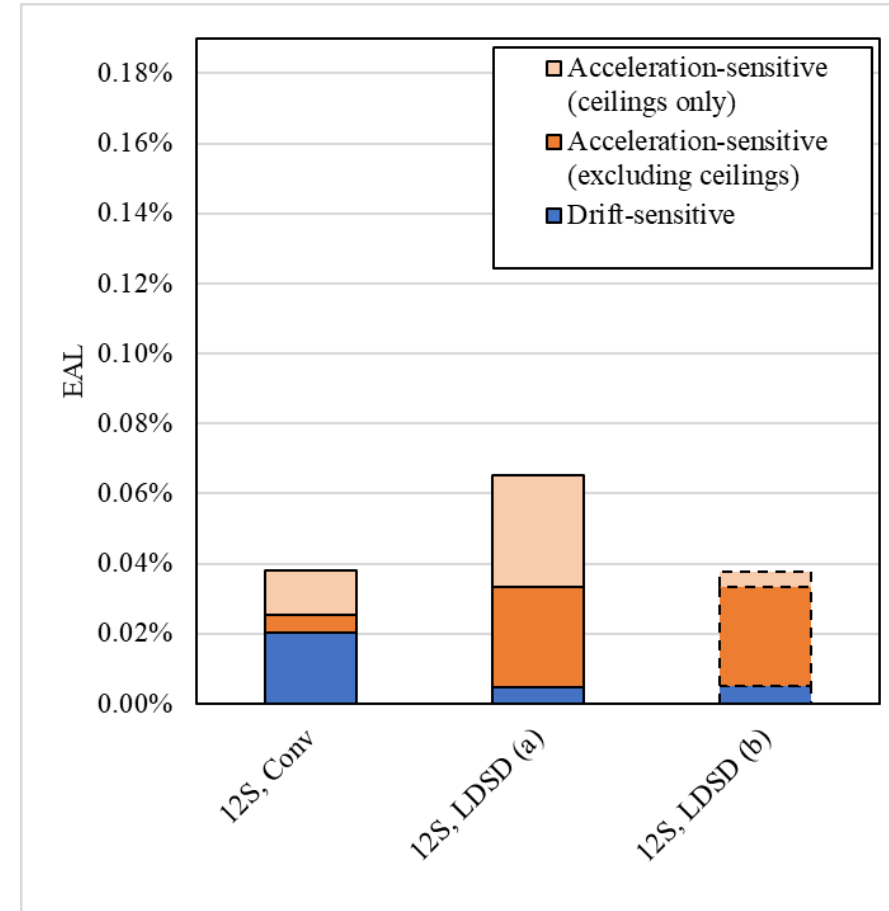
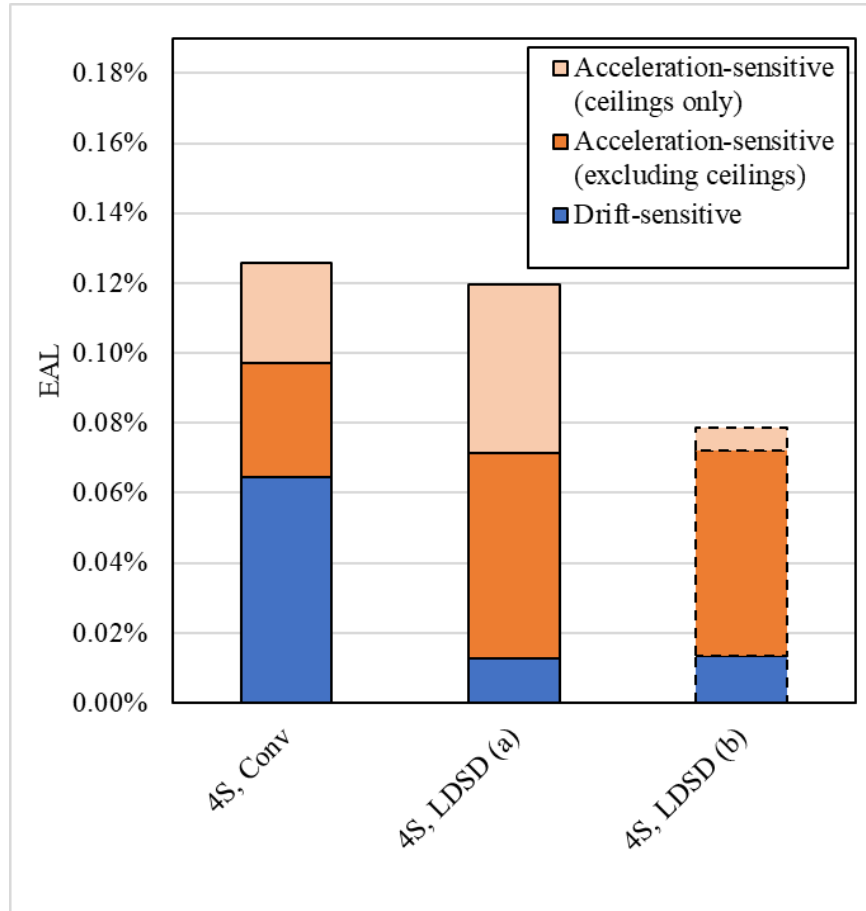


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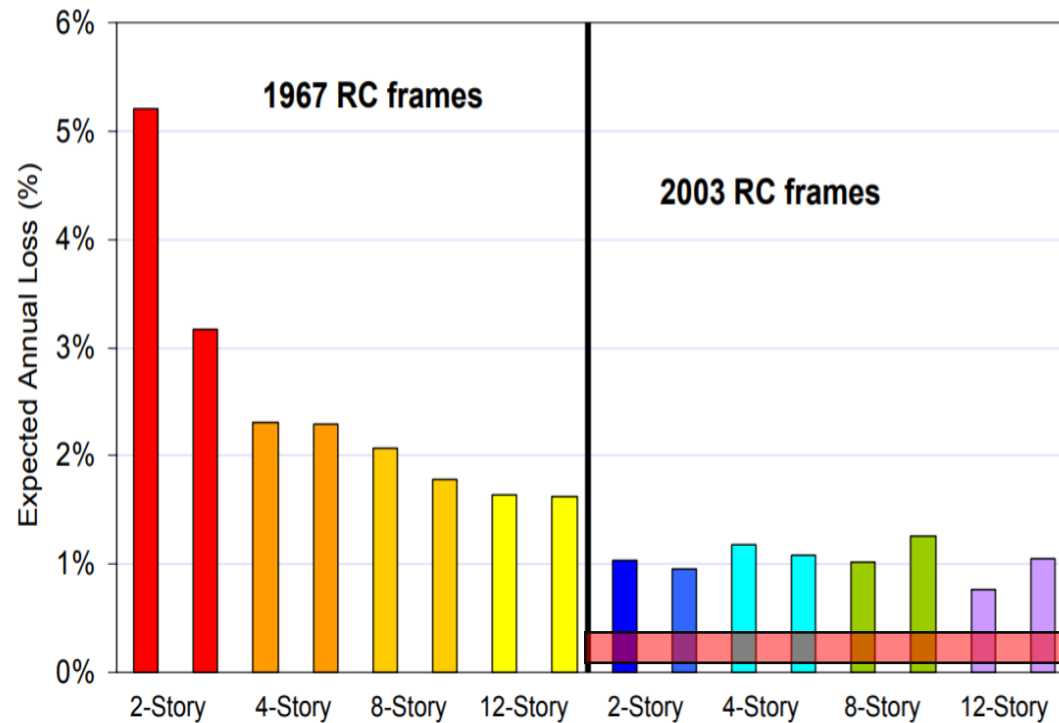
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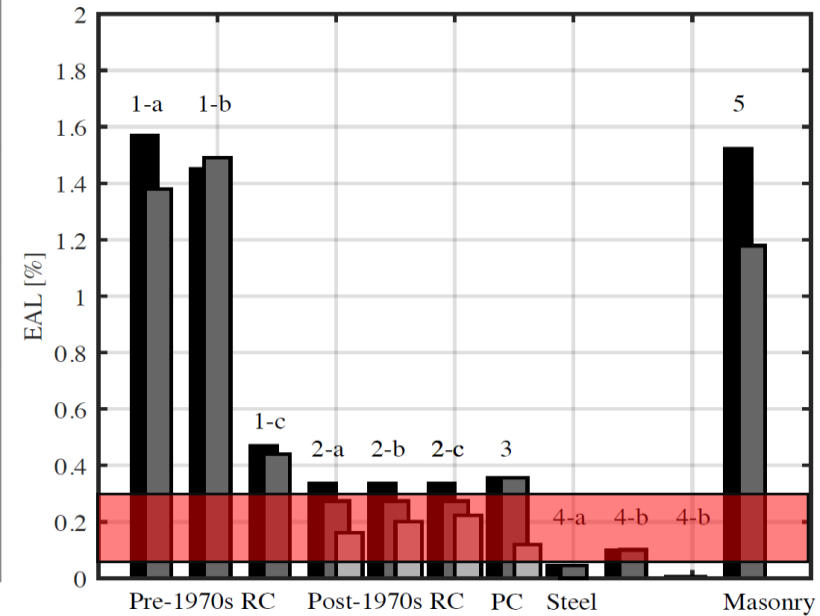


How do repair costs for NZ buildings compare internationally?

For code-compliant NZ buildings examined, EAL found to vary from 0.03% to 0.30%.



RC Frame buildings in California
Leil & Deierlein (2007)

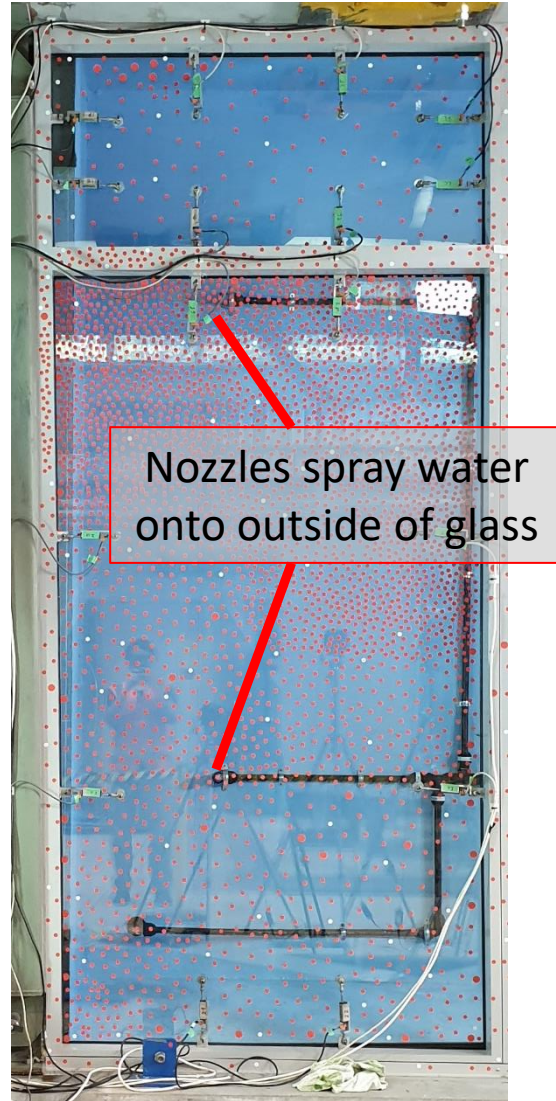


Buildings in Italy
O'Reilly et al. (2020)



Fragility of Building Components

Example → glazing systems

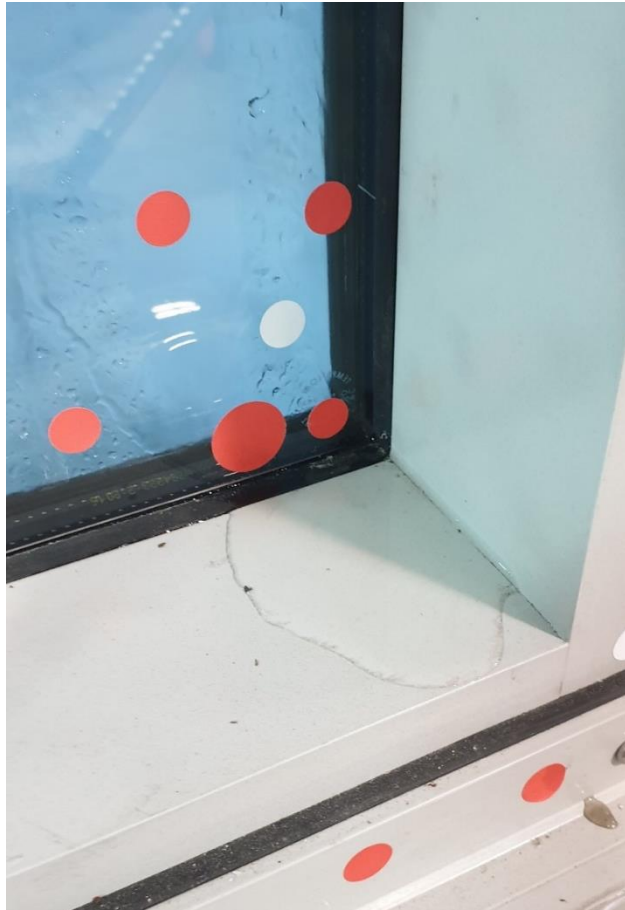


Top slab is displaced laterally to increasing drift levels



Water box sprays glazing at controlled air pressure, in line with NZS4284

Fragility of glazing systems



First Specimen 0.15% Drift



Second Specimen 0.7% Drift



Third Specimen 0.4% Drift

Fragility of glazing systems



Other damage states observed:



Gasket Fallout



Frame Damage

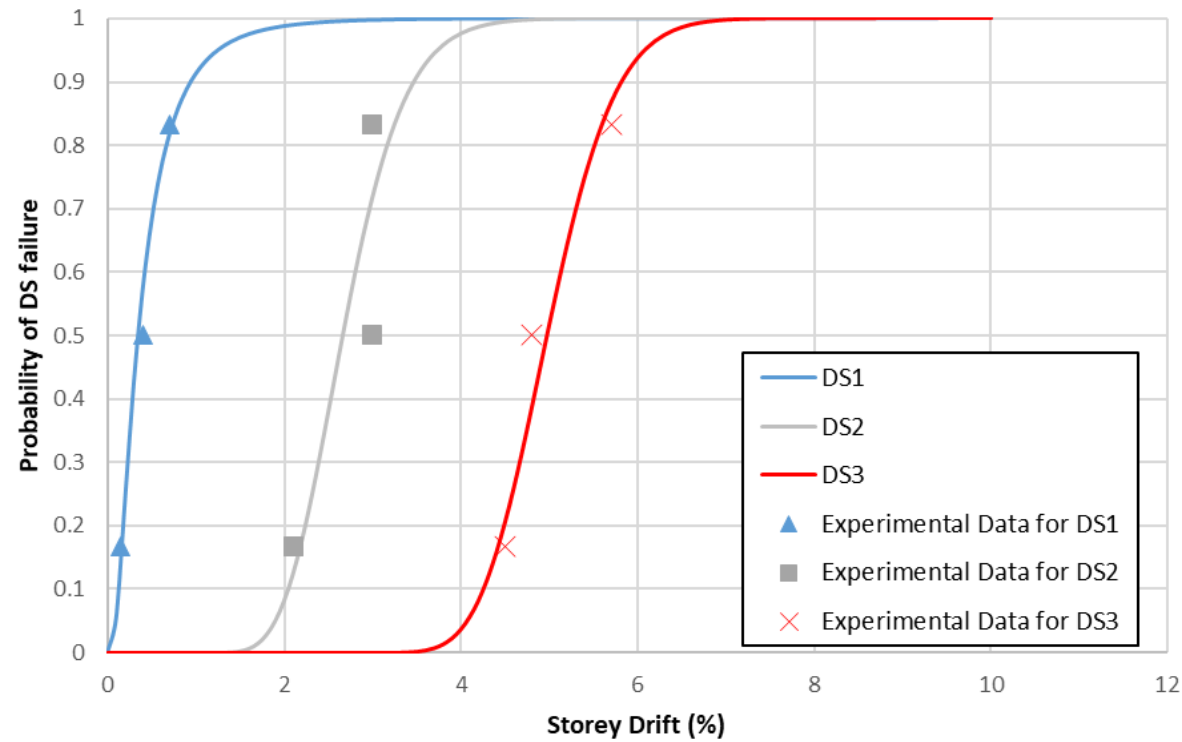


Glass Fallout



Fragility of glazing systems

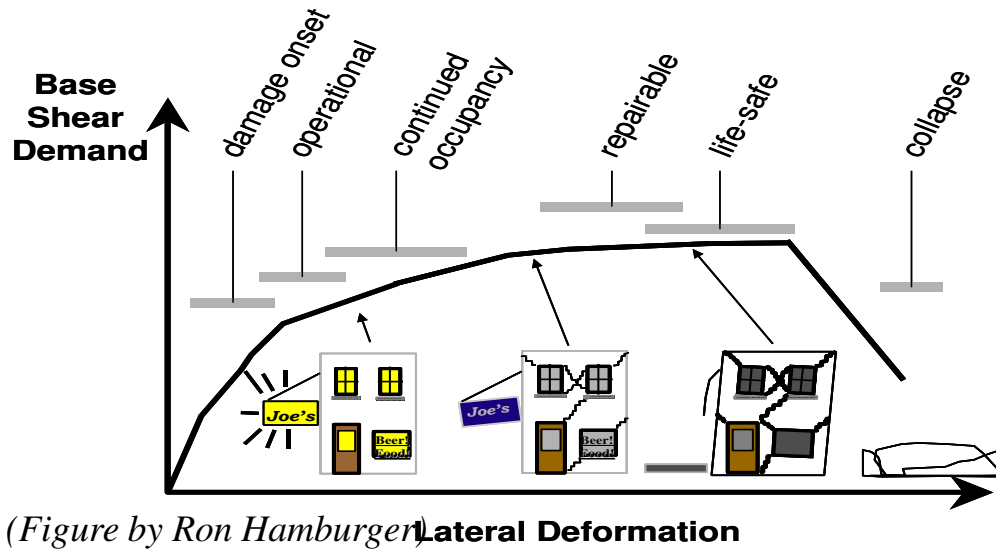
Specimen	Date	DS1 (Water Leakage)		DS2 (Gasket Failure)		DS3 (Glass Fallout)*	
		Drift (%)	Force (kN)	Drift (%)	Force (kN)	Drift (%)	Force (kN)
1	4-Oct	0.15	1.18	2.1	2.18	4.8	8.413
2	17-Oct	0.7	1.24	3	1.43	4.5	7.73
3	29-Oct	0.4	1.74	3	2.55	5.7	10.03





Recognized need for better communication

Traditional descriptions of performance

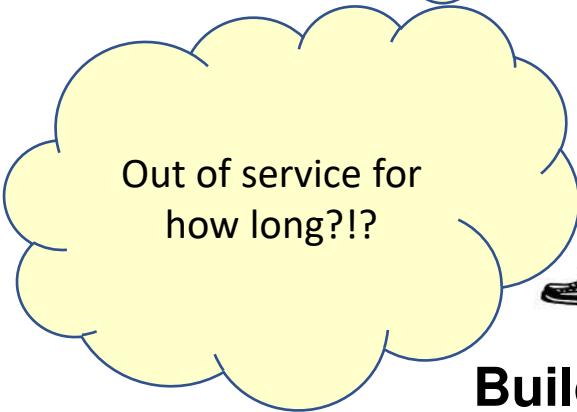
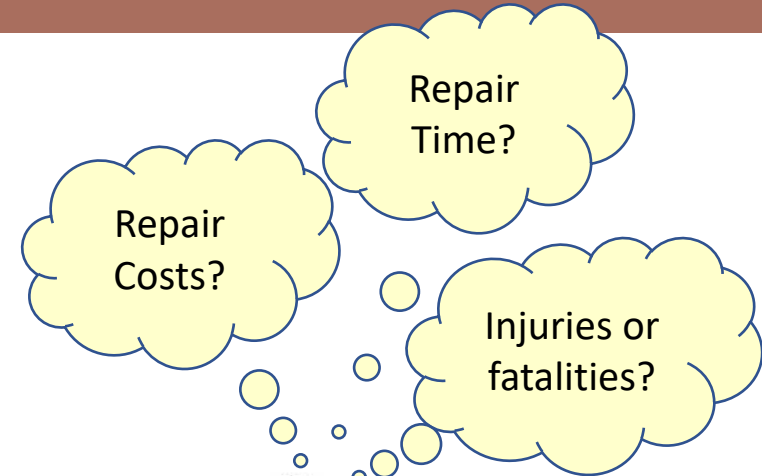


(Figure by Ron Hamburger)

Earthquake Design Level	System Performance Level			
	Fully Operational	Operational	Life Safe	Near Collapse
Frequent (43 year)	○	x	x	x
Occasional (72 year)	○	○	x	x
Rare (475 year)	○	○	○	x
Very Rare (970 year)	○	○	○	○

Unacceptable Performance (for new construction)
 Basic Objective
 Essential Objective
 Safety Critical Objective

Figure from SEAOC Vision 2000 document



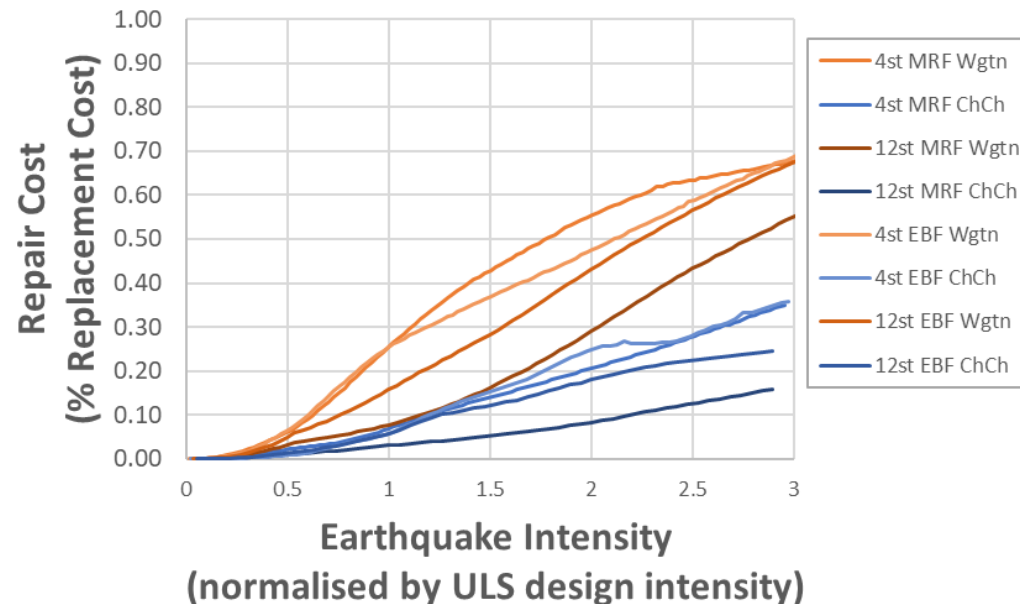
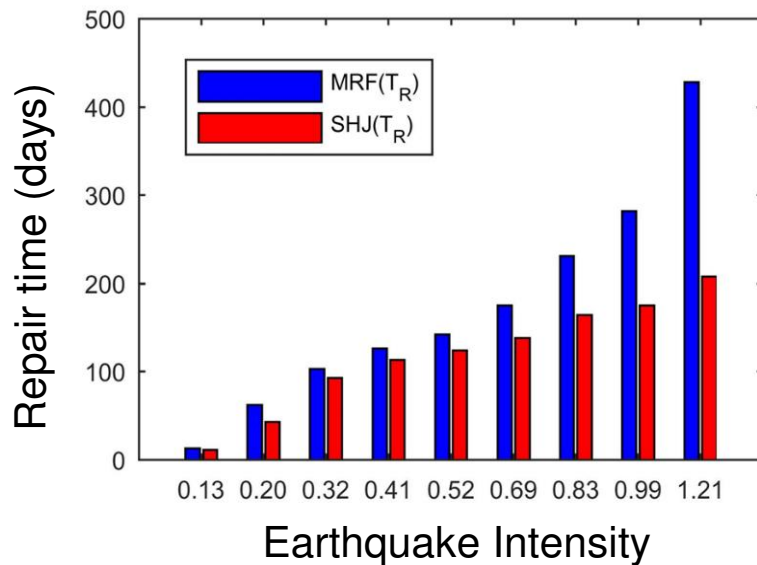
Building owner
Member of public



What options are there for better performance choices?

Research efforts continue to contribute to development of:

1. Engineering tools and guidelines to enable (i) low-damage buildings and (ii) improved assessment outcomes.
2. New strategies for communicating and designing for desired performance... life safety vs. losses vs. building loss of functionality.





Seismic – Māori Performance Objectives

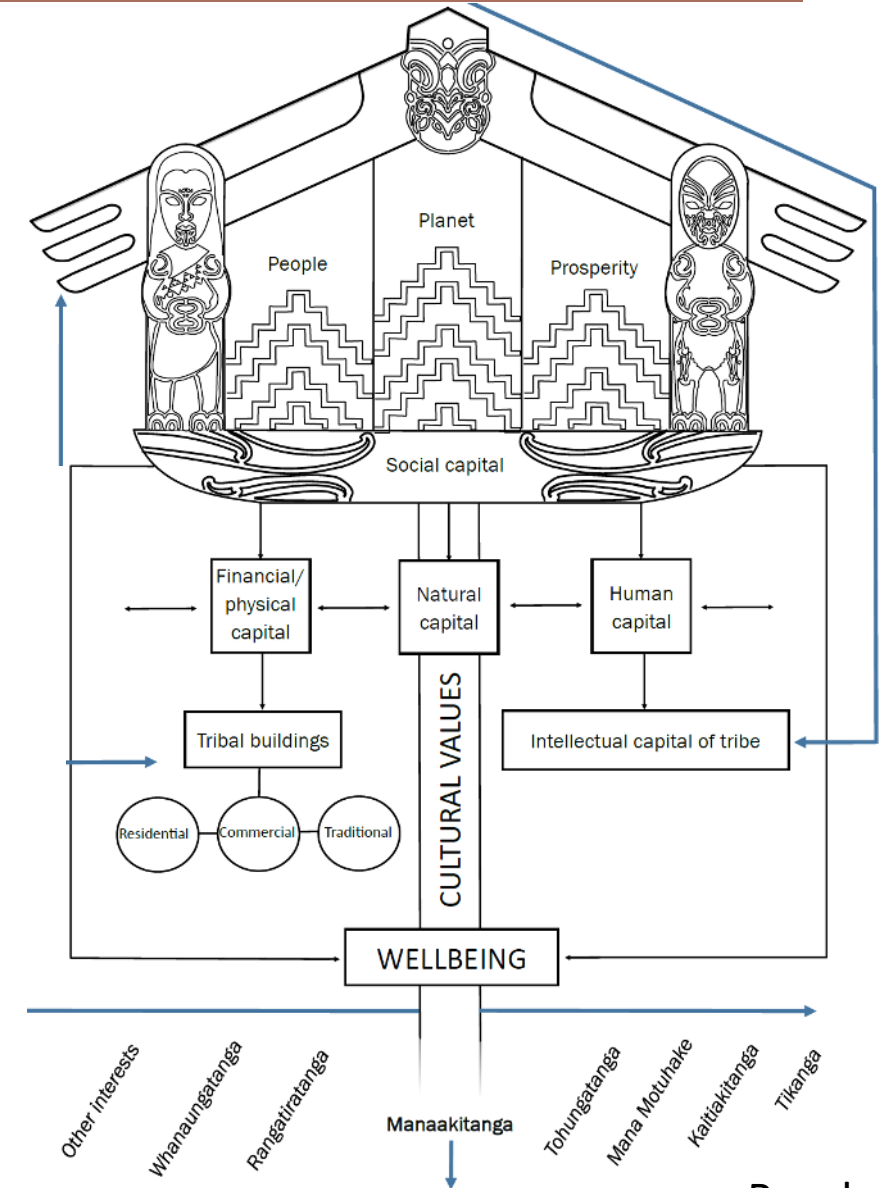
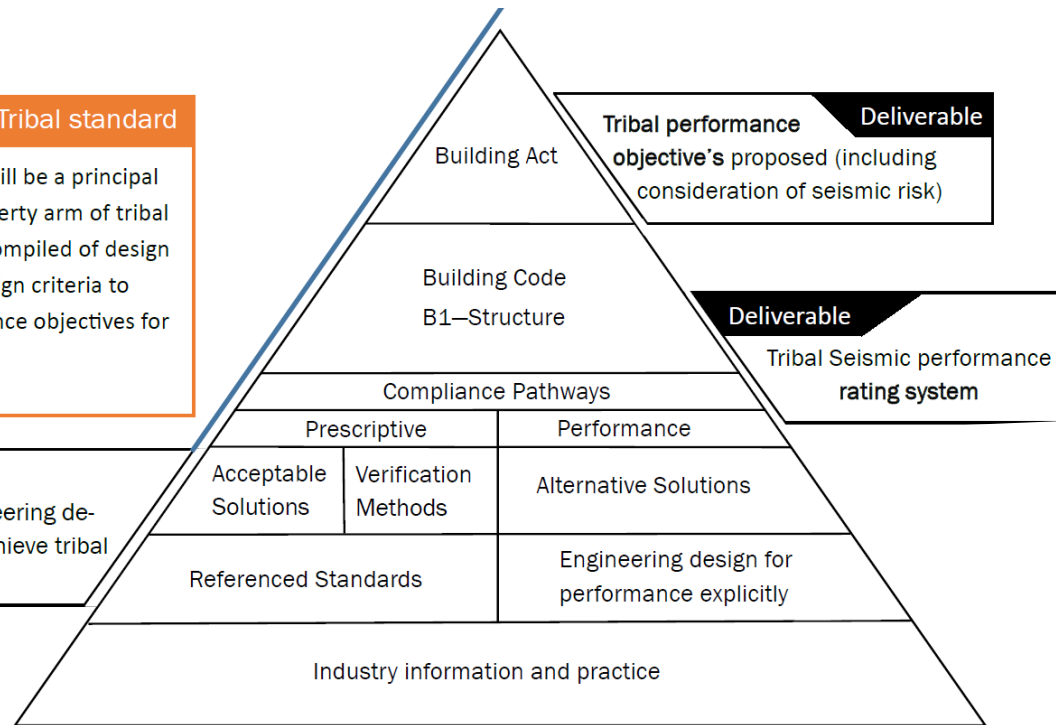
Exploring the interface between earthquake engineering and the indigenous Māori dimension.

Tribal standard

A tribal building standard will be a principal document held by the property arm of tribal corporations. This will be compiled of design briefs with engineering design criteria to achieve different performance objectives for a range of hazards.

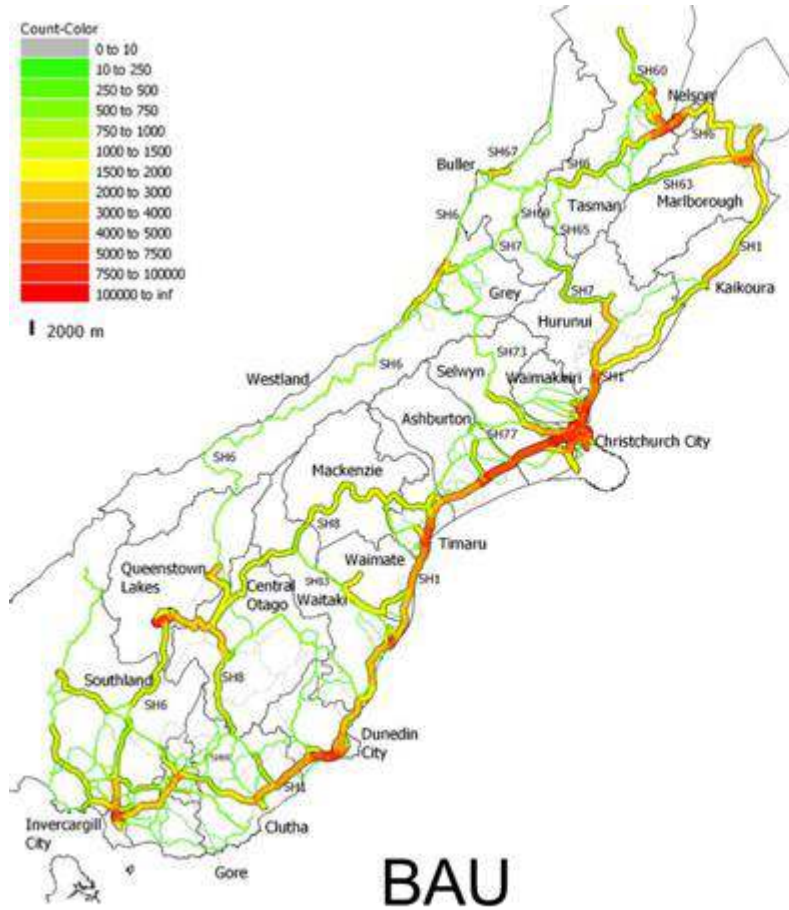
Deliverable

Tribal standard with engineering design criteria required to achieve tribal performance objectives.






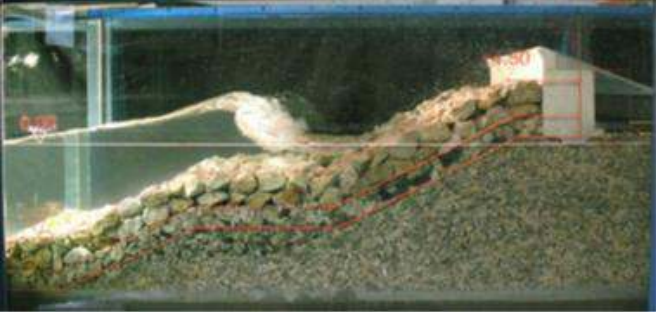


- Alpine Fault Scenario





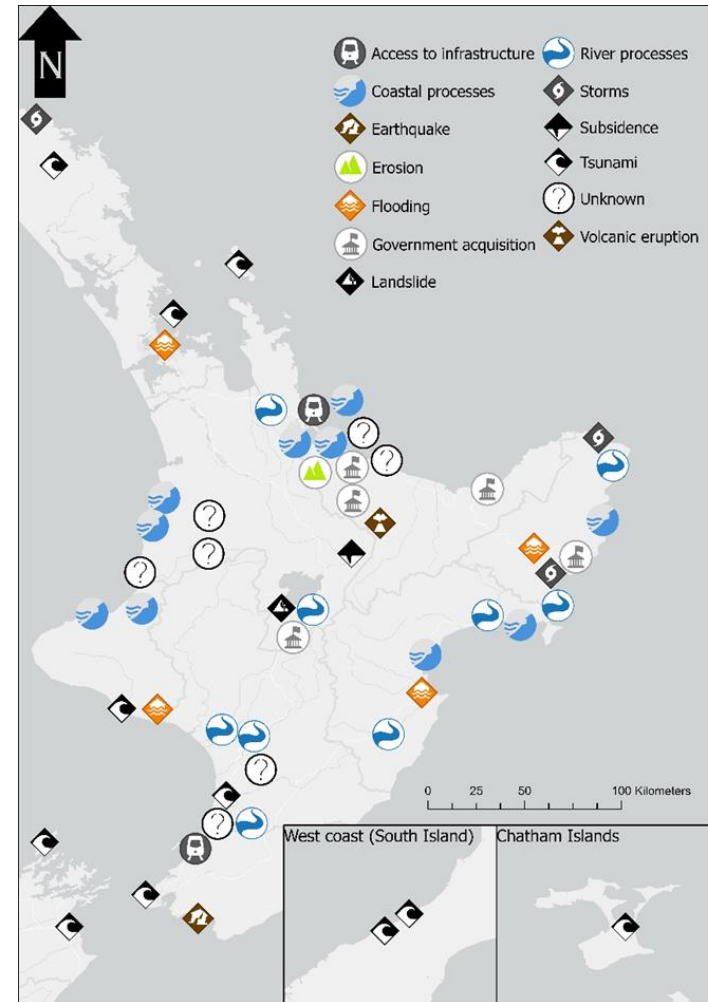
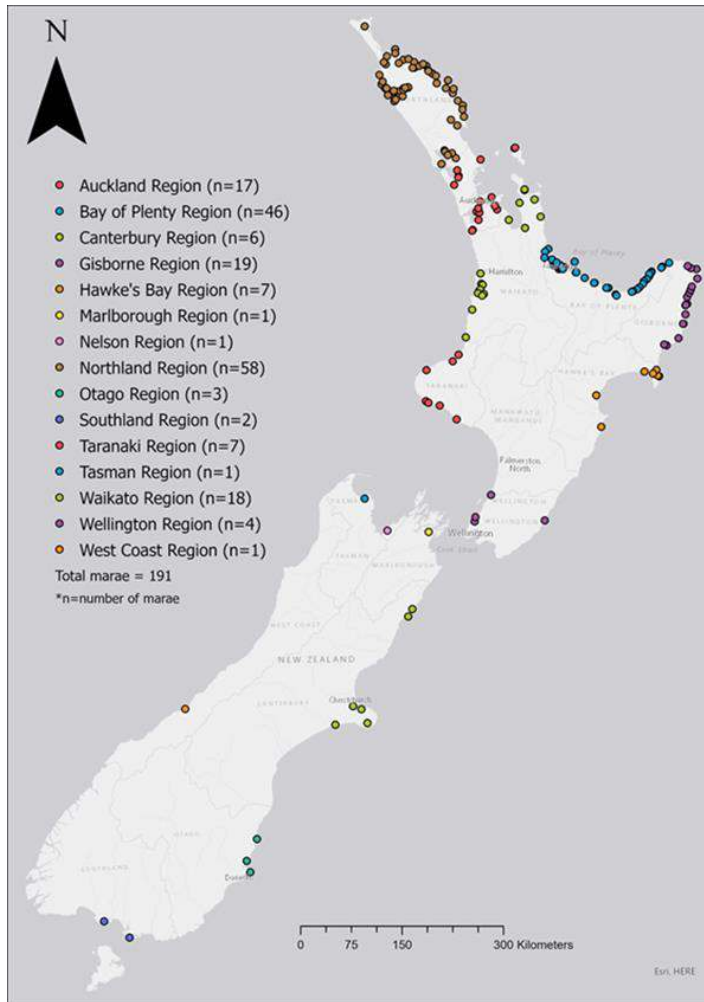
- Sea level rise and storm surge

Stage	Overtopping	Structure stability
<i>'what is happening now?'</i>		
<i>'what can we do about it?'</i>		



Coastal – Marae/Pā

- Co-development of decolonised managed retreat strategy



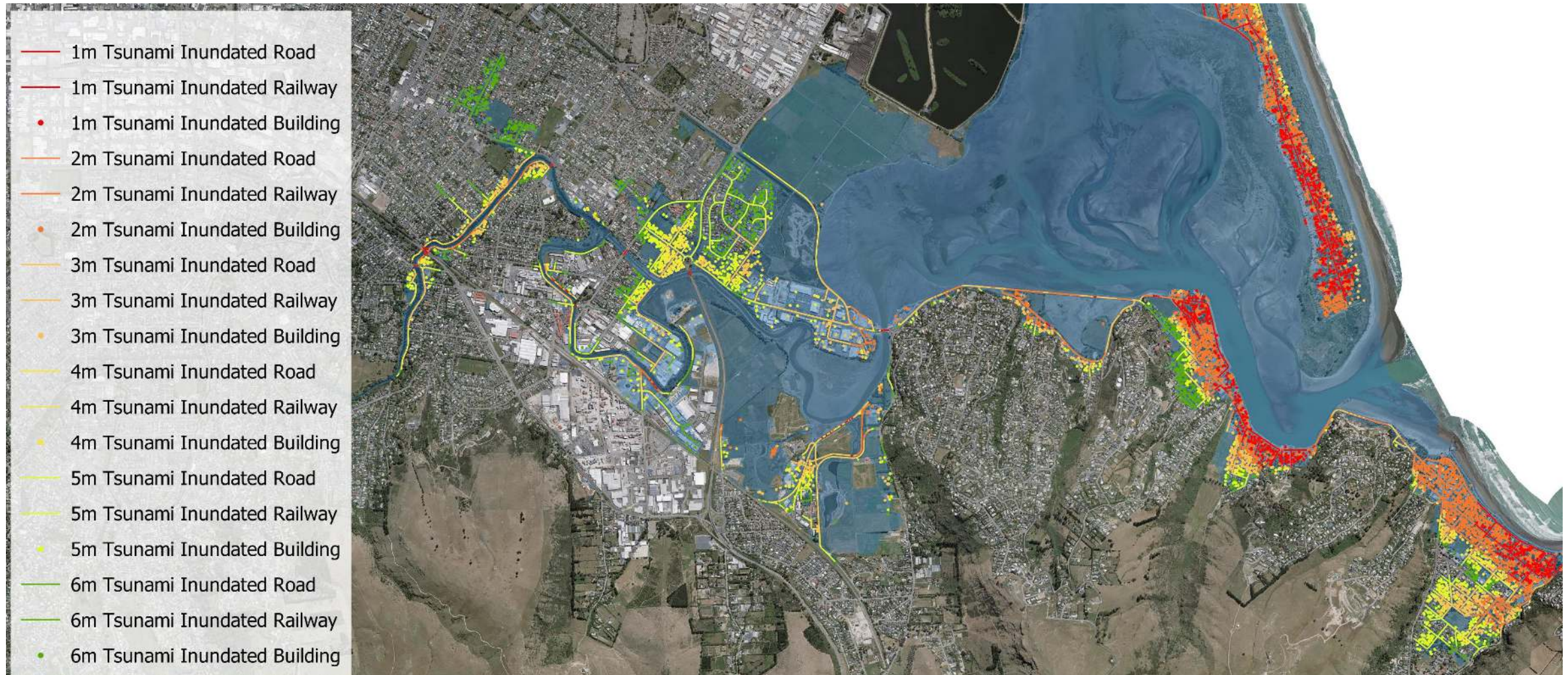
Māori have been adapting to natural hazards for centuries

- e.g., seasonal settlements, full relocation of marae, hapū and iwi, seawalls, dune vegetation
- These examples date as far back as the 15th century to present day

Tsunami - Inundation



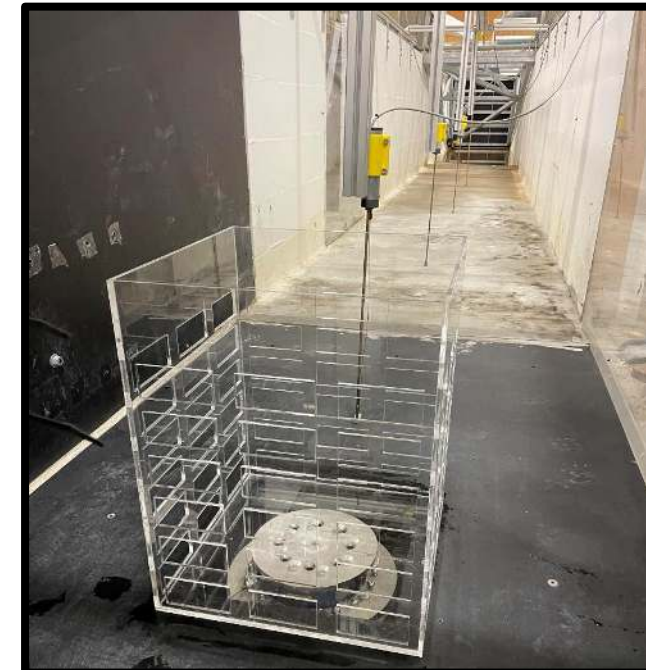
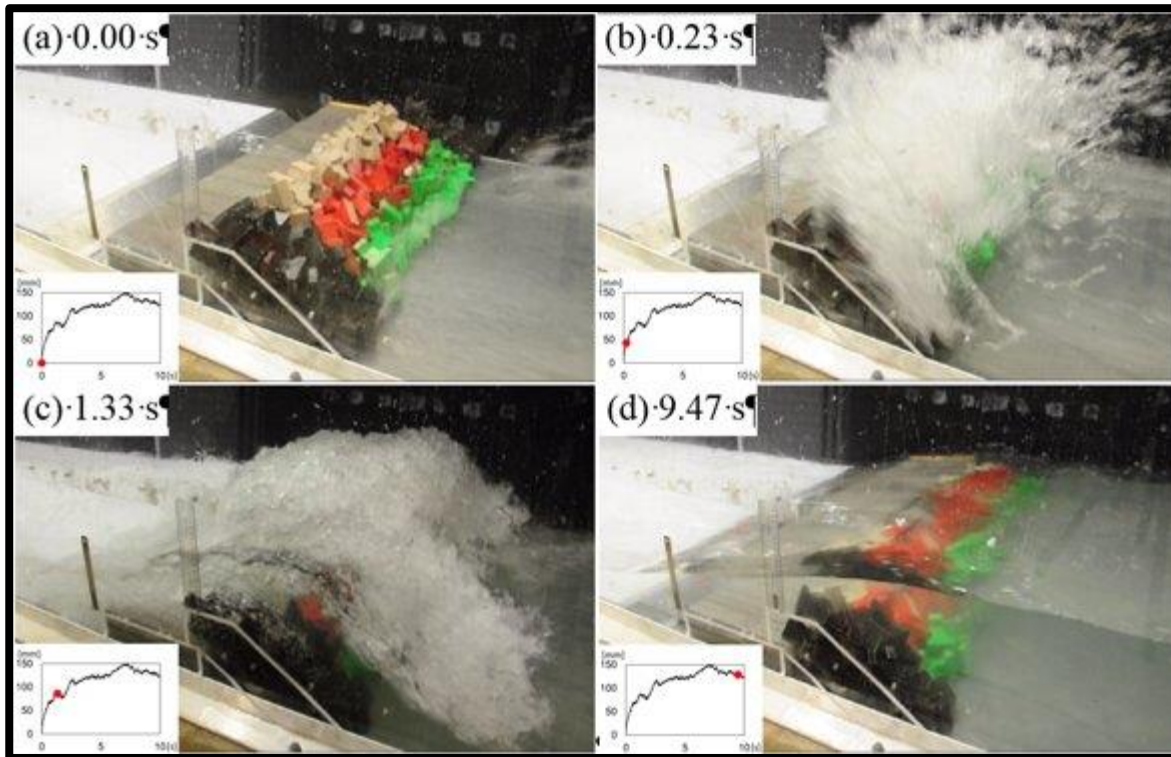
- Modelling – what might be exposed in different scenarios?





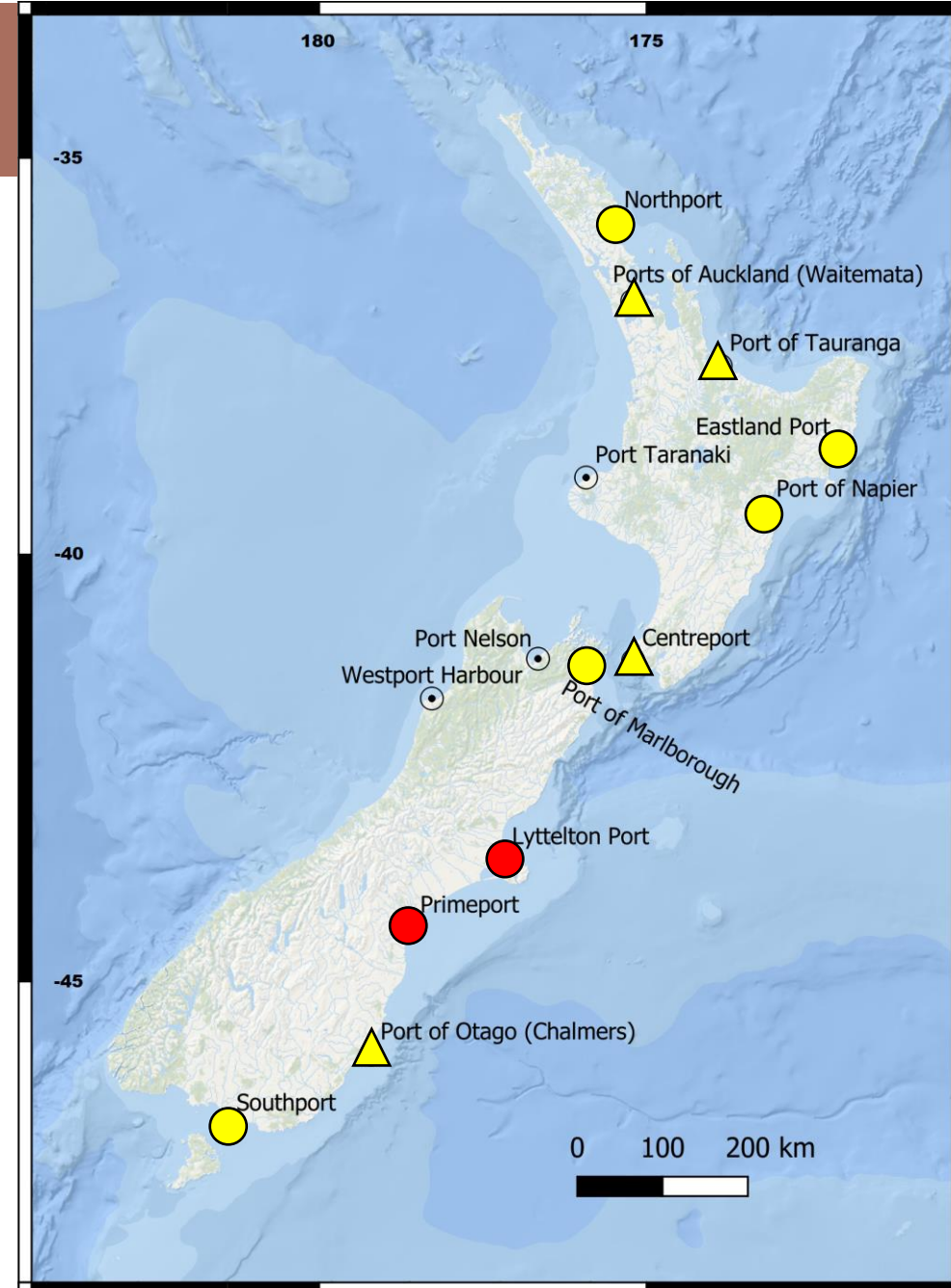
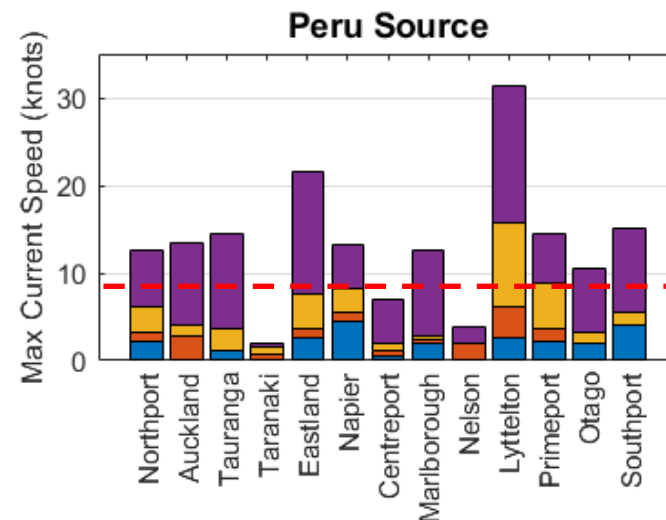
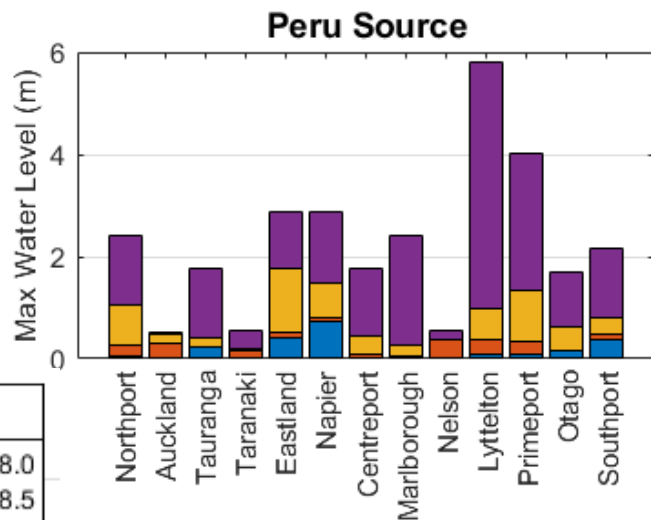
Tsunami – Component Performance

- Infrastructure component performance
 - Case history data - international
 - Physical modelling – tsunami flume



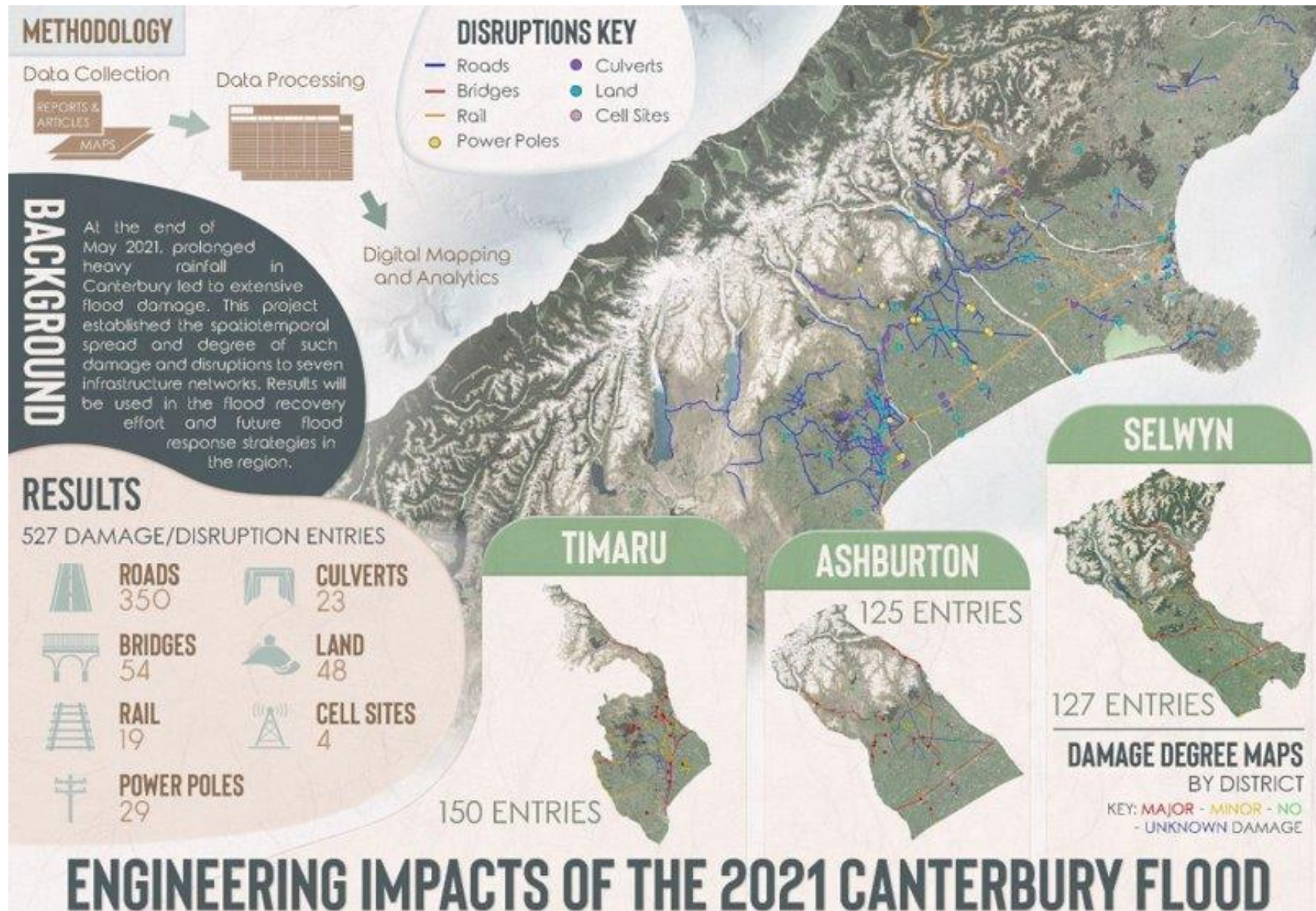
Tsunami – Port System

- Ports critical part of transport system
 - Tsunami scenarios could result in widespread disruption
- Peru source scenario
 - Wave related damage: 7 ports
 - Current related damage: 10 ports





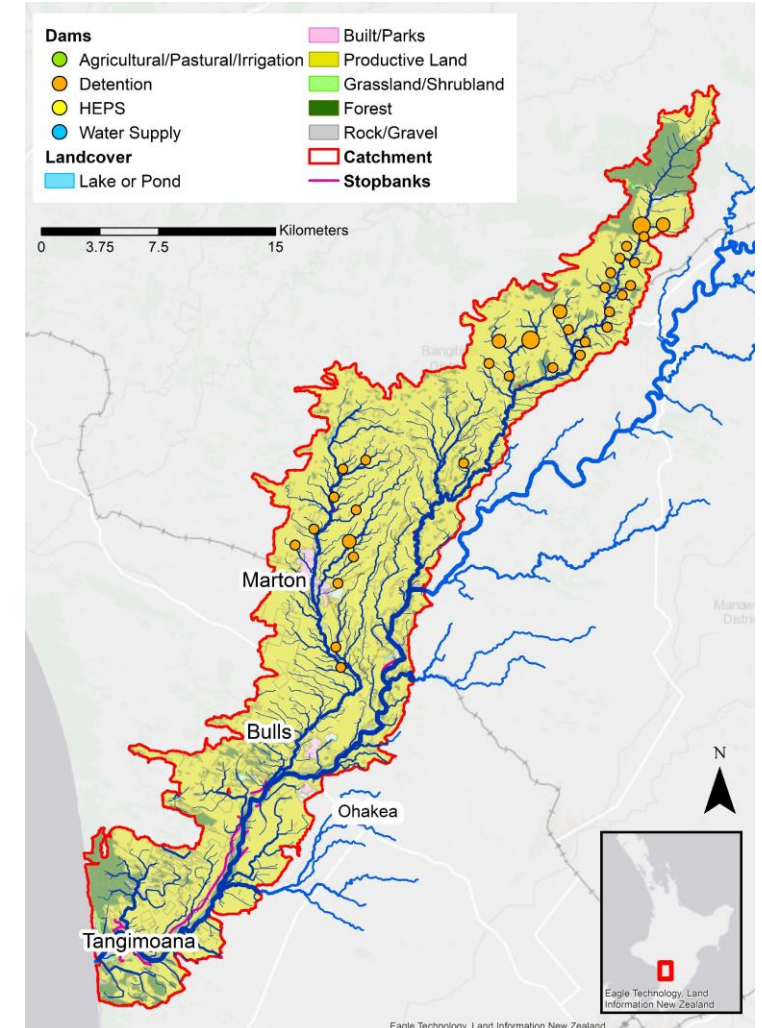
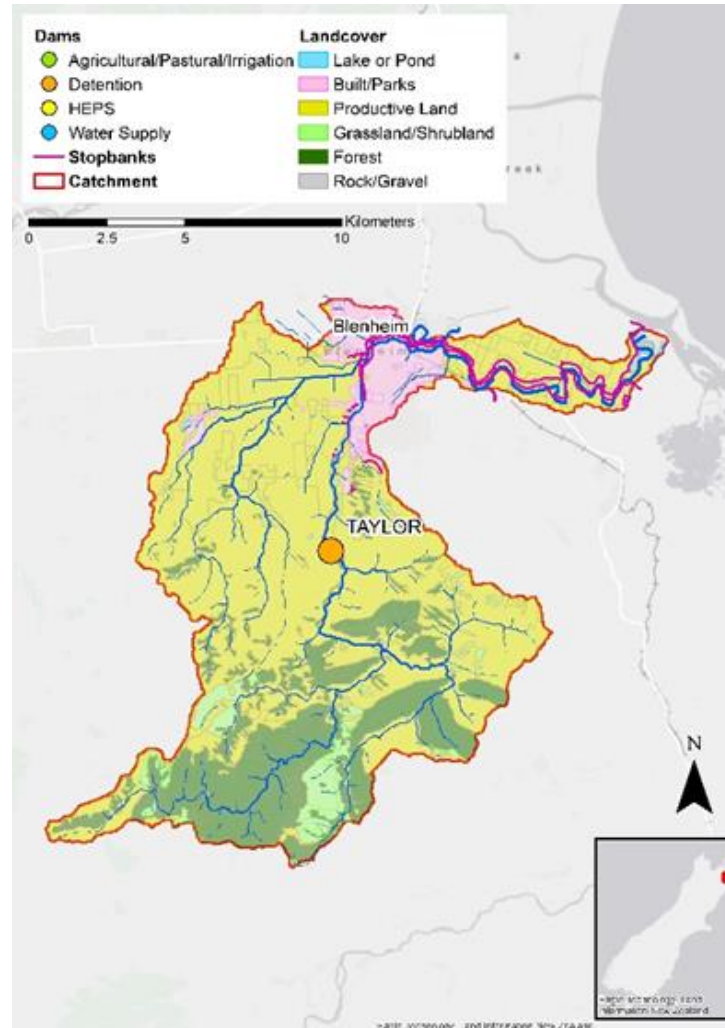
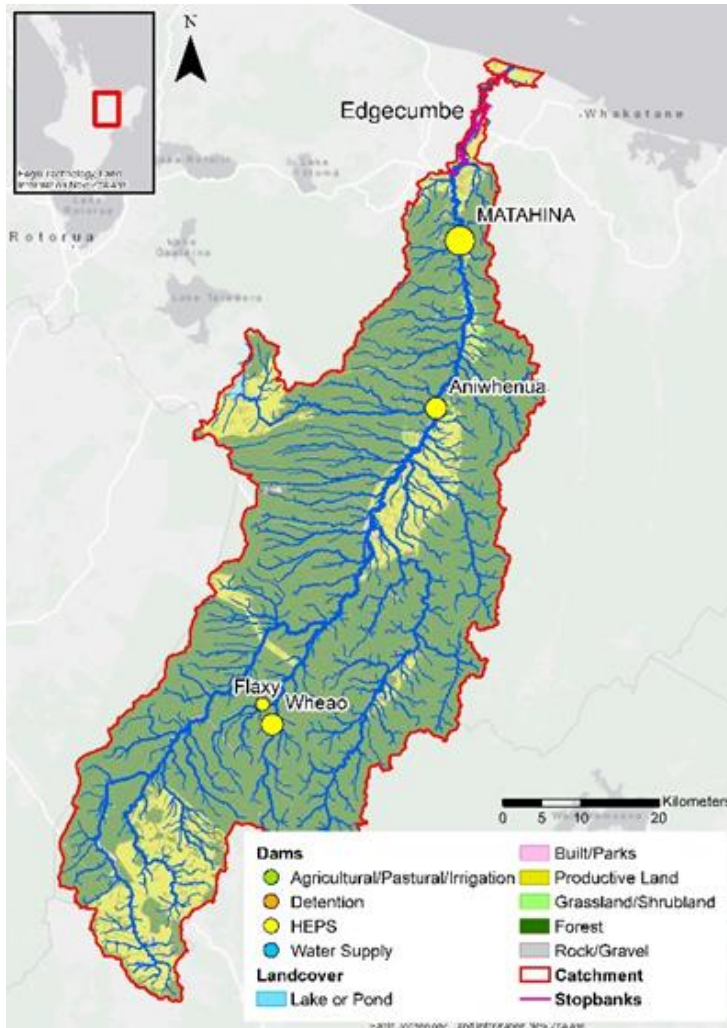
Flood – Case Histories





Flood - Systems

- Dam-stopbank system management





- Infrastructure networks:
 - Electricity transmission and distribution
 - Telecommunications
 - Urban Stormwater
 - Dependencies across multiple networks

- Focus areas:
 - Across single and multiple hazards
 - Quantifying importance/criticality of infrastructure
 - Robustness and/or redundancies within networks
 - Adaptations for communities and hapū
 - Integrating asset management and resilience



- Continue developing practical means of linking seismic design criteria to modern building performance measures
- Assess the performance of alternative design provisions on the performance of buildings (whole of building performance), also considering more severe loading scenarios
- Identifying cost-effective means of reducing the vulnerability of buildings



- Opportunities to get involved across range of projects
 - Research collaboration
 - Stakeholder partnership
 - Regional case study applications
- Engagement
 - Monthly meetings
 - Infrastructure Research Days
- Part of wider research eco-system
 - Strong collaborations ongoing



Mā te haumarū ō nga puna wai ō Rākahautū ka ora mo ake tonu:
Increasing flood resilience across Aotearoa



Accelerating Aotearoa New Zealand's resilience to ever-changing natural hazards

RESILIENCE
TO NATURE'S
CHALLENGES

Kia manawaroa
– Ngā Ākina o
Te Ao Tūroa

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