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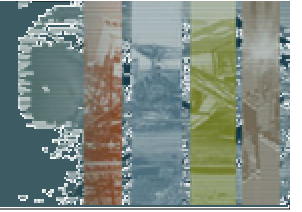
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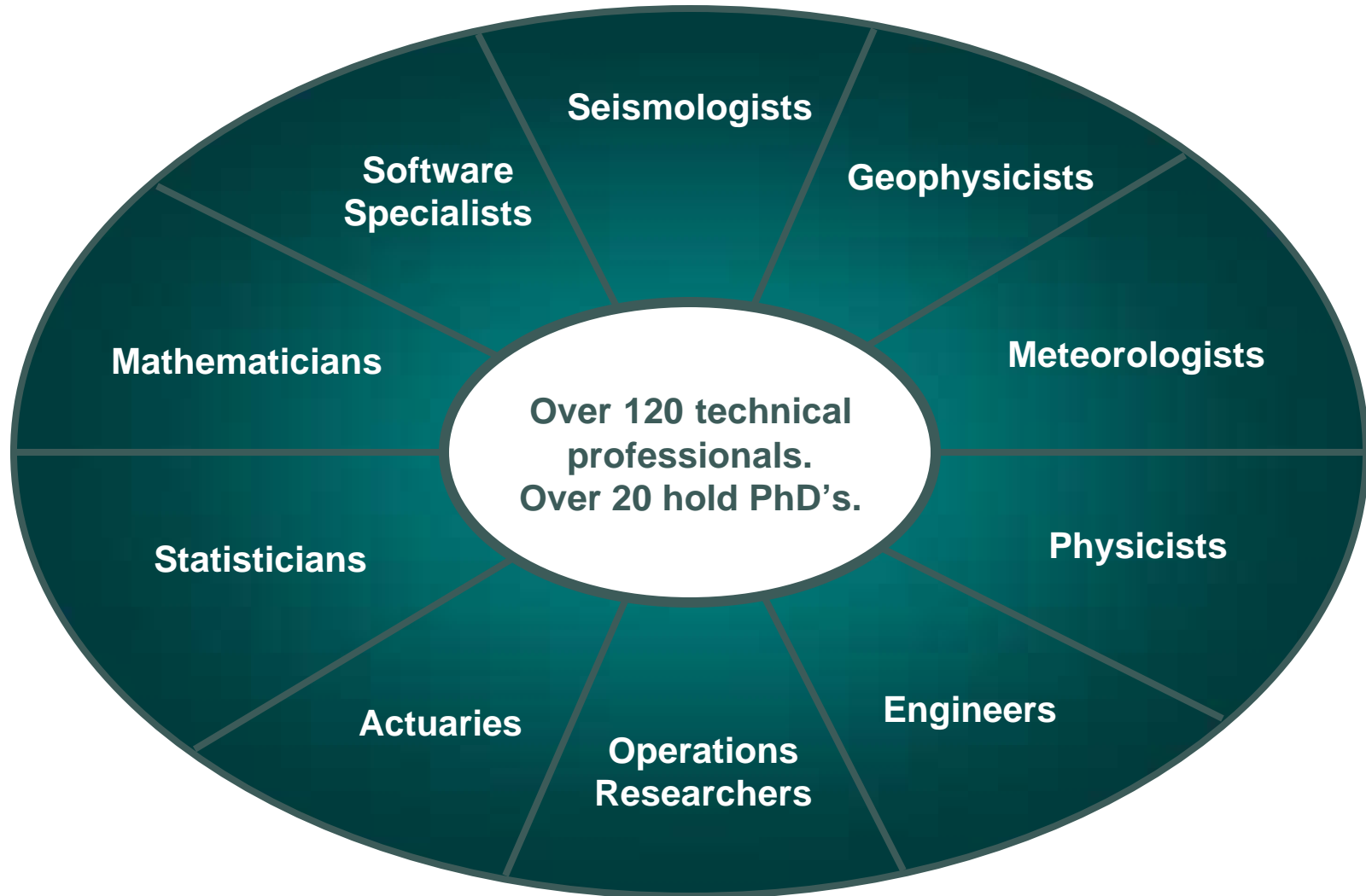
# AIR Conducts Probabilistic Loss Analysis for Natural Hazards



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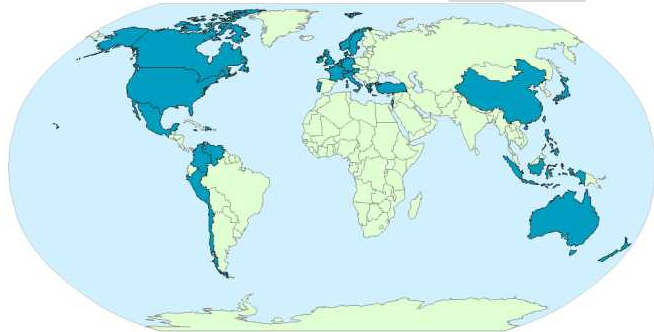
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# AIR Catastrophe Models



Tropical Cyclones (Typhoons, Hurricanes)	Tornadoes, Hailstorms & Straight-line Windstorms	Extra-tropical Cyclones (i. e. Winter Storms)	Earthquake (Shake)	Earthquake (Fire Following)	Terrorism (Property, Work Comp, Life)
Australia Caribbean Hawaii Hong Kong Japan Philippines Taiwan United States	Canada United States	Austria Belgium Canada Denmark France Germany Ireland Luxembourg Netherlands Norway Switzerland Sweden UK - includes Flood United States	Australia Canada Caribbean Chile Colombia Greece Hong Kong Indonesia Israel Italy Japan Mexico New Zealand Philippines Portugal Taiwan Turkey United States Venezuela China Peru	Canada Japan United States	United States

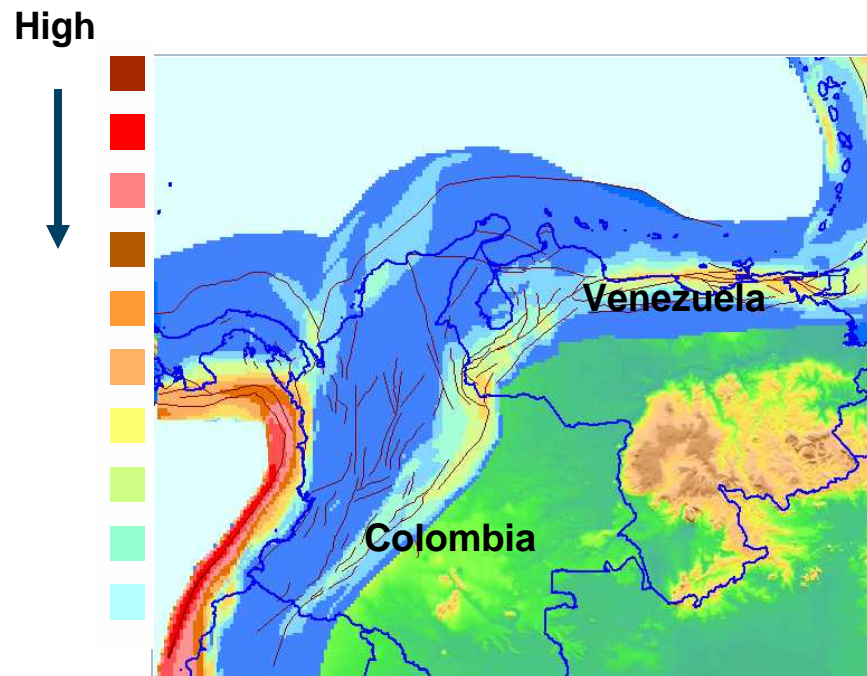


# Paleoseismic, GPS, and Earthquake Catalog Data are Used to Construct Regional Seismicity

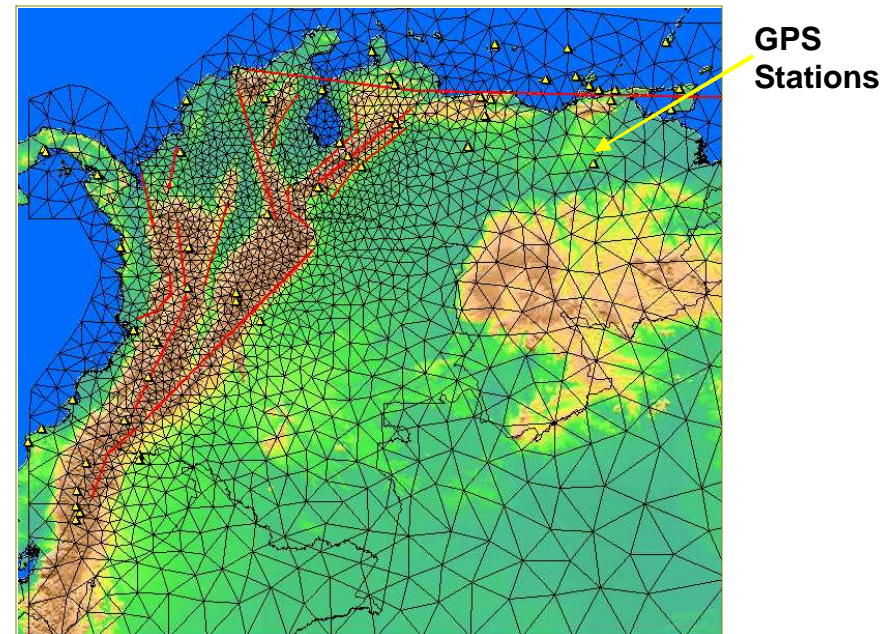
An Example from Colombia and Venezuela



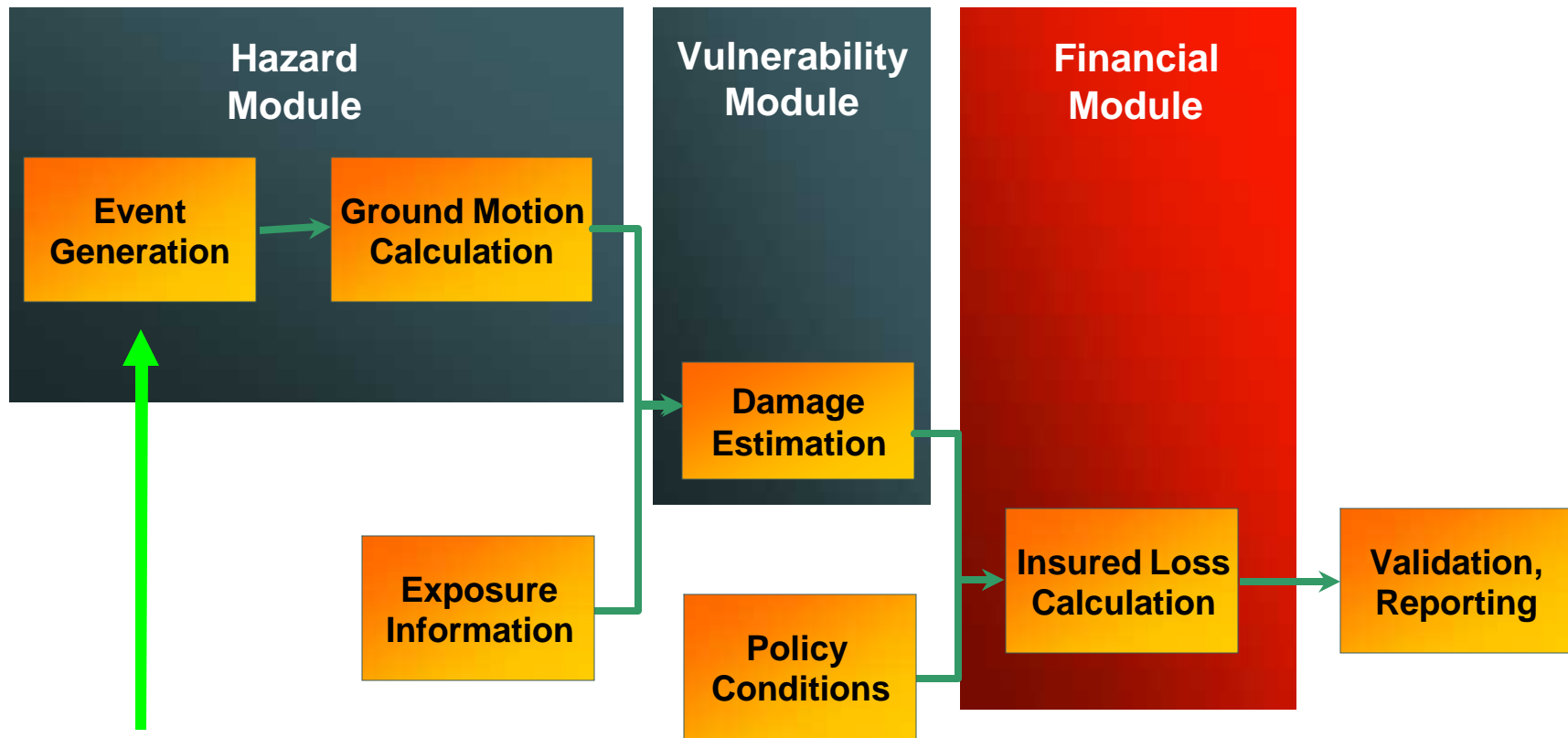
Kinematic Model and GPS Data are Used to Calculate Regional Strain Rate Distribution



3D Elastic Finite Element Models are Used to Get Insight into Faults Slip Rates and Regional Strain Rates



# Primary Model Components

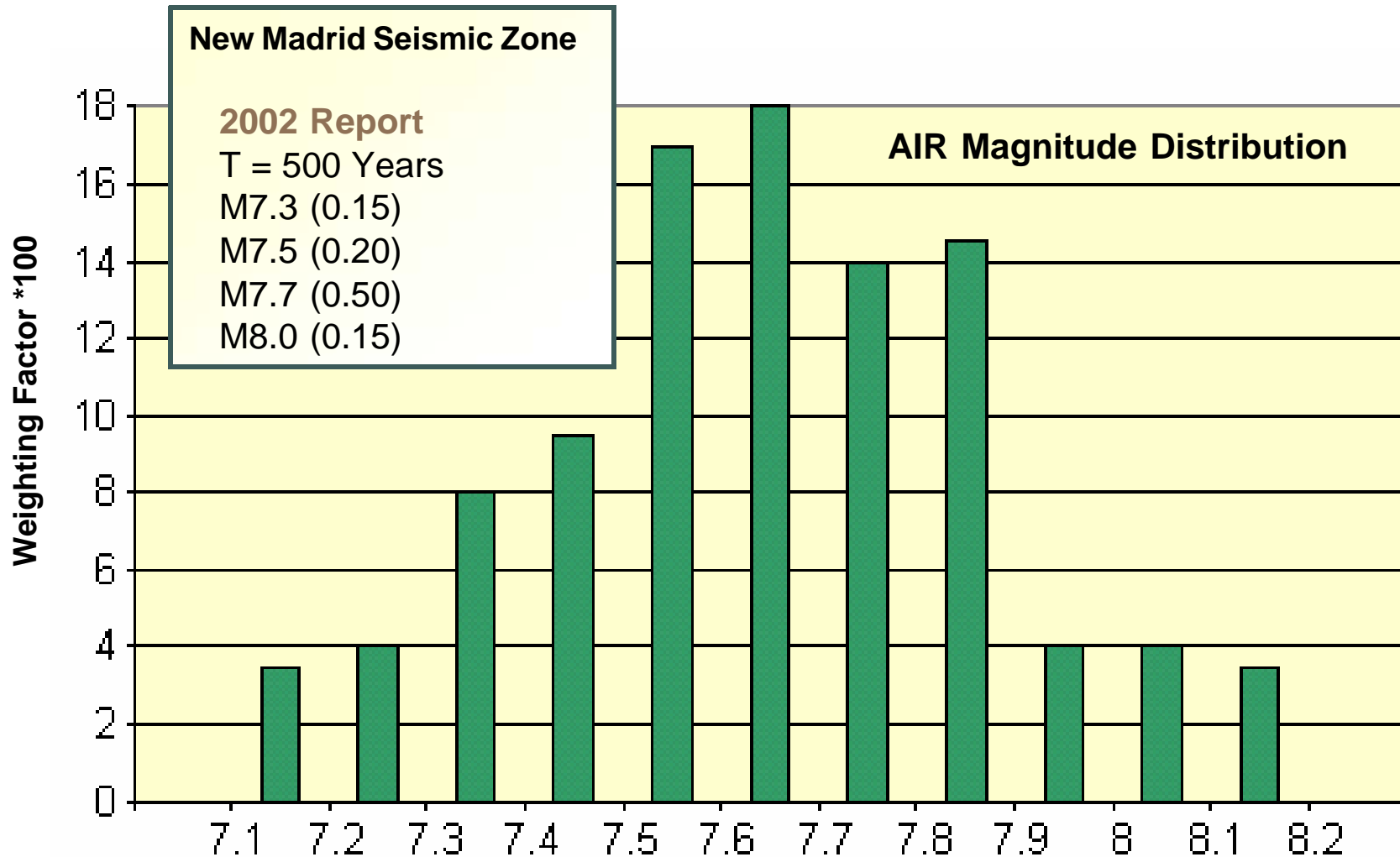


**Faults, Special Seismic Zones, and Background Seismicity  
Magnitude Rate Distribution**





# USGS 2002 and AIR Magnitude Rate Distribution of Large Earthquakes for New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ)



# USGS and AIR Magnitude Rate Distribution of Large Earthquakes for Charleston Seismic Zone



## Charleston, South Carolina Seismic Zone

### 2002 Report

T = 550 Years

M6.8 (0.20)

M7.1 (0.20)

M7.3 (0.45)

M7.5 (0.15)

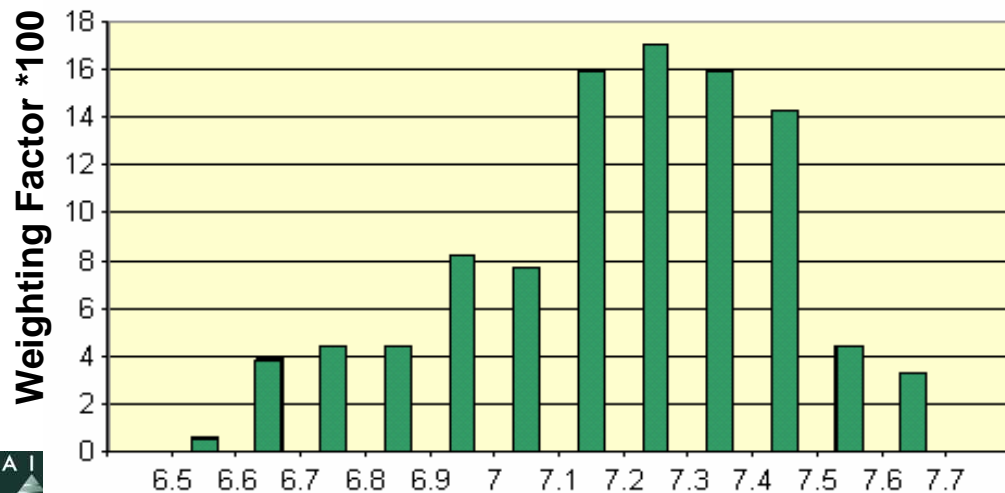
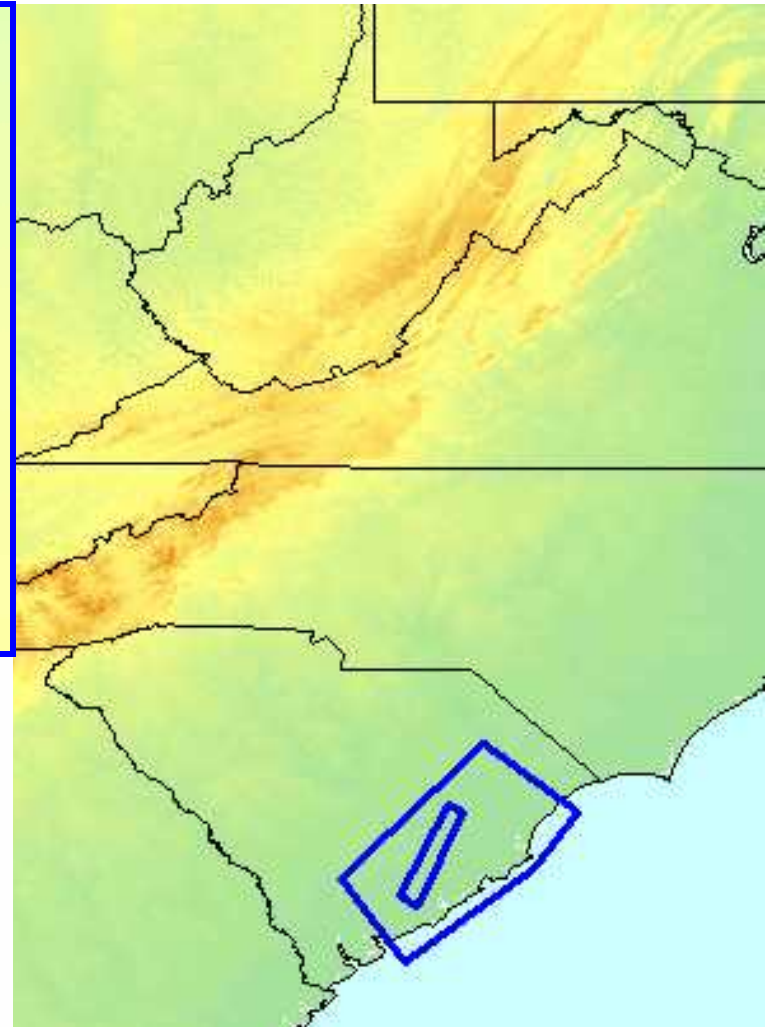
### Spatial Distribution

Broad Zone

0.5

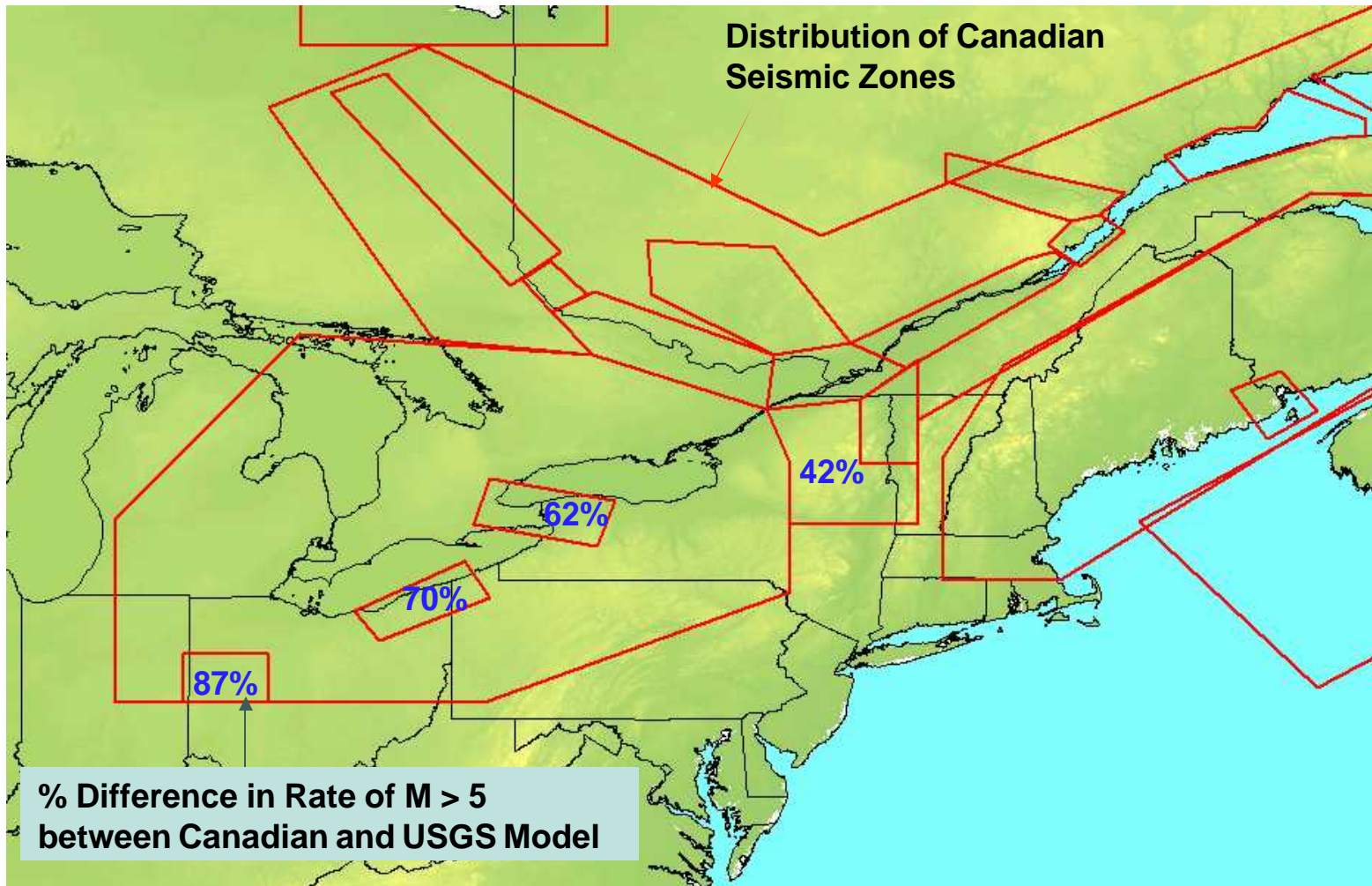
Woodstock Zone

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# AIR Relies on USGS and Canadian Geological Survey Hazard Reports to Construct Regional Seismicity Models



# Ground Motions at Rock Reference Sites are Calculated and are Translated into Soil Site Ground Motions

Amplification:

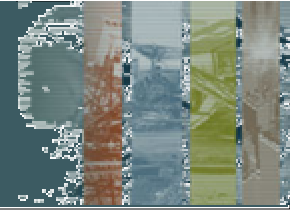
$$\sqrt{(\rho_1 * c_1) / (\rho_2 * c_2)} \quad ?$$

NEHRP Procedure ?

- Providing regional frequency and amplitude dependent site amplification maps compatible with regional attenuation equations can improve ground motion calculations



# Ground Motion Correlation is Used to Quantify Loss Uncertainty



**Ground Motion Correlation is Formulated Based on the Values of Inter and Intra Variability**

$$\ln(Y) = \overline{\ln(Y)} + \varepsilon_{inter} + \varepsilon_{intra}$$

$$\rho_{GM} = \frac{\sigma^2_{inter}}{\sigma^2_{inter} + \sigma^2_{intra}}$$



# Assessing Catastrophe Risk: Questions we are Often Asked



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- **The users of catastrophic models often are quite interested in understanding the physical causes of regional and local hazard/risk and reasons for model changes**
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- **A very detailed technical report will be very useful for understanding the USGS logic and thought process in constructing national hazard maps**
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