

DETECT: seismological data from multiple dense arrays deployed across the Irpinia fault system in southern Italy

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Abstract:

We present a large seismological dataset (<https://geofon.gfz.de/doi/network/ZK/2021>) composed of continuous recordings from 200 temporary stations (seismic network ZK, 10.14470/MX7576871994), which operated continuously for approximately one year in the Southern Apennines (Southern Italy) as part of the DETECT experiment. The dataset is compliant with the seismological standards for the archiving of data and metadata, and with standardized tools for disseminating them, e.g., the International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN) web services. The data set was collected during the DETECT experiment in the Irpinia area (southern Italy), which is one of the regions with the highest seismic hazard in Italy. From August 2021 to August 2022, a constellation of 20 seismic arrays, with a total of 200 seismic stations, was installed above the fault segments responsible for the Mw 6.8, 1980 Irpinia earthquake, the strongest and most destructive seismic event in Italy in the last century. Each seismic array had a maximum aperture of ~2 km and was composed of one broad-band

sensor, one short-period sensor with 1 Hz and eight 4.5 Hz natural frequency geophones. Data and metadata were managed in accordance with the GIPP/GEOFON policy using SeisCompP (Helmholtz Centre Potsdam – GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences and GEMPA GmbH, 2008), and the final archive size is approximately 5.2 TB. In this contribution, we provide details on how to download waveform data and station metadata, as well as information on data availability and quality.

1. Introduction

Italy is one of the most seismically hazardous countries in Europe, with the strongest historical earthquakes all characterized by magnitudes between 6 and 7 (i.e., the 1857 Mw 7.1 Basilicata earthquake, the 1908 Mw 7.1 Messina earthquake, the 1915 Mw 7.1 Fucino earthquake, the 1930 Mw 6.7 Irpinia earthquake, the 1976 Mw 6.5 Friuli earthquake, the 1980 Mw 6.8 Irpinia earthquake, the 2009 Mw 6.3 L’Aquila earthquake, and the 2016 Mw 6.6 Norcia earthquake; CPTI15, Rovida et al., 2020; 2022). Despite their moderate magnitudes, the combination of elevated seismic hazard and high structural vulnerability places communities and infrastructure in significant danger from earthquakes.

In the context of seismic risk mitigation actions, scientists are deeply involved in improving the understanding of how seismic sequences evolve and the preparatory phase preceding major earthquakes. To this end, the characterization of the spatio-temporal distribution and source properties of microearthquakes is a means of shedding light on stress accumulation and fault weakening processes that may anticipate a large rupture (Picozzi et al., 2022a). Furthermore, microearthquakes also help to monitor changes in the medium’s elastic properties (Di Luccio et al., 2010, Adil et al., 2025) and can support the management of industrial activities in the context of anthropogenic seismicity (Stabile et al., 2021). For these reasons, in recent years, temporary dense arrays have been installed to enable high-resolution seismic imaging and monitoring, and to advance understanding of the dynamics of fault zones (Ben-Zion et al., 2015; Gradon et al., 2020).

This work presents and opens to the community the dataset acquired during an innovative monitoring experiment carried out in the Irpinia fault system in the southern Apennines, Italy, named “DEnse mulTi-paramETriC observations and 4D high resoluTion imaging”, or DETECT (Bindi et al., 2021). The DETECT target area was struck by the 23 November 1980, Mw 6.8 Irpinia earthquake (Ms 6.9, as reported by Bernard & Zollo, 1989), which occurred along NW-SE striking faults. It was characterized by three main episodes that occurred within seconds of each other, resulting in approximately 3,000 fatalities and widespread damage (Bernard & Zollo, 1989). The network code assigned by the International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN) is ZK (doi: [10.14470/MX7576871994](https://doi.org/10.14470/MX7576871994)). The continuous waveform archive is stored entirely in the European Integrated Data Archive (Strollo et al., 2021) and is made available via standard FDSN-compliant web services (Bindi et al., 2021). For more information, please refer to the Data availability section.

The DETECT experiment had two main objectives: 1) investigating technological solutions to enhance seismic monitoring capabilities and 2) improving our understanding of the temporal and spatial evolution of seismicity and its relationship with crustal fluids. The experiment involved the deployment of a dense network of around 200 seismic stations along the Irpinia fault system over a period of one year. These stations were organized into seismic

arrays that demonstrated a high potential for detecting and locating natural and anthropogenic seismic sources (Rost & Thomas, 2009; Picozzi et al., 2011). Consequently, the DETECT dataset presented in this study can provide unique imaging and tracking of crustal fluids by lowering the detection threshold of the Irpinia Near Fault Observatory (INFO, <https://www.epos-eu.org/tcs/near-fault-observatories>; Chiaraluce et al., 2022), which has been monitoring seismic activity in the area since 2005.

This manuscript details the technical aspects of the DETECT experiment, including network design, station deployment, and operational procedures, together with the data processing steps for format conversion and quality control. Besides sharing the waveforms collected during the one-year experiment, we also introduce and share with the community the enhanced catalog of microseismic events obtained by applying advanced detection strategies to the presented DETECT dataset (Scotto di Uccio et al., 2026). The resulting dataset holds promise for developing and testing monitoring methodologies aimed at: (1) recognizing evolving spatiotemporal trends in source parameters that may imply large-earthquake nucleation; (2) examining the frictional and stress states of fault segments in order to forecast future seismic energy release; and (3) evaluating the interactions among fault segments to better understand and potentially anticipate cascade failure mechanisms.

2. The DETECT target region

The tectonics of the Irpinia region is now dominated by active, extensional faults arranged in subparallel structures, mainly disseminated over the Apennines axial sector, with trends mainly ranging from WNW-ESE to NW-SE (Adinolfi et al., 2019; Bello et al., 2021). Since 2005, the Irpinia Near Fault Observatory (INFO) has been monitoring seismic activity in the area. INFO includes the Irpinia Seismic Network (ISNet; <https://isnet.unina.it/>; Iannaccone et al., 2010), which comprises 31 seismic stations (black triangles in Figure 1).

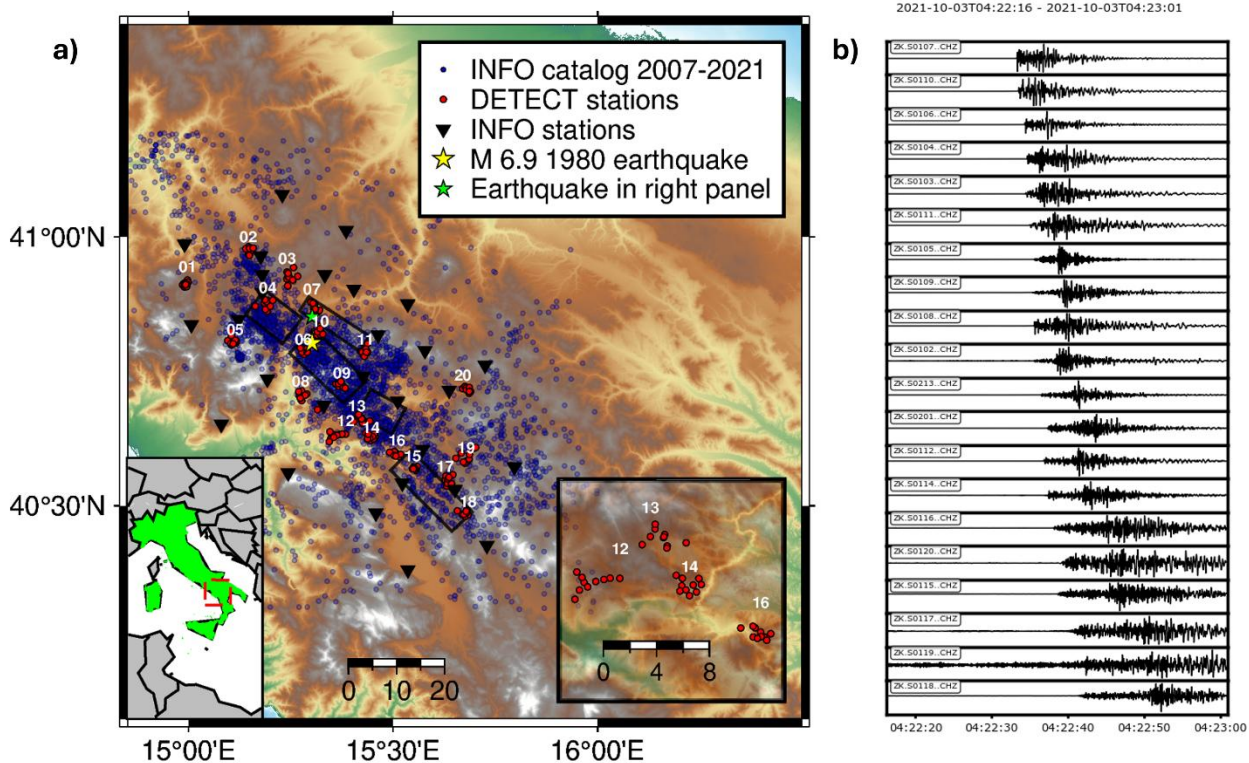


Figure 1. a) Map with all DETECT stations (red circles) with Array ID (name of hosting municipality is given in Table 2), blue circles indicate all events recorded by the INFO network (stations indicated with black triangles) from 2007 to 2021, black rectangles indicate the different fault segments (DISS Working Group, 2025) of the Mw 6.8 1980 Irpinia Earthquake (yellow star). The green star indicates the actual location of the M2.3 of 2021-10-03 event, recorded at all DETECT stations. The right-side inset highlights some examples of different array geometries for arrays 12, 13, 14 and 16 **b)** Vertical component of velocimetric records at the broadband stations for the M2.3 earthquake in panel (a).

As recorded by ISNet, the seismicity appears distributed in an area of approximately $3,700 \text{ km}^2$ (ca. $80 \text{ km} \times 46 \text{ km}$). The largest recent events ranged from Mw 3.4 in 2009 to Mw 4.1 in 2025. The hypocenters of the present-day earthquakes appear to be spread over a large crustal volume around the fault segments that generated the Mw 6.8 Irpinia earthquake (yellow star in Figure 1). These earthquakes span depths from 2 to 20 km, with a higher density of events between 7 km and 12 km in carbonate lithology. Therefore, the seismically active rock volume consists of the Apulian Platform carbonates and their basement. Occasionally, the seismicity in the area occurs as seismic sequences originating on structures oriented as the larger faults that generated the 1980 Irpinia earthquake (Stabile et al., 2012; Festa et al., 2021; Scotto di Uccio et al., 2024). These sequences in Irpinia appear either to occur on subparallel, smaller-scale faults or to rupture patch-wise on the main faults in segments that were locked during previous events (Palo et al., 2023; Scotto di Uccio et al., 2024).

Notably, this sector of the southern Apennines, which is far from active volcanism ($>70 \text{ km}$), is characterized by the remarkable outgassing of deep-origin volatiles, with carbon dioxide (CO_2) being the dominant gaseous species (Improta et al., 2014; Caracausi et al., 2022). Crustal fluids have been shown to play an active role in regional

118 seismicity (Chiodini et al., 2004). In Irpinia, the background microseismicity and seismic sequences appear to be
119 partially controlled by fluids of different origins (Amoroso et al., 2014, 2017; D’Agostino et al., 2018; Tarantino
120 et al., 2024).
121 Recent studies that exploited the long-term monitoring of the microseismicity provided evidence of structural
122 segmentation and insight into the evolution of both crustal and source properties, inferred from the medium
123 properties (e.g., De Landro et al., 2022), the apparent stress (Picozzi et al., 2019), the stress drop (Picozzi et al.,
124 2022b) and the ground motion intensity (Picozzi et al., 2022c).

125 3. Network design, deployment, and operation

126 DETECT was conceived using limited household funding from the University of Napoli Federico II (UniNA) and
127 the Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences (GFZ), without additional third-party funding. The project leveraged the
128 personnel and logistical resources available at all partner institutions. Despite the limited budget, the survey was
129 designed to capture small events while integrating the coverage of the standard network. Building on the success
130 of previous experiments in monitoring microseismicity and seismic tremor with small-scale arrays (Scala et al.,
131 2022; Panebianco et al., 2024), we deployed 200 seismic stations in 20 arrays, each consisting of ten stations
132 (Tables 1 and 2, red dots in Figure 1). The Geophysical Instrument Pool Potsdam (GIPP, <https://www.gfz.de/gipp>)
133 provided the seismic equipment for DETECT, and GFZ and UniNA provided all other necessary accessories to
134 operate the stations. The first pilot array (ID 08, Table 2) was deployed in the epicentral area of the 1980 Mw 6.
135 8 Irpinia earthquake in June 2021, with an initial sampling rate of 400 Hz. After preliminary analyses evaluating
136 costs and benefits, the sampling rate was reduced to 200 Hz for the entire experiment.
137 During the preparation phase of the deployment, the municipality of Colliano (SA) organized and hosted an
138 outreach event, in which researchers participating in the campaign presented the aims of the experiment to the
139 mayors of other municipalities later involved in DETECT. This raised awareness among the local administrations,
140 all of which supported the deployment of all the other arrays (Table 2). The arrays were installed between late
141 August and late September 2021 by small crews (four crews of two to three people). The arrays were located in
142 small municipalities in Irpinia for two reasons: i) the local authorities and citizens were available to host the seismic
143 stations, helping with scouting and guaranteeing the security of the sites while allowing the dissemination of
144 knowledge about hazard and seismicity of the area; ii) the arrays were installed as close as possible to the fault
145 segments involved in the 1980, Mw 6.8 Irpinia earthquake (Figure 1).
146 Consequently, the arrays had variable geometry optimized for the local conditions (dynamic map at
147 <https://geofon.gfz.de/waveform/archive/network.php?ncode=ZK&year=2021>, and inset in Figure 1), and an
148 approximate aperture size of 2 km. This size was envisaged based on the findings of De Landro et al. (2020), who
149 assessed the potential of including similar arrays in monitoring systems for induced seismicity. They found that,
150 for low noise levels, integrating seismic networks with small-scale arrays can achieve a magnitude detection
151 threshold close to Mw 0 and small location errors (i.e., a few hundred meters for depths down to 8 km).
152 All the stations were equipped with CUBE 3 Digital recorders, and each array consisted of nine short-period sensors
153 (eight 4.5 Hz Geophone 3-C and one Mark L-4C 3D 1Hz Geophone 3-C) and one broadband seismometer (Trillium
154 Compact 120). The right panel of Figure 1 shows the vertical component of the ground motion records of the
155 broadband sensors for a M2.3 earthquake (green star). When possible, broadband stations were installed at sites
156 with power supply or powered by solar panels. All the other stations were powered by 9V/200 Ah or 9V/175Ah
157 dry, super alkaline batteries. The expected battery life depends on many factors, such as the condition of the battery
158 at the time of purchase and environmental conditions such as humidity and temperature

159 (https://www.gfz.de/en/section/geophysical-imaging/infrastructure/geophysical-instrument-pool-potsdam-
 160 gipp/pool-components/powercalculation/cube-power). As the average expected lifespan was around six months,
 161 the batteries were replaced halfway through the experiment. When possible, the sensors were installed in small
 162 holes and covered with a plastic crate, also containing the data logger and the battery (Figure 2).
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Instrument type	Name	Manufacturer	Units used	Link to GIPP Instrument database
Digital recorder	CUBE 3 ext	Omnirecs/ DIGOS	20	https://gipp.gfz.de/instrumentcategories/view/29
Digital recorder	CUBE 3 int	Omnirecs/ DIGOS	180	https://gipp.gfz.de/instrumentcategories/view/28
Seismic sensor	Trillium Compact 120	Nanometrics	20	https://gipp.gfz.de/instrumentcategories/view/15
Seismic sensor	Mark L-4C-3D 1Hz Geophone 3-C	Sercel	20	https://gipp.gfz.de/instrumentcategories/view/4
Seismic sensor	4.5Hz Geophone 3-C	Sensor Netherland	160	https://gipp.gfz.de/instrumentcategories/view/5

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 166 **Table 1.** Instruments used for the DETECT experiment as provided by GIPP (Grant Number 202119). Instrument
 167 (sensor) type information is also embedded in the second and third characters of the station codes: 01 for Trillium
 168 Compact 120, 02 for Mark L-4C-3D 1 Hz Geophone 3-C and 03-10 for 4.5 Hz Geophone 3-C (only 2 stations are
 169 not following this convention: S0203 and S1003 at Array #03, where the two sensors were swapped).
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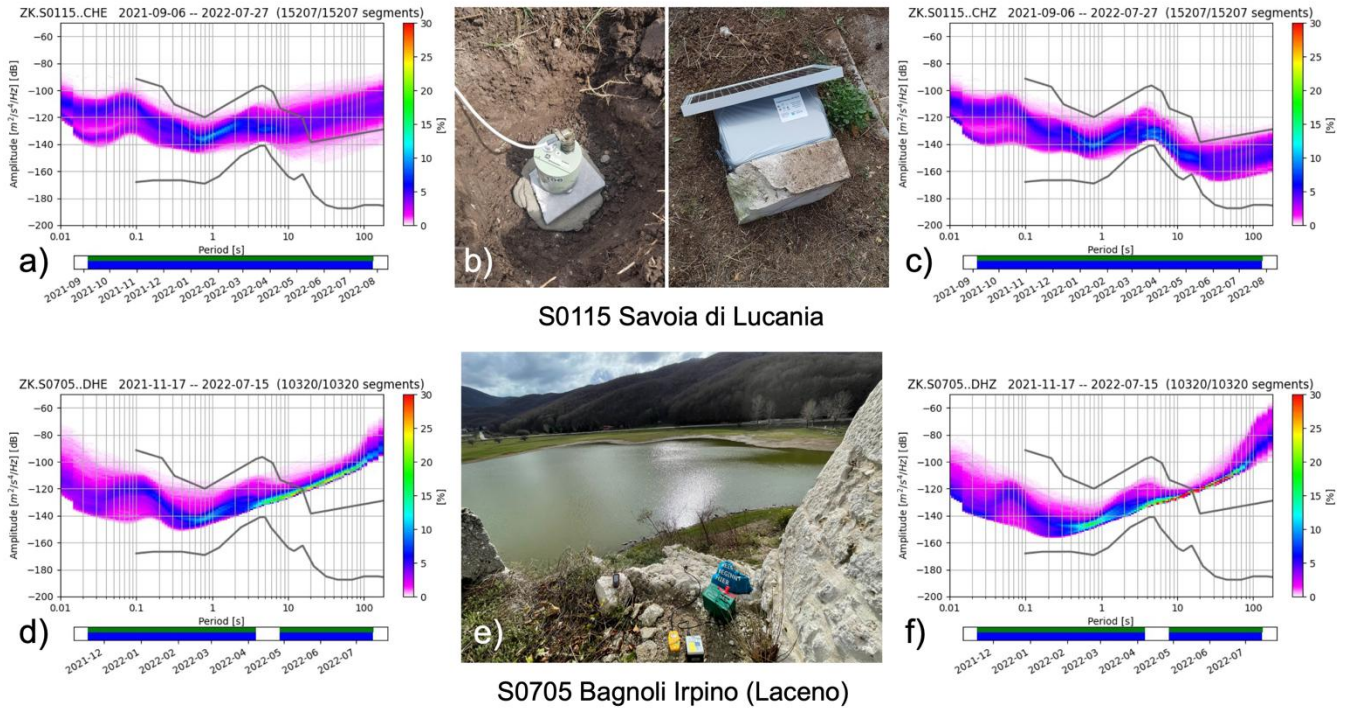


Figure 2. Probability Density Functions (PDFs) computed for two example stations: upper panels for Savoia di Lucania, Array ID 15, station S01 equipped with Broad-Band sensor Trillium Compact 120, a) East component, b) picture of the installation, c) vertical component, lower panels for Bagnoli Irpino (Laceno) Array ID 05, station S07 4.5 Hz Geophone 3-C (Table 2), d) East component, e) picture of the installation, f) vertical component.

To limit power consumption, the experiment was realized without real-time data transmission. This required periodic visits to each station to download the acquired data.

The complete list of installed instruments (DETECT metadata) is available in both *text* and *station_xml* formats in various levels of resolution (station, channel, response) from the GEOFON data center (see the Data Availability section). The installation and data curation followed the guidelines by Heit et al. (2021) for a large number of stations, as in the Alps.

4 Data collection and curation

The crews visited the seismic stations three times (November–December 2021, March–April 2022, and July–August 2022) to retrieve data and replace batteries. During each visit, data were transferred from the dataloggers onto external storage devices and subsequently transferred to GEOFON for further processing. We collected 4.5 TB of data during the first recovery campaign, 4.3 TB during the second one, and 4.0 TB during the final campaign. The overall data availability for the period from 21 October 2021 to 11 July 2022 was 88%. Data availability remained generally stable over time, except for short intervals preceding maintenance visits, when it temporarily

191 decreased to 75–80% due to internal storage saturation or battery depletion (Figure 3a). Since individual arrays
 192 were installed within a few days, storage saturation issues occurred almost simultaneously at all stations of a single
 193 array (Figure 3b-c).

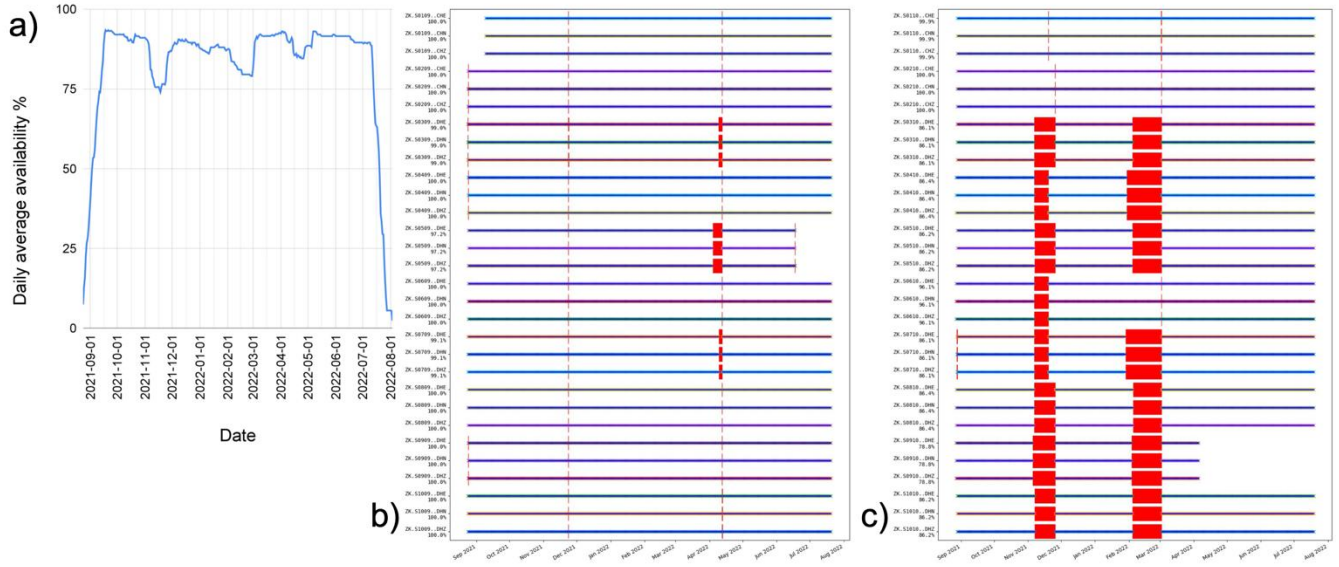


Figure 3. a) Overall daily average data availability for the entire network. b) and c) Station availability over the entire time span for two arrays, respectively 09 and 10 (Table 2).

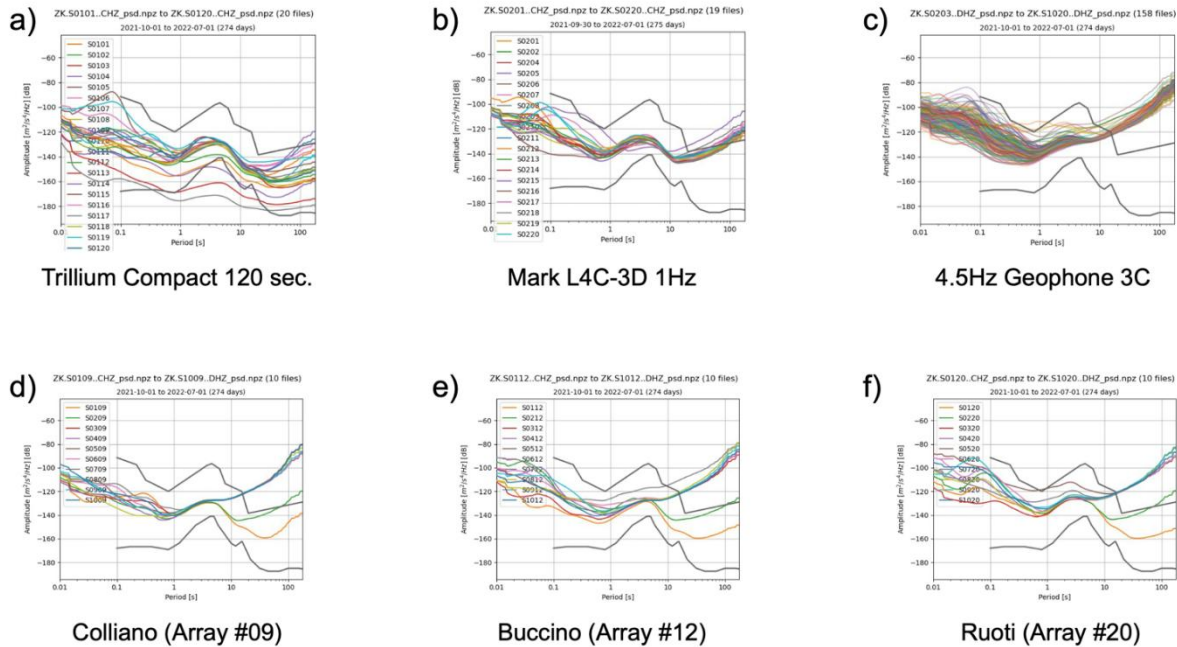
To optimize the maintenance schedule, a traffic-light system was implemented within a webGIS platform, available throughout the experiment, indicating the time elapsed since the last data download for each station. This system enables efficient prioritization of field activities and route planning, resulting in significant savings in time and resources. In addition, a Telegram bot was developed to streamline communication and updates, while QR codes installed at each station facilitate rapid identification and interaction in the field.

GIPT tools were used for data conversion from Data-Cube to standard miniseed format (<https://www.gfz.de/en/section/geophysical-imaging/infrastructure/geophysical-instrument-pool-potsdam-gipp/software/gipptools>), using the default setup for timing. Due to *steim2* compression, the volume of miniseed data was drastically reduced to 5.2TB in the EIDA data archive, under the network code ZK.

Data and metadata were managed in accordance with the GIPP/GEOFON policy using SeisComp (Helmholtz Centre Potsdam – GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences and GEMPA GmbH, 2008) and other data management tools. The dataset was initially embargoed, with access restricted to partners directly involved in the seismic deployment. After a three-year embargo period, the data have been publicly released through the GFZ EIDA node.

To assess the noise level at all array stations, we computed median power spectral density (PSD) curves from the probability density functions (PDFs) for each channel (Figure 2). The resulting curves are shown in Figure 4. The

214 first row collects PSD curves organized per sensor, including broadband sensors (Figure 4a), 1 Hz velocimeters
 215 (Figure 4b), and 4.5 Hz geophones (Figure 4c).
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 219 **Figure 4.** Average PSDs grouped by sensor types (upper panels) and arrays (lower panels).
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221 Below 10 Hz, the PSD curves of both the broadband and 1 Hz sensors lie well below the New High Noise Model
 222 (NHNM; Peterson, 1993). In contrast, the geophones exhibit higher noise levels, approaching the NHNM in the
 223 0.1–1 s period domain. Noise variability persists at low frequencies. Several broadband sensor curves also fall
 224 below the New Low Noise Model (NLNM) and show stable performance at periods as long as 100 s. The 1 Hz
 225 sensors clearly resolve the secondary microseismic peak (McNamara and Buland, 2004), which is located around
 226 5 s. Above 10 s, the sensors exhibit increased noise due to instrumental limitations. The 4.5 Hz geophones also
 227 capture the secondary microseismic peak, though their noise increase occurs at shorter periods. Examples of median
 228 PSD curves represented per single array are shown in the second row of Figure 4 for arrays 09 (Figure 4d), 12
 229 (Figure 4e) and 20 (Figure 4f). In these cases, the variability of the median curves is much smaller, down to 4-5 s.
 230 Above this limit, the PSD curves diverge due to different instrumental noise at large periods (low frequencies),
 231 with curves from the geophones overcoming the reference noise curves.

232 5. Preliminary data analysis and products

233 The collected dataset of continuous waveforms offers a novel observation scale to investigate the characteristics of
 234 the seismicity in the area, shedding light on the decametric-size seismic sources for low-magnitude earthquakes.

A compelling example of this is provided by the enhanced catalog we compiled by applying advanced strategies. For earthquake characterization, we integrated machine learning and similarity-based approaches (Scotto di Uccio et al., 2023), together with the identification and relocation of earthquakes recorded during DETECT. This highlights the importance of deploying dense seismic arrays for earthquake monitoring.

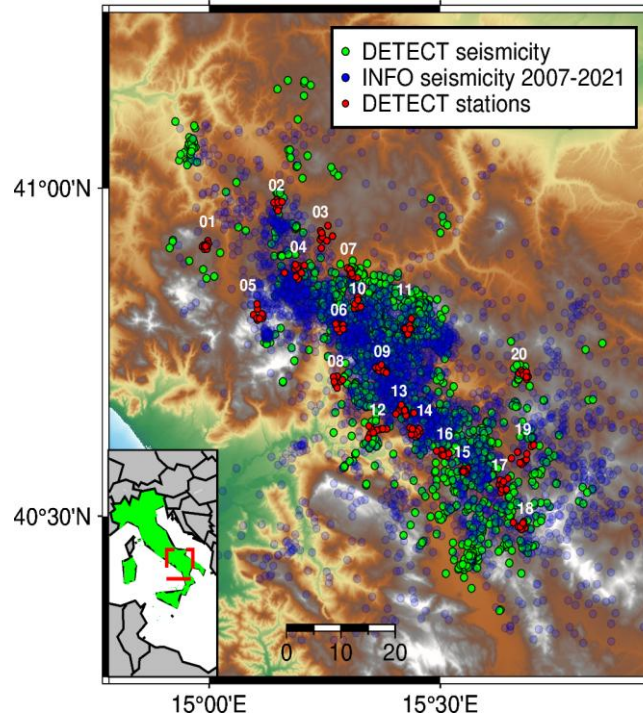


Figure 5. Epicenters of earthquakes that occurred during the DETECT experiment (green dots), as from the seismic catalog of Scotto di Uccio et al. (2026). Blue shaded dots mark the epicenters of the earthquake in the long-term INFO catalog from 2007 to the start of the array deployment.

The seismic catalog was initially obtained by scanning the waveforms with the machine learning technique EQTransformer (Mousavi et al., 2020), trained on the worldwide earthquake database STEAD (Mousavi et al., 2019), and then refined by the template matching approach EQCorrScan (Chamberlain et al., 2018), using the former catalog as the template set for the latter (Scotto di Uccio et al., 2023). Following the parameterization described in Scotto di Uccio et al. (2026), the DETECT catalog contains 3.6k events, a number comparable to decades of conventional monitoring, ranging from local magnitude $M_l - 1.2$ to $M_l 3.1$, enhancing the standard catalog during the dense experiment by one order of magnitude (earthquake epicenters in Figure 5).

We associated $\sim 100k$ phase arrival times across the arrays within the catalog. Earthquake relocation revealed the occurrence of microseismicity in regions with high event densities identified by the standard INFO catalog. Analysis of the seismic catalog revealed a lower completeness threshold, down to -0.3 , which lowered the corresponding value from the long-term catalog by more than one magnitude point, as expected by the initial feasibility analysis. Moreover, the b-values of the two catalogs show similar slopes in the Gutenberg–Richter distribution. This indicates that the temporary deployment of dense arrays not only improves detection capability

but also maintains statistical consistency with long-term earthquake catalogs, effectively extending the statistical characterization of seismicity to shorter time windows and lower magnitude events (Scotto di Uccio et al. 2026). In this application, the seismic stations within each array were used independently, without exploiting array techniques such as beamforming and back-projection. These techniques can help increase the signal-to-noise ratio of the resulting waveforms and enhance the detectability of lower magnitude events. Additionally, phase arrival times associated with events that occurred during the DETECT experiment can be used to train or update, using transfer learning strategies, deep learning phase pickers on earthquakes with a lower magnitude range than the typical population of standard and/or global datasets.

6. Data availability

The collected dataset is available at <https://doi:10.14470/MX7576871994> (Bindi et al. 2021), Waveform data are available through the European Integrated Data Archive (EIDA) infrastructure (Strollo et al., 2021), under the International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN) network code ZK (2021). Data are curated and distributed by the GEOFON Data Center and are available under CC BY 4.0 license.

Waveform data from the ZK network can be accessed through the FDSN dataselect Web Service (<https://www.fdsn.org/services>). To request specific time windows of data, a query can be constructed with parameters such as network code (net), station code (sta), channel (cha), start time (starttime), and end time (endtime).

For example, to retrieve a 3-minute time window around the event in Figure 1, including only the vertical channels of the Trillium Compact 120 and the Mark L-4C-3D 1 Hz Geophone:

- https://geofon.gfz.de/fdsnws/dataselect/1/query?net=ZK&sta=*&cha=CHZ&starttime=2021-10-03T04:22:00&endtime=2021-10-03T04:25:00

Waveform metadata are available via standard FDSN web services and formats (<https://www.fdsn.org/services>) alongside other custom services and products. Station metadata for the ZK network can be accessed through the FDSN station Web Service in text format for station and channel levels, respectively:

- http://geofon.gfz.de/fdsnws/station/1/query?starttime=2021-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&endtime=2022-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&network=ZK&station=*&level=station&format=text&nodata=404
- http://geofon.gfz.de/fdsnws/station/1/query?starttime=2021-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&endtime=2022-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&network=ZK&station=*&level=channel&format=text&nodata=404

Metadata in stationXML format can be obtained using the following queries, respectively, for station, channel, and response levels:

- http://geofon.gfz.de/fdsnws/station/1/query?starttime=2021-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&endtime=2022-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&network=ZK&station=*&level=station&format=xml&nodata=404

- http://geofon.gfz.de/fdsnws/station/1/query?starttime=2021-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&endtime=2022-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&network=ZK&station=*&level=channel&format=xml&nodata=404
- http://geofon.gfz.de/fdsnws/station/1/query?starttime=2021-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&endtime=2022-08-15T00%3A00%3A00&network=ZK&station=*&level=response&format=xml&nodata=404

Additional data access tools include:
the interactive availability calendar view (2021-2022).

- <https://geofon.gfz.de/waveform/archive/data.php?ncode=ZK&year=2021>

the FDSN Availability web service:

- https://geofon.gfz.de/fdsnws/availability/1/query?network=ZK&station=*&start=2021-08-15T00:00:00&end=2022-08-15T00:00:00

the WfCatalog quality metrics (<https://www.orfeus-eu.org/data/eida/webservices/wfcatalog/>): availability, RMS, gaps, overlaps, records, timing quality (Trani et al, 2016). For example, for station S0101, channel CHZ:

- <https://geofon.gfz.de/eidaws/wfcatalog/1/query?net=ZK&station=S0101&channel=CHZ&start=2021-08-15T00:00:00.000Z&end=2022-08-15T23:59:59.999Z&include=all>

the Power Spectral Density (PSD) (example for station S0101, channel CHZ) as for the figures included in the annexes

- https://geofon.gfz.de/eidaws/psd/1/histogram?&cmap=viridis&fontsize=12&grid=true&mean=true&noise=true&percentiles=false&&dpi=600&network=ZK&station=S0101&location=*&channel=CHZ&nodata=404&start=2021-08-15&end=2022-08-15

Finally, the seismic catalog derived from the DETECT dataset by Scotto di Uccio et al. (2026) can be accessed via Zenodo at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15372023> (Scotto di Uccio et al., 2025) and is distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license.

7 Conclusions

The DETECT experiment was a multi-institutional collaboration that promoted the concept of using microarrays in high seismic hazard regions to monitor seismicity over a short time scale. The pivotal idea behind the short-term dense array deployment was to offer a novel, lower spatial scale to potentially image and track the presence of crustal fluids by lowering the minimum magnitude of detectable earthquakes. Indeed, integrating small-scale seismic arrays within classic seismic networks and with novel approaches for data mining allows us to significantly improve the detection of microseismicity, identifying in just one year the number of detected events as from decades of conventional monitoring. The availability of enhanced seismic catalogs is indeed a fundamental prerequisite for improving our understanding of fault mechanics. From a logistical perspective, the main challenge revealed to be the scheduling and the rolling out of a well-coordinated maintenance plan over short time windows. Furthermore, involving citizens in seismic experiments and monitoring activities allowed us, on the one hand, to speed up the siting operations and increase the security of the instrumentation while, on the other hand, helped us to share knowledge on seismic risk, which can contribute to raising awareness, well-being and resilience. Temporary experiments, such as DETECT, can significantly help improve the knowledge about the propagation medium. Data collected during the DETECT survey has the potential to provide an enriched catalog that can be exploited to derive 4D (space and time) high-resolution tomographic images in velocity and attenuation to characterize variations of rock properties in the fluid-filled porous medium, where micro-seismicity is diffuse and large earthquakes can nucleate. This dataset could even be suitable for developing and testing ambient noise tomography repeated over time. Furthermore, as the evaluation of source parameters from standard monitoring networks is hindered by the effect of the anelastic attenuation, which filters out the high-frequency source radiation, we believe that the dense, near-fault networks recording at high sampling rates, as tested in DETECT, can help to disentangle source and propagation contributions. They also allow better estimation of local site attenuation factors, which in turn enables a more accurate assessment of the resolution limits of source parameters (Moratto et al., 2025), providing a better estimate of the epistemic uncertainties affecting the source scaling relationships. Beyond the waveform dataset, the availability of the enhanced catalog of Scotto di Uccio et al. (2026) substantially increases the scientific value of the dataset, providing a ready-to-use resource that enables a broad range of state-of-the-art analyses without requiring users to perform complex preprocessing and event characterization from scratch. Regarding the monitoring infrastructure, the experimental setup of DETECT provides a useful strategy for a long-term monitoring approach, where dense measurements lasting for one year are repeated every 3 to 5 years. Repeating the experiment at regular time intervals allows tracking the evolution of the fault system over different time scales. Thus, DETECT can be used to establish a framework for discussing the potential development of a long-term project with other partners, aimed at covering the entire Italian territory with mobile seismic arrays.

Appendices

We provide as supplementary material, together with additional figures, specifically:

- Availability figures for each array (01-20, Table 2) generated with obspy-scan (Beyreuther et al., 2010)
- Probability Density Functions (PDF) for all stations/components generated using obspy.signal.spectral_estimation.PPSD (Beyreuther et al., 2010). All images are also available from GEOFON data centre (see Data Availability section).

- Power Spectral Densities computed to generate the PDF have been averaged over the entire time span and grouped in plots by array (01-20, Table 2) and by sensor type (Table 1) and the resulting figures are included in the appendix
- Metadata for all ZK stations as provided by the standard fdsnws-station web service (text and xml formats) are also included

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The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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