

# Environmental and engineering Geophysics

Engineering &  
Environmental

Near surface Geophysics  
Applications

Site Characterisation,  
pollutions sites,  
Foundations  
problems,  
cavities, subsoil  
structures, pavement  
roads, agronomy,  
archeology, etc

Levees structures,  
leakages, rivers,  
subsoil hydrology,  
seawater intrusion,  
landslides

??

Geophysics  
for the RISKS

Hydrologic risk

Volcanic risk

EARTHQUAKES risk



# Introduction to the Applied Seismology

(i.e. the applied geophysics for the earthquakes risk)



# Outline

## Part 1

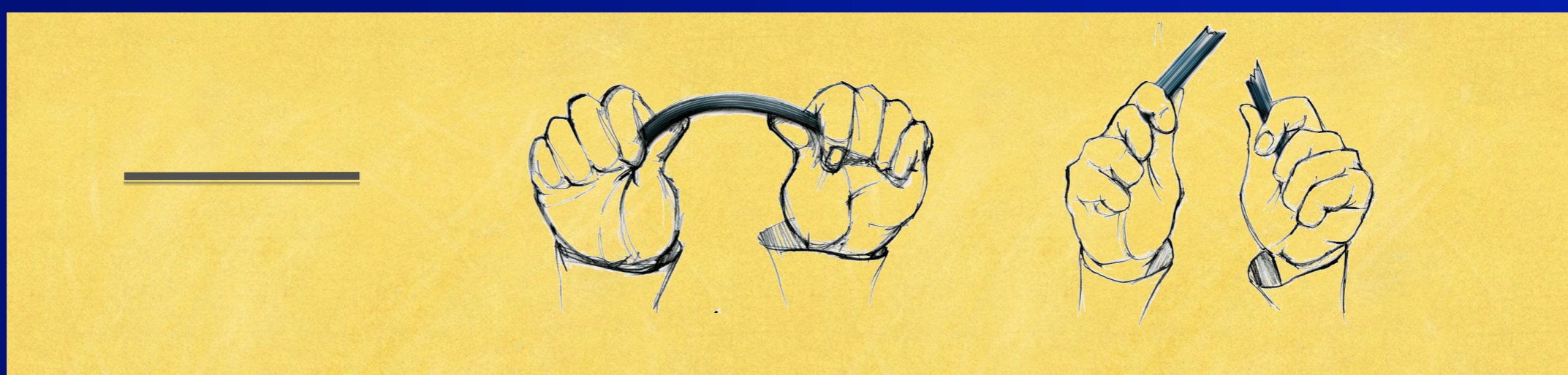
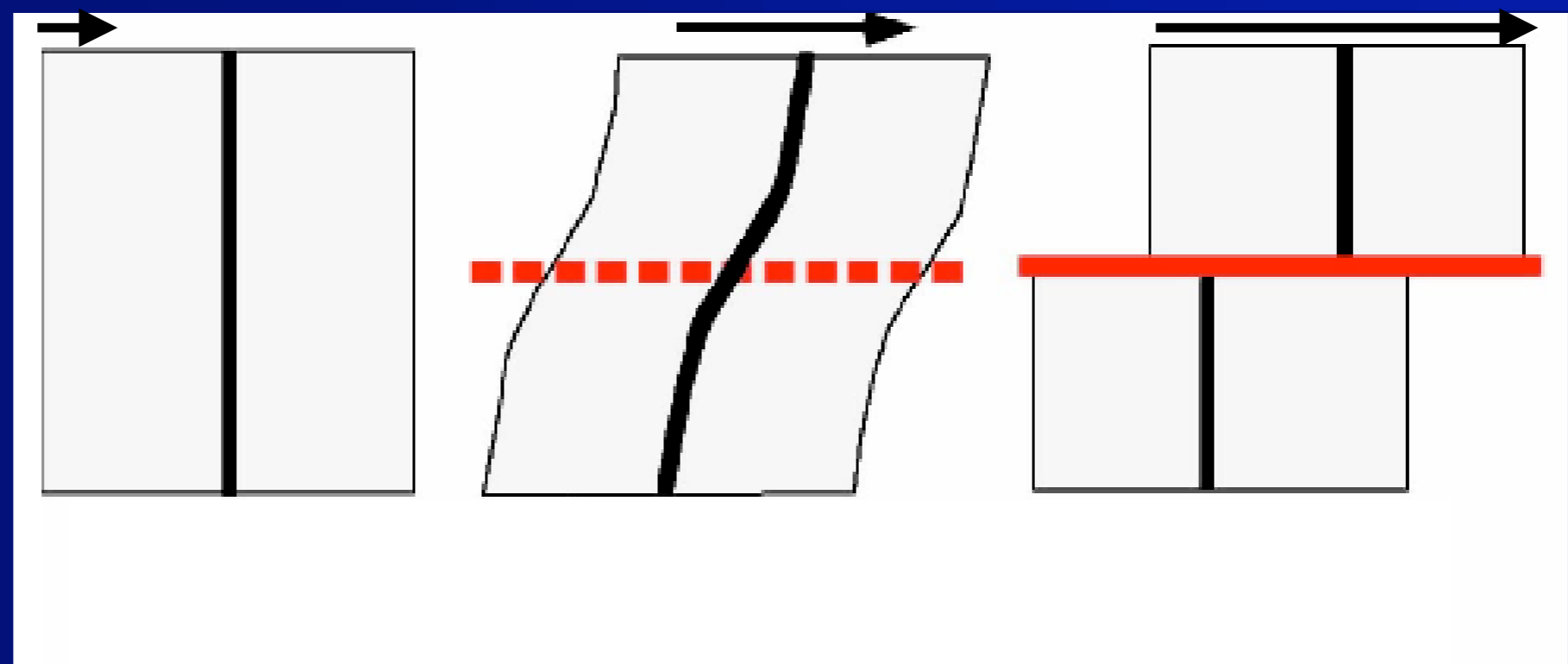
- The Earthquake
- The world seismicity
- The Italian seismicity
- The euro code norms
- How we can act

## Part 2

- The seismic local response (SLR)
- The applied geophysics methods for the SLR
- case histories



## Initial Stress - Strain growth - Rupture



Reid elastic rebound model



# Rupture mechanism

## Stress

Griffith, 1921

$$R_{\alpha\alpha} = R \frac{\sinh 2\alpha (\cosh 2\alpha - \cosh 2\alpha_0)}{(\cosh 2\alpha - \cos 2\beta)^2}, \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$R_{\beta\beta} = R \frac{\sinh 2\alpha (\cosh 2\alpha + \cosh 2\alpha_0 - 2 \cos 2\beta)}{(\cosh 2\alpha - \cos 2\beta)^2}, \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = R \frac{\sin 2\beta (\cosh 2\alpha - \cosh 2\alpha_0)}{(\cosh 2\alpha - \cos 2\beta)^2}, \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

## Strain

*In homogenous media*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{u_\alpha}{h} &= \frac{c^2 R}{8\mu} \{ (p-1) \cosh 2\alpha - (p+1) \cos 2\beta + 2 \cosh 2\alpha_0 \} \\ \frac{u_\beta}{h} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \dots \dots (4)$$

## Max stress crack

$$\begin{aligned} F &= 2 \int_0^R \frac{a_0 \cosh \frac{2R}{E} + b_0 \sinh \frac{2R}{E} dR}{a_0 \sinh \frac{2R}{E} + b_0 \cosh \frac{2R}{E}} \\ &= E \log \left( \cosh \frac{2R}{E} + \frac{a_0}{b_0} \sinh \frac{2R}{E} \right), \dots \dots \dots (21) \end{aligned}$$



# Rupture genesis

## Fluid interactions play fundamental role $F$

**FRACTURE CHARACTERISATION USING STATISTICAL ROCK PHYSICS**

*Hudson, 1997*

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccc}
 (\lambda + 2\mu) \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\mu} eU_{33} \right) & \lambda \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\mu} eU_{33} \right) & \lambda \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\mu} eU_{33} \right) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \lambda \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\mu} eU_{33} \right) & (\lambda + 2\mu) \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\lambda + 2\mu)} eU_{33} \right) & \lambda \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} eU_{33} \right) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
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 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu(1 - eU_{11}) & 0 \\
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 \end{array} \right) \quad (2.3)$$

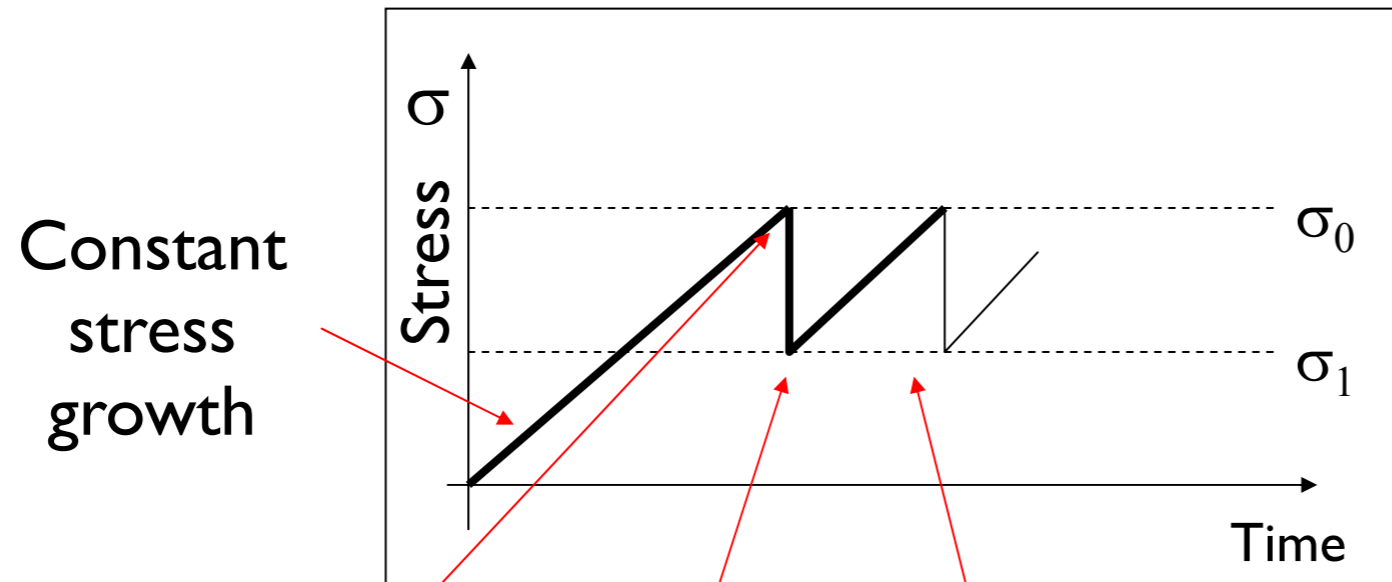
## STOCHASTIC MODELS

*Based on simplified assumptions*

*and a good knowledge of mechanical parameters....?*



# Simplified Approach



Constant stress growth

Reach the critical threshold (static friction): rupture starts

Reach the dynamic friction threshold: rupture stops

The cycle re-start

Stress drop

$$\sigma_1 - \sigma_0 = \Delta\sigma$$

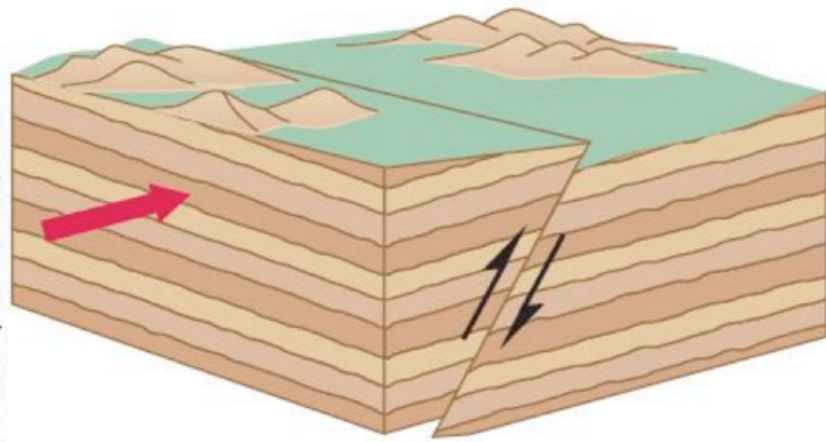
Stick-slip mechanism

>>  $\Delta\sigma$  >> Earthquake energy release

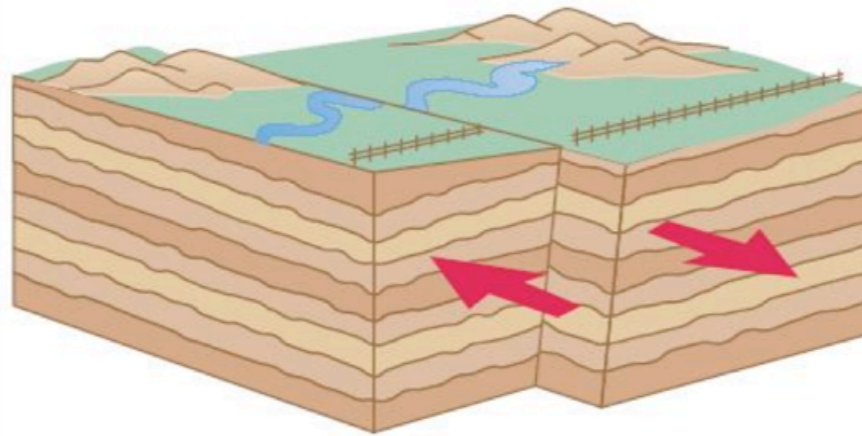


# Rupture: energy release (mostly heat)

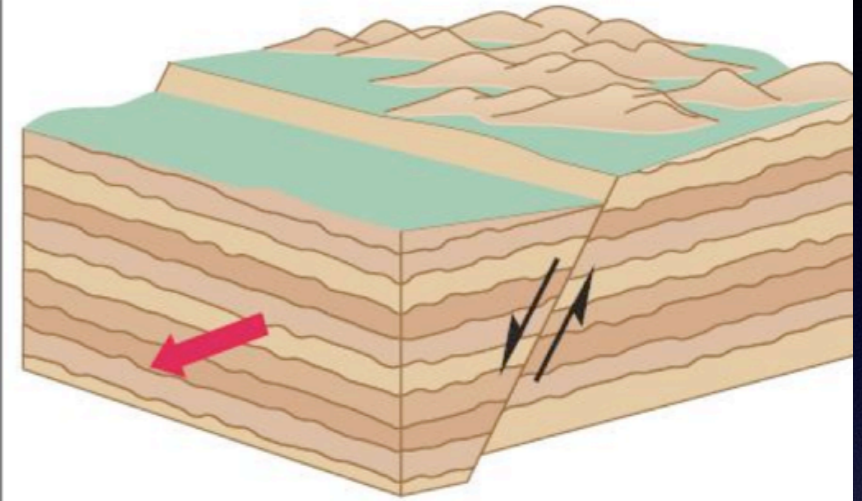
Modified from Pipkin and Trent, 2001.



Reverse/thrust fault

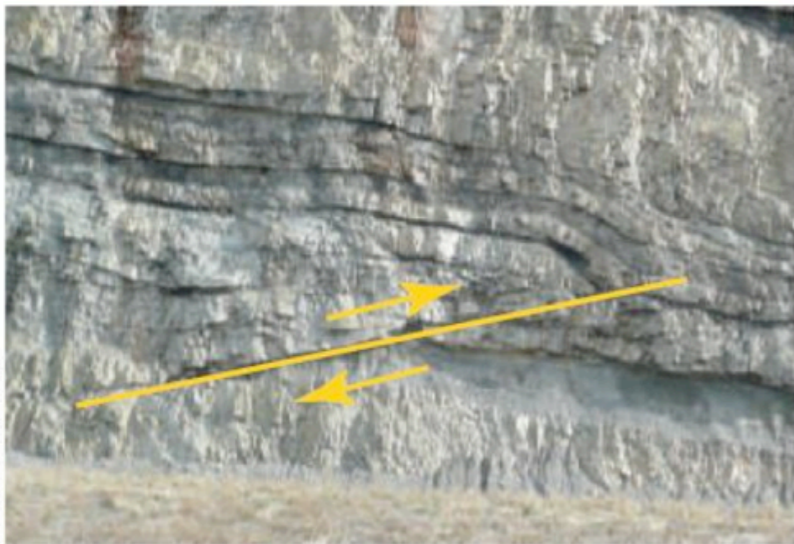


Strike-slip fault



Normal fault

Donald Hyndman.



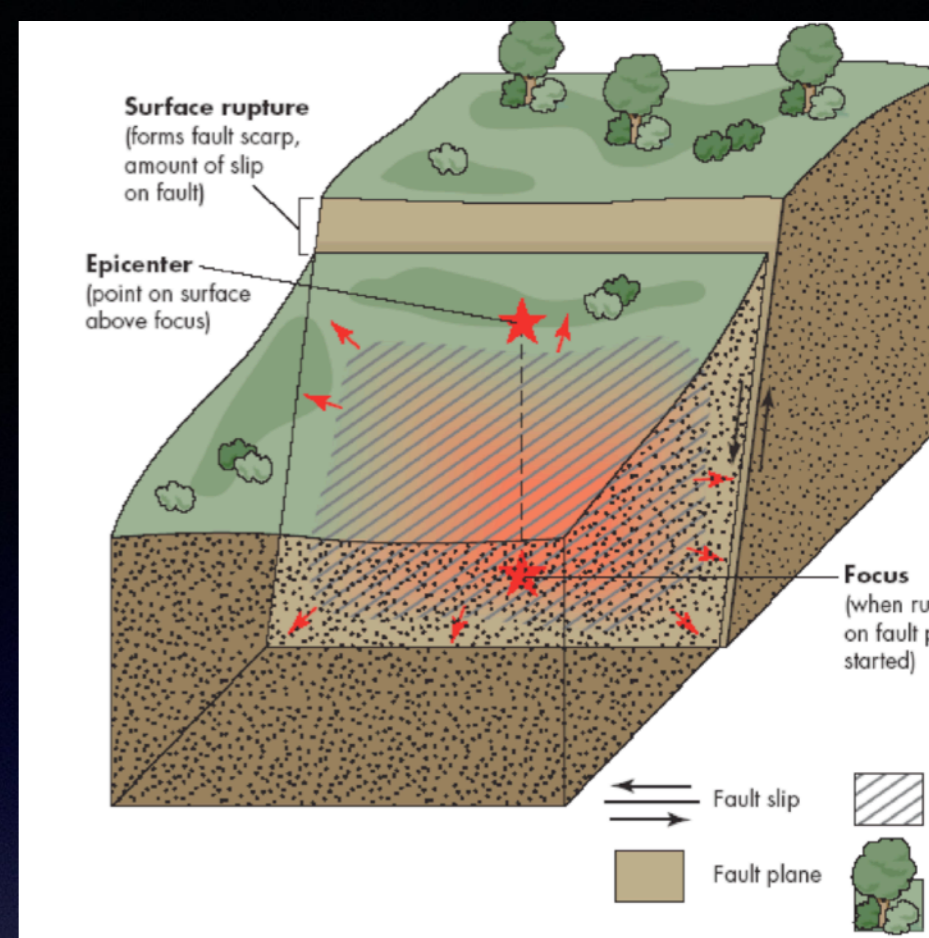
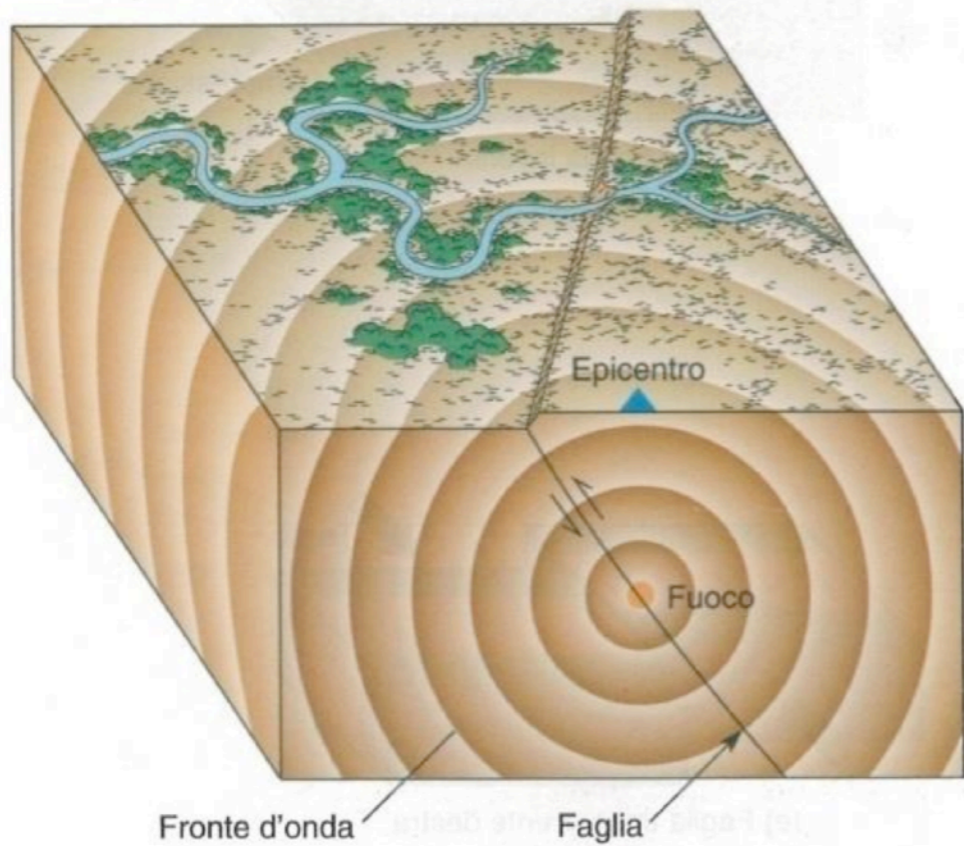
USGS.



Donald Hyndman.

Different type of rupture: different type of faults



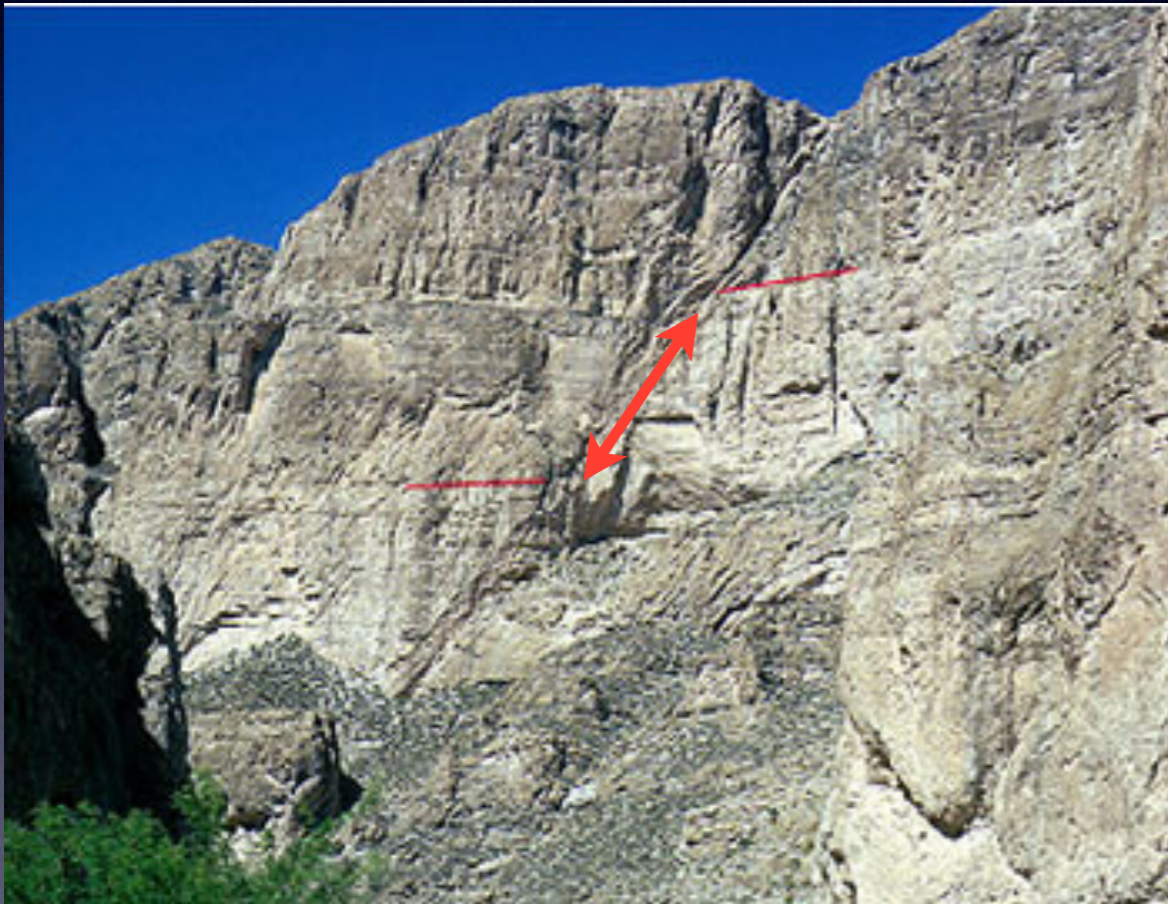


Bigger the rupture  
 Bigger the energy  
 release



# Ruptures of the past are NOT the today's problem

A



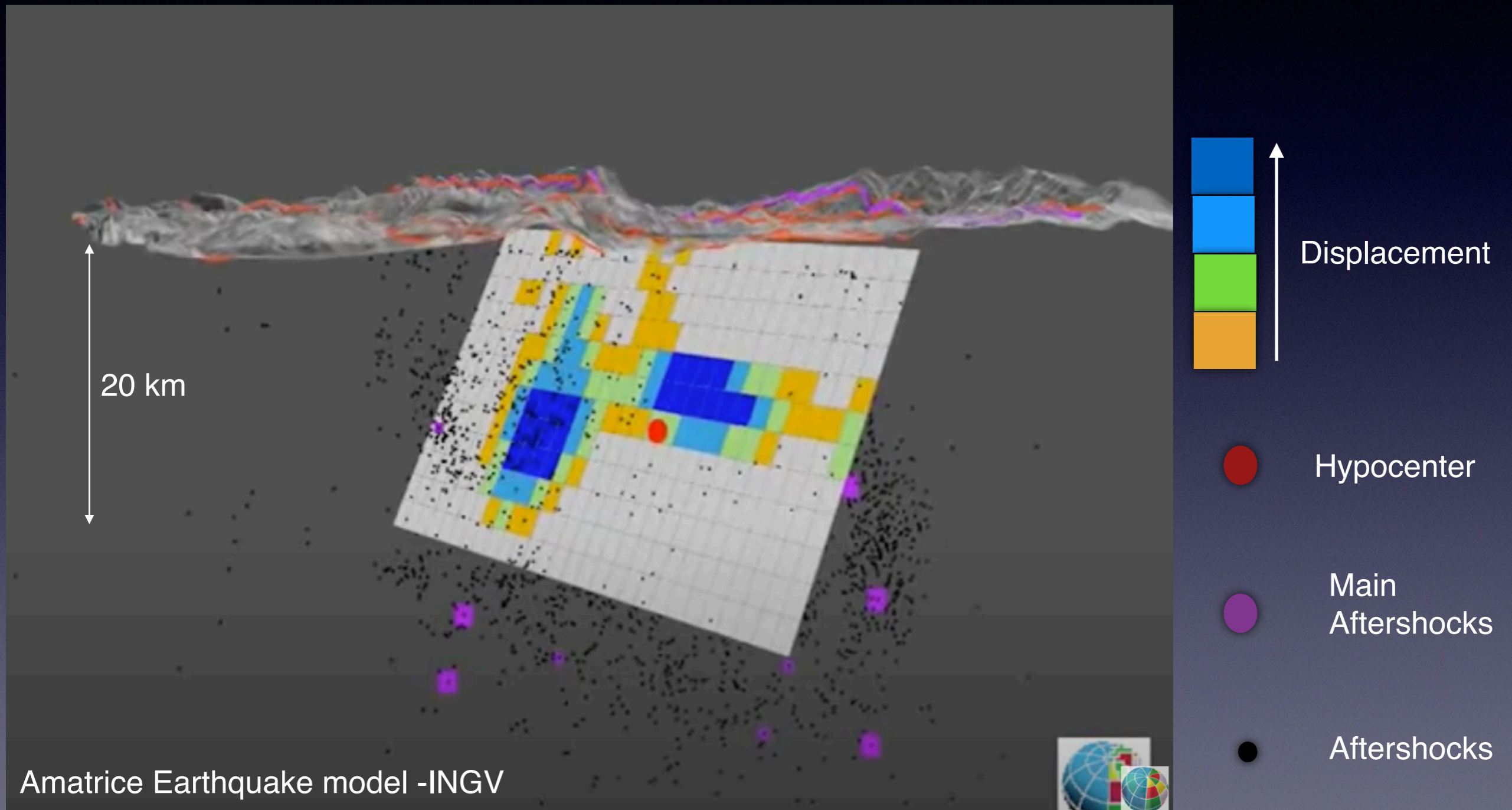
B



A is not more dangerous than B !



But we see a seismic fault?  
most of the times only their effects....





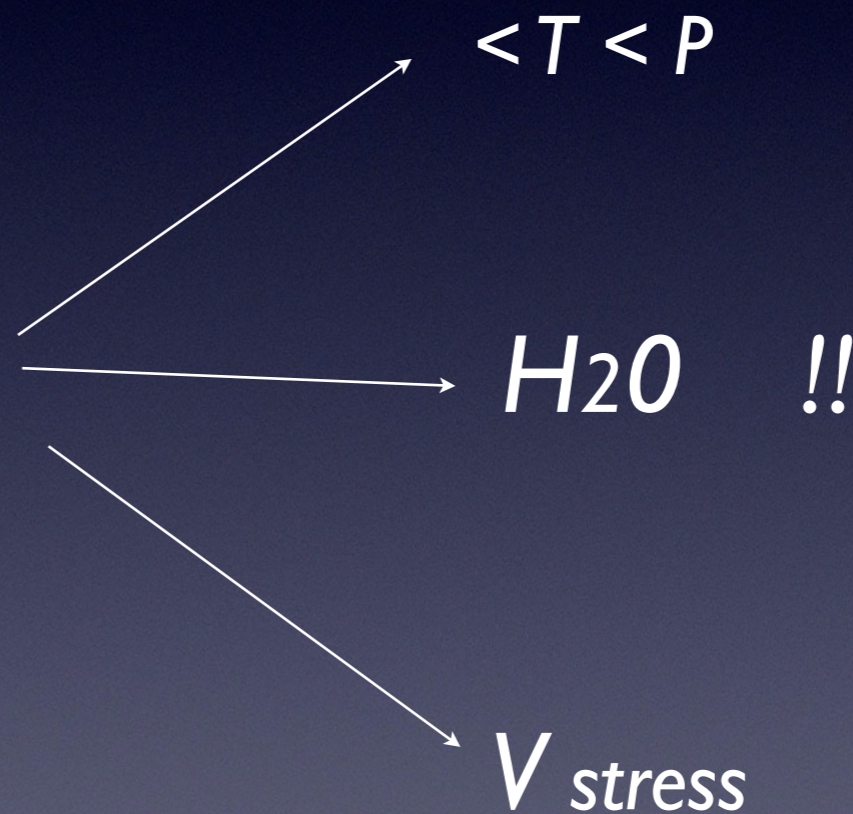
# What Earthquakes need?

1. Stress loading
2. rock fragile behaviour

Rheological conditions necessary  
for rupture



e.g.  
in Italy: 5 -20 Km depth  
(upper crust)

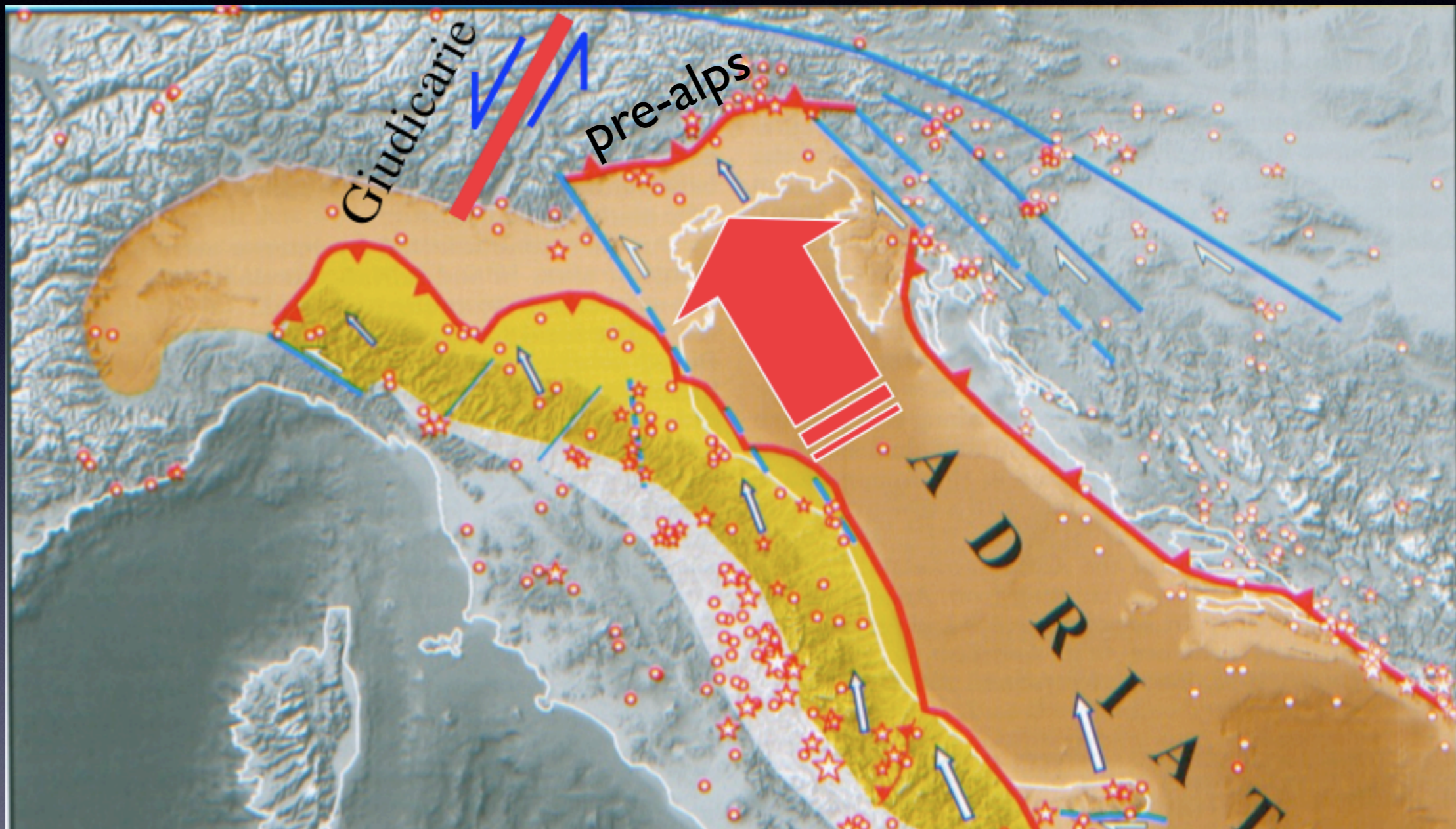




e.g. while we are talking....

2. Stress loading

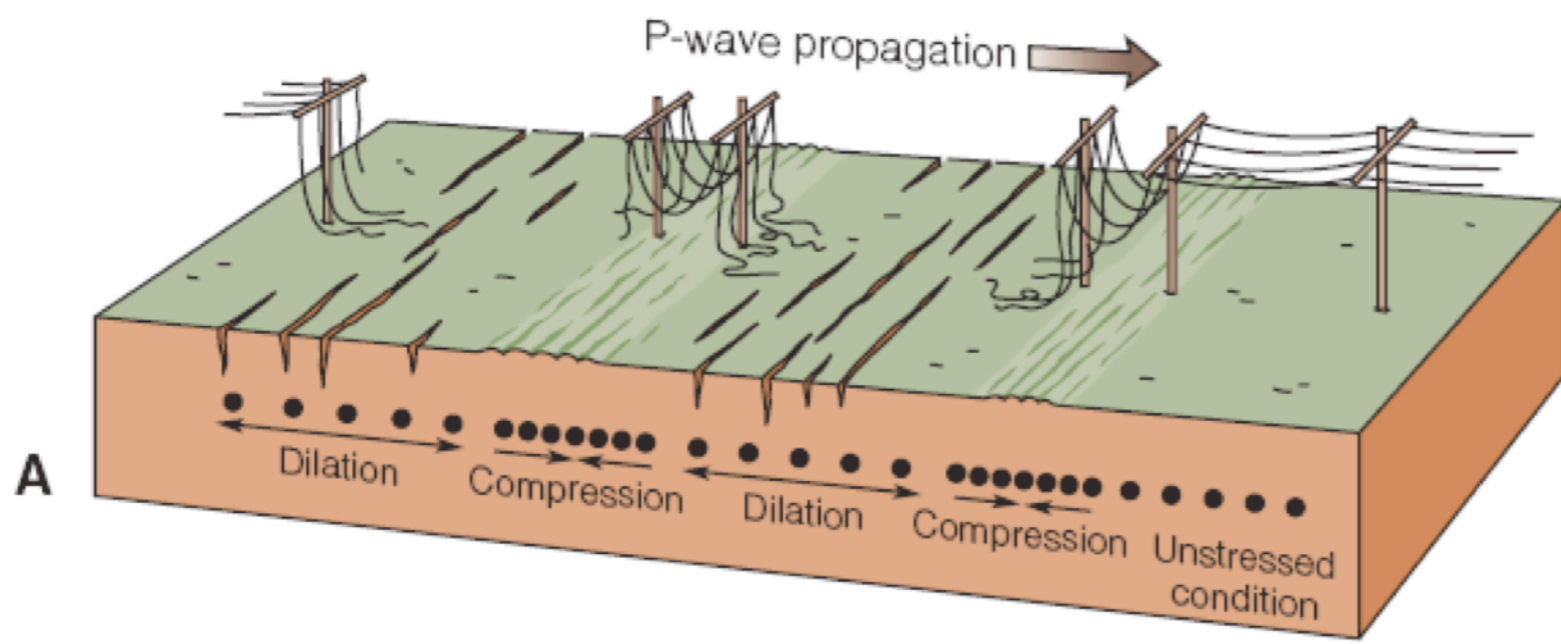
## Adriatic micro-plate in subduction on European plate



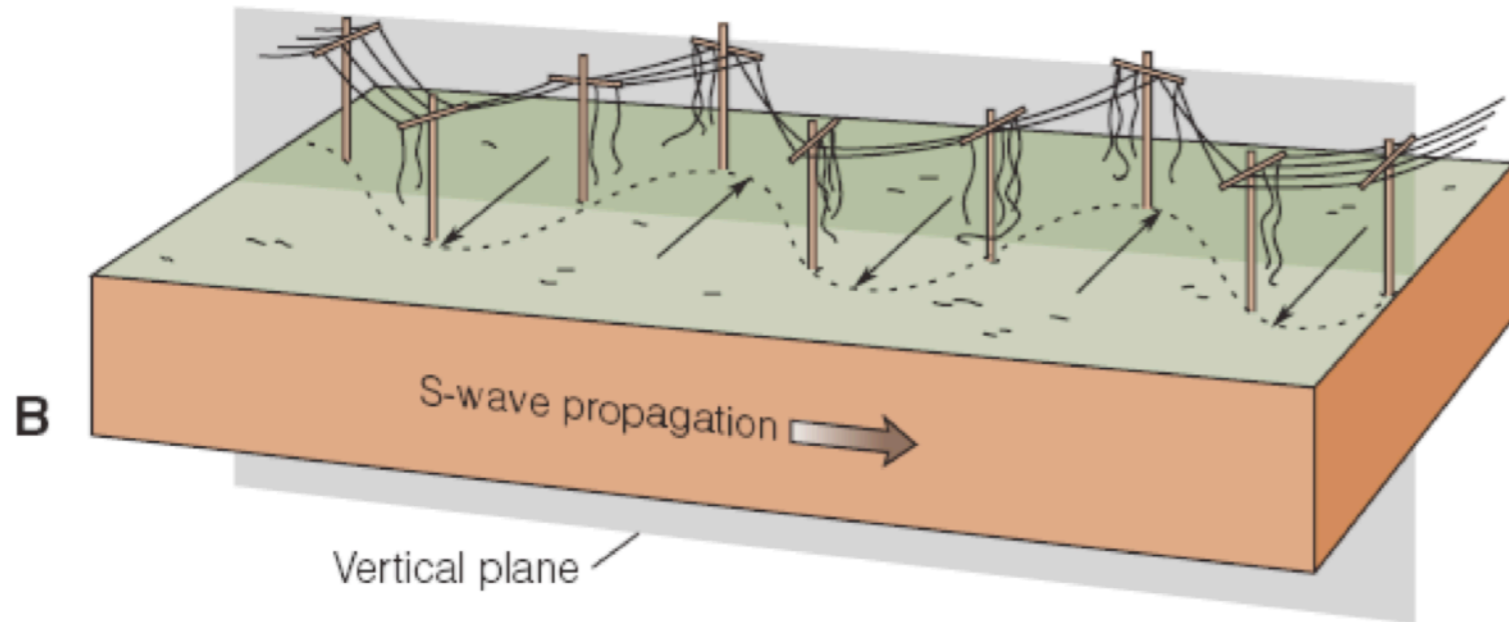
3-6 mm/yr



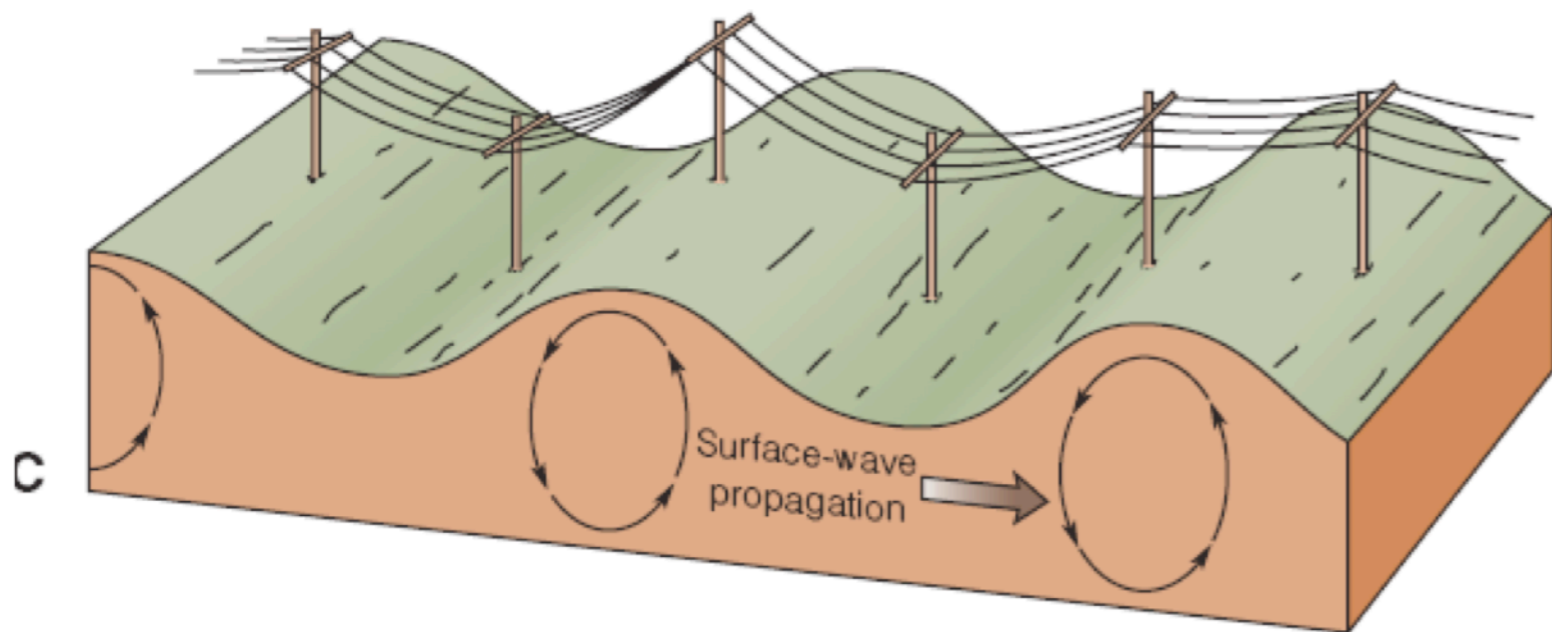
# The effect are the seismic waves



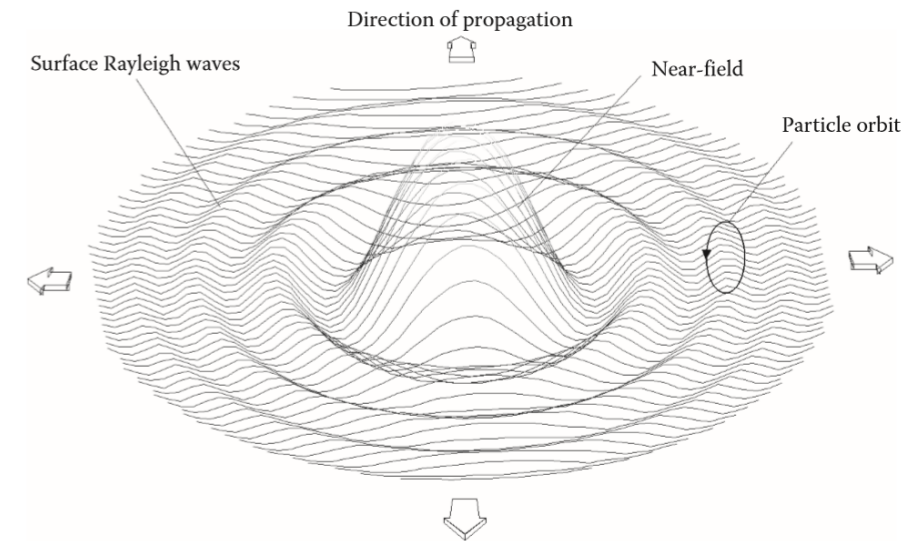
P-waves



S-waves



Surface waves





# Body waves

## P waves

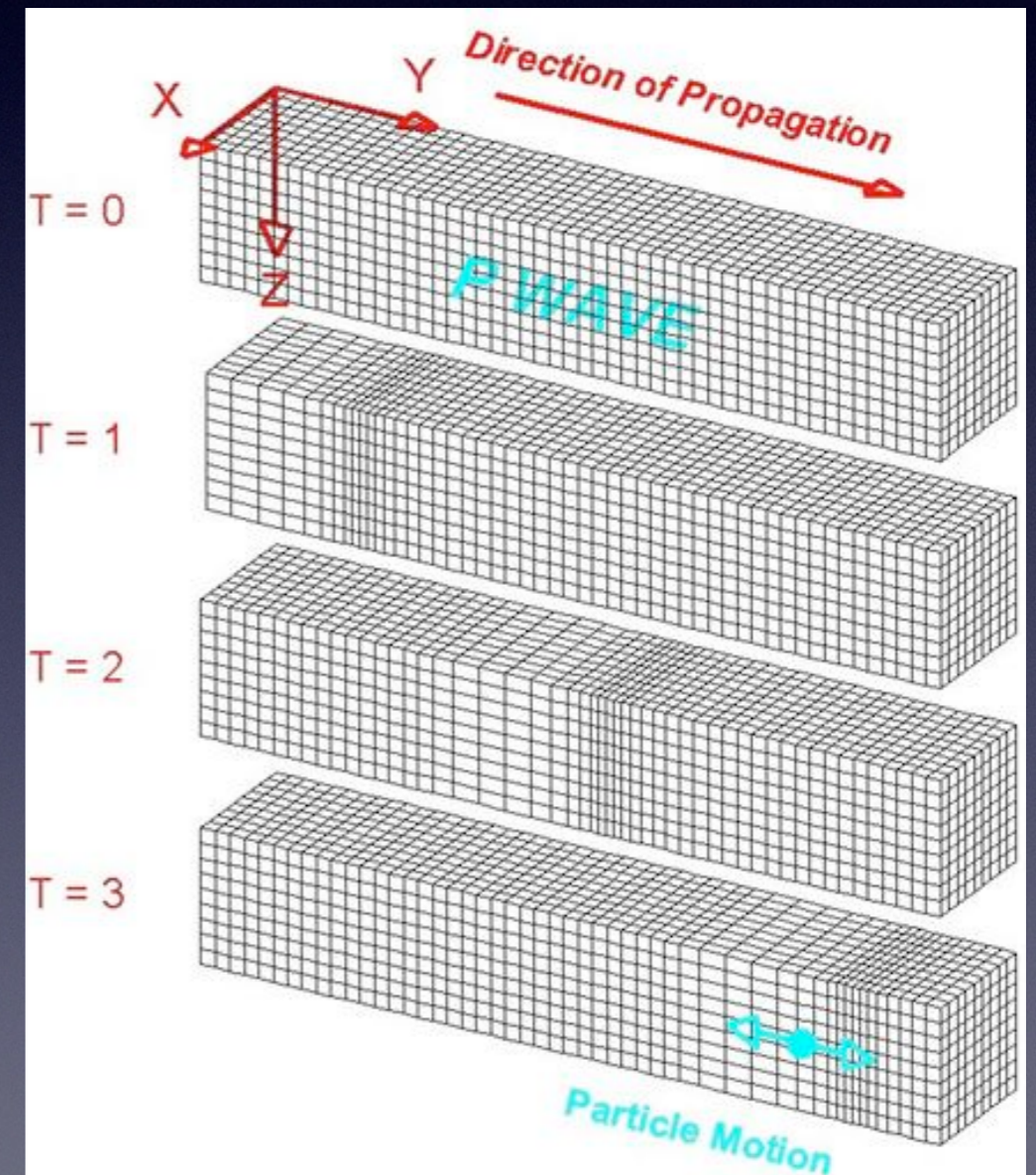
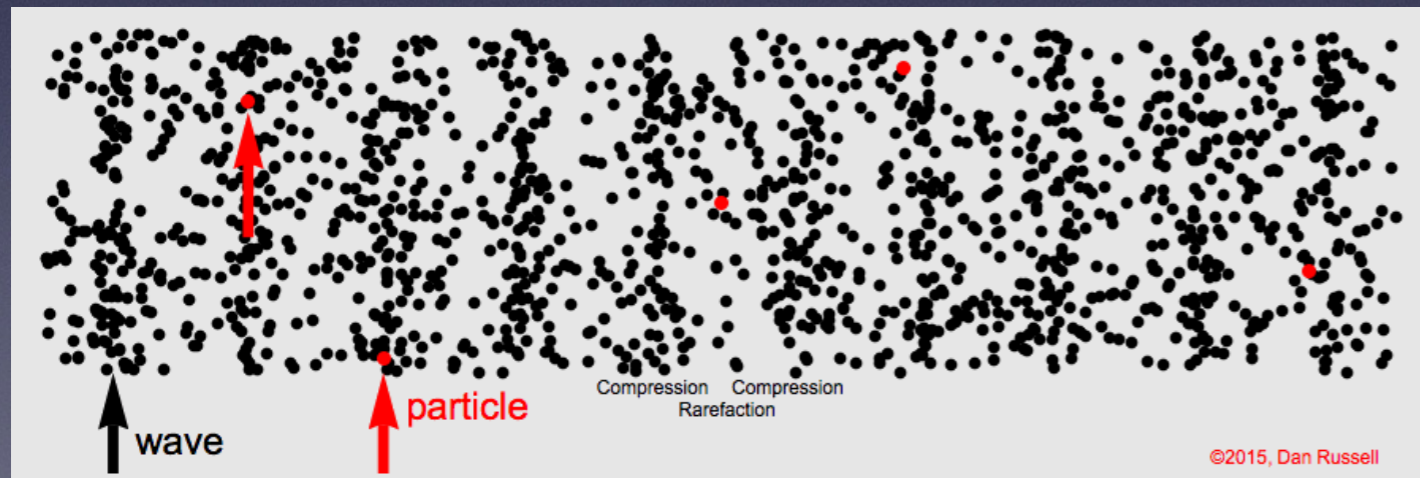
### Compression and dilatation

Compressibility modulus

$$v_p = \sqrt{\frac{K + \frac{4}{3}\mu}{\rho}}$$

Shear modulus

density





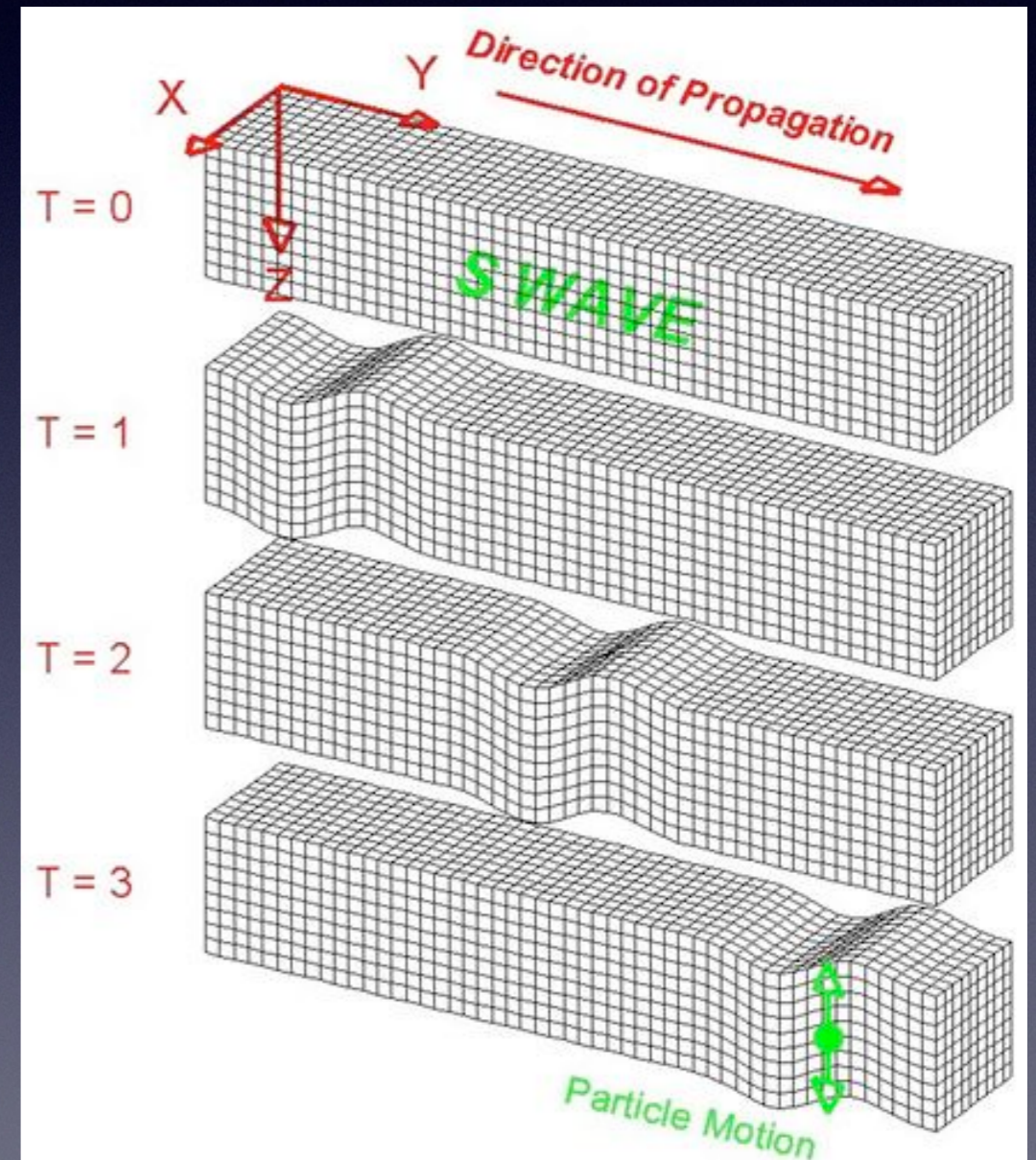
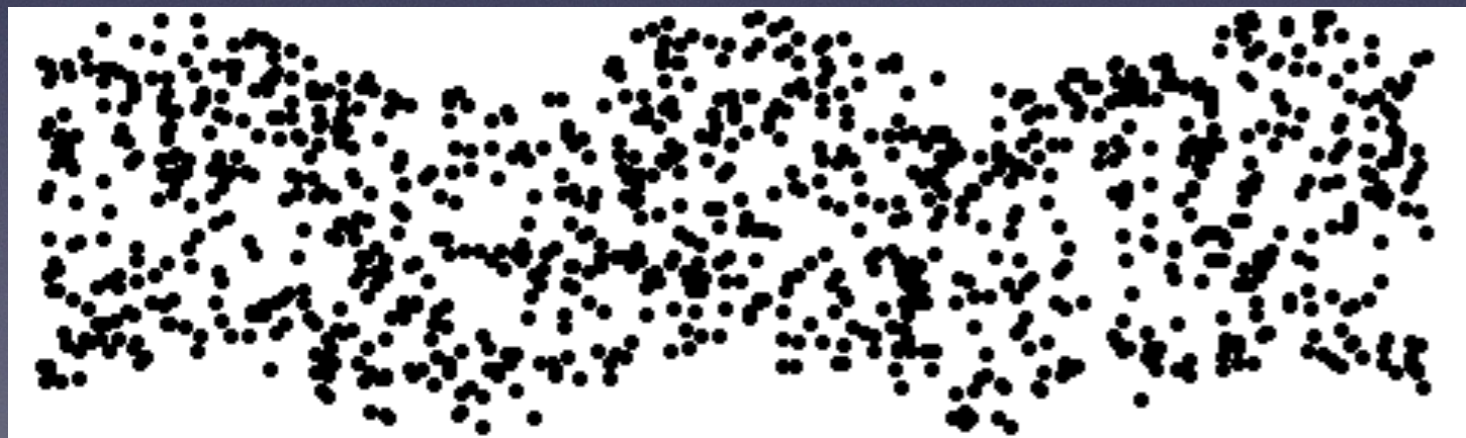
# Body waves

## S waves

S waves perpendicular to the direction of propagation

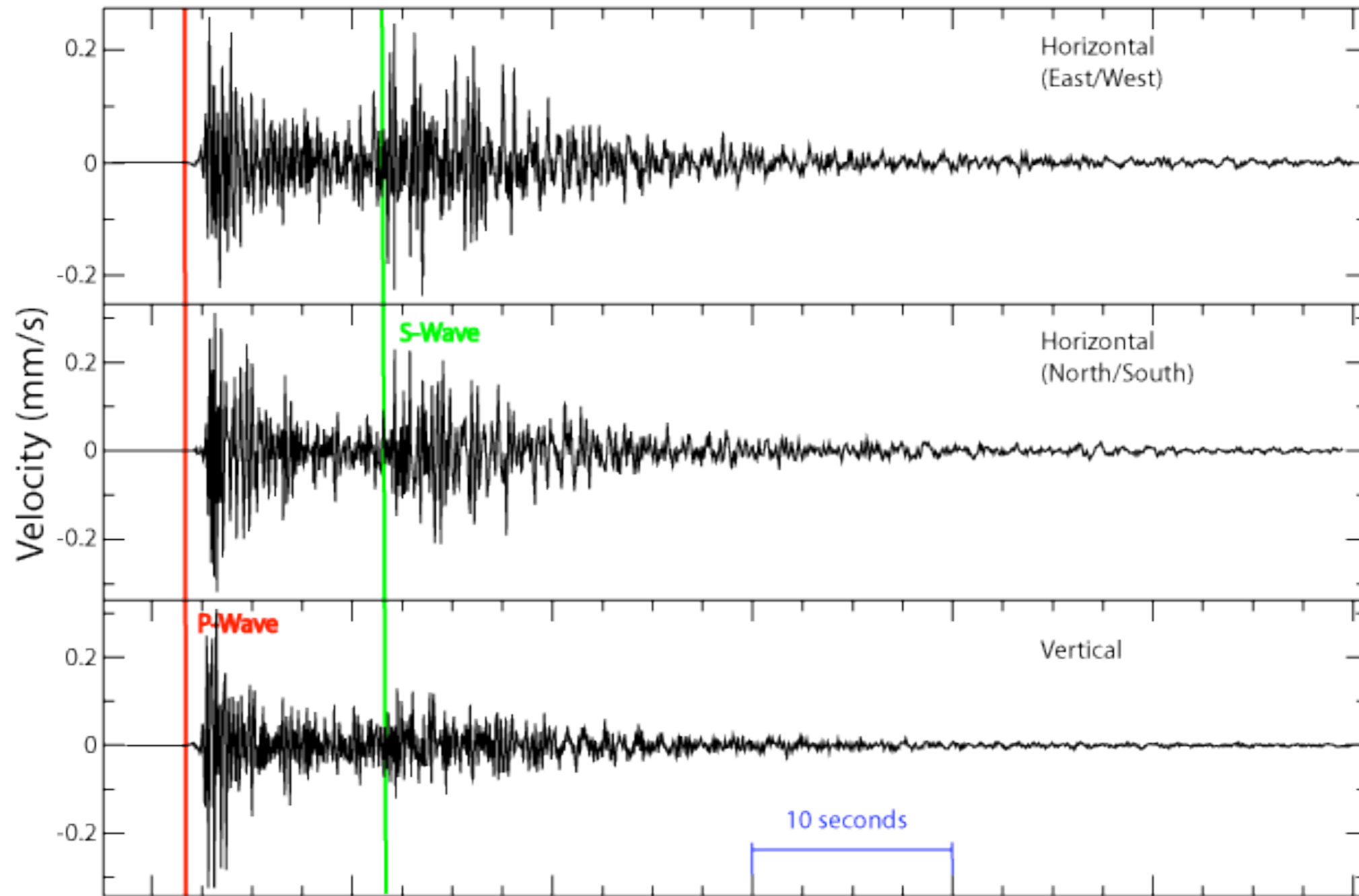
$$v_s = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}$$

NB compressibility independent





# P and S waves on a seismogram

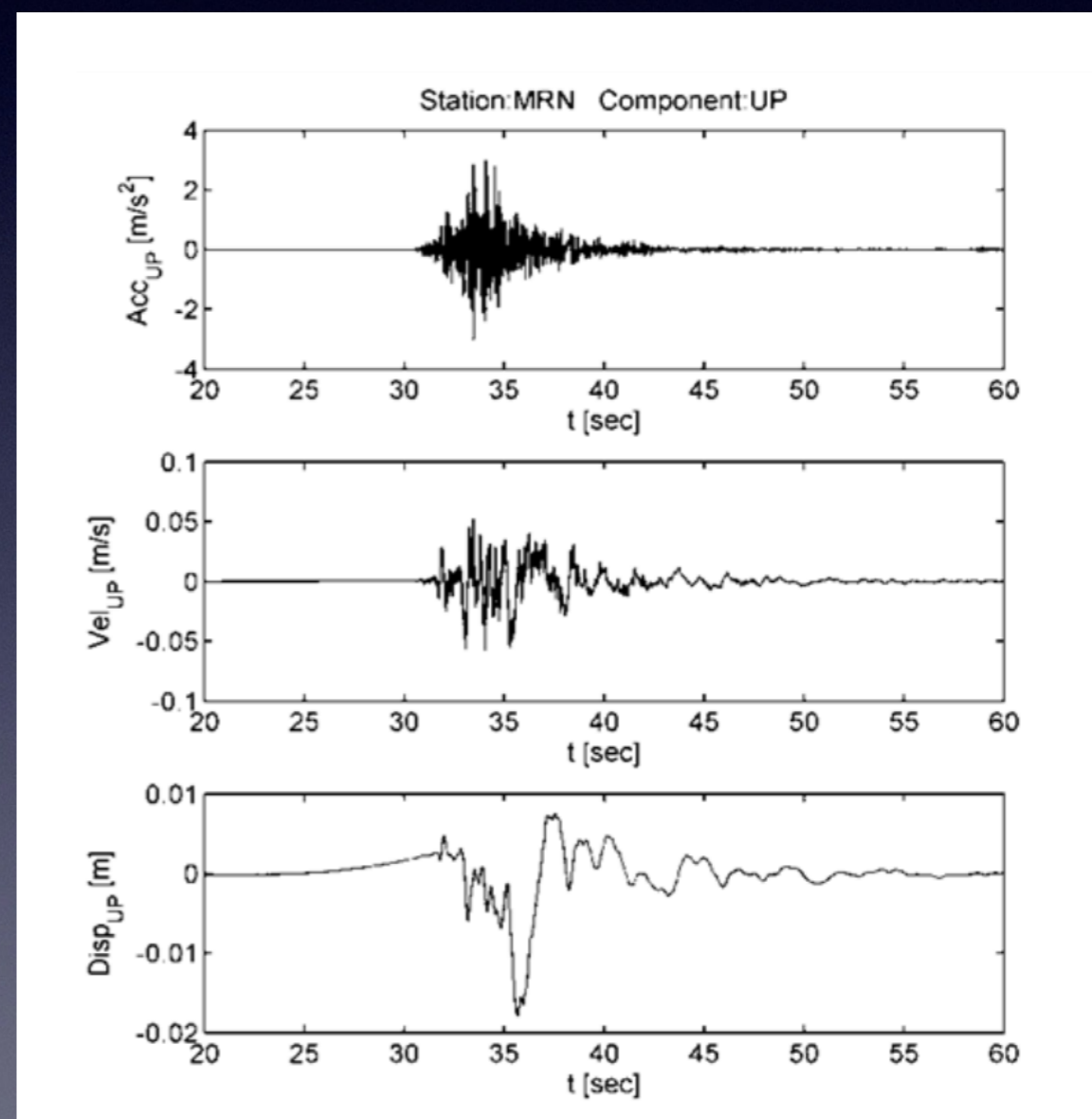




# P and S waves on a seismogram

*In Italy few seconds...*

*and the  
early warning ?*



*2012 Emilia*



# Surface seismic waves

Due to constructive interference on the surface

2 types: Rayleigh waves  
Love waves

Body waves travel in volumes (3d) surface waves on surface (2d):  
Attenuation is lower f(distance r):

Surface waves  
Attenuation

$$r^{-0.5}$$

$$r^{-1}$$

Body waves  
Attenuation

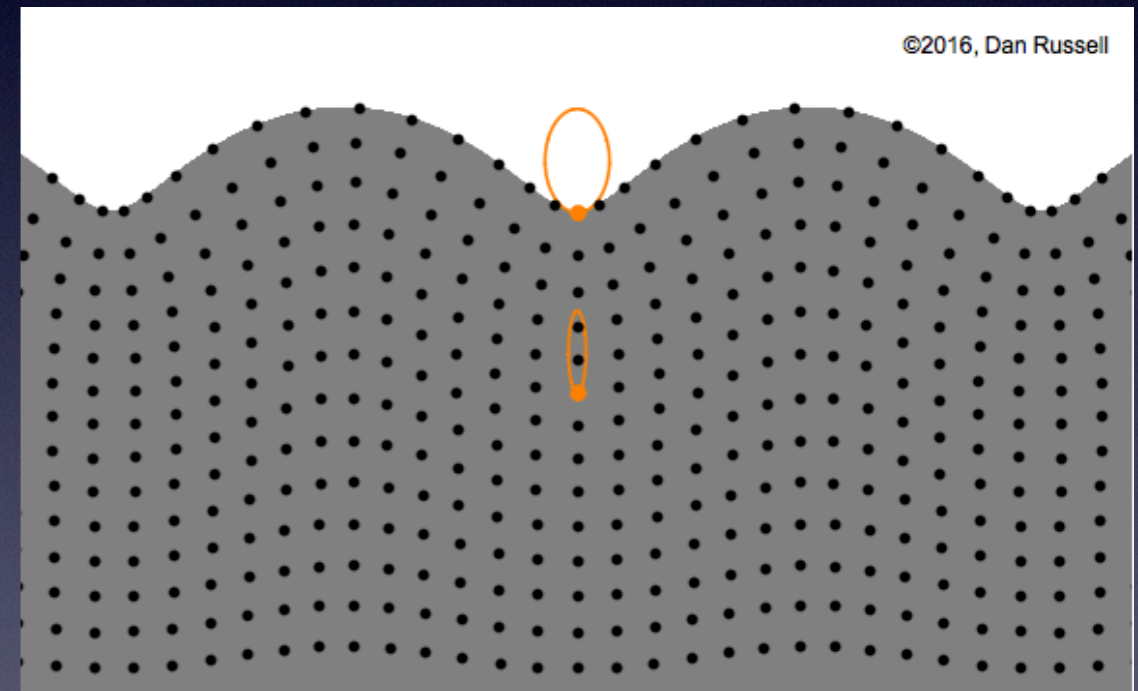
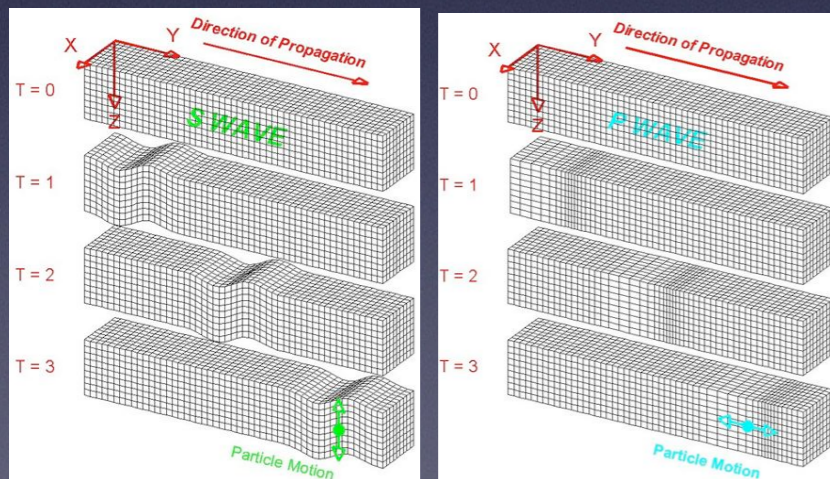
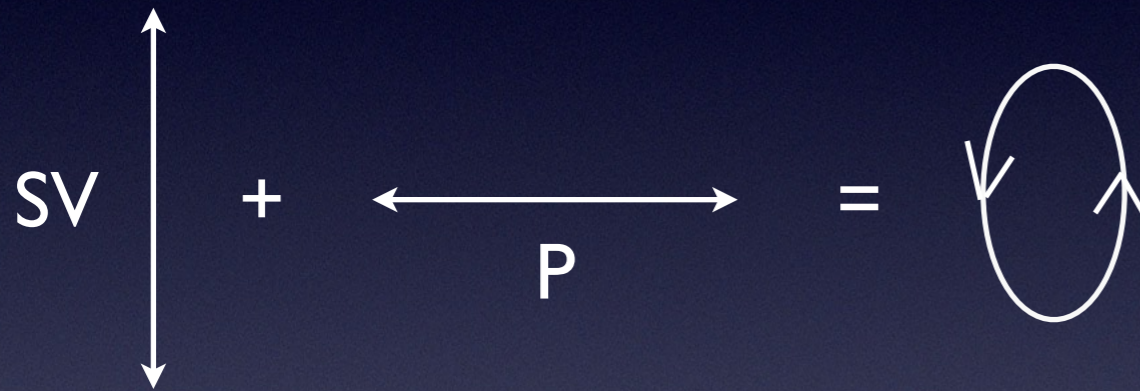


The most energetic events in a seismogram !



# Rayleigh waves

Generated from P waves and SV wave  
(S waves vertically polarised)



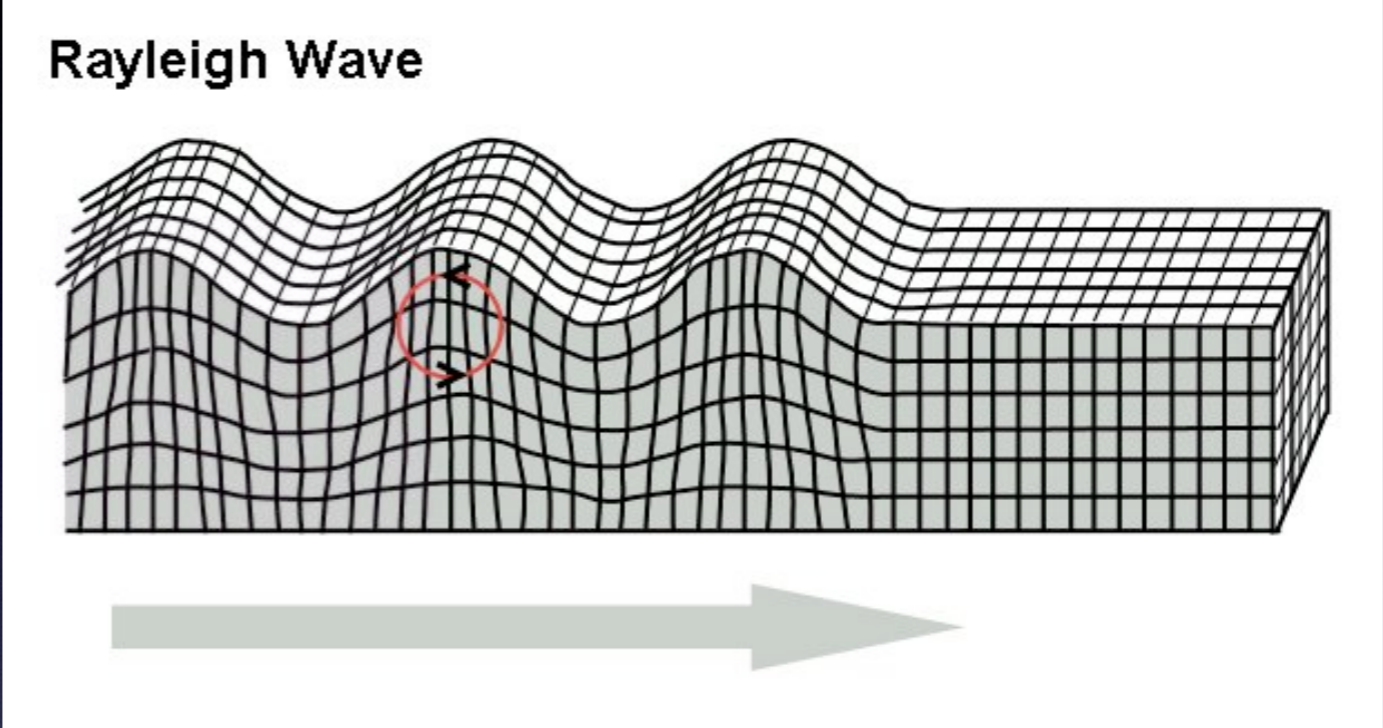
- Elliptical motion (prograde and retrograde)



# Surface waves

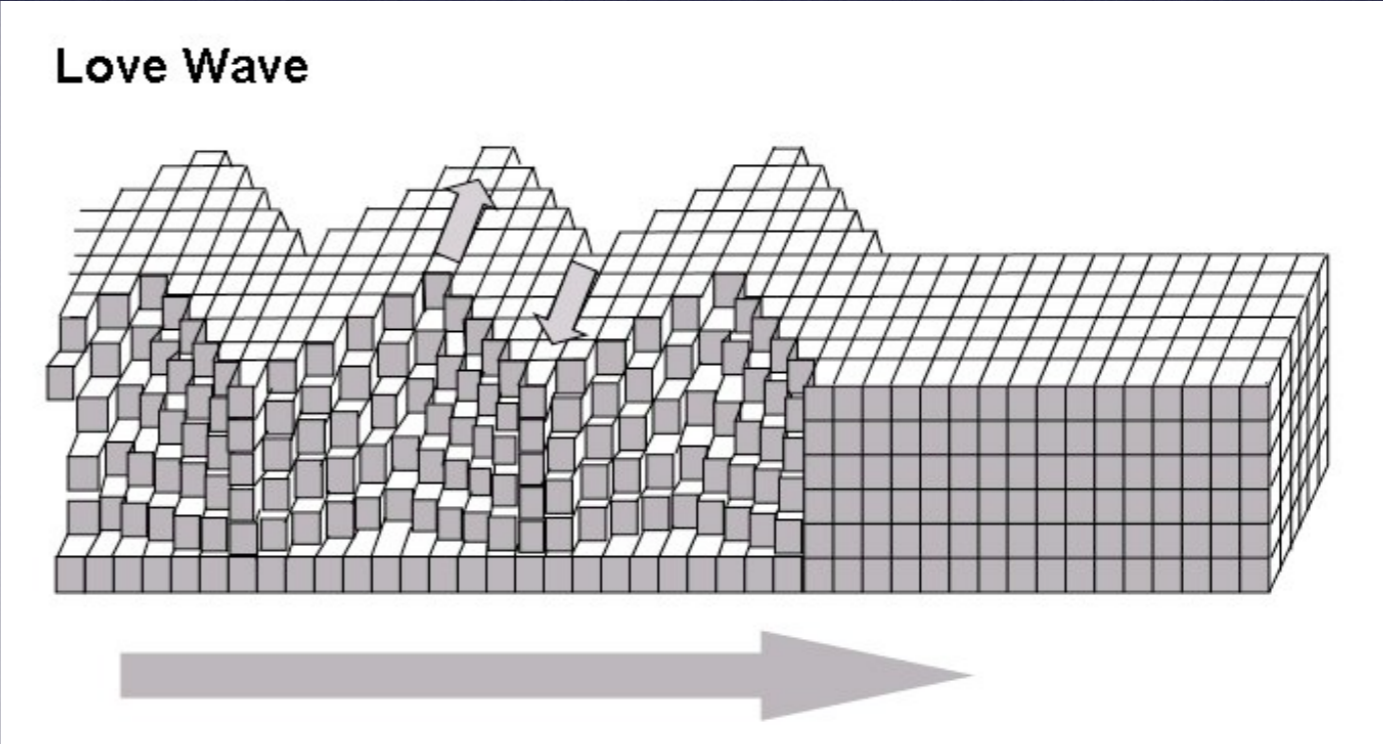
## Rayleigh

Elliptical motion  
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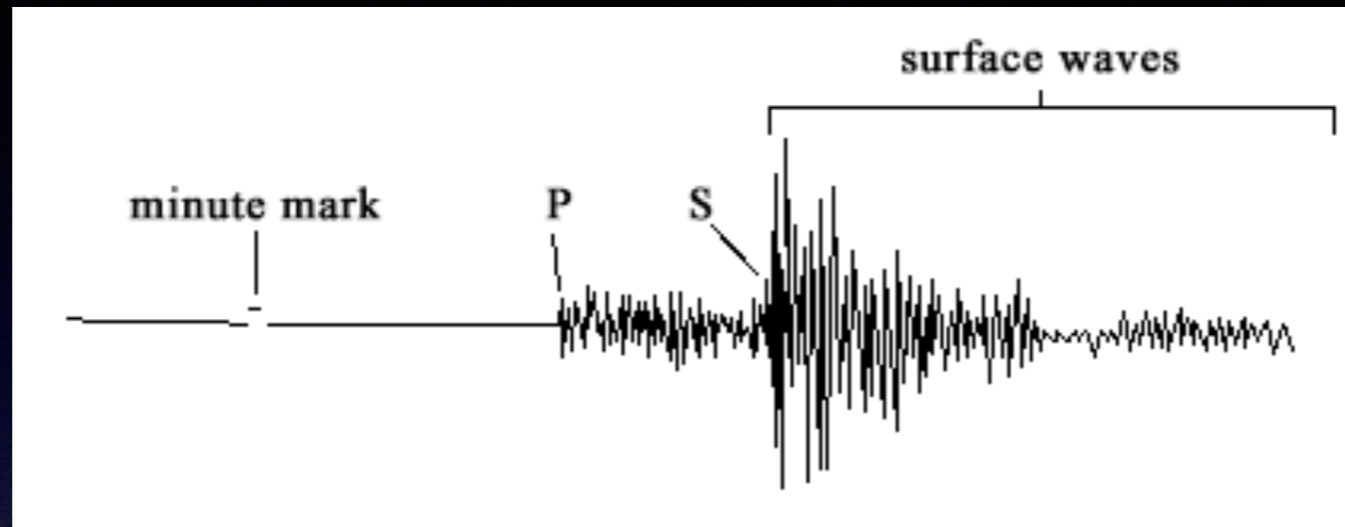
## Love

S waves horizontally polarized

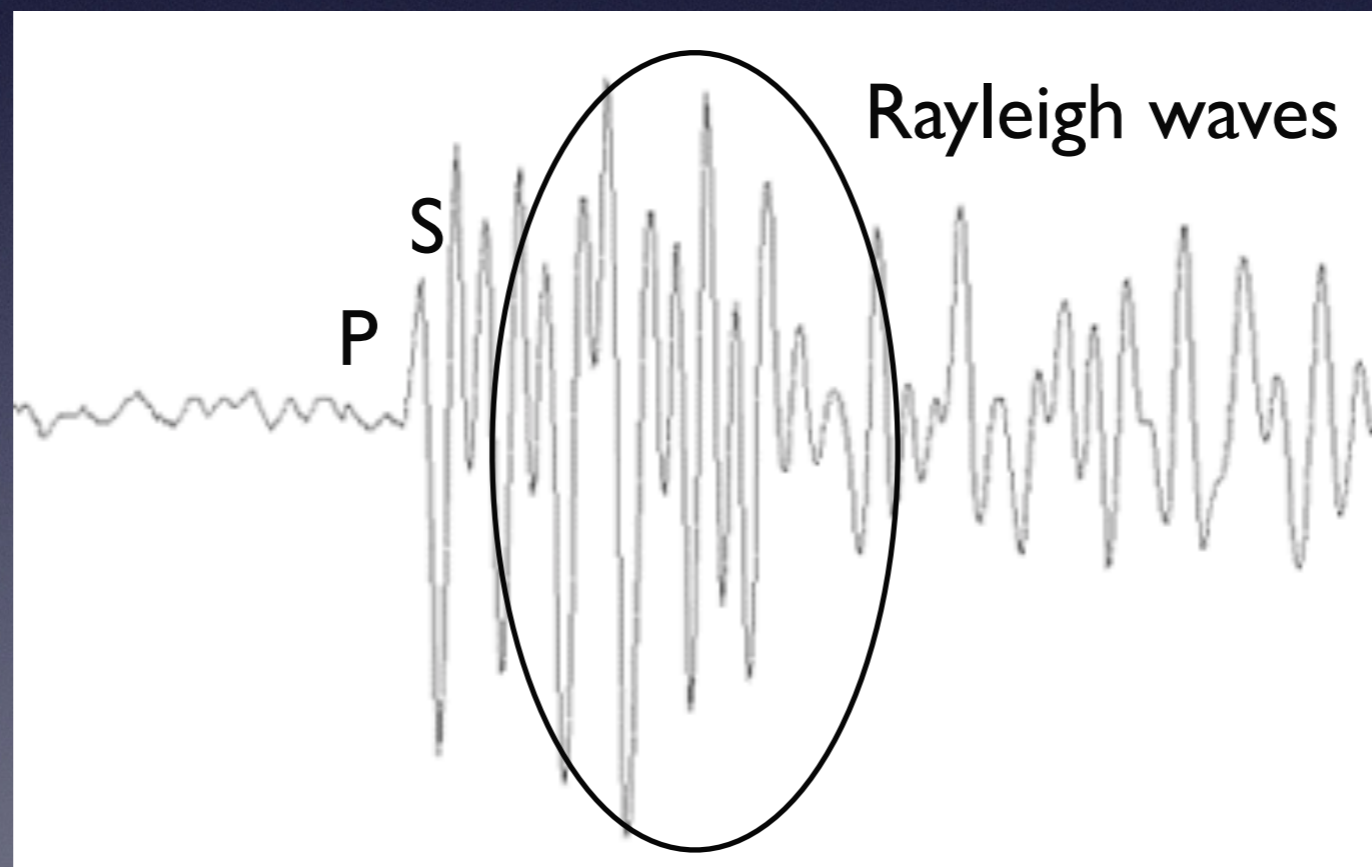




# Surface waves



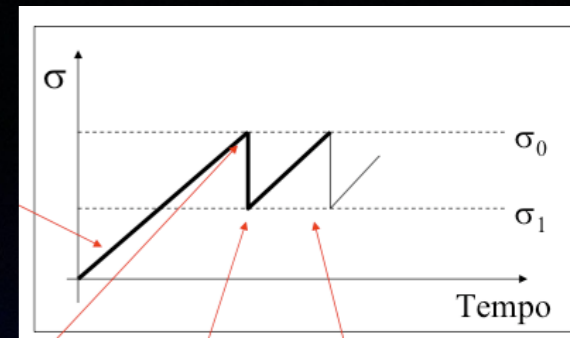
Earthquake



Hammer shot



## - The Earthquake



They need stress and fragile rocks,  
they are cyclic events that need high force load:  
then they do not happen everywhere...

Where?

How much strong?

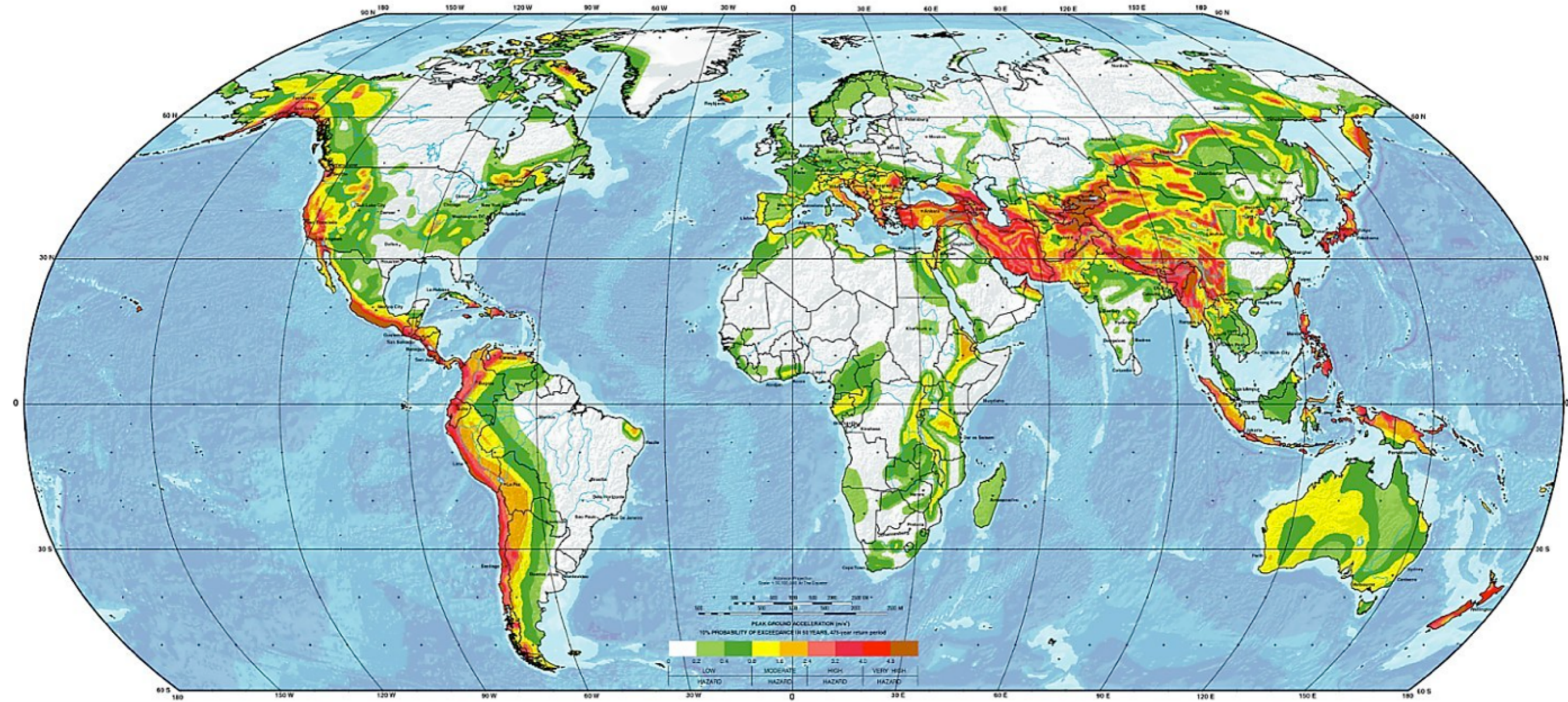
When?



where?

# GLOBAL SEISMIC HAZARD MAP

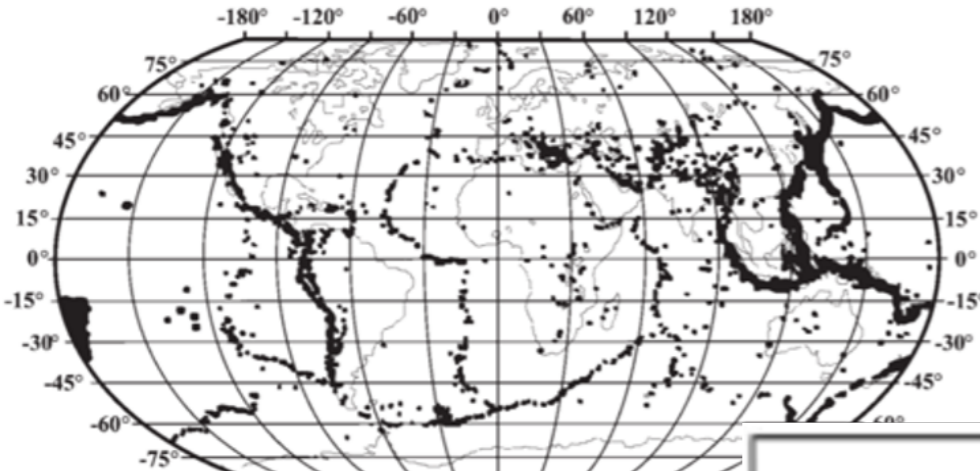
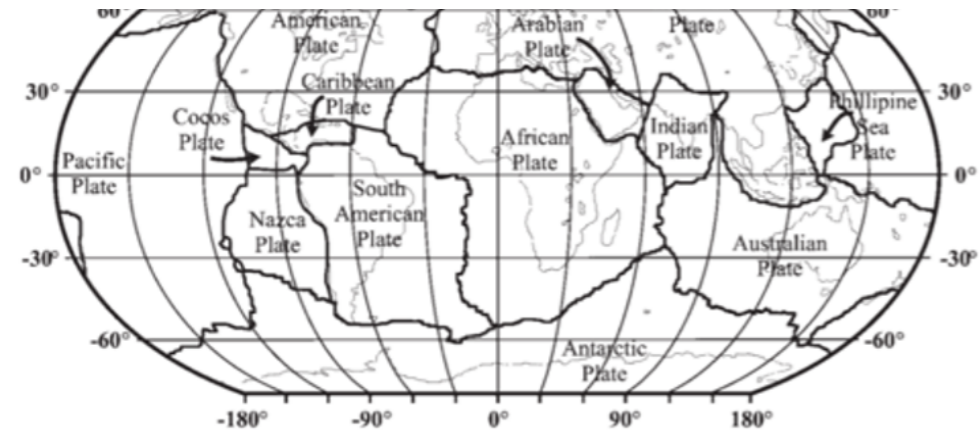
Produced by the Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program (GSHAP),  
a demonstration project of the UN/International Decade of Natural Disaster Reduction, conducted by the International Lithosphere Program.  
Global map assembled by D. Giardini, G. Grÿnthal, K. Shedlock, and P. Zhang  
1999



Where we have stress loading

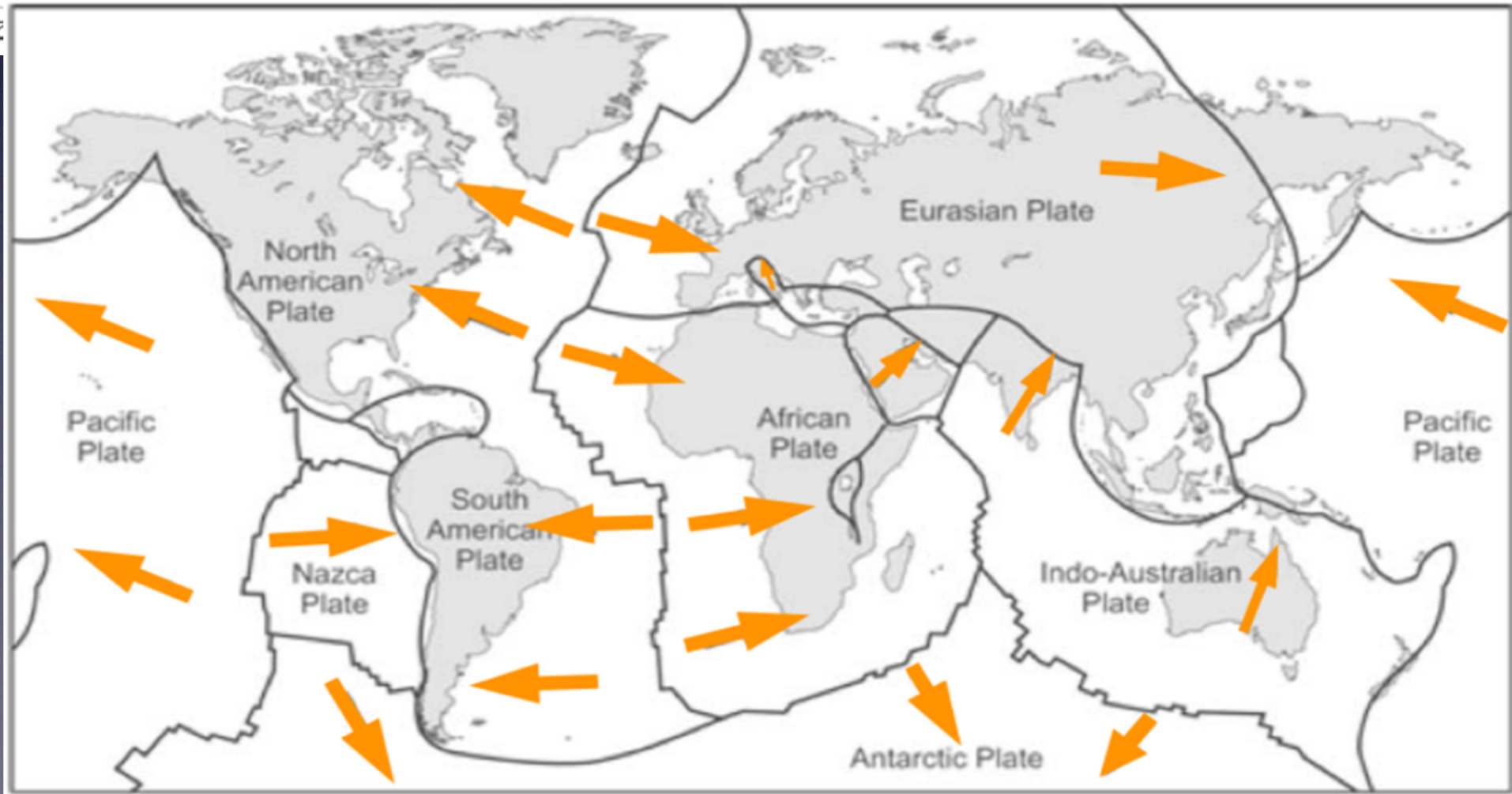


# TECTONIC PLATES BOUNDARIES



# SEISMIC EVENTS

# TECTONIC STRESS



Fonte: S. Danesi, INGV







$$\log N = a - bM$$

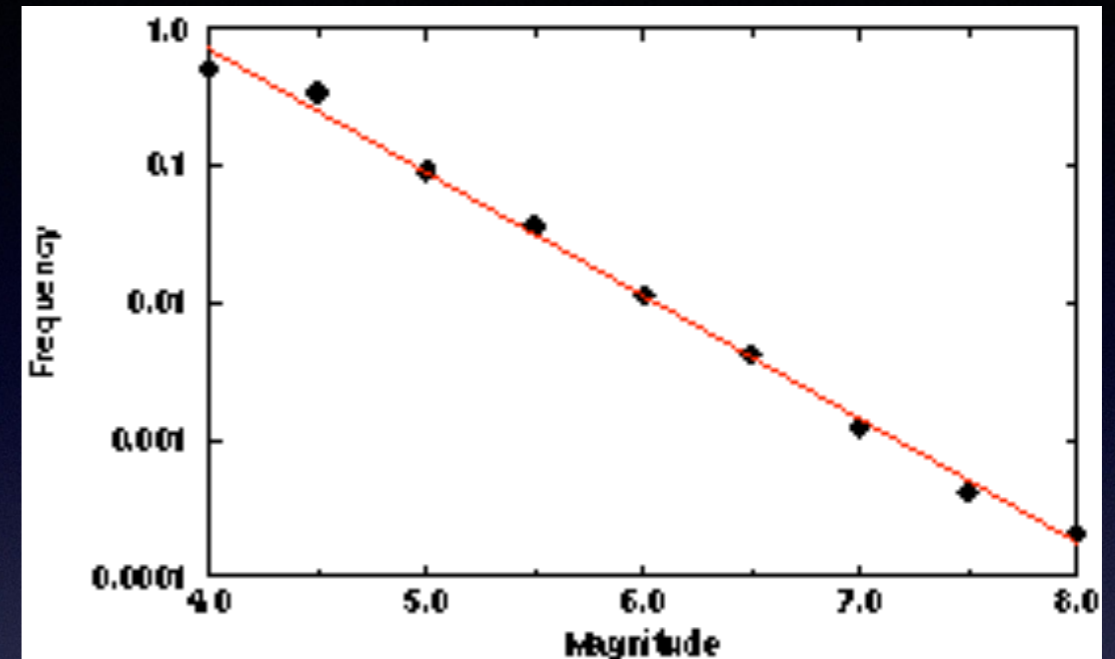
## How much strong?

$N$  = earthquakes numbers

$M$  = magnitude

$a, b$  = costants

### Richter law

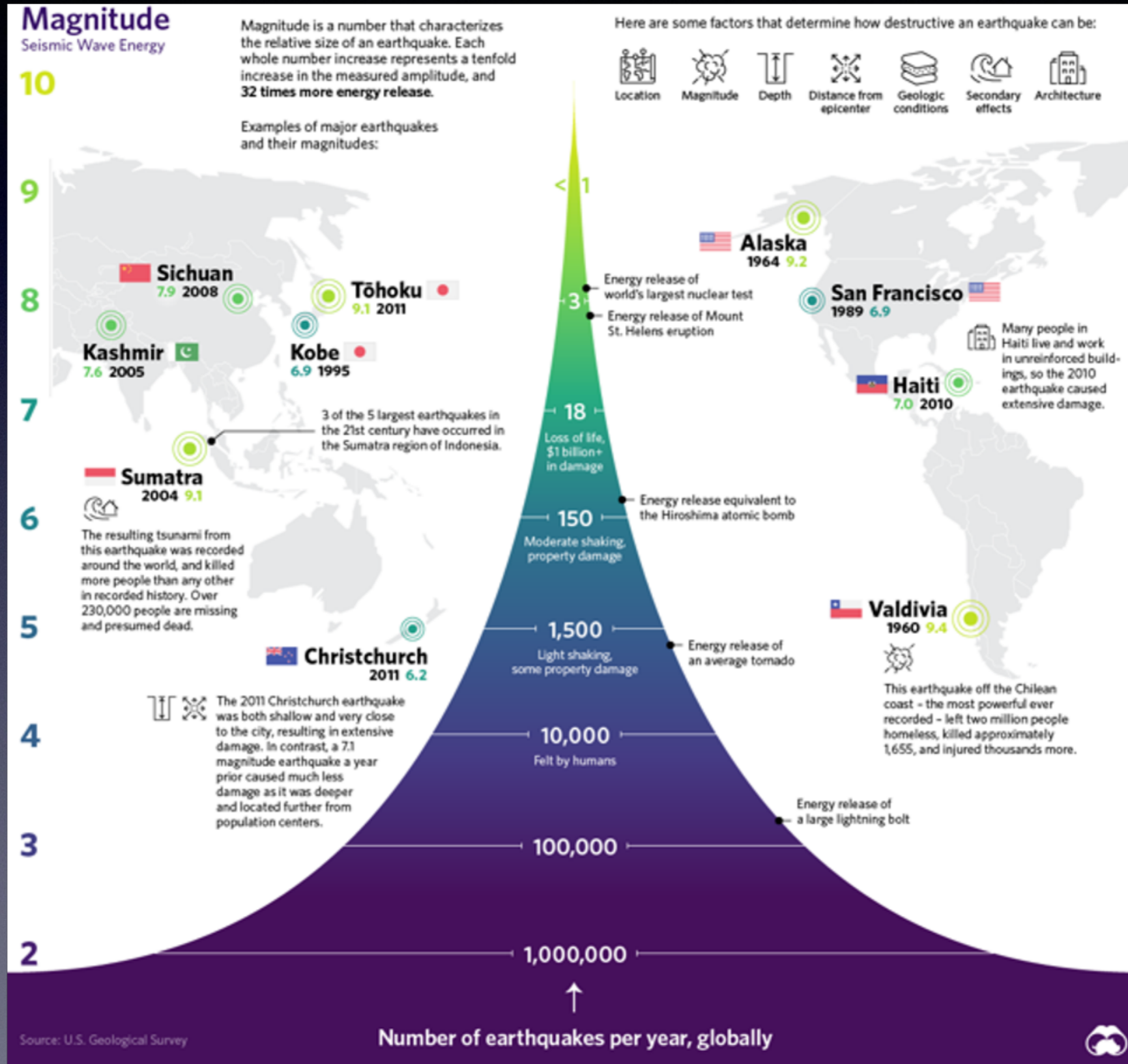


Earthquake	Body wave magnitude $m_b$	Surface wave magnitude $M_s$	Fault area (km <sup>2</sup> ) (lengthxwidth)	Average dislocation (m)	Moment (dyn-cm) $M_0$	Moment Magnitude $M_w$
Truckee, 1966	5.4	5.9	10x10	0.3	$8.3 \times 10^{24}$	5.9
San Fernando, 1971	6.2	6.6	20x14	1.4	$1.2 \times 10^{26}$	6.7
Loma Prieta, 1989	6.2	7.1	40x15	1.7	$3.0 \times 10^{26}$	6.9
San francisco, 1906		7.8	450x10	4	$5.4 \times 10^{27}$	7.8
Alaska, 1964	6.2	8.4	500x300	7	$5.2 \times 10^{29}$	9.1
Chile, 1960		8.3	800x200	21	$2.4 \times 10^{30}$	9.5



# How much strong?

Big events are rare, small ones occur often





# How much strong?

## The Earthquakes measurements

**Intensity** (e.g. MCS scale: Mercalli Cancani Sieberg)

It is an empirical measurement of the earthquake effect (XII grades)

**Magnitude** (e.g. Richter scale)

It is an energy measurement from the recordings amplitude (0-9,5)





## Qualitative description of the effect

### I. Not felt

Not felt by humans but technology is capable of sensing it.

### II. Weak

Felt only by a few persons during sleep, especially on upper floors of buildings.

### III. Weak

Felt quite noticeably by persons indoors, especially on upper floors of buildings. Many people do not recognize it as an earthquake. Standing motor cars may rock slightly. Vibrations similar to the passing of a truck. Duration estimated.

### IV. Light

Felt indoors by many, outdoors by few during the day. At night, some awakened. Dishes, windows, doors disturbed; walls make cracking sound. Sensation like heavy truck striking building. Standing motor cars rocked noticeably.

### V. Moderate

Felt by nearly everyone; many awakened. Some dishes, windows broken. Unstable objects overturned. Pendulum clocks may stop.

### VI. Strong

Felt by all, many frightened. Some heavy furniture moved; a few instances of fallen plaster. Damage slight.

### VII. Very Strong

Damage negligible in buildings of good design and construction; slight to moderate in well-built ordinary structures; considerable damage in poorly built or badly designed structures; some chimneys broken.

### VIII. Severe

Damage slight in specially designed structures; considerable damage in ordinary substantial buildings with partial collapse. Damage great in poorly built structures. Fall of chimneys, factory stacks, columns, monuments, walls. Heavy furniture overturned.

### IX. Violent

Damage considerable in specially designed structures; well-designed frame structures thrown out of plumb. Damage great in substantial buildings, with partial collapse. Buildings shifted off foundations.

### X. Extreme

Some well-built wooden structures destroyed; most masonry and frame structures destroyed with foundations. Rails bent.

### XI. Extremely Dangerous

Few, if any, (masonry) structures remain standing. Bridges destroyed. Broad fissures in ground. Underground pipe lines completely out of service. Earth slumps and land slips in soft ground. Rails bent greatly.

### XII. Catastrophic

Damage total. Waves seen on ground surfaces. Lines of sight and level distorted. Objects thrown upward into the air.

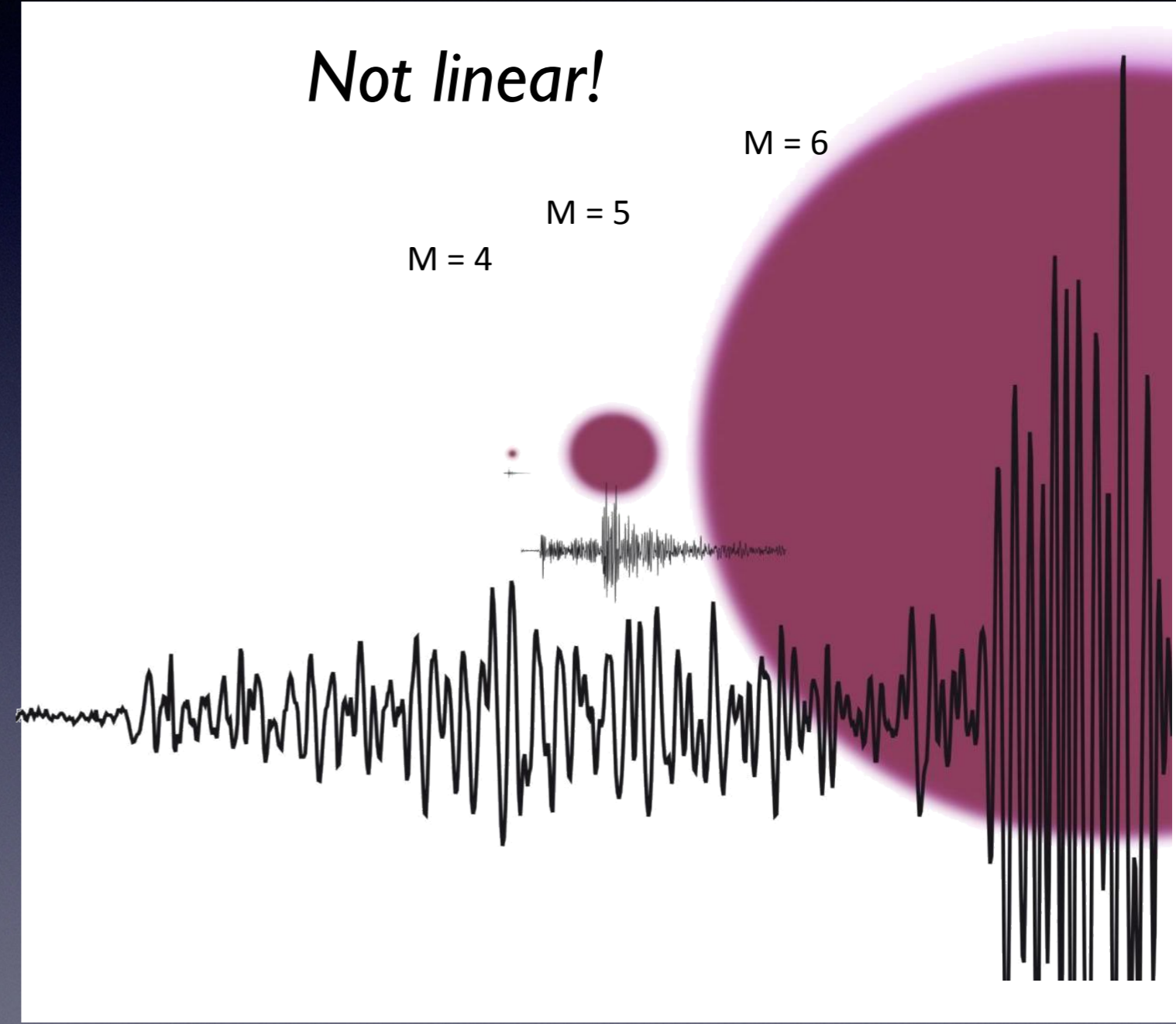


## Richter scale

magnitudo	TNT equivalente
0	1 chilogrammo
1	31,6 chilogrammi
1,5	178 chilogrammi
2	1 tonnellata
2,5	5,6 tonnellate
3	31,6 tonnellate
3,5	178 tonnellate
4	1000 tonnellate
4,5	5600 tonnellate
5	31600 tonnellate
5,5	178000 tonnellate
6	1 milione di tonnellate
6,5	5,6 milioni di tonnellate
7	31,6 milioni di tonnellate
7,5	178 milioni di tonnellate
8	1 miliardo di tonnellate
8,5	5,6 miliardi di tonnellate
9	31,6 miliardi di tonnellate
9,5	178 miliardi di tonnellate
10	1000 miliardi di tonnellate

Hiroshima →

## Instrumental quantitative scale



M6 is about 30 times greater than M5 and about 1000 times greater than M4





## Several type of Magnitude

1. local magnitude ( $M_L$ ), aka the "Richter magnitude"
2. Surface-wave magnitude ( $M_s$ ), based on SW amplitude
3. body-wave magnitude ( $M_b$ ), based on BW amplitude
4. the moment magnitude ( $M_w$ )

*All magnitude scales should have the same value for any given earthquake (not trivial for insurances)*



## 4. the moment magnitude ( $M_w$ ), base on 'seismic moment'

The seismic moment is a measure of the estimated size of an earthquake based on the area of fault rupture

$$M = \mu A D$$

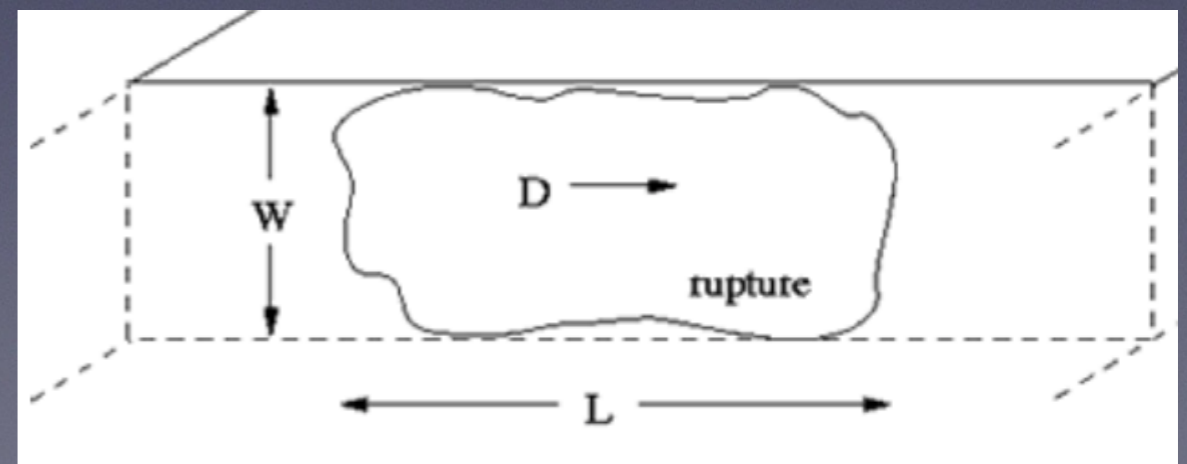
$M$  = seismic Moment

$\mu$  = shear modulus (e.g. 32 GPa in crust, 75 GPa in mantle)

$A = LW$  = area of rupture

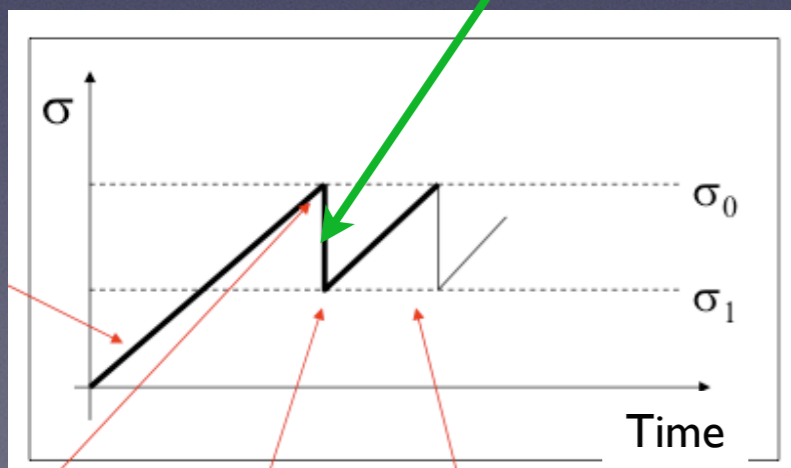
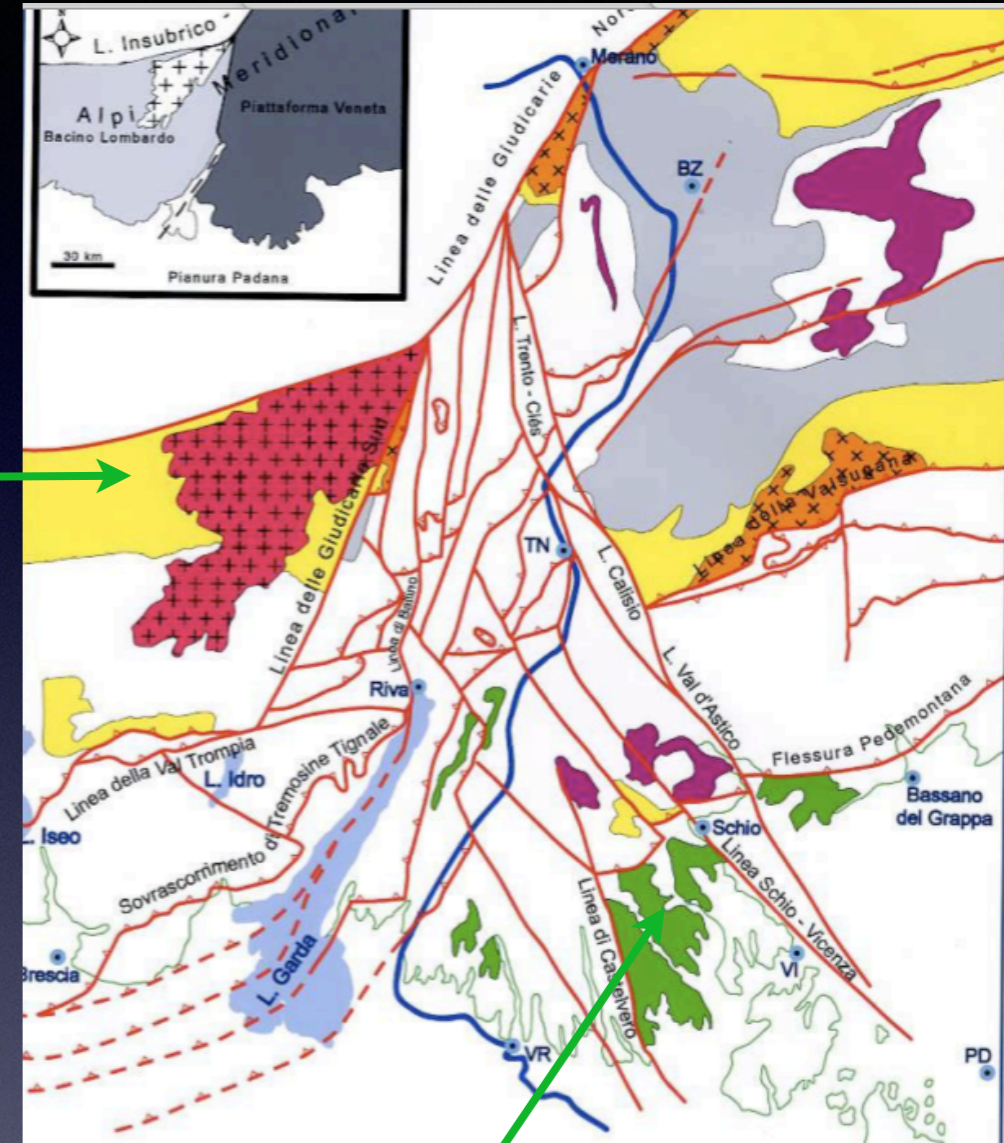
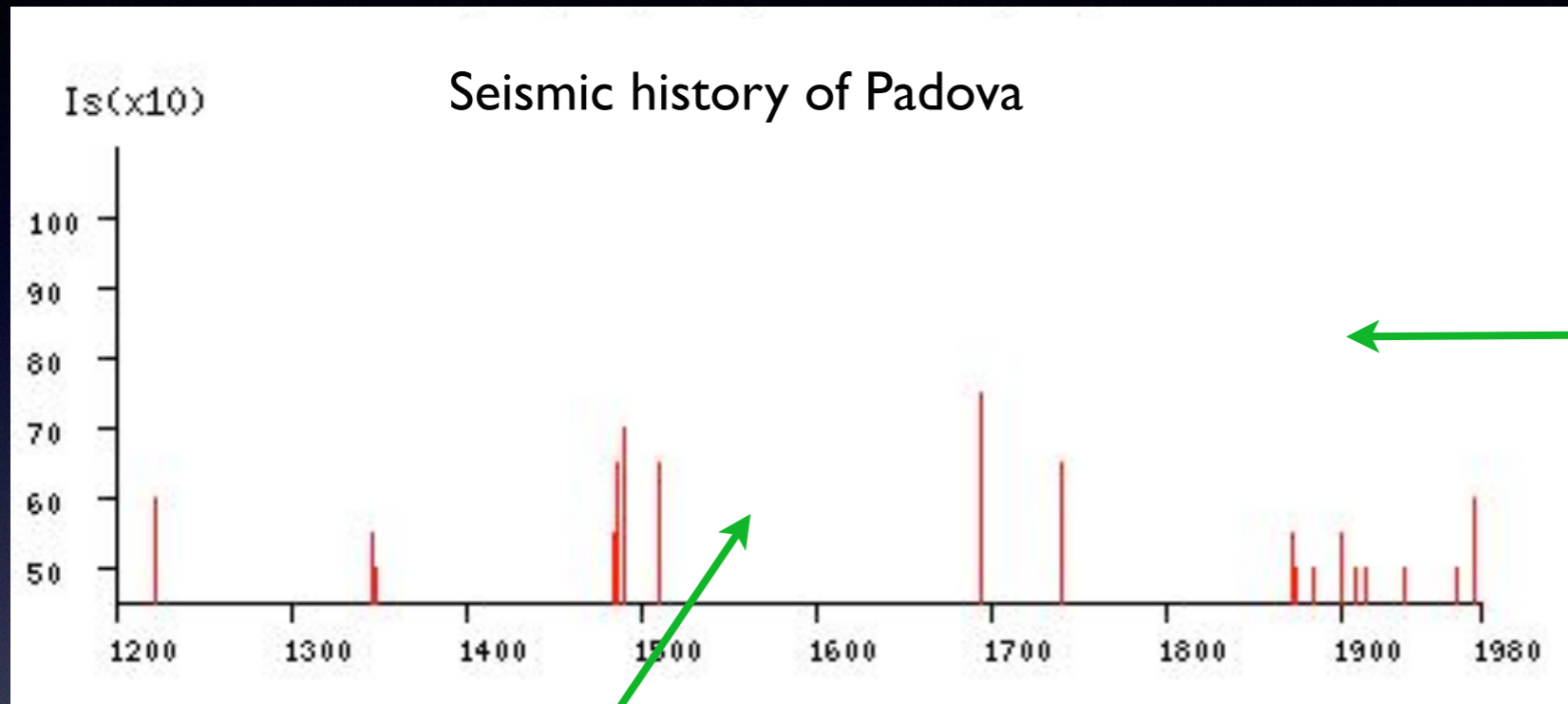
$D$  = average displacement during rupture

*Seismic fault*





# When? Not definable...



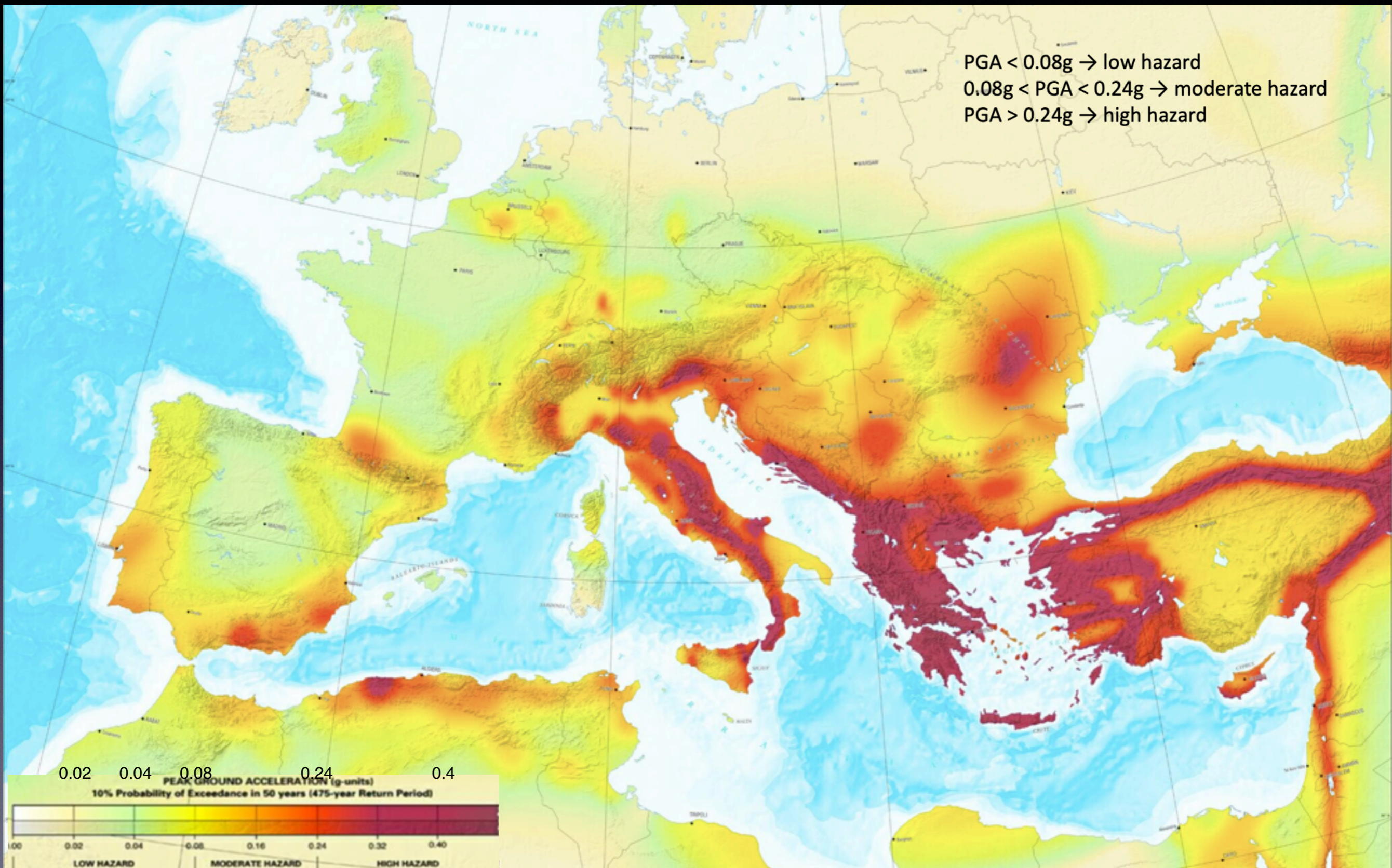
Stress  
and strain  
are not linear!

Ruptures are not specially defined!



# Why to protect...

PGA < 0.08g → low hazard  
0.08g < PGA < 0.24g → moderate hazard  
PGA > 0.24g → high hazard



Seismic hazard of Europe expected ground acceleration  $A_g$  (10% 475yrs)



# In Europe Strong Hazard or risk?

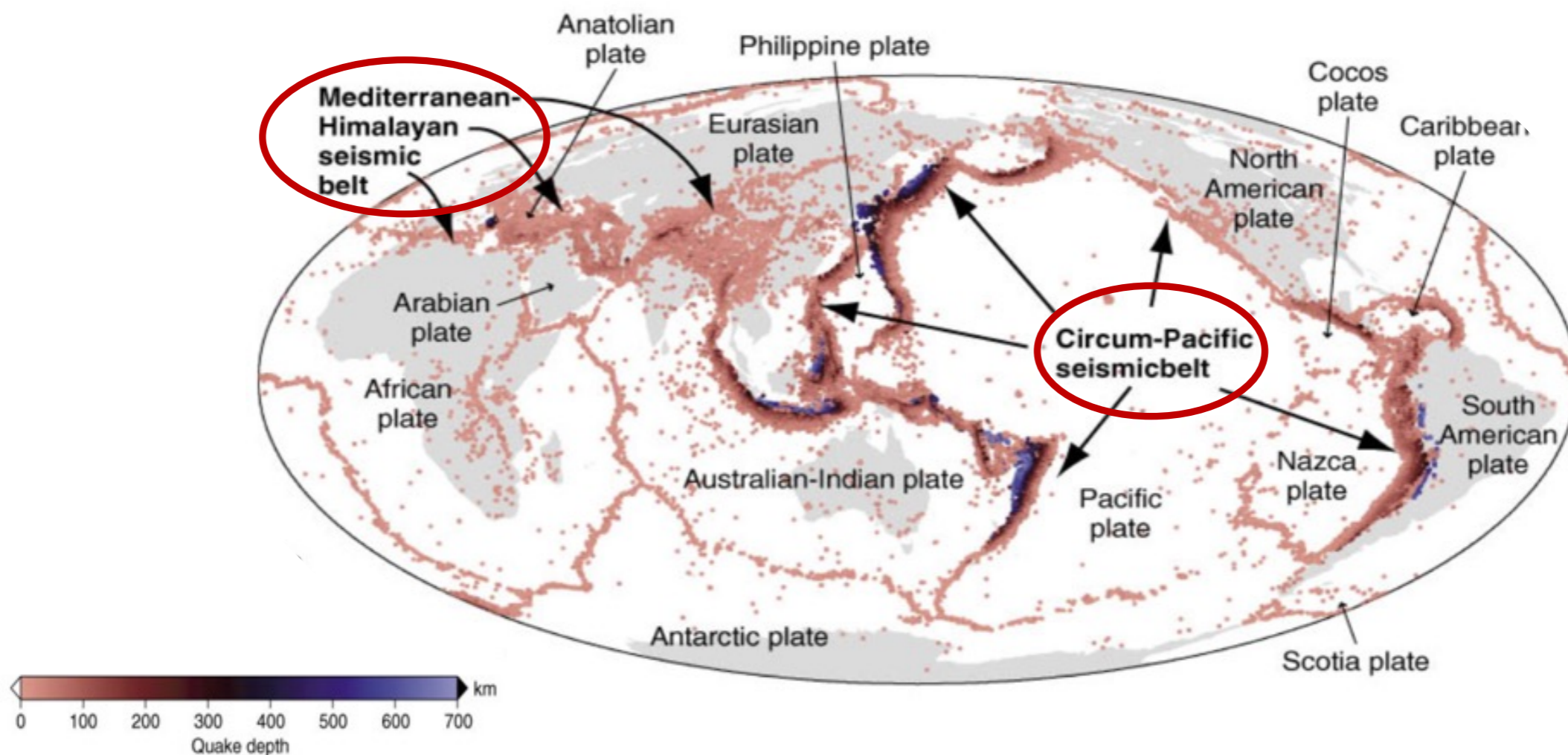
## MODULE 4: SEISMIC RISK

### 1. Seismic Hazard

Main belts (most seismically active):

**Circum-Pacific belt (Ring of Fire)**  
80% of all recorded earthquakes originate

**Mediterranean-Himalayan belt**  
responsible of 15% of all earthquakes



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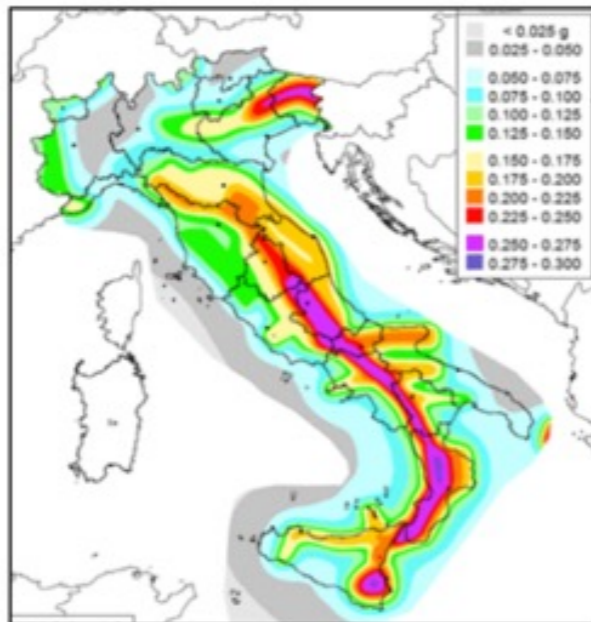
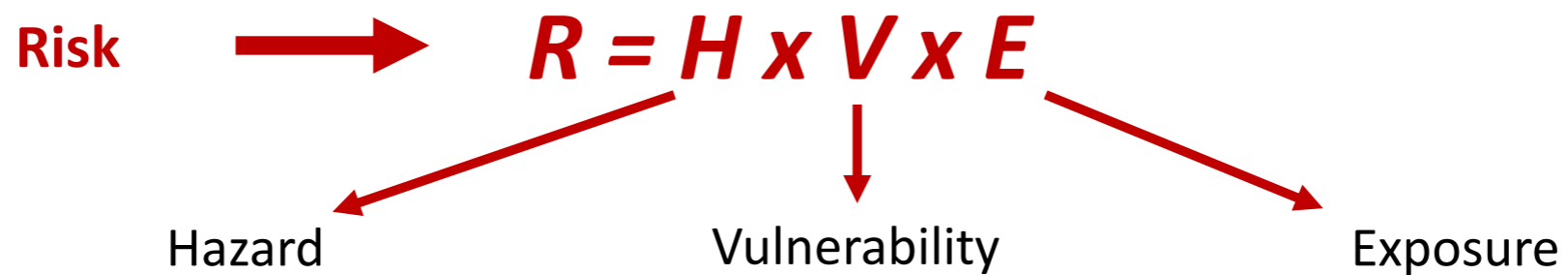
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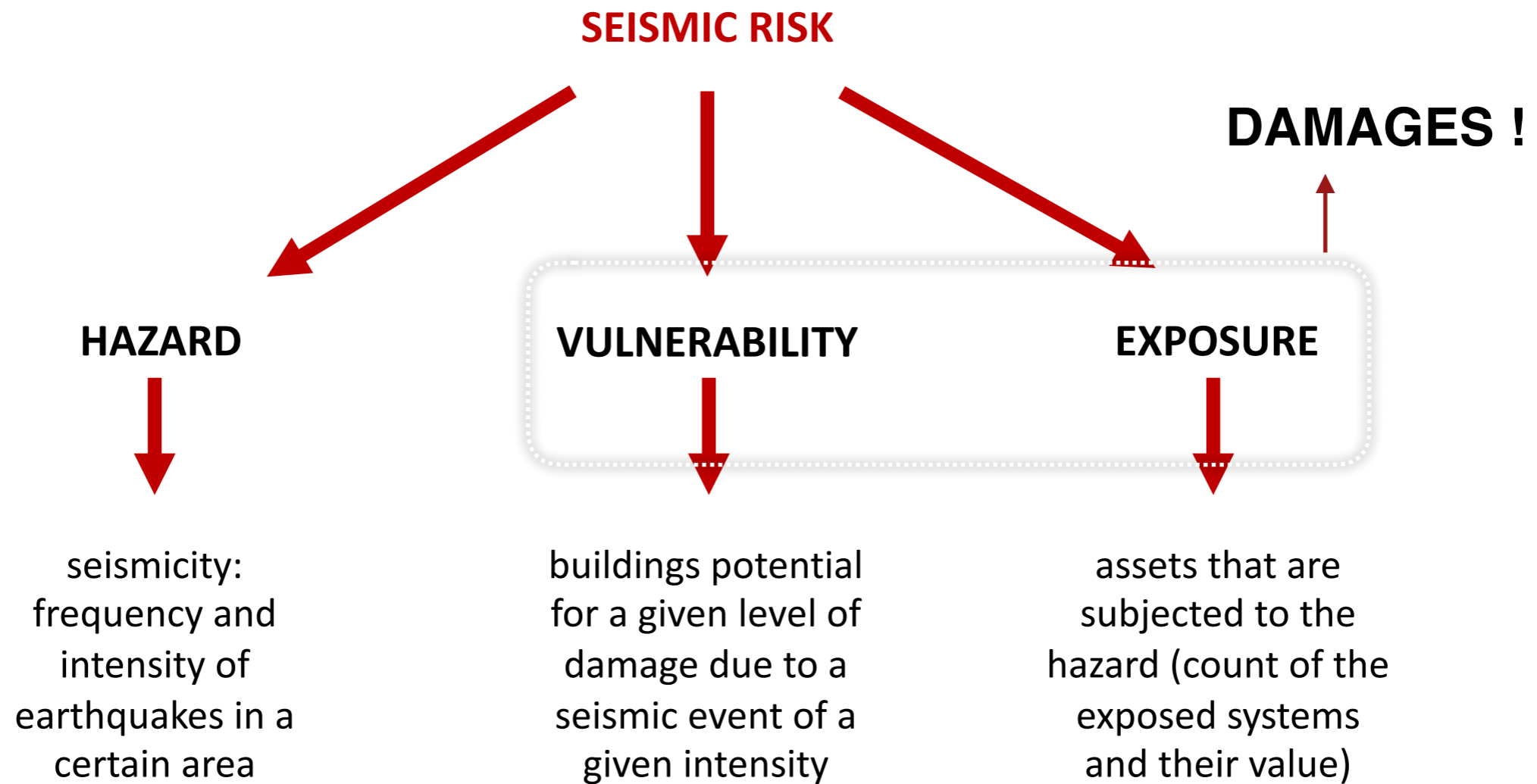


## SEISMIC RISK

It is a general concept that includes both the probability of the event, and the consequences that the event itself could produce. It is the damage measure that, depending on the type of seismicity, of constructions resistance and anthropization (nature, quality and quantity of assets exposed) can be expected in a given time interval







*Disclaimer:*

*Some authors use "hazard" and "exposure" as synonyms, while they use the word "inventory" to indicate the exposed value*



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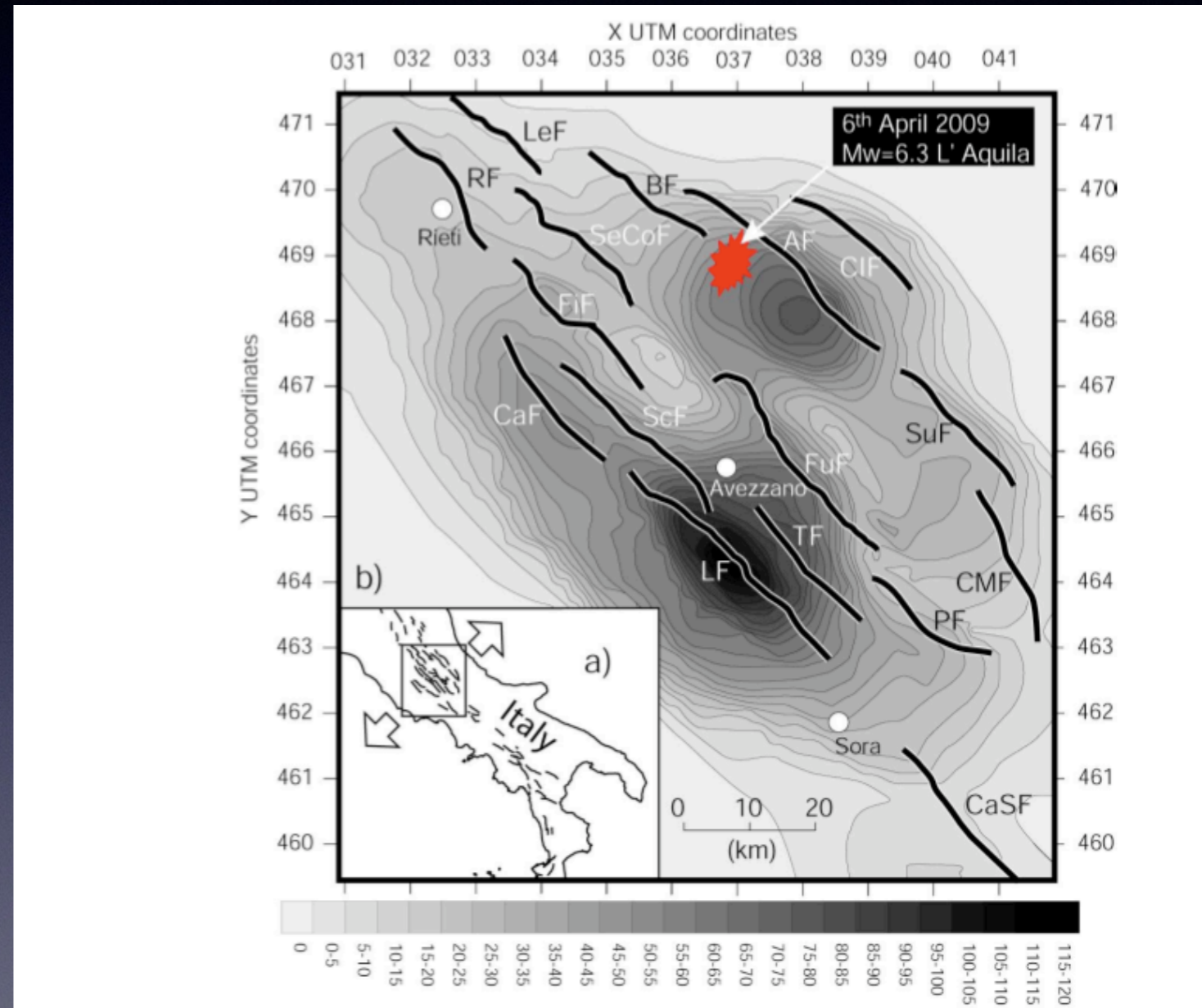
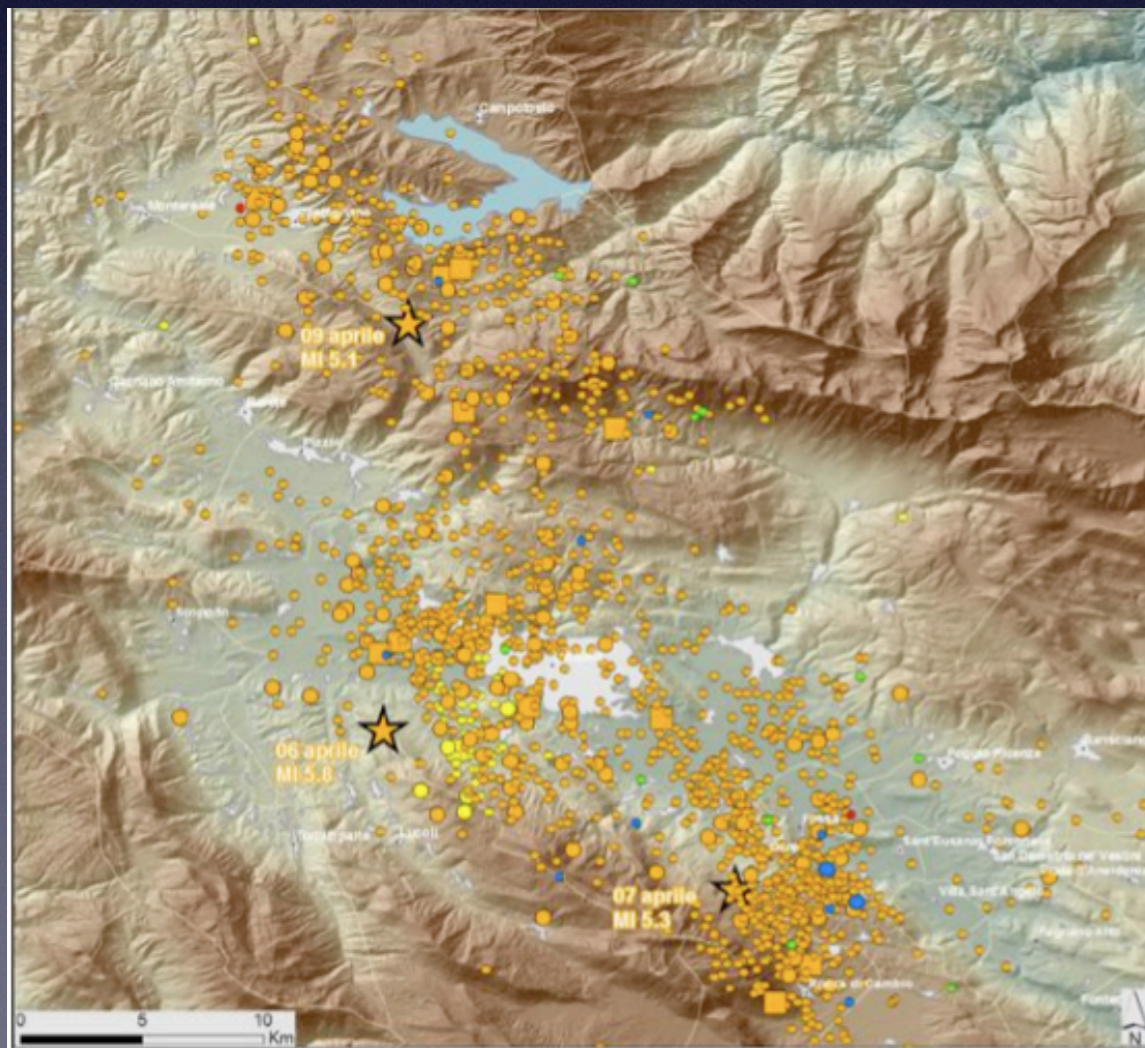
**Risk = (hazard) x (damage)**

# L'Aquila earthquake 6/4/2009

**M = 5.8**

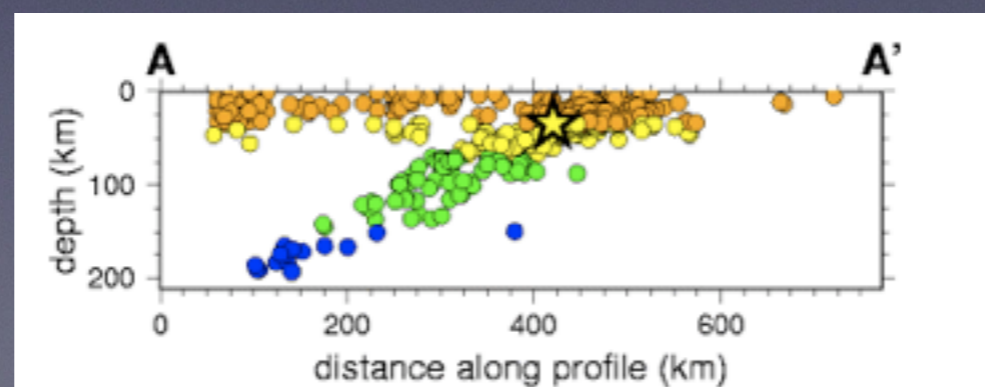
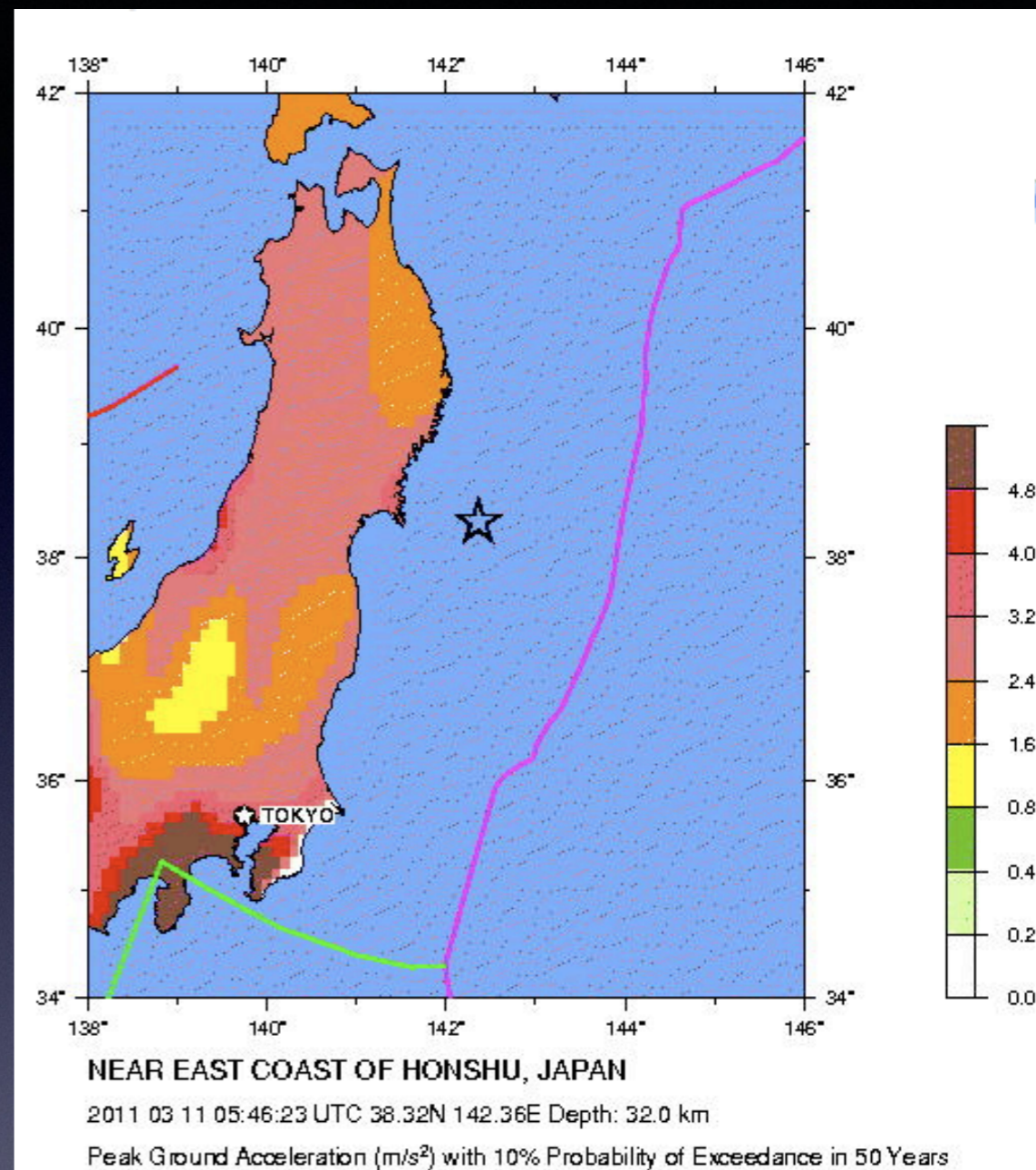
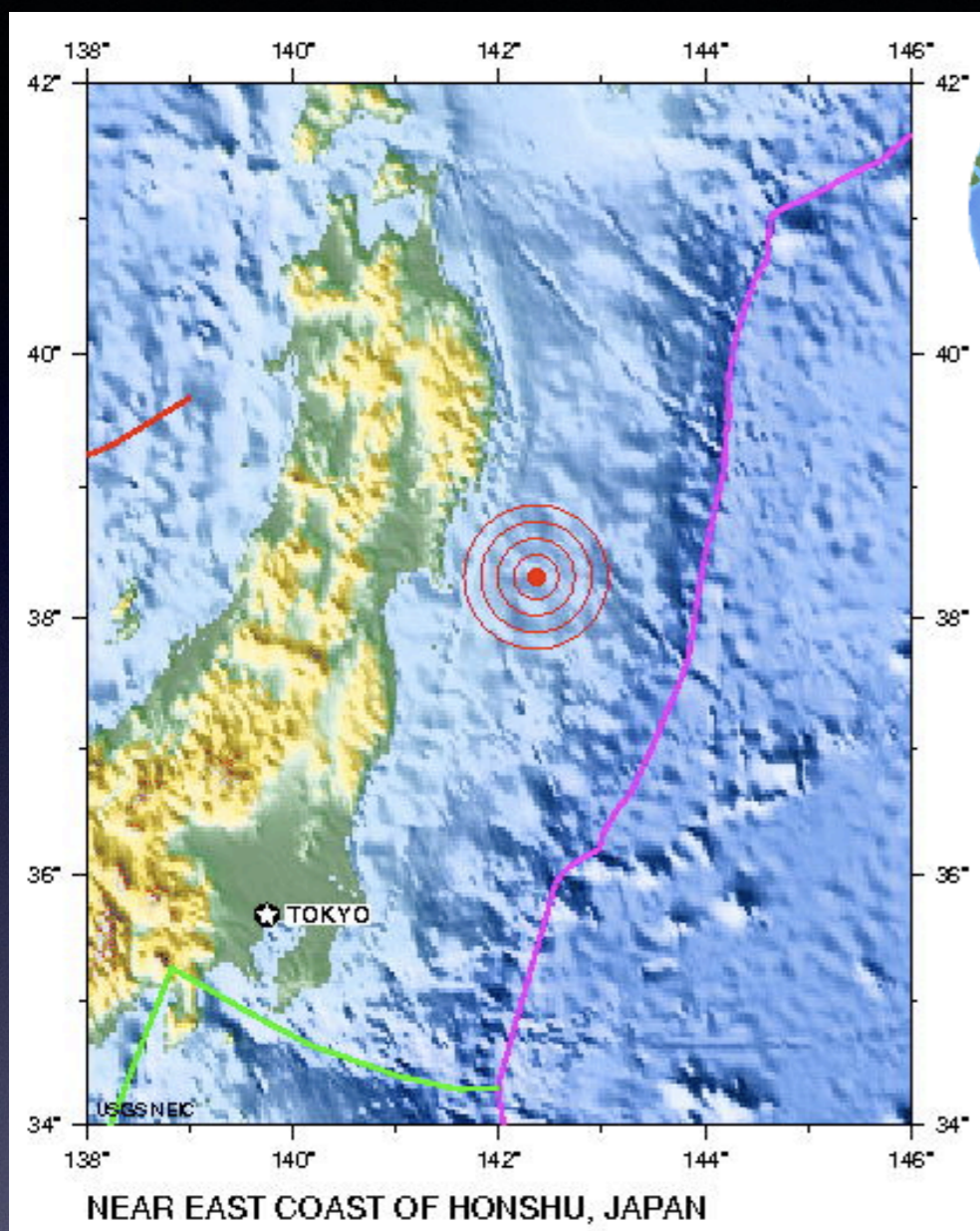
**deaths: 308**

**15:000 evacuated**





# Honshu Earthquake 11/3/2011



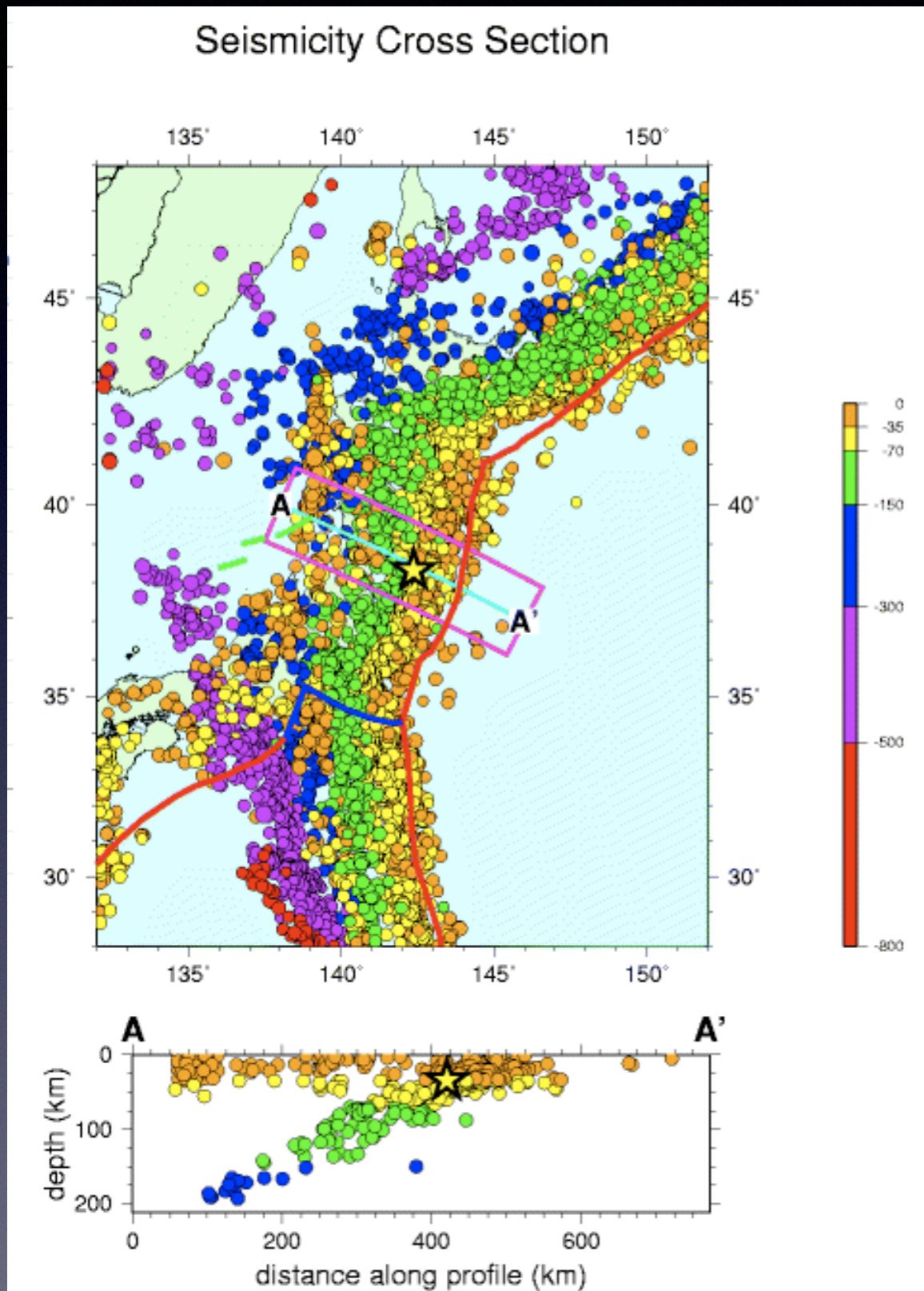


# Hazard $\neq$ Risk

## Honshu Earthquake

M = 7.2  
8 April 2011

deaths: 3





# Hazard $\neq$ Risk

Honshu Earthquake vs L'Aquila earthquake

	Honshu	L'Aquila	Difference
energy	$9 \times 10^{19} \text{ J}$	$3 \times 10^{14} \text{ J}$	ca $10^5$ (30.000)
max acceleration	3.0 g	0.31 g	10 E+01
max coseismic displacement	17m	10 cm	10 E+02



# How to protect ?

## Study the territory

(mainly due by government,  
with the help of professionals  
and scientists )

2 needs :

Know the problem

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graph TD; A[2 needs :] -- "Know the problem" --> B[Study the territory]; A -- "Prevent the problem" --> C[Design in a-seismic prospective];
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Prevent the problem

Design in a-seismic prospective  
(task of building designers)



# The seismic hazard

(that is not the risk..)

## Output:

Classify seismically a territory:  
create map of expected ground acceleration

## Input:

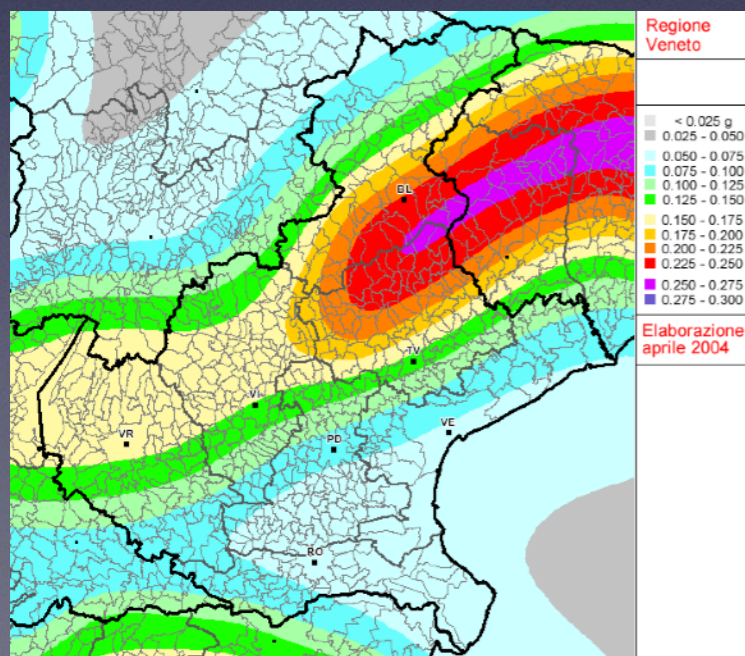
- Historical earthquake catalog ( e.g. in Italy V century b.C. - 1970)
- Instrumental recordings (1970-today)
  
- Knowledge of main geological structure
- Knowledge of geotechnical soil parameters
- Geophysical soil parameters



# 2 Approaches:

## Probabilistic

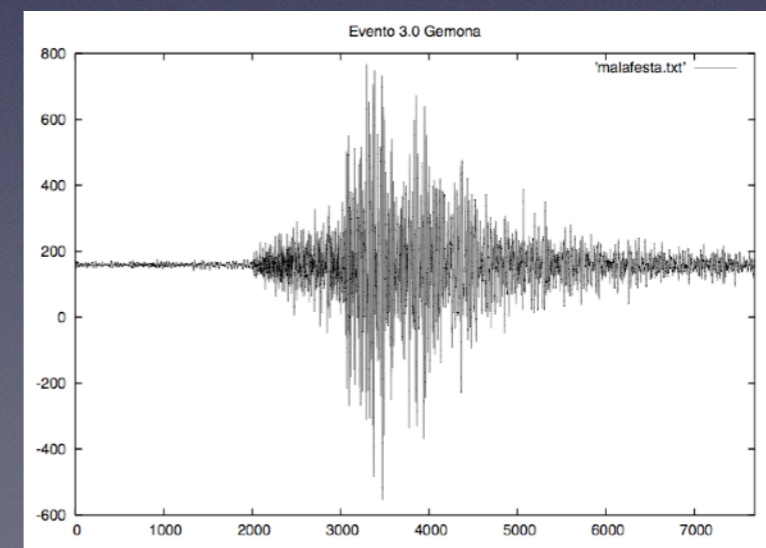
Probabilistic studies about the occurrence of strong earthquakes based on previous information and geological knowledge (they do not consider the local soil condition !)



## Deterministic

Synthetic simulation of ground motion based on:

- source modelling
- propagation of seismic waves through a geological model





Deterministic is apparently more reliable but we have huge uncertainties on deep model and sources

The government prefer then the probabilistic one, especially where a good historical catalog make statistic robust

but....

what about time-spatial uncertainties ?

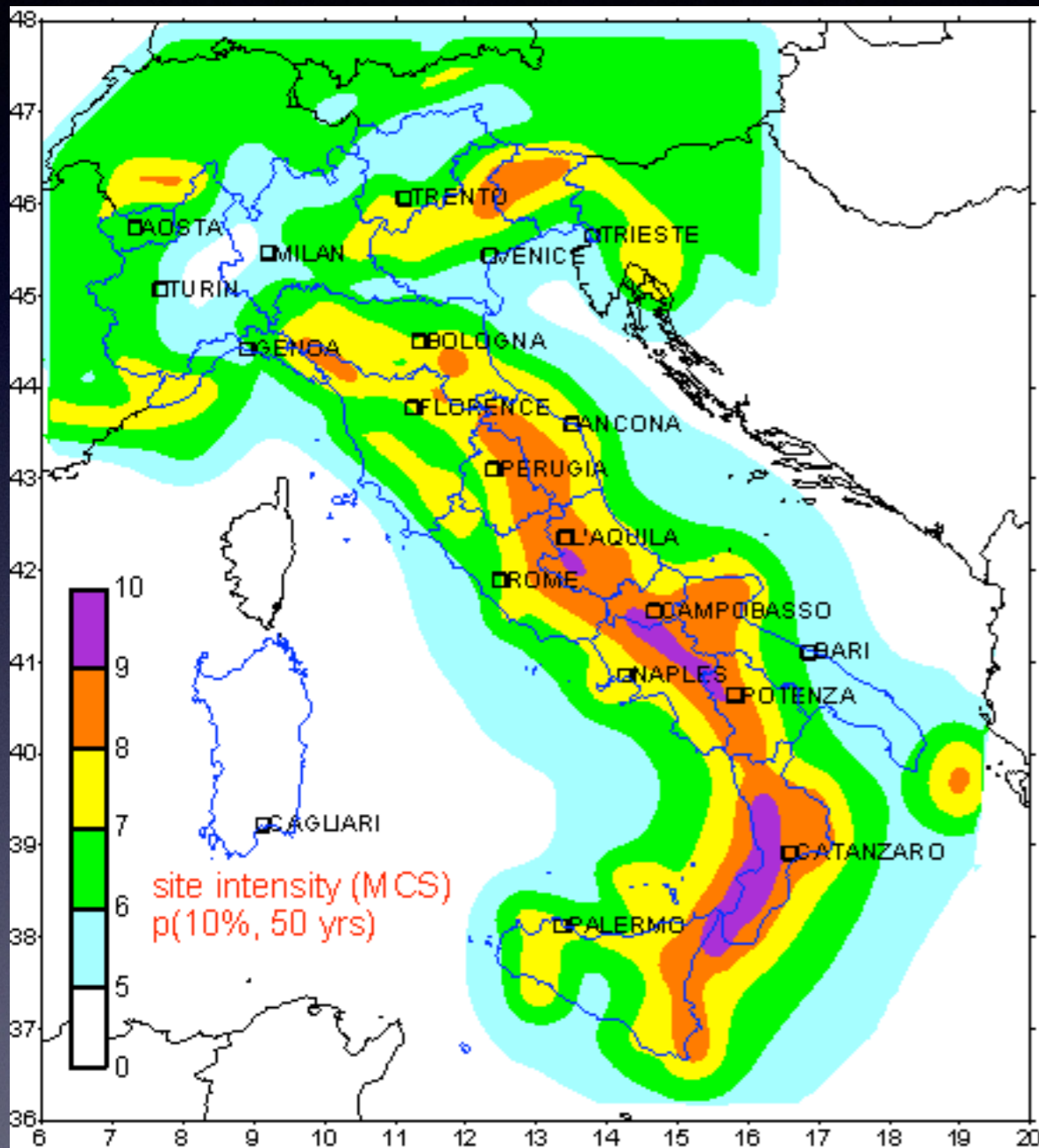


# Macroseismic Intensity

## Mercalli scale:

### Just a 'picture' of the past events

### events



## Qualitative scale

**I** Non percepito salvo che in casi particolari; animali inquieti; fronde che stormiscono; porte e lampadari che oscillano.

**II** Percepito solo da persone sdraiate, soprattutto ai piani alti degli edifici.

**III** Percepito in casa; la maggioranza però non riconosce il terremoto; tremito simile a quello dovuto al passaggio di un carro leggero; la durata della scossa può essere valutata.

**IV** Finestre, piatti e porte vibrano; i muri scricchiolano; vibrazione simile a quella dovuta al passaggio di carri pesanti; percepito da molti in casa, da pochi all'esterno.

**V** Percepito quasi da tutti; molti vengono svegliati; oggetti instabili possono cadere; gli intonaci possono rompersi.

**VI** Percepito da tutti; mobili pesanti vengono rimossi; i libri cadono ed i quadri si staccano dal muro; le campane suonano; danni occasionali ai camini; danni strutturali minimi.

**VII** Panico; difficoltà a conservare la posizione eretta; percepito anche dagli automobilisti; danni minimi agli edifici di buona fattura; danni considerevoli agli altri; onde nei laghi e negli stagni.

**VIII** Disturba la guida di autoveicoli; la struttura degli edifici è interessata fino alle fondamenta, muri di separazione abbattuti; i camini vibrano o cadono; danni lievi solo alle costruzioni antisismiche; i mobili pesanti vengono rovesciati.

**IX** Panico generale; danni considerevoli anche alle costruzioni antisismiche; caduta di edifici; danni seri ai bacini ed alle tubazioni sotterranee; ampie fratture nel terreno.

**X** La maggior parte delle opere in muratura è distrutta, compresi anche gli edifici antisismici; rotaie deformate debolmente; grandi frane.

**XI** Poche case rimangono in piedi; i ponti distrutti; ampie fessure nel terreno; rotaie fortemente piegate.

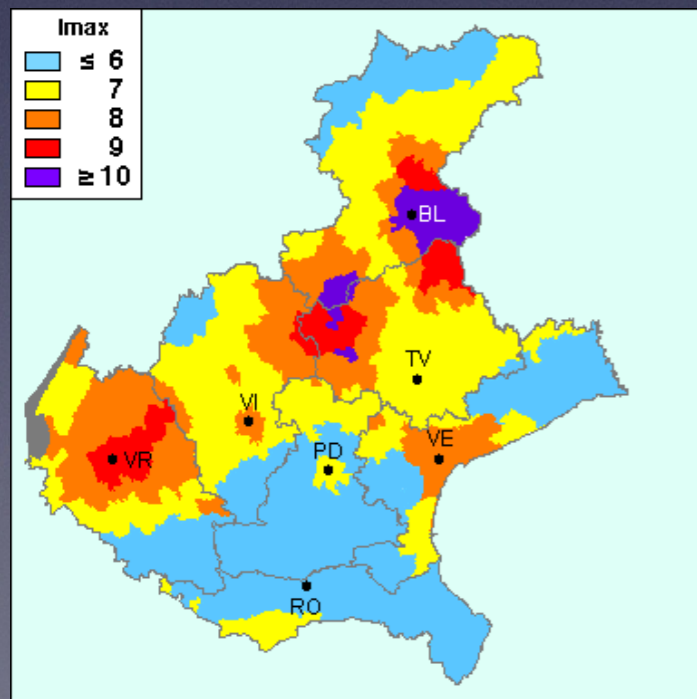
**XII** Distruzione totale; gli oggetti sono addirittura proiettati in ari



The historical catalog has strong uncertainties to answer where and how much strong



Based on :  
Historical chronicles,  
biographies , local documents  
( the Historical Seismology)



drawback:  
Where we have more  
'History' there are more  
earthquakes....



# Relation between qualitative and quantitative are generic...

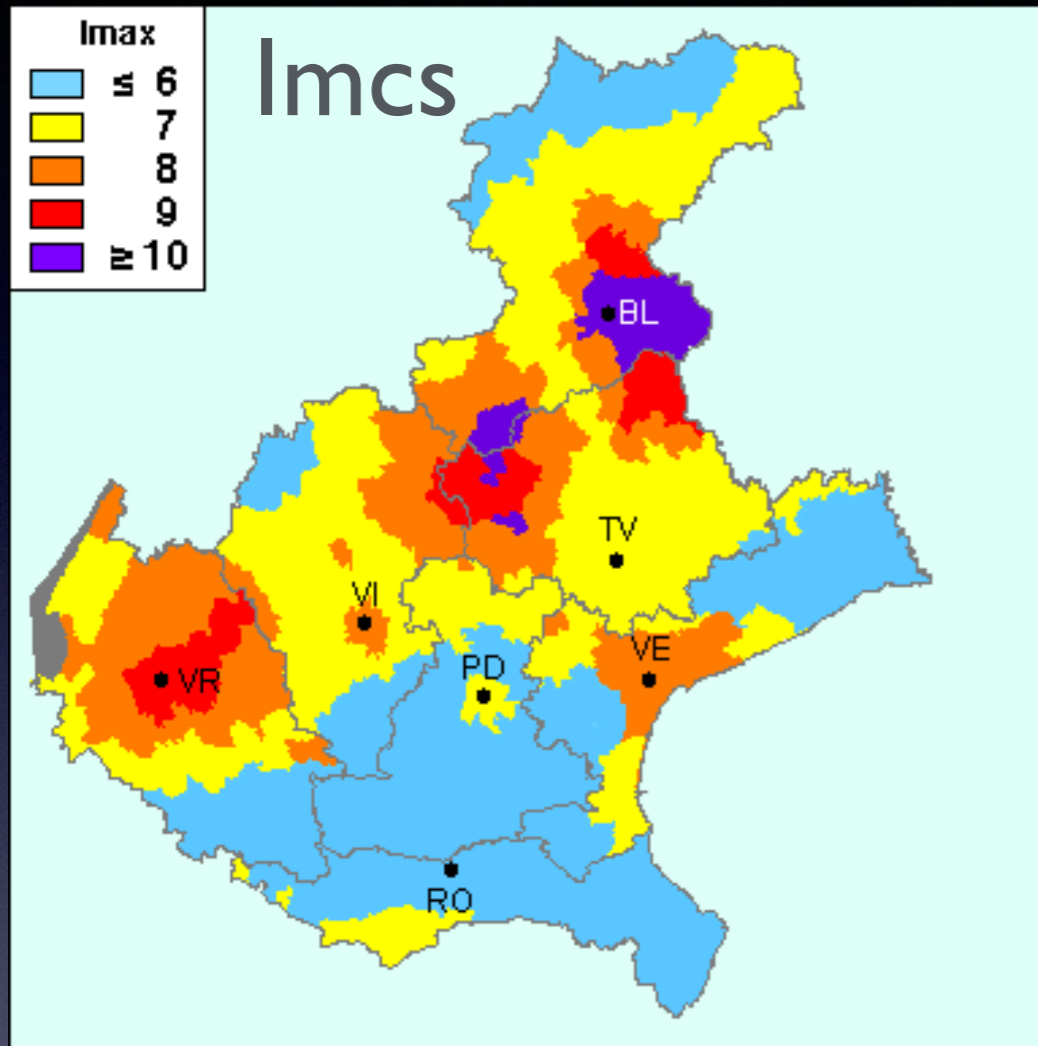
<b>I mcs</b>	<b>PGD (cm)</b>	<b>PGV (cm/s)</b>	<b>DGA (g)</b>
V	0.1-0.5	0.5-1	0.005-0.01
VI	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	0.01-0.02
VII	1.0-2.0	2.0-4.0	0.02-0.04
VIII	2.0-3.5	4.0-8.0	0.04-0.08
IX	3.5-7.0	8.0-15.0	0.08-0.15
X	7.0-15.0	15.0-30.0	0.15-0.3
XI	15.0-30.0	30.0-60.0	0.30-0.60

I grade of Intensity

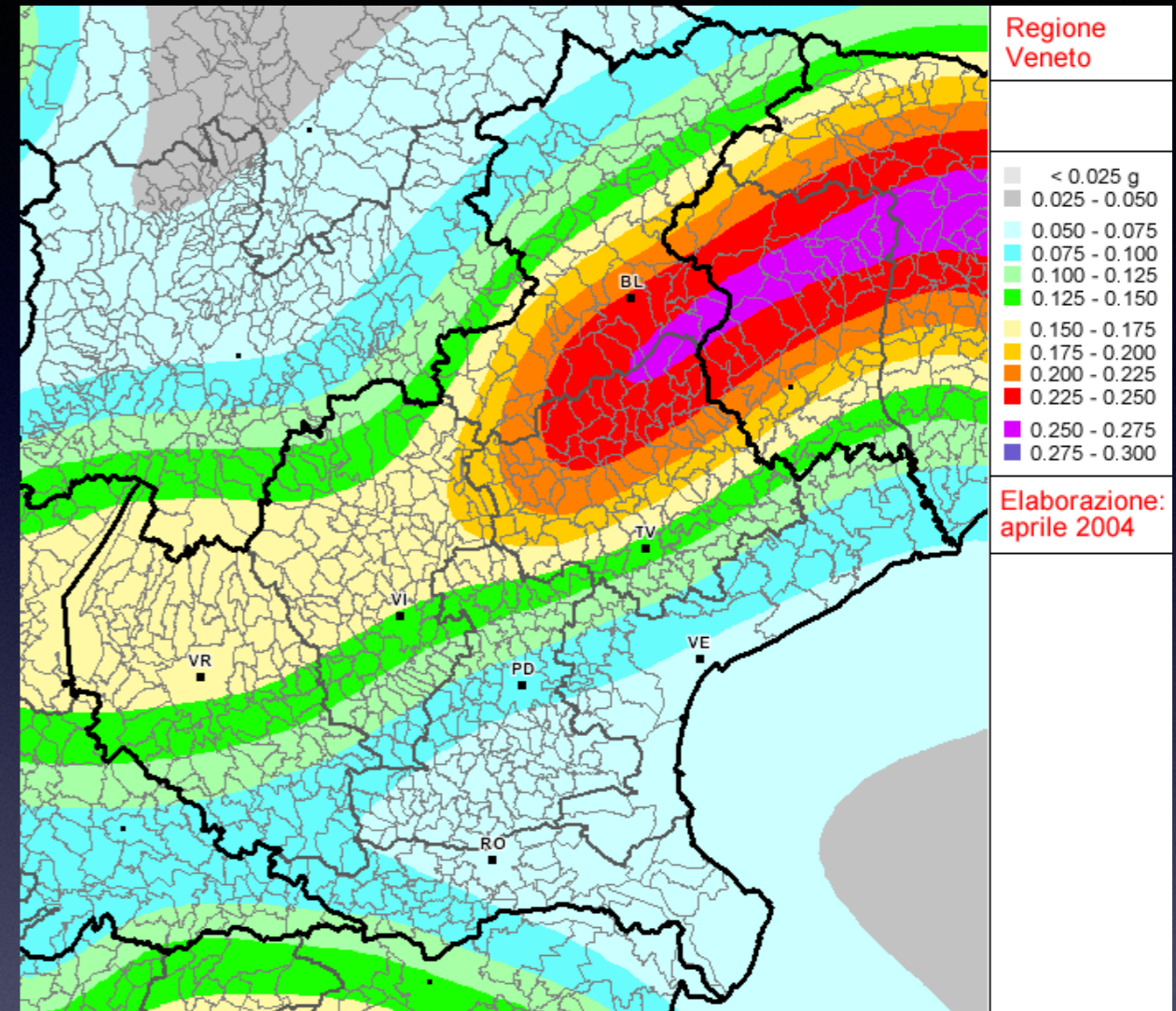
≈ is a double of ground acceleration...



# Quality



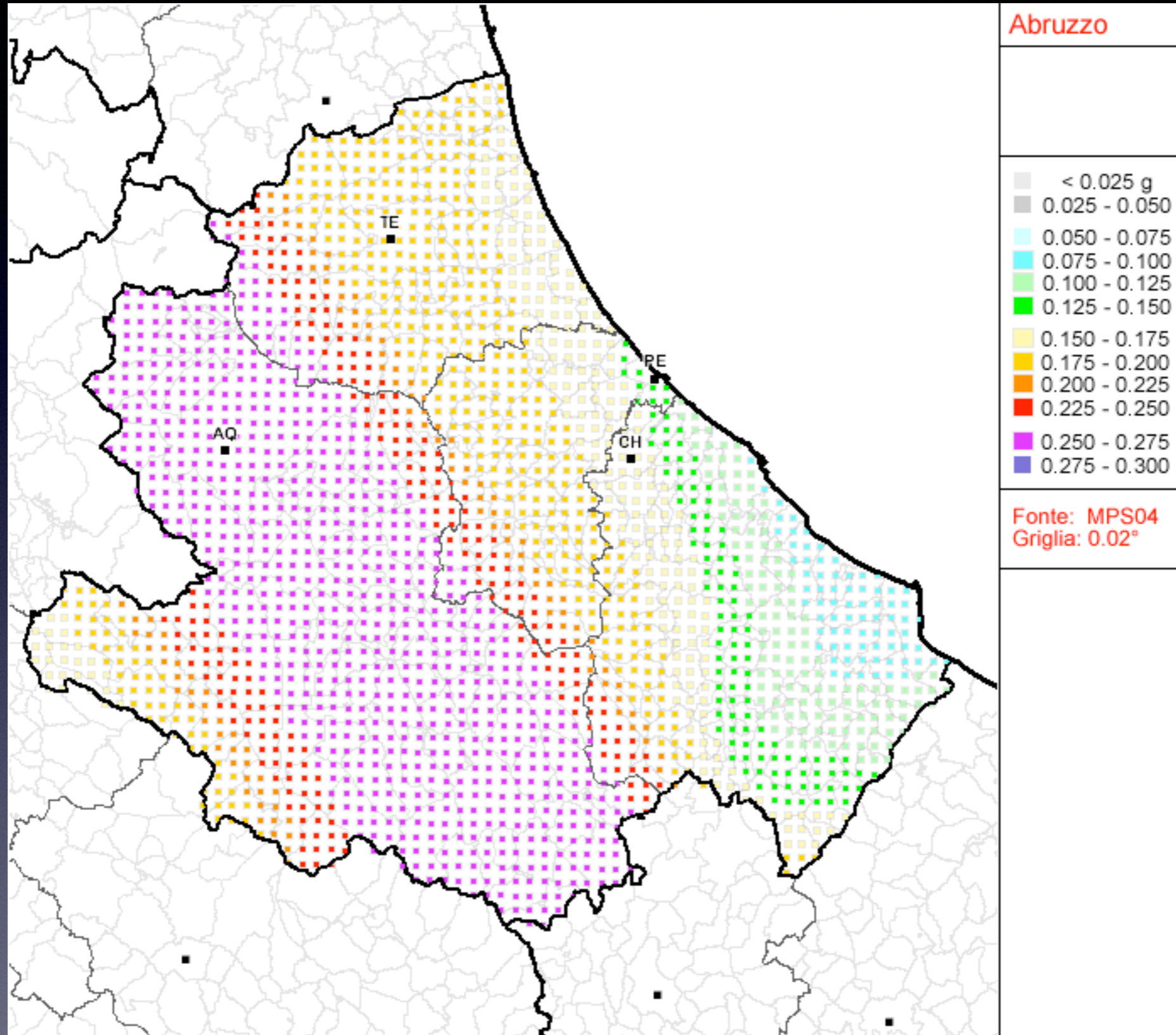
# Quantity



Without considering local site effect !



# OPCM 3519, 10 km grid and $10^{-3}g$ .....??





# The Italian norms

## Ancona Earthquake '72....

Legge 2/2/1974 N 64 “Provvedimenti per le costruzioni con particolari prescrizioni per le zone sismiche”

## Friuli, Irpinia. Earthquakes ....

DM 11/3/1988 “Norme riguardanti le indagini sui terreni”

DM 4/5/1990 “.....dei ponti stradali”

DM 6/1/1996 “...opere in cemento armato e strutture metalliche”

Dm 16/1/1996 ”.....carichi e sovraccarichi”

DM 16/1/1996 “costruzioni in zone sismiche”

## San Giuliano di Puglia.....

Ordinanza 3274 Norme tecniche per il progetto la valutazione e l'adeguamento sismico degli edifici, modificato sino a 2005

DL 28 maggio 2004 N136 Disposizioni urgenti oer garantire la funzionalità di taluni settori della pubblica amministrazione

DM 14/9/2005 Ministero infrastrutture e trasporti 'norme tecniche per le costruzioni'

## L'Aquila earthquake 6 april 2009

DM 14/3/2008 Ministero infrastrutture e trasporti 'norme tecniche per le costruzioni' Rettificato e imposto



## EVOLUTION OF SEISMIC CLASSIFICATION IN ITALY



28/12/1908  
Messina  
( $I_0=XI$ )



1909



23/03/1910  
Etna  
( $I_0=IX$ )

07/06/1910  
Irpinia  
( $I_0=VIII-IX$ )

15/10/1911  
Etna  
( $I_0=X$ )

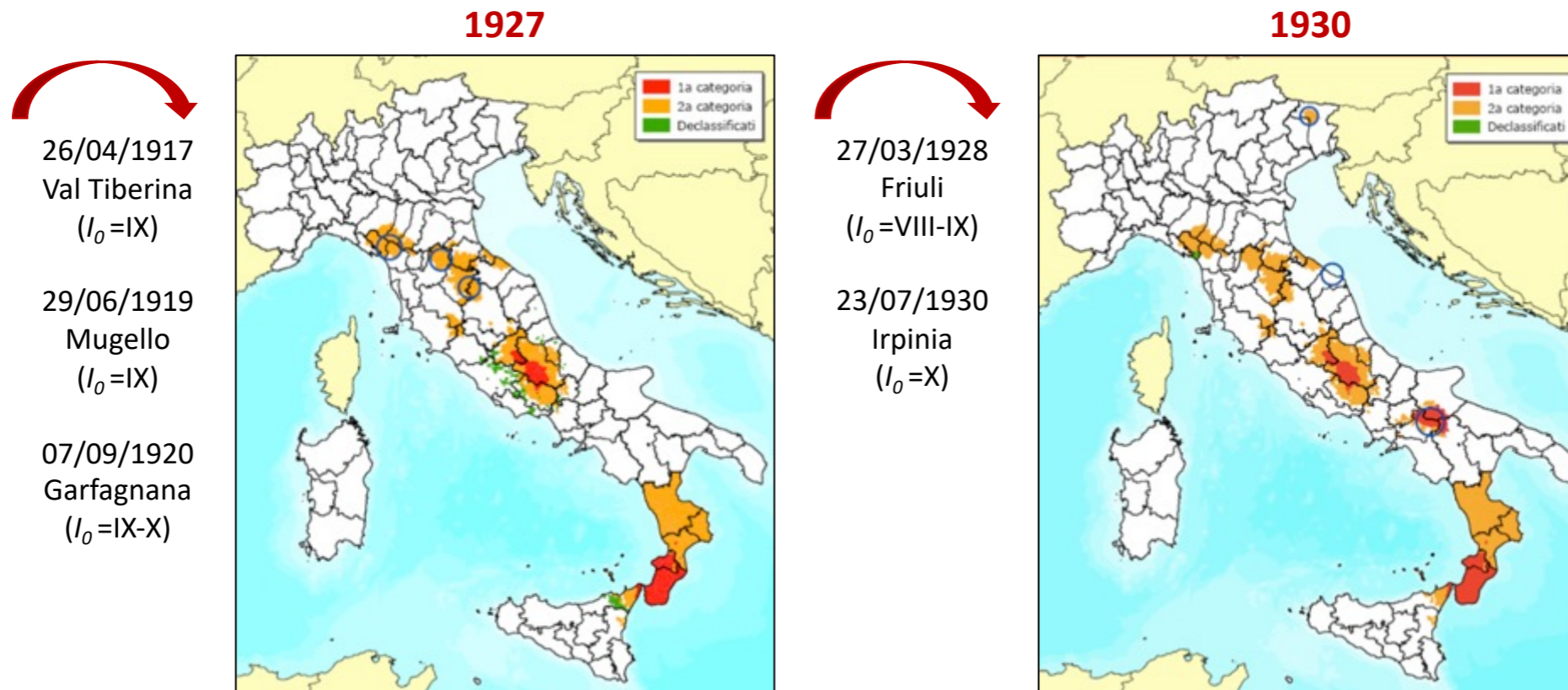
13/01/1915  
Avezzano  
( $I_0=XI$ )



1915

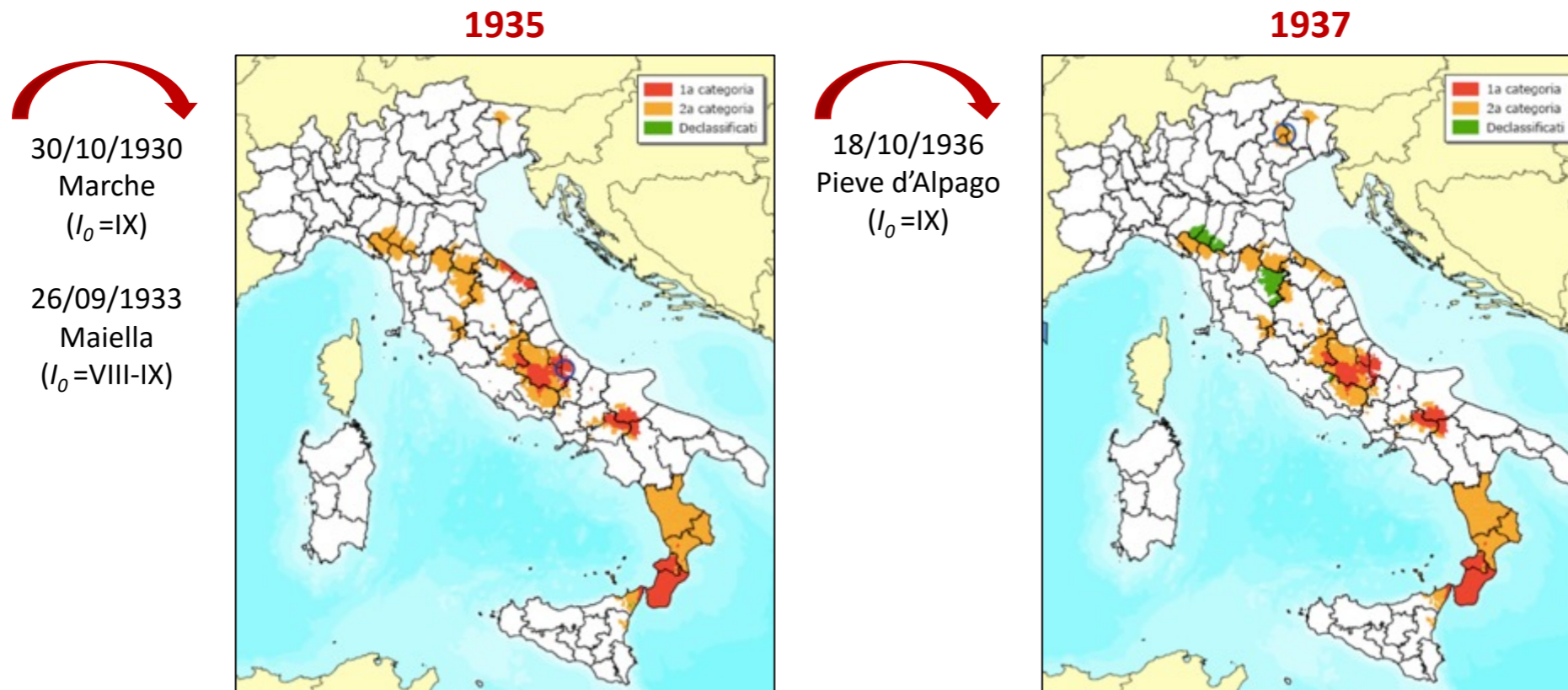


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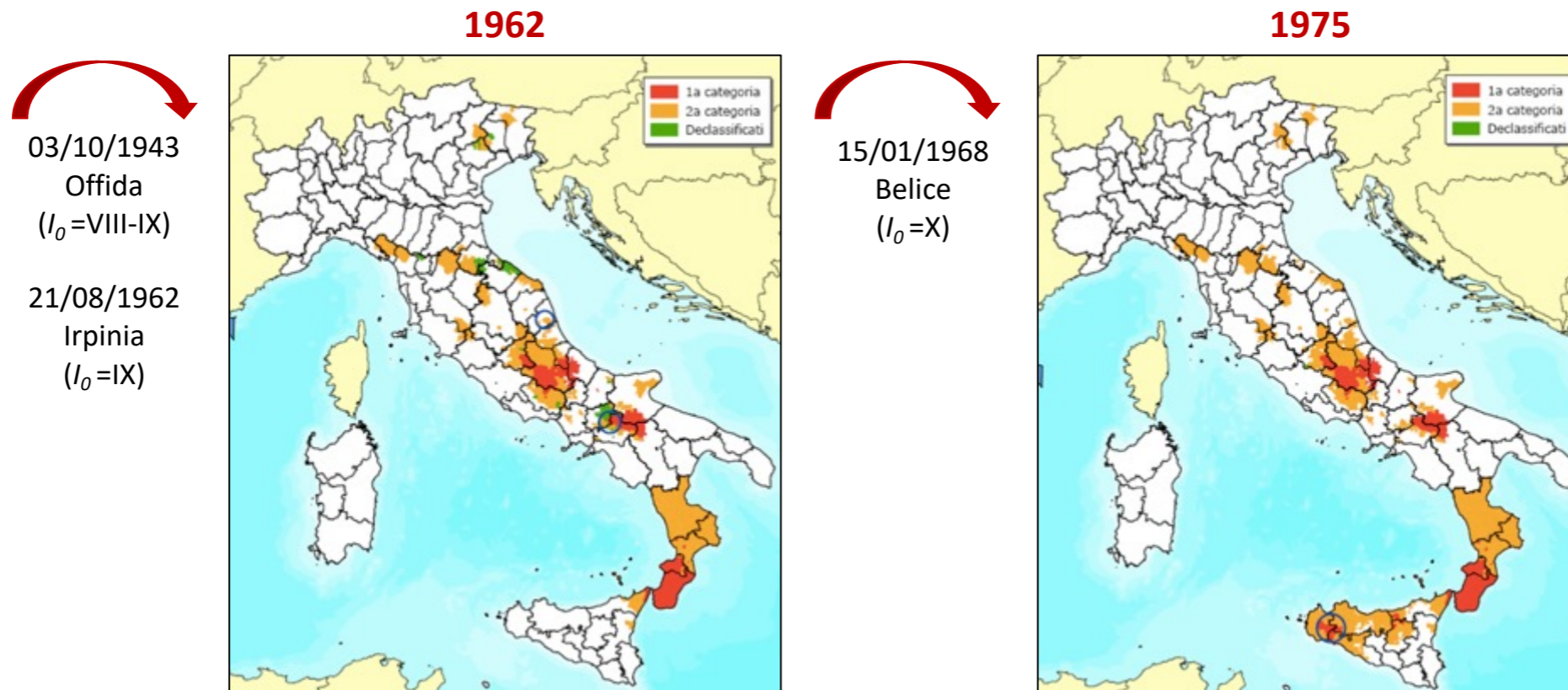


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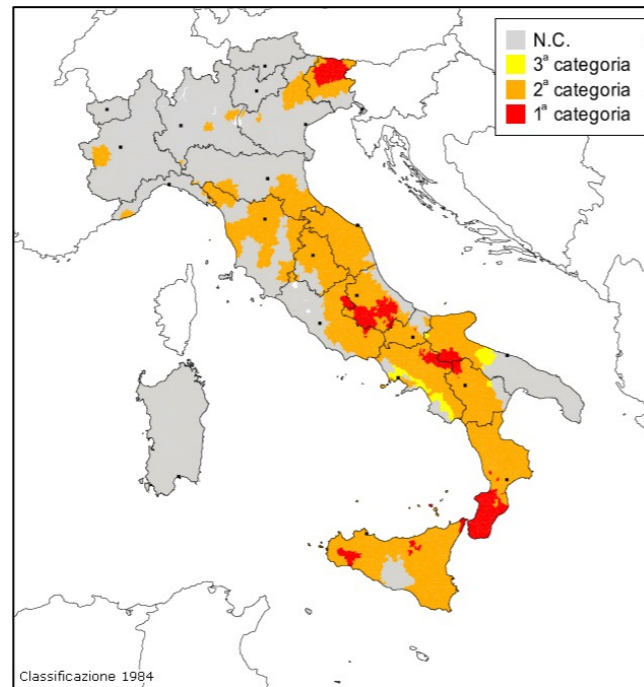
06/05/1976  
Friuli  
( $I_0$ =IX-X)

15/04/1978  
Patti  
( $I_0$ =IX)

19/09/1979  
Valnerina  
( $I_0$ =VIII-IX)

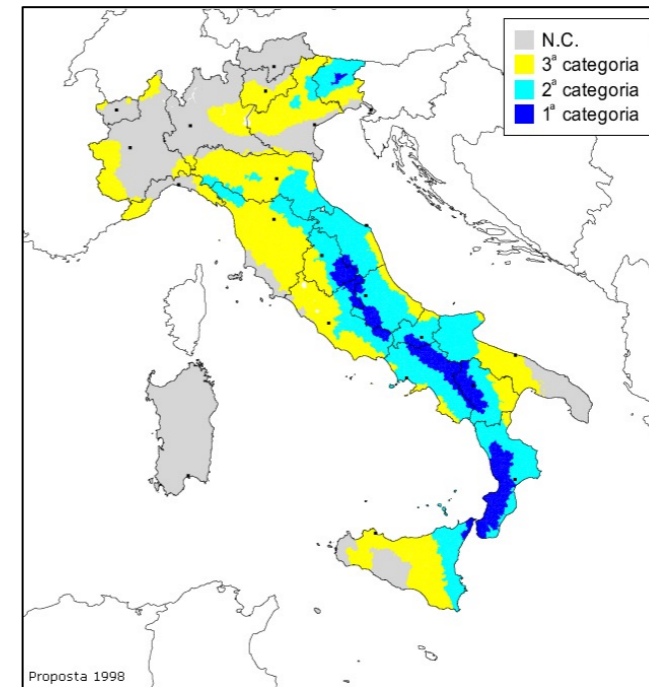
23/11/1980  
Irpinia  
( $I_0$ =X)

1984



26/09/1993  
Umbria-Marche  
( $I_0$ =VIII-IX)

1998



Afterwards the working group (SSN-GNDT-INGV) works on a new proposal of seismic classification, based not only on historical catalogues but also on the knowledge of seismogenetic zones, occurrence models and attenuation relationships. The updating occurred with *Ordinanza PCM n. 3274 del 26 marzo 2003*, which changed the seismic categories into zones, characterized by a nominal value of PGA, and eliminated the non-classified zones.



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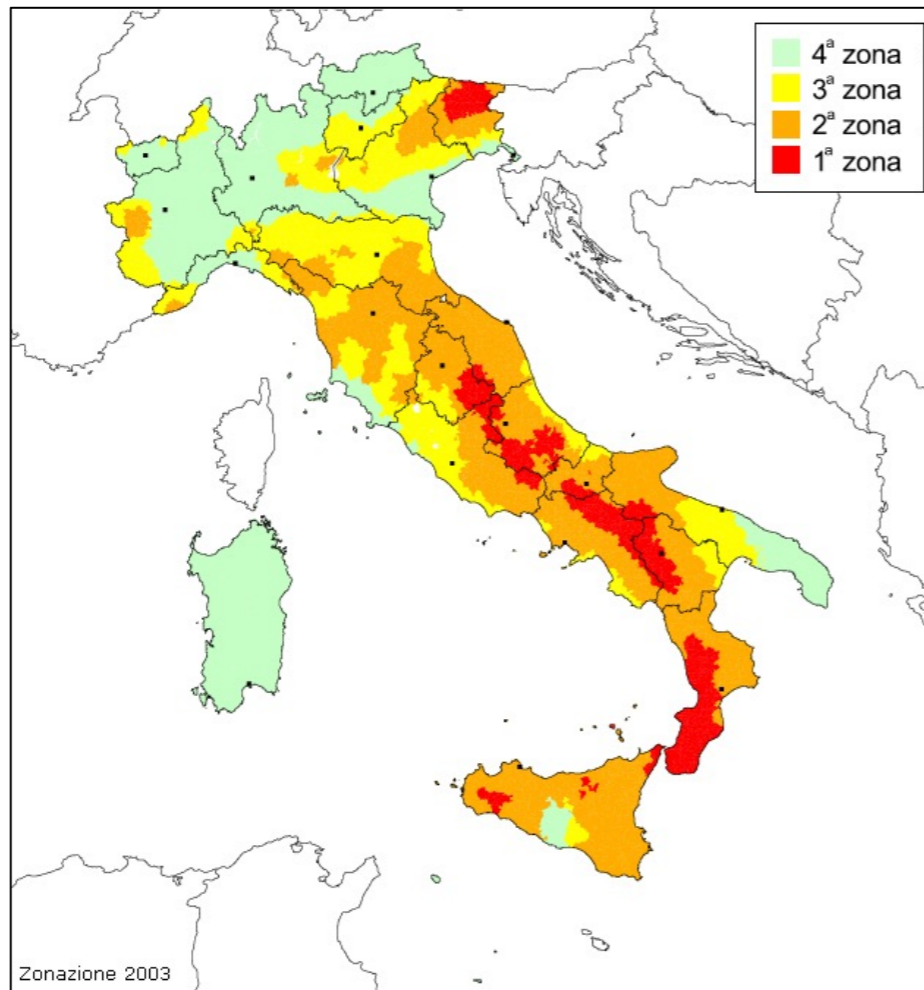
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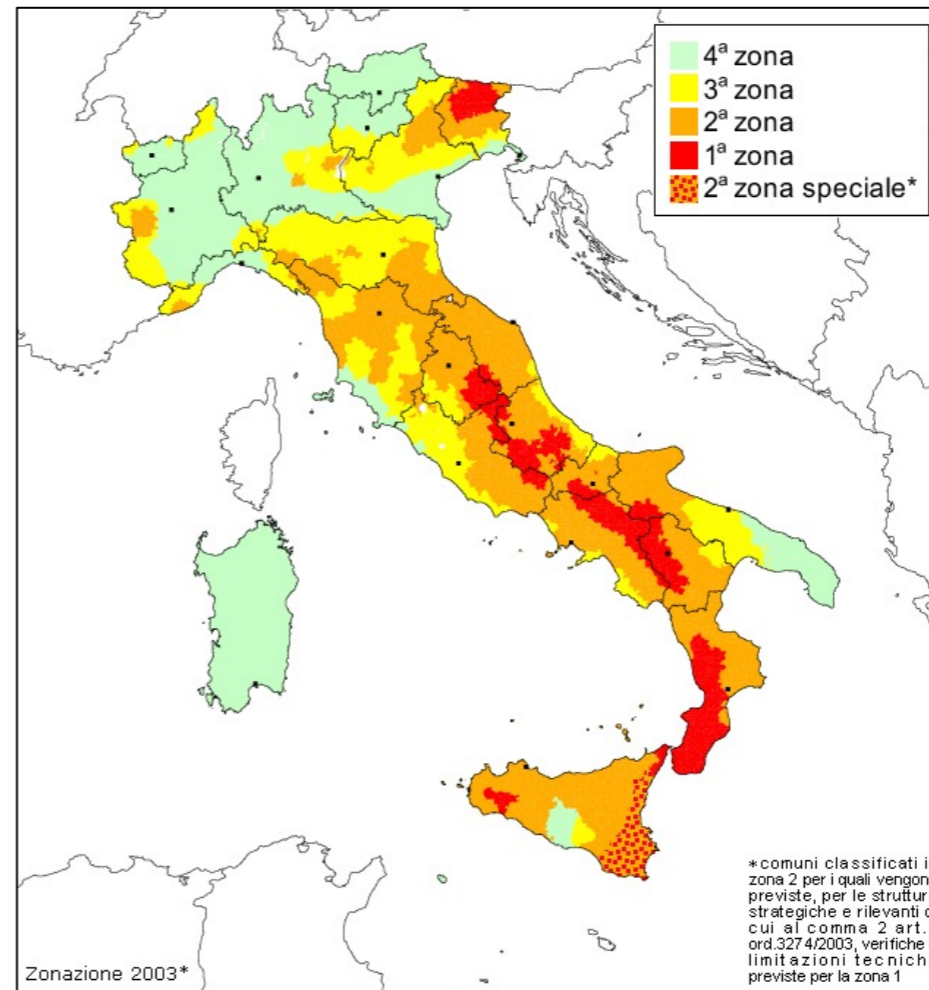


### EVOLUTION OF SEISMIC CLASSIFICATION IN ITALY

2003



2004



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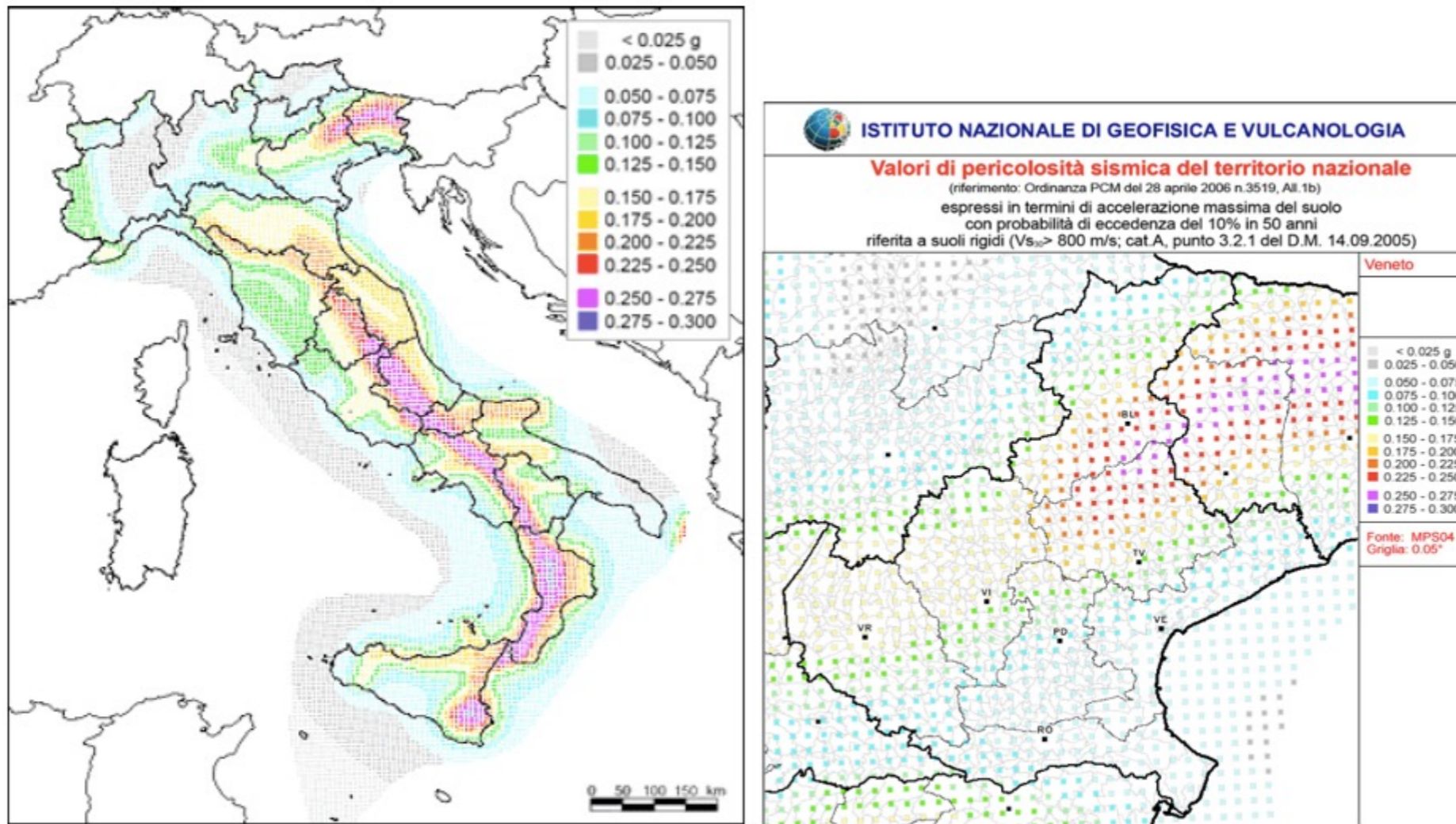
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# MODULE 4: SEISMIC RISK

## 1. Seismic Hazard

Values of  $a_g$  are provided on a grid with steps of  $0.05^\circ$



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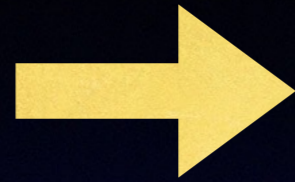
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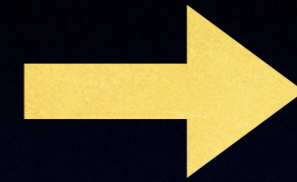


# The actual norm OPCM 3519

Historical  
Catalog  
CPTI  
NT4.I



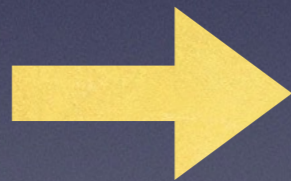
Statistic  
Processing



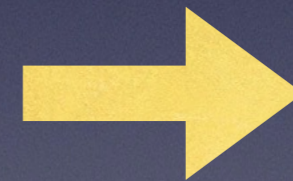
Map of ground  
expected  
acceleration

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Where and  
how much  
strong?



Propagation of  
Energy from  
the source



Effects



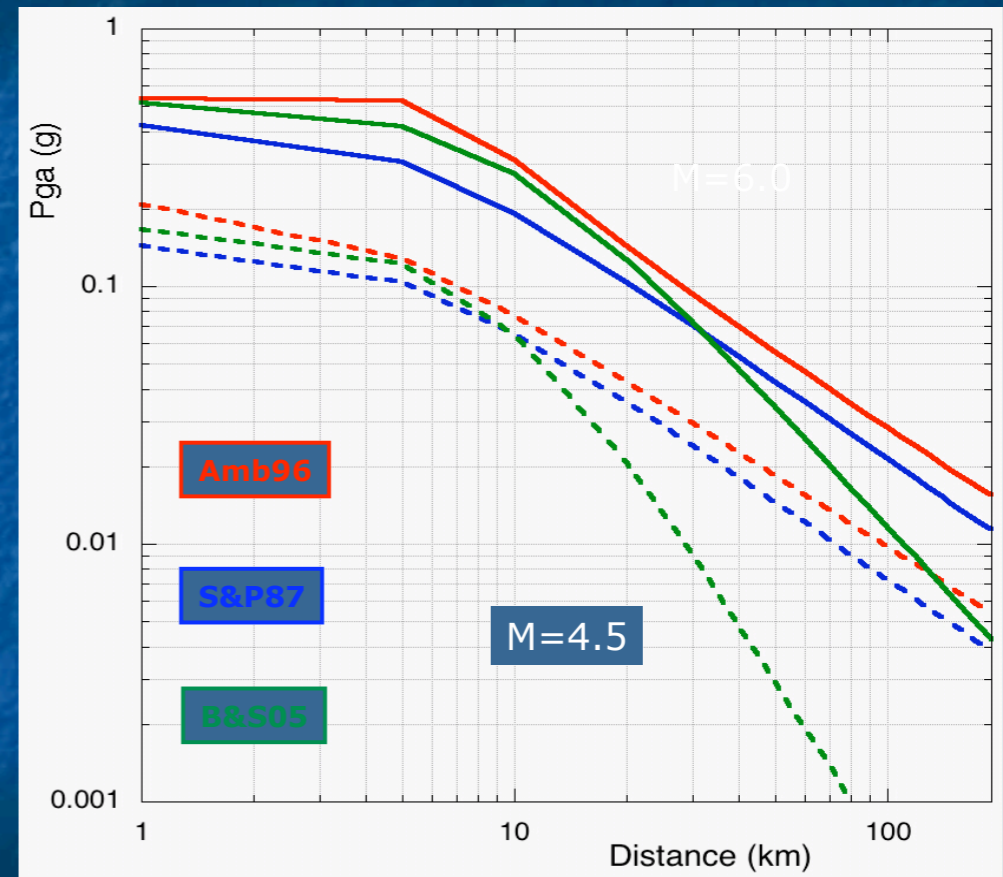
# Seismogenic zones (based on geological structures and past events)



Relation of energy  
propagation  
(based on instrumental  
estimation with distance)



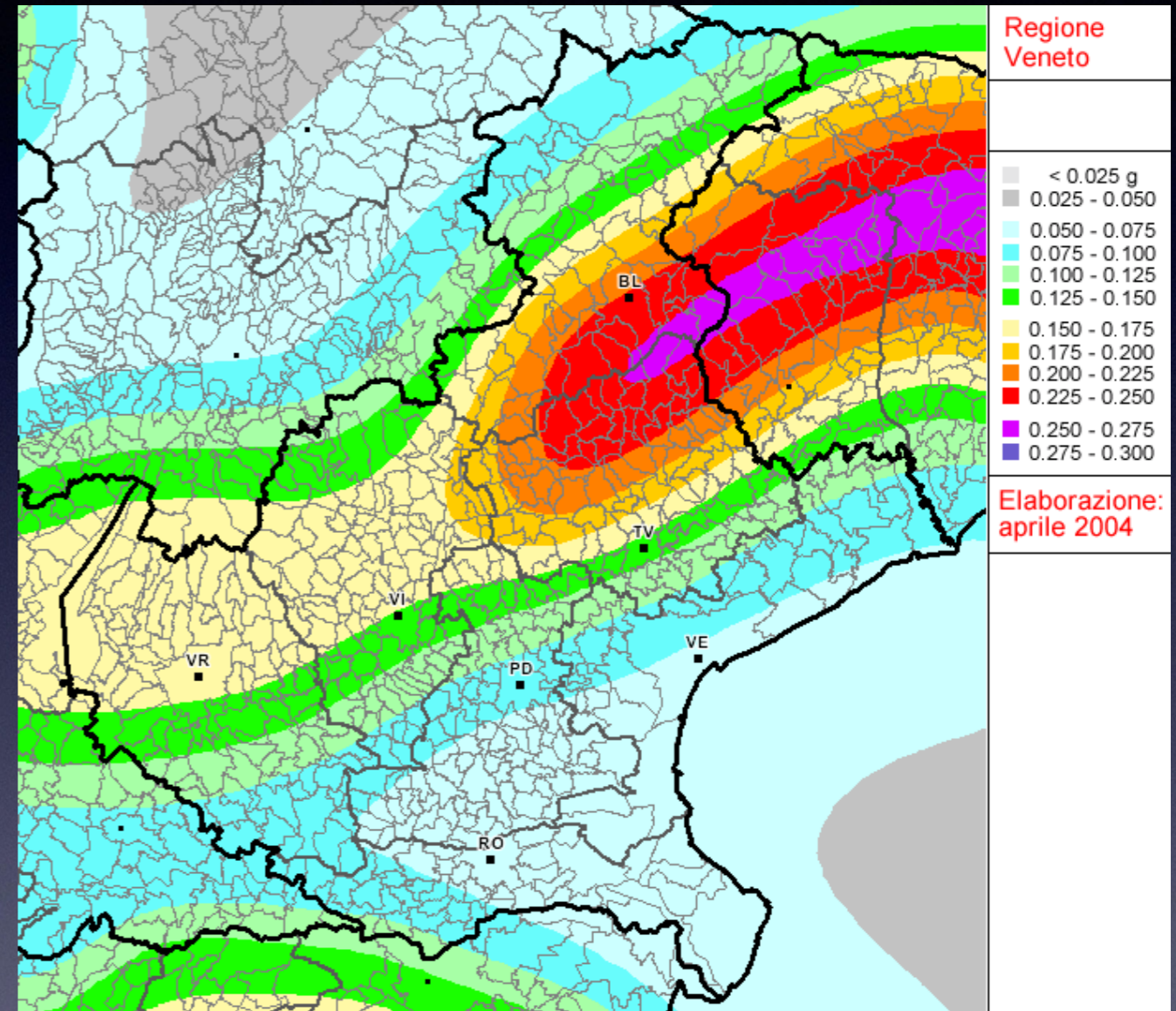
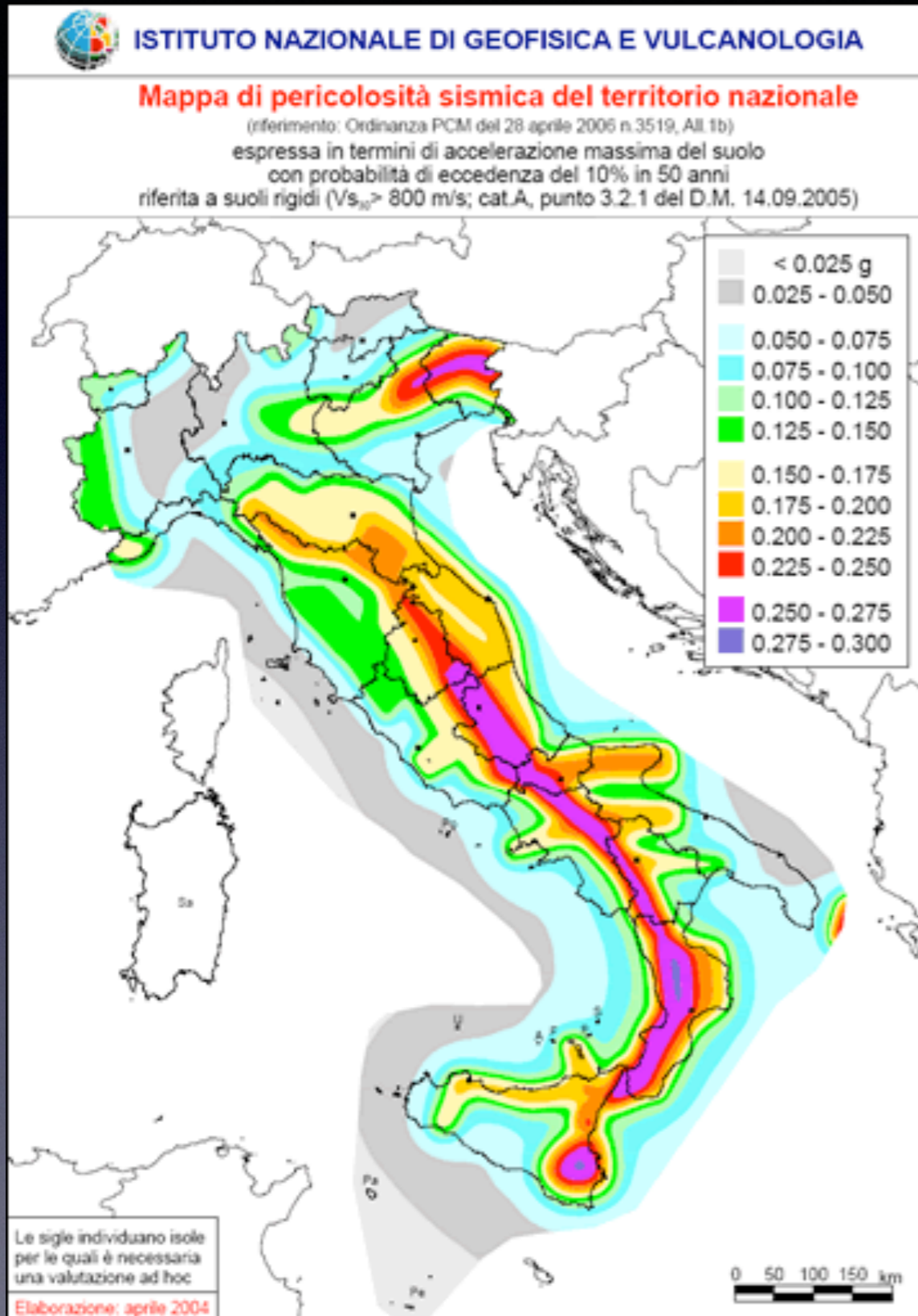
### Relazioni di attenuazione per PGA



Calcolo della pericolosità sismica



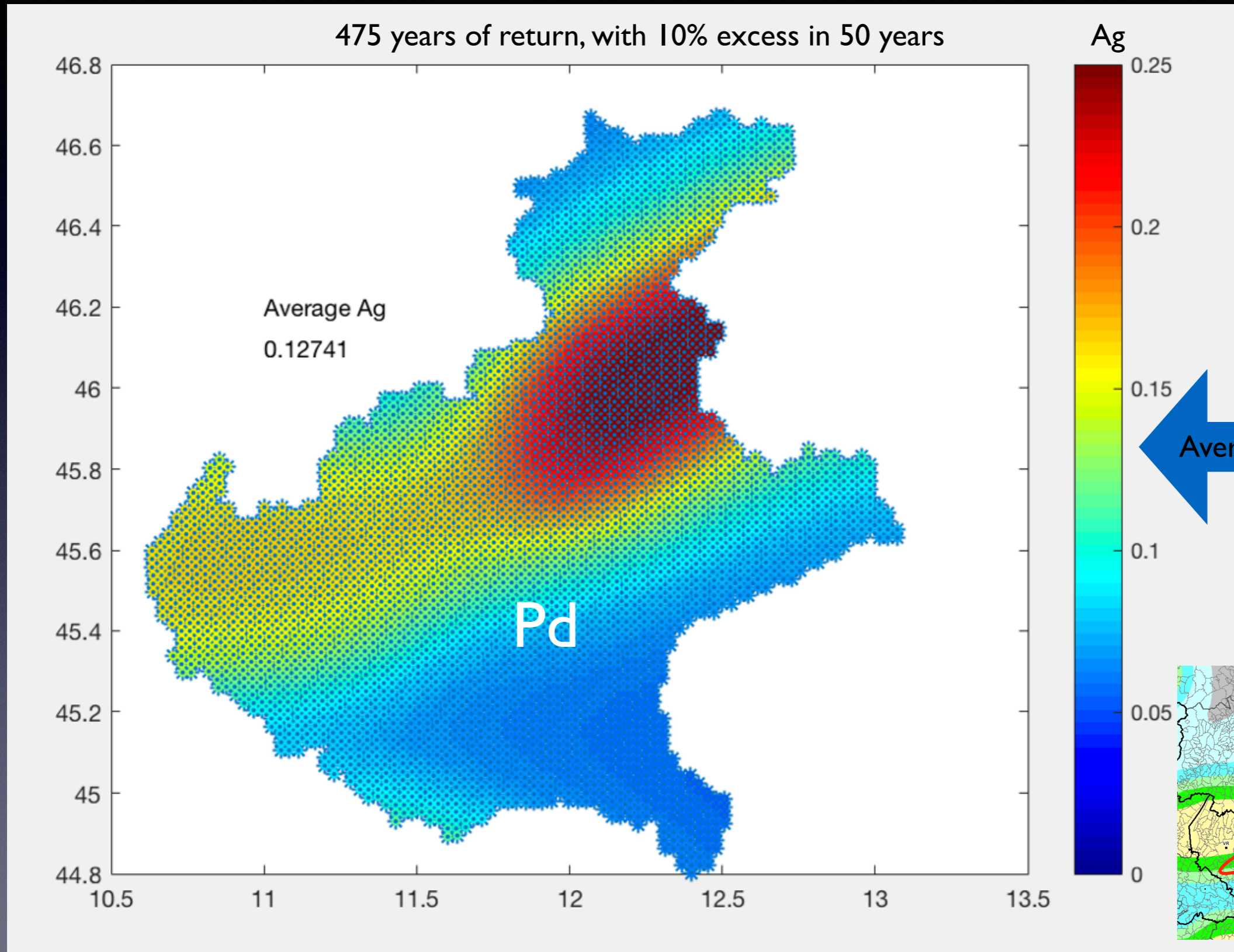
# Final Map





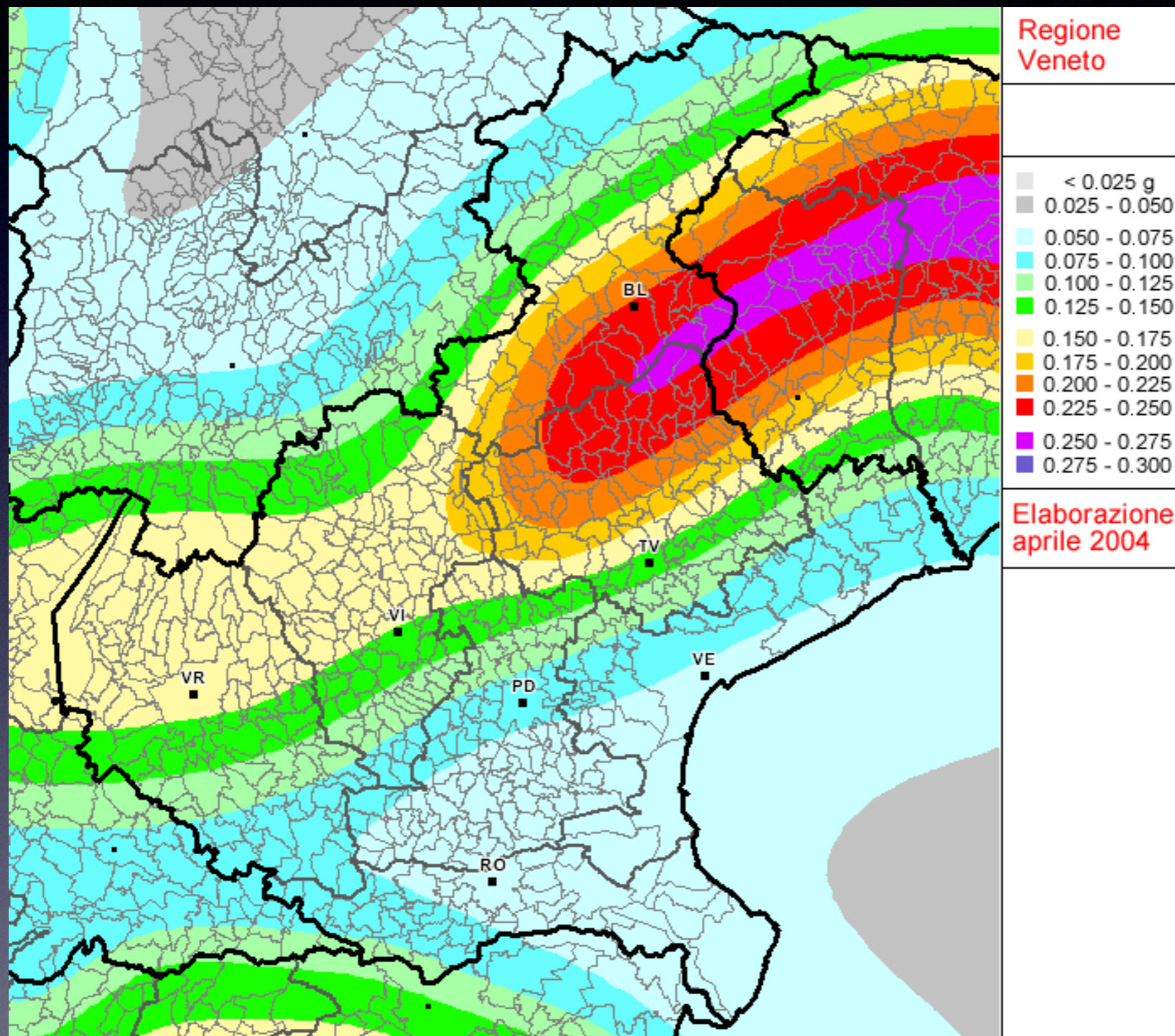
# Final Map

10 km ?





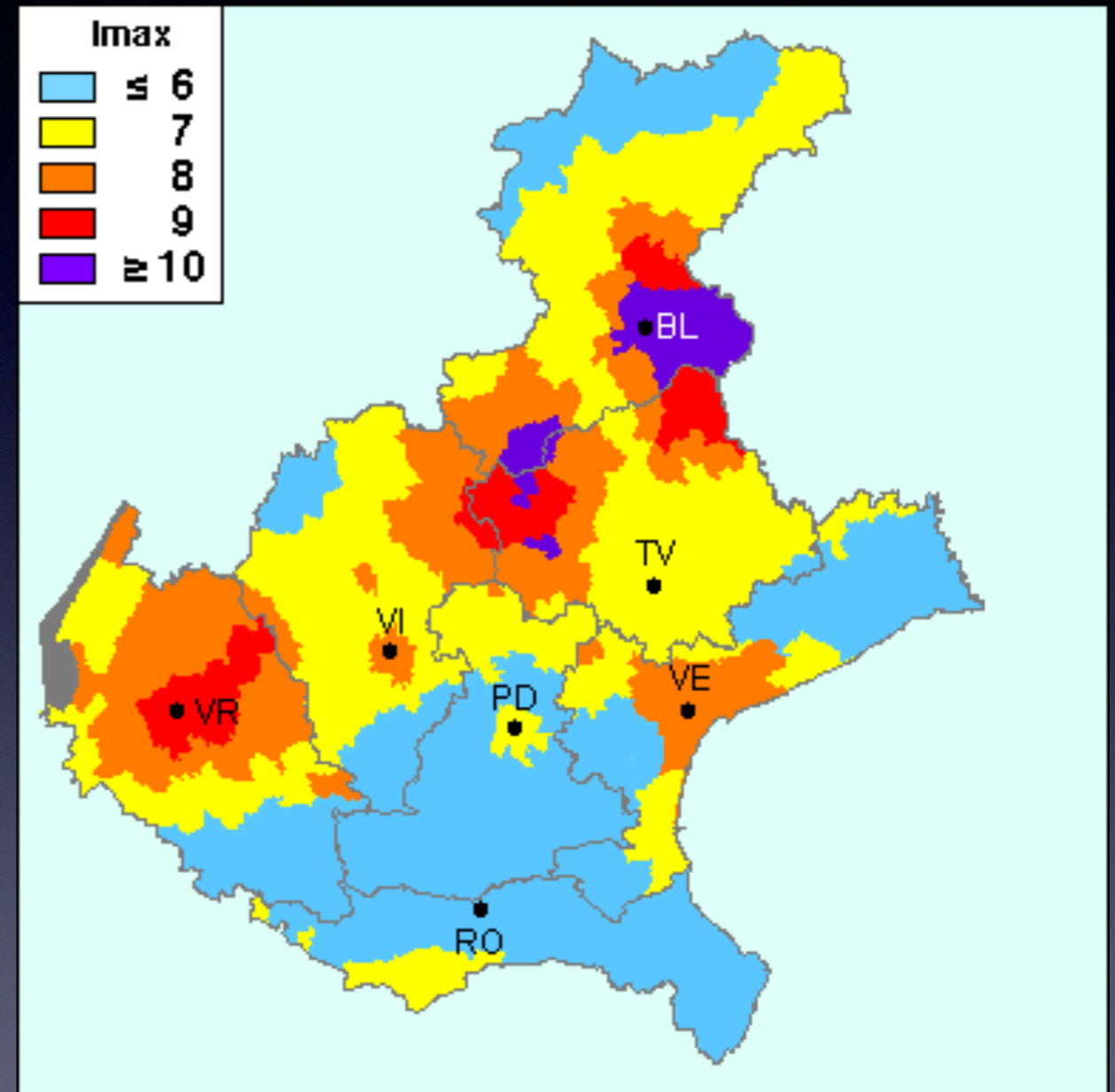
# Acceleration Maps





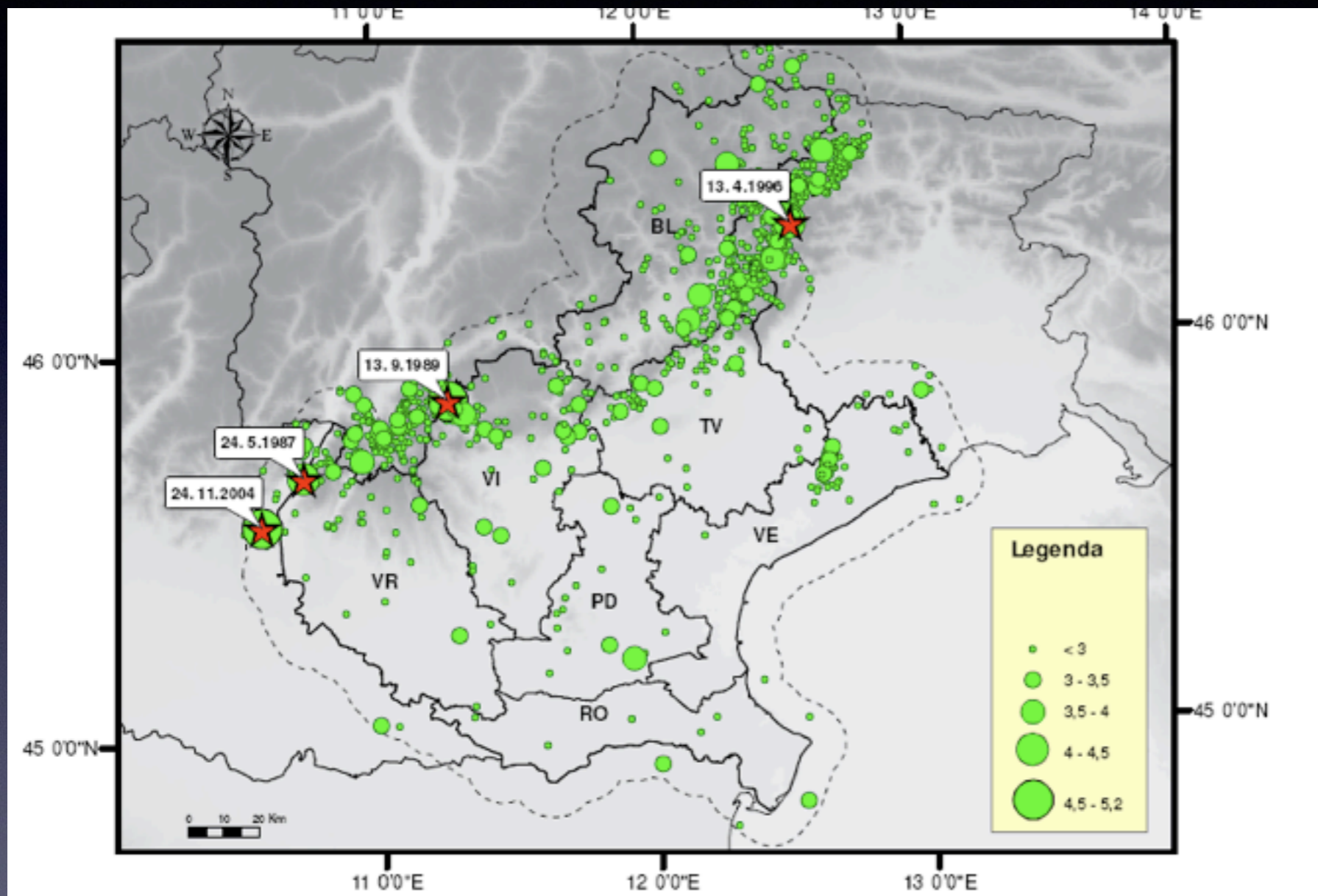
# The Veneto Region Example

1117 Verona Imcs 9.0  
1491 Verona Imcs 9.0  
1511 Venezia Imcs 7.5  
1695 Padova Imcs 7.5  
1873 Cansiglio Imcs 9.0  
1936 Cansiglio Imcs 7.5  
1976 Friuli Imcs 6.0  
Montello Imcs 9.0 ?





# Recorded earthquakes

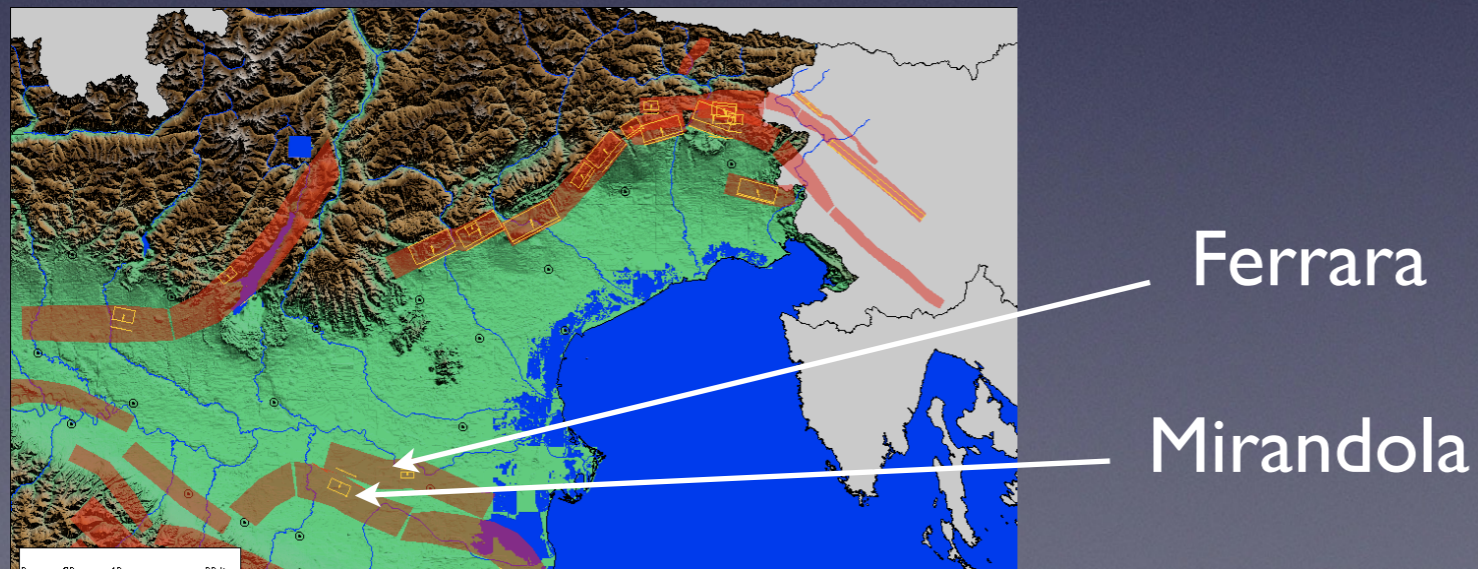
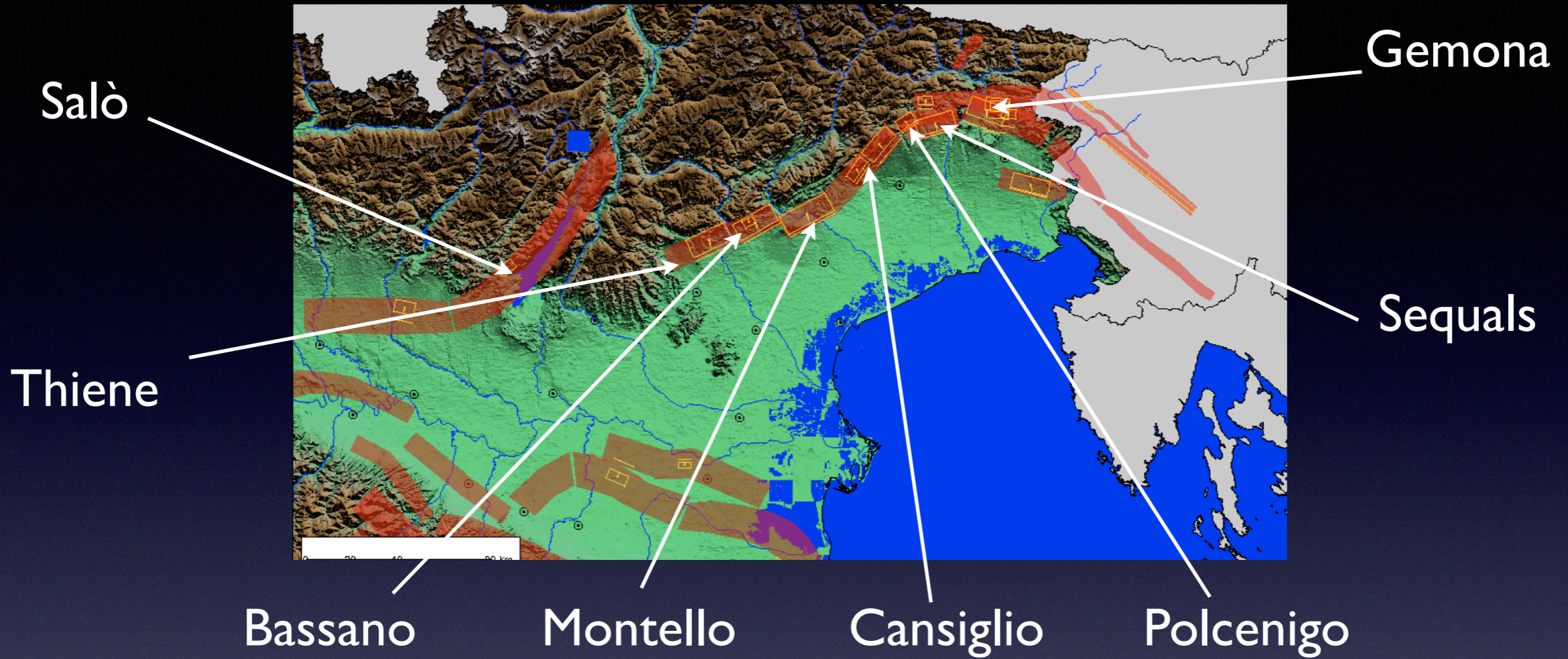


$M > 4$   
13.4.1996  
13.9.1989  
24.5.1987  
24.11.2004

Earthquakes recorded from the OGS seismic network in Veneto 1977 – 2006 (Priolo, 2008). Stars are  $M > 4$



# The Veneto seismogenetic zones







Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Dipartimento della Protezione Civile

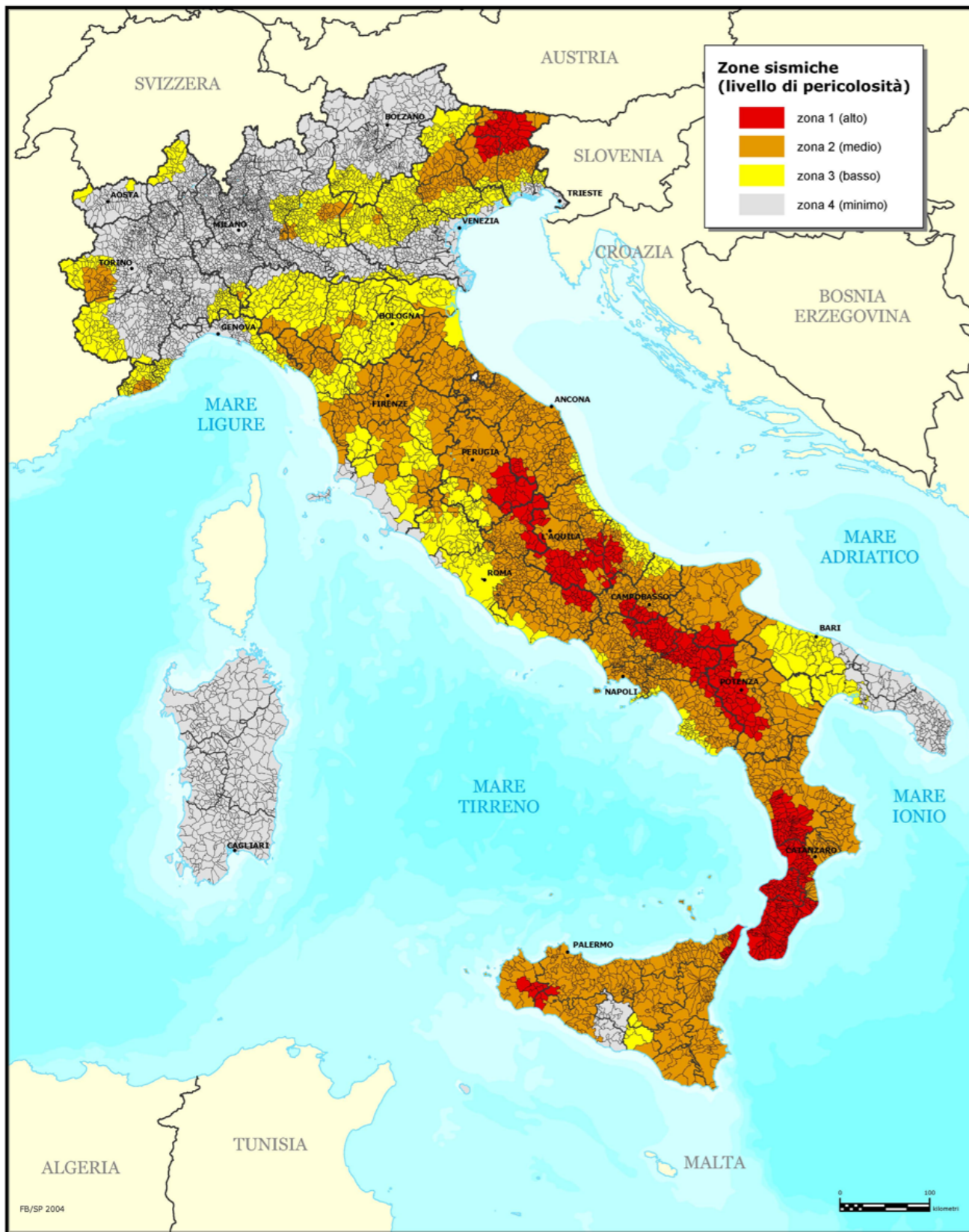
Ufficio Servizio Sismico Nazionale

### Classificazione sismica 2004

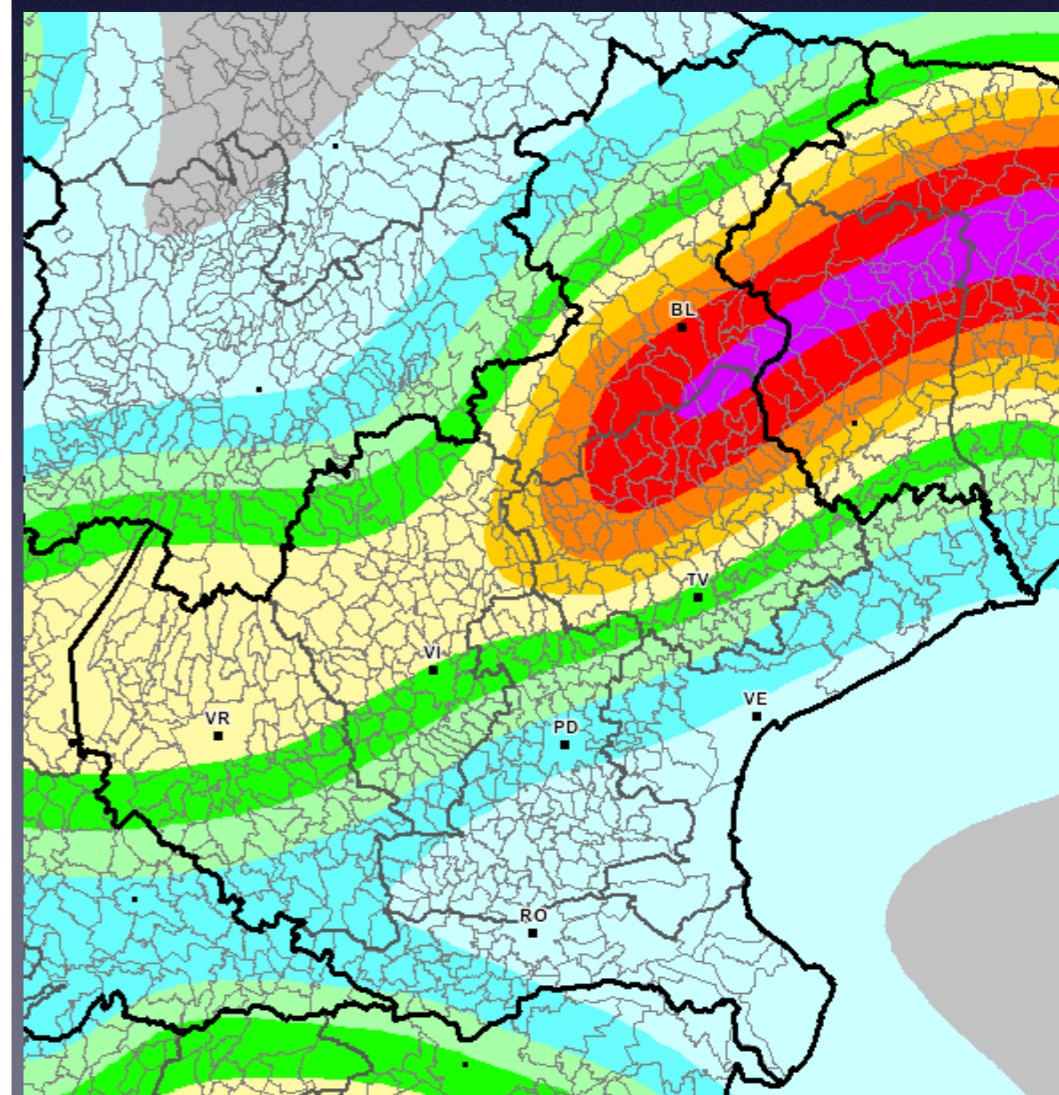
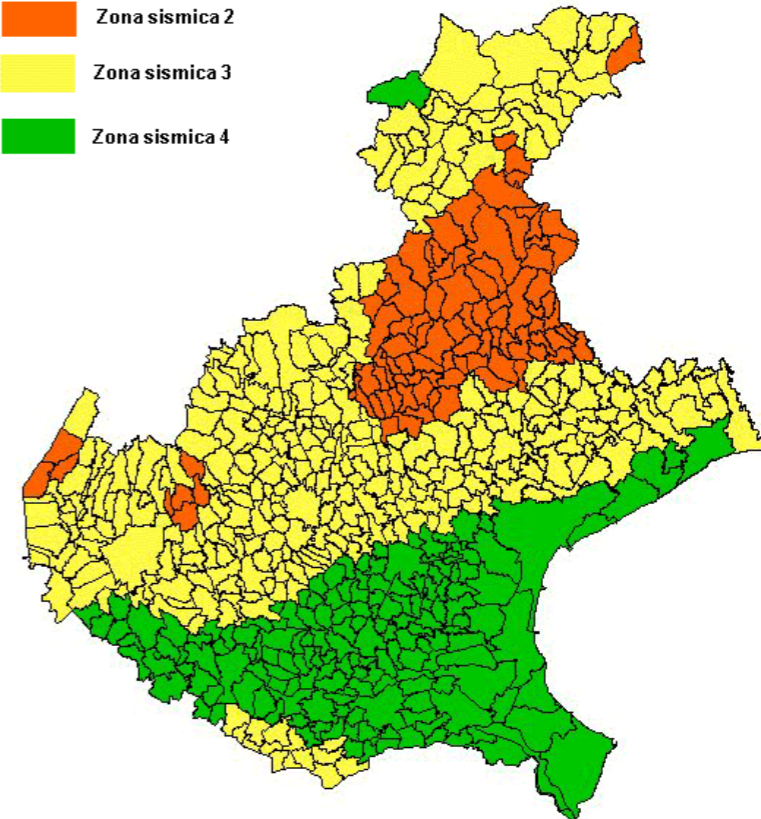
Recepimento da parte delle Regioni e delle Province autonome dell'Ordinanza PCM 20 marzo 2003, n. 3274.

Atti di recepimento al 30 marzo 2004. Abruzzo: (1). Basilicata: DCR 19/11/03, n. 731. Calabria: (1). Campania: (1). Emilia Romagna: DGR 21/7/03, n. 1435. Friuli Venezia Giulia: DGR 1/8/03, n. 2325. Lazio: DGR 1/8/03, n. 766. Liguria: DGR 16/5/03, n. 530. Lombardia: DGR 7/11/03, n. 14964. Marche: DGR 29/7/03, n. 1046. Molise: DGR 28/3/03, n. 399. Piemonte: DGR 17/11/03, n. 61/11017. Puglia: DGR 2/3/04, n. 153. Sardegna: DGR30/3/04, n. 15/31. Sicilia: DGR 19/12/03, n. 408. Toscana: DGR 16/6/03, n. 604. Trentino Alto Adige: (Bolzano) (1); (Trento) DGP 23/10/03, n. 2813. Umbria: DGR 18/6/03, n. 852. Veneto: DCR 3/12/03, n. 67. Valle d'Aosta: DGR 30/12/03, n. 5130.

(1) Non ancora emanati (sulla mappa viene riportata la classificazione prevista dall'ordinanza).



- Zona sismica 2
- Zona sismica 3
- Zona sismica 4



Regione Veneto

Elaborazione: aprile 2004



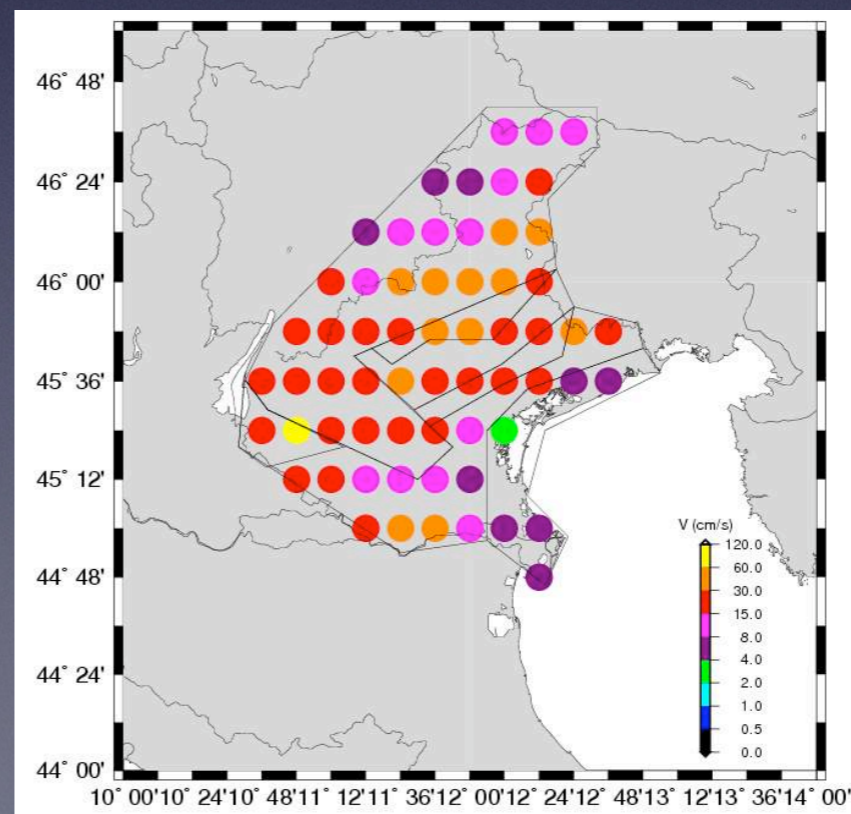
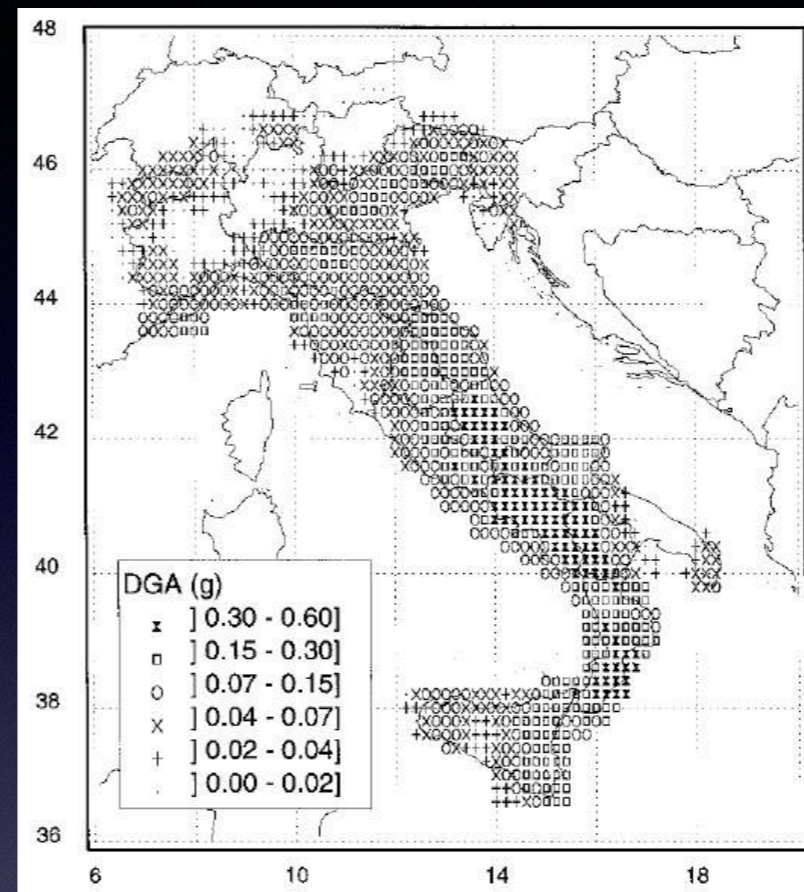
To overcome uncertainties  
we cannot use only sensors, we need the quake

## Deterministic Approach

-I select an event  
(also historical one)

-I select a soil  
model correctly  
parameterised

-I compute a  
synthetic  
seismogram





# The seismic monitoring

## Local and National network

[www.ingv.it](http://www.ingv.it) Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia

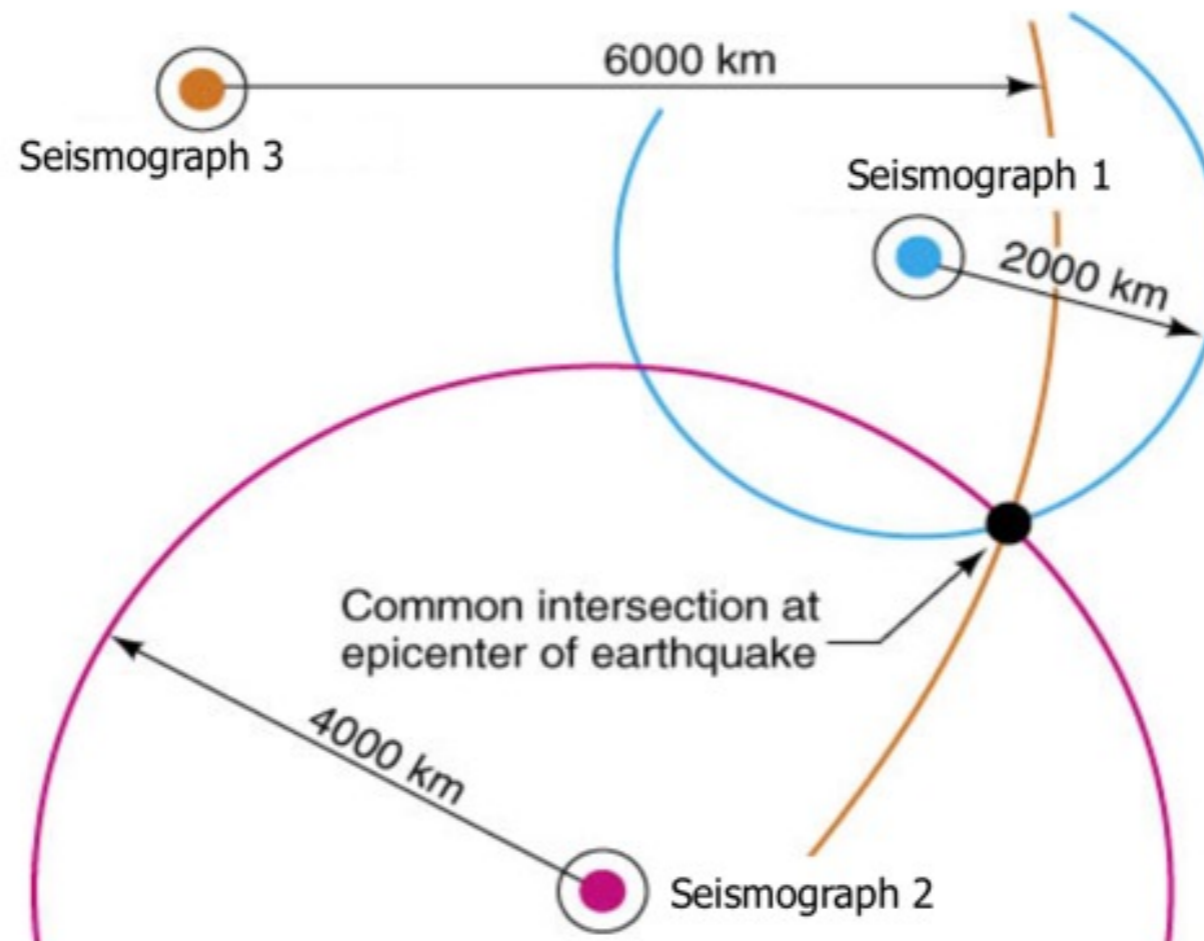
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### LOCATION OF EARTHQUAKES

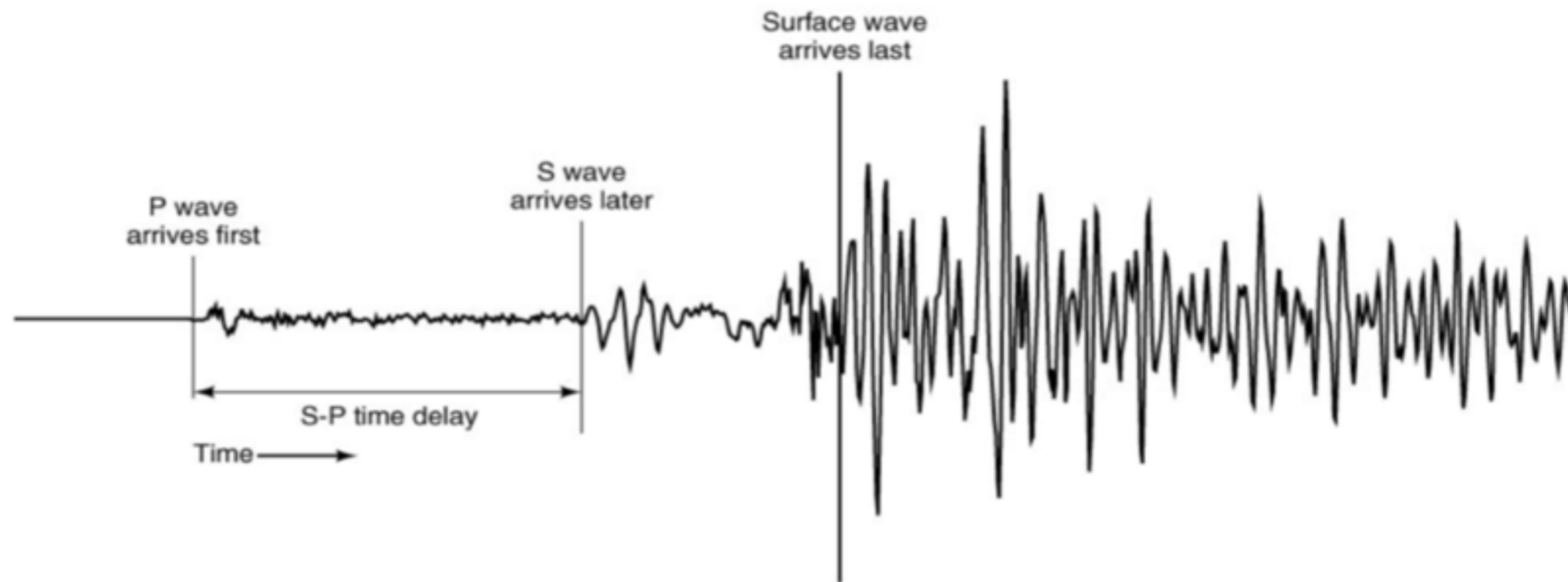
The **location** of an earthquake is specified in terms of the location of its **epicenter**. Epicentral location is based on the relative arrival times of P and S waves at a set of at least 3 seismographs.





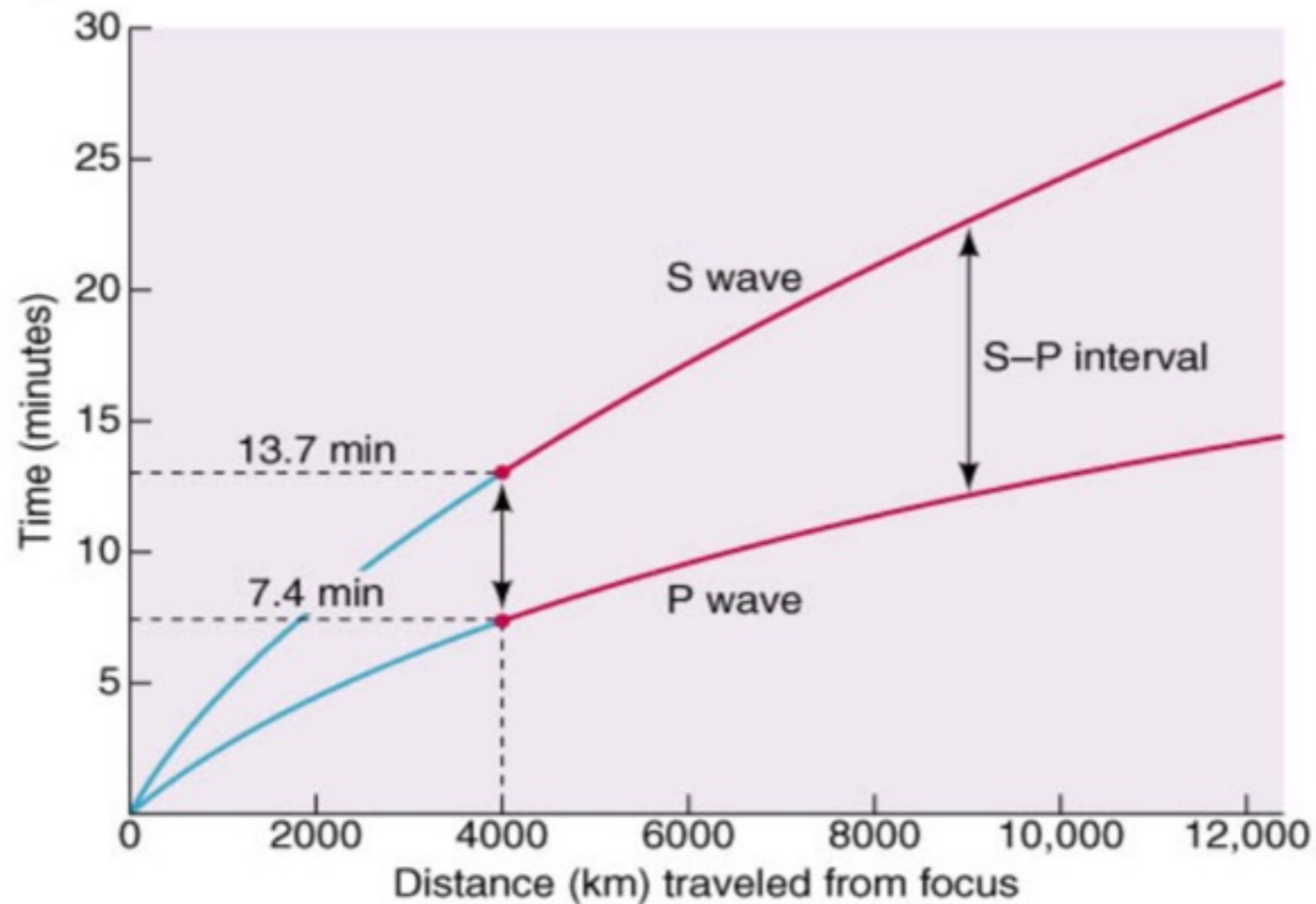
### LOCATION OF EARTHQUAKES

P waves travel faster than S waves → P waves will arrive first at the seismograph  
The **difference** in arrival times depends on the distance between the focus and the seismograph and on the difference between P and S waves velocities.





The further a seismograph is from a given epicenter, the greater the time gap between the arrival of P and S waves





### GROUND MOTION PARAMETERS

Ground motion parameters are fundamental to describe the important characteristics of strong ground motion in a quantitative form.

The most significant characteristics of earthquake motion are:

- **Amplitude**
- **Frequency content**
- **Duration of the motion**

There are other ground motion parameters, that reflect simultaneously 2 or 3 important ground motion characteristics (amplitude, frequency content or duration). Common parameters, that reflects the 3 main ground motion characteristics, are the Arias intensity, the cumulative absolute velocity, and the spectral intensity.

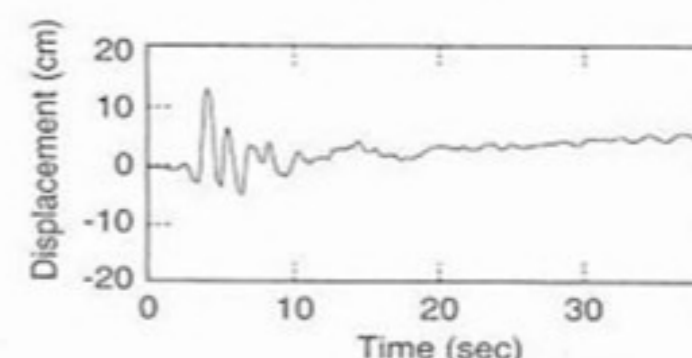
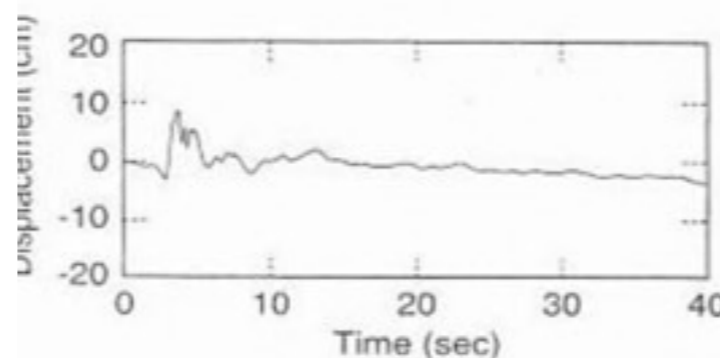
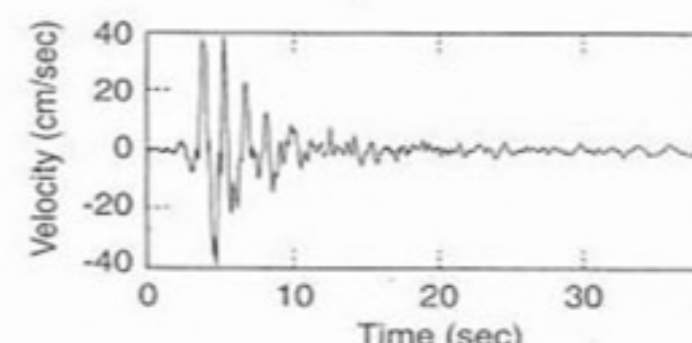
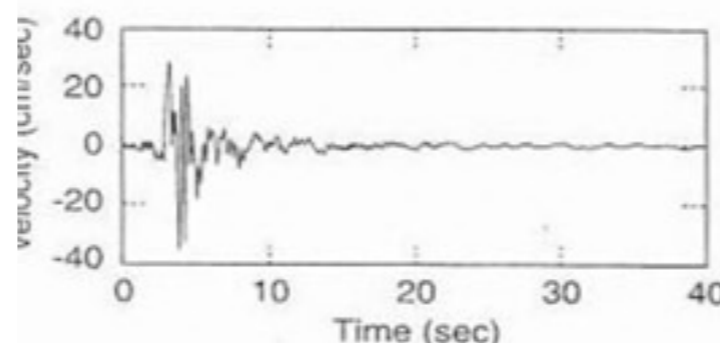
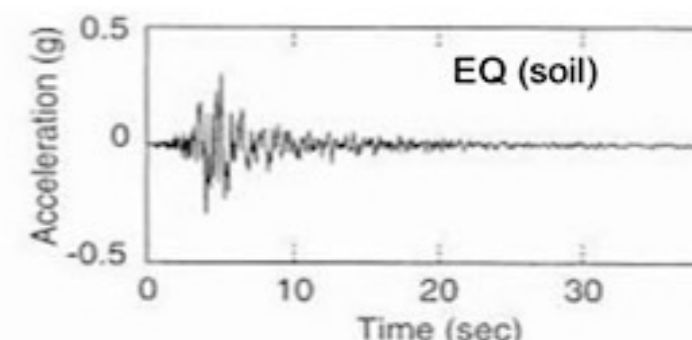
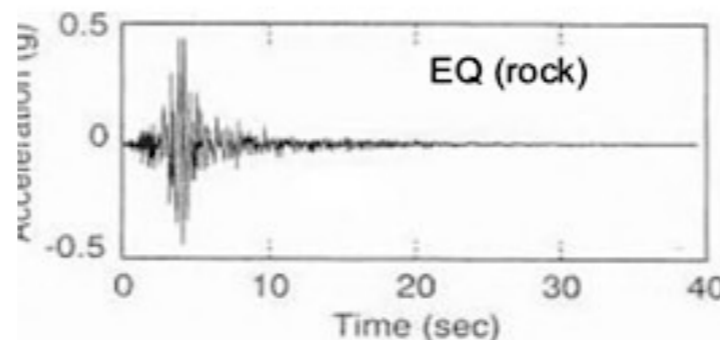


### AMPLITUDE PARAMETERS

Ground motion is usually described with a time history of **acceleration, velocity, displacement** or all three.

Typically, one of these quantities is directly measured and the others are obtained from it by integration or differentiation.

The **acceleration time history** shows a significant proportion of relatively high frequencies, while the **displacement time history** is dominated by relatively low frequency motion (integration produces a smoothing effect).





### AMPLITUDE PARAMETERS

The most common measure of a ground motion amplitude is the **peak horizontal acceleration**, also known as **peak ground acceleration (PGA)**.

The peak horizontal acceleration for a given component of motion is the **largest absolute value of horizontal acceleration** obtained from the accelerogram of that component. It **can be correlated to earthquake intensity** (useful for estimation of peak horizontal acceleration for pre-instrumental earthquakes).

Peak horizontal acceleration is a very useful parameter, but it must be related to additional information in order to characterize a ground motion accurately.

The peak horizontal velocity is another useful parameter for the characterization of ground motion amplitude.

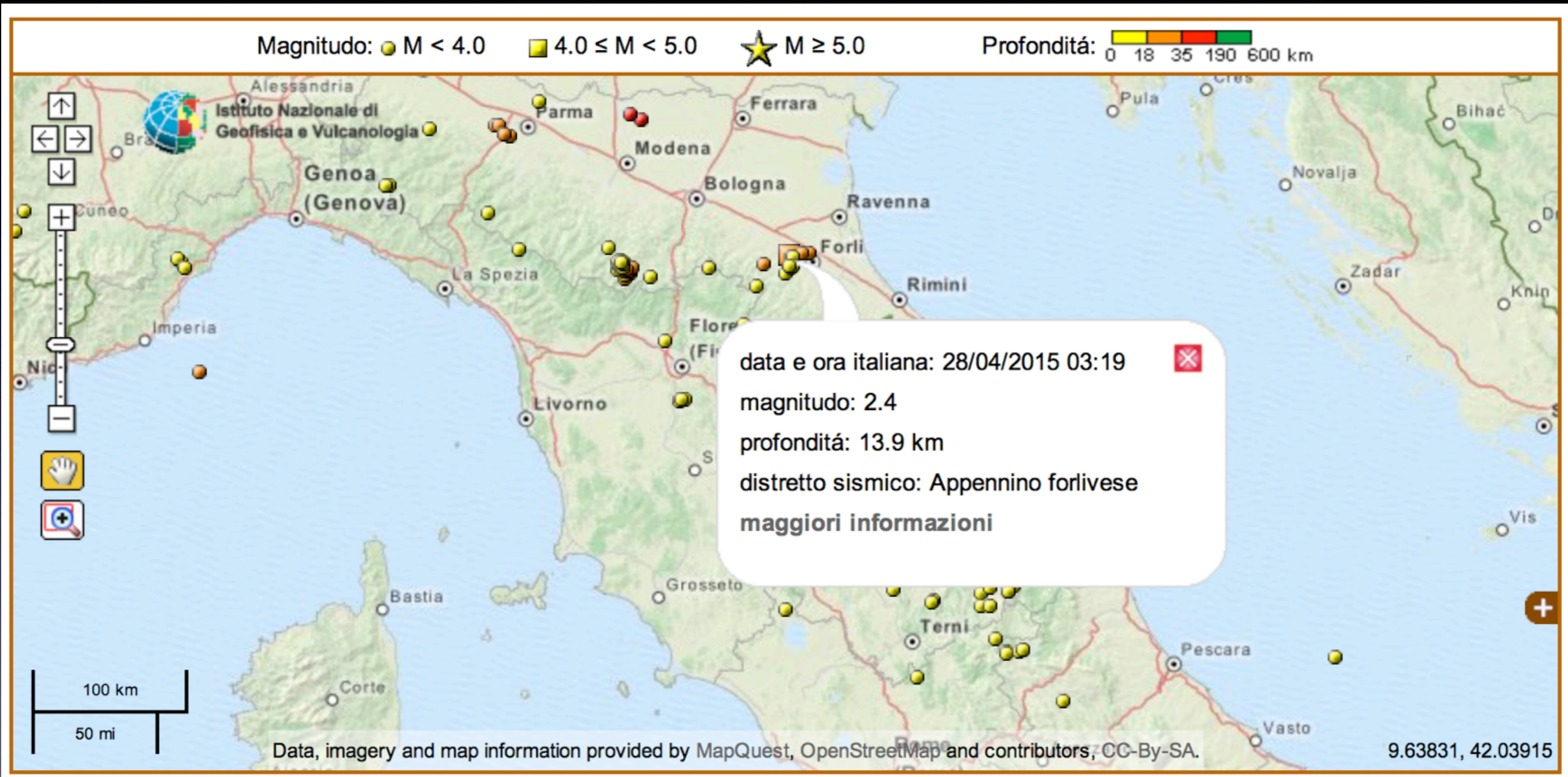


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# The seismic monitoring

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## The seismic National Network

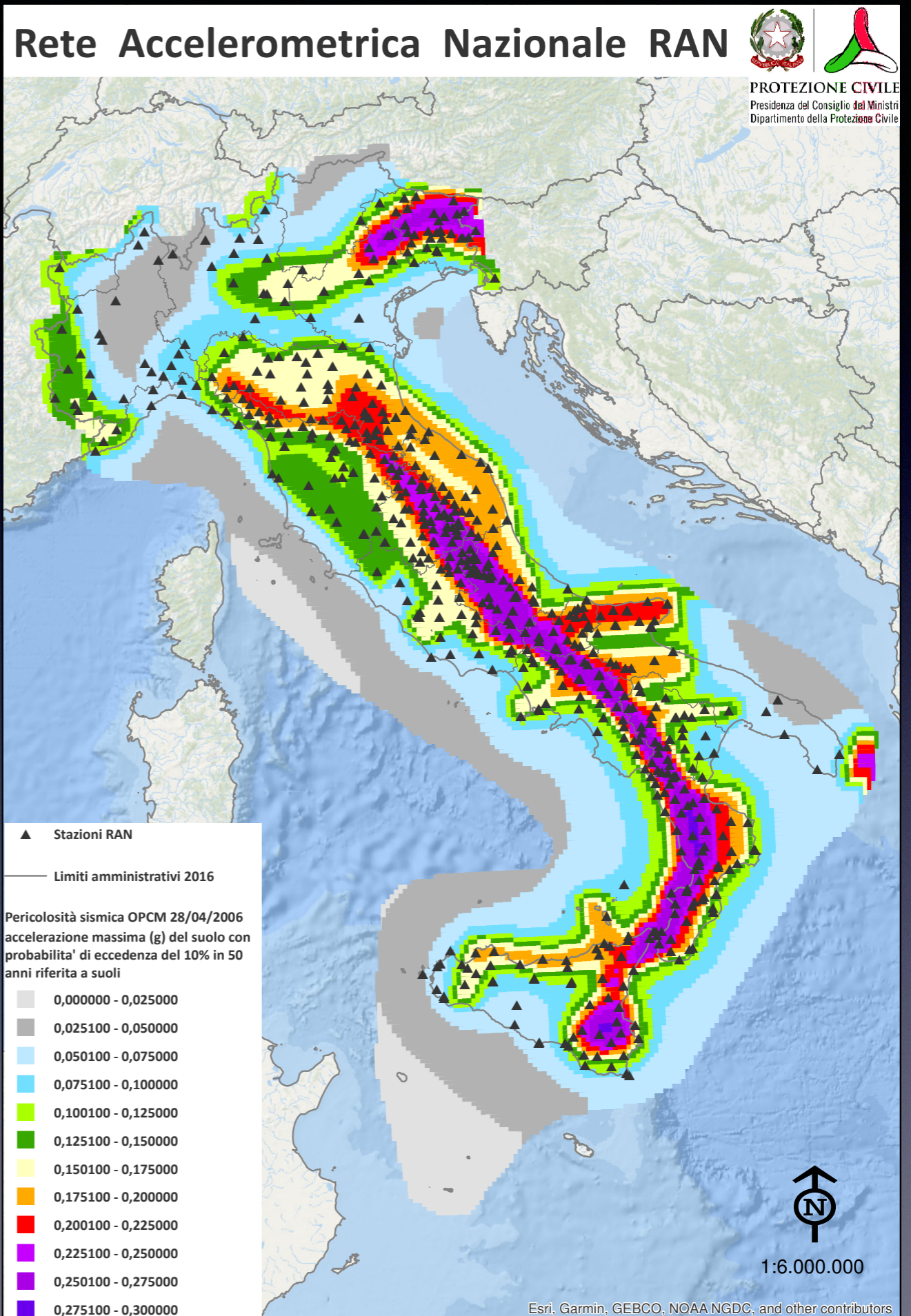
High quality  
Force balanced  
Seismometers





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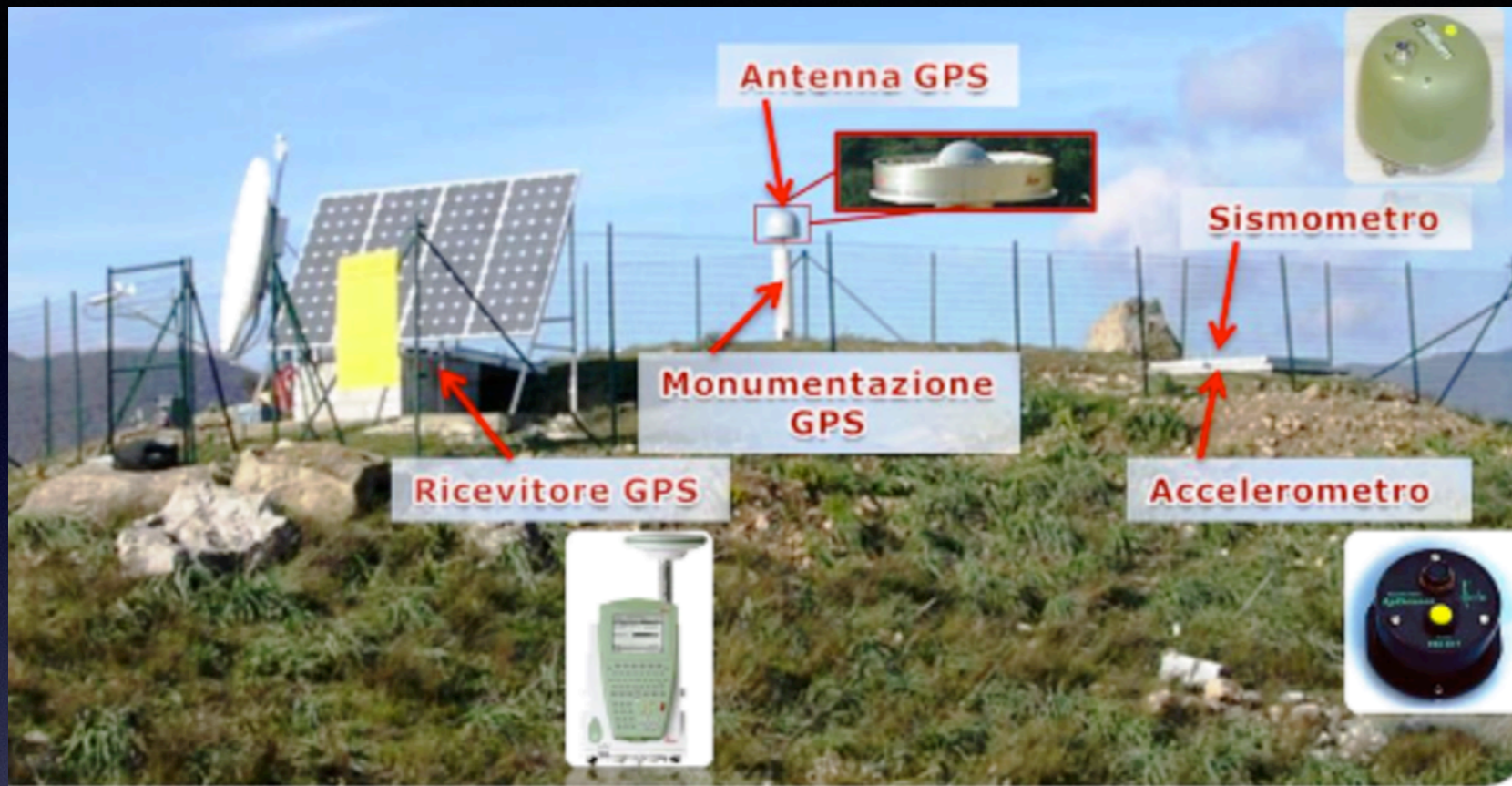
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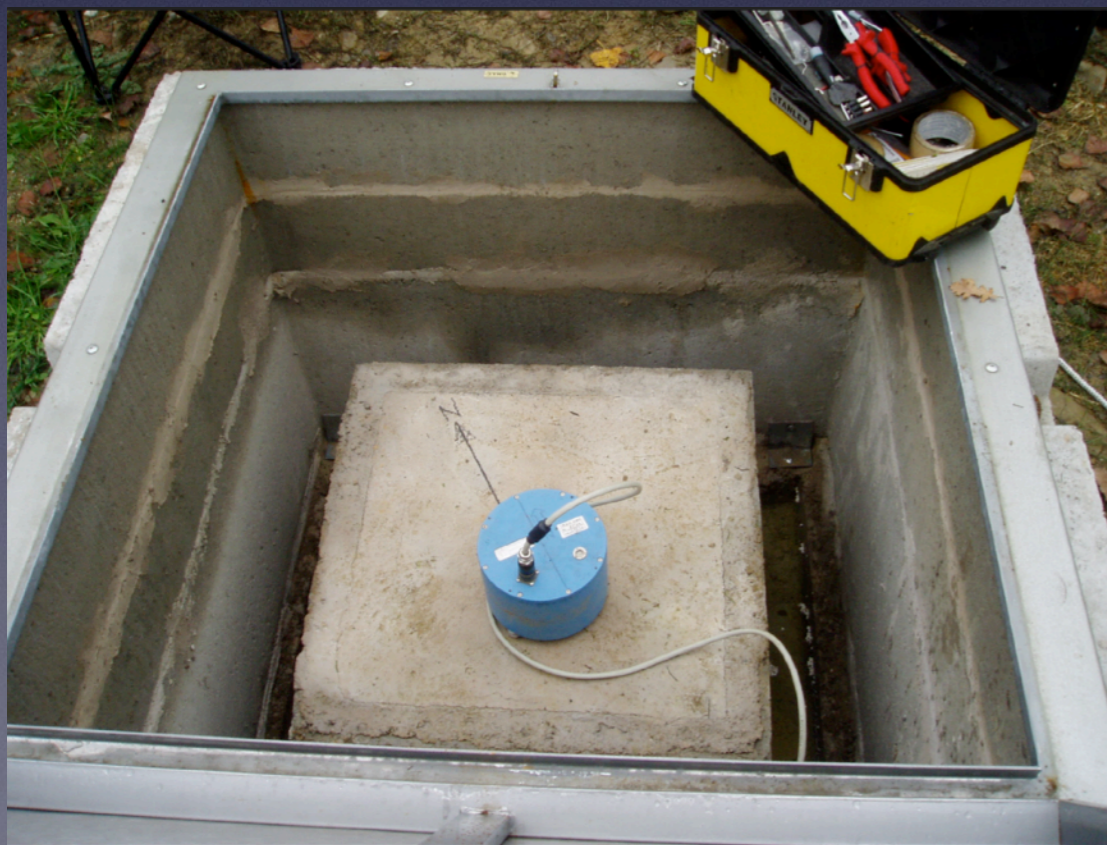
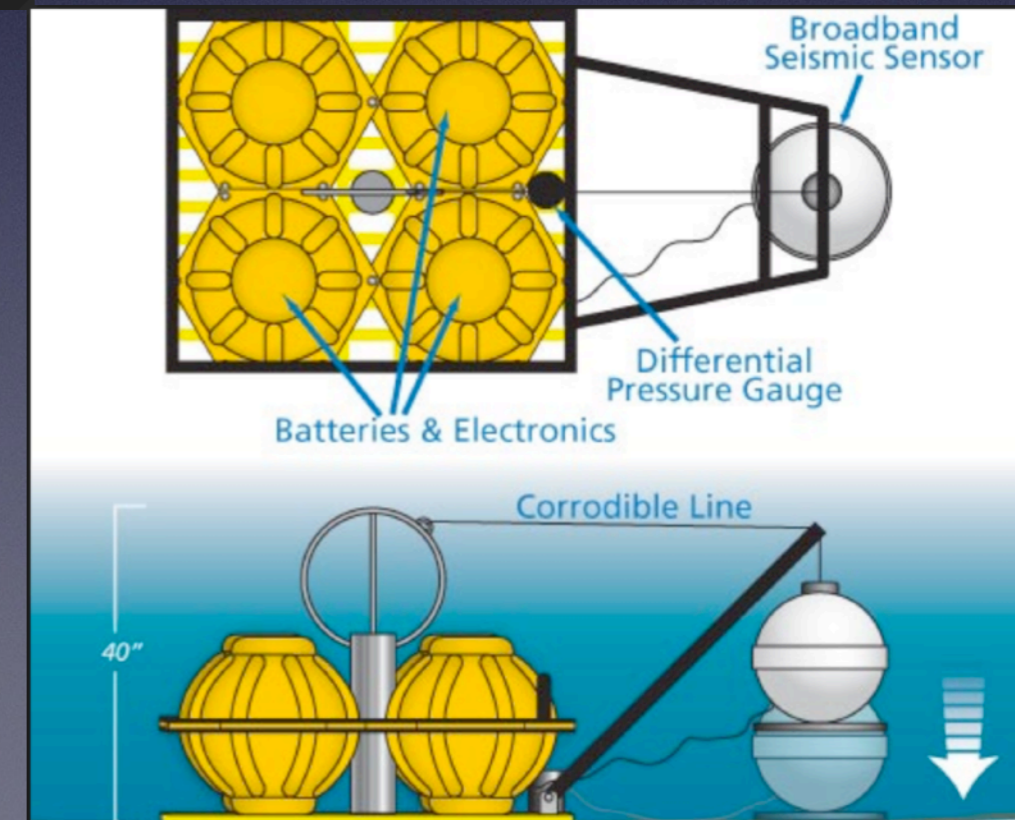
## Fixed station in continuous monitoring



## Borehole



## Sea bottom



Installed  
on  
rigid basement



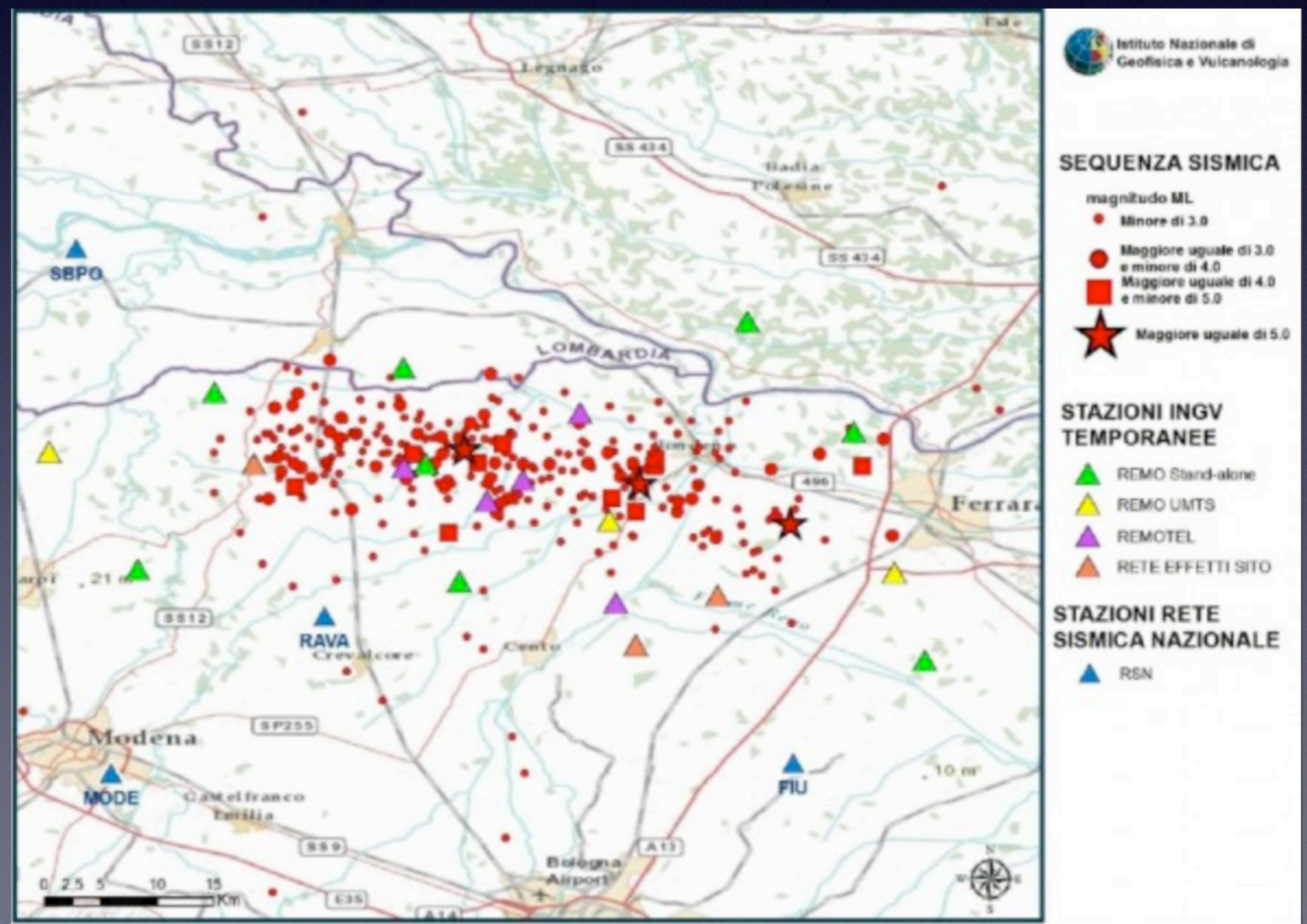
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## Mobile stations

Installed after a big events to record thousands of after-shocks  
Very important for structural studies and characterization

Mobile network Emilia earthquake

mobile station





# The seismic monitoring The local seismic network

Several institutions manage local network of relevant importance

N-E Italy OGS network

(Ist. Naz. di Oceanografia e Geofisica sperimentale - Trieste)

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e.g. Trentino Region

rete sismometrica

della Provincia di Trento

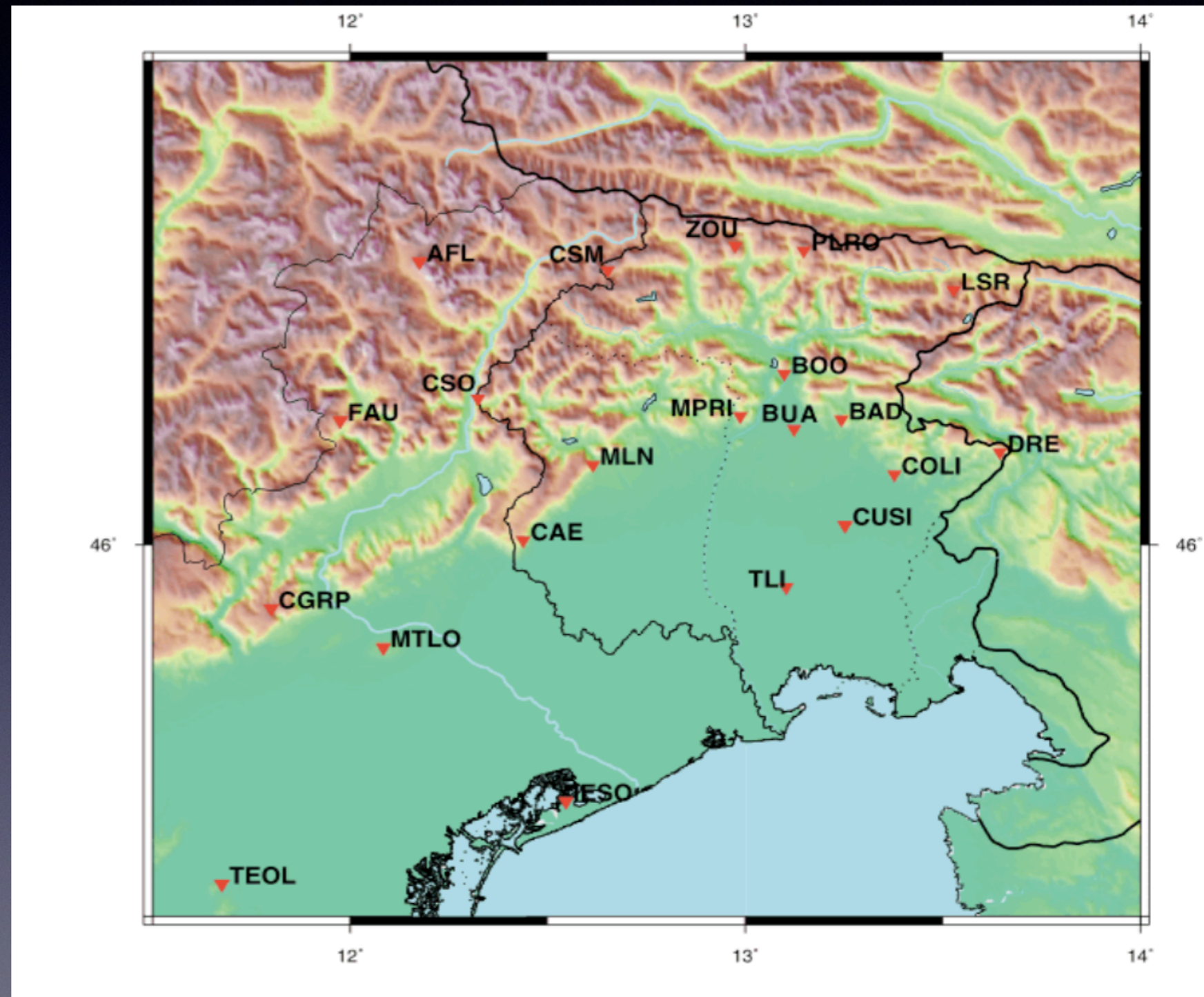
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Sismologiche - CRS  
OGS  
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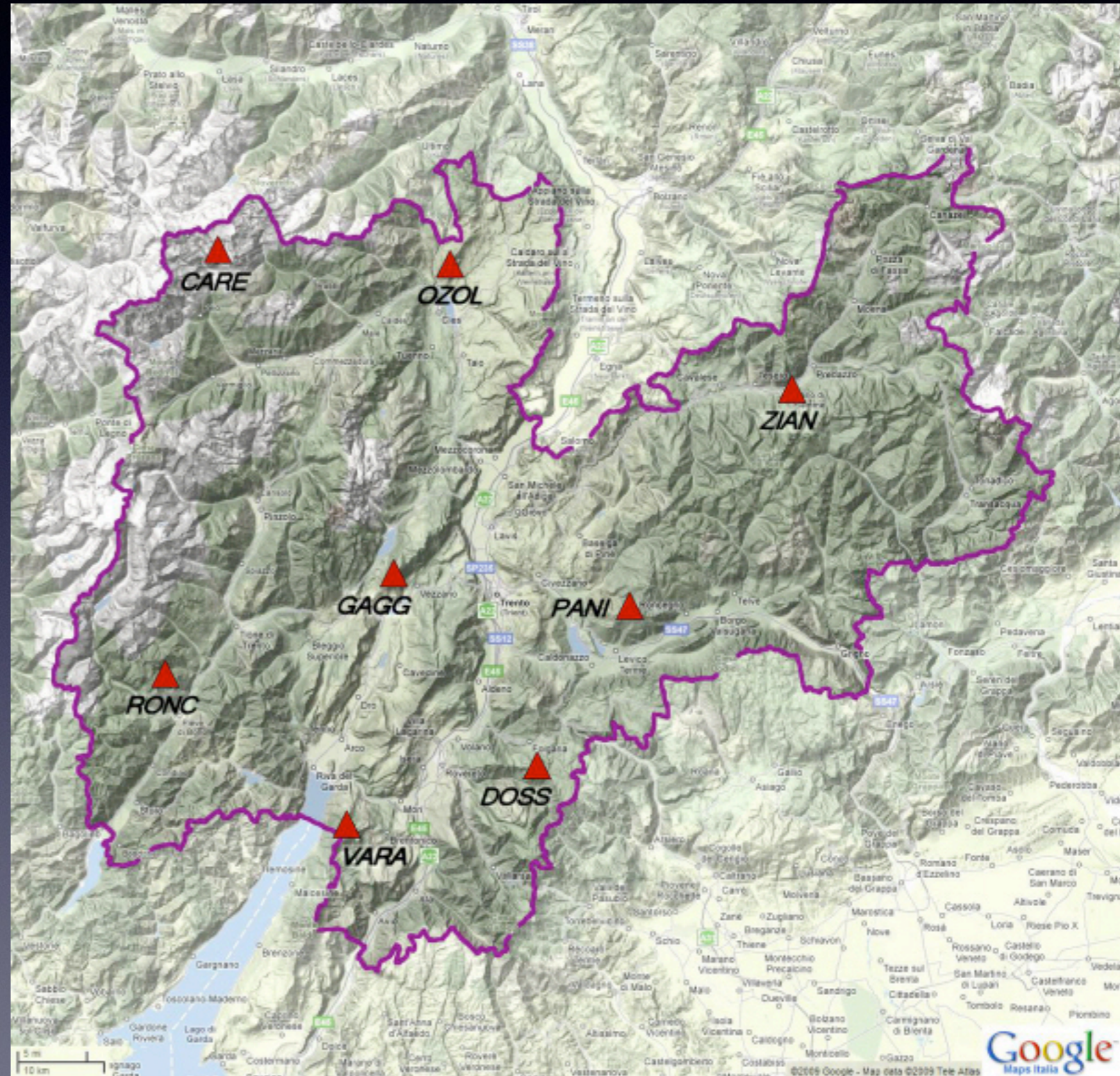




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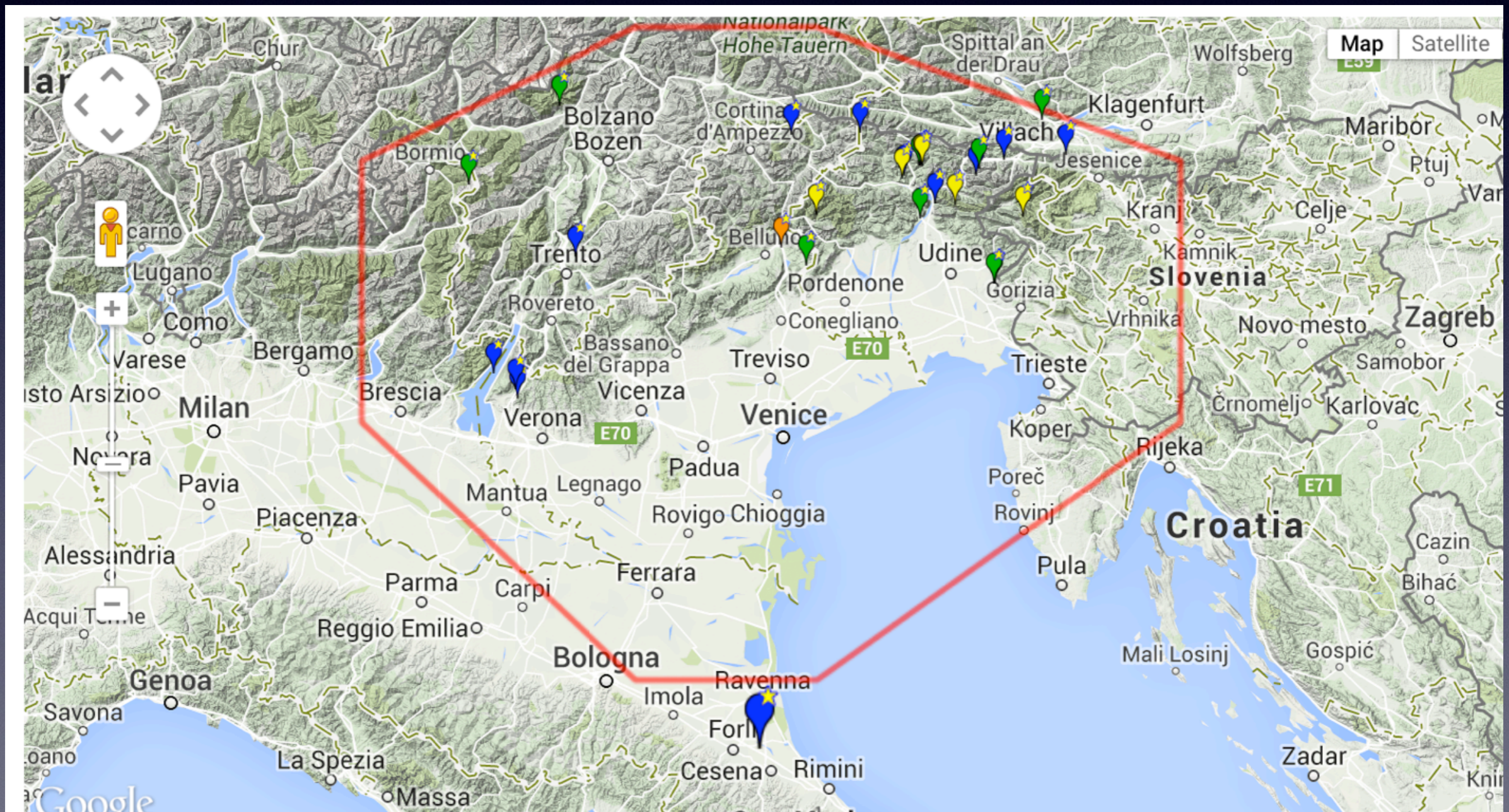




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