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# Strong Motion, Damage, and Loss of Wenchuan Earthquake

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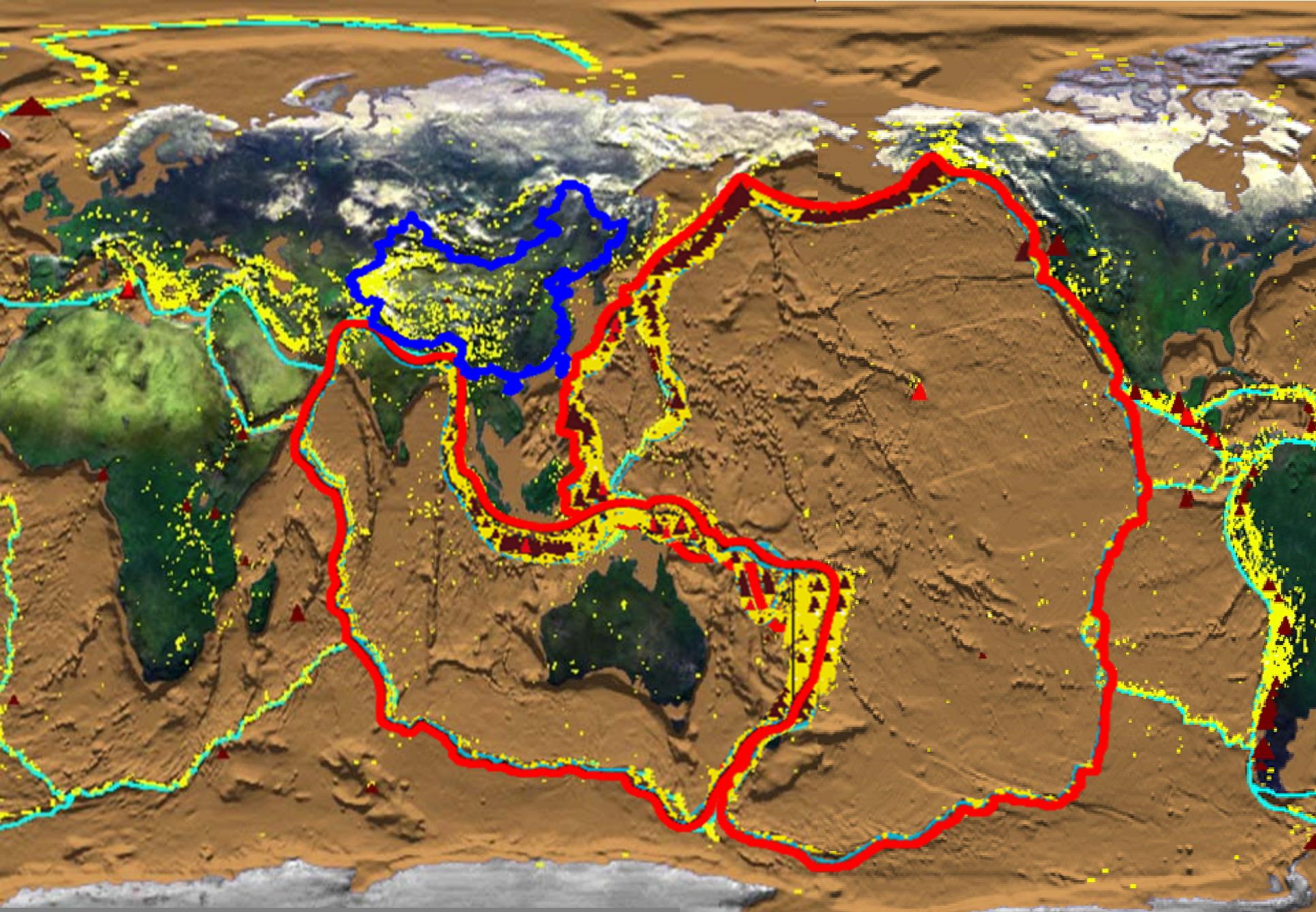
- Historical Earthquakes in China
- Strong Motion
- Damage
- Response and Reconstruction Efforts
- Loss Estimation



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# 1 □ Historical Earthquakes in China



China is seismically active



The Distribution of China Seismic Belt

# Strong Earthquakes in the History of China

No.	Time	Location	M	Death
1	1303	Shanxi	8	200,000
2	1411	Tibet	8	
3	1556	Shaanxi	8.5	830,000
4	1654	Gansu	8	31,000
5	1668	Shandong	8.5	50,000
6	1679	Hebei	8	45,000
7	1739	Ningxia	8	50,000
8	1812	Xinjiang	8	58
9	1833	Tibet	8	5
10	1833	Yunnan	8	6,707
11	1879	Gansu	8	30,000
12	1902	Xinjiang	8.3	5,650
13	1920	Taiwan	8	5
14	<b>1920</b>	<b>Ningxia</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>235,000</b>
15	1927	Gansu	8	40,000
16	1931	Xinjiang	8	300
17	1950	Tibet	8.6	3,300
18	1951	Tibet	8	
19	<b>1976</b>	<b>Tangshan</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>242,000</b>
20	<b>2008</b>	<b>Wenchuan</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>69,000+</b>

# 1975 Haicheng Earthquake

The first successful imminent earthquake prediction in human history

啓事  
按上级通知  
近期可能发生  
地震. 电影改在  
露天广场放映.

新华影剧院

Public Notice  
There will be an earthquake very soon, the film will be shown in the open air instead of in the cinema.  
Xinhua Cinema

# The 1976 Tangshan Earthquake





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# 2 □ Strong Motion



# Earthquake

# Parameters

Time □ at 14:28:01, May 12, 2008

Location □ Wenchuan (31.0, 103.4)

Magnitude □ 8.0 (Ms)

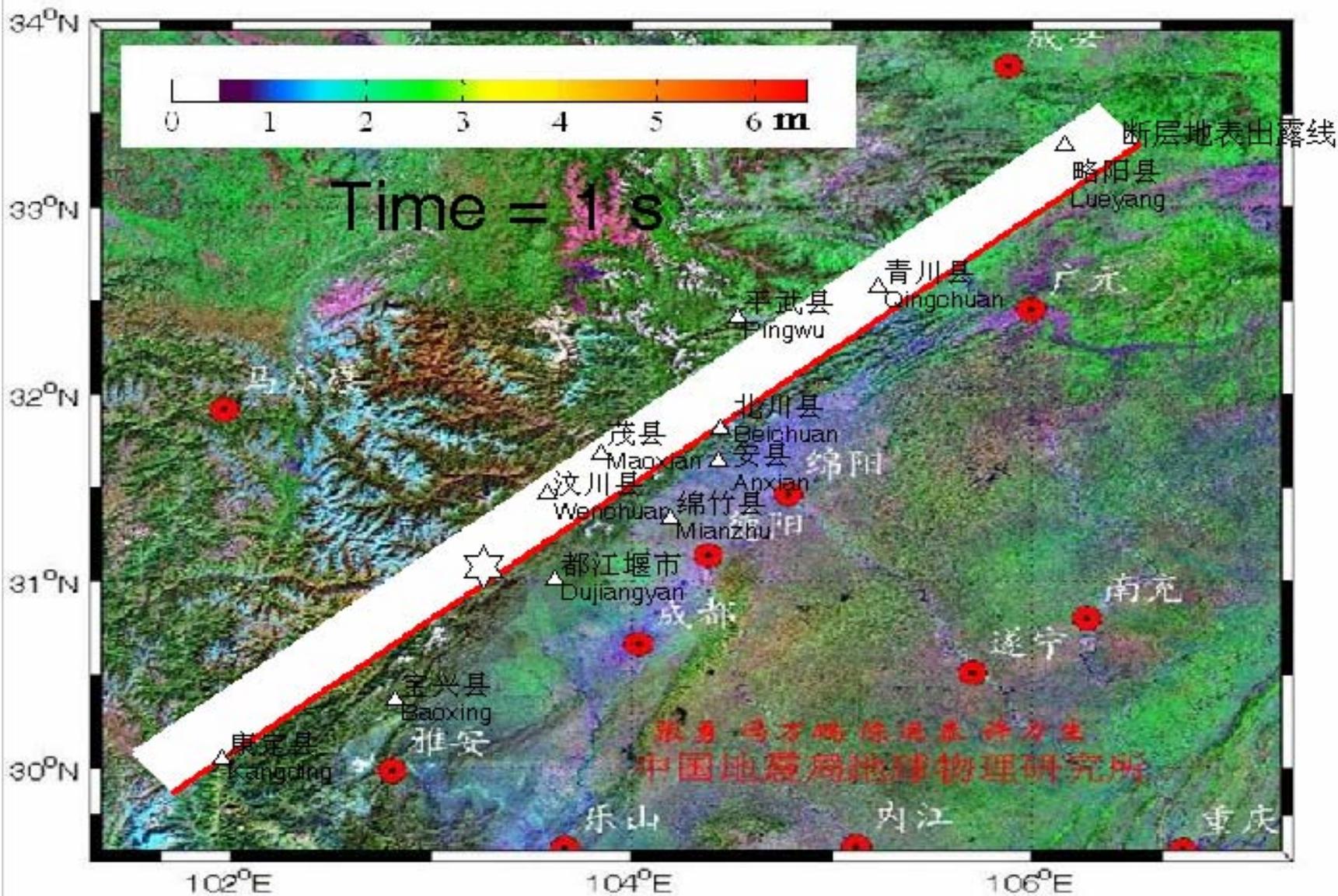
Depth □ 19km

Death □ 69,197 (July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008)

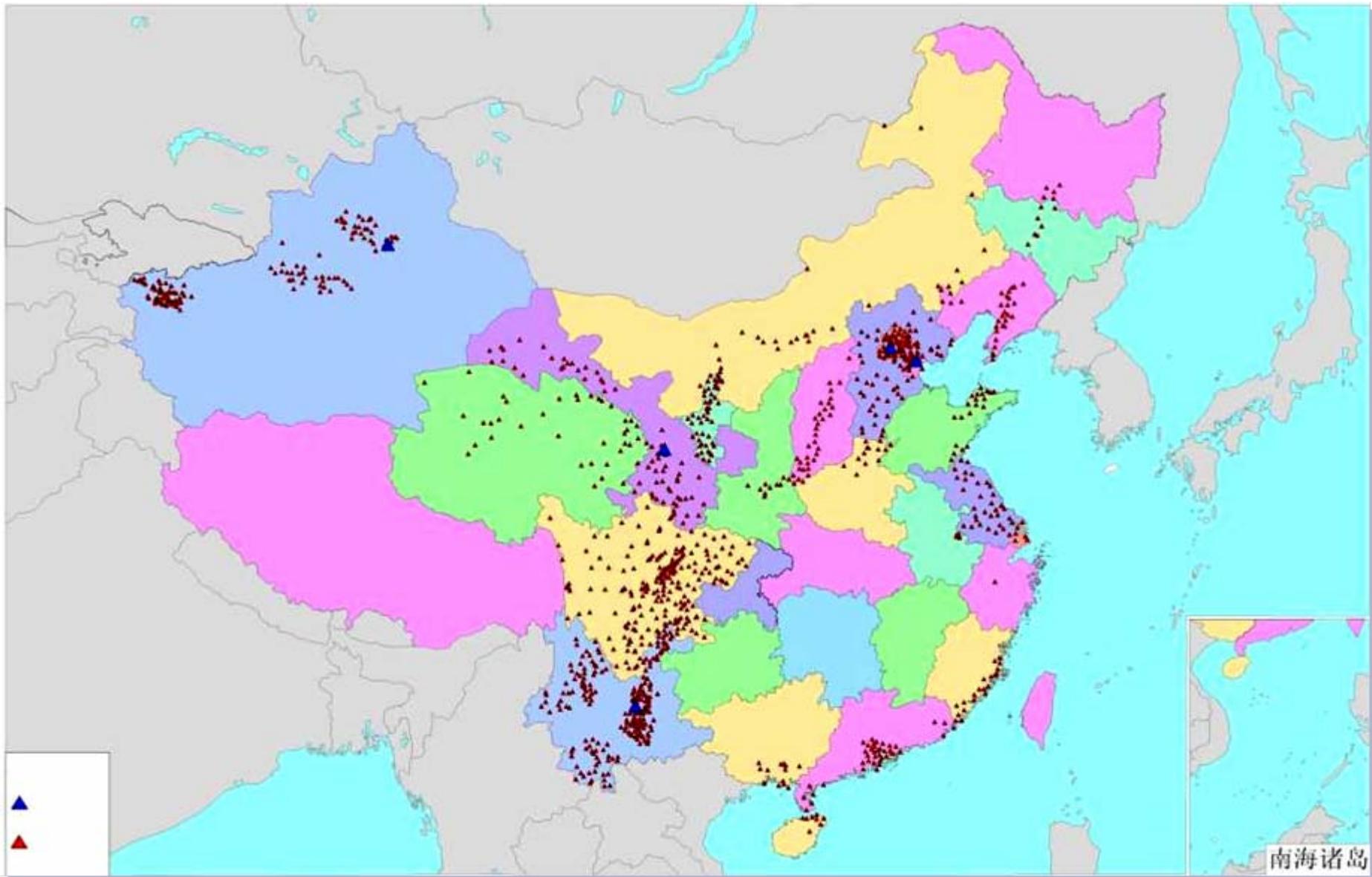
Missing: 18,377

Injury □ 374,176

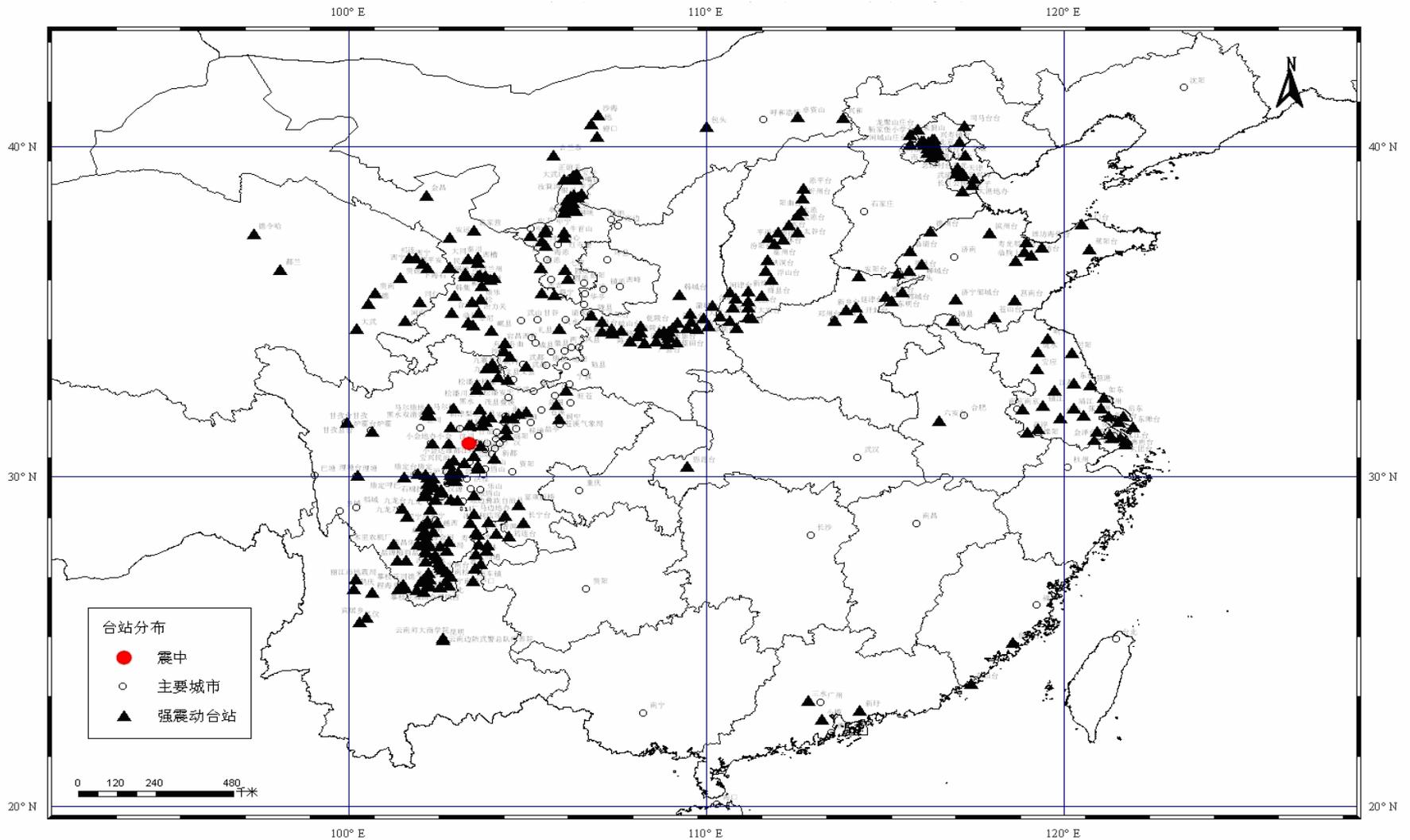
Loss: ~ 1 trillion rmb (150b usd)?



The Earthquake Rupture Process  
(IGS)



Newly completed strong motion observation network  
□ 2000+ nationwide □ 211 in Sichuan Province



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## Stations which recorded the Wenchuan Earthquake

2008-8-25

# Summary of strong motion observation

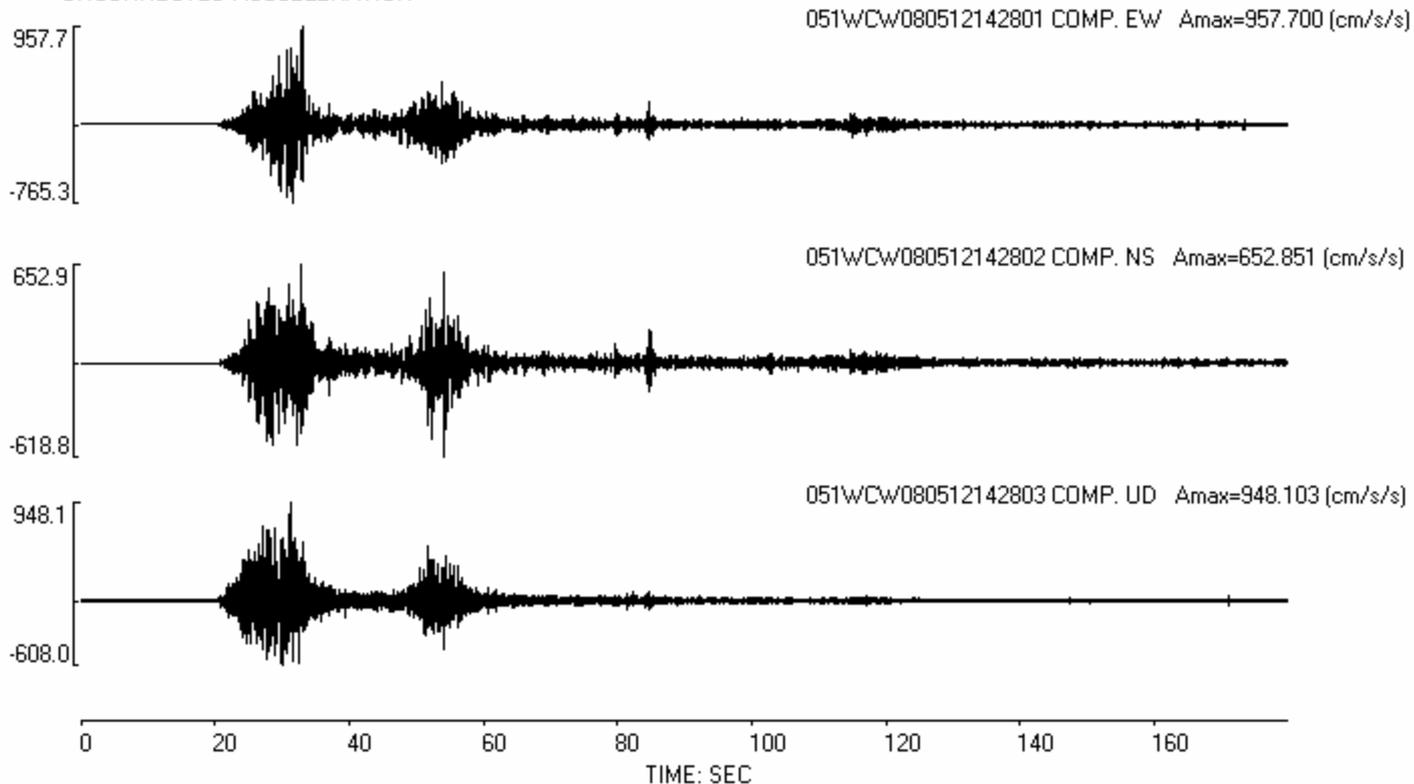
- 398 stations, 1191 records□
- 19 stations within 100km from the epicenter, 34 stations within 200-300km from the epicenter□
- 12 stations within 20km from the fault, 11 within 20-50km from the fault, 22 within 50-100km from the fault;
- 120 records with PGA over 100gal;
- Closest fault distance is 0.74km at Qingping Station, with a PGA of 824.1gal
- Closest epicenter distance is 22.2km at Wolong, with a PGA of 956.7gal and 1.09km fault distance.



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080512142804 08-05-12 14-28-04 BTM WENCHUAN-EARTHQUAKE, WENCHUAN, CHN 31.000N 103.400E MAG. 8.0(Ms) DEPTH 14KM  
STATION: 51WCW 31.034N 103.181E INSTRUMENT TYPE: ETNA OBSERVING POINT: GROUND  
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UNCORRECTED ACCELERATION



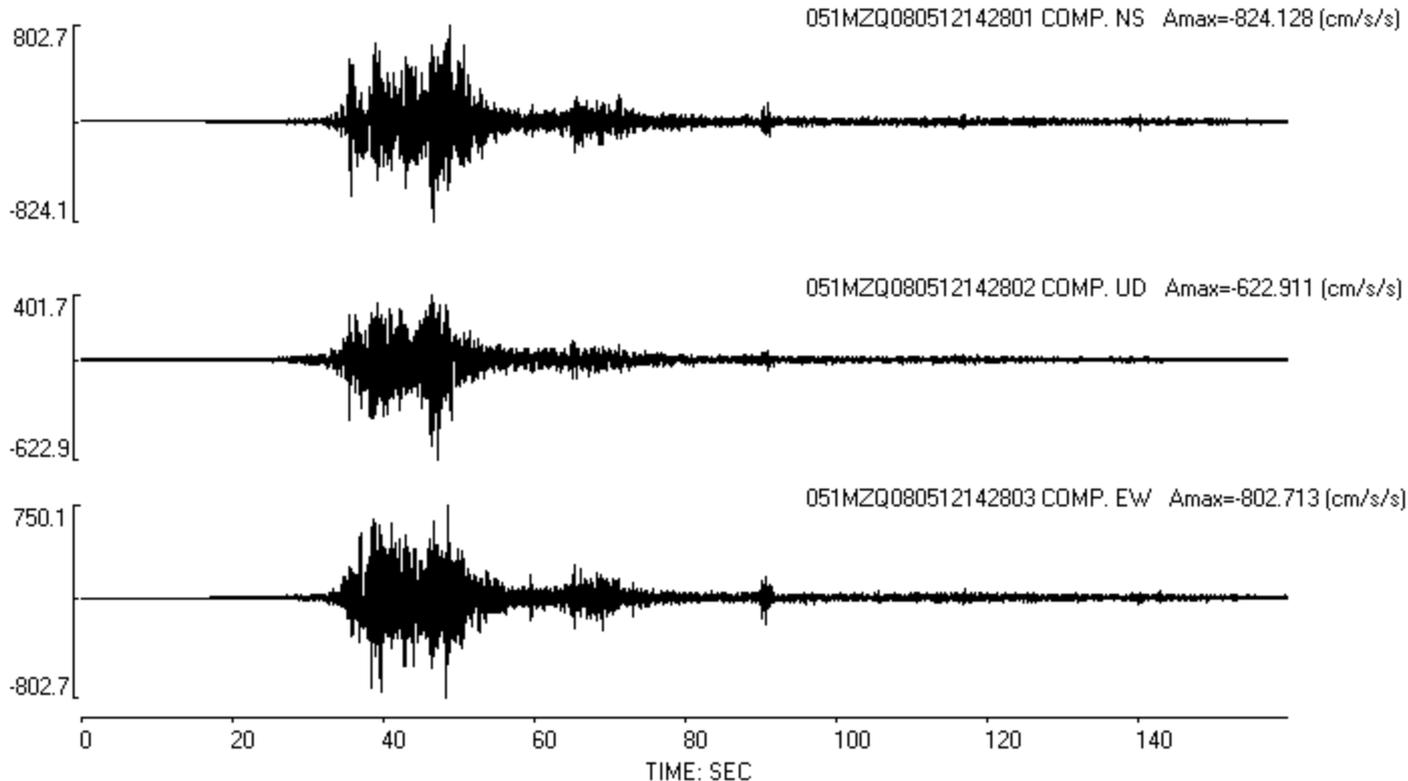
Wolong Station (22.2km epicenter distance, 1.09 fault distance)



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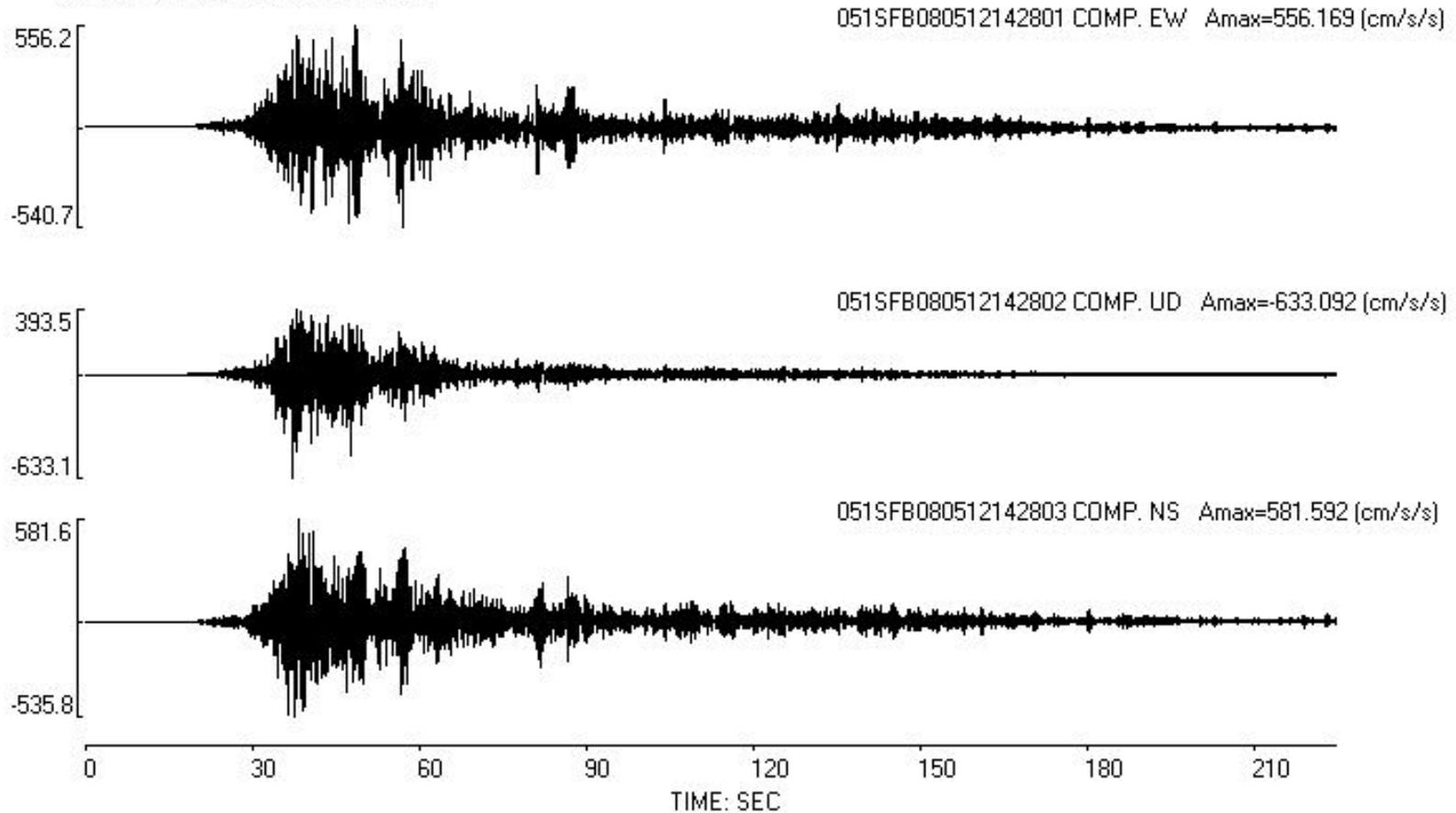
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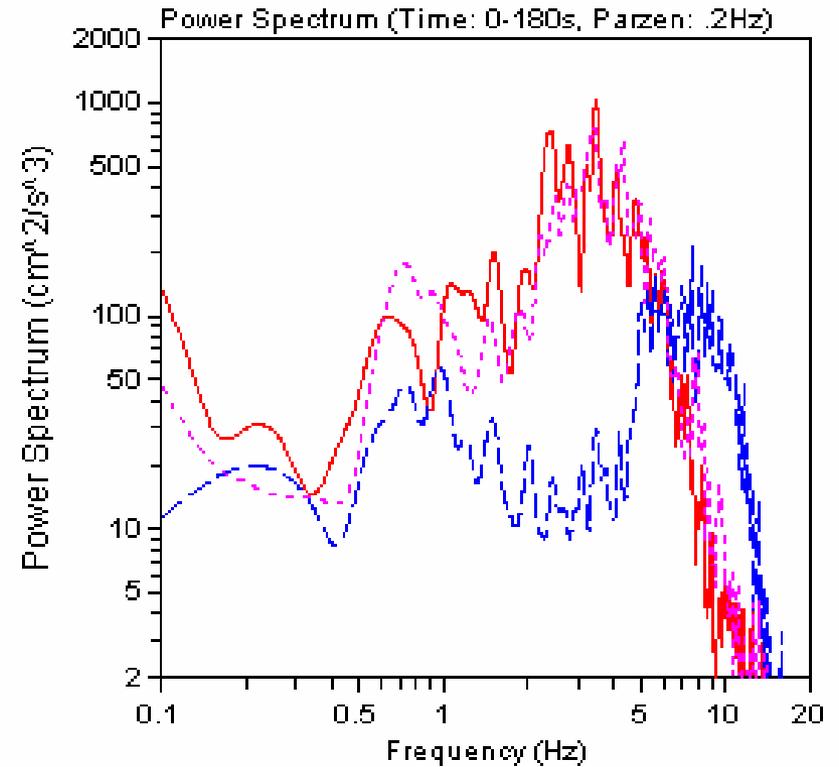
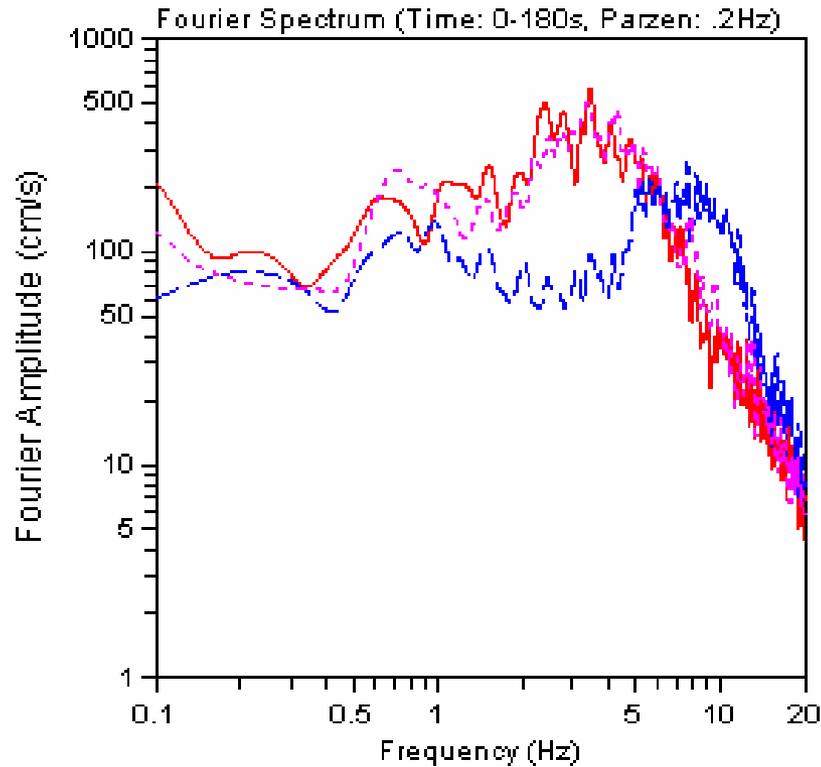


Qingping, Mianzhu Station (epicenter distance:  
87.5km, fault distance: 0.74km)

080512142804 08-05-12 14-28-04 BTM WENCHUAN-EARTHQUAKE, WENCHUAN,CHN 31.000N 103.400E MAG.8.0(Ms) DEPTH 14KM  
STATION: 51SFB 31.280N 103.990E INSTRUMENT TYPE: Etna OBSERVING POINT: GROUND  
NO. OF POINTS: 45000 EQUALLY SPACED INTERVALS OF: 0.005 SEC  
UNCORRECTED ACCELERATION



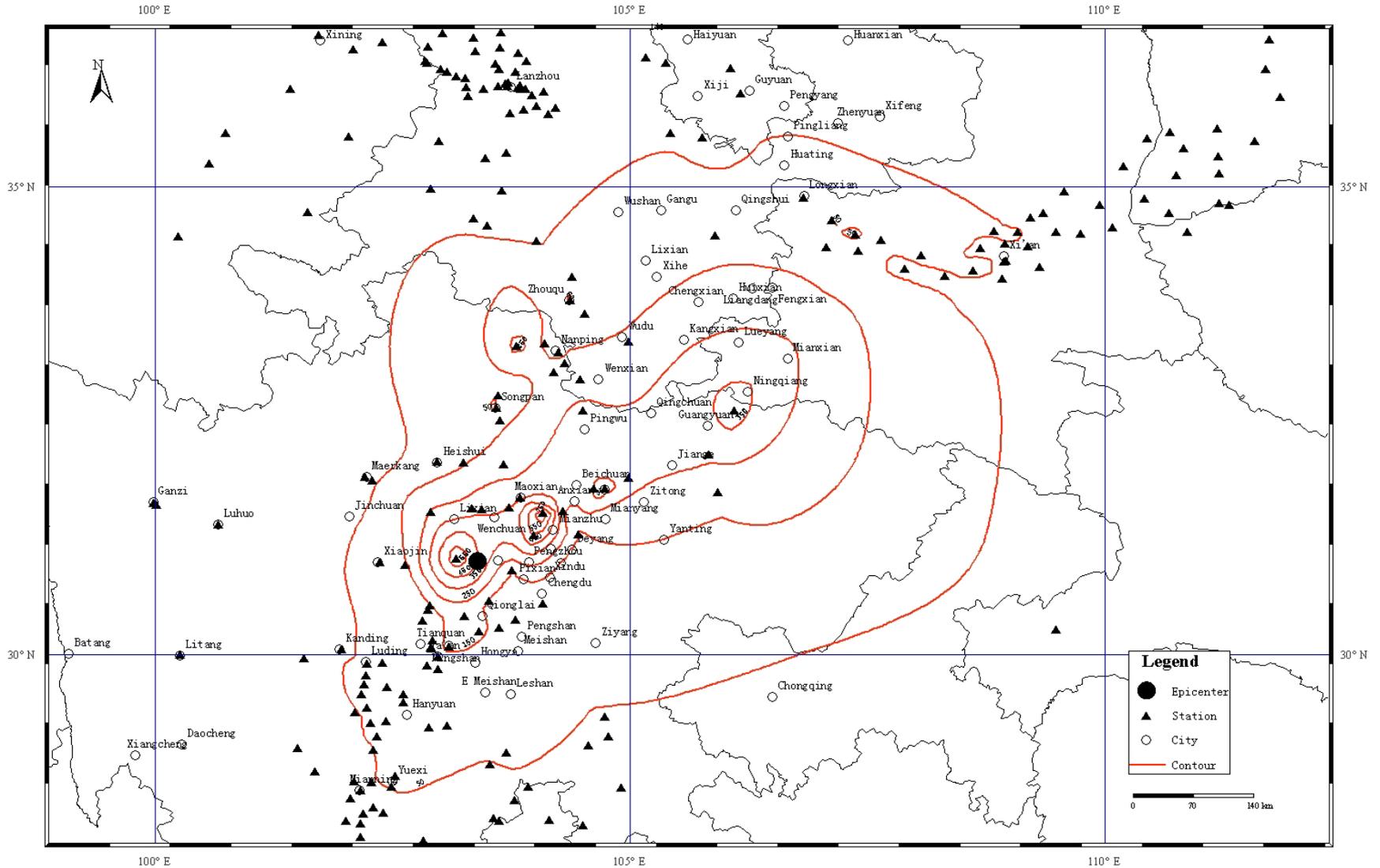
Bajiao, Shifang City ( ~150km epicenter distance,  
~75km fault distance)



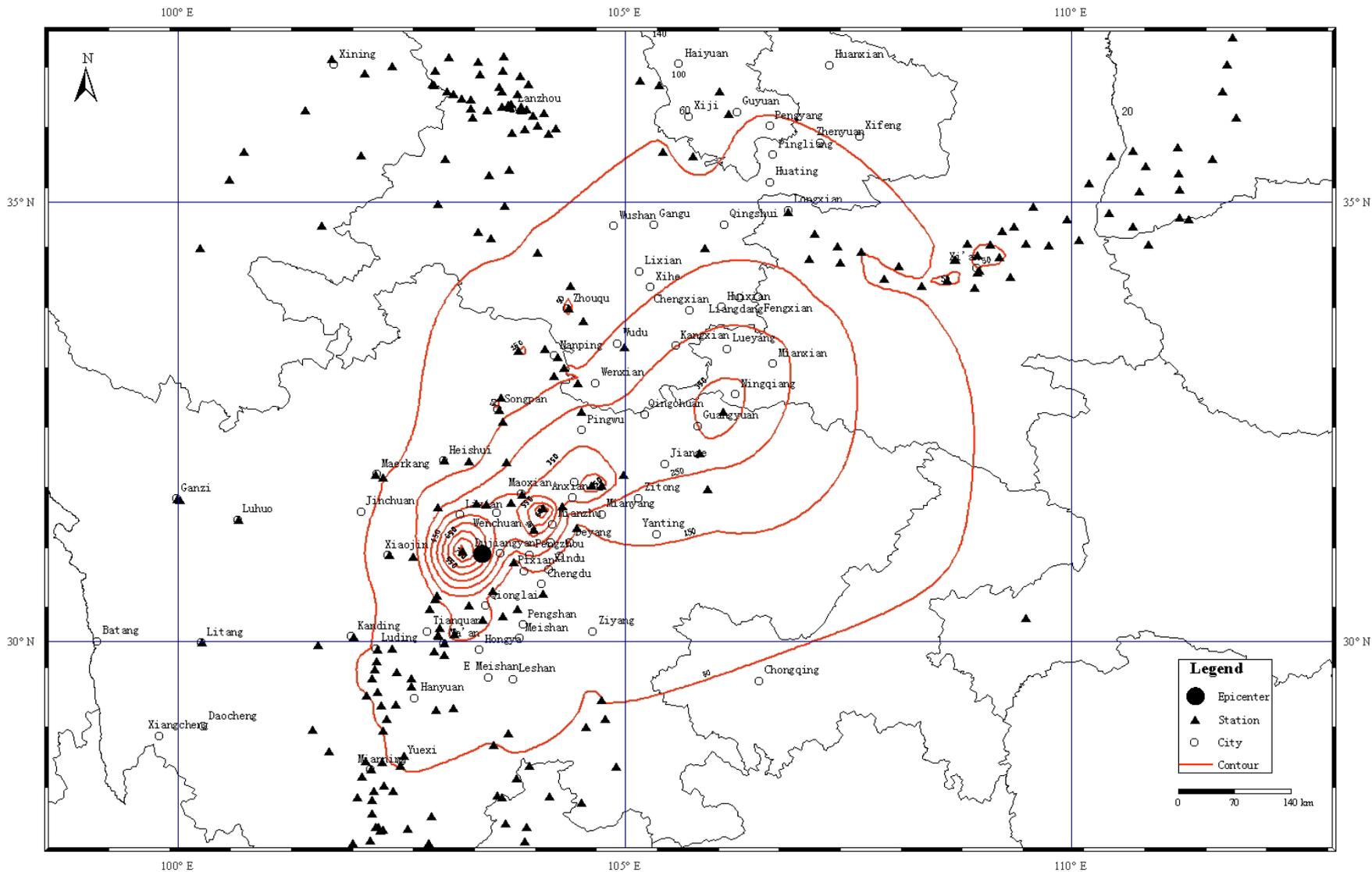
Fourier and Power Spectrum at Bajiao, Shifang City



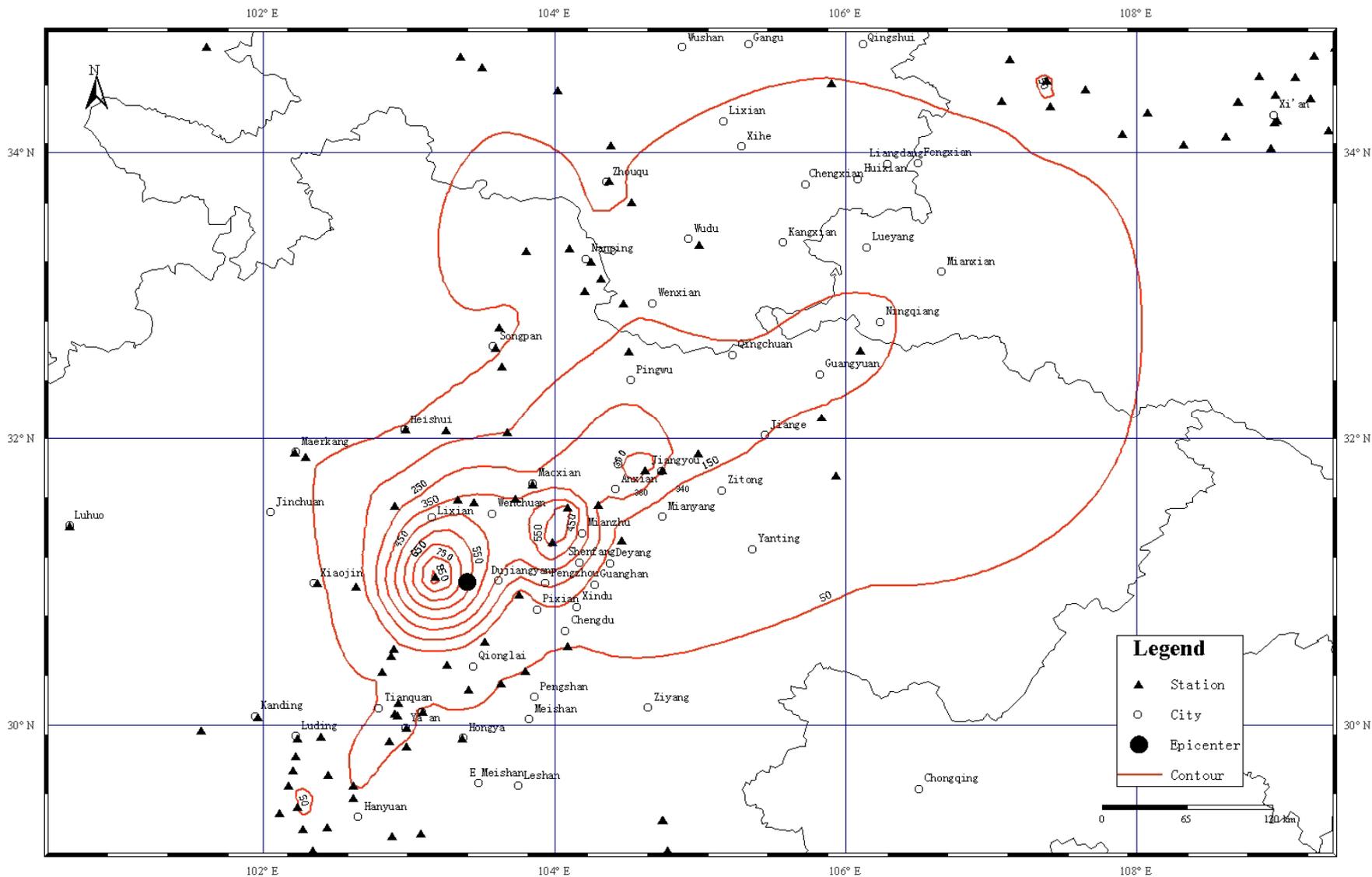
# Ms 8.0 Wenchuan earthquake Peak Ground Acceleration (North-South) contour map



# Ms 8.0 Wenchuan earthquake Peak Ground Acceleration (East-West) contour map



# Ms 8.0 Wenchuan earthquake Peak Ground Acceleration (Veritcal) contour map

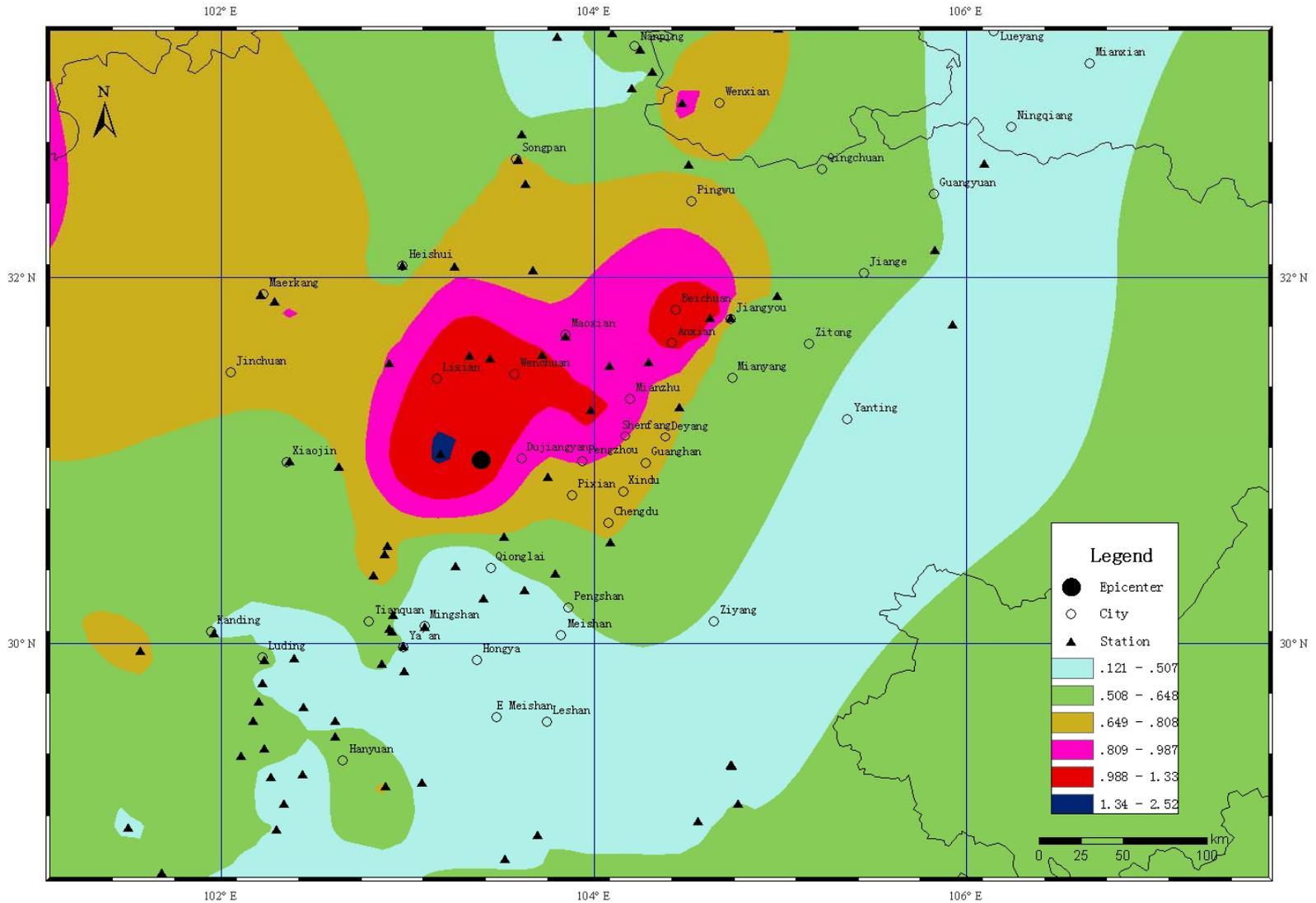


**Legend**

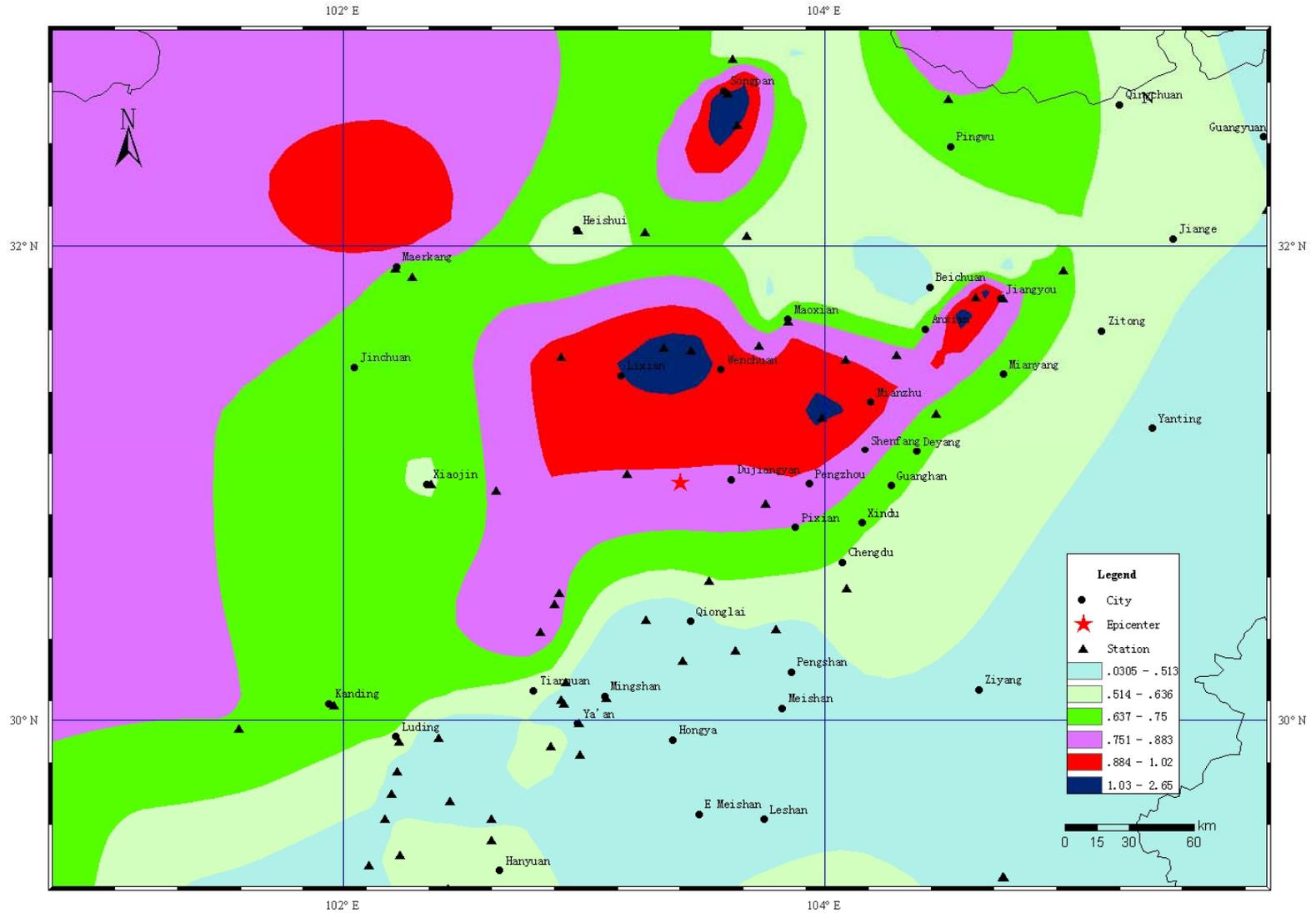
- ▲ Station
- City
- Epicenter
- Contour

0 65 120 km

# Ms 8.0 Wenchuan earthquake PGA(V) /PGA(NS) distribution



# Wenchuan earthquake PGA(V) /PGA(EW) distribution



□□□□□PGA□□□

□□□□EW287gal

□□□□EW421gal

□□□□NS519gal

□□□□UD357gal

□□□□NS289gal

□□□□EW957gal

□□□□EW824gal

□□□□UD633gal





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# 3 □ Damage



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# 3.1 Structural Damage in a variety of forms



Typical damage for a brick structure



Damage to a dorm in Tumen Middle School in Mianzhu City



Tilted building toward right



Complete destruction to buildings in the remote villages



Collapse of an 8-story building in Beichuan County



Damage to a 2-story building in Beichuan County



Crushed bottom 2 stories and rotation of the building in Dujiangyan City



Complete destruction to school buildings in Hanwang town in Mianzhu



ke Administration

Collapse of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
story in a dorm  
building of Xuankou  
Middle School at  
Yingxiu town of  
Wenchuan County





Collapse of classroom building in Xuankou Middle School of Yingxiu Town in Wenchuan County



Damage to a classroom building at  
Jiuyuan Middle School in Dujiangyan City



A Standing structure in Hongbai town of Shifang City



ministration



Minor damage  
to an office  
building for  
Beichuan Tea  
Manufacturer in  
Beichuan  
County



Bailuzhen Middle School in  
Pengzhou



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## 3.2 Damage to lifelines



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# 3.2.1 Damage to road and bridges





Damage to a bridge in Beichuan County



Sliding of the bridge decks in Beichuan County



Collapse of Baihua Bridge toward Yingxiu



Damage to the roads to Yingxiu



Collapse of small bridges deep in the mountains near Hongbai town



Damage to the pillar of Huilan Bridge in Mianzhu City



Damage to a bridge in Mianchi Town



Road damage due to landslide near Yingxiu



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## 3.2.2 Damage to water system



# Damage overview

- Damage
  - water plant: 8426
  - pipeline: 47642.5km
- By May 31<sup>st</sup>, 4080 plants were restored, and 21876km pipeline were repaired (less than 20 days)



Damage to water system in Pengzhou city

## Typical Damage types



Damage to Pipe Joint



Damage to PVC pipeline



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## 3.2.3 Damage to electric system

# Damage to electric system

(Sichuan province)

	Type	Total	Damaged
500kV	Station	18	1
	Line	41	4
220kV	Station	94	13
	Line	337	46
110kV	Station	351	66
	Line	796	118
35kV	Station	351	91
	Line	603	106
10kV	City net	5473	795
	Rural net	5876	1700

# Destruction to Ertaihan Station (220kV, near epicenter)



# Restoration of partially damaged electric system (Sichuan province)

- **By June 10, 155 out of 171 35kv or above power stations were repaired and service was restored**
- **2607 of 2769 10kv line were repaired**
- **Electricity service was fully restored**

# Restoration of partially damaged electric system (Sichuan province)

**Out of the 17 completely demolished stations, 220kv Anxian, 220kv Dakang, 110kv Xiaoba, 110kv Yuanmenba and 35kv Jujiaya are to be rebuilt. They are all scheduled to put into service by August 31, 2008**



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## 3.2.4 Damage to railroads

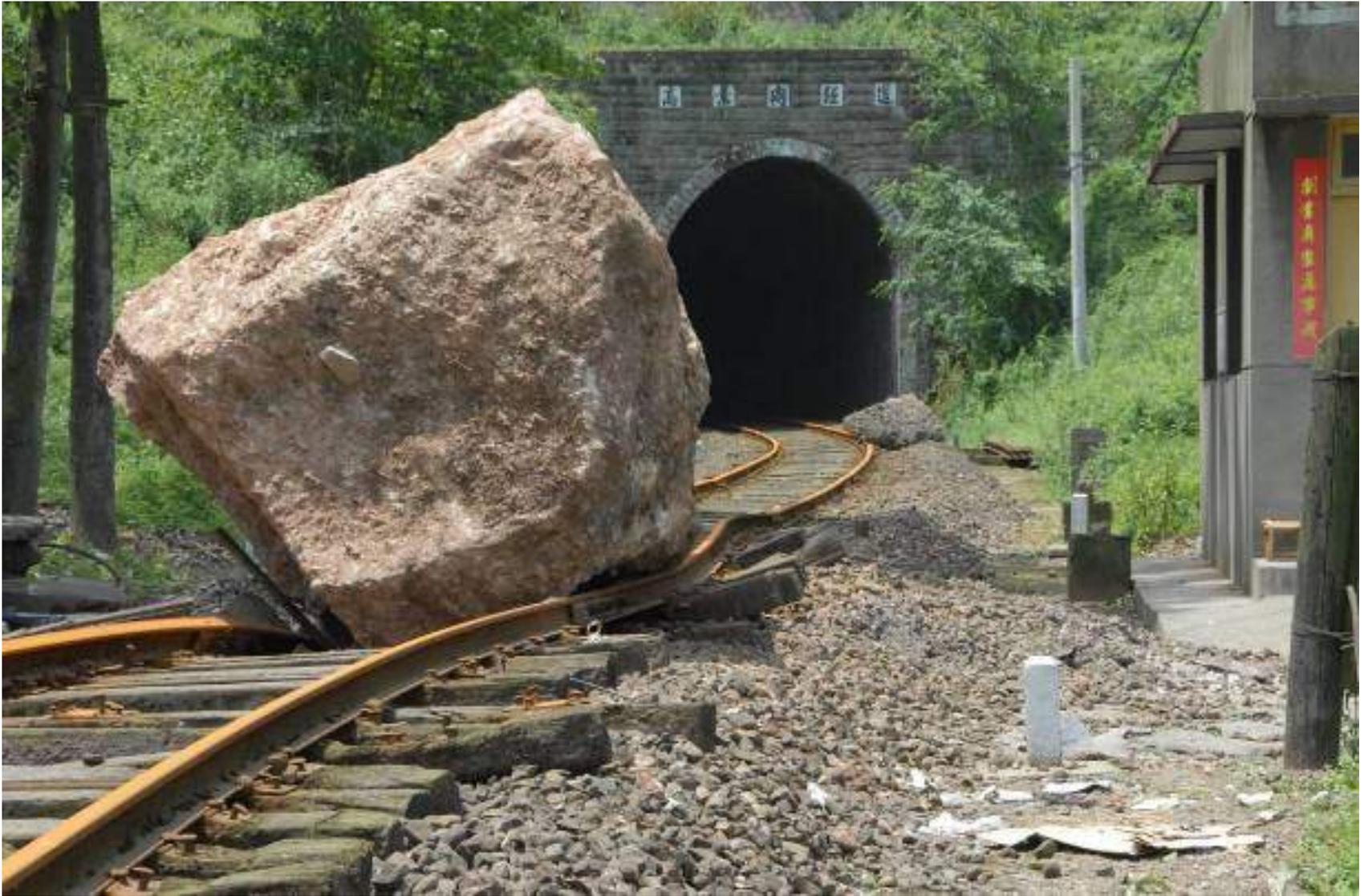


- Damage to rails
  - Baoji-Chengdu line 4 locations, Chengde-Kunming line 4 locations, and Chengde-Chongqing 7 locations
- Damage to Stations
  - May 24, all major lines were repaired and service was restored

## Damage to Railroads



Damage to train tracks on a bridge near Yinghua town

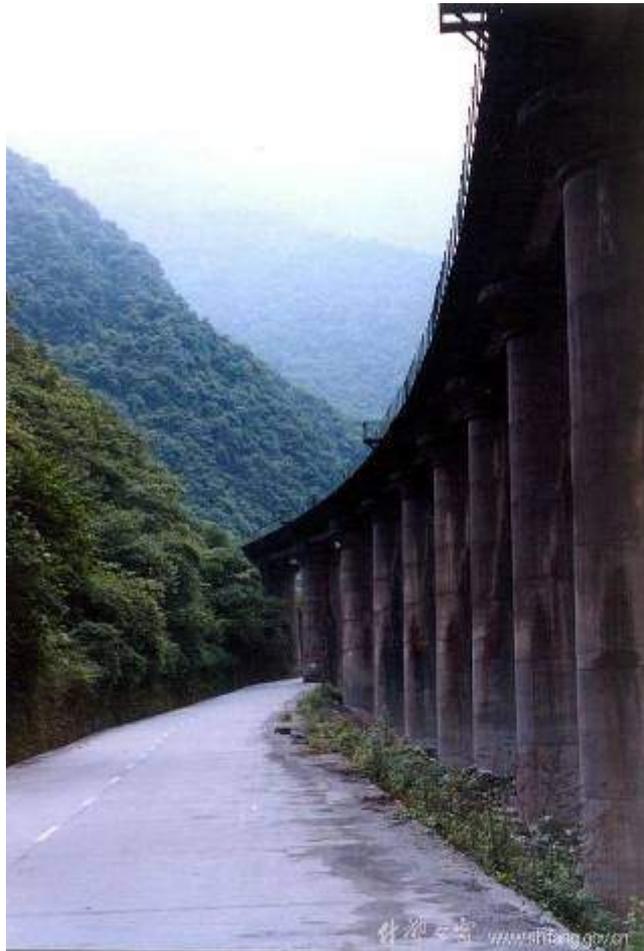


Damage due to rolling stones (Shifang City)



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Same bridge before the earthquake



Damage to Macaotan railway bridge near Hongbai town



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## 3.3 Geotechnical damage



Landslide on the left side of  
Beichuan County



Rolling stones on the right side in Beichuan County ( Beichuan Middle School new site) □



Rolling stones in Gaochuan, Anxian County



**Liquefactio**



**Liquefaction in Pixian**



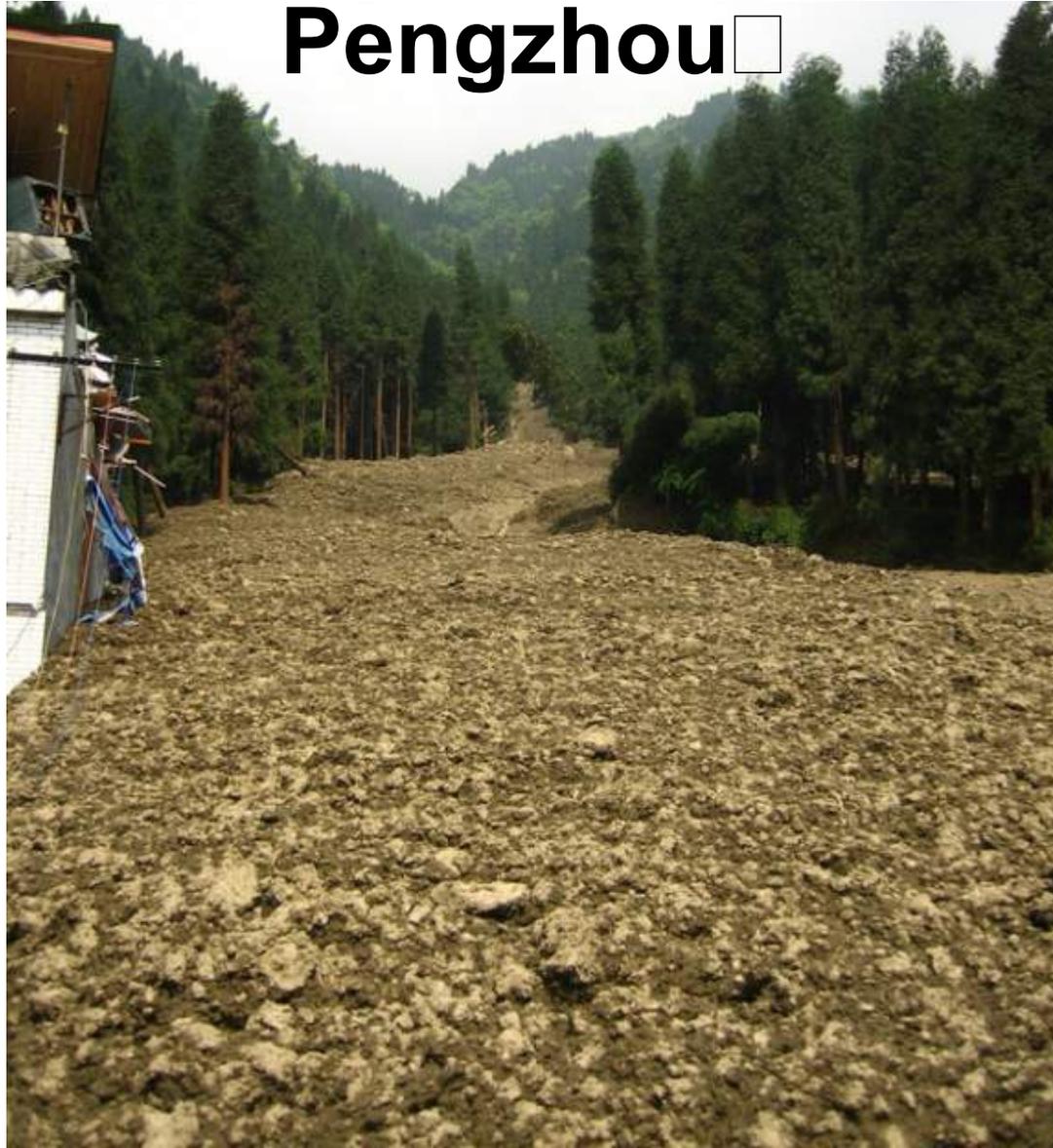
**Quake Lake at Tangjiashan**



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# Mudslide

## □ Jiufengshan, Penzhou □





Fault Rupture near Beichuan  
County



Rupture along a road to Beichuan County



Administration

Fault Rupture in  
Pingtong town in  
Pingwu County



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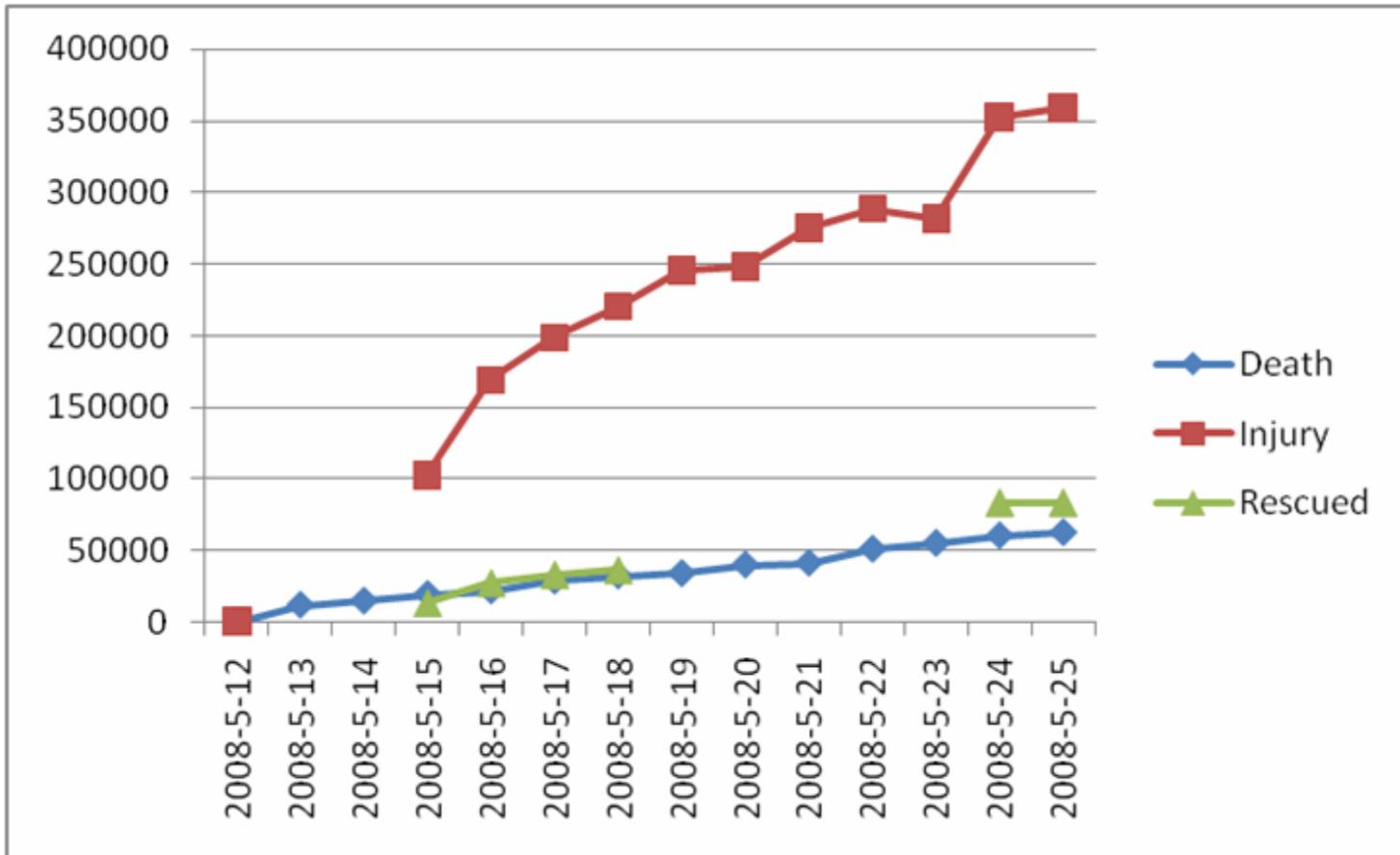
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# 4. Response and Reconstruction



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Daily number of death, injury  
and rescued



Emergency response personnel seen everywhere



Tents were set up everywhere



Water and food quickly delivered to rural areas

# Water supply response, restored < 20days



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# Emergency

## response

- Merit of a centralized government
- Medical, mental help
- Supply for daily life needs
- Monetary help



# Reconstruction

- National committee
- National guidelines
- Financial support
- Engineering support
- Local plans
- Execution: 3 years of reconstruction,  
5 years of improvement



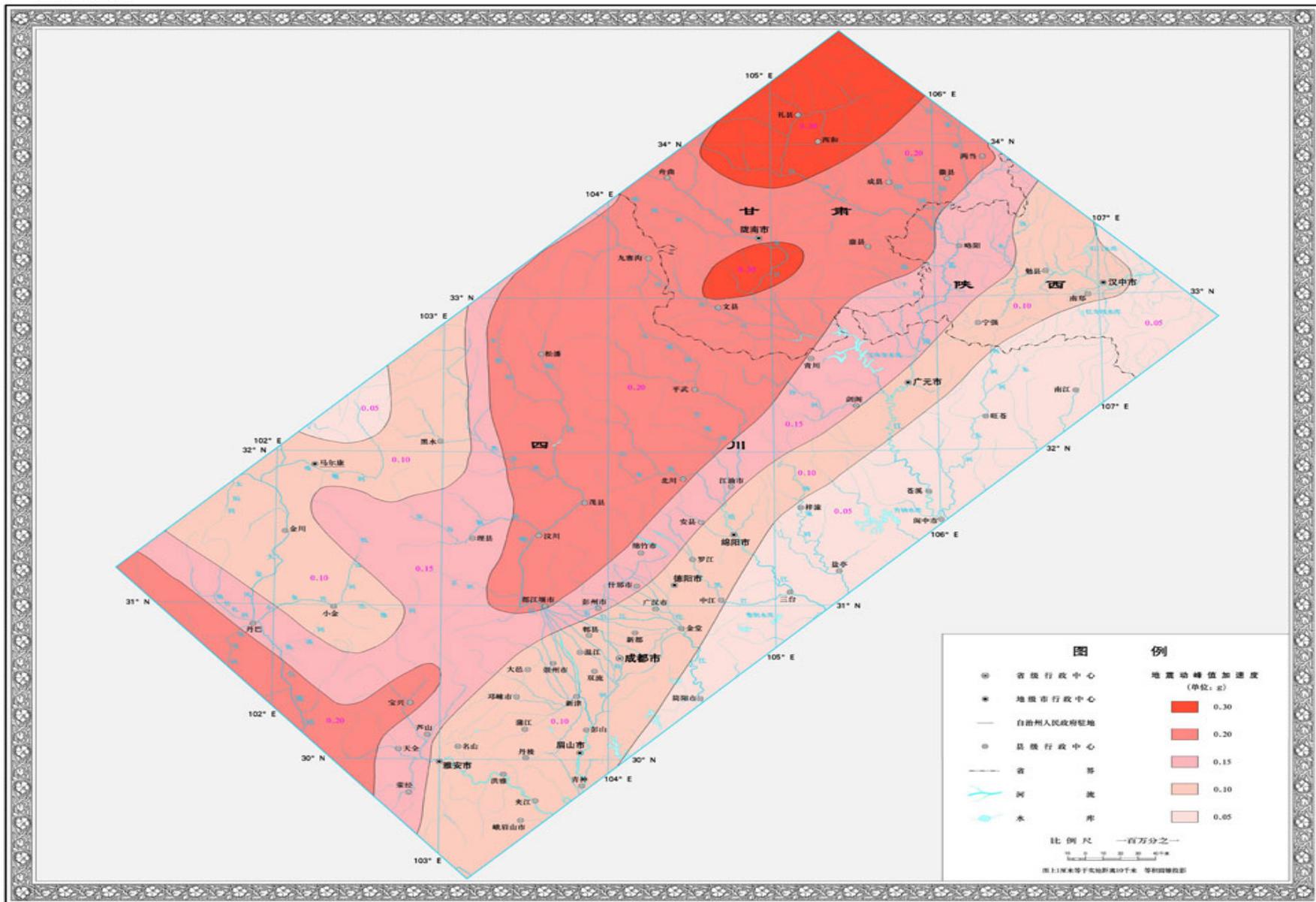
# Building evaluation

- No damage: inhabitable
- Slight damage: inhabitable with possible future retrofitting
- Medium damage: repair
- Heavy damage: rebuild
- Collapse: rebuild

# Relationship of design earthquake with different level and average return period(suggested)

Type of Buildings	Basic Design Period/a	Design Earthquake	Exceeding Probability within Basic Design Period	Average Return Period (TR/A)
A	200	Frequently Occurred	0.63	200
		Occasionally Occurred	0.10	1900
		Rare Occurred	0.05	3900
B	100	Frequently Occurred	0.63	100
		Occasionally Occurred	0.10	950
		Rare Occurred	0.05	1950
C	50	Frequently Occurred	0.63	50
		Occasionally Occurred	0.10	475
		Rare Occurred	0.05	975
D	40	Frequently Occurred	0.63	30
		Occasionally Occurred	0.10	285
		Rare Occurred	0.05	585

# Modified PGA Zonation (change building type for schools)





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# Financial support

- Central government: 70b
- Local government: ~30b
- Donations: ~ 50b

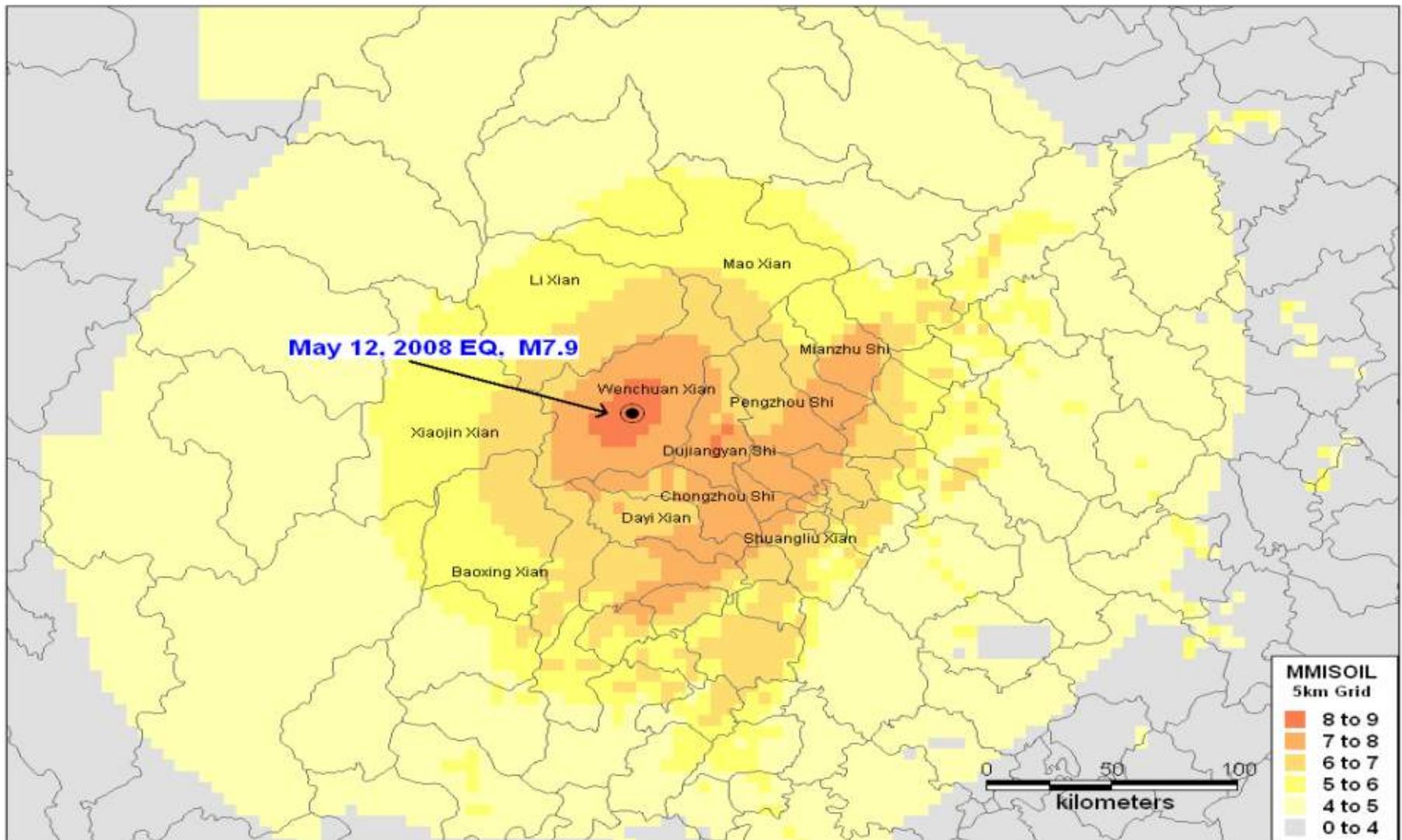
Total: 150b RMB, 20+b USD for 2008



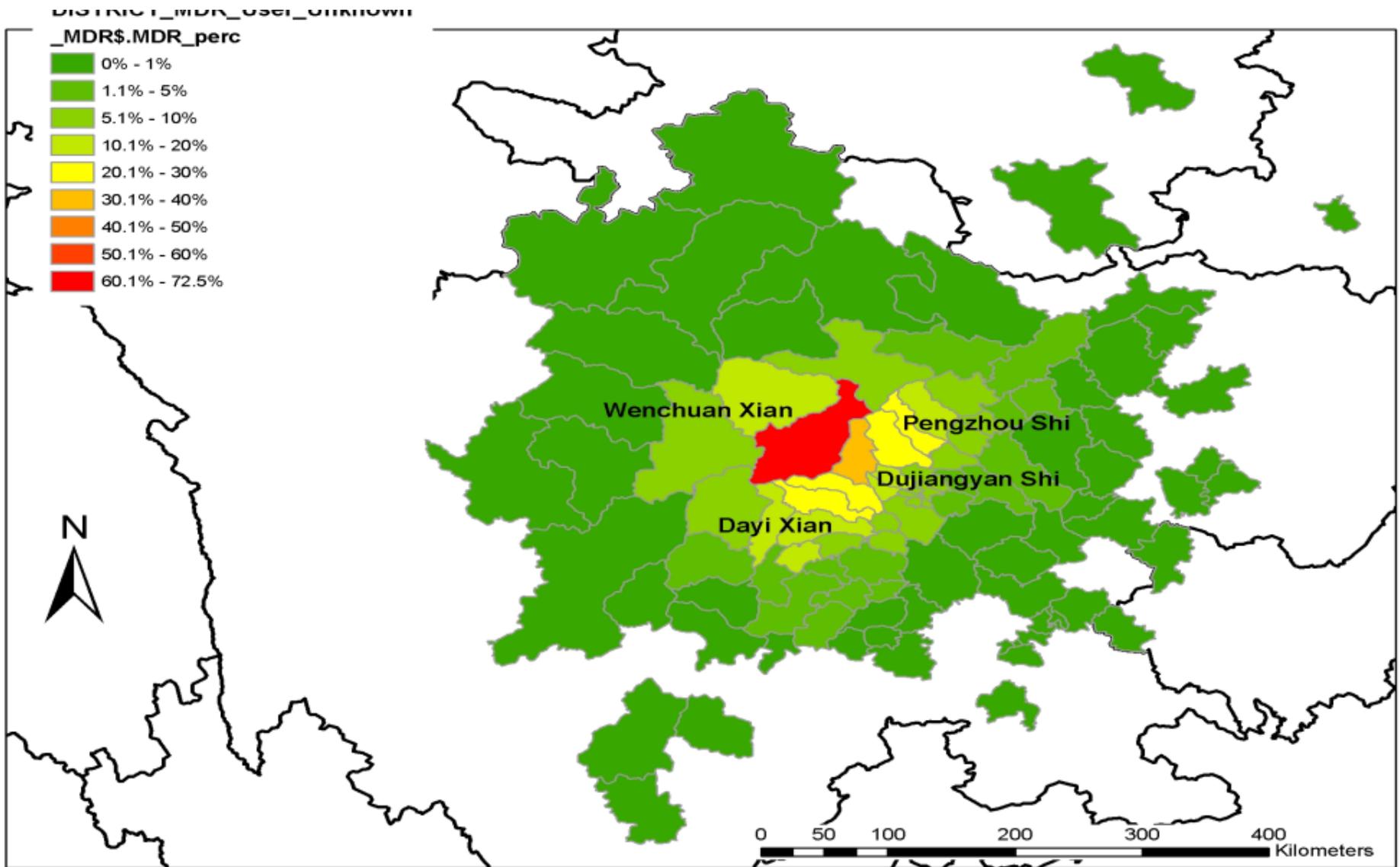
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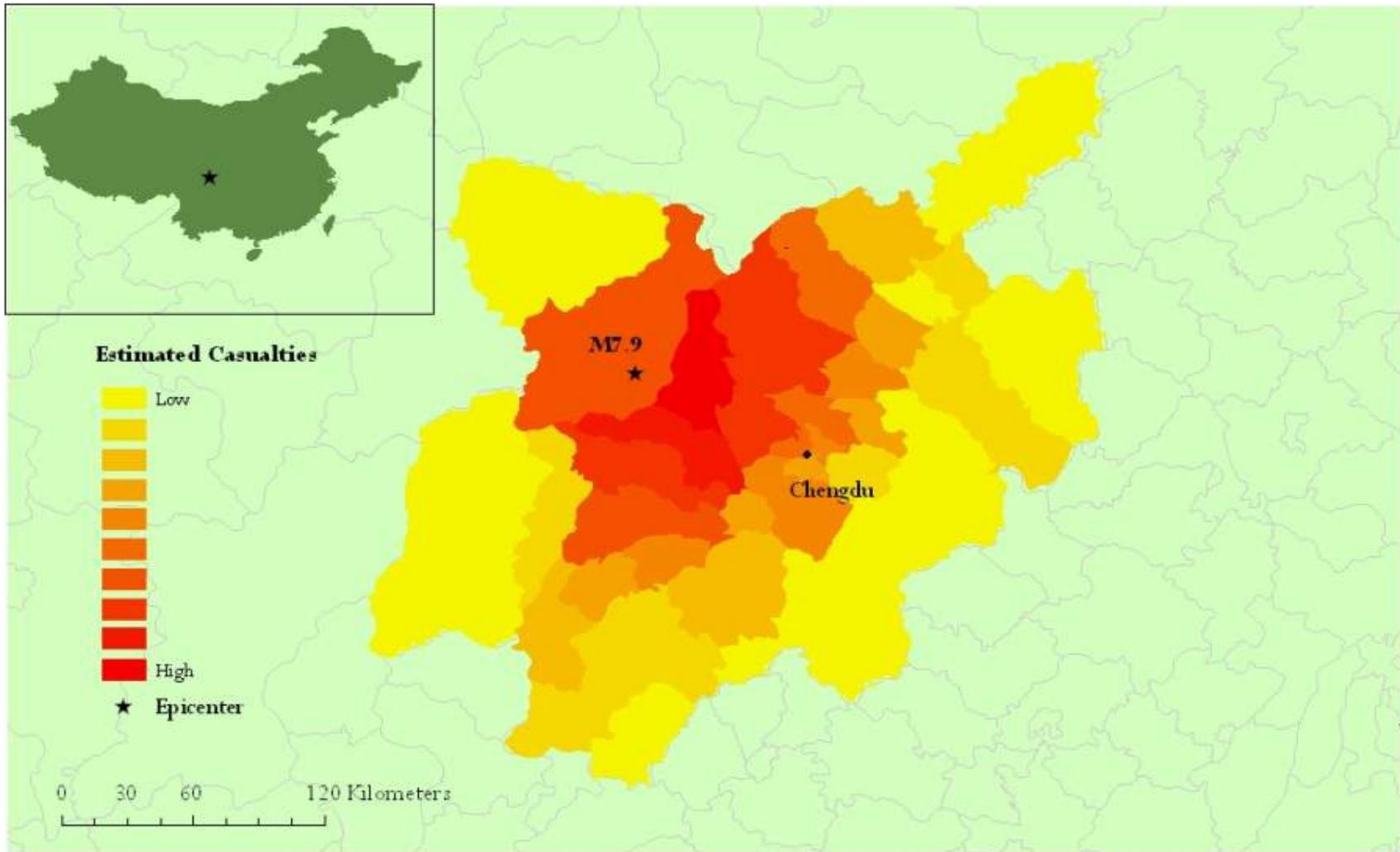
# 5 □ Loss estimate



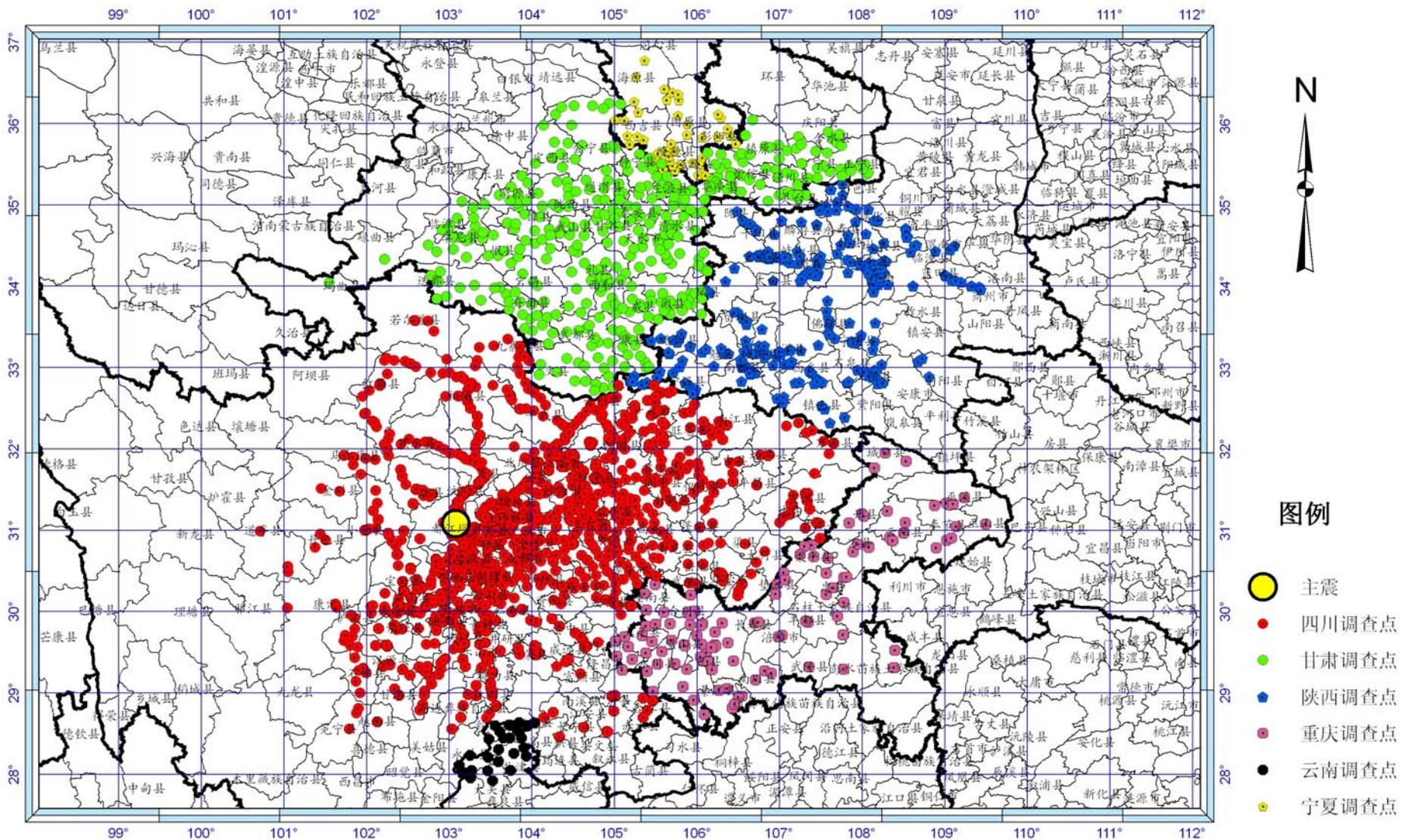
Estimated intensity right after  
the event with a point source



Damage ratio distribution  
Total loss: 983 b (building only)

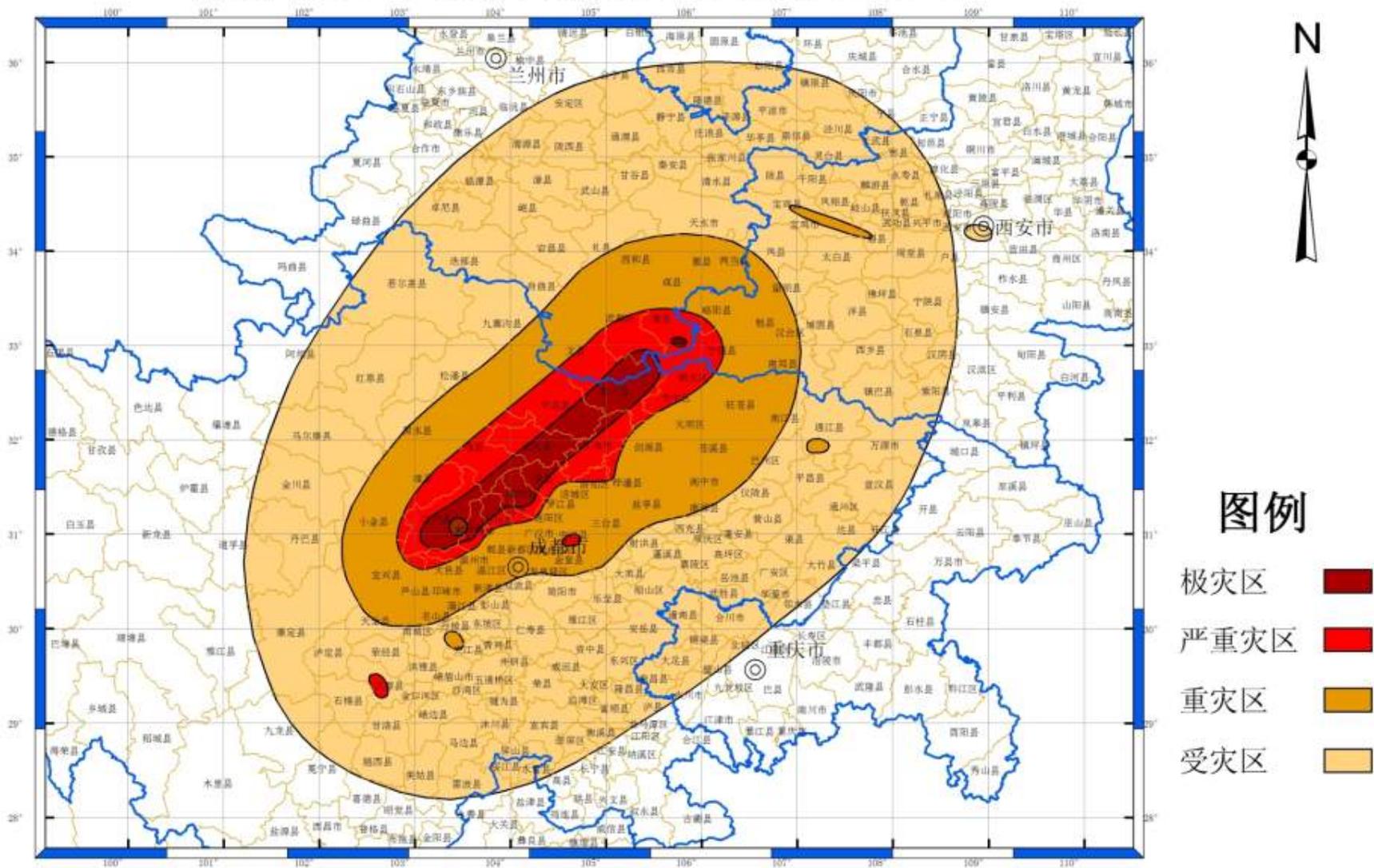


RMS/IEM casualty estimate: 18,000~33,000 (building only, this number helped the government making decisions to dispatch more troops )



**Distribution of field survey locations**

# 汶川8.0级地震灾害分区图





# Concluding remarks

- We know little about earthquakes
- Effectiveness of seismic design
- Economically effective structures for rural areas
- Design earthquakes for public facilities
- Importance of lifeline systems
- Wide spread issue with geotechnical failures
- Risk diversification