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Status of the ISC Datasets for Seismology

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Understanding North Sea seismicity for risk mitigation of large-scale CO₂ injections

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The magnitude of completeness of this data set varies both spatially and temporally. The most seismically active regions in the study area are the Viking and Central grabens. Coastal areas are populated with more events than the central part of the North Sea due to the denser distribution of seismic stations onshore allowing for the detection of smaller (M<3) magnitude events.

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The characteristics of seismogenic zone in eastern Taiwan: Implications from seismic b-value

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Taiwan is located on a convergent boundary of the Eurasian Plate and the Philippine Sea Plate. It is one of the countries that have experienced the most earthquakes worldwide. The eastern region of Taiwan is directly above the collision zone and is the most frequent and active with domestic earthquake activity. The areas also have dense dynamic fault systems which located in the Yilan, Hualien, and Taitung areas. Those areas record huge amount of earthquakes yearly. Since seismic b-value has been investigated in different periods throughout Taiwan in the past, they have not yet to study the b-value of the eastern region of Taiwan in detail. Therefore, this study uses the earthquake catalog integrated by the Central Weather Bureau to analyze the spatial-temporal variations of b-values in east Taiwan. The seismic events recorded from January 1996 to June 2019 are adopted. Areas with a low seismic b-value often represent potential areas where major earthquakes are likely to occur. Our results indicate that in eastern Taiwan, the overall b-value has generally demonstrated a decreasing trend in recent years. The rapid re-accumulation of internal stress possibly caused by the compression of the two plates and the ongoing seismogenic behavior. The potential for a catastrophic earthquake is exceptionally high. Therefore, we should act appropriately at any time.

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Coexistence of thin-skinned and thick-skinned tectonics near the deformation front in southwestern Taiwan: Implication from a dense seismic array

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While many studies suggested that thick-skinned deformation may occur in the interior of a mountain belt and a thin-skinned contraction wedge is predominant near the foothills, we report the coexistence of both thin- and thick-skinned deformation beneath the foreland basin in southwestern Taiwan based on the high-resolution microearthquake distribution observed by a dense seismic array. We revealed three major tectonic elements in our study area, which are

1. A basal decollement of the thin-skinned wedge at a depth of about 5 km beneath the foothills and coastal plain.
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The foreland-dipping back thrust may result from reactivating an ancient normal fault for being associated with an inverted half-graben. Our numerical modeling further demonstrated that this pre-existing normal fault becomes a passive roof thrust during later orogenic contraction. The rotation and westward movement of this backthrust would compress the rocks in front of it and create blind thrusts beneath the Coastal Plain. This thick-skinned deformation may also have affected the overlying tectonic wedge by building a ramp on the shallow decollement. As a result, the proto-Dajianshan fault might form at the ramp where stress concentrates.

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Focal parameters analysis of earthquakes in the S-SE of the Iberian Peninsula (1900-1962)

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The objective of this study is to review the Seismic Catalogue of the National Geographic Institute of Spain (IGN, Instituto Geográfico Nacional) for the largest earthquakes occurred in the S-SE zone of the Iberian Peninsula during the period 1900-1962 using all the available information, some of them not used previously. These observations are very heterogeneous, so we have also established a methodology, that allow to evaluate it and thus be able to carry out a joint analysis of the data.

We have selected 16 earthquakes with maximum intensity larger than V and re-evaluated the intensity and the epicenter. Our results shown that at the IGN intensity was overestimated for 9 events with greater variations than one intensity degree in 4 earthquakes (for example from VII to V-VI on November 25th, 1913, earthquake, in Granada). The main factor for these changes in the intensity is the use of the EMS-98 scale that take in the vulnerability of buildings. Only for the April 25th, 1912, earthquake, intensity was underestimated, IV versus the new IV-V intensity.

We have also re-evaluated the epicenters reviewing both macroseismic and instrumental information. We have updated the epicenter of 13 earthquakes with greater variations than 10 km in 4 cases. The largest epicenter modification corresponds to August 11th, 1913 (I_{max} = VII), earthquake. There is a confusion with the name of the population that suffered the greatest effects, and for this shock its macroseismic epicenter has been moved 41 km to the NW from the IGN epicentre using contemporary sources.

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Rotational ground motion recordings in the West-Bohemian/Vogtland region: 6-component waveforms for inversion for seismic moment tensors

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The West-Bohemian/Vogtland region (Germany/Czech Republic) is well known for its frequent intraplate swarm activity related to fluid flow within the crust. Previous studies found that non-double-couple components (non-DC: isotropic, CLVD) contribute significantly to the seismic moment tensors of these events. They were interpreted as tensile faulting associated with the migration of deep magmatic fluids through the crust. However, so far the results are restricted to a few larger events. The accurate and precise determination of non-DC components during waveform inversion for moment tensors is difficult, especially for smaller magnitude events ($M < 3.5$).

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From the laboratory to the field: A traceable on-site calibration approach for seismometers

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As part of the EU-funded joint research project "Metrology for low-frequency sound and vibration - 19ENV03 Infra-AUV" laboratory calibration methods for seismometers in the low frequency range down to 0.01 Hz have been developed. These procedures provide the possibility of traceable on-site calibration during operation for field sensors without disturbing the regular measurements and allow an accurate determination of amplitude and phase along with measurement uncertainties. This is of special interest for stations of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization's (CTBTO) International Monitoring System (IMS), which are required to be operational 100% of the time.

The on-site calibration procedure requires a reference sensor co-located to the operational station sensor and the record of sufficient coherent excitation signals within the relevant frequency range. The gain ratio between the station sensor under test and the reference sensor is calculated and subsequently multiplied with the precise frequency response of the reference provided by the newly developed laboratory calibration methods, yielding the frequency response function for both amplitude and phase of the station sensors including site-specific factors.

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Exploration and Application of Gravitational Curvatures Changes in Earthquake Deformation

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The objective of this study is to enhance the observation and understanding of earthquake deformation by developing a method for describing coseismic changes in gravitational curvatures (GC). GC are third-order derivatives of the Earth's gravitational potential, represented as a 3-D tensor matrix with twenty-seven components, ten of which are independent. To achieve this, we first investigate the dislocation Love numbers of the Earth's gravitational potential and derive the Green's functions of GC caused by four independent point sources in a spherical inhomogeneous Earth model. The forms of changes in a half-space Earth model are then presented. Furthermore, a sensitivity study is conducted on three physical quantities involving gravitation, gravitational gradients, and GC to determine their usefulness in seismic source depth detection. Our numerical results show that changes in the GC are more sensitive to the medium information of the field source compared to gravitation and gravitational gradients. This finding indicates that measurements of GC could provide more detailed information on slip fault parameters when considering heterogeneous slip. The method was successfully applied to the 2011 Tohoku-Oki earthquake. In conclusion, measurements of the third-order derivatives of the gravitational potential have great potential in solid Earth studies, especially in light of the launch of the *Gravity Field and Steady-State Ocean Circulation Explorer (GOCE)* satellite mission. However, further work is needed in terms of instrument design and development.

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How seismometers tilt in response to atmospheric pressure variations: the case of the Hunga Tonga Lamb wave.

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The Hunga-Tonga eruption excited atmospheric Lamb waves that circled the globe multiple times and were recorded by barometers and broad-band seismometers of the Global Seismic Network (GSN). Their dominant period was 45 minutes with typical amplitudes of 2-3 hPa.

Based on our previous work we expect that the response of horizontal seismometers at these periods is dominated by tilts due to two distinct physical mechanisms, LDT and TWT: local tilt due to warping of the seismic vault floor (LDT) in response to atmospheric pressure variations and a regional tilt (TWT) due to a lateral pressure gradient along the surface.

We have inspected all the GSN recordings of the Hunga Tonga Lamb wave and only retained 21 stations with clean baro- and seismograms. We find that for any three component sensor the tilt due to vault deformation points in a fixed, sensor specific direction independent of the propagation direction of the Lamb wave. Furthermore we find that LDT is larger than TWT at 80% of retained GSN stations. While accelerations can be well modelled in most cases, pressure gradient induced ground tilts point towards Hunga Tonga for only 7 stations.

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Simulation of atmospheric waves induced by the 2022 Hunga-Tonga volcanic eruption— —New insight into the Lamb waves

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Seismic-based characterization for Volcano-Induced landslides: a feasibility study based on the 2018 Anak-Krakatau volcano flank collapse

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The 22 December 2018 Anak-Krakatau volcanic flank collapse triggered a devastating tsunami along the Sunda Strait coast, highlighting the need for tsunami early warning systems to detect both volcanic collapse and landslide tsunami triggering from real-time seismic data. Seismically, landslides are deficient in high-frequency radiation compared to tectonic earthquakes. In this study, carried out in the framework of the TSUNAMI_RISK project, we implemented spectral analysis and back-projection to locate low-frequency events (40-70 s) along the Indonesian coast, specifically volcano-induced landslides. Using the Indonesian seismic network, we successfully detected and located the Anak-Krakatau volcanic flank collapse. The back-projection method allowed us to estimate the location about 100 seconds after the event initiation, with detection achieved with stations up to 1° from the source. To assess potential biases in our approach, we evaluated two weeks of continuous long-period seismic data (11-25 November 2019) from high-risk volcano tsunami areas in eastern Indonesia, such as Batu Tara, Iliwerung, Gamalama, and Sangeang Api. We conclude by discussing the expected false alarm rates for various warning thresholds based on the current network configuration in Indonesia and explore the routes to implementing this approach for operational tsunami early warning.

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UPFLOW OBS body wave tomography of the whole mantle column beneath the Azores/Madeira region

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The seismicity of the Madeira archipelago – hints for active volcanism and/or tectonic faults?

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Shredded subducted Nazca plate leaves slab-fingers behind, in the mantle Beneath southern Costa Rica

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Seismotectonics of Hornsund, Spitsbergen, European Arctic, based on moderate magnitude seismicity

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Microseismicity associated with the Hebron Fault in SW Namibia – a case study of earthquake clusters in stable continental regions

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The Hebron Fault lies within southwestern Namibia, a stable continental region. It features a prominent northwest-trending scarp which displaces Quaternary alluvial fans and channels. The scarp has a length of 45 km, a maximum height of 10.1 m and an average height of 5.9 m. Fault scaling relationships suggest the scarp formed in 2–5 events of $M_w \sim 7$. Interestingly, geomorphological analyses only found evidence for a single event. In common with other major paleoseismic fault scarps in southern Africa, no earthquake cluster is recorded near the Hebron Fault in regional catalogues. In order to investigate the possibility of missed low-magnitude seismicity, below the detection threshold of the regional networks, a network of 23 4.5 Hz three component geophones was installed around the Hebron fault scarp. Earthquakes were identified using a STA/LTA coincidence trigger and P and S wave arrivals were manually picked. More than 200 earthquakes were located near the Hebron Fault with $M_l \leq 3.6$ to a maximum depth of 20 km. A regression through the hypocentres results in a plane corresponding to the expected fault plane. Observed earthquakes at the Hebron Fault may either represent a long-lived aftershock sequence or a form of background seismicity associated with the fault. The fact that the earthquake cluster associated with the Hebron Fault was missed by regional networks suggests that seismic hazard can be overlooked, particularly in stable continental regions where seismic networks are often not well developed and the repeat-times of large earthquakes are longer than the instrumental record.

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Lithospheric structure beneath the ultra-slow spreading Knipovich ridge using noise reduced OBS P-wave Receiver functions

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Unraveling the western portion of Parecis Basin by Receiver Function

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The Parecis basin is located in the Midwest region of the Brazilian territory, with approximately 6000 meters of accumulated sediments. We used receiver function data from 5 temporary broadband stations belonging to the Parecis Basin Tectonic Studies network supported by CNPq and a permanent station from the Brazilian seismographic network, all located in the Parecis Basin. Then the HK stacking method and Common stacking point (CCP) of the Receiver Function data were applied, The application of the HK method allowed us to determine a V_p/V_s that varies from 1.74 to 1.89 along the profile and a crustal thickness that varies from 25 to 43 km. In the CCP profile, it was possible to observe the Moho and determine the probable basement of the basin. In addition, an intermediate region between the Moho and the basement was noticed, which was interpreted as the Conrad discontinuity. Therefore, in general, the applied methods showed results consistent with previous studies carried out in the Basin and it was noted that the CCP stacking promoted an evolution in the interpretative aspect of the structures.

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Reykjanes Peninsula (SW Iceland) seismicity in the last 10 years

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S02a - International, National, Regional and Local Networks and Earthquake Data Centers: Highlights and Challenges

The Marsquake Service: Seismic monitoring on another planet

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A new seafloor cable-type observation network in the western half of the anticipated Nankai Trough earthquake source area: N-net

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The area off the Pacific Ocean in eastern Japan has already been densely monitored by S-net, and in western Japan by DONET and the JMA's Tokai and Tonankai cables. However, the area from off Kochi to the Hyuga-nada, which is the western half of the anticipated Nankai Trough earthquake source area, is a blank area of observation. To eliminate the blank, NIED is now constructing Nankai Trough Seafloor Observation Network for Earthquakes and Tsunamis (N-net). N-net consists of two subsystems, one inshore and one offshore, connecting two landing stations. Each subsystem has 18 observatories connected by a fiber-optic cable approximately 700 to 800 km long, for a total of 36 observatories. N-net is designed as a hybrid system based on the inline system, but with the plug-in node system that allows for future addition of observation equipment. Each observatory is equipped with two pressure gauges for tsunami observation and two accelerometers and short-period velocity meters for earthquake observation to ensure redundancy. For installation on the N-net, NIED has developed a pressure gauge that is less susceptible to pressure measurement due to seismic shaking and attitude fluctuation, a pressure-resistant enclosure that transmits pressure accurately, and an implementation of IP packets on SDH payloads. The observed data will be transmitted to JMA in real time and used for early warning of earthquakes and tsunamis. Offshore system will be laid till 2024, and the construction will be expected to be finished till the spring of 2025.

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Smart Sensor Deployments in the Tokyo Area: New Means of Communicating Earthquake Risk and Chances for Seismology

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Truaa Earthquake Early Warning System for Israel –Operational Stage and the Public’s Perspective

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We then present the social point of view of alerts in Israel, as obtained by a first-of-its-kind questionnaire in Israel, focusing on people’s perceptions and perspective on earthquake alerts.

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Active rifting in the East African rift and challenges in disaster risk management: Efforts made by ESARSWG member countries

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The African Seismological Commission (AfSC): Recent activities and perspectives

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Outcomes Following a 2022 International Workshop on Global Earthquake Monitoring

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EIDA Italian node: seismic data curation preservation e dissemination

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The EarthScope Geophysical Cloud Data Platform

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A broader look at licensing and copyright issues for global seismological data and products from a data center perspective

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GEOSCOPE: 40 years of global broadband seismic data

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Thirty years of GEOFON

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Update on the Canadian National Seismograph Network

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United Arab Emirates national seismic network

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Near field tsunami hazard and real-time earthquake monitoring: Challenges for Northern Algeria (Western Mediterranean)

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A decade of Indonesia seismicity and its seismotectonic implications: Evaluations from BMKG nationwide earthquake monitoring (2010-2022)

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Aotearoa-New Zealand, geonet national seismograph network: Supporting landslide, tsunami, earthquake and Volcano monitoring since 2001

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Using reported parametric data from the ISC Bulletin to evaluate changes in station performance

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The challenge of a rapidly changing regional seismic monitoring network: the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network, USA

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The University of Utah Seismograph Stations a Regional Earthquake Center

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S02e - International, National, Regional and Local Networks and Earthquake Data Centers: Highlights and Challenges

SeisComP - a perspective on its evolution and applications

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SeisComP is nowadays the most widely distributed software package for seismological real-time data acquisition, processing and analysis. Initially developed by GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences, focusing on data acquisition and exchange as well as basic automatic earthquake monitoring, it has since been enhanced with interactive analysis and fast magnitude calculation for tsunamigenic earthquake warning. Over the years, the SeisComP ecosystem has been extended with open and closed source modules that support additional application domains such as local and induced seismic monitoring, moment tensor inversions, earthquake early warning, seismic and infrasound array processing, structural health monitoring, earthquake engineering analysis, earthquake information dissemination as well as tsunami simulation and decision support. The wide use of SeisComP in over 500 earthquake and tsunami warning services, research institutes, universities and industrial enterprises all over the world has simplified and unified the exchange of seismic data, station meta data and earthquake parameters. SeisComP adopted and formed global standards such as SeedLink, MSeed, QuakeML, FDSN stationXML and FDSN web services. The functionality of the SeisComP ecosystem is growing and under active development and maintenance. We give a perspective on the evolution of SeisComP- past, present and future.

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Deep-learning-based phase picking in SeisComP using SeisBench

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The repicking module consists of several submodules that interact with both SeisComP and SeisBench via their Python interfaces. The current workflow is based on existing locations generated with a classical SeisComP setup. Shortly after event detection and preliminary location, our repicker (1) starts to repick previously picked onsets and (2) attempts to generate additional picks.

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SEISAN earthquake analysis software – background, capabilities, recent developments and future challenges

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A continuous evolution: operational seismic monitoring improved capabilities and system modernization coexisting with legacy systems

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Magnitude reassessment for digital records of the Belgian seismic network since 1985

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In the frame of the BELSHAKE project, we collected all digital records by the Belgian seismic network of earthquakes with $M_L > 2$ in a dedicated waveform archive and the associated metadata in a database. We visually inspected all waveforms, calculated missing P- and S-arrival times from the Belgian velocity model, and defined noise, P-, S- and coda-windows. We also developed the tools to recompute local magnitudes and to compute new moment magnitudes. One of the main problems we encountered was missing instrument response information for older records. We tried to reconstruct this information based on information in our station database and/or the original data headers. Analysis of station M_L residuals and PSDs of the noise window allowed to select the correct response or to identify unreliable cases.

The definition of the Belgian M_L scale is based on the Lg wave on the vertical component high-pass filtered at 1 Hz. It has been applied systematically since 1985, but unfortunately not all amplitude measurements are preserved in the database. Furthermore, the scale has not been calibrated for distances < 10 km and does not take into account hypocentral depth. These issues are problematic to determine M_L of recent shallow geothermally induced seismicity. We will use our dataset to derive a better formulation of the Belgian M_L scale. We also compute M_w based on spectral fitting of P- and S-waves with the well-known sourcespec package. This will eliminate the need for empirical magnitude scale conversions to compute magnitude-frequency relations for seismic hazard assessment.

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Separating Rayleigh and Love waves based on the SPAC method

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The spatial autocorrelation (SPAC) method was developed by Aki (1957) to estimate subsurface velocity structure from the coherence of ambient seismic noise. The SPAC method has been widely used and extended to various cases. Separation of Rayleigh and Love waves is essential to obtain reliable phase velocity dispersion curves. Three-component displacement data is necessary (e.g., Okada and Matsushima, 1989; Chouet et al., 1998). Cross-correlation between the vertical-radial components helps isolate Rayleigh waves (Haney et al., 2012). Recently, the formulation of the SPAC method was extended to strain, rotation, and tilts by Nakahara et al. (2021) and to the mixed correlations between displacement and strain by Nakahara and Haney (2022). Here, we revisit the separation of Rayleigh and Love waves based on these recent developments of the SPAC theory. Isolation of Rayleigh waves is possible using the following components: vertical displacement, areal strain, and tilts. On the other hand, isolation of Love waves is possible using only the vertical-component rotation. Both Rayleigh and Love waves contribute to most auto- and cross-correlation pairs. Therefore, a reasonable method is to isolate Rayleigh waves first and then estimate the contribution of Love waves. Recently, measurements of strain and rotation are becoming possible thanks to the developments of distributed acoustic sensing (DAS) and rotational seismometers. These technical developments, along with the extended SPAC theory, will clearly distinguish Rayleigh and Love waves from ambient noise, which makes it possible to measure radial anisotropy by virtue of the difference between SV and SH velocities.

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Inferring micro-crack damage evolution with increasing stress using direct and coda wave velocity measurements in faulted and intact granite samples

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Stratification of heterogeneity in the lithosphere of Mars from envelope modeling of very high-frequency seismic events

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Fine-scale Characterisation of an Active Gas Chimney within the Quaternary Sediments of the Central North-Sea; using Acoustic Full Waveform Inversion

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Seismic attenuation and lithosphere rheology in the eastern margin of the Tibetan Plateau

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Scattering and absorption imaging of a seismic gap, the Mt. Pollino area (Italy)

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Estimation of the depth and frequency-dependent seismic attenuation using acoustic radiative transfer theory

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The acoustic radiative transfer theory is utilized to analyze the propagation of seismic energy in a heterogeneous and random medium, and can be modeled by Monte Carlo simulations. By repeating the simulations and adjusting the non-isotropic scattering and absorption coefficients, the layer-specific intrinsic and scattering attenuation can be determined. The Monte Carlo simulation considers ray tracing in a deterministic and acoustic 1-D model. To validate the code, synthetic tests were conducted and the results indicate that it is possible to resolve both frequency- and depth-dependent attenuation values. The code was then applied to observed seismograms along the Leipzig-Regensburg fault zone. The fault zone was divided into a northern and southern area and the attenuation of the crust was calculated between 3 and 33 Hz. Our results demonstrate that the upper crust exhibits different characteristics compared to the middle and lower crust, as the intrinsic attenuation is dominant in the upper crust and significantly lower in deeper areas where earthquakes occur. In the mantle, the northern and southern regions also differ, with the southern part displaying stronger attenuation due to higher temperature.

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Mapping the basement of the Cerdanya Basin (Eastern Pyrenees) using seismic noise methodologies

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Crustal scale radial anisotropic structure of northwestern India using ambient noise tomography

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We use ambient noise tomography to image the crustal-scale anisotropic structure beneath the Marwar craton of northwestern India to understand the impact of magmatism, crustal growth, and melt distribution. The study region was shaped by several magmatic events that include the Neoproterozoic Erinpura and Malani volcanism, Cretaceous Barmer-Sanchor rifting, and pre-Deccan volcanism. Correlograms of ~300 paths from 29 broadband seismic stations were computed for the vertical and transverse components. Rayleigh and Love wave group velocity dispersion curves of the fundamental mode were computed for the period ranging from 4s to 40s using the frequency-time analysis method. The 3D shear velocity tomography model was constructed by regionalizing the dispersion data to obtain local dispersion curves which were then inverted using a non-linear trans-dimensional Bayesian approach. The geometry of the Barmer-Sanchor rift is clearly delineated by an elliptical zone of low group velocity anomalies. The tomograms reveal low shear velocities (<3km/s) corresponding to thick sediments (~4km) in the rift. The crustal thickness beneath the rift varies from 30km to 34km while the region away from the rift has an average crustal thickness of 39km. The lower crust is characterized by high shear velocities ranging from 3.8km/s - 4.25 km/s that indicate magmatic underplating. Overall, the study region is characterized by positive radial anisotropy (~8%) that decreases away from the rift, crustal thinning beneath the rift, and a high velocity lower crust that reflects magmatic intrusion linked to rifting and magmatic events.

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Seismic Velocity Constraints on the Characteristics, Origin and Evolution of the Blanco Transform Fault Zone, NE-Pacific

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Correlated melting in the crust and uppermost mantle beneath the Hoh-Xil Basin, North Tibet inferred from ambient noise tomography

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Two thin middle-crust low-velocity zones imaged in the Chuan-Dian region of Southeast Tibet and their tectonic implications

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Crustal structure beneath northern Myanmar from ambient noise tomography

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Ambient noise-based eikonal tomography in a deeply incised, sediment-filled canyon (Rhône valley, France) using a dense array of seismic nodes

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Long-distance Pdiff Coda from whole-mantle scattering observed at high frequencies

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Imaging Absorption and Heterogeneity Using Adjoint Envelope Tomography

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Seasonal changes in shallow earth structure in the permafrost region of Alaska

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The relationship between seismic noise energy excited by a streamflow and water level revealed from spectral analysis of Hi-net seismograms

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Q-coda from ambient noise cross-correlation: A new volcano monitoring technique?

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Capability of monitoring for the change in shallow ground structure by highly stable vibration sources

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Illuminating the non-linear relationship between volcanic, tectonic, and environmental forcings and the seismic velocity by analysis of interdisciplinary datasets

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Surface wave monitoring using ambient noise for detecting temporal variation of underground structure of landslide

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Temporal variations of seismic velocities from ambient noise: monitoring groundwater in the Maltese islands

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Temporary variation of shallow groundwater level derived from cultural noise interferometry in southern Longitudinal Valley, Taiwan

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We have computed the cross-correlation functions (CCF) of the cultural noise to measure the temporal variation in seismic velocity for each station pair among the local Chihshang array in Taiwan, which was deployed in 2013-2020. A significant seasonal variation of asymmetric CCFs in the frequency band of 2-8 Hz, which is supposed to be the cultural noise, has been identified in this study. We further extract the velocity change ($\delta v/v$) by using the stretching method with the largest value up to 12% and found that the $\delta v/v$ highly correlates with the nearby shallow groundwater level (GWL) fluctuation that usually occurs from September to November after rain season every year. On the other hand, the temporal variation of $\delta v/v$ can only be observed for coda CCF with frequency higher than 3 Hz, which indicates that the source depth is within 30 m in the near surface layer based on its corresponding sensitivity kernel. The station pairs along the eastern side of Longitudinal Valley present smaller amplitude of $\delta v/v$, which may reflect a reduced GWL fluctuation in this region. Even though there is a clear 1-month lag between the rainfall and the GWL, there is no phase delay between the time series of the observed $\delta v/v$ and the GWL. Our results suggest that we are capable of quantitatively monitoring the transient groundwater storage by analyzing the cultural noise cross correlation functions in the Chihshang area, where is covered with a thick gravel bed in the southern Longitudinal Valley.

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Inspecting tidal signals observed by passive image interferometry

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Solid Earth is subjected to nanostrain tidal deformations caused by gravitational attraction of the Moon and Sun. This causes periodic deformations of imperceptible fractures in the shallow rock that likely result into subtle variations of seismic velocities. It is possible to theoretically model the gravitational tidal deformations while the seismic velocities can be estimated, e.g., using ambient noise recordings processed with passive image interferometry. Combining these two pieces of information could allow for in-situ assessment of bedrock properties beneath seismic stations. In this study, we tried to accomplish this task using 18 standalone seismic stations (i.e., no array) from a network of the Integrated Plate Boundary Observatory Chile, complemented by several others in Europe and in the Americas. The velocity changes were mostly estimated with seismic recordings filtered in 1-4 and 4-7 Hz bands, using hourly Green's functions acquired after temporal stacking. Analysed coda lapse time windows of the Green's functions were 1-6, 5-10 and 8-13 seconds. Tide-related velocity changes were observed (mostly the M2 component). However, our results show that observability of such tide-related velocity variations seems to be strongly related to the station proximity to oceanic coastlines. This raises reasonable doubt about the required solid Earth tides origin of the observed tidal signals.

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SANS: Daily Global Seismic Ambient Noise Source Maps

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Tracking a Vibroseis Truck using 6 Rotational Sensors in Fürstfeldbruck, Germany

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Six degree-of-freedom (6-DoF) ground motion measurements are recorded combining a rotational sensor and a seismometer. This allows in principle to determine the back azimuth of a moving source using a single point measurement. We investigated the movement of a vibroseis truck operated from 20 November 2019, 11:00 UTC to 21 November 2019, 14:00 UTC. We used 480 Sweep signals each lasting 15 seconds in a broad frequency range between 7 to 120 Hz from 160 different locations. We derived back azimuths for each sweep from 6 DoF data and calculated root mean square amplitudes of each ground rotation component. We repeat this procedure for 5 other nearby rotational sensors of the same type. Within the first day, the North pointing rotation axis of all sensors recorded larger amplitude signals at the beginning of the experiment proving that SV shear wave energy is dominant. Later, we observed larger amplitudes on the East component following the direction of the moving vibroseis truck. Conventional methods to locate a seismic source rely on the P wave polarization or arrival times measured with a network of stations. In this study we used S waves to track the vibroseis truck movements since rotational sensors are not sensitive to P wave motions.

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Monitoring construction and quarry blasts with Raspberry Shakes and machine learning tools in the city of Oslo, Norway

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The UPFLOW experiment: new observations from a ~1,500 km aperture array of 49 ocean bottom seismometers in the mid-Atlantic

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Constraining upward mantle flow is crucial to understand global mantle flow and directly link the Earth's interior with the surface. However, mantle upwellings that connect the deep mantle to the surface are poorly understood. The goal of the UPFLOW project (<https://upflow-eu.github.io>) is to develop new high-resolution seismic imaging methods along with new data collection to greatly advance our understanding of upward mantle flow. UPFLOW deployed 50 and recovered 49 ocean bottom seismometers (OBSs) in a ~1,000×2,000 km² area in the Azores-Madeira-Canaries region starting in July 2021 for ~13 months, with an average station spacing of ~150-200 km. The experiment included institutions from five different countries: Portugal (IPMA, IDL, Univ. of Lisbon, ISEL), Ireland (DIAS), UK (UCL), Spain (ROA) and Germany (Potsdam University, GFZ, GEOMAR, AWI). Most of the instruments had three-component wideband seismic sensors and hydrophones, but three different designs of OBS frames were used. Our analysis shows high-quality data, notably a substantial noise decrease in vertical component long-period data ($T > \sim 30$ s). We show illustrative recordings of teleseismic, local events and non-seismic signals (whales, ships, Tonga eruption), as well as systematic analyses of the background noise levels, clock skew and horizontal component rotation angles.

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Eifel Large-N Experiment: Detection and Localization of Seismic Events using Stacking and Migration Approach combined with Neural Network Phase Characterization

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On-Fault Micro-Seismic Monitoring with Multiple Acoustic 3D Arrays: Insights from the Bedretto Underground Lab

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Spatial b-value distribution based on Gaussian process inference using a geological prior with focus on California and Turkey

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We demonstrate the Bayesian inference of the Gaussian process b-value estimation for two regions: California based on SCEDC earthquake and Turkey based on the AFAD earthquake catalog. The covariances in the inferences are calibrated with the SCEC community fault model the GEM fault model for California and Turkey, respectively.

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Constraining earthquake depth at teleseismic distance: Picking depth phases with deep learning

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Detection of deep low-frequency tremors from past paper records at a station in southwest Japan based on convolutional neural network

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Since deep low-frequency tremors are considered to be associated with large earthquakes that occur adjacently on the same subducting plate interface, it is important to investigate tremors that occurred before the establishment of modern seismograph networks such as the High Sensitivity Seismograph Network (Hi-net). We propose a deep-learning solution to detect evidence of tremors in the scanned images of paper seismogram records from over 50 years ago. In this study, we fine-tuned a convolutional neural network (CNN) based on the Residual Network (ResNet), pre-trained based on images of synthetic waveforms in our previous study, using a dataset comprised of images generated from real seismic data recorded digitally by Hi-net to facilitate a supervised analysis. The fine-tuned CNN was able to predict the presence or absence of tremors in the Hi-net images with an accuracy of 98.64%. Gradient-weighted Class Activation Mapping (Grad-CAM) heatmaps created to visualize model predictions indicated that the CNN's ability to detect tremors is not degraded by the presence of teleseisms. Once validated using the training images, the CNN was applied to paper seismograms recorded from 1966 to 1977 at the Kumano observatory in southwest Japan, operated by Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo. The CNN showed potential for detecting tremors in scanned images of paper seismogram records from the past, facilitating downstream tasks such as the creation of new tremor catalogs. However, further training using an augmented dataset to control for variables such as inconsistent plotting pen thickness is required to develop a universally applicable model.

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Seismic-phase detection using multiple deep learning models for global and local representations of waveforms

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A novel application of deep learning in extracting Earth's free oscillation

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Source and spectral characteristics of ordinary and low-frequency earthquakes inferred from the probabilistic analysis of 10-year large data sets

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We analyze two large data sets of 10 years (2009-2018) of ordinary earthquakes (OEs) detected in Italy by INGV and low-frequency earthquakes (LFEs) detected in Japan by JMA. We estimate the joint probability density function of seismic moment (M_0) and corner frequency (f_c) from S-wave displacement spectra. We use unfiltered signals and manually revised S-wave arrival times.

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Automated source parameters assessment for mining induced seismicity

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Application of seismic data to non-earthquake studies: thunder-source inversion and realtime economic growth estimation

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Seismic stations are operated 24 hours, recording groundmotions by various non-earthquake sources continuously. Meteorological phenomena and human activities are examples of non-earthquakes. The rapid air expansion by lightning produces a shockwave that creates a crack sound, thunder. Thunder-induced seismic waves recorded at dense seismic stations in Seoul, South Korea are analysed for inversion of thunder source spectra. The thunder-induced seismic signals were well identified at distances of $< \sim 20$ km. In the course of source-spectral inversion, the propagation and acoustic-to-seismic coupling effects are counted. Direct acoustic-to-seismic coupled seismic waves present apparent phase velocities of sound speed in atmosphere. Thunder-induced seismic waves are dominant at high frequencies (> 20 Hz). The thunder-induced acoustic waves in the atmosphere are obtained by removing the acoustic-to-seismic coupling effect and site-response effect from the observed thunder-induced seismic waves. The quality factors for acoustic wave attenuation in the atmosphere are determined. We determine acoustic thunder source spectra are determined by stacking the inverted acoustic spectra. Human activity is another major source of high-frequency seismic noise. Analysis with seismic noises in three consecutive months of each year enables us to estimate the noise levels without seasonal effects. The daytime seismic noise-level changes in major cities of 11 countries are assessed using the 3 month records for decades. The annual seismic noise levels present strong correlations with gross domestic product (GDP), particularly with manufacturing and industrial GDP. Theseismic noise levels increase quickly with GDP in low GDP regions but slowly in high-GDP regions. The seismic noise levels increased by 14 % to 111 % for 5-23 yr depending on the economic conditions. The high-frequency noise level may be a proxy to present the economic condition.

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Towards Routine Automatic Estimation of Standard Body- and Surface-Wave Magnitudes at ISC

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Automatic event detection with back projected method: Example of Taiwan seismic network

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Detection of hidden earthquakes after the 2011 Mw9.0 Tohoku earthquake and their relation to regional crustal deformation

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Using relative event locations of swarms of small earthquakes to look for seismically active structures in Northeastern North America

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Swarms of small earthquakes and microearthquakes have been observed in several different places in the northeastern U.S. and southeastern Canada over the past several decades. The modern seismic network that has operated during this time has allowed earthquakes to magnitudes below M 1.0 in these swarms to be detected and located. A relative earthquake location method using waveform crosscorrelations allows for very precise relative event locations to be computed, which can be used to look for spatial trends in the earthquake swarms. Absolute events locations are best determined using event recordings on portable seismic instruments in the epicentral area. Relative and absolute location analyses of several swarms show a consistent pattern of the swarm seismicity aligning along known or suspected preexisting faults. These swarms, located in New York, Connecticut, Maine and New Brunswick, may be indicating which pre-existing structures in Northeastern North America might be seismically active in the future. Whether or not these structures could host a strong earthquake in the future is not clear from the data. Even so, the analyses suggest that studies of the relative event locations of future swarms of small earthquakes and microearthquakes may help clarify the picture of which pre-existing zones of weakness may pose the greatest seismic hazard in the region.

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Study of waveform envelope method in foreshock identification

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The $M6.4$ Yangbi earthquake, which occurred in Yunnan Province on May 21, 2021, has attracted a lot of attention for its abundant foreshocks and superior monitoring capability around the mainshock. It seems to be a typical foreshock-mainshock-aftershock sequence in China Mainland in recent decades, and the key question is whether it is possible to distinguish foreshocks from normal seismic activities. The b -value derived from the Gutenberg-Richter (GR) law, as an important seismicity parameter, has the characteristics of decreasing during foreshock activity and increasing during normal aftershock sequence by previous studies. At present, the sequence's b -value is usually calculated by using the earthquake catalog, which makes it difficult to obtain the b -value results in a short time after the earthquake. In this study, we select the foreshock event waveform recorded by the station closest to the earthquake epicenter and obtain the envelope function of the waveform. Each peak of the envelope can be regarded as an earthquake event. The peak amplitude and time correspond to the magnitude and time of earthquakes. Similar to the GR relationship, the corresponding relationship between magnitude and peak number is preliminarily established, and the corresponding b -value results are obtained. This study aims to explore the effectiveness of the waveform envelope method to identify foreshocks in China mainland, and tries to solve the problem that the b -value cannot be accurately calculated due to the lack of catalog after a large earthquake.

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S04d - Advancements in Acquisition, Processing and Interpretation of Seismological Data

Modeling and analysis of Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) data in Geothermal environments

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DAS technology is particularly suitable for microseismic monitoring application in geothermal environments, especially for the development of Enhanced Geothermal Systems. This acquisition technology still lacks appropriate modeling and analysis tools able to handle such a large amount of data without losing efficiency. Since free DAS datasets are still a rarity, we aim to generate an open-access synthetic (but realistic) DAS dataset that may help the geophysical community to develop “ad hoc” data analysis methods suitable for these datasets. In the presented work we make use of the software 'Salvus' which allows the simulation of DAS data. In particular, it outputs a strain measurement between all points defined as receivers in the simulation. Using the repositories of DAS data collected at the geothermal test site FORGE, in Utah (USA), we tried to simulate realistic DAS acquisition conditions of seismic events related to low-magnitude natural seismic activity from the nearby Mineral Mountains and microseismic events related to hydraulic stimulation operations for the generation of an EGS. In order to obtain realistic synthetic data, we first analyze the spectral properties of real noise waveforms by using the Power Spectral Density Analysis. We model the synthetic noise waveforms using a stochastic approach. Then we add it to the synthetic event traces and compare them with the observed ones. We finally test a new semblance-based event detector on a 1-hour continuous waveforms of synthetic data to evaluate the performance of the detector in different operational conditions (e.g., different noise levels and inter-event times).

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Near real-time waveform-based methods for detection and location of microseismicity using DAS

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SeaFOAM: a Year Long DAS Deployment in Monterey Bay, California

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Distributed Acoustic Sensing in the Puget Sound and Puget Lowlands, Washington, USA

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Towards continuous monitoring in the oceans with submarine telecommunications cables using fibre optic technique: the SUBMERSE project

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Detecting earthquakes and underwater controlled explosions using distributed acoustic sensing on submarine cable infrastructure

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Here we will present observations from a long-term study on a Tampnet North Sea submarine telecom cable. We have characterized local earthquakes and underwater explosions in addition to anthropogenic activity. After post-processing to suppress marine noise, a detailed image of the earthquake wavefield with clear P- and S-arrivals can be observed. Recordings of underwater explosions are characterized by low-frequency first arrivals refracted through the subsurface followed by slower propagating high frequency and high amplitude direct arrivals through the water column, which can clearly be observed over the full length of the cable. Furthermore, tracking the travel-time moveout along the non-straight cable route allows for positioning of the source, which we demonstrate by back-propagating the recorded wavefield.

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Overview of the global DAS monitoring month 2023

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Seismic and environmental observations from a North Atlantic seafloor sensor array created from a trans-oceanic submarine cable

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S05b - Advances in Earthquake and Explosion Monitoring Using Distributed Acoustic Sensing

The joint project SENSE – fibre-optic strain sensing with respect to a known reference

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Passive Imaging of Shallow Subsurface in Urban Melbourne Using Distributed Acoustic Sensing

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Dark fiber for rapid aftershock response: Capturing the 2022 M6.4 Ferndale sequence in northern California, USA

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Distributed fiber optic sensing observations at Etna volcano, Italy: An integrated vision

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Linking Distributed and Integrated Fiber-Optic Deformation Sensing

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Modelling of DAS cable and ground coupling response using Discrete Particle Schemes

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Strong-motion on DAS: Insights from the 2022 MW 6.9 Chishang earthquake (Southern Taiwan)

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Understanding non-linear ground response from volcanic explosions and Distributed Dynamic Strain Sensing (DDSS) parameters: An example from Mt. Etna, Italy.

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In the wake of a big quake

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The information background of pre-instrumental seismicity in Europe and possible improvements

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Looking for undocumented earthquake effects: an application to Italian localities

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Integrating macroseismic intensity data recorded through time with those calculated from epicentral parameters with intensity prediction equations (IPEs) is an effective way of investigating the knowledge of the seismic history (i.e., the list of documented effects) of a given site and to estimate its representativeness. For this purpose, we calculated the effects that were not documented at a set of sites in Italy by considering an IPE constrained with intensity values documented at close sites for the same events.

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We finally provided a quantitative estimate of the effects of known past earthquakes that can be considered potentially lost at the 228 sites analyzing the results at both the local (site-by-site) and regional scale. The results showed that at least one effect with intensity greater than or equal to 6 MCS could be potentially lost with a high probability at almost the totality of the investigated sites. Moreover, some geographical dependences and correlations with the intensity levels were identified.

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We present the Paliki, Kefalonia, Greece earthquakes of 1867 and 2014 in an effort to compare the effects and assign macroseismic intensities of earthquakes originating from the same seismogenic source. For the first event our sources are the three detailed field reports by Schmidt, Typaldos and Vergotis and four local newspapers. For the 2014 events (26 January and 3 February) the second-degree building inspections and the vulnerability categorization following the 2011 census, as well as ample photographic material and witness reports were used for intensity assignment. In both cases, 90% of the localities on the island were almost similarly affected by both earthquakes. Particularly, the studied earthquakes ruined or severely damaged the villages and towns in Paliki peninsula. We investigate the evolution, in terms of population and building activity, of these localities within the time span of 147 years between the two earthquakes, taking also into account the several significant earthquakes that occurred within this span. A total number of 65 (1867 event) and 97 (2014 events) intensity datapoints are collected from the island of Kefalonia. The macroseismic parameters of the historical event, when compared to the instrumental ones, show significant similarities.

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A quantitative archaeoseismic approach to constrain ground motion features of the 1919 earthquake in Sant'Agata del Mugello (Tuscany, Italy)

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Damage from small and moderate earthquakes in northern Europe: An exercise in searching for historical documentary sources

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This investigation searches for contemporary written documentation on damaging earthquake consequences in intraplate northern Europe between the late 1800s and early 1900s, when the region experienced a period of elevated seismicity of earthquakes with $M < 5.5$. Augmenting information is expected to improve the success of intensity assignment and the subsequent determination of non-instrumental magnitude and epicenter. Ultimately, such examples would provide helpful validation of the intensity scale. This is demanding, however, because damage levels in the region can typically be linked to the masonry parts of houses, timber being resilient to ground shaking, and only ordinary buildings are recommended to be used for intensity assessment by the EMS-98 guidelines. Once the contemporary newspapers have been exhaustively scanned, the search for archived documentation about the non-structural earthquake impact faces several challenges. Many documents were not written in the first place for dwellings that sustained some damage, but were not insured. Documentation lost over the decades is all too familiar. Earlier work on an earthquake of 1898 showed that both direct and indirect earthquake effects occurred: Ground shaking cracked unreinforced masonry chimneys and stoves, which posed a serious fire hazard in predominantly wooden towns. Additional cases from 1882 and 1904 are explored. Indirect earthquake hazards can occur at long epicentral distances, but establishing a time frame for them can be difficult. Estimates of earthquake-related costs at a few localities are attempted. A reasonable assessment of the economic impact of past earthquakes would make them more existent outside the seismological community.

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Quantitative evaluation of source parameters of historical earthquakes in southern Africa

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Macroseismic intensity information is important in the evaluation of historical seismicity. In an effort to improve the current South African earthquake catalogue, available macroseismic information of historical and early instrumental period earthquakes were used to determine epicentres and magnitudes of 46 earthquakes. Each of them had at least eight Intensity Data Points (IDPs). The IDPs were dominated by relatively low intensity values, which are consistent with a stable continental region. The source parameters were computed using state-of-the-art 3rd generation techniques. The quality of obtained solutions was greatly influenced by the spatial distribution of the IDPs, which was not uniform for all the events, with some events having clustered IDPs whilst others were linearly distributed. As a result, a quality ranking system of the results was developed to give an indication of the confidence in the results. Of the 46 earthquakes analysed, 36 had good quality results. The methods used were also checked by comparing solutions obtained using macroseismic data to those obtained for the same events but using instrumental data. Twelve events analysed in this study are new events that were not in previous catalogues. The results obtained help in improving the earthquake catalogue of the region, as there is an increase in the number of events recorded in the historical and early-instrument period. This kind of work and results obtained highlight the value of seeking out additional contemporary sources in order to revise the source parameters of earthquakes for which no or only very limited instrumental information is available.

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Coseismic and postseismic deformation associated with the 17th Century megathrust earthquake along the Kuril Trench estimated by diatom analysis

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Seismic activity in southern Miyagi Prefecture in the 18th century revealed from "Takano Family Record"

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Voices of foreign residents in Yokohama and Tokyo at the time of the 1923 Kanto earthquake

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Recurrence of Kanto earthquakes before 1923 and probability of future occurrence

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The Kanto earthquakes (M~8) recur along the Sagami trough, where the Philippine Sea plate subducts beneath the Kanto region. The most recent event was the 1923 earthquake which caused the worst earthquake disaster in Japan with ~105,000 casualties. The penultimate, 1703 Genroku earthquake caused larger crustal deformation and worse tsunami disasters in the southern Boso peninsula. Historical documents and tsunami deposits indicate that the 1293 Showo earthquake was also a Kanto earthquake. The 1495 Meio earthquake, considered to be confused with the 1498 earthquake along Nankai trough, may be another Kanto earthquake. Possibilities of the 878 and 1433 Kanto earthquakes have been also pointed out (Ishibashi, 2020, SRL). Marine terraces on the southern Boso peninsula indicate that the 1703 (Genroku) type earthquake recurred at approximately 2,300-year interval.

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Monitoring the plate boundary using a vertical array of borehole and seafloor seismometers in the Nankai subduction zone

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We use ambient noise records obtained by a vertical array of seismometers at borehole and seafloor in the Kumano basin of the Nankai subduction zone, Japan, and examine whether S reflections from deep interfaces can be persistently detected or not. The vertical array contains a geophone at the seafloor and a borehole broadband sensor at a depth of 900 m from the seafloor. Our results show the retrieval of S reflections from the top of high velocity body above the megasplay fault, the megasplay fault itself, and the top of the subducting oceanic crust. The depths of these boundaries are 5–10 km from the sea surface. The arrival time of the S reflection for a polarization direction of N70°E was faster, indicating that the direction is the fast polarization direction. We also investigated the temporal variation of the amplitudes of the S reflections at a slow polarization direction (N160°E), and obtained temporal variations in amplitudes of the S reflections from the top of the high velocity body and megasplay fault for 1 year after 2016 off-Mie earthquake (Mw5.9) whose epicenter is ~30 km away from the vertical array. This may be related to fluid migration around these boundaries.

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Sensing fault zone at depth through Optical Fiber: Taiwan Milun-fault Drilling and All-inclusive Sensing (Taiwan MiDAS) project

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Scientific drilling and borehole investigations to study physico-mechanical properties of fault damage zones: a case from Koyna seismogenic zone, India

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Do the secondary precipitations control elastico-frictional deformation in Koyna-Warna seismic zone?

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Scientific deep drilling in Koyna seismogenic zone (India) and geomicrobiological investigations: Insights into deep life and new opportunities

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We present ongoing experiments from the Bedretto Underground Laboratory for Geosciences and Geoenergies, a unique research infrastructure in Switzerland

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Heart of the volcano

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Two small volcanoes, one inside the other: Geophysics and ICDP drilling of Bažina maar in western Eger Rift

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Assessing the timing and cause of widespread iron oxidation through scientific drilling of the Colorado Plateau

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Thermal effects of petro-physical parameters in the Guaymas Basin, Gulf of California: Case of study Ringvent

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As a result of the analysis, we found that some of the factors that contribute to the emplacement of Ringvent are a porosity reduction above the sill, a decrease in the speed of the P-wave velocity, a slight decay in magnetic susceptibility, and the existence of a high-stress resistance layer above the sill.

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Imaging the weathering zone in Chile with active Radio-Magnetotellurics

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The Deccan Volcanic Province of India experiences all the three different types of earthquake sequences

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Mogi (1963) broadly classified the earthquake sequences in Type 1, 2 and 3. Type 1 earthquake sequences have no foreshocks. However, aftershocks follow. In Type 2 earthquake sequences the main shock is preceded by foreshocks, and the number of aftershocks as well as the duration of the occurrence of aftershocks increases. Type 3 of the earthquake sequence is a swarm kind of activity where the number and magnitude of shocks increases with the passage of time and then decreases after some time. The Deccan Volcanic Province (DVP) of India witnessed earthquake sequences belonging Type 1 (Latur earthquake of M 6.2 on 29 September 1993), Type 2 (Koyna earthquake of M 6.3 on 10 December 1967), and Type 3 (Palghar earthquake swarm 2018-2020). It has been proposed that the change in the mechanical properties in the shallow crust due to loading of water reservoir has caused the change from Type 1 to Type 2 earthquake sequence for Koyna. Similarly, intense rain is considered to cause the change to Type 3. However, how these changes occur is not well understood. There is a need for understanding the cause leading to three different characteristics of earthquake foreshock-mainshock-aftershock sequence for a single geological domain. It is hoped that the detailed near field studies of earthquakes being undertaken at Koyna will provide an explanation.

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Recurrent reservoir triggered seismicity in Koyna, western India for the past six decades: What keeps it going?

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Tomographic evidences for the triggering processes of earthquake swarms in Xinfengjiang Water Reservoir, China

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Hydro-Seismicity in the Paraná Basin, SE Brazil: events induced by the opening of water wells and rainfall.

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The earthquakes start soon after the opening of the well, not after a long period of water extraction. The inducing mechanism is injection of water from the open surface aquifer into the confined deeper (100-200 m) aquifer. The uncased drilled well connects the surface and deep aquifers. These are clear examples of natural, gravity-driven fluid injection. The peak of seismicity occurs 2-3 months after the rainy season: rainwater recharges the surface aquifer, which in turn injects more water into the deeper aquifer increasing pore pressures at seismogenic depths. Earthquakes start near the drilled well and the active area expands with rates corresponding to seismic diffusivities from 0.02 to 0.7 m²/s, consistent with observed diffusivities worldwide.

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Spatial pattern of the seismicity induced by geothermal operations at the Geysers (California) inferred by unsupervised machine learning

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We analyzed the earthquake density at the Geysers geothermal area (California) as function of time and space over a decade. We grouped parts of the volume of the geothermal area sharing similar earthquake rates over time; in this way, we found three concentric spatial domains labeled as A, B, C, moving from the inner- to the outermost domain, characterized by peculiar time-history of the earthquake rates and different Coulomb stress drops. The earthquake density decreases moving from domain A to C, and different b-values of the Gutenberg-Richter distribution appear for the domains A-B and domain C. We decomposed the mean earthquake rates into their independent components (ICs), which we model as the seismic response to some unknown triggering factors. IC1-2 appear to be straightforwardly related to the wastewater injection, while IC3 contains a secondary contribute from an unknown source. By simple modeling the earthquake source, we estimated that IC3 triggers about 1% of earthquakes of domain A and accounts for a yearly cumulative fault slip of about 7 mm. We broadly localized IC1 in the northern part of the geothermal area where most wells are located; IC2 is instead located about 4 km NW of IC1 source area. We model the earthquake pattern as principally due to stress transfer from the source of IC1 via a poroelastic mechanism.

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Rethinking historical models of induced seismicity in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada: Is brine disposal to blame?

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Stress features inferred from induced earthquakes in the Weiyuan shale gas block in southwestern China

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Stress features, particularly local stress field and earthquake stress drops, are important to understand mechanism of induced earthquakes. Since shale gas exploitations in 2015, the Weiyuan shale gas block has experienced frequent earthquakes. In this paper, we determine focal mechanisms of 257 events with $M_L > 1.5$ by fitting three-component waveforms, invert for direction of maximum horizontal stress for two dense earthquake clusters, and then calculate stress drops for 17 earthquakes with moment magnitudes between 2.2 and 2.75 through the spectral ratio method. The focal mechanisms of all earthquakes are reverse faulting. The orientation of local maximum horizontal compressive stress is in the ESE direction, consistent with crustal movement indicated by GPS measurements. Both the focal mechanisms and microseismicity locations suggest the existence of steeply-dipping faults with dip angles of $\sim 70^\circ$, which are relatively rare and difficult to slip under usual conditions, unlike major induced earthquakes with strike-slip or low-angle thrusting faults in the midwestern United States and western Canada. However, the steeply-dipping reverse events can be induced by large pore pressure from hydraulic fracturing. The stress drops range from 2.5 MPa to 54.7 MPa, comparable to those of potentially induced earthquakes in the midwestern United States. Our results imply earthquakes in the Weiyuan area are controlled by local tectonic stress and induced by large pore pressure from hydraulic fracturing, which advances our knowledge of reactivation of steeply-dipping reverse faults.

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Signatures of congregated injected fluid in Weiyuan Shale Gas Field, Sichuan, China

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Deciphering induced seismicity in southern Sichuan basin of China through comprehensive seismological tools

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Tectonic Strain Rate and Induced Earthquakes in Oklahoma: Implications for Regional Seismic Hazard

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In recent decades, the magnitude and harm of injection-induced earthquakes (IIE) due to anthropogenic activities have gradually increased, which has evolved into a global problem. However, the triggering mechanism of induced earthquakes is complicated, and there are significant spatial differences and time delays between the pumping areas and the areas where the induced earthquakes are concentrated, not all injections induce earthquakes, and it is not uncommon for regions with strong injections to remain seismically silent. To explore the controls on IIE, we compare geodetically derived tectonic strain rates with seismicity in Oklahoma where injections are prevalent. Results demonstrate that induced earthquakes are high in areas with moderate tectonic strain rates, while areas with high seismic moment release are consistent with areas with moderate tectonic strain rates, indicating that the regional tectonic is the fundamental cause of IIE. Moreover, the moment rates released by induced earthquakes approach even exceed the tectonic moment rate in the IIE-rich zone. We thus argue that injections indeed causes a large number of induced earthquakes and local seismic hazard in the short term, but limits the potential for larger future earthquakes by depleting the shallow tectonic moment.

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The Nesjavellir (Iceland) geothermal production area: a detailed study of the recent seismicity

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Pressure diffusion controls maximum earthquake magnitudes induced by geo-energy applications

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It is an open question if maximum induced earthquake magnitudes can be determined based on knowledge about operational parameters, subsurface conditions and physical process understanding. We analyzed a global compilation of earthquakes induced by hydraulic fracturing, geothermal reservoir stimulation, water disposal, gas storage and reservoir impoundment. Our analysis showed that maximum magnitudes scale with the characteristic length of pressure diffusion in the brittle Earth's crust. An observed increase of the nucleation potential of larger magnitude earthquakes with time is likely governed by diffusion-controlled growth of pressure perturbed fault sizes. Numerical and analytical fault size modelling confirmed the findings. Finally, we derived scaling laws for the maximum possible and maximum expected magnitude for induced seismic hazard and risk forecasting and management.

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Time-dependent seismic hazard analysis for induced seismicity based on a 3D ETAS model

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A Coulomb Stress response model for time-dependent earthquake forecasts: Application to the Groningen gas field

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We have recently developed a new physics-based seismicity model assuming pre-existing populations of faults that respond to changes in Coulomb stress. In contrast to the traditional Coulomb Failure (CF) model, which assumes instantaneous triggering when stress exceeds a threshold value, the new model replaces instantaneous triggering with an average time to failure that depends exponentially on the absolute stress value. The prediction for critical pre-stress conditions is identical to the widely used rate-state (RS) friction model. Thus, CF and RS predictions are both special cases of the new model. However, the new stress response model can also account for subcritical initial stress conditions, which are particularly relevant for induced seismicity in intraplate regions.

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Magnitude complexity of earthquake sequences resulting from anthropogenic activities

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Human activities exploiting geo-resources can cause moderate to strong earthquakes and result in significant economic and social impacts. It was shown (Urban et al. Pure Appl. Geophys. 173, 2016) that because such anthropogenic seismicity was controlled by complex technological factors, its magnitude distribution might deviate from the exponential distribution of the Gutenberg–Richter (G-R) law. Here, we investigated the deviation of the magnitude distributions from the G–R law for twelve earthquake sequences of anthropogenic seismicity, accessible on the “EPISODES” platform of EPOS Thematic Core Service Anthropogenic Hazards (<https://tcs.ah-epos.eu/>). The sequences include earthquakes induced by reservoir impoundment and hydraulic injection, as well as acoustic emissions induced by repetitive cooling cycles. We examined the magnitude distributions of space–time clusters of seismicity following variations of the inducing processes, ensuring the stationarity of the seismic process by appropriate temporal window selection. Subsequently, we assessed the deviation from the G–R law via the Anderson – Darling test.

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Waiting times distribution for fluid-injection induced seismicity

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Waiting times distributions between successive earthquakes have extensively been studied to provide insights into the physical mechanism of seismogenesis and to effectively assess seismic hazard. While in tectonic seismicity the waiting times distribution is well-defined as the superposition of Omori-like aftershock sequences on correlated and/or random background activity, in induced seismicity associated with fluid-injections in the subsurface, the underlying physical mechanism remains ambiguous. Herein, we analyze the waiting times distributions in various cases of fluid-injection induced seismicity in deep geothermal reservoirs, as in the Cooper Basin (Australia), Basel (Switzerland), Soultz-sous-Forêts (France) and Espoo (Finland). In all cases that we study, the probability densities of waiting times present broad distributions with asymptotic power-law behavior, indicating clustering effects at intermediate and long-time scales. At short-time scales, however, clustering effects in most of the cases are either weak or absent, suggesting that seismic clustering due to aftershocks is missing. In the Habanero field (Cooper Basin), on the other hand, short-term clustering is also present, implying the interplay of various physical mechanisms in the evolution of induced seismicity. The observed scaling behaviour, in all the cases, can well be described with a stochastic model that incorporates nonstationarities and memory effects in the evolution of seismicity, contrasting a random Poisson process.

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The QuakeMatch Toolbox: Using waveform similarity to enhance the analysis of microearthquake sequences at Swiss geothermal projects

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Activation of a natural fault zone in the BedrettoLab

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Investigating seismic repeater and (a)seismic fault dynamics using fiber optics in the Garpenberg ore mine, Sweden – FIMOPTIC project

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Exploring the potential of surface monitoring networks for induced seismicity in the Utah FORGE geothermal project

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S09a - Earthquake Ground Motion and Seismic Hazard

Developing and Implementing an International Macroseismic Scale (IMS) for Earthquake Engineering, Earthquake Science, and Rapid Damage Assessment

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S09a - Earthquake Ground Motion and Seismic Hazard

Utilization of crowdsourced macroseismic observations to distinguish “high-impact” from “low-impact” earthquakes globally within minutes of an event

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Rapid assessment of an earthquake’s impact on the affected society is a crucial first step of disaster management, determining further emergency measures. We demonstrate that macroseismic observations, collected as felt reports via the LastQuake service of the European Mediterranean Seismological Center, can be utilized to estimate the probability of a felt earthquake to have a “high impact” rather than a “low impact” on the affected population on a global scale. In our fully data-driven, transparent, and reproducible approach we compare the distribution of felt reports to documented earthquake impact in terms of economic losses, number of fatalities, and number of damaged or destroyed buildings. Using the distribution of felt-reports as predictive parameters and an impact measure as the target parameter, we infer a probabilistic model utilizing Bayes’ theorem and Kernel Density Estimation, that provides the probability of an earthquake to be “high impact”. For 393 felt events in 2021, a sufficient number of felt reports to run the model is collected within 10 minutes after the earthquake. While a clean separation of “high-impact” and “low-impact” events remains a challenging task, unambiguous identification of many “low-impact” events in our dataset is identified as a key strength of our approach. We consider our method a complementary and inexpensive impact assessment tools, that can be utilized instantly in all populated areas on the planet, with the necessary technological infrastructure. Being fully independent of seismic data, our framework poses an affordable option to support disaster management in regions that currently lack expensive seismic instrumentation.

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Semi-realtime scenario fault estimation judged by ground motion time histories

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The shallow Mw 4.9 2019 Le Teil earthquake, France: Main ground motion features highlighted by comparison with ground motion models

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On November 11th, 2019, a moderate M_w 4.9 earthquake occurred in Le Teil in the southeast of France, inducing significant damage (VIII on the EMS98 intensity scale in some localities). This moderate earthquake occurred at a very shallow depth of 1-2 km and induced a surface rupture up to 15 cm uplift. Good quality recordings of this earthquake are available at numerous stations well distributed around the epicentre, with the nearest station 8 km from the rupture. These recordings were analysed to highlight any specific ground motion features related to the shallow depth of the earthquake with a focus on the residuals between observations and ground motion model predictions. The first trend emerging from the residual analysis is that observations are higher than predictions at 0.5 Hz and on the contrary, they are lower above 5 Hz. Looking at the spatial distribution of residuals, we highlight that their amplitude is closely related to their location. For example, at high frequencies, residuals are lower for sites in the southeast of France, which is consistent to the first order with regional attenuation maps. Source properties and regional geological characteristics could also be explored to explain the residual amplitudes in different frequency ranges. Finally, different phenomena could be involved to explain residuals, but it is not straightforward to conclude that one factor is dominant.

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Comparison of various ground-motion prediction equations with the 2019 Mw6.4 Durres, Albania, earthquake

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Developing international standards and guidelines for curating, disseminating, and validating simulated earthquake ground-motion data

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The BELSHAKE database of earthquake ground motion in Belgium

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Moment-Magnitude Definition for Pan-European Shallow Crustal Earthquakes: Impact on Fourier Ground-Motion Variability

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Towards a reduction of the high-frequency uncertainty of ground-motion-models: Inventory of insufficiently taken into account phenomena that disturb seismic record

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Using mixed-effects regression to derive site-specific kappa from regional data; Applications to Turkey and California

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Obtaining site effect-free hard-rock time series in Japan from the generalized inversion technique

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Toward a regionalized ground motion model for shaking scenarios in Italy

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Several studies, conducted over the last 20 years, have shown that ground motion in Italy is characterized by a strong regional variability and, in particular, tectonic and geological factors play key roles in the definition of the observed differences. In the early 2000s, several researches (Castro et al. 1999, Malagnini et al., 2000; 2002) were focused on conducting systematic studies of the regionalization in Italy using local dataset of small magnitude recordings of the seismic sequences that occurred in Italy in the early instrumental epoch.

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Non-ergodic ground-motion model for path effects due to 3-D velocity structure

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Incorporation of non-ergodic path effects into ground-motion models for Japan

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In current approaches for developing non-ergodic ground-motion models (GMMs), the non-ergodic path effect is through the cell-specific linear-distance scaling (Dawood & Rodriguez-Marek, 2010) that mimics the effects from a 2-D Q structure, but the significant Q effects on the ground-motion amplitudes are mainly limited to short-period ground motion at large distances. The path effects due to 3-D velocity structures are not captured by the cell-specific distance scaling approach. In this study, we adopt the new methodology from Sung et al. (2023) and Lacour et al. (2023) to estimate the spatial distribution of non-ergodic path effects using residuals from the Morikawa and Fujiwara (2013) GMM to model path effects related to 3-D velocity structures using the varying coefficient model (VCM). The epistemic uncertainty of the non-ergodic term is given by the posterior distribution in the VCM, which is small in regions with data and large in regions with sparse data. The dataset is from the dense strong-motion observation networks in Japan (e.g., K-NET and KiK-net). The standard deviation of non-ergodic path terms is approximately 0.15 LN units when only considering 2-D Q path terms, whereas the standard deviation is much larger (about 0.30-0.35 LN units) if both Q and 3-D velocity structure non-ergodic terms are included. Fully non-ergodic models lead to an aleatory variance of residuals for GMMs that is reduced by 40-70% compared to ergodic GMMs. The combined effect of the shift in the median with the reduced aleatory variability can significantly affect seismic hazard calculations for the Japan region.

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A Bayesian update of ESHM20 ground-motion model for France

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The ESHM20 ground-motion model (GMM) is developed using the pan-European Engineering Strong-Motion (ESM) dataset, and is applicable for earthquakes of $3 < M_w \leq 7.4$. This model accounts for regional variability of path and source effects via regionally adjustable anelastic attenuation and offset components, respectively, in its functional form. In low-moderate seismicity regions, such as France and Germany, events with lower M_w s and paths of slower crustal attenuation could be of interest in seismic hazard assessments. For this purpose, we have performed a Bayesian update of the ESHM20 GMM using the French RESIF-RAP dataset containing ground-motion data from $2 < M_w \leq 5.5$ earthquakes. This procedure extends the GMM's applicability to smaller earthquakes and apparently slower attenuating regions of France. The updated GMM, however, predicts larger median ground-motions with a larger aleatory variability – which together would aggravate the hazard estimates in France (compared to ESHM20). Here, we present our approach, outcome, and understanding of these systemic changes in GMM coefficients and predictions following the Bayesian update. Revision of attenuation regionalisation model of France and moment-magnitude estimates of French earthquakes are in process, and may help evaluate the procedure. We anticipate that such checks and refinements would become necessary before adapting the ESHM20 GMM in seismic hazard assessments of other low-moderate seismicity regions of pan-Europe.

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Machine Learning based Estimator for ground Shaking maps applied to the Los Angeles basin region

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Large earthquakes are among the most destructive natural phenomena. Fast estimation of the ground shaking intensities is a crucial task for hazard assessment after a large earthquake occurs.

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To set up the MLESmap technology, we used simulated ground motions from CyberShake Study 15.4, a physics-based Probabilistic Seismic Hazard model for Southern California at 1 Hz. In particular, this CyberShake study is focused on the Los Angeles basin region. Los Angeles sits on top of large sedimentary basins. These soft foundations can amplify the amount of damaging shaking these cities experience during an earthquake. Our approach (i.e. simulate, train, deploy) can help produce the next generation of ground shake maps, capturing physical information from wave propagation (directivity, topography, site effects) at the velocity of simple empirical GMPEs. In this work, we will present the MLESmap workflow and its application in the Los Angeles region as a use case.

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Predicting time-histories using machine learning and hybrid-datasets (simulations and observations).

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Prediction of ground motion in South Korea based on hybrid broadband ground motion simulation

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Korea is in a stable continental region (SCR), where large earthquakes do not occur frequently. However, Korea has suffered from infrequent yet damaging earthquakes in the past. Among the instrumented earthquakes, the largest was the 2016 M5.5 Gyeongju earthquake. The 2017 M5.4 Pohang earthquake was the second largest; but it was the most damaging one, due to its proximity to urban areas, shallow hypocentral depth of 5km, and the amplification of ground motions due to the dynamic response of the Pohang basin.

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Ground Motion Variability from Simulation Perspective

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Statistical analysis of source, path, and site spectra of S waves recorded at the S-net sites using spectral inversion technique

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S-net is a large-scale seafloor network in the Japan Trench area, consisting of inline-type 150 observatories with seismometers and pressure gauges. We analyzed the strong-motion data recorded at the S-net sites from earthquakes with magnitudes between about 4 and 7 with focal depths lower than 70 km. To minimize the effects of nonlinear site response and weak-couplings between the seabed and sensor houses, recordings with vector peak accelerations lower than 50 gals were selected. More than 6,000 recordings with high S/N ratios from about 600 earthquakes were used. Using the spectral inversion technique, we obtained some fundamental properties of the earthquake source spectra, path attenuation, and site factors from the horizontal-component S-wave portions of the recordings. The source spectra followed ω^{-2}

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Measuring nonlinear soil-behavior systematically at KiK-net sites in Japan and correlating with geological and geotechnical indicators

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Earthquake ground-shaking recorded at the surface is influenced by local site conditions. At stiff sites and for small ground motions, this soil response behaves linearly, at soft sites and for larger ground motions, however, the site effects starts to become nonlinear. The complex phenomena of nonlinear site-amplification remain a challenge in seismic hazard assessment, mainly because there are still few recorded observations. In this study we use the comprehensive Japanese KiK-net network to systematically capture the empirical effects of nonlinear soil response. Here the nonlinear soil-response is measured in the stations' surface-to-borehole ratios as the change in amplitude and shift in frequency between strong-motion events and the linear site-response. We then derive station-specific parameters for nonlinearity using the measurements for each station and explore the correlation between the station nonlinearity and a selection of geotechnical and geological parameters. Our results show that finding site parameters suitable for predicting nonlinear site-effects remain challenging as the nonlinear soil-behavior is largely site specific.

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Using the predominant frequency of earthquake records as a tool to reveal nonlinear site response

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Nonlinear site response, which occurs when the soil strength is affected by the amplitude of the incident wavefield, is of primary interest in seismic risk assessment due to its effects in strong ground motion prediction. Nonlinear soil behavior is widely been studied mainly using laboratory experiments. However, it is still difficult to detect nonlinear site response in seismic records, in particular, in the absence of a nearby reference site. In this article, we introduce the use of the predominant frequency to characterize nonlinear effects in earthquake data recorded in Japan (KiK-net), California (DesignSafe) and Italy (ESM) regions. The principle follows the fact that nonlinear effects produce a shift of the frequency content in acceleration time histories. Traditionally, this is expected at the fundamental resonance. However, we show that the predominant frequency is more sensitive due to its higher frequency value. Moreover, the predominant frequency indicates the frequency band where a site is more responsive to the incident wavefield, which may further contribute to a higher seismic hazard. Using this method to study multiple events in seismic stations help deriving the spatial distribution of possible nonlinear effects inside a given seismic network. These observations are expected to provide much more relevance to studies of earthquake engineering and hazard analysis in the future.

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Comparing recent seismic hazard models against European ground motion data: Insights, opportunities, and challenges

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Seismicity, seismotectonics, and seismic hazard assessment for Western Mexico

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Western Mexico is characterized by a complex seismotectonic setting, exposing the interaction among four tectonic plates. This region suffered several damaging earthquakes in the past, and subduction earthquakes occurring along the Mexican subduction zone have been also strongly felt. Consequently, this area is highly exposed to future earthquakes that may cause significant damage.

Herein, we assessed the seismic hazard in terms of PGA and SA values, for a 10% and 5% probability of exceedance in 50 years, for B, B/C and C NEHRP soil classes. To conduct such assessment, an updated earthquake catalog, as well as a focal mechanism database, were compiled for this work. In addition, two alternative seismic source models were considered in the assessment, within a logic tree scheme, each model covering the potential seismic sources in and around the studied region: shallow crustal, subduction interplate and intraplate earthquakes. The designed logic tree has also included other parameters: the Gutenberg-Richter *b*-value, the maximum expected magnitude, and the ground-motion attenuation models for the subduction seismic sources.

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Seismicity and seismic hazard assessment in West Africa

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Underestimation of catalog-based seismic hazard analysis versus deformation-based seismic hazard analysis: A case study of Azerbaijan province, Iran

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Multi-hazard risk-informed decision-support system: A case study in Oslo, Norway

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An updated exposure model for the City of Johannesburg, South Africa

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Johannesburg city is one of the most advanced commercial cities in Africa and the engine room of the South African and regional economy. It is a city with world-class infrastructure in the fields of telecommunications, transportation, water and power, and with globally-competitive health care and educational facilities. However, the city is also one of contrasts, home to both the wealthy and poor, residents and refugees, global corporations and emerging enterprises. Though, several moderate to large earthquakes have occurred throughout South Africa, yet few comprehensive exposure models exist for the country. The high population growth and rapid pace of urbanization within the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) entails a significant potential for increased economic and human losses in the event of a damaging earthquake. This study introduces a new exposure model using national datasets with a uniform approach across the municipality. The exposure model was derived with ward level statistics. This refined spatial resolution allows the model to reflect a population distribution within each ward and thereby better characterize the potential risk to earthquakes and allow identification of disaster risk hotspots. The results indicate the current concentrations of building stock in CoJ. This study provides an updated exposure model towards the probabilistic seismic risk assessment for the CoJ which involves the estimation of the probability of damage and losses resulting from potential future earthquakes. This damage and loss might occur to buildings, infrastructure, people or even the environment. The exposure model in this study covers the population, residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

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Digital platform to assess risk to natural hazards in Mexico city, Mexico

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To build disaster resilience, the National Autonomous University of Mexico and the Mexico City's Secretariat of Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation, supported a project to develop a digital platform to assess risk to natural hazards in Mexico City. This platform is based on a Geographical Information System (GIS) and its main purpose is to identify the associated risk to the following natural hazards: earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, mass movement processes, forest fires, and land subsidence. Besides characterizing the local hazards for different return periods, social vulnerability was determined using thirteen indicators from data of the 2010 Mexican Census of Population and Housing. We recognize social vulnerability as those social conditions that make a community susceptible to be damaged by a hazard and it is an inherent characteristic of society. Population and critical facilities (hospitals, schools, telecommunications, etc.) were considered as exposed elements. "Social risk" is expressed using a qualitative spatial multi-criteria evaluation technique by superimposing the calculated GIS's raster of the social vulnerability over individual hazard rasters. The resulting values measure the "*likelihood of risk*". Both, vulnerability and hazard, were classified into five categories with values from 1 to 5, where 1 is low and 5 very high. As a result, we obtain a meshing array that reflects the likelihood of social risk for specific hazards. The main purpose of this tool is to provide local authorities elements for land use regulations and urban development by strengthening their prevention and mitigation actions.

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Seismic loss assessment sensitivity study based on building-specific exposure models

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Coulomb stress transfer of the June 22nd, 1939 Accra earthquake (M=6.5) Ghana-an implication for the gravity inferred lineaments

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Earthquake-Induced Landslide Hazard Assessment of Uttarkashi using Analytical Approach

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Towards Exposure-Centered Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment: A Case Study For The Adriatic

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A quantitative framework for assessing physical damage and recovery dynamics from consecutive hazards

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The framework is tested through a series of real and virtual case studies, demonstrating its applicability. Observing real scenarios allows the assessment of socioeconomic and institutional factors influencing the single and multi-hazard recovery process. By incorporating dynamic analysis into the recovery phase, we can offer decision-makers a comprehensive understanding of the impacts caused by compound and consecutive events.

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on exposed assets, such as buildings or critical infrastructures, over time. The proposed framework covers both cases of compound and consecutive hazards. Specifically, in the "overlapping spatial impacts with residual and subsequent damage" scenario, the framework considers the reduction in exposure value, modification of vulnerability, and recovery dynamics. A sensitivity analysis has been conducted to evaluate how the duration of recovery and its functional shape (linear, exponential, and logarithmic) affect the asset's resilience.

The framework is tested through a series of real and virtual case studies, demonstrating its applicability. Observing real scenarios allows the assessment of socioeconomic and institutional factors influencing the single and multi-hazard recovery process. By incorporating dynamic analysis into the recovery phase, we can offer decision-makers a comprehensive understanding of the impacts caused by compound and consecutive events.

S10c - Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment

Scenario-based multi-hazard risk assessment from existing single-hazard fragility models. An application to residential building portfolios subjected to consecutive hazards

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The earthquake fatality potency and load by country

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S11a - Site Response in Urban Areas

Perspectives on the state of practice in site characterization for site response analyses

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I present perspectives on the use of noninvasive single- and multi-station site characterization methods and their impact on estimating site response, including the so-called double “A”s inherent within site effects phenomena: amplification and attenuation. I describe the current state of knowledge and practice using traditional independent array-based techniques through results from the 2015–2021 Consortium of Organizations for Strong Motion Observation System (COSMOS) Site Characterization Project (Yong *et al.*, 2022)[1]. I also compare results for *S*-wave velocity (V_S) profiles from single-station methods—such as the earthquake horizontal-to-vertical spectral ratio (eHVSr; Nagashima *et al.*, 2014)[2] technique—against those by traditional approaches (Stephenson *et al.*, 2022)[3]. Through recent investigations, including results by Asten *et al.* (2022)[4], I propose optimal procedures for applying single-station and array-based methods to acquire: V_{S30} , the time-averaged V_S of the upper 30 meters, and the fundamental (f_0) and dominant (f_d) site frequencies. For V_{S30} , I show that V_{R40} , the Rayleigh-wave phase velocity at the 40 m wavelength, is suitable to estimate V_{S30} for the majority of cases encountered. Through our Wang *et al.* (2023)[5] article, I show how selections of f_0 or f_d are affected by analyst bias and propose how to address such uncertainty. Finally, I discuss the importance of measuring the site *S*-wave quality factor (Q_S) as described by our Parolai *et al.* (2022)[6] review paper, and propose methods that will advance the current practice towards a more accurate understanding of the two “A”s of site effects.

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Using single-station six-component measurements and numerical simulations for site response estimation in Munich, Germany

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Use of machine learning to predict seismic site amplification of shallow bedrock sites

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Urban Noise Tomography in Athens, Greece, using Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)

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Reexamination of the subsurface velocity structure and estimation of amplification factor of Yangon, Myanmar estimated from microtremor data

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In order to understand the subsurface velocity structure of the city of Yangon, Myanmar, microtremor observations were conducted in and around the city. Data was obtained during the period of 2015 to 2018. Triangular array observations were conducted at seven locations within the study area in order to estimate the phase velocity and the velocity structure at each location. On the other hand, in order to estimate the depth distribution of the subsurface layers, single-station observation was conducted at over 150 sites to obtain Microtremor horizontal-to-vertical spectral ratios (MHVRs) (Hirokawa et al., 2016; Matsushita et al., 2018).

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Local seismic zonation by cluster and correlation analysis.

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Set up interpolation scheme techniques to map site amplifications at local scale from seismological and geophysical data

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Estimation of the seismic amplification factors from the GMMs between-station residuals

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S11b - Site Response in Urban Areas

Towards building-site-specific T–H relationships: The FRIBAS database

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Site response in urban areas is influenced by the presence of buildings and their interactions with the soil. The simplified dynamic response of buildings, and especially their fundamental period of vibration, can be determined by empirical characterization. However, a large variability is observed between buildings located at different sites, even if they belong to the same building typology. Our study focuses on the impact of the main characteristics of buildings (i.e., the construction materials) and soil (i.e., rigid or soft), and thus soil-structure interaction, on the structural response of buildings. For this purpose, the main characteristics of 312 buildings (constructed of reinforced concrete, unreinforced masonry or mixed materials) and their associated foundation soils were collected from different surveys in southern and northern Italy and published in an open-access database called FRIBAS (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6505442>). It contains a total of 37 parameters, such as different structural and geometrical characteristics of the building (e.g., construction material, number of floors, shape) and soil properties (e.g., outcropping geology). Moreover, the fundamental vibration periods of the buildings and soil were estimated using the Horizontal-to-Vertical spectral ratio from ambient vibration measurements. FRIBAS gave us the opportunity to investigate the influence of construction materials and soil types on building periods. Our results suggest that a general T-H relationship is not sufficient, but that it is necessary to develop building-site-specific T-H relationships. FRIBAS is a fully public database that allows the entire scientific community to analyze the influence of various building and soil properties on the dynamic behavior of buildings.

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Insights into Subduction Zone coupling from the 2020 - 2021 Alaska (Shumagin) earthquake sequence

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Characterizing the foreshock, main shock, and aftershock sequences of the recent major earthquakes in Southern Alaska

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Historical earthquakes, rupture zones and the earthquake cycle along the East Anatolian Fault

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The region of the East Anatolian Fault (EAF) experienced several strong earthquakes during the instrumental period of seismology, i.e. after AD 1900. However, the devastating earthquake (Mw7.8) of 6 February 2023, that ruptured along the EAF, is the first to occur with such a large magnitude in that time interval. Then, some questions of fundamental importance for the earthquake cycle in the EAF raise. When earthquakes of similarly large magnitudes occurred in the past? Which segments of the EAF ruptured? What is the mean repeat time of the large EAF earthquakes? To respond to such challenging issues we organized a data base of historical earthquakes that caused significant damage in the region of EAF and assigned macroseismic intensities in terms of MMI scale. Earthquake magnitudes were calculated from empirical magnitude/intensity relationships. Mapping of lateral rupture zones along the EAF was based on higher degree isoseismal curves (e.g. degree VIII) and on evidence of surface-fault traces and other ground failures. Preliminary results showed that rupture zones of the large magnitude earthquakes abut and do not overlap, while the repeat times are of the order of several hundred years.

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The ISC Seismic Event Bibliography: An asset for studying recent earthquakes

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Analysis on the seismogenic structure of the 5 September 2022 Ms6.8 Sichuan Luding earthquake sequence, China

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Role of Poroelasticity and Viscoelasticity during the Postseismic Deformation of the 2021 Mw 7.4 Maduo, China, Earthquake

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Velocity contrast along the rupture zone of the 2022 Mw6.8 Luding, China, earthquake with fault zone head wave

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Joshimath landslides and subsidence 2023 in Uttarakhand Himalaya: A critical geological analysis and a lesson for sustainable development

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The tourist town of Joshimath in the west of Indian Himalayas, is bounded by NNW-SSE Munsiri Thrust in the north and Main Central Thrust Faults in the south. The study of tectonic structural configuration indicates that these two faults caused differential fragmentation of Joshimath slab. Like many other parts of a young mountain building system, the town is prone to various types of landslides, subsidence, slope failures, avalanches, debris and mud flows. The surface geological materials are composed of heterogeneous piedmont deposits in northern slope of the mountain facet, consisting of weathered boulders of gneisses and schistose rocks amalgamated with silty-sandy matrix. This study finds that the Alakananda River strongly smack the north-east foothill of Joshimath cliff from the north and cause severe scour, erosion of the ground and infiltration of running water before merging into a structurally controlled vertical gorge. The remaining volume of water is carried out by Dhauliganga river. The existence of number of active NS trending short gravitational (Normal) faults and deep fractures in the east and west side of the Joshimath town, caused northward slip of the Joshimath slab. Our mathematical modelling suggest that tensile stresses generated in compressive thrust wedge under low friction on boundary thrust of wedge causes shallow subsidence. Unplanned construction activities and inconsistent modification of natural topography add on to the impact of natural degradation and damages urban structures. A planned urban construction consistent with geological and geomorphological environment and aligned to the seismic and meteorological conditions is recommended in Himalayas.

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Newly discovered faults in Indonesia revealed by recent destructive earthquakes

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Diverse Rupture Characteristics between the 2023 M_w 7.8 and M_w 7.5 Turkey Earthquakes

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Rupture processes of the 2023 Türkiye earthquake sequence: Main- and aftershocks

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The complex initial rupture of the 2023 Mw 7.8 earthquake in Turkey

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Two earthquakes struck eastern Turkey and caused severe damage on 6th February 2023. The magnitudes are Mw7.8 and Mw7.7, respectively. The rupture processes of the two earthquakes are significantly different. The Mw7.8 earthquake has a gradual initial rupture, resulting in a longer duration time. In addition, the epicenter is located at a small branch.

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Analysis of the ground motions and felt intensity during the February 6 earthquakes in Southeastern Turkey

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Near source adjustment factors versus 2023 Turkish strong-motion records

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The 2023 Kahramanmaras (Turkey) earthquake sequence (Mw 7.8, 7.6): Coseismic and interseismic results from Active faulting, InSAR and GPS

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Fault slip distribution in the February 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquake sequence from Sentinel-1 and ALOS-2 image offsets

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Unique insight into the Feb 6 2023 Turkiye earthquake sequence from GNSS geodesy

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AgLoc: Acoustic-GNSS Location Methods for Earthquake First Responders

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Rapid and high-resolution damage proxy maps from space observations combined with building data from volunteer mapping

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Seismicity before and after the 2023 M7.8 and M7.5 earthquake sequence in Turkey: A preliminary report

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Syrian ground surface manifestations of the February 6, 2023- Kahramanmaras, Turkey M7.8 Earthquake

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The 6 February 2023 Türkiye Earthquakes: Insights for the European Seismic Hazard and Risk Models

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The February 6th 2023 earthquake doublet in SE Türkiye: Spatio-temporal preparatory process and fault structure from an enhanced seismicity catalog

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Predictability of great earthquakes: the 06 February 2023 M7.8 and M7.5 couple in Turkey

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The 06 February 2023 Turkiye earthquake and tsunami in Eastern Mediterranean, performance of coastal structures in the Gulf of Iskenderun

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The earthquake (Mw=7.7) on 06 February 2023 (01:17 UTC) in Kahramanmaras, Turkiye caused a tsunami in the Eastern Mediterranean despite its strike-slip characteristic and epicenter (37.1123N 37.1195E) ~90 km inland. The earthquake ruptured at a shallow depth (~5) striking about NE-SW on the East Anatolian fault zone and having a devastating impact in southeastern Turkiye. Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Center (KOERI), which is one of the Tsunami Service Providers of the UNESCO IOC NEAMTWS issued four tsunami messages with a tsunami warning 15 min after the earthquake with expected tsunami amplitudes more than 0.5 m. The generated tsunami was recorded at four tide gauge stations, (Iskenderun-Arsuz, Erdemli, Gazimagusa (Famagusta), and Girne (Kerinya) in the Eastern Mediterranean. The recorded water level fluctuations were analyzed after detiding to extract the arrival time of the wave and its profile. For the assessment of the 06 February 2023 tsunami, numerical simulations were performed using the tsunami numerical model NAMI DANCE to understand the generation mechanism and possible location. It is important to identify those features for future preparedness in the area. This small-scale tsunami has been an important reminder in this regard and a test for the effective working of the early warning system. A field survey was also performed on 11-13 February 2023 to investigate the tsunami traces, conduct eyewitness interviews and coastal structure performance evaluation. The simulations are repeated using the survey findings and the modeling results are compared with the measurements. The results will be presented with discussions.

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SimplETAS: a reference earthquake forecasting model

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3D-ETAS model with depth-dependent trigger potential

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In the past decades, the Epidemic Type Aftershock Sequence (ETAS) model has been widely used for describing the occurrence and clustering of earthquakes in space and time. Because of large depth uncertainties in the past, this model is two-dimensional and uses only epicentral information. Current earthquake catalogs provide high-precision depth values that contain valuable information. Thus, we extend the spatiotemporal ETAS model to 3D versions exploiting the full hypocentral information of earthquake catalogs by incorporating a depth-dependent kernel into the trigger function. To explore its most appropriate parametric form, we first examine different triggering functions for the depth difference of the aftershock-mainshock pairs identified by the Nearest-Neighbor (NN) method, showing that a magnitude-dependent power-law kernel fits best the earthquakes data in Southern California. Therefore, in order to incorporate the earthquakes' depth information in the ETAS model, we extend the established 2D spatial power-law kernel by using hypocentral instead of epicentral distances. Furthermore, in our extended 3D-ETAS model, we consider space-dependent background activity, where we additionally allow for depth-dependent aftershock productivity. A first application to data from Southern California shows a good performance of the 3D model. We also find that the aftershock productivity strongly depends on depth, similar to the seismic moment released by the mainshocks, which may be related to depth-dependent seismic coupling.

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Long-term recurrence pattern and stress transfer along the Kefalonia Transform Fault Zone (KTFZ), Greece: Implications in seismic hazard evaluation

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Enhancement of medium-term earthquake forecasting in New Zealand by incorporating strain-rate into the EEPAS model

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New insights from the Collaboratory for the Study of Earthquake Predictability (CSEP)

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Application of an adaptive Bayesian spatio-temporal aftershock forecasting workflow on the 2023 southern Turkey seismic Sequence

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Future scenarios for induced seismicity at the Groningen gas field, Netherlands

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Estimating numbers of fatalities in likely future earthquakes

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Seismic hazard parameters inferred from earthquake catalogues with time-varying completeness

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Forecasting earthquakes in the United States from short to long timescales

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Developing guidance to communicate global aftershock forecasts

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Earthquake forecasting in New Zealand: Past, present and future

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We investigate earthquake potential of megathrust earthquakes in Peru based on the interseismic coupling model at the subduction interface (ISC) (Villegas-Lanza et al. 2016). Northern Peru displays a shallow and weak ISC, whereas Central and Southern Peru are highly coupled. Recent studies in the Nankai-Tonankai subduction region in Japan indicate that slip deficit regions do not directly reflect the local frictional strength characteristics controlling fault slip behavior at the plate interface (Noda et al. 2021). Therefore, to investigate the necessary conditions for megathrust earthquake generation we calculate the difference between accumulated strain energy during the interseismic period, with fault fracture energy (G), for a given slip scenario. A scenario cannot occur unless the accumulated strain energy exceeds G . To calculate G we use a scaling between average fault slip and G for subduction interface earthquakes, obtained from the NEIC global dataset of finite fault slip rupture models (Hayes et al. 2017), and the 2D finite width slip dynamic rupture model (Pulido 2022).

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Assessing seismicity and magnitude distributions for NE Brazil earthquake catalog for Seismic Hazard Analysis purpose

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Spatiotemporal analysis of background seismicity identified by different declustering methods

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Quantifying the probability and uncertainty of multiple-structure rupture and its recurrence intervals for Taiwan

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Impacts of uncertainties in fault network geometry on a physics-based earthquake simulator

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Tsunami threat estimation from physics-based earthquake simulators. Application to the Carboneras Fault, Western Mediterranean.

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Development of seismic process before the M 8.3 Illapel, Chile, 2015 Earthquake observed in an equivalent dimension space

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New clues for seismic hazard from statistical properties of seismicity, rheology and tectonics

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Complex ground deformation of the 2016 Mw 6.5 central Italy earthquake influenced by the geological structures and seismicity distribution

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Estimating the background stress fields in the source region of the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake based on shear strain energy

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Tectonic Geomorphology in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), South Africa: Active faulting background for the 31/12/1932, MW 6.9 earthquake

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Active shear system in Southern Egypt: New insights from sin el-kaddab area, SW aswan

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Numerous active shear systems can easily be detected in the Eastern and Western Deserts (ED & WD) of Egypt. The Nubia Shear System (NSS) is an eye-catching structural feature in the extreme southern part of the WD. The NSS is typified by two main trends; E-W and N-S. Propagation of shearing along both trends resulted in the formation of different styles of shear zone-related folding reflecting transtensional and transpressional regimes. The present work is an integrated field/structural and seismological approach aiming to decipher the recent activity and seismic hazard potentiality of the NSS. Several lines of evidence indicate recent activity including topographic expression and intensive degree of shearing, and severe fragmentation and pulverization. Such activity led to low to moderate earthquakes with magnitude up to 5.6 ML. The full moment tensor inversion, which was decomposed it into three parts Isotropic (ISO), Double Couple (DC) and Compensated Linear Vector Dipole (CLVD), offers further information about the NSS. The obtained complete focal mechanism for the whole district is characterized by non-DC components which have been represented by ISO and CLVD with average value 22.2 % and 34.4 % respectively, and DC components with average value of 39.1 %. The focal mechanism solutions (FMS) for earthquakes in the concerned area demonstrate two nodal E- to ENE- trending planes, with subordinate right-lateral strike-slip component, and N- to NNW- trending planes, with left-lateral strike-slip component. The directions of tectonic extension (T) and compression (P) are NNE-SSW and NNW-SSE, respectively.

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S15a - Boundary Layers in Earth's Mantle: Origin, Structure, and Influence on Convection

Resolving dynamic and chemical features of the lowermost mantle from global seismic tomography

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We apply a variety of statistical and machine learning techniques to elucidate the key 1-D and 3-D features of Earth's lowermost mantle as imaged by seismic tomography. Multiple observables are required to break the trade-off between temperature, composition and mineral phase changes. Using bulk and shear wave speeds we can distinguish lateral and vertical variations in silica content and place a broad constraint on the temperature. Including density allows us to further resolve variations in iron content and place a tighter constraint on the temperature. Globally, the base of the mantle appears to be enriched in SiO₂ compared to the overlying mantle. We demonstrate that the large low shear velocity provinces (LLSVPs) are more likely to be enriched in post-perovskite than their surroundings, and that dense piles at the base of the LLSVPs are likely enriched in both iron and silica.

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On the Extended Transition Zone Beneath Ocean Basins

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In the last 10 years, global seismic tomographic models have shown that some subducting slabs pond in the extended upper mantle transition zone (ETZ, between 660 and 1000 km depth), as do most “fat” plumes that originate at the core-mantle boundary. These plumes extend quasi-vertically across the lower mantle, but have more complicated pathways in the upper mantle, where they are more difficult to resolve, since these plumes become thinner, likely due to a lower ambient viscosity. Recent results from full waveform tomography in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans show a variety of behaviors in the ETZ, with plumes meandering towards hotspot volcanoes at the earth’s surface, and in the process, ponding at different depths in the upper mantle. Rarely does a plume extend vertically into the deep mantle directly beneath a hotspot. This is also the case beneath some well resolved continental plumes such as Yellowstone.

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Examination of double seismic discontinuities at the base of the mantle transition zone beneath the northern Japan

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Detection of sharp upper mantle discontinuities across North America: Silencing sediment reverberation and crustal multiples

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A kilometre-scale mantle basal layer? An assessment using seismic data of different frequencies

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The topography of the 660-km discontinuity beneath the Kuril-Kamchatka revealed by dense SdP observations and its geodynamic significance

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The upper mantle and the transition zone under Peru and Chile

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Global observations of regional-scale discontinuities in Earth's upper mantle associated with thermochemical heterogeneity

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Modes of long-term forearc deformation in the Northern Chile subduction zone from earthquake source mechanisms

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Evidence of phase transformation of material within subducting slab in Hindukush-Pamir Himalaya region: A paradigm shift through b-value mapping

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The Hindukush- Pamir Himalaya region is one of the most active orogenic regions of the world having complex and peculiar tectonics, experienced several large to great earthquakes in the past. The area 25⁰-40⁰N and 65⁰-85⁰E, have been considered for b-value mapping. A homogeneous and complete seismicity database with cut-off magnitude $M_s \geq 4.0$ has been prepared for the period 1853 to Oct. 10, 2005 from different existing sources. The a and b-values for the study region G-R relationship ($\log N = a - b M$) has been estimated. In order to map a and b-values the most complete seismicity database for $M_s \geq 4.0$ during the period 1963 to Oct. 10, 2005 has been used. The a and b-value has been estimated by maximum likelihood method using spaced grids of 0.50 X 0.50 with 50 to 200 nearest earthquakes and considering spatial variation of M_c . The spatial variation of 'a' value ranges from a low of 5.20 to as high as 8.51 and b-value ranges from a low of 0.7 to as high as 1.5. The Low b- value regions infer as the growing stress regime releasing larger magnitude earthquakes while high b value indicates increased crustal heterogeneity and low stress buildup with continued stress release through numerous smaller magnitude earthquakes. The b value varies as a function of depth suggest a random distribution of low to high b-value showing the heterogamous crustal structure beneath it. However, in subduction zones which may indicates a phase transformation of material in subducting slab.

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Seismogenic characterization of Colombian Caribbean and its implication over regional tectonics

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A detailed analysis of stress variations of the Gulf of Gökova and its surroundings

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Hamiltonian Monte Carlo Inversion of Groningen Earthquake Sources

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Located in the northern part of the Netherlands, the Groningen gas field is one of the largest gas fields in Europe and is known as an earthquake-prone area for induced seismicity. The prolonged gas extraction in the area have been pointed out as the main cause of the earthquakes. While many studies have indicated that the earthquakes mainly originated from the reservoir layer, several latest studies show the possibility that the majority of the earthquakes nucleated just above the reservoir layers. In this study, we investigate the possibility of the latter hypothesis as well as the main mechanisms of the Groningen earthquakes. To do that, we applied an efficient probabilistic algorithm, the Hamiltonian Monte Carlo algorithm. The aim is to estimate ten earthquake source parameters. Those are the moment tensor (six components), hypocenter (three coordinate components), and origin time. Having the probabilistic estimates of the parameters, we then compare them with the reservoir map of Groningen to asses the pre-described hypothesis. We also used the fault map of the Groningen subsurface to see the match between the mechanisms we obtained and the orientation of the mapped subsurface faults. Additionally, we also compare our results with several related research from the area. In the end, we found that there is indeed a high probability of earthquakes nucleated just above the reservoir level, with the mechanisms mainly triggered by the movement of the mapped subsurface faults.

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A Bayesian double source approach for landslides and earthquakes characterization

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ISC-PPSM: Assessing moment tensor resolution, and addressing shallow earthquake depth resolution

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Scaling relations and variability of source parameters for shallow crustal earthquakes in Europe

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Systematic exploration and characterization of moderate magnitude seismicity in scarcely instrumented places

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Source mechanisms of the 2020 volcano-tectonic swarm on the Reykjanes Peninsula (Iceland) by probabilistic moment tensor inversion

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The 2021 Vienna Basin seismic sequences: Insights from earthquake relocation and moment tensor inversion

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Seismic source analysis for recent seismicity at Mt. Vesuvius (southern Italy): preliminary results from a full waveform inversion approach

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The detailed analysis of volcanic seismicity can allow the identification of the processes occurring in a volcanic system and obtain information about its state and evolution. In the last decades, the seismicity of Mt. Vesuvius has consisted mainly of volcano-tectonic (VT) seismic events, with an average rate of some hundreds of earthquakes per year with magnitudes between -1.0 and 2.5 , located up to $6-7$ km below sea level (b.s.l.). Unusual low-frequency (LF) seismicity has also been observed, localized at a depth of $5-7$ km. Previous seismic source analyses applied conventional methodologies based on first pulse characteristics, which are difficult due to high background noise, low magnitude and emergent first arrivals. To overcome these challenges, we analyze here the Mt. Vesuvius seismicity over the past 20 years by using a robust probabilistic seismic source inversion tool. This methodology provides the results in terms of moment tensor solutions estimated by using seismic waveforms and waveform attributes. In agreement with previous studies, two clusters of seismicity are clearly evidenced, both in terms of depth ($0-4$ km and $5-7$ km b.s.l. for VT and LF events, respectively) and frequency content ($5-15$ Hz and $2-6$ Hz, respectively). Our preliminary results show that: a) the probabilistic approach for the whole waveform inversion provides acceptable results even for small magnitude earthquakes, and b) both seismicity clusters show strongly heterogeneous focal mechanisms, confirming past literature studies. We attribute the latter result to a highly heterogeneous stress field beneath Mt. Vesuvius.

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Fifty broadband, research-grade seismic stations housed in schools are operated by the Australian Seismometers in Schools (AuSIS) network across Australia. Using only data from the AuSIS network we present the feasibility of identifying the fault plane of moderate earthquakes on the Australian continent. We examine the fault plane of the September 2021, MW 5.9 Woods Point earthquake which happened roughly 130 km northeast of the Melbourne metropolitan area. We estimate the hypocentre and the centroid-moment-tensor to differentiate the fault plane from the auxiliary plane in the focal mechanism. In order to simulate seismic arrivals and full waveform data, we test a variety of 1D models and a 3D Earth model. The centroid-moment-tensor is obtained from full waveform modelling by grid search across a set of trial sites around the hypocentre. The hypocentre is resolved using P and S-wave arrivals in a probabilistic framework. Our model indicates that the main shock ruptured the depth of 15 ± 4 km, with a strike-slip mechanism striking 348° North on a nearly vertical plane. The high double-couple (DC) percentage of this event suggest a simple rupture that propagated from the south (hypocentre) toward the north (centroid) while remaining underground. This indicates that the causative fault ruptured deeper parts of the crust which might be different to the previously identified shallow, NW-SE striking faults of the region. The P- and T-axis inferred from our fault model are clearly aligned with the maximum horizontal crustal stress in the region.

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The 2022 MW 6.0 Gölyaka-Düzce earthquake: a medium size earthquake in a fault zone early in its seismic cycle

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Normal and thrust faulting earthquakes triggered by magma intrusion at the Mid-Atlantic ridge

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Probing earthquake triggering by static and dynamic stresses at Axial Seamount

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Foreshocks preceding moderate earthquakes in Western Yunnan, China

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Evidence of the ambiguous critical state transition from aseismic to seismic slip

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Direct estimation of the fault slip of short-term slow slip events from GNSS data using deep learning

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The complex 3D multi-segmented rupture of the 2014 Mw 6.2 Northern Nagano Earthquake revealed by high-precision aftershock locations

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Development of the simultaneous estimation method of slip distribution and its correlation length based on the assumption of self-similarity

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Reconstruction of slip distributions on multiple faults with applications to the 2016 Kumamoto MW7.0 earthquake

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Slip inversion is essential to understand source mechanics of earthquakes. Problems of inverting for static/kinematic rupture from surface measurements have been almost always stated to be inherently non-unique in the seismological literature. Given the geometry of a fault and the displacement functions on the surface of the semi-infinite elastic medium, the slip function on the fault is defined by Fredholm integral equation of the first kind. We prove that Fredholm integral equation of the first kind for slip inversion is mathematically of a unique solution, theoretically implying that earthquake slip/rupture can be properly reconstructed. The inherent non-uniqueness issue of slip inversion in the seismological literature is not mathematically true but is practically caused due to lack of measurements. We propose a new inequality-constrained regularized inversion of slip distributions on multiple faults, which implements physically more general inequality constraints to accept more complex dislocation models and/or a combination of complex dislocation models and can be applied to a large earthquake involving multiple faults with different rake angles. It is a natural extension of positivity and the 45 degrees constraints by Olson/Apsel and Hartzell/Heaton. We apply the proposed method to the 2016 Kumamoto Mw7.0 earthquake with GEONET GNSS measurements. The inversion results of slips show that the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake is only of magnitude Mw6.6-6.7 and severe rupture takes place very shallowly on Hinagu and Futagawa faults, with the maximum slips of 4.81m on Hinagu fault and 7.89m on Futagawa fault, respectively, which may well explain the largest damage in Mashiki town.

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Observational evidence of cascading earthquake rupture with hierarchical structure in the Tohoku-Oki region, Japan

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Source function specialty in porous medium and its impact on forward and inverse problems in seismogeodesy

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Numerical Modelling of Earthquake Cycles and Surface Topography Based on Navier-stokes Equations with Viscoelastic-plasticity Rheology

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Visco-elastic-plastic modelling approaches for long-term tectonic deformation assume that co-seismic fault displacement can be integrated over 1,000s-10,000s years (tens of earthquake cycles) with the appropriate failure law, and that short-timescale fluctuations in the stress field due to individual earthquakes have no effect on long-term behavior. Models of the earthquake rupture process generally assume that the tectonic (long-range) stress field or kinematic boundary conditions are steady over the course of multiple earthquake cycles. In this study, we develop a numerical framework that embeds earthquake rupture dynamics into a long-term tectonic deformation model by adding inertial terms and using highly adaptive time-stepping that can capture deformation at plate-motion rates as well as individual earthquakes. We reproduce benchmarks at the earthquake timescale to demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach. We then discuss how these high-resolution models degrade if the time-step cannot capture the rupture process accurately and, from this, infer when it is important to consider coupling of the two timescales and the level of accuracy required. To build upon these benchmarks, we undertake a generic study of a thrust fault in the crust with a prescribed geometry. We find that lower crustal rheology affects the periodic time of characteristic earthquake cycles and the inter-seismic, free-surface deformation rate. In particular, the relaxation of the surface of a cratonic region (with a relatively strong lower crust) has a characteristic double-peaked uplift profile that persists for thousands of years after a major slip event. This pattern might be diagnostic of active faults in cratonic regions.

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Systematic understanding of slow and fast earthquakes in terms of the porosity evolution law

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On the frictional growth of fractures in the preparation phase of earthquakes

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Earthquake Sequence and Dynamic Rupture Modeling with Complex Fault Geometry

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Physical interpretation of slow earthquake migration process based on a friction law

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S17a - Structure and evolution of the lithosphere in the circum-Mediterranean

Structure and dynamics of the circum-Mediterranean lithosphere and its controls on crustal deformation and magmatism

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The lithospheric structure of the Alpine-Pannonian-Carpathians-Dinarides system: Inferences from P and S receiver function analyses

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Identifying Seismic Anisotropy Patterns and Improving Tomographic Images in the Alps and Apennines Subduction Environments with Splitting Intensity

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Moho depths for Italian region by the inversion of ground-based gravity data

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Subducted European crust in the Eastern Alps: Evidence from teleseismic receiver functions

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On transient creep in Earth's upper mantle: How to link geophysical observations on short-term deformation to long-term geological deformation?

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In order to link rheological properties inferred from small strain phenomena to rheological behavior associated with large strain, we need to understand the physical mechanisms of transient creep. Currently two models are proposed: (i) intra-granular and (ii) inter-granular transient creep. In the former, transient creep behavior is attributed to dislocation dynamics within a grain (with a given slip system), while in the latter, it is attributed to grain-grain interaction involving multiple slip systems. We have conducted deformation experiments of olivine aggregates and single crystals together using a synchrotron facility to test these models. Strain is measured by X-ray imaging while stress is measured by radial X-ray diffraction from a polycrystalline olivine as well as a pyrope stress sensor. The results show that in a polycrystal, the average stress is near the lower end of stress levels inferred from various diffraction planes (hkl) at small strains, but it becomes close to the upper end at large strains (with a transition strain close to the elastic strain). This suggests a transition in the rate controlling slip systems with strain. In comparison, the transition strain for a single crystal (for the [001] slip) is substantially smaller than elastic strain. We conclude that in a deforming polycrystal olivine, single crystals attain steady-state quickly and the transient behavior is largely controlled by the evolution of controlling slip systems caused by grain-grain interactions. Because sensitivity of deformation on some parameters such as water content differs among different slip systems, applications of rheological properties inferred from short-term geophysical with long-term deformation needs to be made with a great care.

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Olivine radiative heat transport can cause premature dehydration of subducting slabs

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Squirt-flow in the crust and seismic intrinsic Q: Some micro-physics for naturally fractured formations

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Evidence for amorphous calcium carbonate originated mid-lithospheric discontinuities

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Seismic thermography

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A new global crust model: ECM22

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Thermal and compositional state of the South Africa cratonic region from seismic and gravity models

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Earlier studies revealed the effect of different degrees of depletion on lateral/vertical velocity and density variations in the upper mantle of the Precambrian cratons. The South Africa cratonic region includes the Kaapvaal and Zimbabwe craton, whose deep and fast lithospheric roots are likely depleted in heavy constituents. In contrast, there exist regions, such as the Limpopo belt and Bushveld Complex, which are characterized by negative velocity anomalies in the upper mantle, likely indicating a more fertile composition. To unravel the origin of these anomalies and link them to the tectonic history of the area, we apply an integrative technique based on a joint interpretation of the seismic tomography and gravity data, which can discern temperature and compositional variations. For this purpose, we combine the global surface seismic tomography model [1] with the embedded regional model [2], derived from teleseismic tomographic inversion of the S-body wave dataset recorded by the Southern African Seismic Experiment. The combined seismic model is inverted for temperature, assuming an initial fertile composition based on the xenolith data [3], using a mineral physics approach [4]. The composition and temperature of the upper mantle are iteratively changed to fit the residual density, obtained from the joint inversion of the residual gravity and residual topography. The key results show different structures and properties of the upper mantle, improving our understanding of the South African cratonic lithosphere.

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Earlier studies revealed the effect of different degrees of depletion on lateral/vertical velocity and density variations in the upper mantle of the Precambrian cratons. The South Africa cratonic region includes the Kaapvaal and Zimbabwe craton, whose deep and fast lithospheric roots are likely depleted in heavy constituents. In contrast, there exist regions, such as the Limpopo belt and Bushveld Complex, which are characterized by negative velocity anomalies in the upper mantle, likely indicating a more fertile composition. To unravel the origin of these

anomalies and link them to the tectonic history of the area, we apply an integrative technique based on a joint interpretation of the seismic tomography and gravity data, which can discern temperature and compositional variations. For this purpose, we combine the global surface seismic tomography model [1] with the embedded regional model [2], derived from teleseismic tomographic inversion of the S-body wave dataset recorded by the Southern African Seismic Experiment. The combined seismic model is inverted for temperature, assuming an initial fertile composition based on the xenolith data [3], using a mineral physics approach [4]. The composition and temperature of the upper mantle are iteratively changed to fit the residual density, obtained from the joint inversion of the residual gravity and residual topography. The key results show different structures and properties of the upper mantle, improving our understanding of the South African cratonic lithosphere.

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S18b - Integrating Seismic Tomography With Mineral Physics and Potential Fields to Describe the Crust and Upper Mantle Physical State

The influence of Moho depth on the seismic / density structure of the Antarctic upper mantle

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A new probe for geofluids? Measurements of attenuation anisotropy using instantaneous frequency

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The presence of fluids in closely aligned fractures is important for a range of processes within the Earth. In the near-surface, understanding systems of fluid-filled fractures is important in various applications such as geothermal energy production, monitoring CO₂ storage sites and exploring for metalliferous sub-volcanic brines (e.g., Blundy et al., 2021). In the mantle, melting is an important geodynamic process, exerting control over mantle composition and dynamic processes. Upper mantle melting weakens the lithosphere, facilitating rifting (Kendall et al., 2005) and other surface expressions of tectonic processes.

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Ambient noise tomography reveals the affinity of the Tan-Lu Fault to regional deformation in Eastern China

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In Eastern China, complex tectonic structures of high geological/geophysical relevance suggest multiple subductions in the region making the region an ideal physical laboratory for investigating the feedback effect of subduction on the continent. In particular, subduction could have resulted in the formation of the Tan-Lu Fault Zone (TLFZ); a tectonic structure believed to have significantly aided the instability of the lithosphere and as well, played an essential role in the further modification of the lithosphere. To provide additional observational constraints on the fault activities such as its affinity to regional deformation, we took advantage of the ambient noise dataset to produce joint tomography models of V_{sv} (isotropic and azimuthal anisotropy) across the TLFZ. First, the models reveal structural segmentation, with structures that trend in the direction of the strike of the TLFZ. The isotropic V_{sv} shows a widespread low velocity in the lower crust, which could serve as a stress accumulator for the reactivation of faults. The polarization of azimuthal anisotropy in the TLFZ and the Zhangbaling uplift are NNE-SSW to N-S; sub-parallel to the strike of the fault in the crust and uppermost mantle. The trend of the anisotropy mimics the shape of the TLFZ in the crust and the uppermost mantle, which confirms that the Tan-Lu fault is a deep-seated lithospheric structure. This may also suggest that the fault controls the anisotropy and hence, the deformation in the region. These models highlight the dominant control of the fault on the regional deformation and geodynamic processes in eastern China.

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Shear-velocity anisotropy in the lower crust of the Bohemian Massif from ambient noise tomography

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Understanding sub-lithospheric upper mantle anisotropy beneath the oceans with seismology and geodynamics

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Seismic anisotropy and upper mantle flow in southeastern Mexico inferred from teleseismic and local intraslab earthquakes

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Lithospheric fabric and active mantle flow beneath Canada: Evidence from depth-dependent seismic anisotropy

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Variation of seismic anisotropy with depth in deformational regimes of continental plates

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3D self-consistent anisotropic models of the lithosphere along the Bohemian Massif-Eastern Alps north-south transect (central Europe)

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Lithospheric architecture and deformational patterns below the Eastern Ghats Mobile Belt: an integrated seismological perspective

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S19b - Fabrics and Dynamics of the Lithosphere-Asthenosphere System Imaged by Seismic Anisotropy and Integrated Studies

Seismic anisotropy beneath a transect of Kumaon Himalaya using shear wave splitting analysis

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S20a - Education & Outreach to Ensure Success of Earthquake Early Warning Programmes

Outreach and engagement to ensure the success of an Earthquake Early Warning System for Canada

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A coordinated public education campaign is underway to help achieve this. NRCan is hosting workshops and other outreach activities with CI operators to ensure they are aware of the benefits of installing systems that automatically translate EEW alerts into protective actions. Simultaneously, NRCan is encouraging equipment providers in Canada to develop such automated systems. In these efforts, NRCan is collaborating with federal and provincial public safety organizations, private and international partners, and Non-Governmental Organizations. This will ensure that EEW messaging is authoritative, consistent and accessible. Social science research by collaborators is underway and will guide the education of vulnerable populations including First Nations peoples, new immigrants, people with low income, and the elderly.

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A historical case study teaching about earthquake intensity and magnitude: Research to help Canadians better understand earthquake early warning alerts

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A three-pronged approach for understanding earthquake intensity and magnitude for increasing the efficacy of earthquake early warning alerts

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- Historical—Documenting the conceptual development of earthquake intensity and magnitude, then creating a historical narrative to teach these concepts.
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Using Did You Feel It? data to trace people's understandings of earthquake magnitude and intensity

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Geographic information system (GIS) mapping evacuation routes and disaster education based on Android (application information systems) to raise public awareness

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Tsunami mitigation strategy through tsunami community preparedness training course

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An advanced tsunami early warning system will not be sufficient for safe life if communities, especially in high-hazard risk areas, do not have adequate knowledge and capacity to respond to the early warning as well as to react and take action without official warning or guidance. The IOC Assembly declared the IOC Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (2021-2030). This programme is dedicated to a safe ocean where life and livelihood are protected from tsunamis hazards. It is expected to establish 100% of communities at risk of tsunami prepared for and resilient to tsunamis by 2030 through the implementation of the UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme and other initiatives. This could be achieved through a collaborative effort to meet a standard level of tsunami preparedness through the fulfillment of a set of established indicators. Therefore, BMKG in collaboration with Ocean Teacher Global Academy (OTGA) conducted Tsunami Community Preparedness Training in 2022. Tsunami Community Preparedness Training Course is a continuation of the previous training, namely the Tsunami Ready Training Course. Conducting this training is an effort of tsunami mitigation strategy from a capacity-building perspective. That training was addressed for local/national disaster management institution officers, government/ non-government organizations working in the disaster management field, and researchers of tsunami science. Moreover, we invite volunteers as an activator of an independent tsunami-ready community. Training is an effective attempt to enhance knowledge regarding how to build a resilient community, so we comprehensively evaluate its implementation until several months after the training has been completed.

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S01 - Posters - Observational Seismology - Open Session

Investigation of crust and lithosphere transition between the Alborz and the South Caspian basin in NW Iran

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Seismicity and Tectonics of the Caucasus Region Revisited

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We present the bulletin that contains some 20,000 relocated events. We first relocated each event using the single-event location algorithm iLoc and RSTT predictions and identified GT events. Then we relocated the entire seismicity of the Caucasus region with the multiple-event location algorithm Bayesloc, using the iLoc results as initial locations and the GT events as constraints.

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S01 - Posters - Observational Seismology - Open Session

On the operation and monitoring of a heterolithic large ring laser: ROMY

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Foreshock characteristics of the 2020 M6.4 Jiashi earthquake

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Updates on the ISC-GEM Global Instrumental Earthquake Catalogue (1904-2019)

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Evidence for the presence of metastable olivine within subducted oceanic lithosphere in the uppermost lower mantle beneath eastern United States

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Similarity analysis for event characterisation in the context of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)

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Monitoring compliance with the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) requires reliable seismological methods for event characterisation to identify possible candidate events within a sequence of seismic events, which are possible treaty violations. National Data Centre (NDC) are the national scientific organizations to advise their governments concerning CTBT monitoring and analysing suspicious events. The German NDC (BGR) regularly organises international NDC Preparedness Exercises (NPE), dealing with fictitious treaty violations to practice the combined analysis of CTBT verification technologies. These exercises help to evaluate the effectiveness of analysis procedures applied at NDCs and the quality, completeness and usefulness of IDC products. The last exercise - NPE2019 - was a combined waveform-radionuclide scenario. The source region and time domain of a possible treaty violation activity was determined from atmospheric transport modelling (ATM) in backtracking mode with input data from fictitious particulate radionuclide and radioxenon measurements at stations of the International Monitoring System. An earthquake sequence could be identified within the specified source region and time period from ATM analysis. Due to the untypical shallow focal depth of about 3 km and no mining activities, the earthquake sequence in combination with synthetic data is well suited to assess discrimination methods. Synthetic waveform data, which were modified from real recordings to simulate more explosive like characteristics, are added to the earthquake sequence. A similarity analysis was applied to the combination of fictitious and real waveform data with the objective to identify the fictitious recordings as conspicuous. Various score values were defined to achieve an automatic procedure.

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Seismotectonics of the Shahrud Valley in western Alborz

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The Shahrud fault lies in the western Alborz and in the southeast of the sinistral strike-slip Rudbar fault (1990 7.3 Mw Rudbar-Manjil). The surface trace of the Shahrud fault is depicted on the active faults map of Iran as a continuous twisted curve of 65 km in length. Shahrud fault lies in the north of Qazvin and is accounted for a potential source of future destructive earthquakes. 698 local earthquakes have carefully relocated and focal mechanisms were determined for two events. According to the focal mechanisms of earthquakes that occurred in the area between the Rudbar and Shahrud faults, sinistral kinematics is suggested for the western part of the Shahrud fault. The remote sensing analysis of satellite imageries complemented by field measurements allows for revising the fault map of the area. Also, earthquake-related features such as thermal and travertine springs as well as landslides are aligned along the main fault traces of the area indicating the tectonic activity of these deep-seated structures. The kinematics investigation based on seismological and geological data indicates that the Shahrud Valley is affected by a complex fault network comprising a variety of faults with different orientations. The seismicity extended over the area and fault kinematics measured along the fault zones indicate that the Shahrud fault zone is not a simple S-dipping "thrust fault", but, is a simplified geological interpretation of an intersection zone produced by kinematic and structural interactions of distinct E-W, NNE- and NW-striking fault trends at the southern flank of the Shahrud Valley.

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Vertical component tilt property of Japanese BBOBS and its implication

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Broadband ocean bottom seismometer (BBOBS) is essential instrument to reveal the deep Earth structure so that many seafloor observations by BBOBS have been deployed. It is difficult for BBOBS to make the sensor's level accurate, and this makes a high noise level of vertical component of BBOBS. To reveal the leveling accuracy and its contribution to noise of BBOBS is important to improve the BBOBS design.

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Shear-wave splitting patterns in the Habanero Geothermal Field, Cooper Basin, Australia

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Upon entering a medium with a strongly anisotropic feature, shear-waves refract and produce two orthogonally polarized waves, travelling with different velocities (the S_{fast} and S_{slow}). The polarization direction of the S_{fast} and the time-delay between the arrivals of the two waves are common metrics to quantify splitting. In the upper crust, anisotropy has been often attributed to stress-sensitive fluid-filled microcracks, whose characteristics may change over time. The Habanero Geothermal Field in Cooper Basin (Australia) is a site of multiple hydraulic stimulation tests, closely monitored by a dense network of 24 surficial and borehole sensors. In the current study, we use a fully automatic analysis scheme to identify shear-wave splitting in waveforms of approximately local 30,000 earthquakes, which occurred in a shallow ~500 m thick sub-horizontal layer. Results indicate a complex state of anisotropy, with both azimuths of faulting and the local maximum horizontal compressive stress component being represented in the measured polarization directions. Time-delay changes present a potential association with the activation of the structure due to the stimulation.

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Comparison of relative locations methods and their accuracy for determining fault structures

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Constraining the spatial distribution of lithospheric and asthenospheric anisotropies beneath Australia using shear wave splitting analyses

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On the stress dependence of the elastic tensor

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The dependence of the elastic tensor on the equilibrium stress is investigated theoretically. Using ideas from finite elasticity, it is first shown that both the equilibrium stress and elastic tensor are given uniquely in terms of the equilibrium deformation gradient relative to a fixed choice of reference body. Inversion of the relation between the deformation gradient and stress might, therefore, be expected to lead neatly to the desired expression for the elastic tensor. Unfortunately, the deformation gradient can only be recovered from the stress up to a choice of rotation matrix. Hence it is not possible in general to express the elastic tensor as a unique function of the equilibrium stress. By considering material symmetries, though, it is shown that the degree of non-uniqueness can sometimes be reduced, and in some cases even removed entirely. These results are illustrated through a range numerical calculations, and we also obtain linearized relations applicable to small perturbations in equilibrium stress. Finally, we make a comparison with previous studies before considering implications for geophysical forward- and inverse-modelling.

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Geometry of the rivera and cocos plates in western Mexico from local seismicity studies

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Seismic imaging of the crust and upper mantle beneath eastern Dominican Republic and Muertos Trough

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The oblique convergence between the Caribbean and North American plates produces a tectonic collage in Hispaniola Island, where Muertos Trough marks the trace of a low-angle thrust fault bounding an accretionary wedge. In this work, we analyzed the seismic data corresponding to Profiles C and D of the CARIBE NORTE project (2009) in the frame of the current KUK ÀHPÁN and MICROSIS-I projects. A seismic array of vertical and three-component land stations registered these profiles along N-S and W-E seismic transects of 350 and 450 km, respectively. The seismic sources in these lines corresponded to land borehole explosions 1 Ton (S1, S2, and S3), three marine shooting lines (LM3N, LM3S for Profile C and LM4, for Profile D), and one earthquake that occurred during the registering period.

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The Transnational access and training within the Geo-INQUIRE EU project to develop leading-edge science at facilities and test-beds across Europe

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Regional and global characteristics of observable foreshocks

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For most of the catalogs (excluding Italy and Southern California) the measured *b-values* of the foreshocks of all region-specific mainshocks are lower by 0.1 to 0.2 than *b-values* of respective aftershocks. Estimates of foreshock probabilities for each mainshock are method-dependent; however, consistent regional trends exist regardless of method. Variations in foreshocks show relatively high probabilities of having at least one foreshock in Italy (~43-56%), compared with other regional catalogs that decrease to 14-41% for regions such as Turkey, Greece, and Costa Rica. Some regions with relatively high background seismicity have comparatively low probabilities of detectable foreshock activity when using methods that account for variable background, possibly due to depletion of near-failure fault conditions by background activity. At a global scale, foreshock rates are similar to regional values with range of 14% to 43% of large mainshocks having at least one foreshock, but a narrower range of 13% to 25% having at least one foreshock with magnitude within two units of the mainshock magnitude. Global variation demonstrates that the western circum-Pacific is prone to having more foreshock activity than the eastern circum-Pacific. The fact that areas having more frequent foreshock activity also have relatively high aftershock productivity suggests common conditions promoting foreshocks and aftershocks.

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Adapting an existing seismic network to the earthquake early warning mission – southern California experience

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CEEIN: The Central and Eastern European Infrasound Network

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Overview of ORFEUS Data Services and Activities to Integrate Access to Seismic Waveform Data in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

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ORFEUS (Observatories and Research Facilities for European Seismology, orfeus-eu.org) coordinates and promotes seismology in the Euro-Mediterranean region through harmonized collection, archival and distribution of seismic waveform data & metadata, based on services and products managed at national level by more than 60 participating seismological Institutions. ORFEUS is one of the founding members of EPOS Seismology (www.epos-eu.org/tcs/seismology) and its services are largely integrated in the EPOS Data Access Portal (www.ics-c.epos-eu.org). ORFEUS comprises: (i) the European Integrated waveform Data Archive (EIDA; orfeus-eu.org/data/eida); (ii) the European Strong-Motion databases (orfeus-eu.org/data/strong); and (iii) the recently established group representing the community of European mobile pools, including amphibian instrumentation (orfeus-eu.org/data/mobile). Currently, ORFEUS facilitates access to the waveforms acquired by more than 18,000 stations including dense temporary experiments (e.g., AlpArray, AdriaArray), with strong emphasis on open, high-quality data. Access to data and products is ensured through state-of-the-art technologies - with strong emphasis on web services - clear policies and licenses, and acknowledging the crucial role played by data providers. Significant efforts are underway to enhance the existing services to tackle the challenges posed by the Big Data Era and the needs of computational seismology, and to actively encourage interoperability and integration of

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GeoNet Aotearoa New Zealand Station Metadata: Managing multidisciplinary instrument and deployment meta-data using a source code versioning system

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Implementation of SAW method in GIS for determining the suitable position for seismological stations in Zadar County

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The area of study is Zadar County, the northern part of the Dalmatia Region. The Mediterranean karst terrain requires a different approach when determining the criteria for setting up seismological stations, unlike the Croatian part of the Pannonian basin.

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Earthquake occurrence characteristics in the Kefalonia Transform Fault Zone (KTFZ), Greece

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Building the ERMES web platform for preparing strong-motion event reports from ITACA and ESM data and metadata

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Earthquake monitoring in Italy: integration of a temporary seismic experiment into national real-time surveillance, the example of FocusX temporary land-network

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Italian 24/7 real-time earthquakes and tsunamis monitoring system

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In addition, the INGV-Rome monitoring room hosts the Italian Tsunami Alert Center (CAT-INGV). CAT-INGV is one of the Tsunami Service Providers acting in the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and connected sea (NEAM) region of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)/UNESCO and is responsible for monitoring the seismicity of the Mediterranean Sea and disseminating tsunami alert messages to member States and EU agencies subscribing its services. The operation and the performance of the INGV monitoring system is ensured by a dedicated research and IT staff who facilitate real-time waveform acquisition and distribution, develop real-time seismic processing systems and new processing algorithms.

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The seismic network of the Valencian Community

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Nankai Trough Seafloor Observation Network for Earthquakes and Tsunamis (N-net) : Contribution to Early Detection of Seismic Waves and Tsunamis

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The Philippine Sea plate is subducting from the Suruga and Nankai troughs beneath southwest Japan. Great interplate earthquakes occurred repeatedly along the troughs. In the near future, Nankai trough earthquake will occur and be possible to become nationwide disaster. Early detection of seismic waves and tsunamis by instrument observation is important in order to reduce earthquake and tsunami disaster and one of the advantages of the earthquake and tsunami observation on the seafloor contributes to early detection of them compared to inland observation. The sea area from the off the Kochi Prefecture to Hyuga-nada, which is correspond to the western half of the focal region of the anticipated Nankai trough earthquake, is a blank area of the seafloor observation networks. In 2019, the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience started a project to develop the Nankai Trough Seafloor Observation Network for Earthquakes and Tsunamis (N-net) in this blank area. The N-net has two systems, a coastal system and an offshore system, to ensure redundancy, with 18 observation nodes in each system. In this study, we investigated how fast the direct detection of seismic waves and tsunamis can be achieved when N-net data can be acquired. We conducted the calculation of the travel time for seismic waves and tsunamis by assuming point sources. As a result, we found the detection of seismic wave and tsunami was expected to be earlier approximately 20 seconds and approximately 20 minutes at the maximum considering the N-net data, respectively.

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Earthquake emergencies in Italy: SISMO operational task force for seismic networks rapid deployments and integration in the monitoring system

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Improving real-time monitoring in Târgu-Jiu Area, Romania

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PNSN: A regional seismic network and so much more!

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Regional seismic networks play an extremely important role in both the seismic coverage of a nation, but also in the education, outreach, and science support of that region. The proto-Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) started out in the late 1960s to improve seismic-monitoring coverage after several $M > 6$ earthquakes in 30 years in the US state of Washington. Over the decades, the network grew in both number of stations and geographical coverage as well as adding significant items of scope that are harder to quantify such as communicating with the press and proactively educating the public about hazards and seismic safety. Today the PNSN uses data from over 650 seismic stations (~ 560 that we operate and maintain). We share 100% of our data and earthquake catalog with scientists and the public, contribute to the ShakeAlert Earthquake Early Warning program, maintain active social media presences, give presentations at workshops, libraries, and community centers in addition to hosting onsite tours of school children and adults in our Seismology Lab. But the challenges are still great with respect to obtaining funding, fighting misinformation, and attempting to stay relevant when earthquakes happen on geologic timescales, but American minds are growing more accustomed to TikTok-length stories to fill up the daily infotainment void. This presentation will discuss the strategy for success: leveraging the strengths of graduate student work, the creativity of our undergraduate workers, the determination and persistence of the full-time staff, and the knowledge resources of our fellow regional networks across the United States.

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New Zealand GeoNet multi-hazards Sensor Network: A walk through data products and services for landslide, tsunami, earthquake and volcano monitoring

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A global overview on the application of urban seismic networks

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Considerations on some country-scale earthquake monitoring networks

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In the last decades each nation, especially those with high seismic risk, has up-graded its seismic network to keep it up with the state-of-the-art criteria. Here we perform the evaluation and a comparison between some the national seismic networks, to evaluate their coverage and their capabilities. We show example from Italy, Greece, Taiwan and New Zealand. For our analysis, we consider the spatial distribution of the nodes of the network together with the ancillary information related to the aims of the network itself (e.g. earthquakes' distribution, seismic hazard, population, distribution on completeness magnitude). Such evaluation is performed with a statistical approach which includes descriptive spatial statistics in combination with point pattern techniques. We are able to highlight the strong points and the drawbacks for each of the considered earthquake monitoring network. Finally this approach helps in addressing future developments for the considered networks.

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Seafloor pressure observations mainly use precise quartz resonant sensors at the present due to its high sensibility. Recently, a new silicon resonant sensor using Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS) technology has emerged with low-power consumption, compact-size, constant quality, and high sensitivity. High stability is expected due to small size of a sensing unit, and individual difference of each sensors is believed to be small because of using the MEMS technology. Influence of movement of the sensor itself is small due to mechanism of pressure transmission. Nankai Trough seafloor network for earthquakes and tsunamis-net (N-net) will be equipped with the new sensors. Before routine observations using this new sensor, we evaluate performance of the new silicon resonant sensor for seafloor pressure observation.

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The Gräfenberg array situated in the Frankonian Jura in Germany is the first digital broadband array on earth delivering continuous waveform data since almost 50 years. Besides its outstanding status in global seismology it is also National Technical Mean in the frame of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty since it recorded many nuclear explosions since the 1970ies from all known nuclear test areas. The high sensitivity of the array could be retained for many decades, only recently the detrimental influence of wind turbines (WT) in the area substantiated. Even though the individual stations since 2016 are protected by a WT tabu zone of 5 km radius around each location an increasing wind dependence of the array detections has been found. Comparisons of FK detection statistics of the year spans 2001-2007 (before WT installations) and 2015-2021 (after WT installations) show that about 13% of the detections are lost due to WT generated seismic noise, when averaging over all times. At high wind speeds the loss rate can be as high as 40%. This is caused by a few WTs installed inside the protection zone before 2016 and intensified by the large number of WT installations in distances larger than 5 km from the station locations. Due to the intended increase in wind power installations in Germany a further degradation of the array sensitivity can be expected.

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System Design of Nankai Trough Seafloor Observation Network for Earthquakes and Tsunamis (N-net) and its Long-Term Reliability

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Earthquake monitoring in Northern Germany and adjacent seas

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Non-linear softening and relaxation in rocks and geomaterials: A laboratory perspective

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Shear wave velocity model from Rayleigh-Wave Dispersion analysis beneath the Higher Himalaya-India

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We present the surface wave dispersion results from the recorded data of 16 broadband seismic stations in the Higher Himalaya region. The Higher Himalayas is seismically very active due to the convergence of the Indian Plate and the Eurasian Plate along a basal decollement known as the Main Himalayan Thrust (MHT). A portion of the area is located in the Kashmir seismic gap, which lies between the Kangra earthquake of 1905 and the Kashmir earthquake of 2005. A surface wave dispersion analysis has been carried out in order to understand the seismotectonic structure beneath the research area. The fundamental mode Rayleigh wave Green's functions have been estimated for station pairs using cross-correlation of vertical component ambient noise data. The generated group velocity maps from 2 to 15s indicate the substantial variation in crustal structure and exhibit strong relationships with well-known geological and tectonic phenomena in the studied region. We found a low-velocity zone in the middle crust of the higher Himachal Himalayas portion between 12 and 15 km deep, which may be caused by the presence of a crustal ramp structure beneath 12 to 22 km of the Main Central Thrust (MCT). Likewise, a shear wave velocity model has been obtained by inverting surface wave dispersion measurements for the Kishtwar region.

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Pn wave velocity and anisotropy underneath the central segment of the North-South Seismic Belt in China

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Separation of source, attenuation and site parameters of 2 moderate earthquakes in France: an elastic radiative transfer approach

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Our separation method is based on a 2-steps inversion procedure. First, for each source-station pair, we retrieve optimal frequency-dependent attenuation parameters from the fitting of observed energy envelopes in the 0.375-24Hz band. In a second step, we correct for regional propagation effects to determine site amplification and source displacement spectra. From the latter, we estimate the moment magnitude M_w .

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3-D transdimensional inversion of surface wave dispersion and receiver functions

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Impact of reservoir loadings on seismic ambient noise in the Koyna-Warna region, western India

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To understand the power spectral variations of the ambient noise, we computed the power spectral density-probability density functions PSD-PDF of continuous seismic noise recordings from Koyna-Warna seismic zone, a well-known site for reservoir-triggered seismicity. The analysis helps us to know the impact of water level changes of the reservoirs on the amplitudes of ambient noise in the range 0.01 Hz to 5 Hz. Several studies have indicated a strong impact of reservoir loading on crustal stress and subsurface pore pressure. The comparison of annual ambient noise power levels within the band 0.01Hz to 3Hz with the new global noise models suggests significant deviations on an average. We have noticed cyclic changes and modulation of power and probability at primary and secondary microseism bands from the monthly PSD-PDF variations for the year 2015. Our results indicate high noise levels at the secondary microseismic level (~5Sec) to the north of the seismicity zone, which is close to the Koyna Dam, compared to all other directions. An increase in the randomness over frequencies 0.01Hz to 3Hz was observed just before the monsoon i.e. during the month of June, evidenced by reduced power spectral probabilities. The results also indicate a reduction in the noise power during the post-monsoon season, which may be associated with increased loading of the Koyna reservoir. The results suggest the modulation of noise levels by the changing reservoir water levels, particularly during pre and post-monsoon seasons in the Koyna-Warna region.

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Head-wave correlations from ambient noise in a shallow ocean waveguide with a layered seabed

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Near-surface shear-wave velocity structure of a fault zone in southwestern Taiwan using a dense seismometer array

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Joint active and passive MASW for landslide site investigation: A case study from Northwest Taiwan

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Estimation of high-frequency source radiation energy of small earthquakes in Japan using seismogram envelopes considering the heterogeneous seismic structure

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Seismic tomography and attenuation models for the geophysical characterization of the Krafla volcanic area

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Groundwater level measurement using the ambient seismic time series across the Santa Ana Basin

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CFM: a convolutional network for first motion polarity classification of earthquake waveforms

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Automatic recalculation of the local magnitudes (ML) for seismic events in Romania: validation through multiple case-study analyses

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From analog to digital instrumentation and the importance of expanding the seismic network - Targu-Jiu seismic sequence study case

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HEX 2.0: an improved local seismic phase associator

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Effect on a deep-learning, seismic arrival-time picker of domain-knowledge based preprocessing of input waveforms

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Enhancing Earthquake Detection through Machine Learning: An Application to the 2017 Mw 8.2 Tehuantepec Earthquake in Mexico

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Modeling the structure of the Água Bonita basin, Brazil, from the inversions of horizontal to vertical spectral ratio (HVSr) peaks

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Waveform based cluster analysis of seismicity in the Eastern Alps

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Application of phase identification using deep learning-based technology for local earthquakes in the Southern Korean peninsula

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Seismic Ambient Noise Interferometry along Optical Fibers: What Insights can Distributed Acoustic Sensing provide?

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Automatic unsupervised classification of tectonic tremor signals in continuous seismic records

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Acoustic Emission event onsets recognized by Neural Network formalism

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One of the contemporary trend in seismology is process huge data sets automatically with use of Neural Network (NN) formalism. We present seismogram onsets interpretation obtained both by Convolution NN as well as Recurrent NN approach. We investigated data from Acoustic Emission loading experiment with Westerly Granite. Such data appeared to be suitable for testing of NN approach as they are more homogeneous than data originated from natural earthquakes, but simultaneously they are complex enough not to be of trivial interpretation. We designed NN architecture, learned in and compare the results with biased interpretation. We were searching not only for onsets on individual seismograms but we try to identified the whole events. In addition to automatic onsets identification we (also automatically) determined event location and seismic moment tensor. Comparison with biased data proved that these automatically obtained values can be successfully used as preliminary estimation at least. Problems of multiple events identification are discussed as well. The method has a potential to be applicable on natural earthquake seismograms.

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Analysis of the 2020-2021 earthquake swarm in the Eastern gulf of Corinth using high-resolution template matching catalogs

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An earthquake swarm occurred during 2020-2021 at the Perachora peninsula, in the eastern Gulf of Corinth (Greece), one of the most seismically active areas in Europe. In this work, we analyzed the swarm using a high-resolution earthquake catalog and advanced processing techniques. We employed both single-station and multi-channel template matching to produce additional detections of over 7,600 and 24,000 events, respectively. The resulting catalogs have different completeness magnitudes and location uncertainties for the added events. The frequency-magnitude distributions were characterized using the Gutenberg-Richter scaling relation, examining possible b-value temporal variations. We found that the seismic bursts associated with the swarm were short-lived and dominated the catalogs. Spatiotemporal clustering methods were used to analyse the swarm's evolution, showing that the seismicity rate significantly increased, likely due to a pore-pressure transient, without stress transfer caused by a major earthquake. Migration velocities, high b-values and clustering effects of multiplet families, observed at all time scales, suggest a pore-pressure triggering mechanism. Some anomalies in the frequency-magnitude distribution of the enhanced catalogs were observed, mainly attributed to the poor network coverage of the area of interest. Despite these limitations, the enhanced catalogs can be quite useful in studying the spatiotemporal properties of microseismicity in the region. This study highlights the importance of high-resolution data and advanced analytical techniques in understanding earthquake swarms in tectonically active regions.

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Evidences of continuous tremor-like source processes in W-Bohemia and Vogtland before the earthquake swarm in April 2021

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The ICDP project "Drilling the Eger Rift" focuses on geodynamic processes in W-Bohemia and Vogtland, such as earthquakes and subsurface fluid flows. Therefore, three boreholes have been drilled and will be instrumented with 3D seismic arrays. The pilot 3D array has 10 borehole geophones with a 10 Hz corner frequency and is surrounded by a surface array with 12 4.5 Hz geophones. The data is recorded by Earth Data Loggers with a sampling rate of 1000 Hz.

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Earthquake detection and hypocenter relocation in Central Pyrenees: the case of l'Alt Urgell-Andorra seismic sequence (2021-2022).

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Implementation of an array and a rotational sensor on Piton de la Fournaise volcano, La Réunion

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Seismic structure of the crust and uppermost mantle beneath the Canary Islands using local earthquake tomography

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Analysis of the 2016 Central Italy earthquake sequence by using a refined earthquake catalog

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Collocation tests of nodal sensors

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Automatic induced seismic event detection in low-seismicity areas

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AI-based anatomy of the continuous seismic wavefield at Sos Enattos (Sardinia, Italy) over one year of data

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Understanding and Mitigating the Spatial Bias of Earthquake Source Imaging with Regional Slowness Enhanced Back-Projection

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Denoising of Rayleigh Waves to improve DAS processing of urban noise

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Utilization of amplitude values from seismic waveforms recorded by DAS along a bullet train

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NORFOX versus NORES: A comparison of seismic events recorded on a co-located DAS and seismometer array

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Combined fiber-optic monitoring technologies to assist borehole completion

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A metadata exchange model for Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) by the DAS-RCN data management team

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Investigating dynamic range of Distributed Acoustic Sensing and introducing a neural-network-based detection for saturation effects

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Characterizing Alpine Fault seismicity and geometry at Haast (South Westland, New Zealand) using distributed acoustic sensing

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Site characterization using H/V spectral ratios from combined DAS and broadband ambient noise measurements on Mt. Etna, Italy

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DAS Istanbul: From detecting the 2023 East Anatolian earthquakes to full-waveform inversion with dark fibers.

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DAS for Regional Earthquake Monitoring in Athens, Greece

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In our study, we analyzed high-frequency DAS data from the FORGE EGS facility in Utah to develop signal-stacking-based detection algorithms for detecting microearthquakes triggered by hydraulic fracturing. In terms of data structure, it is found that the DAS data considered is constituted by a high-frequency coherent noise, while microearthquakes are characterized by irregularities of this noise structure in the time- and frequency-domain. We evaluate different preprocessing steps (e.g., different frequency-filters, trace-normalisations, coherent noise suppression methods,...) with the goal of improving the SNR of stacked DAS-quantities.

It turns out that, that unlike in conventional seismic signal-stacking, the components of the background noise do not cancel each other out during summation in the time-domain. Instead, the numerous frequencies of background noise interfere with each other, which causes respective large noise peaks in sections of particularly strong constructive interference, which is an additional limiting factor of the detection threshold. In addition, we used the Power-Spectral-Density (PSD) method, that analyzes the signals in the frequency-domain.

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Railway communication lines as a network for earthquake monitoring and near-surface characterization - a case study

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Three-dimensional Distributed Acoustic Sensing at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (Lead, SD, USA)

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Loops of slack in dark fiber and their effect on interferometric analysis of ambient noise – symptoms, consequences and remedies

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Evaluating the performance of Intensity Prediction Equations for the Italian area

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Re-evaluation of the earthquake of 10 February 1871 in the Northern Upper Rhine Graben, Central Europe, and its aftershocks

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The “ArChaeology, inventory of RecOnstruction, Seismology and Structural engineering » ACROSS project

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Reanalysis of historical earthquakes - case study: The great Zagreb (Croatia) 1880 earthquake

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Preliminary Shallow depth estimation by HVSr in Nova Ponte Dam

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Methodologies for the Assessment of anthropogenic environmental hazard: Induced Seismicity by Sub-surface geo-resources Exploitation (MATISSE)

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Sources of vibrations within buildings – a case study from Johannesburg

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Human-induced earthquakes in the Zagros fold-and-thrust belt, Iran

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Microseismic event and phase detection using deep learning and clustering methods

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Near-surface P-wave velocities near West Miami, Florida from quarry blast records

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Hydraulic and mechanical properties of fault and host rocks from the Blue Mountain Geothermal Field, Nevada

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‘Seismic monitoring of deep geothermal power plants and possible seismic impact’ – results of the joint research project SEIGER

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Reliability of moment tensor inversion for different seismic networks

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Using deep learning and spectrograms to identify anthropogenic signals in an urban setting

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Application of machine learning methods to detection and interpretation of reservoir triggered seismicity

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Seismic Waves Interpretation Program, version 5 (SWIP5), in the interpretation of reservoir-triggered seismicity.

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Observation of hydraulic-induced ground deformation from a dense broadband seismic array during a water pumping experiment

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A study on induced seismic activities in southeast of Sichuan basin, China, using a local temporary network

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Seismic Hazard Assessment for Sylhet City – A Critical Review

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Sylhet, the 4th largest city of Bangladesh, is located in the north-eastern Division of Sylhet with the highest seismic zone coefficient ($Z=0.36$) of the recently updated Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC-2020). Major faults capable of generating large magnitude ($M \geq 7$) earthquakes are located within and in the vicinity of the Sylhet Division. Most prominent historical earthquake is the 1918 Magnitude 7.6 Sri Mangal Earthquake with epicenter near Sri Mangal, a town about 75 km south of Sylhet city. The east-west trending Dauki fault along the northern Bangladesh-India border and much closer to the Sylhet city, is also considered as a potential seismic source. A brief review of the research work done related to seismic sources and seismic hazard assessment for Sylhet city is presented. Critical review of published probabilistic and deterministic seismic hazard assessment studies have been performed. More recently, the effect of a large magnitude earthquake on the Dauki fault on the seismic input motion for the city of Sylhet is studied using an advanced version of the Neo-Deterministic Seismic Hazard Assessment (NDSHA) software based on higher frequency computations developed at University of Trieste, Italy. Estimated ground motions from various seismic hazard assessment studies are compared with code provisions of BNBC-2020 and neighbouring Indian building code. Differences exist and the implications of such differences will be addressed. It is concluded that the estimated ground motion may exceed code specified values and more source specific studies need to be carried out for this region.

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Frequency content indicators of the ground motion generated by the intermediate-depth earthquakes of Vrancea region (Romania)

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A preliminary analysis for the probabilistic seismic hazard analysis of Southern Tunisia

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A workflow for rapid time-dependent estimates of earthquake-induced mass-movement likelihood and associated impacts in Switzerland

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ShakeMap model with deviation correction method of the 21 May 2021 M6.5 Yangbi, Yunnan, China

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On May 21, 2021, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck Yangbi County, Yunnan Province, China. This article used the collected 21 seismometers and the strong seismic observation data of 304 intensity meters, comprehensively considered the geological structure background, source mechanism solution and aftershock distribution of seismic faults. As a result, the ground motion intensity distribution map of this earthquake was quickly calculated using the deviation correction method of magnitude translation. The strong seismic observation data showed that the maximum horizontal peak acceleration was 720.3cm/s^2 observed at the Yangbi Observatory with an epicenter 79km away. The peak horizontal acceleration observed by 14 stations $> 45\text{cm/s}^2$. A large number of long-range, small-scale observation records reflect the ground motion attenuation characteristics of this earthquake to a certain extent. The deviation correction method for magnitude translation used in this paper can minimize the relationship between station observations and attenuation. It is a systematic deviation of the estimates, thereby reducing the uncertainty of the estimation of ground motion parameters in areas where stations are missing.

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Macroseismic intensity investigation of the main events of the seismic sequence from Northern part of the Getic Depression (Romania)

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Real-time forecast of long-period ground motions by Green's function obtained from seismic interferometry

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Advancements in ShakeMap-EU: Building a European seismological service through research and capacity building

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Seasonal variations of the high-frequency ground-motion site response

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Implications of site effect variations close to two geothermal power plants in Southwest Germany for seismic hazard assessment

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Site-specific seismic hazard assessment of sensible facilities: The importance of local seismological instrumentation

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BhuDEV: An earthquake early warning dissemination system for Uttarakhand, India

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Research on high probability high frequency ground motion based on actual seismic records and source parameter uncertainty

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Surface seismic record estimation by borehole record correction with ambient noise

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Ground motion attenuation model for seismically highly hazardous Indian zones using gradient boosting xgboost machine learning algorithm

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Smart base-isolation systems for enhanced seismic resistance in regions prone to earthquakes: A simulation study

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Reconstructing ground motion from past earthquakes in the Vrancea Seismic Zone using ambient seismic noise

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Perturbations of free-field seismic recordings caused by coupling slabs, short wavelength topography and soil-structure interaction: Preliminary results from empirical studies

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The 21 November 2022, Mw 5.6 Cianjur earthquake: aftershock, intensity, and peak ground acceleration

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Rapid methods for the estimation of the topographic amplification and consideration in site-specific response spectra.

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Assessing the seismic hazard of the Campotosto Lake dams by near-source ground motion simulations

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Region Specific Ground-motion Prediction Equations for Small to Moderate Shallow Crustal Seismicity in Uttarakhand Himalaya

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Site specific seismic Hazard analysis for central Alborz basin

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A Python algorithm for ensemble initialization and reduction in urgent computing applications and probabilistic shakemaps retrieval

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A vulnerability-based method for the selection of ground motion models for probabilistic seismic hazard analysis

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A forecast of long-period ground motions by using a convolutional neural network

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Analysis of moderate and large magnitude ground motions in Turkey: Evidence of azimuthal variations associated with directivity effects

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Reduction method of liquefaction damage using grouting applicable to existing structures

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Seismic potential of Main Recent Fault (Iran): Insights from interseismic fault locking, slip rate, and earthquake recurrence interval

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An analysis of elements at risk using weight of evidence method for seismically induced landslide susceptibility

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Seismological studies for site effect characterization of Ancona city following the Mw 5.5 Costa Marchigiana-Pesarese earthquake (Central Italy)

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Vs30 and depth to bedrock estimates using H/V measurements and geology and slope approach in the Oslo area, Norway

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Local seismic response for highly risk-exposed urban areas

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Site effect study at the foot of the Mount Cameroun volcano in Buea city

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Are the homogenous micro-zones really homogeneous from a seismic response point of view?

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Evaluating the applicability of the microzonation simplified approach (national abacuses) in the plain of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (Italy)

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Estimation of Shallow S-wave Velocity Structures in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal, using Microtremor Array Observation

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The Kathmandu Valley is filled with soft lake sediments with a thickness of more than 650 m in the central part. The thicknesses of these sediments vary a lot in the valley. The site amplification characteristics of this sedimentary structure resulted in significant damage during past large earthquakes. During the 2015 Gorkha, Nepal earthquake (M_w 7.8, 8.2 km), the observed damage was concentrated in a few areas which can be considered as a function of the local site effect. Constructing the shallow to deep sedimentary velocity model is important to reduce damage by future earthquakes. Strong motion seismometers have been installed at 14 sites in the Kathmandu Valley. The deep velocity structures under these stations have been discussed with strong ground motion records. In this study, we explored 18 sites using small-sized equilateral triangle microtremor arrays at the strong motion stations and in the damage-concentrated area of the 2015 Gorkha earthquake to understand the shallow S-wave velocity structure. We applied the spatial autocorrelation method to the observed microtremor records and obtained the phase velocities of the Rayleigh wave between 5 to 30 Hz. The phase velocities in the high-frequency range differ at sites on bedrock, lacustrine sediments, and fluvial sediments. We inverted S-wave velocities from these phase velocities dispersion curves using genetic algorithms. The average S-wave velocities of the upper 30 m of each site calculated from the estimated velocity structures are 130-400 m/s and correspond with geological formation classification.

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Passive and active seismic surveys for site investigation in Bucharest using seismographs dense array: preliminary results

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The subsoil of the city of Rome (Italy): Results from a dense temporary seismic network

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Horizontal-to-vertical spectral ratio at four major cities of KwaZulu-Natal

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Using GNSS PPP to image surface displacement: application to the 2023 Turkey earthquake sequence

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GNSS observations are available at a high temporal frequency and accuracy. Their usefulness in capturing coseismic deformation during large earthquakes is here tested. Precise point positioning (PPP) is used to compute coordinate time series for 61 stations of the TUSAGA-Aktif network during the 2023 earthquake sequence. Precise GPS, GLONASS and Galileo satellite orbits and clock offsets computed by GFZ are used, together with GNSS observations with a sampling interval of 1 s, 30 s or 5 minutes. The difference between postseismic and averaged preseismic coordinates provides displacement time series with generally centimeter-level horizontal accuracy. The time series computed with a 5 minute temporal sampling rate captures coseismic displacement greater than nominal uncertainties at a few stations, peaking at ~30 cm on either side of the East Anatolian Fault (EAF) for the largest shock (Mw 7.8) and at ~4 m for the Mw 7.5 event, which occurred on a fault very close to station EKZ1. The time series computed every 30 s and (using interpolated satellite clock offsets) every 1 s show no evidence of significant pre/post-seismic creeping. Estimates of coseismic displacement from PPP GNSS solutions are compared with those from seismology and InSAR. Although the sensitivity of these solutions with high sampling rates can only capture significant coseismic displacement, this work serves as a preliminary exploration of a future system for automatic near-real-time imaging of surface displacement during ruptures capable of detecting complex sequences of ruptures and creeping.

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Investigating dynamic triggering in Vrancea (Romania) from the Feb 6th Turkey-Syria earthquake

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Recent Earthquakes, Seismic Hazard and Risk in the Himalayas by MCDM and Artificial Neural Network

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Velocity structure and its relation to the seismicity of Datong windows region in Shanxi Province, North China

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On October 19, 1989, a surface-wave magnitude M_S 5.9 earthquake occurred in Datong-Yanggao, Two M_S 5.8 and M_S 5.6 earthquakes occurred on March 26, 1991, and November 1, 1999, respectively. Since then, aftershocks continued in this region, and this region serves as a “window” of aftershocks, it is at the junction of Datong Basin and Liulengshan Range in the northern part of Shanxi Graben, China. A high-resolution 3D P-wave velocity model of the crust was obtained with double-difference tomography using seismic data from July 2009 to June 2019. The results show that the Datong-Yanggao seismic sequence occurred, in general, within the NE rupture zone of the earthquake swarm of 1989. The sequences from 1991 and 1999 were in the rupture zone of 1989. A series of earthquakes developed in this region, which is at the intersection of multiple faults and a low-velocity anomaly of the intermediate-lower crust. A gap of length of about 3 km was found at the southwest end of the NE Dawangcun Fault. Several moderate earthquake ruptures failed to break through it. It was speculated that it may be a potential asperity. There is a possibility of an earthquake with magnitude about 5 from the gap. The relocation results for the earthquakes show that intensive small-earthquake events in Datong Window corresponding to moderate-to-strong earthquakes in Shanxi Graben were highly clustered horizontally and distributed vertically in a column. In contrast, when there was no moderate earthquake after intensive small-earthquake events, the spatial distribution of these events was scattered and dispersive.

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The effects of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey on seismicity in Romania

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The recent sequence of devastating earthquakes in Turkey (February 6, 2023) coincided with the activation of the Râmnicu Sarat seismic zone in Romania. After the first 7.8 R earthquake in Central Turkey, 2023-02-06 01:17:36.1 UTC, a 4.6 R earthquake followed shortly in Romania, 2023-02-06 01:26:20.6 UTC. This magnitude activated the NIEP (National Institute of Earth Physics) seismic warning system. On 13.02.2023, the Targu Jiu area was reactivated with a 5.2R earthquake, 2023-02-13 14:58:07.4 UTC, and three aftershocks. Shortly after, an earthquake with magnitude 4R also occurred in Croatia, 2023-02-13 15:18:49.5 UTC. Are we witnessing an overlap of events in which earthquakes with a magnitude above 7R in Turkey have reactivated other seismic zones? Before these events, we recorded an anomaly in the temperature and level of the Black Sea by the monitoring stations in Mangalia and Constanta. An analysis of the level of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea before and after the devastating earthquakes in Turkey does not indicate the production of a tsunami, although an alert of this type was generated in Italy, but it shows a movement of a large volume of water that can induce seismicity. The analysis of these overlapping events in a short period of time does not indicate a direct interdependence, but an indirect one is possible. The large displacements of the faults as a result of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey can push the Black Sea microplate and affect the Vrancea seismic zone characterized by deep earthquakes with large effects.

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Method for Determining the Accumulated Potential Energy of Deformation in Lithospheric Plates, Blocks of the Earth's Crust and Earthquake Prediction

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Flexible estimation approach of background stress changes based on the rate- and state-friction seismicity model

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Stochastic Modelling of Earthquake Diffusion in Seismic Swarms

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Seismic swarms frequently exhibit spatial migration of event hypocenters with time attributed to external aseismic stresses, such as pore-fluid pressure diffusion, aseismic creep, or magmatic intrusion, that may act as the driving mechanism. Earthquake diffusion, observed in such cases, can be highly anisotropic, occurring preferentially along fractures and zones of weakness over wide spatial and temporal scales. The efficient modelling of the complex spatiotemporal evolution of seismic swarms, hence, represents a major challenge. Herein, we develop a stochastic model, based on the Continuous Time Random Walk (CTRW) theory, to map the spatiotemporal evolution of seismic swarms. Within this context, we describe the spatiotemporal evolution of seismicity with an appropriate master equation and the time-fractional diffusion equation (FDE). The applicability of the model is demonstrated in two seismic swarms associated with pore-fluid pressure diffusion, the 2001 Agios Ioannis (Corinth Rift) and the 2014 Long Valley Caldera (California) swarms. The analysis shows anomalous earthquake diffusion, with diffusion exponents less than unity in both cases, as well as broad waiting-times distributions with asymptotic power-law behavior. Such properties are intrinsic characteristics of a sub-diffusive process. Furthermore, the asymptotic solution of the FDE can successfully capture the main features of earthquake progression in time and space. Overall, the results demonstrate that the CTRW model can efficiently be used to map earthquake diffusion in seismic swarms.

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Dependence of seismic hazard on the observation time window: insights from physics-based simulated seismicity at the Eastern Betics (SE Spain).

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Automated machine learning for earthquake prediction from imbalance earthquake events using global geomagnetic field data

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Forecast of maximum amplitude immediately after a large earthquake through the extreme value analysis of continuous seismogram

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Visualization of aftershock forecasts driven by user needs

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Characteristics of b -value and envelope of $M_S \geq 6$ earthquake sequence with foreshocks in Chinese mainland

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Multiparameter statistical study of the crustal seismic sequence started on February 13th, 2023 in Targu Jiu area (Romania)

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Seismicity patterns from global to regional and local scale - geotectonic reality or just pure mathematical modeling

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S14 - Posters - New Advances in Understanding The Earth's Crust Dynamics in the Light of Solving the Problem of Earthquake Forecasting

Self-similarity of active fault systems and distribution of earthquake epicenters

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Modelling out-of-plane signals in the global Earth: first results from a flat subducted slab

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Mapping strong topography of mantle reflectors beneath southern Asia

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Seismic anisotropy due to textures above and below the 410 km discontinuity

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Source parameters of recent moderate-size subcrustal earthquakes of Vrancea region (Romania)

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The source parameters estimation of the intense seismic sequence recorded in 2023 - Tg. Jiu area, Romania

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Source parameters for seismicity in Mexico City since 2010 to 2020

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Repeating earthquakes in Northern Chile, from true repeaters to deep repeaters

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At the northern Chilean subduction zone, the IPOC network has been monitoring seismicity since 2006. For the observation time until 2021 a recent catalog has been published holding more than 182,000 events. We have performed a complete template matching run on the continuous seismic data using this catalog, enabling us to identify a large amount of repeating earthquake families. Many identified family members were not in the original catalog, but solely identified by the template matching. High data quality and long observation time allow analyzing these sequences in detail.

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Physics-Informed Neural Networks for modeling slow slip events in a spring-slider system with a rate and state friction law

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In the Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) approach, we construct neural networks that can solve the physics-based equations by minimizing the loss function which involves the differential equations and initial / boundary conditions [Raissi et al., 2019]. This approach has been recently adopted in many research fields because it not only provides the mesh-free framework for forward problems but also easily obtains solutions for inverse problems. In seismology, a spring-slider model is often used to simulate fault slip evolution [Yoshida and Kato, 2003]. In this study, we applied PINNs to this simulation in the spring-slider model that combines quasi-dynamic equations of motion [Rice, 1993] and rate and state friction law [Ruina, 1983]. By assigning appropriate frictional parameters, we successfully reproduced slow slip events (SSEs). Unlike the time-adaptive Runge-Kutta approach that is usually used in solving these equations, PINNs can solve the equation with equidistant collocation points. This indicates the high interpolation ability of PINNs. To incorporate the temporal causal structure, we also applied the Causal-PINNs [Wang et al., 2022] to the same problem. We found that the Causal-PINNs obtained a similar simulation result with faster calculation speed and higher accuracy compared to original PINNs. In addition, we estimated the frictional parameters by adding the misfit term between the observed and calculated slip velocity data to the loss function. As a result, all frictional parameters are optimized from the synthetic data with added noises. These results imply that the PINNs approach is effective in earthquake cycle simulation and frictional parameter estimation.

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The ruptures were stopped by the local tectonic structures – cases from two Mw6.6 strike-slip earthquakes in China in 2022

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An Mw6.6 earthquake struck Menyuan, northeast of Tibet Plateau in China, on 7th January 2022. The earthquake destroyed the high-speed railway near the epicenter. An Mw6.6 earthquake struck Luding, southeast of Tibet Plateau in China, on 5th September 2022, which caused severe damage.

The bend, step-over, and other local tectonic structures play a key role in the beginning and ending of strike-slip earthquakes. The geodetic and regional seismic data make it possible to investigate the rupture process of earthquakes of moderate magnitude. The updated China Earthquake Network included over two thousand broadband stations, three thousand strong motion stations, and ten thousand MEMS sensors.

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Source mechanisms of the earthquake swarms linked to the 2021 Fagradalsfjall volcanic eruption (SW Iceland)

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Time sequence of the seismicity and relationship with the mid-crustal reflector in Iwaki area, northeastern Japan

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The 2011 Tohoku-Oki earthquake with M 9 occurred on March, 11, 2011. Many remarkable changes of crustal activity were observed in Japan after the earthquake. The Iwaki area, northeastern Japan, is one of the places that the seismic activity increased drastically. The high seismic activity area is located in a triangle area with one side length of about 50 km. The two boundaries at the depth of around 30 km and 15-23 km were detected in this area by the analysis of waveforms (Usuda et al., 2022). The two boundaries were identified as Moho and mid-crustal boundaries. It was suggested that the mid-crustal boundary was related to crustal fluid. The relationship between the time sequence of the seismicity (data of Japan Meteorological Agency) and the reflector of the mid-crustal boundary (Usuda et al., 2022) is researched in this study. The mid-crustal boundary dips northeast direction. The seismic activity began at just above the mid-crustal reflector at the southern part of the reflector. The seismicity spread to wide area on and around the mid-crustal reflector. The seismicity gap was found at the central part of the area. The large intraplate earthquake, 2011 Hamadoori earthquake (Mw 6.6), occurred on April 11, 2011 at the seismicity gap. The active seismicity area formed large triangle area. In Japan, it has been suggested that the source of large earthquake is related to crustal fluid. It is considered that the crustal earthquakes in Iwaki area are also related to the crustal fluid.

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Megathrust complexity delimited the up-dip extent of slip during the 2021 Chignik, Alaska Peninsula earthquake

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Revised Empirical Relationships for Estimation of Earthquake Magnitude: Application of Machine Learning

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In this study, we developed a new empirical relation between various source and rupture parameters such as moment magnitude (M), surface rupture length (SRL), subsurface rupture length (RLD), rupture width (RW), rupture area (RA), and average (AD) and maximum slip (MD), based on an extensive updated database. A log-linear regression was used to study 402 earthquakes that occurred between 1857 and 2018, ranging in magnitude $M \sim 4.5-9.2$, with various faulting mechanisms. All fault mechanisms correlate well with M-SRL, M-RLD, M-RW, and M-RA. In contrast, the M-AD and M-MD correlate moderately for reverse faulting, whereas the correlation is relatively better for other fault types. The results were compared with previous studies and found to be revised. On the other hand, the log-linear equations predict a single magnitude value as a function of a single fault parameter independent of the values of other fault parameters, which may lead to inconsistency. This limitation has been addressed by applying machine learning techniques to estimate the earthquake magnitude while simultaneously using all fault parameters to ensure consistency. We also investigated the performance and applicability of an artificial neural network (ANN) and a gradient-boosting machine (GBM) regression technique. Our analysis shows that GBM outperforms regression equations in estimating earthquake magnitude, but ANN outperforms both. The result of this study would be extremely useful for paleoseismic studies where reliable estimates of earthquake magnitudes and other source parameters are often unavailable from published literature.

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Modelling dynamic rupture in olivine-based subducting slabs: From a microscopic to a mesoscopic perspective

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A common mineral for subducting material is olivine, which is a magnesium-ferrosilicate with varying amounts of iron and magnesium. The purpose of this work is to investigate the rigid rupture process of crystalline olivine from an atomistic perspective and to estimate the energy released during the breakdown process of the material. In this study, ab initio calculations have been performed based on the well-known Density Functional Theory (DFT). As a first step, we calculated the electro-structural energy minimum of the unit cell of olivine at 24 GPa, which corresponds to the pressure condition of the subducting slab at a depth of 700 km. To obtain reference stress-strain curves, the relaxed unit cell was strained under a variety of shear distortions. In this way, we were able to calculate the theoretical total energy released by the subducting material during atomistic rupture. To broaden the atomistic energy budget to a macroscale rupture mechanism (i.e., with the size of the fault), we developed a modular multiscale fracture model. Several grain ruptures are simulated in this manner, with each grain containing different crystallographic directions within a polycrystalline olivine matrix. A stochastic simulation scheme was applied to this model to compute multiple grain ruptures and thereby estimate the energy involved in a macroscale rupture. The results obtained were compared to the average moment-scaled functions that were obtained for very deep earthquakes in the Peruvian-Brazilian subduction zone.

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Source characteristics of earthquake swarms in southwest Australia

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Long-term activity change in Very low-frequency earthquakes in the south Ryukyu Trench

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Shedding light on the rupture mechanism of small earthquakes in the Alps and Dinarides: Stacked-waveform MT Inversion

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Stress distribution evaluated for the western India-Eurasia collision zone from a declustered catalogue of earthquake focal mechanism solutions

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Characteristics of Donachiwada fault at Koyna, India from focal mechanism studies

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Focal Mechanisms and Seismicity of local earthquakes beneath the Sikkim Himalaya

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A new 3D model of the Ionian slab geometry and of the Central Mediterranean Moho

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Joint ambient noise and earthquake tomography of the Central Mediterranean region

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Relative contribution of the Hellenic slab rollback and movement of North Anatolian Fault to the deformation in the Western Anatolia

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Strain partitioning in SE Spain. Insights from cGNSS data

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Regional Geodynamic implications of new GNSS data from the Central Betic Cordillera

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Deep subduction versus collision cessation: The fate of continental collisional orogens

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The density, temperature, and composition of Antarctic lithosphere constrained by gravity inversion and seismic tomography

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Our result highlights the compositional effect is essential to constraining the mantle temperature in East Antarctica, where our model suggests a highly depleted cratonic mantle in central East Antarctica. When compositional variations are considered, modelled mantle temperature increases in depleted regions by up to 150 °C to accommodate lower density and fast seismic velocity. Sensitivity tests suggest anelasticity effects dominate the uncertainty in resolving mantle temperature in slow seismic velocity regions (for example, West Antarctica). Future work requires constraining the seismic anelasticity to reduce the uncertainties in estimating lithosphere properties in West Antarctica.

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Our result highlights the compositional effect is essential to constraining the mantle temperature in East Antarctica, where our model suggests a highly depleted cratonic mantle in central East Antarctica. When compositional variations are considered, modelled mantle temperature increases in depleted regions by up to 150 °C to accommodate lower density and fast seismic velocity. Sensitivity tests suggest anelasticity effects dominate the uncertainty in resolving mantle temperature in slow seismic velocity regions (for example, West Antarctica). Future work requires constraining the seismic anelasticity to reduce the uncertainties in estimating lithosphere properties in West Antarctica.

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Use of ocean tide loading deformation to constrain tomographic models of the Earth

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The lithospheric structure of the South China Sea indicated by 3D gravity modelling

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Crustal structure and tectonics of the Achankovil shear zone, Southern Granulite Terrain, India using integrated multidisciplinary geoscientific data

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3D Travel time tomography of the Gulf of Lion into the Ligurian Sea

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Cenozoic evolution and 3d geometry of the Senegal marine (onshore-offshore): Facies sedimentology, sequence stratigraphy

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The Collaborative Seismic Earth Model: Generation 2

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Underplating evidence on Mejillones Peninsula zone, Chile

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Seismic anisotropic parameters of the Northwest Himalaya from splitting measurements of core refracted shear wave (SKS) phases

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Mantle anisotropy from shear-wave splitting along the Bohemian Massif-Eastern Alps north-south transect

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Splitting of shear waves is considered to be evidence of their propagation through an anisotropic medium. We evaluated splitting parameters of core-mantle refracted shear waves (SKS) along with their particle motions (PM), recorded during the passive seismic experiments AlpArray-EASI (2014-2015) and the AlpArray Seismic Network (2016-2019). The study area covers the western part of the Bohemian Massif and the Eastern Alps in about 200 km broad NS-oriented transect. Careful signal preprocessing includes several steps: automated identification of SKS waveforms, filtering and quality check. Special attention is paid to checking the geographical orientation of seismometers at all stations. Parameters of anisotropy – shear-wave split delay time and direction of the fast split shear waves in the LQT coordinate system are evaluated in 3D by two modified splitting methods, the eigenvalue and the transverse energy methods. To improve the splitting analysis results, we also include so-called null splits, i.e., results for directions where SKS waves do not split or their splitting is close to null. In the case of waveforms with a low signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) we apply a more robust PM method. The modified version of splitting methods (Vecsey et al., 2008) allows us to retrieve the 3D orientation of large-scale anisotropic structures in domains of the mantle lithosphere and to detect abrupt changes of their fabrics as well as present-day deformations within the sub-lithospheric part of the upper mantle.

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Geodynamic implications for the crustal and upper mantle anisotropy beneath the North China Craton

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Pan Canadian Narratives and Numbers: A Knowledge to Action Initiative in the Earthquake Early Warning Education (E3) Project

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Envisioning E3 Futures at the Seismic Science-Society Interface: Preliminary Analysis of the Pan Canadian Bilingual E3 Survey

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Generative adversarial networks as a fast surrogate model for simulations

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Addressing bias in predictions of global sedimentation rates through physical parameters, few-shot learning, and numerical modeling

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Investigating the role of auxiliary and texture features for improving flood detection with interpretable machine learning

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FAIR shallow landslide hazard mapping

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A single triggering event such as strong precipitation, may result in swarms of shallow landslides that cumulatively pose significant risks to population, infrastructure and the environment. There is large scientific and societal interest in hazard maps that display the susceptibility to shallow landslide occurrence while accounting for spatio-temporal variability of triggers and influencing factors. In this study, we implemented a generic and scalable hazard mapping workflow in accordance with the FAIR principles that relies on a Random Forest Classifier. It is a purely data-driven approach which due to its modular implementation allows a flexible adaptation to different areas of interest and integrated data. It's application results in individualized and reproducible hazard maps. The validation of these maps as well as the underlying workflow is considered as well. The workflow facilitates dynamic hazard maps of varying temporal scope. This temporal dynamic is achieved through the integration of highly volatile features such as precipitation events. In this way, hazard maps can be created depending on the weather forecast. Geohazard potential changes dramatically in response to volatile triggering conditions making their inclusion into the mapping process a natural extension to the established static hazard mapping features. First results of enriching data-driven landslide hazard mapping with temporal data are promising. The resulting temporally dynamic hazard maps offer a wide range of opportunities to improve landslide risk management.

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Road conditions analysis and forecasting in Arctic: multi-source machine learning approach

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BRDF/Albedo Retrievals using Unsupervised Segmentation in the Arctic in the context of NASA ARCSIX

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Deep Learning-Aided High-Resolution Temporal Gravity Field Simulations: Monthly global mass grids and Spherical Harmonics from 1994 to 2021

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Regional ZTD Modeling by Using Multi-Source Data Based on Machine Learning: A Case Study of Severe Weather Event in Turkey

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Zenith tropospheric delay (ZTD) is critical information for global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) meteorology. ZTD is estimated from GNSS stations, radiosonde stations, meteorological stations, meteorological reanalysis data, global pressure and temperature 3 model (GPT3), etc. Extreme weather events can detect from ZTD values. In this situation, the importance of obtaining reliable ZTD data increases. With the development of machine learning, its usability has also been raised in ZTD estimation. In this study, we have developed three ZTD models based on the support vector machine model (SVM) using radiosonde ZTD data, the International GNSS Service (IGS)-ZTD products, ZTD estimated by European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Reanalysis 5 (ERA5) data throughout July 2017. The reason for choosing the year 2017 is the extreme weather events as severe precipitation and hail events that took place in Istanbul (IGS-ISTA) on July 18-27, 2017. In order to investigate which ZTD model gives better results, Root Mean Square Errors (RMSE), and bias were adopted for our comparisons in extreme weather events and normal weather conditions.

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Machine learning approach for automatic infrasound signal classification

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The huge volume of infrasound detections asks for machine learning techniques for the automatic classification of signals. Our objective was to assess machine learning algorithms in identifying signals. Since 2017, the Hungarian infrasound array has collected approximately one million detections, processed with the Progressive Multi Channel Correlation method. Of these, we categorised some 14,000 detections from quarry blasts, storms and a power plant. These detections constitute the dataset for machine learning training, validation and testing. After pre-processing, features were extracted from the waveforms both in the time and frequency domain, to characterize the physical properties of the signals. We also defined PMCC related features to measure the similarity between the detections. For training, two classifiers were selected, Random Forests and Support Vector Machines. Hyperparameter tuning was performed with three-fold cross-validation using grid search. As a metric, f1 score was selected, and the confusion matrices were analysed. The goal was to separate the detections labelled as quarry blasts from the storm and power plant classes. The results reach 0.88 f1 scores, and high true positive rate for the quarry blasts, which show promising step in the direction of infrasound signal classification via machine learning.

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GNSS Time-series Denoising and Prediction through a Combined Use of Wavelet and Deep Learning. Testing on data-series from Campi Flegrei

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The Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) is widely acknowledged for its ability to monitor ground deformation and provide guidance to assess associated hazards. However, noise in GNSS time-series can hide or even mask the actual ground deformation signals. Various denoising techniques have been developed to improve the signal-to-noise ratio and detect low amplitude signals. The Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) has proven to be one of the most effective techniques. However, the DWT requires extensive time-series data and it is therefore computationally expensive, making it unsuitable for real-time monitoring.

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Modeling of Nitric Oxide infrared radiative flux in lower thermosphere: A machine learning perspective

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Testing a “fully – automated” clustering algorithm for stress inversions (CluStress)

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Deep learning in spaceborne GNSS Reflectometry for Ocean Remote Sensing

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Gravity signal separation using a neural network

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Forecasting geomagnetic storm disturbances and their uncertainties using deep learning

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Research on modeling and predicting of GNSS satellite clock bias using the LSTM neural network model

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In the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS), the satellite clock bias (SCB) is one of the sources of ranging error, and the prediction capability directly affects the users navigation and positioning accuracy. The establishment of a reliable SCB predicting model is important for real-time precise point positioning, precise orbit determination and optimization of navigation message parameters. In this report, we apply a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model for predicting BDS-3 SCB, which uses a multiple single-step predicting method to avoid error accumulation in the process. Short- (0 to 6 hours), medium- (6 hours to 3 days) and long-term (3 days to 7 days) predicting is performed, and the results are compared with those of two traditional models to verify the reliability and accuracy of the LSTM method. In the long-term prediction of BDS-3 SCB, LSTM improves the accuracy about 70% and 60% compared to the autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) and quadratic polynomial (QP) model, respectively. This report also presents the results of predicting GPS and Galileo SCB using the LSTM method.

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Sporadic micro-meteoroid source radiant distribution inferred from the Arecibo 430 MHz radar observations with machine learning

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Forecasting solar wind speed from solar EUV images

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Plasma-sheet bubbles play a major role in the earthward transport of magnetotail particles. The most remarkable feature of bubbles is their fast bulk flow velocities, along with reduced plasma density and pressure accompanied by magnetic field dipolarization. These bubbles can be identified based on in-situ observations, but subjective ambiguity necessitates human verification, due to confusion with other phenomena mostly associated with magnetic reconnection and plasma waves. In this study, we aim to employ machine learning techniques to detect bubbles automatically and without prior subject expertise. To identify bubbles, we combine three distinct techniques: MINImally RandOm Convolutional KErnel Transform (MINIROCKET), 1D convolution neural network (CNN), and Residual Network (ResNet). The imbalanced training dataset consists of bubble and non-bubble events with a ratio of 1:40 from 2007 to 2020. The results indicate that the accuracy of the all three models is approximately 99%, and their precision, recall, and score are all above 80% for both the validation and test datasets. The three methods are combined with the intersection set as the minimum set of predictions and the union set as the maximum set. The union set can accurately identify 66.7% of plasma bubbles. The methods simultaneously reduce the number of false positives significantly. In the prediction of bubbles in observations made in year 2021 using union set, the bubbles obtained by the model are comparable to those discovered using traditional criteria and manual inspections.

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Extended range probabilistic forecasts of water temperatures at rivers and lakes in Switzerland using Machine Learning

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The increased frequency of the occurrence of drought in combination with heat waves in the recent years raises the need for forecasts of water temperatures to take timely measures to limit damages to aquatic ecosystems and mitigate losses. Furthermore, forecasts could allow identifying possible limitation of water use for cooling purposes by industry when water temperature are too high. Nonetheless, the usage of hydro-meteorological extended range forecasts with lead-times of several weeks is limited by now. Statistical models based on Machine Learning (ML) methods, have gained importance in recent years and show very promising results. However, there are several drawbacks of ML methods, like the lack of interpretability and the incorporation of uncertainty. We tested different ML methods at 60 stations, ranging from high alpine with glacier dominance to lowland, representing the diversity of Swiss runoff regimes. The aim is to analyse these methods in more detail with respect to the importance of the hydro-meteorological input variables used, the necessity of pre- and post-processing steps and the estimation of predictive uncertainties. A recently developed ML method for probabilistic forecasts, called Temporal Fusion Transformer, shows the best results and allows a detailed interpretation of the model results. The results for the period 2012 to 2022 highlight the importance of considering temporal and spatial aggregation of input data (e.g. applying wavelet transformations) as a pre-processing step and using post-processing methods, such as Nonhomogeneous Gaussian Regression, to improve the skill of the probabilistic forecast system.

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Generic seismic mass-movement detection leveraging unsupervised statistical learning methods

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Satellite data intercalibration by means of data assimilation, an attempt on LEO satellites

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Interpretable machine learning procedure unravels hidden interplanetary drivers of the low latitude dayside magnetopause

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Picturing the global magnetosphere during storms and substorms by data-mining decades of spacecraft magnetometer observations

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Data assimilation into a machine learning-based emulator of global MHD simulation for analysis of the polar ionosphere

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Estimation of the topside ionosphere and plasmasphere by Ensemble Kalman Filter

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Big data assimilation revolutionizing numerical weather prediction using Fugaku

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The largest errors in weather and climate predictions are generally associated with near bound variables such as aerosols, clouds and precipitation. These variables are "near-bound" in the sense that they are non-negative (bounded at zero) and that the error standard deviation of their observations and forecasts is not that different from the distance of their true value from the bound. Typically, the observation error standard deviation decreases as the true value of the variable approaches the bound and is typically specified by a relative standard deviation rather than an absolute standard deviation. The associated uncertainty distributions for both forecasts and observations of these variables are typically highly skewed and non-Gaussian. Sometimes the observed variables are non-linear functions of the underlying model variables. In this paper, we will show how well-known data assimilation frameworks such as Serial Ensemble Kalman Filters that assimilate observations in batches, Ensemble Kalman Filters that assimilate observations all at the same time (e.g. ETKF), and variational schemes such as 3DVar and 4DVar, can all be adjusted to greatly improve their ability to accommodate these bounded variables. The new theory will be explained and illustrated with simple examples in which the new method profoundly outperforms methods that attempt to treat these variables in the same way as other (Gaussian) variables.

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Fengyun-4A (FY-4A) is the first satellite in the second generation of China's geostationary meteorological satellite series. The Advanced Geostationary Radiation Imager (AGRI) onboard FY-4A satellite can measure water vapor data at infrared band. In this study, to investigate the benefits of assimilating FY-4A water vapor data to weather forecasting performance over the South China region, we have performed the data assimilation experiments in the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model for two periods with different water vapor conditions, i.e., February 2020 (dry period) and July 2020 (wet period). Two WRF schemes, i.e., WRF no data assimilation scheme (denoted as "WRF_NoDA") and WRF with assimilation of FY-4A Precipitable Water Vapor (PWV) scheme (denoted as "WRF+FY-4A"), have been implemented. The PWV and rainfall forecasting results of the two WRF schemes are validated by Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) PWV and the rainfall observations of the surface meteorological stations, respectively. The evaluation results show that, compared with WRF_NoDA scheme, WRF+FY-4A indicates a better performance in both PWV and rainfall forecasting. Specifically, with the assimilation of FY-4A PWV, the average root mean squares error of WRF PWV forecasting results for the first 12 h after data assimilation is reduced from 2.34 kg/m² to 2.25 kg/m² over the February period and from 4.39 kg/m² to 4.35 kg/m² over the July period. Additionally, after assimilating FY-4A PWV, the equitable threat score of accumulated rainfall for the first 12 h after data assimilation increases from 0.217 to 0.237 when using 10 mm/12 h as rainfall detection threshold.

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Localization and inflation in geomagnetic data assimilation: estimating the dynamic state of the Earth's outer core

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Whole atmosphere-ionosphere data assimilation and ensemble forecasting system

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Results on the assimilation of GOLD temperature and O/N₂ Observations in WACCMX+DART

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Monthly to seasonal statistical hydrological forecasts based on teleconnections

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**Spatialized data assimilation of snowdepth observations into a distributed model:
Addressing the issues of equifinality and outlier observations**

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JA03a - Analogue Data for the Future: Preservation and Present-Day Utilization of Historical Data in the Geosciences (IAGA, IACS, IASPEI, IAHS, IAG, IAPSO)

Digitising historical New Zealand paper magnetograms to extract one-minute data as input for modelling geomagnetic storms

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Geomagnetic observations at Clementinum/Prague Observatory (1839-1917) and the first magnetic survey in Central Europe

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Shortly after Gauss's absolute method for measuring magnetic fields was invented (1832), and the bifilar device for observations of the geomagnetic field was constructed and put into operation in Göttingen (1837), geomagnetic observations also started at the Prague Clementinum observatory (1839). The beginnings of the observations at Clementinum were tightly connected with Karl Kreil, who became familiar with this new field of science at the Milan observatory. In Prague, he organized regular geomagnetic observations that even went on after his moving to Vienna (1851) to establish the Central Institute for Meteorology and Geomagnetism. The regular measurements in Prague persisted until 1917. The results were printed in yearbooks *Magnetische und Meteorologische Beobachtungen zu Prag*. The measurements were carried out manually. The declination was observed using the magnetic compass principle, while a bifilar apparatus was used to measure the horizontal intensity. Data from the period 1839-1871 were published in the divisions of the scale of the instrument. These data we analysed, transformed to physical units and made available to the users. In addition to regular daily observations, two categories of data with a higher cadence were provided in the first decade: (1) magnetic storms and (2) joint measurements organized in the frame of Göttingen Magnetic Union. In addition to the observatory practice at Clementinum, in the period 1843-1845, Kreil also carried out a magnetic survey in Bohemia, the first survey of this sort in the Central Europe. In the following years he continued the survey in other parts of the Austrian Empire.

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Extraction of historical magnetogram time series from French magnetic observatories

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Digitizing the Carrington 1859 storm: Magnetogram records from Greenwich and Kew observatories

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Core field and storm time geomagnetic dynamics enclosed in 1964-1970 satellite measurements

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Digitization project of historical analogue magnetograms in Japan

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Auroras and other celestial phenomena in medieval Arabic sources: A database

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Toward a new revised collection of sunspot group numbers with emphasis on 17th and 18th century observations

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The ISIS Topside Sounder Project - Rescuing a Unique Ionospheric Data Set

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A review of early graphical continuous record and their technical problems

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Preliminary study of tectonic tremor location using analog seismograms on recording paper of the Kanto-Tokai Observation Network

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Sustainable preservation and digitization of analogue seismic records in Germany.

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Filling a ~60 years void of instrumental parametric data in observational seismology

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Before the introduction of online data sharing and computer-based archiving and processing of instrumental data, the results of observational analyses of seismograms were stored in printed bulletins produced by individual observatories and national as well as regional agencies around the world. Since late 2010, many digitization were undertaken by the International Seismological Centre (ISC, www.isc.ac.uk). With this contribution we aim to summarize the wealth of (new) data the ISC brings to the seismological community for earthquakes occurring as early as 1904. Therefore, the data digitized in these years fills a large gap in electronic bulletin data availability and complements the data freely available from the ISC Bulletin starting in 1964. We expect this data to be an asset for studies of earthquakes occurred in the pre-digital era as well as for seismogram digitization initiatives.

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Lessons from preserving and extracting historical seismic data

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Utilization of historical data in the Geosciences: The case of Extremadura region (Spain)

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Recovering the Italian daily hydrological measurements with a citizen science approach

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Using citizen science to rescue sea level data in danger

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Advancement of accuracy and frequency of the GNSS-A seafloor crustal deformation observation

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Decadal postseismic deformation of the 2011 Tohoku-oki earthquake revealed by GNSS-acoustic observations using manned and unmanned sea surface platforms

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Another implementation of GARPOS-MCMC for the full-Bayes GNSS-A seafloor precise positioning analysis with the widely applicable Bayesian information criterion

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Systematic error estimation and modeling for underwater acoustic positioning and augmented navigation

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Abstract: The performance of underwater acoustic positioning and navigation is greatly influenced by the systematic errors related to the time delays and the time-varying sound speed. Therefore, one of the key issues of underwater acoustic positioning and navigation is how to reduce the effect of the systematic errors. In this study, we propose a systematic error estimation and modeling method. The method firstly constructs an improved acoustic observation model based on the cubic B-spline curve and the nadir total delay (NTD), meanwhile, the transponder coordinates as well as the systematic errors related to the sound speed and the time delay are estimated. Then we use the polynomial fitting method to construct systematic error model and broadcast to underwater acoustic navigation user. Finally, the augmented underwater acoustic navigation is performed based on correction information. The proposed algorithm is verified by a real experiment for the underwater acoustic positioning and navigation in the South China Sea. The results demonstrate that the proposed algorithm can efficiently reduce the influence of systematic errors, thus improving the underwater acoustic positioning and navigation accuracy. The inside precision of seafloor datum positioning can reach cm level. The root mean square error (RMSE) of underwater acoustic navigation is about 1 m within the datum network compared to the results of global navigation satellite system (GNSS).

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Abstract: The performance of underwater acoustic positioning and navigation is greatly influenced by the systematic errors related to the time delays and the time-varying sound speed. Therefore, one of the key issues of underwater acoustic positioning and navigation is how to reduce the effect of the systematic errors. In this study, we propose a systematic error estimation and modeling method. The method firstly constructs an improved acoustic observation model based on the cubic B-spline curve and the nadir total delay (NTD), meanwhile, the transponder coordinates as well as the systematic errors related to the sound speed and the time delay are estimated. Then we use the polynomial fitting method to construct systematic error model and broadcast to underwater acoustic navigation user. Finally, the augmented underwater acoustic navigation is performed based on correction information. The proposed algorithm is verified by a real experiment for the underwater acoustic positioning and navigation in the South China

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Geophysical Exploration of Deep-Sea Massive Sulphide Deposits

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Accurate modelling of marine magnetotelluric data using high-order finite element methods

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Lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary dynamics revealed from magnetotelluric data at the Mid-Atlantic Ridge

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Bathymetry changes from ICESAT-2 -A case story from Moreton Bay Australia

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Monitoring seafloor deformation using bottom pressure and ocean models: An A-0-A experiment in the context of the Mayotte volcanic crisis

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Evaluation of the ability to extract crustal deformation signal from ocean bottom pressure time series using principal component analysis

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Monitoring fluid saturation in a gas-water system by utilizing CPET modelling of 4D seismic inversion results

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It is essential to comprehend how fluid concentration in rocks affects the hydrocarbon reserve and monitor fluid concentration for a sequestration or enhanced oil recovery programme. A prediction of saturation is highly uncertain due to the prior assumption that gas distribution is uniform or patchy in a rock physics theory. We therefore use the capillary pressure equilibrium theory (CPET) to develop a reservoir model that corresponds to the physics of capillary-induced fluid invasion and avoids the uncertainty associated with the type of gas distribution in pores. Assuming that the rock frame has not significantly changed throughout the field, we develop a CPET model utilising the reservoir parameters of the clean and unconsolidated sandstone formation of the Sleipner field, North Sea, which is the first industrial-scale CO₂-injection operation ever. The fluid content of the Sleipner field is then estimated by interpreting the time-lapse seismic inversion results using the model. According to our research, CO₂ is similar to a uniform distribution at higher concentrations, whereas it is mostly a somewhat patchy type at lower concentrations, or somewhere in between patchy and uniform distribution. Maximum CO₂ saturation is predicted using the CPET as 75% of the pore space. The topmost layer's CO₂-plume footprint is expanding from zero in 2001 to 7X105 sq. m. in 2010, according to a quantitative interpretation of six time-lapse seismic data sets from 1999 to 2010. Our model predicts that 50 years after the start of injection, CO₂ from all layers below will migrate to the top layer.

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Understanding Broadband Ocean Bottom Seismometer Noise: Fresh Insights and Future Directions

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Investigation of geoid gradients estimated from simulated SWOT altimeter data

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Creation and evolution of the EMSEV working group - Its history and the role played by Professor Uyeda

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The new frontier of satellite pre-earthquake signal detection: the cases of Swarm and CSES missions

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Recent topics on the ionospheric changes immediately before large earthquakes

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Densification of continuous GNSS (global navigation satellite system) networks enabled us to observe changes in ionospheric TEC (Total Electron Content) associated with large earthquakes. Here I focus on anomalies immediately before M8-9 class earthquakes. Such preseismic anomalies were first found after the 2011 Mw9.0 Tohoku-Oki earthquake (Heki, 2011 GRL) and later for all the earthquakes in this century with Mw 8.2 or more (Heki & Enomoto, 2015 JGR; He & Heki, 2017 JGR). ~20 examples exhibit scaling laws, (1) leading times range from ~15 minutes (M8) to ~45 minutes (M9) and scale with fault lengths, and (2) anomaly strengths range from ~1 % (M8) to ~10 % (M9) of the background values and scale with fault areas. 3D tomography (Muafiry & Heki, 2020 JGR) showed that the positive/negative anomalies grow simultaneously at low/high altitudes above land and line-up along the geomagnetic field, suggesting crustal electric field responsible for the electron redistribution. Here I also report a few new examples not well studied before, e.g., the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake in China and the 2023 February 6 earthquake in southern Turkey. One difficulty in using this information for practical short-term earthquake forecasting would be its discrimination from space weather origin disturbances. I present a case immediately before the 2022 eruption of the submarine volcano in Tonga. A typical “pre-eruption” ionospheric changes were found, but I demonstrate it was a fake precursor caused by space weather.

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Co-seismic Ionospheric Disturbances Observations and Lithosphere-atmosphere-Ionosphere dynamic modeling

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Lithosphere-Atmosphere-Ionosphere coupling: CSES achievements and IMCP prospects

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Being the first geophysical fields observation satellite mission, CSES-01 has operated for 5 years as scheduled by Feb.02, 2023 and on the basis of its fine performance, CSES-01 will prolong its life until CSES-02 launching in orbit and collaborative work each other in orbit.

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The following prospect plan, CSES-02 is under developing by China-Italy joint team and is due to launch in 2024, which means that we'll have 2 CSES satellites in orbit from 2024. Now we're demonstrating the new mission of IMCP-International Meridian Circle Project, which should be a ground-based observation network with its main objectives on monitoring the geomagnetical field, space weather and interaction among Lithosphere-Atmosphere-Ionosphere. And the main tasks of IMCP are global data sharing, joint research on space weather and natural hazards as well global change, and so on.

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The interaction of electric field in LAI coupling mechanism around strong earthquakes in China

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Multi-instrument surveying for pre-earthquake transient features of atmosphere-ionosphere. Case studies for 2021 – a year of global seismic unrest

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Spatial analyses on seismo-ionospheric anomalies of total electron content before the 6 February 2023 M7.8 and M7.5 Turkey Earthquakes

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Long-term (2004-2022) analysis of TIR anomalies over Turkish area: the case of Kahramanmaraş (February 6th 2023, M7,8) EQ

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Multi-parameter ground and space observation of pre-earthquake signals associated with the Earthquake sequence in Turkey, February 6th, 2023

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Spatial and Temporal Characteristics of Ionospheric Electron Density Distribution related to the Pre-Seismic and Geomagnetic Storm Cases over Japan

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Coupling of natural hazards events with the ionosphere inferred from ground VLF/LF electric- and satellite magnetic-field measurements

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Probing normal mode signals with seismological and ground-based atmospheric observations

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Detection of electromagnetic anomalies over seismic regions during strong (MW > 5) earthquakes

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The effects of the geospace environment on solar-lithosphere coupling and earthquake processes

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Identification of Cianjur active fault using magnetotelluric method

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Anomalous signatures in geomagnetic field - with reference to local earthquakes from Kuchch. India

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The Kachch region of western India is characterized by multiple intraplate seismic sources in the form of several east-west trending faults. A 7.6 magnitude earthquake occurred near the city of Bhuj here in 2001 resulting in severe loss of life and property. Seismicity in this area continues with several moderate crustal earthquakes of 3.5-4.5 magnitude occurring each year. Studies to identify precursors, were initiated in 2009. Geomagnetic data from magnetic observatory at Desalpar (DSP) situated near to the Kachchh Mainland Fault in close proximity to the seismic cluster, is examined for anomalous signatures associated with lithospheric process. The diurnal variations in the geomagnetic Z component (ΔZ) have been studied for the duration of 2010-2018 to extract anomalous signatures, after removing seasonal effects. Effects of ionospheric and magnetospheric phenomena are also eliminated. The residual anomalous signatures in ΔZ are attributed to lithospheric origin. Such anomalies in ΔZ are observed 2-5 days before the earthquakes, on an average.

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RASE: A real-time automatic search engine for anomalous seismic electric signals in geoelectric data

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Deep Electrical Resistivity Tomography for investigating seismic and volcanic areas: State-of-the-art and future directions

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Magnetotelluric imaging for fluids in the crust and upper mantle beneath the southern part of Northeast Japan subduction zone

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Measurement of total magnetic intensity at MT. Fuji for volcanic eruption prediction research

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Evidencing fluid migration of the crust during the earthquake cycle by using 1D-magnetotelluric monitoring

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We apply multi-temporal 1D-magnetotelluric (MT) surveys to identify space-time anomalies of apparent resistivity in the upper lithosphere in the Antarctic Peninsula (border between the Antarctic and the Shetland plates). We use time series over several weeks of the natural Earth's electric and magnetic fields registered at one MT station of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia (RSUNAL) located at Seymour – Marambio Island, Antarctica. We associate resistivity anomalies with contrasting earthquake activity. Anomalies were detected almost simultaneously with the beginning of a seismic crisis in the Bransfield Strait, south of King George Island (approx. 85.000 events were reported close to the Orca submarine volcano, with focal depths < 20 km and $m_b < 6.9$). We explain the origin of these anomalies in response to fluid migration near the place of the fractures linked with the seismic swarm, which could promote disturbances of the pore pressure field that reached some hundreds of km away.

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On the possible relation between characteristic EM variations and aftershocks of the 2016 Central Tottori earthquake

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Ionospheric seismology and volcanology

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Locating the Tsunami Initiation Area Linked to the 2010 M7.7 Mentawai Earthquake from First Arrivals Measurements on TEC Data

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The challenge of investigating ionospheric perturbations connected to the 2020 Samos earthquake and tsunami

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Ionospheric response to the 2020 Samos Earthquake

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Investigating Mauna Loa (Hawaii) eruption of November-December 2022 from space: recent results from GOES-R, Sentinel-2, and Landsat 8/9 observations

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Electromagnetic monitoring experiment of the Cumbre Vieja eruption (La Palma, Canary Islands)

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Volcanic eruptions are key scenarios for developing new tools for volcanic monitoring. Among the geophysical techniques, electromagnetic methods are not extensively used in volcano monitoring. However, these methods are very sensitive to temporal changes in the subsoil due to the movement of fluids, which strongly affects the electrical resistivity of the subsoil.

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Detecting Tonga volcanic-eruption effects on ionosphere, using satellite geodetic techniques

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VLF observation of the Low ionospheric shock wave produced by the Hunga-Tonga Volcano explosion

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Development of 3D ionospheric Tomography and its Application to Ionospheric Disturbances Related to Typhoon and the 2011 Tohoku-Oki Earthquake

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Tracking and Investigating Land Subsidence in Himalayan town using PSInSAR techniques: Lessons from Joshimath

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Comparing Landslide Susceptibility in Northwest and Northeast Himalaya: A Case Study of Kangra and Tamenglong Districts

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Susceptibility assessment for glacier hazards in the Rio Volcan basin, Central Andes of Chile

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High risks from hidden lakes - Glacial lake outburst floods in the Trans-Himalaya of Ladakh, India

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Modelling the flow and impact of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods: Application to case studies in Pakistan and Bhutan

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Mapping release and propagation areas of permafrost-related rock slope failures to identify hot spots for hazard assessment, French Alps

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How can seismology provide a better understanding of mountain cryosphere hazards?

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Climate-change-induced seismicity: The recent onset of seasonal microseismicity at the Grandes Jorasses, Mt. Blanc Massif, France

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Avalanche detection using existing telecommunication infrastructure and Distributed Acoustic Sensing

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We demonstrate the detectability of snow avalanches using Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) with existing fiber-optic telecommunication cables. To achieve this, during winter 2021/2022, we interrogated a ~10 km long dark fiber that follows the avalanche-prone Flüelapass road in the Swiss Alps. In addition to other signals like traffic and earthquakes, the DAS data contain clear recordings of numerous snow avalanches, even though many of them did not reach the sensing cable itself, as revealed with automatic cameras and images taken by drone. The spatial resolution of the detection is of the order of few tens of meters. Avalanche signals can produce strong strain fluctuations exceeding 3 $\mu\text{m}/\text{m}/\text{s}$ and they exhibit specific characteristics in terms of frequency content and apparent velocities which, we believe, can be used to discriminate them from other types of events. Our results open new perspectives for cost-effective, near-real-time avalanche monitoring over long distances using pre-installed fiber-optic infrastructure.

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Avalanche occurrences in Norway deduced from meteorological data

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Avalanche formation depends on terrain characteristics, snowpack, and meteorological conditions. Of these, meteorological parameters, such as temperature, precipitation, and wind, strongly influence the possibility of a catastrophe in an avalanche-prone area. One-fourth of Norway's public roads are exposed to the risk of avalanches; hence, the Norwegian Meteorological Institute (MET Norway) produces daily warnings on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the maximum danger level of risk of avalanche activity. The warnings are restricted to the winter period, i.e. December, January, February, March, and April. In this study, we identify the regions in Norway with high avalanche warnings (warning ≥ 4 , named the 'avalanche day') based on the MET warnings. Four regions in Norway, namely Ofoten, Salten, Svartisen, and Hegeland, observed maximum avalanches (≥ 35) between Dec 2017 and April 2022.

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What causes the recent jökulhlaup drainage perturbations in Zackenberg, NE-Greenland?

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Since 2005 quasi-annual jökulhlaups, or glacial lake outburst floods, are registered at the Zackenberg research station (74°28'N, 20°34'W), NE-Greenland. The jökulhlaups typically happen during the sommer months, but were also observed during winter and spring. The Zackenberg jökulhlaups exhibit rapid-rising outburst type characteristics with durations of 12-24 hours, and maximum discharges of 120 to 380 m³/s. The source is a lake dammed by an outlet glacier of the A.P. Olsen ice cap about 35 km inland of the research station. The recorded maximum ice-dammed lake volumes are varying in between 5.7 to 15.6 x10⁶ m³. The year 2018 showed no drainage event and the lake remained filled until the 2019 melting season, accumulating the largest lake volume so far. The 2019 lake outburst happened with beginning of July rather early, but just drained slowly for more than a week to then switch to a rapid-type outburst emptying the lake in about half a day. The subsequent 2020 and 2021 floods continued to show characteristics of slower and mixed-type drainage events. The overall evolution of the 2019-2021 lake drainage patterns suggest a transition back to rapid-type jökulhlaup events. To our knowledge, the observed mixed-type drainage patterns within a single jökulhlaup event has been never reported before, and is challenging the current understanding of subglacial floods. We present all the available hydrometric data for the Zackenberg river and the ice-dammed lake to discuss potential causes for the observed jökulhlaup perturbations.

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GNSS Measurements of GIA-driven crustal deformation in Antarctica

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Continuously recording GPS stations have operated at permanent Antarctic research stations, mainly along the coast, for nearly 3 decades. In contrast, deployment of continuously recording autonomous GPS instruments in the continental interior of Antarctica started mainly during the 2007-08 International Polar Year. At present, the U.S. ANET-POLENET and UK-ANET projects maintain most GNSS stations across interior and remote coastal West Antarctica and the Antarctic Peninsula; these projects have limited-term support and are currently scheduled to end within the next 2 years. Cessation of data acquisition, due to lack of operational support and/or site decommissioning, is resulting in a crucial gap in observational constraints for GIA modeling. It also hinders a range of studies using GNSS data, spanning the deep Earth to the ionosphere.

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Spatially resolved GIA in Antarctica from a global inversion

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Reprocessing of geodetic GNSS recordings in Antarctica for geodetic and geodynamic applications (GIANT-REGAIN)

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We will report on the comparison of the different solutions which allows to quantify time series analysis uncertainty. From the time series, coordinate velocities will be estimated. Here, we will discuss different aspects such as useful noise models, spatial correlations and suitable trajectory models. The treatment of the solid Earth response to ice-mass changes occurring over the last decades up to present day is currently under strong discussion and will be touched briefly.

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Geodetic GNSS observations disclose the response of the solid Earth to changing ice masses in Dronning Maud Land, East Antarctica

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Mapping geodetically inferred Antarctic ice height changes into thickness variations: A sensitivity study

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The deepest geoid low on Earth and its possible relation to the instability of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet

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FastIsostasy.jl - Accelerated computation of glacial isostatic adjustment

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The inevitable emergence of anelasticity in climate driven surface load response

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Glacial Isostatic Adjustment and sea-level change in Singapore and Southeast Asia: Implications from past to future

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High-resolution modeling of dynamic vertical land movement in the Northern Hemisphere due to changing ice sheets and glaciers

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Is transient creep necessary to explain sea level and crustal uplift data from Greenland?

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Improved Greenland glacial isostatic adjustment models with 3D Earth structure inferred from the joint inversion of regional data sets

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The Influence of Topography and Sediment Cover Change on Pleistocene Glacial Cycles and the MPT with Coupled Ice Sheet-Climate-Sediment Physics

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Space geodetic data and validation method for global and regional glacial isostatic adjustment model optimization

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Gravity field of Lake Nasser, Egypt deduced from marine gravity survey and satellite altimeter data

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Recent advances in quantum gravity sensors

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BEC quantum sensors for gravimetry on Earth and in space

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Optomechanical inertial sensors for geodesy

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Advances in cold atom interferometer accelerometry and their impact on the sensitivity of gravity missions

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Cold atom interferometry accelerometry for future low-low satellite-to-satellite tracking and cross-track gradiometry satellite gravity missions

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Satellite gradiometry based on a new generation of accelerometers and its contribution to earth gravity field determination

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GRACE-3D - contribution of angular velocity sensing in the gravity field recovery

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Prospects of Space Geodesy for Atmospheric Moisture and Atmospheric Net-Water Fluxes' Monitoring

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CARIOQA-PMP: Developing quantum sensors for earth observation

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An evaluation of quantum gravimetry satellite missions for quantifying terrestrial water storage variations

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The benefit of Quantum technology for future satellite gradiometry missions

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Towards absolute airborne gravimetry using quantum sensors

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Modeling and simulating of accelerometers and gradiometers concepts

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Evaluation of optical accelerometry for future gravimetry missions

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Laser Tracking Instrument for Future Gravity Missions

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The Effect of Beam Deformations on Laser-Interferometers in Next Generation Gravity Missions.

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GRACE Follow-On, the successor of the GRACE mission, continues the legacy of Earth gravity field recovery missions. This experiment's data is an essential contribution to observing and understanding Earth's changing climate conditions by, e.g., observing changes in groundwater levels and the mass of ice shields. Activities on successor missions to guarantee an uninterrupted observation of the gravity field are ongoing. The primary instrument in these missions will be a heterodyne laser interferometer based on the success of the GRACE-FO mission and its superior noise performance compared to the previous microwave ranging. In this talk, we discuss the effect of distorted optical wavefronts on the length readout. We are developing tools to measure the wavefront on ground and extrapolate it over the long distance to the remote spacecraft. We also investigate the potential influence of such distortions together with pointing jitter of the spacecraft.

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A space-wise approach based on collocation for SST mission data processing

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Comparing GRACE Follow-On Inter-Satellite Pointing Angles from Star Camera and LRI Fast Steering Mirror

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The Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment Follow-On (GRACE-FO) mission is observing the time variable gravity field by measuring distance variations between two satellites. The first Laser Ranging Interferometer (LRI) between distant spacecraft uses a so-called Fast Steering Mirror (FSM) to satisfy the narrow LRI pointing requirements despite the larger spacecraft pointing variations. The position readout of these mirrors allow to compute the inter-satellite pointing angles yaw and pitch w.r.t. the line-of-sight connecting both satellites. The nominal pointing variations have a magnitude of a few 100 μ rad. Typically, the attitude information of roll, pitch and yaw angles is derived from three star cameras and fibre optic gyroscopes.

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A method for measuring gravitational potential on satellite's orbit using frequency signal transfer technique between satellites

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We proposed an approach to directly measure the gravitational potential (GP) along the orbit of a satellite, especially for the Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite. The LEO satellite is connected with several Geosynchronous Equatorial Orbit (GEO) satellites through frequency signal links. Arming all the LEO and GEO satellites with precise atomic clocks, the GP difference between LEO and GEO can be measured at any time based on the gravity frequency shift approach. Supposing that the GP of GEO satellites is given, then the GP along the orbit of the LEO satellite can be determined. In this study, we conducted simulation experiments, considering the GRACE-type satellite as the LEO satellite, connected with three evenly distributed GEO satellites. The results show that the precision of the obtained GP along the orbit of the LEO satellite is mainly determined by the precision of onboard atomic clocks. If optical atomic clocks reach an instability level of $1 \times 10^{-17} \tau^{-1/2}$ (τ in second), the gravitational potential along the orbit of the LEO satellite can be determined at the decimeter level with a resolution of $5' \times 5'$. The GP information along the orbit of an LEO satellite is valuable, for it can be utilized to improve the Earth's gravity models. This study is supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) (Grant Nos. 42030105, 41721003, 42274011), and Fundamental Research Funds for the Central Universities.

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Determination of low-degree temporal variations in the Earth's gravity field using novel optical clocks on-board of low earth orbiters

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Terrestrial applications of chronometric geodesy

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Test of determining geopotential difference by precise point position time-frequency transfer using hydrogen masers

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Geodetic measurements and quantitative evaluation for reduced gravitational redshift uncertainty of optical frequency standards

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Towards Clock Ties for a Global Geodetic Observing System

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FAIR data for enriched reuse of data compilations

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Reusability of research data is one of the four FAIR principles. Envisioning future data reuse scenarios early in the data life cycle requires anticipation, since data reuse is often not carried out by the data producers, and reuse scenarios are constantly evolving. Data reuse is especially challenging when the data reuser is active in a different domain than the data producer. The application of data science methods, for instance, poses a growing demand on the (meta-)data information quality. In Earth Sciences, the development of data-driven models or data-integrated predictive simulations often first requires to assemble a homogenous and sanity checked data compilation as training data, which is made up of individually heterogeneous and non-consistent data sets. In order to do that in an efficient way the data sets have to comply with the FAIR paradigms. Here, we share our experience from creating a data compilation from sea ice core data with focus on temperature and salinity measurements. First, we will report on the FAIRness of publicly available sea ice data. The heterogeneous character of the data morphology and metadata availability makes interoperability challenging and reuse laborious. To overcome these deficiencies, we developed a workflow to create data compilations. We will conclude with a descriptive analysis of the sea ice core data compilation.

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FAIR assessment: A subjective qualitative interpretation or a domain-specific and quantitative measure?

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Metadata mapping between disciplinary and general schemas for promotion of data use by a wider community

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GeoNet New Zealand: Recent Open Data and other key Initiatives

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How to bridge data knowledge gaps in hydrology? A priority area in the new phase of UNESCO-IHP (and beyond).

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Reprocessing of XBT profiles from the Ligurian and Tyrrhenian seas (1999-2019) with full metadata upgrade

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Integration of biophysical data in a hydrologic knowledge graph precursor for water and carbon tradeoffs

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The Global Runoff Data Centre – Facilitator between data providers and the hydrological research community

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Turning publications into data – imagining a world of linked hydrologic knowledge

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Advancing frontier knowledge of the solid earth by providing access to integrated and customized services: the Geo-INQUIRE project

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Harmonized oceanographic cruise databases for connecting ocean datasets

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Quality control procedure and bias assessment for the global oxygen profile dataset

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Citizens AND HYdrology (CANDHY): On the application of a framework for benchmarking citizen science projects in hydrology

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Developing a Catalog of Open and Free Datasets for Hydrologists: A Crowdsourcing Initiative

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Data collection and management constitutes the foundation for all analysis and modeling tasks required for achieving water, food, energy, and environmental security. UN-Water identifies data and information as one of the five accelerators where efforts and investments should be concentrated to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6). Availability of open and free data resources can greatly contribute to enhanced implementation capacity in water research. In this context, it is crucial that data are freely accessible, openly available, and reliable. Open datasets are available online, are accessible in machine-readable formats (i.e. not pdfs or reports), and are obtainable by the public. Free refers to the availability of datasets with licenses that allow sharing at no cost to individuals, researchers, institutions, or projects. However, such datasets are dispersed across various websites and repositories. This hampers visibility and findability, which in turn results in limited use for generation of new knowledge or transferability of insights. This highlights a critical need for improving visibility of existing hydrological datasets, dedicated projects, and repositories. Crowdsourced scientific data collection efforts enable collaborative work and provide potential solutions to these issues. In this talk, we present a crowdsourced hydrology initiative aimed at establishing a global catalog of open and free datasets. This inventory will provide a database of static links, data DOIs, description of datasets along with key references and supporting information. We report on our progress and challenges in designing such an initiative with the hope that others will benefit.

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Advancing innovative hydrological monitoring

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Business as usual is no longer an option in view of seriously engaging in the sustainable development agenda and robust climate action. The call from the UN Secretary General for providing early warnings for all within 5 years is a further incentive to act. These undertakings all require reliable, available and accessible hydrological data. To meet this need, many current hydromet monitoring systems need optimization of their efficiency and cost. Here, existing emerging technologies and approaches, including Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things and Citizen Sciences offer new opportunities. Their operational uptake by National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) is however currently low, for various reasons including lack of trust and insufficient dialogue between innovators, hydromet services and their user communities.

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What makes science-and-policy-dialogue successful? Impact analysis of a parliamentary evening in the German Bundestag

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The Ice Age machine

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Experiencing climate change: Environmental education and public relations on vanishing glaciers

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The WormEx II experiment to raise awareness about the importance of healthy soils and of their hydrological functions

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Healthy soils provide many ecosystem services, among which some relevant ones belong to the hydrological sphere. In fact, healthy soils feed and filter freshwater reserves, whereas degraded soils can pollute water resources and make them unavailable or harmful to humans and plants. Besides, healthy soils are effective for both climate change mitigation, being the largest terrestrial carbon pool on the planet, and adaptation, thanks to their capacity of absorbing and retaining water thus reducing the hazard of floods and droughts. However, these characteristics are nowadays endangered due to several challenges deriving from mismanagement of the limited soil resources, the consequent soil degradation phenomena (viz soil sealing, erosion, loss of biodiversity and of organic matter) often lacking the necessary awareness and visibility. Aiming at contributing to disseminate the importance of healthy soils for the society and at highlighting the hydrological functions of an healthy soil, we designed the WormEx II experiment, that is an educational experiment to be performed in high-school classes. The experience takes the participants along the footsteps of Charles Darwin, who, studying the activity of worms, showed how great changes in Nature are often the result of the continuous superimposition of minimal processes. Researchers, teachers, high-school and university students set up a participatory experiment to repeat Darwin's observations on the ability of annelid digging activity to bury abandoned bodies on the soil surface. By this experiment, students will observe how soils with different annelid activity behave and how the annelid activity increases the soil infiltration capacity.

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Seismic risk communication over the past 20 years: An overview of european publications

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The transdisciplinary design of user-centred seismic risk products to increase societies' resilience towards earthquakes – the Swiss case

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Bimbim's Team: A journey to the planets

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OGGM-Edu: an open-source educational platform about glaciers and glacier modelling

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India has experienced many large earthquakes since historical times, causing large-scale damage and the loss of many lives. More than 2/3rd of the country's total area is exposed to varying degrees of earthquake hazard. The ongoing efforts to advance earthquake science and research experiments have significantly improved our knowledge in recent years. However, we are still far from predicting them. Although some short-term forecasts have been successful, they are generally of limited practical use for earthquake disaster management. To achieve the ultimate goal of mitigating the earthquake hazard, it is essential to focus on systematic R&D efforts. At the same time, earthquake education, training, and knowledge dissemination are critical to minimizing the impact of an earthquake. In India, these aspects are being addressed through specific modules and programmes on a smaller scale. The School Earthquake Laboratory Program is one such module, initiated about two decades ago with a view to introduce basic earthquake education at the secondary school level, inculcate the culture of measurements and interactive learning, and create awareness amongst the students and public at large. The programme was initially implemented in the northwest and northeast Himalayan regions and extended to a few other regions later. The paper briefly presents a summary of efforts made so far and further steps required in this direction.

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Teaching on Disaster-Risk to diverse undergraduate careers: merging Science and socio-humanistic perspectives within a situated context and from vocational interests

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In Colombia, classified as a High Risk country in the INFORM Index for risk management developed by the European Commission, Geosciences contents at primary school levels are practically absent, and there are extremely few courses on Natural Hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction at undergraduate level. This fundamental gap results in a generalized lack of knowledge in Earth Systems, Socio-Geo-ecological systems and DRR frameworks, and ultimately limits local capacities in decision-making.

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“School catchment” as educational and scientific base for the Sendai Framework, Nexus and 2030 Agenda

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The marriage between Poetics and Aesthetics in audiovisual media for effective scientific communication

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Geoscience Connections

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Content Creation from the IAGA Social Media Working Group

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Connecting the Latin America hydrology community around the 23 Unsolved Problems in Hydrology

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Scientists for Ocean Literacy - Empowering scientists as ocean advocates in the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

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Successfully implemented at pan-European level and with partners from the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and the Arctic regions, the EuroGOOS ocean literacy work has created new synergies and supported the efforts of UNESCO-IOC. A new addition to the Scientists for Ocean Literacy project is the establishment of the DOORS Ocean Literacy Network in 2023. The Network brings together academia, universities, NGOs, and communicators to promote the understanding of the scientific project results and foster ocean culture among the Black Sea citizens of all ages.

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GGOS contribution to increase visibility of Geodesy and emphasize its value to science and society

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The Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) is a collaborative contribution of the global geodesy community to the observation and monitoring of the Earth System. Geodetic observation techniques and analysis infrastructures, as well as high-quality geodetic products, provide the basis for advances in Earth and planetary system sciences and for various applications.

One main objective of GGOS is to support activities and initiatives to communicate the value of Geodesy to science and society, as well as contribute to understand and solve complex issues facing the global geodetic community.

Towards this objective, GGOS has established and maintains a website ggos.org, which serves as a **point of entry to Geodesy** to facilitate discoverability and usability of geodetic data and products. This includes user-friendly and illustrative descriptions about geodetic observation techniques and results. GGOS has also recently produced short **videos to explain the value of Geodesy** to non-geodesists. The new “Discover GGOS and Geodesy” video is available in multiple languages (youtube.com/@iag-ggos).

Presently, GGOS is working on the implementation of a comprehensive geodetic portal, the **GGOS Portal** (ggos.org/portal), which should realize in future a comprehensive and descriptive source of geodetic information with detailed metadata. With this, GGOS engages with diverse user communities to increase awareness of Geodesy and the ever-expanding utility of Geodesy in everyday applications.

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Polar climate and weather station (PCWS): The next generation surface meteorology observing system for Antarctica

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The Automated Meteorology - Ice - Geophysics - Ocean observing Systems are a series of multi-sensor stations that have been employed for in situ data gathering in support of polar research since 2009, with multiple installations on the Antarctic Peninsula, the Nansen Ice Shelf, and on Thwaites Glacier's eastern ice shelf. The station series have been optimized for weather data collection and near-surface glaciology (AMIGOS-I) and later augmented with sensors for measurements related to ice-ocean interaction and internal ice sheet temperature profiling (AMIGOS-II and -III). The stations are powered by a solar + battery system, and provide real-time data through an Iridium uplink. The stations include cameras, weather instruments, thermistors, and GPS sensors, with later versions including ocean instruments (CTDs and doppler current meters) and a Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) fiber optic system. We present an overview of the instrument, past data from earlier installations, and a summary of the data sets and results from the two AMIGOS-III units installed on the Thwaites Glacier ice shelf.

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Towards continuous measurements of snow drift and sublimation in polar environments

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In polar regions, and specifically in continental Antarctica, the local surface mass and energy balances can be largely controlled by snow transport in form of drifting and blowing snow particles, and sublimation both from the snow or ice surface and from the airborne snow particles. Adverse conditions in such extreme environments make continuous and reliable measurements of snow drift and sublimation a challenge, especially during the period of polar night and in absence of maintenance. Additionally, existing state-of-the-art snow mass and moisture flux measurement systems have relatively large power requirements, often resulting in spurious values or data gaps due to insufficient power supply from the autonomous wind and solar based power systems. In this contribution, we present observations of drifting snow events and latent heat fluxes obtained from collocated installations of classical eddy covariance instrumentation, optical snow particle counters, and acoustic particle flux devices deployed in Queen Maud Land, East Antarctica. We investigate the coherence of the optical and low-power acoustic snow drift measurements and compare them to numerical simulations of mass fluxes at the sensor sites. Furthermore, to mitigate the problems of potential power failure, low-power, fast-response humidity sensors are tested in laboratory and field settings to obtain latent heat flux estimates at largely reduced power consumption in comparison to eddy covariance measurements using infra-red gas analysers. Promising or successful novel systems may be a viable alternative for recording continuous time series of sublimation, in particular in the polar night season, and at significantly lower cost.

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Connections between supercooled liquid water clouds, melting layer and precipitation phase transitions at the Antarctic Peninsula

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Autonomous measurements of atmospheric condensed water over East Antarctica in the framework of the AWACA Project

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The future of the International Commission on Polar Meteorology (ICPM): Challenges and opportunities

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Tidal Dynamics in the Whole Atmosphere Models Constrained by Meteorological Analyses

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How should storm surge barrier maintenance strategies be changed in light of inter-annual tidal cycles and sea-level rise?

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The accurate digitization of historical sea level records

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Tidal turbulence in deep Mariana Trench waters?

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Intensified internal tides in Explorer and Dangeard Canyons (Celtic Sea shelf edge) observed by a deep ocean glider

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A tentative picture of changes in the open-ocean M2 tide since 1992

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Analysis of the tidal range changes across the United States

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Impact of 18.61-Year Nodal Tidal Cycle on the Highest and Lowest Astronomical Tides along the Northwest Pacific Ocean Coast

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The lunar nodal cycle, causing by moon's declination variations over the period of 18.61 years, results in changes in the amplitude and phase lags of global tidal constituents. However, the observed range in tidal amplitude is at present not yet well understood, and it is crucial for coastal hazard planning and chart datum. The impact of the nodal tide including its plausibly varying amplitudes and phase changes on the highest astronomical tide along the Northwest Pacific coast in North American could be important as a scientific basis for future coastal disaster planning. Additionally, there is no standard procedure of computing the lowest 18.61-year astronomical tides. Hence, we analyzed the contributions of various factors for calculating the lowest astronomical tide, including time spans, sampling frequencies, number of tidal constituents, and nodal tide correction, and establish a standard procedure which was adopted in Taiwan. Finally, we use a modified two-step harmonic analysis procedure to re-evaluate the seasonality and slope variability of the major constitutes (M_2 , S_2 , K_2 , and O_1) along the Pacific Northwest coast in North America, and analyze the difference between the observed nodal amplitudes and the values predicted by equilibrium tidal theory.

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Glacial Arctic Tides and their Feedback to the North Atlantic

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The evolution of paleo tides has important implications for several branches of geoscientific research. For example, the presumably boosted generation of internal tides under glacial conditions is linked to increased tidal mixing, the intensity of the overturning circulation (e.g., Wilmes et al., 2019), and thus paleoclimate. Another application is the interpretation of Sea Level Index Points, influenced by the dynamic tidal levels, for reconstructing paleo sea level. A curious aspect, first predicted by Griffiths et al. (2008), is the emergence of a megatidal regime in the Arctic, with possible links to Heinrich Events (e.g., Velay-Vitow et al. 2020). While several studies reproduced the phenomenon, its extent, and sensitivity could be better constrained. Many ocean tide models operate with open boundary conditions in the Arctic, for which reason they suppress the free formation of the described tidal regime. Thus, it must be determined if this localized Arctic phenomenon induces significant feedback on tidal dynamics in the North Atlantic.

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Polar ocean tides revisited

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Progress in Representing Ocean-Ice Sheet Interactions in ECCO Ocean State Estimates

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Coupling the freshwater feedback into EC-Earth using the ice sheet model BISICLES

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Buoyancy-driven flow of the Antarctic slope undercurrent and heat transport toward Amundsen Sea ice shelves

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Baroclinic ocean response to climate forcing regulates decadal variability of ice-shelf melting in the Amundsen Sea

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Sensitivity of simulated water mass transformation on the Antarctic shelf to tides, topography and model resolution

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From the large-scale ocean to the glacier margins: What controls the ocean temperature in SE Greenland's glacial fjords?

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Sensitivities of the Energetics of the West Greenland Current to Greenland Ice Sheet Meltwater in Mesoscale Ocean/Sea-ice Simulations

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Evolution of ice shelves in North Greenland during the last 30 years

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Calving of the Greenland Ice Sheet since 1985

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Internal waves generated by subglacial discharge: Implications for tidewater glacier melt

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Broad spatial and temporal scales modulating ice/ocean interactions, an observational perspective

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Interannual variation of modified Circumpolar Deep Water volume in the Dotson-Getz Trough, West Antarctica

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Temporal variability of meltwater in front of Dotson Ice Shelf

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Graph analysis for subglacial hydrology and sediment flux to the ocean

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Hydraulic suppression of basal glacier melt in sill fjords

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We examine how hydraulically-controlled exchange flows in silled fjords affect the relationship between basal glacier melt and features of warm intermediate Atlantic Water (AW) outside the fjords. Using theory and an ocean-circulation model, we show that an exchange flow can be forced to transit into a hydraulic regime if the AW interface height decreases, the AW temperature increases, or the production of glacially modified water is boosted by subglacial discharge. In the hydraulic regime, the heat transport across the sill becomes a rate limiting factor for the basal melt, which is suppressed. An interplay between processes near the ice-ocean boundary and the hydraulically-controlled exchange flow determines the melt dynamics, and the sensitivity of the basal melt to changes of the AW temperature is reduced. The model results are discussed in relation to observations from Ryder, Petermann, and 79\$^{\circ}\$N glaciers in North Greenland. We also outline how hydraulic suppression of basal melt can be represented in ice sheet modelling.

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Observations of the modulation of ice shelf basal melt rates by mesoscale oceanographic features

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The importance of Atlantic Water pathways in understanding glacier discharge in Northwest Greenland

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Antarctic surface water intrusion triggering seasonal rapid basal melting of drygalski ice tongue, east Antarctica

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Proposed advancements in tsunami detection, measurement and forecasting through the un decade of ocean science

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Tsunami Digital Twin – A new paradigm for tsunami disaster resilience

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Spatial and temporal coverage of a cargo-ship GNSS network to detect tsunamis

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Advances and challenges in the implementation of the UNESCO/IOC tsunami ready recognition programme in the Pacific and Caribbean region

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Providing data, data products, software, and services for tsunami risk

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Excellent science is enabled and enriched through making the relevant scientific research tools and results directly accessible to the scientific communities and the civil societies. The European Tsunami Risk Service (ETRiS) aims to collect, harmonize and make available tsunami risk related data (e.g., impact, damage, consequences), data products (e.g., fragility and vulnerability curves), software, and services in a way that they are findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable by a broad user base. ETRiS is part of the candidate Thematic Core Service for tsunami (<http://tsunamidata.org>) and is integrated into the Data Portal of the European Plate Observing System (EPOS, <https://www.ics-c.epos-eu.org>).

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- Tsunami Risk Modeller's Toolkit: software and tools for tsunami risk analysis, stand-alone software and tools for post-processing raw data, model testing and validation
- E-Learning: Online teaching material, Jupiter notebooks, docker applications for probabilistic analysis and uncertainty characterization and propagation, fragility and vulnerability modelling, model testing and selection
- User support and organization of user testing and feedback workshops.

We herein present this service and its features and solicit input and collaborations for enriching it and widening its scope.

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- Data Products: damage scales, fragility curves, consequence models, vulnerability curves
- Tsunami Impact and Consequence Datasets: selected raw/processed datasets of impact and damage incurred by tsunami
- Tsunami Risk Modeller's Toolkit: software and tools for tsunami risk analysis, stand-alone software and tools for post-processing raw data, model testing and validation
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- User support and organization of user testing and feedback workshops.

We herein present this service and its features and solicit input and collaborations for enriching it and widening its scope.

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Accelerating global science in probabilistic hazard and risk analysis

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Probabilistic tsunami risk assessment from historical impact files: Mediterranean and connected seas

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Probabilistic tsunami risk is assessed using a procedure that allows including mixed data from the instrumental part of tsunami catalogs, and data from the highly incomplete and uncertain pre-instrumental part. Such a model was used successfully for hazard assessment of earthquakes (Kijko et al., 2016) and tsunamis (Smit et al., 2019), considering seismic magnitude and tsunami height as metrics of the respective hazards. We applied this technique using catalogs for the basins of the Mediterranean and connected seas. Wave impact (destructiveness) is expressed in terms of tsunami intensity, K , i.e., a risk metric on the Papadopoulos-Imamura 12-degree scale. Risk level is assessed in terms of probabilities of exceedance and return periods of certain intensity levels in specific time frames. Tests and sensitivity analysis showed that using complete data sets generally provided more realistic results than using entire data sets. Our results indicated that the risk level depended on the seismicity level and not on the size of the investigated basin. The highest tsunami risk level was found in the eastern Mediterranean, with a significantly lower risk in the western Mediterranean. In the Marmara Sea, the tsunami risk was low, and the lowest was in the Black Sea. The risk in the Corinth Gulf in Central Greece was comparable to that of WM. The return period of damaging tsunamis was 22 years in the entire Mediterranean basin and from 31 to 1 660 years in the various sub-basins.

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Role of tsunami-tide interactions in evaluating tsunami hazard for Anchorage and Upper Cook Inlet, Alaska

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Deep learning of tsunami building damage from multimodal physical parameters for real-time damage assessment

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Building damage estimation using RaySAR, a Synthetic Aperture Radar simulator

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Typically, disaster response using remote sensing technology requires pre and post-disaster datasets. Unfortunately, pre-disaster data is not always available, and a lack thereof may lead to unreliable results in building damage predictions. Augmenting pre- and post-disaster data can artificially increase the training samples in machine learning (ML) models. In this regard, SAR simulators can provide synthetic data for augmentation purposes.

Here, we introduce a general framework for applying SAR simulators to building damage estimation. We used a SAR simulator, RaySAR, and optimized surface parameters, reflection, and a 3D model of the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant, where the 2011 Tohoku tsunami hit, to assess the reliability of the SAR simulator compared to an actual SAR image. In addition, we constructed 3D models of damaged buildings with multiple damage statuses of the European Macroseismic Scale (EMS-98) to evaluate the suitability of the simulator for representing earthquake and tsunami damage. We strive to improve the original simulator using a more capable rendering algorithm, path tracing, and incorporation of Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) to achieve higher realism in diffuse reflections and shorter computation times. The results are evaluated using similarity measures in the spatial and frequency domains, contrasting simulated with authentic SAR imagery.

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Digital-Twin development for Probabilistic Tsunami Forecasting

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Developing a deep learning super-resolution framework for tsunami inundation forecasting

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Multi-area applicability of machine learning-based immediate tsunami prediction

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Coastal Tsunami Prediction in Tohoku Region, Japan, Using S-net Observations based on Artificial Neural Network

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Seafloor observation network for earthquakes and tsunamis along the Japan Trench (S-net) was installed offshore Japan. It provides observations for tsunami early warning. Coastal tsunami prediction using offshore tsunami observations contains two main types: tsunami inversion (Tsushima *et al.*, 2009) and tsunami data assimilation (Maeda *et al.*, 2015). The first type must consider the source information, whereas the second type is affected by coseismic deformation. Recently, artificial neural network was introduced to tsunami prediction (Mulia *et al.*, 2020).

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Tsunami forecasting method using time averages of dense ocean bottom pressure data (S-net)

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Modifying the pre-computed tsunami database for real-time tsunami forecasting after the 2016 off-Fukushima earthquake by an unpredicted mechanism

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Advances of the lattice Boltzmann methods (LBM) in tsunami modeling -present and future-

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The lattice Boltzmann method (LBM) is an alternative computational fluid dynamics to conventional approaches to solve macroscopic equations. Despite various successful applications in many engineering fields, the LBM for tsunami modeling is still under development. In this study, we present the recent advances of the LBM for tsunami modeling and discuss future development. Tsunami involves various scales of fluid dynamics. Therefore, tsunami simulation methods have to be a unified method that covers the whole process from its generation to inundation. To achieve this goal, we present and discuss (i) the three-dimensional (3D) nonstatic pressure free-surface model, (ii) the two-dimensional (2D) shallow water model, and (iii) the hybrid 2D-3D model by the LBM for tsunami modeling. First, we develop the volume of fluid (VOF) based free-surface model using the cumulant model in the 3D LBM. We demonstrate that the cumulant LBM accurately calculates the impact pressure acting on a structure in violent flow fields. Second, we develop a shallow water model by 2D LBM and apply it to simulate the 2011 tsunami off the Pacific coast caused by the Tohoku earthquake. We demonstrate that the 2D LBM reproduce the tsunami propagation and inundation with an accuracy equally as good as that of the finite difference method. Finally, we develop a coupling 2D-3D LBM method and apply it to dam-break flow. We demonstrate that the proposed method connects 2D and 3D models. Then, we conclude that the LBM is valuable for the unified tsunami modeling method and provide the future direction.

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Reconstruction of initial tsunami source from the runup evolution at the coast

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Boulders motion under breaking solitary waves

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Understanding tsunami resonance at bay scales through stochastic simulations

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Source modeling of the 2018 Anak Krakatau tsunami based on an inversion analysis

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Development of real-time forecasting method for anak Krakatau volcanic-induced tsunamis, Indonesia

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Landslide induced tsunami hazard at volcanoes – the case of Santorini

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Numerical simulation of landslide tsunamis using smoothed particle hydrodynamics

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Meteotsunamis are long waves generated by atmospheric perturbations (scales of $O(1-10)$ km and $O(1 \text{ min to } 10 \text{ min})$); e.g. Rabinovich and Monserrat 1996, 1998; Sheremet et al. 2016). Their amplitudes over the shelf are small $O(1 \text{ cm})$ but may increase by shoaling to $O(1 \text{ m})$ at shoreline. Often meteotsunamis evolve into 'dispersive shock' ('solibore'). The constituent solitary waves are much smaller scale than the original wave. For the most of the meteotsunami evolution over shelf there is practically no reflection, the dynamics is well described by the KdV with variable coefficients. The reflection occurs in the areas with relatively steep bottom gradients. The magnitude of meteotsunami hazard depends on reflection/transmission at such areas. Here we study meteotsunami reflection at the shoreline. The commonly observed generation of solibores implies that a sizeable part of meteotsunami energy is transferred to smaller scale waves, for which reflection is significantly reduced, and conversely, the energy transmitted to the shoreline (meteotsunami hazard) significantly increased. The phenomenon is similar to the self-induced transparency (Kocharovskaya and Khanin, 1986; a process that allows propagation in a normally opaque medium) but with entirely different physics: the large scale, small amplitude wave is reflected, while small scale, finite amplitude waves reach the shore. We investigate the sensitivity of the process to propagation parameters and quantify the reflected/transmitted energy.

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3.11 Densho Road Promotion Organization to transfer experiences and lessons

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The importance of passing on lessons from the disaster has been emphasized in the areas affected by the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. Since then, efforts have been made to promote the dissemination of disaster learning. However, it is unclear what kind of disaster education/learning is effective in changing behavior for disaster risk reduction and whether the content of effective disaster tourism differs depending on the content disseminated, visitors' interest, awareness of the disaster, preparedness, and the purpose of their visit. In this study, we aim to analyze the effectiveness of disaster learning and which contents of learning and experiences effectively change their actions to reduce disaster risk. We conducted an online survey among visitors (N=1,175) to the disaster-affected areas from the 2011 event to understand the contents of their learning and how their learning experience has influenced their actions to reduce their disaster risk. The main findings are as follows: 1) visiting the interior of the earthquake ruins, seeing the townscape that was cleared before the earthquake, and listening to the stories of locals who experienced the disaster was found to be most effective in promoting learning, regardless of the visitor's disaster preparedness or purpose; 2) informal and interactive interactions with locals who experienced the disaster may be effective for visitors whose purpose is not to learn about the disaster. Finally, two measures are proposed to enhance the effective communication of disaster memories and disaster risk reduction in the future.

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Application of a global-based deep learning damage estimation using remote sensing data to unseen tsunami events

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Tsunami seismology: Historical review and future direction

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Results of the international collaborative project on “Building earthquake and tsunami resilience in East Indonesia” and future directions

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Unique long-period tsunamis generated by the July 2020 and July 2021 Alaska-Aleutian megathrust earthquakes

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Tsunami modeling of a potential seismic source on the north shore of Cuba

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On January 9, 2014 a M=5.1 earthquake occurred on the north shore of Cuba. The event was dip-slip on a WNW-ESE fault. The location is the site of offshore islands, oriented WNW-ESE, with a total length of 200 km. This suggests that larger seismic events are possible. The earthquakes are 90 miles (144 km) from the south shore of Florida. We modeled potential tsunamis from a fault oriented WNW-ESE and dipping 90 degrees. To represent shaking from a M=7.5 earthquake we used a length of 100 km, width 10 km, and slip 1.85 m. The modeling was performed using a numerical program (Nicolisky et al., 2011) at UAFGI. Results show heights of 3-8 cm at Key West, Everglades (ENP), Marco Island and Miami. Maximum heights of 0.4 m are observed near source. Travel times for initial wave are: ENP 15 min; Key West 28 min; Miami 30 min; Marco Island 240 min. The peak occurs 10-50 min later. We also modeled slip with reversed polarity (some aftershocks showed reverse slip); the models gave the same heights and times but reversed polarity. This is because the grid for bathymetry is coarse (3x3.7 km pixel size) so detailed interaction with the shore is not well represented. We modeled a larger event by increasing the slip. This resulted in a M=7.8 hypothetical event, with higher amplitudes but similar time histories. These results suggest that South Florida would experience only a modest hazard from tsunamis generated by earthquakes on the north shore of Cuba.

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Size and recurrence characteristics of the 1611 tsunami along the Pacific coast of southern Hokkaido indicated by tsunami deposit surveys

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The global ocean-atmosphere tsunami event generated by the Hunga-Tonga eruption of 15 January 2022: An Overview

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Modeling tsunami generation by moving pressure systems: Case studies and implications

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Meteorological and volcanic tsunami signals generated by the Hunga Tonga-hunga Ha'apai eruption

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Tsunami hazards from atypical sources: Examples of the 2020 Samos tsunami and the 2022 Tonga tsunami

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Probing the Greenland ice sheet by teleseismic P-wave coda autocorrelation

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ECS Awardee 2023: Unraveling shallow ice structure with active and passive seismic surveys at west Antarctica

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Bayesian surface wave dispersion inversion of glaciated environments

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Azimuthal seismic anisotropy within a tidewater glacier tongue revealed with array cross-correlation

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Seasonal observations of the ocean and sea ice environment offshore Oliktok Point, Alaska, using distributed acoustic sensing

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Seismogenic glacier sliding

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Study of the structural and dynamic changes of a surging glacier using seismic observations

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On-ice seismicity of a rapidly-rising jökulhlaup cycle at the A.P. Olsen Ice Cap, NE-Greenland

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Array seismologic insights into Grímsvötn jökulhlaups, Iceland

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What have we learned about the earthquake deformation cycle from advances in geodetic monitoring?

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Probing the locking status of the Xianshuihe fault with geodetic observations and a viscoelastic deformation model

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The slip rate and locking status of active faults are important for regional seismic hazard assessments. Up to now, elastic models have been routinely used in probing the fault locking status with geodetic observations. The viscoelastic deformation, however, was suggested to be of significance for estimating the fault locking status. In this study, we examined the effect of viscoelastic deformation for mapping the fault locking by applying both elastic and viscoelastic deformation models on the Xianshuihe fault, a major seismogenic fault in southwestern China. In the past 500 years, the Xianshuihe fault has experienced 19 earthquakes with $M > 6$, making it a cause for common concern of seismic hazard among both scientific and societal communities. We constructed viscoelastic deformation models based on GPS velocities near the Xianshuihe fault to invert the fault locking status of this fault. Our results suggest that elastic models result in overestimates of both the fault locking depth and moment accumulation rate, while viscoelastic deformation models yield more reliable results. Relying on the obtained fault locking distribution, we identify four potential asperities along the Xianshuihe fault. And, a clear spatial correlation between the asperities and historical ruptures was observed, suggesting that the fault locking may control the rupture extent of strong earthquakes on this fault. Moreover, we found that the 2022 M6.8 Luding earthquake only ruptured a part of an identified asperity. And the seismic moment accumulated on the unruptured segment is roughly equivalent to an Mw6.8 earthquake, underscoring the potential seismic hazard there.

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Contemporary crustal deformation on the borderland between China and Myanmar illuminated by GPS measurements

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Crustal strain rate field around Izu collision zone, Japan, inferred from GNSS and InSAR data

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The Izu collision zone, characterized by the collision between the Izu-Bonin arc and the Honshu arc, is located in the northernmost part of the Philippine Sea Plate. Numerous large earthquakes have occurred throughout history, particularly in the northeastern margin of the zone (Ishibashi, 2004, *Earth Planets and Space*). From our previous analysis result using GNSS, a shear deformation zone, whose width is about 20 km in EW, exists in the northeastern part of the Izu Peninsula (Doke et al., 2020, *Geological Society of London, Special Publications*). However, GNSS station density is still insufficient to understand this complex tectonic field.

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Geodetic exploration of elastic/inelastic behavior of the Earth's crust with time-dependent deformation

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Transient deformation associated with an earthquake swarm in the Noto Peninsula based on combined analysis of multiple GNSS observation networks

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Discriminating between tectonic transients and processing artifacts in GNSS displacement time series: A case study from the Cascadia subduction margin

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Slow slip events on la Venta-Chacalapa fault system, Mexico

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Geodetic and geological investigation of interseismic deformation onshore Paliki peninsula, Cephalonia, Greece

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20 years slip history at the La Plata Island subduction segment, Central Ecuador

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Observation of seafloor strain caused by shallow SSE and VLFE fault in the Nankai Trough by seafloor fiber optic strainmeters.

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Evaluating high-rate positioning quality of a heterogeneous network of low-cost GNSS receivers

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High-rate positioning from Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) observations involves the acquisition of signals at a higher rate (> 1 Hz) than conventional positioning (< 0.7 Hz). This increased measurement frequency has opened possibilities for a wide range of applications, such as measuring seismic waves and monitoring tsunamis, volcanoes, and landslides. The development of low-cost GNSS receivers has made high-rate positioning more accessible and affordable for a wide range of applications. However, the performance of these low-cost GNSS receivers for high-rate measurement applications still needs to be thoroughly evaluated and analyzed to ensure their reliability and accuracy. To investigate the reliability and accuracy of low-cost GNSS receivers for high-rate positioning, we collect 6-day continuous data at 1-Hz, 2-Hz, 5-Hz, and 10-Hz frequencies from a heterogeneous network of stations equipped with geodetic, survey-grade, and navigation antennas. These stations comprise of dual (u-blox ZF9P) and single frequency (u-blox M8T) low-cost GNSS receivers. In this study, we evaluate these sets of high-rate data by comparing signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), cycle slip, dilution of precision, multipath, and precise point positioning. In addition, we assess the effects of the ultra-rapid and final precise orbit product on the PPP solutions.

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Analysis of the dynamical displacement observed on GNSS stations in Greece due to the 06/02/2023 southern Turkey earthquakes.

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MT array investigations in the orogenic belts of southeastern Brazil

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3D magnetotelluric imaging of land and amphibious data to understand onshore-offshore lithospheric structure of Southeastern Brazil: A pilot study

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Lithospheric structure of Parnaíba basin and Borborema Province examined by a long period magnetotelluric array

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3-D Inversion of magnetotelluric data over the Southern Indian Shield Region

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ECS Awardee 2023: Electrical rock physics for underground CO2 storage

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The electrical conductivity structure beneath the Koillismaa-Näränkäväära complex in northern Finland

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Lateral variations in the water content and mantle-crustal controls on mineral systems revealed by 3-D electrical conductivity imaging

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Joint interpretation of more than 600 Magnetotelluric sites and five 2-D Seismic lines and well-log to explore an oil field

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The Zagros Collisional Zone: An example of the interplay between shallow and deep structures

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Crustal structure of the east himalayan syntaxis and its relation to the rapid uplift and exhumation

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The East Himalayan Syntaxis (EHS) is featured with an abrupt U-turn of all geological boundaries, geomorphic features and river systems at the east end of the Himalayan orogenic belt. The EHS is believed to be the region with strongest Cenozoic uplift and exhumation in Tibetan Plateau. The most significant geomorphology feature in EHS is the over 7000m Gyara Peri (GP) and Namcha Barwa (NB) peaks, which rise abruptly from the <3000m surrounding Yarlung-Tsangpo canyon. Since the late Pliocene, the central Namcha Barwa area has experienced fast uplift and has developed a series of high-angle fault networks that are focused around EHS. Magnetotelluric array measurements were used to map the 3D electrical structure beneath the EHS in order to better understand the reasons beneath the rapid growth of regional elevation. The inversion model reveals crustal high conductivity anomalies around the NB region, which may be related to the decompression melts caused by the rapid uplift of the region. On the other hand, the crustal structure directly beneath NB is imaged as highly resistive NNE directed anomaly. This feature is consistent with previous regional resistivity model and the velocity structure discovered by magnetotelluric and surface wave results. The resistive “wedge” may reflect the northward intrusion of deep materials into the crust of the Lhasa block, which further induces the uplift of regional structure. With the gradual intrusion of the wedge, the uplift may gradually expands to the northeast, forming the long and narrow surface compound anticline responses.

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The time-dependent thermal trigger for intracontinental rifting and break-up of continents

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Ocean closure and collisional orogeny frequently enrich the lithospheric mantle in radioactive elements (uranium, thorium, potassium) due to the subduction of continent-derived sediments and continental crust. According to thermal modeling, increased content of radioactive elements within the anomalous lithospheric mantle causes a time-dependent rise of temperature, providing favorable conditions for intracontinental rifting more than 50-100 million years after the closure of the ocean. In addition, the obtained results indicate that in a global-scale mantle convection system, there is a clear tendency for the mantle upwellings to move towards the thermally anomalous upper-mantle block over time. Concentrating convectional upwellings under the anomalously hot lithosphere can cause extensional stresses that can theoretically trigger the break-up of the already thermally weakened, continental lithosphere. Moreover, our results provide an explanation of why rifting and continental break-up occur along or in close vicinity to the suture zones not immediately after the orogenic event but with a delay in time, dependent on the concentration of heat-producing elements in the anomalous mantle block and the size of this block. Thus, the presence of structural/compositional inhomogeneities within the anomalous lithosphere plays a rather secondary role, affecting mostly the geometrical configuration of the rifts. Therefore, a newly discovered, time-dependent process of weakening the continental lithosphere can be responsible for intracontinental rifting and the subsequent continental break-up and is controlled by the enhanced content of radioactive elements within the anomalous lithospheric mantle of the suture zones.

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3D palinspastic reconstruction of the Anemzi syncline (Central High Atlas) as a result of a paleomagnetic and structural study

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The role of the Iceland plume in the NE Atlantic continental breakup derived from a data-integrative 3D model

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Uncovering the Secrets of Earth's Interior : a study of continental hotspots tracks using GOCE gravity gradients

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Connecting subduction and collisional processes in East Antarctica during Gondwana assembly with airborne and satellite geophysical imaging

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Optimising the understanding of the East Antarctic lithosphere through the 'GRIT' geophysical instrument facility, computational approaches and current/future field campaigns

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Precambrian lithospheric structure in East Antarctica controls Phanerozoic basin forming and Gondwana breakup geometry

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Constraining lithosphere viscosity structure using Lower Mississippi River long profile deformation

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A Robust Approach for high-resolution GNSS-based Surface Deformation Imaging

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Lithospheric evolution of eastern Arabia based on surface wave and receiver function analyses

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Distinct lithospheric structure and deformation in the Xing'an-Mongolian Orogenic Belt

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Segmentation of the Indian lithosphere along the Himalayan arc: A multi-proxy approach

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Seismic imaging of the crust beneath the Aravalli Delhi Fold Belt in Northwestern India

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The next cascadia slab model

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The effects of hydrothermal circulation in subduction zone understanding from decreasing magnetization of subducting oceanic crust and numerical geodynamic approach

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3-D thermal structure and dehydration in the southern Chile subduction zone and relation to interplate earthquakes and the volcanic chain

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In the southern Chile subduction zone, the Nazca plate is subducting beneath the South American plate. This region was recently struck by great megathrust earthquakes and is characterized by the existence of a volcanic chain. In this study, we calculated the three-dimensional thermal structure in the southern Chile subduction zone associated with the subduction of the Nazca plate by using numerical simulations. Based on the obtained temperature distribution, we determined the temperature ranges for the coseismic slips of the two megathrust earthquakes and temperatures at the hypocentres of the interplate earthquakes. In addition, the distributions of the water content and dehydration gradient were calculated by using the phase diagrams and were compared with the location of the volcanic chain. As a result, we found that coseismic slips occurred only at temperatures lower than the 350 °C isotherm. This finding occurs because the effective friction coefficient increases as the slip velocity increases at the plate boundary where the temperature is higher than 350 °C. In addition, the hydrous minerals in and above the slab release fluids through dehydration reactions, which decrease the melting point of the mantle wedge, contributing to the formation of the volcanic chain.

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Using aeromagnetic, geologic and tectonic data to establishing relationship between hydrothermalism and fracturation: Case of Ain Ouarka western Algeria

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hydrodynamic model elaborate, show that under a regional tectonic regime probably recent, a collapsed zone has been highlighted. This cataclysm engendered uplift of plutonic reservoir at shallow depth. Rainwater infiltrates through permeable Mesozoic formations, flows towards the cataclysm zone. Subjected to high temperatures of plutonism, these waters warm up and rise under the effect of the low density to reach the surface in the form of hydrothermal springs.

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Deduction of Heat flow from aeromagnetic anomalies of Gongola sub-basin, northern Benue trough, Nigeria

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Latest version of the World Digital Magnetic Anomaly Map (WDMAM v.2.1) released

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Sub-continental lithospheric mantle and crustal structure of Fennoscandian shield mineral systems

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Whole of lithosphere and mineral systems connection - insights from new magnetotelluric arrays across the Gawler craton, South Australia

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Modelling of a high-resolution Moho geometry from a synthetic gravity field data for tectonic studies over southeastern Nigeria

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Crustal Architecture of sub-basalt structures of Deccan Volcanic Province, India

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Geochemical signatures of the Volcano-sedimentary rocks of mauranipur-babina greenstone belt, bundelkhand craton, India: Implications for tectonic setting and depositional environment

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Hunga Tonga islands evolution from remote sensing and future detectability with Next Generation Gravity Satellites

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JS04a - Monitoring, Imaging and Mapping of Volcanic Areas (IASPEI, IAG, IAVCEI, IAGA)

Geometry of volcanic systems with magnetotelluric soundings: results from land and marine magnetotelluric surveys during the 2018-2019 Mayotte seismovolcanic crisis

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A major seismovolcanic crisis has afflicted the islands of Mayotte, Comoros Archipelago, since May 2018, although the origin is debated. The region of Mayotte is composed predominantly of two main islands, namely, Grande Terre (363 km²) to the west and Petite Terre (11 km²) to the east. In May 2018, an offshore seismovolcanic crisis initiated approximately 50 km to the east of Mayotte; the crisis included the largest seismic event ever recorded in the Comoros with a $M_w=5.9$ and an estimated 5 km³ of lava was released from an eruptive site. Magnetotellurics (MT), which is sensitive to hydrothermal and/or magmatic fluids and can map the subsurface electrical resistivity structure, can provide insight by revealing the internal structure of the volcanic system. We report the results of a preliminary land and shallow marine MT survey performed on and offshore the island nearest the crisis. The 3D inversion-derived electrical resistivity model suggests that the island is underlain by a shallow ~500-m-thick conductive layer atop a deeper, more resistive layer, possibly associated with a high-temperature geothermal system. At depths of ~15 km, the resistivity drops by almost two orders of magnitude, possibly due to partial melting. Further petrophysical and geophysical studies are underway for confirmation and to map the geometry and evolution of the volcanic system.

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ECS Awardee 2023: Geothermal anomalies preceding the 2021 Cumbre Vieja (La Palma, Spain) eruption

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Identifying the observables that warn of volcanic unrest and eruptions is one of the greatest challenges in natural hazard management. Recently, Girona et al., 2021 (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41561-021-00705-4>), discovered that volcanic edifices may slightly warm in the years leading up to both phreatic and magmatic eruptions. This warming, or low-temperature (low-T) geothermal anomaly, was found by analyzing ~16 years of long-wavelength (~11 μm) thermal infrared radiance data recorded by the moderate-resolution imaging spectroradiometers (MODIS) aboard NASA's Terra and Aqua satellites. However, many questions remain open. For example: What is the link between the spatiotemporal distribution of low-T geothermal anomalies and subsurface gas transport? We address this question by updating the remote sensing-based methodology proposed by Girona et al. (2021), by testing different physics-based, finite element (COMSOL) simulations to model gas and heat transport through volcanic edifices, and by using the 2021 Cumbre Vieja (La Palma, Spain) eruption as a case study. Our remote sensing-based analysis reveals that the 2021 Cumbre Vieja eruption was preceded by ~10 years of low-T geothermal anomalies in the crater of Taburiente caldera, located 10-to-12 km to the north of the 2021 eruptive center. Moreover, our models suggest that the pre-eruptive, low-T geothermal anomalies were possibly controlled by the latent heat released during the subsurface condensation of magmatic and/or hydrothermal H₂O. The possibility of tracking the spatiotemporal distribution of low-T geothermal anomalies using satellite data opens new horizons to indirectly detect the pre-eruptive transport of hot gas towards the surface and potentially better forecast eruptions from space.

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Evidence of a low-velocity-zone in the upper mantle beneath Cumbre Vieja volcano (La Palma, Canary Islands) through receiver functions analysis.

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Crater evolution and late complex tensile fracturing during the 2021 eruption at Cumbre Vieja, La Palma

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AVERT: An open system for multi-parameter volcano monitoring

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Infrasonic noise from lava eruptions at Nyiragongo volcano, D.R. Congo

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Magnetotelluric imaging and monitoring of Villarrica volcano, Southern Andes of Chile.

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Probing the 4D evolution of active magmatic systems through magnetotelluric monitoring: Mount St Helens as an illustrative example

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Electromagnetic monitoring of volcanic systems, preliminary comparative phase tensor analysis of Mount St Helens magnetotelluric data

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Improved Estimates of Crustal Magmatic Storage at Arc Volcanoes Through Seismic Receiver Functions

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A review of the contribution of real-time GNSS to disaster prevention and mitigation in Japan

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EWERICA project: Rapid earthquake source and impact assessment augmented by real-time GNSS in the Mediterranean

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Reliable co-seismic displacement from tightly integrated processing of GNSS and Accelerometers

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Making GNSS products interoperable in seismology: the integration of real-time Precise Point Positioning into SeisCompP

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Ionospheric HF Doppler indication of GNSS positioning errors

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GSeisRT: regional GNSS point positioning for wide-area seismic monitoring in real time

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Real-time GNSS earth surface displacement monitoring using PPP with regional augmentation and its implementation in the EWRICA project

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Real-time GNSS @RING: from data acquisition to data analysis

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Real-time monitoring surface deformation in Indonesia

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Real-time monitoring of earthquake-triggered surface deformation is becoming required to characterize the effect of an earthquake, either transient or permanent deformation. Indonesia as a country located in the active deformation region, through Geospatial Information Agency (BIG) has built 397 Real-Time Global Navigation Satellite Systems (RT-GNSS) stations that can be used to observe this phenomenon. The availability of RT-GNSS stations motivates us to provide real-time surface deformation information using the appropriate RT-GNSS processing method. We implement Precise Point Positioning with Regional Augmentation correction (PPP-RA) for stations if there are sufficient regional corrections, and Precise Point Positioning with Ambiguity Resolution (PPP-AR) otherwise. The result shows from Kota Fajar station in Sumatera Island (CKTF), the accuracy can be achieved at ± 1.4 cm, ± 1.8 cm, and ± 6.5 cm for the North, East, and Up components, respectively. we use the earthquake location information produced by Indonesia Tsunami Early Warning System (InaTEWS) operated by the Meteorological, Climatological, and Geophysical Agency (BMKG) to automatically collect the nearby stations from the epicenter. Then, we compute the displacement from each of its stations every second when the earthquake occurred. As a result, we can detect the transient deformation of the Banda Sea earthquake 7.6 Mw at depth of 108 km on January 9, 2023, with a maximum dynamic displacement at the nearest station to the source is 6.6 cm in the North-South direction and 8.7 cm in the East-West direction. This result suggests that this system is effective in displacement detection due to earthquakes.

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GNSS tsunami early warning for the South Pacific

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Building probabilistic quasi-geology models and mapping mineral resources using joint inversion and geology differentiation

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MT investigations to image thermal fluids in and around an active strike-slip fault near Annecy (France)

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A comparison of structurally coupled and constrained joint inversion of magnetotelluric data and teleseismic receiver functions using multiobjective swarm intelligence

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Multimethod imaging of naturally and anthropologically induced landslide in the Outer Carpathians - result of 4-year observations

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Determining high-resolution lithospheric structure by joint inversion of body wave arrival times, surface wave dispersion data and receiver functions

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Geophysical constraints and perspectives for modeling the shape and velocity of a magmatic intrusion at Piton de la Fournaise

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Multivariate statistics of geophysical and geochemical data at Teide volcano (Tenerife, Spain)

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Dealing with sparse geophysical data interpretation, limits of gravity inversion

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The 2021 Tyrnavos earthquake sequence in Greece: complex faulting constrained through a combined analysis of geological, geodetic and seismic data

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Crustal rheology and seismicity in the eastern Central Asian Orogenic Belt and its tectonic implications

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Dynamical consequences for dynamo action subject to thermal core-mantle interaction in presence of stably stratified layer

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Enhancing mantle downwellings through gravitational collapse of a metal-silicate mushy layer at the core-mantle boundary: implications on core-mantle interactions

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Magnetic boundary layers in numerical dynamos with heterogeneous outer boundary heat flux

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Precession-driven flows and turbulence in planetary liquid cores

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Topographic coupling in the outermost stratified layer of the Earth's core

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Onset of convection in a rotating plane fluid layer subject to non-uniform boundary heating and stable thermal gradients

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GRACE/SLR-based gravity field and the Earth's core: New estimates for parameters of key core processes

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Separation of core and lithospheric signals in satellite magnetic data

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The 8.4 year oscillation as an excitation method: Using spline derivatives for probing signals in the length-of-day record.

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Using SOLA for investigating regional dynamics of flow at the top of the outer core

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Estimating common signals of the spatial gravity and geomagnetic field related to the Earth's core field variation

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Length-of-day, geostrophic motions in the core, and the conductance of the mantle

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Sensitivity of Swarm magnetic data to lateral variations of the electrical conductivity in the lower mantle

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Intradeccadal variations in length of day: Coherence with Earth's core flow models

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Core surface flow inversion using physics-informed neural networks and dynamic mode decomposition of the core flow

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Hydromagnetic Waves in the Equatorial Region: Analysis Using Dynamic Mode Decomposition and Complex Empirical Orthogonal Functions

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New heat flow measurements in the Alboran Sea, westernmost Mediterranean Sea

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Heat flow density measurements in offshore continental crust

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Heat flow and thermal structure of the South China Sea

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Heat flow and thermal regime in the Guaymas basin, gulf of California: Estimates of conductive and advective heat transport

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Heat transport by hydrothermal circulation in a young rift: Observations from vent fields in the Pescadero Basin, Gulf of California

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Heat flow measurements and multiphysical integration studies in Campos basin, southeast Brazil

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Deep thermal structure in different plate tectonic settings

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Heat Flow Constraints on Crustal Deformation and Earthquake Activity at the Mendocino Triple Junction, Northern San Andreas Plate Boundary USA

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Lithospheric thermal constraints from thermal data and indirect proxies

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Modeling the Iberian thermal lithosphere. Geodynamic implications and perspectives on deep geothermal studies

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Heat flow, thermal structural and its tectonic implication of the south-central section of the Tan Lu Fault Zone

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Upscaling knowledge of Antarctic subglacial geothermal heat flux heterogeneity from continental to regional scale

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Heat flow determination in the ICDP COSC-1 borehole and geodynamical implications

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Mapping the thermophysical properties of Apennines rocks: Implications for the temperature state of the crust

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Multi-well Horner Correction to Bottom Hole Temperatures in depleted oil and gas fields

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Petrophysical measurements and geophysical data integration for the geothermal potential evaluation of SW Poland.

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Signature of climate changes in subsurface temperatures. A case study from Northern Bohemia, Czechia

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The Surface Heat Flow of Mars – and an attempt to measure it in-situ

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Investigations of potentially promising areas for the development of Renewable Geothermal Energy in Uzbekistan

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Deep geothermal potential of Norway based on borehole data

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Mapping Ireland's subsurface temperature: De-risking Ireland's Geothermal energy potential (DIG)

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The Global Heat Flow Database: New quality scheme and data release 2023

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Since 1963, the International Heat Flow Commission (IHFC) has been fostering and maintaining the compilation of the Global Heat Flow Database (GHDB). Over time, techniques and methodologies in heat-flow density determination evolved and called for frequent updates of the database. The increasing number of data and their diverse underlying methods also require an adequate and consistent evaluation scheme to assess the quality of the respective heat-flow density determination. Here, we provide the intermediate results of a collaborative, community-driven approach started in 2021 to set-up a new, authenticated GHDB. We document the new basic structure to report heat-flow data to the IHFC and present a newly developed consistent evaluation scheme. The quality scheme, for the first time, combines three independent quality criteria in one combined score, comprising the quantified uncertainty, the methodological quality, and the status of overruling effects. It allows a quick comparison of heat-flow data and reveals missing data or insufficient documentation at one glance. With the new quality scheme, users are enabled to select appropriate reliable heat-flow values for their specific purpose. The process to screen and update incomplete, wrong or empty database entries is ongoing and will last for a couple of years. The most recent intermediate update – the data release 2023 – contains data generated between 1939 and 2022. The data release contains 73,033 heat-flow data from 1,414 publications. 55% of the reported heat-flow values are from the continental domain (n ~40,082), while the remaining 45% are located in the oceanic domain (n ~32,951).

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Toward the effective use of an Earthquake Early Warning system for the high-speed rail network in Italy

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ShakeAlert V3.0: Expected Performance in Large Earthquakes

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Rollout of central America's national public earthquake early warning systems

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A regional hazard-based approach for seismic network design for earthquake early warning

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A deep learning analysis of seismic waveforms for the estimation of Peak Ground Acceleration using single station

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The identification and rapid estimation of earthquake parameters such as Peak Ground Acceleration are crucial for Earthquake Monitoring and Earthquake Early Warning especially for strong earthquakes. The conjugation of seismic waves with the layers of geological media of varying elastic properties results in a varying PGA from site to site. The local site effects heavily influence the PGA values, for instance if the site is composed of soft-sediments the amplification within the ground motion is more prominent than that of a rocky terrain or very firm sediments. We use deep learning to model these nonlinearities to identify the PGA value of the incoming earthquake signal. We use the global data STanford EArthquake Dataset, STEAD benchmarked for Machine Learning applications. The proposed model architecture may be considered as a preliminary prototype that could be adapted into EEW systems for effective emergency response.

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Feasibility study for an Integrated Earthquake and Tsunami Early Warning System: application to a synthetic case in the Messina strait

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Reducing false tsunami early warnings by combing high-rate GNSS-detected ground movement and ionospheric disturbance

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The current tsunami early warning systems usually issue alarms once large undersea earthquakes are detected, inevitably resulting in false warnings since there are no deterministic scaling relations between earthquake size and tsunami potential. In this study, we attempt to characterize tsunami potential more precisely to avoid unnecessary alarms by analyzing both the co-seismic displacement waveforms (CDWs) and ionospheric disturbances (CIDs) as detected by high-rate Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) observations. We examined CDWs and CIDs of three megathrusts including the 2014 Mw 8.2 Iquique, the 2015 Mw 8.3 Illapel, and the recent 2021 Mw 8.2 Alaska events. We found that CDWs generated by the 2021 Mw 8.2 Alaska event indicating ruptures far away from the trench and CIDs near the epicenter event were significantly weaker than those of the two Chilean events, despite having similar earthquake magnitudes. Furthermore, the propagation direction of CIDs from the Mw 8.2 Alaska earthquake also confirmed slips toward the deeper seismogenic zone, consistent with CDWs inferred and both implied less seafloor uplift and hazardous flooding. Our work sheds light on incorporating both GNSS-based CDWs and CIDs for more trustworthy tsunami warning systems.

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Real-time GNSS perspectives for novel natural hazards early warning systems: crustal deformation and ionospheric perturbations

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Natural hazards (earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, *etc.*) have devastating human and economic consequences. Their early detection and characterization lead to timely evacuations, which are critical for significantly reducing casualties and economic cost. However, traditional early warning systems (EWS) are limited by inherent challenges. We present two novel GNSS-based methods that are viable augmentations to EWSs.

The first, developed at Central Washington University, monitors earthquakes and tsunamis globally, based on low-latency in-situ measurements from ~1800 globally-distributed receivers. The system can rapidly characterize moment release, as ruptures unfold. Position time series are continuously streamed as local 3D coordinates into monitoring algorithms, and also broadcast for third-party use. The system's average latency is ~0.5 seconds, and its average position variance remains below 8 cm. This system captured the 2019 M7.1 Ridgecrest earthquake on 12 nearby stations within 22 seconds after onset; the system's estimates of co-seismic deformation were within 10% of the post-processed "true" values.

In addition, another remote sensing technique leverages ionospheric total electron content (TEC) measurements. Indeed, through mechanical coupling, large air and ground perturbations at the Earth's surface propagate up as low-frequency atmospheric waves. Eventually disrupting the ionosphere, those waves can be observed through ground-based GNSS measurements. In particular, we present the GUARDIAN system, developed at JPL (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10291-022-01365-6>), which runs in near-real-time (latency < 5 minutes) using multi-GNSS data from 80 stations from JPL's GDGPS network around the Pacific Ocean. GUARDIAN outputs TEC time series to a user-friendly public website, and are routinely validated against traditional ionospheric post-processing techniques.

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The first, developed at Central Washington University, monitors earthquakes and tsunamis globally, based on low-latency in-situ measurements from ~1800 globally-distributed receivers. The system can rapidly characterize moment release, as ruptures unfold. Position time series are continuously streamed as local 3D coordinates into monitoring algorithms, and also broadcast for third-party use. The system's average latency is ~0.5 seconds, and its average position variance remains below 8 cm. This system captured the 2019 M7.1 Ridgecrest earthquake on 12 nearby stations within 22 seconds after onset; the system's estimates of co-seismic deformation were within 10% of the post-processed "true" values.

In addition, another remote sensing technique leverages ionospheric total electron content (TEC) measurements. Indeed, through mechanical coupling, large air and ground perturbations at the Earth's surface propagate up as low-frequency atmospheric waves. Eventually disrupting the ionosphere, those waves can be observed through ground-based GNSS measurements. In particular, we present the GUARDIAN system, developed at JPL (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10291-022-01365-6>), which runs in near-real-time (latency < 5 minutes) using multi-GNSS data from 80 stations from JPL's GDGPS network around the Pacific Ocean. GUARDIAN outputs TEC time series to a user-friendly public website, and are routinely validated against traditional ionospheric post-processing techniques.

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Development of a fault model estimation method based on real-time MCMC and its implementation to a real GNSS network

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Rapid estimation of the coseismic fault model for medium-to-large-sized earthquakes is key for disaster response. To estimate the coseismic fault model for large earthquakes, the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan and Tohoku University have jointly developed a real-time GEONET analysis system for rapid deformation monitoring (REGARD). REGARD can estimate the single rectangular fault model and slip distribution along the assumed plate interface. The single rectangular fault model is useful as a first-order approximation of a medium-to-large earthquake. To obtain a more robust fault model with its estimation uncertainties, we developed a new method to estimate the coseismic fault model and model uncertainties in real-time based on the Bayesian inversion approach using the Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method. In general, MCMC requires a long mixing time to obtain posterior probabilities, but the developed method can obtain a solution within about 20 seconds after the permanent displacement is acquired, thanks to parallel tempering and other computational efficiency improvements. The developed method has already been implemented in REGARD and has been successfully demonstrated to obtain real-time solutions for several moderate-size earthquakes. Tohoku University and the GSI are also developing a fast estimation method of slip distribution at plate boundaries using MCMC. The presentation will include a more detailed discussion of the advantages of using MCMC to estimate the slip distribution at the plate boundary.

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Providing transboundary flood forecasts with the Global Flood Awareness System (GloFAS)

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The rise of early warning systems is enabling proactive responses to natural hazards such as floods. However, such systems could have restricted user access, limited geographical coverage, and either minimal or absent predictions in areas with few observations. In the case of flooding, the costliest natural hazard, this may translate into issues such as a lack of insight into the hydrological situation in poorly gauged areas, and downstream regions having limited information on upstream river conditions. The Global Flood Awareness System (GloFAS) addresses these issues by providing a global hydrological forecast and monitoring system that produces forecasts even in poorly gauged areas, and is open access and transboundary. Fully operational as part of the European Union's Copernicus Emergency Management Service since 2018, the system provides flood forecasts up to 30 days lead time and monthly seasonal streamflow outlooks via the GloFAS online map viewer. Complementary information on forecast skill and hydrological model performance is also made available to aid users' interpretation and understanding of forecast quality, alongside regional flood impact assessment estimates. Here, we give an overview of the GloFAS forecasting system and the available products, including an introduction to the GloFAS map viewer products. Lastly, we also present the GloFAS data made available on the Copernicus Climate Data Store, which alongside the forecasts includes sub-seasonal and seasonal reforecasts and a reanalysis dataset covering over 40 years. We also present our recently created training material to help users access and explore the GloFAS data from the Climate Data Store.

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Empirical findings on communicating the uncertainty of weather forecasts and warnings

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Near Real-time Flash Flood - Landslide Early Warning System Using Combined Low-cost Sensors and Rain Radar Composites In Northeastern Thailand

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The Seismically-Induced Submarine Landslides and their Chain Disasters since 1900: A Global Review

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Predicting the future earthquake early warning effectiveness of the planned seismic network in Chinese mainland

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Low-cost methods for early warning to geohazards

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Reviewing the multi-hazard concept. Application to volcanic islands.

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Because of their social, economic and political contexts, and their intrinsic multi-hazard nature, volcanic islands are one of the most vulnerable environments, where natural hazards (volcanic and non-volcanic) tend to occur in a simultaneous way causing cascading effects. To date, most of the scientific knowledge, as well as hazard assessment and risk management protocols focus on individual hazards and risks, while it remains a challenge to correctly predict the outcomes and impacts of a multi-hazard scenario where several hazardous phenomena may interact in simultaneous or consecutive ways. The multi-hazard concept originated in the 1990s in the international political context precisely to respond to this need. After its first appearance, different—and often, contradictory—usage perspectives of the multi-hazard concept have been increasingly put forward, thus making it difficult for this new approach to be fully implemented into disaster reduction policies. The present study assesses the current status of the application of the multi-hazard approach in existing risk management systems, and proposes future improvements to disaster risk reduction. It also presents the multi-hazards to which volcanic islands are exposed and analyses their potential impacts, taking the Canary Islands as a case study. In doing so, it emphasizes the need to establish a cross-sectoral, climate change-oriented, socially-inclusive, multi-risk management system, based on scientific knowledge and linked to critical societal demands and solutions.

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La Soufriere Volcano eruption 2020-21 - testing the integration of Community Volcanic Emergency Plans and national EWS in St. Vincent

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Lahar detection at Santiaguito using Machine Learning techniques

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Anatomy of the tsunami and Lamb waves-induced ionospheric signatures generated by the 2022 Hunga Tonga volcanic eruption

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Instantaneous and Adjusted Radiative Forcing and Volcanic Cloud Evolution of the January 2022 Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai (HTTH) Eruption

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We modified the regional WRF-Chem model to study the evolution and radiative forcing of the January 2022 HTTH eruption. We use the Single Moment 5-class cloud microphysics scheme to handle the water in the troposphere and stratosphere. The Rapid Radiative Transfer Model (RRTMG) for shortwave (SW) and longwave (LW) radiation is used for radiative transfer calculations. We simultaneously inject SO₂ and water vapor at 35 km and conduct simulations in the (50S-10N) latitude belt for three months with 25 km spatial resolution. Initially, the volcanic cloud cools by thermal radiation and descends. The instantaneous radiative forcing was calculated by double call at the same meteorological fields. We found that in a month, the water vapor radiative forcing averaged over the latitude belt at the top of the atmosphere (TOA) reaches -0.016 W/m². The water vapor solar forcing is positive but two orders of magnitude smaller than LW forcing. Sulfate aerosol develops almost immediately after the injection. In two months, the sulfate SW forcing at TOA reaches -0.3 W/m². The sulfate LW forcing at TOA is positive but does not exceed 0.07 W/m² averaged over the domain. The volcanic cloud is cooling from the top at 0.1 K/day and warms from the bottom at 0.06 K/day. Thus, in our calculations, water vapor, nonuniformly distributed in the upper and middle stratosphere, cools the planet, although it is a greenhouse gas. However, the radiative effect of water vapor is 20 times smaller than sulfate aerosols.

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Long-term development of the stratospheric water vapour enhancement from the Hunga Tonga eruption

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The 2022 Hunga volcano eruption from the multi-technological perspective of CTBT monitoring

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MERMAID Autonomous Drifting Instruments Capture Sustained and Coherent Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai Eruptive Signals Propagating Across the South Pacific

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Worldwide seismic observations of low frequency signals generated by the 15 January 2022 Hunga-Tonga eruption

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The eruption of the Hunga-Tonga volcano produced a high-energy explosion that was recorded globally by different scientific instruments, including broad-band seismometers. Seismic data recorded on global seismic networks are used to explore three main topics; the time evolution of the eruption, the atmospheric waves revolving around the Earth and the low-frequency, long-lasting signals recorded worldwide in the hours after the main event. From the inspection of the data we can assess that the eruption started on January 15 around 04:05 UTC, several minutes before the origin time reported in the seismic catalogs and included two large explosions at 05:30 and 08:35. As for the atmospheric waves, their energy was enough to be detected seismically during more than two complete circumambulations of the Earth, during a time span of three and a half days. The most notable seismic feature has been the low-frequency signals detected over several hours and interpreted as resulting from the excitation of Earth normal modes. To our knowledge, there are no previous examples of atmospheric-solid Earth coupling over such a long time interval and only two examples of normal mode excitation following volcanic eruptions, identified for the 1982 El Chinchón and the 1991 Mount Pinatubo eruptions.

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Usage of rotational sensors on volcanoes

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Precursory volcanic tremor and eruptive phases of the 2021 Geldingadalir eruption revealed through deep clustering

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3-D seismic modeling of “calabash-resonances”: Conduit-guided-wave excitation by magma-chamber wavefield capturing

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Numerical simulations of seismic wave propagation in magma-filled conduits, located within the volcanic edifice, have been described in several previous publications. The calculations are usually limited to 2-dimensional vertical cross-sections through the edifice and consider the excitation of seismic waves by events located within the conduit. Under such configurations, the conduit, due to its lower seismic velocities, can act as an efficient wave guide. The effects on the seismic wavefield have been used to explain observations of relatively long-period seismicity observed at several volcanoes. In our numerical study (based on the “Salvus” software package), we perform wavefield calculations for 3-dimensional models of the volcanic edifice and include a magma chamber at the base of the conduit. Furthermore, in contrast to previous studies, we consider wavefield effects due to earthquakes located within and below the edifice, but outside of the conduit. The results show that the magma chamber acts as a trap for the incident wavefield and further redirects it into the conduit. The capturing of the wavefield is more efficient if the magma chamber is relatively large. The multiple reflections of the wavefield from the boundaries of the magma chamber cause long-lasting reverberations which are effectively channeled along the conduit. These “calabash resonances” may be responsible for some of the low-frequency seismic signals observed at volcanoes and can potentially be used to better constrain the geometry of the magmatic plumbing system.

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Estimating the seismic moment-based magnitude for earthquakes occurring in Mt. Etna volcano area

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Volcano monitoring and modelling using Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) on a subglacial volcano: Grímsvötn, Iceland

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Thermal and mechanical properties of the Martian soil from InSight HP3 data

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Comparing Earth, Mars, Venus and Titan in terms of seismic solid/atmosphere coupling and subsurface/atmosphere elastic compliance.

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Earth – Moon – Mars lithospheric attenuation properties comparison

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Review of the seismicity on Mars

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Seismicity and volcanism on Mars

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The spectral response of silicate glasses: a new resource to decipher chemical characteristics of volcanic products on planetary surfaces.

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A model for the angle of repose of dry cohesive granular materials on planetary surfaces

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Torsional oscillations in Jupiter and their link to tropospheric variability

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How to understand volcanic processes on Jupiter's moon Io

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Evaluating the attenuation coefficient of the Moon's shallow subsurface using Lunar Penetration Radar (LPR) data

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In 2019, Chang'E-4 (CE-4) landed on the eastern floor of Von Kármán crater on farside of the Moon. The Yutu-2 rover of CE-4 mission carries a Lunar Penetration Radar (LPR) that is equipped with one transmitting and one receiving dipole antenna for 60 MHz, and one transmitting and two bow-tie receiving antennas for 500 MHz. LPR data acquired onboard the Moon Chang'E 4 mission rover Yutu-2 is used to quantify the attenuation within the regolith-dominated shallow subsurface on the Moon. The signal attenuation is estimated using a recently developed approach, based on the downshift of the centroid-frequency of the transmitted pulse, which is assumed to be a Ricker wavelet. In particular, the intrinsic attenuation, which is described in terms of the medium's loss tangent, is retrieved from the back-scattered signals through a probabilistic inversion approach. In addition, the total energy loss (i.e., the sum of scattering and intrinsic losses), evaluated by the inverse quality factor is obtained from the linear fitting of the time amplitude decay. It is thus possible to separate the total loss to its composing components i.e., absorption and scattering terms. From the results, it appears that the intrinsic attenuation along the track is almost constant, while the total loss presents large variations, that are caused by both subsurface inhomogeneities and scatters. In addition, the average loss tangent and total loss are, and respectively.

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The role of the solar wind on the composition and formation of terrestrial planets

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The solar wind is a possible source of water and other volatile elements that may solve a puzzle of how did terrestrial planets (within the snow line) get a substantial amount of water during their formation. To understand the possible role of the solar wind, we conducted high-energy proton implantation experiments for olivine, orthopyroxene and quartz, and results were analyzed using nuclear resonance reaction analysis. We also conducted a numerical experiment on hydrogen implantation on small dusts and found that for not much hydrogen is trapped in small dusts whose size is comparable to or less than the mean free path of H in the mineral. Using these results, we conclude: (i) a large amount of H can be implanted into these minerals quickly, (ii) the amount of hydrogen implanted in dusts depends on the dust size with a peak at ~0.1 – 1 micron, and (iii) because the energy of D is ~twice higher than that of H in the solar wind, the D/H ratio of trapped H and D in the dusts will be higher than the D/H of the solar wind. For a plausible dust size in the nebular disk (~1 micron), one can get enough water to make a wet planet quickly (<1000 years). We also studied the nature of change in physical properties of mineral (olivine) by high-energy proton irradiation. Irradiation makes olivine mechanically weak and likely increases the dielectric constant. Possible effects on sticking of dusts will be discussed.

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More mantle, more melt: modeling the mantle-derived causes of heterogeneity in volumetric magmatic flux at arcs

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Estimates of volumetric magmatic flux vary significantly between arc volcanoes, both globally and between volcanoes in a given arc. A recent case study of the Cascades arc suggested that variation in basaltic flux from the mantle causes heterogeneity in surface volcanic flux. The root causes of such variations are poorly known, and could relate to along-arc variations in fluid flux from the subducting oceanic lithosphere, changes in mantle thermal structure or composition, or subduction geometry.

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Decisive role of lithosphere in the evolution of Deccan Traps, India and the “Bushe” conundrum

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In the past, extensive studies were carried out in the peripheral regions of the Western Ghat Escarpment (WGE) to postulate the chemostratigraphy of the Deccan Traps, India. However, there remains a dearth of information in the knowledge of the petrogenesis and chemostratigraphy of the Deccan Traps in the Main Deccan Plateau, east of the WGE. Because the continental flood basalts (CFBs) are produced from voluminous melting of an asthenospheric mantle source, it is often difficult to discern the geochemical signatures sourced from the sub continental lithospheric mantle (SCLM). Interaction and contamination of the asthenospheric melts by the continental crust further adds to the complexity of geochemical fingerprinting of the lithospheric mantle. Recently, the basalt lavas recovered from the deep bore-hole well-cores drilled by CSIR-NGRI in the Koyna-Warna region, south-west Deccan Plateau, have yielded new high precision geochemistry and Nd-Sr isotopic information, elucidating the chemostratigraphy, which illustrates the decisive role of the lithospheric mantle in the genesis and evolution of the Deccan Traps. The trace and rare earth element systematics involving Ba, Ti, Nb, Th, Y, La, Gd and Yb in combination with initial $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}_{(t=66\text{My})}$ and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}_{(t=66\text{My})}$ isotopic compositions of a 50 m thick eruptive phase, discovered at a depth of 100 meters below MSL, provided compelling evidence for the genesis of the Bushe-type lavas exclusively from partial melting of the lithospheric mantle and not from the asthenospheric sourced Reunion plume. This “Bushe” conundrum has far reaching implications for the overall processes of evolution of the Deccan Volcanic Province.

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Evidence of fluid-triggered earthquakes and structural segmentation in the Kumaon-Garhwal Himalaya, India

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Using data from a 60-station network in Kumaon-Garhwal (2017-2022), we discovered a north dipping (2°) low-velocity zone (10-20% drop in V_p and V_s , 10-15% increase in V_p/V_s) between 10 and 20 km depths that correlated with the main Himalayan thrust (MHT). It is worth noting that the rupture zones of the 1803 M_w 7.6 Garhwal, 1991 M_w 6.8 Uttarkashi, and 1999 M_w 6.5 Chamoli earthquakes are all characterised by low-velocity zones, implying that the earthquakes were triggered by the presence of metamorphic or aqueous fluids within the MHT. Through the Common Conversion Point stacking of radial PRFs, we also detect a double Moho structure beneath the aforementioned rupture zones, which could be accumulating high crustal stresses favouring the moderate to large earthquake occurrences in the region.

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Imaging the deep petrophysical architecture of Toba caldera from seismic data

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Expert-based and data-driven gully and cliff erosion feature detection in New Zealand

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Erosion in New Zealand is the result of its landscape, with steep slopes and weak rocks, climate, including high-intensity rainstorms, and its history of land clearing. Improved management of erosion requires better targeting of mitigation measures using data on the spatial distribution and dimensions of erosion features. For this, automated object detection approaches and the increased availability of remote sensing data can be exploited. In this study, we explore expert-based and data-driven object detection approaches to map gully and river cliff features in the Wairoa catchment in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. Aerial photographs and terrain derivatives obtained from a LiDAR digital elevation model were used as input data for object detection. Manual delineations of gully and cliff features were used as reference data. A knowledge-based object-based image analysis (OBIA) workflow constituted the expert approach. The integration of expert knowledge facilitated the differentiation of erosion types but resulted in the classification of a high proportion of false positives. The data-driven approach consisted of a region-based convolutional neural network (Mask-RCNN) deep learning (DL) model. The DL model showed good results in the delineation of erosion features and differentiated between gullies and cliffs reasonably well, although not all reference features were detected in the validation areas. We showed that erosion feature detection can benefit from new data-driven techniques such as DL, however, expert knowledge remains an important aspect in such studies because any mapping task benefits from a certain understanding of erosion processes and the environmental characteristics of the study area.

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Evaluating the impact of the 9€-ticket on air quality in Leipzig, Germany, through machine learning algorithms

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Synergy of in-situ and hydrodynamic modelling to develop machine learning strategies for dynamic vertical Reference for Maritime and Offshore Engineering

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Machine learning algorithms for quantitative reservoir rock property estimation

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A new deep learning tool to discriminate earthquakes and quarry blasts in Mainland France

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Efficient Bayesian inversion of planetary structures based on normal mode analysis using generative neural networks

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Increasing frequency of anomalous precipitation events in Japan detected by a deep learning autoencoder

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Fusion of gridded satellite and earth-observed daily precipitation data in the United States using tree-based ensemble learning algorithms

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A multivariate-multistep-ahead forecasting of dynamic topography using convolutional encoder-decoder network in the Baltic Sea

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Snow water equivalent forecasting in Sub-Arctic and Arctic regions with recurrent neural networks

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Large-scale comparison of ensemble learners for merging satellite and earth-observed precipitation data

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HMCLab: Solving Diverse Geophysical Inverse Problems Using (Hamiltonian) Monte Carlo Methods

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Evaluation of regional observing networks through Observing System Experiment in Northwest Pacific

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Observation system simulation experiment for new radio occultation observations using multiple small satellites on Venus

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Fundamental research for the reanalysis data of the space weather based on the global MHD simulation

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A practically-oriented synthesis of machine learning concepts and algorithms for probabilistic hydrological post-processing and forecasting

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Developing prediction system for current structures in Yeosu Bay by assimilating Coastal Acoustic Tomography

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The Antarctic continent mapped by global similarity association

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Impacts of radio occultation data assimilation on landfall and precipitation forecasts of low-predictability atmospheric rivers over the eastern North Pacific

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Recovering far-field data for the 1883 eruption of Krakatau

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Historical Analog Earthquake Data in Romania

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The seismicity of Romania is characterized by seismic events with magnitudes between $1 \leq M_w \leq 7.9$ (the largest earthquake produced in Vrancea in 1802) and depths from crustal to intermediate-depth domains. The Vrancea source generates a few significant earthquakes (magnitudes above 7.0) per century. The instrumental period of recording seismic activity in Romania started in 1888 when one of the first seismic stations from Europe was installed in Bucharest, at the Seismic Observatory from Cutitul de Argint. The seismicity recorded before the instrumental period is mostly based on macroseismic observations and early seismic instrumentation. Once the instrumental recording started to operate, over one million paper seismograms had been collected in the National Institute for Earth Physics archive. The archive includes records on smoked and photographic paper and ink recordings since 1900. The analog paper recordings are affected by continuous degradation which is followed by loss of data over time. Since the paper recordings are strongly affected by the passage of time and the storage conditions, currently, work is being done on the inventory of the existing seismograms, their evaluation, and scanning.

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Evaluation and utilization of historical terrestrial gravimetric data over the Czech Republic territory

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Alpine stereographic photographs taken by Baron Roland Eötvös (1848-1919)

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Evaluation of marine magnetotelluric responses to rugged bathymetry and coast effects simulated by three-dimensional forward modeling

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Characterizing offshore freshened groundwater along the Maltese Islands through geophysical and geochemical data integration

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Re-assessing marine geohazards along the Calabrian continental margin in southern Italy

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Investigations of Marine Hydrothermal Systems and Seafloor Massive Sulfides with Electromagnetic Methods

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Shallow water navigation chart in multiple island coastal regions derived from ICESat-2 altimetry and Sentinel-2 imageries

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Measuring tectonic strain build-up on the seafloor with the GeoSEA array

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Oceanic crustal structure of the Guatemala Basin: Preliminary results from seismic tomography

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Japan Coast Guard's GNSS-A seafloor crustal deformation observation and the data strategy

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Around the Japanese Islands, major subduction zones along the plate boundaries of the Pacific Plate and the Philippine Sea Plate have repeatedly caused megathrust earthquakes. GNSS-Acoustic ranging combination technique (GNSS-A) is an effective tool to measure the absolute position on the seafloor, from which we can visualize the plate boundary conditions at these subduction zones. The Japan Coast Guard has been conducting GNSS-A observations at the sites deployed along the Japan Trench and the Nankai Trough, named the Seafloor Geodetic Observation Array (SGO-A). At the SGO-A sites, we have been periodically conducting campaign observations for approximately 20 years. In these two decades, technological advancements in our observation and analysis techniques have enabled us to detect shallow slow slip events lasting for a year (Yokota and Ishikawa 2020). Our decadal observations have revealed the processes related to the 2011 Tohoku-oki Earthquake (Watanabe et al. 2021). We have also been developing a csv-based data format for GNSS-A observation data, which we have been discussing in a working group of the Inter-commission Committee on Marine Geodesy (ICCM) of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG).

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Seismotectonics of oceanic transform plate boundaries in the Northeast Pacific: Constraints from ocean bottom observation

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Improved sea floor topography from sea-surface gravity gradiometry inversion

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Science meets art: What can we see by illuminating the ambient deep sea?

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Visuals like graphs, tables, and charts are frequently used by scientists as a way to communicate their findings or to make them more accessible to the general public. Some information or scientific ideas, however, are complex and challenging to understand. In contrast, art speaks to everyone. Collaborations between science and the arts are becoming more and more crucial in developing fresh strategies for promoting Earth science. Here we present a current interactive immersive science-art work, concentrating on the deep marine realm where people cannot hear or see. In order to investigate how the deep sea is evolving as well as how mankind is hearing and comprehending the environment that supports us, our work breaks through the background noise of the ocean. The auralization and visualization of submarine seismic data have been the focus of our team's (Deep Sea Light, DSL) effort, and it provides a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the dynamic world of deep oceans. We have effectively detected the activities of earthquakes, volcano eruptions, and even fin whale sounds using seismic stations. We further employ the Audio Spectrum and the Touch Designer to visualize vast soundscapes in 3D perspective and physically convey various settings to the audience via artistic interactive devices. Our effort helps to reveal the ambient deep-sea world and demonstrate how people should listen to and comprehend it via the lens of the ocean soundscape.

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Accurate bathymetry inversion through combining gravity-geological method and residual neural network: A case study over puerto Rico trench

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Scaling characteristics in ultra low frequency magnetotelluric signals: Investigating of possible earthquake precursors, northern Algeria

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Searching for anomalous seismic and geomagnetic patterns before moderate earthquakes occurred in Vrancea Romania

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In this paper we try to identify changes of seismic propagation velocities in time, the seismic energy release and geomagnetic deviations from the normal trend before the occurrence of crustal and intermediate earthquakes from Vrancea zone, and to find the correlation in time between them.

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Ionospheric effects of the M7.8 and M7.5 Turkey-Syria Earthquake Sequence on February 6, 2023

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Audio-frequency magnetotelluric investigations of the 2018 phreatic eruption site at Mt. Motoshirane, Central Japan

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The shallow hydrothermal system of Mt. Usu imaged by electromagnetic survey

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Modelling and inversion of electromagnetic data in volcanic regions – The effect of topography

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Piezomagnetic fields associated with a dislocation source in a layered elastic medium

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The formation of a circular collapse crater at Rhonegletscher (Switzerland)

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The formation of circular collapse craters are frequently observed on many receding tongues of formerly active glaciers. In absence of substantial ice flow dynamics, subglacial cavities formed by meltwater conduits are no longer closed down but continuously enlarge. A local depression will form at the surface due to creep with decreasing roof thickness. This process is accompanied by the formation of circular crevasses. Complete loss of stability eventually will lead to the collapse of the entire surface leaving a crater in the ice behind. Understanding the physical processes and conditions governing the collapse crater dynamics is essential to assess processes of rapid glacier retreat and hazards resulting from snout collapses and sudden blockage of subglacial drainage pathways. On the glacier tongue of Rhonegletscher such an evolution was detected in spring 2022. A monitoring was carried out between June and October in bi-weekly to monthly intervals with drone surveys to document the surface topography, survey of network of ice flow markers and GPR surveys to estimate cavity size. After a successful drilling through the roof, direct measurements of roof thickness and cavity height were conducted in the evolving cavity. Preliminary ice flow modelling results show strain patterns that coincide with the observed low-angle circular crevasses. Although initiated by the presence of a subglacial drainage conduit, our results suggest the mechanical failure of ice lamellas from the cavity roof as main driver of the collapse crater, and subglacial melting by air flow or water drainage as minor influence.

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Triggering and runout conditions of two rock slope failures in the French Alps: Vallon d'Étache and Crête des Grangettes

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A machine-learning approach for estimating the snow avalanche danger level and avalanche activity

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Snow avalanche danger level and avalanche activity are key metrics for describing the prevailing hazard situation of mountainous areas during winter. Avalanche warning services publish avalanche bulletins, which include the regional avalanche danger levels and descriptions of the snow cover properties. Physically-based snow cover models calculate the detailed stratigraphy of the snowpack using meteorological variables as input.

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Slope instability and permafrost variations at Askja caldera (Iceland) investigated over 50 years with multi-sensor aerial and satellite data

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Glacial Lake Inventory of Kinnaur District, Himachal Pradesh, India derived from Landsat Images

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Simulation of the Antarctic Ice Sheet over last glacial cycle with the coupled solid Earth – ice sheet model PISM-VILMA

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30-year surface elevation changes over ice sheets of Greenland and Antarctica from multiple satellite radar altimeters

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Approaches to constraining East Antarctic rheology using seismic measurements from isolated stations

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It is becoming apparent that the East Antarctic Ice Sheet may be more vulnerable to changing climate than previously thought. Tomographic studies have revealed significant lateral variations in mantle viscosity across Antarctica, which can strongly influence the results of glacial isostatic adjustment models. Glacial isostatic adjustment is an important consideration in sea-level and ice-sheet studies, necessitating improved constraints on rheology in East Antarctica.

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Coupling cryosphere, hydrology, sea-level and solid-Earth processes within the ice sheet and sea-level system model

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Pliocene shorelines and deformation of passive margins: A target dataset for dynamic topography models

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Degree dependence of Antarctic GIA correction for GRACE data

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Ongoing mass changes in the Antarctic ice sheet have been observed as gravity changes by the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) satellites. The gravity signal also includes the component of the solid Earth's response to surface mass change (Glacial Isostatic Adjustment, GIA). Therefore, estimates of the ice mass change from GRACE data require subtraction of the gravity rates predicted by the GIA model (GIA correction). Previous studies imply that the long-wavelength components dominate the Antarctic GIA correction. To further understand the long-wavelength contributions, we compute the degree amplitude of Antarctic GIA correction in the spherical harmonic expansion. The degree dependence of Antarctic GIA correction is examined here using some typical ice history models. The Antarctic GIA corrections converge by degrees ~ 30 regardless of the choice of ice history models. When the GIA model includes Northern Hemisphere ice history, the degree amplitudes for degrees < 10 vary significantly at each degree. The degree-2 GIA component, due to the influence of the Northern Hemisphere ice history, accounts for 30% or more of the total Antarctic GIA correction. It will be necessary to pay attention to the treatment of the degree-2 component.

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Using paleo sea-level data and GIA models to reveal vertical land motion signal: Implications for local sea-level projections

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Holocene rapid ice melting and present-day crustal deformation due to GIA around the Lützow-Holm Bay, East Antarctica

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Three-dimensional velocity variations due to ice mass changes in Greenland – Insights from a compressible glacial isostatic adjustment model

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Glacial isostatic adjustment (GIA) models provide estimates for velocity, gravity and sea-level change based on ice loading scenarios of past glaciations. The input to GIA models is quite extensive and consists of ice histories and a variety of Earth model parameters that describe the three-dimensional (3D) structure and rheology. Here, we will show the effect of a range of lithospheric thickness models on vertical and horizontal velocities in Greenland using a 3D compressible GIA Earth model. The lithospheric thickness beneath and around Greenland varies from a few tens of kilometres in offshore regions to several tens of kilometres (up to 200 – 250 km) in land areas. However, to date, no one has done an analysis of the impact of lateral lithospheric variation on the 3D velocity field for Greenland as horizontal velocities from incompressible GIA models, which are commonly used, are not suitable to be used due to the neglect of material parameter changes related to the dilatation. Compressible GIA models in turn can provide more accurate estimates of the horizontal and vertical viscoelastic deformations induced by ice-mass changes. We use various lithosphere models as input into a new 3D compressible GIA model code, which is constructed with the finite-element software *Abaqus*. We apply recent ice history models Huy3 and GLAC-GR2a for Greenland in combination with a Little Ice Age deglaciation model. The modelled 3D velocity field is compared against independent GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) observations as well as to previously modelled estimates using incompressible 3D GIA models.

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Ice sheet – solid earth feedback during the last glacial cycle in Antarctica and Greenland

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Analysis of 20-year terrestrial gravity and ground deformation changes collected at Mt. Etna: Comparison with satellite data

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Geological characteristics of Surtsey volcanic island studied with a gravity survey

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Scientific assessment of the CARIOQA-PMP quantum accelerometer pathfinder

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Managing and sharing volcanological data at the INGV - Osservatorio Etneo

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The study of volcanic activity requires monitoring a variety of data sources, including volcanological, geophysical, and geochemical data. With numerous research organizations and observatories collecting vast amounts of data from sensor networks, it's crucial to have a systematic way of organizing and sharing this information for volcano research and monitoring. This is where the INGV Osservatorio Etneo's TSDSystem framework comes in. TSDSystem is a framework that enables the acquisition and standardization of time series data from different sources within a relational database, and provides synchronized data visualization. The framework is integrated with the OEDataRep web data repository, which is based on the InvenioRDM research data management platform and follows an open access model. The proposed architecture of the system includes various features and services, such as a database optimized for time series data, a RESTful web service based on microservices pattern, near real-time data visualization through modern web technologies, data policy management, and an early warning module. These features help to efficiently manage and share time series data in a timely and accessible manner.

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Data Terra, the French research e-infrastructure for Earth system and environment

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Data Terra's main mission is to develop a structure for accessing and processing data, data-products and services geared towards observing, understanding and predicting in an integrated manner the history, mechanisms and evolution of the Earth system in response to global changes and extreme events. Data Terra federates four data and services hubs dedicated to the four physical compartments of the Earth System: Aeris for the atmosphere, Odatis for the oceans, Theia for land surfaces and ForM@Ter for the solid Earth. While aimed chiefly at the scientific community, the unique research e-infrastructure also serves public and socio-economic stakeholders and its multi-source data are accessible via coherent, one-stop portals.

As a digital infrastructure in the field of earth and environmental science, Data Terra works closely with Earth-observation research infrastructures and space agencies. It is backed by a continuum of distributed and interconnected platforms, proposing services that span the full data cycle from access from repositories to value-added processing, thus enabling inter- and trans-disciplinary studies as well as exploitation of large volumes of data. At national, European and international levels (EOSC Pillar, Fair impact, Phidias, Copernicus services, ...), it is advancing the development of open science, implementation of FAIR approaches, contributing to space missions and applications and to the initiative to generate digital twins of the Earth.

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Ensuring ISMN's permanent service for delivering long-term, in situ soil moisture data

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The Davos Dataset: An (un)fair backstory

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But this is only one part of the solution, the other part being that the published dataset must implement such standards. We present our efforts in publishing a dataset made of data from more than 50 Automatic Weather Stations with data extending over a period of 25 years, contributed by nine institutions. The raw data have been standardized into a common format with a common set of parameter names, units and metadata standard. This standardization process is described in a configuration file (one per station) that is used to dynamically generate the final dataset from the raw data.

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Making GeoNet Data FAIRer: lessons learnt from scoring a variety of natural hazard datasets (and how to improve them)

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New, open socio-hydrological data of paired events of floods and droughts

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CDDIS FAIR Commitment and nasa's year of open science

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Geo-Environmental Monitoring Station(GEMS):A real time monitoring network to evaluate the impact of anthropogenic activity on environmental conditions on urban areas

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Study of the impact of anthropogenic activity on environmental conditions from urban areas is one of the most important issues at a global level. Human activity on urban areas, such as commercial, industrial, transit, scholar and many-others, represents direct impact on the environmental conditions that influence directly on social and health issues. Monitoring and measure of variations on environmental conditions associated to human activity through time and space. In this work, a device was developed for real time monitoring of different geo-environmental conditions for urban areas: Geo Environmental Monitoring Station (GEMS), integrates different low-cost sensors and a web-based real time processing platform, for storage and visualization of the data. GEMS includes atmospheric sensors to measure particulate matter (PM2.5, PM1.0 and PM10), temperature(°C) , atmospheric-pressure and relative-humidity; noise(dB), ultraviolet-radiation, variations on the earth's magnetic-field. GEMS can measure all those 9 different parameters and send them via Wi-Fi to the platform for real time processing and visualization The data is free and open access via internet. A dense network is installed on Queretaro,Mexico, a small city with up to 1 million habitants, located in central-Mexico, with an intense industrial activity. Up to 100 GEMS are projected to be installed at the end of 2023. With the data collected by the GEMS network, in combination with other parameters, such as micro-seismicity, magnetic-susceptibility, wind direction etc., a model for anthropogenic impact on environmental conditions is established. GEMS network is planned to be a very low-cost permanent monitoring-system, accessible to society, governments and private companies.

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The Diploma in Seismology for high-school teachers a new version

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Brothers Volcano - virtual experience

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Summary:

Brothers Volcano is a social VR experience for all standalone Meta Quest headsets, that allows users to explore a vast 20km² underwater landscape together while learning about geology, geophysics and oceanography.

The 3D terrain is based on real high-resolution scans of Brothers Volcano, located along the Pacific Ring of Fire, offering breathtaking hiking trails, many informative boards & slideshows along the way, and several scenic spots to read related scientific journals.

To help visualize depth below sea level we built the world's current tallest virtual tower on the volcano's summit, and placed inside a pair of magic shoes which enables faster flight, but to get them one must first find 2 missing keys along the educational hiking trails.

Additionally, the multiplayer experience supports synced lecture slides, laser pointers & Superman flying abilities, so anyone can join the marine adventure and zoom around as a fellow tuna fish.

(As a team we would bring 8 VR headsets for poster session demos)

Target Audience: Primary/Secondary/Tertiary Education and General Public

Learning Goals:

1. To understand the geology and geophysics of an underwater volcano

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To help visualize depth below sea level we built the world's current tallest virtual tower on the volcano's summit, and placed inside a pair of magic shoes which enables faster flight, but to get them one must first find 2 missing keys along the educational hiking trails.

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(As a team we would bring 8 VR headsets for poster session demos)

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Boosting Space Weather research and applications in Africa: The NORISK project

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Free of charge transnational access to world-class European Earth Science research facilities: lessons learned from the EXCITE project

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Addressing the need for global standards for geochemical data – the OneGeochemistry initiative

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ORBYTS project: Predicting storm times with machine learning

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“JIGYASA” for Geoscience: Role of CSIR-NGRI, India

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CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR-NGRI; <https://www.ngri.res.in>), a premium institute of Earth Science research in India is actively involved in the outreach activities under the “JIGYASA” (a Hindi word which means curiosity), a flagship program of CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India). To tap and trigger the innate curiosity of the students and general public about the Earth, CSIR-NGRI conducts various outreach activities to explain about Earth’s evolution, its environment, natural resources and natural hazards etc. CSIR-NGRI welcomes students to visit its state-of-art laboratories and analytical facilities, conducts webinars for students and the general public, distribute booklets in various languages. CSIR-NGRI researchers and students also visit schools / colleges in different parts of India. Through lectures, models, Do-It-Yourself activities, quiz, conducting education camps, and print / electronic media; we spread awareness about rock types, exploration and exploitation of natural resources, phenomena of earthquakes and Tsunami, earthquake risks and precautions, extent and sustainability of groundwater etc. Further, CSIR-NGRI has open-air rock museum, first of its kind in the country, with large number of rock samples from different geological regions to educate students and general public about different types of rocks, their formation and information provided by these rocks. Since the initiation of “JIGYASA” program, CSIR-NGRI reached approximately 25,000 students and the general public through its outreach activities.

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A study on satellite on-orbit conjunction assessment system by SaaS

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Let's fire the passion for Geoscience! New geo-comic trilogy.

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International Training Courses on „Seismology, Seismic Hazard Assessment and Risk Mitigation“

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Skills needed in work life: case study of Geoinformatics Master's program

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Outreach of climate change attribution in Hungary using seasonal indicators

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Educational and public outreach activities with a three-dimensional digital globe Dagik Earth

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A three-dimensional digital globe system, Dagik Earth, has been developed by a group of geoscientists, software engineers, and educators for use in and out of school education and public outreach. The project aims to provide schools, science museums, and educators with the basic knowledge and recent progress in Earth and planetary sciences, and stimulate interest in them. The system is very simple and budget-friendly using a PC, a PC projector, and a spherical screen. The screen for this system is inexpensive, and any white sphere, such as a balance ball or balloon, can be used as the spherical screen. The three-dimensional presentation of the Earth and its data provides the audiences a view of looking down the Earth from space similar to large-scale three-dimensional globe systems, such as the Geo-cosmos of Mirai-kan, Japan, and Science On Sphere of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA. The software is provided free of charge for educational and scientific use. English and Chinese versions are also available although the majority of users are in Japan. A permanent exhibition of Dagik Earth is installed in 23 science museums, including one in Taiwan. As well as digital globe, the project is also developing analogue globes using global Earth and planetary science data. Students make their own handmade globes in classrooms and science events and take them home. In addition to introducing the software of Dagik Earth, we would like to introduce analogue craft materials in the presentation. International cooperation will also be discussed.

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Seismic risk communication over the past 20 years: An overview on time, methods and tools

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The goals of earthquake risk communication are to share information, raise awareness, change behaviors/beliefs, and increase preparedness. Students and citizens are the main target groups for communication activities. The involvement of schools is based on the idea of a 'domino effect,' where students share and promote earthquake mitigation information and best practices within their families.

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KIDZ PAZ-NOWn - Increasing resilience to climate- and water-related natural hazards in Paznaun Valley via an inter- and transdisciplinary research-education-collaboration

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Airborne remote sensing in the Arctic used to evaluate models and satellite observations

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Water vapor isotopic composition measurements at Dome C, East Antarctica, from 2018 to today: Isotopic signature of moisture intrusions

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Dome C is located on the high Antarctic plateau, at 3233m above sea level, and 1200km away from the coastline. At this location, the EPICA ice core was retrieved from the ice sheet and allowed the reconstruction of past climatic information 800,000 years back in time. Amongst several atmospheric parameters, the past local temperature was inferred from the stable water isotope record measured in the ice.

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New developments in laser spectroscopy for water vapor isotopic measurement along the Dumont-d'Urville – Dome C transect

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Airborne remote sensing observations of Arctic low-level clouds and precipitation during cold air outbreaks

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The New Norwegian Infrastructure - Troll Observing Network - under Establishment in Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica

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The Troll Observing Network – TONe - is a new comprehensive infrastructure centered around the Norwegian Troll Research Station in Dronning Maud Land. It will be an important contribution to global research efforts in this part of Antarctica, closing data gaps in Antarctic environmental observations and providing key data required to respond to the fundamental societal challenges and uncertainties facing the world today.

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Turbulent fluxes measurements in coastal Antarctica in the framework of the AWACA Project.

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The AWACA (Atmospheric Water Cycle over Antarctica) project aims to deploy 4 OPU (Observation Platform Units) along a 1100km transect from coastal Terre Adélie to the interior of the high-elevated antarctic plateau. They will perform condensed water measurements throughout the atmospheric column. Surface meteorological conditions near the OPUs will be monitored with a 7m tower mast, the first prototype of which was deployed during the last summer campaign 2022-23.

This setup includes a sonic anemometer, which gives access to turbulent momentum and heat fluxes near the snow surface. The collected measurements will enable the investigation of those fluxes which remain scarcely studied especially in the winter season and in the interior of the continent due to harsh meteorological conditions.

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This setup includes a sonic anemometer, which gives access to turbulent momentum and heat fluxes near the snow surface. The collected measurements will enable the investigation of those fluxes which remain scarcely studied especially in the winter season and in the interior of the continent due to harsh meteorological conditions.

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Temporal stability of strain tides in southern California, 1971-2021

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Arctic ocean tidal constituents atlas

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Radiational tides and forecasting storm surges

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In the UK, Coastal Flood Forecasting procedures rely on forecasts of still water level generated by combining predicted tide and storm surge components. The tide component of this system is often termed the ‘astronomic tide’. However, the predicted tide is derived from a harmonic analysis of the full water level time-series (tide plus surge) observed at tide gauges – typically from the last 19 years. Therefore, the tidal predictions will include radiational tides particularly those that occur with tidal frequencies such as S_2 and S_a .

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Comparisons of a revised tidal Response Method with modern Harmonic Analysis

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While tidal Harmonic Analysis (HA) has seen considerable development in the past 50 years, the Response Method, as described in the seminal paper of Munk and Cartwright, has remained relatively stagnant. The principal advantage of the response method is the inclusion of Kepler-Newtonian mechanics which avoids the need to split species into discrete spectral clusters. Additionally, the physical basis of the response framework allows for the systematic study of non-linear processes which are not well understood and play a significant role in shallow-water regions. Despite these advantages, HA remained and remains the tool of choice for tidal analysis due to the non-trivial burden of selecting realistic input functions. As such, a data-driven response analysis procedure is proposed for the automatic selection of input functions. We present comparisons between the proposed method and the state-of-the-art harmonic analysis. Additionally, a framework for the study of non-linear processes using response analysis is presented, and a Python implementation is provided.

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Changes in the physical properties of Antarctic shelf water due to global warming

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Coupled ocean-ice sheet modelling of the Amundsen Sea Embayment, West Antarctica

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Simulation and Spectral analysis of the 2016 Fukushima earthquake tsunami in Sendai Bay, Japan

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Numerical simulation and experiment on Tsunami of high viscosity and density fluid containing sediment

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Experimental study on tsunami generated by three-dimensional landslides

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Examining the reliability of historical teletsunamis reaching Japan using literature review

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The NGDC/WDS Global Historical Tsunami Database (GHTD; NCEI) includes thirteen tsunami cases recorded in Japan, accompanied by foreign earthquakes until 1900. Following a literature review, false tsunami information based on errors in Japanese documents and historical interpretations was found in GHTD; five out of thirteen cases were false teletsunamis. Therefore, the reliability of historical tsunami data cannot be ensured without collaboration among researchers with different nationalities.

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Experiments on saturated suspended sediment concentration in tsunami flow

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Numerical simulations of landslide-generated tsunamis using dispersive two-layer model

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Three-dimensional numerical simulation of landslide-generated tsunamis

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Damage Response of Coral Reefs during the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami

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The impact of tsunamis on buildings, infrastructures and human losses has been globally studied. However, the relationship tsunami waves-marine ecosystems remains unclear. For example, during the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami (IOT), damage to living corals and reefs were surveyed all over the archipelago. Given that coral reef system is essential for fisheries, tourism and represent a natural coastal protection against large waves events, it is urgent to better understand how the IOT damaged such an ecosystem. Using TUNAMI-N2 model, we propose to reproduce the maximum amplitude and flow velocity of the IOT along the Maldivian shores with 10-m resolution. From statistical analysis, we developed tsunami fragility curves, with their 95 % confidence interval, for damaged coral reefs based on the maximum tsunami amplitude and the maximum flow velocity of the IOT. The flow velocity is found to be the best descriptor of tsunami damage. Based on the results, when the tsunami amplitude and flow velocity attain 4 meters and 4 m/s respectively, the probability that reefs endure damage is about 80 %. This founding may have implications for the development of long-term reef monitoring and planning to strengthen the resilience of reef resources after large wave events in the Maldives.

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Real-time mapping of population exposure to tsunami hazard from human mobility data

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The population at risk of tsunami varies according to the season, day of the week, time, etc. Thus, even the same tsunami hazard may pose different levels of risk for an area with high mobility of residents and tourists. In the context of the efforts to develop the Tsunami Digital Twin (TDT) (Koshimura et al., 2023) for Japan, we investigated the application of human mobility data for real-time population exposure estimation. We selected two target areas prone to the anticipated Nankai Trough Earthquake, Katsurahama beach and Tanezaki district in Kochi Prefecture. The areas near Katsurahama correspond to a low residency but highly touristic zone, while Tanezaki is a highly residential area with low tourist activity. The size of both sites is similar for comparison, and the expected tsunami runup is in the same order of magnitude. The tsunami inundation is based on the scenarios proposed by the Cabinet Office of Japan. As the human mobility data, we used "Mobile Spatial Statistics" (DOCOMO InsightMarketing) containing estimated hourly population counts based on mobile phone networks. We found significant variations in the expected number of people at risk of tsunami during a year. Population dynamics affect the necessary levels of response and assistance. Furthermore, we show a prototype of our newly developed Population Exposure Mapping System (PoEMS) applied to real-time tsunami risk assessment.

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Analysis and characterization of the 2020 Kuril Islands event by inversion of tsunami waves

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Tsunami forecasting variability as resulting from slip models obtained by geophysical data inversion and by a Phase Variation Method

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Proposal of disaster risk reduction learning program through interviews with disaster survivors at junior high school in the affected area

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Products and services available from U.S. NOAA NCEI archive of tsunami water level data

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The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) archives analog and high-resolution digital coastal water level data and ocean-bottom pressure data, digitizes select analog data, and performs quality-control and tidal analysis of these data. The analog tide gauge records (marigrams) cover selected tsunami events between 1854 and 1994 observed at stations across the globe. The digital tide gauge data, primarily U.S. stations, have been collected at 1-minute sampling since 2008. The ocean-bottom pressure data have been collected since 1983. These time-series data are complementary to the maximum wave heights recorded in the NCEI/World Data Service Global Historical Tsunami Database. All water level data and products are converted to standardized file formats to reduce barriers to re-use. We provide quality-controlled water level data, computed astronomical tides, details on the harmonic tidal analysis results, and spectra to assess the quality of the de-tiding. Researchers use the quality-controlled data to validate tsunami propagation and storm surge models. In the event of a tsunami, we augment our holdings by collecting and processing data from the National Hydrographic Services in the affected regions and from the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO IOC) Sea Level Stations Monitoring Facility. These data products are then made available via Tsunami Event Pages. This presentation will provide an overview of NCEI's water level data availability and processes.

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Effect of water density on wave pressure due to bore-like tsunamis

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The tsunami caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011 was called a black tsunami, and it was mixed with sediments, which was observed in many areas. Most of the previous studies on tsunami loading have been based on experimental and numerical calculations using fresh water, and the effects of sediment contamination have rarely been investigated. This study conducted bore-like tsunami pressure experiments with various densities to clarify the mechanism of impulsive wave pressure due to density changes. For validation, numerical calculations were performed on the same model used in the experiment, followed by calculations on local conditions. The average impulsive wave pressures of silt-mixed water, sand-mixed water, and freshwater were compared in terms of the Froude number. Under these conditions, the impulsive wave pressure due to sediment-mixed water was found to be in some cases greater than that with fresh water. The relationship between the water surface angle and wave pressure at impact was also investigated. The results revealed large variations. In silt-mixed water, the impulsive wave pressure tended to increase as the water surface angle at impact increased. Numerical results show that a 4% increase in density results in a 15% increase in maximum wave pressure. Additionally, an increase in the water surface angle was also observed. Numerical calculations performed under local conditions confirmed the increase in wave pressure due to sediment-mixed water. Wave pressure against the wall surface of the sediment mixture tends to increase but can be evaluated by the freshwater wave pressure rating index.

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Capability of inversion of dense offshore tsunami measurements to constrain spatio-temporal evolution of tsunami source process

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This study discusses the spatio-temporal evolution of tsunami source process in real-time tsunami forecasting. Previously, we developed a tsunami forecasting method based on the real-time source inversion using offshore tsunami waveforms. In the method, the source process is assumed to finish instantaneously at the time of an earthquake, whereas the source process of actual huge earthquakes is spatio-temporally complex. The offshore tsunami data from the dense seafloor observation networks around Japan may enhance to constrain the spatio-temporal evolution. To design the improved forecasting method that is versatile for tsunamigenic earthquakes with various spatio-temporal source processes, this study conducted synthetic tests of tsunami forecasting, focusing on how well the offshore tsunami waveforms can constrain the time evolution of the source process. Synthetic data for ~170 offshore tsunami-meters along the Japan trench were produced by numerical tsunami simulation assuming the fault model of the 2011 Mw 9.0 Tohoku earthquake. Synthetic tests were conducted under various conditions by independently varying the source duration assumed in production of the synthetic data and the that used in the inversion. The results showed two suggestions for accurate forecasting of coastal tsunami heights. The first suggestion is that it is important to avoid situations that source duration used in the inversion is much shorter than that of the targeted earthquake. The second suggestion is that using a very long source duration for the inversion is effective for both the long- and short-source-duration earthquakes.

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The tsunami attenuation effect by coastal vegetation, such as mangroves, called green infrastructure, is widely known through field surveys of disasters and has been studied experimentally and numerically. Previous studies have investigated wave attenuation effects using two-dimensional numerical calculations. However, three-dimensional numerical calculations are necessary to model various wave conditions, including surf zones. Moreover, mangrove prop root shapes are complex and require small grid sizes for detailed reproduction. In addition, the resistance calculation depends on the grid size in the previous method, and applying this method to field calculations incurs high computational costs. Therefore, CADMAS-SURF/3D was employed in this study to reproduce and model mangrove forests as porous structures, and the Dupuit-Forchheimer (DF) law, whose resistance calculation is independent of grid size, was used to establish a low-cost numerical modeling method for mangrove forests. The coefficients α and β , which depend on the constituent materials of the porous structure, were obtained by sensitivity analysis. When $\alpha=1000$ and $\beta=1.0$, the wave height attenuation effect is replicated with relatively good accuracy, regardless of the grid size resolution, by a calculation process reproducing the physical experiment. The relationship between the mangrove shore width and the attenuation effect was verified by three-dimensional numerical field calculations to confirm the validity and generality of the model. Upon establishment, this modeling method can evaluate the effects by of coastal vegetation on disaster attenuation in detail on a large scale.

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Cryoseismicity triggered by ice mass discharge through the Antarctic subglacial hydrographic network

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Hierarchical clustering applied to icequakes observed at Langhovde Glacier in East Antarctica

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The Alaska Geophysics Network: publicly-available cross-disciplinary data covering Alaska, USA

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Iceberg Calving in Greenland: Understanding the Dynamics through Seismic Data Analysis and Machine Learning

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Predicting seasonal oscillations in daily GNSS displacement time series from geophysical fluid loading data using deep learning

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Coseismic and postseismic slip observed on the Cerro Prieto Basin faults caused by the M7.2 El Mayor-Cucapah 2010 earthquake

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Data assimilation for reproducing and predicting the fault slip behavior in the 2010 Bungo Channel long-term slow slip event

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Distribution, duration and size of slow-slip events in the eastern Mediterranean: Insights from the Hellenic subduction system

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Simultaneous estimation of the spatio-temporal evolution of fault slip and block motion in the southwest Japan subduction zone

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Comparison of long period passive seismic and gravity measurements on the island Heligoland in the German Bight (North Sea)

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Adjoint-state travelttime tomography in Central Java enhanced by a machine-learning-assisted catalog

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Multiscale analysis of the GOCE signal in the subduction zones

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Determination of the seismic structure of the Earth's mantle based on joint analysis of gravimetric and seismometric data

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The electromagnetic signature of the Moldanubian-Saxothuringian boundary

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Improving tomographic models of the Pyrenees region (NE Iberia): Preliminary results from Full-Waveform Inversion

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Magnetic properties of Precambrian rocks from the Denman Glacier area and the Obruchev Hills

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Crust and upper mantle conductivity models of the western Ukrainian Shield and their link to tectonic structure and mineralization

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Data-driven thermomechanical state of the Alpine Himalayan Collision Zone: implications for continental dynamics

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Variations in lithospheric thickness beneath the Southern Indian Shield from joint modelling of receiver function and surface wave dispersion

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Evaluating 3D models from potential fields data across oil producing blocks in pre-salt campos basin, Brazil

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The OHANA OBS deployment in the Northeast Pacific Ocean

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Magnetotelluric imaging of the Sulu UHP metamorphic belt between the North China and Yangtze cratons

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The role of inheritance and kinematics in shaping the West Antarctica Rift System (WARS): A parametric study

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Effective elastic thickness over North East India and the Bay of Bengal using joint analysis of gravity and topography data

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3D electrical resistivity image of the Dharwar Craton, India

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Extending Magnetotelluric Study from Central to Eastern Mongolia: Preliminary 2-D and 3-D Inversion Results

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This work presents the first results of a new MT field study covering Central-Eastern Mongolia. 64 broadband MT stations were deployed between 2020 and 2022 along five profiles east of the Hangai. The data were processed using a two-step multi-taper processing approach, simultaneously improving the quality at short and long periods, providing credible MT responses up to 2048 seconds. The previously acquired and new data were jointly inverted regarding 3-D conductivity variations. Furthermore, data from an 880 km long 2-D profile extending from the Selenga Basin to Gobi Desert were inverted independently. This study is part of a broader project aiming to constrain the electrical conductivity of entire Mongolia.

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This work presents the first results of a new MT field study covering Central-Eastern Mongolia. 64 broadband MT stations were deployed between 2020 and 2022 along five profiles east of the Hangai. The data were processed using a two-step multi-taper processing approach, simultaneously improving the quality at short and long periods, providing credible MT responses up to 2048 seconds. The previously acquired and new data were jointly inverted regarding 3-D conductivity variations. Furthermore, data from an 880 km long 2-D profile extending from the Selenga Basin to Gobi Desert were inverted independently. This study is part of a broader project aiming to constrain the electrical conductivity of entire Mongolia.

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Deployment of a regional scale magnetotelluric (MT) array in the Pannonian Basin

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In the framework of the Pannon LitH₂Oscope Lendület project in Hungary, we investigated the lithosphere structure of the Pannonian Basin. Besides seismological and geochemical methods, a large-scale grid of MT stations was used for an in-depth investigation of the sedimentary basins. The aim of the group is to explain how the thinner-than-average continental lithosphere could have formed and what is the role of fluids. The theory that discusses the effect of fluids on the melting relations and rheology of the lithosphere and upper mantle is called the pargasosphere hypothesis. For the MT part of the study, aimed at imaging the well conductive layer at the base of the lithosphere, 38 soundings were implemented close to the broad-band seismological stations, achieving a nearly uniform MT coverage in the Pannonian Basin.

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Lateral variation of the Main Himalayan Thrust in the north-western Himalayas retrieved from Magnetotelluric 3D forward modelling

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2-D and 3-D inversion: A case study from the Deccan Volcanic Province and the western Dharwar craton, India

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We attempted a comparison of the crustal electrical conductivity structure deduced by two-dimensional (2-D) and three-dimensional (3-D) magnetotelluric inversion for data obtained at 19 stations spanning a profile length of about 150 km. Station spacing is 10-15 km. A non-linear conjugate gradient scheme is used for 2-D inversion for both apparent resistivity and phase. Several conductive features are mapped in the 2-D model. This study shows the upper crust is highly resistive (>10,000 ohm-m) all along the profile. It suggests the presence of the tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite (TTG) crust. The conductor mapped on the NW part of the profile is considered a deep-seated fault representing a boundary or a rift-related feature beneath the Deccan Volcanic Province and the western Dharwar craton. This conducting feature can be interpreted as an extension of the Kaladgi basin further west. On the central and SE sides of the profile, the mid-crust shows a highly resistive nature. The sensitivity analyses confirm the robustness of the conductive features obtained in the 2-D models. 3-D inversion was carried out by ModEM code with data of the diagonal and off-diagonal components. 2-D and 3-D resistivity models are compared. Finally, the electrical resistivity nature of the crust is compared with other shield and rift regions of the world.

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Crustal and upper mantle structure beneath Corinth rift

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In this study, we use P wave receiver functions from teleseismic events recorded at 24 permanent stations in the Corinth Rift and the surrounding regions to determine the crustal structures (thickness and Vp/Vs ratio) and the African slab geometry. Stations are operated by the National Network of Greece and are equipped with broadband seismometers. We selected events recorded between 2011 and 2021 with magnitude > 6.0 and epicentral distances between 30 and 95 degrees. We computed the receiver functions for each station using iterative time deconvolution and used Zhu and Kanamori's stacking method (2000) to estimate crustal thickness and Vp/Vs ratio. The results show that Moho depth varies from 28 km (Eastern Corinth rift) to 45 km in the western studied area. The deeper Moho values are correlated with the Hellenides mountain range (western part) and an isostatic behaviour. Some stations at the eastern Corinth rift (LOUT, LTK, PROD, KLV, GUR, VILL) display a clear signature from the subducting African crust, allowing for a better estimate of its thickness variation and lateral geometry changes. Arrival times and polarities of P to S converted waves at dipping structures are sensitive to the incident angle of the teleseismic P wave. For stations having good azimuthal coverage, the geometry (dip direction and dip value) of the slab crust and/or of the Aegean Moho beneath the stations will thus be inferred by inversion of the data through a grid search.

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Gravimetric signature of subduction zones deep thermal structures.

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The Northern Zagros orogenic belt tectonics examined by Magnetotellurics

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The geomagnetic field at La Palma (Canary Islands) before, during and after the 2021 eruption at the Cumbre Vieja rift

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Ambient noise tomography of El Hierro island (Canary Islands)

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Linking drone-based photogrammetry with rock mechanical observations of hydrothermally altered rocks of La Fossa, Vulcano Island (Italy)

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Geomagnetic variations associated with the unrest in 2014 and 2018 at the Kusatsu-Shirane Volcano

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Long-term variation in dissolved chemical components contents in Yugama, an active crater lake of Kusatsu-Shirane volcano, Japan, since the 1960s

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Magnetization structure and its temporal change of Miyakejima volcano, Japan, revealed by uncrewed aerial vehicle aeromagnetic survey

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Insights into Persistent Activity, Crater Formation & Phreatic to Phreatomagmatic Eruptions at Telica Volcano from Multiparameter Observations

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Local Vp/Vs variations during the seismic swarm preceding the 2021 eruption in Fagradalsfjall, Iceland

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Numerical simulation of hydrothermal circulation within active volcanoes: Constraints from resistivity structure models

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The evolution of hydrothermal activity and instability of Anak Krakatau 2018-2023, analyzed from satellite and drone data

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An aeromagnetic survey using an unmanned aerial vehicle over Azuma Volcano, NE Japan

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RT-HF GNSS mobile network during the 2021-2022 unrest at Vulcano Island

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GNSS-RTT (GNSS - Real Time Tracker), a Software System For Real Time GNSS Data Acquisition, Processing And Visualization.

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1- D velocity model for the South Western part of Romania. Study case Targu-Jiu area

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Density modeling and elastic parameters calculation in Iran with focus on the Lut Block zone (Eastern Iran)

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Jif3D – an open-source joint inversion platform

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Exploring Iron Ore deposit around Kiruna with 3-D magnetotellurics

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Generation of planetary core zonal flows by orbital forcings or fingering convection

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Effect of heat flux heterogeneities at the core-mantle boundary on geodynamo simulations

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Experimental and numerical investigations of the topographic core-mantle interactions

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Plesio-geostrophy for Earth's outer core: Recent advances

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Free Core Nutation, Tilt-Over mode, and other inertial modes of the Earth: Clarification

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The Earth's rotation varies in time under the gravitational influence of nearby objects, mainly the Sun and the Moon. The response of the Earth to these gravitational disturbances depends on its internal structure. In particular, the existence of the free oscillatory motion of the liquid core called the Free Core Nutation (FCN) amplifies the planet's nutation in the diurnal retrograde frequency bands (as measured in the terrestrial frame of reference). This mode is related to another mode known to fluid dynamicists as the Spin-Over mode (SOM), the latter being one an infinite set of inertial modes restored by the Coriolis force in rotating fluid bodies. In this work, we review the relation between the FCN and SOM and show how the frequency of the latter can influence the FCN frequency in a non-trivial way when the two are close to each other. We also clarify the relation between these modes and another one known as the Tilt-Over Mode (TOM) sometimes conflated with the SOM in the literature. We also explore how other inertial modes may affect the Earth's rotation and magnetic field.

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Turbulence in the boundary layer of precession-driven flow

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The influence of a heterogeneously conducting mantle on the secular variation of the magnetic field

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The thickness of the thermal lithosphere in China and its geodynamic significance

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Based on the latest heat flow data of mainland China and the fine crustal structure data, we calculate the thickness of thermal lithosphere for each heat flow measurement point by solving one - dimensional steady heat conduction equation. The results show that the thickness of thermal lithosphere varies greatly in different areas. By comparing the thickness between thermal lithosphere and seismic lithosphere of the three cratons in China, we concluded that: 1) The western part of the Tarim craton, the middle - upper Yangtze craton, the western part of the NCC and the southern part of the NCC still remain stable, while the eastern part of NCC, the lower Yangtze craton and the southeastern part of the Tarim craton were thinned significantly; 2) In the western NCC, the thickness of thermal lithosphere, seismic lithosphere, and rheological boundary layer(RBL) all thin from west to Yinchuan - Hetao depression in northeast and Fenwei depression in southeast; 3) In the east NCC, the thermal lithospheric thickness of Bohai Bay Basin and the southern part of NCC differs significantly. The thickness of thermal lithosphere in the southern part of NCC is about 60 km thicker than that in Fenwei depression, even though Fenwei depression is to the west of it and theoretically less influenced by subduction of the Pacific plate. 4) The thickness of thermal lithosphere, seismic lithosphere, and RBL of the Yangtze craton gradually decrease from west to east, which may be controlled by the subduction of the Pacific plate.

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Thermal conductivity variations of upper crustal rocks at elevated temperatures (25-300 oC) and their implication in 1-D crustal thermal modeling

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This work details the variations in heat flow density and thermal properties of rocks in five 300–450 m deep fully cored boreholes in the seismically active part of the West Bohemia at the border of Czechia and Germany. All the boreholes were drilled in the crystalline units, with boreholes S1 (Landwüst, 50.26°N, 12.33°E), S2 (Tisová, 50.35 °N, 12.50 °E) and S3 (Studenec, 50.26 °N, 12.52) intersecting metamorphic rocks, borehole S4 (Bažina, 50.15°N, 12.21°E) passing through the sedimentary cover of a newly discovered maar and the underlying granite, and borehole PTP-3 (Potůčky, 50.43 °N, 12.78 °E) completely drilled in granite. Precise repeated temperature logging was performed for all the boreholes, and due to the hilly terrain, topographic corrections were applied using 3-D numerical models to account for the effects of topography on the borehole temperatures. Thermal properties, including their anisotropy, were determined in the laboratory on ten or more rock samples from each borehole. Hence, it was possible to analyze depth variations of the heat flow in the individual boreholes. The largest variations occur in the boreholes located in metamorphic rocks. Due to rock heterogeneity, anisotropy of thermal properties, effect of climate change and water movement, the heat flow density ranges from less than 50 mW m⁻² to more than 100 mW m⁻².

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Heat flow and thermal structure of the marginal seas in the Western Pacific Region

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The quality assessment of the German heat flow database

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Marine geothermal heat flow research at the MARUM – Center for Environmental Sciences, University of Bremen

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Initial Results of Heat Flow Acquisition from a Gas Hydrate System on the Amazon Deep Sea Fan

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Thermophysical properties for the major rock formations of the Western Himalaya: Implications for 2-D conductive thermal modeling

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A review of heat-flow data from the seas surrounding the Italian peninsula

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A method for determination target areas of hot dry rock resources: A case study in continental China

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Thermal lithospheric thickness and bottom boundary morphology of the North China Craton after thermal subsidence

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The present day's thermal lithospheric thickness is usually calculated by one or two-dimensional steady-state heat conduction equation. Using the latest measured heat flow data of the North China Craton(NCC) and the one-dimensional steady-state heat conduction equation, the calculated thermal lithospheric thickness of the NCC is between 34.8-190 km. There are some regions, whose lithosphere is very thin, and the lithosphere adjacent to them is very thick, so the bottom boundary of the lithosphere fluctuates greatly. The last thinning of the NCC stopped at~24 Ma and then entered the thermal subsidence period. To study whether the fluctuates of the bottom boundary of the lithosphere can be maintained during the long-term thermal subsidence process, a thermal subsidence model was established. The modeling results show that after the thermal subsidence of 24 Ma, the fluctuates of the bottom boundary of the lithosphere are difficult to maintain, and the present day's thermal lithospheric thickness of the NCC should not exceed 73 km, and the maximum surface heat flow value of the NCC is $75.6 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ due to the deep thermal state. The high heat flows anomaly in the NCC is more caused by shallow activities and cannot reflect the deep thermal state. After correction, the current thermal lithospheric thickness of the North China craton is ~73-190 km, and the bottom boundary of the lithosphere changes gently.

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Building resilience in coastal communities: A comprehensive approach to making Malta Tsunami-Ready

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With the highest population density per square kilometre in Europe, and an intensive coastal land use, the Maltese islands recognize the importance of becoming a Tsunami-Ready(TR) country. Through the UNESCO-IOC-led project CoastWAVE, funded by DG ECHO, the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami-Ready Recognized status is first being implemented on a smaller scale in the town of Marsaxlokk, on the southeast coast of Malta. In order to evaluate the population's sea level related coastal hazard understanding and awareness, a risk perception questionnaire about tsunami, sea-level rise and storm surge was carried out, involving different target groups representing the local population. The population showed a general misconception mainly regarding the tsunami and storm surge terms because they are familiar with the impact of the latter in Marsaxlokk. The younger population showed insufficient understanding of the natural signs (e.g., sea drawback) of a tsunami, the risk and potential impact in the locality. Further outreach activities will be carried out in Marsaxlokk, informed by the key survey findings. To fulfil one of the twelve TR Indicators (approved inundation maps), a series of tsunami propagation scenarios were also carried out through the numerical model HySEA to explore propagation times, inundation area and run-up at Marsaxlokk and the Grand Harbour (Valletta). The simulated scenarios included a magnitude 7.1 earthquake-generated tsunami based on the 1908 Messina Strait tsunami, which produced well-documented high sea level records around Malta. The results of the CoastWAVE project will contribute towards the future elaboration of a national tsunami awareness, preparedness and early warning programme.

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Improving REGARD: real-time finite fault estimates with dense GNSS CORS network GEONET in Japan

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GNSS continuous observation enables us to rapidly estimate a finite fault model for a large earthquake without saturation of magnitude. Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) operates a dense and nationwide GNSS continuous observation network named GEONET, which is capable of providing 1Hz displacement data in real-time. After a gigantic 2011 earthquake in Japan, GSI in collaboration with Tohoku university launched a REGARD (REAL-time GEONET Analysis system for Rapid Deformation monitoring), which offers a finite fault model based on the real-time displacement data observed in GEONET. The REGARD system has successfully provided the co-seismic displacement and finite fault model information for recent M~7 or larger earthquakes. These results are provided to government agencies in a few minutes from an earthquake occurrence and are taken advantage of their initial response and tsunami prediction.

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A risk-driven approach in assessing the potential effectiveness of earthquake early warning for schools in the Patras region, Greece

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JV03 - Posters - Hunga Tonga (IAVCEI, IAMAS, IAPSO, IASPEI, IAGA, IAG)

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The eruption of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano on 15 January 2022 as observed at seismic stations in Germany

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Lineament analysis based on satellite images as a tool for strain localization associated with seismic and volcanic activity

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The analysis of satellite images showed that the strain energy accumulation deep in the Earth's crust that precedes a strong earthquake can be detected by applying a lineament extraction technique. A lineament is a straight or a somewhat curved feature in a satellite image, which is possible to detect by a special processing of images based on directional filtering and/or Hough transform. We analyzed tens of earthquakes that took place in the Pacific coast of South America with a Richter scale magnitude over 4.5, using ASTER/TERRA and LANDSAT satellite images. All events were located in regions with small seasonal variations and limited vegetation to facilitate the tracking of features associated with the seismic activity only. The images were taken during the time interval of one year before and after an earthquake. It was found that the number and orientation of lineaments changes significantly one month before an earthquake approximately, and a few months later the system returns to its initial state. This effect increases with the earthquake magnitude. The application of the same technique to volcanoes showed that the behavior of lineaments associated to their seismic activity is opposite to that obtained previously for earthquakes. This discrepancy can be explained assuming that the main reason of earthquakes is compression and accumulation of strain in the Earth's crust due to subduction of tectonic plates, whereas in the case of volcanoes we deal with the inflation of a volcano edifice due to elevation of pressure and magma intrusion.

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Characterization of the volcanic tremor during the 2021 Tajogaite eruption (La Palma, Canary Islands) through Distributed Acoustic Sensing

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Multiscale analysis of the background seismicity: Application to Campi Flegrei (Italy)

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Using machine learning for the classification of Seismic Signals at Vulcano, Italy

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Stress transfer between volcanic dyke and seismic activity accompanying the 2021 Fagradalsfjall eruption, Iceland

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Strain-rate field of Japan estimated from GNSS data using basis function expansion with ABIC

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Stress and strain on Mt Etna. A synopsis of 20 years of continuous monitoring of seismic and ground deformation data

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Changes in the seismic complexity prior to and during the 2014 Holuhraun eruption in Iceland

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Changes in seismic complexity could reveal the dynamic changes inside a volcanic system prior to an eruption, which can be utilized to improve eruption forecasting. Permutation Entropy (PE) is a robust method to quantify the complexity of a time series, by calculating it directly using the amplitude. Examples of successful PE applications are eruptions forecasting at Strokkur Geyser, Iceland, the 1996 eruption of Gjálp, Iceland, and the eruptions of Shinmoedake volcano, Japan, in 2011, 2017, and 2018. While PE could show temporal changes prior to an eruption, these features are not always prominent. To improve this method, we calculated not only PE by using seismic amplitudes, but also Phase Permutation Entropy (PPE) by using seismic instantaneous phases. We calculated both PE and PPE for seismic station FLUR from January 2014 to December 2015, which covers the eruption period of Holuhraun in Iceland. During the unrest period, both PE and PPE show changes in entropy, but their patterns are not always the same. While PE shows a strong increase which marks the onset time of dyke propagation two weeks before the main eruption, it does not show a clear transition toward the main eruption. In contrast, PPE only shows a gradual change when the dyke started migrating. However, it displays strong changes at the possible subglacial eruptions on 23 August, the small eruption on 29 August, and the main eruption on 31 August 2014. This proves the capability of PE and PPE to contribute to the framework of eruption forecasting.

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Detection and characterization of seismic and acoustic tremor at volcanoes using machine learning

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Volcanic tremor is a semi-continuous seismic and/or acoustic signal that occurs at time scales ranging from seconds to years, with highly variable amplitudes and spectral features. Having a fast, robust, automated method to detect and characterize tremor in high temporal resolution would be beneficial to eruption forecasting and monitoring efforts, as well as to retrospectively building tremor catalogs for research purposes. As part of the NSF-funded PREEVENTS eruption forecasting project, we test and develop a pair of machine learning algorithms (one for seismic, one for acoustic) that can detect tremor in near-real time and classify it according to its spectral signature. First, we manually label tremor time windows on single station seismic and low-frequency acoustic (infrasound) spectrograms from the 2021-2022 eruption of Pavlof Volcano, Alaska, and train a convolutional neural network and random forest algorithm for both data types. We then use the trained models to classify seismic and infrasound data leading up to, during, and after the eruption, and compare temporal trends observed in our classifications alongside eruption chronologies compiled by the Alaska Volcano Observatory. We also implement a local network-wide weighting scheme to reduce false detections. Lastly, we assess the transferability of our models by applying them on unseen data recorded from past eruptions at Pavlof and other Alaska volcanoes. We envision that our machine learning models will aid tremor-related monitoring and research, and will advance our understanding of the relationship between tremor and subsurface volcanic processes by making consistent tremor catalogs more accessible.

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Volcanic tremor related to the activity of Volcán de Colima during December 2014 to August 2015

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During July 10th and 11th, 2015, Volcán de Colima experienced the most intense volcanic eruption since its Sub-Plinian explosion that occurred in 1913. During this phase, pyroclastic density currents were generated, reaching up to 10.3 km south of the volcano. Starting in January 2015, there was a significant increase in the occurrence of tremor signals including harmonic, monochromatic, broad-spectrum, spasmodic and banded tremor, as well as tremor composed of LPs and tremor accompanying Vulcanian explosions. In this study, we quantified the different types of tremor observed and correlated their occurrence throughout the various eruptive phases presented within the period December 2014 to August 2015. We also characterized the evolution of these tremors, determining their fundamental frequencies, overtones, spectral range, amplitudes, and patterns in the frequency gliding. This allows for a better understanding of the changes presented in the precursory, eruptive and post-eruptive seismicity related to the constant activity of the volcano during the period under study. Finally, we evaluated possible models that could explain the generation of the tremor signals recorded during the analyzed period.

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Gradient measurements at volcanoes: Options, questions, pitfalls

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FRIPON grazing fireball event detected by MOROI cameras

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Development of 2.05 um fiber lasers for CO2 DIAL lidar measuring martian CO2 and pressure

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Towards constraining Venus structure by means of atmospheric loading displacement response

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Analysis of SL-Index and Hot Spot for extraction and quantification of knickzones over the Upper Alaknanda for prolonged river profile

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This work presents the SL-Index, one of the geomorphic indices which is extremely sensitive to variations in river gradient and serves as a useful tool for highlighting the disturbances along a river. In this study, we perform the different segmentation method with 3 fixed values of horizontal spacing (dL) = 1000 m, 1500 m, and 2000 m of the Middle Alaknanda Catchment. The SL-Index value was employed for the successive SL-Hot spot approach and further the SL-HCA map shows the spatial distribution of hot and cold spot using interpolation technique, that helps to select the zone of large landslides and principal knickzones. We generally concentrated on the positive or high anomaly since high values predicted over-steepened segments along the river channel. Then, to investigate the possibility of identifying the knickzones on a longitudinal stream profile, the analyses for this work were carried out using a 10 m resolution grid. The height and the elevation of knickpoints were analysed and it was observed that the largest portion of the knickpoints is situated in the upper part of the catchment or near river head. Further, to validate the SL-HCA approach, various knickpoints along the drainage network were assessed through the aerial imagery, validated with the detailed field survey. The findings of our result shows that the SL-index correlated well with knickpoints that controls the intensity of SL values is related to rock differential erosion, landslides, lithological variations, base-level changes, and the meandering course of the river.

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JV07 - Posters - The Architecture of the Lithosphere in Volcanic Regions (IAVCEI, IASPEI, IAGA, ILP)

Imaging of NE Japan volcanic arc by wide-band magnetotellurics

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