

# Virtual and Field Reconnaissance of Structural and Geotechnical Damage of the Petrinja, Croatia December 29, 2020, $M_w$ 6.4 Earthquake

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Collapsed unreinforced masonry building on Sremskaya St. in Petrinja. Photo by Denis Lazarević

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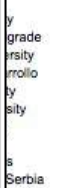
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# GEER Reconnaissance Report

## Geotechnical Reconnaissance and Engineering Effects of the December 29, 2020, M6.4 Petrinja, Croatia Earthquake, and Associated Seismic Sequence



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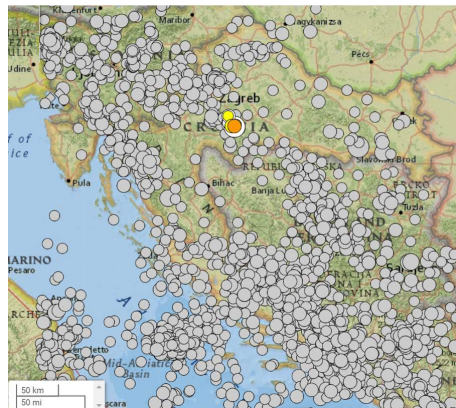
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## The setting & seismicity



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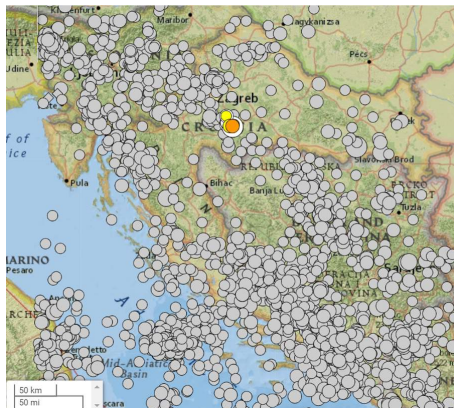


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# The setting

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EU member since 2013



Plitvice Lakes national park

# The setting



- Population: ~ 4 million
- Area: 56,594 km<sup>2</sup> (21,851 sq mi)
  - about 0.7 of Austria
- Capital: Zagreb
- Two big earthquakes in 2020
  - March, M5.5 Zagreb
  - December, M6.4 Petrinja

Location of the December 29, 2020 earthquake in Croatia (source: New York Times 2020)



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| Location                                   | Magnitude  | Date               | View Data |
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| Mamuju-Majene, Indonesia                   | M 6.2      | January 15, 2021   | View Data |
| Petrinja, Croatia                          | M 6.4      | December 29, 2020  | View Data |
| Izmir, Turkey                              | M 7.0      | October 30, 2020   | View Data |
| Zagreb                                     | M 5.5      | March 22, 2020     | View Data |
| Stanley, Idaho                             | M 6.5      | March 31, 2020     | View Data |
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| Indios, Puerto Rico                        | M 6.4      | January 07, 2020   | View Data |
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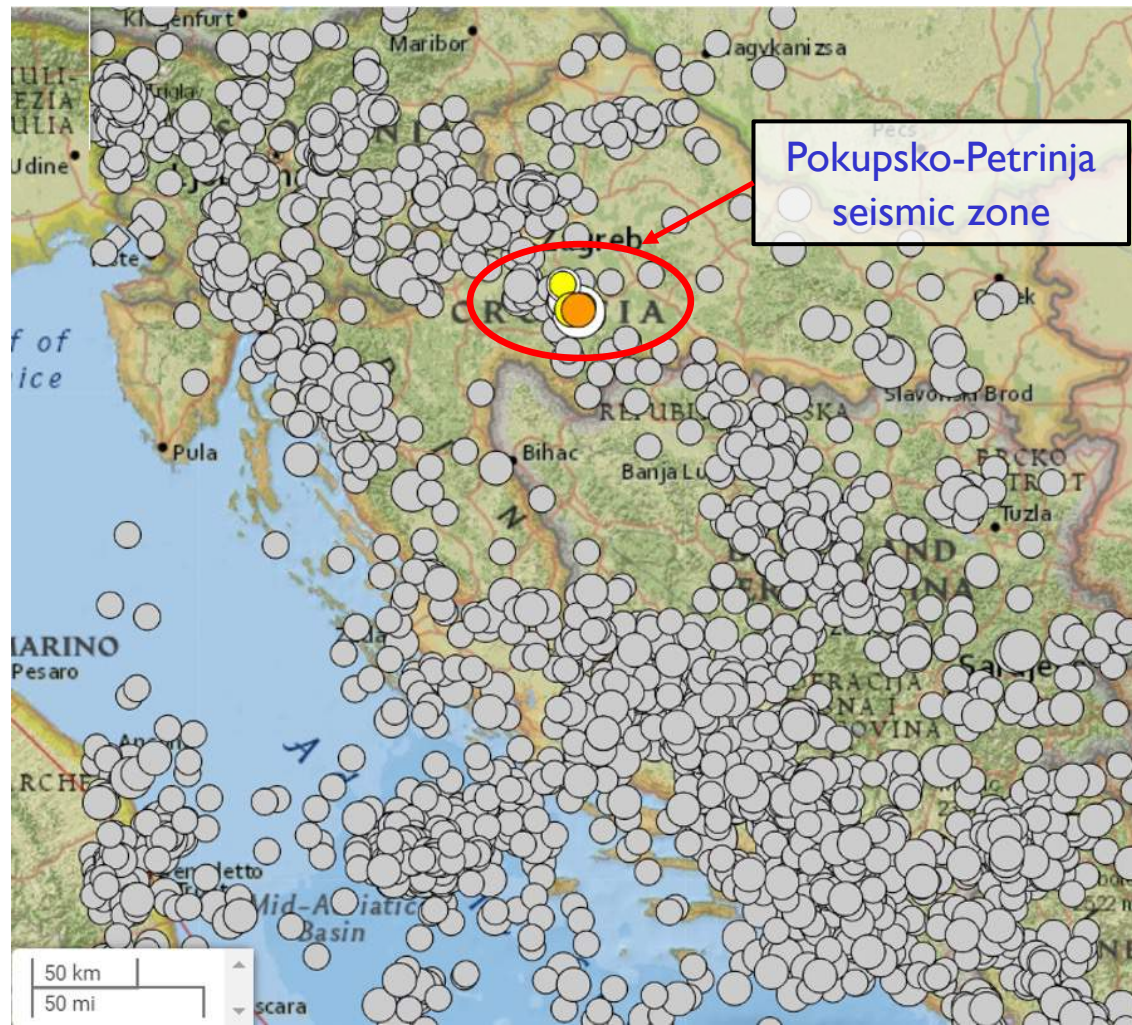
# December 29, 2020 M6.4 Petrinja, Croatia Earthquake



- Mainshock:
  - December 29, 2020 at 12:20pm local time
  - 3km southwest of Petrinja and 47km south of Zagreb
  - Hypocenter depth 10 km
- Foreshocks:
  - December 28, 2020
  - M5.2 and M4.7
- Hundreds of aftershocks:
  - M4.7 and M4.8 on Dec 30, 2020
  - M 4.9 on Jan 6, 2021

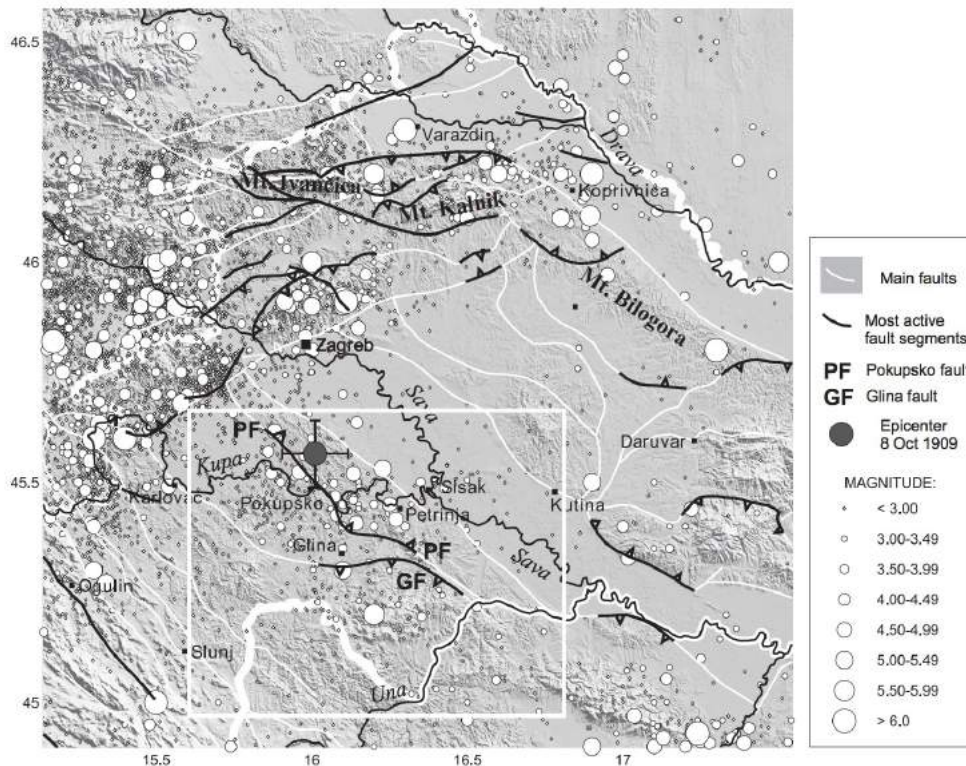
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# Seismicity of Croatia



Epicenters of earthquakes with moment magnitudes  $M > 3$  in Croatia since 1950. source: USGS ComCat. (USGS 2021).

# Seismicity of Croatia – October 8, 1909 Kupa Valley Earthquake



Pokupsko epicenter area with epicenters from the Croatian Earthquake Catalogue. The 1909 mainshock is shown as a dark gray circle with one standard deviation error bars. (From Herak and Herak 2010, Figure 1)

- Magnitude:  $M_S$  6.0
- “... the **strongest event** known to have ever been noted in the Kupa Valley epicentral region, and it **plays a key role in defining the hazard there.**” (Herak and Herak, 2010)

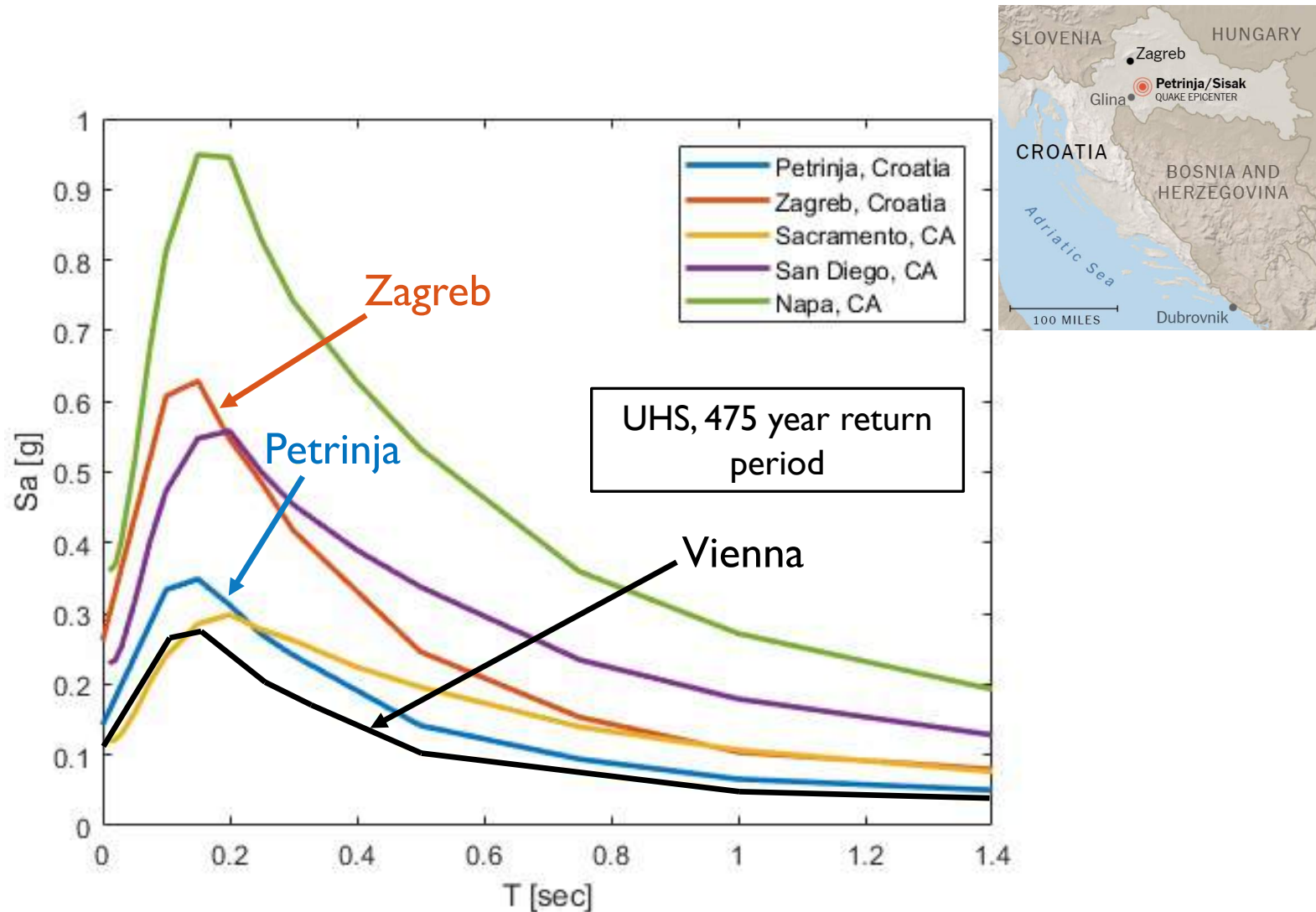


A. Mohorovičić

The “Moho” guy!

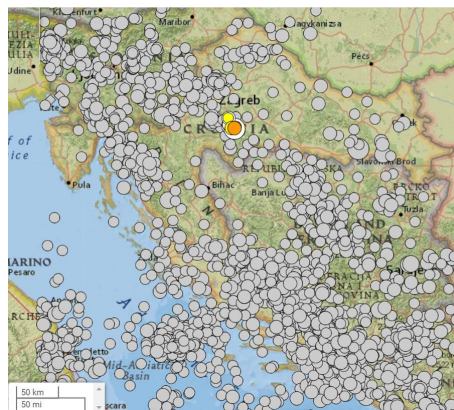


# Seismic hazard – Uniform Hazard Spectra (UHS)



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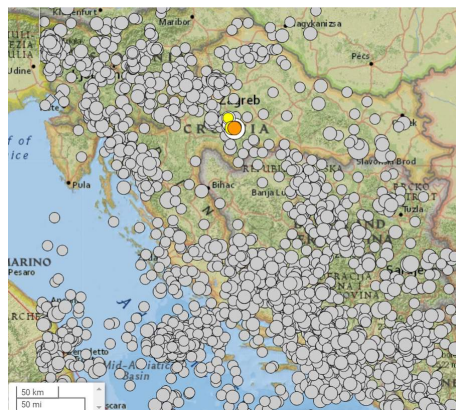
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2. URM and confined masonry



3. Apartment building



4. KTC supermarket



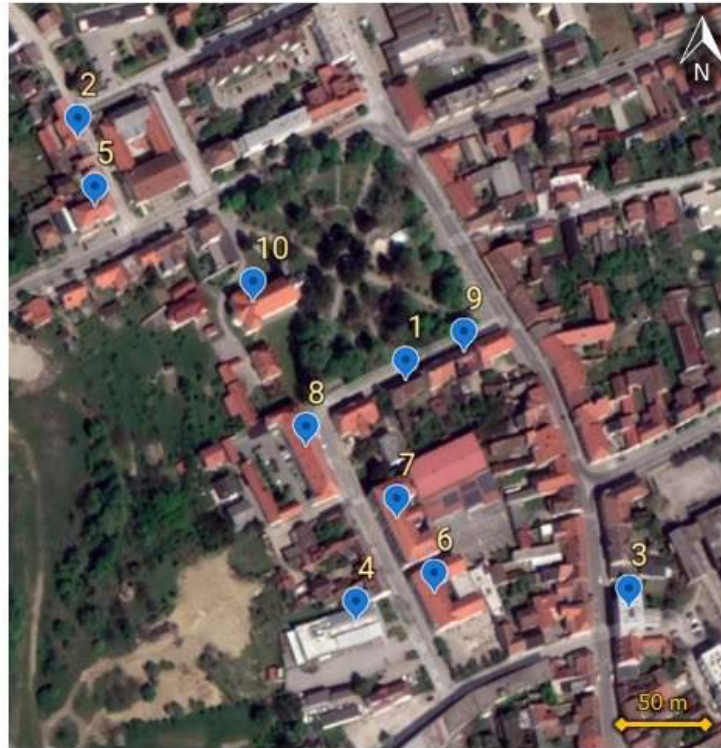
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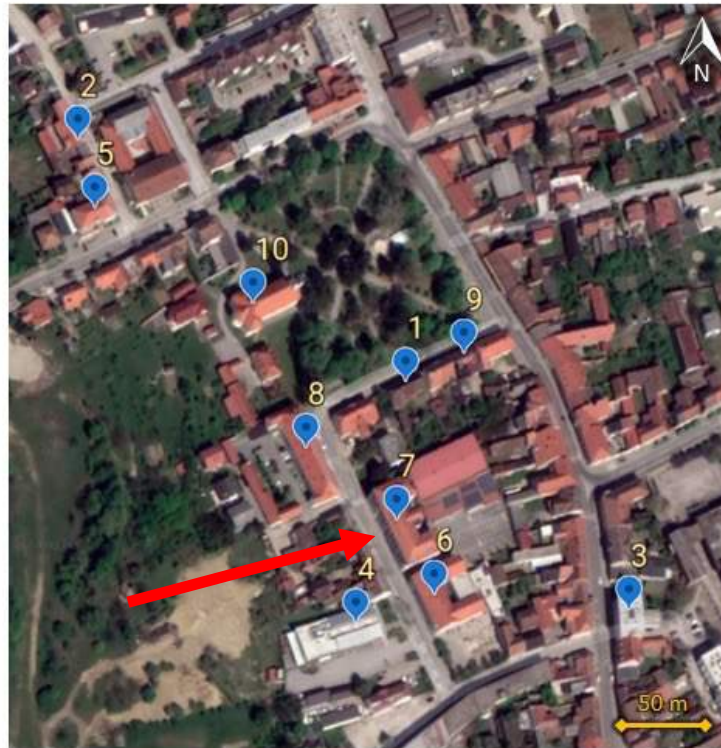
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# Petrinja High School

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- Built around 1860
- URM walls with jack-arch floors
- Hollow clay tiles on the roof
- Façade looks amazing!

Transverse wall of the Petrinja High School

## Petrinja High School – transverse wall

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Transverse wall of the Petrinja High School

## Petrinja High School – transverse wall



- Shear crack on the outside on the transverse wall
- Localized damage above the windows

Transverse wall of the Petrinja High School



## Petrinja High School – Main building interior

Taken after the M5.2 event on  
December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Before the earthquake (source:  
Domagoj Damjanović)



After the earthquake

## Petrinja High School – Main building interior

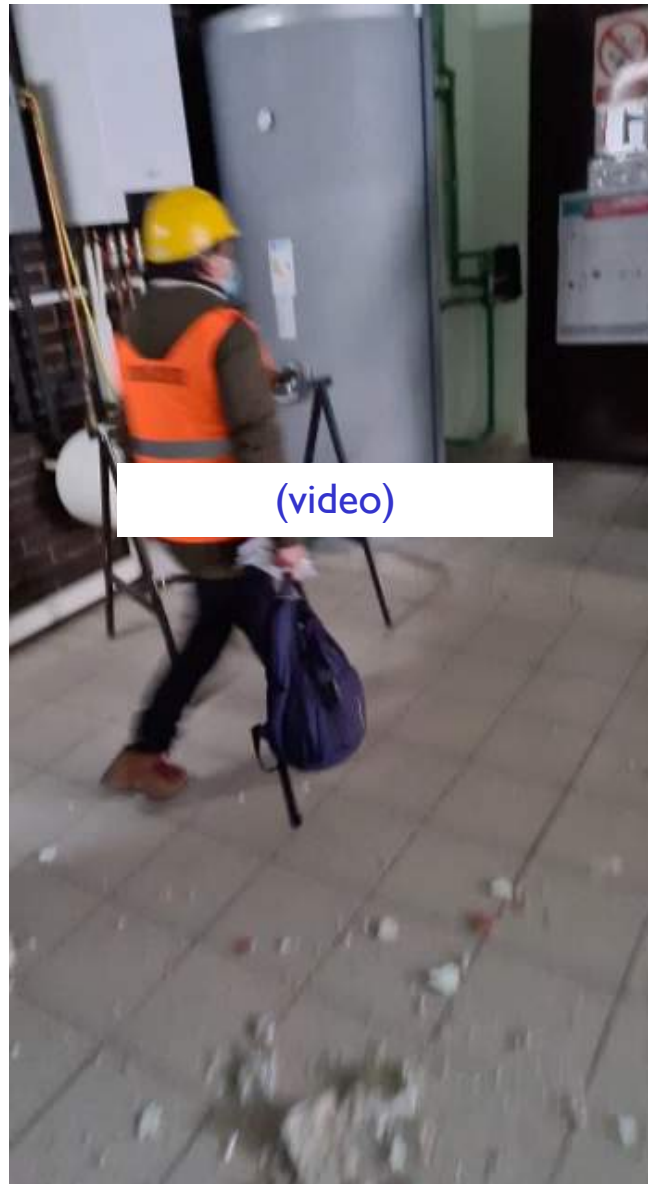
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(video)

## Petrinja High School – Sports Hall

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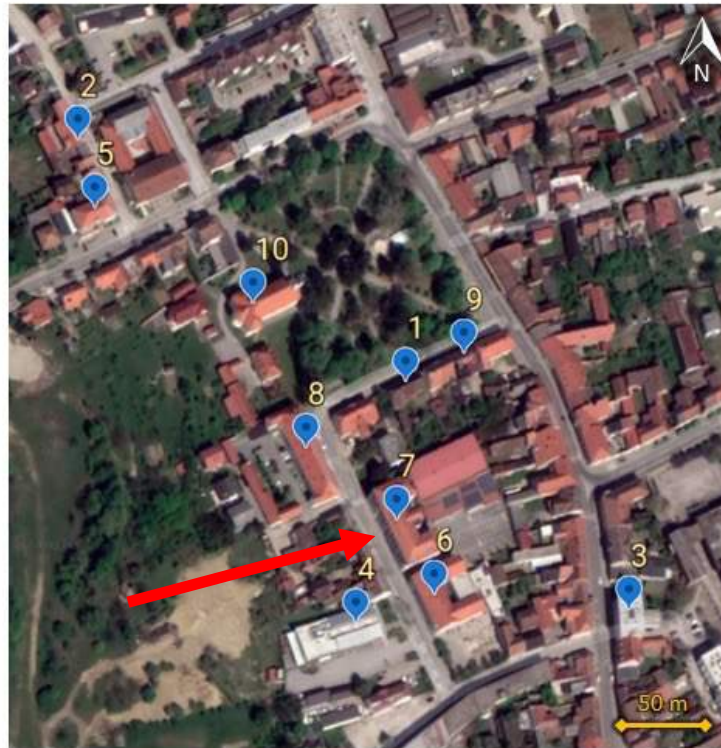
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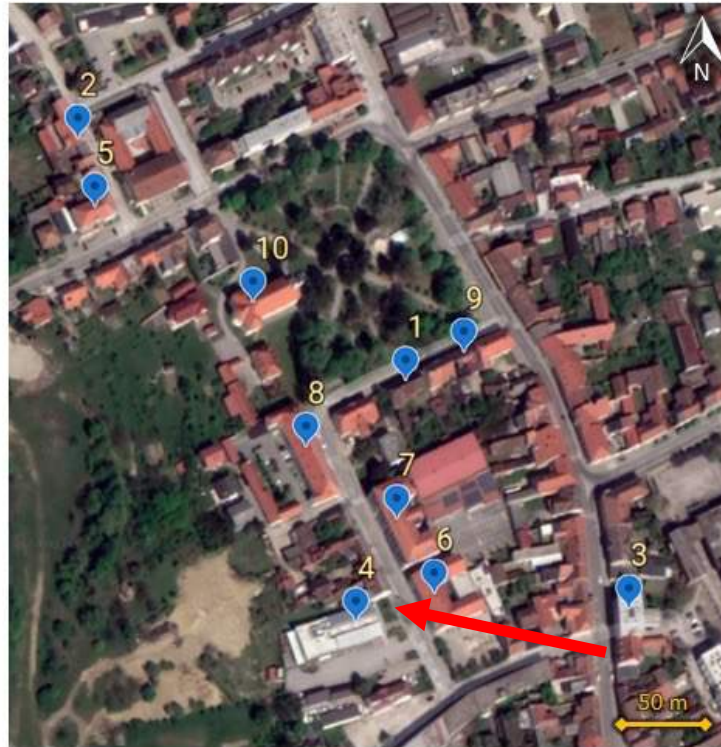
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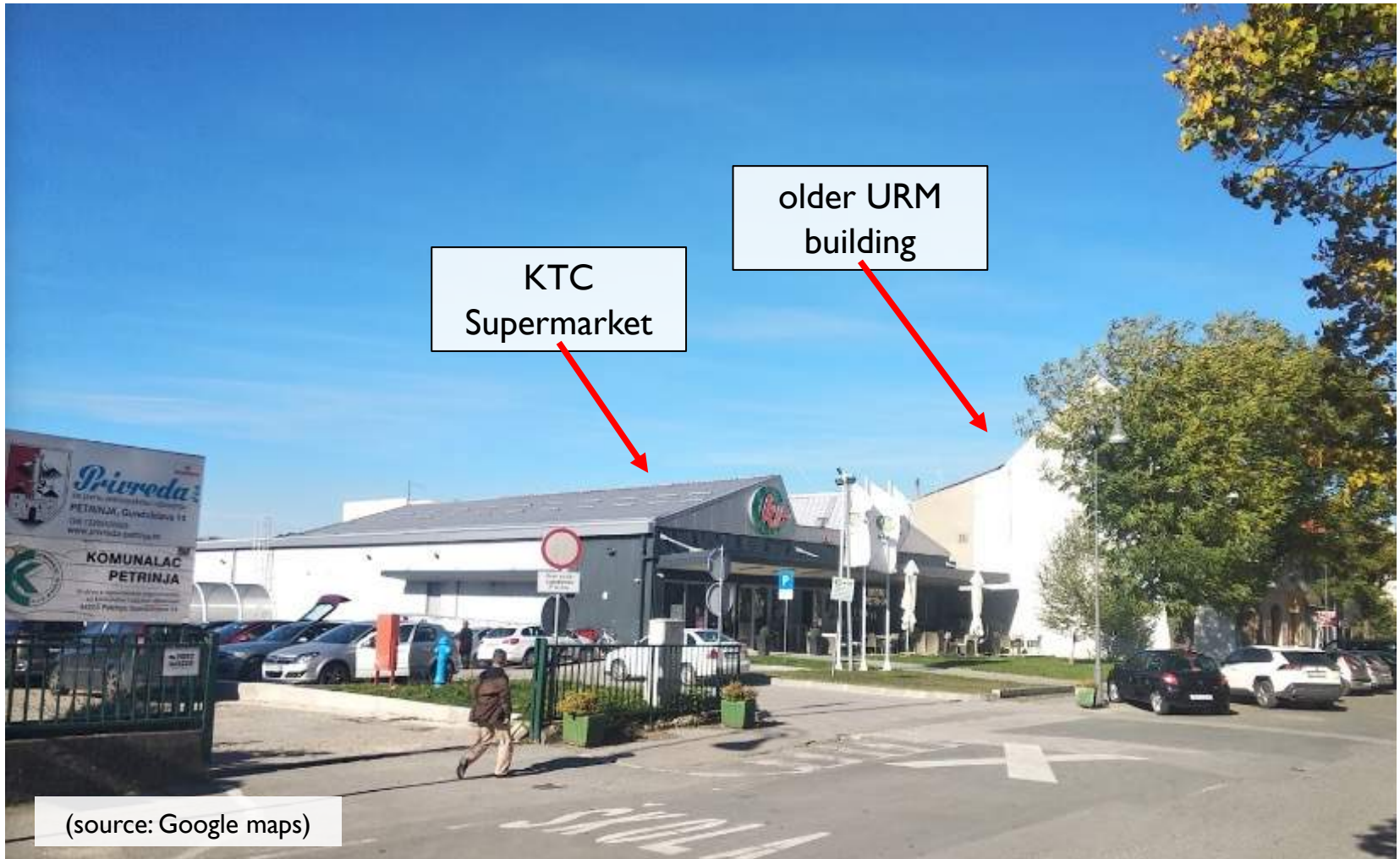
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## KTC Supermarket & an older URM building



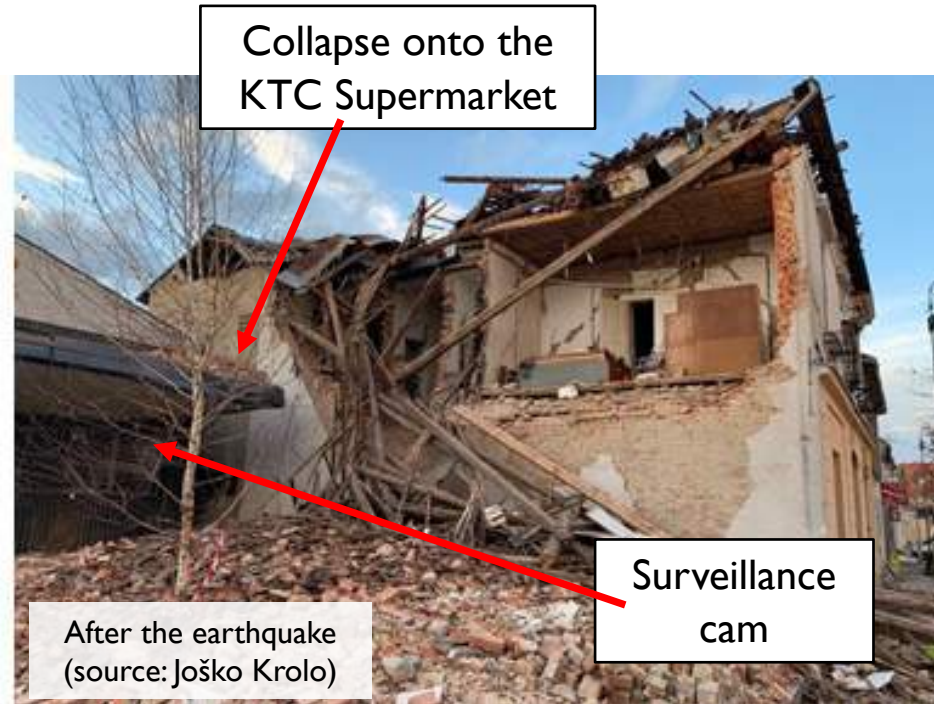


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Gable wall and roof collapse. Typical wall and floor construction in older URM buildings – thick clay brick masonry walls, timber floors, and roofs.

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# KTC Supermarket

Surveillance  
cam



(source: Sonja Belovarac Radenović )

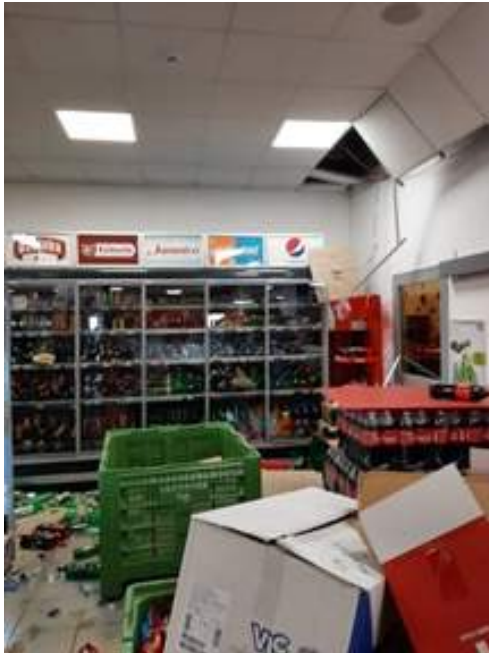


# KTC Supermarket



(source: Sonja Belovarac Radenović )

## KTC Supermarket



Hung ceiling assembly damage



Products on the floor of the KTC supermarket due to the earthquake



(source all photos: Sonja Belovarac Radenović )



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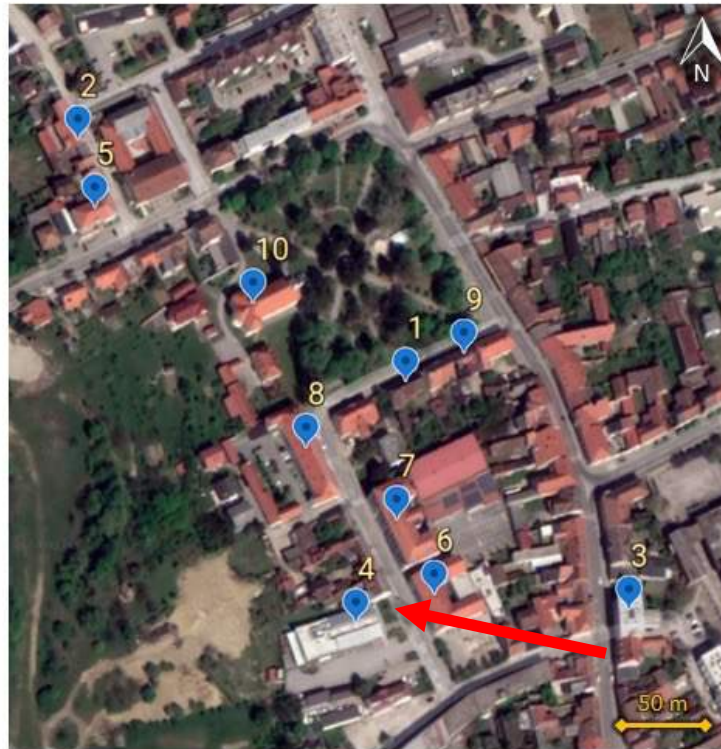
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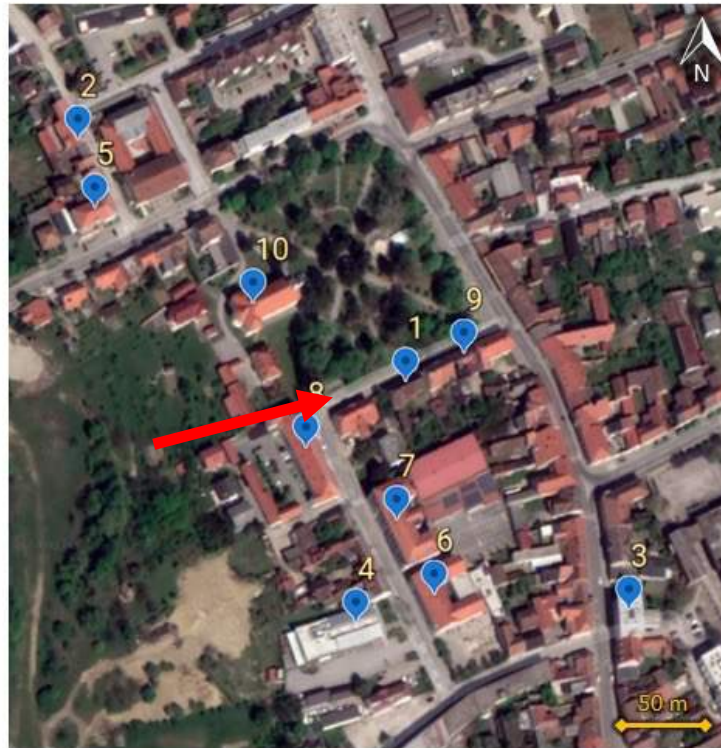
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## Walk through the epicenter – view from the park





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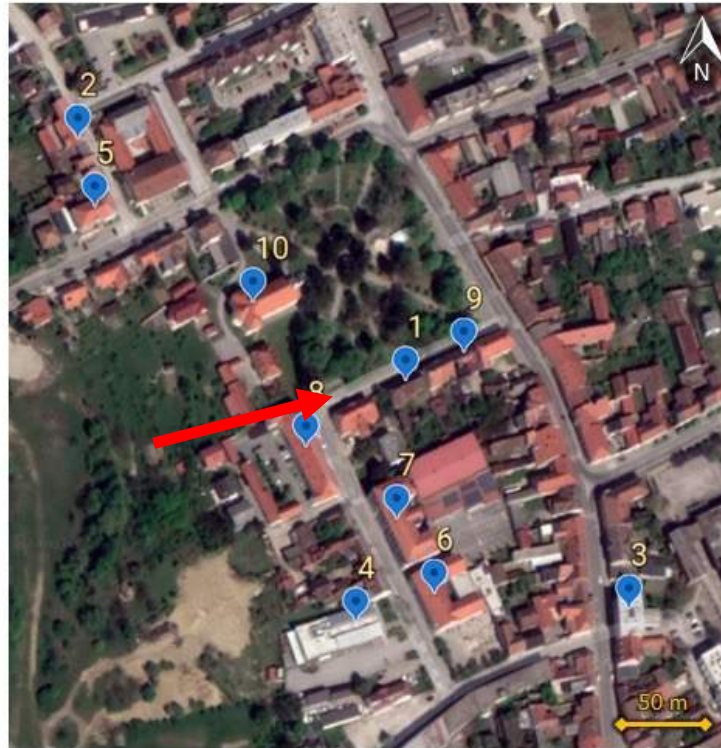
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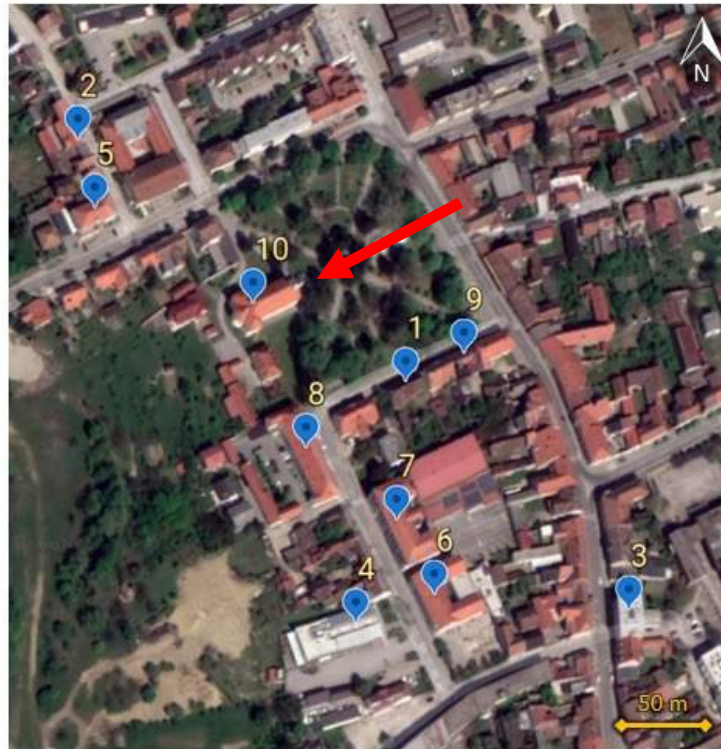
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# Church of St. Lawrence

- Originating from the 18th century; destroyed in Croatian War of Independence in 1991.; re-built in 2004. → RC and confined masonry structure





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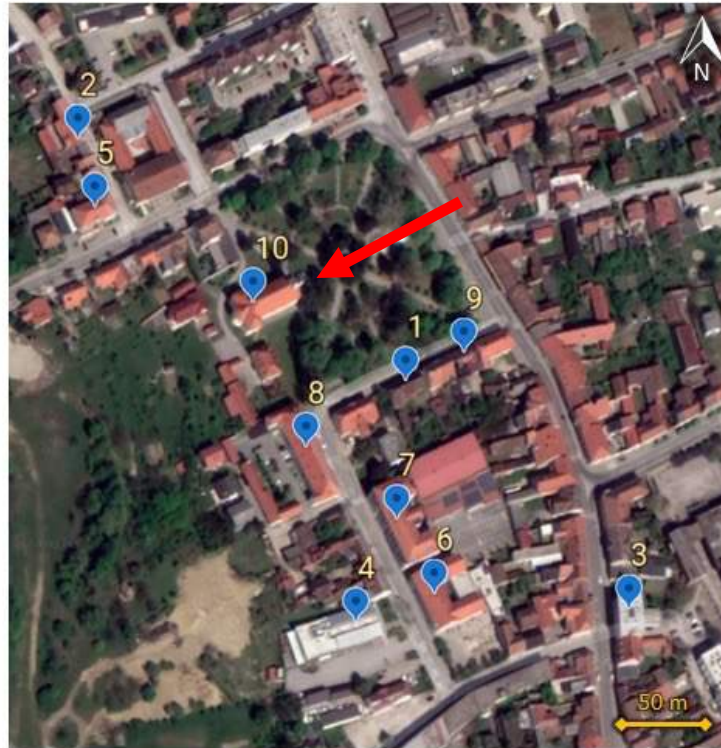
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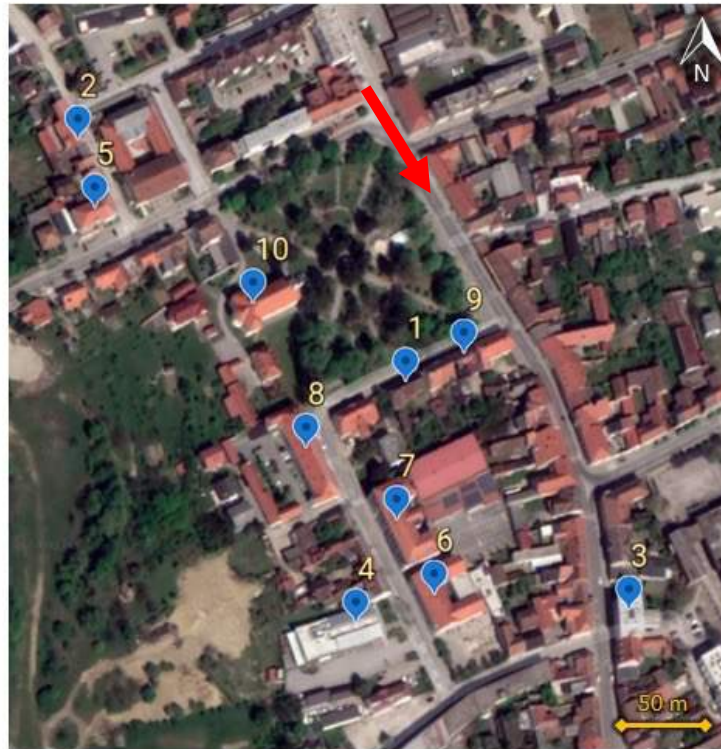
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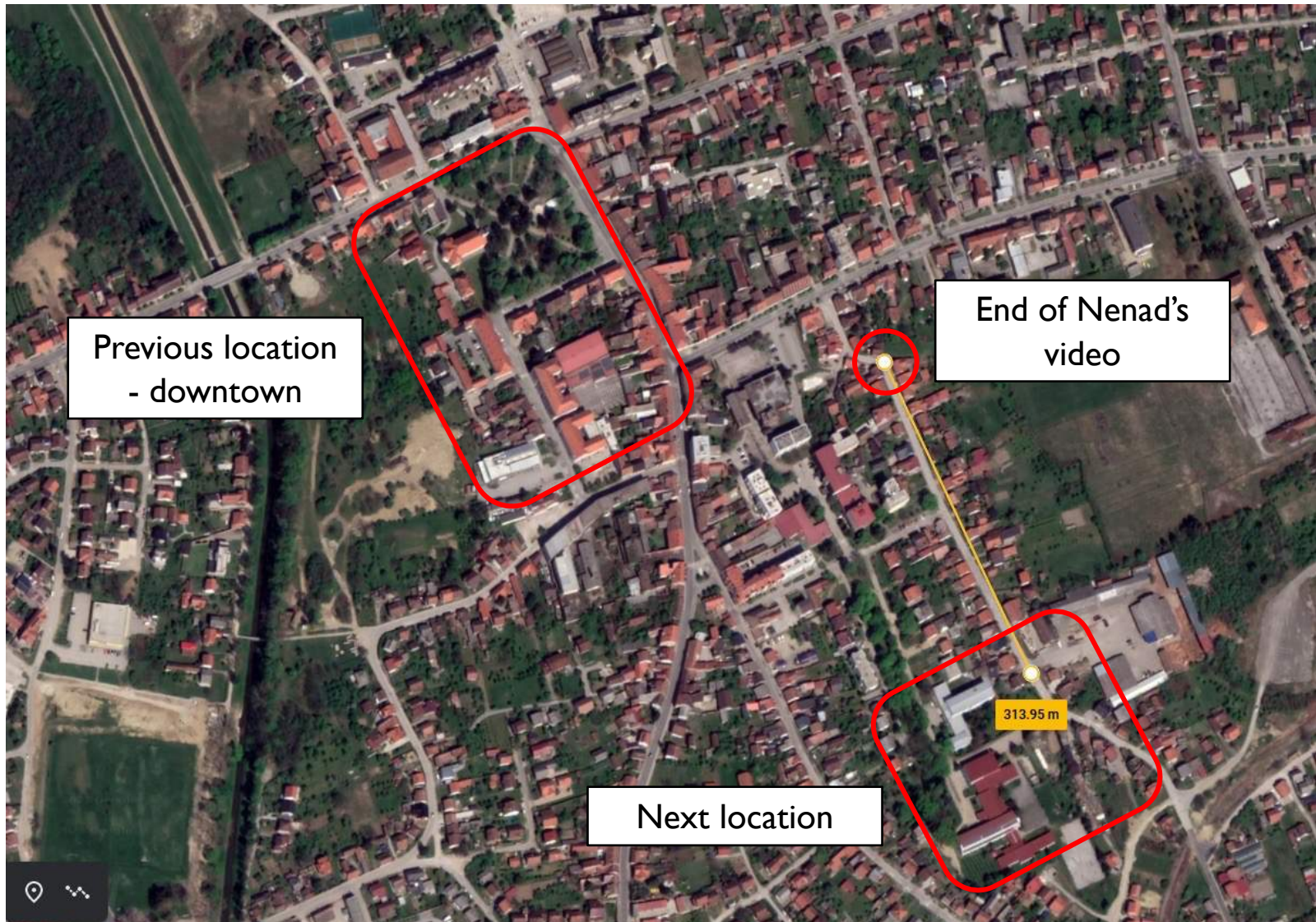
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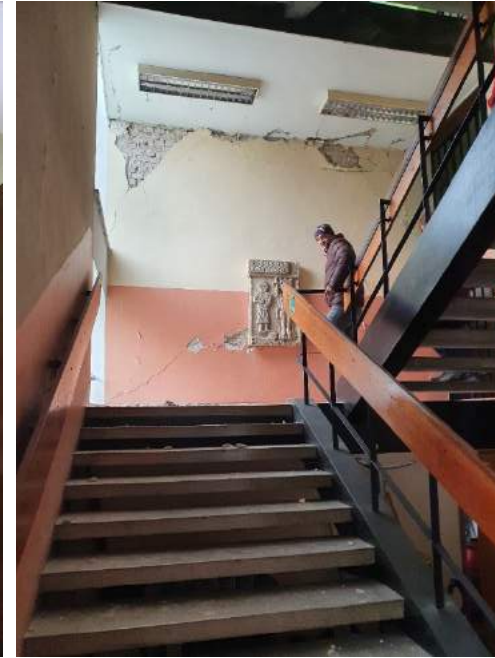
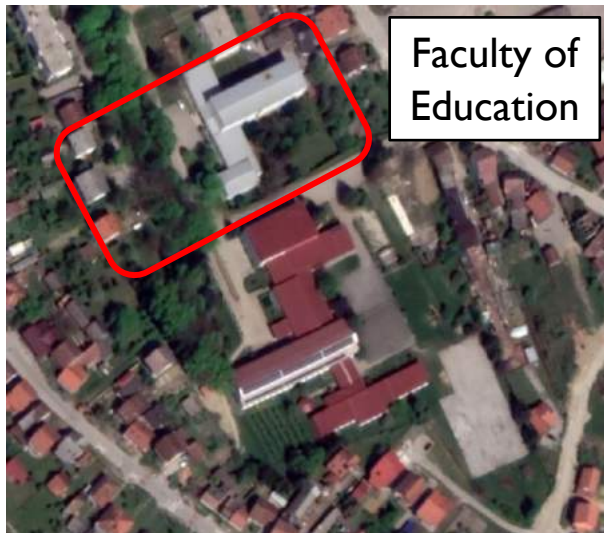


## Walk through the epicenter – next location





# Faculty of Education



- Combination of confined and unconfined masonry.
- Significant damage observed.
- Recently performed energy efficiency renewal (façade).

# Faculty of Education



- Possible OOP failure in case of stronger aftershocks!

- Lots of overturned shelves and fallen items in the building.
- Sufficient anchorage in the library.





## Faculty of Education

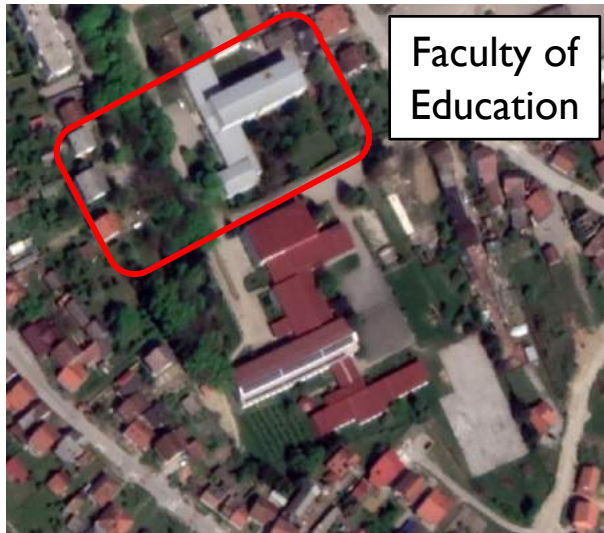


- Total collapse of the ceiling assembly in one of the classrooms.



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- Elementary School Dragutin Tadijanovic

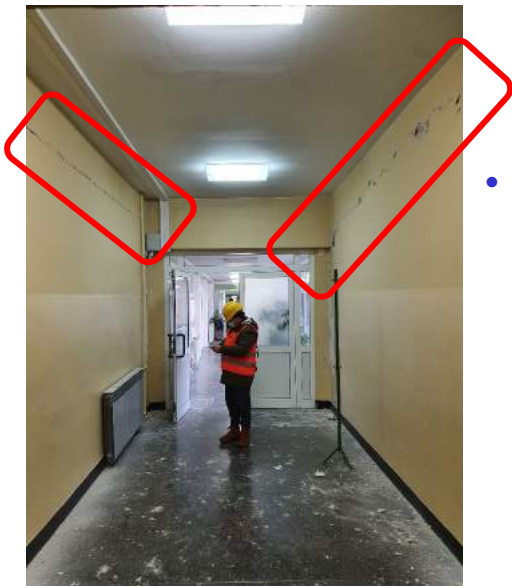


- Elementary School  
Mato Lovrak

# Elementary Schools Dragutin Tadijanovic and Mato Lovrak



- Elementary School Dragutin Tadijanovic
- RC moment-resisting frames with masonry infill walls
- Sports hall – RC frames with infill walls and steel joists roof structure – good performance.



- Cracks at the intersection of the masonry infill and the RC frame.





# Elementary Schools Dragutin Tadijanovic and Mato Lovrak



- Elementary School Mato Lovrak



- RC structure
- Steel structure
- Timber structure

Very good performance.

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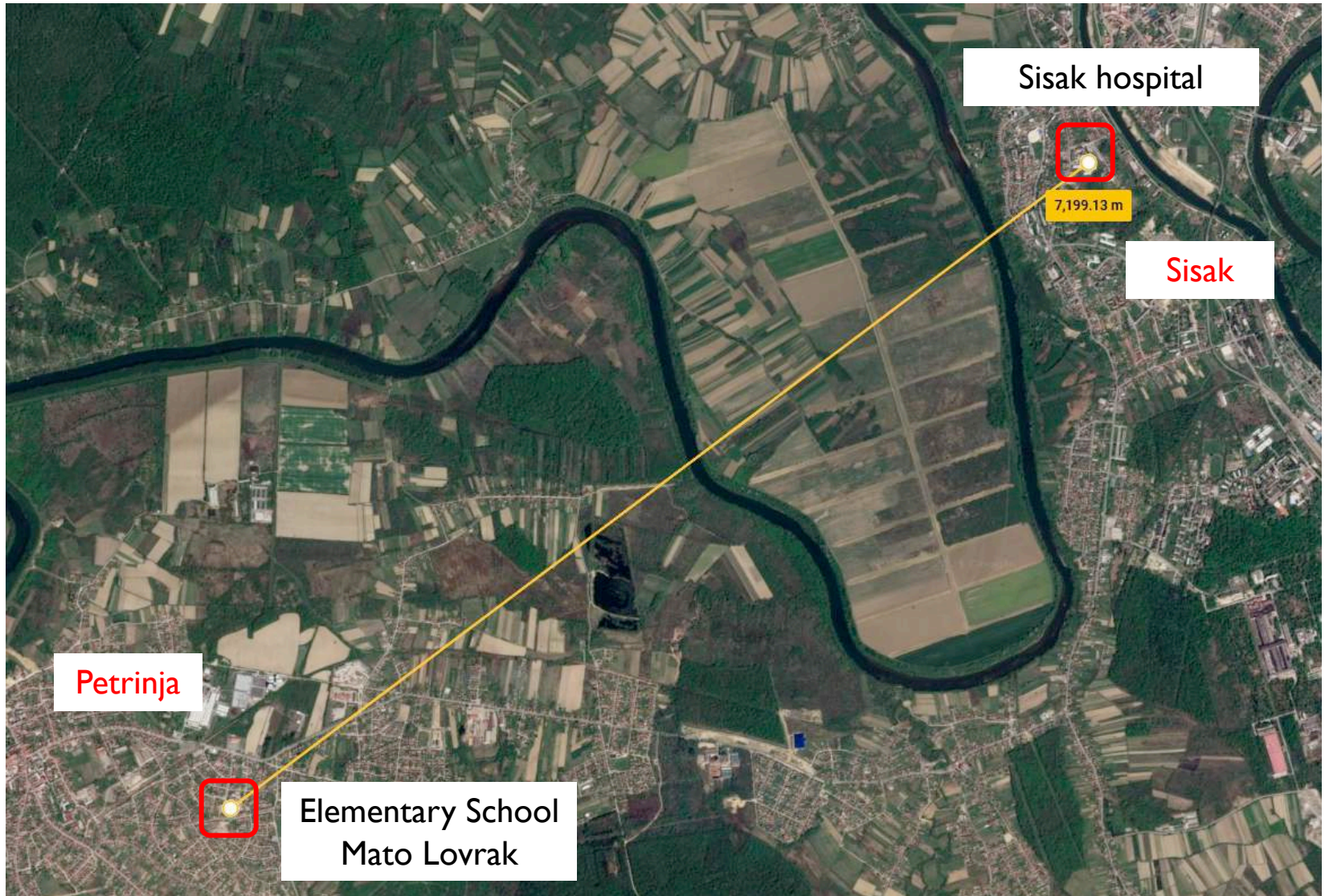


Cracked chimney

(source of all photos in the bottom row: Suzana Ereiz)



## Walk around the epicenter – Sisak





# Sisak hospital



- The complex consists of buildings of different age and structure type.

● operational

● partially operational

● non - operational

● good condition but non - operational

## Sisak hospital



- Building #2:
    - unreinforced masonry,
    - severely damaged.
- operational
- partially operational
- non - operational
- good condition but non - operational



# Sisak hospital

- Building #2:
  - wide shear cracks observed from both the inside and the outside,
  - failure of gable walls,
  - failure of chimneys.

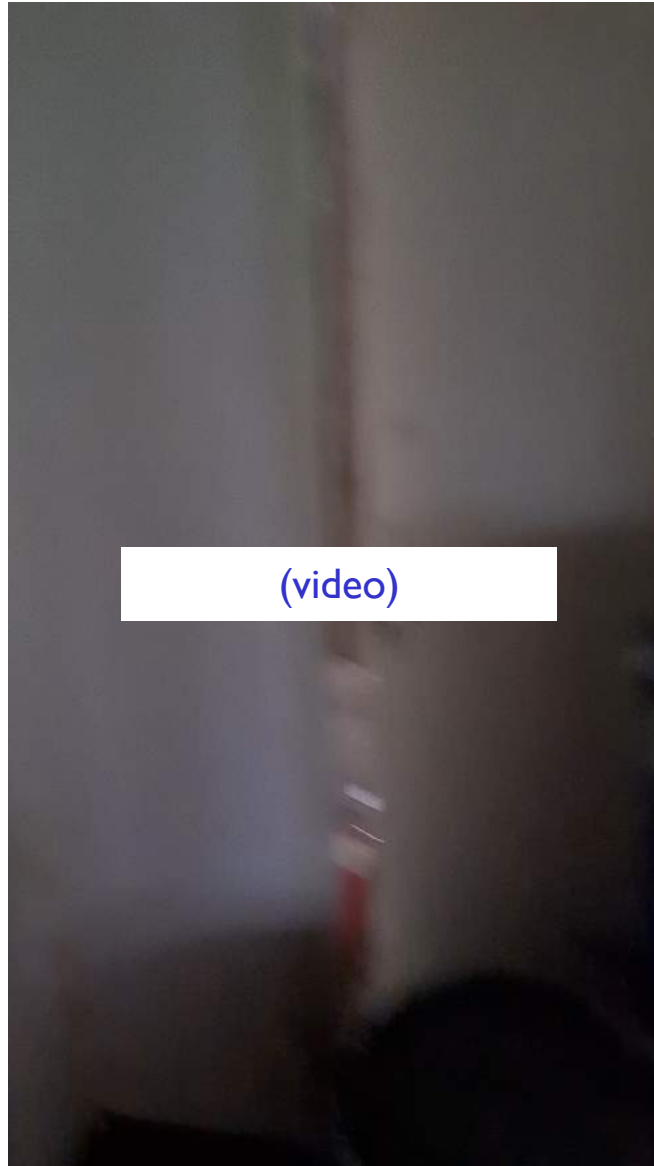




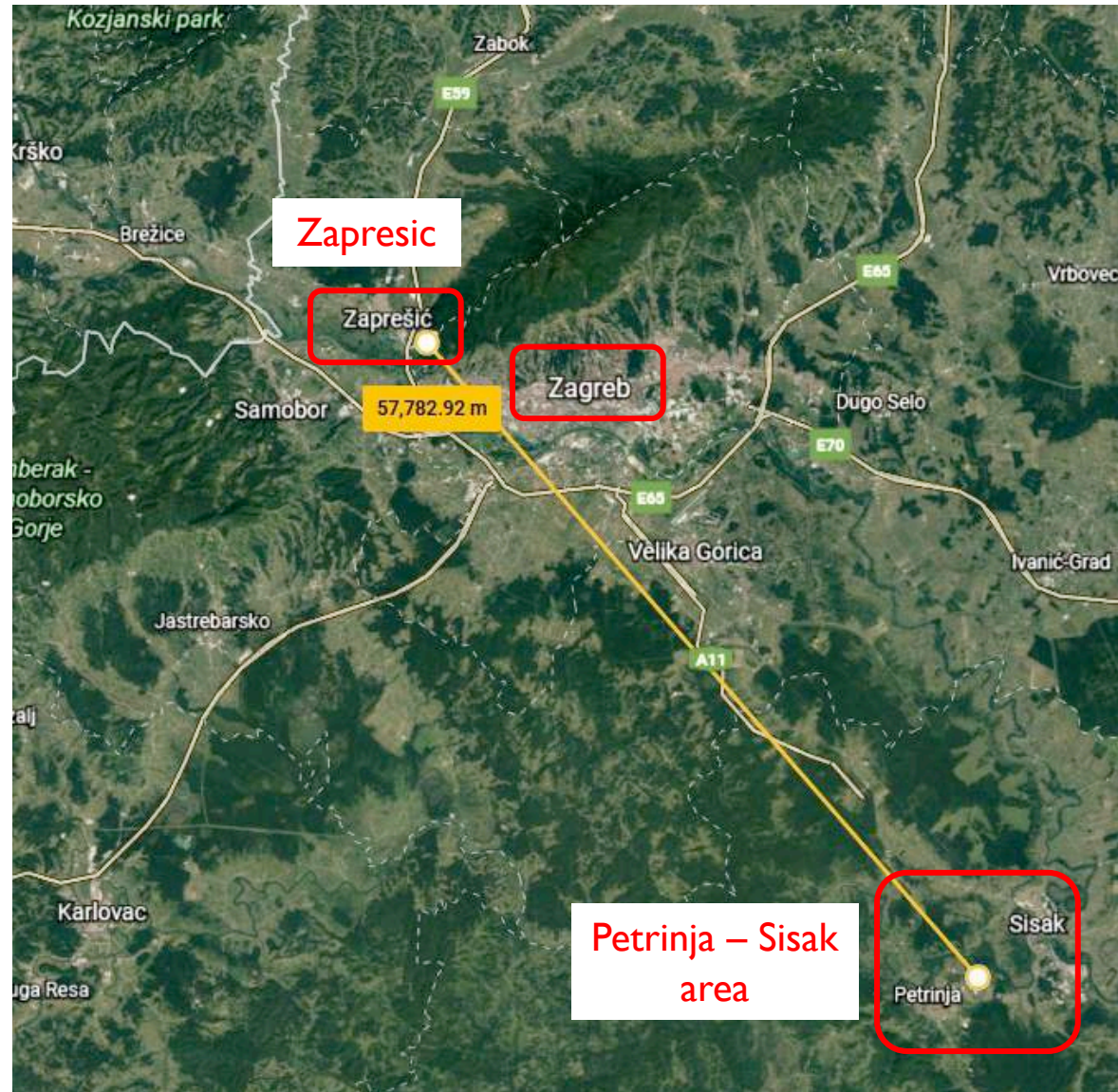
# Sisak hospital

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- Building #2 – ground floor.

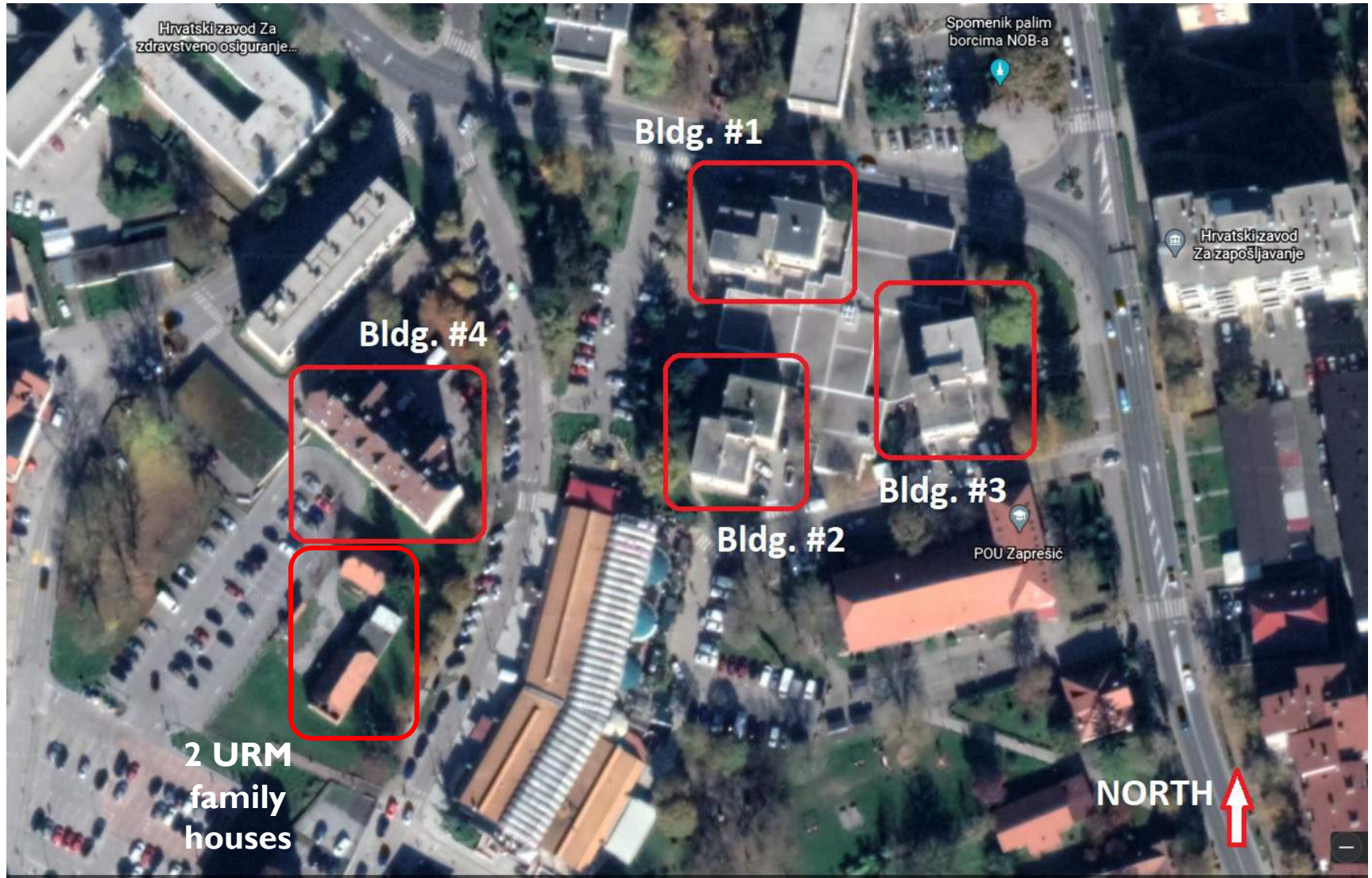


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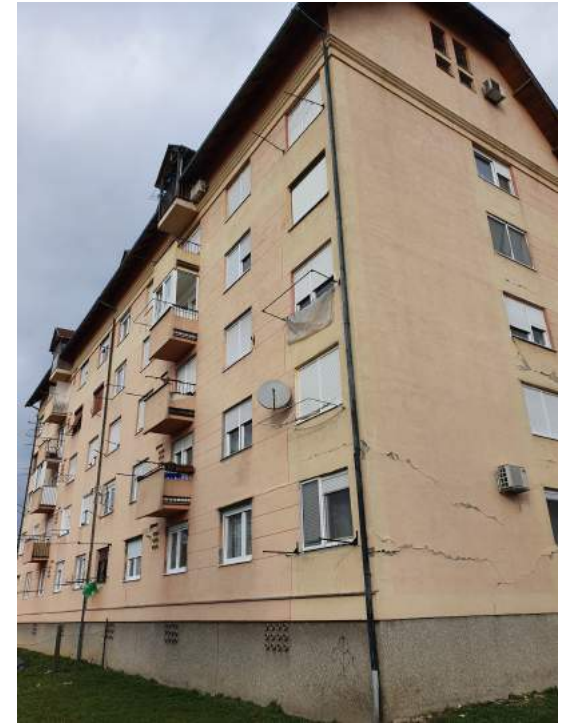


## Walk a bit further from the epicenter - Zapresic

- Building #4 and a single family URM 10 m away.



- Shear cracks on the ground floor.



- Crushed brick on the ground floor.

- Undamaged single family URM 10 m away from Building #4.





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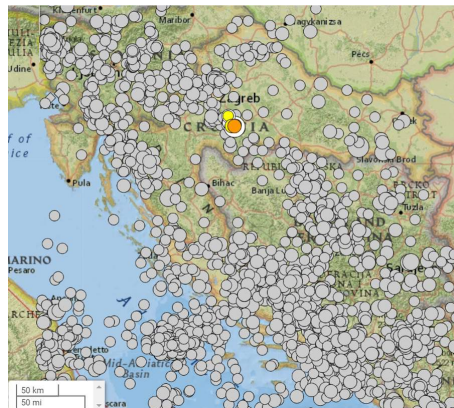
- Building #2: shear cracks on the ground floor, significant cracks through the building.





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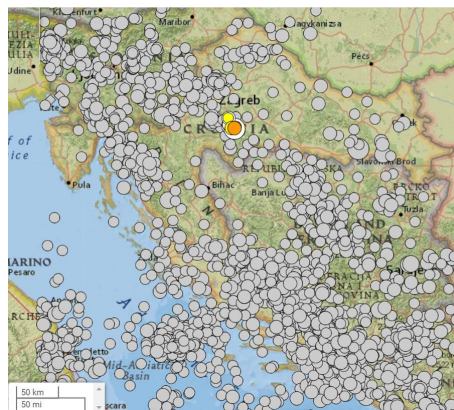


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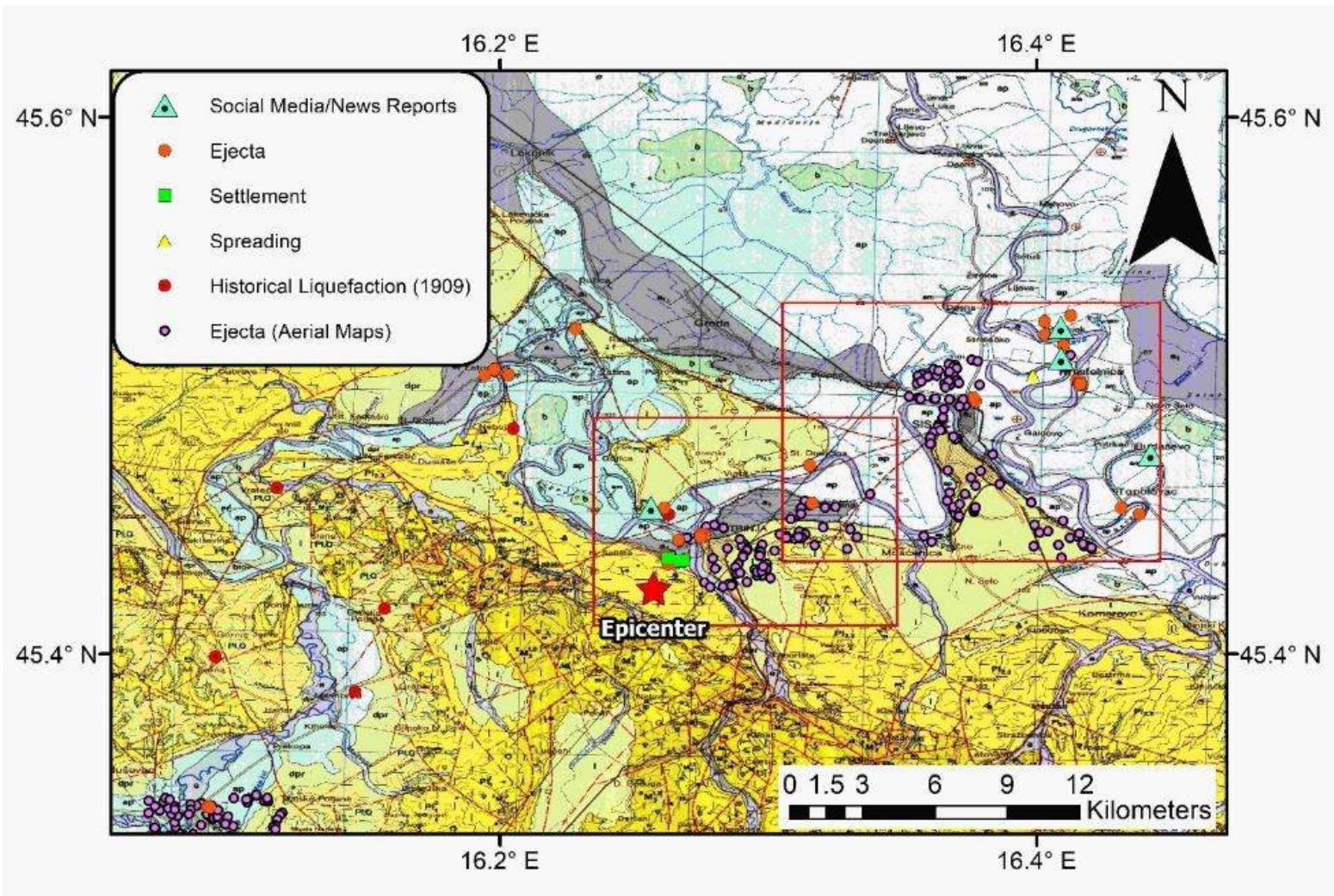


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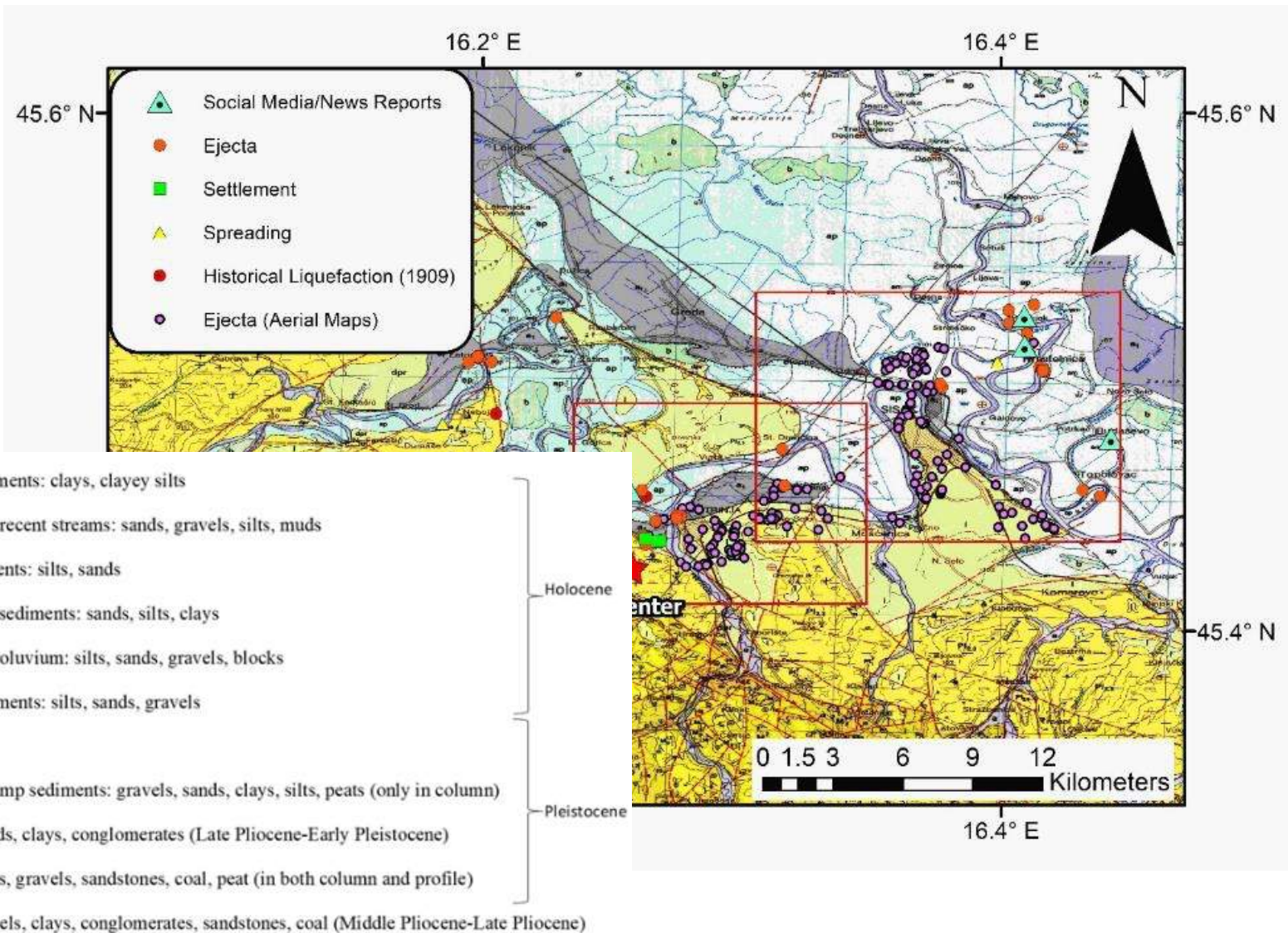


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Ejecta in an agricultural field near Hrastelnica (45.5009N, 16.4166E)



Drenačka Street in Petrinja (45.4560936N, 16.3173009E)

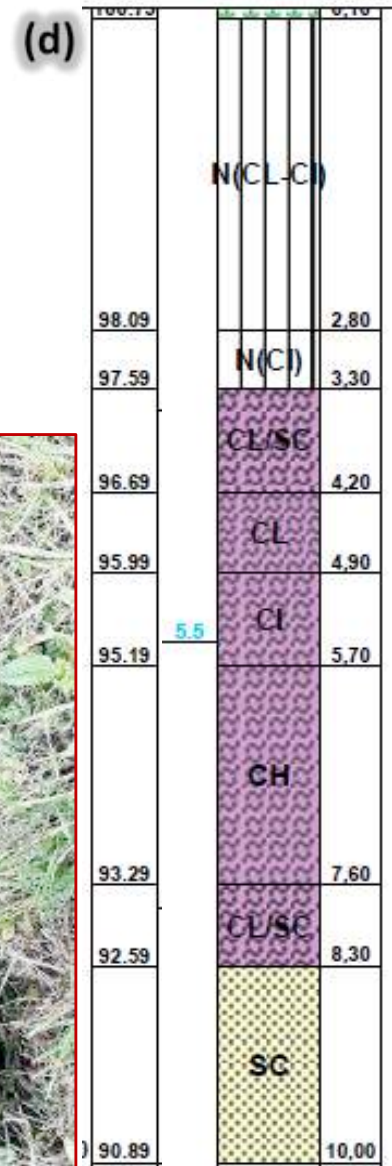


Ejecta in a football field near Letovanić (45.506095N, 16.198165E)





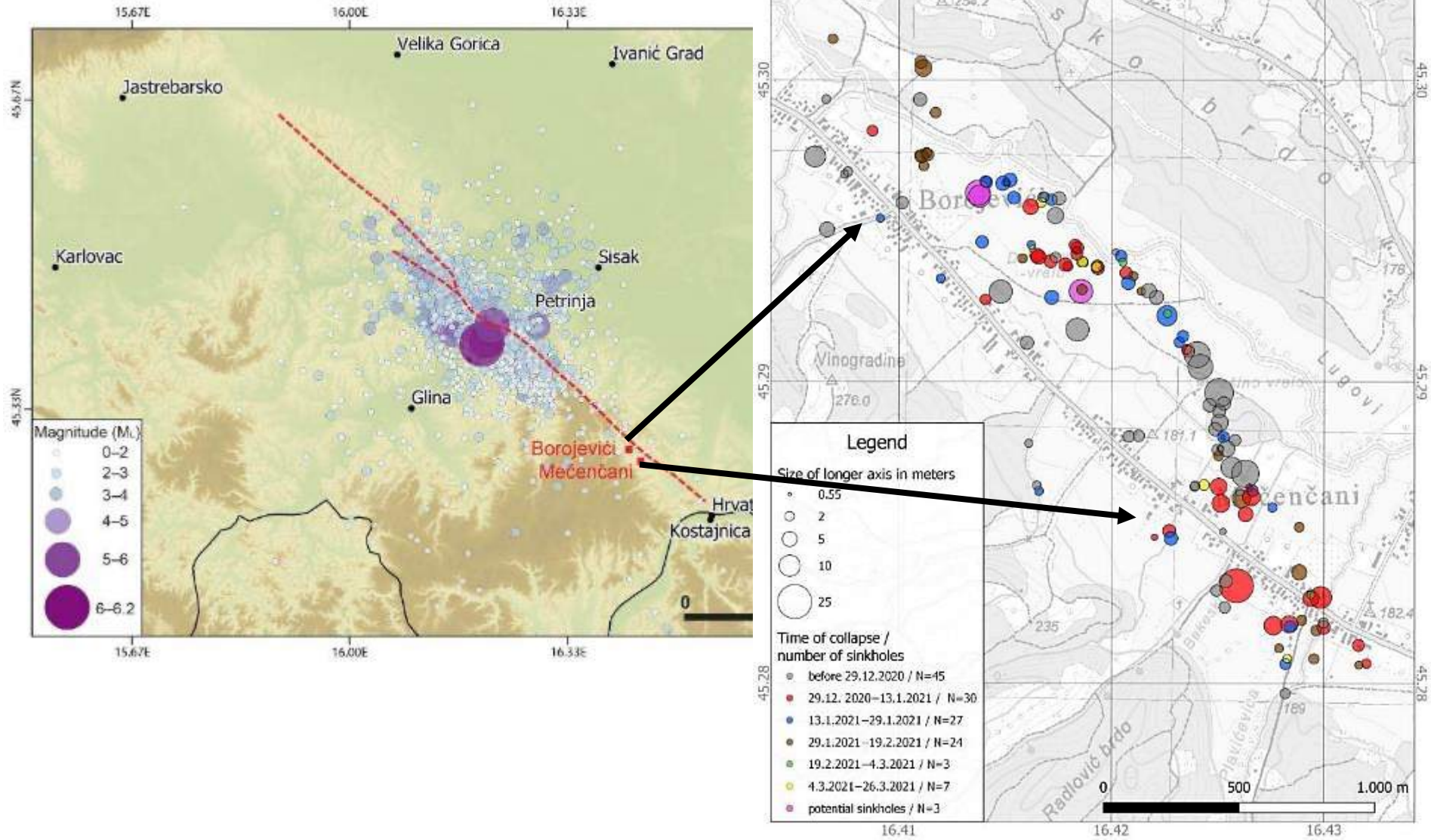
# Levee Damage





# Unexpected and Rare Post-Seismic Sinkholes

Total of 107 new sinkholes, and 49 fossil sinkholes, were identified in the 4 km<sup>2</sup> area of two villages Mečenčani and Borojevići



# Cover-Collapse Post-Seismic Sinkholes

S001 the largest (45.280618N, 16.431644E)



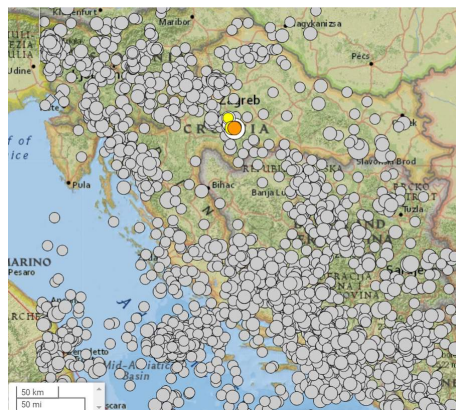
S015 (45.282859N, 16.429841E)





# Presentation roadmap

## The setting & seismicity



## Walk through the epicenter – structural aspects



## Walk through the epicenter – geotech aspects



# Summary

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## The human side – deda (grandpa) Nikola

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Red tag used by HCPI during their post-earthquake safety evaluations

(HCPI – Croatian Center for Earthquake Engineering)



## The human side – deda (grandpa) Nikola's rakija



The best rakija ever

## Quick Quake Quote

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“Earthquakes never happen at the right time.”

Prof. Eduardo Miranda

- March 22, 2020 M5.5 Zagreb
  - December 29, 2020 M6.4 Petrinja
- + the pandemic



# Vielen Dank!

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