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# Preface

The goal of this manual is to provide a comprehensive and transparent description of the features of the OpenQuake-engine v2.8. This manual is designed to be readable by someone with basic understanding of Probabilistic Seismic Hazard and Risk Analysis, but no previous knowledge of the OpenQuake-engine is assumed.

The OpenQuake-engine is an effort promoted and actively developed by the Global Earthquake Model, a public-private partnership initiated by the Global Science Forum of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)<sup>1</sup>.

The OpenQuake-engine is the result of an effort carried out jointly by the Information Technology and Scientific teams working at the Global Earthquake Model (GEM) Secretariat. It is freely distributed under an Affero GPL license (<http://www.gnu.org/licenses/agpl-3.0.html>).

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<sup>1</sup>A short description of the process promoted by OECD is available here: <http://www.oecd.org/science/sci-tech/theglobalearthquakemodelgem.htm>



# **Part I**

## **Introduction**



# 1. OpenQuake-engine Background

OpenQuake-engine is the seismic hazard and risk calculation software developed by the Global Earthquake Model. By following current standards in software developments like test-driven development and continuous integration, the OpenQuake-engine aims at becoming an open, and community-driven tool for seismic hazard and risk analysis.

The source code of the OpenQuake-engine is available on a public web-based repository at the following address: <http://github.com/gem/oq-engine>.

The OpenQuake-engine is available for the Linux, macOS, and Windows platforms. It can be installed in several different ways. The following page provides a handy guide for users to choose the most appropriate installation method depending on their intended use cases:

<https://github.com/gem/oq-engine/blob/engine-3.1/doc/installing/overview.md>.

An OpenQuake-engine (oq-engine) analysis is launched from the command line of a terminal.

A schematic list of the options that can be used for the execution of the oq-engine can be obtained with the following command:

```
user@ubuntu:~\ $ oq engine --help
```

The result is the following:

```
usage: oq engine [-h]
                [--log-file LOG_FILE]
                [--no-distribute]
                [-y]
                [-c CONFIG_FILE]
                [--make-html-report YYYY-MM-DD|today]
                [-u]
                [-d]
                [-w]
```

```

    [--run CONFIG_FILE]
    [--list-hazard-calculations]
    [--list-risk-calculations]
    [--delete-calculation CALCULATION_ID]
    [--delete-uncompleted-calculations]
    [--hazard-calculation-id HAZARD_CALCULATION_ID]
    [--list-outputs CALCULATION_ID]
    [--show-log CALCULATION_ID]
    [--export-output OUTPUT_ID TARGET_DIR]
    [--export-outputs CALCULATION_ID TARGET_DIR]
    [-e]
    [-l {debug, info, warn, error, critical}]

```

Run a calculation using the traditional command line API

optional arguments:

```

-h, --help          show this help message and exit
--log-file LOG_FILE, -L LOG_FILE
                    Location where to store log messages; if not
                    specified, log messages will be printed to the console
                    (to stderr)
--no-distribute, --nd
                    Disable calculation task distribution and run the
                    computation in a single process. This is intended for
                    use in debugging and profiling.
-y, --yes           Automatically answer "yes" when asked to confirm an
                    action
-c CONFIG_FILE, --config-file CONFIG_FILE
                    Custom openquake.cfg file, to override default
                    configurations
--make-html-report YYYY-MM-DD|today, -r YYYY-MM-DD|today
                    Build an HTML report of the computation at the given
                    date
-u, --upgrade-db   Upgrade the openquake database
-d, --db-version  Show the current version of the openquake database
-w, --what-if-I-upgrade
                    Show what will happen to the openquake database if you
                    upgrade
--run CONFIG_FILE  Run a job with the specified config file
--list-hazard-calculations, --lhc
                    List hazard calculation information
--list-risk-calculations, --lrc
                    List risk calculation information
--delete-calculation CALCULATION_ID, --dc CALCULATION_ID
                    Delete a calculation and all associated outputs
--delete-uncompleted-calculations, --duc
                    Delete all the uncompleted calculations
--hazard-calculation-id HAZARD_CALCULATION_ID, --hc HAZARD_CALCULATION_ID
                    Use the given job as input for the next job

```



```
--list-outputs CALCULATION_ID, --lo CALCULATION_ID
    List outputs for the specified calculation
--show-log CALCULATION_ID, --sl CALCULATION_ID
    Show the log of the specified calculation
--export-output OUTPUT_ID TARGET_DIR, --eo OUTPUT_ID TARGET_DIR
    Export the desired output to the specified directory
--export-outputs CALCULATION_ID TARGET_DIR, --eos CALCULATION_ID TARGET_DIR
    Export all of the calculation outputs to the specified
    directory
-e , --exports      Comma-separated string specifying the export formats,
                    in order of priority
-l {debug, info, warn, error, critical}, --log-level {debug, info, warn,
    error, critical} Defaults to "info"
```



## **Part II**

## **Hazard**



### Source typologies

- Source typologies for modelling distributed seismicity
- Fault sources with floating ruptures
- Fault sources without floating ruptures
- Non-Parametric Sources

### Magnitude-frequency distributions

#### Magnitude-scaling relationships

- Relationships for shallow earthquakes in active tectonic regions
- Magnitude-scaling relationships for subduction earthquakes
- Magnitude-scaling relationships stable continental regions
- Miscellaneous Magnitude-Scaling Relationships

### Calculation workflows

- Classical Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis
- Event-Based Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis
- Scenario based Seismic Hazard Analysis

## 2. Introduction to the Hazard Module

The hazard component of the OpenQuake-engine builds on top of the OpenQuake hazard library (oq-hazardlib), a Python-based library containing tools for PSHA calculations.

The web repository of this library is available at the following address:

<https://github.com/gem/oq-engine/tree/master/openquake/hazardlib>.

In this section we briefly illustrate the main properties of the hazard component of the OpenQuake-engine. In particular, we will describe the main typologies of sources supported and the main calculation workflows available.

### 2.1 Source typologies

An OpenQuake-engine seismic source input model contains a list of sources belonging to a finite set of possible typologies. Each source type is defined by a set of parameters - called source data - which are used to specify the source geometry and the properties of seismicity occurrence.

Currently the OpenQuake-engine supports the following source types:

- Sources for modelling distributed seismicity:
  - Point source - The elemental source type used to model distributed seismicity. Grid and area sources (described below) are different containers of point sources.
  - Area source - So far, the most frequently adopted source type in national and regional PSHA models.
  - Grid source - A replacement for area sources admitting spatially variable seismicity occurrence properties.
- Fault sources with floating ruptures:
  - Simple fault source - The simplest fault model in the OpenQuake-engine. This source is habitually used to describe shallow seismic faults.

- Complex fault source - Often used to model subduction interface sources with a complex geometry.
- Fault sources with ruptures always covering the entire fault surface:
  - Characteristic fault source - A typology of source where ruptures always fill the entire fault surface.
  - Non-parametric source - A typology of source representing a collection of ruptures, each with their associated probabilities of 0, 1, 2 ... occurrences in the investigation time
- Sources for representing individual earthquake ruptures
  - Planar fault rupture - an individual fault rupture represented as a single rectangular plane
  - Multi-planar fault rupture - an individual rupture represented as a collection of rectangular planes
  - Simple fault rupture - an individual fault rupture represented as a simple fault surface
  - Complex fault rupture - an individual fault rupture represented as a complex fault surface

The OpenQuake-engine contains some basic assumptions for the definition of these source typologies:

- In the case of area and fault sources, the seismicity is homogeneously distributed over the source;
- Seismicity temporal occurrence follows a Poissonian model.

The above sets of sources may be referred to as “parametric” sources, that is to say that the generation of the Earthquake rupture forecast is done by the OpenQuake engine based on the parameters of the sources set by the user. In some cases, particularly if the user wishes for the temporal occurrence model to be non-Poissonian (such as the lognormal or Brownian Passage Time models) a different type of behaviour is needed. For this OpenQuake-engine supports a Non-parametric source in which the Earthquake rupture forecast is provided explicitly by the user as a set of ruptures and their corresponding probabilities of occurrence.

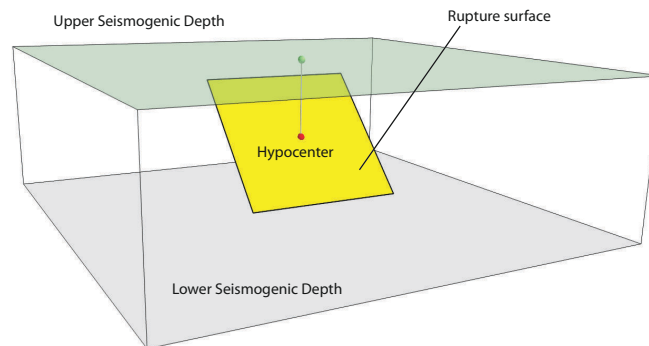
## 2.1.1 Source typologies for modelling distributed seismicity

### 2.1.1.1 Point sources

The point source is the elemental source type adopted in the OpenQuake-engine for modelling distributed seismicity. The OpenQuake-engine always performs calculations considering finite ruptures, even in the case of point sources.

These are the basic assumptions used to generate ruptures with point sources:

- Ruptures have a rectangular shape
- Rupture hypocenter is located in the middle of the rupture
- Ruptures are limited at the top and at the bottom by two planes parallel to the sea level and placed at two characteristic depths named upper and lower seismogenic



**Figure 2.1** – *Single rupture*

depths, respectively (see Figure 2.1)

#### **Source data**

For the definition of a point source the following parameters are required (Figure 2.1 shows some of the parameters described below, together with an example of the surface of a generated rupture):

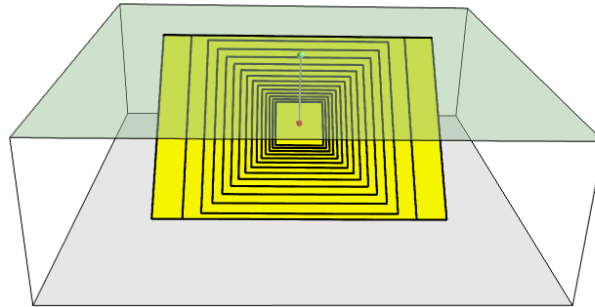
- The coordinates of the point (i.e. longitude and latitude) [decimal degrees]
- The upper and lower seismogenic depths [km]
- One magnitude-frequency distribution
- One magnitude-scaling relationship
- The rupture aspect ratio
- A distribution of nodal planes i.e. one (or several) instances of the following set of parameters:
  - strike [degrees]
  - dip [degrees]
  - rake [degrees]
- A magnitude independent depth distribution of hypocenters [km].

Figure 2.2 shows ruptures generated by a point source for a range of magnitudes. Each rupture is centered on the single hypocentral position admitted by this point source. Ruptures are created by conserving the area computed using the specified magnitude-area scaling relationship and the corresponding value of magnitude.

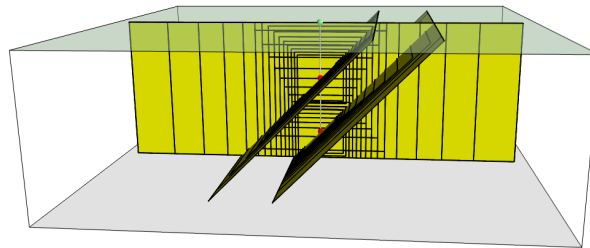
Below we provide the excerpt of an .xml file used to describe the properties of a point source. Note that in this example, ruptures occur on two possible nodal planes and two hypocentral depths. Figure 2.3 shows the ruptures generated by the point source.

#### **2.1.1.2 Grid sources**

A grid source is simply a collection of point sources distributed over a regular grid (usually equally spaced in longitude and latitude). In probabilistic seismic hazard analysis a grid



**Figure 2.2** – Point source with multiple ruptures. Note the change in the aspect ratio once the rupture width fills the entire seismogenic layer.



**Figure 2.3** – Ruptures produced by the source created using the information in the example *.xml* file described on page 25.

source can be considered a model alternative to area sources, since they both model distributed seismicity. Grid sources are generally used to reproduce more faithfully the spatial pattern of seismicity depicted by the earthquakes occurred in the past; in some models (e.g. Petersen et al., (2008)) only events of low and intermediate magnitudes are considered. They are frequently, though not always, computed using seismicity smoothing algorithms (Frankel, 1995; Woo, 1996, amongst many others).

The use of smoothing algorithms to produce grid sources brings some advantages compared to area sources, since (1) it removes most of the unavoidable degree of subjectivity due to the definition of the geometries of the area sources and (2) it produces a spatial pattern of seismicity that is usually closer to what observed in the reality. Nevertheless, in many cases smoothing algorithms require an a-priori definition of some setup parameters that expose the calculation to a certain degree of partiality.

Grid sources are modeled in oq-engine simply as a set of point sources; in other words, a grid source is just a long list of point sources specified as described in the previous section (see page 22).



```

1 <pointSource id="1" name="point" tectonicRegion="Stable Continental Crust">
2   <pointGeometry>
3     <gml:Point>
4       <gml:pos>-122.0 38.0</gml:pos>
5     </gml:Point>
6     <upperSeismoDepth>0.0</upperSeismoDepth>
7     <lowerSeismoDepth>10.0</lowerSeismoDepth>
8   </pointGeometry>
9   <magScaleRel>WC1994</magScaleRel>
10  <ruptAspectRatio>0.5</ruptAspectRatio>
11  <truncGutenbergRichterMFD aValue="-3.5" bValue="1.0" minMag="5.0"
12      maxMag="6.5" />
13  <nodalPlaneDist>
14    <nodalPlane probability="0.3" strike="0.0" dip="90.0" rake="0.0" />
15    <nodalPlane probability="0.7" strike="90.0" dip="45.0" rake="90.0" />
16  </nodalPlaneDist>
17  <hypoDepthDist>
18    <hypoDepth probability="0.5" depth="4.0" />
19    <hypoDepth probability="0.5" depth="8.0" />
20  </hypoDepthDist>
21 </pointSource>

```

Listing 1 – Example point source

### 2.1.1.3 Area sources

Area sources are usually adopted to describe the seismicity occurring over wide areas where the identification and characterization - i.e. the unambiguous definition of position, geometry and seismicity occurrence parameters - of single fault structures is difficult.

From a computation standpoint, area sources are comparable to grid sources since they are both represented in the engine by a list of point sources.

The oq-engine using the source data parameters (see below) creates an equally spaced in distance grid of point sources where each point has the same seismicity occurrence properties (i.e. rate of events generated).

Below we provide a brief description of the parameters necessary to completely describe an area source.

#### Source data

- A polygon defining the external border of the area (i.e. a list of Longitude-Latitude [degrees] tuples) The current version of the OQ-engine doesn't support the definition of internal borders.
- The upper and lower seismogenic depths [km]
- One magnitude-frequency distribution
- One magnitude-scaling relationship

- The rupture aspect ratio
- A distribution of nodal planes i.e. one (or several) instances of the following set of parameters
  - strike [degrees]
  - dip [degrees]
  - rake [degrees]
- A magnitude independent depth distribution of hypocenters [km].

Below we provide the excerpt of an .xml file used to describe the properties of an area source. The ruptures generated by the area source described in the example are controlled by two nodal planes and have hypocenters at localized at two distinct depths.

```

1 <areaSource id="1" name="Quito" tectonicRegion="Active Shallow Crust">
2   <areaGeometry>
3     <gml:Polygon>
4       <gml:exterior>
5         <gml:LinearRing>
6           <gml:posList>
7             -122.5 37.5
8             -121.5 37.5
9             -121.5 38.5
10            -122.5 38.5
11           </gml:posList>
12         </gml:LinearRing>
13       </gml:exterior>
14     </gml:Polygon>
15     <upperSeismoDepth>0.0</upperSeismoDepth>
16     <lowerSeismoDepth>10.0</lowerSeismoDepth>
17   </areaGeometry>
18   <magScaleRel>PeerMSR</magScaleRel>
19   <ruptAspectRatio>1.5</ruptAspectRatio>
20   <incrementalMFD minMag="6.55" binWidth="0.1">
21     <occurRates>0.0010614989 8.8291627E-4 7.3437777E-4 6.108288E-4
22       5.080653E-4</occurRates>
23   </incrementalMFD>
24   <nodalPlaneDist>
25     <nodalPlane probability="0.3" strike="0.0" dip="90.0" rake="0.0"/>
26     <nodalPlane probability="0.7" strike="90.0" dip="45.0" rake="90.0"/>
27   </nodalPlaneDist>
28   <hypoDepthDist>
29     <hypoDepth probability="0.5" depth="4.0" />
30     <hypoDepth probability="0.5" depth="8.0" />
31   </hypoDepthDist>
32 </areaSource>

```

Listing 2 – Example area source

### 2.1.2 Fault sources with floating ruptures

Fault sources in the oq-engine are classified according to the method adopted to distribute ruptures over the fault surface. Two options are currently supported:

- With the first option, ruptures with a surface lower than the whole fault surface are floated so as to cover as much as possible homogeneously the fault surface. This model is compatible with all the supported magnitude-frequency distributions.
- With the second option, ruptures always fill the entire fault surface. This model is compatible with magnitude-frequency distributions similar to a characteristic model (à la Schwartz and Coppersmith, 1984).

In this subsection we discuss the different fault source types that support floating ruptures. In the next subsection we will illustrate the fault typology available to model a characteristic rupturing behaviour.

#### 2.1.2.1 Simple faults

Simple Faults are the most common source type used to model shallow faults; the “simple” adjective relates to the geometry description of the source which is obtained by projecting the fault trace (i.e. a polyline) along a characteristic dip direction.

The parameters used to create an instance of this source type are described in the following paragraph.

##### **Source data**

- A horizontal fault trace (usually a polyline). It is a list of longitude-latitude tuples [degrees].
- A frequency-magnitude distribution
- A magnitude-scaling relationship
- A representative value of the dip angle (specified following the Aki-Richards convention; see Aki and Richards, (2002)) [degrees]
- Rake angle (specified following the Aki-Richards convention; see Aki and Richards, (2002)) [degrees]
- Upper and lower depth values limiting the seismogenic interval [km]

For near-fault probabilistic seismic hazard analysis, two additional parameters are needed for characterising seismic sources:

- A hypocentre list. It is a list of the possible hypocentral positions, and the corresponding weights, e.g., `alongStrike="0.25" downDip="0.25" weight="0.25"`. Each hypocentral position is defined in relative terms using as a reference the upper left corner of the rupture and by specifying the fraction of rupture length and rupture width.
- A slip list. It is a list of the possible rupture slip directions [degrees], and their corresponding weights. The angle describing each slip direction is measured counter-clockwise using the fault strike direction as reference.

In near-fault PSHA calculations, the hypocentre list and the slip list are mandatory. The

weights in each list must always sum to one. The available GMPE which currently supports the near-fault directivity PSHA calculation in OQ- engine is the ChiouYoungs2014NearFaultEffect GMPE developed by Chiou and Youngs, (2014) (associated with an Active Shallow Crust tectonic region type).

We provide two examples of simple fault source files. The first is an excerpt of an xml file used to describe the properties of a simple fault source and the second example shows the excerpt of an xml file used to describe the properties of a simple fault source that can be used to perform a PSHA calculation taking into account directivity effects.

```

1 <simpleFaultSource id="1" name="Mount Diablo Thrust"
2   tectonicRegion="Active Shallow Crust">
3   <simpleFaultGeometry>
4     <gml:LineString>
5       <gml:posList>
6         -121.82290 37.73010
7         -122.03880 37.87710
8       </gml:posList>
9     </gml:LineString>
10    <dip>45.0</dip>
11    <upperSeismoDepth>10.0</upperSeismoDepth>
12    <lowerSeismoDepth>20.0</lowerSeismoDepth>
13  </simpleFaultGeometry>
14  <magScaleRel>WC1994</magScaleRel>
15  <ruptAspectRatio>1.5</ruptAspectRatio>
16  <incrementalMFD minMag="5.0" binWidth="0.1">
17    <occurRates>0.0010614989 8.8291627E-4 7.3437777E-4 6.108288E-4
18      5.080653E-4</occurRates>
19  </incrementalMFD>
20  <rake>30.0</rake>
21  <hypoList>
22    <hypo alongStrike="0.25" downDip="0.25" weight="0.25"/>
23    <hypo alongStrike="0.25" downDip="0.75" weight="0.25"/>
24    <hypo alongStrike="0.75" downDip="0.25" weight="0.25"/>
25    <hypo alongStrike="0.75" downDip="0.75" weight="0.25"/>
26  </hypoList>
27  <slipList>
28    <slip weight="0.333">0.0</slip>
29    <slip weight="0.333">45.0</slip>
30    <slip weight="0.334">90.0</slip>
31  </slipList>
32 </simpleFaultSource>

```

**Listing 3** – Example simple fault

```

1 <simpleFaultSource id="1" name="Mount Diablo Thrust"
2   tectonicRegion="Active Shallow Crust">
3   <simpleFaultGeometry>
4     <gml:LineString>
5       <gml:posList>
6         -121.82290 37.73010
7         -122.03880 37.87710
8       </gml:posList>
9     </gml:LineString>
10    <dip>45.0</dip>
11    <upperSeismoDepth>10.0</upperSeismoDepth>
12    <lowerSeismoDepth>20.0</lowerSeismoDepth>
13  </simpleFaultGeometry>
14  <magScaleRel>WC1994</magScaleRel>
15  <ruptAspectRatio>1.5</ruptAspectRatio>
16  <incrementalMFD minMag="5.0" binWidth="0.1">
17    <occurRates>0.0010614989 8.8291627E-4 7.3437777E-4 6.108288E-4
18    5.080653E-4</occurRates>
19  </incrementalMFD>
20  <rake>30.0</rake>
21  <hypoList>
22    <hypo alongStrike="0.25" downDip="0.25" weight="0.25"/>
23    <hypo alongStrike="0.25" downDip="0.75" weight="0.25"/>
24    <hypo alongStrike="0.75" downDip="0.25" weight="0.25"/>
25    <hypo alongStrike="0.75" downDip="0.75" weight="0.25"/>
26  </hypoList>
27  <slipList>
28    <slip weight="0.333">0.0</slip>
29    <slip weight="0.333">45.0</slip>
30    <slip weight="0.334">90.0</slip>
31  </slipList>
32 </simpleFaultSource>

```

**Listing 4** – Example simple fault with added information to model directivity

### 2.1.2.2 Complex faults

A complex fault differs from simple fault just by the way the geometry of the fault surface is defined and the fault surface is later created. The input parameters used to describe complex faults are, for the most part, the same used to describe the simple fault typology.

In the case of complex faults, the dip angle is not requested while the fault trace is substituted by two fault edges limiting the top and bottom of the fault surface. Additional curves lying over the fault surface can be specified to complement and refine the description of the fault surface geometry. Unlike the simple fault these edges are not required to be horizontal and may vary in elevation, i.e. the upper edge may represent the intersection between the exposed fault trace and the topographic surface, where positive values indicate below sea level, and negative values indicate above sea level.

Usually, we use complex faults to model intraplate megathrust faults such as the big subduction structures active in the Pacific (Sumatra, South America, Japan) but this source typology can be used also to create - for example - listric fault sources with a realistic geometry.

```

1 <complexFaultSource id="1" name="Cascadia Megathrust"
2     tectonicRegion="Subduction Interface">
3     <complexFaultGeometry>
4         <faultTopEdge>
5             <gml:LineString>
6                 <gml:posList>
7                     -124.704 40.363 0.5493260E+01
8                     -124.977 41.214 0.4988560E+01
9                     -125.140 42.096 0.4897340E+01
10                </gml:posList>
11            </gml:LineString>
12        </faultTopEdge>
13        <intermediateEdge>
14            <gml:LineString>
15                <gml:posList>
16                    -124.704 40.363 0.5593260E+01
17                    -124.977 41.214 0.5088560E+01
18                    -125.140 42.096 0.4997340E+01
19                </gml:posList>
20            </gml:LineString>
21        </intermediateEdge>
22        <intermediateEdge>
23            <gml:LineString>
24                <gml:posList>
25                    -124.704 40.363 0.5693260E+01
26                    -124.977 41.214 0.5188560E+01
27                    -125.140 42.096 0.5097340E+01
28                </gml:posList>
29            </gml:LineString>
30        </intermediateEdge>
31        <faultBottomEdge>
32            <gml:LineString>
33                <gml:posList>
34                    -123.829 40.347 0.2038490E+02
35                    -124.137 41.218 0.1741390E+02
36                    -124.252 42.115 0.1752740E+02
37                </gml:posList>
38            </gml:LineString>
39        </faultBottomEdge>
40    </complexFaultGeometry>
41    <magScaleRel>WC1994</magScaleRel>
42    <ruptAspectRatio>1.5</ruptAspectRatio>
43    <truncGutenbergRichterMFD aValue="-3.5" bValue="1.0" minMag="5.0"
44        maxMag="6.5" />
45    <rake>30.0</rake>
46 </complexFaultSource>

```

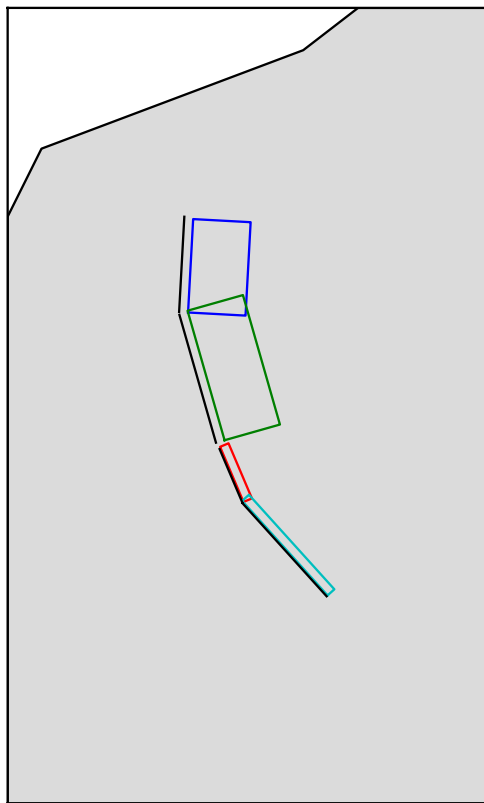
Listing 5 – Example complex fault

As with the previous examples, the red text highlights the parameters used to specify the source geometry, the parameters in green describe the rupture mechanism, the text in blue describes the magnitude-frequency distribution and the gray text describes the rupture properties.

### 2.1.3 Fault sources without floating ruptures

#### 2.1.3.1 Characteristic faults

The characteristic fault source is a particular typology of fault created with the assumption that its ruptures will always cover the entire fault surface. As such, no floating is necessary on the surface. The characteristic fault may still take as input a magnitude frequency distribution. In this case, the fault surface can be represented either as a simple fault source surface or as a complex fault source surface or as a combination of rectangular ruptures as represented in Figure 2.4. Multiple surfaces containing mixed geometry types are also supported.



**Figure 2.4** – Geometry of a multi-segmented characteristic fault composed of four rectangular ruptures as modelled in OpenQuake.

#### Source data

- The characteristic rupture surface is defined through one of the following options:



- A list of rectangular ruptures (“planar surfaces”)
- A simple fault source geometry
- A complex fault source geometry

- A frequency-magnitude distribution.
- Rake angle (specified following the Aki-Richards convention; see Aki and Richards, (2002)).
- Upper and lower depth values limiting the seismogenic interval.

A comprehensive example enumerating the possible rupture surface configurations is shown below.

```

1  <characteristicFaultSource id="5" name="characteristic source, simple fault"
2      tectonicRegion="Volcanic">
3      <truncGutenbergRichterMFD aValue="-3.5" bValue="1.0"
4          minMag="5.0" maxMag="6.5" />
5      <rake>30.0</rake>
6      <surface>
7          <!-- Characteristic Fault with a simple fault surface -->
8          <simpleFaultGeometry>
9              <gml:LineString>
10                 <gml:posList>
11                     -121.82290 37.73010
12                     -122.03880 37.87710
13                 </gml:posList>
14             </gml:LineString>
15             <dip>45.0</dip>
16             <upperSeismoDepth>10.0</upperSeismoDepth>
17             <lowerSeismoDepth>20.0</lowerSeismoDepth>
18         </simpleFaultGeometry>
19     </surface>
20 </characteristicFaultSource>

```

**Listing 6** – Example characteristic fault with simple fault geometry

```

1 <characteristicFaultSource id="6" name="characteristic source, complex fault"
2     tectonicRegion="Volcanic">
3     <incrementalMFD minMag="5.0" binWidth="0.1">
4         <occurRates>0.0010614989 8.8291627E-4 7.343777E-4</occurRates>
5     </incrementalMFD>
6     <rake>60.0</rake>
7     <surface>
8         <!-- Characteristic source with a complex fault surface -->
9         <complexFaultGeometry>
10            <faultTopEdge>
11                <gml:LineString>
12                    <gml:posList>
13                        -124.704 40.363 0.5493260E+01
14                        -124.977 41.214 0.4988560E+01
15                        -125.140 42.096 0.4897340E+01
16                    </gml:posList>
17                </gml:LineString>
18            </faultTopEdge>
19            <faultBottomEdge>
20                <gml:LineString>
21                    <gml:posList>
22                        -123.829 40.347 0.2038490E+02
23                        -124.137 41.218 0.1741390E+02
24                        -124.252 42.115 0.1752740E+02
25                    </gml:posList>
26                </gml:LineString>
27            </faultBottomEdge>
28        </complexFaultGeometry>
29    </surface>
30 </characteristicFaultSource>

```

**Listing 7** – Example characteristic fault with complex fault geometry

```

1 <characteristicFaultSource id="7" name="characteristic source, multi surface"
2     tectonicRegion="Volcanic">
3     <truncGutenbergRichterMFD aValue="-3.6" bValue="1.0"
4         minMag="5.2" maxMag="6.4" />
5     <rake>90.0</rake>
6     <surface>
7         <!-- Characteristic source with a collection of planar surfaces -->
8         <planarSurface strike="0.0" dip="90.0">
9             <topLeft lon="-1.0" lat="1.0" depth="21.0" />
10            <topRight lon="1.0" lat="1.0" depth="21.0" />
11            <bottomLeft lon="-1.0" lat="-1.0" depth="59.0" />
12            <bottomRight lon="1.0" lat="-1.0" depth="59.0" />
13        </planarSurface>
14        <planarSurface strike="20.0" dip="45.0">
15            <topLeft lon="1.0" lat="1.0" depth="20.0" />
16            <topRight lon="3.0" lat="1.0" depth="20.0" />
17            <bottomLeft lon="1.0" lat="-1.0" depth="80.0" />
18            <bottomRight lon="3.0" lat="-1.0" depth="80.0" />
19        </planarSurface>
20    </surface>
21 </characteristicFaultSource>

```

**Listing 8** – Example characteristic fault with planar/multi-planar fault geometry

## 2.1.4 Non-Parametric Sources

### 2.1.4.1 Non-Parametric Fault

The non-parametric fault typology requires that the user indicates the rupture properties (rupture surface, magnitude, rake and hypocentre) and the corresponding probabilities of the rupture. The probabilities are given as a list of floating point values that correspond to the probabilities of 0, 1, 2, . . . . .  $N$  occurrences of the rupture within the specified investigation time. Note that there is not, at present, any internal check to ensure that the investigation time to which the probabilities refer corresponds to that specified in the configuration file. As the surface of the rupture is set explicitly, no rupture floating occurs, and, as in the case of the characteristic fault source, the rupture surface can be defined as either a single planar rupture, a list of planar ruptures, a simple fault source geometry, a complex fault source geometry, or a combination of different geometries.

Comprehensive examples enumerating the possible configurations are shown below:

```

1 <nonParametricSeismicSource id="1" name="A Non Parametric Planar Source"
2     tectonicRegion="Some TRT">
3     <singlePlaneRupture probs_occur="0.544 0.456">
4         <magnitude>8.3</magnitude>
5         <rake>90.0</rake>
6         <hypocenter depth="26.101" lat="40.726" lon="143.0"/>
7         <planarSurface>
8             <topLeft depth="9.0" lat="41.6" lon="143.1"/>
9             <topRight depth="9.0" lat="40.2" lon="143.91"/>
10            <bottomLeft depth="43.202" lat="41.252" lon="142.07"/>
11            <bottomRight depth="43.202" lat="39.852" lon="142.91"/>
12        </planarSurface>
13    </singlePlaneRupture>
14    <multiPlanesRupture probs_occur="0.9244 0.0756">
15        <magnitude>6.9</magnitude>
16        <rake>0.0</rake>
17        <hypocenter depth="7.1423" lat="35.296" lon="139.31"/>
18        <planarSurface>
19            <topLeft depth="2.0" lat="35.363" lon="139.16"/>
20            <topRight depth="2.0" lat="35.394" lon="138.99"/>
21            <bottomLeft depth="14.728" lat="35.475" lon="139.19"/>
22            <bottomRight depth="14.728" lat="35.505" lon="139.02"/>
23        </planarSurface>
24        <planarSurface>
25            <topLeft depth="2.0" lat="35.169" lon="139.34"/>
26            <topRight depth="2.0" lat="35.358" lon="139.17"/>
27            <bottomLeft depth="12.285" lat="35.234" lon="139.45"/>
28            <bottomRight depth="12.285" lat="35.423" lon="139.28"/>
29        </planarSurface>
30    </multiPlanesRupture>
31 </nonParametricSeismicSource>

```

**Listing 9** – Example non-parametric fault with planar and multi-planar fault geometry

```
1 <nonParametricSeismicSource id="2" name="A Non Parametric (Simple) Source"
2     tectonicRegion="Some TRT">
3   <simpleFaultRupture probs_occur="0.157 0.843">
4     <magnitude>7.8</magnitude>
5     <rake>90.0</rake>
6     <hypocenter depth="22.341" lat="43.624" lon="147.94"/>
7     <simpleFaultGeometry>
8       <gml:LineString>
9         <gml:posList>
10            147.96 43.202
11            148.38 43.438
12            148.51 43.507
13            148.68 43.603
14            148.76 43.640
15          </gml:posList>
16        </gml:LineString>
17        <dip>30.0</dip>
18        <upperSeismoDepth>14.5</upperSeismoDepth>
19        <lowerSeismoDepth>35.5</lowerSeismoDepth>
20      </simpleFaultGeometry>
21    </simpleFaultRupture>
22  </nonParametricSeismicSource>
```

**Listing 10** – Example characteristic fault with simple fault geometry

```

1 <nonParametricSeismicSource id="3" name="A Non Parametric (Complex) Source"
2     tectonicRegion="Some TRT">
3   <complexFaultRupture probs_occur="0.157 0.843">
4     <magnitude>7.8</magnitude>
5     <rake>90.0</rake>
6     <hypocenter depth="22.341" lat="43.624" lon="147.94"/>
7     <complexFaultGeometry>
8       <faultTopEdge>
9         <gml:LineString>
10          <gml:posList>
11            148.76 43.64 5.0
12            148.68 43.603 5.0
13            148.51 43.507 5.0
14            148.38 43.438 5.0
15            147.96 43.202 5.0
16          </gml:posList>
17        </gml:LineString>
18      </faultTopEdge>
19      <faultBottomEdge>
20        <gml:LineString>
21          <gml:posList>
22            147.92 44.002 35.5
23            147.81 43.946 35.5
24            147.71 43.897 35.5
25            147.5 43.803 35.5
26            147.36 43.727 35.5
27          </gml:posList>
28        </gml:LineString>
29      </faultBottomEdge>
30    </complexFaultGeometry>
31  </complexFaultRupture>
32 </nonParametricSeismicSource>

```

Listing 11 – Example characteristic fault with complex fault geometry

## 2.2 Magnitude-frequency distributions

The magnitude-frequency distributions currently supported by the oq-engine are the following:

**A discrete incremental magnitude-frequency distribution** It is the simplest distribution supported. It is defined by the minimum value of magnitude (representing the mid point of the first bin) and the bin width. The distribution itself is simply a sequence of floats describing the annual number of events for different bins. The maximum magnitude admitted by this magnitude-frequency distribution is just the sum of the minimum magnitude and the product of the bin width by the number annual rate values. Below we provide an example of the xml that should be incorporated in a

seismic source description in order to define this Magnitude-Frequency Distribution (MFD).

```
<incrementalMFD minMag="5.05" binWidth="0.1">
  <occurRates>0.15 0.08 0.05 0.03 0.015</occurRates>
</incrementalMFD>
```

The magnitude-frequency distribution obtained with the above parameters is represented in Figure 2.5.

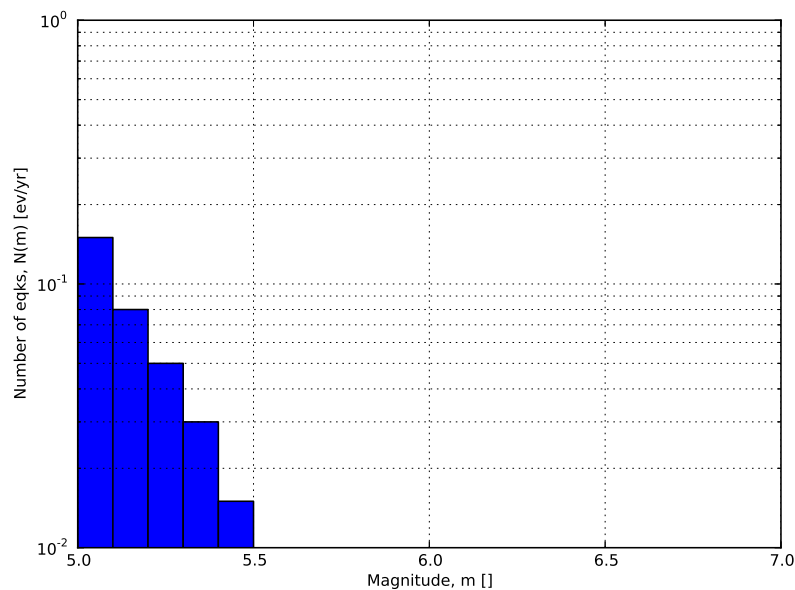


Figure 2.5 – Example of an incremental magnitude-frequency distribution.

**A double truncated Gutenberg-Richter distribution** This distribution is described by means of a minimum `minMag` and maximum magnitude `maxMag` and by the  $a$  and  $b$  values of the Gutenberg-Richter relationship.

The syntax of the xml used to describe this magnitude-frequency distribution is rather compact as demonstrated in the following example:

```
<truncGutenbergRichterMFD aValue="5.0" bValue="1.0" minMag="5.0"
  maxMag="6.0"/>
```

Figure 2.6 shows the magnitude-frequency distribution obtained using the parameters of the considered example.

**Hybrid Characteristic earthquake model (à la Youngs and Coppersmith, 1985)** The hybrid characteristic earthquake model, presented by Youngs and Coppersmith, 1985, distributes seismic moment proportionally between a characteristic model (for larger magnitudes) and an exponential model. The rate of events is dependent on the magnitude of the characteristic earthquake, the  $b$ -value and the total moment rate of

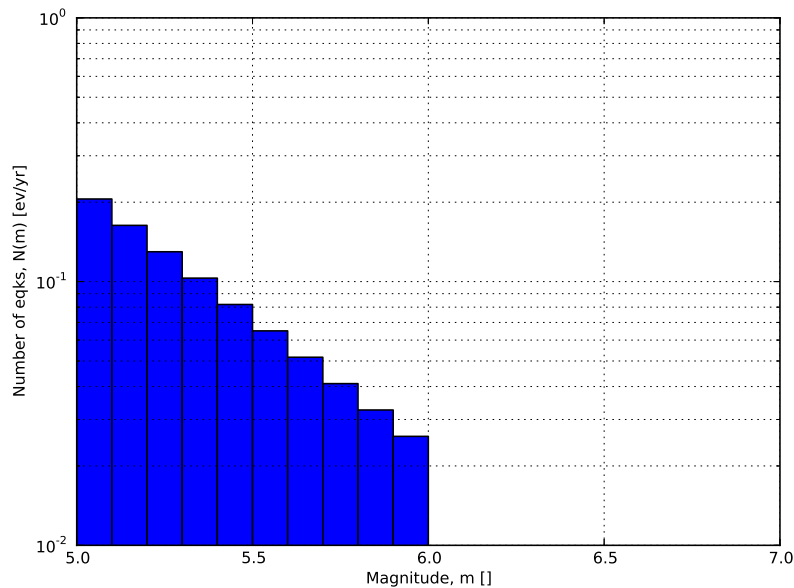


Figure 2.6 – Example of a double truncated Gutenberg-Richter magnitude-frequency distribution.

the system (Figure 2.7). However, the total moment rate may be defined in one of two ways. If the total moment rate of the source is known, as may be the case for a fault surface with known area and slip rate, then the distribution can be defined from the total moment rate (in N-m) of the source directly. Alternatively, the distribution can be defined from the rate of earthquakes in the characteristic bin, which may be preferable if the distribution is determined from observed seismicity behaviour. The option to define the distribution according to the total moment rate is input as:

```
<YoungsCoppersmithMFD minmag="5.0" bValue="1.0" binWidth="0.1"
characteristicMag="7.0" totalMomentRate="1.05E19"/>
```

whereas the option to define the distribution from the rate of the characteristic events is given as:

```
<YoungsCoppersmithMFD minmag="5.0" bValue="1.0" binWidth="0.1"
characteristicMag="7.0" characteristicRate="0.005"/>
```

Note that in this distribution the width of the magnitude bin must be defined explicitly in the model.

**“Arbitrary” Magnitude Frequency Distribution** The arbitrary magnitude frequency distribution is another non-parametric form of MFD, in which the rates are defined explicitly. Here, the magnitude frequency distribution is defined by a list of magnitudes and their corresponding rates of occurrence. There is no bin-width as the rates correspond exactly to the specific magnitude. Unlike the evenly discretised MFD, there is no requirement that the magnitudes be equally spaced. This distribution (illustrated in



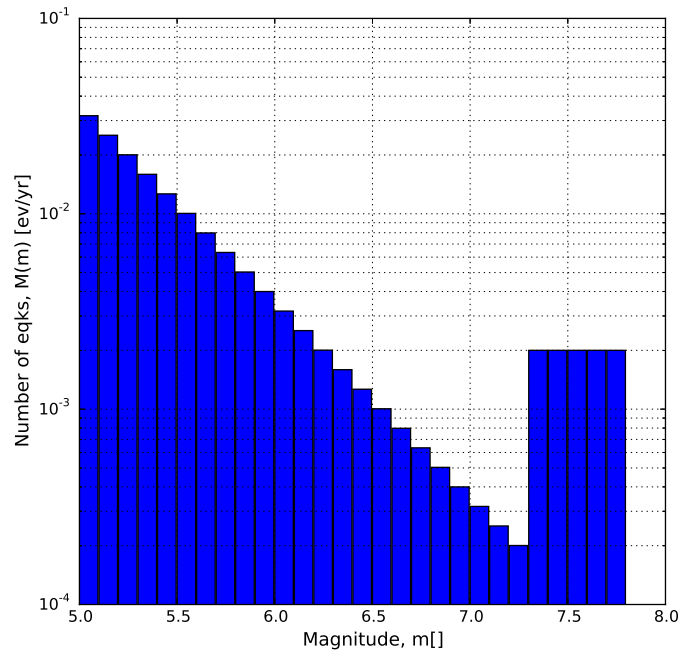


Figure 2.7 – *Yongs and Coppersmith, 1985* magnitude-frequency distribution.

Figure 2.8) can be input as:

```
<arbitraryMFD>
  <occurRates>0.12 0.036 0.067 0.2</occurRates>
  <magnitudes>8.1 8.47 8.68 9.02</magnitudes>
</arbitraryMFD>
```

## 2.3 Magnitude-scaling relationships

We provide below a list of the magnitude-area scaling relationships implemented in the oq-hazardlib:

### 2.3.1 Relationships for shallow earthquakes in active tectonic regions

- Wells and Coppersmith, 1994 - One of the most well known magnitude scaling relationships, based on a global database of historical earthquake ruptures. The implemented relationship is the one linking magnitude to rupture area, and is called with the keyword WC1994

### 2.3.2 Magnitude-scaling relationships for subduction earthquakes

- Strasser et al., 2010 - Defines several magnitude scaling relationships for interface and in-slab earthquakes. Only the magnitude to rupture-area scaling relationships are implemented here, and are called with the keywords StrasserInterface and

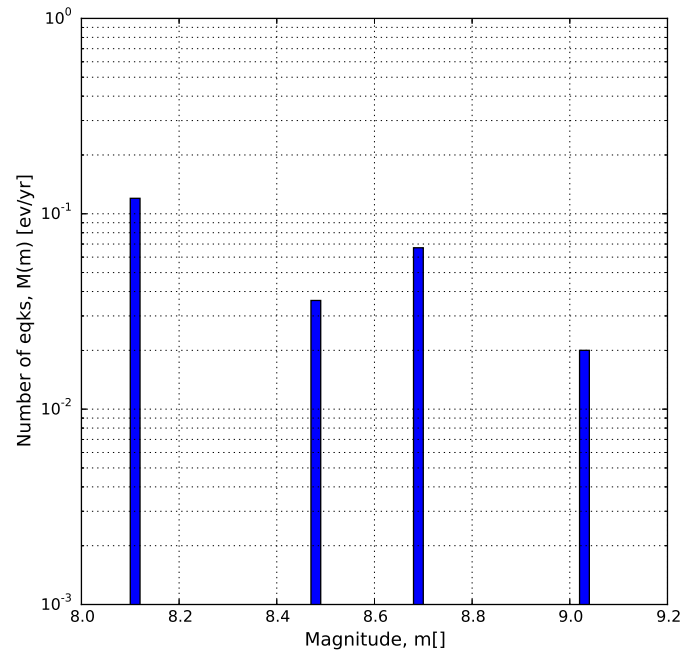


Figure 2.8 – “Arbitrary” magnitude-frequency distribution.

StrasserIntraslab respectively.

### 2.3.3 Magnitude-scaling relationships stable continental regions

- EPRI, 2011 - Defines a single magnitude to rupture-area scaling relationship for use in the central and eastern United States:  $Area = 10.0^{M_w - 4.336}$ . It is called with the keyword CEUS2011

### 2.3.4 Miscellaneous Magnitude-Scaling Relationships

- PeerMSR defines a simple magnitude scaling relation used as part of the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center verification of probabilistic seismic hazard analysis programs:  $Area = 10.0^{M_w - 4.0}$ .
- PointMSR approximates a ‘point’ source by returning an infinitesimally small area for all magnitudes. Should only be used for distributed seismicity sources and not for fault sources.

## 2.4 Calculation workflows

The hazard component of the OpenQuake-engine can compute seismic hazard using various approaches. Three types of analysis are currently supported:

- *Classical Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis (PSHA)*, allowing calculation of hazard curves and hazard maps following the classical integration procedure (Cornell, 1968,

McGuire, (1976)) as formulated by Field et al., 2003.

- *Event-Based Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis*, allowing calculation of ground-motion fields from stochastic event sets. Traditional results - such as hazard curves - can be obtained by post- processing the set of computed ground-motion fields.
- *Scenario Based Seismic Hazard Analysis (SSHA)*, allowing the calculation of ground motion fields from a single earthquake rupture scenario taking into account ground-motion aleatory variability.

Each workflow has a modular structure, so that intermediate results can be exported and analyzed. Each calculator can be extended independently of the others so that additional calculation options and methodologies can be easily introduced, without affecting the overall calculation workflow.

### 2.4.1 Classical Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis

Input data for the classical Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis (PSHA) consist of a PSHA input model provided together with calculation settings.

The main calculators used to perform this analysis are the following:

1. *Logic Tree Processor*

The Logic Tree Processor (LTP) takes as an input the PSHA Input Model and creates a Seismic Source Model. The LTP uses the information in the Initial Seismic Source Models and the Seismic Source Logic Tree to create a Seismic Source Input Model (i.e. a model describing geometry and activity rates of each source without any epistemic uncertainty).

Following a procedure similar to the one just described the Logic Tree Processor creates a Ground Motion model (i.e. a data structure that associates to each tectonic region considered in the calculation a Ground Motion Prediction Equation (GMPE)).

2. *Earthquake Rupture Forecast Calculator*

The produced Seismic Source Input Model becomes an input information for the Earthquake Rupture Forecast (ERF) calculator which creates a list earthquake ruptures admitted by the source model, each one characterized by a probability of occurrence over a specified time span.

3. *Classical PSHA Calculator*

The classical PSHA calculator uses the ERF and the Ground Motion model to compute hazard curves on each site specified in the calculation settings.

### 2.4.2 Event-Based Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis

Input data for the Event-Based PSHA - as in the case of the Classical PSHA calculator - consists of a PSHA Input Model and a set of calculation settings.

The main calculators used to perform this analysis are:

1. *Logic Tree Processor*

The Logic Tree Processor works in the same way described in the description of the

Classical PSHA workflow (see Section 2.4.1 at page 43).

2. *Earthquake Rupture Forecast Calculator*

The Earthquake Rupture Forecast Calculator was already introduced in the description of the PSHA workflow (see Section 2.4.1 at page 43).

3. *Stochastic Event Set Calculator*

The Stochastic Event Set Calculator generates a collection of stochastic event sets by sampling the ruptures contained in the ERF according to their probability of occurrence. A Stochastic Event Set (SES) thus represents a potential realisation of the seismicity (i.e. a list of ruptures) produced by the set of seismic sources considered in the analysis over the time span fixed for the calculation of hazard.

4. *Ground Motion Field Calculator*

The Ground Motion Field Calculator computes for each event contained in a Stochastic Event Set a realization of the geographic distribution of the shaking by taking into account the aleatory uncertainties in the ground-motion model. Eventually, the Ground Motion Field calculator can consider the spatial correlation of the ground-motion during the generation of the Ground Motion Field (GMF).

5. *Event-based PSHA Calculator*

The event-based PSHA calculator takes a (large) set of ground-motion fields representative of the possible shaking scenarios that the investigated area can experience over a (long) time span and for each site computes the corresponding hazard curve.

This procedure is computationally intensive and is not recommended for investigating the hazard over large areas.

### 2.4.3 Scenario based Seismic Hazard Analysis

In case of SSHA, the input data consist of a single earthquake rupture model and one or more ground-motion models. Using the Ground Motion Field Calculator, multiple realizations of ground shaking can be computed, each realization sampling the aleatory uncertainties in the ground-motion model. The main calculator used to perform this analysis is the *Ground Motion Field Calculator*, which was already introduced during the description of the event based PSHA workflow (see Section 2.4.2 at page 43).

As the scenario calculator does not need to determine the probability of occurrence of the specific rupture, but only sufficient information to parameterise the location (as a three-dimensional surface), the magnitude and the style-of-faulting of the rupture, a more simplified NRML structure is sufficient compared to the source model structures described previously in Section 2.1. A *rupture model XML* can be defined in the following formats:

1. *Simple Fault Rupture* - in which the geometry is defined by the trace of the fault rupture, the dip and the upper and lower seismogenic depths. An example is shown below in Listing 12.
2. *Planar & Multi-Planar Rupture* - in which the geometry is defined as a collection of one or more rectangular planes, each defined by four corners. An example of a multi-planar

```
1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5     <simpleFaultRupture>
6         <magnitude>6.7</magnitude>
7         <rake>180.0</rake>
8         <hypocenter lon="-122.02750" lat="37.61744" depth="6.7"/>
9         <simpleFaultGeometry>
10            <gml:LineString>
11                <gml:posList>
12                    -121.80236 37.39713
13                    -121.91453 37.48312
14                    -122.00413 37.59493
15                    -122.05088 37.63995
16                    -122.09226 37.68095
17                    -122.17796 37.78233
18                </gml:posList>
19            </gml:LineString>
20            <dip>76.0</dip>
21            <upperSeismoDepth>0.0</upperSeismoDepth>
22            <lowerSeismoDepth>13.4</lowerSeismoDepth>
23        </simpleFaultGeometry>
24    </simpleFaultRupture>
25
26 </nrml>
```

**Listing 12** – An example simple fault rupture input file

rupture is shown below in Listing 13.

```

1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3   xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5   <multiPlanesRupture>
6     <magnitude>8.0</magnitude>
7     <rake>90.0</rake>
8     <hypocenter lat="-1.4" lon="1.1" depth="10.0"/>
9     <planarSurface strike="90.0" dip="45.0">
10       <topLeft lon="-0.8" lat="-2.3" depth="0.0" />
11       <topRight lon="-0.4" lat="-2.3" depth="0.0" />
12       <bottomLeft lon="-0.8" lat="-2.3890" depth="10.0" />
13       <bottomRight lon="-0.4" lat="-2.3890" depth="10.0" />
14     </planarSurface>
15     <planarSurface strike="30.94744" dip="30.0">
16       <topLeft lon="-0.42" lat="-2.3" depth="0.0" />
17       <topRight lon="-0.29967" lat="-2.09945" depth="0.0" />
18       <bottomLeft lon="-0.28629" lat="-2.38009" depth="10.0" />
19       <bottomRight lon="-0.16598" lat="-2.17955" depth="10.0" />
20     </planarSurface>
21   </multiPlanesRupture>
22
23 </nrml>

```

**Listing 13** – An example multi-planar rupture input file

3. *Complex Fault Rupture* - in which the geometry is defined by the upper, lower and (if applicable) intermediate edges of the fault rupture. An example of a complex fault rupture is shown below in Listing 14.

```
1 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5     <complexFaultRupture>
6         <magnitude>8.0</magnitude>
7         <rake>90.0</rake>
8         <hypocenter lat="-1.4" lon="1.1" depth="10.0"/>
9         <complexFaultGeometry>
10            <faultTopEdge>
11                <gml:LineString>
12                    <gml:posList>
13                        0.6 -1.5 2.0
14                        1.0 -1.3 5.0
15                        1.5 -1.0 8.0
16                    </gml:posList>
17                </gml:LineString>
18            </faultTopEdge>
19            <intermediateEdge>
20                <gml:LineString>
21                    <gml:posList>
22                        0.65 -1.55 4.0
23                        1.1 -1.4 10.0
24                        1.5 -1.2 20.0
25                    </gml:posList>
26                </gml:LineString>
27            </intermediateEdge>
28            <faultBottomEdge>
29                <gml:LineString>
30                    <gml:posList>
31                        0.65 -1.7 8.0
32                        1.1 -1.6 15.0
33                        1.5 -1.7 35.0
34                    </gml:posList>
35                </gml:LineString>
36            </faultBottomEdge>
37        </complexFaultGeometry>
38    </complexFaultRupture>
39
40 </nrml>
```

**Listing 14** – An example complex fault rupture input file





#### Defining Logic Trees

Logic trees as described in the nrml schema

#### The Seismic Source System

The Seismic Source Logic Tree

The Seismic Source Model

#### The Ground Motion System

The Ground Motion Logic Tree

#### Configuration file

Classical PSHA

Seismic hazard disaggregation

Event based PSHA

Scenario hazard

## 3. Using the Hazard Module

This Chapter summarises the structure of the information necessary to define a PSHA input model to be used with the OpenQuake-engine.

Input data for probabilistic based seismic hazard analysis (Classical, Event based, Disaggregation, and Uniform Hazard Spectra) are organised into:

- A general configuration file.
- A file describing the Seismic Source System, that is the set of initial source models and associated epistemic uncertainties needed to model the seismic activity in the region of interest.
- A file describing the Ground Motion System, that is the set of ground motion prediction equations, per tectonic region type, needed to model the ground motion shaking in the region of interest.

Figure 3.1 summarises the structure of a PSHA input model for the OpenQuake-engine and the relationships between the different files.

### 3.1 Defining Logic Trees

The main components of a logic tree structure in the OpenQuake-engine are the following:

**branch** : the simplest component of a logic tree structure. A branch represent a possible interpretation of a value assignment for a specific type of uncertainty. It is fully described by the tuple (parameter or model, weight).

**branching set** : it is a key component in the logic tree structure used by the oq-engine. It groups a set of branches i.e. alternative interpretations of a parameter or a model.

Each branching set is defined by:

- An ID
- An uncertainty type (for a comprehensive list of the types of uncertainty currently supported see page 52)

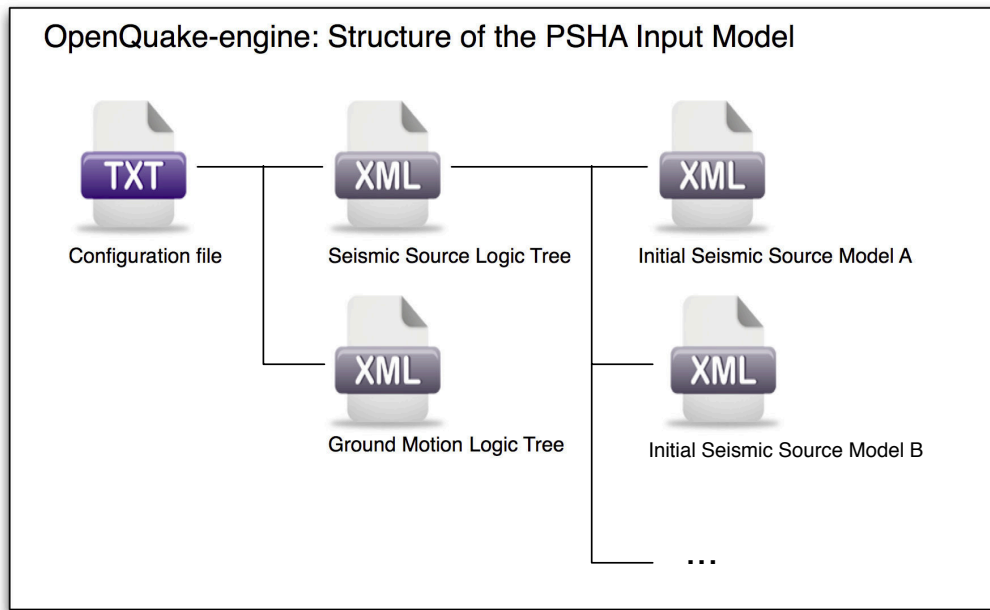


Figure 3.1 – PSHA Input Model structure

- One or more branches

This set of uncertainties can be applied to the whole initial seismic source input model or just to a subset of seismic sources. The sum of the weights/probabilities assigned to the set of branches always correspond to one.

**branching level** : it is the largest container. It is not used in modelling uncertainty, but it is useful in maintaining a logic and an order in the structure of the tree.

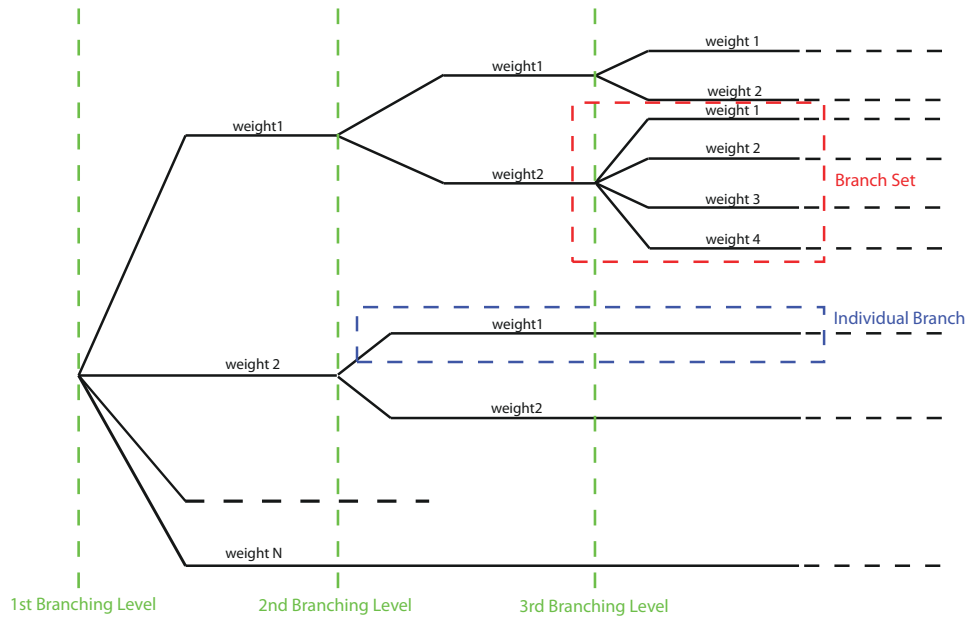
Below we provide a simple schema illustrating the skeleton of xml file containing the description of a logic tree:

```

<logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID=ID>
  <logicTreeBranchSet branchSetID=ID
    uncertaintyType=TYPE>
    <logicTreeBranch>
      <uncertaintyModel>VALUE</uncertaintyModel>
      <uncertaintyWeight>WEIGHT</uncertaintyWeight>
    </logicTreeBranch>
  </logicTreeBranchSet>
</logicTreeBranchingLevel>
  
```

As it appears from this example, the structure of a logic tree is a set of nested elements.

A schematic representation of the elemental components of a logic tree structure is provided in Figure 3.2. A branching level identifies the position where branching occurs while a branch set identifies a collection of branches (i.e. individual branches) whose weights sum to 1.



**Figure 3.2** – Generic Logic Tree structure as described in terms of branching levels, branch sets, and individual branches.

### 3.1.1 Logic trees as described in the nrml schema

In the NRML schema, a logic tree structure is defined through the `logicTree` element:

```
<logicTree logicTreeID="ID">
...
</logicTree>
```

A `logicTree` contains as a sequence of `logicTreeBranchingLevel` elements. The position in the sequence of a `logicTreeBranchingLevel` specifies the level of the tree where it is located. That is, the first `logicTreeBranchingLevel` element in the sequence represents the first level in the tree, the second element the second level in the tree, and so on.

```
<logicTree logicTreeID="ID">
  <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="ID_1">
    ...
  </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
  <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="ID_2">
    ...
  </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
  ....
  <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="ID_N">
    ...
  </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
</logicTree>
```

There are no restrictions on the number of tree levels that can be defined.

A `logicTreeBranchingLevel` is defined as a sequence of `logicTreeBranchSet` ele-

ments where each `logicTreeBranchSet` defines a particular epistemic uncertainty inside a branching level.

A branch set has two required attributes: `branchSetID` and `uncertaintyType`. The latter defines the type of epistemic uncertainty this branch set is describing.

```

<logicTree logicTreeID="ID">
...
  <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="ID_#">
    <logicTreeBranchSet branchSetID="ID_1"
      uncertaintyType="UNCERTAINTY_TYPE">
      ...
    </logicTreeBranchSet>
    <logicTreeBranchSet branchSetID="ID_2"
      uncertaintyType="UNCERTAINTY_TYPE">
      ...
    </logicTreeBranchSet>
    ...
    <logicTreeBranchSet branchSetID="ID_N"
      uncertaintyType="UNCERTAINTY_TYPE">
      ...
    </logicTreeBranchSet>
  </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
...
</logicTree>

```

Possible values for the `uncertaintyType` attribute are:

- `gmpeModel`: indicates epistemic uncertainties on ground motion prediction equations
- `sourceModel`: indicates epistemic uncertainties on source models
- `maxMagGRRelative`: indicates relative (i.e. increments) epistemic uncertainties to be added (or subtracted, depending on the sign of the increment) to the Gutenberg-Richter maximum magnitude value.
- `bGRRelative`: indicates relative epistemic uncertainties to be applied to the Gutenberg-Richter b value.
- `abGRAbsolute`: indicates absolute (i.e. values used to replace original values) epistemic uncertainties on the Gutenberg-Richter a and b values.
- `maxMagGRAbsolute`: indicates (absolute) epistemic uncertainties on the Gutenberg-Richter maximum magnitude.
- `incrementalMFDAbsolute`: indicates (absolute) epistemic uncertainties on the incremental magnitude frequency distribution (i.e. alternative rates and/or minimum magnitude) of a specific source (can only be applied to individual sources)
- `simpleFaultGeometryAbsolute`: indicates alternative representations of the simple fault geometry for an individual simple fault source
- `simpleFaultDipRelative`: indicates a relative increase or decrease in fault dip for one or more simple fault sources

- `simpleFaultDipAbsolute`: indicates alternative values of fault dip for one or more simple fault sources
- `complexFaultGeometryAbsolute`: indicates alternative representations of complex fault geometry for an individual complex fault source
- `characteristicFaultGeometryAbsolute`: indicates alternative representations of the characteristic fault geometry for an individual characteristic fault source

There are no restrictions on the number of branch sets that can be defined inside a branching level.

A `branchSet` is defined as a sequence of `logicTreeBranch` elements, each specified by an `uncertaintyModel` element (a string identifying an uncertainty model; the content of the string varies with the `uncertaintyType` attribute value of the `branchSet` element) and the `uncertaintyWeight` element (specifying the probability/weight associated to the `uncertaintyModel`):

```

< logicTree logicTreeID="ID">
...
  < logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="ID_#">
    ...
    < logicTreeBranchSet branchSetID="ID_#"
      uncertaintyType="UNCERTAINTY_TYPE">
      < logicTreeBranch branchID="ID_1">
        <uncertaintyModel>
          UNCERTAINTY_MODEL
        </uncertaintyModel>
        <uncertaintyWeight>
          UNCERTAINTY_WEIGHT
        </uncertaintyWeight>
      </ logicTreeBranch >
      ...
      < logicTreeBranch branchID="ID_N">
        <uncertaintyModel>
          UNCERTAINTY_MODEL
        </uncertaintyModel>
        <uncertaintyWeight>
          UNCERTAINTY_WEIGHT
        </uncertaintyWeight>
      </logicTreeBranch>
    </logicTreeBranchSet>
    ...
  </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
...
</logicTree >

```

Depending on the `uncertaintyType` the content of the `<uncertaintyModel>` element changes:

- if `uncertaintyType="gmpeModel"`, the uncertainty model contains the name

of a ground motion prediction equation (a list of available GMPEs can be obtained using `oq info -g` or `oq info -gsims` and these are also documented at: <http://docs.openquake.org/oq-engine/2.8/openquake.hazardlib.gsim.html>):

```
<uncertaintyModel>GMPE_NAME</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="sourceModel"`, the uncertainty model contains the paths to a source model file, e.g.:

```
<uncertaintyModel>SOURCE_MODEL_FILE_PATH</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="maxMagGRRRelative"`, the uncertainty model contains the increment to be added (or subtracted, depending on the sign) to the Gutenberg-Richter maximum magnitude:

```
<uncertaintyModel>MAX_MAGNITUDE_INCREMENT</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="bGRRRelative"`, the uncertainty model contains the increment to be added (or subtracted, depending on the sign) to the Gutenberg-Richter b value:

```
<uncertaintyModel>B_VALUE_INCREMENT</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="abGRAbsolute"`, the uncertainty model must contain one a and b pair:

```
<uncertaintyModel>A_VALUE B_VALUE</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="maxMagGRAbsolute"`, the uncertainty model must contain one Gutenberg-Richter maximum magnitude value:

```
<uncertaintyModel>MAX_MAGNITUDE</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="incrementalMFDAbsolute"`, the uncertainty model must contain an instance of the incremental MFD node:

```
<uncertaintyModel>
  <incrementalMFD
    minMag="MIN MAGNITUDE"
    binWidth="BIN WIDTH">
    <occurRates>RATE_1 RATE_2 ... RATE_N</occurRates>
  </incrementalMFD>
</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="simpleFaultGeometryAbsolute"` then the uncertainty model must contain a *valid* instance of the `simpleFaultGeometry` node as described in section 2.1.2.1
- if `uncertaintyType="simpleFaultDipRelative"` then the uncertainty model must specify the number of degrees to increase (positive) or decrease (negative) the fault dip. Note that if this increase results in an adjusted fault dip greater than 90° or less than 0° an error will occur.

```
<uncertaintyModel>DIP_INCREMENT</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="simpleFaultDipAbsolute"` then the uncertainty model must specify the dip angle (in degrees)

```
<uncertaintyModel>DIP</uncertaintyModel>
```

- if `uncertaintyType="complexFaultGeometryAbsolute"` then the uncertainty model must contain a *valid* instance of the `complexFaultGeometry` source node as described in section 2.1.2.2
- if `uncertaintyType="characteristicFaultGeometryAbsolute"` then the uncertainty model must contain a *valid* instance of the `characteristicFaultGeometry` source node, as described in section 2.1.3.1

There are no restrictions on the number of `logicTreeBranch` elements that can be defined in a `logicTreeBranchSet`, as long as the uncertainty weights sum to 1.0.

The `logicTreeBranchSet` element offers also a number of optional attributes allowing for complex tree definitions:

- `applyToBranches`: specifies to which `logicTreeBranch` elements (one or more), in the previous branching level, the branch set is linked to. The linking is established by defining the IDs of the branches to link to:

```
applyToBranches="branchID1 branchID2 .... branchIDN"
```

The default is the keyword `ALL`, which means that a branch set is by default linked to all branches in the previous branching level. By specifying one or more branches to which the branch set links to, non-symmetric logic trees can be defined.

- `applyToSources`: specifies to which source in a source model the uncertainty applies to. Sources are specified in terms of their IDs:

```
applyToSources="srcID1 srcID2 .... srcIDN"
```

- `applyToSourceType`: specifies to which source type the uncertainty applies to. Only one source typology can be defined (`area`, `point`, `simpleFault`, `complexFault`), e.g.:

```
applyToSources="area"
```

- `applyToTectonicRegionType`: specifies to which tectonic region type the uncertainty applies to. Only one tectonic region type can be defined (`Active Shallow Crust`, `Stable Shallow Crust`, `Subduction Interface`, `Subduction IntraSlab`, `Volcanic`), e.g.:

```
applyToTectonicRegionType="Active Shallow Crust"
```

## 3.2 The Seismic Source System

The Seismic Source System contains the model (or the models) describing position, geometry and activity of seismic sources of engineering importance for a set of sites as well as the possible epistemic uncertainties to be incorporated into the calculation of seismic hazard.

### 3.2.1 The Seismic Source Logic Tree

The structure of the Seismic Source Logic Tree consists of at least one branching level. This branching level is the one used to define the initial seismic source input model (or a number of initial seismic source models, see Figure 3.1).

The example provided below shows the simplest Seismic Source Logic Tree structure that can be defined in a PSHA input model for oq-engine. It's a logic tree with just one branching level containing one branch set with one branch used to define the initial seismic source model (its weight will be equal to one).

```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3   xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4   <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
5     <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b1">
6       <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="sourceModel"
7         branchSetID="bs1">
8         <logicTreeBranch branchID="b1">
9           <uncertaintyModel>seismic_source_model.xml
10          </uncertaintyModel>
11          <uncertaintyWeight>1.0</uncertaintyWeight>
12        </logicTreeBranch>
13      </logicTreeBranchSet>
14    </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
15  </logicTree>
16 </nrml>

```

**Listing 15** – Example seismic source model logic tree input file

The optional branching levels will contain rules that modify parameters of the sources in the initial seismic source model.

For example, if the epistemic uncertainties to be considered are source geometry and maximum magnitude, the modeller can create a logic tree structure with three initial seismic source models (each one exploring a different definition of the geometry of sources) and one branching level accounting for the epistemic uncertainty on the maximum magnitude. Below we provide an example of such logic tree structure. Note that the uncertainty on the maximum magnitude is specified in terms of relative increments with respect to the initial maximum magnitude defined for each source in the initial seismic source models.



```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3      xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4      <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
5
6          <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b11">
7              <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="sourceModel"
8                  branchSetID="bs1">
9                  <logicTreeBranch branchID="b1">
10                     <uncertaintyModel>seismic_source_model_A.xml
11                     </uncertaintyModel>
12                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.2</uncertaintyWeight>
13                 </logicTreeBranch>
14                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b2">
15                     <uncertaintyModel>seismic_source_model_B.xml
16                     </uncertaintyModel>
17                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.3</uncertaintyWeight>
18                 </logicTreeBranch>
19                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b3">
20                     <uncertaintyModel>seismic_source_model_C.xml
21                     </uncertaintyModel>
22                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.5</uncertaintyWeight>
23                 </logicTreeBranch>
24             </logicTreeBranchSet>
25         </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
26
27         <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b12">
28             <logicTreeBranchSet branchSetID="bs21"
29                 uncertaintyType="maxMagGRRRelative">
30                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b211">
31                     <uncertaintyModel>+0.0</uncertaintyModel>
32                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.6</uncertaintyWeight>
33                 </logicTreeBranch>
34                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b212">
35                     <uncertaintyModel>+0.5</uncertaintyModel>
36                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.4</uncertaintyWeight>
37                 </logicTreeBranch>
38             </logicTreeBranchSet>
39         </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
40
41     </logicTree>
42 </nrml>

```

**Listing 16** – Example source model logic tree structure

Starting from OpenQuake-engine v2.4, it is also possible to split a source model into several files and read them as if they were a single file. The file names for the different files comprising a source model should be provided in the source model logic tree file. For instance, a source

model could be split by tectonic region using the following syntax in the source model logic tree:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
      xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
  <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
    <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b11">
      <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="sourceModel"
        branchSetID="bs1">
        <logicTreeBranch branchID="b1">
          <uncertaintyModel>
            active_shallow_sources.xml
            stable_shallow_sources.xml
          </uncertaintyModel>
          <uncertaintyWeight>1.0</uncertaintyWeight>
        </logicTreeBranch>
      </logicTreeBranchSet>
    </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
  </logicTree>
</nrml>
```

### 3.2.2 The Seismic Source Model

The structure of the xml file representing the seismic source model corresponds to a list of sources, each one modelled using one out of the five typologies currently supported. Below we provide a schematic example of a seismic source model:

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4   <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
5     <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b11">
6       <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="sourceModel"
7         branchSetID="bs1">
8         <logicTreeBranch branchID="b1">
9           <uncertaintyModel>seismic_source_model.xml
10          </uncertaintyModel>
11          <uncertaintyWeight>1.0</uncertaintyWeight>
12        </logicTreeBranch>
13      </logicTreeBranchSet>
14    </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
15  </logicTree>
16 </nrml>
```

Listing 17 – Example seismic source model input file

### 3.3 The Ground Motion System

The Ground Motion System defines the models and the possible epistemic uncertainties related to ground motion modelling to be incorporated into the calculation.

#### 3.3.1 The Ground Motion Logic Tree

The structure of the ground-motion logic tree consists of a list of ground motion prediction equations for each tectonic region used to characterise the sources in the PSHA input model. The example below in Listing 18 shows a simple ground-motion logic tree. This logic tree assumes that all the sources in the PSHA input model belong to “Active Shallow Crust” and uses for calculation the Chiou and Youngs, (2008) GMPE.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4   <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
5     <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b1">
6       <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="gmpeModel"
7         branchSetID="bs1"
8         applyToTectonicRegionType="Active Shallow Crust">
9
10        <logicTreeBranch branchID="b1">
11          <uncertaintyModel>
12            ChiouYoungs2008
13          </uncertaintyModel>
14          <uncertaintyWeight>1.0</uncertaintyWeight>
15        </logicTreeBranch>
16
17      </logicTreeBranchSet>
18    </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
19  </logicTree>
20 </nrml>
```

Listing 18 – Example ground motion logic tree input file

### 3.4 Configuration file

The configuration file is the primary file controlling both the definition of the input model as well as parameters governing the calculation. We illustrate in the following different examples of the configuration file addressing different types of seismic hazard calculations.

#### 3.4.1 Classical PSHA

In the following we describe the overall structure and the most typical parameters of a configuration file to be used for the computation of a seismic hazard map using a classical

PSHA methodology.

### Calculation type and model info

```

1 [general]
2 description = A demo OpenQuake-engine .ini file for classical PSHA
3 calculation_mode = classical
4 random_seed = 1024

```

In this section the user specifies the following parameters:

- `description`: a parameter that can be used to designate the model
- `calculation_mode`: it is used to set the kind of calculation. In this case it corresponds to `classical`. Alternative options for the `calculation_mode` are described later in this manual.
- `random_seed`: is used to control the random generator so that when Monte Carlo procedures are used calculations are replicable (if the same `random_seed` is used you get exactly the same results).

### Geometry of the area (or the sites) where hazard is computed

This section is used to specify where the hazard will be computed. Two options are available: The first option is to define a polygon (usually a rectangle) and a distance (in km) to be used to discretize the polygon area. The polygon is defined by a list of longitude-latitude tuples. An example is provided below:

```

5 [geometry]
6 region = 10.0 43.0, 12.0 43.0, 12.0 46.0, 10.0 46.0
7 region_grid_spacing = 10.0

```

The second option allows the definition of a number of sites where the hazard will be computed. Each site is specified in terms of a longitude, latitude tuple. Optionally, if the user wants to consider the elevation of the sites, a value of depth [km] can also be specified, where positive values indicate below sea level, and negative values indicate above sea level (i.e. the topographic surface). If no value of depth is given for a site, it is assumed to be zero. An example is provided below:

```

8 [geometry]
9 sites = 10.0 43.0, 12.0 43.0, 12.0 46.0, 10.0 46.0

```

If the list of sites is too long the user can specify the name of a csv file as shown below:

```

10 [geometry]
11 sites_csv = <name_of_the_csv_file>

```

The format of the csv file containing the list of sites is a sequence of points (one per row) specified in terms of the longitude, latitude tuple. Depth values are again optional. An example is provided below:

```
179.0,90.0  
178.0,89.0  
177.0,88.0
```

### Logic tree sampling

The oq-engine provides two options for processing the whole logic tree structure. The first option uses Montecarlo sampling; the user in this case specifies a number of realizations. In the second option all the possible realizations are created. Below we provide an example for the latter option. In this case we set the `number_of_logic_tree_samples` to 0. oq-engine will perform a complete enumeration of all the possible paths from the roots to the leaves of the logic tree structure.

```
12 [logic_tree]  
13 number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0
```

If the seismic source logic tree and the ground motion logic tree do not contain epistemic uncertainties the engine will create a single PSHA input.

### Generation of the earthquake rupture forecast

```
14 [erf]  
15 rupture_mesh_spacing = 5  
16 width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1  
17 area_source_discretization = 10
```

This section of the configuration file is used to specify the level of discretization of the mesh representing faults, the grid used to delineate the area sources and, the magnitude-frequency distribution. Note that the smaller is the mesh spacing (or the bin width) the larger are (1) the precision in the calculation and (2) the computation demand.

In cases where the source model may contain a mixture of simple and complex ruptures it is possible to define a different rupture mesh spacing for complex faults only. This may be helpful in models that permit floating ruptures over large subduction sources, in which the nearest source to site distances may be larger than 20 - 30 km, and for which a small mesh spacing would produce a very large number of ruptures. The spacing for complex faults only can be configured by the line:

```
18 complex_fault_mesh_spacing = 10
```

### Parameters describing site conditions

```
18 [site_params]  
19 reference_vs30_type = measured  
20 reference_vs30_value = 760.0  
21 reference_depth_to_2pt5km_per_sec = 5.0  
22 reference_depth_to_1pt0km_per_sec = 100.0
```

In this section the user specifies local soil conditions. The simplest solution is to define uniform site conditions (i.e. all the sites have the same characteristics).

Alternatively it is possible to define spatially variable soil properties in a separate file; the engine will then assign to each investigation location the values of the closest point used to specify site conditions.

```
23 [site_params]
24 site_model_file = site_model.xml
```

The file containing the site model has the following structure:

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4   <siteModel>
5     <site lon="10.0" lat="40.0" vs30="800.0"
6         vs30Type="inferred" z1pt0="19.367196734"
7         z2pt5="0.588625072259" backarc="false"/>
8     <site lon="10.1" lat="40.0" vs30="800.0"
9         vs30Type="inferred" z1pt0="19.367196734"
10        z2pt5="0.588625072259" backarc="false"/>
11    <site lon="10.2" lat="40.0" vs30="800.0"
12        vs30Type="inferred" z1pt0="19.367196734"
13        z2pt5="0.588625072259" backarc="false"/>
14    <site lon="10.3" lat="40.0" vs30="800.0"
15        vs30Type="inferred" z1pt0="19.367196734"
16        z2pt5="0.588625072259" backarc="false"/>
17    <site lon="10.4" lat="40.0" vs30="800.0"
18        vs30Type="inferred" z1pt0="19.367196734"
19        z2pt5="0.588625072259" backarc="false"/>
20    ...
21   </siteModel>
22 </nrml>
```

**Listing 19** – Example site model input file

If the closest available site with soil conditions is at a distance greater than 5 km from the investigation location, a warning is generated.

### Calculation configuration

```
25 [calculation]
26 source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
27 gsim_logic_tree_file = gmpe_logic_tree.xml
28 investigation_time = 50.0
29 intensity_measure_types_and_levels = {"PGA": [0.005, ..., 2.13]}
30 truncation_level = 3
31 maximum_distance = 200.0
```

This section of the oq-engine configuration file specifies the parameters that are relevant for the calculation of hazard. These include the names of the two files containing the Seismic

Source System and the Ground Motion System, the duration of the time window used to compute the hazard, the ground motion intensity measure types and levels for which the probability of exceedence will be computed, the level of truncation of the Gaussian distribution of the logarithm of ground motion used in the calculation of hazard and the maximum integration distance (i.e. the distance within which sources will contribute to the computation of the hazard).

The maximum distance refers to the largest distance between a rupture and the target calculation sites in order for the rupture to be considered in the PSHA calculation. This can be input directly in terms of kilometres (as above). There may be cases, however, in which it may be appropriate to have a different maximum source to site distance depending on the tectonic region type. This may be used, for example, to eliminate the impact of small, very far-field sources in regions of high attenuation (in which case maximum distance is reduced), or conversely it may be raised to allow certain source types to contribute to the hazard at greater distances (such as in the case when the region has lower attenuation). An example configuration for a maximum distance in Active Shallow Crust of 150 km, and in Stable Continental Crust of 200 km, is shown below:

```
31 maximum_distance = {'Active Shallow Crust': 150.0,  
32                    'Stable Continental Crust': 200.0}
```

An even more advanced approach is to use a maximum distance depending on the magnitude (magnitude-distance filter): in that case the user must specify the maximum distance per a discrete set of magnitudes. Here is an example:

```
maximum_distance = {'Active Shallow Crust': [(8, 250), (7, 150), (5, 50)],  
                   'Stable Continental Crust': [(8, 300), (7, 200), (5, 100)]}
```

You should read this example as follows: for Active Shallow Crust

- keep sites within 250 km from the rupture if the magnitude is  $\leq 8$
- keep sites within 150 km from the rupture if the magnitude is  $\leq 7$
- keep sites within 50 km from the rupture if the magnitude is  $\leq 5$

while for Stable Continental Crust

- keep sites within 300 km from the rupture if the magnitude is  $\leq 8$
- keep sites within 200 km from the rupture if the magnitude is  $\leq 7$
- keep sites within 100 km from the rupture if the magnitude is  $\leq 5$

It is also possible to define something like the following:

```
maximum_distance = [(8, 250), (7, 150), (5, 50)]
```

In this case the same magnitude-distance filter is used for all tectonic region types.

If the magnitude is above the maximum magnitude of the filter (in this example 8) we keep the sites within 2000 km of the ruptures, i.e. effectively we do not filter.

Notice that the filtering has a big impact on the performance, by reducing the maximum distance for small magnitudes one can easily speed up the calculations by 2-3 times or more,

without losing much precision.

### Output

```

31 [output]
32 export_dir = outputs/
33 # given the specified 'intensity_measure_types_and_levels'
34 mean_hazard_curves = true
35 quantile_hazard_curves = 0.1 0.5 0.9
36 uniform_hazard_spectra = false
37 poes = 0.1

```

The final section of the configuration file is the one that contains the parameters controlling the types of output to be produced. Providing an export directory will tell OpenQuake where to place the output files when the `--exports` flag is used when running the program. Setting `mean_hazard_curves` to true will result in a specific output containing the mean curves of the logic tree, likewise `quantile_hazard_curves` will produce separate files containing the quantile hazard curves at the quantiles listed (0.1, 0.5 and 0.9 in the example above, leave blank or omit if no quantiles are required). Setting `uniform_hazard_spectra` to true will output the uniform hazard spectra at the same probabilities of exceedence (poes) as those specified by the later option `poes`. The probabilities specified here correspond to the set investigation time. Specifying `poes` will output hazard maps. For more information about the outputs of the calculation, see the section: “Description of hazard output” (page 72).

### 3.4.2 Seismic hazard disaggregation

In this section we describe the structure of the configuration file to be used to complete a seismic hazard disaggregation. Since only a few parts of the standard configuration file need to be changed we can use the description given in Section 3.4.1 at page 59 as a reference and we emphasize herein major differences.

```

1 [general]
2 description = A demo .ini file for PSHA disaggregation
3 calculation_mode = disaggregation
4 random_seed = 1024

```

The calculation mode parameter in this case is set as `disaggregation`.

#### Geometry of the area (or the sites) where hazard is computed

```

5 [geometry]
6 sites = 11.0 44.5

```

In the section it is necessary to specify the geographic coordinates of the site(s) where the disaggregation will be performed. The coordinates of multiple site should be separated with a comma.

#### Disaggregation parameters

The disaggregation parameters need to be added to the the standard configuration file. They are shown in the following example and a description of each parameter is provided below.



```
7 [disaggregation]
8 poes_disagg = 0.02, 0.1
9 mag_bin_width = 1.0
10 distance_bin_width = 25.0
11 coordinate_bin_width = 1.5
12 num_epsilon_bins = 3
13 disagg_outputs = Mag_Dist_Eps Mag_Lon_Lat
```

- `poes_disagg`: disaggregation is performed for the intensity measure levels corresponding to the probability of exceedance value(s) provided here. The computations use the `investigation_time` and the `intensity_measure_types_and_levels` defined in the “Calculation configuration” section (see page 62). For the `poes_disagg` the intensity measure level(s) for the disaggregation are inferred by performing a classical calculation and by inverting the hazard curves.
- `iml_disagg`: the intensity measure level(s) to be disaggregated can be directly defined by specifying `iml_disagg`. Note that a disaggregation computation requires either `poes_disagg` or `iml_disagg` to be defined, but both cannot be defined at the same time.
- `mag_bin_width`: mandatory; specifies the width of every magnitude histogram bin of the disaggregation matrix computed
- `distance_bin_width`: specifies the width of every distance histogram bin of the disaggregation matrix computed (km)
- `coordinate_bin_width`: specifies the width of every longitude-latitude histogram bin of the disaggregation matrix computed (decimal degrees)
- `num_epsilon_bins`: mandatory; specifies the number of epsilon histogram bins of the disaggregation matrix. The width of the epsilon bins depends on the `truncation_level` defined in the “Calculation configuration” section (page 62)
- `disagg_outputs`: optional; specifies the type(s) of disaggregation to be computed. The options are: `Mag`, `Dist`, `Lon_Lat`, `Lon_Lat_TRT`, `Mag_Dist`, `Mag_Dist_Eps`, `Mag_Lon_Lat`, `TRT`. If none are specified, then all are computed. More details of the disaggregation output are given in the “Outputs from Hazard Disaggregation” section, see page 76)
- `disagg_by_src`: optional; if specified and set to true, disaggregation by source is computed. This option currently only works if the logic tree is trivial (i.e. there is only one realization).

As mentioned above, the user also has the option to perform disaggregation by directly specifying the intensity measure level to be disaggregated, rather than specifying the probability of exceedance. An example is shown below:

```
7 [disaggregation]
8 iml_disagg = {'PGA': 0.1}
```

If `iml_disagg` is specified, the user should not include `intensity_measure_types_and_levels` in the “Calculation configuration” section (see page 62) since it is explicitly given here.

### Statistical Disaggregation Outputs

When there is more than 1 logic tree realization, the disaggregation is computed for each realization. Additionally, if `mean_hazard_curves` is set to true, or `quantile_hazard_curves` are specified (see “Calculation configuration” section, page 62) then disaggregation will also be performed for the mean hazard and/or the specified quantiles.

### 3.4.3 Event based PSHA

In the following we describe the sections of the configuration file that are required to complete event based PSHA calculations

#### Calculation type and model info

This part is almost identical to the corresponding one described in Section 3.4.1. Note the setting of the `calculation_mode` parameter which now corresponds to `event_based`.

```

1 [general]
2 description = A demo OpenQuake-engine .ini file for event based PSHA
3 calculation_mode = event_based
4 random_seed = 1024

```

#### Event based parameters

This section is used to specify the number of stochastic event sets to be generated for each logic tree realisation (each stochastic event set represents a potential realisation of seismicity during the `investigation_time` specified in the `calculation_configuration` part). Additionally, in this section the user can specify the spatial correlation model to be used for the generation of ground motion fields.

```

ses_per_logic_tree_path = 5
ground_motion_correlation_model = JB2009
ground_motion_correlation_params = {"vs30_clustering": True}

```

The acceptable flags for the parameter `vs30_clustering` are `False` and `True`, with a capital F and T respectively. 0 and 1 are also acceptable flags.

#### Output

This part substitutes the Output part described in the configuration file example described in the Section 3.4.1 at page 59.

```
[output]
export_dir = /tmp/xxx
save_ruptures = true
ground_motion_fields = true
# post-process ground motion fields into hazard curves,
# given the specified 'intensity_measure_types_and_levels'
hazard_curves_from_gmfs = true
mean_hazard_curves = true
quantile_hazard_curves = 0.15 0.5 0.85
poes = 0.1 0.2
```

Starting from OpenQuake-engine v2.2, it is now possible to export information about the ruptures directly in CSV format.

The option `hazard_curves_from_gmfs` instructs the user to use the event-based ground motion values to provide hazard curves indicating the probabilities of exceeding the intensity measure levels set previously in the `intensity_measure_types_and_levels` option.

#### 3.4.4 Scenario hazard

In order to run this calculator, the parameter `calculation_mode` needs to be set to `scenario`. The basic job configuration file required for running a scenario hazard calculation is shown in Listing 20.

Most of the job configuration parameters required for running a scenario hazard calculation seen in the example in Listing 20 are the same as those described in the previous sections for the classical PSHA calculator (Section 3.4.1) and the event-based PSHA calculator (Section 3.4.3). The set of sites at which the ground motion fields will be produced can be specified by using either the `sites` or `sites_csv` parameters, or the `region` and `region_grid_spacing` parameters, similar to the classical PSHA and event-based PSHA calculators. The parameter unique to the scenario calculator is described below:

- `number_of_ground_motion_fields`: this parameter is used to specify the number of Monte Carlo simulations of the ground motion values at the specified sites
- `gsim`: this parameter indicates the name of a ground motion prediction equation (a list of available GMPEs can be obtained using `oq info -g` or `oq info --gsims` and these are also documented at: <http://docs.openquake.org/oq-engine/2.8/openquake.hazardlib.gsim.html>)

Multiple ground motion prediction equations can be used for a scenario hazard calculation by providing a GMPE logic tree file (described previously in Section 3.3.1) using the parameter `gsim_logic_tree_file`. In this case, the OpenQuake-engine generates ground motion fields for all GMPEs specified in the logic tree file. The branch weights in the logic tree file are ignored in a scenario analysis and only the individual branch results are computed. Mean or quantile ground motion fields will not be generated.

The ground motion fields will be computed at each of the sites and for each of the intensity measure types specified in the job configuration file. The above calculation can be run using

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Scenario Hazard Config File
3 calculation_mode = scenario
4
5 [sites]
6 sites_csv = sites.csv
7
8 [rupture]
9 rupture_model_file = rupture_model.xml
10 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2.0
11
12 [site_params]
13 site_model_file = site_model.xml
14
15 [correlation]
16 ground_motion_correlation_model = JB2009
17 ground_motion_correlation_params = {"vs30_clustering": True}
18
19 [hazard_calculation]
20 intensity_measure_types = PGA, SA(0.3), SA(1.0)
21 random_seed = 42
22 truncation_level = 3.0
23 maximum_distance = 200.0
24 gsim = BooreAtkinson2008
25 number_of_ground_motion_fields = 1000
```

**Listing 20** – Example configuration file for a scenario hazard calculation ([Download example](#))

the command line:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job.ini
```

After the calculation is completed, a message similar to the following will be displayed:

```
Calculation 260 completed in 3 seconds. Results:  
  id | name  
 569 | Ground Motion Fields
```



## 4. Hazard Calculations and Results

In this Chapter we provide a description of the main commands available for running hazard with the oq-engine and the file formats used to represent the results of the analyses.

A general introduction on the use of the OpenQuake-engine is provided in Chapter 1 at page 15. The reader is invited to consult this part before diving into the following sections.

### 4.1 Running OpenQuake-engine for hazard calculations

The execution of a hazard analysis using the OpenQuake-engine is straightforward. Below we provide an example of the simplest command that can be used to launch a hazard calculation. It consists in the invocation of `oq engine` together with the `--run` option, and the name of a configuration file (in the example below it corresponds to `job.ini`):

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --run job.ini
```

The amount of information prompted during the execution of the analysis can be controlled through the `--log-level` flag as shown in the example below:

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --run job.ini --log-level debug
```

In this example we ask the engine to provide an extensive amount of information (usually not justified for a standard analysis). Alternative options are: `debug`, `info`, `warn`, `error`, `critical`.

### 4.2 Exporting results from a hazard calculation

There are two alternative ways to get results from the OpenQuake-engine: directly through the calculation or by exporting them from the internal oq-engine database once a calculation is completed.

The first option is defined at the OpenQuake-engine invocation through the flag `-exports`

xml, as shown in the example below:

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --run job.ini --exports xml
```

This will export the results to the `results` directory specified in the `job.ini` file.

The second option allows the user to export the computed results or just a subset of them whenever they want. In order to obtain the list of results of the hazard calculations stored in the `oq-engine` database the user can utilize the `--lhc` command ('list hazard calculations') to list the hazard calculations:

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --lhc
```

The execution of this command will produce a list similar to the one provided below (the numbers in red are the calculations IDs):

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --lhc
job_id | status | start_time | description
1 | failed | 2013-03-01 09:49:34 | Classical PSHA
2 | successful | 2013-03-01 09:49:56 | Classical PSHA
3 | failed | 2013-03-01 10:24:04 | Classical PSHA
4 | failed | 2013-03-01 10:28:16 | Classical PSHA
5 | failed | 2013-03-01 10:30:04 | Classical PSHA
6 | successful | 2013-03-01 10:31:53 | Classical PSHA
7 | failed | 2013-03-09 08:15:14 | Classical PSHA
8 | successful | 2013-03-09 08:18:04 | Classical PSHA
```

Subsequently the user can get the list of result stored for a specific hazard analysis by using the `--list-outputs`, or `--lo`, command, as in the example below (note that the number in blue emphasizes the result ID):

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --lo <calc_id>
id | name
3 | hcurves
```

and finally extract an xml file for a specific hazard result:

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --export-outputs <result_id> <output_folder>
```

### 4.3 Description of hazard outputs

The results generated by the OpenQuake-engine are fundamentally of two distinct typologies differentiated by the presence (or absence) of epistemic uncertainty in the PSHA input model. When epistemic uncertainty is incorporated into the calculation, the OpenQuake-engine calculators (e.g. Classical PSHA, Event Based PSHA, Disaggregation, UHS) produce a set of



results (i.e. hazard curves, ground motion fields, disaggregation matrices, UHS, for each logic-tree realisation) which reflects epistemic uncertainties introduced in the PSHA input model. For each logic tree sample, results are computed and stored. Calculation of results statistics (mean, standard deviation, quantiles) are supported by all the calculators.

By default, OpenQuake will export only the statistical results, i.e. mean curves and quantiles. If the user requires the complete results for all realizations, there is a specific command for that, 'oq extract hazard/all'. Beware that if the logic tree contains a large number of end branches the process of exporting the results from each end branch can add a significant amount of time - possibly longer than the computation time - and result in a large volume of disk space being used. In this case it is best to postprocess the data programmatically. Please contact us and we will be happy to give directions on how to do that in Python.

### 4.3.1 Outputs from Classical PSHA

By default, the classical PSHA calculator computes and stores hazard curves for each logic tree sample considered.

When the PSHA input model doesn't contain epistemic uncertainties the results is a set of hazard curves (one for each investigated site). The command below illustrates how is possible to retrieve the group of hazard curves obtained for a calculation with a given identifier <calc\_id> (see Section 4.2 for an explanation about how to obtain the list of calculations performed with their corresponding ID):

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --lo <calc_id>
id | name
3 | Hazard Curves
4 | Realizations
```

To export from the database the outputs (in this case hazard curves) contained in one of the output identifies, one can do so with the following command:

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --export-output <output_id> <output_directory>
```

Alternatively, if the user wishes to export all of the outputs associated with a particular calculation then they can use the `--export-outputs` with the corresponding calculation key:

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --export-outputs <calc_id> <output_directory>
```

The exports will produce one or more nrml files containing the seismic hazard curves, as represented below in Listing 21.

Notwithstanding the intuitiveness of this file, let's have a brief overview of the information included. The overall content of this file is a list of hazard curves, one for each investigated

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4   <hazardCurves sourceModelTreePath="b1|b212"
5     gsimTreePath="b2" IMT="PGA"
6     investigationTime="50.0">
7     <IMLs>0.005 0.007 0.0098 ... 1.09 1.52 2.13</IMLs>
8     <hazardCurve>
9       <gml:Point>
10        <gml:pos>10.0 45.0</gml:pos>
11      </gml:Point>
12      <poEs>1.0 1.0 1.0 ... 0.0006888359310522 0.0 0.0</poEs>
13    </hazardCurve>
14    ...
15    <hazardCurve>
16      <gml:Point>
17        <gml:pos>lon lat</gml:pos>
18      </gml:Point>
19      <poEs>poe1 poe2 ... poeN</poEs>
20    </hazardCurve>
21  </hazardCurves>
22 </nrml>
```

**Listing 21** – Example hazard curves NRML output file

site, computed using a PSHA input model representing one possible realisation obtained using the complete logic tree structure.

The attributes of the `hazardCurves` element (see text in red) specify the path of the logic tree used to create the seismic source model (`sourceModelTreePath`) and the ground motion model (`gsimTreePath`) plus the intensity measure type and the investigation time used to compute the probability of exceedance.

The IMLs element (in green in the example) contains the values of shaking used by the engine to compute the probability of exceedance in the investigation time. For each site this file contains a `hazardCurve` element which has the coordinates (longitude and latitude in decimal degrees) of the site and the values of the probability of exceedance for all the intensity measure levels specified in the IMLs element.

If the hazard calculation is configured to produce results including seismic hazard maps and uniform hazard spectra, then the list of outputs would display the following:

```
user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --lo <calc_id>
id | name
2 | Full Report
3 | Hazard Curves
4 | Hazard Maps
5 | Realizations
6 | Uniform Hazard Spectra
5 | Seismic Source Groups
```

Listing 22 shows a sample of the nrml file used to describe a hazard map, and Listing 23 shows a sample of the nrml used to describe a uniform hazard spectrum.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4   <hazardMap sourceModelTreePath="b1" gsimTreePath="b1"
5     IMT="PGA" investigationTime="50.0" poE="0.1">
6     <node lon="119.596690957" lat="21.5497682591" iml="0.204569990197"/>
7     <node lon="119.596751048" lat="21.6397004197" iml="0.212391638188"/>
8     <node lon="119.596811453" lat="21.7296325803" iml="0.221407505615"/>
9     ...
10  </hazardMap>
11 </nrml>
```

Listing 22 – Example hazard map NRML output file

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4     <uniformHazardSpectra sourceModelTreePath="b1_b2_b4"
5         gsimTreePath="b1_b2"
6         investigationTime="50.0" poE="0.1">
7         <periods>0.0 0.025 0.1 0.2</periods>
8         <uhs>
9             <gml:Point>
10                <gml:pos>0.0 0.0</gml:pos>
11            </gml:Point>
12            <IMLs>0.3 0.5 0.2 0.1</IMLs>
13        </uhs>
14        <uhs>
15            <gml:Point>
16                <gml:pos>0.0 1.0</gml:pos>
17            </gml:Point>
18            <IMLs>0.3 0.5 0.2 0.1</IMLs>
19        </uhs>
20    </uniformHazardSpectra>
21 </nrml>

```

**Listing 23** – Example uniform hazard spectrum NRML output file

### 4.3.2 Outputs from Hazard Disaggregation

The OpenQuake-engine output of a disaggregation analysis corresponds to the combination of a hazard curve and a multidimensional matrix containing the results of the disaggregation. For a typical disaggregation calculation the list of outputs are the following:

```

user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --lo <calc_id>
id | name
3 | Disaggregation Outputs
4 | Disaggregation Statistics
5 | Full Report
6 | Realizations
6 | Seismic Source Groups

```

Note that if the logic tree only contains one realization, then Disaggregation Statistics will not be computed nor listed in the output.

Running `--export-output` to export the disaggregation results will produce individual files for each IMT, probability of exceedence and logic tree realisation. In the following inset we show an example of the nrml file used to represent the different disaggregation matrices (highlighted in red) produced by oq-engine:

```

<?xml version="2.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

```

```

<nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
  xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
  <disaggMatrices sourceModelTreePath="b1" gsimTreePath="b1" IMT="PGA"
    investigationTime="50.0" lon="10.1" lat="40.1"
    magBinEdges="5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0"
    distBinEdges="0.0, 25.0, 50.0, 75.0, 100.0"
    lonBinEdges="9.0, 10.5, 12.0"
    latBinEdges="39.0, 40.5"
    pdfBinEdges="-3.0, -1.0, 1.0, 3.0"
    tectonicRegionTypes="Active Shallow Crust">
    <disaggMatrix type="Mag" dims="3" poE="0.1"
      iml="0.033424622602">
      <prob index="0" value="0.987374744394"/>
      <prob index="1" value="0.704295394366"/>
      <prob index="2" value="0.0802318409498"/>
    </disaggMatrix>
    <disaggMatrix type="Dist" dims="4" poE="0.1"
      iml="0.033424622602">
      <prob index="0" value="0.700851969171"/>
      <prob index="1" value="0.936680387051"/>
      <prob index="2" value="0.761883595568"/>
      <prob index="3" value="0.238687565571"/>
    </disaggMatrix>
    <disaggMatrix type="TRT" dims="1" poE="0.1"
      iml="0.033424622602">
      <prob index="0" value="0.996566187011"/>
    </disaggMatrix>
    <disaggMatrix type="Mag,Dist" dims="3,4" poE="0.1"
      iml="0.033424622602">
      <prob index="2,3" value="0.0"/>
    </disaggMatrix>
    <disaggMatrix type="Mag,Dist,pdf" dims="3,4,3" poE="0.1"
      iml="0.033424622602">
      <prob index="0,0,0" value="0.0785857271425"/>
      ...
    </disaggMatrix>
    <disaggMatrix type="Lon,Lat" dims="2,1" poE="0.1"
      iml="0.033424622602">
      <prob index="0,0" value="0.996566187011"/>
      <prob index="1,0" value="0.0"/>
    </disaggMatrix>
    <disaggMatrix type="Mag,Lon,Lat" dims="3,2,1" poE="0.1"
      iml="0.033424622602">
      <prob index="0,0,0" value="0.987374744394"/>
      <prob index="0,1,0" value="0.0"/>

```

```

    <prob index="1,0,0" value="0.704295394366"/>
    <prob index="1,1,0" value="0.0"/>
    <prob index="2,0,0" value="0.0802318409498"/>
    <prob index="2,1,0" value="0.0"/>
  </disaggMatrix>
  <disaggMatrix type="Lon,Lat,TRT" dims="2,1,1" poE="0.1"
    iml="0.033424622602">
    <prob index="0,0,0" value="0.996566187011"/>
    <prob index="1,0,0" value="0.0"/>
  </disaggMatrix>
</disaggMatrices>
</nrml>

```

### 4.3.3 Outputs from Event Based PSHA

The Event Based PSHA calculator computes and stores stochastic event sets and the corresponding ground motion fields. This calculator can also produce hazard curves and hazard maps exactly in the same way as done using the Classical PSHA calculator. The inset below shows an example of the list of results provided by the oq-engine at the end of an event-based PSHA calculation:

```

user@ubuntu:~$ oq engine --lo <calc_id>
id | name
10 | Ground Motion Fields
11 | Hazard Curves
12 | Hazard Maps
13 | Realizations
14 | ruptures
15 | Seismic Source Groups
16 | Uniform Hazard Spectra

```

This list in the inset above contains a set of ruptures (in blue) and their corresponding sets of ground motion fields (in red). Exporting the outputs from the ruptures will produce, for each realisation, an NRML file containing a collection of ruptures. An example is shown below in Listing 24.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
  xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
  <ruptureCollection sourceModelTreePath="b1"
    investigationTime="50.0">
    <ruptureGroup id="0" tectonicRegion="Active Shallow Crust">
      <singlePlaneRupture id="13681" multiplicity="1">
        <stochasticEventSets>

```

```

    <SES id="7">
      34359738368
    </SES>
  </stochasticEventSets>
  <magnitude>
    5.05
  </magnitude>
  <strike>
    0.0
  </strike>
  <dip>
    90.0
  </dip>
  <rake>
    0.0
  </rake>
  <hypocenter depth="5" lat="-0.20469" lon="-0.09530"/>
  <planarSurface>
    <topLeft depth="3.1741" lat="-0.221115" lon="-0.095302"/>
    <topRight depth="3.1741" lat="-0.18827" lon="-0.095302"/>
    <bottomLeft depth="6.82587" lat="-0.221115" lon="-0.095302"/>
    <bottomRight depth="6.82587" lat="-0.188274" lon="-0.095302"/>
  </planarSurface>
</singlePlaneRupture>
</ruptureGroup>
</ruptureCollection>
</nrml>

```

The text in red shows the part which describes the generated stochastic event sets and the investigation time covered. Inside the <SES> tag there is a list of integers (a single integer in this example) which are unique IDs for the seismic events associated to the rupture. In general a rupture can occur more than once and the number of events is given by the multiplicity attribute (in this case 1).

The text in blue emphasises the portion of the text used to describe a rupture. The information provided describes entirely the geometry of the rupture as well as its rupturing properties (e.g. rake, magnitude). The rupture ID is an integer that represents each rupture uniquely: it should not be confused with the event ID.

The outputs from the GMFs can be exported either in the xml or csv formats. If the GMFs are exported in the xml format, the oq-engine will produce an xml file for each realisation with the corresponding ground motion fields. Listing 25 is an example of a gmf collection NRML file containing one ground motion field:

Exporting the outputs from the GMFs in the csv format results in two csv files illustrated in the example files in Table 4.1 and Table 4.5. The sites csv file provides the association

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4   <ruptureCollection sourceModelTreePath="b1"
5     investigationTime="50.0">
6     <ruptureGroup id="0" tectonicRegion="Active Shallow Crust">
7       <singlePlaneRupture id="13681" multiplicity="1">
8         <stochasticEventSets>
9           <SES id="7">
10             34359738368
11           </SES>
12         </stochasticEventSets>
13         <magnitude>
14           5.05
15         </magnitude>
16         <strike>
17           0.0
18         </strike>
19         <dip>
20           90.0
21         </dip>
22         <rake>
23           0.0
24         </rake>
25         <hypocenter depth="5" lat="-0.20469" lon="-0.09530"/>
26         <planarSurface>
27           <topLeft depth="3.1741" lat="-0.221115" lon="-0.095302"/>
28           <topRight depth="3.1741" lat="-0.18827" lon="-0.095302"/>
29           <bottomLeft depth="6.82587" lat="-0.221115" lon="-0.095302"/>
30           <bottomRight depth="6.82587" lat="-0.188274" lon="-0.095302"/>
31         </planarSurface>
32       </singlePlaneRupture>
33     </ruptureGroup>
34   </ruptureCollection>
35 </nrml>
```

Listing 24 – Example of NRML file containing a collection of ruptures



```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5"
3     xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml">
4   <gmfCollection gsimTreePath="b11_b21"
5     sourceModelTreePath="b1">
6     <gmfSet investigationTime="50.0"
7       stochasticEventSetId="1">
8       <gmf IMT="PGA"
9         ruptureId="1194000908288">
10        <node gmv="7.8450494E-02" lat="3.81130E+01" lon="-1.22570E+02"/>
11        <node gmv="4.4745952E-02" lat="3.81130E+01" lon="-1.22114E+02"/>
12        <node gmv="3.3465099E-02" lat="3.79100E+01" lon="-1.22000E+02"/>
13        <node gmv="4.4134080E-02" lat="3.80000E+01" lon="-1.22000E+02"/>
14        <node gmv="1.5786162E-01" lat="3.81130E+01" lon="-1.22000E+02"/>
15        <node gmv="9.7749807E-02" lat="3.82250E+01" lon="-1.22000E+02"/>
16        <node gmv="8.9097507E-02" lat="3.81130E+01" lon="-1.21886E+02"/>
17      </gmf>
18      ...
19      ...
20    </gmfSet>
21  </gmfCollection>
22 </nrml>
```

**Listing 25** – Example ground motion field collection output file comprising a single GMF

between the site ids in the GMFs csv file with their latitude and longitude coordinates.

rlzi	sid	eid	gmv_PGA	gmv_SA(0.3)	gmv_SA(1.0)
0	0	8589934592	0.0089	0.0686	0.0065
0	0	21474836481	0.0219	0.0325	0.0164
...	...	...	...	...	...
0	6	2087354108429	0.0246	0.0244	0.0036
1	0	8589934592	0.0189	0.0327	0.0094
1	0	8589934593	0.0286	0.0683	0.0471
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
7	6	4161823309857	0.3182	1.2973	0.6127
7	6	4161823309858	0.2219	0.6200	0.5069

**Table 4.1** – Example of a ground motion fields csv output file for an event based hazard calculation

The ‘Seismic Source Groups’ output produces a csv file listing the tectonic region types involved in the calculation and the effective number of ruptures generated by each of them. An example of such a file is shown below in Table 4.2.

grp_id	trt	eff_ruptures
0	Active Shallow Crust	283
1	Stable Shallow Crust	24
2	Subduction Interface	2

**Table 4.2** – Example of a source groups output file

The ‘Realizations’ output produces a csv file listing the source model and the combination of ground shaking intensity models for each path sampled from the logic tree. An example of such a file is shown below in Table 4.3.

ordinal	uid	model	gsim	weight
0	b1~b11_b21	source_model_1.xml	BooreAtkinson2008() AkkarBommer2010()	0.1125
1	b1~b11_b22	source_model_1.xml	BooreAtkinson2008() ChiouYoungs2008()	0.075
2	b1~b12_b21	source_model_1.xml	ChiouYoungs2008() AkkarBommer2010()	0.0375
3	b1~b12_b22	source_model_1.xml	ChiouYoungs2008() ChiouYoungs2008()	0.025
4	b2~b11_b21	source_model_2.xml	BooreAtkinson2008() AkkarBommer2010()	0.3375
5	b2~b11_b22	source_model_2.xml	BooreAtkinson2008() ChiouYoungs2008()	0.225
6	b2~b12_b21	source_model_2.xml	ChiouYoungs2008() AkkarBommer2010()	0.1125
7	b2~b12_b22	source_model_2.xml	ChiouYoungs2008() ChiouYoungs2008()	0.075

**Table 4.3** – Example of a realizations file

#### 4.3.4 Outputs from Scenario Hazard Analysis

By default, the scenario hazard calculator computes and stores GMFs for each GMPE specified in the job configuration file. The GMFs will be computed at each of the sites and for each of the intensity measure types specified in the job configuration file.

Exporting the outputs from the GMFs in the xml format will produce an xml file for each realisation containing the corresponding ground motion fields. Listing 26 is an example of a GMF collection NRML file containing one GMF:

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5"
3      xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml">
4
5  <gmfCollection gsimTreePath="BooreAtkinson2008">
6  <gmfSet stochasticEventSetId="0">
7  <gmf IMT="PGA" ruptureId="0">
8      <node gmv="6.2110670E-02" lat="3.8113000E+01" lon="-1.2257000E+02"/>
9      <node gmv="8.5740492E-02" lat="3.8113000E+01" lon="-1.2211400E+02"/>
10     <node gmv="2.2349268E-01" lat="3.7910000E+01" lon="-1.2200000E+02"/>
11     <node gmv="2.1841662E-01" lat="3.8000000E+01" lon="-1.2200000E+02"/>
12     <node gmv="1.6976549E-01" lat="3.8113000E+01" lon="-1.2200000E+02"/>
13     <node gmv="3.7024489E-01" lat="3.8225000E+01" lon="-1.2200000E+02"/>
14     <node gmv="8.2447365E-02" lat="3.8113000E+01" lon="-1.2188600E+02"/>
15 </gmf>
16
17     ...
18
19 <gmf IMT="SA" ruptureId="999" saDamping="5.0" saPeriod="1.0">
20     <node gmv="1.0806067E-01" lat="3.8113000E+01" lon="-1.2257000E+02"/>
21     <node gmv="2.0545422E-01" lat="3.8113000E+01" lon="-1.2211400E+02"/>
22     <node gmv="5.1971424E-01" lat="3.7910000E+01" lon="-1.2200000E+02"/>
23     <node gmv="6.0026973E-01" lat="3.8000000E+01" lon="-1.2200000E+02"/>
24     <node gmv="2.8479284E-01" lat="3.8113000E+01" lon="-1.2200000E+02"/>
25     <node gmv="1.0062804E+00" lat="3.8225000E+01" lon="-1.2200000E+02"/>
26     <node gmv="2.2980663E-01" lat="3.8113000E+01" lon="-1.2188600E+02"/>
27 </gmf>
28 </gmfSet>
29 </gmfCollection>
30
31 </nrml>

```

**Listing 26** – Example ground motion field collection output file for a scenario

Exporting the outputs from the GMFs in the csv format results in two csv files illustrated in the example files in Table 4.4 and Table 4.5. The sites csv file provides the association between the site ids in the GMFs csv file with their latitude and longitude coordinates.

In this example, the gmfs have been computed using two different GMPEs, so the realization

rlzi	sid	eid	gmv_PGA	gmv_SA(0.3)	gmv_SA(1.0)
0	0	0	0.062	0.119	0.157
0	1	0	0.086	1.533	0.260
0	2	0	0.223	1.647	0.232
...	...	...	...	...	...
1	4	99	2.467	0.750	1.918
1	5	99	0.601	0.828	2.272
1	6	99	0.514	0.340	1.202

**Table 4.4** – Example of a ground motion fields csv output file for a scenario ([Download example](#))

indices ('rlzi') in the first column of the example gmfs file are either 0 or 1. The gmfs file lists the ground motion values for 100 simulations of the scenario, so the event indices ('eid') in the third column go from 0–99. There are seven sites with indices 0–6 ('sid') which are repeated in the second column for each of the 100 simulations of the event and for each of the two GMPEs. Finally, the subsequent columns list the ground motion values for each of the intensity measure types specified in the job configuration file.

site_id	lon	lat
0	-122.57000	38.11300
1	-122.11400	38.11300
2	-122.00000	37.91000
3	-122.00000	38.00000
4	-122.00000	38.11300
5	-122.00000	38.22500
6	-121.88600	38.11300

**Table 4.5** – Example of a sites csv output file for a scenario ([Download example](#))

### **Classical PSHA Demos**

Classical PSHA with different source typologies

Classical PSHA with non trivial logic trees

### **Hazard Disaggregation Demos**

### **Event Based PSHA Demos**

## **5. Demonstrative Examples**

A number of hazard calculation demos are provided with the oq-engine installation, showing different examples of input and configuration files, for different use cases.

This is the list of demos which illustrate how to use the oq-engine for various seismic hazard analysis:

- AreaSourceClassicalPSHA
- CharacteristicFaultSourceCase1ClassicalPSHA
- CharacteristicFaultSourceCase2ClassicalPSHA
- CharacteristicFaultSourceCase3ClassicalPSHA
- ComplexFaultSourceClassicalPSHA
- Disaggregation
- EventBasedPSHA
- LogicTreeCase1ClassicalPSHA
- LogicTreeCase2ClassicalPSHA
- LogicTreeCase3ClassicalPSHA
- PointSourceClassicalPSHA
- SimpleFaultSourceClassicalPSHA

### **5.1 Classical PSHA Demos**

A number of demos have been designed to show how to perform a classical PSHA calculation using the different available source typologies and how to define non-trivial logic trees. It should be noted that the input files that will be illustrated are valid not only for a classical PSHA calculation but also for event based and disaggregation analysis.

All the classical PSHA demos illustrating the different source typologies (all demos but the ones about Logic Tree definition) share the same GSIM logic tree file, which for clarity is provided below in Listing 27.

Since this logic tree considers only one tectonic region (i.e. Active Shallow Crust) all the seismic sources will belong be considered active shallow crust sources.

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3      xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4      <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
5          <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b1">
6              <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="gmpeModel"
7                  branchSetID="bs1"
8                  applyToTectonicRegionType="Active Shallow Crust">
9
10                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b1">
11                     <uncertaintyModel>
12                         ChiouYoungs2008
13                     </uncertaintyModel>
14                     <uncertaintyWeight>1.0</uncertaintyWeight>
15                 </logicTreeBranch>
16             </logicTreeBranchSet>
17         </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
18     </logicTree>
19 </nrml>
20

```

**Listing 27** – GSIM logic tree input file used in the demos

### 5.1.1 Classical PSHA with different source typologies

This section discusses the following examples:

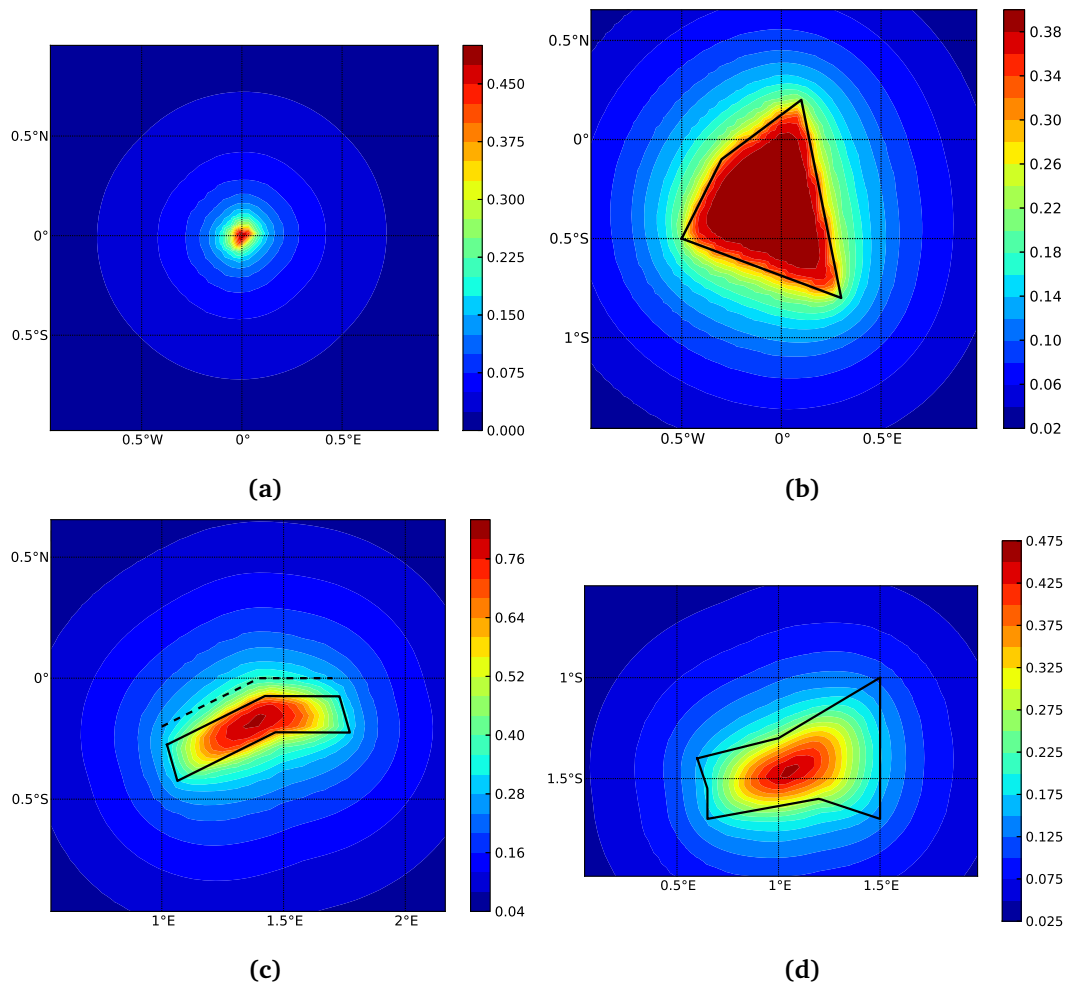
- AreaSourceClassicalPSHA
- CharacteristicFaultSourceCase1ClassicalPSHA
- CharacteristicFaultSourceCase2ClassicalPSHA
- CharacteristicFaultSourceCase3ClassicalPSHA
- ComplexFaultSourceClassicalPSHA
- PointSourceClassicalPSHA
- SimpleFaultSourceClassicalPSHA

The configuration file in Listing 28 is defined to compute hazard curves for several intensity measure types (PGV, PGA and Spectral acceleration at different periods), hazard maps and uniform hazard spectra for different probabilities of exceedance:

Hazard maps for the different demos are shown in Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.2.

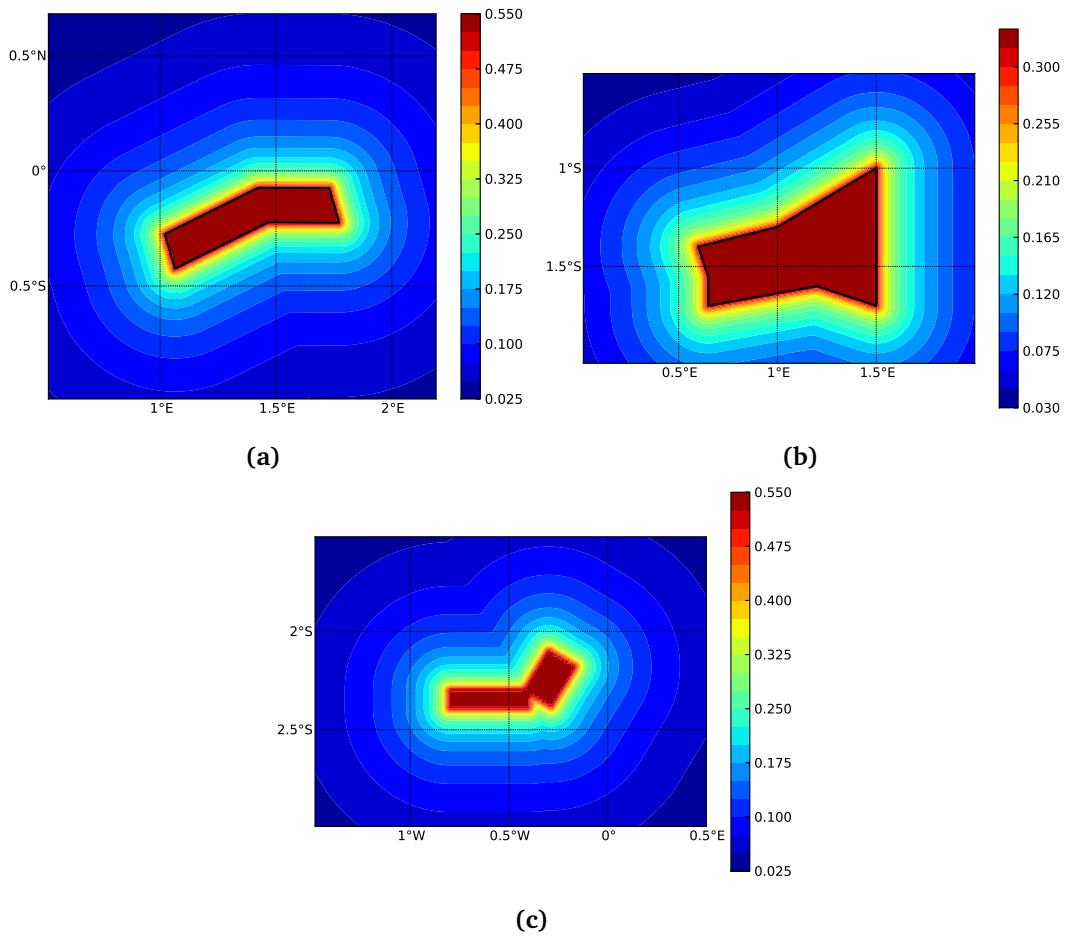
```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = ...
3 calculation_mode = classical
4 random_seed = 23
5
6 [geometry]
7 region = ...
8 region_grid_spacing = 5.0
9
10 [logic_tree]
11 number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0
12
13 [erf]
14 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2
15 width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
16 area_source_discretization = 5.0
17
18 [site_params]
19 reference_vs30_type = measured
20 reference_vs30_value = 600.0
21 reference_depth_to_2pt5km_per_sec = 5.0
22 reference_depth_to_1pt0km_per_sec = 100.0
23
24 [calculation]
25 source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
26 gsim_logic_tree_file = gmpe_logic_tree.xml
27 investigation_time = 50.0
28 intensity_measure_types_and_levels = {"PGV": [2, 4, 6 ,8, 10, ...],
29                                     "PGA": [0.005, 0.007, ...],
30                                     "SA(0.025)": [...],
31                                     "SA(0.05)": [...],
32                                     "SA(0.1)": [...],
33                                     "SA(0.2)": [...],
34                                     "SA(0.5)": [...],
35                                     "SA(1.0)": [...],
36                                     "SA(2.0)": [...]}
37 truncation_level = 3
38 maximum_distance = 200.0
39
40 [output]
41 mean_hazard_curves = false
42 quantile_hazard_curves = 0.15, 0.50, 0.85
43 hazard_maps = true
44 uniform_hazard_spectra = true
45 poes = 0.10, 0.02
```

**Listing 28** – Example configuration file for a classical probabilistic hazard calculation ([Download example](#))



**Figure 5.1** – Hazard maps (for PGA, 10% in 50 years) as obtained from the different *oq-engine* source typologies. (a) Point Source. (b) Area source. The solid black line represents the area boundary. (c) Simple Fault Source. The dashed line represents the fault trace, while the solid line the fault surface projection. (d) Complex Fault Source. The solid line represent the fault surface projection (d)





**Figure 5.2** – Hazard maps (for PGA, 10% in 50 years) as obtained from characteristic fault sources with simple fault geometry (a), complex fault geometry (b), and collection of planar surfaces (c)

### 5.1.2 Classical PSHA with non trivial logic trees

Three demos are provided to illustrate how the logic tree formalism can be used to express epistemic uncertainties in seismic hazard analysis.

LogicTreeCase1ClassicalPSHA shows an example of logic tree defining two alternative source models, with sources belonging to two different tectonic region types, and with two alternative GMPEs for each tectonic region type. The source model logic tree is therefore defined as shown in Listing 29.

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3      xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4      <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
5
6          <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b1">
7
8              <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="sourceModel"
9                  branchSetID="bs1">
10                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b1">
11                     <uncertaintyModel>
12                         source_model_1.xml
13                     </uncertaintyModel>
14                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.5</uncertaintyWeight>
15                 </logicTreeBranch>
16                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b2">
17                     <uncertaintyModel>
18                         source_model_2.xml
19                     </uncertaintyModel>
20                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.5</uncertaintyWeight>
21                 </logicTreeBranch>
22             </logicTreeBranchSet>
23
24         </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
25
26     </logicTree>
27 </nrml>

```

**Listing 29** – Source model logic tree input file used in the LogicTreeCase1ClassicalPSHA demo

The two source models are defined in two separate files: `source_model_1.xml` and `source_model_2.xml` each one associated to a corresponding weight (0.5 for both).

The GSIM logic tree file contains the structure as shown in Listing 30.

The source model contains sources belonging to Active Shallow Crust and Stable Continental Crust, therefore the GSIM logic tree defines two branching levels, one for each considered tectonic region type. Moreover for each tectonic region a branch set with two GMPEs is defined: Boore and Atkinson 2008 and Chiou and Youngs 2008 for Active Shallow Crust

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2
3  <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
4      xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
5      <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
6
7          <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b1">
8              <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="gmpeModel"
9                  applyToTectonicRegionType="Active Shallow Crust"
10                 branchSetID="bs1">
11                  <logicTreeBranch branchID="b11">
12                      <uncertaintyModel>
13                          BooreAtkinson2008
14                      </uncertaintyModel>
15                      <uncertaintyWeight>0.5</uncertaintyWeight>
16                  </logicTreeBranch>
17                  <logicTreeBranch branchID="b12">
18                      <uncertaintyModel>
19                          ChiouYoungs2008
20                      </uncertaintyModel>
21                      <uncertaintyWeight>0.5</uncertaintyWeight>
22                  </logicTreeBranch>
23              </logicTreeBranchSet>
24          </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
25
26          <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b2">
27              <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="gmpeModel"
28                  applyToTectonicRegionType="Stable Continental Crust"
29                 branchSetID="bs2">
30                  <logicTreeBranch branchID="b21">
31                      <uncertaintyModel>
32                          ToroEtAl2002</uncertaintyModel>
33                      <uncertaintyWeight>0.5</uncertaintyWeight>
34                  </logicTreeBranch>
35                  <logicTreeBranch branchID="b22">
36                      <uncertaintyModel>
37                          Campbell2003</uncertaintyModel>
38                      <uncertaintyWeight>0.5</uncertaintyWeight>
39                  </logicTreeBranch>
40              </logicTreeBranchSet>
41          </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
42
43      </logicTree>
44  </nrml>

```

**Listing 30** – *GSIM logic tree input file used in the LogicTreeCase1ClassicalPSHA demo*

and Toro et al. 2003 and Campbell 2003 for Stable Continental Crust. By processing the above logic tree files using the logic tree path enumeration mode (enabled by setting in the configuration file `number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0`) hazard results are computed for 8 logic tree paths (2 source models x 2 GMPEs for Active x 2 GMPEs for Stable).

LogicTreeCase2ClassicalPSHA defines a single source model consisting of only two sources (area and simple fault) belonging to different tectonic region types (Active Shallow Crust and Stable Continental Region) and both characterized by a truncated Gutenberg-Richter distribution. The logic tree defines uncertainties for G-R a and b values (three possible pairs for each source), maximum magnitude (three values for each source) and uncertainties on the GMPEs for each tectonic region type (two GMPE per region type).

To accommodate such a structure the GSIM logic tree is defined as shown in Listing 31.

The first branching level defines the source model. For each source, two branching levels are created, one defining uncertainties on G-R a and b values (defined by setting `uncertaintyType="abGRAbsolute"`) and G-R maximum magnitude (`uncertaintyType="maxMagGRAbsolute"`).

It is important to notice that each branch set is applied to a specific source by defining the attribute `applyToSources`, followed by the source ID. The GSIM logic tree file is the same as used for LogicTreeCase1ClassicalPSHA. By setting in the configuration file `number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0`, hazard results are obtained for 324 paths (1 source model x 3 (a, b) pairs for source 1 x 3 (a, b) pairs for source 2 x 3 max magnitude values for source 1 x 3 max magnitude values for source 2 x 2 GMPEs for Active Shallow Crust X 2 GMPEs for Stable Continental Crust), see Figure 5.3.

LogicTreeCase3ClassicalPSHA illustrates an example of logic tree defining relative uncertainties on G-R maximum magnitude and b value. A single source model is considered containing two sources belonging to different tectonic region types and both characterized by a G-R magnitude frequency distribution. The source model logic tree for this demo is as shown in Listing 32.

After the first branching level defining the source model, two additional branching levels are defined, one defining relative uncertainties on b value (`bGRRelative` applied consistently to all sources in the source model) and the second uncertainties on maximum magnitude (`maxMagGRRelative`). Similar to the other cases, two GMPEs are considered for each tectonic region type and therefore the total number of logic tree path is 36 (1 source model x 3 b value increments x 3 maximum magnitude increments x 2 GMPE for Active x 2 GMPEs for Stable).

## 5.2 Hazard Disaggregation Demos

An example of disaggregation calculation is given considering a source model consisting of two sources (area and simple fault) belonging to two different tectonic region types.

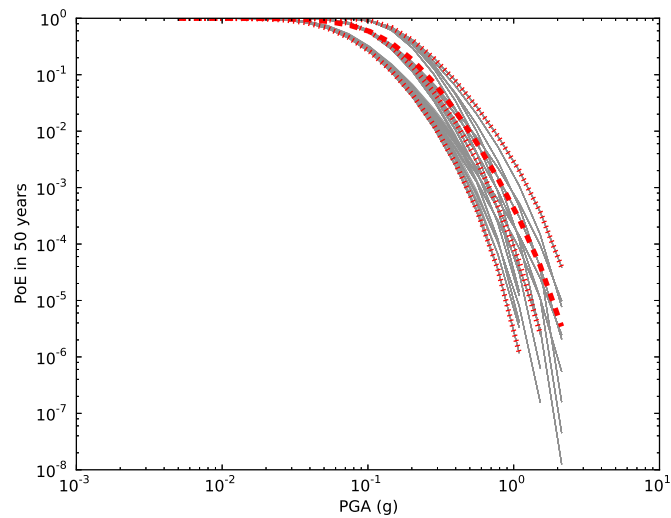
The calculation is defined with the following configuration file:

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4   <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
5
6     <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b11">
7       <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="sourceModel"
8         branchSetID="bs1">
9         <logicTreeBranch branchID="b11">
10          <uncertaintyModel>
11            source_model.xml
12          </uncertaintyModel>
13          <uncertaintyWeight>1.0</uncertaintyWeight>
14        </logicTreeBranch>
15      </logicTreeBranchSet>
16    </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
17
18    <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b12">
19      <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="abGRAbsolute"
20        applyToSources="1"
21        branchSetID="bs21">
22        <logicTreeBranch branchID="b21">
23          <uncertaintyModel>4.6 1.1</uncertaintyModel>
24          <uncertaintyWeight>0.333</uncertaintyWeight>
25        </logicTreeBranch>
26        <logicTreeBranch branchID="b22">
27          <uncertaintyModel>4.5 1.0</uncertaintyModel>
28          <uncertaintyWeight>0.333</uncertaintyWeight>
29        </logicTreeBranch>
30        <logicTreeBranch branchID="b23">
31          <uncertaintyModel>4.4 0.9</uncertaintyModel>
32          <uncertaintyWeight>0.334</uncertaintyWeight>
33        </logicTreeBranch>
34      </logicTreeBranchSet>
35    </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
36
37    <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b13">
38      <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="abGRAbsolute"
39        applyToSources="2"
40        branchSetID="bs31">
41        <logicTreeBranch branchID="b31">
42          <uncertaintyModel>3.3 1.0</uncertaintyModel>
43          <uncertaintyWeight>0.333</uncertaintyWeight>
44        </logicTreeBranch>
45        <logicTreeBranch branchID="b32">
46          <uncertaintyModel>3.2 0.9</uncertaintyModel>
47          <uncertaintyWeight>0.333</uncertaintyWeight>
48        </logicTreeBranch>
49        <logicTreeBranch branchID="b33">
50          <uncertaintyModel>3.1 0.8</uncertaintyModel>
51          <uncertaintyWeight>0.334</uncertaintyWeight>
52        </logicTreeBranch>
53      </logicTreeBranchSet>
54    </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
```

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3      xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4      <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
5
6          <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b11">
7              <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="sourceModel"
8                  branchSetID="bs1">
9                  <logicTreeBranch branchID="b11">
10                     <uncertaintyModel>
11                         source_model.xml
12                     </uncertaintyModel>
13                     <uncertaintyWeight>1.0</uncertaintyWeight>
14                 </logicTreeBranch>
15             </logicTreeBranchSet>
16         </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
17
18         <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b12">
19             <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="bGRRRelative"
20                 branchSetID="bs21">
21                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b21">
22                     <uncertaintyModel>+0.1</uncertaintyModel>
23                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.333</uncertaintyWeight>
24                 </logicTreeBranch>
25                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b22">
26                     <uncertaintyModel>0.0</uncertaintyModel>
27                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.333</uncertaintyWeight>
28                 </logicTreeBranch>
29                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b23">
30                     <uncertaintyModel>-0.1</uncertaintyModel>
31                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.334</uncertaintyWeight>
32                 </logicTreeBranch>
33             </logicTreeBranchSet>
34         </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
35
36         <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b13">
37             <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="maxMagGRRRelative"
38                 branchSetID="bs31">
39                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b31">
40                     <uncertaintyModel>0.0</uncertaintyModel>
41                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.333</uncertaintyWeight>
42                 </logicTreeBranch>
43                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b32">
44                     <uncertaintyModel>+0.5</uncertaintyModel>
45                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.333</uncertaintyWeight>
46                 </logicTreeBranch>
47                 <logicTreeBranch branchID="b33">
48                     <uncertaintyModel>+1.0</uncertaintyModel>
49                     <uncertaintyWeight>0.334</uncertaintyWeight>
50                 </logicTreeBranch>
51             </logicTreeBranchSet>
52         </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
53
54     </logicTree>

```



(a)

**Figure 5.3** – Hazard curves as obtained from the *LogicTreeCase2* demo. Solid gray lines represent individual hazard curves from the different logic tree path (a total of 324 curves). The red dashed line represents the mean hazard curve, while the red dotted lines depict the quantile levels (0.15, 0.5, 0.95).

```
[general]
description = ...
calculation_mode = disaggregation
random_seed = 23

[geometry]
sites = 0.5 -0.5

[logic_tree]
number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0

[erf]
rupture_mesh_spacing = 2
width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
area_source_discretization = 5.0

[site_params]
reference_vs30_type = measured
reference_vs30_value = 600.0
reference_depth_to_2pt5km_per_sec = 5.0
```

```
reference_depth_to_1pt0km_per_sec = 100.0

[calculation]
source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
gsim_logic_tree_file = gmpe_logic_tree.xml
investigation_time = 50.0
intensity_measure_types_and_levels = "PGA": [...]
truncation_level = 3
maximum_distance = 200.0

[disaggregation]
poes_disagg = 0.1
mag_bin_width = 1.0
distance_bin_width = 10.0
coordinate_bin_width = 0.2
num_epsilon_bins = 3

[output]
export_dir = ...
```

Disaggregation matrices are computed for a single site (located between the two sources) for a ground motion value corresponding to a probability value equal to 0.1 (`poes_disagg = 0.1`). Magnitude values are classified in one magnitude unit bins (`mag_bin_width = 1.0`), distances in bins of 10 km (`distance_bin_width = 10.0`), coordinates in bins of 0.2 degrees (`coordinate_bin_width = 0.2`). 3 epsilon bins are considered (`num_epsilon_bins = 3`).

### 5.3 Event Based PSHA Demos

A demo showing an example of Event Based PSHA calculation is provided with the following configuration file:

```
[general]
description = Event Based PSHA using Area Source
calculation_mode = event_based
random_seed = 23

[geometry]
sites = 0.5 -0.5
```



```
[logic_tree]
number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0

[erf]
rupture_mesh_spacing = 2
width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
area_source_discretization = 5.0

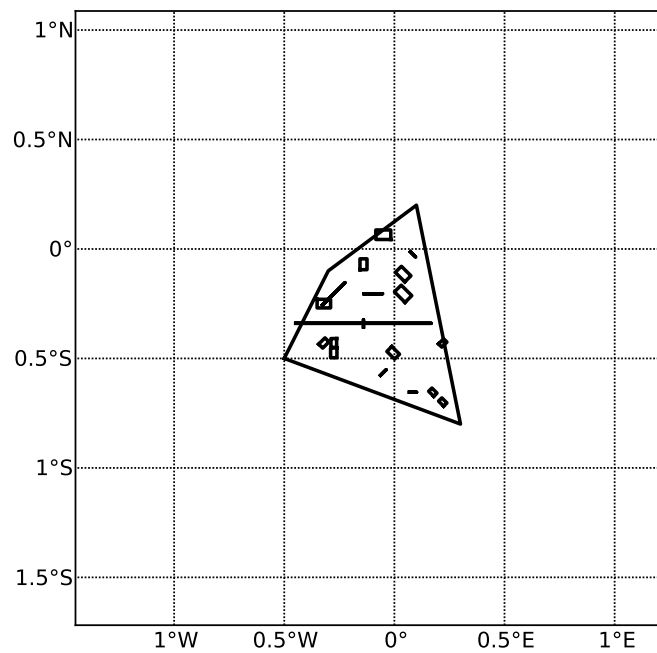
[site_params]
reference_vs30_type = measured
reference_vs30_value = 600.0
reference_depth_to_2pt5km_per_sec = 5.0
reference_depth_to_1pt0km_per_sec = 100.0

[calculation]
source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
gsim_logic_tree_file = gmpe_logic_tree.xml
investigation_time = 50.0
intensity_measure_types_and_levels = "PGA": [...]
truncation_level = 3
maximum_distance = 200.0

[event_based_params]
ses_per_logic_tree_path = 100
ground_motion_correlation_model =
ground_motion_correlation_params =

[output]
export_dir = ...
ground_motion_fields = true
hazard_curves_from_gmfs = true
mean_hazard_curves = false
quantile_hazard_curves =
hazard_maps = true
poes = 0.1
```

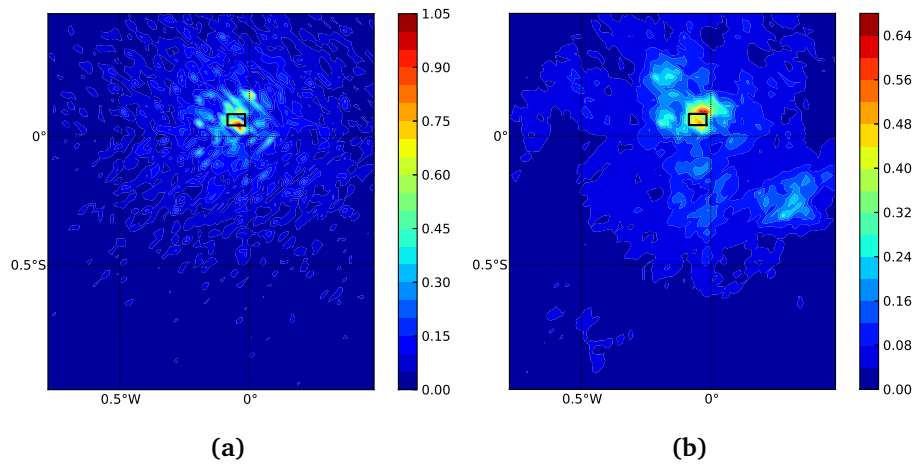
The source model consist of one source (area). 100 stochastic event sets are generated (`ses_per_logic_tree_path = 100`) (an example can be seen in Figure 5.4). Ground motion fields are computed (`ground_motion_fields = true`, Figure 5.5) and also hazard curves from ground motion fields are extracted (`hazard_curves_from_gmfs = true`). The



(a)

**Figure 5.4** – A stochastic event set generated with the event based PSHA demo. The area source defines a nodal plane distribution which distributes events among vertical and dipping (50 degrees) faults with equal weights. Vertical ruptures are then distributed equally in the range 0-180 degrees while the dipping ones in the range 0-360, both with a step of 45 degrees.

corresponding hazard maps for 0.1 probability are also calculated (`hazard_maps = true`)



**Figure 5.5** – Ground motion fields (PGA) with no spatial correlations (a) and with spatial correlation (b)



## **Part III**

### **Risk**



Scenario Damage Assessment  
Scenario Risk Assessment  
Classical Probabilistic Seismic Damage Analysis  
Classical Probabilistic Seismic Risk Analysis  
Stochastic Event Based Probabilistic Seismic Risk Analysis  
Retrofit Benefit-Cost Ratio Analysis

## 6. Introduction to the Risk Module

The seismic risk results are calculated using the OpenQuake risk library (oq-risklib), an open-source suite of tools for seismic risk assessment and loss estimation. This library is written in the Python programming language and available in the form of a “developers” release at the following location: <https://github.com/gem/oq-engine/tree/master/openquake/risklib>.

The risk component of the OpenQuake-engine can compute both scenario-based and probabilistic seismic damage and risk using various approaches. The following types of analysis are currently supported:

- **Scenario Damage Assessment**, for the calculation of damage distribution statistics for a portfolio of buildings from a single earthquake rupture scenario taking into account aleatory and epistemic ground-motion variability.
- **Scenario Risk Assessment**, for the calculation of individual asset and portfolio loss statistics due to a single earthquake rupture scenario taking into account aleatory and epistemic ground-motion variability. Correlation in the vulnerability of different assets of the same typology can also be taken into consideration.
- **Classical Probabilistic Seismic Damage Analysis**, for the calculation of damage state probabilities over a specified time period, and probabilistic collapse maps, starting from the hazard curves computed following the classical integration procedure (Cornell, 1968, McGuire, (1976)) as formulated by Field et al., 2003.
- **Classical Probabilistic Seismic Risk Analysis**, for the calculation of loss curves and loss maps, starting from the hazard curves computed following the classical integration procedure (Cornell, 1968, McGuire, (1976)) as formulated by Field et al., 2003.
- **Stochastic Event Based Probabilistic Seismic Risk Analysis**, for the calculation of event loss tables starting from stochastic event sets. Other results such as loss-exceedance curves, probabilistic loss maps, average annual losses, and insured loss statistics can be obtained by post-processing the event loss tables.

- **Retrofit Benefit-Cost Ratio Analysis**, which is useful in estimating the net-present value of the potential benefits of performing retrofitting for a portfolio of assets (in terms of decreased losses in seismic events), measured relative to the upfront cost of retrofitting.

Each calculation workflow has a modular structure, so that intermediate results can be saved and analyzed. Moreover, each calculator can be extended independently of the others so that additional calculation options and methodologies can be easily introduced, without affecting the overall calculation workflow. Each workflow is described in more detail in the following sections.

## 6.1 Scenario Damage Assessment

The scenario damage calculator computes damage distribution statistics for all assets in a given exposure model for a single specified earthquake rupture. Damage distribution statistics include the mean and standard deviation of damage fractions for different damage states. This calculator requires the definition of a finite rupture model, an exposure model and a fragility model; the main results are the damage distribution statistics per asset, aggregated damage distribution statistics per taxonomy, aggregated damage distribution statistics for the region, and collapse maps, which contain the spatial distribution of the number or area of collapsed buildings throughout the region of interest.

The earthquake rupture characteristics—i.e. the magnitude, hypocenter and fault geometry—are modelled as deterministic in the scenario calculators. Multiple realizations of different possible GMFs due to the single earthquake rupture are generated, taking into consideration both the inter-event variability of ground motions, and the intra-event residuals obtained from a spatial correlation model for ground motion residuals. The use of logic trees allows for the consideration of uncertainty in the choice of a ground motion model for the given tectonic region.

As an alternative to computing the GMFs with OpenQuake-engine, users can also provide their own sets of GMFs as input to the scenario damage calculator.

For each GMF realization, damage fractions (the fraction of buildings in each damage state) are estimated for every asset in the exposure model using the provided fragility model, and finally the damage distribution statistics (i.e., the mean damage fractions and standard deviation of damage fractions for all damage states) across all realizations are calculated. The calculator also provides aggregated damage distribution statistics for the portfolio, such as mean damage fractions and standard deviation of damage fractions for each taxonomy in the exposure model, and the mean damage fractions and standard deviation of damage fractions for the entire region of study.

The required input files required for running a scenario damage calculation and the resulting output files are depicted in Figure 6.1.

Starting with OpenQuake-engine v1.7, consequence model files can also be provided as inputs



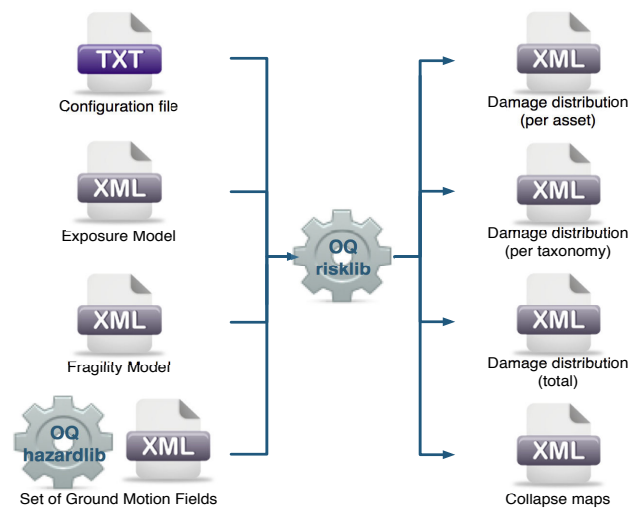


Figure 6.1 – Scenario Damage Calculator input/output structure.

for a scenario damage calculation in addition to fragility models files, in order to estimate consequences based on the calculated damage distribution. The user may provide one consequence model file corresponding to each loss type (amongst structural, nonstructural, contents, and business interruption) for which a fragility model file is provided. Whereas providing a fragility model file for at least one loss type is mandatory for running a Scenario Damage calculation, providing corresponding consequence model files is optional.

## 6.2 Scenario Risk Assessment

The scenario risk calculator computes loss statistics for all assets in a given exposure model for a single specified earthquake rupture. Loss statistics include the mean and standard deviation of ground-up losses and insured losses for each loss type considered in the analysis. Loss statistics can currently be computed for five different loss types using this calculator: structural losses, nonstructural losses, contents losses, downtime losses, and occupant fatalities. This calculator requires the definition of a finite rupture model, an exposure model and a vulnerability model for each loss type considered; the main results are the loss statistics per asset and mean loss maps.

The earthquake rupture characteristics—i.e. the magnitude, hypocenter and fault geometry—are modelled as deterministic in the scenario calculators. Multiple realizations of different possible GMFs due to the single earthquake rupture are generated, taking into consideration both the inter-event variability of ground motions, and the intra-event residuals obtained from a spatial correlation model for ground motion residuals. The use of logic trees allows for the consideration of uncertainty in the choice of a ground motion model for the given tectonic region.

As an alternative to computing the GMFs with OpenQuake, users can also provide their own sets of GMFs as input to the scenario risk calculator.

For each GMF realization, a loss ratio is sampled for every asset in the exposure model using the provided probabilistic vulnerability model taking into consideration the correlation model for vulnerability of different assets of a given taxonomy. Finally loss statistics, i.e., the mean loss and standard deviation of loss for both ground-up losses and insured losses across all realizations, are calculated for each asset. Mean loss maps are also generated by this calculator, describing the mean ground-up losses and mean insured losses caused by the scenario event for the different assets in the exposure model.

The required input files required for running a scenario risk calculation and the resulting output files are depicted in Figure 6.2.

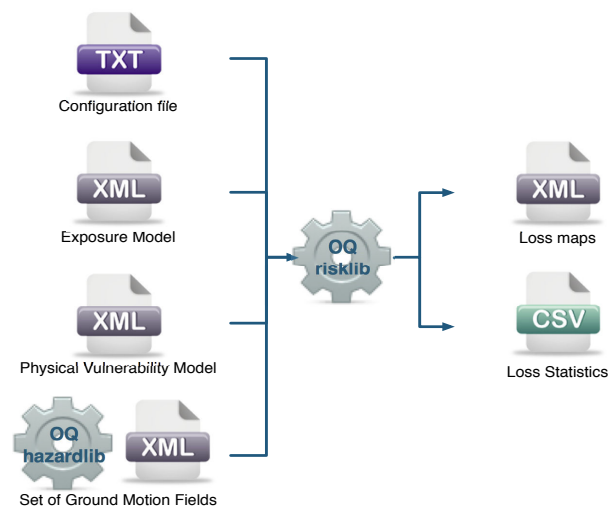


Figure 6.2 – Scenario Risk Calculator input/output structure.

### 6.3 Classical Probabilistic Seismic Damage Analysis

The classical PSHA-based damage calculator integrates the fragility functions for an asset with the seismic hazard curve at the location of the asset, to give the expected damage distribution for the asset within a specified time period. The calculator requires the definition of an exposure model, a fragility model with fragility functions for each taxonomy represented in the exposure model, and hazard curves calculated in the region of interest. The main results of this calculator are the expected damage distribution for each asset, which describe the probability of the asset being in different damage states, and collapse maps for the region, which describe the probability of collapse for different assets in the portfolio over the specified time period. Damage distribution aggregated by taxonomy or of the total portfolio (considering all assets in the exposure model) can not be extracted using this calculator, as the spatial correlation of the ground motion residuals is not taken into consideration.

The hazard curves required for this calculator can be calculated by the OpenQuake-engine for all asset locations in the exposure model using the classical PSHA approach (Cornell, 1968; McGuire, 1976).

The required input files required for running a classical probabilistic damage calculation and the resulting output files are depicted in Figure 6.3.

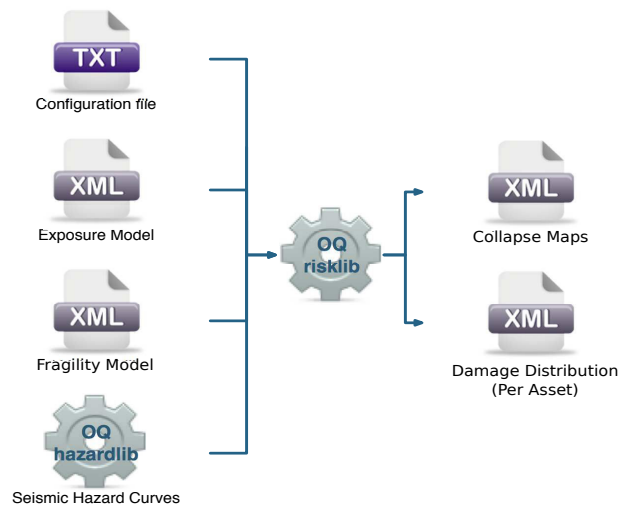


Figure 6.3 – Classical PSHA-based Damage Calculator input/output structure.

#### 6.4 Classical Probabilistic Seismic Risk Analysis

The classical PSHA-based risk calculator convolves through numerical integration, the probabilistic vulnerability functions for an asset with the seismic hazard curve at the location of the asset, to give the loss distribution for the asset within a specified time period. The calculator requires the definition of an exposure model, a vulnerability model for each loss type of interest with vulnerability functions for each taxonomy represented in the exposure model, and hazard curves calculated in the region of interest. Loss curves and loss maps can currently be calculated for five different loss types using this calculator: structural losses, nonstructural losses, contents losses, downtime losses, and occupant fatalities. The main results of this calculator are loss exceedance curves for each asset, which describe the probability of exceedance of different loss levels over the specified time period, and loss maps for the region, which describe the loss values that have a given probability of exceedance over the specified time.

Unlike the probabilistic event-based risk calculator, an aggregate loss curve (considering all assets in the exposure model) can not be extracted using this calculator, as the correlation of the ground motion residuals and vulnerability uncertainty is not taken into consideration in this calculator.

The hazard curves required for this calculator can be calculated by the OpenQuake-engine for all asset locations in the exposure model using the classical PSHA approach (Cornell, 1968; McGuire, 1976). The use of logic-trees allows for the consideration of model uncertainty in the choice of a ground motion prediction equation for the different tectonic region types in the region. Unlike what was described in the previous calculator, a total loss curve (considering

all assets in the exposure model) can not be extracted using this calculator, as the correlation of the ground motion residuals and vulnerability uncertainty is not taken into consideration. The required input files required for running a classical probabilistic risk calculation and the resulting output files are depicted in Figure 6.4.

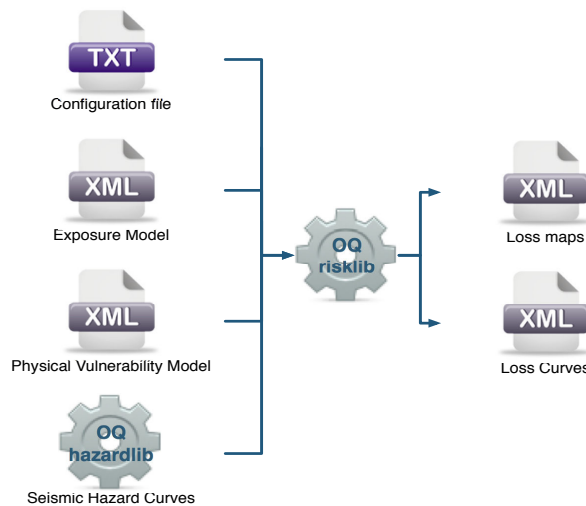


Figure 6.4 – Classical PSHA-based Risk Calculator input/output structure.

## 6.5 Stochastic Event Based Probabilistic Seismic Risk Analysis

This calculator employs an event-based Monte Carlo simulation approach to probabilistic risk assessment in order to estimate the loss distribution for individual assets and aggregated loss distribution for a spatially distributed portfolio of assets within a specified time period. The calculator requires the definition of an exposure model, a vulnerability model for each loss type of interest with vulnerability functions for each taxonomy represented in the exposure model, and a Stochastic Event Set (also known as a *synthetic catalog*) representative of the seismicity of the region over the specified time period. Loss curves and loss maps can currently be calculated for five different loss types using this calculator: structural losses, nonstructural losses, contents losses, downtime losses, and occupant fatalities.

As an alternative to computing the GMFs with OpenQuake-engine, users can also provide their own sets of GMFs as input to the event-based risk calculator, starting from OpenQuake-engine v2.8 (oq-engine 2.8).

The main results of this calculator are loss exceedance curves for each asset, which describe the probability of exceedance of different loss levels over the specified time period, and loss maps for the region, which describe the loss values that have a given probability of exceedance over the specified time period. Aggregate loss exceedance curves can also be produced using this calculator; these describe the probability of exceedance of different loss levels for all assets in the portfolio. Finally, event loss tables can be produced using this calculator; these tables describe the total loss across the portfolio for each seismic event in

the Stochastic Event Set (SES).

This calculator relies on the probabilistic event-based hazard calculator, which simulates the seismicity of the chosen time period  $T$  by producing a SES. For each earthquake rupture generated by a seismic source, the number of occurrences in the given time span  $T$  is simulated by sampling the corresponding probability distribution as given by  $P_{rup}(k|T)$ . A SES is therefore a *sample* of the full population of earthquake ruptures as defined by a Seismic Source Model. Each earthquake rupture is present zero, one or more times, depending on its probability. Symbolically, we can define a SES as:

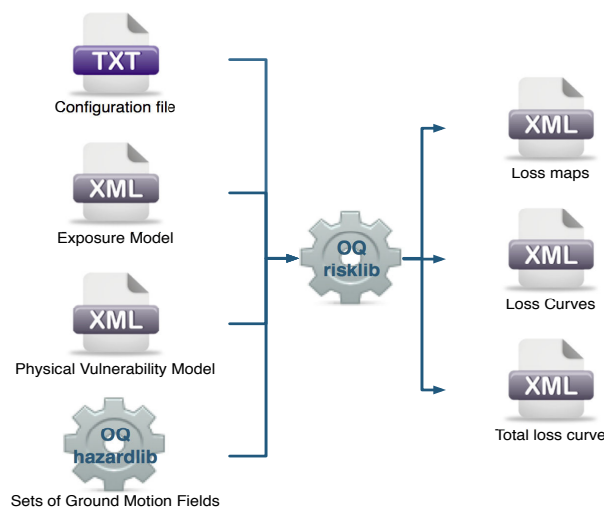
$$SES(T) = \{k \times rup, k \sim P_{rup}(k|T) \forall rup \text{ in } Src \forall Src \text{ in } SSM\} \quad (6.1)$$

where  $k$ , the number of occurrences, is a random sample of  $P_{rup}(k|T)$ , and  $k \times rup$  means that earthquake rupture  $rup$  is repeated  $k$  times in the SES.

For each earthquake rupture or event in the SESs, a spatially correlated GMF realisation is generated, taking into consideration both the inter-event variability of ground motions, and the intra-event residuals obtained from a spatial correlation model for ground motion residuals. The use of logic trees allows for the consideration of uncertainty in the choice of a Seismic Source Model, and in the choice of ground-motion models for the different tectonic regions.

For each GMF realization, a loss ratio is sampled for every asset in the exposure model using the provided probabilistic vulnerability model, taking into consideration the correlation model for vulnerability of different assets of a given taxonomy. Finally loss exceedance curves are computed for both ground-up losses and insured losses.

The required input files required for running a probabilistic stochastic event-based risk calculation and the resulting output files are depicted in Figure 6.5

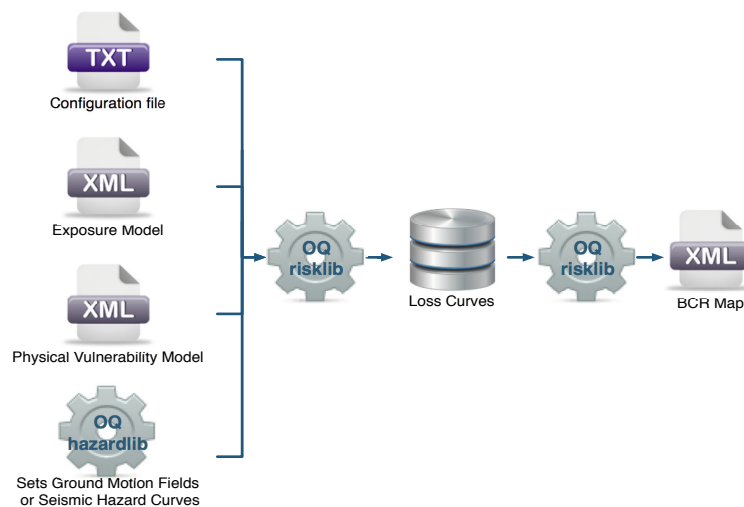


**Figure 6.5** – Probabilistic Event-based Risk Calculator input/output structure.

## 6.6 Retrofit Benefit-Cost Ratio Analysis

This calculator represents a decision-support tool for deciding whether the employment of retrofitting measures to a collection of existing buildings is advantageous from an economical point of view. For this assessment, the expected losses considering the original and retrofitted configuration of the buildings are estimated, and the economic benefit due to the better seismic design is divided by the retrofitting cost, leading to the benefit/cost ratio. These loss curves are computed using the previously described Classical PSHA- based Risk calculator. The output of this calculator is a benefit/cost ratio for each asset, in which a ratio above one indicates that employing a retrofitting intervention is economically viable.

In Figure 6.6, the input/output structure for this calculator is depicted.



**Figure 6.6** – *Retrofitting Benefit/Cost Ratio Calculator input/output structure.*

For further information regarding the theoretical background of the methodologies used for each calculator, users are referred to the OpenQuake- engine Book (Risk).

## 7. Risk Input Models

The following sections describe the basic inputs required for a risk calculation, including exposure models, fragility models, consequence models, and vulnerability models. In addition, each risk calculator also requires the appropriate hazard inputs computed in the region of interest. Hazard inputs include hazard curves for the classical probabilistic damage and risk calculators, GMF for the scenario damage and risk calculators, or SESs for the probabilistic event based calculators.

### 7.1 Exposure Models

All risk calculators in the OpenQuake-engine require an exposure model that needs to be provided in the Natural hazards' Risk Markup Language (NRML) schema, the use of which is illustrated through several examples in this section. The information included in an exposure model comprises a metadata section listing general information about the exposure, followed by a cost conversions section that describes how the different areas, costs, and occupancies for the assets will be specified, followed by data regarding each individual asset in the portfolio.

A simple exposure model comprising a single asset is shown in Listing 33.

Let us take a look at each of the sections in the above example file in turn. The first part of the file contains the metadata section:

```
5 <exposureModel id="exposure_example"  
6     category="buildings"  
7     taxonomySource="GEM_Building_Taxonomy_2.0">  
8 <description>Exposure Model Example</description>
```

The information in the metadata section is common to all of the assets in the portfolio and needs to be incorporated at the beginning of every exposure model file. There are a number of parameters that compose the metadata section, which is intended to provide general

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5 <exposureModel id="exposure_example"
6     category="buildings"
7     taxonomySource="GEM_Building_Taxonomy_2.0">
8 <description>Exposure Model Example</description>
9
10 <conversions>
11 <costTypes>
12 <costType name="structural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
13 </costTypes>
14 <area type="per_asset" unit="SQM" />
15 </conversions>
16
17 <assets>
18 <asset id="a1" taxonomy="Adobe" number="5" area="100" >
19 <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
20 <costs>
21 <cost type="structural" value="10000" />
22 </costs>
23 <occupancies>
24 <occupancy occupants="20" period="day" />
25 </occupancies>
26 </asset>
27 </assets>
28
29 </exposureModel>
30
31 </nrml>
```

**Listing 33** – Example exposure model comprising a single asset ([Download example](#))



information regarding the assets within the exposure model. These parameters are described below:

- **id**: mandatory; a unique string used to identify the exposure model. This string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (–), and underscores ( \_ ), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **category**: an optional string used to define the type of assets being stored (e.g: buildings, lifelines).
- **taxonomySource**: an optional attribute used to define the taxonomy being used to classify the assets.
- **description**: mandatory; a brief string (ASCII) with further information about the exposure model.

Next, let us look at the part of the file describing the area and cost conversions:

```
10 <conversions>
11   <costTypes>
12     <costType name="structural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
13   </costTypes>
14   <area type="per_asset" unit="SQM" />
15 </conversions>
```

Notice that the `costType` element defines a `name`, a `type`, and a `unit` attribute.

The NRML schema for the exposure model allows the definition of a structural cost, a nonstructural components cost, a contents cost, and a business interruption or downtime cost for each asset in the portfolio. Thus, the valid values for the `name` attribute of the `costType` element are the following:

- **structural**: used to specify the structural replacement cost of assets
- **nonstructural**: used to specify the replacement cost for the nonstructural components of assets
- **contents**: used to specify the contents replacement cost
- **business\_interruption**: used to specify the cost that will be incurred per unit time that a damaged asset remains closed following an earthquake

The exposure model shown in the example above defines only the structural values for the assets. However, multiple cost types can be defined for each asset in the same exposure model.

The `unit` attribute of the `costType` element is used for specifying the currency unit for the corresponding cost type. Note that the OpenQuake-engine itself is agnostic to the currency units; the `unit` is thus a descriptive attribute which is used by the OpenQuake-engine to annotate the results of a risk assessment. This attribute can be set to any valid Unicode string.

The `type` attribute of the `costType` element specifies whether the costs will be provided as an aggregated value for an asset, or per building or unit comprising an asset, or per unit area of an asset. The valid values for the `type` attribute of the `costType` element are the

following:

- **aggregated**: indicates that the replacement costs will be provided as an aggregated value for each asset
- **per\_asset**: indicates that the replacement costs will be provided per structural unit comprising each asset
- **per\_area**: indicates that the replacement costs will be provided per unit area for each asset

If the costs are to be specified **per\_area** for any of the **costTypes**, the **area** element will also need to be defined in the **conversions** section. The **area** element defines a **type**, and a **unit** attribute.

The **unit** attribute of the **area** element is used for specifying the units for the area of an asset. The OpenQuake-engine itself is agnostic to the area units; the **unit** is thus a descriptive attribute which is used by the OpenQuake-engine to annotate the results of a risk assessment. This attribute can be set to any valid ASCII string.

The **type** attribute of the **area** element specifies whether the area will be provided as an aggregated value for an asset, or per building or unit comprising an asset. The valid values for the **type** attribute of the **area** element are the following:

- **aggregated**: indicates that the area will be provided as an aggregated value for each asset
- **per\_asset**: indicates that the area will be provided per building or unit comprising each asset

The way the information about the characteristics of the assets in an exposure model are stored can vary strongly depending on how and why the data was compiled. As an example, if national census information is used to estimate the distribution of assets in a given region, it is likely that the number of buildings within a given geographical area will be used to define the dataset, and will be used for estimating the number of collapsed buildings for a scenario earthquake. On the other hand, if simplified methodologies based on proxy data such as population distribution are used to develop the exposure model, then it is likely that the built up area or economic cost of each building typology will be directly derived, and will be used for the estimation of economic losses.

Finally, let us look at the part of the file describing the set of assets in the portfolio to be used in seismic damage or risk calculations:

```
17 <assets>
18   <asset id="a1" taxonomy="Adobe" number="5" area="100" >
19     <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
20     <costs>
21       <cost type="structural" value="10000" />
22     </costs>
23     <occupancies>
24       <occupancy occupants="20" period="day" />
25     </occupancies>
26   </asset>
27 </assets>
```

Each asset definition involves specifying a set of mandatory and optional attributes concerning the asset. The following set of attributes can be assigned to each asset based on the current schema for the exposure model:

- **id**: mandatory; a unique string used to identify the given asset, which is used by the OpenQuake-engine to relate each asset with its associated results. This string can contain letters (a-z; A-Z), numbers (0-9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **taxonomy**: mandatory; this string specifies the building typology of the given asset. The taxonomy strings can be user-defined, or based on an existing classification scheme such as the GEM Taxonomy, PAGER, or EMS-98.
- **number**: the number of individual structural units comprising a given asset. This attribute is mandatory for damage calculations. For risk calculations, this attribute must be defined if either the area or any of the costs are provided per structural unit comprising each asset.
- **area**: area of the asset, at a given location. As mentioned earlier, the area is a mandatory attribute only if any one of the costs for the asset is specified per unit area.
- **location**: mandatory; specifies the longitude (between  $-180^{\circ}$  to  $180^{\circ}$ ) and latitude (between  $-90^{\circ}$  to  $90^{\circ}$ ) of the given asset, both specified in decimal degrees<sup>1</sup>.
- **costs**: specifies a set of costs for the given asset. The replacement value for different cost types must be provided on separate lines within the costs element. As shown in the example above, each cost entry must define the type and the value. Currently supported valid options for the cost type are: `structural`, `nonstructural`, `contents`, and `business_interruption`.
- **occupancies**: mandatory only for probabilistic or scenario risk calculations that specify an `occupants_vulnerability_file`. Each entry within this element specifies the number of occupants for the asset for a particular period of the day. As shown in the example above, each occupancy entry must define the period and the occupants. Currently supported valid options for the period are: `day`, `transit`,

<sup>1</sup>Within the OpenQuake-engine, longitude and latitude coordinates are internally rounded to a precision of 5 digits after the decimal point.

and night. Currently, the number of occupants for an asset can only be provided as an aggregated value for the asset.

For the purposes of performing a retrofitting benefit/cost analysis, it is also necessary to define the retrofitting cost (`retrofitted`). The combination between the possible options in which these three attributes can be defined leads to four ways of storing the information about the assets. For each of these cases a brief explanation and example is provided in this section.

### Example 1

This example illustrates an exposure model in which the aggregated cost (structural, non-structural, contents and business interruption) of the assets of each taxonomy for a set of locations is directly provided. Thus, in order to indicate how the various costs will be defined, the following information needs to be stored in the exposure model file, as shown in Listing 34.

```

8   <description>
9     Exposure model with aggregated replacement costs for each asset
10  </description>
11  <conversions>
12    <costTypes>
13      <costType name="structural" type="aggregated" unit="USD" />
14      <costType name="nonstructural" type="aggregated" unit="USD" />
15      <costType name="contents" type="aggregated" unit="USD" />
16      <costType name="business_interruption" type="aggregated" unit="USD/month"/>
17    </costTypes>
18  </conversions>

```

**Listing 34** – Example exposure model using aggregate costs: metadata definition ([Download example](#))

In this case, the cost type of each component has been defined as aggregated. Once the way in which each cost is going to be defined has been established, the values for each asset can be stored according to the format shown in Listing 35.

Each asset is uniquely identified by its `id`. Then, a pair of coordinates (latitude and longitude) for a location where the asset is assumed to exist is defined. Each asset must be classified according to a taxonomy, so that the OpenQuake-engine is capable of employing the appropriate vulnerability function or fragility function in the risk calculations. Finally, the cost values of each type are stored within the `costs` attribute. In this example, the aggregated value for all structural units (within a given asset) at each location is provided directly, so there is no need to define other attributes such as number or area. This mode of representing an exposure model is probably the simplest one.

```

19 <assets>
20   <asset id="a1" taxonomy="Adobe" >
21     <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
22     <costs>
23       <cost type="structural" value="20000" />
24       <cost type="nonstructural" value="30000" />
25       <cost type="contents" value="10000" />
26       <cost type="business_interruption" value="4000" />
27     </costs>
28   </asset>
29 </assets>

```

**Listing 35** – Example exposure model using aggregate costs: assets definition ([Download example](#))

### Example 2

In the snippet shown in Listing 36, an exposure model containing the number of structural units and the associated costs per unit of each asset is presented.

```

8   <description>
9     Exposure model with replacement costs per building for each asset
10  </description>
11  <conversions>
12    <costTypes>
13      <costType name="structural" type="per_asset" unit="USD" />
14      <costType name="nonstructural" type="per_asset" unit="USD" />
15      <costType name="contents" type="per_asset" unit="USD" />
16      <costType name="business_interruption" type="per_asset" unit="USD/month"/>
17    </costTypes>
18  </conversions>

```

**Listing 36** – Example exposure model using costs per unit: metadata definition ([Download example](#))

For this case, the cost type has been set to `per_asset`. Then, the information from each asset can be stored following the format shown in Listing 37.

In this example, the various costs for each asset is not provided directly, as in the previous example. In order to carry out the risk calculations in which the economic cost of each asset is provided, the OpenQuake-engine multiplies, for each asset, the number of units (buildings) by the “per asset” replacement cost. Note that in this case, there is no need to specify the attribute area.

### Example 3

The example shown in Listing 38 comprises an exposure model containing the built up area of each asset, and the associated costs are provided per unit area.

In order to compile an exposure model with this structure, the cost type should be set

```

19 <assets>
20   <asset id="a1" number="2" taxonomy="Adobe" >
21     <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
22     <costs>
23       <cost type="structural" value="7500" />
24       <cost type="nonstructural" value="11250" />
25       <cost type="contents" value="3750" />
26       <cost type="business_interruption" value="1500" />
27     </costs>
28   </asset>
29 </assets>

```

**Listing 37** – Example exposure model using costs per unit: assets definition ([Download example](#))

```

8 <description>
9   Exposure model with replacement costs per unit area;
10  and areas provided as aggregated values for each asset
11 </description>
12 <conversions>
13   <area type="aggregated" unit="SQM" />
14   <costTypes>
15     <costType name="structural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
16     <costType name="nonstructural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
17     <costType name="contents" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
18     <costType name="business_interruption" type="per_area" unit="USD/month"/>
19   </costTypes>
20 </conversions>

```

**Listing 38** – Example exposure model using costs per unit area and aggregated areas: metadata definition ([Download example](#))

to `per_area`. In addition, it is also necessary to specify if the area that is being store represents the aggregated area of number of units within an asset, or the average area of a single unit. In this particular case, the area that is being stored is the aggregated built up area per asset, and thus this attribute was set to `aggregated`. Listing 39 illustrates the definition of the assets for this example.

```
21 <assets>
22   <asset id="a1" area="1000" taxonomy="Adobe" >
23     <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
24     <costs>
25       <cost type="structural" value="5" />
26       <cost type="nonstructural" value="7.5" />
27       <cost type="contents" value="2.5" />
28       <cost type="business_interruption" value="1" />
29     </costs>
30   </asset>
31 </assets>
```

**Listing 39** – Example exposure model using costs per unit area and aggregated areas: assets definition ([Download example](#))

Once again, the OpenQuake-engine needs to carry out some calculations in order to compute the different costs per asset. In this case, this value is computed by multiplying the aggregated built up area of each asset by the associated cost per unit area. Notice that in this case, there is no need to specify the attribute number.

#### **Example 4**

This example demonstrates an exposure model that defines the number of structural units for each asset, the average built up area per structural unit and the associated costs per unit area. Listing 40 shows the metadata definition for an exposure model built in this manner. Similarly to what was described in the previous example, the various costs type also need to be established as `per_area`, but the type of area is now defined as `per_asset`. Listing 41 illustrates the definition of the assets for this example.

In this example, the OpenQuake-engine will make use of all the parameters to estimate the various costs of each asset, by multiplying the number of structural units by its average built up area, and then by the respective cost per unit area.

#### **Example 5**

In this example, additional information will be included, which is required for other risk analysis besides loss estimation, such as the calculation of insured losses or benefit/cost analysis. For the calculation of insured losses, it is necessary to establish how the insurance limits and deductibles are going to be defined. Listing 42 illustrates the metadata section of an exposure model where the insurance limits and deductibles for structural components

```

8   <description>
9     Exposure model with replacement costs per unit area;
10    and areas provided per building for each asset
11  </description>
12  <conversions>
13    <area type="per_asset" unit="SQM" />
14    <costTypes>
15      <costType name="structural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
16      <costType name="nonstructural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
17      <costType name="contents" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
18      <costType name="business_interruption" type="per_area" unit="USD/month"/>
19    </costTypes>
20  </conversions>

```

**Listing 40** – Example exposure model using costs per unit area and areas per unit: metadata definition ([Download example](#))

```

21  <assets>
22    <asset id="a1" number="3" area="400" taxonomy="Adobe" >
23      <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
24      <costs>
25        <cost type="structural" value="10" />
26        <cost type="nonstructural" value="15" />
27        <cost type="contents" value="5" />
28        <cost type="business_interruption" value="2" />
29      </costs>
30    </asset>
31  </assets>

```

**Listing 41** – Example exposure model using costs per unit area and areas per unit: assets definition ([Download example](#))



will be defined relative to the structural replacement cost.

```

8   <description>
9     Exposure model with relative insurance limits and deductibles
10  </description>
11  <conversions>
12    <area type="per_asset" unit="SQM" />
13    <costTypes>
14      <costType name="structural" type="per_asset" unit="USD" />
15      <costType name="nonstructural" type="per_asset" unit="USD" />
16      <costType name="contents" type="per_asset" unit="USD" />
17      <costType name="business_interruption" type="per_asset" unit="USD/month" />
18    </costTypes>
19    <insuranceLimit isAbsolute="false"/>
20    <deductible isAbsolute="false"/>
21  </conversions>

```

**Listing 42** – Example exposure model using relative insurance limits and deductibles: metadata definition ([Download example](#))

In this example, both the insurance limit and the deductible are defined as a fraction of the replacement cost, by setting the attribute `isAbsolute` to `false`. Then, for each type of cost, the limit and deductible value can be stored for each asset, as illustrated in the snippet shown in Listing 43.

```

22  <assets>
23    <asset id="a1" number="1" area="100" taxonomy="Adobe" >
24      <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
25      <costs>
26        <cost type="structural" value="10000" deductible="0.1" insuranceLimit="0.8" />
27        <cost type="nonstructural" value="15000" />
28        <cost type="contents" value="5000" />
29        <cost type="business_interruption" value="2000" />
30      </costs>
31    </asset>
32  </assets>

```

**Listing 43** – Example exposure model using relative insurance limits and deductibles: assets definition ([Download example](#))

On the other hand, a user could define one or both of these parameters as absolute values, by setting the aforementioned attribute to `true`. This is shown in the example shown in Listing 44.

Moreover, in order to perform a benefit/cost assessment, it is also necessary to indicate the retrofitting cost. This parameter is handled in the same manner as the structural cost, and it

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3      xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5  <exposureModel id="exposure_example"
6      category="buildings"
7      taxonomySource="GEM_Building_Taxonomy_2.0">
8  <description>
9      Exposure model with absolute insurance limits and deductibles
10 </description>
11 <conversions>
12   <area type="per_asset" unit="SQM" />
13   <costTypes>
14     <costType name="structural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
15     <costType name="nonstructural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
16     <costType name="contents" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
17     <costType name="business_interruption" type="per_area" unit="USD/month"/>
18   </costTypes>
19   <insuranceLimit isAbsolute="true"/>
20   <deductible isAbsolute="true"/>
21 </conversions>
22 <assets>
23   <asset id="a1" number="2" area="1000" taxonomy="Adobe" >
24     <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
25     <costs>
26       <cost type="structural" value="5" deductible="1" insuranceLimit="4"/>
27       <cost type="nonstructural" value="7.5" />
28       <cost type="contents" value="2.5" />
29       <cost type="business_interruption" value="1" />
30     </costs>
31   </asset>
32 </assets>
33 </exposureModel>
34
35 </nrml>

```

**Listing 44** – Example exposure model using absolute insurance limits and deductibles ([Download example](#))

should be stored according to the format shown in Listing 45.

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3      xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5  <exposureModel id="exposure_example"
6      category="buildings"
7      taxonomySource="GEM_Building_Taxonomy_2.0">
8  <description>Exposure model illustrating retrofit costs</description>
9  <conversions>
10 <costTypes>
11 <costType name="structural" type="aggregated" unit="USD"
12     retrofittedType="per_asset" retrofittedUnit="USD" />
13 </costTypes>
14 </conversions>
15 <assets>
16 <asset id="a1" taxonomy="Adobe" number="1" >
17 <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
18 <costs>
19 <cost type="structural" value="10000" retrofitted="2000" />
20 </costs>
21 </asset>
22 </assets>
23 </exposureModel>
24
25 </nrml>

```

**Listing 45** – Example exposure model specifying retrofit costs ([Download example](#))

Despite the fact that for the demonstration of how the insurance parameters and retrofitting cost can be stored the per building type of cost structure described in Example 1 was used, it is important to mention that any of the other cost storing approaches can also be employed (Examples 2–4).

### **Example 6**

The OpenQuake-engine is also capable of estimating human losses, based on the number of occupants in an asset, at a certain time of the day. The example exposure model shown in Listing 46 illustrates how this parameter is defined for each asset. In addition, this example also serves the purpose of presenting an exposure model in which three cost types have been defined using three different options.

As previously mentioned, in this example only three costs are being stored, and each one follows a different approach. The `structural` cost is being defined as the aggregate replacement cost for all of the buildings comprising the asset (Example 1), the `nonstructural` value is defined as the replacement cost per unit area where the area is defined per building

comprising the asset (Example 4), and the contents and business\_interruption values are provided per building comprising the asset (Example 2). The number of occupants at different times of the day are also provided as aggregated values for all of the buildings comprising the asset.

### Example 7

Starting from OpenQuake-engine v2.7, the user may also provide a set of tags for each asset in the exposure model. The primary intended use case for the tags is to enable aggregation or accumulation of risk results (casualties / damages / losses) for each tag. The tags could be used to specify location attributes, occupancy types, or insurance policy codes for the different assets in the exposure model.

The example exposure model shown in Listing 47 illustrates how one or more tags can be defined for each asset.

The list of tag names that will be used in the exposure model must be provided in the metadata section of the exposure file, as shown in the following snippet from the full file:

```
17 <tagNames>state county tract city zip cresta</tagNames>
```

The tag values for the different tags can then be specified for each asset as shown in the following snippet from the same file:

```
28 <tags state="California" county="Solano" tract="252702"  
29 city="Suisun" zip="94585" cresta="A.11"/>
```

Note that it is not mandatory that every tag name specified in the metadata section must be provided with a tag value for each asset.

A web-based tool to build an exposure model in the NRML schema starting from a csv file or a spreadsheet can be found at the OpenQuake platform at the following address: <https://platform.openquake.org/ipt/>.

## 7.2 Fragility Models

This section describes the schema currently used to store fragility models, which are required for the Scenario Damage Calculator and the Classical Probabilistic Seismic Damage Calculator. In order to perform probabilistic or scenario damage calculations, it is necessary to define a fragility function for each building typology present in the exposure model. A fragility model defines a set of fragility functions, describing the probability of exceeding a set of limit, or damage, states. The fragility functions can be defined using either a discrete or a continuous format, and the fragility model file can include a mix of both types of fragility functions.

For discrete fragility functions, sets of probabilities of exceedance (one set per limit state) are defined for a list of intensity measure levels, as illustrated in Figure 7.1.

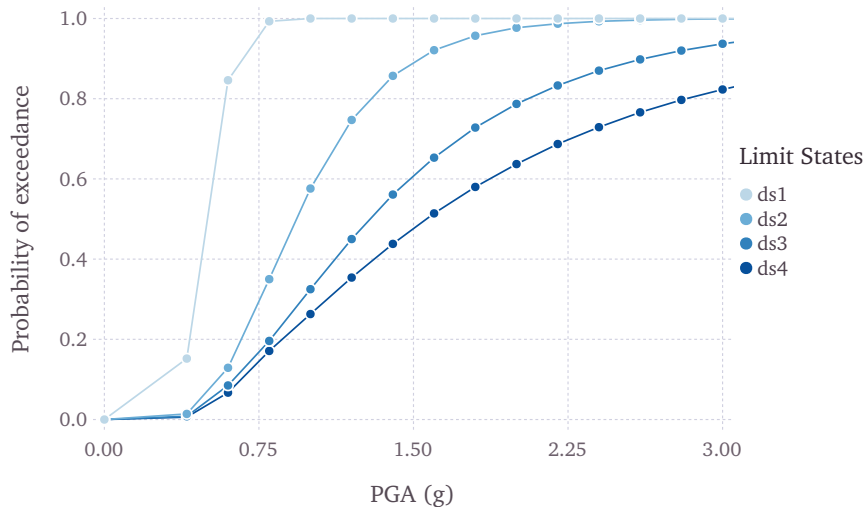
The fragility functions can also be defined as continuous functions, through the use of cumulative lognormal distribution functions. In Figure 7.2, a continuous fragility model is presented.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5 <exposureModel id="exposure_example"
6     category="buildings"
7     taxonomySource="GEM_Building_Taxonomy_2.0">
8 <description>Exposure model example with occupants</description>
9 <conversions>
10 <costTypes>
11 <costType name="structural" type="aggregated" unit="USD" />
12 <costType name="nonstructural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
13 <costType name="contents" type="per_asset" unit="USD" />
14 <costType name="business_interruption" type="per_asset" unit="USD/month" />
15 </costTypes>
16 <area type="per_asset" unit="SQM" />
17 </conversions>
18 <assets>
19 <asset id="a1" taxonomy="Adobe" number="5" area="200" >
20 <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
21 <costs>
22 <cost type="structural" value="20000" />
23 <cost type="nonstructural" value="15" />
24 <cost type="contents" value="2400" />
25 <cost type="business_interruption" value="1500" />
26 </costs>
27 <occupancies>
28 <occupancy occupants="6" period="day" />
29 <occupancy occupants="10" period="transit" />
30 <occupancy occupants="20" period="night" />
31 </occupancies>
32 </asset>
33 </assets>
34 </exposureModel>
35
36 </nrml>
```

**Listing 46** – Example exposure model specifying the aggregate number of occupants per asset  
([Download example](#))

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5 <exposureModel id="exposure_example_with_tags"
6     category="buildings"
7     taxonomySource="GEM_Building_Taxonomy_2.0">
8 <description>Exposure Model Example with Tags</description>
9
10 <conversions>
11 <costTypes>
12 <costType name="structural" type="per_area" unit="USD" />
13 </costTypes>
14 <area type="per_asset" unit="SQM" />
15 </conversions>
16
17 <tagNames>state county tract city zip cresta</tagNames>
18
19 <assets>
20 <asset id="a1" taxonomy="Adobe" number="5" area="100" >
21 <location lon="-122.000" lat="38.113" />
22 <costs>
23 <cost type="structural" value="10000" />
24 </costs>
25 <occupancies>
26 <occupancy occupants="20" period="day" />
27 </occupancies>
28 <tags state="California" county="Solano" tract="252702"
29     city="Suisun" zip="94585" cresta="A.11"/>
30 </asset>
31 </assets>
32
33 </exposureModel>
34
35 </nrml>
```

**Listing 47** – Example exposure model specifying six location based tags for each asset ([Download example](#))



**Figure 7.1** – Graphical representation of a discrete fragility model

An example fragility model comprising one discrete fragility function and one continuous fragility function is shown in Listing 48.

The initial portion of the schema contains general information that describes some general aspects of the fragility model. The information in this metadata section is common to all of the functions in the fragility model and needs to be included at the beginning of every fragility model file. The parameters of the metadata section are shown in the snippet below and described after the snippet:

```

4 <fragilityModel id="fragility_example"
5     assetCategory="buildings"
6     lossCategory="structural">
7
8 <description>Fragility Model Example</description>
9 <limitStates>slight moderate extensive complete</limitStates>

```

- **id**: mandatory; a unique string used to identify the fragility model. This string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **assetCategory**: an optional string used to specify the type of assets for which fragility functions will be defined in this file (e.g: buildings, lifelines).
- **lossCategory**: mandatory; valid strings for this attribute are “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, and “business\_interruption”.
- **description**: mandatory; a brief string (ASCII) with further relevant information about the fragility model, for example, which building typologies are covered or the source of the functions in the fragility model.
- **limitStates**: mandatory; this field is used to define the number and nomenclature of each limit state. Four limit states are employed in the example above, but it is

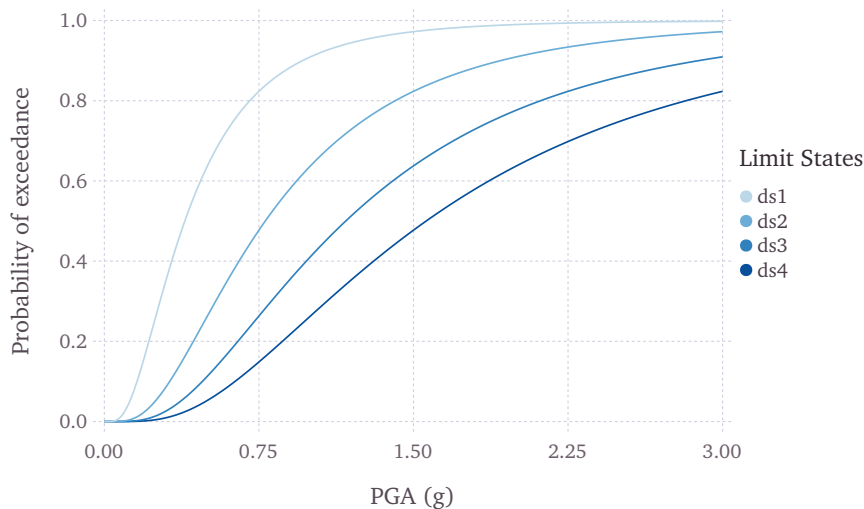
```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
3
4  <fragilityModel id="fragility_example"
5      assetCategory="buildings"
6      lossCategory="structural">
7
8      <description>Fragility Model Example</description>
9      <limitStates>slight moderate extensive complete</limitStates>
10
11     <fragilityFunction id="Woodframe_TwoStorey" format="discrete">
12         <imls imt="PGA" noDamageLimit="0.05">0.005 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2</imls>
13         <poes ls="slight">0.00 0.01 0.15 0.84 0.99 1.00 1.00</poes>
14         <poes ls="moderate">0.00 0.00 0.01 0.12 0.35 0.57 0.74</poes>
15         <poes ls="extensive">0.00 0.00 0.00 0.08 0.19 0.32 0.45</poes>
16         <poes ls="complete">0.00 0.00 0.00 0.06 0.17 0.26 0.35</poes>
17     </fragilityFunction>
18
19     <fragilityFunction id="RC_LowRise" format="continuous" shape="logncdf">
20         <imls imt="SA(0.3)" noDamageLimit="0.05" minIML="0.0" maxIML="5.0"/>
21         <params ls="slight" mean="0.50" stddev="0.10"/>
22         <params ls="moderate" mean="1.00" stddev="0.40"/>
23         <params ls="extensive" mean="1.50" stddev="0.90"/>
24         <params ls="complete" mean="2.00" stddev="1.60"/>
25     </fragilityFunction>
26
27 </fragilityModel>
28
29 </nrml>

```

**Listing 48** – Example fragility model comprising one discrete fragility function and one continuous fragility function ([Download example](#))





**Figure 7.2** – Graphical representation of a continuous fragility model

possible to use any number of discrete states, as long as a fragility curve is always defined for each limit state. The limit states must be provided as a set of strings separated by whitespaces between each limit state. Each limit state string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_). Please ensure that there is no whitespace within the name of any individual limit state.

The following snippet from the above fragility model example file defines a discrete fragility function:

```

11 <fragilityFunction id="Woodframe_TwoStorey" format="discrete">
12   <imls imt="PGA" noDamageLimit="0.05">0.005 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2</imls>
13   <poes ls="slight">0.00 0.01 0.15 0.84 0.99 1.00 1.00</poes>
14   <poes ls="moderate">0.00 0.00 0.01 0.12 0.35 0.57 0.74</poes>
15   <poes ls="extensive">0.00 0.00 0.00 0.08 0.19 0.32 0.45</poes>
16   <poes ls="complete">0.00 0.00 0.00 0.06 0.17 0.26 0.35</poes>
17 </fragilityFunction>

```

The following attributes are needed to define a discrete fragility function:

- **id:** mandatory; a unique string used to identify the taxonomy for which the function is being defined. This string is used to relate the fragility function with the relevant asset in the exposure model. This string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **format:** mandatory; for discrete fragility functions, this attribute should be set to “discrete”.
- **imls:** mandatory; this attribute specifies the list of intensity levels for which the limit state probabilities of exceedance will be defined. In addition, it is also necessary to define the intensity measure type (imt). Optionally, a noDamageLimit can be specified, which defines the intensity level below which the probability of exceedance

for all limit states is taken to be zero.

- **poes**: mandatory; this field is used to define the probabilities of exceedance (poes) for each limit state for each discrete fragility function. It is also necessary to specify which limit state the exceedance probabilities are being defined for using the attribute **ls**. The probabilities of exceedance for each limit state must be provided on a separate line; and the number of exceedance probabilities for each limit state defined by the **poes** attribute must be equal to the number of intensity levels defined by the attribute **imls**. Finally, the number and names of the limit states in each fragility function must be equal to the number of limit states defined earlier in the metadata section of the fragility model using the attribute **limitStates**.

The following snippet from the above fragility model example file defines a continuous fragility function:

```

19 <fragilityFunction id="RC_LowRise" format="continuous" shape="logncdf">
20   <imls imt="SA(0.3)" noDamageLimit="0.05" minIML="0.0" maxIML="5.0"/>
21   <params ls="slight" mean="0.50" stddev="0.10"/>
22   <params ls="moderate" mean="1.00" stddev="0.40"/>
23   <params ls="extensive" mean="1.50" stddev="0.90"/>
24   <params ls="complete" mean="2.00" stddev="1.60"/>
25 </fragilityFunction>

```

The following attributes are needed to define a continuous fragility function:

- **id**: mandatory; a unique string used to identify the taxonomy for which the function is being defined. This string is used to relate the fragility function with the relevant asset in the exposure model. This string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **format**: mandatory; for continuous fragility functions, this attribute should be set to “continuous”.
- **shape**: mandatory; for continuous fragility functions using the lognormal cumulative distribution, this attribute should be set to “logncdf”. At present, only the lognormal cumulative distribution function can be used for representing continuous fragility functions.
- **imls**: mandatory; this element specifies aspects related to the intensity measure used by the the fragility function. The range of intensity levels for which the continuous fragility functions are valid is specified using the attributes **minIML** and **maxIML**. In addition, it is also necessary to define the intensity measure type **imt**. Optionally, a **noDamageLimit** can be specified, which defines the intensity level below which the probability of exceedance for all limit states is taken to be zero.
- **params**: mandatory; this field is used to define the parameters of the continuous curve for each limit state for this fragility function. For a lognormal cumulative distribution function, the two parameters required to specify the function are the mean and standard deviation of the intensity level. These parameters are defined for each limit state using

the attributes `mean` and `stddev` respectively. The attribute `ls` specifies the limit state for which the parameters are being defined. The parameters for each limit state must be provided on a separate line. The number and names of the limit states in each fragility function must be equal to the number of limit states defined earlier in the metadata section of the fragility model using the attribute `limitStates`.

Note that the schema for representing fragility models has changed between NRML v0.4 (used prior to OpenQuake-engine v1.7 (oq-engine 1.7)) and NRML v0.5 (introduced in oq-engine 1.7).

A deprecation warning is printed every time you attempt to use a fragility model in the old NRML v0.4 format in an oq-engine 1.7 (or later) risk calculation. To get rid of the warning you must upgrade the old fragility models files to NRML v0.5. You can use the command `upgrade_nrml` with oq to do this as follows:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq upgrade_nrml <directory-name>
```

The above command will upgrade all of your old fragility model files to NRML v0.5. The original files will be kept, but with a `.bak` extension appended. Notice that you will need to set the `lossCategory` attribute to its correct value manually. This is easy to do, since if you try to run a computation you will get a clear error message telling the expected value for the `lossCategory` for each file.

Several methodologies to derive fragility functions are currently being evaluated by GEM and have been included as part of the Risk Modeller's Toolkit, the code for which can be found on a public repository at GitHub at the following address: <http://github.com/gemscicetools/rmtk>.

A web-based tool to build a fragility model in the NRML schema are also under development, and can be found at the OpenQuake platform at the following address: <https://platform.openquake.org/ipt/>.

### 7.3 Consequence Models

Starting from OpenQuake-engine v1.7, the Scenario Damage calculator also accepts consequence models in addition to fragility models, in order to estimate consequences based on the calculated damage distribution. The user may provide one consequence model file corresponding to each loss type (amongst structural, nonstructural, contents, and business interruption) for which a fragility model file is provided. Whereas providing a fragility model file for at least one loss type is mandatory for running a Scenario Damage calculation, providing corresponding consequence model files is optional.

This section describes the schema currently used to store consequence models, which are optional inputs for the Scenario Damage Calculator. A consequence model defines a set of consequence functions, describing the distribution of the loss (or consequence) ratio conditional on a set of discrete limit (or damage) states. These consequence function can

be currently defined in OpenQuake-engine by specifying the parameters of the continuous distribution of the loss ratio for each limit state specified in the fragility model for the corresponding loss type, for each taxonomy defined in the exposure model.

An example consequence model is shown in Listing 49.

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <nrml xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
3
4  <consequenceModel id="consequence_example"
5      assetCategory="buildings"
6      lossCategory="structural">
7
8  <description>Consequence Model Example</description>
9  <limitStates>slight moderate extensive complete</limitStates>
10
11 <consequenceFunction id="RC_LowRise" dist="LN">
12   <params ls="slight" mean="0.04" stddev="0.00"/>
13   <params ls="moderate" mean="0.16" stddev="0.00"/>
14   <params ls="extensive" mean="0.32" stddev="0.00"/>
15   <params ls="complete" mean="0.64" stddev="0.00"/>
16 </consequenceFunction>
17
18 </consequenceModel>
19
20 </nrml>

```

**Listing 49** – Example consequence model ([Download example](#))

The initial portion of the schema contains general information that describes some general aspects of the consequence model. The information in this metadata section is common to all of the functions in the consequence model and needs to be included at the beginning of every consequence model file. The parameters are described below:

- **id**: a unique string used to identify the consequence model. This string can contain letters (a-z; A-Z), numbers (0-9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **assetCategory**: an optional string used to specify the type of assets for which consequence functions will be defined in this file (e.g: buildings, lifelines).
- **lossCategory**: mandatory; valid strings for this attribute are “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, and “business\_interruption”.
- **description**: mandatory; a brief string (ASCII) with further information about the consequence model, for example, which building typologies are covered or the source of the functions in the consequence model.
- **limitStates**: mandatory; this field is used to define the number and nomenclature of each limit state. Four limit states are employed in the example above, but it is

possible to use any number of discrete states. The limit states must be provided as a set of strings separated by whitespaces between each limit state. Each limit state string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_). Please ensure that there is no whitespace within the name of any individual limit state. The number and nomenclature of the limit states used in the consequence model should match those used in the corresponding fragility model.

```

4 <consequenceModel id="consequence_example"
5     assetCategory="buildings"
6     lossCategory="structural">
7
8 <description>Consequence Model Example</description>
9 <limitStates>slight moderate extensive complete</limitStates>

```

The following snippet from the above consequence model example file defines a consequence function using a lognormal distribution to model the uncertainty in the consequence ratio for each limit state:

```

11 <consequenceFunction id="RC_LowRise" dist="LN">
12   <params ls="slight" mean="0.04" stddev="0.00"/>
13   <params ls="moderate" mean="0.16" stddev="0.00"/>
14   <params ls="extensive" mean="0.32" stddev="0.00"/>
15   <params ls="complete" mean="0.64" stddev="0.00"/>
16 </consequenceFunction>

```

The following attributes are needed to define a consequence function:

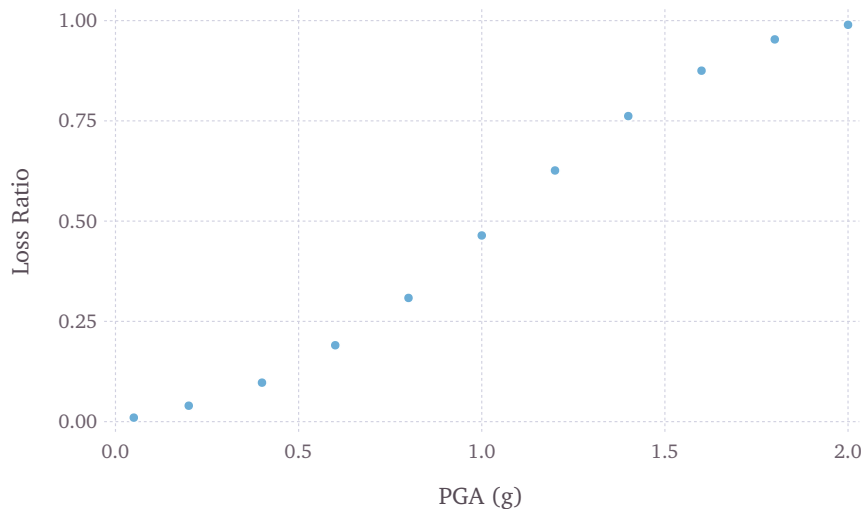
- **id**: mandatory; a unique string used to identify the taxonomy for which the function is being defined. This string is used to relate the consequence function with the relevant asset in the exposure model. This string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **dist**: mandatory; for vulnerability function which use a continuous distribution to model the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios, this attribute should be set to either “LN” if using the lognormal distribution, or to “BT” if using the Beta distribution<sup>2</sup>.
- **params**: mandatory; this field is used to define the parameters of the continuous distribution used for modelling the uncertainty in the loss ratios for each limit state for this consequence function. For a lognormal distribution, the two parameters required to specify the function are the mean and standard deviation of the consequence ratio. These parameters are defined for each limit state using the attributes `mean` and `stddev` respectively. The attribute `ls` specifies the limit state for which the parameters are being defined. The parameters for each limit state must be provided on a separate line.

<sup>2</sup>Note that as of OpenQuake-engine v1.8, the uncertainty in the consequence ratios is ignored, and only the mean consequence ratios for the set of limit states is considered when computing the consequences from the damage distribution. Consideration of the uncertainty in the consequence ratios is planned for future releases of the OpenQuake-engine.

The number and names of the limit states in each consequence function must be equal to the number of limit states defined in the corresponding fragility model using the attribute `limitStates`.

## 7.4 Vulnerability Models

In order to perform probabilistic or scenario risk calculations, it is necessary to define a vulnerability function for each building typology present in the exposure model. In this section, the schema for the vulnerability model is described in detail. A graphical representation of a vulnerability model (mean loss ratio for a set of intensity measure levels) is illustrated in Figure 7.3.

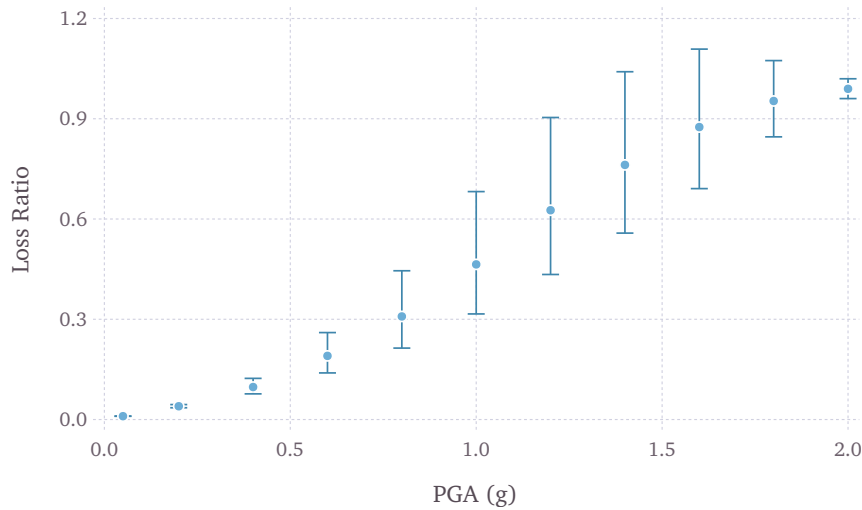


**Figure 7.3** – Graphical representation of a vulnerability model

Note that although the uncertainty for each loss ratio is not represented in Figure 7.3, it can be considered in the input file, by means of a coefficient of variation per loss ratio and a probabilistic distribution, which can currently be set to lognormal (LN), Beta (BT); or by specifying a discrete probability mass (PM)<sup>3</sup> distribution of the loss ratio at a set of intensity levels. An example of a vulnerability function that models the uncertainty in the loss ratio at different intensity levels using a lognormal distribution is illustrated in Figure 7.4.

In general, defining vulnerability functions requires the user to specify the distribution of the loss ratio for a set of intensity levels. The loss ratio distributions can be defined using either a discrete or a continuous format, and the vulnerability model file can include a mix of both types of vulnerability functions. It is also possible to define a vulnerability function using a set of deterministic loss ratios corresponding to a set of intensity levels (i.e., ignoring

<sup>3</sup>As of OpenQuake-engine v1.8, the “PM” option for defining vulnerability functions is supported by the Scenario Risk and the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculators, but not by the Classical Probabilistic Risk Calculator.



**Figure 7.4** – Graphical representation of a vulnerability function that models the uncertainty in the loss ratio using a lognormal distribution. The mean loss ratios and coefficients of variation are illustrated for a set of intensity levels.

the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios).

An example vulnerability model comprising three vulnerability functions is shown in Listing 50. This vulnerability model contains one function that uses the lognormal distribution to represent the uncertainty in the loss ratio at different intensity levels, one function that uses the Beta distribution, and one function that is defined using a discrete probability mass distribution.

The initial portion of the schema contains general information that describes some general aspects of the vulnerability model. The information in this metadata section is common to all of the functions in the vulnerability model and needs to be included at the beginning of every vulnerability model file. The parameters are illustrated in the snippet shown and described below:

```

4 <vulnerabilityModel id="vulnerability_example"
5     assetCategory="buildings"
6     lossCategory="structural">
7
8 <description>vulnerability model</description>

```

- **id**: a unique string (ASCII) used to identify the vulnerability model. This string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **assetCategory**: an optional string (ASCII) used to specify the type of assets for which vulnerability functions will be defined in this file (e.g: buildings, lifelines).
- **lossCategory**: mandatory; valid strings for this attribute are “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, “business\_interruption”, and “occupants”.

```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
3
4 <vulnerabilityModel id="vulnerability_example"
5     assetCategory="buildings"
6     lossCategory="structural">
7
8 <description>vulnerability model</description>
9
10 <vulnerabilityFunction id="W1_Res_LowCode" dist="LN">
11 <imls imt="PGA">0.005 0.15 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.0</imls>
12 <meanLRs>0.01 0.04 0.10 0.20 0.33 0.50 0.67 0.80 0.90 0.96 0.99</meanLRs>
13 <covLRs>0.03 0.12 0.24 0.32 0.38 0.40 0.38 0.32 0.24 0.12 0.03</covLRs>
14 </vulnerabilityFunction>
15
16
17 <vulnerabilityFunction id="S1_Res_HighCode" dist="BT">
18 <imls imt="SA(0.3)">0.05 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.0</imls>
19 <meanLRs>0.01 0.03 0.07 0.15 0.24 0.37 0.50 0.60 0.67 0.72 0.75</meanLRs>
20 <covLRs>0.03 0.12 0.24 0.32 0.38 0.40 0.38 0.32 0.24 0.12 0.03</covLRs>
21 </vulnerabilityFunction>
22
23
24 <vulnerabilityFunction id="ATC13_URM_Res" dist="PM">
25 <imls imt="MMI">6 7 8 9 10 11 12</imls>
26 <probabilities lr="0.000">0.95 0.49 0.30 0.14 0.03 0.01 0.00</probabilities>
27 <probabilities lr="0.005">0.03 0.38 0.40 0.30 0.10 0.03 0.01</probabilities>
28 <probabilities lr="0.050">0.02 0.08 0.16 0.24 0.30 0.10 0.01</probabilities>
29 <probabilities lr="0.200">0.00 0.02 0.08 0.16 0.26 0.30 0.03</probabilities>
30 <probabilities lr="0.450">0.00 0.02 0.03 0.10 0.18 0.30 0.18</probabilities>
31 <probabilities lr="0.800">0.00 0.01 0.02 0.04 0.10 0.18 0.39</probabilities>
32 <probabilities lr="1.000">0.00 0.01 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.08 0.38</probabilities>
33 </vulnerabilityFunction>
34
35 </vulnerabilityModel>
36
37 </nrml>

```

Listing 50 – Example vulnerability model ([Download example](#))



- **description:** mandatory; a brief string with further information about the vulnerability model, for example, which building typologies are covered or the source of the functions in the vulnerability model.

The following snippet from the above vulnerability model example file defines a vulnerability function modelling the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios using a (continuous) lognormal distribution:

```

10 <vulnerabilityFunction id="W1_Res_LowCode" dist="LN">
11 <imls imt="PGA">0.005 0.15 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.0</imls>
12 <meanLRs>0.01 0.04 0.10 0.20 0.33 0.50 0.67 0.80 0.90 0.96 0.99</meanLRs>
13 <covLRs>0.03 0.12 0.24 0.32 0.38 0.40 0.38 0.32 0.24 0.12 0.03</covLRs>
14 </vulnerabilityFunction>

```

The following attributes are needed to define a vulnerability function which uses a continuous distribution to model the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios:

- **id:** a unique string (ASCII) used to identify the taxonomy for which the function is being defined. This string is used to relate the vulnerability function with the relevant asset in the exposure model. This string can contain letters (a-z; A-Z), numbers (0-9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **dist:** mandatory; for vulnerability functions which use a continuous distribution to model the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios, this attribute should be set to either "LN" if using the lognormal distribution, or to "BT" if using the Beta distribution.
- **imls:** mandatory; this attribute specifies the list of intensity levels for which the parameters of the conditional loss ratio distributions will be defined. In addition, it is also necessary to define the intensity measure type (*imt*).
- **meanLRs:** mandatory; this field is used to define the mean loss ratios for this vulnerability function for each of the intensity levels defined by the attribute *imls*. The number of mean loss ratios defined by the *meanLRs* attribute must be equal to the number of intensity levels defined by the attribute *imls*.
- **covLRs:** mandatory; this field is used to define the coefficient of variation for the conditional distribution of the loss ratios for this vulnerability function for each of the intensity levels defined by the attribute *imls*. The number of coefficients of variation of loss ratios defined by the *covLRs* attribute must be equal to the number of intensity levels defined by the attribute *imls*. The uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios can be ignored by setting all of the *covLRs* for a given vulnerability function to zero.

The next snippet from the vulnerability model example file of Listing 50 defines a vulnerability function which models the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios using a (discrete) probability mass distribution:

```

24 <vulnerabilityFunction id="ATC13_URM_Res" dist="PM">
25   <imls imt="MMI">6 7 8 9 10 11 12</imls>
26   <probabilities lr="0.000">0.95 0.49 0.30 0.14 0.03 0.01 0.00</probabilities>
27   <probabilities lr="0.005">0.03 0.38 0.40 0.30 0.10 0.03 0.01</probabilities>
28   <probabilities lr="0.050">0.02 0.08 0.16 0.24 0.30 0.10 0.01</probabilities>
29   <probabilities lr="0.200">0.00 0.02 0.08 0.16 0.26 0.30 0.03</probabilities>
30   <probabilities lr="0.450">0.00 0.02 0.03 0.10 0.18 0.30 0.18</probabilities>
31   <probabilities lr="0.800">0.00 0.01 0.02 0.04 0.10 0.18 0.39</probabilities>
32   <probabilities lr="1.000">0.00 0.01 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.08 0.38</probabilities>
33 </vulnerabilityFunction>

```

The following attributes are needed to define a vulnerability function which uses a discrete probability mass distribution to model the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios:

- **id**: a unique string (ASCII) used to identify the taxonomy for which the function is being defined. This string is used to relate the vulnerability function with the relevant asset in the exposure model. This string can contain letters (a–z; A–Z), numbers (0–9), dashes (-), and underscores (\_), with a maximum of 100 characters.
- **dist**: mandatory; for vulnerability functions which use a discrete probability mass distribution to model the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratios, this attribute should be set to “PM”.
- **imls**: mandatory; this attribute specifies the list of intensity levels for which the parameters of the conditional loss ratio distributions will be defined. In addition, it is also necessary to define the intensity measure type (*imt*).
- **probabilities**: mandatory; this field is used to define the probability of observing a particular loss ratio (specified for each row of *probabilities* using the attribute *lr*), conditional on the set of intensity levels specified using the attribute *imls* for this vulnerability function. Thus, the number of probabilities defined by each *probabilities* attribute must be equal to the number of intensity levels defined by the attribute *imls*. On the other hand, there is no limit to the number of loss ratios for which probabilities can be defined. In the example shown here, notice that the set of probabilities conditional on any particular intensity level, say, *MMI* = 8, sum up to one.

Note that the schema for representing vulnerability models has changed between NRML v0.4 (used prior to oq-engine 1.7) and NRML v0.5 (introduced in oq-engine 1.7).

A deprecation warning is printed every time you attempt to use a vulnerability model in the old NRML v0.4 format in an oq-engine 1.7 (or later) risk calculation. To get rid of the warning you must upgrade the old vulnerability models files to NRML v0.5. You can use the command `upgrade_nrml` with `oq` to do this as follows:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq upgrade_nrml <directory-name>
```

The above command will upgrade all of your old vulnerability model files to NRML v0.5. The original files will be kept, but with a `.bak` extension appended. Notice that you will need

to set the `lossCategory` attribute to its correct value manually. This is easy to do, since if you try to run a computation you will get a clear error message telling the expected value for the `lossCategory` for each file.

Several methodologies to derive vulnerability functions are currently being evaluated by GEM and have been included as part of the Risk Modeller's Toolkit, the code for which can be found on a public repository at GitHub at: <http://github.com/gemscicetools/rmtk>.

A web-based tool to build an vulnerability model in the NRML schema are also under development, and can be found at the OpenQuake platform at the following address: <https://platform.openquake.org/ipt/>.



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Scenario Risk Calculator  
Classical Probabilistic Seismic Damage Calculator  
Classical Probabilistic Seismic Risk Calculator  
Stochastic Event Based Seismic Risk Calculator  
Retrofit Benefit-Cost Ratio Calculator  
Exporting Risk Results

## 8. Using the Risk Module

This Chapter summarises the structure of the information necessary to define the different input data to be used with the OpenQuake-engine risk calculators. Input data for scenario-based and probabilistic seismic damage and risk analysis using the OpenQuake-engine are organised into:

- An exposure model file in the NRML format, as described in Section 7.1.
- A file describing the vulnerability model (Section 7.4) for loss calculations, or a file describing the fragility model (Section 7.2) for damage calculations. Optionally, a file describing the consequence model (Section 7.3) can also be provided in order to calculate losses from the estimated damage distributions.
- A general calculation configuration file.
- Hazard inputs. These include hazard curves for the classical probabilistic damage and risk calculators, ground motion fields for the scenario damage and risk calculators, or stochastic event sets for the probabilistic event based calculators. As of OpenQuake-engine v2.1, in general, there are five different ways in which hazard calculation parameters or results can be provided to the OpenQuake-engine in order to run the subsequent risk calculations:
  - Use a single configuration file for running the hazard and risk calculations sequentially (preferred)
  - Use separate configuration files for running the hazard and risk calculations sequentially (legacy)
  - Use a configuration file for the risk calculation along with all hazard outputs from a previously completed, compatible OpenQuake-engine hazard calculation
  - Use a configuration file for the risk calculation along with hazard input files in the OpenQuake NRML format

The file formats for exposure models, fragility models, consequence models, and vulnerability

models have been described earlier in Chapter 7. The configuration file is the primary file that provides the OpenQuake-engine information regarding both the definition of the input models (e.g. exposure, site parameters, fragility, consequence, or vulnerability models) as well as the parameters governing the risk calculation.

Information regarding the configuration file for running hazard calculations using the OpenQuake-engine can be found in Section 3.4. Some initial mandatory parameters of the configuration file common to all of the risk calculators are presented in Listing 51. The remaining parameters that are specific to each risk calculator are discussed in subsequent sections.

```
1 [general]
2 description = Example risk calculation
3 calculation_mode = scenario_risk
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [vulnerability]
9 structural_vulnerability_file = structural_vulnerability_model.xml
```

**Listing 51** – Example minimal risk calculation configuration file ([Download example](#))

- **description:** a parameter that can be used to include some information about the type of calculations that are going to be performed.
- **calculation\_mode:** this parameter specifies the type of calculation to be run. Valid options for the `calculation_mode` for the risk calculators are: `scenario_damage`, `scenario_risk`, `classical_damage`, `classical_risk`, `event_based_risk`, and `classical_bcr`.
- **exposure\_file:** this parameter is used to specify the path to the exposure model file.

Depending on the type of risk calculation, other parameters besides the aforementioned ones may need to be provided. We illustrate in the following sections different examples of the configuration file for the different risk calculators.

## 8.1 Scenario Damage Calculator

For this calculator, the parameter `calculation_mode` should be set to `scenario_damage`.

### Example 1

This example illustrates a scenario damage calculation which uses a single configuration file to first compute the ground motion fields for the given rupture model and then calculate damage distribution statistics based on the ground motion fields. A minimal job configuration file required for running a scenario damage calculation is shown in Listing 52.

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Scenario damage using a single config file
3 calculation_mode = scenario_damage
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [rupture]
9 rupture_model_file = rupture_model.xml
10 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2.0
11
12 [site_params]
13 site_model_file = site_model.xml
14
15 [hazard_calculation]
16 random_seed = 42
17 truncation_level = 3.0
18 maximum_distance = 200.0
19 gsim = BooreAtkinson2008
20 number_of_ground_motion_fields = 1000
21
22 [fragility]
23 structural_fragility_file = structural_fragility_model.xml
```

**Listing 52** – Example combined configuration file for running a scenario damage calculation  
([Download example](#))

The general parameters description and `calculation_mode`, and `exposure_file` have already been described earlier. The other parameters seen in the above example configuration file are described below:

- `rupture_model_file`: a parameter used to define the path to the earthquake rupture model file describing the scenario event.
- `rupture_mesh_spacing`: a parameter used to specify the mesh size (in km) used by the OpenQuake-engine to discretize the rupture. Note that the smaller the mesh spacing, the greater will be (1) the precision in the calculation and (2) the computational demand.
- `structural_fragility_file`: a parameter used to define the path to the structural fragility model file.

In this case, the ground motion fields will be computed at each of the locations of the assets in the exposure model. Ground motion fields will be generated for each of the intensity measure types found in the provided set of fragility models. The above calculation can be run using the command line:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job.ini
```

After the calculation is completed, a message similar to the following will be displayed:

```
Calculation 2680 completed in 13 seconds. Results:
  id | name
5069 | Average Asset Damages
```

Note that one or more of the following parameters can be used in the same job configuration file to provide the corresponding fragility model files:

- `structural_fragility_file`: a parameter used to define the path to a structural fragility model file
- `nonstructural_fragility_file`: a parameter used to define the path to a non-structural fragility model file
- `contents_fragility_file`: a parameter used to define the path to a contents fragility model file
- `business_interruption_fragility_file`: a parameter used to define the path to a business interruption fragility model file

It is important that the `lossCategory` parameter in the metadata section for each provided fragility model file (“structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, or “business\_interruption”) should match the loss type defined in the configuration file by the relevant keyword above.

### Example 2

This example illustrates a scenario damage calculation which uses separate configuration files for the hazard and risk parts of a scenario damage assessment. The first configuration file shown in Listing 53 contains input models and parameters required for the computation of the ground motion fields due to a given rupture. The second configuration file shown in



Listing 54 contains input models and parameters required for the calculation of the damage distribution for a portfolio of assets due to the ground motion fields.

```
job_hazard.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Scenario hazard example
3 calculation_mode = scenario
4
5 [rupture]
6 rupture_model_file = rupture_model.xml
7 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2.0
8
9 [sites]
10 sites_csv = sites.csv
11
12 [site_params]
13 site_model_file = site_model.xml
14
15 [hazard_calculation]
16 random_seed = 42
17 truncation_level = 3.0
18 maximum_distance = 200.0
19 gsim = BooreAtkinson2008
20 intensity_measure_types = PGA, SA(0.3)
21 number_of_ground_motion_fields = 1000
22 ground_motion_correlation_model = JB2009
23 ground_motion_correlation_params = {"vs30_clustering": True}
```

**Listing 53** – Example hazard configuration file for a scenario damage calculation ([Download example](#))

In this example, the set of intensity measure types for which the ground motion fields should be generated is specified explicitly in the configuration file using the parameter `intensity_measure_types`. If the hazard calculation outputs are intended to be used as inputs for a subsequent scenario damage or risk calculation, the set of intensity measure types specified here must include all intensity measure types that are used in the fragility or vulnerability models for the subsequent damage or risk calculation.

In the hazard configuration file illustrated above (Listing 53), the list of sites at which the ground motion values will be computed is provided in a CSV file, specified using the `sites_csv` parameter. The sites used for the hazard calculation need not be the same as the locations of the assets in the exposure model used for the following risk calculation. In such cases, it is recommended to set a reasonable search radius (in km) using the `asset_hazard_distance` parameter for the OpenQuake-engine to look for available hazard values, as shown in the `job_damage.ini` example file above.

The only new parameters introduced in risk configuration file for this example (Listing 54) are

```
job_damage.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Scenario damage example
3 calculation_mode = scenario_damage
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [boundaries]
9 region = -123.0 38.3, -121.0 38.3, -121.0 36.5, -123.0 36.5
10
11 [hazard]
12 asset_hazard_distance = 20
13
14 [fragility]
15 structural_fragility_file = structural_fragility_model.xml
16
17 [risk_calculation]
18 time_event = night
```

**Listing 54** – Example risk configuration file for a scenario damage calculation ([Download example](#))

the `region`, `asset_hazard_distance`, and `time_event` parameters, which are described below; all other parameters have already been described in earlier examples.

- **region**: this is an optional parameter which defines the polygon that will be used for filtering the assets from the exposure model. Assets outside of this region will not be considered in the risk calculations. This region is defined using pairs of coordinates that indicate the vertices of the polygon, which should be listed in the Well-known text (WKT) format:

```
region = lon_1 lat_1, lon_2 lat_2, ..., lon_n lat_n
```

For each point, the longitude is listed first, followed by the latitude, both in decimal degrees. The list of points defining the polygon can be provided either in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction.

If the `region` is not provided, all assets in the exposure model are considered for the risk calculation.

This parameter is useful in cases where the exposure model covers a region larger than the one that is of interest in the current calculation.

- **asset\_hazard\_distance**: this parameter indicates the maximum allowable distance between an asset and the closest hazard input. Hazard inputs can include hazard curves or ground motion intensity values. If no hazard input site is found within the radius defined by the `asset_hazard_distance`, the asset is skipped and a message is provided mentioning the id of the asset that is affected by this issue.

If multiple hazard input sites are found within the radius defined by the this parameter,

the hazard input site with the shortest distance from the asset location is associated with the asset. It is possible that the associated hazard input site might be located outside the polygon defined by the region.

- `time_event`: this parameter indicates the time of day at which the event occurs. The values that this parameter can be set to are currently limited to one of the three strings: `day`, `night`, and `transit`. This parameter will be used to compute the number of fatalities based on the number of occupants present in the various assets at that time of day, as specified in the exposure model.

Now, the above calculations described by the two configuration files “`job_hazard.ini`” and “`job_damage.ini`” can be run separately. The calculation id for the hazard calculation should be provided to the OpenQuake-engine while running the risk calculation using the option `--hazard-calculation-id` (or `--hc`). This is shown below:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job_hazard.ini
```

After the hazard calculation is completed, a message similar to the one below will be displayed in the terminal:

```
Calculation 2681 completed in 4 seconds. Results:
  id | name
5072 | Ground Motion Fields
```

In the example above, the calculation id of the hazard calculation is 2681. There is only one output from this calculation, i.e., the GMFs.

The risk calculation for computing the damage distribution statistics for the portfolio of assets can now be run using:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job_damage.ini --hc 2681
```

After the calculation is completed, a message similar to the one listed above in Example 1 will be displayed.

In order to retrieve the calculation id of a previously run hazard calculation, the option `--list-hazard-calculations` (or `--lhc`) can be used to display a list of all previously run hazard calculations:

```
job_id | status | start_time | description
2609 | successful | 2015-12-01 14:14:14 | Mid Nepal earthquake
...
2681 | successful | 2015-12-12 10:00:00 | Scenario hazard example
```

The option `--list-outputs` (or `--lo`) can be used to display a list of all outputs generated during a particular calculation. For instance,

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --lo 2681
```

will produce the following display:

```
id | name
5072 | Ground Motion Fields
```

**Example 3**

The example shown in Listing 55 illustrates a scenario damage calculation which uses a file listing a precomputed set of GMFs. These GMFs can be computed using the OpenQuake-engine or some other software. The GMFs must be provided in either the NRML schema or the csv format as presented in Section 4.3.4. The damage distribution is computed based on the provided GMFs. Listing 26 shows an example of a GMFs file in the NRML schema and Table 4.4 shows an example of a GMFs file in the csv format. If the GMFs file is provided in the csv format, an additional csv file listing the site ids must be provided using the parameter `sites_csv`. See Table 4.5 for an example of the sites csv file, which provides the association between the site ids in the GMFs csv file with their latitude and longitude coordinates.

```

----- job.ini -----
1  [general]
2  description = Scenario damage using user-defined ground motion fields (NRML)
3  calculation_mode = scenario_damage
4
5  [hazard]
6  gmfs_file = gmfs.xml
7
8  [exposure]
9  exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
10
11 [fragility]
12 structural_fragility_file = structural_fragility_model.xml
```

**Listing 55** – Example configuration file for a scenario damage calculation using a precomputed set of ground motion fields ([Download example](#))

- `gmfs_file`: a parameter used to define the path to the GMFs file in the NRML schema. This file must define GMFs for all of the intensity measure types used in the fragility model.
- `gmfs_csv`: a parameter used to define the path to the GMFs file in the csv format. This file must define GMFs for all of the intensity measure types used in the fragility model. ([Download an example file here](#)).
- `sites_csv`: a parameter used to define the path to the sites file in the csv format. This file must define site id, longitude, and latitude for all of the sites for the GMFs file provided using the `gmfs_csv` parameter. ([Download an example file here](#)).

The above calculation(s) can be run using the command line:

```
user@ubuntu:~\ $ oq engine --run job.ini
```

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Scenario damage using user-defined ground motion fields (CSV)
3 calculation_mode = scenario_damage
4
5 [hazard]
6 sites_csv = sites.csv
7 gmfs_csv = gmfs.csv
8
9 [exposure]
10 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
11
12 [fragility]
13 structural_fragility_file = structural_fragility_model.xml
```

**Listing 56** – Example configuration file for a scenario damage calculation using a precomputed set of ground motion fields ([Download example](#))

#### Example 4

This example illustrates a the hazard job configuration file for a scenario damage calculation which uses two GMPEs instead of only one. Currently, the set of GMPEs to be used for a scenario calculation can be specified using a logic tree file, as demonstrated in 3.3.1. As of OpenQuake-engine v1.8, the weights in the logic tree are ignored, and a set of GMFs will be generated for each GMPE in the logic tree file. Correspondingly, damage distribution statistics will be generated for each set of GMF.

The file shown in Listing 57 lists the two GMPEs to be used for the hazard calculation:

The only change that needs to be made in the hazard job configuration file is to replace the `gsim` parameter with `gsim_logic_tree_file`, as demonstrated in Listing 58.

#### Example 5

This example illustrates a scenario damage calculation which specifies fragility models for calculating damage to structural and nonstructural components of structures, and also specifies consequence model files for calculation of the corresponding losses.

A minimal job configuration file required for running a scenario damage calculation followed by a consequences analysis is shown in Listing 59.

Note that one or more of the following parameters can be used in the same job configuration file to provide the corresponding consequence model files:

- `structural_consequence_file`: a parameter used to define the path to a structural consequence model file
- `nonstructural_consequence_file`: a parameter used to define the path to a nonstructural consequence model file
- `contents_consequence_file`: a parameter used to define the path to a contents consequence model file

```
gsm_logic_tree.xml
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <nrml xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
3     xmlns="http://openquake.org/xmlns/nrml/0.5">
4
5 <logicTree logicTreeID="lt1">
6   <logicTreeBranchingLevel branchingLevelID="b1">
7     <logicTreeBranchSet uncertaintyType="gmpeModel"
8         branchSetID="bs1"
9         applyToTectonicRegionType="Active Shallow Crust">
10
11       <logicTreeBranch branchID="b1">
12         <uncertaintyModel>BooreAtkinson2008</uncertaintyModel>
13         <uncertaintyWeight>0.75</uncertaintyWeight>
14       </logicTreeBranch>
15
16       <logicTreeBranch branchID="b2">
17         <uncertaintyModel>ChiouYoungs2008</uncertaintyModel>
18         <uncertaintyWeight>0.25</uncertaintyWeight>
19       </logicTreeBranch>
20
21     </logicTreeBranchSet>
22   </logicTreeBranchingLevel>
23 </logicTree>
24
25 </nrml>
```

**Listing 57** – Example ground motion logic tree for a scenario calculation ([Download example](#))

```
job_hazard.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Scenario hazard example using multiple GMPs
3 calculation_mode = scenario
4
5 [rupture]
6 rupture_model_file = rupture_model.xml
7 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2.0
8
9 [sites]
10 sites_csv = sites.csv
11
12 [site_params]
13 site_model_file = site_model.xml
14
15 [hazard_calculation]
16 random_seed = 42
17 truncation_level = 3.0
18 maximum_distance = 200.0
19 gsim_logic_tree_file = gsim_logic_tree.xml
20 intensity_measure_types = PGA, SA(0.3)
21 number_of_ground_motion_fields = 1000
22 ground_motion_correlation_model = JB2009
23 ground_motion_correlation_params = {"vs30_clustering": True}
```

**Listing 58** – Example configuration file for a scenario damage calculation using a logic-tree file  
([Download example](#))

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Scenario damage and consequences
3 calculation_mode = scenario_damage
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [rupture]
9 rupture_model_file = rupture_model.xml
10 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2.0
11
12 [site_params]
13 site_model_file = site_model.xml
14
15 [hazard_calculation]
16 random_seed = 42
17 truncation_level = 3.0
18 maximum_distance = 200.0
19 gsim = BooreAtkinson2008
20 number_of_ground_motion_fields = 1000
21 ground_motion_correlation_model = JB2009
22 ground_motion_correlation_params = {"vs30_clustering": True}
23
24 [fragility]
25 structural_fragility_file = structural_fragility_model.xml
26 nonstructural_fragility_file = nonstructural_fragility_model.xml
27
28 [consequence]
29 structural_consequence_file = structural_consequence_model.xml
30 nonstructural_consequence_file = nonstructural_consequence_model.xml
```

**Listing 59** – Example configuration file for a scenario damage calculation followed by a consequences analysis ([Download example](#))



- `business_interruption_consequence_file`: a parameter used to define the path to a business interruption consequence model file

It is important that the `lossCategory` parameter in the metadata section for each provided consequence model file (“structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, or “business\_interruption”) should match the loss type defined in the configuration file by the relevant keyword above. The above calculation can be run using the command line:

```
user@ubuntu:~\ $ oq engine --run job.ini
```

After the calculation is completed, a message similar to the following will be displayed:

```
Calculation 1579 completed in 37 seconds. Results:
  id | name
-----|-----
8990 | Average Asset Losses
8993 | Average Asset Damages
```

## 8.2 Scenario Risk Calculator

In order to run this calculator, the parameter `calculation_mode` needs to be set to `scenario_risk`.

Most of the job configuration parameters required for running a scenario risk calculation are the same as those described in the previous section for the scenario damage calculator. The remaining parameters specific to the scenario risk calculator are illustrated through the examples below.

### **Example 1**

This example illustrates a scenario risk calculation which uses a single configuration file to first compute the ground motion fields for the given rupture model and then calculate loss statistics for structural losses, nonstructural losses, and insured structural losses, based on the ground motion fields. The job configuration file required for running this scenario risk calculation is shown in Listing 60.

Whereas a scenario damage calculation requires one or more fragility and/or consequence models, a scenario risk calculation requires the user to specify one or more vulnerability model files. Note that one or more of the following parameters can be used in the same job configuration file to provide the corresponding vulnerability model files:

- `structural_vulnerability_file`: this parameter is used to specify the path to the structural vulnerability model file
- `nonstructural_vulnerability_file`: this parameter is used to specify the path to the nonstructural vulnerability model file
- `contents_vulnerability_file`: this parameter is used to specify the path to the contents vulnerability model file
- `business_interruption_vulnerability_file`: this parameter is used to specify the path to the business interruption vulnerability model file

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Scenario risk using a single config file
3 calculation_mode = scenario_risk
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [rupture]
9 rupture_model_file = rupture_model.xml
10 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2.0
11
12 [site_params]
13 site_model_file = site_model.xml
14
15 [hazard_calculation]
16 random_seed = 42
17 truncation_level = 3.0
18 maximum_distance = 200.0
19 gsim = BooreAtkinson2008
20 number_of_ground_motion_fields = 1000
21 ground_motion_correlation_model = JB2009
22 ground_motion_correlation_params = {"vs30_clustering": True}
23
24 [vulnerability]
25 structural_vulnerability_file = structural_vulnerability_model.xml
26 nonstructural_vulnerability_file = nonstructural_vulnerability_model.xml
27
28 [risk_calculation]
29 master_seed = 24
30 asset_correlation = 0.7
31
32 [risk_outputs]
33 insured_losses = true
34 all_losses = false
```

**Listing 60** – Example combined configuration file for a scenario risk calculation ([Download example](#))

- `occupants_vulnerability_file`: this parameter is used to specify the path to the occupants vulnerability model file

It is important that the `lossCategory` parameter in the metadata section for each provided vulnerability model file (“structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, “business\_interruption”, or “occupants”) should match the loss type defined in the configuration file by the relevant keyword above.

The remaining new parameters introduced in this example are the following:

- `master_seed`: this parameter is used to control the random number generator in the loss ratio sampling process. If the same `master_seed` is defined at each calculation run, the same random loss ratios will be generated, thus allowing reproducibility of the results.
- `asset_correlation`: if the uncertainty in the loss ratios has been defined within the vulnerability model, users can specify a coefficient of correlation that will be used in the Monte Carlo sampling process of the loss ratios, between the assets that share the same taxonomy. If the `asset_correlation` is set to one, the loss ratio residuals will be perfectly correlated. On the other hand, if this parameter is set to zero, the loss ratios will be sampled independently. If this parameter is not defined, the OpenQuake-engine will assume zero correlation in the vulnerability. As of OpenQuake-engine v1.8, `asset_correlation` applies only to continuous vulnerability functions using the lognormal or Beta distribution; it does not apply to vulnerability functions defined using the PMF distribution. Although partial correlation was supported in previous versions of the engine, beginning from OpenQuake-engine v2.2, values between zero and one are no longer supported due to performance considerations. The only two values permitted are `asset_correlation = 0` and `asset_correlation = 1`.
- `insured_losses`: this parameter specifies whether insured losses should be calculated; the default value of this parameter is `false`. In order for the OpenQuake-engine to be able to compute insured losses, the insurance limits and deductibles must be listed for each asset in the exposure model, as described in Example 5 in Section 7.1.
- `asset_loss_table`: this parameter specifies whether the individual asset and portfolio losses should be stored for each realization; the default value of this parameter is `false` and only mean and standard deviation of the portfolio losses across all realizations are stored. If this flag is set to `true`, a matrix containing all of the losses is saved in the datastore.

In this case, the ground motion fields will be computed at each of the locations of the assets in the exposure model and for each of the intensity measure types found in the provided set of vulnerability models. The above calculation can be run using the command line:

```
user@ubuntu:~\ $ oq engine --run job.ini
```

After the calculation is completed, a message similar to the following will be displayed:

```

Calculation 2735 completed in 10 seconds. Results:
  id | name
5328 | Aggregate Asset Losses
5329 | Average Asset Losses
5330 | Aggregate Event Losses

```

All of the different ways of running a scenario damage calculation as illustrated through the examples of the previous section are also applicable to the scenario risk calculator, though the examples are not repeated here.

### 8.3 Classical Probabilistic Seismic Damage Calculator

In order to run this calculator, the parameter `calculation_mode` needs to be set to `classical_damage`.

Most of the job configuration parameters required for running a classical probabilistic damage calculation are the same as those described in the section for the scenario damage calculator. The remaining parameters specific to the classical probabilistic damage calculator are illustrated through the examples below.

#### Example 1

This example illustrates a classical probabilistic damage calculation which uses a single configuration file to first compute the hazard curves for the given source model and ground motion model and then calculate damage distribution statistics based on the hazard curves. A minimal job configuration file required for running a classical probabilistic damage calculation is shown in Listing 61.

The general parameters `description` and `calculation_mode`, and `exposure_file` have already been described earlier in Section 8.1. The parameters related to the hazard curves computation have been described earlier in Section 3.4.1.

In this case, the hazard curves will be computed at each of the locations of the assets in the exposure model, for each of the intensity measure types found in the provided set of fragility models. The above calculation can be run using the command line:

```

user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job.ini

```

After the calculation is completed, a message similar to the following will be displayed:

```

Calculation 2741 completed in 12 seconds. Results:
  id | name
5359 | Asset Damage Distribution

```

#### Example 2

This example illustrates a classical probabilistic damage calculation which uses separate configuration files for the hazard and risk parts of a classical probabilistic damage assessment. The first configuration file shown in Listing 62 contains input models and parameters required

```
job.ini
1  [general]
2  description = Classical probabilistic damage using a single config file
3  calculation_mode = classical_damage
4
5  [exposure]
6  exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8  [erf]
9  width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
10 rapture_mesh_spacing = 2
11 area_source_discretization = 20
12
13 [site_params]
14 site_model_file = site_model.xml
15
16 [logic_trees]
17 source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
18 gsim_logic_tree_file = gsim_logic_tree.xml
19 number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0
20
21 [hazard_calculation]
22 random_seed = 42
23 investigation_time = 1
24 truncation_level = 3.0
25 maximum_distance = 200.0
26
27 [fragility]
28 structural_fragility_file = structural_fragility_model.xml
```

**Listing 61** – Example combined configuration file for a classical probabilistic damage calculation  
([Download example](#))

for the computation of the hazard curves. The second configuration file shown in Listing 63 contains input models and parameters required for the calculation of the probabilistic damage distribution for a portfolio of assets based on the hazard curves and fragility models.

```

----- job_hazard.ini -----
1  [general]
2  description = Classical probabilistic hazard
3  calculation_mode = classical
4
5  [sites]
6  region = -123.0 38.3, -121.0 38.3, -121.0 36.5, -123.0 36.5
7  region_grid_spacing = 0.5
8
9  [erf]
10 width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
11 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2
12 area_source_discretization = 20
13
14 [site_params]
15 site_model_file = site_model.xml
16
17 [logic_trees]
18 source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
19 gsim_logic_tree_file = gsim_logic_tree.xml
20 number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0
21
22 [hazard_calculation]
23 random_seed = 42
24 investigation_time = 1
25 truncation_level = 3.0
26 maximum_distance = 200.0

```

**Listing 62** – Example hazard configuration file for a classical probabilistic damage calculation  
([Download example](#))

Now, the above calculations described by the two configuration files “job\_hazard.ini” and “job\_damage.ini” can be run sequentially or separately, as illustrated in Example 2 in Section 8.1. The new parameters introduced in the above example configuration file are described below:

- `risk_investigation_time`: an optional parameter that can be used in probabilistic damage or risk calculations where the period of interest for the risk calculation is different from the period of interest for the hazard calculation. If this parameter is not explicitly set, the OpenQuake-engine will assume that the risk calculation is over the same time period as the preceding hazard calculation.
- `steps_per_interval`: an optional parameter that can be used to specify whether discrete fragility functions in the fragility models should be discretized further, and if

```
job_damage.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Classical probabilistic damage example
3 calculation_mode = classical_damage
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [hazard]
9 asset_hazard_distance = 20
10
11 [fragility]
12 structural_fragility_file = structural_fragility_model.xml
13
14 [risk_calculation]
15 risk_investigation_time = 50
16 steps_per_interval = 4
```

**Listing 63** – Example risk configuration file for a classical probabilistic damage calculation ([Download example](#))

so, how many intermediate steps to use for the discretization. Setting `steps_per_interval = n` will result in the OpenQuake-engine discretizing the discrete fragility models using  $(n - 1)$  linear interpolation steps between each pair of intensity level, *poe* points. The default value of this parameter is one, implying no interpolation.

## 8.4 Classical Probabilistic Seismic Risk Calculator

In order to run this calculator, the parameter `calculation_mode` needs to be set to `classical_risk`.

Most of the job configuration parameters required for running a classical probabilistic risk calculation are the same as those described in the previous section for the classical probabilistic damage calculator. The remaining parameters specific to the classical probabilistic risk calculator are illustrated through the examples below.

### Example 1

This example illustrates a classical probabilistic risk calculation which uses a single configuration file to first compute the hazard curves for the given source model and ground motion model and then calculate loss exceedance curves based on the hazard curves. An example job configuration file for running a classical probabilistic risk calculation is shown in Listing 64. Apart from the calculation mode, the only difference with the example job configuration file shown in Example 1 of Section 8.3 is the use of a vulnerability model instead of a fragility model.

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Classical probabilistic risk using a single config file
3 calculation_mode = classical_risk
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [erf]
9 width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
10 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2
11 area_source_discretization = 20
12
13 [site_params]
14 site_model_file = site_model.xml
15
16 [logic_trees]
17 source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
18 gsim_logic_tree_file = gsim_logic_tree.xml
19 number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0
20
21 [hazard_calculation]
22 random_seed = 42
23 investigation_time = 1
24 truncation_level = 3.0
25 maximum_distance = 200.0
26
27 [vulnerability]
28 structural_vulnerability_file = structural_vulnerability_model.xml
29 nonstructural_vulnerability_file = nonstructural_vulnerability_model.xml
30
31 [risk_outputs]
32 insured_losses = true
```

**Listing 64** – Example combined configuration file for a classical probabilistic risk calculation  
([Download example](#))



As with the Scenario Risk calculator, it is possible to specify one or more vulnerability model files in the same job configuration file, using the parameters:

- `structural_vulnerability_file`,
- `nonstructural_vulnerability_file`,
- `contents_vulnerability_file`,
- `business_interruption_vulnerability_file`, and/or
- `occupants_vulnerability_file`

It is important that the `lossCategory` parameter in the metadata section for each provided vulnerability model file (“structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, “business\_interruption”, or “occupants”) should match the loss type defined in the configuration file by the relevant keyword above.

In this case, the hazard curves will be computed at each of the locations of the assets in the exposure model, for each of the intensity measure types found in the provided set of vulnerability models. The above calculation can be run using the command line:

```
user@ubuntu:~\ $ oq engine --run job.ini
```

After the calculation is completed, a message similar to the following will be displayed:

```
Calculation 2749 completed in 24 seconds. Results:
  id | name
3980 | Asset Loss Curves Statistics
3981 | Asset Loss Maps Statistics
3983 | Average Asset Loss Statistics
```

### **Example 2**

This example illustrates a classical probabilistic risk calculation which uses separate configuration files for the hazard and risk parts of a classical probabilistic risk assessment. The first configuration file shown in Listing 65 contains input models and parameters required for the computation of the hazard curves. The second configuration file shown in Listing 66 contains input models and parameters required for the calculation of the loss exceedance curves and probabilistic loss maps for a portfolio of assets based on the hazard curves and vulnerability models.

Now, the above calculations described by the two configuration files “`job_hazard.ini`” and “`job_risk.ini`” can be run sequentially or separately, as illustrated in Example 2 in Section 8.1. The new parameters introduced in the above risk configuration file example (Listing 66) are described below:

- `lrem_steps_per_interval`: this parameter controls the number of intermediate values between consecutive loss ratios (as defined in the vulnerability model) that are considered in the risk calculations. A larger number of loss ratios than those defined in each vulnerability function should be considered, in order to better account for the uncertainty in the loss ratio distribution. If this parameter is not defined in the

```
job_hazard.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Classical probabilistic hazard
3 calculation_mode = classical
4
5 [sites]
6 region = -123.0 38.3, -121.0 38.3, -121.0 36.5, -123.0 36.5
7 region_grid_spacing = 0.5
8
9 [erf]
10 width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
11 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2
12 area_source_discretization = 20
13
14 [site_params]
15 site_model_file = site_model.xml
16
17 [logic_trees]
18 source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
19 gsim_logic_tree_file = gsim_logic_tree.xml
20 number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0
21
22 [hazard_calculation]
23 random_seed = 42
24 investigation_time = 1
25 truncation_level = 3.0
26 maximum_distance = 200.0
```

**Listing 65** – Example hazard configuration file for a classical probabilistic risk calculation ([Download example](#))

```
job_risk.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Classical probabilistic risk
3 calculation_mode = classical_risk
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [hazard]
9 asset_hazard_distance = 20
10
11 [vulnerability]
12 structural_vulnerability_file = structural_vulnerability_model.xml
13 nonstructural_vulnerability_file = nonstructural_vulnerability_model.xml
14
15 [risk_calculation]
16 risk_investigation_time = 50
17 lrem_steps_per_interval = 2
18
19 [risk_outputs]
20 quantile_loss_curves = 0.15, 0.50, 0.85
21 conditional_loss_poes = 0.02, 0.10
```

**Listing 66** – Example risk configuration file for a classical probabilistic risk calculation ([Download example](#))

configuration file, the OpenQuake-engine assumes the `lrem_steps_per_interval` to be equal to 5. More details are provided in the OpenQuake Book (Risk).

- `quantile_loss_curves`: this parameter can be used to request the computation of quantile loss curves for computations involving non-trivial logic trees. The quantiles for which the loss curves should be computed must be provided as a comma separated list. If this parameter is not included in the configuration file, quantile loss curves will not be computed.
- `conditional_loss_poes`: this parameter can be used to request the computation of probabilistic loss maps, which give the loss levels exceeded at the specified probabilities of exceedance over the time period specified by `risk_investigation_time`. The probabilities of exceedance for which the loss maps should be computed must be provided as a comma separated list. If this parameter is not included in the configuration file, probabilistic loss maps will not be computed.

## 8.5 Stochastic Event Based Seismic Risk Calculator

The parameter `calculation_mode` needs to be set to `event_based_risk` in order to use this calculator.

Most of the job configuration parameters required for running a stochastic event based risk calculation are the same as those described in the previous sections for the scenario risk calculator and the classical probabilistic risk calculator. The remaining parameters specific to the stochastic event based risk calculator are illustrated through the example below.

### **Example 1**

This example illustrates a stochastic event based risk calculation which uses a single configuration file to first compute the SESs and GMFs for the given source model and ground motion model, and then calculate event loss tables, loss exceedance curves and probabilistic loss maps for structural losses, nonstructural losses, insured structural losses, and occupants, based on the GMFs. The job configuration file required for running this stochastic event based risk calculation is shown in Listing 67.

Similar to that the procedure described for the Scenario Risk calculator, a Monte Carlo sampling process is also employed in this calculator to take into account the uncertainty in the conditional loss ratio at a particular intensity level. Hence, the parameters `asset_correlation` and `master_seed` may be defined as previously described for the Scenario Risk calculator in Section 8.2. This calculator is also capable of estimating insured losses and therefore, setting the `insured_losses` attribute to `true` will generate all results (loss tables, loss curves, loss maps) for insured losses as well. The parameter “`risk_investigation_time`” specifies the time period for which the event loss tables and loss exceedance curves will be calculated, similar to the Classical Probabilistic Risk calculator. If this parameter is not provided in the risk job configuration file, the time period used is the same as that specified in the hazard calculation using the parameter “`investigation_time`”.

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Stochastic event based risk using a single job file
3 calculation_mode = event_based_risk
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [site_params]
9 site_model_file = site_model.xml
10
11 [erf]
12 width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
13 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2.0
14 area_source_discretization = 10.0
15
16 [logic_trees]
17 source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
18 gsim_logic_tree_file = gsim_logic_tree.xml
19
20 [correlation]
21 ground_motion_correlation_model = JB2009
22 ground_motion_correlation_params = {"vs30_clustering": True}
23
24 [hazard_calculation]
25 random_seed = 24
26 truncation_level = 3
27 maximum_distance = 200.0
28 investigation_time = 1
29 number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0
30 ses_per_logic_tree_path = 100000
31 minimum_intensity = {"PGA": 0.05, "SA(0.4)": 0.10, "SA(0.8)": 0.12}
32
33 [vulnerability]
34 structural_vulnerability_file = structural_vulnerability_model.xml
35 nonstructural_vulnerability_file = nonstructural_vulnerability_model.xml
36
37 [risk_calculation]
38 master_seed = 42
39 risk_investigation_time = 1
40 asset_correlation = 0.0
41 return_periods = [5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000]
42
43 [risk_outputs]
44 avg_losses = true
45 insured_losses = true
46 quantile_loss_curves = 0.15, 0.50, 0.85
47 conditional_loss_poes = 0.02, 0.10
```

**Listing 67** – Example combined configuration file for running a stochastic event based risk calculation  
([Download example](#))

The new parameters introduced in this example are described below:

- **minimum\_intensity**: this optional parameter specifies the minimum intensity levels for each of the intensity measure types in the risk model. Ground motion fields where each ground motion value is less than the specified minimum threshold are discarded. This helps speed up calculations and reduce memory consumption by considering only those ground motion fields that are likely to contribute to losses. It is also possible to set the same threshold value for all intensity measure types by simply providing a single value to this parameter. For instance: “minimum\_intensity = 0.05” would set the threshold to 0.05 g for all intensity measure types in the risk calculation. If this parameter is not set, the OpenQuake-engine extracts the minimum thresholds for each intensity measure type from the vulnerability models provided, picking the first intensity value for which the mean loss ratio is nonzero.
- **return\_periods**: this parameter specifies the list of return periods (in years) for computing the aggregate loss curve. If this parameter is not set, the OpenQuake-engine uses a default set of return periods for computing the loss curves. The default return periods used are from the list: [5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000, ...], with its upper bound limited by  $(ses\_per\_logic\_tree\_path \times investigation\_time)$
- **avg\_losses**: this boolean parameter specifies whether the average asset losses over the time period “risk\_investigation\_time” should be computed. The default value of this parameter is true.

$$\begin{aligned}
 average\_loss &= sum(event\_losses) \\
 &\div (hazard\_investigation\_time \times ses\_per\_logic\_tree\_path) \\
 &\times risk\_investigation\_time
 \end{aligned}$$

The above calculation can be run using the command line:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job.ini
```

Computation of the loss tables, loss curves, and average losses for each individual asset in the exposure model can be resource intensive, and thus these outputs are not generated by default, unless instructed to by using the parameters described above.

Starting from oq-engine 2.8, users may also begin a stochastic event based risk calculation by providing a precomputed set of GMFs to the oq-engine. The following example describes the procedure for this approach.

### Example 2

This example illustrates a stochastic event based risk calculation which uses a file listing a precomputed set of GMFs. These GMFs can be computed using the OpenQuake-engine or some other software. The GMFs must be provided in either the NRML schema or the csv format as presented in Section 4.3.3. Listing 25 shows an example of a GMFs file in the NRML schema and Table 4.1 shows an example of a GMFs file in the csv format. If the GMFs

file is provided in the csv format, an additional csv file listing the site ids must be provided using the parameter `sites_csv`. See Table 4.5 for an example of the sites csv file, which provides the association between the site ids in the GMFs csv file with their latitude and longitude coordinates.

Starting from the input GMFs, the oq-engine can calculate event loss tables, loss exceedance curves and probabilistic loss maps for structural losses, nonstructural losses, insured structural losses, and occupants. The job configuration file required for running this stochastic event based risk calculation starting from a precomputed set of GMFs is shown in Listing 68.

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Stochastic event based risk using precomputed gmfs
3 calculation_mode = event_based_risk
4
5 [hazard]
6 sites_csv = sites.csv
7 gmfs_csv = gmfs.csv
8 investigation_time = 50
9
10 [exposure]
11 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
12
13 [vulnerability]
14 structural_vulnerability_file = structural_vulnerability_model.xml
15
16 [risk_calculation]
17 risk_investigation_time = 1
18 return_periods = [5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000]
19
20 [risk_outputs]
21 avg_losses = true
22 insured_losses = true
23 quantile_loss_curves = 0.15, 0.50, 0.85
24 conditional_loss_poes = 0.02, 0.10
```

**Listing 68** – Example combined configuration file for running a stochastic event based risk calculation starting from a precomputed set of ground motion fields ([Download example](#))

## 8.6 Retrofit Benefit-Cost Ratio Calculator

As previously explained, this calculator uses loss exceedance curves which are calculated using the Classical Probabilistic risk calculator. In order to run this calculator, the parameter `calculation_mode` needs to be set to `classical_bcr`.

Most of the job configuration parameters required for running a classical retrofit benefit-cost ratio calculation are the same as those described in the previous section for the classical probabilistic risk calculator. The remaining parameters specific to the classical retrofit benefit-cost ratio calculator are illustrated through the examples below.

**Example 1**

This example illustrates a classical probabilistic retrofit benefit-cost ratio calculation which uses a single configuration file to first compute the hazard curves for the given source model and ground motion model, then calculate loss exceedance curves based on the hazard curves using both the original vulnerability model and the vulnerability model for the retrofitted structures, then calculate the reduction in average annual losses due to the retrofits, and finally calculate the benefit-cost ratio for each asset. A minimal job configuration file required for running a classical probabilistic retrofit benefit-cost ratio calculation is shown in Listing 69.

```
job.ini
1 [general]
2 description = Classical cost-benefit analysis using a single config file
3 calculation_mode = classical_bcr
4
5 [exposure]
6 exposure_file = exposure_model.xml
7
8 [erf]
9 width_of_mfd_bin = 0.1
10 rupture_mesh_spacing = 2
11 area_source_discretization = 20
12
13 [site_params]
14 site_model_file = site_model.xml
15
16 [logic_trees]
17 source_model_logic_tree_file = source_model_logic_tree.xml
18 gsim_logic_tree_file = gsim_logic_tree.xml
19 number_of_logic_tree_samples = 0
20
21 [hazard_calculation]
22 random_seed = 42
23 investigation_time = 1
24 truncation_level = 3.0
25 maximum_distance = 200.0
26
27 [vulnerability]
28 structural_vulnerability_file = structural_vulnerability_model.xml
29 structural_vulnerability_retrofitted_file = retrofit_vulnerability_model.xml
30
31 [risk_calculation]
32 interest_rate = 0.05
33 asset_life_expectancy = 50
34 lrem_steps_per_interval = 1
```

**Listing 69** – Example configuration file for a classical probabilistic retrofit benefit-cost ratio calculation ([Download example](#))



The new parameters introduced in the above example configuration file are described below:

- `vulnerability_retrofitted_file`: this parameter is used to specify the path to the vulnerability model file containing the vulnerability functions for the retrofitted asset
- `interest_rate`: this parameter is used in the calculation of the present value of potential future benefits by discounting future cash flows
- `asset_life_expectancy`: this variable defines the life expectancy or design life of the assets, and is used as the time-frame in which the costs and benefits of the retrofit will be compared

The above calculation can be run using the command line:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job.ini
```

After the calculation is completed, a message similar to the following will be displayed:

```
Calculation 2776 completed in 25 seconds. Results:
  id | name
5422 | Benefit-cost ratio distribution | BCR Map. type=structural, hazard=5420
```

## 8.7 Exporting Risk Results

To obtain a list of all risk calculations that have been previously run (successfully or unsuccessfully), or are currently running, the following command can be employed:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --list-risk-calculations
```

or simply:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --lrc
```

Which will display a list of risk calculations as presented below.

```
job_id | status | start_time | description
  1 | successful | 2015-12-02 08:50:30 | Scenario damage example
  2 | failed | 2015-12-03 09:56:17 | Scenario risk example
  3 | successful | 2015-12-04 10:45:32 | Scenario risk example
  4 | successful | 2015-12-04 10:48:33 | Classical risk example
```

Then, in order to display a list of the risk outputs from a given job, the following command can be used:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --list-outputs <risk_calculation_id>
```

or simply:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --lo <risk_calculation_id>
```

which will display a list of outputs for the calculation requested, as presented below:

```
Calculation 4 results:
id | name
29 | loss_curve
30 | loss_map
```

Then, in order to export all of the risk calculation outputs in the appropriate xml format, the following command can be used:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --export-outputs <risk_calculation_id> <output_directory>
```

or simply:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --eos <risk_calculation_id> <output_directory>
```

If, instead of exporting all of the outputs from a particular calculation, only particular output files need to be exported, this can be achieved by using the `--export-output` option and providing the id of the required output:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --export-output <risk_output_id> <output_directory>
```

or simply:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --eo <risk_output_id> <output_directory>
```

### Scenario Damage Outputs

- Scenario damage statistics
- Scenario consequence statistics

### Scenario Risk Outputs

- Scenario loss statistics
- Scenario losses by event

### Probabilistic Damage Outputs

- Probabilistic damage distribution

### Probabilistic Risk Outputs

- Loss exceedance curves
- Probabilistic loss maps
- Stochastic event loss tables

### Benefit-Cost Ratio Outputs

- Retrofitting benefit/cost ratio maps

## 9. Risk Results

The following sections describe the different output files produced by the risk calculators.

### 9.1 Scenario Damage Outputs

The Scenario Damage Calculator produces the following output file for all loss types (amongst “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, or “business\_interruption”) for which a fragility model file was provided in the configuration file:

1. **Average Asset Damages:** this file contains the damage distribution statistics for each of the individual assets defined in the exposure model that fall within the region and have a computed GMF value available within the defined `asset_hazard_distance`. For each asset, the mean number of buildings (`mean`) and associated standard deviation (`stddev`) of the number of buildings in each damage state are listed in this file.

In addition, if the OpenQuake-QGIS (IRMT) plugin is used for visualizing or exporting the results from a Scenario Damage Calculation, the following additional outputs can be exported:

2. `dmg_by_tag`: this file contains the aggregated damage distribution statistics for each of the tags defined in the exposure model. For each tag, the mean number of buildings (`mean`) in each damage state are listed in this file.
3. `dmg_total`: this file contains the aggregated damage distribution statistics for the entire portfolio of assets defined in the exposure model. The mean (`mean`) and associated standard deviation (`stddev`) of the total number of buildings in each damage state are listed in this file.

In addition to the above asset-level damage output file which is produced for all Scenario Damage calculations, the following output file is also produced for all loss types (amongst “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, or “business\_interruption”) for which a consequence

model file was also provided in the configuration file:

4. **Average Asset Losses:** this file contains the scenario consequence statistics for each of the individual assets defined in the exposure model that fall within the region and have a computed GMF value available within the defined `asset_hazard_distance`. For each asset, the mean consequences (mean) and associated standard deviation (stddev) are listed in this file.

In addition, if the OpenQuake-QGIS IRMT plugin is used for visualizing or exporting the results from a Scenario Damage Calculation, the following additional outputs can be exported:

5. `losses_by_tag`: this file contains the aggregated scenario consequence statistics for each of the tags defined in the exposure model. For each tag, the mean consequences (mean) and associated standard deviation (stddev) are listed in this file.
6. `losses_total`: this file contains the aggregated scenario consequence statistics for the entire portfolio of assets defined in the exposure model. The mean consequences (mean) and associated standard deviation (stddev) are listed in this file.

If the calculation involves multiple GMPEs as described in Example 4 in Section 8.1, separate output files are generated for each of the above outputs, for each of the different GMPEs used in the calculation.

These different output files for Scenario Damage calculations are described in more detail in the following subsections.

## 9.1.1 Scenario damage statistics

### 9.1.1.1 Asset damage statistics

This output contains the damage distribution statistics for each of the individual assets defined in the exposure model that fall within the region and have a computed GMF value available within the defined `asset_hazard_distance`. An example output file for structural damage is shown in the file snippet in Table 9.1.

<code>asset_ref</code>	<code>taxonomy</code>	<code>lon</code>	<code>lat</code>	<code>structural ds0_mean</code>	<code>structural ds0_stdv</code>	<code>structural ds1_mean</code>	<code>structural ds1_stdv</code>	...
a3	tax1	-122.57000	38.11300	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	...
a2	tax2	-122.11400	38.11300	0.80	0.19	0.10	0.07	...
a5	tax1	-122.00000	37.91000	0.93	0.18	0.06	0.16	...
a4	tax3	-122.00000	38.00000	0.46	0.28	0.15	0.06	...
a1	tax1	-122.00000	38.11300	0.42	0.42	0.36	0.29	...
a6	tax2	-122.00000	38.22500	0.44	0.26	0.17	0.05	...
a7	tax1	-121.88600	38.11300	0.93	0.21	0.06	0.17	...

**Table 9.1** – Example of a scenario asset damage distribution output file

The output file lists the mean and standard deviation of the number of buildings in each damage state for each asset in the exposure model for all loss types (amongst ‘structural’, ‘nonstructural’, ‘contents’, or ‘business\_interruption’) for which a consequence model file was also provided in the configuration file in addition to the corresponding fragility model

file.

### 9.1.1.2 Damage statistics by tag

If the OpenQuake-QGIS IRMT plugin is used for visualizing or exporting the results, the Scenario Damage calculator can also estimate the expected total number of buildings of a certain combination of tags in each damage state and made available for export as a csv file. This distribution of damage per building tag is depicted in the example output file snippet in Table 9.2.

<b>taxonomy</b>	<b>structural ds0_mean</b>	<b>structural ds0_stdv</b>	<b>structural ds1_mean</b>	<b>structural ds1_stdv</b>	<b>...</b>
taxonomy=wood	3,272.48	592.55	479.19	422.34	...
taxonomy=concrete	1,241.94	389.94	272.69	91.63	...
taxonomy=steel	460.72	279.44	152.18	57.43	...

**Table 9.2** – Example of a scenario damage distribution per tag output file

The output file lists the mean of the total number of buildings in each damage state for each tag found in the exposure model for all loss types (amongst “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, or “business\_interruption”).

### 9.1.1.3 Total damage statistics

Finally, a total damage distribution output file can also be generated if the OpenQuake-QGIS IRMT plugin is used for visualizing or exporting the results from a Scenario Damage Calculation, which will contain the mean and standard deviation of the total number of buildings in each damage state, as illustrated in the example file in Table 9.2.

<b>loss_type</b>	<b>damage_state</b>	<b>damage_value</b>
structural	no_damage_mean	4,975.13
structural	no_damage_stdv	767.36
structural	ds1_mean	904.06
structural	ds1_stdv	442.56
structural	ds2_mean	564.35
structural	ds2_stdv	207.71
structural	ds3_mean	246.44
structural	ds3_stdv	161.54
structural	ds4_mean	310.03
structural	ds4_stdv	231.92

**Table 9.3** – Example of a scenario total damage distribution output file

## 9.1.2 Scenario consequence statistics

### 9.1.2.1 Asset consequence statistics

This output contains the consequences statistics for each of the individual assets defined in the exposure model that fall within the region and have a computed GMF value available within the defined `asset_hazard_distance`. An example output file for structural damage consequences is shown in Table 9.4.

<code>asset_ref</code>	<code>lon</code>	<code>lat</code>	<code>nonstructural-mean</code>	<code>nonstructural-stddev</code>
a3	-122.57000	38.11300	428.29	281.49
a2	-122.11400	38.11300	1220.84	1111.4
a5	-122.00000	37.91000	1390.59	859.10
a4	-122.00000	38.00000	2889.04	1663.33
a1	-122.00000	38.11300	3191.30	1707.41
a6	-122.00000	38.22500	3310.62	2069.87
a7	-121.88600	38.11300	1415.19	845.83

**Table 9.4** – Example of a scenario asset consequences output file

The output file lists consequence statistics for all loss types (amongst “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, or “business\_interruption”) for which a consequence model file was also provided in the configuration file in addition to the corresponding fragility model file.

### 9.1.2.2 Total consequence statistics

Finally, if the OpenQuake-QGIS IRMT plugin is used for visualizing or exporting the results from a Scenario Damage Calculation, a total consequences output file can also be generated, which will contain the mean and standard deviation of the total consequences for the selected scenario, as illustrated in the example shown in Table 9.5.

<code>contents-mean</code>	<code>contents-stddev</code>	<code>structural-mean</code>	<code>structural-stddev</code>
13845.87	6517.61	2270.29	2440.90

**Table 9.5** – Example of a scenario total consequences output file

## 9.2 Scenario Risk Outputs

The Scenario Risk Calculator produces the following set of output files:

1. **Aggregate Asset Losses:** this file contains the aggregated scenario loss statistics for the entire portfolio of assets defined in the exposure model. The mean (`mean`) and standard deviation (`stddev`) of the total loss for the portfolio of assets are listed in this file.
2. **Average Asset Losses:** this file contains mean (`mean`) and associated standard deviation (`stddev`) of the scenario loss for all assets at each of the unique locations in

the exposure model.

3. **Aggregate Event Losses:** this file contains the total loss for the portfolio of assets defined in the exposure model for each realization of the scenario generated in the Monte Carlo simulation process.

In addition, if the OpenQuake-QGIS IRMT plugin is used for visualizing or exporting the results from a Scenario Risk Calculation, the following additional outputs can be exported:

4. **losses\_by\_tag:** this file contains the scenario loss statistics for each of the tags defined in the exposure model. For each tag, the mean (**mean**) and associated standard deviation (**stddev**) of the losses for each tag are listed in this file.

If the calculation involves multiple GMPEs, separate output files are generated for each of the above outputs, for each of the different GMPEs used in the calculation.

These different output files for Scenario Risk calculations are described in more detail in the following subsections.

## 9.2.1 Scenario loss statistics

### 9.2.1.1 Asset loss statistics

This output is always produced for a Scenario Risk calculation and comprises a mean total loss and associated standard deviation for each of the individual assets defined in the exposure model that fall within the region and have a computed GMF value available within the defined `asset_hazard_distance`. These results are stored in a comma separate value (.csv) file as illustrated in the example shown in Table 9.6.

<b>asset_ref</b>	<b>taxonomy</b>	<b>lon</b>	<b>lat</b>	<b>structural mean</b>	<b>structural stddev</b>	<b>...</b>
a3	wood	-122.57000	38.11300	686,626	1,070,680	...
a2	concrete	-122.11400	38.11300	1,496,360	2,121,790	...
a5	wood	-122.00000	37.91000	3,048,910	4,339,480	...
a4	steel	-122.00000	38.00000	9,867,070	15,969,600	...
a1	wood	-122.00000	38.11300	12,993,800	22,136,700	...
a6	concrete	-122.00000	38.22500	5,632,180	9,508,760	...
a7	wood	-121.88600	38.11300	2,966,190	5,270,480	...

**Table 9.6** – Example of a scenario asset loss distribution output file

### 9.2.1.2 Tag loss statistics

If the OpenQuake-QGIS IRMT plugin is used for visualizing or exporting the results from a Scenario Risk Calculation, the total expected losses for assets of each tag will be computed and made available for export as a csv file. This distribution of losses per asset tag is depicted in the example output file snippet in Table 9.7.

The output file lists the mean loss aggregated for each tags present in the exposure model

tag	contents	nonstructural	structural
taxonomy=wood	526,754.0	759,653.0	393,912.0
taxonomy=concrete	587,773.0	1,074,620.0	142,571.0
taxonomy=steel	407,821.0	923,281.0	197,341.0

**Table 9.7** – Example of a scenario loss distribution per tag output file

and selected by the for all loss types (amongst “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, or “business\_interruption”) for which a vulnerability model file was provided in the configuration file.

### 9.2.1.3 Total loss statistics

If the OpenQuake-QGIS IRMT plugin is used for visualizing or exporting the results from a Scenario Risk Calculation, the mean total loss and associated standard deviation for the selected earthquake rupture will be computed and made available for export as a csv file, as illustrated in the example shown in Table 9.8.

LossType	Unit	Mean	Standard Deviation
structural	USD	8717775315.66	2047771108.36

**Table 9.8** – Example of a scenario total loss output file

### 9.2.2 Scenario losses by event

The losses by event output lists the total losses for each realization of the scenario generated in the Monte Carlo simulation process for all loss types for which a vulnerability model file was provided in the configuration file. These results are exported in a comma separate value (.csv) file as illustrated in the example shown in Table 9.9.

event	structural	nonstructural
1	2,194.74	20,767.00
2	4,037.57	20,905.70
3	2,950.80	18,635.50
4	7,787.75	19,041.40
5	3,964.19	30,982.80
6	19,394.60	40,274.60
...	...	...

**Table 9.9** – Example of a scenario losses by event output file



### 9.3 Probabilistic Damage Outputs

#### 9.3.1 Probabilistic damage distribution

The Classical Probabilistic Damage calculator provides the expected damage distribution per asset as a csv file, an example of which is shown in Table 9.10.

asset_ref	no_damage	slight	moderate	extreme	complete
a1	4.4360E-06	6.3482E-03	3.4851E-01	4.7628E-01	1.6884E-01
a2	1.0391E-05	9.1856E-03	3.7883E-01	4.6140E-01	1.5056E-01
...	...	...	...	...	...
a998	6.9569E-02	6.4106E+00	7.4108E+01	5.7563E+01	1.7848E+01
a999	1.2657E-01	8.1294E+00	7.6249E+01	5.4701E+01	1.6792E+01

**Table 9.10** – Example of a probabilistic damage distribution output file

This file lists the expected number of structural units in each damage state for each asset, for the time period specified by the parameter `risk_investigation_time`.

### 9.4 Probabilistic Risk Outputs

Probabilistic risk calculations can be run using either the Classical Probabilistic Risk Calculator or the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator. The following set of outputs is generated by both calculators:

1. `loss_curves`: loss exceedance curves describe the probabilities of exceeding a set of loss ratios or loss values, within a given time span (or investigation interval).
2. `loss_maps`: loss maps describe the loss (value) that is exceeded at the selected probability of exceedance (poE) within the specified time period for all assets at each of the unique locations in the exposure model.
3. `avg_losses`: the average losses output describes the expected loss (value) within the time period specified by `risk_investigation_time` for all assets in the exposure model.

In addition, with the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator, it is also possible to calculate the following types of outputs:

1. `agg_curves`: aggregate loss curves describe the exceedance probabilities for a set of loss values for the entire portfolio of assets defined in the exposure model.
2. `event_loss_table`: an event loss table contains the aggregate loss across all assets in the exposure model for each of the simulated earthquake ruptures in the Stochastic Event Set.

#### 9.4.1 Loss exceedance curves

Loss exceedance curves describe the probabilities of exceeding a set of loss ratios or loss values, within a given time span (or investigation interval). Depending upon the type of

calculator used and the options defined before running a probabilistic risk calculation, one or more of the sets of loss exceedance curves described in the following subsections will be generated for all loss types (amongst “structural”, “nonstructural”, “contents”, “occupants”, or “business\_interruption”) for which a vulnerability model file was provided in the configuration file.

#### 9.4.1.1 Asset loss exceedance curves

Individual asset loss exceedance curves for ground-up losses are always generated for the Classical Probabilistic Risk Calculator. On the other hand, individual asset loss exceedance curves are not generated for the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator. These results are stored in a comma separate value (.csv) file as illustrated in the example shown in Table 9.11.

asset	loss_type	loss	poe
asset	loss_type	loss	poe
a1	structural	0	1.00E+00
a1	structural	100	1.00E+00
a1	structural	400	8.43E-01
a1	structural	1000	4.70E-01
a1	structural	2000	1.78E-01
a1	structural	3300	7.31E-02
a1	structural	5000	3.30E-02
a1	structural	6700	1.68E-02
a1	structural	8000	1.01E-02
a1	structural	9000	6.62E-03
a1	structural	9600	4.95E-03
a1	structural	9900	4.12E-03
a1	structural	10000	3.86E-03

**Table 9.11** – Example of an asset loss curve output file

#### 9.4.1.2 Insured loss exceedance curves

If the exposure model used in the calculation included insurance limits and deductibles for the assets and if the parameter `insured_losses` was set to `true` in the configuration file, individual asset insured loss exceedance curves will also be generated by the Classical Probabilistic Risk Calculator. On the other hand, individual asset insured loss exceedance curves will not be generated for the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator. The file format for an insured loss exceedance curve file is identical to the individual asset loss exceedance curve output file described in the subsection above and is not repeated here.

**9.4.1.3 Mean loss exceedance curves**

For calculations involving multiple hazard branches, mean asset loss exceedance curves are also generated for both the Classical Probabilistic Risk Calculator and the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator (if the parameter “loss\_ratios” is defined in the configuration file). The structure of the file is identical to that of the individual asset loss exceedance curve output file.

**9.4.1.4 Quantile loss exceedance curves**

For calculations involving multiple hazard branches, quantile asset loss exceedance curves can also be generated for both the Classical Probabilistic Risk Calculator and the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator (if the parameter “loss\_ratios” is defined in the configuration file). The quantiles for which loss curves will be calculated should have been defined in the job configuration file for the calculation using the parameter `quantile_loss_curves`. The structure of the file is identical to that of the individual asset loss exceedance curve output file.

**9.4.1.5 Aggregate loss exceedance curves**

Aggregate loss exceedance curves are generated only by the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator and describe the probabilities of exceedance of the total loss across the entire portfolio for a set of loss values within a given time span (or investigation interval). These results are exported in a comma separate value (.csv) file as illustrated in the example shown in Table 9.12.

<code>annual_frequency_of_exceedence</code>	<code>return_period</code>	<code>structural</code>	<code>nonstructural</code>
1E+00	1	-	1,440.07
5E-01	2	246.95	2,122.25
2E-01	5	506.42	2,714.08
1E-01	10	740.06	3,226.47
5E-02	20	1,040.54	4,017.06
2E-02	50	1,779.61	6,610.49
1E-02	100	2,637.58	9,903.82
5E-03	200	3,742.73	14,367.00
2E-03	500	5,763.20	21,946.50
1E-03	1,000	7,426.77	25,161.00
5E-04	2,000	9,452.61	28,937.50
2E-04	5,000	12,021.00	35,762.20
1E-04	10,000	14,057.90	38,996.60
...	...	...	...

**Table 9.12** – Example of an aggregate loss curve

Same as described previously for individual assets, aggregate insured loss exceedance curves,

mean aggregate loss exceedance curves, and quantile aggregate loss exceedance curves will also be generated when relevant.

### 9.4.2 Probabilistic loss maps

A probabilistic loss map contains the losses that have a specified probability of exceedance within a given time span (or investigation interval) throughout the region of interest. This result can be generated using either the Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator or the Classical Probabilistic Risk Calculator.

The file snippet included in Table 9.13. shows an example probabilistic loss map output file.

asset_ref	taxonomy	lon	lat	structural~poe-0.02	structural~poe-0.1
a1	wood	-122.000	38.113	6,686.10	3,241.80
a2	concrete	-122.114	38.113	597.59	328.07
a3	wood	-122.570	38.113	251.73	136.64
a4	steel	-122.000	38.000	3,196.66	1,610.98
a5	wood	-122.000	37.910	949.26	431.26
a6	concrete	-122.000	38.225	1,549.72	577.30
a7	wood	-121.886	38.113	1,213.54	677.16

Table 9.13 – Example of a probabilistic loss map output file

### 9.4.3 Stochastic event loss tables

The Stochastic Event-Based Probabilistic Risk Calculator will also produce an aggregate event loss table. Each row of this table contains the rupture id, and aggregated loss (sum of the losses from the collection of assets within the region of interest), for each event in the stochastic event sets. The rupture id listed in this table is linked with the rupture ids listed in the stochastic event sets files. The column 'rlzi' specifies the realization id, which is linked with the realizations output described earlier in Table 4.3.

The file snippet included in Table 9.14 shows an example stochastic event loss table output file.

Asset event loss tables provide calculated losses for each of the assets in the exposure model, for each event within the stochastic event sets. In these tables, each row contains the rupture id, the asset id, magnitude and asset loss. Note that only assets that sustain non-zero losses in a rupture are listed in the asset event loss table. Considering that the amount of data usually contained in an asset event loss table is substantial, this table is not generated by default.

event_id	rup_id	year	rlzi	magnitude	lon	lat	depth	structural
2087354105866	486	8	0	4.00	-121.9650	38.1124	1.00	-
2087354105866	486	8	1	4.00	-121.9650	38.1124	1.00	-
2087354105866	486	8	2	4.00	-121.9650	38.1124	1.00	375.12
2087354105866	486	8	3	4.00	-121.9650	38.1124	1.00	177.71
2087354105863	486	12	0	4.00	-121.9650	38.1124	1.00	173.75
2087354105863	486	12	1	4.00	-121.9650	38.1124	1.00	200.51
2087354105863	486	12	2	4.00	-121.9650	38.1124	1.00	267.50
2087354105863	486	12	3	4.00	-121.9650	38.1124	1.00	196.72
3371549327360	785	12	4	5.55	-122.0000	38.0719	10.00	4,720.67
3371549327360	785	12	5	5.55	-122.0000	38.0719	10.00	1,002.59
3371549327360	785	12	6	5.55	-122.0000	38.0719	10.00	6,693.98
3371549327360	785	12	7	5.55	-122.0000	38.0719	10.00	1,135.40
2074469203971	483	13	0	4.00	-122.0340	38.1124	4.00	111.85
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Table 9.14 – Example aggregate event loss table

## 9.5 Benefit-Cost Ratio Outputs

### 9.5.1 Retrofitting benefit/cost ratio maps

Ratio maps from the Retrofitting Benefit/Cost Ratio calculator require loss exceedance curves, which can be calculated using the Classical Probabilistic Risk calculator. For this reason, the parameters `sourceModelTreePath` and `gsimTreePath` are also included in this NRML schema, so the whole calculation process can be traced back. The results for each asset are stored as depicted in Table 9.15.

- `interestRate`: this parameter represents the interest rate used in the time-value of money calculations
- `assetLifeExpectancy`: this parameter specifies the life expectancy (or design life) of the assets considered for the calculations
- `node`: this schema follows the same node structure already presented for the loss maps, however, instead of losses for each asset, the benefit/cost ratio (`ratio`), the average annual loss considering the original vulnerability (`aa1Orig`) and the average annual loss for the retrofitted (`aa1Retr`) configuration of the assets are provided.

lon	lat	asset_ref	aal_original	aal_retrofitted	bcr
80.0888	28.8612	a1846	966,606	53,037	1.72
80.0888	28.8612	a4119	225,788	26,639	1.46
80.0888	28.8612	a6444	444,595	16,953	1.33
80.0888	28.8612	a8717	106,907	10,086	0.39
80.0888	28.9362	a1784	964,381	53,008	1.92
80.0888	28.9362	a4057	225,192	26,597	1.64
80.0888	28.9362	a6382	443,388	16,953	1.49
80.0888	28.9362	a8655	106,673	10,081	0.44
80.1292	29.0375	a2250	1,109,310	60,989	2.08
80.1292	29.0375	a4523	2,785,790	329,083	1.78
...	...	...	...	...	...

**Table 9.15** – Example benefit-cost ratio map output

Scenario Damage Demos

Scenario Risk Demos

Classical Probabilistic Seismic Damage Demos

Classical Probabilistic Seismic Risk Demos

Event Based Probabilistic Seismic Risk Demos

Retrofit Benefit-Cost Ratio Demos

List of Acronyms

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## 10. Demonstrative Examples

The following sections describe the set of demos that have been compiled to demonstrate some of the features and usage of the risk calculators of the OpenQuake-engine. These demos can be found in a public repository on GitHub at the following link: <https://github.com/gem/oq-engine/tree/master/demos/risk>. Furthermore, a folder containing all of these demonstrative examples is provided when an OATS (OpenQuake Alpha Testing Service) account is requested, and it is also part of the oq-engine virtual image package.

These examples are purely demonstrative and are not intended to represent accurately the seismicity, vulnerability or exposure characteristics of the region of interest, but simply to provide example input files that can be used as a starting point for users planning to employ the OpenQuake-engine in seismic risk and loss estimation studies.

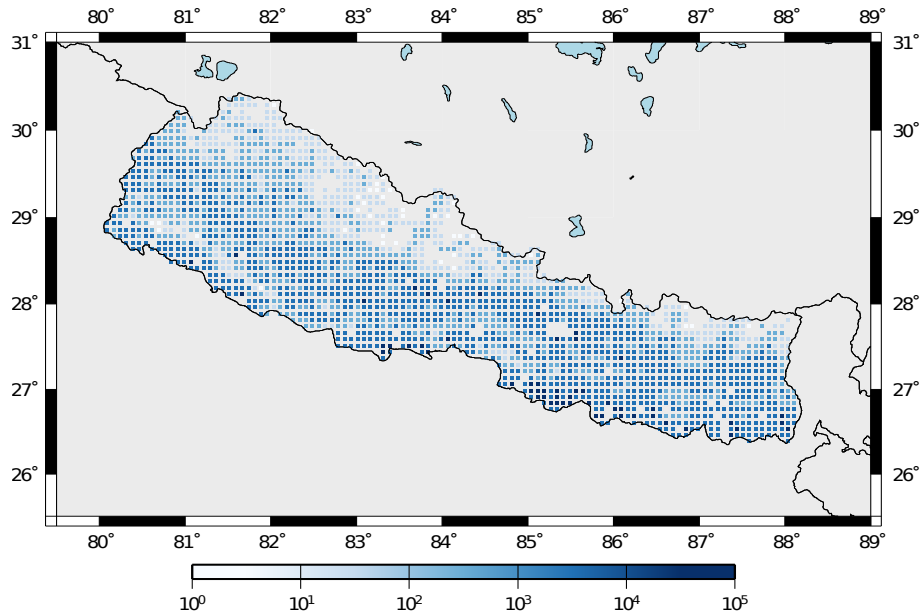
It is also noted that in the demonstrative examples presented in this section, illustrations about the various messages from the engine displayed in the command line interface are presented. These messages often contain information about the calculation id and output id, which will certainly be different for each user.

Following is the list of demos which illustrate how to use the oq-engine for various scenario-based and probabilistic seismic risk analyses:

- ClassicalBCR
- ClassicalDamage
- ClassicalRisk
- EventBasedRisk
- ScenarioDamage
- ScenarioRisk

These six demos use Nepal as the region of interest. An example exposure model has been developed for this region, comprising 9,144 assets distributed amongst 2,221 locations (due to the existence of more than one asset at the same location). A map with the distribution of

the number of buildings throughout Nepal is presented in Figure 10.1.



**Figure 10.1** – Distribution of number of buildings in Nepal

The building portfolio was organised into four classes for the rural areas (adobe, dressed stone, unreinforced fired brick, wooden frames), and five classes for the urban areas (the aforementioned typologies, in addition to reinforced concrete buildings). For each one of these building typologies, vulnerability functions and fragility functions were collected from the published literature available for the region. These input models are only for demonstrative purposes and for further information about the building characteristics of Nepal, users are advised to contact the National Society for Earthquake Technology of Nepal (NSET - <http://www.nset.org.np/>).

The following sections include instructions not only on how to run the risk calculations, but also on how to produce the necessary hazard inputs. Thus, each demo comprises the configuration file, exposure model and fragility or vulnerability models fundamental for the risk calculations. Each demo folder also a configuration file and the input models to produce the relevant hazard inputs.

## 10.1 Scenario Damage Demos

A rupture of magnitude Mw 7 in the central part of Nepal is considered in this demo. The characteristics of this rupture (geometry, dip, rake, hypocentre, upper and lower seismogenic depth) are defined in the `fault_rupture.xml` file, and the hazard and risk calculation settings are specified in the `job.ini` file.

To run the Scenario Damage demo, users should navigate to the folder where the required files have been placed and employ following command:



```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job_hazard.ini && oq engine --run job_risk.ini --hc=-1
```

The hazard calculation should produce the following outputs:

```
Calculation 8967 completed in 4 seconds. Results:
  id | name
9060 | Ground Motion Fields
9061 | Realizations
```

and the following outputs should be produced by the risk calculation:

```
Calculation 8968 completed in 16 seconds. Results:
  id | name
9062 | Average Asset Damages
9063 | Average Asset Losses
```

## 10.2 Scenario Risk Demos

The same rupture described in the Scenario Damage demo is also used for this demo. In this case, a combined job file, `job.ini`, is used to specify the configuration parameters for the hazard and risk calculations.

To run the Scenario Risk demo, users should navigate to the folder where the required files have been placed and employ following command:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job.ini
```

and the following outputs should be produced:

```
Calculation 8970 completed in 16 seconds. Results:
  id | name
9071 | Aggregate Asset Losses
9072 | Full Report
9073 | Ground Motion Fields
9074 | Average Asset Losses
9075 | Aggregate Event Losses
9076 | Realizations
```

## 10.3 Classical Probabilistic Seismic Damage Demos

The seismic source model developed within the Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program (GSHAP) is used with the Chiou and Youngs, 2008 ground motion prediction equation to produce the hazard input for this demo. No uncertainties are considered in the seismic source model and since only one GMPE is being considered, there will be only one possible path in the logic tree. Therefore, only one set of seismic hazard curves will be produced. To run the hazard calculation, the following command needs to be employed:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job_hazard.ini
```

which will produce the following sample hazard output:

```
Calculation 8971 completed in 34 seconds. Results:
  id | name
9074 | Hazard Curves
9075 | Realizations
```

The risk job calculates the probabilistic damage distribution for each asset in the exposure model starting from the above generated hazard curves. The following command launches the risk calculations:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job_risk.ini --hc 8971
```

and the following sample outputs are obtained:

```
Calculation 8972 completed in 16 seconds. Results:
  id | name
9076 | Asset Damage Distribution
9077 | Asset Damage Statistics
```

## 10.4 Classical Probabilistic Seismic Risk Demos

The same hazard input as described in the Classical Probabilistic Damage demo is used for this demo. Thus, the workflow to produce the set of hazard curves described in Section 10.3 is also valid herein. Then, to run the Classical Probabilistic Risk demo, users should navigate to the folder containing the demo input models and configuration files and employ the following command:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job_hazard.ini
```

which will produce the following hazard output:

```
Calculation 8971 completed in 34 seconds. Results:
  id | name
9074 | Hazard Curves
9075 | Realizations
```

In this demo, loss exceedance curves for each asset and two probabilistic loss maps (for probabilities of exceedance of 1% and 10%) are produced. The following command launches these risk calculations:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job_risk.ini --hc 8971
```

and the following outputs are expected:

```
Calculation 8973 completed in 16 seconds. Results:
  id | name
9077 | Asset Loss Curves Statistics
9078 | Asset Loss Maps Statistics
9079 | Average Asset Loss Statistics
```

## 10.5 Event Based Probabilistic Seismic Risk Demos

This demo uses the same probabilistic seismic hazard assessment (PSHA) model described in the previous examples in Section 10.3 and Section 10.4. However, instead of hazard curves, sets of ground motion fields will be generated by the hazard calculation of this demo. Again, since there is only one branch in the logic tree, only one set of ground motion fields will be used in the risk calculations. The hazard and risk jobs are defined in a single configuration file for this demo. To trigger the hazard and risk calculations the following command needs to be used:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job.ini
```

and the following results are expected:

```
Calculation 8974 completed in 229 seconds. Results:
  id | name
1820 | Aggregate Loss Curves
1821 | Aggregate Loss Curves Statistics
1822 | Aggregate Loss Table
1823 | Average Asset Losses
1824 | Average Asset Loss Statistics
1826 | Asset Loss Maps
1827 | Asset Loss Maps Statistics
1828 | Realizations
```

## 10.6 Retrofit Benefit-Cost Ratio Demos

The loss exceedance curves used within this demo are produced using the Classical Probabilistic Risk calculator. Thus, the process to produce the seismic hazard curves described in Section 10.4 can be employed here. Then, the risk calculations can be initiated using the following command:

```
user@ubuntu:~\$ oq engine --run job_risk.ini --hc 8971
```

which should produce the following output:

```
Calculation 8976 completed in 14 seconds. Results:
  id | name
9087 | Benefit Cost Ratios
```



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# Glossary

## List of Acronyms

### **GEM**

Global Earthquake Model.

### **GMF**

Ground Motion Field.

### **GMPE**

Ground Motion Prediction Equation.

### **IRMT**

.

### **MFD**

Magnitude-Frequency Distribution.

### **NRML**

Natural hazards' Risk Markup Language.

### **oq-engine**

OpenQuake-engine.

### **oq-engine 1.7**

OpenQuake-engine v1.7.

### **oq-engine 1.8**

OpenQuake-engine v1.8.

### **oq-engine 2.1**

OpenQuake-engine v2.1.

### **oq-engine 2.2**

OpenQuake-engine v2.2.

### **oq-engine 2.4**

OpenQuake-engine v2.4.

### **oq-engine 2.7**

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### **oq-engine 2.8**

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### **oq-hazardlib**

OpenQuake hazard library.

### **oq-risklib**

OpenQuake risk library.

**PSHA**

Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis.

**SES**

Stochastic Event Set.

**SSHA**

Scenario Based Seismic Hazard Analysis.

**SSM**

Seismic Source Model.

**List of Terms****area source**

A source type usually adopted to model distributed seismicity. In an area source the seismicity occurrence rate is assumed uniform over the source area; this produces an hazard pattern with a plateau of constant hazard inside the polygon delimiting the area source and values of hazard that tend to decrease as we move away from the border of the source.

**asset**

An asset is an element with a certain value, which can include buildings or population. For example, an asset can include an individual building at a given location, or a number of buildings that are grouped, co-located at a single location and classified with the same taxonomy.

**branch**

The simplest element in a logic tree; it belongs to a branch set where it represents one possible option among a finite number of alternatives. A branch is associated with a weight value if the branch set represents the epistemic uncertainty on a parameter or a model when the branch set is used to specify alternative models (e.g. district MFDs).

**branch set**

The structure describing the epistemic uncertainty on a specific parameter or model included in a logic tree structure. It ensembles a number of branches, each one representing a discrete alternative.

**branching level**

It indicates the position where a branch set or a branch is located in a logic tree structure. For example, the first branching level of the seismic source logic tree always contains one or several initial seismic source input models.

**characteristic fault source**

A fault source typology where ruptures always cover the entire fault surface.

**complex fault source**

A source typology usually adopted to model subduction interface faults.

**consequence function**

the distribution of the consequence (or loss) ratio conditional on a set of discrete limit states, defined for a particular taxonomy.

**consequence model**

A set of consequence functions used to model the consequence ratios of all the taxonomies in the exposure model.

**deductible**

A parameter used in the calculation of insured losses that establishes the economic value that needs to be deducted from the ground-up losses.

**dip**

The dip is the steepest angle of descent of the fault plane relative to a horizontal plane; it is measured in degrees  $[0,90]$ .

**earthquake rupture**

A 3D surface - representing a portion or the entire fault surface - over which a slip event (i.e. an earthquake) occurs.

**earthquake rupture forecast**

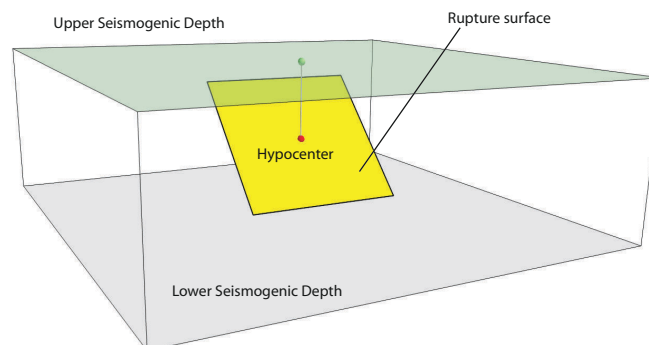
A list of all possible ruptures generated by all the sources included in a seismic source model. Each element in the list contains: the rupture geometry and the rupture probability of occurrence in a given time span. See also the definition available on the [OpenSHA website](#).

**exposure model**

A set of assets grouped according to their geographical location, taxonomy and value.

**fault trace**

A curve representing the intersection between the surface containing the fault surface (or its prolongation) and the topographic surface .

**fragility function**

the probability of exceeding a set of limit states, given an intensity measure level. These functions can be discrete or continuous.

**fragility model**

A set of vulnerability functions used to model the fragility of all the assets in the exposure model.

**frequency-magnitude distribution**

See magnitude-frequency distribution.

**grid source**

A source typology usually adopted to model distributed seismicity. It is routinely produced by a seismicity smoothing algorithm (one of the most famous algorithm is the one proposed by Frankel, (1995)).

**ground-motion logic tree**

A method used to systematically describe the epistemic uncertainties related to the ground motion models used in the computation of hazard using a specific PSHA input model.

**ground-motion model**

An object that given a rupture with specific properties computes the expected ground motion at the given site. In simplest case a ground motion model corresponds to a ground-motion prediction equation. In case of complex PSHA input models, the produced ground motion models contains a set of GMPEs, one for each tectonic region considered.

**ground-motion prediction equation**

An equation that - given some fundamental parameters characterizing the source, the propagation path and the site (in the simplest case magnitude, distance and  $V_{S,30}$ ) - computes the value  $GM$  of a (scalar) ground motion intensity parameter.

**initial seismic source input model**

It is the ensemble of information needed to fully describe the seismic sources composing a seismic source input model. The initial seismic source input model is included in the first branching level of a seismic source logic tree.

**limit**

A parameter used in the calculation of insured losses that establishes the maximum economic amount that can be covered by the insurance industry, according to a certain insurance policy.

**magnitude-frequency distribution**

A distribution describing the frequency of earthquakes with a specific magnitude. It can be continuous or discrete. One frequency- magnitude distribution frequently adopted in PSHA is the double truncated Gutenberg-Richter distribution.

**magnitude-scaling relationship**

An empirical relationship linking the magnitude with a parameter describing the size of the corresponding rupture (e.g. the area of the rupture or the rupture length).

**non-parametric source**

A source typology in which the earthquake rupture forecast is described explicitly by a set of ruptures and the corresponding probabilities of occurrence.

**point source**

The elemental source typology used in the OpenQuake-engine to model distributed seismicity.

**probabilistic seismic hazard analysis**

A methodology to compute seismic hazard by taking into account the potential contributions coming from all the sources of engineering importance for a specified site.

**PSHA input model**

An object containing the information necessary to describe the seismic source and the ground motion models - plus the related epistemic uncertainties.

**rake**

The rake is the direction in which a hanging wall block moves during a rupture, measured relative to fault strike on the plane of the fault.

**rupture model**

An object containing the information necessary to describe a earthquake rupture, such as magnitude, hypocenter location, strike, dip, rake, and seismogenic depths.

**seismic source**

An object that can generate.

**seismic source data**

An object containing the information necessary to completely describe a PSHA seismic source i.e. seismic source type, position, geometry and seismicity occurrence model.

**seismic source input model**

An object containing a list of seismic source data. In the OpenQuake-engine a seismic source model doesn't contain epistemic uncertainty.

**seismic source logic tree**

Logic tree structure defined to describe in structured and systematic way the epistemic uncertainties characterizing the seismic source model. The first branching level in the logic tree by definition contains one or several alternative initial seismic source input model.

**simple fault source**

A source typology usually adopted to model shallow structures with an uncomplicated geometry.

**strike**

The strike direction correspond to the angle between the north and the direction you take so that when you walk along the fault trace the fault dips on your right.

**tag**

Scheme used to specify attributes for the assets. Attributes for an asset could include the state, county, zip-code, city, occupancy, CRESTA ID, or other such markers that could be used in the post-processing stage of a risk calculation to aggregate results for each tag..

**taxonomy**

Scheme used to classify the assets. For buildings, a classification scheme has been proposed by GEM which considers a number of attributes including lateral load resisting system and its material, height, year of construction. The taxonomy is currently used to link the assets in the exposure model to the relevant vulnerability function or fragility function.

**vulnerability function**

A function that describes the probability distribution of loss ratio, conditioned on an intensity measure level. Currently only discrete vulnerability functions are supported.

**vulnerability model**

A set of vulnerability functions used to model the physical vulnerability of all the assets in the exposure model.