

# Strong Ground Motions Expected in Los Angeles

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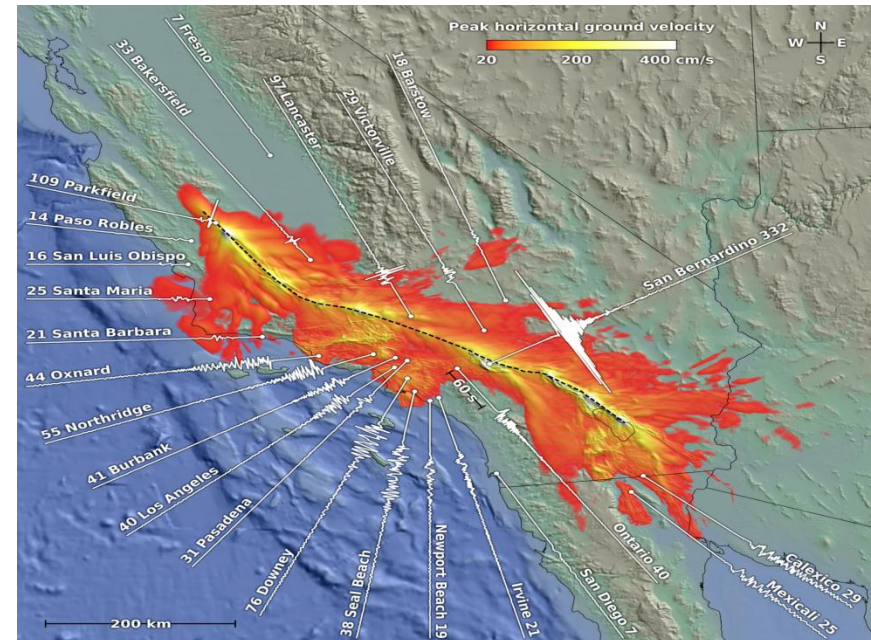
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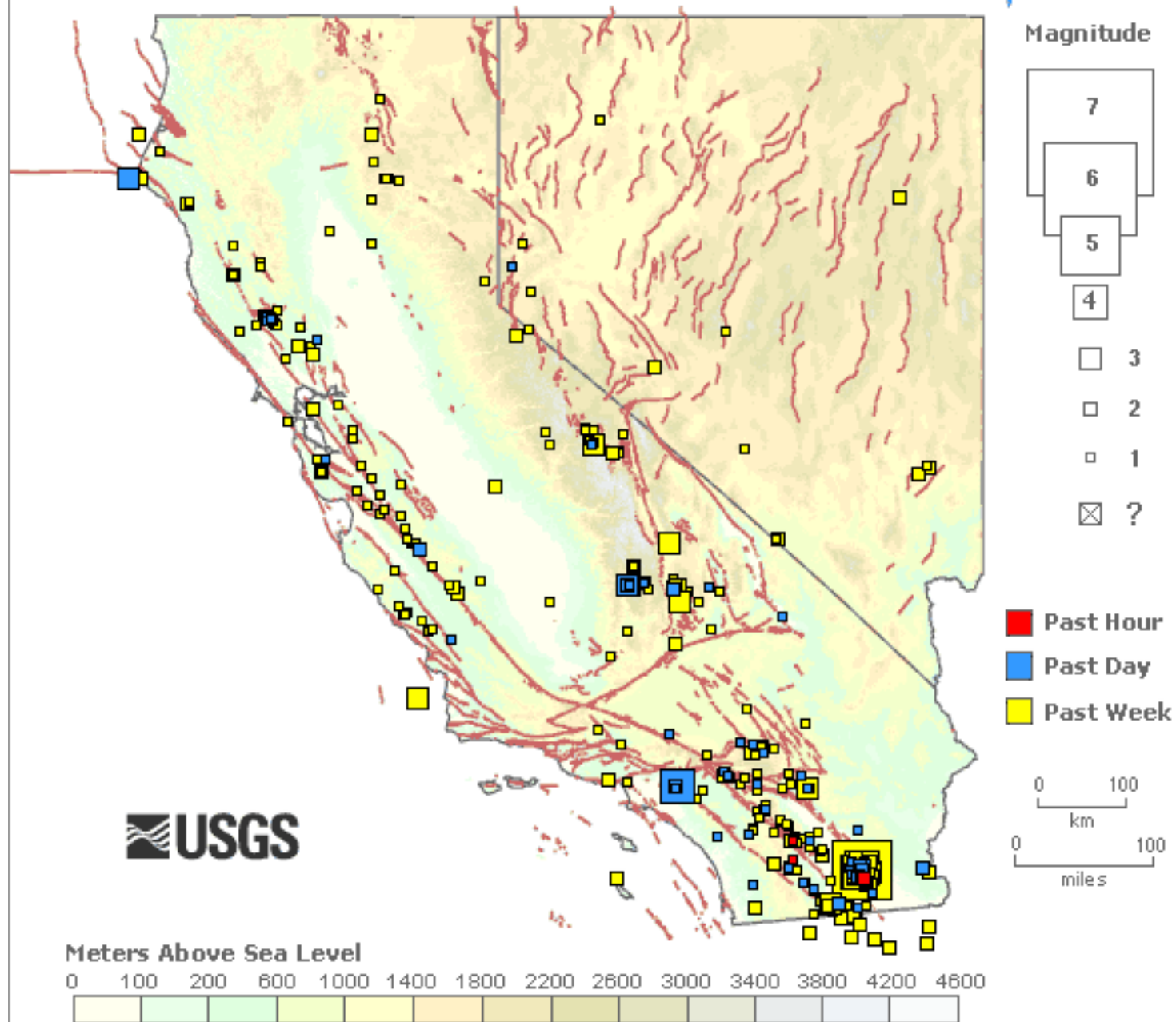


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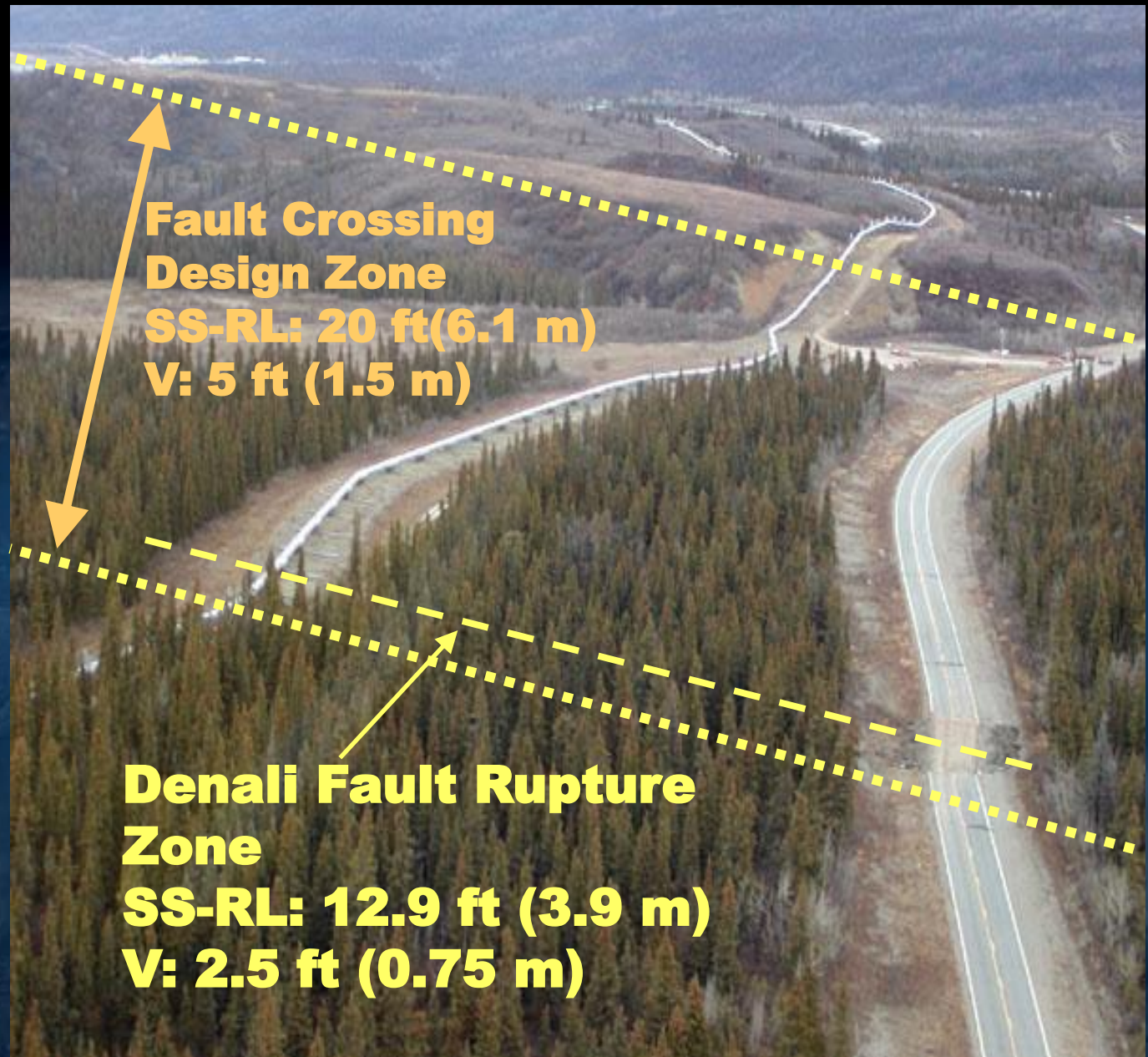
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# Denali Fault Crossing (Before and After)

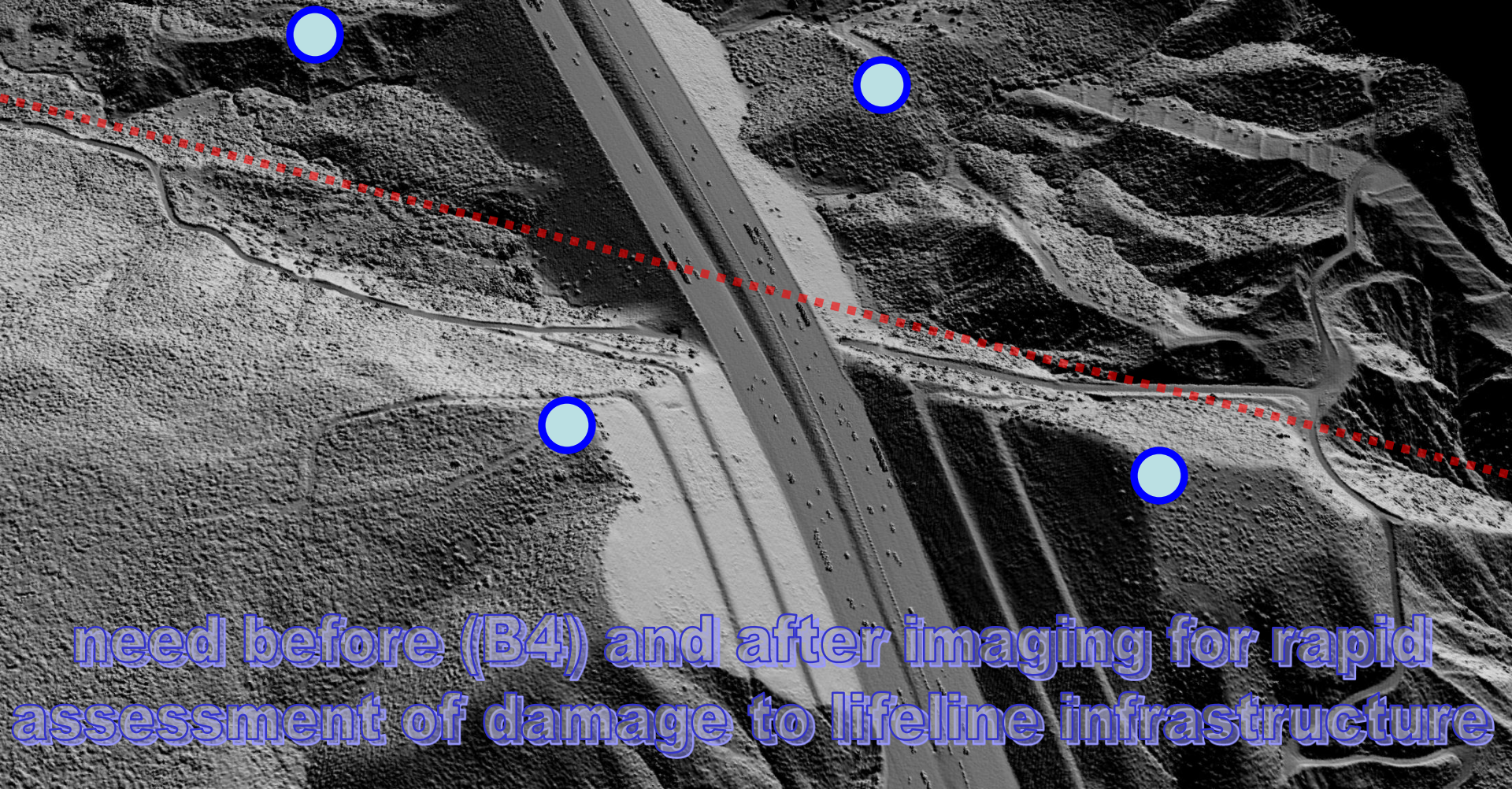
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# Cajon Pass I-15 Fault Crossing

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**need before (B4) and after imaging for rapid  
assessment of damage to lifeline infrastructure**



# FEMA report series (1991-1992)

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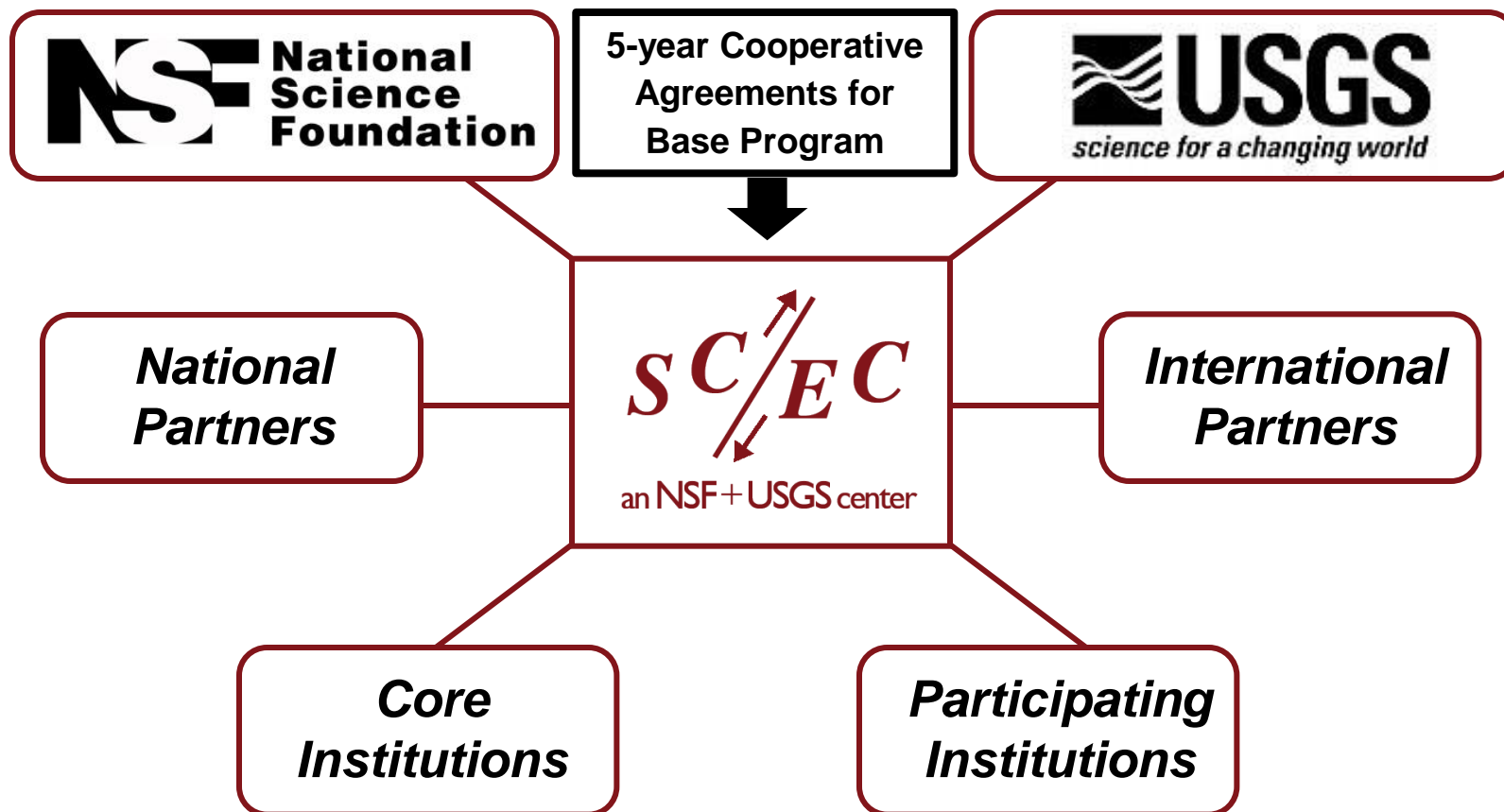
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## Collocation Impacts on the Vulnerability of Lifelines During Earthquakes with Applications to the Cajon Pass, California

<u>Lifeline</u>	<u>Minimum Additional Delay Before Temporary Service is Restored, days</u>
Fiber Optic Telephone Communication	61
High Voltage Electric Power Transmission	19
Natural Gas Bulk Transmission	25
Petroleum Products Transmission	41
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# *The SCEC Partnership*



## *SCEC Member Institutions (Sept 1, 2011)*

### Core Institutions (17)

#### **California Geological Survey**

California Institute of Technology  
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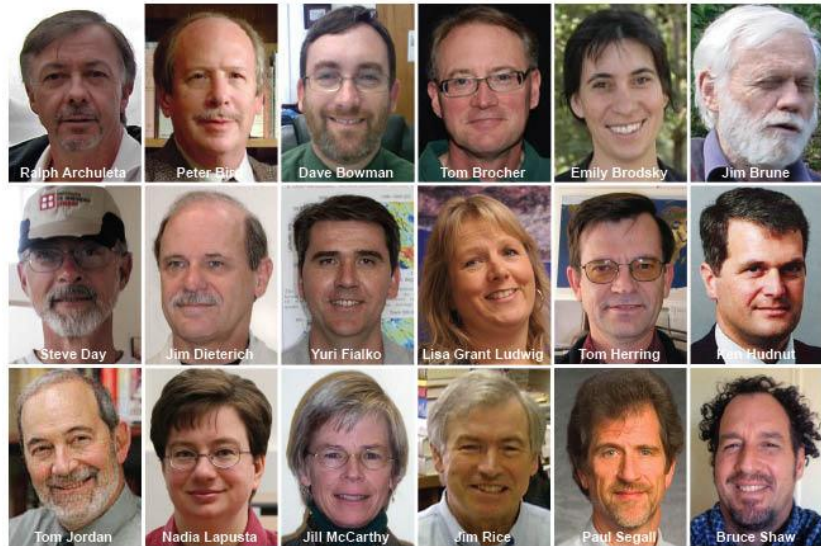
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- **Gather data** on earthquakes in Southern California and elsewhere
- **Integrate information** into a comprehensive, physics-based understanding of earthquake phenomena
- **Communicate understanding** to the world at large as useful knowledge for reducing earthquake risk



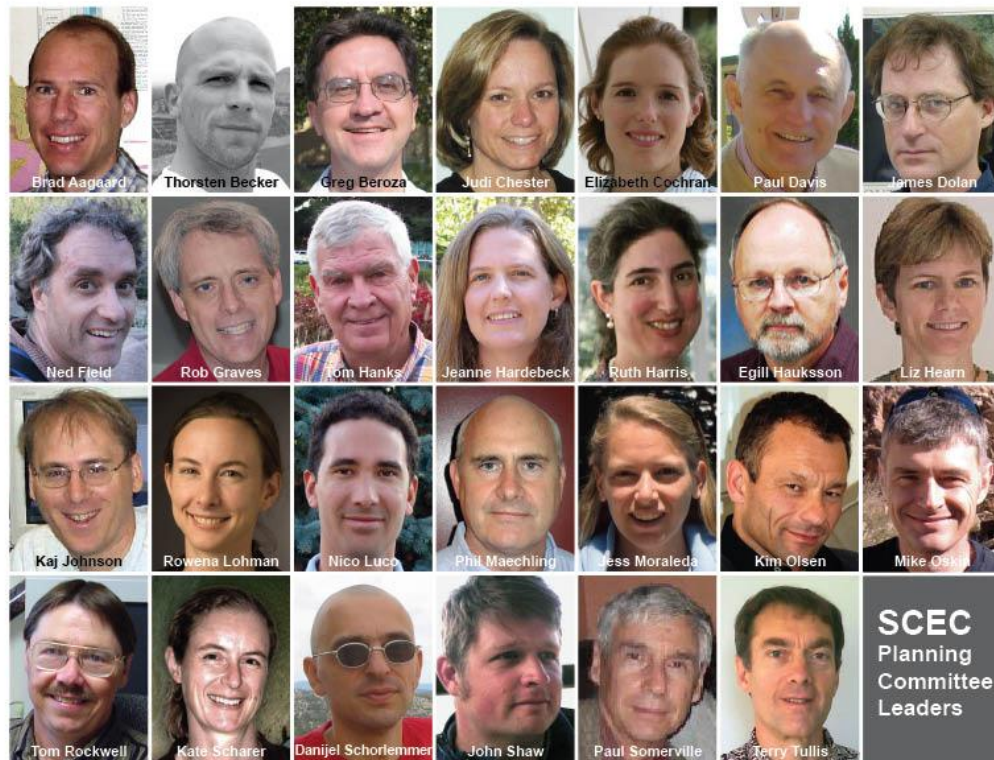
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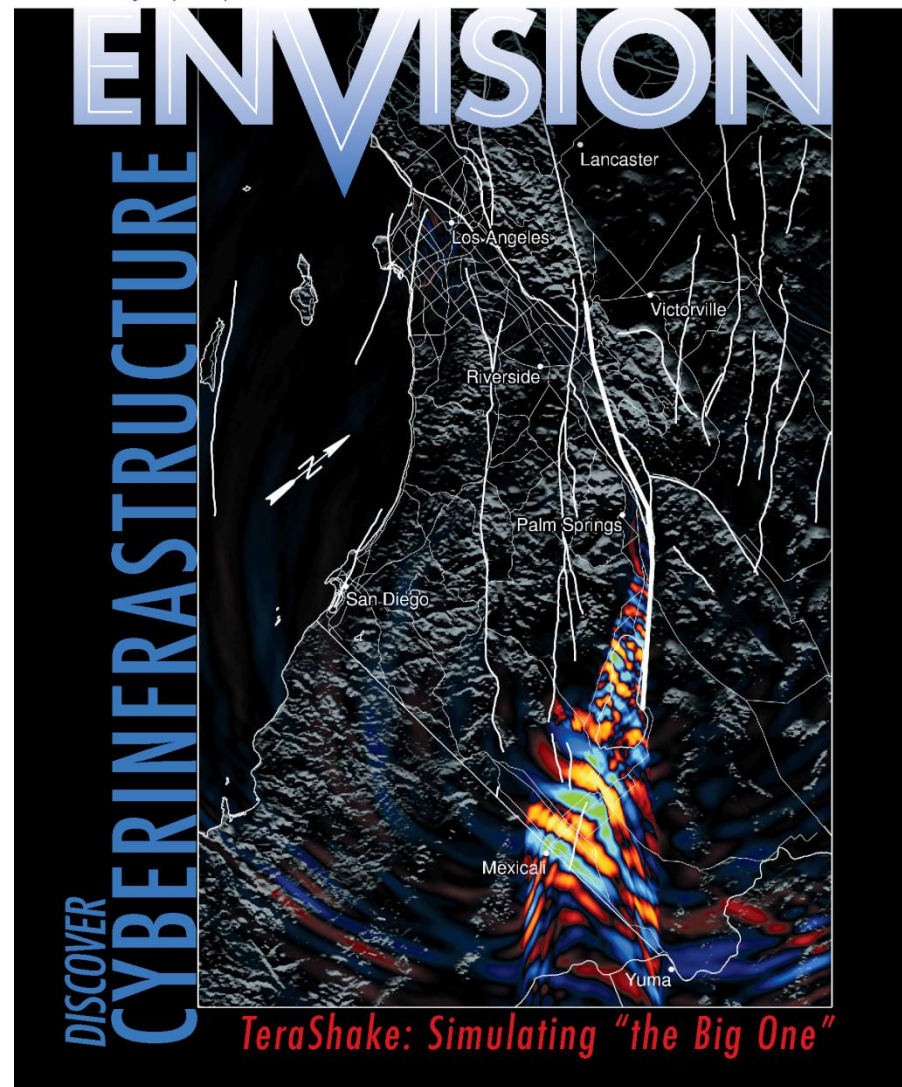


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## TeraShake: Simulating "the Big One"

San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC) article on  
SCEC Research (2004)



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Offset in facies in this photograph from 1906 San Francisco

Earthquake shows 0.5 feet of horizontal displacement across the San

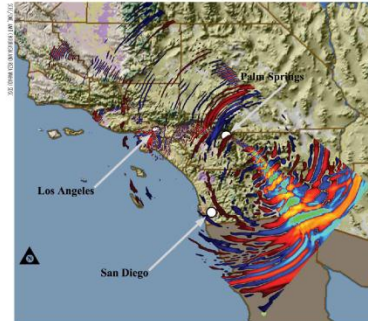
Andreas fault produced by the earthquake. Such earthquakes result

from accumulated tension as the Pacific tectonic plate continually

moves northwest at several centimeters per year with respect to the

North American plate. When the tension exceeds the rock's breaking

point, the two sides of the fault abruptly slip past each other.



Velocity of ground surface motion in the cross-fault direction, indicating the strong shaking generated by the magnitude 7.7 simulated earthquake. Blue/green color indicates motion toward the southwest and red/yellow motion toward the northeast. The velocity shown is halfway through the simulation at 10,000 time steps, 110 seconds after the earthquake begins.

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more researchers to explore how far the capabilities have grown to support their own large-scale computational and data problems.

In addition to SDSC, IGPP, USC, and ISI, other institutions taking part include San Diego State University (SDSU), the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), and Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), along with the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS) and the US Geological Survey (USGS), which participate in the SCEC/CME Project.

### SCEC Community Modeling Environment: [www.scec.org/cme/](http://www.scec.org/cme/)

#### REFERENCE

Jordan, T. H., and P. Meade. The SCEC Community Modeling Environment—An Information Infrastructure for System-Level Earthquake Science. *Seismol. Res. Lett.* 74: 324–338, 2003.

Top: Maximum velocity reached for each surface location during the TeraShake simulation, with red indicating higher velocities exceeding 50 centimeters per second. The geographic region is a rectangular volume 600 km by 300 km by 40 km deep. The simulation used a 3,000 by 1,500 by 400 mesh, dividing the region into 1.8 billion cubic 200 meters on a side.

Middle: Magnitude of the ground surface velocity for earthquake waves in the TeraShake simulation of magnitude 7.7 earthquake in the surface San Andreas fault. Yellow indicates highest velocity, over the fault as the rupture moves from north to south. Note the detailed wave structure, shaped by the region's complex 3-D crustal makeup. The simulation ran for more than four days on SDSC's InfiniPath supercomputing, producing an unprecedented 47 terabytes of data. Bottom: Cross fault x-y velocity, showing the intense back-and-forth shaking produced by the simulated magnitude 7.7 earthquake, with blue/green color indicating motion toward the southwest and red/yellow motion toward the northeast. TeraShake research will advance basic earthquake science and eventually help design more earthquake-resistant structures.

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### are essential."

For example, researchers from SIO provided the checkpoint restart capability, executed cross-validation runs, and helped define the metadata. SDSC's Scientific Applications Group and High-End Systems Group executed DataStar benchmarks to determine the best resource configuration for the run, and scheduled those resources for the simulation. The Data Grid Technologies group, which develops the SDSC SDR, designed and benchmarked the archival process. Steve Cochran and Anir Choudhary of SDSC's visualization group labored long and hard to produce high resolution visualizations, including movies, of how the earthquake waves propagated, even while the simulation was still running. This helped the scientists ensure that the simulation was producing valid data and produced dramatic views of the enormous energy that may strike areas near the San Andreas fault during the "big one."

### EARTHQUAKE SCIENCE

The long term goal of SCEC is to integrate information into a comprehensive, physics-based and predictive understanding of earthquake phenomena. TeraShake is an important step forward in this process, and the researchers presented the simulation results at the recent SCEC Annual meeting, attended by nearly 400 of the best earthquake scientists in the country and world. "This is a very tough audience," said Munster, "and they positively loved the TeraShake results—many scientists who had been skeptical of large-scale simulations came to us using words like 'fantastic' and 'amazing.'"

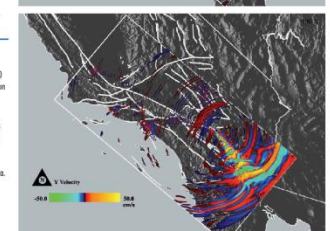
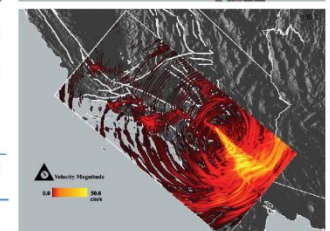
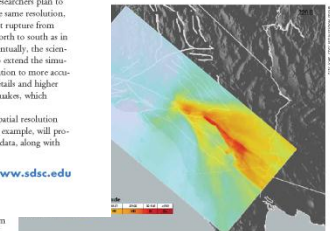
Seismologists see the TeraShake results as very valuable. "Because the TeraShake simulation is such high resolution, we can see things we've never seen before," explained Munster. "For example, we were surprised to see that the strong shaking in the Coachella Valley made it behave like a secondary earthquake source, and despite the southward-moving rupture, it reflected waves back northward to shake Los Angeles."

The earthquake research community is enthusiastic about making use of the capabilities demonstrated in TeraShake. "Many want to participate, they want the movies of TeraShake on the Web, and many want to know how to get the archived output to use in further research," said Munster. "Others want to team up for new simulations."

In the near future, the researchers plan to run multiple scenarios at the same resolution, for example, having the fault rupture from south to north, instead of north to south as in the first TeraShake run. Eventually, the scientists would like to be able to extend the simulations to even higher resolution to more accurately model the intricate details and higher frequency shaking of earthquakes, which affects structures.

But even doubling the spatial resolution from 200 to 100 meters, for example, will produce eight times the spatial data, along with

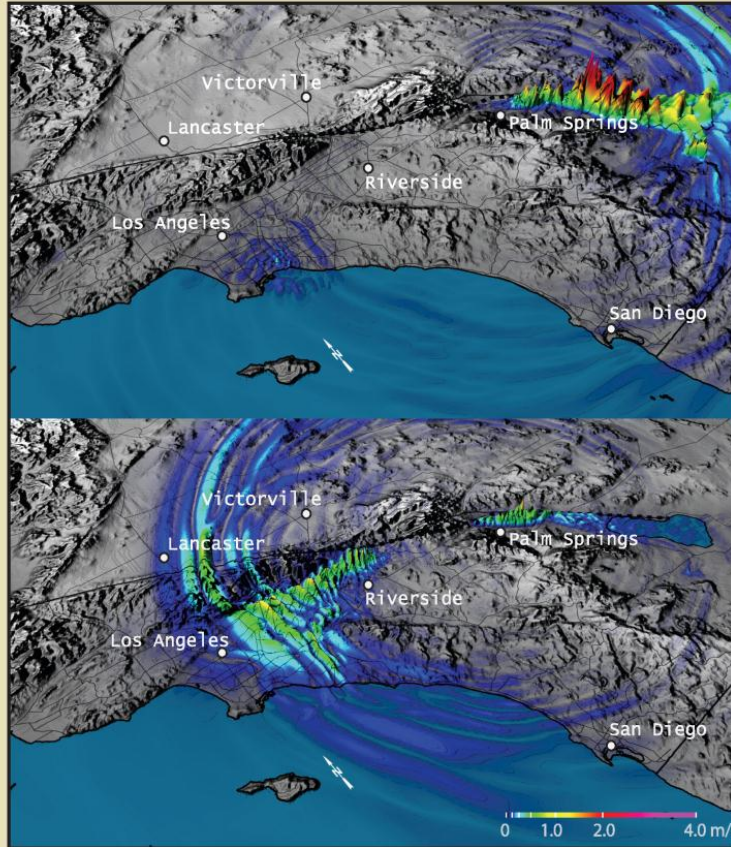
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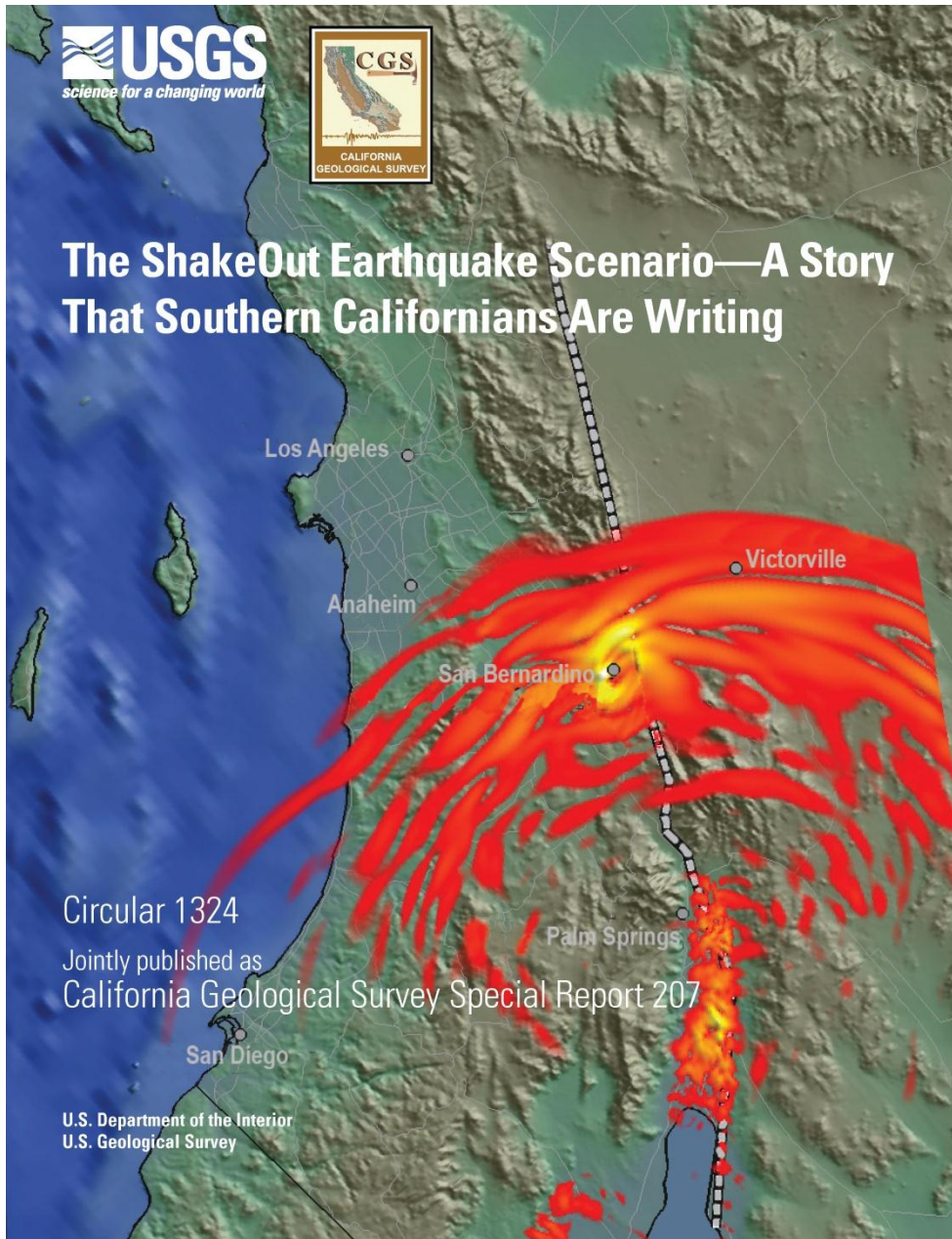
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Earthquakes on the southern San Andreas may cause strong shaking in Los Angeles • The seasonal electrical nature of Saturn's rings  
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## Discovery of the TeraShake Wave Guide Effect (2006)





The Great Southern California ShakeOut (2008) involved collaborative research objectives and coordination of research activities.

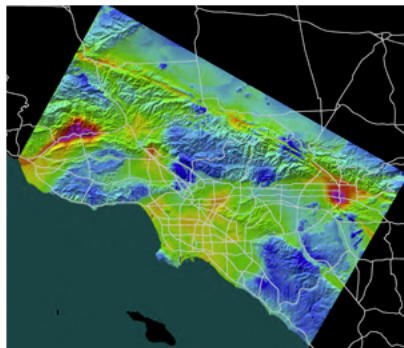
## Tomorrow's Forecast: Clear with a Chance of Tremors

### CyberShake computations at TACC produce dynamic ground motion map for Southern California

Imagine if the nightly news featured an earthquake forecast alongside your local weather outlook.

The *CyberShake* project, based at the Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC), is advancing geophysics toward that goal. Five years into a giant, multi-institutional effort led by SCEC director, Thomas Jordan, *CyberShake 3.0* is producing maps that predict how much ground motion can be expected throughout the L.A. basin over the next 50 years.

The *CyberShake* predictions, called seismic hazard maps, have the potential to preserve thousands of lives and save billions of dollars in the case of a catastrophic earthquake. Emergency response managers count on these predictions to determine what areas will be hardest hit in a quake, and where to deploy resources. Building engineers rely on them as well to construct structurally sound buildings.



*More than 220 CyberShake physics-based PSHA hazard curves were assimilated into a background UCERF2 (2008) and NGA-based (2008) PSHA map above. New analyses tend to raise hazard estimates in the Los Angeles and Ventura Basins and reduce hazard estimates for mountainous regions in southern California.*

"We want buildings to last at least 50 years," explained Philip Maechling, information technology architect for SCEC, which is associated with the University of Southern California. "We ask, 'What are the peak ground motions that this building, or this site, will experience over that timeframe?'"

Seismologists have developed a technique to answer this question called probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA). PSHA has traditionally been based on attenuation models, in which historical records are extrapolated to create maps of unstable zones. For Southern California, however, the range of different types of soil and rock make it difficult to produce accurate maps. So, for nearly a decade, seismologists have been using numerical algorithms and computer simulations to predict future ground motions with far greater detail than traditional methods based on their knowledge of earthquake physics.

Computational PSHA combines the results of millions of virtual earthquake simulations into a map that tells a builder what will likely happen at their site in the future. To create their latest maps for *CyberShake*, SCEC teamed with the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC), whose massive supercomputer, *Ranger*, enabled the creation of next-generation hazard predictions that are more comprehensive than anything that has been created before.

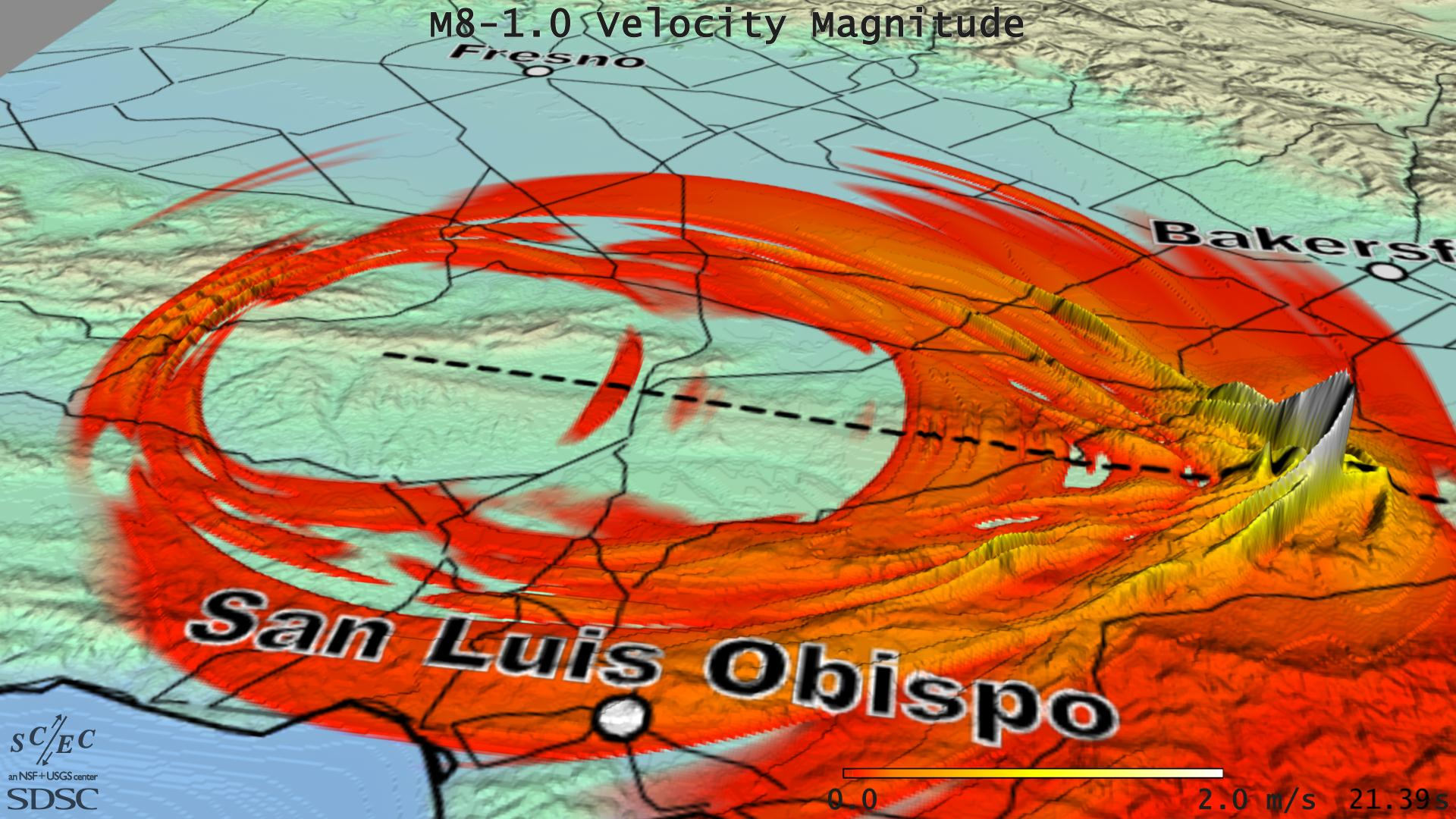
#### Mapping Potential Quakes

PSHA requires two inputs: a velocity or earth structure model, and an earthquake rupture forecast. The first input uses information about the geology of the area being studied to determine how earthquakes would interact with the soil and substructure of the region: how fast seismic waves would travel, and how much shaking they would cause. The second input involves identifying where all the active faults in a region are, and determining the probability of each fault rupturing.

#### Story Highlights:

- The Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC) used the *Ranger* supercomputer at TACC to explore the effect of earthquakes on structures in Southern California over long time-scales.
- Their computational simulations form the basis for new probabilistic seismic hazard analysis maps used by the U.S. Geological Survey, which impact building codes and zoning.
- The new hazard analysis maps predict more shaking in heavily populated regions of the Los Angeles basin.





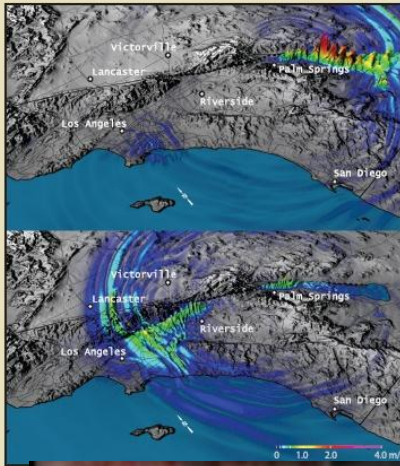
M8 visualization showing mach cone at front of supershear dynamic rupture.  
Velocity magnitude is shown as exaggerated local elevation.



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## Computer Pictures 'the Big One'

Elaborate simulation of 7.7 quakes on the San Andreas fault may be expanded to calculate risks to neighborhoods or even specific blocks.

By SHARON DEANSTEIN  
Illustration by

A study of how earthquake waves from the San Andreas fault travel through different types of Southern California soil marks what scientists say is a promising first step in an ambitious effort to pinpoint neighborhoods and even individual city blocks where the shaking would be most severe.

Researchers from the Southern California Earthquake Center hope to duplicate the research on hundreds of faults around the region, producing maps that show specific areas that face the greatest danger from the quake waves.

The scientists simulated two magnitude 7.7 temblors along the San Andreas fault to determine how the waves from the quakes would move across the region's topography.

"They found that the waves from the San Andreas fault traveled northwest into the Los Angeles Basin, moving through the valleys that line the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains like water rushing through a trench."

The study identified several

areas, including communities at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains, that would experience particularly strong shaking because the local topography would force waves toward the surface.

Researchers are entering data from hundreds of thousands of possible ruptures on other local faults and running computer simulations that map the direction and intensity of the waves.

"They hope to have preliminary maps assessing the shaking risk in downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena and Long Beach in coming months."

Thomas Jordan, a USGS geophysicist who runs the Southern California Earthquake Center, said the maps could eventually

be used by city planners, insurance companies, real estate brokers and others to understand the quake risk of a particular piece of property.

But the prospect of detailed shaking hazard maps also raises questions about how much stock government, private industry and the public is willing to place in research that Jordan and others acknowledge is speculative.

"We need to have a detailed discussion of how this information is going to be used and how society will respond to it," Jordan said.

This study was different from previous attempts to map the impact of a quake on the San Andreas fault.

## Fox Makes Rounds for Immigration

The Mexican president meets with mayor, union leaders and Mahony to

example for all of us." Some African American minority leaders said Friday they were upset that Fox was not more forthcoming.

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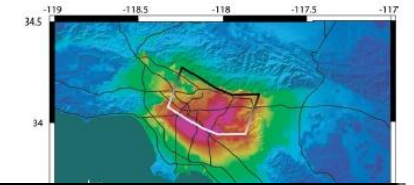
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# FAULT-RUPTURE HAZARD ZONES IN CALIFORNIA

Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act  
 with Index to Earthquake Fault Zones<sup>1</sup> Maps

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**MAP SYMBOL NAME OF PRINCIPAL FAULT**

B	*Brawley
BS	Bartlett Springs
BV	*Buena Vista
C	*Calaveras
CA	Calico
CH	*Cleveland Hill
CM	Cedar Mtn.
CU	Cucamonga
DS	Deep Springs
DV	Death Valley
E	Elsnore
FS	*Fort Sage
G	*Garlock
GR	*Greenville
GV	*Green Valley and Concord
H	*Hayward
HA	Hat Creek
HC	*Hilton Creek & related
HE	Helendale
HL	Honey Lake
HU	Hunting Creek
I	*Imperial
J	*Johnson Valley & related
KF	*Kern Front & related
L	Lenwood
LA	Los Alamos
LL	*Little Lake
LO	Los Osos
LS	Little Salmon
M	*Manix
MA	*Maacama
MB	Malibu
MC	McArthur
ME	Mesquite Lake
MR	Mad River
N	*Nunez
ND	Northern Death Valley
NF	North Frontal
NI	*Newport-Inglewood
O	Ortigalita
OV	*Owens Valley
P	Pleito & Wheeler Ridge
PI	*Pisgah-Bullion
PM	Pinto Mountain
PV	Panamint Valley
R	Raymond Hill
RC	Rose Canyon
RH	Rodgers Creek - Healdsburg
RM	Red Mountain
SA	*San Andreas
SC	San Cayetano
SF	*San Fernando
SG	San Gregorio
SGA	San Gabriel
SH	*Superstition Hills
SJ	*San Jacinto
SN	Sierra Nevada (zone)
SS	San Simeon
SSR	Simi-Santa Rosa
SV	Surprise Valley
W	*Whittier
WM	*White Mtns
WW	*White Wolf
V	Ventura



Faults zoned through August 2007

Approximate boundaries of work-plan regions and year studied

Note: Other faults may be zoned in the future and existing zones may be revised when warranted by new fault data

Figure 1. Principal active faults in California zoned under the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act. Asterisk indicates faults with historic surface rupture

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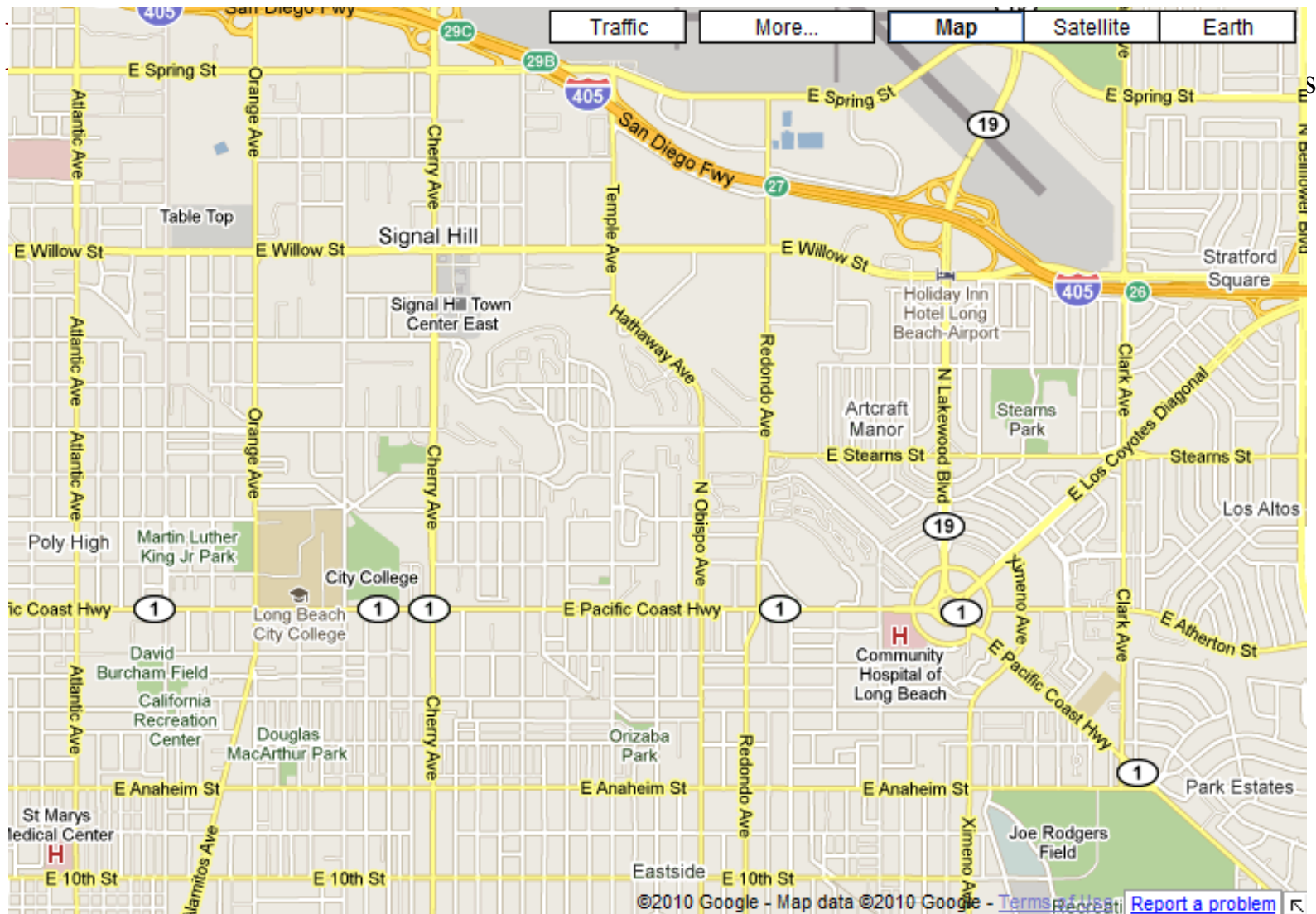






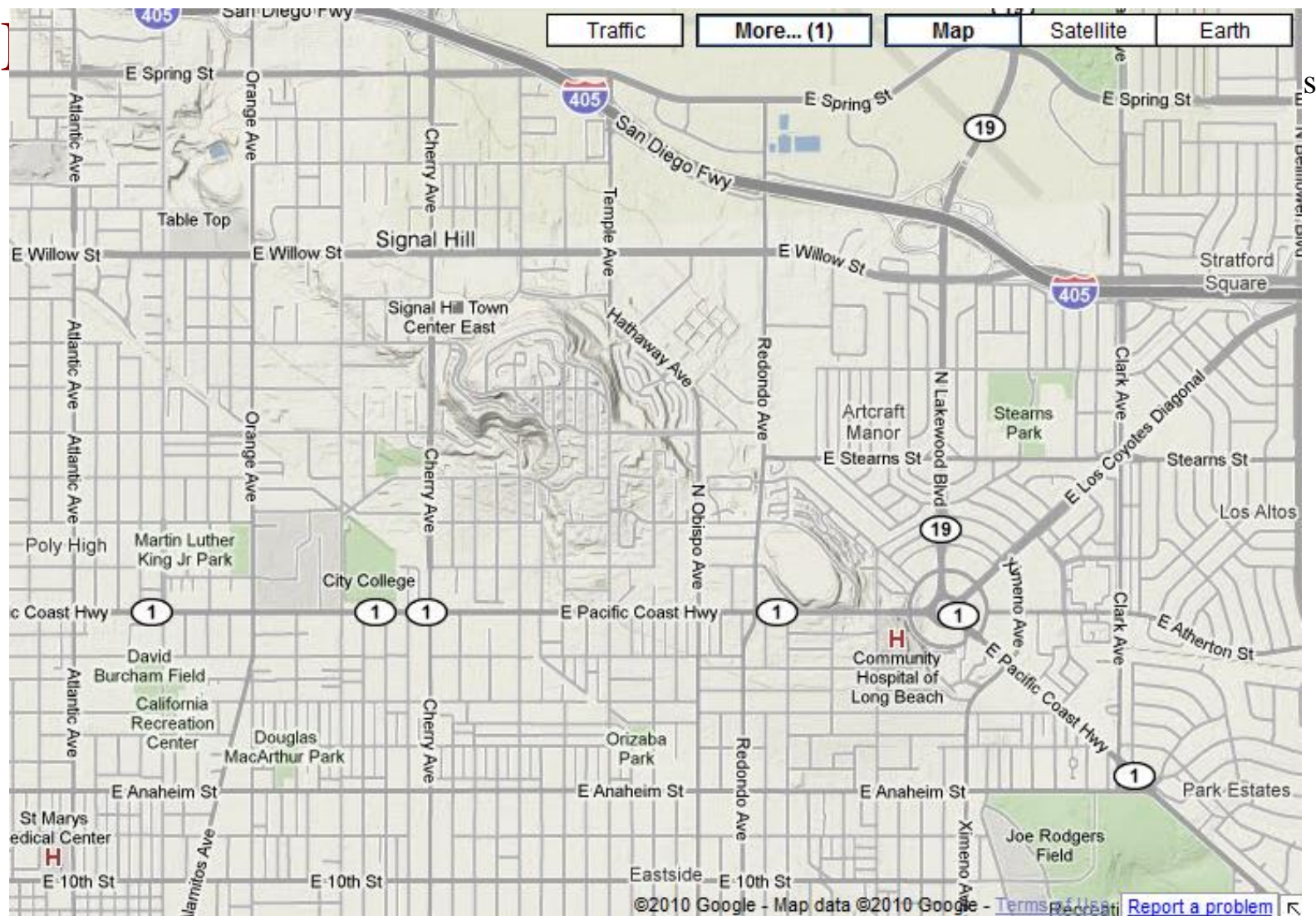
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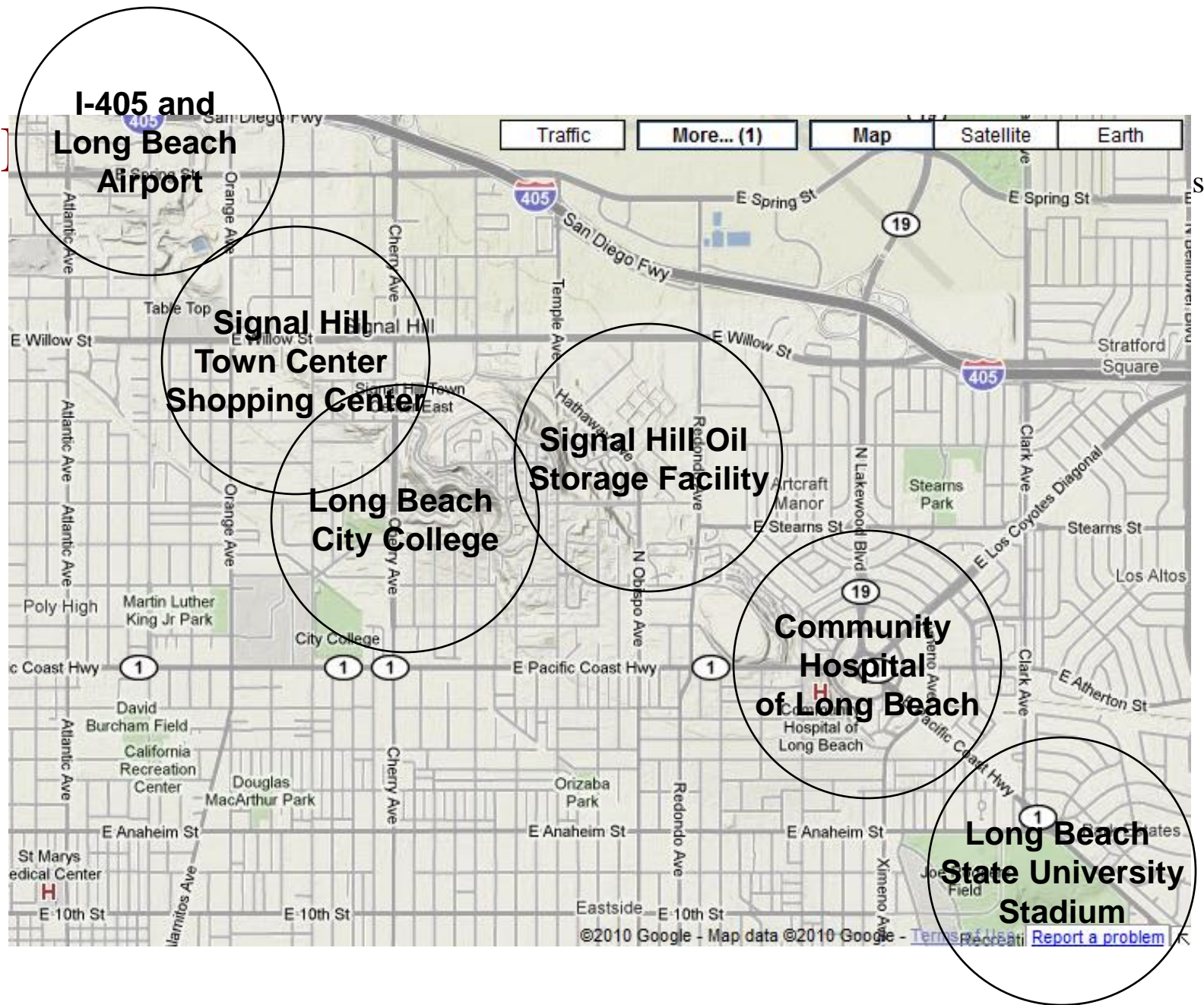


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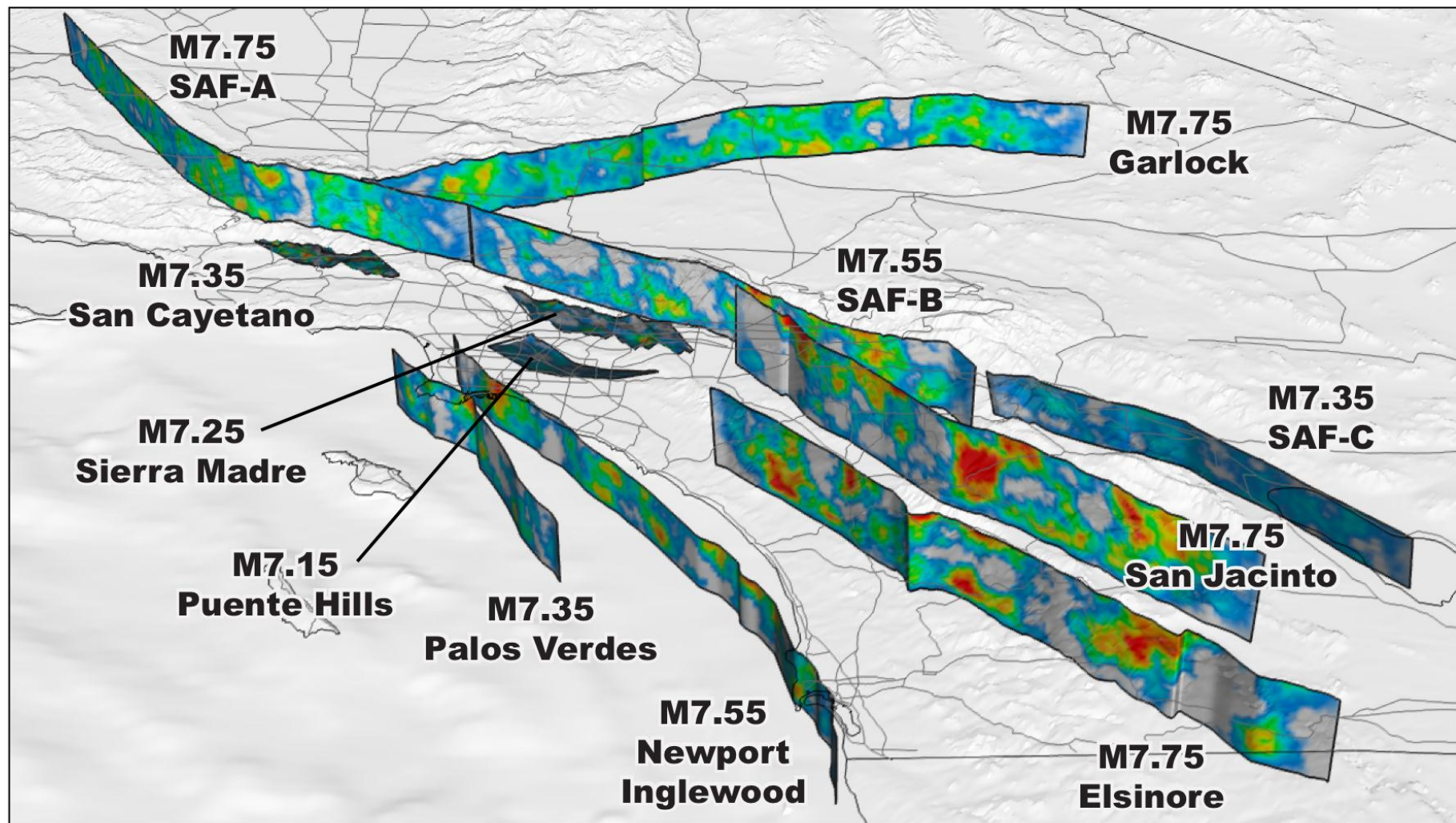


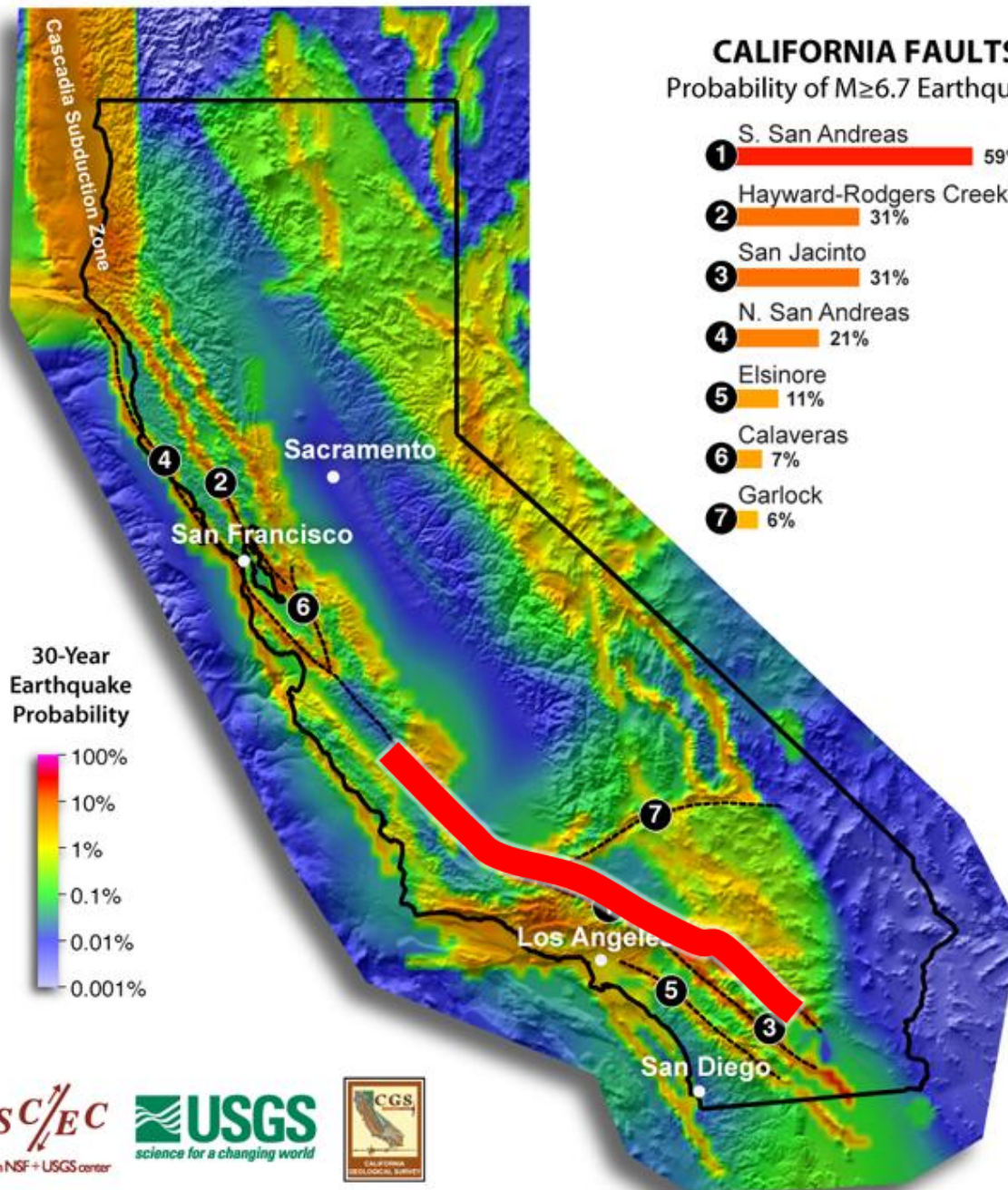


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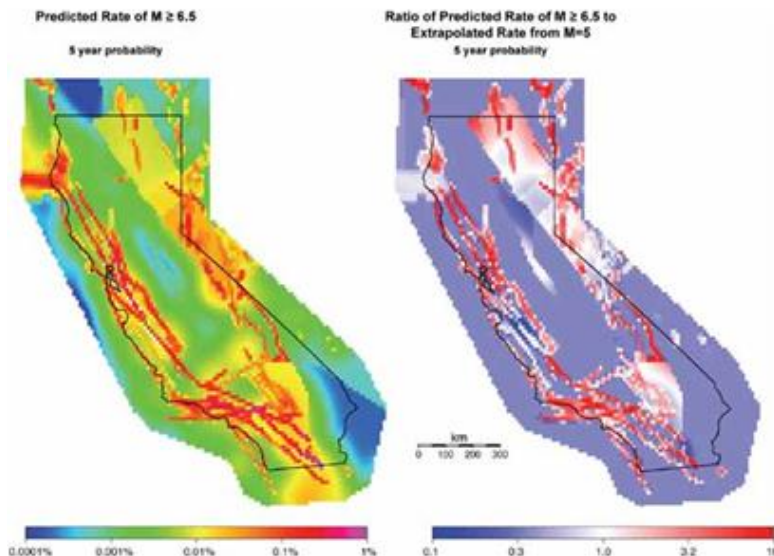
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# The Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast, Version 2 (UCERF 2)

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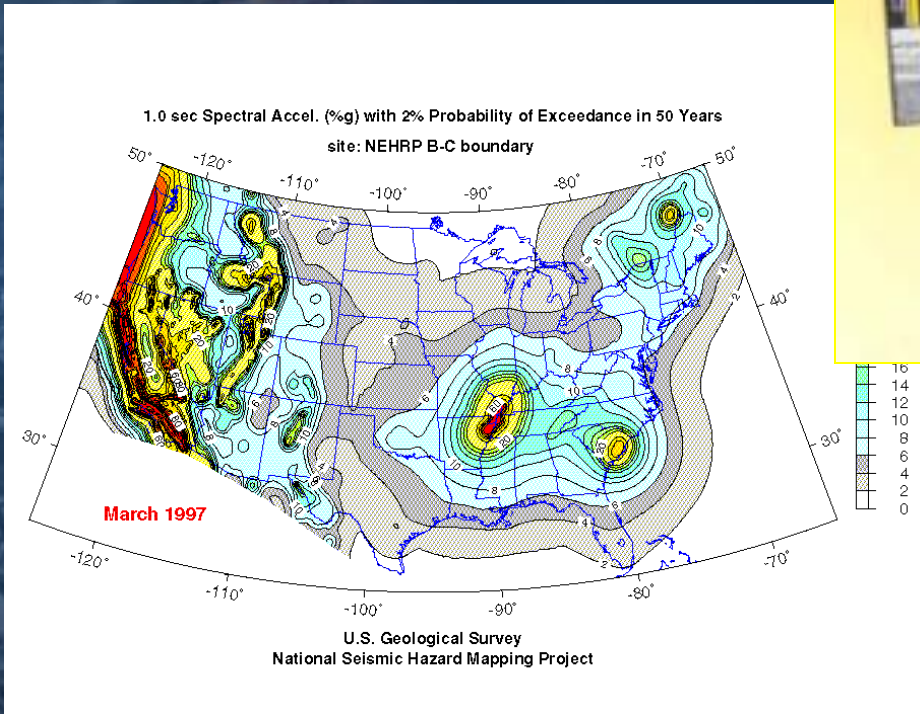
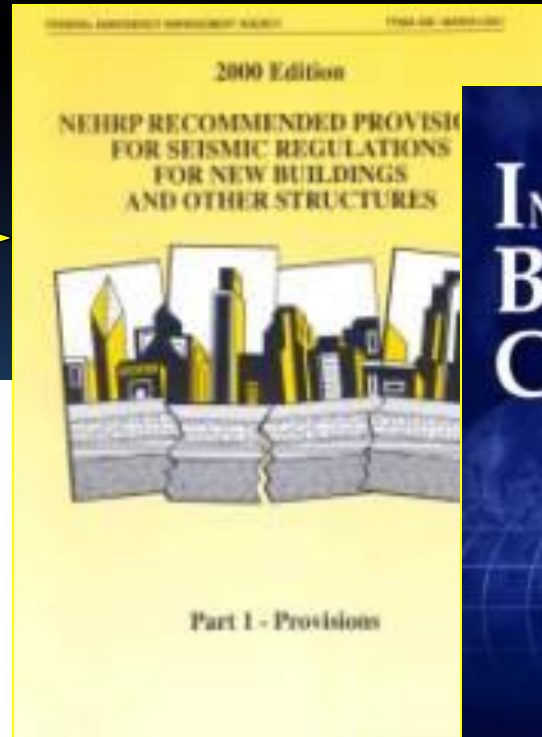


California's 35 million people live among some of the most active earthquake faults in the United States. Public safety demands credible assessments of the earthquake hazard to maintain appropriate building codes for safe construction and earthquake insurance for loss protection. Seismic hazard analysis begins with an earthquake rupture forecast—a model of probabilities that earthquakes of specified magnitudes, locations, and faulting types will occur during a specified time interval. This report describes a new earthquake rupture forecast for California developed by the 2007 Working Group on California Earthquake Probabilities (WGCEP 2007).

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Earthquake  
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Rupture  
Forecast for  
California.

# USGS hazard mapping results in dramatic change in building codes

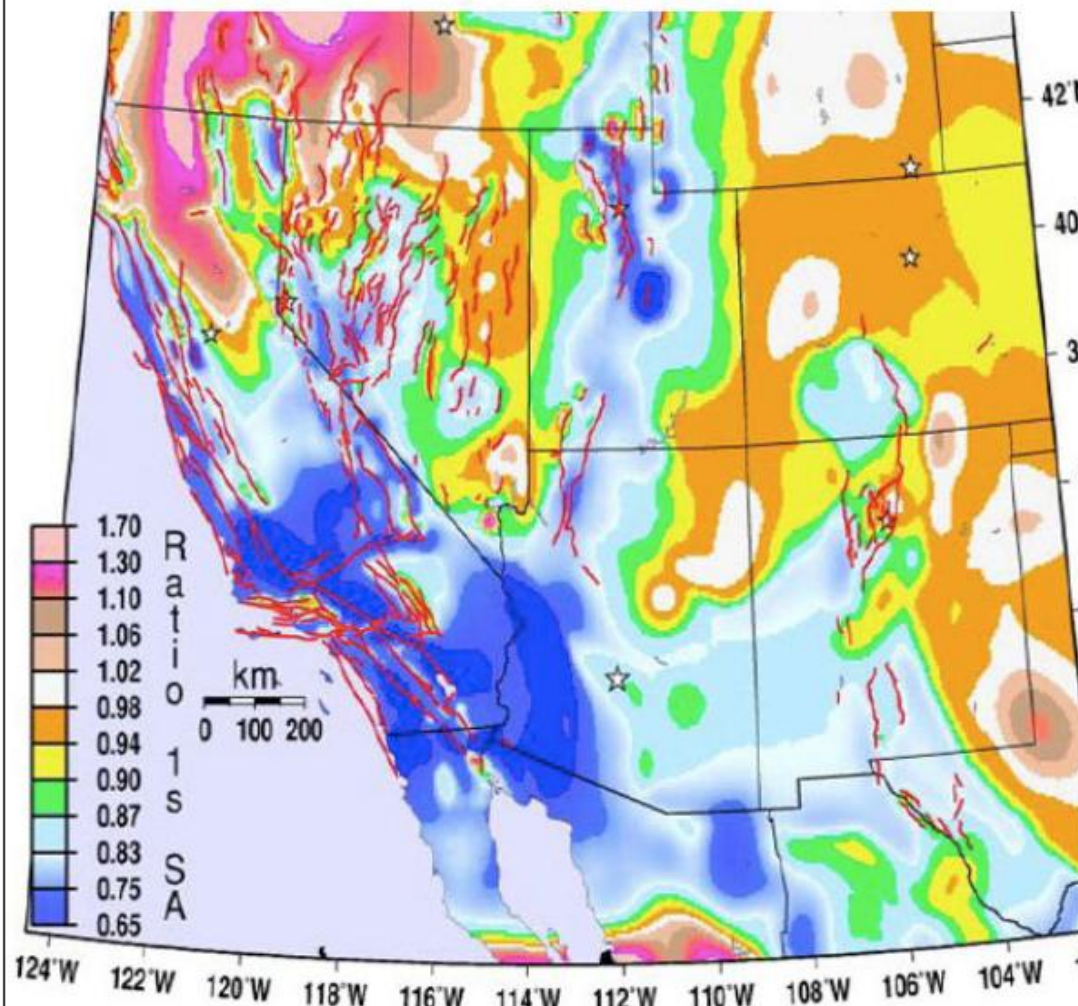
Seismic element  
of 1996 Building  
Codes based on  
1970's maps



Seismic element of  
2000 & 2003 Int'l  
Building Code based  
on the 1996 USGS  
national seismic  
hazard map



# Change to National Seismic Hazard Map



Ratio of New/Old

New design ground motions are, for the most part, less intense.

This is a big deal: will impact \$1 trillion in construction over next 5 years.

# Earthquake Response Information

Information available after an earthquake.



# Intensity Scale - Earthquakes

- The **Mercalli intensity scale** is a seismic scale used for measuring the intensity of an earthquake. It measures the *effects* of an earthquake
- It is distinct from the earthquake **magnitude** usually reported for an earthquake, which is a measure of the *energy* released.
- **Intensity information** is commonly used in post-earthquake decision making. Intensity information about your locations of interest may be much more useful than earthquake magnitude.

# Intensity Scale - Earthquakes

INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
Shaking	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
Damage	None	None	None	Very slight	Light	Moderate	Moderate/ heavy	Heavy	Very heavy
Peak Acc	<0.17	0.17-1.4	1.4-3.9	3.9-9.2	9.2-18	18-34	34-65	65-124	>124
Peak Vel	<0.1	0.1- 1.1	1.1- 3.4	3.4- 8.1	8.1- 16	16 - 31	31- 60	60-116	>116

Peak Acc = Peak ground acceleration (g), Peak Vel = Peak ground velocity (cm/s)



## HOW AN EARTHQUAKE FEELS

The Modified Mercalli Intensity (MM) scale is a means of categorising the effects of shaking on people, structures and the environment.



**MM**  
**5** Generally felt outside.  
Small unstable objects displaced.  
Some windows and pipes crack.



**MM**  
**6** Felt by everybody.  
Difficulty experienced in walking.  
Objects from shelves tend to fall.  
Slight damage to poorly constructed buildings.



**MM**  
**7** Difficulty standing.  
Noticed by drivers of cars.  
Furniture movement.  
Tiles, water tanks, walls and some buildings damaged.



**MM**  
**8** Steering of cars affected.  
Buildings damaged, including some damage to earthquake resistant buildings.  
Cracks in ground.



**MM**  
**9** Heavy damage to buildings, bridges and roads.  
Larger cracks in ground.  
Landslides on steep slopes.  
Liquefaction effects intensify.



**MM**  
**10** More intense damage, including serious damage to earthquake resistant buildings and bridges.  
Most unreinforced masonry structures destroyed.

# Intensity Scale - Wind

- The **Beaufort scale** relates [wind speed](#) to observed conditions at sea or on land. Its full name is the **Beaufort wind force scale**.





**Force 0:** Wind Speed less than 1 knot  
**Sea:** Sea like a mirror



**Force 1:** Wind Speed 1-3 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height .1m (.25ft); Ripples with appearance of scales, no foam crests



**Force 2:** Wind Speed 4-6 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height .2-.3m (.5-1 ft); Small wavelets, crests of glassy appearance, not breaking



**Force 3:** Wind Speed 7-10 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height .6-1m (2-3 ft); Large wavelets, crests begin to break, scattered whitecaps



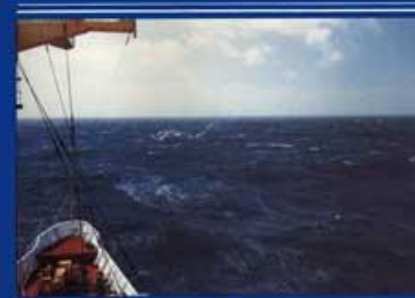
**Force 4:** Wind Speed 11-16 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height 1-1.5m (3.5-5 ft); Small waves becoming longer, numerous whitecaps



**Force 5:** Wind Speed 17-21 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height 2-2.5m (6-8 ft); Moderate waves, taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray



**Force 6:** Wind Speed 22-27 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height 3-4m (9.5-13 ft); Larger waves forming, whitecaps everywhere, more spray



**Force 7:** Wind Speed 28-33 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height 4-5.5m (13.5-19 ft); Sea heaps up, white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along direction of wind



**Force 8:** Wind Speed 34-40 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height 5.5-7.5m (18-25 ft); Moderately high waves of greater length, edges of crests begin to break into spindrift, foam is blown in well marked streaks



**Force 9:** Wind Speed 41-47 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height 7-10m (23-32 ft); High waves, sea begins to roll, dense streaks of foam along wind direction, spray may reduce visibility



**Force 10:** Wind Speed 48-55 knots (storm)  
**Sea:** Wave height 9-12.5m (29-41 ft); Very high waves with overhanging crests, sea takes white appearance as foam is blown in very dense streaks, rolling is heavy and shocklike, visibility is reduced.



**Force 11:** Wind Speed 56-63 knots  
**Sea:** Wave height 11.5-16m (37-52 ft); Exceptionally high waves, sea covered with white foam patches, visibility still more reduced

# USGS Earthquake Information Data Products

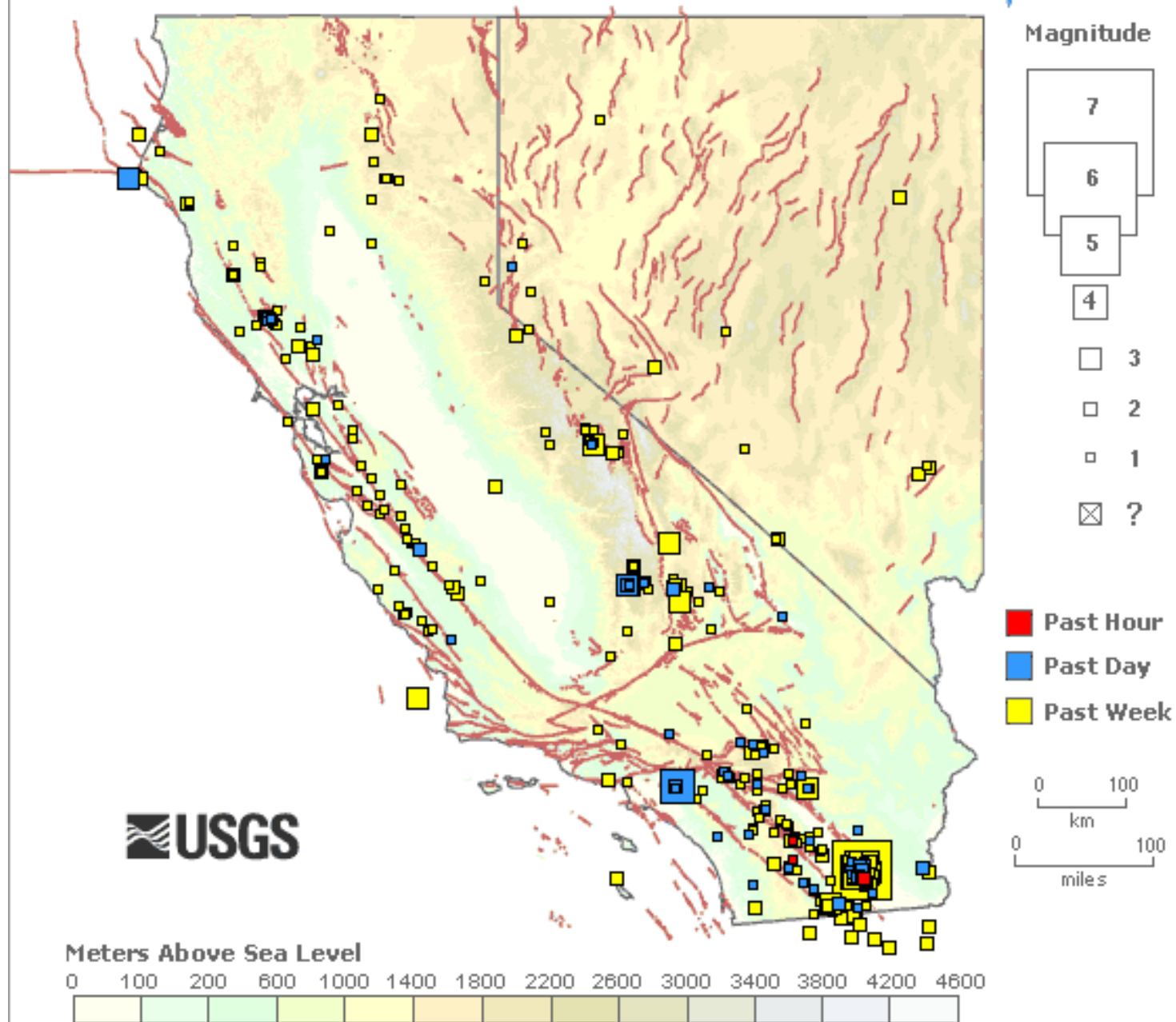
USGS is responsible for public statements about earthquake hazards in US. Best USGS Earthquake Response information includes:

1. Recent Earthquakes (Web) and Earthquake Notification (ENS) Subscription (Email):
  - <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqscanv/>
  - <https://sslearnquake.usgs.gov/ens/>
2. ShakeMap:
  - <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/shakemap/>
3. Pager:
  - <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/pager/>
4. Did you Feel It:
  - <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/dyfi/>



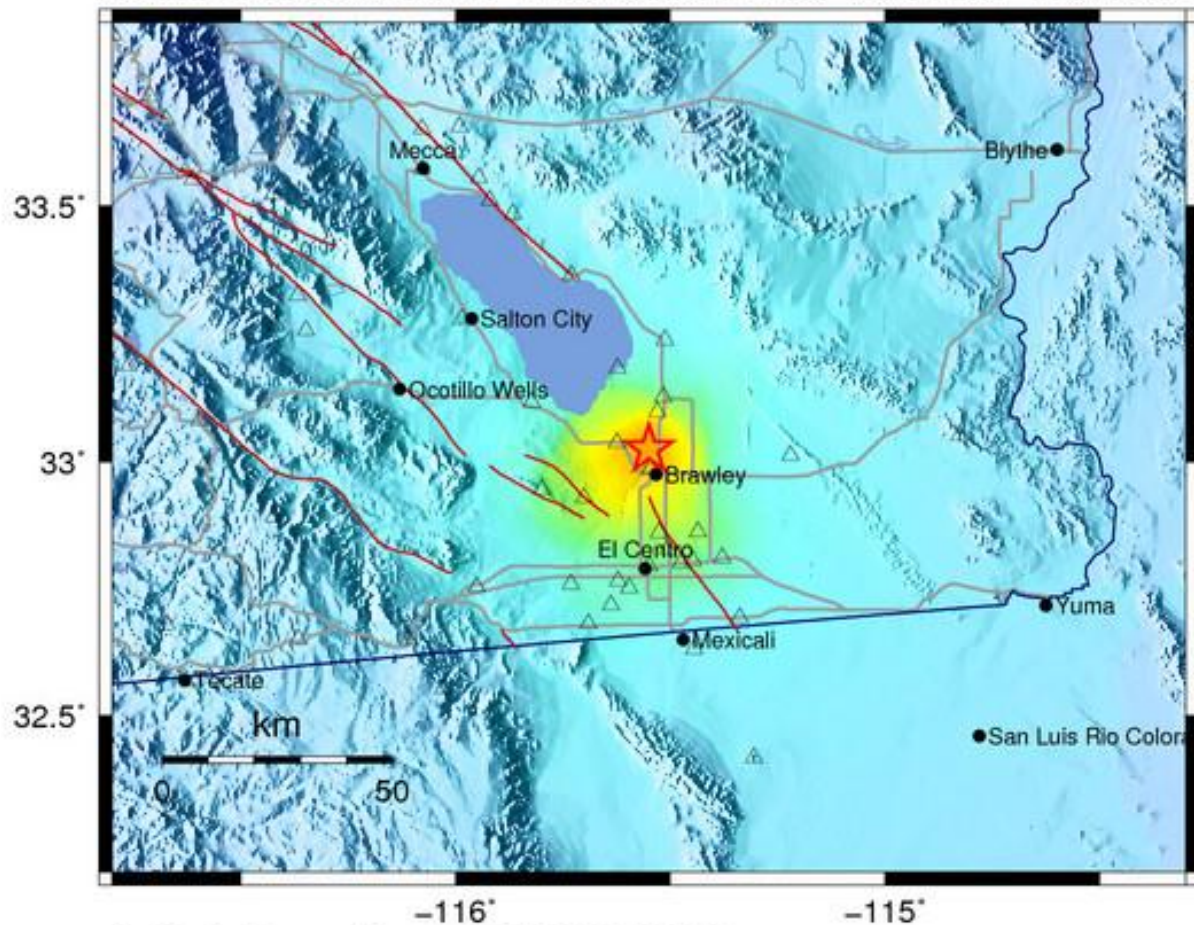
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959 earthquakes on this map



# CISN/sc ShakeMap : 6.9 km (4.3 mi) ESE of Westmorland, CA

AUG 26 2012 08:57:58 PM GMT M 5.5 N33.02 W115.55 Depth: 9.0km ID:15200401



PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC.(%g)	<0.05	0.3	2.8	6.2	12	22	40	75	>139
PEAK VEL.(cm/s)	<0.02	0.1	1.4	4.7	9.6	20	41	86	>178
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based upon Worden et al. (2011)





Earthquake Shaking **Yellow Alert**



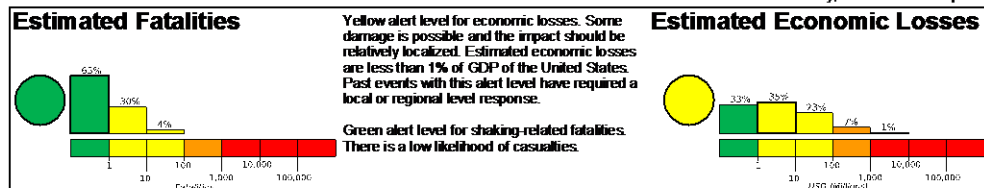
**M 5.3, 6.5 km (4.0 mi) N of Brawley, CA**

Origin Time: Sun 2012-08-26 19:31:22 UTC (12:31:22 local)

Location: 33.02°N 115.55°W Depth: 12 km

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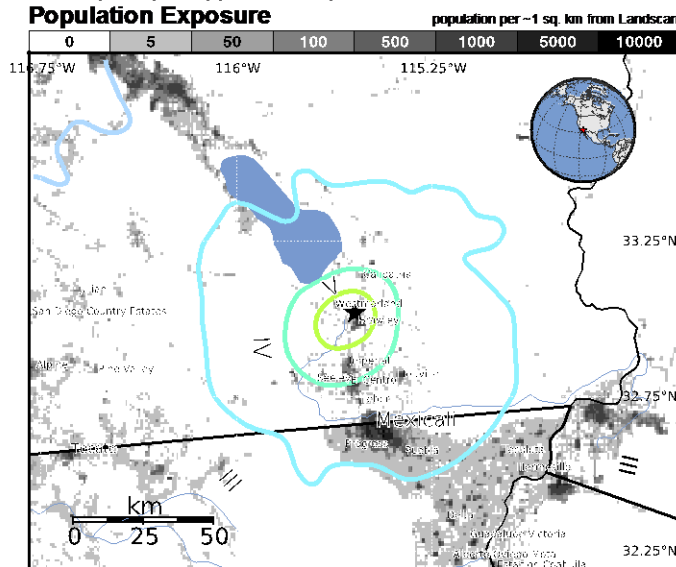


### Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k = x1000)	--*	1,104k*	745k	25k	21k	6k	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	none	none	none	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	none	none	none	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy

\*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

### Population Exposure



### Structures:

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are highly resistant to earthquake shaking, though some vulnerable structures exist.

### Historical Earthquakes (with MMI levels):

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
1989-01-19	307	5.2	VI(14k)	0
1991-06-28	264	5.6	VII(8k)	1
1994-01-17	306	6.7	IX(181k)	33

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides and liquefaction that might have contributed to losses.

### Selected City Exposure

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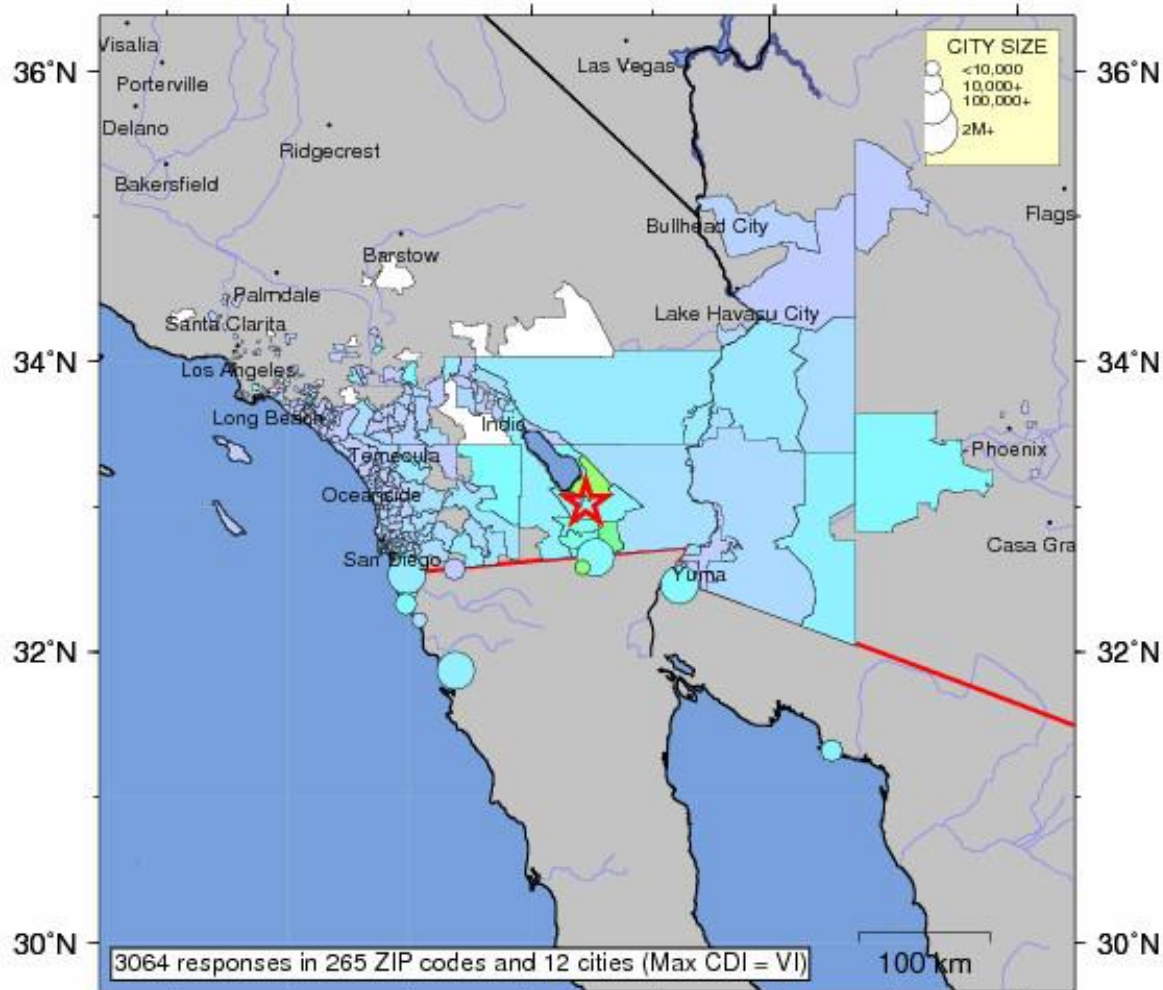
MMI City	Population
VI Brawley	22k
VI Westmorland	2k
V Calipatria	8k
V Imperial	10k
IV El Centro	38k
IV Seeley	2k
IV Mexicali	597k
III Yuma	84k
III Indio	66k
III Tecate	58k

bold cities appear on map

(k = x1000)

# USGS Community Internet Intensity Map SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Aug 26 2012 01:57:58 PM local 33.0243N 115.5495W M5.5 Depth: 9 km ID:ci15200401



INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy

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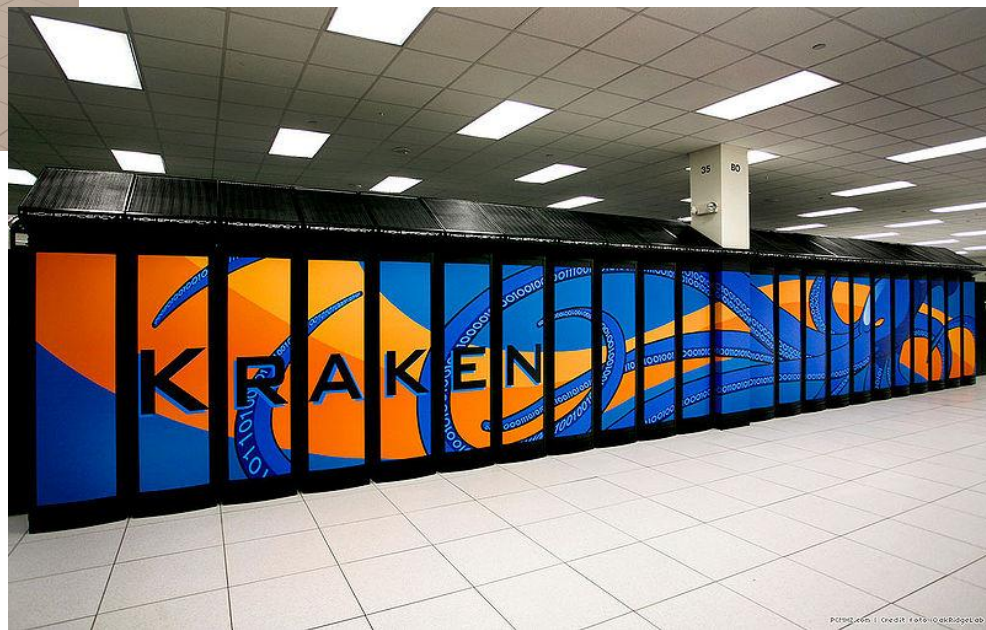


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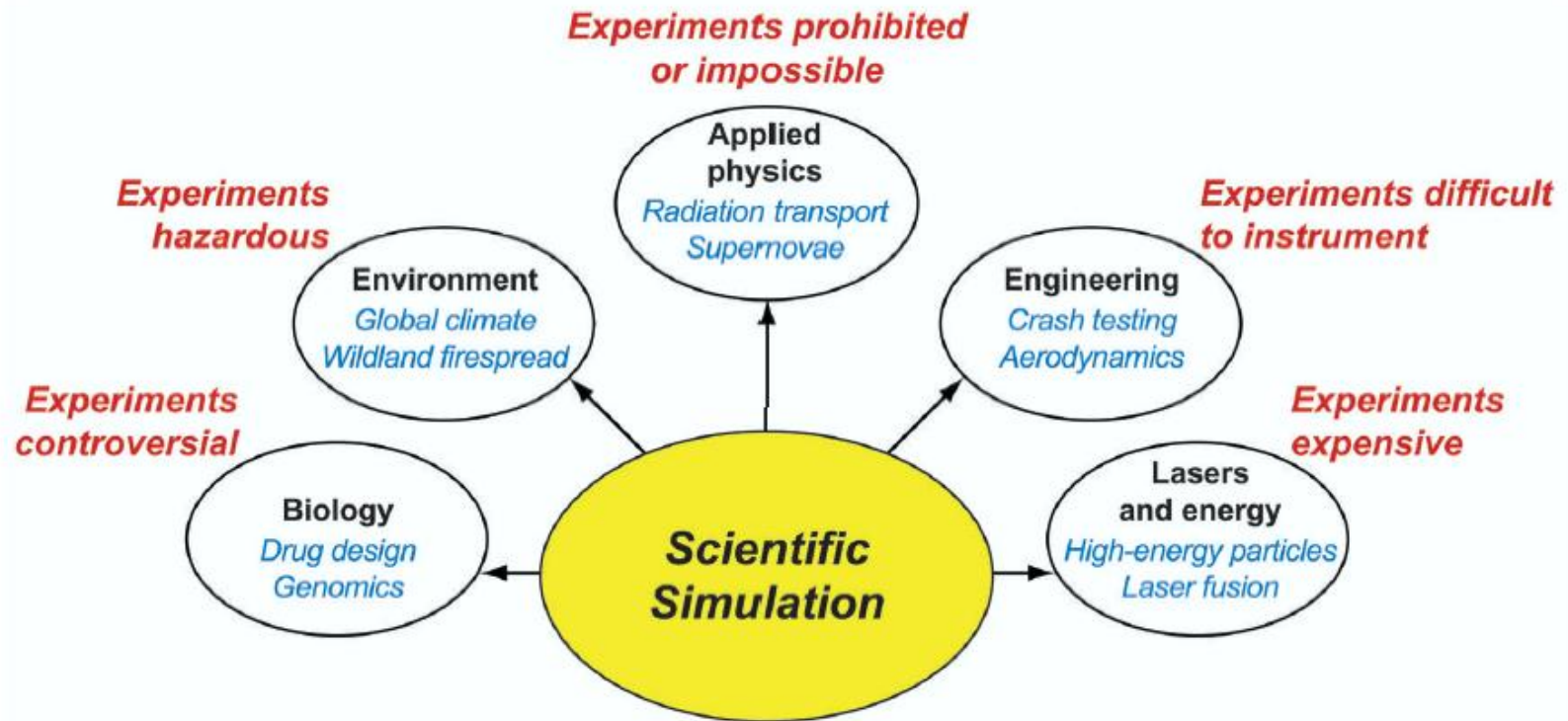
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2. Earthquake information Used by Expert
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4. Preparing your Earthquake Response

# Using Supercomputers to Study Earthquakes



# Characteristics of Scientific Simulations

The reasons seismologists and earthquake engineers want to make better use of simulations are shared with other domains.





# The information value ladder



Slide Courtesy CSIRO, BOM, WMO

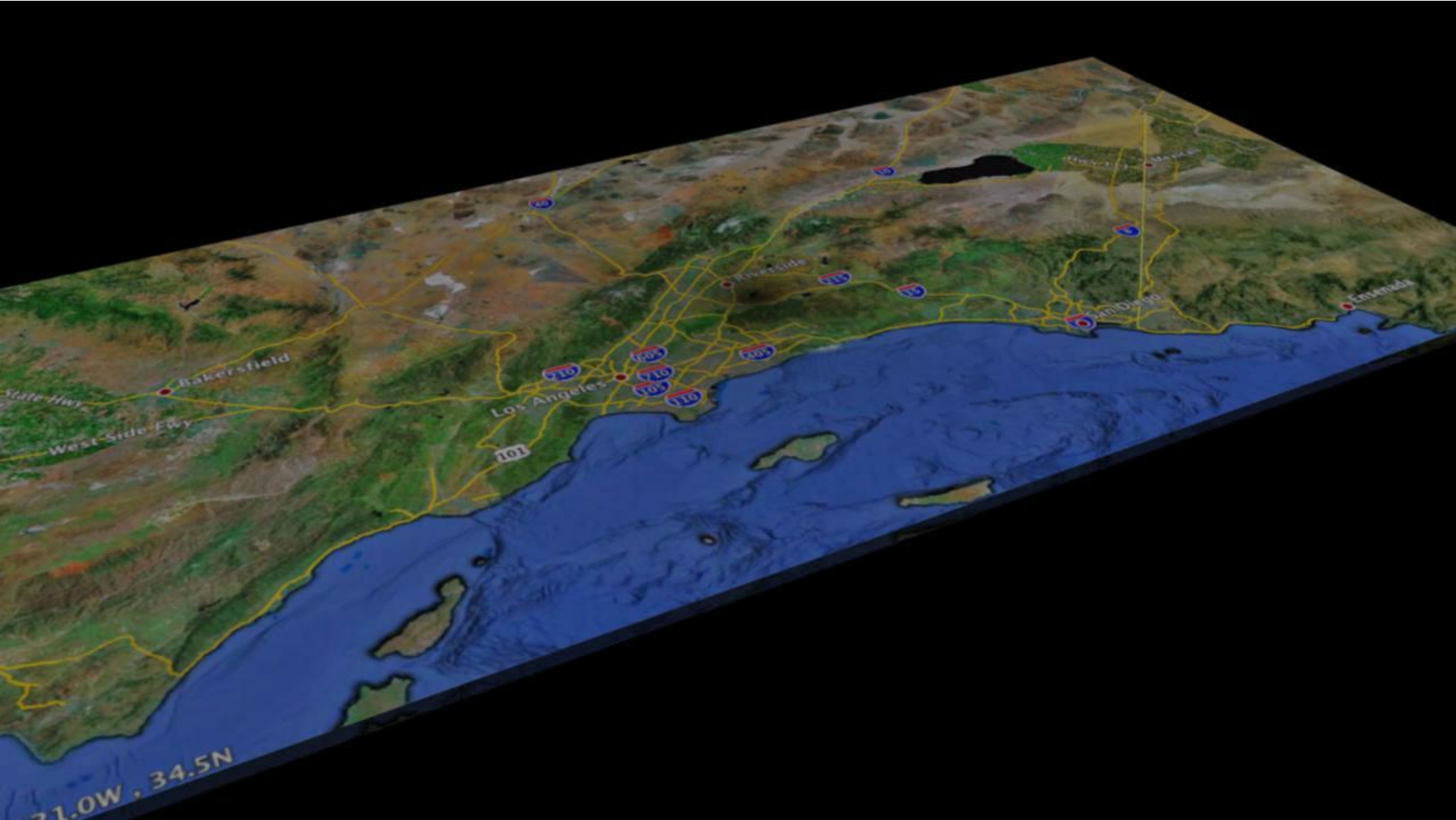
## Types of Seismic Hazard Forecasts with Commercial or Governmental Market

Seismic Hazard Forecast Types	Forecast Users
Earthquake Early Warning Forecast	Public, Press, City, State, National Governments
Scenario Earthquake Seismograms Forecasts	Engineering Companies, Insurance Companies, State, National Governments
Short-term earthquake Forecasts	Public, Press, State and National Governments
Long-term Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Forecasts	Engineering Companies, Building Code Developers, Insurance companies, State and National Governments,

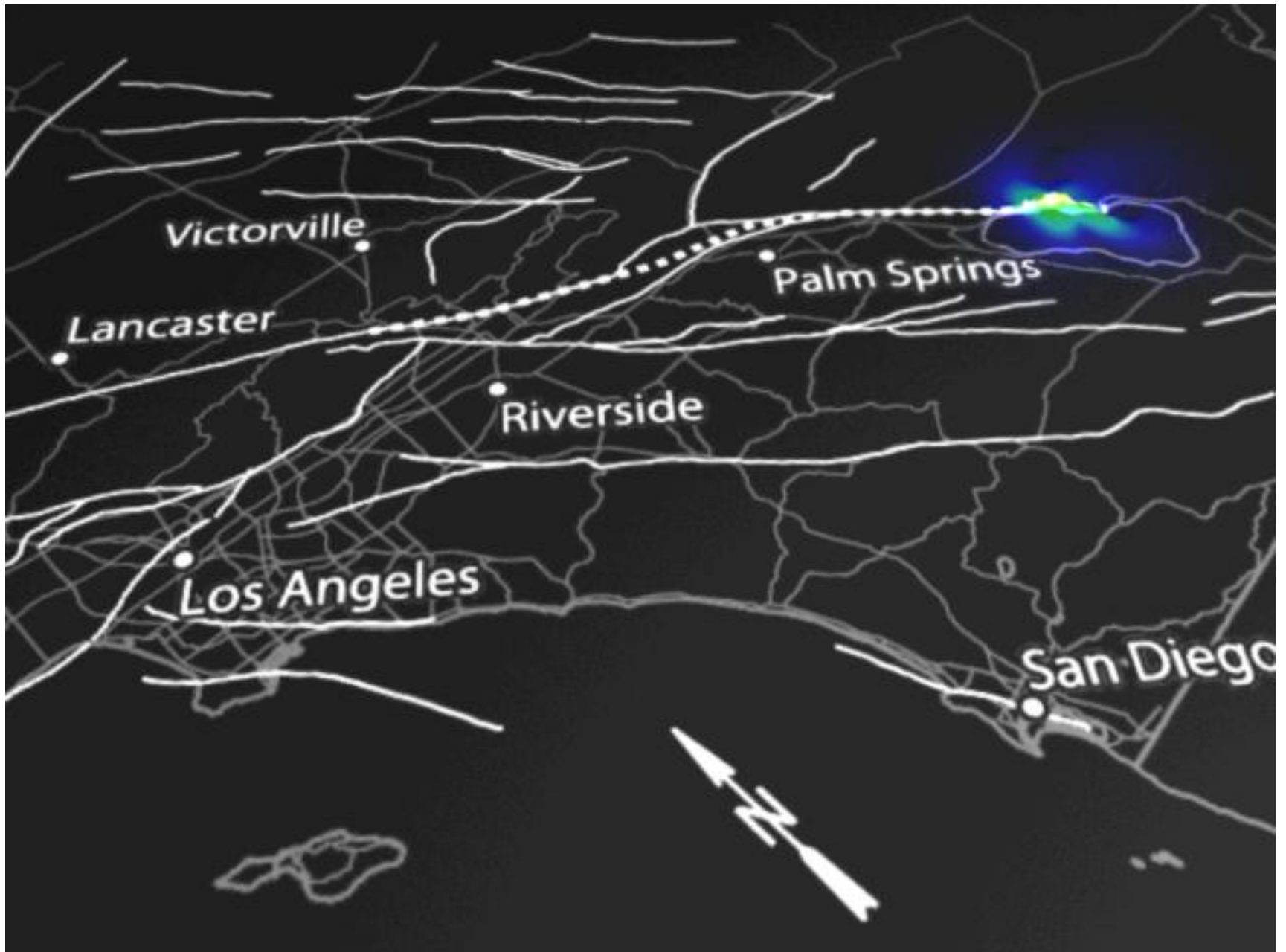
SCEC research is improving each forecast type.







SCEC: An NSF + USGS Research Center



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## M8-1.0 velocity Magnitude







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## Southern California in 1857



The most recent ‘big one’ in southern California



# Southern California in 2008



- Over 23 million people
- Fastest growing areas are close to the San Andreas

# Interior Secretary Kempthorne and California Governor







# The ShakeOut Earthquake Scenario—A Story That Southern Californians Are Writing

Los Angeles

Anaheim

San Bernardino

Victorville

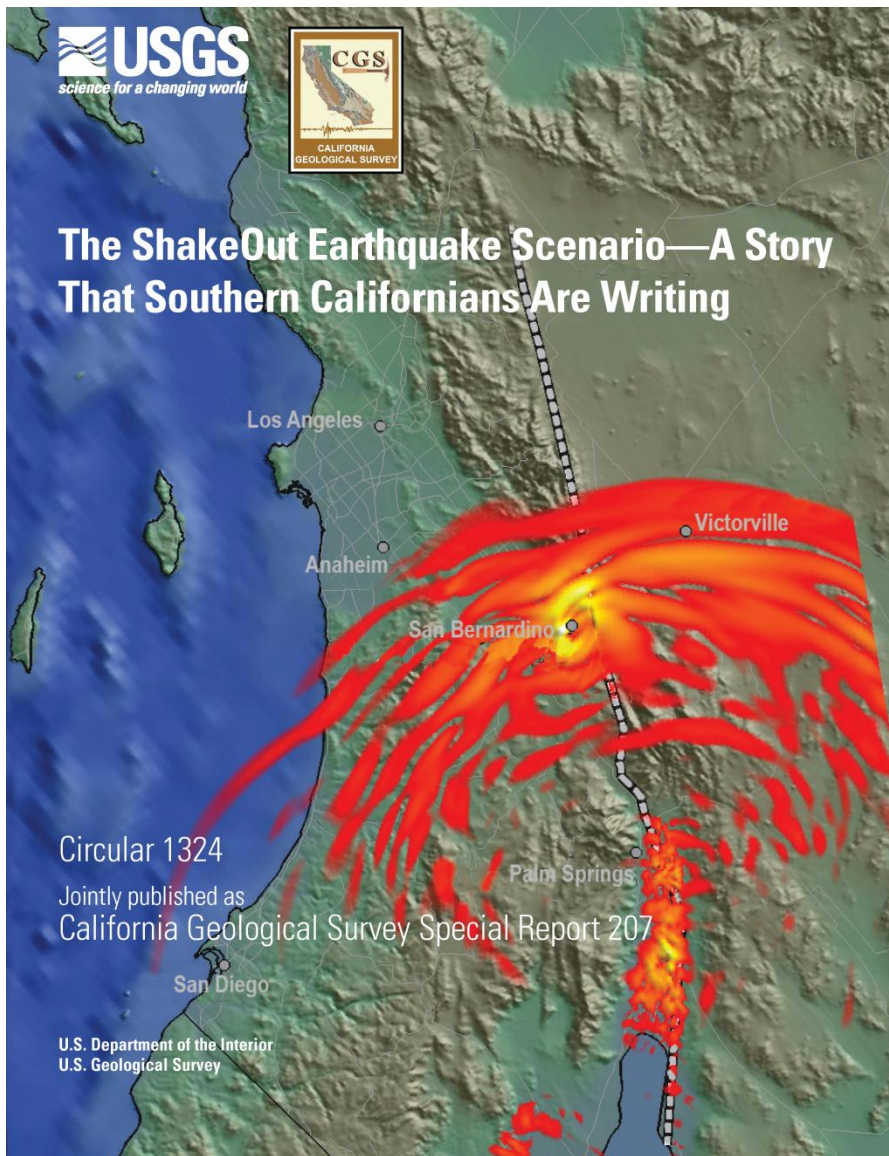
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# Shakeout Scenario “Disaster Equation”

Widespread Strong Ground Shaking  
+ Shaking of Long Duration =

300,000 buildings significantly damaged

Widespread infrastructure damage

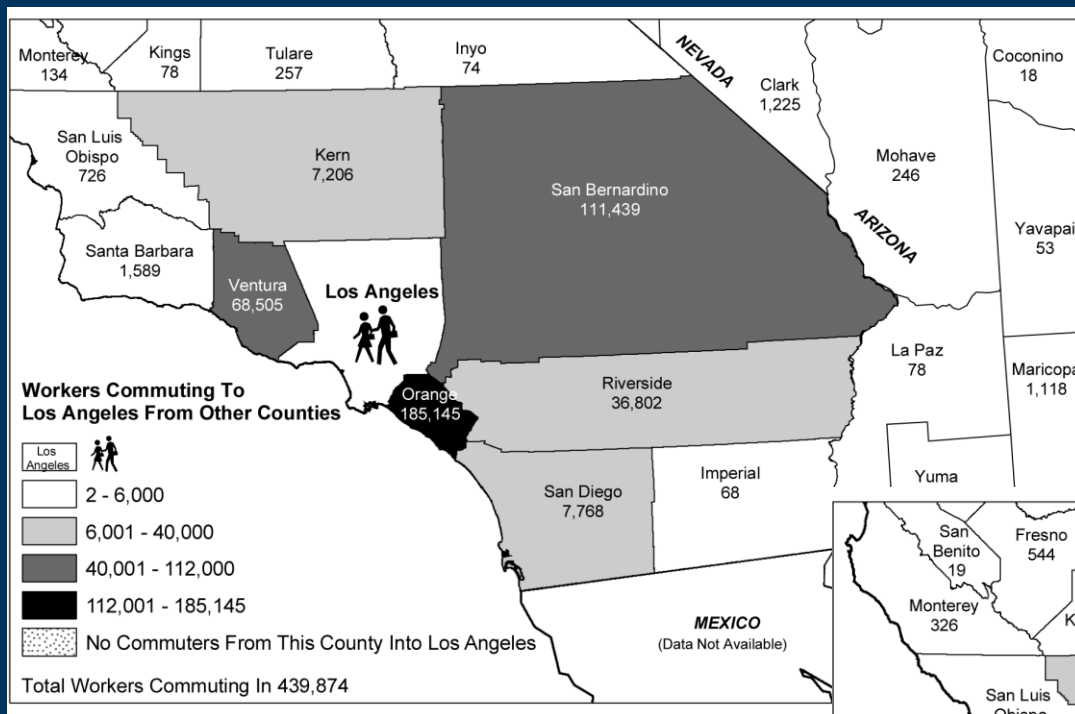
\$213 billion damages

270,000 displaced persons

50,000 injuries

1,800 deaths

# Stranded Commuters (LA example)

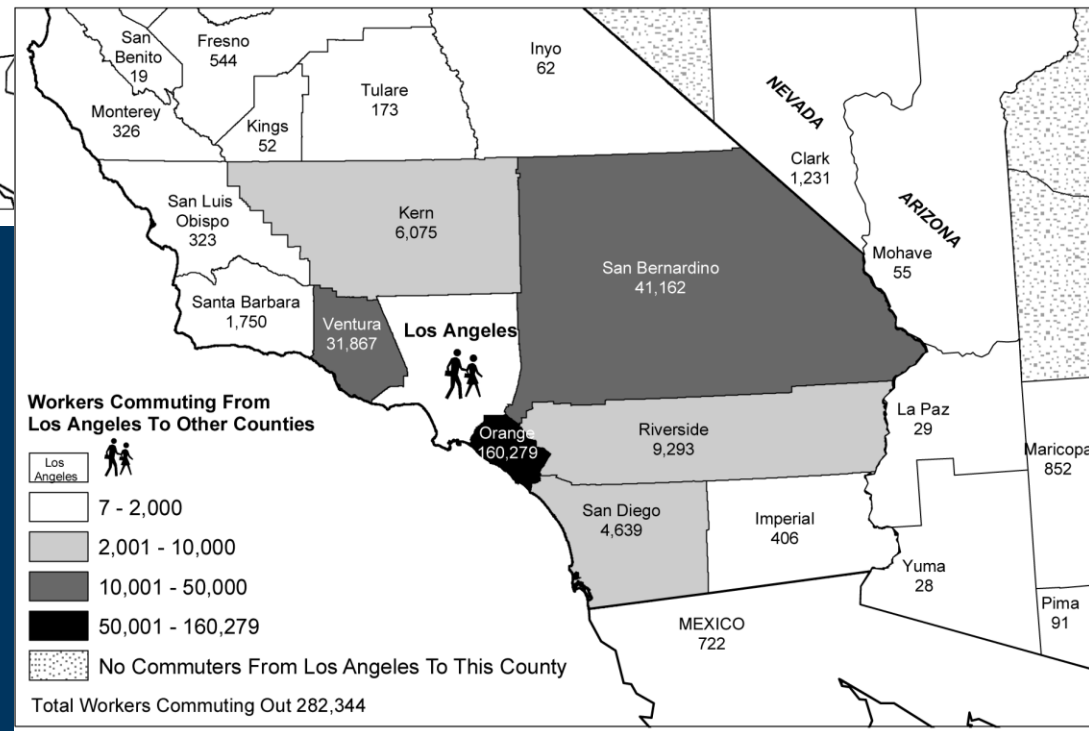


From other counties into LA ~ 440k

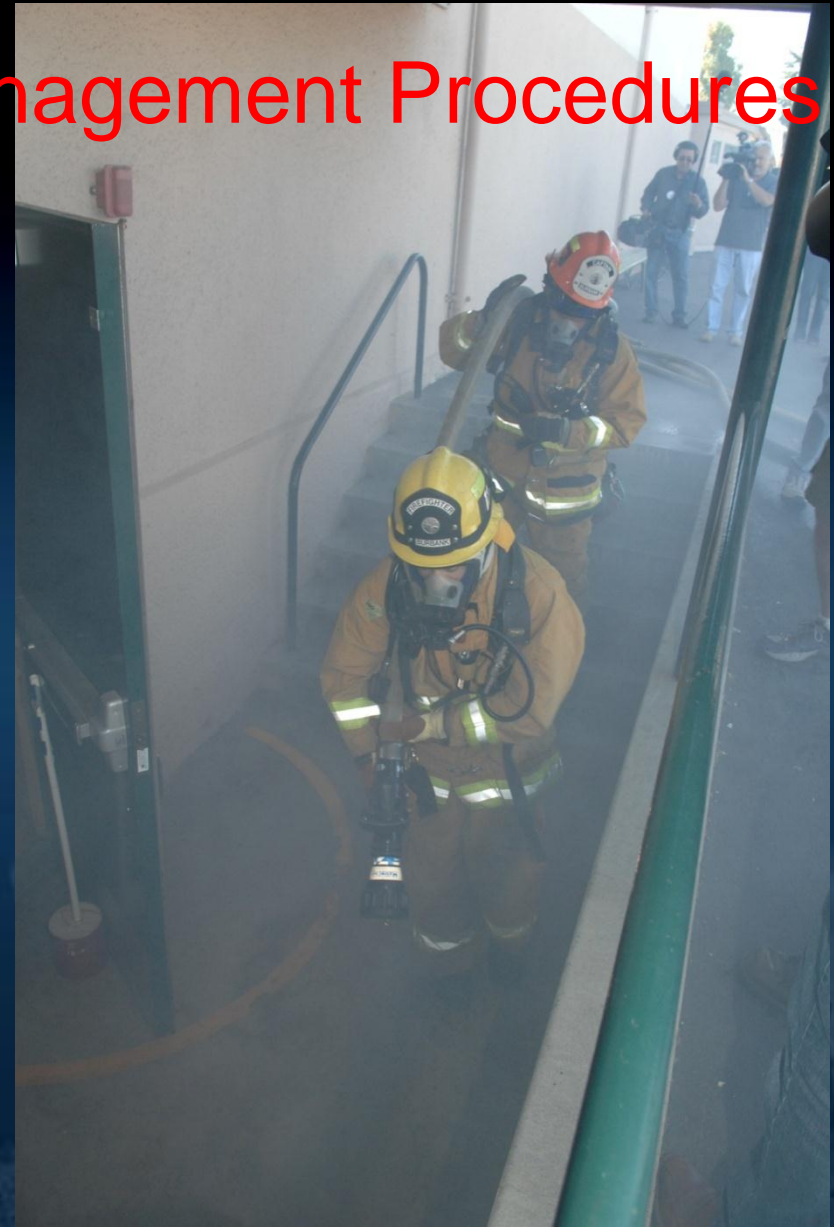
- 185k from Orange Co.
- 111k from San Bernardino Co.
- 37k from Riverside Co.

LA to other counties ~ 280k

- 160k to Orange Co.
- 41k to San Bernardino Co.
- 9k to Riverside Co.



# Practice Emergency Management Procedures





# Students Duck and Cover



# Scientists and Politicians Duck and Cover





The logo for ShakeOut, featuring the word "Shake" above "Out" in a stylized white font on a blue background.

# Great ShakeOut

Earthquake Drills

California | Nevada | Oregon | Washington | Idaho | Alaska | Arizona | SouthEast | British Columbia | Guam | New Zealand | Central US | Puerto Rico | Southern Italy | Utah

## SHAKEOUT REGIONS AND CURRENT REGISTRATION LEVELS

Great ShakeOut earthquake drills help people in homes, schools, and organizations practice how to be safe during big earthquakes, and provide an opportunity for everyone to improve their overall preparedness. By participating, you can have **peace of mind** that you, your family, your co-workers and millions of others will **be better prepared to survive and recover quickly** from the next big earthquake in your region! As of today, there are over 12.2 million people that have been registered to participate in ShakeOut drills in 2012, including over 7.8 million people, on October 18th.

To register or learn more, click a ShakeOut region map or choose from this list:



CALIFORNIA

10/18/2012

As of today: 6.7 million  
(2011: 8.6 million)



NEVADA

10/18/2012

As of today: 100,000  
(2011: Over 190,000)



OREGON

10/18/2012

As of today: 46,000  
(2011: Over 23,000)



WASHINGTON

10/18/2012

As of today: 300,000  
(First year)



IDAHO

10/18/2012

As of today: 13,000  
(2011: Over 86,000)





For More Information Please Visit:

[www.scec.org](http://www.scec.org)

And Register to Participate in the  
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(18 October 2012 at 10:18 am PT)

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