

Unintended Consequences of Good Reconnaissance Reports

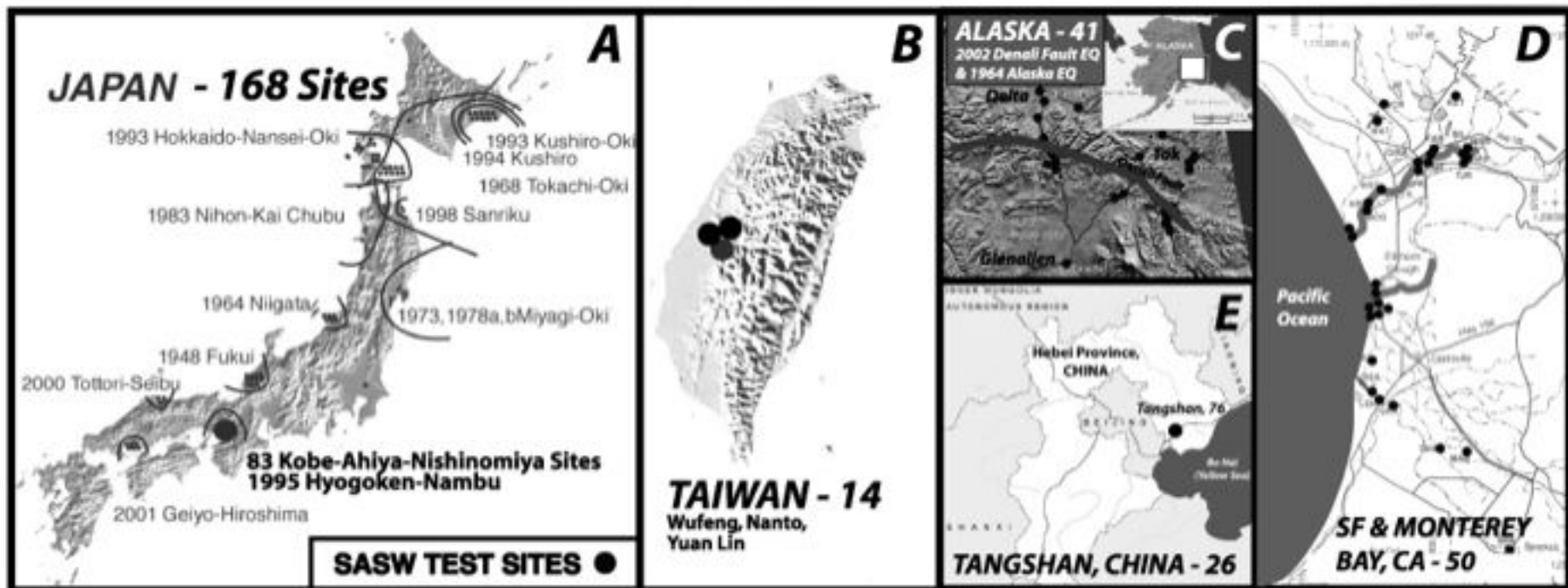
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Using Reconnaissance Reports as Investigation Road Maps:

Using reconnaissance reports, we relocated on ground failure sites from 19 earthquakes in 4 countries.

Approximately 3 dozen Recon. reports were carried into the field and used as an aid to the scientist.

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Good Recon. Reports
from
long, long, ago...



...accurately direct us to
field sites today.



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Examples of Hamada' Air Photo Products:

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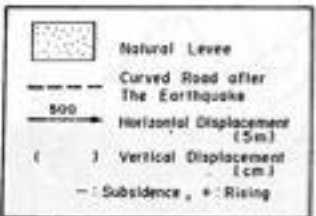
(a) Before earthquake (1945)

(b) After earthquake (1948)

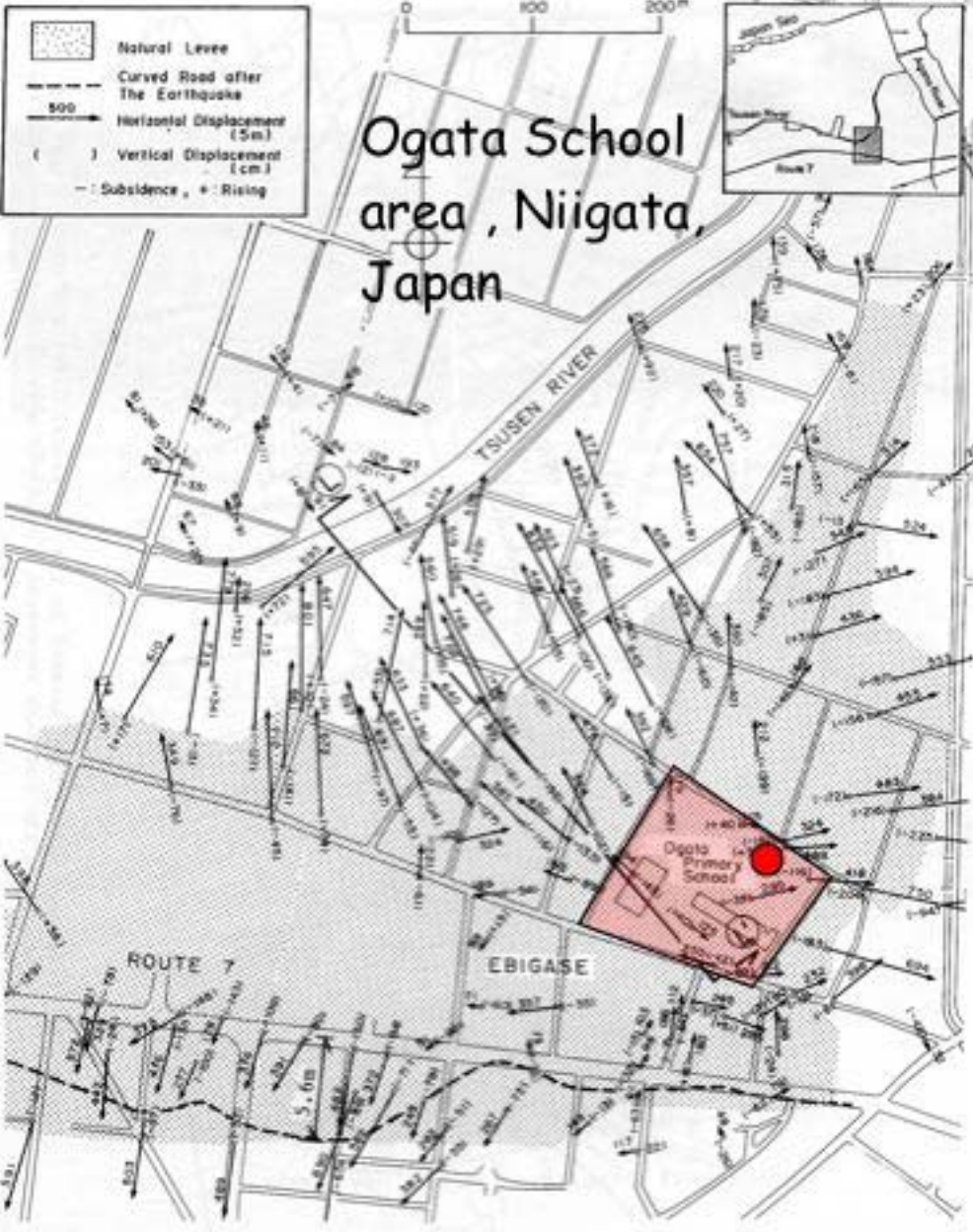
Morita-cho, North bank of Kuzuryu Gawa, Fukui



Denali Flt EQ, 2002: We mapped lateral spreads, on foot, using digital air photos collected the day before during the aerial reconnaissance.



Ogata School area, Niigata, Japan



(b) East Area

Figure 37. Permanent Ground Displacement in Ebigase and Ohgata Areas



Hamada's Displacement Vector Products

Hamada's abundant use of maps and aerial photos greatly improve our chances of accurately reoccupying sites

Hamada example:
Morita-cho,
Fukui M7.1
1948 &
2001 road map



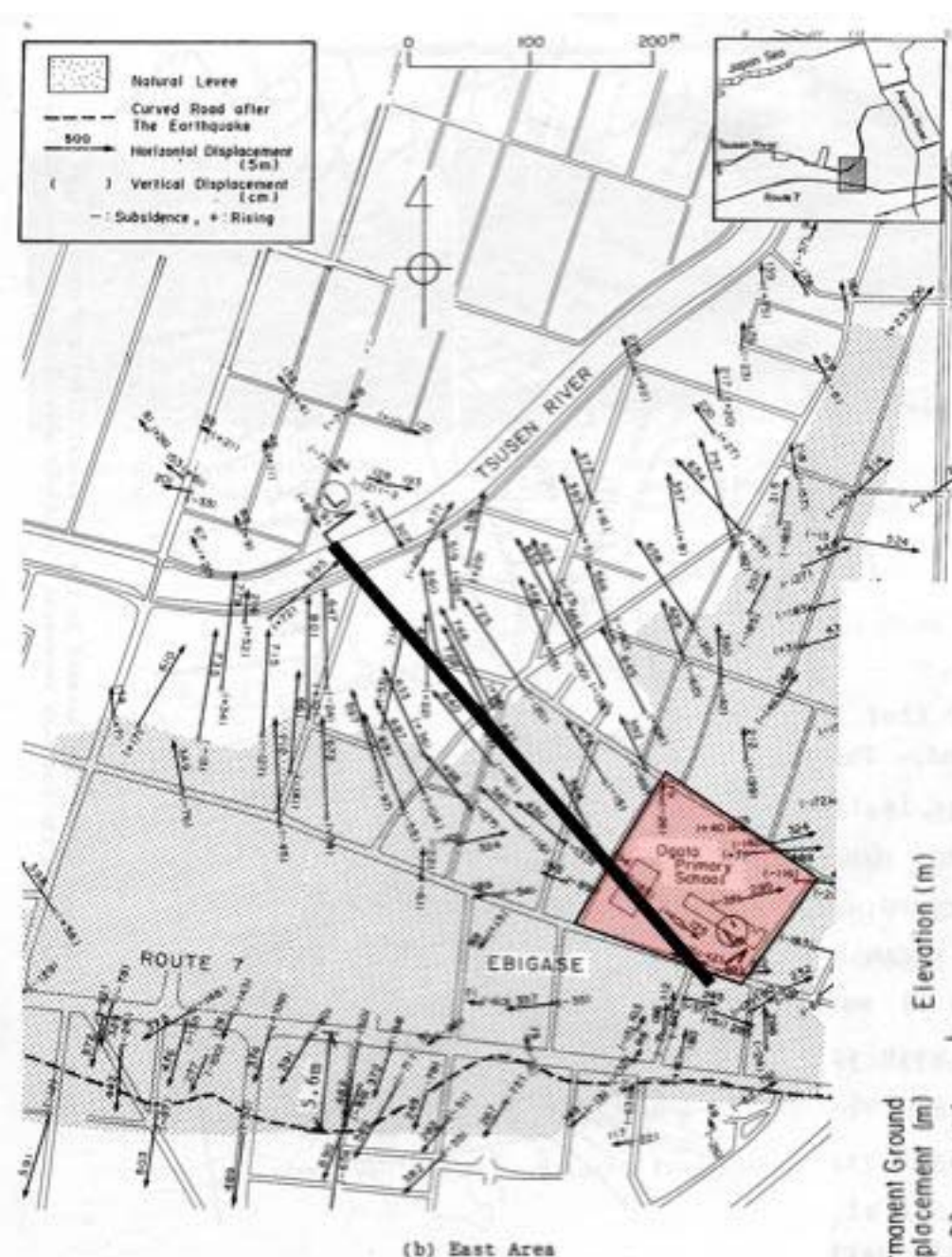
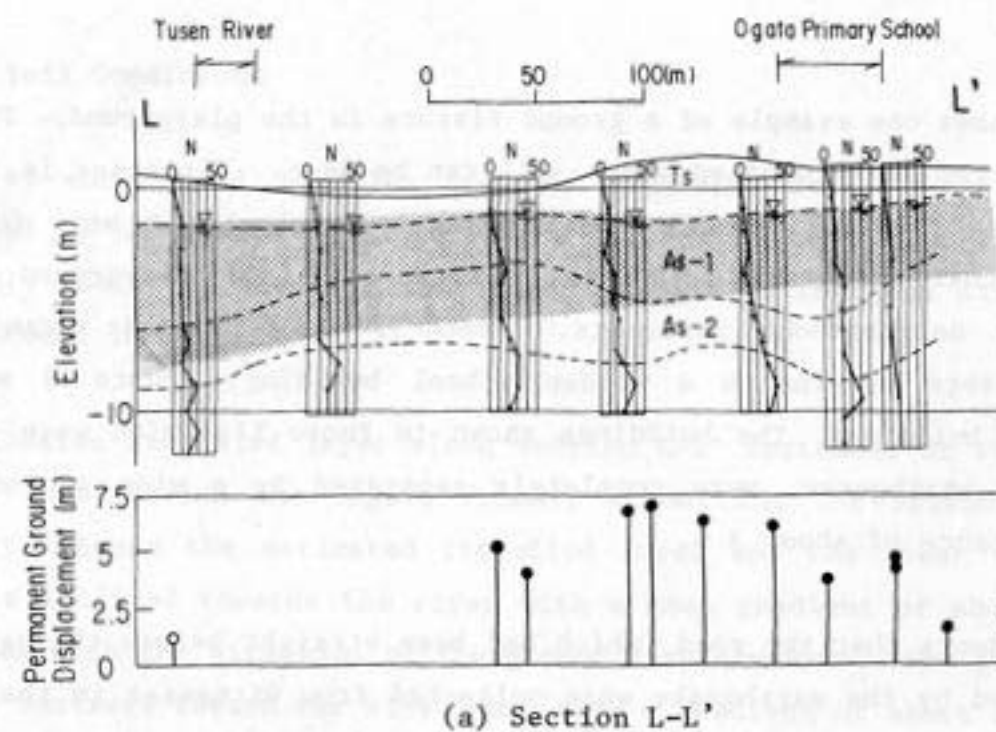


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Hamada's Cross Section Products

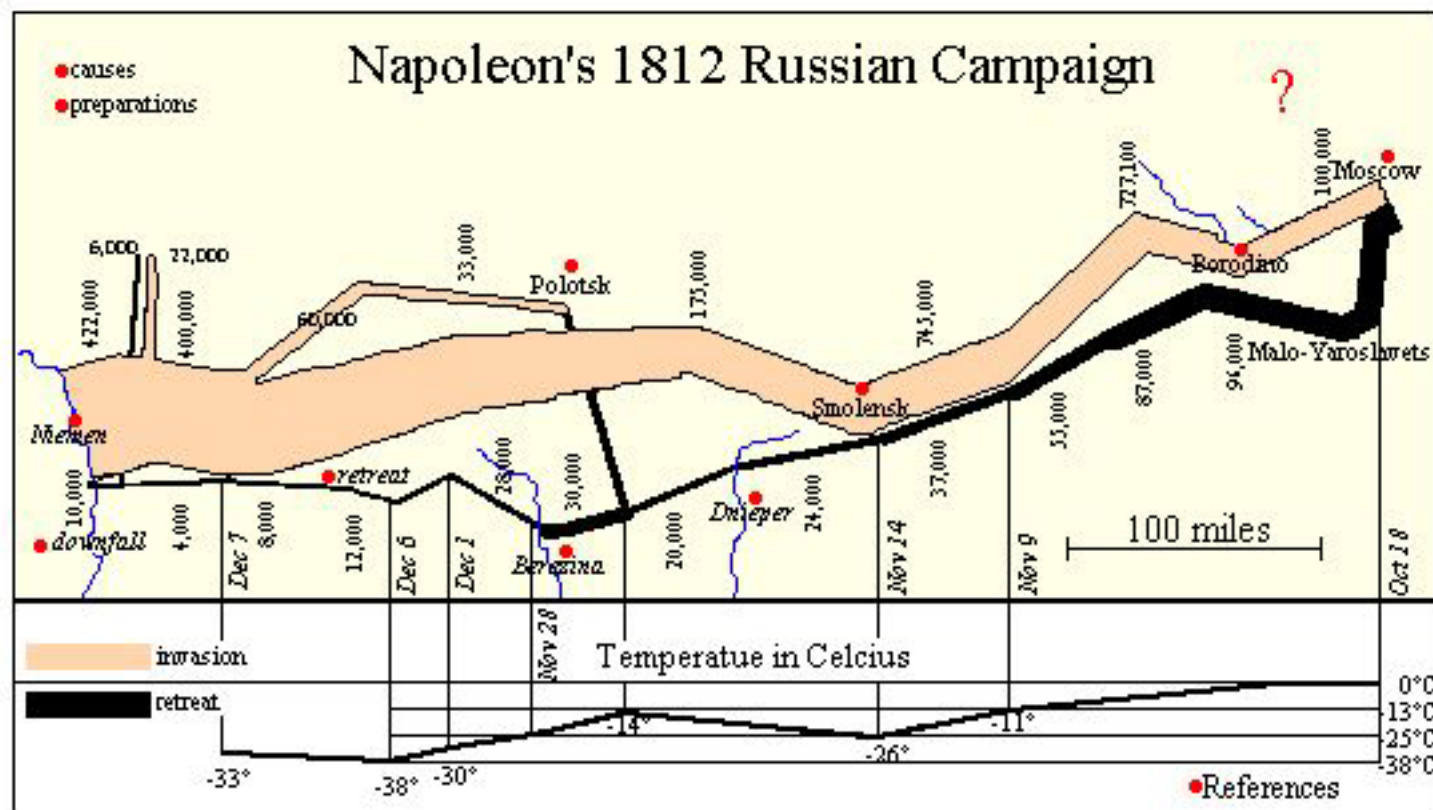


Lessons from Hamada

- Maximize use of air photos for interpretation.
- Include well-drafted large scale street maps and cross sections of damage locations.
- Use photogrammetry, satellite imagery, or inSAR-type data to produce lateral displacement vector maps.

What makes a good regional map?

- A good post-mortem map layers multiple parameters on a single graphic-image (...here in Minards 1861 map of Napoleon's Russian march, seven layers of information were presented: army size; events; direction of travel; location; stops; temperature; and traditional spatial information).



What defines a good

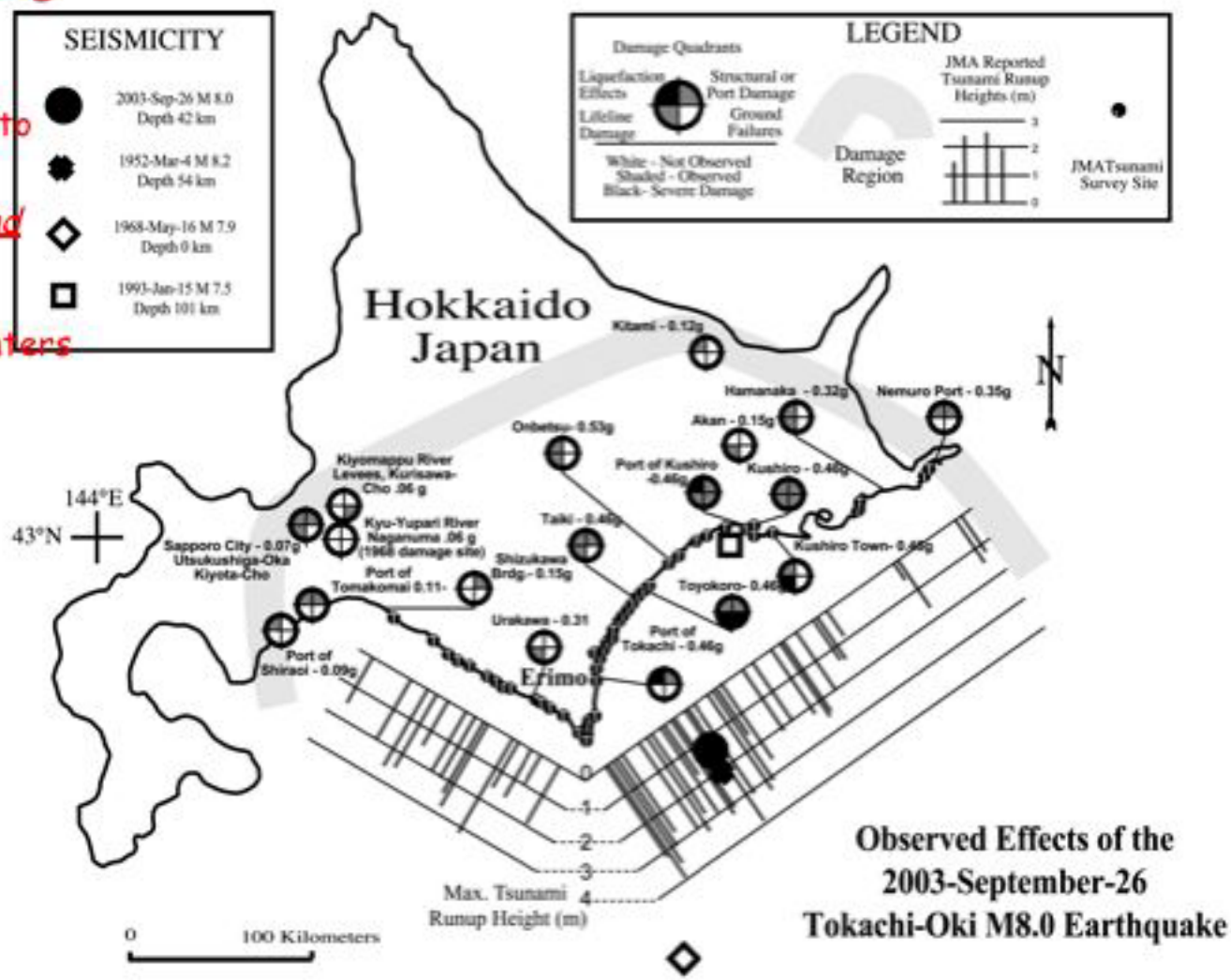
Regional MAP: Scale,
north arrow, lat/long
ticks!

Data layering: Common symbols to
merge and co-locate
different observations, and
severity.

- 1) Present & Past M7+ epicenters
- 2) Damage zone
- 3) PGA'S
- 4) Tsunami runup heights and locations.
- 5) Ground failures/landslides
- 6) Structural/Port damage
- 7) Liquefaction damage
- 8) Lifeline Damage

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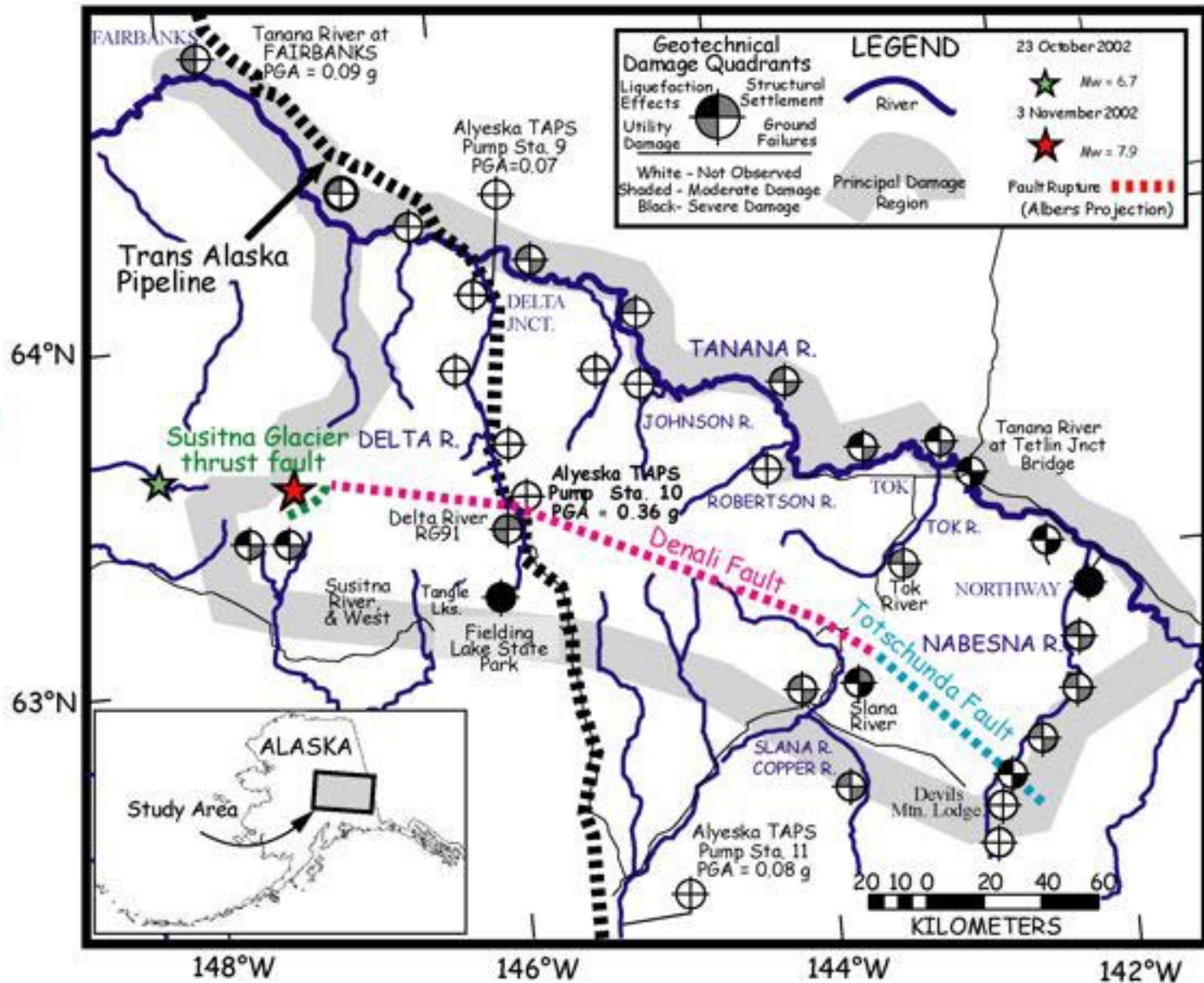
Denali Fault Earthquake, Nov 3, 2002

Multiple-Data layers with severities:

- 1) Present & Past M6+ epicenters
- 2) Damage zone
- 3) PGA'S
- 4) 3 faults/ surface ruptures
- 5) Ground failures/landslides
- 6) Structural damage
- 7) Liquefaction damage
- 8) Lifeline Damage
- 9) River network
- 10) Trans Alaska Pipeline route.

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Kayen et al., 2004, Earthquake Spectra, 20(3), 639-667



Reporting Negative Space:

Youd et al. 1994 (e.g., at Port of Okishiri), and Hamada, et al. 1992, 1995 report on deposits that did not have ground failure and on marginal zones of ground failure.

Teams often gravitate towards reporting the most spectacular damage. The most interesting ground/lifeline/structural failures are not spectacular and are near the boundary of a non-failure condition.

Youd et al., 1994

- 1) photos w/background and scale
- 2) conceptual models
- 3) good discussion of negative space



Figure 6-58 Dike along north bank of Assabu River: view along north flank showing fissure with southward-facing scarp (facing toward dike), indicating flank had risen relative to dike.



Figure 6-59 Dike along north bank of Assabu River: westward view showing irrigation ditch that was pushed outward and settled. A hose carries water past the damaged section.

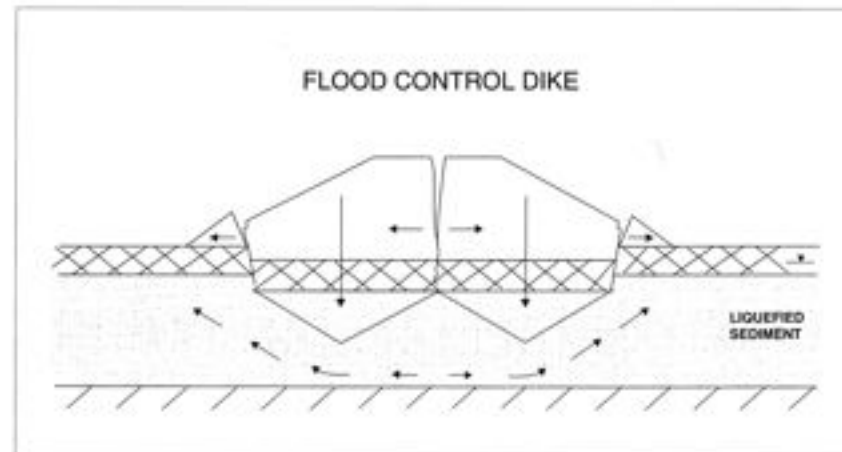
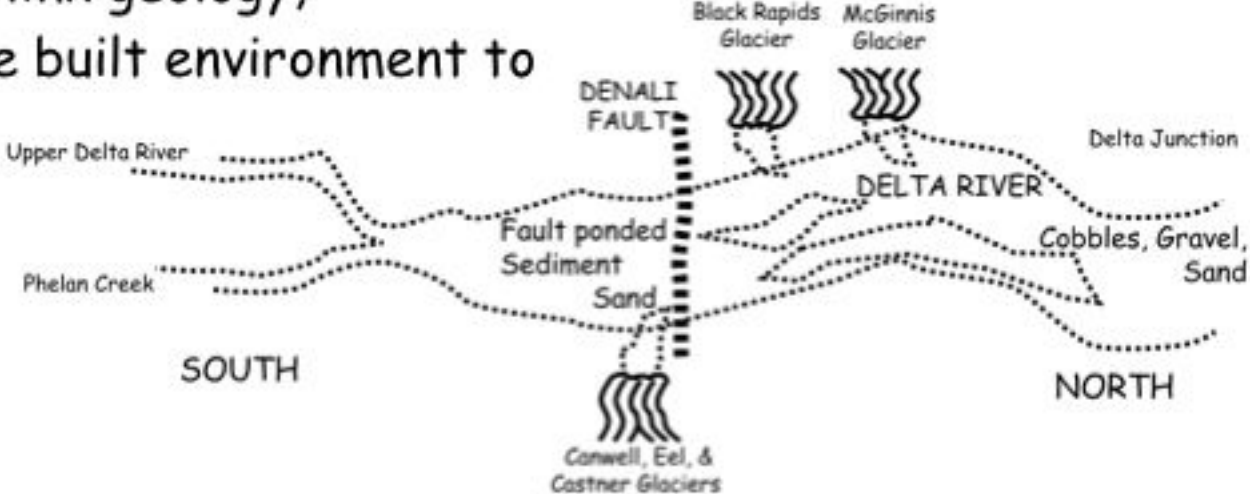
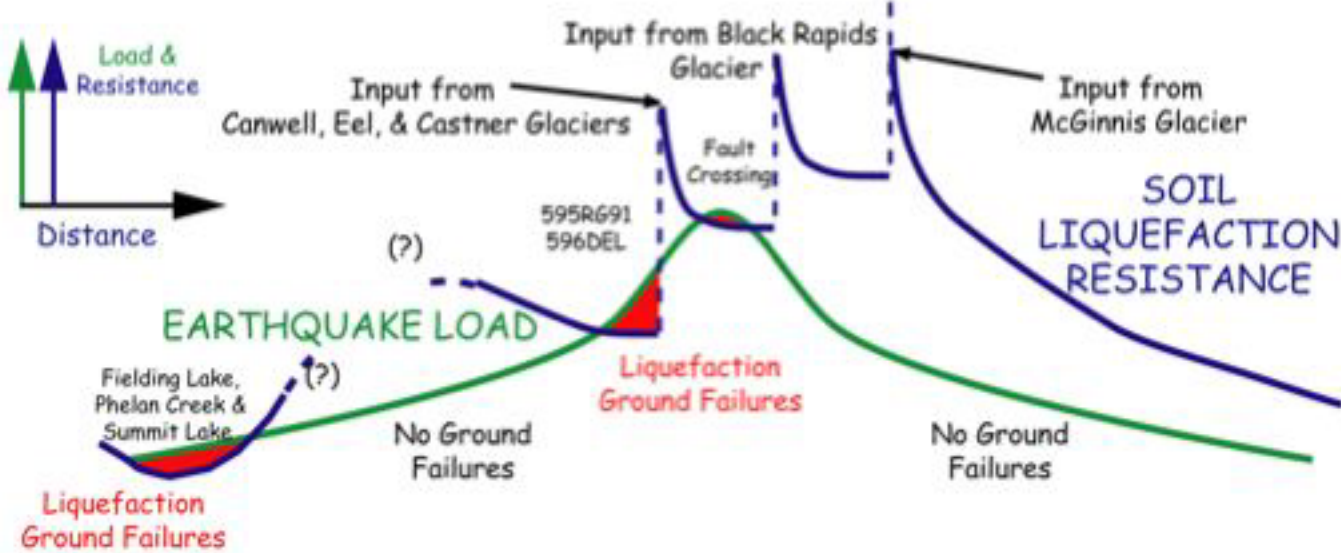


Figure 6-60 Diagram illustrating mechanism of failure for dikes that split along crest, settled, and spread laterally (Figures 6-57 through 6-59). The failures appear to have been caused by loss of bearing strength, with the central part of the dike penetrating into the underlying ground while the flanks were pushed upward and outward. In some instances one or both sides of the dike rotated or slumped as well.

Conceptual models link geology, seismology, and the built environment to observed damage:



Map view along Delta River drainage



Earthquake load and soil capacity along Delta River drainage

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