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# The Northridge Earthquake: An Unexpected Milestone in Real-Time Loss Estimation

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# What unexpected milestones were achieved ...

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The vision that real-time earthquake monitoring was possible & has a role in post-earthquake response and recovery

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Loss estimation model results helped to guide the initial response activities after the Northridge Earthquake

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Geographic Information Systems (GIS) were critical in tracking and measuring the recovery process

# Caltech - USGS Broadcast of Earthquakes (CUBE)

Rolled out in 1990 to provide near real-time information for emergency response following significant earthquakes in southern California.



== PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE REPORT ==

Region: GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA, CALIF.  
Geographic coordinates: 34.035N, 117.211W  
Magnitude: 1.5 M  
Depth: 7 km  
Universal Time (UTC): 26 Sep 2007 16:55:05  
Time near the Epicenter: 26 Sep 2007 09:55:05  
Local time in your area: 26 Sep 2007 09:55:05

Location with respect to nearby cities:  
4 km (2 miles) ESE (112 degrees) of Loma Linda, CA  
4 km (3 miles) WSW (237 degrees) of Redlands, CA  
9 km (6 miles) S (185 degrees) of Highland, CA  
12 km (8 miles) N (8 degrees) of Moreno Valley, CA  
95 km (59 miles) E (91 degrees) of Los Angeles Civic Center, CA

#### ADDITIONAL EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

event ID : CI 14325704  
version : 2  
number of phases : 21  
rms misfit : 0.17 seconds  
horizontal location error : 0.9 km  
vertical location error : 31.6 km  
maximum azimuthal gap : 270 degrees  
distance to nearest station : 41.0 km

Flinn-Engdahl Region Number = 43

This event has been reviewed by a seismologist  
For subsequent updates, maps, and technical information, see:  
<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/eqcenter/recenteqsus/Quakes/cj14325704.php>  
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Event Page  
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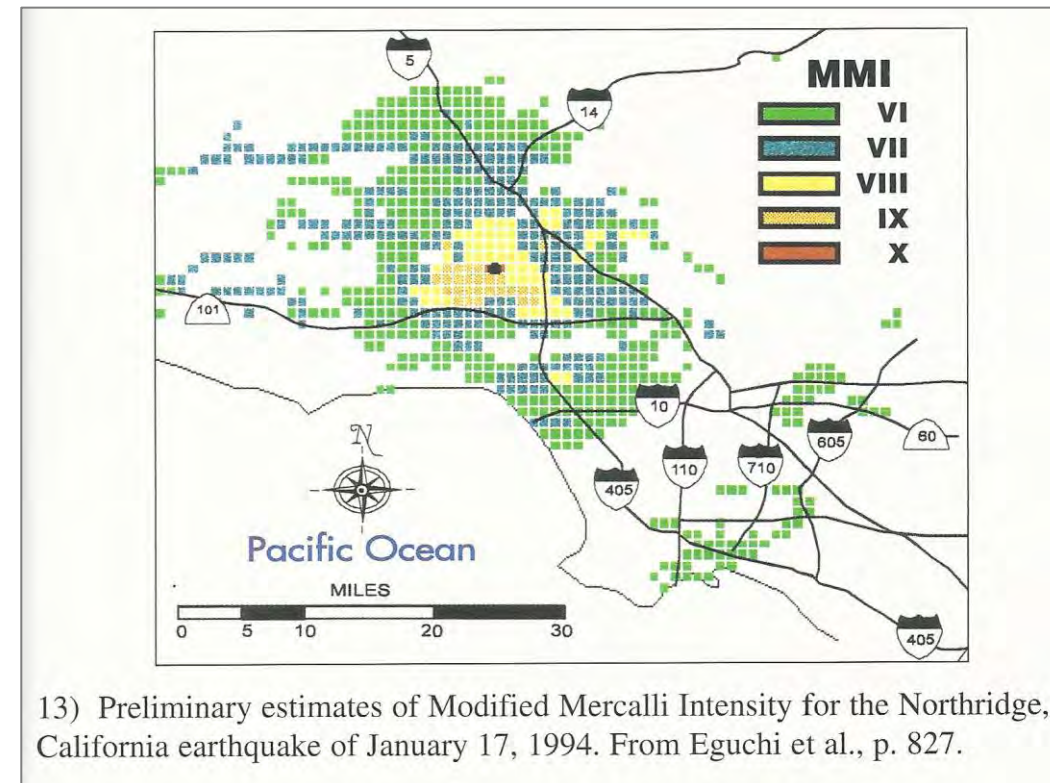


▲ **Figure 2.** Example notifications in three formats: plain text e-mail, HTML-formatted e-mail, or cell/pager format. The content contains basic information about the earthquake, and the e-mail messages also include hyperlinks to the event-specific Web page for additional details and images.

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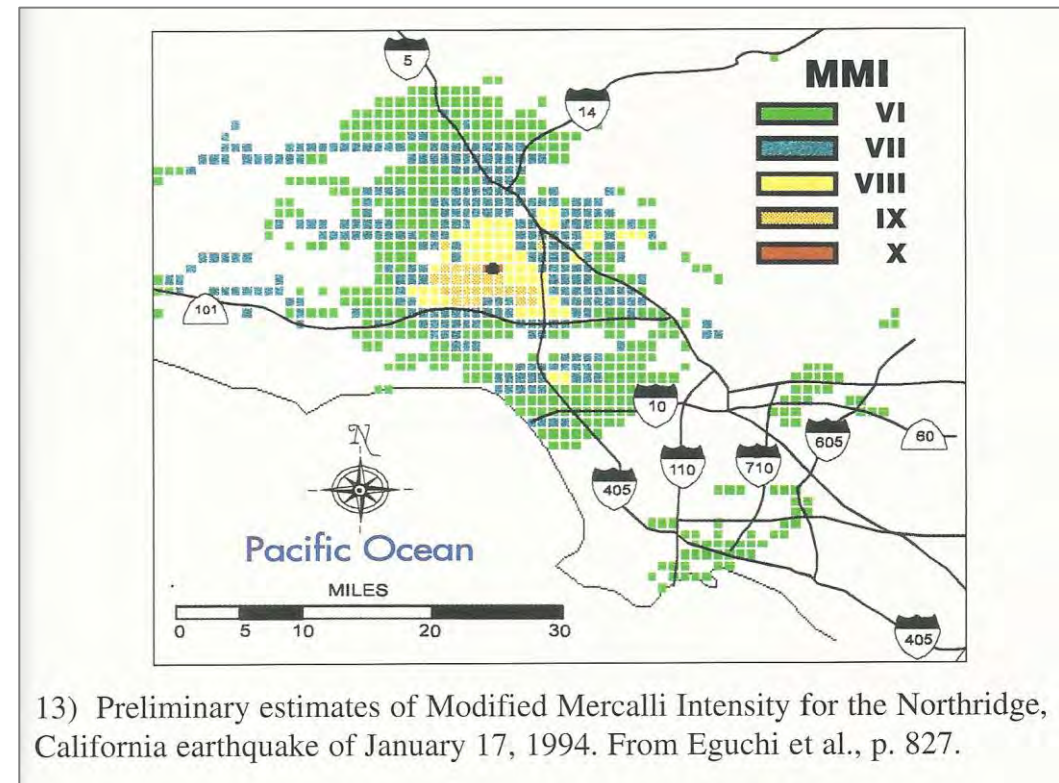
# EPEDAT - Early Post-Earthquake Damage Assessment Tool

- At the time of the earthquake, only the data and models that would eventually form the basis of EPEDAT existed
- EQEHAZARD (Scawthorn) was used to generate a Modified Mercalli Intensity (MMI) map approximately **10 hours** after the earthquake
- Human impacts estimated, **4 days** after the earthquake):
  - No. of deaths estimated: 40-430 (Actual – 57)
  - No. of injuries estimated: 1,590-54,340 (Actual – 11,846)
  - No. of displaced persons estimated: 6,490-19,400 (Actual – 24,000)



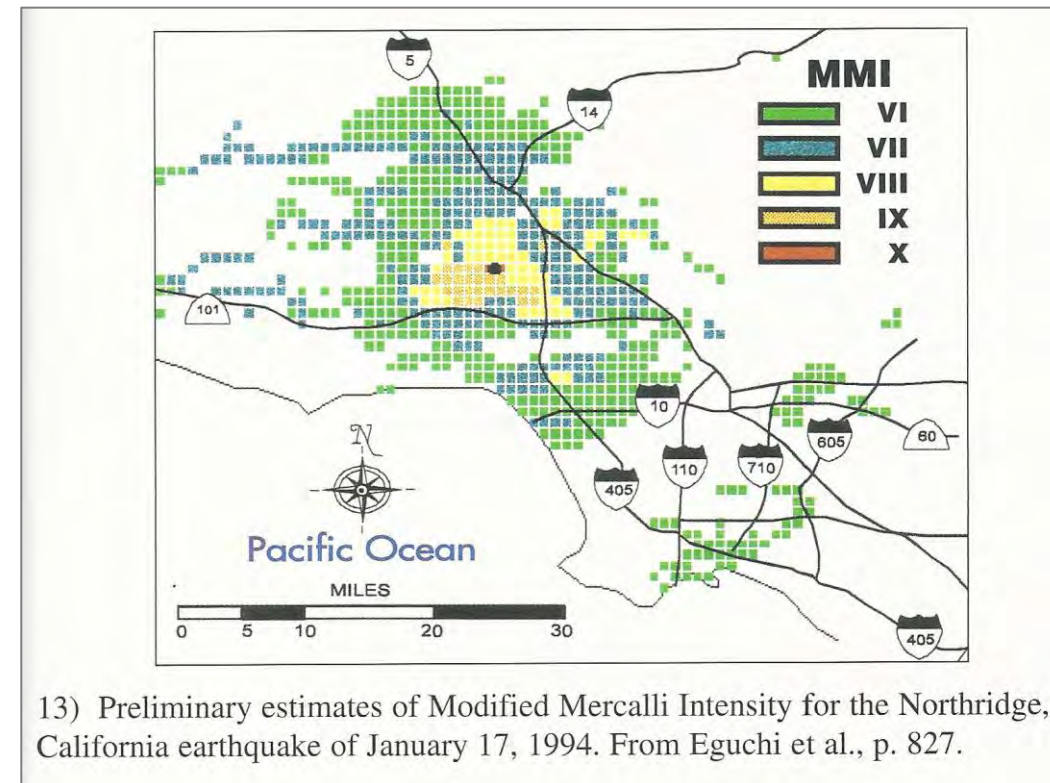
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- Used by CA OES to define regional scope of the disaster during the critical **24-48** hours after the event
- Instrumental in approximating the locations of heaviest damage
- Used in briefing state agency executives, including the Governor
- Used in making decisions regarding shelter needs
- “Fast-tracking” the federal Disaster Housing Assistance Program



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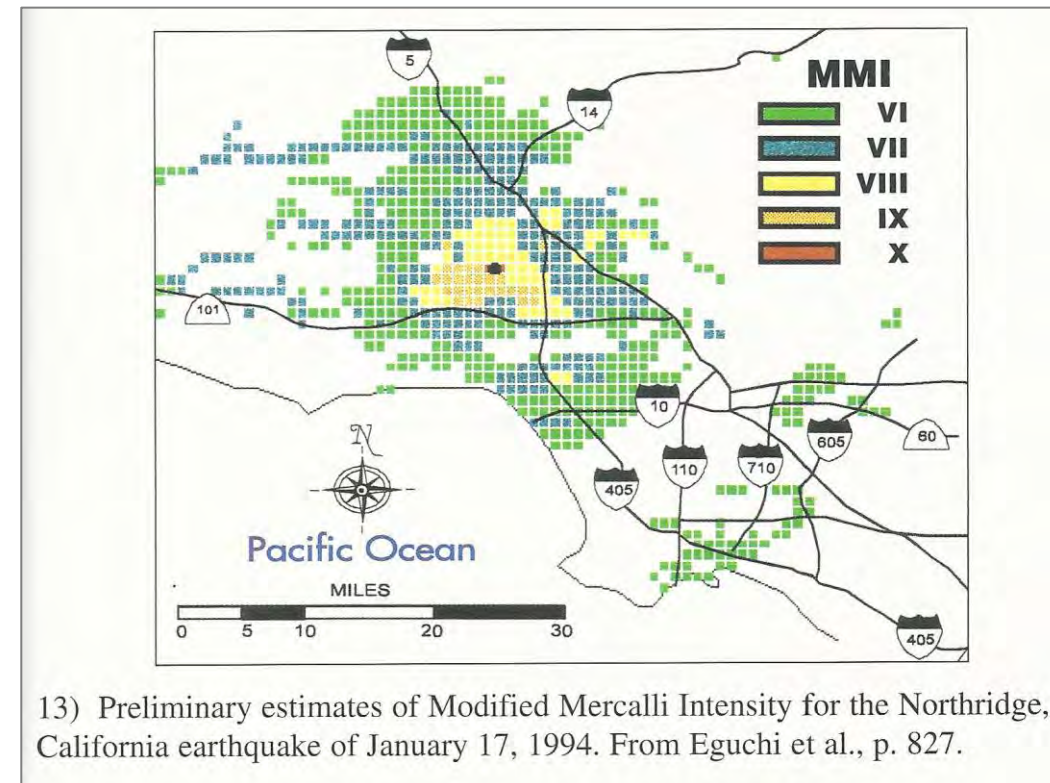
- A total dollar loss estimate of **\$15B to \$17B**, generated **within 24 hours** of the earthquake, served as the basis for negotiation of a supplemental appropriation from Congress
- This total was further refined based on field reconnaissance to **\$15B to \$30B**
- A more comprehensive assessment of direct economic losses compiled three years after the event suggested that losses could be as high as **\$40B** (Eguchi, et al., 1998, Spectra)





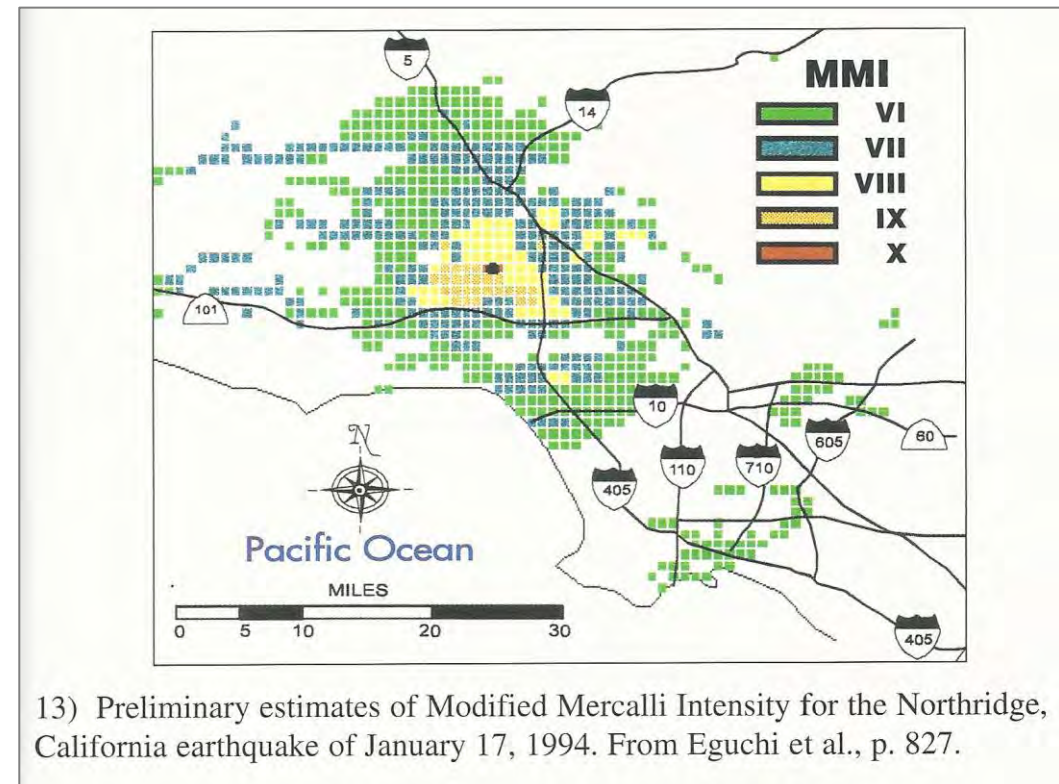
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- EPEDAT and its use during the Northridge Earthquake paved the way to a series of important developments, including:
  - A recognition that network/sensor (e.g., CUBE) driven loss estimates can provide timely and accurate information for response and recovery
  - Investments in a National Standardized Loss Estimation Methodology, namely HAZUS
  - Tools that allow a regional assessment of mitigation priorities, OES/RAMP
  - A future role for loss estimation models to explore different rebuilding strategies after large disasters, following the PEPPER model (Pre-Earthquake Planning for Post-Earthquake Rebuilding, Spangle, 1986)

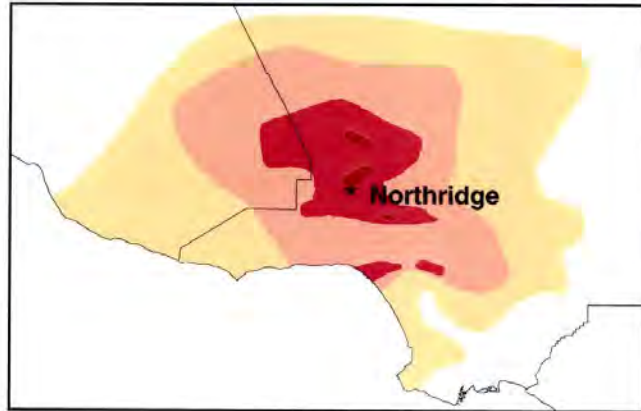


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- Key Players in the development of EPEDAT
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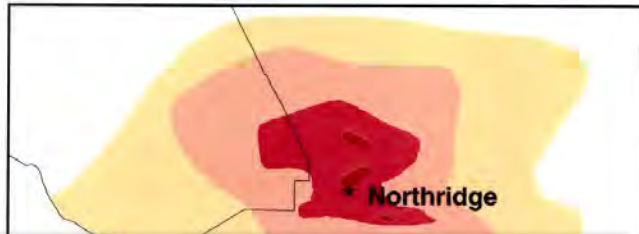


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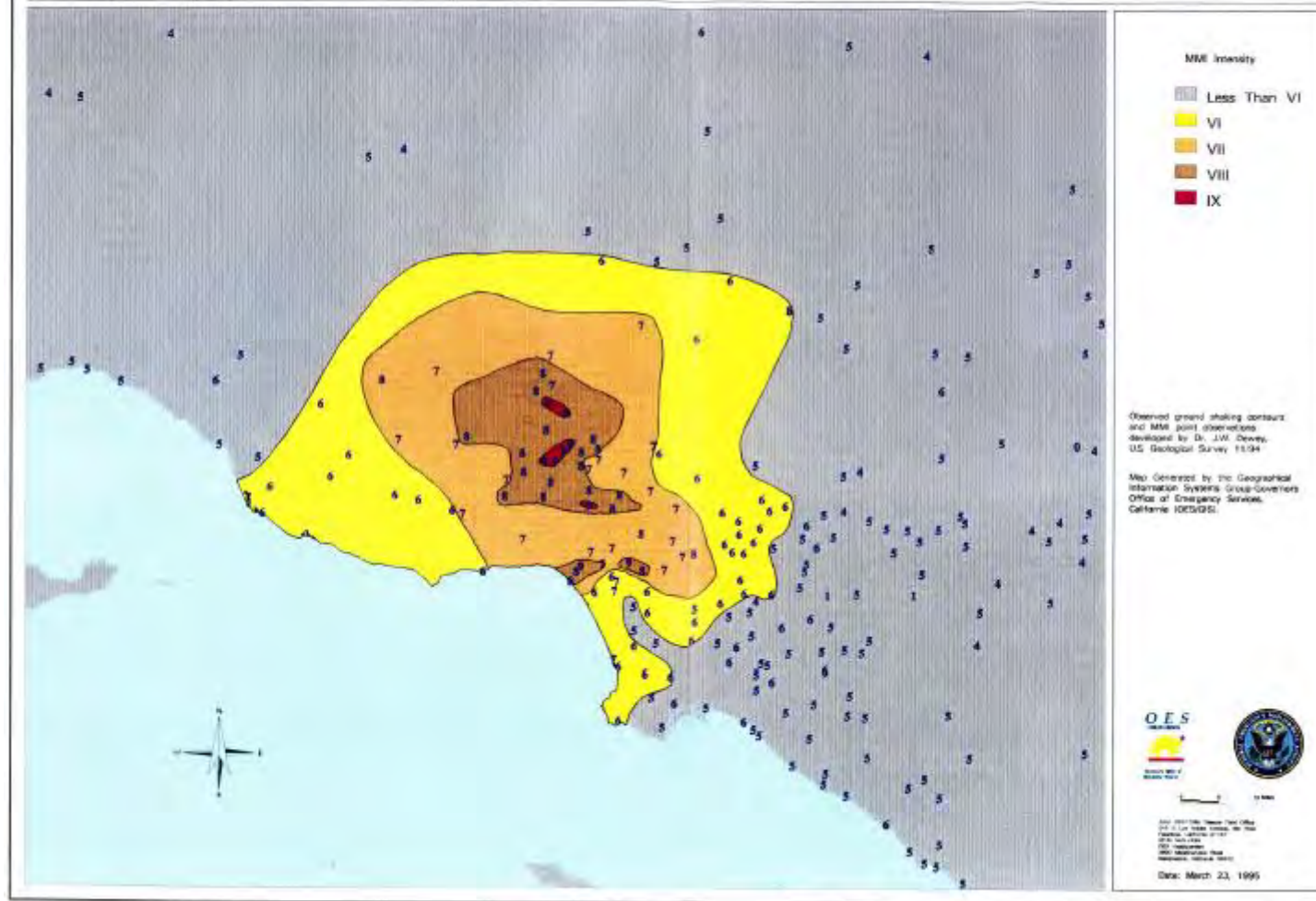
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Figure 2-19:

USGS Observed Modified Mercalli Intensity (MMI) Contours and Observation Points  
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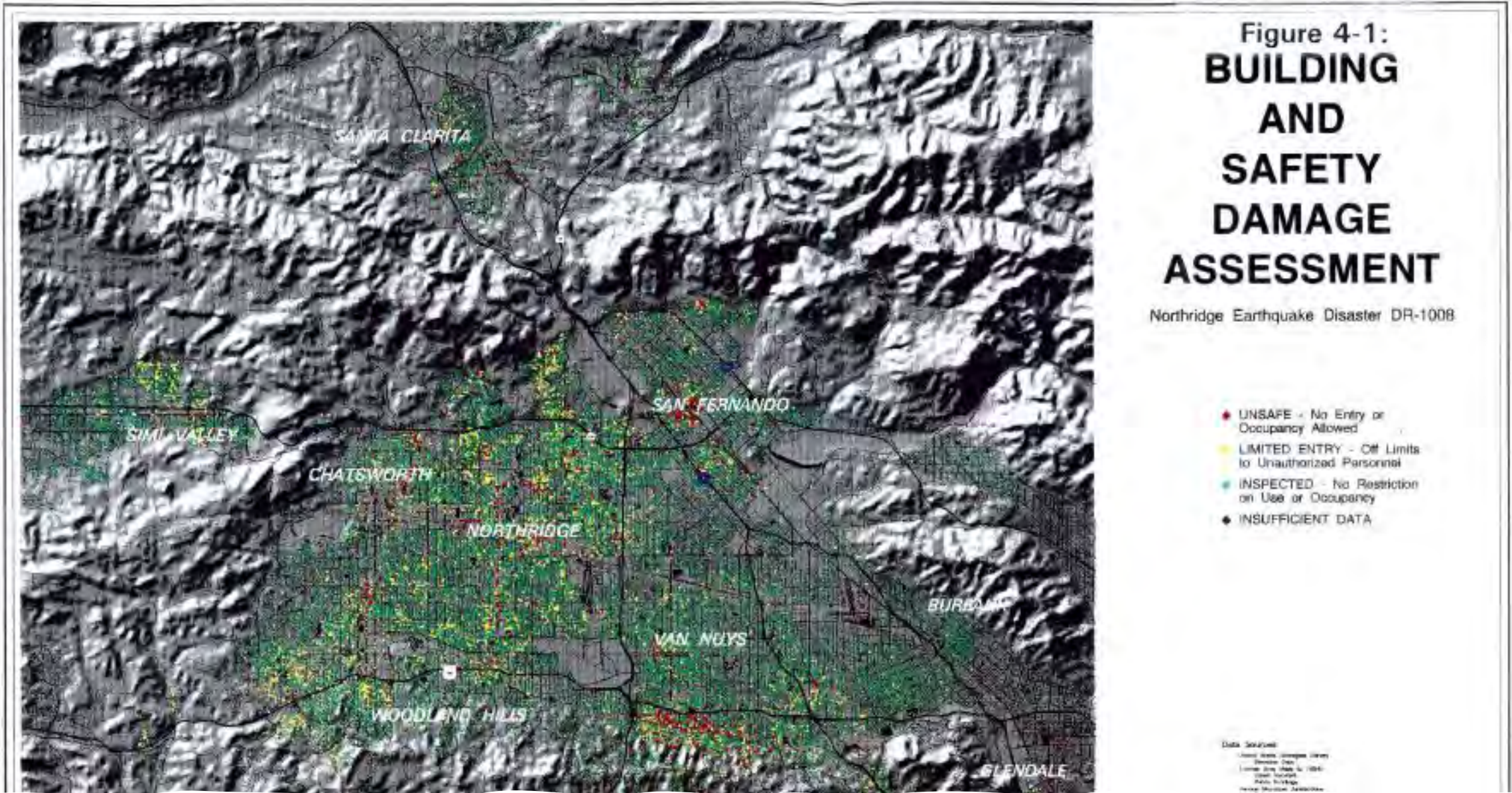


**Table 3-3c**  
**Number of Wood Frame Buildings in Los Angeles County Assessor's Database**  
**by Intensity, Vintage, Use, and Square Feet**

**Soil Sites**

Year Built	General Use	VI				VII				VIII				IX				<VI				Total
		<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	
Pre 1941 and Null	Non Res				4,467				4,924				1,136				29				2,817	13,373
	Multi-Family	16,472	3,031	1,689		19,713	5,626	9,424		2,835	1,275	1,187		51	6	3		9,744	1,932	2,193		75,161
	Single-Family	90,732	19,419	6,355		56,686	20,519	11,031		18,359	6,587	2,305		431	144	22		34,583	5,616	1,409		274,198
1941-1950	Non Res				3,978				2,368				1,225				54				2,768	10,393
	Multi-Family	7,629	2,328	1,523		2,350	1,137	1,702		1,102	866	948		43	10	27		5,393	1,251	904		27,213
	Single-Family	83,604	19,635	3,369		27,160	7,767	2,426		25,532	6,693	1,374		808	198	50		71,329	9,891	994		260,830
1951-1960	Non Res				3,965				1,856				1,366				145				3,621	11,173
	Multi-Family	6,713	2,061	4,437		1,776	720	4,272		723	426	2,673		44	23	150		5,028	1,643	2,535		33,224
	Single-Family	62,002	24,271	4,429		19,387	7,866	2,545		43,313	19,995	2,458		3,685	2,534	371		138,721	32,663	2,446		366,706
1961-1975	Non Res				2,744				1,643				1,027				72				3,300	8,786
	Multi-Family	2,492	1,543	7,319		828	493	5,516		265	156	4,571		10	4	245		2,244	1,458	6,127		33,271
	Single-Family	13,364	18,491	4,597		8,056	7,342	1,776		8,063	16,517	5,068		300	1,243	623		37,862	31,370	4,404		159,076
Post 1976	Non Res				2,325				1,370				670				59				2,356	6,980
	Multi-Family	1,012	1,242	6,645		878	717	5,664		191	248	3,814		8	4	256		1,098	1,167	6,402		29,348
	Single-Family	11,851	11,266	6,880		5,154	6,022	2,790		3,579	7,092	5,817		50	242	340		21,893	24,895	6,607		114,478
<b>Total</b>																						
		295,871	103,267	47,243	17,499	141,988	58,229	47,146	12,161	103,962	59,855	30,195	5,624	5,430	4,408	2,087	359	327,895	111,886	34,021	15,062	1,424,208

Single-Family Includes Modular Dwellings. SFD Does Not Include Condominiums, Condominium Conversions, or Mobile Homes.  
Multi-Family Includes Condominiums (Use Code 01\*C), and Condominium Conversions (Use Code 01\*E).



**Table 4-2: Building and Safety Damage Data by Jurisdiction**

Los Angeles County													
Jurisdiction	Total Buildings Inspected	Residential				Commercial / Industrial				Other Building Usage			
		Red	Yellow	Green	Unknown	Red	Yellow	Green	Unknown	Red	Yellow	Green	Unknown
Agoura Hills	194	0	1	100	20	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	65
Alhambra	340	3	4	67	148	0	1	14	5	2	3	9	84
Arcadia	40	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	5
Azusa	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	1
Bellflower	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	10
Beverly Hills	1,239	21	53	583	345	9	7	78	21	3	26	52	41
Burbank	2,145	3	7	74	102	0	0	5	0	33	90	986	845
Calabasas	1,017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	315	686	12
Commerce	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	6
Compton	17	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Culver City	704	15	12	1	581	12	3	1	68	0	0	0	13
Downey	3	-	-	-	-	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Glendale	2,341	17	9	346	699	14	2	54	53	6	2	720	419
Hermosa Beach	15	0	0	8	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0
Hidden Hills	94	1	47	38	6	-	-	-	-	0	2	0	0
Huntington Park	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Inglewood	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
La Canada/Flintridge	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
LA County	948	28	85	689	0	18	16	98	0	3	2	9	0
La Habra Heights	4	0	0	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
La Mirada	25	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	3
Lakewood	25	0	0	12	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	85,997	1,604	7,715	70,035	272	445	1,105	4,738	8	9	21	41	4
Manhattan Beach	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	254	26	15
Maywood	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	4
Montebello	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	9
Norwalk	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	7
Paramount	6	0	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	3
Pasadena	260	5	13	72	88	5	3	15	46	1	1	9	2
San Fernando	1,603	27	117	1,184	0	12	28	101	0	108	1	25	0
San Marino	9	0	0	5	3	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
Santa Clarita	4,939	83	184	4,134	137	38	37	272	7	3	5	37	2
Santa Monica	2,101	67	239	1,452	4	29	57	110	2	11	20	98	12
South Gate	51	0	0	16	1	1	1	21	2	1	0	6	2
South Pasadena	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	4
Torrance	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1
Vernon	11	-	-	-	-	2	1	7	0	0	0	1	0
West Hollywood	253	4	8	16	203	0	1	0	21	-	-	-	-
Whittier	185	0	1	145	6	1	4	19	1	0	1	7	0
<b>Total LA County</b>	<b>105,019</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>8,495</b>	<b>78,983</b>	<b>2,687</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>5,545</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>1,675</b>
		<b>Total Residential</b>			<b>92,043</b>	<b>Total Commercial/Industrial</b>			<b>7,644</b>	<b>Total Other</b>			<b>5,332</b>



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		<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	N/A	
Pre 1941 and Null	Non Res	12	11	34		41	26	152		56	38	138	1	4	2	9				2		526
	Multi-Family	217	86	169		1,008	459	1,759	27	632	339	466	9	32	4	1		4		9		5,221
	Single-Family	1,441	295	45	2	3,630	1,912	923	4	3,494	987	308	4	135	44	3		19	2	3		13,251
1941-1950	Non Res	6	4	26		22	9	52		64	37	117		5	3	15		1		1		362
	Multi-Family	41	11	42		103	53	181		212	110	251		25	4	19		2		1		1,055
	Single-Family	265	77	5		936	353	92		3,493	1,009	210		188	51	21		10	2			6,712
1951-1980	Non Res	5	4	20		18	14	50		39	28	197		5	10	32		1	1			424
	Multi-Family	23	15	248	3	59	50	762	5	117	82	1,103	2	14	3	132				5		2,623
	Single-Family	123	95	21		844	410	61		7,443	4,201	469	1	1,281	1,058	158		13	1			16,179
1981-1976	Non Res	2		14		7	9	56		13	18	203	1		3	24				2	2	354
	Multi-Family	64	16	238	1	203	54	1,285	4	603	160	2,336	4	70	15	203				1	9	5,246
	Single-Family	19	27	3		325	693	127		1,025	5,057	1,693	1	105	553	267				1		9,896
Post 1976	Non Res		3	9		7	2	49		8	10	210		2	1	24					1	326
	Multi-Family	57	34	64		507	196	686	6	1,000	450	1,059	1	97	39	114		6	2	8		4,326
	Single-Family	11	20	65		93	209	122		340	1,816	1,710	1	25	126	194				1		4,733
<b>Total</b>																						
		2,286	698	1,003	6	7,803	4,449	6,337	46	18,539	14,342	10,470	25	1,988	1,916	1,216	0	56	13	41	0	71,234

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**Table 4-15c  
Number of Buildings in Damage Ranges --  
Single-Family Wood Frame Dwellings  
by Intensity, Vintage, and Square Foot Range**

		Soil Sites															
Year Built	Damage Range	VI			VII			VIII			IX			<VI			Total
		<1600	1600-2500	>2500	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	<1600	1600-2500	>2500	
Pre 1941 and Null	.05-.3	39	7	3	64	37	48	55	27	11	2	1		1			295
	.3-1.25	143	58	7	418	326	224	312	149	62	6	3		2		1	1,711
	1.25-3.5	231	53	13	599	487	241	556	216	65	15	10	1				2,487
	3.5-7.5	259	42	6	611	379	144	489	193	71	27	10	1	2			2,234
	7.5-20	287	37	2	1,056	262	27	892	176	40	46	11		3	1		2,840
	20-65	43	3		213	29	9	271	28	10	26	4	1				637
	65-100	9			50	8	4	104	20	10	4	3					212
	N/A	432	95	14	623	384	226	819	178	39	9	2		11	1	2	2,835
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13,251</b>	
1941-1950	.05-.3	7	4	1	38	16	5	73	29	12	2						185
	.3-1.25	44	11		151	86	31	425	143	31	24	8	2	1			957
	1.25-3.5	44	11	1	192	69	14	671	229	35	38	6	4				1,314
	3.5-7.5	32	10		109	49	9	630	207	47	40	17	6				1,156
	7.5-20	18	1		124	28	2	739	191	38	47	10	5				1,203
	20-65	1			25	5	1	156	34	17	14	3	2	1			259
	65-100	1			3			21	6	3		2	2				38
	N/A	118	40	3	296	100	30	778	170	27	23	5		8	2		1,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>3,493</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>6,712</b>	
1951-1960	.05-.3	5	6	3	42	25	5	195	109	28	20	15					453
	.3-1.25	19	16	5	137	91	10	1,004	649	79	185	145	16	2			2,358
	1.25-3.5	15	18	4	152	77	13	1,431	939	104	245	252	29	1			3,280
	3.5-7.5	10	9	2	110	50	2	1,362	928	95	275	234	44				3,121
	7.5-20	7	3		108	28		1,777	802	92	343	270	36	1			3,467
	20-65	2			7	1		302	152	24	86	45	16				635
	65-100				5	3		42	23	9	11	10	4				107
	N/A	65	43	7	283	135	31	1,331	599	38	116	87	13	9	1		2,758
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>7,444</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>16,179</b>	

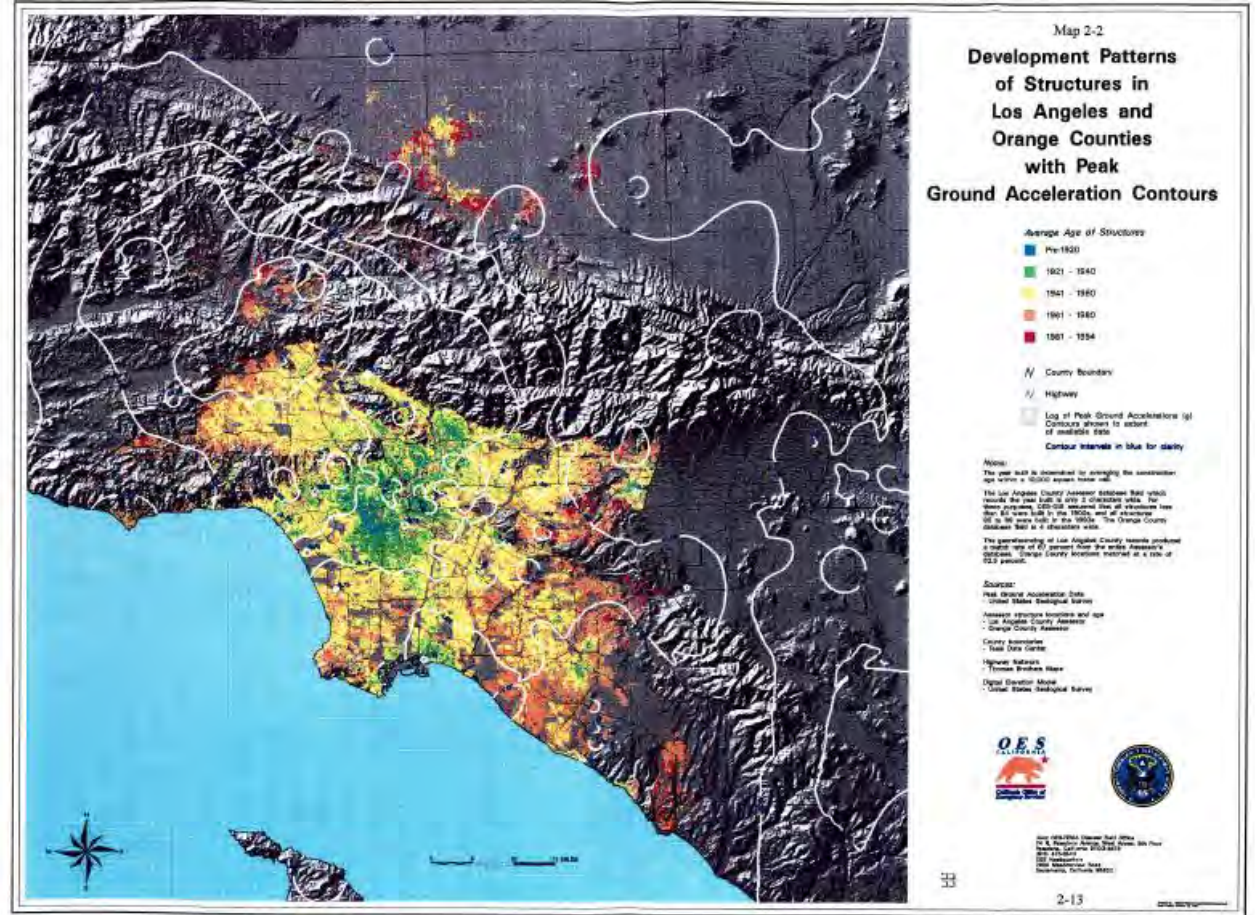
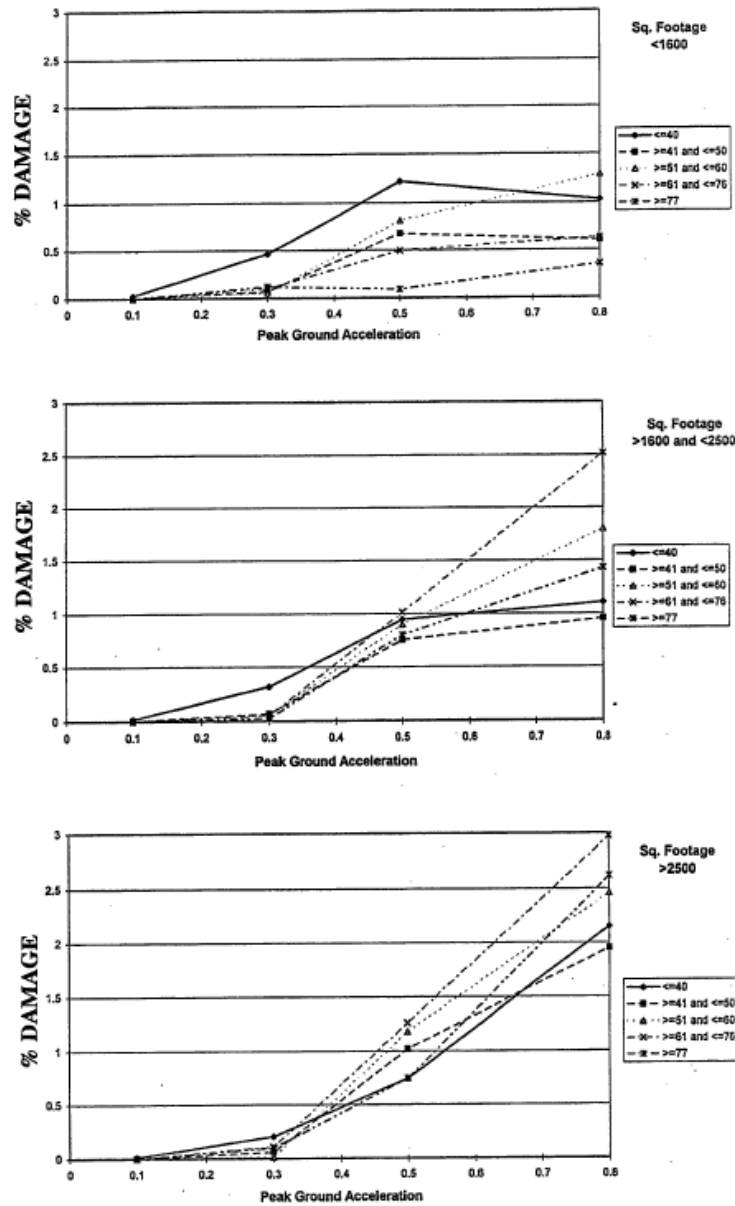
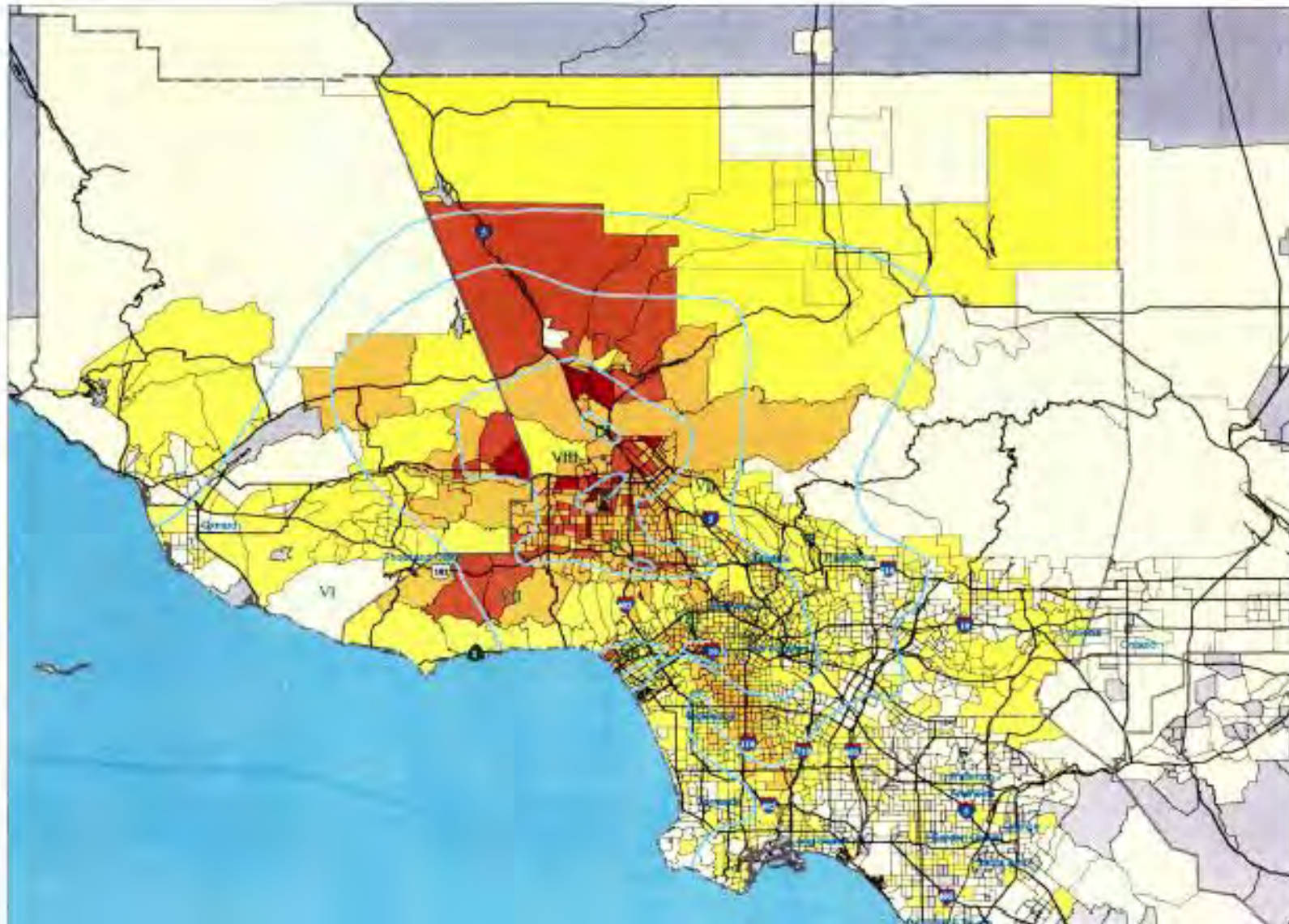


Figure 6-7: Plot of Damage Factors In Terms of Percent Replacement Cost as a Function of Peak Ground Acceleration, Square Footage and Year of Construction

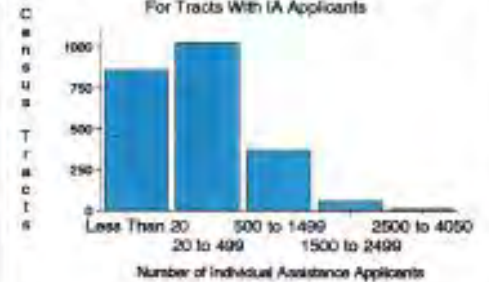


Map 4-12:  
**Number of Individual Assistant Applicants By Census Tract**  
 Northridge Earthquake DR-1008

- 2500 to 4050
- 1500 to 2499
- 500 to 1499
- 20 to 499
- Less Than 20
- No Individual Assistance Applications

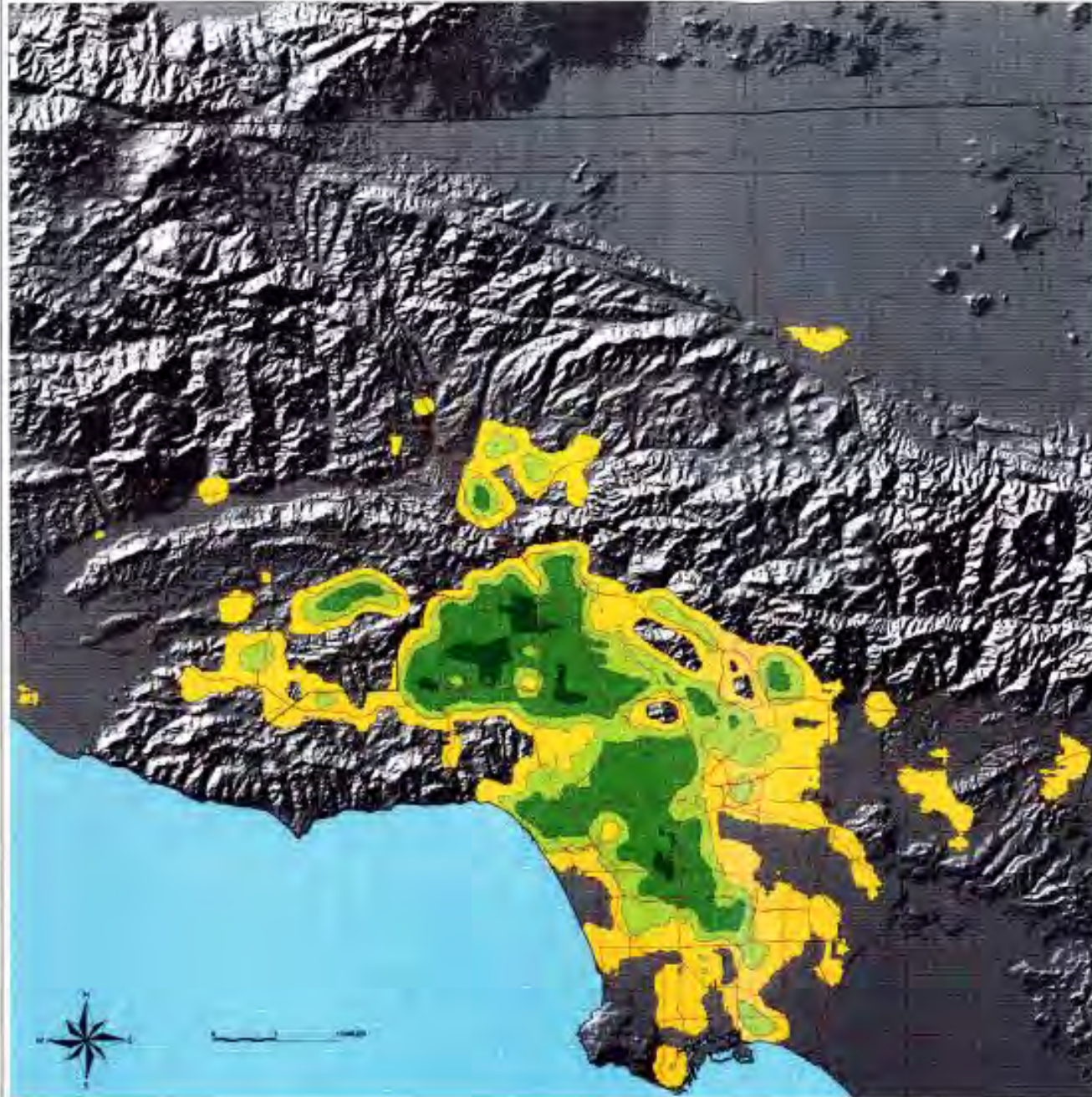
- MMI Intensity
- - - County Line
- Highways
- ▲ Epicenter

**Distribution of Census Tract Values**  
 For Tracts With IA Applicants



Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing





Map 4-15  
**Concentration of  
 Individual Assistance  
 Application  
 Awards**

Concentrations in Dollars:

- 0 - 1821
- 1821 - 2802
- 2802 - 3707
- > 3707

- County Boundary
- Highway

**Notes:**  
 Analysis shows national concentrations of dollar amounts awarded by the Individual Assistance Program (FEMA, IVL, SBA). All accounts were converted to dollars for better analysis.  
 Digital data also includes all counties. Values were normalized by total dollar amount for each year.  
 Contour map coverage of each cell based on neighboring values was run to generate the data and to highlight patterns of assistance neighborhoods at 10 miles in a cell.  
 Total number of applicant points in analysis: 471,889. Applicant sites with a dollar value of 2000 were dropped from analysis. A determination could not be made as to whether dollars were not awarded or simply not reported.

**Sources:**  
 Individual Assistance Applications - Federal Emergency Management Agency  
 County boundaries - Esri Data Center  
 Highway Network - Thomas Brothers Maps  
 Digital Elevation Model - United States Geological Survey



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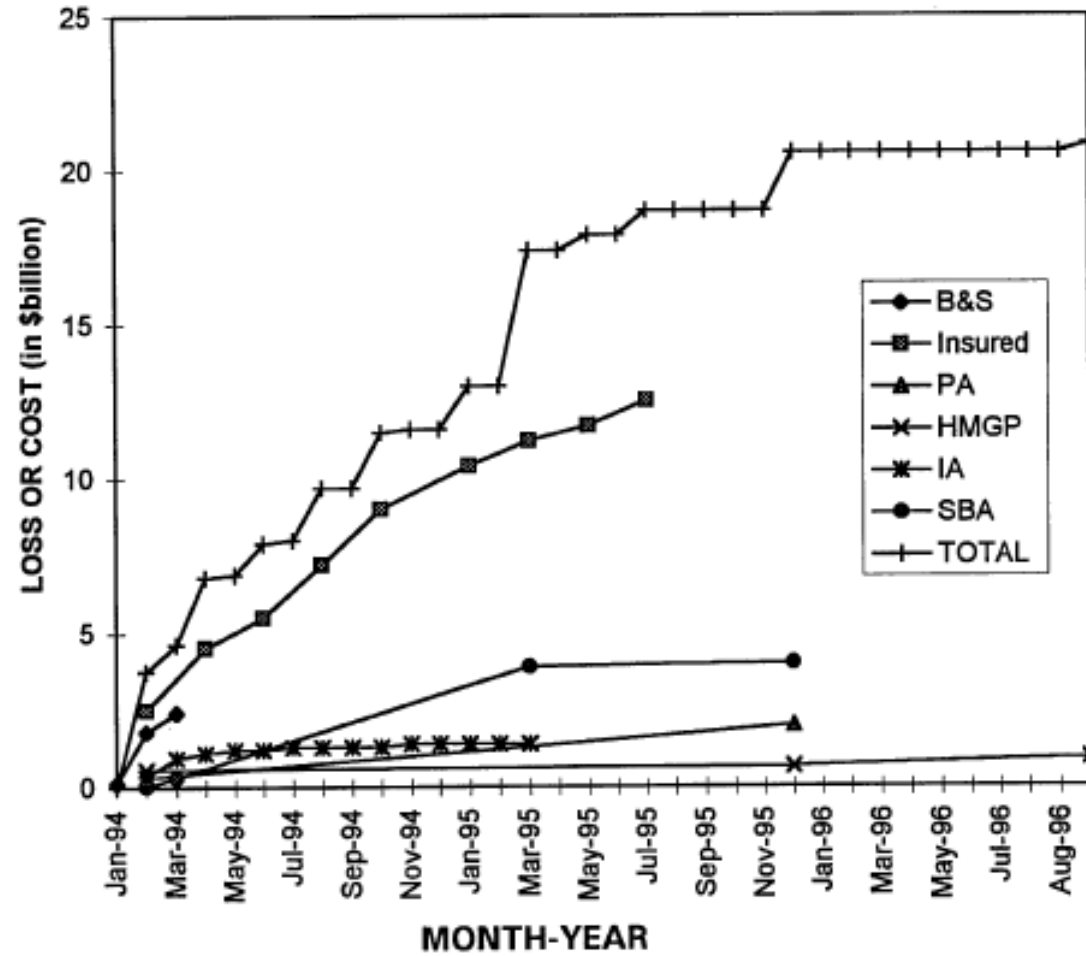


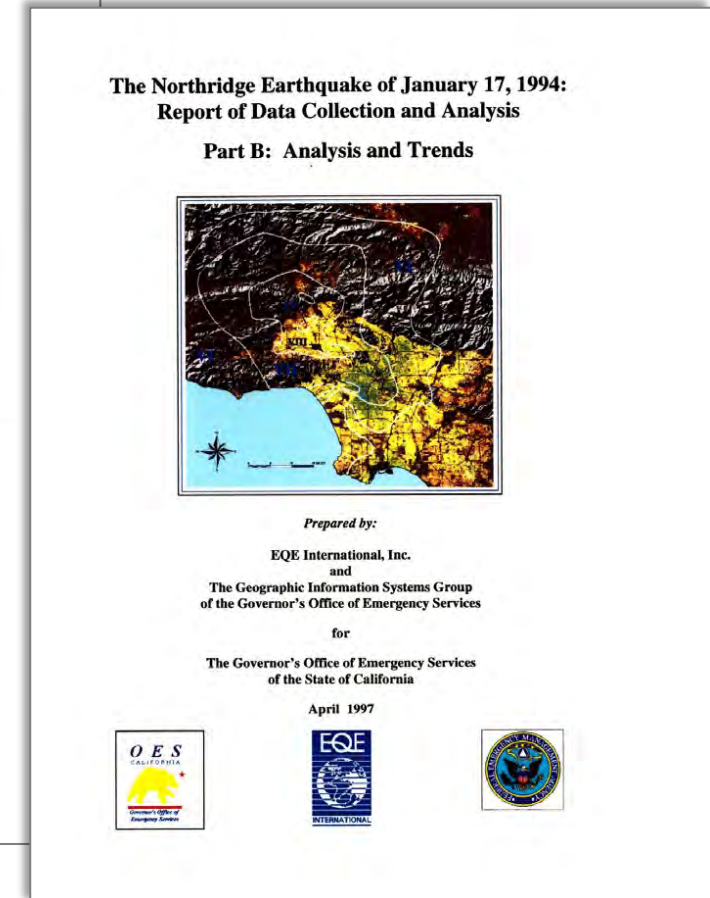
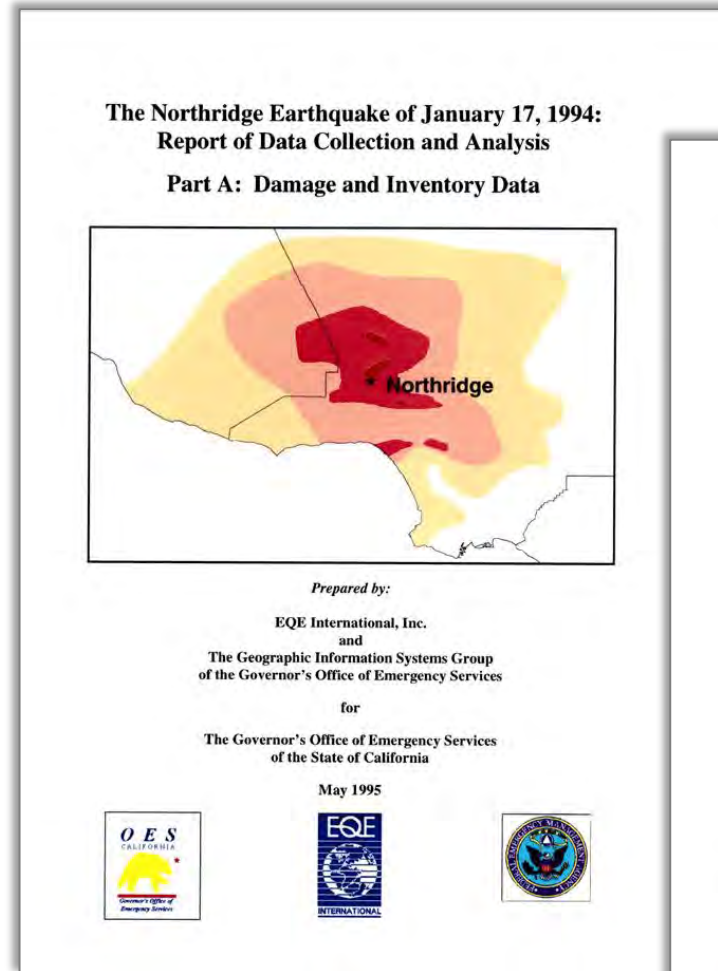
Figure 3-1: Loss or Cost Totals with Time

# GIS Applications ...

- EQE & OES/GIS groups contributed to the following response activities after the Northridge Earthquake:
  - Summarizing seismotectonic and ground motion data
  - Collection of building inventory data
  - Collection of building damage data
  - Generating building damage trend curves
  - Estimating direct capital losses
  - Analyzing Individual Assistance data
  - Analyzing shelter data
  - Producing GIS maps for public and executive use

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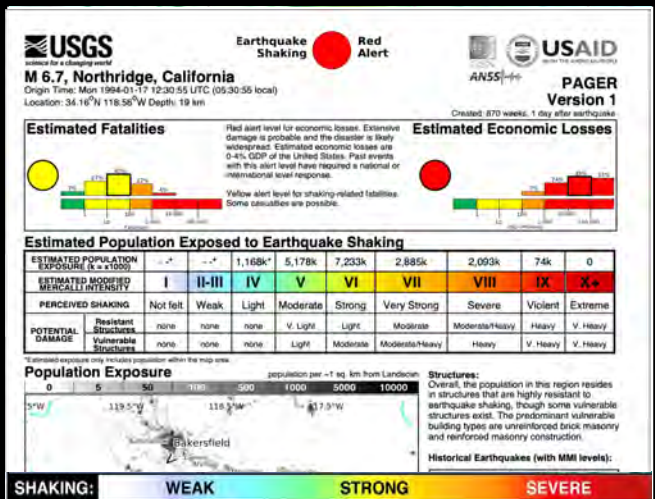


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# The Southern California Network Bulletin: 1990-1993 Summary

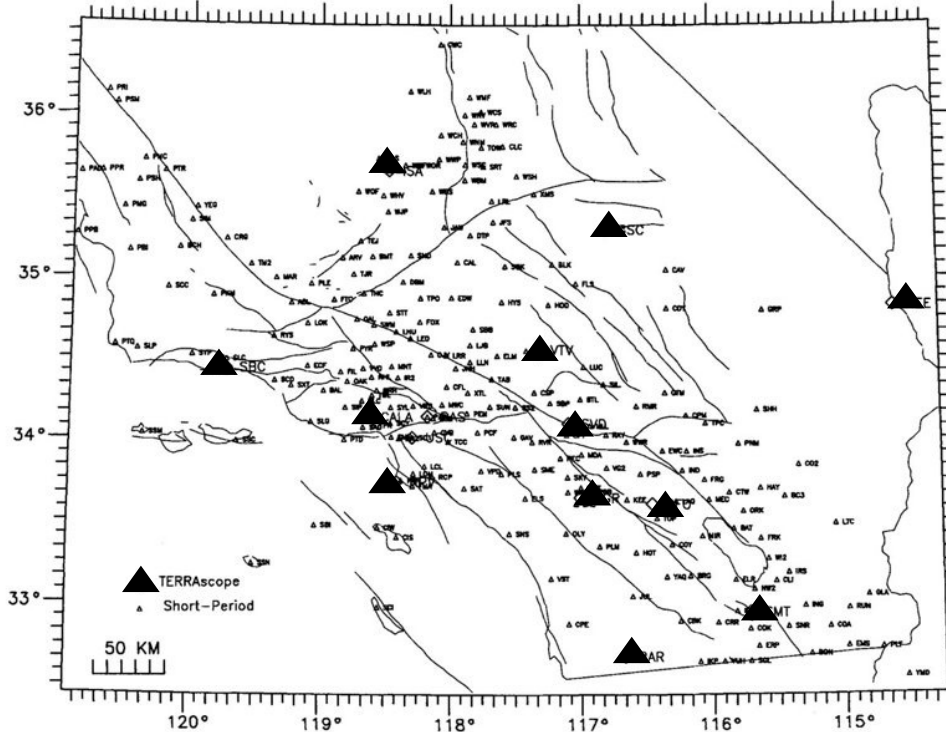
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## Southern California Seismic Network



## Southern California Seismic Network: Caltech/ USGS Element of TriNet 1997-2001

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### INTRODUCTION

The California Institute of Technology (Caltech), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology (CDMG) are completing the implementation of TriNet, a modern seismic information system for southern California. TriNet consists of two elements, the Caltech-USGS element and the CDMG element (Mori *et al.*, 1998). The Caltech-USGS element (Caltech-USGS TriNet) concentrates on rapid notification and archiving of data for seismological applications, while the CDMG element is focused on the needs of engineering users (Hauksson *et al.*, 2002). All three TriNet agencies are working toward facilitating emergency response and long-term mitigation of earthquake hazards in cooperation with other agencies. The technical development of Caltech-USGS TriNet is sufficiently different from the CDMG element of TriNet to warrant a separate description. This paper provides a technical overview of the design

data. Real-time communication is a requirement to facilitate rapid processing and notification about seismicity for emergency management. The data acquisition systems are designed to ensure redundancy and automated processing of data. To accomplish automation, high-speed computers and advanced software form the inner workings of the Caltech-USGS TriNet system. Adopting the commercial database Oracle is an important foundation of our data management system. The automated flow of data into an accessible data center and the automatic population of the database is part of our new seismic network design and is an essential feature of Caltech-USGS TriNet. The TriNet real-time systems and database have been operating online for more than two years, processing real-time data currently from more than 375 stations, or more than 1,200 high sample-rate data channels. Many of these capabilities were tested in the 1999  $M_w$  7.1 Hector Mine earthquake. New postprocessing and catalog-generation approaches have also been implemented in 2001. Caltech-USGS TriNet is one of the first U.S. regional

## TERRAscope

Caltech's TERRAscope project began in 1988 and initially had six very broadband seismic stations (PAS, GSC, PFO, SBC, ISA, and SVD) in southern California. TERRAscope's goals were to provide high-quality broadband data needed for significant advances in both regional & global seismology & to replace the old Caltech seismographic network, which dated back to the 1920s. Data were available within 30 minutes after a regional event and several hours after a global earthquakes.

## TriNET

The Caltech-USGS element concentrated on rapid notification & archiving of data for seismological applications with short-period & broadband seismic stations, while the CDMG focused on engineering uses with strong-motion instruments. The goal was to record small & large earthquakes on scale.



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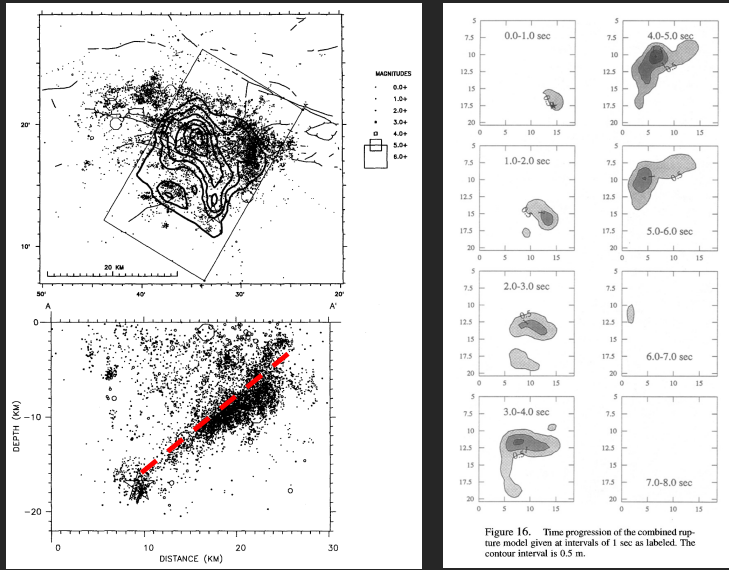
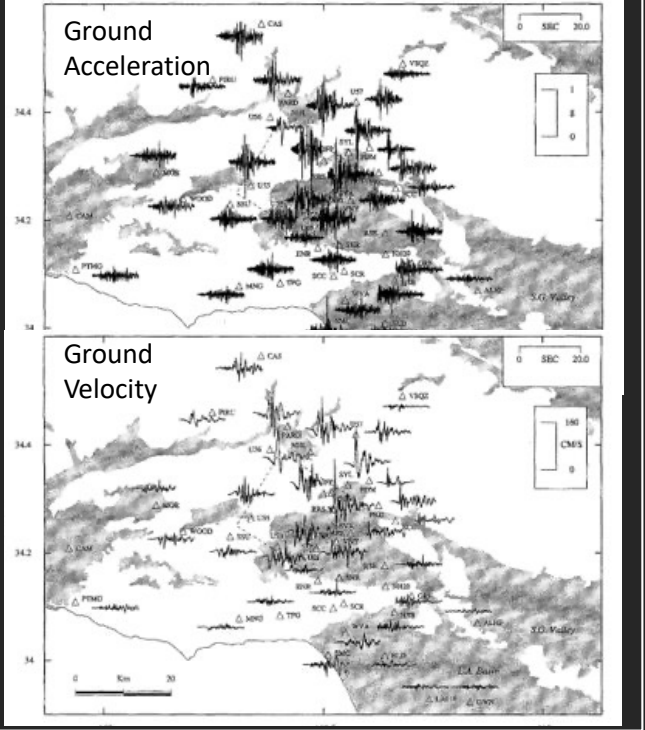


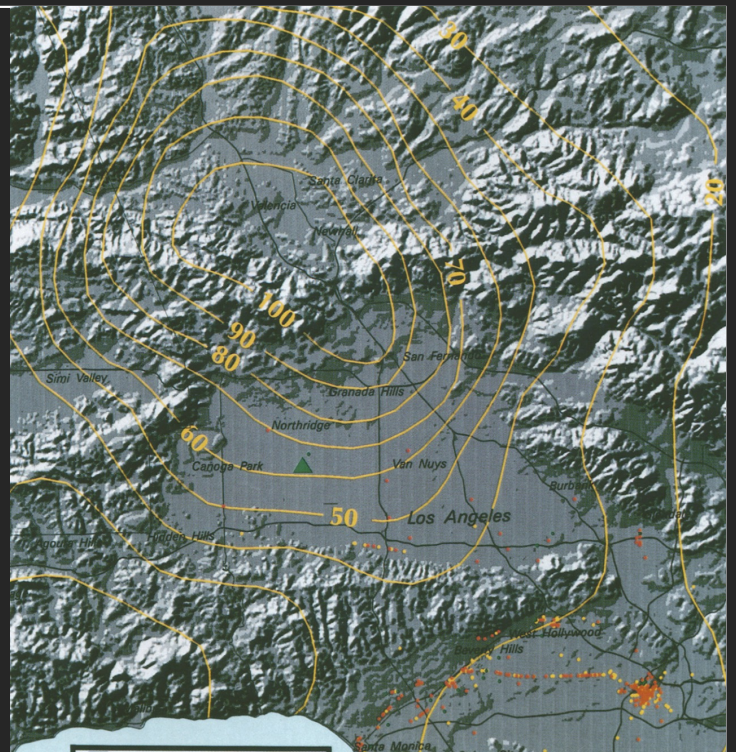
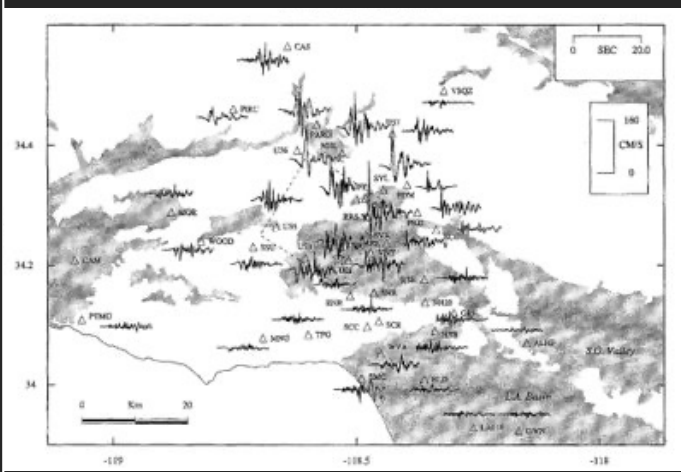
Figure 16. Time progression of the combined rupture model given at intervals of 1 sec as labeled. The contour interval is 0.5 m.

Ground Acceleration



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## TriNet "ShakeMaps": Rapid Generation of Peak Ground Motion and Intensity Maps for Earthquakes in Southern California

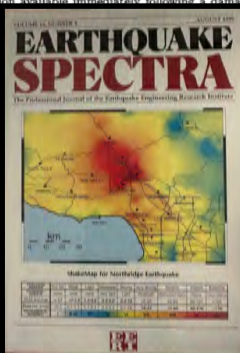
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### ShakeMap

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## Utilization of the Internet for Rapid Community Intensity Maps

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### "Did You Feel It?"

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Seismic intensity has been traditionally used worldwide as a method for quantifying the shaking pattern and the extent of damage for earthquakes. Though developed prior to the advent of today's modern seismometric instrumentation, seismic intensity scale nonetheless provide a well-established framework to describe, in a simplified fashion, the complexity of ground motions and the extent and nature of the damage. A limitation of traditional intensity mapping has been the long time required to generate a detailed seismic intensity map, typically weeks to months. For this reason, intensity maps have had limited use immediately after an earthquake for response and recovery efforts.

We describe here a system that is intended to quickly and accurately describe the shaking pattern and the extent of damage for earthquakes. This system is based on the abundant information available about earthquakes directly from those people who actually experience them. Automatic, rapid generation of seismic intensity maps is accomplished by soliciting shaking and damage reports from Internet users immediately following felt earthquakes.

Intensity survey questionnaires, contributed from members of the community using forms made available through the Internet, are converted to Community Intensity Intensity (CII) using a modified version of the algorithm of Dewey and Dewey (1998). Here, "communities" are defined by

the geographic boundaries of 5-digit ZIP codes. As information is received and processed through our World Wide Web site, the associated ZIP code region is color-coded and an interactive, Web-based, regional map of the seismic intensity distribution is updated. This application allows for much more rapid generation of intensity maps than the standard, labor-intensive practice of mailing intensity surveys and processing the data.



## Relationships between Peak Ground Acceleration, Peak Ground Velocity, and Modified Mercalli Intensity in California

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### PGM ↔ Intensity

We have developed regression relationships between Modified Mercalli Intensity ( $I_{mm}$ ) and peak ground acceleration (PGA) and velocity (PGV) by comparing horizontal peak ground motions to observed intensities for eight significant California earthquakes. For the limited range of Modified Mercalli intensities ( $I_{mm}$ ), we find that for peak acceleration with  $V \leq I_{mm} \leq VIII$ ,  $I_{mm} = 3.66 \log(PGA) - 1.66$ , and for peak velocity with  $V \leq I_{mm} \leq IX$ ,  $I_{mm} = 3.47 \log(PGV) + 2.35$ . From comparison with observed intensity maps, we find that a combined regression based on peak velocity for intensity  $> VII$  and on peak acceleration for intensity  $< VII$  is most suitable for reproducing observed  $I_{mm}$  patterns, consistent with high intensities being related to damage (proportional to ground velocity) and with lower intensities determined by felt accounts (most sensitive to higher-frequency ground acceleration). These new  $I_{mm}$  relationships are significantly different from the Trifunac and Brady (1975) correlations, which have been used extensively in loss estimation.

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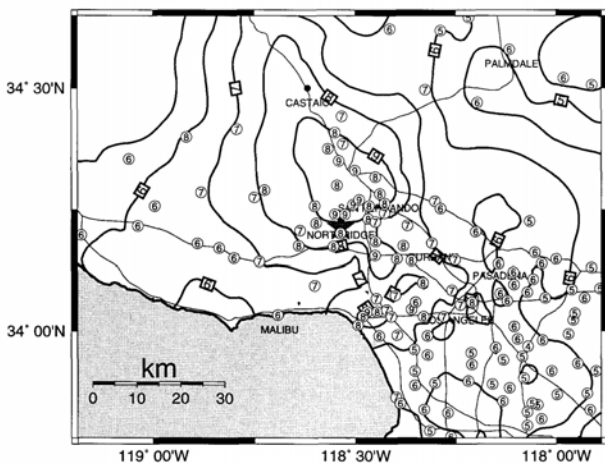


Figure 7. Instrumental intensity map for the 1994 Northridge earthquake derived using the procedure outlined in the text. Contour lines (thick lines) depict instrumental intensity values. Numbered circles give the observed Modified Mercalli intensity values of Dewey et al. (1995) for comparison. The epicenter is shown with a filled star; thin lines depict highways.

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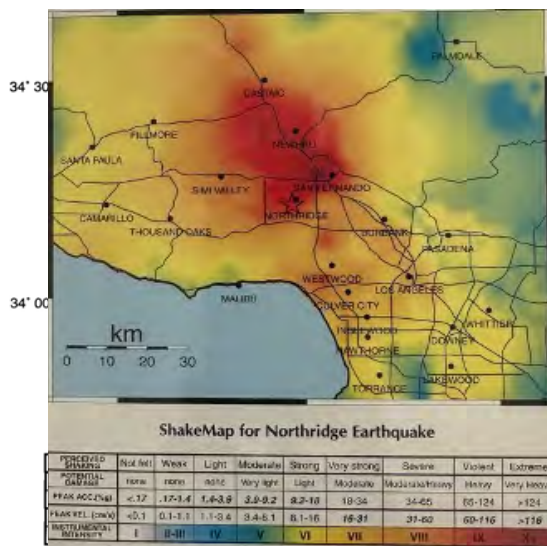
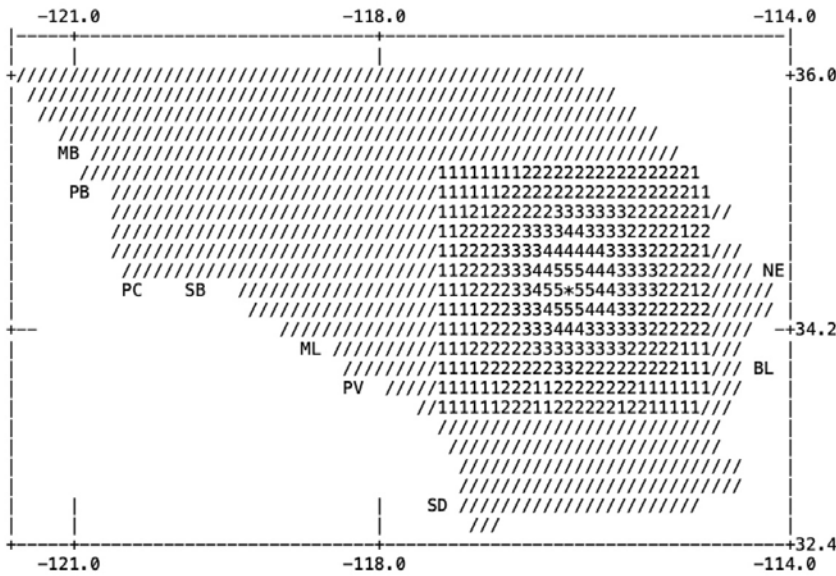


Figure 6. Instrumental intensity map for the 1994 Northridge earthquake derived using the procedure outlined in the text. The epicenter is shown with a filled star; blue lines depict highways. The scale bar gives corresponding peak ground motion values and one- or two-word damage and perceived shaking descriptors.

Wald et al. (1999) Earthquake Spectra



INTENSITY MAP:



MB=Morro Bay; PB=Pismo Beach; PC=Pt. Conception; SB=Santa Barbara; ML=Malibu; PV=Palos Verdes; SD=San Diego; BL=Blythe; NE=Needles; \*=Epicenter;

PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC.(%)	<.17	.17-1.4	1.4-3.9	3.9-9.2	9.2-18	18-34	34-65	65-124	>124
PEAK VEL. (cm/s)	<0.1	0.1-1.1	1.1-3.4	3.4-8.1	8.1-16	16-31	31-60	60-116	>116
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

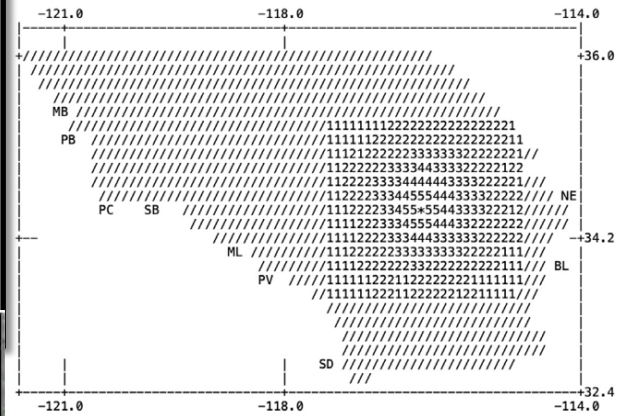
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INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY SCALE

Estimated Intensity	Peak Acceleration Range (%)	Peak Velocity Range (cm/s)	Perceived Shaking	Potential Damage
1	< .17	< 0.1	Not felt	None
2-3	.17-1.4	0.1-1.1	Weak	None
4	1.4-3.9	1.1-3.4	Light	None
5	3.9-9.2	3.4-8.1	Moderate	Very Light
6	9.2-18	8.1-16	Strong	Light
7	18-34	16-31	Very Strong	Moderate
8	34-65	31-60	Severe	Mod./Heavy
9	65-124	60-116	Violent	Heavy
10+	>124	>116	Extreme	Very Heavy

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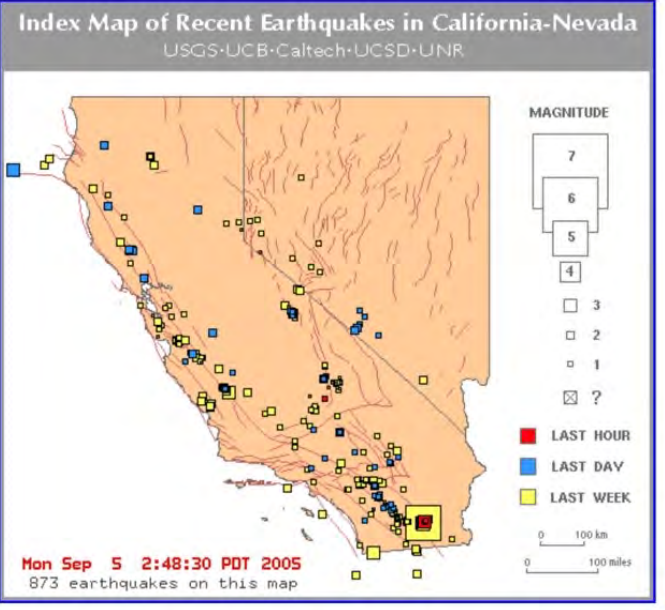
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# Earthquake Notification Service (ENS)

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## The USGS Earthquake Notification Service (ENS): Customizable Notifications of Earthquakes around the Globe

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### INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of 2006, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earthquake Hazards Program (EHP) introduced a new automated Earthquake Notification Service (ENS) to take the place of the National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC) "Bigquake" system and the various other individual EHP



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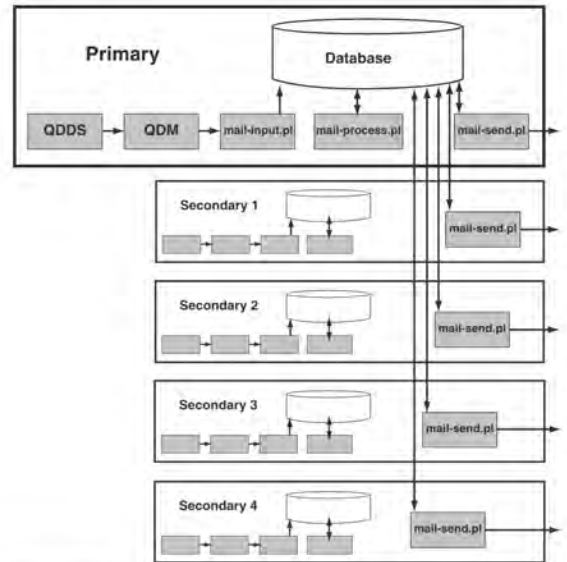
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Specify your local time zone:

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- Defer night notifications for morning delivery

Exclude delivery of aftershocks

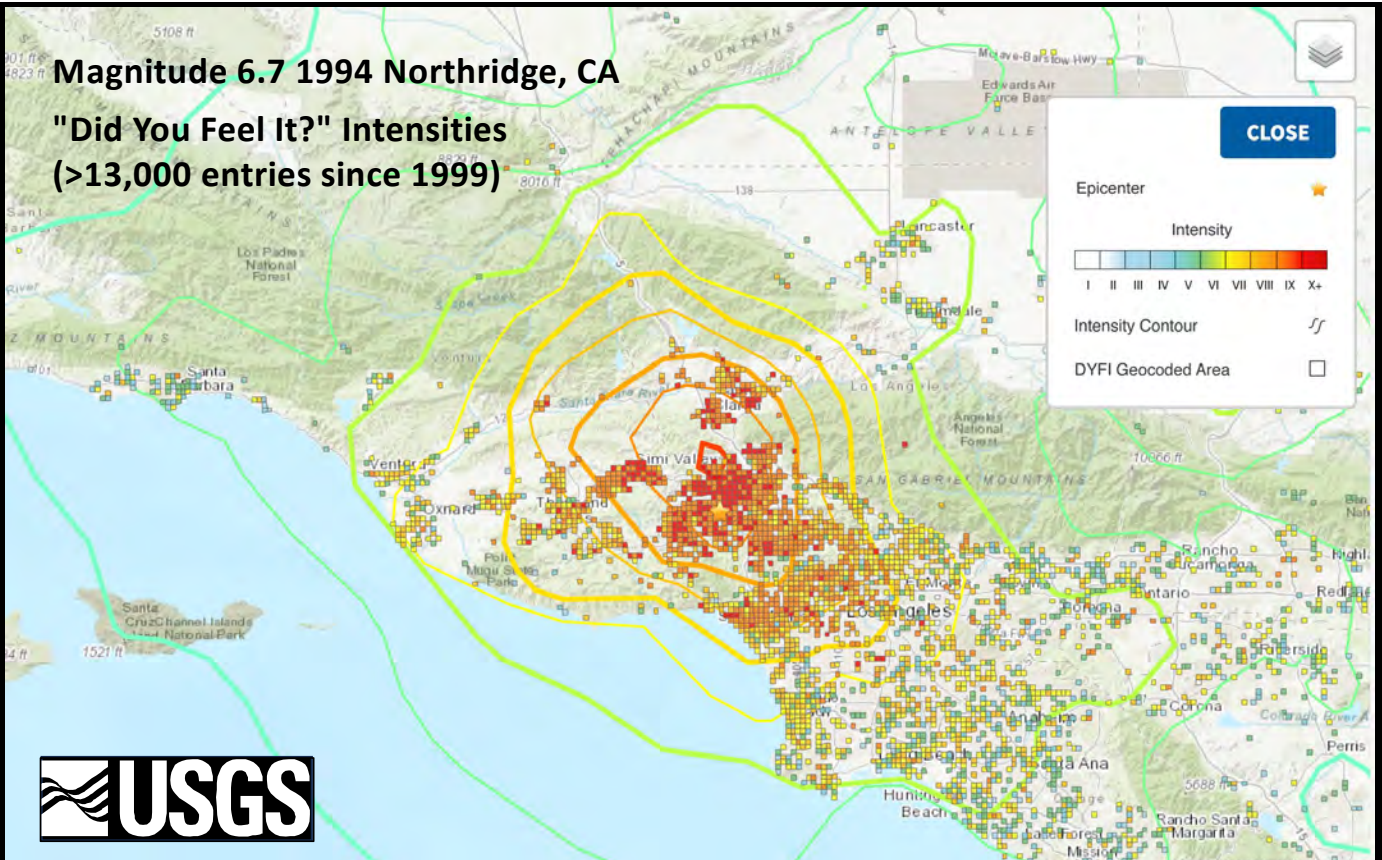
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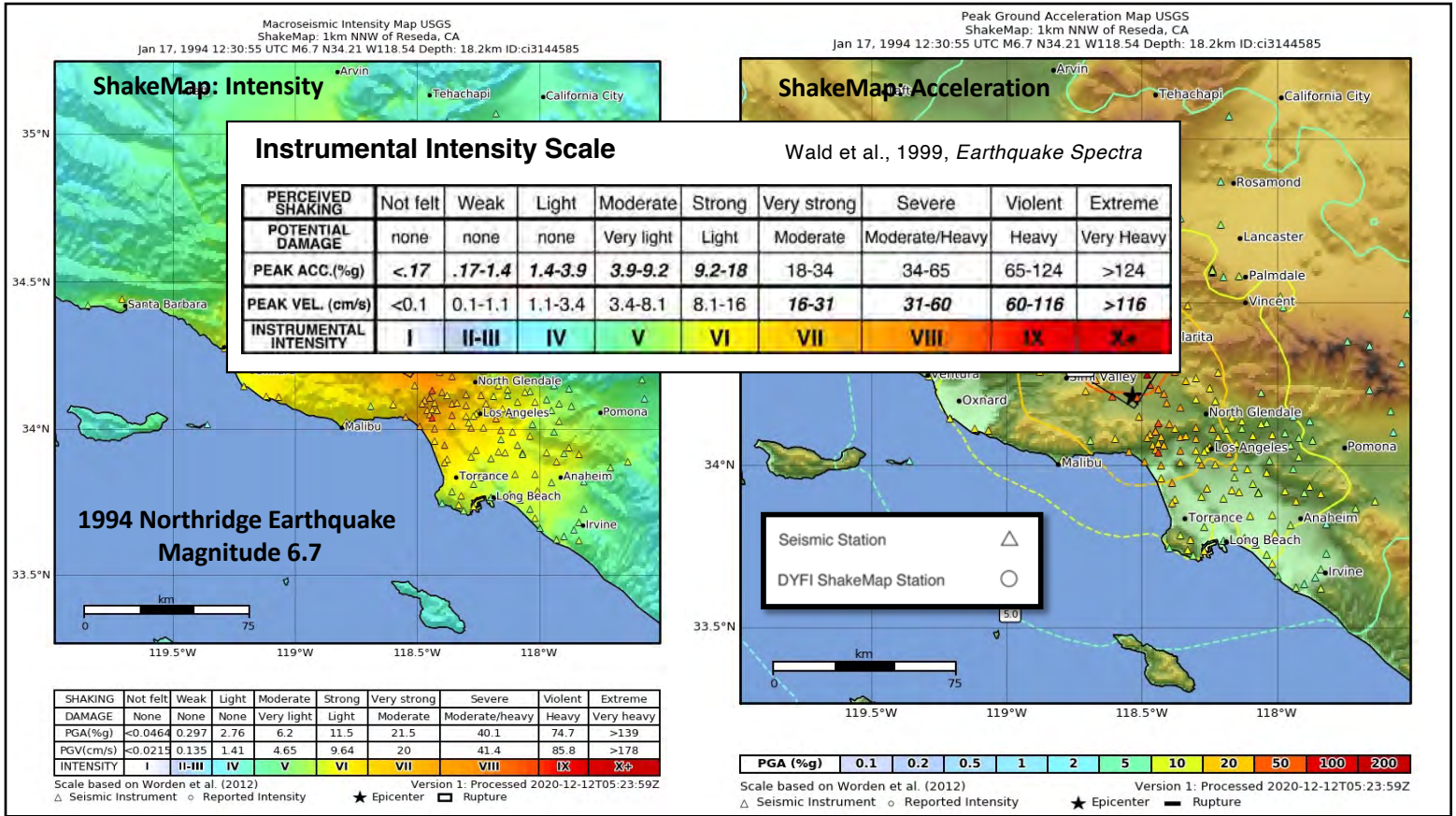
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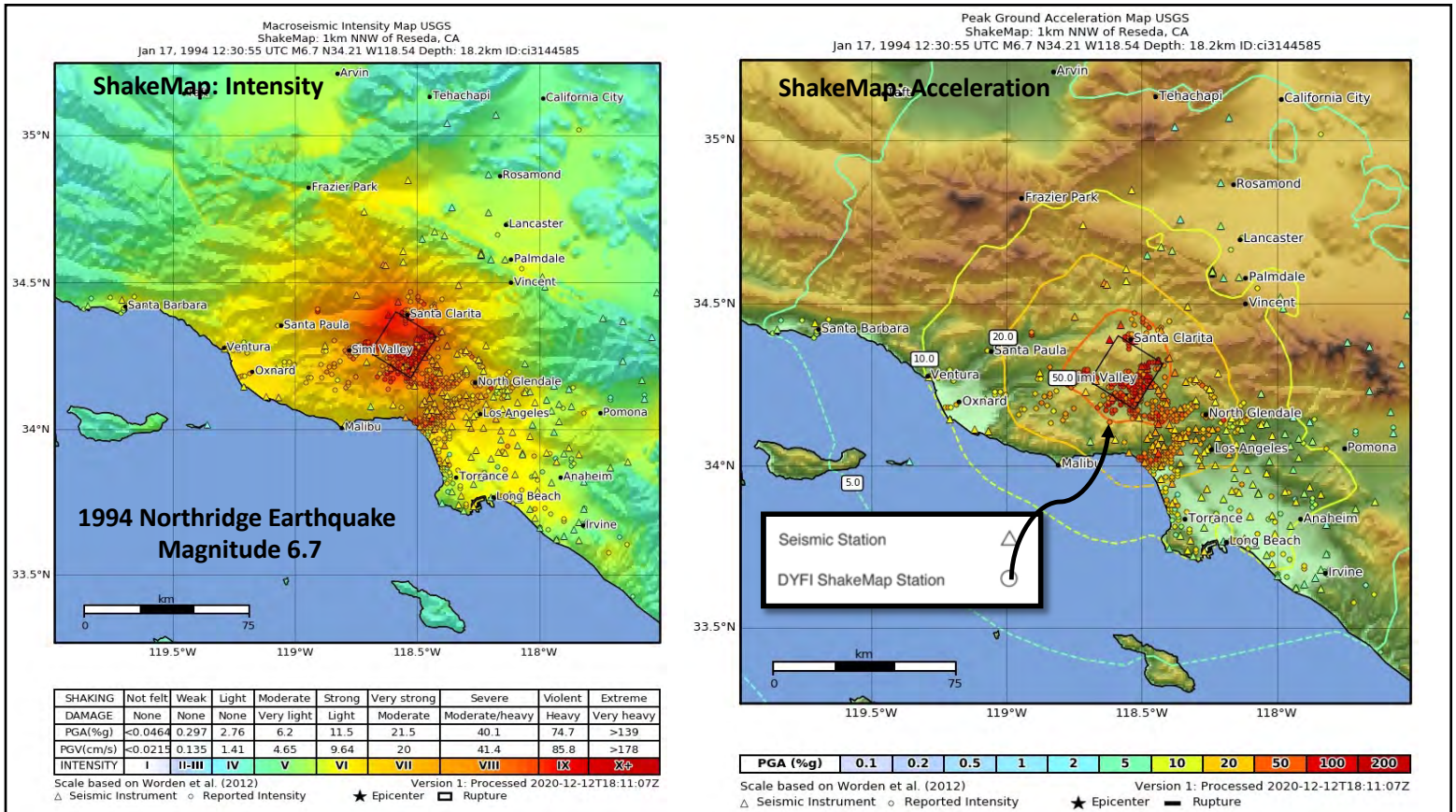
"Did You Feel It?" Intensities (>13,000 entries since 1999)



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Latest Quake Info: **Real-time Shaking Maps**

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- Shaking Intensities & Contours
- Seismic & DYFI? stations

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 Shakemap MMI Contours  
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 Shakemap PGV Contours  
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 Shakemap PSA10 Contours  
 Shakemap PSA30 Contours  
 Shakemap Stations  
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 Landslide Estimate  
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 Population Density  
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 U.S. Faults

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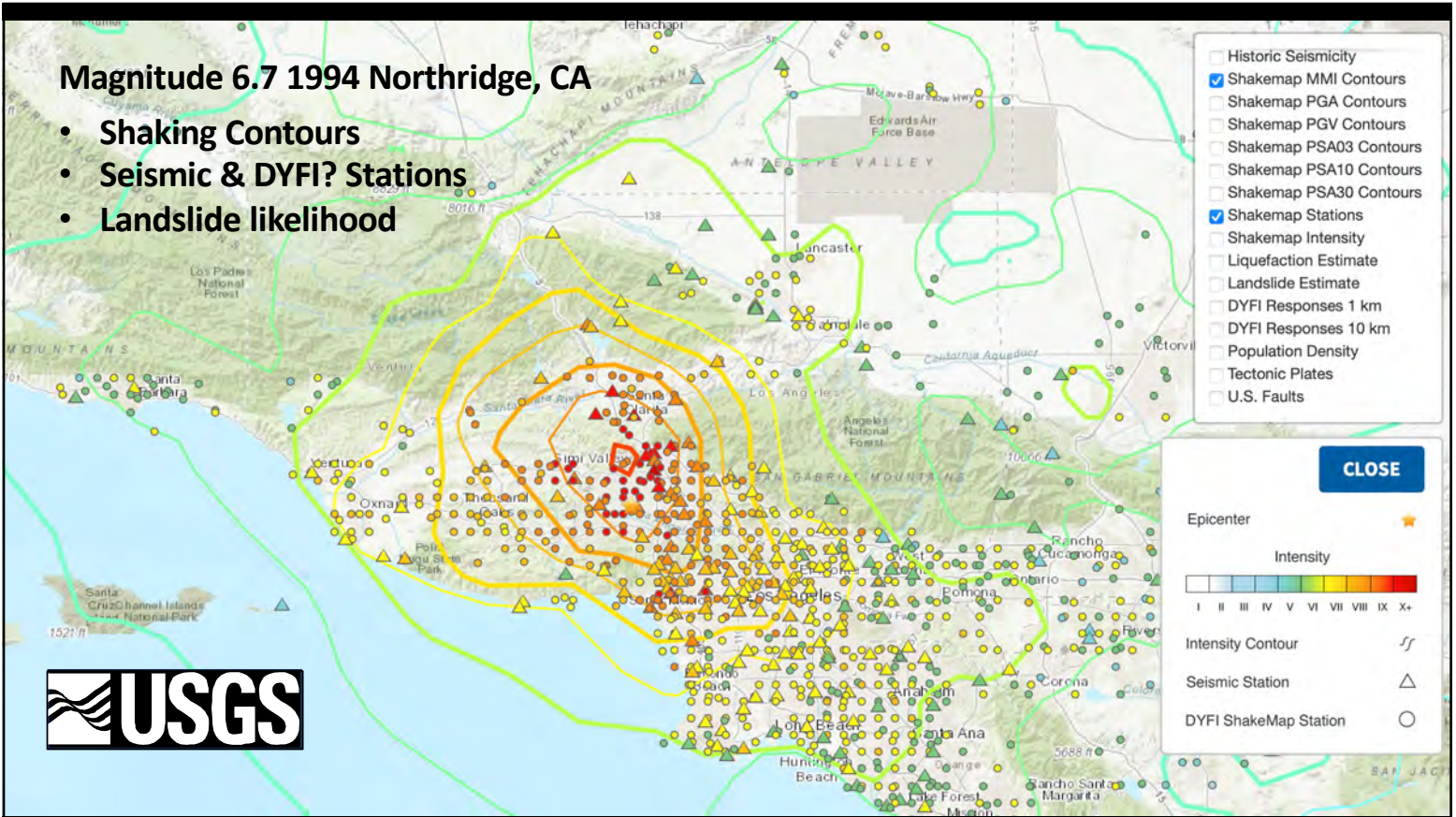
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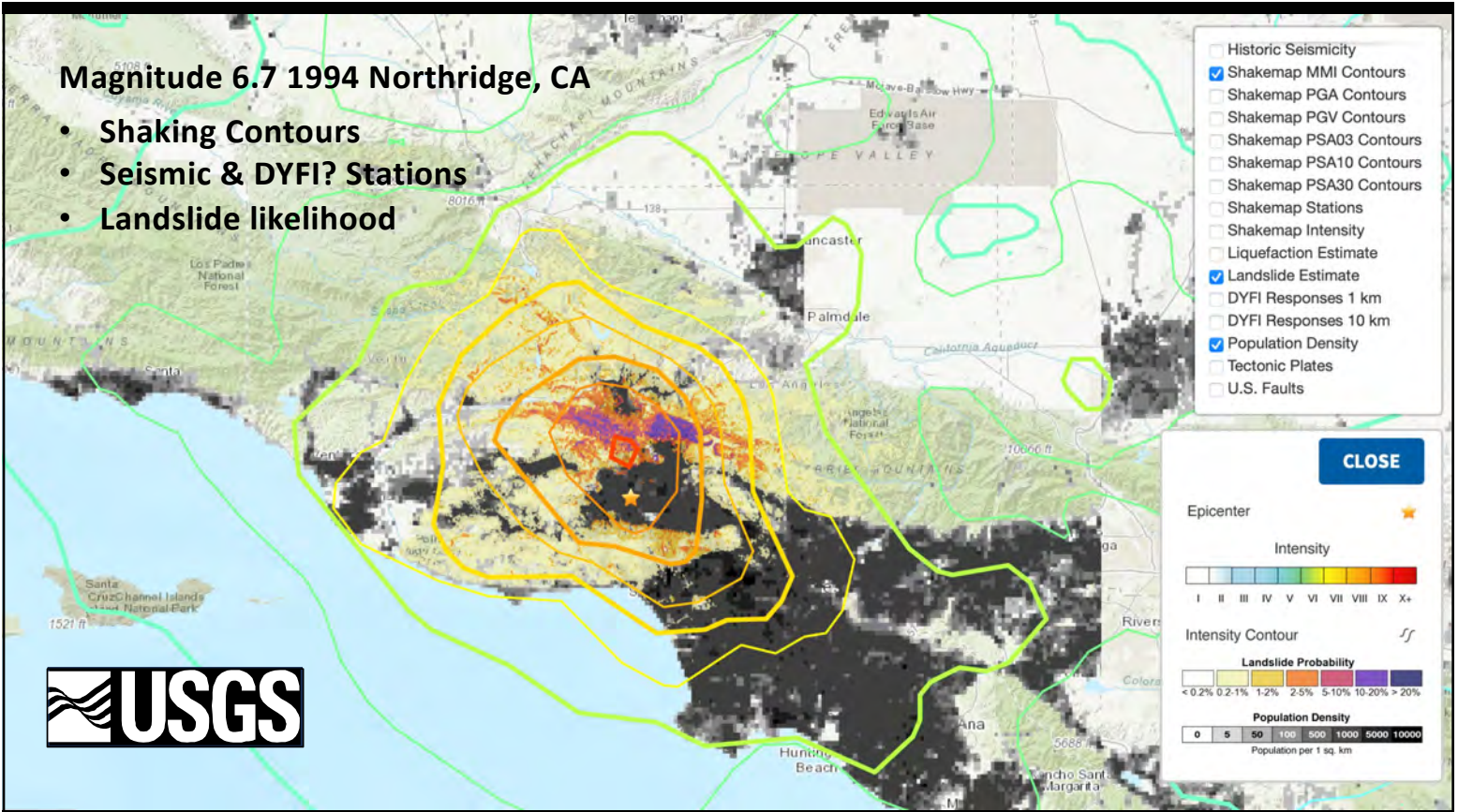
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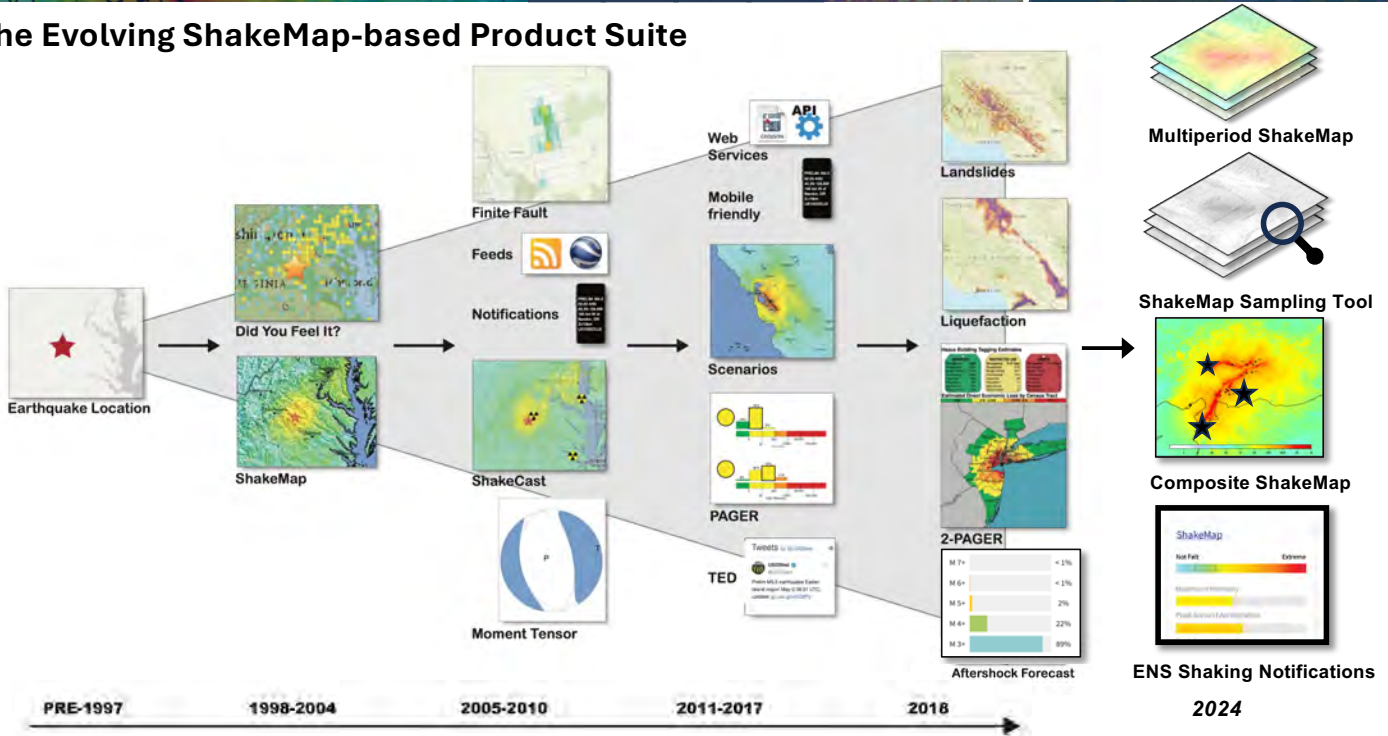


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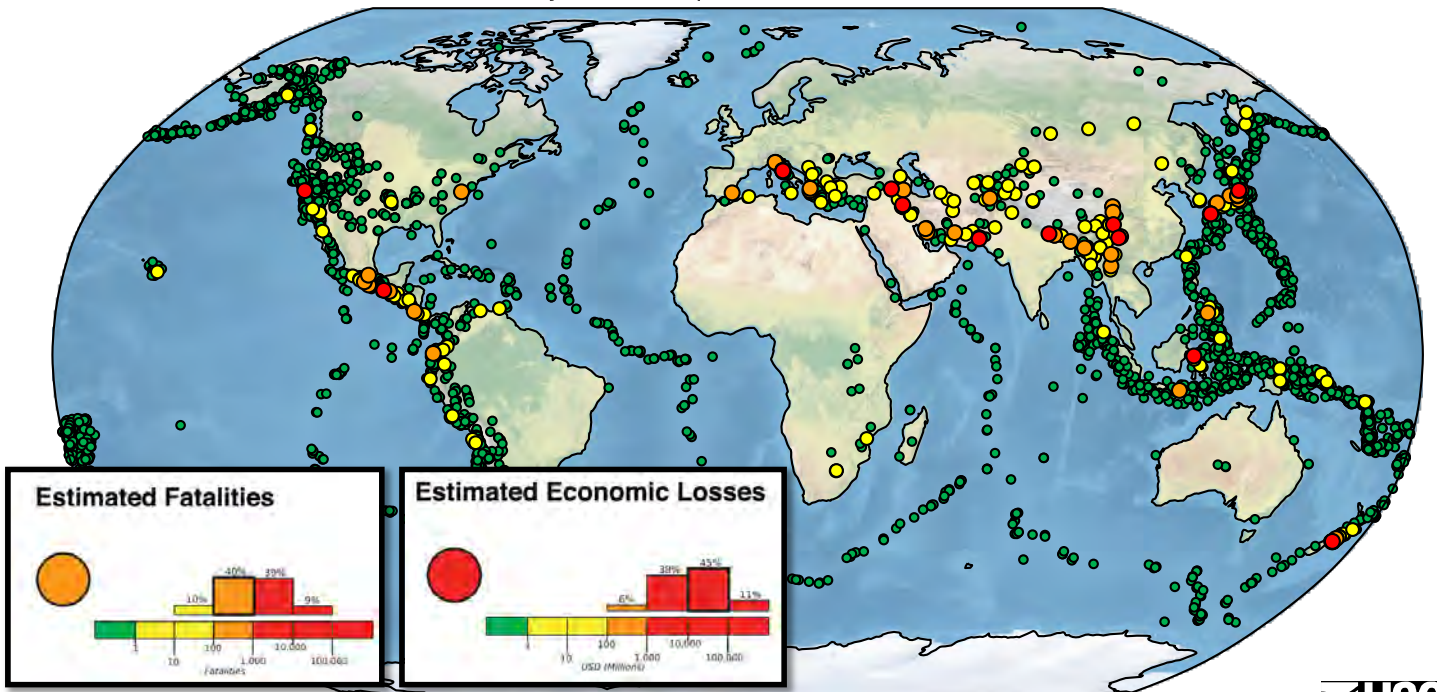
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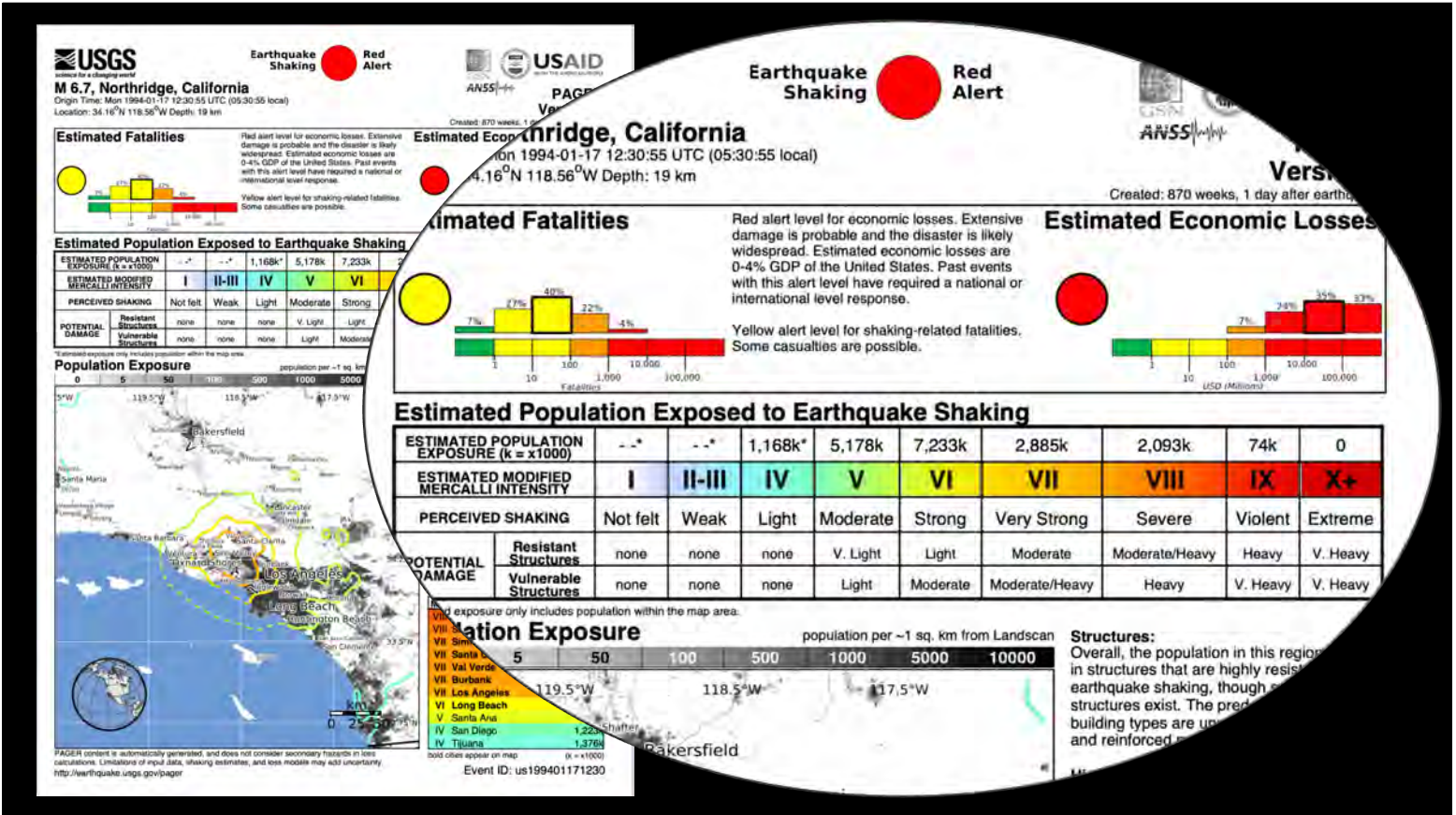
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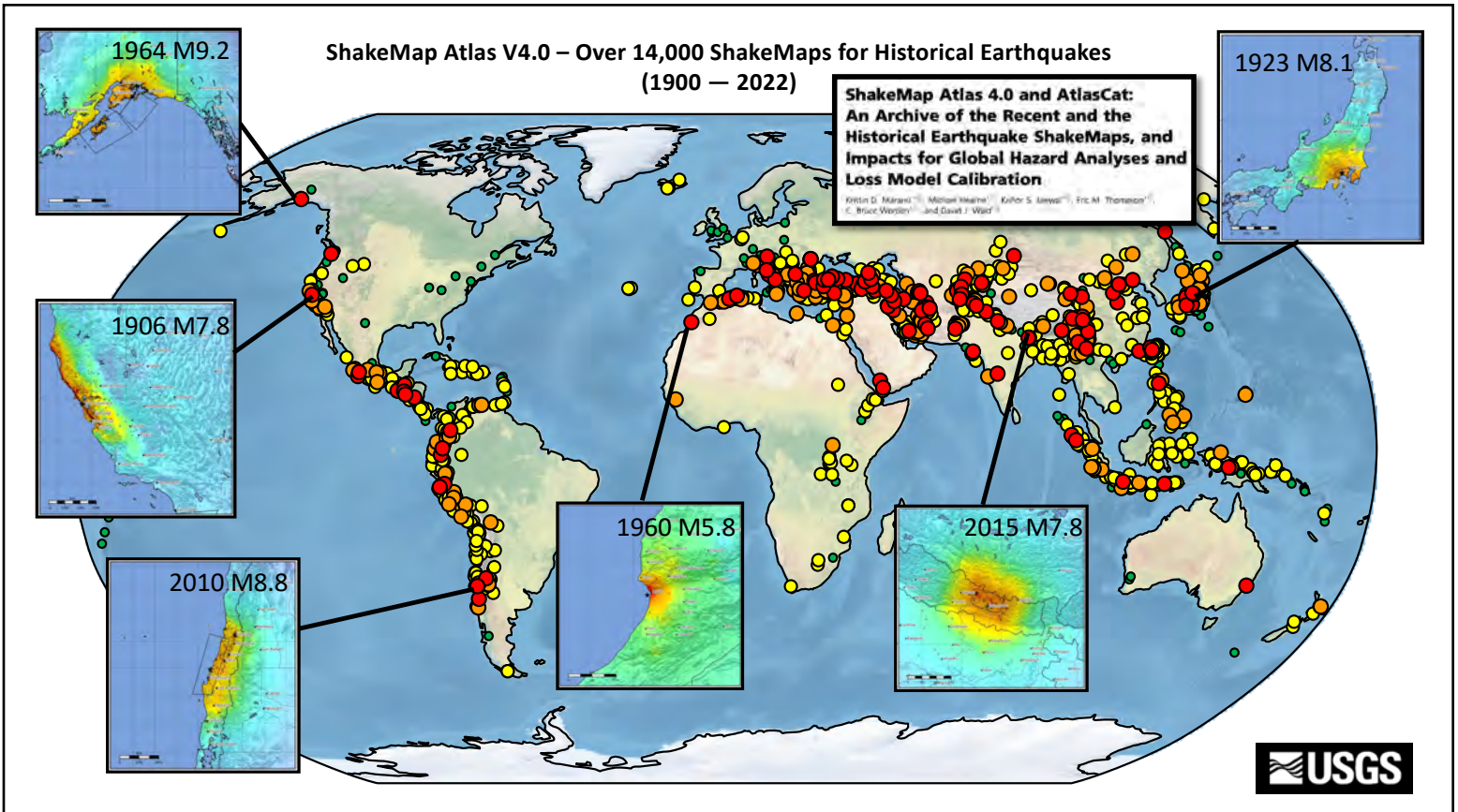
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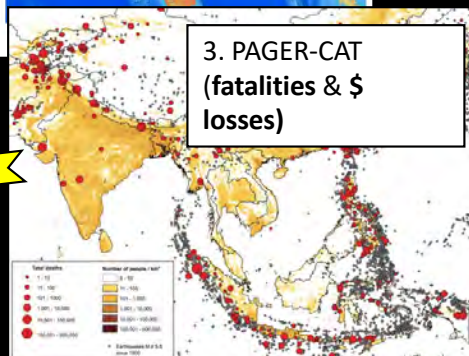
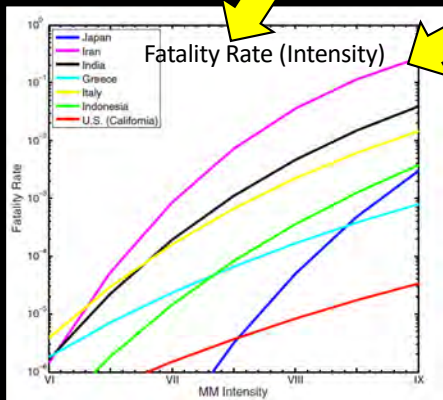
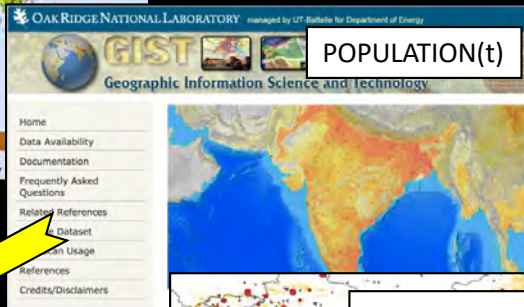
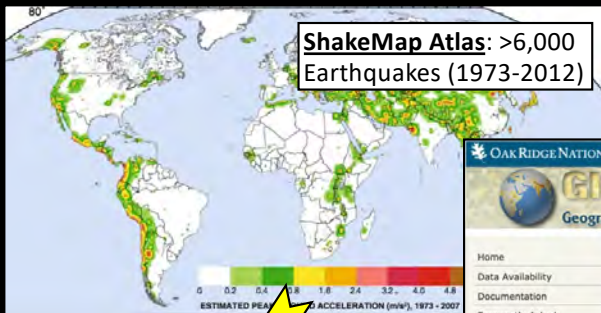


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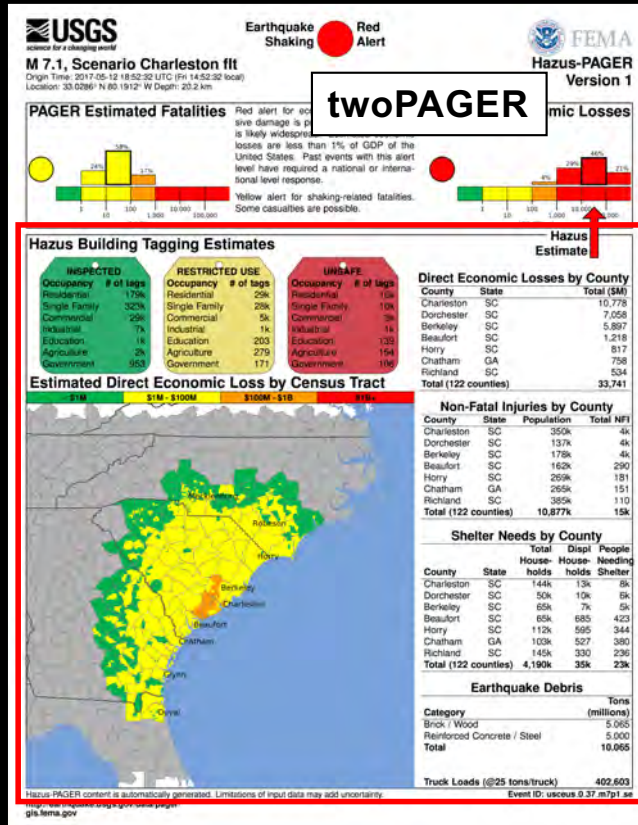
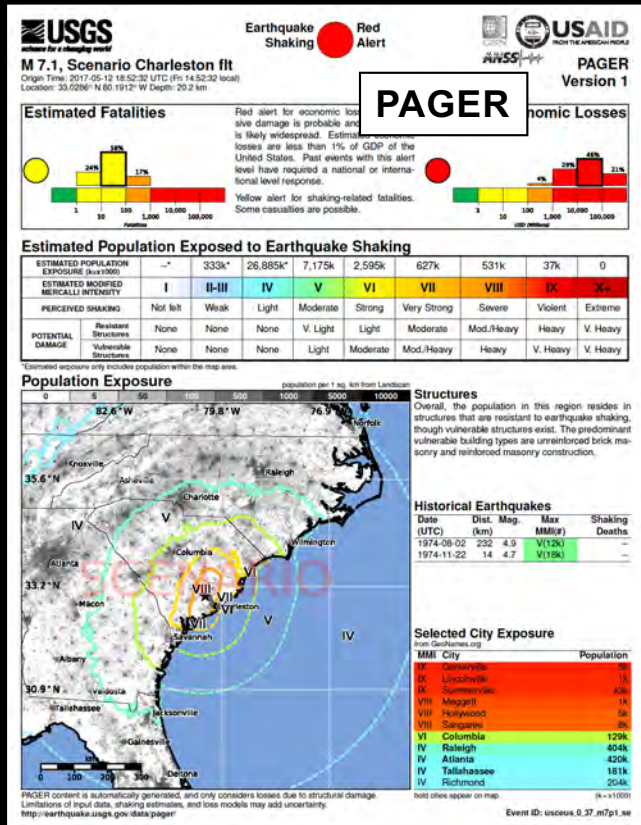


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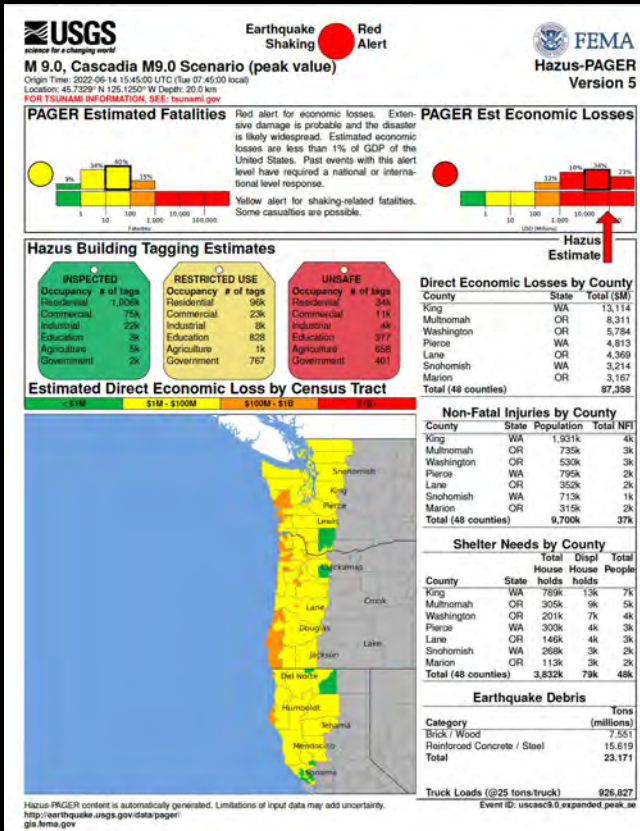
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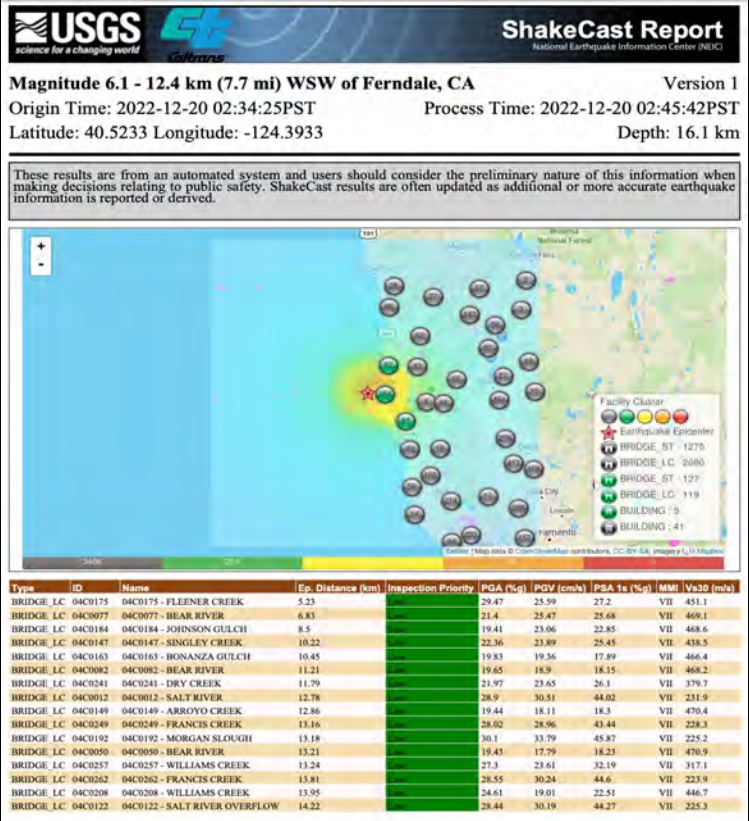


**Content of the twoPAGER**

- A** Summary of the basic earthquake parameters, including origin time, local time, magnitude, hypocenter, and the name of the region where the earthquake took place. For events with high likelihood of a tsunami, a link to the NOAA tsunami Web page is provided (bold red text).
- B** PAGER Earthquake Impact Scale summary alert level. The higher of the two PAGER alert levels is shown as the summary alert at the top-center of the page.
- C** The version of the PAGER alert and the time the alert was created. New versions of the alert are generated when the earthquake information is improved as supplemental ground-shaking constraints become available.
- D** PAGER alert level information for fatalities (left) and economic losses (right). Text (center) clarifies the nature of the alert based on experience from past earthquakes.
- E** Distribution of buildings by Hazus occupancy type and tag color: (Left / Green) The total number of buildings in the counties nearest to the epicenter based on their occupancy type. (Center / Yellow) Number of buildings with extensive damage, "yellow tagged". (Right / Red) Number of buildings with complete damage (collapsed), "red tagged".
- F** Map of estimated direct economic losses by Census Tract, color-coded in ranges of millions of Dollars (see legend above the map for loss ranges). Census Tract boundaries are not shown. Thin black lines delineate County boundaries, thick black lines delineate State boundaries.
- G** Table of Hazus-estimated total direct economic losses in millions of dollars for seven counties with the highest estimated losses. Losses are only given when available; nearby counties where Hazus losses were not calculated will show losses as --.
- H** Table of Hazus-estimated non-fatal injuries for seven counties with the highest estimated losses. Losses are only given when available; nearby counties where Hazus losses were not calculated will show losses as --.
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- J** Table of Hazus-estimated debris in millions of tons by material type and total number of truck loads.
- K** Footer, including a link to the PAGER Web page, the USGS event-identification number; and a disclaimer noting that the content was automatically generated and has additional sources of uncertainty. All possible uncertainties are not considered in the determination of estimated losses; the actual impact of the earthquake may differ from the PAGER and Hazus automatically generated estimates. For events with high likelihood of a tsunami, a link to the NOAA tsunami Web page is provided (bold red text).

**What is ShakeCast?**

- Open-source USGS software.
- **Automates** ShakeMap retrieval & comparison of shaking levels with unique facility fragilities.
- **Generates** web pages & hierarchical lists & maps of likely impacted facilities (see right →).
- **Sends** notifications to specified personnel/responders.
- **Raises post-earthquake situational awareness**; represents key information in first min to hours following an event.



**NEAR-REAL-TIME EARTHQUAKE PRODUCTS**

**PAGER-related: Loss updating – InSAR change detection & recovering building-specific losses**



**M 6.8 - Al Haouz, Morocco (September 2023)**

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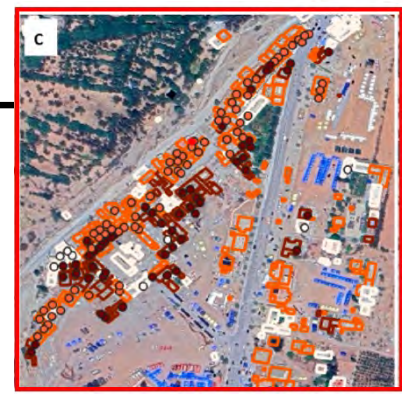
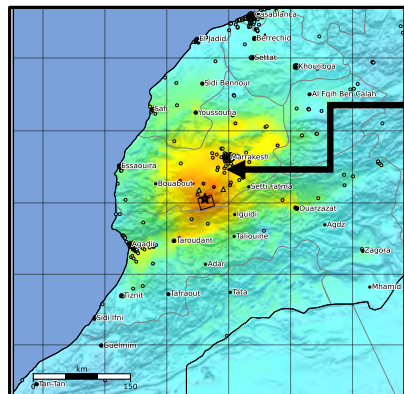
**Seismic multi-hazard and impact estimation via causal inference from satellite imagery**

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Rapid post-earthquake reconnaissance is important for emergency responses and rehabilitation by providing accurate and timely information about secondary hazards and impacts, including landslide, liquefaction, and building damage. Despite the extensive collection of geospatial data and satellite images, existing physics-based and data-driven methods suffer from low estimation performance due to the complex and event-specific causal dependencies underlying the cascading processes of earthquake-triggered hazards and impacts. Herein, we present a rapid seismic multi-hazard and impact estimation system that leverages advanced statistical causal inference and remote sensing techniques. The unique feature of this system is that it provides accurate and high-resolution estimations on a regional scale by jointly inferring multiple hazards and building damage from satellite images through modeling their causal dependencies. We evaluate our system on multiple seismic events from diverse countries around the globe. Our results corroborate that incorporating causal dependencies significantly improves large-scale estimation accuracy for multiple hazards and impacts compared to existing systems. The results also reveal quantitative causal mechanisms among earthquake-triggered multi-hazard and impact for multiple seismic events. Our system establishes a new way to extract and utilize the complex interactions of multiple hazards and impacts for effective disaster responses and advancing understanding of seismic geological processes.



**Building Damage Estimates**

<b>Estimates</b>	<b>Building Damage Ground Truth</b>
<span style="color: orange;">○</span> Slightly Damaged Posterior	<span style="color: orange;">○</span> Slightly Damaged
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## Earthquake Notification Service 2.0 (ENS2)

- Over 600,000 recipients globally (text & email earthquake notifications)
- **PAGER alert-based notifications added (user-selected)**
- **ShakeMap – shaking-based alerts for points of interest (POIs)**

→ Casual ShakeMap users can use the web pages, critical users use ShakeCast, & those who need simple notifications when shaking occurs at a site will be able to use ENS2 (grandma's house; facility, office, etc.)

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## Perspectives of Earth and Space Scientists


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#### Key Points:

- This memoir covers a 25-year history of the scientific and development effort needed to improve rapid earthquake shaking hazard and impact assessments worldwide
- Developing the tools to alert the globe about destructive earthquakes rapidly entailed wide-ranging collaborative research and development among seismologists, earthquake engineers, geographers, social scientists, IT professionals, and communication experts
- Earthquake impact calculations require rapid hazard assessments and knowledge of the affected inhabitants' exposure and vulnerability of structures.

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## Alerting the Globe of Consequential Earthquakes

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**Abstract** The primary ingredients on the hazard side of the equation include the rapid characterization of the earthquake source and quantifying the spatial distribution of the shaking, plus any secondary hazards an earthquake may have triggered. On the earthquake impact side, loss calculations require the aforementioned hazard assessments—and their uncertainties—as input, plus the quantification of the exposure and vulnerability of structures, infrastructure, and the affected inhabitants. Lastly, effectively communicating uncertain estimates of the resulting impacts on society requires careful consideration of its function and form. All these aspects of rapid earthquake information delivery entailed wide-ranging collaborative research and development among seismologists, earthquake engineers, geographers, social scientists, Information Technology professionals, and communication experts, leveraging diverse components and ingredients not achievable without extensive collaboration. I was very fortunate to be able to work on interesting and useful projects with many colleagues who got involved with them. Advances in content, its rapid delivery, and our ability to better communicate uncertain loss estimates greatly expanded the range of users and critical decision-makers who could directly benefit from rapid post-earthquake information. Moreover, in the critical user–developer feedback loop, we have intently followed requests from users to develop new ways of delivering the most-requested post-earthquake information within the limitations of the science and technology. Such new avenues and tools then motivated and prioritized additional research directions and developments.

**Plain Language Summary** This memoir covers on a 25-year effort to improve rapid earthquake shaking hazard and impact assessments worldwide. Rapidly characterizing the hazards requires making ShakeMaps—the distribution of the shaking intensity—plus estimating any secondary hazards an earthquake may have triggered (such as landslides). For estimating earthquake impacts, loss calculations require the hazard

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## Links & Resources

### ENS

[Earthquake Notification Service \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov)

### ShakeMap Manual

[ShakeMap 4 Manual — ShakeMap Documentation documentation \(usgs.github.io\)](https://www.usgs.gov)

### Composite ShakeMap Software

[composite-sm · GitLab \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov) & [composite-atlas](https://www.usgs.gov)

### ShakeCast Software

[ShakeCast GitLab Wiki \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov)

### ShakeMap Communications and Newsletter

[U.S. Geological Survey - Near Real Time Products \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.usgs.gov)

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