

Effective Stress Analysis to Evaluate Ejecta Severity at Sandy and Silty Soil Sites

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Sediment Ejecta

1. Case Histories: 2010-2011 Canterbury EQs
Inconsistent assessment with current procedures
2. Physical Process: Back-Analysis
Use effective stress analyses to gain insight
3. Quantify its severity
Ejecta Potential Index (EPI)

2011 February Christchurch EQ

Source: M. Cubrinovski (UC Canterbury)

M_w 6.2 2011 February
Christchurch

Why?

Underestimated Case

R_{rup} : 4.7 km

PGA: 0.38 g

Estimation: Moderate

Observation: **EXTREME**

Shirley

The sunk car

Christchurch CBD

St Teresa

Overestimated Case

R_{rup} : 5.7 km

PGA: 0.34 g

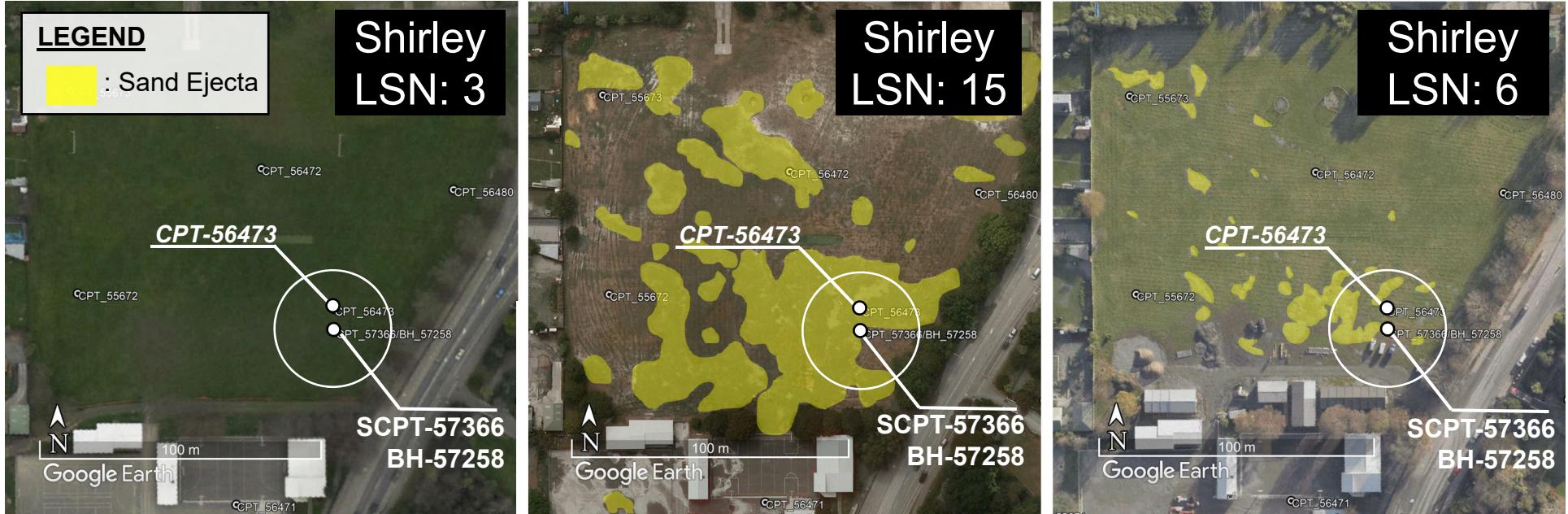
Estimation: Severe

Observation: **NONE**

2011 Christchurch Rupture
Bradley & Cubrinovski (2011)



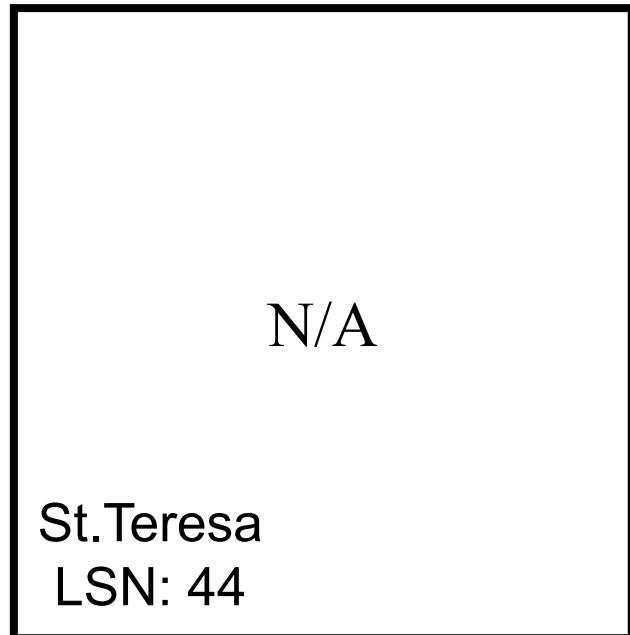
9 km



Darfield (None)

Christchurch (Extreme)

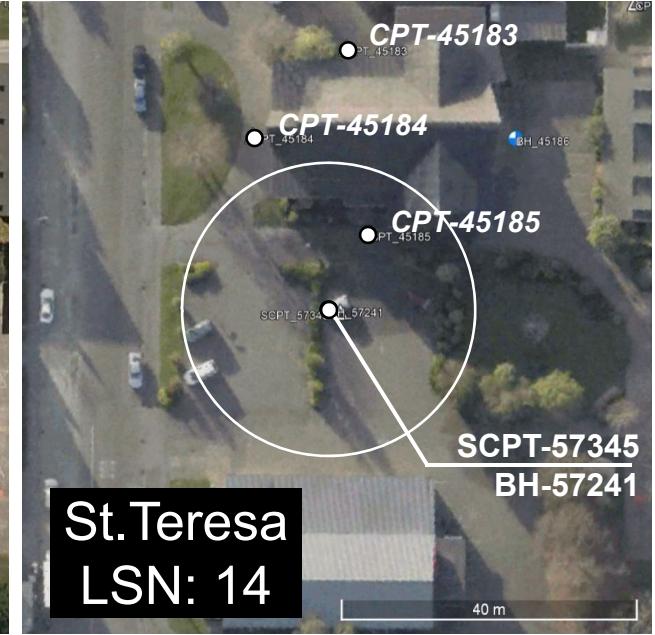
June (Severe)



Darfield (None)

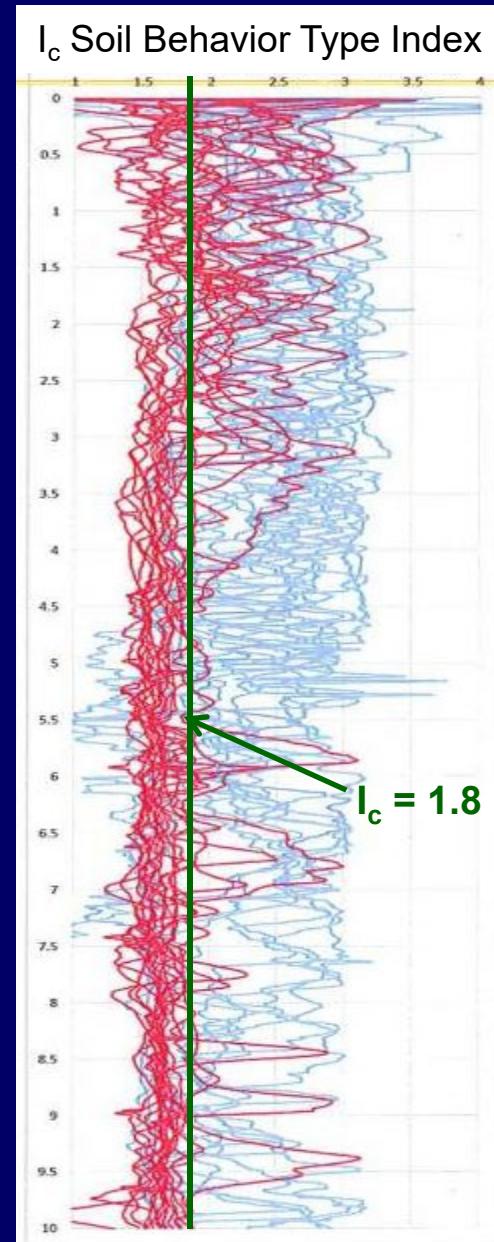
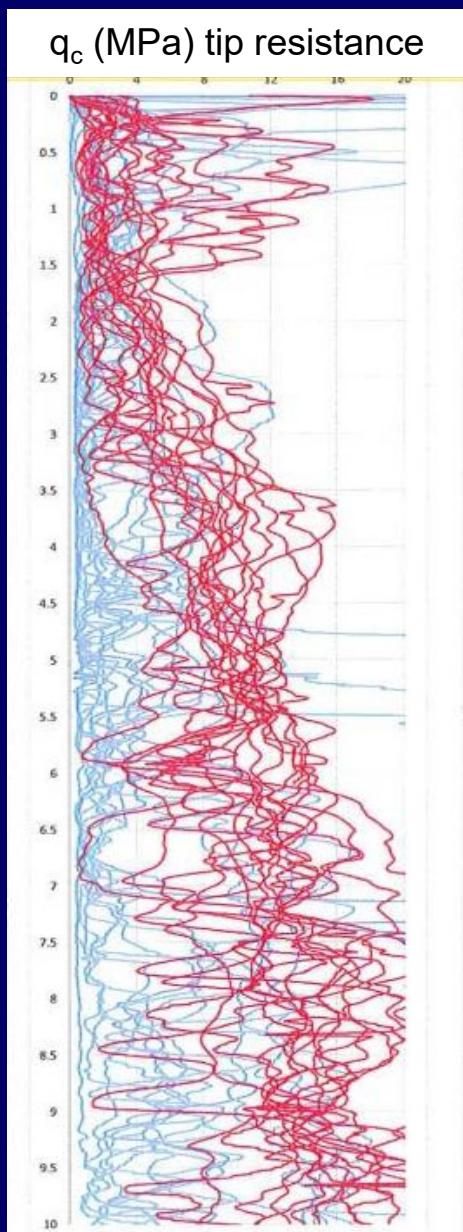


Christchurch (None)



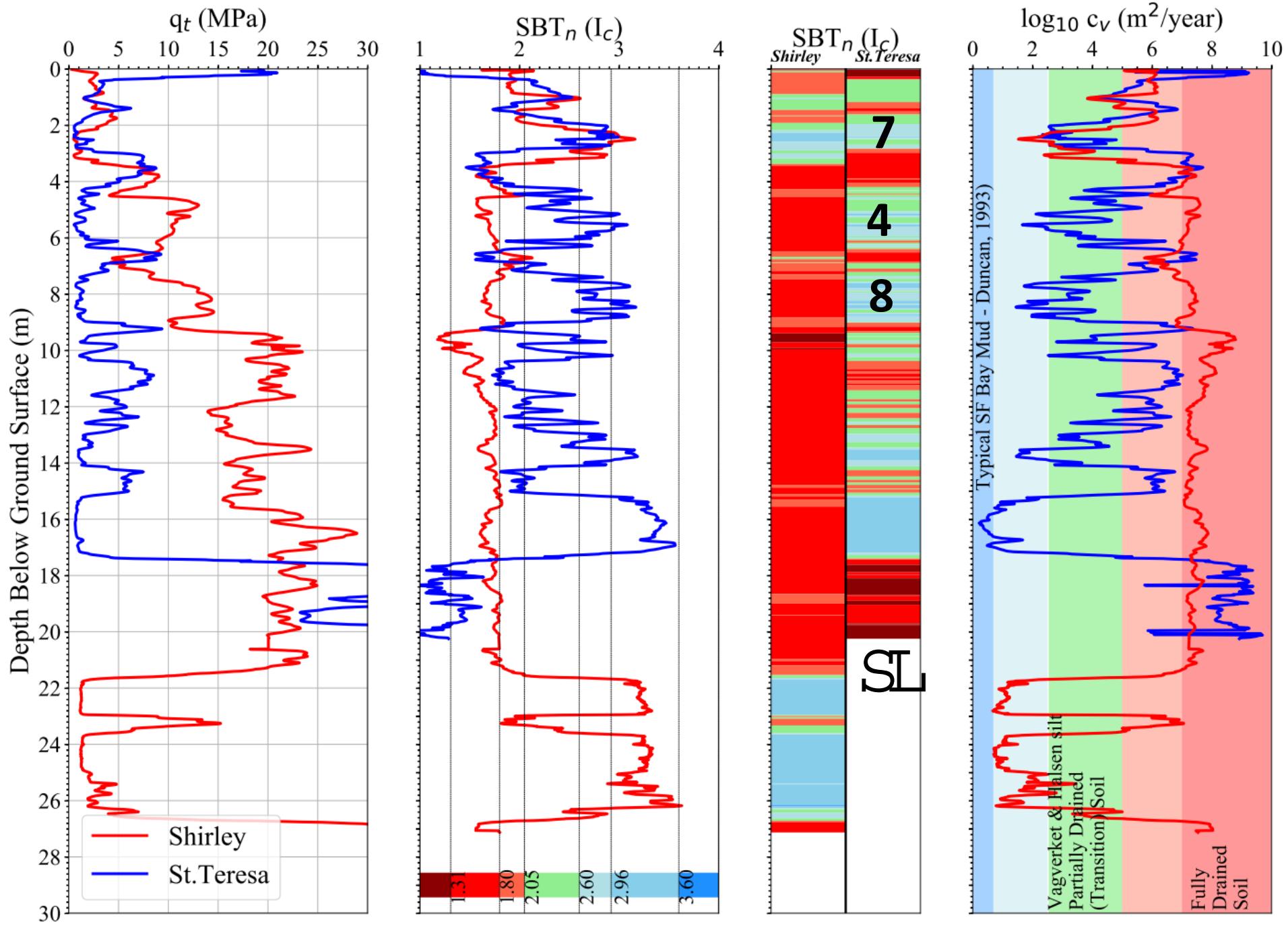
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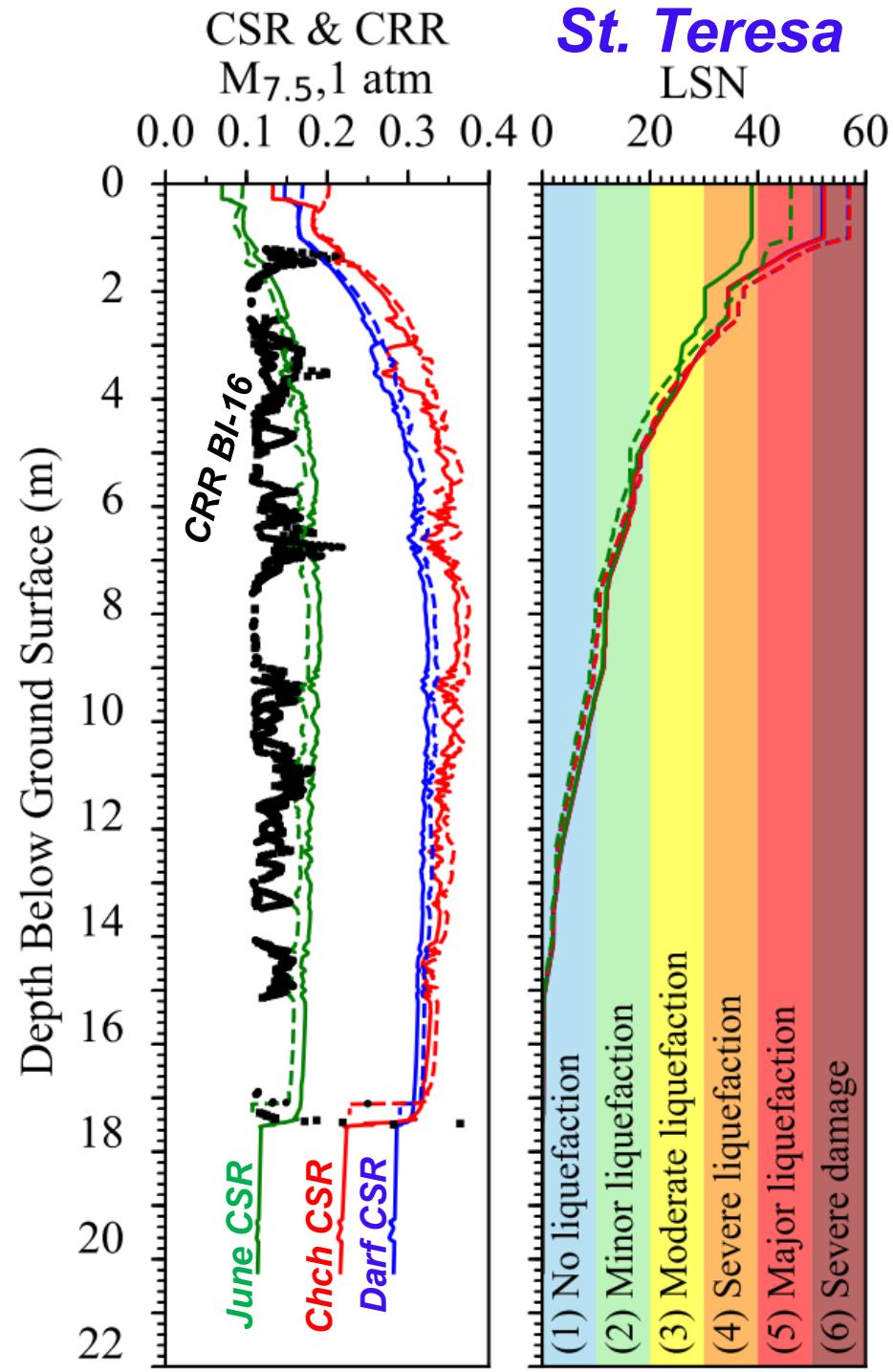
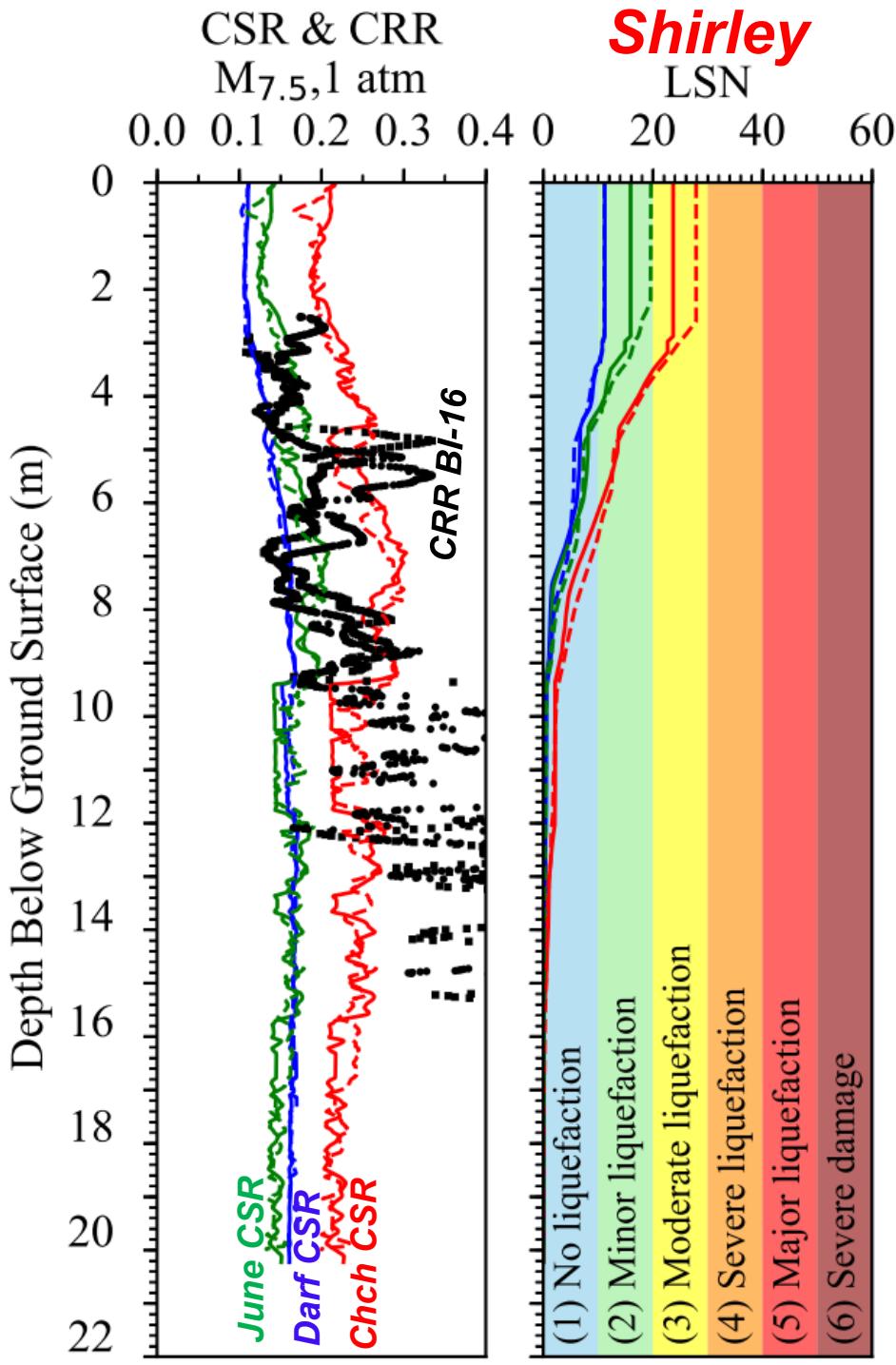
Occurrence of Liquefaction Ejecta Related to CPT Profile



2010 Darfield EQ
Ejecta Observed
No Ejecta

van Ballegooy et al.
Tonkin & Taylor
for the EQC





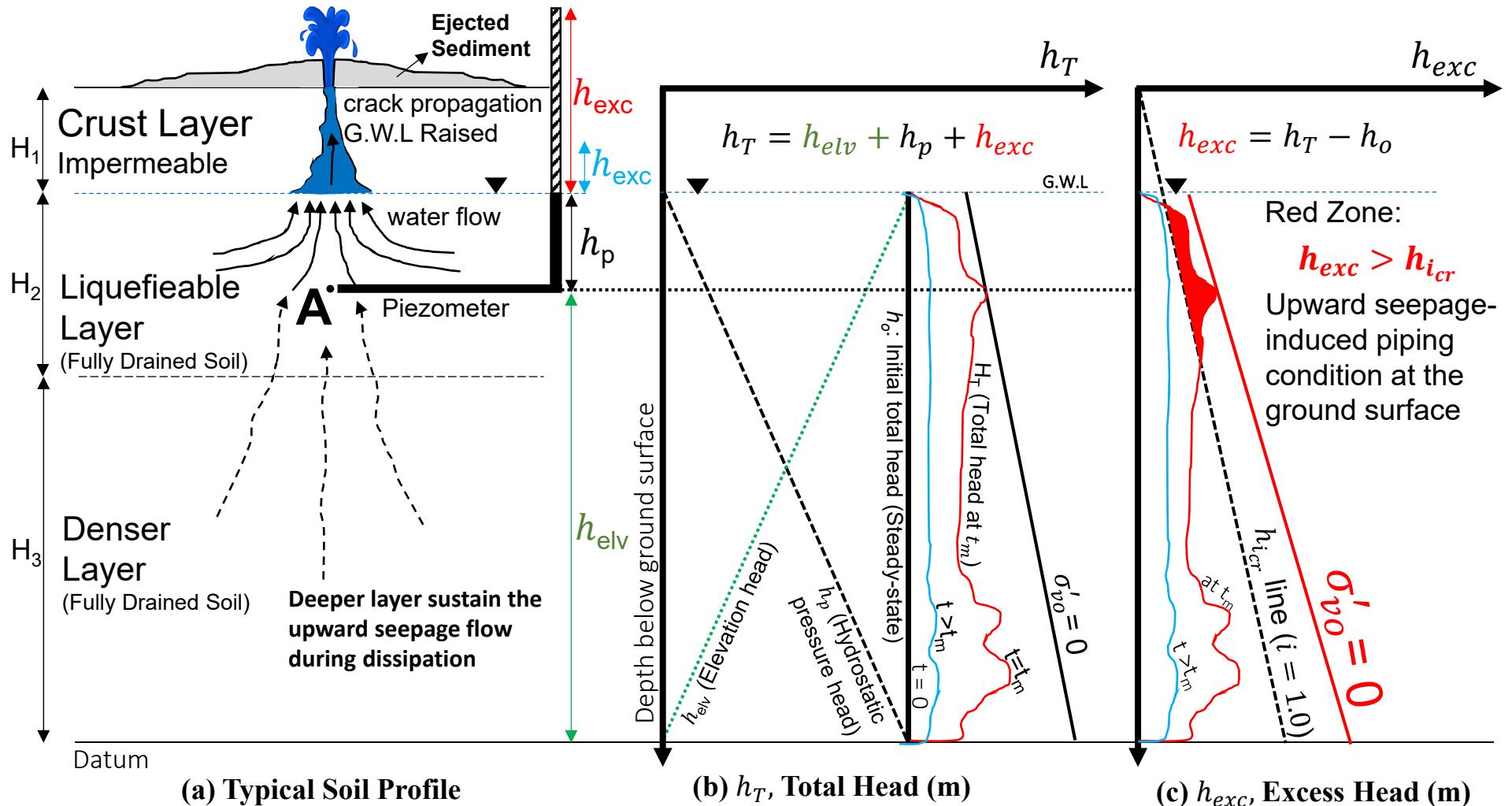
M_w 6.0 June 13 , 2011 Christchurch Earthquake



*Original Video Duration: 3 mins 27 sec
Location: Christchurch Suburb*

<https://youtu.be/rRVK5NJE2qE>

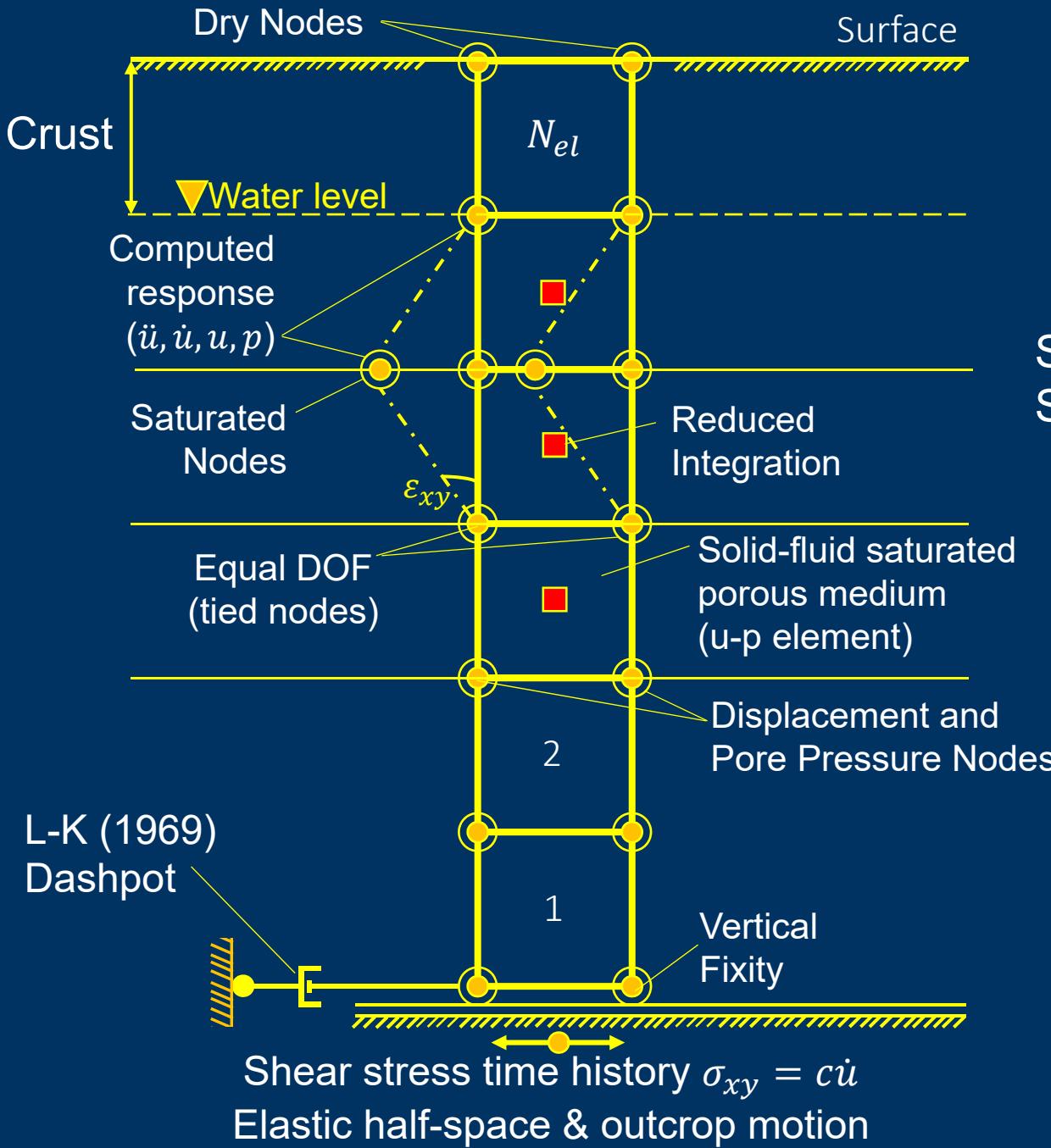
Physical Process of Sediment Ejecta



h_{exc} : Excess pressure head (m)

$h_{i_{cr}}$: Critical head to cause piping condition ($i > i_{cr}$) at ground surface

Effective Stress Analysis (ESA) OpenSees v3.0



Stack of quad elements
Solve for

At Corner:

- displacement (u)
- velocity (\dot{u})
- acceleration (\ddot{u})
- pore pressure (p)

At Center:

- $\frac{\tau_{xy}}{\sigma'_{vo}}$ (CSR)
- γ_{xy}

Constitutive Models

PM4Sand & PM4Silt
(Boulanger & Ziotopoulou 2017,2018)

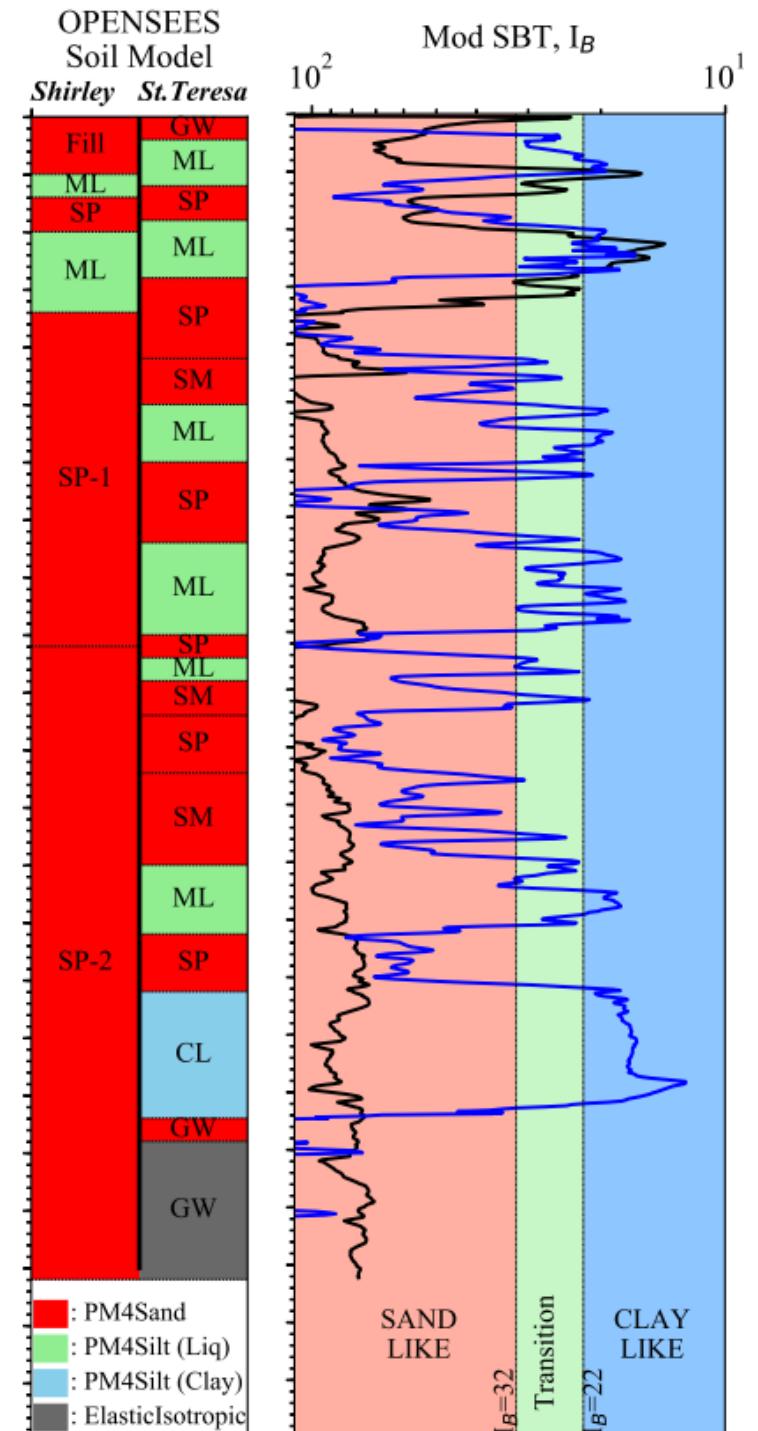
Based primarily on CPT data

For:

$I_B > 32$: PM4Sand (Sand-Like)

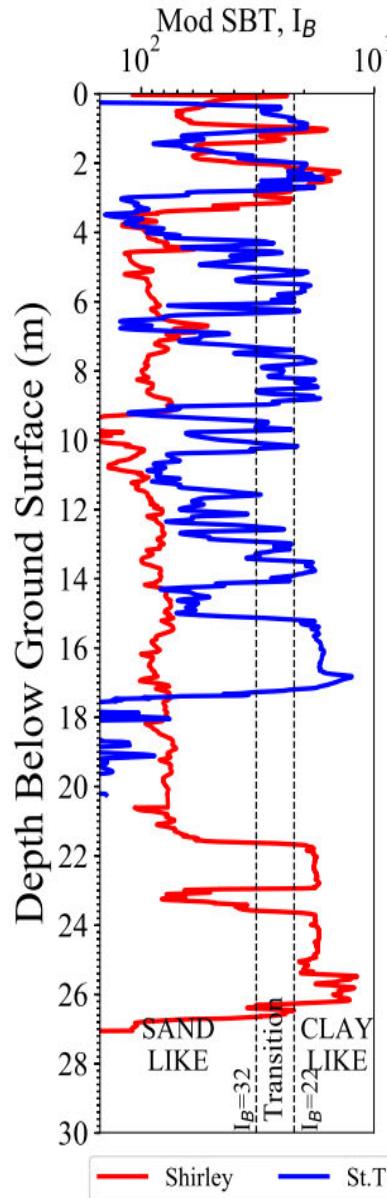
$22 < I_B < 32$: PM4Silt ($r_{u-max} = 0.99$)

$I_B < 22$: PM4Silt (Clay-Like)

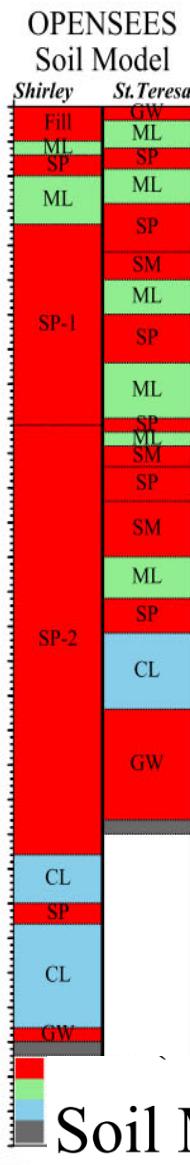


* Hutabarat & Bray PEER Report for more detail
on PM4Sand & PM4Silt parameters

CPT Sounding

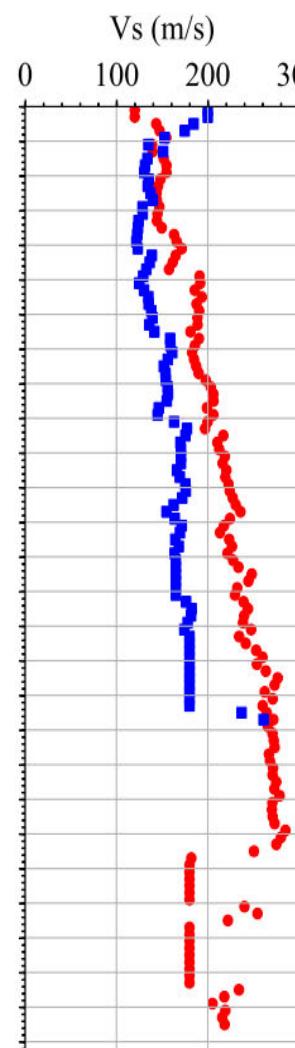


Soil Model

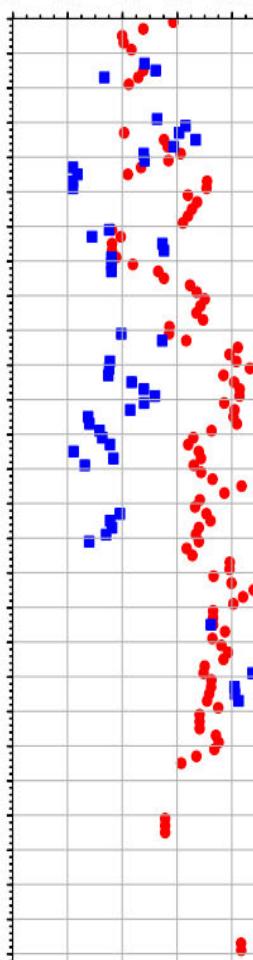


4 Key Parameters

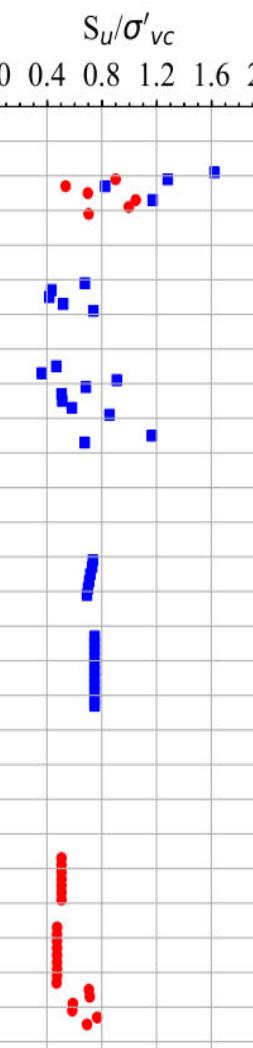
V_s



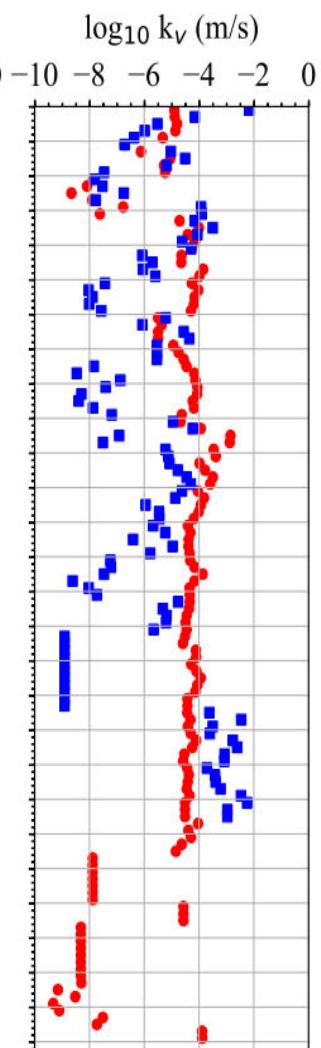
Relative Density $D_R\%$



S_u



k_v

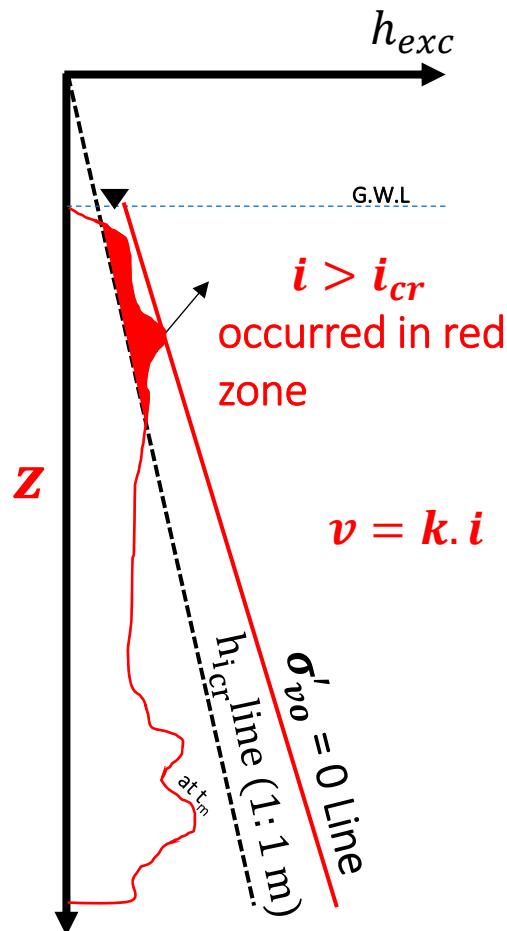


PM4Silt (Clay)
PM4Sand

PM4Silt (Liq)
Elastic Isotropic

At each time step when $h_{exc} > h_{i_{cr}}$, the area is given by:

$$\text{Artesian Flow Potential (m}^3\text{)} = \int_{\text{Datum}}^{\text{GWL}} (h_{exc} - h_{i_{cr}})^2 dz$$

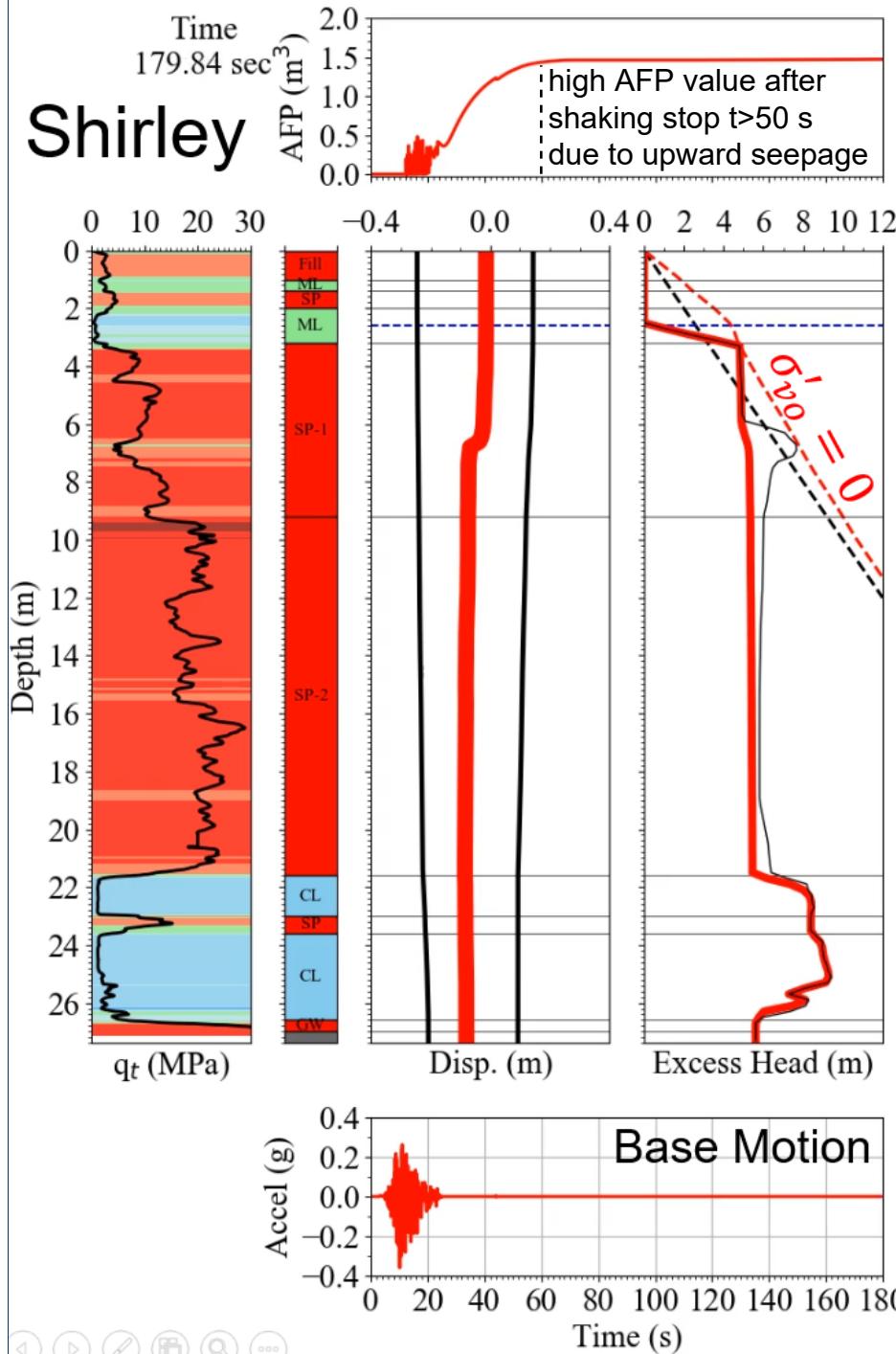


$i > i_{cr}$, cause piping
Progressive cracks at crust

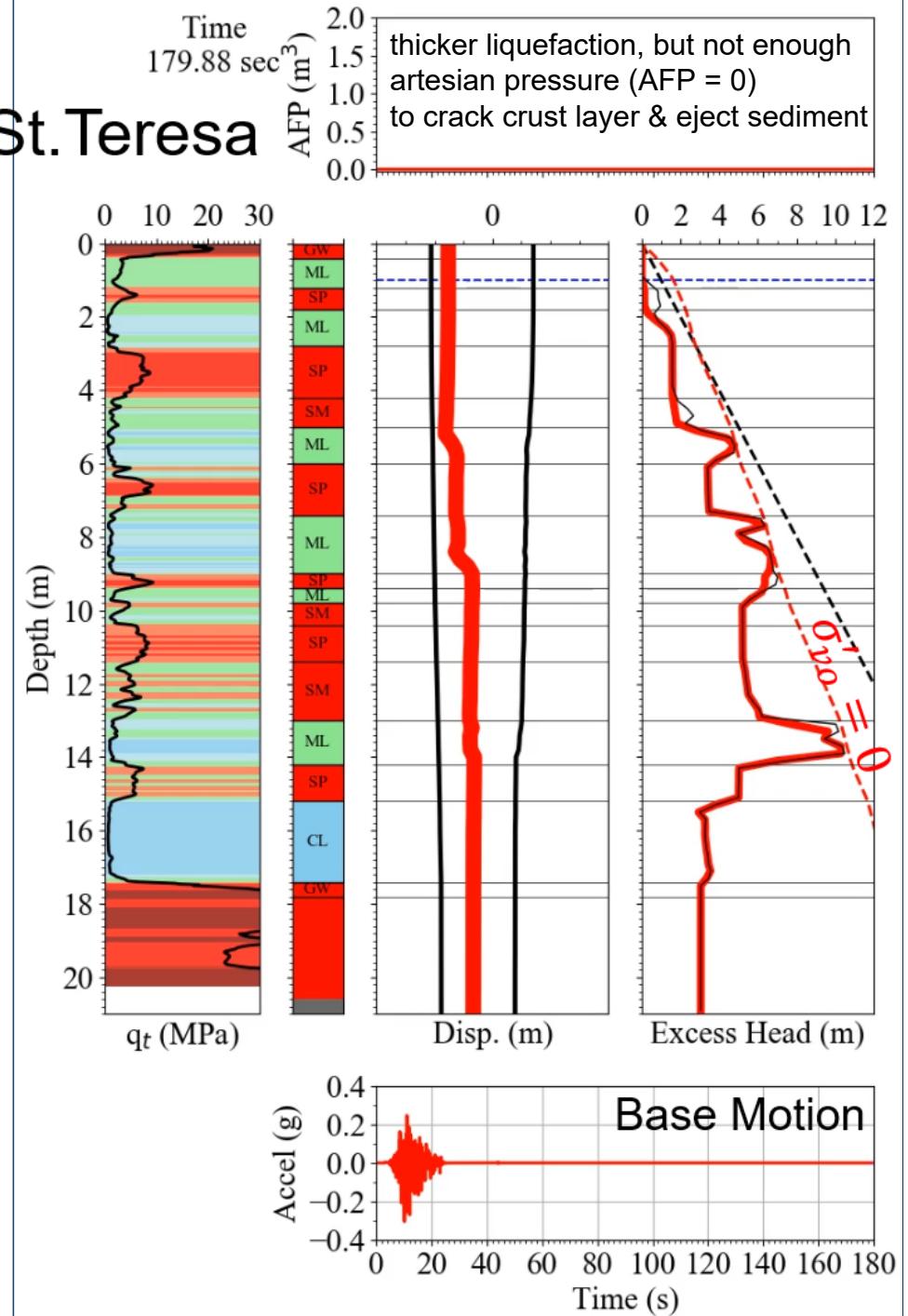
For thicker liquefaction,
More **RED Shaded Area**
Greater Artesian Pressure
More Water Volume

180 Seconds of Dynamic ESA simulation

Shirley



St. Teresa



Ejecta Potential Index (EPI)

Artesian Flow Potential integrated over time

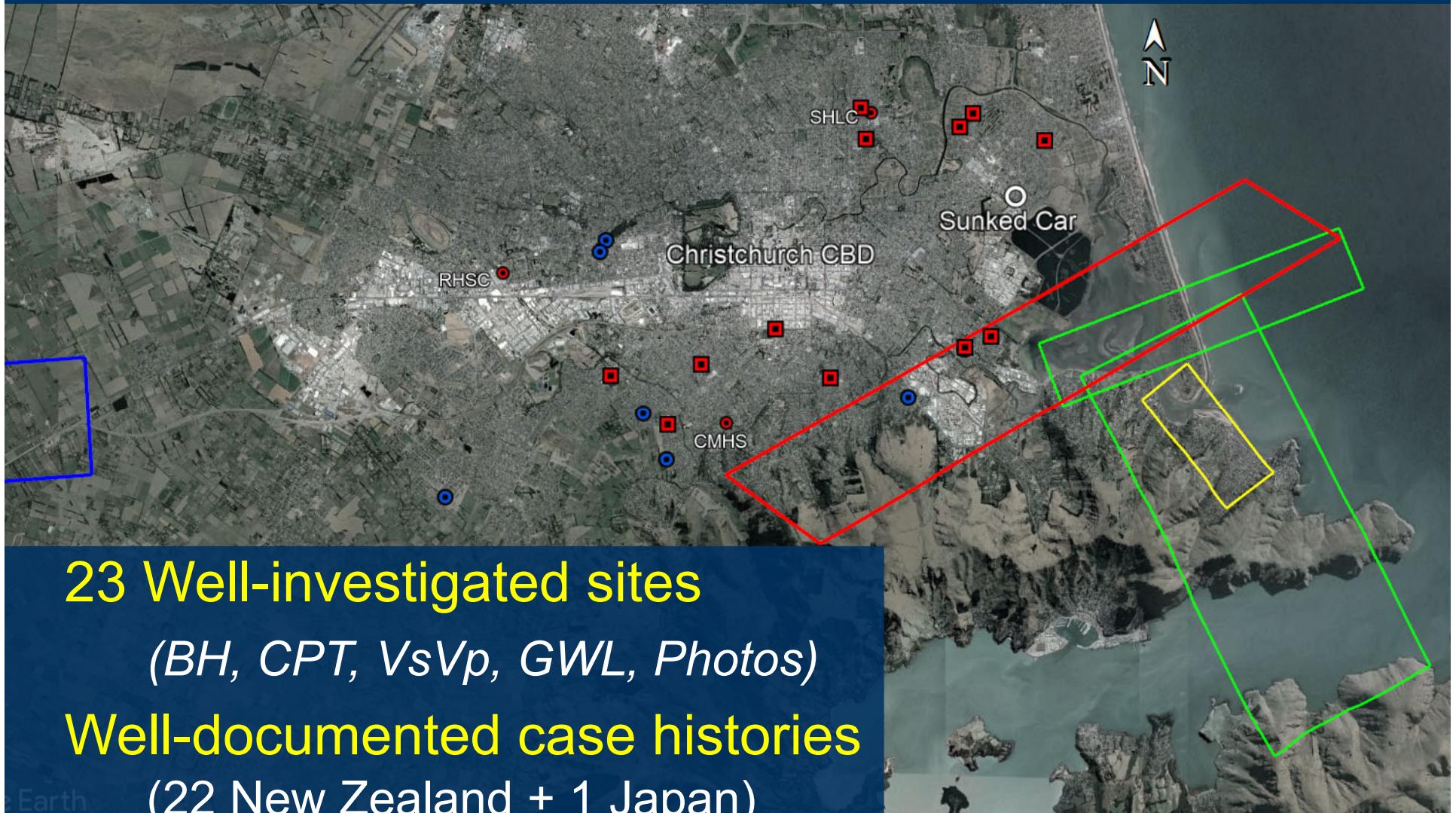
$$EPI(m^3.s) = \int_0^{t_d} \int_{\text{Datum}}^{GWL} (h_{exc} - h_{icr})^2 dz dt$$

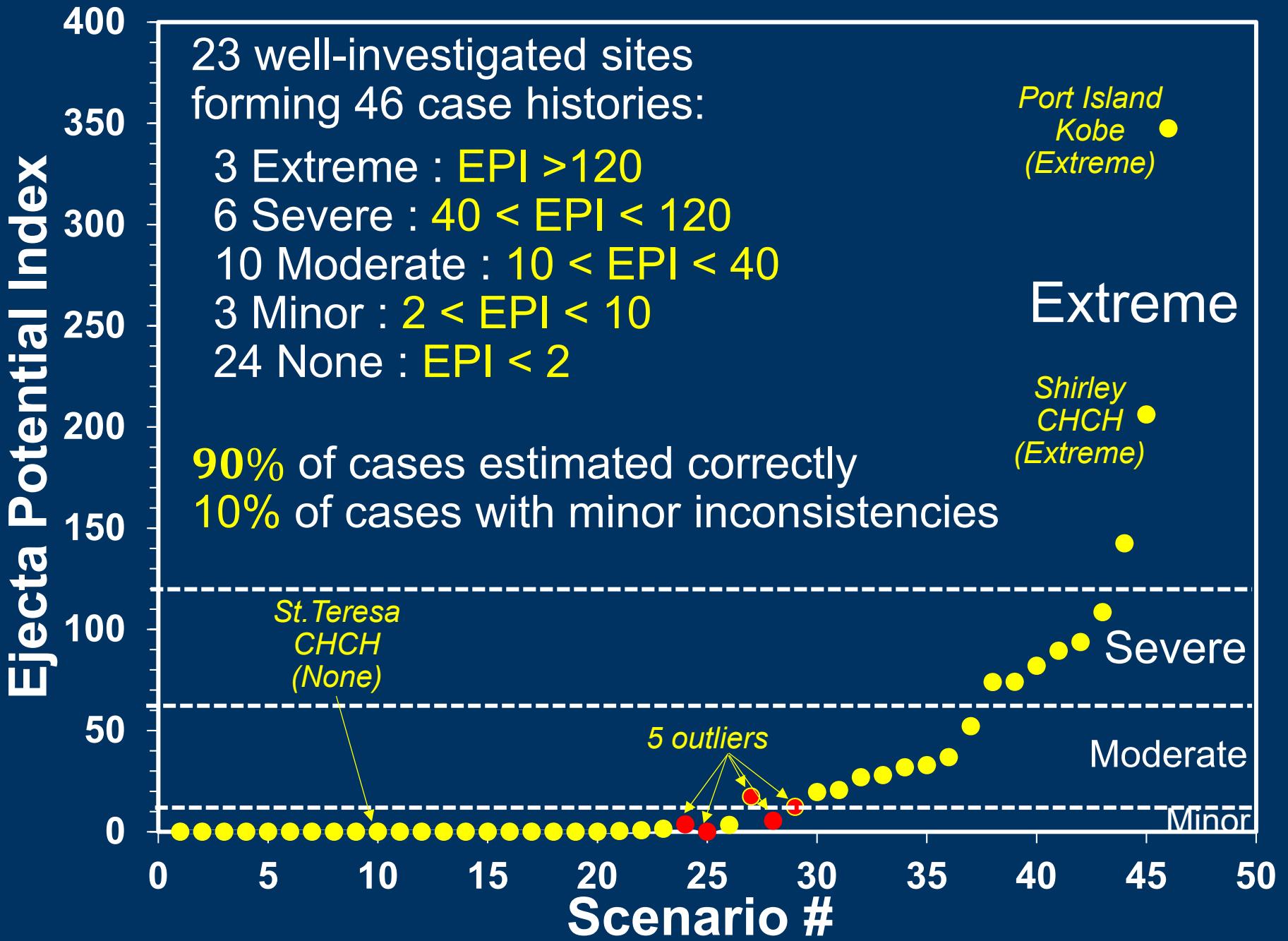
Measure of hydraulic gradient, critical layer thickness, and volume of water over time

Site	Event	LSN	Observation	EPI (m ³ .s)
Shirley	Darfield	3	NONE	0
St.Teresa		44	NONE	0
Shirley	Christchurch	15	EXTREME	211
St.Teresa		46	NONE	0
Shirley	June	6	SEVERE	83
St.Teresa		14	NONE	0

Extending the analysis duration is important to understand the full story

Evaluation of EPI





Conclusions

Post-shaking water flow is important, because the primary driving mechanism is *upward seepage-induced piping*

Severity of sediment ejecta influenced by:

- Drainage contrast (c_v profile)
- Excess head (pressure)
- Duration (piping)

Ejecta Potential Index (EPI):

46 case histories (23 sites & 4 earthquakes)
90% well-estimated

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