The Future of Seismic Geo-Forensics

(which would make us the
Seismic Geo-Forensics Working Group
as opposed to
Geo-Recon Working Group)

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Traditional Field Data Collection

Technology for “Smart” Engineer

Field Reconnaissance Equipment

Conduit to Upload & Link Data

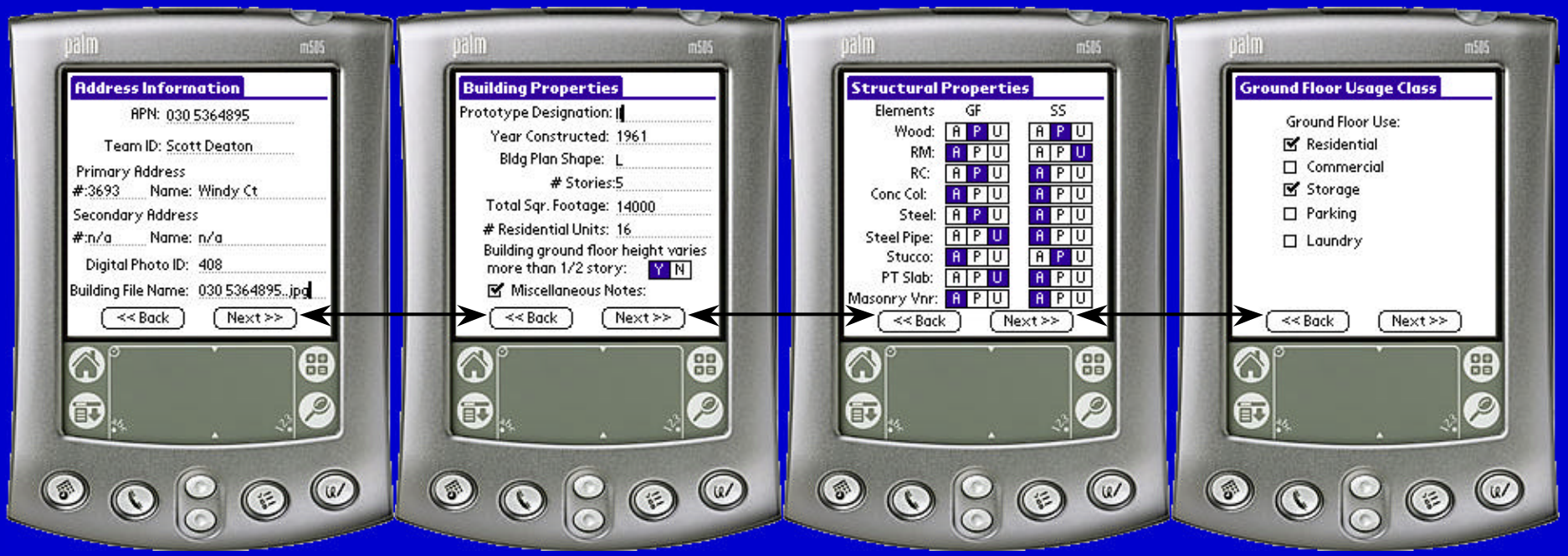
Analysis & Data Reduction Equipment

“Soft-Story” Inventory

PSoft™ Overview

- Utilized for rapid pre-event screening of buildings with a potential soft story for municipal program.
- Software based on a form that city engineers created
- Types of data recorded
  - Building/structure properties
  - Usage (know where to search for survivors)
  - Vulnerabilities
  - Possible solutions/retrofit
- Upload field data into Access database

PSoft™ Example



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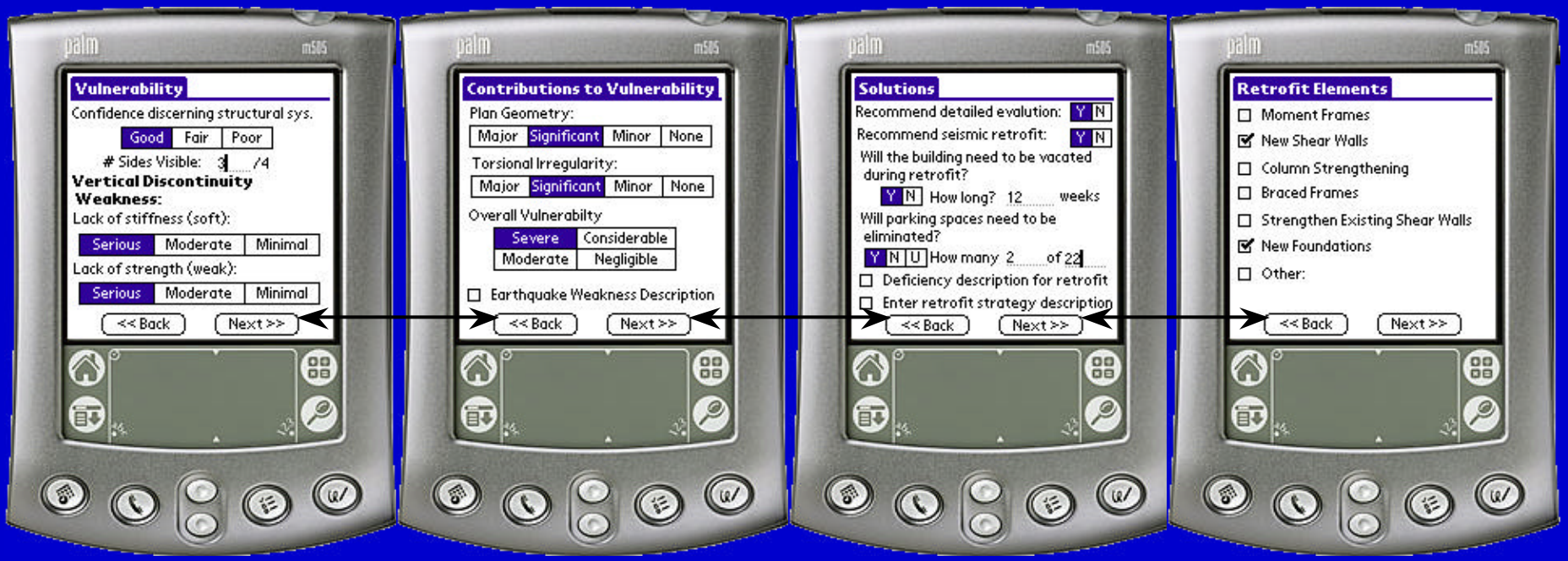


Earthquake Damage Reconnaissance

PQuake™ Overview

- Integrated data acquisition and analysis software
- Record feature and/or area damage
- Links location, photographic and other digital data
- Keeps engineer “within data loop”
- Facilitates consistent/complete data
- Upload data into GIS extension

PQuake™ Data Categories

Building
Residential Commercial Industrial Religious Government Educational

Lifeline Infrastructure
Water Sewer Gas Telecom Electrical

Transportation Facility
Road Rail Bus Ferry Port Airport

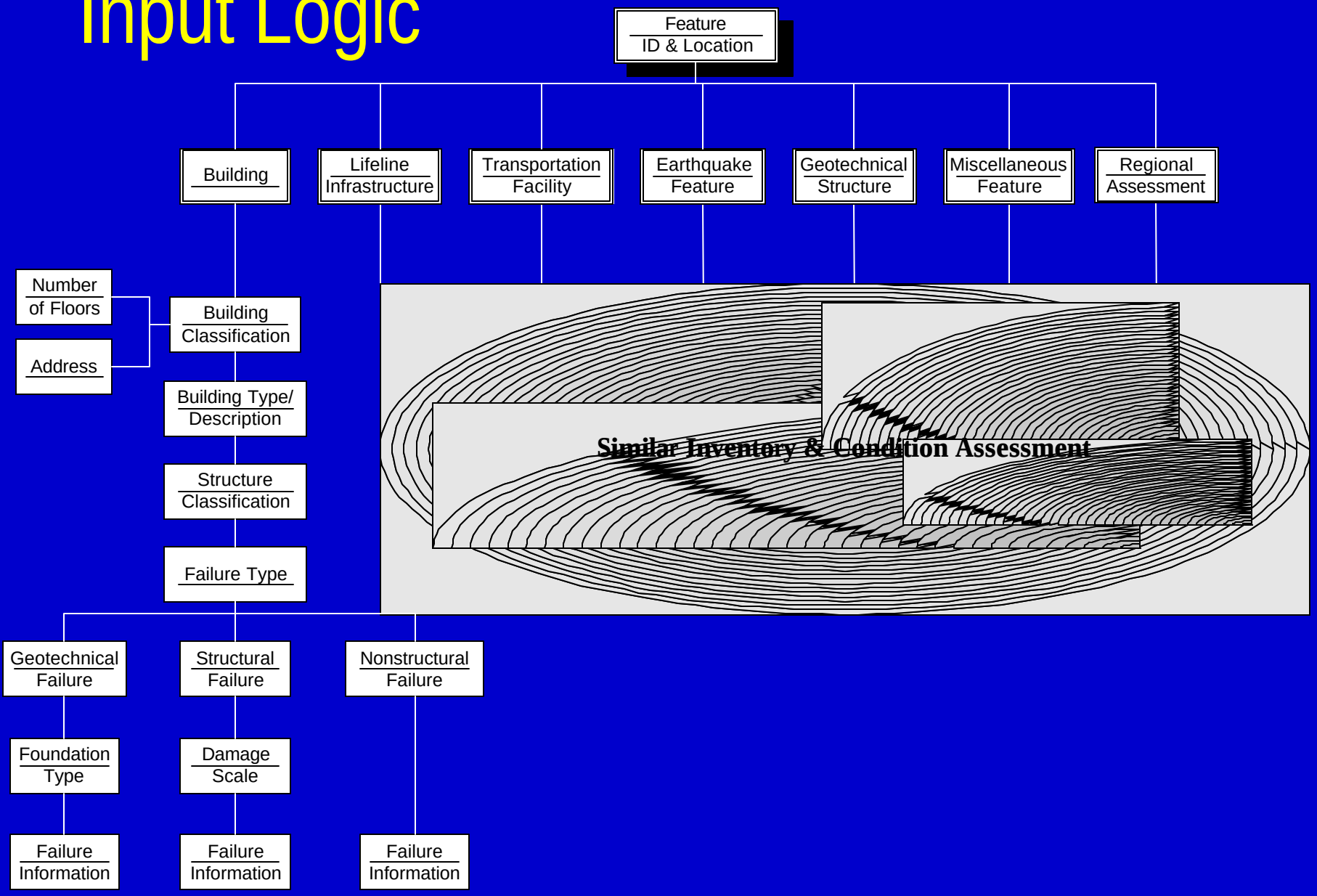
Geotechnical Structure
Dam/Levee Retaining Wall Landfill Embankment Cut Slope

Earthquake Feature
Landslide Fault Rupture Circular Sand Blow Linear Sand Blow Ground Cracking Lateral Spread

Miscellaneous Feature
Seismograph Wall

Regional Assessment
Block Street District Village Town City

Input Logic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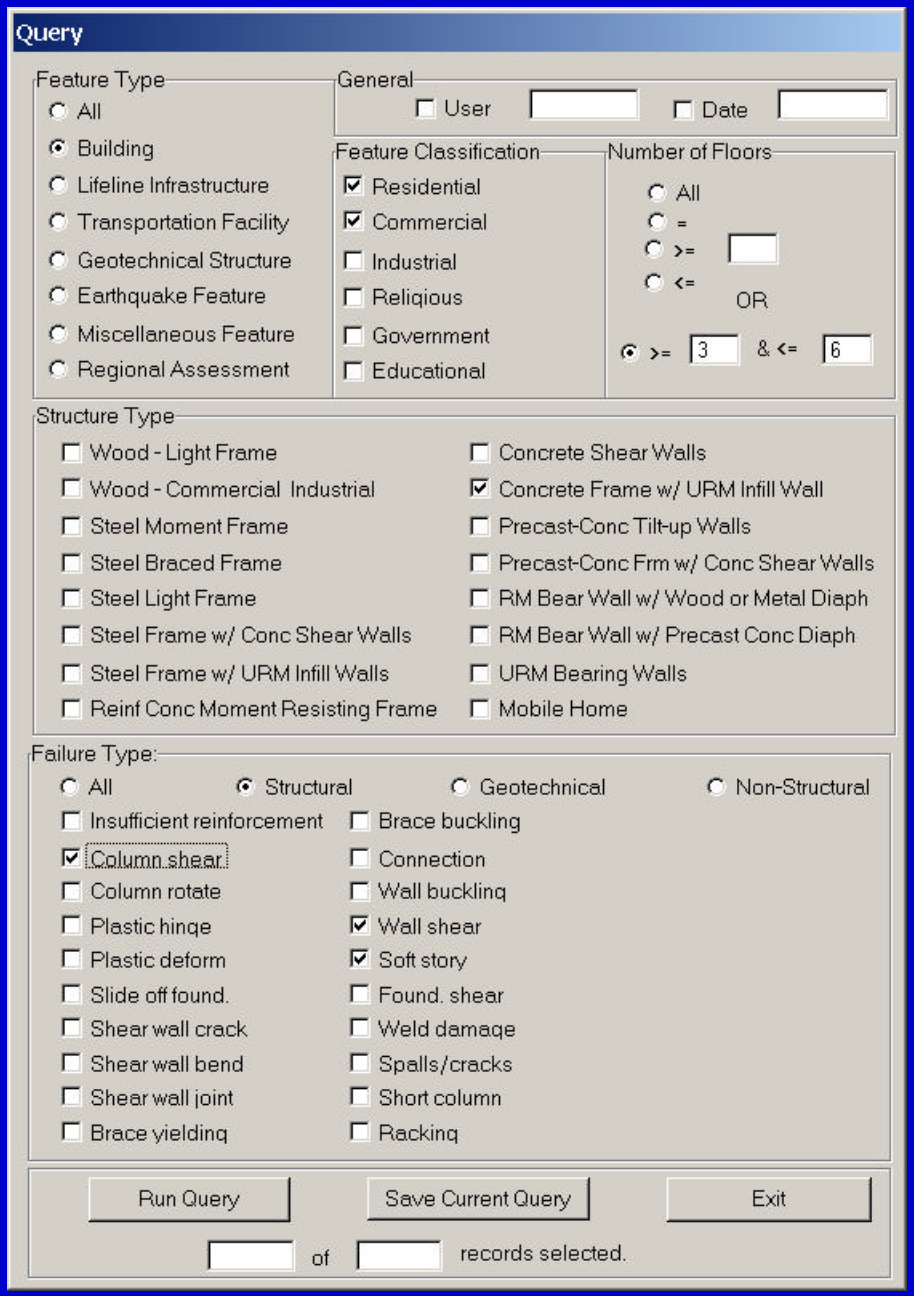
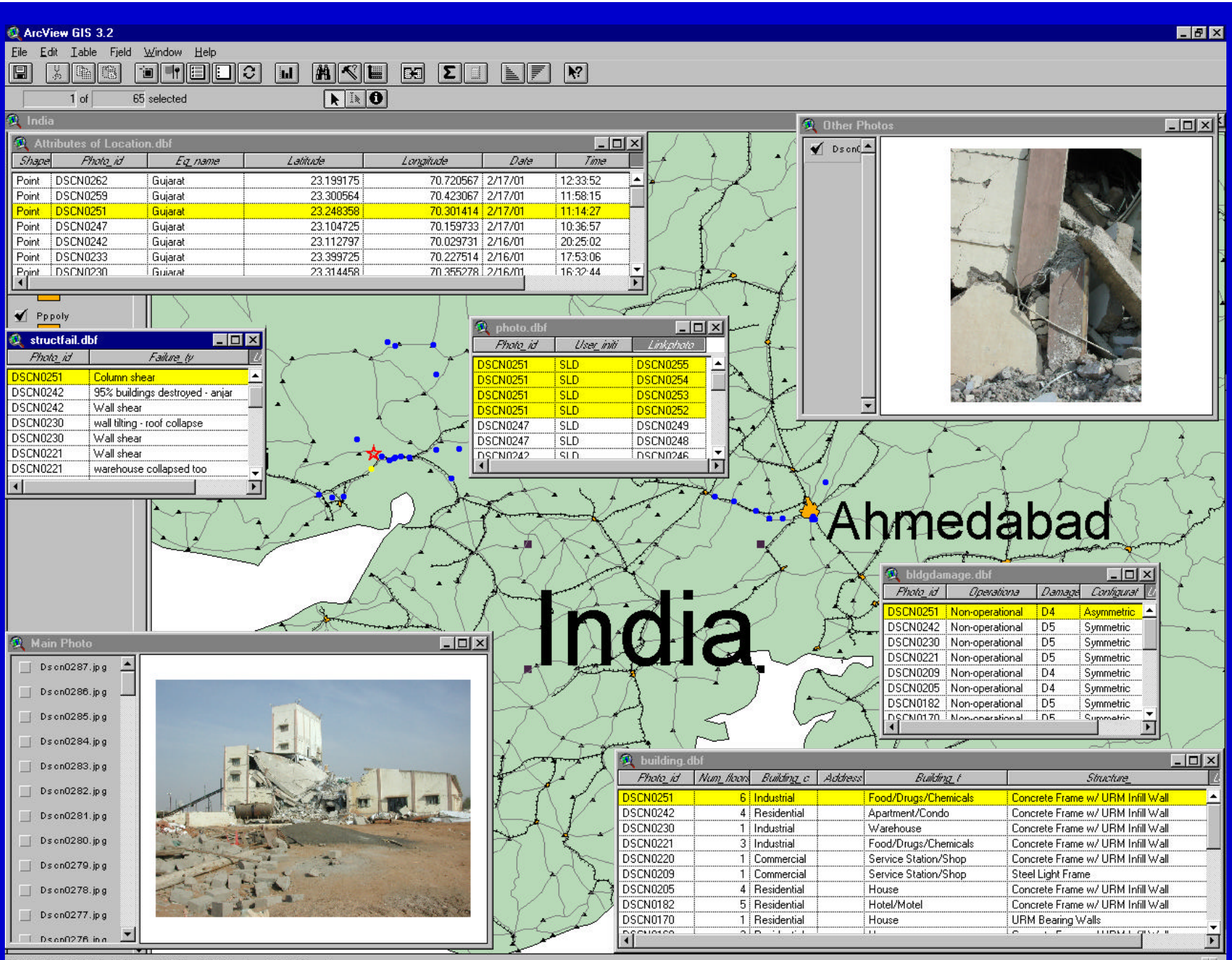
Dam Failure Example

ArcGIS® Extension

- Rapidly assimilate data from multiple users
- Query data based on information type
  - e.g. Select all 5 story buildings that collapsed from soft story failure
  - e.g. Show location of all sand blow features
- Query individual features
- Create comprehensive maps of damage sites
- Real-time reconnaissance planning
- Integrated transfer of data to “home base”

PQuake™ Event Query

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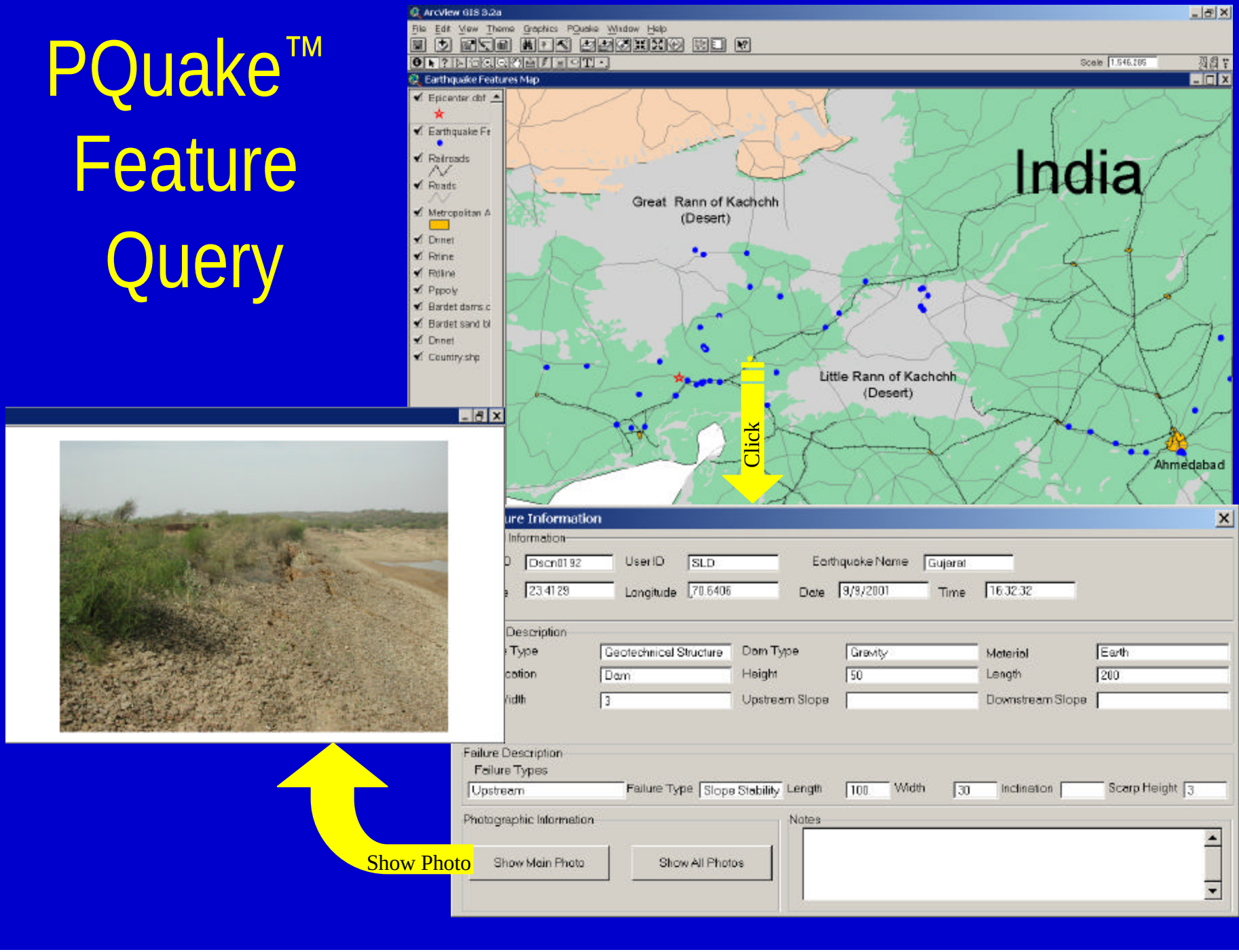
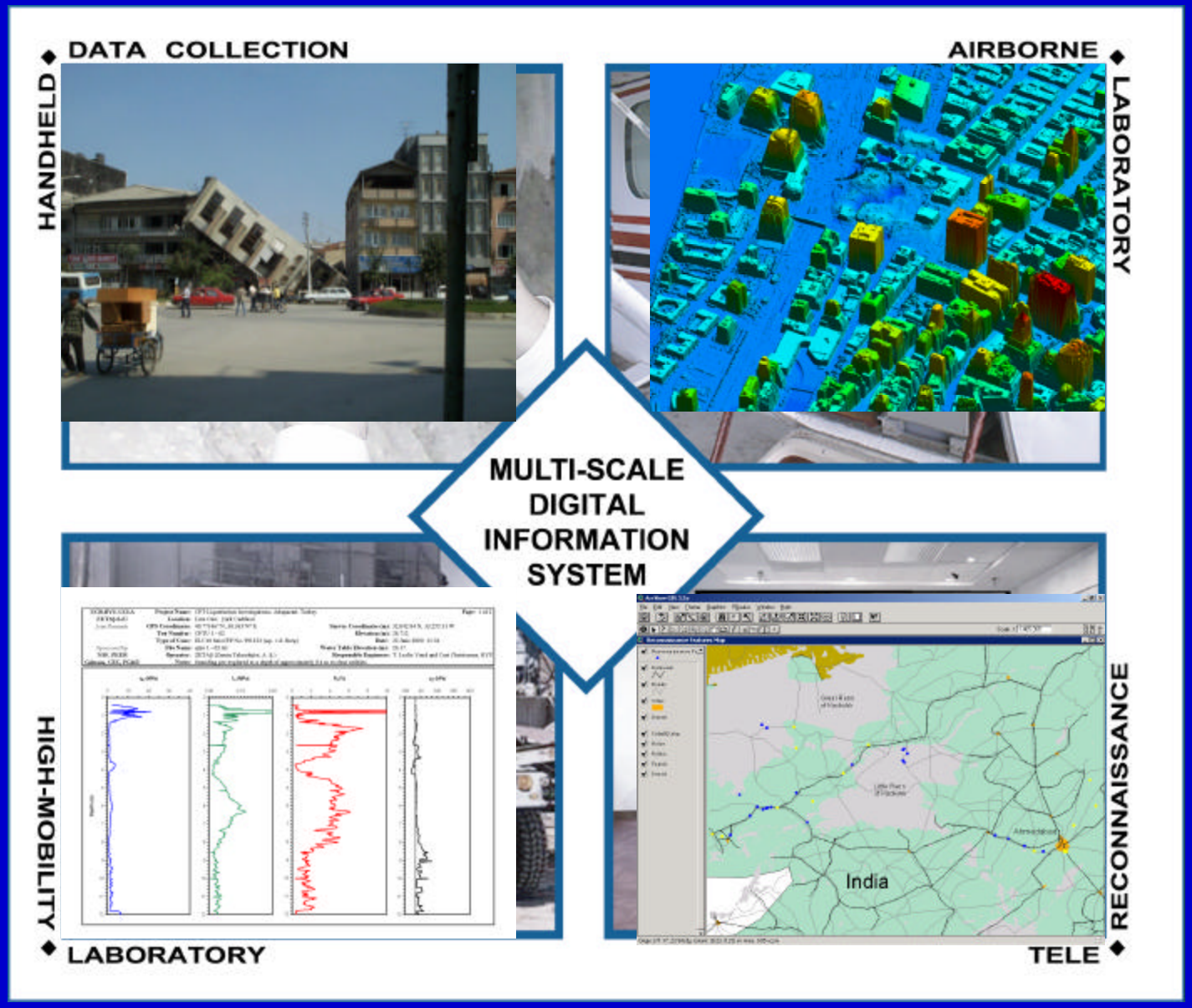
PQuake™ Feature Query



Beyond Handheld Systems

Next Generation...



Importance of Seismic Geo-Forensics

- Proposed approach opens up new opportunities for integration of forensic studies in education and research
- Ability to involve larger “Response Team” than those operating in immediate earthquake zone
- Ability to “take” students to site and show them consequences of poor engineering and/or unanticipated loading conditions

Research Issues

- Data collection protocols and standards
- Platform software development
- Multi-scale system integration
- Tele-reconnaissance
- Information compression and transmission
- Simulation analysis and feedback

Conclusions

- All forensic engineering studies rely on information…..
- Digital technologies offer key to ensuring information of highest quality in sufficient quantity is available in a timely manner…..
- Need to develop protocols for data collection and information archiving…..
- Forensic education can be significantly enhanced by adoption of these technologies into practice…..

Thank you.