

# Lateral Spreading Displacements Challenges: Data and Predictive Models



Ellen M. Rathje, Ph.D., P.E.

*Warren S. Bellows Centennial Professor  
Dept. of Civil, Arch., and Env. Engineering  
University of Texas at Austin*

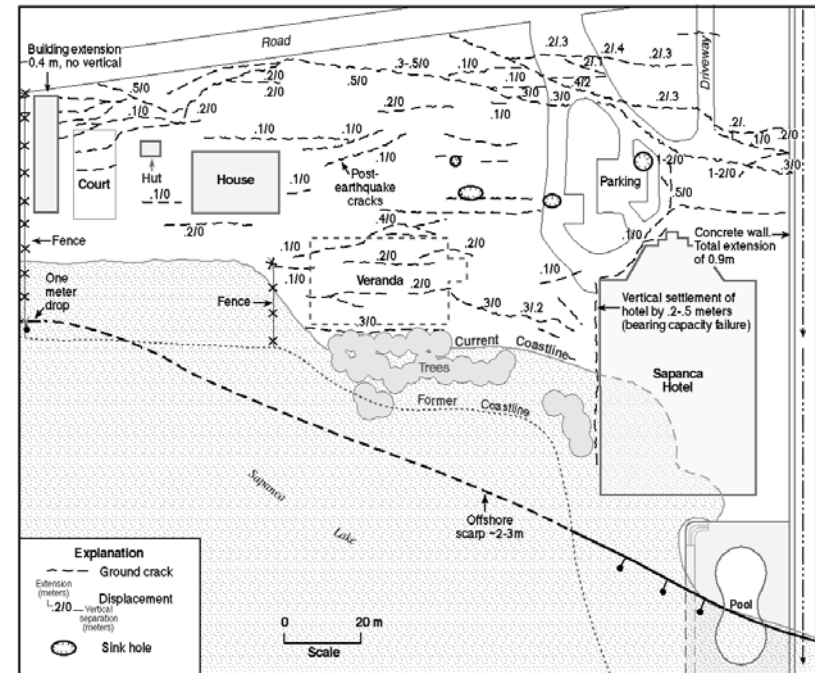
# Lateral Spread Displacements

*Christchurch EQ*



Robinson et al. (2011) *9<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference on EQ Eng*

*Kocaeli EQ*



## Challenges

- Available case history datasets
- Predictive models

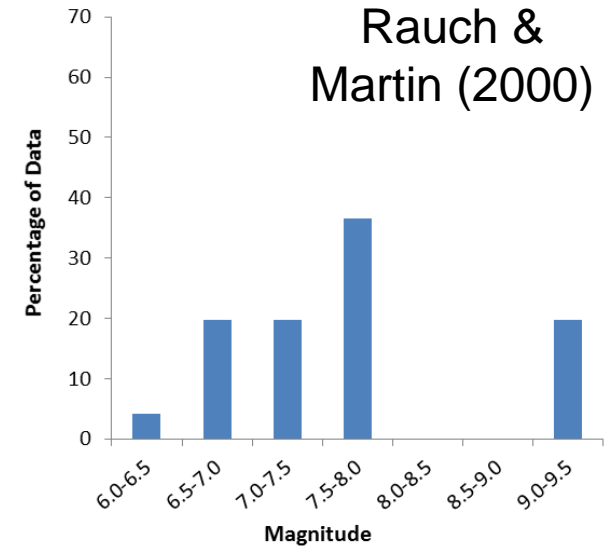
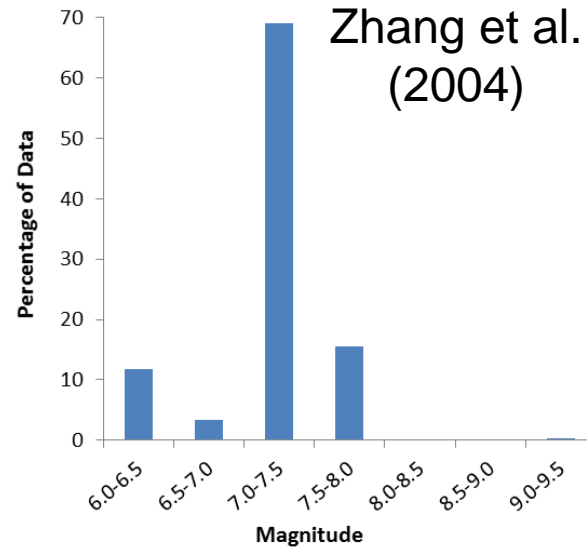
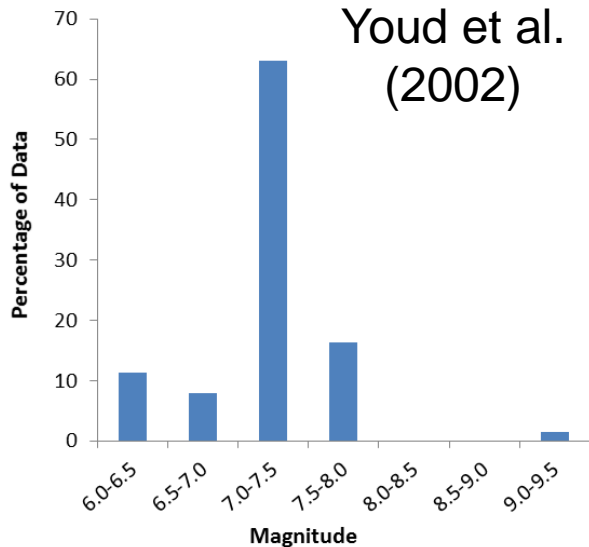
# Available Case History Datasets

## *General Characteristics of Datasets*

	No. Disp	No. Sites	No. EQs	Niigata EQ
Youd et al. (2002)	450	55	10	300 disp 14 sites
Zhang et al. (2004)	291	21	13	201 disp 6 sites
Rauch & Martin (2000)	71	71	15	14 disp 14 sites

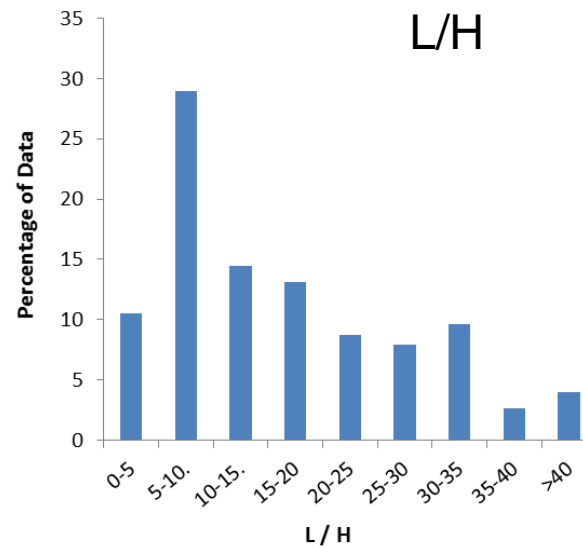
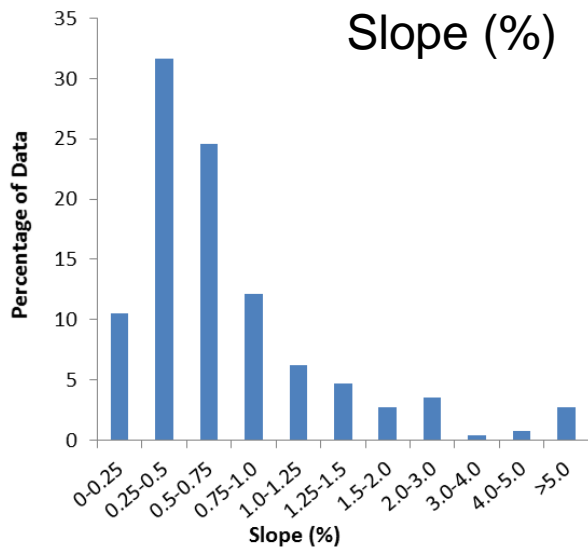
# Available Case History Datasets

## *Magnitude Distributions*



# Available Case History Datasets

*Youd et al. (2002)*



*Zhang et al. (2004)*

- L/H = 4-40
- Slope 0.2 to 8%

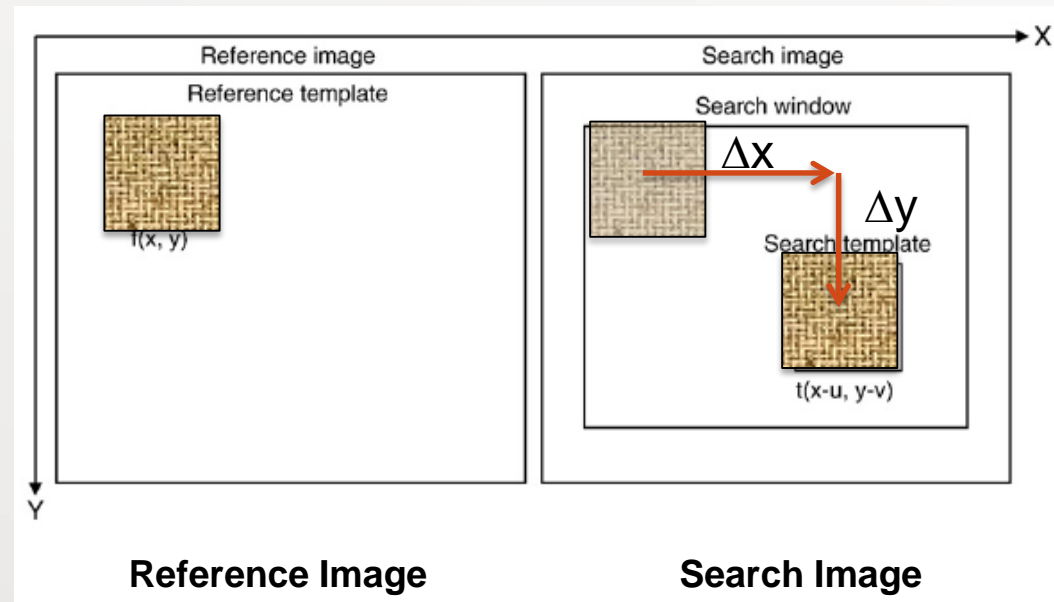


Rauch (1997)

# Increasing Available Datasets: Remote Sensing

## *Two-dimensional Differencing of Imagery*

- Measure offsets of chips of pixels between two images
- Corrections for topography, acquisition geometry, etc. required
- Sub-pixel displs can be achieved

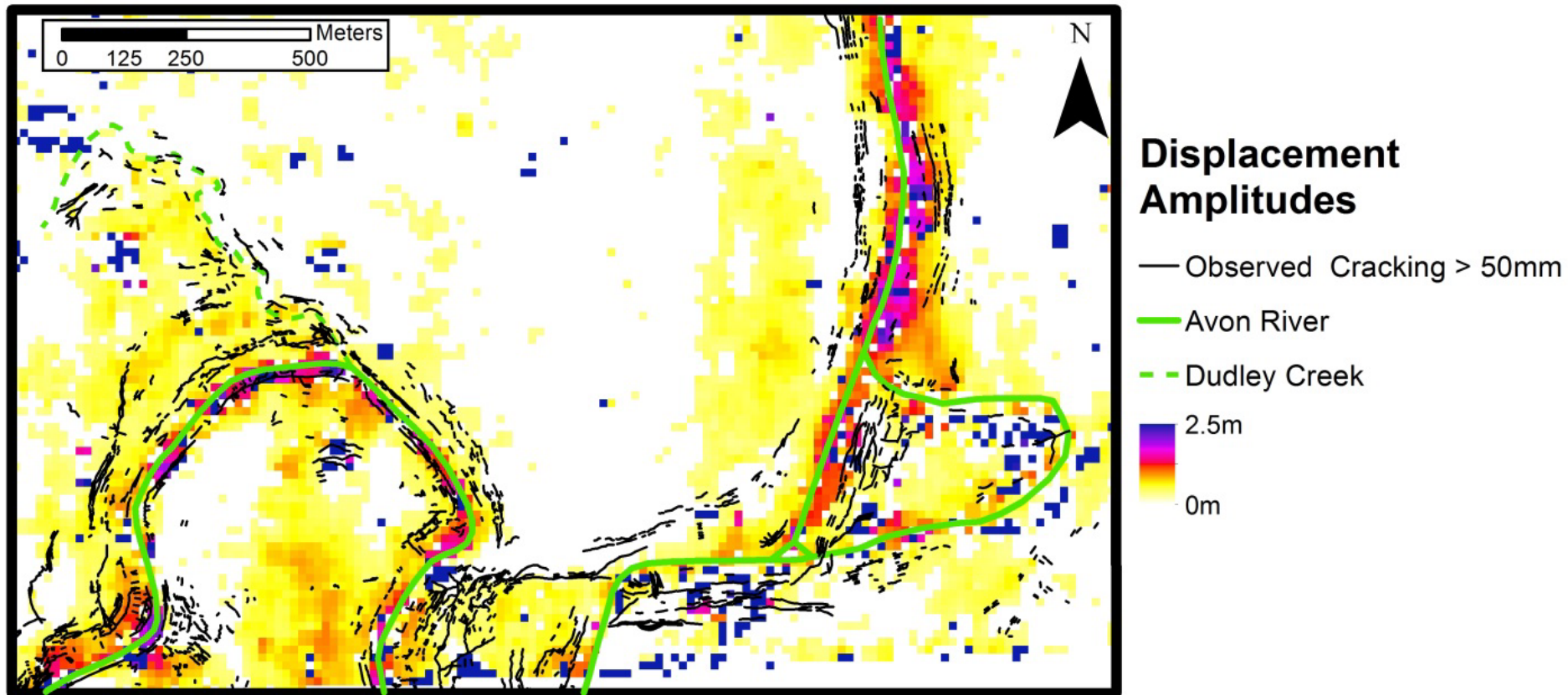


Modified from Debella-Gilo and Kaab (2011)



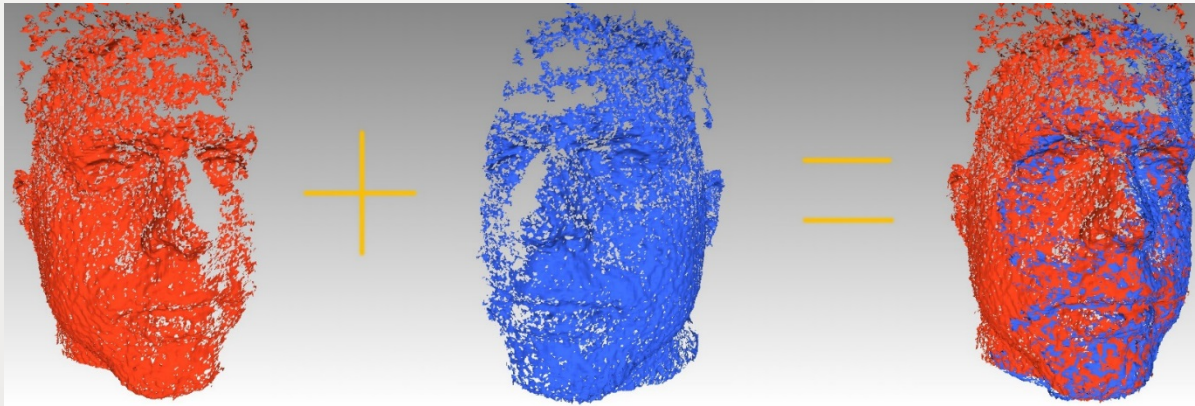
# Application to Christchurch EQ

## *2D Differencing of Satellite Imagery*



# Increasing Available Datasets: Remote Sensing

## *Three-dimensional Differencing of Point Clouds*

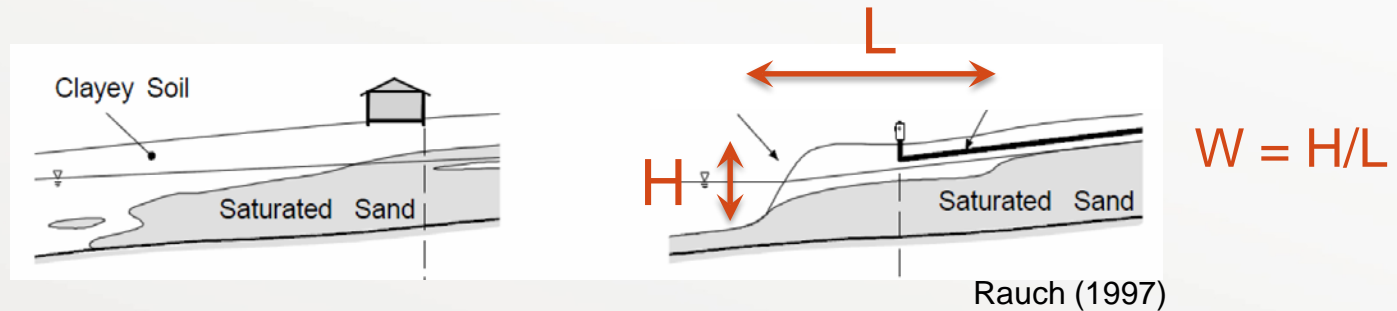


<http://dynface4d.isr.uc.pt/database.php>

- Iterative Closest Point (ICP): co-registration of point clouds
- Can be used on patches within 2 co-registered point clouds to measured 3D displacement
- Requires “terrain texture” in the point cloud, large point density, etc.



# Lateral Spreading Models



***Sloping Ground***

***Free Face***

Youd et al. (2002), Bardet et al. (2002), Gillins and Bartlett (2014)

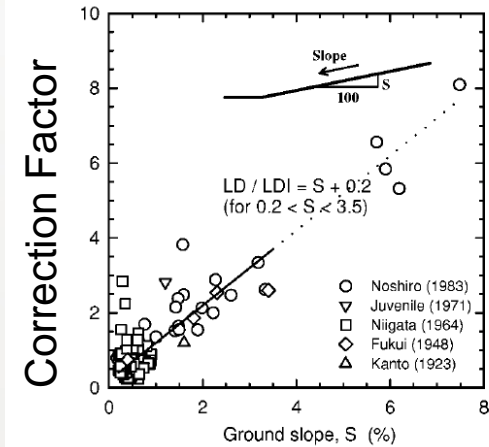
- Empirical regression models
- Treat each displacement as independent
- $D = \text{fxn} (M, R, T_{15}, \text{slope or } W, FC, D_{50})$
- $T_{15}$  = cumulative thickness of  $N < 15$  material

# Lateral Spreading Models

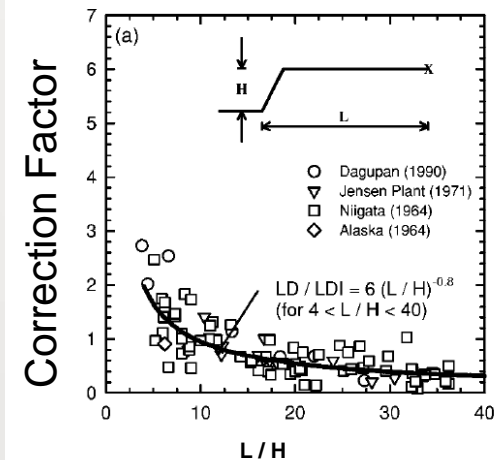
Zhang et al. (2004)

- Semi-empirical model
- Based on induced  $\gamma_{max}$  and empirical correction factor
  - $LDI = \left[ \int \gamma_{max} \cdot dz \right]$
  - $\gamma_{max} = \text{fxn} (FS_{liq}, D_R)$
  - $D = LDI \cdot \textit{Correction Factor}$
- Treats each displacement as independent to develop correction factor

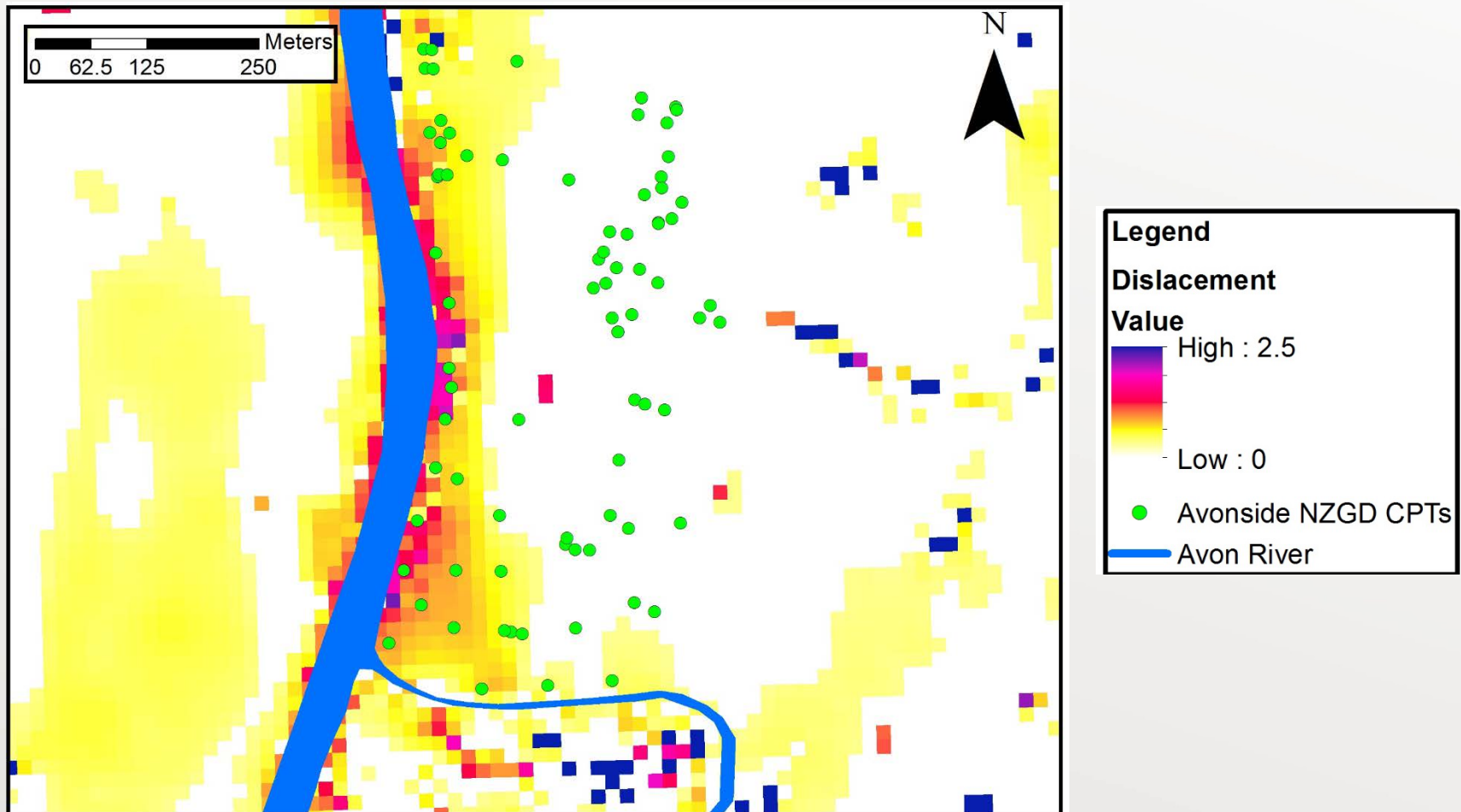
## Sloping Ground



## Free Face

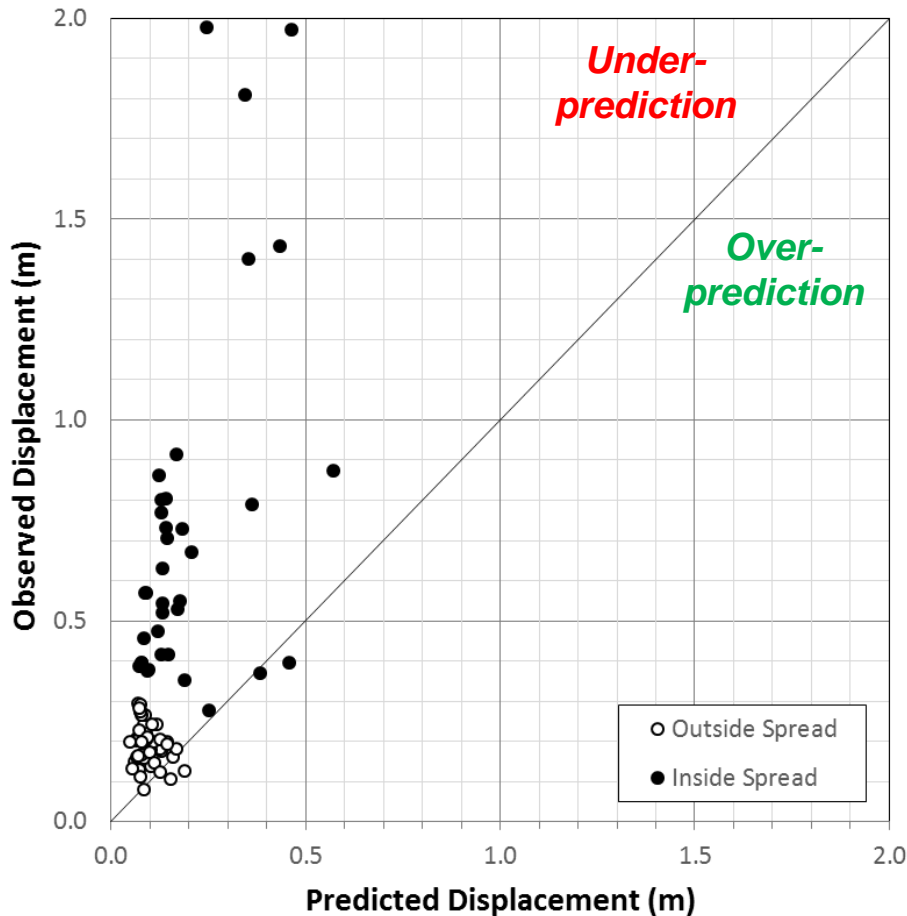


# Avonside Loop, Christchurch



# Youd et al. (2002)

## Observed vs. Predicted

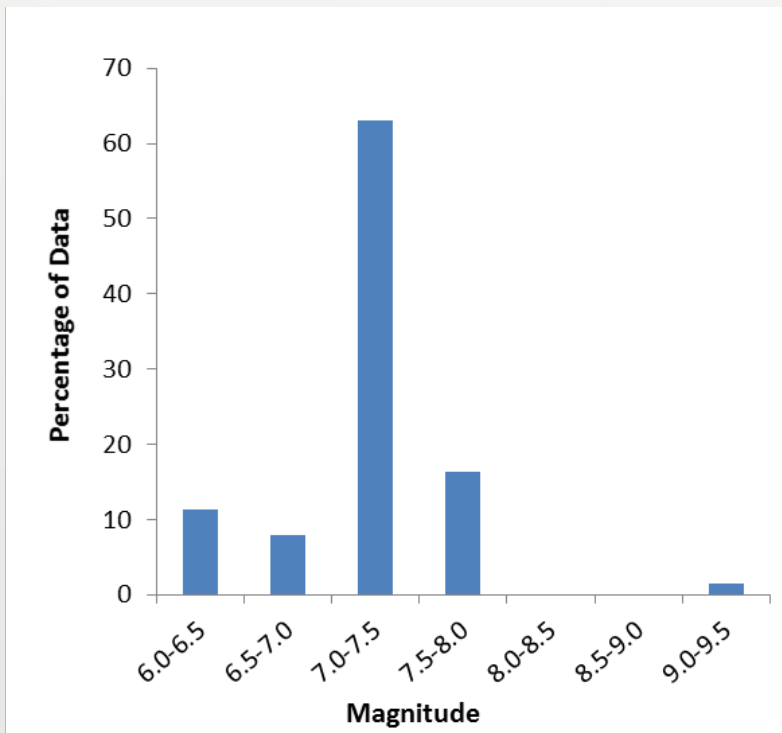


- General under-prediction
- Consistent under-prediction for  $L/H > 15$  ( $H \sim 3.5$  m)
- Similar results for Bardet et al. (2002), Gillins & Bartlett (2014) models

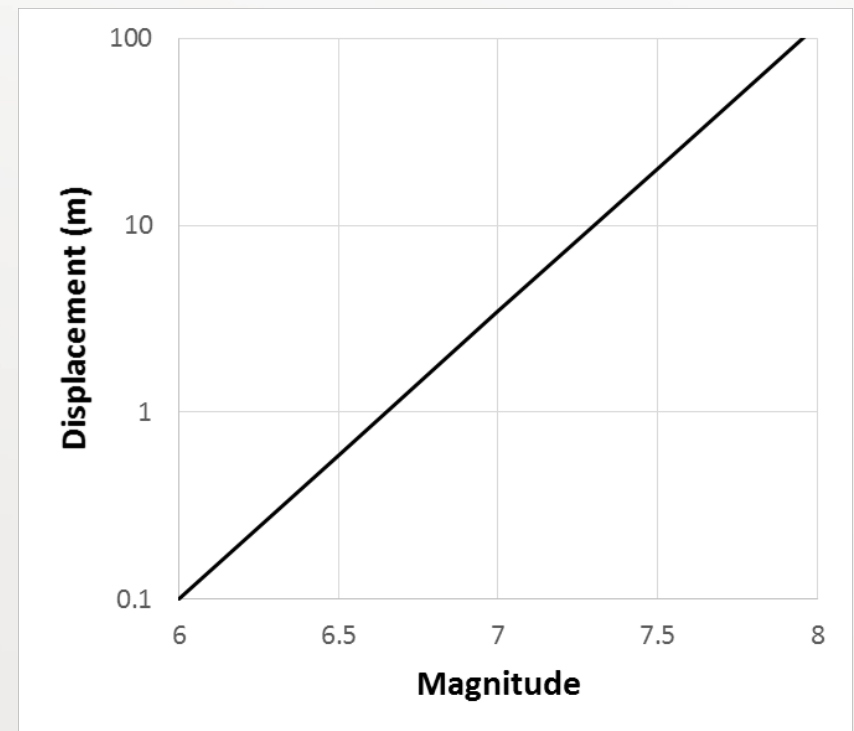
Assumed: FC = 20%, D50 = 0.2 mm

# Magnitude Scaling

*Youd et al. Dataset*



*Magnitude Scaling*

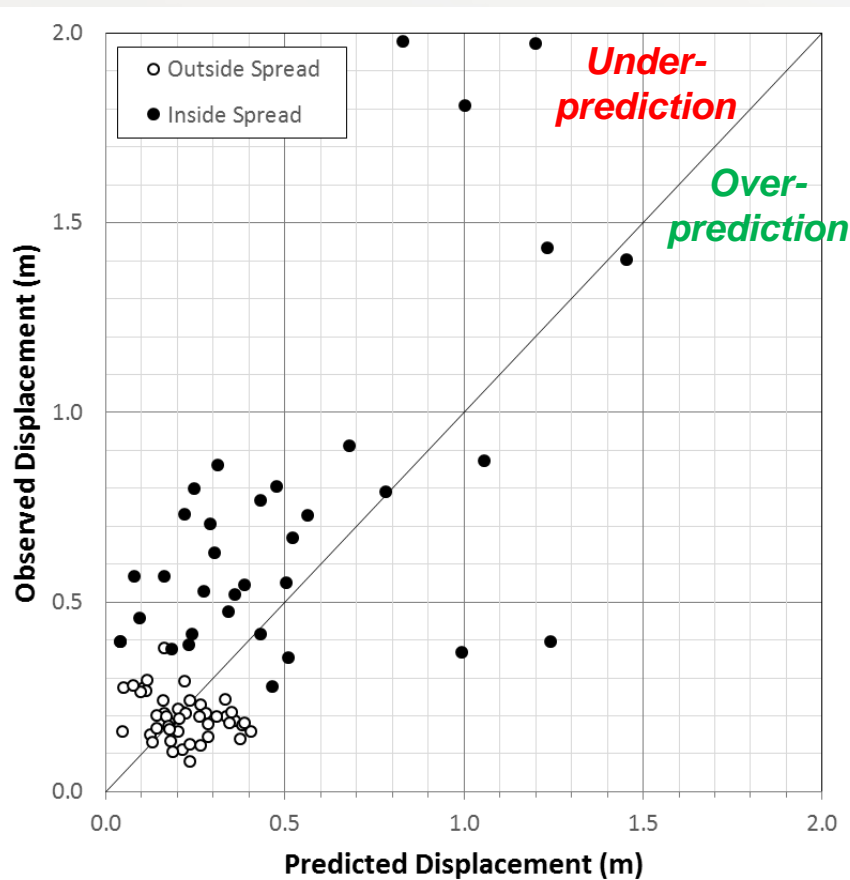


Assumed:  $T_{15} = 3$  m,  $W = 5\%$ ,  $FC = 10\%$ ,  
 $D_{50} = 0.3$  mm,  $R = 5$  km

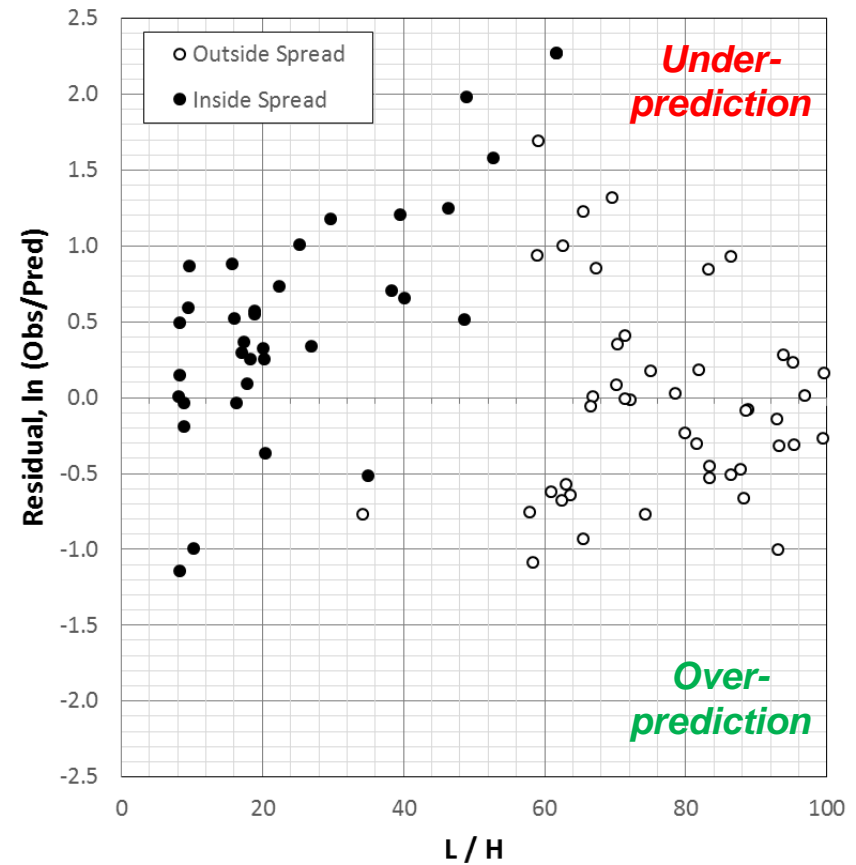


# Zhang et al. (2004)

*Observed vs. Predicted D*

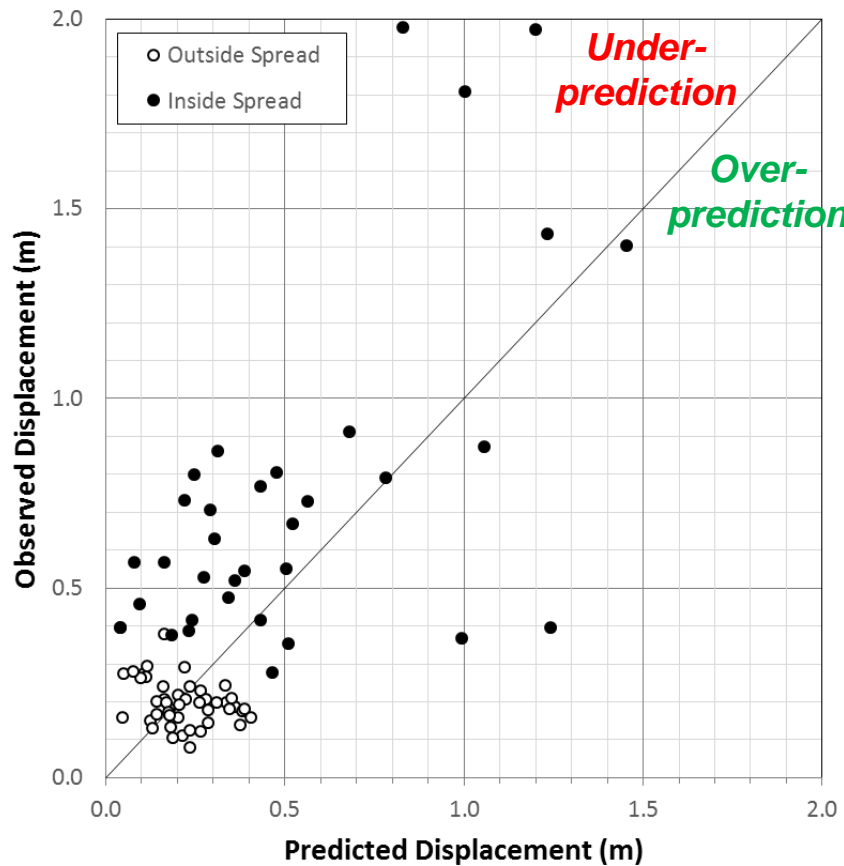


*Residual vs. L/H*

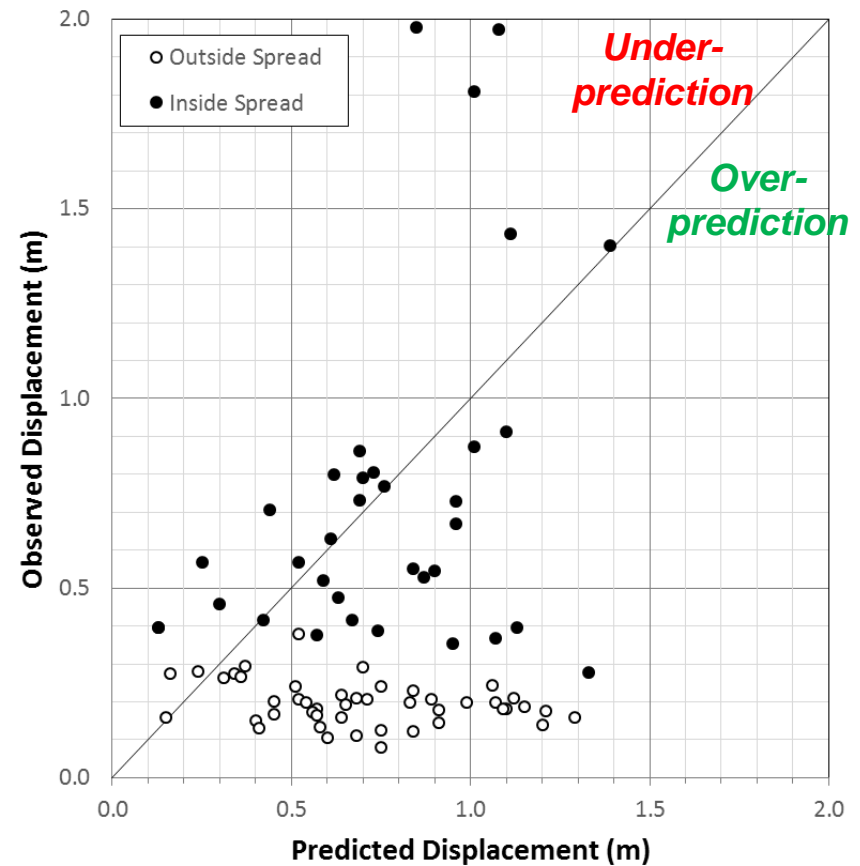


# Zhang et al. (2004)

*Observed vs. Predicted D*



*Observed vs. Predicted LDI*



# Influence of Geology/Geomorphology

## Displacements

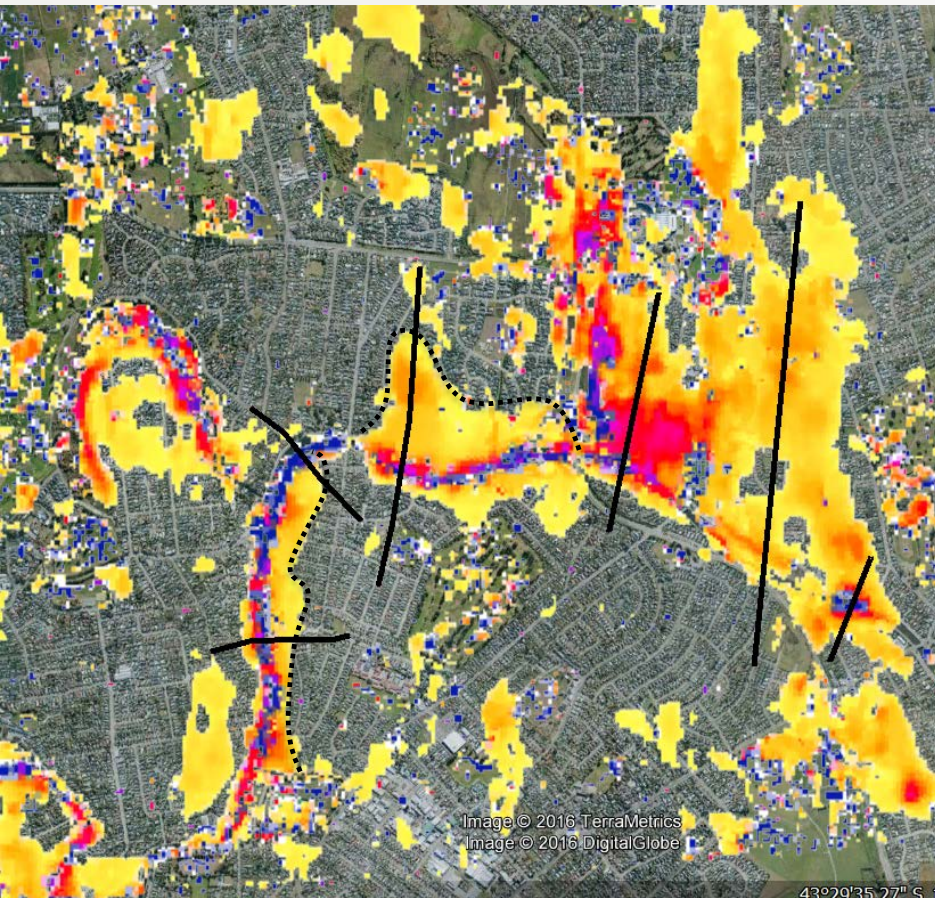
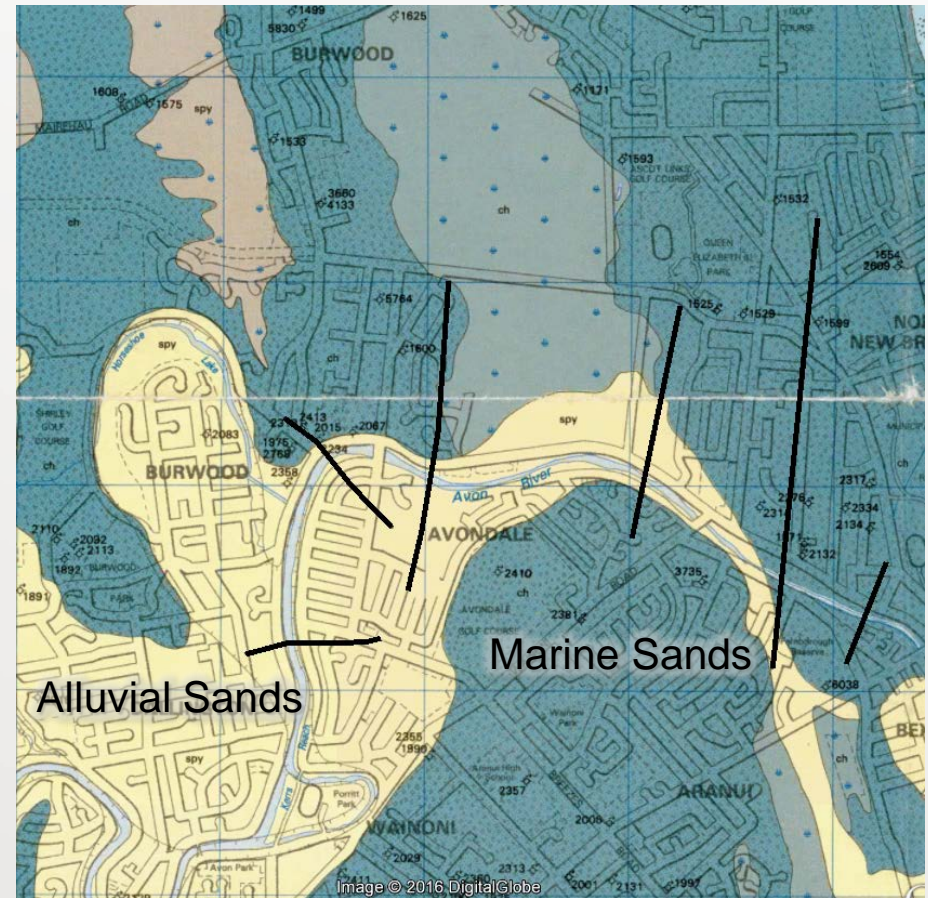


Image © 2016 TerraMetrics  
Image © 2016 DigitalGlobe

43°20'35.77" S 1

## Geology



Alluvial Sands

Marine Sands

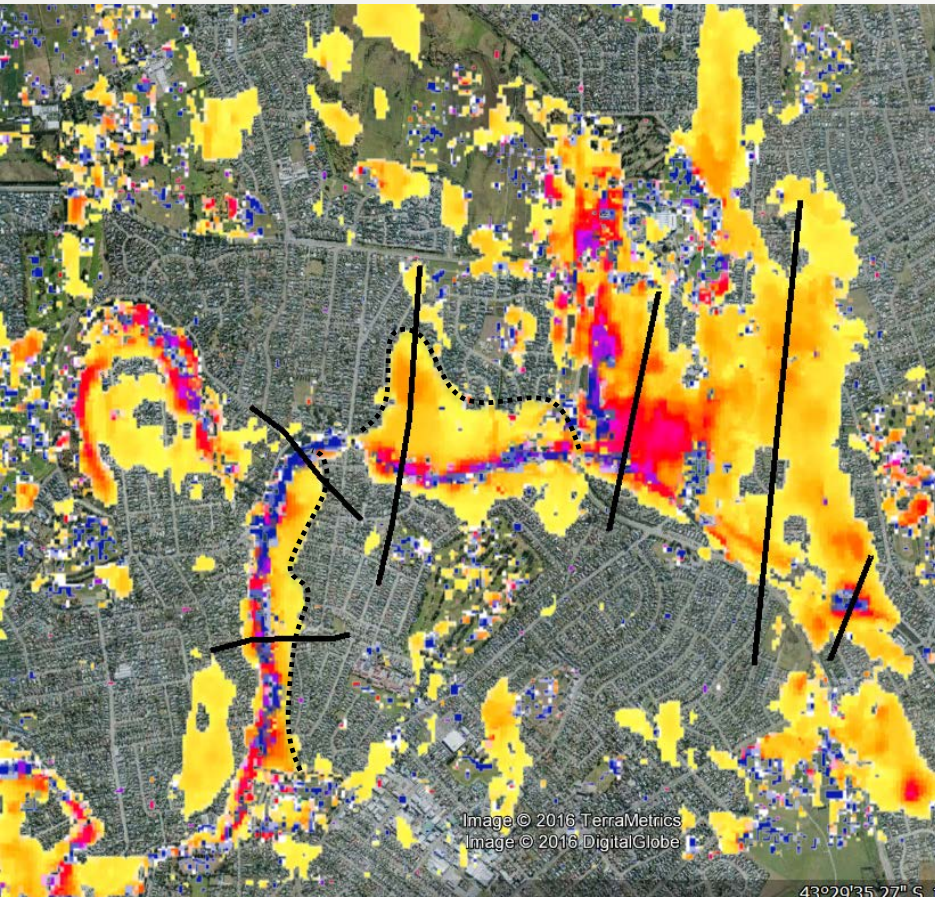
Image © 2016 DigitalGlobe

Brown and Weeber (1992) *GNS*



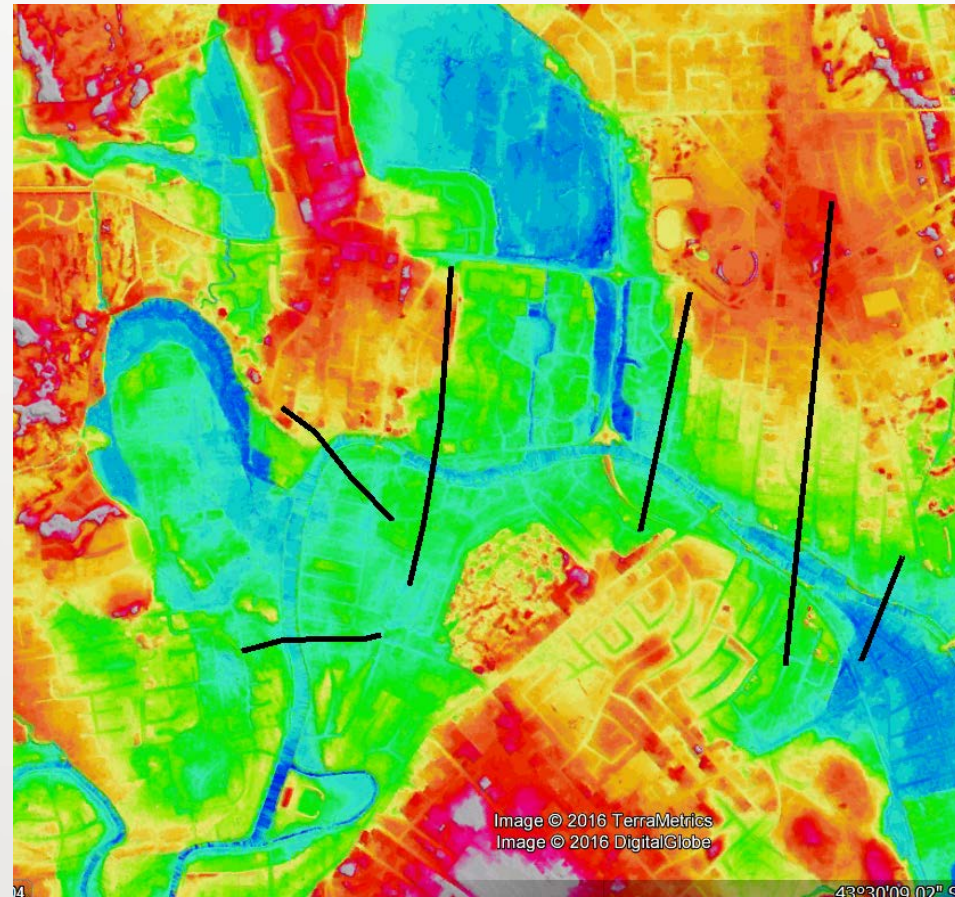
# Influence of Geology/Geomorphology

*Displacements*



43°29'35.27" S 1

*Elevation*



43°30'09.02" S

# Summary

- Data, data, data
  - More published datasets with all ancillary data
  - Use of remote sensing in the future
  - Physical models to fill gaps?
- Predictive models
  - Retire empirical models based on M, R
  - Refine semi-empirical models
  - Consider dependence of displacements, incorporate geology/geomorphology
  - Move towards advanced analyses (finite element)