



1 **Integrating faults and past earthquakes into a probabilistic seismic hazard**  
2 **model for peninsular Italy**

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8 **Abstract**

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10 *Italy is one of the most seismically active countries in Europe. Moderate to strong earthquakes, with*  
11 *magnitudes of up to ~7, have been recorded on many of active faults in historical times. Currently,*  
12 *probabilistic seismic hazard assessments in Italy are mainly based on area source models, in which*  
13 *the seismicity is modelled on a number of seismotectonic zones and the occurrence of earthquakes is*  
14 *assumed to be uniform. However, in the last decade, efforts have increasingly been directed towards*  
15 *using fault sources in seismic hazard models to obtain more detailed and possibly more realistic*  
16 *patterns of ground motion. In our model, we used two categories of earthquake sources. The first*  
17 *involves active faults, and fault slip rates were used to quantify the seismic activity rate. We produced*  
18 *an inventory of all fault sources, with details on their geometric, kinematic and energetic properties.*  
19 *The parameters are used to compute the total seismic moment rate for each fault. We evaluated the*  
20 *magnitude-frequency distributions of each fault source using two models, a characteristic Gaussian*  
21 *model centred on the maximum magnitude and a Truncated Gutenberg-Richter model. The second*  
22 *earthquake source category involves distributed seismicity, and a fixed-radius smoothed approach*  
23 *and a historical catalogue were used to evaluate seismic activity. Under the assumption that*  
24 *deformation is concentrated along faults, we combined the earthquakes derived from the geometry*  
25 *and slip rates of active faults with the earthquakes from the spatially smoothed earthquake sources*  
26 *and assumed that the smoothed seismic activity in the vicinity of an active fault gradually decreases*  
27 *by a fault-size driven factor. We computed horizontal peak ground acceleration maps for return*  
28 *periods of 475 and 2,475 yr. Although the range and gross spatial distribution of the expected*  
29 *accelerations obtained here are comparable to those obtained through methods involving seismic*  
30 *catalogues and classical zonation models, the spatial pattern of our model is far more detailed. Our*  
31 *model is characterized by areas that are more hazardous and that correspond to mapped active*  
32 *faults, while the previous models yield expected accelerations that are almost uniformly distributed*  
33 *across large regions. In addition, we conducted sensitivity tests to determine the impact on the hazard*



34 *results of the earthquake rates derived from two magnitude-frequency distribution models for faults*  
35 *and to determine the relative contributions of faults versus distributed seismic activity. We think our*  
36 *model represents an advance for Italy in terms of input data (quantity and quality) and methodology*  
37 *in the field of the fault-based regional seismic hazard modelling.*

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## 39 **1. Introduction**

40 In this paper, we present the results of a new probabilistic seismic hazard (PSH)  
41 model for Italy that includes significant advances in the use of integrated active fault  
42 and seismological data in seismic hazard estimations. The use of active faults as an  
43 input for PSH analysis is a consolidated approach in many countries characterized  
44 by high strain rates and seismic releases, as shown by, for example, Field et al.  
45 (2015) in California and Stirling et al. (2012) in New Zealand. However, in recent  
46 years, active fault data have also been successfully integrated into PSH  
47 assessments in regions with moderate-to-low strain rates, such as SE Spain (e.g.,  
48 Garcia-Mayordomo et al., 2007), France (e.g., Scotti et al., 2014), and central Italy  
49 (e.g., Peruzza et al., 2011). In Europe, a working group of the European  
50 Seismological Commission, named *Fault2SHA*, has recently discussed fault-based  
51 seismic hazard modelling (<https://sites.google.com/site/linkingfaultpsha/home>).

52 Combining seismic hazards from active faults with background sources is also one of  
53 the main issues in this type of approach. Although the methodology remains far from  
54 identifying a standard procedure, common approaches combine active faults and  
55 background sources by applying a threshold magnitude, generally between 5.5 and  
56 7, above which seismicity is modelled as occurring on faults and below which  
57 seismicity is modelled via a smoothed approach (e.g., Akinci et al., 2009), area  
58 sources (e.g. the so-called FSBG model in SHARE) or a combination of the two  
59 (Field et al., 2015; Pace et al., 2006).

60 Currently in Italy the national probabilistic seismic hazard model for building code  
61 (Stucchi et al., 2011) is based on area sources and classical Cornell approach  
62 (Cornell, 1968), in which the occurrence of earthquakes is assumed to be uniform on  
63 the defined seismotectonic zones. However, we think that more efforts have to be  
64 directed towards using geological data (e.g. fault sources and paleoseismological  
65 information) in PSH models, obtaining more detailed and possibly more realistic  
66 patterns of ground motion, in order to improve the reliability of seismic hazard



67 assessments. In fact, as highlighted by the 2016-2017 seismic sequences in central  
68 Italy, a zone-based PSH is not able to model locally spatial variation of ground  
69 motion (Meletti et al., 2016), whereas a fault-based model can also be give insights  
70 to perform aftershock time-dependent PSH analysis (Peruzza et al, 2016).

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## 72 **2. Source Models**

73 Two earthquake-source models are considered in this work. The first one is a fault  
74 source model that is based on active faults and uses the geometries and slip rates of  
75 the known active faults to compute activity rates over a certain range of magnitude.  
76 The second one is a classical smoothed approach that can take into account rates of  
77 expected earthquakes from a minimum moment magnitude ( $M_w$ ) of 4.5 but excludes  
78 earthquakes associated with known faults based on a modified earthquake  
79 catalogue. In the following subsections, we describe the two source models and how  
80 they are combined into the PSH model.

### 81 **2.1 Fault Source Model**

82 Fault source models are useful for seismic hazard studies, and we define one for  
83 Italy via compilation and synthesis of neotectonic and seismotectonic data from  
84 approximately 90 published studies on 110 faults across Italy. The resulting  
85 database of normal and strike-slip active and seismogenic faults in Italy (Fig. 1,  
86 Table 1 and 2; see supplement files) includes all the available geometric, kinematic,  
87 slip rate and earthquake source-related information derived from a synthesis of  
88 published works over the last twenty years (see supplements for complete  
89 references). In the case of missing data for the geometric parameters, as dip or rake,  
90 we assumed typical dip and rake values of  $60^\circ$  and  $-90$ , respectively, for normal  
91 faults and  $90^\circ$  and 0 or 180, respectively, for strike-slip faults. In this paper, only  
92 normal and strike-slip faults are used in the fault source model; thrust faults could be  
93 considered in a future study. The upper and lower boundaries of the seismogenic  
94 thickness are mainly derived from the analysis of Stucchi et al. (2011) for the Italian  
95 national seismic hazard model and locally refined by more detailed studies (Boncio  
96 et al., 2011; Peruzza et al., 2011; Ferranti et al., 2014).



97 Based on the compiled database, we explored in detail three main issues associated  
98 with defining a fault source model: the slip rate evaluation, the segmentation model  
99 and the expected seismicity rate calculation.

#### 100 *2.1.1 Slip rates*

101 Slip rates control fault-based seismic hazards (Main, 1996, Roberts et al., 2004; Bull  
102 et al., 2006; Visini and Pace, 2014) and provide a time scale with which to assess  
103 the mechanisms operating during continental deformation (e.g., Cowie et al., 2005).  
104 Moreover, long-term observation of faults in various tectonic contexts has shown that  
105 slip rates vary in space and time (e.g. Bull et al., 2006; Nicol et al., 2006, 2010,  
106 McClymont et al., 2009; Gunderson et al., 2013; Benedetti et al., 2013), and  
107 numerical simulations (e.g. Robinson et al., 2009; Cowie et al., 2012; Visini and  
108 Pace, 2014) suggest that variability mainly occurs in response to interactions  
109 between adjacent faults. Therefore, understanding the temporal variability in fault slip  
110 rates is a key point to understanding the earthquake recurrence rates and their  
111 variability.

112 In this work, minimum and maximum slip rate values are derived based on  
113 approximately 65 available neotectonics, palaeoseismology and seismotectonics  
114 papers (see supplement files). To evaluate the long-term slip rate, which is  
115 representative of the average slip behaviour, and its variability through time, we use  
116 slip rates determined for different time scales for the same fault (e.g., at the decadal  
117 scale based on geodetic data or at longer scales based on the displacement of  
118 Holocene or Plio-Pleistocene horizons). Because a direct comparison of slip rates  
119 over different time intervals obtained by different methods may be misleading (Nicol  
120 et al., 2009), we cannot exclude the possibility that epistemic uncertainties could  
121 affect the original data in some cases. The discussion of these possible biases and  
122 their evaluation via statistically derived approaches (e.g. Gardner et al., 1987;  
123 Finnegan et al., 2014; Gallen et al., 2015) is beyond the scope of this paper and will  
124 be explored in future work.

125 Because 28 faults had no measured slip (or throw) rate (Fig. 1a), we propose a  
126 statistically derived approach to assign a slip rate to these faults. On the basis of the  
127 slip rate spatial distribution shown in Figure 1b, we subdivided the fault database into



128 three large regions – Northern Apennines, Central-Southern Apennines and  
129 Calabria-Sicilian coast – and analysed the slip rate distribution in these three areas.  
130 In Figure 1b, the slip rates tend to increase from north to south. The fault slip rates in  
131 the Northern Apennines range from 0.3 to 0.8 mm/yr, with the most common being  
132 approximately 0.5-0.6 mm/yr; the slip rates in the Central-Southern Apennines range  
133 from 0.3 to 1.0, with the most common being approximately 0.3 mm/yr; and the slip  
134 rates in the southern area (Calabria and Sicily) range from 0.9 to 1.8, with the most  
135 common being approximately 0.9 mm/yr.

136 The first step in assigning an average slip rate and a range of variability to the faults  
137 with unknown values is to identify the most representative distribution among known  
138 probability density functions using the slip rate data from each of the three areas. We  
139 test five well-known probability density functions (*Weibull*, *Normal*, *Exponential*,  
140 *Inverse Gaussian* and *Gamma*) against mean slip rate observations. The resulting  
141 function with the lowest log-likelihood is the Normal function for all three areas. The  
142 mean value of the *Normal* distribution is assigned to the faults with unknown values.  
143 We assign a value of 0.58 mm/yr to faults in the Northern area, 0.64 mm/yr to faults  
144 in the Central-Southern area, and 1.10 mm/yr to faults in the Calabria-Sicilian area.  
145 To assign a range of slip rate variability to each of the three areas, we test the same  
146 probability density functions against slip rate variability observations. Similar to the  
147 mean slip rate, the probability density function with the lowest log-likelihood is the  
148 *Normal* function for all the three areas. We assign a value of 0.25 mm/yr to the faults  
149 in the Northern area, 0.29 mm/yr to the faults in the Central-Southern area, and 0.35  
150 mm/yr to the faults in the Calabria-Sicilian area.

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### 152 2.1.2 Segmentation rules

153 An important issue in the definition of a fault source model is the formulation of  
154 segmentation rules. In fact, the question of whether structural segment boundaries  
155 along multi-segment active faults act as persistent barriers to a single rupture is  
156 critical to defining the maximum seismogenic potential of fault sources. In our case,  
157 the rationale behind the definition of a fault source is based on the assumption that  
158 the geometric and kinematic features of a fault source are the expression of its  
159 seismogenic potential and that its dimensions are compatible to host major ( $M_w \geq$



160 5.5) earthquakes. Therefore, a fault source is a fault or an ensemble of faults that  
161 slip together during an individual major earthquake. A fault source is defined by a  
162 *seismogenic master fault* and its surface projection (Fig. 2a). *Seismogenic master*  
163 *faults* are separated from each other by first-order structural or geometrical  
164 complexities. Following the suggestions by Boncio et al. (2004) and Field et al.  
165 (2015), we imposed the following segmentation rules on our case study: (i) 4-km  
166 fault gaps among aligned structures; (ii) sharp bends or intersections with cross  
167 structures (often transfer faults) extending 4 km along strike and oriented at nearly  
168 right angles to the intersecting faults; (iii) overlapping or underlapping en echelon  
169 arrangements with separations between faults of 4 km; (iv) bending  $\geq 60^\circ$  for more  
170 than 4 km; (v) average slip rate variability along strike greater than or equal to 50%;  
171 and (vi) seismogenic thickness greater than 5 km among aligned structures.  
172 Example applications of the above rules are illustrated in Figure 2a.

173 By applying the above rules to our fault database, the 110 faults yielded 86 fault  
174 sources: 9 strike-slip sources and 77 normal-slip sources. The longest fault source is  
175 *Castelluccio dei Sauri* (fault number (*id in Table 1*) 42,  $L = 93.2$  km), and the shortest  
176 one is *Castrovillari* (*id* 63,  $L = 10.3$  km). The mean length is 30 km. The dip angle  
177 values vary from  $30^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ , and 70% of the fault sources have dip angles between  
178  $50^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$ . The mean value of seismogenic thickness (ST) is approximately 12 km.  
179 The source with the largest ST is *Mattinata* (*id* 41,  $ST = 25$  km), and the source with  
180 the thinnest ST is *Monte Santa Maria Tiberina* (*id* 9,  $ST = 2.5$  km). Observed  
181 maximum magnitude ( $M_w$ ) data have been assigned to 47 fault sources, and the  
182 values vary from 5.56 to 7.32. The fault source model is shown in Figure 3.

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### 184 2.1.3 Expected seismicity rates

185 Each fault source is characterized by data, such as kinematics, geometry and slip  
186 rate, that we use as inputs for the FiSH code (Pace et al., 2016) to calculate the  
187 global budget of the seismic moment rate allowed by the structure based on  
188 predefined size-magnitude relationships, in terms of maximum magnitude ( $M_{max}$ ) and  
189 the associated mean recurrence time ( $T_{mean}$ ). Table 1 summarizes the geometric  
190 parameters used as FiSH input parameters for each fault source (seismogenic box)  
191 shown in Figure 3. For each source, up to five  $M_{max}$  values are computed (see the



192 example for Paganica fault source in Fig. 2b, details in Pace et al., 2016): a  $MMO$   
193 value based on the calculated scalar seismic moment ( $M_0$ ) and application of the  
194 standard formula  $M_w = 2/3 (\log M_0 - 9.1)$  (Hanks and Kanamori, 1979; IASPEI, 2005);  
195 two magnitude values using the Wells and Coppersmith (1994) empirical  
196 relationships for either the maximum subsurface rupture length (MRLD) and  
197 maximum rupture area (MRA); a value that corresponds to the maximum observed  
198 magnitude (MObs), if available; and a value (MASP, ASP for aspect ratio) computed  
199 by modifying the along-strike dimension if the rupture length exceeds the length  
200 predicted by the aspect ratio relationships (not in the case of Paganica in Fig. 2b), as  
201 as derived by Peruzza and Pace (2002). Finally, to obtain the mean recurrence time of  
202  $M_{max}$  (i.e.,  $T_{mean}$ ) we use the criterion of “segment seismic moment conservation”  
203 proposed by Field et al. (1999).

204 Once the fault source model and the calculated seismic moment rate,  $M_{max}$  (Fig. 2b)  
205 and  $T_{mean}$  are defined for each source, we compute the magnitude-frequency  
206 distributions of expected seismicity. For each fault source, we use two magnitude-  
207 frequency distributions: (i) a *Characteristic Gaussian (CHG)* model, a symmetric  
208 Gaussian bell curve centred on the  $M_{max}$  of each fault with a range of magnitudes  
209 equal to 1-sigma, and (ii) a *Truncated Gutenberg-Richter (TGR, Ordaz, 1999;*  
210 *Kagan, 2002)* model, with  $M_{max}$  as the upper threshold and  $M_w = 5.5$  as the minimum  
211 threshold for all sources. In Figure 2c, we show an example of the expected  
212 seismicity rates in terms of the annual cumulative rates for the Paganica source,  
213 following the two above described magnitude-frequency distributions.

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## 215 **2.2 Distributed Source Model**

216 Introducing distributed earthquakes into our PSH model is necessary because  
217 researchers have not been able to identify a causative source (i.e., a mapped fault)  
218 for a number of earthquakes in the historical catalogue. This lack of correlation  
219 between earthquakes and faults may be related to (i) interseismic strain  
220 accumulation in areas between major faults, (ii) earthquakes occurring on unknown  
221 or blind faults, (iii) earthquakes occurring on unmapped faults characterized by slip  
222 rates lower than the erosional processes, and/or (iv) the general lack of surface  
223 ruptures associated with faults generating  $M_w < 5.5$  earthquakes.



224 We used the historical catalogue of earthquakes (CPT115; Rovida et al., 2016; Fig.  
225 4) to model the occurrence of moderate-to-large ( $M_w \geq 4.5$ ) earthquakes. The  
226 catalogue consists of 4,390 events and covers approximately the last one thousand  
227 years from 01/01/1005 to 28/12/2014. Before using the catalogue, we removed all  
228 events not considered the mainshock via a declustering filter (Gardner and Knopoff,  
229 1977), resulting in a complete catalogue composed of 1,621 independent events.  
230 Moreover, to avoid any artificial effects related to double counting due to the use of  
231 two seismicity sources, i.e., the fault sources and the distributed seismicity sources,  
232 we removed events associated with known active faults from the CPT115 earthquake  
233 catalogue. If the causative source of an earthquake is known, the impact of that  
234 earthquake does not need to be included in the seismicity smoothing process. The  
235 earthquake-source association has been made possible by neotectonics,  
236 palaeoseismology and seismotectonics papers (see supplement files) and, in a few  
237 cases, using macroseismic intensity maps. In Table 2, we listed the earthquakes with  
238 known causative fault sources. The differences in the smoothed rates given by eq.  
239 (1) using the complete and the modified catalogues are shown in Figure 5.

240 We apply the standard methodology developed by Frankel (1995) to estimate the  
241 density of seismicity on a grid with a latitude and longitude spacing of  $0.05^\circ$ . The  
242 smoothed rate of events in each cell  $i$  is determined as follows:

$$243 \quad n_i = \frac{\sum_j n_j e^{-\frac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{c^2}}}{\sum_j e^{-\frac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{c^2}}} \quad (1)$$

244 where  $n$  is the cumulative rate of earthquakes  $n_i$  with magnitudes greater than the  
245 completeness magnitude  $M_c$  in each cell  $i$  of the grid and  $\Delta_{ij}$  is the distance between  
246 the centres of the grid cells  $i$  and  $j$ . The parameter  $c$  is the correlation distance. The  
247 sum is taken over cells  $j$  within a distance of  $3c$  of cell  $i$ .

248 To compute earthquake rates, we adopted the completeness magnitude thresholds  
249 over different periods of time given by Stucchi et al. (2011) for five large zones (Fig.  
250 4).

251 To optimize the smoothing distance  $\Delta$  in eq. (1), we divided the earthquake  
252 catalogue into four 10-yr disjoint learning and target periods from the 1960s to the





253 1990s. For each pair of learning and target catalogues, we used the probability gain  
254 per earthquake to find the optimal smoothing distance (Kagan and Knopoff, 1977;  
255 Helmstetter et al., 2007). After assuming a spatially uniform earthquake density  
256 model as a reference model, the probability gain per earthquake  $G$  of a candidate  
257 model relative to a reference model is given by the following:

$$258 \quad G = \exp\left(\frac{L-L_0}{N}\right) \quad (2)$$

259 where  $N$  is the number of events in the target catalogue, and  $L$  and  $L_0$  are the joint  
260 log-likelihoods of the candidate model and the reference model, respectively. Under  
261 the assumption of a Poisson earthquake distribution, the joint log-likelihood of a  
262 model is given by the following:

$$263 \quad L = \sum_{i_x=1}^{N_x} \sum_{j_y=1}^{N_y} \log p [\lambda * (i_x, i_y), \omega] \quad (3)$$

264 where  $p$  is the Poisson probability,  $\lambda$  is the spatial density,  $\omega$  is the number of  
265 observed events during the target period, and the parameters  $i_x$  and  $j_y$  denote each  
266 corresponding longitude-latitude cell.

267 Figure 6 shows that, for the four different pairs of learning-target catalogues, the  
268 optimal smoothing distance  $c$  ranges from 30-40 km. Finally, the mean of all the  
269 probability gains per earthquake yields a maximum smoothing distance of 30 km  
270 (Fig. 6), which is then used in eq. (1).

271 The b-value of the Gutenberg-Richter distribution is calculated on a regional basis  
272 using the maximum-likelihood method of Weichert (1980), which allows multiple time  
273 periods with varying completeness levels to be combined. Following the approach  
274 recently proposed by Kamer and Hiemer (2015), we used a penalized likelihood-  
275 based method for the spatial estimation of Gutenberg-Richter's b-values based on  
276 the Voronoi tessellation of space. The Italian territory has been divided into a grid  
277 with a longitude/latitude spacing of  $0.05^\circ$ , and the centres of the grid cells represent  
278 the centres of Voronoi polygons. We vary the number of centres,  $N_v$ , from 3 to 50,  
279 generating 1000 tessellations for each  $N_v$ . The summed log-likelihood of each  
280 obtained tessellation is compared with the log-likelihood given by the simplest model  
281 (prior model) obtained using the whole earthquake dataset. We find that 673 random



282 realizations performed better than the prior model. We calculate an ensemble model  
283 using these 673 solutions, and the mean b-value for each node of the grid is shown  
284 in Figure 4.

285 The maximum magnitude  $M_{max}$  assigned to each node of the grid, the nodal planes  
286 and the depths have been taken from the SHARE European project (Woessner et  
287 al., 2015). The SHARE project evaluated maximum magnitudes for large areas of  
288 Europe that depend on a joint procedure involving historical observations and  
289 tectonic regionalization. We adopted the lowest of the maximum magnitudes  
290 proposed by SHARE, but evaluating the impact of different maximum magnitudes is  
291 beyond the scope of this work.

292 Finally, the rates of expected seismicity for each node of the grid are assumed to  
293 follow the TGR model (Kagan 2002):

$$294 \quad \lambda(M) = \lambda_0 \frac{\exp(-\beta M) - \exp(-\beta M_u)}{\exp(-\beta M_0) - \exp(-\beta M_u)} \quad (4)$$

295 where the magnitude ( $M$ ) is in the range  $M_0$  (minimum magnitude) to  $M_u$  (upper or  
296 maximum magnitude), otherwise  $\lambda(M)$  is 0, and where  $\lambda_0$  is the smoothed rate of  
297 earthquakes at  $M_w = 4.5$  and  $\beta = 2/3$  b.

### 298 **2.3 Combining Fault and Distributed Sources**

299 Our PSH model requires the combination of the two source models related to the  
300 locations of expected seismicity rates into a single model. We introduced a distance-  
301 dependent linear weighting function, such that the contribution from the distributed  
302 sources linearly decreases from 1 to 0 with decreasing distance from the fault. The  
303 expected seismicity rates from the distributed sources model start at  $M_w = 4.5$ , which  
304 is lower than the minimum magnitude of the fault sources, and the weighting function  
305 acts only in the magnitude range overlapping the magnitude-frequency distribution of  
306 each fault. This weighting function is based on the assumption that faults tend to  
307 modify the surrounding deformation field (Fig. 7).

308 During fault system evolution, the increase in the size of a fault through linking with  
309 other faults results in an increase in displacement that is proportional to the quantity  
310 of strain accommodated by the fault (Kostrov, 1974). Under a constant regional  
311 strain rate, the activity of faults located across strike must eventually decrease (Nicol



312 et al., 1997; Cowie, 1998; Roberts et al., 2004). Using analogue modelling, Mansfield  
313 and Cartwright (2001) have shown that faults grow via cycles of overlap, relay  
314 formation, breaching and linkage between neighbouring segments across a wide  
315 range of scales. During the evolution of a system, the merging of neighbour faults,  
316 mostly along strike, results in the formation of major faults, which accommodate the  
317 most displacement. These major faults are surrounded by minor faults, which  
318 accommodate lower degrees of displacement. To highlight the spatial pattern of  
319 major and minor faults, Figures 7a and 7b show sketches from the Mansfield and  
320 Cartwright (2001) experiment at two different stages: the approximate mid-point of  
321 the sequence and the end of the sequence. Numerical modelling performed by  
322 Cowie et al. (1993) has also shown similar evolutionary features for major and minor  
323 faults. The numerical fault simulation of Cowie et al. (1993) is able to reproduce the  
324 development of a normal fault system from the early nucleation stage to interaction  
325 with adjacent faults to full linkage and formation of a large through-going fault. The  
326 model also captures the increase in the displacement rate on the large linked fault. In  
327 Figures 7c and 7d, we focus on two stages of the simulation (from Cowie et al.,  
328 1993): the stage in which the fault segments have formed and some have become  
329 linked whilst others remain unlinked, and the last stage of the simulation.  
330 Interestingly, the spatial distribution of major and minor faults are very similar in the  
331 experiments of both Mansfield and Cartwright (2001) and Cowie et al. (1993), as  
332 shown in Figures 7a-d. Developments during the early stage of major fault formation  
333 appear to control to the location and evolution of future faults, with areas where no  
334 major faults develop. The long-term evolution of a fault system is the consequence of  
335 the progressive cumulative effects of the slip histories, i.e., earthquake occurrences,  
336 of each fault. Earthquakes are generally thought to produce static and dynamic  
337 stress changes in the surrounding areas (King et al., 1994; Stein, 1999; Pace et al.,  
338 2014; Verdecchia and Carena, 2016). Static stress changes produce areas of  
339 negative stress in the hanging wall and footwall of a fault, also known as shadow  
340 zones, and positive stress zones located at the tip of the fault. The spatial  
341 distributions of decreases (unloading) and increases (loading) in stress during the  
342 long-term slip history of faults likely influence the distance along strike between  
343 major faults. Thus, given a known major active fault geometrically capable of hosting  
344 a  $M_w \geq 5.5$  earthquake, the possibility that a future  $M_w \geq 5.5$  earthquake will occur in  
345 the vicinity of the fault but is not caused by that fault should decrease as the distance



346 from the fault decreases. On the other hand, earthquakes with magnitudes lower  
347 than 5.5 and those due to slip along minor faults are likely to occur everywhere  
348 within a fault system, including in proximity to a major fault.

349 In Figure 7e, we schematise the results from the analogue and numerical modelling  
350 of fault system evolution and indicated the area around major faults where it is  
351 unlikely for other major faults to develop. In Figure 7f, we show the next step in  
352 moving from geologic and structural considerations to source models for fault  
353 sources and distributed seismicity to serve as inputs for the PSH model. Fault  
354 sources are used to model major faults and are represented by a master fault (i.e.,  
355 one or more major faults) and its projection at the surface. Distributed seismicity is  
356 used to model seismicity occurring on minor, unknown or unmapped faults.  
357 Depending on the position of a distributed seismicity point with respect to the buffer  
358 zone around major faults, the rates of expected distributed seismicity are left  
359 unmodified, reduced or zero.

360 Specifically, we introduced a slip rate and a distance-weighting function based on the  
361 above reasoning. The probability of the occurrence of an earthquake ( $Pe$ ) with a  $M_w$   
362 greater than or equal to the minimum magnitude of the fault is as follows:

$$363 \quad Pe = 0, \text{ when } d \leq 1 \text{ km}; \quad Pe = 1/d, \text{ when } d > 1 \text{ km} \quad (5)$$

364 where  $d$  is the Joyner-Boore distance from a fault source. The maximum value for  $d$   
365 ( $d_{max}$ ) is controlled by the slip rate of the fault. For faults with slip rates of  $\geq 1$  mm/yr,  
366 we assumed  $d_{max} = L/2$  ( $L$  is the length along strike, Fig. 2a); for faults with slip rates  
367 of 0.3 - 1 mm/yr,  $d_{max} = L/3$ ; and for faults with slip rates of  $\leq 0.3$  mm/yr,  $d_{max} = L/4$ .  
368 We applied eq. (5) to the smoothed occurrence rates of the distributed seismogenic  
369 sources. Because we used two models of the magnitude-frequency distribution of  
370 fault sources, i.e., the TGR and CHG models, we also calculated two rates of  
371 expected seismicity for the distributed seismogenic sources. These two distributed  
372 seismogenic source models differ because the minimum magnitude of the faults is  
373  $M_w$  5.5 in the TGR model but depends on each fault source dimension in the CHG  
374 model.

375 Our approach allows incompleteness in the fault database to be bypassed, which is  
376 advantageous because all fault databases should be considered incomplete. In our  
377 approach, the seismicity is modified only in the vicinity of mapped faults. The



378 remaining areas are fully described by the *distributed* model. With this approach, we  
379 do not define areas with reliable fault information, and the locations of currently  
380 unknown faults can be easily included when they are discovered in future.

### 381 **3. Results and Discussion**

382 To obtain PSH maps designed under the traditional Poisson hypothesis, we assign  
383 the calculated expected seismicity rates, as described in previous sections, to their  
384 pertinent geometries, i.e., individual 3D seismogenic sources for the *fault model* and  
385 point sources for the *distributed model*. All the computations are performed using the  
386 well-known OpenQuake Engine (GEM, 2016) with a grid spacing of  $0.05^\circ$  in both  
387 latitude and longitude. The ground motion prediction equations (GMPE) of Akkar et  
388 al. (2013), Chiou et al., (2008), Faccioli et al., (2010) and Zhao et al., (2006) are  
389 used, as suggested by the SHARE European project (Woessner et al., 2015). In  
390 addition, we also used Bindi et al. 2014, a GMPE calibrated using Italian data. We  
391 put together all GMPE in a logic tree with the same weight of 0.2 for each branch.  
392 The distances used for each GMPE are the Joyner and Boore distance for Akkar  
393 2013, Bindi 2014 and Chiou 2008 and the closest rupture distance for Faccioli 2010  
394 and Zaho 2006.

395 The results of the fault source model, distributed source model, and the aggregated  
396 model are expressed in terms of peak ground acceleration (PGA) for exceedance  
397 probabilities of 10% and 2% in 50 years, corresponding to return periods of 475 and  
398 2,475 years, respectively (Fig. 8).

399 To explore the epistemic uncertainty due to the distribution of activity rates over the  
400 range of magnitudes in the fault source model, we compared the seismic hazard  
401 levels estimated by the TGR and CHG fault source models (left column in Fig. 8)  
402 using the TGR and CHG magnitude-frequency distributions for all the fault sources  
403 (details in par. 2.1.3). Although both models have the same amount of seismic  
404 moment release, the different magnitude-frequency distributions generate clear  
405 differences. In fact, in the *TGR* model, all faults exhibit a 10% probability of  
406 exceedance in 50 years in the hazard maps, whereas in the *CHG* model, only a few  
407 faults located in the central Apennines and Calabria contribute to the seismic hazard.  
408 This difference is due to the different shapes of the magnitude-frequency



409 distributions in the two models (Fig. 2c). The rates of earthquakes with magnitudes  
410 between 5.5 and approximately 6, which are likely the main contributors to these  
411 levels of seismic hazard, are generally higher in the *TGR* model than in the *CHG*  
412 model. At a 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years, all fault sources in the *CHG*  
413 contribute to the seismic hazard, but the absolute values are still generally higher in  
414 the *TGR* model.

415 The *distributed model* (central column in Fig. 8) depicts a more uniform shape of the  
416 seismic hazard than the fault source models. A PGA threshold of 0.125 g at a 10%  
417 probability of exceedance in 50 years and a threshold of 0.225 g at a 2% probability  
418 of exceedance in 50 years envelope a large part of peninsular Italy and Sicily. Two  
419 areas with higher seismic hazard levels are located in the central Apennines and  
420 north-eastern Sicily.

421 The total model, obtained by combining the fault and distributed source models, is  
422 shown in the right column of Figure 8. Areas with comparatively high seismic hazard  
423 levels, i.e., hazard levels greater than 0.225 g and greater than 0.45 g at 50-yr  
424 exceedance probabilities of 10% and 2%, respectively, are located throughout the  
425 Apennines, in Calabria and in Sicily. The fault source models contribute to the total  
426 seismic hazard in the Apennines, Calabria and eastern Sicily, where the highest  
427 PGA values are observed.

428 Figure 9 shows the contributions to the total seismic hazard by the *fault* and  
429 *distributed* source models at a specific site (L'Aquila, 42.400-13.400). Interestingly, in  
430 Figure 9, the *distributed* source dominates the seismic hazard for exceedance  
431 probabilities greater than ~81% in 50 years, but the contribution of *fault* sources  
432 cannot be neglected. Conversely, at exceedance probabilities of less than ~10% in  
433 50 years, the total hazard is mainly to completely obtained by the *fault* source model.

434 Figure 10 shows seismic hazard maps with PGAs at 10% and 2% exceedance  
435 probabilities in 50 years for the *fault* sources, *distributed* sources and a combination  
436 of the two. These data were obtained by applying a magnitude-frequency distribution  
437 to each fault (as shown in Figure 3). The results from this model, called the *Mixed*  
438 model, therefore have values between those of the two end-members shown in  
439 Figure 8. The choice of the appropriate magnitude-frequency distribution for a fault



440 source is a difficult task because palaeoseismological studies are scarce and it is  
441 often difficult to establish clear relationships between faults and observed seismicity.  
442 If an earthquake assigned to a fault source (see Table 2 for earthquake-source  
443 associations) has a magnitude lower or higher than the bell curve of the *CHG* model  
444 distribution, the *TGR* model is applied to that fault source. Otherwise, the *CHG*  
445 model, peaking at the calculated  $M_{max}$ , is applied. Of course, errors in this approach  
446 can originate from a misallocation of historical earthquakes, and we also cannot  
447 exclude the possibility that potentially active faults responsible for historical  
448 earthquakes have been not yet mapped. The magnitude-frequency distribution  
449 assigned to each fault source in our *Mixed* model is shown in Figure 3.

450 Figure 11 shows the *CHG*, *TGR* and *Mixed* model hazard curves for three sites  
451 (Cesena, L'Aquila and Crotone, Fig. 12c). As previously mentioned, the results of the  
452 *Mixed* model, due to the construction of the model, are between those of the *CHG*  
453 and *TGR* models. The relative positions of the hazard curves derived from the two  
454 end-member models and the *Mixed* model depend on the number of nearby fault  
455 sources that have been modelled using a magnitude-frequency distribution and on  
456 the distance of the site from the faults. For example, in the case of the Crotone site,  
457 the majority of the fault sources in the *Mixed* model have been modelled using a  
458 *CHG* magnitude-frequency distribution. Thus, the resulting hazard curve is close to  
459 the *CHG* model. For the Cesena site, the three hazard curves overlap. Because the  
460 distance between Cesena and the closest fault sources is approximately 60 km, the  
461 impact of the fault model is less than the impact of the *distributed* source model. In  
462 this case, the choice of a particular magnitude-frequency distribution could have a  
463 limited impact on the modelling of the *distributed* sources. Notably, for an annual  
464 frequency of exceedance (*AFOE*) lower than  $10^{-4}$ , the *TGR fault* source model  
465 values are generally higher than those the *CHG*, and the three models converge at  
466  $AFOE < 10^{-4}$ . The resulting seismic hazard estimates depend on the assumed  
467 seismicity rate model (*TGR* vs. *CHG*), especially for intermediate magnitude events  
468 (5.5 to ~6.5). Because we assume that the maximum magnitude is imposed by the  
469 fault geometry and that the seismic moment release is controlled by the slip rate, the  
470 *TGR* model leads to the highest hazard values because this range of magnitude  
471 contributes the most to the hazard level.



472 In Figure 12, we investigated the influences of the Mixed *fault* source model and the  
473 Mixed *distributed* source model on the total hazard for the whole study area and the  
474 variability in the hazard results. The maps in Figure 12a show that the contribution to  
475 the total hazard from the *fault* model generally decrease with increases in the  
476 exceedance probability from 2% to 81% in 50 years. At a 2% probability of  
477 exceedance in 50 years, the total hazard in the Apennines and in eastern Sicily is  
478 mainly related to faults, whereas at an 81% probability of exceedance in 50 years,  
479 the contributions of the *fault* model are high in local areas in central Italy and  
480 southern Calabria.

481 Moreover, we examined the contributions of the *fault* and *distributed* sources along  
482 three E-W-oriented profiles in northern, central and southern Italy (Fig. 12b). In areas  
483 with faults, the hazard estimated by the fault model is generally higher than that  
484 estimated by the corresponding *distributed* source model. Notable exceptions are  
485 present in areas proximal to slower slipping active faults at an 81% probability of  
486 exceedance in 50 years (profile A), at the eastern and western boundaries of the  
487 faulted area in central Italy (profile B), and in the area where the contribution of the  
488 *distributed* source model is equal to that of the *fault* model at a 10% probability of  
489 exceedance in 50 years (eastern part of profile C).

490 The features depicted by the three profiles result from a combination of slip rates and  
491 spatial distribution of faults in the *fault* source model. This pattern should be  
492 considered a critical aspect of using fault models for PSH analysis. In fact, the  
493 proposed approach requires a high level of expertise in active tectonics and cautious  
494 expert judgement at many levels of procedure. First, the seismic hazard estimate is  
495 based on the definition of a segmentation model, which requires a series of rules  
496 based on observations and empirical regression between earthquakes and the size  
497 of the causative fault. New data might make it necessary to revise the rules or  
498 reconsider the role of the segmentation. In some cases, expert judgement could  
499 permit discrimination among different fault source models. Alternatively, all models  
500 should be considered branches in a logic tree approach.

501 We finally propose a fault seismicity model in which the magnitude-frequency  
502 distribution of each fault source has been chosen based on an analysis of the  
503 occurrences of earthquakes that can be tentatively or confidently assigned to a





504 certain fault. To describe the fault activity, we applied a probability density function to  
505 the magnitude, as commonly performed in the literature: the TGR model and the  
506 characteristic maximum magnitude model, which consists of a truncated normal  
507 distribution centred on the maximum magnitude. Other magnitude-frequency  
508 distributions have been proposed to model the earthquake recurrence for a fault. For  
509 example, Youngs and Coppersmith (1985) proposed adjusting the truncated  
510 exponential model to allow for the increased likelihood of characteristic events.  
511 However, we focused only on two models, as we believe that, instead of a “blind” or  
512 qualitative characterization of the magnitude-frequency distribution of a fault source,  
513 future applications of statistical tests to the compatibility between expected  
514 earthquake rates and observed historical seismicity could be used as an objective  
515 way to identify the best expected seismicity magnitude-frequency distribution.

516 To focus on the general procedure for spatially integrating faults with sources  
517 representing distributed (or off-fault) seismicity, we did not investigate the impact of  
518 other smoothing procedures on the distributed sources, and we used fixed kernels  
519 with a constant bandwidth (as in the works of Kagan and Jackson, 1994; Frankel et  
520 al. 1997; Zechar and Jordan, 2010). The testing of adaptive bandwidths (e.g., Stock  
521 and Smith, 2002; Helmstetter et al., 2006, 2007; Werner et al., 2011) or weighted  
522 combinations of both models has been reserved for future implementations.

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524 The strength of our approach is the possibility of integrating different levels of  
525 information on the active faults in Italy, but the final result is unavoidably linked to the  
526 quality of the databases. Our work focused on presenting and applying a new  
527 approach for evaluating seismic hazards based on active faults and intentionally  
528 avoided the introduction of uncertainties due to the use of different segmentation  
529 rules or other slip rate values for faults. Moreover, the impact of ground motion  
530 predictive models is certainly important in seismic hazard assessment but beyond  
531 the scope of this work. Future steps will be devoted to analysing these uncertainties  
532 and evaluating their impacts on the seismic hazard estimate.

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#### 534 **4. Conclusions**



535 We presented our first national-scale PSH model for Italy, which summarizes and  
536 integrates the fault-based PSH models developed since the work of Pace et al.  
537 (2006).

538 The model proposed here combines a fault source model based on over 110 faults  
539 with 86 fault sources and a distributed source model. For each fault source, the  
540 maximum magnitude and its uncertainty has been derived by applying scaling  
541 relationships, and the rates of seismic activity have been derived by applying slip  
542 rates to seismic moment evaluations and balancing this seismic moment over two  
543 magnitude-frequency distributions.

544 To account for unknown faults, a distributed seismicity model has also been applied  
545 following the well-known Frankel (1995) methodology for the calculation of seismicity  
546 parameters.

547 The fault sources and distributed sources have been integrated via a new approach  
548 based on the idea that deformation in the vicinity of an active fault is concentrated  
549 along the fault and that the seismic activity in the surrounding region is reduced. In  
550 particular, a distance-dependent linear weighting function has been introduced to  
551 allow the contribution from the distributed sources (in the magnitude range  
552 overlapping the magnitude-frequency distribution of each fault source) to linearly  
553 decrease from 1 to 0 with decreasing distance from a fault. The strength of our  
554 approach lies in the ability to integrate the different levels of available information for  
555 active faults that actually exist in Italy (or elsewhere), but the final result is  
556 unavoidably linked to the quality of the databases.

557 The probabilistic seismic hazard maps produced using our model show a hazard  
558 pattern similar to that of the current national maps at the national scale, but some  
559 significant differences in hazard are present at the regional-to-local scale.

560 The impact on the hazard maps of using different magnitude-frequency distributions  
561 to derive seismic activity rates has been investigated. The PGA values in the hazard  
562 maps generated by the *TGR* model are higher than those in the hazard maps  
563 generated by *CHG* model. This difference is because the rates of earthquakes with  
564 magnitudes from 5.5 to approximately 6 are generally higher in the *TGR* model than  
565 in the *CHG* model. Moreover, the relative contributions of fault source models and  
566 distributed source models have been identified in maps and profiles in three sectors  
567 of the study area. These profiles show that: the hazard is generally higher where  
568 faults have been used; and for high values of probability of exceedance the



569 contribution of the *distributed* sources equal the *fault* model one.  
570 Finally, a preferred model, called the *Mixed* model, was obtained by applying a  
571 magnitude-frequency distribution to each fault. All data, including the locations and  
572 parameters of fault sources, are provided in the Supplements of this paper.  
573 This new PSH model is not intended to replace, integrate or test the currently official  
574 national seismic hazard model for Italy. While some aspects remain to be  
575 implemented in our approach (e.g., the integration of reverse/thrust faults in the  
576 database, sensitivity tests for the distance-dependent linear weighting function  
577 parameters, sensitivity tests for possible different segmentation models, and fault  
578 source models that account for fault interaction), the proposed model represents an  
579 advance in terms of input data (quantity and quality) and methodology based on a  
580 decade of research in the field of fault-based approaches to regional seismic hazard  
581 modelling.

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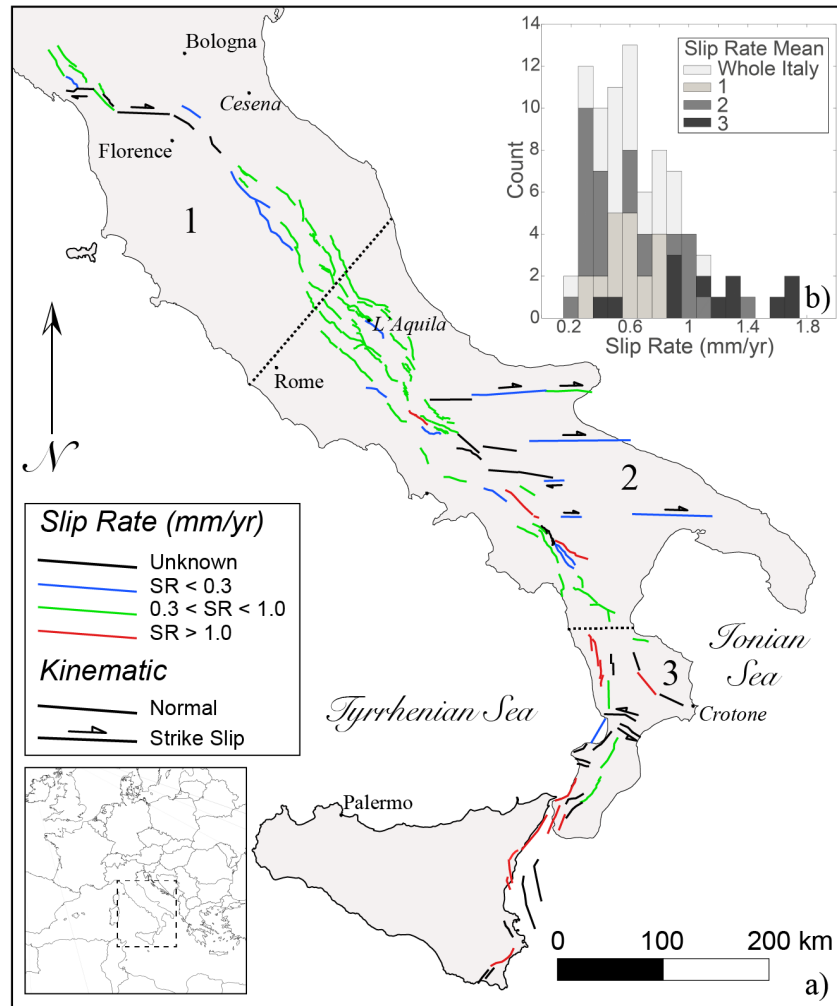




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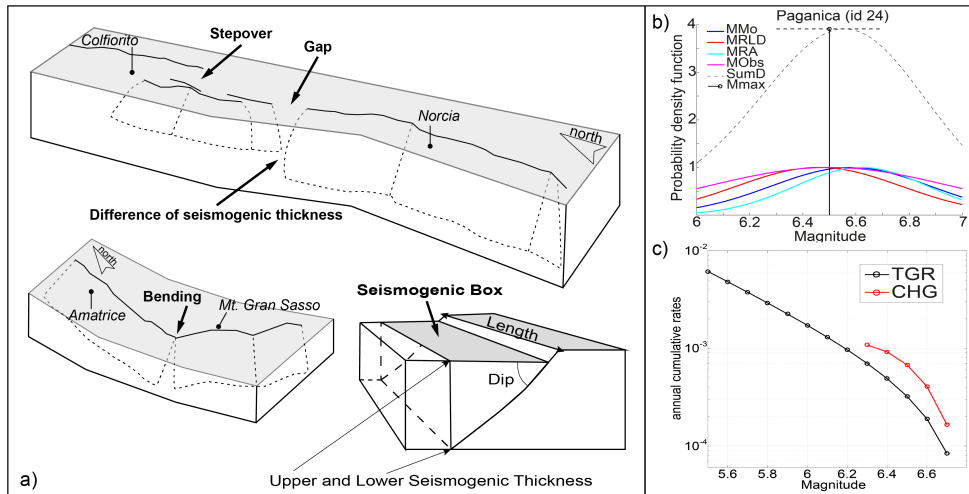


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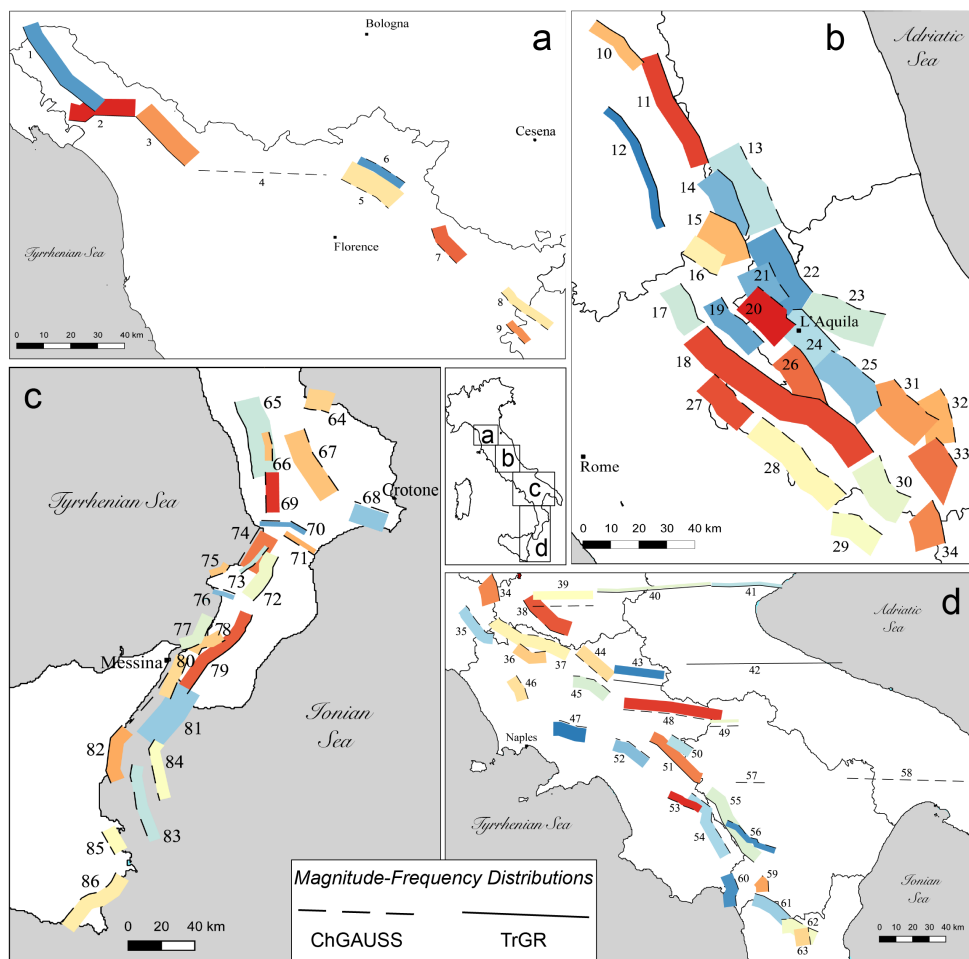
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817 Fig. 1 a) Map of normal and strike-slip active faults used in this study. Colour scale  
 818 indicates slip rate. b) Histogram of slip rate distribution for the whole study area and  
 819 for three sub-sectors. The numbers 1, 2 and 3 are for the Northern Apennines,  
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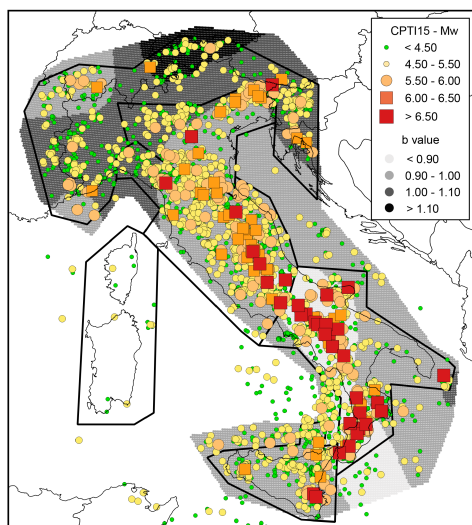
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823 Fig. 2 a) Conceptual model of active faults and segmentation rules adopted to define  
 824 a fault source and its planar projection, forming a seismogenic box [modified by  
 825 Boncio et al., 2004]. b) Example of FiSH code output (see Pace et al., 2016 for  
 826 details) for the Paganica fault source, showing the combination of magnitude  
 827 estimates from empirical relationships and observations, both of which are affected  
 828 by uncertainties. In this example, four magnitudes are estimated: MMo (blue line) is  
 829 from the standard formula (IASPEI, 2005); the maximum subsurface fault length  
 830 (MRLD, red line) and maximum rupture area (MRA, cyan line) are from the empirical  
 831 relationships of Wells and Coppersmith (1994) for length and area, respectively; and  
 832 Mobs (magenta line) is the largest observed moment magnitude. The black dashed  
 833 line represents the summed probability density curve (SumD), the vertical black line  
 834 represents the central value of the Gaussian fit of the summed probability density  
 835 curve (Mmax), and the horizontal black dashed line represents its standard deviation  
 836 ( $\sigma$ Mmax). The input values that were used to obtain this output are provided in Table  
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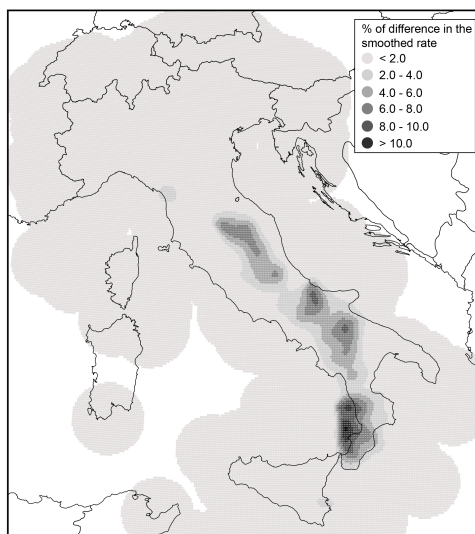
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 841 Colour scale indicates activity rate. Solid and dashed lines (in correspondence of the  
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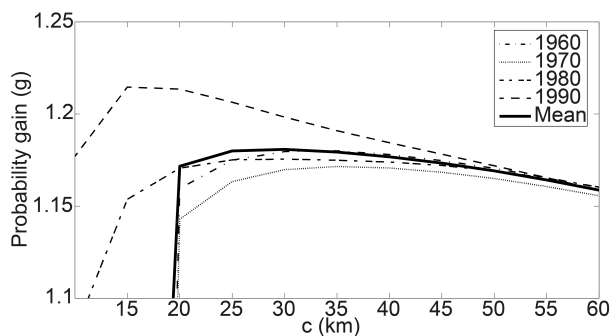
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846 Fig. 4 Historical earthquakes from the most recent version of the historical  
847 parametric Italian catalogue (CPTI15, Rovida et al., 2016), the spatial variation in b-  
848 values and the polygons defining the five macroseismic areas used to assess  
849 magnitude completeness intervals.



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851 Fig. 5 Differences in percentages between the two smoothed rates produced by eq.  
852 (1) using the complete catalogue and the modified catalogue without events  
853 associated with known active faults (*TGR* model).



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855 Fig. 6 Probability gain per earthquake (see eq. 2) versus  $c$ , showing the best radius

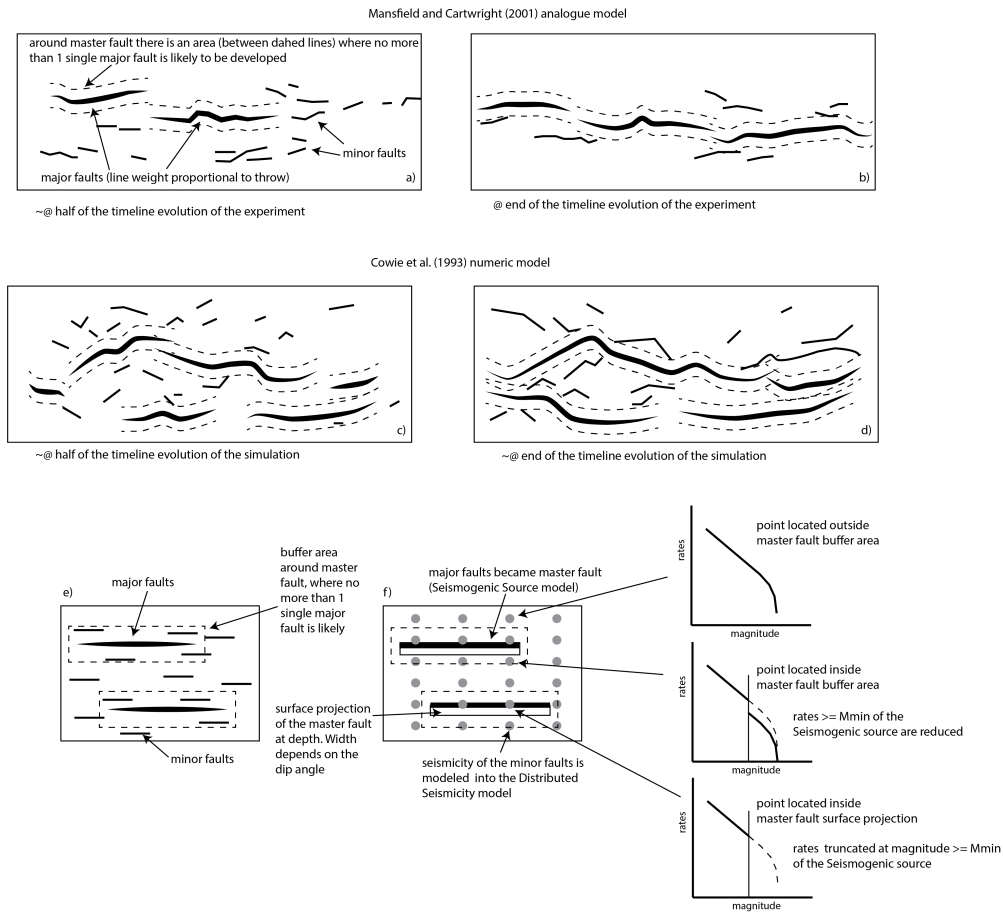
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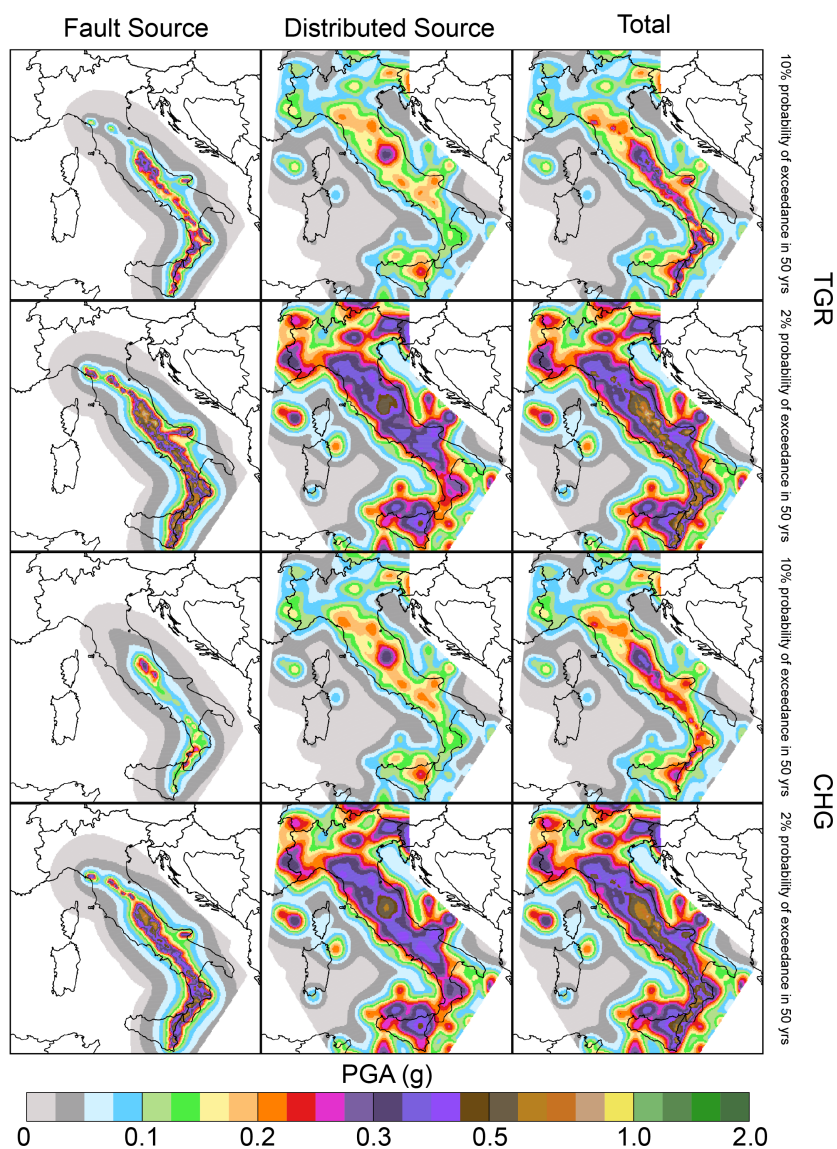
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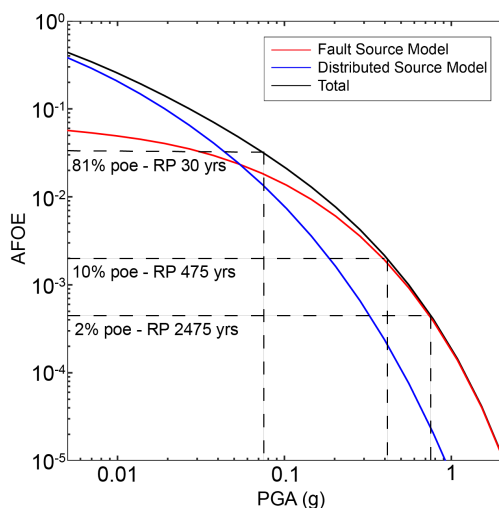
862 Fig. 7 Fault system evolution and implications in our model. a) and b) Sketches from  
 863 the Mansfield and Cartwright (2001) analogue experiment at two different stages:  
 864 approximately the midpoint of the sequence and the end of the sequence. Around  
 865 master faults, there is an area where no more than a single major fault is likely to  
 866 develop. c) and d) Sketches from numerical modelling conducted by Cowie et al.  
 867 (1993) at two different stages. This experiment shows the similar evolutionary features  
 868 of major and minor faults. e) and f) Application of analogue and numerical modelling  
 869 of fault system evolution to the fault source model proposed in this paper. A buffer  
 870 area is drawn around each fault source, where it is unlikely for other major faults to  
 871 develop, taking into account the length and slip rate of the fault source. This buffer  
 872 area is useful for reducing or truncating the rates of expected seismicity of the  
 873 distributed seismicity, depending on the position of a distributed seismicity point with  
 874 respect to the buffer zone (see the text for details).





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876 Fig. 8 Seismic hazard maps for the *TGR* and *CHG* models expressed in terms of  
 877 peak ground acceleration (PGA) and computed for a latitude/longitude grid spacing  
 878 of  $0.05^\circ$ . The first and second rows show the Fault Source, Distributed Source and  
 879 Total maps for the *TGR* model, computed for 10% probability of exceedance in 50  
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 881 periods of 475 and 2475 years, respectively. The third and fourth rows show the  
 882 same maps for the *CHG* model.

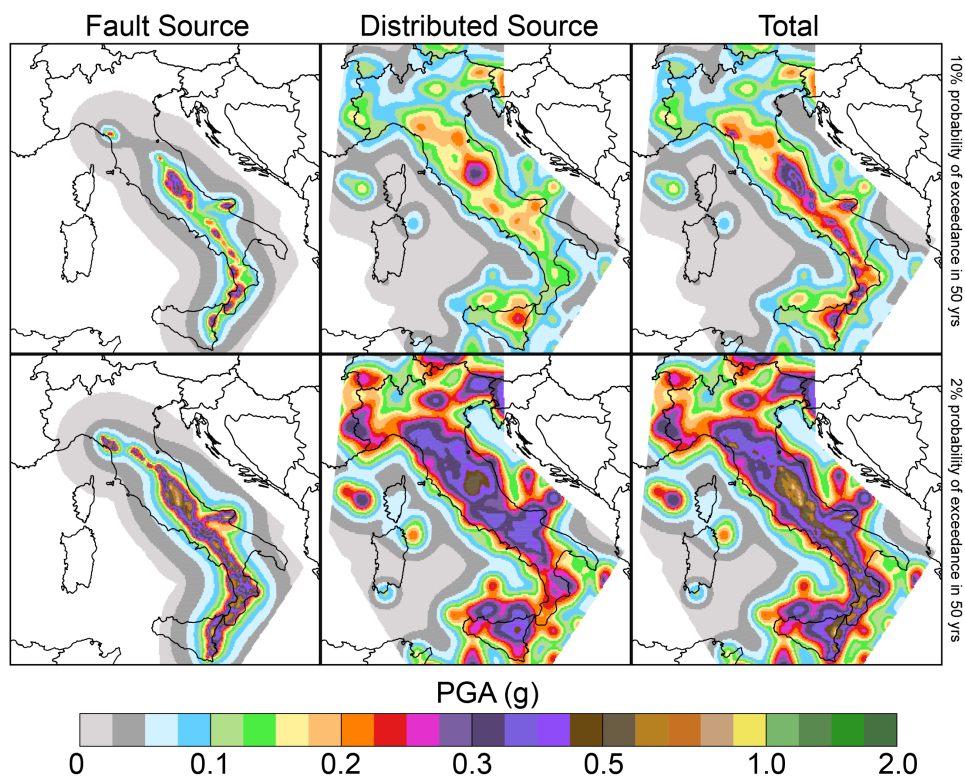


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884 Fig. 9 An example of the contribution to the total seismic hazard (black line), in terms  
885 of hazard curves, by the *fault* (red line) and *distributed* (blue line) source models for  
886 one of the 45,602 grid points (L'Aquila, 42.400-13.400).

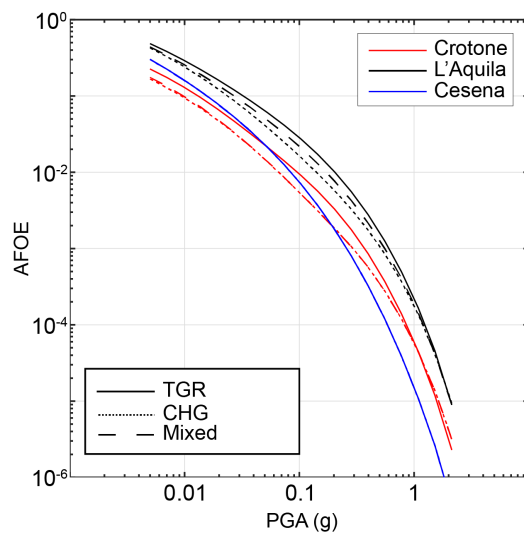
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890 Fig. 10 Seismic hazard maps for the *Mixed* model. The first row shows the Fault  
891 Source, Distributed Source and Total maps computed for 10% probability of  
892 exceedance in 50 years, and the second row shows the same maps but computed  
893 for 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years, corresponding to return periods of 475  
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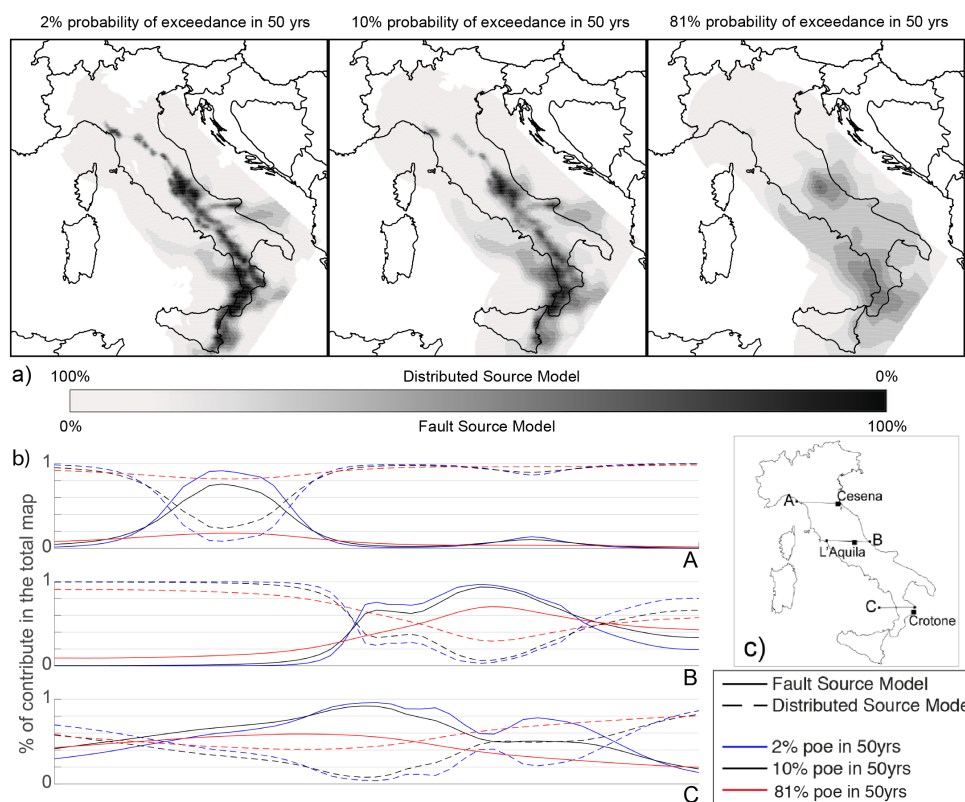


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897 Fig. 11 *CHG* (dotted line), *TGR* (solid line) and *Mixed* model (dashed line) hazard  
898 curves for three sites: Cesena (red line), L'Aquila (black line) and Crotone (blue line).

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 902 Fig. 12 a) Contribution maps of the Mixed *fault* source model and Mixed *distributed*  
 903 source model to the total hazard for three probabilities of exceedance: 2%, 10% and  
 904 81%, corresponding to return periods of 2475, 475 and 30 years, respectively. b)  
 905 Contributions of the Mixed *fault* (solid line) and Mixed *distributed* (dashed line)  
 906 source models along three profiles (A, B and C in Fig. 12c) for three probabilities of  
 907 exceedance: 2% (blue line), 10% (black line) and 81% (red line).

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id	Fault Sources	L (km)	Dip (°)	Upper (km)	Lower (km)	SR <sub>min</sub> (mm/yr)	SR <sub>max</sub> (mm/yr)
1	Lunigiana	43.8	40	0	5	0.28	0.7
2	North Apuane Transfer	25.5	45	0	7	0.33	0.83
3	Garfagnana	26.9	30	0	4.5	0.35	0.57
4	Garfagnana Transfer	47.1	90	2	7	0.33	0.83
5	Mugello	21.0	40	0	7	0.33	0.83
6	Ronta	19.3	65	0	7	0.17	0.5
7	Poppi	17.1	40	0	4.5	0.33	0.83
8	Città di Castello	22.9	40	0	3	0.25	1.2
9	M.S.M. Tiberina	10.5	40	0	2.5	0.25	0.75
10	Gubbio	23.6	50	0	6	0.4	1.2
11	Colfiorito System	45.9	50	0	8	0.25	0.9
12	Umbra Valley	51.1	55	0	4.5	0.4	1.2
13	Vettore-Bove	35.4	50	0	15	0.2	1.05
14	Nottoria-Preci	29.0	50	0	12	0.2	1
15	Cascia-Cittareale	24.3	50	0	13.5	0.2	1
16	Leonessa	14.9	55	0	12	0.1	0.7
17	Rieti	17.6	50	0	10	0.25	0.6
18	Fucino	82.3	50	0	13	0.3	1.6
19	Sella di Corno	23.1	60	0	13	0.35	0.7
20	Pizzoli-Pettino	21.3	50	0	14	0.3	1
21	Monte Reale	15.1	50	0	14	0.25	0.9
22	Gorzano	28.1	50	0	15	0.2	1
23	Gran Sasso	28.4	50	0	15	0.35	1.2
24	Paganica	23.7	50	0	14	0.4	0.9
25	Middle Aternum Valley	29.1	50	0	14	0.15	0.45
26	Campo Felice-Ovindoli	26.2	50	0	13	0.2	1.6
27	Carsoli	20.5	50	0	11	0.35	0.6
28	Liri	42.5	50	0	11	0.3	1.26
29	Sora	20.4	50	0	11	0.15	0.45
30	Marsicano	20.0	50	0	13	0.25	1.2
31	Sulmona	22.6	50	0	15	0.6	1.35
32	Maiella	21.4	55	0	15	0.7	1.6
33	Aremogna C.Miglia	13.1	50	0	15	0.1	0.6
34	Barrea	17.1	55	0	13	0.2	1
35	Cassino	24.6	60	0	11	0.25	0.5
36	Ailano-Piedimonte	17.6	60	0	12	0.15	0.35
37	Matese	48.3	60	0	13	0.2	1.9
38	Bojano	35.5	55	0	13	0.2	0.9
39	Frosolone	36.1	70	11	25	0.35	0.93
40	Ripabottoni-San Severo	68.3	85	6	25	0.1	0.5
41	Mattinata	42.3	85	0	25	0.7	1
42	Castelluccio dei Sauri	93.2	90	11	22	0.1	0.5
43	Ariano Irpino	30.1	70	11	25	0.35	0.93
44	Tammaro	25.0	60	0	13	0.35	0.93
45	Benevento	25.0	55	0	10	0.35	0.93
46	Volturno	15.7	60	1	13	0.23	0.57
47	Avella	20.5	55	1	13	0.2	0.7
48	Ufita-Bisaccia	59.0	64	1.5	15	0.35	0.93
49	Melfi	17.2	80	12	22	0.1	0.5
50	Irpinia Antithetic	15.0	60	0	11	0.2	0.53



51	Irpinia	39.7	65	0	14	0.3	2.5
52	Volturara	23.7	60	1	13	0.2	0.35
53	Alburni	20.4	60	0	8	0.35	0.7
54	Caggiano-Diano Valley	46.0	60	0	12	0.35	1.15
55	Pergola-Maddalena	50.6	60	0	12	0.20	0.93
56	Agri	34.9	50	5	15	0.8	1.3
57	Potenza	17.8	90	15	21	0.1	0.5
58	Palagianello	73.3	90	13	22	0.1	0.5
59	Monte Alpi	10.9	60	0	13	0.35	0.9
60	Maratea	21.6	60	0	13	0.46	0.7
61	Mercure	25.8	60	0	13	0.2	0.6
62	Pollino	23.8	60	0	15	0.22	0.58
63	Castrovillari	10.3	60	0	15	0.2	1.15
64	Rossano	14.9	60	0	22	0.5	0.6
65	Crati West	49.7	45	0	15	0.84	1.4
66	Crati East	18.4	60	0	8	0.75	1.45
67	Lakes	43.6	60	0	22	0.75	1.45
68	Fuscalto	21.1	60	2	22	0.75	1.45
69	Piano Lago-Decollatura	25.0	60	1	15	0.23	0.57
70	Catanzaro North	29.5	80	3	20	0.75	1.45
71	Catanzaro South	21.3	80	3	20	0.75	1.45
72	Serre	31.6	60	0	15	0.7	1.15
73	Vibo	23.0	80	0	15	0.75	1.45
74	Sant'Eufemia Gulf	24.8	40	1	11	0.11	0.3
75	Capo Vaticano	13.7	60	0	8	0.75	1.45
76	Coccorino	13.3	70	3	11	0.75	1.45
77	Scilla	29.7	60	0	13	0.8	1.5
78	Sant'Eufemia	19.2	60	0	13	0.75	1.45
79	Cittanova-Armo	63.8	60	0	13	0.45	1.45
80	Reggio Calabria	27.2	60	0	13	0.7	2
81	Taormina	38.7	30	3	13	0.9	2.6
82	Acireale	39.4	60	0	15	1.15	2.3
83	Western Ionian	50.1	65	0	15	0.75	1.45
84	Eastern Ionian	39.3	65	0	15	0.75	1.45
85	Climiti	15.7	60	0	15	0.75	1.45
86	Avola	46.9	60	0	16	0.8	1.6

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915 Table 1 Geometric Parameters of the Fault Sources. L, along-strike length; Dip,  
 916 inclination angle of fault plane; Upper and Lower, representing the thickness of the  
 917 local seismogenic layer; SRmin and SRmax are the slip rates assigned to the  
 918 sources using the references available (see the supplements). *Id* is the identification  
 919 of fault number.

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Id	Fault Sources	Historical Earthquakes					Instrumental Earthquakes	
		yyyy/mm/dd	$I_{Max}$	$I_0$	$M_w$	$sD$	yyyy/mm/dd	$M_w$
1	Lunigiana	1481/05/07	VIII	VIII	5.6	0.4		
		1834/02/14	IX	IX	6.0	0.1		
2	North Apuane Transfer	1837/04/11	X	IX	5.9	0.1		
		1740/03/06	VIII	VIII	5.6	0.2		
3	Garfagnana	1920/09/07	X	X	6.5	0.1		
4	Garfagnana Transfer	1542/06/13	IX	IX	6.0	0.2		
		1919/06/29	X	X	6.4	0.1		
6	Ronta							
7	Poppi							
8	Città di Castello	1269			5.7			
		1389/10/18	IX	IX	6	0.5		
		1458/04/26	VIII-IX	VIII-IX	5.8	0.5		
		1789/09/30	IX	IX	5.9	0.1		
9	M.S.M. Tiberina	1352/12/15	IX	IX	6.3	0.2		
		1917/04/26	IX-X	IX-X	6.0	0.1		
10	Gubbio					1984/04/29	5.6	
11	Colfiorito System	1279/04/30	X	IX	6.2	0.2	1997/09/26	5.7
		1747/04/17	IX	IX	6.1	0.1	1997/09/26	6
		1751/07/27	X	X	6.4	0.1		
12	Umbra Valley	1277		VIII	5.6	0.5		
		1832/01/13	X	X	6.4	0.1		
		1854/02/12	VIII	VIII	5.6	0.3		
13	Vettore-Bove							
		1328/12/01	X	X	6.5	0.3	1979/09/19	5.8
		1703/01/14	XI	XI	6.9	0.1		
		1719/06/27	VIII	VIII	5.6	0.3		
		1730/05/12	IX	IX	6.0	0.1		
		1859/08/22	VIII-IX	VIII-IX	5.7	0.3		
14	Nottoria-Preci	1879/02/23	VIII	VIII	5.6	0.3		
		1599/11/06	IX	IX	6.1	0.2		
		1916/11/16	VIII	VIII	5.5	0.1		
15	Cascia-Cittareale							
16	Leonessa							
		1298/12/01	X	IX-X	6.3	0.5		
17	Rieti	1785/10/09	VIII-IX	VIII-IX	5.8	0.2		
18	Fucino	1349/09/09	IX	IX	6.3	0.1		
		1904/02/24	IX	VIII-IX	5.7	0.1		
		1915/01/13	XI	XI	7	0.1		
19	Sella di Corno							
20	Pizzoli-Pettino	1703/02/02	X	X	6.7	0.1		
21	Monteale							
22	Gorzano	1639/10/07	X	IX-X	6.2	0.2		
		1646/04/28	IX	IX	5.9	0.4		
23	Gran Sasso							
24	Paganica	1315/12/03	VIII	VIII	5.6	0.5	2009/06/04	6.3
		1461/11/27	X	X	6.5	0.5		
25	Middle Aternum Valley							
26	Campo Felice-Ovindoli							
27	Carsoli							
28	Liri							
29	Sora	1654	X	IX-X	6.3	0.2		
30	Marsicano							
31	Sulmona							
32	Maiella							
33	Aremogna C.Miglia							
34	Barrea					1984/05/07	5.9	
35	Cassino							
36	Ailano-Piedimonte							
37	Matese	1349/09/09	X-XI	X	6.8	0.2		





38	Bojano	1805/07/26	X	X	6.7	0.1		
39	Frosolone	1456/12/05	XI	XI	7	0.1		
40	Ripabottoni-San Severo	1627/07/30	X	X	6.7	0.1	2002/10/31	5.7
		1647/05/05	VII-VIII	VII-VIII	5.7	0.4		
		1657/01/29	IX-X	VIII-IX	6.0	0.2		
41	Mattinata	1875/12/06	VIII	VIII	5.9	0.1		
		1889/12/08	VII	VII	5.5	0.1		
		1948/08/18	VII-VIII	VII-VIII	5.6	0.1		
42	Castelluccio dei Sauri	1361/07/17	X	IX	6	0.5		
		1560/05/11	VIII	VIII	5.7	0.5		
		1731/03/20	IX	IX	6.3	0.1		
43	Ariano Irpino	1456/12/05			6.9	0.1		
		1962/08/21	IX	IX	6.2	0.1		
44	Tammaro	1688/06/05	XI	XI	7	0.1		
45	Benevento							
46	Volturno							
47	Avella	1499/12/05	VIII	VIII	5.6	0.5		
48	Ufita-Bisaccia	1732/11/29	X-XI	X-XI	6.8	0.1		
		1930/07/23	X	X	6.7	0.1		
49	Melfi	1851/08/14	X	X	6.5	0.1		
50	Irpinia Antithetic							
51	Irpinia	1466/01/15	VIII-IX	VIII-IX	6.0	0.2	1980/11/23	6.8
		1692/03/04	VIII	VIII	5.9	0.4		
		1694/09/08	X	X	6.7	0.1		
		1853/04/09	IX	VIII	5.6	0.2		
52	Volturara							
53	Alburni							
54	Caggiano-Diano Valley	1561/07/31	IX-X	X	6.3	0.1		
55	Pergola-Maddalena	1857/12/16			6.5			
		1857/12/16			6.3			
56	Agri							
57	Potenza	1273/12/18	VIII-IX	VIII-IX	5.8	0.5	1990/05/05	5.8
58	Palagianello							
59	Monte Alpi							
60	Maratea							
61	Mercure	1708/01/26	VIII-IX	VIII	5.6	0.6	1998/09/09	5.5
62	Pollino							
63	Castrovillari							
64	Rossano	1836/04/25	X	IX	6.2	0.2		



65	Crati West	1184/05/24	IX	IX	6.8	0.3
		1870/10/04	X	IX-X	6.2	0.1
		1886/03/06	VII-VIII	VII-VIII	5.6	0.3
66	Crati East	1767/07/14	VIII-IX	VIII-IX	5.9	0.2
		1835/10/12	X	IX	5.9	0.3
67	Lakes	1638/06/08	X	X	6.8	0.1
68	Fuscalto	1832/03/08	X	X	6.6	0.1
69	Piano Lago-Decollatura					
70	Catanzaro North	1638/03/27			6.6	
71	Catanzaro South	1626/04/04	X	IX	6.1	0.4
72	Serre	1659/11/05	X	X	6.6	0.1
		1743/12/07	IX-X	VIII-IX	5.9	0.2
		1783/02/07	X-XI	X-XI	6.7	0.1
		1791/10/13	IX	IX	6.1	0.1
73	Vibo					
74	Sant'Eufemia Gulf	1905/09/08	X-XI	X-XI	7	0.1
75	Capo Vaticano					
76	Coccorino	1928/03/07	VIII	VII-VIII	5.9	0.1
77	Scilla					
78	Sant'Eufemia	1894/11/16	IX	IX	6.1	0.1
79	Cittanova-Armo	1509/02/25	IX	VIII	5.6	0.4
		1783/02/05	XI	XI	7.1	0.1
80	Reggio Calabria					
81	Taormina	1908/12/28	XI	XI	7.1	0.2
82	Acireale	1818/02/20	IX-X	IX-X	6.3	0.1
83	Western Ionian	1693/01/11	XI	XI	7.3	0.1
84	Eastern Ionian					
85	Climiti					
86	Avola					

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922 Table 2 Earthquake-Source Association Adopted for Fault Sources.  $I_{Max}$ , maximum  
 923 intensity;  $I_0$ , epicentral intensity;  $M_w$ , moment magnitude; sD, standard deviation of  
 924 the moment magnitude. For the references see the supplement file.