

Integrated Strategies for Enhanced Rapid Earthquake Shaking, Ground Failure, & Impact Estimation Employing Remotely Sensed & Ground Truth Constraints

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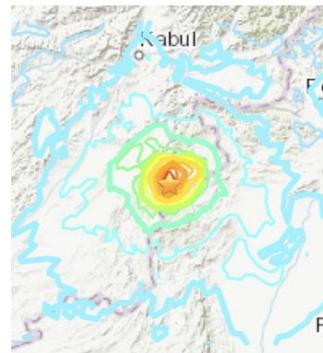
M 5.9 - 46 km SW of Khōst, Afghanistan

2022-06-21 20:54:36 (UTC)

33.092°N 69.514°E

10.0 km depth

Overview

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Impact

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Responses

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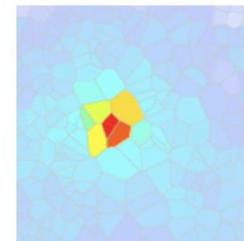
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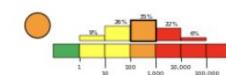
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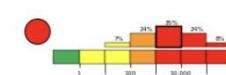
Estimated Intensity Map

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Estimated Economic Losses



Estimated Fatalities

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Landslide Estimate



Significant area affected

Limited population exposed

Technical

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Magnitude

5.9 mwb

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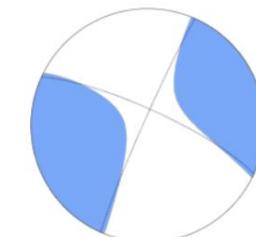
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Fault Plane Solution

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Time Range

± Three Weeks

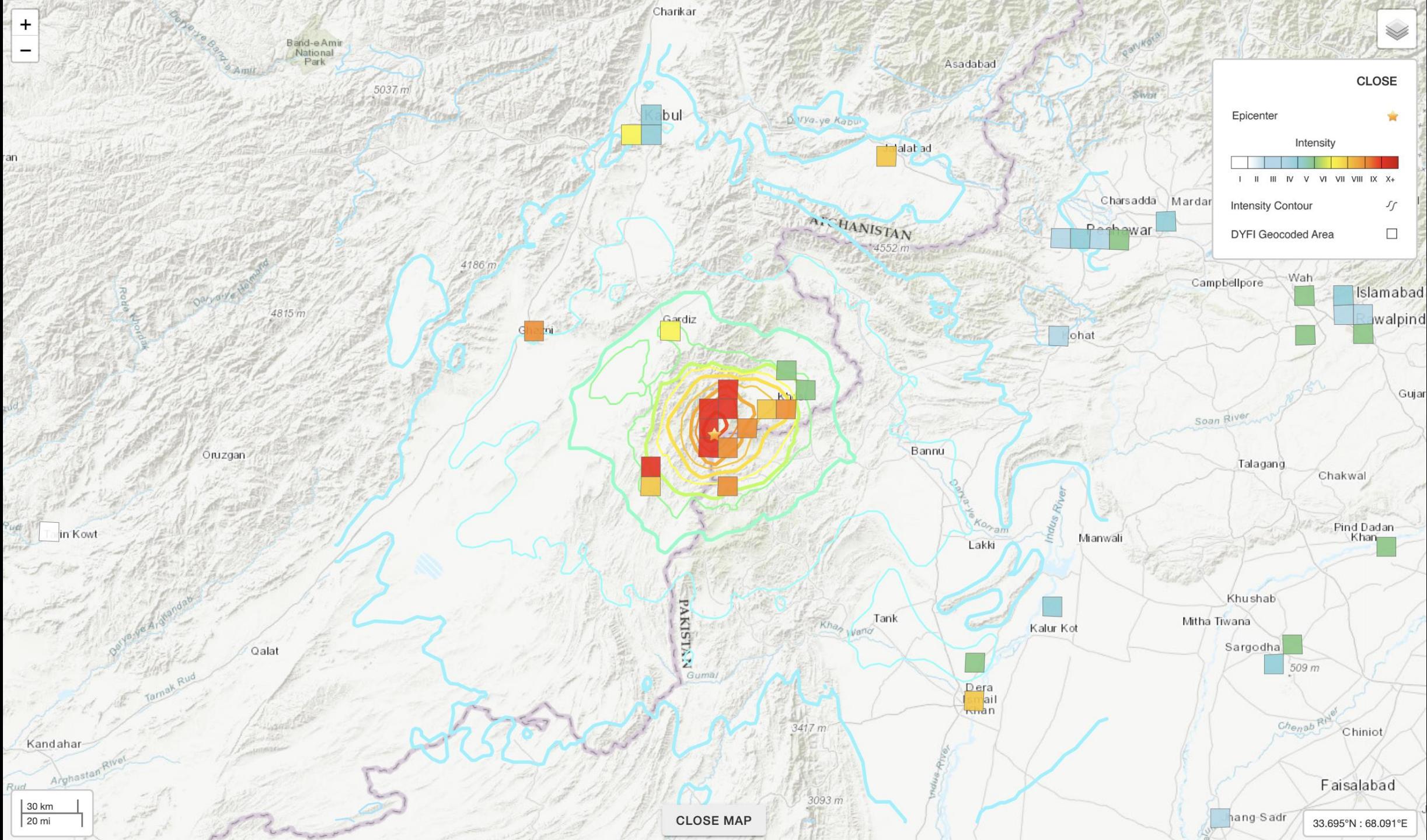
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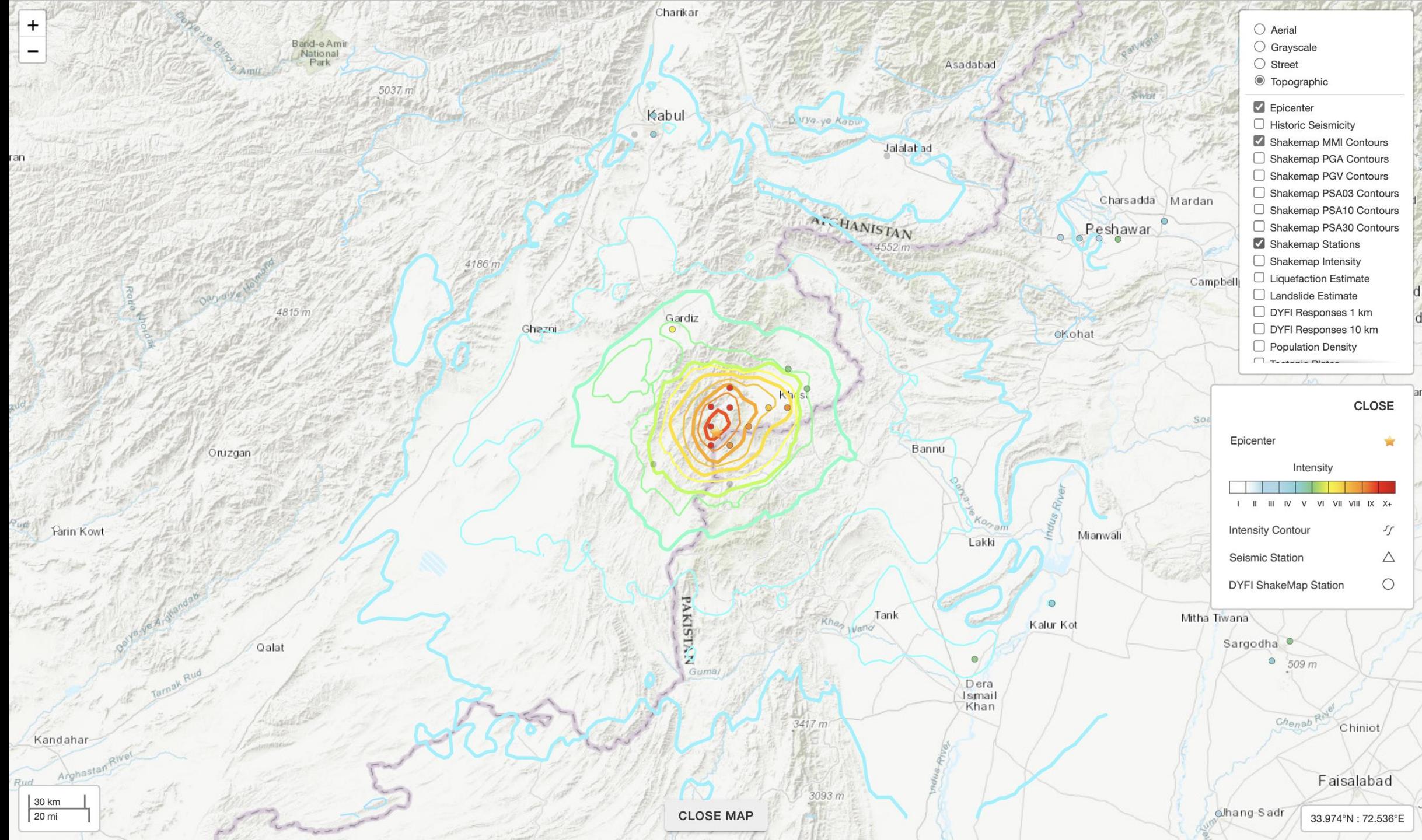
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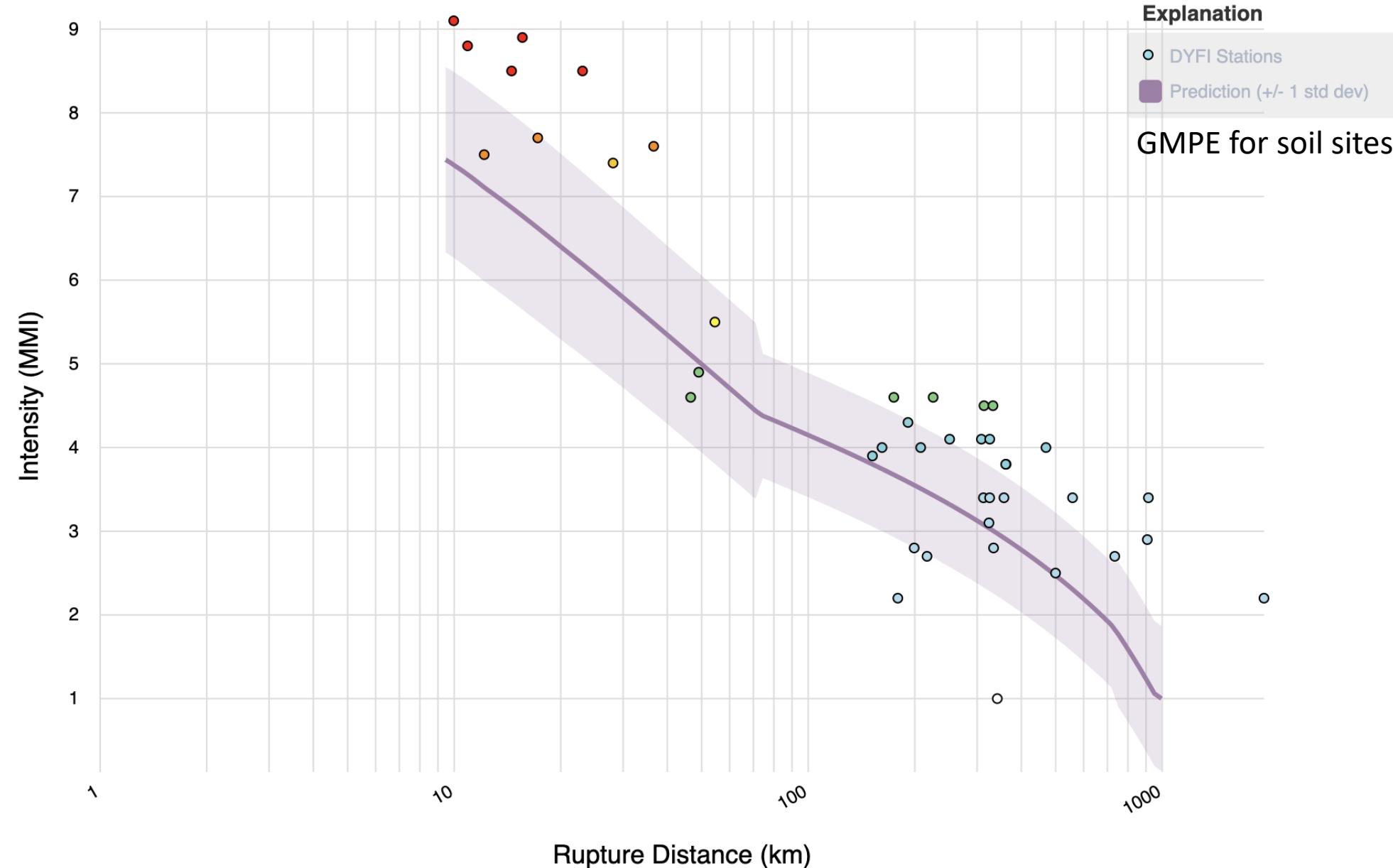
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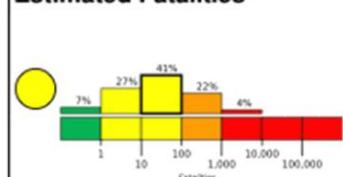
Predictions and Observations



M 5.9, 46 km SW of Khst, Afghanistan

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Location: 33.0924° N 69.5135° E Depth: 10.0 km

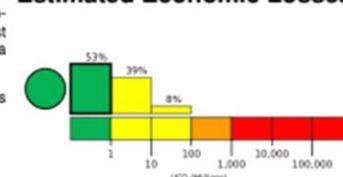
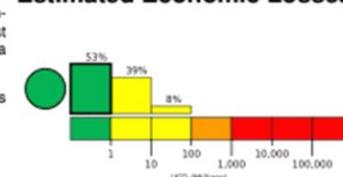
Estimated Fatalities



Yellow alert for shaking-related fatalities. Some casualties are possible and the impact should be relatively localized. Past events with this alert level have required a local or regional level response.

Green alert for economic losses. There is a low likelihood of damage.

Estimated Economic Losses



Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)	-*	35,970k*	13,517k	884k	119k	7k	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	None	None	None	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	None	None	None	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy

*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

Population Exposure



Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are extremely vulnerable to earthquake shaking, though some resistant structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are adobe block and informal (metal, timber, GI etc.) construction.

Historical Earthquakes

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag. (MMI#)	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
2002-04-12	321	5.8	VII(4k)	50
1999-02-11	138	6.0	VII(3.465k)	70
1974-12-28	378	6.2	VIII(6k)	5k

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides that might have contributed to losses.

Selected City Exposure

MMI	City	Population
VI	Sperah	<1k
VI	Ster Giyan	<1k
VI	Zerok-Alakadari	<1k
VI	Nikeh	<1k
VI	Dwah Manday	<1k
V	Urgun	<1k
IV	Gardez	104k
IV	Ghazni	141k
III	Jalalabad	200k
III	Kabul	3,044k
III	Peshawar	1,219k

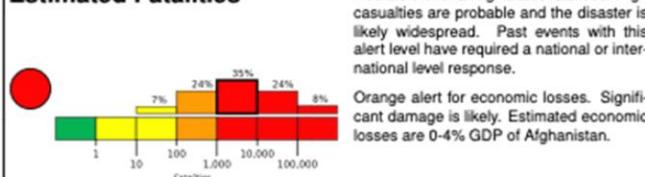
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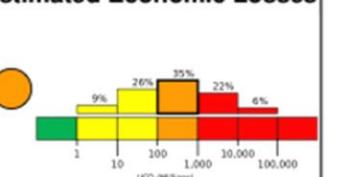
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Red alert for shaking-related fatalities. High casualties are probable and the disaster is likely widespread. Past events with this alert level have required a national or international level response.

Estimated Economic Losses



Orange alert for economic losses. Significant damage is likely. Estimated economic losses are 0-4% GDP of Afghanistan.

Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

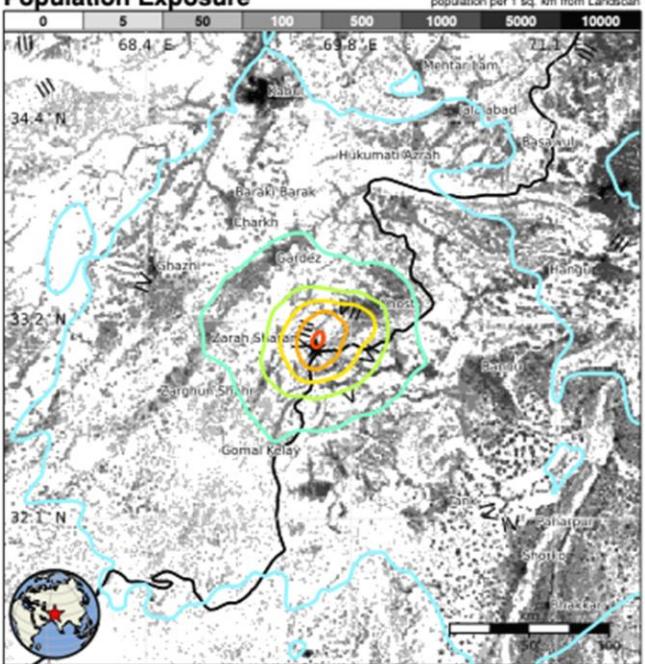
ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)	-*	9,181k*	24,327k	1,490k	531k	274k	55k	17k	0
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Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag. (MMI#)	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
2006-10-09	368	4.4	V(343k)	0
2002-03-25	330	6.1	VII(49k)	1k
1974-12-28	378	6.2	VIII(6k)	5k

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Quantifying & Reducing Uncertainties

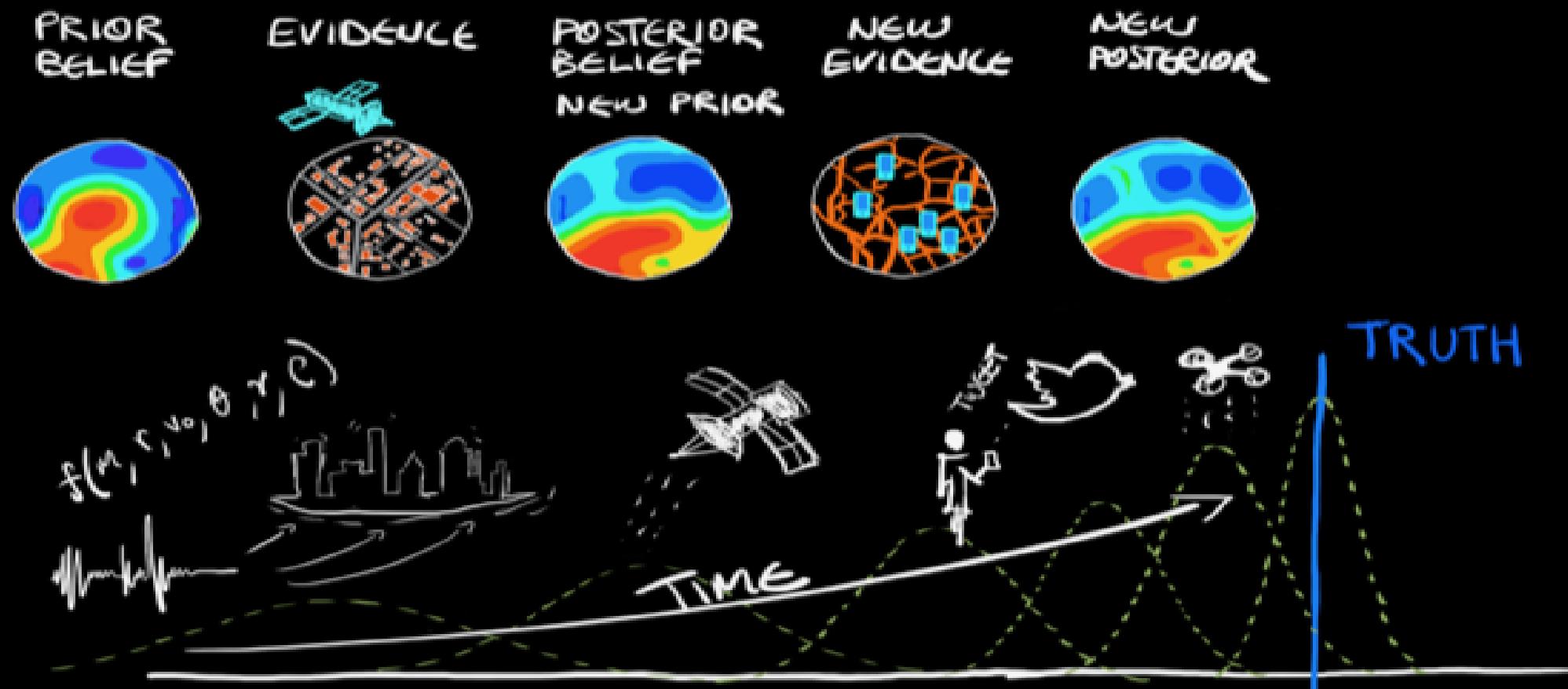
1. Improve prior models:

- Improved regional (ergodic?) GMM's, IPEs, GMICE.
- ShakeMap Atlas V4: 250 more loss events since 2010, w/ better data constraints, population, demographics, etc., than previous generation.
- Loss models – better data, exposure & vulnerability databases, etc.
- Calibration w/ better uncertainty propagation (ShakeMap, population, losses).

2. Update prior models on-the-fly by adding ground truth observations:

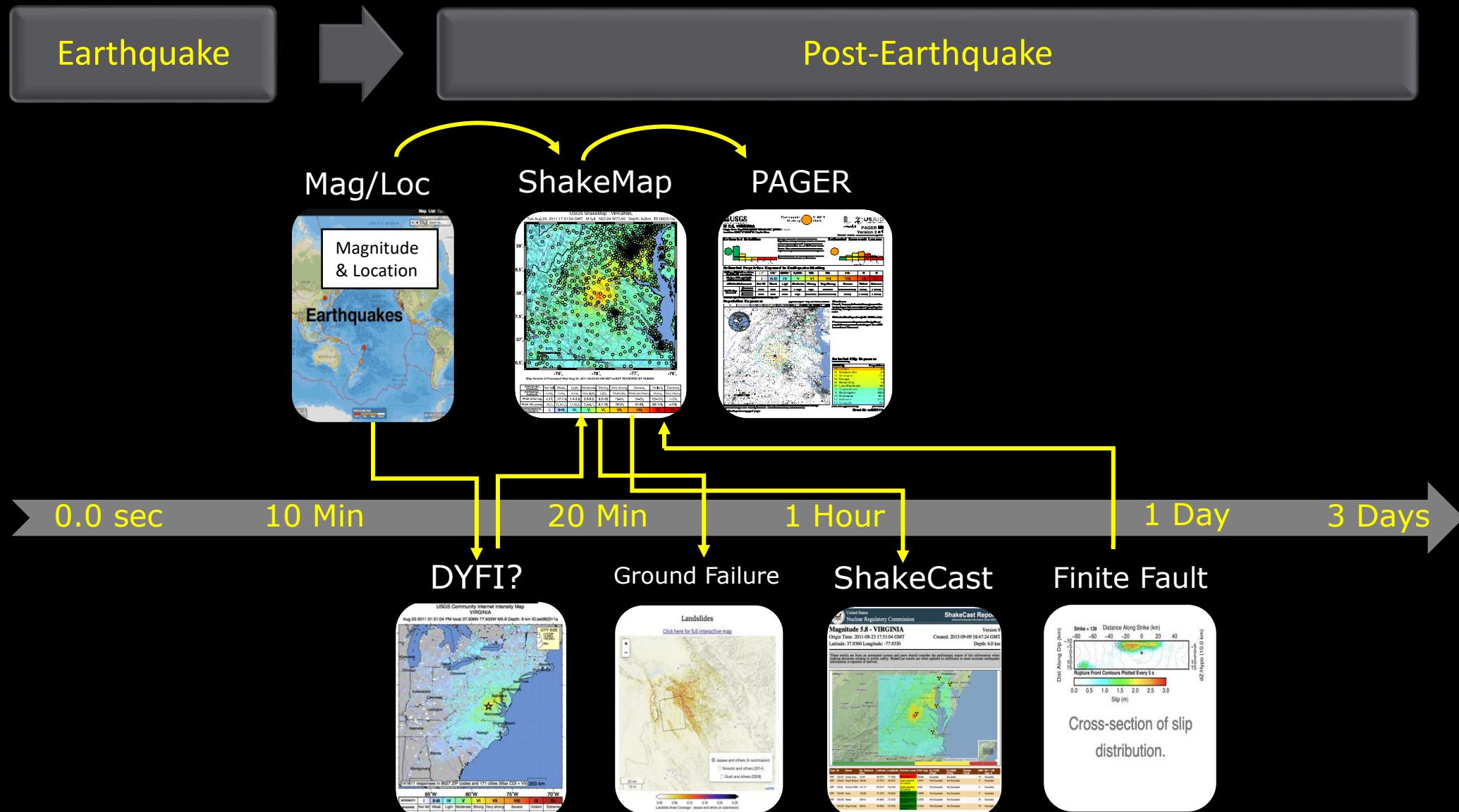
- Citizen-science, crowd-sourced observations, official/media reports
- Imagery (InSAR, optical, UAV, lidar)
- Building & infrastructure damage (site specific) observations
- Ground failure (specific occurrences of liquefaction & landsliding)

Increasingly more accurate and less uncertain prediction over time through iterative updating and integration of multiple big data sources.

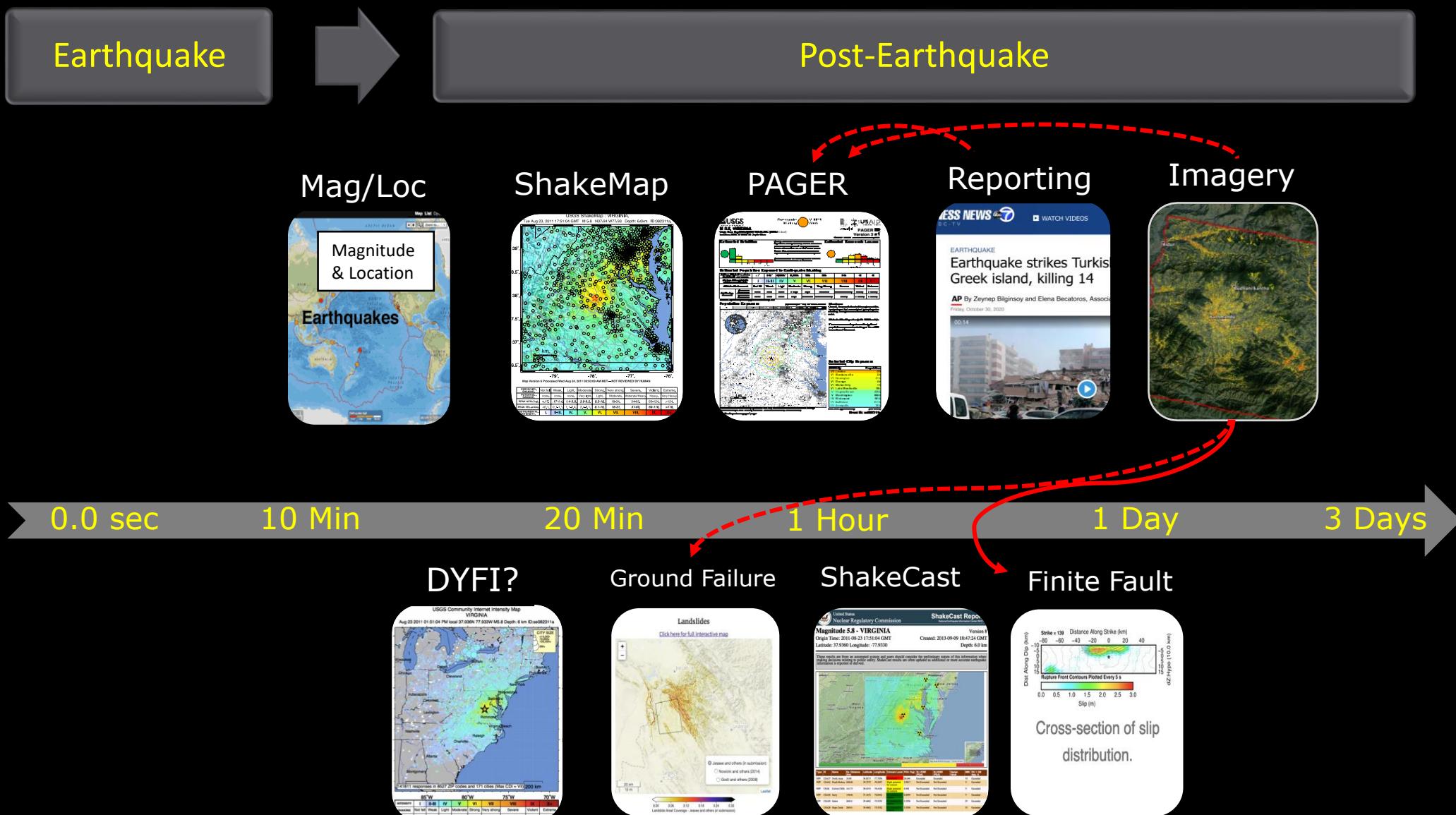


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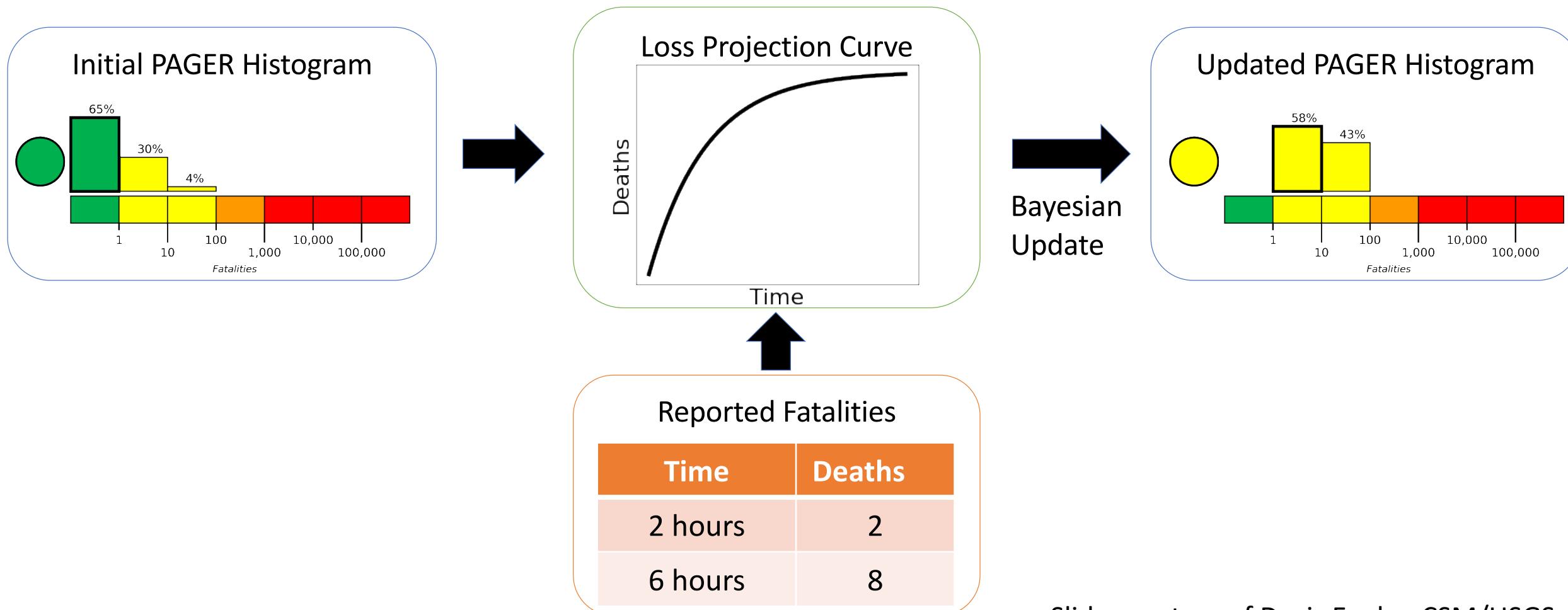


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Introduction to the updating framework

- Goal: Improve PAGER's fatality estimates in the hours/days after an earthquake



Slide courtesy of Davis Engler, CSM/USGS

An efficient Bayesian framework for updating PAGER loss estimates

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Abstract

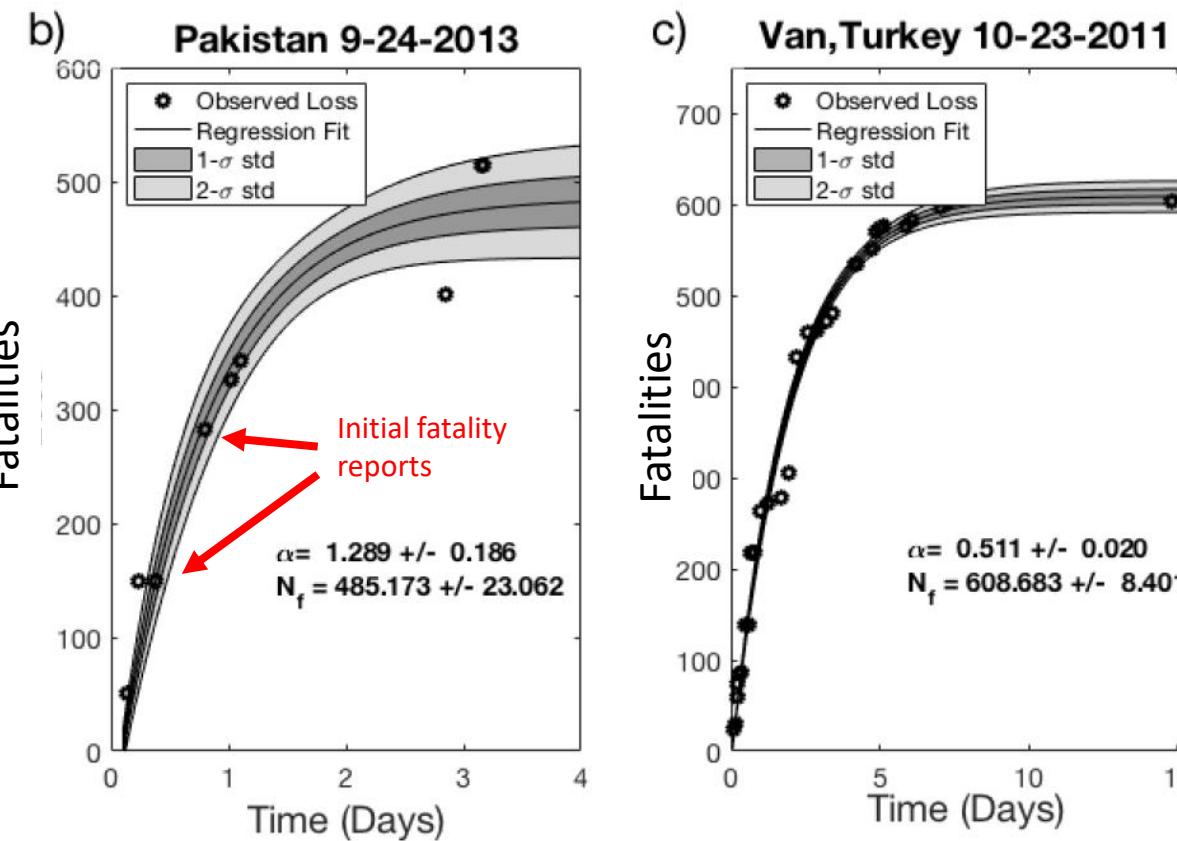
We introduce a Bayesian framework for incorporating time-varying noisy reported data on damage and loss information to update near real-time loss estimates/alerts for the U.S. Geological Survey's Prompt Assessment of Global Earthquakes for Response (PAGER) system. Initial loss estimation by PAGER immediately following an earthquake includes several uncertainties. Historically, the PAGER's alerting on fatality and economic losses has not incorporated location-specific reported data on physical damage or casualties for a given earthquake. The proposed framework provides the ability to include early reports on fatalities at any given time and improve the overall impact forecast for the earthquake. The reported data on fatalities or damage are generally incomplete and noisy, especially in the early hours of the disaster. To address these challenges, we develop a recursive Bayesian updating framework that takes into account the loss projection model and the measurement and model uncertainties. The framework is applied to loss data for three example earthquakes, and the results show that the proposed updating improves the loss estimates and alert level to the correct level within the first day of the earthquake.

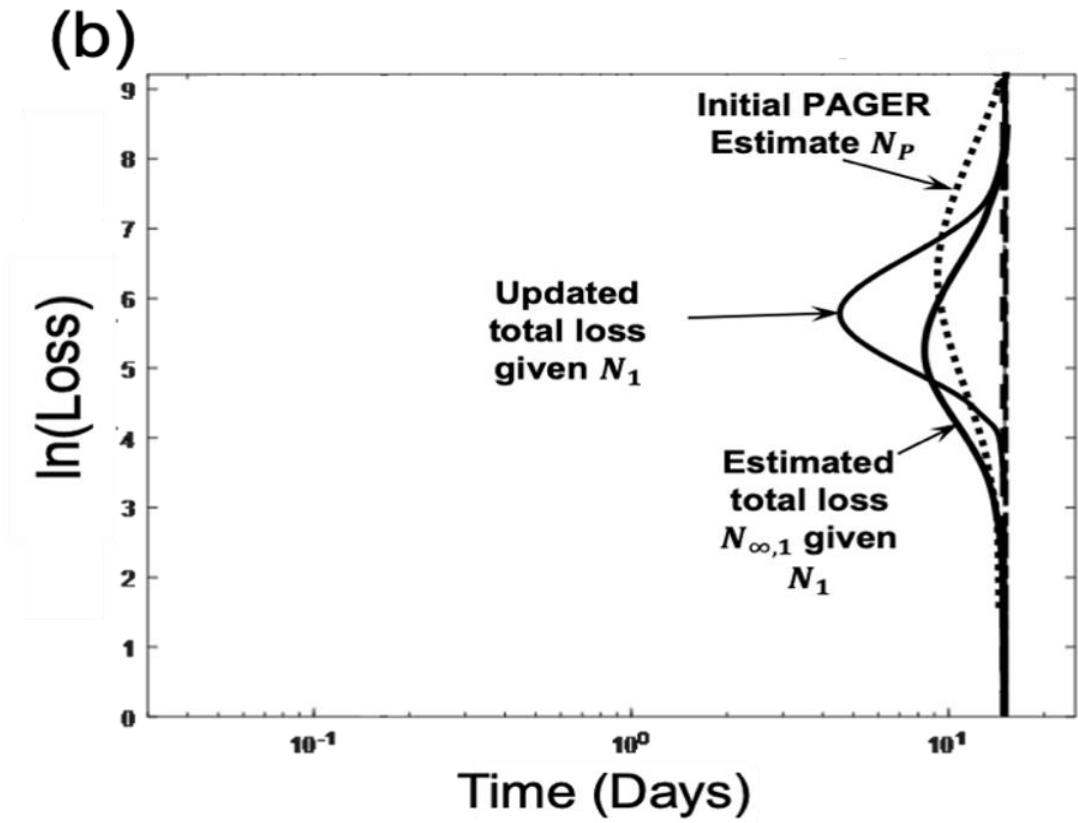
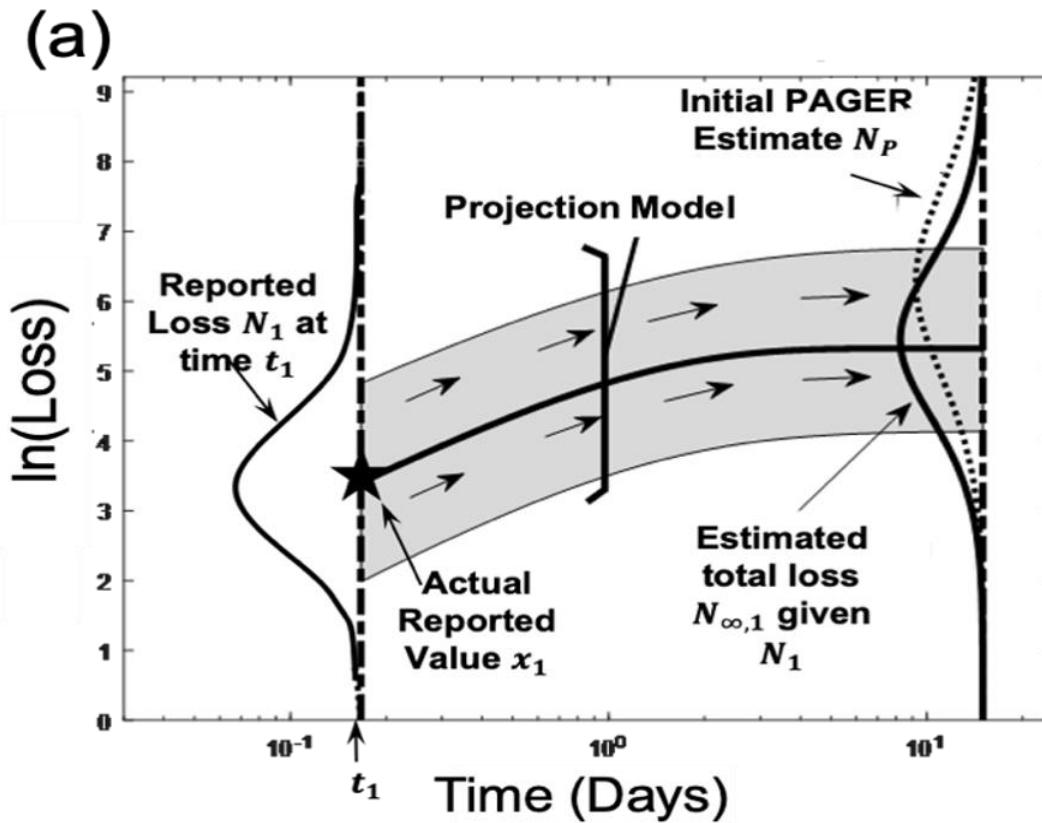
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PAGER, Bayesian updating, casualty, loss modeling, forecast

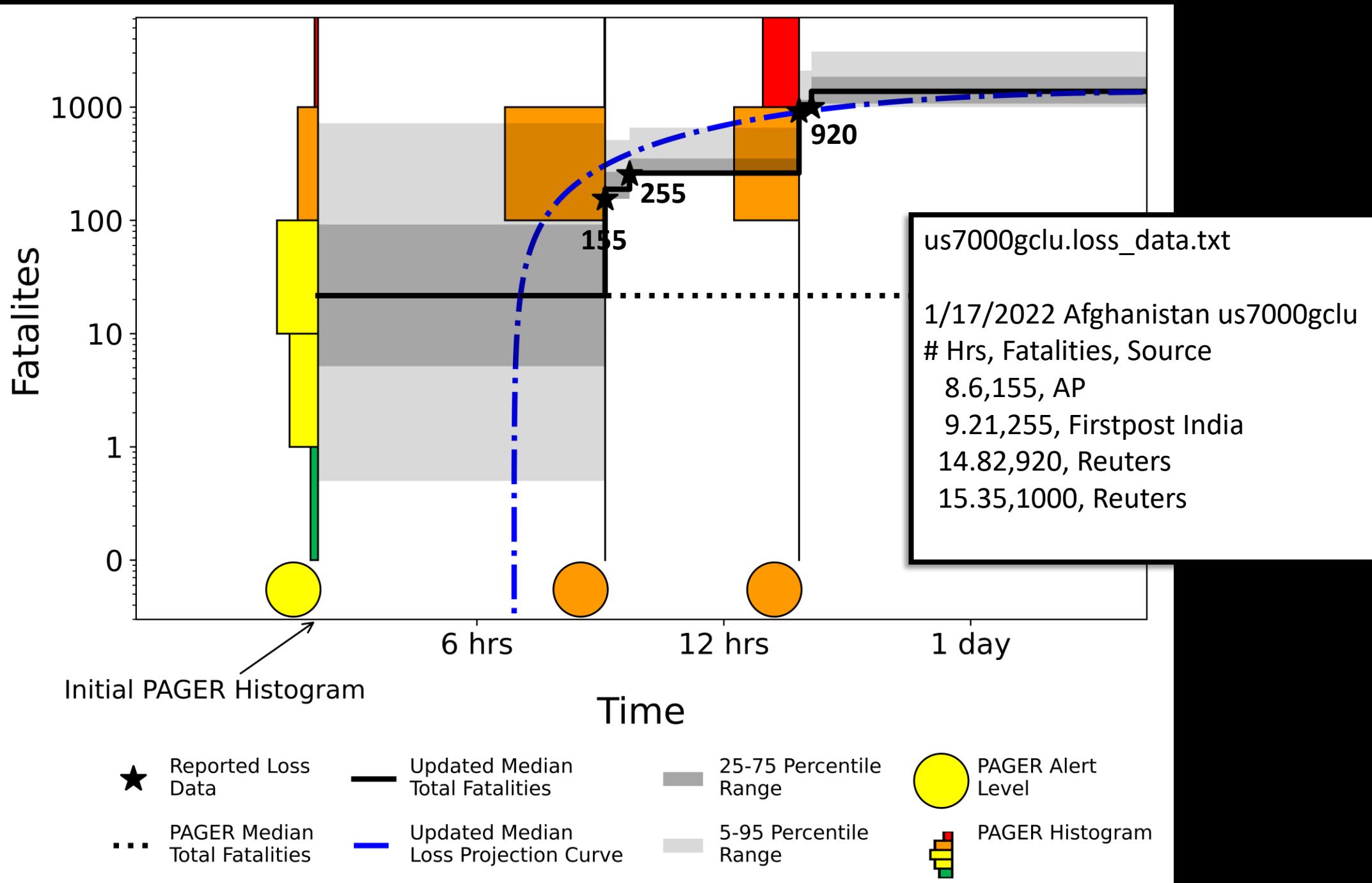
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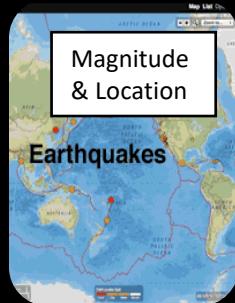
- (a) The projection step, where the reported loss data at time t_1 is used to obtain an estimate of total loss based on the loss projection model. (b) The updating step, using the estimated total loss given the report at time t_1 as an observation of total loss, the PAGER loss distribution is updated to obtain a new estimate of the total loss distribution.



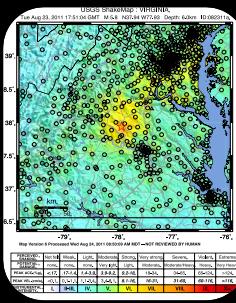
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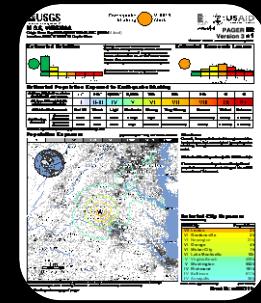
Mag/Loc



ShakeMap



PAGER



Reporting



Imagery



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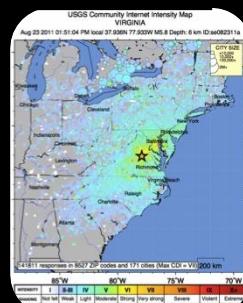
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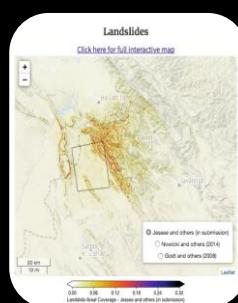
1 Day

3 Days

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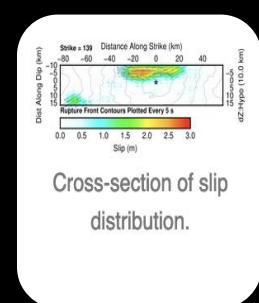
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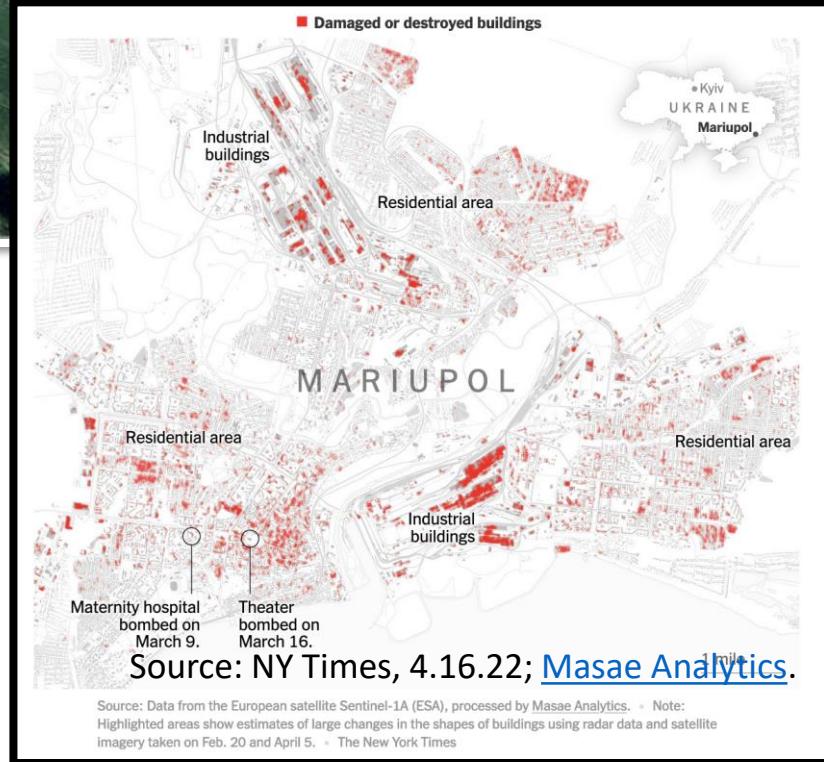
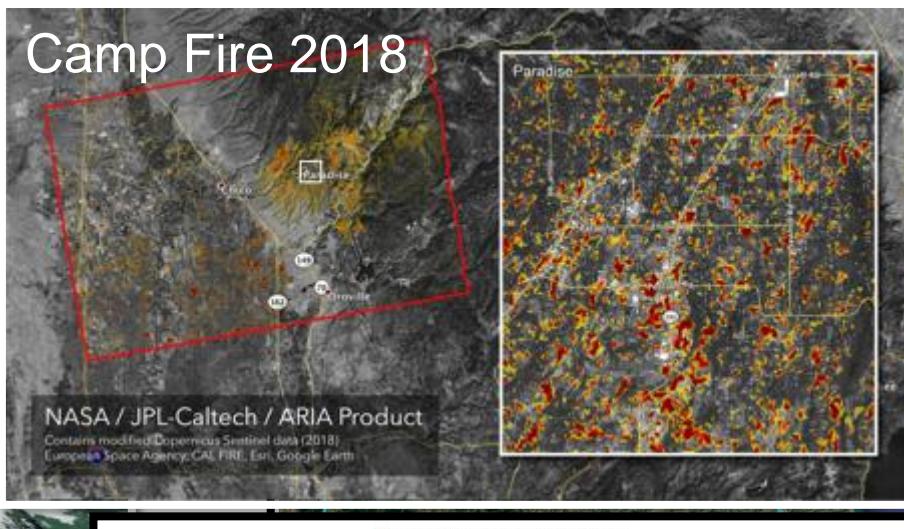
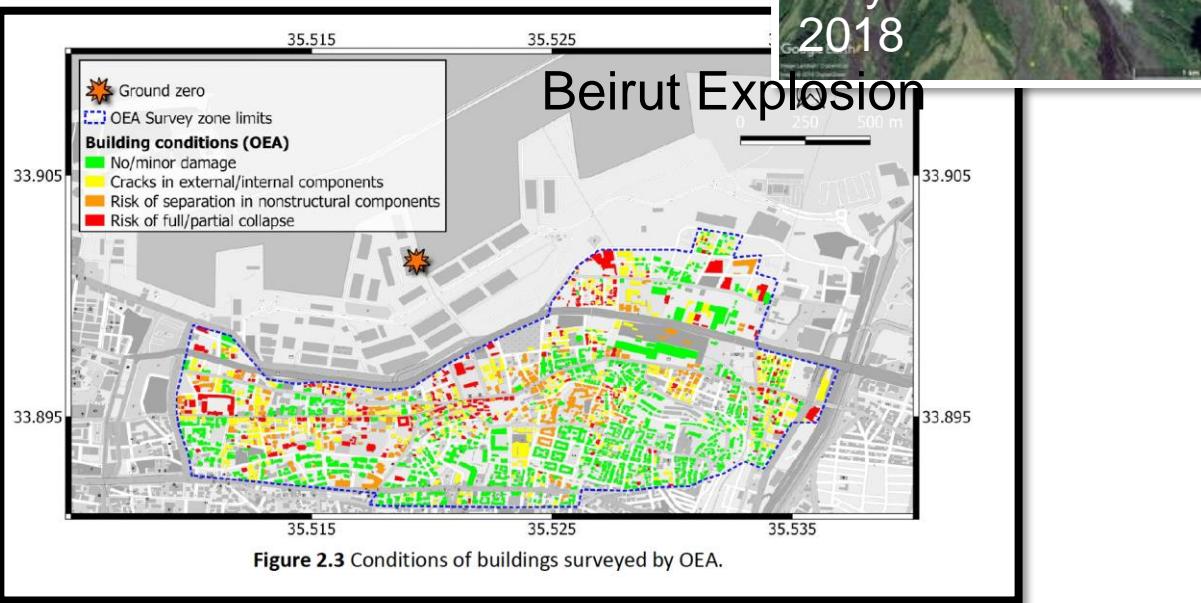
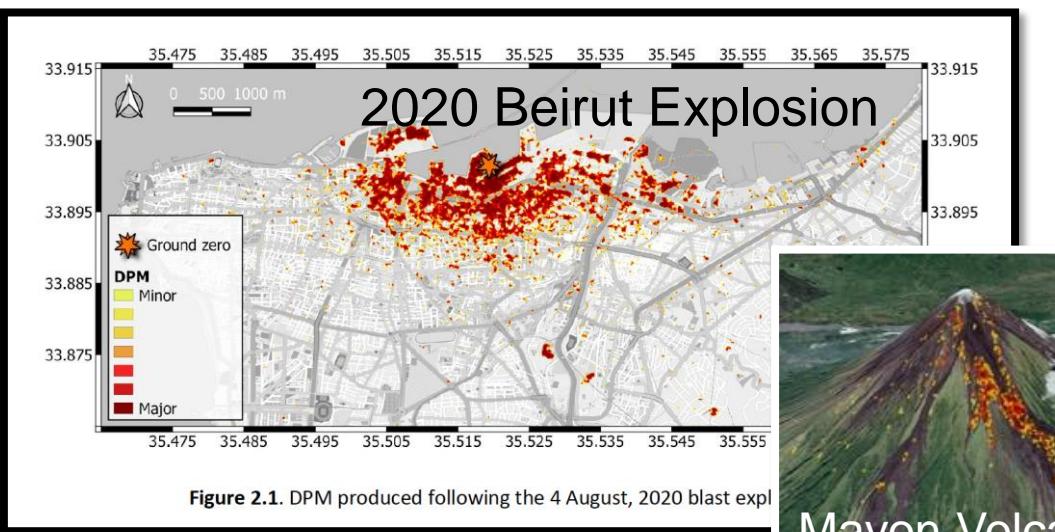
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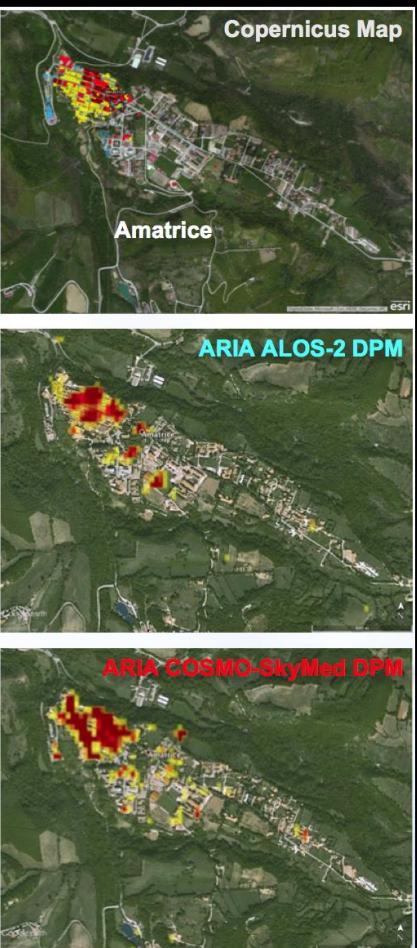
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NASA/JPL Damage Proxy Map (DPM) & other examples

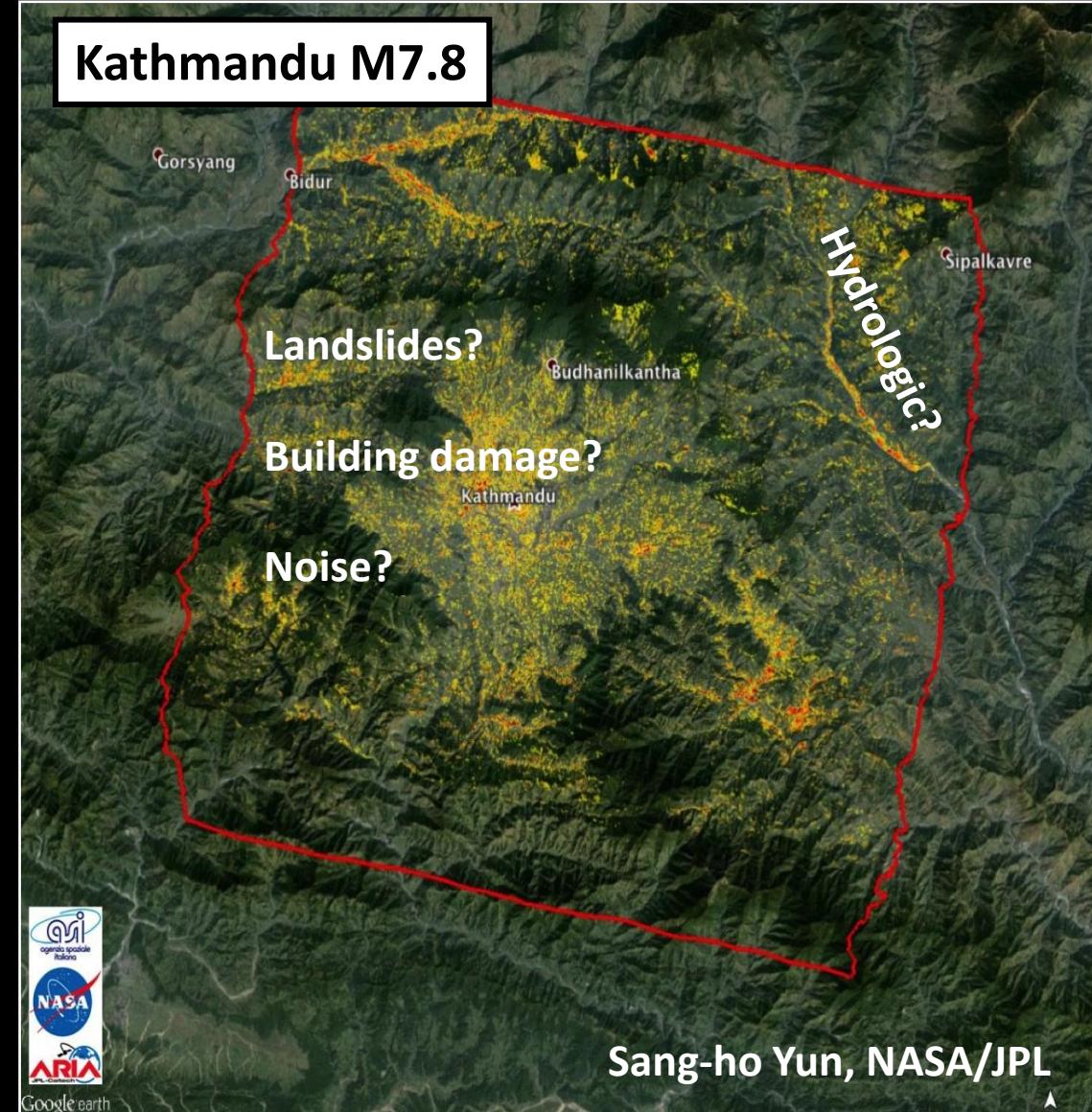
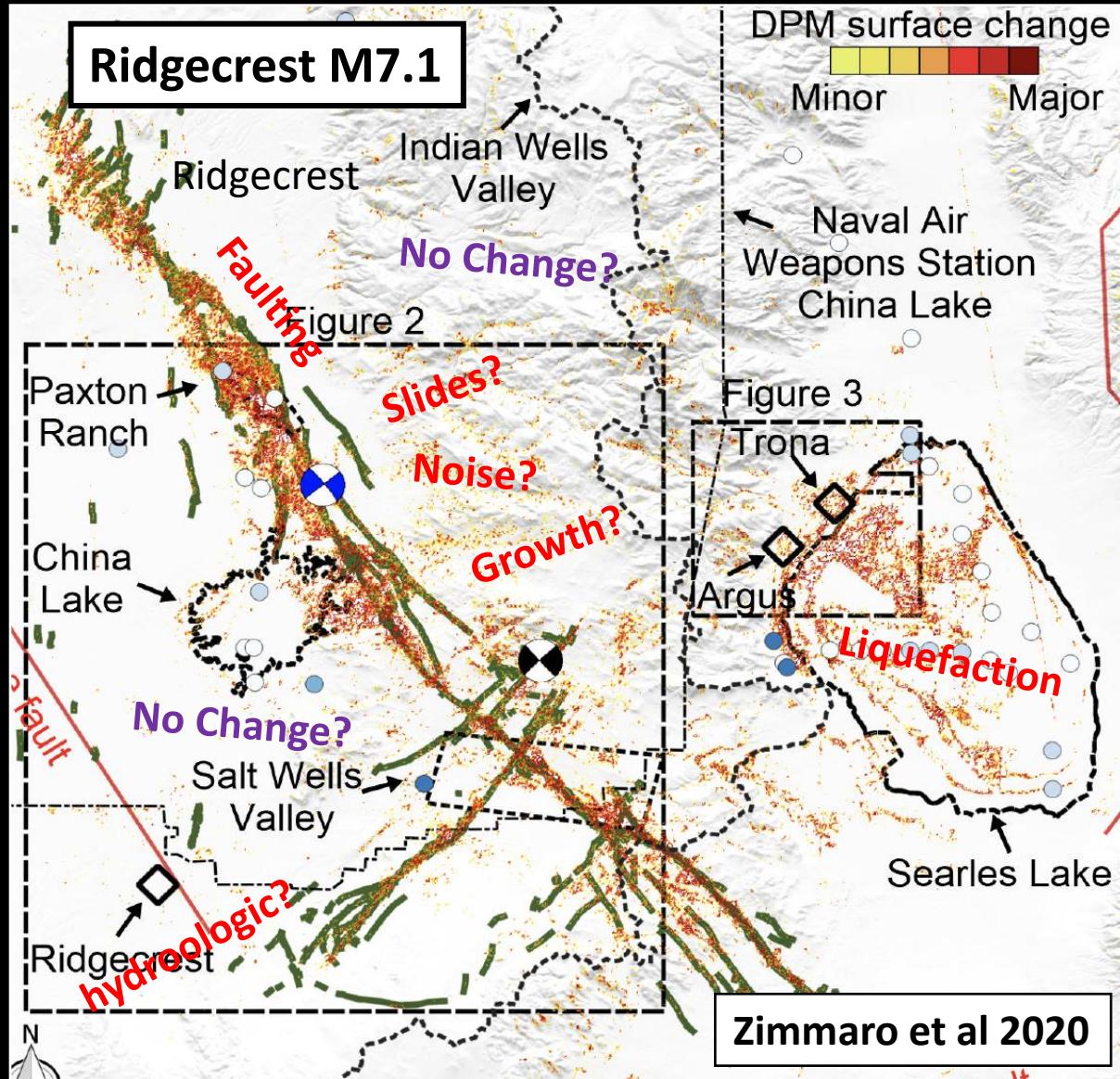


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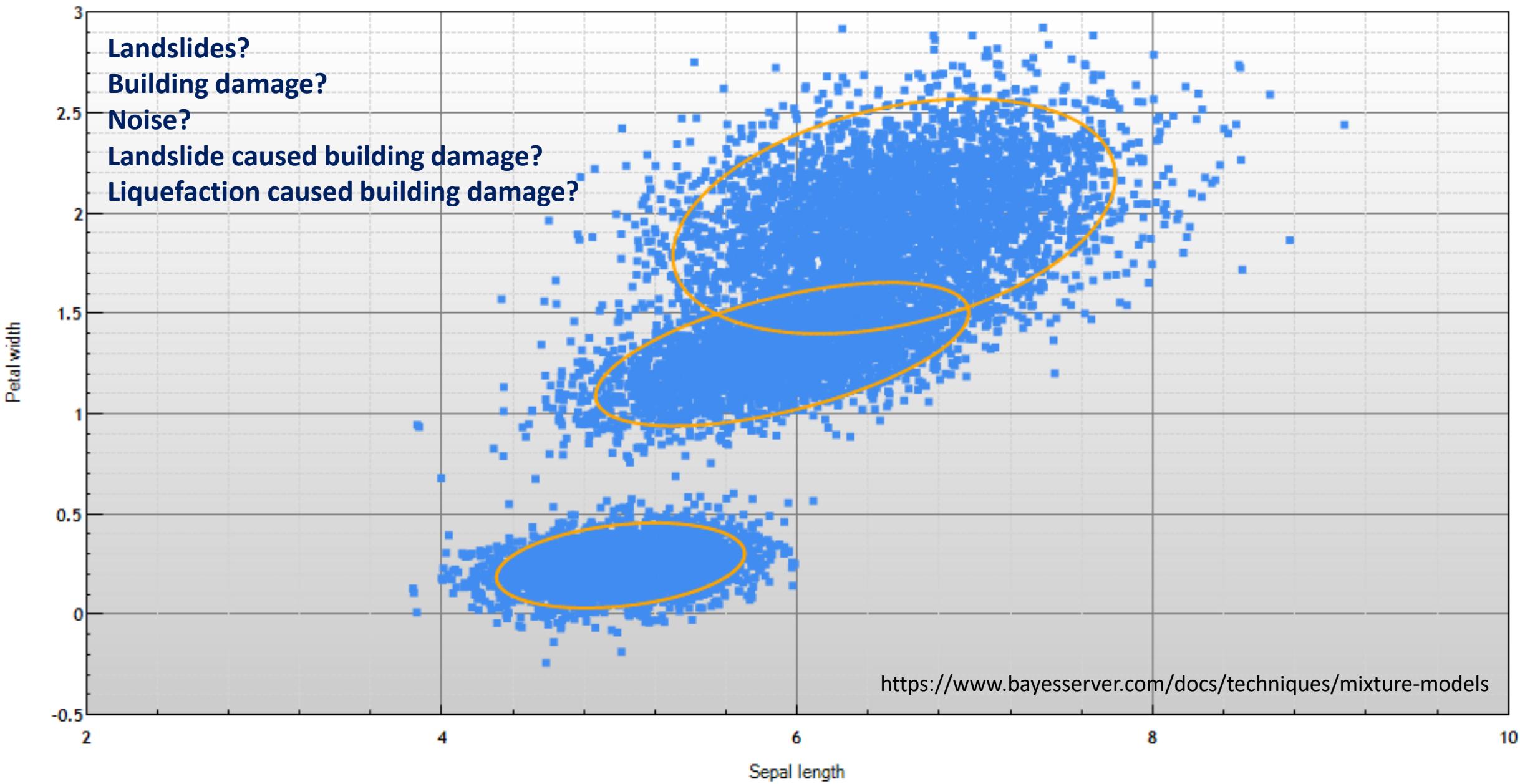


Images from S. Yun, EOS/NTU; Masaee Analytics

InSAR “Damage Proxy Maps” (DPMs): Pre-post event changes in image correlation

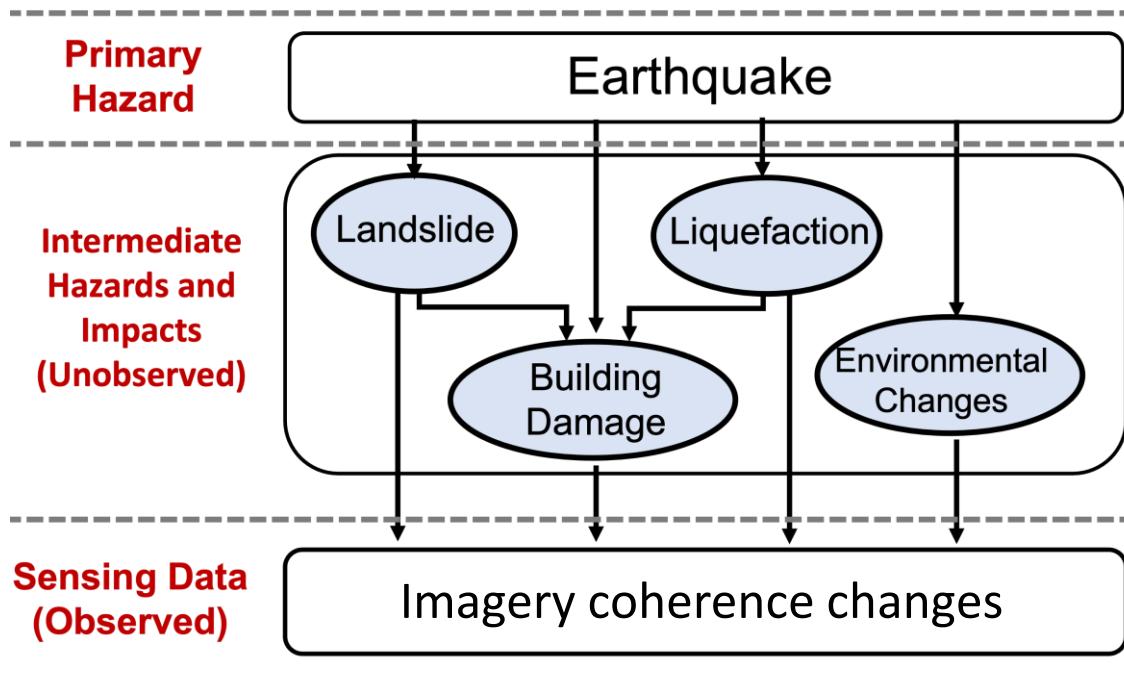


A mixture model - a collection of multivariate gaussian distributions



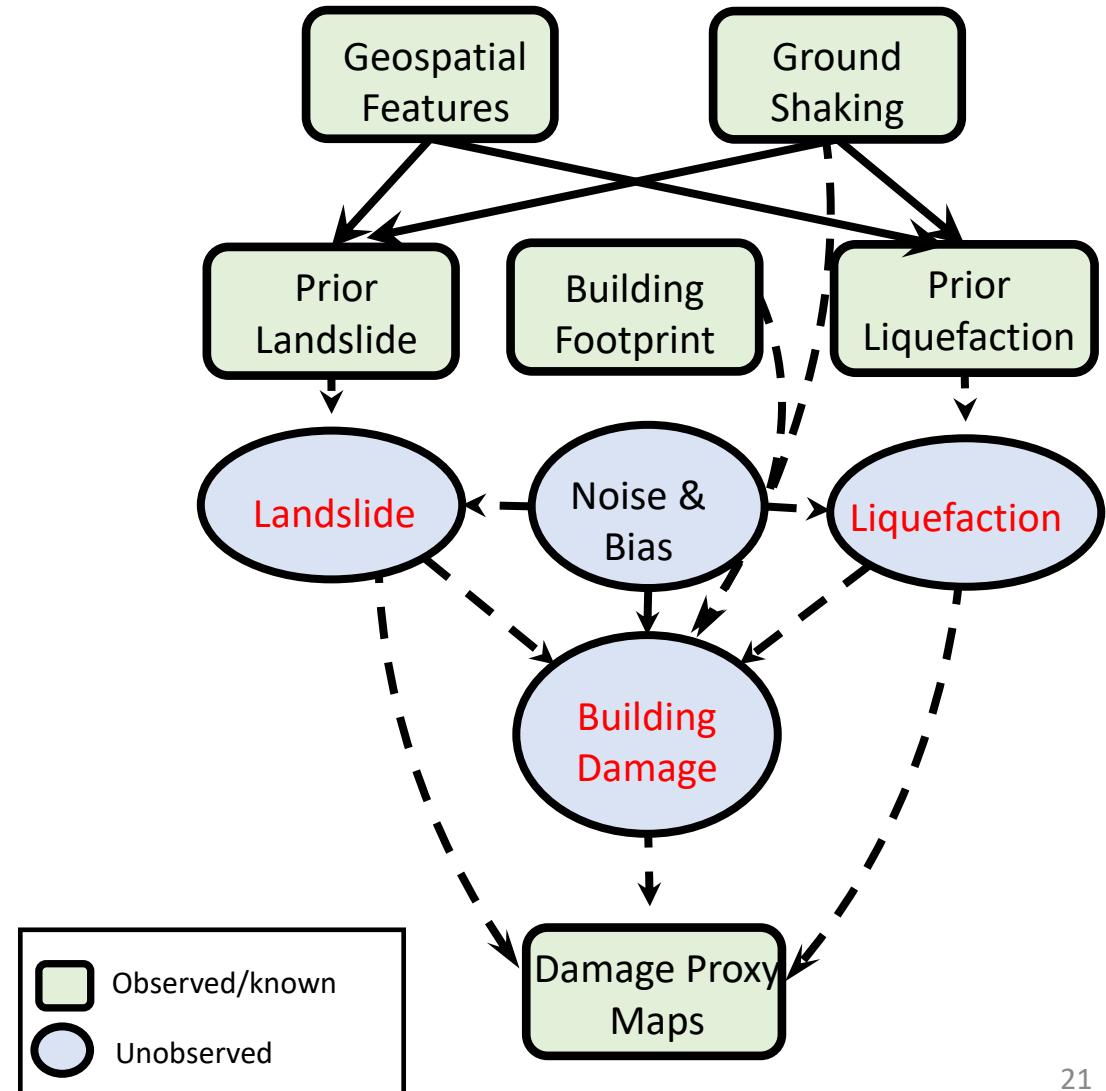
Causal graph model to solve for complex interactions

Conceptual Model

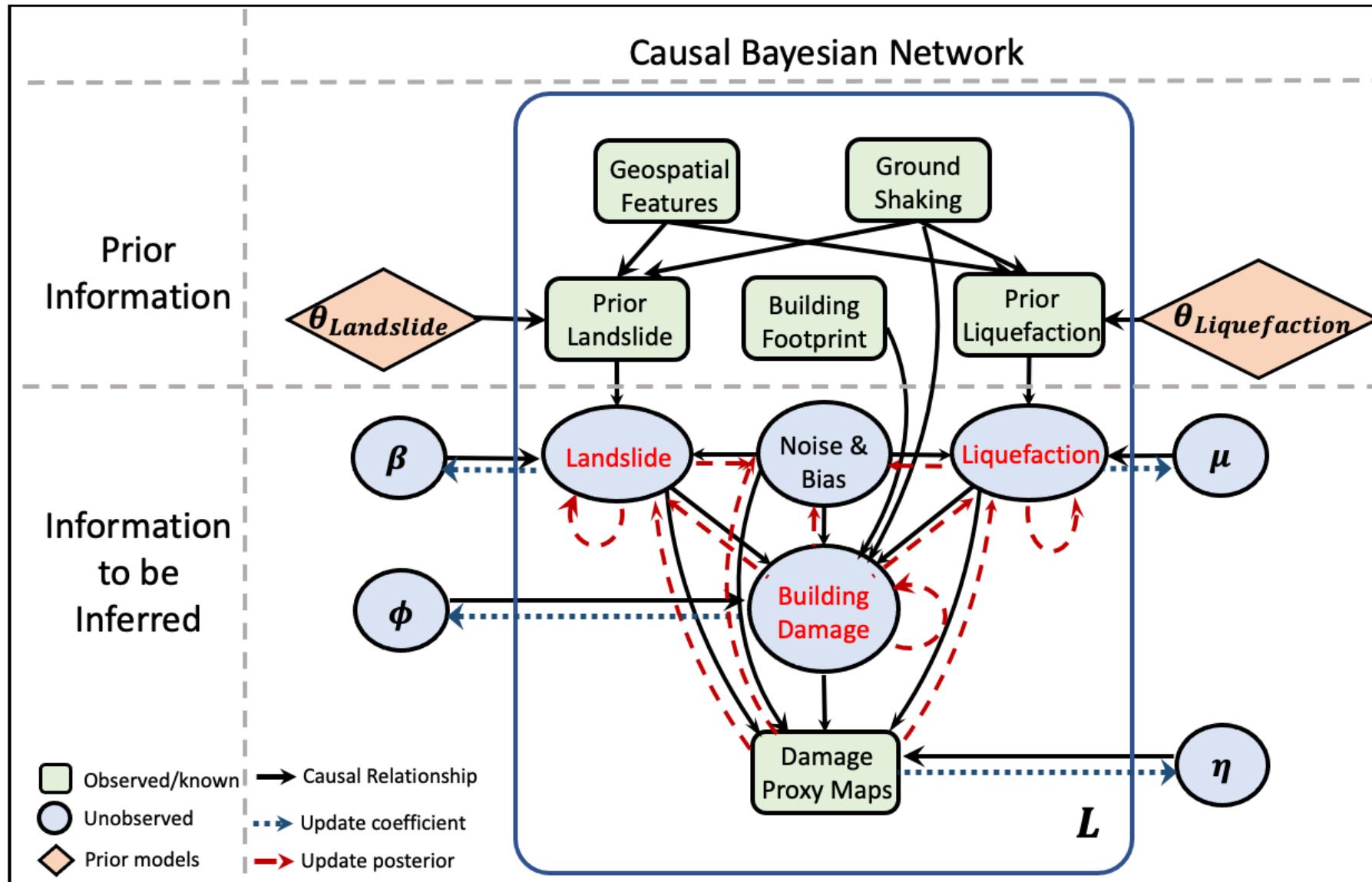


See Susu Xu et al. this meeting (Thurs)

Mathematical Model

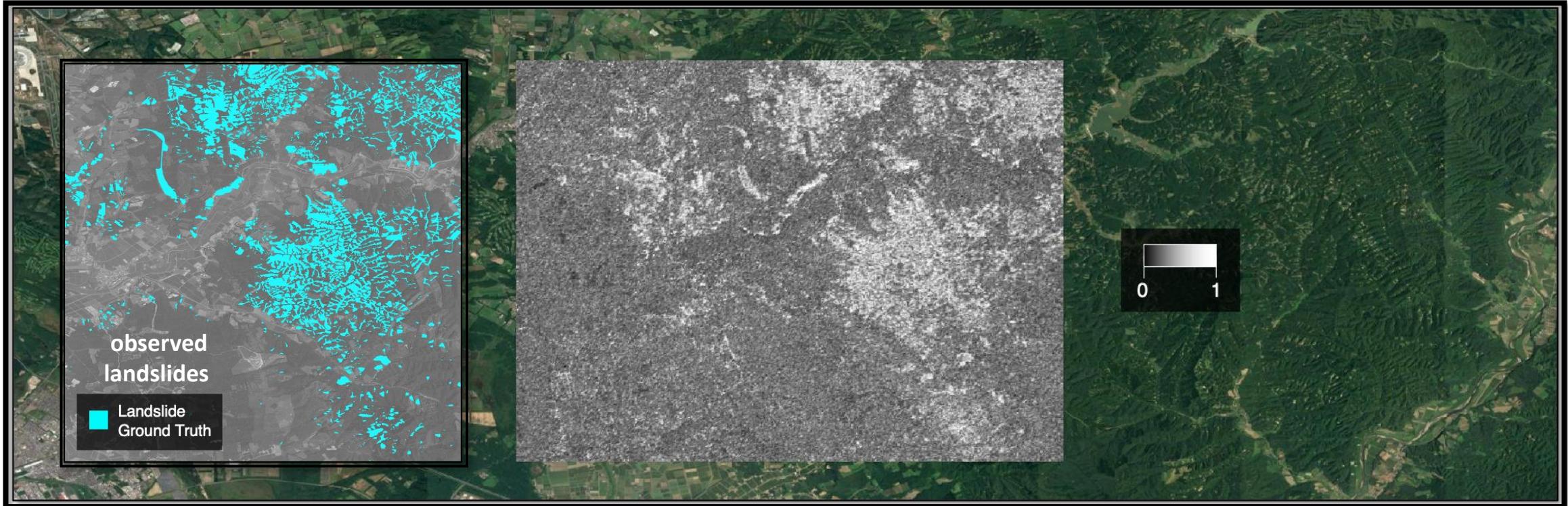


Causal graph model to approximate complex interactions



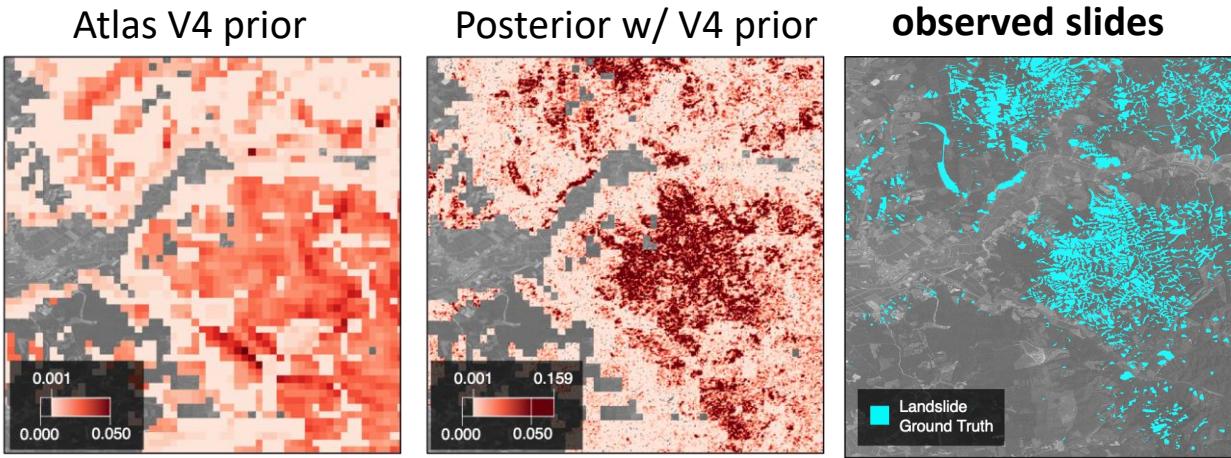
Example Results – An easy case

The 2018 Hokkaido, Japan Earthquake of September 2018 (M6.6)

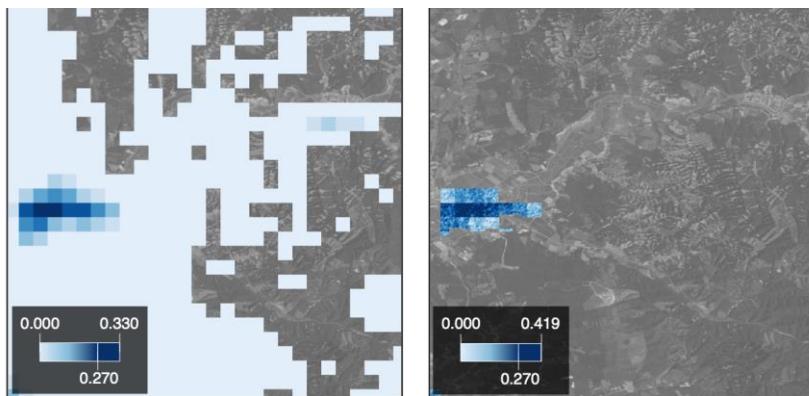


DPM3: 30m resolution, covered the towns of Atsuma and Abira, generated by ARIA team using the SAR images from the ALOS-2 satellites of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

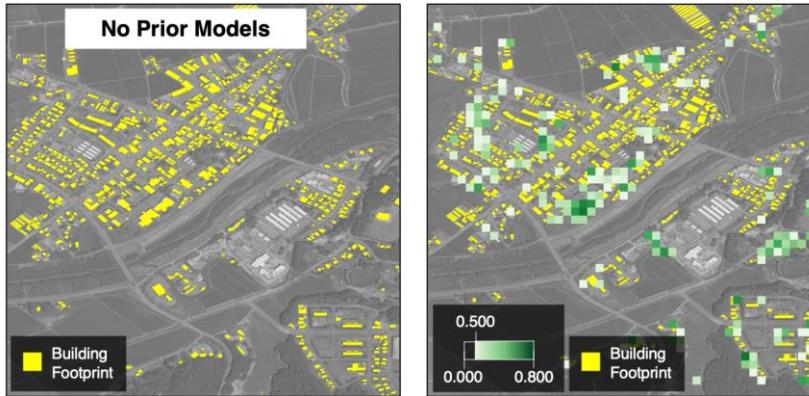
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Liquefaction



Building
Damage



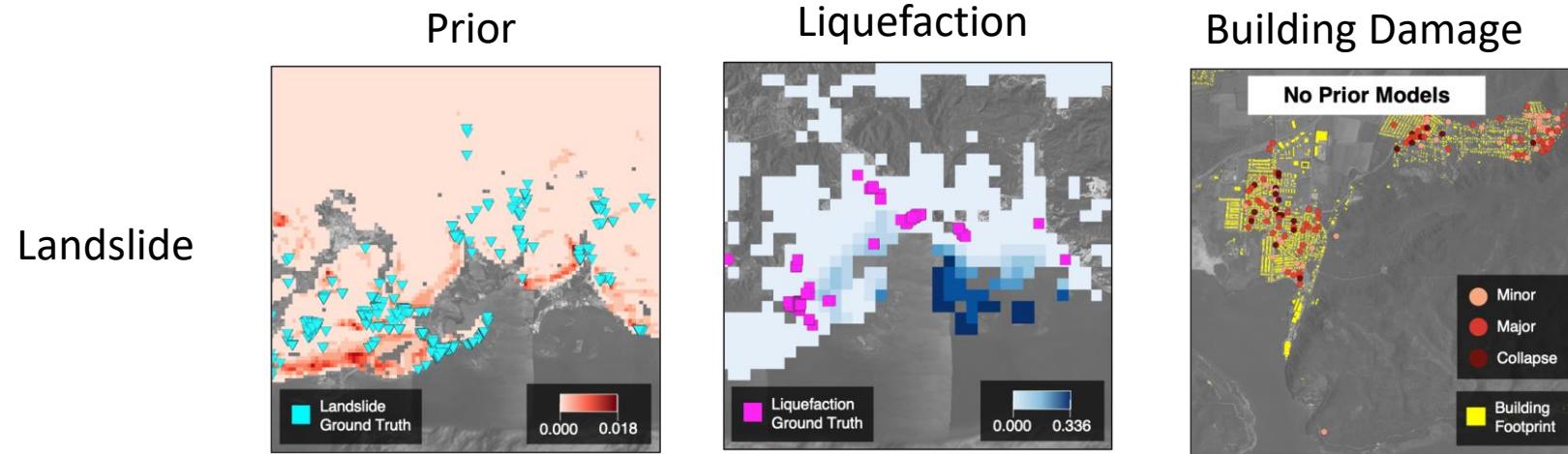
Example Results – A more difficult case

The 2020 Puerto Rico earthquake struck the southwest area of Puerto Rico on January 7, 2020, at 4:24 am (AST) by a Mw 6.4 earthquake



DPM2: 30m resolution, covered the towns of Atsuma and Abira, generated by ARIA team using the SAR images from the Copernicus Sentinel-1 satellites of the European Space Agency

Results



Our model

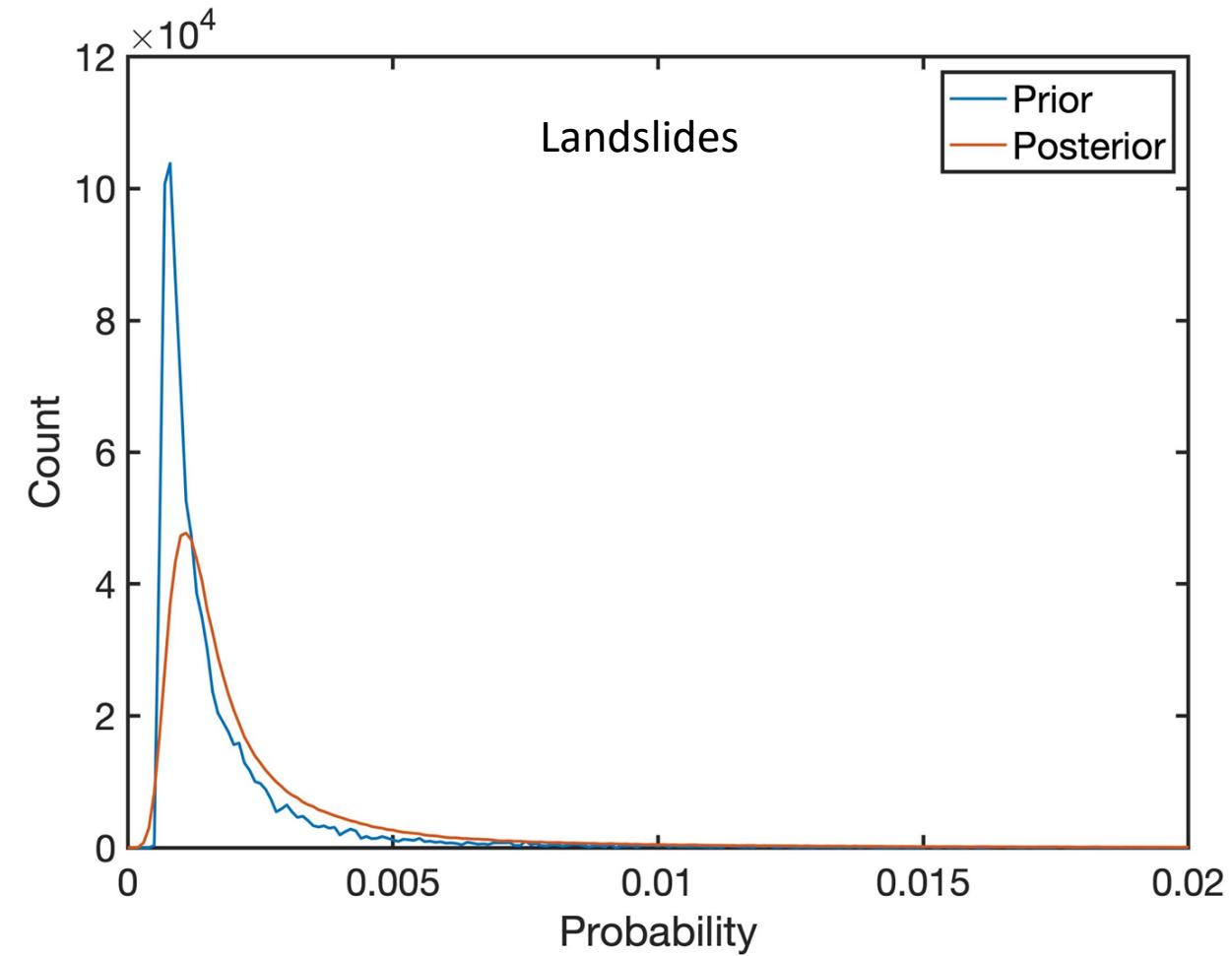
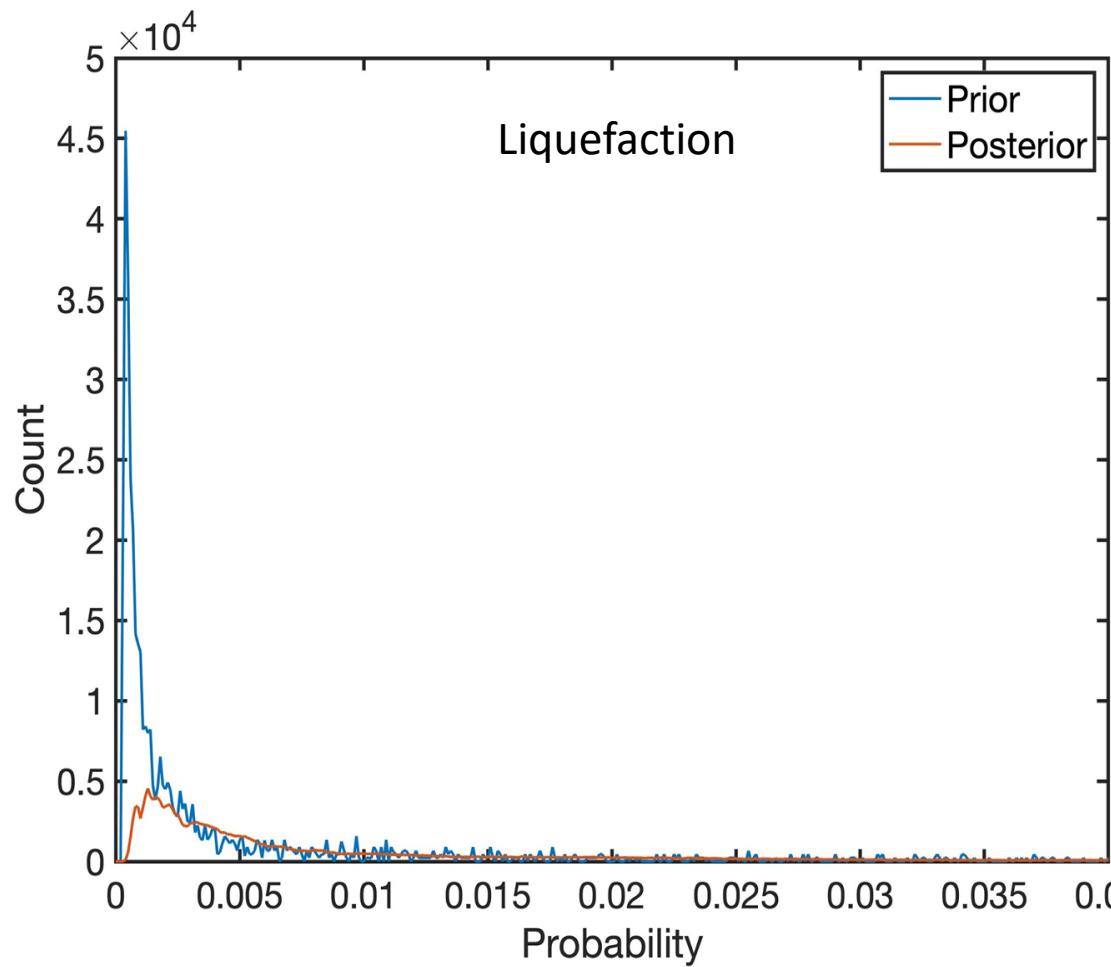
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AUC:
Prior: 90.36 %
Posterior: 90.83%

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Binary-class AUC:
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Posterior: 92.36%

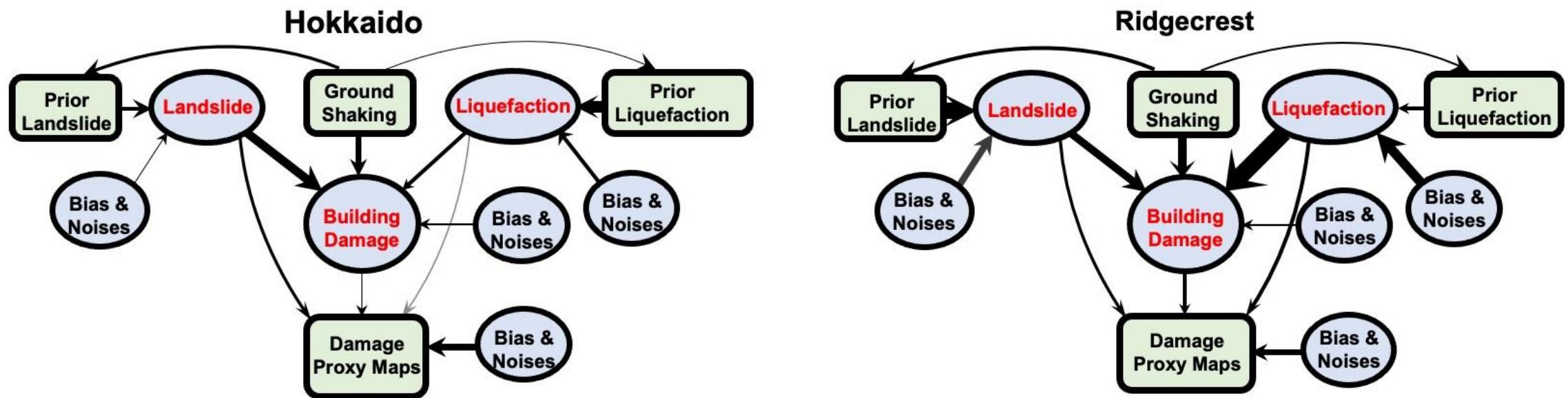
Distribution of Posterior & Prior over the map

(posterior has fewer low-probability areas)



Results

Causality quantification for different events to reveal the causation mechanisms



Ongoing efforts ...

- Improvements to *a priori* ground failure models (work in progress)
- Implement *a priori* building damage models (PAGER semi-empirical models)
- Testing approach on more earthquake datasets (but need: good DPM, good ShakeMap, building damage data, and digital GF datasets)
- Update the causal graphical model with incoming ground truth observations

Quantifying & Reducing Uncertainties

1. Improve prior models
 2. Update prior models on-the-fly by adding ground truth observations

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Requirements

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