

# Transportation Resilience Research in Aotearoa New Zealand: What are we doing and where are we heading?

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  - Market Economics
  - Resilient Organisations
  - Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research
  - etc
- We acknowledge the wide range of stakeholders partners involved across these projects

# Overview

- Wide range of research underway across the country with a focus on natural hazard and transport resilience
  - Efforts within research to align efforts across the country
  - Good awareness of activities across wider infrastructure research
- Strong partnership between research and industry
  - Interest in further expanding the breadth and depth of this
- This presentation will provide a snap-shot of a range of activities
  - **Contact us if you want to continue the conversation in any areas**
- Real world data, real world scale, real world complexity

# Some terminology



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Hazard



Exposed  
Elements



Vulnerability

Impact/Risk

# Topic Areas

- Hazards and multi-hazards
- Transport network components
- Network models
- Network dependencies
- Community expectations
- System users
- Economic implications
- Resilience metrics and criticality
- Transport decision making

# Programmes/Groups

- Resilience to Nature's Challenges NSC
  - Te Hiranga Rū QuakeCoRE
  - Deep South NSC
  - A More Flood Resilient Aotearoa NZ
  - Volcanic Programmes
  - EQC
  - Transportation Research Centre
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- Opportunities for collaboration and co-creation of ongoing research

# RNC

- Phase 2



**Resilience in  
Practice**



**Multihazard  
Risk**

These Models will harness research from eight specialist **Programmes** outlined below.



**Rural**



**Urban**



**Māori**



**Built**



**Earthquake  
Tsunami**



**Coastal**

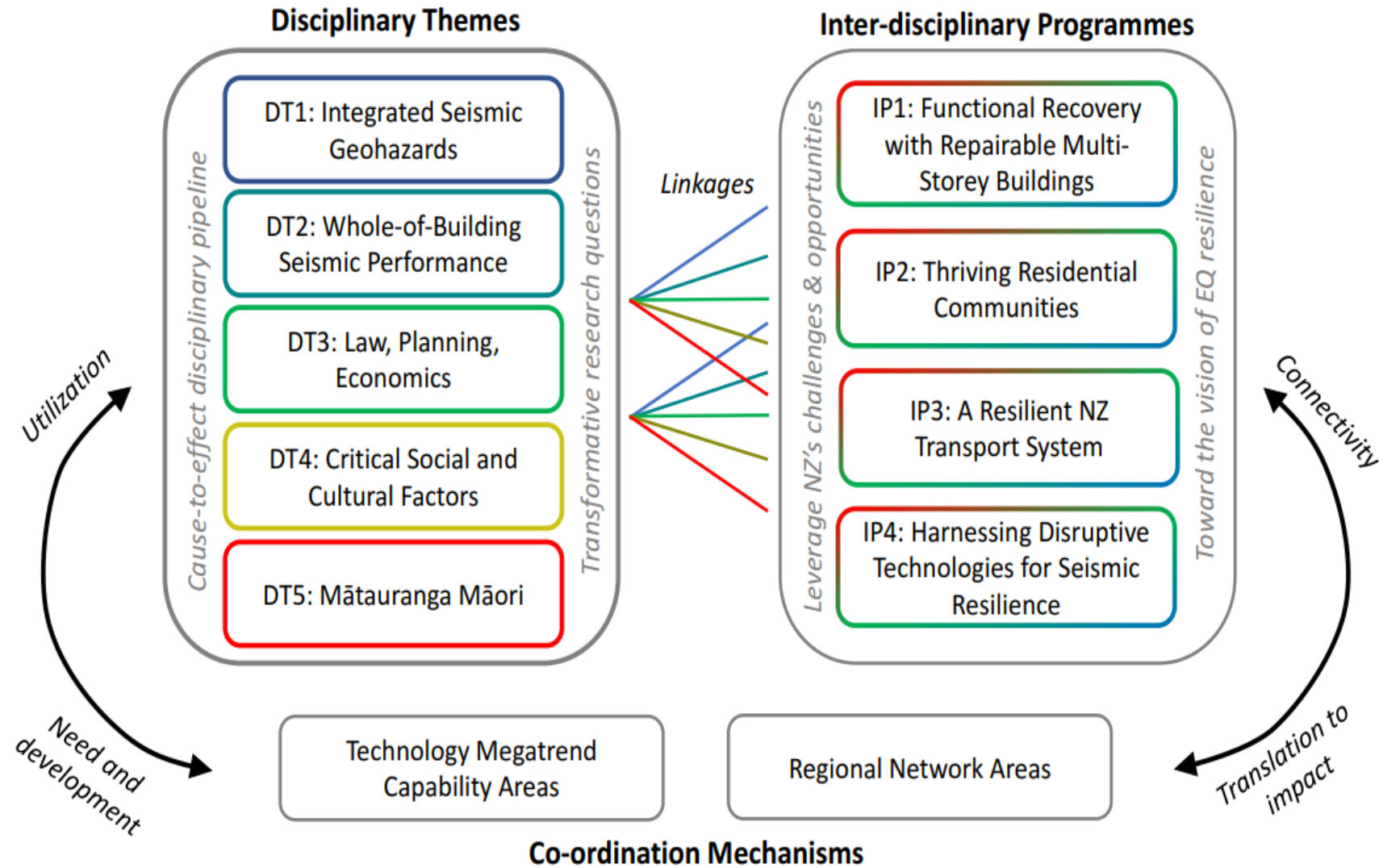


**Volcano**



**Weather**

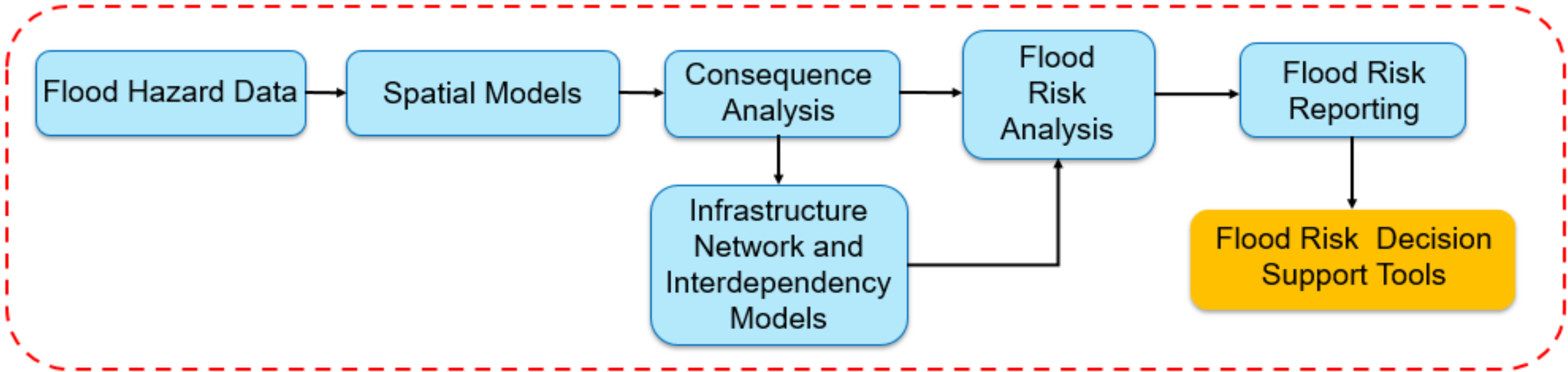
# Te Hiranga Rū QuakeCoRE





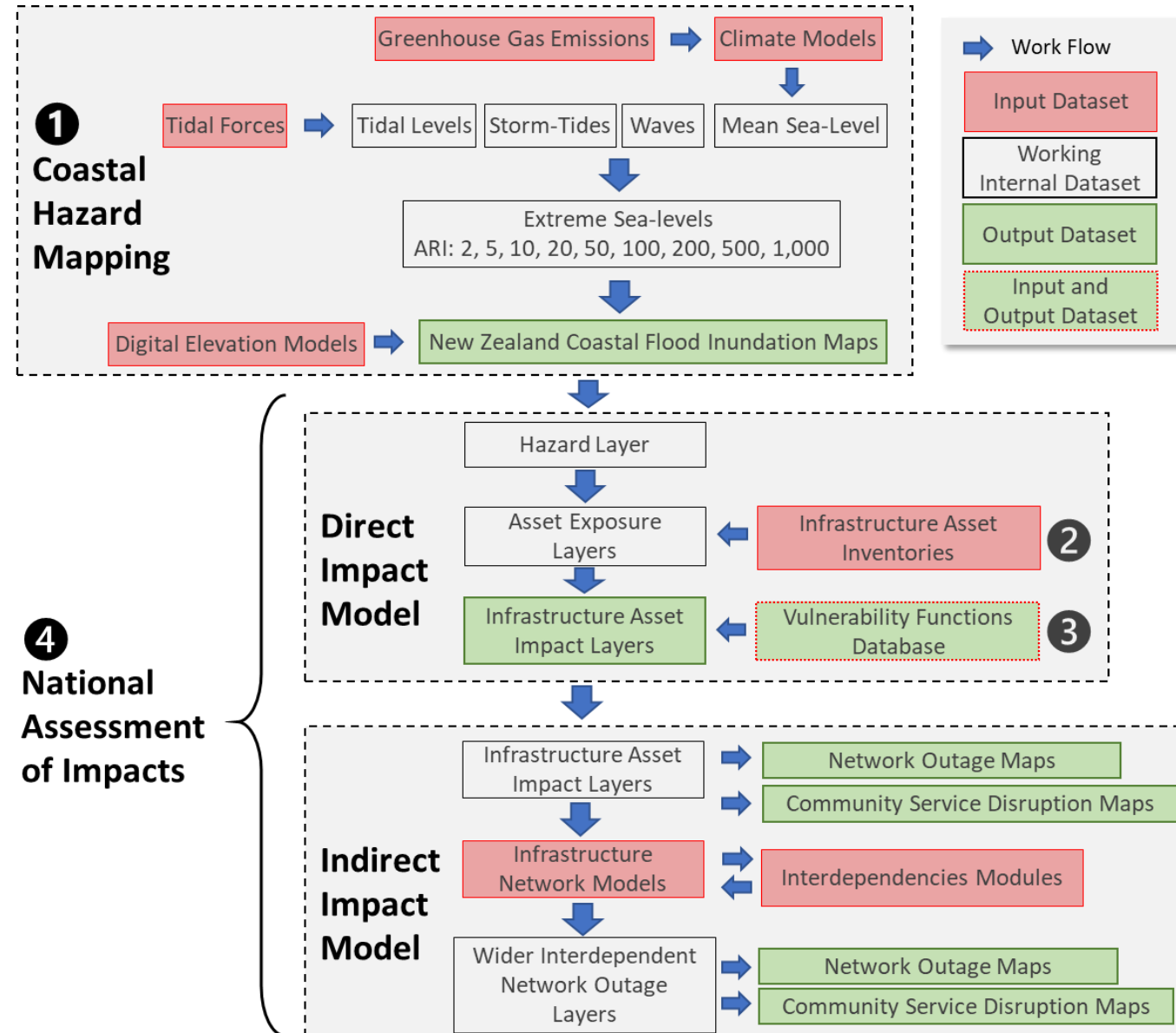
# A more Flood-Resilient Aotearoa-NZ

- Nationally consistent flood inundation hazard and risk assessment
  - Flood mapping and risk to built environment
  - Social vulnerability
  - Risk reduction and adaptation



# Infrastructure Disruption from Coastal Flooding

- Deep South NSC



# Volcanic Programmes



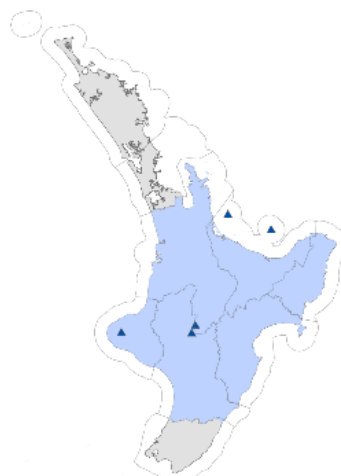
## Transitioning Taranaki to a Volcanic Future

MBIE Endeavour  
\$13.6 million  
2019 - 2024



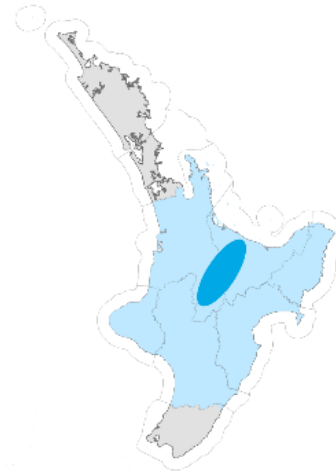
## RNC-Volcano

MBIE National Science Challenge  
\$4 million  
2019 - 2024

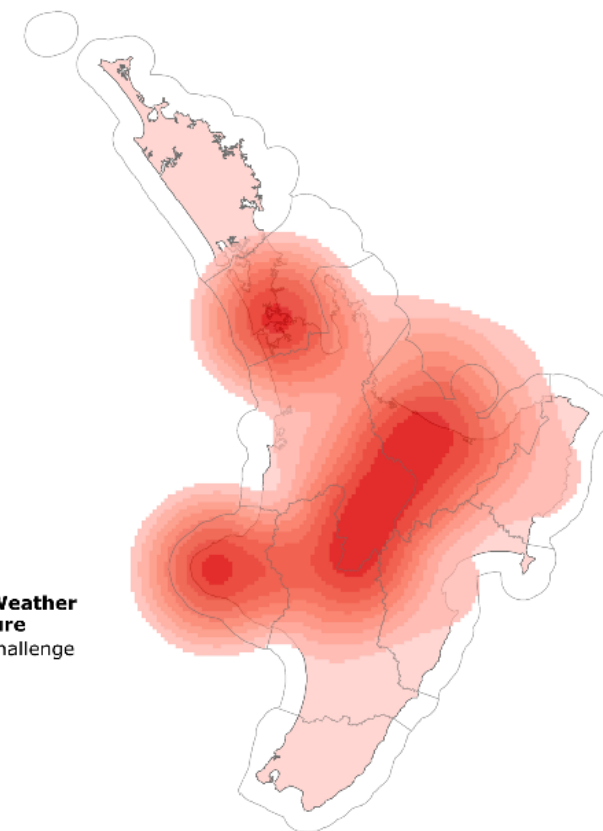


## ECLIPSE

MBIE Endeavour  
\$8.2 million  
2017 - 2022



## Concentration of projects



## GNS Science

MBIE Strategic Science Investment Fund  
\$2 million/yr



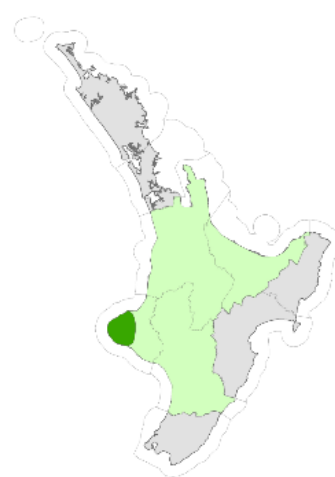
## DEVORA

EQC and Auckland Council  
\$4.7 million  
2008 - 2023



## RNC-Rural

MBIE National Science Challenge  
\$2.5 million  
2019 - 2024



## RNC-MRM

Including RNC-Rural, RNC-Weather  
and RNC-Infrastructure  
MBIE National Science Challenge  
\$6.5 million  
2019 - 2024



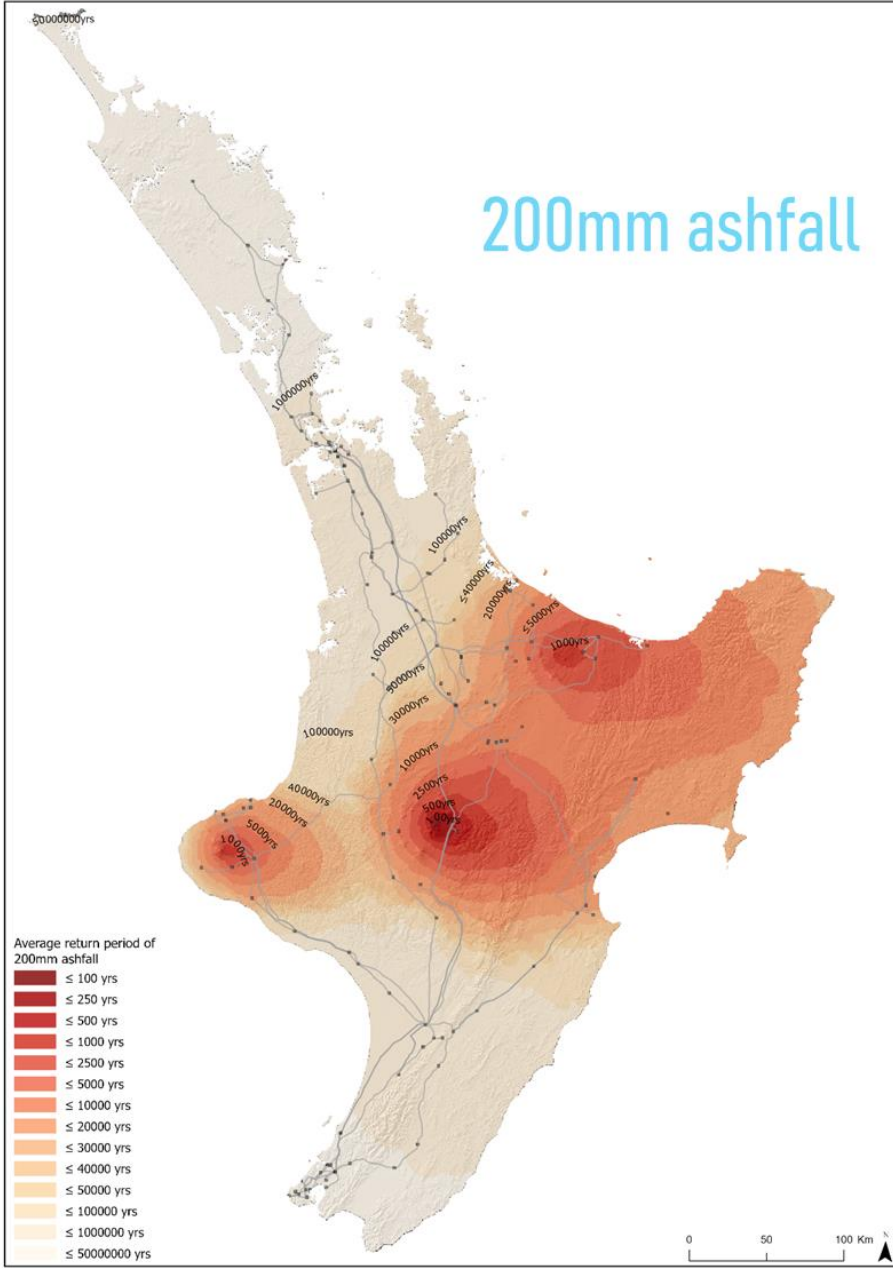
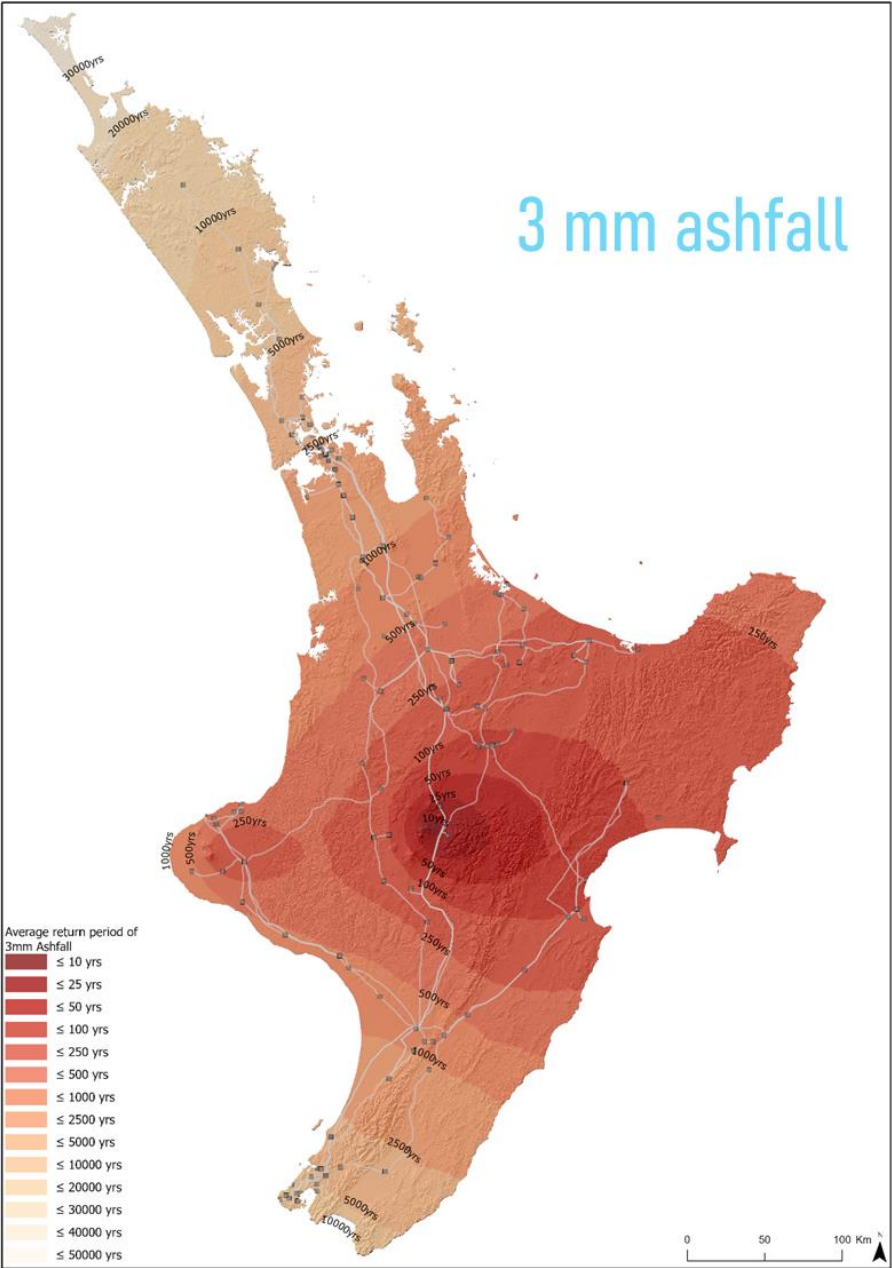
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- Darker colour = Intensive focus and key stakeholder partnerships
- Lighter colour = Relevant stakeholder regions

# Hazard Exposure

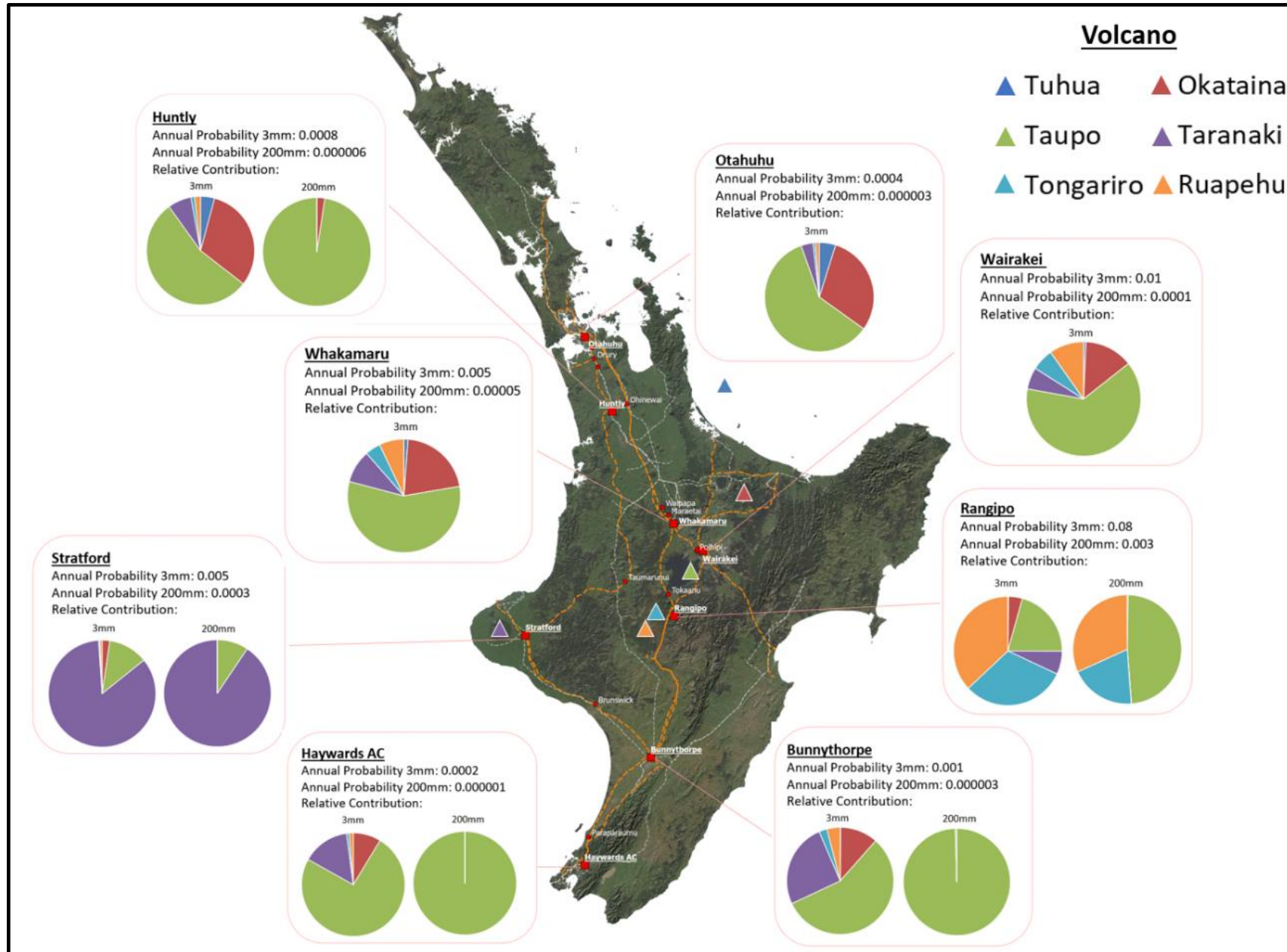
- Improve spatial and temporal representation of hazard exposure
  - Single and coincident/cascading hazards
  - Seismic and Co-seismic
  - Tsunami
  - Coastal Flooding
  - Pluvial and Fluvial Flooding
  - Volcanic

# Probabilistic Ashfall Scenarios

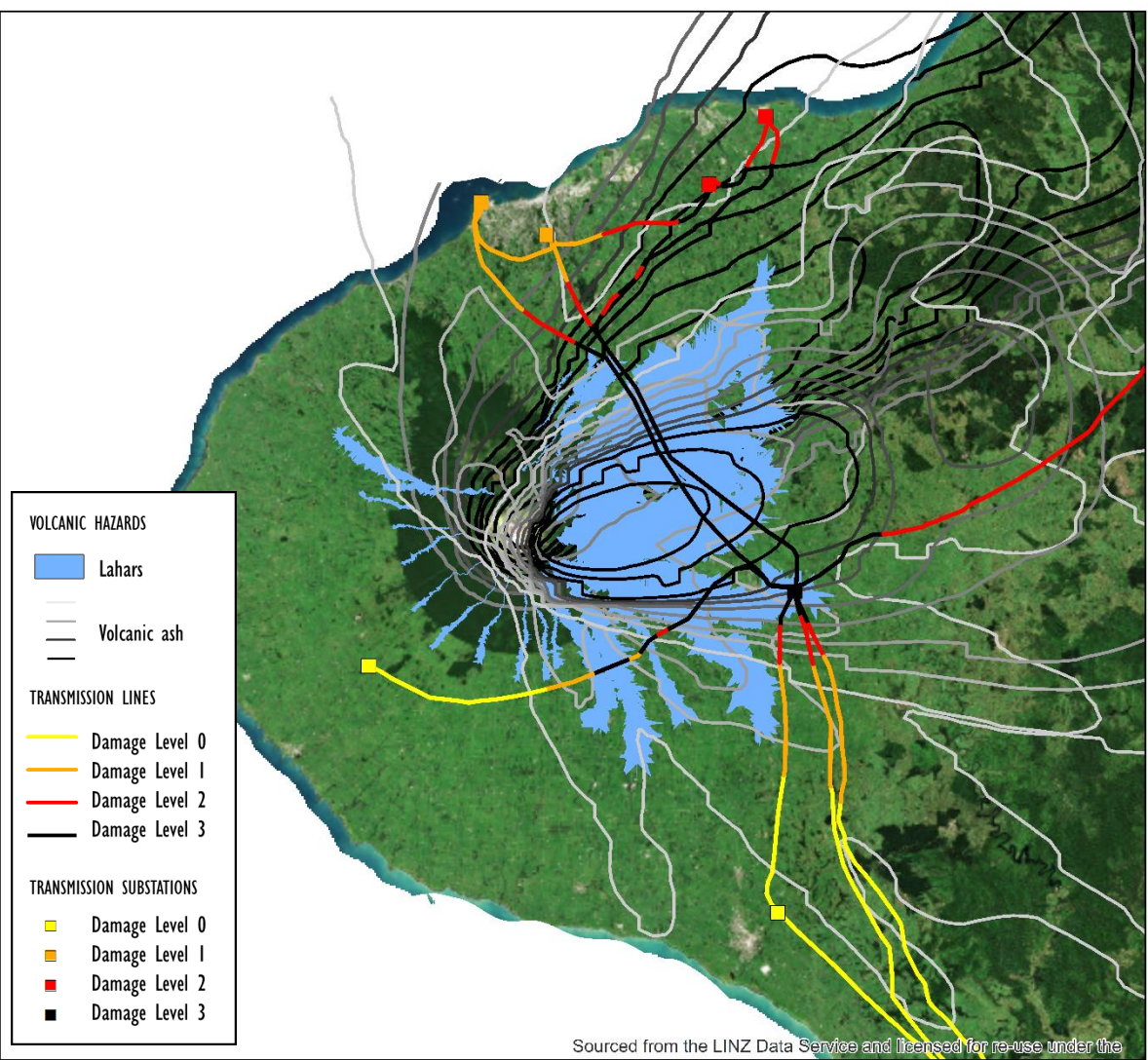




# Ashfall Hazard Source for Key Sites



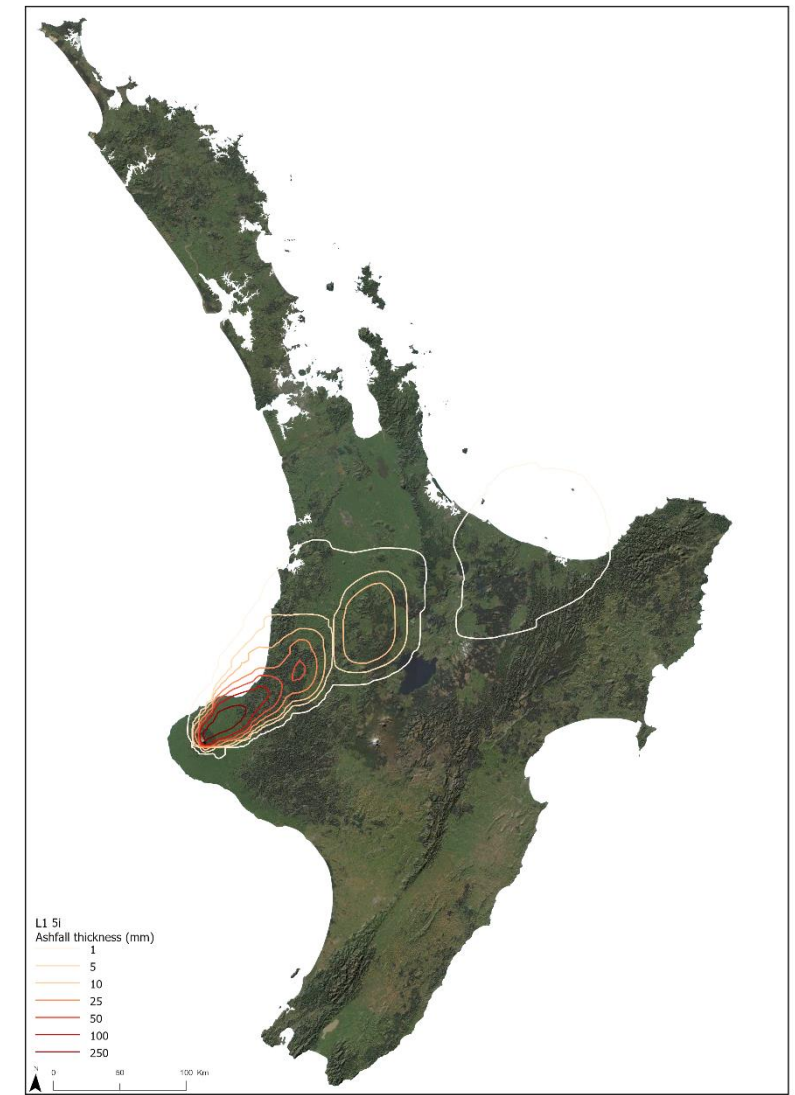
\*NB: pie chart is not proportional in size to annual probability of ash hazard



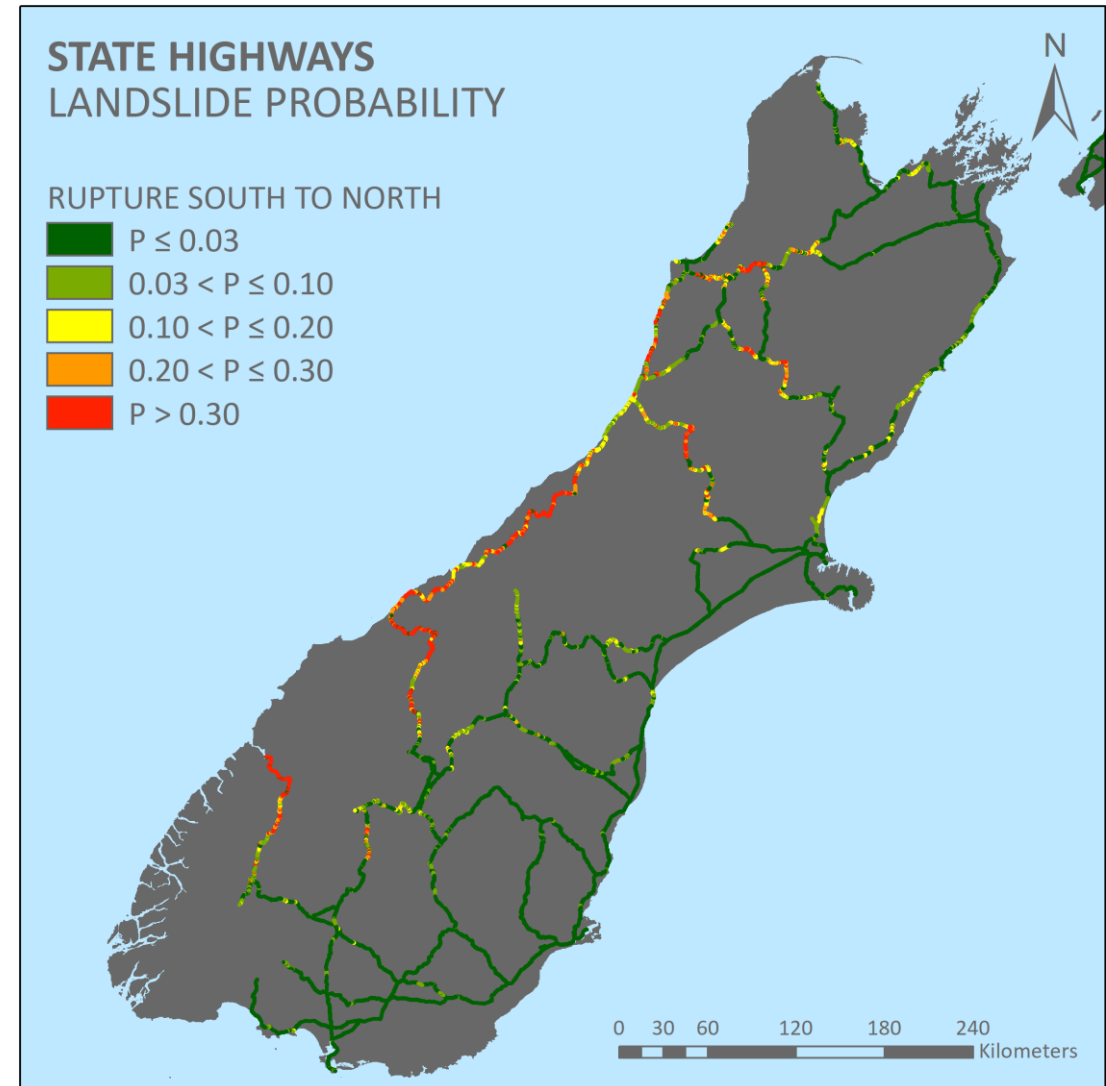
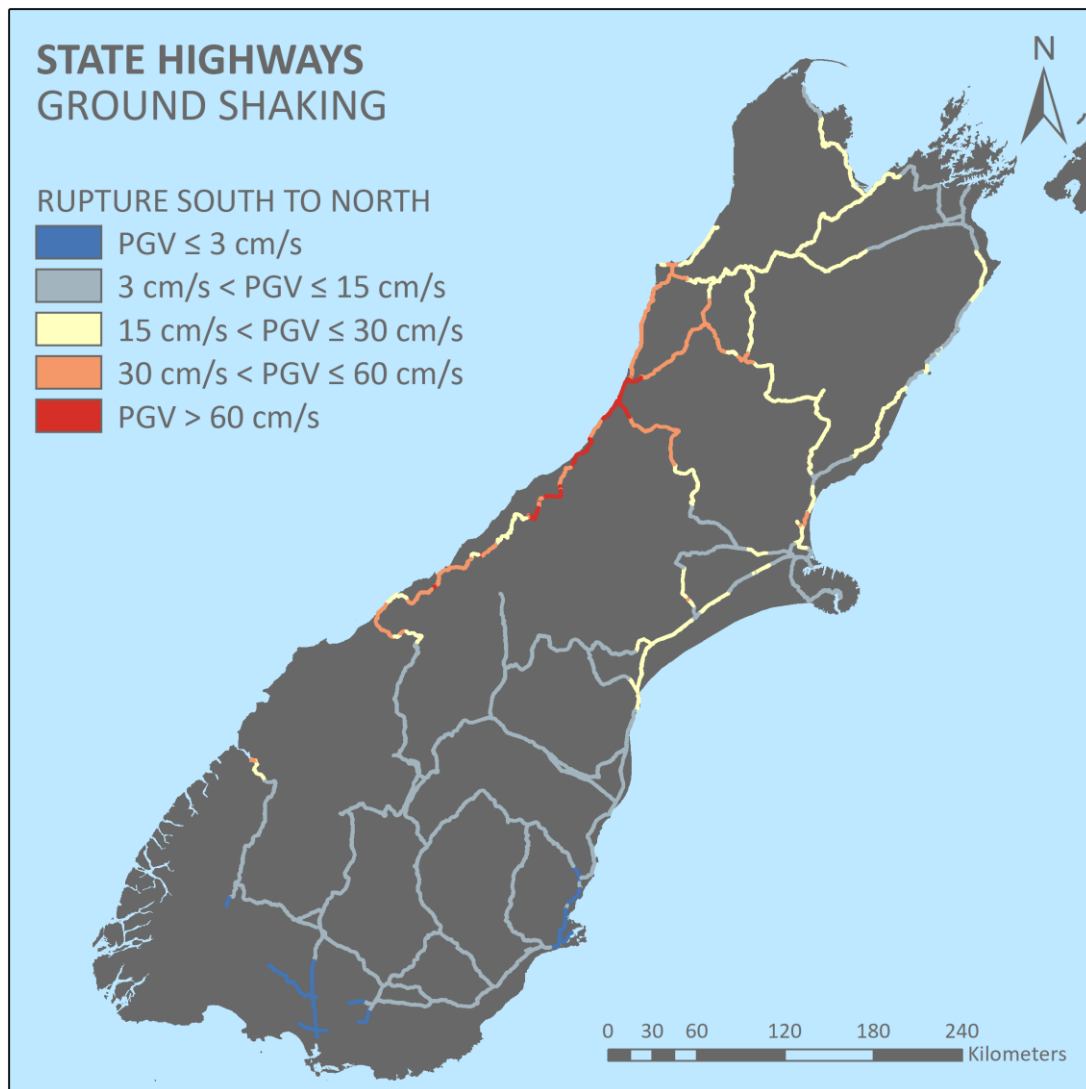
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### PHASE 4

### LARGE EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION



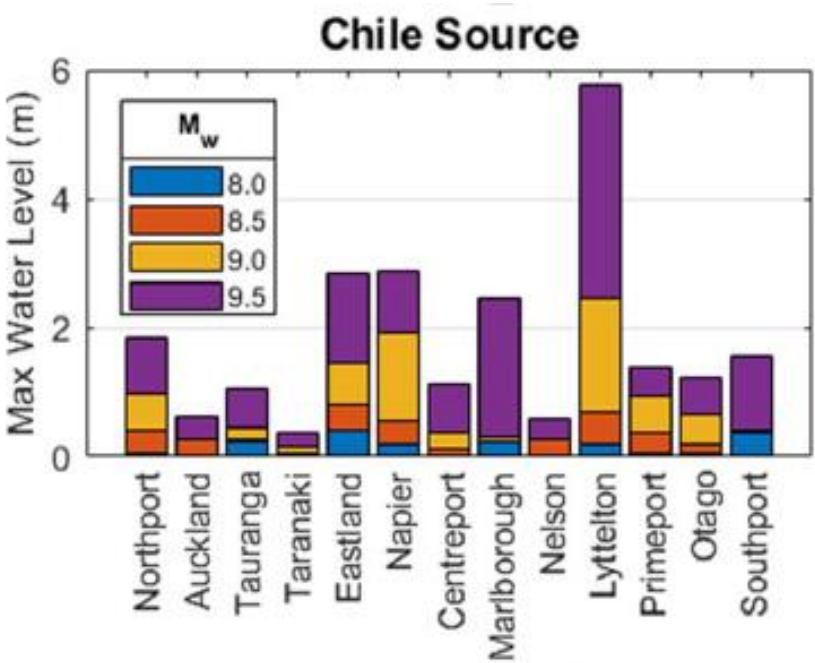
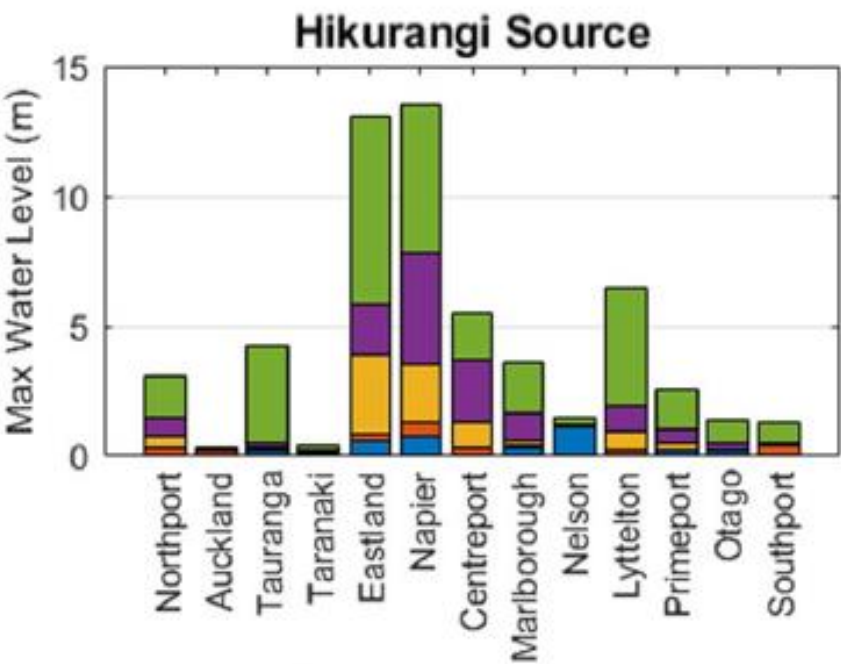
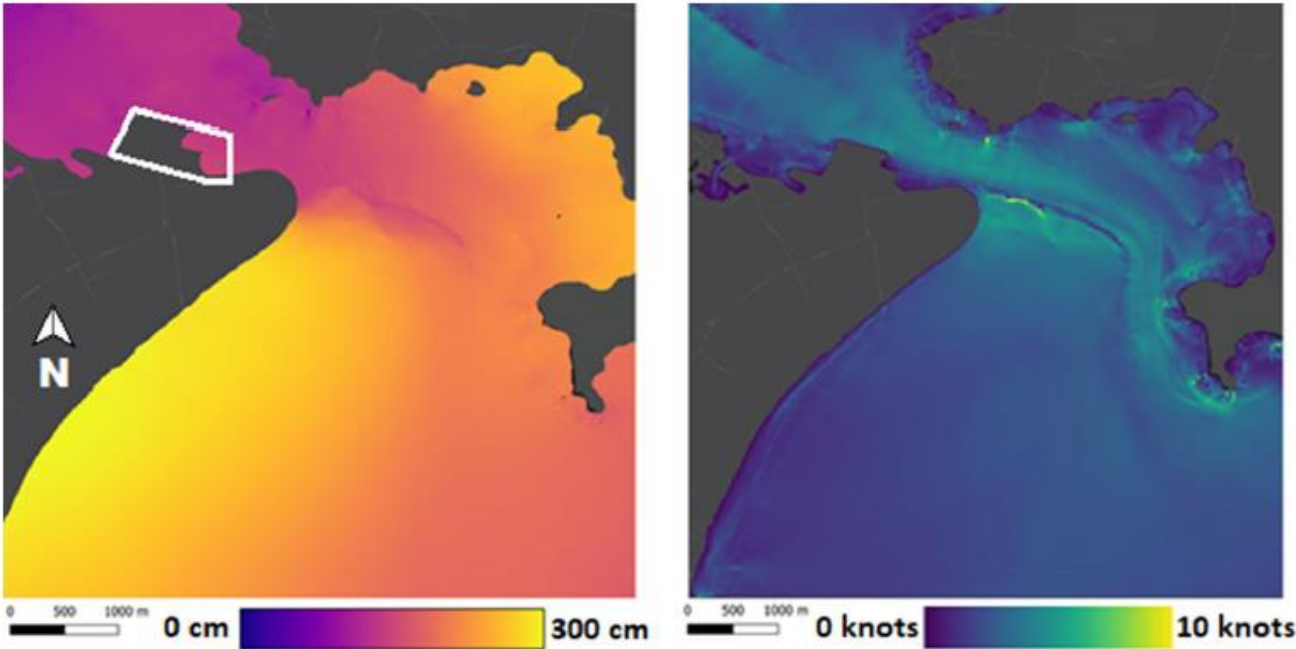
# Seismic & Co-seismic





# Tsunami & Ports

- Assessment of water levels and current speed across ports for key tsunami scenarios
- Number of scenarios with likely damage and disruption across multiple ports
- Need to view ports as key linked components



# Transport Network Components

- Improve our understanding of how transport network components will perform when exposed to various hazards
  - Damage, downtime, reduction in service provision
- Bridges
  - Seismic
  - Tsunami
  - Flooding
- Roads
  - Flooding
  - Volcanic



# Bridge Field Testing

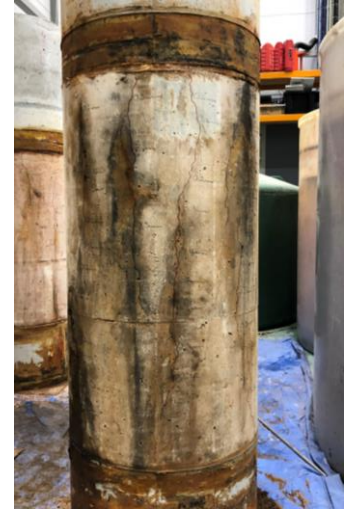
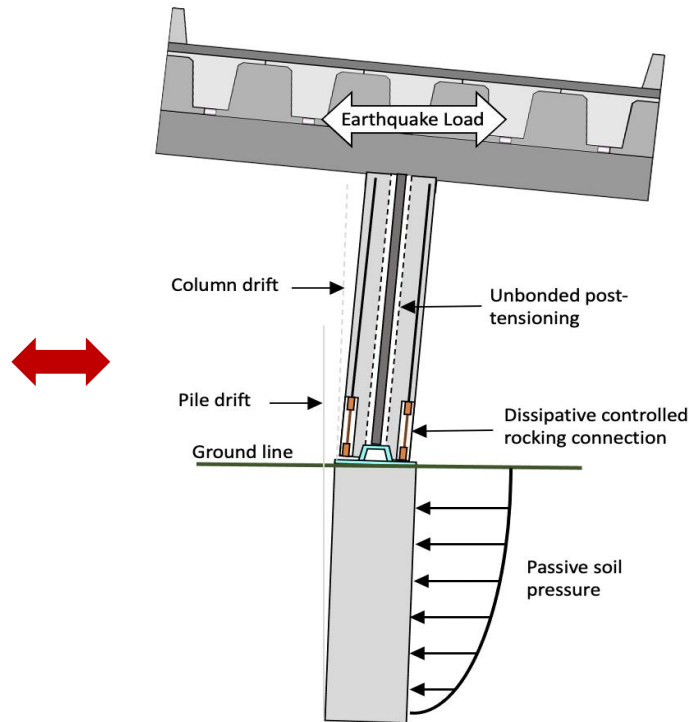
- Unique dataset quantifying lateral response of typical NZ bridge piles to inform seismic assessments





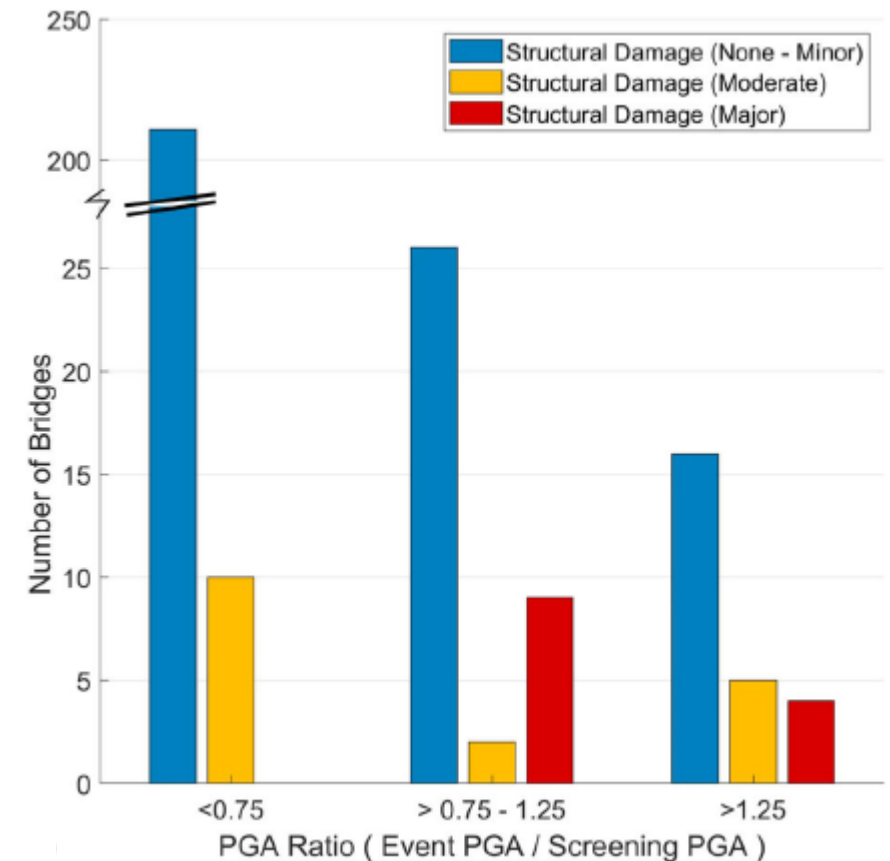
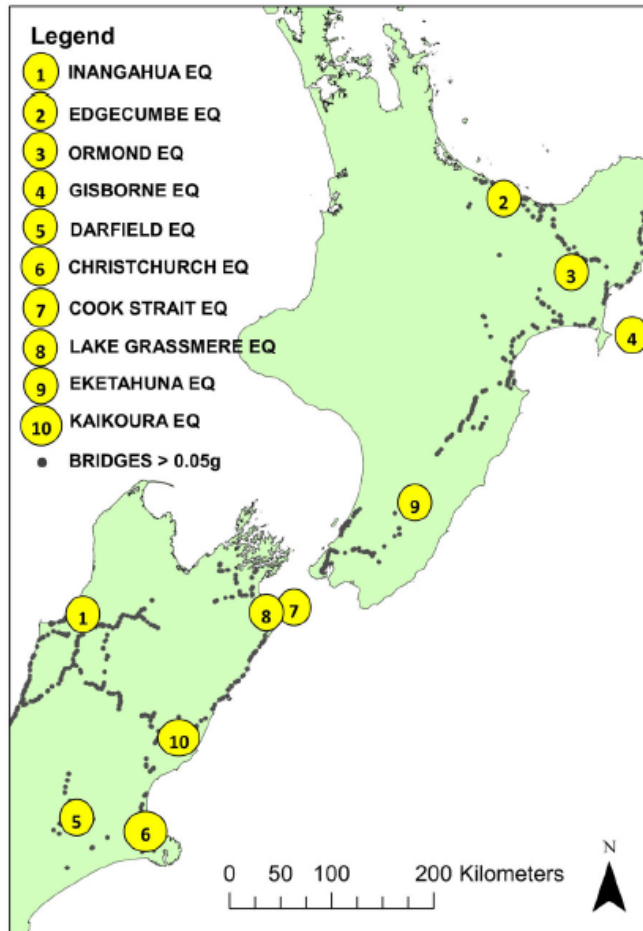
# Bridge Laboratory Testing

- Accelerated Bridge Construction
- Use of durable materials
- Impact of corrosion and degradation on performance



# Bridge Stock Seismic Exposure

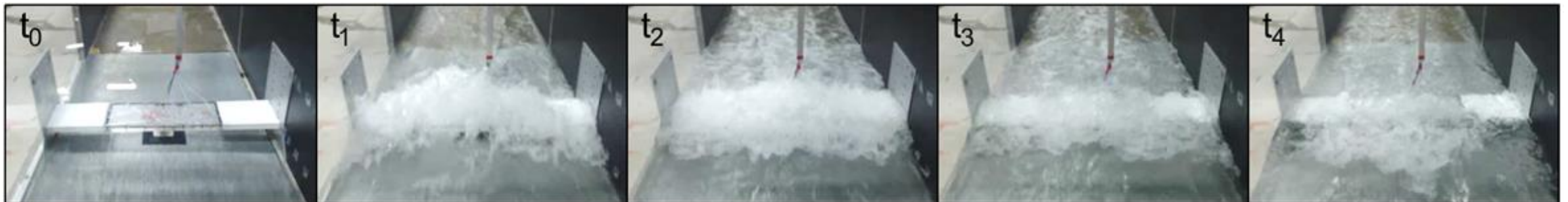
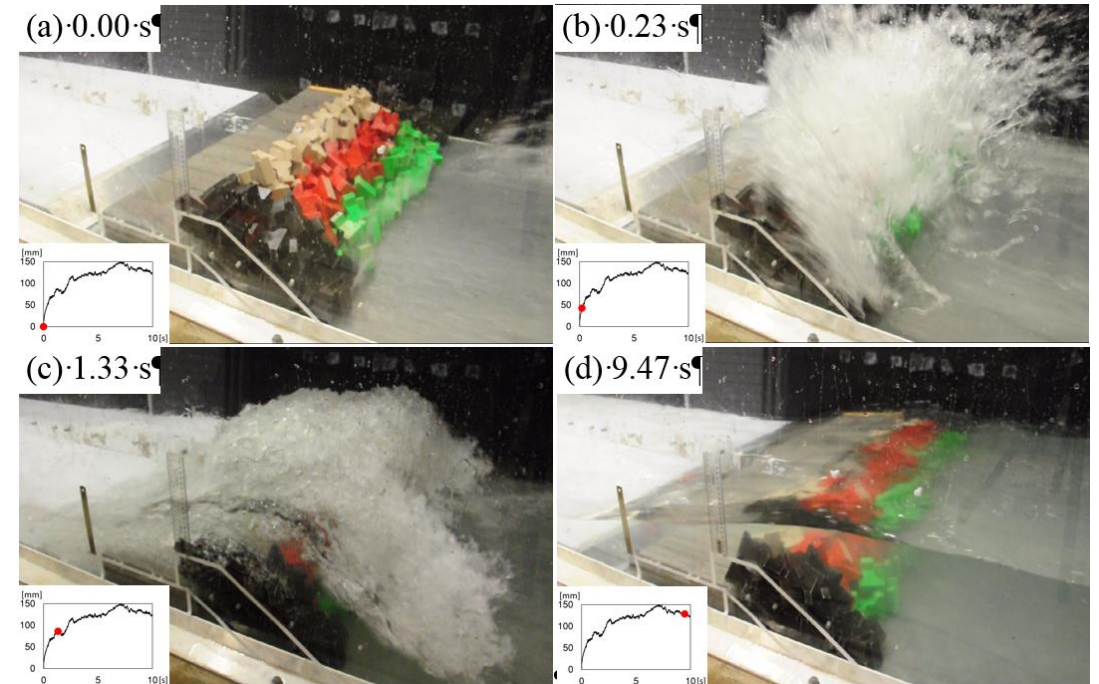
- Database of all NZ bridges experiencing  $\text{PGA} > 0.05g$  in past EQ
- Generally good performance of the bridge stock in past events,





# Tsunami Experimental Modelling

- Scale modelling of infrastructure components
  - Bridges
  - Breakwater
  - Validate computational models
  - Improve damage assessments

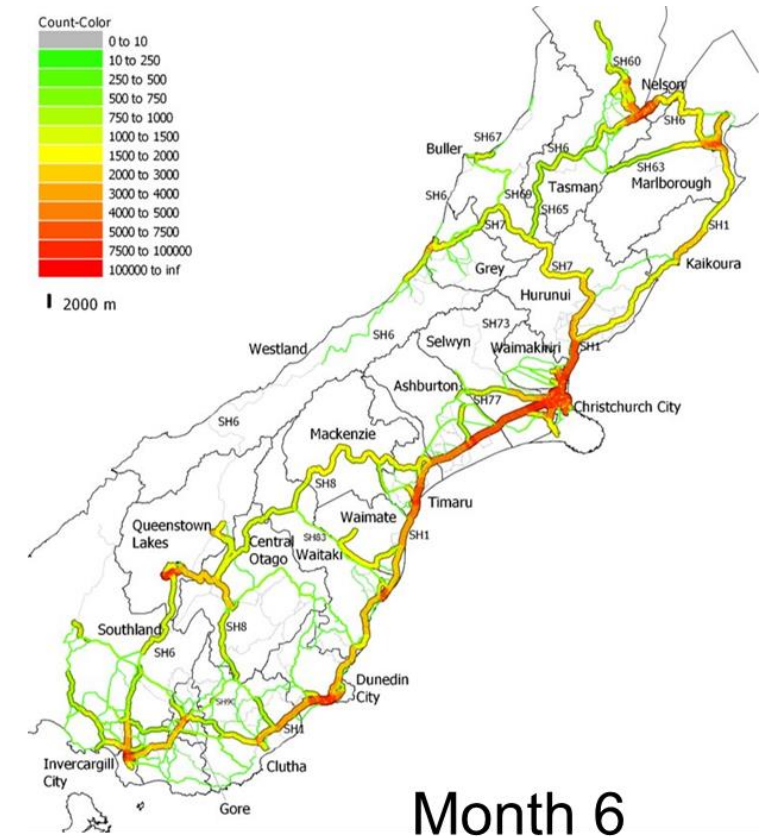
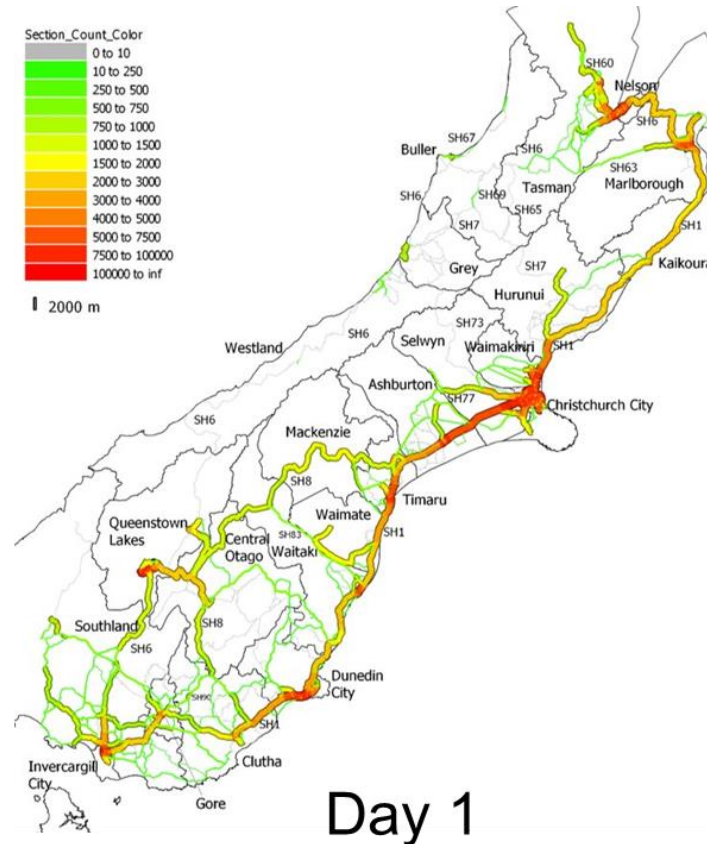
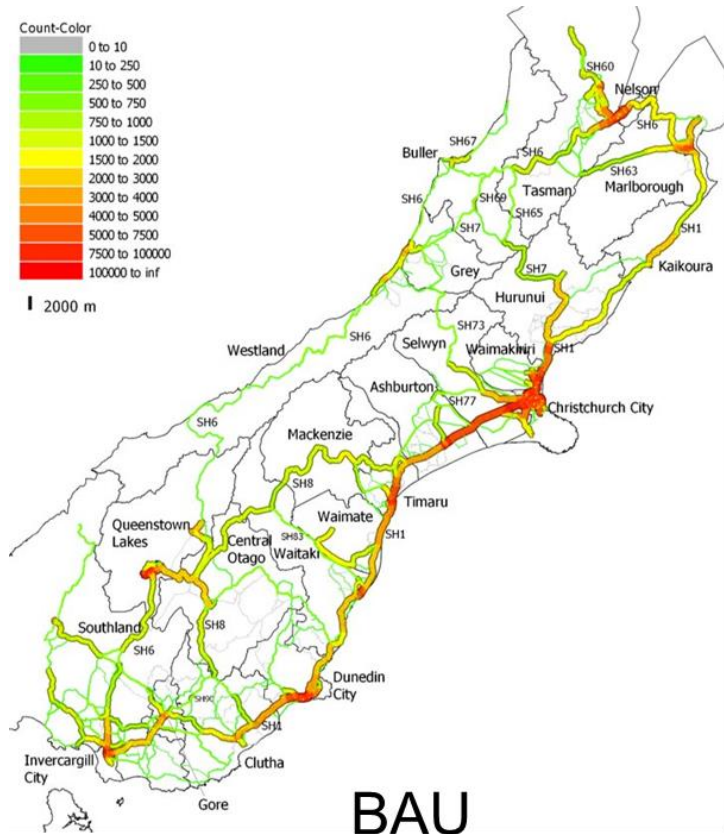


# Network Modelling

- Integration of transport network modelling approaches into resilience applications
  - Connectivity-based modelling
  - Flow-based modelling
- Regional/National Transport Models
- Urban Transport Models
- Commuter, freight and tourism flows
- Evacuation modelling and planning

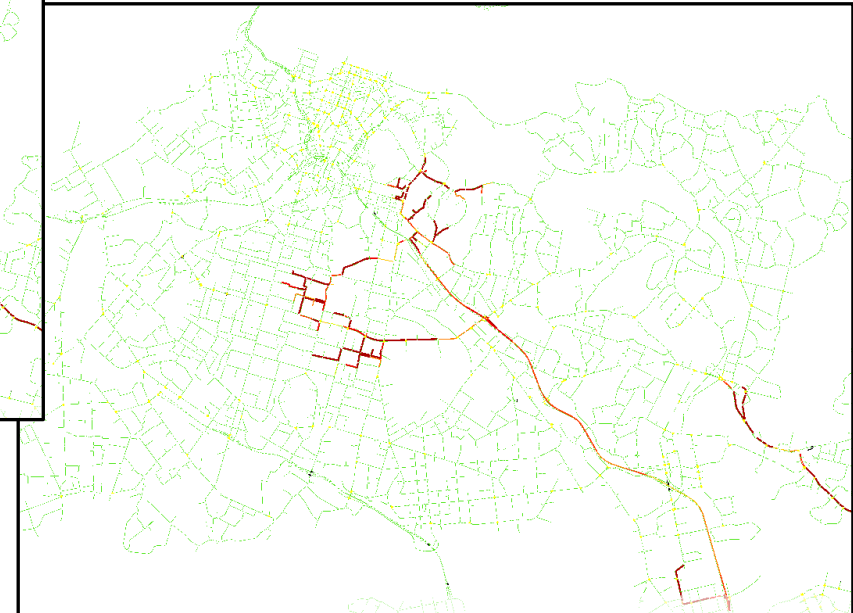
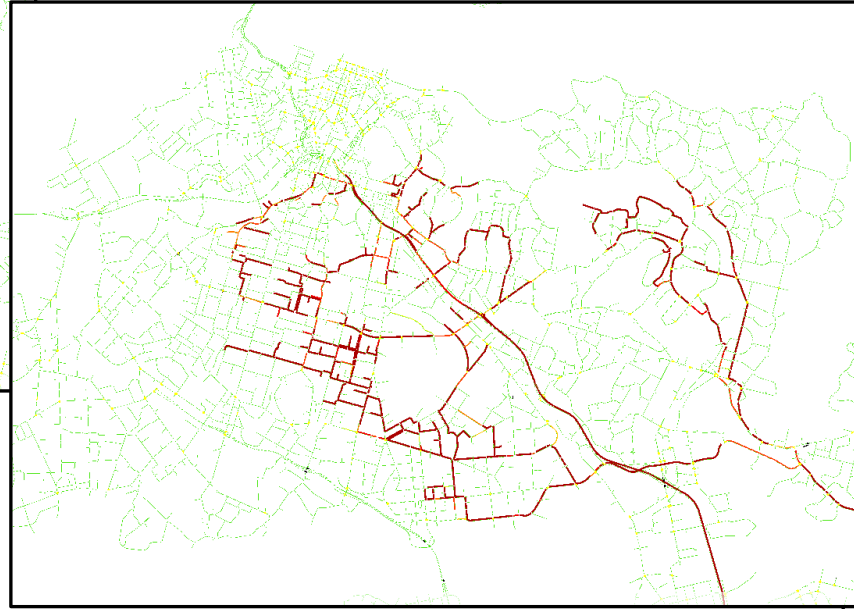
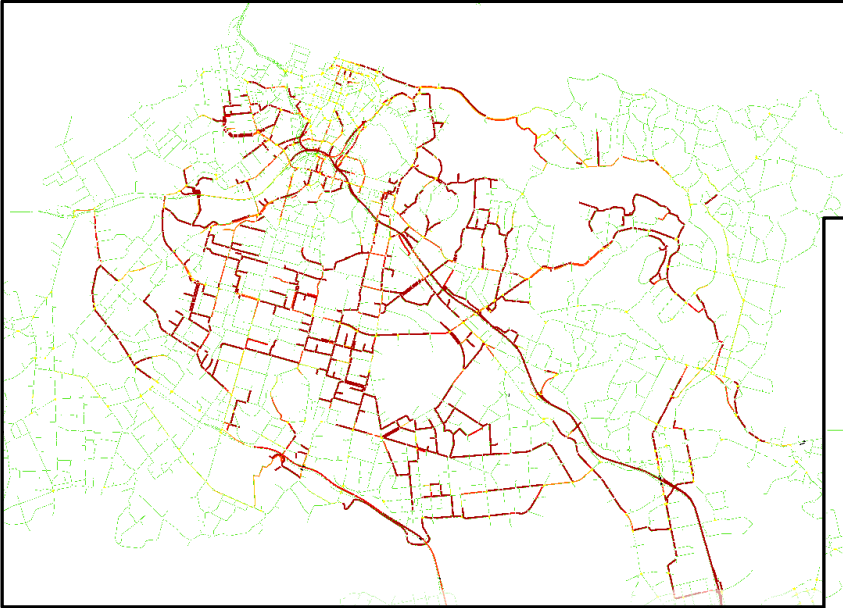
# South Island – Alpine Fault EQ

- South Island Transport Model
  - Commuters, Tourism, Freight
- Kaikoura EQ case history and Alpine Fault EQ scenario



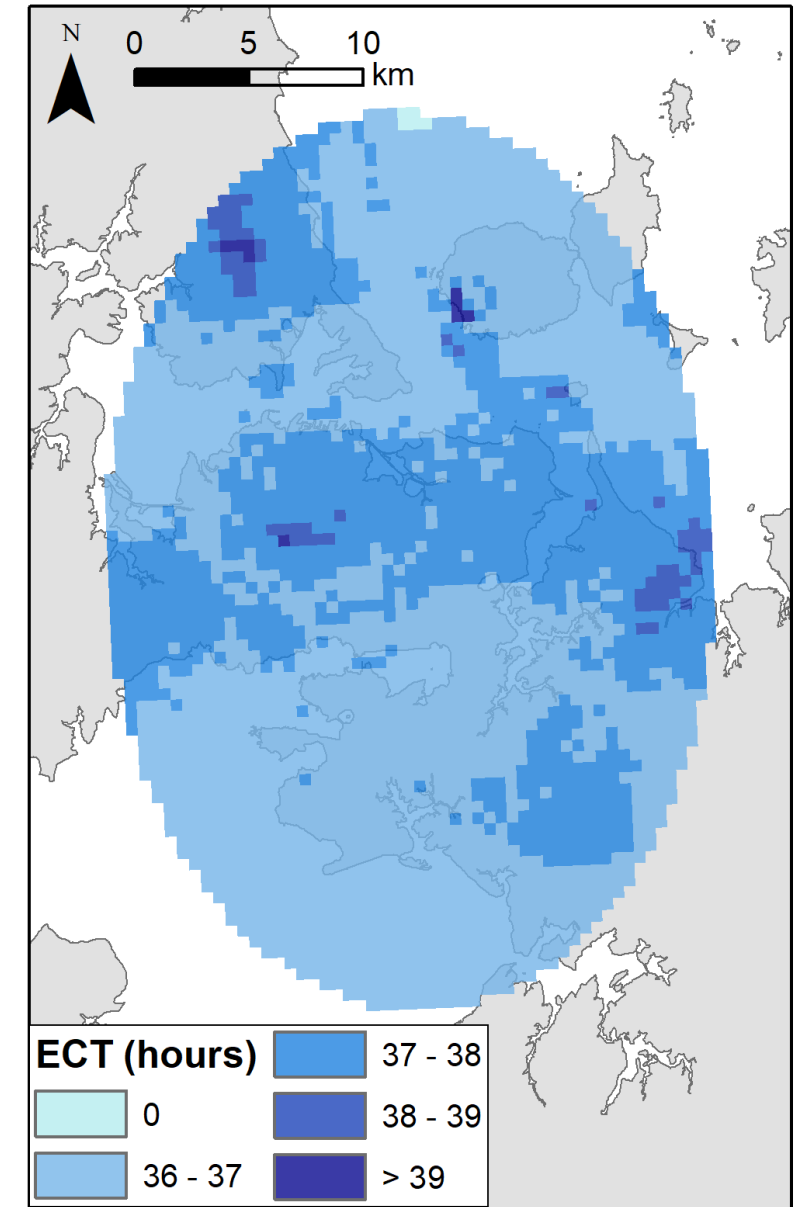
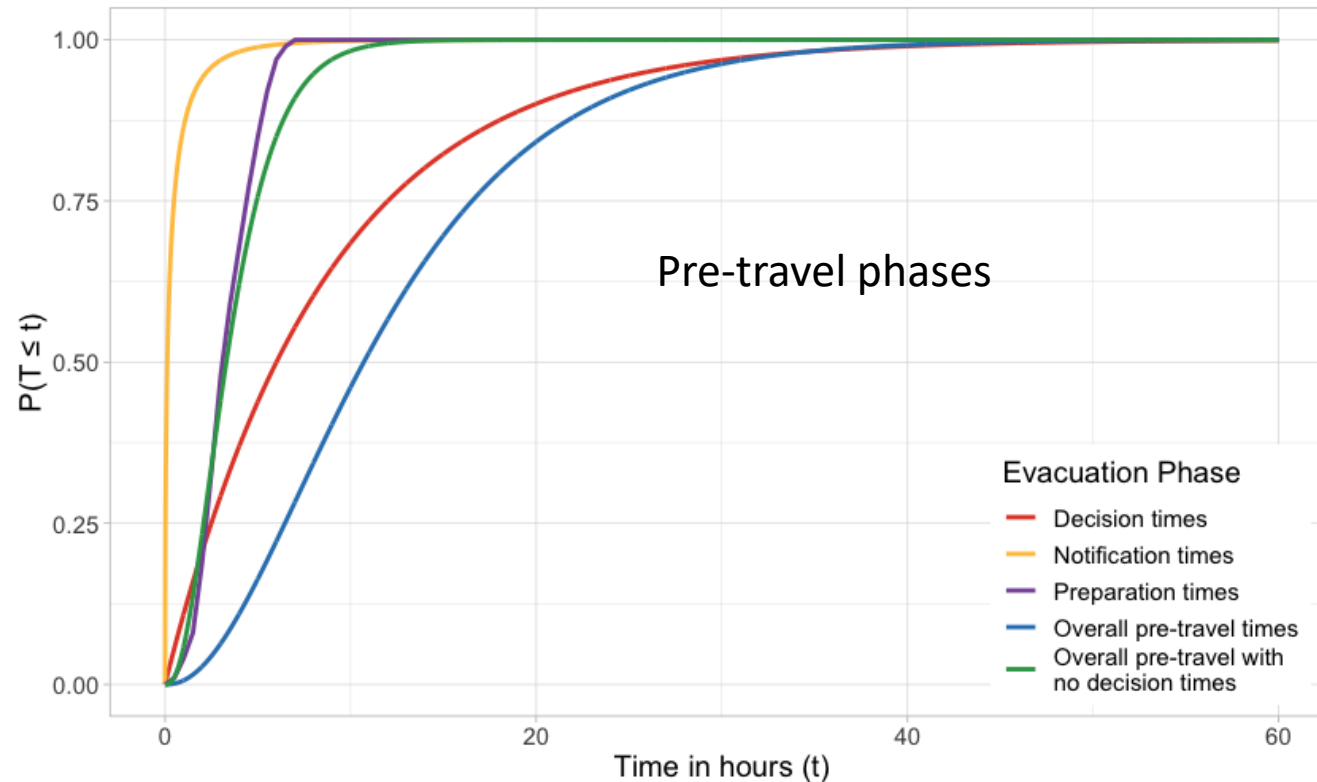


# Auckland Evacuation Travel



# Evacuation Clearance Times

- Likely a need to evacuate before the exact location of volcanic vent is known
- Clearance times comprises of pre-travel (independent of vent location) and travel phases (spatially variable across the AVF)

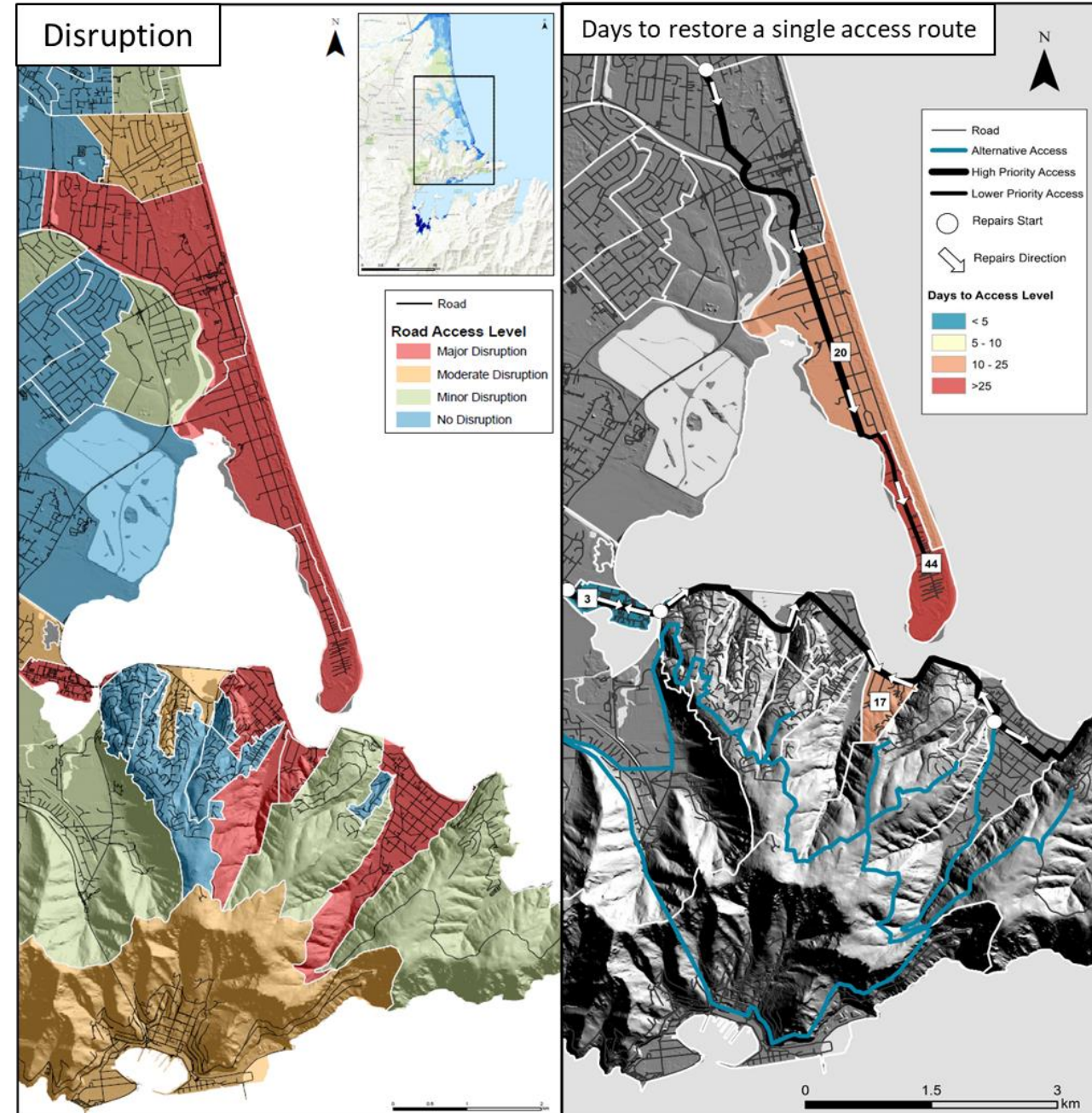
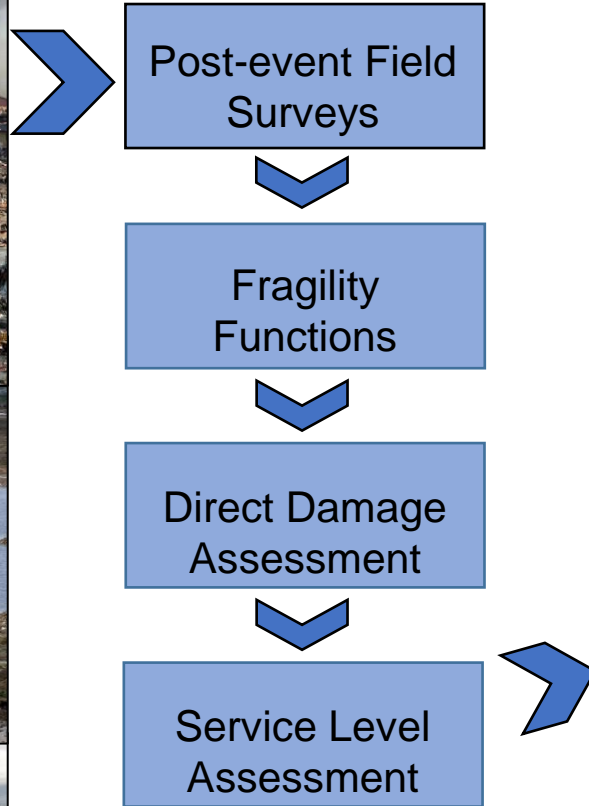


Median clearance time with no vent uncertainty



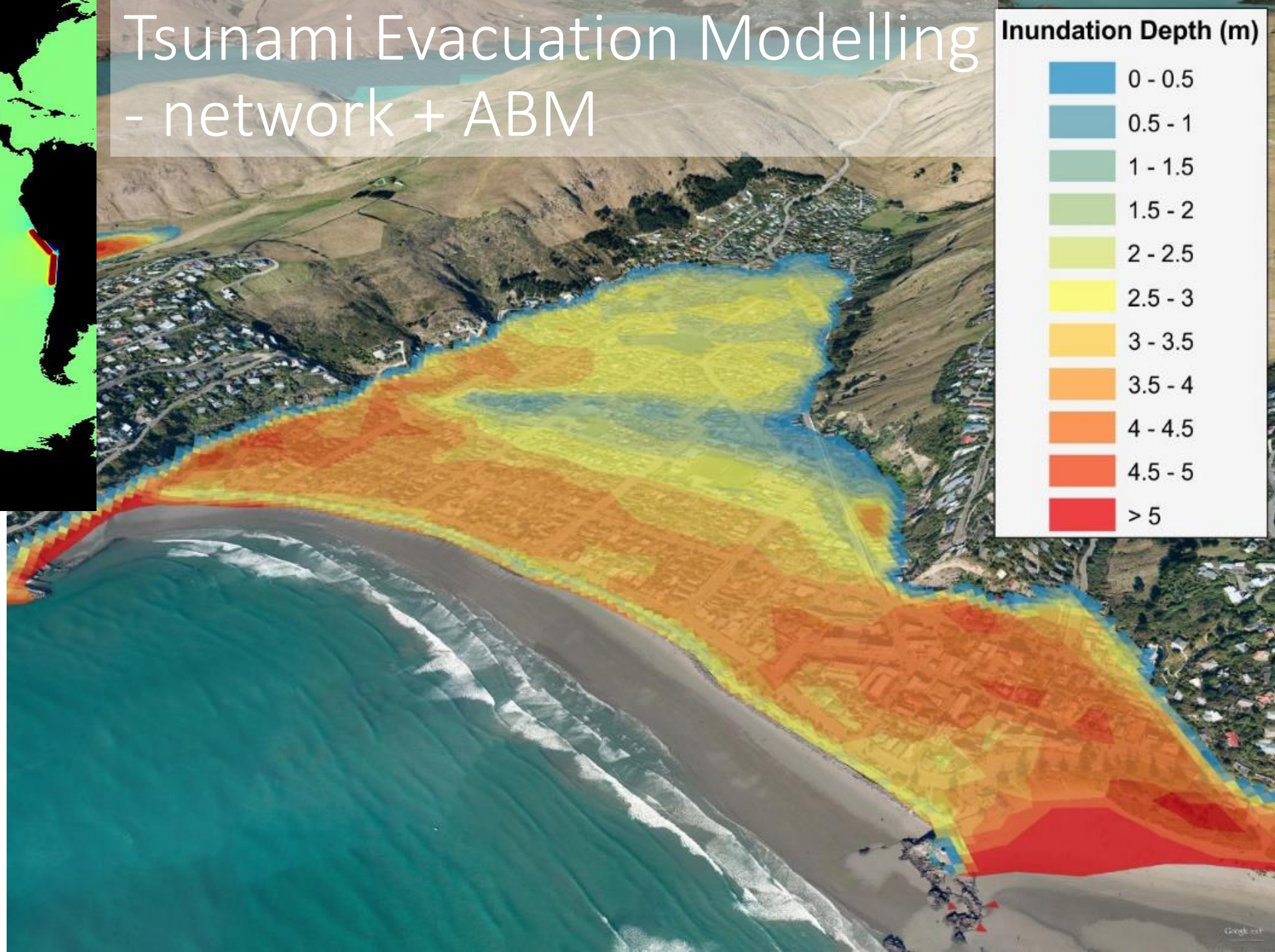
# Tsunami Impacts

Williams et al.





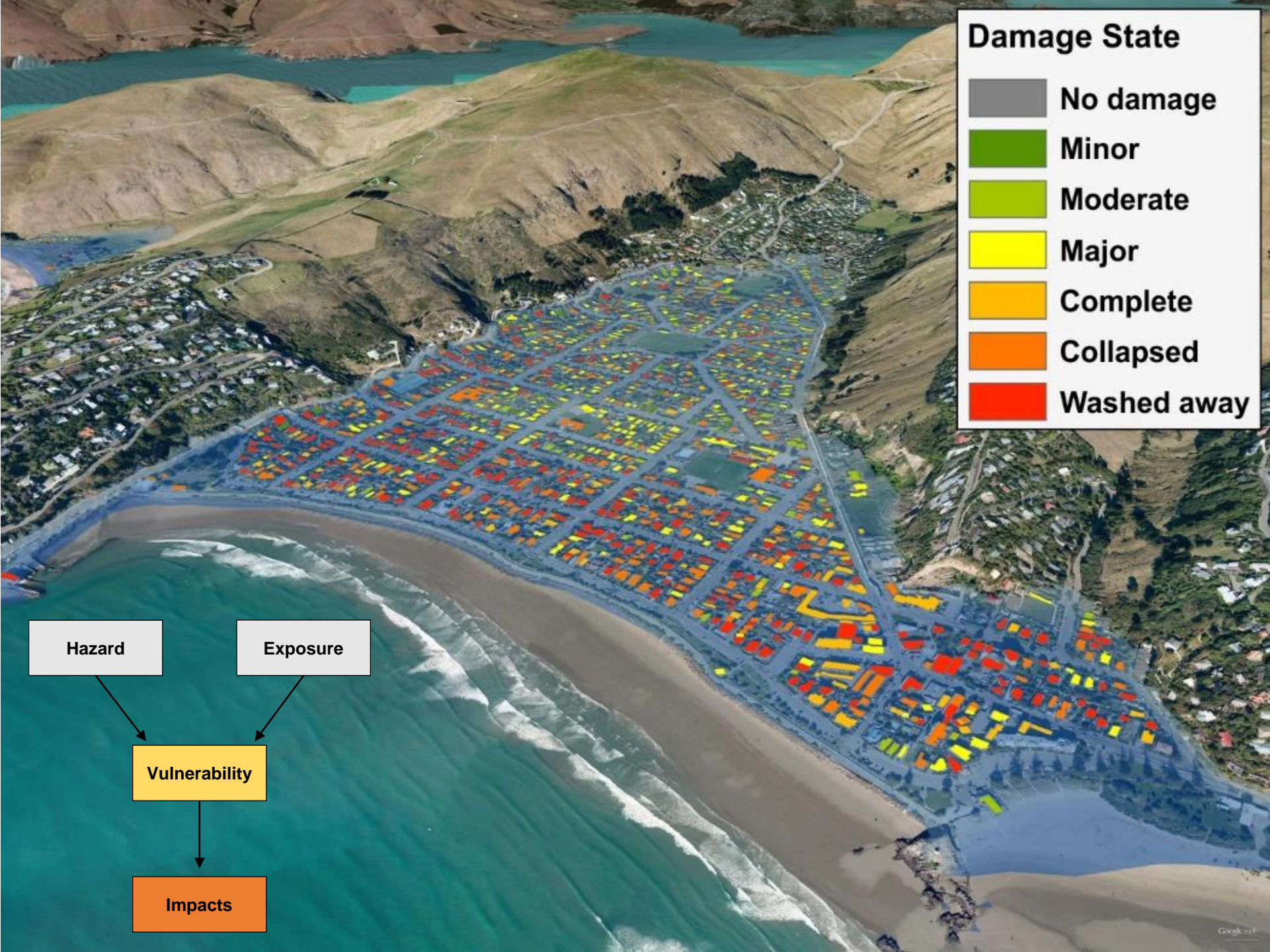
# Tsunami Evacuation Modelling - network + ABM



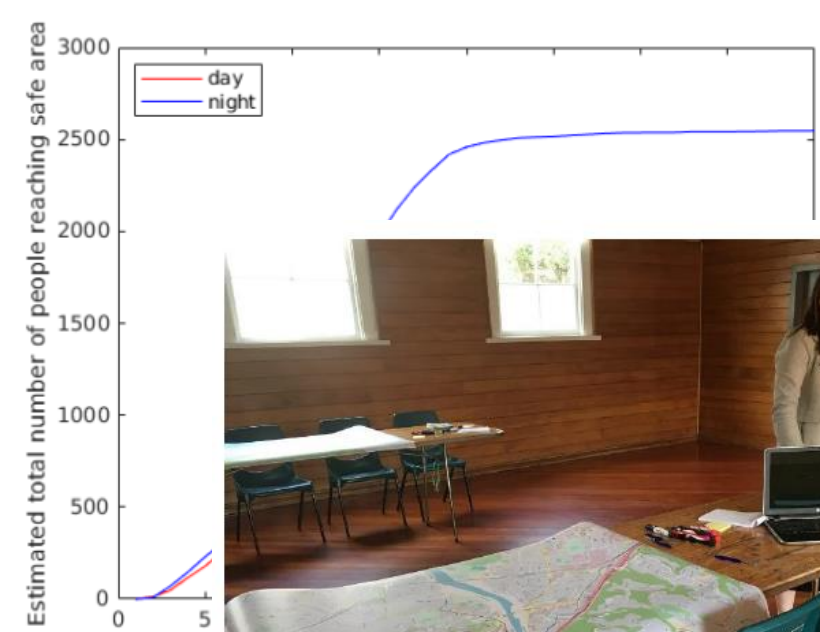
- Occur approximately every 100-300 years
- Historical events in 1604, 1868, 1877, 1960
- ~12 hours official warning
- Waves 4-6m above tide at Christchurch

Lane et al.  
Scheele et al.









NB: animation is a simulation not a recommendation.  
**Power et al, 2019**

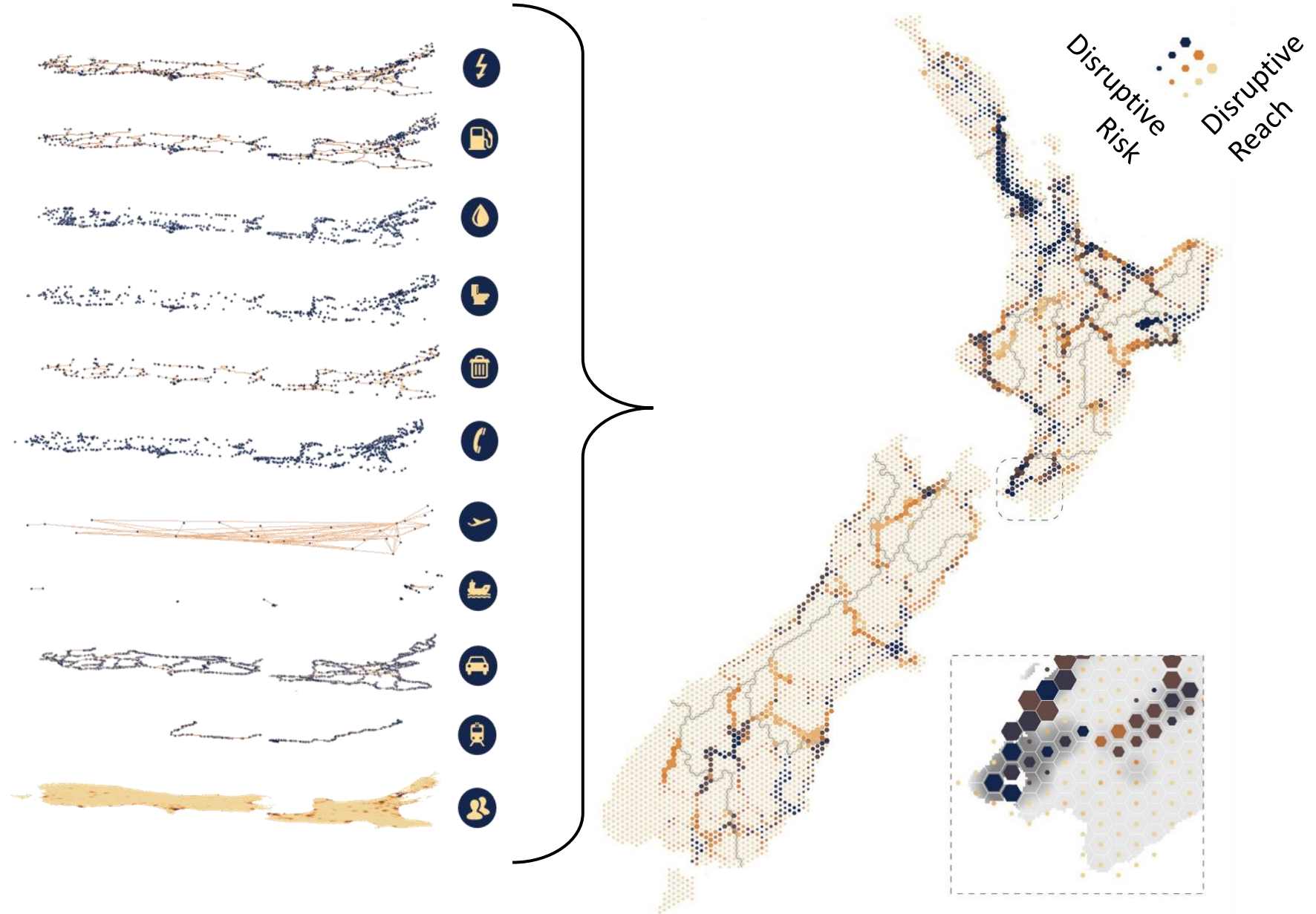
# Interdependencies

- Improve the representation of the interaction and dependencies across transport and wider infrastructure networks
  - How does damage in one network affect the functionality of other networks
  - Systems of Systems modelling
- Direct and Indirect outages across networks
- Influence of model resolution and complexity



# National Networks

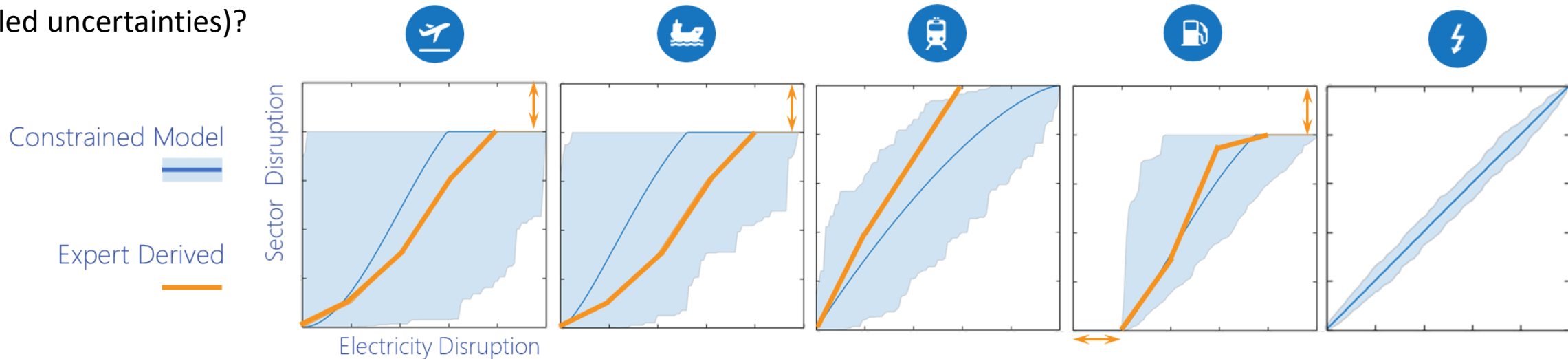
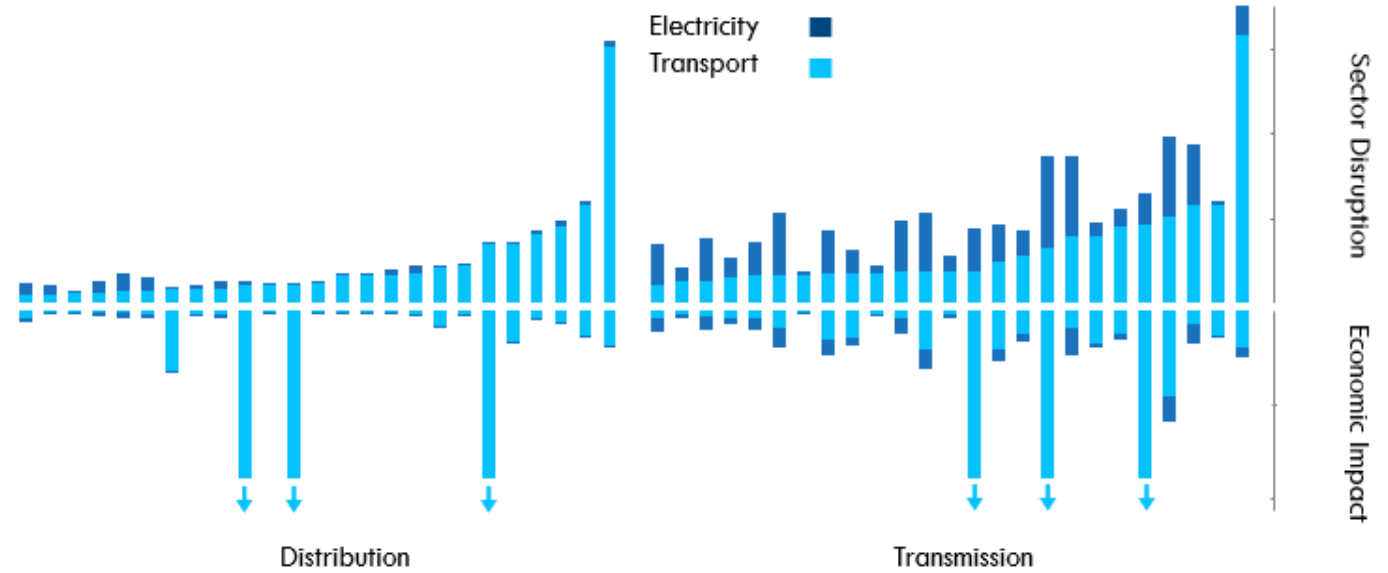
- Collate 10 infrastructure sector models with varying interconnectivity
- No single infrastructure is indicative of the cascading impacts
- 55% of failures are attributed to the **direct damage** to a network
- 45% being due to **indirect impacts** – such as a loss in electricity/waster supply/road connectivity/etc.



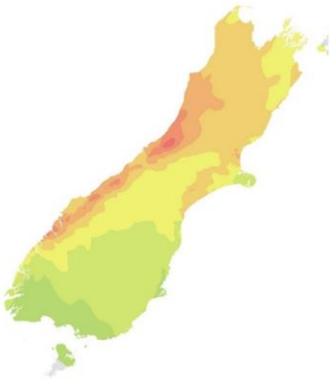
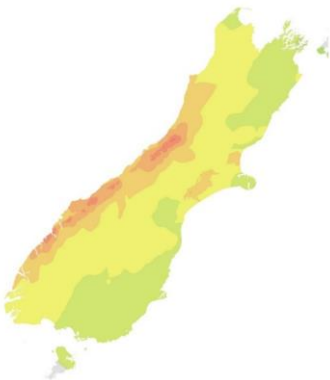


# Transport-Electricity Dependencies

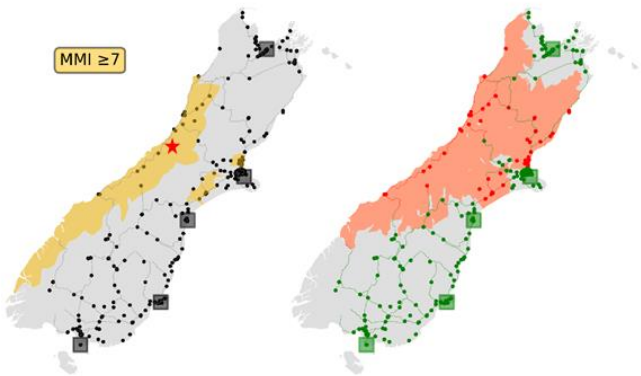
- Co-location  $\neq$  User Dependence
- Not all assets are created equal
- Electricity demand  $\neq$  criticality
- What if you are dependent on electricity from a non-priority asset following an event?
- How well does expert-elicitation capture dependencies (versus simulation and modelled uncertainties)?



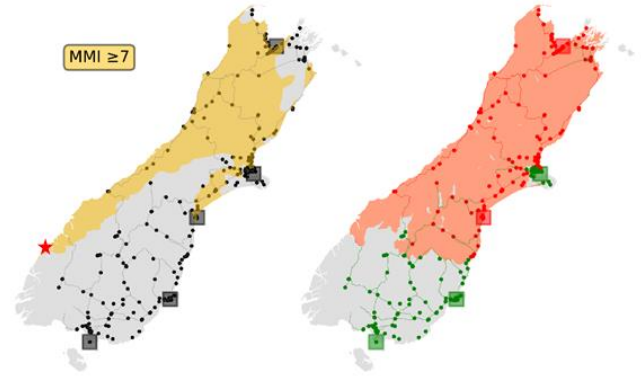
# Alpine Fault EQ



North-to-South Scenario



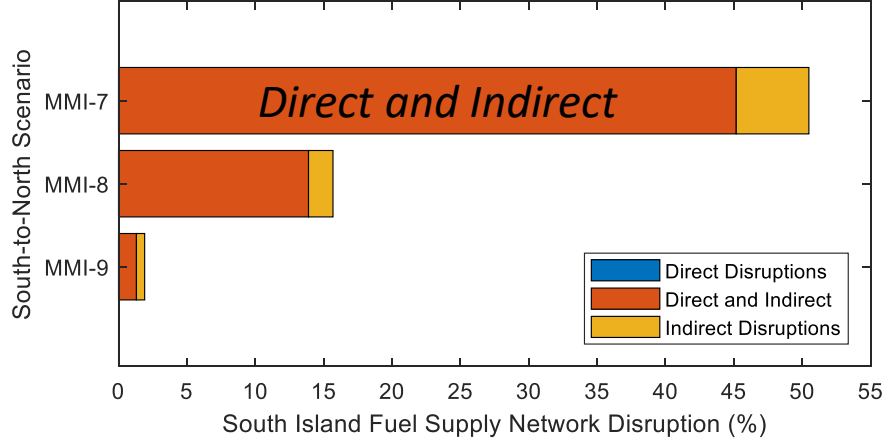
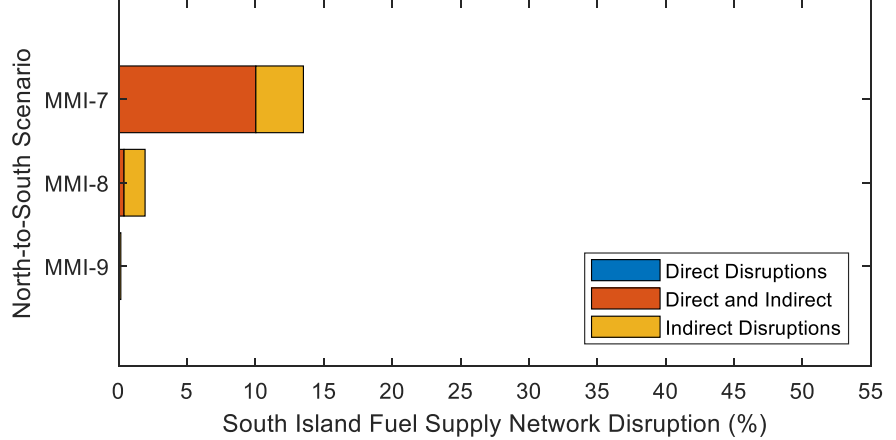
South-to-North Scenario



Fuel Supply Asset Exposure

Extent of Supply Disruption

Geospatial outages

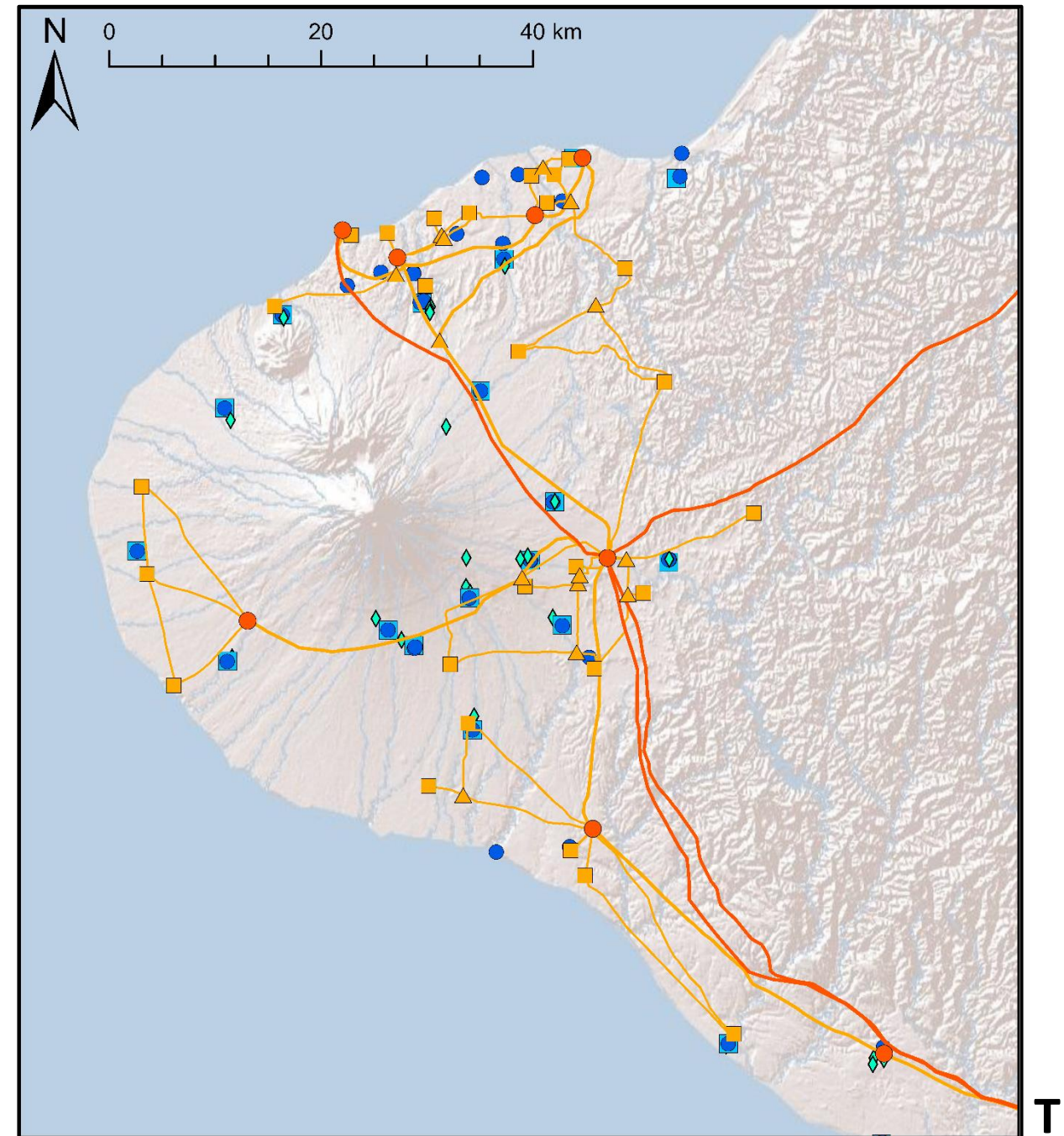
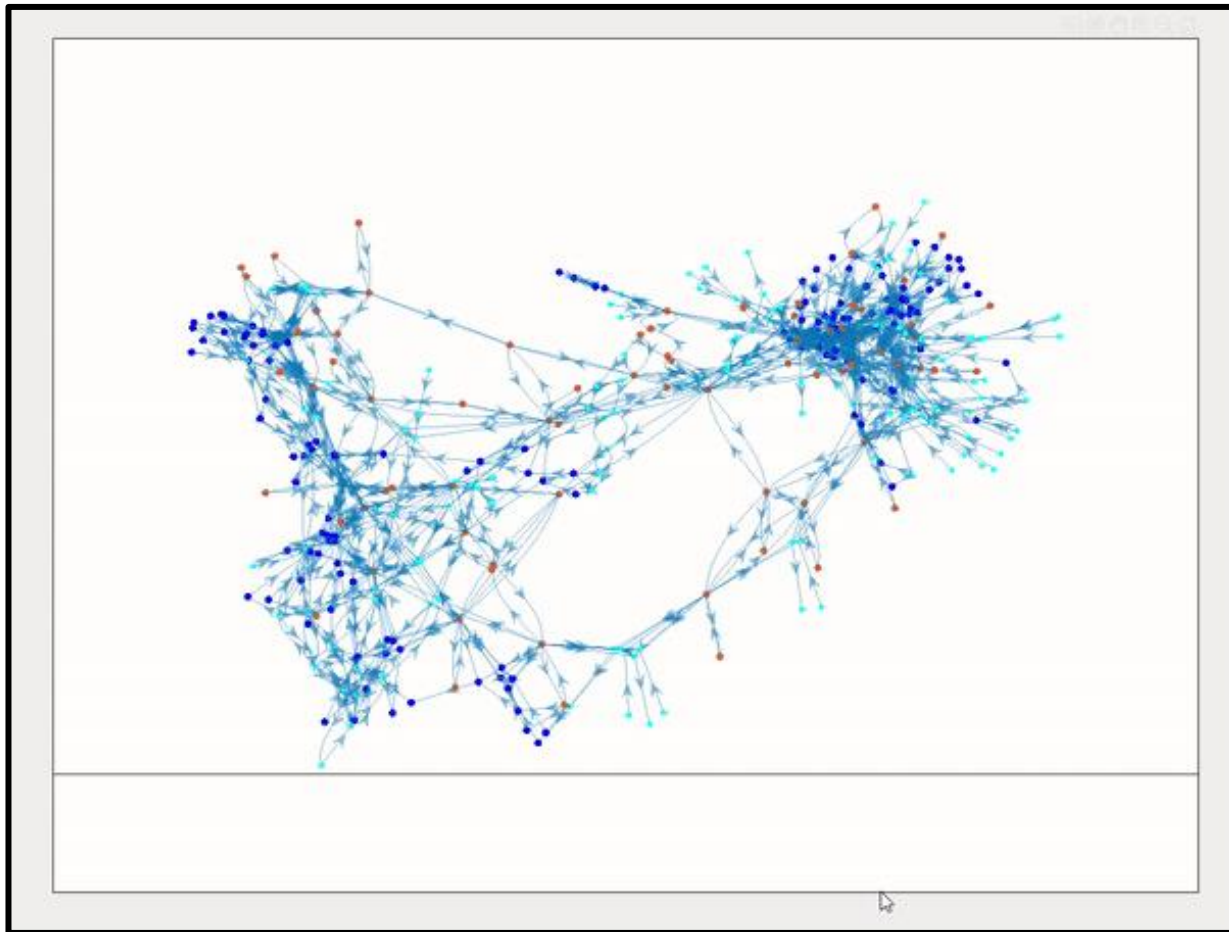


Quantification of extent of indirect outages and importance of redundancies

AF Scenarios

# Mt Taranaki Eruption

- Exposure of critical infrastructure



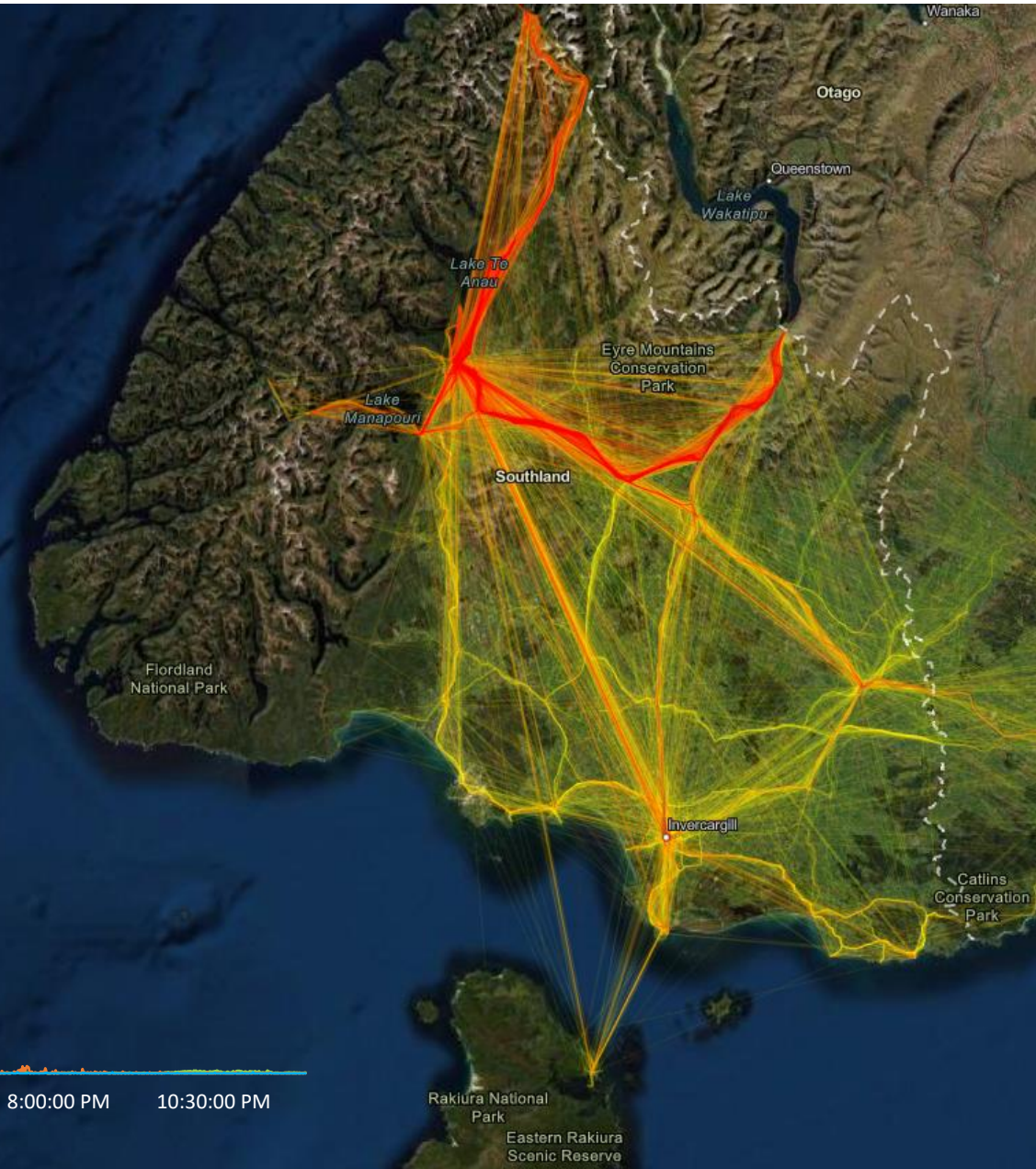
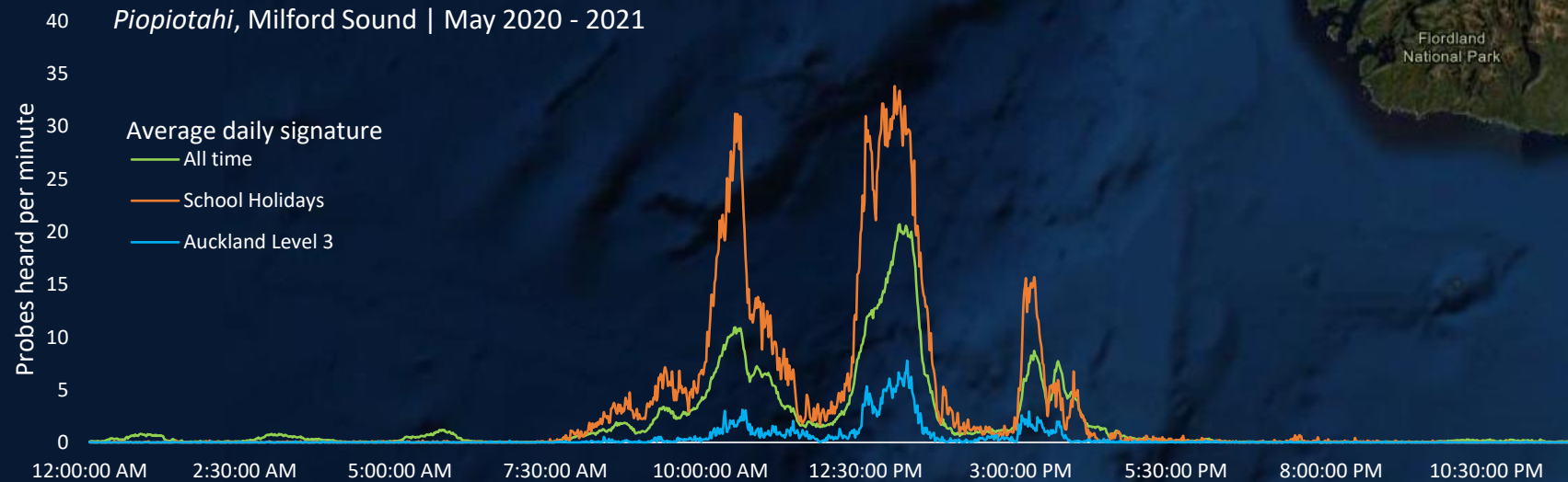
# Systems Users and Community

- Improve our representation of users of the transport system and how they will they be impacted?
  - Transient populations
  - Dynamic exposure models
  - Agriculture Systems
  - Supply Chain and Logistics



# Dynamic risk exposure models

1. Fundamental to risk modelling is representative exposure data
2. Need to find ways to distribute people through space and time
3. To ultimate understand who is exposed to disaster risk when and how this changes through time and space



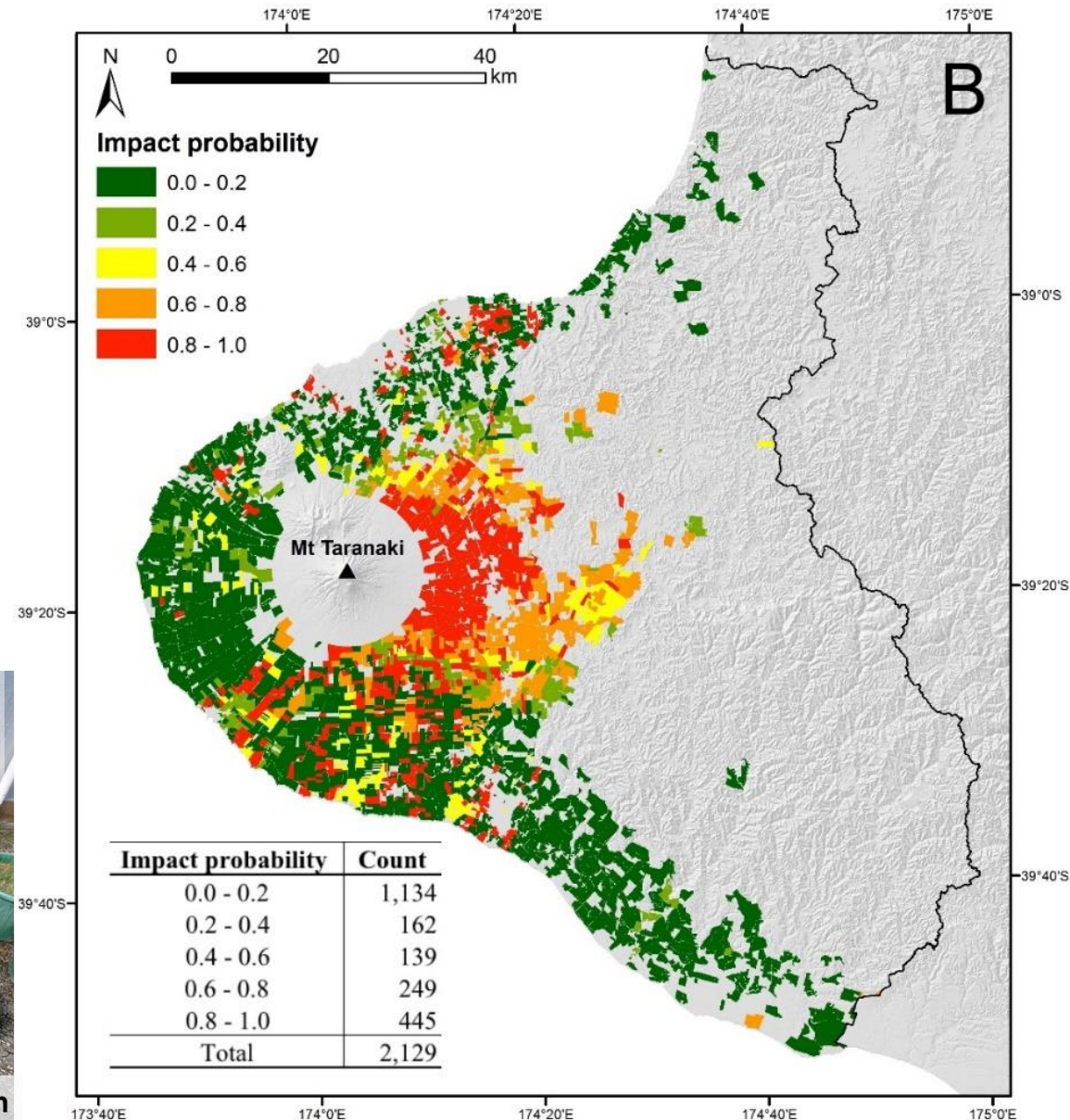


# Agricultural Systems

- Mt Taranaki scenario:
  - Disruption of critical infrastructure
  - Disruption of labour force (public health and transport)

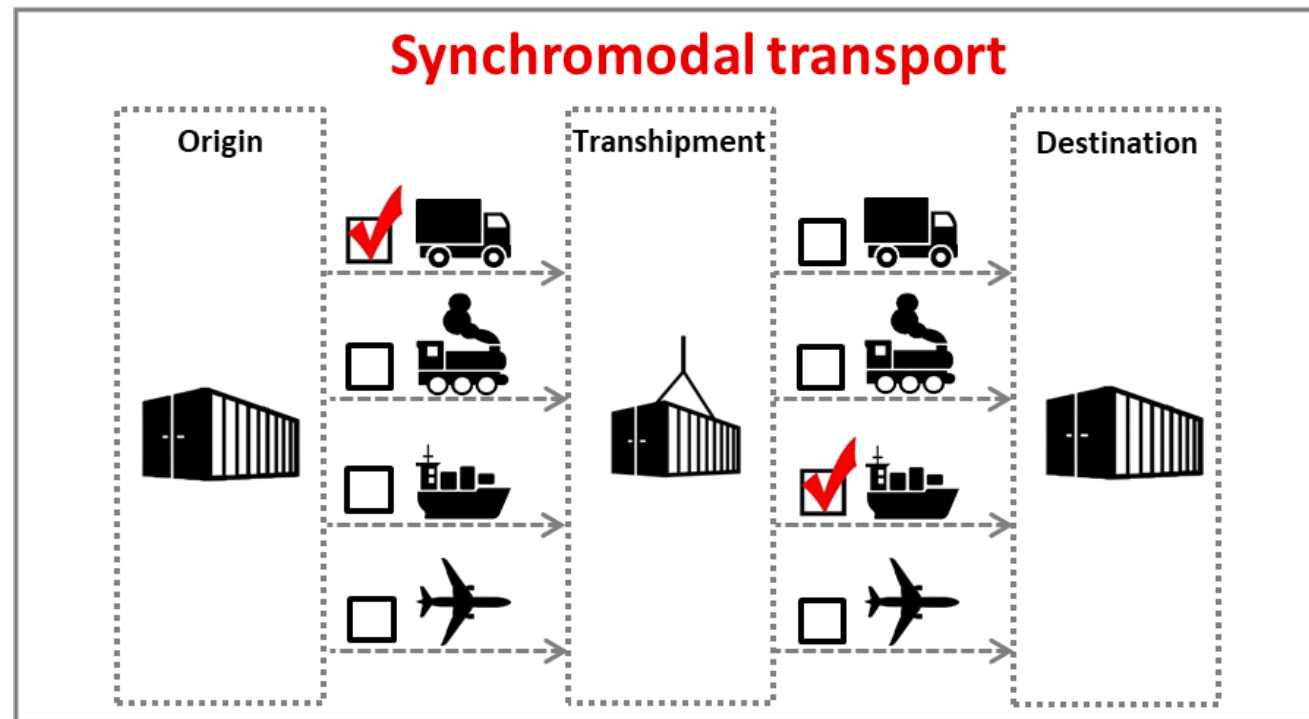


1. Established pastures survived <50 mm of ashfall
2. >100mm thick ashfalls most damaging
3. Limited difference of chemical impacts



# Keeping Goods Moving

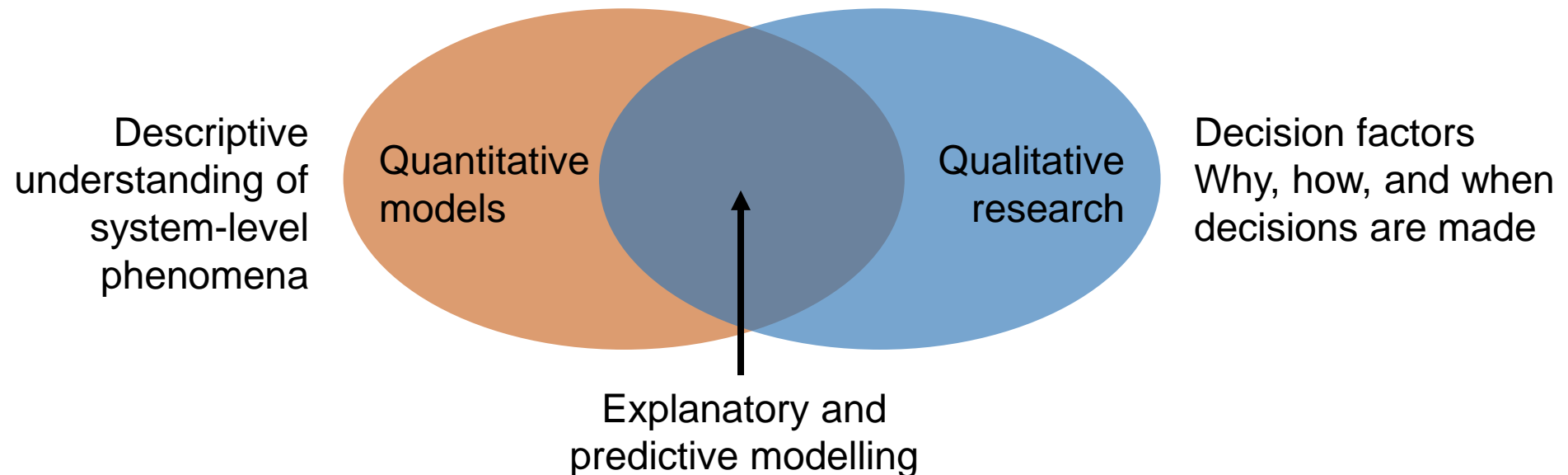
- Identifying the factors influencing the rapid reconfiguration of freight operations across modes
  - 2016 Kaikoura EQ
  - Interviews across sector
- Identified 31 factors influencing rapid modal shifts



**Findings:** **Increased physical, digital and business integration**, as well as **redundancies** (routes, modes, port capacity, shipping containers) are needed to create a more flexible and adaptable freight system in NZ.

# Supply Chain Behaviour

- To understand supply chain vulnerabilities and to create supply chain resilience, we need to have a handle on supply chain behaviour.
- Behaviour:
  - How supply chains use and depend on transport networks.
  - How supply chains are impacted by transport network disruptions.
  - How supply chains will adapt.



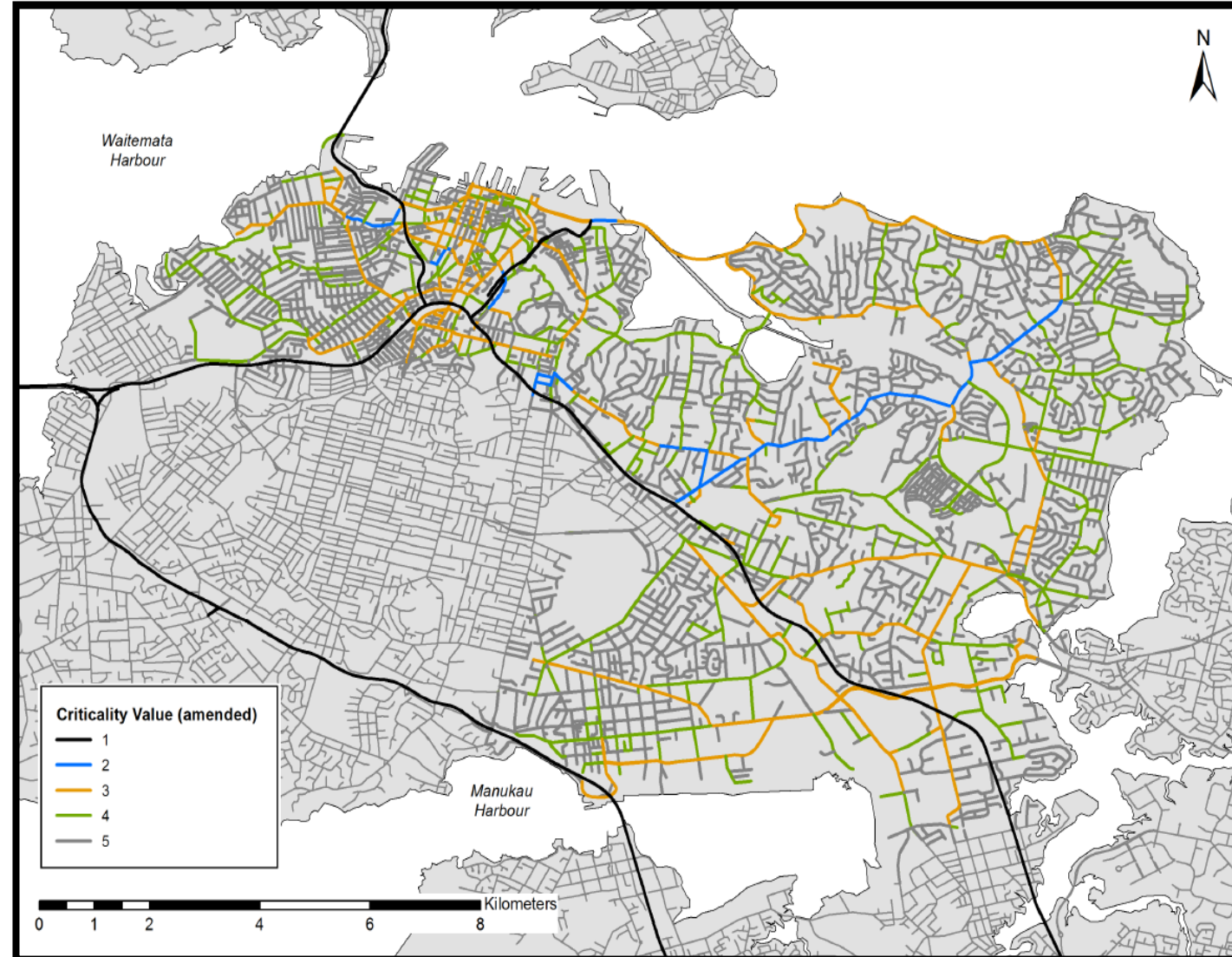
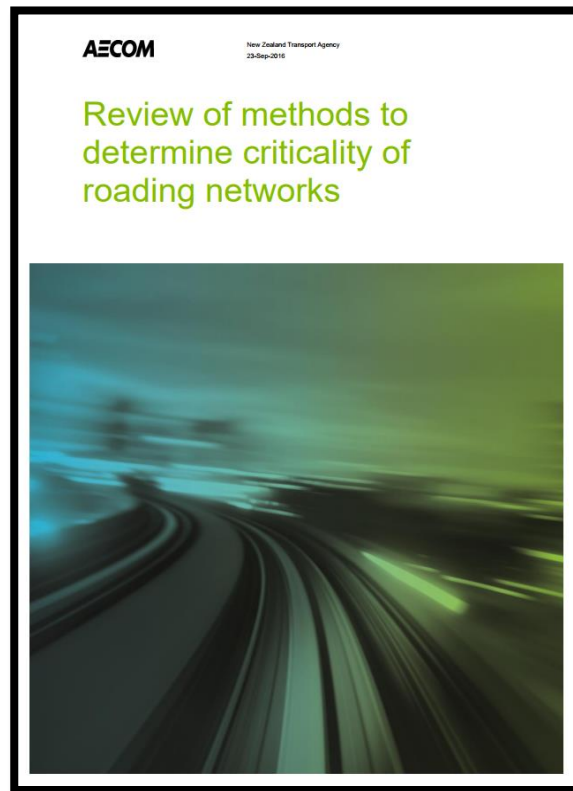


# Metrics & Economics

- How can we represent resilience in the context of transportation and how the wider impacts of service disruption?
  - Criticality
  - Flow-based resilience metrics
  - Access to essential services
  - Minimum Levels of Service
  - Integration of land use and economic models
  - Economic impacts

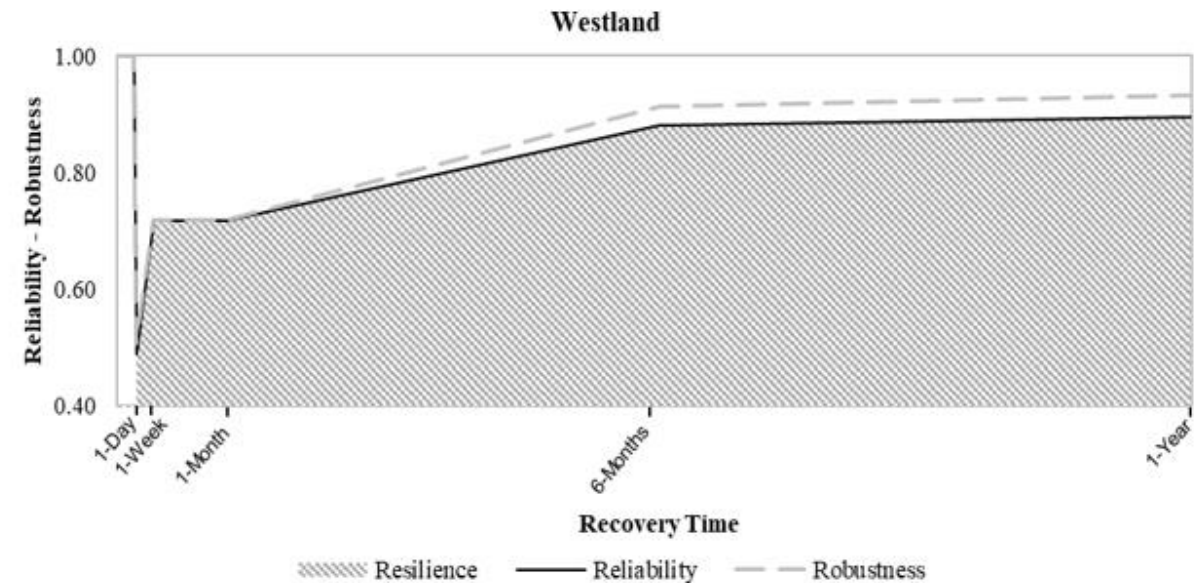
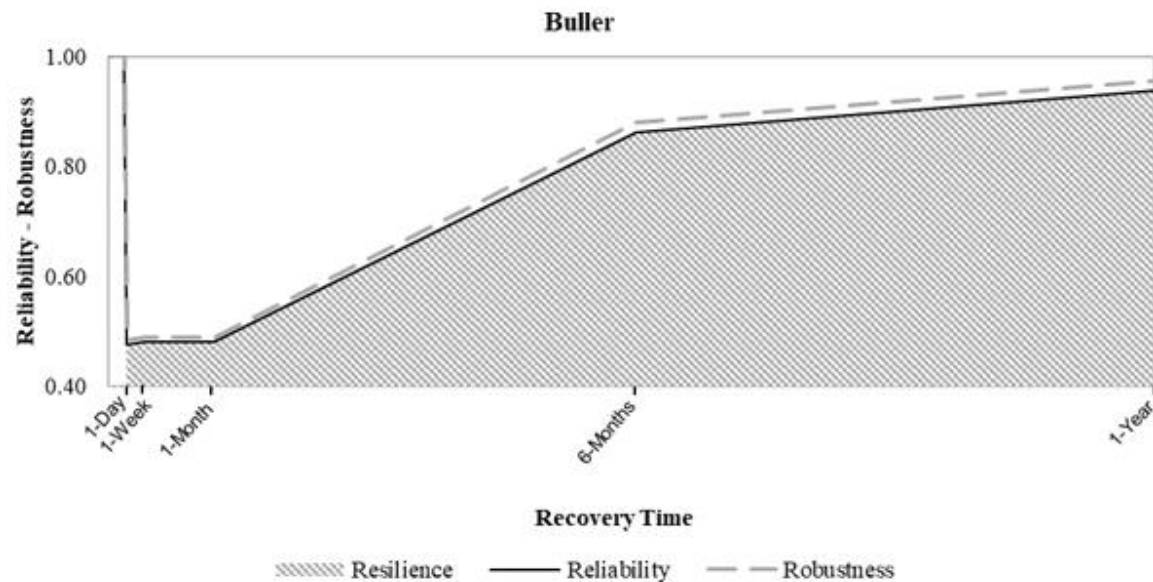
# Criticality

- Revised framework for criticality rating of road networks
  - Road function
  - Access to lifelines/evacuation route
  - Access to essential services



# Post-Hazard Resilience Metrics

- Transport modelling-based resilience metrics
  - Eliminated trips (robustness) & increased travel time (redundancy)
- To support the increase of resilience in transport infrastructure,
  - Comparing recovery plans
  - Prioritisation of proposed resilience mitigation measures
  - Determine relative criticality of road links



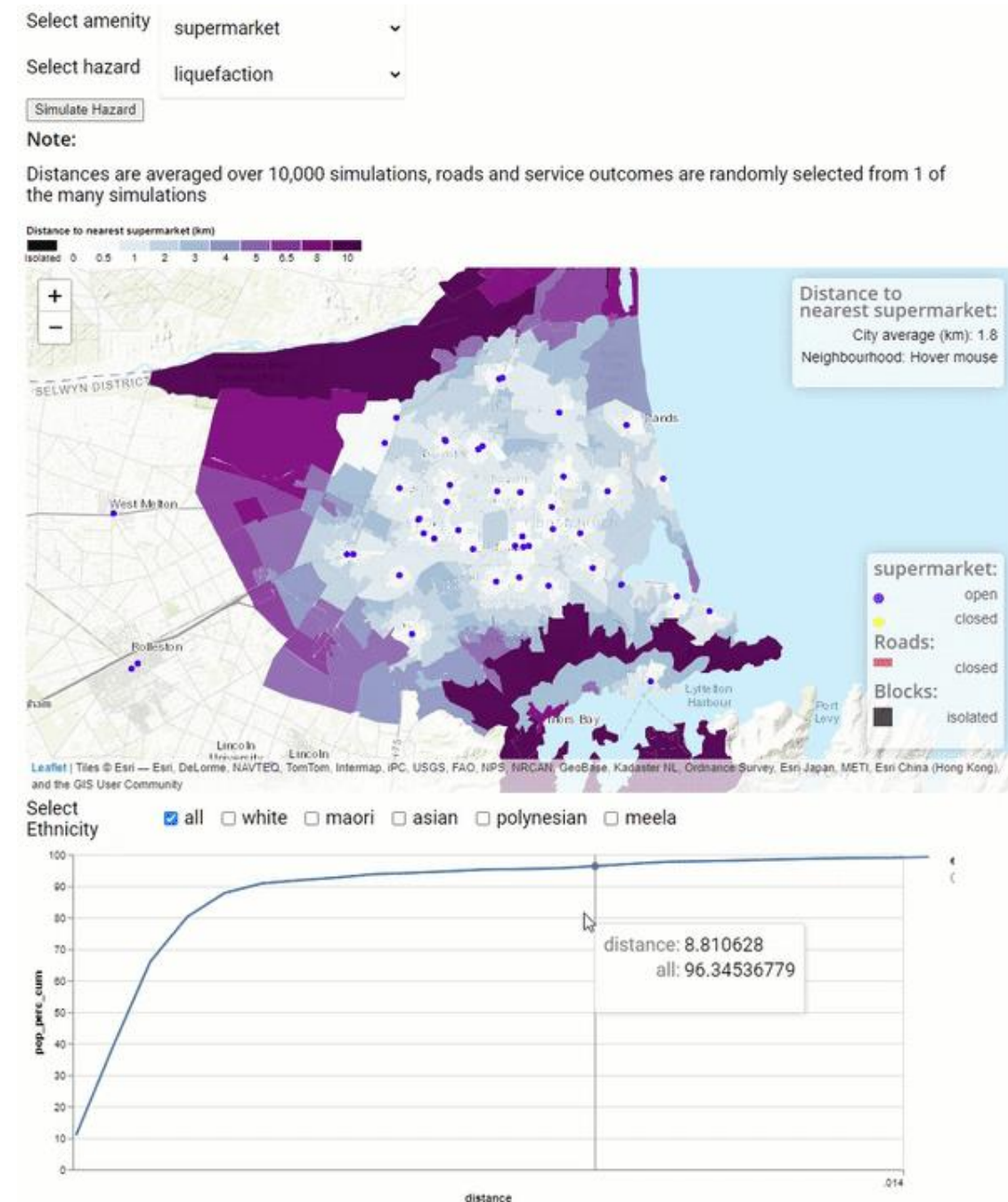
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# Access to Essential Services

- Network distance to any service (e.g., supermarket, healthcare...)
- Natural hazard scenario assessment
  - Road damage
  - Facility and dependent service failure
- Demographic group equity assessment



← More information



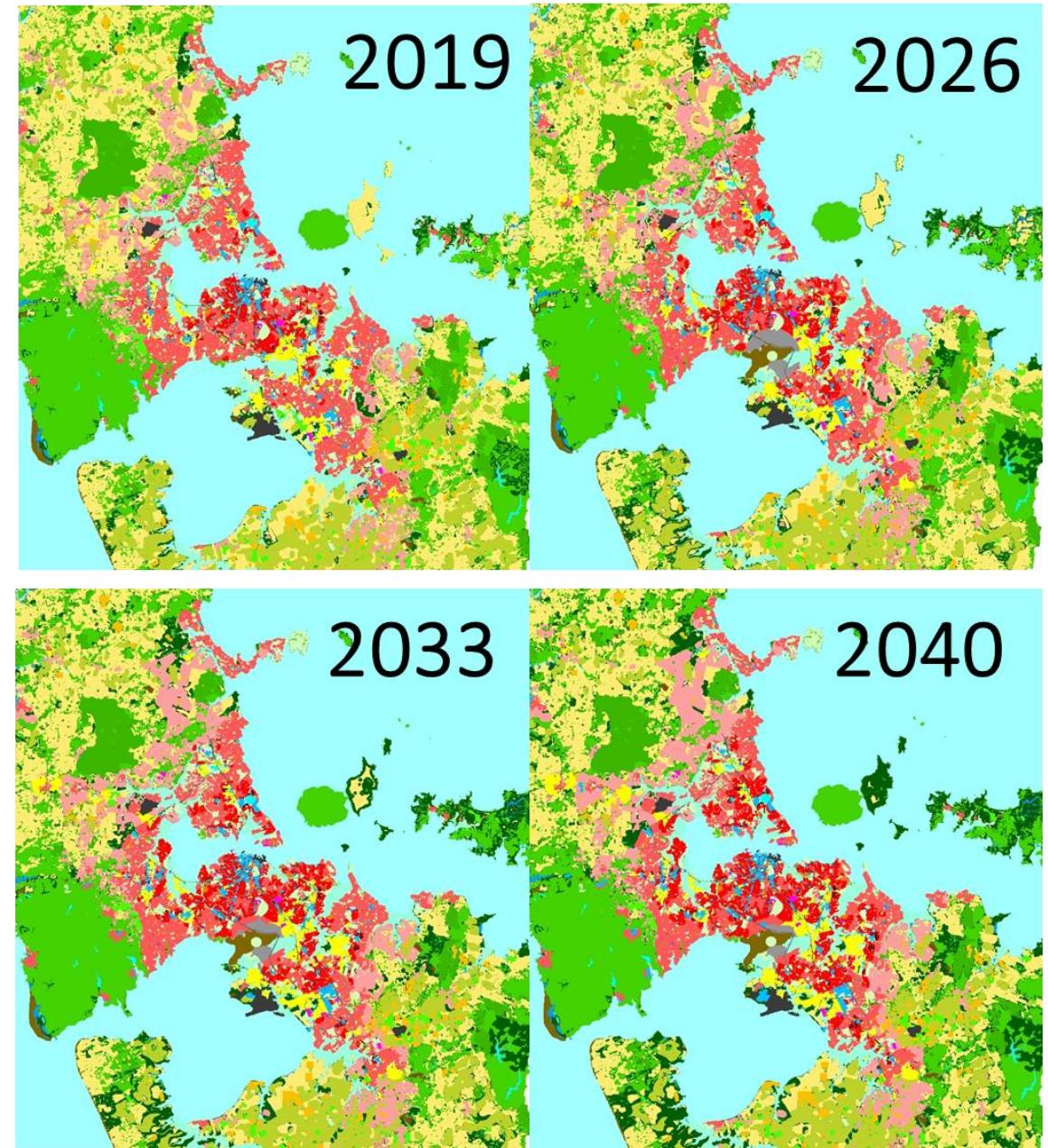
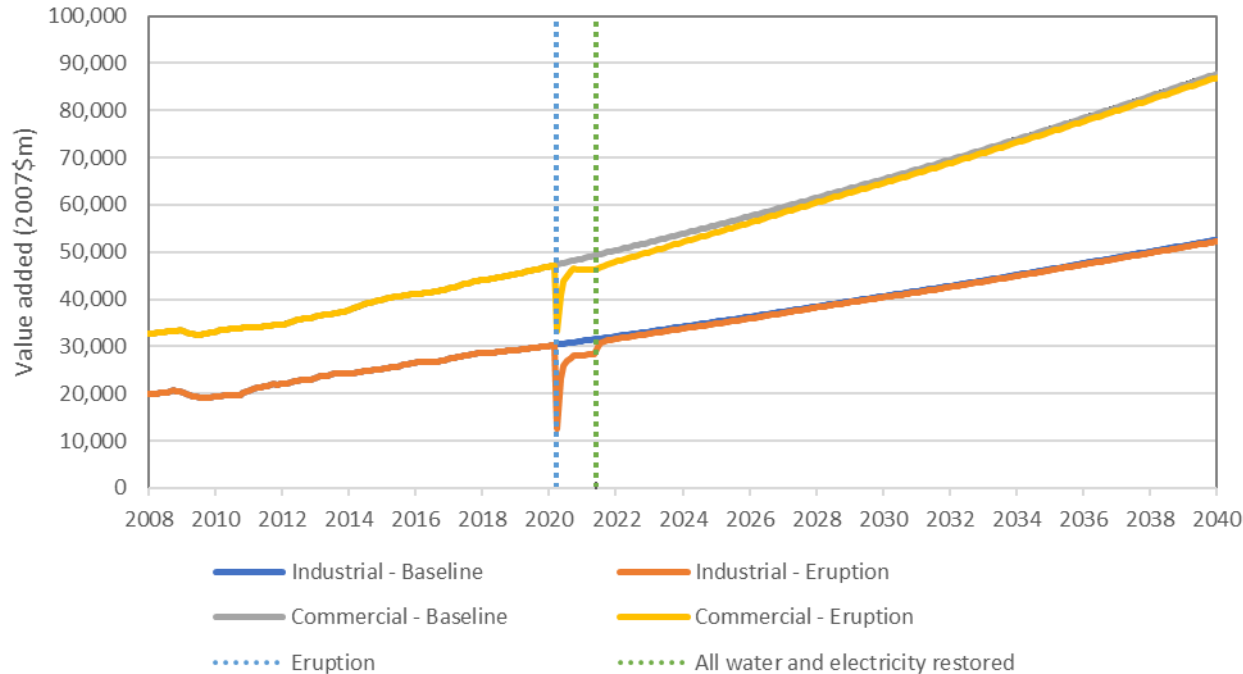
# Minimum Levels of Service

- Develop a framework to define and order emergency levels of service, that would allow interpretation by key stakeholders
- What 'emergency levels of service' for each infrastructure sector could be defined
- Outputs are intended to inform:
  - Lifeline utilities of where there may be gaps in delivery
  - Emergency management – to inform planning
  - Community members – 'what might I expect following a major event'



# Integrated Land Use/Economic Models

- Simulation of land use change and economic activity after volcanic eruption
- Future integration with improved and new infrastructure network models





# Economic Impacts (MERIT)

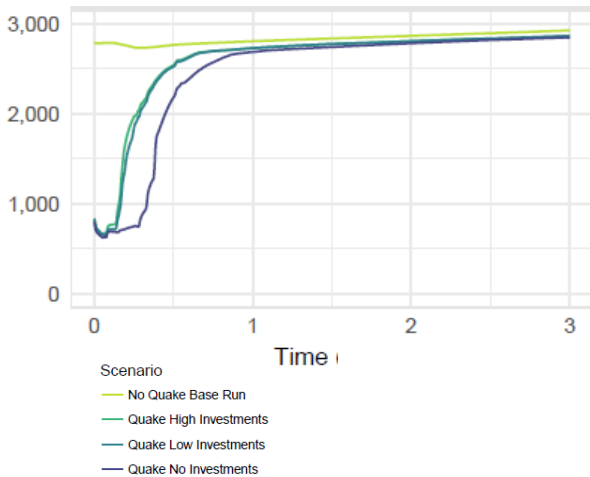
Event Occurs - Building and Infrastructure Damage



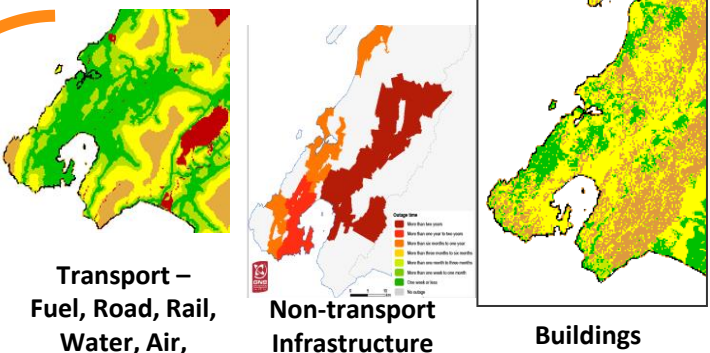
Direct Tourism impacts



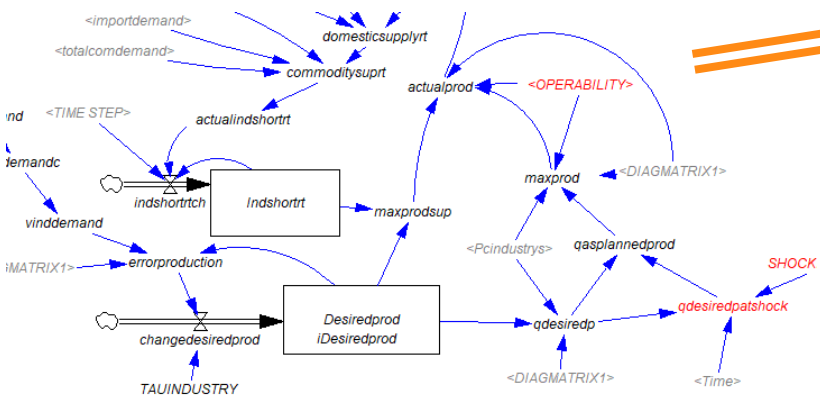
Results through time for Region, NZ – GRP, Income etc by industry



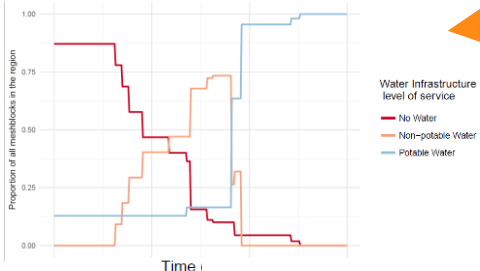
Direct Impact Maps (including interdependencies)



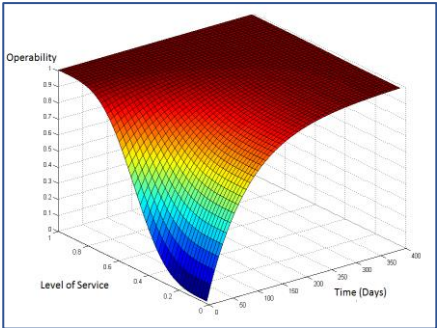
Flow on Wider Economic Impacts using the Dynamic Economic Model



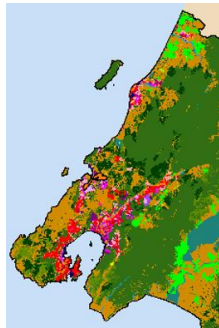
Infrastructure Recovery through time



Business Operation



People & Business Relocation



# Summary

- Broad range of research underway across the country
  - From hazard exposure through to decision making aspects
  - Improving specific areas with a view to incremental wider integration
- Good collaboration across the research environment
  - Working together to develop teams that will lead to the best outcomes
  - Improve efficiency of the engagement with industry
- Partnership with industry a key part to this success
  - Continued relationships with existing partners
  - **Any wider interest or engagement is welcomed so please reach out**

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