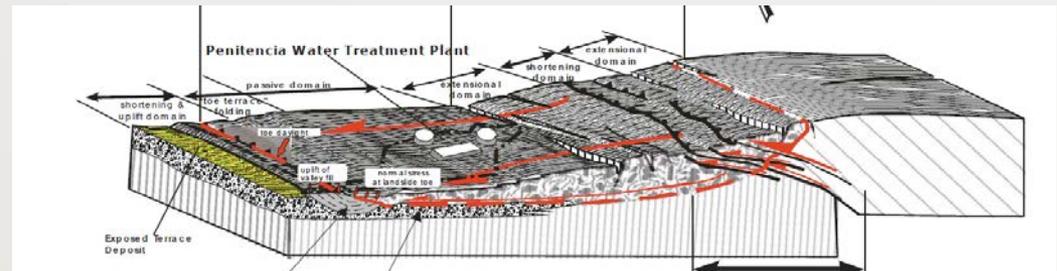


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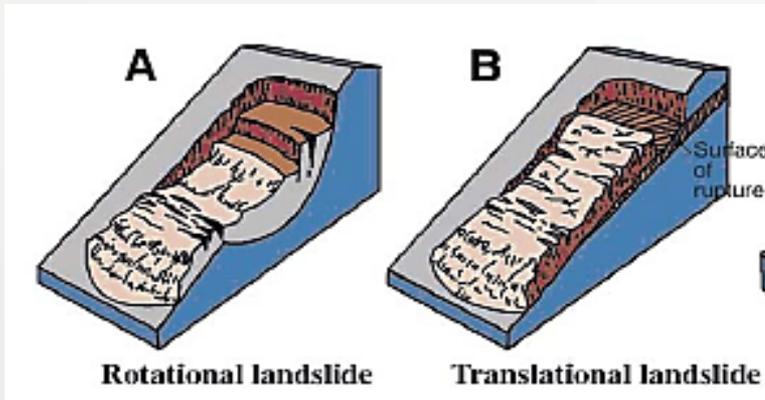
# Imaging for Geotechnical Engineering: Applications to Landslides and Liquefaction

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# Landslides



Cruden and Varnes (1996)

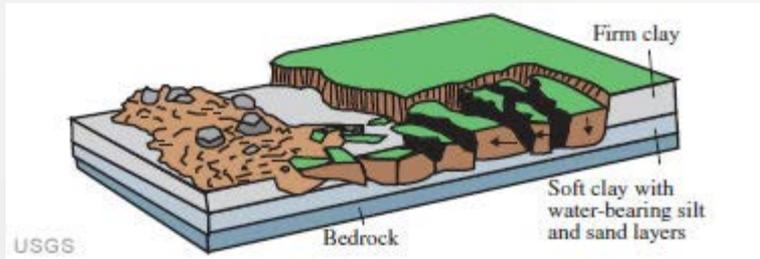
## Role of Remote Sensing

- Complement/expand field monitoring techniques
- Improve numerical models of landslide deformations

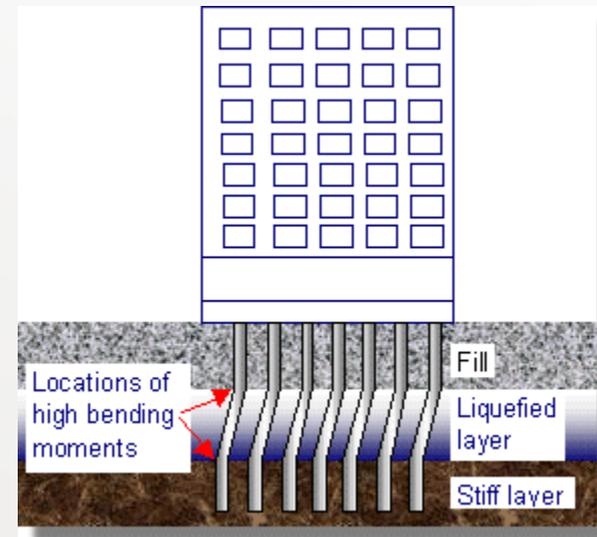
## Oso Landslide, Washington



# Liquefaction: Lateral Spreading



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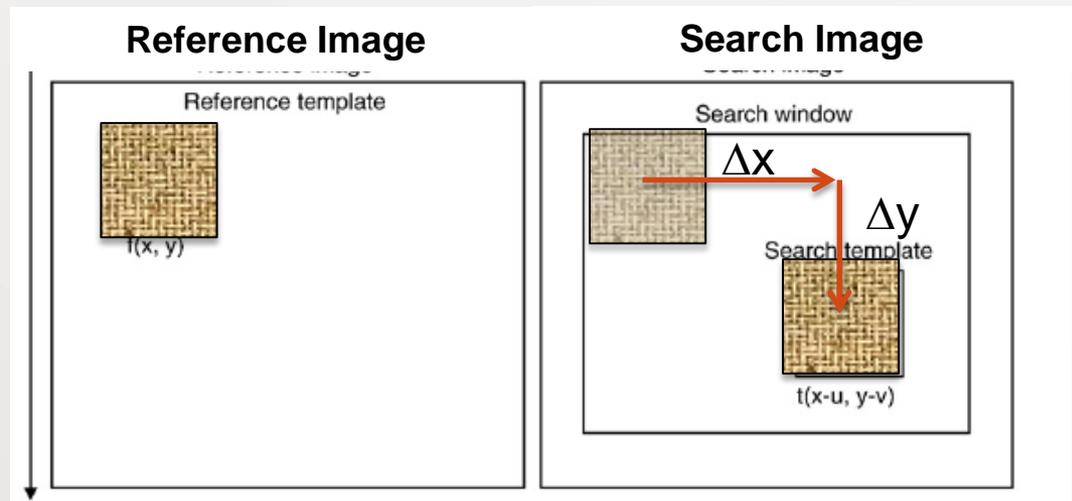
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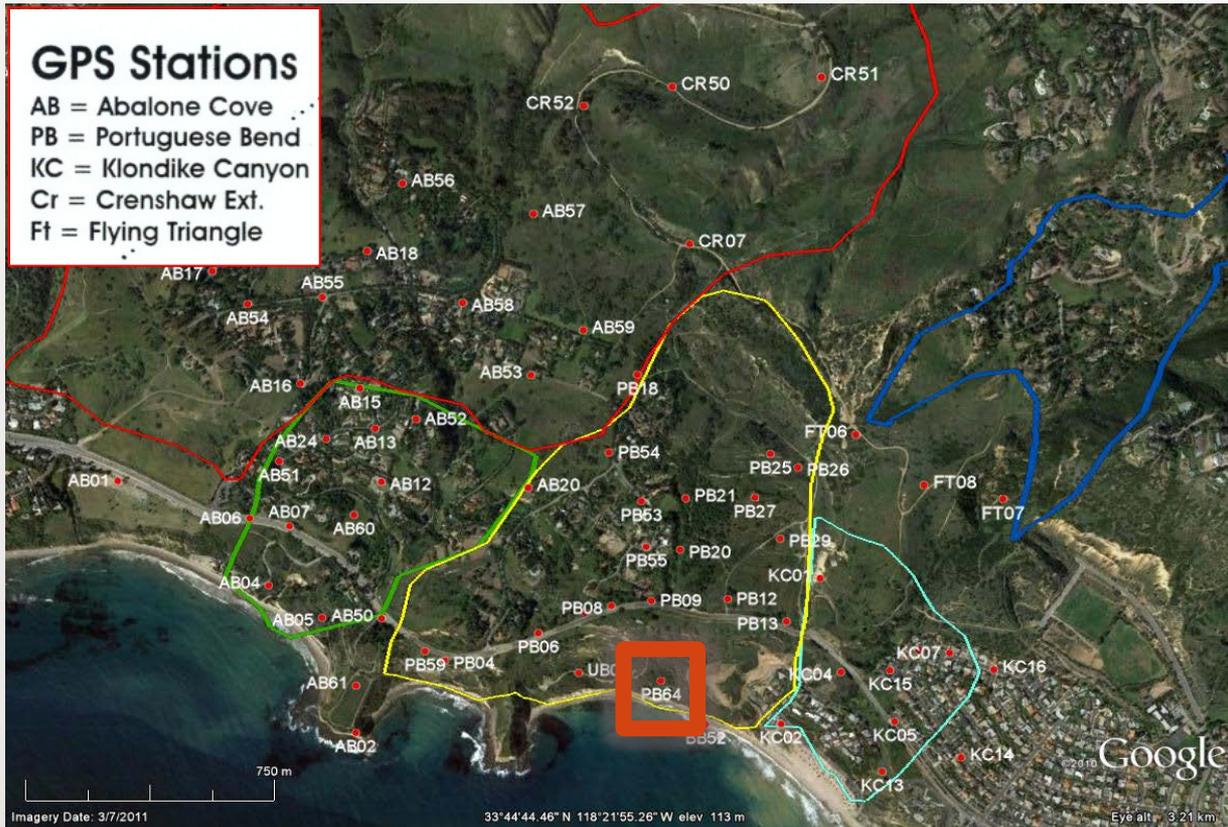
- Measure liquefaction movements
- Improve numerical models to predict these movements

# Image Correlation Analysis

- 0.5-m panchromatic images
- Orthorectification using 30-m SRTM DEM
- Images co-registered using ENVI
- Horizontal correlation performed using COSI-Corr (Leprince et al. 2007)



# Portuguese Bend Landslide (PBL)



## *Deformations*

August 2010 – May 2011

GPS Station	Def. (m)	GPS Station	Def. (m)
AB20	0.03	PB21	0.53
BB52	0.02	PB25	0.05
PB04	0.17	PB26	0.04
PB06	0.37	PB27	0.86
PB07	0.45	PB29	0.58
PB08	0.41	PB53	0.44
PB09	0.48	PB54	0.04
PB12	0.83	PB55	0.50
PB13	0.53	PB58	0.25
PB18	0.05	<b>PB64</b>	<b>6.01</b>
PB20	0.73	UB02	1.06

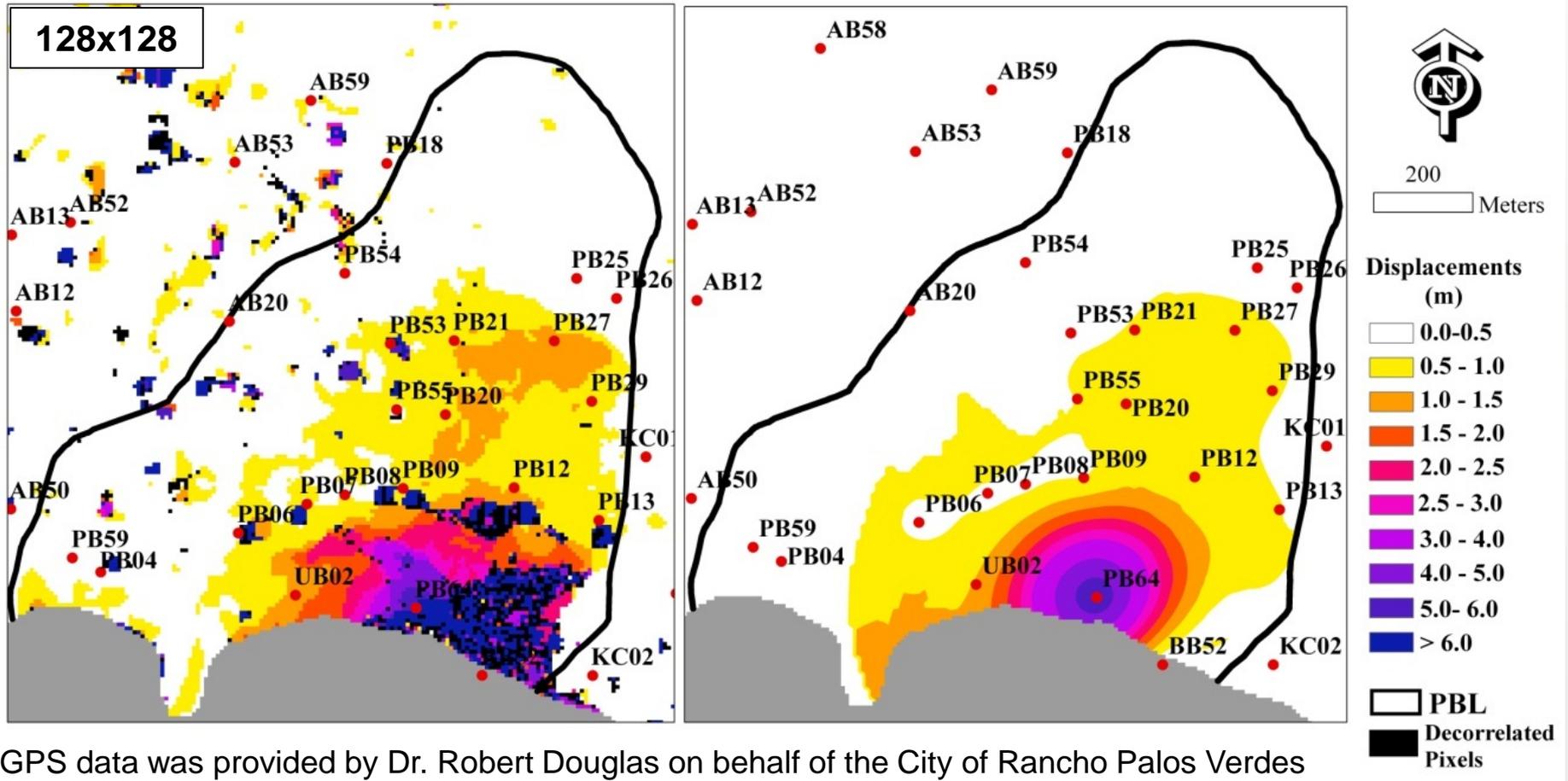
**Rates: 0.5 – 6.0 m/yr**



# Comparison with GPS Data

## Optical Image Correlation

## GPS

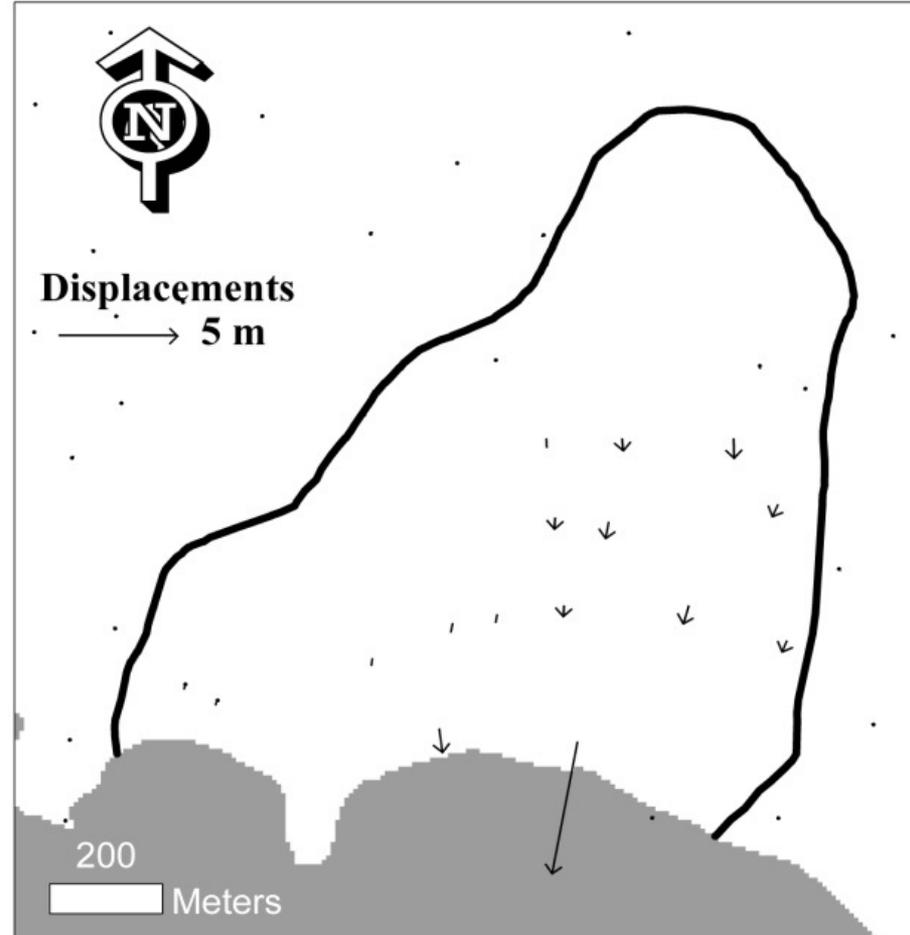
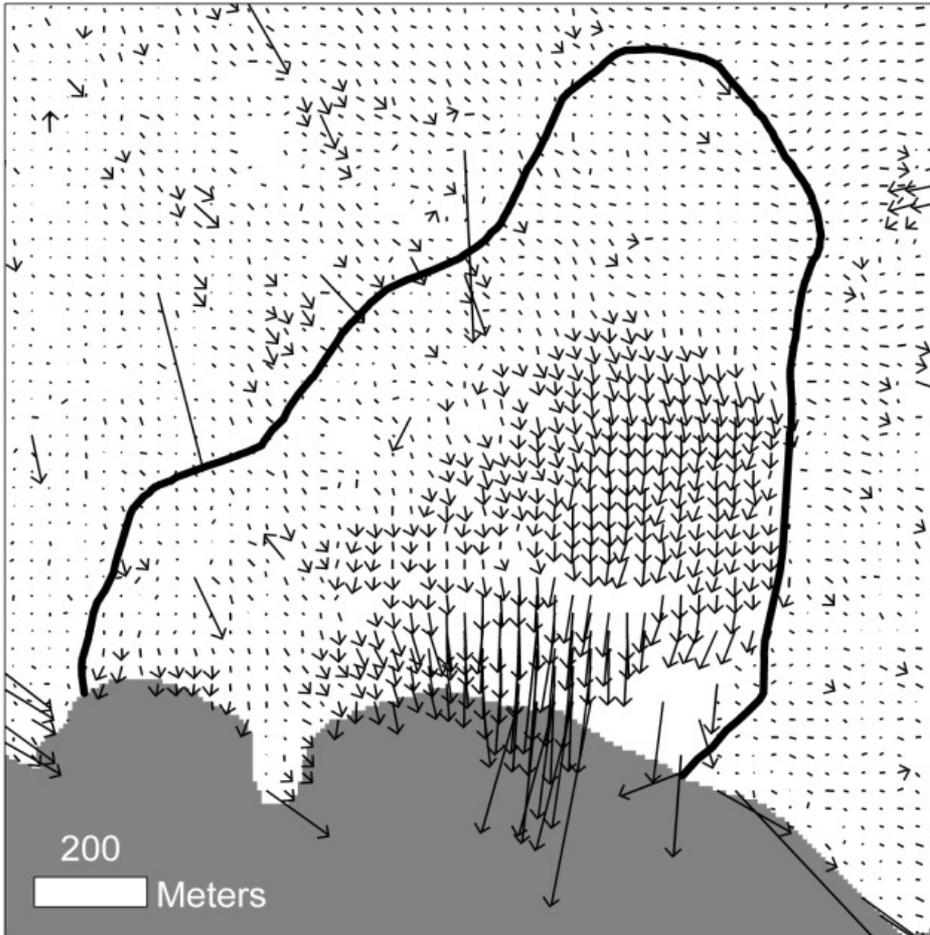


GPS data was provided by Dr. Robert Douglas on behalf of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and the Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District (ACLAD).

# Deformation Vectors

*Optical Image Correlation*

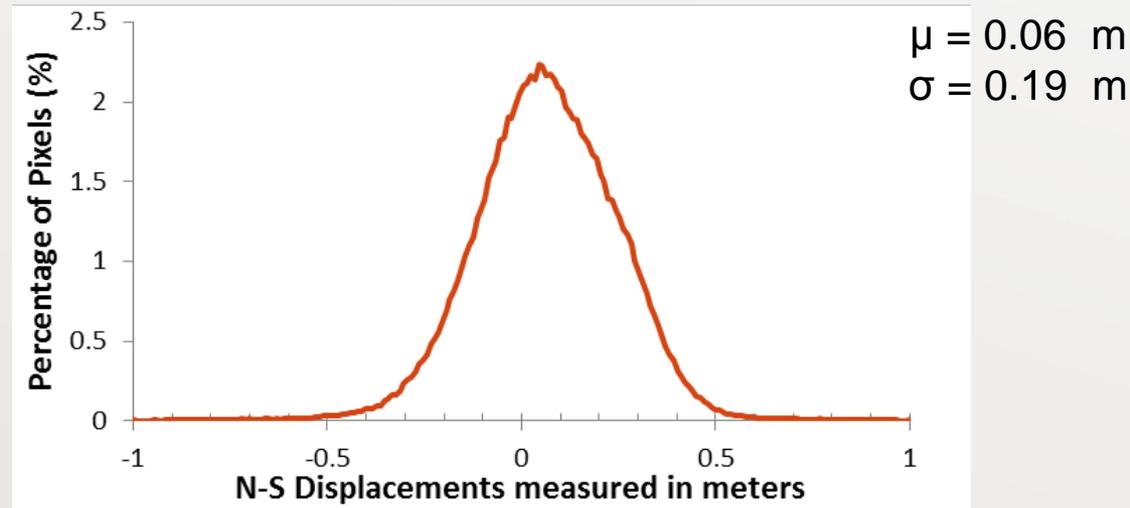
*GPS*



# Smallest Resolvable Displacement

- RMSE for co-registration: ~0.2 pixel (0.1 m)
- Measure displacements outside of the landslide

## *NS Displacements outside landslide zone*



# Influence of Acquisition Geometry

## 4 Different Imagery Pairs

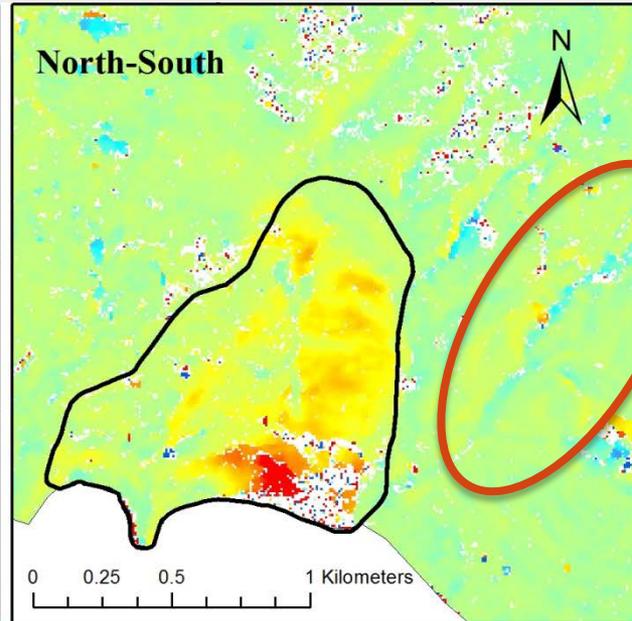
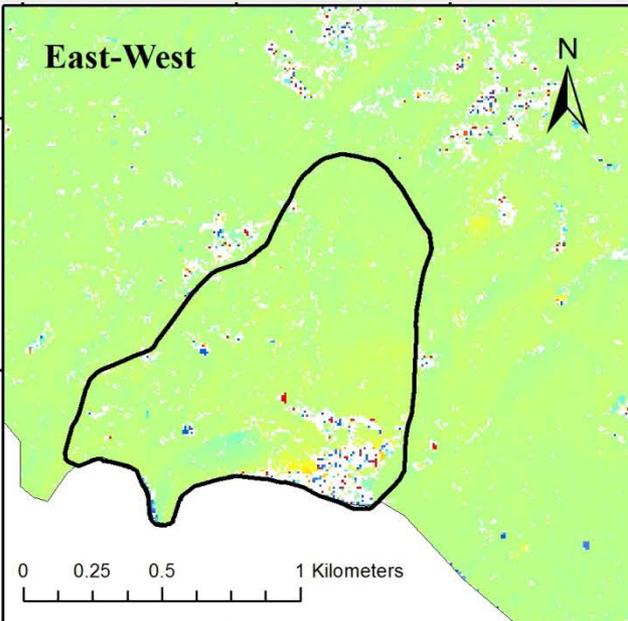
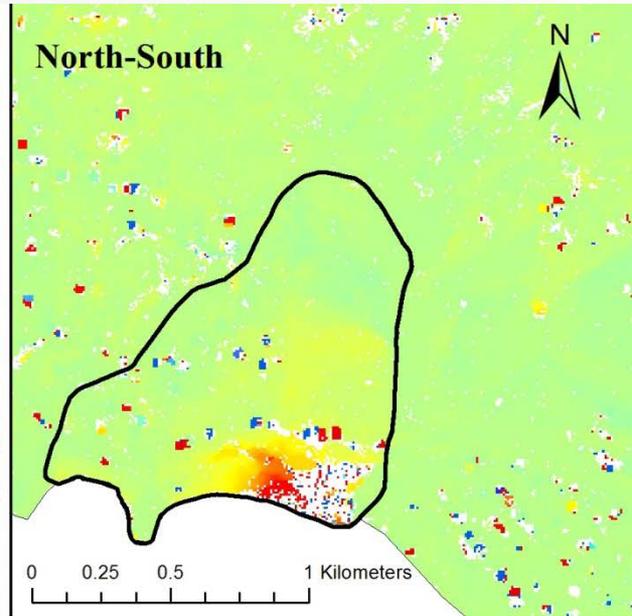
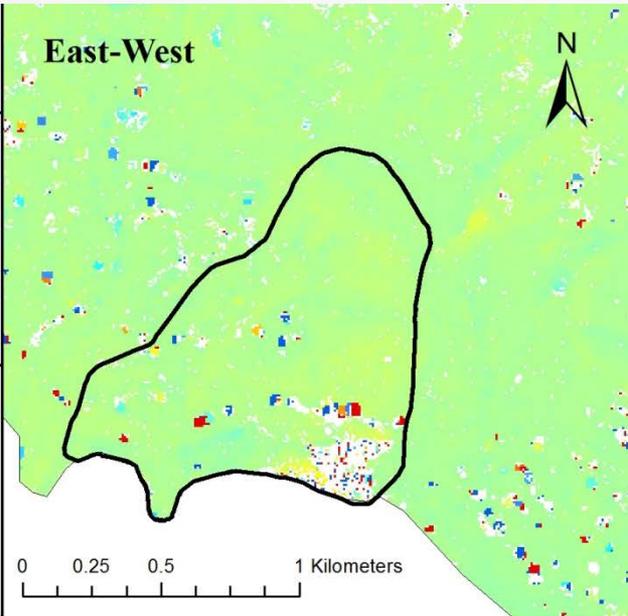
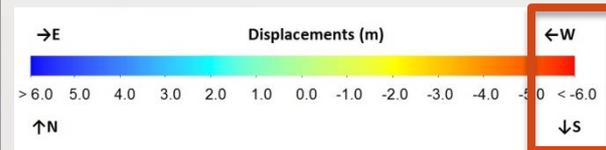
	Azimuth	Off-Nadir	EW Angle	NS Angle	
Best Pair	96.7	14.7	14.6	-1.8	$\Delta EW \sim 0.0^\circ$
	94.2	14.6	14.6	-1.1	$\Delta NS \sim 0.7^\circ$
Pair 2	9.3	21.9	3.7	21.6	$\Delta EW \sim 0.1^\circ$
	11.7	17.5	3.6	17.2	$\Delta NS \sim 4.5^\circ$
Pair 3	9.3	21.9	3.7	21.6	$\Delta EW \sim 11.1^\circ$
	41.1	21.9	14.8	16.9	$\Delta NS \sim 4.8^\circ$
Pair 4	113.9	12.0	11.0	-4.9	$\Delta EW \sim 7.6^\circ$
	15.8	12.3	3.4	11.9	$\Delta NS \sim 16.8^\circ$

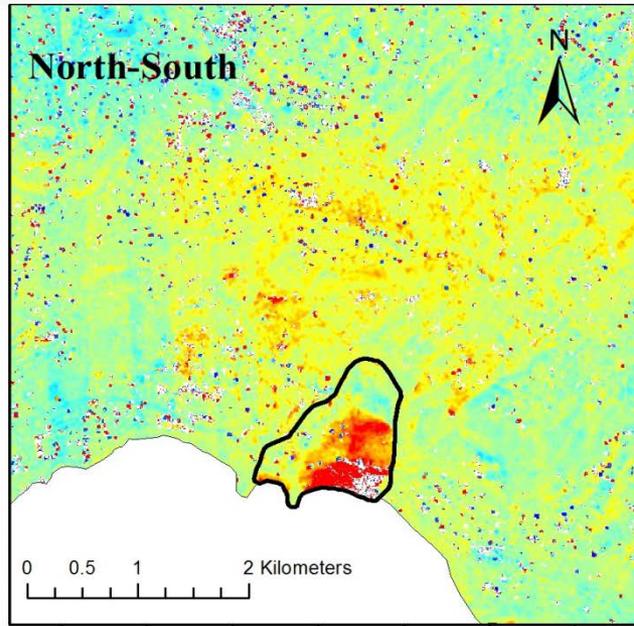
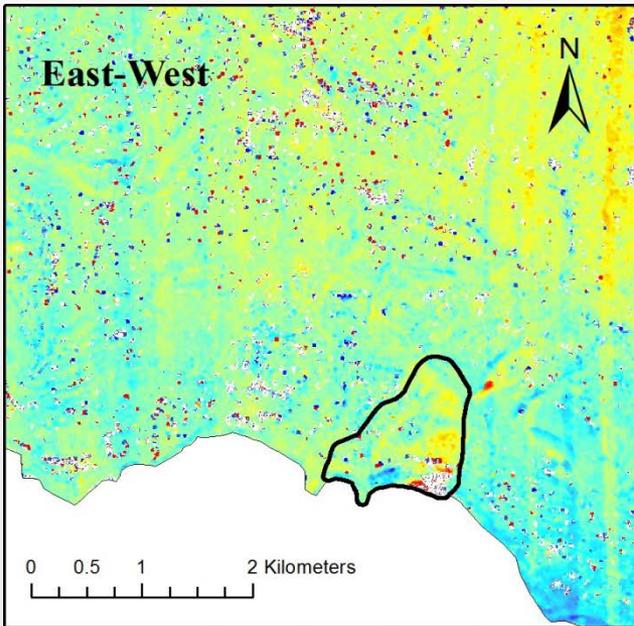
## *Best Pair*

$\Delta EW \sim 0.0^\circ$   
 $\Delta NS \sim 0.7^\circ$

## *Pair 2*

$\Delta EW \sim 0.1^\circ$   
 $\Delta NS \sim 4.5^\circ$

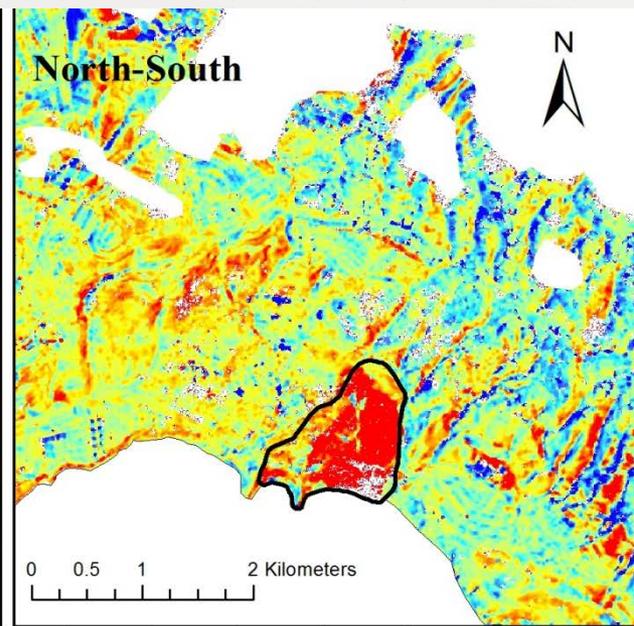
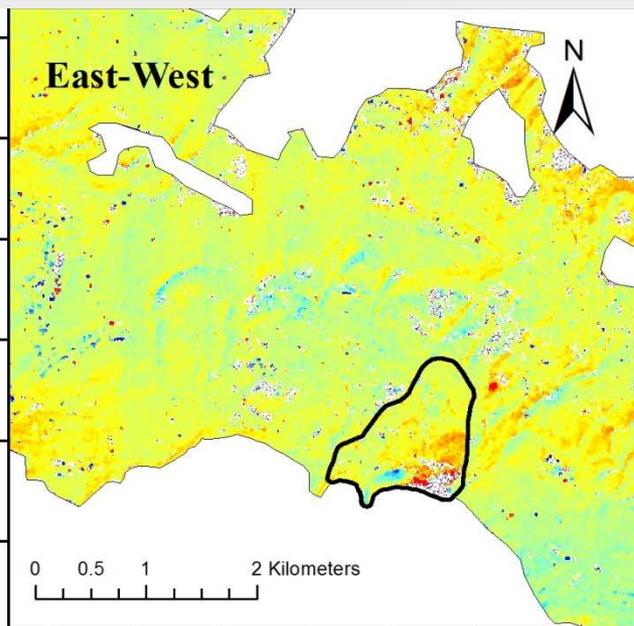




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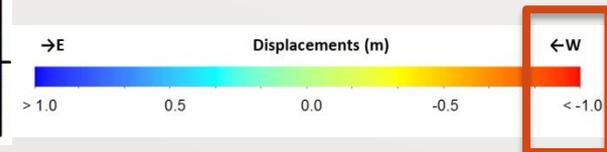
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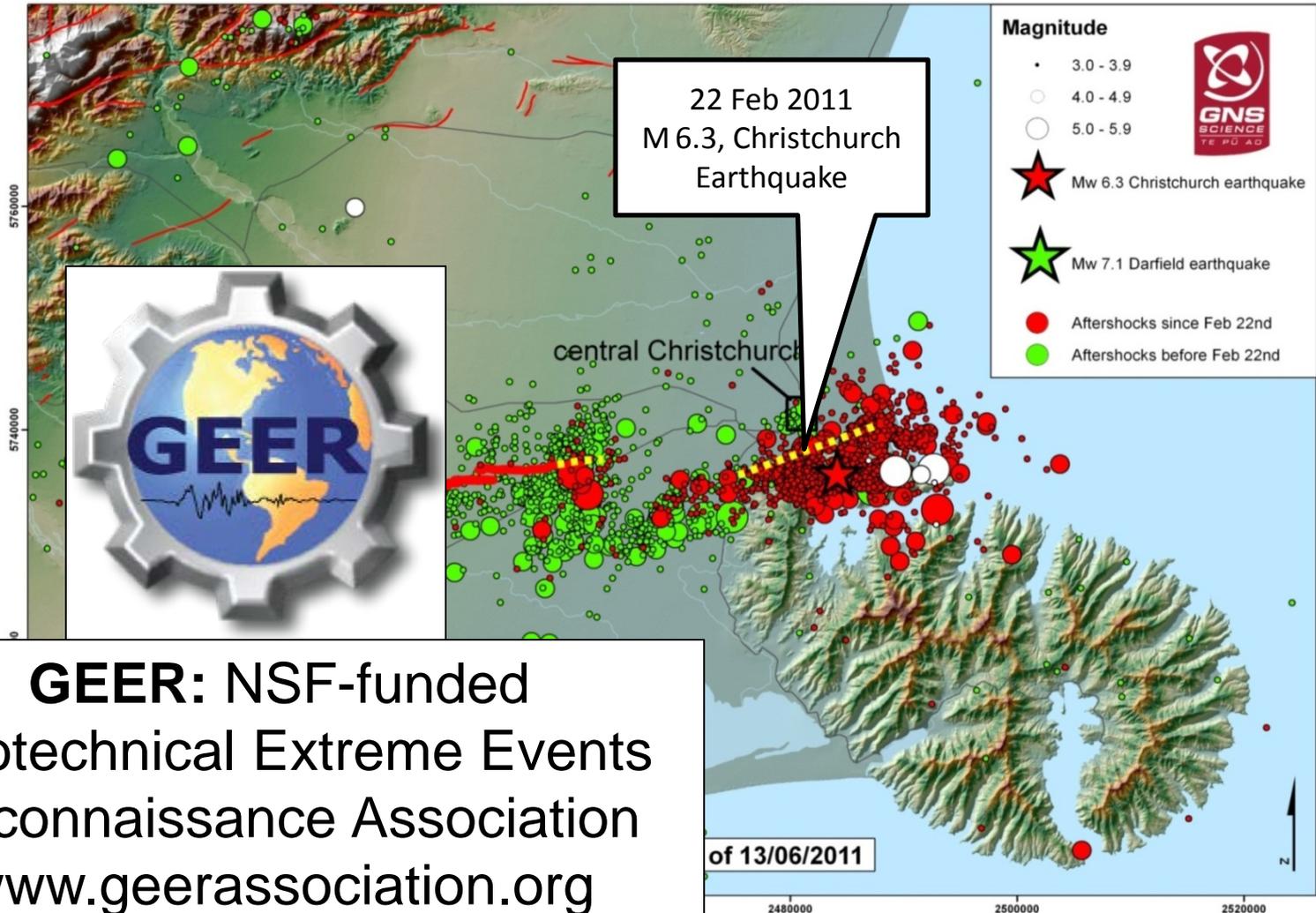
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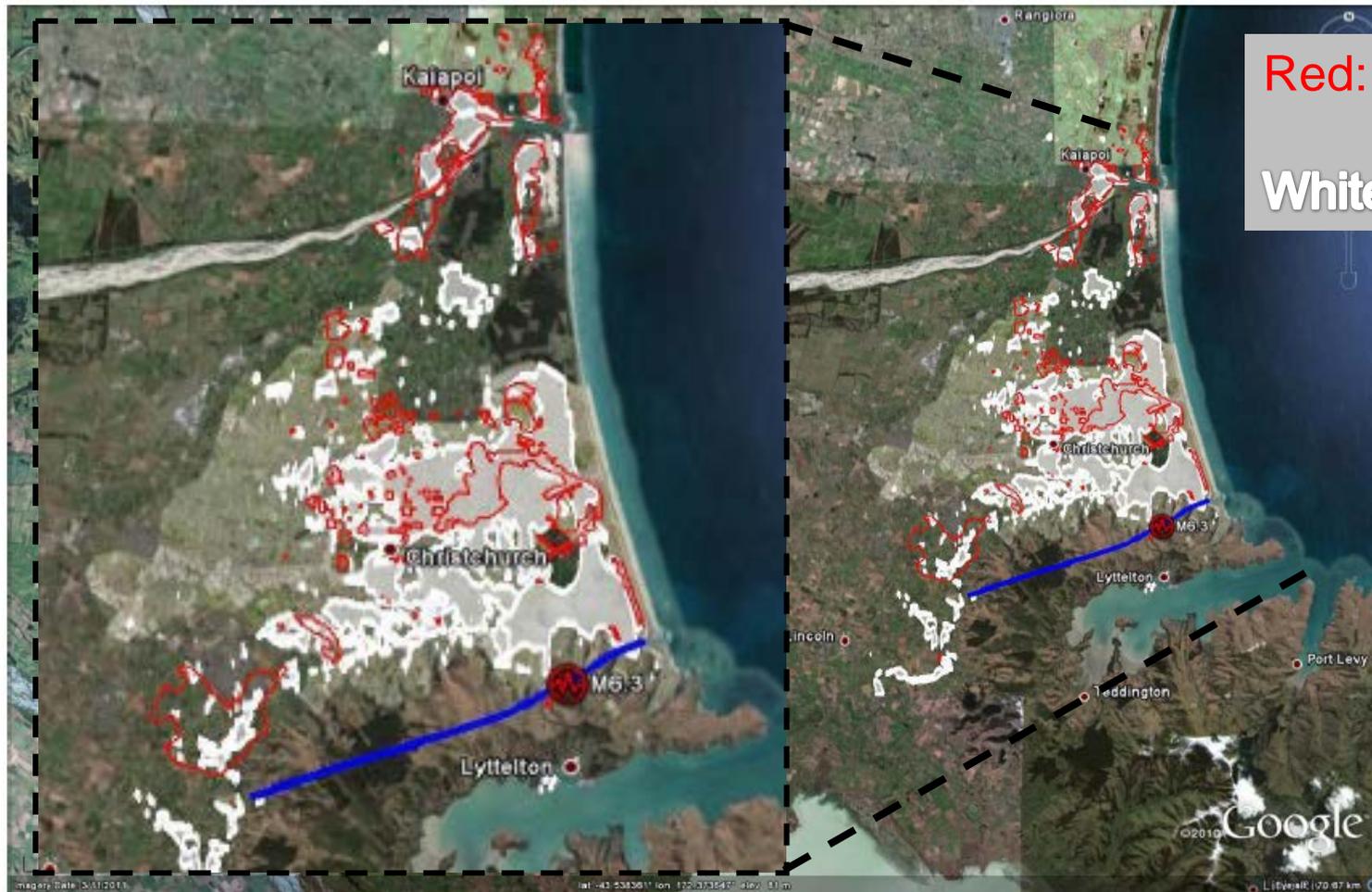


# 2011 Christchurch Earthquake



**GEER:** NSF-funded  
Geotechnical Extreme Events  
Reconnaissance Association  
[www.geerassociation.org](http://www.geerassociation.org)

# Observed Liquefaction



**Red:** Darfield EQ

**White:** ChCh EQ



M. Cubrinovski &  
R. Green et al.  
(2011)

# Observed Liquefaction: ChCh EQ



- ~ 1.5 m wide cracks
- Severe damage to foundations & houses

from M. Cubrinovski and J. Bray

# Traditional Deformation Surveys



(a) Measuring crack width



(b) Tracing crack with GPS

Robinson et al. 2011

***Crack widths are summed  
along a transect to measure  
lateral displacement patterns***



<http://www.oregonstate.edu>

# Christchurch Study Area

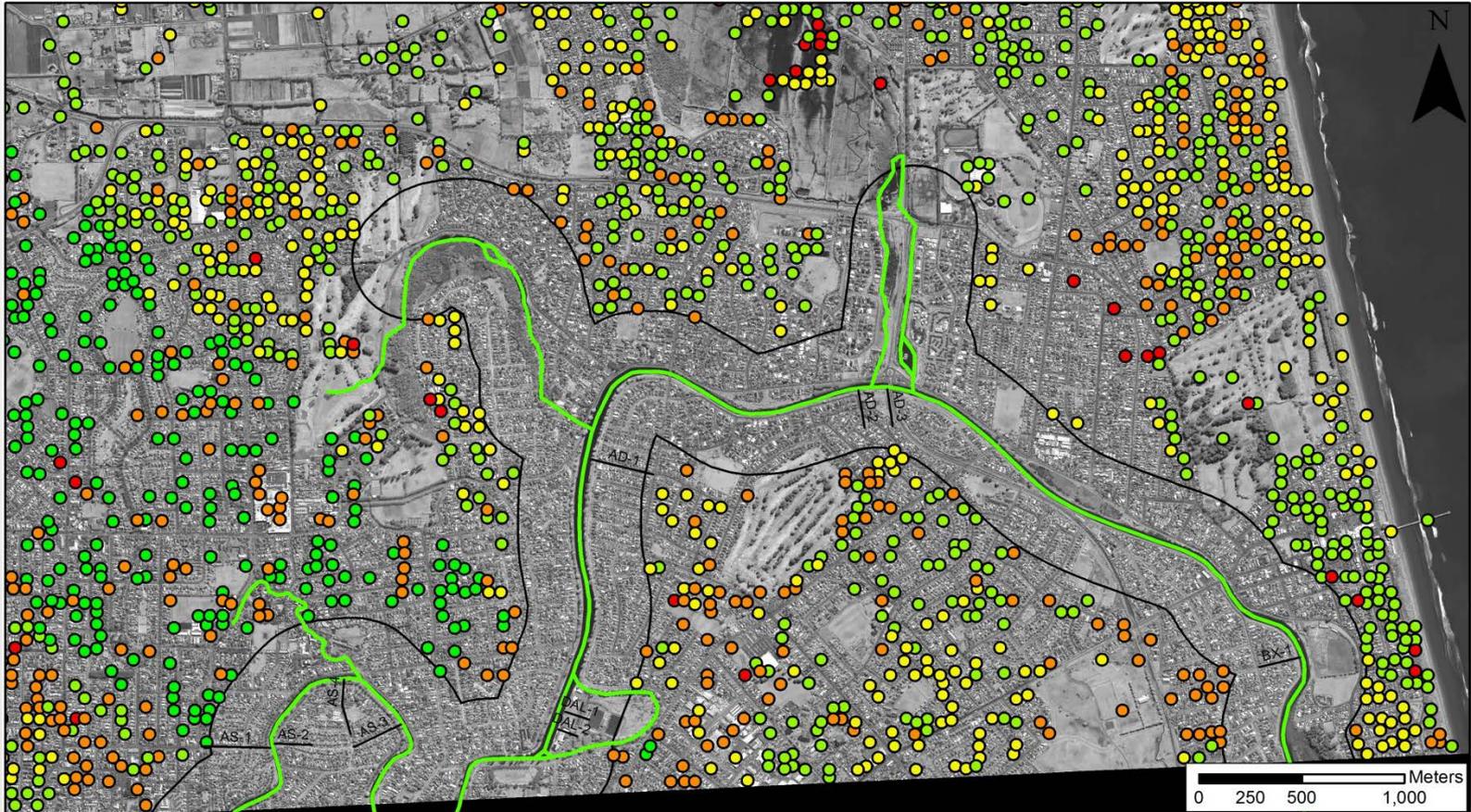
0.5-m Pam WV-1/GE-1 images,  $\Delta\text{Off-Nadir} = 1.6^\circ$ ,  $\Delta\text{Az} = 4^\circ$



## Area of Analysis

- Transects
- Avonside
- Avondale
- Bexley
- Avon River

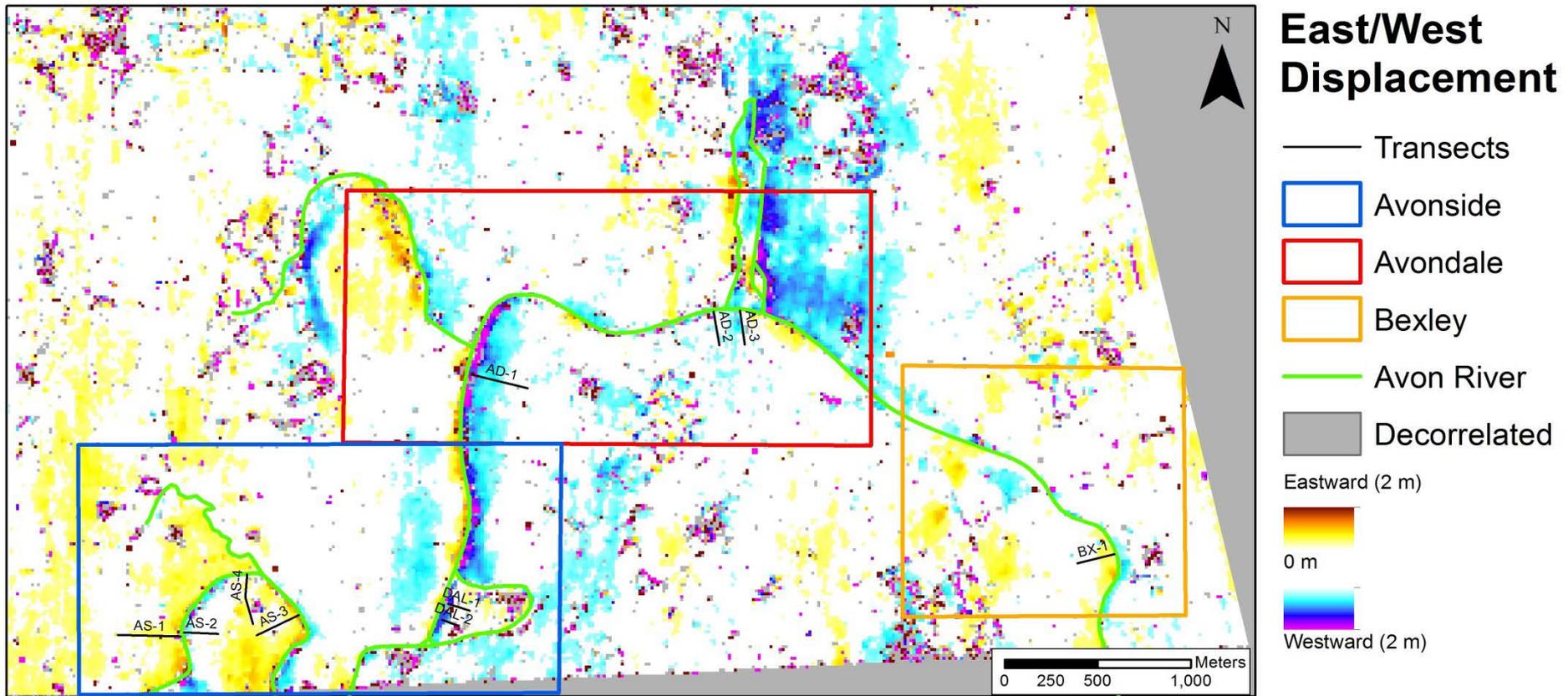
# Tie Points



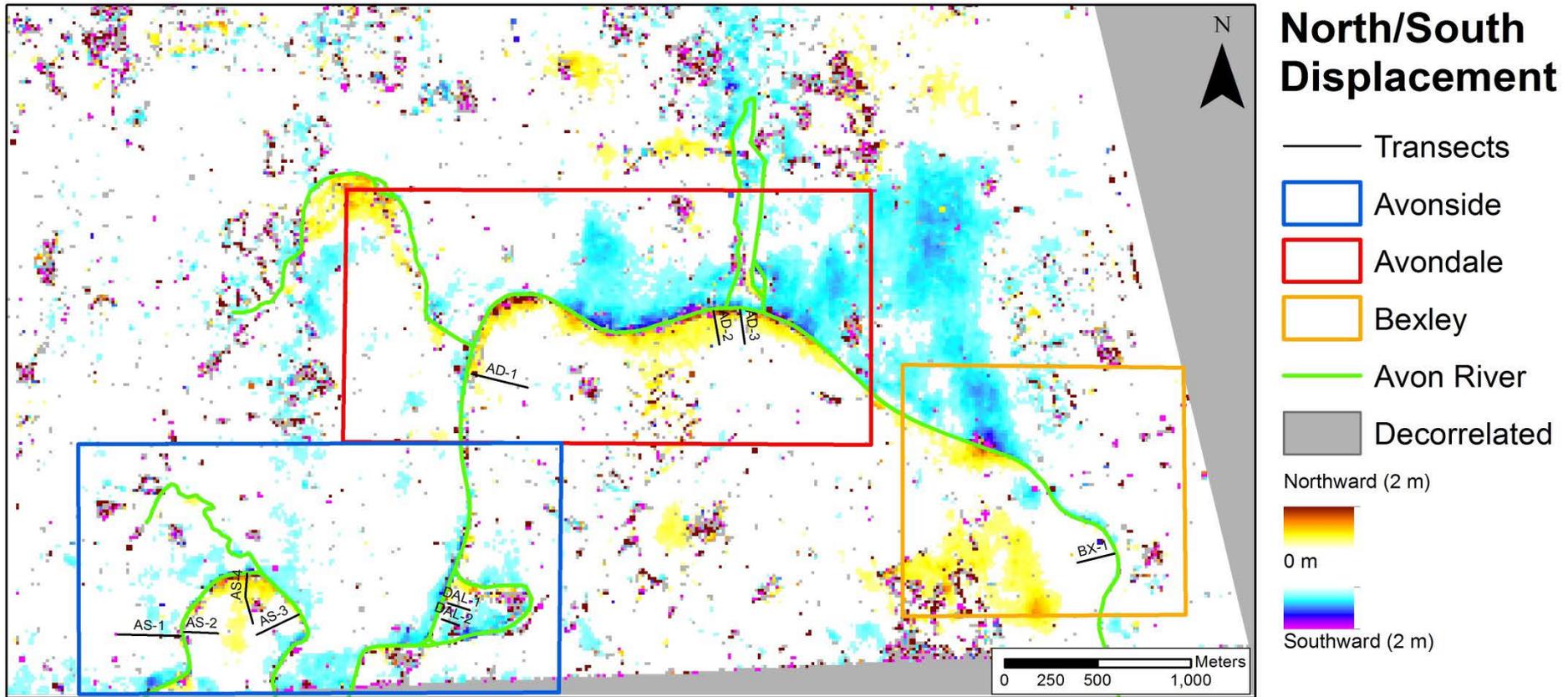
Tie Point Residuals (m)	
● 0.54 - 0.71	● 0.26 - 0.37
● 0.38 - 0.53	● 0.14 - 0.25
	● 0.00 - 0.13

Overall  
RMSE 0.3 m

# East/West Displacements

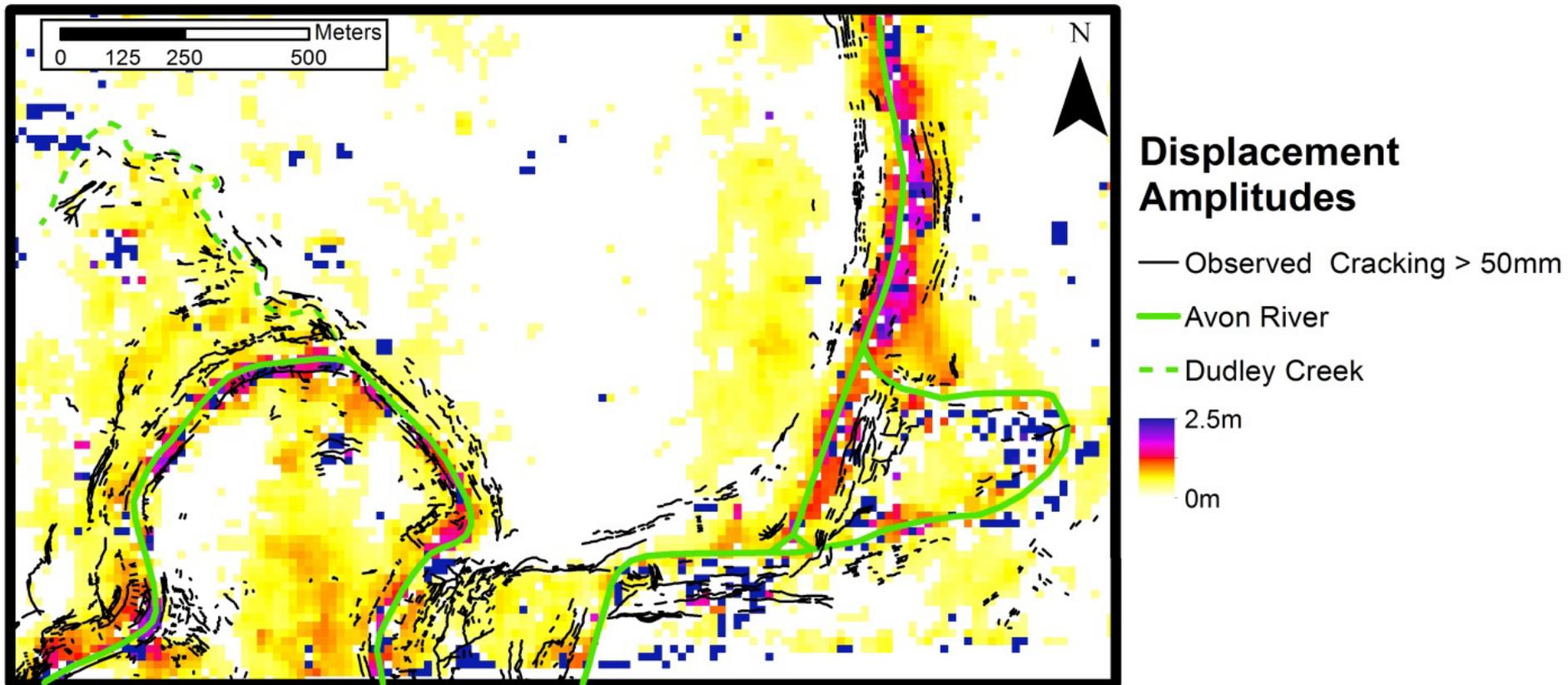


# North/South Displacements



# Avonside

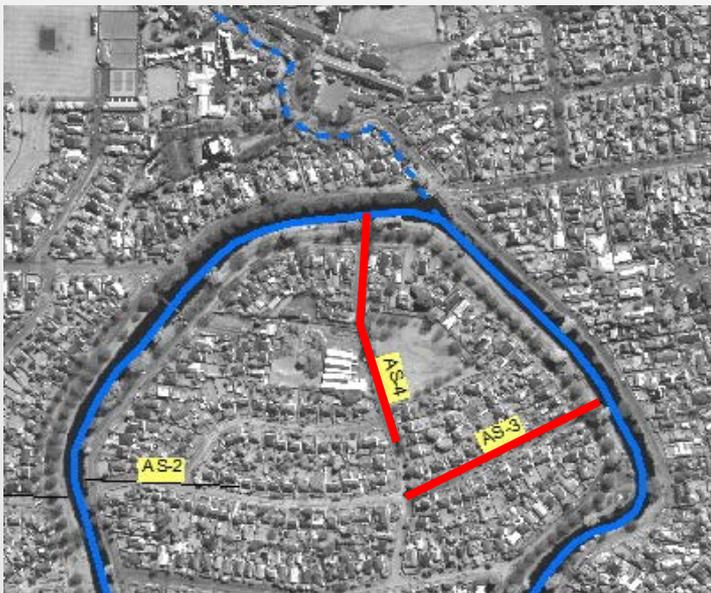
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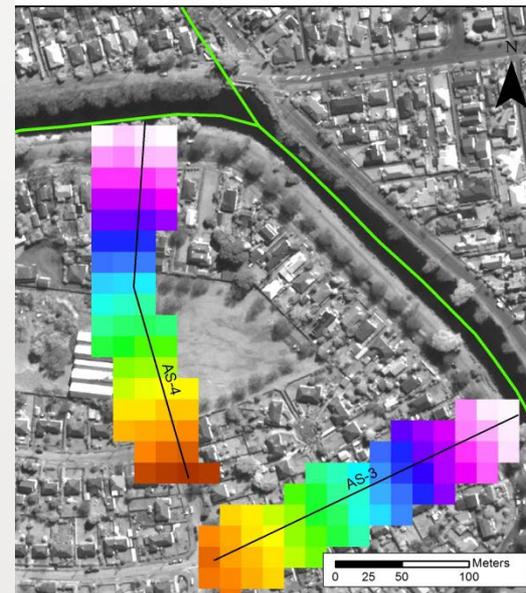
# Avonside: Transects

## *Comparison with Displacements from Crack Widths*

**Transect Locations**



**Transect Averaging**

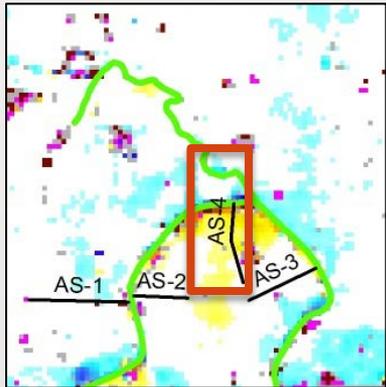


NS and EW displacements  
rotated to be parallel to the  
transect

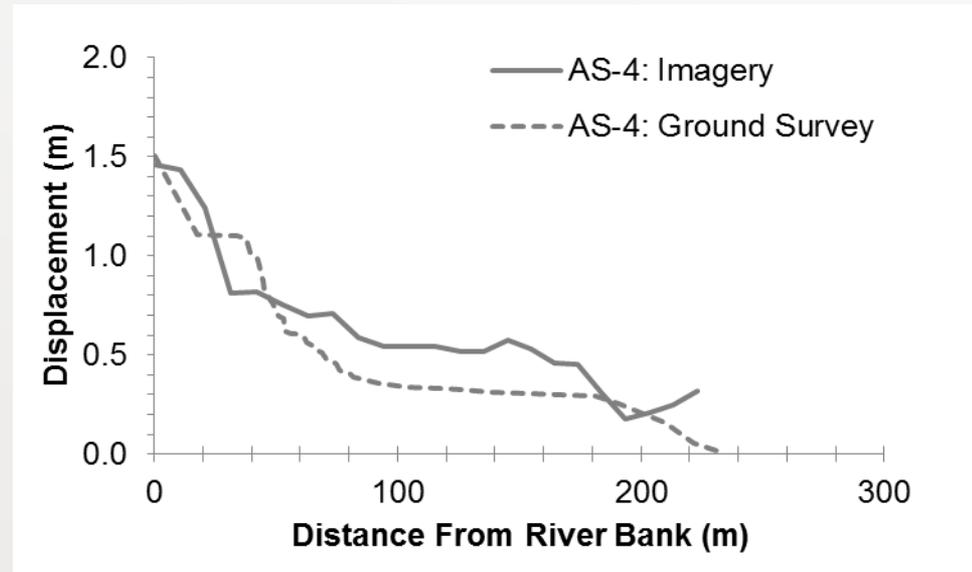
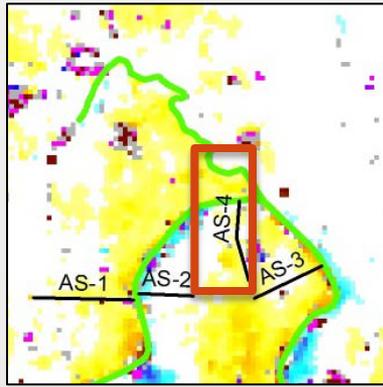
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## *Comparison with Displacements from Crack Widths*

NS Displacements



EW Displacements

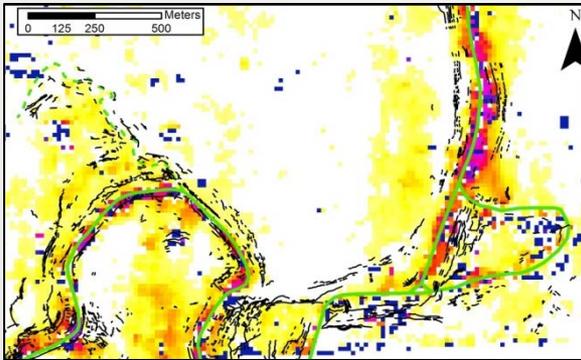


Field displacements from Cubrinovski  
(personal communication)

# Now what can we do?

## *Liquefaction: Integration of Deformation, Subsurface, and Topographic Data in Christchurch*

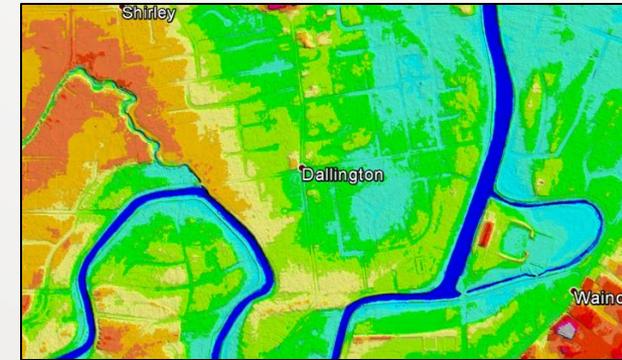
Deformation



Subsurface Characterization



LIDAR DEM



- Liquefaction resistance
- Layering
- Relative density, stiffness
- Soil type
- Lateral Variability

- Slope
- Distance from free-face
- Terrain features
- Geomorphic landforms