

# **Reply to Anonymous Referee #1 (PAPER: The INSIEME seismic network: a research infrastructure for studying induced seismicity in the High Agri Valley (southern Italy)” by Tony Alfredo Stabile et al.)**

**2020-01-17**

## **Reply to General comments**

The aim of this paper is to describe a local seismic network for the observation of induced seismicity at the High Agri Valley in S. Italy. The waveform data that is recorded from the associated stations is open and induced seismicity is an interesting topic with serious implications for the local communities. The paper covers topics such as the installation process and technical characteristics of the associated seismic stations, as well as the site effect characteristics. My main points are (i) the addition of a new figure showing an example of a station's response (amplitude/phase) even though the data-less station files are available in the supplementary material, and (ii) that the discrimination of induced events and local earthquakes is being done based on the hypocentre depth only. I think that the paper would benefit from a brief source mechanism study for the discussed (or a sample) seismic events. I have made other minor comments (see below) which have to do mainly with the English language syntax throughout the manuscript. Overall the scientific content is good and useful and I recommend moderate/major revisions of the paper. I suggest the authors to proof read the manuscript very carefully upon submission of the revised manuscript.

REPLY: We would like to thank you for your useful comments that surely improve the quality and the readability of the paper. They were also important to better clarify some sentences or to provide additional information in the paper. Regarding the main point (i), as requested, we added in the revised manuscript a new figure (current Figure 2) showing a station's response both in amplitude and phase for the two type of broadband sensors. Regarding the main point (ii) we would like to highlight that the classification of induced events is not based merely on their focal depth but by evaluating if the event belongs to the cluster already classified as induced from previous studies. This aspect was not sufficiently well explained in the original manuscript, therefore we clarified it in the revised version. Furthermore, according to the General comments provided by Referee #2, the paper was unbalanced towards scientific results rather than on the potential of the dataset. Therefore, we added a sentence in section 5 emphasizing the potential use of this dataset for future source mechanism studies. Anyway, we provide in this reply some preliminary focal mechanisms (manually adjusted based on first arrival onset, using scolv tool of SeisComp3) for four natural and induced events (**Figures R3-R6**). Obviously, a comprehensive scientific study should be carried out in the future. Finally, we will carefully proofread the revised manuscript (we also updated Figures 8 and 10, current Figures 11 and 13, by correcting some label misalignments).

**Following we will provide a point-by-point reply to each minor comment. Each reply is colored in blue and is preceded by the word “REPLY”. Figures attached to this reply are numbered from Figure R1 to Figure R6.**

## **Reply to Detailed comments**

p.2 - l.2-6 Induced seismicity is commonly accepted to be anthropogenic. I think McGarr(2002) discusses whether different cases are induced or not and in which degree, but in general he accepts induced seismicity as anthropogenic - please rephrase.

REPLY: Probably our sentence was too short and not clear enough. In the framework of “anthropogenic seismicity” McGarr (2002) provided a specific significance to the adjectives “induced”, “triggered”, and “stimulated”: <<As used here, the adjective “induced” describes seismicity resulting from an activity that causes a stress change that is comparable in magnitude to the ambient shear stress acting on a fault to cause slip, whereas “triggered” is used if the stress change is only a small fraction of the ambient level. By “stimulated” we refer generally to seismicity either triggered or induced by human activities>>. Therefore, using the word induced as synonymous with anthropogenic is in principle technically incorrect. Anyway, nowadays it is commonly accepted to interchange the two words for the sake of simplicity. We rephrased the sentence by avoiding such discussion which is not important in the framework of this paper.

p.2 - l.19 and the discrimination between natural and induced seismicity. I think this should go to b) from a pure scientific point of view... I don't think this has to do much with social and economic impacts.

REPLY: We prefer to leave it in a) because in our opinion the discrimination between natural and induced seismicity has both strong social and economic implications. Indeed, establishing cause and effect between recorded earthquakes and local energy technologies is an important information for insurance and legal purposes to assess if a damaging earthquake is associated or not to the energy technology in operation nearby the damaged area. As an example, after the occurrence of the  $M_I=3.4$  induced earthquake in Basel, several damage claims arose from local residents and the company's liability insurance paid more than \$9 million for damages (e.g., see Grigoli et al., 2017, and references therein). Furthermore, we have to bear in mind that people can tolerate the occurrence of non-damaging natural events but they do not tolerate induced felt events even if any damage does not occur.

p.3 -l.14 remove instead.

REPLY: Ok, thank you.

p.3 -l.20 with the highest seismogenic potential... I think this term is described better in terms of energy accumulation ...or motion rate mm/year? The expected maximum acceleration has to do also with local site conditions - maybe rephrase.

REPLY: The expected maximum acceleration referred to average hard ground conditions is the parameter used by the Italian national reference seismic hazard model (Gruppo di Lavoro MPS, 2004); therefore, we use the same parameter. We clarified the definition by modifying the sentence from "...with an expected maximum acceleration for an exceedance probability of 10%..." to "...with an expected maximum acceleration (referred to average hard ground conditions) for an exceedance probability of 10%...". We also added the following sentence: "Furthermore, it has been estimated from GPS velocity and strain rate field data (D'Agostino, 2014) that the extensional opening in the axial part of southern Apennines is about 3 mm/yr.". All these sentences were moved in the introduction, according to the fifth detailed comment of Referee #2.

p.4 - l.10 regular azimuthal coverage and distribution as regular as possible... I believe the authors mean uniform azimuthal distribution - please clarify and rephrase.

REPLY: Thank you. We substituted "with a regular azimuthal coverage and distribution as regular as possible" with "with as uniform as possible azimuthal distribution".

p.4 l.15 - 20 - the average distance between stations. I think the same point is repeated twice here, please correct this. Moreover, it is better to give the depth range on the second point where you first discuss the importance of depth and epicentral distance (l.13).

REPLY: The point at l.13 imposes the constraint on the minimum distance of the nearest station to the event whereas the point at l.15 is referred to the minimum distance among stations. Both the constraints are dependent from the event focal depth, so it is better to introduce them together. We merged the two points (l.13 and l.15) and we clarified the sentence.

p.5 - l.1 remove Afterwards

REPLY: Ok, thank you.

p.5 - l.3 ...as more constraints as possible... correct to ...as many constraints as possible

REPLY: Thank you. We accepted your suggestion.

p.5 - Subsection 2.2 I think the first part of the first paragraph does not read very well in my opinion. Please replace by: Considering that the main target of the INSIEME network is to detect and locate the anthropogenic microseismicity in the HAV ( $M_I \leq 2.7$ ), the seismic stations were equipped with triaxial weak-motion broadband sensors: six 0.05-100 Hz and two 0.0083-100 Hz Trillium Compact Posthole (TCPH) seismometers which provide a flat response to ground velocity up to 100 Hz. The data-loggers are Centaur Digital Recorders with a dynamic range of 140 dB. All seismometers and data-loggers are manufactured by Nanometrics Inc. (see Table 1). Continuous acquisition of digital waveforms is provided by the INSIEME network at 250 Hz sampling rate.

REPLY: Thank you very much for your effort. We replaced the sentence according to your comment.

p.5 - l.15 Even though the Nyquist frequency is well beyond the instrument's flat response high end I am wondering what is the phase response especially in the high frequencies from the instruments' sensitivity frequency to 125 Hz. What is the target frequency range in this study? There are a few broadband instruments currently in the IRIS data services showing strange phase responses even close to 1Hz. I believe a figure showing the amplitude and phase response of one station would be a good addition.

REPLY: We added in the revised version of the manuscript the new Figure 2 showing the amplitude and phase response of INS1 and INSX stations. Regarding the target frequency range, our goal is to provide recordings with a range as broad as possible. The high frequency bound allows us to estimate the corner frequency of small events (if we are able to correctly remove the attenuation); the low frequency bound allows the seismologists to use the data also for other applications (e.g., evaluation of possible site amplification effects at low frequencies, ambient seismic noise tomography, recordings of teleseismic events, etc.).

p.5 - l.22 ...the Winter season (see Figure 2a), then the solar.. start new sentence: ...the winter season (see Figure 2a). The solar...

REPLY: Thank you. We fixed it.

p.5 - l.30 what is this system? please give a brief description.

REPLY: Ok, we provided a brief description of the system.

p.6 -l.1 is highly deviated over 20 m depth - not very clear, please rephrase

REPLY: Ok, we rephrased the sentence.

p.6 - l.3 ...seismometers model, which operates... change to: ...seismometers which operate...

REPLY: Thank you. We fixed it.

p.6 - l.15 remove Afterwards

REPLY: Ok, thank you.

p.6 -l.27 was only 70 m distance from the borehole sensor... change to: was only 70 m away from the borehole sensor...

REPLY: Thank you. We accepted your suggestion.

p.6 - l. 28 ...and acquired simultaneously with station INS1 from 2016-10-12 to 2017- 01-24 I think the authors mean that these stations were in operation during the same period of time - please rephrase

REPLY: Yes, you are right. We rephrased the sentence.

p.6 -l.30 please provide a numerical description of your calculations

REPLY: Ok, we provided a numerical description of our calculation. We retrieved the average velocity of S-waves ( $V_s=510 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) for the first 50 m depth of the site hosting INS1 and INSX stations from Giocoli et al. (2015), and we compute the distance between the two sensors of station INS1 and INSX ( $d=88 \text{ m}$ ). Therefore, the reader is able to verify that  $f_c=0.5 \text{ Hz} \ll V/d = 510 \text{ m s}^{-1} / 88 \text{ m} = 5.8 \text{ Hz}$ .

p.7 -l.4 see similar comment at p.6 - l.28

REPLY: Ok. We rephrased the sentence.

p.7 - l. 5-6 teleseisms - please change to: teleseismic events

REPLY: The word "teleseism" is correct. Anyway, we will write "teleseismic event" all along the text.

p.7 -l.21 Nanometric Centaur digital recorder... correct to: The Nanometrics Centaur digital recorder..

REPLY: Ok. Thank you.

p.7 - l.25 ..that prevent the internet connection - please rephrase

REPLY: We substituted "problems that prevent the internet connection" with "problems causing the interruption of the internet connection"

p.7 -l.26 disconnects for few seconds.. for a few seconds

REPLY: Ok. Thank you.

p.8 - section 2.3 (last paragraph) use collect instead of gather Why some events cannot be located? please explain briefly

REPLY: We substituted "gathered" with "collected". Some small events can be only detected because we do not have enough P- and S-wave pickings for locating them. As an example, if we have an event recorded by only one or two stations the event is not locatable. We added at the end of the sentence "based on the availability of both P- and S-wave pickings."

p. 9 l. 22 ..compared to each other

REPLY: We fixed it.

p.9 l. 22-23 ..the noise level is more regular at 50 m depth - what does regular noise level mean? please rephrase

REPLY: You're right. The sentence was not clear and we rephrased it. With "regular noise" we would like to explain that during time the noise does not change so much (less widespread).

p.10 l.8 ..when both the stations - remove "the", remove "respective"

REPLY: We fixed it.

p.10 l.32-33 ..In that way, we guaranteed... please rephrase

REPLY: We decided to remove the sentence "In that way, we guaranteed that the highest number of stations had recorded the selected data." Indeed, with this sentence we wanted to point out that local events with magnitude larger than 1.5 are recorded by all the stations.

p.11 - l.1 why is date time seismic noise is being used? please explain

REPLY: We are not sure if we correctly understood this question. Do you mean "why did you specify the date of the seismic noise recordings"? If so, we decided to specify it in order to allow the reproducibility of the analysis. Otherwise, if you mean "day" instead of "date", we decided to show the results obtained by one of the ambient noise data streams that we selected for the analysis. Indeed, we carried out the analysis by using different noise data streams (night time data, day time data, very noisy day data, low noisy day data, etc.), obtaining consistent results. Attached **Figure R1** shows an example of results related to INS1 station by using data characterized by low level of noise (left panel) and high level of noise (right panel). Black and

red lines in **Figure R1** indicate the results obtained using daytime and night time noise data streams, respectively. The dashed lines identify the  $\pm$  one standard deviation.

p.11 eq. 2 should be HVSR =

REPLY: Yes, thank you.

p.11 - l.28 ..that the most.. remove "the"

REPLY: Ok. We removed "the".

p.11 - l.32 did the authors calculate NS and EW HVSRs separately to investigate any directivity and azimuthal effects? If yes, were they found negligible?

REPLY: We thank you for this comment. Yes, we already separately computed the HVSR taking into account only the NS and the EW component. As an example, we show in attached **Figure R2** the comparison between the retrieved HVSR curves obtained using the NS and EW component, respectively, of reservoir data recordings at INS5 seismic station. Indeed, INS5 site is the one characterized by an amplification at about 3 Hz, as shown in old Figure 8 (now Figure 11) of the manuscript. As shown in **Figure R2**, we do not observe any azimuthal or directivity effects. Actually, the retrieved HVSR curves are very similar. As shown in the manuscript, the results do not depend from the earthquake category selection (IIE, RIE and LE).

p.12 -l.11 competent rocks - Is there a better term to describe this?

REPLY: We will substitute "at that depth a sharp lithological change between less and more competent rocks." with "at that depth a sharp lithological change from alluvial deposits to Gorgoglione Formation."

p.12 - l.18 ..located in the 1-D velocity model by Improta et al. (2017) by adopting Hypo71.. change to ..using the 1-D velocity model by Improta et al. (2017) and Hypo71..

REPLY: Thank you. We accepted your suggestion.

p.12 -l.20 To this purpose, and particularly to better locate.. change to In order to better locate local events outside the...

REPLY: Thank you for your suggestion. We fixed it.

p.12 - l.20 what is the distance between stations of the virtual network? Maybe a new figure showing the distribution of the "virtual network" and the INSIEME network together could be shown at the supplementary material.

REPLY: Thank you for your idea. We updated the supplemental file "INSIEME-network.kmz" by adding the locations of all the public and private seismic stations that can be used for the "virtual network". By clicking on each station one can interactively read additional details. Furthermore, we added a map scale in Figure 1.

p.12 -l.33 ..related to an earthquake occurred on 2018-01-29.. I think the authors mean that this is an induced event. Maybe it would have been more appropriate not to use the term earthquake and simply refer to it as an induced seismic event, similar to the line above (l.32) ..from preliminary event location..

REPLY: We fixed it. Anyway, induced seismic events in the High Agri Valley are (micro)earthquakes.

p.13 -l.11 similar as in my previous comment (replace earthquake with event)

REPLY: We fixed it.

p.13 - paragraph 2. The authors discriminate the induced events from local earthquakes using the depth as their main criterion. Did the authors attempt to determine the focal mechanisms of any of these events, by means of first motion polarities and/or amplitude ratios for example? Is there a high signal-to-noise ratio on the INSIEME stations and the virtual seismic network recordings to do so? please add an example, if not please justify your answer.

REPLY: We provided a detailed answer to these questions in the first reply to your comments and we rephrased the sentence in the revised manuscript. We think that it is important to carry out a comprehensive study of source mechanisms, but this needs first an accurate relocation of seismicity and then a dedicated study. In some cases we have already enough first motion polarities to preliminary evaluate focal mechanisms (e.g., see **Figures R3-R6**) but, as soon as we will have also the data from the private seismic network, we will surely increase the number of computable focal mechanisms as well as their reliability.

p.13 l-32 replace Dziewonsky with Dziewonski.

REPLY: Thank you for pointing out the typewriting error.

p.14 - l.5 ..we have decided to do not uninstall the network.. change to ..we have decided not to uninstall the network..

REPLY: Thank you for your suggestion. Anyway, we have completely changed this sentence in the revised manuscript.

p.14 - l.11 the begin of data.. change to ..the beginning of data..

REPLY: We fixed it.

p.14 - l.11 very attractive area.. attractive in which manner? maybe change to very interesting area

REPLY: You're right. We fixed it.

p.14 - l.15 ..consisting in.. change to consisting of..

REPLY: You're right. We fixed it.

p.14 -l.16 and two 120s-100Hz Trillium Compact Posthole sensors,

REPLY: We fixed it.

p.14 l.18-19 ..started to have troubles.. please rephrase (e.g. presented an intermittent fault)

REPLY: Ok. Thank you for your suggestion. We rephrased the sentence.

p.14 - l.24-25 ..with negligible site amplification..

REPLY: We fixed it.

Fig. 1 I am not sure if the last sentence in the caption is necessary, maybe move it to the Acknowledgements.

REPLY: This was required by the journal policy during the validation of the initial submission.

Fig.5 caption: Below each actual... I think the authors could rephrase the caption beyond that point. It is not very clear to me.

REPLY: The sentences "Below each actual PPSD there is visualized the data basis for the PPSD. The top row shows data fed into the PPSD: green patches represent available data, red patches (not in this case)

represent eventual gaps in streams. The bottom row in blue shows the single PSD measurements that go into the histogram.” are taken from the PPSD webpage describing how to read the figure ([https://docs.obspy.org/tutorial/code\\_snippets/probabilistic\\_power\\_spectral\\_density.html](https://docs.obspy.org/tutorial/code_snippets/probabilistic_power_spectral_density.html)). Anyway, we simplified such description in the revised manuscript.

Fig.8 caption: The solid coloured lines...

REPLY: We fixed the error.

Fig. 9 caption: replace earthquake with event Fig. 10 caption: ..from top to the bottom,

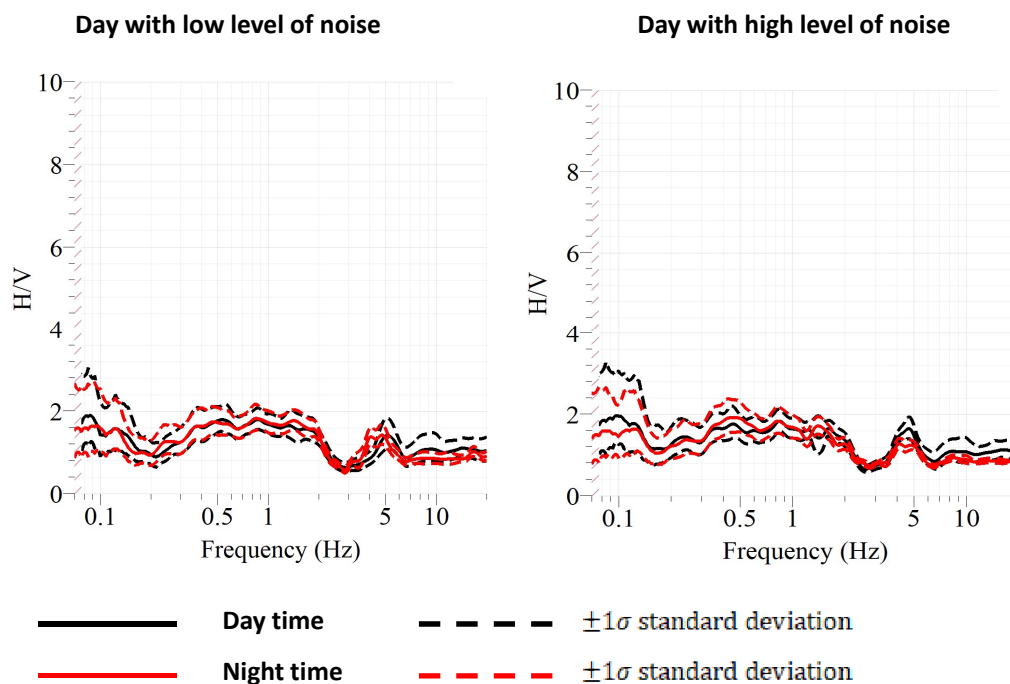
REPLY: Ok. We fixed it.

As a general rule when the authors refer to the number of objects (e.g., stations) which is less than ten, please write this as a word. If this number is higher than ten, you can write it as a number.

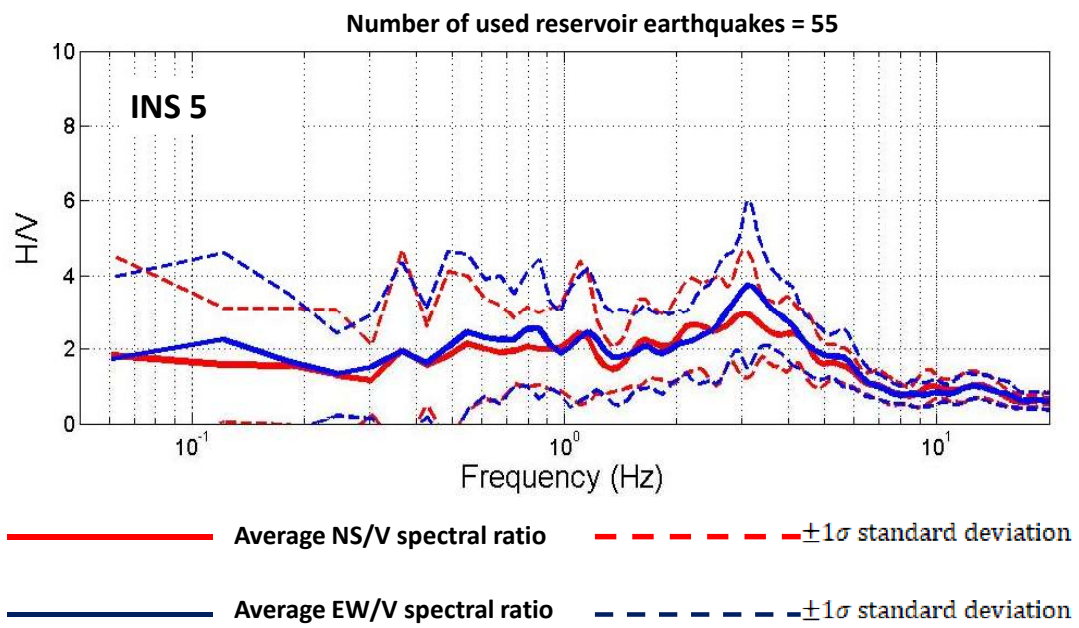
REPLY: Thank you for your suggestion. We wrote along the whole manuscript the number as a word when it was less than ten.

## FIGURES:

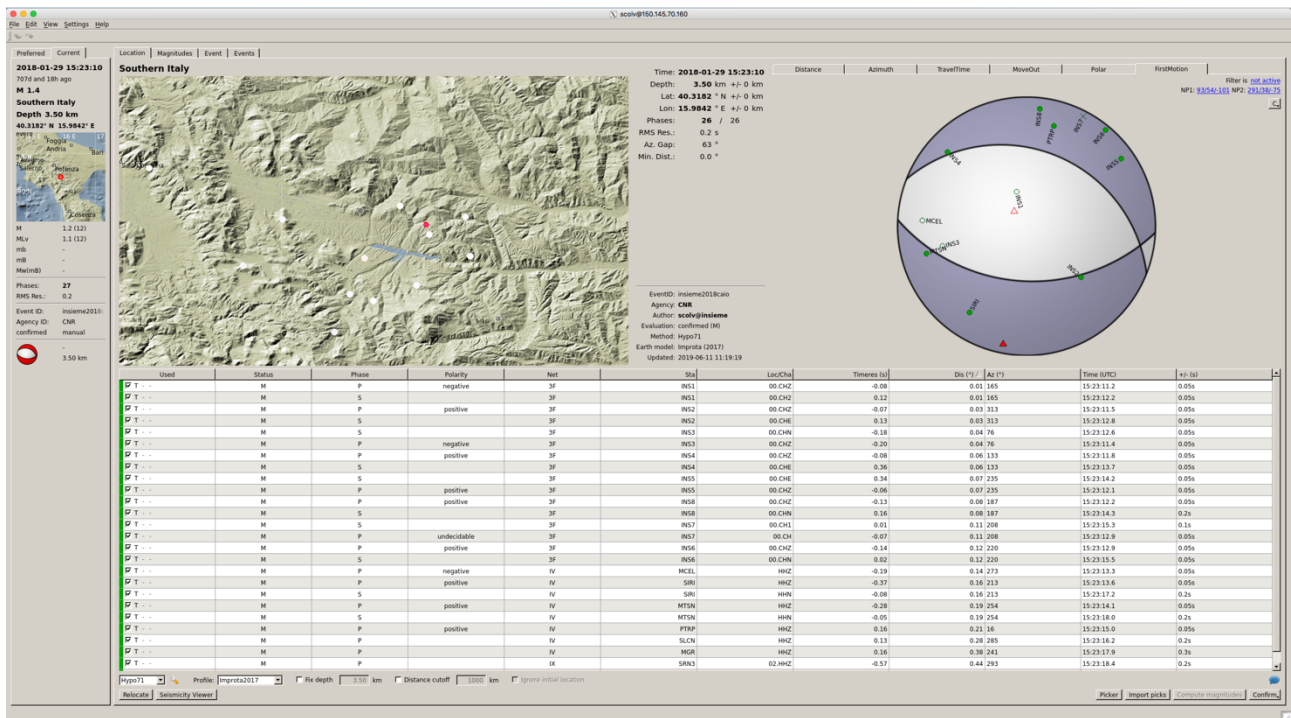
# INS1



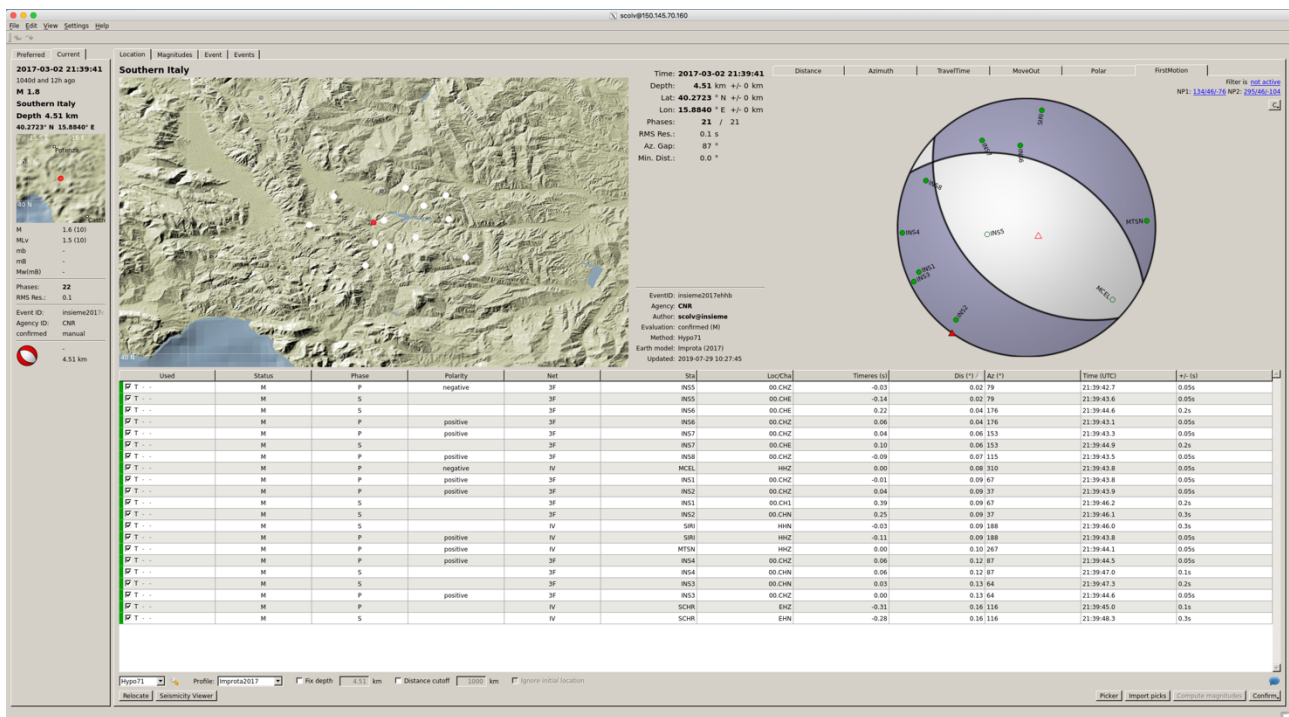
**Figure R1:** HVNSR curves obtained for INS1 station by using data characterized by low level of noise (left panel) and high level of noise (right panel).



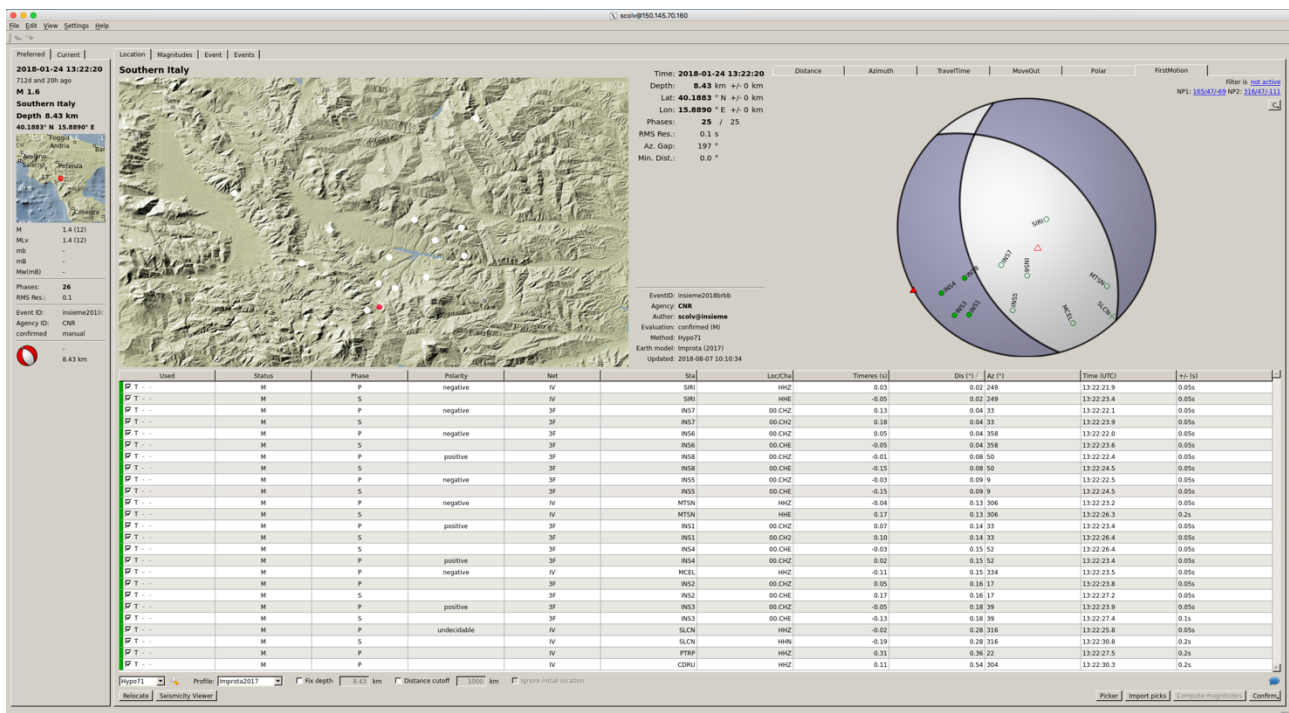
**Figure R2:** Average HVSr curves retrieved by analyzing the recordings at station INS5 of the reservoir induced events: red and blue lines indicate the HVSr obtained for the NS and the EW component, respectively.



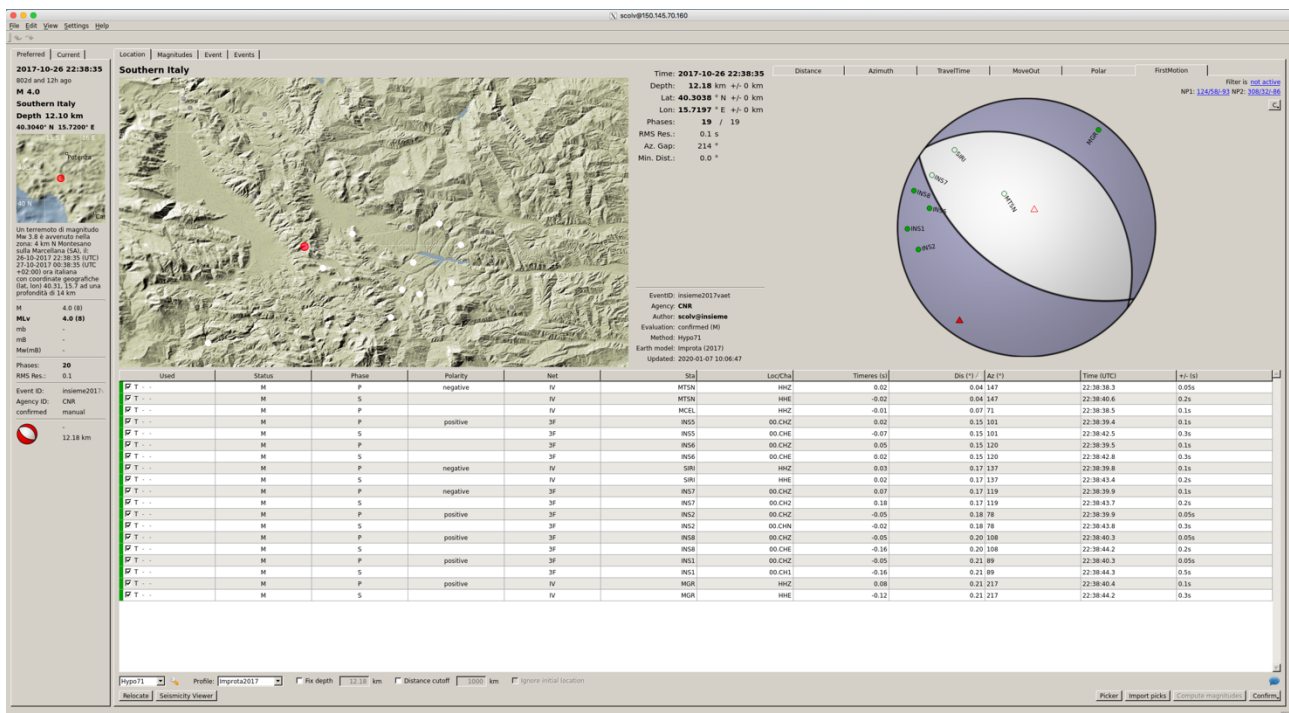
**Figure R3:** Preliminary focal mechanism of the M1.4 fluid-injection induced event occurred on 2018-01-29 at 15:23:10 UTC.



**Figure R4:** Preliminary focal mechanism of the  $M=1.8$  reservoir induced event occurred on 2017-03-02 at 21:39:41 UTC.



**Figure R5:** Preliminary focal mechanism of the  $M=1.6$  local earthquake occurred on 2018-01-24 at 13:22:20 UTC.



**Figure R6:** Preliminary focal mechanism of the  $M_I=4.0$  ( $M_w=3.8$ ) local earthquake occurred on 2017-10-26 at 22:38:35 UTC.

## **Reply to Anonymous Referee #2 (PAPER: The INSIEME seismic network: a research infrastructure for studying induced seismicity in the High Agri Valley (southern Italy)” by Tony Alfredo Stabile et al.)**

**2020-01-17**

### **Reply to General comments**

Within this manuscript the authors describe a seismic network deployed in a region prone to induced seismicity, tailor made to better understand this process. Before describing the actual seismological infrastructure they provide an extensive introduction to the anthropogenic seismicity, to conclude with a short discussion about both scientific findings and a summary of the peculiarities of the collected dataset. Although being well organized the paper is still unbalanced towards scientific results rather than emphasizing the potential of this dataset for other users. The collected dataset made openly available to the community using standard formats and services has great value and potential for the community to better understand the generation of induced seismicity and test alternative methods. The dataset should be the core of this manuscript without too many distractions for the readers about the own scientific findings of the authors. Considering the journal target and the high quality of the dataset described here I would suggest (in the detailed comments) a number of changes aiming at reducing the parts about the scientific findings while enhancing the presentation of this peculiar dataset.

REPLY: We would like to thank you for your useful comments that surely improve the quality and the readability of the paper. They were also important to better clarify some sentences, to provide additional information in the paper and in the metadata, and to better focus the paper on data instead of scientific findings. We carefully proofread the text (we also updated Figures 8 and 10, current Figures 11 and 13, by correcting some label misalignments).

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### **Reply to Detailed comments**

Page 1, line 27 “. . . Data collected until the end of the INSIEME project (2019-03-23) are already released . . .” Indeed at IRIS DMC there are data to 25.06.2019. Check and correct if needed. What about real-time data? See also later comments about the Data availability section.

REPLY: Data after 2019-03-23 are partially already uploaded to IRIS DMC, but they will be shortly upgraded with a new station name and with the new VD network code. In the next future data of the permanent network VD will be transmitted in real time. We mentioned the VD permanent network in the Abstract, in the Data availability section, and in Discussion and conclusions section.

Page 1, line 29 “. . .available from ([https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F\\_2016](https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F_2016); Stabile et al., 2016).” Replace with “. . .available from IRIS DMC.” Details about how to retrieve and use data should be provided with all details in the Data availability section.

REPLY: We partially modified the sentence according to your suggestion. We left the text in parenthesis because it is mandatory (required by the journal).

Page 1 to page 2, line 9 Remove/reformulate the introduction aiming at keeping only three short paragraphs (~5 lines each) about: The project (Funder), the importance of high quality seismic networks to better understand induced seismicity and a short summary of the paper content (the actual lines 10-16 at page 2 can stay).

REPLY: We reformulate the introduction by considering also your detailed comment #5.

Figure 1 Change the color used for the INSIEME station to improve the visibility (currently with the dark blue is difficult to spot the triangles on the map).

REPLY: Thank you for your useful suggestion. We modified Figure 1 accordingly. We also included a map scale in the figure.

Page 3, line 18 to page 4, line 5 This section, which is important to understand the context, could be included in the reshaped introduction.

REPLY: Done. See also your detailed comment #3.

Page 5, line 13 "They provide a flat response to ground velocity up to 100 Hz." Redundant, the higher limit is written already in the previous sentence.

REPLY: We rephrased the sentence according to the suggested version provided by Referee #1.

Page 7, line 10-11 "Dataless of all the INSIEME seismic stations, which include comprehensive information of each station and the respective instrument response, are provided in the Supplement." This is not needed since metadata are provided in standard stationXML or text format. The authors can provide additional details (including URLs to station, dataset and availability web services) in the data availability section.

REPLY: We removed the sentence and the datalessSEED volumes from the Supplement. We modified Data availability section according to your comments.

Page 7, lines 15-20 The authors are providing here a long explanation about how to reach the remote with dynamic IPs. Do they try to use VPN? OpenVPN is supported by the hardware in use and they all connect to the same server. Add a sentence why they used this approach rather than creating a Virtual Private Network.

REPLY: We explained in the revised manuscript the motivation of our technical choice. Furthermore, we have already some routers in our warehouse that can temporally replace a Teltonika in case of failure, but they do not support VPN.

Page 7, line 23 "The router Teltonika RUT-500 is compliant with SeedLink, and therefore adopted as transmit tool" What's the meaning of this sentence? Probably that this hardware supports TCP/IP protocol?

REPLY: Yes, Teltonika RUT-500 support TCP/IP protocol as all the routers. We removed the sentence and modified the previous one.

Page 7, line 25 Probably the same can be achieved with the ping reboot functionality without the need to force daily reboots. Not sure though this version of router has this functionality.

REPLY: Yes, we forgot to describe also this one. Actually, we have two automatic reboot systems. The first one is integrated inside the router and based on a ping utility called "watch dog timer": if the system does not ping an external public IP for some time, the router is automatically rebooted. The second one is based on an external programmable time switch that periodically (in our case once a week) unplugs for a few seconds the power supply of the router, thus preventing any software bug that could freeze the Teltonika. We added this description in the revised version of the manuscript.

Page 7, line 30 to page 8, line 7 Add a reference here to the data availability section where I suggest to add a figure with the data availability (%) for all stations for the entire period of operation of the network (e.g. using obspy-scan).

REPLY: Thank you for your suggestion. We added a figure with the data availability (Figure 4 of the revised manuscript) and use this figure to better describe data gaps in this section. We added a reference to Figure 4 also in Data availability section.

Page 8, line 27 Data quality Section and related figures 5 and 6 I suggest to add figures with Probability Density Functions for all stations/components and accordingly comment them in this section. The PDFs should be calculated over the entire period of operation of the network which according to the data available at IRIS DMC is 01.04.2016 - 25.06.2019. Current figures are only including 4 days of data which is not enough to have an idea about the actual data quality and argue about quality at different depths/locations.

To facilitate the visualization of the figures median, 5th and 95th percentile should be plotted on each panel. To show the difference between the surface, shallow and deep installation (INS1 at 50 m) would be enough to have an additional figure with the comparison of the median values for sensors at different depths and locations.

REPLY: We decided to leave figures 5 and 6 (current figures 7 and 8) because they emphasize the differences during periods characterized by high noise. Furthermore, we computed PPSD over the entire period of operation of the network (from 2016-04-01 to 2019-03-23) for each station, for each component, and for each sensor configuration. All the eight new figures (which include the 5<sup>th</sup>, the 50<sup>th</sup>, and the 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles according to your suggestion) are provided in the Supplement (Figures S1-S8). An additional Figure 10 with the comparison of the median values for sensors at different depths and locations (by considering the vertical channels) has been included in the revised manuscript. All the figures are commented and discussed in section 3.1.

Page 12, line 3 “. . .INS5 seismic station, where a small peak. . .” replace small with relevant. Indeed in figure 8 the H/V ratio exceeds 3, making this station the most amplified in the frequency band 2-5 Hz. Would have been interesting though to compute also spectral ratios among the stations having fixed one station as reference (e.g. INS4 or one station nearby free of site effects belonging the other permanent networks).

REPLY: You're right, we substituted “small” with “relevant”. You're also right when you say that “Would have been interesting though to compute also spectral ratios among the stations having fixed one station as reference”. Indeed, we would like in the next future to carry out a comprehensive study on site characterization in the study area by estimating also the velocity profile of the shallower layers in addition to SSR computations. With this data it will be possible to do several research activities, including this one; therefore, we added a sentence in the Discussion and conclusions section about the possibility to make such kind of research activity.

Page 14, line 1 Data availability section: this should evolve in a comprehensive description of the dataset availability. Provide details about where and how to access the data (fdsn web services at IRIS DMC). Data are available at IRIS DMC from 01.04.2016 to 25.06.2019. Is just this the open dataset described in this paper or this includes also open real-time data or periodic releases after certain embargo dates? Please specify in this section. A figure with the availability for the given period should be added. Would also be ideal to clearly state here if there is a license applied to the data and accordingly ask also IRIS DMC to include this in the DOI metadata of the network (including additional metadata as Funder, Sponsors, ORCIDs of the creators etc.). Moreover within the paper a seismic catalogue is mentioned and would be ideal to provide a link to it from here, either to an fdsn-event service or simply add catalogue to the supplementary material.

REPLY: Thank you for these fundamental hints. We extended Data availability section trying to provide a comprehensive information of the dataset according to your suggestions. We also clarified that data are released under the license CC BY 4.0. As mentioned above, Figure 4 of the revised version illustrates the data availability for the whole period of operation of each station of the seismic network. Upon our request, IRIS DMC updated the DOI metadata. As requested, the preliminary catalogue of seismicity has been provided as supplementary material (file “INSIEME-preliminary\_catalogue.csv”).

Page 14, lines 15 to page 1, line 3 Check this part carefully as most of this is redundant from the previous sections. Try to reduce redundancy and emphasize the part starting at page 15, line 4 stressing the peculiarities of this dataset.

REPLY: We tried to reduce redundancy and we added possible research activities which may be carry out with this dataset.

Page 14, line 26 “. . . detected 856 local natural and induced earthquakes . . .” Can the earthquake catalogue, obtained from this network, be added to the supplementary material? Alternatively can the authors point to a repository where this catalogue is hosted?

REPLY: The preliminary catalogue of seismicity has been provided as supplementary material (file “INSIEME-preliminary\_catalogue.csv”).

**Reply to Supplementary material**

Being the dataset archived in a FDSN data centre providing standard data and metadata formats datalessSEED volumes can be omitted in my opinion. Within the manuscript the authors are referring to an own earthquake catalogue. This would be indeed a useful addition for the supplementary material. Or at least a link to an open standard fdsn web service where this can be obtained.

REPLY: We removed datalessSEED volumes from supplements and we added in the supplements the preliminary earthquake catalogue as requested.

# The INSIEME seismic network: a research infrastructure for studying induced seismicity in the High Agri Valley (southern Italy)

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**Abstract.** The High Agri Valley is a tectonically active area in southern Italy characterized by high seismic hazard related to fault systems capable of generating up to  $M=7$  earthquakes (i.e., the 1857 Mw 7 Basilicata earthquake). In addition to the natural seismicity, two different clusters of induced microseismicity were recognized to be caused by industrial operations carried out in the area: (1) the water loading and unloading operations in the Pertusillo artificial reservoir; (2) the wastewater disposal at the Costa Molina 2 injection well. The twofold nature of the recorded seismicity in the High Agri Valley makes it an ideal study area to deepen the understanding of ~~driving~~~~nucleation~~ processes of both natural and anthropogenic earthquakes and to improve the current methodologies for the discrimination between natural and induced seismic events by collecting high-quality seismic data. Here we present the dataset gathered by the INSIEME seismic network that was installed in the High Agri Valley within the SIR-MIUR research project INSIEME (INduced Seismicity in Italy: Estimation, Monitoring, and sEismic risk mitigation). The seismic network was planned with the aim to study the two induced seismicity clusters and to collect a full-range of open-access data to be shared with the whole scientific community. The seismic network is composed of ~~by eight~~8 stations deployed in an area of 17 km ~~x~~\* 11 km around the two clusters of induced microearthquakes and it is equipped with triaxial weak-motion broadband sensors placed at different depths down to 50 m. It allows to detect induced microearthquakes, local/regional earthquakes, and teleseism~~ic events~~s from continuous data streams transmitted in real-time to the CNR-IMAA Data Centre. The network has been registered at the International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN) with code 3F. Data collected until the end of the INSIEME project (2019-03-23) are already released with open-access policy through the FDSN webservices and are available from [IRIS DMC](#) ~~[http://www.fdsn.org/networks/detail/3F\\_2016](http://www.fdsn.org/networks/detail/3F_2016)~~ ([https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F\\_2016](https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F_2016); Stabile et al., 2016). [Data collected after the project will be available with permanent network code VD \(<https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/VD>\) as part of the High Agri Valley geophysical Observatory \(HAVO\), a multi-parametric network managed by the CNR-IMAA research institute.](#)

# 1 Introduction

Anthropogenic seismicity has been documented since the 1920s when the subsidence due to the exploitation of the Goose Creek oil field (USA) was responsible of felt earthquakes (Pratt and Johnson, 1926). ~~Even if McGarr (2002) proposed the use of different adjectives to describe earthquakes in which human activities have played some role,~~ Nowadays it is commonly accepted that the term induced seismicity is synonymous with anthropogenic seismicity; therefore, in this paper the two terms are considered as interchangeable.

~~The rapid increase of world population during the last 20 years as well as the economy development have raised the energy supply demand worldwide and, therefore, a variety of conventional and unconventional energy technologies are being developed to meet these needs, including shale gas production and geothermal energy (National Research Council, 2013, and references therein). Such energy technologies can be responsible of induced seismicity whose rate is particularly increased since 2008 (Ellsworth, 2013; Keranen and Weingarten, 2018). Unfortunately, different felt and moderate to large induced earthquakes reported in the literature (for a complete review see: Grigoli et al., 2017; Foulger et al., 2018; Keranen and Weingarten, 2018; Lee et al., 2019) caused damages to residential, industrial, and public buildings and/or fatalities thus increasing the public concern about the development of these energy technologies (National Research Council, 2013; Grigoli et al., 2017; Keranen and Weingarten, 2018).~~

Considering the strong socioeconomic impact of induced seismicity (for a complete review see: National Research Council, 2013; Ellsworth, 2013; Grigoli et al., 2017; Foulger et al., 2018; Keranen and Weingarten, 2018; Lee et al., 2019), the current research in this field has twofold importance: a) from a social and economic point of view it is useful for addressing the range of issues related to the induced seismicity, including the development of specific “best practice” protocols, monitoring strategies and traffic light systems, the correct definition of the associated hazard and risk, and the discrimination between natural and induced seismicity; b) from a pure scientific point of view the research ~~it~~ is fundamental for better understanding the processes involved in earthquake generation, the interactions among rock, faults, and fluids as a complex system, and how perturbations of the stress field, even of small size, may affect the stability of faults over time. In order to achieve these two main goals, ~~On the other hand, the research activity in this field is often hampered by the lack of~~ adequate monitoring networks should be deployed in the study area with the aim to obtain accurate earthquake locations and to lower the completeness magnitude for generating huge microseismic catalogues (Grigoli et al., 2017). ~~or, more generally, by the lack of information (including field data and production data) which usually belong to private companies and the access is frequently restricted even when public research institutes are involved (National Research Council, 2013; Grigoli et al., 2017).~~

On these grounds, in 2016 a dense seismic network (named INSIEME) was installed in the High Agri Valley (hereinafter HAV), a NW-SE trending intermontane basin formed during the Quaternary age along the axial zone of the southern Apennines thrust belt chain of Italy (Patacca and Scandone, 1989). Indeed, the area hosts energy technologies that cause two clusters of anthropogenic seismicity. More specifically, one of the two clusters (cluster A in Fig. 1) is continued-reservoir induced seismicity ( $M_l \leq 2.7$ ) linked to the seasonal water level fluctuation of the artificial Pertusillo Lake (Valoroso et al., 2009;

Stabile et al., 2014a, 2015; Telesca et al., 2015; Vlček et al., 2018); the other cluster (cluster B in Fig.1) is fluid-injection induced seismicity ( $M_I \leq 2$ ) due to the disposal of the wastewater produced during the exploitation of the biggest onshore oil and gas field in west Europe at the Costa Molina 2 (CM2) injection well (Stabile et al., 2014b; Improta et al., 2015, 2017; Weislo et al., 2018). Furthermore, HAV is one of the areas of Italy with the highest seismic hazard with an expected maximum acceleration (referred to average hard ground conditions) for an exceedance probability of 10% in 50 years within 0.25 and 0.275 g according to the national reference seismic hazard model (Gruppo di Lavoro MPS, 2004). Indeed the Italian historical seismicity catalogue CPTI11 (Rovida et al., 2011) reports seven earthquakes with  $M_w \geq 4.5$  in the HAV, including the 1857 Mw 7.0 Basilicata earthquake (Mallet, 1862; Burrato and Valensise, 2008) which was one of the most destructive historical earthquakes in Italy with 11,000 casualties and extensive damage throughout Basilicata, Campania, Apulia, and Calabria Regions. It has been also been estimated from GPS velocity and strain rate field data (D'Agostino, 2014) that the extensional opening in the axial part of southern Apennines is about 3 mm/yr.

~~With the aim to overcome the issues related to data restrictions, different international scientific bodies, governments and geo-political entities are promoting open data policies in their research infrastructures and organisations. As an example, the International Seismological Centre (ISC, <http://www.isc.ac.uk>, last access: June 2019) currently collects data from approximately 150 agencies around the world providing an openly available bulletin that contains over 7.6 million seismic events, including induced events (Lentas et al., 2019). Another important permanent and reliable open access digital space for the induced seismicity community in Europe is the IS-EPOS Platform (<https://tes.ah-epos.eu>, last access: June 2019), which belongs to one of the Thematic Core Services of the long-term plan EPOS (European Plate Observing System, <https://www.epos-ip.org>, last access: June 2019).~~

~~The same open data policy has been adopted by-~~ The INSIEME seismic network was designed and developed in the framework of the research project INSIEME (INduced Seismicity in Italy: Estimation, Monitoring, and sEismic risk mitigation), which was ~~funded~~<sup>approved</sup> in 2015 by the SIR (Scientific Independence of young Researchers) program of the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) and ended on 2019-03-23. Two Italian test sites have been selected for the project's research activities: (a) the Collalto area in the municipality of Susegana (Veneto Region, northeastern Italy), site exploited by Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A. for the storage of the natural gas; (b) the High Agri Valley (Basilicata Region, southern Italy) hosting the biggest on shore oil field in west Europe, managed by Eni S.p.A., and the Pertusillo water reservoir. The Collalto site is already being monitored since 2012 by a dense network of 10 seismic stations and one permanent GNSS geodetic station (<https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/EV>), which was the first Italian network providing data with open-access policy (Priolo et al., 2015).

In this paper, we present the INSIEME seismic network ~~designed and developed in the framework of the INSIEME project for studying the induced seismicity in the High Agri Valley site~~ and a detailed description of the acquired data which are released through open access. The broadband seismic network has been registered at the International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN, <http://www.fdsn.org>, last access: ~~January~~<sup>une</sup> 2020~~19~~) with code 3F ([https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F\\_2016](https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F_2016)) ~~and the acquired data are released through open access.~~ Section 2 details the seismic

network from its layout to the acquisition, transmission and preliminary processing of data. Section 3 is ~~instead~~ focussed on the description of acquired seismic signals from the data quality of continuous data streams to the waveforms of recorded seismic events. Section 4 provides information on data availability. Finally, our discussions and conclusions are reported in Section 5.

## 5 2 The INSIEME seismic network

~~The High Agri Valley (hereinafter HAV) is a NW-SE trending intermontane basin formed during the Quaternary age along the axial zone of the southern Apennines thrust belt chain in southern Italy (Patacca and Scandone, 1989). It is one of the areas of Italy with the highest seismogenic potential with an expected maximum acceleration for an exceedance probability of 10% in 50 years within 0.25 and 0.275 g according to the national reference seismic hazard model (Gruppo di Lavoro MPS, 2004). Indeed the Italian historical seismicity catalogue CPTI11 (Rovida et al., 2011) reports seven earthquakes with  $M_w \geq 4.5$  in the HAV, including the 1857  $M_w$  7.0 Basilicata earthquake (Mallet, 1862; Burrato and Valensise, 2008) which was one of the most destructive historical earthquakes in Italy with 11,000 casualties and extensive damage throughout Basilicata, Campania, Apulia, and Calabria Regions. In addition to its natural seismicity, the HAV hosts energy technologies that cause two clusters of anthropogenic seismicity. More specifically, one of the two clusters (cluster A in Fig. 1) is continued reservoir induced seismicity ( $M_l \leq 2.7$ ) linked to the seasonal water level fluctuation of the artificial Pertusillo Lake (Valoroso et al., 2009; Stabile et al., 2014a, 2015; Telesca et al., 2015; Vlček et al., 2018); the other cluster (cluster B in Fig. 1) is fluid injection induced seismicity ( $M_l \leq 2$ ) due to the disposal of the wastewater produced during the exploitation of the biggest onshore oil and gas field in west Europe at the Costa Molina 2 (CM2) injection well (Stabile et al., 2014b; Improta et al., 2015, 2017; Weislo et al., 2018).~~

~~In this framework,~~ the INSIEME seismic network has been ~~specifically~~ designed to achieve two main purposes: a) to study the seismic processes related to the occurrence of events belonging to the two clusters of anthropogenic seismicity; b) to provide the scientific community with new open-access high-quality seismic data for studying such phenomenon and for developing methodologies useful to discriminate between natural and anthropogenic events. The following points provide details of the network from its layout to the data acquisition and processing.

### 25 2.1 Seismic network layout

The INSIEME network is composed ~~of by eight~~8 stations covering an area of about 17 km ~~×~~ 11 km, ~~organized in two groups of four stations of them~~ around each of the two clusters of ~~human-anthropogenic-induced~~ events (red circles in Figure 1). All the stations are equipped with broadband sensors installed in non-toxic PVC (polyvinyl chloride) casings at different depths down to 50 m. Network layout ~~and design~~ definition was driven by several constraints, hereafter summarized:

- seismic stations must be deployed around the two clusters of induced events with ~~as uniform as possible regular~~ as uniform as possible azimuthal ~~coverage and distribution as regular as possible;~~

- [taking into account that the studied clusters are characterized by shallow events of about 4-5 km focal depth \(Serlenga and Stabile, 2019\)](#), the epicentral distance of the closest station must be less than the focal depth of events belonging to such seismicity clusters ~~(Havskov et al., 2012)~~ [and](#);
  - the average distance between stations should not exceed twice the event depth (Havskov et al., 2012); [these two conditions](#)
  - 5 ~~in order to have~~ [allow for](#) a good control ~~on its estimate of event depth estimation~~; ~~taking into account that the studied clusters are characterized by shallow events of about 4-5 km focal depth (Serlenga and Stabile, 2019)~~;
  - as the studied clusters are characterized by shallow events, of about 4-5 km focal depth (Serlenga and Stabile, 2019), the average distance between stations should not exceed twice that depth (Havskov et al., 2012) to correctly estimate the event depth;
  - 10 - high quality sites, possibly on hard bedrock and therefore without local ground effects, should be selected;
  - recommended station locations must be as far as possible from strong noise sources such as main roads, town centers, industrial and quarry activities which are largely diffused in the HAV;
  - station sites must be accessible for drilling operations;
  - in areas belonging to the National Park “Val d’Agri - Lagonegrese”, which covers large portions of the HAV territory (see
  - 15 file “INSIEME-network.kmz” provided in the Supplement), it is not possible to drill boreholes;
  - stations sites should be covered by 3G [mobile](#) communication link;
  - seismic stations should guarantee continuous data acquisition in all weather conditions, even in the ~~w~~[W](#)inter season where the snow coverage could reach up to 1.5-2.0 m thickness for a couple of weeks;
  - with the aim to provide an effective added value to the seismic monitoring of the HAV, station locations should not overlap
  - 20 existing stations of operating public and private seismic networks.
- We performed seismic ambient noise measurements and geological surveys in order to find the most suitable sites according to these constraints, and we verified the access to the site (also for drilling operations of the shallow boreholes), data transmission conditions and unexpected potential sources of local noise. ~~Afterwards,~~ ~~W~~[we](#) evaluated the network performances following the approach proposed by Stabile et al. (2013) by considering different configurations of the potential sites that have
- 25 met as ~~many more~~ constraints as possible. The final network configuration is reported in Figure 1. It is worth noting that the minimum distances between stations (~~cyan~~[blue](#) triangles in Figure 1) ranges between 2.7 km (INS6 and INS7 stations) and 5.4 km (INS1 and INS4), the distance of the closest station to each cluster is less than 4-5 km (the focal depth of induced events) and the INSIEME stations do not overlap stations belonging to other public (~~cyan~~[orange](#) triangles in Figure 1) and private (yellow triangles in Figure 1) seismic networks. Only INS8 station falls in the National Park “Val d’Agri - Lagonegrese” area
  - 30 and, therefore, the sensor of this station was installed on the surface.

## 2.2 Seismic stations

[Considering that the main target of the INSIEME network is to detect and locate the anthropogenic microseismicity in the HAV \( \$M\_L \leq 2.7\$ \), the seismic stations were equipped with triaxial weak-motion broadband sensors: six 0.05-100 Hz and two](#)

0.0083-100 Hz Trillium Compact Posthole (TCPH) seismometers. The data-loggers are Centaur Digital Recorders with a dynamic range of 140 dB. All seismometers and dataloggers are manufactured by Nanometrics Inc. (see Table 1). Continuous acquisition of digital waveforms is provided by the INSIEME network at 250 Hz sampling rate. ~~Considering that the main target of the INSIEME network consists in detecting and locating the anthropogenic microseismicity in the HAV ( $MI \leq 2.7$ ), we equipped the seismic stations with triaxial weak-motion broadband sensors: six 0.05-100 Hz and two 0.0083-100 Hz Trillium Compact Posthole (TCPH) seismometers models, manufactured by Nanometrics Inc. (see Table 1). They provide a flat response to ground velocity up to 100 Hz. All data-loggers are manufactured by Nanometrics company, the 24-bit Centaur Digital Recorder with a dynamic range of 140 dB. Continuous acquisition of digital waveforms is provided by the INSIEME network at 250 Hz sampling rate.~~ This choice allows data acquisition with a Nyquist frequency of 125 Hz (Figure 2), which is greater than the upper frequency bound of the broadband sensors (100 Hz), thus avoiding the application of temporal anti-aliasing effects-filters on the acquired signals and taking advantage of the high frequency bound provided by the sensors useful to capture the full spectra content of small earthquakes. The amplitude and phase responses of the two versions of broadband sensors are shown in Figure 2: blue curves refer to INS1 station (equipped with a 0.0083-100 Hz TCPH seismometer) and orange curves refer to INSX station (equipped with a 0.05-100 Hz TCPH seismometer). The first installed station of the network was INSX (in operation between 2016-04-01 and 2017-01-24) whereas the other stations have been installed from 2016-09-23 (see Table 2).

With exception of the INS1 station which was initially connected to the electric power grid of the Montemurro Cemetery, power supply for all stations is provided by solar panels and batteries. Each station is equipped with a 270 W solar panel and two 12 V, 100 Ah batteries connected in series to output 24 V, which allows the instruments to work with less current. Solar panels are installed on 2 m high poles in order to prevent snow covering during the winter season (see Figure 32a). ~~T~~ Then the solar charge controller, the two batteries, the power supply circuit, the data-logger and the router are housed in a small cabin (Figure 32b). Corrugated cables allow the passage of sensor cables from the cabin to the borehole (Figure 32b). Each borehole is closed by a manhole (Figure 32b) and the PVC casing is coupled to the soil by cement grout filling the space between the hole and external surface of the PVC casing from the bottom to the surface (Figure 32c). The PVC casing is not in the manhole in order to leave room for installing sensors on the surface (Figure 32d). A 2 m high netting, surrounding an area of about 2.5 m x 2.5 m, protects each station from wild or grazing animals.

The broadband seismometers installed in boreholes are equipped with a coupling system (Figure 32e), developed by the National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics of Italy (OGS), which fastens the sensor to the borehole wall. The inclination of each borehole from the surface to the bottom has been measured with an in-place inclinometer (Jewell Instruments, Model 906 Little Dipper). We found that the 5 shallow boreholes of 6 m depth (stations INS2, INS3, INS4, INS5, and INS6) have inclination at the bottom less than one degree and one of the two 50 m deep boreholes deviates 1.6 degrees at the bottom (station INS1). ~~On the other hand,~~ Concerning the second 50 m deep borehole (station INS7), the inclination of the borehole becomes greater than two degrees at depths greater than 20 m depth. Indeed, at 14 m depth we measured an inclination of 1.7 degrees, increasing up to 2 degrees between 16 m and 20 m and over 6 degrees beyond 24

m depth. Since the two deeper boreholes host the 0.0083-100 Hz TCPH seismometers ~~model~~, which operates with a maximum tilt of 2 degrees, we installed the seismometer of station INS1 at 50 m depth whereas the INS7 one was installed at 14 m depth. Table 2 indicates the sensor depths of each borehole station.

~~Furthermore, The~~ seismometers at 6 m depth ~~were~~ installed by a modular non-rotating pipe system developed by OGS in order to control the orientation of the horizontal components (Figure 32d). The non-rotating system consisted of a set of connectable, light and rigid pipes, 3 m long and 50 mm outside diameter, equipped with a mating joint at the velocimeter end, and a reference mark at the top, thus allowing to push the sensor sled and, at the same time, set the correct azimuthal angle. After the installation was completed we released the joint by lifting and removing the tubes, and the sensor stands undisturbed.

For the two seismometers placed at 14 m and 50 m depth, respectively, the orientation of their horizontal components was unknown because of the impossibility to use a longer non-rotating ~~pipe system~~. In this case we estimated their azimuthal orientation with respect to a reference station by applying a methodology similar to that proposed by Zheng and McMechan (2006), based on the maximization of the cross-correlation among the horizontal traces of adjacent sensor pairs. Of course, for each pair of adjacent sensors we assume the condition of plane wave approximation which is satisfied if the distance  $d$  between sensors is much less than dominant wavelength  $\lambda$  of the recorded signal ( $d \ll \lambda$ ). Therefore, the signals recorded by the two sensors must be filtered with a cut-off frequency  $f_c \ll Vd^{-1}$ , with  $V$  the lowest seismic velocity of the medium.

~~E~~Afterwards, for each angle  $\theta$  ranging from 0 to 360 degrees with a step size of 0.5 degrees, we computed the normalised cross-correlation between the North component of the signal recorded by the reference station ( $Sr_N$ ) with the first horizontal component of the signal recorded by sensor with unknown orientation and rotated counter-clockwise by the angle  $\theta$  ( $Su_1^\theta$ ). In addition, we computed the normalised cross-correlation between the East component of the signal recorded by the reference station ( $Sr_E$ ) with the second horizontal component of the signal recorded by sensor with unknown orientation and rotated counter-clockwise by the angle  $\theta$  ( $Su_2^\theta$ ). For each angle  $\theta$ , the maximum value of the cross-correlation between  $Sr_N$  and  $Su_1^\theta$  ( $A^\theta$ ) and between  $Sr_E$  and  $Su_2^\theta$  ( $B^\theta$ ) were retrieved. Then, the sensor orientation with respect to the reference sensor was given by the following Eq. (1):

$$\theta^{BEST} = \theta : \max_{0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ} (A^\theta B^\theta), \quad (1)$$

where  $\theta^{BEST}$  is the angle for which the product between  $A^\theta$  and  $B^\theta$  is maximum. By applying Eq. (1) over  $N$  recordings, we obtained  $N$  estimates of  $\theta^{BEST}$ ; therefore, we evaluated the weighted arithmetic mean and the weighted standard deviation of all the  $N$  estimates, with  $W_i = (A^\theta B^\theta)_i$ , the weight of the  $i$ -th  $\theta_i^{BEST}$ .

For station INS1 we used as reference the station INSX, whose sensor was only 70 m ~~away~~ distance from the borehole sensor of station INS1. ~~Indeed, both INS1 and INSX were in operation and acquired simultaneously with station INS1 from~~ 2016-10-12 to 2017-01-24 (Table 1 and Table 2). We applied a bandpass filter to the seismic recordings with corner frequencies of 0.1 Hz and 0.5 Hz because we surely satisfy the relation  $f_c \ll Vd^{-1}$  (i.e. considering that  $V_s=510 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (Giocoli et al., 2015), and  $d=(70^2+54^2)^{0.5}=88 \text{ m}$ ) and because in this frequency range we can use also the seismic ambient noise for determining the rotation angle; in this frequency range, indeed, noise contains the microseismic peak (Longuet-Higgins, 1950) between 4-

8 s (0.125-0.250 Hz) which is very coherent. To compute the rotation angle, we used recordings of ~~three~~<sup>3</sup> earthquakes (Mw 6.5 Central Italy earthquake of 2016-10-30, Mw 5.4 Greece earthquake of 2016-10-15, and Mw 7.9 Papua New Guinea earthquake of 2017-01-22) and seismic ambient noise data of different durations (20 minutes, ~~one~~<sup>1</sup> hour, and ~~two~~<sup>2</sup> hours). The final estimate of the rotation angle for the sensor of station INS1 is  $307.8 \pm 0.4$  degrees counter-clockwise to the North.

5 For station INS7 we used as reference the station INS1 after its alignment to the North because the two stations are both equipped with the same broadband sensors (Table 1). ~~The two stations acquire data simultaneously~~<sup>S</sup> since 2017-03-23, when the sensor of INS7 station was installed in the borehole (Table 2), ~~both INS1 and INS7 stations~~<sup>and they</sup> recorded several teleseismic ~~events~~<sup>s</sup>. We used the surface waves of 12 selected teleseismic ~~events~~<sup>s</sup> with  $M_w \geq 6.9$  occurred between November 2017 and August 2018. The distance between stations is ~~d~~<sup>=</sup> 11 km; therefore, we applied a low-pass filter to the seismic recordings with a corner frequency of 0.05 Hz which satisf~~ies~~<sup>y</sup> the relation  $f_c \ll Vd^{-1}$  even if we consider a Rayleigh wave speed as low as  $2.8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . The final estimate of the rotation angle for the sensor of station INS7 is  $43.8 \pm 0.3$  degrees counter-clockwise to the North.

~~Dataless of all the INSIEME seismic stations, which include comprehensive information of each station and the respective instrument response, are provided in the Supplement.~~

## 15 2.3 Seismic data acquisition, data transmission, visualization and preliminary processing

Seismic data are transmitted in real time by 3G mobile system. The modem/router adopted is Teltonika RUT-500; this device is capable of communicating with every 3G Italian mobile network and has also an integrated 4-port RJ-45 10/100Mbps Ethernet switch for the Local Area Network. The mobile telecommunication provider allocates a dynamic public IP address to the WAN-interface of the router; for this reason, the system cannot be continuously reached from an external network, as the address may change. ~~Therefore, Hence~~ it ~~has been~~<sup>was</sup> necessary to configure ~~a~~<sup>d</sup> a Dynamic DNS (Domain Name System) ~~whose~~<sup>whose</sup>. ~~A dynamic DNS host name is linked up to the router's dynamic IP address. Whenever the IP changes, a dynamic DNS client (configured on the Teltonika RUT-500) will send an update to Dynamic DNS service with the current IP address and then the system propagates the DNS change to the Internet within few seconds.~~ In this way the end user is able to reach directly each seismic ~~ological~~<sup>ic</sup> station, both for management and data acquisitions.

25 The use of the dynamic DNS system instead of a VPN system such as OpenVPN was a technical choice because the latter requires a dedicated server and configuration. The dynamic DNS is also supported by other routers already in our warehouse (typically TP-LINK, which does not support VPN) which can temporally replace a Teltonika in case of failure.

Nanometrics Centaur digital recorder uses a data streaming protocol called SeedLink (<https://ds.iris.edu/ds/nodes/dmc/services/seedlink>, last access: January 2020). This is a transmission protocol system used to make the data available on the Internet, because ~~based~~<sup>it supports on</sup> the “Internet Protocol suite TCP/IP” (Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol) ~~standard~~<sup>standard</sup>. ~~The router Teltonika RUT-500 is compliant with SeedLink, and therefore adopted as transmit tool.~~

Since it is not uncommon for routers to encounter problems ~~that prevent~~ [causing the interruption of](#) the internet connection, each station is equipped with [two automatic reboot systems](#). The first one is integrated inside the router and based on a [ping utility](#): if the system does not ping an external public IP for some time, the router is automatically rebooted. The second one is [based on an external](#) ~~a~~-programmable time switch ~~which~~ ~~that~~ periodically (in our case once a week) ~~unplug~~ ~~disconnects~~ for a few seconds the power supply of the router, [thus preventing any software bug that could freeze the Teltonika](#). When the router restarts, the Centaur data-logger is able to send missing data to the CNR-IMAA (National Research Council of Italy, Institute of Methodologies for Environmental Analyses) Data Centre. Despite these precautions, sometimes data gaps may occur due to prolonged temporary absence of the [3G](#) signal or other minor transmission problems. For this reason, a 16 GB SD memory card is mounted on each Centaur which allows the local storage of about 6 months of data. After a check on data ~~availability gaps~~ [using the vertical component data stream of each station for the entire period of operation of the INSIEME seismic network each year and for all the components of each station \(Figure 4\)](#), the ~~missing-available~~ data range between ~~0.0019% (channel CHE of INS8 station, year 2018) and 2.7564~~ [93.8% \(channel CHZ of INS6 station, year 2017\) and approximately 100% \(INS2, INS3, INS7, and INS8 stations\) of the whole data](#). All the gaps due to transmission problems have been filled by using data saved on each SD memory card. The unfilled gaps are related to a programmed temporary shutdown of a station (e.g., maintenance, firmware update) or to undesired problems occurred to a specific station. As an example, the missing data of station INS6 of about ~~62.28% for the year 2017~~ (corresponding to a cumulative time of about ~~1058~~ [365-940](#) days) is due to a misconfiguration of the solar charge controller on which the night light function was erroneously activated (during sunshine the power was switched off). The problem was understood and definitively solved on 2017-01-24 at 09:52 UTC. After this configuration correction, the gaps at station INS6 have become comparable to those observed to the other stations of the INSIEME seismic network [\(Figure 4\)](#).

In the CNR-IMAA Data Centre there is a Linux server for data acquisition, storage and processing. The server has been equipped with a hardware RAID controller (redundant array of independent disks), configured as a "RAID 1" disk mirroring, to protect the data in case of drive failure. Our configuration features two 4 TB hard disks (i.e. 8 TB RAW space) in RAID 1 mode, ensuring a N+1 disk redundancy and a 4 TB total storage capacity. This configuration is an optimal choice for applications requiring high availability. In the future, we will upgrade the system by means of a Network Attached Storage (NAS) in order to store data as well as to enhance the system performance and availability. Furthermore, on this server the TCP/IP-based SeedLink standard compliant SeisComp3 (<https://www.seiscomp3.org>, [last access: January 2020](#)) software runs for seismological data acquisition. It acquires data in real-time from the INSIEME stations and neighbour stations, store them in a miniSEED file structure and it is able to make those data available through various standard protocols: [SeedLink](#) for real-time flow, [ArcLink](#) (<https://www.seiscomp3.org/doc/applications/arclink.html>, [last access: January 2020](#)) and FDSN webservices (<https://www.fdsn.org/webservices>, [last access: January 2020](#)) for archived data requests. This SeisComp3 software also holds the stations metadata and an event database. A schematic view of the data flow from the data-logger to the Data Centre is displayed in Figure [53](#).

A dedicated ~~web-based~~~~intranet~~ system, WebObs (Beauducel et al., 2010), is used to plot in near real-time numerical strip-chart (~~called “SefraN”~~) of a representative subset of the configured stations. ~~This~~-SefraN is used to manually identify any event present in the data (Figure 64, top panels). It is associated to the Daybook, a database of all the events that have been identified in the data, whether they can be located or not, based on the availability of both P- and S-wave pickings. Some regional and global events are prefilled with information gathered from INGV ([http://terremoti.ingv.it/webservices\\_and\\_software](http://terremoti.ingv.it/webservices_and_software), last access: January 2020) and USGS (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/fdsnws/event/1/>, last access: January 2020) FDSN event webservices (~~http://www.fdsn.org/webservices~~). When a new event is identified, the information is sent to the SeisComP3 database (Figure 64). The event is then manually picked and located (Figure 64, bottom panel) with SeisComP3 Origin Locator Viewer (scolv), using the 1-D velocity model from Improta et al (2017). The WebObs Daybook displays the event information ~~collected~~~~gathered~~ from the SeisComP3 FDSN webservice.

### 3 Acquired seismic signals

#### 3.1 Data quality in terms of background noise level

One of the most important goal of a seismic network is to provide high quality records of a seismic event from a number of stations as large as possible and with a good azimuthal coverage; therefore, if the seismic noise is high at different sites the benefits of modern equipment with large dynamic range are compromised (Havskov et al., 2012).

It is well known that the background noise is due to several factors like temperature changes, weather conditions and anthropogenic noise. The first two factors generally produce low-frequency noise ( $<0.05$  Hz) whereas the latter usually contains high frequencies ( $> 1$  Hz). In addition there is also the microseismic noise in the range 4-8 s generated by the sea activity (Longuet-Higgins, 1950). Since most of the broadband sensors of the INSIEME seismic network have flat response in the range 0.05-100 Hz (see Table 1) and the seismic network is primarily designed to observe microearthquakes, the main goal of our sensor installations is to attenuate the anthropogenic noise. Several studies have already focused on the attenuation of such specific kind of noise (Young et al., 1994; Withers et al., 1996) or on the attenuation of the noise over a broader range of frequencies including both low and high frequency noise (Hutt et al., 2017). The results of such studies indicate that a successful reduction of the noise is achieved by placing seismic instruments at depth ~~and in the rock instead of soil~~ within a rock layer. Indeed, surface layers above the rock, which have low seismic wave velocities, tend to trap the anthropogenic noise and produce site amplification effects. Furthermore, installing seismic sensors at depth in PVC casing has been demonstrated to be an effective way to attenuate the diurnal temperature variation (Spriggs et al., 2014), as we did for our stations.

With the aim to evaluate the seismic noise attenuation at depth for our stations we first installed the sensors of each station on the surface for a period of about 6 months and subsequently we moved the sensor inside the PVC casing at depth (Table 2). The only ~~one~~ exception is the station INS1 whose sensor was directly installed at 50 m depth because ~~at the same site there was in operation~~ the surface station INSX was in operation at the same site until 2017-01-24 (Table 2). By selecting continuous data streams acquired by INS1 and INSX stations ~~with duration of~~ for three days, from 2017-01-05 to 2017-01-07, characterised

by high natural and anthropogenic noise level, we computed the Probabilistic Power Spectral Densities (McNamara and Buland, 2004). Figure 75 show the comparison of the Probabilistic Power Spectral Densities (hereinafter PPSD) obtained for each component of INS1 and INSX stations in the period range 0.01-20 s (frequency range 0.05-100 Hz). The colour palette indicates the probability (in percentage) to have a certain noise level as a function of the period. The two grey lines in each panel indicate the [New](#) High and Low Noise models, respectively, obtained by Peterson (1993) which are used as reference. The two horizontal components of INS1 station (CH1 and CH2, [according to the SEED channel naming standard: https://ds.iris.edu/ds/nodes/dmc/data/formats/seed-channel-naming](https://ds.iris.edu/ds/nodes/dmc/data/formats/seed-channel-naming), last access: January 2020) are compared with the two horizontal components of INSX station (CHE and CHN) and the vertical components (CHZ) of the two stations are compared to each other. It is possible to observe that the noise level is ~~less~~[more regular-widespread](#) at 50 m depth than at surface and that for periods below 1 s (frequencies above 1 Hz) we have a reduction of the noise level of about 10 dB on average and up to 20 dB. In Figure 75 periods above 20 s (frequencies below 0.05 Hz) are highlighted in grey because in such period range it is not possible to compare the PPSD of the two stations since only the sensor of INS1 stations has flat response up to 120 s (see Table 1) and, therefore, only its PPSD is [significant](#)~~reliable~~.

We computed also the PPSD on continuous data streams acquired by INS1, INS2, and INS4 stations from 2017-12-26 to 2017-12-30, a period again characterised by high natural and anthropogenic noise level. It is possible to note (Table 2) that INS2 and INS4 stations are equipped with sensors installed at 6 m depth. Figure 86 shows the comparison among the PPSD obtained for the horizontal and vertical components of each station in the period range 0.01-20 s (the sensors of stations INS2 and INS4 are 20s-100Hz Trillium Compact Posthole). In this case we do not observe a significant difference of PPSD between a sensor installed at 50 m depth (as for INS1 station) and a sensor installed at 6 m depth (as for INS2 and INS4 stations), hence we can argue that installing a sensor at 6 m depth is enough to have a noise reduction in the period range 0.01-20 s similar as when installing a sensor at 50 m depth.

In order to better understand how the installation of sensors in PVC casing at least 6 m depth is an effective solution for the seismic noise attenuation, we compared spectrograms over long-time continuous data streams (41 days from 2017-03-02 to 2017-04-11) acquired by the two seismic stations INS5 and INS6 ~~of the INSIEME network~~. As evinced in Table 2, the broadband sensor of INS5 station was installed at 6 m depth during the whole period of observation; on the other hand, the broadband sensor of INS6 station was first placed on surface until 2017-03-22 and then moved in the shallow borehole at 6 m depth. Figure 97 shows the comparison of spectrograms at the two stations over the whole investigated period. ~~It is very clear~~ [The noise attenuation of about 20 dB at station INS5 with respect to station INS6 before 2017-03-22 is very clear](#), particularly ~~along for~~ the two horizontal components, but the noise levels are comparable in the period of time when both ~~the~~ stations have their ~~respective~~ sensors installed at depth. After 2017-03-22 it is possible to observe that the high frequency (> 1 Hz) day-night succession of INS5 station is [a](#) little bit more pronounced than the day-night succession of INS6 station because the former is closer to the urban area of Sarconi town than the latter. Finally, it is interesting to observe as expected the increase of the microseismic noise in the range 4-8 s generated by the sea activity during storms (e.g., in the period 06-09 March 2017 as

effects of a strong Mistral event in the Tyrrhenian Sea); this phenomenon is masked by the high noise level when the sensors are placed on surface.

Finally, for a comprehensive analysis of the noise level at the different investigated depths, we computed the PPSD over the entire period of operation of the network for all components of all stations. Figure 10 displays the median values of PPSD for the vertical components (channel CHZ) of sensors installed at different depths and locations. It is worth noting that for frequencies above 1.5 Hz (periods below 0.6 s) the median curves obtained for sensors installed on surface (black lines in Figure 10) are generally 10 dB higher than the median curves obtained for sensors installed at depth (blue, green and red curves in Figure 10). The PPSD computed for each component of each individual station at different depths of the sensor are shown in the Supplement (Figures S1-S8), which also show with black curves the 5<sup>th</sup>, the 50<sup>th</sup> (median), and the 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles. The PPSD functions computed over the whole period of operation of the network confirm that the noise level is more widespread when the sensor is installed on surface with respect to the installation in shallow boreholes (see 95<sup>th</sup> percentile curves in Figures S1-S8) and that there is no significant reduction of the noise level for installation of sensors between 6 m and 50 m depth.

### 3.2 Data quality in terms of local ground effects

Local seismic amplifications due to sensor installation on soft ground can greatly affect spectral analyses of low and moderate earthquakes, the broad-band recording can be useless and the short period signals may be unrepresentative (Havskov et al., 2012). The absence of meaningful site effects was beforehand assessed for properly choosing the future locations of each seismic station of the INSIEME network. In order to check the validity of our choice and the quality of seismic signals a further assessment of the negligible site effect on recorded data has been carried out.

To this purpose earthquake data have been selected from the preliminary catalogue of the SeisComp3 database (see section 2.3). With the aim to have more accurate locations, the events have been relocated by means of NonLinLoc code (Lomax et al., 2000) in a 3-D velocity model of the area (Serlenga and Stabile, 2019), allowing us to distinguish three different categories of seismic events:

a) injection-induced earthquakes (IIE hereinafter), whose epicenters belong to the cluster B located NE of the Pertusillo lake and close to the CM2 injection well (see Figure 1). We also increased the number of IIEs by using a template-matching algorithm, ~~that we are still implementing~~, based on the [cross-correlation processing for single station data](#) ~~array processing of nearby stations~~ proposed by ~~Gibbons and Ringdal~~ [Roberts et al. \(1989, 2006\)](#). In this way we were able to use 164 injection-induced earthquakes;

b) reservoir-induced earthquakes (RIE hereinafter), belonging to the cluster A located SW of the lake (see Figure 1), for a total number of 56 events;

c) local earthquakes (LE hereinafter) located in the HAV. In particular, only events with a magnitude greater than 1.5 were selected, for a total number of 33 events. ~~In that way, we guaranteed that the highest number of stations had recorded the selected data.~~

In addition to earthquake data, five hours of seismic noise data (SN hereinafter) were extracted in the time window 9:00 – 14:00 UTC of 2018-11-26.

In order to assess the presence of possible local ground effects at the sites where the stations were installed, the selected data were analyzed by applying the Horizontal to Vertical Spectral Ratio technique ([HVSr](#); Nakamura, 1989), both to earthquakes

5 ~~(HVSr)~~ and noise data (HVNSr, [where the letter “N” stands for “noise”](#)).

To this purpose, each component of earthquake data was cut in time windows which allowed to discard as much as possible the pre- and post-signal noise. For IIE, RIE and LE data we chose 8 s, 16 s and 32 s wide time windows, respectively, with a corresponding minimum frequency of 0.125 Hz, 0.0625 Hz and 0.03125 Hz. In order to have reliable estimates the spectra were evaluated starting from 10 times the respective minimum frequency (i.e., 1.25 Hz, 0.625 Hz and 0.3125 Hz). The

10 difference in the selected time windows is related to the dissimilar durations of recorded signals of each category of earthquakes. Before computing the Fast Fourier Transform, the mean and the trend were removed from the time series and signals belonging to any data category were tapered by applying a Tukey window with 5% bandwidth. Then, the computed spectra were smoothed by means of Konno-Omachi function (Konno and Omachi, 1998), with a bandwidth coefficient equal to 40. The HVSr for each earthquake was retrieved from the arithmetic mean of the horizontal amplitude spectral components

15 (EW and NS) over the vertical amplitude spectral component (Z) of the acquired signal, that is:

$$HVSr = \frac{EW+NS}{2Z}. \quad (2)$$

Finally, the average HVSr for each station and earthquake category was computed, along with the  $\pm 1\sigma$  (one standard deviation). The choice of performing such an analysis on different types of earthquakes, characterized by a heterogeneous location in space, was related to look for possible source and directivity effects on the consequent HVSr measurements.

20 The 5 ~~hour~~ long SN data, on the other hand, were cut in 130 s wide non-overlapping time windows, which spanned the total temporal extension of the recording, providing a total number of 138 signals with a spectral resolution of 0.007 Hz. The retrieved time series were processed in an analogous way to the one described before for earthquake data by means of the Geopsy software (Geopsy project; <http://www.geopsy.org>, last access: ~~January~~ ~~une~~ 2020~~18~~). For each time window and station, the HVNSr was retrieved, taking into account that the horizontal spectrum was computed as the squared average of

25 the two horizontal (EW and NS) components:

$$H = \sqrt{\frac{EW^2+NS^2}{2}}. \quad (3)$$

Finally, the average HVNSr of each station was computed, along with the  $\pm 1\sigma$ .

The retrieved HVSr and HVNSr are represented in Figure [11](#)~~8~~. We can assert that ~~the~~ most of the stations are characterized by an almost flat H/V curve, independently of the adopted dataset. Furthermore, we separately verified that the choice of an

30 arithmetic mean or a squared average of the two horizontal components is almost completely irrelevant to the consequent HVSr or HVNSr measurements. The arithmetic average adopted for earthquake data analysis allowed to equally weight possible amplitude peaks related to directivity and azimuthal effects in the HVSr computation. On the other hand, the squared

average, which generally overestimates the arithmetic average and which was adopted for analyzing the ambient noise data, did not produce higher amplitude peaks: indeed, the retrieved HVNSR curves are flatter than HVSR ones.

In Figure 118 we observe very low site amplifications, except for INS5 seismic station, where a ~~relevant~~<sup>small</sup> peak at about 3.5 Hz can be noticed and for INS6 whose HVSR function has a slight amplification between 0.8-3.0 Hz. Some detailed considerations must be done on the results related to station INS1. Previous analyses performed at the same site with ambient noise and earthquake data, by using both a seismometer and an accelerometer located at the surface, and with geological and geophysical (Electrical Resistivity Tomography) surveys allowed to approximately estimate the depth of the bedrock at about 50 m (Giocoli et al., 2015). Indeed, an amplitude peak between 2 and 3 Hz in the retrieved H/V curves was clearly observable. By looking at Figure 118, this peak is no more present, confirming that the installation of INS1 at 50 m depth allowed us to reach a more rigid (higher acoustic impedance) layer; in addition to it, during perforation operations, it was clearly observed at that depth a sharp lithological change ~~between less and more competent rocks~~<sup>from alluvial deposits to Gorgoglione Formation</sup>. At INS1 seismic station, ~~t~~<sup>The</sup> low amplitude peaks at about 4-5 Hz, 9 Hz and 11 Hz, ~~respectively~~<sup>are</sup> ~~another interesting element related to observed in~~<sup>another</sup> HVSR curves ~~at INS1 seismic station but not in the HVNSR one~~<sup>at INS1 seismic station but not in the HVNSR one</sup>. ~~Furthermore, we observe that the highest frequencies peaks are not present in the HVNSR curve~~<sup>Furthermore, we observe that the highest frequencies peaks are not present in the HVNSR curve</sup>. We might interpret these differences as the effect of the down-going earthquake wavefield.

### 3.3 Induced microearthquakes, local earthquakes, and teleseismic events

The continuous data acquisition by the INSIEME seismic network allowed to manually detect, by a visual inspection of recordings through SefraN tool, a total number of 85~~26~~<sup>26</sup> local natural and induced earthquakes between September 2016 and ~~December~~<sup>March</sup> 201~~9~~<sup>8</sup>. Then, these were preliminarily located ~~using in~~<sup>using</sup> the 1-D velocity model by Improta et al. (2017) ~~and~~<sup>by adopting</sup> Hypo71 algorithm (Lee and Lahr, 1972) embedded in SeisComP3, allowing us to better distinguish the three different categories of seismic events already introduced in the previous section (3.2): IIE, RIE, LE. ~~In order To this purpose, and particularly to better locate local event outside the INSIEME network, we build a virtual seismic network composed of by eleven~~<sup>eleven</sup> seismic stations of the Italian National Seismic Network (FDSN codes: IV, <https://doi.org/10.13127/SD/X0FXnH7QfY>; ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> MN, <https://doi.org/10.13127/SD/fBBBtDtd6q>) managed by the Italian National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV), ~~seven~~<sup>seven</sup> stations belonging to the Irpinia Seismic Network (Weber et al., 2007; Stabile et al., 2013; FDSN code: IX), and MARCO station belonging to the Geofon network (FDSN code: GE, <https://doi.org/10.14470/TR560404>), the latter installed south of Tramutola town in the framework of a joint scientific cooperation between GFZ-Potsdam and CNR-IMAA institutes; all the stations of the virtual network are located within about 60 km distance from the centre of the INSIEME network.

Here we report the main inferred features for each earthquake category (IIE, RIE and LE), in terms of both seismic signal properties and hypocentral locations:

a) IIE: ~~a total number of 432~~<sup>432</sup> injection-induced seismic events ~~were as~~<sup>were</sup> manually ~~picked and located~~<sup>detected</sup>. These were identified because ~~belonging of their first arrival at INS1 seismic station, which is the closest receiver~~<sup>belonging</sup> to the seismicity cluster

induced by fluid-injection operations at the CM2 well (cluster B in Figure 1). ~~The first recording station of such events is INS1, which is the closest receiver, furthermore, their~~with signals ~~are~~ characterized by a difference between the arrival times of S- and P-waves of about 1 s ~~at INS1 station~~. The average depth retrieved from preliminary ~~earthquake-event~~ location analyses is about 4.5 km and the maximum recorded local magnitude is  $M_l = 1.4$ , related to an ~~earthquake-induced event~~ occurred on 2018-01-29 at 15:23:10 UTC (Figure 12a), located at about 1.4 km epicentral distance from INS1 station with focal depth of about 3.50 km ( $M_l=1.4$ , Lat=40.3182°N, Lon=15.9842°E, depth=3.50 km; see file “INSIEME-preliminary catalogue.csv” provided in the Supplement Figure 9a). Most of detected IIE have a magnitude lower or equal than 1; only ~~two~~four of them are characterized by local magnitude  $1 < M_l \leq 1.4$ . Depending on the earthquake energy, the number of stations that recorded the seismic signals changes from a minimum of ~~three~~3 for the lowest magnitude event up to 16, taking into account also stations belonging to the virtual seismic network. The waveforms, usually, have duration less than 7 s at the closest station (INS1) and the highest peak ground velocity amplitude (PGV) measured at that station is about  $0.04 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$  for ~~to~~ the strongest IIE of the catalogue (Figure 129a).

b) RIE: ~~a total number of 11~~76 reservoir-induced seismic events ~~were as manually picked and located~~detected, in the range  $M_l = 0 \leq M_l \leq 1.8$ . The P-wave arrivals are usually first detected at either INS5 or INS6 or INS7 seismic station, depending on the earthquake location: indeed, such ~~induced seismic~~ events belong to a wider cluster than IIE one and therefore they are more broadly distributed in the southwestern part of the seismic network (cluster A in Figure 1). Their average depth is about 4.5 km and the maximum recorded local magnitude is  $M_l = 1.8$ , related to an ~~earthquake-event~~ occurred on 2017-03-02 at 21:39:41 UTC (Figure 12b), located at about 1.9 km epicentral distance from INS5 station (~~with focal depth of about 5.45 km~~  $M_l=1.8$ , Lat=40.2723°N, Lon=15.8840°E, depth=4.51 km; see file “INSIEME-preliminary catalogue.csv” provided in the Supplement) (Figure 9b). Because of the proximity of the stations around this seismicity cluster, also RIE earthquakes, in a way similar to IIE, are characterized by a difference between S- and P-wave arrival times of about 1 s at the closest station to the epicenter and short duration, less than 8 s (e.g. see Figure 129b). The recorded seismic event with lowest magnitude was detected by ~~seven~~7 stations, whereas the strongest earthquake was recorded by 12 stations. Finally, the highest peak ground velocity amplitude recorded up to now for this earthquake category is about  $0.08 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$  (Figure 129b).

c) LE: ~~a total number of 69~~28 local natural earthquakes ~~were manually has been- picked and located~~detected. The main difference with respect to the IIE and RIE is that they are not clustered, they are characterized by a widespread distribution in the investigated area, and their ~~higher~~ average hypocentral depths ~~of, that is~~ about 10 km ~~depth is~~; more similar to the typical depth of Apennines crustal earthquakes. Most of recorded LE are characterized by a local magnitude  $< 2$ : ~~indeed, only 39~~21 seismic events out of ~~388-692~~ have greater magnitude. ~~Three~~Four earthquakes with a magnitude greater than 3, included in a radius of about 40 km from the center of INSIEME seismic network, have been recorded. The strongest event close to the INSIEME network (epicentral distance of 16 km from INS5 and INS6 stations) is a  $M_w = 3.8$  earthquake (from <http://cnt.rm.ingv.it/event/17474201>, last access: January 2020), 14 km depth, which occurred about 5 km distance from the closest seismic station to the epicenter, that is MTSN, managed by INGV: at this receiver, ~~The~~ highest peak ground velocity amplitude of more than  $3 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$  was recorded at MTSN station, managed by INGV, which was the closest station located at

5 km epicentral distance. The ~~is earthquake event~~ was ~~detected-recorded~~ by the whole INSIEME seismic network, as well as by all the stations of the virtual network that were in operation that day (event MI=4.0, Lat=40.3040°N, Lon=15.7200°E, depth=12.10 km reported in the file “INSIEME-preliminary\_catalogue.csv” provided in the Supplement); in Figure 13 the vertical components of the 18 stations that have recorded the ~~earthquake event~~ are displayed.

Concerning teleseismic events, the INSIEME network was able to record the most energetic earthquakes occurred worldwide in the period in which the analyses have been carried out. In Figure 14, the recordings at INS1 station of seismic waves generated by the Mw=7.6 Chile earthquake of 2016-12-25 are shown. We specifically choose to display the waveforms at INS1 station since it was installed at 50 m depth and it is a 120 s instrument: these elements allowed to clearly see the most important seismic phases generated by the earthquake and by the effects of propagation inside the Earth. Their theoretical arrival times were computed by means of SeisGram2k software (Lomax, 2008) which uses the Preliminary Reference Earth Model (PREM) published by Dziewonski and Anderson (1981). In addition to different seismic phases, in Figure 14 we are able to observe the ~~different-frequency-components~~ dispersive character of surface waves: with the lower frequencies, travelling deeper in the Earth and, therefore, faster, arriving at INS1 station before the ~~components characterized by~~ higher frequencies.

#### 4 Data availability

The INSIEME network has been registered at the International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN), which assigned ~~to such temporary experimental~~ the network ~~the~~-code 3F (2016-2019) ([https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F\\_2016](https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F_2016); Stabile et al., 2016). Open-access policy on these data has been adopted under the license CC BY 4.0. Continuous seismic data ~~and they~~ are available ~~from~~ at IRIS DMC from 2016-04-01 to 2019-03-23 (see Figure 4 illustrating the availability of seismic data for all stations of the network) [http://www.fdsn.org/networks/detail/3F\\_2016](http://www.fdsn.org/networks/detail/3F_2016) ([https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F\\_2016](https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/3F_2016); Stabile et al., 2016). From IRIS DMC FDSN Web Services (<https://service.iris.edu>, last access: January 2020) it is possible to download the standard StationXML file (Service Interface “station”) of each station of the network which reports comprehensive information of the station including the instrument response, the time series data in miniSEED and other formats (Service Interface “datalect”), and the time series data availability (Service Interface “availability”).

The events preliminarily located with the Origin Locator Viewer (scolv) tool of the SeisComp3 software are available in the file “INSIEME-preliminary\_catalogue.csv” provided in the Supplement, as well as the KMZ file “INSIEME-network.kmz” (Keyhole Markup language Zipped, which can be viewed using Google Earth) which is an interactive extension of Figure 1, showing also the layout of the virtual network used to preliminary locate all the events.

At the end of the SIR-MIUR INSIEME project (2019-03-23), ~~we have decided to do not uninstall the network and we are~~ the temporary INSIEME network is going to be updated ~~it~~ as a permanent open-access seismic network under the license CC BY 4.0; therefore, acquired data after 2019-03-23 will be available from the permanent network with code VD (<https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/VD>).

## 5 Discussion and conclusions

In this paper we have presented the data collected by the INSIEME seismic network deployed in the HAV to ~~support~~<sup>feed</sup> the research activities of the SIR-MIUR INSIEME project with new high-quality seismic data. Beyond the research purposes of the INSIEME project, we have adopted open-access policy on the continuous data streams acquired by the seismic network since the beginning of data acquisition with the aim to share with the whole scientific community data collected in a very ~~attractive~~<sup>interesting</sup> area where both natural and induced events are observed. In this sense, the network can be considered as an open-access research infrastructure for studying induced seismicity processes and for developing methodologies for discriminating between natural and induced earthquakes.

All the ~~eight~~<sup>8</sup> stations of the network are equipped with broadband sensors ([Table 1](#)), ~~seven of which are consisting in six 20s-100Hz Trillium Compact Posthole and two 120s 100Hz Trillium Compact Posthole~~, installed in PVC casings at different depths down to 50 m ([Table 2](#)). The power supply of stations is provided by solar panels and batteries. Only INS1 station was initially connected to a power line, but on 2018-04-14 at 19:16:57 UTC the electric power grid of the Montemurro Cemetery (which powered the station) ~~presented voltage and current instability~~<sup>started to have troubles</sup>, thus ~~causing~~<sup>resulting</sup> as ~~significanta~~<sup>a</sup> disturbance on the seismic signal. After several attempts the problem was definitively by-passed on 2018-06-29, between 7:19 and 10:04 UTC by connecting also this station to a power system based on solar panels and batteries. The quality of acquired data has been investigated for each station in terms of both the background noise level and the local ground effects. Our analyses indicate that the installation of sensors in PCV casing at 6 m depth allows a reduction of the noise level up to 20 dB with respect to the noise level recorded at surface and that there is not a significant difference of the noise level recorded between 6 and 50 m depth. Furthermore, all the stations are installed on sites with negligible [site](#) amplification, except station INS5 where a ~~relevant~~<sup>small</sup> amplification is observed at about 3.5 Hz (Figure [11](#)<sup>8</sup>).

Between September 2016 and ~~December~~<sup>March</sup> 201~~9~~<sup>8</sup> we have ~~preliminarily located manually detected~~<sup>85</sup>~~26~~ local natural and induced earthquakes, ~~which were preliminarily located with the Origin Locator Viewer (seolv) tool of the software SeisComp3 running on the server of the INSIEME network~~: ~~43~~<sup>2</sup> events ( $M \leq 1.4$ ) are classified as IIE, ~~11~~<sup>7</sup>~~6~~ events ~~are~~ ( $M \leq 1.8$ ) ~~are~~ classified as RIE, and ~~69~~<sup>2</sup>~~8~~ events ( $M \leq<sup>4.23-8</sup>) are LE ([see file “INSIEME-preliminary\_catalogue.csv” provided in the Supplement](#)).$

-The availability of a continuous data stream will give the advantage to apply robust automated data analysis procedures for earthquake detection and location such as ~~the~~<sup>master-event</sup> waveform stacking method (Grigoli et al., 2016), the multiband array detection and location method (Poiatea et al., 2016), [single station \(e.g., Roberts et al., 1989\) or array \(e.g., Gibbons and Ringdal, 2006\)](#) template matching algorithms ~~(e.g., Gibbons and Ringdal, 2006)~~, or to develop and test new algorithms. As an example, we are developing a [single station](#) template-matching algorithm and we performed a first test by using some IIE recorded at INS1 station as event templates, obtaining additional 135 detections of IIE. In this way it is possible to lower the detection threshold of the seismic network and, consequently, to decrease the magnitude of completeness which leads to the production of a larger microseismic catalog.

These new seismicity data, hopefully incremented with recordings coming from the stations of the virtual network, could be used for further seismological studies, such as seismic tomographies (both elastic and anelastic), [comprehensive focal mechanism study of located events \(e.g., like the ISC Bulletin published by Lentas et al. \(2019\)\)](#), ~~s-and~~ estimation of source parameters of each individual event, detailed earthquake locations to study the space-time evolution of seismicity and for fault imaging, and seismic hazard analyses for a better comprehension of the seismic potential of the area. [Continuous data streams can be used also for site characterization studies of the HAV area even for the installation of new stations; in this case some stations of the INSIEME network, particularly INS4 station, could be used as reference since it has been proven that they are free of site effects \(Figure 11\)](#). Besides IIE, RIE and LE categories, continuous acquisition allowed to record teleseisms that occurred worldwide. These data acquired by the broad-band sensors of the INSIEME network could integrate the data collected by the Global Seismographic Network (GNS, <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/monitoring/gsn>, last access: ~~June 2019~~ January 2020) or by the GEOFON global seismological broad-band network (<https://geofon.gfz-potsdam.de>, last access: January 2020~~June 2019~~) for real-time global earthquake monitoring or for global seismology studies. The great coherence of teleseismic recordings provided by such a dense seismic network can be used also as an antenna to track the energy radiated by the propagating rupture along a fault (e.g., Satriano et al., 2014) or, more generally, for seismic array applications (e.g., Gibbons et al., 2008).

In addition to the applications mentioned above, all based on earthquake recordings, continuous data streams provide also large datasets of noise data to be processed [for the continuous monitoring of crustal temporal variation of seismic wave speed in the study area \(e.g., Clarke et al., 2011\) or, alternatively,](#) for obtaining broad-band surface waves dispersion curves (Bensen et al., 2007), which could be adopted for ambient noise tomographies (e.g., Shapiro et al., 2005) of the ~~study area~~ HAV (~~Shapiro et al., 2005~~).

Finally, it is important to highlight that the INSIEME seismic network will continue to operate also after the end of the SIR-MIUR INSIEME project (2019-03-23) by becoming an open-access permanent seismic network of the High Agri Valley geophysical Observatory (HAVO) managed by the CNR-IMAA research institute.

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Tables

30 **Table 1: Geographic coordinates and elevation of the INSIEME broadband seismic stations with indication of the sensor type installed at each station (TCP = Trillium Compact Posthole).**

| Station name | Latitude °N | Longitude °E | Elevation (m a.s.l.) | Sensor type    |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| INSX         | 40.305686   | 15.989105    | 806                  | 20s-100Hz TCP  |
| INS1         | 40.305790   | 15.988603    | 802                  | 120s-100Hz TCP |

|      |           |           |      |                |
|------|-----------|-----------|------|----------------|
| INS2 | 40.342090 | 15.951559 | 1043 | 20s-100Hz TCP  |
| INS3 | 40.328033 | 16.034446 | 880  | 20s-100Hz TCP  |
| INS4 | 40.278168 | 16.040405 | 652  | 20s-100Hz TCP  |
| INS5 | 40.275704 | 15.906211 | 602  | 20s-100Hz TCP  |
| INS6 | 40.229581 | 15.887608 | 745  | 20s-100Hz TCP  |
| INS7 | 40.221487 | 15.917465 | 881  | 120s-100Hz TCP |
| INS8 | 40.241083 | 15.972221 | 882  | 20s-100Hz TCP  |

**Table 2: Position of the broadband sensors during time for each station with the indication of the sensor depth when it is installed in the borehole.**

| Station name | surface      |                | borehole     |                | Sensor depth |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|              | installation | uninstallation | installation | uninstallation |              |
| INSX         | 2016-04-01   | 2017-01-24     | -            | -              | -            |
| INS1         | -            | -              | 2016-10-12   | -              | 50 m         |
| INS2         | 2016-09-23   | 2017-03-22     | 2017-03-22   | -              | 6 m          |
| INS3         | 2016-08-26   | 2017-03-22     | 2017-03-22   | -              | 6 m          |
| INS4         | 2016-08-26   | 2017-03-22     | 2017-03-22   | -              | 6 m          |
| INS5         | 2016-08-26   | 2016-10-13     | 2016-10-13   | -              | 6 m          |
| INS6         | 2016-08-26   | 2017-03-22     | 2017-03-22   | -              | 6 m          |
| INS7         | 2017-03-02   | 2017-03-23     | 2017-03-23   | -              | 14 m         |
| INS8         | 2017-03-02   | -              | -            | -              | -            |

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**Figures**

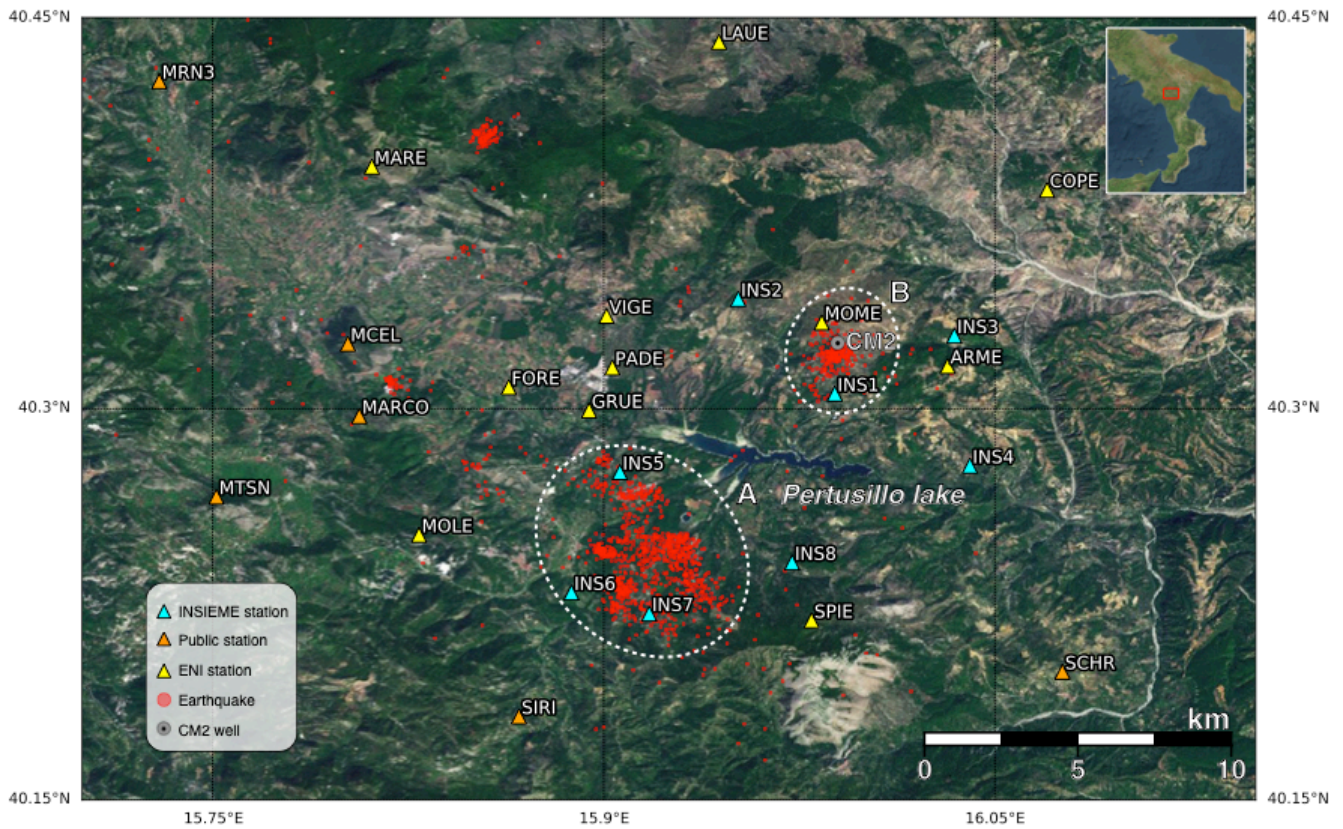


Figure 1: Layout of the INSIEME seismic network in the High Agri Valley. CyanBlue triangles represent the 8 broadband seismic stations of the network. Yellow and orange triangles represent stations belonging to private (i.e. the Eni Company) and public seismic monitoring networks, respectively. The CM2 injection well is depicted with a black dot inside a grey circle. Natural and anthropogenic earthquakes are represented with red circles (2002-2012 seismicity from Serlenga and Stabile (2019)). Anthropogenic seismicity is classified as continued reservoir (clusters A) and fluid-injection (cluster B) induced seismicity. The map was drawn using Matplotlib Python library (Hunter, 2007) which incorporates the ArcGIS REST Services freely available at <http://server.arcgisonline.com/arcgis/rest/services>.

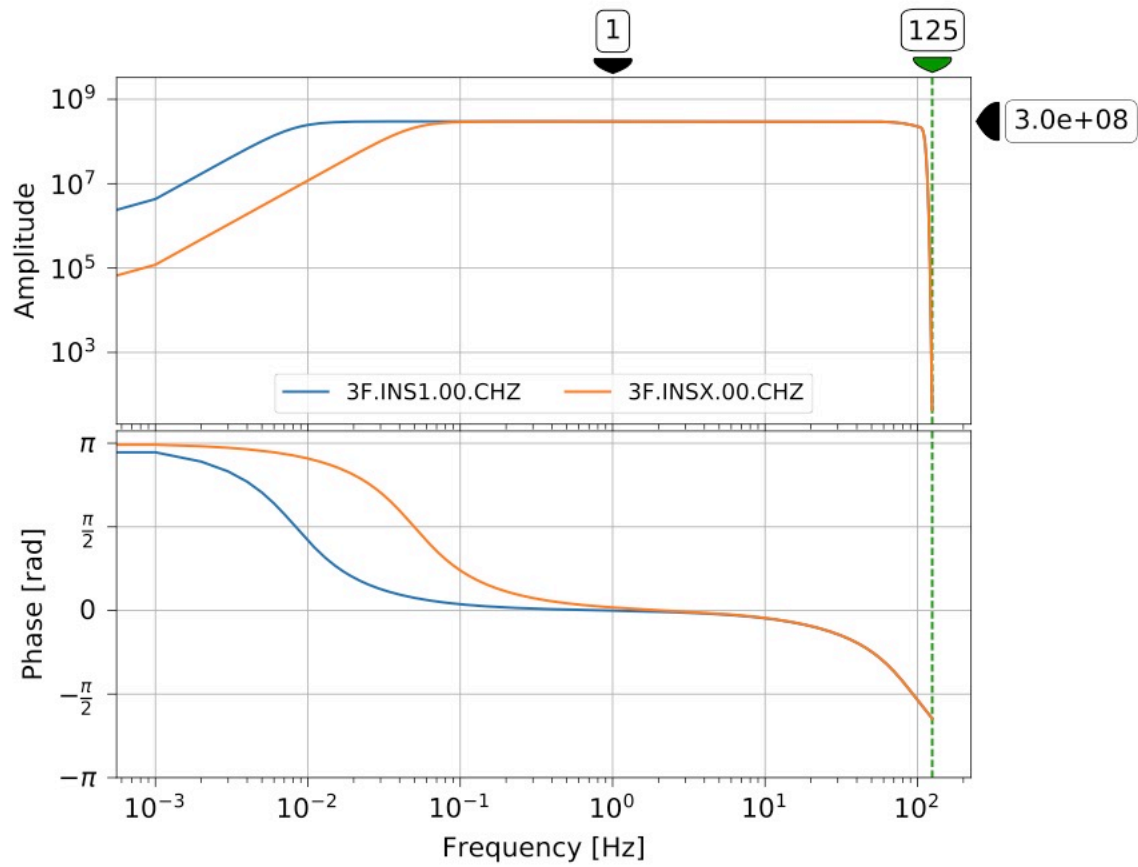
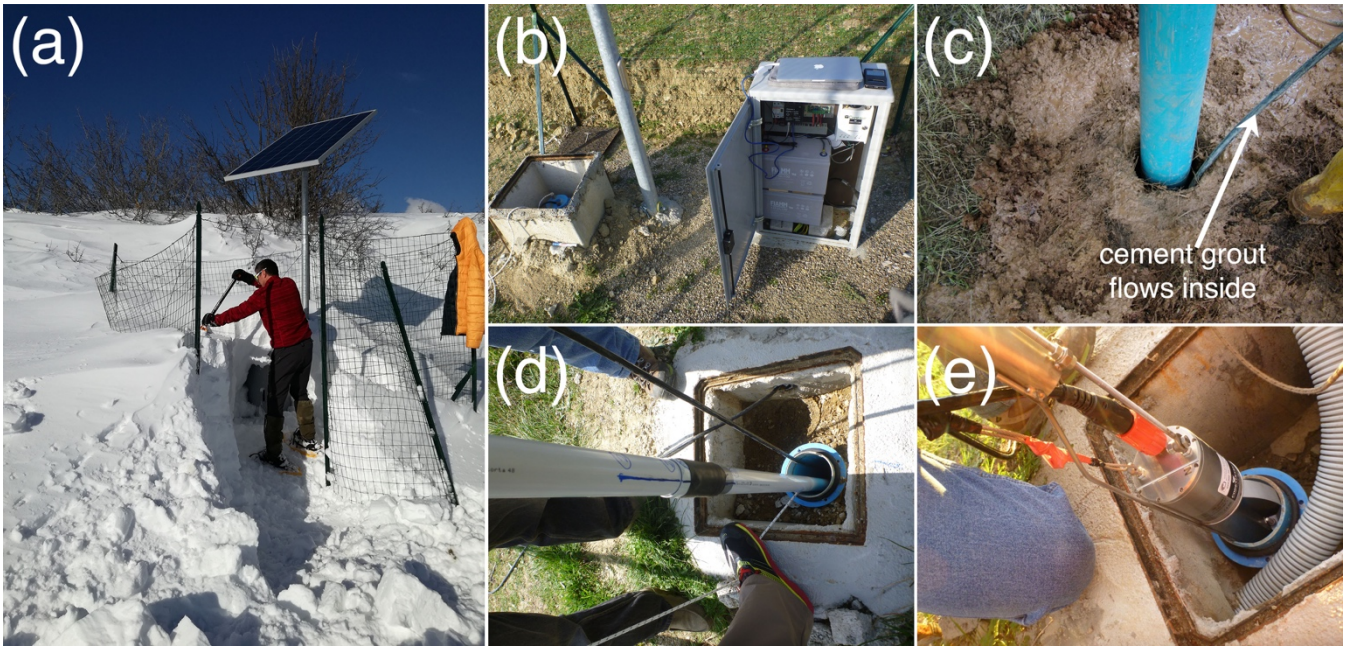
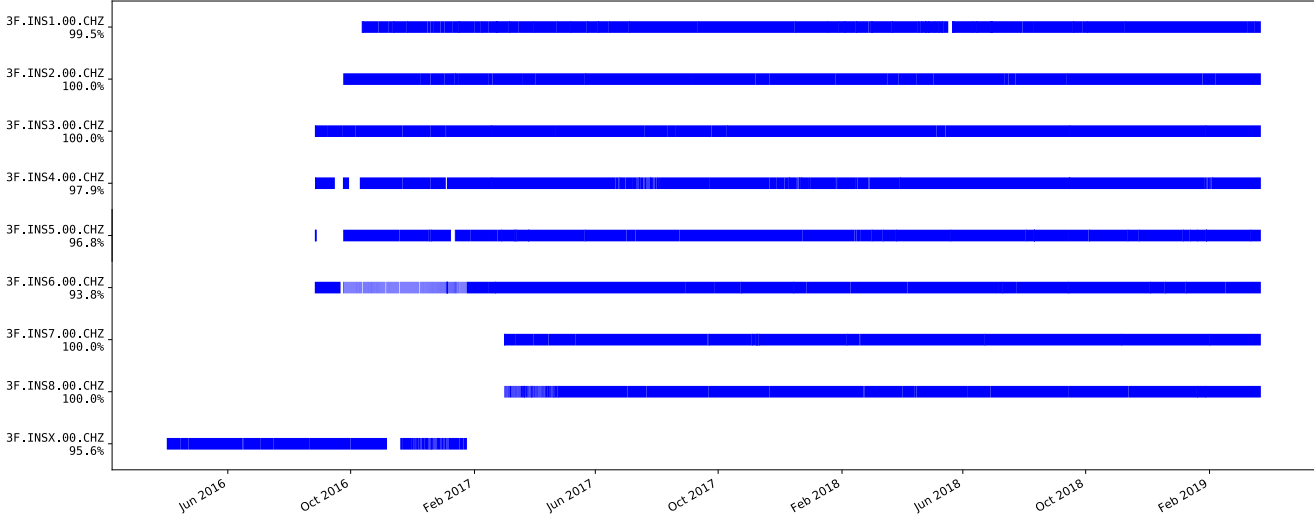


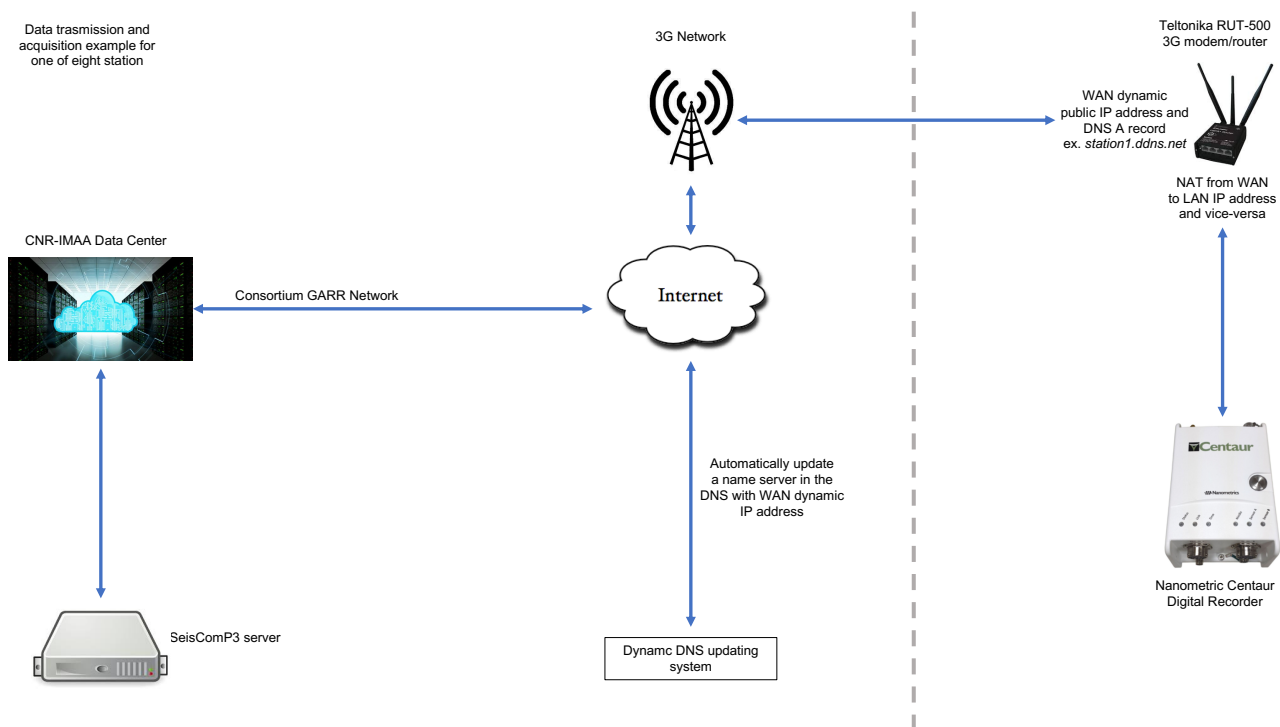
Figure 2: Amplitude and phase response curves for INS1 station (blue curves), equipped with a 0.0083-100 Hz TCPH seismometer, and for INSX station (orange curves), equipped with a 0.05-100 Hz TCPH seismometer. The sensor sensitivity at 1 Hz is also reported. Vertical dotted green line indicates the Nyquist frequency of 125 Hz.



**Figure 32:** Details of a typical seismic station of the INSIEME network: (a) the solar panel is installed on a pole of 2 m height in order to prevent that it is covered by snow during the Winter season; (b) all the instruments of a station are housed in a small cabin which is connected to the borehole where the seismometer is installed inside a PVC casing; (c) the PVC casing is coupled to the soil by using a cement grout; (d) the PVC casing is not centered in order to leave space for installing sensors on the surface and seismometers placed at 6 m depth are installed by using a non-rotating [pipe system](#); (e) all the broadband seismometers installed in boreholes are equipped with a coupling system.



**Figure 4:** Data availability (blue lines) for all stations for the entire period of operation of the INSIEME seismic network. The analysis has been performed on the vertical component data stream of each station (CHZ channels). The percentage of data availability is reported below each station name.



**Figure 53:** Schematic view of the data flow from the data-logger of a remote station to the CNR-IMAA Data Centre.

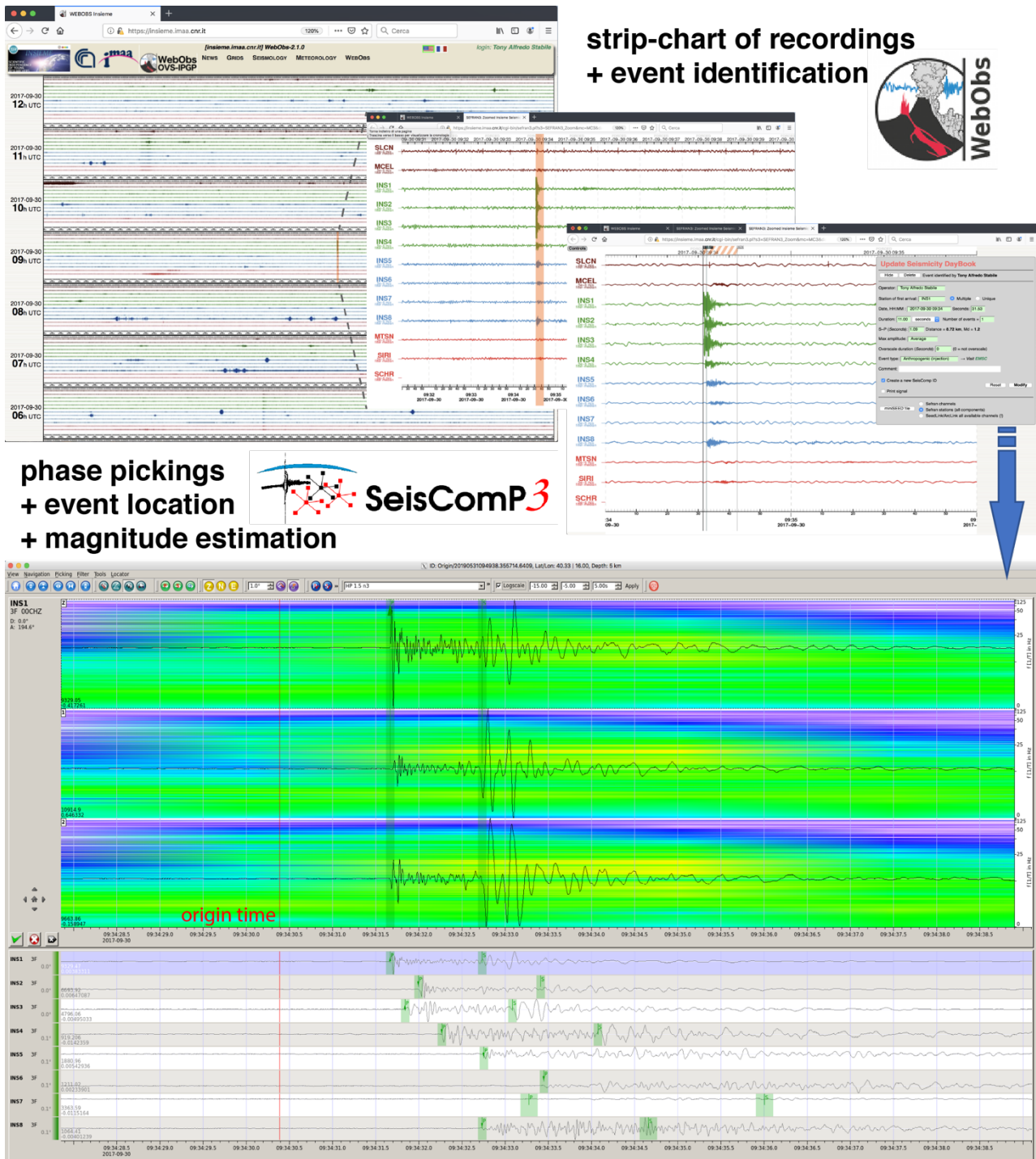
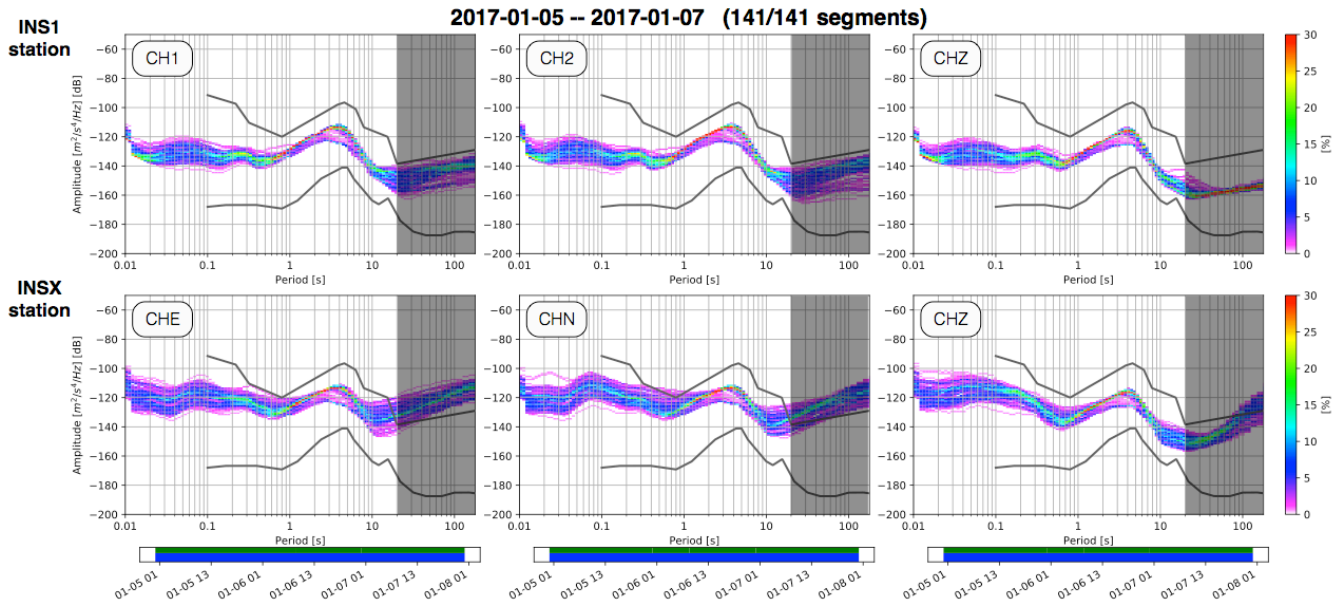
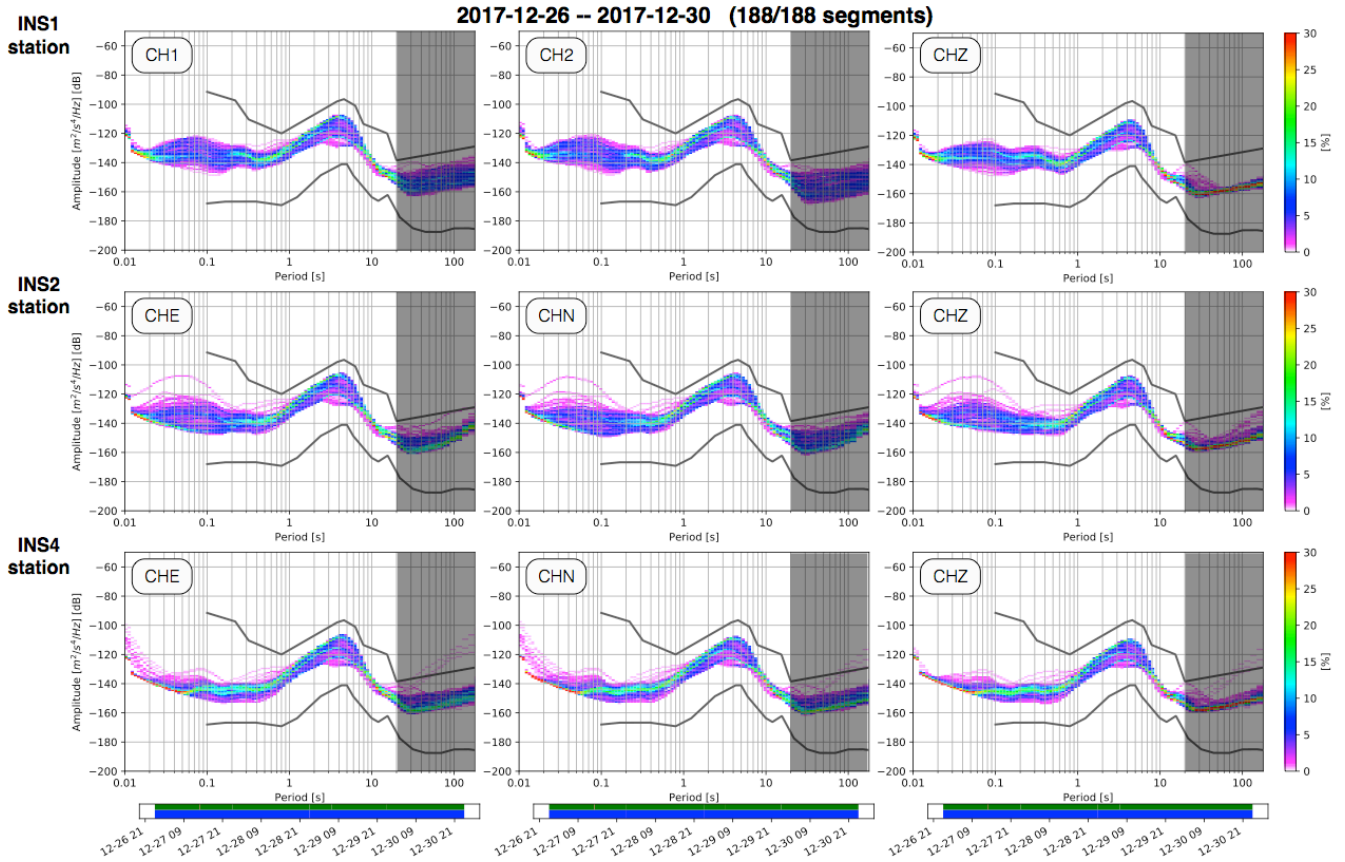


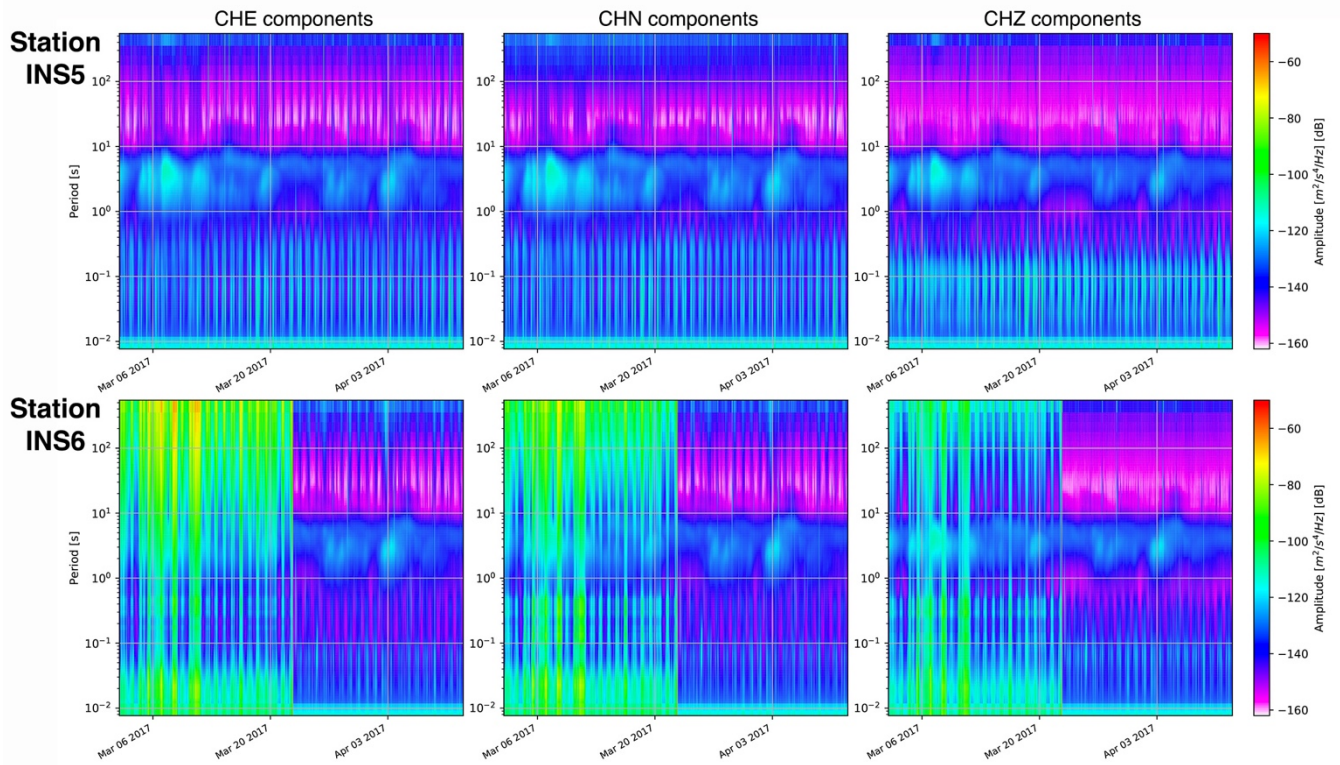
Figure 64: Tools implemented for visualization and processing of acquired seismic data. The WebObs intranet-system (top panels) is used to plot in near real-time strip-chart of recordings at configured stations any event present in the data. When an event is identified, the information is sent to the SeisComP3 database for the manual phase picking and event location (bottom panel) through the Origin Locator Viewer tool (scolv).



**Figure 75: Probabilistic Power Spectral Densities (PPSD)** computed for each component of station INS1 (top panels), with sensor installed at 50 m depth, and station INSX (bottom panels), with sensor installed at surface. The colour palettes on the right indicates the probability (in percentage) to have a certain noise level. The two grey curves in each panel indicate the New High and Low Noise models, respectively, obtained by Peterson (1993). Below each actual PSD panels there is visualized the data basis for the PSD: The top row is coloured in shows data fed into the PSD: green patches represent for available data and in red patches (not in this case) represent for eventual gaps in streams. The bottom row is coloured in blue shows the single if the single PSD measurement is included in the PSD computation measurements that go into the histogram. Periods above 20 s are highlighted in grey because in such period range it is not possible to compare the PSD of the two stations (only the sensor of INS1 stations has flat response up to 120 s).



**Figure 86:** Same type of comparison as Figure 75 but among stations INS1 (sensor installed at 50 m depth), INS2 and INS4 (respective sensors both installed at 6 m depth).



**Figure 97:** Spectrograms of each component of station INS5 (top panels) and INS6 (bottom panels) computed over continuous data streams of 41 days (from 2017-03-02 to 2017-04-11). The sensor of station INS5 was installed at 6 m depth for the whole period of observation whereas the sensor of station INS6 was first installed on surface and then moved at 6 m depth on 2017-03-22.

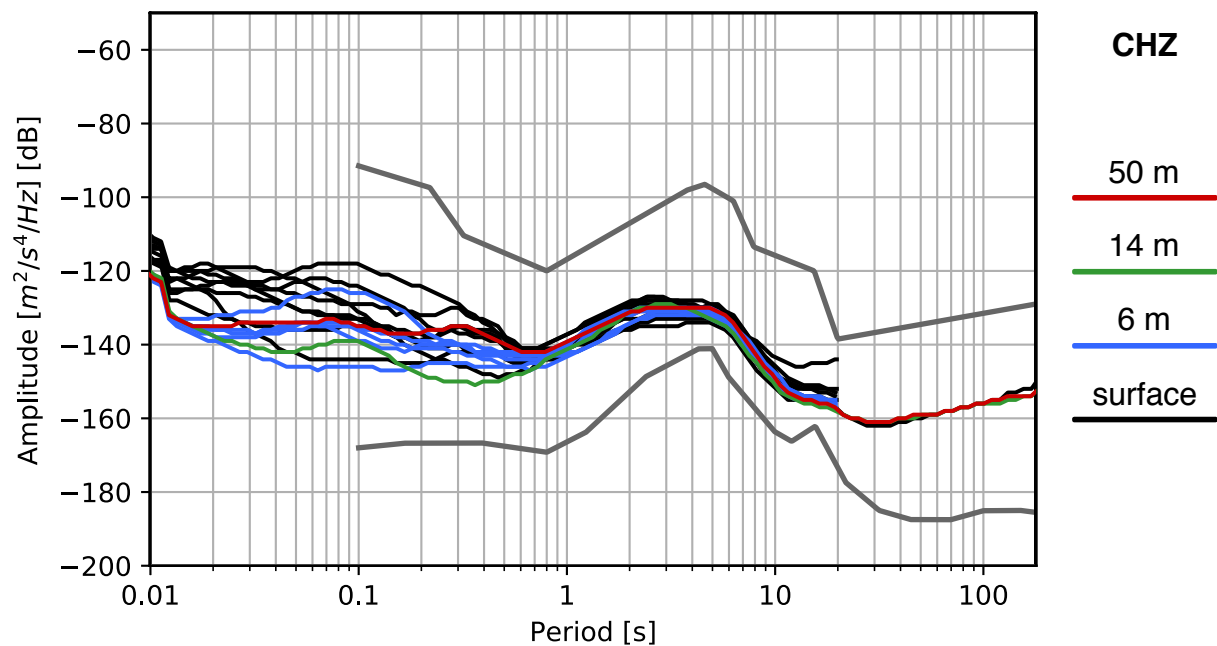
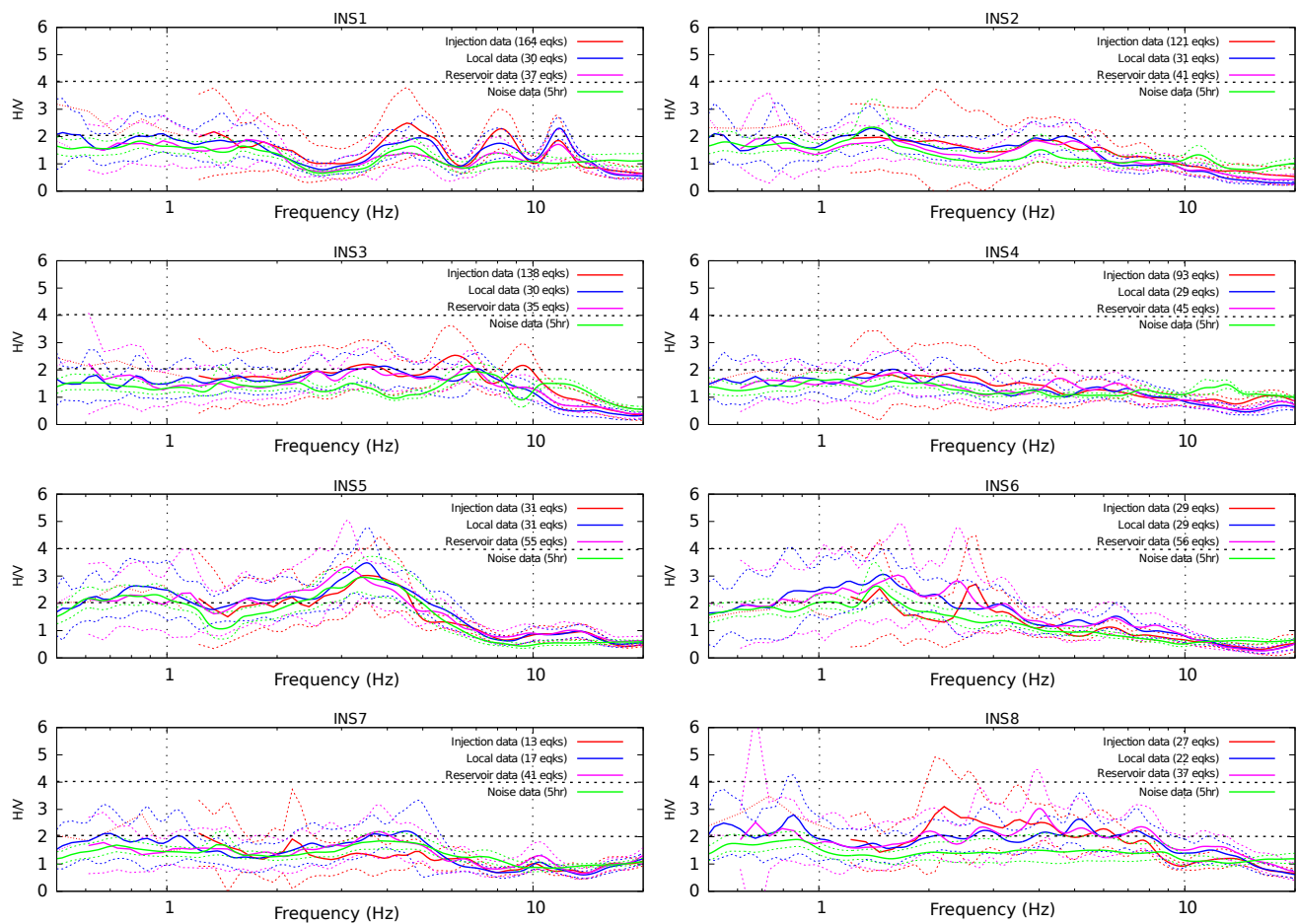


Figure 10: Median values of PPSD computed for the vertical components (channel CHZ) of sensors installed at different depths and locations over the entire period of operation of the INSIEME seismic network. Black curves are the median values of PPSD computed when sensors were installed on surface; blue, green, and red curves are those referred to sensors installed at 6 m, 14 m, and 50 m depth, respectively. For sensors with flat response up to 20 s, the median curves are plotted up to that period. The two grey curves indicate the New High and Low Noise models.



**Figure 118:** HVSR and HVNSR curves computed at all the INSIEME network seismic stations. For each dataset, the number of used earthquakes and the hours of seismic noise are indicated. The solid coloured lines represent the average- HVSR and HVNSR curves, whereas the dashed lines identify the  $\pm 1\sigma$  standard deviations.

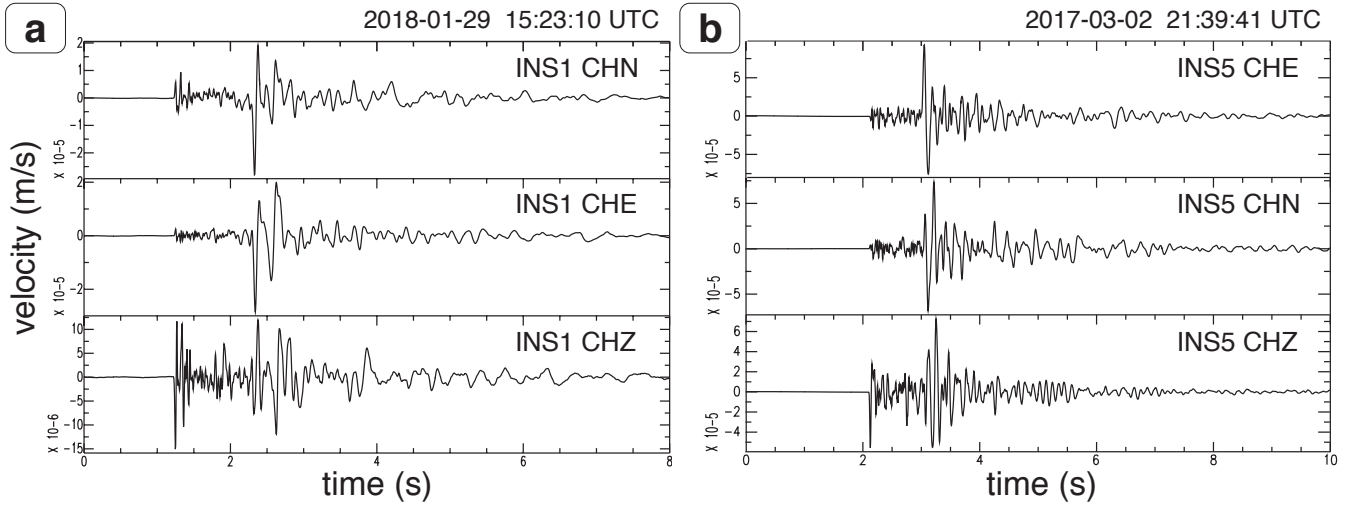


Figure 129: (a) The largest injection induced ~~earthquake~~-event (MI=1.4, Lat=40.3182°N, Lon=15.9842°E, depth=3.50 km) recorded by the INS1 seismic station at 1.4 km epicentral distance, and (b) the largest reservoir induced ~~earthquake~~-event (MI=1.8, Lat=40.272300°N, Lon=15.88408°E, depth=45.5145 km) recorded by the INS5 seismic station at 1.9 km epicentral distance. On the top of the figures the seismic event origin time is reported. For station INS1 the original horizontal components were rotated counter-clockwise by an angle of 307.8° with respect to the North, according to the computations described in detail in section 2.2. A Ts – Tp of about 1 s can be clearly noticed for both the injection and the reservoir induced events at the correspondent closest station.

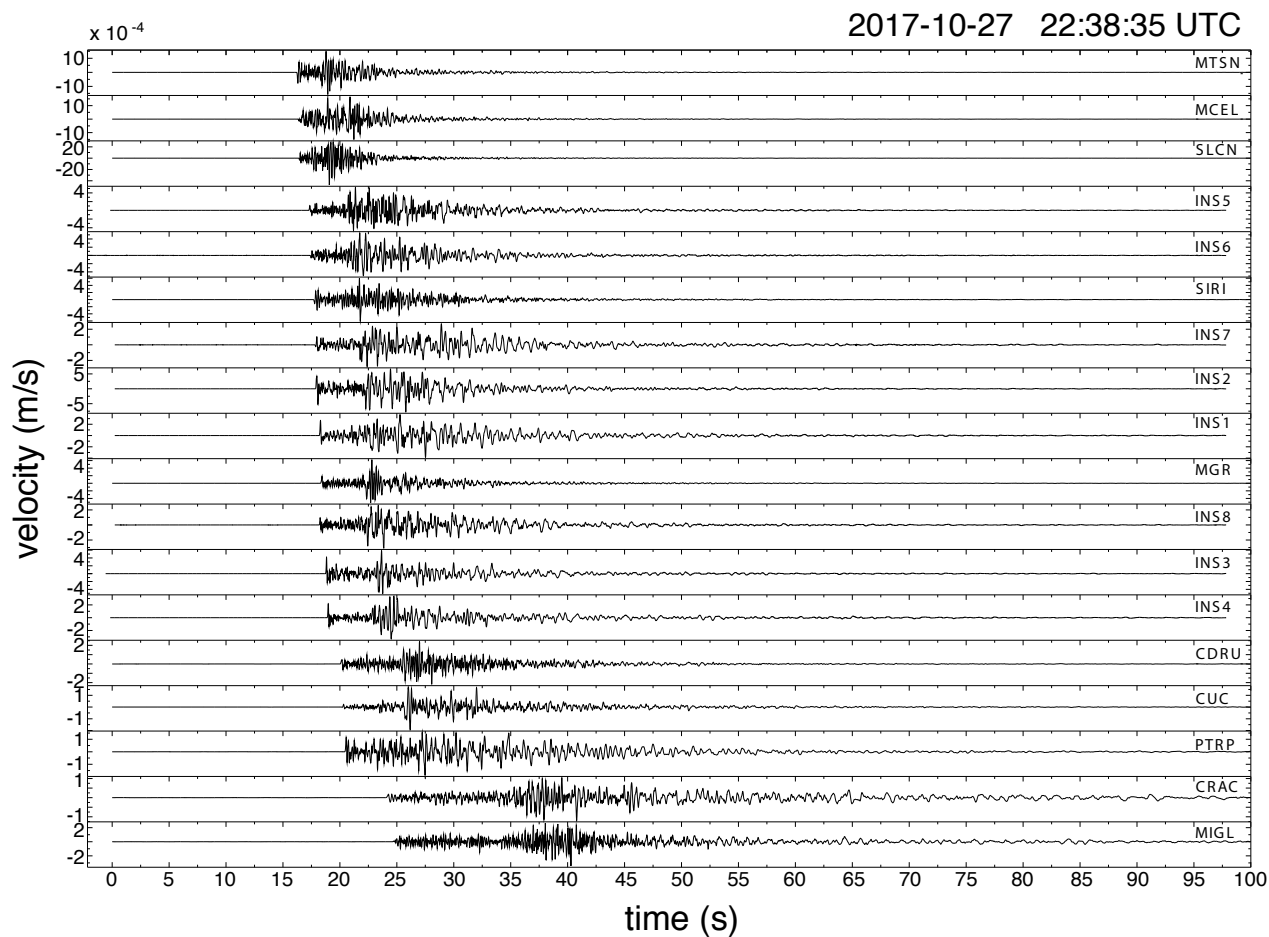
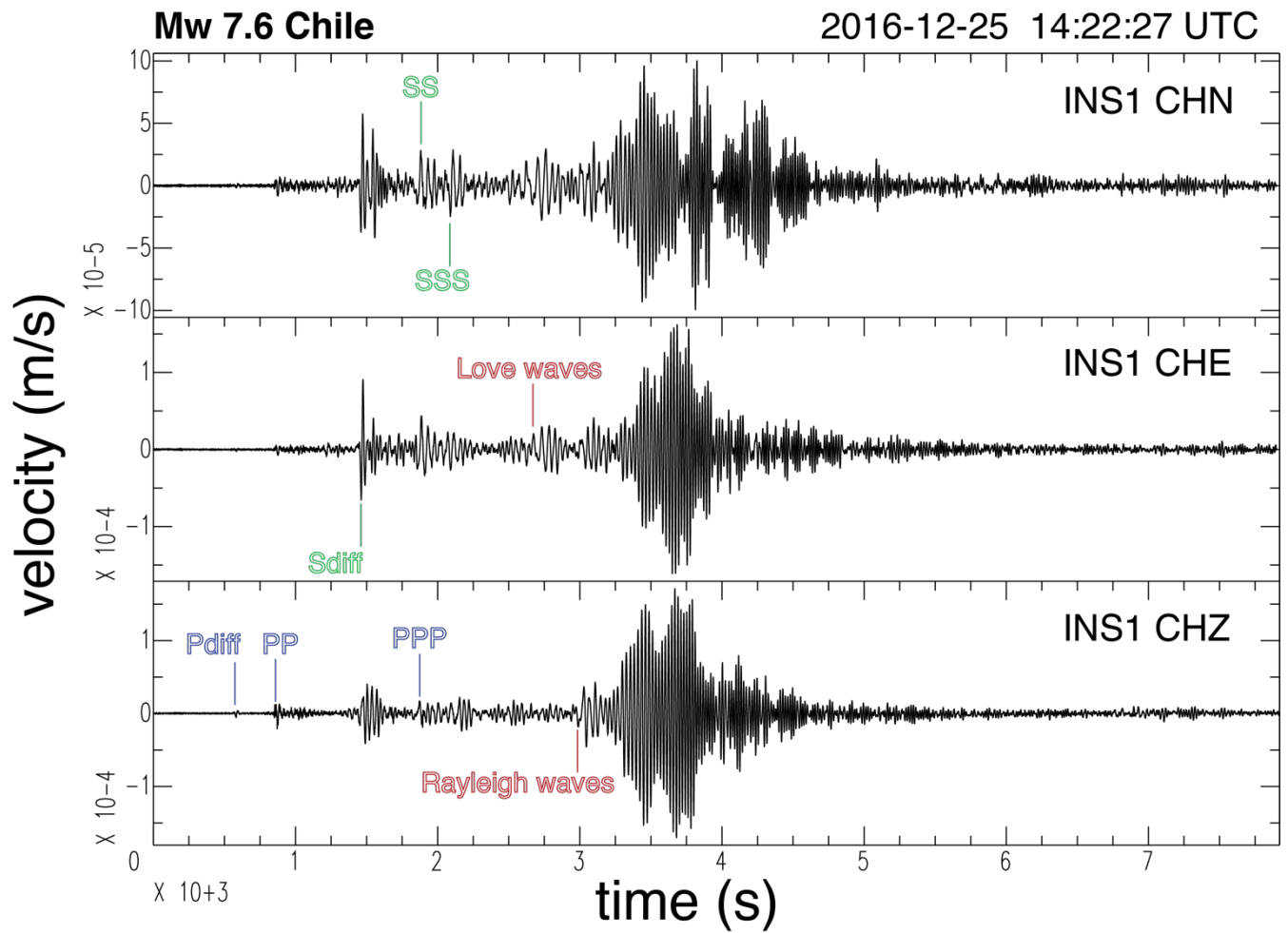


Figure 130:  $M_w=3.8$  local earthquake ( $M_I=4.0$ ,  $Lat=40.3040^\circ N$ ,  $Lon=15.7200^\circ E$ ,  $depth=12.10$  km) recorded by the vertical components of the stations belonging to the virtual seismic network composed of INSIEME, INGV and ISNet seismic stations. The traces are sorted, from ~~to~~ the top to the bottom, based on the first P-wave arrival time.



**Figure 14:** Mw=7.6 Chile earthquake of 2016-12-25 recorded by the three components of the INS1 seismic station. On the top right of the figure the origin time of the teleseism is reported. The theoretical arrival times of the most important recorded seismic phases are shown. The original horizontal components were rotated counter-clockwise by an angle of  $307.8^\circ$  with respect to the North, according to the computations described in detail in section 2.2.