

# Workshop on the Next-Generation Liquefaction Database

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## Recent case histories data collection and distillation

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- Christchurch 2010-2011
- Tohoku 2011
- Emilia 2012

# Outline

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## Introduction

## Liquefaction data distillation

Recent case histories, focus on:

Christchurch sequence (New Zealand) 2010-2011

Tohoku **M9.0** earthquake (Japan) 2011

Emilia **M5.8** earthquake (Italy) 2012

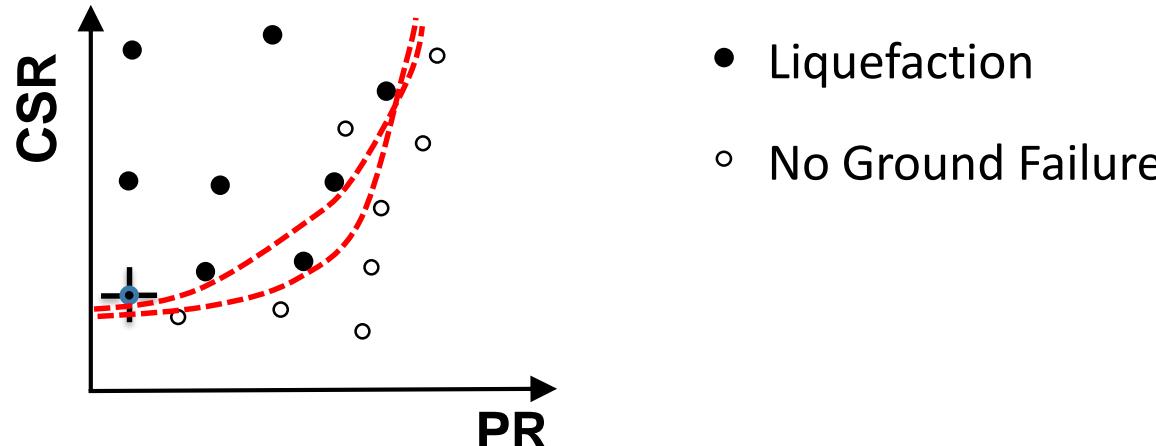
## Conclusions

# Recent case histories

## Challenges and opportunities

Legacy case histories – **(main) sources of uncertainty:**

- Lack of high-quality characterization (uncertain capacity)
- Lack of information about susceptibility
- Uncertain magnitude (impact on magnitude scaling)
- Uncertain ground motions (lack of recordings, analogic data)
- Unclear observations (uncertain location, liquefaction or not?)



# Recent case histories

## Challenges and opportunities

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*Recent case histories:*

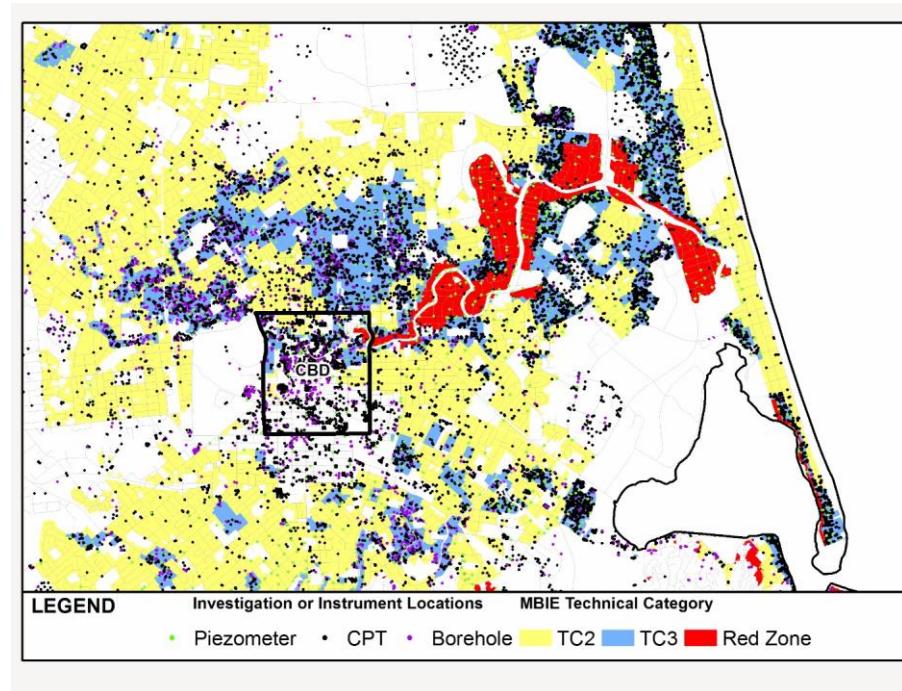
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- Unprecedented quantity/quality of observations

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## Challenges and opportunities

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- High-quality characterization



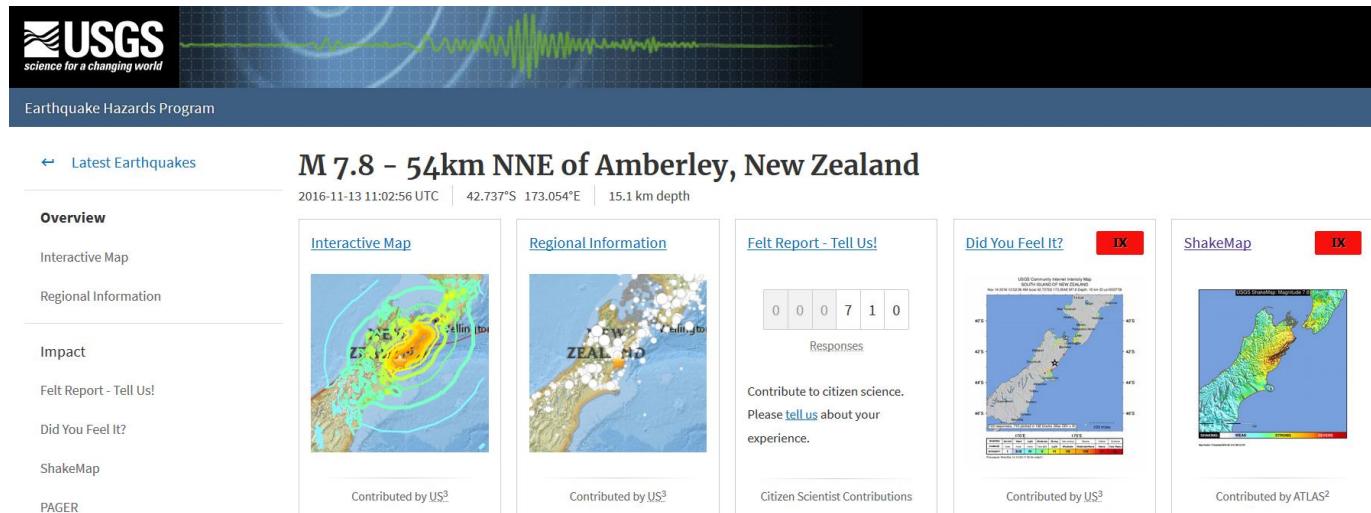
The Canterbury Geotechnical Database  
From: [www.tonkintaylor.co.nz](http://www.tonkintaylor.co.nz)

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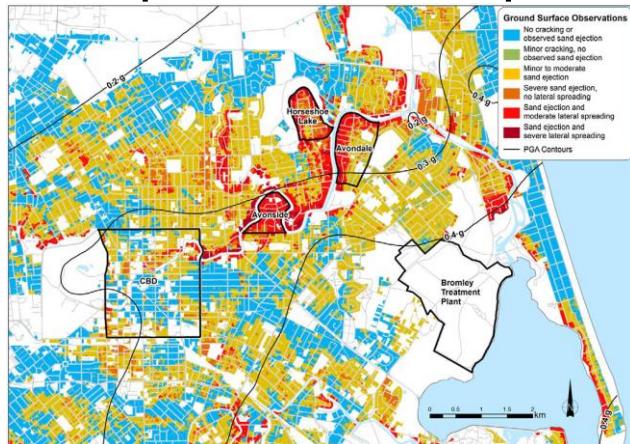


Event page for the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake (New Zealand)  
From [earthquake.usgs.gov](http://earthquake.usgs.gov)

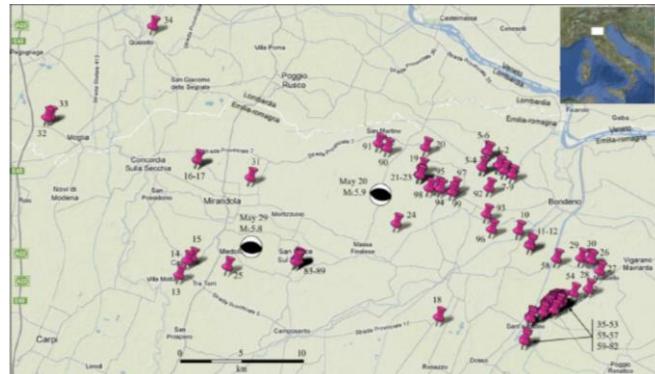
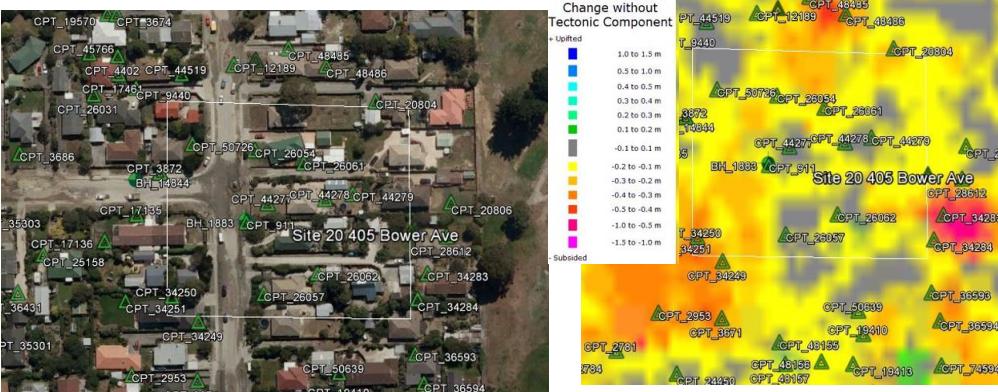
# **Recent case histories Challenges and opportunities**

## *Recent case histories:*

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From Van Ballegooij et al. (2014)



From Emergeo (2012)



# Recent case histories

## Challenges and opportunities

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*Recent case histories – Abundance may also create challenges*

### Data distillation

#### (Definition of priority sites based on):

– Availability of all three elements:

- Geotechnical information
- Ground motion at the site
- Observations/measurements

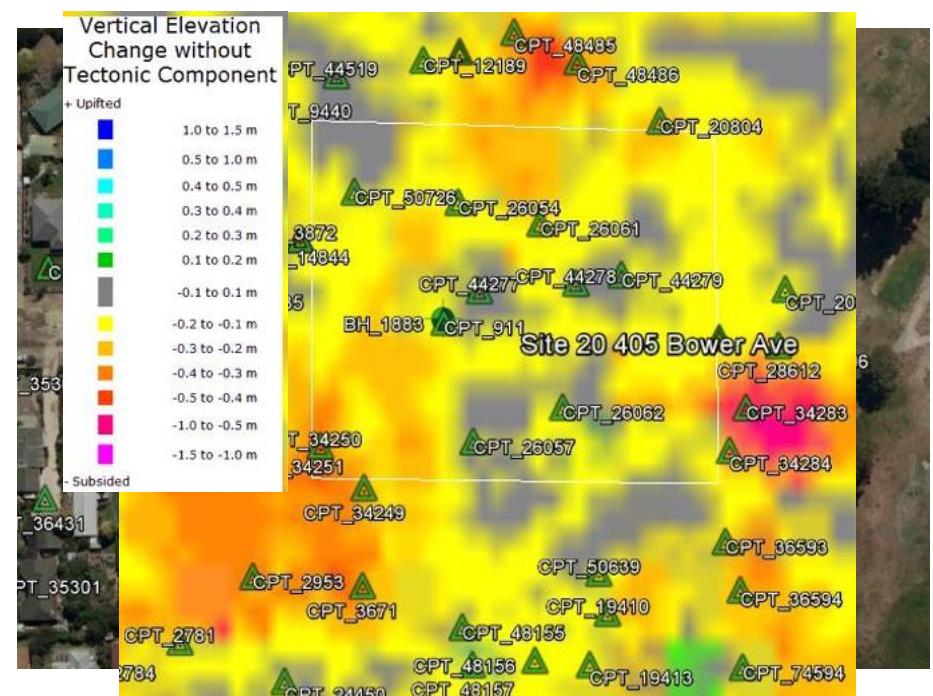
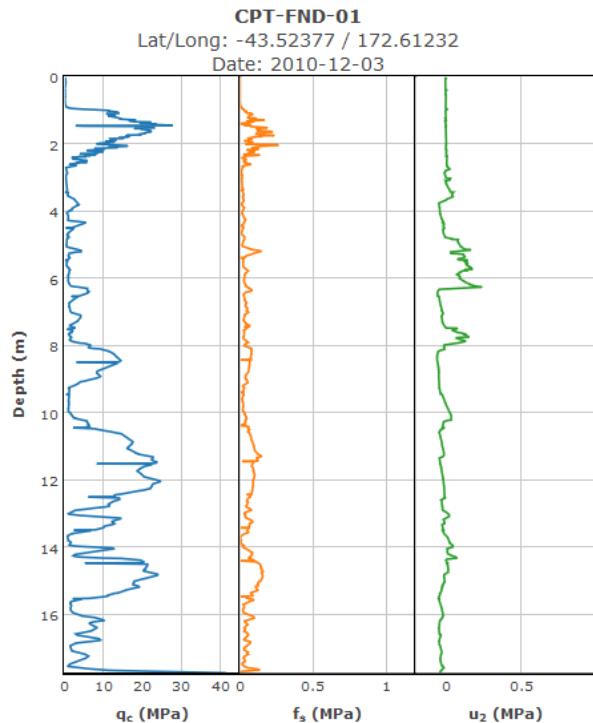
– Level of importance (extension of parameter space)

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# Recent case histories

## Christchurch sequence (New Zealand) 2010-2011

### Geotechnical characterization (CPT)

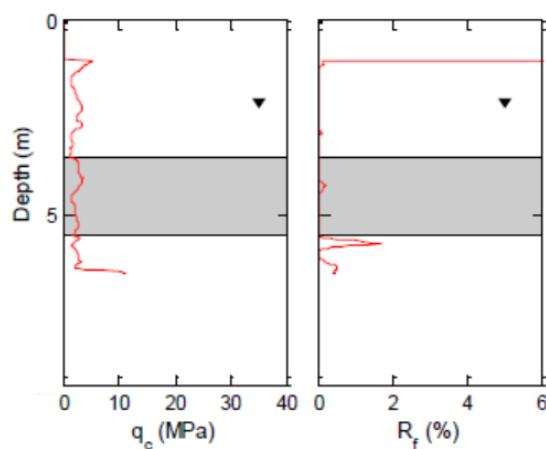


**37 sites, 135 case histories**  
**Each site has up to 6 post-earthquake observations**  
**(Complete – will be under review soon)**

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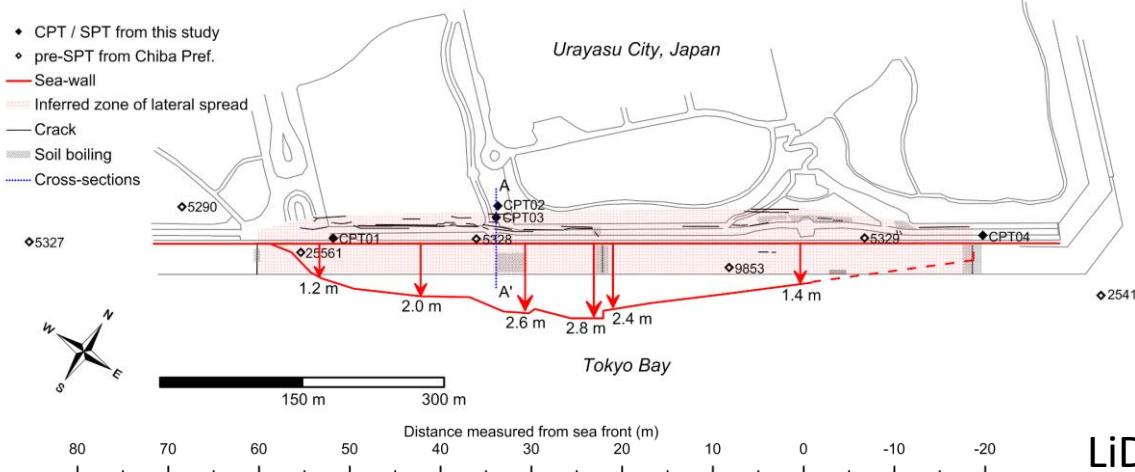
From Green et al. (2014)



**25 sites, 50 case histories  
(Complete - under review)** UCLA Samueli

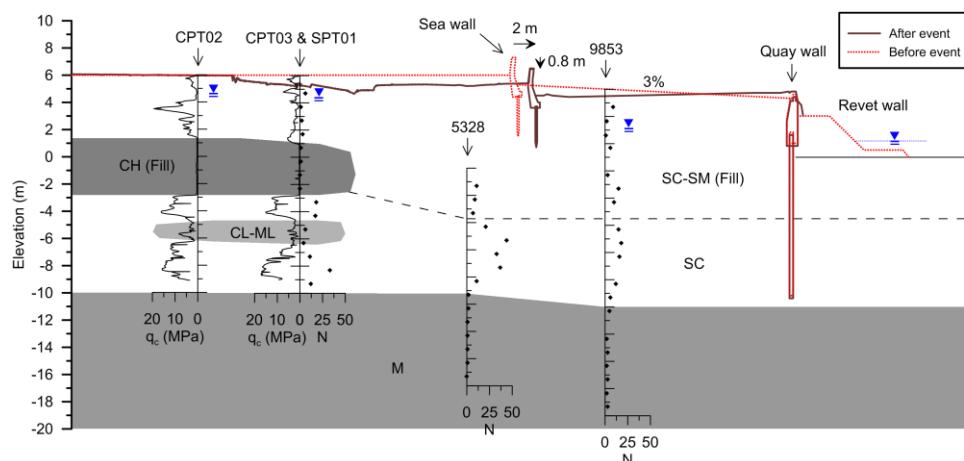
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# Recent case histories Tohoku M9.0 (Japan) 2011



*Urayasu sea front*

LiDAR + on site measurements



CPT/SPT/VS profiles

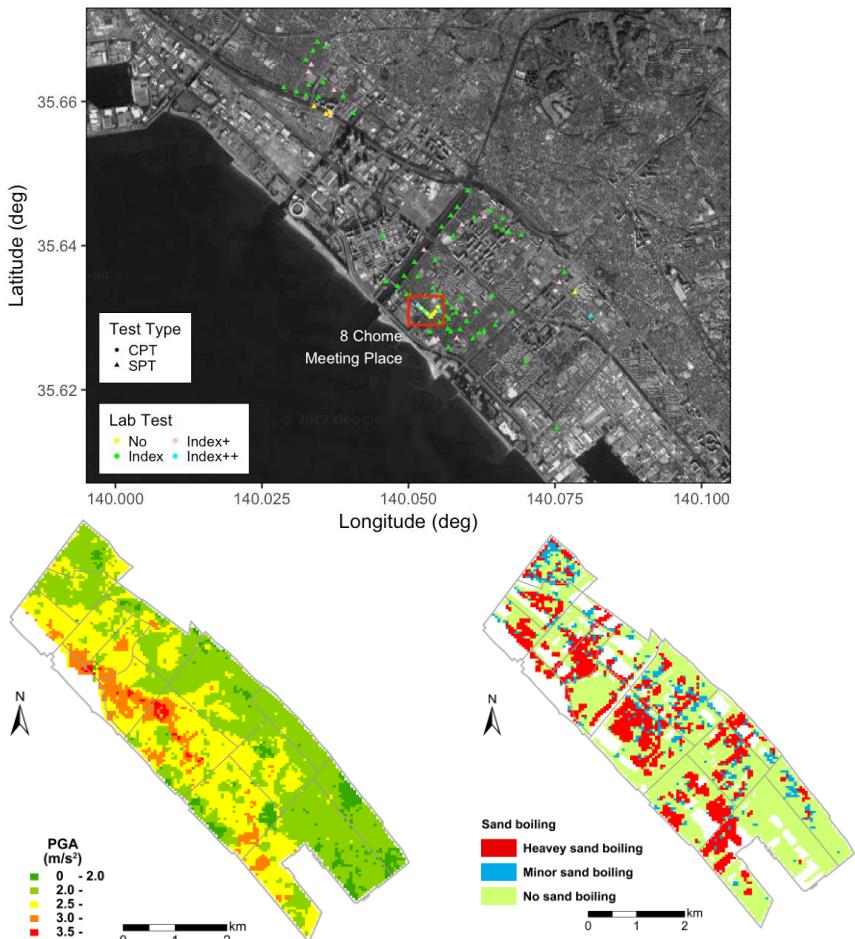
Detailed cross sections

**1 case history  
(Complete – will be under review soon)**

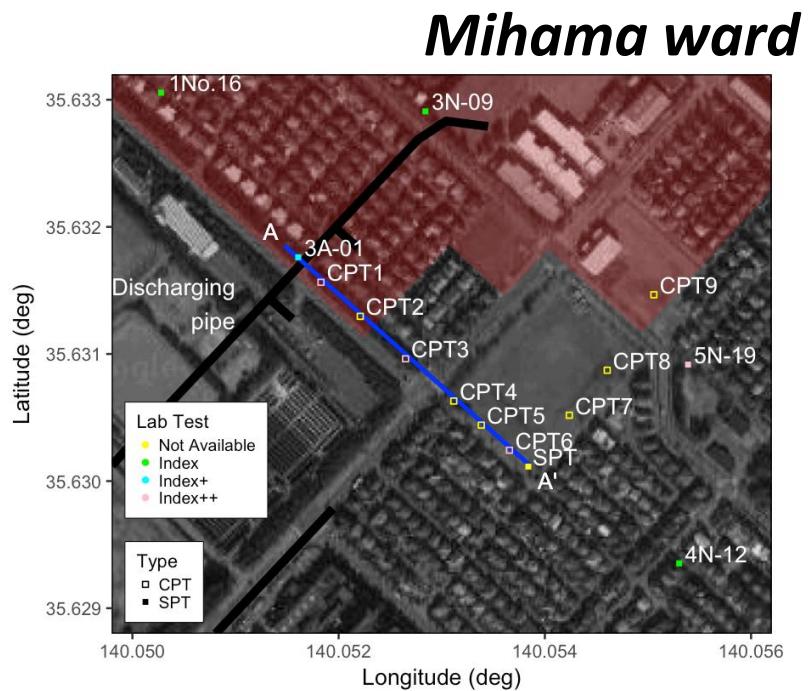
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# Recent case histories

## Tohoku M9.0 (Japan) 2011



From Kwak et al. (2018)



Accurate on-site measurements  
CPT/SPT profiles  
Variable performance

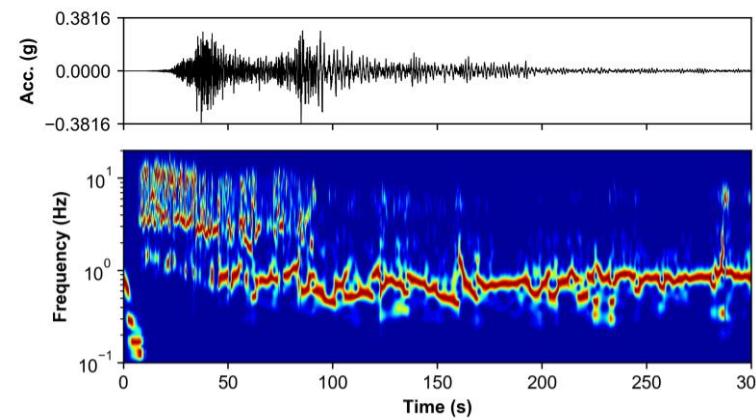
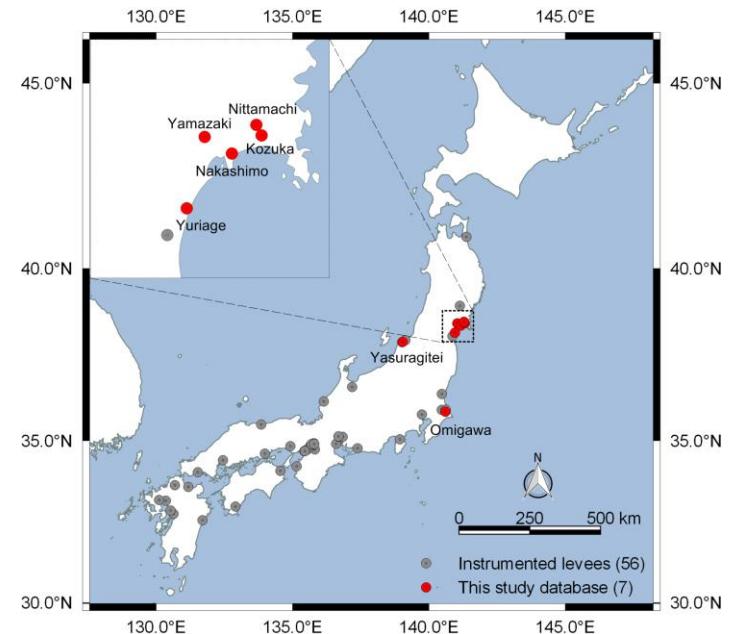
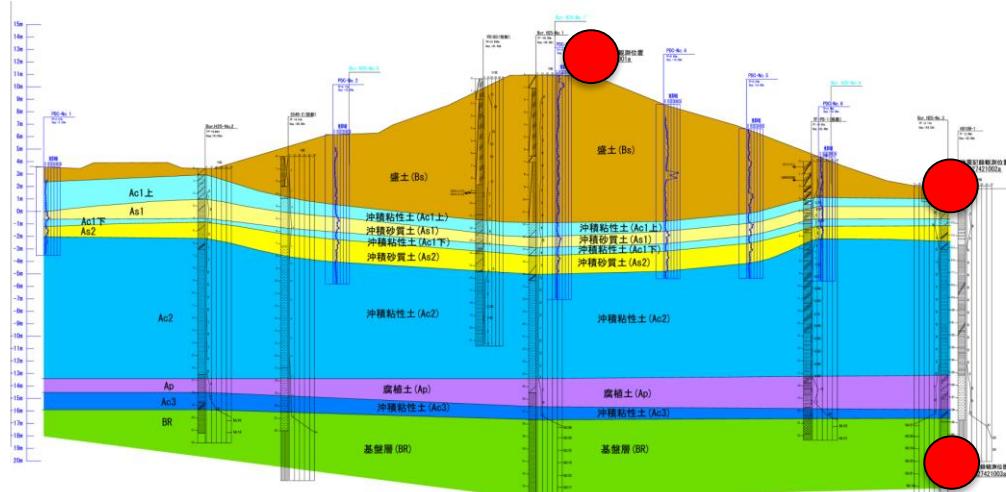
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## Instrumented levee arrays



Unpublished (UCLA team)



SPT profiles  
Recording arrays

**3 case histories  
(Complete – will be under review soon)**

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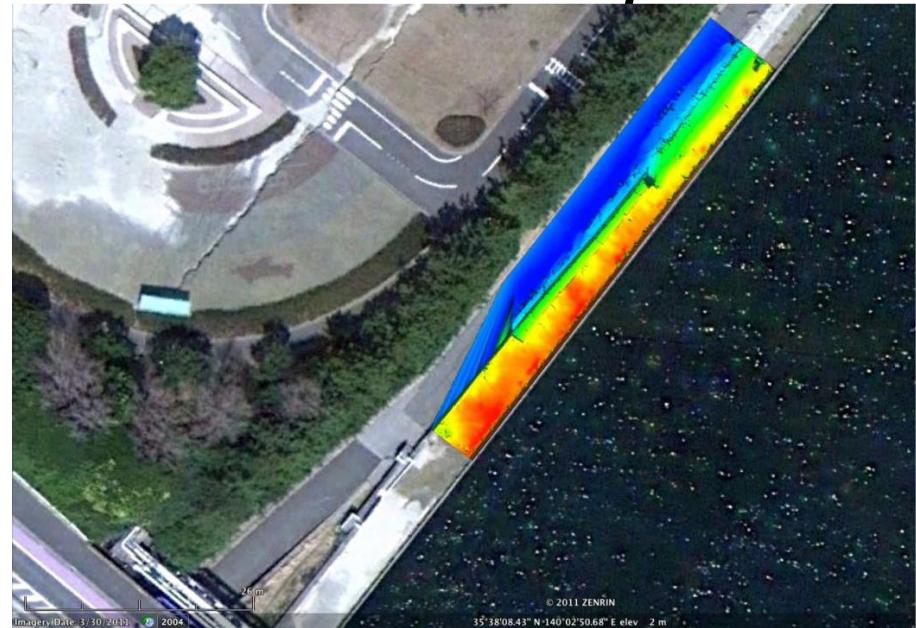
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## Tohoku M9.0 (Japan) 2011



4/3/2011 2:20:17 PM (+9.0 hrs) Lat=35.63495 Lon=140.04723 Alt=24ft MSL WGS 1984

*Additional lateral spread sites*



3 SPT profiles

LiDAR

Accurate on-site measurements



**3 case histories  
(work in progress  
UCLA-BYU)**

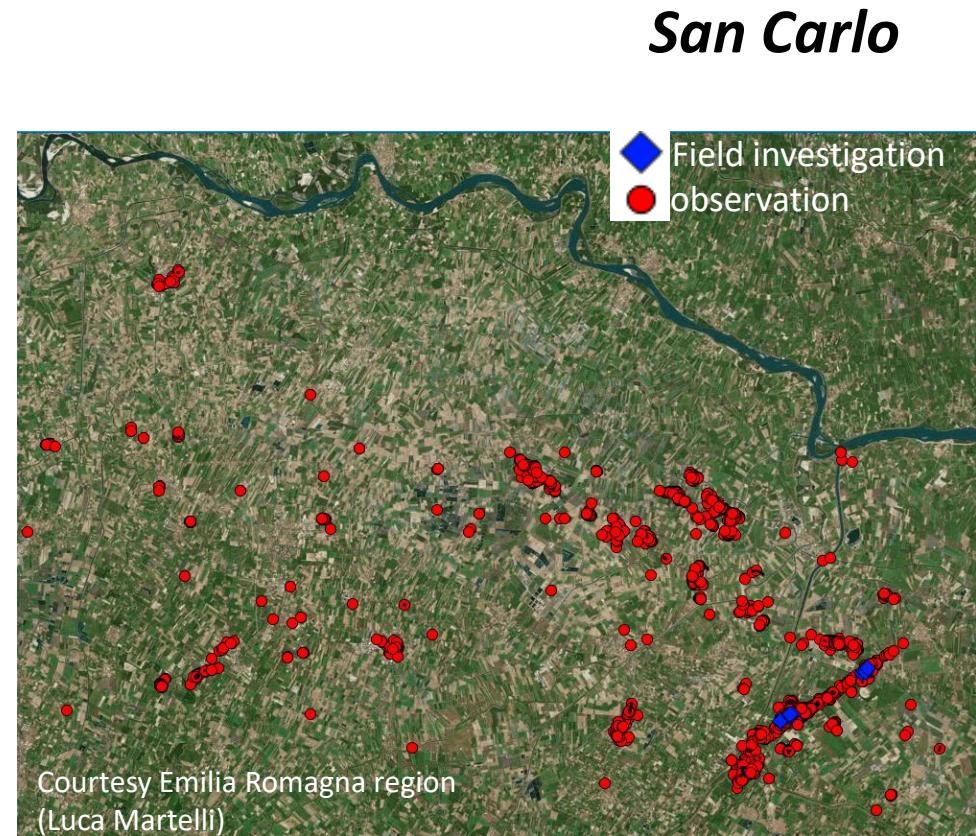
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From Emergeo (2012)

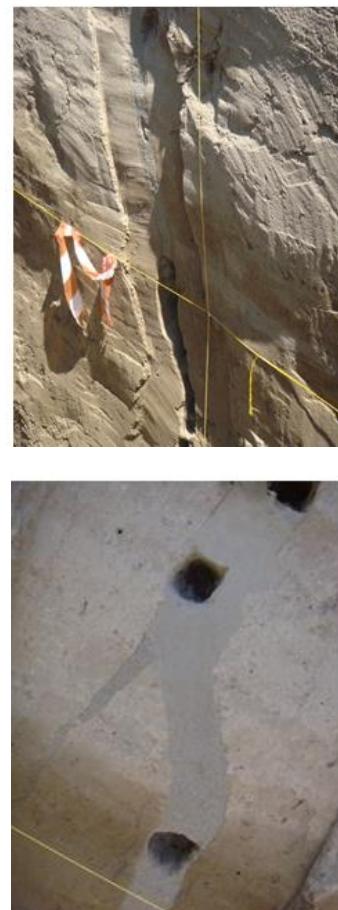


**4 case histories**  
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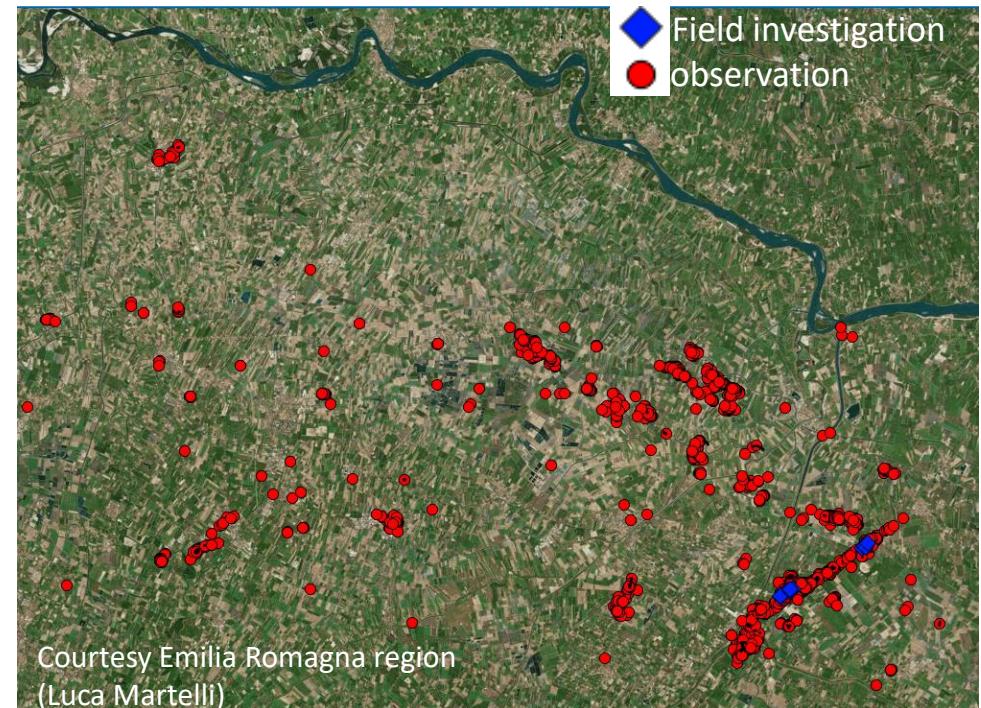
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## Emilia M5.8 (Italy) 2012



*San Felice*



**4 case histories**  
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From Crespellani et al. (2012)  
and Durante pers. Comm.

# Final Remarks

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- In recent years unprecedented amount of post-earthquake data
- Need of defining priority (high-quality and consequential case histories)
- Opportunity for spatial/regional analysis in combination with traditional geotechnical approaches
- Larger parameter space – opportunity for focused studies

# Thank you!

## Questions?



**Project homepage:**

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

**Database:**

<http://nextgenerationliquefaction.org>

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