# 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

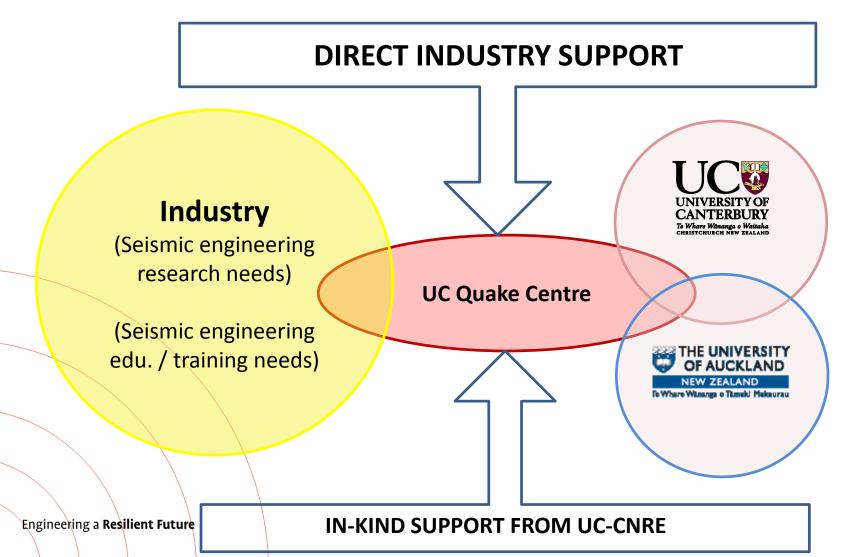
- Lateral spread
- Liquefaction

Ground Damage Infrastructure Damage

Liquefaction



#### UC Response and formation of the QC



### UC QUAKE CENTRE Support base for the Quake Centre





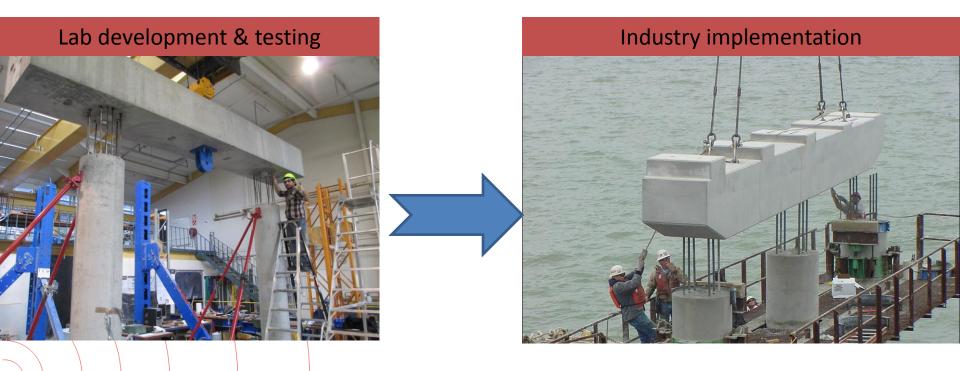




### What is the purpose of the UC Quake Centre?

**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!

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#### **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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4. Community awareness

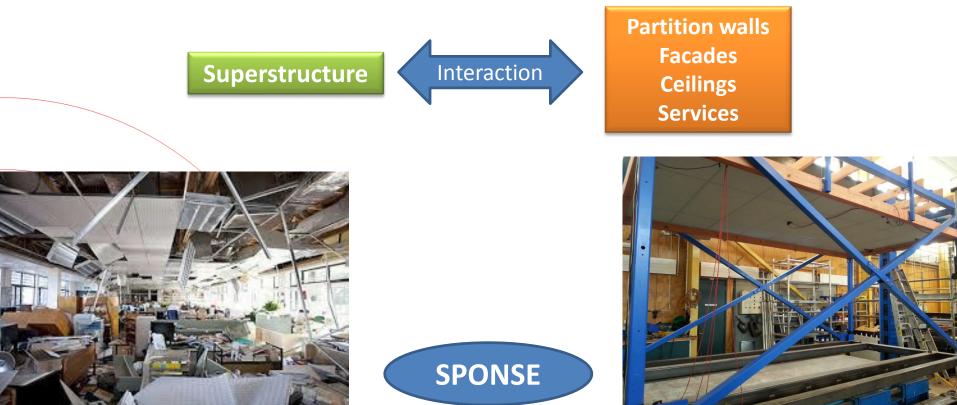


### **Our operational model**

**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**

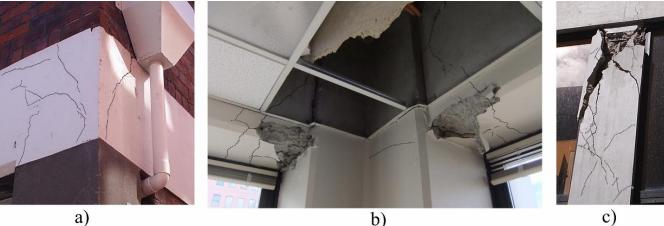
- Non-structural elements
  - up to 80% of a building's value can tiedup in non-structural elements!



### **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

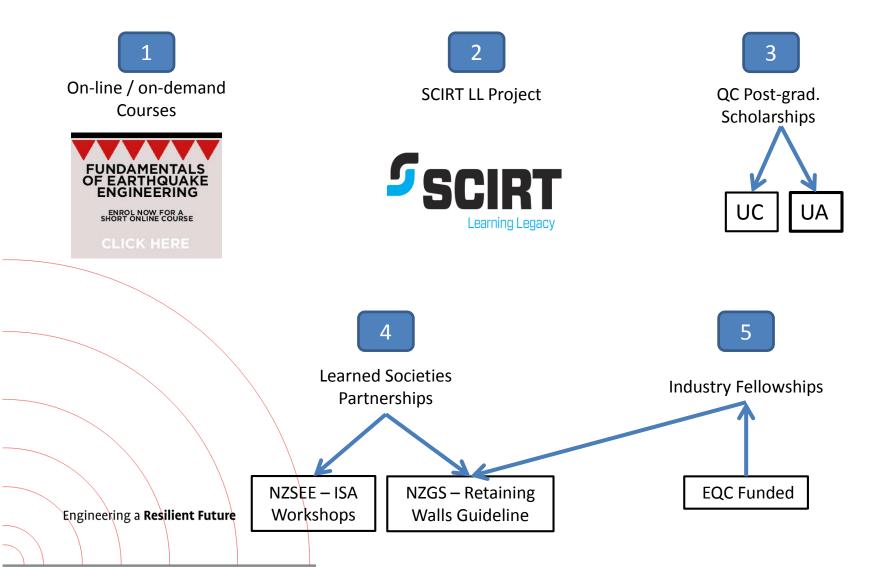
### **Current Strategic Initiatives -4**

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

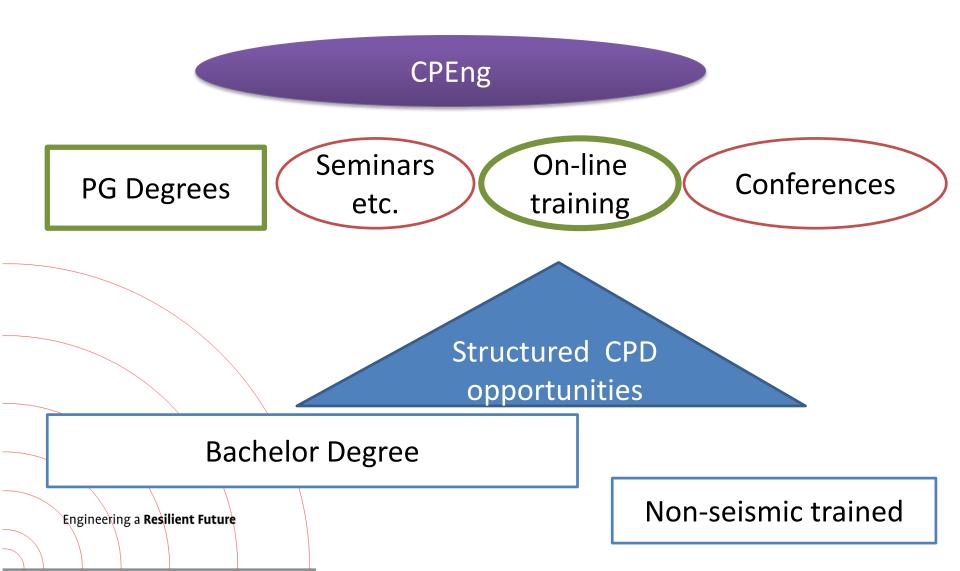




#### **Other Projects & Initiatives**



#### 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





#### Need more info – go to <u>www.quakecentre.co.nz</u>