





# Uncertainty treatment in earthquake modeling using Bayesian networks

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#### Introduction to Bayesian networks

Causal interrelations of Probability . Probabilitv Variable A events leading to events Variable B P₁ State I State III  $P_3$ of interest are graphically  $P_2$ State II  $P_4$ State IV shown in terms of nodes connected by arrows. Variable A Variable B A probability structure • Conditional probability describing the conditional Variable A State Variable B State III state probabilities for Decision Action A Action B each node is assigned. Variable C Variable C  $P_5$  $P_7$ State V  $\mathsf{P}_6$  $P_8$ State VI Consequences corresponding to the events in the BPN are assigned. Decision Decision Consequences Action A Action B Decision Action A Action B Consequences Utility E[A] E[B]



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## The Probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA) approach

 A relationship between ground motion intensity and mean return period for engineering applications is needed.

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- STEP 1
  Identify earthquake sources
- STEP 2 Characterize temporal distribution of earthquakes
- STEP 3 Predict ground motion intensity
- STEP 4

Combine uncertainties in earthquake size, location and ground motion intensity using the total probability theorem







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#### A BN for Probabilistic seismic hazard analysis

- For all combinations of (M, R, ε<sub>sD</sub>) using the attenuation relation by Boore et al. (1997) the spectral displacements (SD) at a given period are calculated.
- The SD node is discretized into 16 bins.
- The conditional probability table of SD contains 1 and 0 values, depending on whether the calculated SD value falls into the bin or not.











#### Disaggregation of seismic hazard

• Given that ground motion intensity level x is equalled, what type of event caused it?

$$P(M=m, R=r|x_1 \le S_d \le x_2) = \frac{P(x_1 \le S_d \le x_2 | m, r) f_{M,R}(m, r)}{\int \int P(IM > x | m, r) f_{M,R}(m, r) dm dr}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A,B)}{P(B)}$$



## Disaggregation of seismic hazard

- The probability tables are calculated using MATLAB and the Bayesian networks are assessed using the comercial software package HUGIN.
- Using the BN the marginal distribution of any variable or the conditional distribution of any variable given a specific state of any varibale can easily be calculated
- Disggregation can be calculated by instantiation of the states of the node 'SD'



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# **Disaggregation of seismic hazard**

Traditional PSHA Calculated with HAZ31 by Abrahamson Bayesian network Calculated with HUGIN using MATLAB as client.





## Correlation of ground motion intensity parameters

- Structural and geotechnical responses may require different ground motion intenisty parameters. E.g. spectral acceleration for structural damage and peak ground acceleration for liquefaction failure.
- For reliability assessments considering simultaneously both types of failures, the probabilistic characterization of the joint occurrence of these parameters are needed.
- The needed correlation coefficient model is obtained using a set of 517 recorded ground motions.





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#### Correlation of ground motion intensity parameters











# 0< S<sub>d</sub> <0.012 m







# Incorporating model (epistemic) uncertainty

- A systematic consideration of uncertainty in the values of the parameters of a particular seismic hazard model can be described by PSHA.
- But the correct choices for elements of the seismic hazard model are uncertain. Logic trees provide a convenient framework for the treatment of model uncertainty.







#### **Example application**





# Incorporating model (epistemic) uncertainty

• The conditional probabilities for the nodes with the new parent nodes are to be recalculated





#### Incorporating model (epistemic) uncertainty









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# Summary

- Application of Bayesian networks (BN) for PSHA is illustrated. Uncertainties in earthquake size, location and ground motion intensity are considered as in PSHA.
- Seismic hazard disaggregation is performed.
- The joint occurrence of correlated ground motion intensity parameters is outlined.
- Uncertainties regarding the model choices are incorporated.
- Using a procedure similar to disaggregation, dependence of the results on model uncertainty assumptions is investigated.



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Thank you for your attention



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