

# Update on the Center for Engineering Strong Motion Data (CESMD) :

## US Structure and Ground Motion Data Virtual Data Center (VDC)

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# CESMD Objectives and Operation

- Established in 2006 by US Geological Survey and California Geological Survey
- Collect and disseminate records of ground and structural responses to earthquake strong motions of engineering interest
- Post Internet Quick Reports (IQR) within minutes for rapid response to earthquakes
- Provide information about station, site, geology, etc.
- Provide virtual access to US and international strong-motion records through the Virtual Data Center (VDC)

# Two components of CESMD

The screenshot shows the CESMD website interface. At the top, the text "CESMD Combined Strong-Motion Data" is displayed. Below this is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Archive", "Search", "Station Maps", and "More Info". A "Search" bar is highlighted. Underneath, the heading "Search for" is followed by two search options in rounded rectangular boxes:

- U.S. Structural and Ground Response Data at CESMD**
- Worldwide Ground Response Data at Virtual Data Center (VDC) Sponsored by COSMOS**

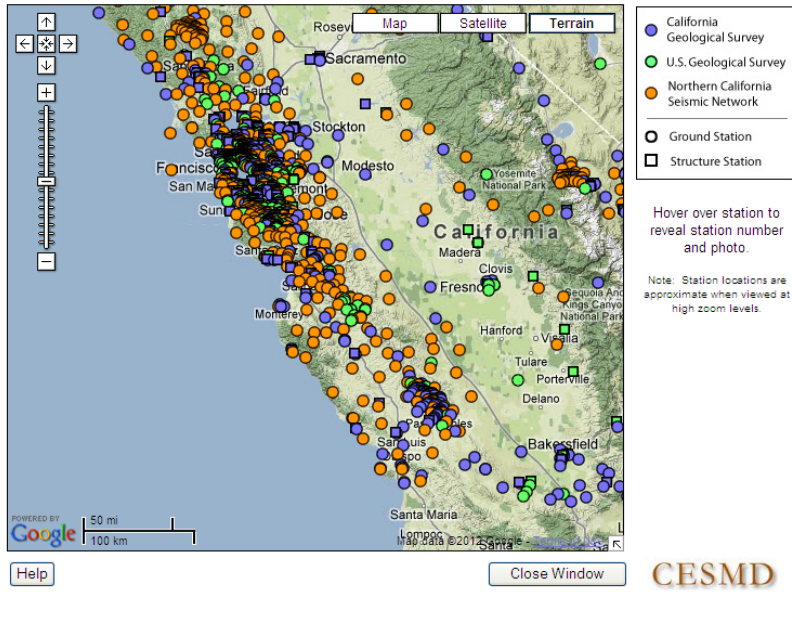
# NSMP stations, September 2012



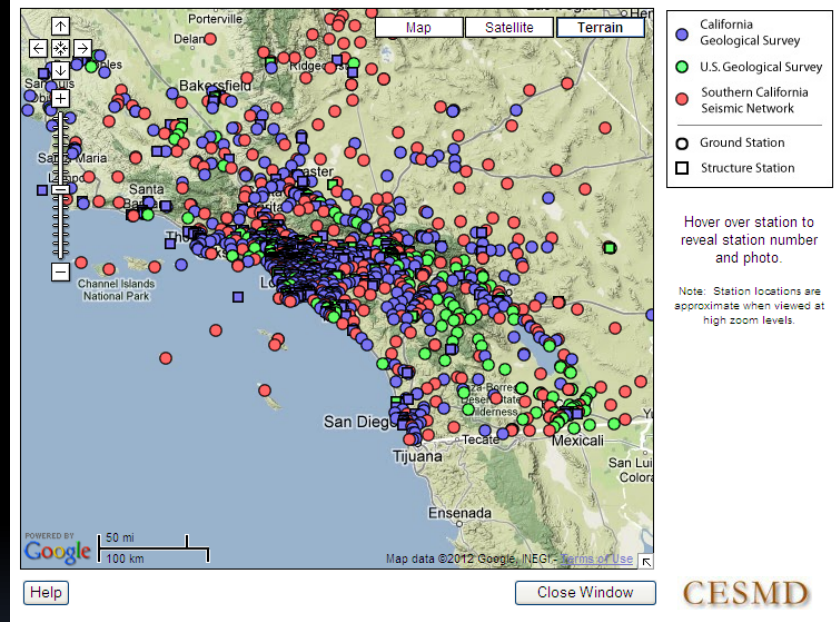


# All CISN Stations

Strong Motion Stations in Northern California



Strong Motion Stations in Southern California



# U.S. Stations in CESMD

	Ground motion reference sites	Structures and geotechnical arrays
USGS and 13 partner agencies	490	150
CGS	805	380
CISN (non-USGS/CGS)	620	-

# CESMD Internet Quick Report (IQR) for US Data

- In California, records are available automatically within minutes after  $M \geq 3.5$  earthquakes
- Plans to extend IQR to all of US

**Berkeley Earthquake of 20 Oct 2011**  
4.0Mw, 14:41:04 PM PDT, 37.86N 122.25W Depth 9.8 km

Earthquake Info   Interactive Map   ShakeMap

Download Table   Last Update: 2011-11-17 16:32:24

Station	Code /ID	Network	Distance (km)		Horiz Ground	Apk (g) Struct.	View	Download
			Epic.	Fault				
<a href="#">Swainland Rd., Oakland, CA</a>	C004	NCSN	3.4	--	0.248	--	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Orinda - Valley View &amp; Moraga</a>	58211	CGS	7.9	--	0.240	--	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<a href="#">Orinda - Via Las Cruces &amp; Honey Hill</a>	58362	CGS	7.9	--	0.076	--	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Glashaus Loop, Emeryville, CA</a>	C033	NCSN	3.3	--	0.069	--	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Lafayette - Hwy 24 &amp; U. Happy Valley</a>	58361	CGS	9.2	--	0.069	--	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Piedmont - 3-story School Office Bldg</a>	58334	CGS	4.0	--	0.068	0.206	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Oakland - 2-story Office Bldg</a>	58224	CGS	5.8	--	0.057	0.114	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Oakland Firesta 12</a>	1821	USGS	6.5	--	0.057	--	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



# CESMD archive primarily of US earthquakes

- Quality-controlled raw and processed records for US earthquakes at CESMD archive
- Data were included for some global earthquakes that occurred before VDC was integrated into CESMD

**CESMD** Strong-Motion Data Set

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*Internet Data Reports*

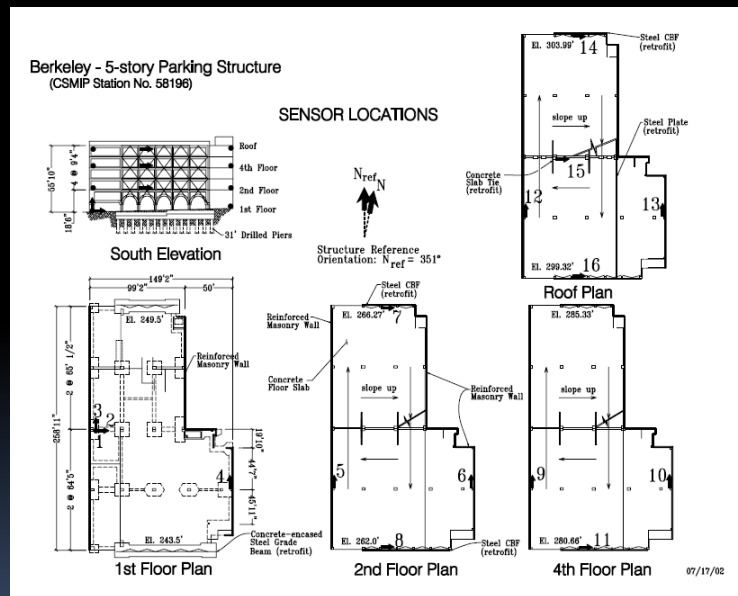
Archives: 2012

Internet Data Report


Earthquake Name	Date	Longitude	Magnitude
<a href="#">riodell_14sep2012</a>	2012-09-14	124.186	4.4
<a href="#">riodell_14sep2012</a>	2012-09-14	124.154	4.0
<a href="#">kettlemancity_07sep2012</a>	2012-09-07	119.999	4.1
<a href="#">parkfield_31aug2012</a>	2012-08-31	120.56	3.5
<a href="#">yorbalinda_29aug2012</a>	2012-08-29	117.787	4.1
<a href="#">westmorland_28aug2012</a>	2012-08-28	115.612	3.5
<a href="#">brawley_27aug2012</a>	2012-08-27 7:01:20 PM PDT	33.004	-115.562 4.2
<a href="#">brawley_26aug2012</a>	2012-08-26 9:41:37 PM PDT	33.031	-115.531 4.9
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<a href="#">Westmorland_26Aug2012</a>	2012-08-26 2:08:45 PM PDT	32.997	-115.587 3.6
<a href="#">Brawley_26Aug2012</a>	2012-08-26 2:05:10 PM PDT	33.001	-115.457 3.5
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# Metadata at CESMD

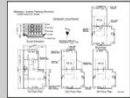
- Data about stations, sites
- Vs30, Geology, Photo



**CESMD**  
Information for Strong-Motion Station  
**Berkeley - 5-story Parking Structure**  
CGS - CSMIP Station 58196  
[Earthquakes recorded by this station](#)



(Station Photograph - click to enlarge)



(Sensor Layout - click to see PDF File)

Latitude	37.8668 N
Longitude	122.255 W
Elevation (m)	77
Site Geology	Shallow alluvium over soft rock
Vs30 (m/sec)	--
Site Class	-
No. of Stories above/below ground	5/0
Plan Shape	Rectangular
Base Dimensions	149 x 259 ft (45.4 x 78.9 m)
Typical Floor Dimensions	149 x 259 ft (45.4 x 78.9 m)
Design Date	1905 & 1992 (retrofit)
Instrumentation	2002, 15 accelerometers, on 4 levels
Vertical Load Carrying System	Post-tensioned concrete slabs supported on concrete frames
Lateral Force Resisting System	Exterior reinforced masonry shear walls in the N-S direction and exterior concentrically braced frames in the E-W direction (strengthened)
Foundation Type	Drilled concrete piers
Remarks	The building was seismically strengthened in 1990.

- Sensor Layout for instrumented buildings, bridges, dams, etc.

# Small records served via FTP

- Small records  
( $M < 3.5$ ,  
 $PGA < 0.005g$ ) at FTP

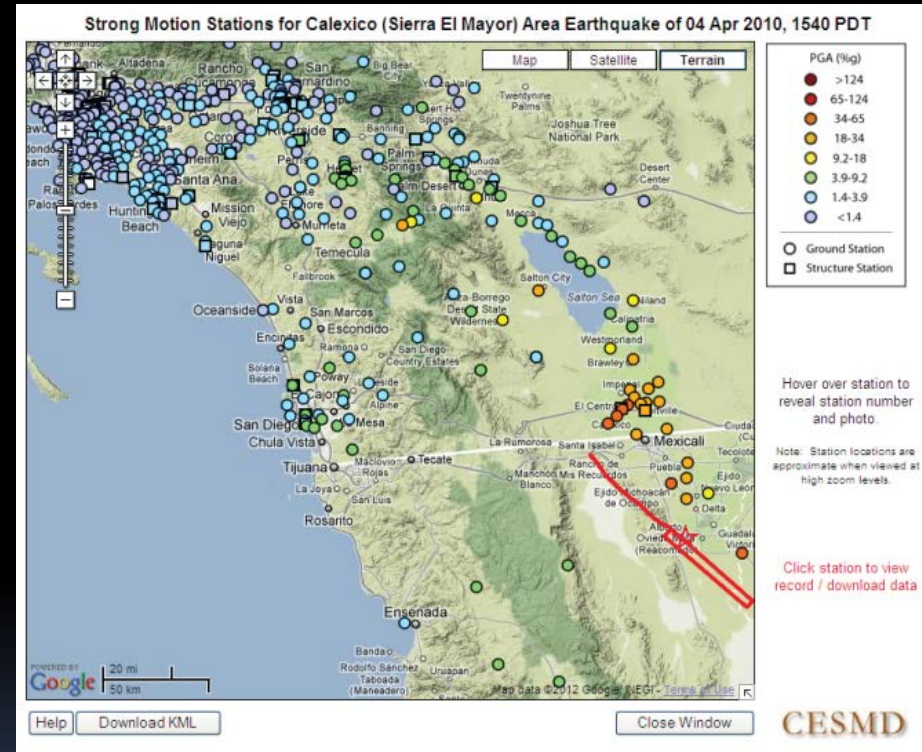
## FTP directory /Small\_Record\_and\_Earthquakes

[Up to higher level directory](#)

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# Tools at CESMD

- Interactive maps facilitate data search and download
- Basic and advanced searches on earthquakes, stations, record parameters
- Visualization: acceleration/response spectra
- Development of new data selection and manipulation tools in concert with COSMOS



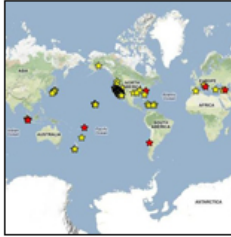
# New face of the Strong-Motion Virtual Data Center (VDC)


- VDC is incorporated into CESMD
- Metadata upload process is improved
- VDC is updated with the  $M \geq 5.0$  US and New Zealand records since 2007

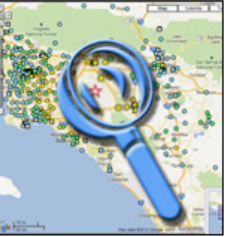
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# New Strong-Motion Data at VDC

Data from 23 US and 21 New Zealand earthquakes have been added.

## New Zealand

Earthquake	Date	Magnitude	Type	Stations
<a href="#">West of South Island New Zealand</a>	2012-01-19 06:48:48 UTC	5.9	Mw	15
<a href="#">South Island of New Zealand (2)</a>	2011-12-23 02:18:03 UTC	5.9	Mw	124
<a href="#">South Island of New Zealand</a>	2011-12-23 00:58:38 UTC	5.8	Mw	107
<a href="#">South of the Kermadec Islands</a>	2011-12-21 13:37:14 UTC	5.5	Mw	6
<a href="#">East of North Island, New Zealand (2)</a>	2011-11-18 07:51:27 UTC	6.0	Mw	2
<a href="#">East of North Island, New Zealand</a>	2011-11-18 04:34:03 UTC	5.6	Mw	6
<a href="#">Kermadec Islands New Zealand</a>	2011-07-06 19:03:16 UTC	7.6	Mw	16
<a href="#">South Island, New Zealand</a>	2011-06-13 02:20:49 UTC	5.9	Mw	119
<a href="#">South of the Kermadec Islands</a>	2011-04-18 13:03:03 UTC	6.6	Mw	17
<a href="#">South Island New Zealand</a>	2011-02-22 01:50:29 UTC	5.6	Mw	32
<a href="#">South Island, New Zealand</a>	2011-02-22 00:04:19 UTC	5.5	Mw	76
<a href="#">Christchurch</a>	2011-02-21 23:51:42 UTC	6.1	Mw	51
<a href="#">North Island New Zealand</a>	2011-01-13 12:04:56 UTC	5.5	Mw	8
<a href="#">South Island of New Zealand</a>	2010-09-03 16:52:55 UTC	5.1	ML	1
<a href="#">South Island of New Zealand</a>	2010-09-03 16:35:46 UTC	7.0	Mw	155
<a href="#">Auckland Islands, New Zealand Region</a>	2010-01-06 01:48:46 UTC	5.7	Mw	5

# Projects in Progress

- Complete software to convert Japan K-NET and KiK-net data for uploading record metadata to the VDC and accommodate recent changes in data organization at NIED
- Collaborate with ITACA (Italy) to finalize conversion of ITACA records to COSMOS format
- Interact with other strong-motion networks internationally to develop protocols for serving their data through the VDC
- Partner with COSMOS to develop new tools for VDC

# Summary

- Serves quality-controlled strong-motion data of engineering interest from the US and other seismically active countries
- Automatically processes and posts strong-motion data from networks in California to aid in rapid response to earthquakes
- Has incorporated the COSMOS Virtual Data Center (VDC) and added US and New Zealand data for  $M \geq 5$  since 2007
- Currently updating VDC to include ITACA and Japan K-NET and KiK-net data; other networks?



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# Some challenges of virtual data access (for discussion session)

- Data format for exchange
- Awareness of datasets
- Proper acknowledgement
- Stable data organization within networks
- Not all data are virtual (data hosting for small networks?)
- Added records / Updates to metadata