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# NGL: An Open-Source Database for Next-Generation of Liquefaction Assessment Procedures and its Impact on Global Community Resilience

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# Outline

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Introduction and project needs

The Next-Generation Liquefaction database

Current status of the NGL database

Vision for community access and final remarks

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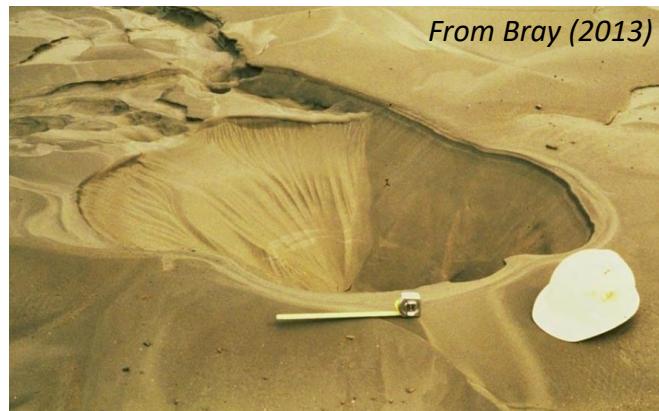


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# Current challenges: Liquefaction and its effects

*Liquefaction manifestations (Loma Prieta, 1989)*



*and its effects (Kocaeli, 1999)*



*Effects on infrastructure (Northridge, 1994)*

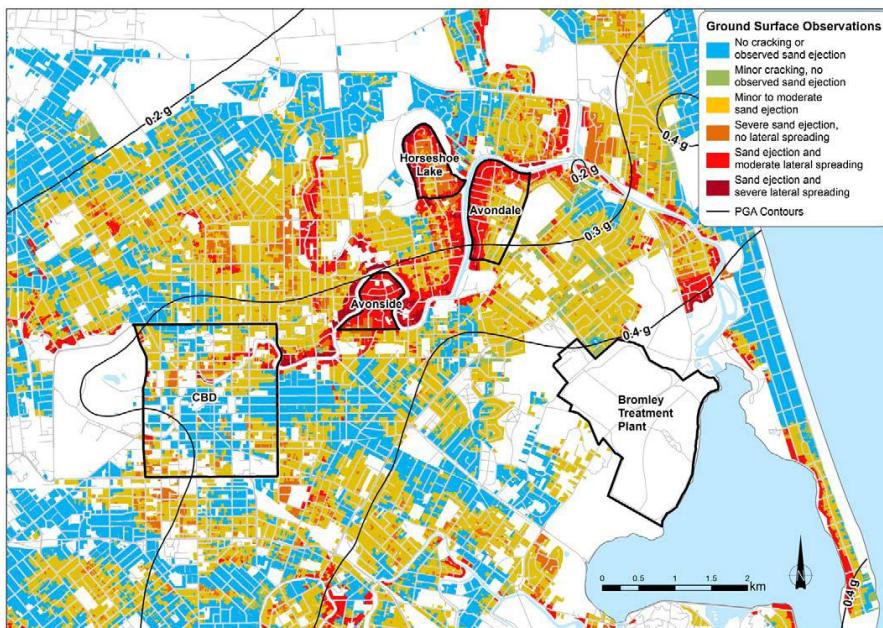


*and distributed systems (levees, Tohoku, 2011)*

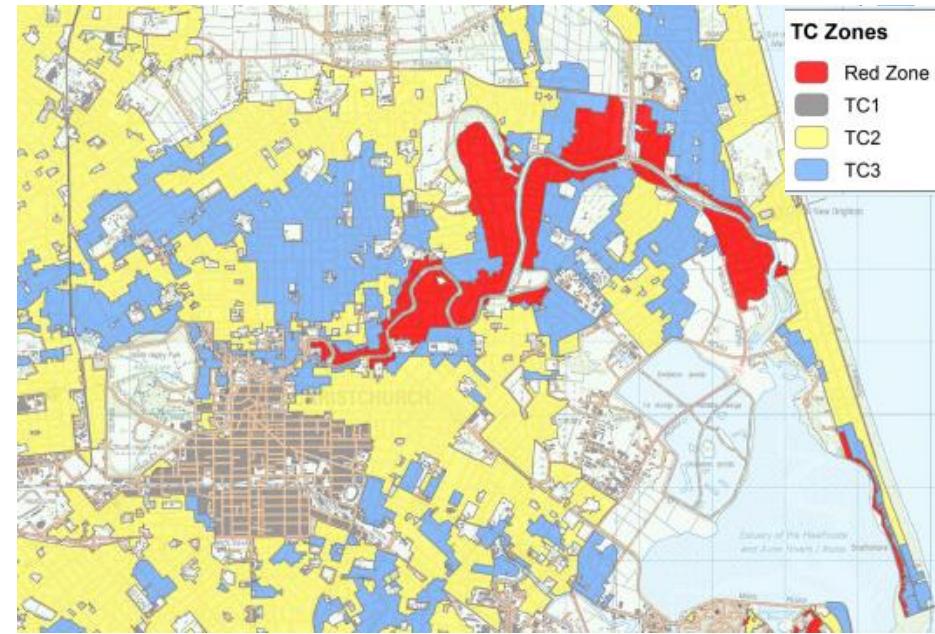


# Current challenges: regional-scale analysis

*Community resilience – The example of Christchurch  
Post-earthquake damage assessment (2011 event)*



*Liquefaction-induced damages  
(from van Ballegooy et al., 2014)*



*Future land planning of Christchurch  
(from Saunders and Becker, 2015)*

# Project needs

## *Liquefaction triggering assessment: current status*

### Small data sets

A few sites are especially consequential

Alternate liquefaction models provide different outcomes

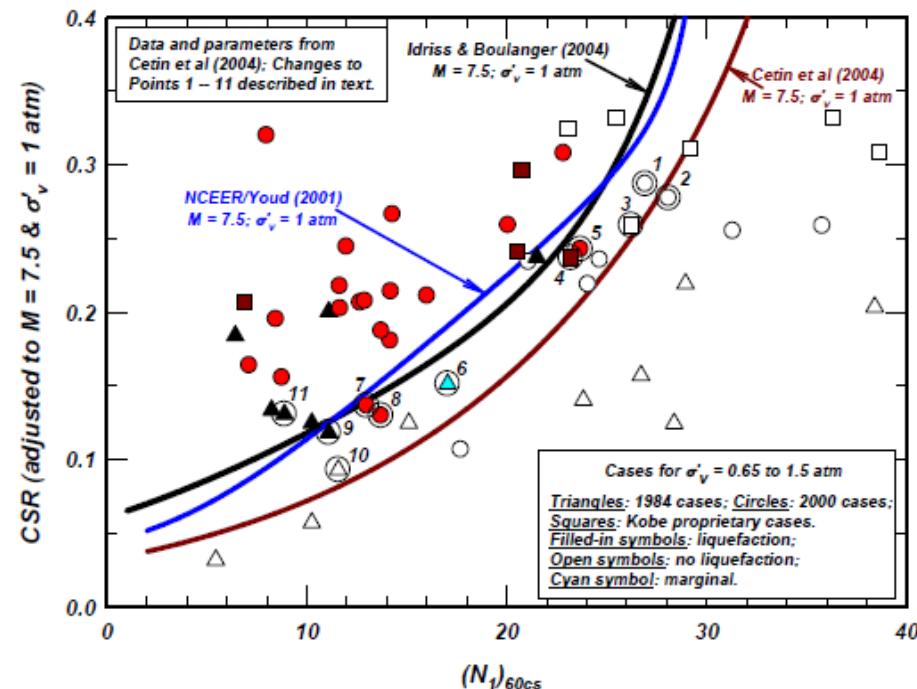
Existing data sets are necessarily incomplete, especially:

Depth > 10 m

**M** > 7.5 and **M** < 6.0

FC > 30%

CSR > 0.4

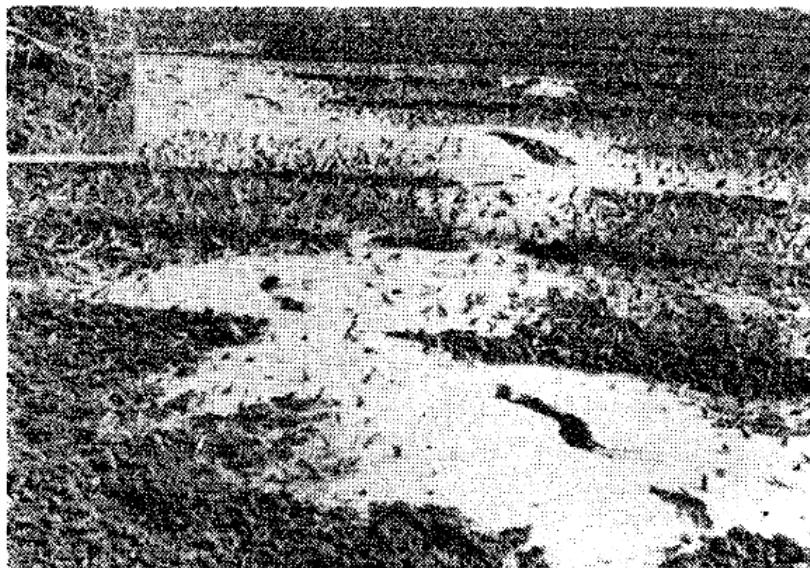


*From Idriss and Boulanger (2010)*

# Data quality: Legacy vs new case-histories

## Legacy case histories:

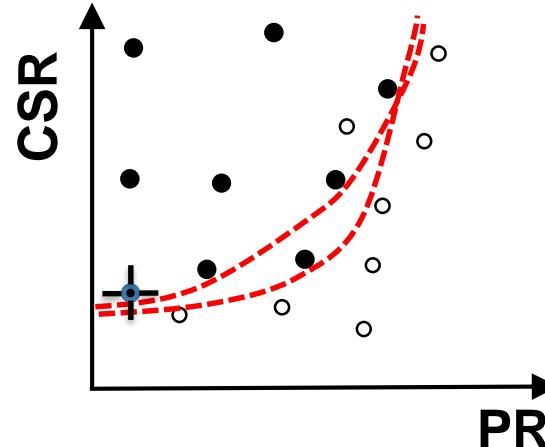
face clay silt layer. Following the 1977 earthquake, signs of liquefaction such as ejection of fine sand through the fissures or cracks were observed here and there in this area. Photo. 2 shows typical sand ejection



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

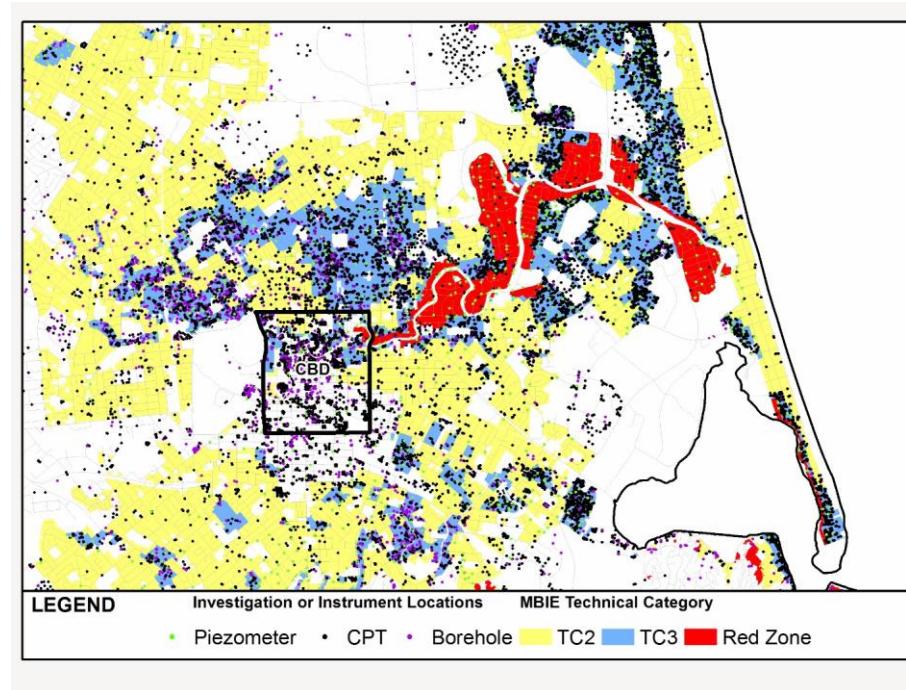
- Liquefaction
- No Ground Failure



# Data quality: Legacy vs new case-histories

*Recent case histories:*

- High-quality characterization

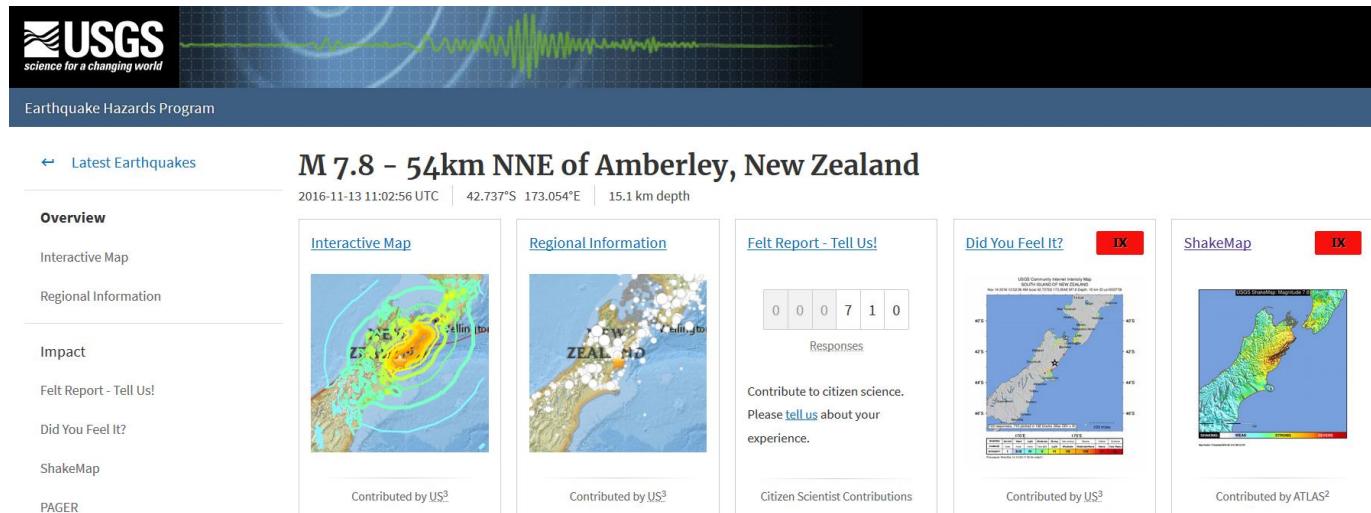


The Canterbury Geotechnical Database  
From: [www.tonkintaylor.co.nz](http://www.tonkintaylor.co.nz)

# Data quality: Legacy vs new case-histories

*Recent case histories:*

- High quality magnitude estimation
- Large digital networks (good ground motion characterization)

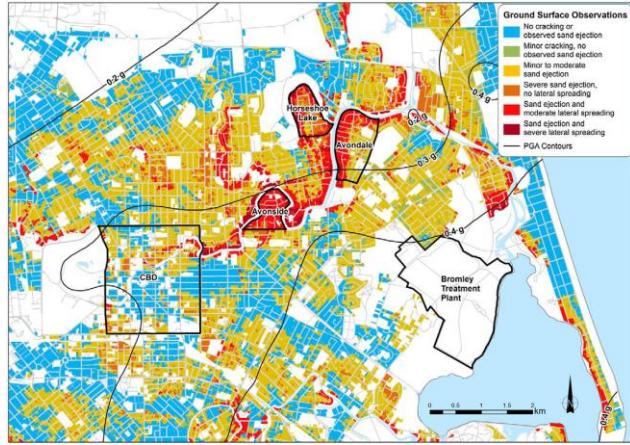


Event page for the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake (New Zealand)  
From [earthquake.usgs.gov](http://earthquake.usgs.gov)

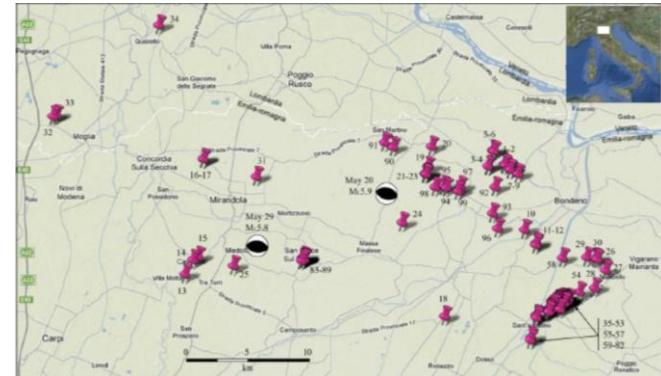
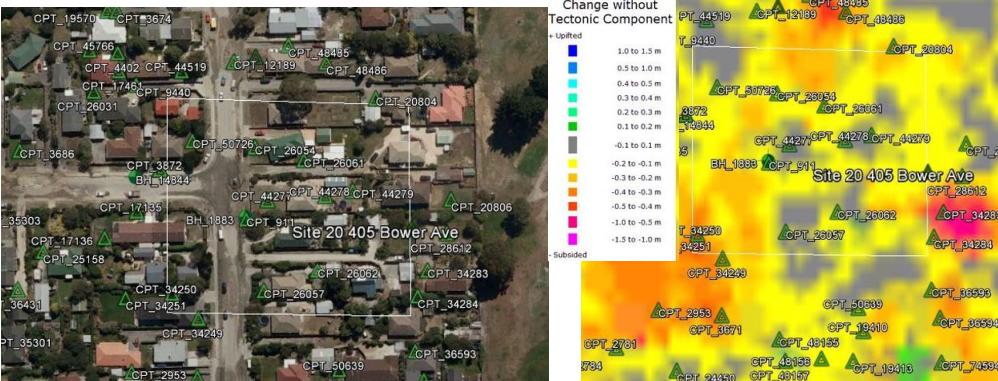
# Data quality: Legacy vs new case-histories

*Recent case histories:*

- Unprecedented quantity/quality of observations



From Van Ballegooij et al. (2014)



From Emergeo (2012)



# NGL Vision

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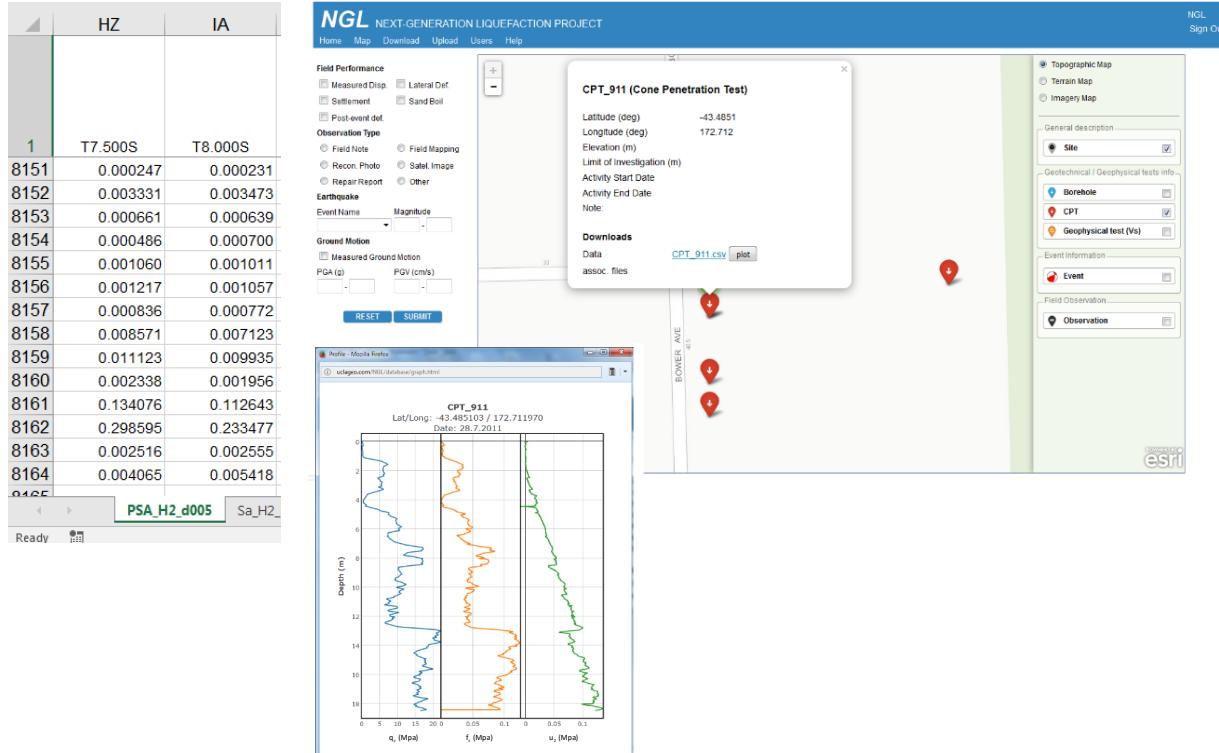
- Community field **case history database**
- **Fully-vetted** database
- **Formal relational database**
- Large amount of **high-quality** data
- **Supporting studies** of critical effects poorly constrained by data
- **Model development:** team meetings, common resources, required parameter space

# Traditional vs Next-Generation Databases

**From spreadsheet**  
(Traditional data analysis)

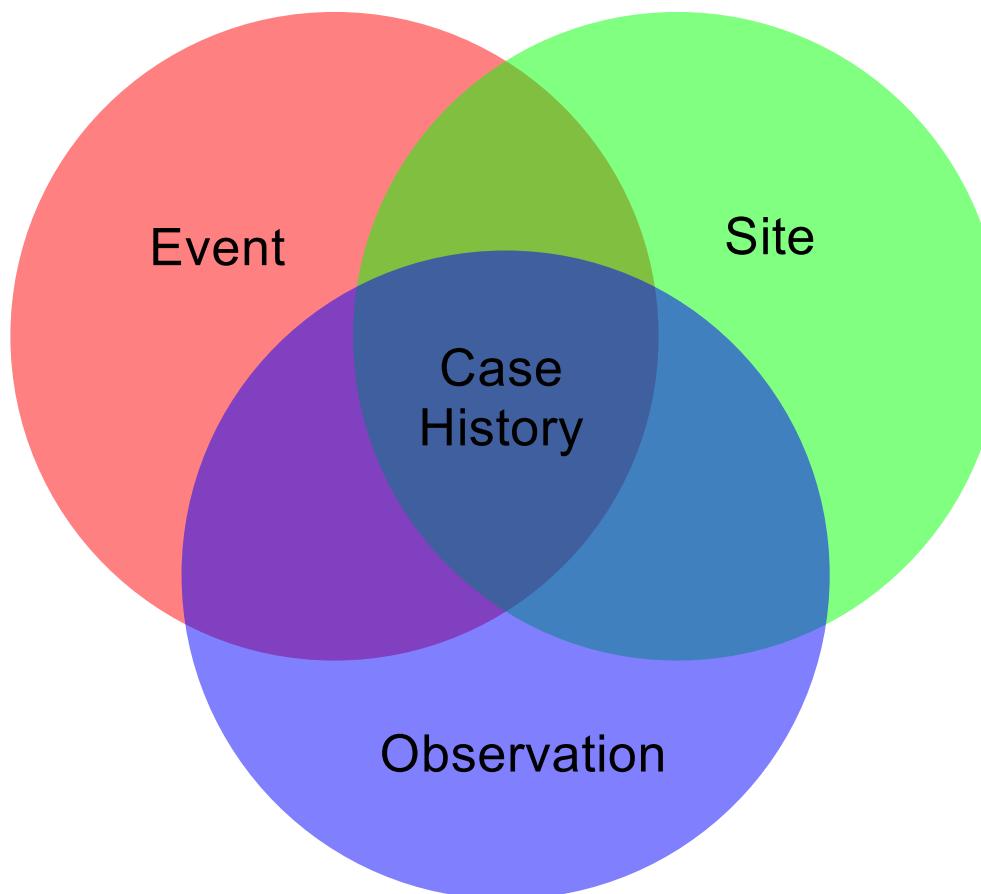
Record Sequence Number	EQID	Earthquake Name	YEAR	MODY	HRMN
2 1	0001	Helena, Montana-01	1935	1031	1838
3 2	0002	Helena, Montana-02	1935	1031	1918
4 3	0003	Humbolt Bay	1937	0207	0442
5 4	0004	Imperial Valley-01	1938	0606	0242
6 5	0005	Northwest Calif-01	1938	0912	0610
7 6	0006	Imperial Valley-02	1940	0519	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

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



# NGL case-history definition

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# NGL Database GUI development

Next-Generation Liquefaction Database

The screenshot shows the initial version of the NGL Database GUI. It features a world map at the top with zoom controls. Below the map is a sidebar with a 'Data Statistics' section showing 68 sites, 70 boreholes, 419 CPTs, 0 test pits, 84 geophysical tests, 52 sieve tests, 52 Atterberg limit tests, 0 consolidation tests, 0 triaxial monotonic tests, 0 triaxial cyclic tests, and 0 others. There are also sections for 'Field Performance' (Measured Disp., Settlement, Post-event def.), 'Observation Type' (Field Note, Recon. Photo, Repair Report), 'Earthquake' (Event Name, Magnitude), 'Ground Motion' (PGA (g), PGV (cm/s)), and a 'Statistics' section. A 'RESET' and 'SUBMIT' button are at the bottom. The PEER logo is visible at the bottom left.

*Several beta-versions incorporating community inputs*

The screenshot shows the NGL Beta 2 interface. It includes a larger, more detailed world map with numerous red and green circular markers indicating specific locations. On the left, there is a sidebar with sections for 'Field Performance' (Measured Disp., Settlement, Post-event def.), 'Observation Type' (Field Note, Recon. Photo, Repair Report), 'Earthquake' (Type event name, Magnitude), 'Ground Motion' (PGA (g), PGV (cm/s)), and 'Statistics'. On the right, there is a large panel for 'Event Information' with checkboxes for various types of data like Boreholes, CPTs, Test Pits, etc. Logos for SwRI, PEER, Caltrans, U.S.NRC, MPC, and UDOT are displayed at the bottom.

**Ver. Beta\_1**  
(csv + SQL)



**Ver. Beta\_2**  
(full SQL)



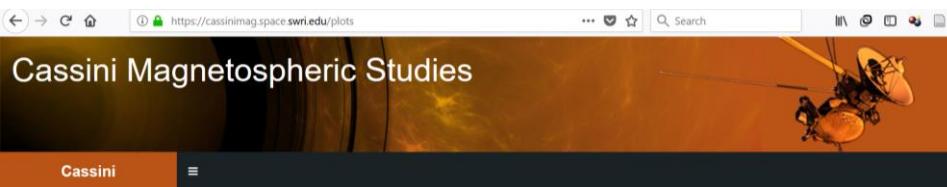
**Official release (ver. 2.04)**  
(full SQL + Review)

# NGL Database GUI development



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**[www.nextgenerationliquefaction.org](http://www.nextgenerationliquefaction.org)**

DOI: [10.21222/C2J040](https://doi.org/10.21222/C2J040)

The screenshot displays the NGL Database GUI interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Map', 'Actions', 'Admin', 'Current Mode: Admin', and 'Log Out'. Below the navigation bar is a search bar labeled 'Event'.

The main area features a world map showing various seismic event locations. Events are marked with red and green symbols, and some have small circles indicating their magnitude. A legend on the right side of the map provides options for 'Topographic Map (high res.)', 'Imagery Map (middle res.)', and 'Terrain Map (low res.)'.

To the left of the map, there is a sidebar with several sections:

- Sites**: Includes 'Field Performance' and 'Field Investigation' dropdown menus.
- Earthquake**: Contains a search field for 'Type event name' and a 'Magnitude' filter with 'min' and 'max' dropdowns. A list of recent events is provided, such as 'M6.9 Kobe, Japan' and 'M6.5 Imperial Valley-06'.
- Statistics**: Includes a 'Reset' button and a 'Submit' button.

At the bottom of the interface, there are logos for SwRI, PEER, Caltrans, U.S.NRC, MPC, and LTDOT, along with the text 'Keeping Utah Moving'.

# NGL Database GUI Earthquake Events

The screenshot shows a web-based application interface for managing earthquake events. At the top, there's a header with the NGL logo, a map button, an actions dropdown, and user authentication information. Below the header is a search bar and a toolbar with various icons. The main content area features a large image of a cracked asphalt road. Overlaid on this image is a table listing ten earthquake entries. The table has columns for Name, Magnitude, Date, and Actions. Each entry includes a link to edit or delete the record.

Name	Magnitude	Date	Actions
Tohoku-oki	9	1/13/11 5:46 PM	Edit Delete
Toho-oki - Hokkaido (Kuril Islands)	8.3	10/4/94 1:23 PM	Edit Delete
Tokachi	8.3	9/25/03 7:50 PM	Edit Delete
Tokachi-oki - off the east coast of Honshu	8.2	5/16/68 12:49 AM	Edit Delete
Denali, Alaska	7.9	11/3/02 12:00 AM	Edit Delete
Wenchuan, China	7.9	5/12/08 12:00 AM	Edit Delete
Kaikoura, New Zealand	7.8	11/13/16 11:02 AM	Edit Delete
Nihonkai-Chubu - near the west coast of Honshu	7.7	5/26/83 2:59 AM	Edit Delete
Sitka, Alaska	7.68	7/30/72 12:00 AM	Edit Delete
Chi-Chi, Taiwan	7.62	9/20/99 12:00 AM	Edit Delete



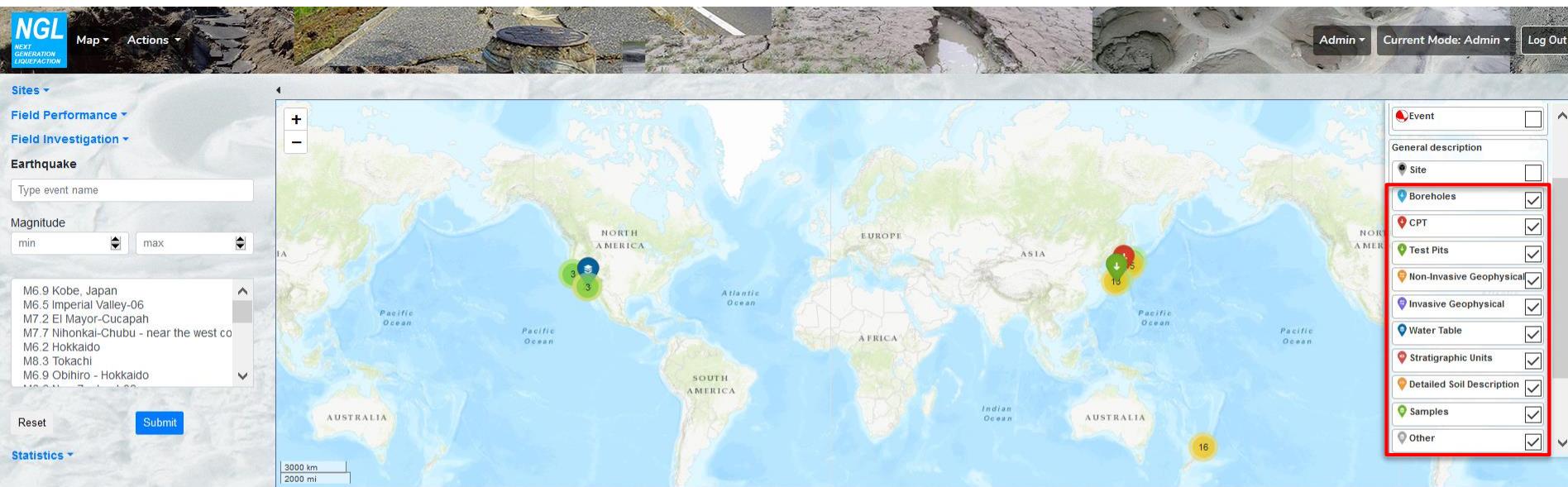
PEER Ground Motion Database  
Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center

NGA West 2 Database  
NGA Subduction (soon...)

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# NGL Database GUI (Map view)

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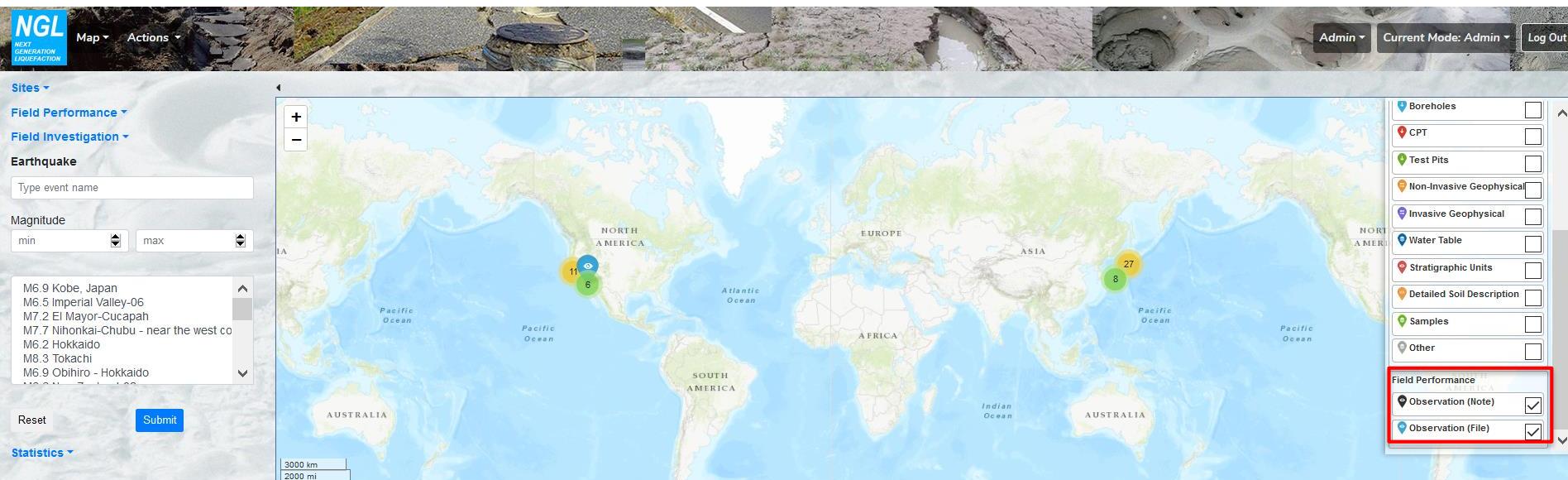


*Earthquake events (that produced observations)*

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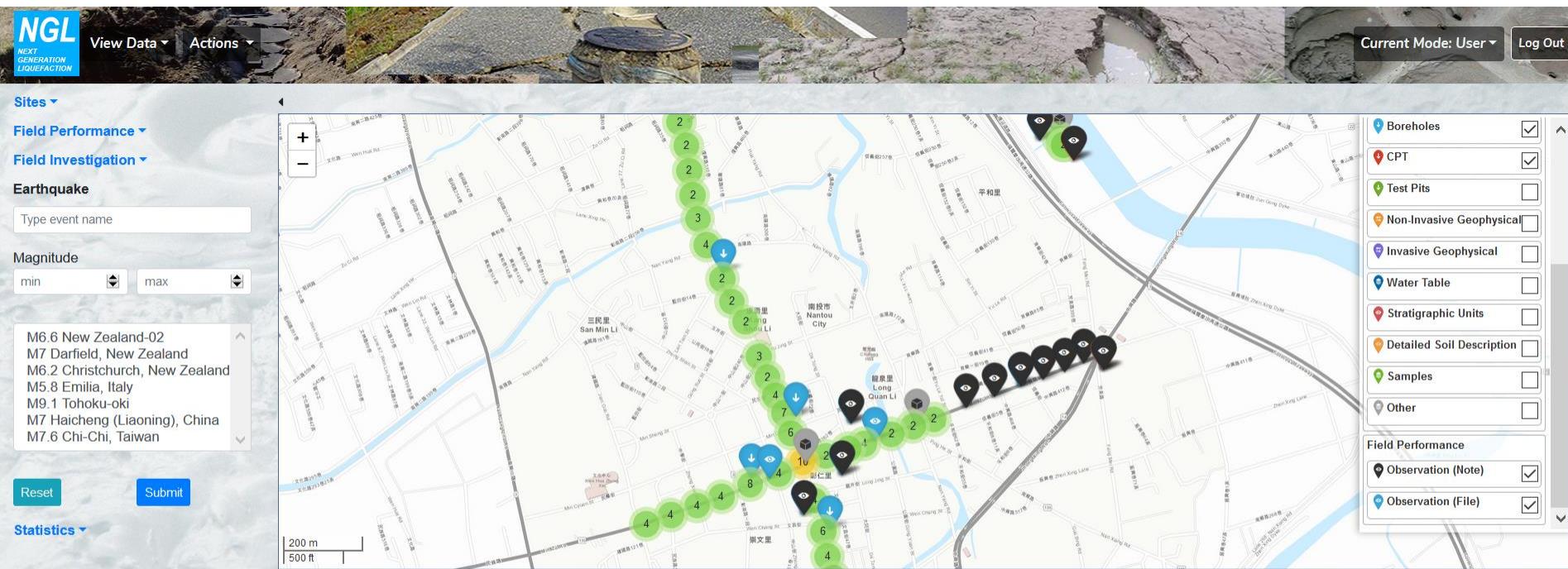


*Post-earthquake observations*

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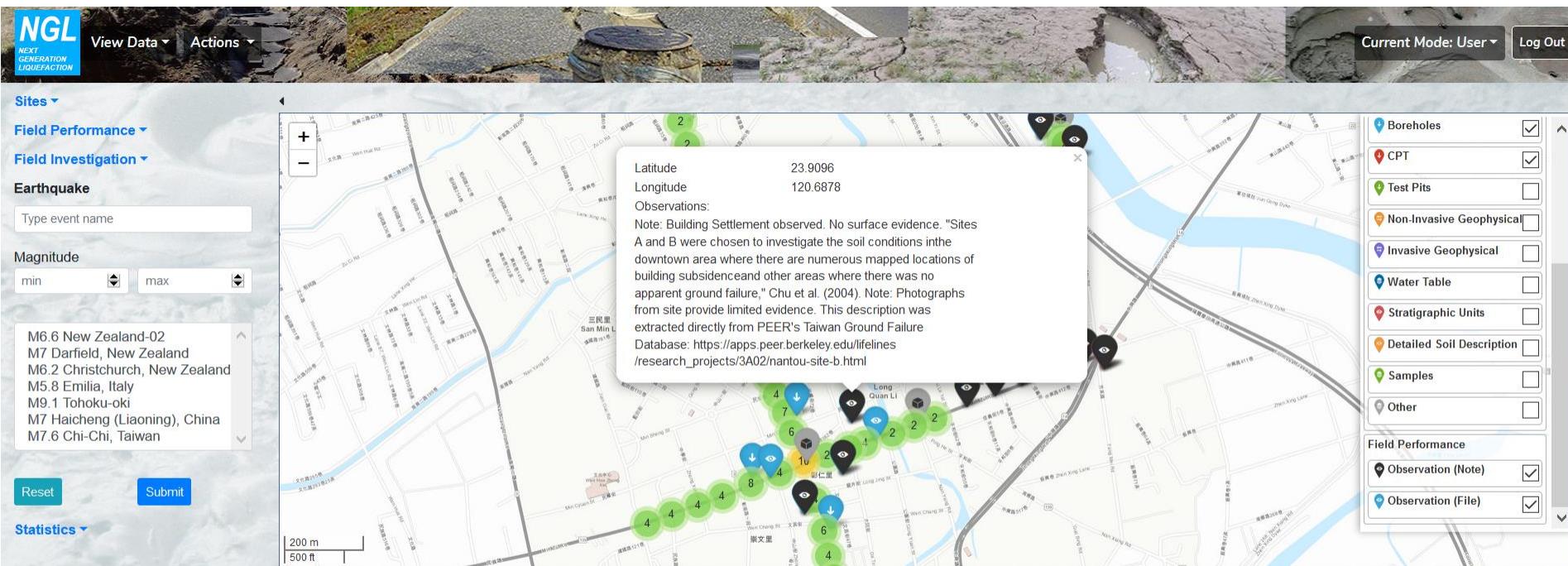
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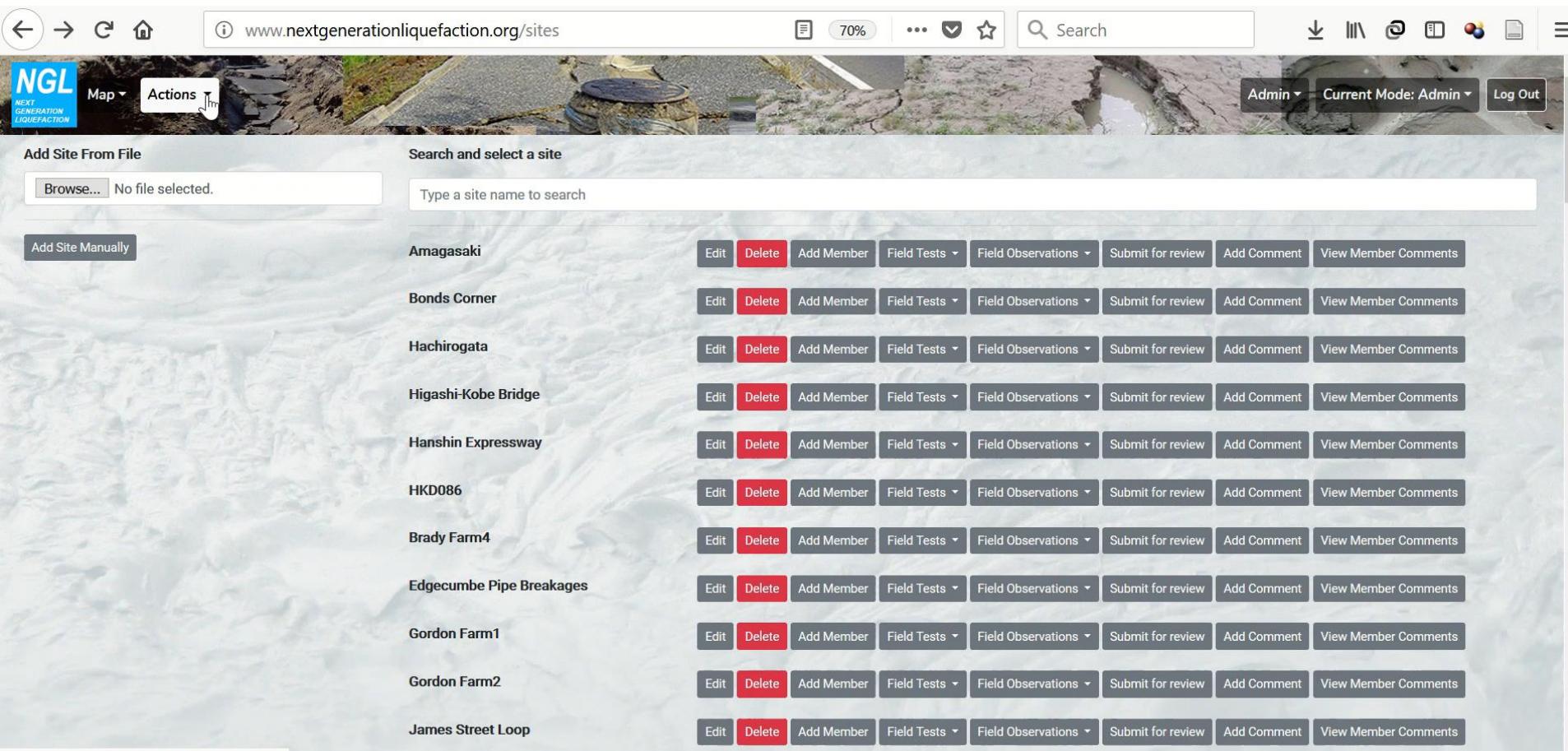
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# NGL Database GUI

## (List view and functionalities)

***www.nextgenerationliquefaction.org***



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The main content area is titled "Search and select a site". It includes a file upload section ("Add Site From File") with a "Browse..." button and a message "No file selected.", and a search input field ("Type a site name to search").

A table lists various sites with their names and actions:

Site Name	Action Buttons
Amagasaki	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
Bonds Corner	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
Hachirogata	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
Higashi-Kobe Bridge	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
Hanshin Expressway	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
HKD086	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
Brady Farm4	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
Edgecumbe Pipe Breakages	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
Gordon Farm1	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
Gordon Farm2	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments
James Street Loop	Edit, Delete, Add Member, Field Tests, Field Observations, Submit for review, Add Comment, View Member Comments

At the bottom left is the URL "www.nextgenerationliquefaction.org/sites#", and at the bottom right is the UCLA logo.

# NGL Database GUI

## (How to upload a case history?)

**[www.nextgenerationliquefaction.org](http://www.nextgenerationliquefaction.org)**

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'nextgenerationliquefaction.org/sites' page. The top navigation bar includes back, forward, refresh, and search icons. The URL is 'www.nextgenerationliquefaction.org/sites'. The main content area features a large image of a damaged concrete structure. On the left, there's a sidebar with the 'NGL' logo and 'Map' and 'Actions' buttons. Below the sidebar is a red-bordered box containing a 'Browse...' button and a message 'No file selected.' To the right of this box is a search bar with the placeholder 'Search and select a site' and a text input field for 'Type a site name to search'. At the bottom, there are several buttons: 'Add Site Manually', 'Amagasaki' (highlighted in blue), 'Edit', 'Delete', 'Add Member', 'Field Tests', 'Field Observations', 'Submit for review', 'Add Comment', and 'View Member Comments'. A red box highlights the 'Add Site From File' section.

## **1. Using the online guided step-by-step procedure**

## ***2. Using a pre-populated csv template (empty template + metadictionary provided)***

# NGL Database GUI

## (How to upload a case history?) metadictionary

*<http://nextgenerationliquefaction.org/schema/index.html>*

[NGL Database Home](#) [Schema index](#) [Tables](#) [Columns](#) [Constraints](#) [Relationships](#) [Orphan Tables](#) [Anomalies](#) [Routines](#)

### Tables

#### SchemaSpy Analysis of NGL\_11\_19\_2018

Generated on Tue Nov 27 12:08 PST 2018

XML Representation  
Insertion Order Deletion Order



#### Database Properties



Database Type: MySQL - 5.6.34-log

### Tables



All Tables Views Comments



Search:

Table / View	Children	Parents	Columns	Rows	Type	Comments
BORH	0	1	11	0	Table	General information for boreholes

# Database Current Status

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- Legacy case-histories (used in the past for model development) are in the process of being added (~300 case histories)
- Case histories with co-located recording stations
- Recent case histories
  - Christchurch 2010-2011 sequence (New Zealand)
  - Tohoku 2011 M9.1 earthquake (Japan)
  - Emilia 2012 M5.9 (Italy)
- Stable database GUI officially released on 09/24/2018

# Database Current Status

- Christchurch (New Zealand) 2010-2011 sequence:

Green et al. (2014) case histories (VTech Green and Ulmer)

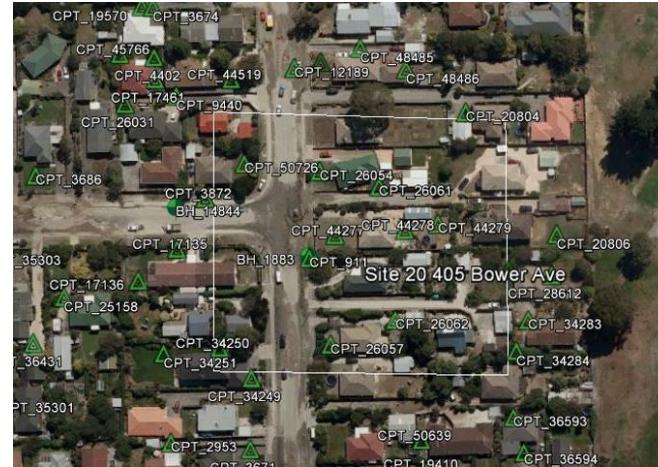
**25 sites, 50 case histories (Complete - under review)**

Tonkin + Taylor case histories (Van Ballegooij and Liu)

**37 sites, 135 case histories (Complete – will be under review soon)**

UC Berkeley sites (Bray and Beyzaei)

**10 sites, 20 case histories (Complete - under review)**



# Database Current Status

- Tohoku (Japan) 2011 M9.1 event – Unpublished

Urayasu + Mihama - UCLA

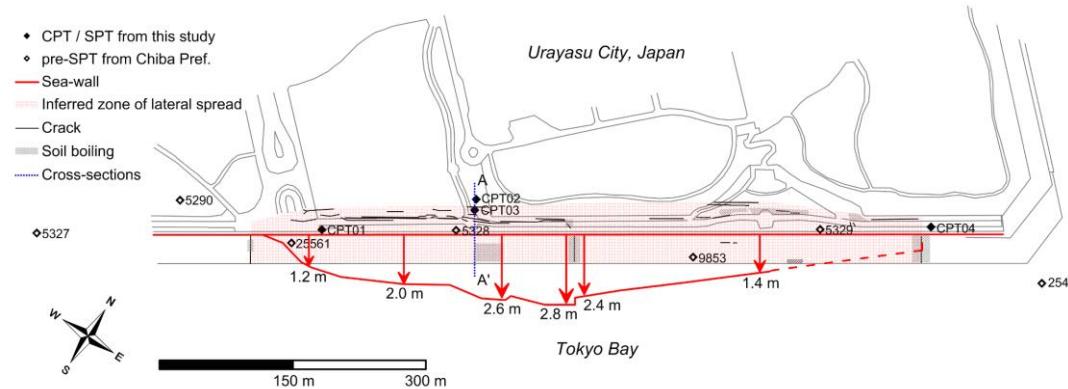
**2 sites/case histories (Complete – under review)**

Instrumented levee arrays - UCLA

**3 sites/case histories (Complete – under review)**

Additional lateral spread sites – UCLA-BYU

**3 sites/case histories (work in progress)**



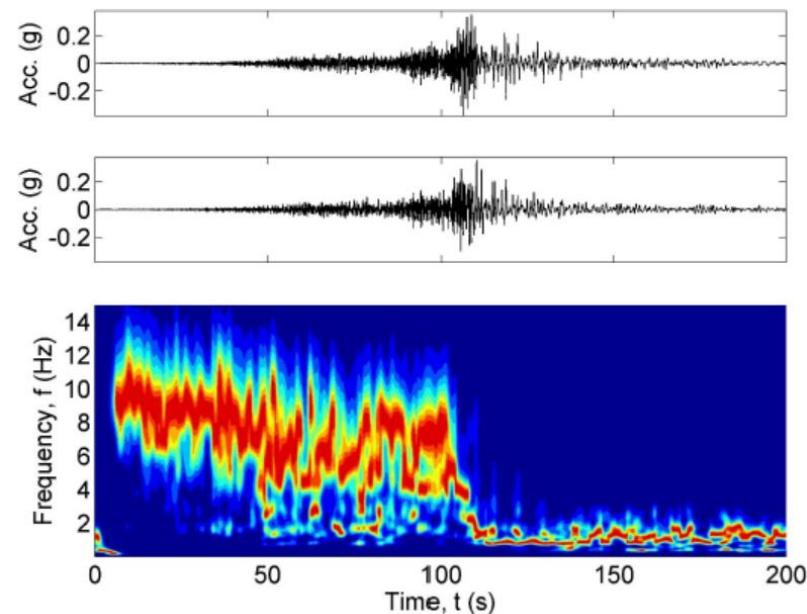
# Database Current Status

- Case histories with co-located recording stations  
(Kramer and Greenfield (U. Washington))

**16 sites, 22 case histories (Complete - under review)**



Ibaraki, Japan (2011 – Tohoku):  
from Kramer et al. (2016) and  
M. Greenfield pers. comm.



- Emilia (Italy) 2012 M5.8 earthquake – UCLA
- 4 sites/4 case histories (Complete - will be under review soon)**

# Review/Vetting Process

## NGL Database working group

**Purpose:** to verify that required fields are present and the inputs match source materials.

Bi-weekly meetings.

Standardized procedure to look at data.

Review performed via **NGL graphical interface** – easy process!

# Vision for Community Access *(to cloud or not to cloud?)*



- Large amount of data, processing them on a laptop is inefficient (but still possible).
- The database is mirrored onto DesignSafe ([www.designsafe-ci.org](http://www.designsafe-ci.org)). Cloud-based tools (i.e. Jupyter notebooks)

jupyter Interactive Plots\_modified-pymysql Last Checkpoint: Yesterday at 12:43 AM (autosaved) Logout Control Panel Trusted Python 3 C

File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Widgets Help

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NEXT GENERATION LIQUEFACTION

This post-processing tool generates CPT/SPT/VS profile for each case history in the NGL database. Queries are produced for earthquake events that produced observations and sites for which geotechnical data are available.

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Select the event.

EVENT

Select the site.

SITE

**Remarks:** Industrial site near Yomoga River. Coordinates inferred from Abe site plan

Select the test.

TEST

Select the Ground Water Depth or select "Other" and enter the depth.

GWD  Other:

Select the Peak Ground Acceleration or select "Other" and enter a value.

PGA  0.316 -- Calculated from recorded ground motion  
 Other:

Click button to plot soil data.

# Final Remarks

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- Release of stable database GUI: *[nextgenerationliquefaction.org](http://nextgenerationliquefaction.org)*
- The NGL relational database (being populated): capabilities for big data analytics
- Vetted database (NGL working group)
- NGL-NGA interaction – earthquake events
- The NGL database is mirrored onto DesignSafe – Cloud-based analytics

# Thank you!

## Questions?

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