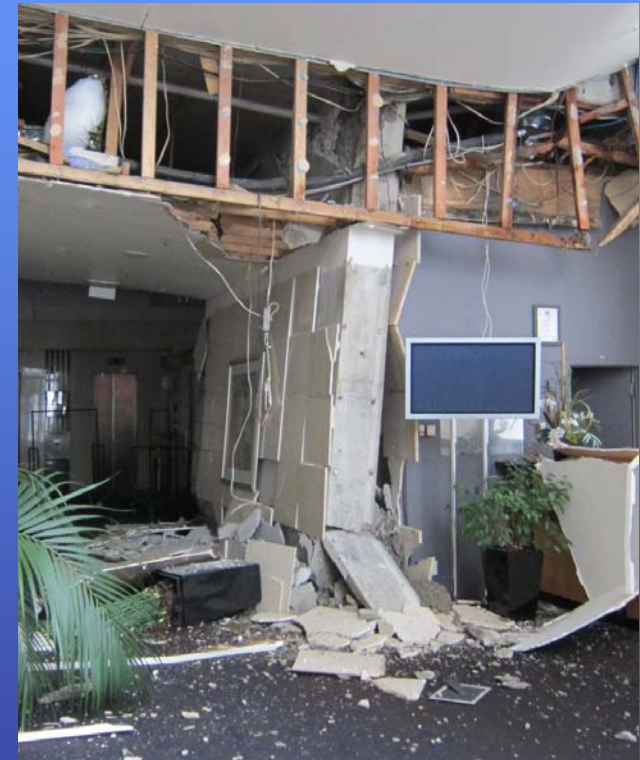
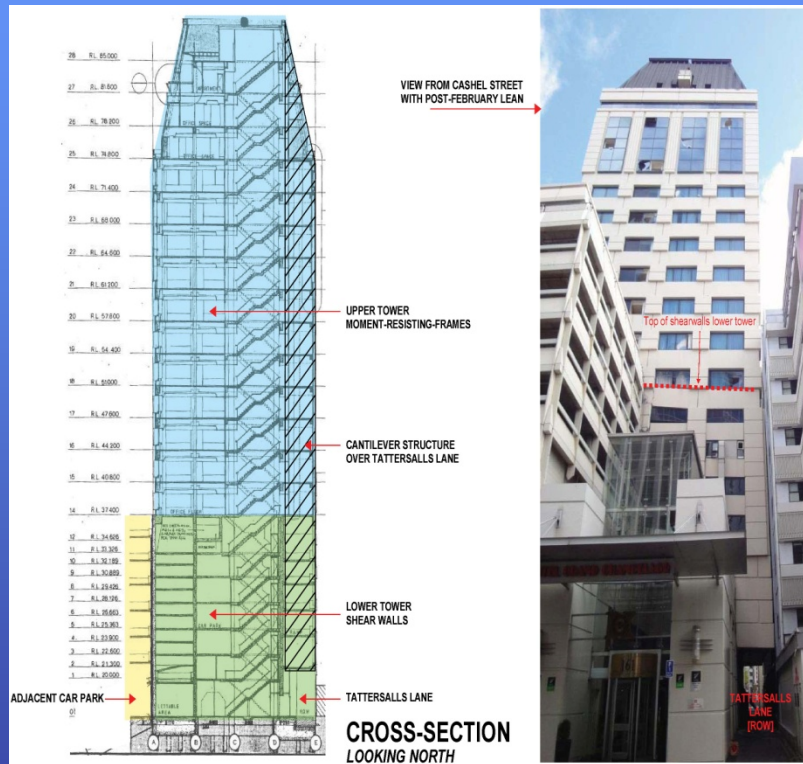


# Canterbury Earthquake Royal Commission Hearings - 17 Jan 2012

## Seismic Performance of the Hotel Grand Chancellor : Findings and Recommendations



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**Technical Investigation into the Performance of Buildings in the Christchurch CBD in the 22 February Christchurch Aftershock**

**General**

Overall Terms of Reference for the investigation are given in Attachment 1.

Investigations will look at the expected performance of the buildings, when they were built, the impact of any alterations, compliance with the code at the time, and the reasons for the collapse. The investigations will focus only on the technical findings and are not to address liability.

The Department of Building and Housing has overall responsibility for the outcome of the investigation and has appointed:

- Engineering consultants to investigate the subject buildings
- A panel of experts to assist in achieving the overall objectives of the investigation

These Terms of Reference for Expert Panel describe the roles and responsibilities of the expert panel in the context of the overall Terms of Reference for the investigation.

**Outline Approach and Outputs**

The main outputs of the investigation will be:

- Consultant technical investigation reports on each building
- A report prepared by the Expert Panel to the Department
- A Department report to the Minister on the outcome of the investigation.

The investigating consultants will be responsible for their own work and for determining the inputs they use to reach their conclusions. The consultant reports will be attachments to the Expert Panel Report.

The Department Report will be based on material in the consultant reports and the Expert Panel Report.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

The panel members have been chosen to provide a background of experience in the range of matters related to the planning, design, approval and construction of buildings.

In general, it is expected that, individually and collectively, panel members will help the Department to provide comprehensive, accurate and authoritative accounts of why the buildings collapsed and what the implications are for the Building Act and Code.

Particular roles and responsibilities include:

- Providing guidance and direction to the investigation
- Advising on the scope and extent of investigation necessary to achieve overall objectives
- Monitoring and reviewing the approaches, investigations, data and outputs of the engineering consultants
- Recommending to the Department any changes in the scope and nature of work necessary to address the matters for investigation fully, accurately and authoritatively.
- Reviewing and approving the engineering consultant reports on each building.
- Producing an overview report addressing the matters for investigation and indicating any issues for further consideration by the Department in their role as regulator responsible for the Building Act and Code.

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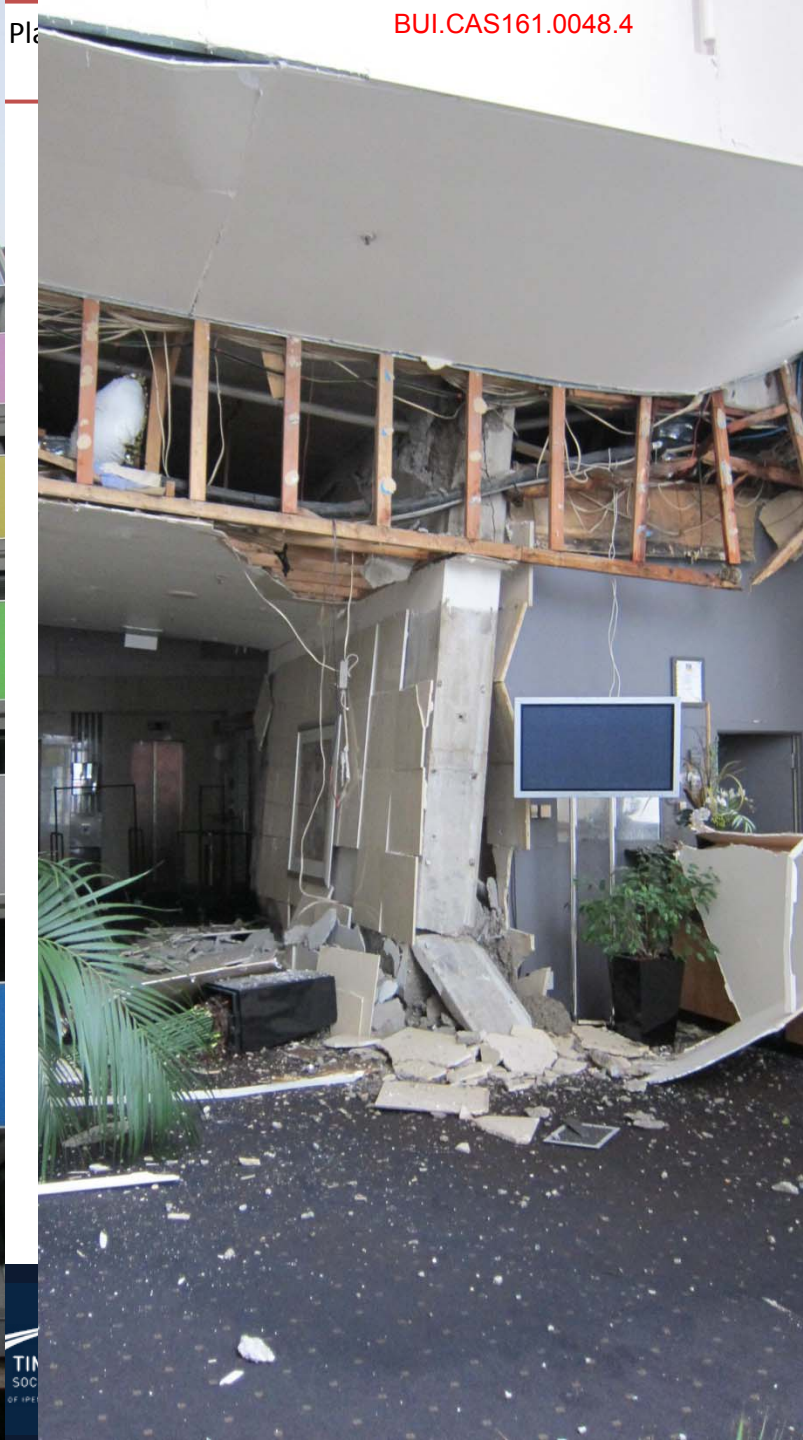
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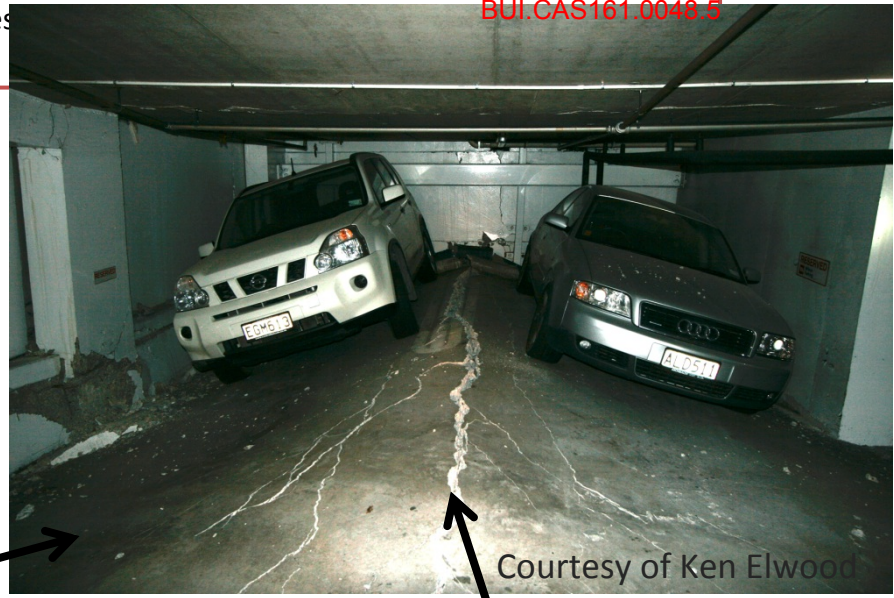
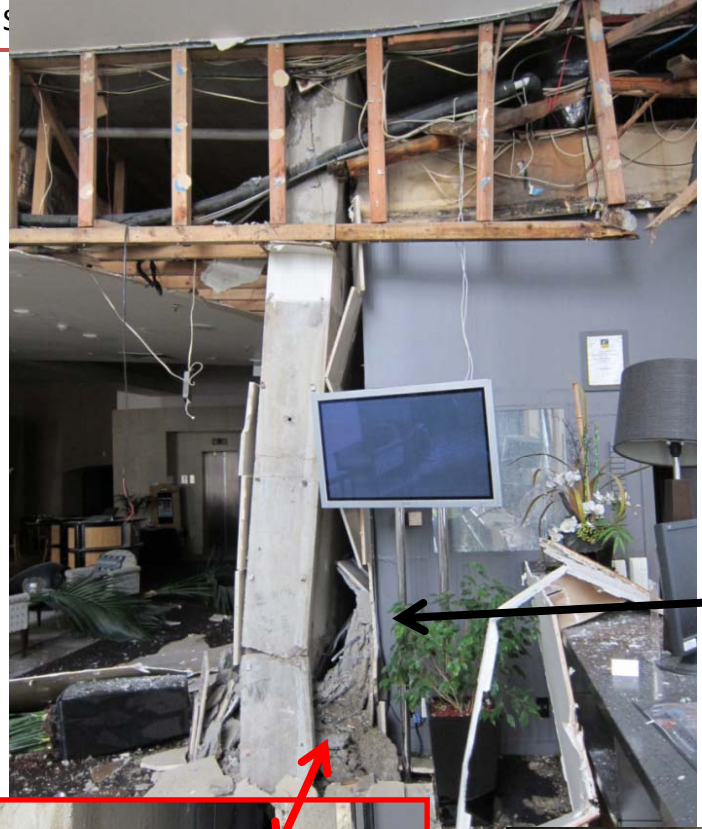
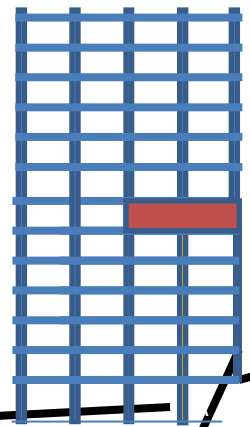
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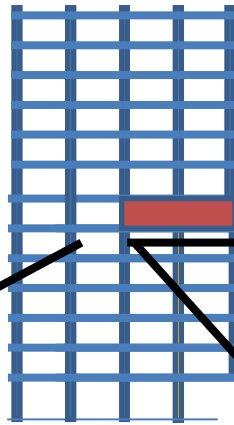
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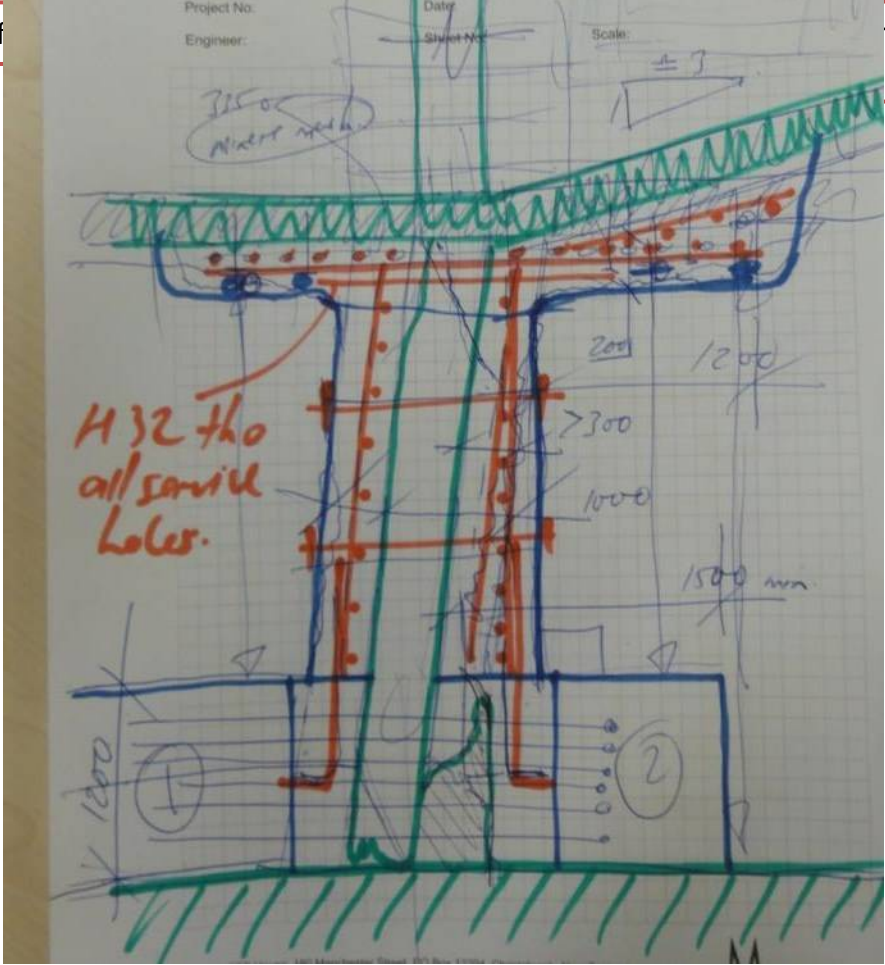


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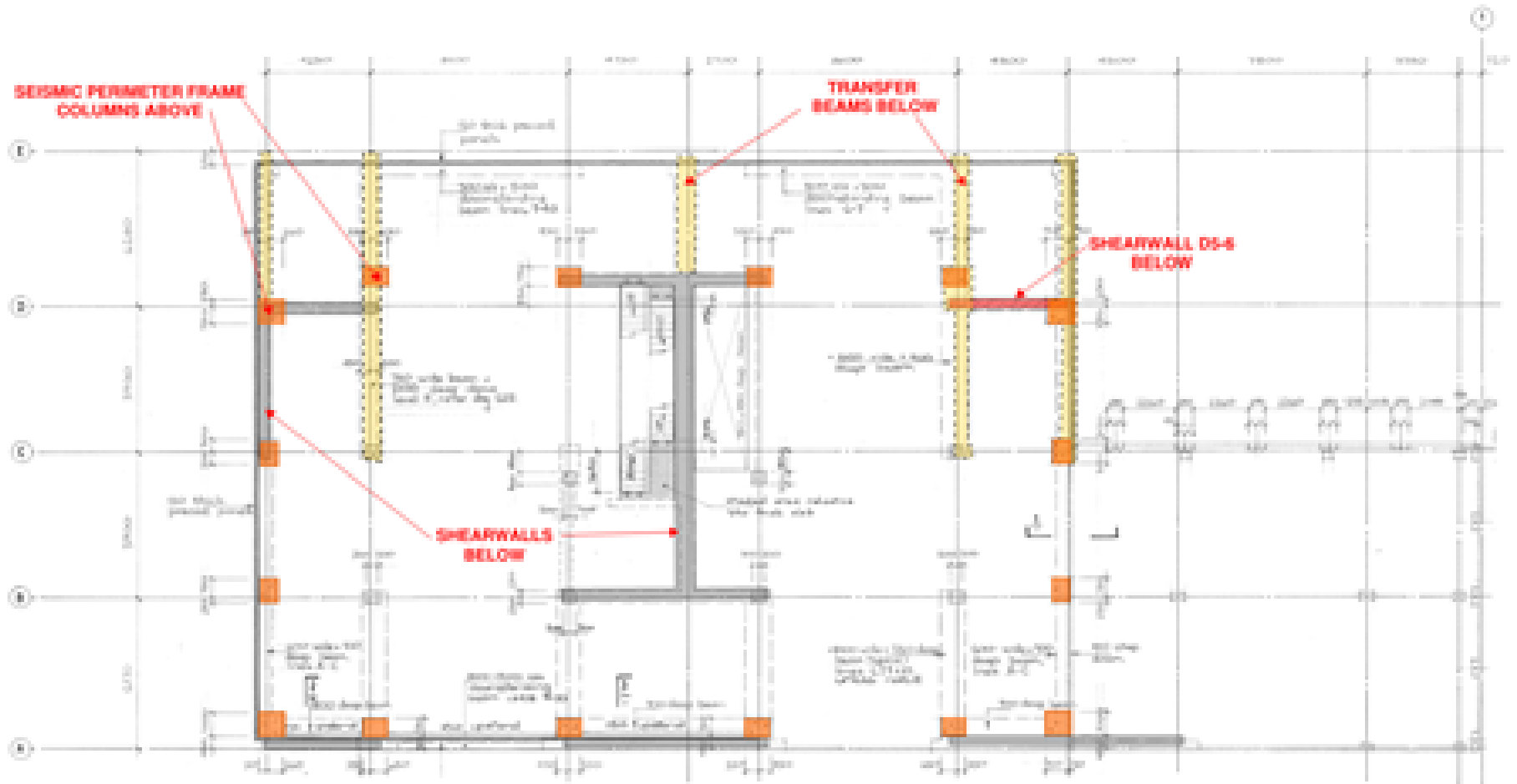
Rapid engineering assessment decisions for repair and temp. stabilisation – led by Dr David

# Structural wall jacketing/shoring



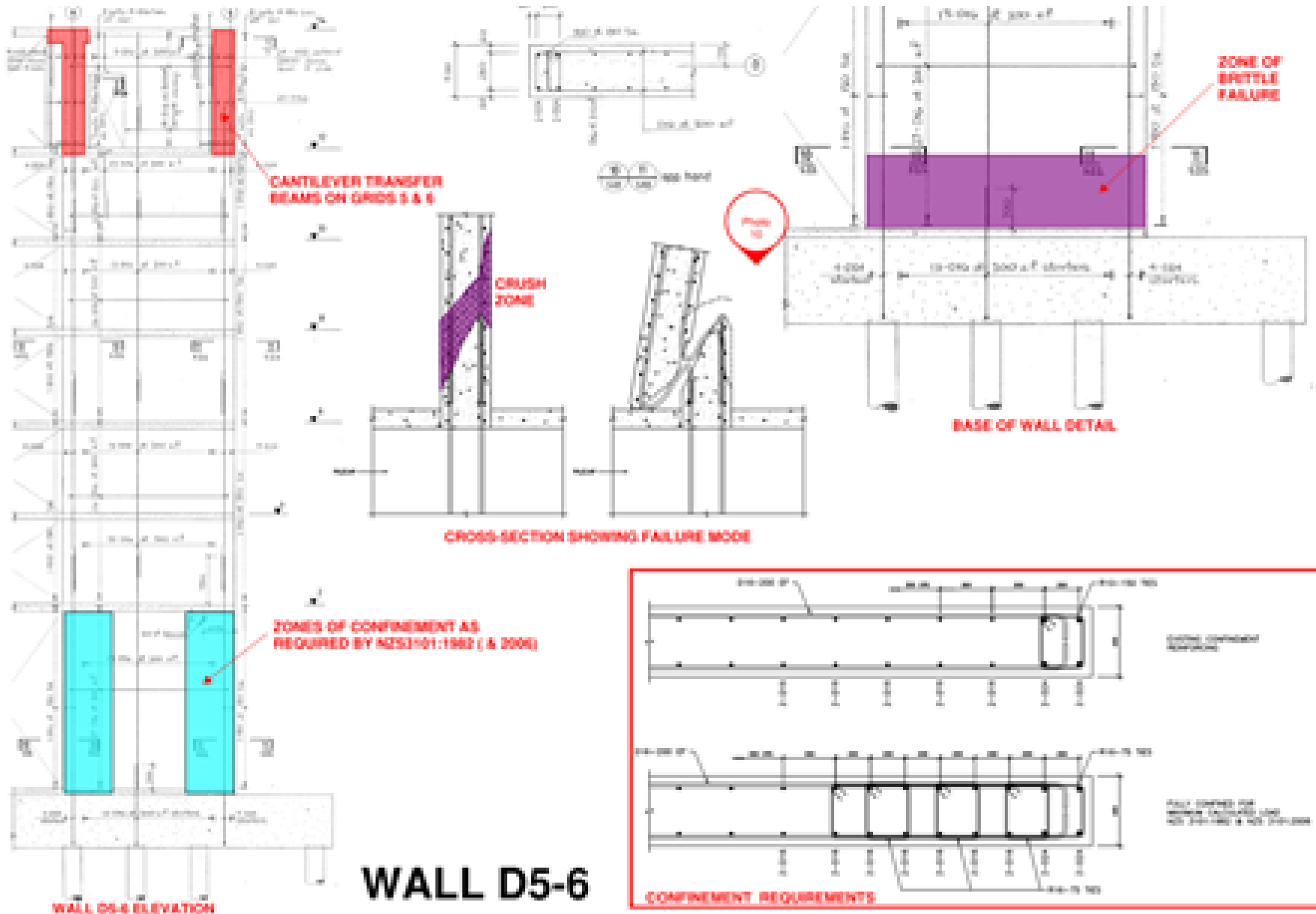


# Global Behaviour



**NOTE: LEVEL 14 IS THE TRANSFER FLOOR WHERE THE SEISMIC RESISTING SYSTEMS CHANGE FROM SHEARWALLS BELOW TO MOMENT RESISTING FRAMES ABOVE.**

# Local Behaviour



# A Contextualized analysis

Technical Investigation into the Performance of Buildings in the Christchurch  
CBD in the 22 February Christchurch Aftershock

## Report on General Building Performance in the Christchurch CBD

### Terms of Reference

#### 1 Background

The Department is responsible for an investigation into the collapses and structural performance of four buildings, CTV, PCG, Grand Chancellor and Forsyth Barr, in the earthquake of 22 February.

The Department has appointed:

- Engineering consultants to investigate the subject buildings
- A panel of experts to assist in achieving the the overall objectives of the investigation

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The consultant reports will be attachments to the Expert Panel Report.

The Department Report will be based on material in the consultant reports and the Expert Panel Report.

#### 2 Objectives

The focus of the investigation is the structural performance of the four buildings. The purpose of this Report on General Building Performance in the CBD is to give a general description of the ground shaking, the range of buildings affected, and the structural performance of buildings of different types.

This will give a frame of reference to the consultants responsible for the investigations, the Expert Panel and the Department when assessing the performance of the four buildings.

#### 3 Scope

The Report is to provide a general description of the following in relation to the earthquake of 22 February 2011.

- The nature and intensity of ground motions experienced in the CBD and how these compare to those used in design of new buildings in the CBD prior to February.
- The impact of the ground motions on the soils, particularly the alluvial soils, and how these compare with those expected in a design prior to 22 February
- The response of a range of buildings (types and ages) to the ground movement and how it compares, in a general sense, with the expected response of new buildings.
- The structural performance of a range of buildings (types and ages) including secondary structural elements such as stairs, corridors and cladding.

It is envisaged that the report would need to contain examples to illustrate the performance to support the general statements made.

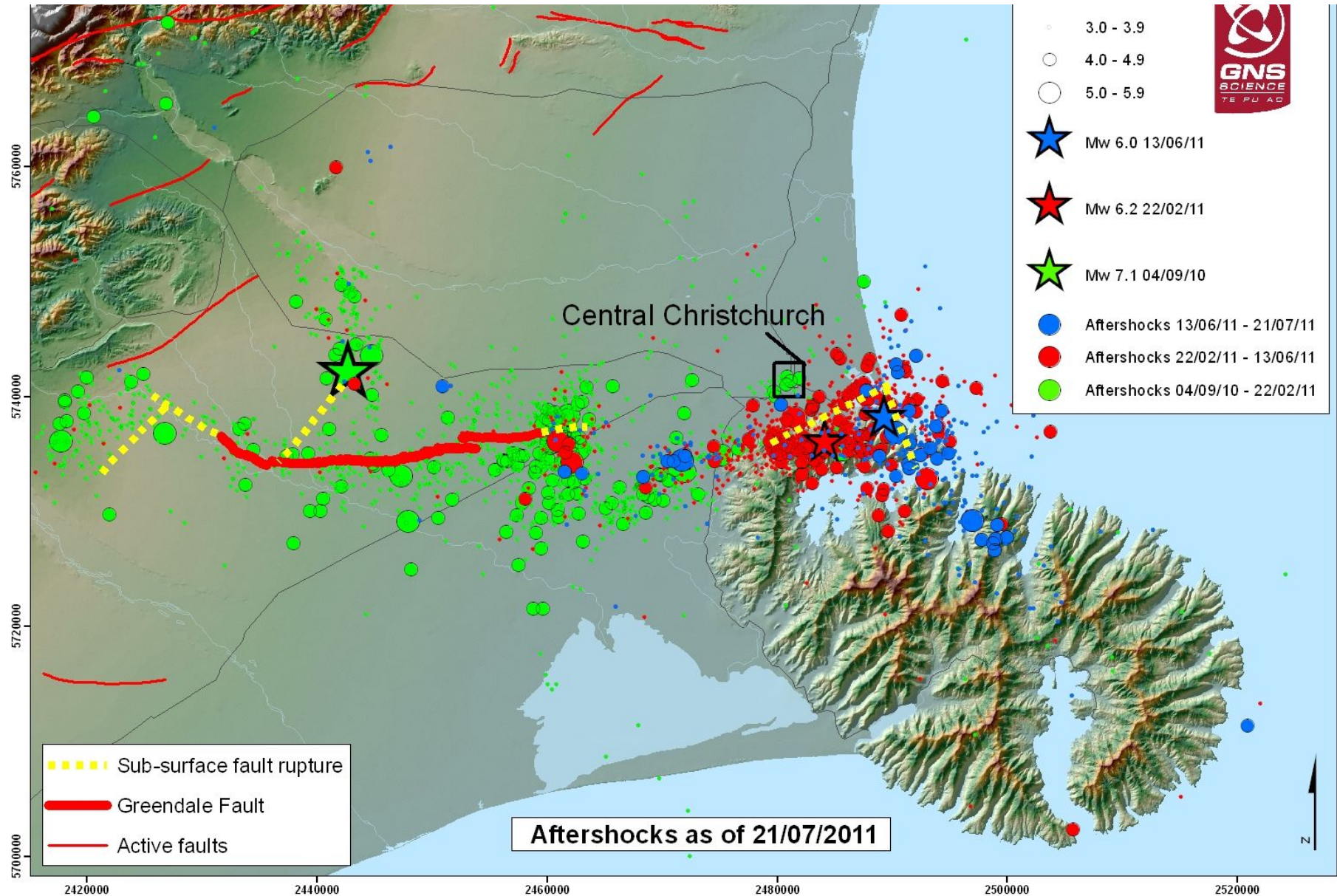
The content and presentation of the report must be in a form that allows the Expert Panel members, consultants and Department representatives to obtain a general understanding of how the earthquake shaking, the impact on the soils, the response of buildings and the structural performance of buildings compare with expectations.

#### 4 Timeframe

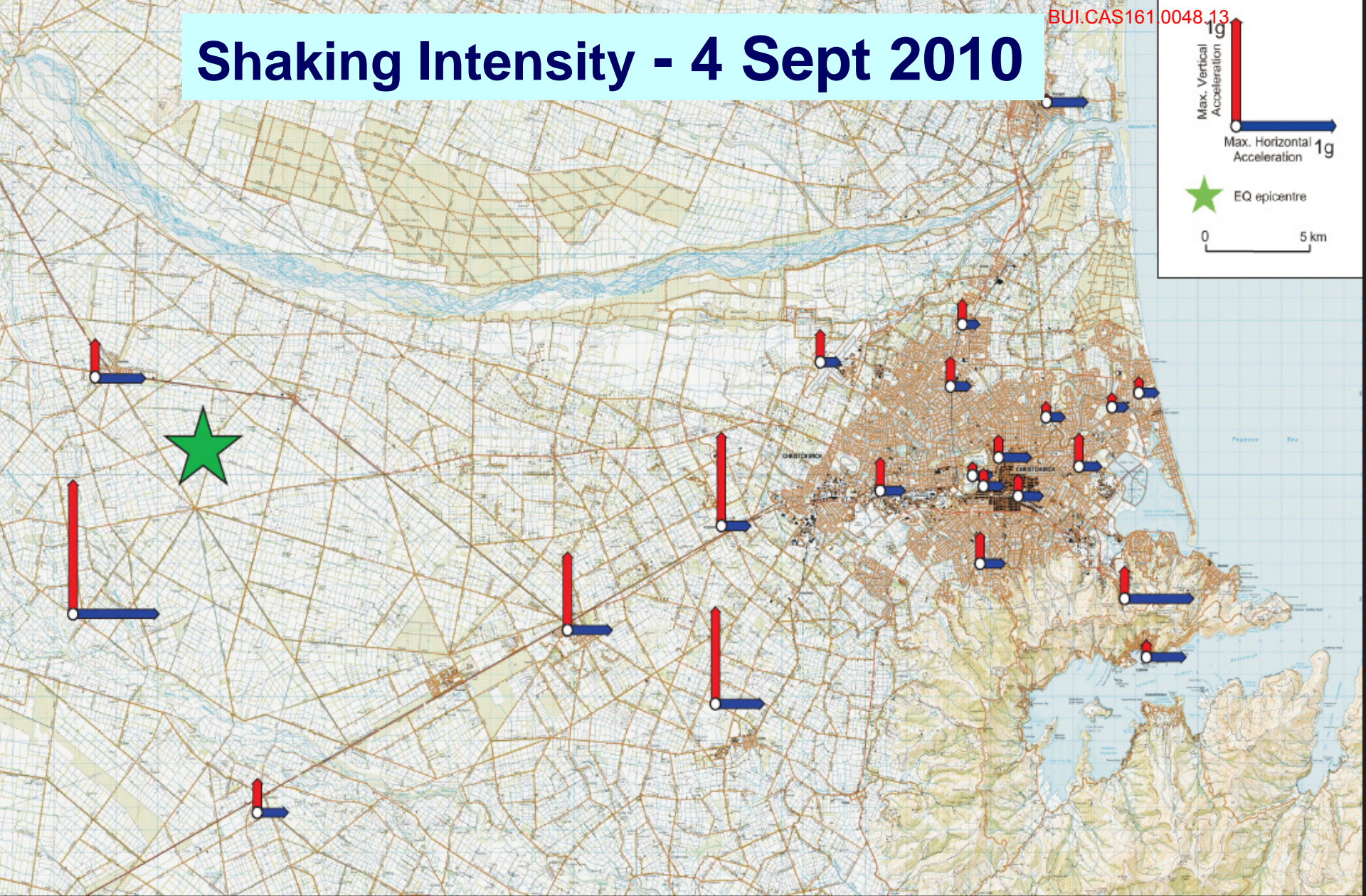
A draft report is expected by 27 May 2011 and a final report by 8 June 2011

# The Christchurch Earthquakes 2010-2011..

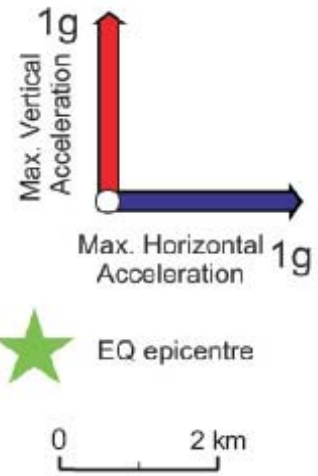
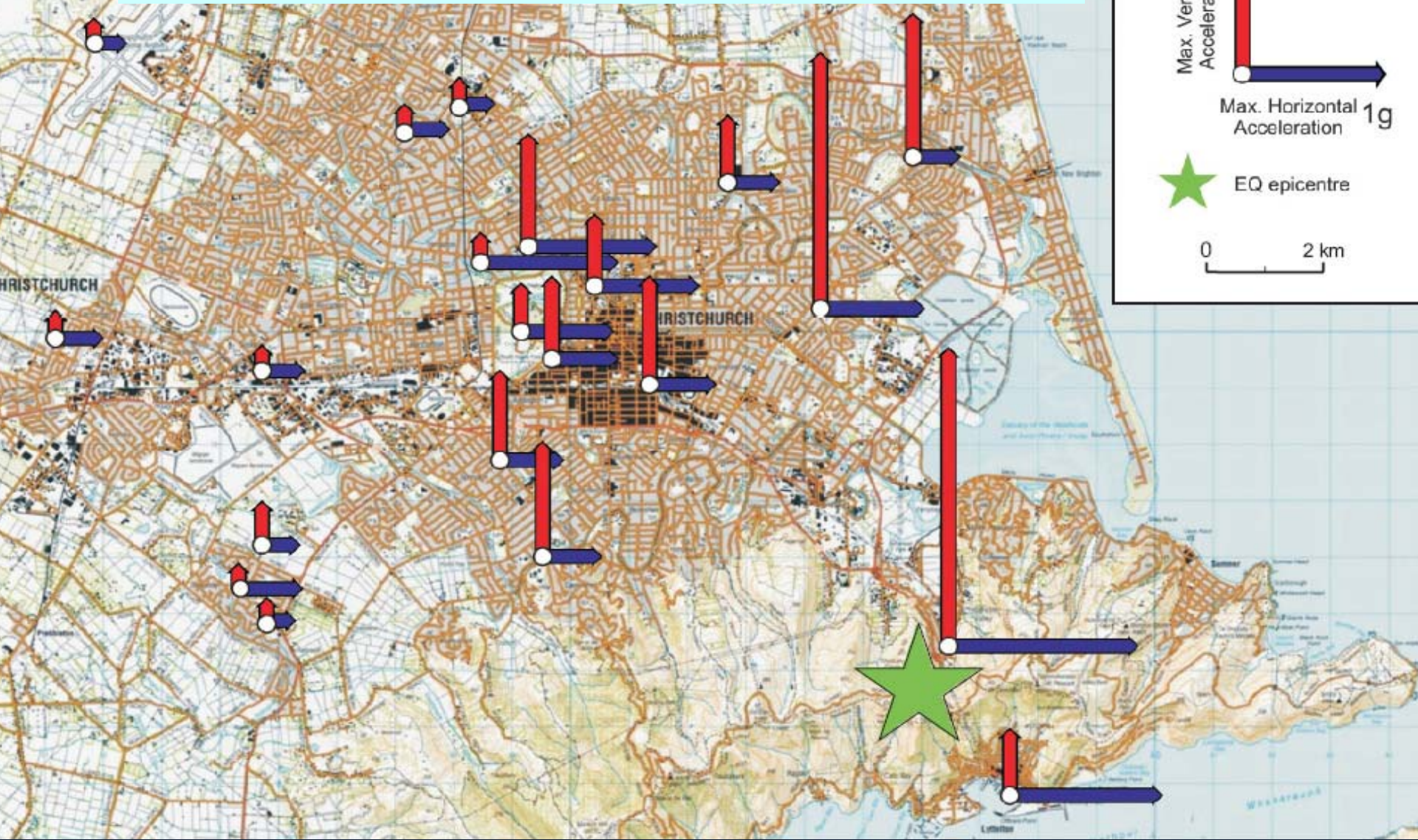
(Sept 4, Feb 22, June 13 and thousands of aftershocks)



# Shaking Intensity - 4 Sept 2010

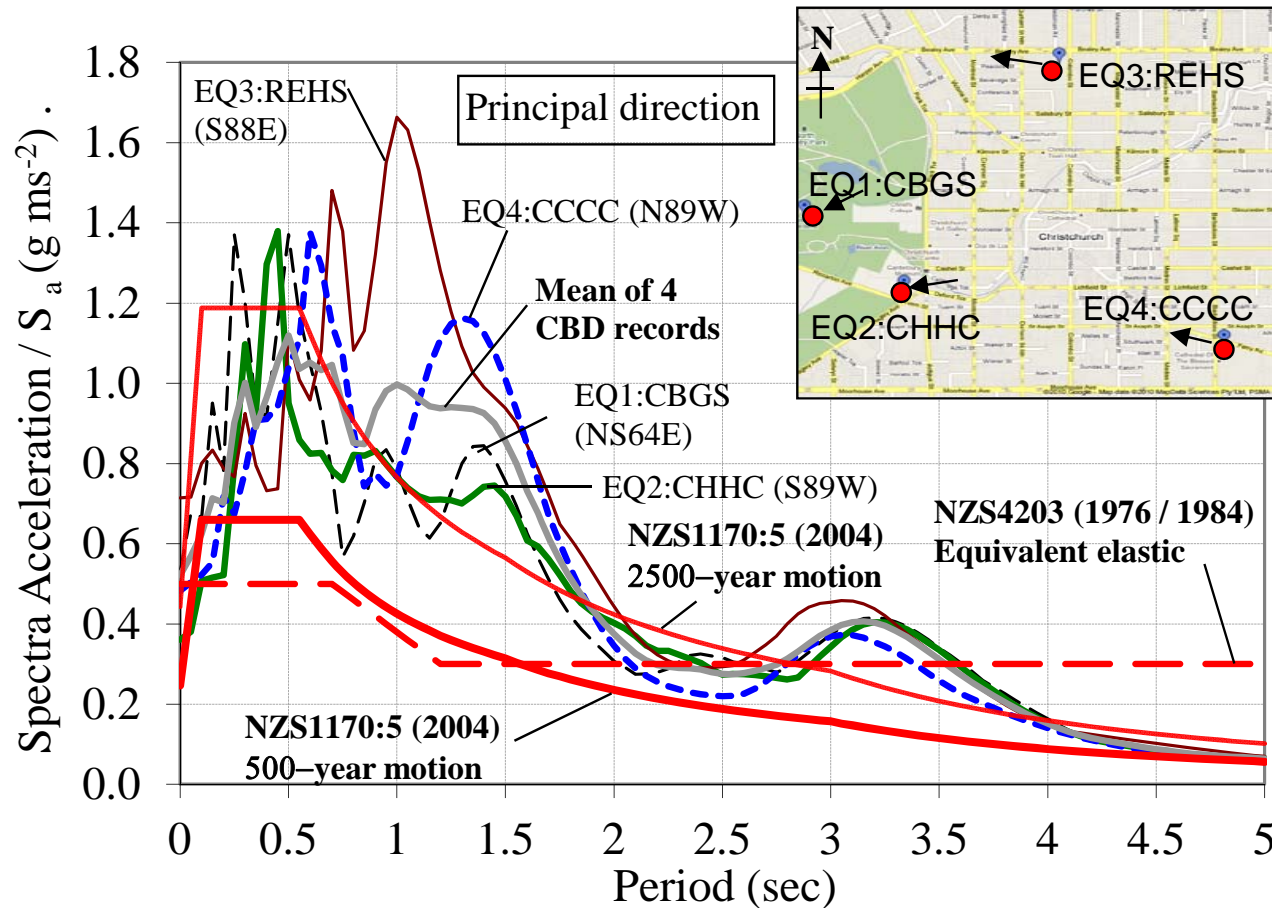


# Shaking Intensity - 22 Feb 2011

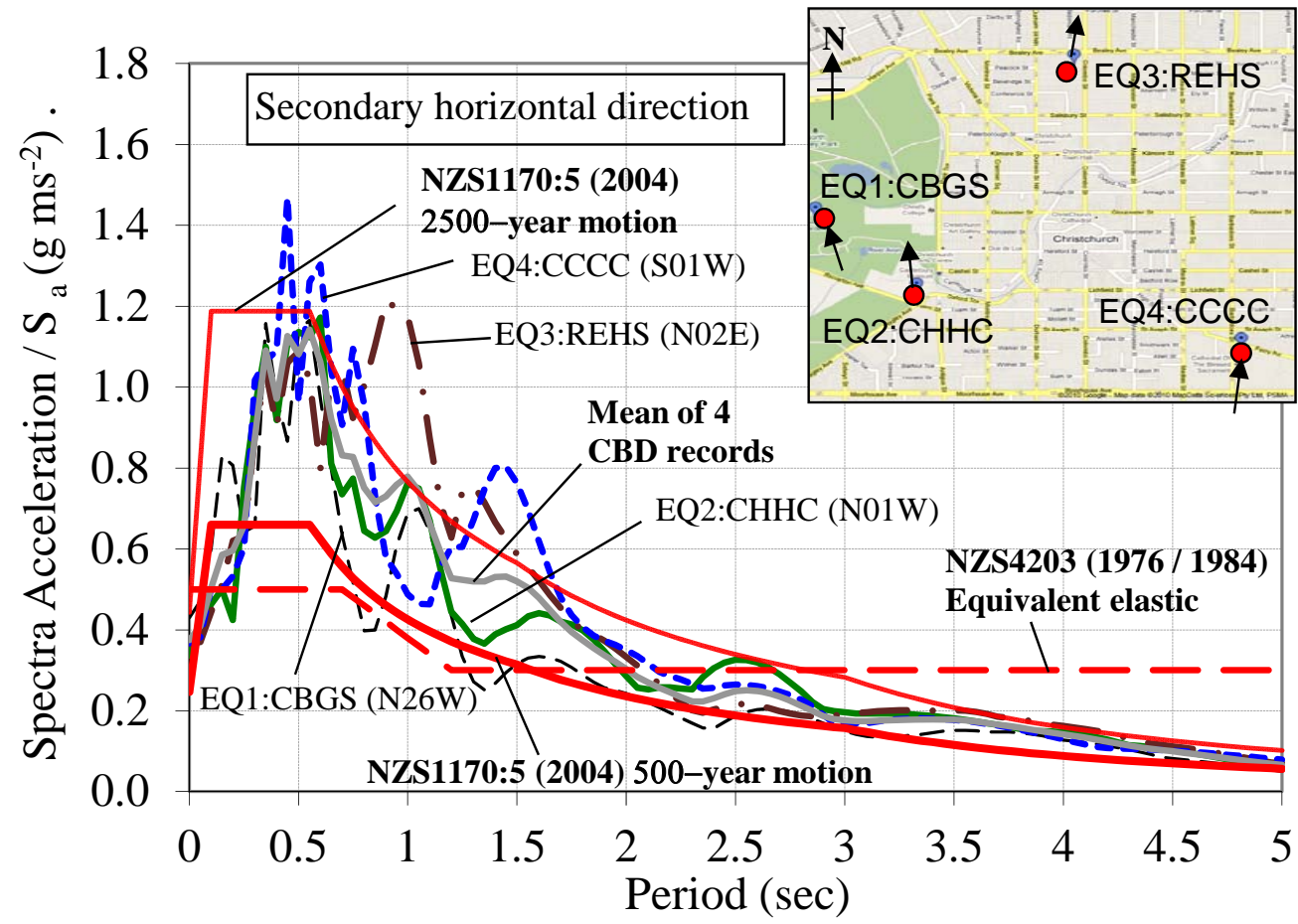


# Shaking Intensity 22 Feb 2011

## (Stronger Component East-West)



# Shaking Intensity 22 Feb 2011 (Weaker Component North- South)

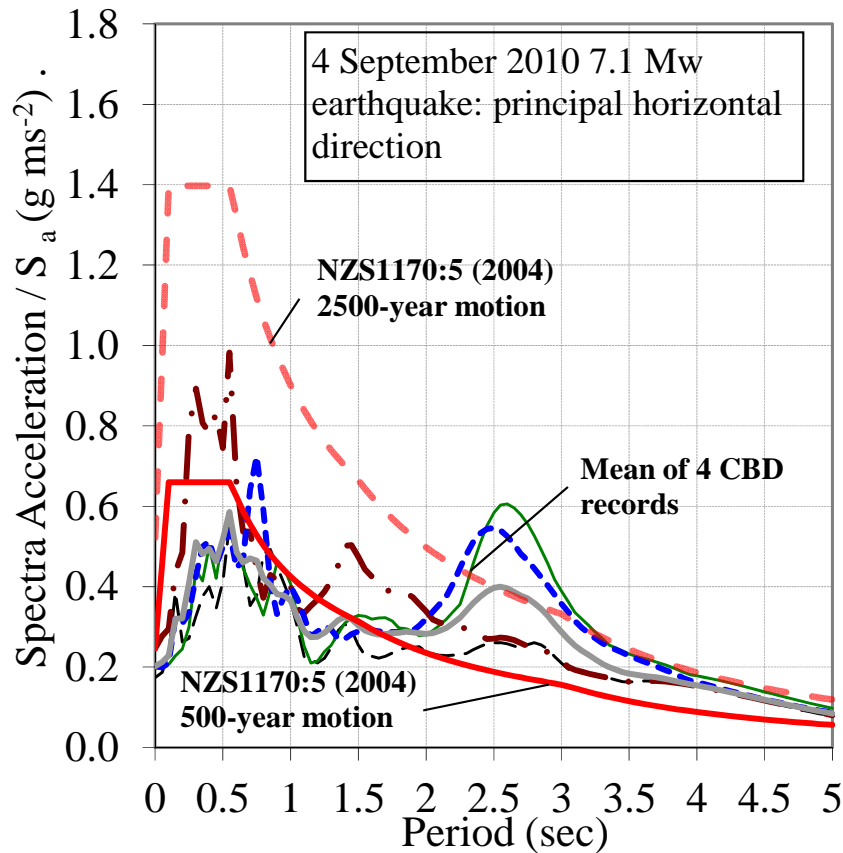




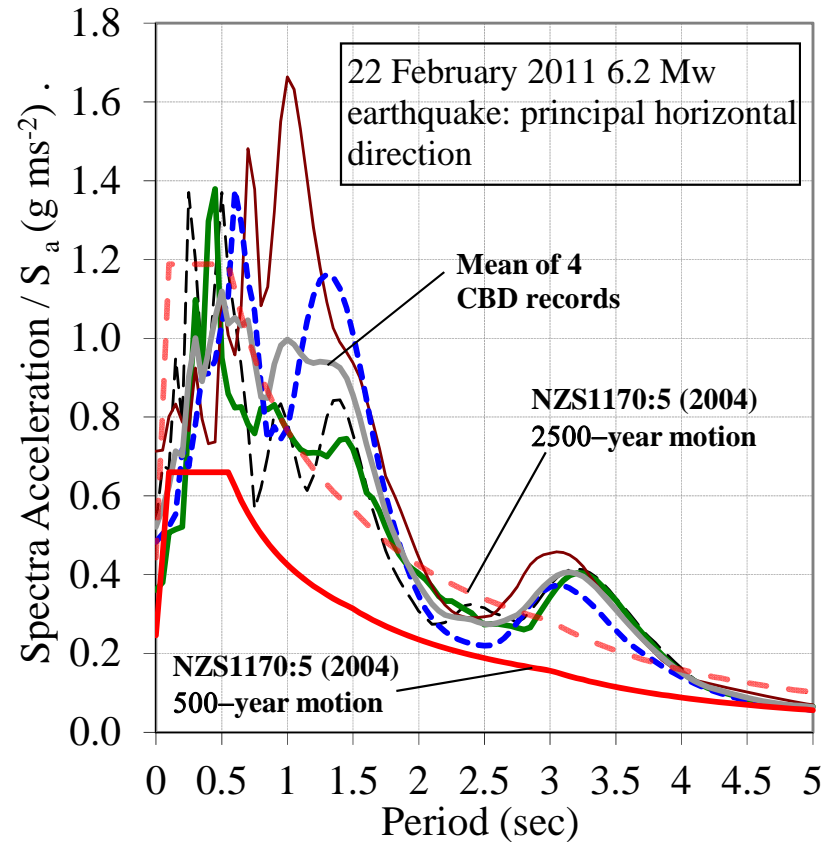
# September vs. February

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## Principal component



### North-South

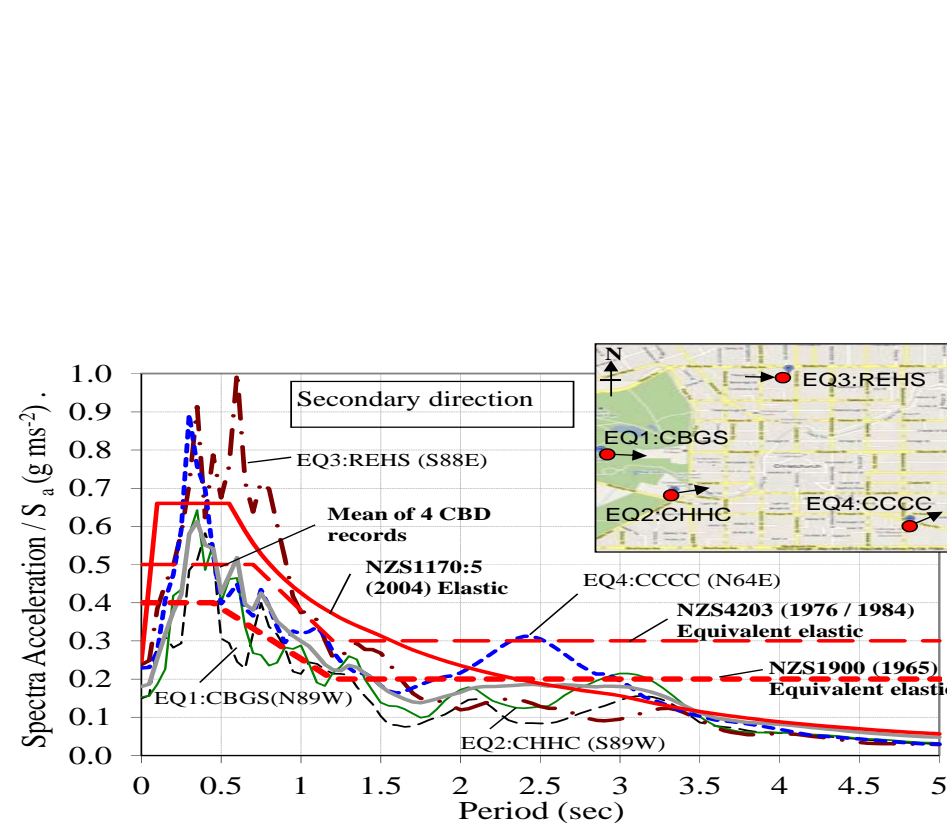


### East-West (velocity pulse type)

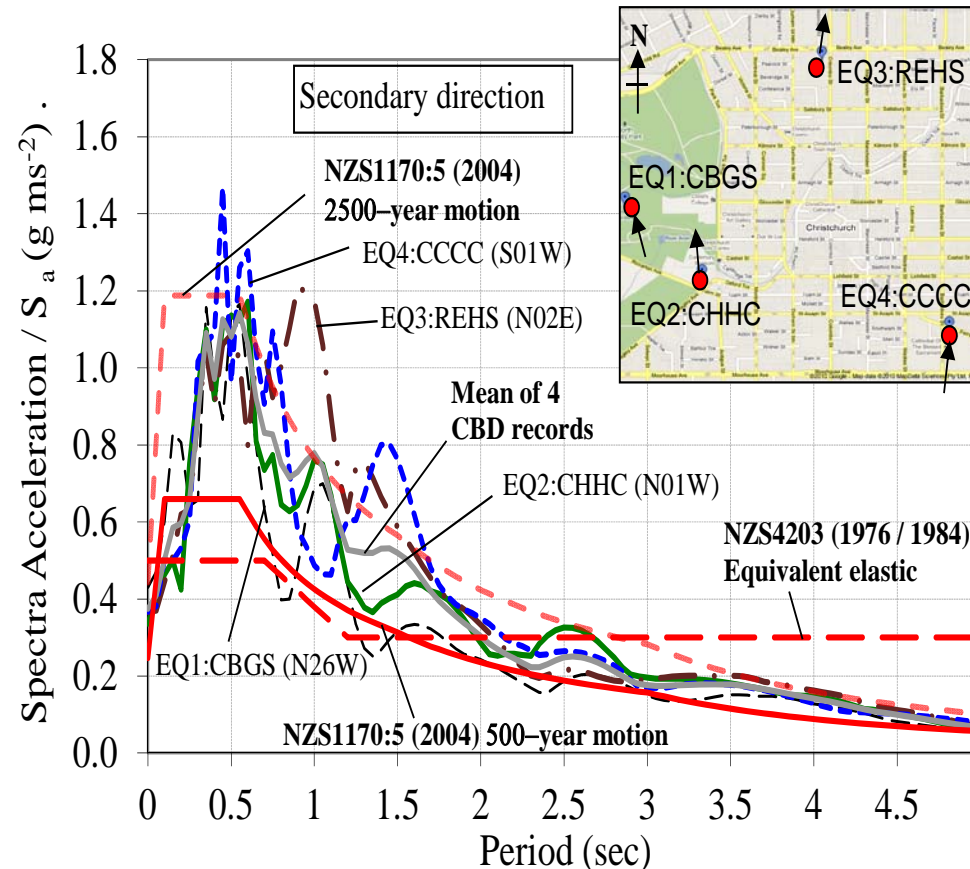
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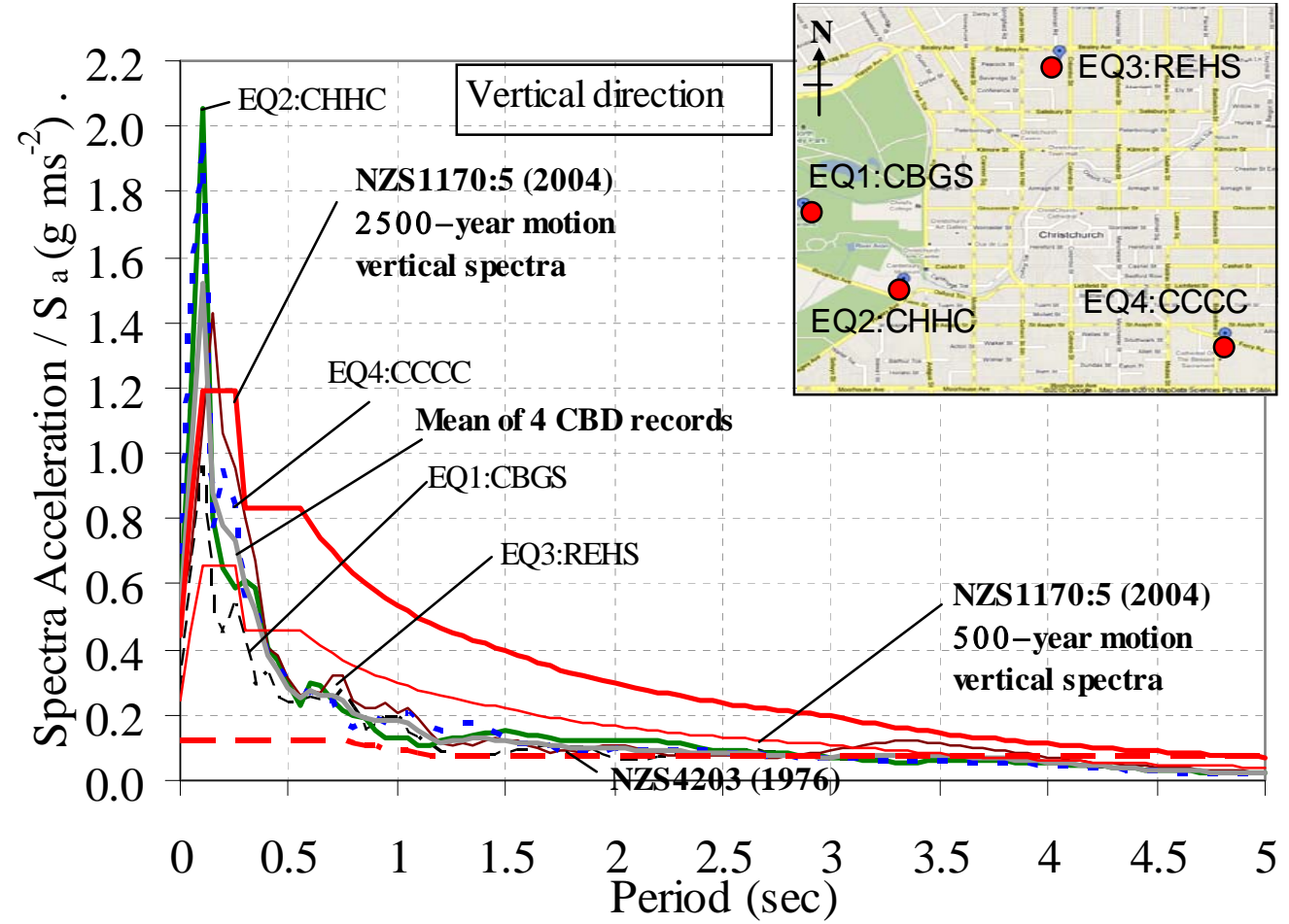


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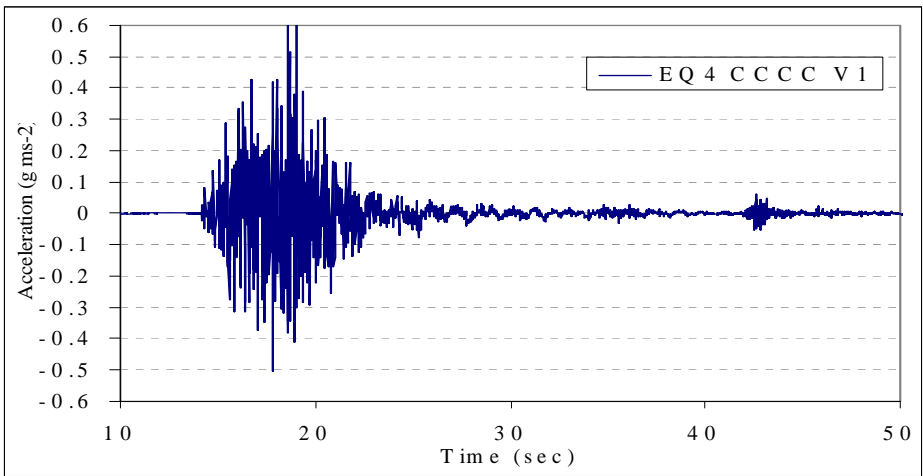
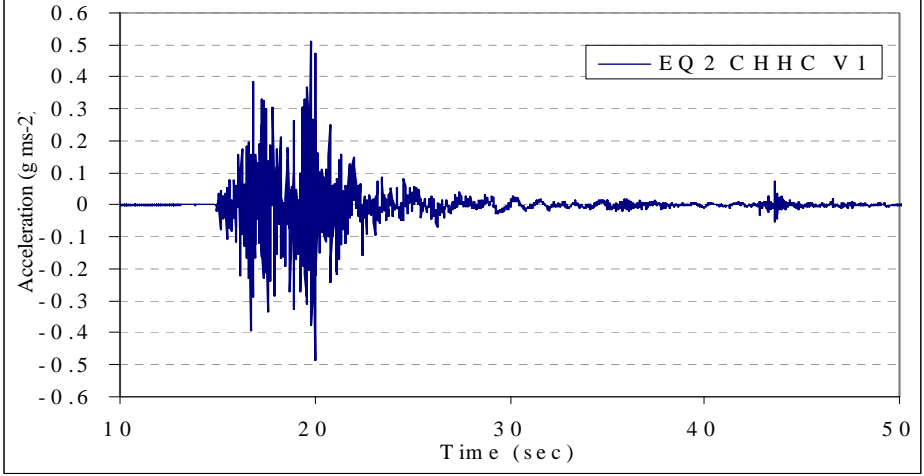
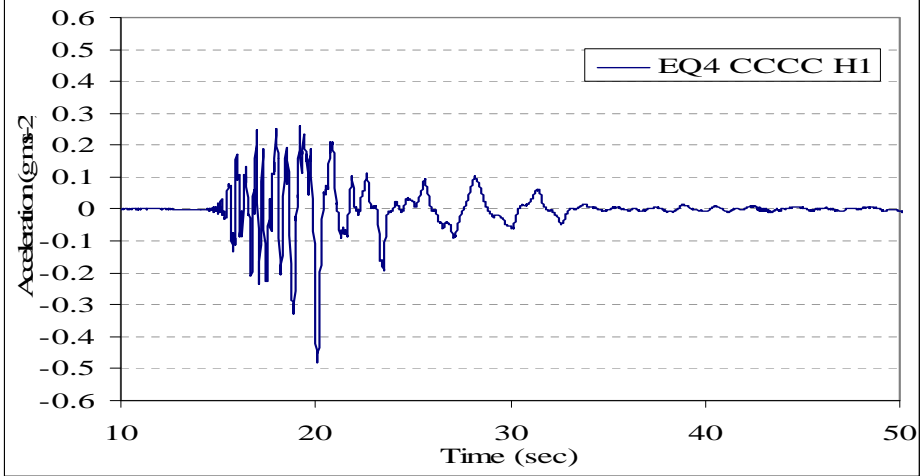
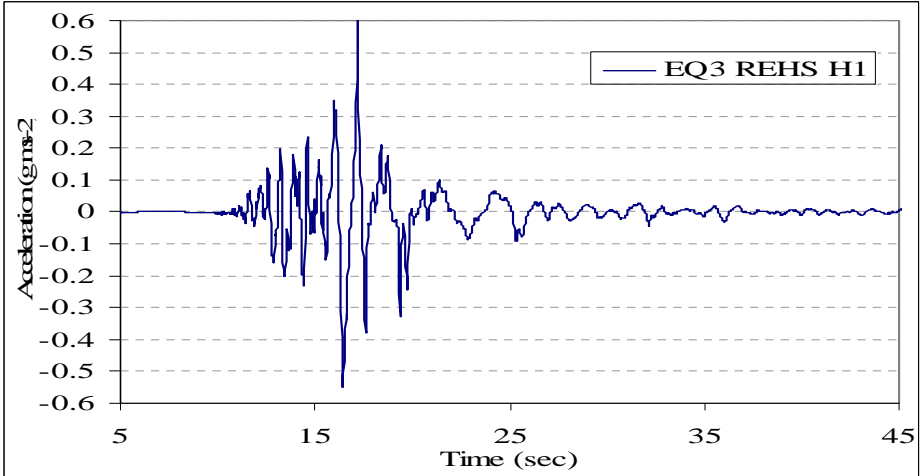


### North-South

# Vertical acceleration Spectrum



# Vertical acceleration records





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RC Building Damage Report

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The Observed Earthquake Damage of Reinforced Concrete Buildings in the Christchurch CBD on the 22 February 2011 Earthquake

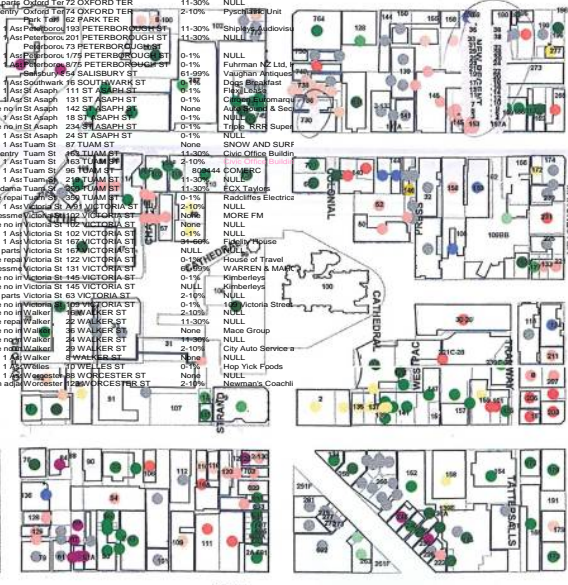
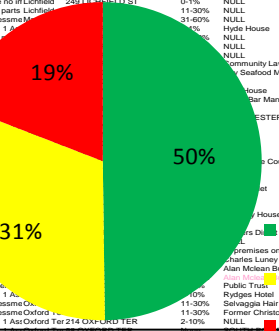


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Table with columns for building ID, date, damage status, description, and damage level. Includes a pie chart showing damage distribution: 50% Green, 31% Yellow, 19% Red.



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**BUILDING IDENTITY**

Building No	70s-73
Building Name	Securities House
Address	221 Gloucester
Zone	XX
Storeys Above Ground Level	8
Approximate Gross Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	~330
Year Built	1970-1979
Type of Construction	Concrete Frames with Concrete Core walls
Occupancy Type	Commercial Office

**Building Plans**

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**Typical exterior damage photos (4 max)**

**Detail 1:** Beam beam-column joints and columns cracks at the South face RC frame. Most of the connections between Level 2 to Level 6 were partly-damaged.

**Detail 2:** Severe shear failure with concrete spalling of the Level 2 (1<sup>st</sup> floor) interior columns of the North face RC frame. Many of the interior beam-column joints were cracked.

**Detail 3:** Corner beam-column joint cracked at level 2 (North-East corner)

**Settlement of ground along the foundation transfer beams. Estimated settlement ~ 25-75mm.**

**Detail 4:** Diagonal shear crack of RC block masonry. Minor damage to the RC core walls at the base (circled).

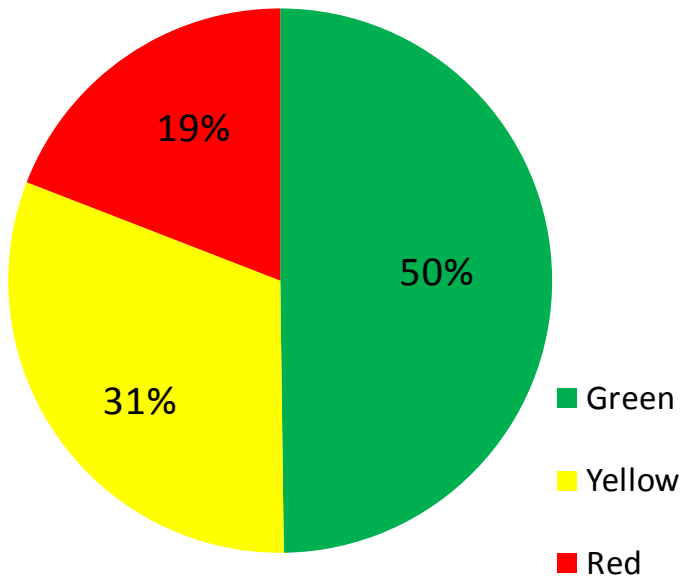
**Detail 5:** Cracking of RC shear core walls (in the E-W direction).

**Detail 6:** Cracking of RC flat slab along the column line (in the E-W direction).

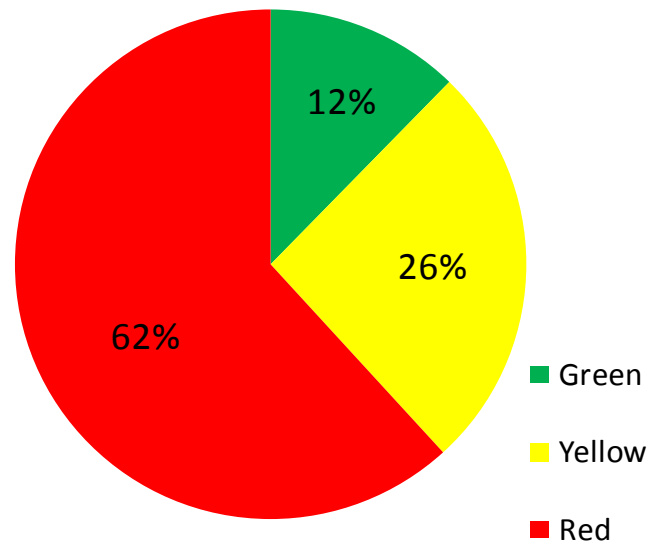


# Damaged buildings ( after 22 Feb 2011)

### Reinforced Concrete



### Unreinforced Masonry

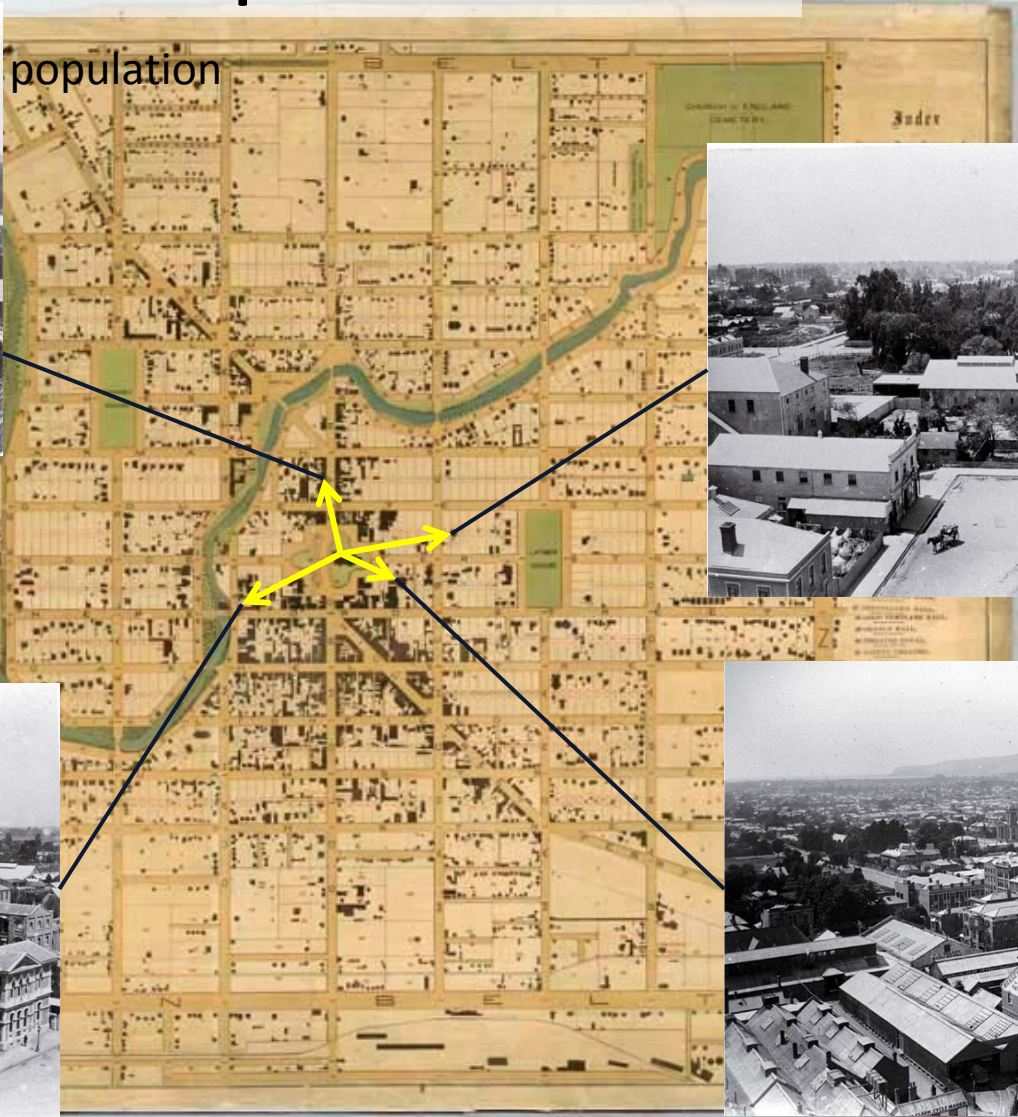


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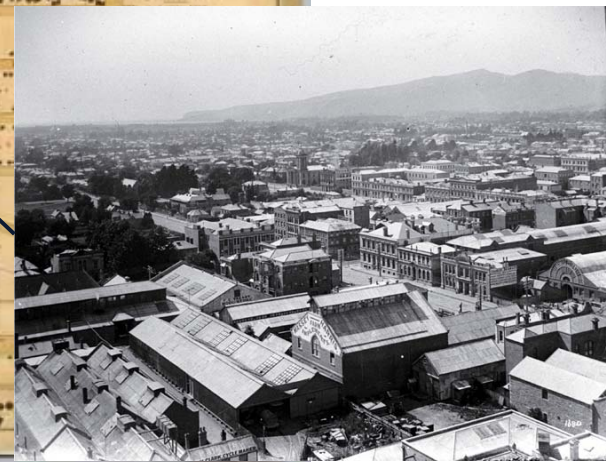


# Christchurch pre-1900s

1877: 4178 buildings – 13200 population



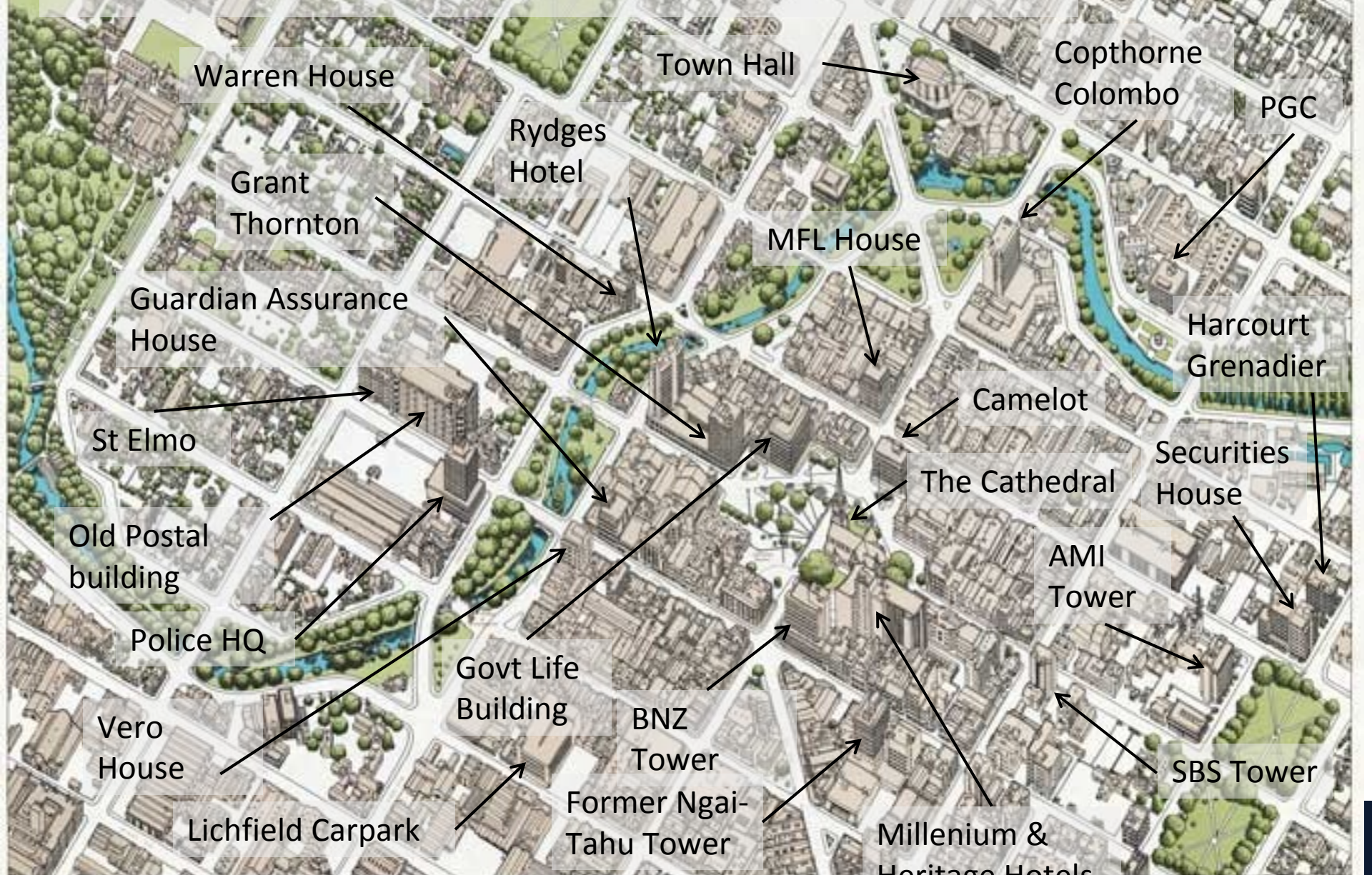
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# Christchurch 1960s



# Christchurch 1978 (3D sketch)



Warren House

Town Hall

Copthorne Colombo

PGC

Grant Thornton

Rydgges Hotel

MFL House

Harcourt Grenadier

Guardian Assurance House

St Elmo

Camelot

The Cathedral

Securities House

Old Postal building

AMI Tower

Police HQ

Govt Life Building

BNZ Tower

SBS Tower

Vero House

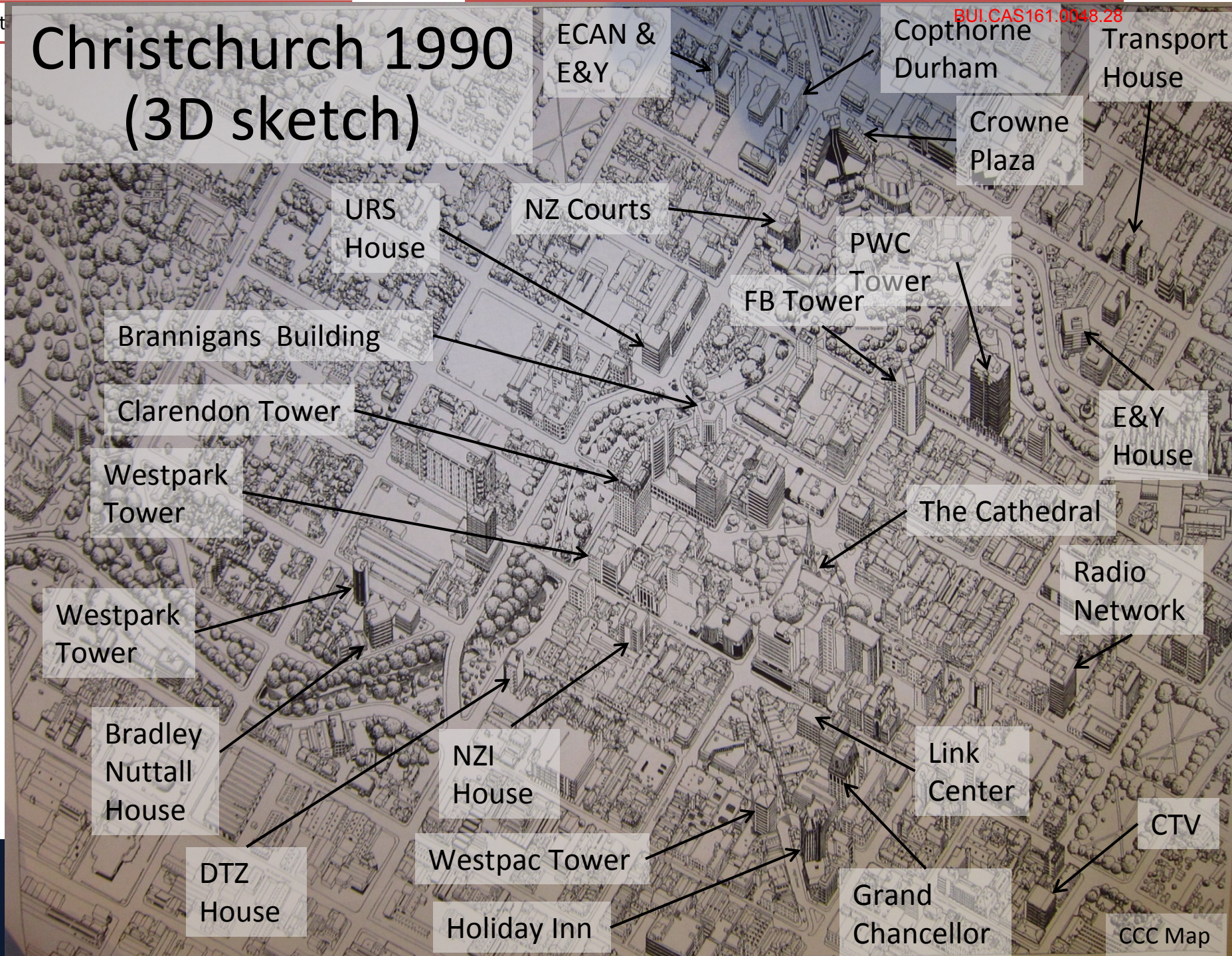
Lichfield Carpark

Former Ngai-Tahu Tower

Millenium & Heritage Hotels

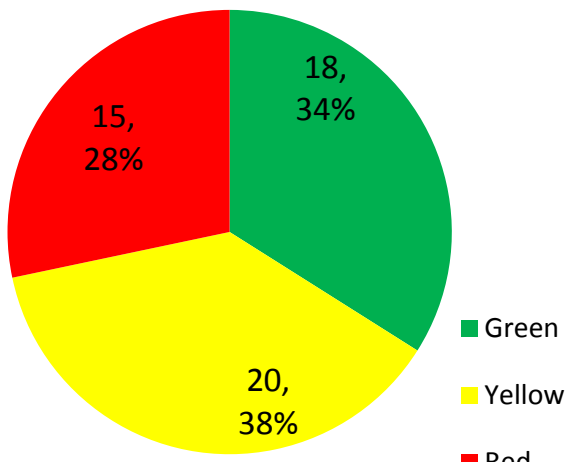
# Christchurch 1990 (3D sketch)

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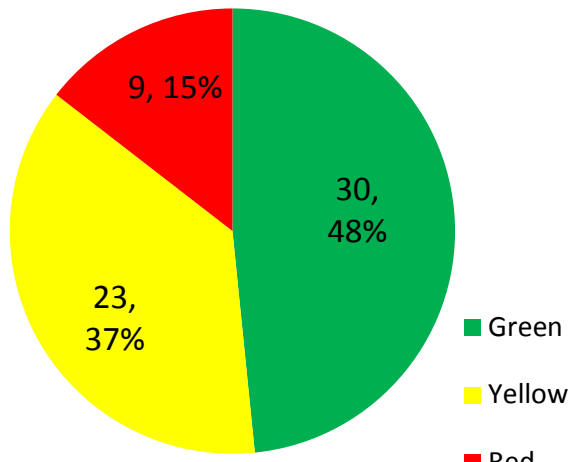


# Performance of RC buildings by age

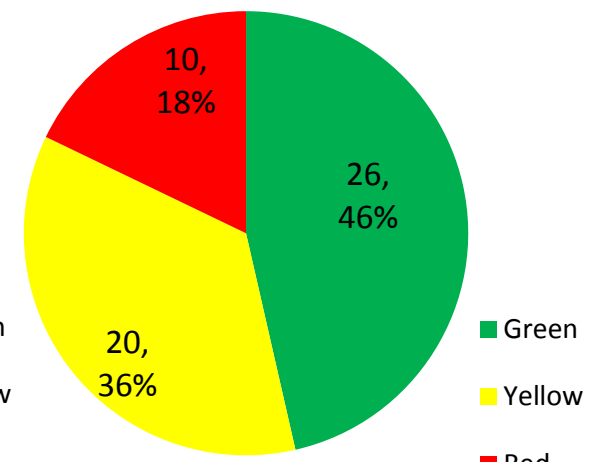
pre1950s 2+ RC



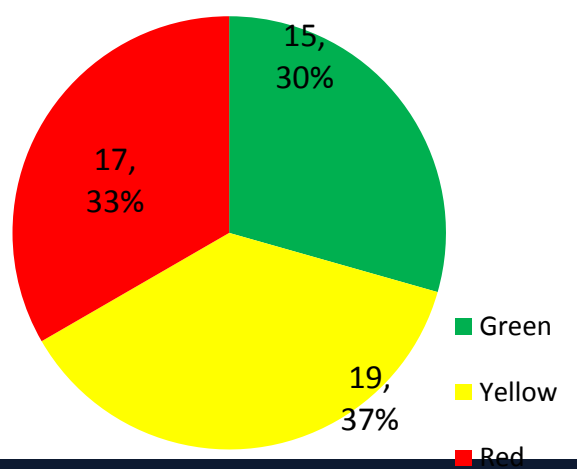
1960-1969 2+ RC



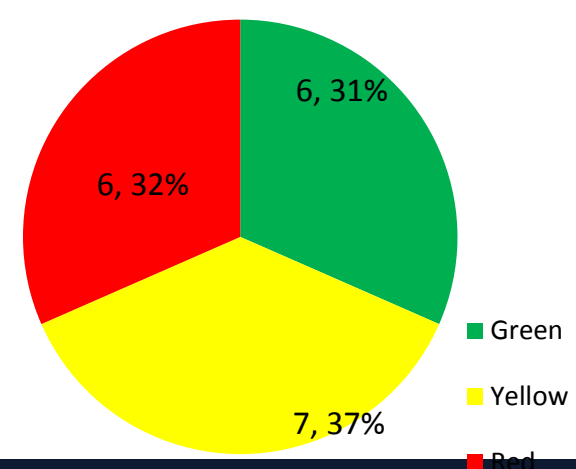
1970-1979 2+ RC



1980-1989 4+ RC

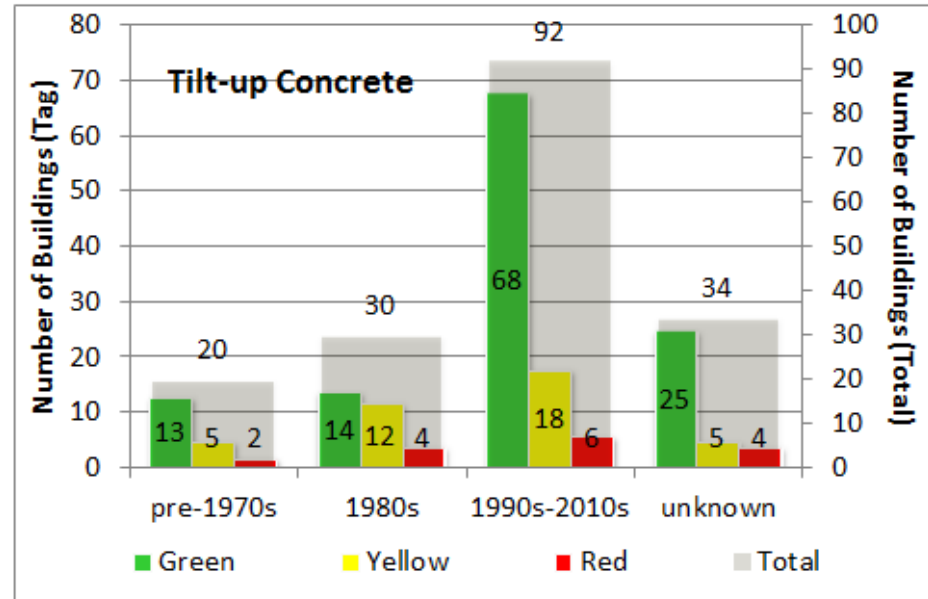
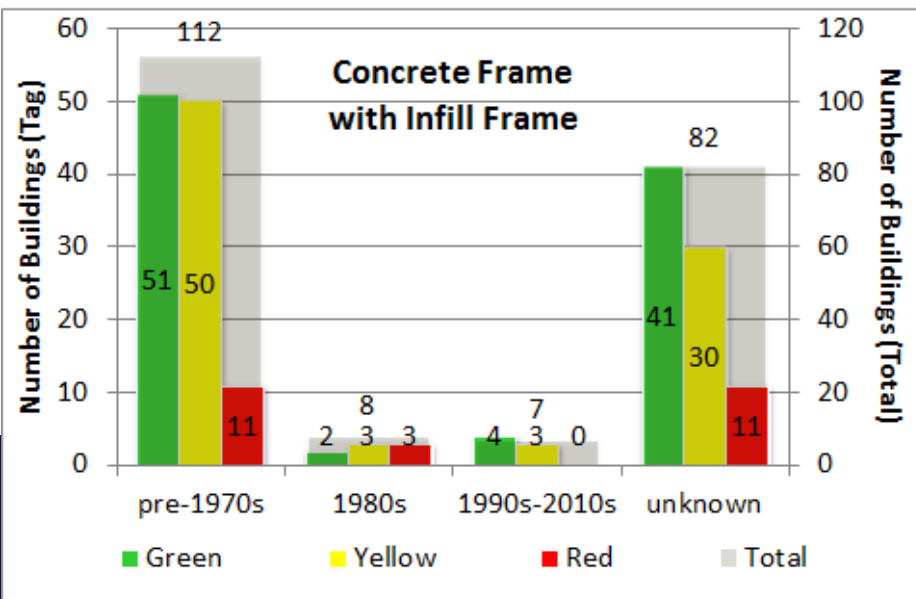
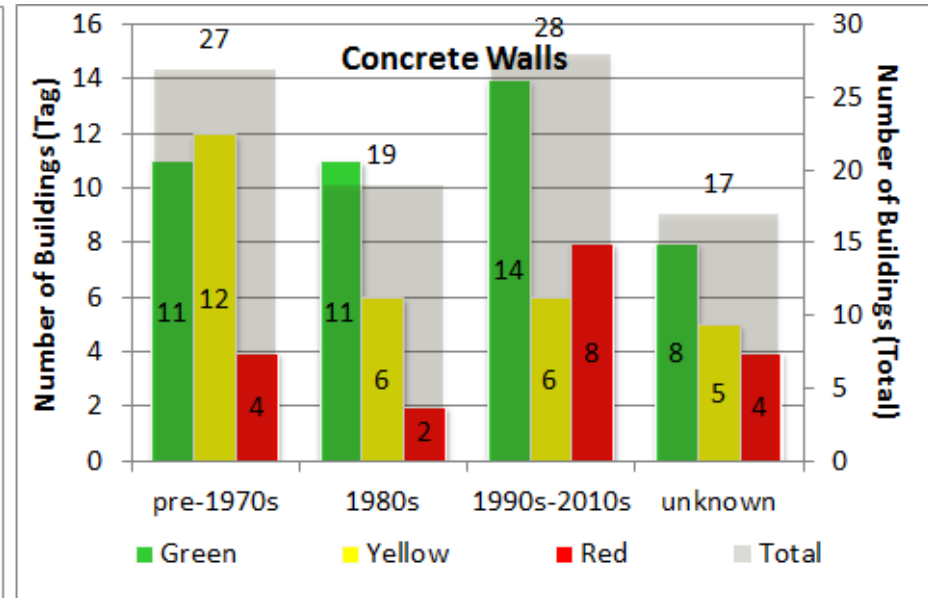
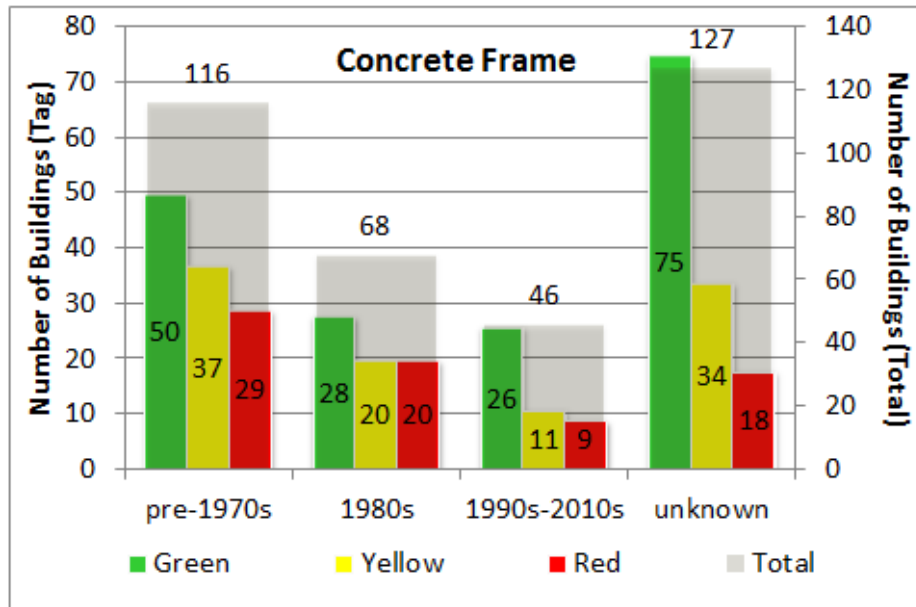


1990-2010 6+ RC

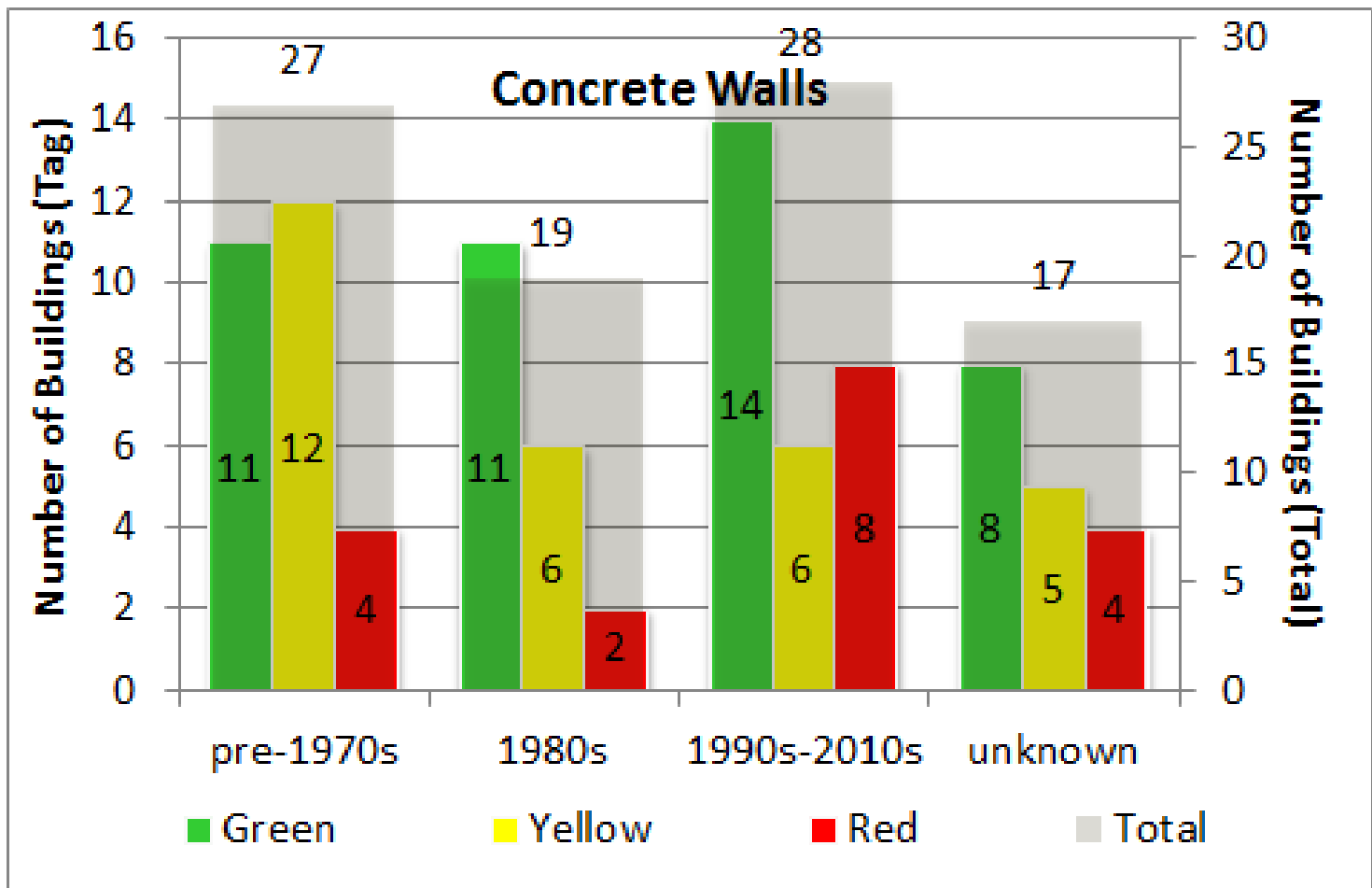


# RC Buildings Performance (at 12 June) by type/age/height

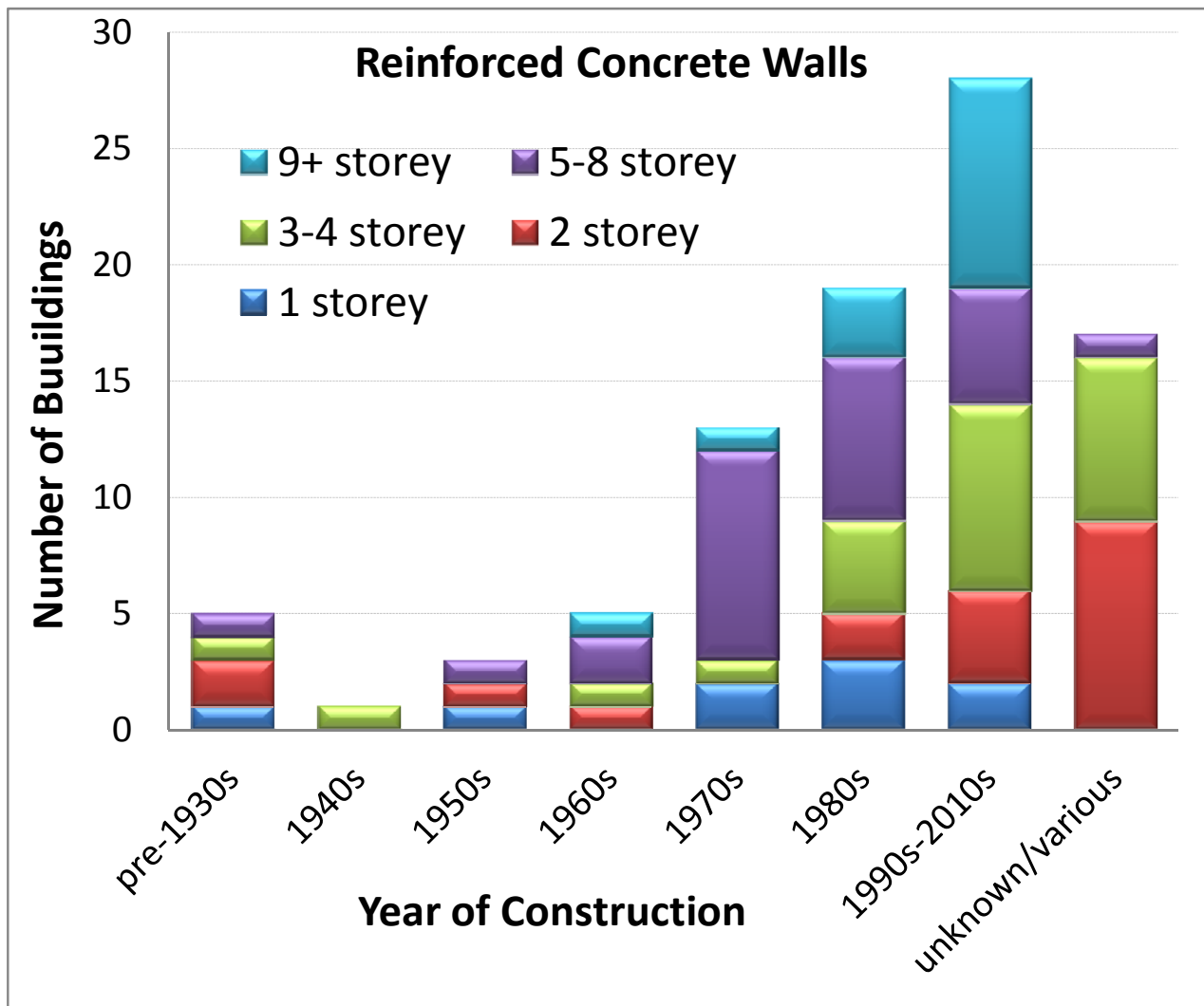
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# RC WALLS by age



# RC WALLS Stock Distribution by age and height



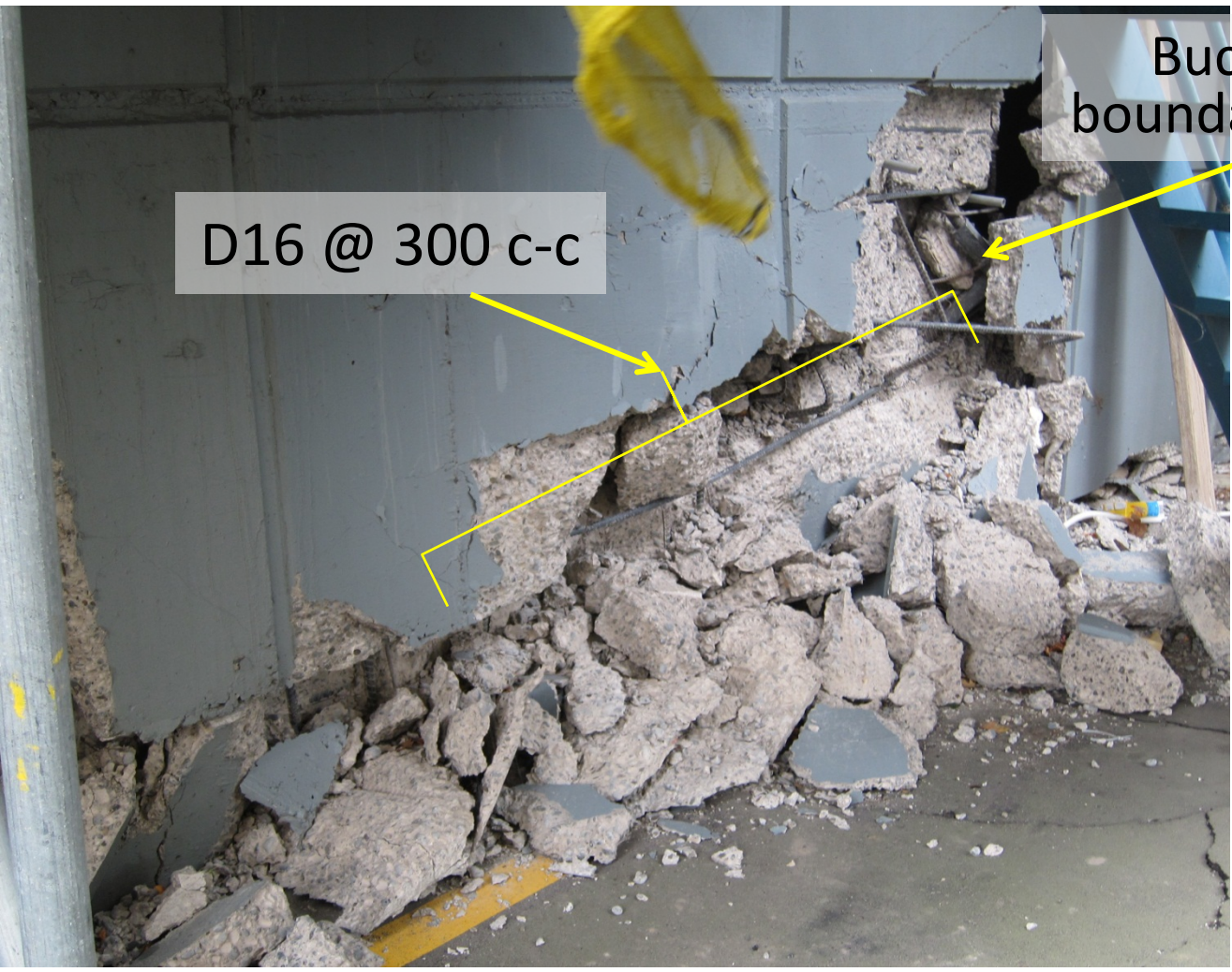


## *Modern (post-1970s) RC Walls Buildings*

- RC structural walls, or shear wall buildings were a relatively popular structural system for medium to high-rise buildings since the 1970s.
- Perhaps due to the **apparent increase in sophistication in design and structural analysis in recent years**, a large percentage of the recently constructed RC walls was **considerably thinner and more slender** and with a **minimum level of reinforcing and higher levels of axial load ratio**.

- These walls, while detailed for flexural action, **failed in brittle shear-compression (in some cases likely to be exacerbated by vertical acceleration effects)** or premature reinforcing tensile/compressive fracture, leading to an irreparable state of the buildings.
- The high number of **severely damaged modern RC wall buildings** has indicated that the current design for slender RC walls **with inadequate confinement steel outside the confined boundary zone, irregular shapes**, or with inter-panel grouted (poorly confined) lap-splice is inadequate.

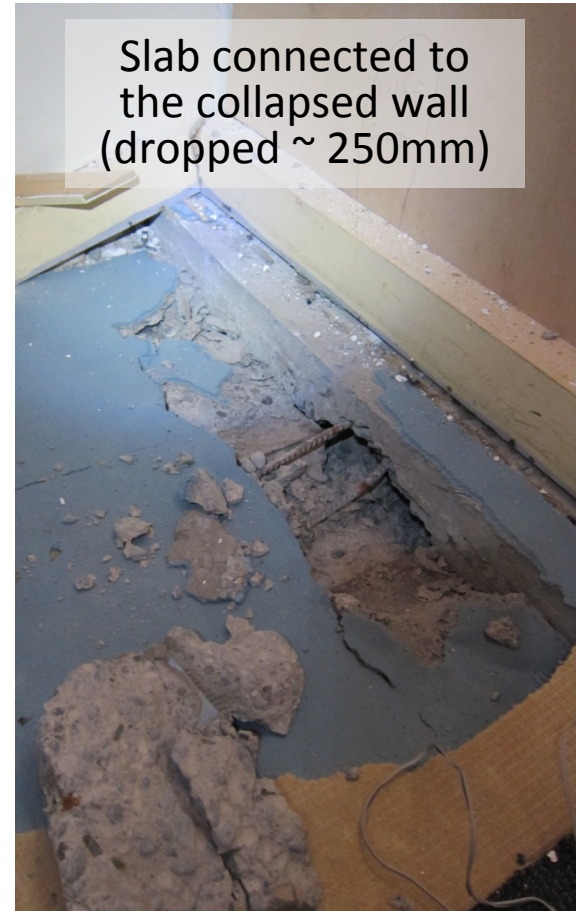
# RC walls (9 storey 1980s)



# Boundary confining steel



Fractured ties



Slab connected to the collapsed wall (dropped ~ 250mm)

# Late 1978-80 Shear wall building



# *Post-1990 RC Wall buildings*

# Ductile RC Structural Walls



# Minor residual crack (= minor damage?)





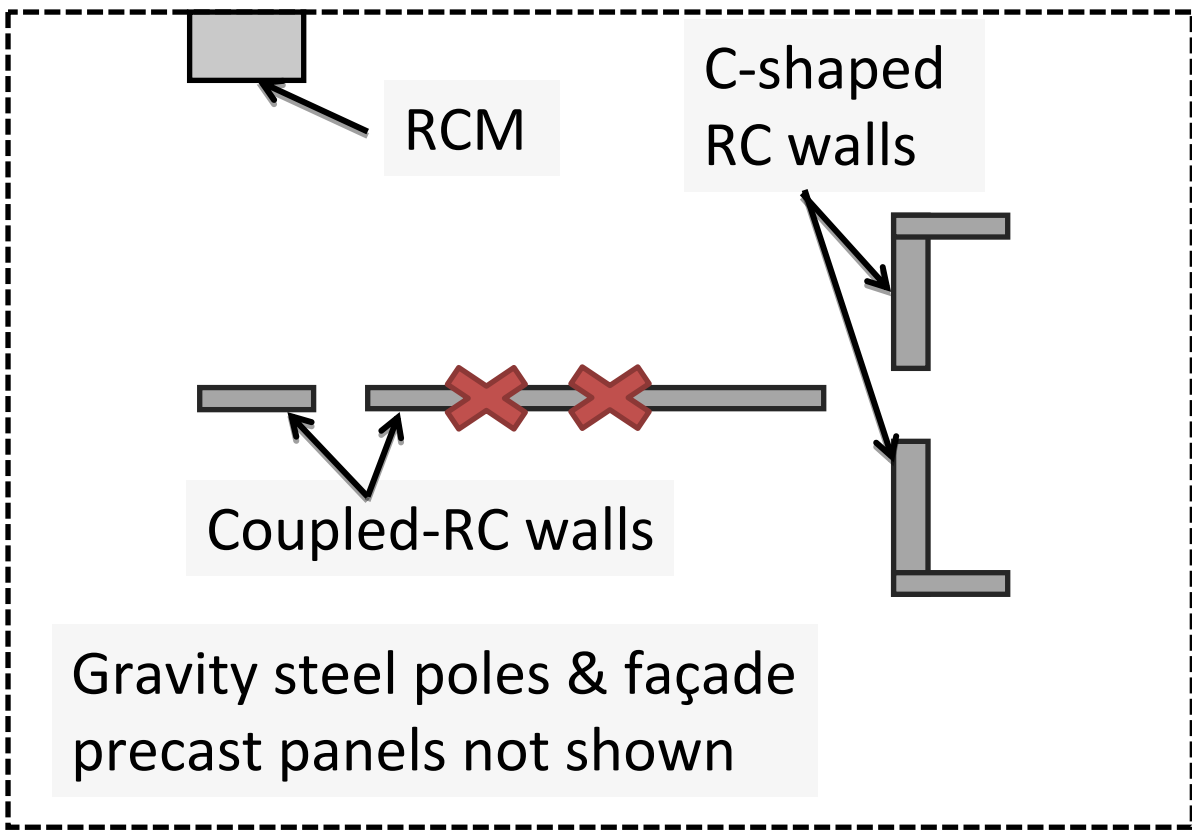
# Impact on neighbouring building


Emergency HQ





# Slender RC walls





15m long  
200mm thick  
T-shape wall

# Lapped horizontal shear reinforcements?



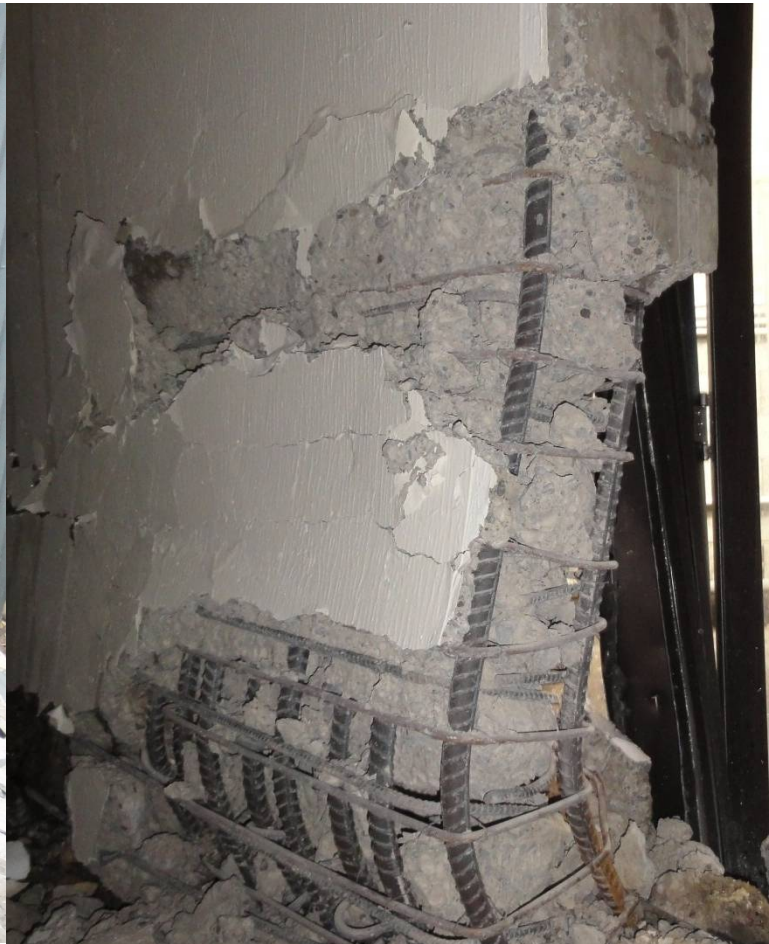
# V-shaped RC shear wall



# Large tension flange, compressive buckling of confined RC walls



Courtesy of Ken Elwood



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# Buckling of unconfined grouted lap-splices (precast walls)





# Similar Evidences & Lessons from recent earthquakes overseas



**Bolu, Turkey 1999**



**Bingol, Turkey 2003**

# Chile Earthquake 2010

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# Chile Earthquake 2010



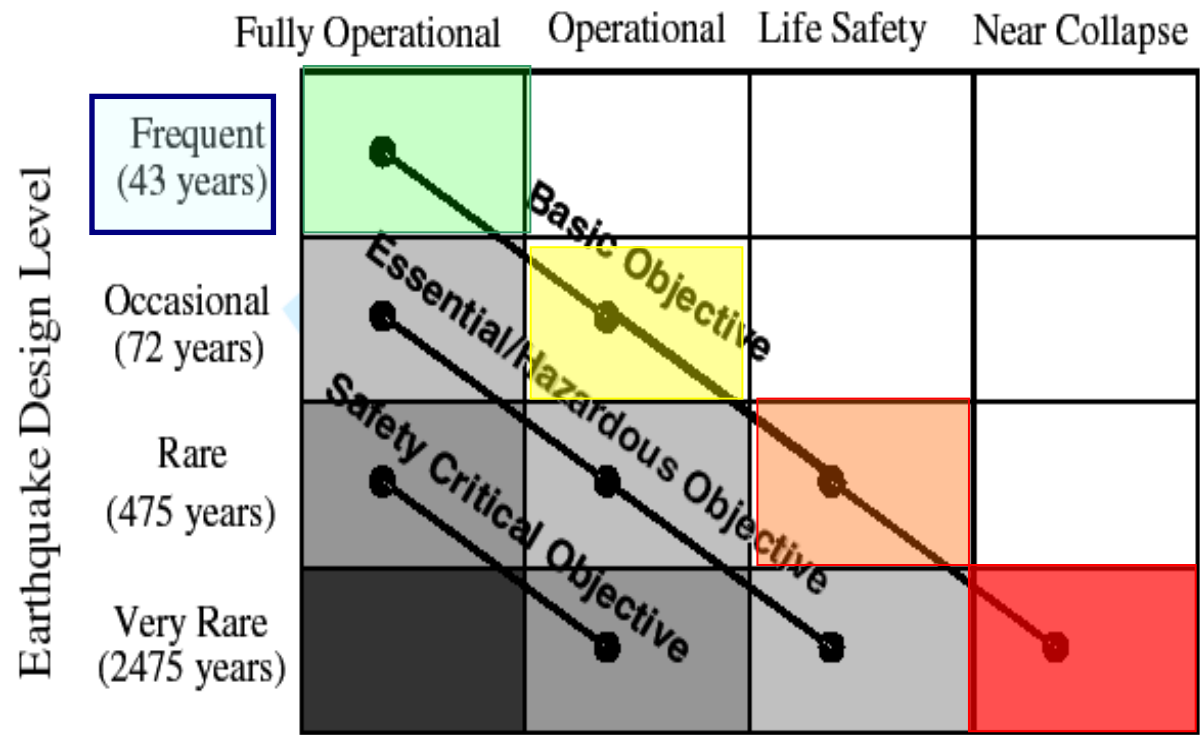
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# Current Performance-Based Design Philosophy

## Is this GOOD ENOUGH?



Performance Level



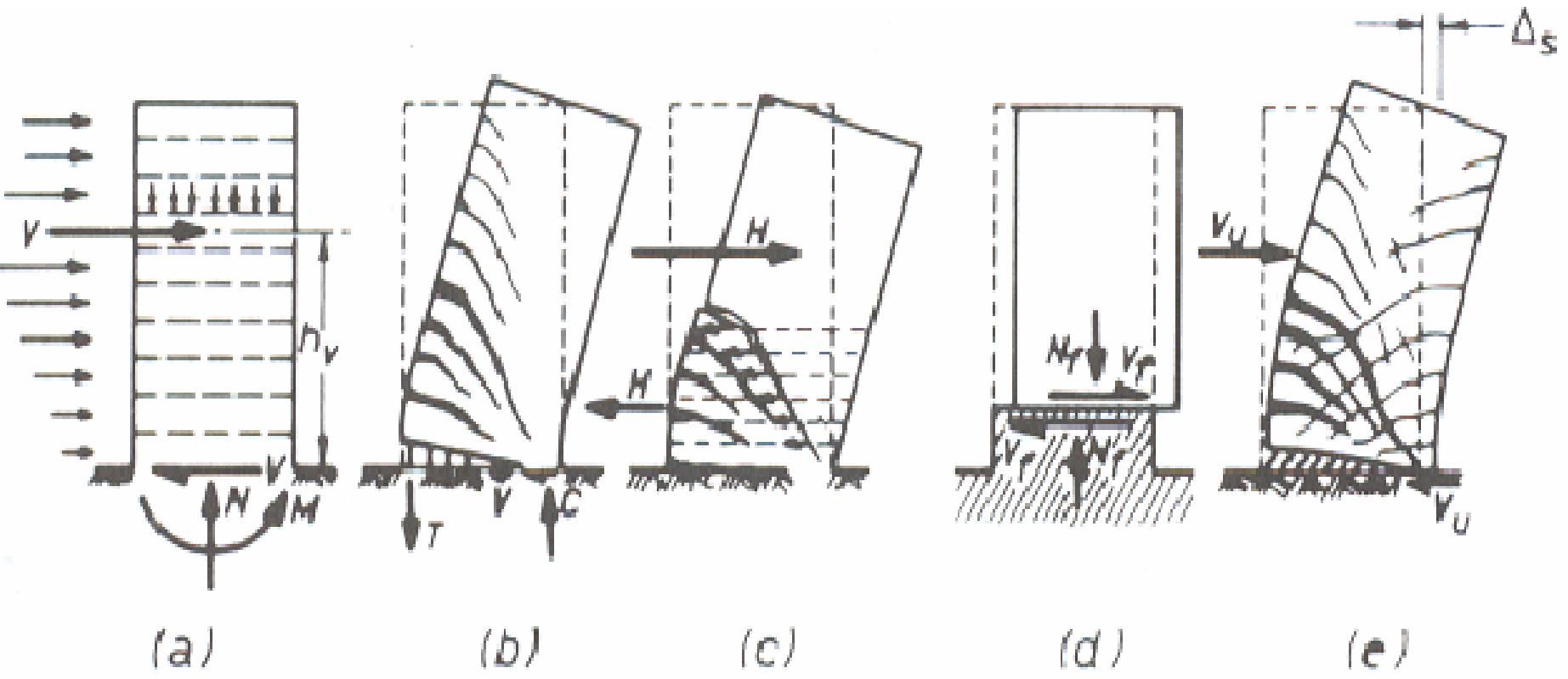
## Fallacy

*The Code-Standard is **NOT** meant to be used as a Target or Ultimate Goal but as a minimum by law*

## Corollary:

*An **Earthquake-Proof** Building (following minimum standards and traditional technology) is likely **NOT** to be as “earthquake-proof” as people think/wish*

# Typical (2D) Failure mechanisms in walls



Paulay and Priestley, 1992



# What are the effects of 3D response of bi-directional loading?

## Laboratory Testing vs. Real Earthquake Testing



Hertanto and Pampanin (2006)



# Columns

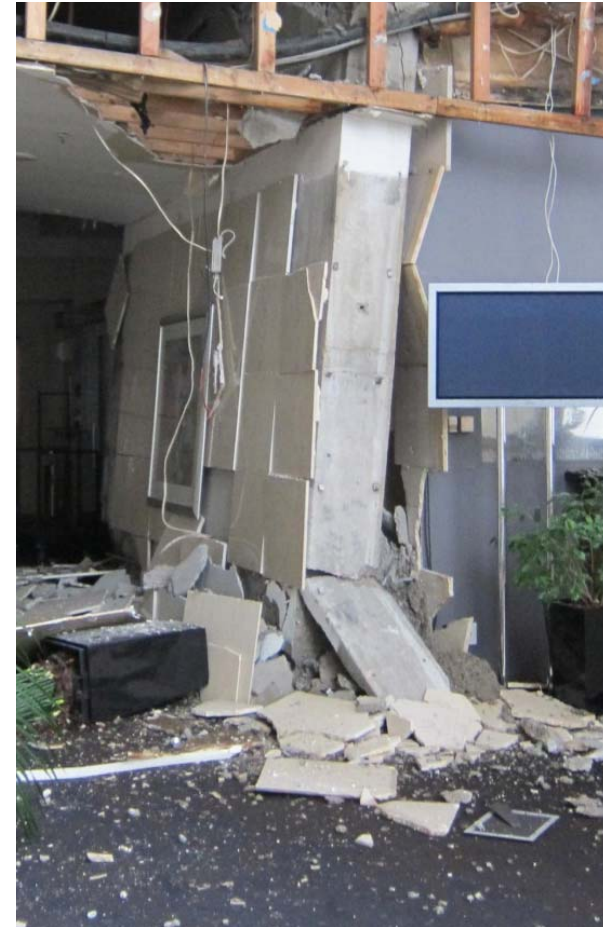
## Laboratory Testing vs. Real Earthquake Testing



Boys, Bull, Pampanin, (2008)



## Laboratory Testing vs. Real Earthquake Testing



# What will be the next generation of design codes?



## “Modern” Concrete Standards

**NZS3101: 1982**

**NZS3101: 1995**

**NZS3101: 2006**

**NZS3101:201X?**