## How Reliable Is our Existing "Seismic Hazard Analysis"?

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magnitude of 8.0 Ms

69,176 dead 374,142 injured 17,415 missing 4.8 million homeless 391 dams damaged

Chengdu

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# Historical records & Wenchuan Earthquake

松潘

民江断裂

龙日切磨

黑水。

雪山断裂

绵竹

• 成都

影州。

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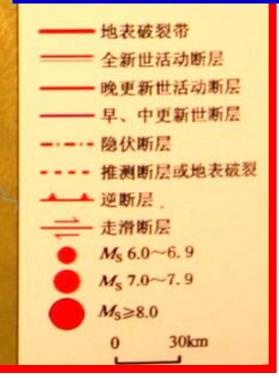
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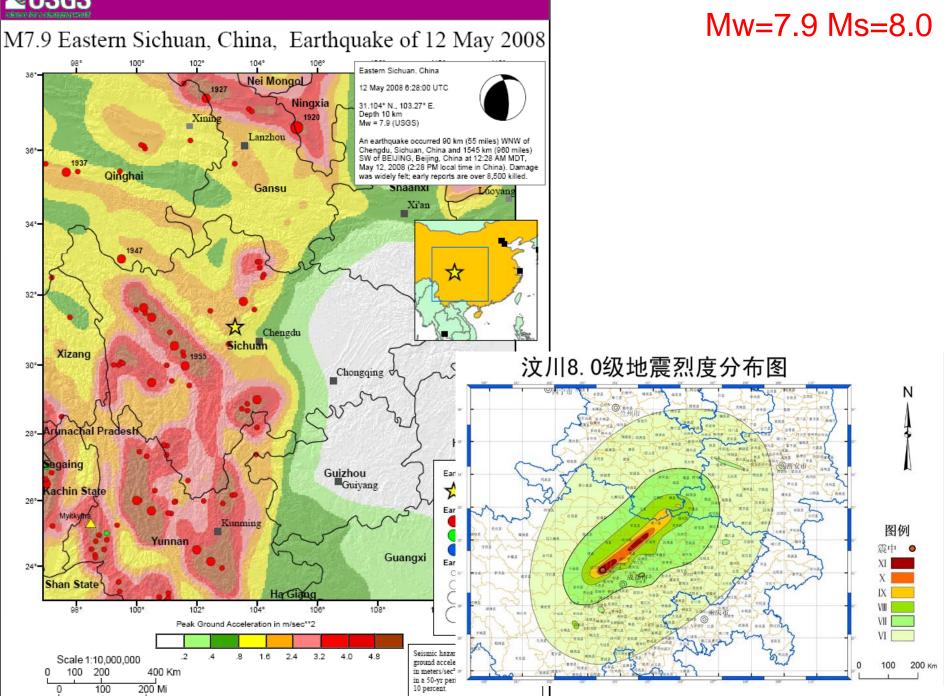
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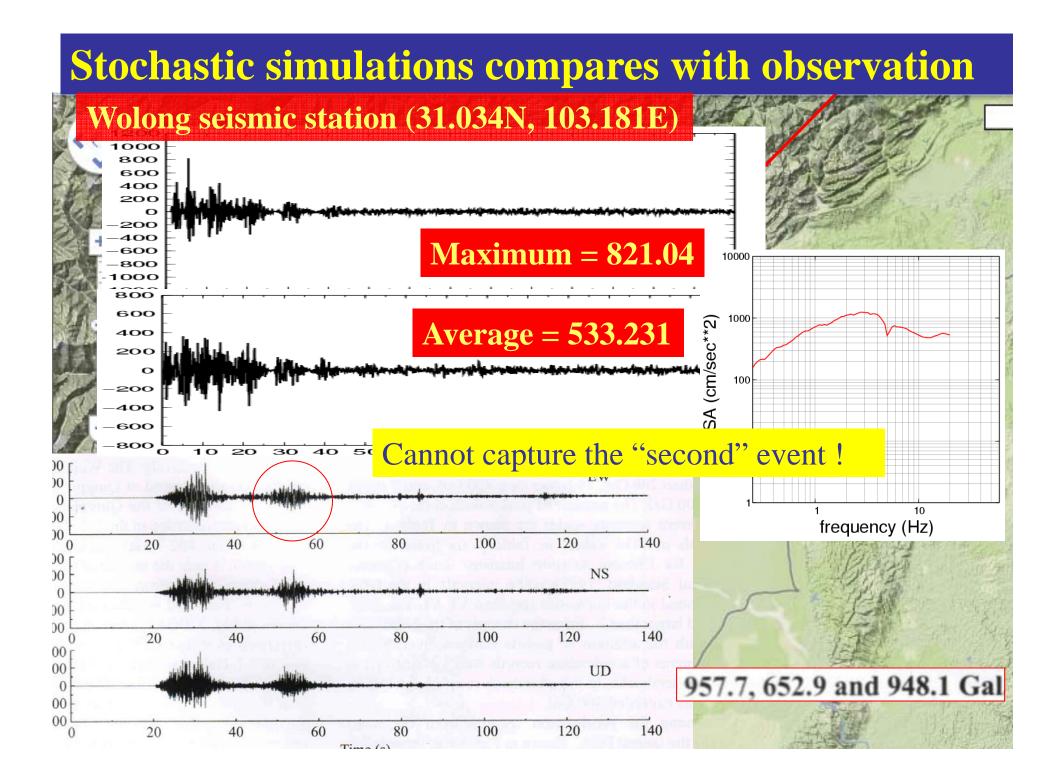
#### The largest historical earthquake (M = 6.5)

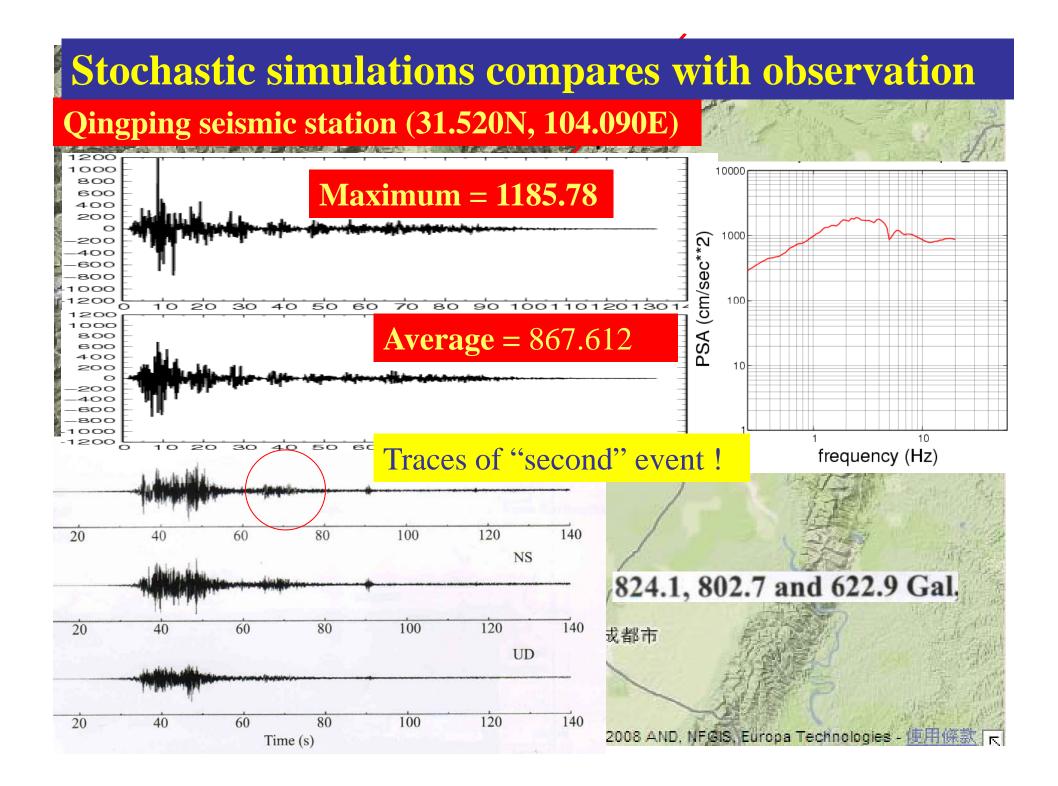
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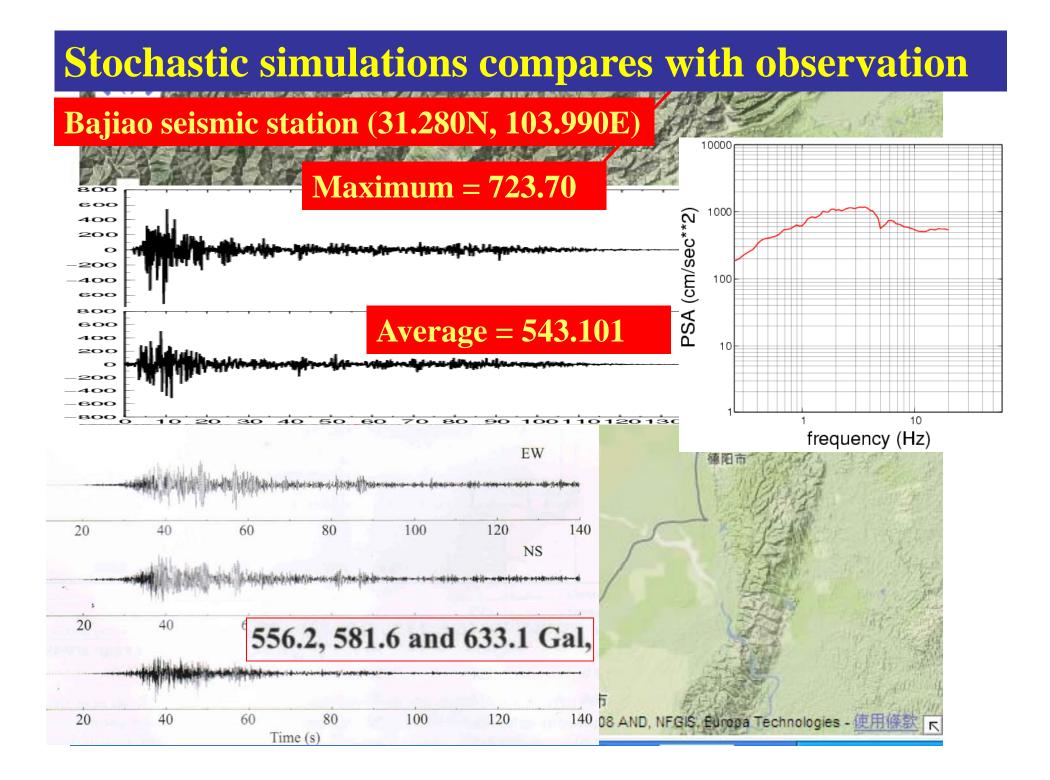


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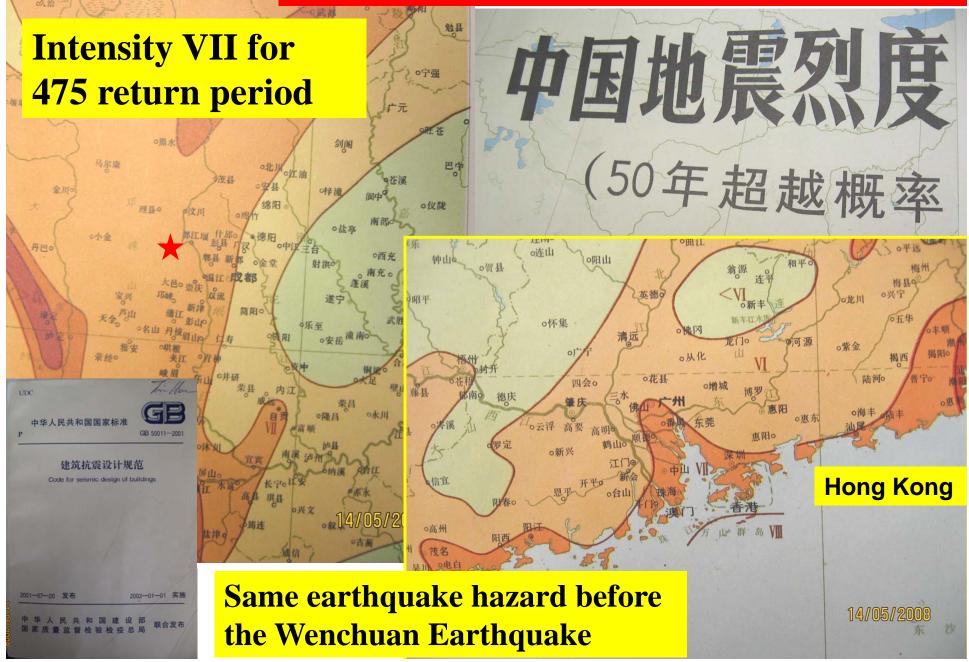




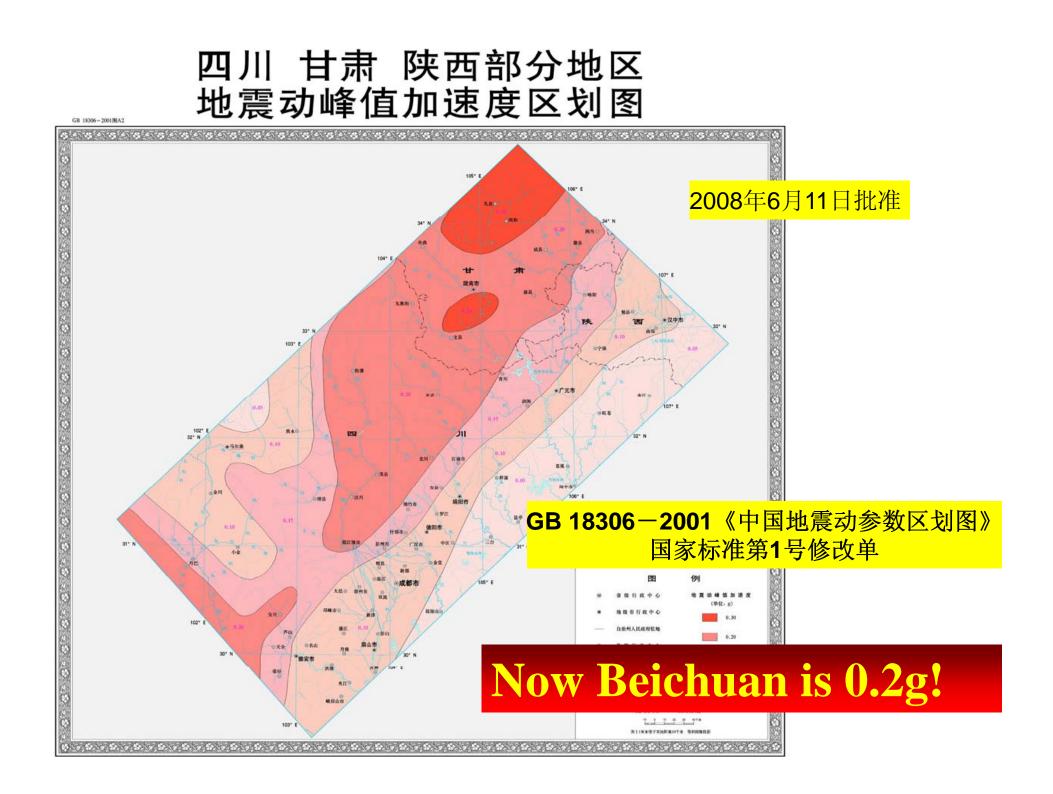


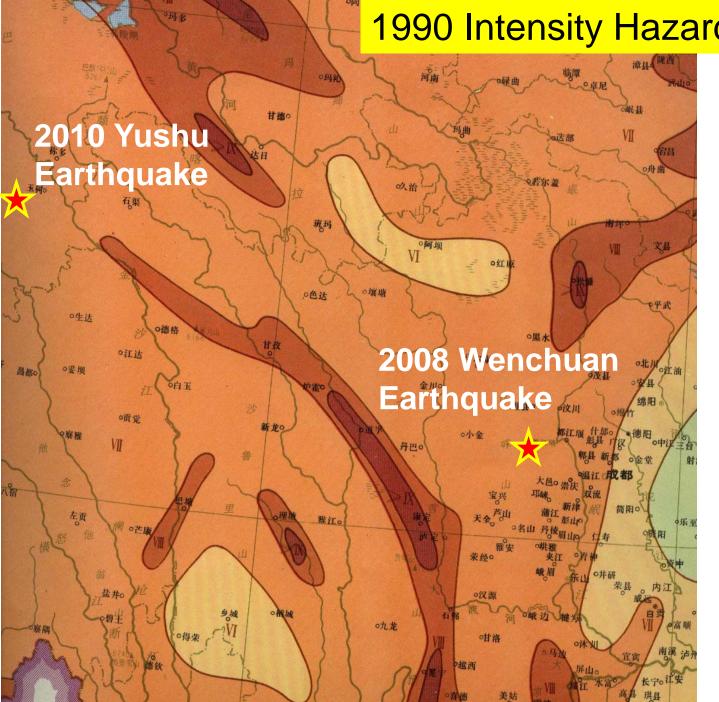


## Seismic hazard map in intensity





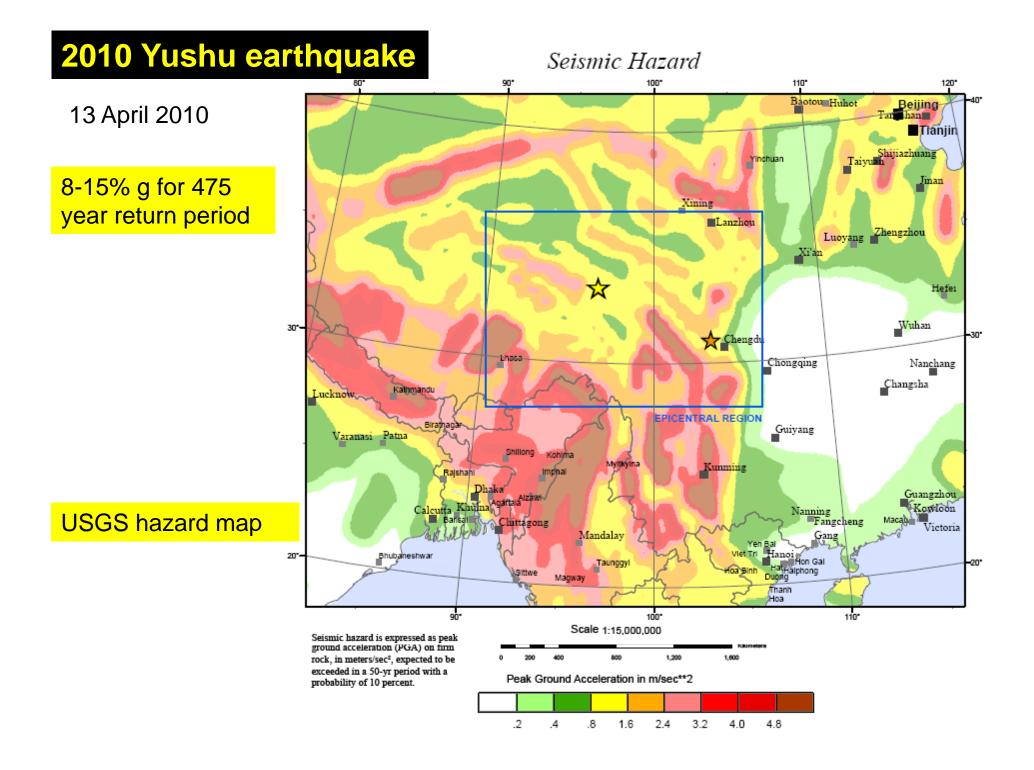




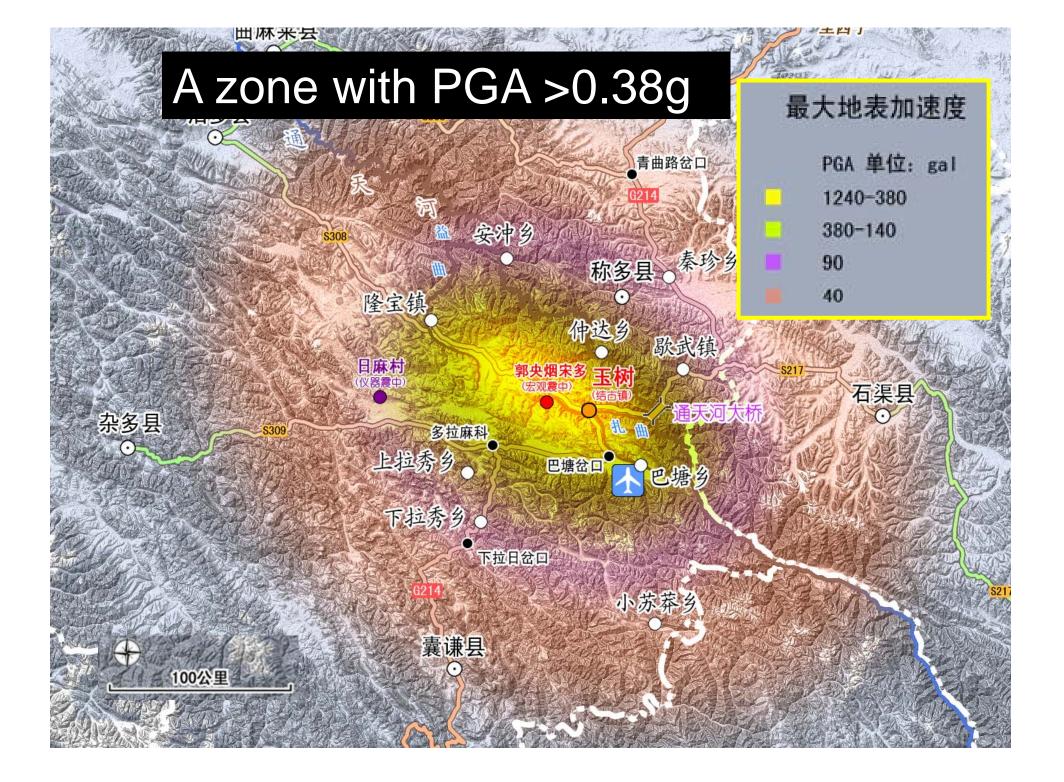
### **1990 Intensity Hazard Map**



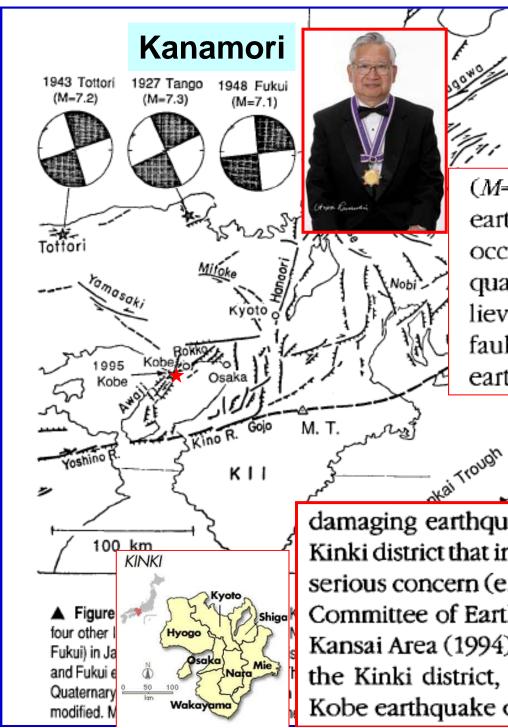








# Nojima Fault Preservation Museum (Awaji Island淡路島) **1995 Kobe earthquake** R Maa 新聞にはさわらないで下さい。 新聞にはさ



No major earthquake had ever occurred along the Nojima fault (which results in the 1995 Kobe earthquake)!

(*M*=7.1, 3769 dead). Historically, only 2 earthquakes (*M*>7 in 868,  $M\approx$ 6 in 1916) have occurred in the vicinity of the Kobe earthquake. (The 868 earthquake is generally believed to have occurred on the Yamasaki fault, about 50 km northwest of the Kobe earthquake, Figure 1). The source param-

### Nojima fault was not explicitly discussed!

damaging earthquakes, the seismic hazard potential in the Kinki district that includes the Kobe area has been a matter of serious concern (e.g., Oike, 1992). For example, in 1994 The Committee of Earthquake Observation and Research in the Kansai Area (1994) reviewed the potential seismic hazard in the Kinki district, although the fault system on which the Kobe earthquake occurred was not explicitly discussed.

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## **Major Problems**

Our dynamic earth is constantly changing!!

Are earthquakes independent events? Are they Poisson's Process?

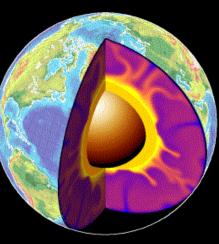
Elastic rebound theory is no good most of the time! We only based on past records! (Very limited data)

Can we based on the past to predict future?\*\*





Is Cornell's approach accurate?







# Are we prepared?



