
Quantification of Earthquake Risk and Application for Insurance Portfolio Management

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Quick Summary of TMNF

- Established: 1879
- Net Premium Written: JPY 1,904 Bil
/ USD 18.49 Bil
- Market Share: 24.89%
- Assets: JPY 9,077 Bil
/ USD 88.13 Bil
- Rating Information:

S&P	AA-
A.M. Best	A++
Moody's	Aa2

The above figures are the total of Tokio Marine and Nichido Fire as of and for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004

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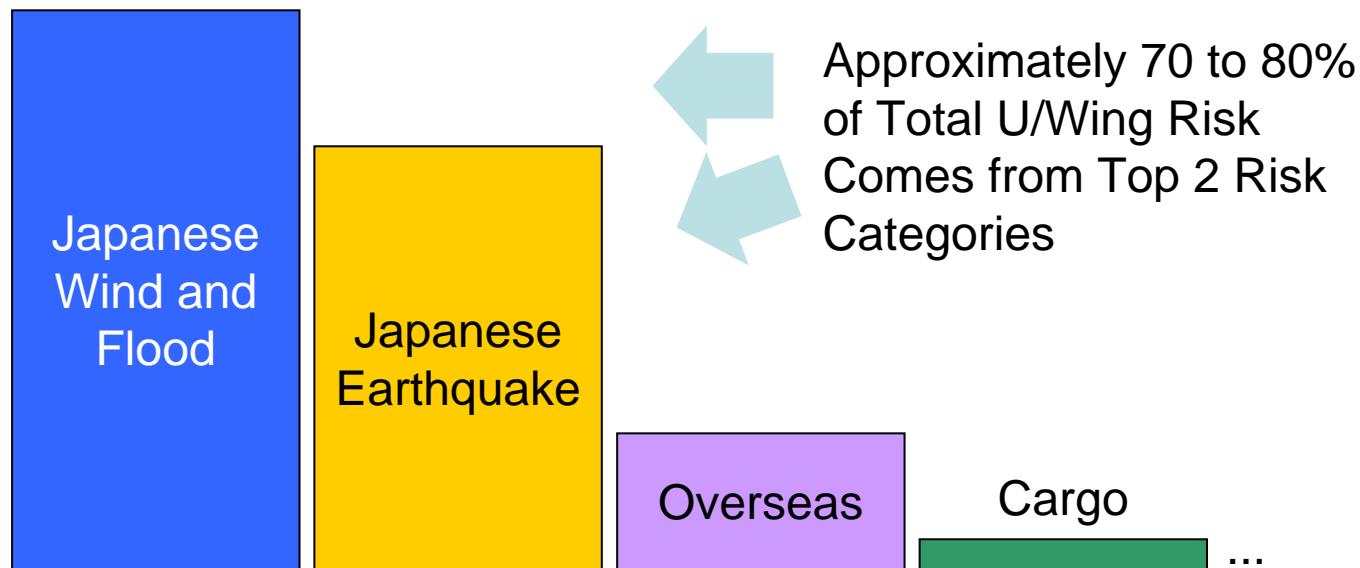
- Always leads industry in employing new technologies
 - Financial
 - Asset liability management
 - Risk based pricing for corporate loans and other credit products
 - Value at Risk/Credit VaR
 - Product Development/Management
 - Insurance-risk linked derivatives (Weather, Typhoon, EQ, etc.)
 - Quantified pricing/management of natural catastrophic risks
 - First issue of catastrophic bond in Japan
 - Re-insurance/retention management based on DFA
 - Corporate
 - Operational risk quantification
 - Capital management based on enterprise-wide risk evaluation

Risk Exposures

- Underwriting
 - Financial
 - Operational
 - Legal
 - Liquidity
 - Natural Disastrous
 - Criminal
 - Reputation
 - System
 - ...
- } Core Business Risks
= Intended Sources of Return
- } Non-Core Risks
= No Return is Expected
by Taking These Risks

Within Underwriting Risks ...

- Japanese Wind/Flood and Japanese EQ, are major components of total underwriting risk
 - Most P&C insurance companies are in the similar shape, though may vary due to the re-insurance arrangements

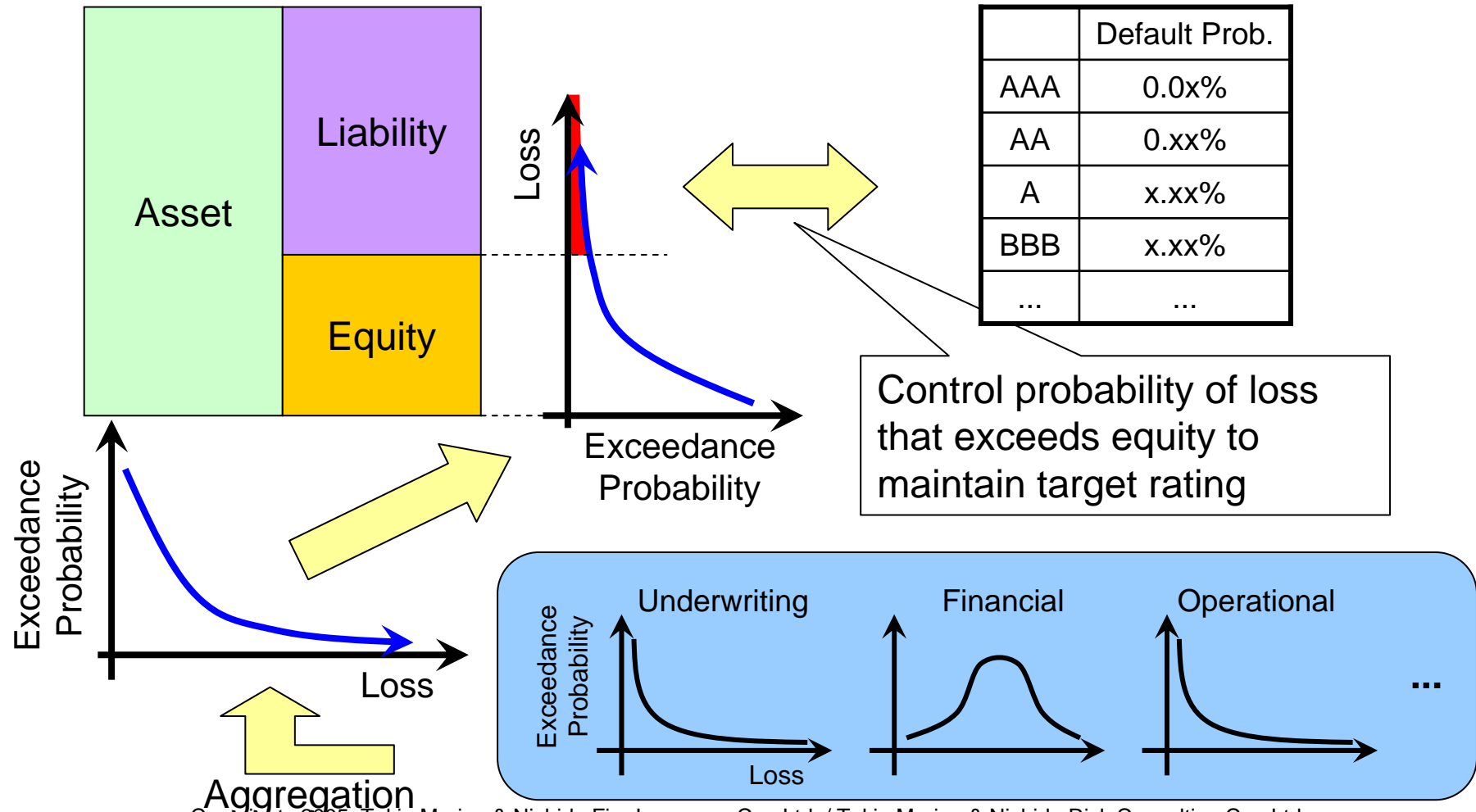


Management of Insurance Business

- Core business risks, together with non-core risks, have to be controlled so that the insurance company would not default
 - Equity plays as a buffer when a catastrophic risk realizes
 - Without sufficient equity, an insurance company cannot stay in the market
- Expected return on equity has to exceed the shareholders' requirement
 - On the contrary, excessive risk premium results in loss of deals/market share

Control of Total Risk

- Example: Balance Sheet Approach



Quantifying Underwriting Risks

- To manage risk portfolio appropriately, accurate estimation of risk is highly required
 - Pricing
 - Risk management/Re-insurance arrangement
- Two methods are available to quantify underwriting risks
 - For risks with high frequency, actuarial/mathematical approach can be applied
 - For low frequency risks, such as EQ or Typhoon, we employ engineering approach to estimate

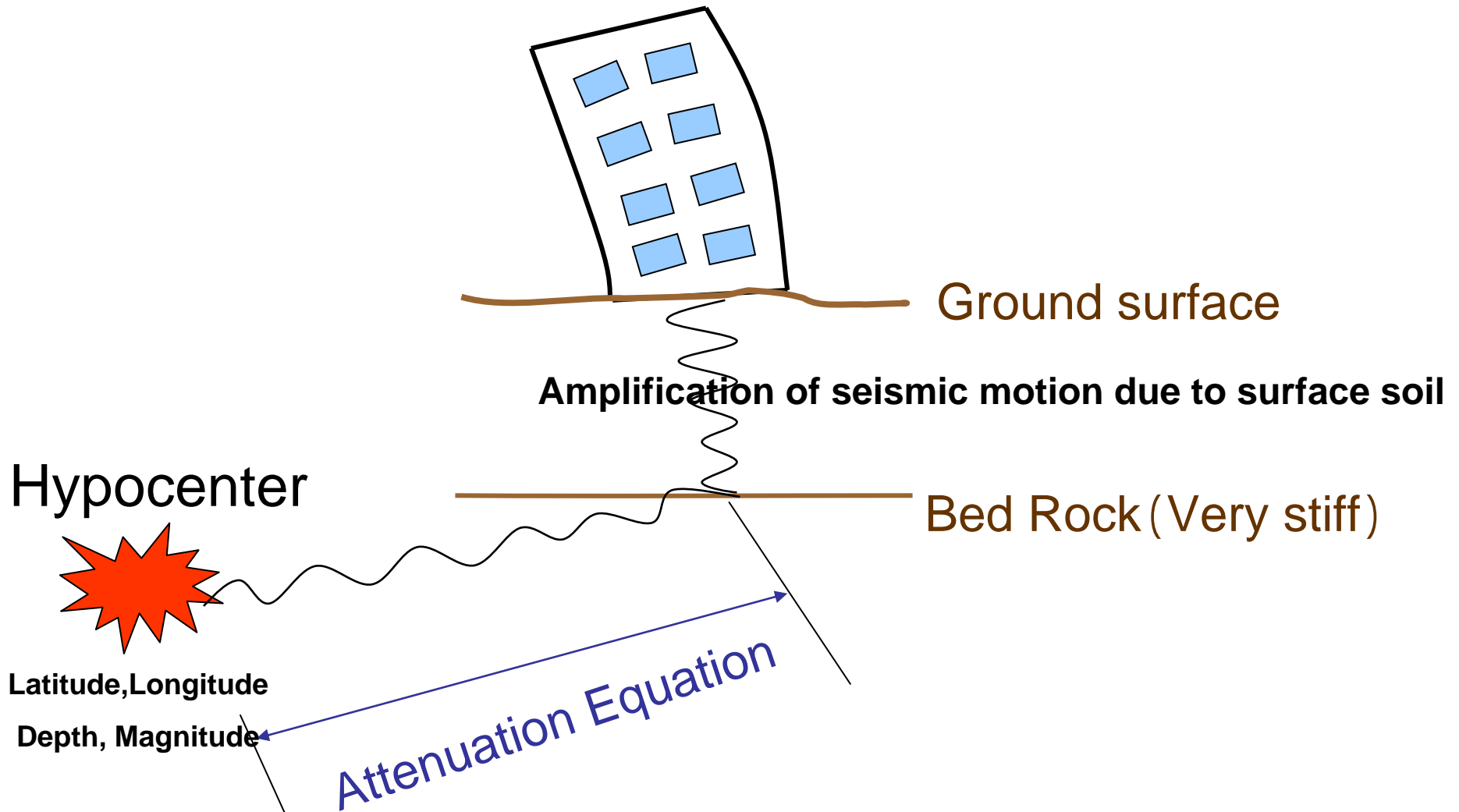
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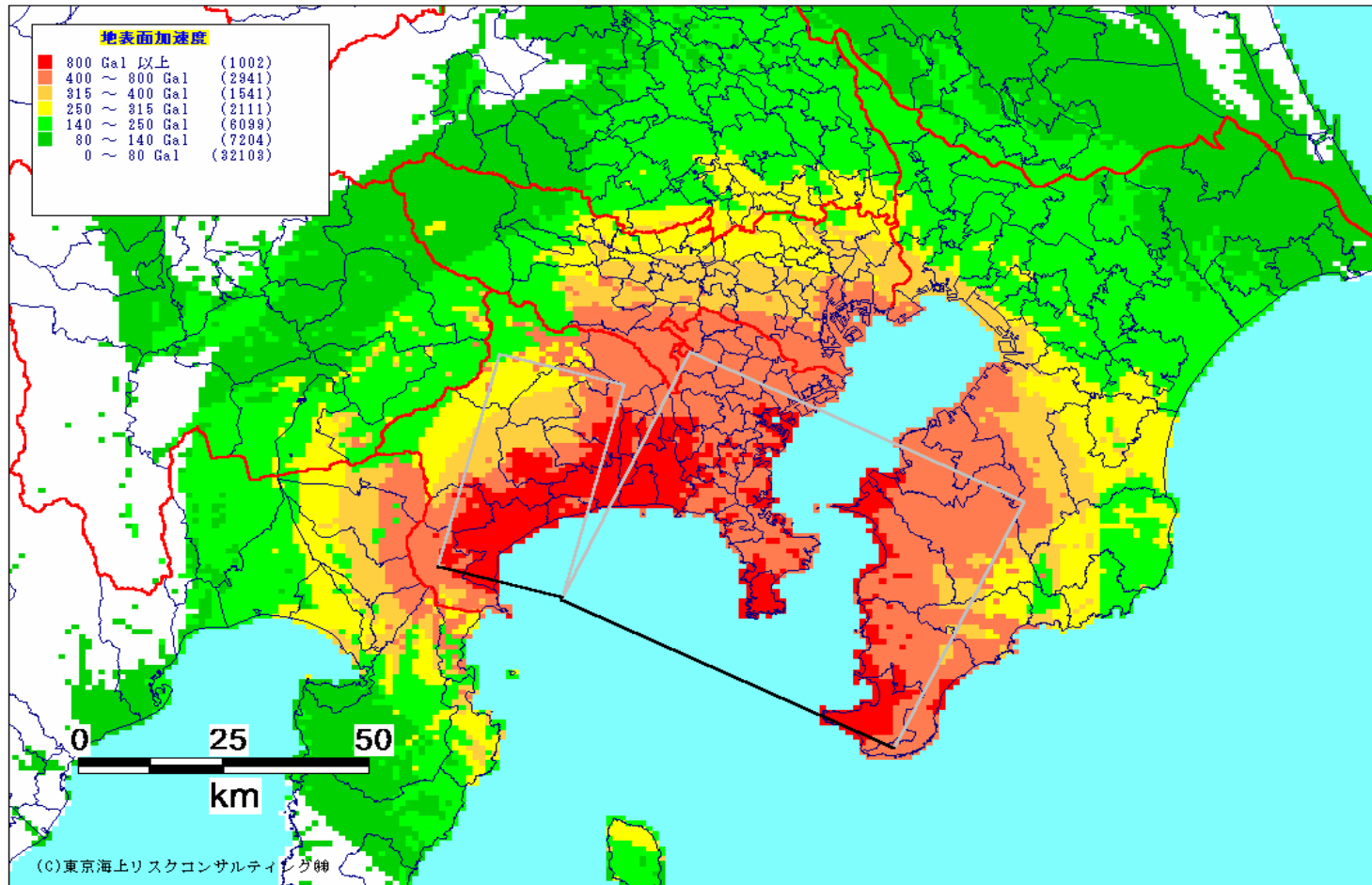
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How the Seismic Motion Goes?



Distribution of Seismic Intensity

- Great Kanto Earthquake (M7.9, 1923)



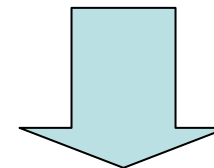
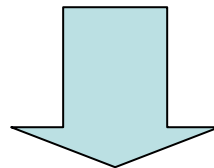
Outline of Quantifying EQ Risk

Hazard Component

- Hypothetical EQ Generation
(Lat, Lon, Depth, M)
- PGA Calculation

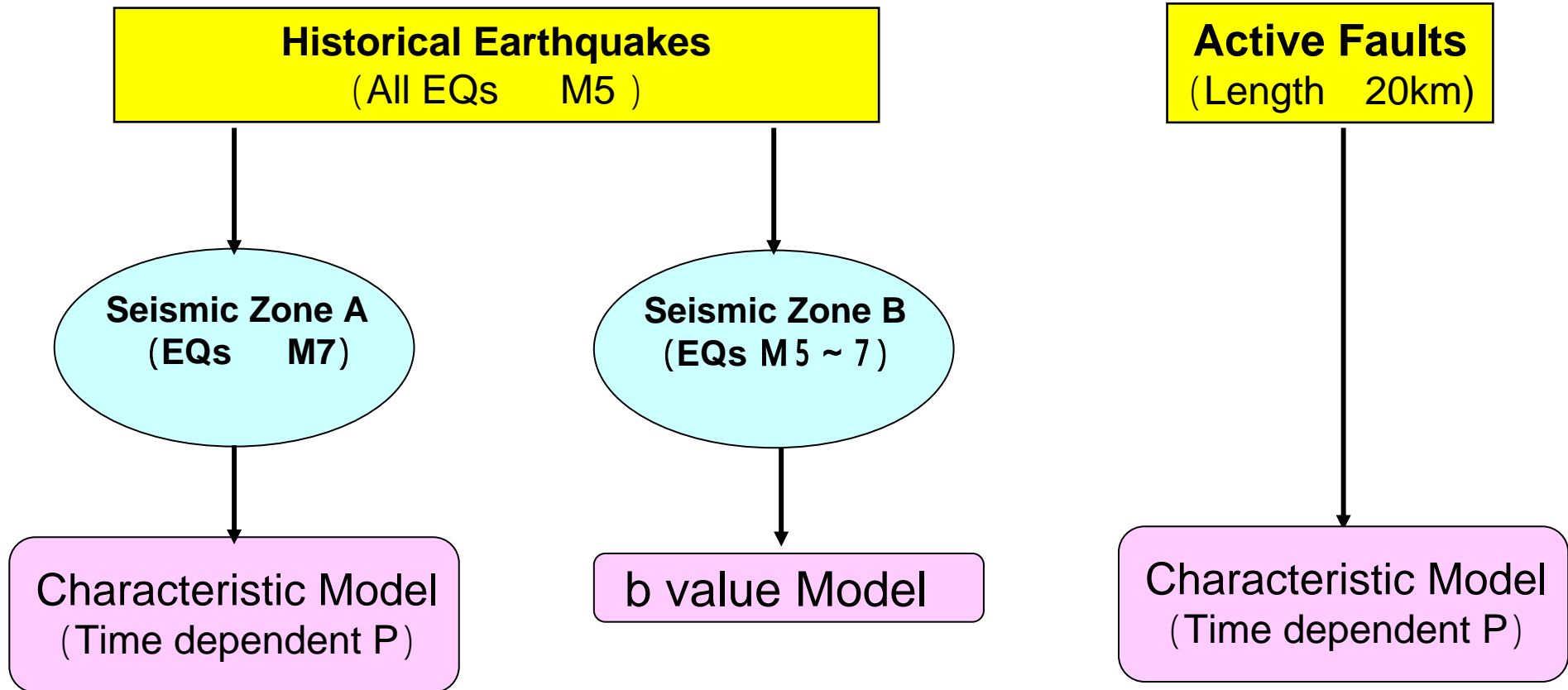
Damage and Loss Component

- Damage Functions
(Damage Ratio vs PGA)
- Policy Conditions
- Loss Calculation

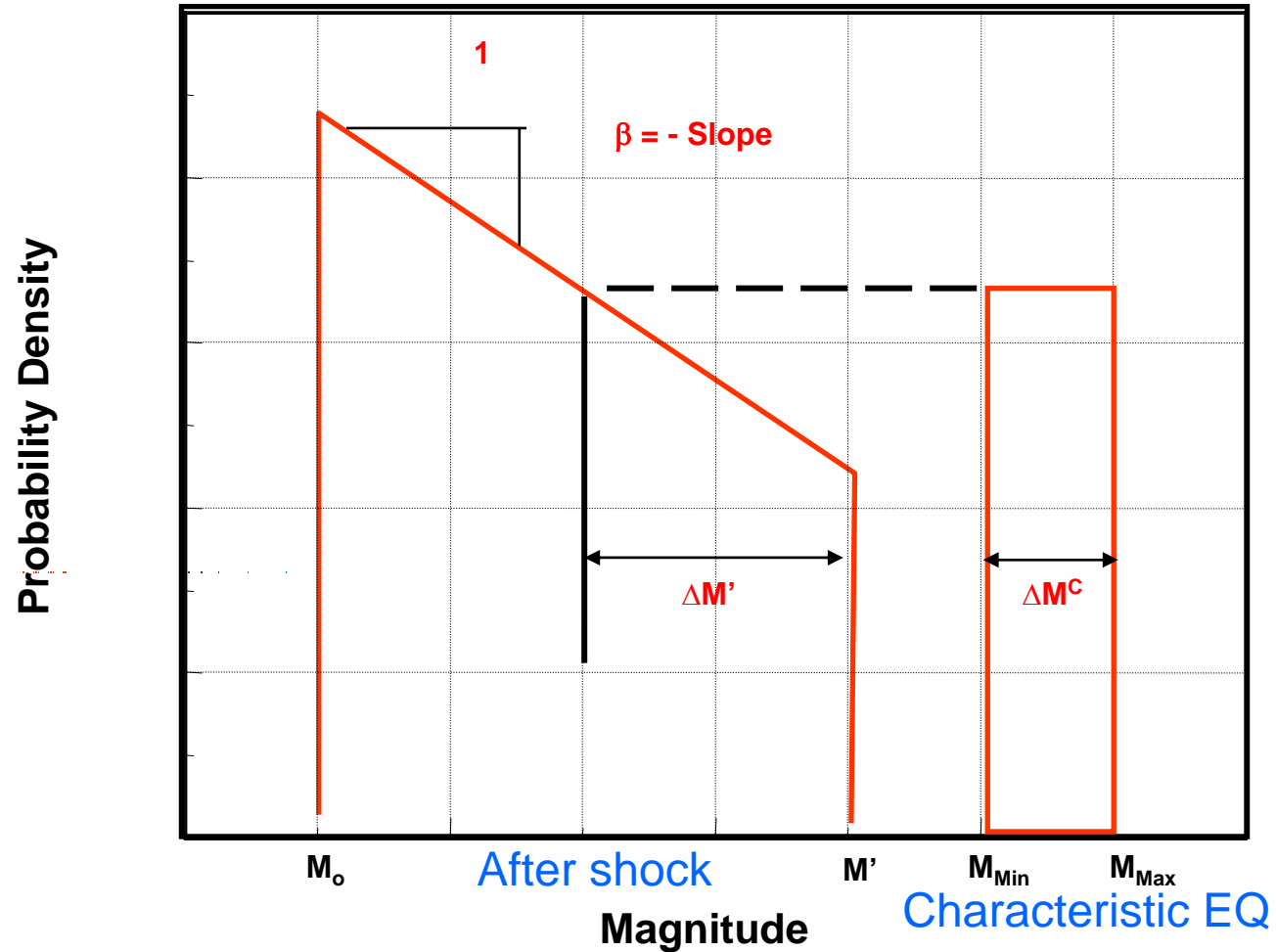


Seismic Risk Curve Drawing
Exceedance Probability / Estimated Loss

Seismic Zones

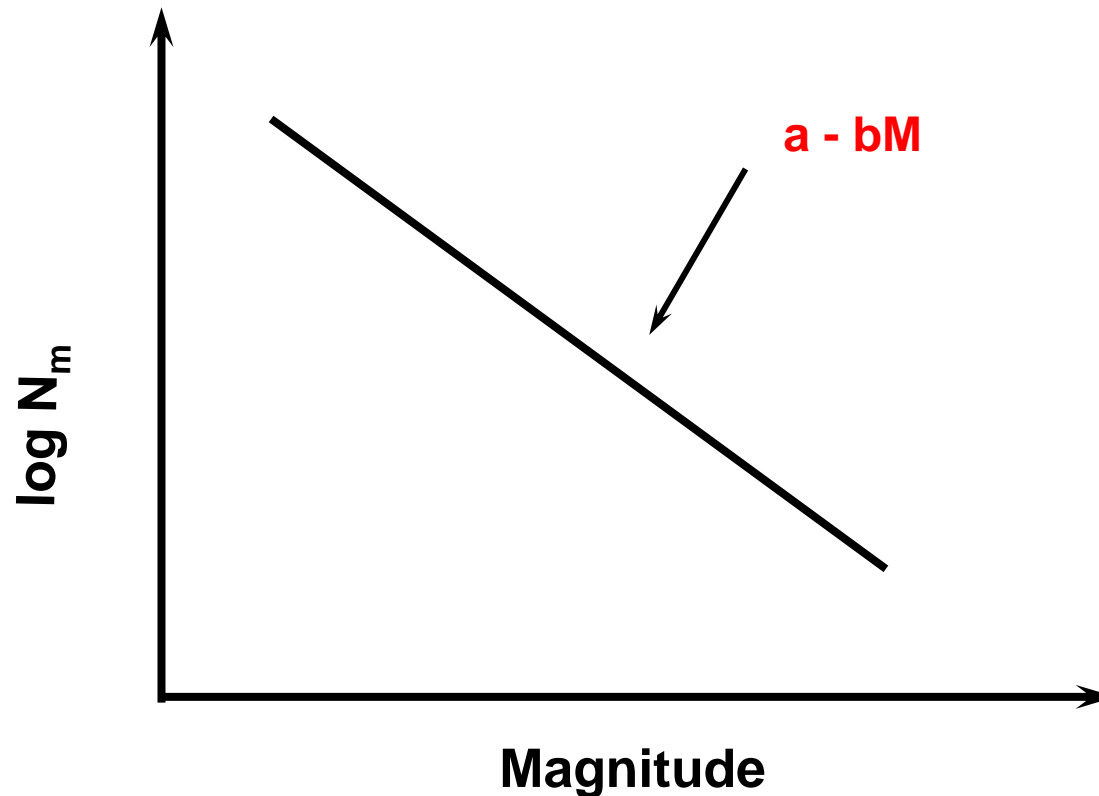


Characteristic EQ Model



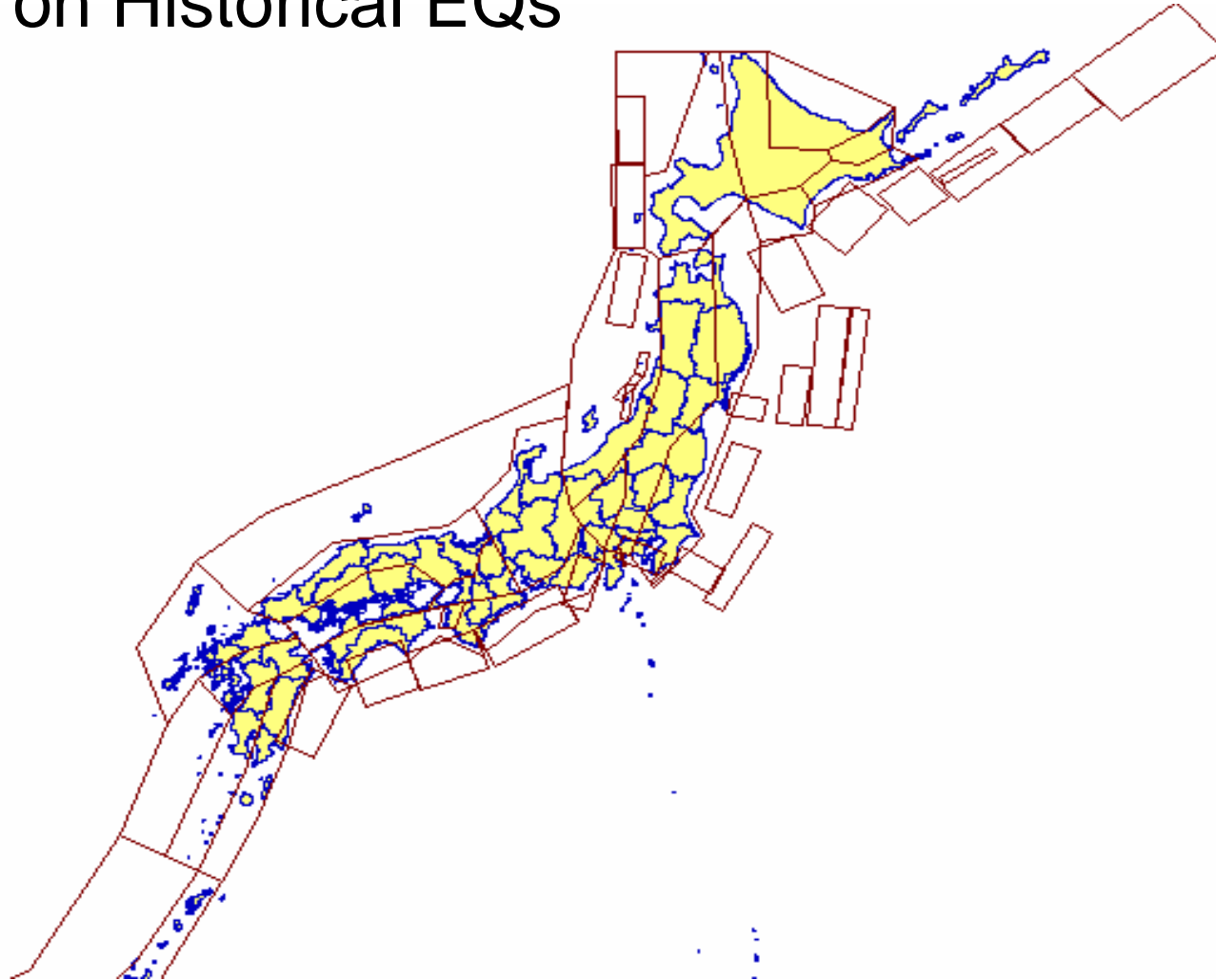
b-Value Model

- Gutenberg Richter Equation



Seismic Zones

- Based on Historical EQs



Seismic Zones

- Based on Active Faults

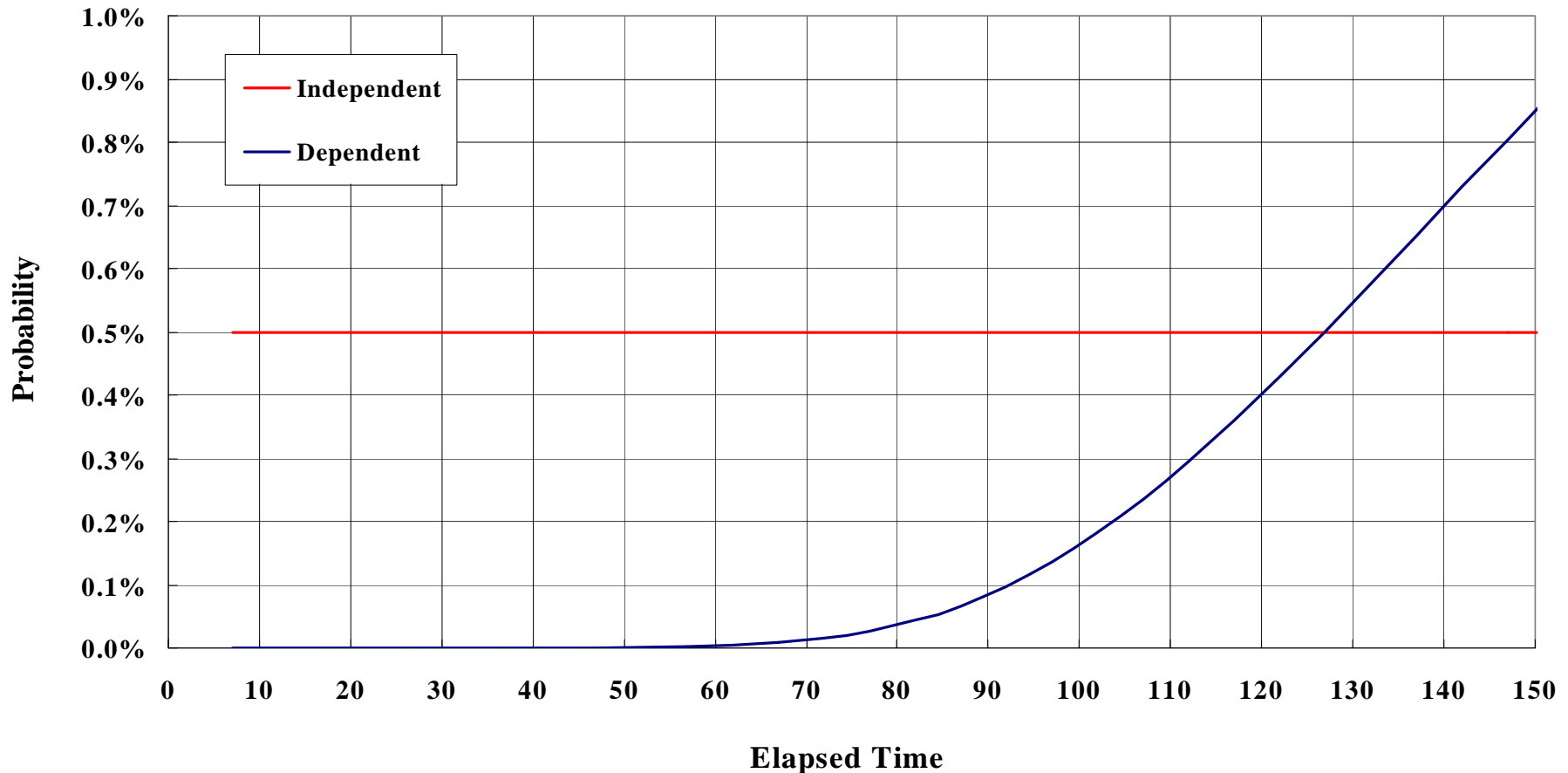


Time Dependency (1/2)

- Great Kanto EQ (M7.9)
 Occurred in 1923
 Elapsed Time 82 Years as of 2005
 Average Recurrence Period 200 Years

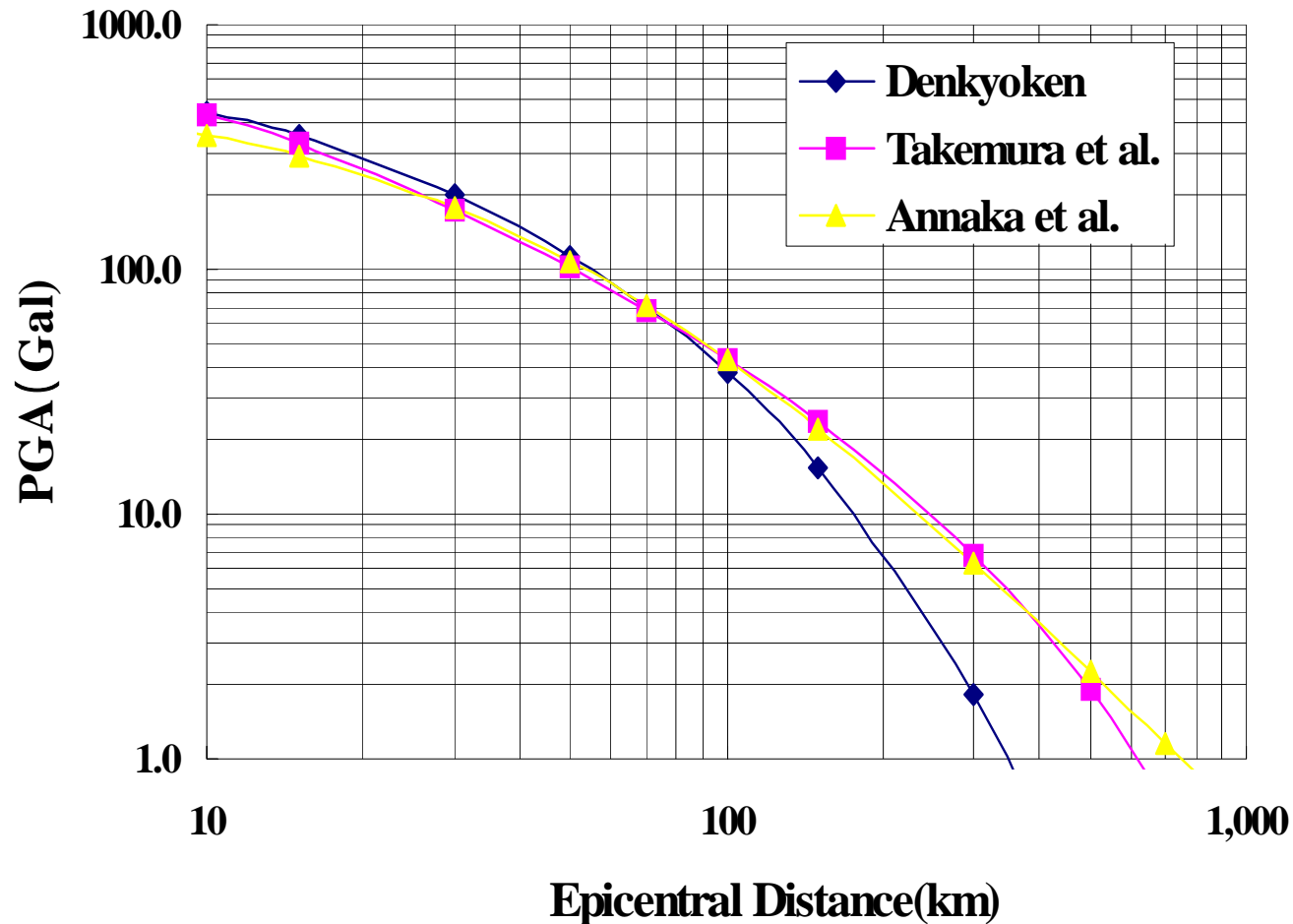
Probability of Occurrence
Gets Higher as Time Goes

Time Dependency (2/2)

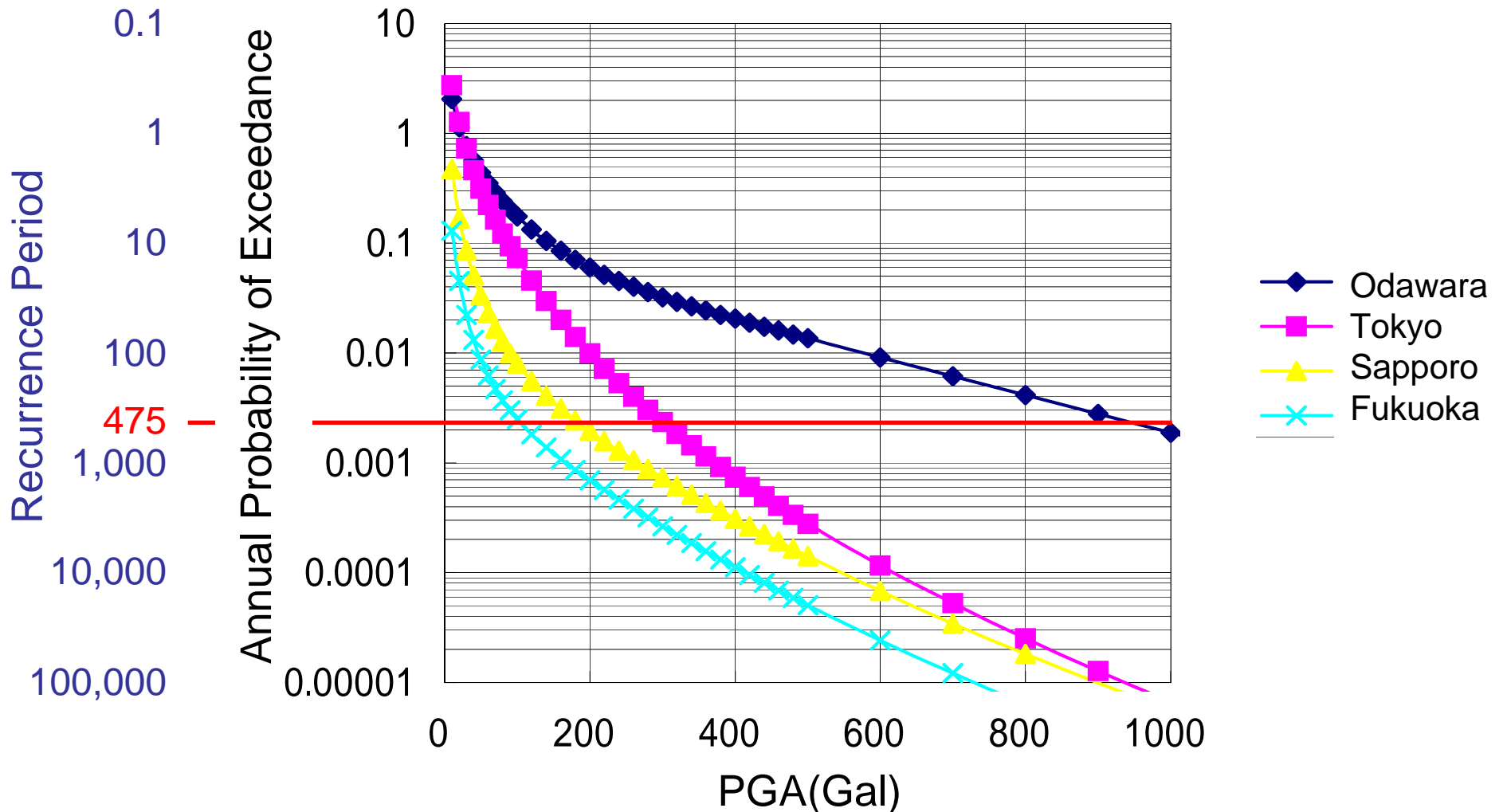


Attenuation Equations

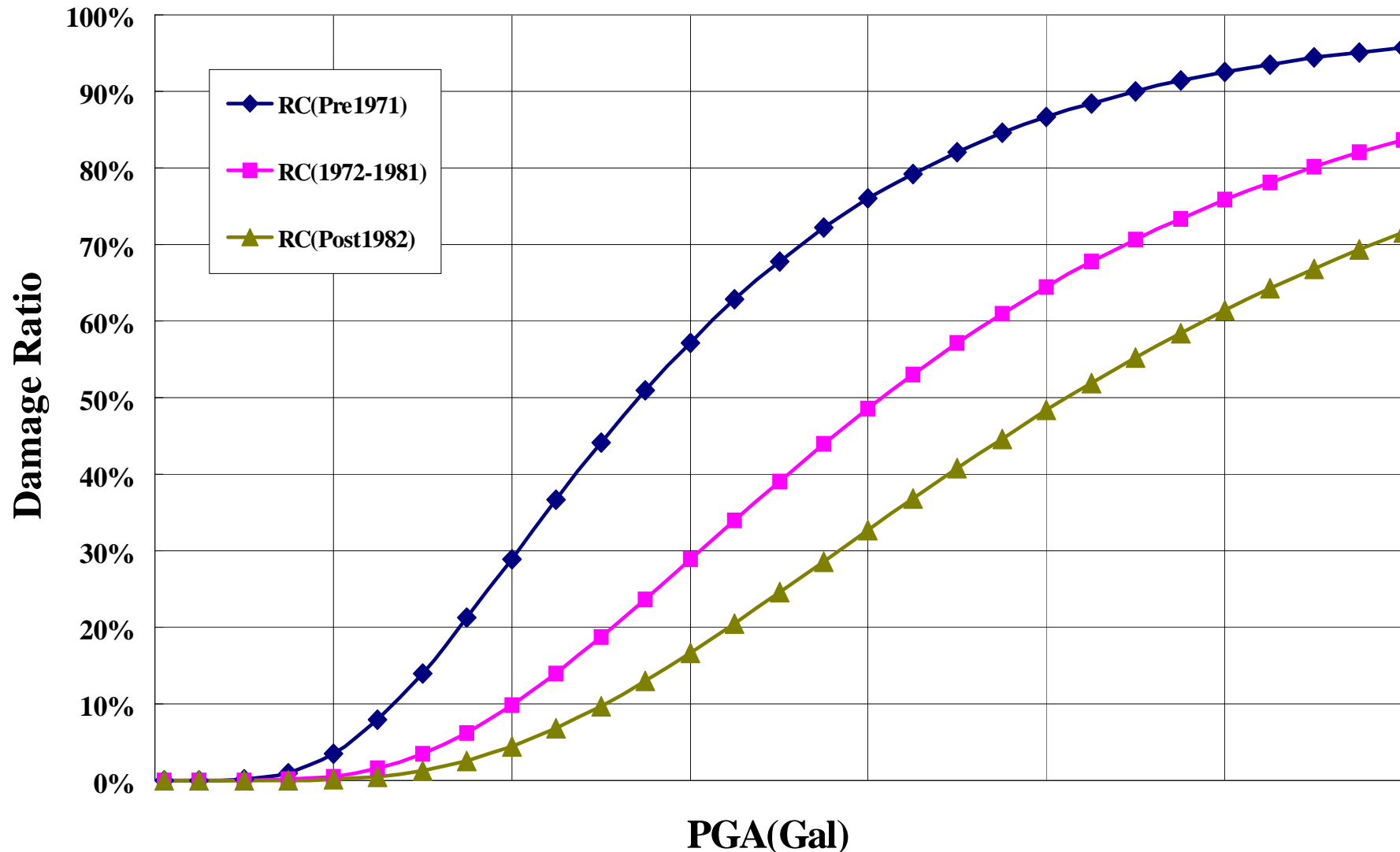
M = 7.5

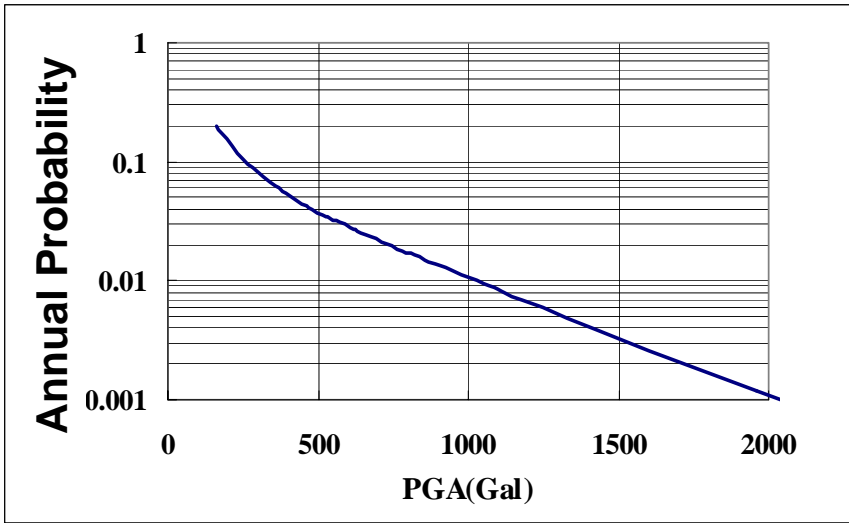


Seismic Hazard Curve

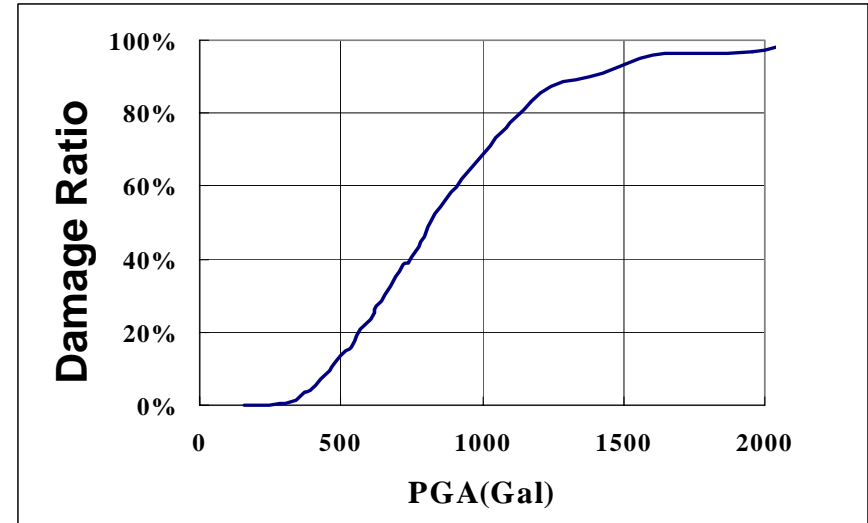


Seismic Damage Functions

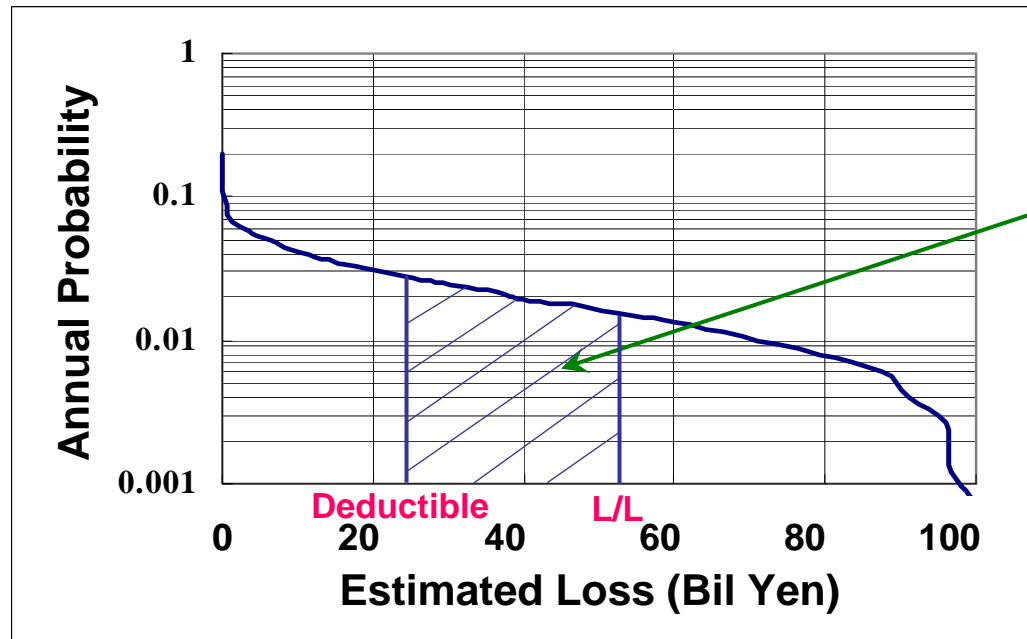
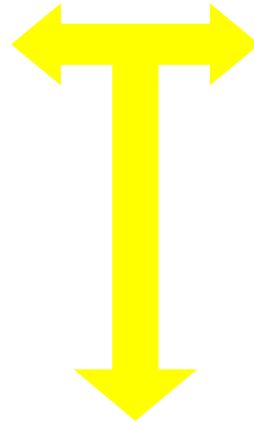




Seismic Hazard Curve



Seismic Damage Function



Seismic Risk Curve

Annual Expected Loss

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Non Natural Catastrophic Risks (1/2)

- Using historical claim data, frequency curves and damageability curves are estimated by risk categories
 - Categorization is the key
 - Geography, Industry, etc.
 - Distribution curves typically applied are:
 - Frequency: Poisson, Negative-binomial, etc.
 - Damageability: Log-normal, Pareto, etc.
 - Risk factors may be included in fitting curves
 - Exposure size, Months, etc.

Non Natural Catastrophic Risks (2/2)

- With estimated F and D curves, Monte Carlo simulation is applied for portfolio

```
For i = 1 to NumTrial
  For j = 1 to NumPolicies
    x = PoissonRandNumGeneration(Lambda(j))
    For k = 1 to x
      Damage(i, j, k) _
        = LogNormRandNumGeneration(Mu(j), Sigma(j))
      Loss(i, j, k) _
        = Min(Limit(j), Max(0, Damage(i, j, k) - Deductible(j)))
      TotalLoss(i) = TotalLoss(i) + Loss(i, j, k)
    Next k
  Next j
Next i
```

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Correlation Consideration (1/2)

- As for natural catastrophic risks, correlations are considered at event level
 - A simulated EQ results in simultaneous payment in policies affected
- As for non-cat risks, no correlation is considered among policies as long as there are no serious geographical accumulation of exposures

Correlation Consideration (2/2)

- Among risk categories, no correlation is usually assumed in aggregation
 - Common sense tells no correlation between EQ and Wind, for example
 - When conservative estimation is required, certain correlation might be applied, though not logical/observable

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Issues to Be Solved

- Data
 - Natural catastrophic risks
 - Are there unknown active faults exists or not?
 - Non natural catastrophic risks
 - Some risks do not have enough historical payment data
 - ...
- Unknown factors
 - Effect of global warming
 - Change in legal system
 - ...

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