

Disaster Risk Assessment for Earthquakes

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Modeling Exposure Through Earth Observation Routines

- Three-year project
- Funded by UK Space Agency
- Aims to develop innovative application of Earth Observation (EO) technologies to improve understanding of exposure
- Specific focus on pilot countries Nepal and Tanzania
- Consortium of eight organizations







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Introduction





Why disaster risk assessment?



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Components of risk

Hazard

The likelihood, probability, or chance of a potentially destructive phenomenon.



Exposure

The location, attributes, and values of assets that are important to communities.

27.7000° N, 85.3333° E

material: cinder block roof: steel

VULNERABILITY

The likelihood that assets will be damaged or destroyed when exposed to a hazard event.



Source: gfdrr.org/sites/gfdrr/files/publication/opendri fg web 20140629b 0.pdf

HAZARD

EXPOSURE

VULNERABILITY

The **RISK** occurs when there is a spatial and temporal overlap of these three elements















Hazard





Hazard | Components of a hazard model

Seismic source characterization



Poggi, V., Durrheim, R., Mavonga Tuluka, G., Weatherill, G., Gee, R., Pagani, M., Nyblade, A., Delvaux, D., 2017. Assessing Seismic Hazard of the East African Rift: a pilot study from GEM and AfricaArray. *Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering.* Volume 15, Issue 11, 4499–4529, DOI: 10.1007/s10518-017-0152-4

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Ground motion characterization







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Hazard | Faults and ruptures

Fault

plane of discontinuity in the earth's crust

Rupture

portion of the fault area that slips in a seismic event



Source: J.Ziony, ed. "Earthquakes in the Los Angeles Region." USGS













Hazard | Fault mechanisms



Normal Fault

Reverse Fault

Strike-slip Fault

The earth blocks move away from each other

The earth blocks exert compression on each other

The earth blocks slide without compression or tension











Hazard | Rupture parameters



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A T H O Strike Angle between the intersection of the fault plane with a horizontal surface (relative to the North)

- Dip Angle between the fault and a horizontal plane
- Rake Direction in which the hanging wall moves during rupture





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Hazard | Defining a seismic rupture

- Geometry
 - Magnitude
 - Mechanism

Magnitude: 5.5



Seismic Rupture

Ground Motion Field from 1 Rupture



Acceleration - PGA





Hazard | Ground motion prediction equations

$$\ln \mathbf{y} = c_1 + c_2 m + c_3 m^{c_4} + c_5 \ln r + f(F) + f(HW) + f(S)$$



- y: Expected ground motion intensity (PGA, SA)
- m: Magnitude
- r: Distance
- F: Fault mechanism
- HW: Site location, with respect to the fault plane
- S: Local site conditions





Hazard | Ground motion distance metrics

Kaklamanos et al. (2011) DOI: 10.1193/1.3650372



R_{JB} Joyner-Boore Distance

R_{RUP} Distance between the site and the hypocenter





Hazard | Ground motion variability



The ground motion intensity has an associated variability, observed in the same event and in different events, although it is the same type of rupture, magnitude and distance







Hazard | Site effects



Softer soils can amplify ground shaking, often referred to as a "site effect"

The shear wave velocity in the top 30 meters, VS,30, is used as a proxy for modeling site effects





Hazard | Scenario hazard modeling

Actual magnitude, M6.0

Modified magnitude, M7.0





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Exposure | Components of an exposure model

The exposure refers to the built environment and its contents and occupants, which are exposed to a seismic hazard source.



Necessary parameters include the geographic location and replacement value for all loss types to be considered (e.g. financial loss due to building damage, casualties).













Exposure | Geographic attribute of assets

It is necessary to identify the geographical location of the exposed elements with respect to the source(s) of seismicity, since the ground motion intensity is a function of the distance to the source.





Exposure | Value attribute of assets





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Exposure | Structural attributes of assets

It is necessary to identify the physical characteristics of the built environment, to classify each exposed element according to its fragility and seismic vulnerability



Some of the main attributes that can be identified are:

construction material, structural system, height and construction code compliance

GEM Taxonomy: https://platform.openquake.org/taxtweb/













Vulnerability





Vulnerability | Fragility and vulnerability models

Seismic fragility and vulnerability refers to the likelihood that the built environment, its contents and occupants have, to suffer damage and losses due to earthquake ground shaking.



Fragilities require an additional consequence model (damage-to-loss) if losses are desired.















Vulnerability | Defining seismic fragilities

Damage state



Vulnerability | Defining damage states



Spectral displacement (Sd)

Damage states establish the level of damage that an exposed asset will experience under certain engineering demand parameters (EDPs) are met. Example EDPs include: spectral displacement, spectral acceleration, interstory drift, and peak floor acceleration.





Vulnerability | Fragility models

Pre-code Building

Code Compliant Building



The structural attributes of a building (e.g. construction material, construction system, height, design regulations) directly influence its fragility, making it more or less vulnerable to ground agitation.







A consequence model (also known as damage-to-loss model) establishes the relation between a physical damage state and the corresponding loss-ratio.





Vulnerability | Vulnerability models



A vulnerability model establishes the probability of a given loss ratio for a set of intensity measure levels















Risk





Risk | Conducting a risk analysis







Risk | Scenario loss map

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Actual magnitude, M6.0

Modified magnitude, M7.0



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Risk | Scenario loss ratio map

Actual magnitude, M6.0

Modified magnitude, M7.0



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