

# **Planning of Groundwater Anomalies Associated with the Earthquake and Case study in Taiwan**

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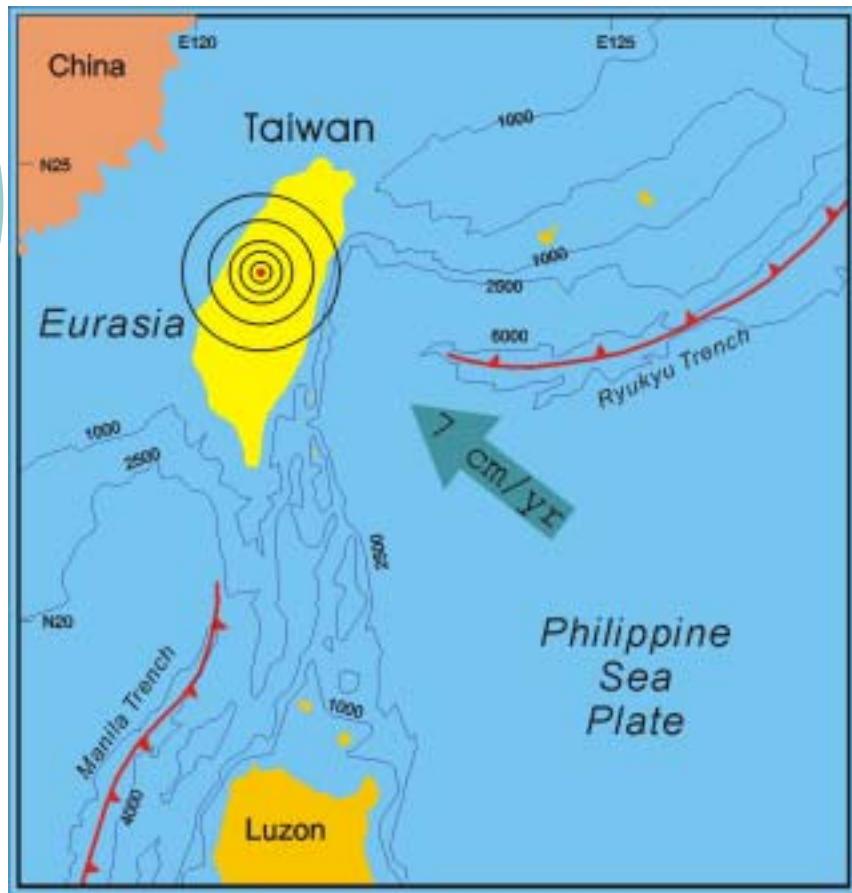
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# **Introduction**

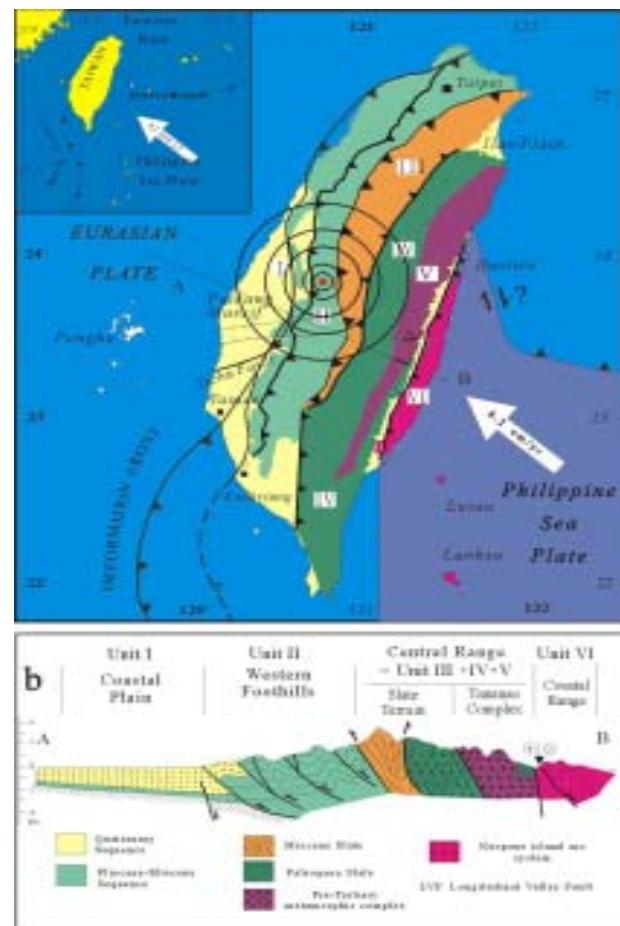
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- Tectonic Setting of Taiwan**
- Information from Chi-Chi  
earthquake (Sep. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1999; Mw:7.6)**
- Groundwater Monitoring Network  
of Taiwan**

# Tectonic Environment of Taiwan

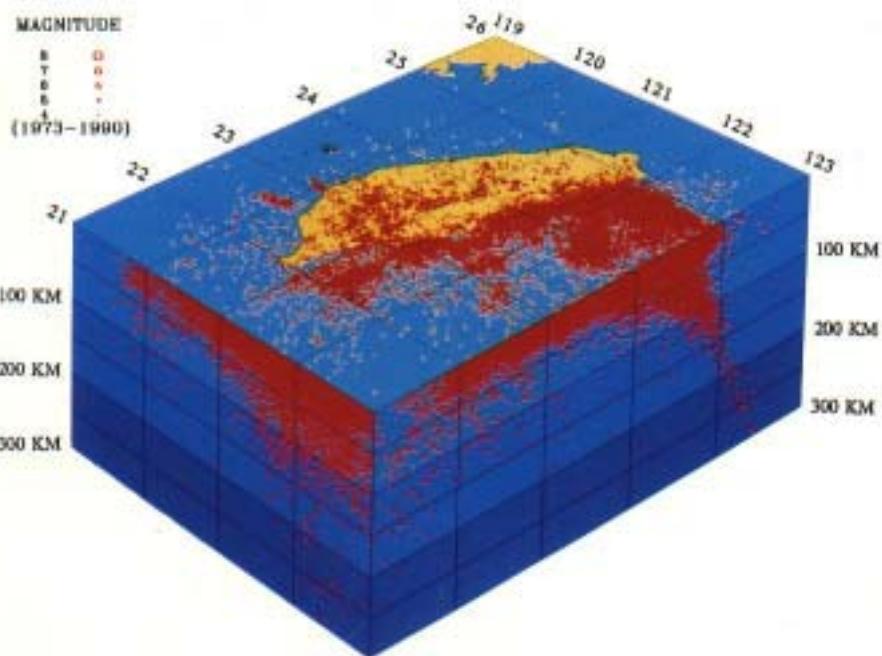


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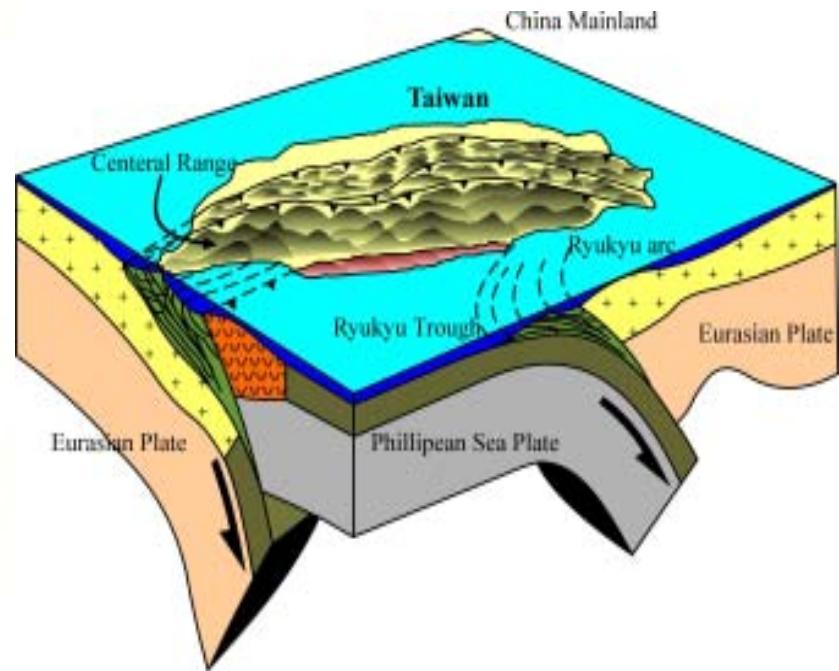


Geological map of Taiwan and east-west cross section along central Taiwan

# Lithospheric Structure of Taiwan

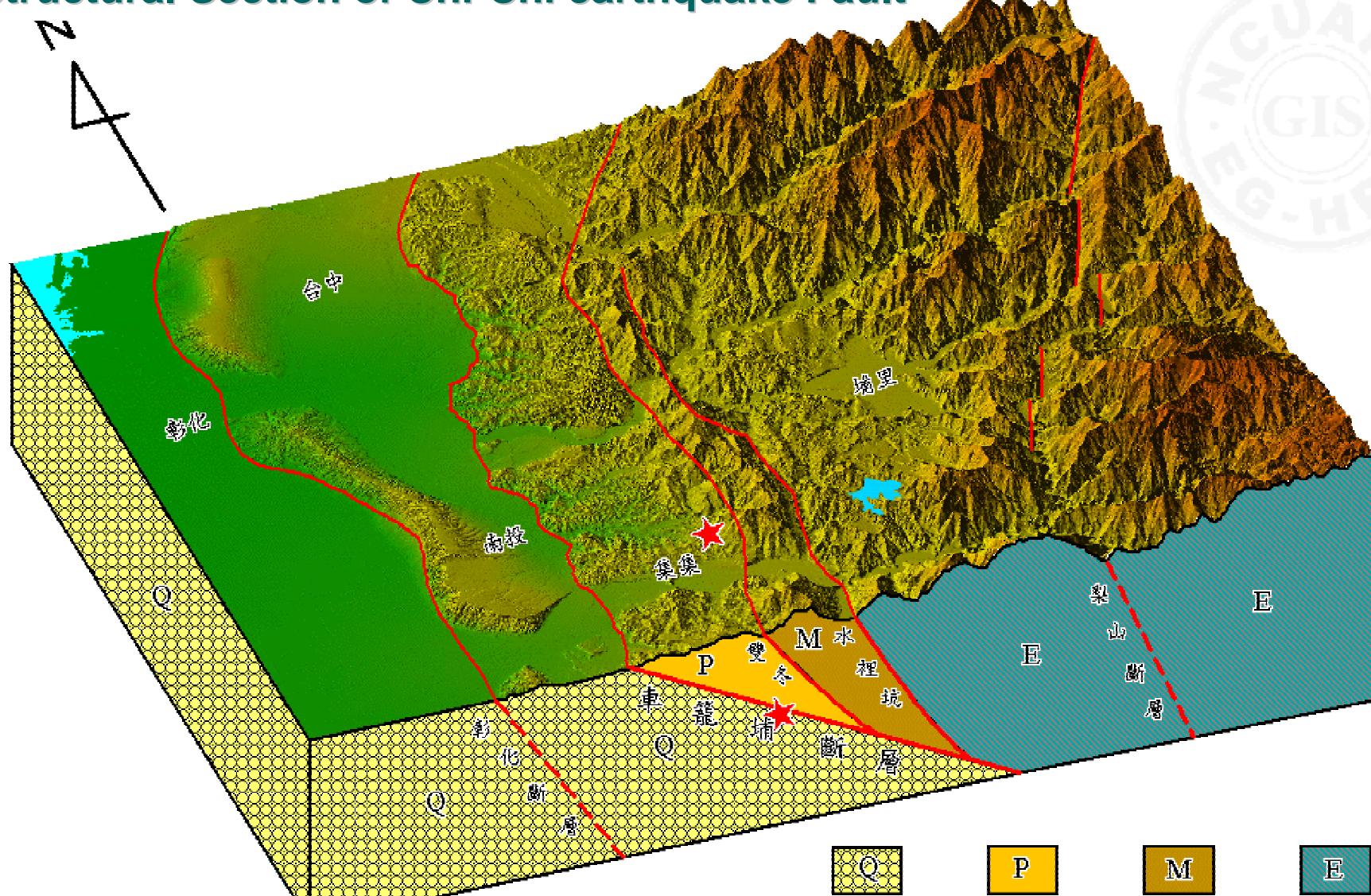


Spatial Distribution of Earthquake in the Taiwan region



Tectonic Explanation of Taiwan region( Anglier, 1986)

# Structural Section of Chi-Chi earthquake Fault



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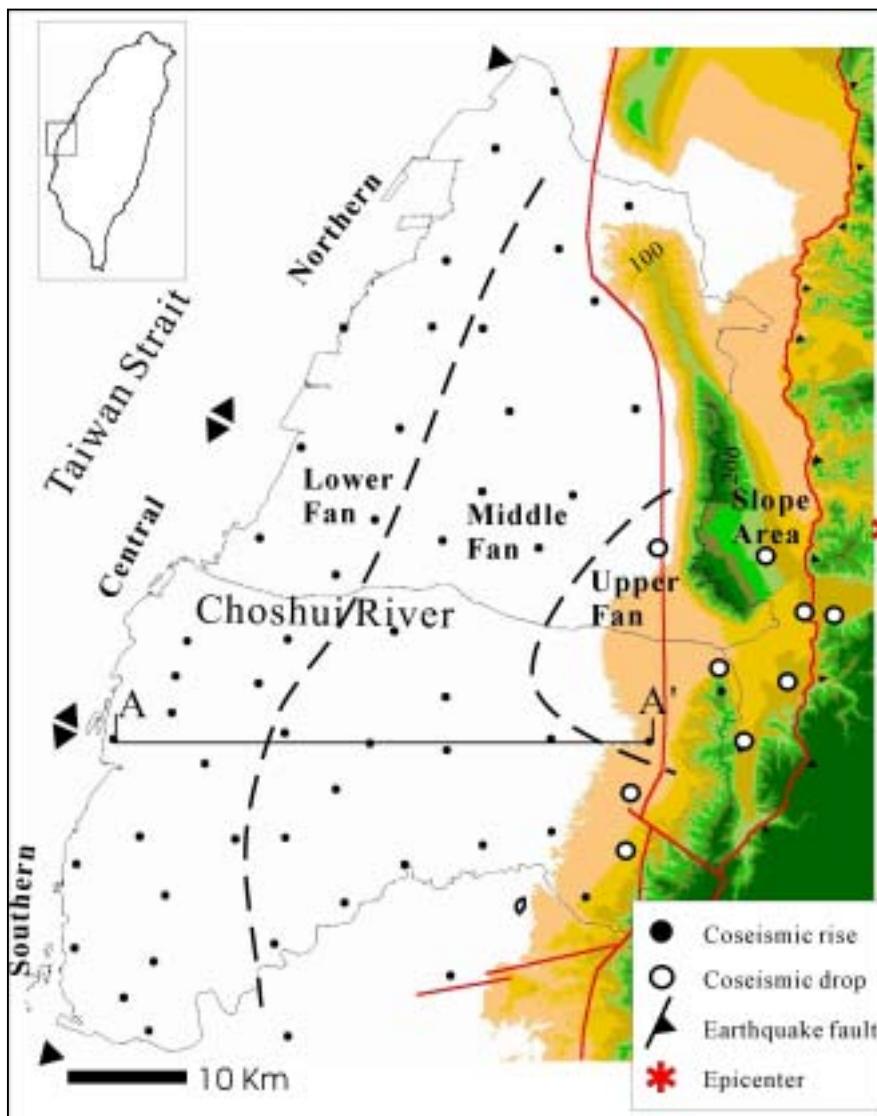
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Formation

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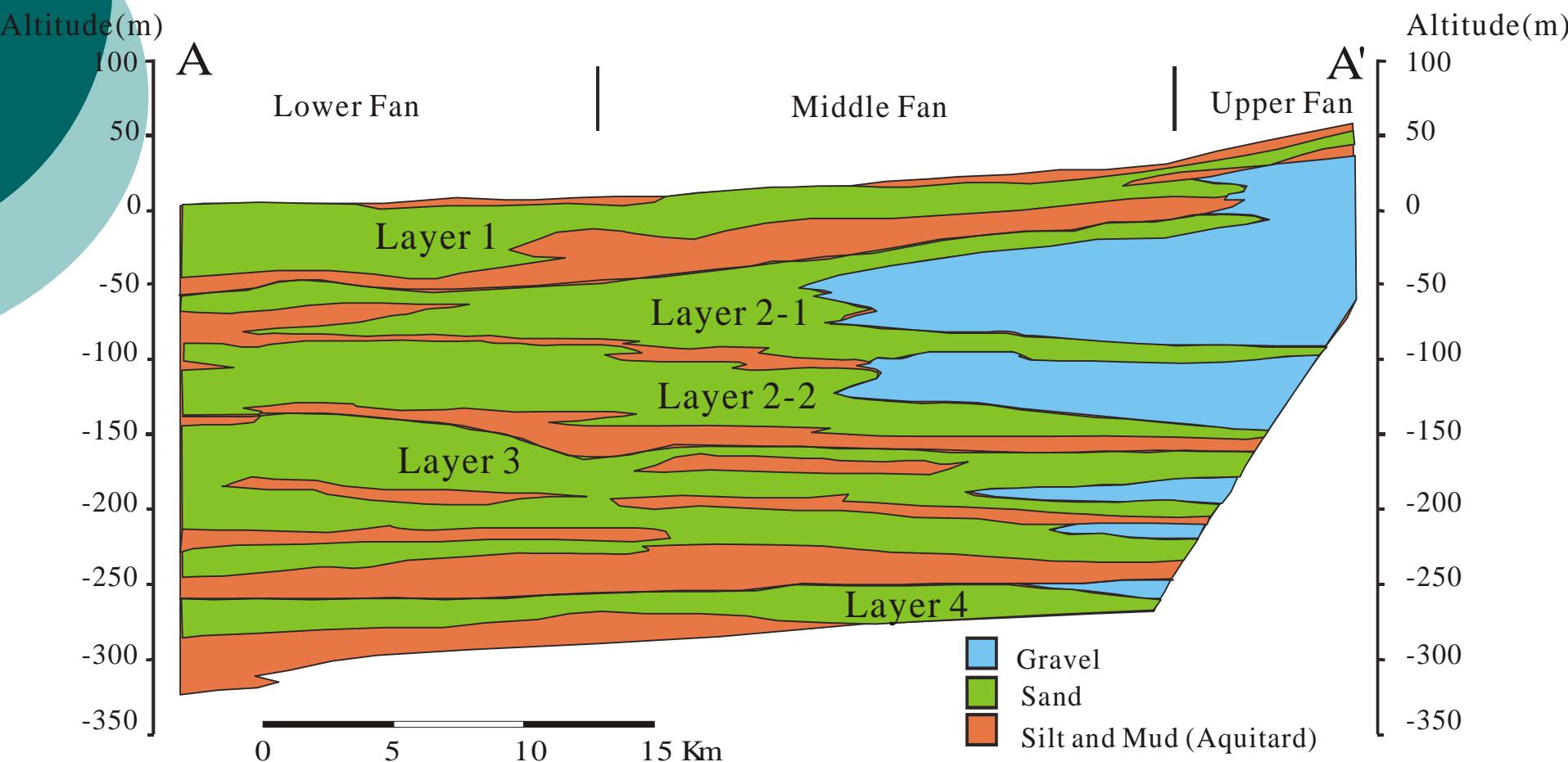
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# Earthquake-induced Groundwater Variations in the Choushuishi Alluvial Fan

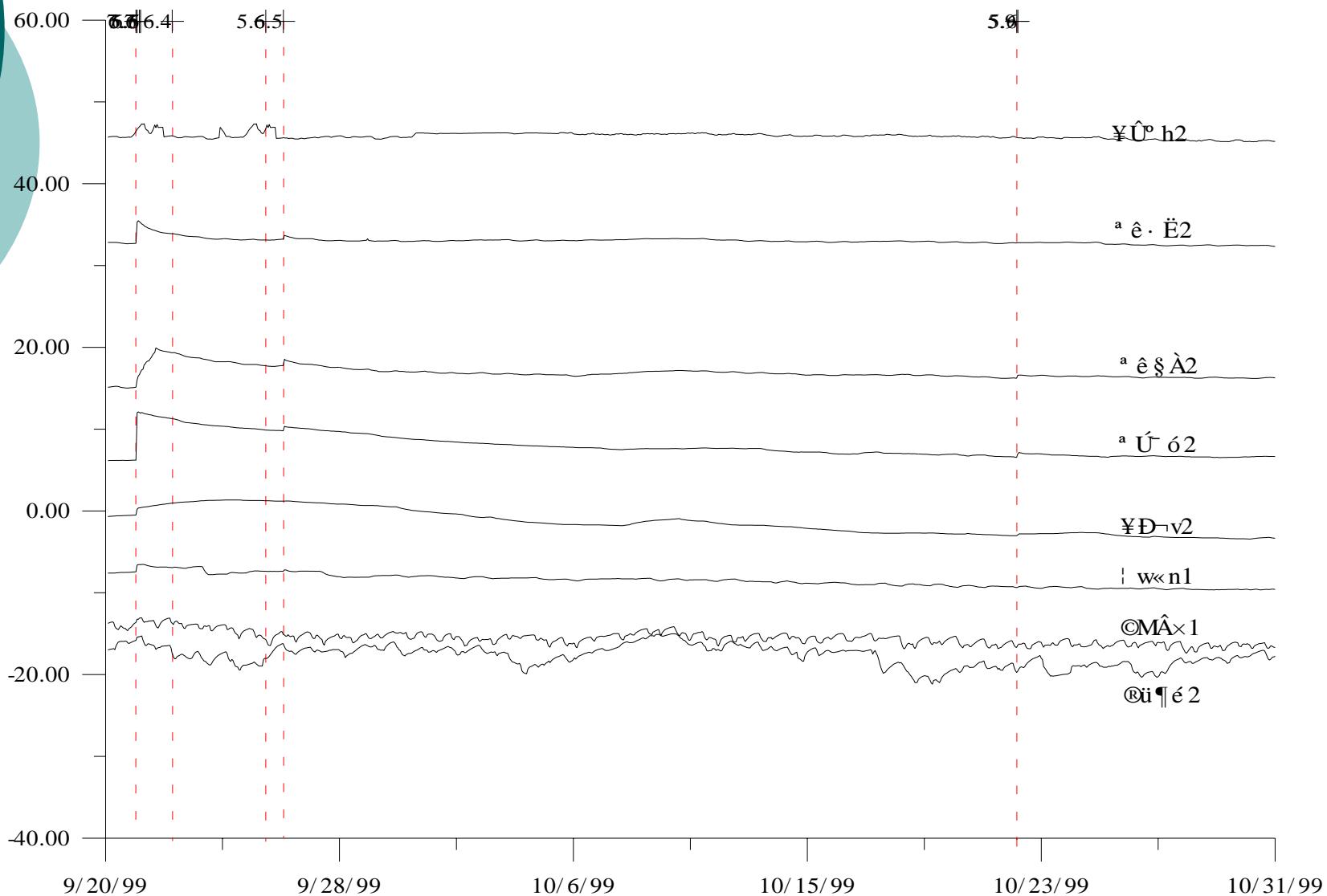


Location of Choushuishi Alluvial Fan

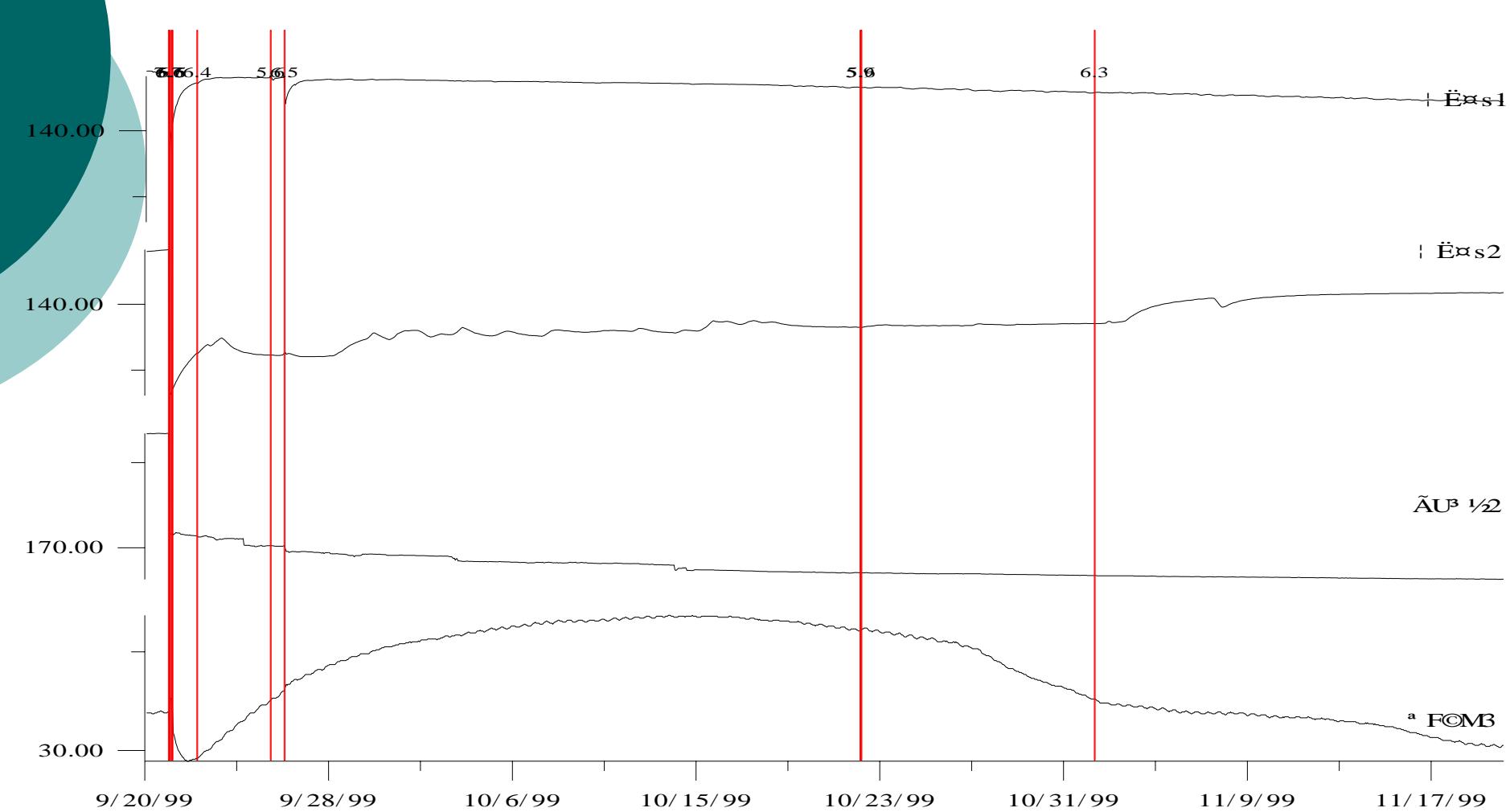
# Hydrogeology Model of Choushuichi Alluvial Fan



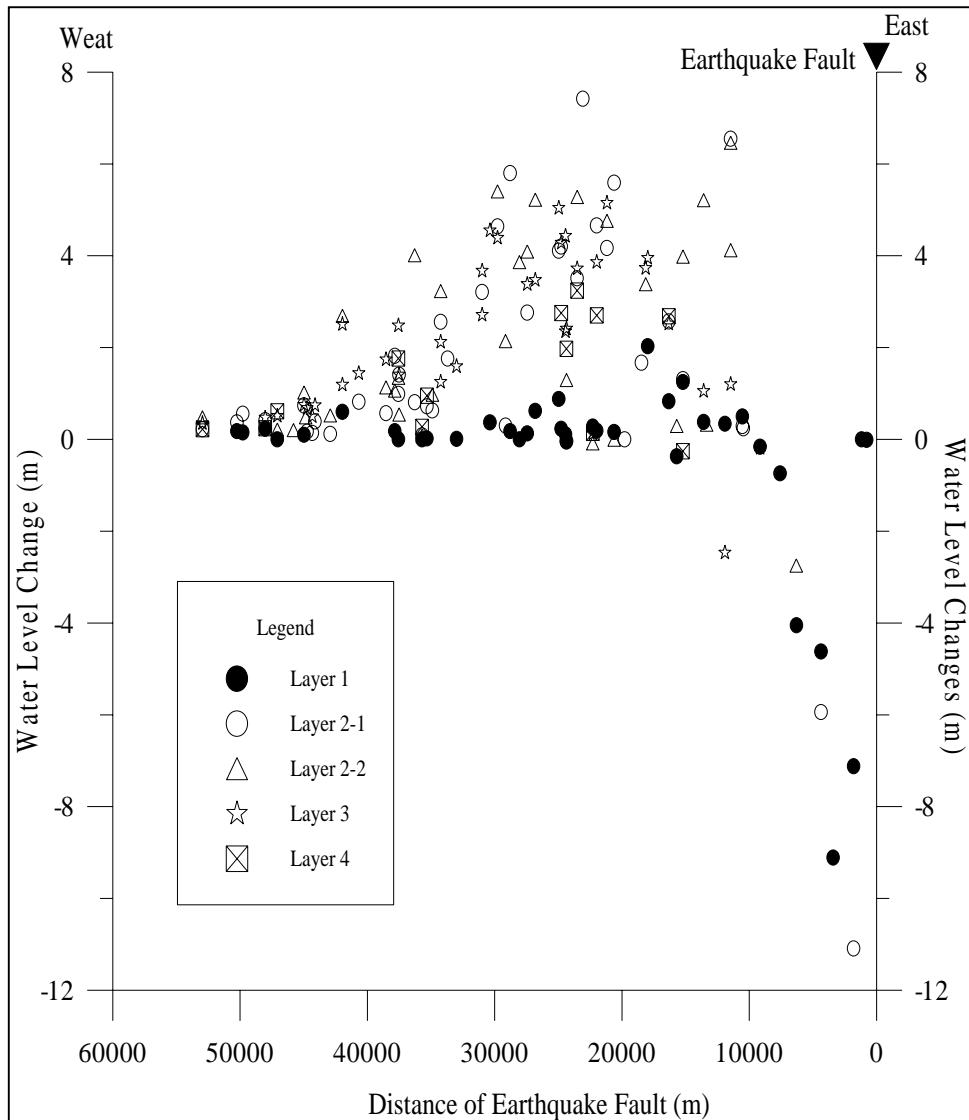
# Coseismic Groundwater Level Changes in Alluvial Fan Area



# Coseismic Groundwater Level Changes in Hill Slope Area



# Coseismic Changes in Different Aquifer

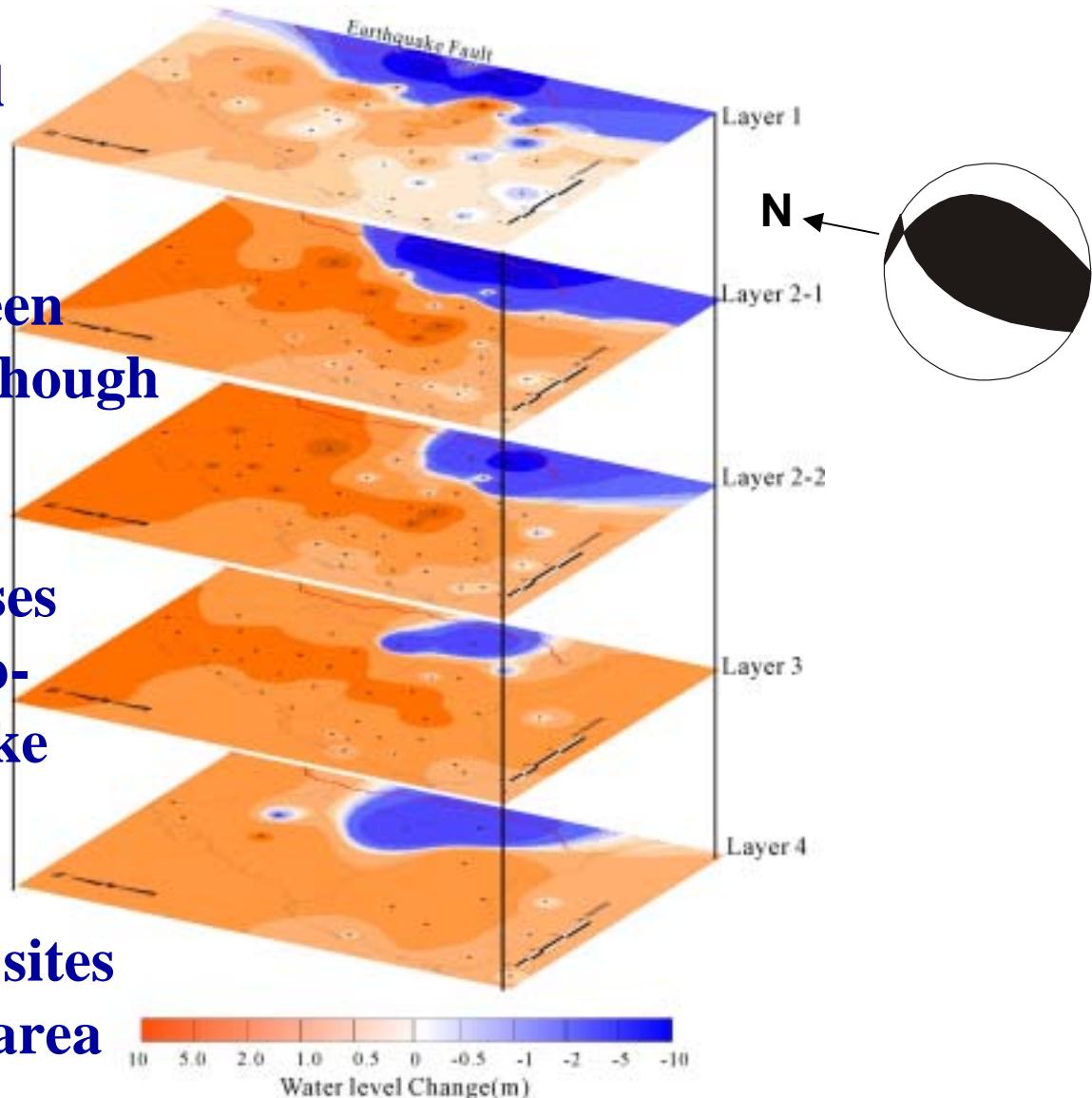


- Confinement of aquifer
- Structural position
- Crust strain
- Ground motion
- Liquefaction
- Permeability enhancement
- Responses to seismic wave

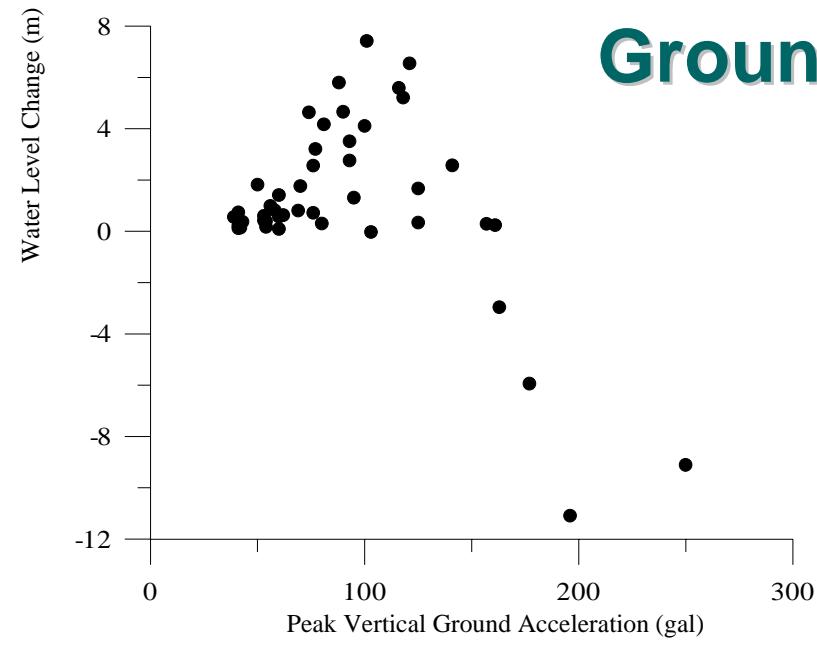
Groundwater level changes of main shock

# Distribution maps of the coseismic water level changes and the monitoring wells in different aquifers

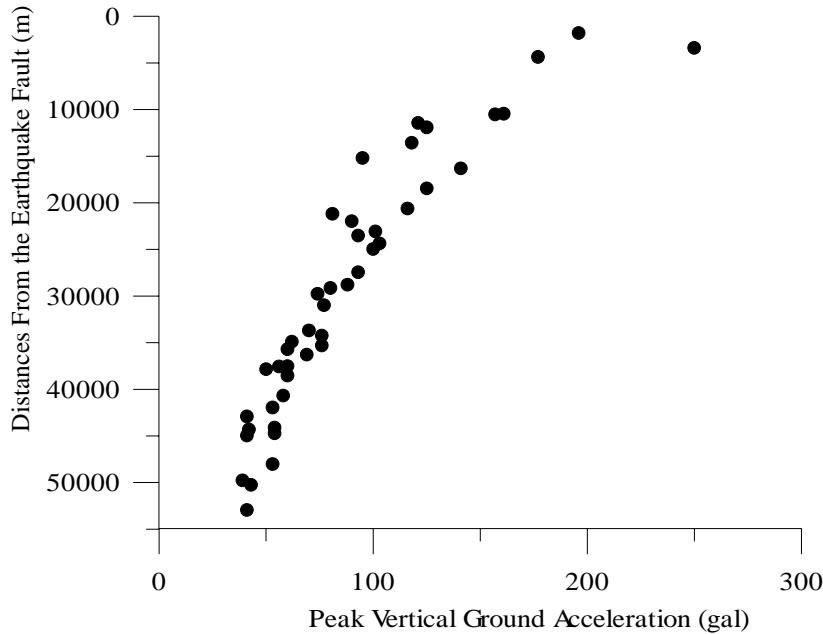
- Not fit to expected focal mechanism
- Large difference between different aquifers even though in the same site
- The larger coseismic rises made a narrow zone sub-parallel to the earthquake fault
- The coseismic decrease sites locates on the hill slope area



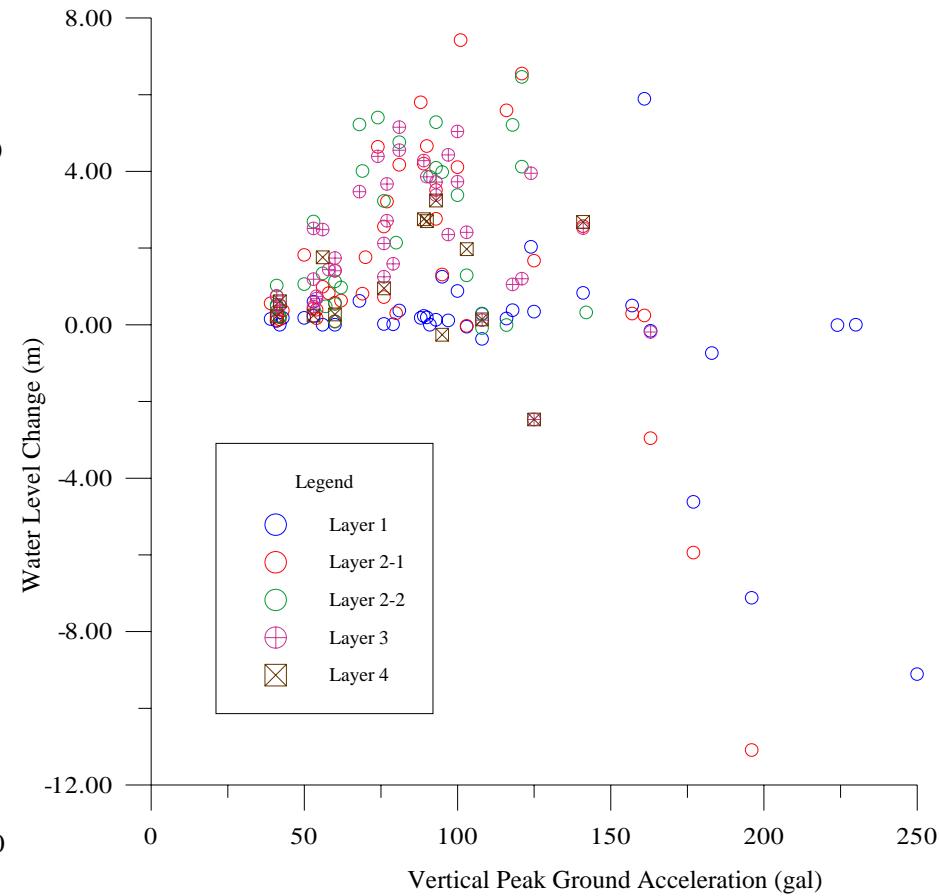
# Groundwater Level Changes and Ground-motion



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(b)



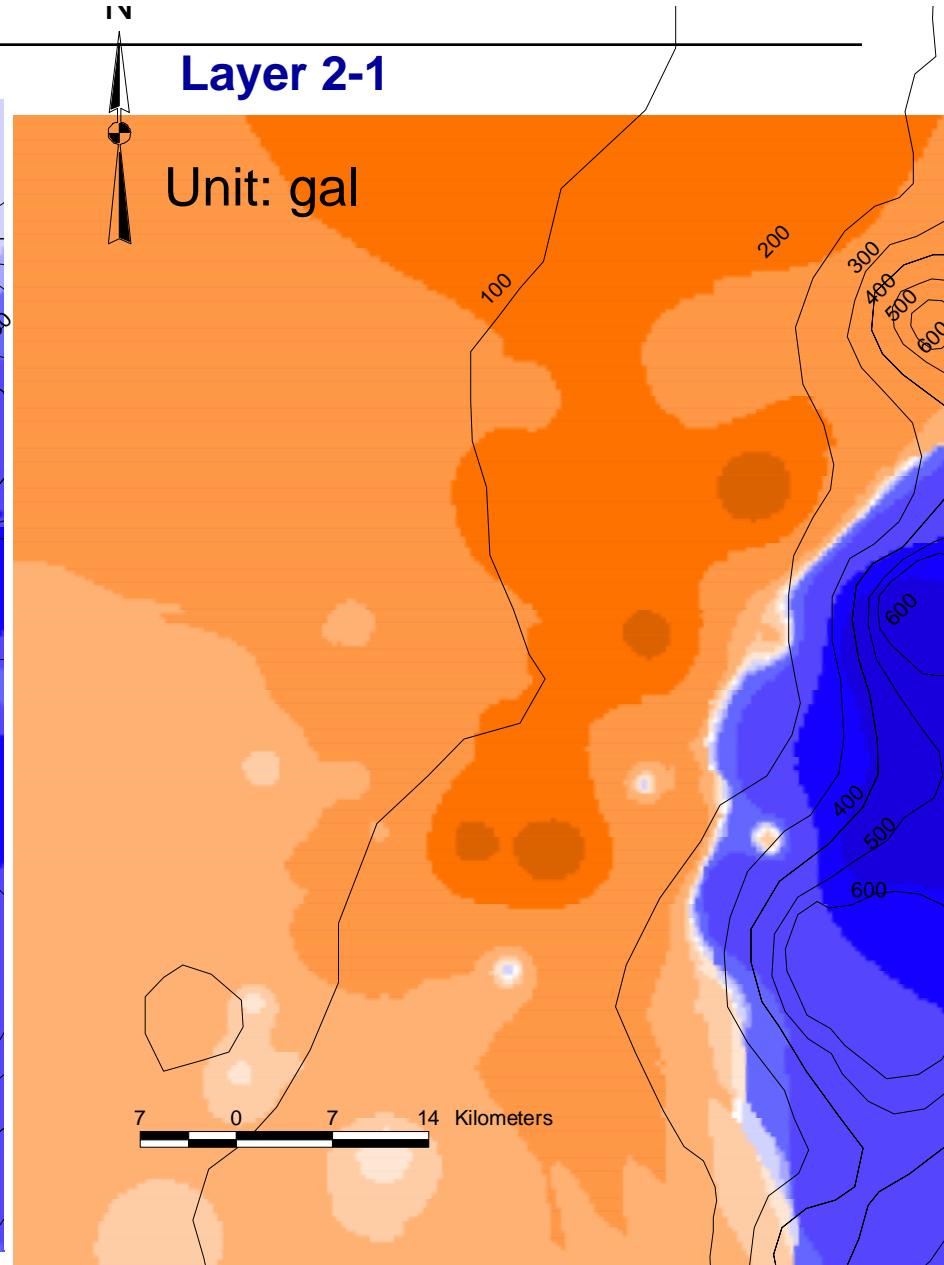
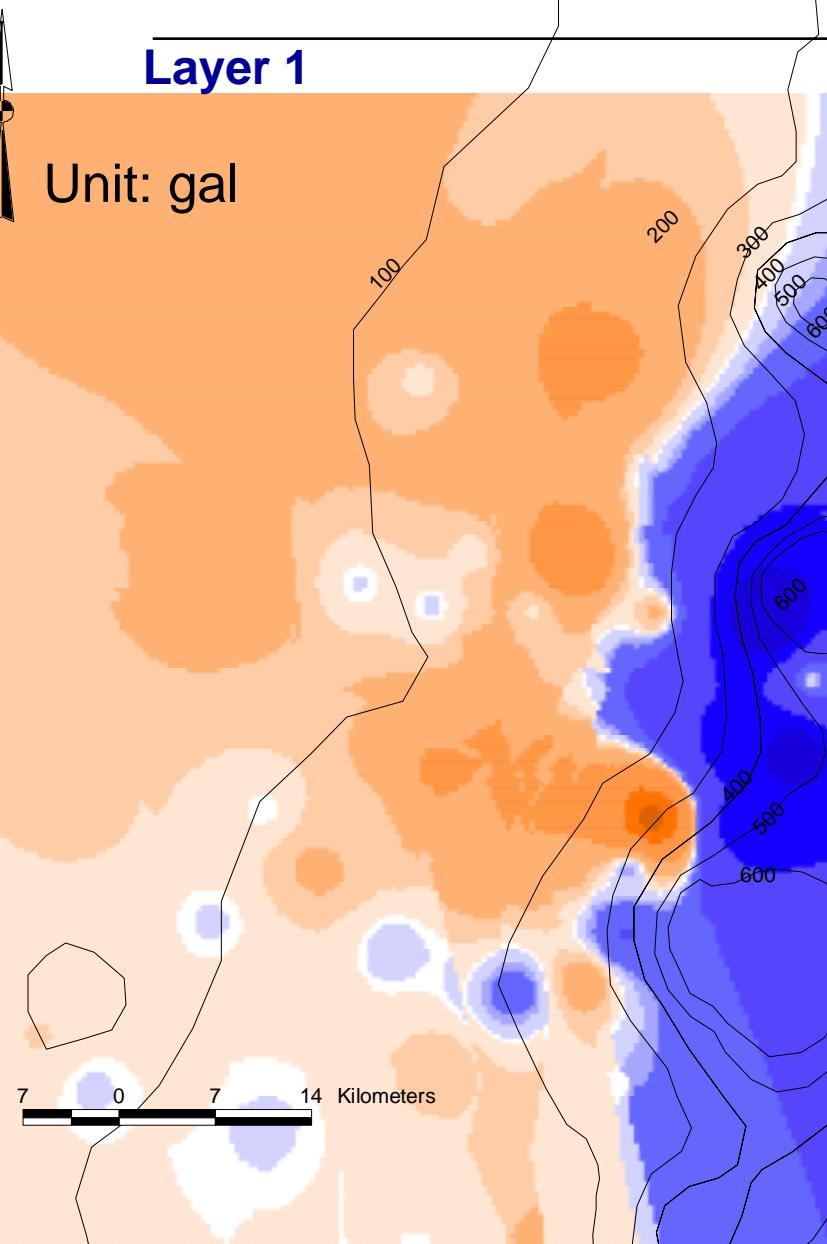
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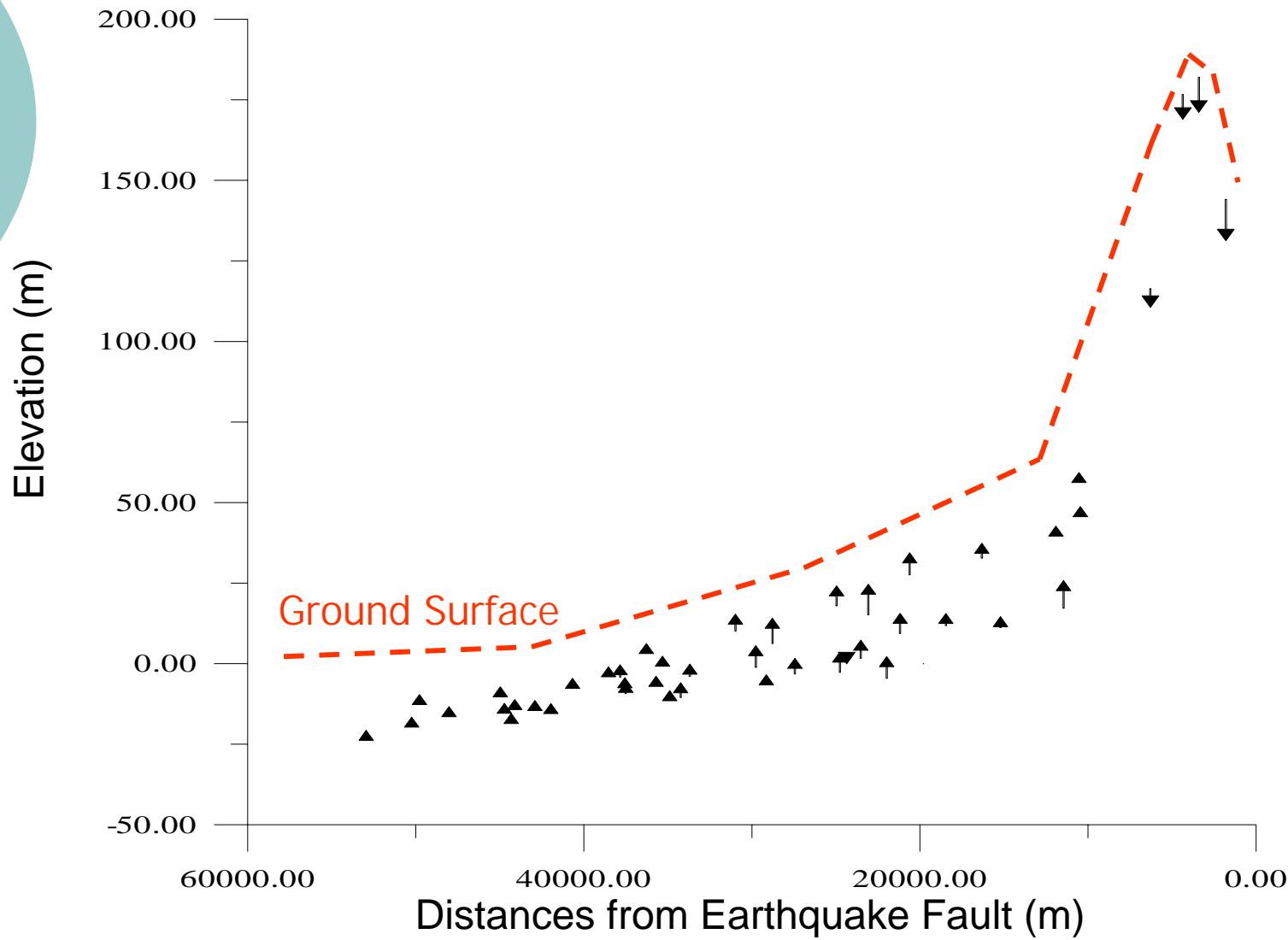
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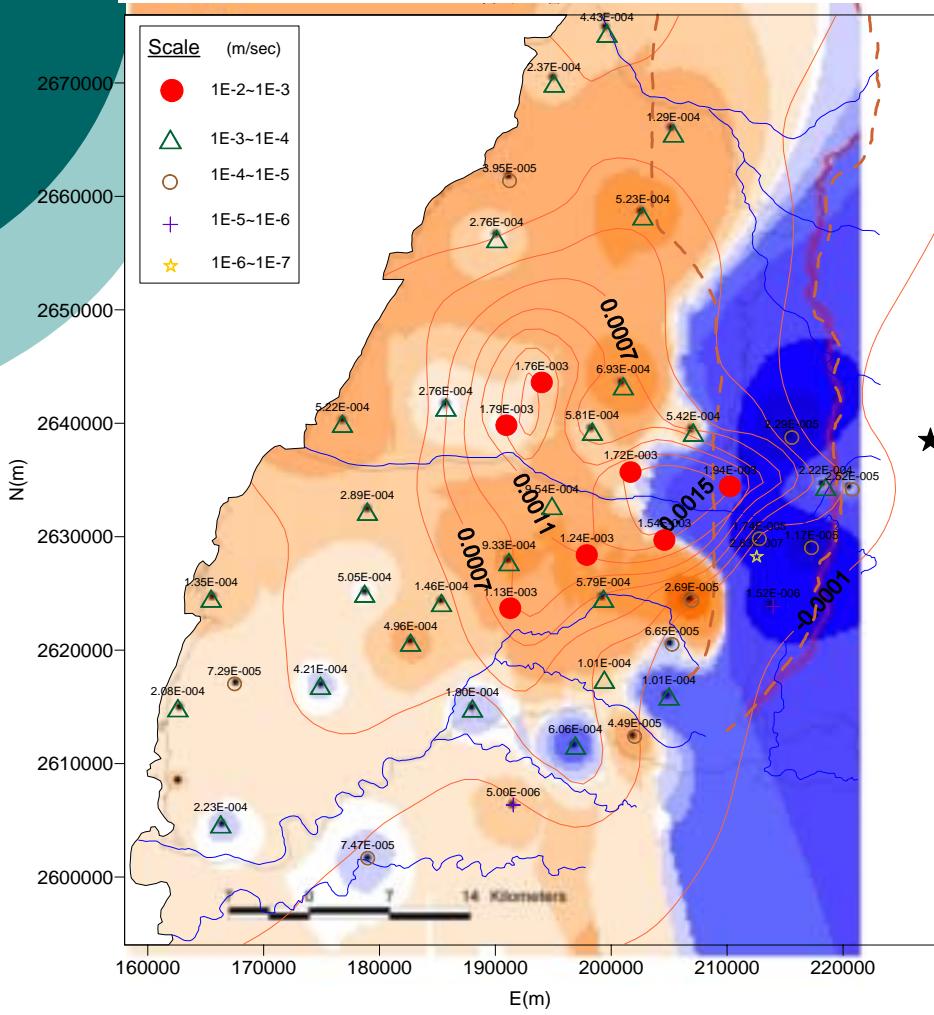


# Permeability Enhancement: Groundwater Level Changes and Topography

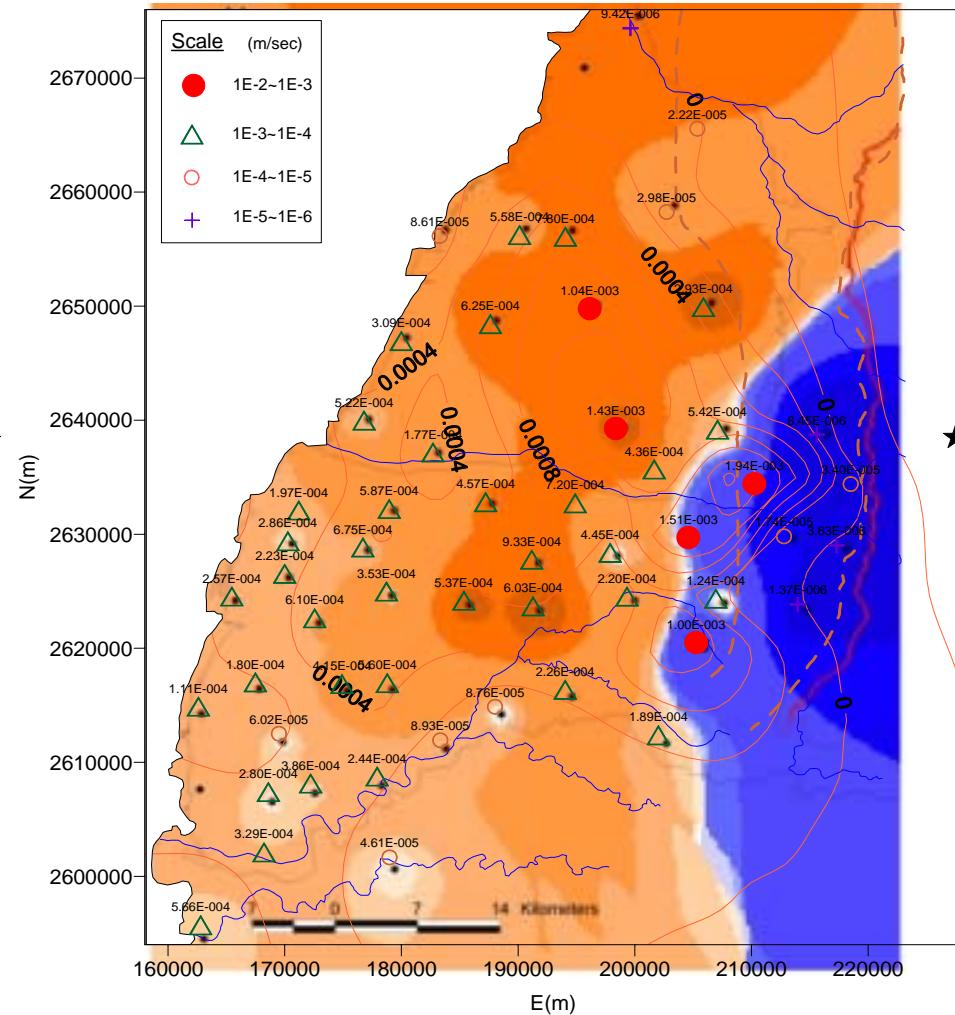


# Groundwater Level Changes and Conductivity of Aquifer

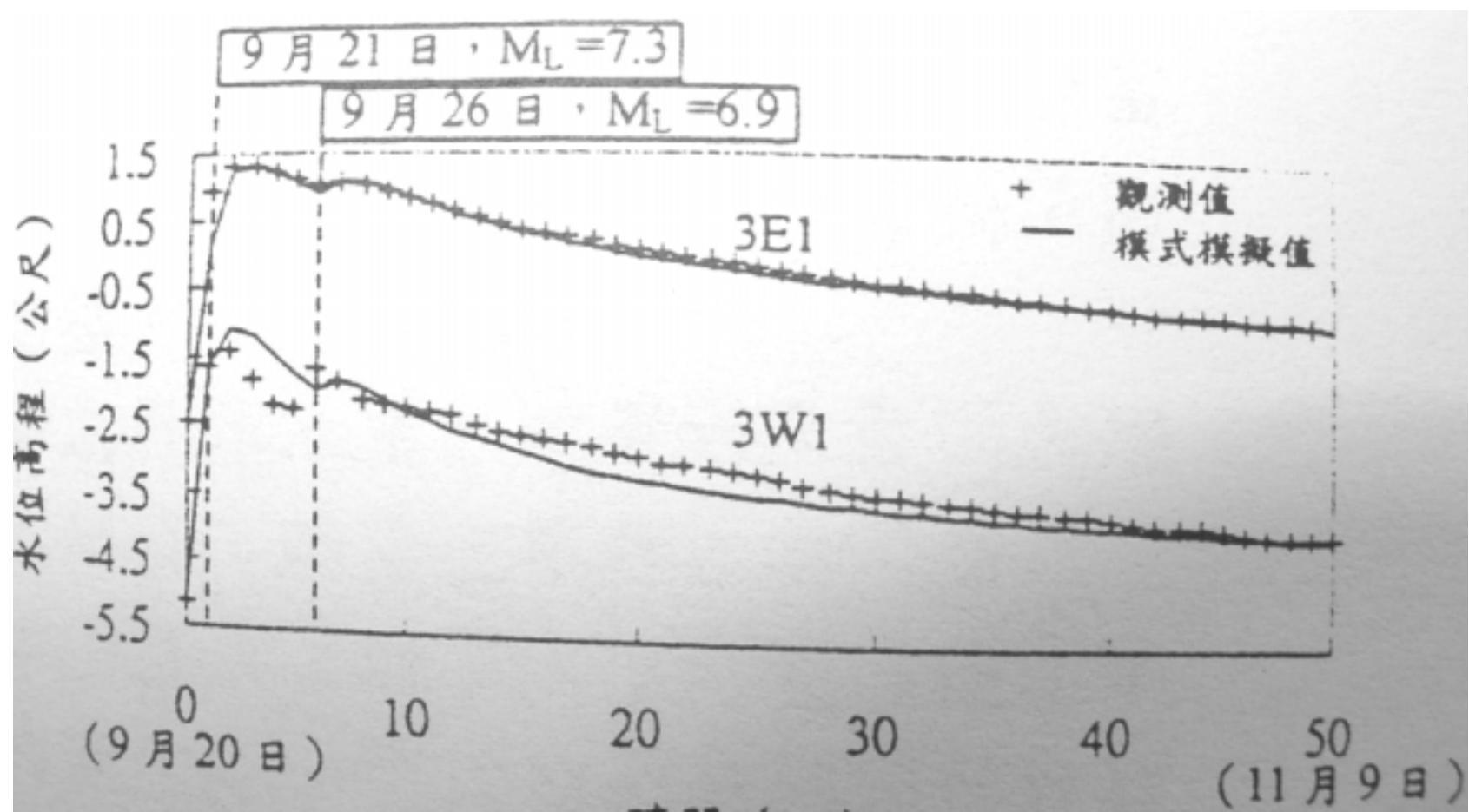
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# Response to Seismic Wave(Lin et al., 2001)

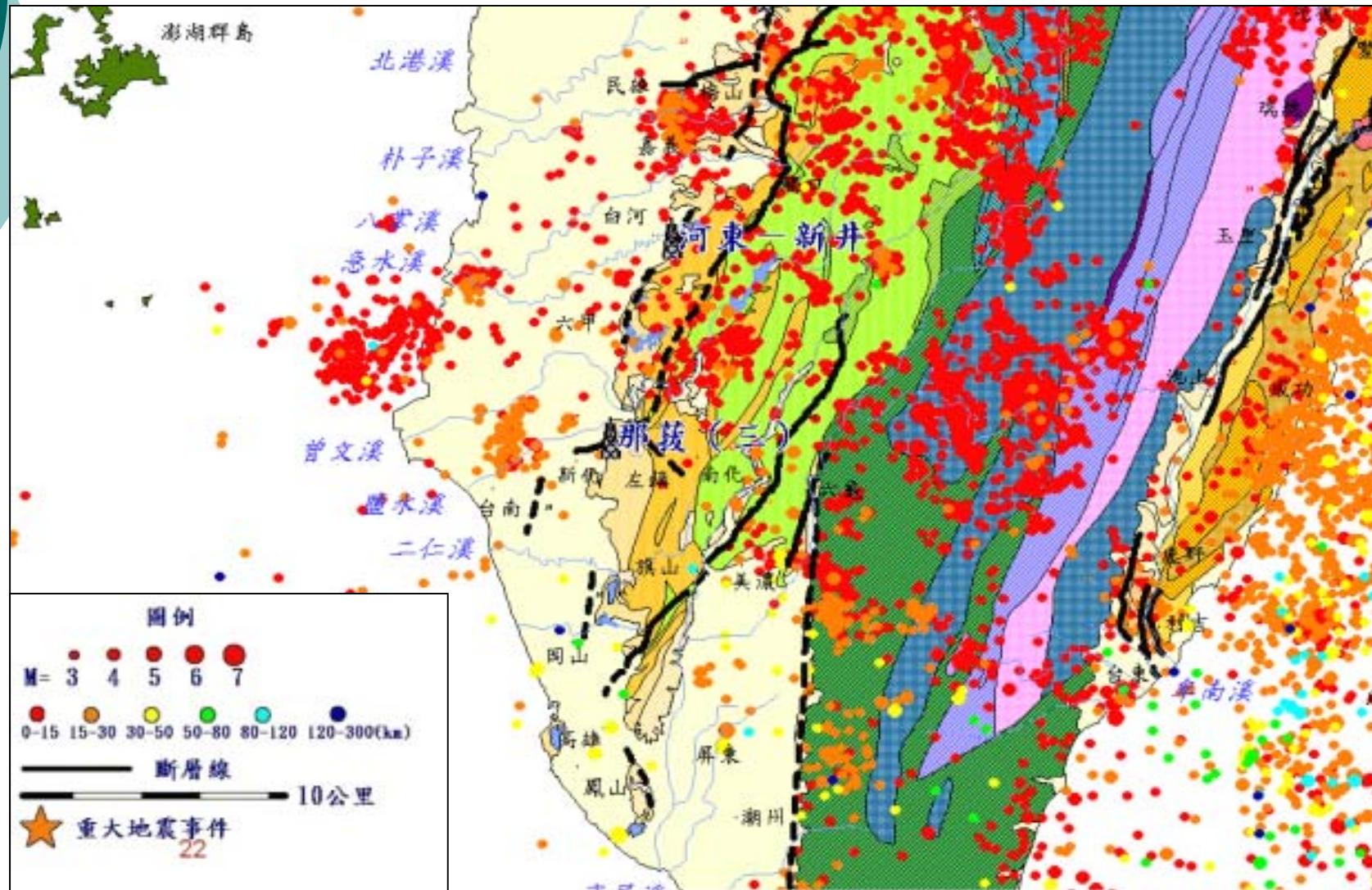


# Spatial distribution of disastrous earthquake

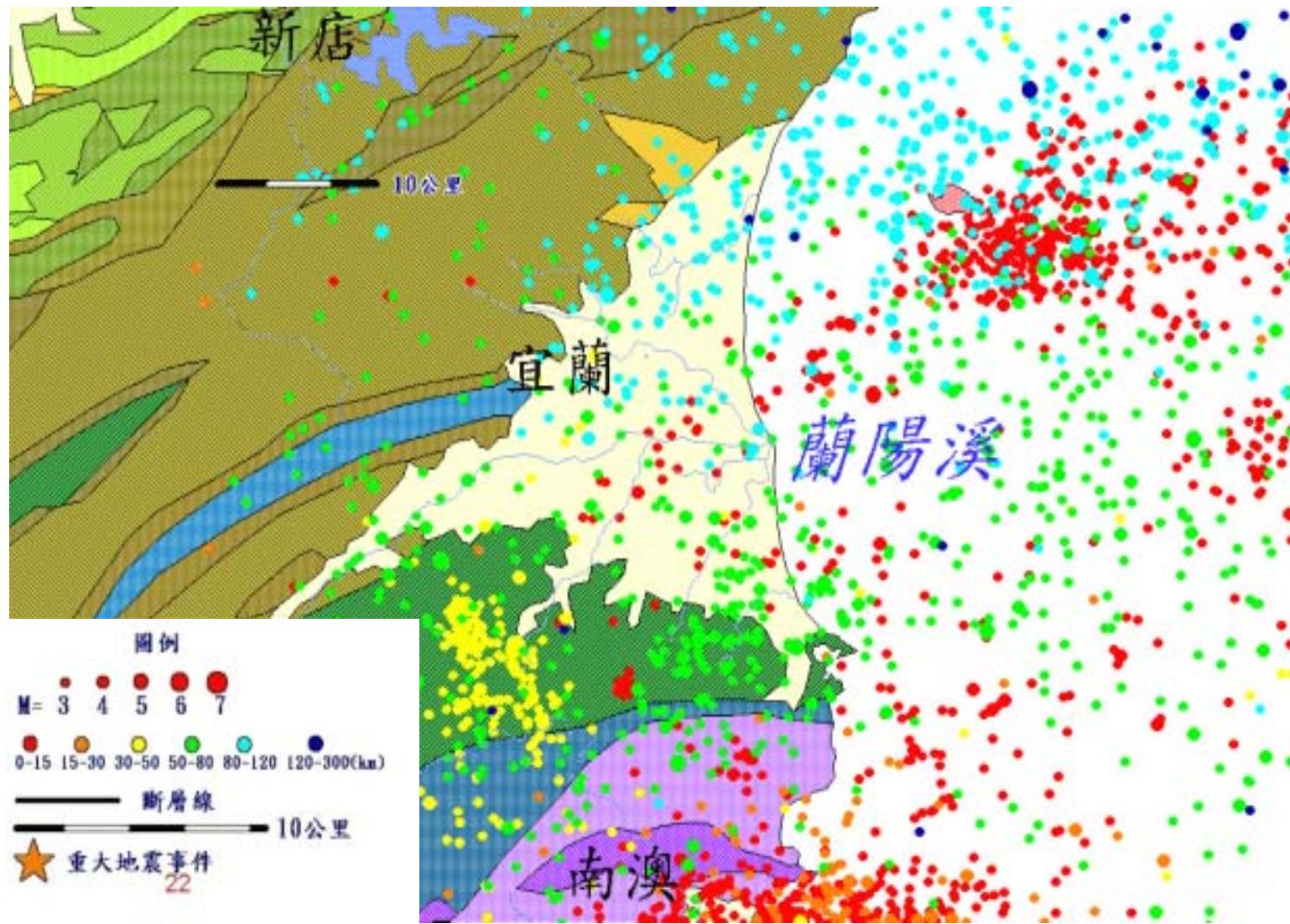
- Western foothill area
- Ilan offshore area
- Hulien offshore area
- Longitudinal Valley
- Liutao-Lanyu island



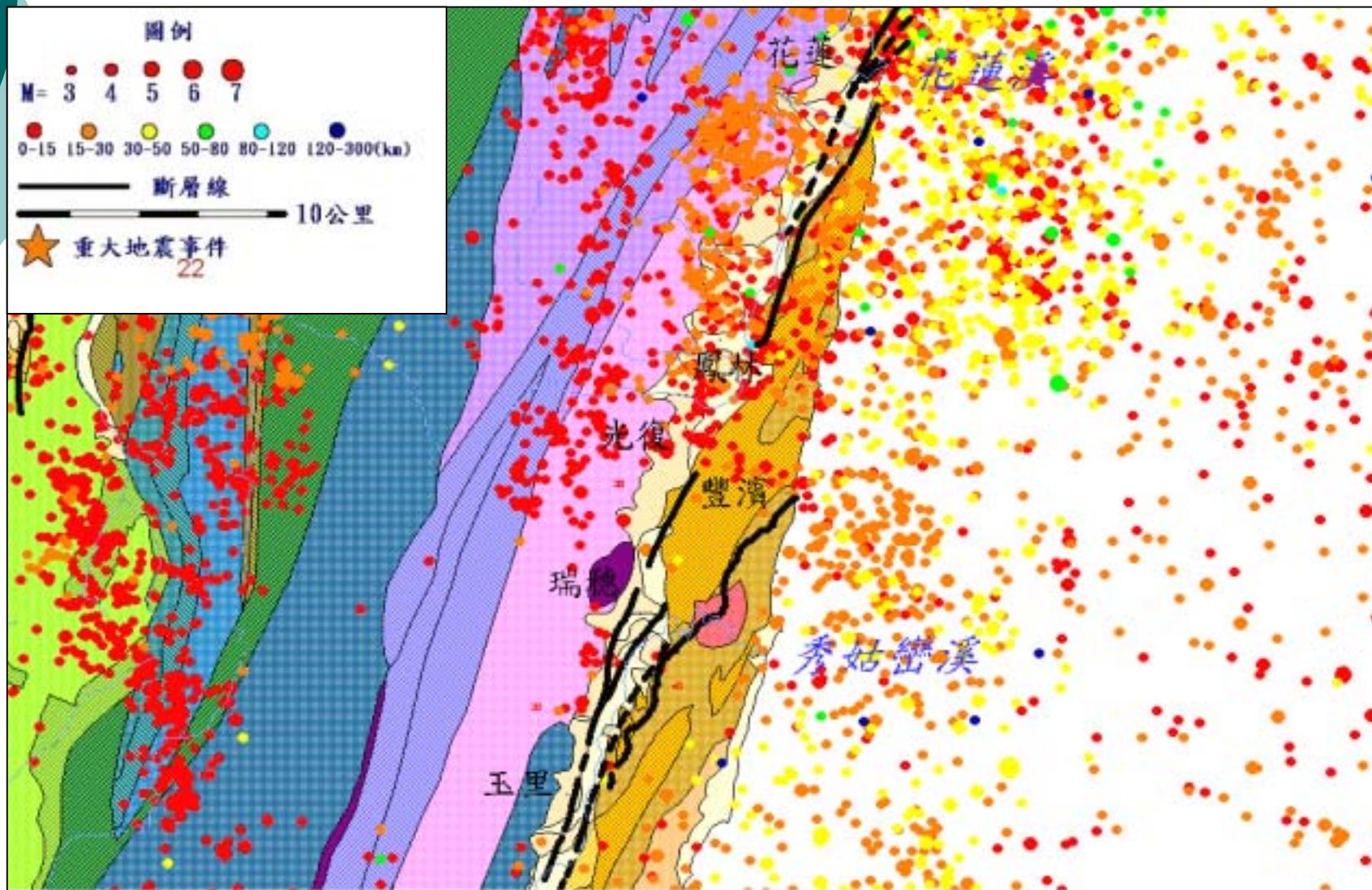
# Seismic environment of southern Taiwan



# Seismic environment of Ilan Plain

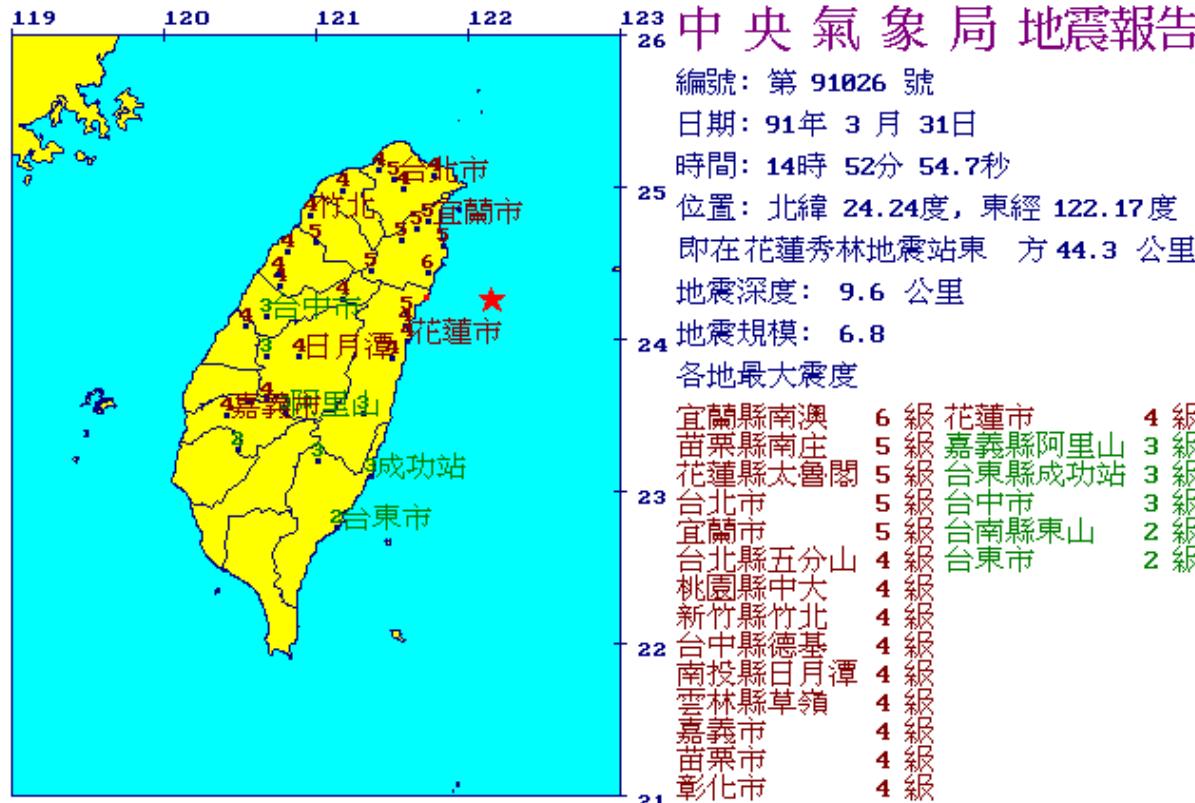


# Seismic environment of Hulien and Longitudinal Valley



# Hulien Offshore Earthquake (M: 6.8) March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002

## □ Central Weather Bureau's Quick-Release Earthquake Information

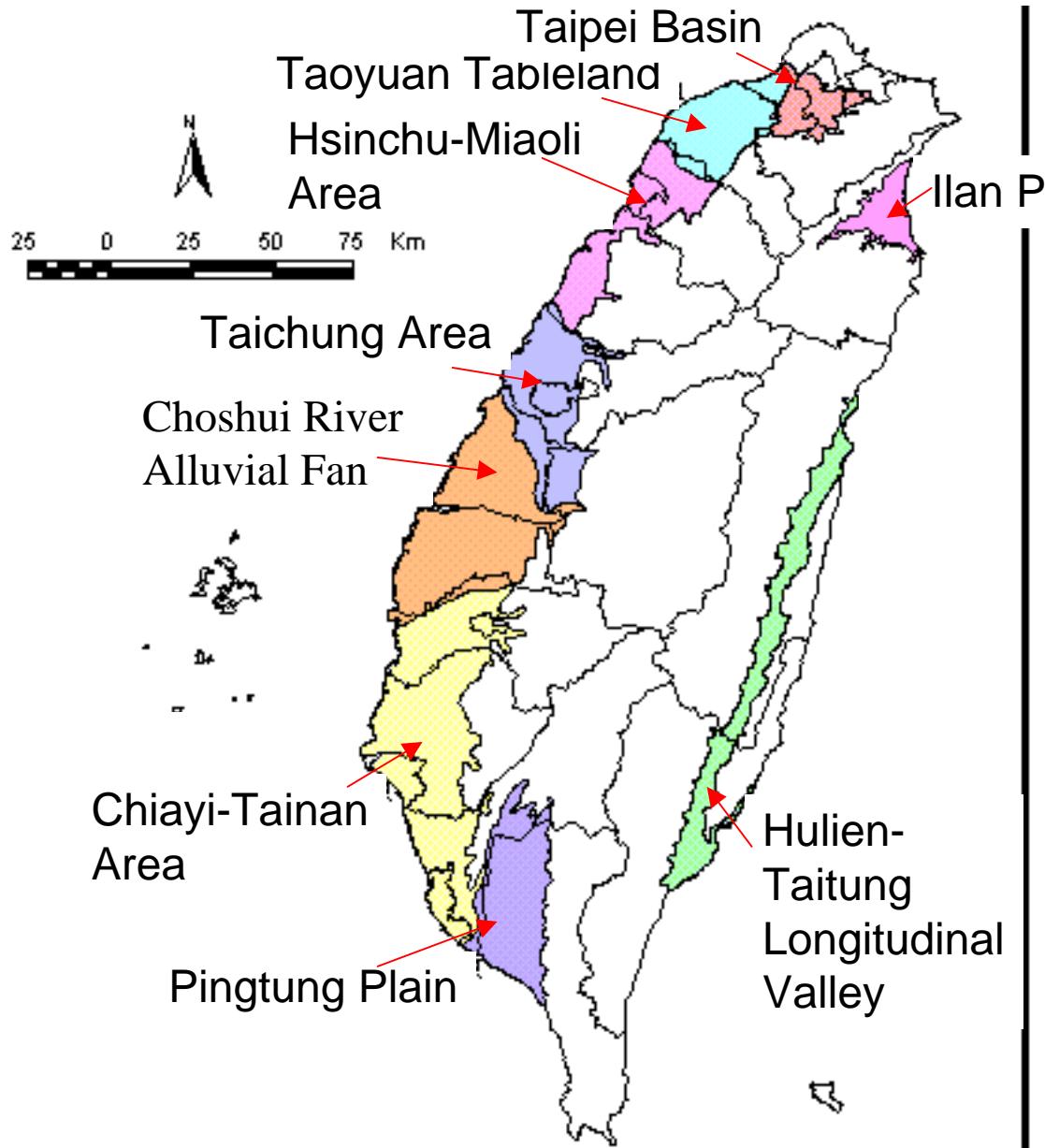


# Newly Risk from offshore Earthquake (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002; M: 6.8 )



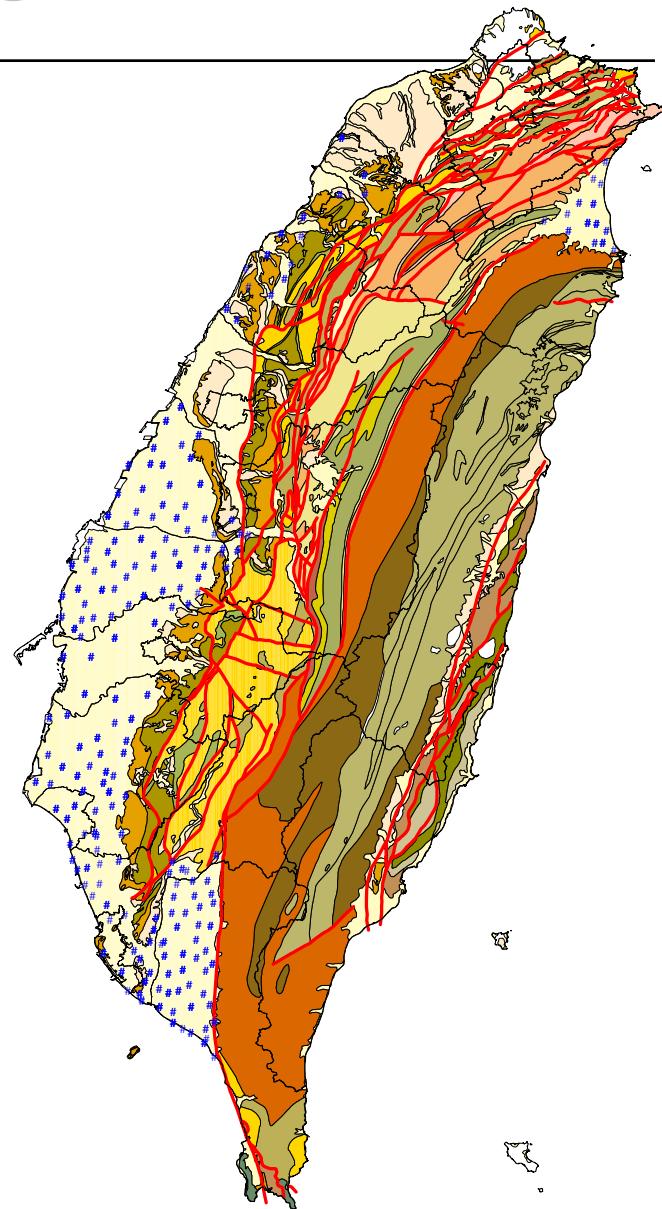
# Groundwater Monitoring Network of Taiwan

Total of 517 hydro geological survey stations and 990 groundwater monitoring wells will be constructed in 8 sub-groundwater provinces during 17 years (1992-2008).



# Taiwan Groundwater Monitoring Network (1992~2001)

| Sub-Province               | Site       | Well       |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Taipei Basin               | 2          | 4          |
| Taoyuan Tableland          | 1          | 2          |
| Hsinchu-Miaoli Area        | 16         | 35         |
| Choshui River Alluvial Fan | 70         | 193        |
| Chiayi-Tainan Area         | 39         | 104        |
| Pingtung Plain             | 55         | 132        |
| Ilan Plain                 | 13         | 29         |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>196</b> | <b>499</b> |

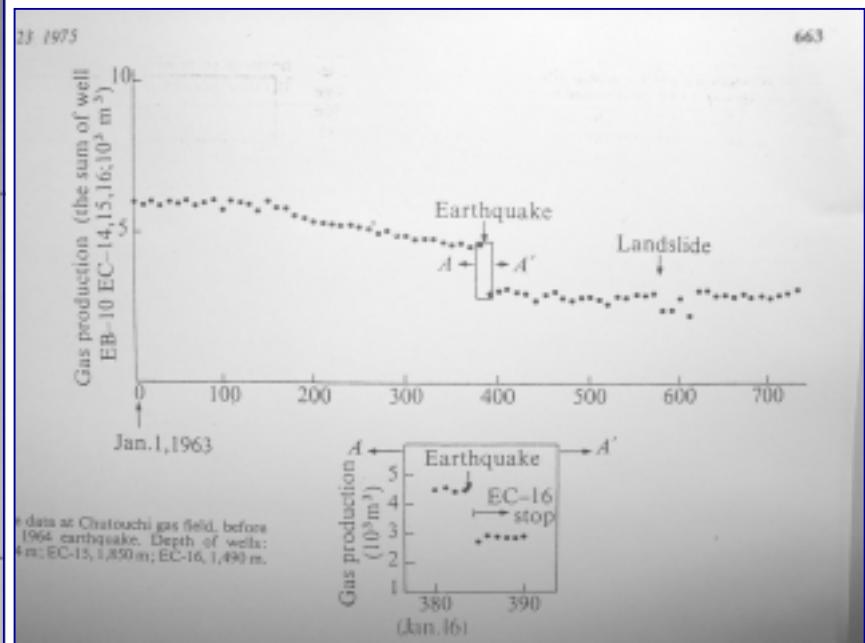
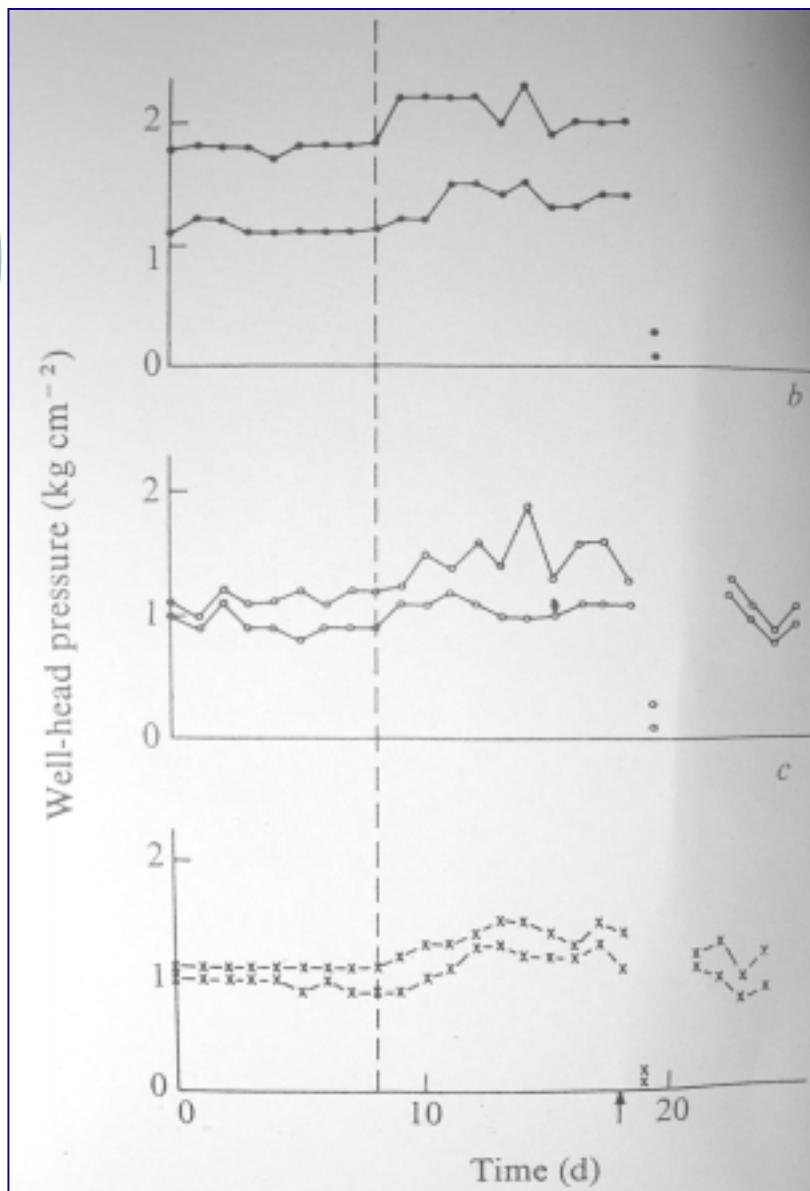


# Previous Study: Groundwater anomalies associated with Earthquake

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- A significant rise in well head pressure in Niushan gas field 9 days prior to the Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1964 Tainan-Chiayi earthquake(Wu,1975; Wu and Feng,1975)
- Good agreement of groundwater level fluctuation associated large earthquake at a deep well at Ilan area (Yu et al.,1984)
- Groundwater level fluctuation correlated with local seismicity and focal mechanism (Yu and Luh, 1988)
- In 1980~1984 several spike-like anomalies of radon content could be related to several moderate earthquake.
- Studies of Groundwater level changes associated with Chi-Chi earthquake (Chia et al., 2000; Wang et al., 2000; Lin et al., 2001; Lee, 2001; Lai et al., 2002)

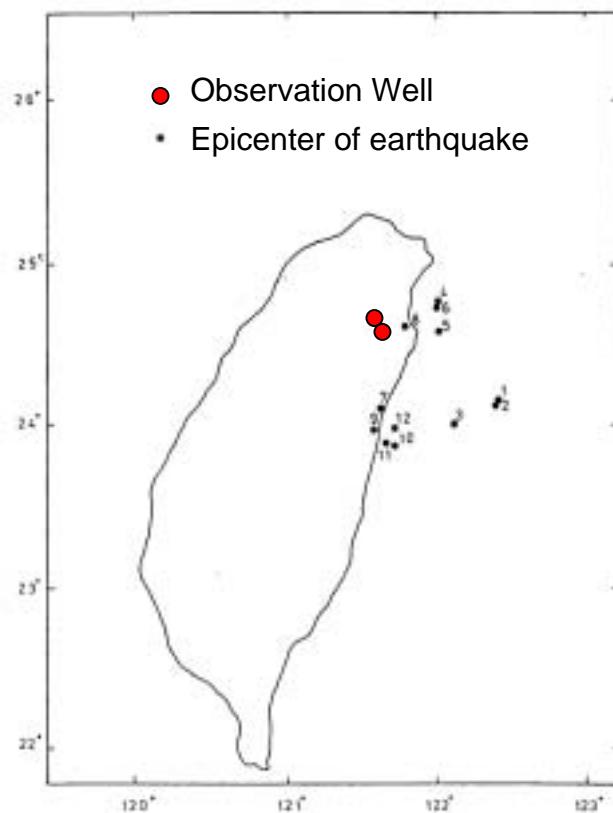
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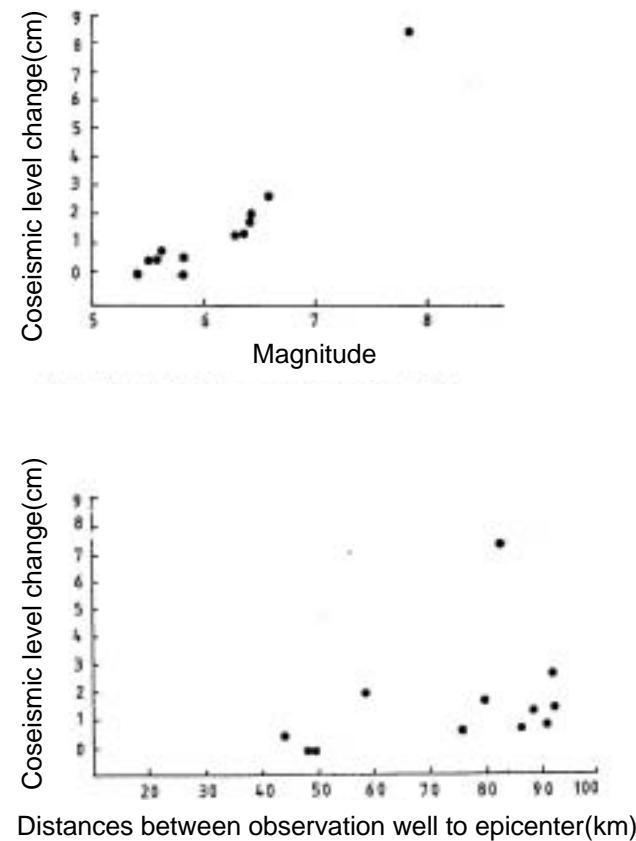
(Wu, 1975; Wu and Feng, 1975)

# A case study at a deep well in Ilan area (Yu et al., 1984)

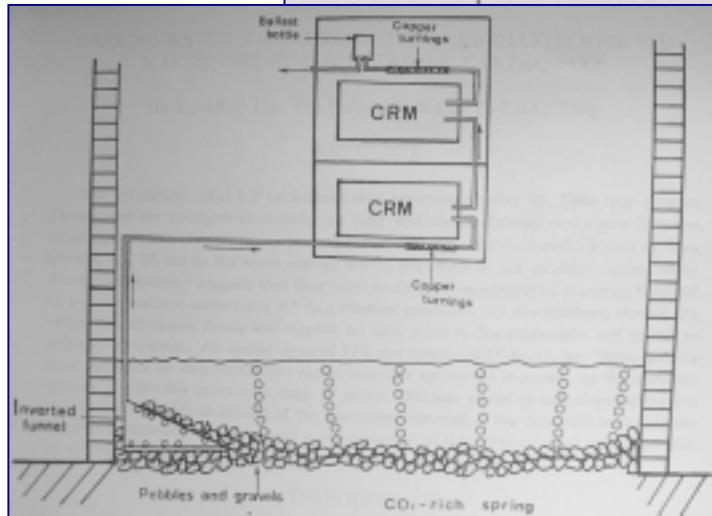
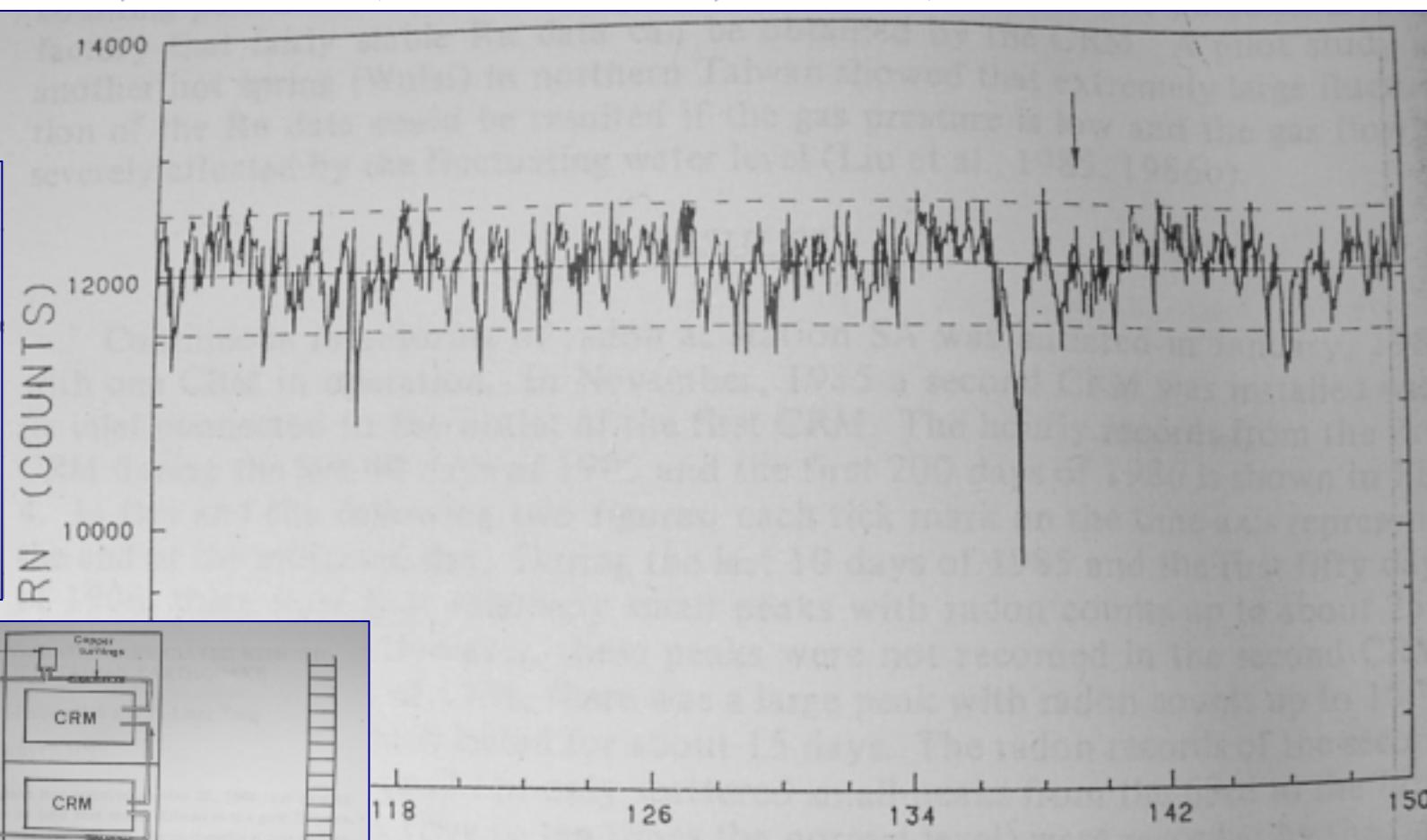
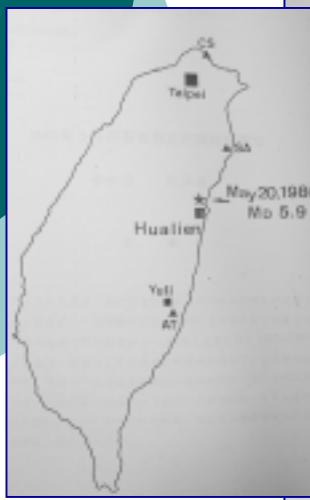
Two geothermal observation wells, depth are 500 m, when situated at the dilation quadrant of focal mechanism coseismic changes are increase, and when situated at the compression quadrant of focal mechanism coseismic changes are decrease



Position of observation well and epicenter of earthquakes used in the study



# Radon Anomalies in Hualien Earthquake, May 20, 1986 (Liu et al., 1987)



# **Background Information of Groundwater Monitoring Network in Taiwan**

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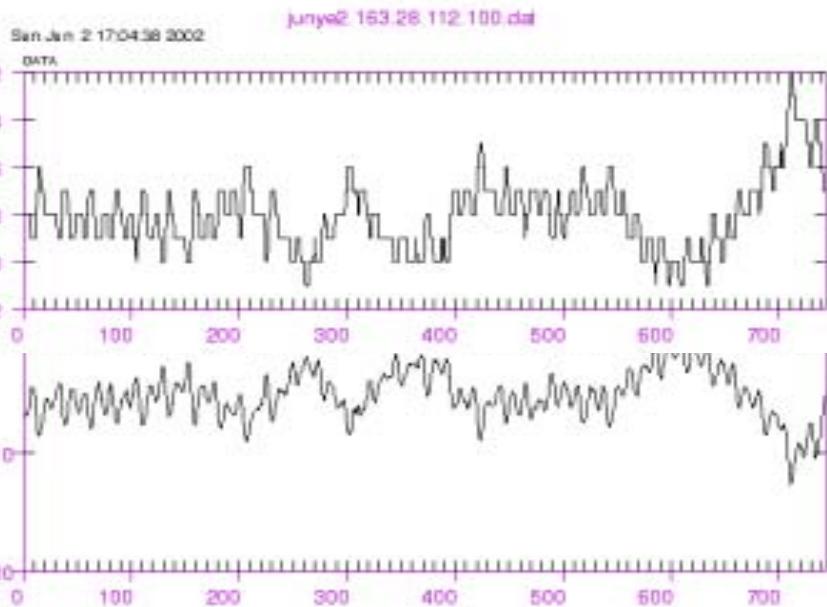
## **□ Disadvantage**

- The depth of the observation wells are shallow than 300m
- Mostly effect by pumping and surface water circulation
- Resolution of existing data are too low for analysis tidal and coseismic change

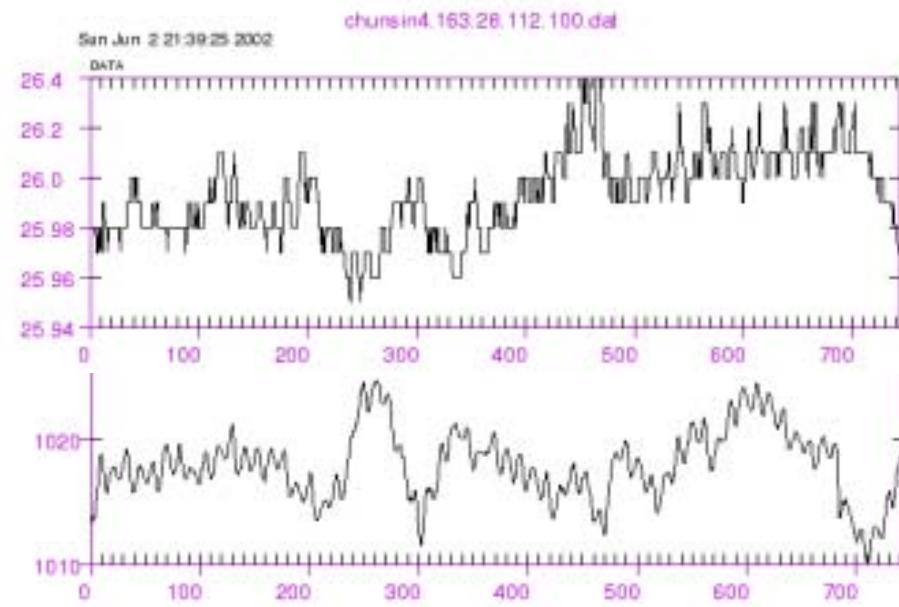
## **□ Advantage**

- Different screened aquifers in one site
- Detail hydrology and geology study
- Large number of the observation wells around the island

# Barometric Response of Groundwater Level



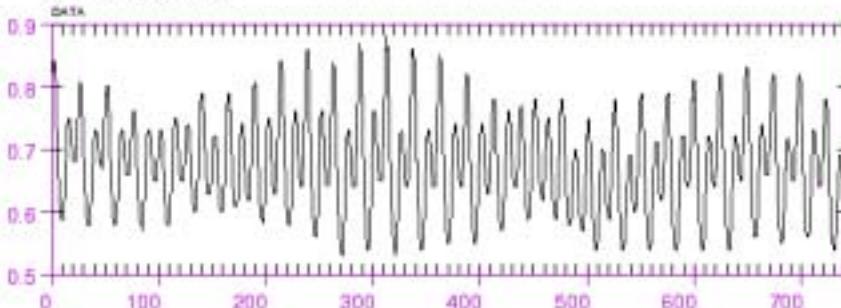
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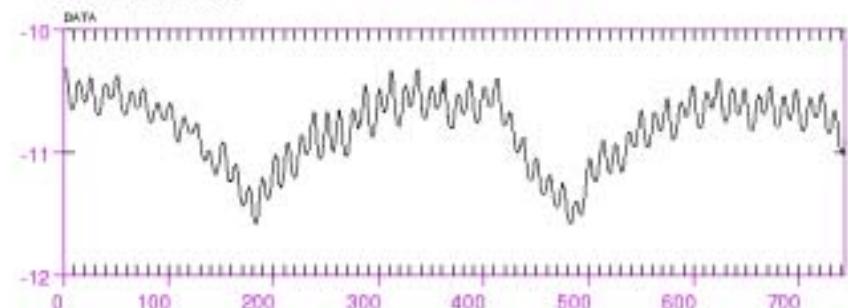
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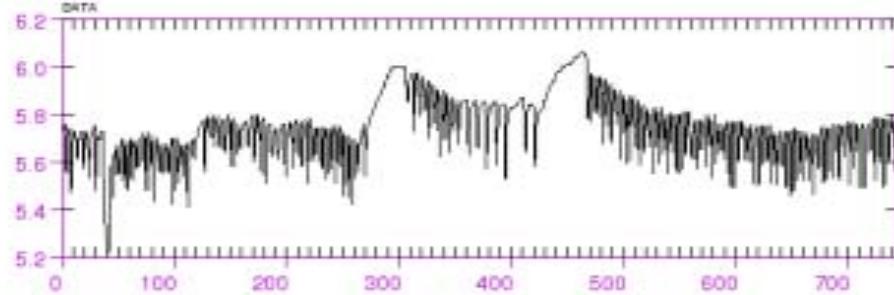
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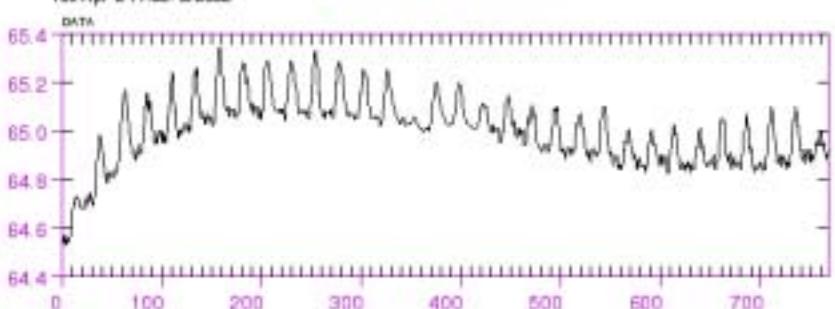
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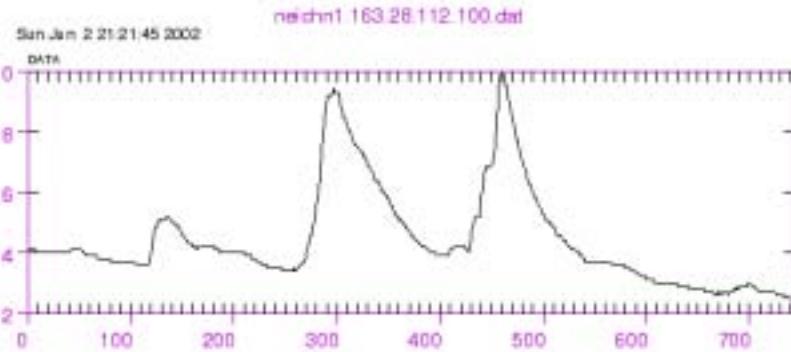
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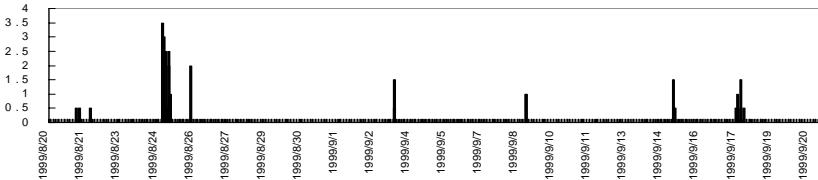


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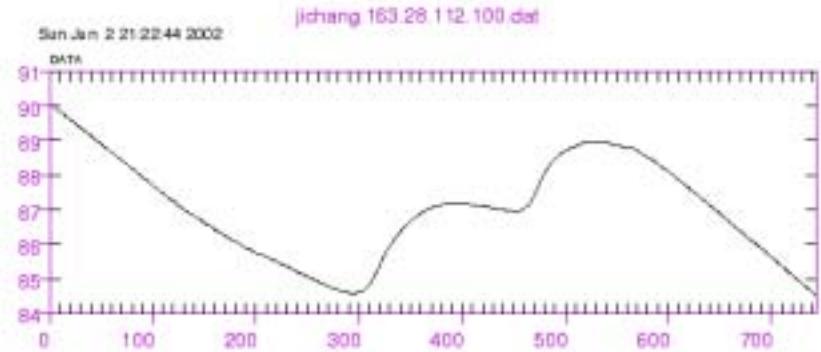


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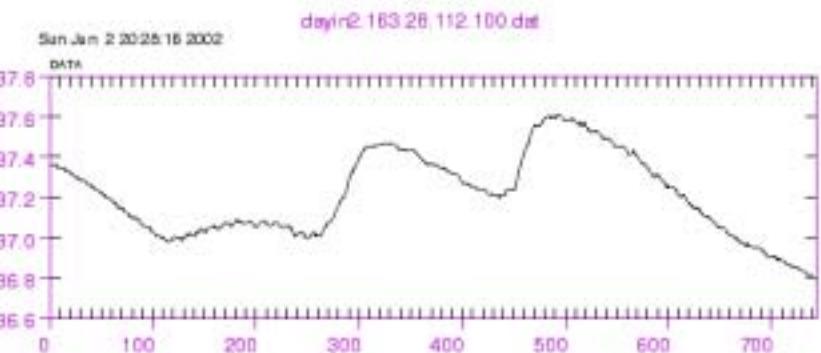


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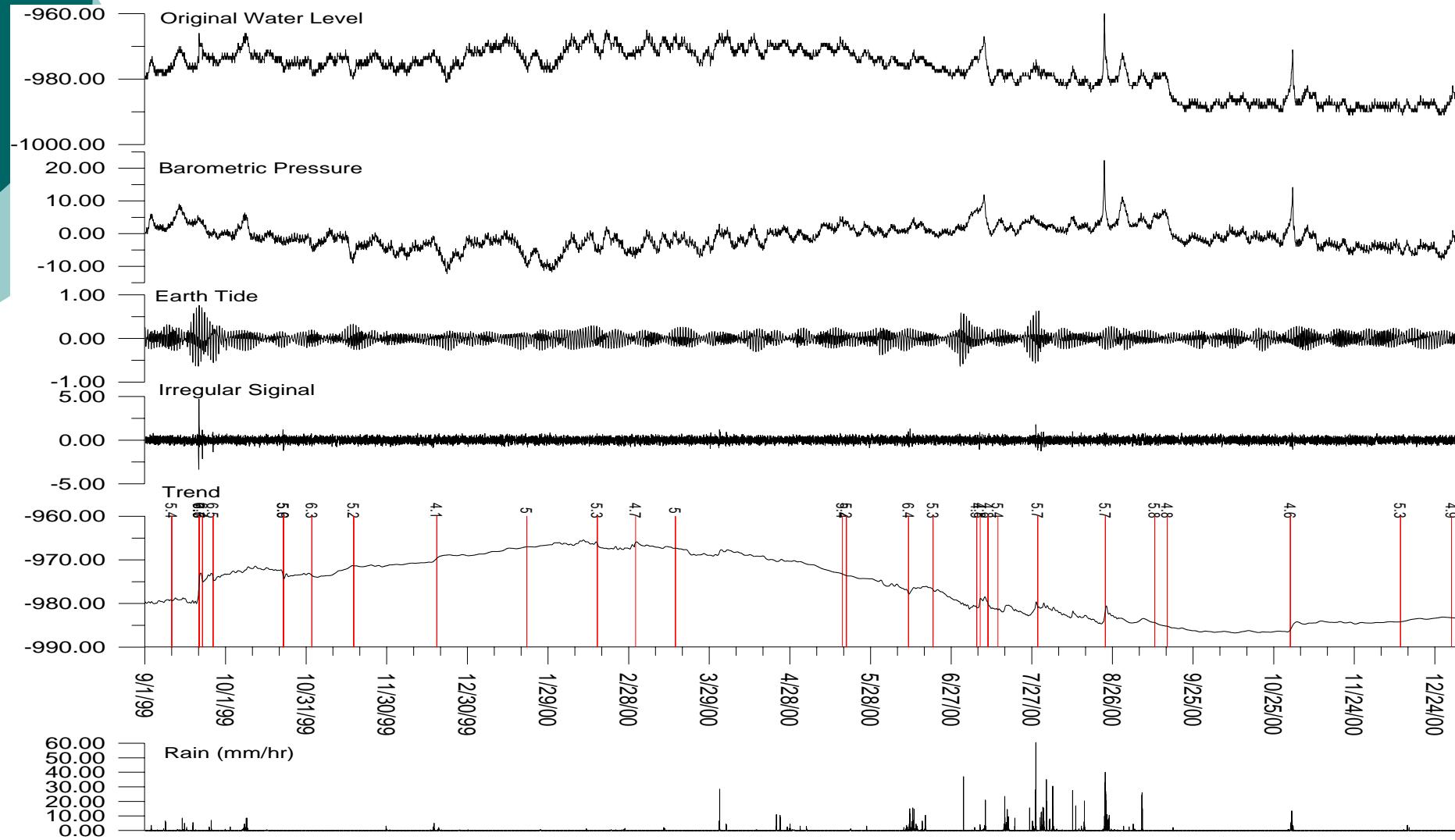


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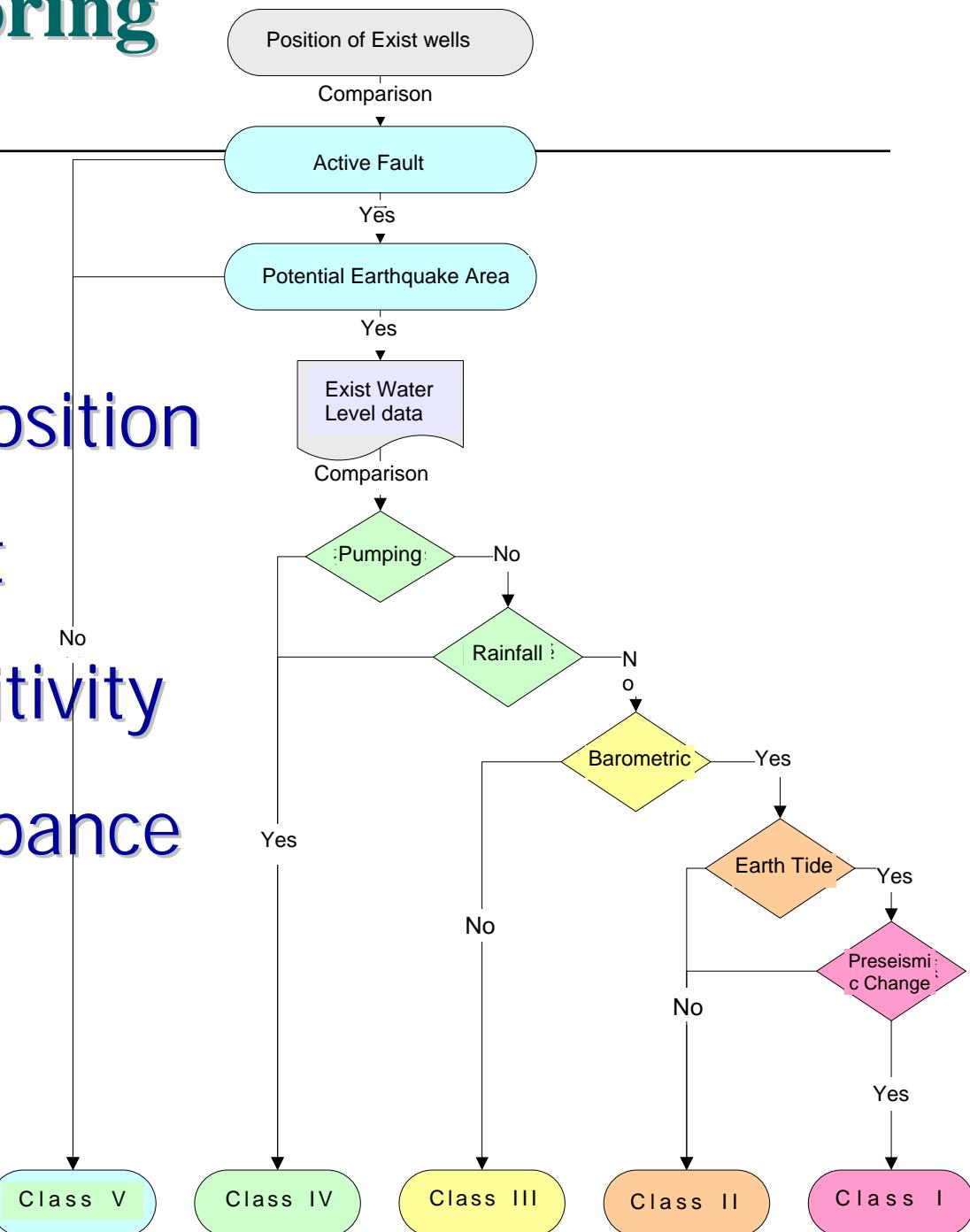
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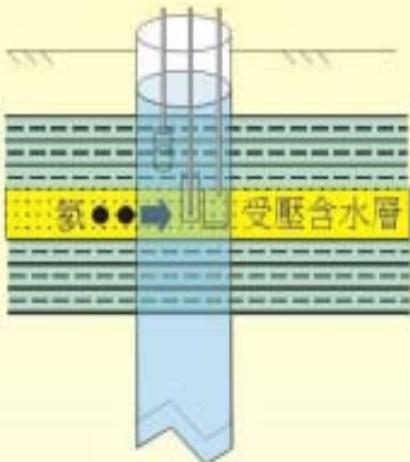
# Exist Water level data analysis and site selection



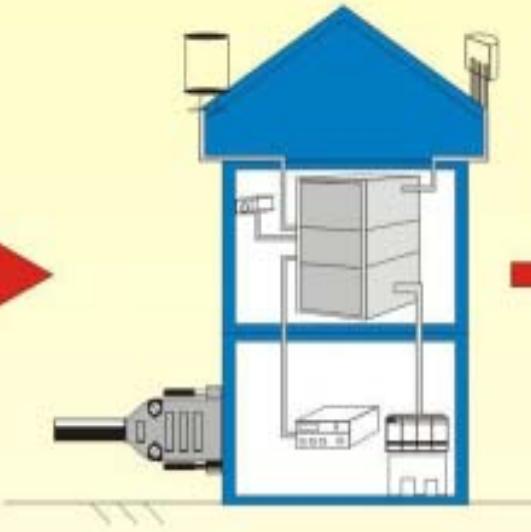
# Criteria in Monitoring Site Selection

- ❑ Good Structural position
- ❑ Good confinement
- ❑ Highly strain sensitivity
- ❑ No artificial disturbance

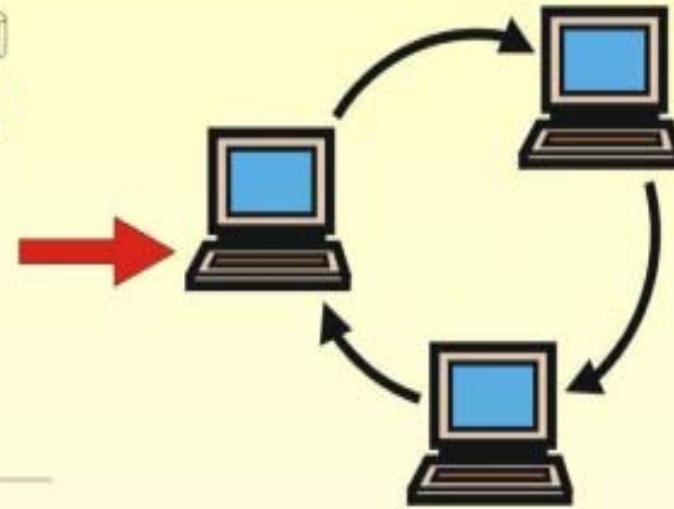




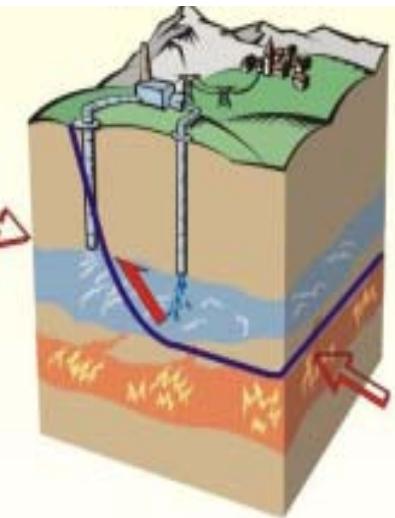
Observation well  
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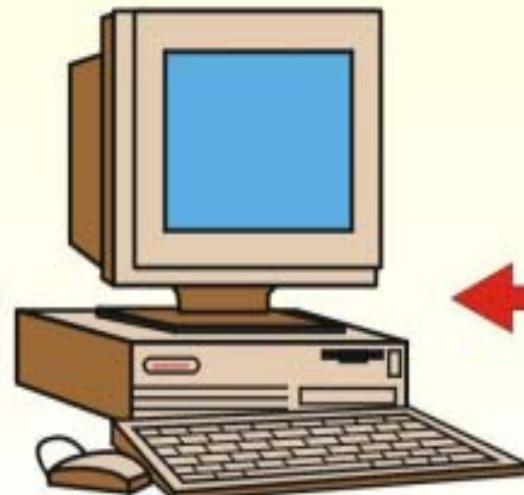
Observation instruments  
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Data transfer and  
record network



Related earthquake  
prediction study



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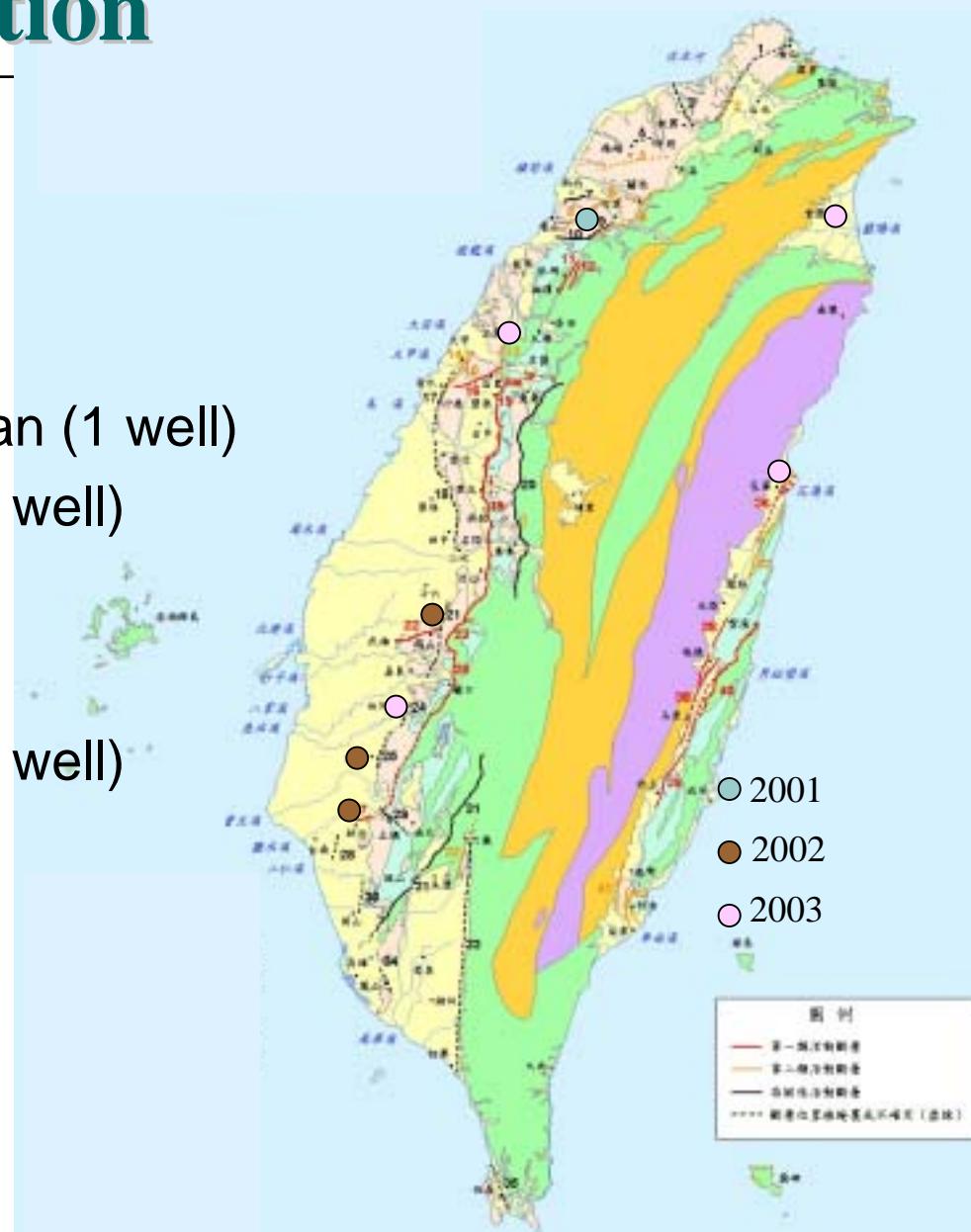


Data correction and  
analysis technique

# Result of sites selection

- 2001
  - Hsinchu area (1 well)
- 2002
  - Choushuichi alluvial fan (1 well)
  - Tainan-Chiayi area (2 well)
- 2003
  - Miaoli area (1 well)
  - Tainan-Chiayi area (1 well)
  - Ilan plain (1 well)
  - Hulien area (1 well)

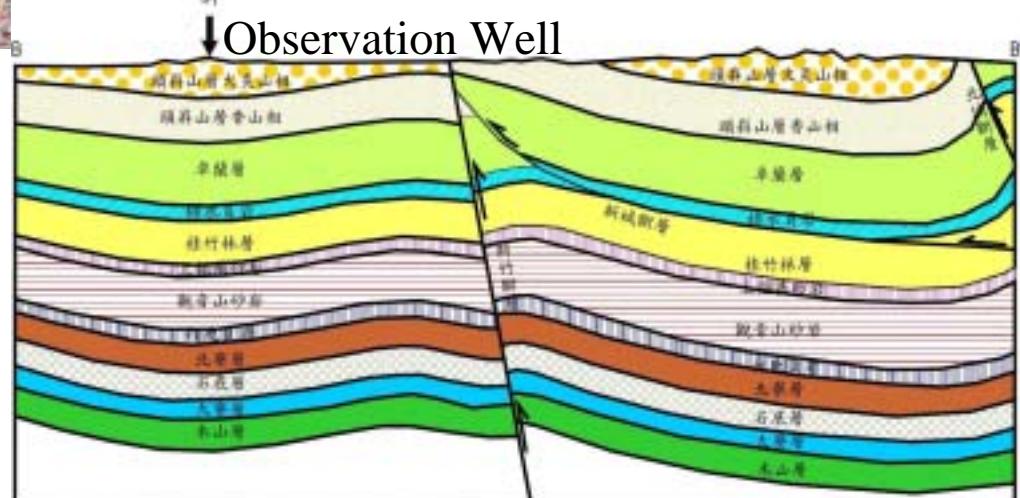
Observation Wells of Groundwater  
Level changes associated with Earthquake



# Observation Well in Hsinchu area: Sinpu Primary School



- Locate on the fold axis of syncline and close to the fault



# Close View of the observation wells

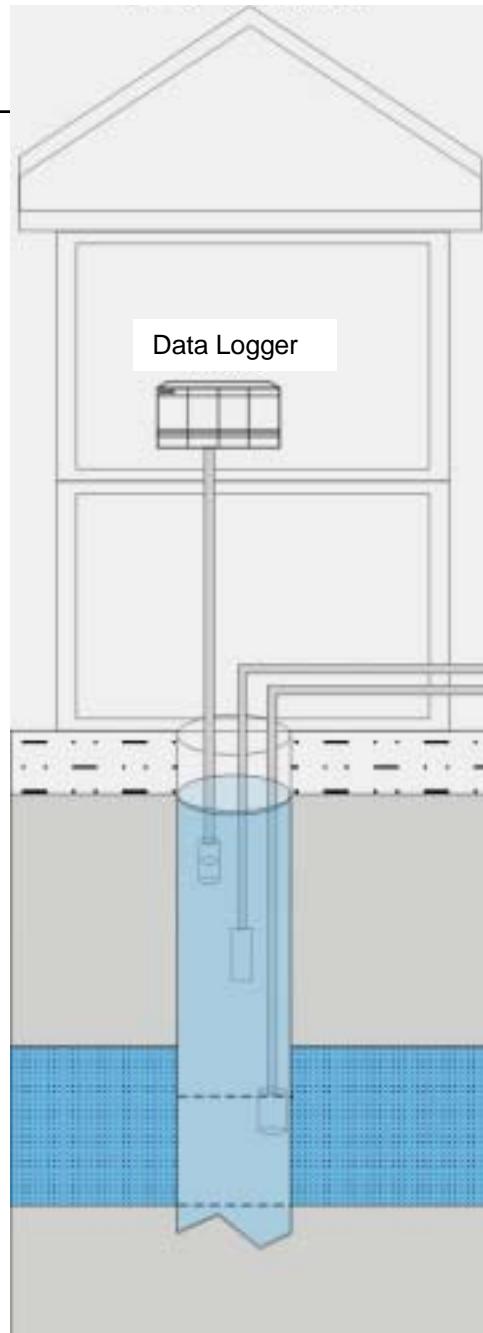


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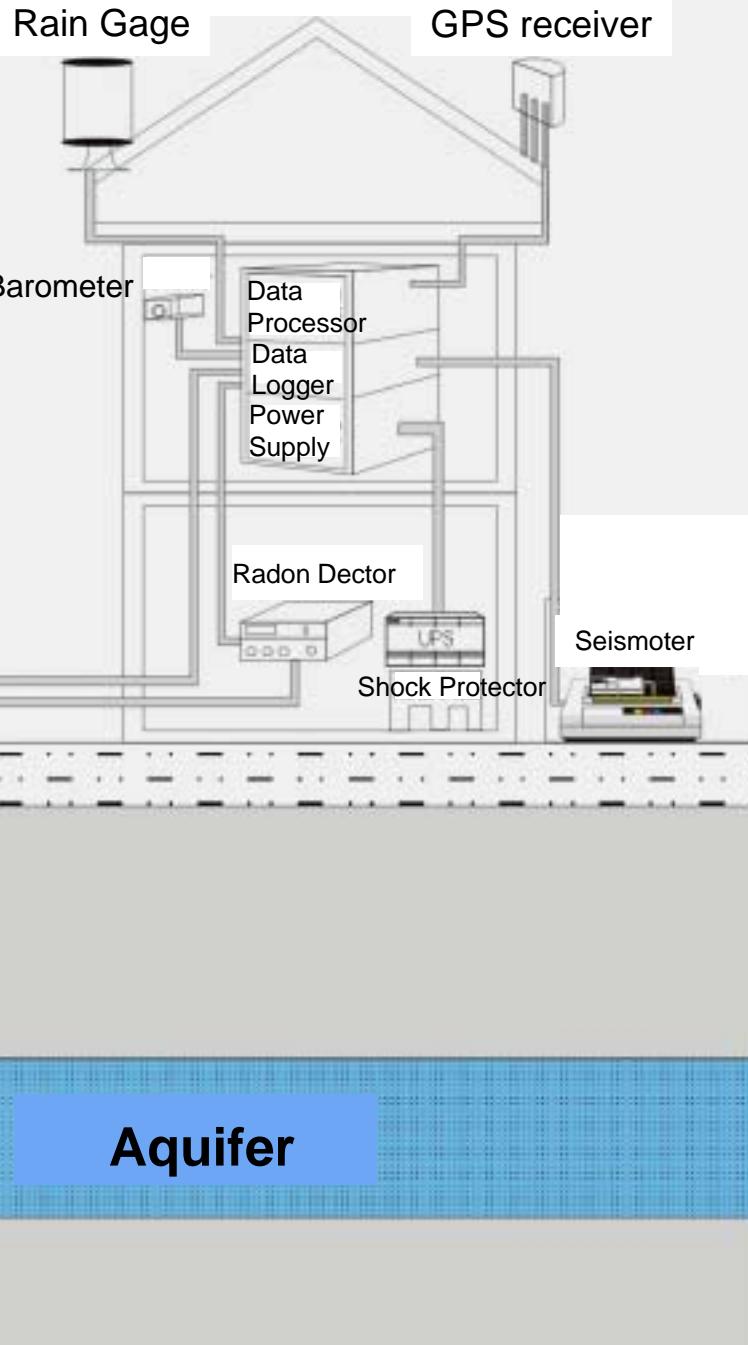
Sinpu observation well



## Original surveillances



## New surveillances



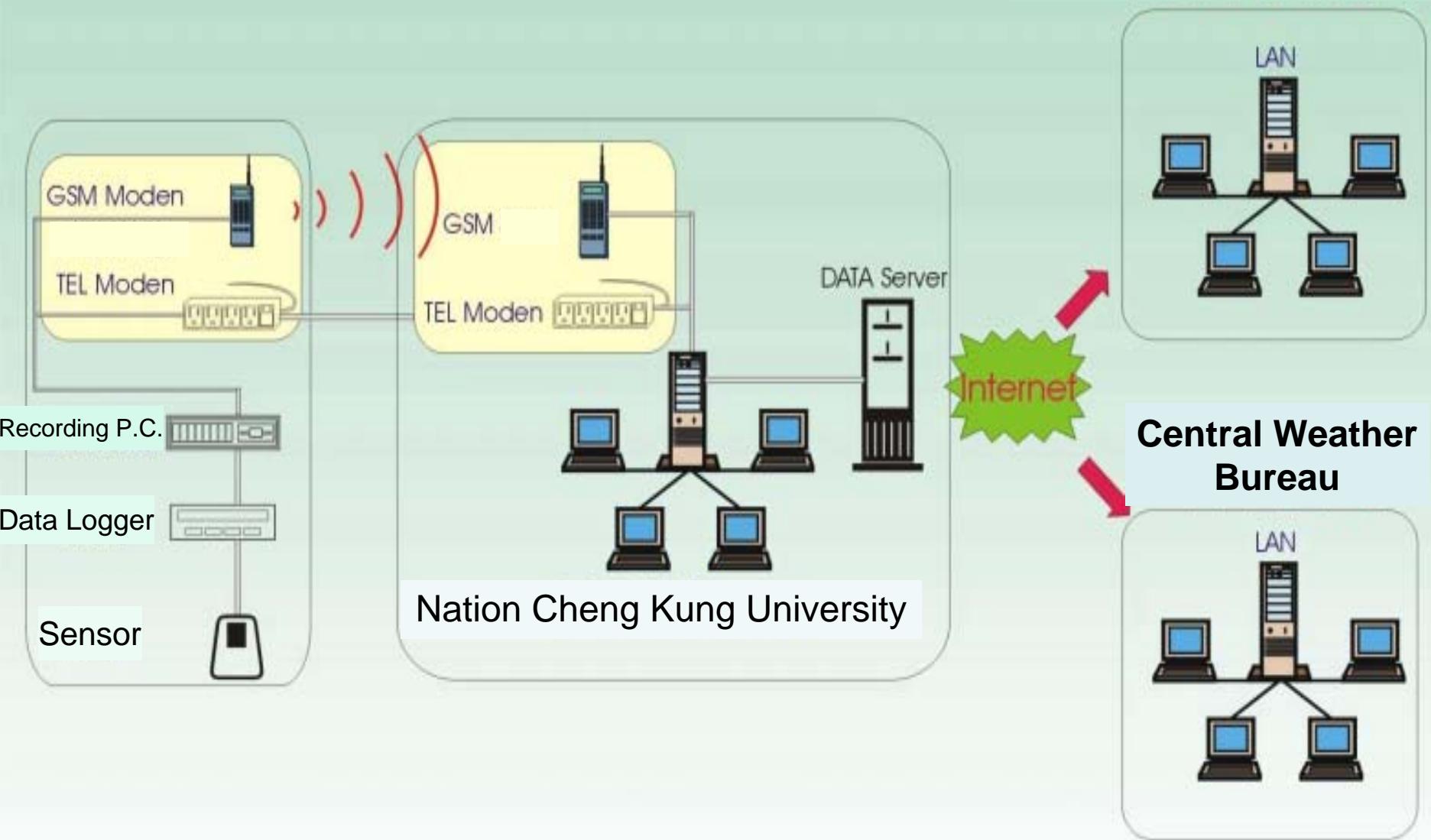
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# Instruments of Sinpu Observation Well



# Data Transfer and Record Network

Water Resource Agency



Observation Well → Phone Line → Monitoring Center → Internet → Government Agency

# Observation Data Publish System

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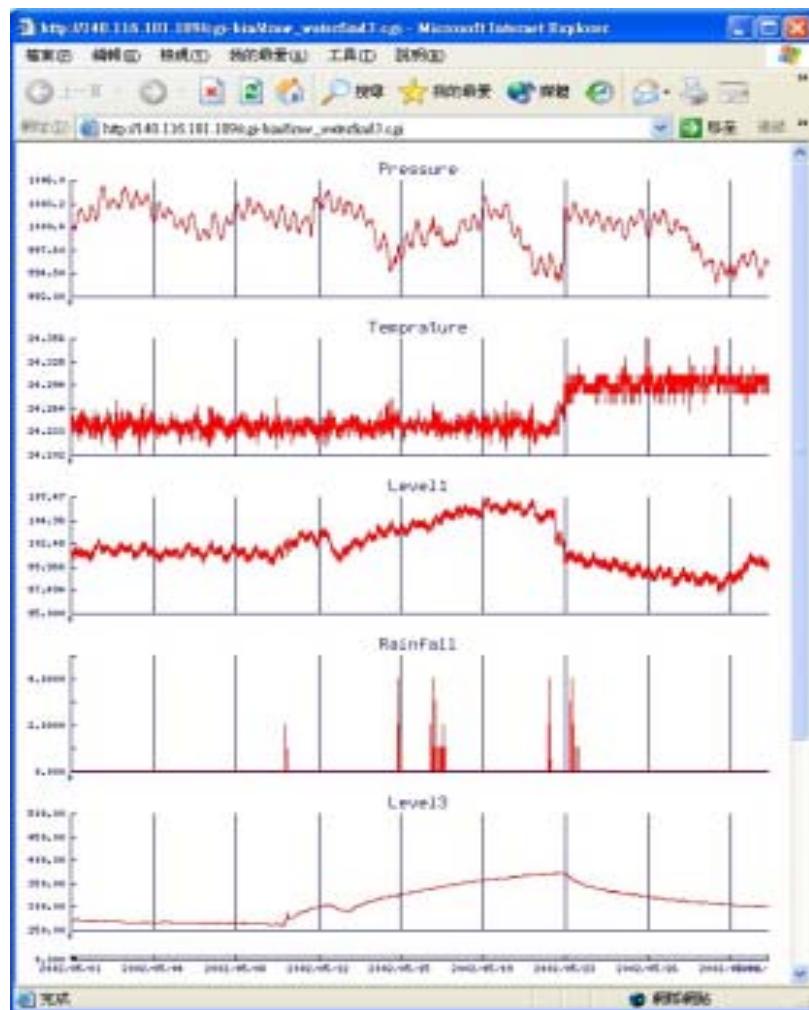
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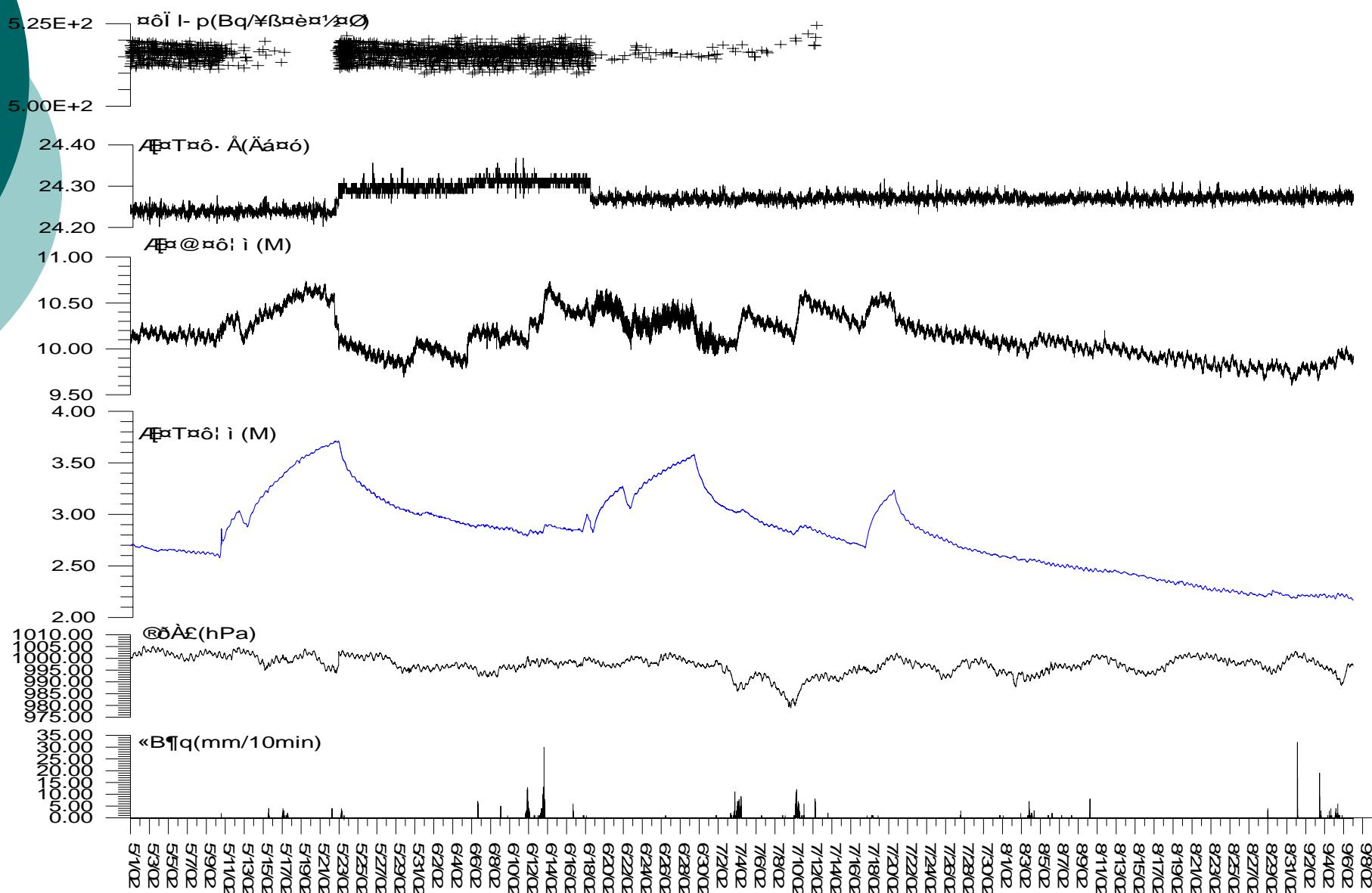
# Publish the Observation Data on Internet Homepage



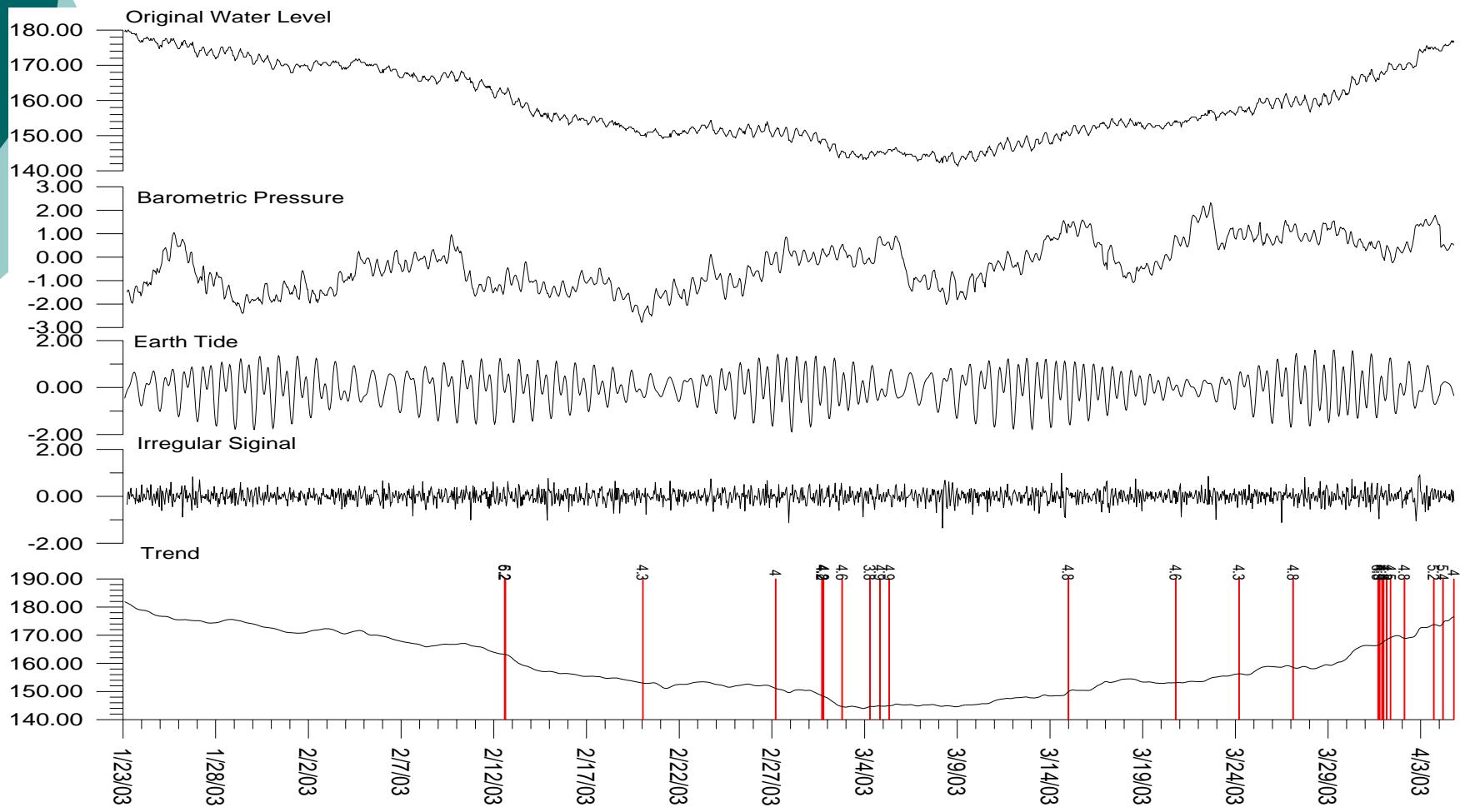
This screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer window displaying a table of observation data for June 13, 2002. The table has columns for 記錄時間 (Record Time), 行時時間 (Run Time), 氣壓計 (Barometric Pressure) in hPa, 水溫計 (Water Temperature) in °C, 觀一水位 (Water Level 1) in m, 雨量計 (Rainfall) in MM, 觀三水位 (Water Level 3) in CM, and 水深 (Water Depth) in cm. The data shows various measurements taken throughout the day, with some values being zero or null.

| 記錄時間          | 行時時間                | 氣壓計 (hPa) | 水溫計 (°C) | 觀一水位 (m) | 雨量計 (MM) | 觀三水位 (CM) | 水深 (cm)      |
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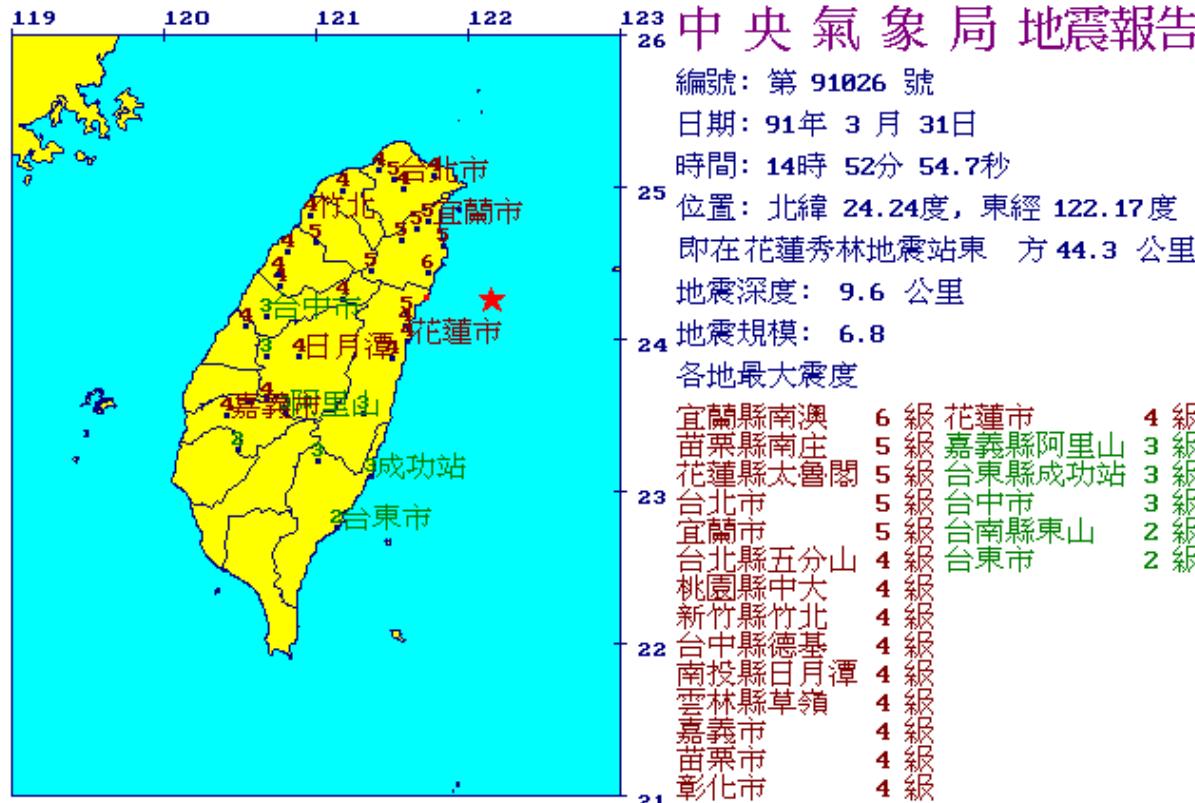


# Comparison with locally and distant earthquakes

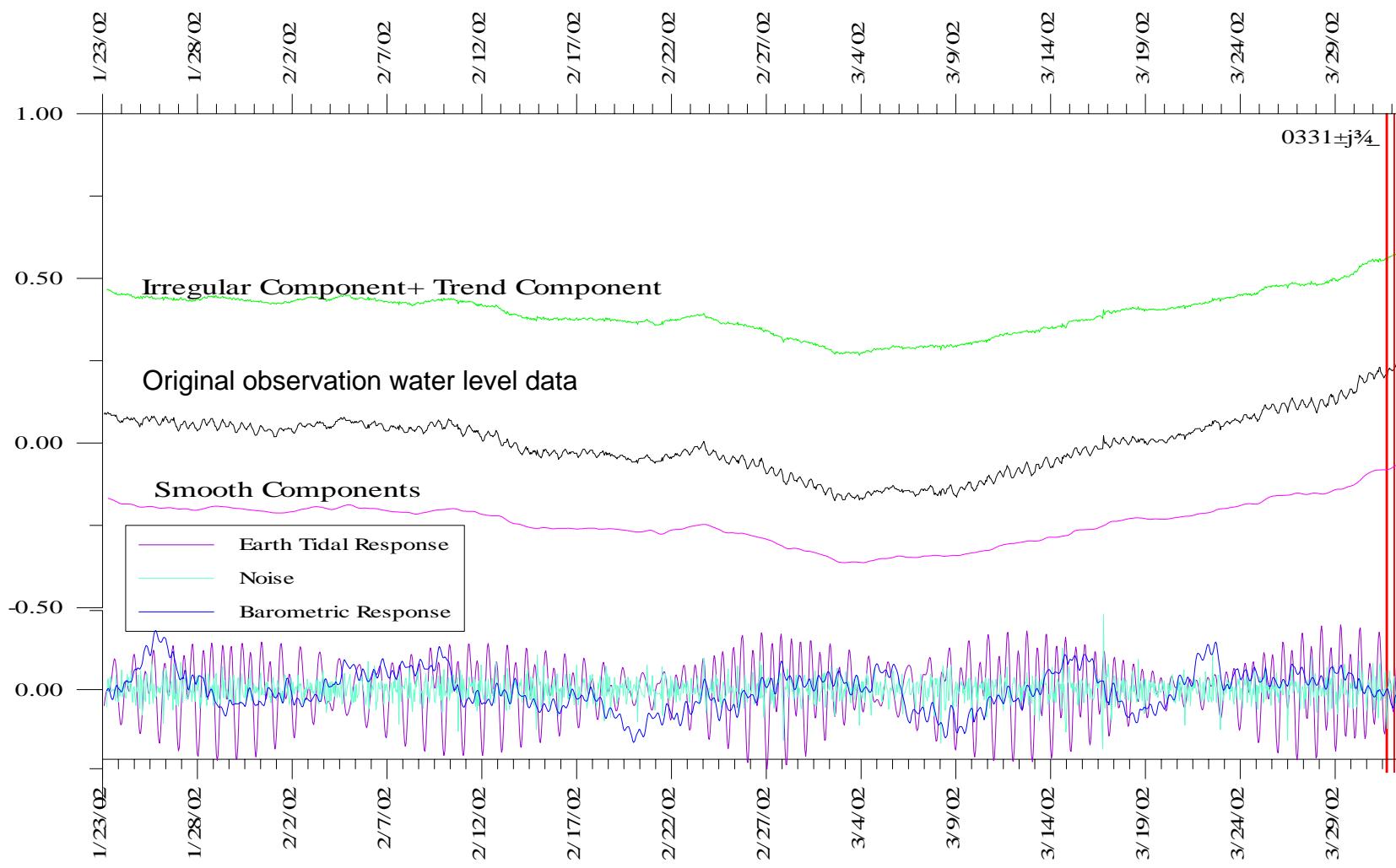


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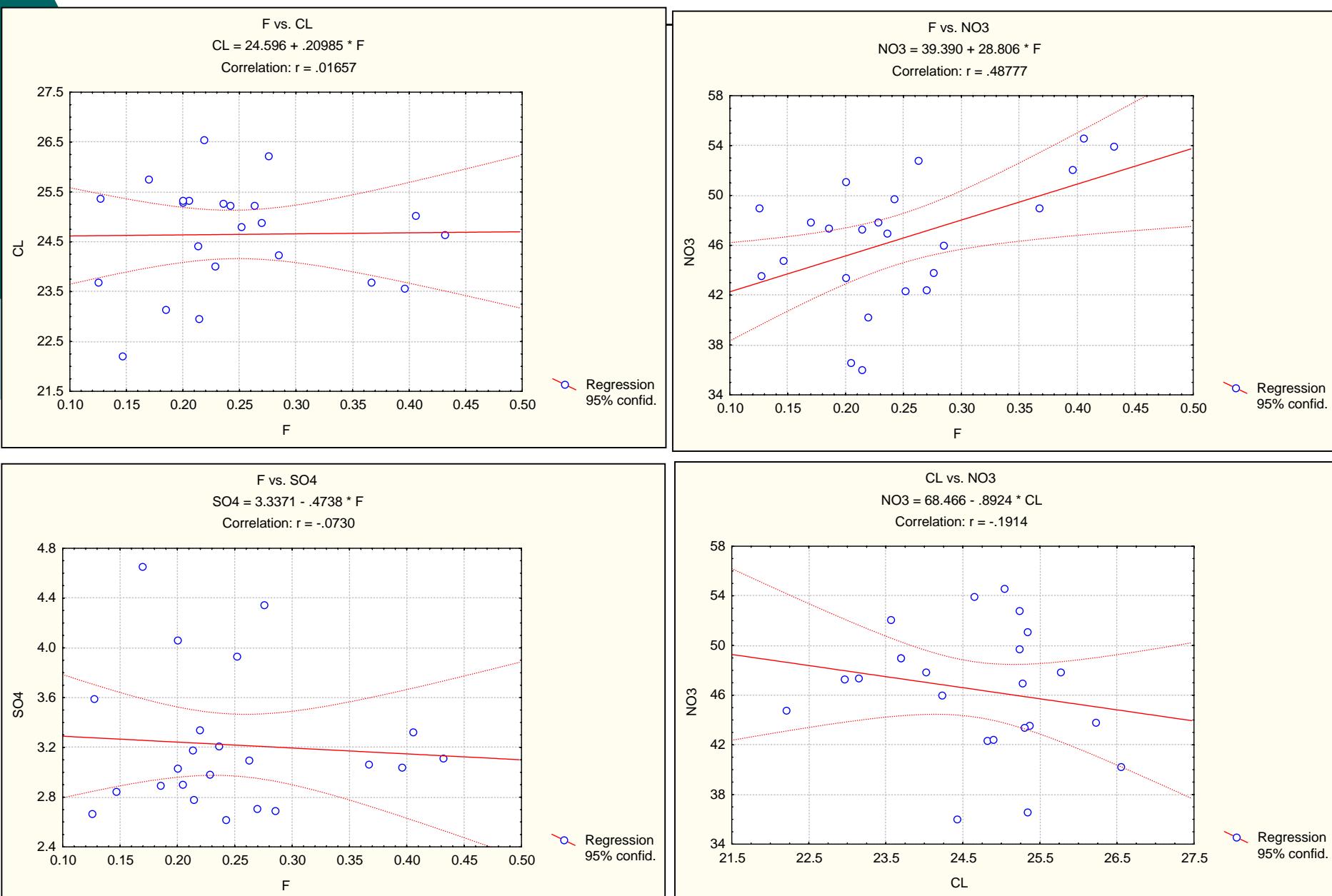
## □ Central Weather Bureau's Quick-Release Earthquake Information



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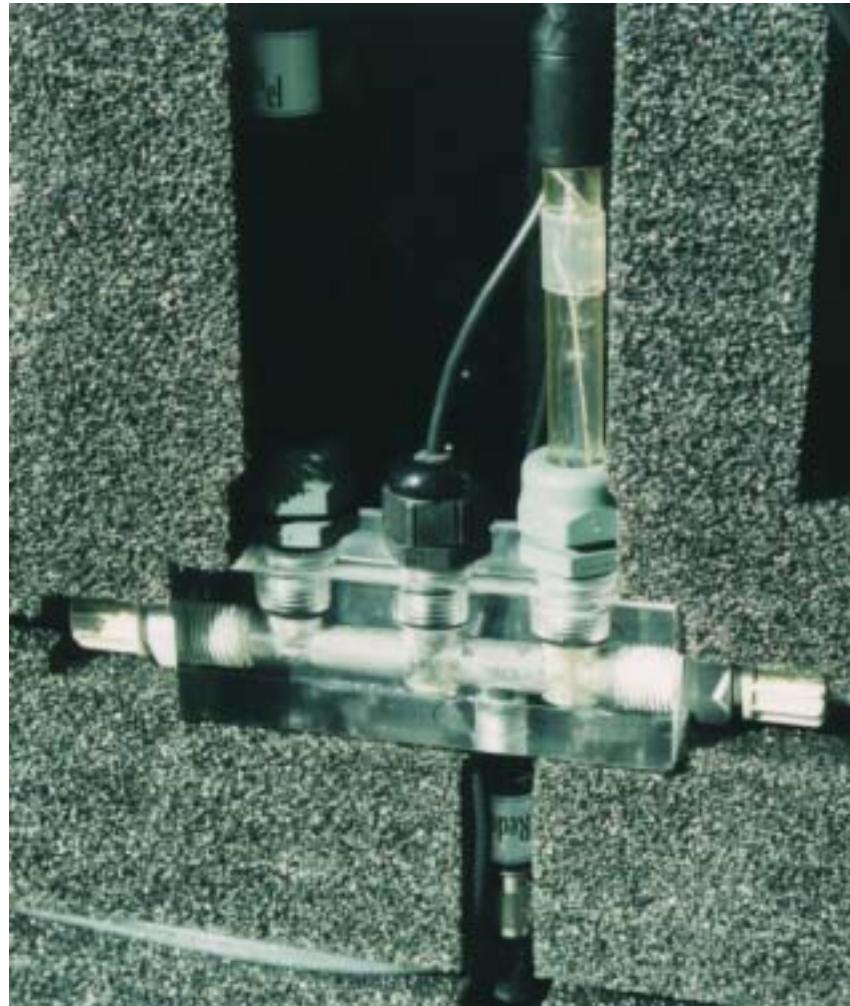


# Monthly Sampled groundwater geochemistry analysis

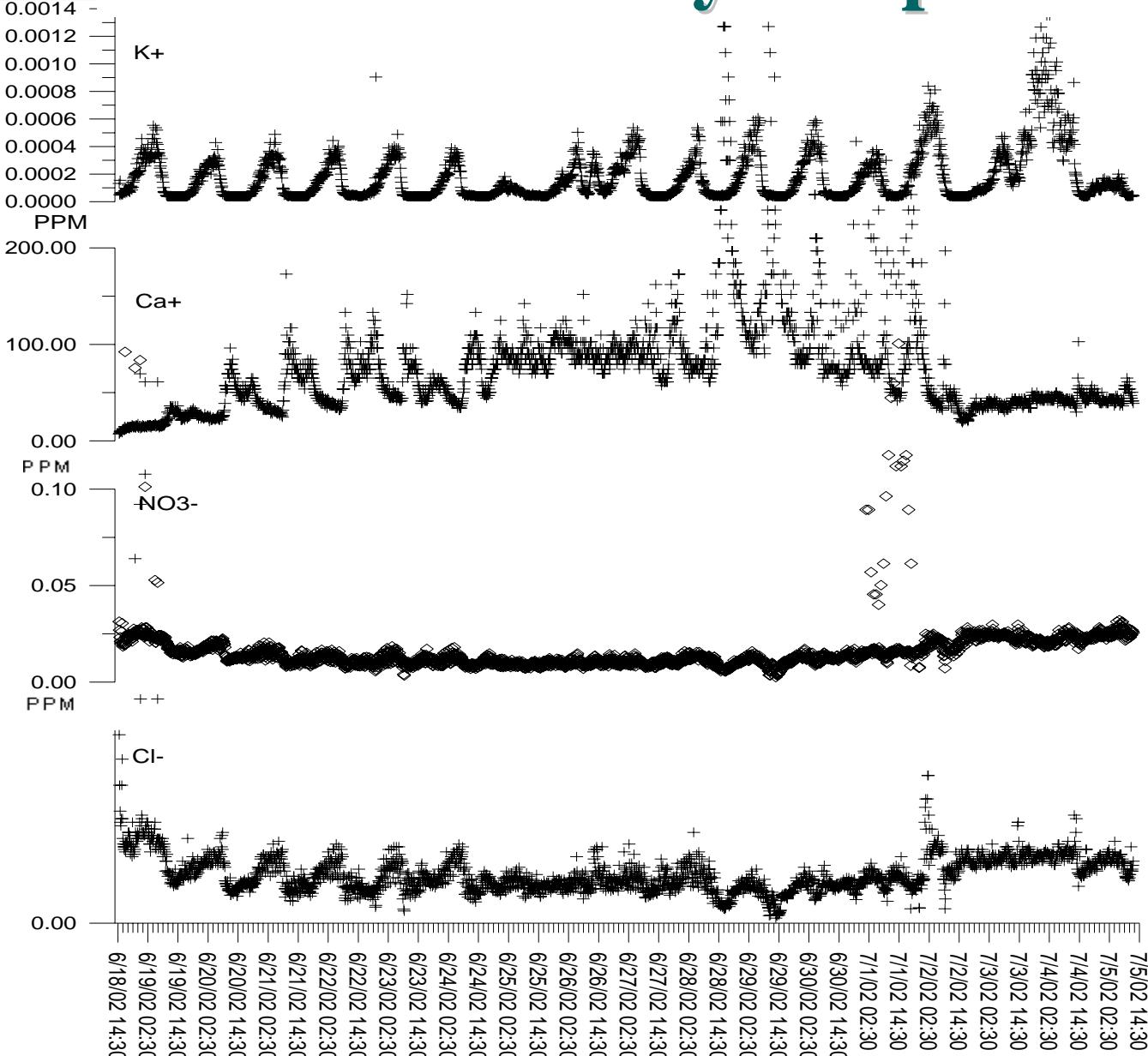


# Continuously Geochemistry Monitoring

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# Continuously monitoring of groundwater chemistry components



# Preliminary Conclusion

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- Improve the resolution and sampling interval of the highly dense groundwater observation network in Taiwan will offer more information for faulting or earthquake induced groundwater anomalies.
- Seriously noises made by artificial disturbances and surface water circulation will be rigorous challenge to our study.
- Except to purpose of earthquake prediction, our observation also offer more helpful information to groundwater hydrology and geosciences (ex. Earth tide fluctuation by oceanic loading).
- The groundwater level changes of Choushuishi Alluvial Fan in Sep. 21<sup>st</sup> 1999, show multi-effects of earthquake. The ground motion, liquefaction, permeability enhancement, crust strain also surface rupture of the earthquake fault induced the groundwater level changes. To clarify each effect should be done carefully and consider the characteristics of each well.



— Thank You —

# Abstract

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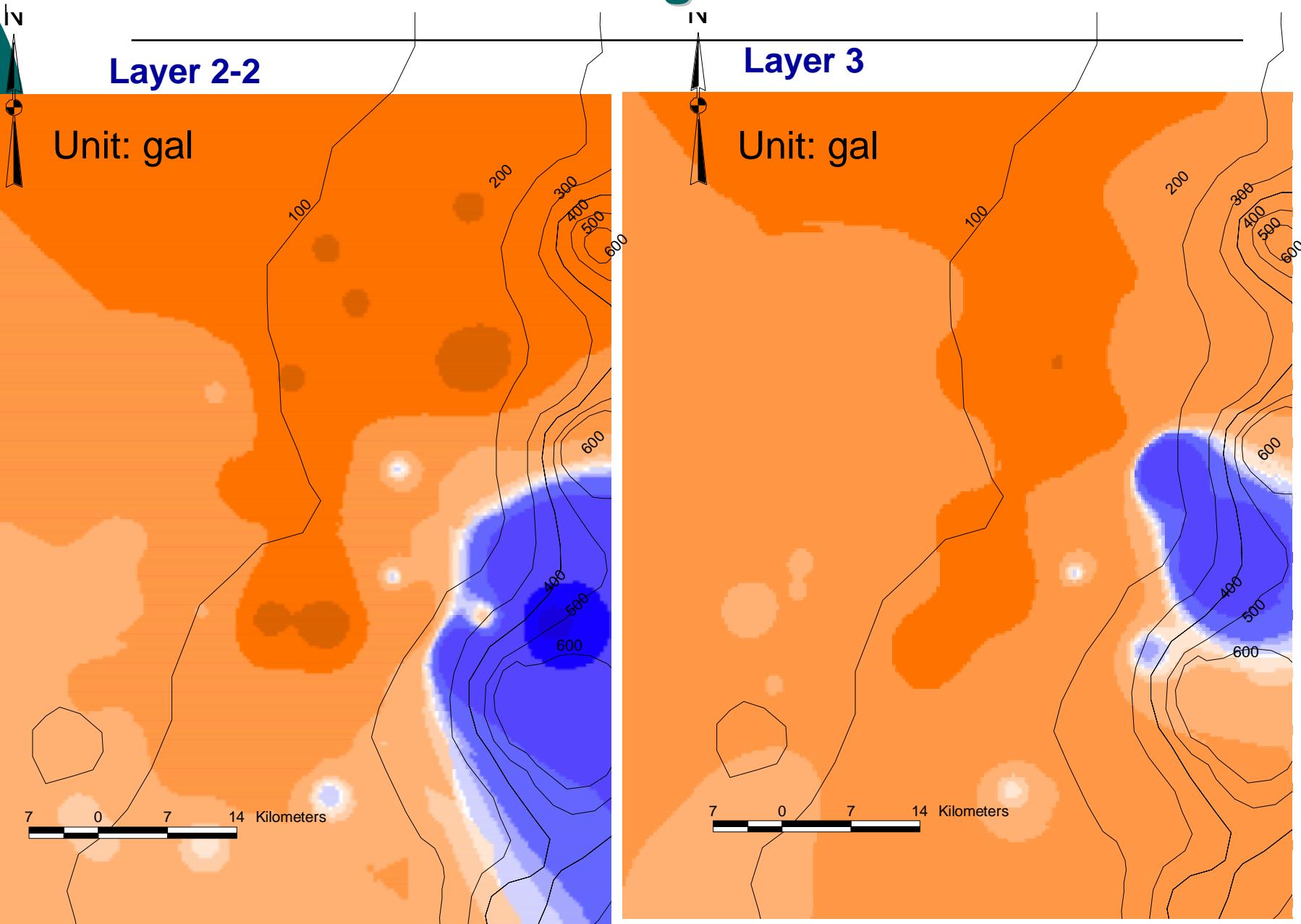
The main purpose of this five-years project is to study the earthquake-induced changes of the level, temperature, and chemical components of ground water. Through monitoring the physical and chemical characteristics of ground water, we hope can find some anomalies in ground water level, ground water temperature, and chemical components that can help identify the precursor of hazardous earthquakes in the near future.

In the first year, a monitoring system including the sensors of ground water level meter, ground water thermometer, Radon detector, atmosphere pressure meter, and GPS, has been set up at Shin-Pu primary school in Shin-Pu, Shinchu. In the system, data are measured every ten minutes, and they are automatically recorded. The recorded data will transfer to the information center at National Cheng Kung University through telephone every 12 hours.

To identify the anomalies of ground water that properly can indicate the precursor of hazardous earthquakes, the original recorded data need to be calibrated. The soft wares that developed by Geological Survey of Japan for calibrating the effects of earth tide and atmosphere pressure were used to analyze the recorded data. Besides, previous data that covered the Choushuichi alluvial fan and the Chiayi-Tainan area, and related to the Chi-Chi earthquake were also analyzed by the soft wares. The preliminary result shows that the groundwater level changes at most places after the Chi-Chi earthquake. It indicated the coseismic and postseismic changed of hydraulic parameters of aquifer occurred.

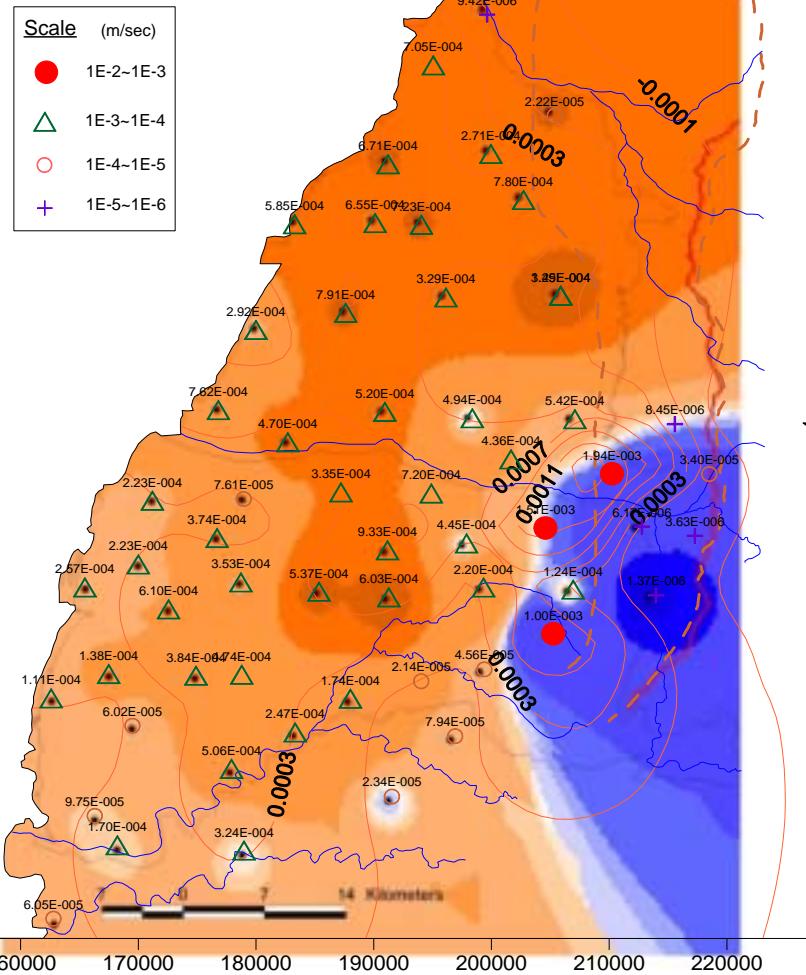
In order to build up 16 ground water monitoring systems in five years, three sites need to be selected for next year's project. According to the regional geological and

# Groundwater Level Changes and Ground Motion

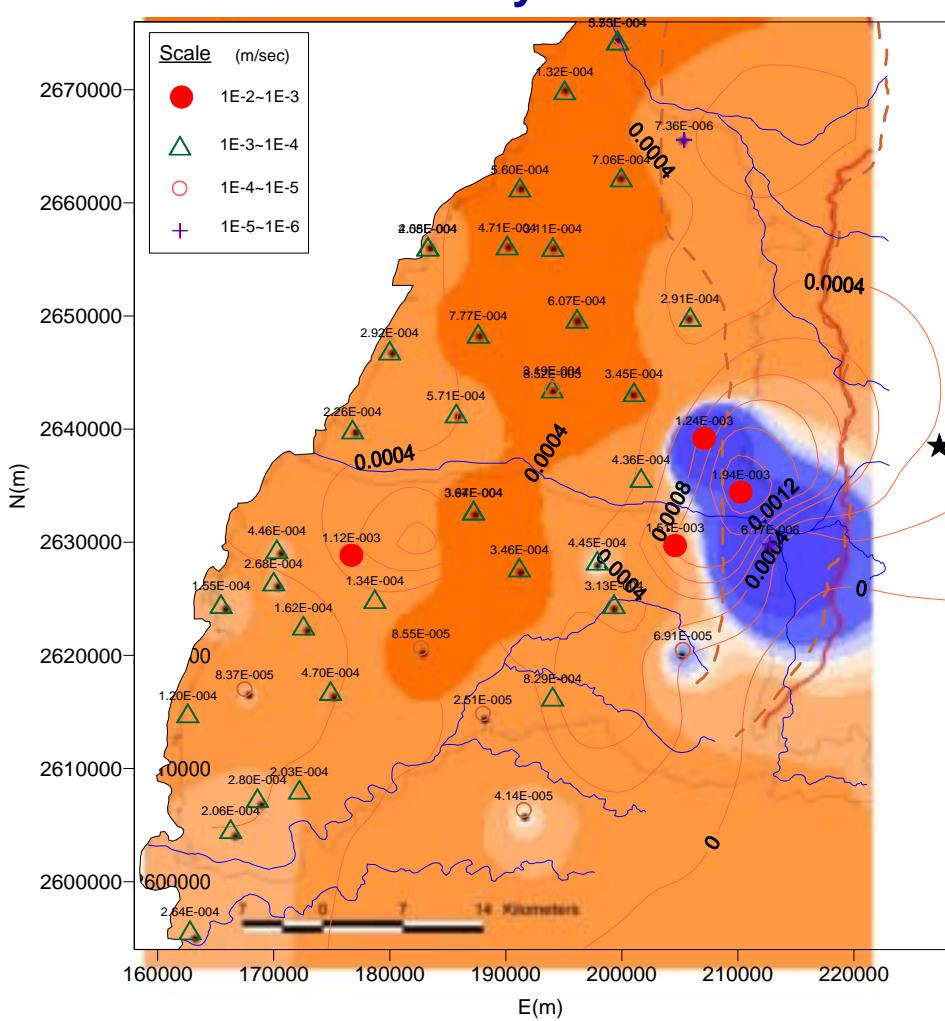


# Groundwater Level Changes and Conductivity of Aquifer

Layer 2-2



Layer 3



# Previous Study: Earthquake Seismology

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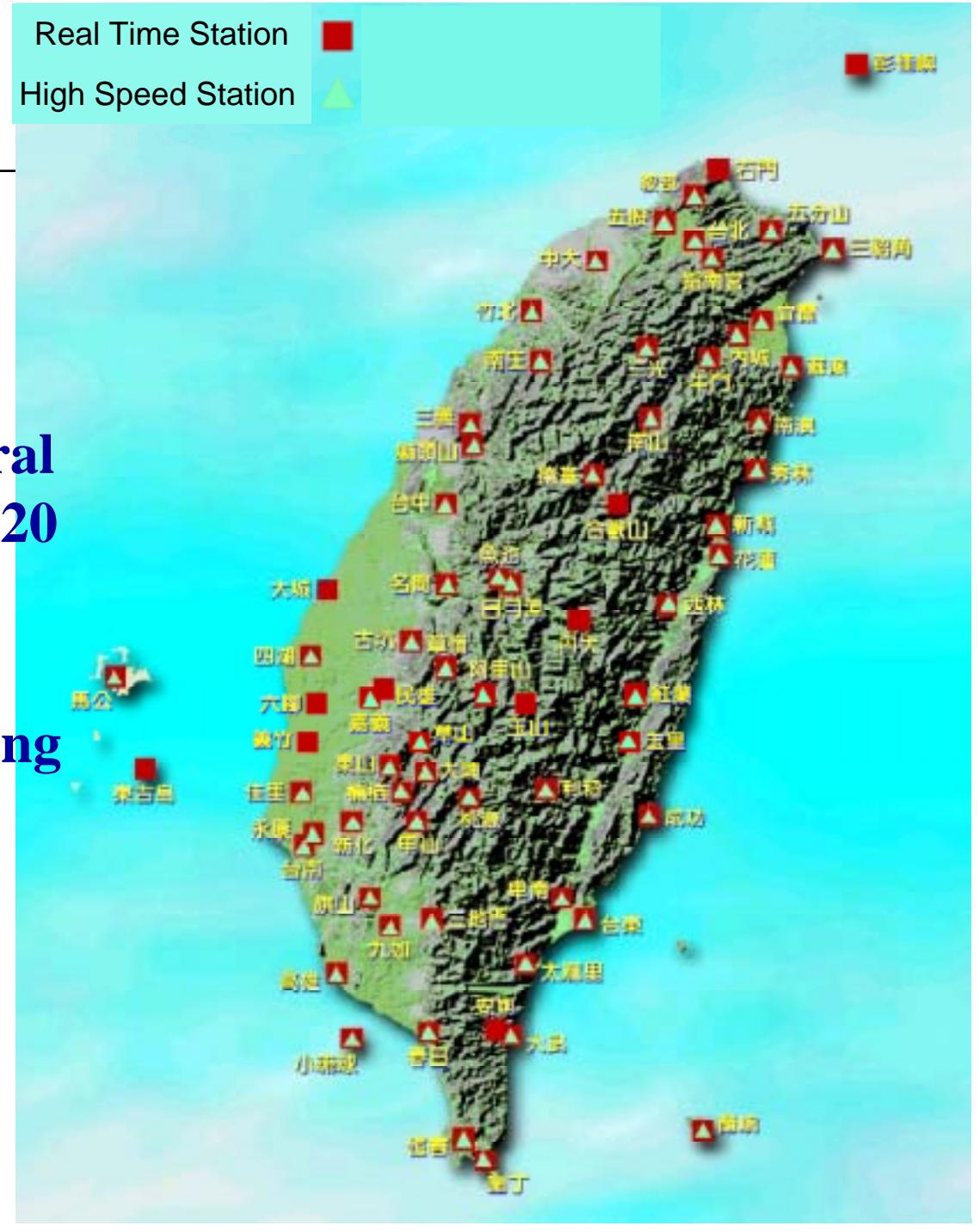
- First seismometer installed at Taipei in 1897
- 1897~1935 Japanese seismologists constructed first seismic network composed by 17 stations.
- 1972~1973 a network named “Taiwan Telemetered Seismographic Network (TTSN)” composed by 24 stations had constructed.
- 1991~, a new seismic network “Taiwan Seismic Network (TSN)” upgrade from old network and merged with TTSN, totally composed by 72 stations.
- 1980~1992 a island-wide strong-motion network consisting of 645 three-components accelerometers have been installed around the island.

# Taiwan Seismic Network

Real Time Station  
High Speed Station

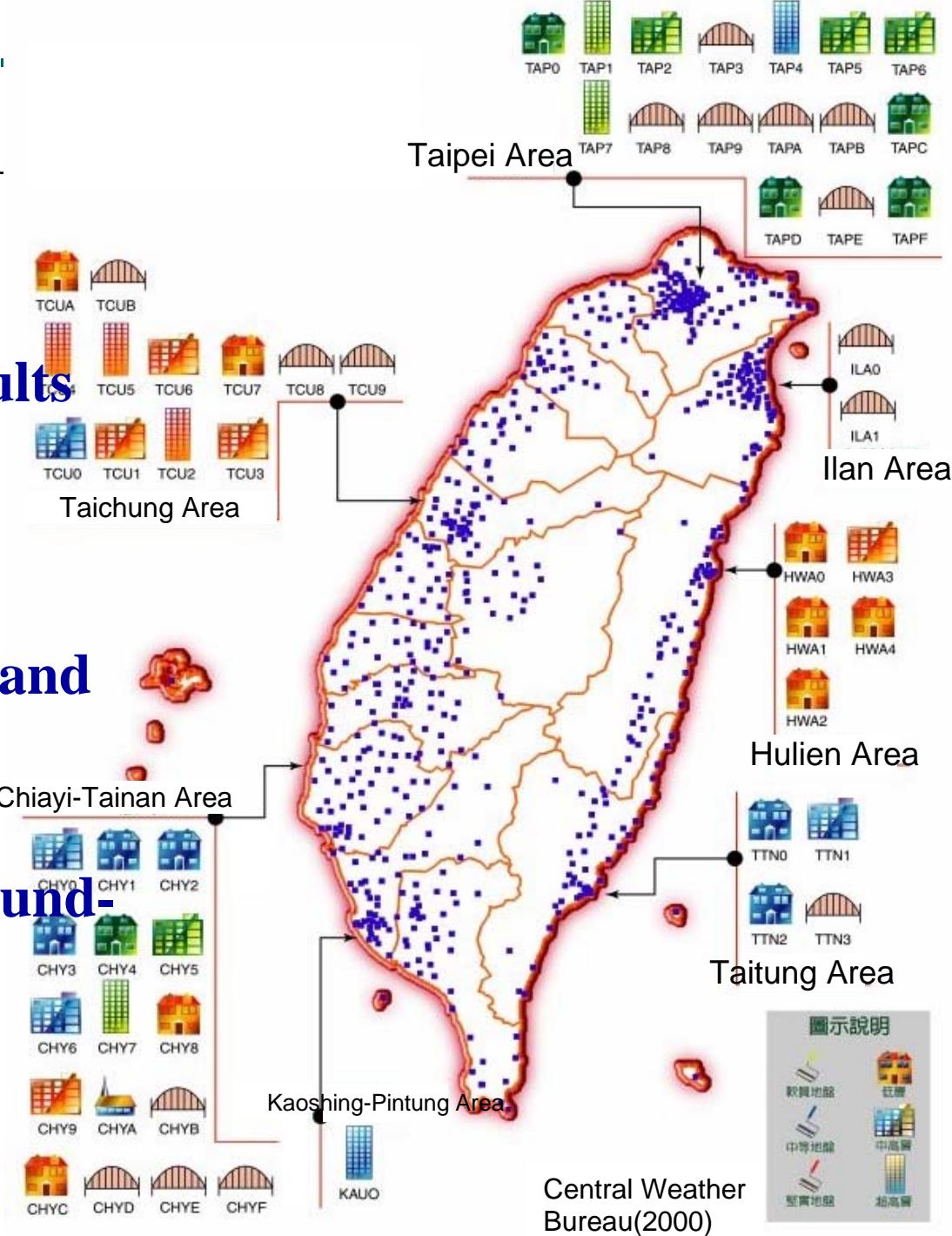
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- 72 stations
- Locate the hypocentral data during the 60~120 sec.
- Roughly locate the hypocentral data during 30 sec.



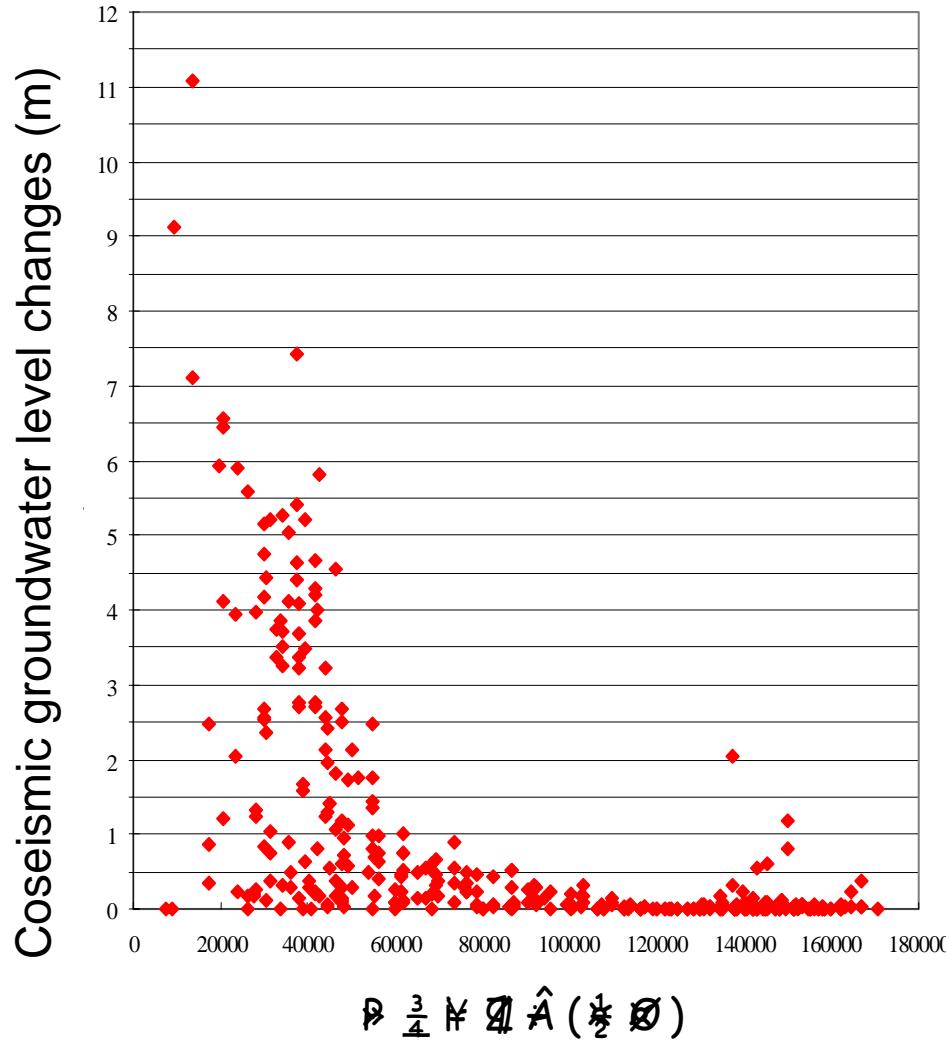
# Island-Wide Strong motion Network

- 645 field sites in different areas, faults and geological conditions.
- 58 sites in public buildings, bridges and civil structures.
- Offer more information of ground-motion and rapid warning system

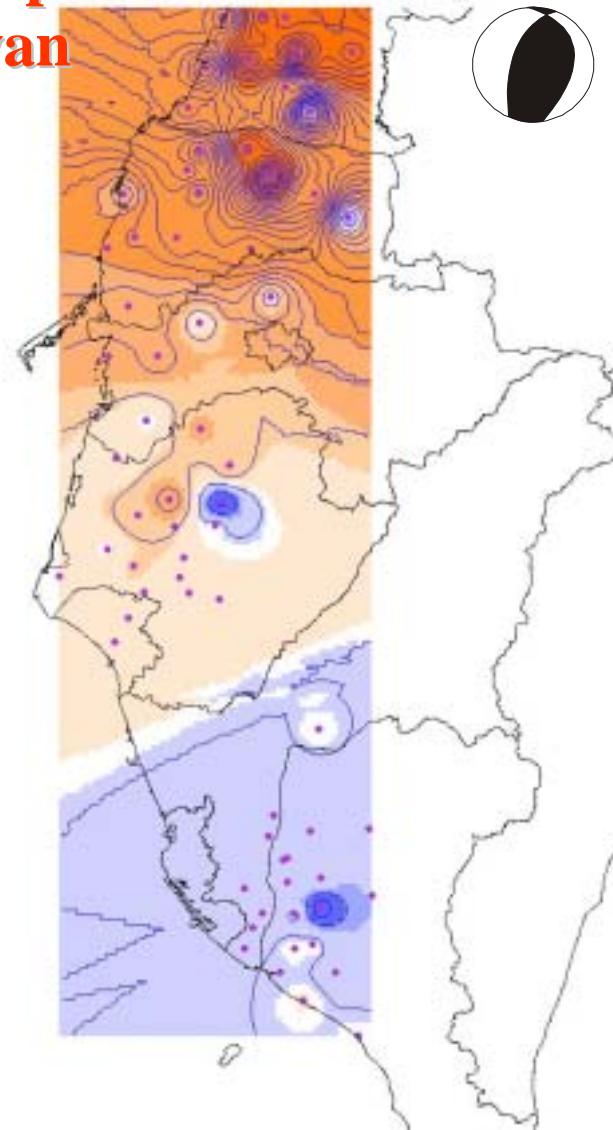


# Coseismic groundwater level changes in other groundwater provinces

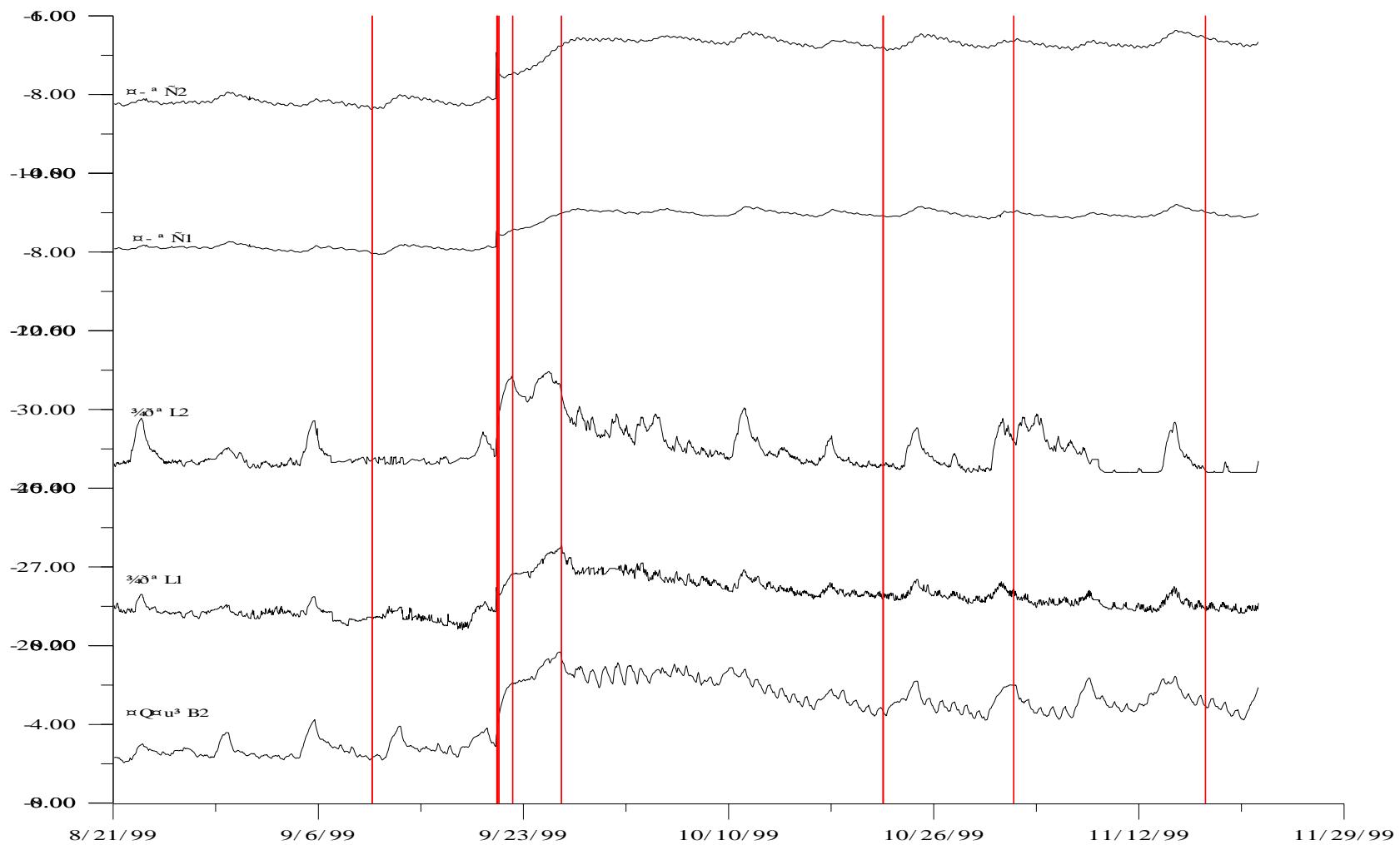
There are 190 wells coseismic changes larger than 10 cm



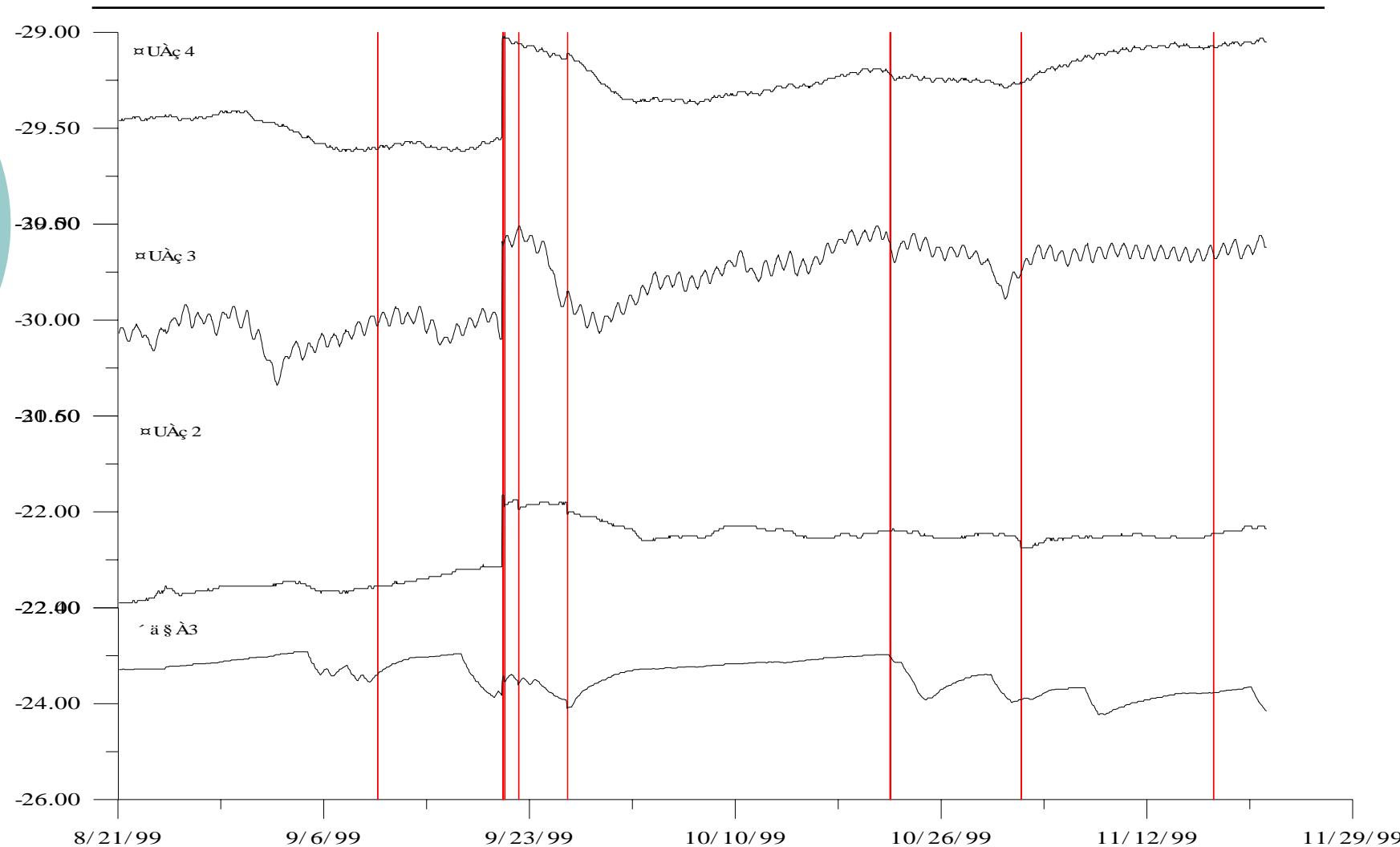
Example from south-western Taiwan



# Coseismic Groundwater Level Changes in Northern Taiwan (Basin Amplifier Effect)



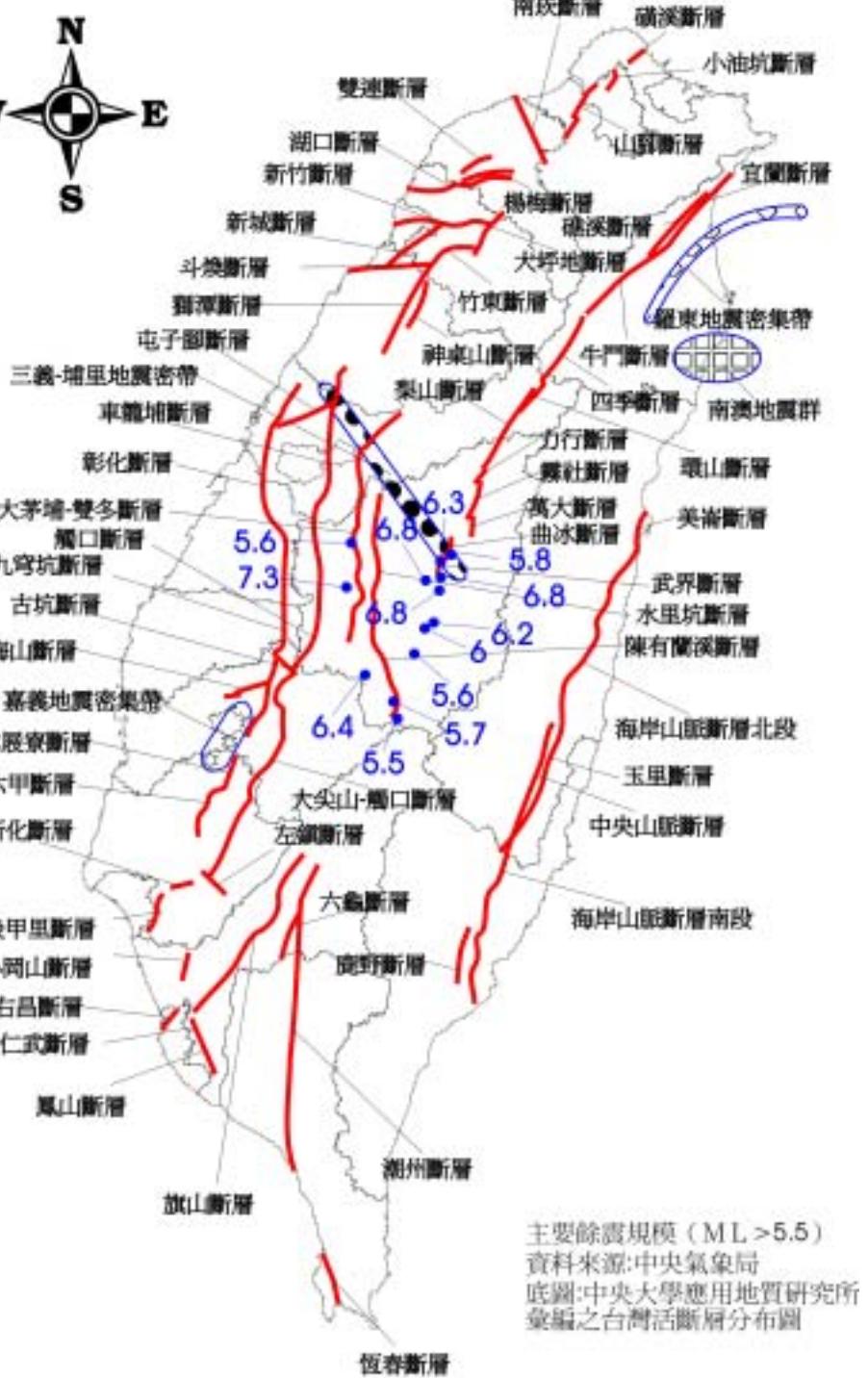
# Coseismic Groundwater Level Changes in Southern Taiwan



# Active Faults Distribution Map of Taiwan



- Northern Taiwan
- Southern Taiwan
- Ilan plain Area
- Hulien city and Longitudinal Valley



主要餘震規模 (ML > 5.5)  
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底圖: 中央大學應用地質研究所  
臺灣之台灣活斷層分布圖

# Seismic environment of Northern Taiwan

