

A framework for time-varying induced seismicity risk assessment, with application in Oklahoma

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Abstract

We present a probabilistic framework to assess induced seismicity hazard and risk, while accounting for temporally-varying seismicity rates. The framework is based on the Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Assessment (PSHA) and risk assessment that are used extensively for tectonic earthquakes. Dynamic estimates of earthquake rates are produced using a Bayesian change-point approach. The risk framework combines hazard with vulnerability of the exposure and is implemented at a regional level. We implement a stochastic Monte Carlo based approach for our hazard and risk assessments using OpenQuake-engine. We present an application of the framework for Oklahoma, employ a ground-motion prediction equation applicable for the state and perform regional risk assessment for repair cost on the entire state. We also perform sensitivity studies on hazard and regional risk assessments for impacts of earthquake activity rate, magnitude distribution, ground-motion prediction equations and exposure vulnerabilities. Regional risk quantification can support regulators and operators in developing

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effective risk mitigation measures, and the sensitivity analyses help decision-makers perform cost-benefit analyses of their decisions and are beneficial for prioritization of further research.

1 Introduction

In this paper, we extend the Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Assessment (PSHA) methodology to evaluate hazard for induced seismicity and develop regional risk estimates. PSHA is a widely used tool to estimate hazard from tectonic (or natural) seismicity (Petersen et al., 2014), largely based on work by Cornell (1968). It describes a framework to account for both epistemic and aleatory uncertainties involved at various levels of seismic hazard - earthquake sources, earthquake ruptures, magnitude distributions, soil velocity and ground motion propagation. The methods described here build upon concepts related to induced seismicity that have been described in previous research by the authors and have not been included here for succinctness - a change-point approach for estimating changing seismicity rates (Gupta and J. W. Baker, 2017), and a ground-motion prediction equation developed for Oklahoma (Gupta et al., 2017). Additionally, an extension of the framework involving hazard assessment using injection volumes in Oklahoma has been described by Gupta (2017) but is not presented here.

The motivation for this paper is the significant increase in seismicity that has been observed in the central and eastern US (CEUS) (Ellsworth, 2013) since 2008. Numerous studies have linked this increased seismicity to disposal of oilfield wastewater by injection (e.g., Ellsworth, 2013; Keranen et al., 2014; Walsh and Zoback, 2015; Horton, 2012; Hornbach et al., 2015) and hence it is referred to here as induced seismicity.

PSHA has been proposed as a valuable tool to develop hazard estimates for induced seismicity. The United States Geologic Survey (USGS) has evaluated short-term seismic hazard for induced seismicity using PSHA (Petersen et al., 2016; Petersen et al., 2017). Eck et al. (2006) and Bourne et al. (2015) estimated hazard for induced earthquakes in the Netherlands, and Elk et al. (2017) additionally estimated the risk. J. W. Baker and Gupta (2016) present a Bayesian approach to account for uncertainties in induced seismicity, like

26 earthquake rates and location of faults in probabilistic hazard analysis. Several studies have
27 been published on the identification of the two major components of hazard assessment
28 - estimating seismicity rates (e.g., Llenos and Michael, 2013; Llenos and Michael, 2016;
29 Gupta and J. W. Baker, 2017), and developing new ground motion prediction equations
30 for regions of induced seismicity (e.g., Atkinson, 2015; Yenier and Atkinson, 2015; Gupta
31 et al., 2017). Bommer et al. (2015) emphasize the importance of using seismic risk as a
32 metric for decision making by regulators for regions of induced seismicity. Walters et al.
33 (2015) present a traffic light system that qualitatively takes into account the seismic hazard,
34 exposure and vulnerability of a region. Liu et al. (2017) present the sensitivity of building
35 collapse and nonstructural component falling risks for induced seismicity. Mignan et al.
36 (2015) estimate the portfolio induced seismicity risk caused by Enhanced Geothermal System
37 in Basel, Switzerland, based on discrete damage states of the assets within a 14 km radius.

38 Here we extend the PSHA framework to take into account the changing seismicity rates in
39 regions of induced seismicity. We use a multiple-change-point approach to identify changes
40 in seismicity rates, and perform hazard and risk assessments using a stochastic Monte Carlo
41 based method. We apply the approach to Oklahoma, and discuss how the results may be
42 useful in risk management decisions. Finally, we perform sensitivity analyses to assess the
43 impacts of changes in the following parameters on Oklahoma’s hazard and regional risk -
44 seismicity rates, magnitude distribution (b -value in Gutenberg-Richter relation, minimum,
45 and maximum magnitudes), ground-motion prediction equations and exposure’s vulnerabil-
46 ity. More informed decisions can be made on resource allocation, research efforts and risk
47 mitigation measures by understanding these impacts.

48 **2 Framework for hazard and risk assessments from in-** 49 **duced seismicity**

50 In this section, we describe a framework for hazard assessment from induced seismicity and
51 apply these hazard estimates to develop regional risk estimates.

52 2.1 Hazard assessment

53 Seismic hazard refers to the the annual rate of exceeding a certain level of ground shaking.
 54 In traditional PSHA for tectonic seismicity, the rate of an intensity measure IM exceeding
 55 an amplitude x , $\lambda(\text{IM} \geq x)$, is estimated by evaluating equation 1. Intensity measure is a
 56 catch-all term for various metrics of ground shaking, such as peak ground acceleration, peak
 57 ground velocity, spectral acceleration, or Modified Mercalli Intensity (J. W. Baker, 2015).

$$\lambda(\text{IM} \geq x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\lambda(M_n \geq m_{\min}) \sum_{j=1; k=1}^{J_n; K_n} p(\text{IM} \geq x \mid M_n = m_j; R_n = r_k) \dots \right. \\ \left. p(R_n = r_k \mid M_n = m_j) p(M_n = m_j) \right] \quad (1)$$

58 where $\lambda(a)$ is the annual rate of a , $p(a \mid b)$ is the probability of a given b , $n = 1, \dots, N$ is the
 59 earthquake source, $M_n = m \geq m_{\min}$ is the earthquake magnitude for source n , m_{\min} is the
 60 minimum magnitude considered at the source, $R_n = r$ is the distance from earthquake source
 61 to site of interest, and J_n and K_n are the number of discretized magnitudes and source-to-
 62 site distances, respectively for source n . The probability $p(\text{IM} \geq x \mid M_n = m; R_n = r)$ is
 63 typically characterized by a ground motion prediction equation (GMPE) (e.g., Atkinson,
 64 2015). Earthquakes are typically assumed to occur as a Poisson process with rate λ , with
 65 $p(R_n = r \mid M_n = m)$ developed based on the source geometry, and $p(M_n = m)$ developed
 66 based upon a recurrence relationship (e.g., Gutenberg and Richter, 1949).

67 Due to epistemic uncertainties, there may exist multiple source characteristics, GMPE's
 68 and magnitude distributions for the same region. These uncertainties are accounted for
 69 by estimating hazard for each of the individual possibilities, which we then represent as
 70 individual branches in a logic tree. Each branch $d = 1, \dots, D$, is assigned weight w_d such
 71 that $\sum_{d=1}^D w_d = 1$, and the hazard is computed by the weighted contribution from each
 72 branch (Petersen et al., 2014).

$$\lambda(\text{IM} \geq x) = \sum_{d=1}^D w_d \lambda_d(\text{IM} \geq x) \quad (2)$$

73 where $\lambda_d(\text{IM} \geq x)$ is the hazard for branch d .

74 When the seismicity rates are changing over time, as for induced seismicity, then the
 75 estimated hazard is also time dependent. We represent hazard at time t as $\lambda(\text{IM} \geq x)(t)$
 76 and calculate it by replacing the constant seismicity rate in equation 1 with time-dependent
 77 $\lambda(M_n \geq m_{\min})(t)$. Then the mean hazard per unit time over a time duration $[t_1, t_2]$ is
 78 calculated by

$$\lambda(\text{IM} \geq x) = \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \lambda(\text{IM} \geq x)(t) dt \quad (3)$$

79 Hazard estimates are forecasts of anticipated future seismic shaking. Due to the transient
 80 nature of induced seismicity, these forecasts are meaningful for shorter duration of the next
 81 6 months to 24 months, as compared to the National Seismic Hazard forecasts developed for
 82 next 50 years (Petersen et al., 2014).

83 Equation 1 estimates hazard at a single site of interest. For multiple sites, this calculation
 84 is required separately at each of the sites. This is computationally expensive, and Monte-
 85 Carlo based stochastic approach may be more efficient (Ross, 2009). In this approach, for
 86 each source, we first simulate earthquakes according to the corresponding seismicity rate
 87 $\lambda(M_n \geq m_{\min})$. For each earthquake, we assign a magnitude according to the magnitude
 88 distribution $f_n(M_n = m)$, a location according to the source geometry, and finally estimate
 89 shaking at each of our sites using GMPE's. Each simulation is independent and 10,000 one-
 90 year simulations are carried out. This approach also allows for implementation of spatial
 91 correlation between ground shaking at multiple sites from the same earthquake (e.g., Jayaram
 92 and J. W. Baker, 2009). The detailed algorithm for this approach is described by Gupta
 93 (2017) and is implemented here using the OpenQuake-engine (Pagani et al., 2014).

94 **2.2 Risk assessment**

95 Seismic risk refers to the annual rate of exceeding a certain level of loss to structures, popula-
 96 tion or other entities. The risk for loss ψ on a single asset s with a vulnerability distribution
 97 $f(\psi_s | \text{IM} = y)$ is described by Krawinkler and Miranda (2004) and shown below.

$$\lambda(\psi_s \geq x) = \int_{\text{IM}_s} \lambda(\text{IM}_s = y) p(\psi_s \geq x | \text{IM}_s = y) dy \quad (4)$$

98 For a set of assets $s = 1, \dots, S$, the total loss Ψ is obtained by combining losses of all
 99 assets, $\Psi = \sum_{s=1}^S \psi_s$. Then the probability distribution of Ψ represents a sum of random
 100 variables and equation 4 is modified as shown below.

$$\lambda(\Psi \geq x) = \int_{\mathbf{IM}} \lambda(\mathbf{IM} = \mathbf{y}) \int \cdots \int_S f(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_S \mid \mathbf{IM} = \mathbf{y}) d\mathcal{S} dy$$

and $\mathcal{S} = \{x_1, \dots, x_S \mid \sum_{s=1}^S x_s \geq x; x_s \geq 0 \forall s = 1, \dots, S\}$ (5)

101 where $f(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_S \mid \mathbf{IM} = \mathbf{y})$ is the joint probability distribution for loss to the S assets
 102 and \mathbf{IM} is a vector of IM_s at each asset s . We use the stochastic Monte-Carlo simulation
 103 approach to develop risk assessments at a statewide scale, similar to our approach for hazard
 104 assessment. In this case, the ground shaking at each site from the hazard estimation is used
 105 as input to estimate losses for risk assessment. This algorithm is detailed in Gupta (2017),
 106 and is implemented here through OpenQuake, with the results processed in MATLAB.

107 3 Risk assessment for Oklahoma

108 We implement the framework described in section 2 to assess hazard and state-wide post-
 109 earthquake repair costs for Oklahoma. While the hazard is computed at all locations in
 110 Oklahoma, we show estimates here from a single site at 35.45° N and 97.55° W in Oklahoma
 111 City. Due to the transient and rapidly changing nature of induced seismicity (Petersen et al.,
 112 2017), the hazard and risk forecasts presented here through 2017 are meaningful only for
 113 short duration of the next 6 to 24 months, although the framework might be used to update
 114 these estimates with more recent data.

115 For reference, we will compare some subsequent hazard results with USGS short-term
 116 hazard curves (Petersen et al., 2016; Petersen et al., 2017). The USGS computed hazard
 117 using the weighted mean of multiple branches. Their seismicity rate estimates are based
 118 on observed seismicity over the previous 1-year, 2-year and 36-year windows. They use the
 119 same GMPE's that are used in the 2014 hazard maps for the central and eastern United
 120 States (Petersen et al., 2014) and the Atkinson (2015) GMPE.

121 **3.1 Parameters for risk assessment**

122 **Seismic sources**

123 Seismicity rates are considered within Oklahoma and in southern Kansas near Oklahoma's
124 northern border. The background rates (before induced seismicity) are multiple orders lower
125 than those from induced seismicity (Petersen et al., 2014) and contribute negligibly to short-
126 term hazard and risk, hence we only consider regions with a recent rate increase. We use
127 the change-point method, with sequential bisection to detect multiple change points, to es-
128 timate rates for $M \geq 3$ earthquakes (Gupta and J. W. Baker, 2017; Gupta, 2017). Rates
129 are estimated from a seismicity catalog declustered using the method proposed by Reasen-
130 berg (1985) with an effective lower magnitude cutoff of 3.0, based on Oklahoma's catalog
131 completeness threshold. We chose this declustering method because the alternative Gard-
132 ner and Knopoff (1974) declustering removes many non-dependent earthquakes, as shown in
133 Figure 1(a). The Reasenber approach on the other hand appears to follow the number of
134 monthly earthquakes much more closely and to smooth out the peaks that could be a result
135 of dependent events. Stiphout et al. (2012) have also described that the Gardner-Knopoff
136 approach tends to remove more events from the catalog than other approaches. Finally, we
137 did not use the more recent and robust ETAS approach (Ogata, 1992) because it requires
138 establishing a constant background seismicity rate while the background rate is itself variable
139 for regions of induced seismicity.

140 Seismic sources are considered as area sources of 0.1° latitude by 0.1° longitude, similar to
141 the USGS implementation. Seismicity rates are estimated at the center of these area sources,
142 every 6 months from 2009 through 2017 and are shown in Figure 2. For each point in time,
143 only the catalog up to that date is considered. This allows us to evaluate how hazard and
144 risk assessments would have evolved over time, had this approach been implemented over
145 the past decade. Figure 3 shows that the model corresponds well with observed earthquakes
146 at the statewide level; the approximately six-month lag between the two lines is because
147 the observed earthquakes are for a future twelve-month period, while the estimated rates
148 are empirically-based with no forecasting based on injection rates or other forward-looking
149 metrics.

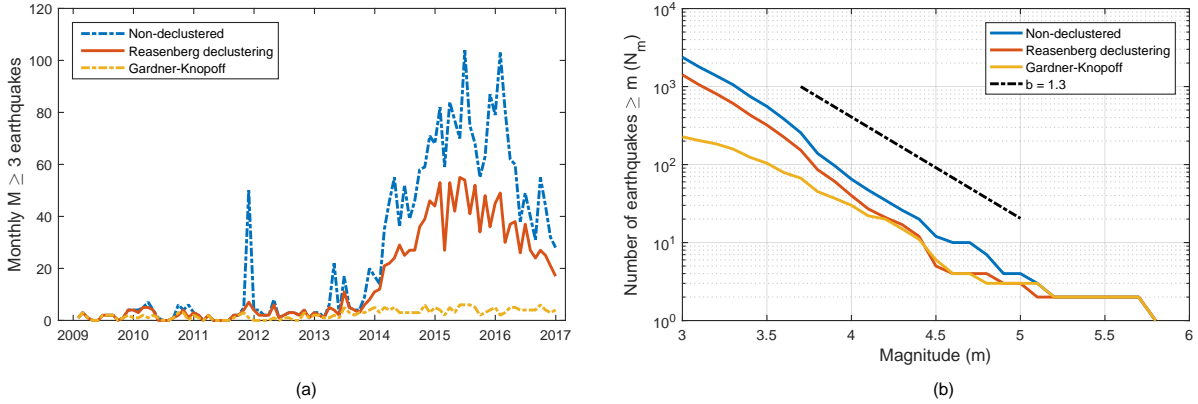


Figure 1: (a) Monthly $M \geq 3$ earthquakes in Oklahoma and (b) Number of earthquakes exceeding a specified magnitude, for non-declustered catalog and catalogs declustered using Reasenberg and Gardner-Knopoff declustering.

150 We use a truncated Gutenberg-Richter relation for magnitude distribution with a b -
 151 value of 1.3, a minimum magnitude of 3.0 and maximum magnitude of 8.0 at all sources.
 152 The b -value is selected based on our qualitative analysis of the seismic catalog (as shown
 153 in Figure 1b) and observation by Langenbruch and Zoback (2016). Different studies have
 154 suggested different b -values for the region, including a study by (Rubinstein et al. (2018)
 155 that estimated $b = 1$ for Kansas. The impact of b -values on hazard and risk is shown in
 156 section 4. We include a distribution of focal depths within the hazard framework, instead
 157 of in a logic tree, through a probability mass function that reflects the depth distribution
 158 in the earthquake catalog. Depths of 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 km are modeled as occurring with
 159 probabilities of 0.05, 0.15, 0.6, 0.15 and 0.05, respectively.

160 Ground-motion prediction equation

161 We use the scaled version of Shahjouei and Pezeshk (2016) GMPE as described by Gupta et
 162 al. (2017), with spatial correlation in the ground motion fields using the Jayaram and J. W.
 163 Baker (2009) model. This GMPE has been developed for ground motions in Oklahoma and
 164 is applicable to earthquakes with magnitude ≥ 3 .

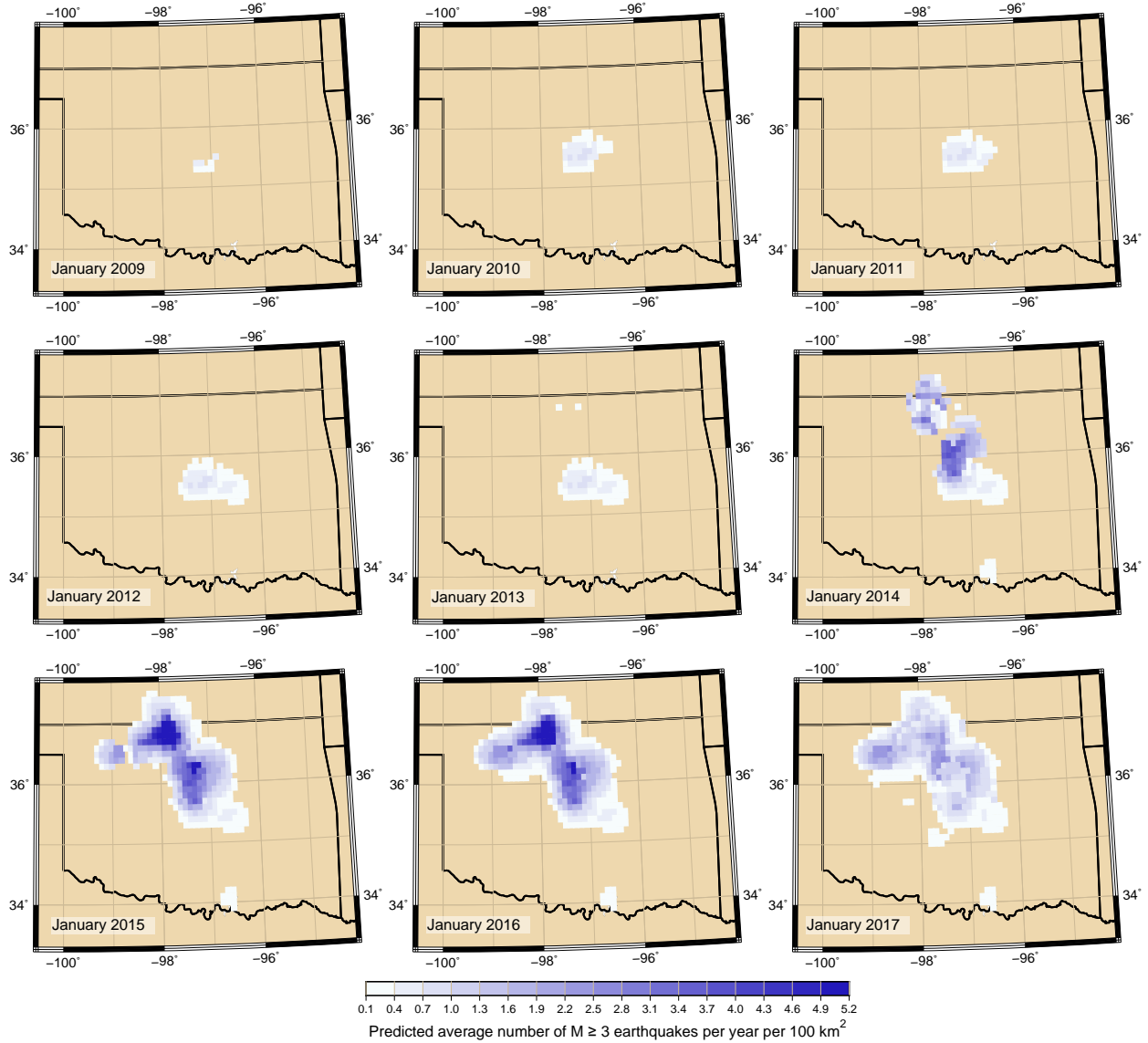


Figure 2: Predicted rate of $M \geq 3$ earthquakes using the change-point model, based on earthquakes observed prior to the given date.

165 Exposure and vulnerability

166 We use HAZUS data regarding building structure types and counts at a census block level,
 167 based on the 2010 census (Holmes et al., 2015). Building types in the large number of census
 168 blocks ($\approx 255,000$ census-blocks, 3.9×10^6 data rows) are aggregated on a 0.1° latitude by
 169 0.1° longitude grid (1852 grid points, $\approx 28,500$ data rows). This approximately corresponds
 170 to a 10 km by 10 km grid. Bal et al. (2010) concluded that the difference in the accuracy

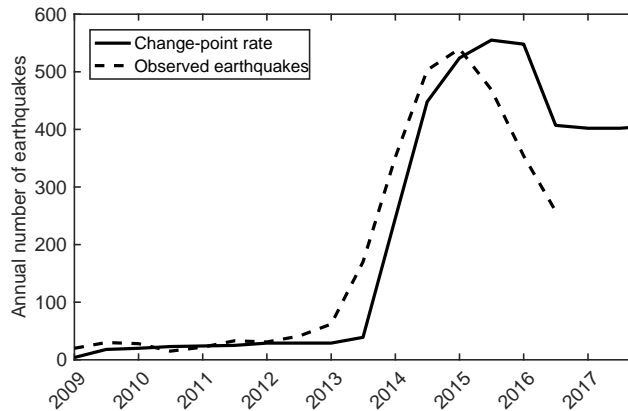


Figure 3: Annual rates estimated using the change-point method based on earthquakes observed prior to the given date, and number of earthquakes observed in the year following the given date.

171 and precision of loss estimates that come from working at a coarse spatial resolution is likely
 172 to be insignificant in comparison with the uncertainties associated with the prescription of
 173 recurrence intervals for major earthquakes in a fully probabilistic loss model. Bazzurro and
 174 Park (2007) discuss impacts of aggregating assets, one of them being introducing artificial
 175 correlations that tend to systematically underestimate frequent, small losses and overestimate
 176 the large, rare ones. One of the reasons for this correlation is using the same spectral
 177 acceleration at the site of aggregated assets. To address this issue, we aggregate assets by
 178 distributing them to the nearest grid-points in proportion of their closeness to the point. In
 179 other words, each grid-point receives a contribution of the assets from the neighboring grid,
 180 instead of combining all the assets within 5 km north, west, south and east of the point. As
 181 a result, each asset's loss is computed based on the spectral accelerations observed at its
 182 nearest grid-points, instead of only one grid-point. A summary of the assets is provided in
 183 Table 1. Figure 4 shows the total asset cost at each grid point, along with markers for major
 184 cities and the Prague M5.7 and Pawnee M5.8 earthquakes.

Table 1: Buildings summary in Oklahoma

Building type	Cost		Count	
Wood light frame	\$127.52 billion	53.10%	0.970×10^6	60.39%
Unreinforced masonry	\$66.62 billion	27.74%	0.407×10^6	25.32%
Wood commercial and industrial	\$9.82 billion	4.09%	0.022×10^6	1.34%
Mobile homes	\$5.75 billion	2.40%	0.156×10^6	9.70%
Others	\$30.44 billion	12.67%	0.052×10^6	3.25%
<i>Total</i>	\$240.15 billion	100%	1.607×10^6	100%

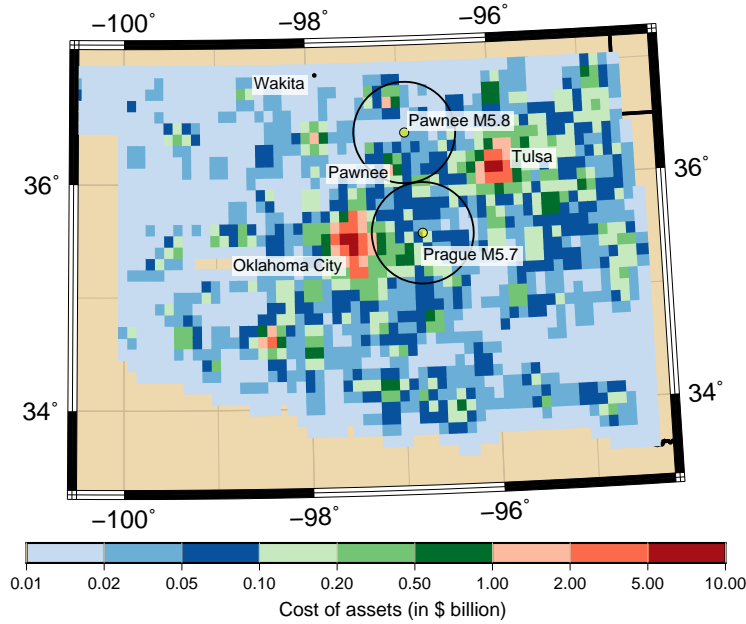


Figure 4: Total asset value for each grid point. Major cities and epicenters of Prague M5.7 and Pawnee M5.8 earthquakes are marked. The circles around the epicenters are 100 km in diameter and mark the approximate region with $PGA \geq 0.05$ g based on USGS Shakemaps.

185 We use HAZUS vulnerability functions that relate IM to asset losses, as shown in Fig-
 186 ure 5a. HAZUS provides damage fragility functions for each asset that relates peak ground
 187 acceleration (PGA) with four distinct damage levels. Then, at various discrete levels of PGA,
 188 the probability of being in each damage level can be obtained. HAZUS also provides mean

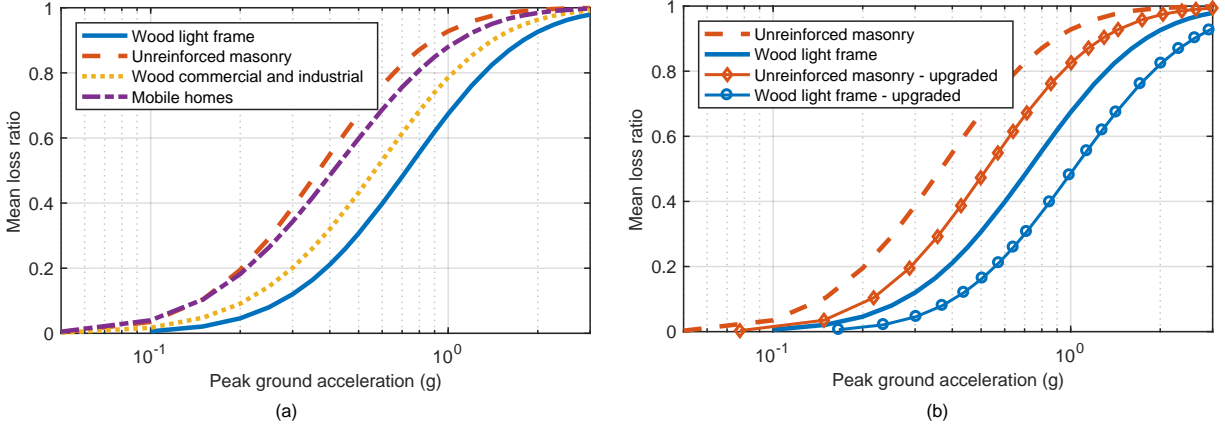


Figure 5: (a) Vulnerability function for low-code classification of the most commonly occurring building types in Oklahoma. (b) Upgraded vulnerability curves developed for this study based on Krawinkler et al. (2012). The upgraded curves refer to upgrade from HAZUS curves based on previous research and do not reflect any structural intervention.

189 loss ratios for each damage level. Then to obtain the vulnerability functions, we estimate
 190 the probability of loss at each PGA level based on the probability of each damage level and
 191 its corresponding mean loss ratio. We then assume a log-normal distribution for loss at each
 192 PGA level and estimate its parameters based on the probability of loss. This yields a vulner-
 193 ability function that is defined by a log-normal distribution at various PGA levels. We have
 194 obtained these vulnerability functions from OpenQuake developers through personal com-
 195 munication (Anirudh Rao, 2016), with the structural loss ratio mapped to total building loss
 196 ratio as the loss measure ψ . Additionally, HAZUS classifies buildings as pre-code, low-code,
 197 moderate-code and high-code, based on their location and year of construction. HAZUS
 198 categorizes post-1975 buildings in low seismicity regions as low-code, hence all buildings in
 199 Oklahoma are classified as low-code. The vulnerability functions showing variation of the
 200 mean loss-ratios with PGA for the most common building categories are shown in Figure 5.
 201 The variation in losses at each PGA level as characterized by the log-normal distribution
 202 is not shown in the figure. HAZUS’s PGA based fragility functions are developed for large
 203 magnitude events and hence there is a possibility of introducing bias when using these for
 204 the short durations and low energy of the motions associated with smaller earthquakes in
 205 this study. We have explored the impact of vulnerability functions on risk assessment in

206 section 4.4, however specifically exploring the bias of HAZUS fragility curves for small mag-
 207 nitude earthquakes is beyond the scope of this study.

208 OpenQuake implements complete correlation of losses between assets of the same type at
 209 a site. For example, if there are 6 wood buildings aggregated at a site, then each building will
 210 have an identical loss ratio for a given simulation. We also assumed mutual independence
 211 between assets of different types and at different sites (i.e., the loss ratio given a PGA for
 212 one asset type or site does not influence the loss ratio given PGA for another asset type or
 213 site). Asset losses may be correlated at different sites when they follow similar designs or
 214 construction quality, for example, when constructed by the same contractor. However, we
 215 did not have such information and hence assumed independence. Asset correlation will have
 216 the effect of reducing the occurrence of lower losses and increasing the occurrence of higher
 217 losses.

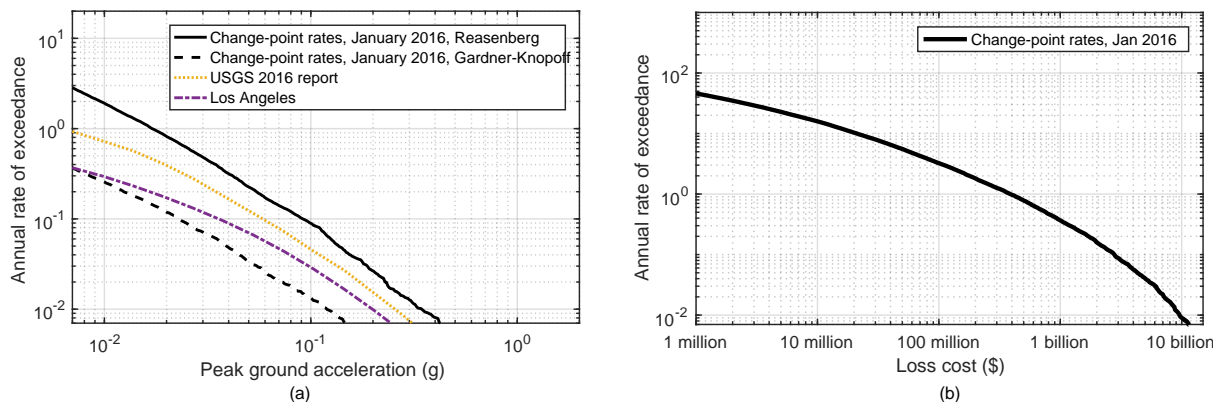


Figure 6: (a) Induced seismicity hazard in Oklahoma City, and (b) Statewide risk using seismicity rates estimated using change-point method. Hazard reported for Oklahoma City by Petersen et al. (2016) and for Los Angeles (Petersen et al., 2014) are also shown for comparison.

218 We calculated risk curves for these vulnerability functions and noted that they highly
 219 over-estimate the observed losses. For example, Figure 6 shows losses of \approx \$2.8 billion
 220 with 10% annual probability (exceedance rate of roughly once in 10 years on average)
 221 and \approx \$383 million with an exceedance rate of once per year, out of total portfolio cost
 222 of \$240.15 billion. In the last 6 years since 2011, when the first $M > 5$ earthquake occurred

223 in Oklahoma, there have been multiple cases when buildings have been damaged, but their
 224 exact loss values are not available. However based on estimates generated from news reports,
 225 we believe that losses have not exceeded \approx \$10 million for any of the earthquakes. Given
 226 our risk estimates, the probability of exceeding a loss of \$2.8 billion in 6 years is 45%, and
 227 that of \$383 million is 99.7%, and given the low occurrence of such high losses, we believe
 228 that our risk estimate is higher than the true risk. We further explore the reasons for this
 229 discrepancy in losses.

230 Figure 6(a) shows that our hazard estimate for the Reasenberg (1985) declustering ap-
 231 proach is higher than that of USGS. Since the Gardner and Knopoff (1974) approach used
 232 by the USGS removes a greater number of earthquakes from the catalog, as described by
 233 Stiphout et al. (2012) and shown in Figure 1, the hazard estimate based on this approach
 234 is much lower. Moreover, our hazard estimates and those of USGS for Oklahoma City are
 235 both greater than that of Los Angeles. This high hazard, combined with higher expected
 236 vulnerability of the Oklahoma building stock, results in our high loss estimates. Figures 6(a)
 237 and 8(a) also illustrate that our hazard estimates based on the change-point approach are
 238 in good agreement with those of USGS using a completely independent approach.

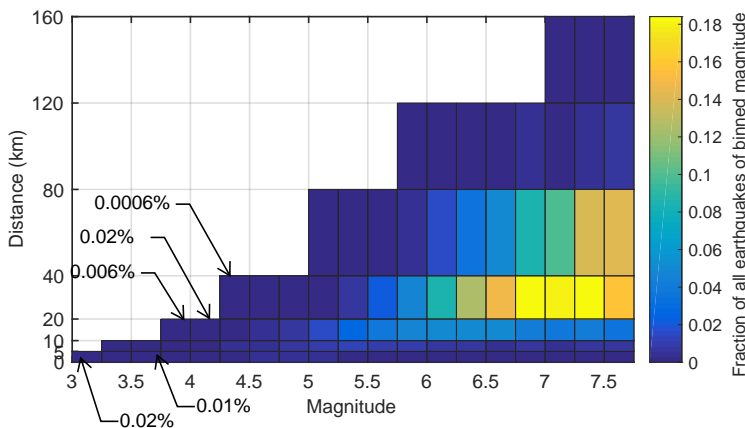


Figure 7: Earthquakes that cause a loss \geq \$1 billion as a fraction of all earthquakes within that magnitude bin. Earthquakes are also binned by distance such that the cost of all assets within the shown distance is \geq twice the loss for that earthquake. The percentages marked on the figure represent the fraction of all earthquakes in that bin that caused the loss.

239 Based on our high predicted losses but comparable hazard estimates as those of USGS,
240 we believe that our vulnerability curves are too conservative, however few studies exist that
241 provide fragility curves for buildings in the central and eastern US, and for small magnitude
242 earthquakes. Other effects like aggregation of assets and asset loss correlations can also
243 affect loss estimates, however their impacts are not large enough to completely explain the
244 high estimated losses. Krawinkler et al. (2012) developed fragility functions for unreinforced
245 masonry parapets and chimneys using observations from California and computer modeling.
246 Since unreinforced masonry structures in California predate modern seismic design require-
247 ments in the region, we believe that these fragility functions developed for chimneys and
248 parapets are reasonable estimates for unreinforced masonry structures in Oklahoma. We
249 note that chimneys and parapets are not braced at the top and hence these fragility func-
250 tions are still conservative when used for buildings. We use these fragility functions here
251 because they have been created specifically for unreinforced masonry using more data and
252 modeling than the HAZUS functions, however further research is required to generate Okla-
253 homa specific fragility functions, which is beyond the scope of this study. The median PGA
254 for toppling fragility function by Krawinkler et al. (2012) is 0.5 g compared to 0.35 g for the
255 loss vulnerability curve in our study based on HAZUS. To update our vulnerability curves,
256 we increase our median PGA for unreinforced masonry to 0.5 g while keeping the same vari-
257 ability of the curve. Similar studies could not be found for other building types and hence
258 we make the assumption to increase the median PGA for all vulnerability functions by a
259 ratio of 1.43 ($= \frac{0.5}{0.35}$). Some of these updated vulnerability curves are shown in Figure 5(b).
260 We use these updated vulnerability curves in all subsequent calculations, unless otherwise
261 specified.

262 Finally, we note that the August 24, 2014 M6.0 earthquake in Napa incurred a loss of
263 \$700 million (<http://www.iii.org/issue-update/earthquakes-risk-and-insurance-issues>,
264 accessed August 09, 2017). Approximately 410,000 households were affected by that earth-
265 quake, compared to $\approx 337,000$ households in Oklahoma County (<https://www.census.gov/2010census/popmap>,
266 accessed August 09, 2017). This suggests that it would be pos-
267 sible to observe losses in the order of \$500 million in Oklahoma City from a nearby \approx M6.0
268 earthquake, though fortunately previous earthquakes have caused losses in order of only

269 \$10 million as they have not occurred in densely populated regions of the state.

270 3.2 Oklahoma Results for 2017

271 Figure 8 shows the hazard in Oklahoma City and statewide risk from induced seismicity
272 based on the updated vulnerability curves shown in Figure 5(b). The annual exceedance
273 rates for PGA using the change-point seismicity rates are approximately twice that of the
274 USGS 2017 hazard estimates (Petersen et al., 2017). This comparison is not anticipated to
275 produce an exact match, due to differences in assumed seismicity rates and logic trees, but
276 the rough correspondence of results is reassuring.

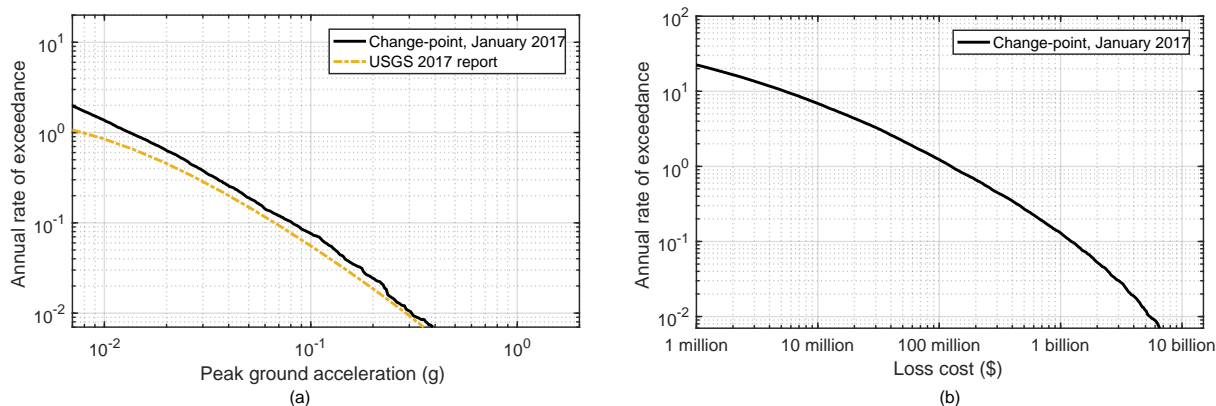


Figure 8: (a) Induced seismicity hazard in Oklahoma City and (b) statewide risk with updated vulnerability functions. Hazard reported by Petersen et al. (2016) in USGS 2016 report is also shown for comparison.

277 Due to the transient nature of induced seismicity, we consider these calculations as short-
278 term forecasts and consider only annual rates of exceedance ≥ 0.01 in our Figures. Our
279 estimates indicate that Oklahoma City will experience peak ground acceleration of ≈ 0.08 g
280 with 10% annual probability and ≈ 0.3 g with 1% annual probability. Generally, building
281 losses occur at accelerations > 0.1 g, but might occur at > 0.05 g in Oklahoma due to higher
282 building vulnerability, as shown in Figure 5.

283 The statewide risk in Figure 8(b) indicates loss of $\approx \$1.2$ billion with 10% annual prob-
284 ability and $\approx \$5.5$ billion with 1% annual probability. Our estimate indicates a loss of
285 $\approx \$125$ million expected once every year on average. The total asset cost for our exposure

286 portfolio is \$240 billion for the state. This indicates loss ratios of $\approx 2.3\%$ at the 1% an-
287 nual probability level, which appears reasonable given the high hazard and the vulnerability
288 curves for wood buildings that are 53% of the total cost. However, the loss estimates are
289 still substantially higher than those actually observed in the state to date. Since our haz-
290 ard estimates are comparable to those of the USGS, we explore the relationship between
291 vulnerability models and losses in section 4.4.

292 4 Sensitivity Analysis

293 In this section, we study the impacts of changes in seismicity rates, magnitude distribution (b -
294 value in Gutenberg-Richter relation, minimum and maximum magnitudes), ground-motion
295 prediction equations and exposure's vulnerability on induced seismicity hazard and statewide
296 loss risk in Oklahoma. Unless noted otherwise, the results are estimated based on seismicity
297 rates estimated on 2017-01-01, with minimum and maximum magnitudes of 3.0 and 8.0
298 respectively, a b -value of 1.3, the SP16_{scaled} GMPE and the vulnerability with upgrade ratio
299 of 1.43 as described in the previous section.

300 4.1 Changes in seismicity rates

301 We illustrate the effect of changing seismicity rates by studying the evolution of hazard and
302 risk in Oklahoma over time. We use the multiple change-point model to estimate rates at
303 6-months intervals, starting in 2009 (Figures 2 and 3).

304 We observe in Figure 9 that shaking in Oklahoma City increases considerably at a given
305 exceedance level between 2009 and 2010. There is little difference in PGA increase after 2010,
306 however, despite high rate increases in the state, because the more recent rate increases
307 occurred in northern Oklahoma (an area with less exposure). We observe a significant
308 increase in statewide risk between 2013 and 2014, which agrees with the rate increase from
309 the change-point model during the same time. There has been a reduction in observed
310 seismicity since 2015 in the state and subsequently also reflected in the rate estimates from
311 the change-point model starting in 2016, as shown in Figure 3. However, this reduction is not
312 pronounced in hazard estimates for Oklahoma City in Figure 9(a) while the loss estimates

313 show some reduction. This is because most of the rate reduction in 2015 occurred in Northern
 314 Oklahoma and southern Kansas while Oklahoma City is in central Oklahoma. This is also
 315 illustrated in the reduction of hazard in Wakita in Northern Oklahoma (shown in Figure 4)
 316 as shown in Figure 10. The statewide loss risk has only reduced slightly since earthquake
 317 rates have not decreased uniformly across the urban centers.

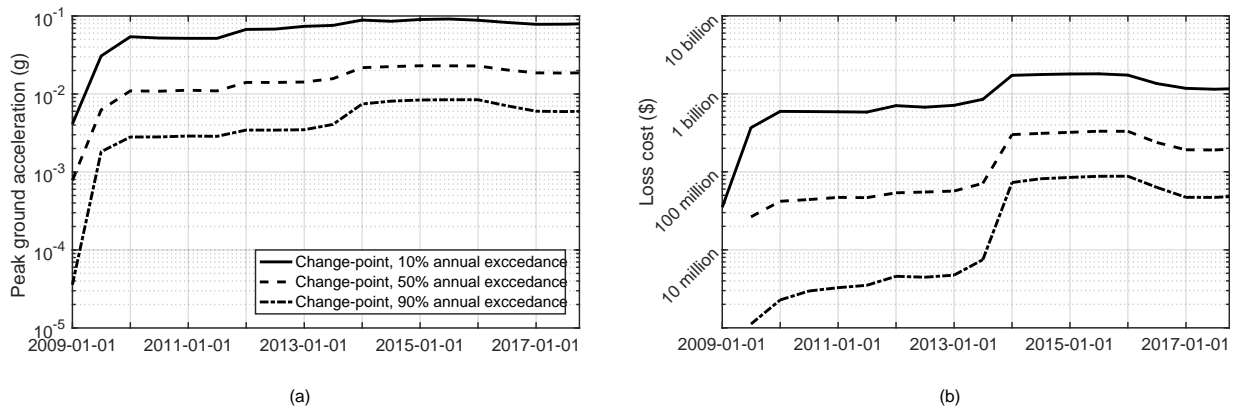


Figure 9: (a) Evolving hazard over time in Oklahoma City and (b) statewide risk at 10%, 50% and 90% annual rates of exceedance . Seismicity rates are too low for 2009-01-01 with the number of years considered in our simulations to generate loss estimates at the 50% and 90% annual rates of exceedance.

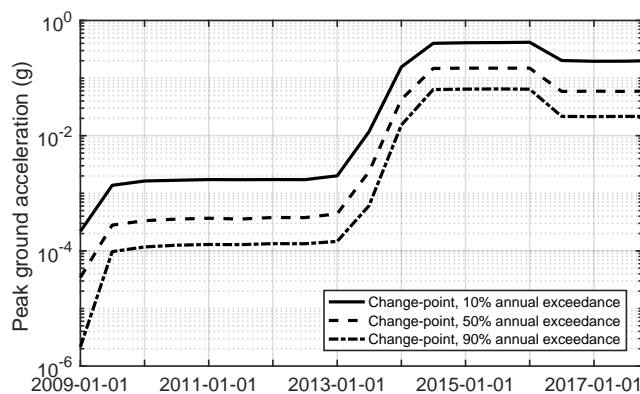


Figure 10: Evolving hazard over time in Wakita in northern Oklahoma at 10%, 50% and 90% annual rates of exceedance

4.2 Changes in magnitude distribution

We use a truncated Gutenberg-Richter magnitude distribution, and vary the minimum magnitudes from 3 to 5 and maximum magnitudes from 5 to 8. In hazard analysis, the minimum magnitude is specified at a level such that shaking from lower magnitude earthquakes is not relevant because it will not affect buildings (Bommer and Crowley, 2017), and the maximum magnitude is governed by the maximum earthquake that a seismic source can produce. For induced seismicity, the maximum possible magnitude continues to be an active area of study (McGarr, 2014; Ellsworth, 2013) and understanding its influence can inform future research. Figure 11 shows the impact of these parameters on hazard and risk. We observe that using a minimum magnitude $m_{\min} = 5$ yields lower shaking and losses than the other cases, because $M < 5$ earthquakes do contribute to shaking and losses in the baseline analysis case. We observed in Figure 7 that only a small percentage of $M < 5$ earthquakes cause losses larger than \$1 billion, however since $M < 5$ earthquakes are much more frequent than $M > 5$ earthquakes, setting a larger m_{\min} has a potential to reduce the risk at these fairly high loss values. As the loss value is increased further, setting $m_{\min} \geq 5$ does not change the risk significantly because smaller earthquakes do not cause losses larger than \$10 billion. This also explains the difference observed between $m_{\min} = 3$ and $m_{\min} = 4$ for the lower shaking and loss levels at the higher exceedance rates. The high frequency of $M < 4$ earthquakes contribute to the low levels of shaking at $\text{PGA} \leq 0.1 \text{ g}$ and, combined with the high vulnerability of our exposure, this difference in hazard at low shaking levels also propagates to risk at lower loss levels. The difference becomes negligible for losses \geq \$100 million because $M \geq 4$ earthquakes are responsible for most of these losses. We observe that $m_{\max} > 6$ have little influence on shaking and loss levels for the same reason that these larger earthquakes are less frequent and hence contribute little to the short-term hazard and risk estimates at these high annual rates of exceedance. As expected, the influence of m_{\max} increases as the shaking and loss levels increase.

Figure 12 shows the variation of hazard and risk with changes in b -value. Dempsey et al. (2016) show that induced earthquakes follow the Gutenberg-Richter relation, with b -values estimated between 0.8 and 1.5 for most regions. A smaller b -value indicates higher frequency

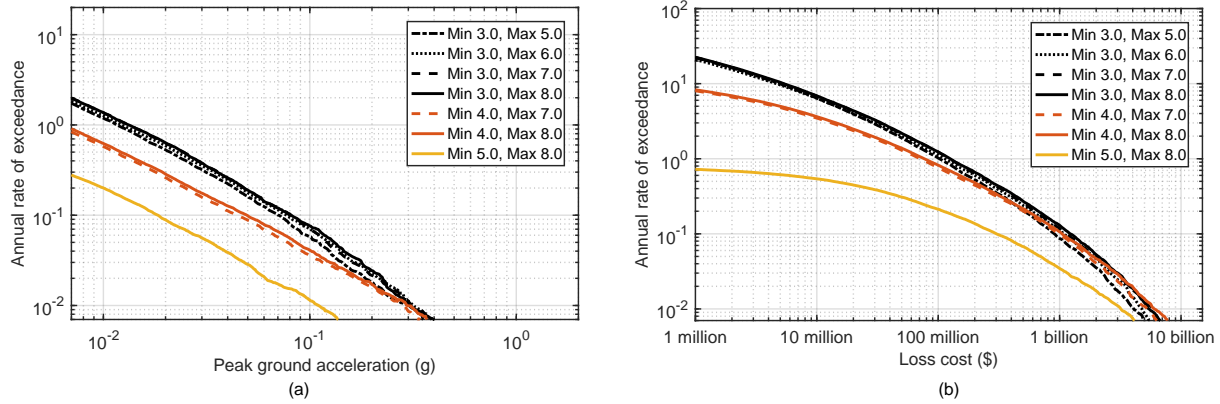


Figure 11: (a) Hazard in Oklahoma City and (b) statewide risk for different values of minimum and maximum magnitudes

347 of observing large magnitude earthquakes, for a given overall earthquake rate. As expected,
 348 we observe that increasing b -values reduce both hazard and risk due to lower frequency of
 349 large magnitude events. The reduction in hazard and risk with increasing b -values is greater
 350 at higher shaking and loss values due to the lower frequency of large magnitude earthquakes.

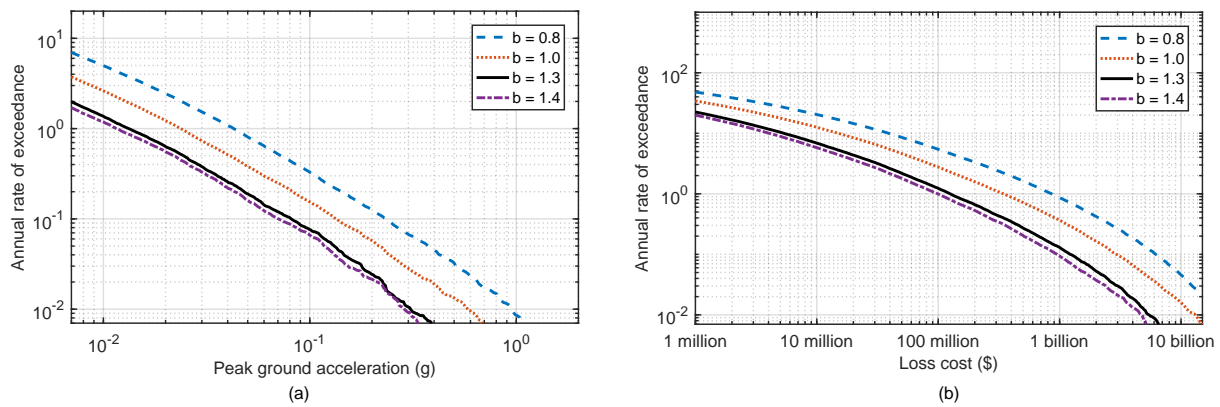


Figure 12: (a) Hazard in Oklahoma City and (b) statewide risk for different b -values at different minimum and maximum magnitudes

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4.3 Changes in ground-motion prediction equations

Well-constrained ground-motion prediction equations for Oklahoma have only been available recently (Yenier et al., 2017) and had not been developed earlier due to extremely low seismicity in the region. Moreover, induced earthquakes have been generally located at shallower depths (≈ 5 km) compared to tectonic earthquakes (≈ 10 km) and it has been contended that ground motions from induced earthquakes exhibit different behavior than those from tectonic earthquakes (Hough, 2014; Cremen et al., 2017; Gupta et al., 2017). In Figure 13, we compare hazard and risk variation for the Atkinson (2015) (A15) and the Gupta et al. (2017) (SP16_{scaled}) GMPE’s that have been developed for application in Oklahoma. We observe that hazard and risk estimates based on the A15 are lower than those based on the SP16_{scaled}. The A15 and the SP16_{scaled} models have similar amplitudes at source-to-site distances of ≤ 60 km, while A15 predicts lower amplitudes than SP16_{scaled} at larger distances. The two GMPE’s have similar standard deviations. This explains the differences in our estimates in Figure 13. We also observe that the differences increase at larger acceleration values as we would expect, because larger values are governed by larger magnitude earthquakes for which ground shaking at longer distances is a more important factor. However, this increased difference is not reflected in the risk curve because the higher losses at our exceedance levels of interest are governed by damages to large asset cost cities located at short distances from earthquake epicenters. This analysis emphasizes the need for better constrained GMPE’s for regions of induced seismicity especially at shorter distances, to better resolve the shaking and losses resulting from small-magnitude earthquakes at short distances.

4.4 Changes in vulnerability

We consider the reduction in risk by decreasing the exposure’s vulnerability, by increasing the medians of the vulnerability curves by a certain ‘upgrade ratio.’ In section 3.1 we increased the medians by a ratio of 1.43. Here we further upgrade the vulnerability curves by ratios of 2.0 and 3.0. This upgrade could be achieved by retrofitting the buildings to a newer code standard or to the code standard applicable for high seismicity regions like California.

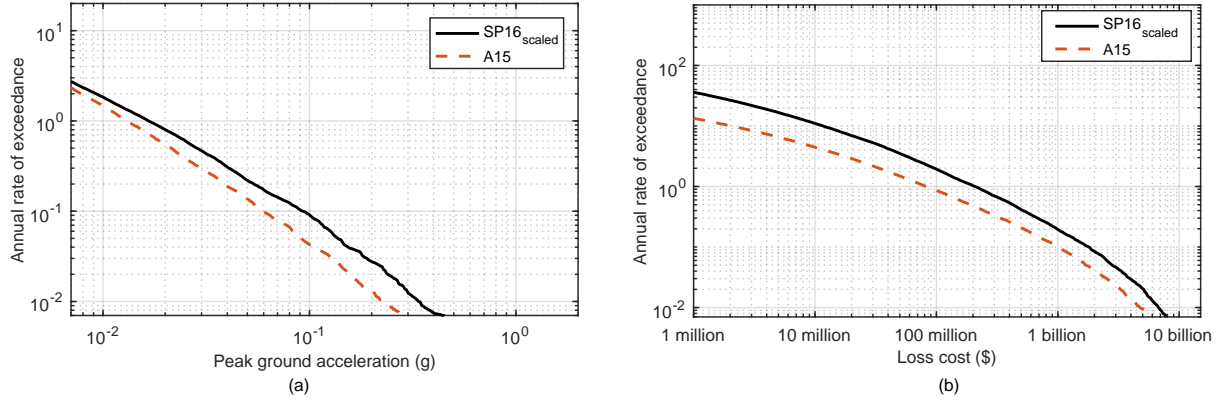


Figure 13: Hazard in Oklahoma City (a) and statewide risk (b) for A15 and SP16_{scaled} GMPE's

380 Figure 14 shows the anticipated result that decreased vulnerability (or higher upgrade ratio)
 381 yields lower risk. The losses are \$63 million and \$26 million exceeded once a year on average,
 382 and \$700 million and \$344 million exceeded with 10% annual probability for the upgrade
 383 ratios of 2.0 and 3.0, respectively.

384 In section 3.2, we mentioned that based on observed losses in Oklahoma, risk in re-
 385 cent years might be on the order of \$100 million exceeded with 10% annual probability. This
 386 indicates that vulnerability curves associated with upgrade ratio = 3.0 might be more rep-
 387 resentative of the building vulnerability in Oklahoma—this may reflect either stronger than
 388 expected seismic strength of buildings, or lower damage potential of ground motions with a
 389 given PGA in Oklahoma, e.g., due to short shaking duration or low long-period energy. This
 390 vulnerability roughly corresponds to the High-code classification in HAZUS in the case of
 391 masonry structures and exceeds this classification for wood structures. High-code classifica-
 392 tion in HAZUS is used for fragility functions of new buildings in California. Risk analysis for
 393 different vulnerability levels can be a useful tool for city officials and operators to quantify
 394 benefit-cost ratios of upgrading structures in a region.

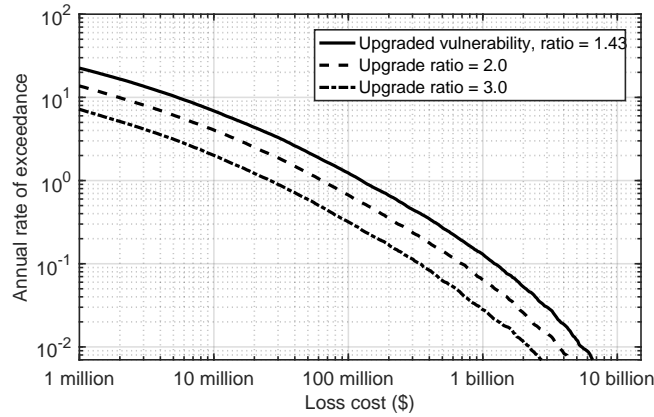


Figure 14: Statewide risk for vulnerability curves with medians increased by the ratio shown, corresponding to change-point rates on January 01, 2017

5 Conclusions

We have presented a framework to estimate temporally-varying hazard for induced seismicity, and a stochastic Monte-Carlo simulation procedure to estimate regional risks. We estimated seismic risk for the state of Oklahoma, and confirmed that short-term hazard and risk are significantly elevated due to induced seismicity. We estimated peak ground acceleration of 0.08 g with 10% annual exceedance probability and 0.3 g with 1% annual exceedance probability in Oklahoma City. The statewide risk indicated losses of \$1.2 billion with 10% annual exceedance probability and \$5.5 billion with 1% annual exceedance probability. These hazard estimates are of the same order of magnitude as those estimated by USGS, but the risk estimates are an order of magnitude higher than anticipated based on observed losses from recent earthquakes. We explored this inconsistency by changing the vulnerability curves for buildings in Oklahoma and observed that curves with median PGA equal to three times those specified by HAZUS yielded risk curves in the expected range. The losses from this upgraded vulnerability were \$344 million with 10% annual exceedance probability and \$2.2 billion with 1% annual exceedance probability. Similar analyses with changing vulnerability curves can be used to quantify the benefits of retrofitting buildings to higher seismic resistance.

Analysis of Oklahoma hazard and risk over time indicate that risk increased substantially between 2009 and 2010, and then again between 2013 and 2014. More recently, a

413 reduction in seismicity rates, potentially resulting from reduction in injection volumes in the
414 state as a result of regulation (T. Baker, 2017) and market conditions, has caused a decrease
415 in statewide risk. We also assessed the impacts on hazard and risk from changes in mag-
416 nitude distribution and ground-motion prediction equations. Due to higher vulnerability of
417 buildings in Oklahoma, buildings could be impacted by magnitude ≤ 5 earthquakes, hence
418 we suggest using minimum magnitudes of $M \leq 3$ for hazard and risk assessment. Maximum
419 magnitudes above 5.0 did not have significant impacts on hazard and risk for the annual ex-
420 ceedance rates of interest. Since we have already observed a M5.8 earthquake in Oklahoma,
421 we suggest using $M \geq 6$ for maximum magnitude. b -values and GMPE’s impacted risk
422 significantly, indicating that further research on these topics will benefit risk assessments.

423 The risk analyses presented here served three main objectives - (1) to demonstrate the
424 framework, (2) to suggest how the current results can be used to inform policy, and (3) to
425 evaluate the reasonableness of model inputs. Some of our observations, such as the issues
426 with assumed building vulnerabilities, were a result of our implementation of the framework
427 within the constraints of previous available data and research. There remain uncertainties
428 associated with seismicity rates, ground-motion prediction equations, asset loss correlations
429 and building vulnerability functions and their assumed distributions that should be further
430 studied to better constrain the risk analyses.

431 The seismicity rates for induced seismicity need to be updated regularly, and resulting
432 assessments can be used to quantify time-varying hazard and regional risk as presented in this
433 study. Risk assessment using this framework for different vulnerability levels and seismicity
434 rates can be performed in an automated and ongoing manner, and will help stakeholders to
435 quantify the benefits of various risk mitigation measures, thus serving as a valuable decision
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443 7 Data Resources

444 We downloaded the seismicity catalog from USGS Comprehensive Catalog (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/search/>) on October 30, 2017.

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