## Integrating Research into Practice (In conjunction with NZ Lifelines Utilities Forum)

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#### RNC-QuakeCoRE FUNDED PROJECTS (2016-19)

Focus of these 2 resilience projects are downstream the CORE-GRID maintained by Transpower

Electricity Distribution/Communication Resilience Framework through West Coast Alpine Fault Scenario (RNC: 2017-19) Nirmal Nair (PI), Andrew Austin (AI), Farrukh Latif (ME, Chorus), Samad Shirzadi (PhD), Duncan Maina (PhD), Yang Liu (Postdoc), Daniel Blake (Postdoc), Liam Wotherspoon (RNC DI, Lead)

Performance of Underground Electricity Cables during the 2010-2011 Canterbury Earthquake Sequence: Insights for assessing Criticality and Resilience (QuakeCoRE) Nirmal Nair (PI), Ebad Rehman (PhD), Matthew Hughes (UC), Peter Elliott (Orion), Liam Wotherspoon (RNC DI, Lead)



# Co-aligned University of Auckland Supported Research Project (2017-19)

Focus on inter-dependencies of distributed infrastructure networks

- Preliminary investigations highlighted connectivity based vulnerabilities at a national scale
- Characterisation and representation of networks at a more detailed level of complexity to make investment decisions.
- Incorporate electricity power flow and water distribution system hydraulics

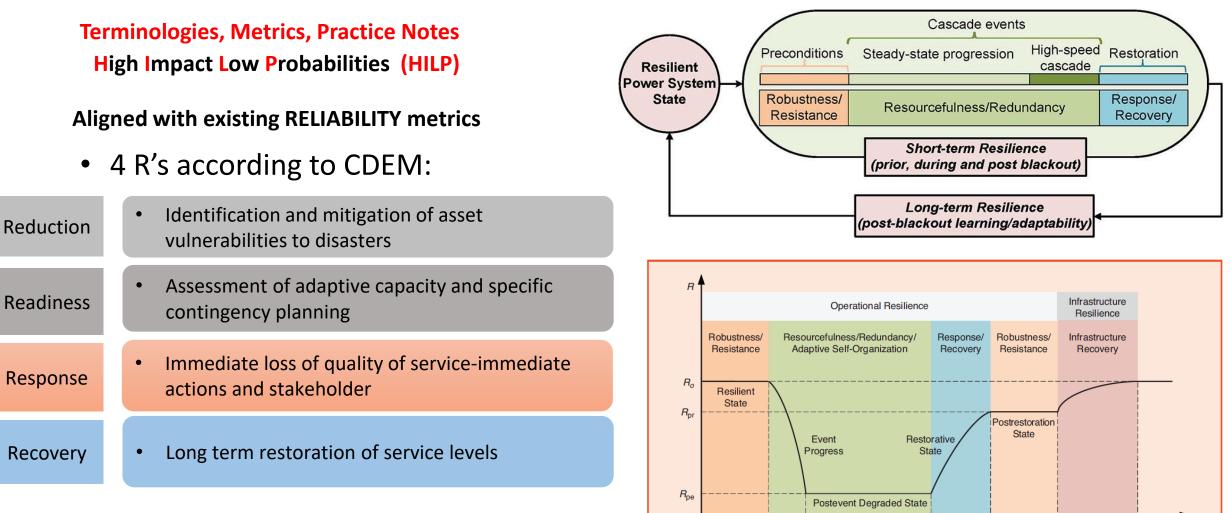
International Collaboration with Oxford Infrastructure Group: Increasing our research "mana"

### **Resilience of Infrastructure Networks following Natural Hazard Events: Novel System of Systems Framework**

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#### Deliverables from the projects (2017-19)

Power system resilience is new, interdisciplinary and hazard sensitive

**RNC Westpower distribution network for operational resilience "Micro-grid"** 

Help develop the electricity distribution led "Resilience Taxonomy" for enabling Commerce Commission needs

Formulation of resilience in power system analysis:

- Geo-spatial mapping of the network and spatial-temporal mapping of hazard
- Fragility analysis from component level up to system level

Network operation in islanded mode

Another closely related infrastructures is communication

Working with 29 NZ Distribution Utilities with varying asset base & criticality





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Developing Resilience metrics and framework

Introducing a different type of power system analysis

New operation schemes

- Adaptation of new
- Oprotection and control
- techniques in the network

Ongoing Westcoast project

Aiming for robustness - providing guidelines for NZwide electricity infrastructure resilience

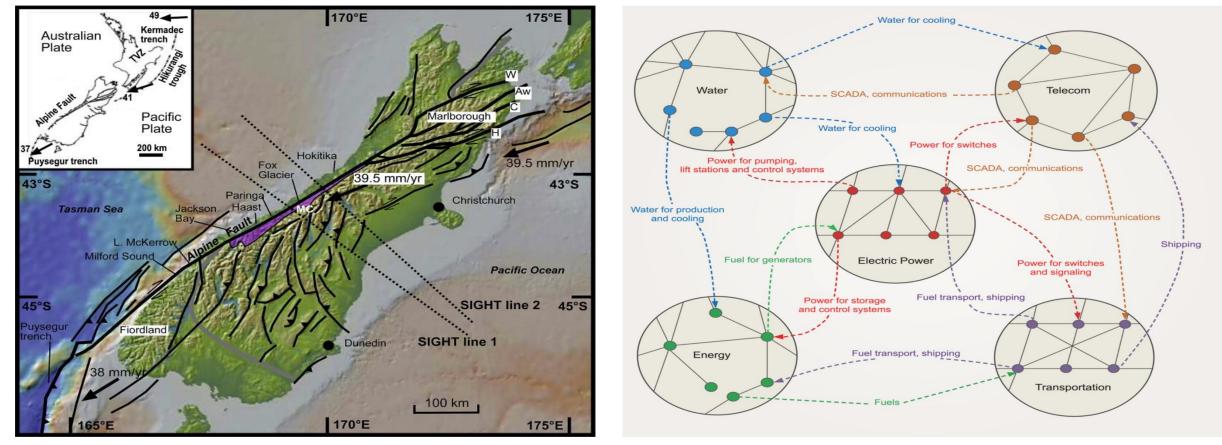




#### **Project Milestones**

Analysis of possible hazard trajectories should be mapped on the Network. (complete)

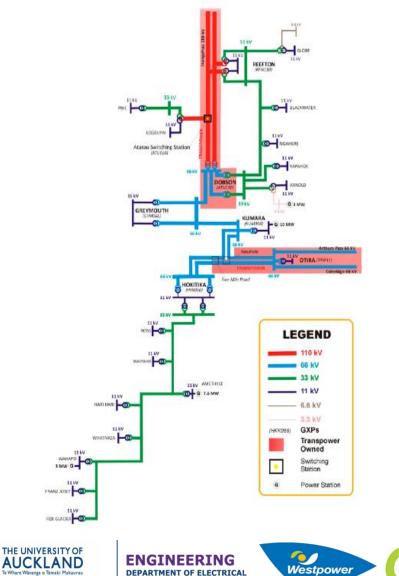






#### **Project Milestones**

Microgrid Assessment and lab testing using industry grade equipment (midway)

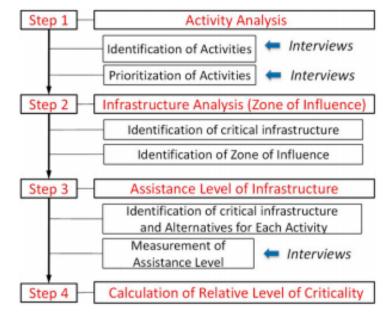


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#### Criticality Framework Development



C1	Low Criticality	0% to 75% of Avg
C2	Average Criticality	75% to 125% of Avg
C3	High Criticality	125% to 200% of Avg
C4	Very High Criticality	>200% of Avg

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#### Assessing underground cable seismic Resilience

Study involves 11KV underground cables distributed through a wide region of Canterbury.

Impact of earthquake on underground cables:

- a) Bending
- b) Stretching
- c) Insulation Damage
- d) Joint Breaks
- e) Connections pulled-off equipment

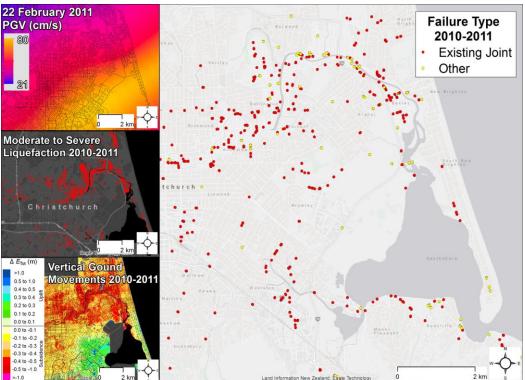
#### **Expected Outcome**

- a) Digitalizing the 11KV network on geospatial map
- b) Assessing the fault types and fault locations
- c) Plot fragility curves
- d) Highlight the critical assets
- e) Determine the resilience of the network
- f) Identify which assets needs strengthening



**Repair Jobs on Orion 11 KV Network** 





#### Distribution system seismic resilience characterization toolbox

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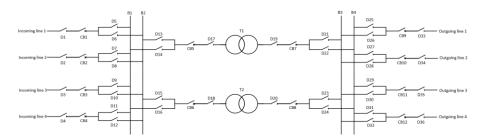
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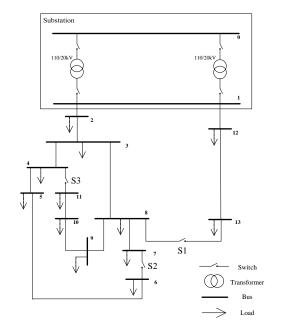
- substation configurations
- Network characteristics
- Seismic hazard mapping

Perform

- System seismic risk evaluation
- Component criticality characterization



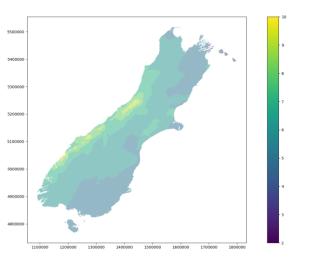
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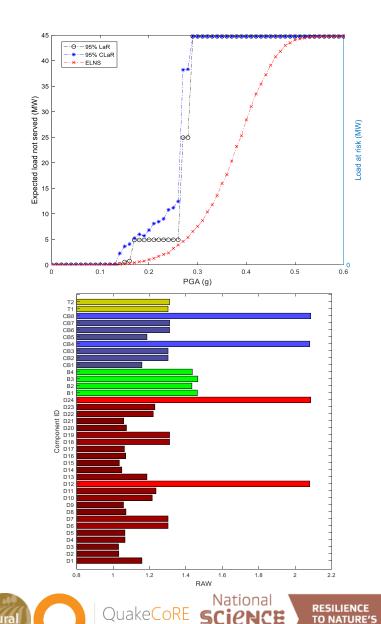


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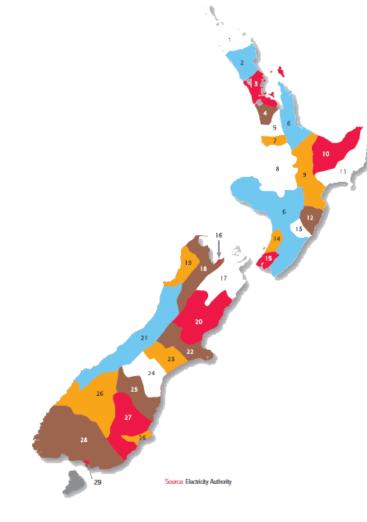
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#### **Integrating Research into Practice**

• Development of a standardised 'Infrastructure resilience rating' metric applicable to all distribution networks.



- 1. Top Energy
- 2. Northpower
- 3. Vector
- 4. Counties Power
- 5. WEL Networks
- 6. Powerco
- 7. Waipa Networks
- 8. The Lines Company
- 9. Unison Networks
- 10. Horizon Energy Distribution
- 11. Eastland Network
- 12. Centralines
- 13. Scanpower
- 14. Electra
- 15. Wellington Electricity
- 16. Nelson Electricity
- 17. Malborough Lines
- 18. Network Tasman
- 19. Buller Electricity
- 20. Mainpower New Zealand
- 21. Westpower

- 22. Orion New Zealand
- 23. Electricity Ashburton
- 24. Alpine Energy
- 25. Network Waitaki
- 26. Aurora Energy
- 27. OtagoNet Joint Venture
- 28. The Power Company
- 29. Electricity Invercargill

### NZ EDB Resilience Metrics Development Workshop alongside AUPEC 2018



	Thursday, 29th	November 2018
7:00 - 8:30	Breakfast with CEOs* Organised by CIGRE NZ	
8:30 - 10:00	Cic	IRE NZ Panel Session
10:00 - 10:30	Morning Tea Break	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
10:30 - 12:30	Resilience Heat Talks	2
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break	R
14:00 - 15:30	Resilience Panel Session	
15:30 - 16:00	Afternoon Tea Break	

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https://aupec2018.org.nz/ 27-30 November, 2018

Registration: @ \$290 (TBD)

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