

## RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

The authors thank the referees for their constructive and valuable comments. Point-by-point responses to the referee comments are as follows. Referee comments are in black, and the authors' responses are in blue. Note that line numbers in the authors' replies are associated with line numbers in the revised manuscript.

### Referee 1.

1. In Abstract, there are no general findings from this study.

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we added the following sentences to the abstract (Page 1, Line 23~25):

“The results of this study show that loss amounts due to potential earthquakes are significantly less than those of the previous studies. The challenge of this study is to implement earthquake response spectrum and to reflect actual asset values of buildings of the metropolitan city of Seoul in Korea.”

2. In Introduction, challenge of this study should be added. In Introduction, addition of literature review is required to emphasize the challenge of this study. Numerate past research outcomes and their limitations.

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we added the following sentences to the introduction (Page 2, Line 14~15):

“This study differs from the previous studies in that it implements the actual building and insurance data and the observed seismic characteristics of Korea.”

3. The results from this study are much different from those from the previous reports written in the introduction. Please compare their results and explain the reasons of the difference.

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we added the following sentences to the result part (Page 10, Line 5~12):

“Nonetheless, the loss from the  $M_w$  7.0 scale earthquake is only 4% compared to loss resulted from MPSS (2015). The main reasons of the difference in loss are as follows: (1) The duration of strong motion is applied as 0.6 seconds in the standard response spectrum in the previous studies; however, in this study, the duration of 0.2 seconds is implemented to reflect the characteristics of the recent earthquake occurred in the Korean peninsula; (2) The replacement costs of buildings are reflected in the analysis using statistics of the actual insured data, but the previous studies were used the replacement costs published in Square Foot Costs (RSMMeans, 2002) in USA; and (3) This study did not consider indirect loss such as relocation expenses, income loss, and rental income loss.”

4. (Page 2 Line 2 and thereafter) Indicate specific magnitude scale in the manuscript with brief explanation of physics. (example: Richter local magnitude...)

**Response:** As the referee’s recommendation, we added the following sentences in Page 5, Line 9~12:

“The Richter magnitude scale ( $M_L$ ) is a unit based on logarithms calculated from the largest amplitude observed in the seismometer but it is difficult to measure the amplitude accurately. In this study, the moment magnitude scale ( $M_w$ ) is used, which was suggested by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to calculate and report magnitudes for large earthquakes.”

5. (Page 2 Line 30) Do not use ambiguous expression in referencing figures and tables (replace "As shown in the above figure" with "As shown in Fig. 2")

**Response:** Modification are made as the referee’s recommendation. (Page 2, Line 30)

6. (Page3 Line 6) Replace "36 the structure types" with "36 structure types"; Classification of structure types, occupancies, and seismic codes are not clearly explained.

**Response:** As the referee’s comment, we added the following sentences in Page 3, Line 6~9:

“The extracted data are classified into 36 structure types and 33 occupancies as same as the building type of HAZUS-MH, and divided into 3 seismic codes estimated based on comprehensive consideration of the construction year, total building area and occupancy. The details of classifications of 36 structure types and 33 occupancies are showed in Tables 1 and 2, respectively.”

7. (Table 3) In addition to Distribution, add frequencies corresponding to each distribution.

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised Table 3. And in the text (Page 2 Line 16 and Page 4 Line 7), there exists a typo; therefore, the number of buildings is revised to 6.3 million from 630,000 (the number in the previous manuscript).

8. (Table 2) There are three formulas in Table 2. It is necessary to either provide the other two formulas or erase contents of formulas I and II.

**Response:** Regarding the reviewer's comment, the following are added for more clear understanding (in Page 5, Line 21~25) and the Table 2 was removed.

“The attenuation equation (or formula) of Eq. (1) proposed by MPSS (2012) is used in this study. The attenuation formula of MPSS requires four coefficients (or fitting parameters). In this study, the four coefficients in Eq. (1) of  $C_0 = 5.0244$ ,  $C_1 = 0.5442$ ,  $C_2 = -1.0020$ , and  $C_3 = 0$  are assumed in the analysis as the combination of the coefficients resulted in least error in prediction of maximum ground acceleration.”

9. (Page 4 Line 7) Indicate the reference time of building statistics of 630,000

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we added the following sentences in Page 4, Line 7:

“Seoul city as of 2016 database of building registration records”

10. (Page 4 Line 16) Replace "each building" with "each building damaged by earthquake." Reference is required for information provided by Korea Appraisal Board.

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 4 Line 16, and added a reference in Page 4 Line 17. (Korea Appraisal Board (KAB): Construction Cost Table, 2016. (in Korean))

11. (Page 4 Line 27) "Korea has been" should be "Korea has been considered as." Replace "neighboring countries" with "neighboring countries, such as Japan, China, and Taiwan."

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 4 Line 27~28.

12. Abbreviation should be spelled out at its first appearance. "PGA" should be "Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA).

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 5 Line 15.

13. [Eq. (1)] To use minimum number of symbols, replace symbol S with PGA in Eq. (1).

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 5 Line 23.

14. (Page 6 Line 23) "as shown table 3" should be "as shown in Table 3"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 6 Line 23.

15. (Page 7 Line 7) "zones: Zone I which includes Seoul area and Zone II"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 7 Line 7.

16. (Page 7 Line 33) "four 5 states;" should be "four 5 states:"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 7 Line 33.

17. (Page 8 Line 3) Subscription is required for "Sd" and symbols in Eq. (3)

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 8 Line 3.

18. (Page 8 Line 8) "is median value" should be "is the median value"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 8 Line 8.

19. (Page 8 Line 26) "Table 5 and 6" should be "Tables 5 and 6"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 8 Line 26.

20. (Page 8 Line 30) "isn't" should be "is not"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 8 Line 30.

21. (Page 9 Line 1) "higher" should be "larger"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 9 Line 1.

22. (Page 9 Line 2) "like" should be "such as"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 9 Line 2.

23. (Page 9 Line 1) Unified expression of dash use: "low-rise" and "low rise" are mixed.

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 9 Line 1.

24. [Eq. (4)] There are mis fonts in subscription in Symbols in Eq. (4).

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the Eq. (4) in Page 9 Line 27.

25. (Page 10 Line 4) "% 15" should be "15%"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Page 10 Line 4.

26. (Tables 6, 7, and 8) "Km" should be "km"

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences in Tables 6, 7 and 8.

## **Referee 2.**

1. The amount of damage predicted in the first and second revised manuscript is very different. Authors have to explain why the loss amount predicted in original manuscript was revised.

**Response:** In this study, we estimated loss amounts based on the KRW. An error occurred converting the estimated loss amount to USD. That is why the loss amount has been revised.

2. The description of the methodology used isn't clear enough. It needs to be explained more clearly.

**Response:** As the referee's recommendation, we revised the sentences to understand clearly in Page 2 Line 30~31, Page 3 Line 16, Line 25~26, Line 31~32.

“(STEP 1) Information database of property which may be exposed to disaster should be constructed.

(STEP 2) Hazard module for generation of a physical hazard map from a simulated event of disaster should be developed.

(STEP 3) Vulnerability module to assess damage state of individual properties should be prepared by combining the information of exposed property and hazard intensity.

(STEP 4) The financial module is implemented to quantify the damage of individual buildings into a monetary loss to predict a total loss amount.”

3. A few words used in this paper seem to be misleading in the interpretation, so it is necessary to replace them with words that cannot be interpreted in error.

**Response:** As the referee’s recommendation, we revised some misleading words

(Page 4, Line 6)

Replace “etc. affecting” with “and other minor considerations. Influencing”

(Page 4 Line 18)

Replace "900 billion dollars" with "900 billion US dollars"

(Page 4 Line 19)

Replace "between USD 100,000 to 1,000,000" with "0.1~1 million US dollars."

Thank you for your valuable and constructive comments. The authors appreciate it.

# 1 Loss assessment of building and content damages from potential 2 earthquake risk in Seoul, Korea

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12 **Abstract.** After the 2016 Gyeongju earthquake and the 2017 Pohang earthquake struck the Korean peninsula, securing  
13 financial stability for earthquake risk has become an important issue in Korea. Many domestic researchers are currently  
14 studying potential earthquake risk. However, empirical analysis and statistical approach are ambiguous in the case of Korea  
15 because no major earthquake has ever occurred on the Korean peninsula since Korean Meteorological Agency started  
16 monitoring earthquakes in 1978. This study focuses on evaluating possible losses due to earthquake risk in Seoul, the capital  
17 of Korea, by using catastrophe model methodology integrated with GIS (Geographic Information System). The building  
18 information such as structure and location is taken from the building registration database and the replacement cost for building  
19 is obtained from insurance information. As the seismic design code in KBC (Korea Building Code) is similar to the seismic  
20 design code of UBC (Uniform Building Code), the damage functions provided by HAZUS-MH are used to assess the damage  
21 state of each building in event of an earthquake. 12 earthquake scenarios are evaluated considering the distribution and  
22 characteristics of active fault zones in the Korean peninsula, and damages with loss amounts are calculated for each of the  
23 scenarios. The results of this study show that loss amounts due to potential earthquakes are significantly less than those of the  
24 previous studies. This challenge of this study is to implement is why the earthquake response spectrum and to reflect actual  
25 asset value of each buildings of the metropolitan city of Seoul -are reflected as actual data fromin Korea.

## 26 1 Introduction

27 On November 15, 2017, an earthquake of M 5.4 on Richter scale hit the northern region near Pohang city located in  
28 southeastern part of the Korean peninsula. After 5.8 Gyeongju earthquake in 2016, it was the second strongest recorded  
29 earthquake in Korea since the monitoring began in 1978 (Fig. 1).

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31 (Figure 1 is about here)

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2 The earthquakes occurred in Gyeongju and Pohang are expected to be caused by Yangsan fault zone which is classified as  
3 active fault on the Korean Peninsula, which has the ability to generate a maximum of 7.0 M earthquake according to Kyung  
4 (2010) and MPSS (2012). If earthquake of M 6.0, close to the Gyeongju and Pohang earthquakes, occurs in or near Seoul,  
5 where major industrial and commercial facilities are concentrated, huge loss that has never been experienced in the past might  
6 occur. Especially, disaster risk financing industry such as the insurance can subject to catastrophic damage. According to the  
7 Natural Disaster Reduction Project report prepared at the request of the MPSS (2015), 2.76 million people may lose their life  
8 and 2,848 billion US dollars of economic loss including indirect loss such as business interruption may occur if an earthquake  
9 of M 7.0 strikes Seoul (Note that the losses in US dollars in this study is converted from the original Korean currency based  
10 on the exchange rate of 1 USD  $\approx$  1,200 KRW, as of January 1, 2016). However, as this report relies on the HAZUS-MH for  
11 most of the analysis data such as replacement cost of property and seismic characteristics of earthquake, the estimated result  
12 may differ from actual damage loss amount in Korea.

13 This study uses catastrophe model methodology to predict loss and damage of buildings and contents from the potential  
14 earthquake that can occur in Seoul. This study differs from the previous studies in that it implements the ~~applies the actual~~  
15 building and insurance data and the observed seismic characteristics ~~of~~ Korea. The detailed information of approximate  
16 630,000~~6.3 million~~ buildings across Seoul is acquired through the building registration database. The replacement cost of each  
17 building and contents are statistically estimated by using insurance database which is classified by occupancy to meet the  
18 reality of Korea.

## 19 **2 Methodology**

20 Predicting loss amount of potential disaster using catastrophe model differs from the actuarial approach model. While the  
21 actuarial technique estimates the loss based on empirical data, the catastrophe model generates disaster scenarios based on  
22 scientific understanding of disasters and assesses the loss amount from event scenario. For possible quakes in Korea, it is  
23 appropriate to use the catastrophe model for predicting losses because empirical data from earthquakes on the Korean peninsula  
24 is too scarce to enable actuarial processing.

25 The definition and procedure of catastrophe model can marginally differ between researchers or suppliers but the conventional  
26 procedure can be illustrated as Fig. 2.

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28 (Figure 2 is about here)

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30 As shown in in Fig. 2,~~As shown in the above figure,~~ the catastrophe model has a four step process. (STEP 1) Information  
31 database of property which may be exposed to disaster should be constructed.~~The first step is to build information database of~~  
32 ~~property which may be exposed to disaster.~~ However the exposure data sets in previous studies is typically available at



1 relatively coarse resolutions because it is accompanied by difficulties related to limited resources or privacy issues, among  
2 others (Dell'Acqua et al., 2012, Figueiredo and Martina, 2016). In order to overcome these limitations, this study used the  
3 building registration database of Korea to build exposure data set. The detail information of the building must be recorded,  
4 which is registered in the building registration database whenever the building is constructed or reconstructed according to the  
5 Building Act in Korea. In this study, the detail information needed to evaluate the vulnerability of all buildings in Seoul was  
6 extracted from the building registration database. The extracted data are classified into 36 structure types and 33 occupancies  
7 as same as the building type of HAZUS-MH, and divided into 3 seismic codes estimated based on comprehensive consideration  
8 of the construction year, total building area and occupancy. The details of classifications of 36 structure types and 33  
9 occupancies are showed in Table 1 and 2, respectively~~The extracted data are classified into 36 the structure types, 33~~  
10 ~~occupancies and divided into 3 seismic codes estimated based on comprehensive consideration of the construction year, total~~  
11 ~~building area and occupancy.~~ \_

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13 [\(Table 1 is about here\)](#)

14 [\(Table 2 is about here\)](#)

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16 ~~(STEP 2) Hazard module for generation of a physical hazard map from a simulated event of disaster should be developed. The~~  
17 ~~second step, called hazard module, generates a physical hazard map from a simulated event of disaster.~~ For example, the peak  
18 ground acceleration can be represented as hazard intensity in an earthquake hazard map. The seismic events are usually  
19 generated by stochastic methodologies such as Monte Carlo simulation. However, it has not been less than 40 years since the  
20 earthquake began to be monitored on the Korean Peninsula, and there was no large-scale earthquake in Seoul during the  
21 monitoring period. In this study, synthetic earthquakes were generated considering the activity of the active faults passing  
22 through Seoul, the seismic hazard map was prepared by selecting the attenuation relation that most closely resembles the  
23 Gyeongju earthquake and the Pohang earthquake among a lot of attenuation relations proposed by many domestic and abroad  
24 researchers.

25 ~~(STEP 3) Vulnerability module to assess damage state of individual properties should be prepared by combining the~~  
26 ~~information of exposed property and hazard intensity. The third step is to prepare vulnerability module to assess damage state~~  
27 ~~of individual properties by combining the information of exposed property and hazard intensity.~~ The probabilities of each  
28 damage states of the building should be estimated from spectral displacement of building due to seismic impact in the  
29 vulnerability module. The spectral displacement is determined by performance point, which is the intersection of the demand  
30 curve and the capacity spectrum.

31 ~~(STEP 4) The financial module is implemented to quantify the damage of individual buildings into a monetary loss to predict~~  
32 ~~a total loss amount. The final step, the financial module, is to quantify the damage of individual buildings into a monetary loss~~  
33 ~~to predict a total loss amount.~~ In order to estimate the repair cost of a building due to a seismic impact, it is necessary to  
34 ascertain the replacement value or the current asset of the building calculated in cost mode. In this study, the values of building,

1 contents and inventories of representative building in each categories were estimated by statistical processing of appraisal data  
2 for insuring property.

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### 4 **3 Construction of exposure information**

5 The detailed information of each building such as location, structure, size, floor area, construction year, occupancy and other  
6 minor considerations influencing, etc. affecting the seismic response is obtained from computerized database of building  
7 registration records. There are presently about 630,000 buildings within Seoul city as of 2016 database of building registration  
8 records. There are presently 6.3 million buildings within Seoul city. These buildings are classified as residential (76% of the  
9 total number of buildings), commercial (20.3%), industrial (0.5%) and others (3.2%) that includes government and education  
10 institute buildings. Residential are predominantly dominated by masonry structure of less than five stories, and concrete  
11 structures are dominant in commercial. 82% of the buildings in Seoul were built before 1988 when seismic code of building  
12 began to be considered. Table 43 summarizes the statistical characteristics of buildings in Seoul.

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14 (Table 43 is about here)

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16 The replacement costs for each building damaged by earthquake and content are estimated based on statistical processing of  
17 1,500 records of asset evaluation data for property insurances and eConstruction eCost tTable (KAB, 2016). issued by Korea  
18 Appraisal Board. On processing, the total replacement cost of buildings and contents is estimated to be about 900 billion US  
19 dollars in Seoul and approximately 72% of buildings in Seoul were estimated to have replacement cost 0.1~1 million US  
20 dollarsbetween USD 100,000 to 1,000,000. The indirect costs and losses attributed to land and intangible assets and business  
21 interruption are not considered in this study.

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## 25 **4 Hazard Assessment**

### 26 **4.1 Scenario selection**

27 In the Circum-Pacific seismic zone, Korea has been considered as safer and less prone to quakes as compared with its  
28 neighboring countries such as Japan, China, and Taiwan. However, many domestic researchers insist that there are two  
29 representative active faults in Korea. One of these, the Yangsan Fault, caused the Gyeongju earthquake. The second fault,

1 Chugaryeong Fault is centrally located on the Korean peninsula (Choi et al., 2012; MPSS, 2012; Chung et al., 2014).  
2 Chugaryeong Fault crosses the eastern side of Seoul and is believed to have caused 2010 earthquake, of M 3.0, in Seoul.

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4 (Figure 3 is about here)

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6 The Chugaryeong Fault has similar activity to Yangsan Fault which has the capacity to cause an earthquake of M 7.0, also  
7 most earthquakes in Korea occur or are likely to occur at focal depth of about 10 km (Lee, 2010; MPSS, 2012). Based on this,  
8 earthquakes of M 4.0 to 7.0 occurring at focal depths of 10 to 20 km at the southeast of Seoul due to activity of the Chugaryeong  
9 Fault are selected as event scenarios of this study. The Richter magnitude scale ( $M_L$ ) is a unit based on logarithms calculated  
10 from the largest amplitude observed in the seismometer but it is difficult to measure the amplitude accurately. In this study,  
11 the moment magnitude scale ( $M_w$ ) is used, which ~~it was used~~ suggested by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to  
12 calculate and report magnitudes for all modern large earthquakes is used.

#### 13 4.2 Construction of hazard map and response spectrum

14 To construct each hazard map from each earthquake event scenario, it is important to understand the attenuation relationship  
15 of ground motions from epi-central distance. The ground motion can be characterized by peak ground acceleration (PGA) and  
16 spectral response based on a response spectrum shape.

17 A lot of experimental attenuation formulas for estimating PGA have been developed by means of regression analysis (Atkinson  
18 and Boore, 1997; Toro et al., 1997; Atkinson and Silva, 2000; Lee and Kim, 2002; MPSS; 2012). However, in choosing the  
19 attenuation formula, a careful approach is needed since the effect of the formula is very large on estimating amount of  
20 earthquake loss. MPSS (2012) proposed three attenuation formulas for Korean Peninsula, which are expressed with the  
21 equation as following Eq. (1). and the values of the coefficients of  $C_0$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$  are shown in table 2. The attenuation  
22 equation (or formula) of Eq. (1) proposed by MPSS (2012) is used in this study. The attenuation formula of MPSS requires  
23 four coefficients (or fitting parameters). In this study, the four coefficients in Eq. (1) of  $C_0 = 5.0244$ ,  $C_1 = 0.5442$ ,  $C_2 = -1.0020$ ,  
24 and  $C_3 = 0$  are assumed in the analysis as the combination of the coefficients resulted in least error in prediction of maximum  
25 ground acceleration.

$$27 \ln S = C_0 + C_1 M + C_2 \ln R + C_3 R, \quad (1)$$

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29 Where,  $S$  is ~~Peak Ground Acceleration~~ (PGA),  $M_w$  is moment magnitude ~~magnitude~~ of earthquake and  $R$  is epi-central distance.

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31 (Table 2 is about here)

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1 The influence of the seismic attenuation equation on the seismic hazard map is very large, but the reliability of the attenuation  
2 equations presented so far remains controversial. In this study, we tried to utilize the results of domestic studies reflecting the  
3 seismic characteristics in Korea, and the [attenuation equation of Formula III Eq. \(1\)](#), which is considered to be the most  
4 conservative formula because the attenuation of seismic wave is the least of the formulas proposed by MPSS (2012), is chosen  
5 for building the earthquake hazard map from the event scenario. The hazard maps according to the each scenario are shown in  
6 Fig. 4. PGA in Seoul ranges from 0.06g to 0.7g in these scenarios which earthquakes of  $M_w$  4.0 to 7.0 occurred at focal depths  
7 of 10 to 20 km.

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9 (Fig. 4 is about here)

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11 The severity of vibratory response of building to earthquake impact depends on relationship between the characteristics of  
12 ground motion described as response spectrum (which has a different shape according to ground conditions) and structural  
13 characteristics of building. But since the design response spectrum currently used in Korea is based on the high seismicity  
14 region like California, a lot of domestic researchers insist that the spectrum is different from characteristics of the earthquake  
15 on the Korean peninsula (Kim et al., 1998; Han, 2003; Hwang et al., 2015; Lee and Ju, 2017). In general, the ground condition  
16 of Korea including Seoul is characterized by shallow bedrock, and the earthquakes occurred in Korea have a characteristic that  
17 the duration of strong motion is shorter than one in high seismicity region. In the case of the Gyeongju earthquake, the strong  
18 motion with short duration of 0.1~0.2 second was also observed. As shown in Fig. 5, shape of the standard response spectrum  
19 is described by four transition points.  $S$  is Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) and  $\alpha A$  is the amplification factor at the short-  
20 period. Heo et al.(2018) calculated the shapes and transition periods of the response spectrums through regression analysis of  
21 the accelerations and spectral displacements of the Gyeongju and the Pohang earthquakes and found that the standard response  
22 spectrum which had been used previously for seismic design in Korea was overly conservative in long period part. The factor  
23 adapted the spectrum in this study are set as shown [in Table 34](#) below after comparing the spectra of earthquakes in Gyeongju  
24 and the Pohang.

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26 (Fig. 5 is about here)

27 (Table 34 is about here)

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## 29 **5 Assessment of building vulnerability**

### 30 **5.1 The status of seismic design code in Korea**

31 In 1988 when an earthquake occurred in Mexico, seismic design code in Korea were first mandated for building with six and  
32 more stories or floor area of 100,000 m<sup>2</sup> or more, and then it was gradually expanded to be adapted seismic design code for all

1 buildings with three and more stories or floor area of more than 500 m<sup>2</sup> through the revision of KBC in 2015. Nevertheless,  
2 93.2% of all buildings in Korea did not apply seismic code and have more vulnerable characteristics to earthquakes (SMG,  
3 2012; Choi, 2016).  
4 The seismic design codes in KBC were established based on the Uniform Building Code (UBC), the Applied Technology  
5 Council (ATC) and the International Building Code (IBC) (SMG, 2012; Lee, 2015). While the seismic zone in UBC is divided  
6 into six zones which have each regional factor defined as design peak ground acceleration (PGA), the zone in KBC is divided  
7 into two zones: zZone I which includes Seoul area and zZone II. The regional factor of zone I was 0.11 before 2009 but  
8 strengthened to 0.22 after that, and the seismic design code of buildings built in Seoul before 2009 is similar to zone 2A of  
9 UBC and the code of buildings built after 2009 is similar to zone 2B of UBC.

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11 (Table 45 is about here)

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## 13 5.2. Application of damage function

14 As mentioned above, since seismic design code of Korea is similar to the UBC and the ATC code, the damage functions  
15 proposed by HAZUS-MH can be applied to estimate building damage due to seismic impact. The damage function for each  
16 building type in HAZUS-MH includes two types of damage curves; capacity curve and fragility curve. The capacity curve is  
17 used to determine peak building response from the capacity spectrum method. This method is a schematic procedure for  
18 comparing the capacity curve obtained by push-over analysis with the demand spectrum of ground motion on the Acceleration  
19 Displacement Response Spectrum (ADRS). Thus response spectrum has to be converted to demand spectrum for representing  
20 the relationship between spectral displacement and spectral acceleration. Eq. (2) proposed by HAZUS-MH can relate spectral  
21 acceleration with spectral displacement for given period value (FEMA, 2013).

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$$23 S_d = 9.8 \cdot S_a \cdot T^2, \quad (2)$$

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25 Where,  $S_d$  is spectral displacement (inches),  $S_a$  is spectral acceleration (g) at a period (T, second)

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27 The intersection of the capacity curve and the demand spectrum is a performance point which can evaluate the associated  
28 damage state for the structure and compare that damage state for different earthquakes (Fig. 6).

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30 (Fig. 6 is about here)

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32 The fragility curves estimate the probability of exceeding different damage states given peak building response represented as  
33 spectral displacement or spectral acceleration at performance point. The damage state is divided into four states: Slight,

1 Moderate, Extensive, and Complete. Each fragility curve is expressed as lognormal function defined by a median value of  
2 peak building response, corresponding to the mean threshold of associated damage state by a logarithmic standard deviation  
3 ( $\beta$ ). The fragility curve for structural component of building uses spectral displacement ( $S_d$ ) as peak building response and  
4 define the function of Eq. (3) and Fig. 7.

$$6 \quad P[ds|S_d] = \Phi\left[\frac{1}{\beta_{ds}} \ln\left(\frac{S_d}{\bar{S}_{d,ds}}\right)\right], \quad (3)$$

8 Where,  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the standard normal distribution function and  $\bar{S}_{d,ds}$  is the median value of spectral displacement at which the  
9 building reaches the threshold of damage state.

11 (Fig. 7 is about here)

13 The non-structural components of the building are divided into drift-sensitive components and acceleration-sensitive  
14 components. In general, while architectural components such as interior or exterior wall are more drift-sensitive, the  
15 mechanical and electrical components of building are acceleration-sensitive. Therefore the functions of inter-story drift is used  
16 to estimate damage state of drift-sensitive components and function of floor acceleration is used to estimate the damage state  
17 of acceleration sensitive components or contents in the building.

18 The capacity curve and the fragility curve in the HAZUS-MH are classified into high-code, moderate-code, low-code and pre-  
19 code buildings as per seismic design codes (FEMA, 2013). When all buildings in Seoul are classified comparing seismic  
20 design code of the HAZUS-MH, it is estimated to approximately 91.7% pre-code, 5.4% low-code and 2.9% moderate-code  
21 buildings.

### 23 5.3. Calculation of loss ratio

24 Using estimates, which include the structural and nonstructural repair costs caused by building damage and the associated loss  
25 of building contents and business inventory, provided by HAZUS-MH, the probability of exceeding different damage state for  
26 the each component can convert to loss ratio of replacement cost for evaluation of direct economic loss. Tables [56](#) and [67](#)  
27 summarize the estimated mean loss ratio of building which includes structural and non-structural components, and contents  
28 depending on occupancy and structure type. It is a common pattern that the majority of damage occur to low-rise residential  
29 building made of masonry in the Korean Peninsula where the earthquake characterized by strong short-period component is  
30 dominant. However this common pattern is not clearly shown in the result of this study, and there are two main reasons for  
31 this.

1 The first reason can be found that although the number of low-rise residential building made of masonry is much ~~larger~~ higher,   
2 the total asset value is much lower than the high rise residential building made of reinforced concrete ~~such as~~ like apartment,   
3 which is generally classified as luxury residence, while low-rise masonry house is classified as low priced residence in Seoul.   
4 The second reason is that the non-structural elements such as mechanical and electrical components, which are more vulnerable   
5 to ground shaking than structural components, in the buildings made of concrete and steel structure have higher proportion   
6 than in masonry.

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10  
11 Fig. 8 is a map that shows the loss ratio of each building in the Gangnam district, located 3km away from epi-center with  $M_w$    
12 4.0~7.0 and focal depth 10km. According to the results, if an earthquake of  $M_w$  4.0 strikes southeast part of Seoul, damage to   
13 the residential buildings of pre-code start to occur and an earthquake of  $M_w$  5.0 can damage almost all buildings due to ground   
14 shaking. And if an earthquake of  $M_w$  6.0 occurs, office buildings of low-code begin to be damaged by seismic impact, and an   
15 earthquake of  $M_w$  7.0 is estimated to cause an average 14.8% and 14.9% of total replacement cost of all buildings and contents   
16 respectively in Seoul.

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18 (Fig. 8 is about here)

## 19 20 **6. Estimation of loss amount**

21 The total loss amount for each scenario can be simulated by replacement cost, seismic intensity, damage function and other   
22 factors mentioned above. But since systematic data issues or biases across a portfolio can result in losses being consistently   
23 under- or over-simulated (LMA, 2017), the results need to be corrected by comparing empirical data. Linear Scaling Method   
24 (LSM), which is one of the common method to correct systematic errors, can be used to calibrate pre-simulated loss amount.   
25 LSM reflects the difference between pre-simulated results and observed results in the simulated results as shown by Eq. (4).

$$26$$
$$27 \quad L_{cor,i,j} = L_{sim,i,j} + \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n L_{obs,i,j} - \sum_{i=1}^n L_{obs,i,j}}{\sum_{i=1}^n L_{obs,i,j}} - \sum_{i=1}^n L_{sim,i,j} \right), \quad (4)$$

28  
29 Where  $i$  is  $M_w$  of earthquake,  $j$  is focal depth.  $L_{cor,i,j}$  is the corrected loss,  $L_{obs,i,j}$  is the observed loss, and  $L_{sim,i,j}$  is the pre-   
30 simulated loss. There has never been an earthquake of  $M_w$  4.0 or more in or near Seoul since earthquake monitoring began in

1 1978. Therefore, all pre-simulated results were inevitably corrected using empirical data of the earthquake of  $M_w$  3.0 that  
2 occurred near Seoul in 2010. The calibrated loss amounts for each scenario are summarized in Table 78. The total loss in the  
3 case of an earthquake of  $M_w$  4.0 is estimated at 2.2 billion US dollars. However, if the  $M_w$  of the earthquake increase to 7, the  
4 total loss is estimated to increase 58 times of  $M_w$  4.0, reaching 126.6 billion US dollars which is close to ~~15%~~ of total  
5 replacement cost for all buildings in Seoul. Nonetheless, the loss from the  $M_w$  7.0 earthquake is only 4% compared to loss  
6 resulted from MPSS (2015). The main reasons of the difference in loss are as follows: (1) The duration of strong motion is  
7 applied as 0.6 secondsecond in the standard response spectrum in previous study; however, in this study, the duration of 0.2  
8 seconds is implemented to reflect eeond-reflected-the characteristics of the recent earthquake occurred ieharakteristics in the  
9 Korean peninsula; is applied in this study. (2) The replacement costs of each buildings are is-reflected in the analysis using  
10 applied-statisticsally of to the actual insured data, but the previous studies were used the applied-the replacement cost published  
11 in Square Foot Costs (RSMMeans, 2002) in USA; -(3) This study did noton't consider indirect loss such as relocation expenses,  
12 income loss, and rental income loss-et al.

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14 (Table 78. is about here)

## 15 7. Conclusion

16 The existence of active fault zones on the Korean peninsula and recent quakes that affected Gyeongju and Pohang cities have  
17 made experts question whether current overall practices would still be adequate if a similar quake occurs in Seoul. And the  
18 concentration of major industrial and commercial facilities carries a significant inherent risk to cause catastrophic loss of life  
19 and economy and significant administrative challenge for disaster management in Korea. The disaster management is divided  
20 into four phases; 1) mitigation, 2) preparedness, 3) response and 4) recovery. At each phase which has particular needs and  
21 problems, different strategy and support are required to force social resilience against each natural disaster. And it is also  
22 important that the activities at each phase generate virtuous cycle and assist in making each other to be stronger.

23 The development of insurance industry can be a good example to explain virtuous cycle in disaster management. The insurance  
24 industry as disaster risk financing commonly plays a major role to secure financial stability for smooth recovery from natural  
25 disaster. However, it also helps these activities to perform more effective during the other phases such as mitigation,  
26 preparedness and response. The Sichuan earthquake of 2008 is in stark contrast with New Zealand earthquake of 2010 in terms  
27 of disaster management efficiency due to limited insurance penetration. The Sichuan earthquake of M 8.0 that occurred in  
28 China, where insurance penetration is relatively low, caused approximately 70,000 deaths, more than 370,000 injuries, and  
29 127 billion US dollars of economic loss. However, the insured loss was under 3% of the economic loss. On the other hand, the  
30 earthquake of M 7.1 that occurred in New Zealand, where insurance penetration is very high, caused only 2 injuries and 2.7  
31 billion US dollars of economic loss, which is more than 50% of economic loss that was covered from various insurance  
32 programs such as direct insurance, reinsurance and international financing market (WEF, 2011).



1 Most domestic insurers believe that it is impossible to predict loss amount from potential earthquake and it is difficult to  
2 quantify the earthquake risk in Korea. This belief of insurers is a major obstacle to development of the earthquake insurance  
3 programs. However, as mentioned above, various studies required for the catastrophe model methodology have been either  
4 completed or in progress by various domestic researchers and a lot of database related to potential earthquake risk in Korea is  
5 being accumulated. Compared to other studies, this study is differ in that real insurance information and building registration  
6 database are used to predict loss amount from potential earthquake. It not only helps advance the prediction process but also  
7 serves insurer to better understand and estimate the earthquake risk. This study shows that risk due to potential quakes in Korea  
8 is significant and insurance industry can support more detailed studies for better understanding of insurance risk and expanding  
9 scope of current insurance practices for earthquake risks. Because of this, Insurance companies have an opportunity to further  
10 explore currently under tapped areas of business in property insurance.

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2 **TABLE**

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4 **Table 1: Model building types**

No.	Label	Description	Height			
			Range		Typical	
			Name	Stories	Stories	Feet
1	W1	Wood, Light Frame ( $\leq 5,000$ sq. ft.)		1 - 2	1	14
2	W2	Wood, Commercial and Industrial ( $> 5,000$ sq. ft.)		All	2	24
3	S1L	Steel Moment Frame	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	24
4	S1M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	60
5	S1H		High-Rise	8+	13	156
6	S2L	Steel Braced Frame	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	24
7	S2M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	60
8	S2H		High-Rise	8+	13	156
9	S3	Steel Light Frame		All	1	15
10	S4L	Steel Frame with Cast-in Place Concrete Shear Walls	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	24
11	S4M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	60
12	S4H		High-Rise	8+	13	156
13	S5L	Steel Frame with Unreinforced Masonry Infill Walls	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	24
14	S5M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	60
15	S5H		High-Rise	8+	13	156
16	C1L	Concrete Moment Frame	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	20
17	C1M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	50
18	C1H		High-Rise	8+	12	120
19	C2L	Concrete Shear Walls	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	20
20	C2M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	50
21	C2H		High-Rise	8+	12	120
22	C3L	Concrete Frame with Unreinforced Masonry Infill Walls	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	20
23	C3M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	50
24	C3H		High-Rise	8+	12	120
25	PC1	Precast Concrete Tilt-Up Walls		All	1	15
26	PC2L	Precast Concrete Frames with Concrete Shear Walls	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	20
27	PC2M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	50
28	PC2H		High-Rise	8+	12	120
29	RM1L	Reinforced Masonry Bearing Walls with Wood or Metal Deck Diaphragms	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	20
30	RM1M		Mid-Rise	4+	5	50
31	RM2L	Reinforced Masonry Bearing Walls with Precast Concrete Diaphragms	Low-Rise	1 - 3	2	20
32	RM2M		Mid-Rise	4 - 7	5	50
33	RM2H		High-Rise	8+	12	120
34	URML	Unreinforced Masonry Bearing Walls	Low-Rise	1 - 2	1	15
35	URMM		Mid-Rise	3+	3	35
36	MH	Mobile Homes		All	1	10

5 Source: FEMA (2013)

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1 **Table 2: Building and service interruption time multipliers HAZUS-BB building classification by occupancy type classes**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Occupancy Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b><u>Residential</u></b>			
<u>1</u>	<u>RES1</u>	<u>Single Family Dwelling</u>	<u>Detached House</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>RES2</u>	<u>Mobile Home</u>	<u>Mobile Home</u>
<u>3-8</u>	<u>RES3a-f</u>	<u>Multi Family Dwelling</u>	<u>Apartment/Condominium</u>
<u>94</u>	<u>RES4</u>	<u>Temporary Lodging</u>	<u>Hotel/Motel</u>
<u>105</u>	<u>RES5</u>	<u>Institutional Dormitory</u>	<u>Group Housing(military, college), Jails</u>
<u>116</u>	<u>RES6</u>	<u>Nursing Home</u>	
<b><u>Commercial</u></b>			
<u>7</u>			
<u>812</u>	<u>COM1</u>	<u>Retail Trade</u>	<u>Store</u>
<u>139</u>	<u>COM2</u>	<u>Wholesale Trade</u>	<u>Warehouse</u>
<u>140</u>	<u>COM3</u>	<u>Personal and Repair Services</u>	<u>Service Station/Shop</u>
<u>154</u>	<u>COM4</u>	<u>Professional/Technical/Business Services</u>	<u>Offices</u>
<u>162</u>	<u>COM5</u>	<u>Banks/Financial Institutions</u>	
<u>173</u>	<u>COM6</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	
<u>184</u>	<u>COM7</u>	<u>Medical Office/Clinic</u>	<u>Offices</u>
<u>195</u>	<u>COM8</u>	<u>Entertainment &amp; Recreation</u>	<u>Restaurants/Bars</u>
<u>2046</u>	<u>COM9</u>	<u>Theaters</u>	<u>Theaters</u>
<u>2147</u>	<u>COM10</u>	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Garages</u>
<b><u>Industrial</u></b>			
<u>18</u>			
<u>22</u>	<u>IND1</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Factory</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>IND2</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>Factory</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>IND3</u>	<u>Food/Drugs/Chemicals</u>	<u>Factory</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>IND4</u>	<u>Metals/Minerals Processing</u>	<u>Factory</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>IND5</u>	<u>High Technology</u>	<u>Factory</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>IND6</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Office</u>
<b><u>Agriculture</u></b>			
<u>25</u>			
<u>2628</u>	<u>AGR1</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>	
<b><u>Religion/Non-Profit</u></b>			
<u>27</u>			
<u>289</u>	<u>REL1</u>	<u>Church/Membership Organization</u>	
<b><u>Government</u></b>			
<u>30</u>	<u>GOV1</u>	<u>General Services</u>	<u>Office</u>
<u>31</u>	<u>GOV2</u>	<u>Emergency Response</u>	<u>Police/Fire Station</u>
<b><u>Education</u></b>			
<u>32</u>	<u>EDU1</u>	<u>Schools/Libraries</u>	
<u>33</u>	<u>EDU2</u>	<u>Colleges/Universities</u>	<u>Does not include group housing</u>
<u>35</u>			
<u>36</u>			

2 [Source: FEMA \(2013\)](#)

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2 **Table 13:** A summary of the statistical characteristics of buildings in Seoul.

Classification	<u>Frequencies</u>	Distribution (%)
<b>Occupancy</b>		
Residential	<u>478,000</u>	76.0
Commercial	<u>127,676</u>	20.3
Industrial	<u>3,145</u>	0.5
Others	<u>20,126</u>	3.2
<b>Structure</b>		
Masonry	<u>310,071</u>	49.3
Reinforced Concrete	<u>273,592</u>	43.5
Steel	<u>1,258</u>	0.2
Wood	<u>33,334</u>	5.3
Others	<u>10,692</u>	1.7
<b>Floor area (100m<sup>2</sup>)</b>		
~ 1	<u>129,563</u>	20.6
1 ~ 2	<u>144,658</u>	23.0
2 ~ 3	<u>102,518</u>	16.3
3 ~ 5	<u>100,003</u>	15.9
5 ~ 10	<u>86,795</u>	13.9
10 ~ 30	<u>35,850</u>	5.7
30 ~	<u>29,561</u>	4.7
<b>Number of Floors</b>		
1	<u>127,676</u>	20.3
2~5	<u>456,616</u>	72.1
6 ~ 10	<u>26,416</u>	4.2
11 ~ 20	<u>14,466</u>	2.3
21 ~ 30	<u>3,145</u>	0.5
31 ~	<u>629</u>	0.1

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1 **Table 2: Coefficient Value of Each Formula.**

Formula	Coefficient				Standard Deviation
	$\epsilon_0$	$\epsilon_1$	$\epsilon_2$	$\epsilon_3$	
Formula I	0.4853	1.2	-0.8416	-0.0061	0.8036
Formula II	0.5577	1.2	-0.8587	-0.0062	0.7629
Formula III	5.0244	0.5442	-1.0020	0.0	0.1000

2 Source: MPSS (2012)

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1 **Table 34:** Factors of standard response spectrum in this study.

	Amplification factor at short periods ( $\alpha_A$ )	Transition Period (sec)		
		$T_0$	$T_S$	$T_L$
Gyeongju Earthquake	2.85	0.054	0.22	1.5
Pohang Earthquake	3.15	0.07	0.195	4.475
This study	2.8	0.06	0.2	3

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1 **Table 45: Alteration of seismic design code in Korea.**

Classification	Seismic design code			
	1988 ~ 2000	2000 ~ 2005	2005 ~ 2009	2009 ~
Reference basis	UBC85 ATC3-06	UBC85 ATC3-06	IBC2000	IBC2000
Regional factor	Gwangju-si / Gangwon-do / Jeollabuk-do / Gochang-gun / Jeollanam-do / Uljin-gun / Jeju-do		All area except zone II	
	Zone I	0.12	0.11	0.11
Regional factor	All area except zone I		North Gangwon-do / Jellanam-do/ Southwest/Jeju-do	
	Zone II	0.08	0.07	0.07
Seismic design object	Building (>6 stories), Total floor (>100,000m <sup>2</sup> )		Building (>3 stories)	
	Floor area (>10,000m <sup>2</sup> sales facility), Assemble Facility (>5,000m <sup>2</sup> ) General hospital (>1,000m <sup>2</sup> ), Power plant, Public service facility		Total floor (>1,000m <sup>2</sup> )	

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1 **Table 56: Estimated mean loss ratio of building based on occupancy type.**

M	Focal Depth (km) <del>(km)</del>	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Others	
		Building	Contents	Building	Contents	Building	Contents	Building	Contents
4	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	15	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
5	10	1.7%	1.0%	1.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
	15	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
6	10	6.2%	4.0%	6.7%	4.9%	4.0%	4.0%	5.0%	3.9%
	15	3.5%	2.0%	3.8%	2.1%	3.0%	2.0%	2.9%	1.9%
	20	1.7%	1.0%	1.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.9%	1.0%
7	10	17.0%	13.7%	18.4%	14.4%	13.0%	12.0%	17.0%	13.6%
	15	11.2%	8.7%	12.1%	9.0%	9.0%	8.0%	10.6%	8.7%
	20	7.5%	5.7%	7.7%	5.9%	6.0%	5.0%	6.8%	5.8%

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1 **Table 67: Estimated mean loss ratio of building based on structure type.**

M	Focal Depth (km m)	Masonry		Concrete		Steel		Wood		Others	
		Building	Contents	Building	Contents	Building	Contents	Building	Contents	Building	Contents
4	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	15	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
5	10	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
	15	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	20	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
6	10	7.0%	4.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.2%	4.0%	4.0%	5.0%	2.0%
	15	4.0%	2.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	3.0%	2.0%	3.0%	1.0%
	20	3.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	2.0%	1.0%	2.0%	0.0%
7	10	18.0%	13.0%	19.0%	15.0%	16.9%	14.8%	13.0%	14.0%	16.0%	8.0%
	15	12.0%	8.0%	12.0%	10.0%	10.1%	9.2%	9.0%	9.0%	10.0%	5.0%
	20	8.1%	5.0%	7.0%	6.0%	6.1%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	7.0%	3.0%

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1 **Table 78: Aggregated loss amount due to each scenario.**

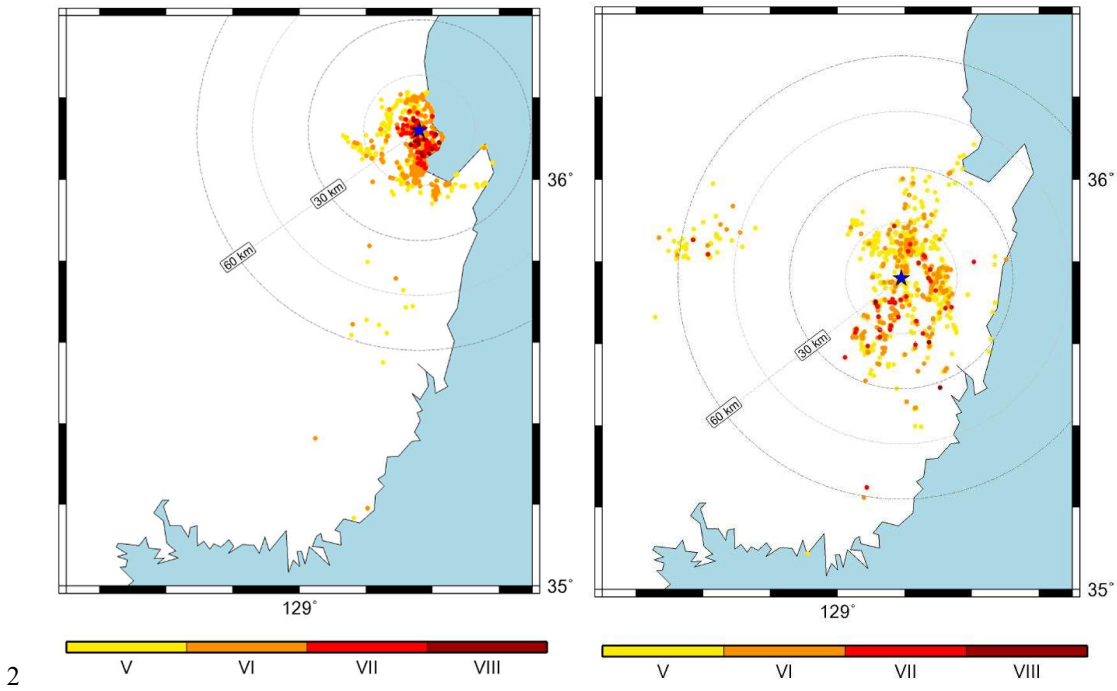
M	Focal Depth (km)	Aggregated loss amount (Million USD)		
		Building	Contents	Total
4	10	1,789	384	2,173
	15	583	110	694
	20	58	0	58
5	10	8,879	2,430	11,309
	15	4,330	1,089	5,419
	20	2,243	500	2,744
6	10	32,955	9,558	42,512
	15	17,974	5,234	23,208
	20	10,749	3,091	13,840
7	10	98,927	27,668	126,594
	15	61,120	17,861	78,980
	20	39,416	11,773	51,189

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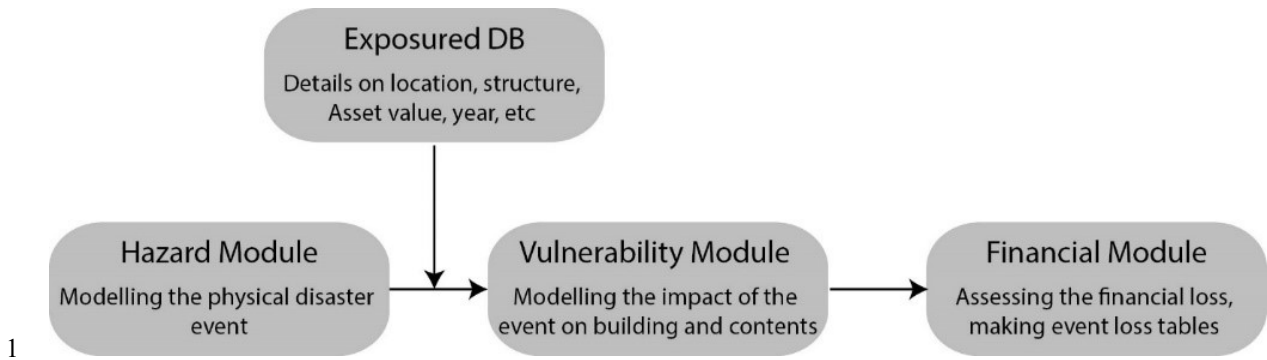
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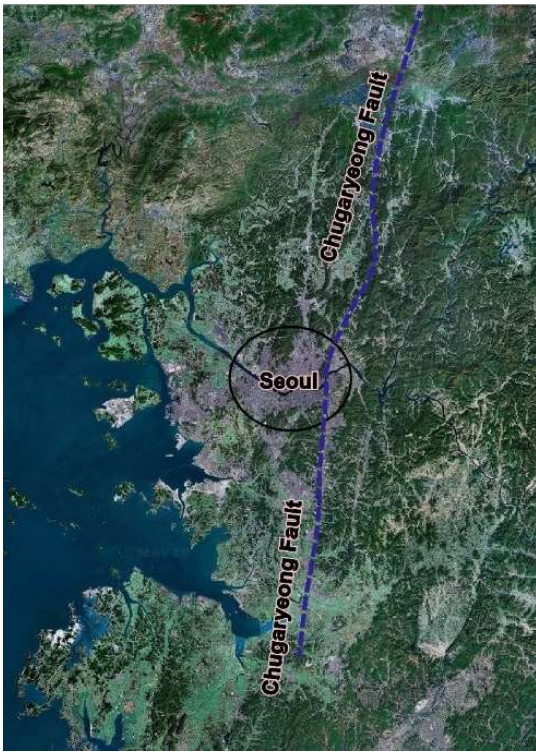


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3 **Figure 1: MMI map due to Pohang earthquake (left) and Gyeongju earthquake (right). Source: KMA (2018).**

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2 **Figure 2: Procedure of a catastrophe model. Source: modified from Parodi (2014).**  
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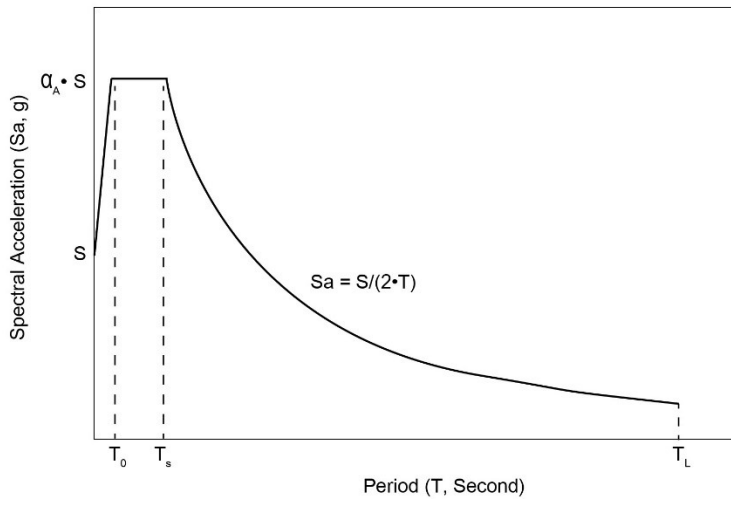
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2 **Figure 3: Chugaryeong fault zone in the middle of the Korean peninsula. Source: Modified from Chung et al. (2014)**

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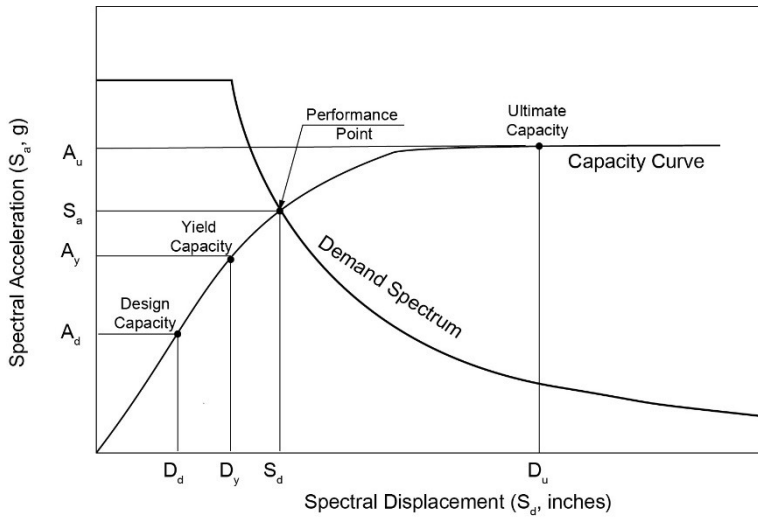




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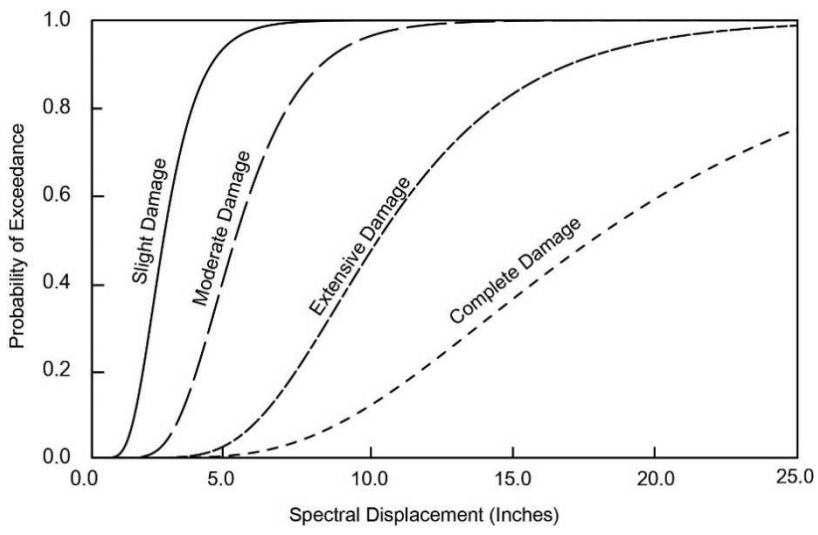
2 **Figure 5: Shape of standard response spectrum.**

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2 **Figure 6: Performance point according to intersection of capacity curve and demand spectrum.**

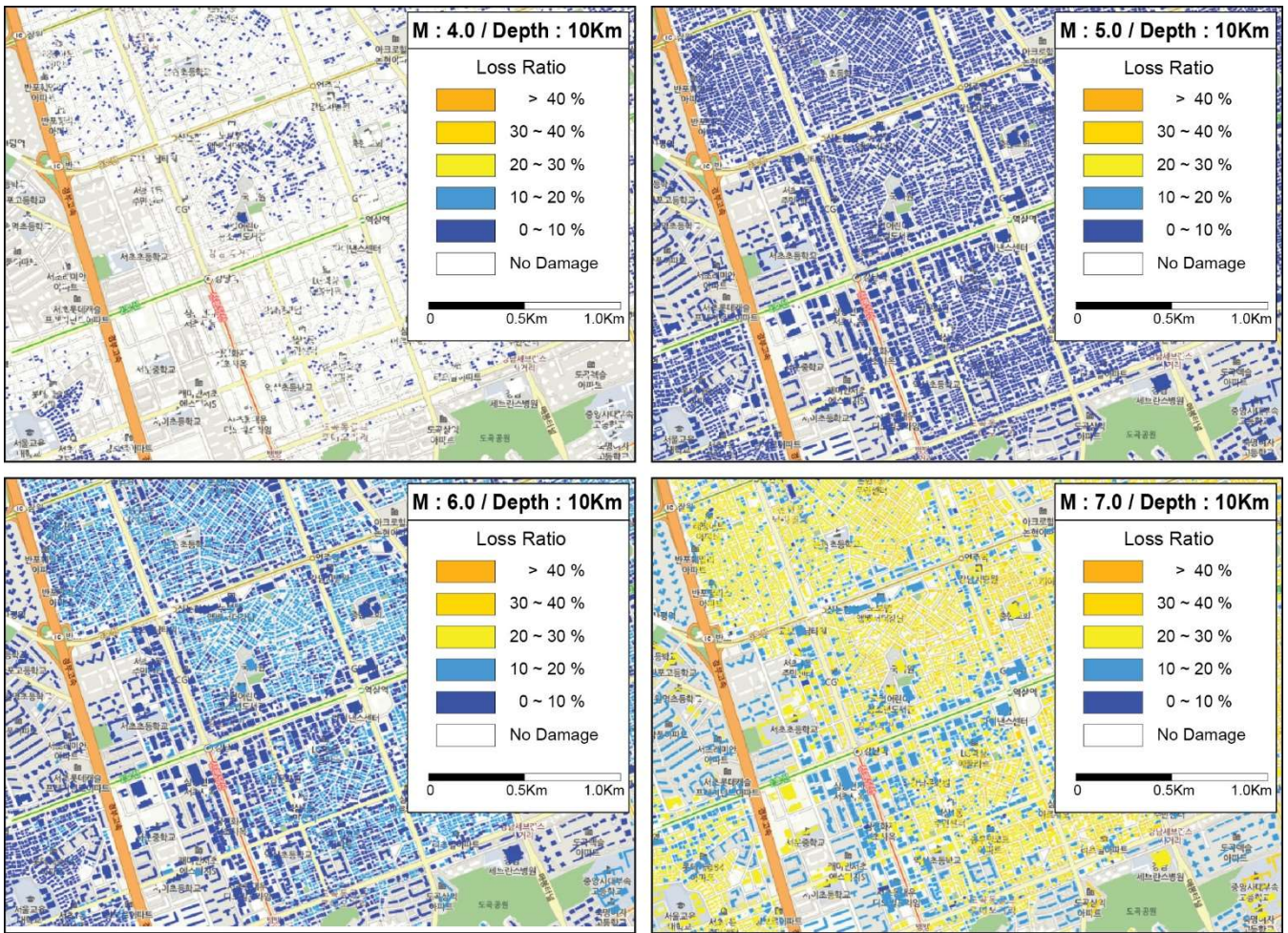
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2 **Figure 7: Example of fragility curve for structural component.**

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2 Figure 8: Loss ratio map for each building by the scenario.

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