

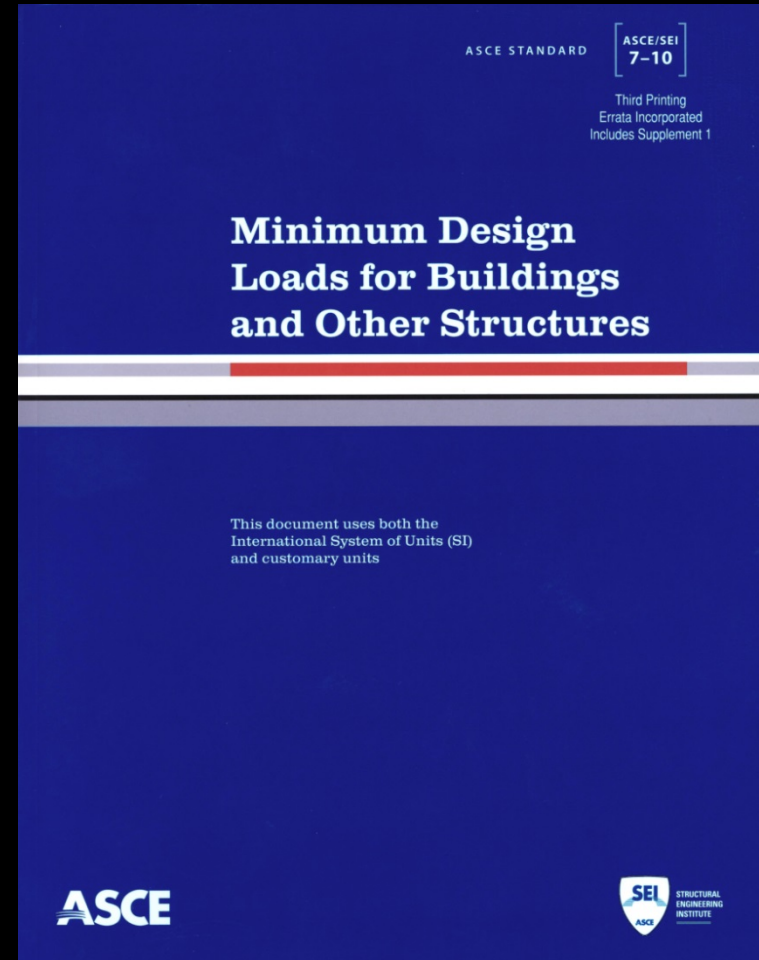
# Use of USGS Seismic Hazard Tools at Individual Sites—New Building Design Perspective

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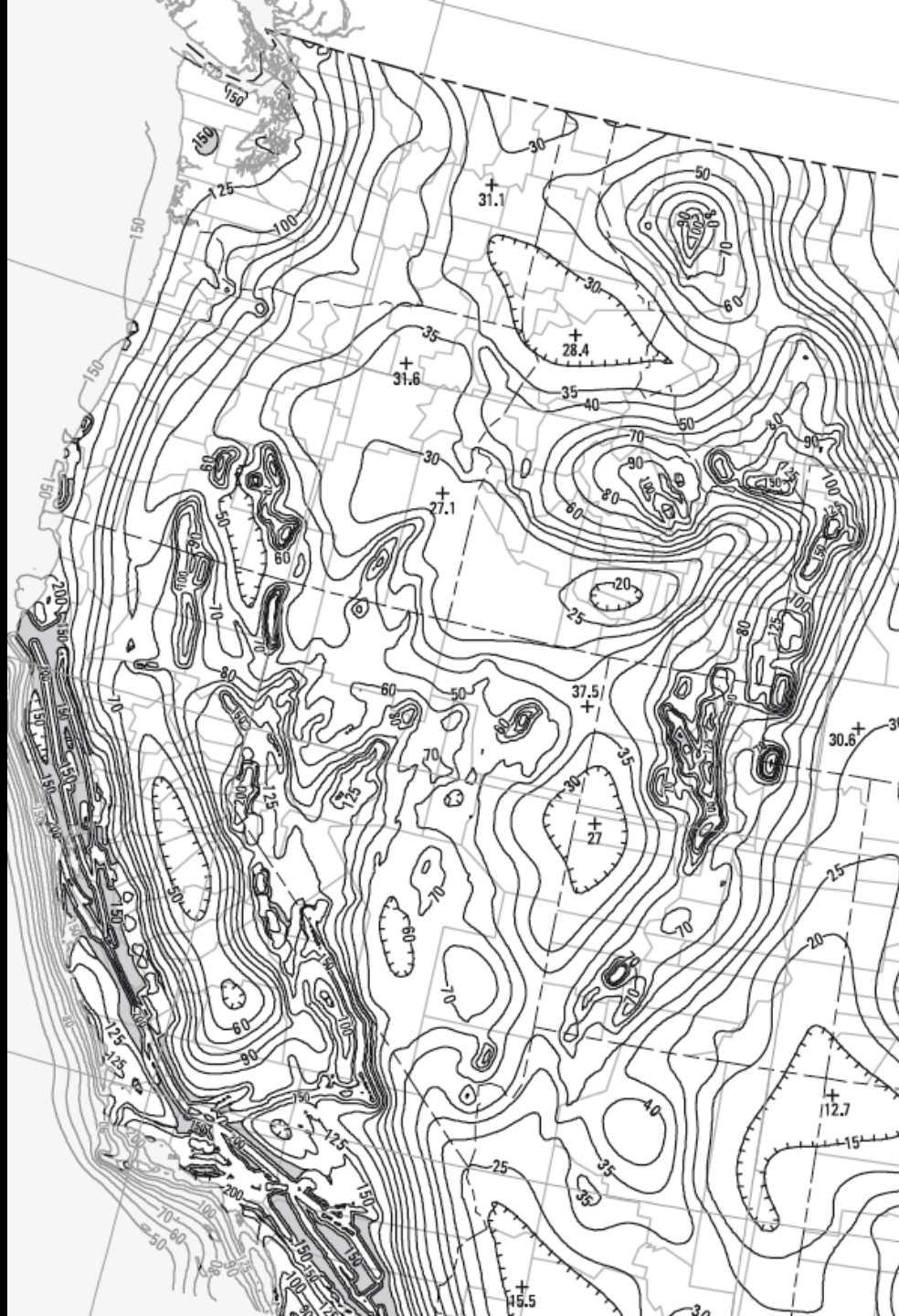
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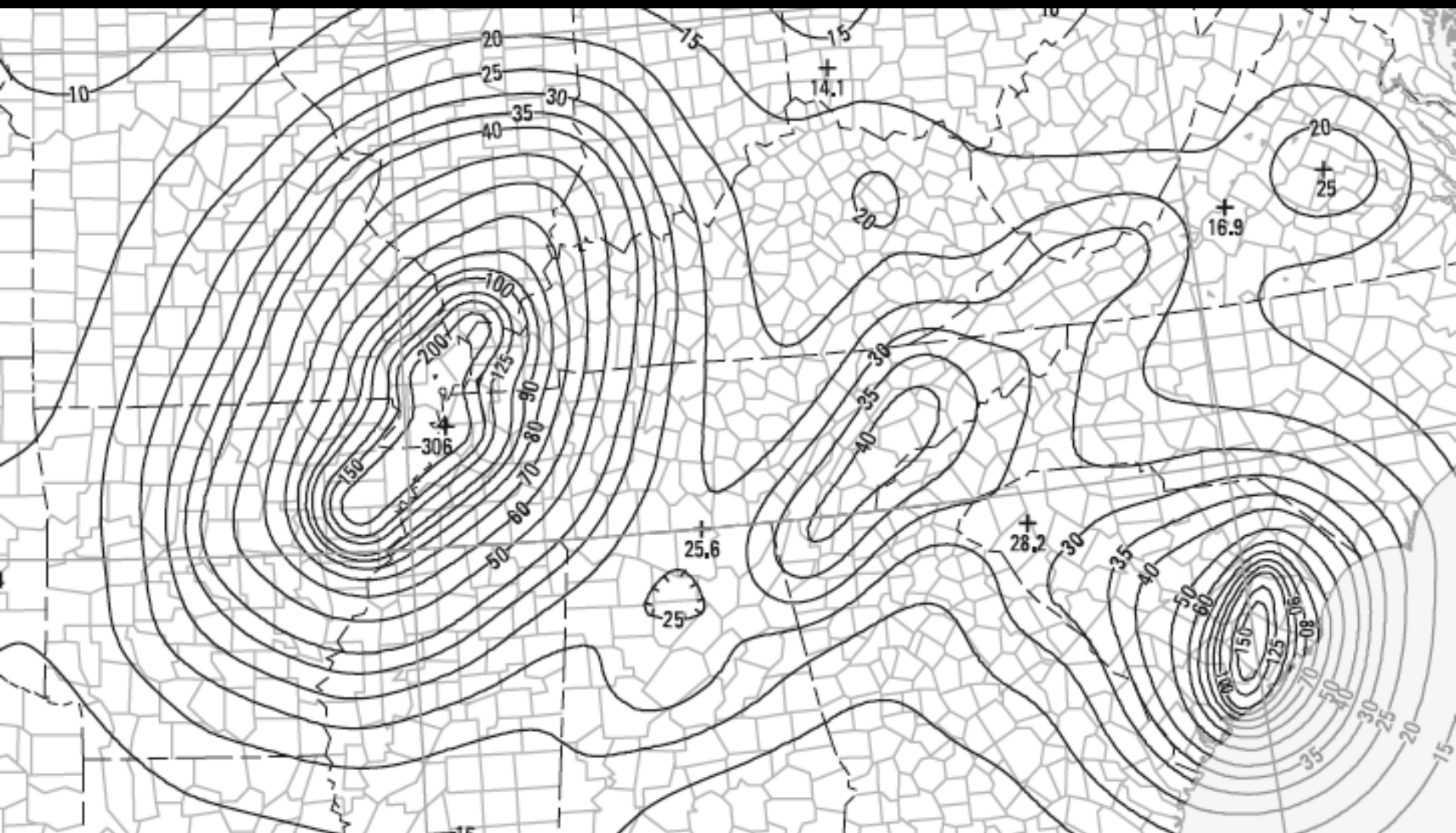


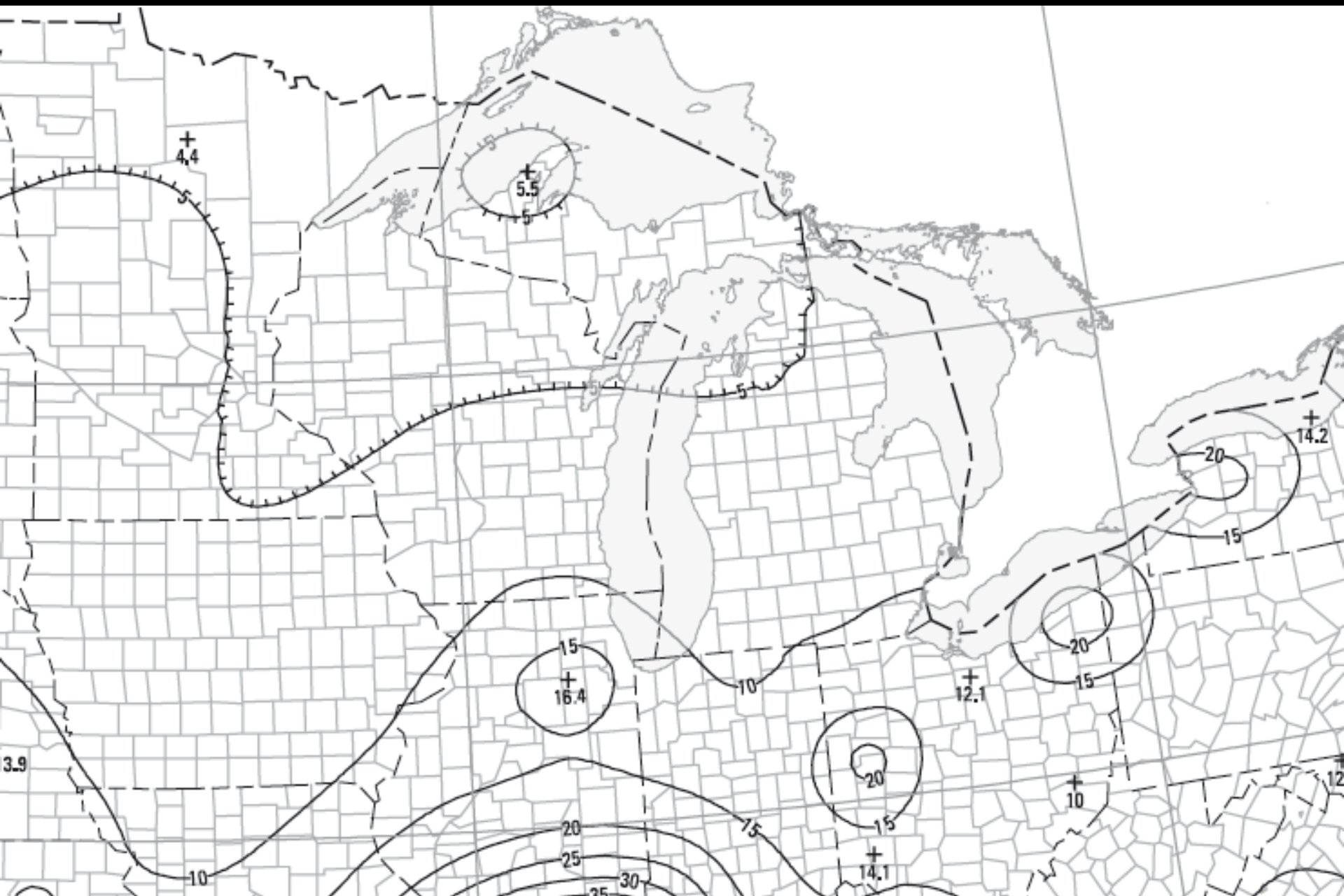
**11.4.3 Site Coefficients and Risk-Targeted Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE<sub>R</sub>) Spectral Response Acceleration Parameters.** The MCE<sub>R</sub> spectral response acceleration parameter for short periods ( $S_{MS}$ ) and at 1 s ( $S_{M1}$ ), adjusted for site class effects, shall be determined by Eqs. 11.4-1 and 11.4-2, respectively.

$$S_{MS} = F_a S_S \quad (11.4-1)$$

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**User Note:** Electronic values of mapped acceleration parameters and other seismic design parameters are provided at the USGS website at <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/design-maps>, or through the SEI website at <http://content.seinstitute.org>.



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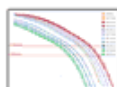
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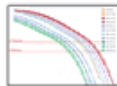
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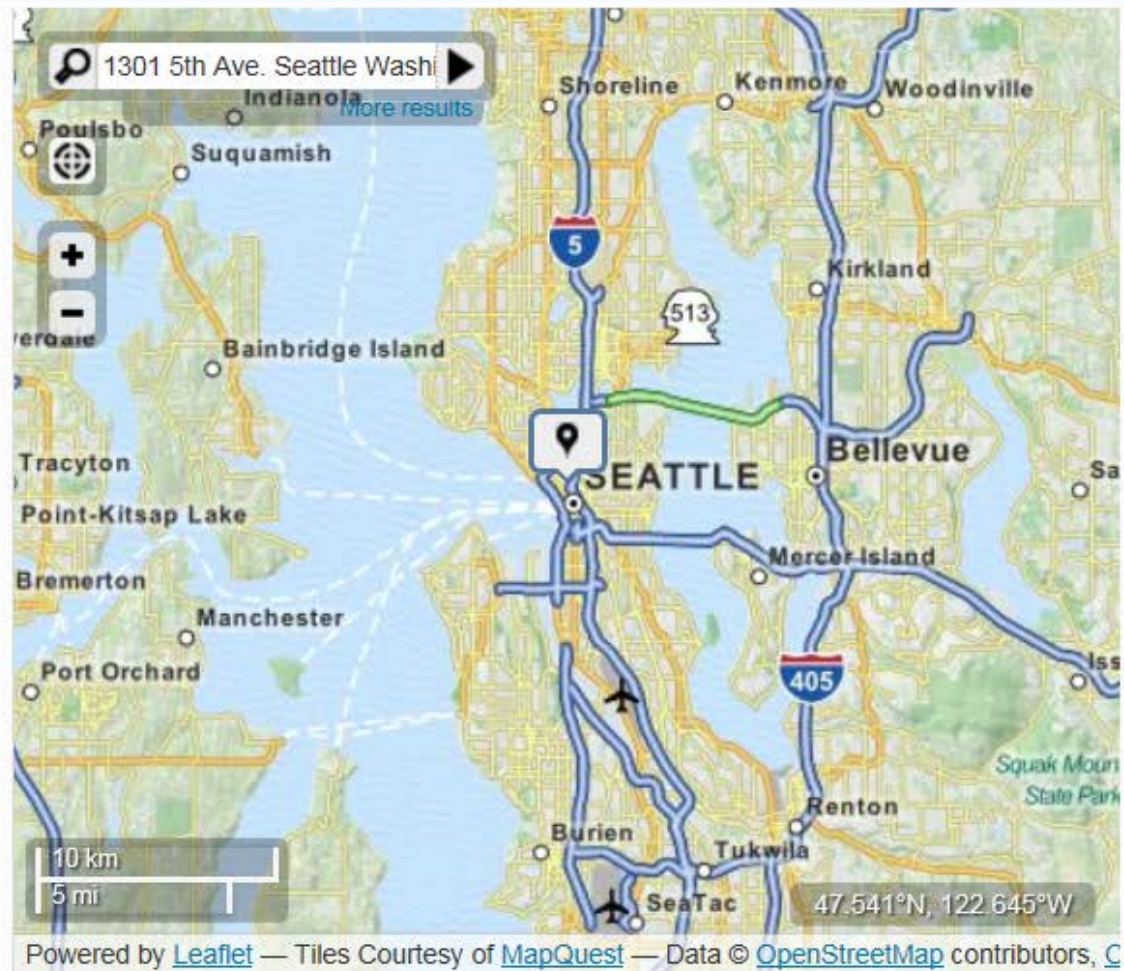
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### Site Longitude

Decimal degrees for the site location.

-122.334373655707

Compute Values





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## User-Specified Input

**Report Title** Rainier Tower Seattle Washington

Fri September 18, 2015 15:47:42 UTC

**Building Code Reference Document** 2012 International Building Code

(which utilizes USGS hazard data available in 2008)

**Site Coordinates** 47.60883°N, 122.33437°W

**Site Soil Classification** Site Class C - "Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock"

**Risk Category** I/II/III

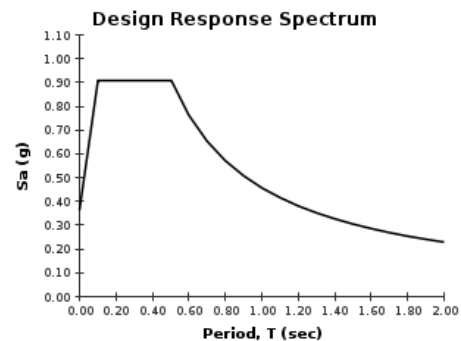
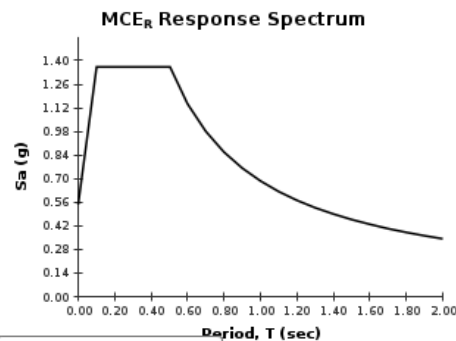


## USGS-Provided Output

$S_s = 1.362 \text{ g}$        $S_{ms} = 1.362 \text{ g}$        $S_{os} = 0.908 \text{ g}$

$S_1 = 0.527 \text{ g}$        $S_{m1} = 0.686 \text{ g}$        $S_{o1} = 0.457 \text{ g}$

For information on how the SS and S1 values above have been calculated from probabilistic (risk-targeted) and deterministic ground motions in the direction of maximum horizontal response, please return to the application and select the "2009 NEHRP" building code reference document.



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2012 International Building Code (47.60883°N, 122.33437°W)  
 Site Class C - "Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock", Risk Category I/II/III

Section 1613.3.1 — Mapped acceleration parameters

Note: Ground motion values provided below are for the direction of maximum horizontal spectral response acceleration. They have been converted from corresponding geometric mean ground motions computed by the USGS by applying factors of 1.1 (to obtain  $S_s$ ) and 1.3 (to obtain  $S_1$ ). Maps in the 2012 International Building Code are provided for Site Class B. Adjustments for other Site Classes are made, as needed, in Section 1613.3.3.

From **Figure 1613.3.1(1)**  $S_s = 1.362$  g

From **Figure 1613.3.1(2)**  $S_1 = 0.527$  g

Section 1613.3.2 — Site class definitions

The authority having jurisdiction (not the USGS), site-specific geotechnical data, and/or the default has classified the site as Site Class C, based on the site soil properties in accordance with Section 1613.

2010 ASCE-7 Standard – Table 20.3-1  
 SITE CLASS DEFINITIONS

Site Class	$V_s$	$\bar{N}$ or $\bar{N}_a$	$\bar{s}_u$
A. Hard Rock	> 5,000 ft/s	N/A	N/A
B. Rock	2,500 to 5,000 ft/s	N/A	N/A
C. Very dense soil and soft rock	1,200 to 2,500 ft/s	> 50	> 2,000 psf
D. Stiff Soil	600 to 1,200 ft/s	15 to 50	1,000 to 2,000 psf
E. Soft clay soil	< 600 ft/s	< 15	< 1,000 psf

Any profile with more than 10 ft of soil having the characteristics:

- Plasticity index  $PI > 20$ ,
- Moisture content  $w \geq 40\%$ , and
- Undrained shear strength  $\bar{s}_u < 500$  psf

F. Soils requiring site response analysis in accordance with Section 21.1

See Section 20.3.1

For SI:  $1ft/s = 0.3048\ m/s$ ;  $1lb/ft^2 = 0.0479\ kN/m^2$

Section 1613.3.3 — Site coefficients and adjusted maximum considered earthquake spectral response acceleration parameters

TABLE 1613.3.3(1)  
 VALUES OF SITE COEFFICIENT F.

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TABLE 1613.3.3(1)  
 VALUES OF SITE COEFFICIENT F.

Site Class	Mapped Spectral Response Acceleration at Short Period				
	$S_s \leq 0.25$	$S_s = 0.50$	$S_s = 0.75$	$S_s = 1.00$	$S_s \geq 1.25$
A	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
B	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
C	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
D	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0
E	2.5	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.9
F	See Section 11.4.7 of ASCE 7				

Note: Use straight-line interpolation for intermediate values of  $S_s$ .

For Site Class = C and  $S_s = 1.362$  g,  $F_s = 1.000$

TABLE 1613.3.3(2)  
 VALUES OF SITE COEFFICIENT F.

Site Class	Mapped Spectral Response Acceleration at 1-s Period				
	$S_1 \leq 0.10$	$S_1 = 0.20$	$S_1 = 0.30$	$S_1 = 0.40$	$S_1 \geq 0.50$
A	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
B	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
C	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
D	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.5
E	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.4
F	See Section 11.4.7 of ASCE 7				

Note: Use straight-line interpolation for intermediate values of  $S_1$ .

For Site Class = C and  $S_1 = 0.527$  g,  $F_1 = 1.300$

Equation (16-37):  $S_{1H} = F_1 S_1 = 1.000 \times 1.362 = 1.362$  g

Equation (16-38):  $S_{1H} = F_1 S_1 = 1.300 \times 0.527 = 0.686$  g

Section 1613.3.4 — Design spectral response acceleration parameters

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Equation (16-38):  $S_{1H} = F_1 S_1 = 1.300 \times 0.527 = 0.686$  g

Section 1613.3.4 — Design spectral response acceleration parameters

Equation (16-39):  $S_{DS} = \frac{2}{3} S_{1H} = \frac{2}{3} \times 1.362 = 0.908$  g

Equation (16-40):  $S_{DS} = \frac{2}{3} S_{1H} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.686 = 0.457$  g

Section 1613.3.5 — Determination of seismic design category

TABLE 1613.3.5(1)  
 SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY BASED ON SHORT-PERIOD (0.2 second) RESPONSE ACCELERATION

VALUE OF $S_{DS}$	RISK CATEGORY		
	I or II	III	IV
$S_{DS} < 0.167$ g	A	A	A
$0.167 \leq S_{DS} < 0.33$ g	B	B	C
$0.33 \leq S_{DS} < 0.50$ g	C	C	D
$0.50 \leq S_{DS}$	D	D	D

For Risk Category = I and  $S_{DS} = 0.908$  g, Seismic Design Category = D

TABLE 1613.3.5(2)  
 SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY BASED ON 1-SECOND PERIOD RESPONSE ACCELERATION

VALUE OF $S_{D1}$	RISK CATEGORY		
	I or II	III	IV
$S_{D1} < 0.067$ g	A	A	A
$0.067 \leq S_{D1} < 0.133$ g	B	B	C
$0.133 \leq S_{D1} < 0.20$ g	C	C	D
$0.20 \leq S_{D1}$	D	D	D

For Risk Category = I and  $S_{D1} = 0.457$  g, Seismic Design Category = D

Note: When  $S_1$  is greater than or equal to 0.75g, the Seismic Design Category is E for buildings in Risk Categories I, II, and III, and F for those in Risk Category IV, irrespective of the above.

Seismic Design Category = "the more severe design category in accordance with Table 1613.3.5(1) or 1613.3.5(2)" = D

Note: See Section 1613.3.5.1 for alternative approaches to calculating Seismic Design Category.

Section 1613.3.4 — Design spectral response acceleration parameters

## 12.8 EQUIVALENT LATERAL FORCE PROCEDURE

**12.8.1 Seismic Base Shear.** The seismic base shear,  $V$ , in a given direction shall be determined in accordance with the following equation:

$$V = C_s W \quad (12.8-1)$$

where

$C_s$  = the seismic response coefficient determined in accordance with Section 12.8.1.1

$W$  = the effective seismic weight per Section 12.7.2

**12.8.1.1 Calculation of Seismic Response Coefficient.** The seismic response coefficient,  $C_s$ , shall be determined in accordance with Eq. 12.8-2.

$$C_s = \frac{S_{DS}}{\left(\frac{R}{I_e}\right)} \quad (12.8-2)$$

where

$S_{DS}$  = the design spectral response acceleration parameter in the short period range as determined from Section 11.4.4 or 11.4.5

$R$  = the response modification factor in Table 12.2-1

$I_e$  = the importance factor determined in accordance with Section 11.5.1

The value of  $C_s$  computed in accordance with Eq. 12.8-2 need not exceed the following:

$$C_s = \frac{S_{D1}}{T\left(\frac{R}{I_e}\right)} \quad \text{for } T \leq T_L \quad (12.8-3)$$

$$C_s = \frac{S_{D1}T_L}{T^2\left(\frac{R}{I_e}\right)} \quad \text{for } T > T_L \quad (12.8-4)$$

$C_s$  shall not be less than

$$C_s = 0.044S_{DS}I_e \geq 0.01 \quad (12.8-5)$$

In addition, for structures located where  $S_1$  is equal to or greater than 0.6g,  $C_s$  shall not be less than

$$C_s = 0.5S_1/(R/I_e) \quad (12.8-6)$$

where  $I_e$  and  $R$  are as defined in Section 12.8.1.1 and

$S_{D1}$  = the design spectral response acceleration parameter at a period of 1.0 s, as determined from Section 11.4.4 or 11.4.5

$T$  = the fundamental period of the structure(s) determined in Section 12.8.2

$T_L$  = long-period transition period(s) determined in Section 11.4.5

$S_1$  = the mapped maximum considered earthquake spectral response acceleration parameter determined in accordance with Section 11.4.1 or 11.4.3

# Rainier Square

(Using ASCE 7-10)

(MKA Project #: 99991.00)

## Base Shear

### Basic Sheet

By: BK Date: 9.18.2015 Time: 9.30a

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Show Diaphragm Forces

Show Accidental Torsion

Hide Diaphragm Forces

Hide Accidental Torsion

**Note:**  
Enter maximum spectral period for charts here (value is

### Ground Motion/Site

mapped  $S_S$ : **1.362**

$F_a = 1.00$

mapped  $S_1$ : **0.527**

$F_v = 1.30$

Site Class: **C**

$S_{DS} = 0.908$

$E_v = 0.182D$  (for reference only)

$S_{D1} = 0.457$

$T_L = 6$

### Building Information

Risk Category **III**

Type: **All others**

Type: **All others**

SDC = **D**

$C_t = 0.020$

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$I = 1.25$

$\alpha = 0.75$

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$C_u = 1.40$

Approximate period,  $T_a = 3.13$  sec

$T_a = 3.13$  sec

Bldg Code = **IBC 2012**

Upper limit period,  $C_u T_a = 4.39$  sec

$C_u T_a = 4.39$  sec

$R_{x-dir} = 6.5$

$R_{y-dir} = 6.5$

Min  $V_{DYN} = 0.85$   $V_{ELF}$

$T_{analysis,x} = 6.00$  sec

$T_{analysis,y} = 6.00$  sec

$T_{design,x} = 4.39$  sec

$T_{design,y} = 4.39$  sec

$k_x = 2.00$

$k_y = 2.00$

**Note:**  
Use LOCKED button below to prevent accidental changes

(Eq. 12.8-2)  $C_{s,x} = 0.175$

$C_{s,y} = 0.175$

(Eq. 12.8-3)  $0.020$

$0.020$

(Eq. 12.8-4)  $n/a$

$n/a$

(Eq. 12.8-5) **0.050** -controls

**0.050** -controls

(Eq. 12.8-6)  $n/a$

$n/a$

**LOCKED**

Add 1

Remove 1

For ELF:  $V_{ELF,x} = 10621$  kips  $V_{ELF,y} = 10621$  kips

( $V_y$  computed with  $R = 1 and I = 1$ )

$V_{E,x} = 24736$  kips  $V_{E,y} = 30612$  kips

Add 10

Remove 10

Scale to:  $V_{DYN,x} = 9028$  kips  $V_{DYN,y} = 9028$  kips

No. stories = **59**

[controlled by  $0.85 \cdot V_{elf}$ ]

[controlled by  $0.85 \cdot V_{elf}$ ]

(ETABS/SAP) Scale Factor: 141.027

Scale Factor: 113.959





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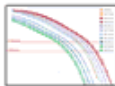
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### Design Code Reference Document

Consult your local design code for this.

2012 IBC

### Report Title (Optional)

This will appear at the top of the report.

Rainier Tower Seattle

### Site Soil Classification

This is **not** automatically selected based on site location.

Site Class C – “Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock”

### Risk Category

Used to compute the seismic design category.

I or II or III

### Site Latitude

Decimal degrees for the site location.

47.6088

### Site Longitude

Decimal degrees for the site location.

122.3344

Compute Values

## Location Out of Bounds

The location was not within the regions supported by this tool. Please select a valid location.

Ok

**If user forgets the negative sign, self-correct and let user know; update map view accordingly**

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### Design Code Reference Document

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I or II or III

### Site Latitude

Decimal degrees for the site location.

47.6088258

### Site Longitude

Decimal degrees for the site location.

-122.334373655707

Compute Values



Allow selection of more than one Site Soil Classification and generate results accordingly



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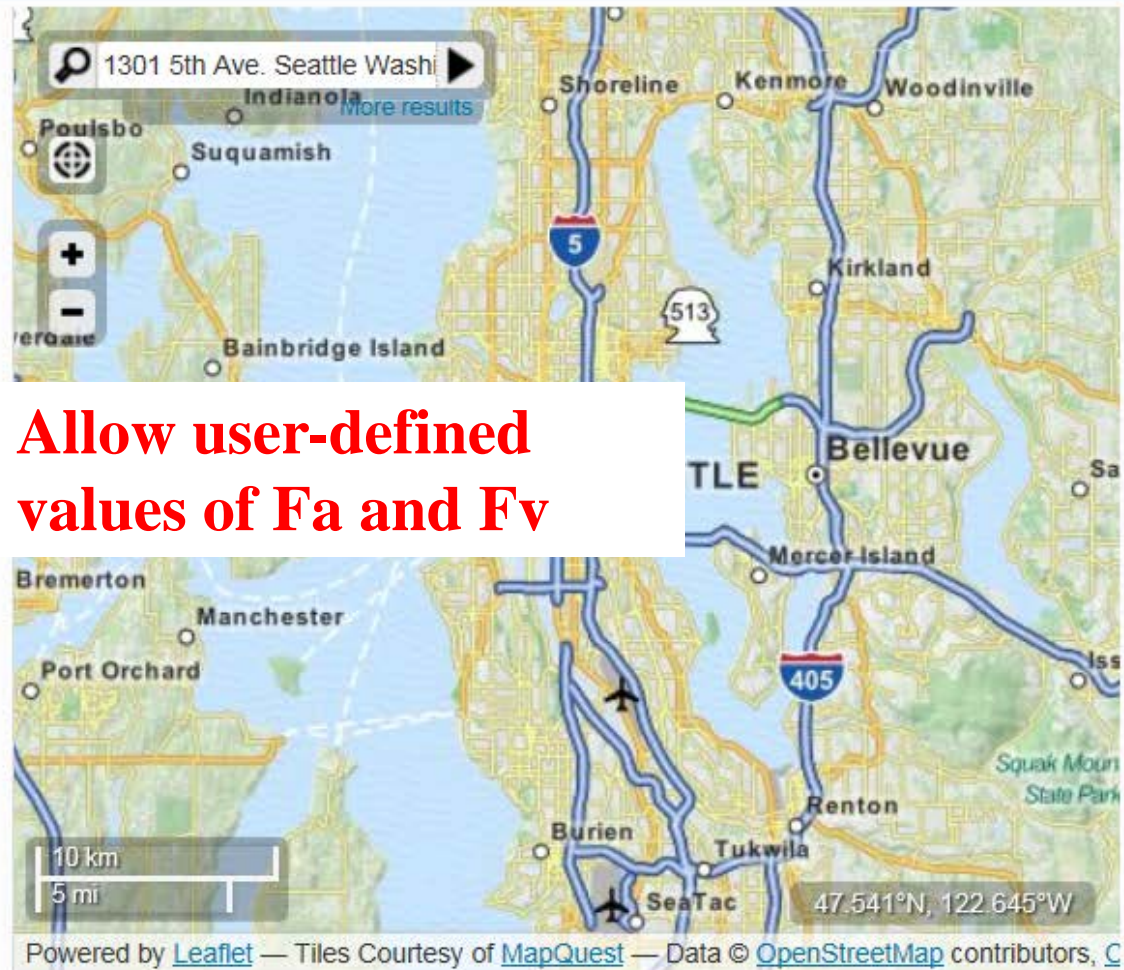
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-122.334373655707

Compute Values



Allow user-defined values of Fa and Fv

# USGS Design Maps Summary Report

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## User-Specified Input

**Report Title** Rainier Tower Seattle Washington  
Fri September 18, 2015 15:47:42 UTC

**Building Code Reference Document** 2012 International Building Code  
(which utilizes USGS hazard data available in 2008)

**Site Coordinates** 47.60883°N, 122.33437°W

**Site Soil Classification** Site Class C - "Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock"

**Risk Category** I/II/III



## USGS-Provided Output

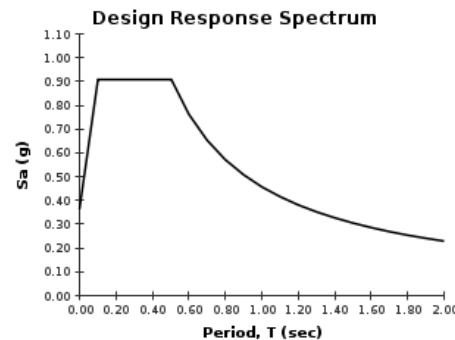
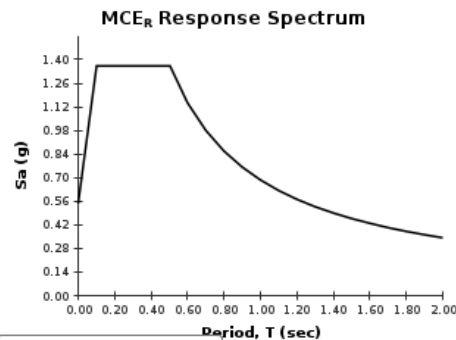
$S_s = 1.362 \text{ g}$

$S_1 = 0.527 \text{ g}$

**Provide tabular values for  $S_a$  vs.  $T$**

For information on how to determine deterministic ground motion, select the "2009 NEHRP"

(link-targeted) and the application and





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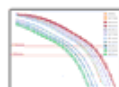
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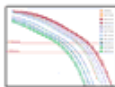
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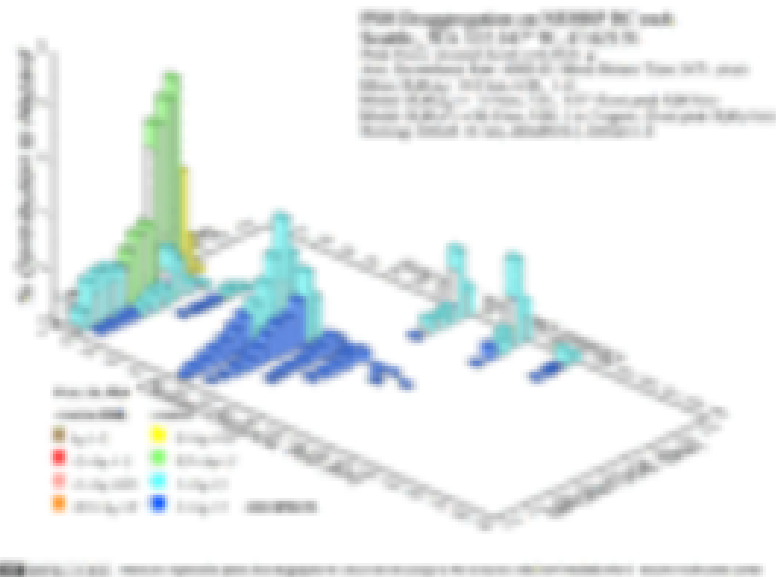
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2008 - US

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## 2008 Interactive Deaggregations

This is a preliminary version of the 2008 NSHMP PSHA Interactive Deaggregation web site. In this initial release, the 2008–update source and attenuation models of the NSHMP (Petersen and others, 2008) are used with just one exception. For the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ), the deaggregation source model is set up for the “unclustered” event branches only. These unclustered New Madrid sources are given full weight (90% weight to the 500 year mean recurrence models; 10% weight to the 1000–year mean recurrence models) whereas in the 2008 NSHMP PSHA they are only given 50% weight. Clustered–source models receive the other 50% weight in 2008 NSHMP PSHA. This is a temporary difference. The interactive deaggregation will include the NMSZ clustered–source models when a few software checkups are completed.

Seismic–hazard deaggregations are available for the following spectral periods anywhere in the conterminous U.S: 0.0 s (PGA), 0.1 s, 0.2 s, 0.3 s, 0.5 s, 1.0 s, and 2.0 s. This is the same set of periods that has been available at the USGS interactive deaggregation web sites since 1996 (for sites in the conterminous United States).

In the western US, long–period seismic–hazard deaggregations at 3.0 s, 4.0 s, and 5.0 s are also available at this web site. [More...](#)

**FAQ**   **Documentation**   **1996 Update**   **2002 Update**   **Feedback**

**Site Name**

[Enter latitude/longitude instead](#)

**Address**

**Exceedance Probability**   **in**

**Spectral Period**

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**Run GMPE Deaggs?**  **Yes**    **No**   [What's this?](#)

**Additional Output**  **Geographic Deagg** [What's this?](#)    **Conditional Mean Spectra**    **None**

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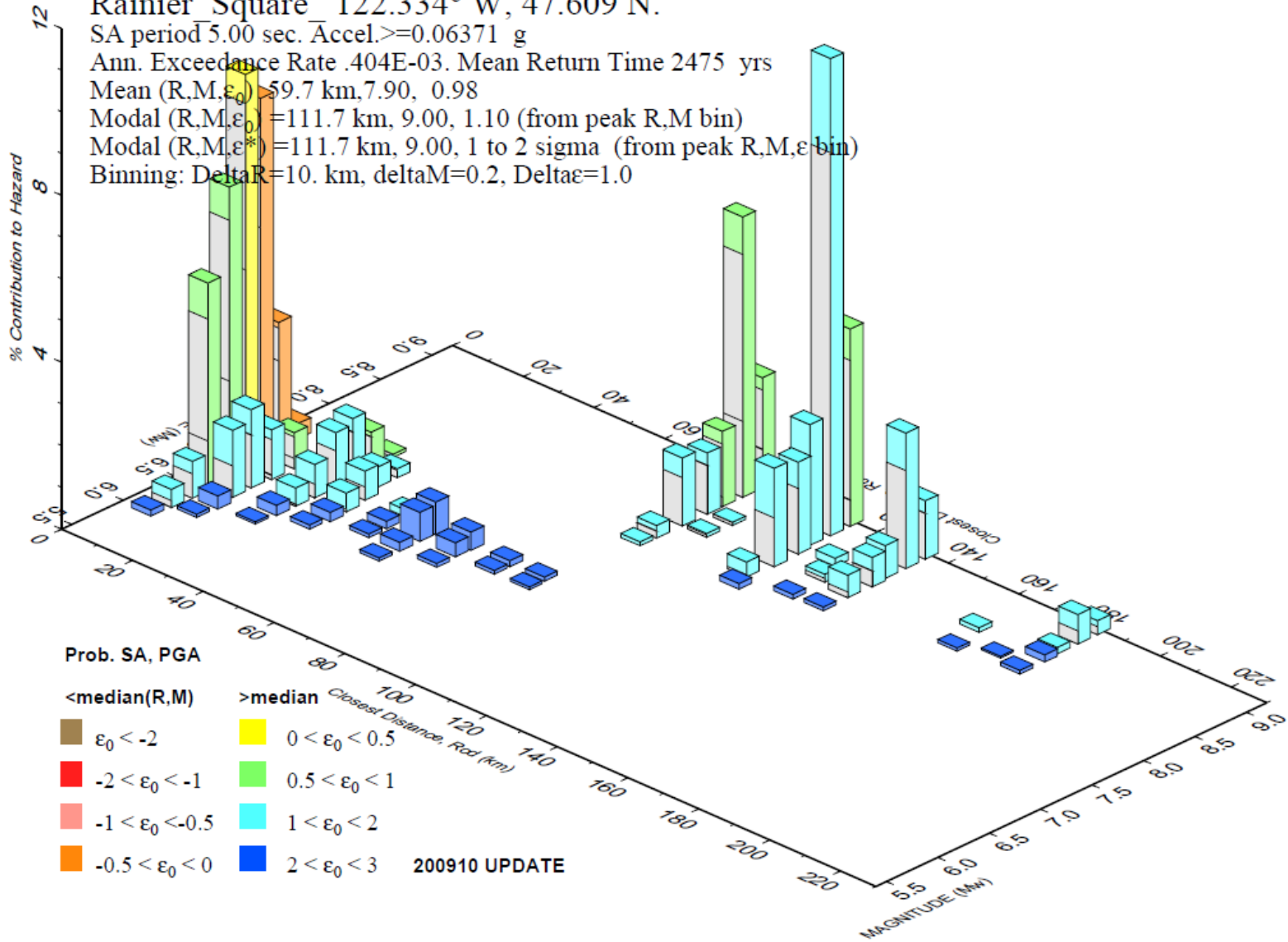
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PSH Deaggregation on NEHRP C soil  
 Rainier Square 122.334° W, 47.609 N.

SA period 5.00 sec. Accel.  $\geq 0.06371$  g  
 Ann. Exceedance Rate .404E-03. Mean Return Time 2475 yrs  
 Mean (R,M, $\epsilon_0$ ) = 59.7 km, 7.90, 0.98  
 Modal (R,M, $\epsilon_0$ ) = 111.7 km, 9.00, 1.10 (from peak R,M bin)  
 Modal (R,M, $\epsilon_0^*$ ) = 111.7 km, 9.00, 1 to 2 sigma (from peak R,M, $\epsilon_0$  bin)  
 Binning: DeltaR=10. km, deltaM=0.2, Delta $\epsilon_0$ =1.0



# Rainier\_Square\_Geographic Deagg. Seismic Hazard for 5.00-s Spectral Accel, 0.06370 g

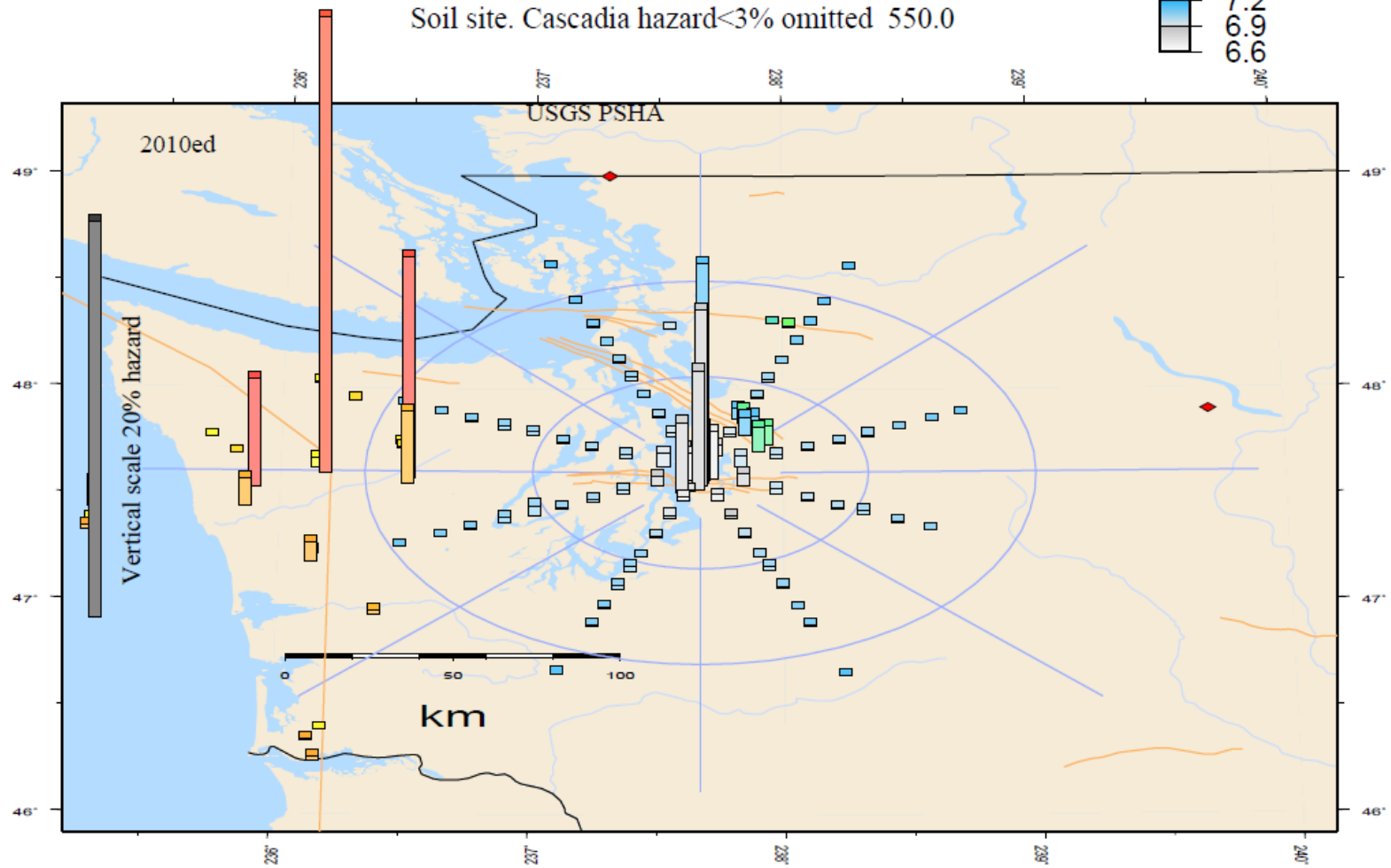
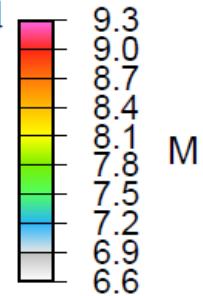
PSA Exceedance Return Time: 2475 year

Max. significant source distance 188. km.

View angle is 35 degrees above horizon

Gridded-source hazard accum. in 45° intervals

Soil site. Cascadia hazard <3% omitted 550.0



# For These PBSD Projects...

- Information assists the geotechnical engineer develop site-specific ground motions
- It would be great if ground motion selection & scaling could be done automatically
- Not likely occur for a decade (or two), providing links from the UGSS Earthquake Tool to ground motion database websites would be a helpful first step.

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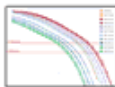
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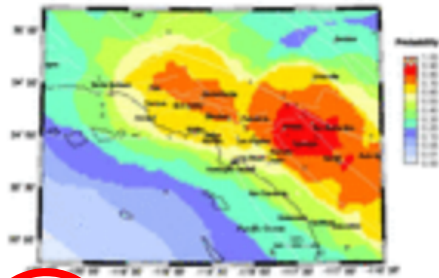
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## Custom EQ Probability Maps



2009

Map of probability of earthquake larger than given magnitude within selected distance. Earthquake probability maps use the most recent earthquake rate and probability models. These models are derived from earthquake rate, location, and magnitude data from the USGS National Seismic Hazard Mapping Project.

# 2009 Earthquake Probability Mapping

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The generated maps will show the probabilities of earthquakes within a radius of 50 km. A text report of the probabilities for a different, selected radius can also be generated.

Latitude

Decimal degrees. See above for valid range.

Longitude

Decimal degrees. See above for valid range.

[Input location using zip code instead.](#)

Time Span

Number of years to consider (integer)

Magnitude

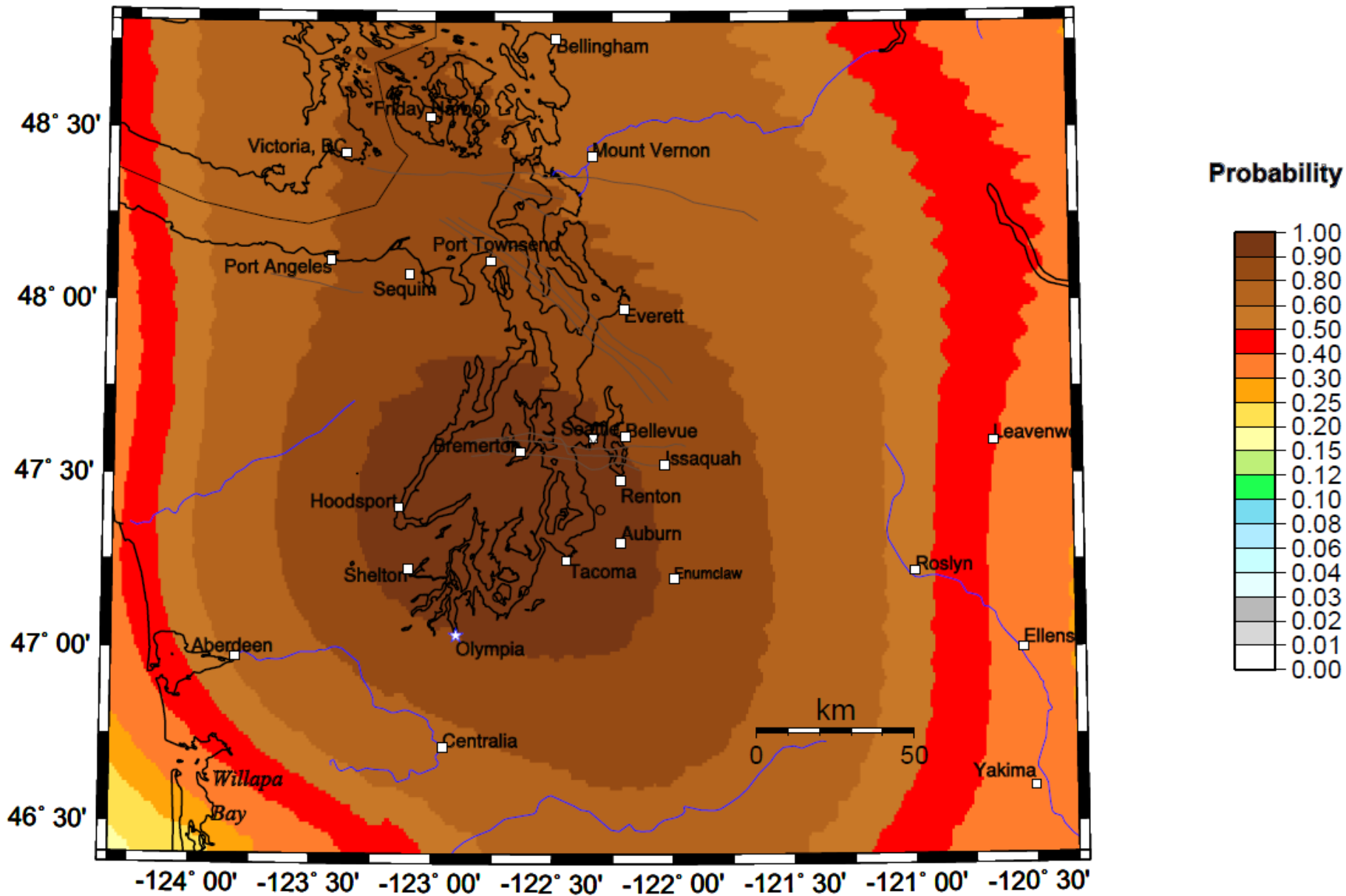
Minimum magnitude to consider

Text Report  Yes  No

Generate an ASCII text report of probabilities

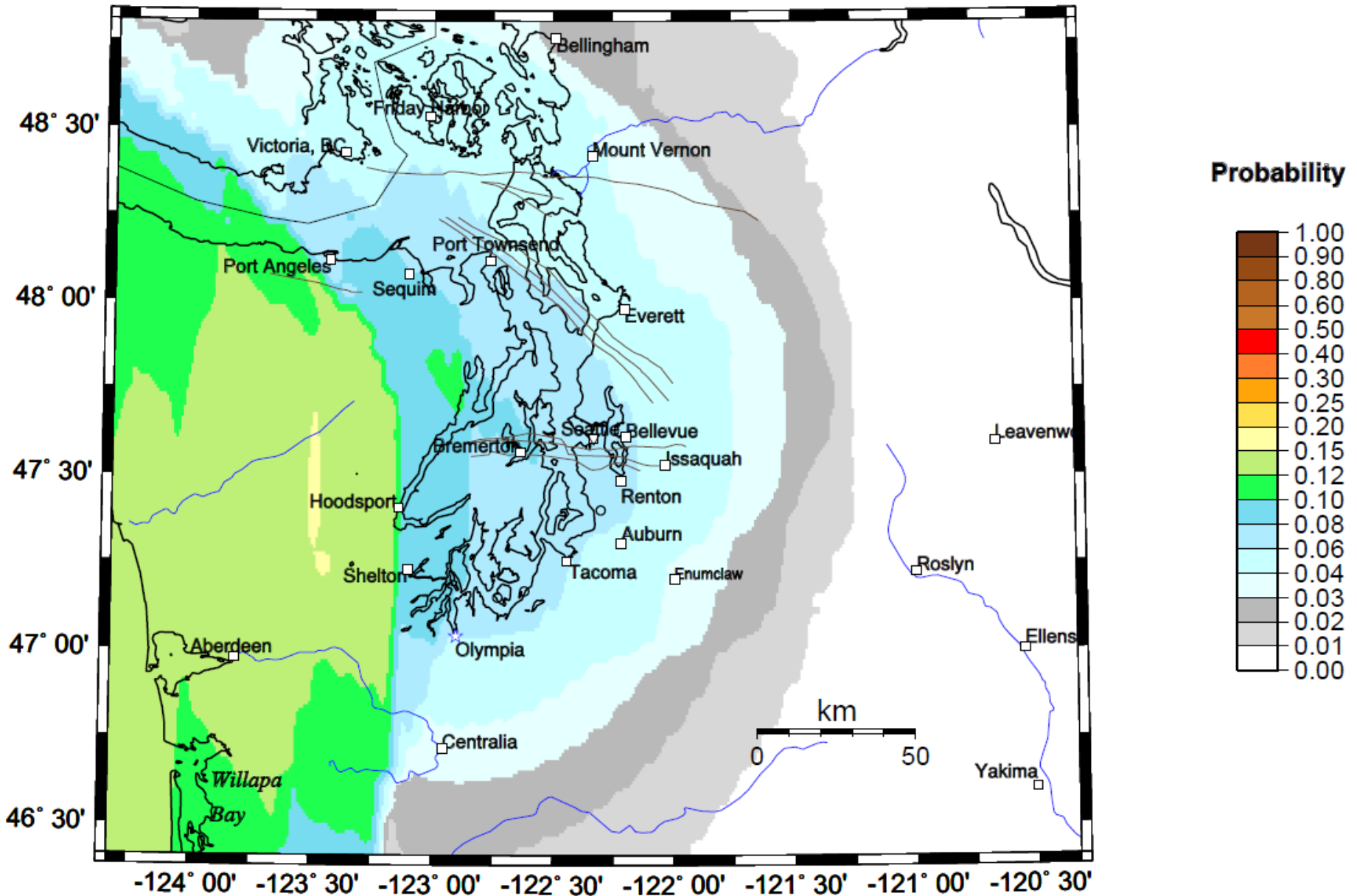
# Probability of earthquake with $M > 5.0$ within 50 years & 50 km

Site: -122.33 d E 47.61



# Probability of earthquake with $M > 7.0$ within 50 years & 50 km

Site: -122.33 d E 47.61



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**It would be helpful if the radius was an input parameter**

Questions?