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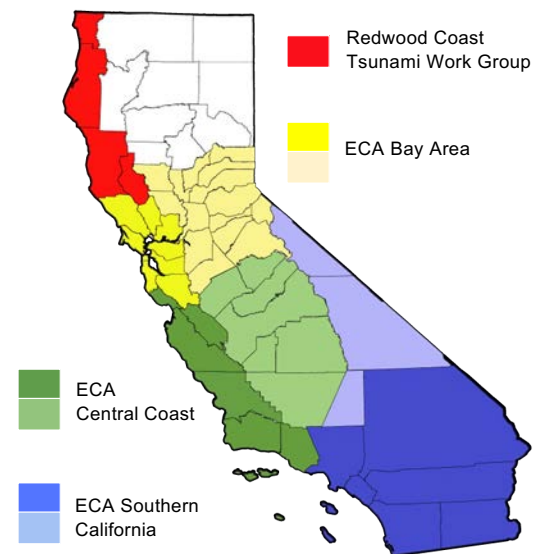
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Earthquake Country Alliance

- 4000+ *Public-Private-Grassroots* leaders
- Subject matter expert *Committees* develop resources and programs
- *Regional Alliances* organize meetings and outreach activities
- California's Office of Emergency Services provides FEMA NEHRP funding for ECA earthquake mitigation activities
- USC's Statewide California Earthquake Center (SCEC.org) administers ECA



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Today's Agenda

Welcome from the ECA SoCal Chairs

Alan Hanson (Simpson Strong-Tie, retired)
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Earthquake Impacts on Utilities and Other Lifelines and How to Reduce Them

Craig Davis, Ph.D., P.E., G.E. (C A Davis Engineering)

Potential New Information Tools and Solving Challenges with Earthquake Early Warning

Jessie Saunders, Ph.D. (Caltech)

Quake Break & "Shake to the Beat"

Gabrielle Tepp (Caltech)

ECA 2024 Activities & Opportunities:

Mini Awards Update; Materials Order Form; Quake Heroes Expos

Mark Benthien (SCEC/ECA)

Open Discussion, Sharing, and Networking

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Earthquake Impacts on Lifeline Infrastructure Systems and How to Reduce Them

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- Lifeline Infrastructure Systems Overview
- Earthquake effects on Lifeline Infrastructure Systems
 - 1971 San Fernando Earthquake Examples
 - 1994 Northridge Earthquake Examples
- Societal Impacts from Lifeline Infrastructure Damages
 - Service Losses
- Reducing the Impacts

Lifeline Infrastructure Systems

- Lifeline Infrastructure Systems are the subset of built infrastructure systems that are essential for any modern city, economy, and society to function.
- They include the following utility and mobility systems:
 - Water
 - Wastewater
 - Storm Water
 - Electric Power
 - Communication
 - Gas and Liquid Fuels
 - Transportation
 - Solid Waste

Lifeline Infrastructure Systems Overview

- Large geographically distributed systems
 - Some cover multiple regions, states, or countries
 - Others limited to city scale
- Made of numerous interlinked specialized components
 - Designed & built over long timeframes
 - Using a variety of standards, procedures, and materials
- Interdependent & Co-located
 - Performance of one effects the others
 - Proximity means failure of one can result in unintended damage to others
- Systems need intimate coordination
 - Yet tend to operate in silos

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Lifeline Infrastructure Systems Overview

- Failures in a single system can result in
 - Cascading failures in other systems
 - Public health and safety concerns
 - Flooding
 - Explosion
 - Fire
 - Electrocution
 - Contaminated water
 - Blocking mobility or communication
 - Wide loss of services



Photo: Balboa Blvd. 1994 Northridge Earthquake, damages to multiple lifelines (road, water, gas, electric power) – cascading failures and hazards

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Earthquake Effects on Lifeline Infrastructure Systems

1971 San Fernando Earthquake

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History of Lifeline Earthquake Engineering

- 2024 is the 53-year anniversary of Lifeline Earthquake Engineering
- On February 9, 1971 a M6.6 earthquake struck the northern San Fernando Valley.
- This event prompted the development of Lifeline Earthquake Engineering
- Damage was wide-spread in Los Angeles and nearby cities
 - Schools
 - Hospitals
 - Homes
 - Other buildings
 - All lifeline systems



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San Fernando Earthquake – Lifeline Systems



Fault rupture in Interstate 210 – Caltrans photo



Scarp at Foothill Nursing Home – USGS Photo

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San Fernando Earthquake – Lifeline Systems



Upper San Fernando Dam showing movement of parapet wall – LADWP photo



Lower San Fernando Dam – remains of crest after upstream slope failure – LADWP photo

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San Fernando Earthquake – Lifeline Systems

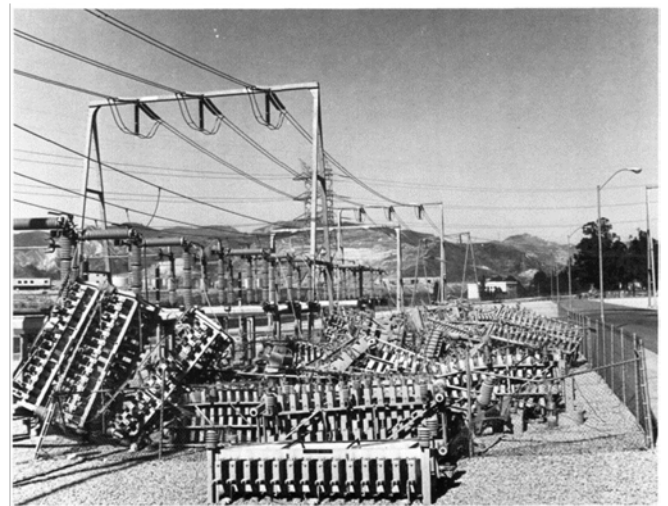


Damaged Section of the 49.5 inch diameter Granada Trunkline in the Utility Corridor – LADWP photo



Buckle in the 2- million gallon Sesnon Tank where steel plate thickness changed from 9/16-inch to 7/16-inch – LADWP photo

San Fernando Earthquake – Lifeline Systems



Damaged Power Equipment at Sylmar Switching Station – LADWP photos

San Fernando Earthquake – Lifeline Systems



Gas pipe taken from the shear-thrust zone across Glenoaks Boulevard – USGS photo

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San Fernando Earthquake – Lifeline Systems

GTE (General Telephone) CO sustained extensive damage to the equipment – Photos courtesy Alex Tang



Service persons trying to sort out the line to transfer to San Fernando



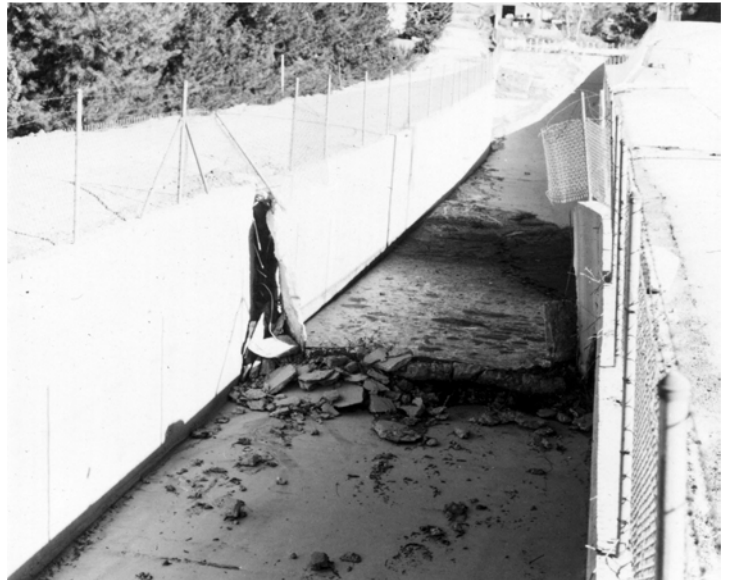
. Electro-mechanical equipment collapsed

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San Fernando Earthquake – Lifeline Systems



stormwater channel along Sepulveda Blvd. at Sylmar converter Station – USGS photo



Reverse fault rupture through an LA County concrete storm drainage channel – USGS photo

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San Fernando Earthquake – Lifeline Systems



Highway Bridge Collapse – Caltrans Photo



Displaced Southern Pacific Railroad tracks near Los Angeles County Juvenile Hall. – USGS Photo

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Post-1971 Improvements

- Following the 1971 earthquake
 - All lifeline infrastructure systems worked together and made significant improvements to their systems
 - Examples from LA Water System (among many other things)
 - Re-evaluated all dams and reservoirs and rebuilt most
 - Upgraded/rebuilt most storage tanks
 - Improved all pumping and Chlorination stations
 - Numerous code and regulation changes
 - Lifelines were recognized as essential systems for cities

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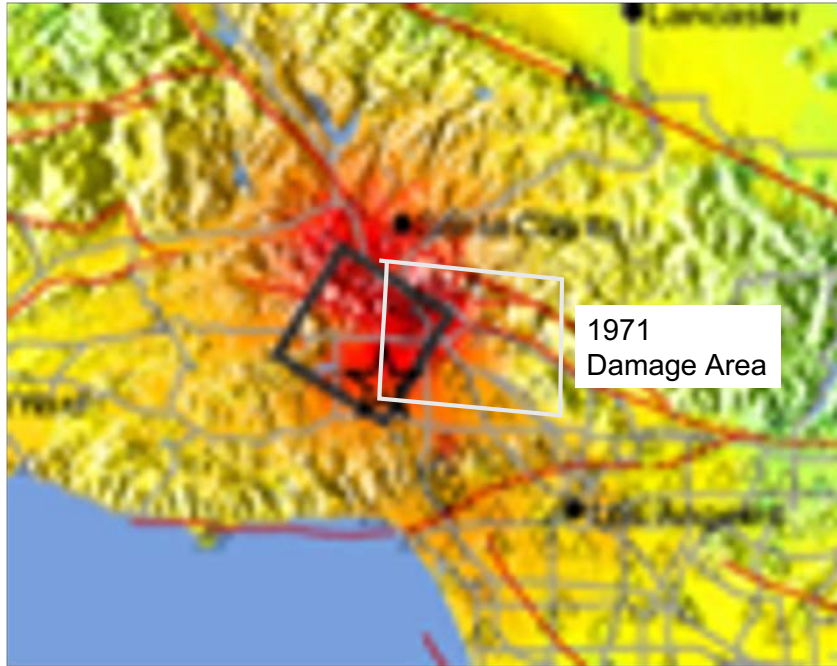


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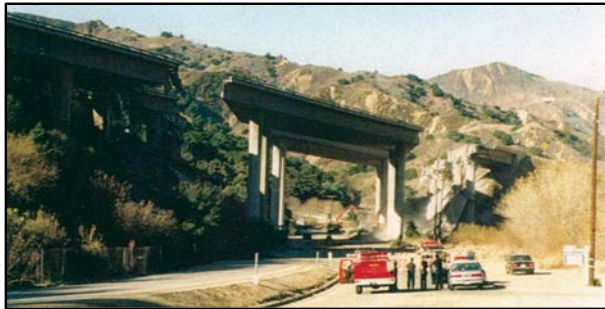
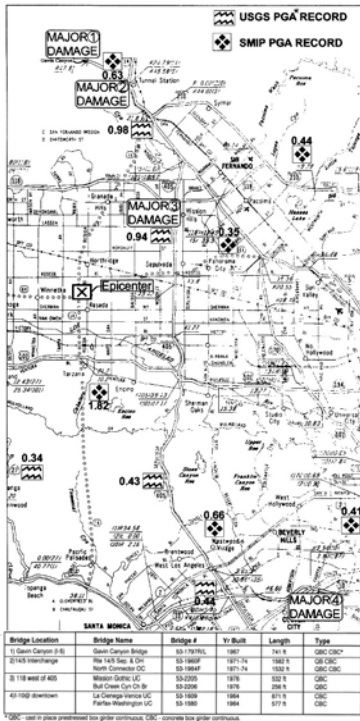
1994 Northridge Earthquake

(See also the Northridge 30 webinar)

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Highway Bridges – Caltrans (courtesy M. Yashinsky)



Gavin Canyon Undercrossing



Route 14/5 Separation & Overhead



La Cienega-Venice Blvd Undercrossing

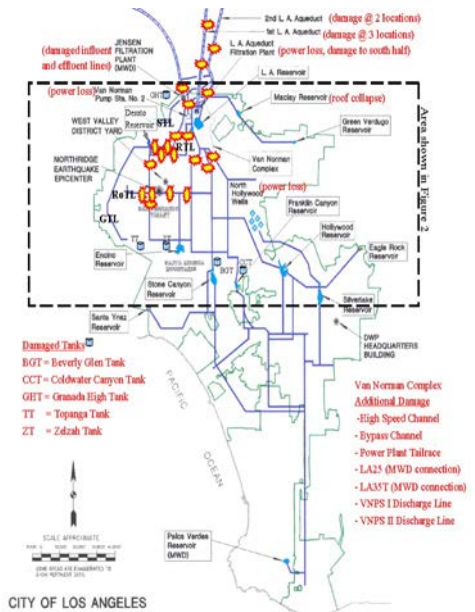


Mission Gothic Undercrossing

Water and Sewer Systems (Most impacts to LA City Systems)



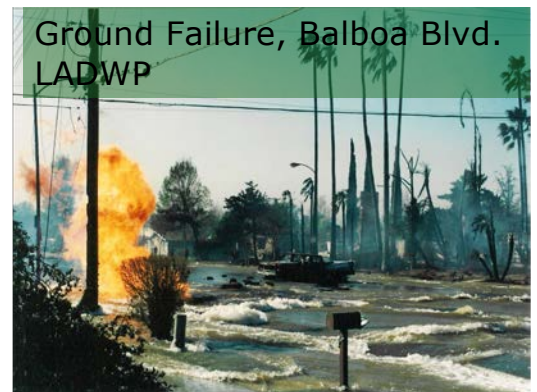
- Water Systems
 - Thousands of pipe repairs
 - Damage to Aqueduct and transmission lines
 - Damage to tanks, reservoirs, & treatment plants
 - **Service impacts to ~1,000,000 people**
 - **Boil Water notices issued**
 - **Loss of water to fight fires**
 - All services restored within weeks
 - System repairs completed in years
- Sewer Systems
 - Pipe and treatment plant damages
 - Service outages not substantial



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Natural Gas (So. California Gas Company)

- Pipe damages
 - 35 transmission (old lines)
 - 3 fires
 - 154 distribution (steel)
- All newer pipes performed well
- **151,000 customers out of service** (88% shut off own service)
- **51 natural gas related fires** (private property)
- **172 mobile homes destroyed by fire** (lack of seismic bracing)
- 82% of customers restored in 2-3 weeks



<https://wtop.com/national/2019/01/northridge-earthquake-shattered-los-angeles-25-years-ago/>

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Electric Power (LADWP and SCE most impacted)

- Damage to Transmission Towers, Converter & Receiving Stations.
- **Power lost to entire City of LA** for 1st time ever
- LA restored 93% customers in 1.5 days, completed within 2 days
- SCE had 825,000 customer outages, restored in 20 hours
- Power Grid impacts resulted in **outages across Western USA and Canada**



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Other Systems

- Communication Systems
 - Performed reasonably well
 - Notable service outages for several hours
- Liquid Fuels
 - Old pipeline damages
 - Oil spills resulting in fire

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Service Recovery

- These infrastructure systems were fairly resilient
 - Resilience is usually described in terms of a rapid recovery.
- They were able to recover their basic services to the communities experiencing the disaster in a timely manner.
- This was a result of having experienced a similar-sized earthquake-caused disaster 23 years prior in the same area.
 - Post-1971 earthquake improvements were made over the decades and paid dividends in 1994!
 - **Yet there was still significant damage and service disruptions**
- **What about areas not as prepared?**
- **What about larger events?**

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Societal Impacts from Service Losses

- Loss of Lifeline Infrastructure Services Severely Effect:
 - Emergency response
 - Communications
 - Electric Power
 - Transportation
 - Water for Firefighting
 - Public health and safety
 - Basic survival (life, social, economic) of populations
 - Post-earthquake recovery
- Lifeline Infrastructure System Services are needed for all of these important issues
 - **Yet, examples show we cannot prevent infrastructure service disruptions in extreme events**

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Resilience Thinking Helps to Reduce Impacts

- Be prepared to adapt
- Understand the interdependencies and be prepared
- Communities need to be prepared to have services disrupted for some period of time
- Lifeline Infrastructure systems need to be prepared to restore any disrupted services when the communities need them
 - Not all services are needed at the same time
 - e.g., hospitals and first responders need services before recreational facilities
- Mitigating infrastructure vulnerabilities
- Adding redundancy to systems
- There are many other resilience activities that can be undertaken

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Developing Methods to Improve and Maintain the Resilience of Lifeline Infrastructure Systems

- Identifying the characteristics of Resilient Lifeline Infrastructure Systems
- Main elements making up processes for assessing, managing, and governing for infrastructure resilience
- Interactions between infrastructure system services and communities
 - Resilience requires broad engagement and communications
- Processes for Identifying Service Recovery Objectives to meet societal needs
 - We need consistency across lifeline sectors to support community needs
- Frameworks for Designing and Managing Lifeline Infrastructure to meet Recovery Based Objectives

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Making Resilient Lifeline Infrastructure

- Community resilience planning incorporating infrastructure service needs
 - Accomplished at community level involving infrastructure systems
- Infrastructure Resilience Plans incorporating user needs
 - Accomplished at Infrastructure system level involving stakeholders
- Designing infrastructure components and systems to meet recovery-based objectives
 - Utilize newly developed processes by FEMA and NIST

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Lifeline Resilience Program

Process was generalized and published for use by others

- Defines 17 Characteristics
- 119 achievement indicators

2019 ASCE webinar:

<http://mylearning.asce.org/diweb/catalog/item?id=5077710>

EERI webinar provides summary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=is68pcU86x0>

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Establishing Characteristics to Operationalize Resilience for Lifeline Systems

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Abstract: The purpose of this paper is to provide information useful for creating and maintaining resilient utility lifeline systems. In part, the information presented helps to answer the question, “What is a resilient lifeline system?” Seventeen characteristics of resilient lifeline systems are identified and categorized within organizational, technical, social, and economic domains. Each characteristic has a listing of achievement indicators. The achievement indicators are chosen to define the space bounded by the resilience domains (organizational, technical, social, and economic), resilience properties (redundancy, maneuverability, rapidity, and robustness), and the event cycle (planning, mitigation, response, recovery, and rebuild). The characteristics and achievement indicators define attributes needed for resilient lifeline systems and can be used as a checklist to allow lifeline organizations to better understand their current level of resilience and what they may undertake to improve. The difference between the current state and the target, defined by the characteristics, identifies the gaps in resilience needing to be filled. The gaps can be prioritized and implemented individually or as part of a lifeline system resilience program and are helpful for setting future directions and strategic planning. Example and case study applications are presented to show how the characteristics and achievement indicators can be operationalized into practice. For these reasons, one primary intended audience for this information is resilient to high-level managers of lifeline system owners and operators who are interested in improving their system resilience. The characteristics and achievement indicators are also useful for identifying where research and development are needed to create further guidance on how to improve lifeline system resilience. As a result, another audience for this paper is lifeline system researchers and product developers. DOI: 10.1061/(ASCE)NH.1527-6996.0000603. © 2018 American Society of Civil Engineers.

Introduction

Utility lifeline systems are infrastructure networks vital to the communities they serve. They include communication, electric power, water, wastewater, sanitation protection, gas and liquid fuel, transportation, and solid waste management systems (Dicks and Moran 1975). Each lifeline system provides essential services for communities to function and survive. Lifeline systems are large, interconnected, and geographically distributed networks. Many times, they provide critical services to multiple communities. Community resilience is defined by the ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions and to withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions. Resilience includes the ability to withstand and recover from deliberate attacks, accidents, or naturally occurring threats or incidents (FEMA 2015). This definition is consistent with others in the literature (e.g., Brannon et al. 2001; Norris et al. 2008; Ayoub 2014). Lifeline systems are therefore essential for supporting community resilience. This paper proposes that a resilient lifeline system has the ability to accommodate hazard-related impacts and continue providing services or limit service outage

status suitable for community recovery efforts (modified from Davis and Cheung 2015). Hazards include deliberate attacks, accidents, or naturally occurring threats or incidents. Lifeline system resilience embodies the fact that these complex systems may not be able to withstand damage from all hazard strikes (i.e., they are not designed to be fail-safe, but can be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in a way to provide or restore the services, when needed, to the communities they serve (i.e., safe-to-fail design). NIST (2015) provides guidance for communities to plan for resilience. Following a significant hazard strike, communities can survive for a time without these essential lifeline services, but extended service disruptions will have significant social and economic impacts. It is the responsibility of the lifeline systems to recover the services to the communities. Not all community functions require the services to be recovered at the same time. For example, hospitals and emergency evacuation centers may require lifeline services in advance of an industrial park. Thus, the needs of the local community should help drive the resilient performance of lifeline systems. At the same time, the community resilience is improved when lifeline systems work with their customers to ensure they understand service outages can occur and inform them of the probability, uncertainty, and duration of potential outages. There are many demand-side tactics customers may undertake to improve community resilience (e.g., Rose 2010; NAE 2017) and modify the needed lifeline system service recovery times. This paper identifies characteristics of resilient lifeline systems to support community resilience. In this context, lifeline systems include the physical systems and the organizations that manage them.

Lifeline systems have a need for procedures outlining how to develop resilience programs and plans to address hazards across all the utility organizations, both because of their operational interdependence and in their desire to optimize the levels of service.

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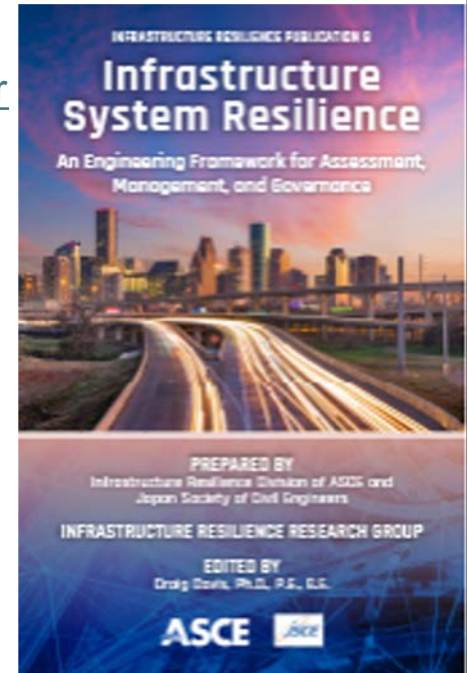
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Infrastructure Resilience Framework

- ASCE and JSCE developed an engineering framework for assessment, management, and governance

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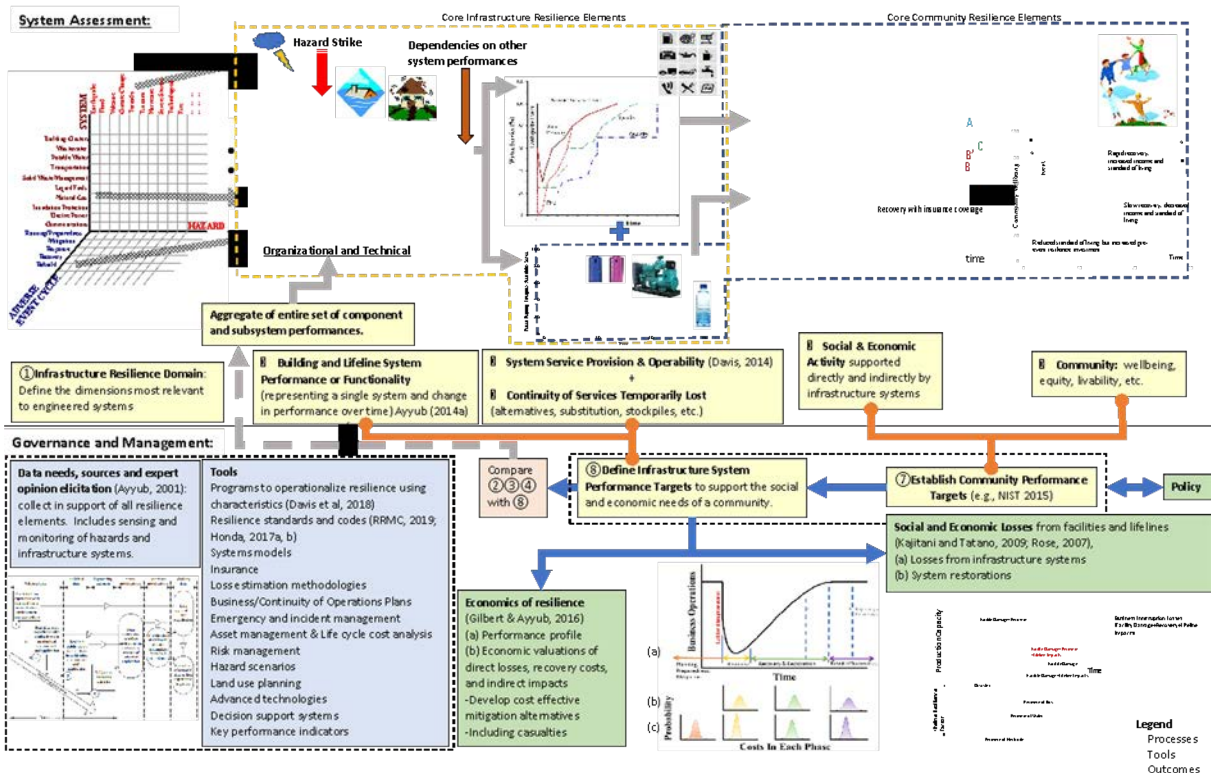
- Meets need for engineers to operationalize resilience, covering
 - all infrastructure systems and hazards,
 - all event cycle phases
- Identifies the 8 elements for infrastructure resilience
 - Infrastructure Resilience Domain
 - Infrastructure Performance or Functionality
 - Service Provision and Operability
 - Continuity of Services Temporarily Lost
 - The Supported Social & Economic Activities
 - Community wellbeing, equity, livability
 - Establish Community Performance Targets
 - Define Infrastructure Performance Targets



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Infrastructure Resilience Framework

ASCE – JSCE Framework



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FEMA P-2234 “A Framework to Establish Lifeline Infrastructure System Service Recovery Objectives for Seismic Resilience”

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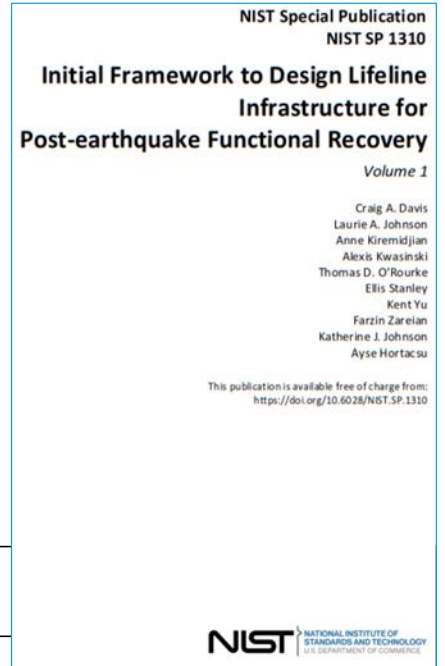
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Team Effort

- We all need to work together to enhance our resilience
- Resilience covers more than just earthquakes
- Climate change and normal operations are putting significant pressures on lifeline infrastructure systems and need to be addresses together with earthquakes
- Lifeline Infrastructure System services are critical to creating resilient communities
- It is essential to engage the lifeline infrastructure systems serving your communities to encourage and help them improve their resilience
- Everyone needs to be aware of the tools that are recently developed to help improve lifeline infrastructure system resilience

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ShakeAlert in Southern California

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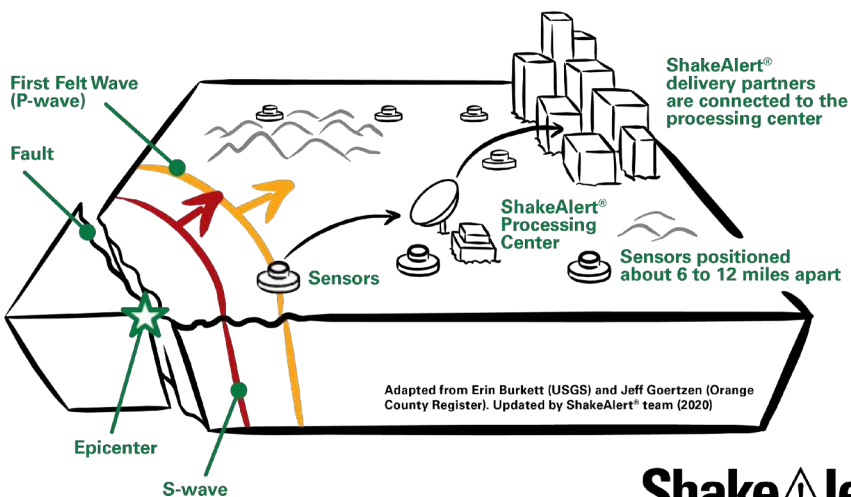


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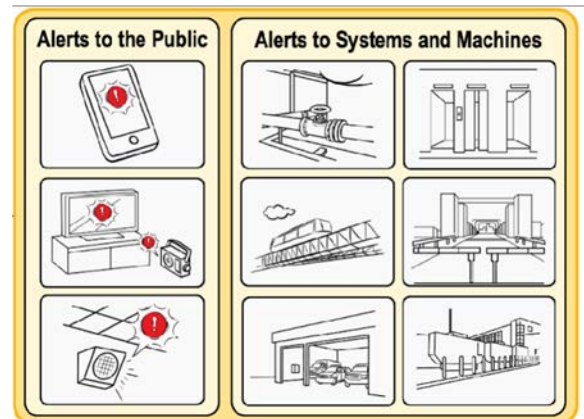
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Earthquake early warning (EEW):

- Detects an earthquake as it begins
- Rapidly estimates ground-motion distributions
- Issues alerts to locations expected to experience significant shaking



EEW enables different protective actions



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EEW is one part of a spectrum of earthquake response products

Before the earthquake Earthquake begins After the earthquake



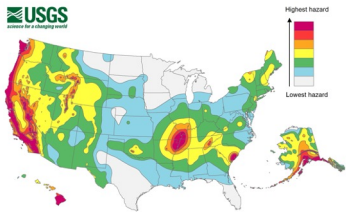
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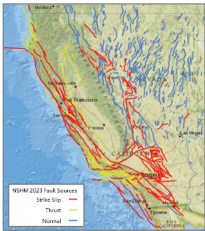


Long-term earthquake hazard products

National Seismic Hazard Map



U.S. Hazardous Faults



USGS earthquake website: earthquake.usgs.gov

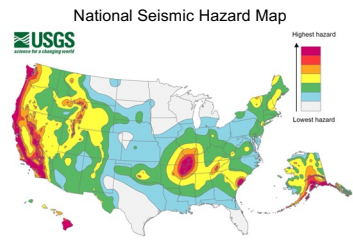
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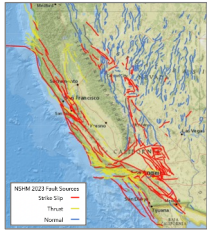
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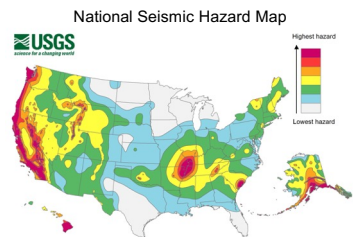
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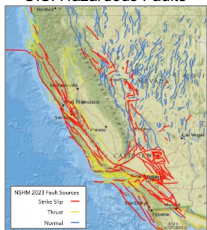
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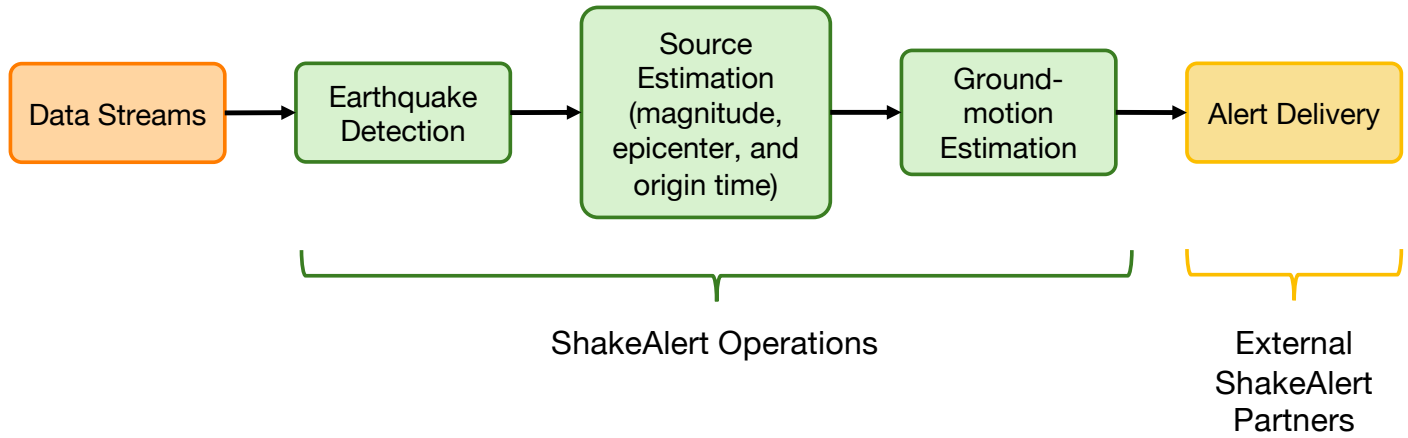
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(Examples from the 2021 M4.3 Carson earthquake. Ground failure, finite fault, and aftershock forecast examples from the 2019 M7.1 Ridgecrest earthquake.)

USGS earthquake website: earthquake.usgs.gov

A simplified look at ShakeAlert system architecture

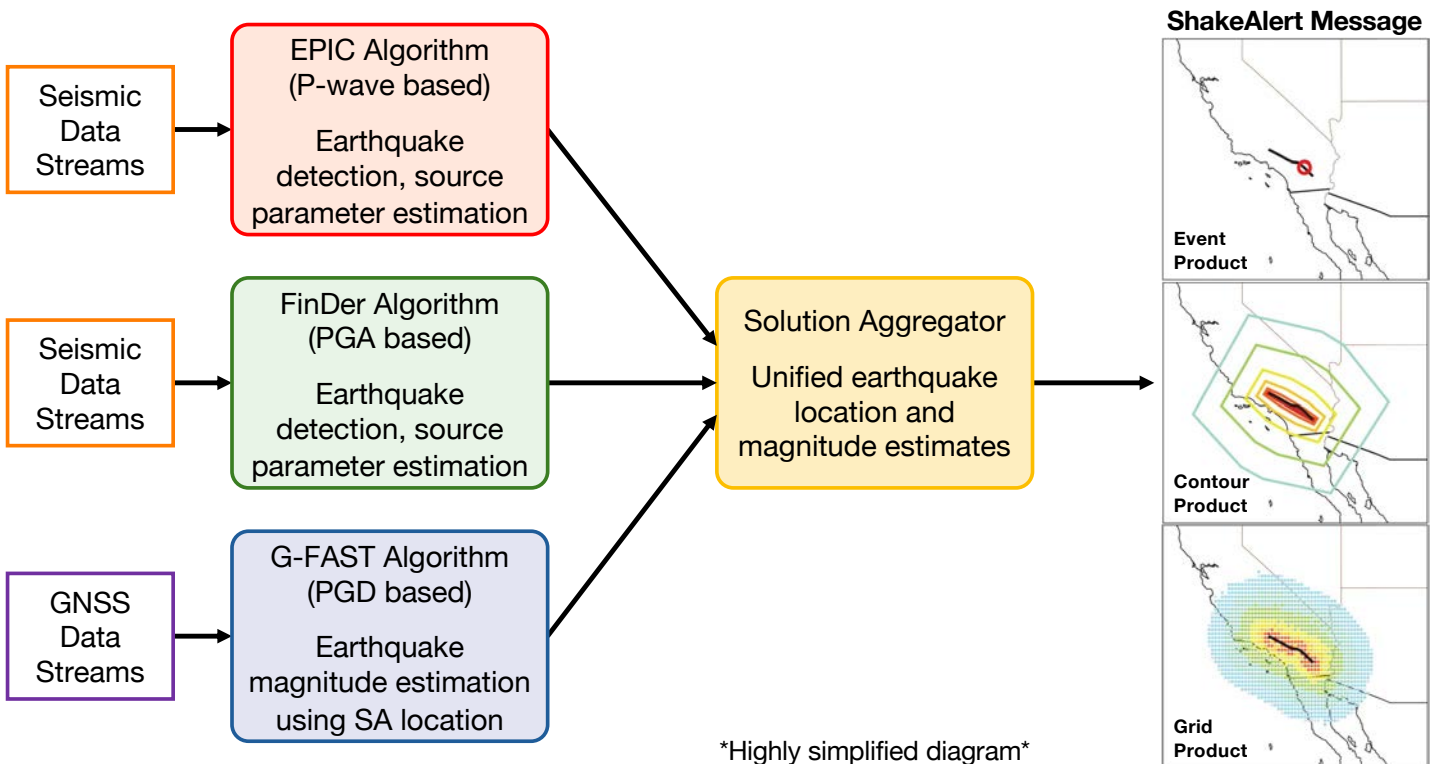
ShakeAlert currently takes a source-characterization-based approach to EEW.



Highly simplified diagram

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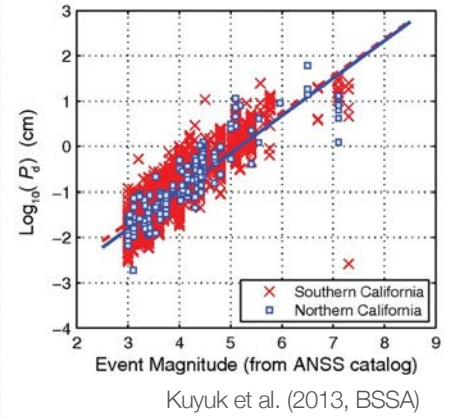
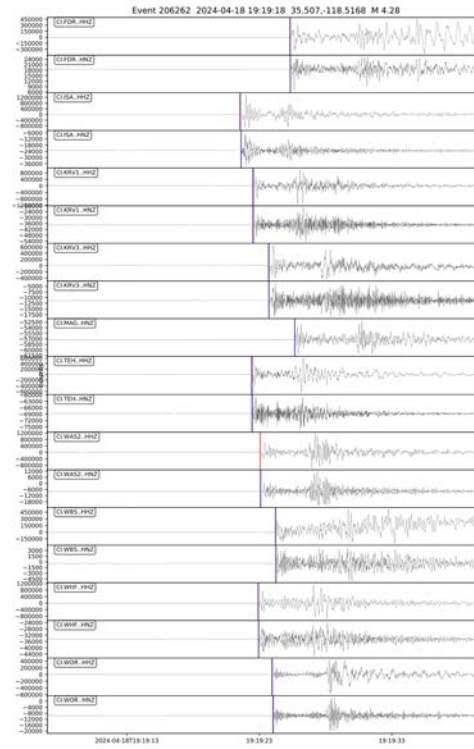
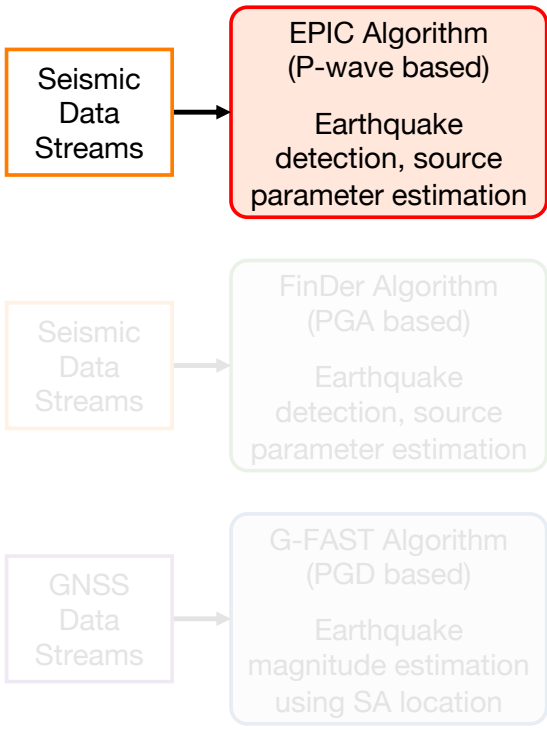
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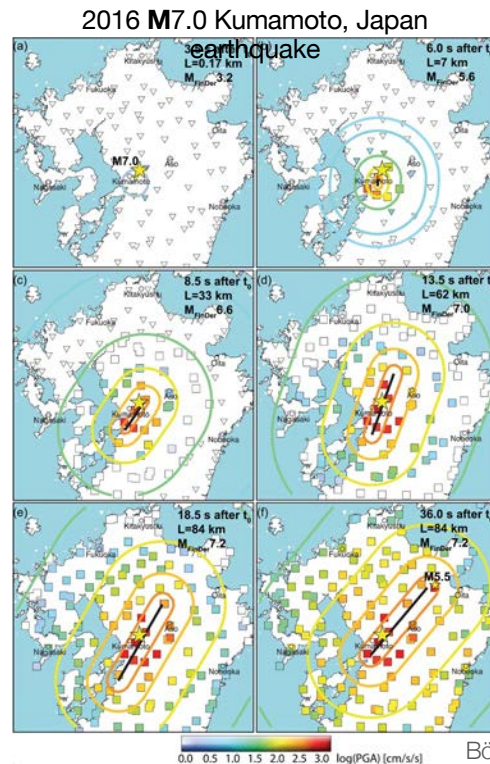
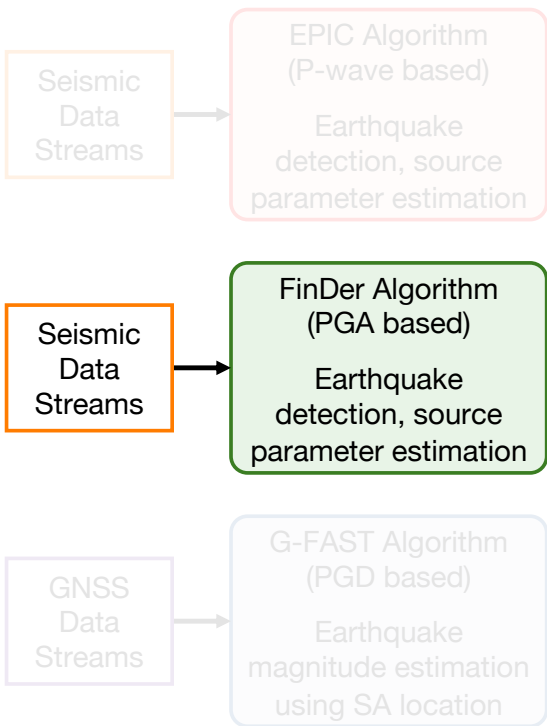
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EPIC: Earthquake Point-Source Integration Code



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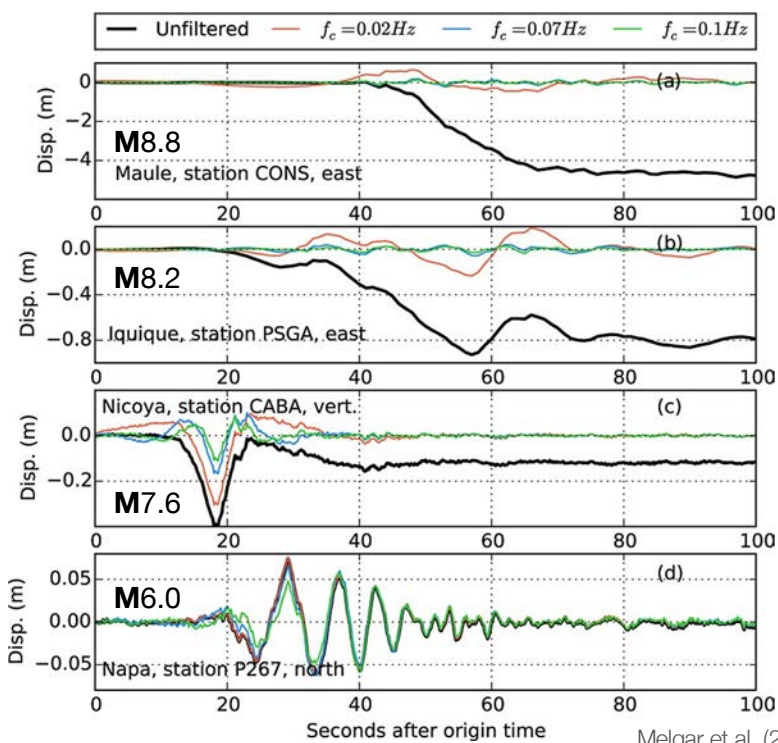
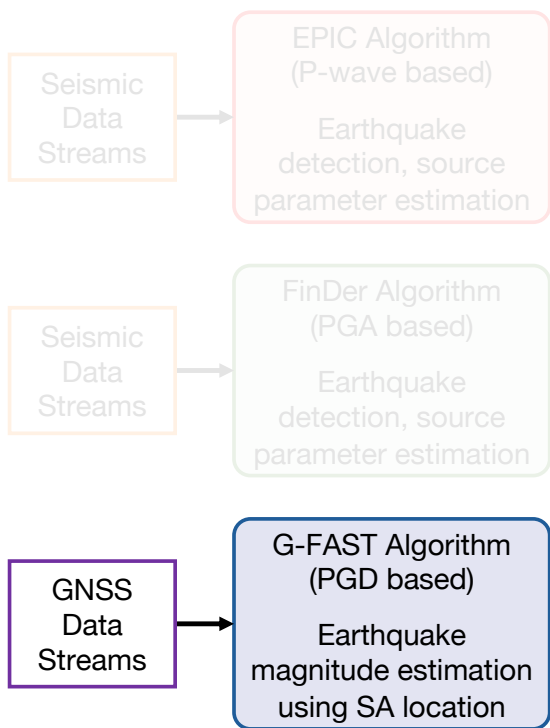
FinDer: Finite-Fault Rupture Detector



Böse et al. (2018, GJI)

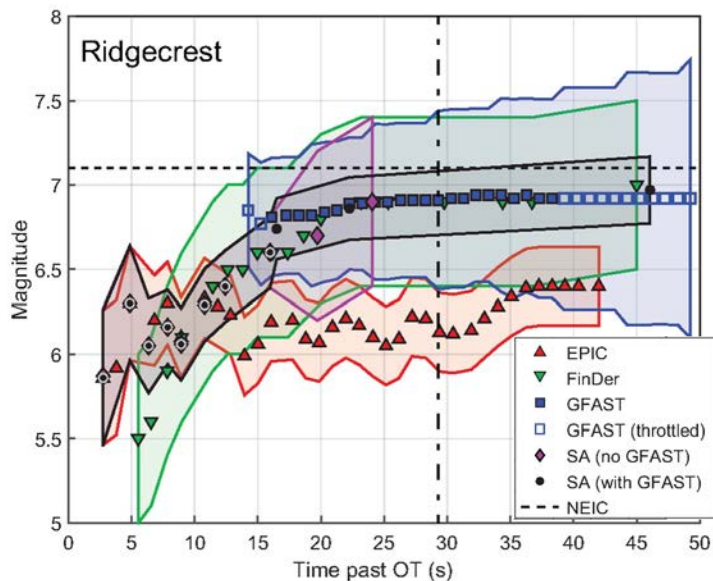
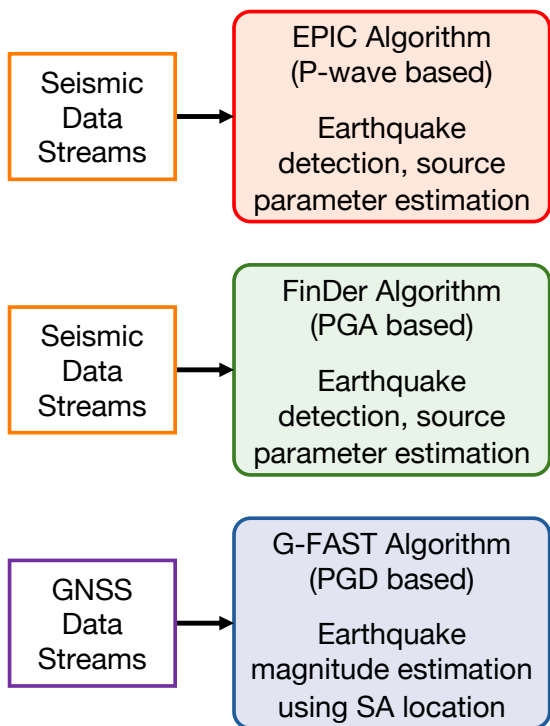
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G-FAST: Geodetic First Approximation of Size and Time



Melgar et al. (2015, GRL)

ShakeAlert combines source estimates from 3 independent algorithms



Murray et al. (2023, BSSA)

Southern CA ShakeAlert performance for March 1 – June 4

Earthquakes with public EEW alerts issued to cell phones

Date	Location	Magnitude	Number of DYFI reports	Maximum intensity	ShakeAlert peak magnitude estimate	ShakeAlert first alert time relative to earthquake origin
2024-04-18	Bodfish, CA	4.3	806	MMI V	4.5	9.3 s
2024-05-01	Corona, CA	4.1	8,384	MMI V	4.5	4.4 s
2024-05-08	Delta, B.C., MX	4.1	25	MMI IV	4.6	8.7 s
2024-05-12	Delta, B.C., MX	4.9	340	MMI VI	5.6	12.1 s
2024-05-12	Delta, B.C., MX	4.6	41	MMI V	5.0	7.9 s
2024-05-13	Delta, B.C., MX	4.2	27	MMI IV	4.5	10.2 s
2024-05-20	Ocotillo Wells, CA	4.1	1,008	MMI V	4.7	6.3 s
2024-05-27	Mexico	4.2	5	MMI IV	4.6	21.5 s

Since March 1, 2024:

- There were 8 earthquakes with ShakeAlert magnitude estimates of $M \geq 4.5$ (the threshold for many public alerts)
- There were 13 earthquakes with ShakeAlert magnitude estimates of $M \geq 4.0$
($M 4.0$ is the threshold at which ShakeAlert performance summaries are published on the USGS webpages)
- All 27 $M 3.5+$ earthquakes were detected by ShakeAlert, and 24 had ShakeAlert magnitude estimates of $M \geq 3.5$
- An additional 8 $M 3.0-3.5$ earthquakes had ShakeAlert magnitude estimates of $M \geq 3.5$
($M 3.5$ is the threshold at which ShakeAlert Messages are published on the alert servers)

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2024-05-12 M4.9 Delta, B.C., MX earthquake

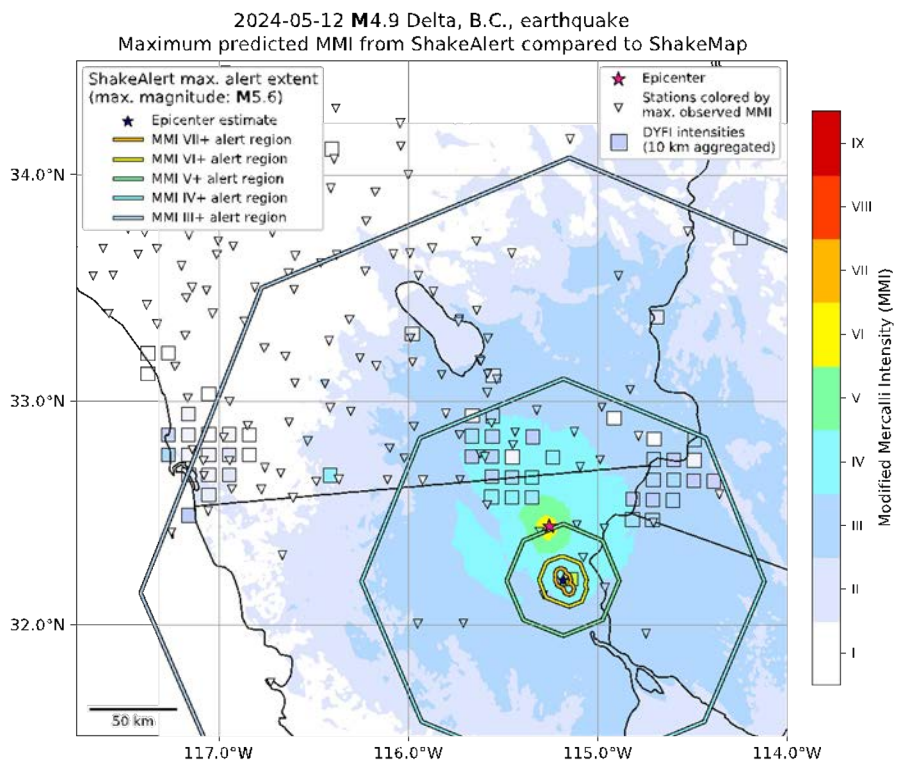
Offshore and edge-of-network earthquakes are challenging for ShakeAlert algorithms due to poor station coverage.

ShakeAlert overestimated this earthquake's magnitude in part due to a poor location estimate by the EPIC algorithm.

However, the MMI IV+ alert region used for alerts delivered through WEA still encompass the area that experienced likely-felt shaking.

FinDer performed well during this event, but ShakeAlert prefers EPIC for $M < 6$ estimates.

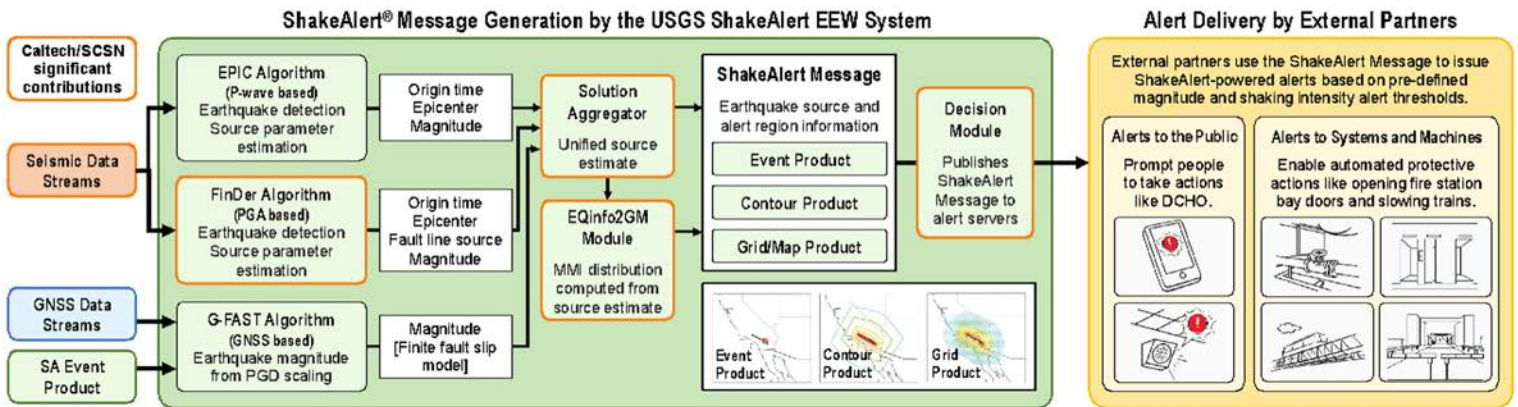
Combining the individual EEW algorithms (EPIC, FinDer, G-FAST) in terms of their predicted ground motions rather than their magnitude and location estimates could produce more accurate alerts.



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Summary

ShakeAlert produces alerts by combining earthquake source estimates from EEW algorithms that have different strengths and weaknesses, which makes the system more robust:



While ShakeAlert is successfully producing alerts for significant earthquakes, some challenges remain, including out-of-network earthquakes and complex sequences like earthquake swarms.

We are always looking for ways to improve the current ShakeAlert system.

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How can you sign up to get ShakeAlert EEW alerts?

Alert Thresholds

To Alert People

	Who is Alerted	Magnitude Threshold	Intensity Threshold
Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)	General public with WEA-capable devices	5.0+	MMI IV+
Cell Phone Apps	People who have downloaded a cell phone app	4.5+	MMI III+ (user selectable)
Android Operating System	Android cell phone users through push notifications	4.5+	MMI III - MMI IV
	Android cell phone users through full-screen takeover	4.5+	MMI V+
Automated Alerts through Public Address Systems, Lights, Sirens, In-House Apps, etc.	Institutions that use ShakeAlert to alert people to take a protective action	4.0+	MMI III+

To Alert Systems and Machines

Automated "Machine-to-Machine" Alerts	Institutions that use ShakeAlert to automate actions to mitigate damage to vital equipment, systems, and infrastructure	4.0+	MMI III+
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MyShake Alert San Diego

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Quake Break: So Cal Seismic Activity

Including:

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and Stadium Response of Concerts and Music Fans***

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Quake Break – Southern California

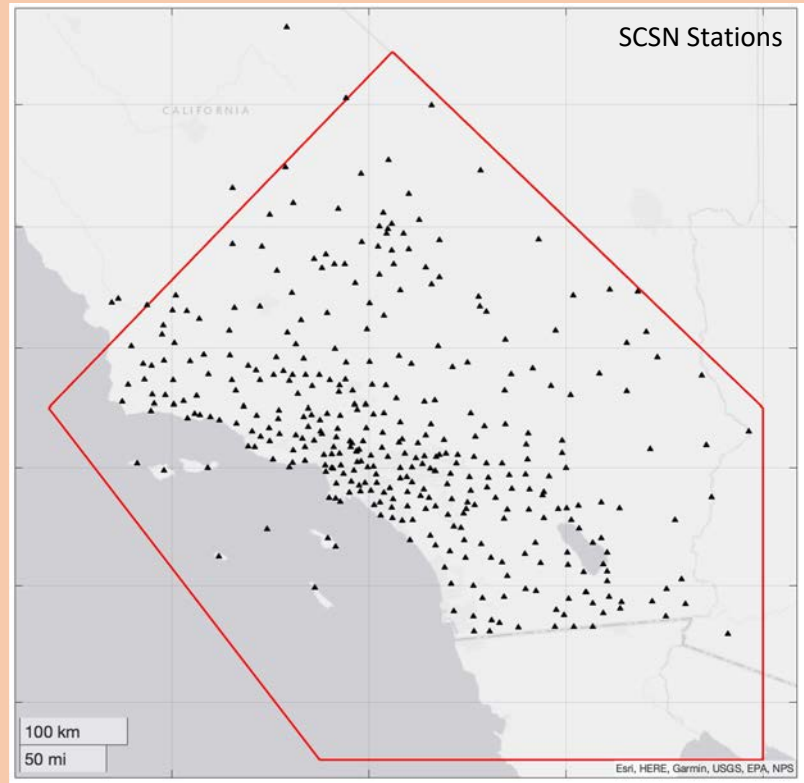
March – May 2024

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- * For earthquake notifications: @CaltechQuake (X/Twitter)



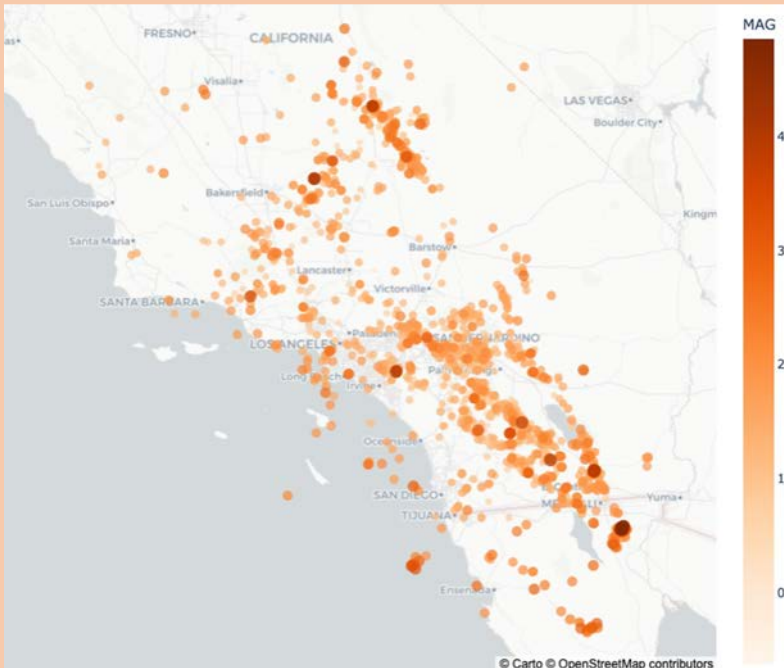
This quarter in Southern California there were:

3,993 earthquakes + 135 quarry blasts

M>2 – 396

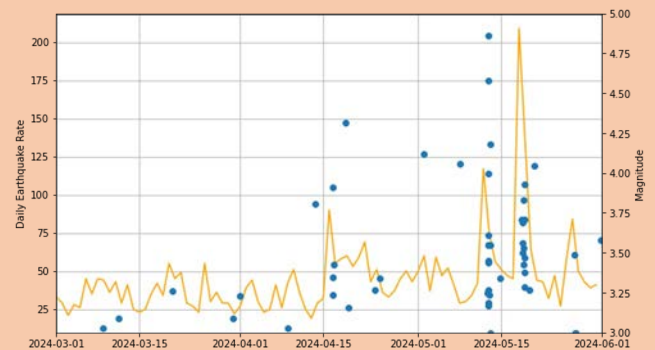
M>3 – 56

M>4 – 8



Average daily earthquake rate: 45
Max rate of 209 on 05/18/2024

- 4/18/24 – M4.3 - S of Bodfish, California
- 5/01/24 – M4.1 - SW of Corona, California
- 5/07/24 – M4.1 - NW of Delta, B.C., Mexico
- 5/12/24 – M4.9 - NNW of Delta, B.C., Mexico
- 5/12/24 – M4.0 - NW of Delta, B.C., Mexico
- 5/12/24 – M4.6 - NW of Delta, B.C., Mexico
- 5/12/24 – M4.2 - NNW of Delta, B.C., Mexico
- 5/20/24 – M4.1 - SE of Ocotillo Wells, California

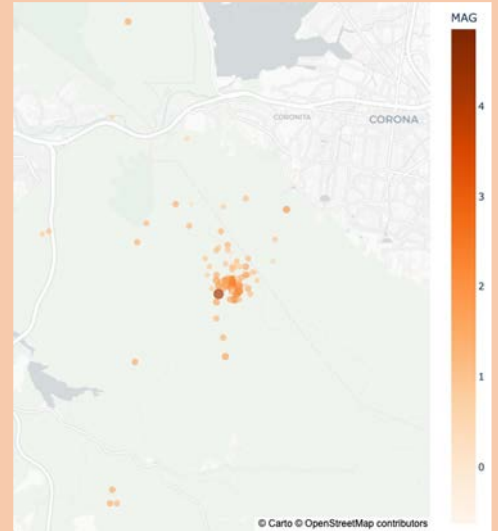


M4.1 Corona Sequence (May 1, 13:49:00 PDT, 4.6 km depth)

This sequence had 13 foreshocks in the 5 days before and ~50 aftershocks by the end of May.

Largest Foreshock:
M2.8 on 4/30/24 at 19:26:38 PDT

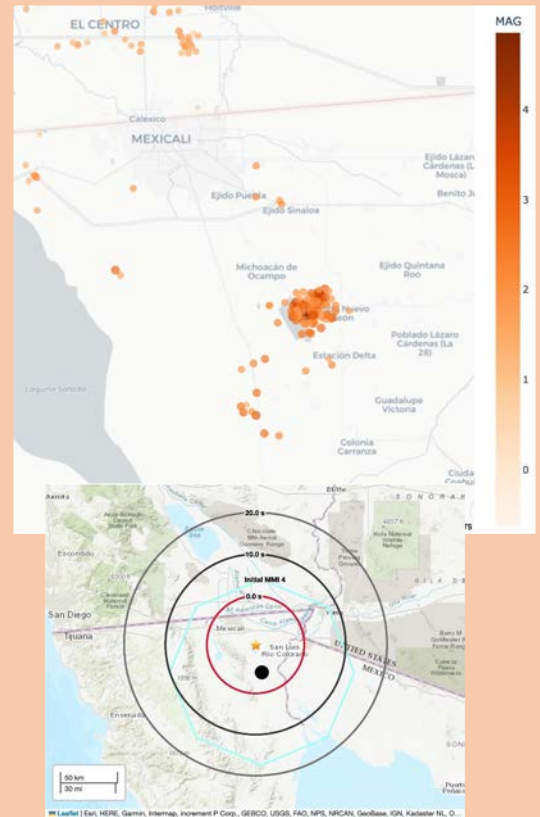
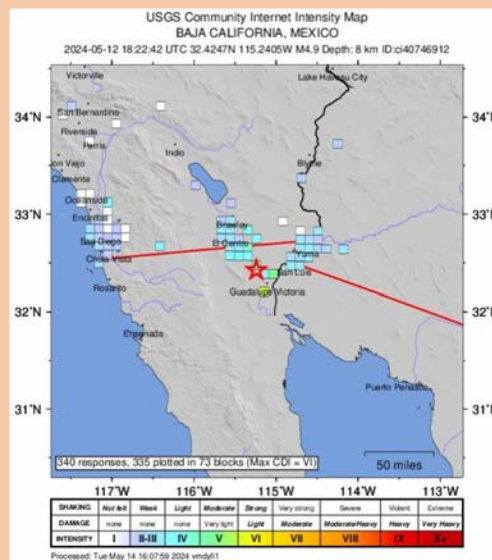
Largest Aftershock:
M2.5 on 5/1/24 at 17:52:58 PDT



May 12 Baja Sequence/Swarm

This sequence had ~70 located events, of which 16 were M3+.

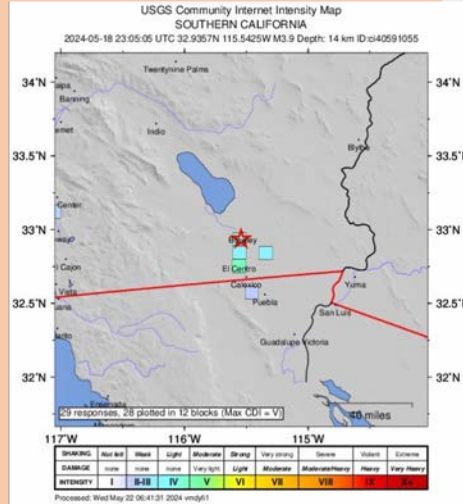
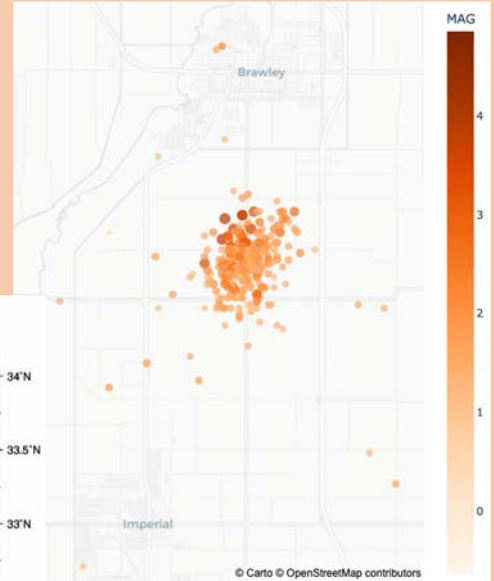
- 4.9 5/12/24 11:22:42
- 3.6 5/12/24 11:25:28
- 3.5 5/12/24 11:25:54
- 4.0 5/12/24 11:33:44
- 3.6 5/12/24 11:45:00
- 3.6 5/12/24 11:53:40
- 4.6 5/12/24 12:04:00
- 4.2 5/12/24 21:02:18
- 3.6 5/12/24 21:07:34



May 18-20 Brawley Swarm

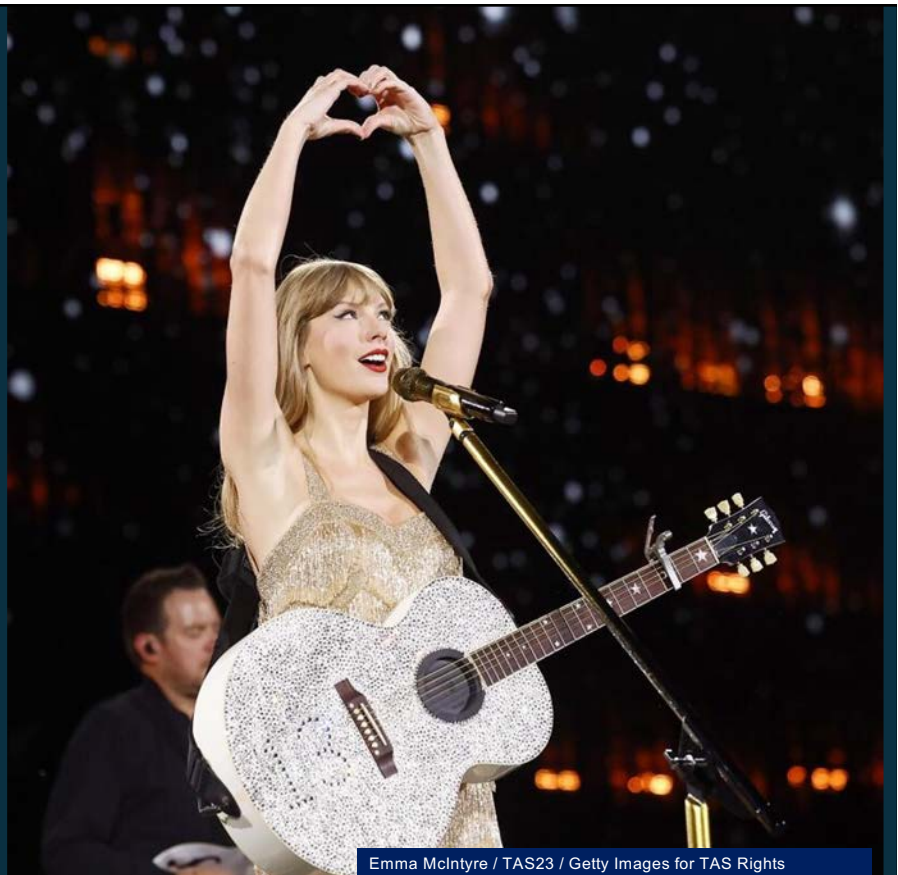
This swarm included 270 earthquakes, of which 13 were M3+.

- 3.7 05/18/24 02:36:37, 11.7 km
- 3.6 05/18/24 05:38:00, 13.8 km
- 3.5 05/18/24 05:41:52, 13.9 km
- 3.7 05/18/24 08:52:13, 12.3 km
- 3.5 05/18/24 09:30:18, 10.3 km
- 3.8 05/18/24 12:17:22, 10.8 km
- 3.5 05/18/24 15:58:19, 10.5 km
- 3.9 05/18/24 16:05:05, 14.2 km
- 3.7 05/18/24 16:13:26, 13.8 km



Shake to the Beat: Exploring the Seismic Signals and Stadium Response of Concerts and Music Fans

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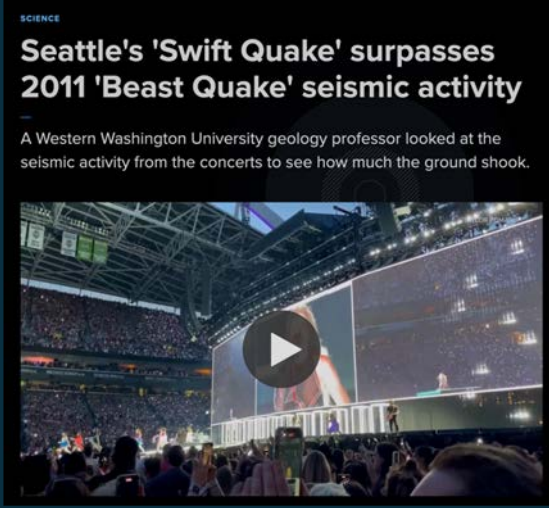
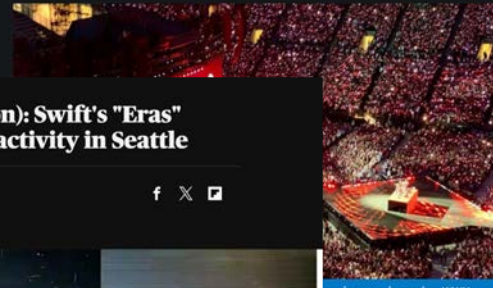


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In summer 2023, SwiftQuakes went viral....



WWU seismologist captures 'Swift-quake,' story goes global
 WWU Geology expert's readings show Taylor Swift's Seattle concerts caused 2.3 magnitude seismic activity at Lumen Field



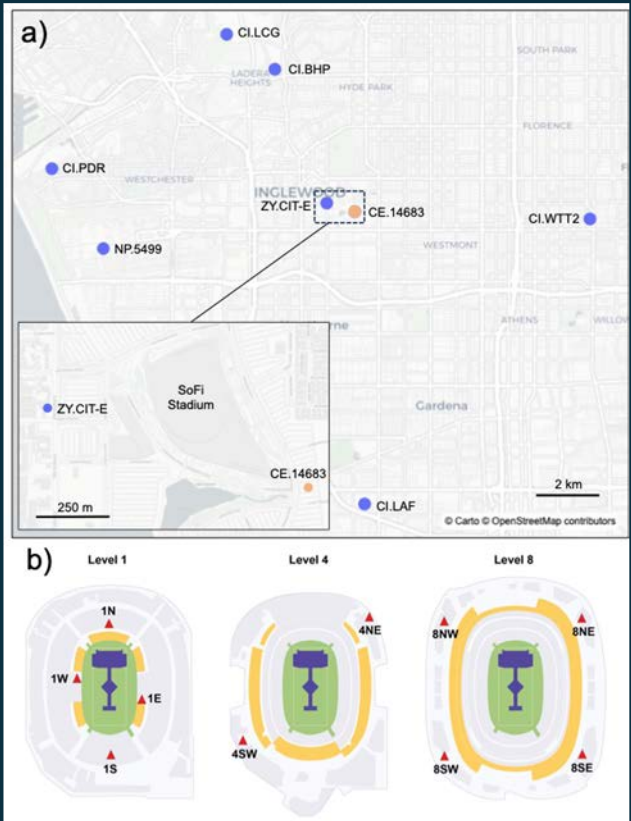
at all day," WWU Geology that showed two seismograms

.... and we decided to do an investigation in LA

We deployed:

- 1 Basalt data logger/accelerometer across the street at a hotel
- 10 CSN accelerometers inside the stadium

Additional detections came from the permanent network stations



We found interesting signals

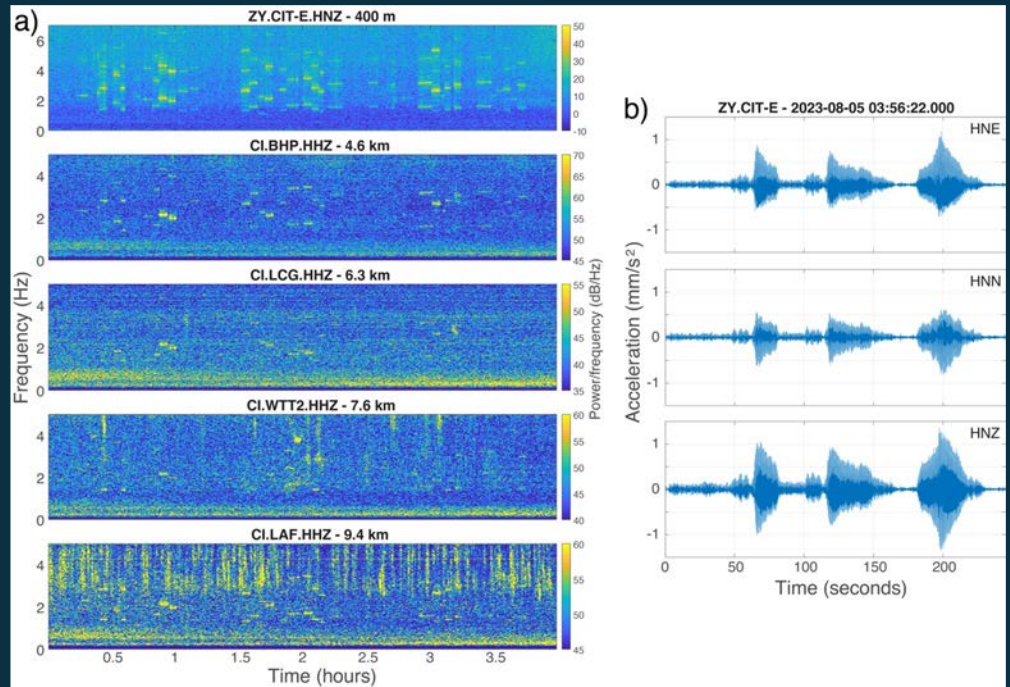
low frequency (~1-10 Hz) harmonics

-> what causes these?

-> how strong are these signals?

43 of 45 songs recorded

- frequencies of signals related to song beat rate



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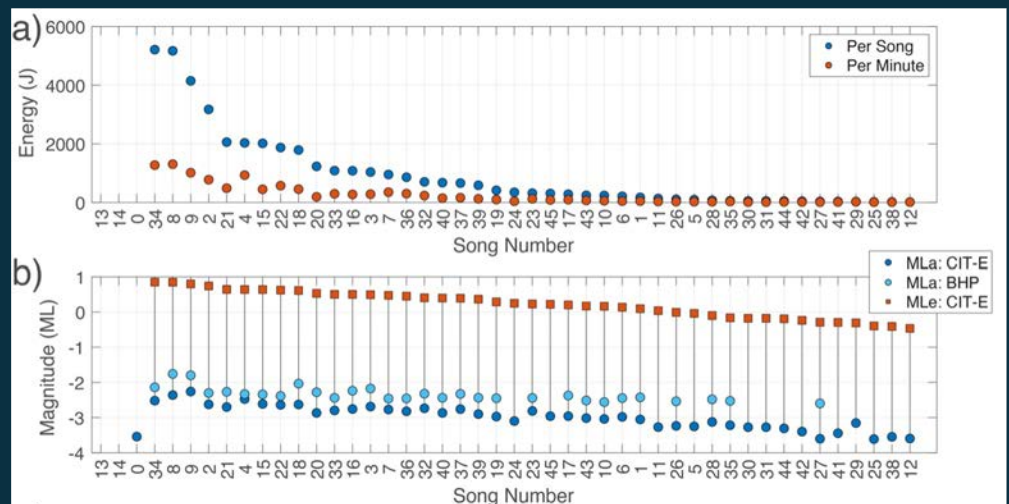
But how strong are the signals?

Traditional magnitudes (ML) based on amplitude

-> assume energy is focused in one short burst

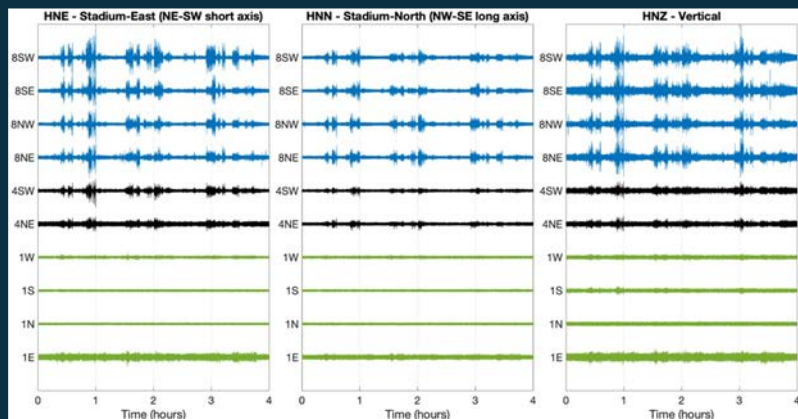
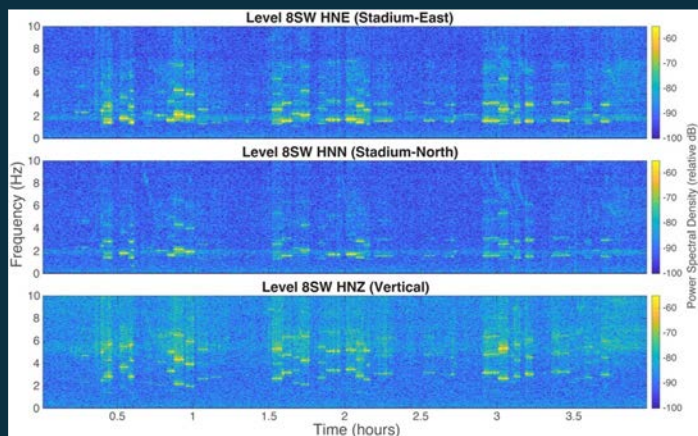
Energy is better measure for extended signals

- can look at energy (and equivalent magnitude) for entire song or per time unit



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Meanwhile, inside the stadium, it was vibrating



similar to signal recorded outside stadium

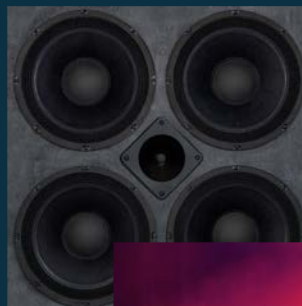
maximum amplitude $\sim 1\%$ g
-> equivalent to MMI II-III

So what creates this harmonic signal?

No, it has to be the speakers/instruments!



It's the crowd!



Are we *really* sure it's not the music....?

If it's the speakers/music, then can we recover the harmonic signal from an audio file?

No.

Okay, maybe it's something specific to the seismic recording or speaker?

Let's experiment!

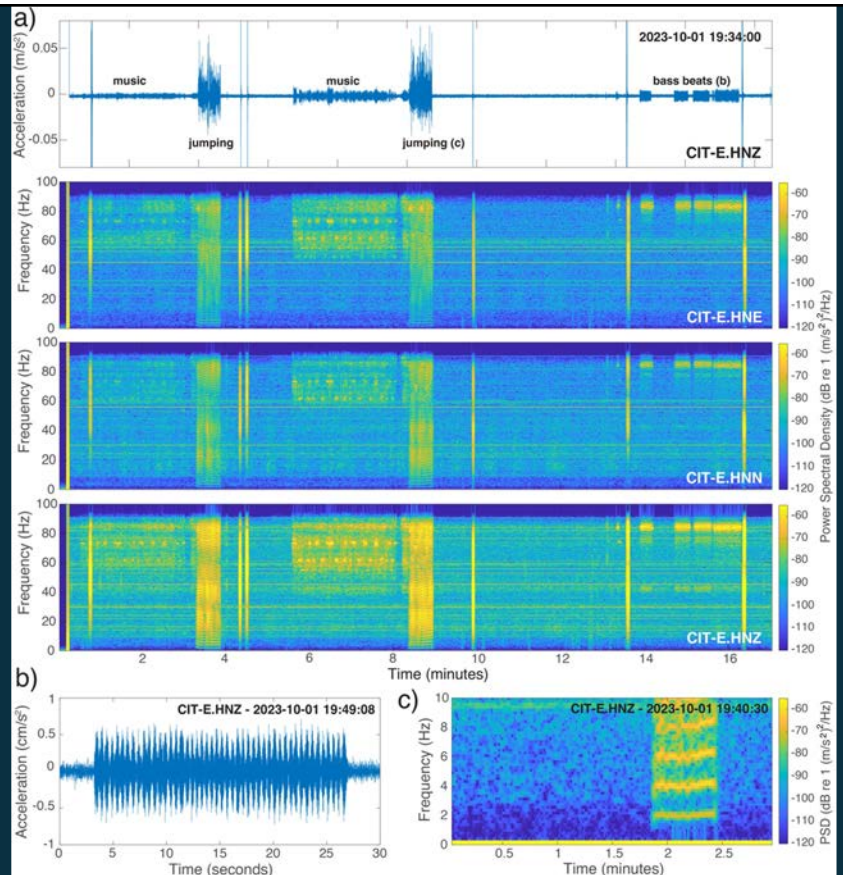


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We tested:

- a Swift song
- a simple beat with a bass guitar
- jumping to a chorus

Only the jumping produced the low frequency harmonic signal!



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Thanks!

Questions?

Read the paper:
Tepp et al., SRL,
2024



* Open-access pre-print also available through ESSOAR

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ECA Statewide Activities

Develop Messaging and Resources:

EarthquakeCountry.org
EarthquakeCountry.org/resources
Terremotos.org



Support Tsunami Preparedness Week:

TsunamiZone.org/california



**March
23-31,
2024**

Created and Coordinate
The Great California ShakeOut:

ShakeOut.org/california



**Oct. 17,
2024**

Webinars & other events

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ECA Sector-Based Outreach Committees

- Businesses
- Public Sector
- Non-Profit & Faith-Based Organizations
- Accessibility
- Healthcare
- Higher Education
- PreK-12 Education

Each meets bimonthly; Join us!
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ECA Events Bureau

- Speakers for online/in-person events
 - The Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety
 - Tsunami Preparedness
 - Earthquake Safety for People with Disabilities
 - Community Earthquake Preparedness
 - Organizing a Community ShakeOut Event
 - School Earthquake Preparedness
 - The Science of Earthquakes
 - Earthquake Insurance
 - Emergency Planning for Apartment Residents
 - Is Your Business Prepared for Disasters?
 - ShakeAlert Earthquake Early Warning System
 - Map Your Neighborhood
- Booths or info tables at events
- We may simply send materials in advance
- Request presenter or information table:
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ECA Mini Awards

- **Purpose:** provide materials for ECA member projects that improve earthquake resilience by promoting mitigation, awareness, and preparedness, and multiply impact of programs
- **Purchases:** \$500 to \$1000 each
- **Eligibility:** Proposals for earthquake **mitigation** and **education** activities
- **New packages:** For 2024 you'll be able to fully customize the materials for your project (furniture straps, printed materials, etc.)
- **2024 Awards:** New application process in JUNE

READY AMERICA
THE DISASTER SUPPLY PROFESSIONALS

Secure WORKPLACE \$500 Package

ITEM #	ITEM NAME	IMAGE	QUANTITY
4160-64	Furniture Strap		15
4740	File Cabinet Strap		15
5040	Bookcase Strap		15
4173	Home Electronics Safety Strap, Black		30
4338	A-Maze-ing Picture Hook, 4 Pack		10
4250	Kitchen & Cabinet Door Latch, 4 Pack		10
88111	QuakeHOLD! Museum Putty		10

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Seven Steps To Earthquake Safety

BEFORE

1. Secure Your Space



2. Plan To Be Safe



3. Organize Supplies



4. Minimize Financial Hardship



DURING

5. Drop, Cover, and Hold On



6. Improve Safety



AFTER

7. Reconnect and Restore

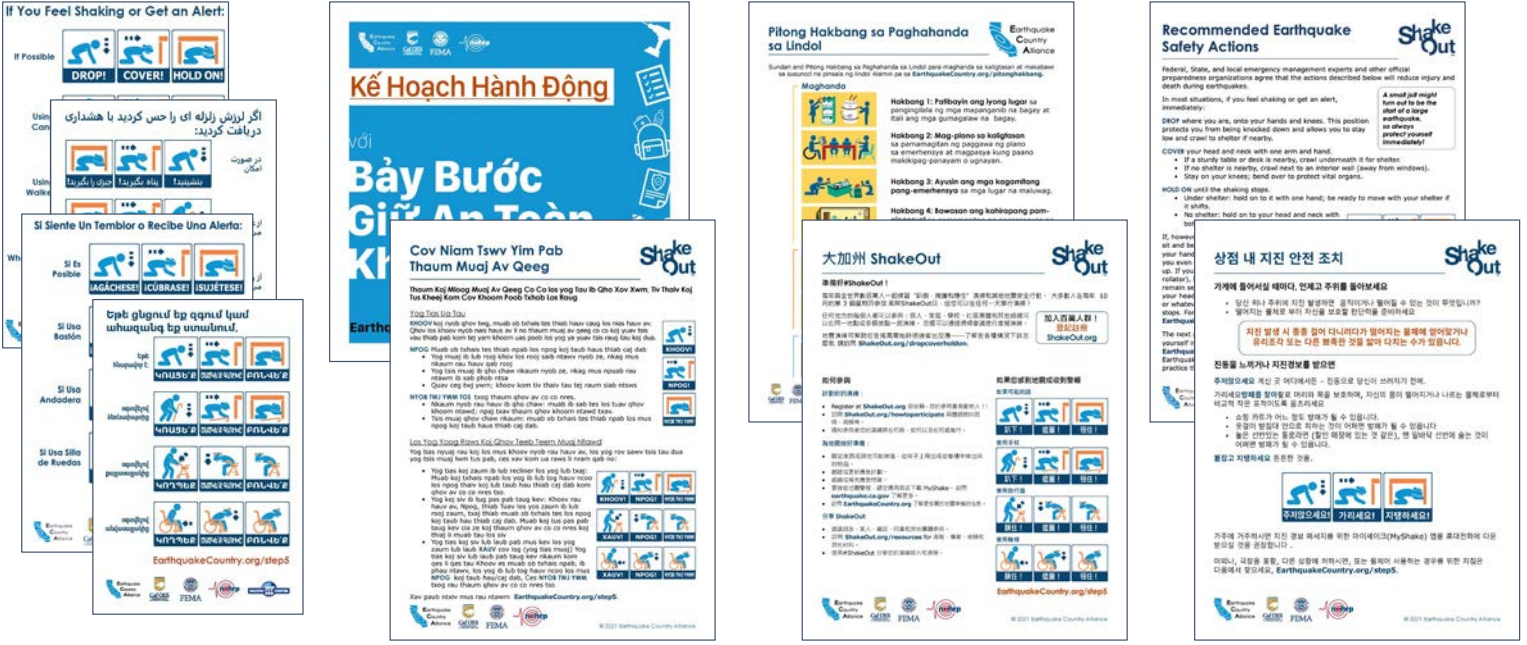


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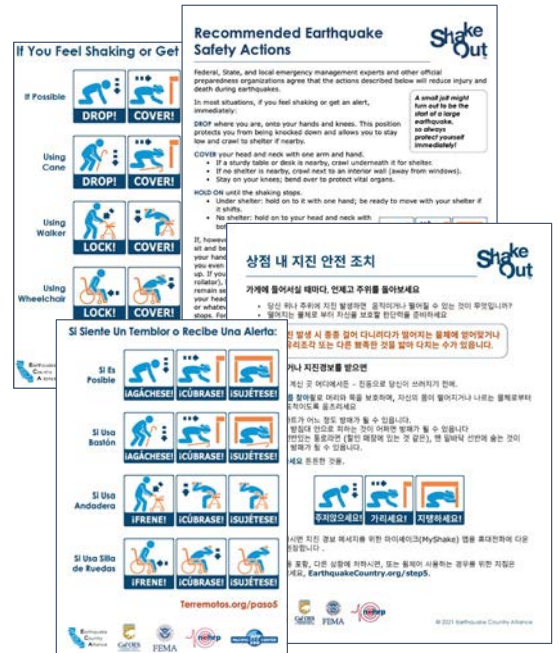


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Printed Materials Ordering Process

- Cal OES NEHRP funding now supporting printing & shipping of ECA materials to local governments, non-profits, and others (on approval)
- A new ordering form will be available mid-June
- Request from many ECA printed materials
- Items will be printed and shipped to you for free
- Limits will apply per person/organization
- For larger quantities, purchases will be possible



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Northridge 30th Anniversary Campaign

- SCEC/ECA is leading the development of a year-long educational campaign to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Jan. 17, 1994, Northridge earthquake
- Purpose: increase awareness about earthquake hazards, encourage preparedness and mitigation, and inform about self-protective actions and response skills.
- Grant funding and sponsorships, including:
 - Cal OES
 - California Seismic Safety Commission
 - Earthquake Program via FEMA NEHRP
 - California Earthquake Authority
 - Optimum Seismic
 - **Other public/private partners**
- Primary activity: many “Quake Heroes Expo” events.
- Campaign website at EarthquakeCountry.org/northridge



Quake Heroes



- Stories of people who experienced the 1994 Northridge earthquake in Los Angeles, and how they helped others
- Key moments tied to the *Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety*
- Scientists and engineers share how they informed the public about what happened, and learned key lessons for reducing future losses (tuck-under parking buildings are featured)
- Encourages viewers to become trained (CERT, CPR, etc.) so they are prepared to help others
- Production sponsored by FEMA, NSF, USGS, Structural Engineers Association of Southern California, Simpson Strong-Tie, Hero in You Foundation, Safe-T-Proof, and others



RETROSPECTIVE INTERVIEWS



ARCHIVAL NEWS FOOTAGE



CINEMATIC RE-ENACTMENTS

Quake Heroes Expos

- Screenings for large groups
- May include panel discussion before the film with local leaders, scientists, engineers, etc.
- After viewing the film, attendees can immediately take actions at a *Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety* resource/information fair where they can:
 - register for CERT and other trainings
 - receive free or low-cost disaster supplies and earthquake safety fasteners
 - learn about earthquake insurance and retrofitting
 - sign up for alerts
 - experience an earthquake simulator
- Learn more and schedule a discussion at QuakeHeroes.org!



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Quake Heroes Events

- YMCA Westchester Quake Heroes Expo (Dec 1)
- Cal State Northridge (Feb 3)
- Coachella Valley (March 30)
- Washington DC, Dept. of State (April 2-4)
- Venice Neighborhood (June 29)
- Gardena (August 10)
- Walt Disney Studios (September)
- Long Beach (September 21)
- Oakland: Summer (two events)
- Laguna Woods (September)
- Chino (September/October)
- Berkeley Lab (September)
- County of San Bernardino (Oct. 17)
- Many more in the works!

COACHELLA VALLEY
QUAKE HEROES
EXPO

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
9AM - 1PM

Register to Attend at
EarthquakeCountry.org/CVexpo Rancho Mirage
Public Library

Watch an inspiring film based on true stories!
Discounts on earthquake preparedness supplies!

Ride an earthquake simulator!
Sign up for safety trainings!

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Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills

- Annual opportunity for schools, organizations, and families to practice earthquake safety and other aspects of their emergency plans
- 2024 International ShakeOut Day: **October 17**
- Learn more and register: ShakeOut.org
- How to participate, guides, etc.: ShakeOut.org/howtoparticipate

The logo for ShakeOut, featuring the word "Shake" in a large, bold, black font above the word "Out" in a similar font, with a small trademark symbol (TM) to the right.

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