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Altitude & vegetation description of contemporary samples



Schematic diagrams showing the pattern of (A) inter-seismic and (B) co-seismic deformation associated with a subduction zone earthquake during the earthquake deformation cycle. Adapted from Nelson *et al.* (1996) to reflect the spatial pattern of co-seismic deformation during the 1964 earthquake in Alaska. Site locations are shown in figure 1.4



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Schematic diagram showing the development of peat-silt couplets following coseismic submergence together with associated possible tsunami deposits and liquefaction features (Atwater & Hemphill-Haley, 1997)



The Cascadia subduction zone off the coast of the Pacific Northwest of the USA and Canada (Long & Shennan, 1994)



Region affected by the 1964 Alaskan earthquake showing location of sites studied, generalised contours of co-seismic uplift and subsidence (modified from Plafker, 1969) and eight volcanoes (solid triangles) marking the eastern end of the Aleutian volcanic arc



Location of field sites around the upper Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm, major rivers and ice fields



Satellite image showing the location of the Kenai River Flats and Kenai City Pier transects in relation to the Kenai River entrance (Rod Combellick, State of Alaska Geological and Geophysical Survey)



Oblique aerial photograph of Kenai River Flats showing the transect across the marsh, location of coring site Kenai 2000-7 and tidal channel. The contemporary transect incorporates all environments from unvegetated mudflat through to raised bog



Altitude (m) of vegetation zones (described in table 2.1) found at Kenai River Flats and Kenai City Pier



Vegetation zone 7

Towards the landward limit of the transect, diverse raised bog communities develop comprising Poaceae, Carex lyngbyei, Sphagnum sp., Vaccinium sp., Empetrum nigrum, Salix sp., Alnus sp., Picea sp. and Betula sp. The ground at the most landward site is completely water logged with a floating mat of vegetation



Vegetation zones 4 and 5

Midway along the transect there is a transition from mid marsh to high marsh. Vegetation consists of Poaceae, Juncus sp., Triglochin maritima, Carex lyngbyei with rare Potentilla egedii, Puccinellia sp. and Plantago maritima



Vegetation zones 1, 2 and 3

Towards the river, a small levee separates the unvegetated mudflat from the marsh surface, and so there is a poor transition between the two. Vegetation at the marsh front consists of Poaceae, *Triglochin maritima*, *Potentilla egedii* and *Juncus* sp

Figure 2.5 Contemporary environments at Kenai River Flats



Oblique aerial photograph of Kenai City Pier. The contemporary marsh transect at this site has a more extensive tidal flat that gently grades into low marsh



Vegetation zone 7

At the landward limit of the transect diverse raised bog communities develop, similar to those found at Kenai River Flats



Vegetation zone 4

Along the transect, vegetation changes to mid marsh consisting of Poaceae, Juncus sp., Triglochin maritima with rare Potentilla egedii, Puccinellia sp. and Plantago maritima together with the introduction of Carex lyngbyei



Vegetation zones 1 and 2

At Kenai City Pier, the mudflat is more extensive and there is gentle transition into the upper tidal flat/marsh pioneer zone and then into low marsh

Figure 2.7 Contemporary environments at Kenai City Pier



Oblique aerial photograph (looking upstream) of the marsh and Kasilof River showing location of the bank section with the three laterally extensive peat layers. The sampling site lies 3.75 km from the river entrance into the Cook Inlet



Bank section at Kasilof showing three buried peat layers. The lowest is approximately 1 m thick and contains distinctive wood layers and tephras. Ages shown are recalibrated radiocarbon dates from Combellick and Reger (1994)



Oblique aerial photograph of Girdwood showing extensive tidal flat areas, a small cliff separating the tidal flat from the marsh surface and ghost forests rooted in the 1964 buried peat layer (Rod Combellick, State of Alaska Geological and Geophysical Survey)

Cliff face (~1 m) at Girdwood separating the contemporary tidal flat from the marsh surface exposing the 1964 peat in which the ghost forest is rooted

Snow covers the frozen marsh surface at Girdwood

The small cliff face separating the mudflat from the marsh surface is not visible due to the amount of ice in the Turnagain Arm. Highest tides deposit some ice blocks onto the marsh surface

Melting ice blocks on the marsh surface deposit a significant amount of sediment that becomes part of the annual sediment accumulation

Figure 2.12 Winter conditions at Girdwood, April 2002

Snow covers the frozen marsh surface at Kenai. The tidal channel that dissects the contemporary transect is not visible due to the amount of ice contained within it

The Kenai River (same location as figure 2.5) is frozen, with ice blocks pushed up the riverbank onto the contemporary marsh surface. No contemporary mudflats are visible

Further downstream at Kenai City Pier, the Kenai River is not frozen. Large ice blocks are deposited on the mudflat that is frozen down to a depth of approximately 0.5 m

Figure 2.13 Winter conditions at Kenai, April 2002

Figure 3.1

Schematic diagram of organic content changes (Hamilton, 1998) associated with the EDC model

Figure 3.2

The primary aim of a transfer function is to predict the value of one or more environmental variables (*Xo*) from fossil biological data (*Yo*) consisting of *m* species in *t* samples. To estimate values of *Xo* the contemporary response of the same *m* species to the environmental variable(s) of interest is modelled. This involves a contemporary 'training set' of *m* species at *n* sites (*Y*) studied as surface assemblages with an associated set of contemporary environmental variables (*X*) for the same *n* sites. The modern relationships between Y and X are modelled and the resulting function is then used as a transfer function to transform the fossil data (*Yo*) into quantitative estimates of the past environmental variable(s) *Xo* (diagram and text from Birks, 1995)

Tidal observations (m relative to TBM = 100) for Kenai River Flats. Figure 4.1(a) shows the relationship between observed low tide at Kenai River Flats (m TBM) and predicted low tide at Kenai City Pier (m MLLW) and figure 4.1(b) shows the same relationship for high tide

High tide observations at Girdwood against predicted at Sunrise

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Hours inundated per year for the contemporary samples from Kenai River Flats and Kenai City Pier calculated using hourly water level data for Seldovia

Kenai contemporary diatom data (>5% total diatom valves) and cluster analysis using Euclidian distance. Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobian-indifferent (O-i), halophobe (H)

+ Kenai River Flats \times Kenai City Pier

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Altitude range of classes produced using Euclidian distance

Kenai contemporary diatom data (>5% total diatom valves) and cluster analysis using Chord distance. Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobian-indifferent (O-i), halophobe (H)

Altitude range of classes produced using Chord distance

Diatom optima and tolerance based upon WA model. Main diagram shows species that account for over 5% total diatom valves counted in at least one sample and solid circles indicate those that occur in five or fewer. Inset shows the full data set (appendix 1)


Regression results for the full contemporary data set using WA-PLS components 1, 2 and 3 (altitude (m) relative to MHHW)



Regression results using hours inundated per year for the full contemporary data set (WA-PLS components 1, 2 and 3)



Regression results for contemporary samples found below MHHW using PLS component 3 with a square root transformation for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year



Regression results using altitude (m) relative to MHHW for contemporary samples above +1.0 m MHHW (WA-PLS components 1, 2 and 3)



Regression results using hours inundated per year for contemporary samples above +1.0 m MHHW (WA-PLS components 1, 2 and 3)



Hours inundated per year for sites above +0.8 m MHHW showing observations (solid symbols) and equation (solid line) used to back calculate predicted altitude (m) from regression models based on hours inundated data sets



Regression results using altitude (m) relative to MHHW for contemporary samples above -0.5 m MHHW (WA-PLS components 1, 2 and 3)



Observed against predicted altitude (m) relative to MHHW for contemporary Kenai data using MAT and 1, 2, 5 or 10 closest dissimilarity coefficients



Cumulative frequency distribution of MAT minimum dissimilarity coefficients showing the extreme 2.5% and 5% thresholds used to define "good", "close" and "poor" analogues



Summary litho-stratigraphy at Kenai River Flats



Surface vegetation at Kenai 2000-7 consisting of Poaceae, *Carex lyngbyei* and rare *Triglochin maritima*. Dead trees rooted in the uppermost peat layer (figure 5.1) were killed following submergence during the 1964 earthquake



Lithology of Kenai 2000-7 showing the upper peat-silt boundary that represents coseismic submergence during the 1964 earthquake. This sample was taken within 1 m of the monolith used for laboratory analyses, hence slightly different depth values

0 -		Depth (cm)	Description
- 20 - - 40 -		0-1.5	Silty peat and modern root layer
	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 &$		Th ⁰ 3, Ag1, Sh+
			3,0,2,2,-
		1.5-5.5	Grey clay silt with herbaceous roots
			As1, Ag1, Th ¹ 2
			2,0,2,0,0
		5.5-21.5	Brown bryophyte herbaceous peat
60- -			Tb ² 3, Th ² 1, Sh+, Dl+
			3,0,2,2,2
80-			tephra @ 14 cm
_		21.5-160.5	Grey silt with occasional rootlets
100-			Ag4, Th ³ +
			2,0,2,0,1
		160.5-163.5	Grey silt with herbaceous rootlets
			Ag3, Th ² 1
-			2,0,2,0,0
140		163.5-165.5	Herbaceous peat with silt
- 140			Th ² 2, Sh1, Ag1
			3,0,2,0,0
160-		165.5-198.5	Mottled bryophyte herbaceous peat
-			Tb ³ 2, Th ² 2, Sh+
180-	X [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1		3,2,2,1,0
	- +4 (++1 ++1) // // // // // // // // // // // // //		Tephra @ 180 cm and 193 cm
-		198.5-206	Grey silt with rare herbaceous rootlets
200-			Ag4, Th+
			2,0,2,0,0

LL	Silt	1 1 1 1	Herbaceous peat
х	Tephra	<u> </u>	Bryophyte peat

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Detailed litho-stratigraphy of Kenai 2000-7



Loss on ignition (LOI) values for the upper part of Kenai 2000-7. Lithology symbols as figure 5.4



Figure 5.6a

Kenai 2000-7 diatom data (>2% total diatom valves) showing polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M) and oligohalobian-halophile (O-h) salinity classes, ordered left to right in summary graph with oligohalobian-indifferent (O-i) and halophobe (H)



Figure 5.6b

Kenai 2000-7 diatom data (>2% total diatom valves) showing oligohalobian-indifferent (O-i) and halophobe (H) salinity classes, ordered left to right in summary graph after polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M) and oligohalobian-halophile (O-h)



Chrono-stratigraphy of Kenai 2000-7 (a) radiocarbon results (cal yr BP) and (b) ¹³⁷Cs results



Radiocarbon dates for Kenai from this study (values in red) compared to re-calibrated dates of Combellick and Reger (1994, values in black) showing median age and 95% range.



Calibration results for Kenai 2000-7 using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year (back calculated to altitude)





Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Kenai 2000-7



Predicted altitude relative to MHHW (m)

Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Kenai 2000-7 using the best combination of models (table 5.2). Samples in red have 'poor' modern analogues



Figure 6.1 Summary litho-stratigraphy at Girdwood

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Figure 6.2

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Location of sampling sites at Girdwood



Depth (m) below marsh surface

Figure 6.3

Chrono-stratigraphy of Girdwood G-800, G-01-1 and G-01-9 (cal yr BP)



Figure 6.4

Radiocarbon dates for Girdwood from this study (values in red) compared to recalibrated dates of Combellick and Reger (1994, values in black) showing median age and 95% range

Depth (cm)	Lithology	Denth (and)	Description
ך ט		Deptn (cm)	Description
-		0-30	Grey silt with herbaceous rootlets
10 -			Ag3, As1, Th ¹ +
			2.0.2.0
1		30-55	Grev silt with herbaceous rootlets with slight sand
20 -		30-33	
4			
20			Ag4, In +, Ga++
30		ļ	2,0,2,0,0
-		55-68.5	Grey silt with herbaceous rootlets and trace of
40 -			sand
			Ag4, Th ² ++, Ga+
			2.0.2.0.0
50 -		68 5-81 5	Brown herbaceous neat
-		00.0 01.0	Th^2 Sh1
60 -			
00			3,0,2,+,4
]		81.5-91.5	Brown herbaceous peat with slight increase in silt
70 -			content
-			Th ² 2, Sh1, Ag1
on -			3,0,2,0,0
00		91 5-108 5	Brown herbaceous peat
1			Th^2 3 Sh1
90 -	[282636]		202.0
4			<u>3,0,2,+,0</u>
100		108.5-112.5	Silty herbaceous peat
100			Th ² 3, Ag1
1			2,0,2,0,0
110 -		112.5-150	Grey silt with herbaceous rootlets
4			Aa3, As1, Th ² +
100			20200
120		150 179 5	Grov silt with borbassous rootlets with trace of
-		150-176.5	sand
130 -			Sanu $A=2$, A=4, Th^2 ($C=1$
4			Ag3, As1, 1n ++, Ga+
			2,0,2,0,0
140 -		178.5-184.5	Brown herbaceous peat, sharp upper contact
-			Th ³ 2, Sh2
150 -			3,0,2,+,4
		184 5-188 5	Silty neat with herbaceous rootlets
		104.0-100.0	Th ³ 2 Sh1 Aq1
160 -			
-			2,U,Z,U,U
170 -		188.5-194.5	Peaty silt
170			Ag3, Th ² 1
			2,0,2,0,0
180 -		194 5-200	Grev silt with herbaceous rootlets
-			And As1 Th^2 +
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Figure 6.5a

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Detailed litho-stratigraphy of Girdwood G-800



Figure 6.5b

Girdwood G-02-2 showing increase in silt content (~10 cm) within the upper peat layer. This section was not exposed during sampling in 2000 and 2001



Figure 6.6

Girdwood G-800 diatom data (>2% total diatom valves). Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobianindifferent (O-i), halophobe (H) ordered left to right in summary graph



Figure 6.7

Calibration results for Girdwood G-800 using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year (back calculated to altitude)

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Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Girdwood G-800

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Figure 6.9

Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Girdwood G-800 using the best combination of models (table 6.4). The sample in red has a 'poor' modern analogue



Figure 6.10

Detailed litho-stratigraphy of Girdwood G-01-1A



Figure 6.11a

Girdwood G-01-1A diatom data (>2% total diatom valves). Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobian-indifferent (O-i), halophobe (H) ordered left to right in summary graph



Figure 6.11b

Girdwood G-01-1A pollen data (>2% total pollen, counted by I Shennan)



Figure 6.12

Calibration results for Girdwood G-01-1A using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year (back calculated to altitude)

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Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Girdwood G-01-1A


Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Girdwood G-01-1A using the best combination of models (table 6.11). As diatoms are absent throughout the peat layer, pollen indicates it is well developed and probably formed between +1.35 and +1.57 m MHHW

Depth (cm) Lithology

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Figure 6.15

Detailed litho-stratigraphy of Girdwood G-01-1C



Girdwood G-01-1C diatom data (>2% total diatom valves). Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobian-indifferent (O-i), halophobe (H) ordered left to right in summary graph



Calibration results for Girdwood G-01-1C using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year (back calculated to altitude)

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Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Girdwood G-01-1C



Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Girdwood G-01-1C using the best combination of models (table 6.15). Samples in red have 'poor' modern analogues -and-it illustrates-the-difference in using the full and -0.5-m models when estimating the altitude of silt units

Depth (cm) Lithology

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Depth (cm)	Description
68-88.5	Grey silt with herbaceous rootlets
	Ag4, Th ³ +
	2,0,2,0,0
88.5-100.5	Herbaceous peat with sharp upper contact. Increase in silt content between 93.5 to 96.5 cm
	Th ³ 3, Sh1, Ag++
	3,0,2,0,4
100.5-102	Grey silt with herbaceous rootlets
	Ag4, Th+
	2,0,2,0,0
	LL Silt III Herbaceous peat

Figure 6.20

Detailed litho-stratigraphy of Girdwood G-01-1E



Girdwood G-01-1E diatom data (>2% total diatom valves). Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobianindifferent (O-i), halophobe (H) ordered left to right in summary graph



Calibration results for Girdwood G-01-1E using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year (back calculated to altitude)





Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Girdwood G-01-1E

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Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Girdwood G-01-1E using the best combination of models (table 6.20). Samples in red have 'poor' modern analogues



Depth (cm)	Description
142-146.5	Grey silt with herbaceous rootlets
	Ag4, Th+
	2,0,2,0,0
146.5-152.5	Silty peat. Sharp Upper contact
	Th ² /Tb ² 2, Ag2
	3,0,2,0,4
152.5-155.5	Bryophyte peat. Transitional to silty peat above and below
	Tb ³ 4
	3,1,2,2,0
155.5-159.5	Silty peat
	Th²/Tb²2, Ag2
	3,0,2,0,0
159.5-168	Grey silt with herbaceous rootlets
	Ag4, Th+
<u> </u>	2,0,2,0,0
	L L Silt Herbaceous peat
	Bryophyte (Sphagnum) peat

Detailed litho-stratigraphy of Girdwood G-01-1F



Girdwood G-01-1F diatom data (>2% total diatom valves). Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobianindifferent (O-i), halophobe (H) ordered left to right in summary graph



Calibration results for Girdwood G-01-1F using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year (back calculated to altitude)



Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Girdwood G-01-1F

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Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Girdwood G-01-1F using the best combination of models (table 6.25)



Figure 6.30 Detailed litho-stratigraphy of Girdwood G-01-9



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Girdwood_G-01-9_diatom_data (>2% total diatom valves). Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobianindifferent (O-i), halophobe (H) ordered left to right in summary graph



Calibration results for Girdwood G-01-9 using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year (back calculated to altitude)





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Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Girdwood G-01-9

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Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Girdwood G-01-9 using the best combination of models (table 6.30). Samples in red have 'poor' modern analogues



Figure 7.1a

Detailed litho-stratigraphy of the lower and middle peat layers at Kasilof (KS-01-1)

Depth (cm) Lithology



Figure 7.1b

Detailed litho-stratigraphy of the upper peat layer at Kasilof (KS-3)



Chrono-stratigraphy of Kasilof. All dates are cal yr BP with those on the left from this thesis and those on the right re-calibrated from Combellick and Reger (1994)



Radiocarbon dates for Kasilof from this study (values in red) compared to recalibrated dates of Combellick and Reger (1994, values in black) showing median age and 95% range



¹³⁷Cs results for the upper part of KS-3



Kasilof KS-01-1 diatom data (>2% total diatom valves). Summary salinity classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobianindifferent (O-i), halophobe (H) ordered left to right in summary graph



Calibration results for Kasilof KS-01-1 using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours inundated per year (back calculated to altitude)



Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Kasilof KS-01-1

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Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Kasilof KS-01-1 using the best combination of models (table 7.4). Samples in red have 'poor' modern analogues



Kasilof KS-3 diatom data (>2% total diatom valves). Summary salinity_classes: polyhalobian (P), mesohalobian (M), oligohalobian-halophile (O-h), oligohalobianindifferent (O-i), halophobe (H) ordered left to right in summary graph



Calibration results for Kasilof KS-3 using the full model, samples above -0.5 m MHHW and samples above +1.0 m for both altitude (m) relative to MHHW and hours -inundated-per-year (back calculated to altitude)





Minimum dissimilarity coefficient values from MAT for Kasilof KS-3



Reconstruction of relative sea-level change for Kasilof KS-3 using the best -combination of models (table 7.9). The sample in red has a 'poor' modern analogue



Figure 8.1

Models of reconstructed relative sea-level change showing effects of different types of reworked sediment (solid circle) following co-seismic submergence



Figure 8.2

Relationship between the magnitude of pre-seismic and co-seismic relative sea-level rise for the nine EDC events with a quantified estimate of the pre-seismic sea-level rise (table 8.1)


Figure 8.3

Possible pre-1964 periods of co-seismic submergence using AMS dates from this thesis

A: All ages from the top of peat layers and start of any pre-seismic signal at each site

B: Best estimate for each peat-silt boundary by comparing the stratigraphic order of all radiocarbon dates. Shaded areas represent possible co-seismic periods (table 8.2)

Both graphs show median ages and 95% ranges for both certain and possible EDC related events (table 8.1). Solid squares represent peats at Girdwood with freshwater diatoms characterising the overlying silt



Figure 8.4

Radiocarbon dates from sites around the Cook Inlet, from this thesis (in red) and elsewhere (see text). Symbols indicate the median age and 95% range. For dates from this study, red vertical lines represent the median age of definite co-seismic events, red diamonds possible co-seismic events and red squares probable non-seismic events (table 8.1). Shaded boxes in **A** show possible pre-1964 co-seismic periods based on radiocarbon dates from this study (table 8.2) and in **B** the 4 main periods of co-seismic submergence suggested by Combellick (1994). For explanation of the dashed box see text



No RSL rise

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With RSL rise



 $\Delta \xi_{int}(\tau)$ = post- and inter-seismic uplift

 $\Delta \xi_{rsl}(\tau)$ = non-seismic sea-level change over the time period in question

 $\Delta \xi_{cos}(\tau)$ = co-seismic submergence accompanying an earthquake

 $\Delta\xi_{\text{sed}}(\tau)$ = sedimentation between the tops of two peat layers

 $\xi_{\text{neat1}}(\tau)$ = formation height of the top of the first buried peat

 $\xi_{\text{peat2}}(\tau)$ = formation height of the top of the second buried peat

Figure 8.5

Schematic models of co-seismic submergence, post- and inter-seismic uplift, sediment accumulation and marsh peat burial with no background relative sea-level rise (**A** and **B**) and with background relative sea-level rise (**C** and **D**)



Figure 8.6

Relationship between age of peat layers and depth below present marsh surface at different sites around the Cook Inlet compared to eustatic and GIA models

