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# Next Generation Liquefaction (NGL) Case History Database

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# What is a Database?

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## Definition Used by Engineers: “A Collection of Data”

- Examples include experimental data archived in DesignSafe (formerly NEEShub), or ground motion records made available through various NGA projects (**typically spreadsheets**).
- This is not a database according to the data science community, who reserve the word “database” for a **relational database** (e.g., MySQL, Microsoft Access).

# Example Database

Event Name	Magnitude	Epicentral Latitude	Epicentral Longitude	Station Name	$V_{S30}$ (m/s)	$R_{jb}$ (km)	PGA (g)
Westwood Hills	6.3	34.0689	118.4452	Factor Building	380	2	0.84
Westwood Hills	6.3	34.0689	118.4452	Santa Monica Courthouse	215	14	0.28
Hollywood Valley	7.2	34.1027	118.3404	Factor Building	380	20	0.61
Hollywood Valley	7.2	34.1027	118.3404	Santa Monica Courthouse	215	30	0.32

Event



Station




Ground Motion




# Example Database Schema

Event Table 




 Event_id	Event Name	Magnitude	Epicentral Latitude	Epicentral Longitude
1	Westwood Hills	6.3	34.0689	118.4452
2	Hollywood Valley	7.2	34.1027	118.3404

 Primary Key  
 Foreign Key

Station Table 

 Station_id	Station Name	$V_{S30}$ (m/s)
1	Factor Building	380
2	Santa Monica Courthouse	215

Motion Table 

 Motion_id	 Event_id	 Station_id	$R_{jb}$ (km)	PGA (g)
1	1	1	2	0.84
2	1	2	14	0.28
3	2	1	20	0.61
4	2	2	30	0.32

**Relationships set through shared fields (keys)**

**Primary key:** unique identifier for each record

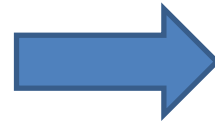
**Foreign key:** field in one table that identifies a record in another table

**Benefits of relational databases:**  
**Smart database (query, advanced tools)**  
**Minimize duplicated fields**  
**Avoid null fields**



# Traditional vs Next-Generation

From *spreadsheet*  
(Traditional data analysis)



To **relational database**  
(big-data analytics)

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Record Sequence Number	EQID	Earthquake Name	YEAR	MODY	HRMN
2	1	0001	Helena, Montana-01	1935	1031	1838
3	2	0002	Helena, Montana-02	1935	1031	1918
4	3	0003	Humbolt Bay	1937	0207	0442
5	4	0004	Imperial Valley-01	1938	0606	0242
6	5	0005	Northwest Calif-01	1938	0912	0610
7	6	0006	Imperial Valley-02	1940	0519	0437
8	7	0007	Northwest Calif-02	1941	0209	0945
9	8	0008	Northern Calif-01	1941	1003	1614
10	9	0009	Borrego	1942	1021	1622
11	10	0010	Imperial Valley-03	1951	0124	0717
12	11	0011	Northwest Calif-03	1951	1008	0411
13	12	0012	Kern County	1952	0721	1153
14	13	0012	Kern County	1952	0721	1153
15	14	0012	Kern County	1952	0721	1153
16	15	0012	Kern County	1952	0721	1153

	HZ	IA
1	T7.500S	T8.000S
8151	0.000247	0.000231
8152	0.003331	0.003473
8153	0.000661	0.000639
8154	0.000486	0.000700
8155	0.001060	0.001011
8156	0.001217	0.001057
8157	0.000836	0.000772
8158	0.008571	0.007123
8159	0.011123	0.009935
8160	0.002338	0.001956
8161	0.134076	0.112643
8162	0.298595	0.233477
8163	0.002516	0.002555
8164	0.004065	0.005418
8165		

**CPT\_911 (Cone Penetration Test)**

Latitude (deg): -43.4851  
 Longitude (deg): 172.712  
 Elevation (m):  
 Limit of Investigation (m):  
 Activity Start Date:  
 Activity End Date:  
 Note:

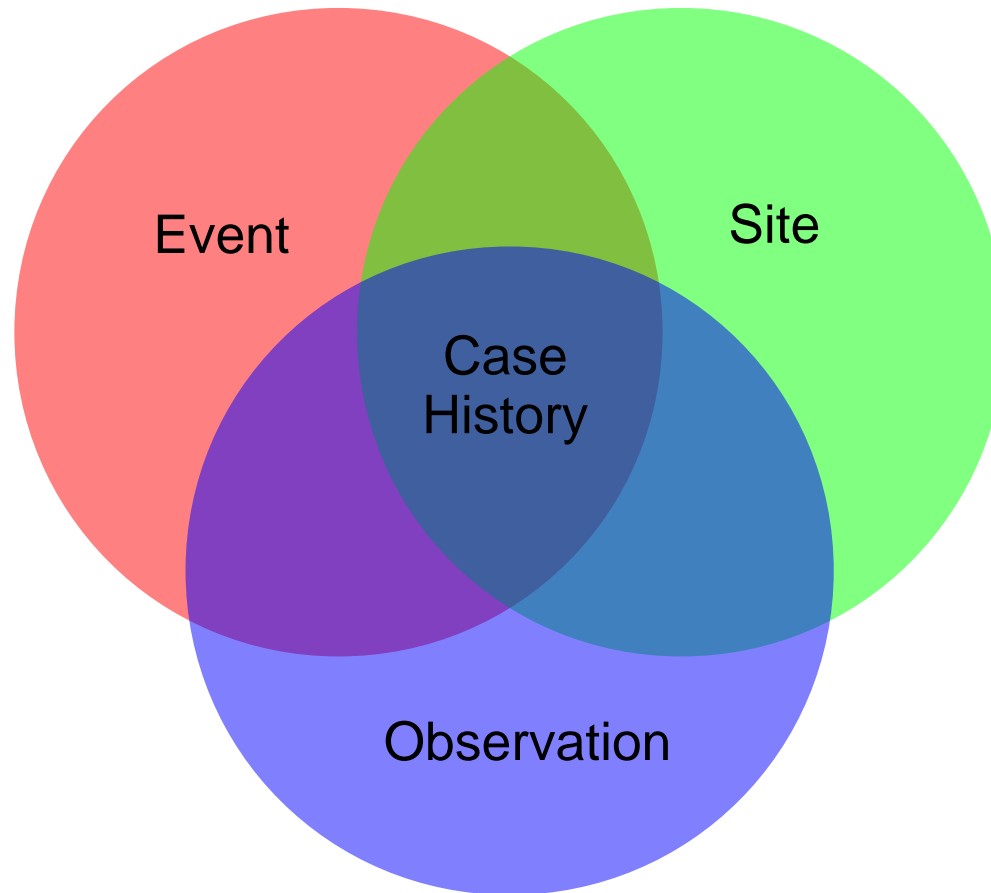
**Downloads**  
 Data: [CPT\\_911.csv](#) | [plot](#)  
 assoc. files

**Plot Data:**

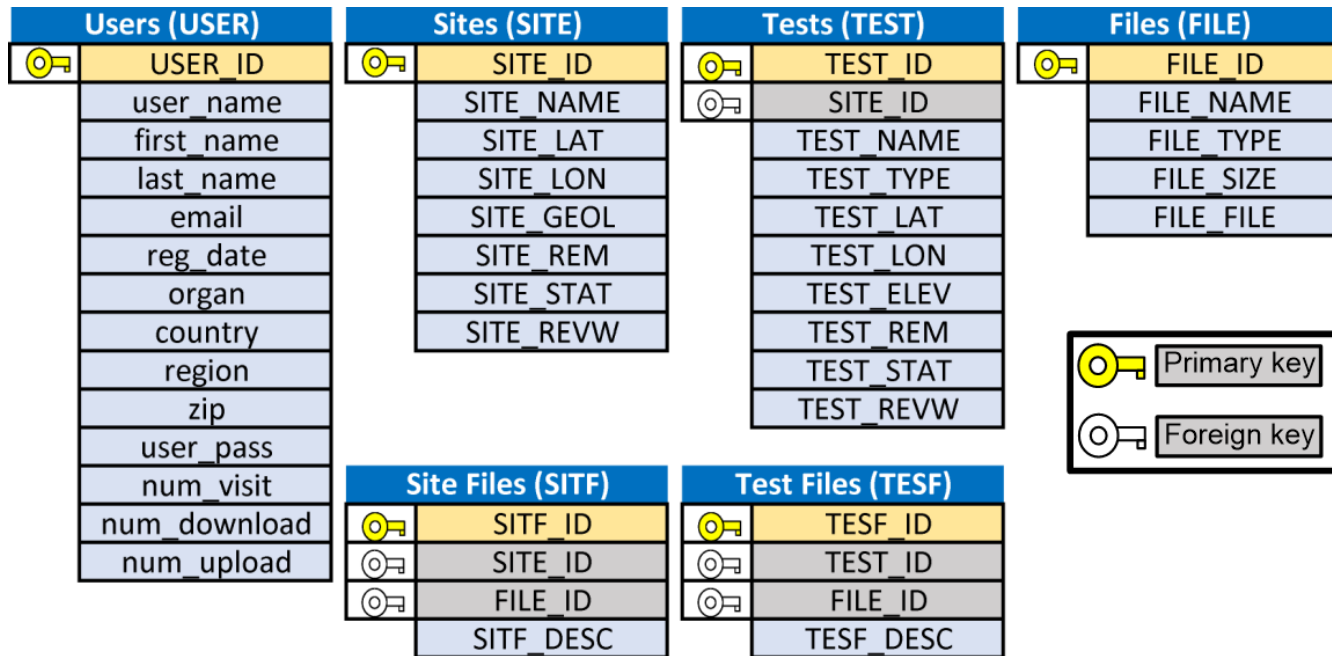
Depth (m)	q (Mpa)	f (Mpa)	u <sub>v</sub> (Mpa)
0	~10	~2	~0.5
1	~15	~3	~0.7
2	~20	~4	~1.0
3	~25	~5	~1.3
4	~30	~6	~1.6
5	~35	~7	~1.9
6	~40	~8	~2.2
7	~45	~9	~2.5
8	~50	~10	~2.8
9	~55	~11	~3.1
10	~60	~12	~3.4
11	~65	~13	~3.7
12	~70	~14	~4.0
13	~75	~15	~4.3
14	~80	~16	~4.6
15	~85	~17	~4.9
16	~90	~18	~5.2
17	~95	~19	~5.5
18	~100	~20	~5.8
19	~105	~21	~6.1
20	~110	~22	~6.4
21	~115	~23	~6.7
22	~120	~24	~7.0
23	~125	~25	~7.3
24	~130	~26	~7.6
25	~135	~27	~7.9
26	~140	~28	~8.2
27	~145	~29	~8.5
28	~150	~30	~8.8
29	~155	~31	~9.1
30	~160	~32	~9.4
31	~165	~33	~9.7
32	~170	~34	~10.0
33	~175	~35	~10.3
34	~180	~36	~10.6
35	~185	~37	~10.9
36	~190	~38	~11.2
37	~195	~39	~11.5
38	~200	~40	~11.8
39	~205	~41	~12.1
40	~210	~42	~12.4
41	~215	~43	~12.7
42	~220	~44	~13.0
43	~225	~45	~13.3
44	~230	~46	~13.6
45	~235	~47	~13.9
46	~240	~48	~14.2
47	~245	~49	~14.5
48	~250	~50	~14.8
49	~255	~51	~15.1
50	~260	~52	~15.4
51	~265	~53	~15.7
52	~270	~54	~16.0
53	~275	~55	~16.3
54	~280	~56	~16.6
55	~285	~57	~16.9
56	~290	~58	~17.2
57	~295	~59	~17.5
58	~300	~60	~17.8
59	~305	~61	~18.1
60	~310	~62	~18.4
61	~315	~63	~18.7
62	~320	~64	~19.0
63	~325	~65	~19.3
64	~330	~66	~19.6
65	~335	~67	~19.9
66	~340	~68	~20.2
67	~345	~69	~20.5
68	~350	~70	~20.8
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73	~375	~75	~22.3
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75	~385	~77	~22.9
76	~390	~78	~23.2
77	~395	~79	~23.5
78	~400	~80	~23.8
79	~405	~81	~24.1
80	~410	~82	~24.4
81	~415	~83	~24.7
82	~420	~84	~25.0
83	~425	~85	~25.3
84	~430	~86	~25.6
85	~435	~87	~25.9
86	~440	~88	~26.2
87	~445	~89	~26.5
88	~450	~90	~26.8
89	~455	~91	~27.1
90	~460	~92	~27.4
91	~465	~93	~27.7
92	~470	~94	~28.0
93	~475	~95	~28.3
94	~480	~96	~28.6
95	~485	~97	~28.9
96	~490	~98	~29.2
97	~495	~99	~29.5
98	~500	~100	~29.8
99	~505	~101	~30.1
100	~510	~102	~30.4

# NGL Case History Definition

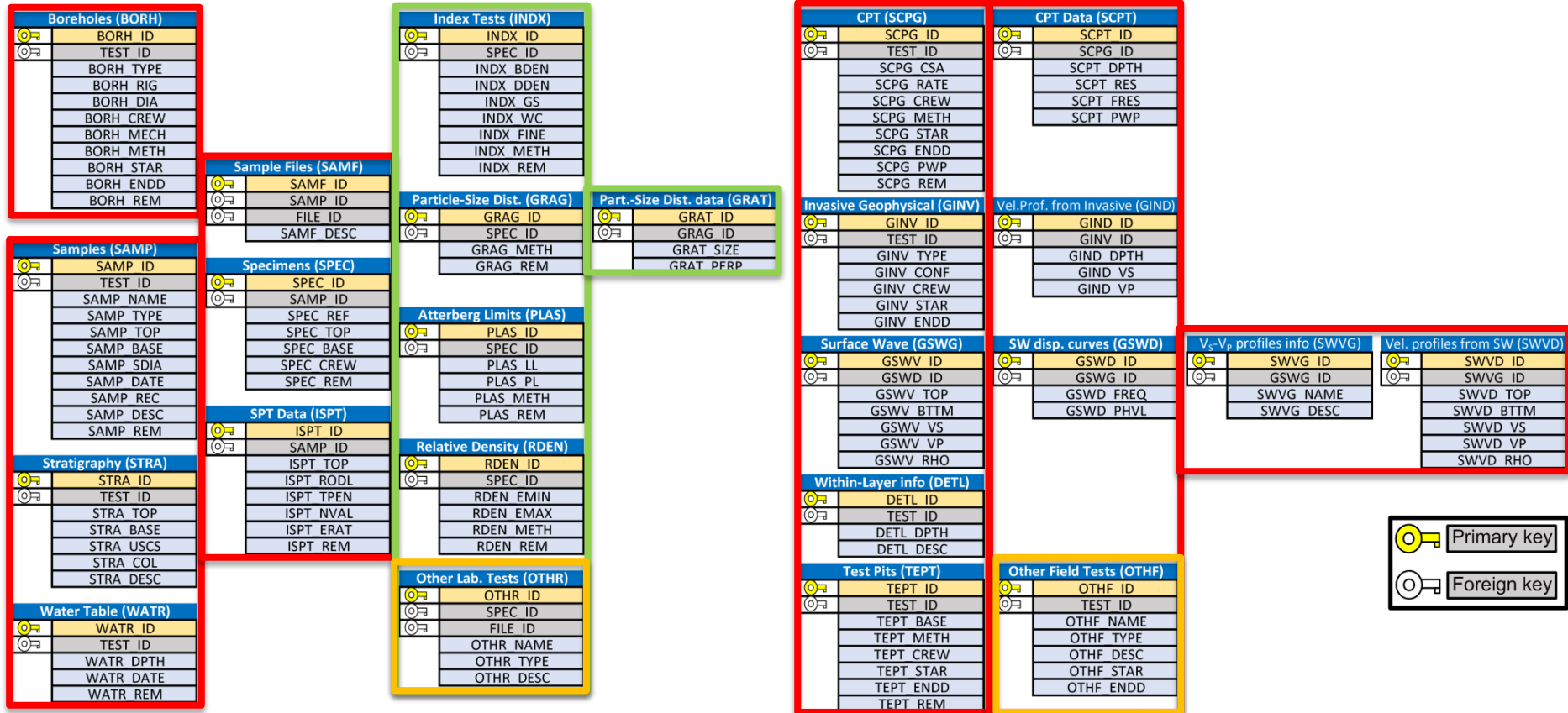
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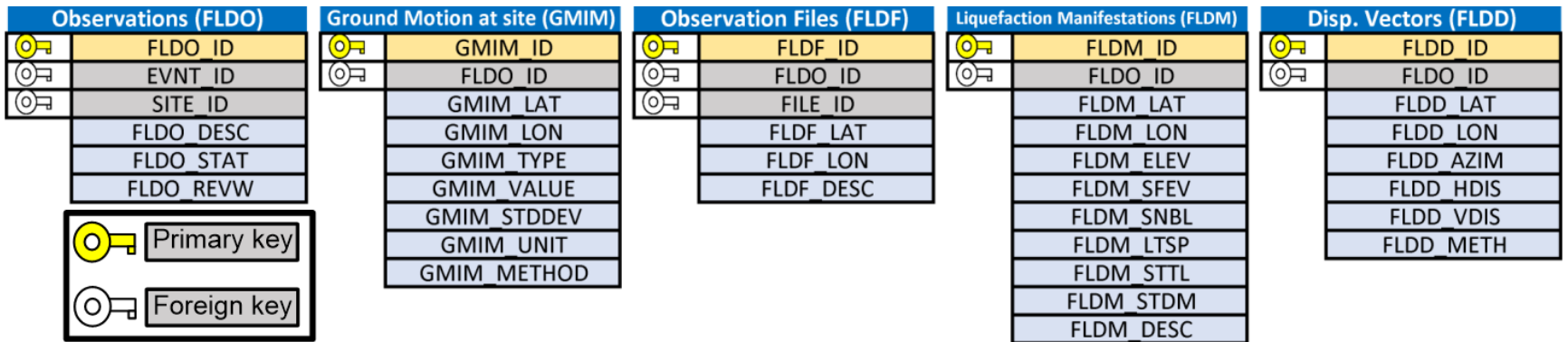
# NGL Database Schema: General



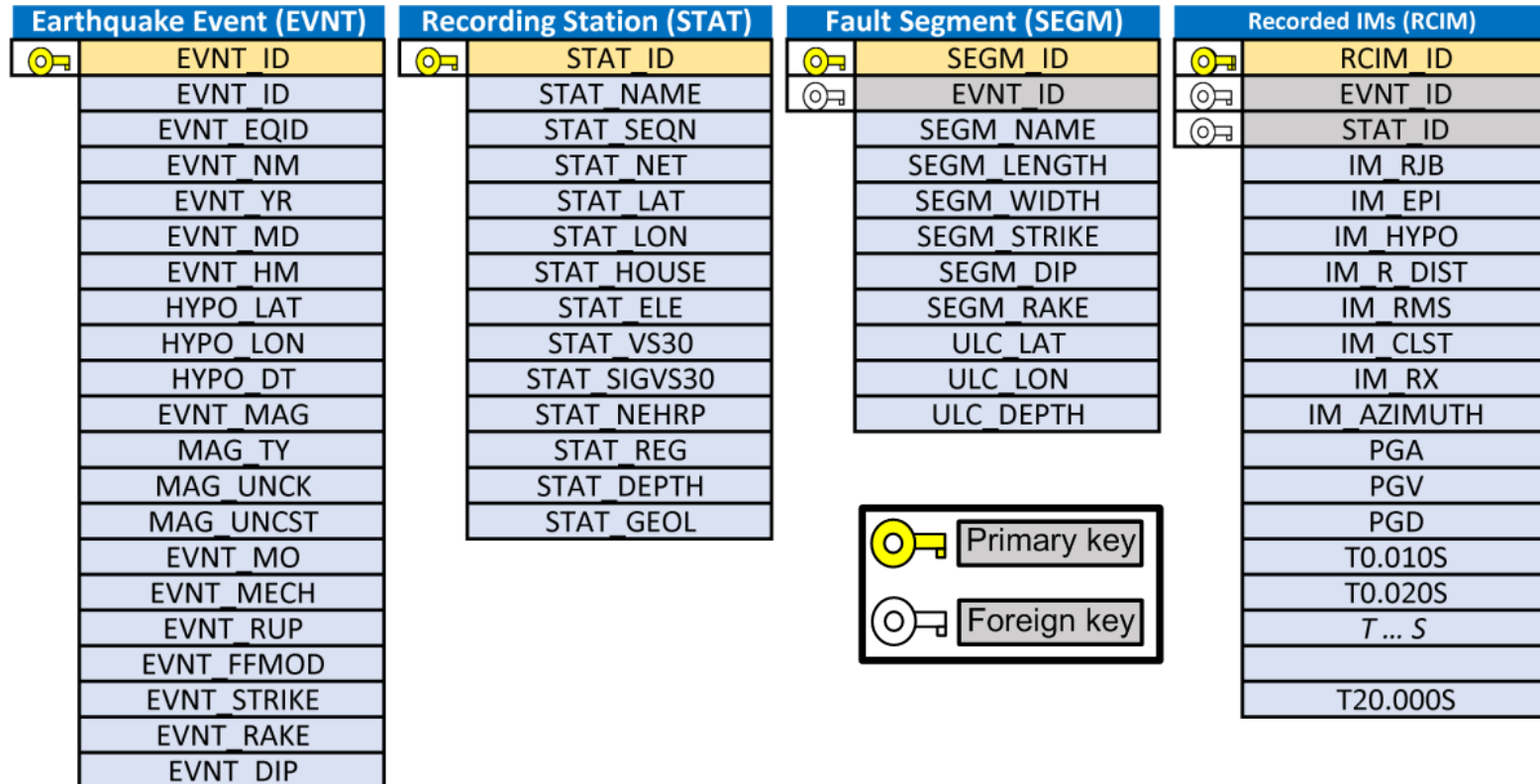
# NGL Database Schema: Site



# NGL Database Schema: Observation



# NGL Database Schema: Event



**NGL includes NGA West-2 events  
...soon NGA Sub**

# Community Vetting of Schema

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- The schema is the outcome of a **broad community effort** involving review by the database working group and others.
- A 2-day workshop involving about 50 people was held in July 2017 in which the schema was presented and discussed in detail.

**Field Performance**

Measured Disp.  Lateral Def.  
 Settlement  Sand Boil  
 Post-event def.

**Observation Type**

Field Note  Field Mapping  
 Recon. Photo  Satel. Image  
 Repair Report  Other

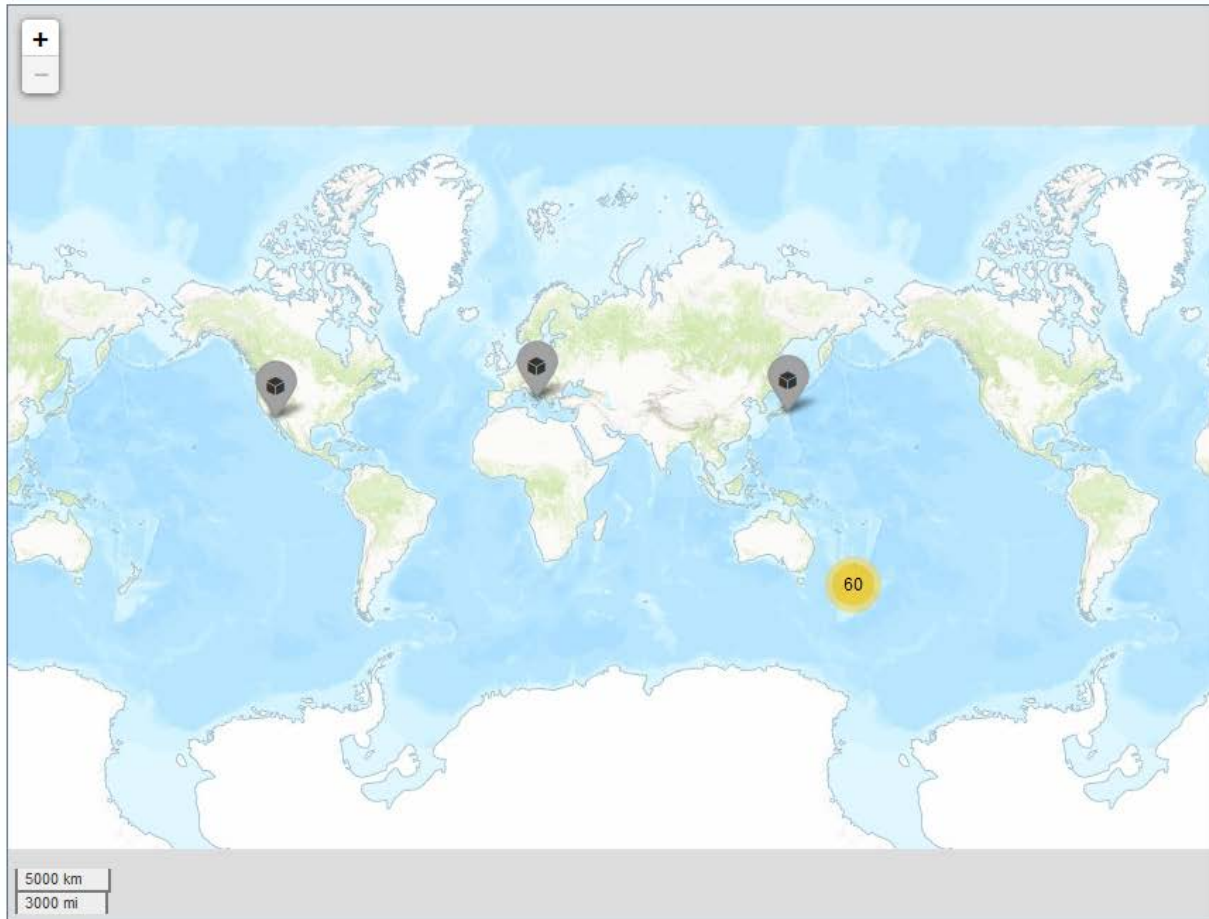
**Earthquake**

Event Name  Magnitude  -

**Ground Motion**

Measured Ground Motion

PGA (g)  -  PGV (cm/s)  -



Topographic Map  
 Terrain Map  
 Imagery Map

General description

Site

Geotechnical / Geophysical tests info

Borehole   
 CPT   
 Geophysical test (Vs)

Event Information

Event

Field Observation

Observation

Developed as Structured Query Language (SQL) database management system

KPHP platform, GIS-based mapping tool



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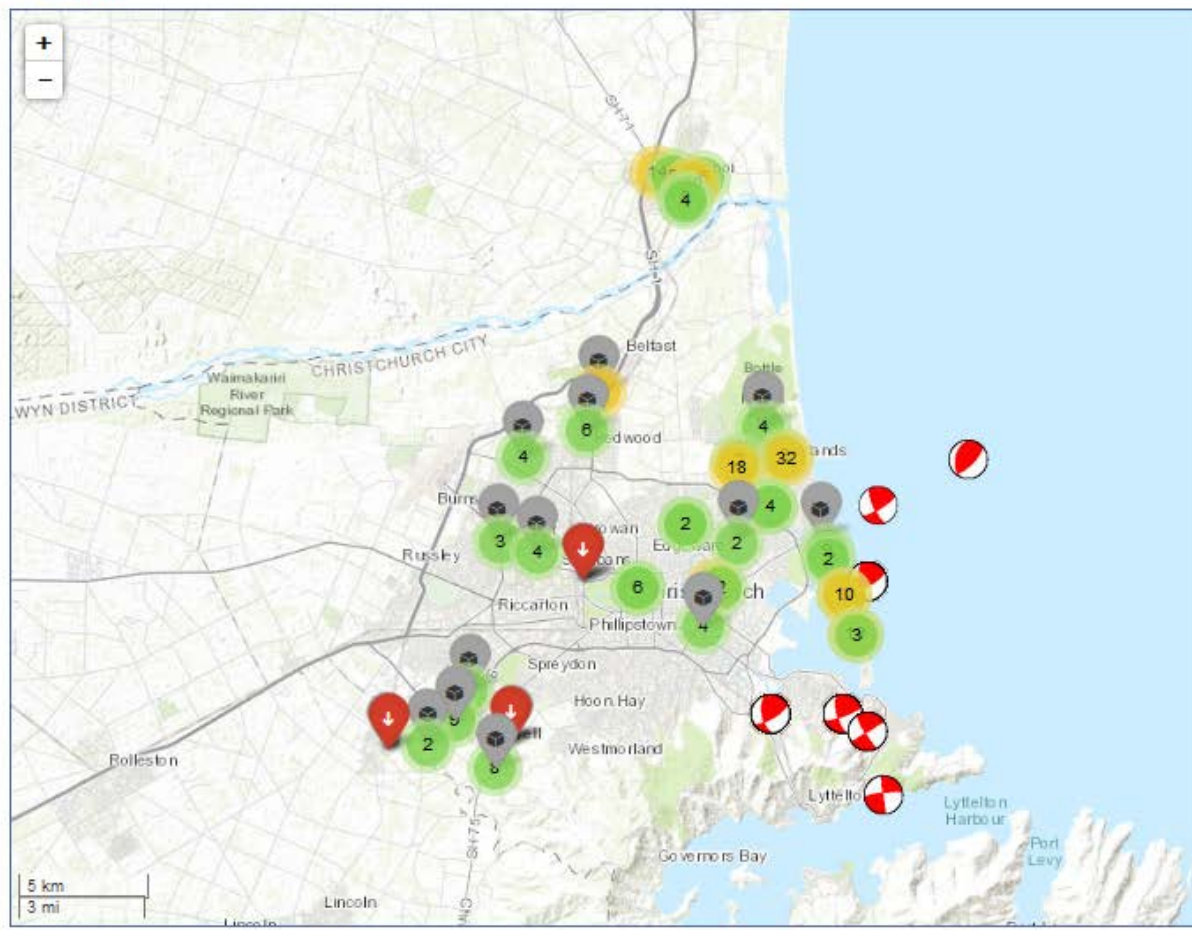
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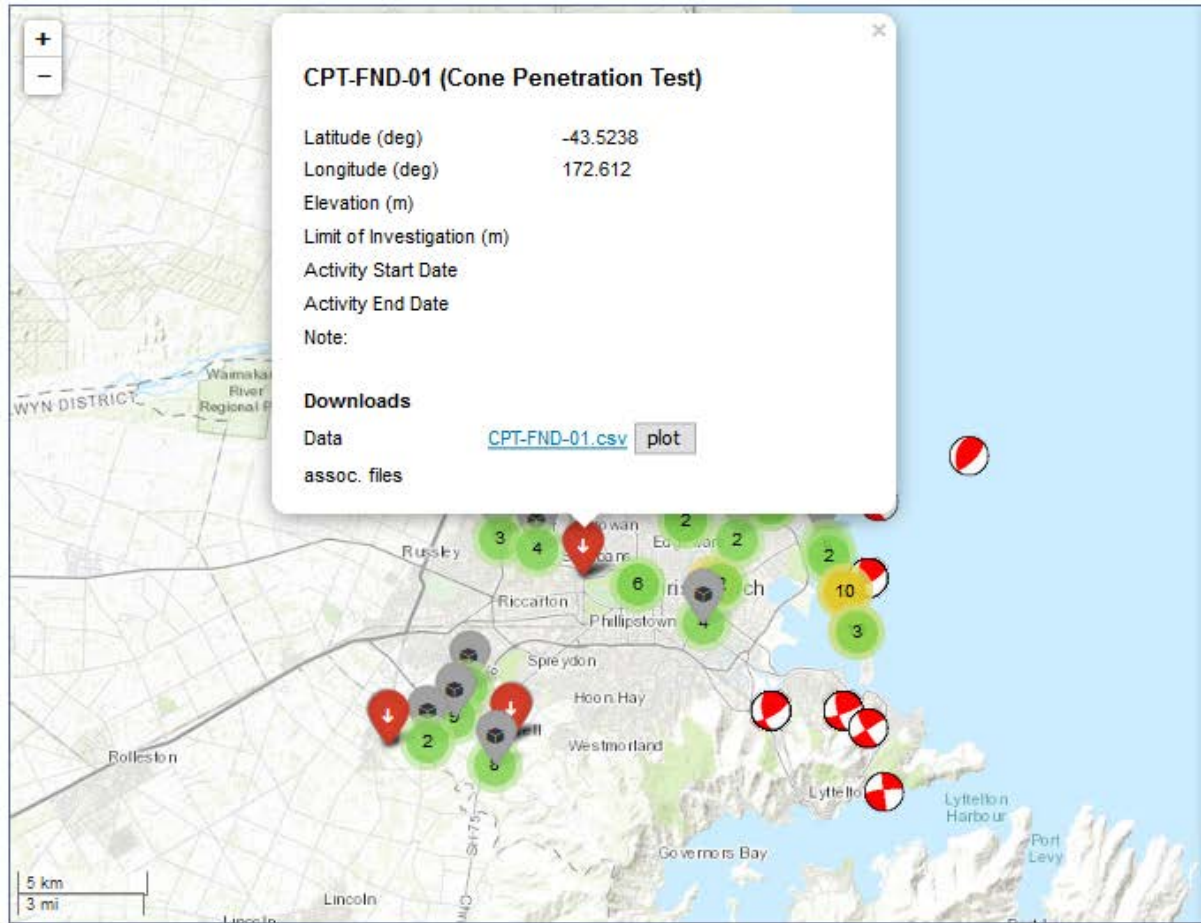
Event Name    Magnitude  
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**Ground Motion**

Measured Ground Motion

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**CPT-FND-01 (Cone Penetration Test)**

Latitude (deg)    -43.5238  
 Longitude (deg)    172.612  
 Elevation (m)  
 Limit of Investigation (m)  
 Activity Start Date  
 Activity End Date  
 Note:

**Downloads**

Data    [CPT-FND-01.csv](#)    **plot**  
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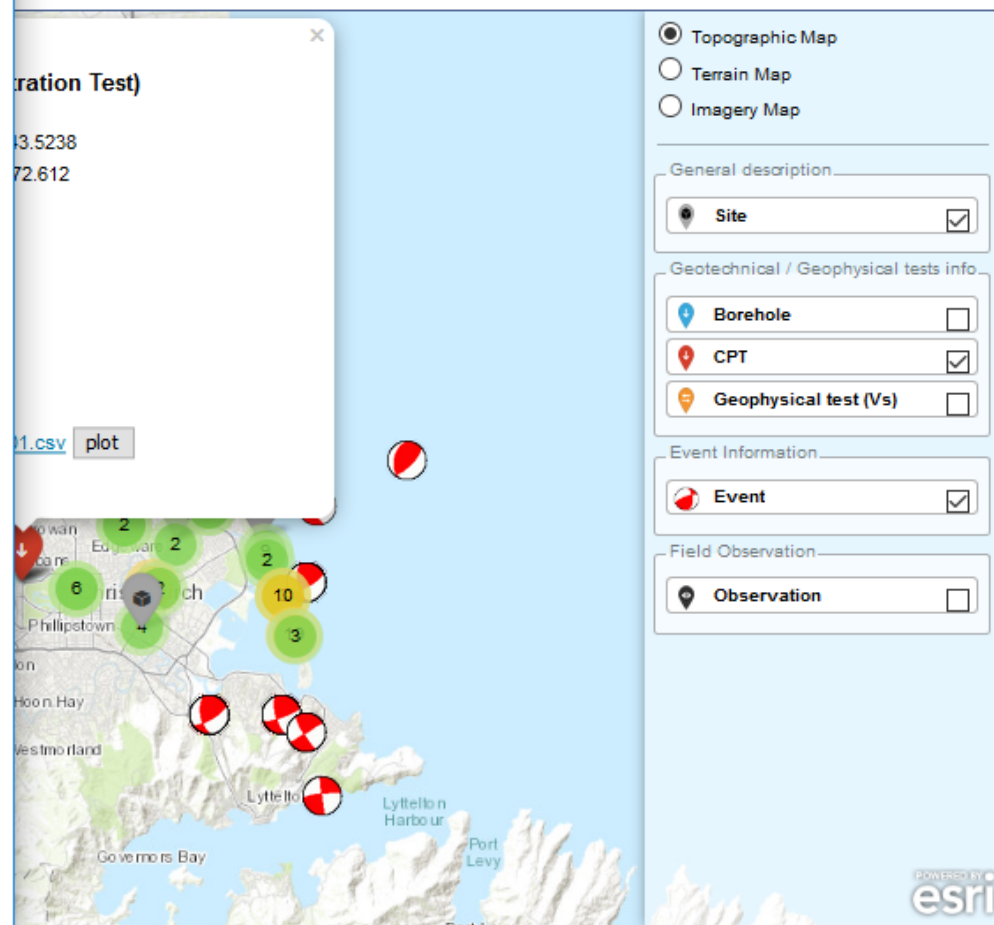
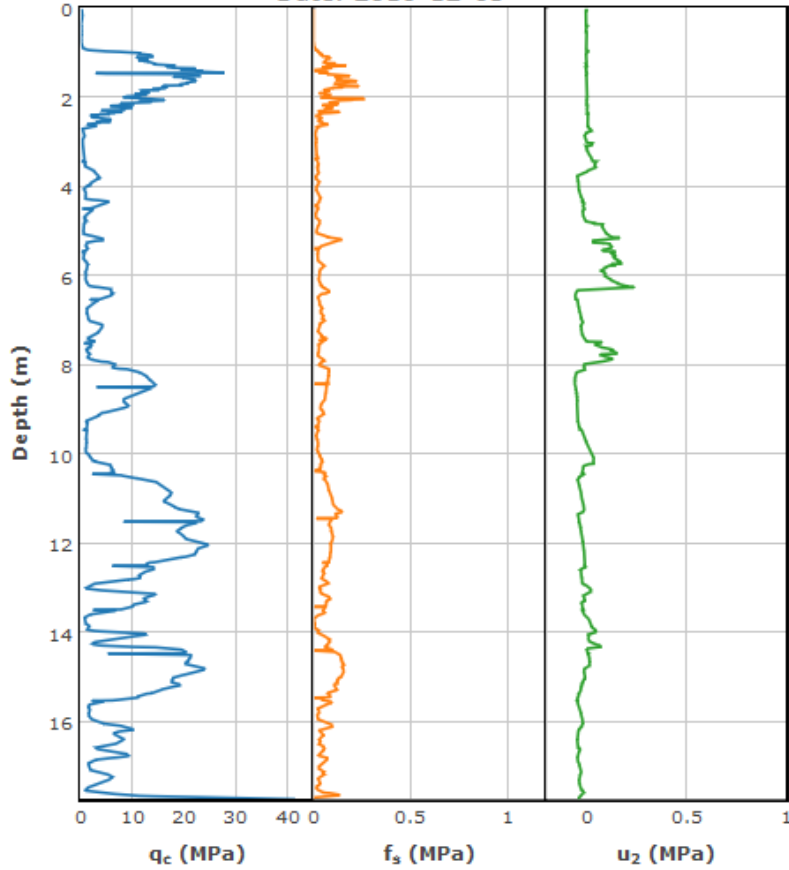
Field Observation

Observation

### CPT-FND-01

Lat/Long: -43.52377 / 172.61232

Date: 2010-12-03





**Field Performance**

Measured Disp.     Lateral Def.

Settlement     Sand Boil

Post-event def.

**Observation Type**

Field Note     Field Mapping

Recon. Photo     Satel. Image

Repair Report     Other

**Earthquake**

Event Name    Magnitude

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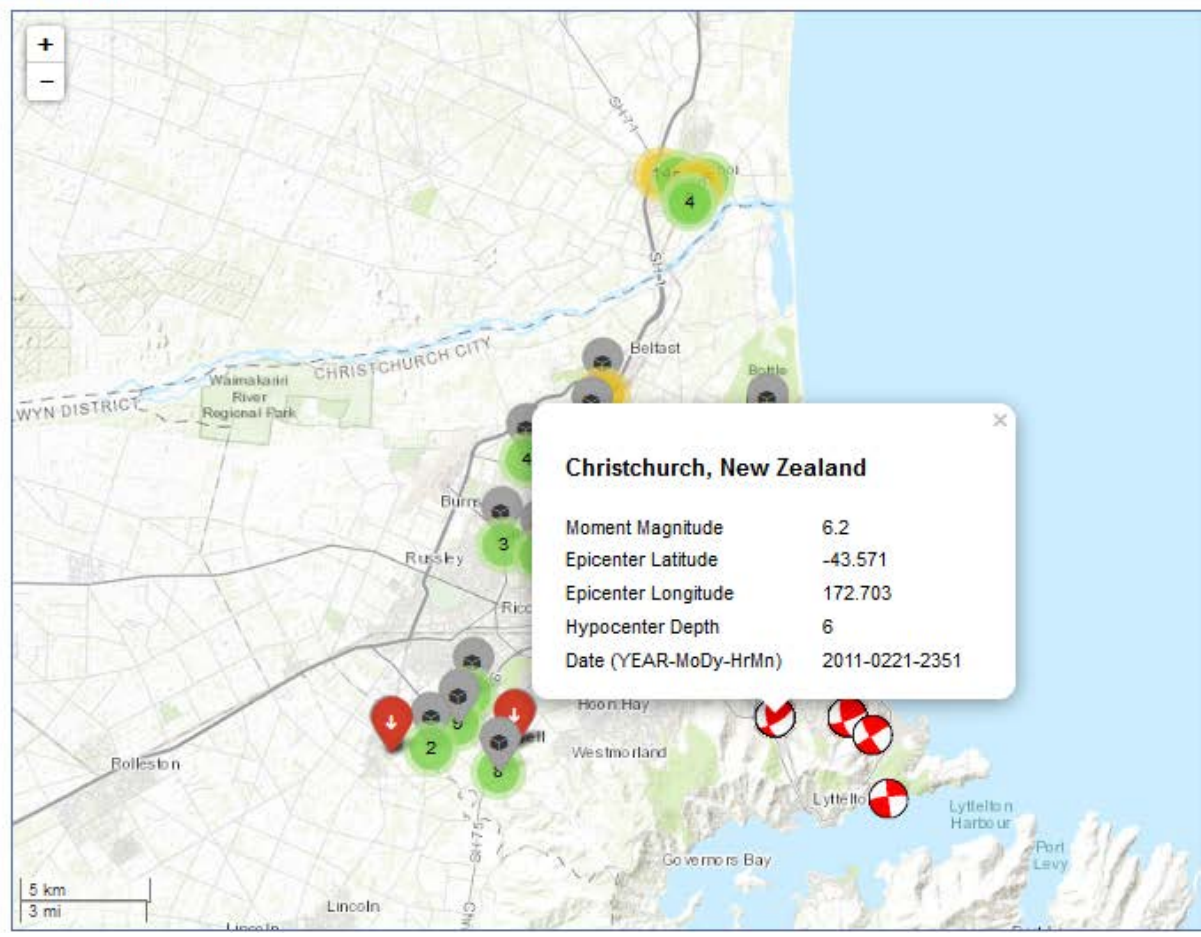
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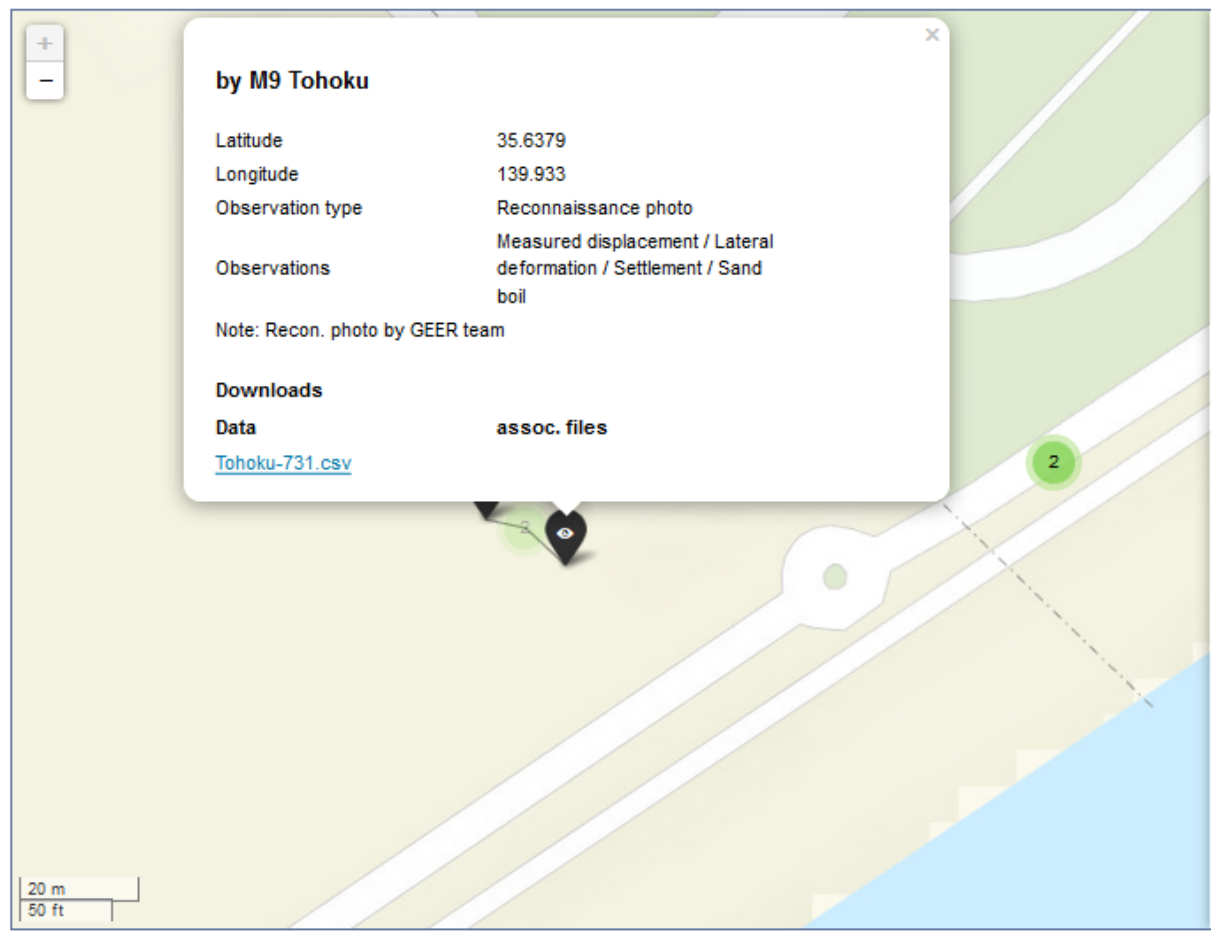
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**Event**

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Field Observation

**Observation**

# Benefits of the NGL Database

## Old case-histories

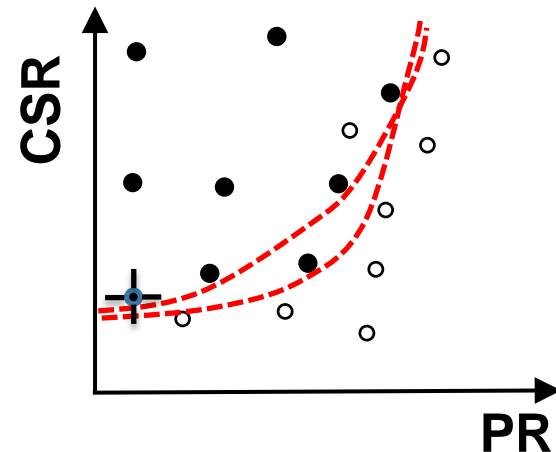
face clay silt layer. Following the 1977 earthquake, signs of liquefaction such as ejection of fine sand through the fissures or cracks were observed here and there in this area. Photo.2 shows typical sand ejection



Bucarest (1977, Vrancea earthquake )  
From Ishihara and Perlea (1984)

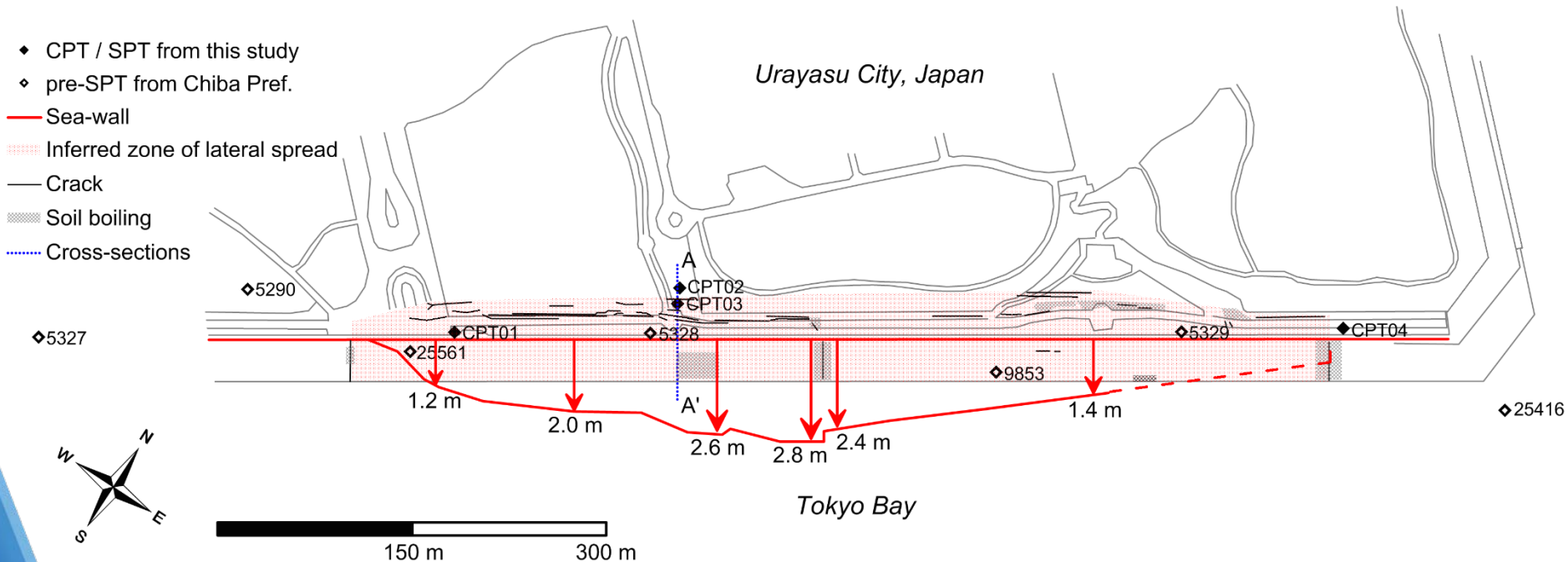
Earthquake	$M_w$
1977 Vrancea, Romania	$7.20 \pm 0.11$
Site	Liquefied?
Site 2	No

- Liquefaction
- No Ground Failure



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## Recent case-histories

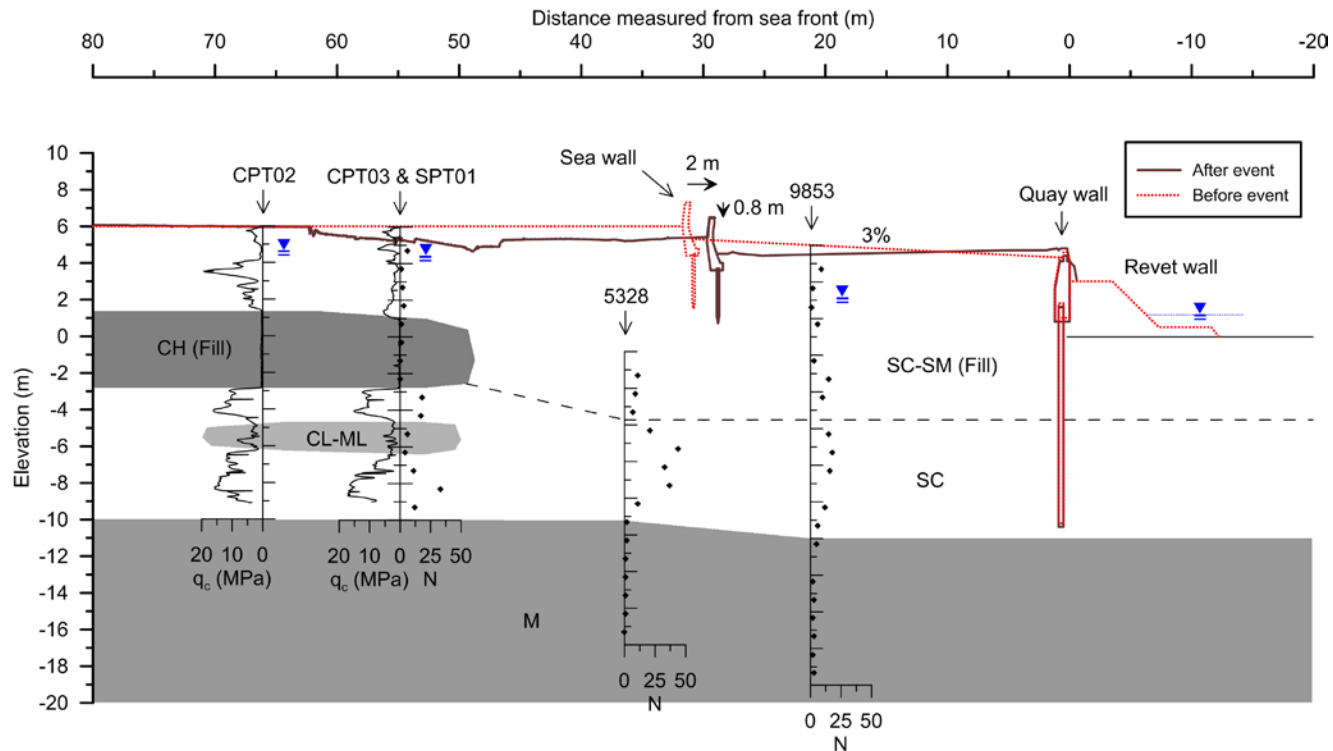


Urayasu, Japan (2011 – Tohoku-Oki)  
From Stewart et al. (2016)



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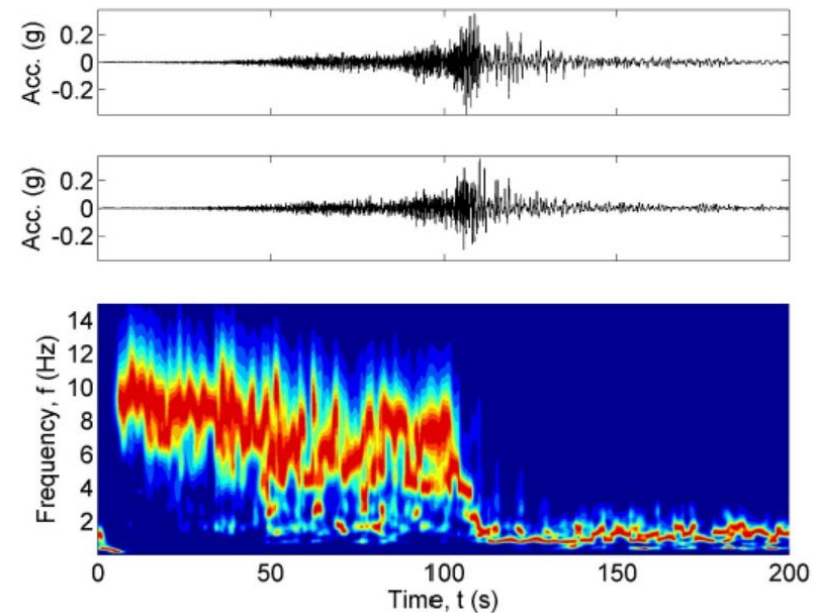


# Benefits of the NGL Database

## Recent case-histories



Motion-based data



Ibaraki, Japan (2011 – Tohoku-Oki)  
From Kramer et al. (2016) and  
M. Greenfield pers. comm.

# Current Status

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- 63 sites (~200 case histories) in current version of NGL website.
- During development, we have created 25 additional case histories using a CSV template that can easily be uploaded to the new website.
- Legacy case-histories will be added
- **Beta version of new website** is being evaluated now, and we anticipate official release within a few weeks.

# Review Process

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- The **database working group** will review all of the uploaded data.
- Users will indicate when a dataset is ready for review, and the data will be immediately available.
- After review, the data will be marked as reviewed.
- Purpose of review is to verify that all required fields are present and the inputs match source materials.

# Vision for Community Access

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- Due to **large amount of data**, downloading data and processing them on a laptop is inefficient and undesirable (though still possible).
- We plan to **mirror the database to DesignSafe** ([www.designsafe-ci.org](http://www.designsafe-ci.org)), where users will be able to interact with the data using SQL queries in Jupyter notebook Python scripts.
- Python can be used to extract and process data, and has a wide array of data processing libraries available.





# Final Remarks

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- Need for high-quality, transparent, liquefaction case-history **database**
- The NGL relational database (being populated): capabilities for big data analytics
- Relational databases are more powerful than flatfiles (transformational shift from past practices!)
- NGL-NGA interaction
- Future task: Completion of database population, NGL database mirroring (DesignSafe)

# Save the Date

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**Second workshop to be held at UCLA:  
September 24 and 25, 2018**



# Thank you!

## Questions?

## Relevant References

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Project homepage:

<https://uclageo.com/NGL/>

Database (beta):

<http://uclageo.com/NGL/database/index.php>