The Regional Risk-Scape Model





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Napier 1931 During Tarawera 1886



We don't have earthquakes, do we....?



Bay of Plenty 1987



Aim & Uses: RiskScape Model

- Aim— To develop a toolbox that quantifies regional risks from different natural hazards in a single package
- Primary users— Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) groups, insurance sector, Engineering Lifelines (power, water, roads, sewerage etc), planners
- Benefits— will enable groups to analyse and compare natural-hazard risks to underpin decision-making on risk treatment e.g. 1) prioritise investment on hazard mitigation; 2) emergency-management response & recovery; ...

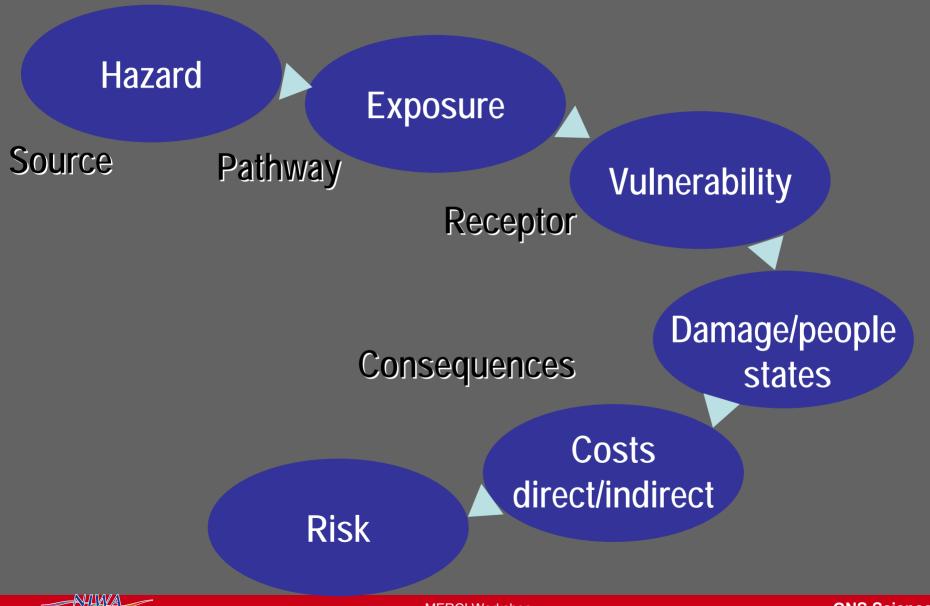


Consultation & Concepts

- Consultation & implementation
 - Meet end-user groups to establish needs/expectations
 - Collaborative partnerships with local councils for prototype project with 3 scales of population:
 - 3,000
 - 30,000
 - 300,000
 - Wider consultation now prototype is developed
- Design of system & platform
 - GIS?, Java/relational database executable

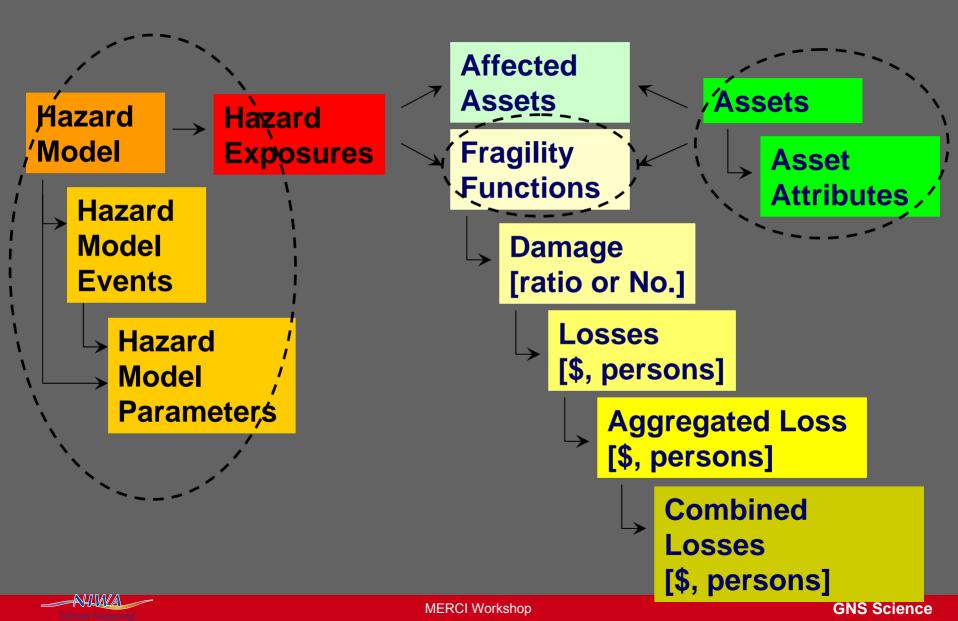


Hazard \rightarrow Risk



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RiskScape Tool – Fundamental Concepts

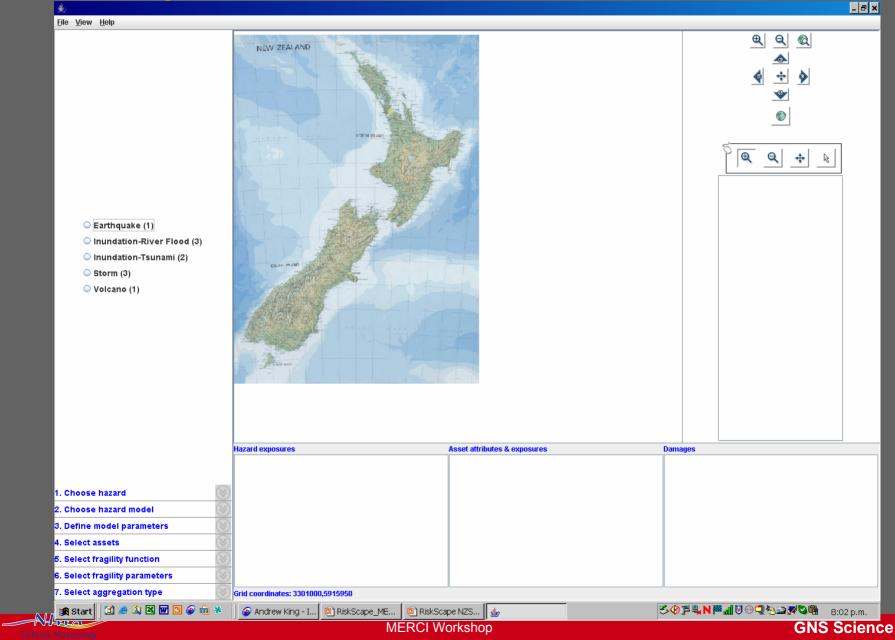


Hazard exposure modules

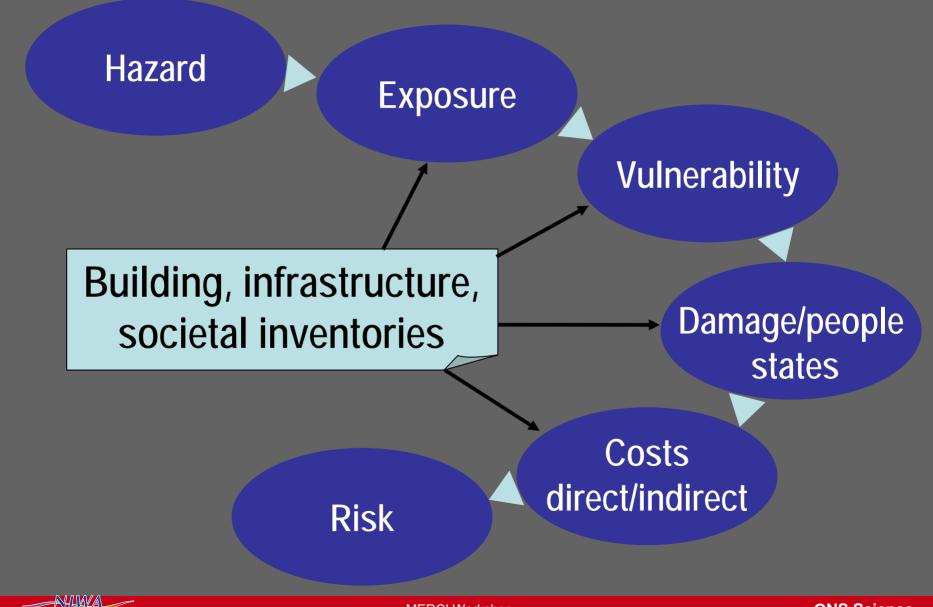
- Hazard exposures for the pilot project
 - Earthquake (ground shaking, liquefaction, landslides)
 - River floods (not urban stormwater floods)
 - Storms (wind only)
 - Volcano (ash fall only)
 - Tsunami
- Hazard exposures computed by hazard models for region or locality
- Probabilistic AND scenario-based for a given recurrence intervals (synthetic or historic events)



RiskScape common user interface



Hazard > Receptors > Fragility



Regional inventories & databases

- Physiographic
 - Topography
 - Bathymetry
 - Geology
- Human Environment
 - Residents
 - Age profile
 - Seasonal/diurnal variations
 - Socio-economic
 - Cultural
- Business sectors
 - Farming & Horticulture
 - Forestry
 - Tourism
 - Transport etc

- Built Environment
 - Essential facilities: Medical/Fire/ Police/TA/CDEM
 - Buildings: Residential/ Commercial/ Industrial
 - Utilities: gas/power/tel-com/ water/sewerage)
 - Transport: road/rail/air/sea
 - Natural hazard defences
- Natural environment
 - Land-use inventory
 - Soils

Asset surveys & sub-sampling



New Zealand has NO consistently collated database on building & infrastructure attributes, so developed field sampling techniques



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Westport example:

our friendly staff out surveying building attributes

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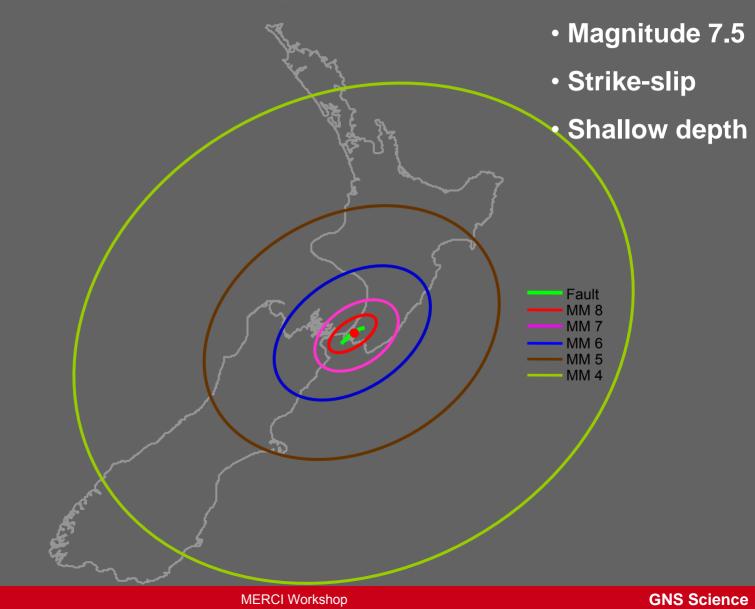


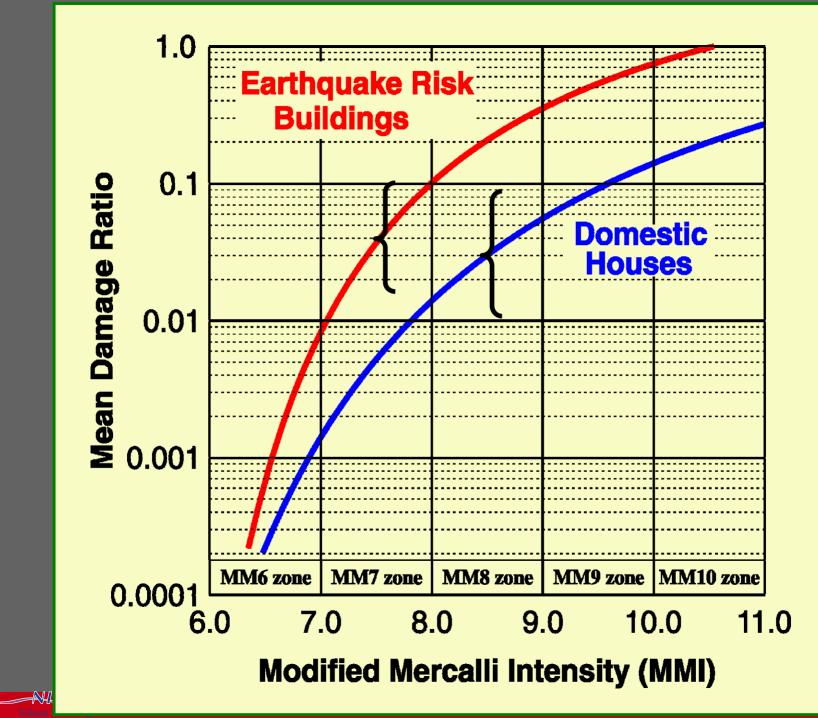
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Earthquake scenario example

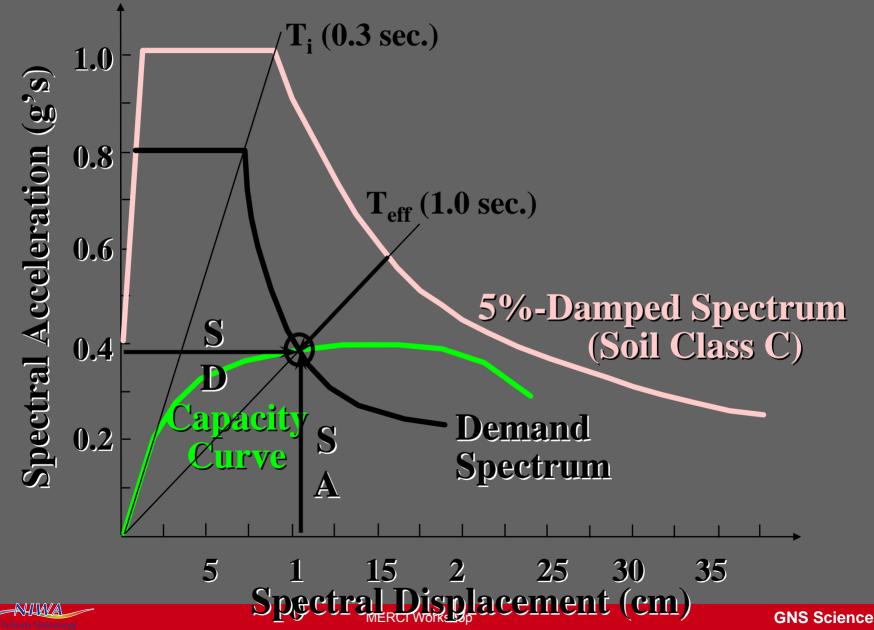
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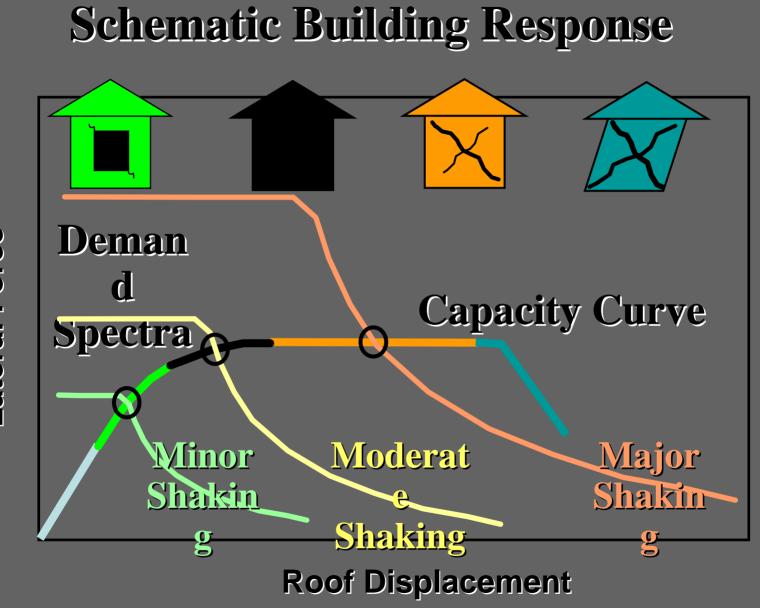




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Example Calculation of Building Response Soil Class C



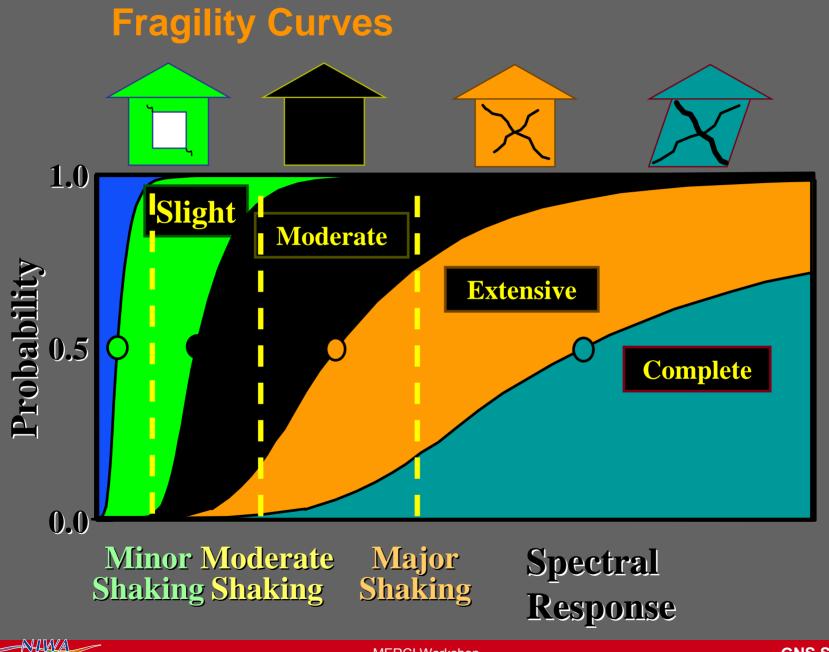


Lateral Force

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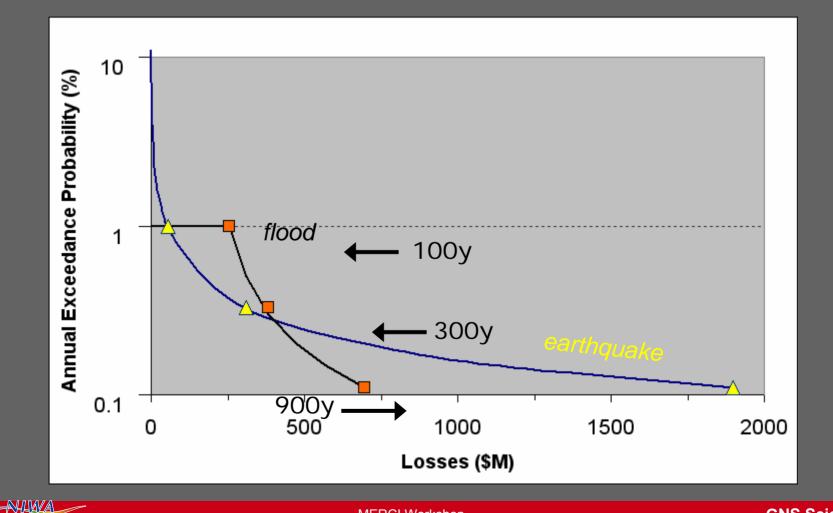


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Presenting comparable direct losses

Flood vs Earthquakes (example only)

e.g. could report 1%, 0.33%, 0.11% AEP





Issues: RiskScape approach

- Variable accuracy of modelling hazard exposure, esp. topographic-driven (flood, tsunami, wind, landslide)
- Adequacy of assets & demographics datasets for vulnerability assessments + maintenance
- Consequences for life, injuries and other intangibles (direct or indirect) esp. with mobile population & warning times
- Relevant geographical focus e.g. spatial scales
- Development & emergency-aid sectors have different requirements for communicating risk & uncertainty e.g. timeliness



Future Development Possibilities (1)

- Induced Damage Module
 - Fire following
 - Hazardous Substance release
 - Debris generation (e.g. logs in rivers, flying materials during storms, tsunami debris)
- Indirect Losses Module
 - Supply shortages
 - Sales decline
 - Regional/National economic losses
 - Employment
 - Tourism



Future Development Possibilties (2)

- Other hazard exposure modules e.g.
 - Landslides
 - Drought
 - -Wild fire
 - Coastal erosion
 - Coastal storm inundation & climate-change
 - Hail & Snow
 - -Maritime hazards (e.g. ports)
 - Terrorism

Potential End-user Groups & Sectors

- Central Govt
- Regional Councils & TAs
- CDEM Groups
- Insurance & EQC sector
- Real estate sector (individuals, real estate companies)
- Māori communities & economy
- Emergency management operations (MCDEM, Police, Fire, Ambulance)
- Lifelines & Utilities
- Building sector (BIA, planning, codes, BRANZ)
- Engineering consultancies
- Agricultural/Horticultural sector (e.g., Fed. Farmers, Producer groups)
- Transport sector (e.g. maritime, aviation, road, rail)
- Science/research sector

