Geological and geotechnical Perspectives

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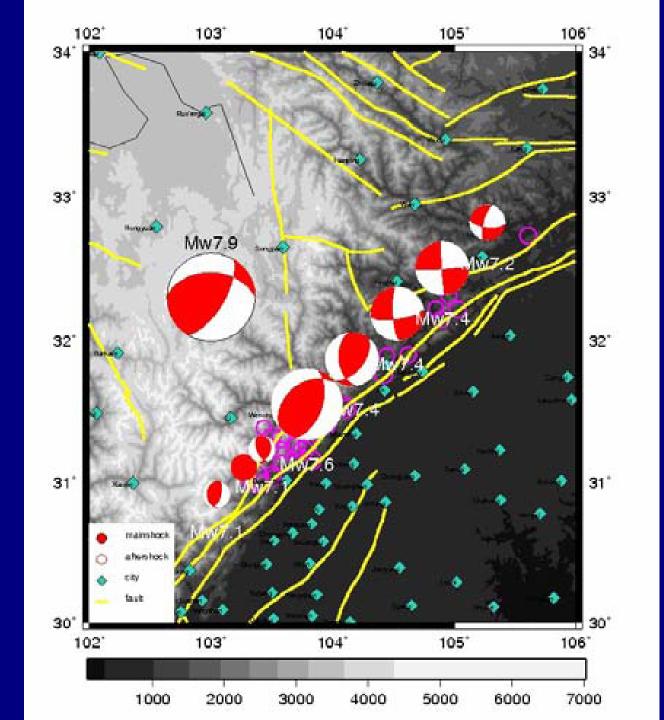
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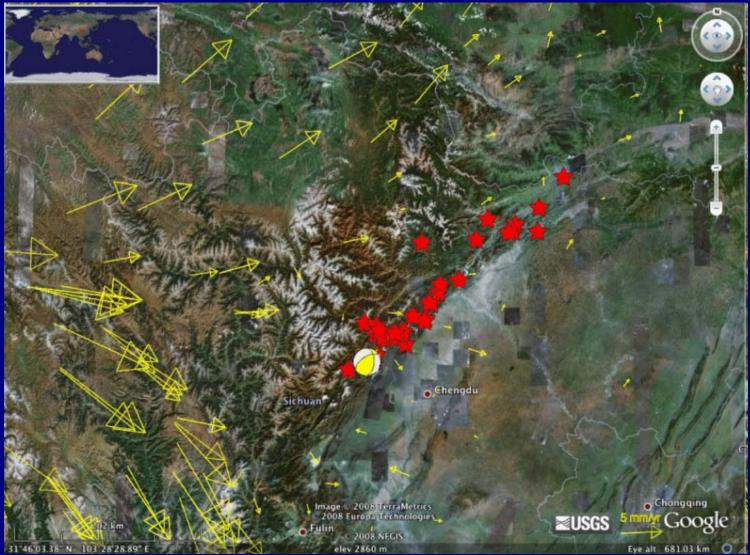
Presentation Outline

- Seismic Source Characterization
- Fault trace
- Landslides / Debris Dams
- Liquefaction
- Earth Retaining Systems
- Dams and Reservoirs
- Foundation Engineering

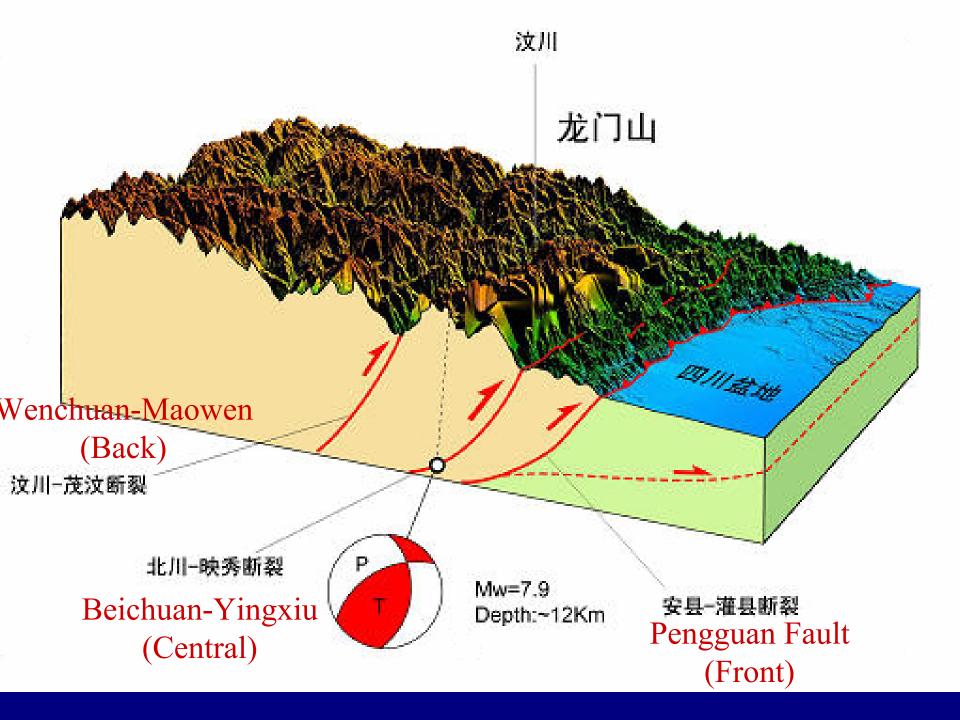




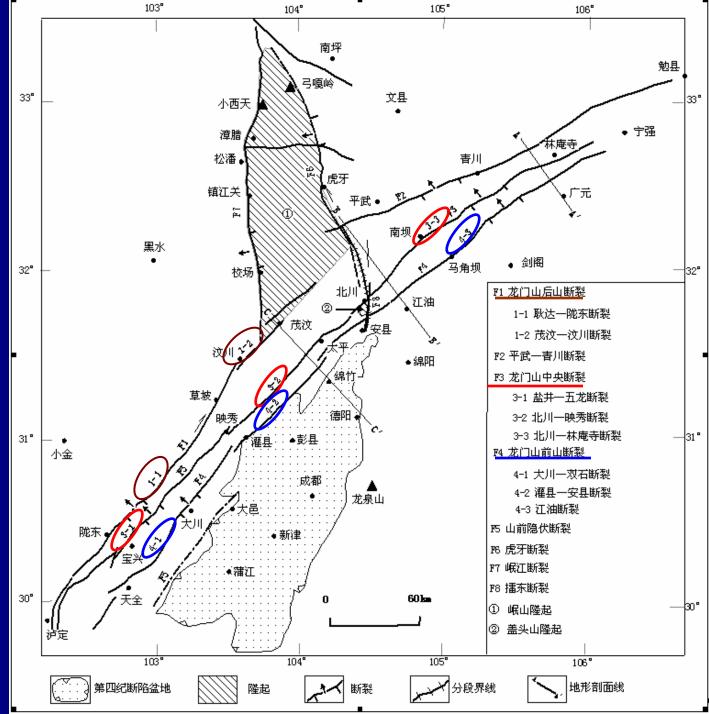
GPS measurements (Yellow arrows) in West Sichuan, China

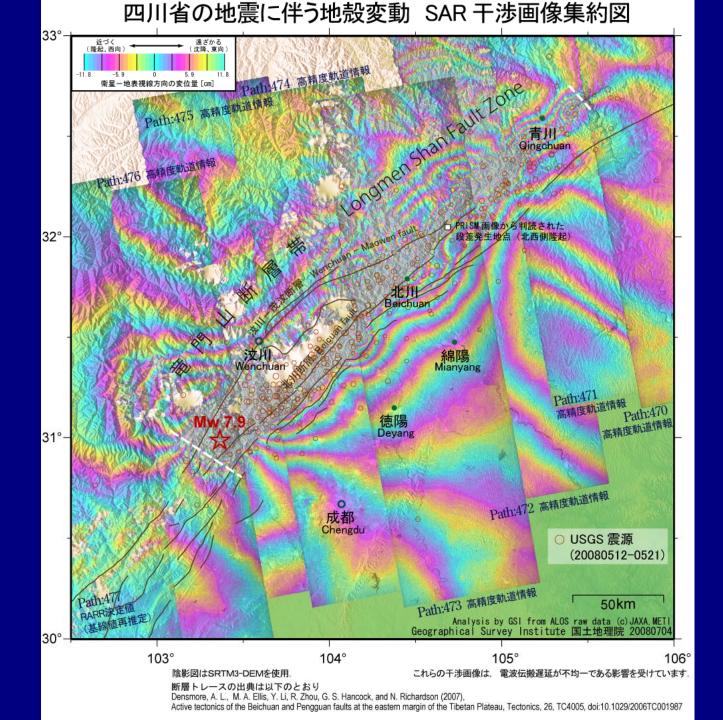


MIT scientists were involved in the first GPS measurements in this area, with involvement continuing until recently. Velocities are plotted relative to Chengdu in the South China reference frame. Uncertainties are < 2 mm/yr. A scale is given in the lower-right corner.



Location of the Longmenshan fault zone and its segmentation

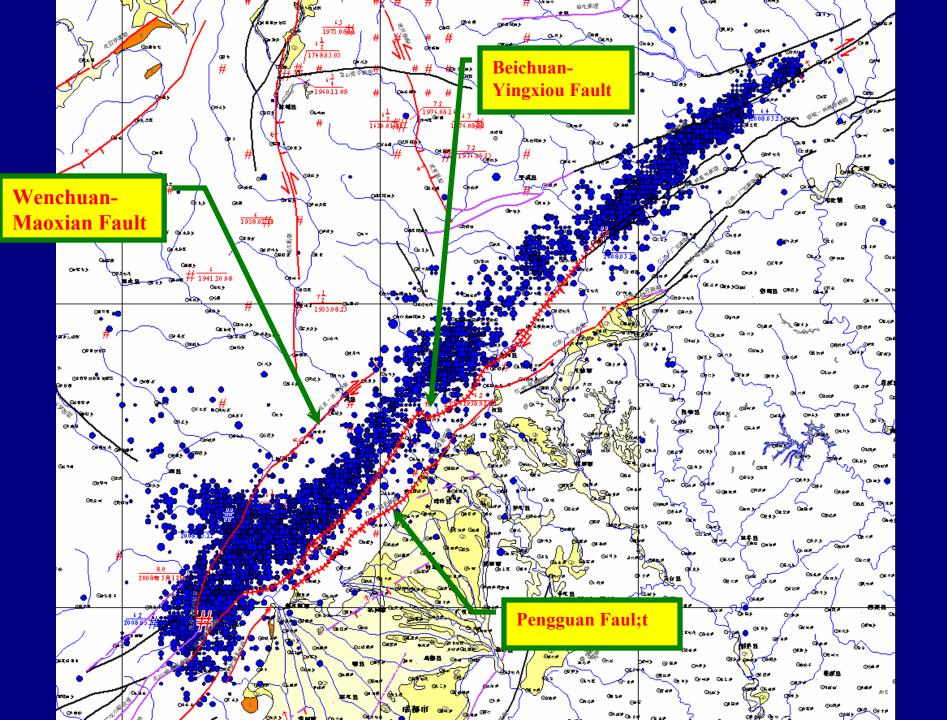




Fault Traces

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Maximum Offset of 5.6 m Southwest of Beichuan (Photo from CEA)



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Fault offset near Xiaoyudong bridge (Courtesy of B.G. Zhou of IGCEA)



Offset of Pengguan Fault Near Bailu (Courtesy of Prof. K.C. Tsai)

Landslides

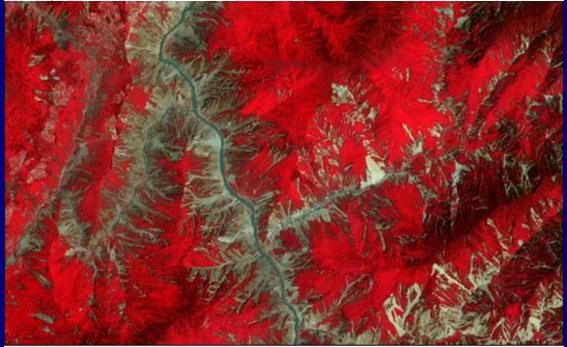
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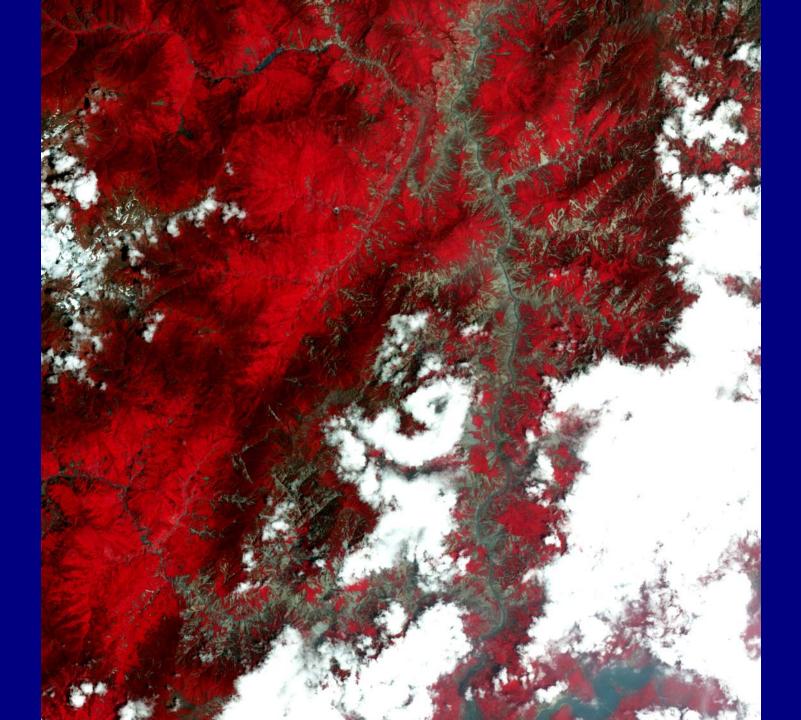
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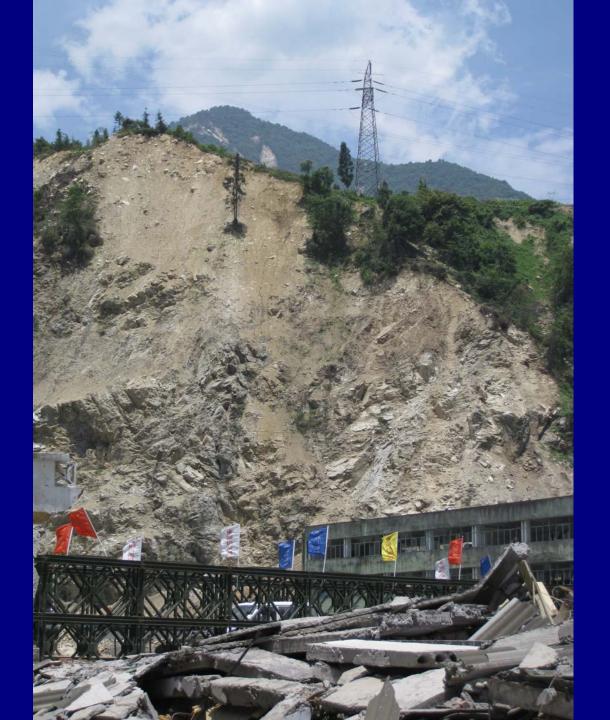








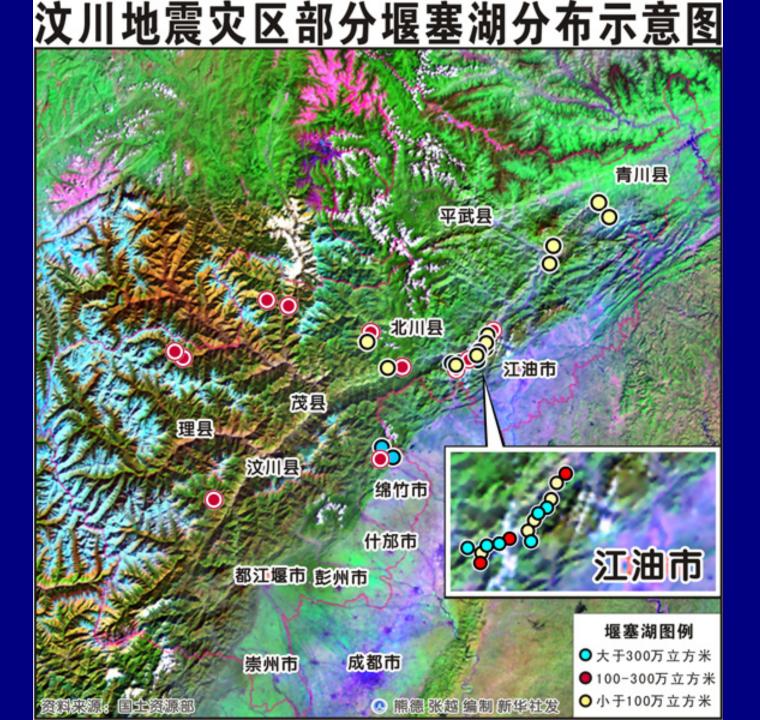




Debris Dams

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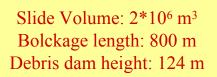




















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Liquefaction

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Performance of Zipingpu Dam and Appurtenant Structures











Performance of Embankment Dams Built in 1950's and 1960's by the Farmers Work Force







Tunnels

-24pm/km









Baocheng Railroad Tunnel 109





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Foundation Engineering



Power house eastern section supported on deep foundation

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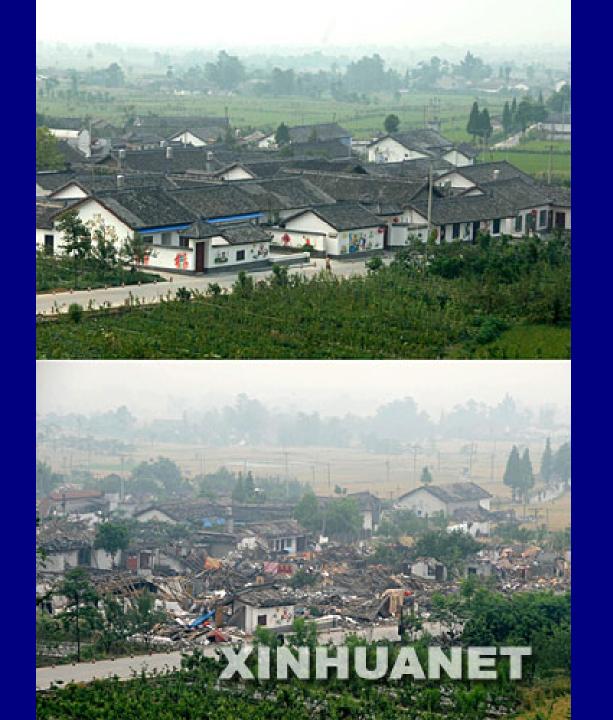
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Admin building on deep foundation









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