

An aerial photograph showing a wide river with a dam in the background. In the foreground, a bridge with a collapsed section is visible. The surrounding landscape is a mix of green vegetation and brown, rocky terrain, indicating the aftermath of an earthquake. The text is overlaid on the image.

Long-term groundwater level changes on the focal region of the 1999 Chi-Chi earthquake, Taiwan

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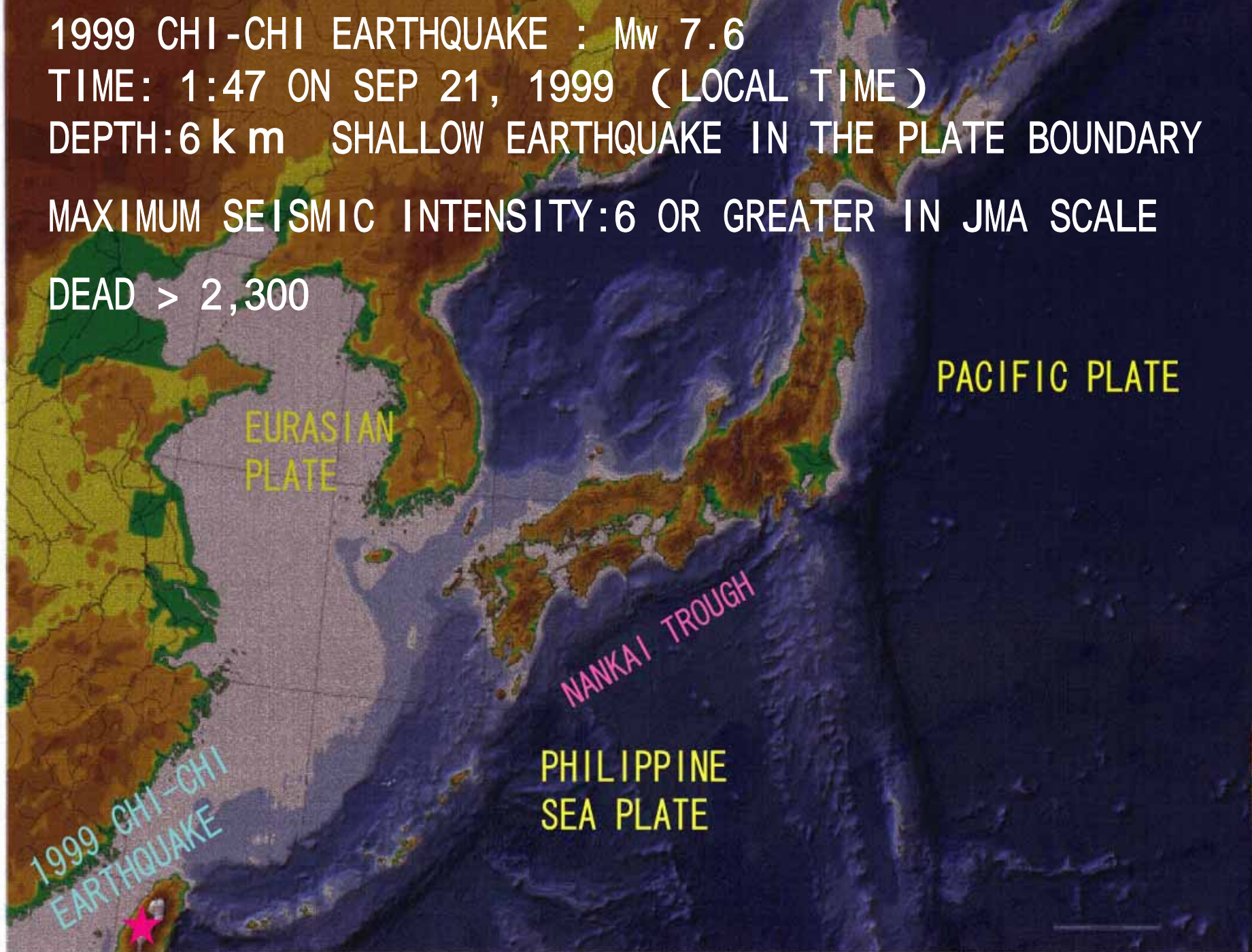
1999 CHI-CHI EARTHQUAKE : Mw 7.6

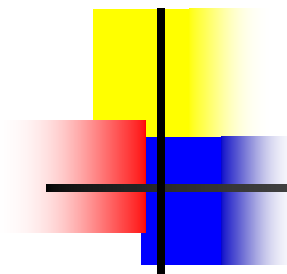
TIME: 1:47 ON SEP 21, 1999 (LOCAL TIME)

DEPTH: 6 km SHALLOW EARTHQUAKE IN THE PLATE BOUNDARY

MAXIMUM SEISMIC INTENSITY: 6 OR GREATER IN JMA SCALE

DEAD > 2,300






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OBSERVATION WELLS OF WRA

NUMBER > 550

RESOLUTION: 1- 2 c m

UNIFORM INVESTIGATION OF
HYDRO-GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE

1 STATION HAS 2 OR 3 WELLS.
ONE IS SHALLOW (5-30M) THE
OTHERS ARE DEEP (100-300M).

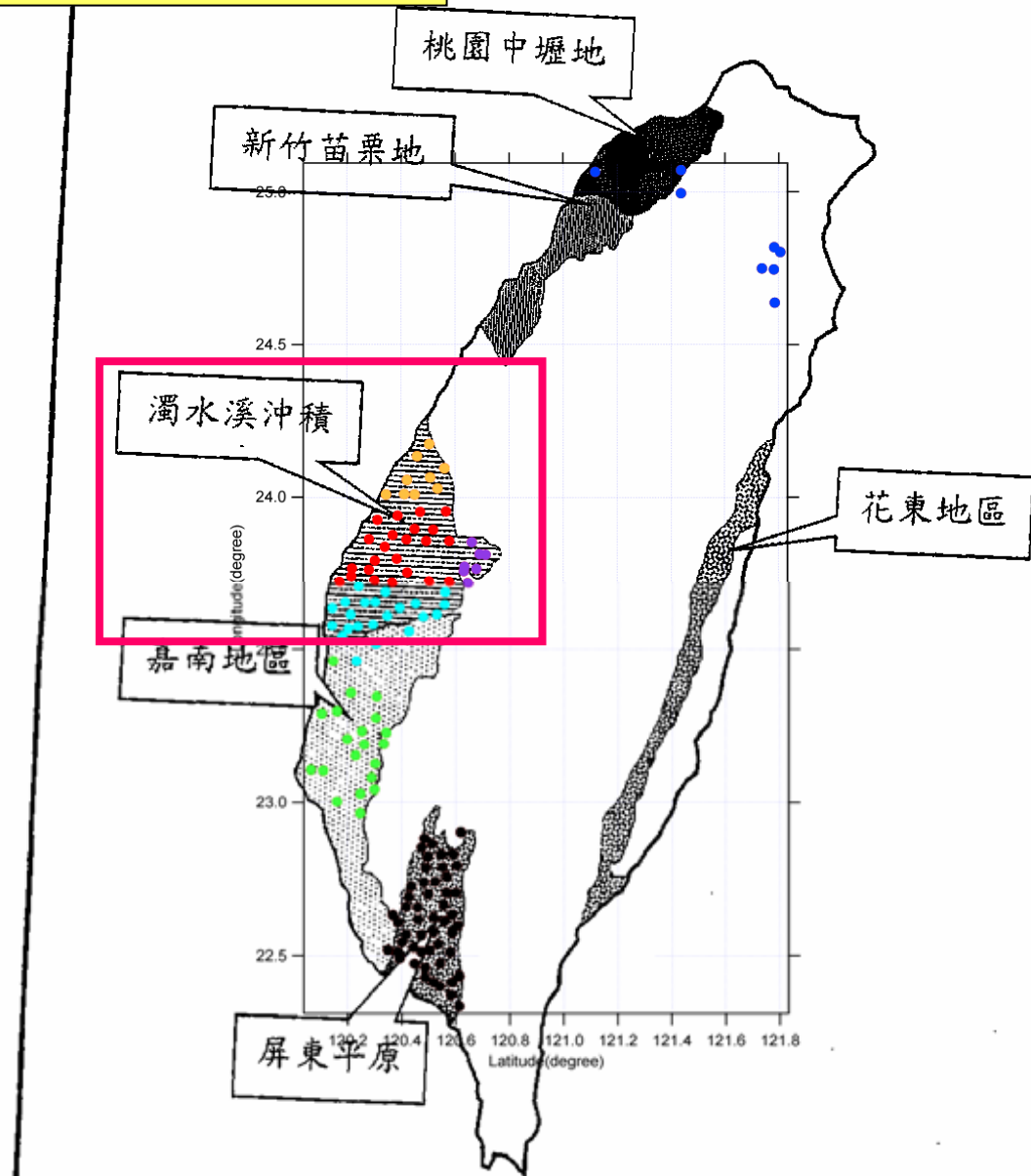
- PUMPING EFFECT IS LARGE.
- NON-UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

FOCAL REGION

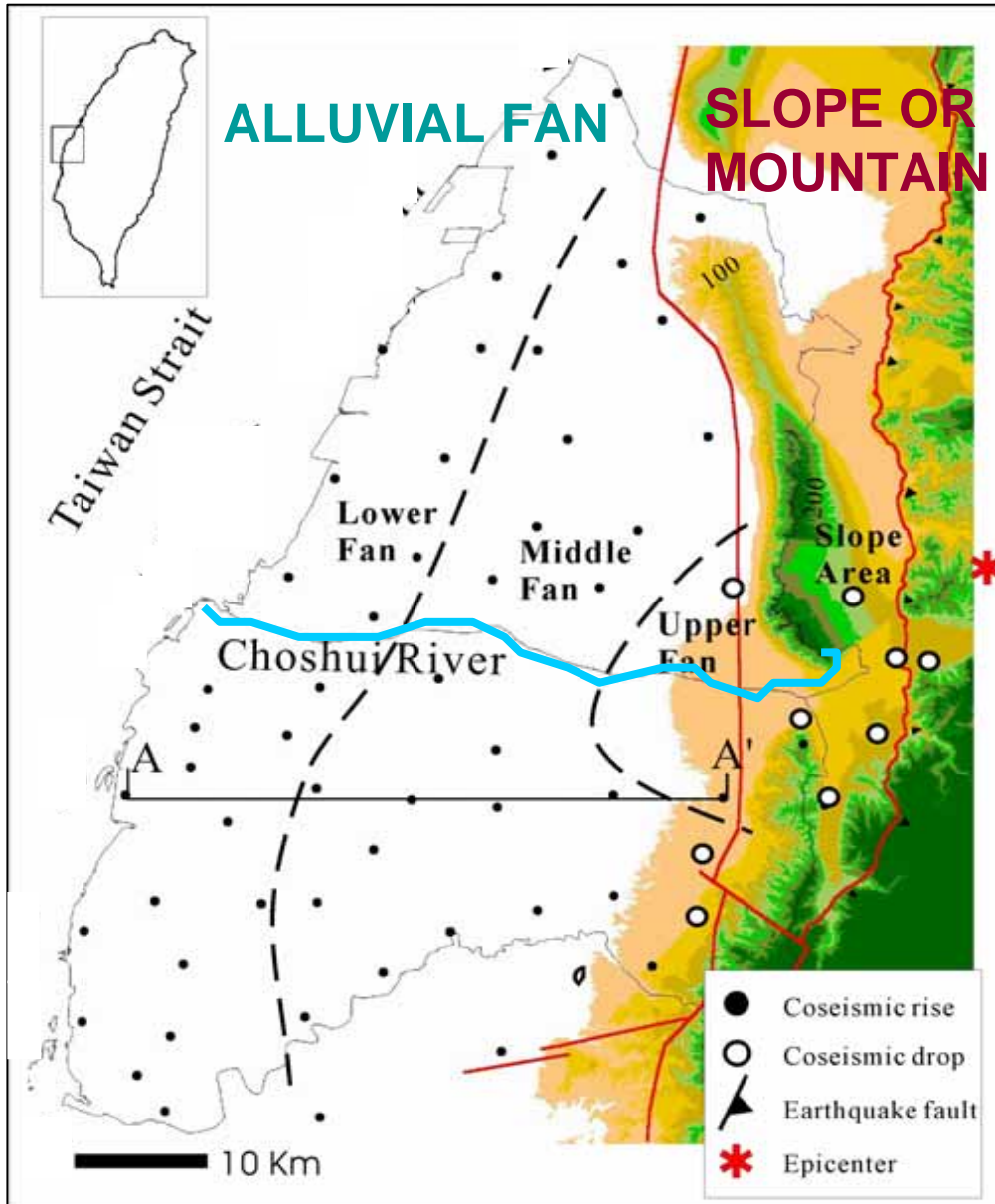
66STATIONS

168WELLS

DEPTH: 15m ~ 306m



ON AND AROUND FOCAL REGION OF THE 1999 CHI-CHI EARTHQUAKE



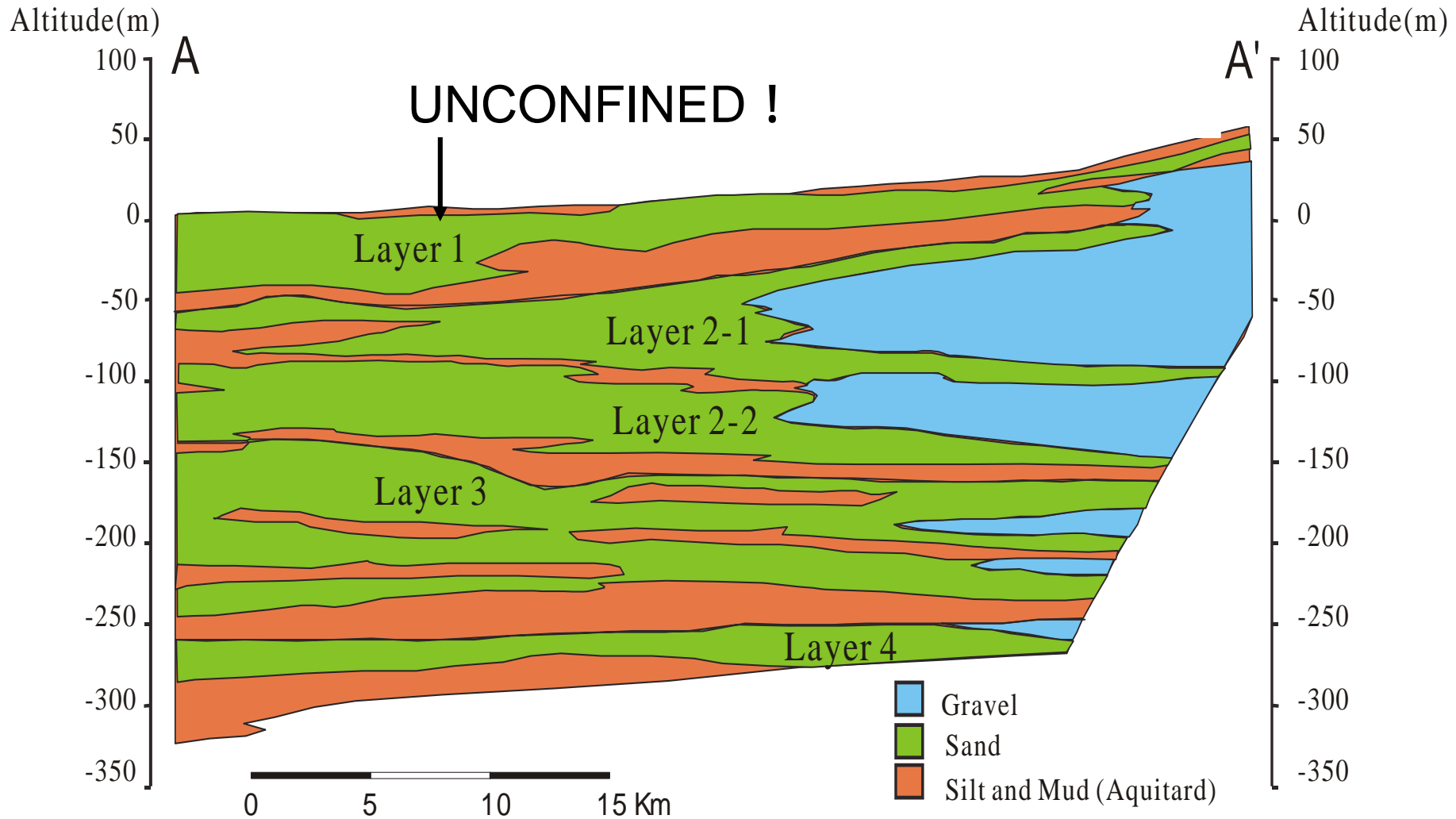
**SEISMIC
INTENSITY (JMA SCALE)**
4 ~ 6

CALCULATED FROM SEISMIC
ACCELERATION DATA USING
KAWASUMI'S FORMULA

EPICENTER

Wen-Chi Lai et.al(2004)

AQUIFERS



H:V = 1:100

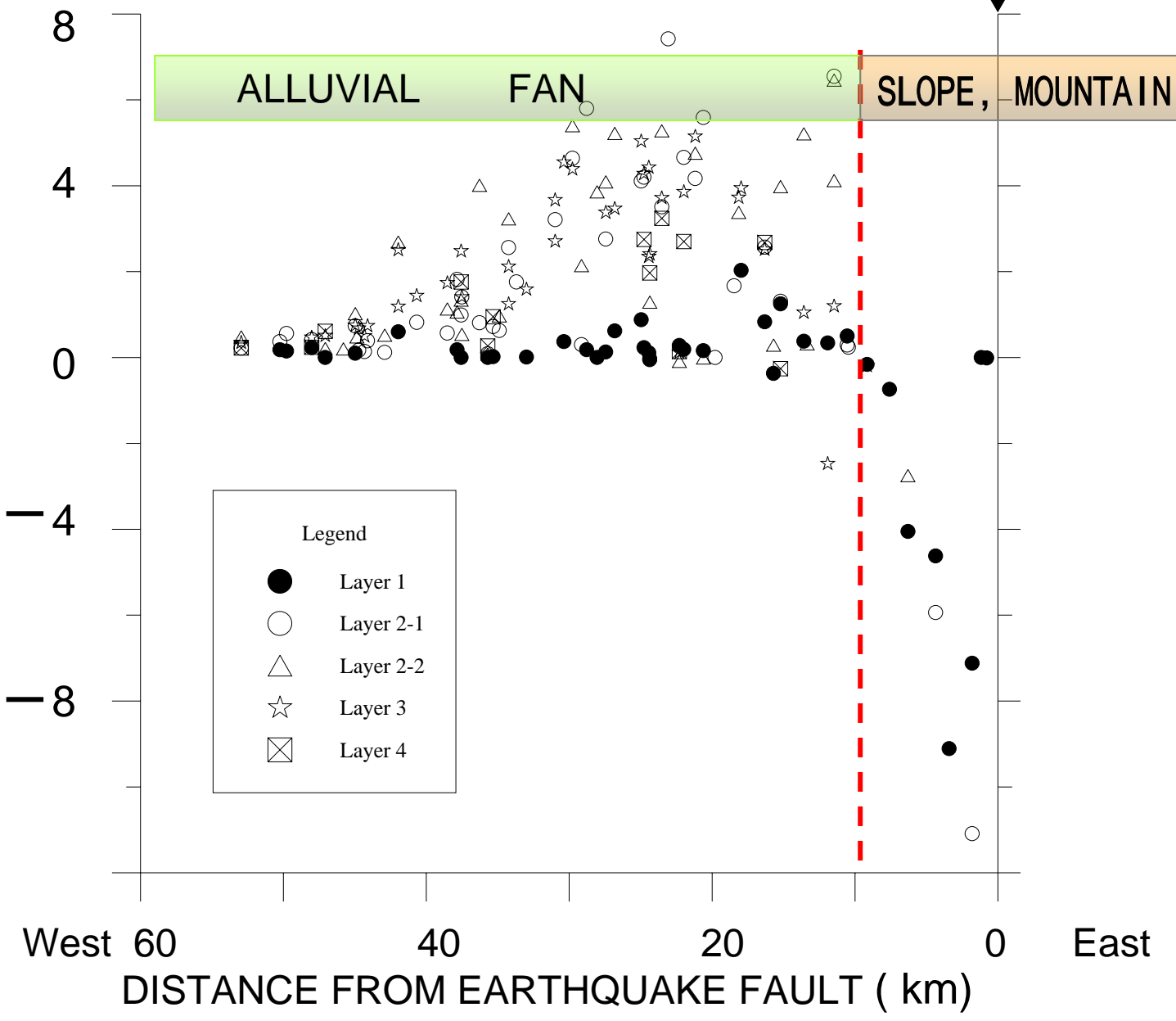
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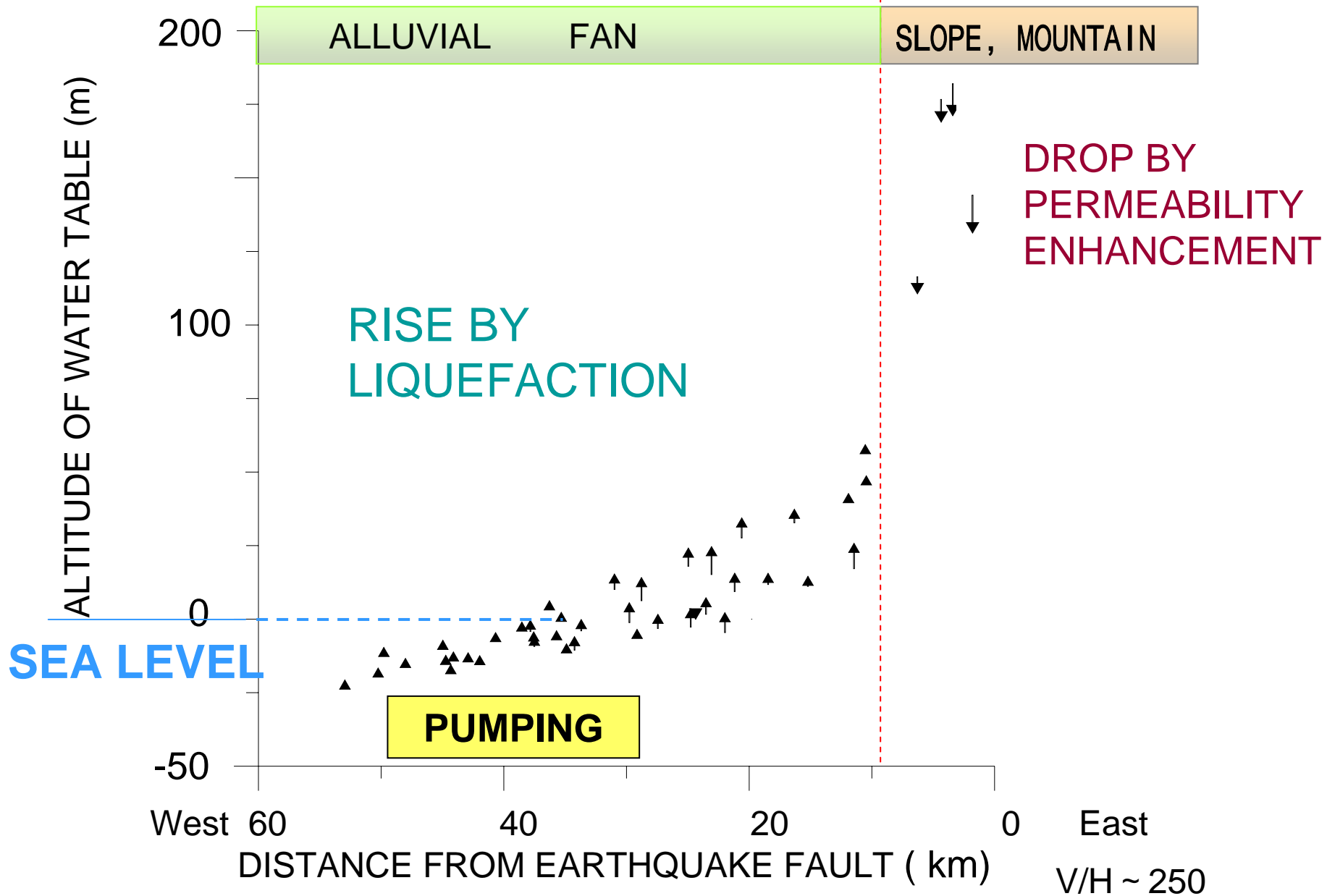
AQUIFER	SITUATION	NO.OF WELLS	COSEISMIC CHANGES	PERCANTAGE (%)
LAYER1	UNCONFINED	39	7	18
LAYER2(1+2)	CONFINED	78	43	55
LAYER 3	CONFINED	38	28	74
LAYER 4	CONFINED	13	9	69
ALL		168	87	52

EARTHQUAKE
FAULT



COSEISMIC WATER LEVEL CHANGE (m)





MAIN FACTORS FOR EARTHQUAKE-RELATED GROUNDWATER CHANGES

Lee et al.(2002)

~~VOLUMETRIC
STRAIN CHANGE~~

SEISMIC GROUND MOTION

Koizumi
et al.(2004)

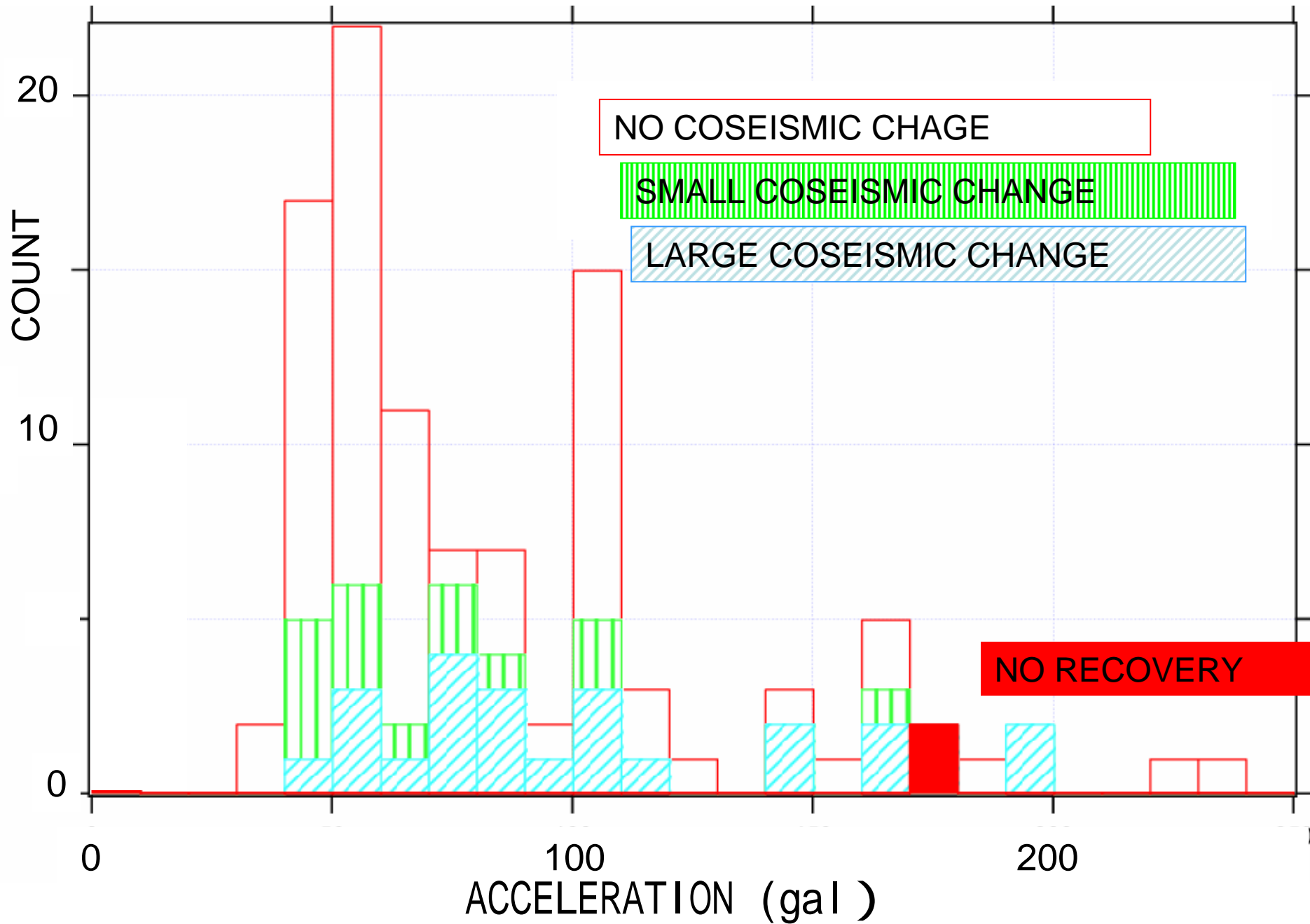
LIQUEFACTION

PERMEABILITY
CHANGE

Wang et al.
(2001)

Lai et al.(2004)





Layer-1 (UNCONFINED AQUIFER)

COUNT

NO COSEISMIC CHAGE

SMALL COSEISMIC CHANGE

LARGE COSEISMIC CHANGE

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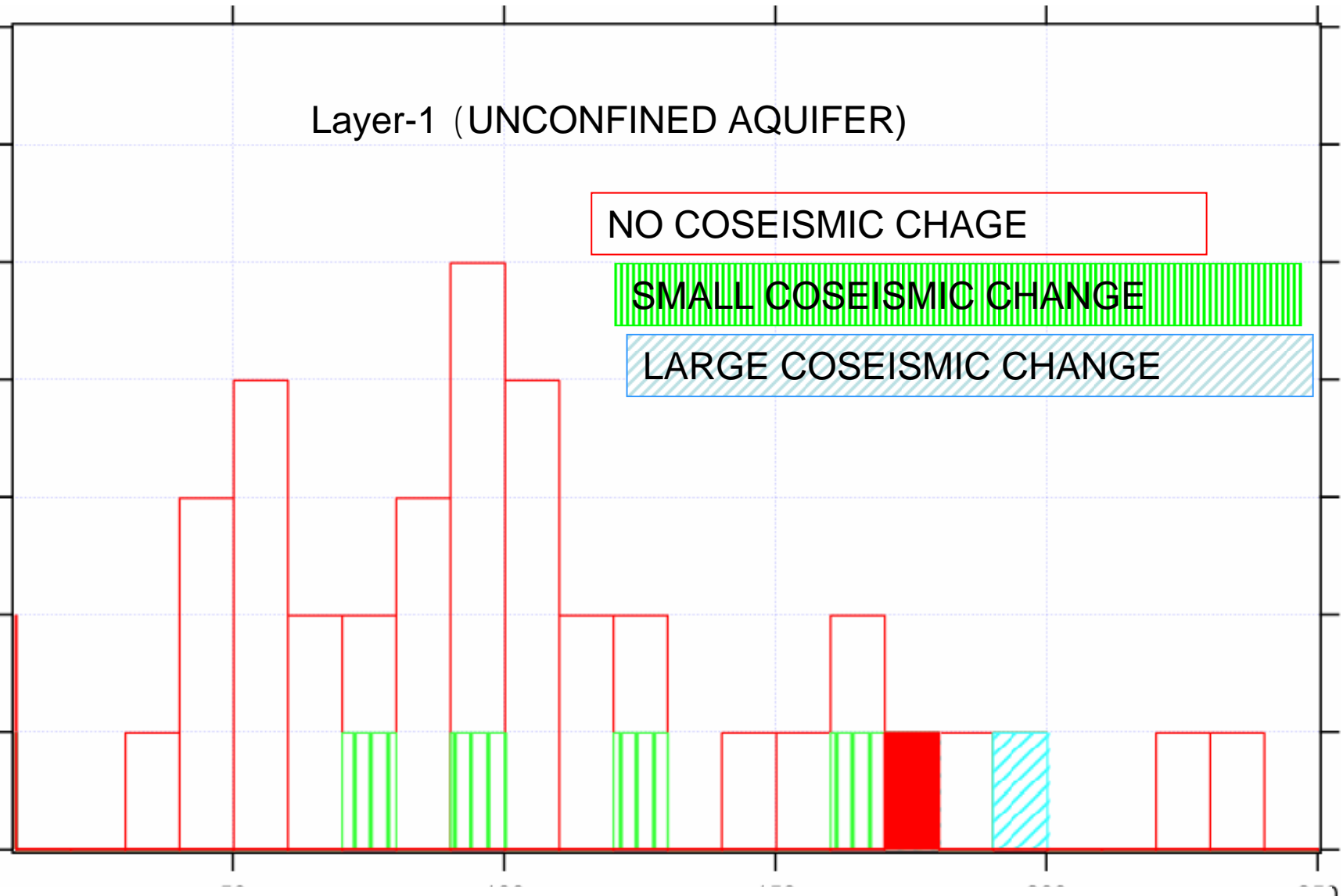
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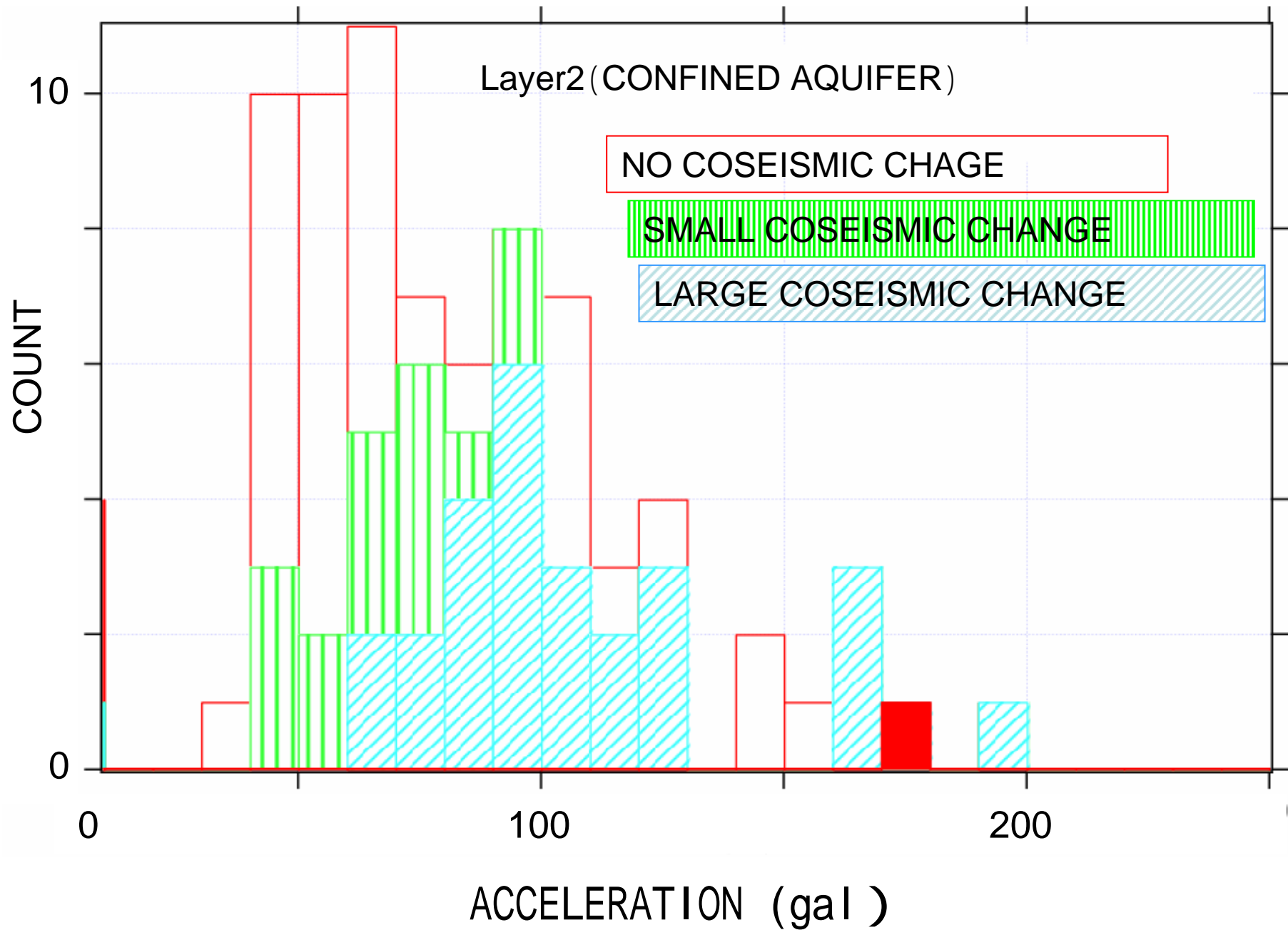
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100

200

ACCELERATION (gal)





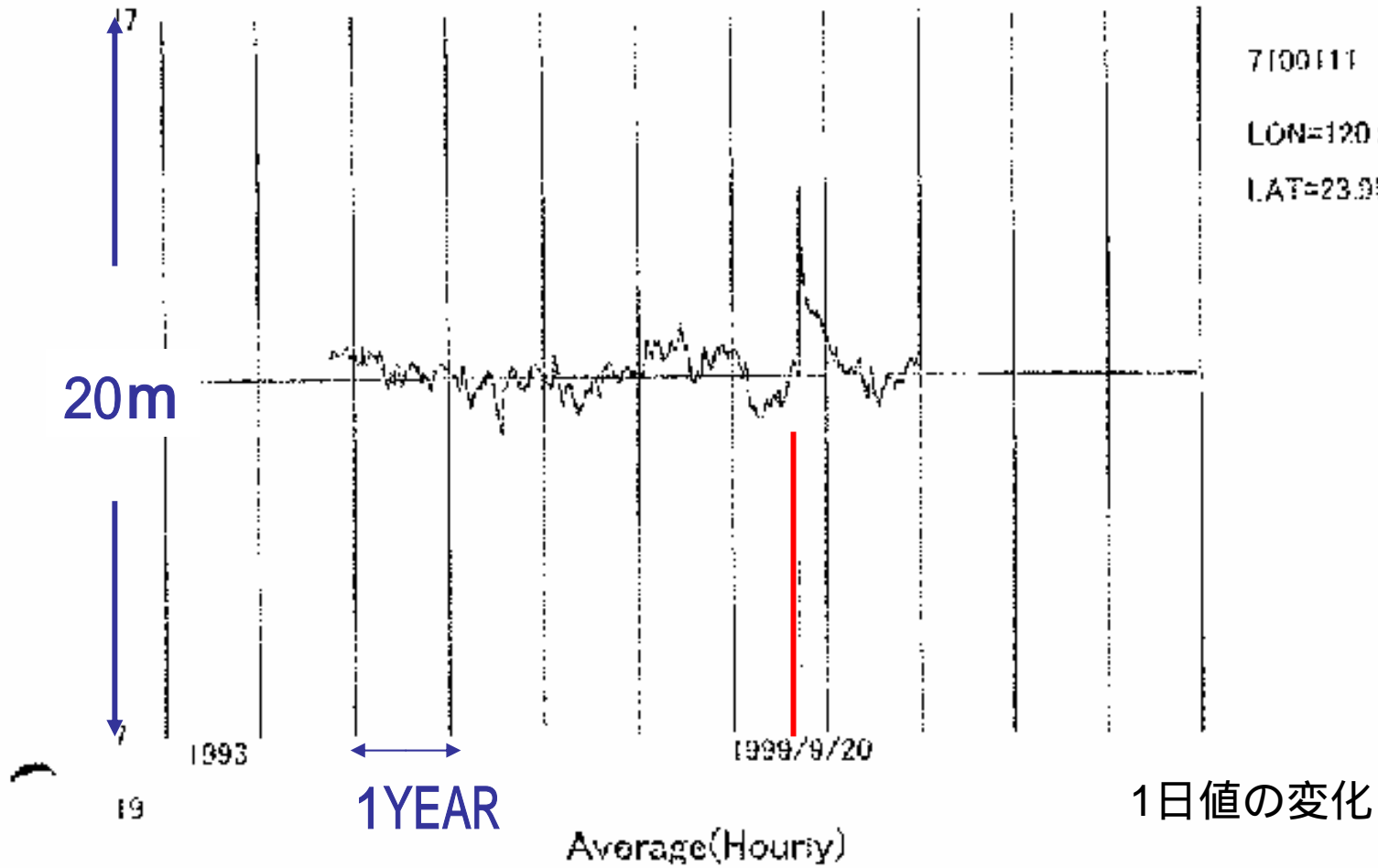
DAILY VALUE (1993-2000)

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LAT=23.95339938



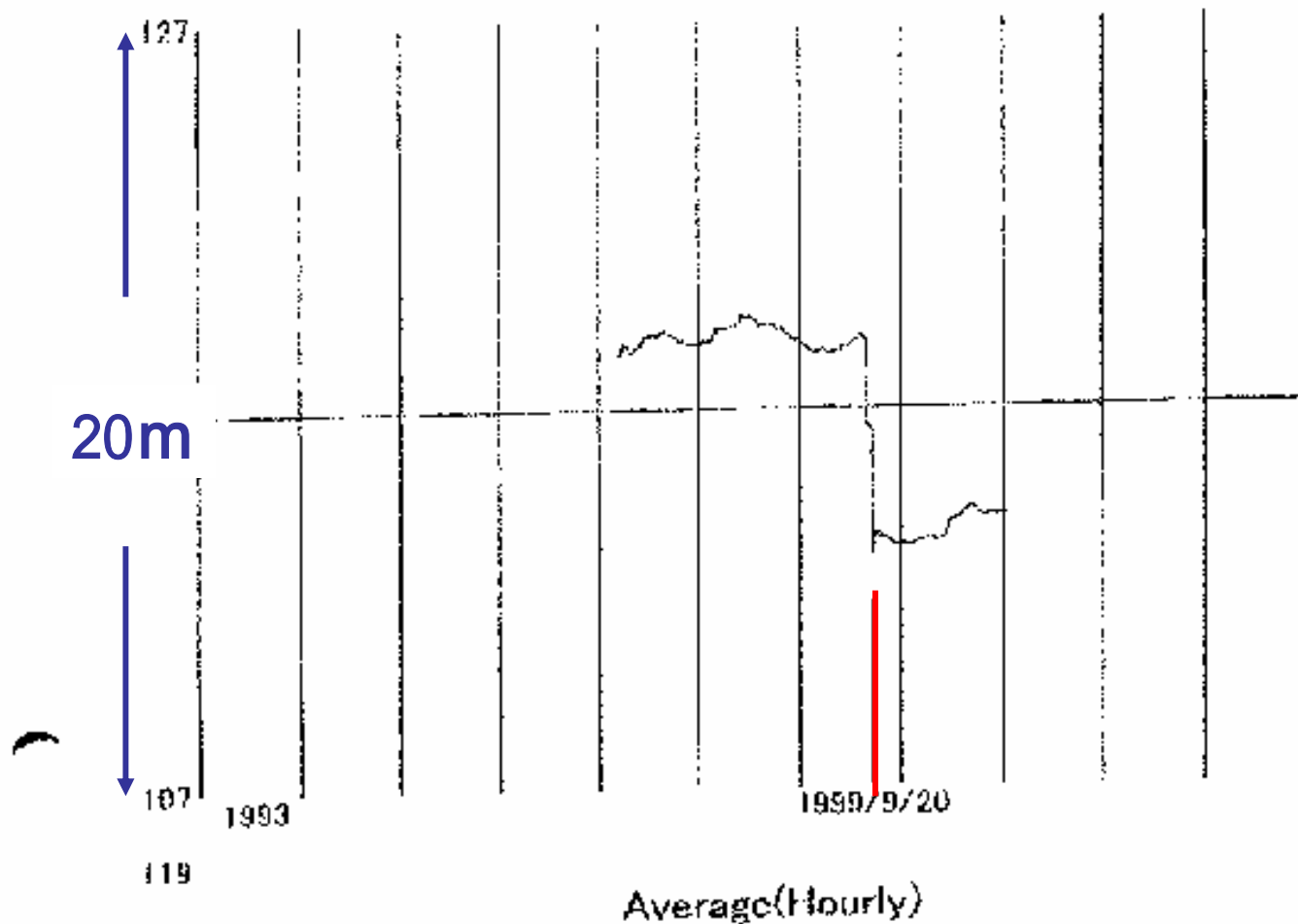
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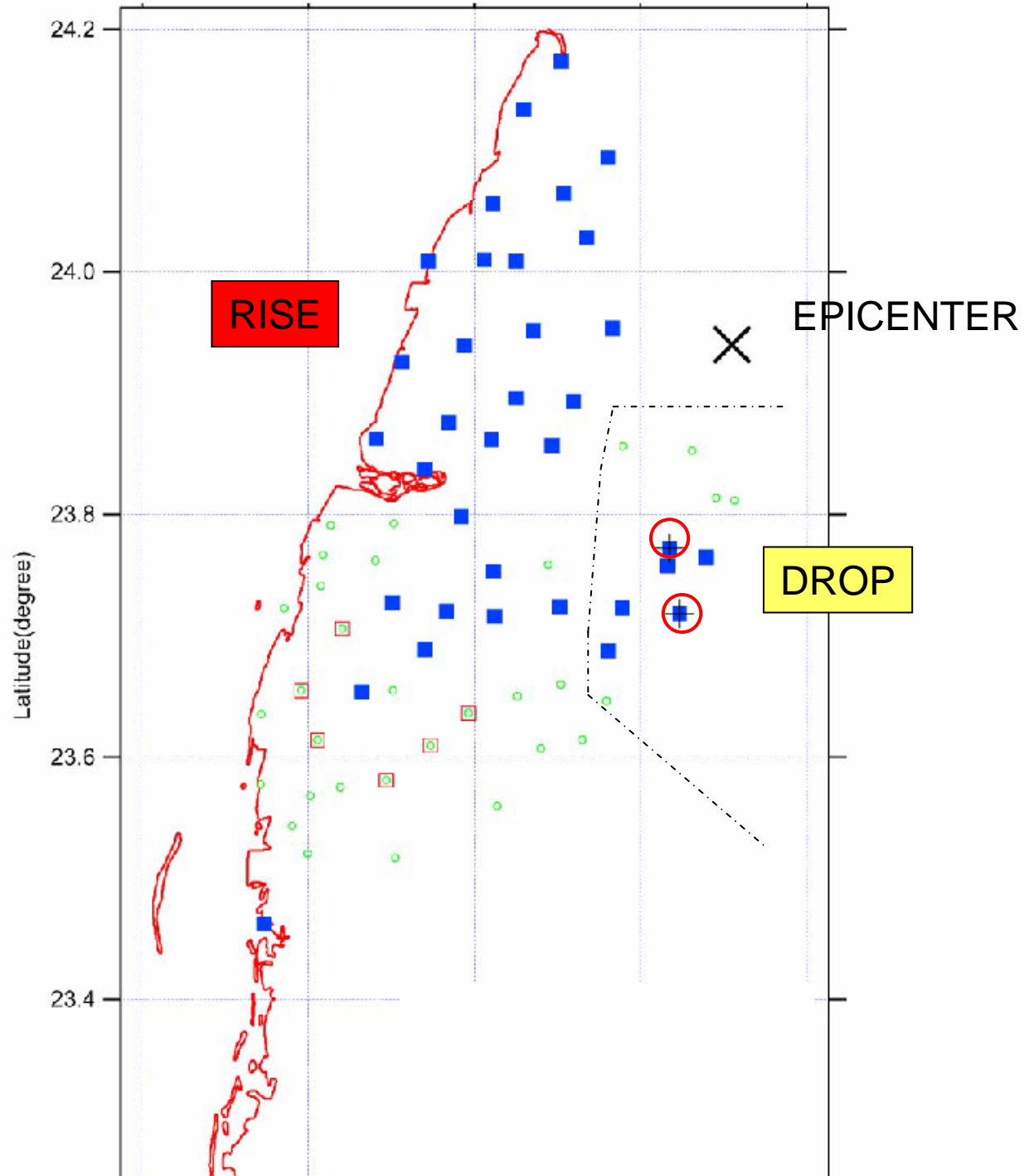
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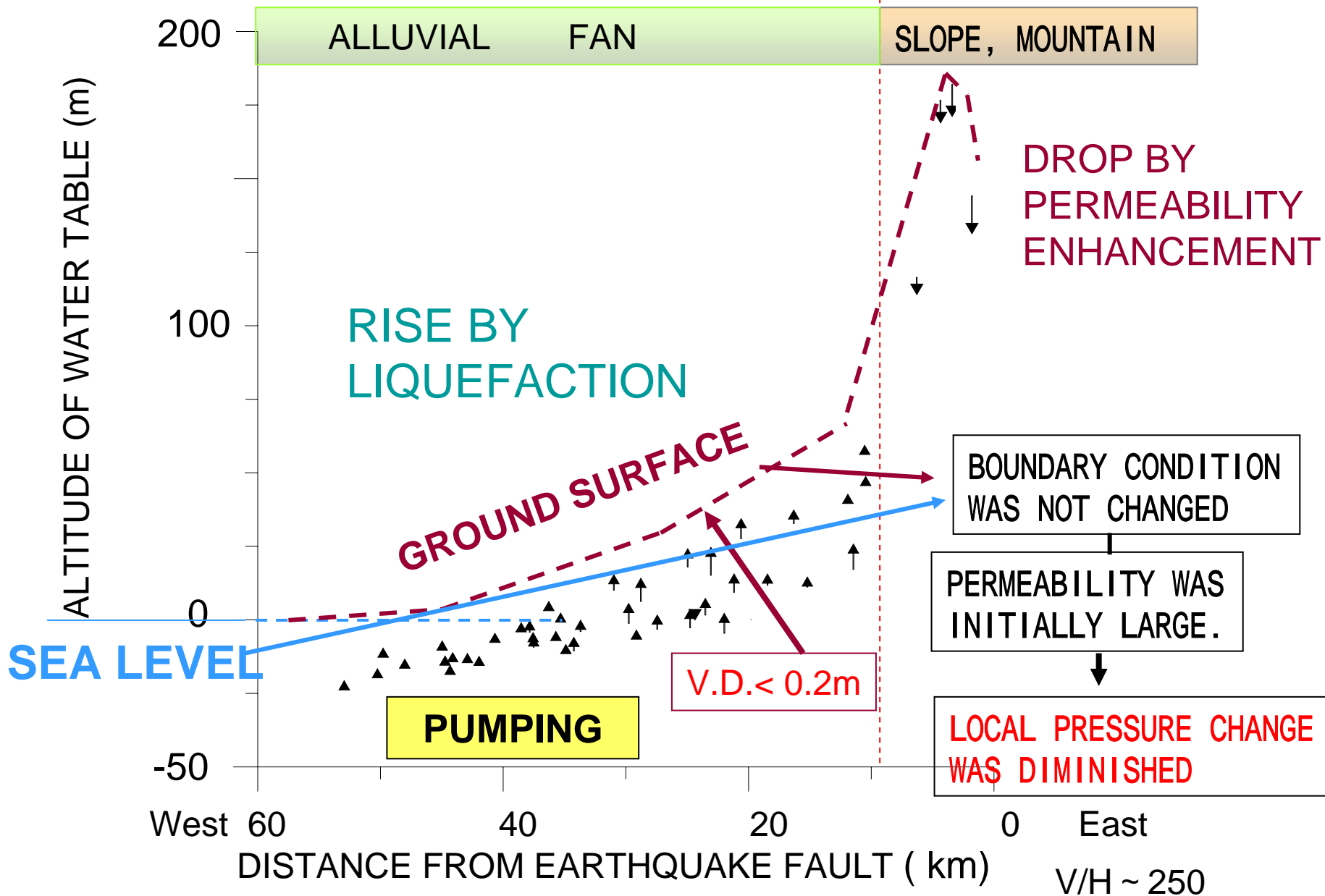
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CONCLUSIONS

- We investigated water level changes in the 66 stations (168 wells) on and around the focal region of the 1999 Chi-Chi earthquake during the period from 1993 to 2000. The depths of the wells range between 15m and 306m.
- Most of the well water levels which changed coseismically recovered by December 2000. All of the well water levels in the alluvial fan recoverd.
- 3 well water levels, which dropped coseismically by permeability enhancement, did not recover. They are situated in the slope or mountain zones near the earthquake fault.
- The possible reasons are as follows; (1) Permeabilities of the aquifers in the alluvial fan are originally large, (2) Levels of neighboring sea, rivers and lakes or ponds, which are important boundary conditions controlling groundwater pressures, did not largely change after the 1999 Chi-Chi earthquake.

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Spatial distribution (P.G.A. and Vol. strain)

- PGA_H
- volumetric strain

