# A Web GIS for managing post-earthquake emergencies.

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This map gives the PGA value which can be predicted with 10% probability in the next 50 years





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The GNDT (National Group for Earthquake Defence) is a national body which has the mission to coordinate the scientific research in the field of the reduction of seismic risk. The realisation of this Web GIS has been carried out within the frame of the research project sponsored by the GNDT :

Reduction of the Seismic Vulnerability of Infrastructural Systems and Physical Environment



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The research project, in which eight Universities have participated, takes into consideration the vulnerability of:

- physical environment
- main communication road networks
- bridges
- high voltage electrical lines
- large industrial plants
- earth dams

with the goal to determine:

- the assessment of relevant and specific ground motion
- vulnerability reduction methods
- risk evaluation criteria



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One of the main tasks of the project has been the realization of a Web GIS able to:

- manage all the data needed for the seismic risk evaluation
- perform simulations of the impact on the infrastructures of hypothetic seismic events
- depict a scenario of the damages to infrastructures as a consequence of a specific seismic event
- give Governmental Bodies the possibility to foresee the best way of managing post- earthquake emergencies.



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In order to test the results achieved by the research group, a test area was chosen between the towns of Benevento and Avellino.



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The characteristics of an earthquake which are taken into consideration in the Web GIS are :

- Magnitude
- Epicenter
- Hypocenter
- Attenuation law
- PGA (peak ground acceleration)



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Two Web GISs have been realized:

- one in the Esri environment
- a second one in proprietary Java based software.

In the first the problem of the simulation of the effects of an earthquake has been approached with a *deterministic* method; in the second with a *probabilistic* method.



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Characteristics of the Web GIS ESRI software based:

## Map Server: ESRI ArcIMS Web server: IIS (Internet Information Server) Servlet: Servletxect



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# In the Web GIS two kinds of data are stored:

- environment description data
- Infrastructure data



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### **Data concerning infrastructures**



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In the deterministic approach the problem of giving support for managing a post-earthquake emergency has been approached in the following way:

when the magnitude and the coordinates of the hypocenter of an earthquake are entered in the Web GIS, a devoted application allows the generation, in real time, of a series of maps and tabulations relating to the foreseen damages of the existing infrastructures in the area of interest on the basis of their previously computed vulnerability.

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Special emphasis has been given to the problem of evaluating the effects of a seismic event on bridges and on the potential landslides, to foresee the situation of the road network.

The effects of the simulated seismic event on the infrastructures are determined in relation to their vulnerability.

The data concerning the vulnerability of the infrastructures (bridges, dams, industrial plants), stored in the GIS database, is derived from the studies performed by the researchers of the Universities participating in the project.

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# The earthquake simulation module of the Web GIS

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#### Characteristics of the Web GIS Java software based:

Web GIS Software :

- Web server: Apache
- Servlet: Tomcat
- Map Server: Geovisio (ASI Mantova)

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In the probabilistic approach the problem of giving support for managing a post-earthquake emergency has been approached in the following way:

given a road network involved in a seismic event, to compute the minimum and maximum value of the probability that two points of the road network are connected.

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The road network is composed of several sections, which connect all the nodes of the network. Several bridges can be located along each section.

The behaviour of each section is considered as binary: functioning (practicable) and non-functioning (impassable)

Failure of the network after a seismic event is defined as the lack of connectivity between the two selected points **A** and **B** of the net.

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To estimate the failure probability of the network, minimal cut-sets theory is employed.

A minimal cut-set is defined as the set of sections strictly necessary to cut the connection between the two selected points **A** and **B** of the net.

For a redundant net several minimal cut-sets exist. With all the possible minimal cut-sets known, the network failure probability is evaluated by means of the Ditlevsen bounds.

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### For each section two possibilities are assumed:

 $P^{J,l}$ 

 $\mathbf{P}^{j,k}$ 

- operating
- not operating

*probability of collapse of each bridge of the section* 

$$P_{f}^{j} = 1 - \prod_{k=1}^{n_{el}} \left( 1 - P_{f}^{j,k} \right)$$

Probability of *non functioning* situation of the section j

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$$P_{f}^{cut_{i}} = \prod_{j=\{tronchi \in cut_{i}\}} P_{f}^{j}$$

Non operating probability of the cut set *j* 

$$P_{f}^{cut_{(m,n)}} = \prod_{j = [\{tronchi \in cut_{i}\} \bigcup \{tronchi \in cut_{i}\}]} P_{f}^{j}$$

Non operating probability of the cut sets *m* and *n* 

$$P_{f}^{cut_{1}} + \sum_{m=2}^{n_{cut}} \max\left(P_{f}^{cut_{m}} - \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} P_{f}^{cut_{mn}}, 0\right) \le P_{f}^{rete} \le P_{f}^{cut_{1}} + \sum_{m=2}^{n_{cut}} \left(P_{f}^{cut_{m}} - \max_{n < m} P_{f}^{cut_{mn}}\right)$$

#### Lower and upper bound probability of the net

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