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# Seismic (and volcanic) Risk

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# Hazard, Risk & Vulnerability

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Hazard} * \text{Vulnerability}$$

Nature decided, and can be assessed

Man decided, and can be reduced

$$R = \langle H_i, P_i, C_i \rangle$$

set of i-events with possible adverse consequences

associated probabilities of their occurrence

associated intolerable consequences



# Earthquake effects

ground shaking



liquefaction



surface rupture



Hector Mines E/q, USA



tsunami





# Any strategy for seismic risk reduction should be outlined trying to answer two basic questions:

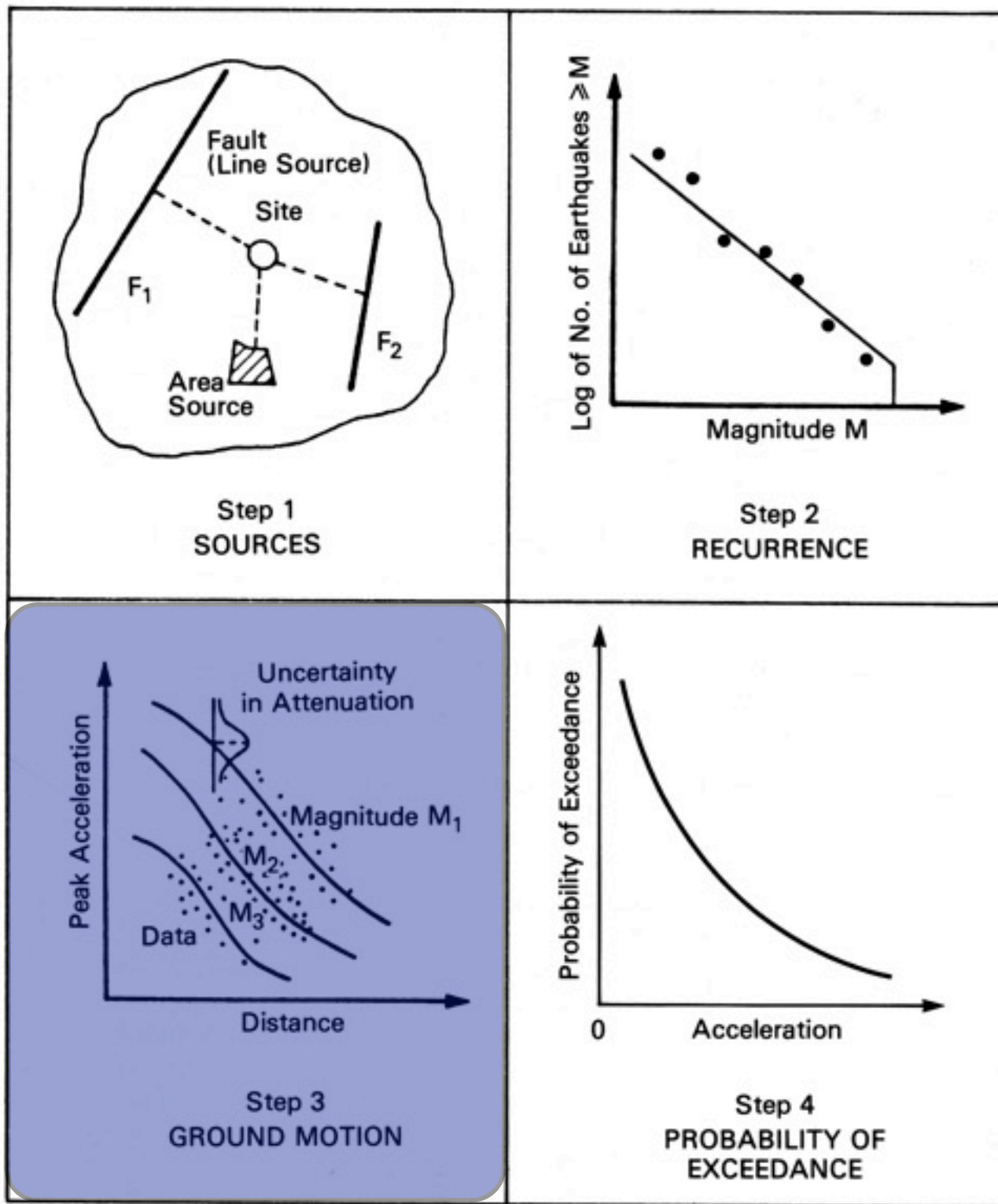
- When, where and how big we have to expect a strong earthquake to strike a region?
- What should we expect when it occurs?

The answer to the first question is matter for earthquake prediction,

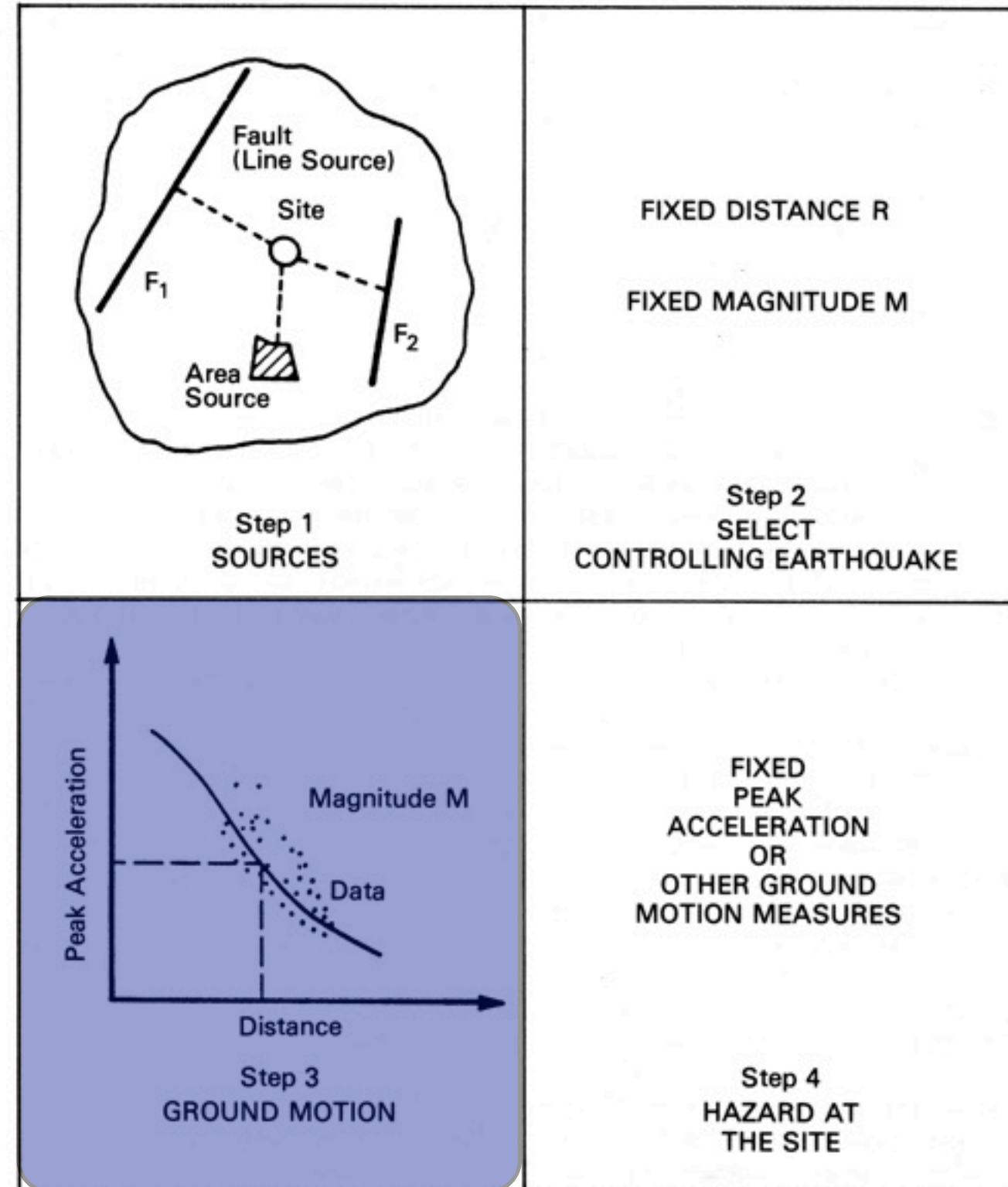
while the second one is matter for sound seismic (& tsunami) hazard assessment...



# SHA dualism



**FIGURE 10.2** Basic steps of probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (after TERA Corporation 1978).



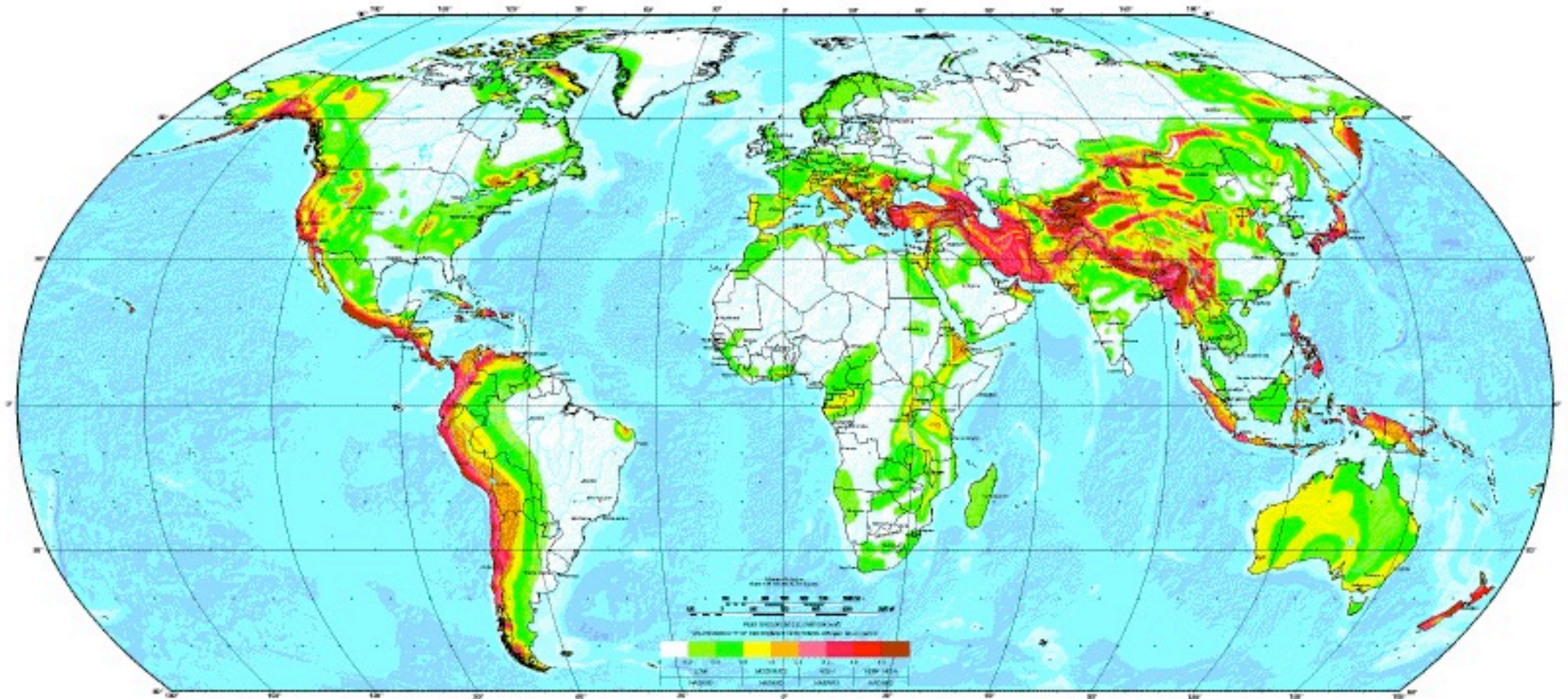
**FIGURE 4.1** Basic steps of deterministic seismic hazard analysis (after TERA Corporation 1978).

Probabilistic and Deterministic procedures (after Reiter, 1990)



# SHA global map

## GLOBAL SEISMIC HAZARD MAP

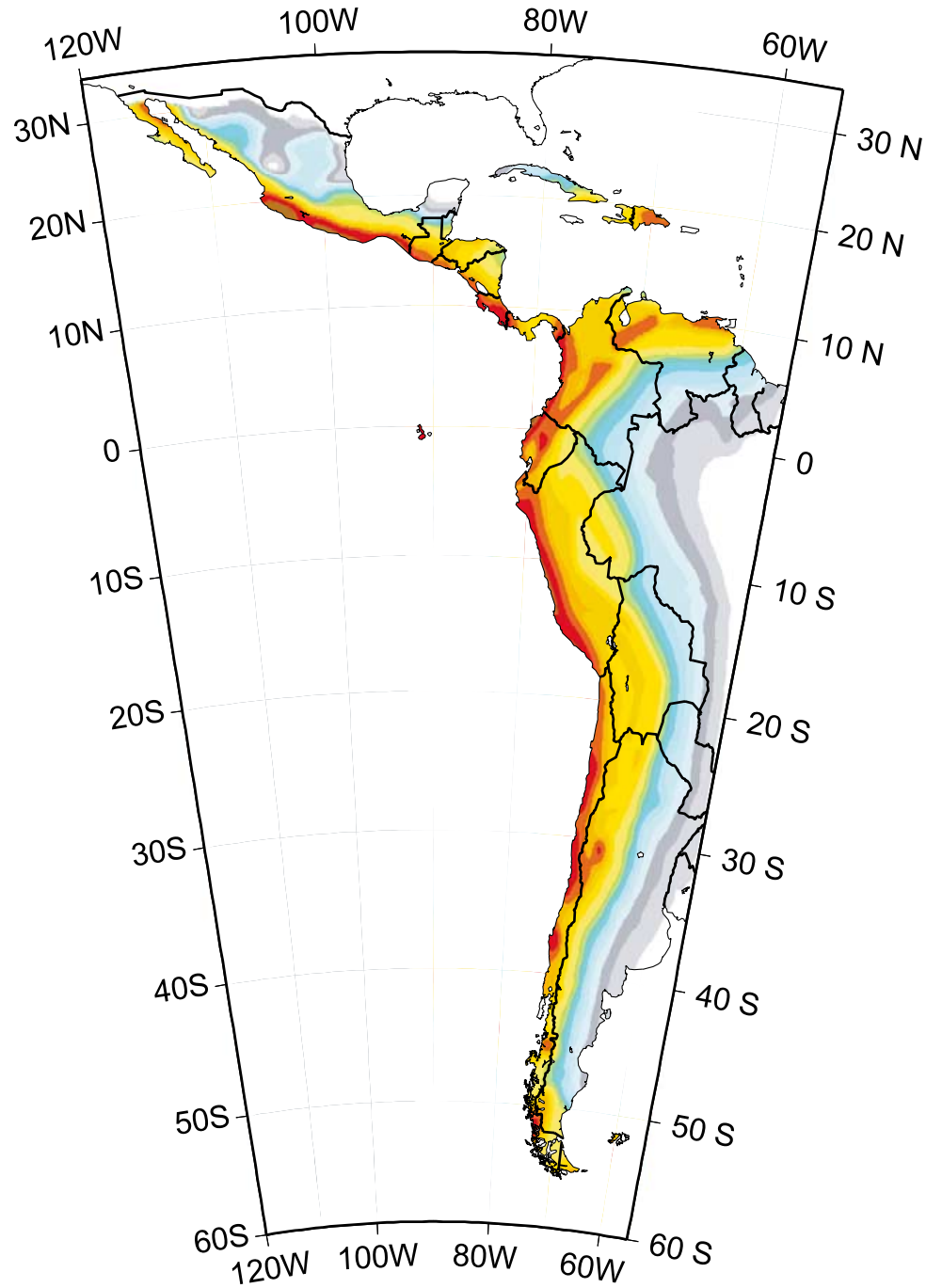


<http://www.seismo.ethz.ch/static/GSHAP/>



# GSHAP maps for LA

a  
GSHAP Peak Ground Acceleration (%g) 10%/50yr



b  
Peak Ground Acceleration (%g) 10%/50yr

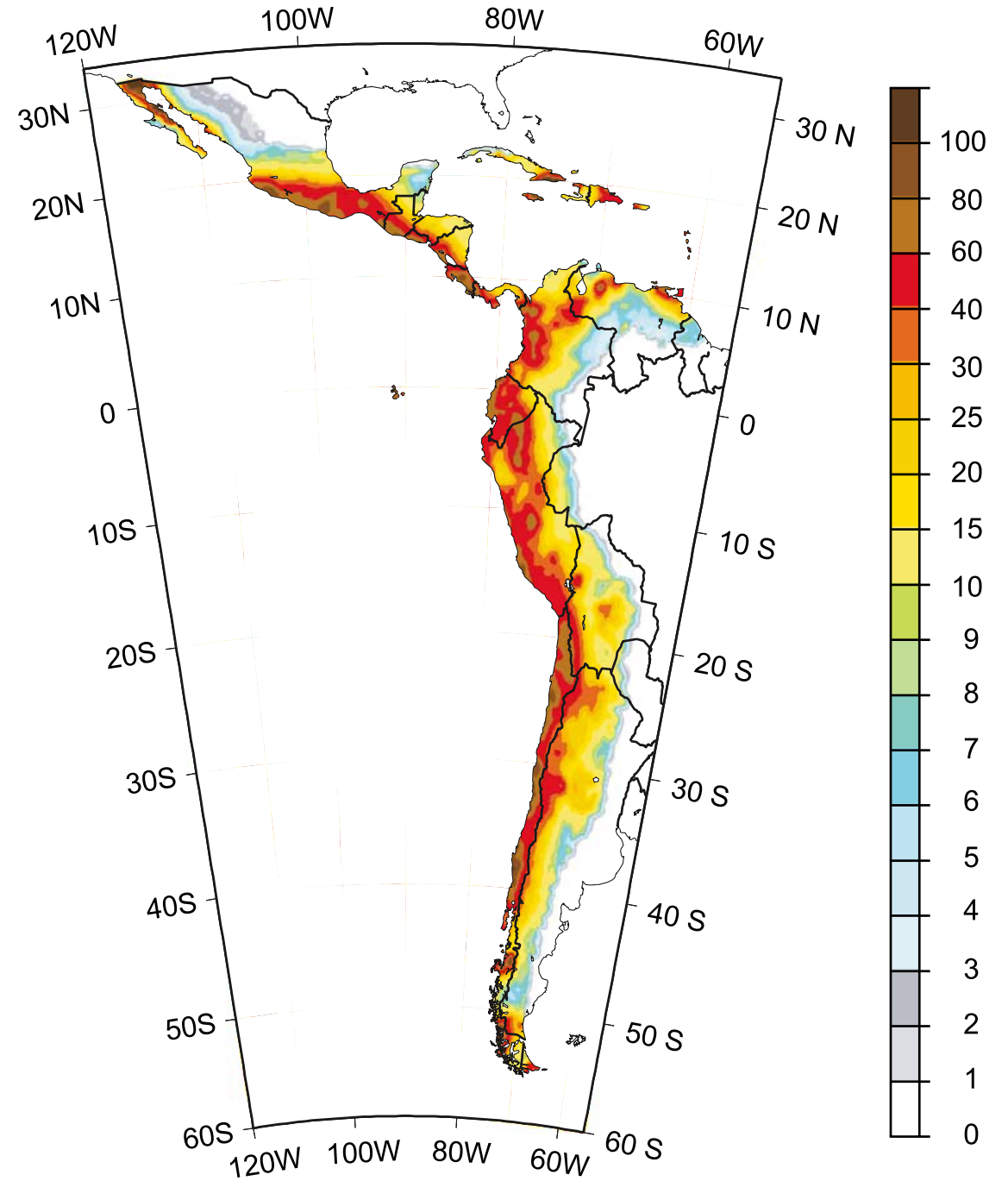
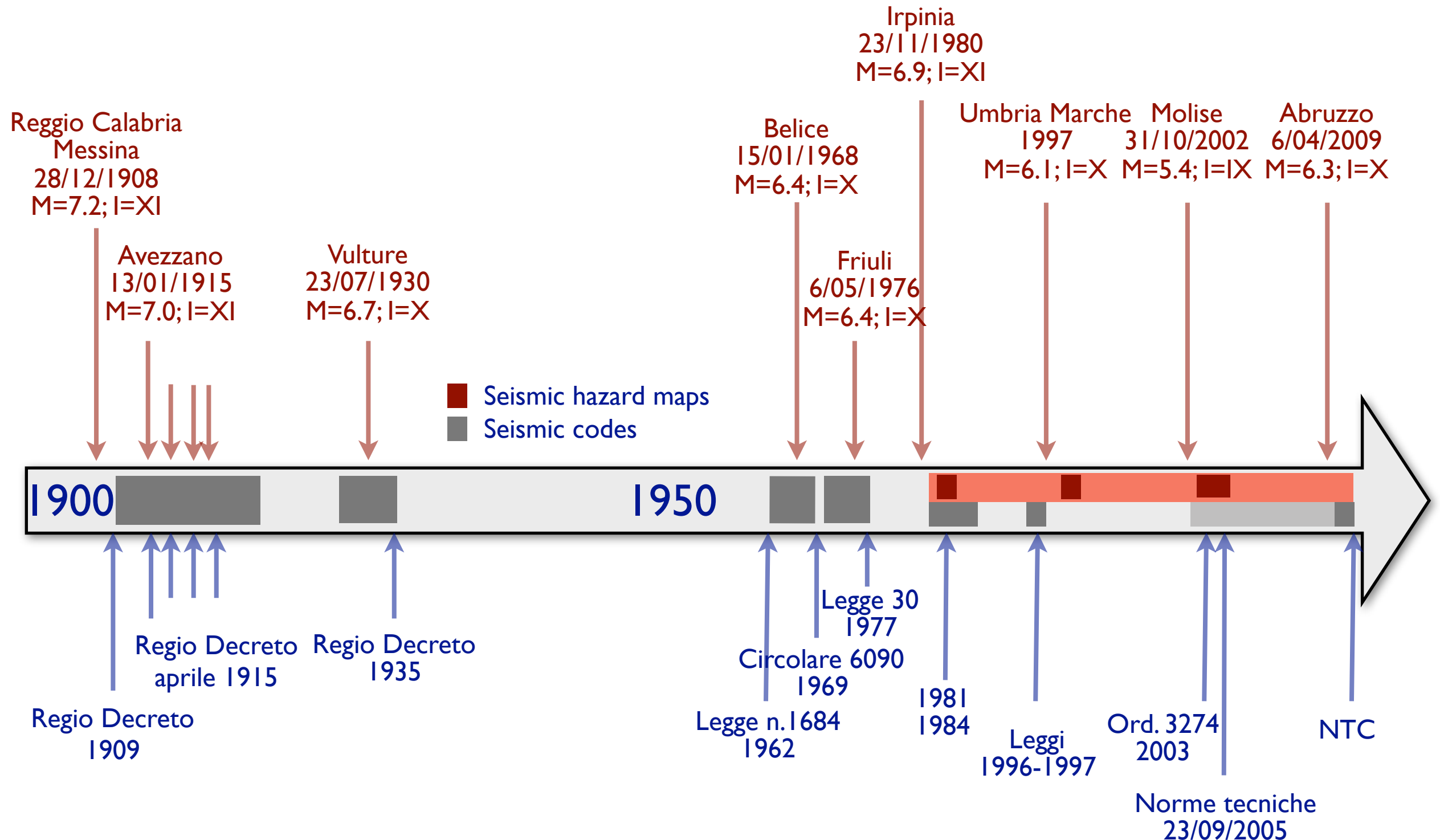


Fig. 3. Peak ground acceleration (pga) with a 10% chance of exceedance in 50 years. The site condition is a rock. (a) The values published as part of the GSH map (Giardini et al., 1999) plotted in %g. (b) The values calculated using the method and attenuation relationships described herein. Note the difference in smoothness between the two approaches.



# Seismic Provisions in Italy - Evolution

## ● Earthquakes and seismic codes since 1900



# Seismic hazard maps in Italy - Evolution

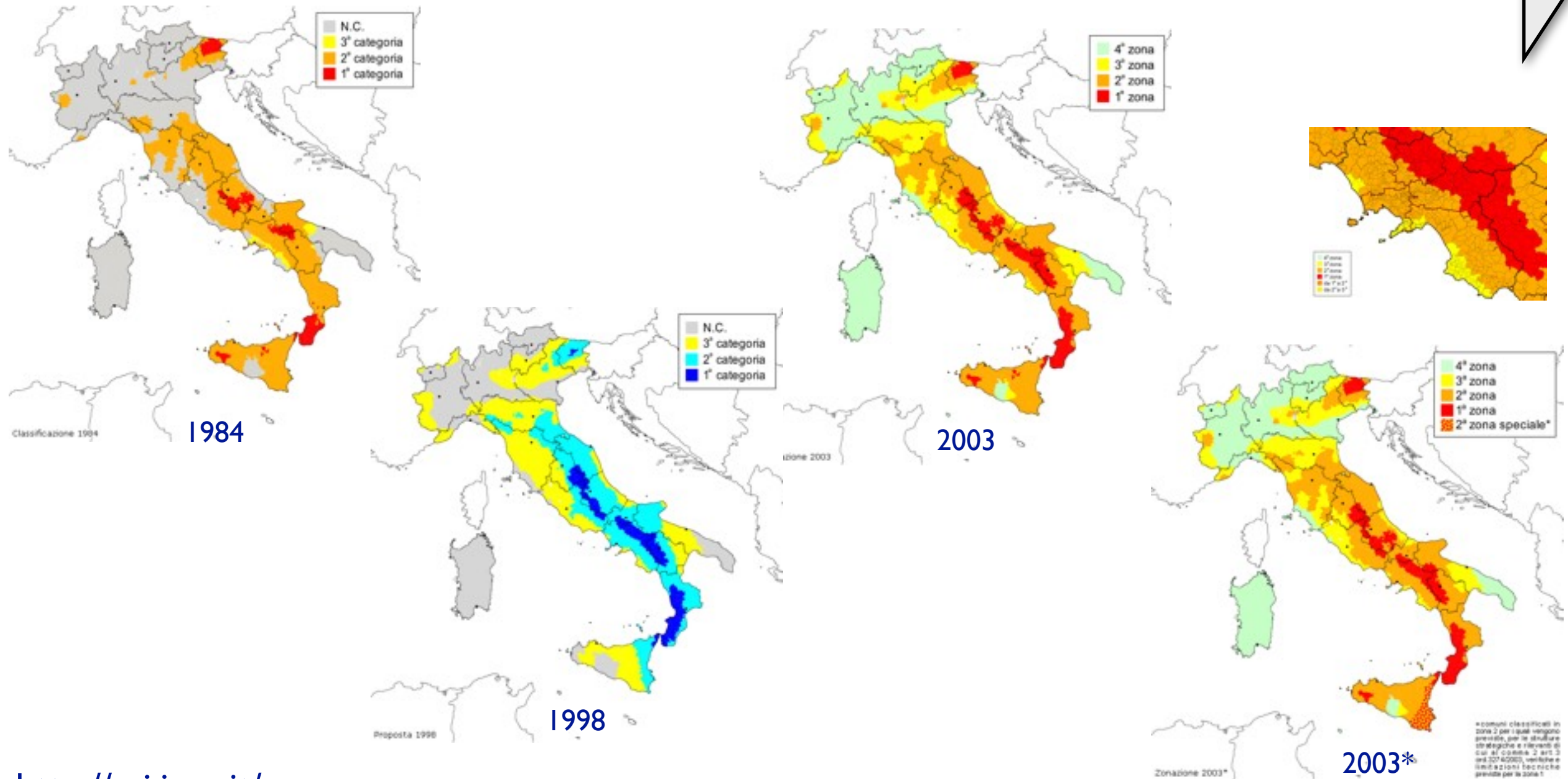
Irpinia  
23/11/1980  
M=6.9; I=XI

Umbria Marche  
1997  
M=6.1; I=X

Molise  
31/10/2002  
M=5.4; I=IX

1900

1950

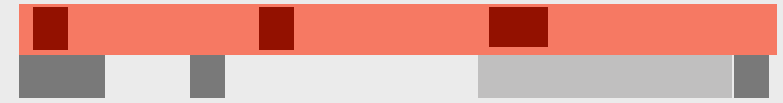


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PCM 3519  
28/04/2006

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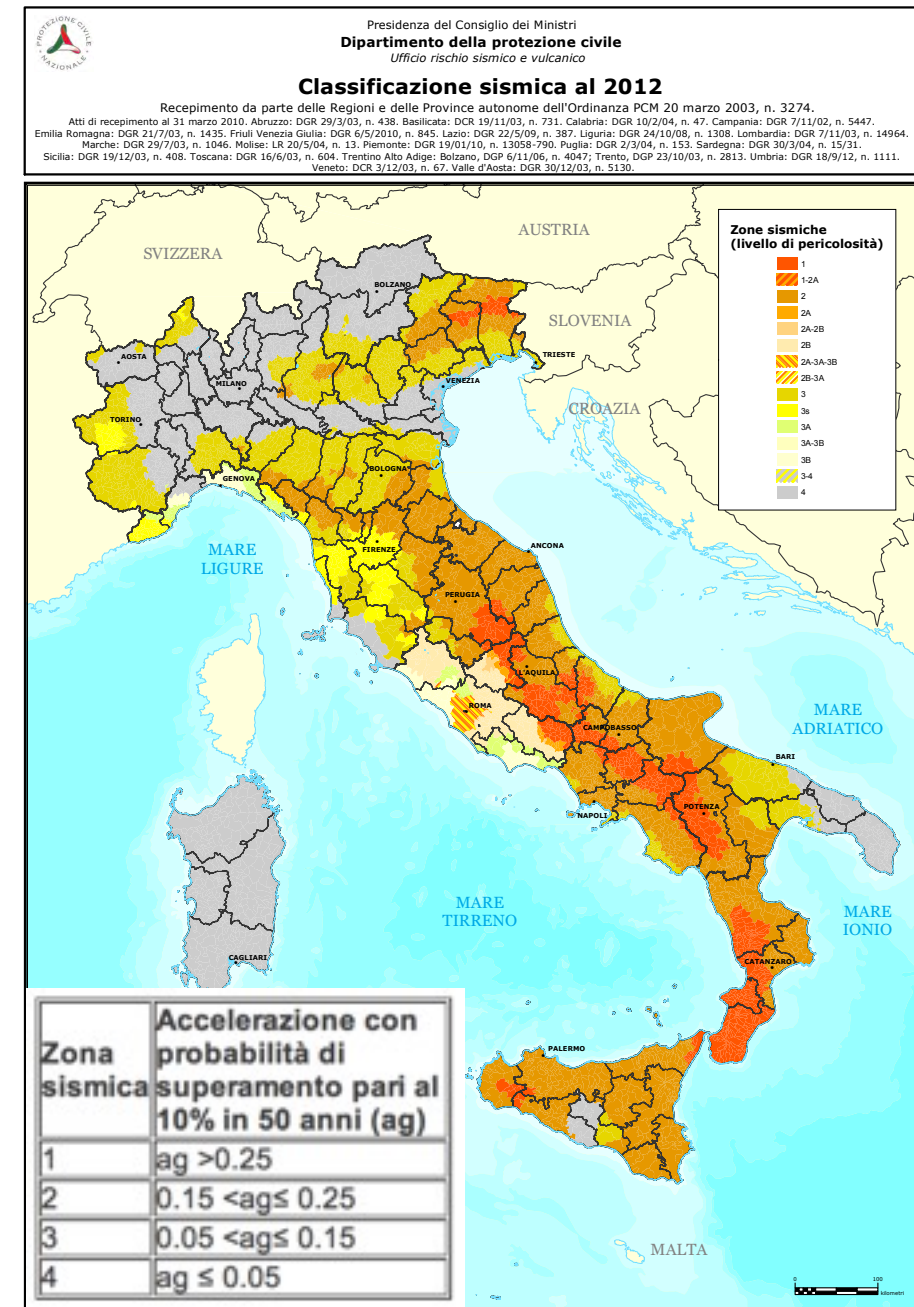
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**Normativa regionale di classificazione sismica**  
(Atti di recepimento al 18 settembre 2012)

<http://www.protezionecivile.gov.it/jcms/it/classificazione.wp>

Regione	Normativa	N.	Data
Abruzzo	Delibera Giunta Regionale	438	29 marzo 2003
Basilicata	Deliberazione Consiglio Regionale	731	19 novembre 2003
Calabria	Delibera Giunta Regionale	47	10 febbraio 2004
Campania	Delibera Giunta Regionale	5447	7 novembre 2002
Emilia Romagna	Delibera Giunta Regionale	1435	21 luglio 2003
Friuli Venezia Giulia	Delibera Giunta Regionale	845	6 maggio 2010
Lazio	Delibera Giunta Regionale	387	22 maggio 2009
Liguria	Delibera Giunta Regionale	1308	24 ottobre 2008
Lombardia	Delibera Giunta Regionale	14964	7 novembre 2003
Marche	Delibera Giunta Regionale	1046	29 luglio 2003
Molise	Legge Regionale	13	20 maggio 2004
Piemonte	Delibera Giunta Regionale	13058-790	19 gennaio 2010
Puglia	Delibera Giunta Regionale	153	2 marzo 2004
Sardegna	Delibera Giunta Regionale	15/31	30 marzo 2004
Sicilia	Delibera Giunta Regionale	408	19 dicembre 2003
Toscana	Delibera Giunta Regionale	604	16 giugno 2003
Trentino Alto Adige – Bolzano	Delibera Giunta Provinciale	4047	6 novembre 2006
Trentino Alto Adige – Trento	Delibera Giunta Provinciale	2813	23 ottobre 2003
Umbria	Delibera Giunta Regionale	1111	18 settembre 2012
Veneto	Deliberazione Consiglio Regionale	67	3 dicembre 2003
Valle d'Aosta	Delibera Giunta Regionale	5130	30 dicembre 2003





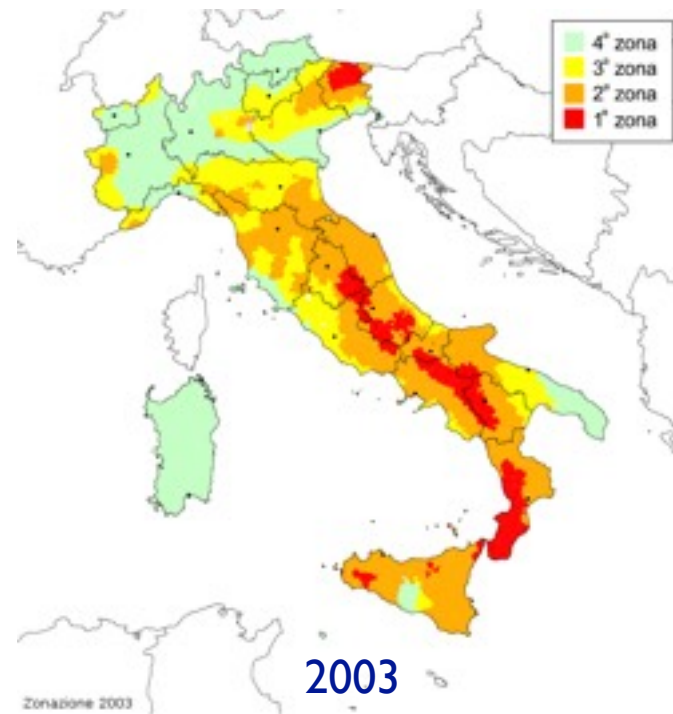
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Abruzzo  
6/04/2009  
M=6.3; I=X



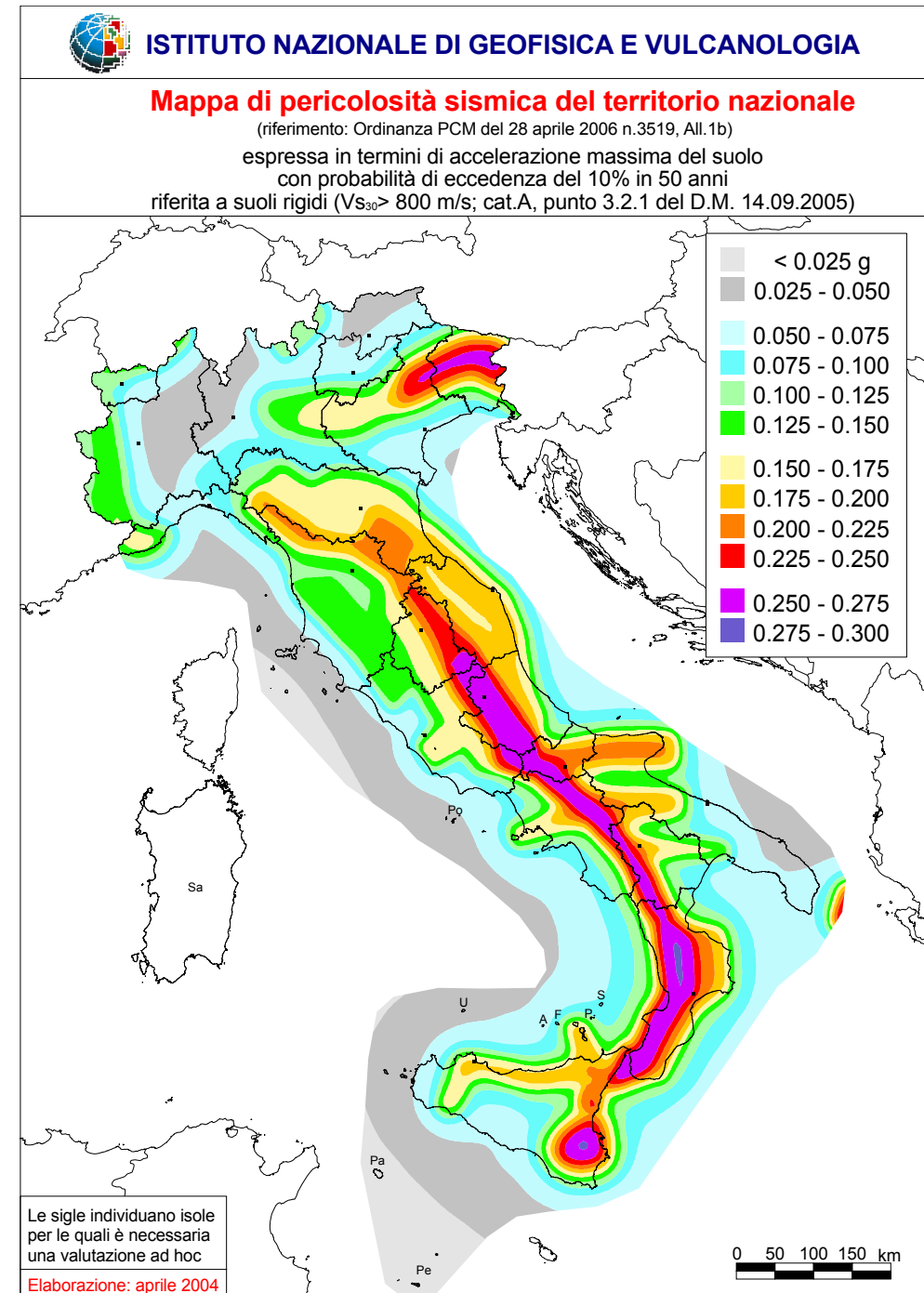
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NTC  
14/01/2008

Zona sismica	Accelerazione con probabilità di superamento pari al 10% in 50 anni (ag)
1	ag > 0.25
2	0.15 < ag ≤ 0.25
3	0.05 < ag ≤ 0.15
4	ag ≤ 0.05



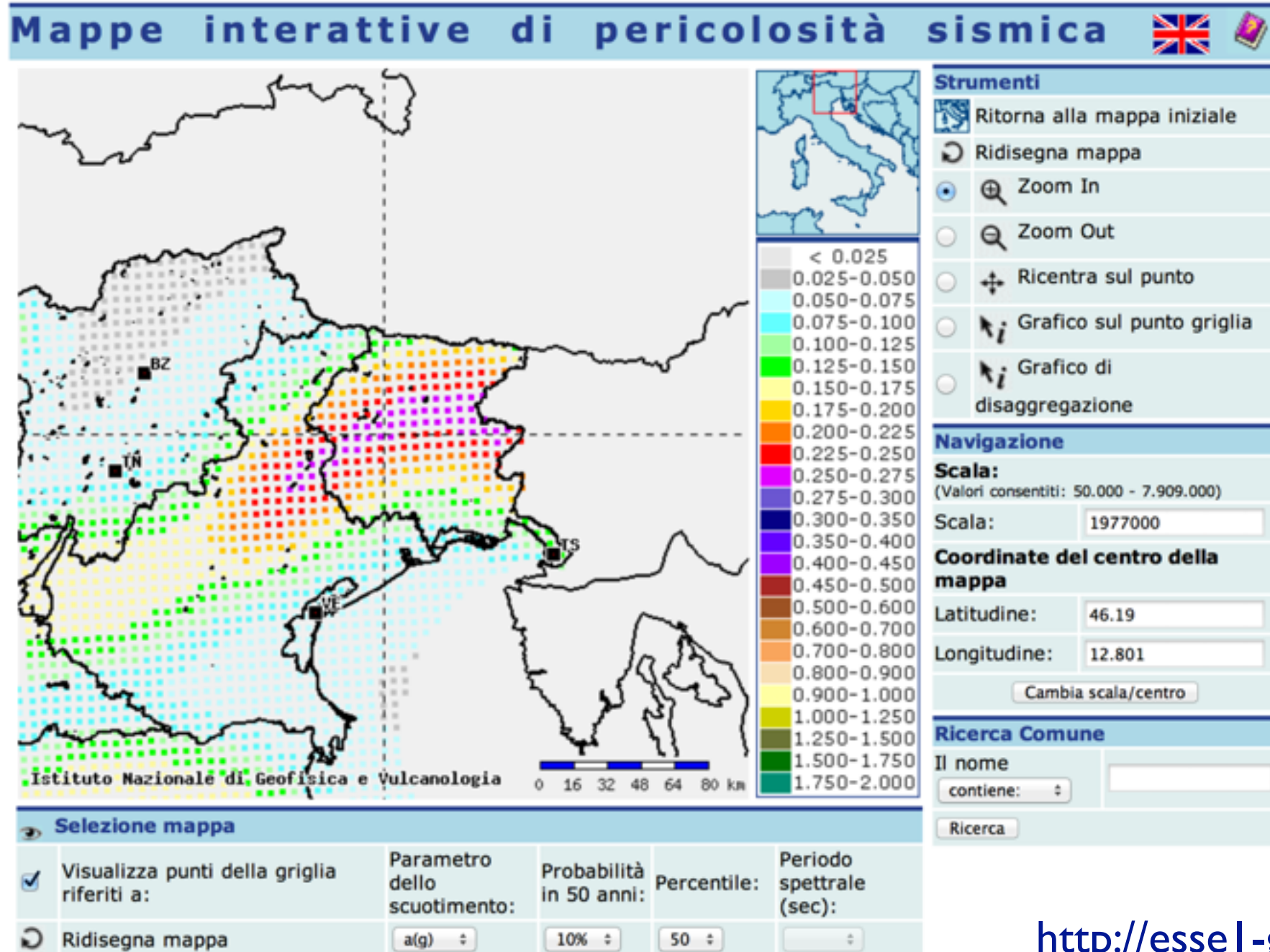
<http://zonesismiche.mi.ingv.it>

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# SHA Dualism

Deterministic vs. probabilistic approaches to assessing earthquake hazards and risks have differences, advantages, and disadvantages that often make the use of one advantageous over the other.

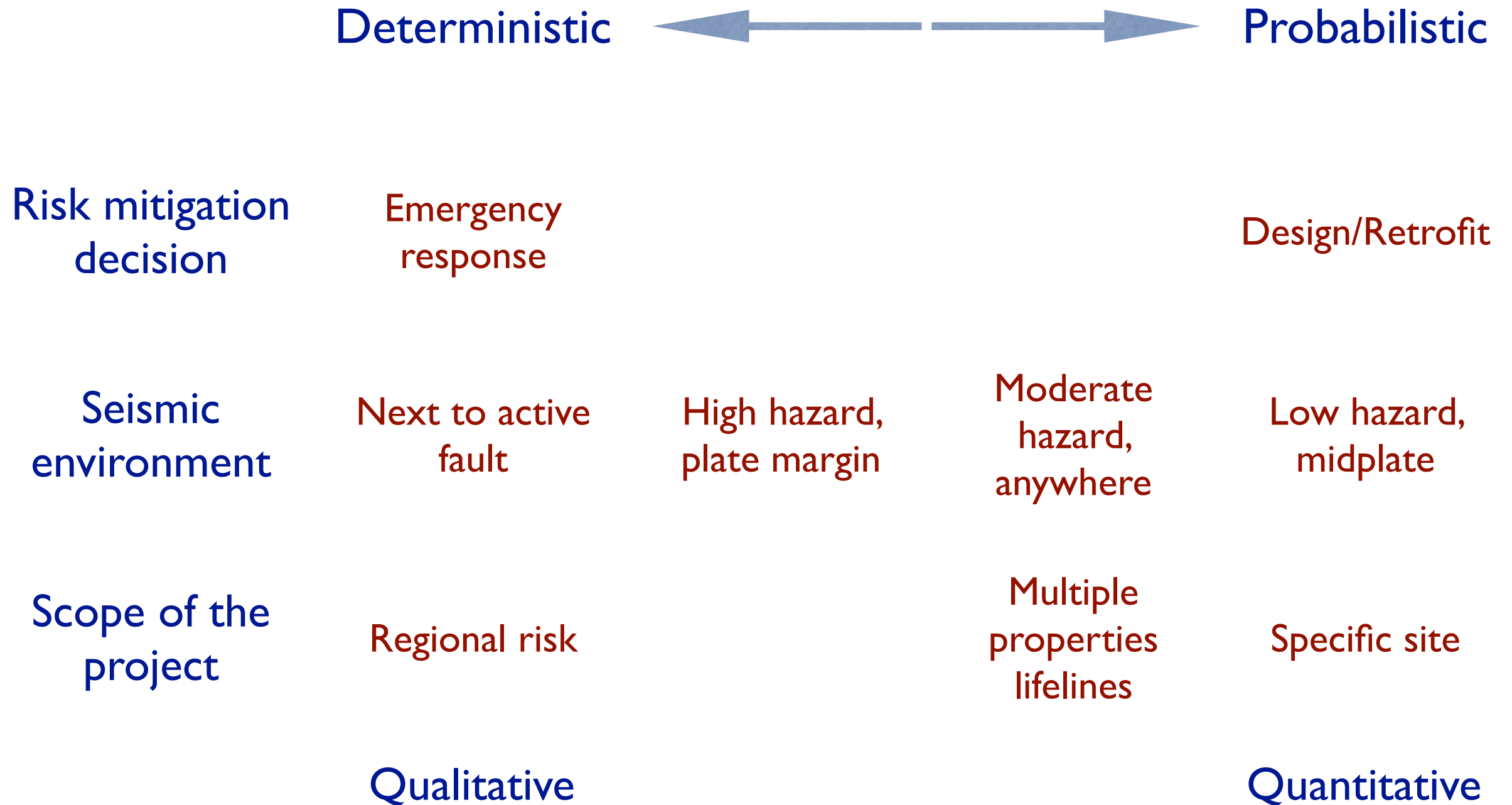
Probabilistic methods can be viewed inclusive of all deterministic events with a finite probability of occurrence. In this context, proper deterministic methods that focus on a single earthquake ensure that that event is realistic, i.e. that it has a finite probability of occurrence.

Determinism vs. probabilism is not a bivariate choice but a continuum in which both analyses are conducted, but more emphasis is given to one over the other. Emphasis here means weight in the decision-making process...

Modified from: Mc Guire, 2001



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# Standard global approach

Kobe (17.1.1995), Gujarat (26.1.2001), Boumerdes (21.5.2003) Bam (26.12.2003), E-Sichuan (12.5.2008) and Haiti (12.1.2010) earthquakes PGA(g)

Expected

Observed

with a probability of exceedence of 10%  
in 50 years (return period 475 years)

• Kobe	0.40-0.48	0.7-0.8
• Gujarat	0.16-0.24	0.5-0.6
• Boumerdes	0.08-0.16	0.3-0.4*
• Bam	0.16-0.24	0.7-0.8
• E-Sichuan	0.16-0.24	0.6->0.8
• Haiti	0.08-0.16	0.3-0.6

Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program (GSHAP) was launched in 1992 by the International Lithosphere Program (ILP) with the support of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), and endorsed as a demonstration program in the framework of the United Nations International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (UN/IDNDR). GSHAP terminated in 1999.

\*from 1, if liquefaction is considered the value may be smaller