Presentation to Construction Client's Group

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Christchurch Earthquakes 2010 - 2011

Building Damage URM – Shaking damage RC – Shaking damage Ground Damage Infrastructure Damage

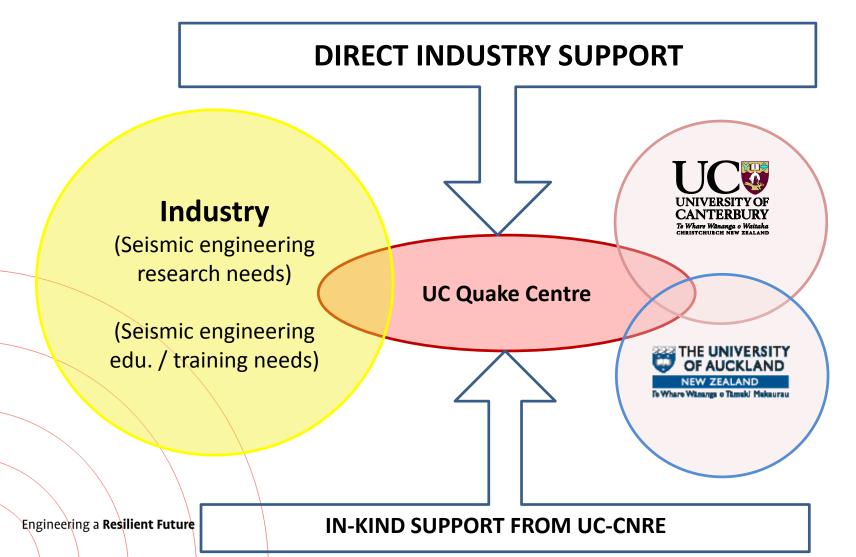
- Lateral spread
- Liquefaction

Ground Damage Infrastructure Damage

Liquefaction



UC Response and formation of the QC



UC QUAKE CENTRE Support base for the Quake Centre





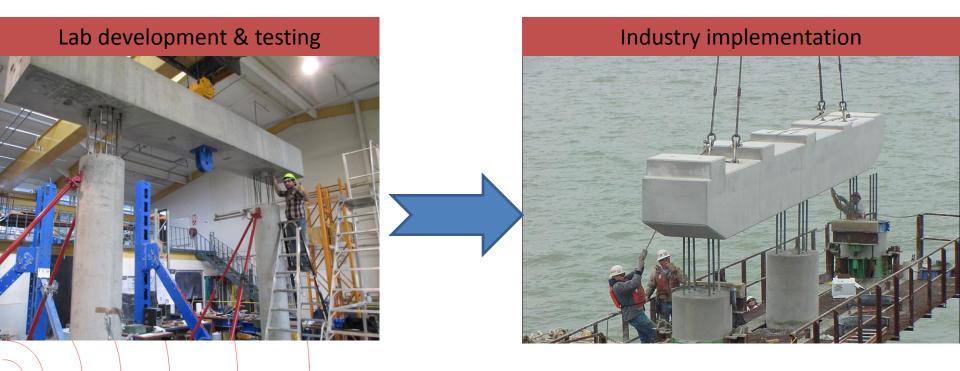




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Partner with Industry to:

1. Create & promulgate seismic engineering solutions



What is the purpose of the UC Quake Centre?

Partner with Industry to:

2. Up-skill professionals in earthquake engineering

- Collaborate with learned societies (NZSEE, NZGS, SESOC, NZSOLD)
- Workshops & seminars



- Online courses
- Available on-demand
- Early courses on introduction to seismic engineering
- Can be followed by higher degrees in earthquake engineering

Engineering a Resilient Future

Ultimate aim is to achieve behaviour change!

What is the purpose of the UC Quake Centre?

Partner with Industry to:

3. Risk evaluation of structures and lifelines



Engineering a Resilient Future



The Value of Lifeline Seismic Risk Mitigation in Christchurch

Summary Report – June 2012





This electricity substation had been decommissioned prior to the earthquakes and was unstrongthened Nearby strengthened electricity substation > See inside front cover for additional information

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Partner with Industry to:

4. Community awareness

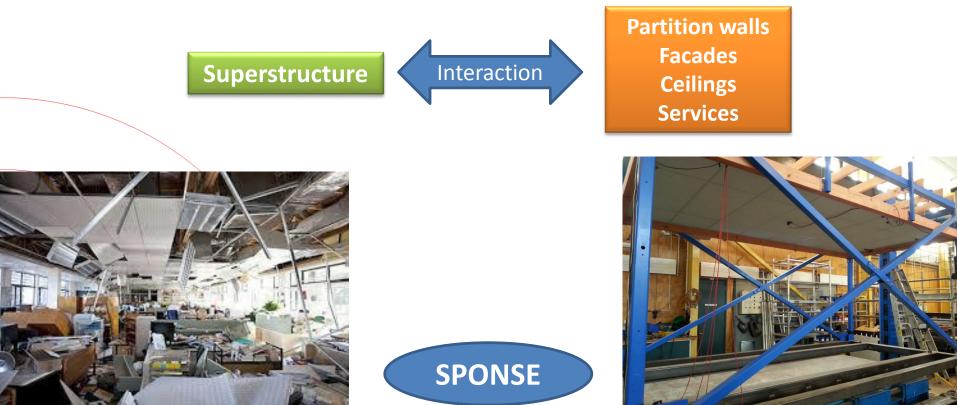


Our operational model

Research Engineers Industry Secondments Visiting international experts University academics **On-line** Design guides Courses Industry **Practitioners Seminars** Engineering a Resilient Future

Current Strategic Initiatives -1

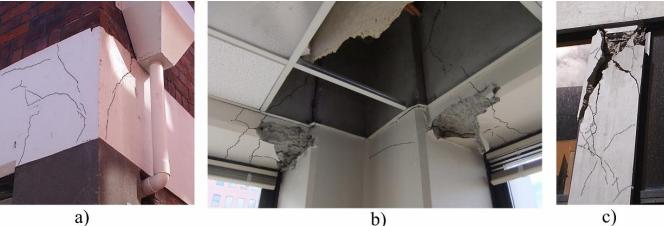
- Non-structural elements
 - up to 80% of a building's value can tiedup in non-structural elements!



Current Strategic Initiatives -2

Retro-fit of RC buildings

- Seismic vulnerability & analysis
- Possible retro-fit options
- Collaboration with NZSEE







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Current Strategic Initiatives -3

• Seismic response of large earth structures

- Dams, levees, road and rail embankments
- Long term asset management after small or large events

Resilient buried water networks

- Development of national levels of service performance measures.
- Collaboration with Opus Research & Watercare NZ

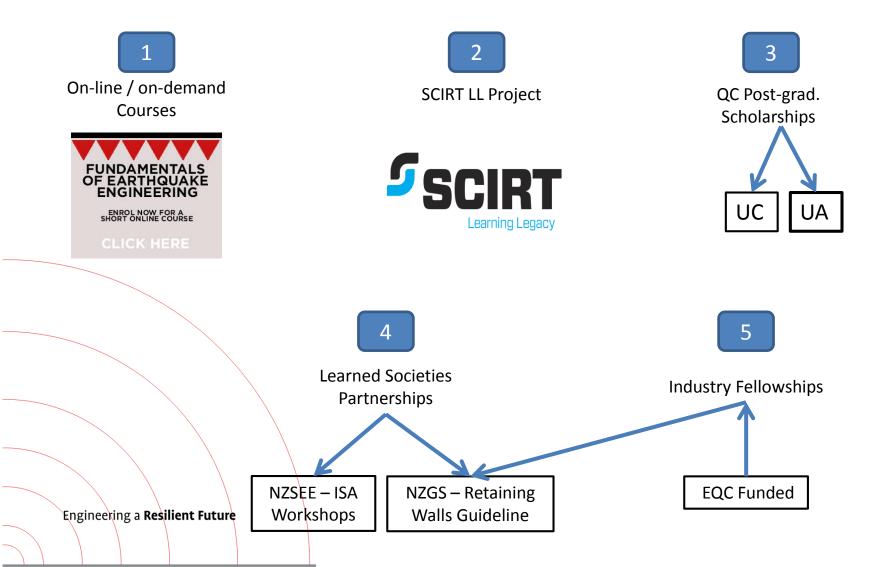
Current Strategic Initiatives -4

- RC research programme Address the CERC recommendations
 - New knowledge relating to the design & specification of:
 - RC shear walls
 - RC floor diaphragms
 - Funded by MBIE

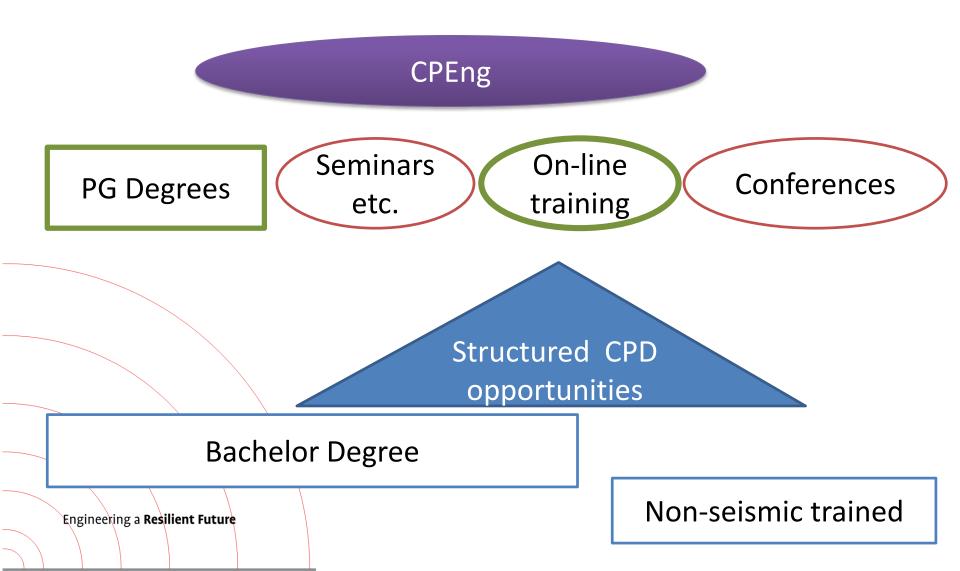




Other Projects & Initiatives



Simple View of the Technical Training Path to CPEng



Opportunities

- Set the research agenda
- Create applied research positions
- Make a fundamental difference to industry training and practice

Challenges

- Getting the correct short, medium and long term strategy to allow evolution of Centre
- Maintaining support as memory fades
 - Volume of work that needs to be done

Thank you





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