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DEFINING EARTHQUAKE RISK IN WELLINGTON

A project to understand earthquake risk in the Wellington region

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It's Our Fault – The Goal

To see Wellington positioned to become a more resilient region through a comprehensive study of the **likelihood** of large Wellington earthquakes, the **effects** of these earthquakes, and their **impacts** on humans and the built environment



It's Our Fault – Major Sponsors

A multi-year applied research project funded by New Zealand's

- Earthquake Commission
- Accident Compensation Corporation
- Wellington City Council
- Greater Wellington Regional Council
- Wellington Region Emergency Management Office
- Natural Hazards Research Platform



Some
Accomplishments
and
Highlights
over the last eight years



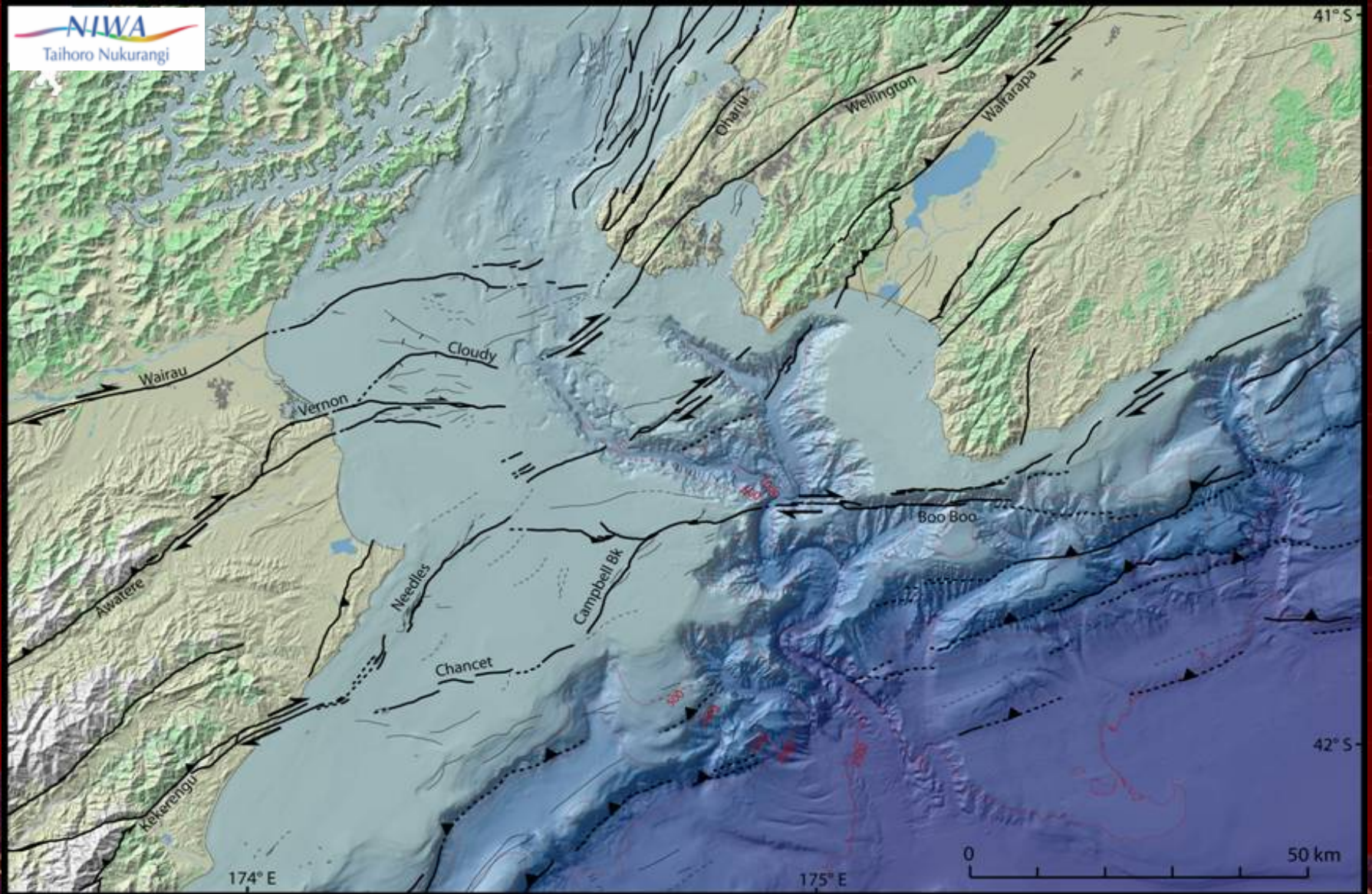


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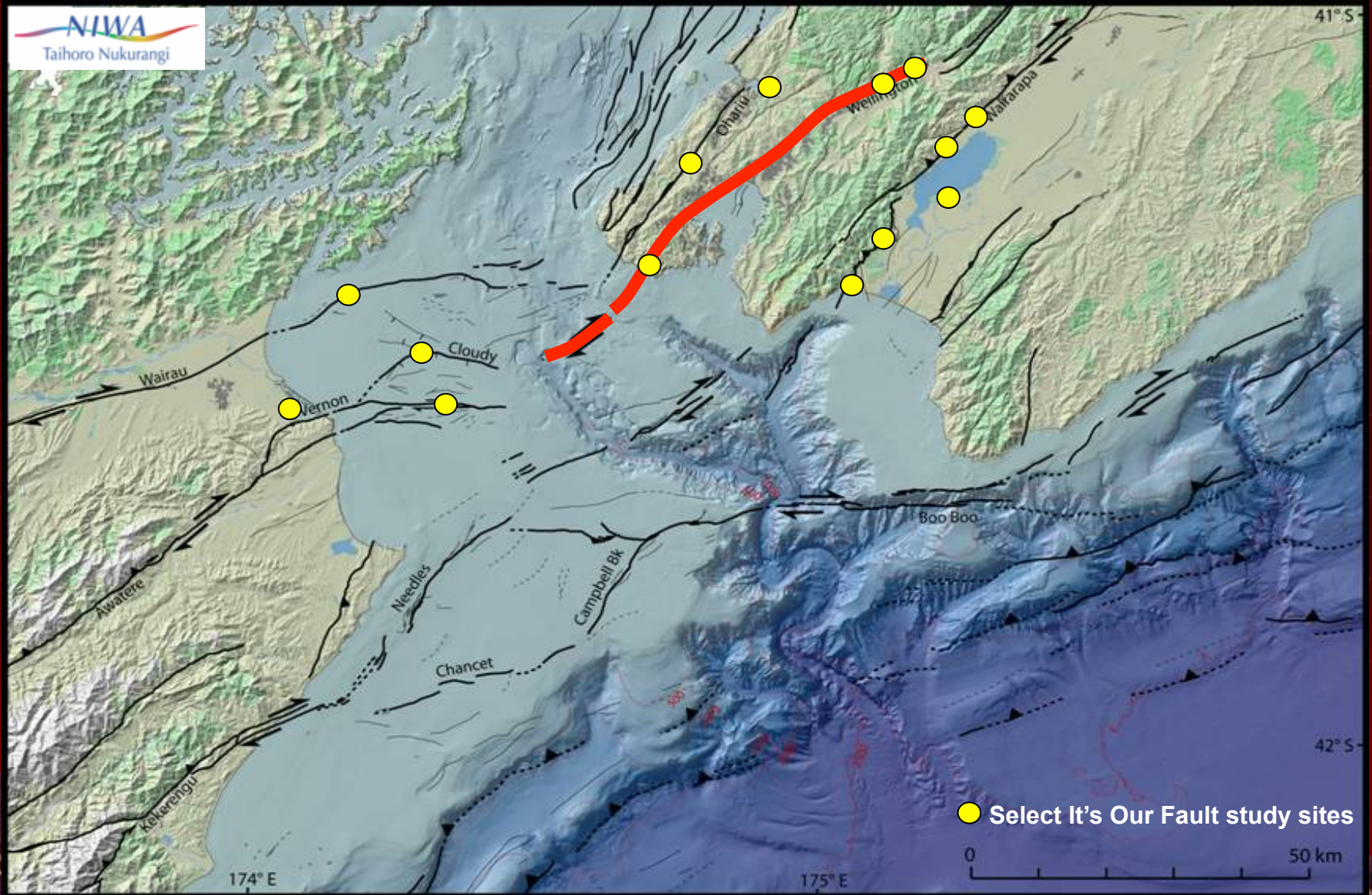
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Active fault mapping, slip rates, paleo-earthquakes & probability of rupture

Active Fault Mapping (defining the geometry of deformation)



Slip rate & paleo-earthquake sites



Wellington Fault

Conditional Probability of Rupture

(accounting for)

- Elapsed time since most recent rupture
 - Slightly younger than previously thought* (*~ 300 years ago*)
- Timing of older ruptures
 - Slightly less frequent than previously thought* (*~ every 800-1000 years*)
- Single event displacement size
 - Slightly larger than previously thought* (*~ 5 m per rupture*)
- Slip rate
 - Slightly slower than previously thought* (*~ 6 mm/year*)
- Rupture statistics of the Wellington-Wairarapa fault pair in a synthetic earthquake catalogue derived from a physics-based numerical model
 - Rupture of nearby Wairarapa Fault “unloads” Wellington Fault*
- Various recurrence-time models
 - Exponential, Lognormal, Weibull, inverse Gaussian*

Probability of rupture of Wellington Fault within next 100 years

Pre-It's Our Fault: ~ 30%



New: ~ 10%



Some likelihood conclusions

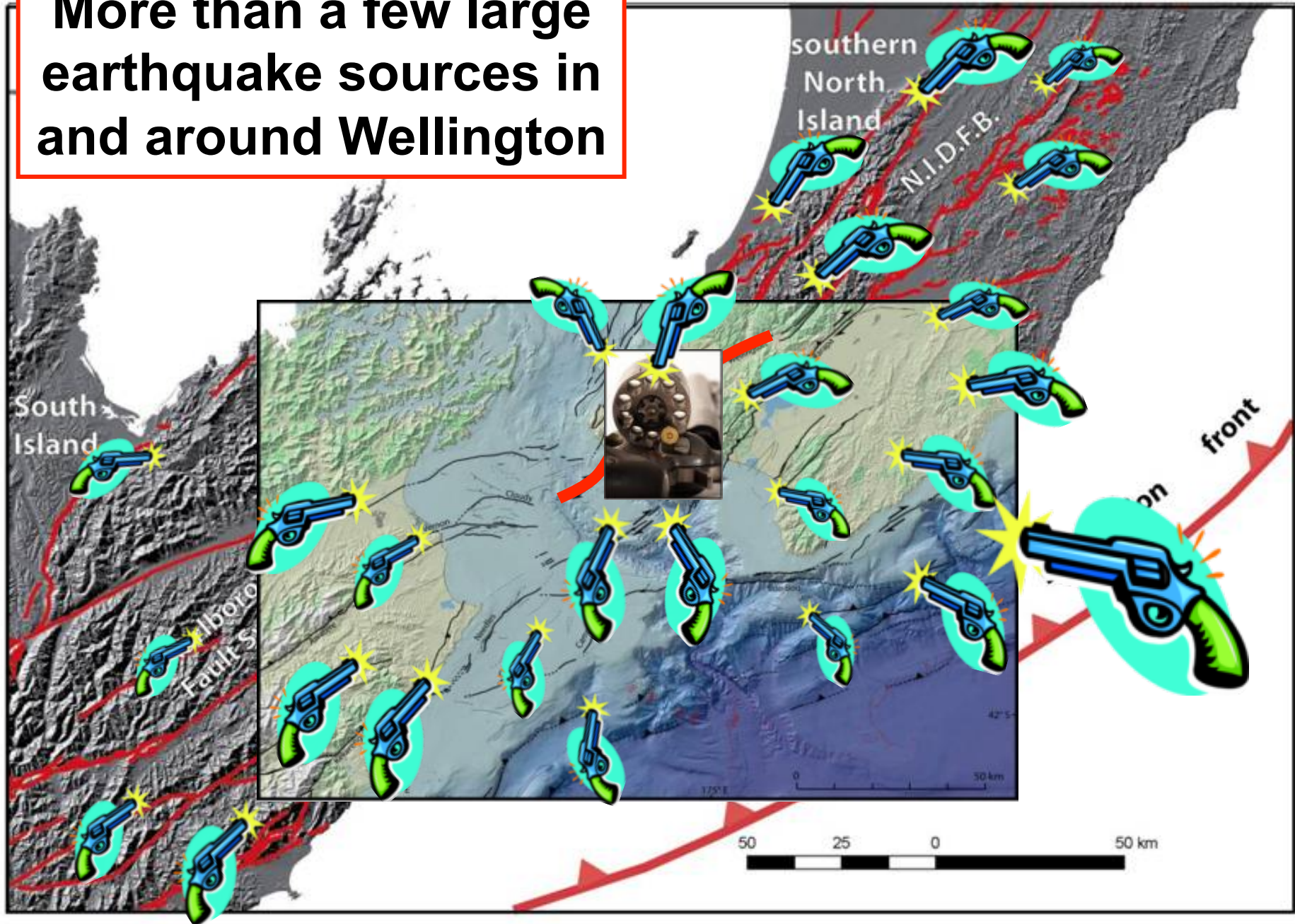
- Significant reduction in the likelihood of a really big earthquake on the Wellington Fault over the next hundred years.

This is Good News!

- **However, no room for complacency.**
There are other earthquake sources in, and around, the region that can produce significant damage and loss.



More than a few large earthquake sources in and around Wellington



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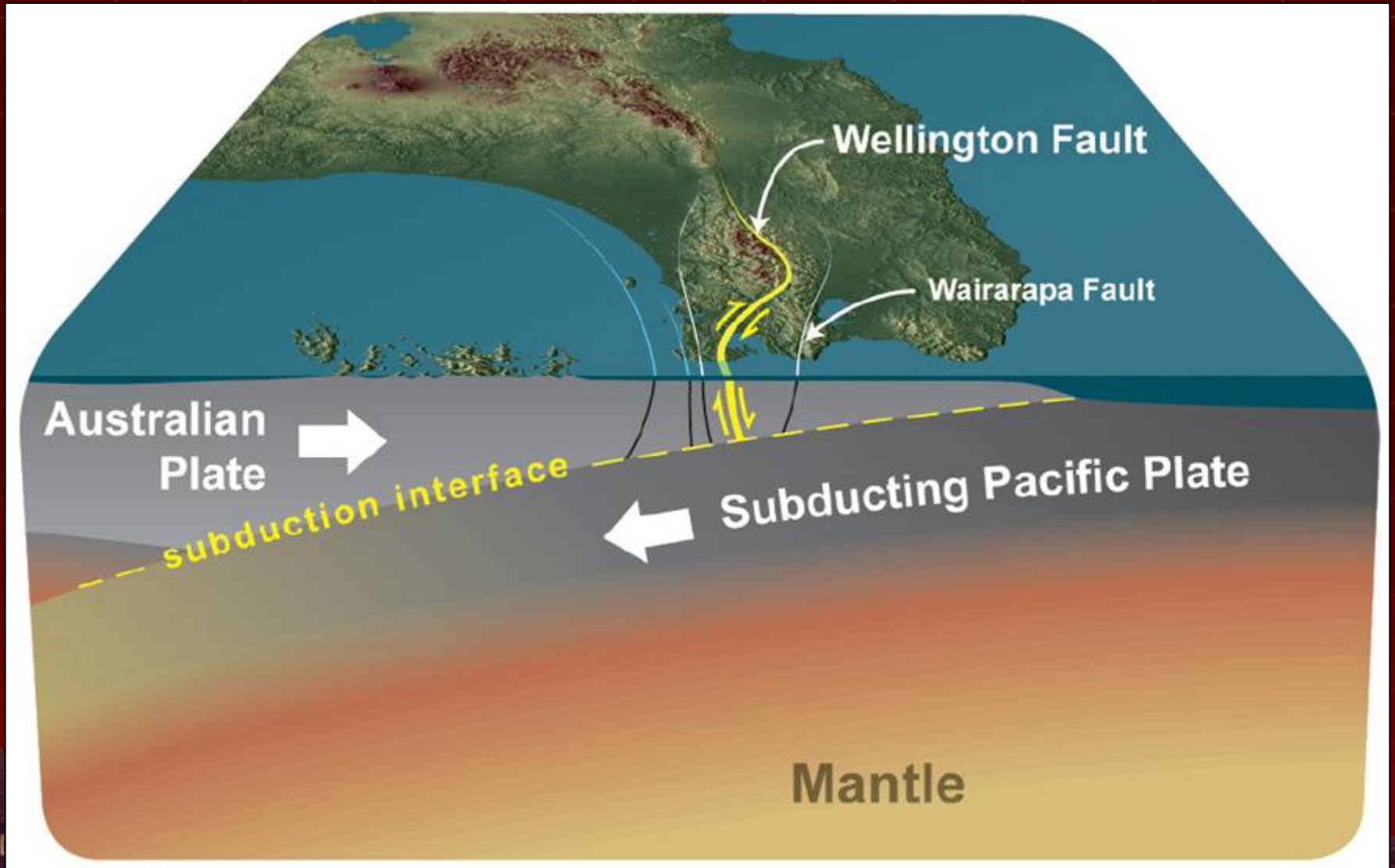


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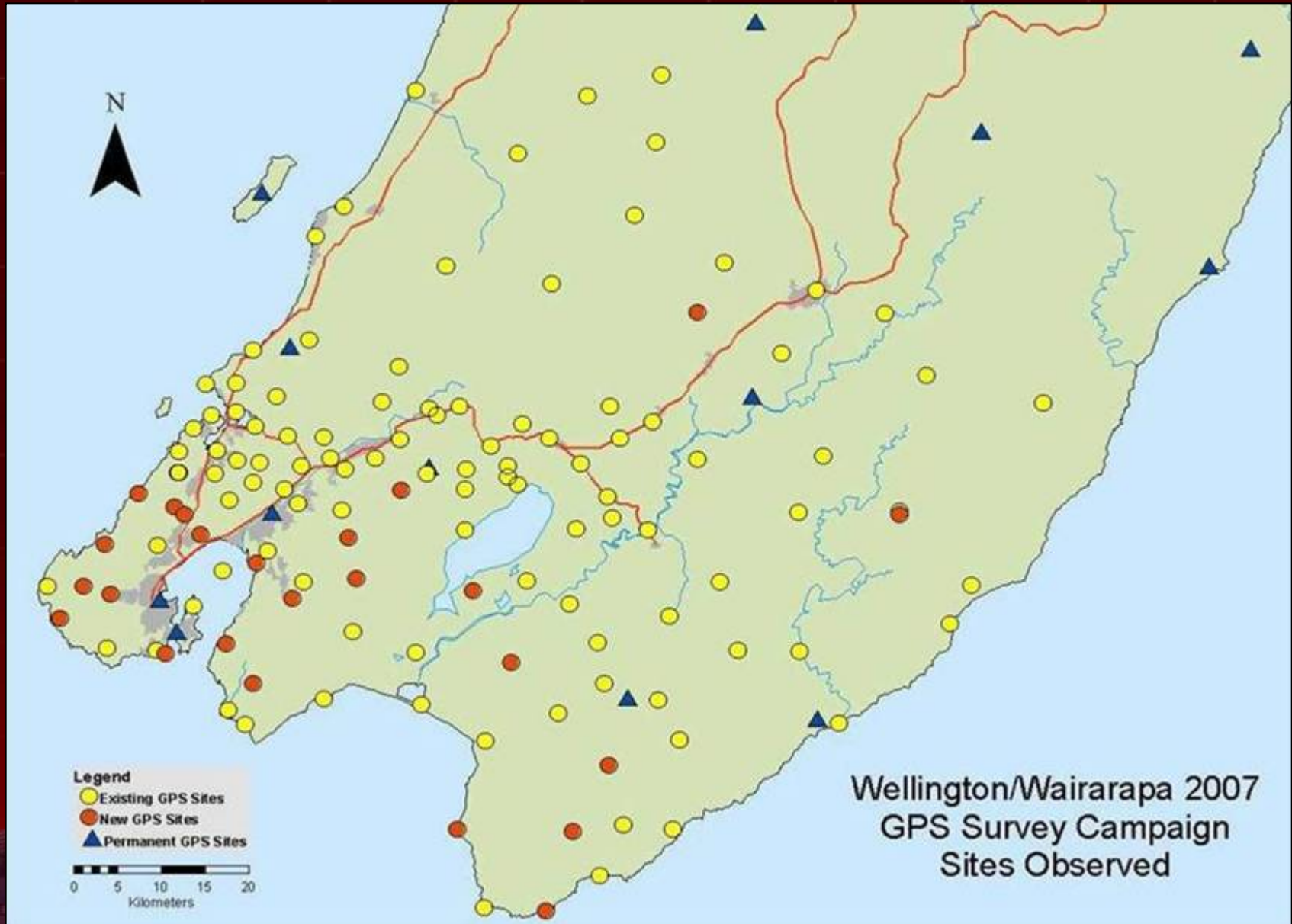
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Subduction interface coupling & slip deficit

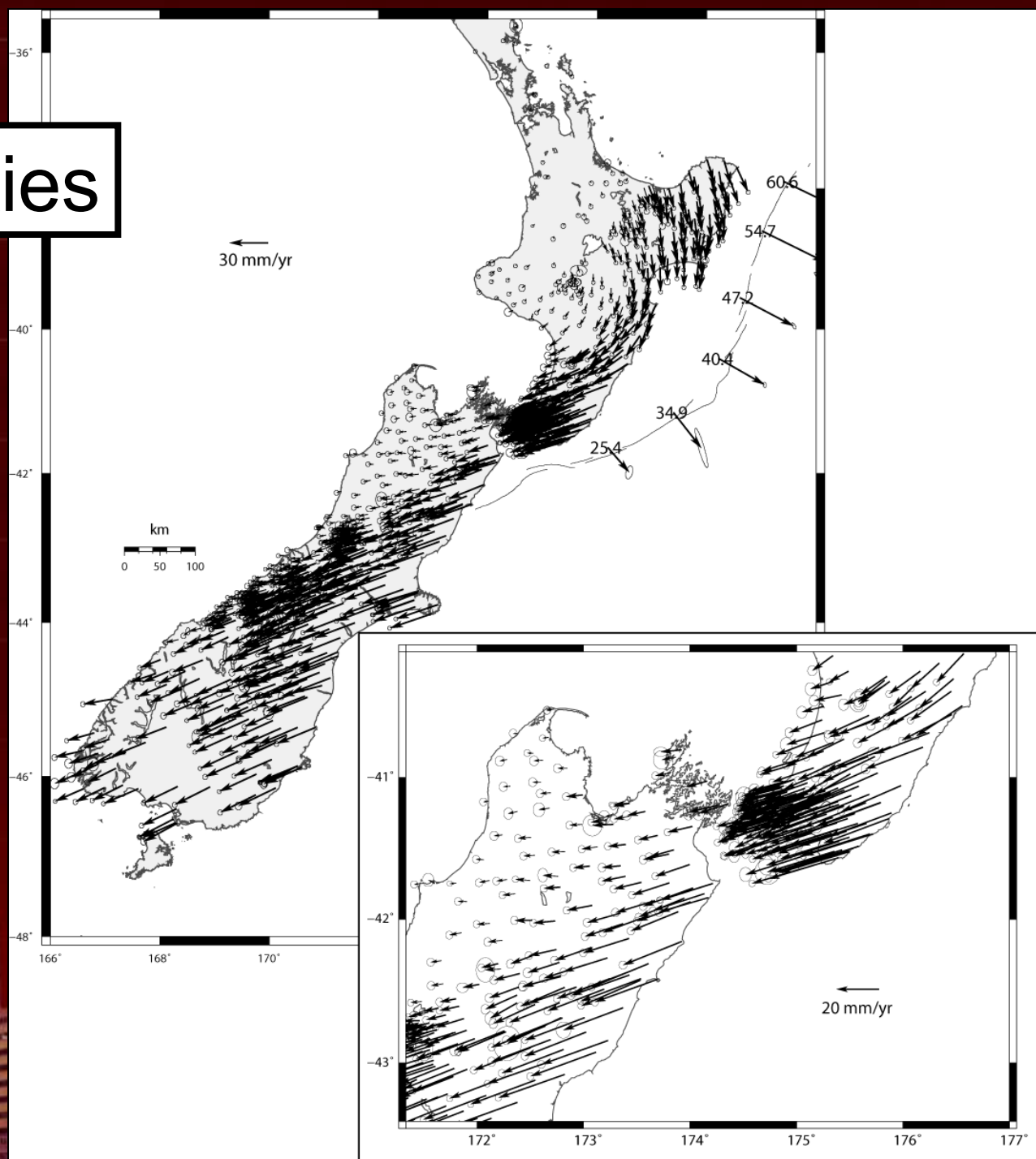
Wellington's Earthquake Setting

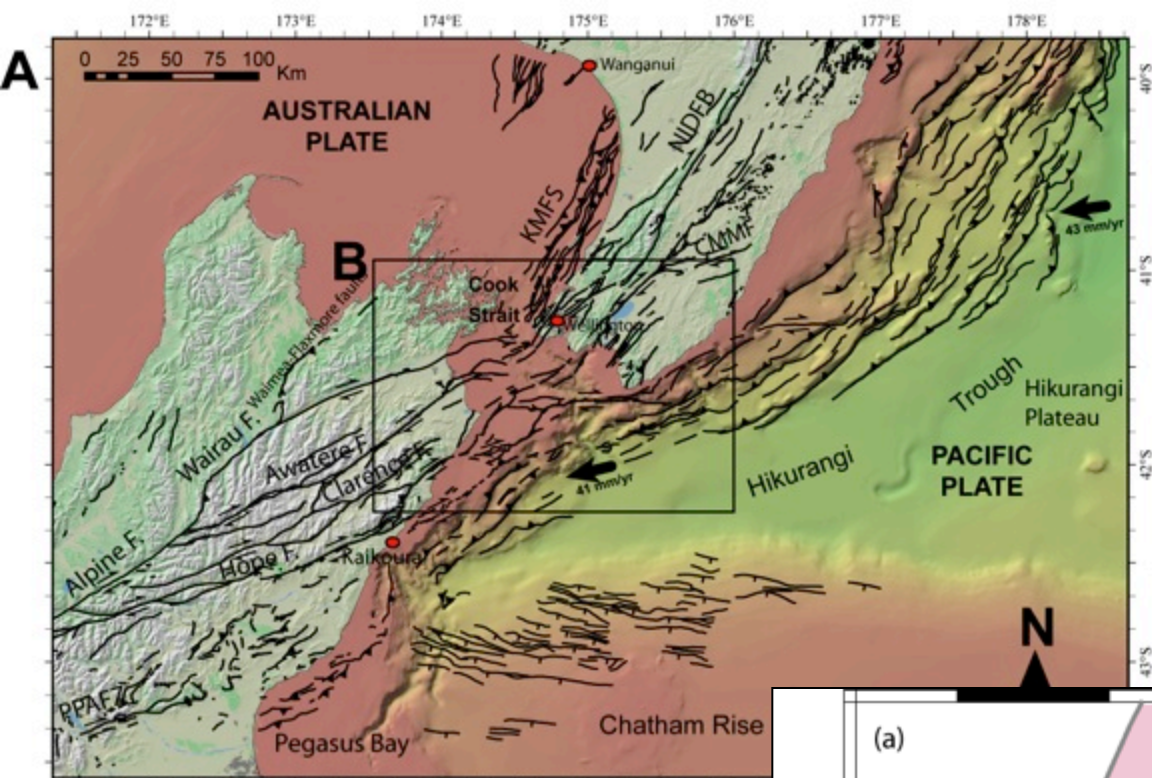


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GPS Velocities





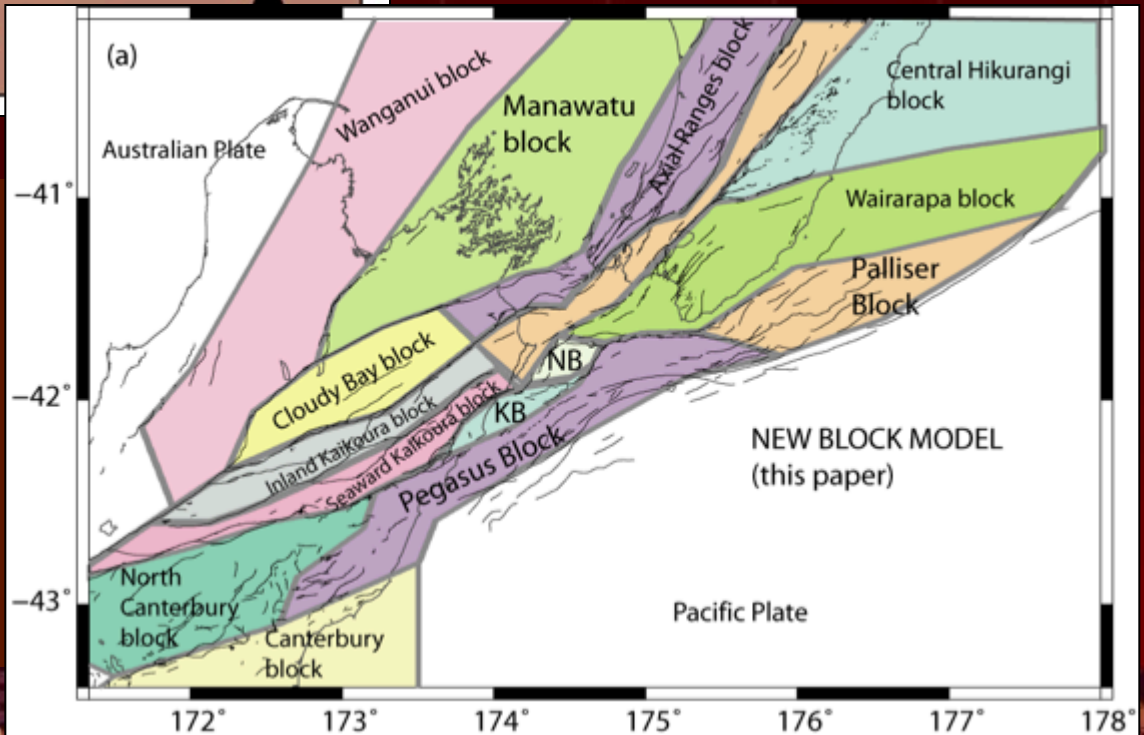
Modelling GPS Data

Jointly invert:

- 1) GPS velocities &
- 2) Active fault slip rate and location data

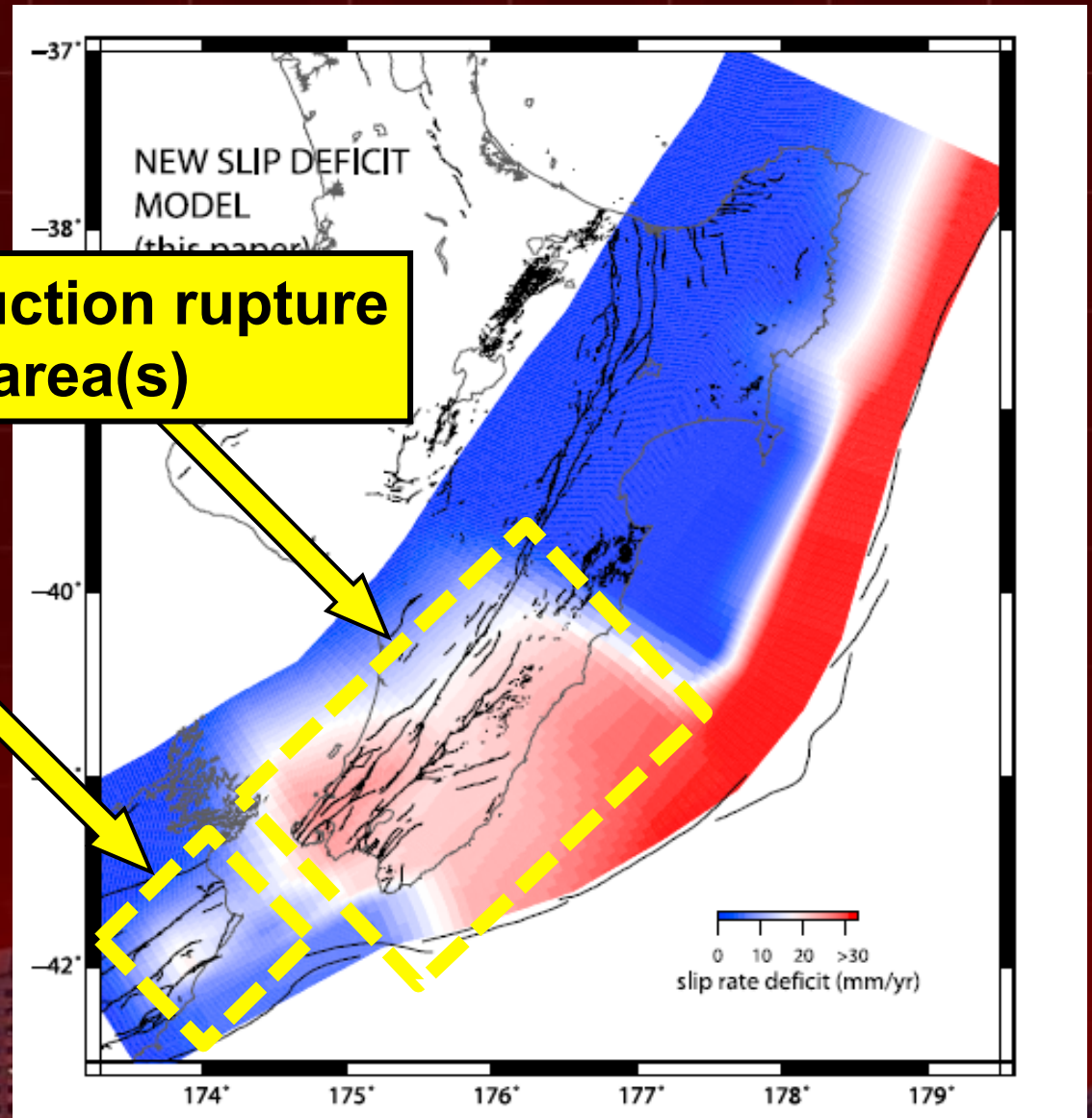
Solve for:

- 1) Poles of rotation of tectonic blocks &
- 2) Degree of interseismic coupling on faults in the region (including subduction interface)



'Slip Deficit' on the Subduction interface

Possible subduction rupture source area(s)



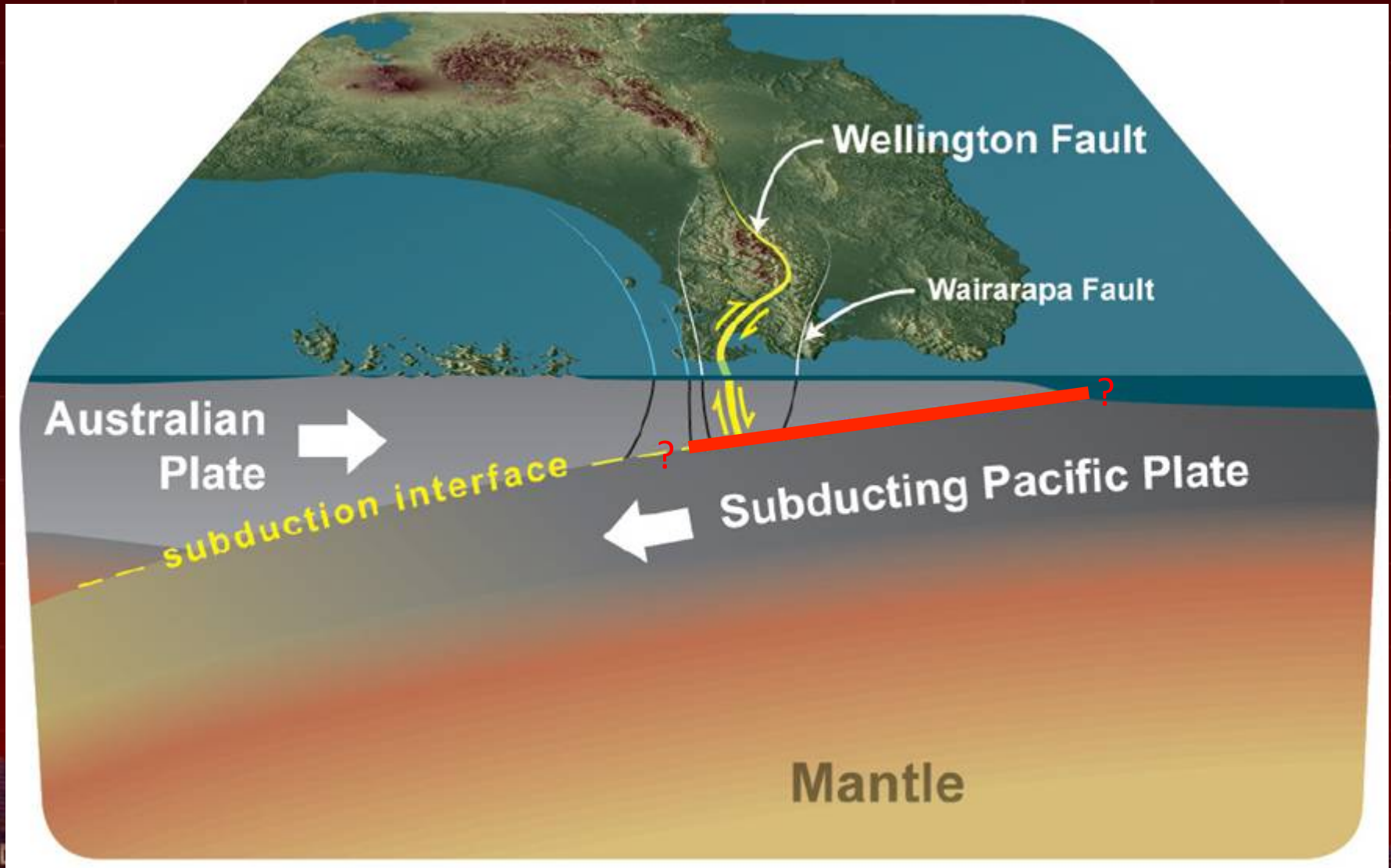


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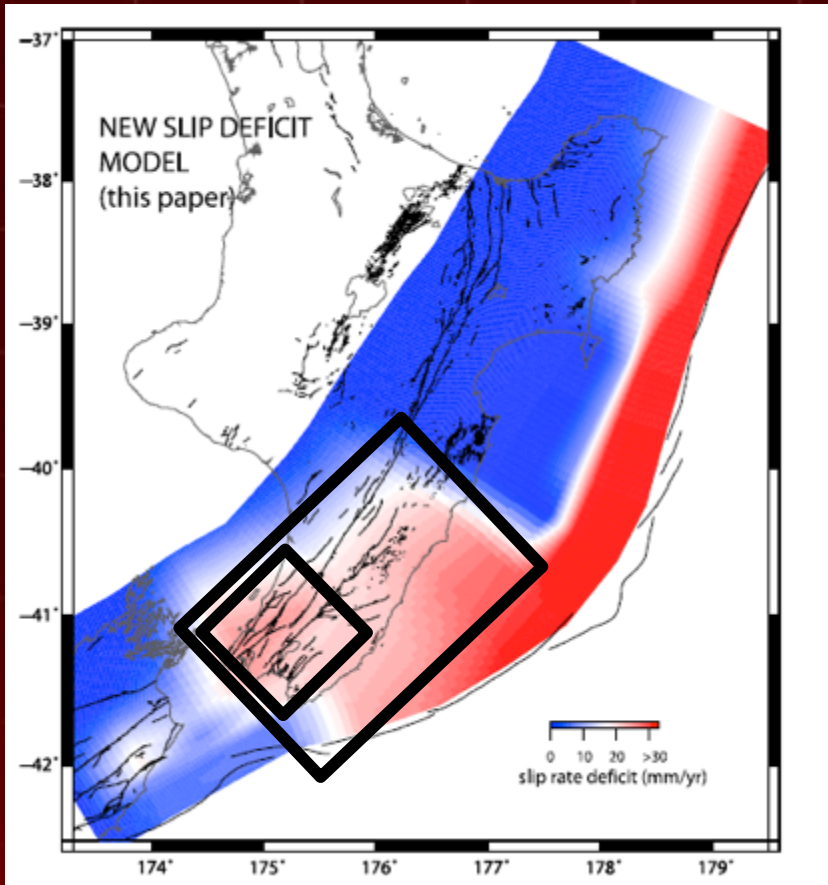
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Simulation of Subduction-Interface Earthquake Ground Motions

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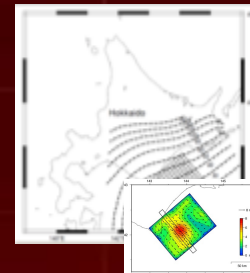
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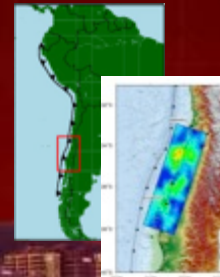
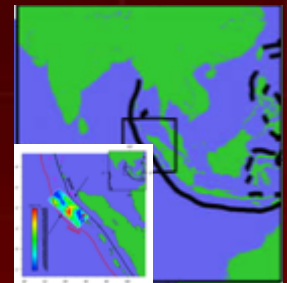
Wallace et al. (2012), Stirling et al. (2012)

- Simple fault models
- Asperity-like models
- Historical events

2003 Japan Mw 8.3



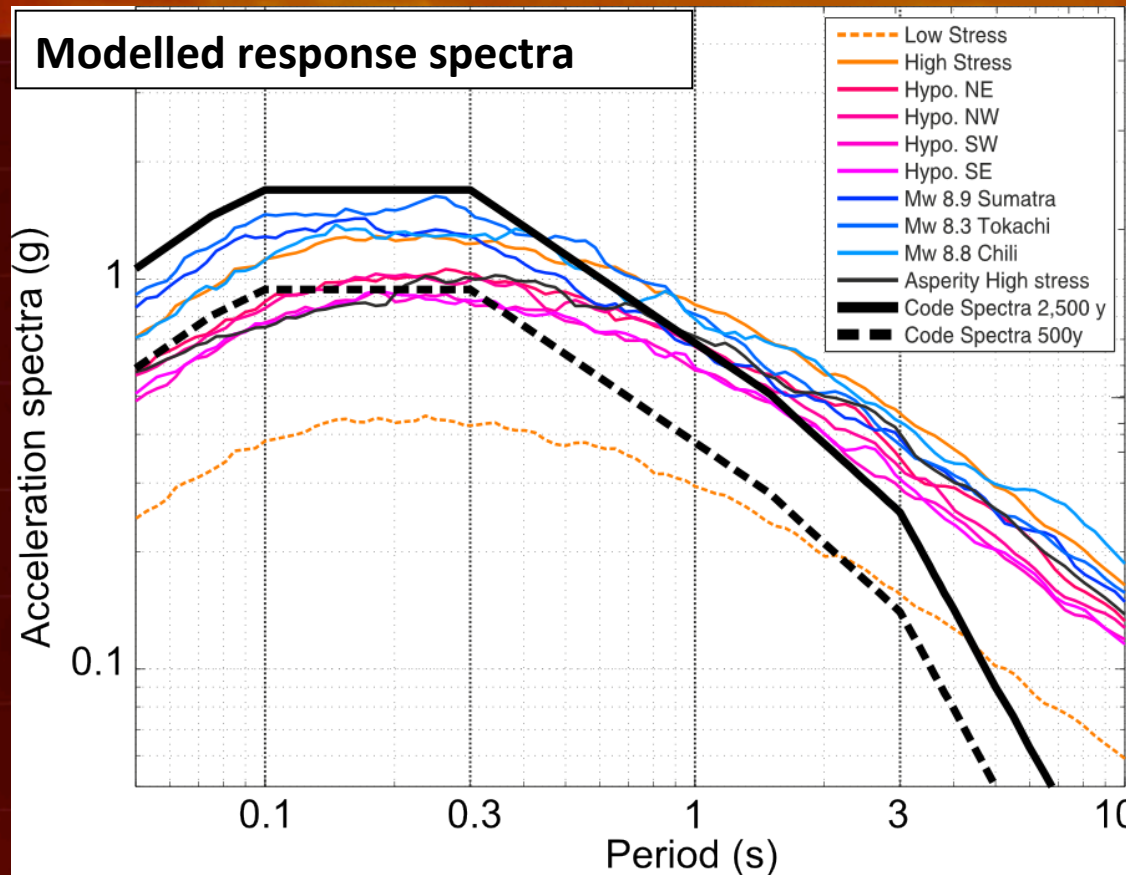
2004 Sumatra Mw 9.1



2010 Chile Mw 8.8

(Holden et al.)

Summary of models



(Holden et al.)

- Segmented (smaller) interface rupture scenarios appear to be largely encompassed by current design spectra
- More extreme (larger) ruptures may exceed current design spectra
- Potential implications with regards to National Seismic Hazard Model currently being investigated



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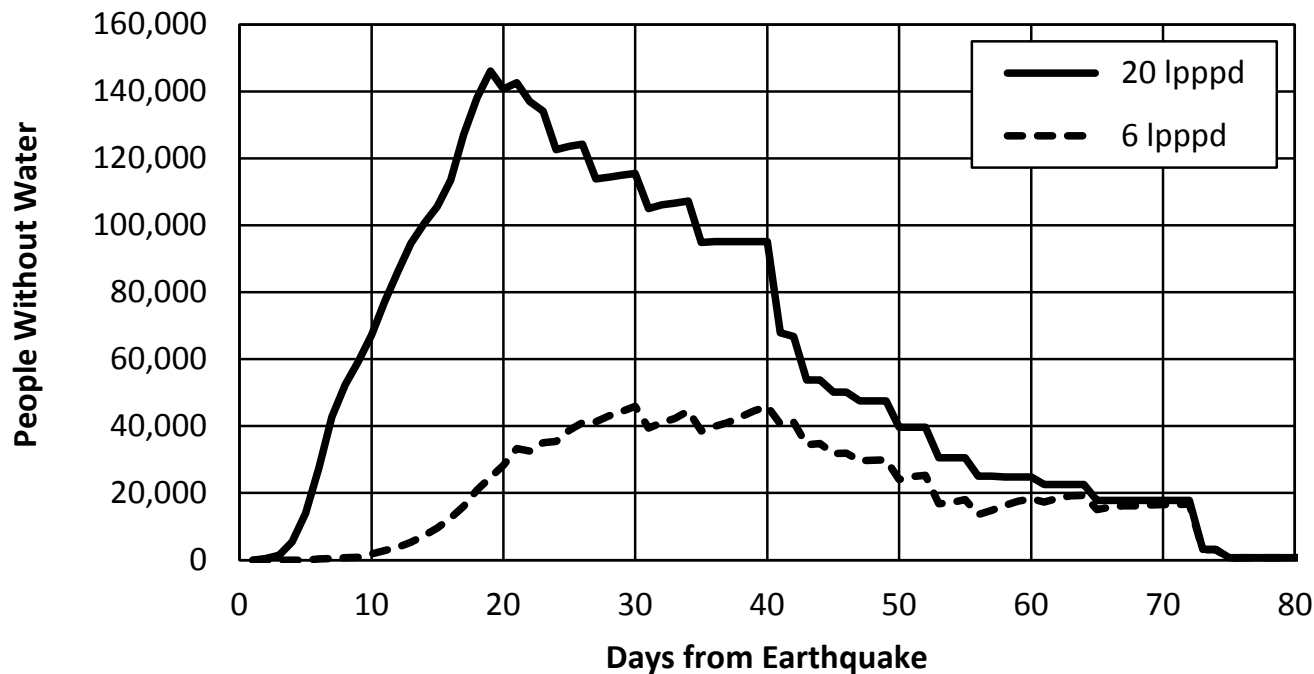
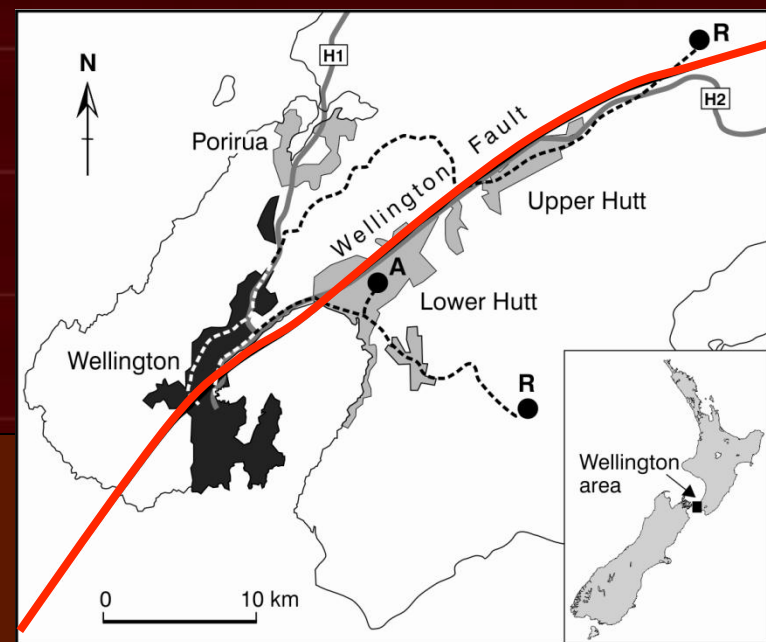
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Post-Earthquake Water Restoration Times

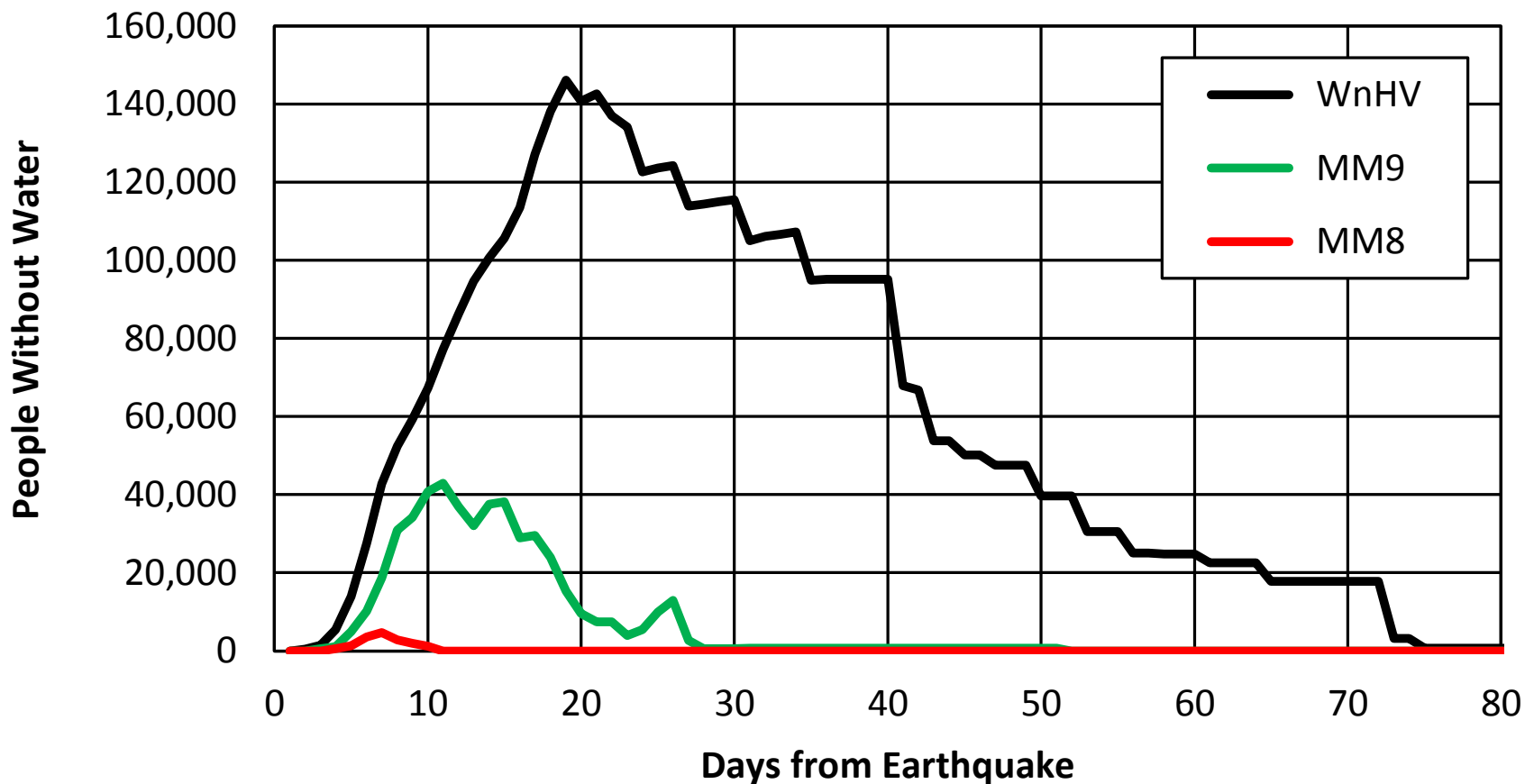
Water Restoration Times

Numbers of people without water in Wellington City following a M 7.5 earthquake on the Wellington-Hutt Valley segment of the Wellington Fault



Water Restoration Times

Numbers of people without water in Wellington City for three major earthquake scenarios



(Cousins et al.)

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A Team Effort

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- **Synthetic Seismicity Modelling**

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- **Conditional Probability of Rupture of Wellington, Wairarapa & Ohariu Faults**

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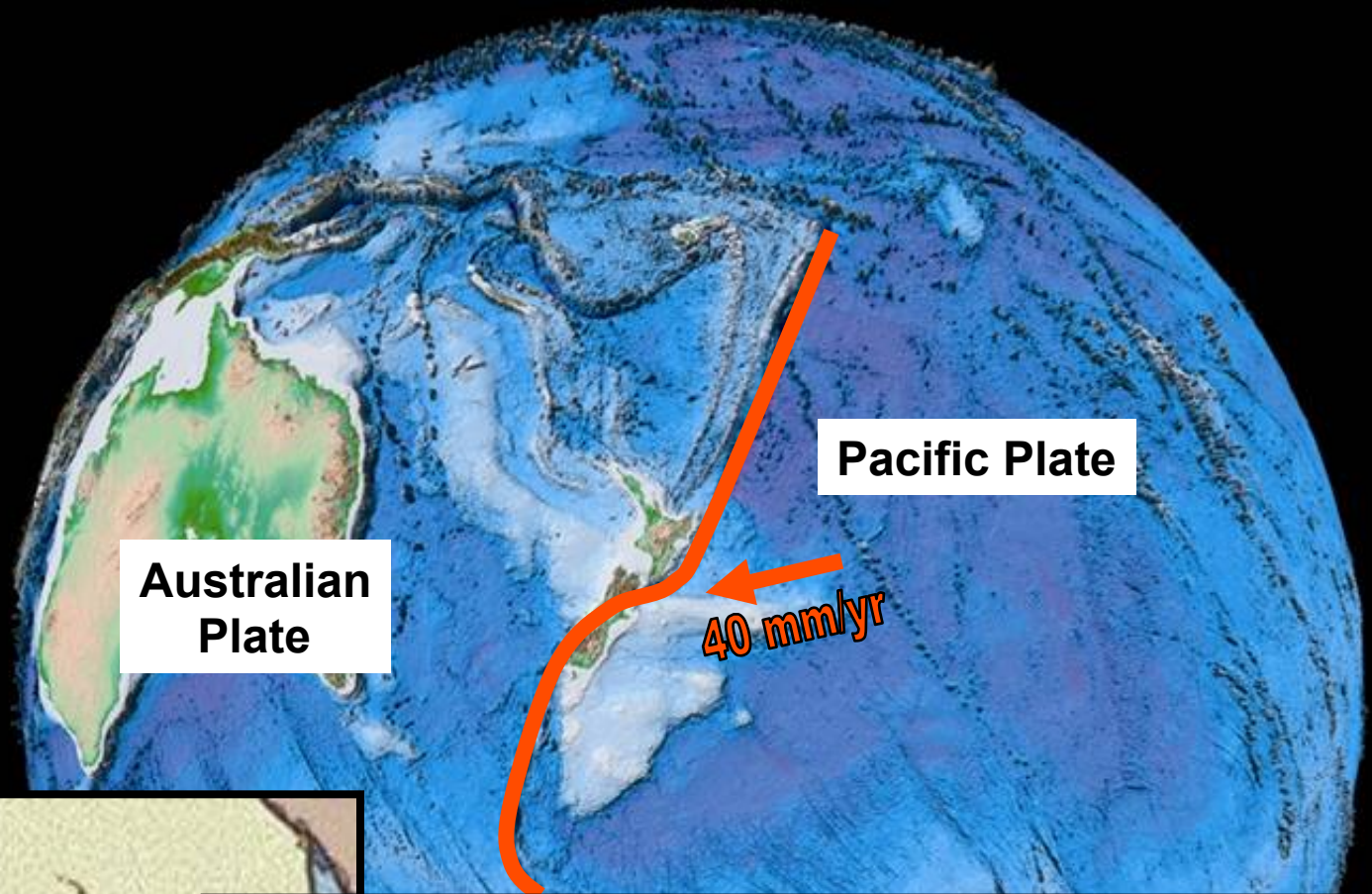
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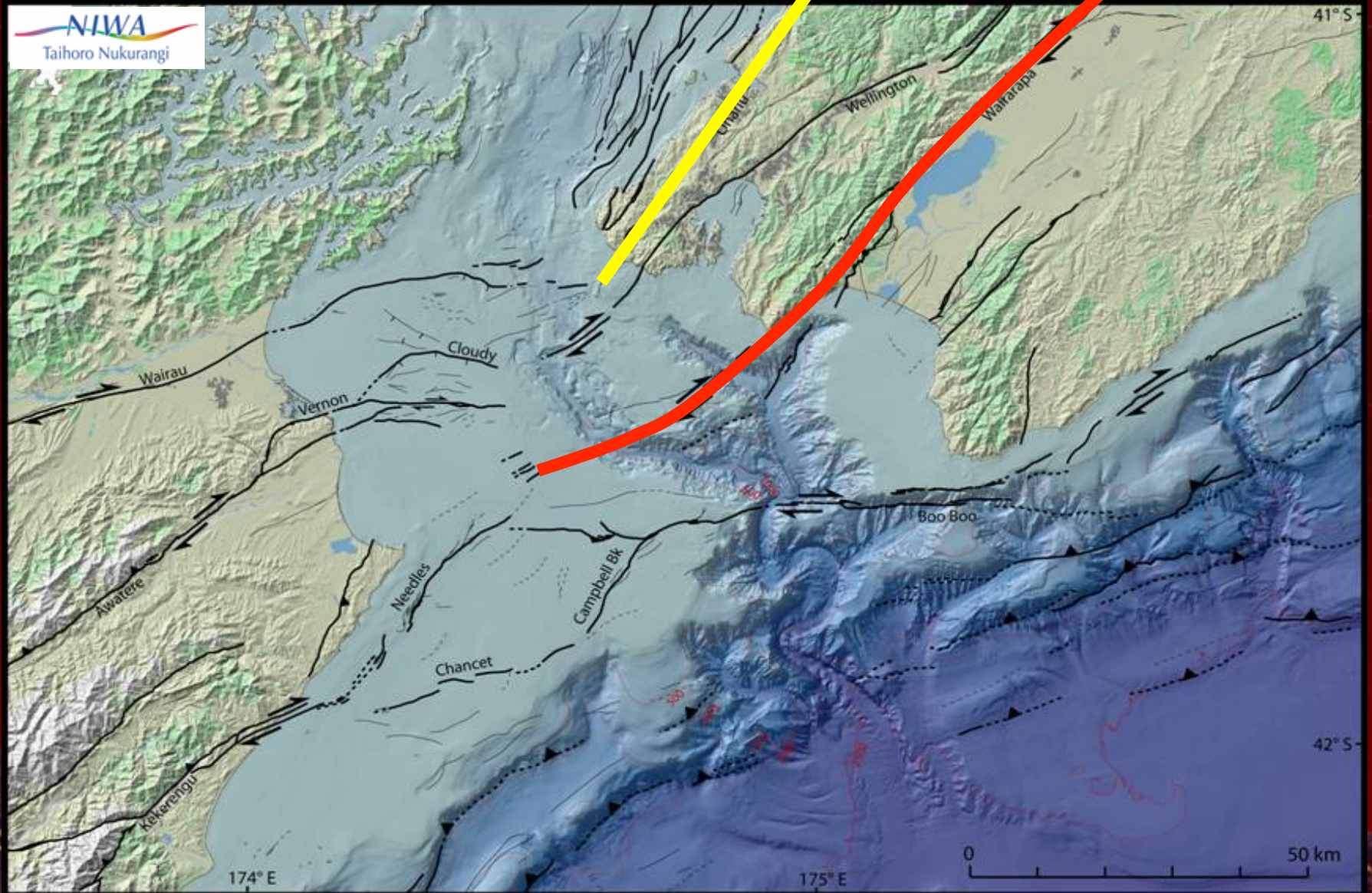


New Zealand's Tectonic Setting



A cricket pitch of displacement every 500 years

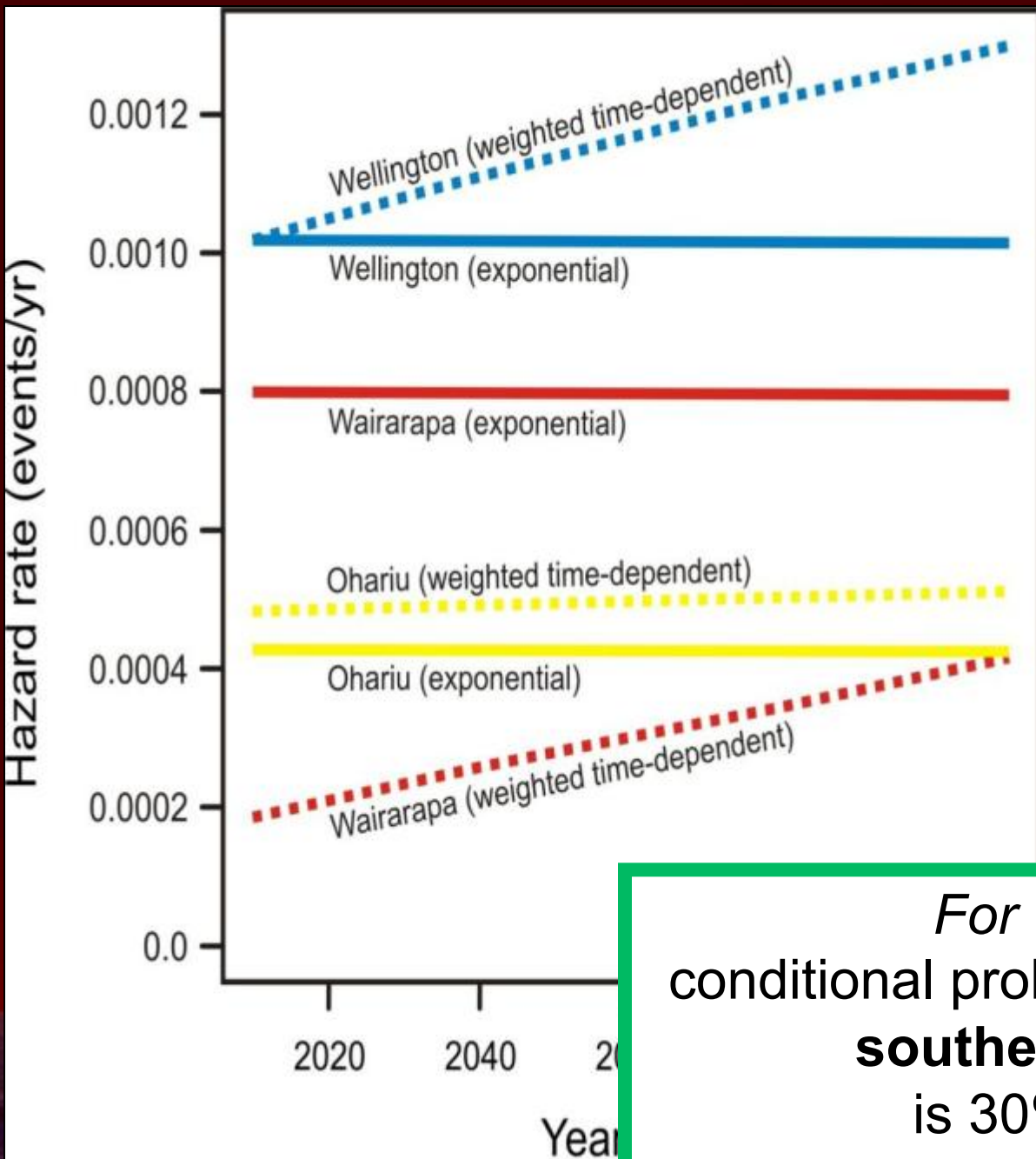
Conditional probability of rupture of the Ohariu Fault & Wairarapa Fault



Results

Comparison of hazard of rupture over the next 100 years for the:

- Wellington Fault (blue)
- Wairarapa Fault (red)
- Ohariu Fault (yellow)



For Comparison:
conditional probability of rupture of the **southern Alpine Fault** is 30% in 50 years
(Berryman et al. Science)

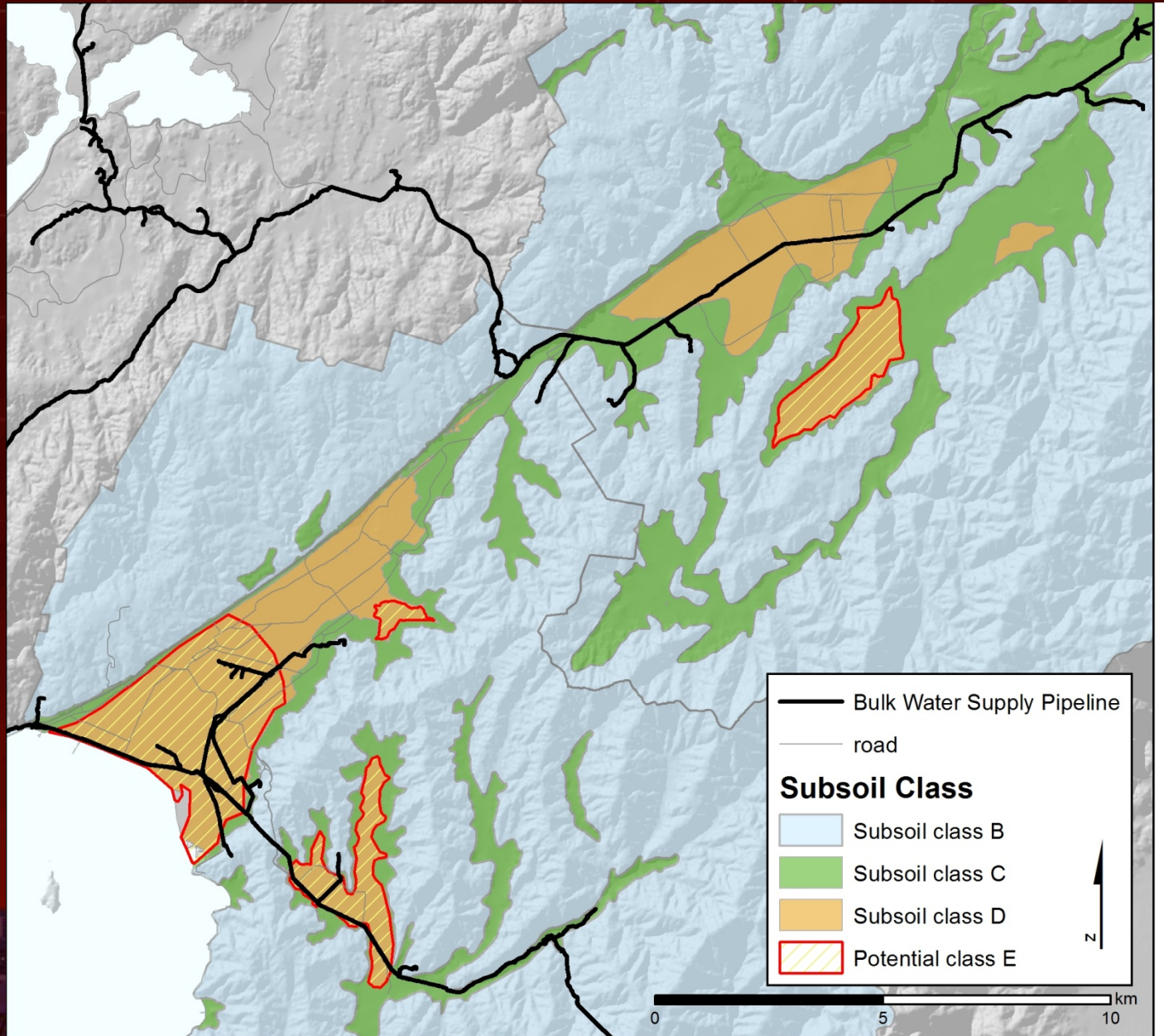


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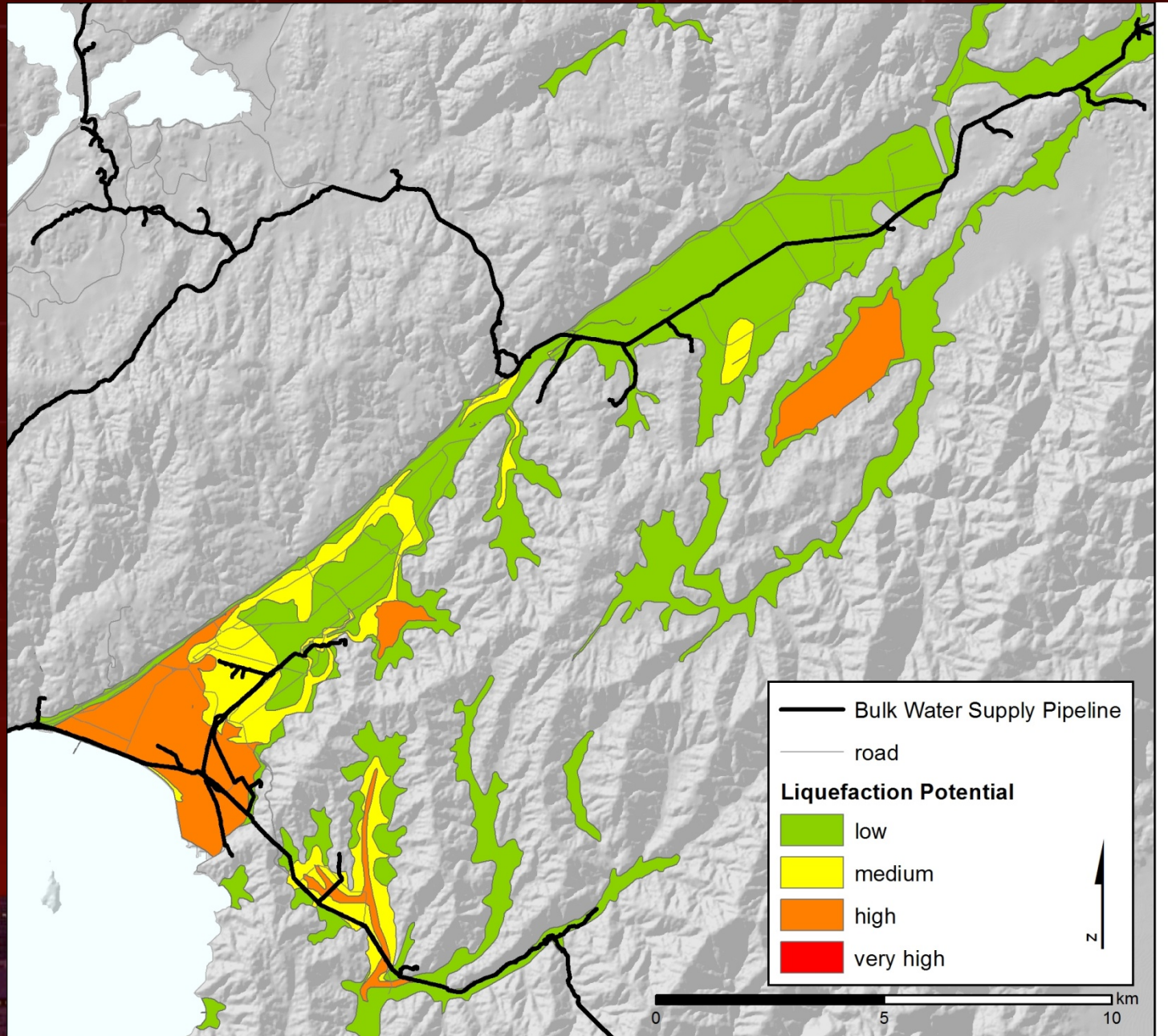
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Ground shaking subsoil class & liquefaction susceptibility

Hutt Valley - Subsoil Class



Hutt Valley - Liquefaction Susceptibility





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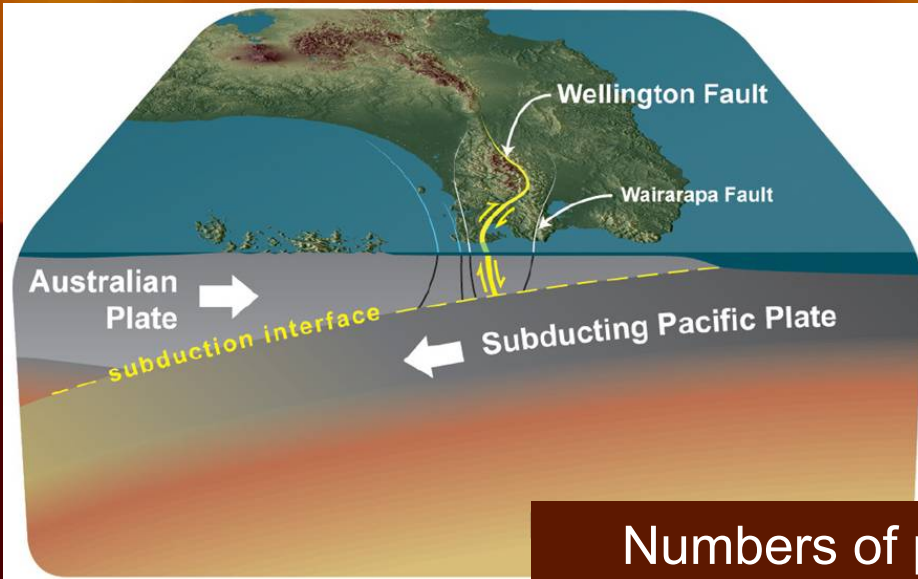
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Numbers of people in buildings in various damage states for buildings OUTSIDE the tsunami evacuation (Yellow Zone), and numbers of people INSIDE the Yellow Zone who are assumed to have self-evacuated

Building Use	DS, None	DS, Light	DS, Moderate	DS, Heavy	DS, Severe	DS, Collapse	Yellow Zone
Dwelling	100,265	134,445	84,663	29,201	3231	1088	68,556
Apartment	3623	3399	2080	788	57	8	5626
Hotel/Motel	684	991	418	272	141	0	1855
Rest-home	1447	1630	1299	456	32	21	617
Hospital/Clinic	3846	2168	703	67	0	0	111
Non-residential	1234	1689	918	414	54	29	3446
Total	111,099	144,322	90,081	31,198	3515	1146	80,211