



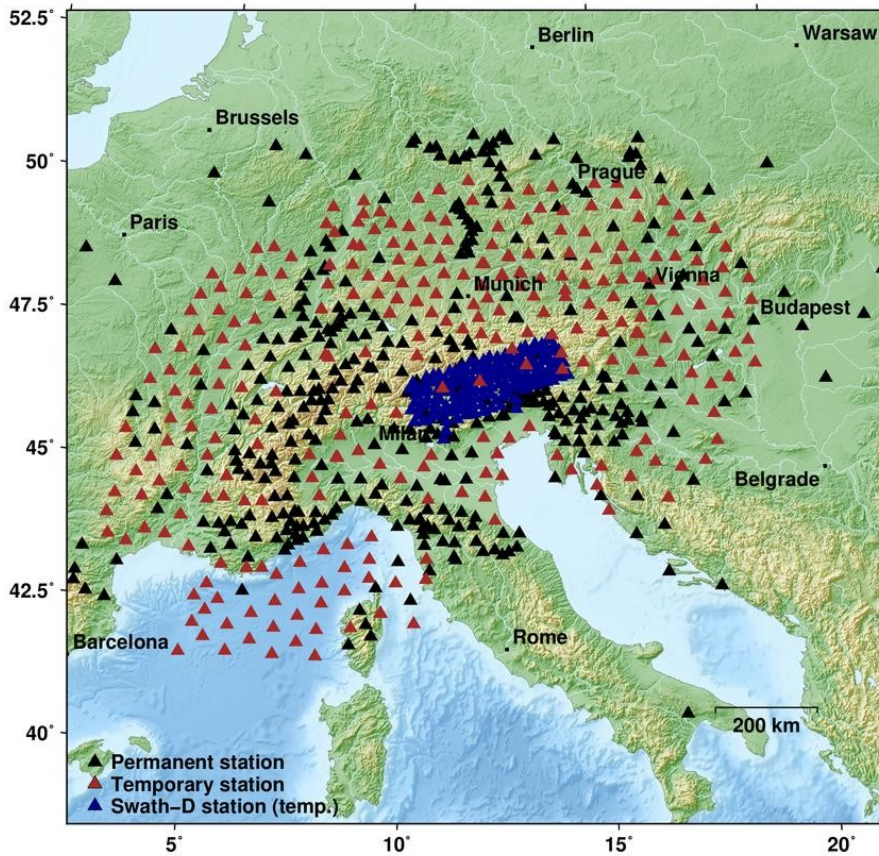
# AutoStatsQ: A toolbox for automated quality control of large seismic networks and its application to AlpArray & Swath-D

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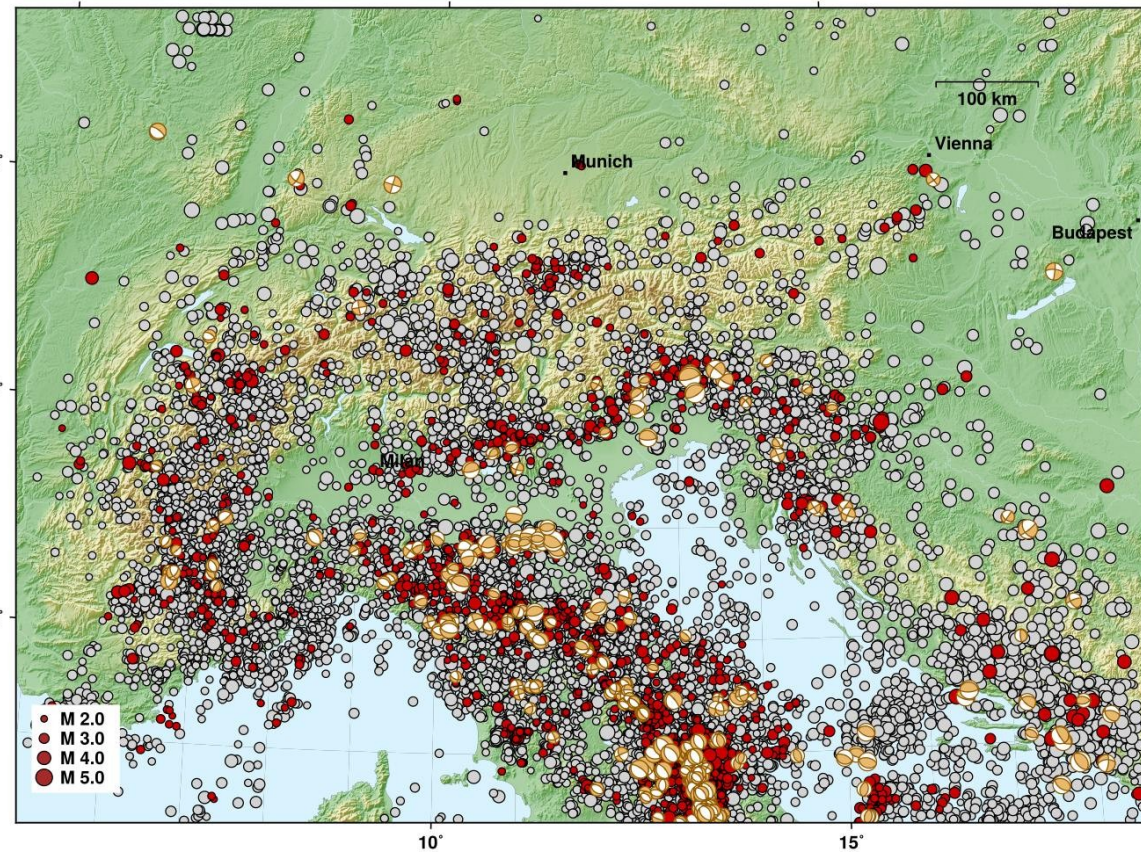
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# Motivation: MT inversion for $M < 4$



AlpArray seismic network

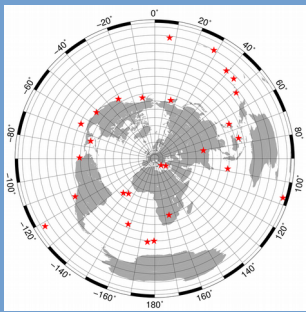


Seismicity 1970-2017 (gCMT, geofon, INGV)

# AutoStatsQ



Input: Station file  
& Time range

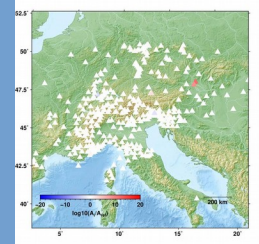


- Teleseismic catalog search & event selection
- Data and metadata download
- Preprocessing: restitution, filtering, downsampling
- Computation of synthetic data

Tests

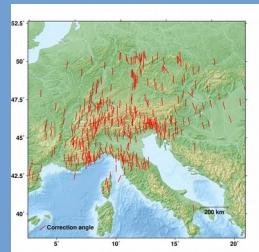
Amplitude gains

Inter-station comparison



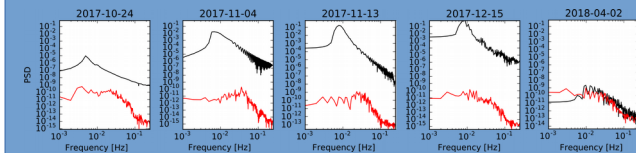
Sensor Orientation

Single stations  
R&Z comp



PSDs

Synth. & real



<https://pyrocco.org/>

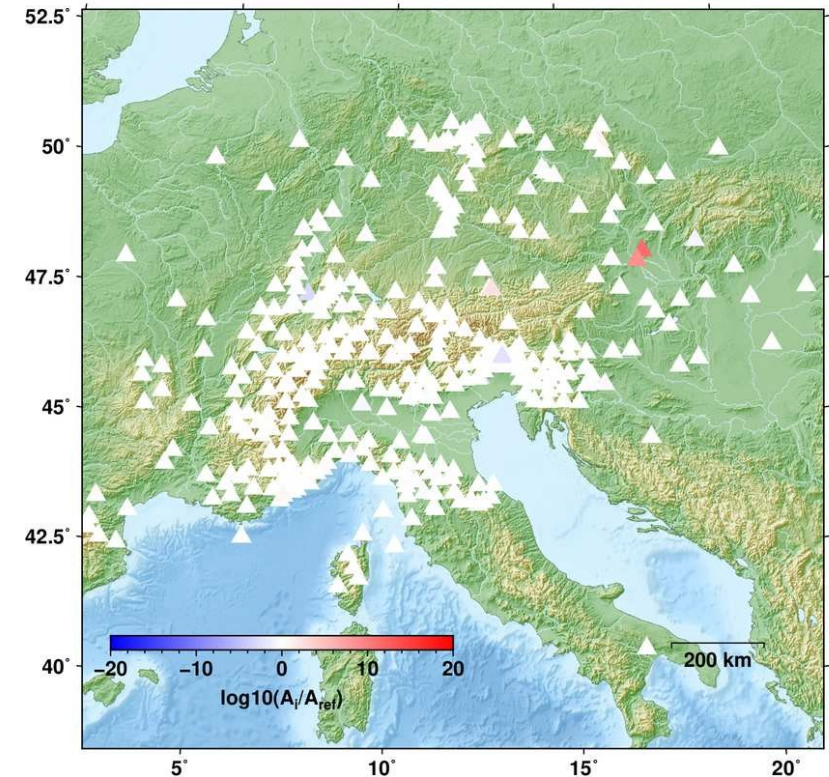
# AutoStatsQ: Gain error test

Computation of median ratios of maximum P phase amplitudes with respect to one reference station:

$$\text{median}\left(\frac{A_{i,j}}{A_{\text{ref},j}}\right)$$

*i*: Station  
*ref*: reference station  
*j*: Event

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- !autostatsq.config.GainfactorsConfig
gain_factor_method:
- reference_nsl
- [ZS, D017]
fband:
corner_hp: 0.01
corner_lp: 0.2
order: 4
wdw_st_arr: 5
wdw_sp_arr: 60
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Perm. AlpArray stations, Z component  
reference Station: GE.MATE

# AutoStatsQ: Gain error test - Results



## Permanent AlpArray stations

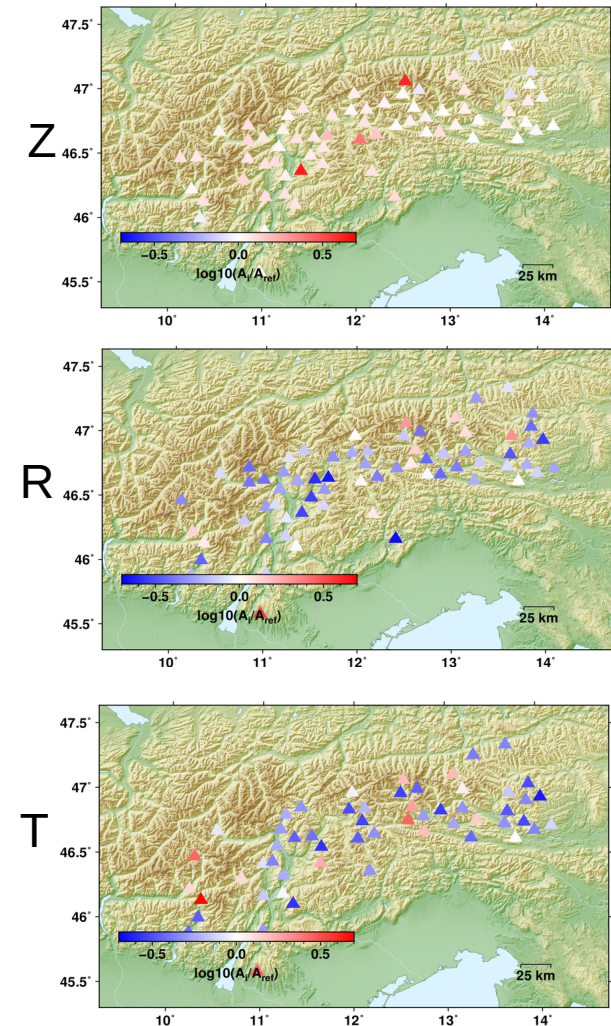
- 3 Stations with errors of several magnitudes: SK.MODS, SK.ZST, RD.MFF
- 3 % amplitude ratio  $> 10$  or  $< 0.1$

## Temporary AlpArray stations

- No station with significantly wrong amplification factors
- 2/211 station with amplitude ratio  $> 10$  or  $< 0.1$ : CR.SMRN, Z3.A112A

## Swath-D

- 1/69 malfunctioning station detected: D046



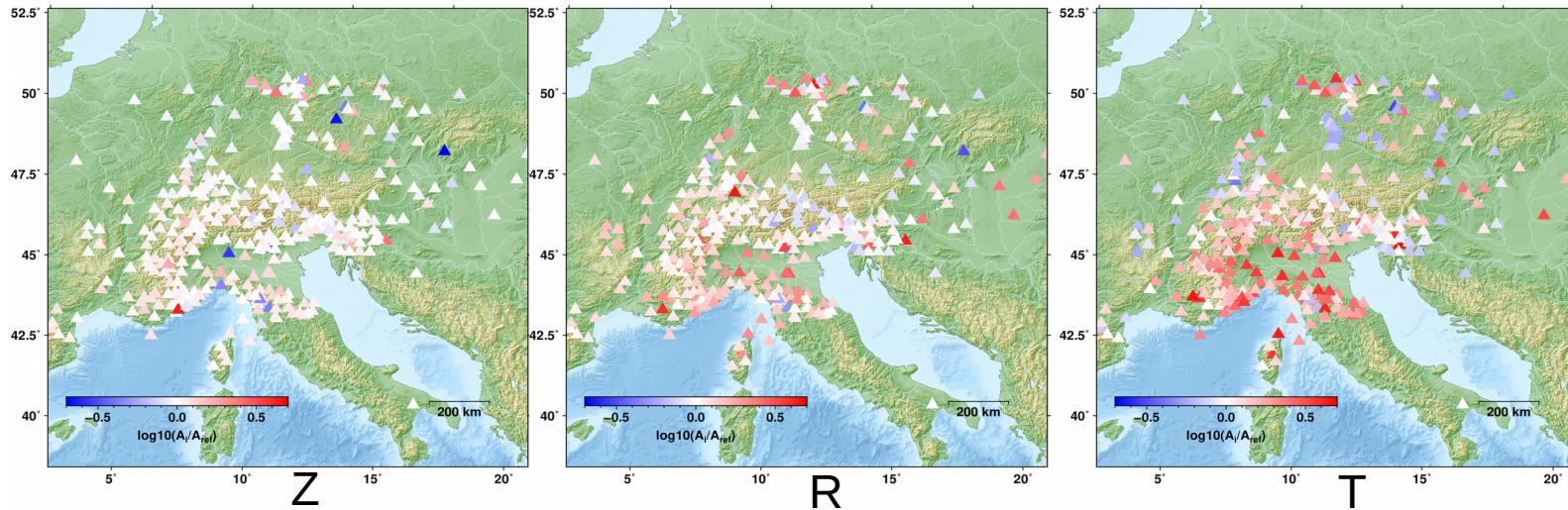
Median amplitude ratios of ZS stations

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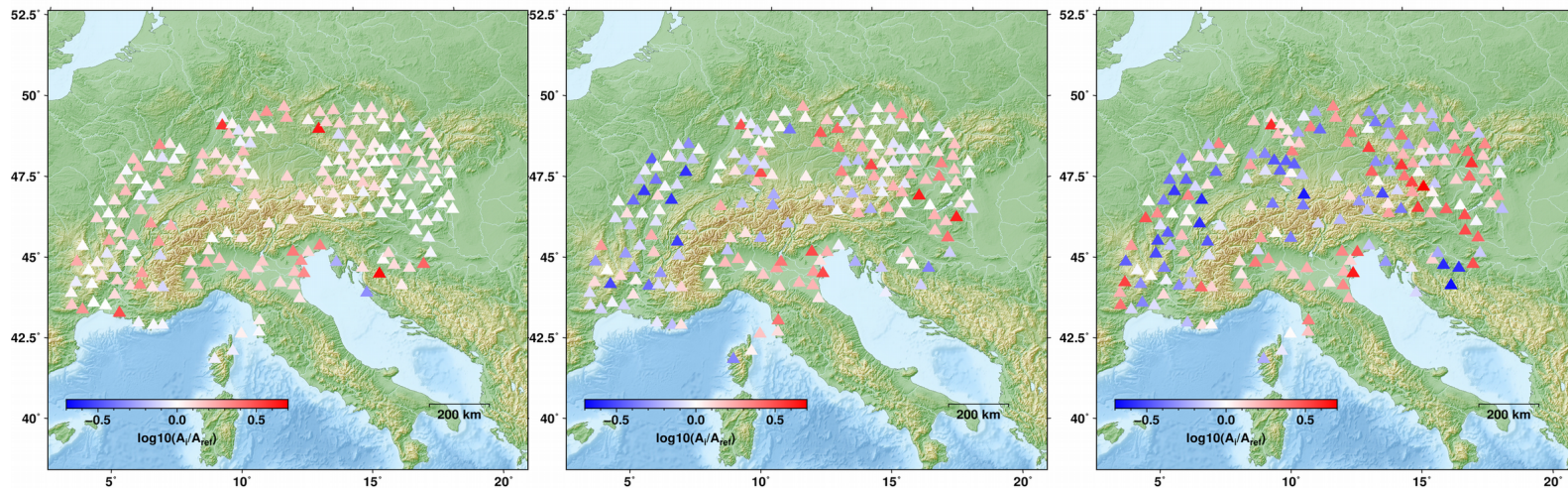


Median P amplitude ratios after removal of outliers – site-effect study (?):

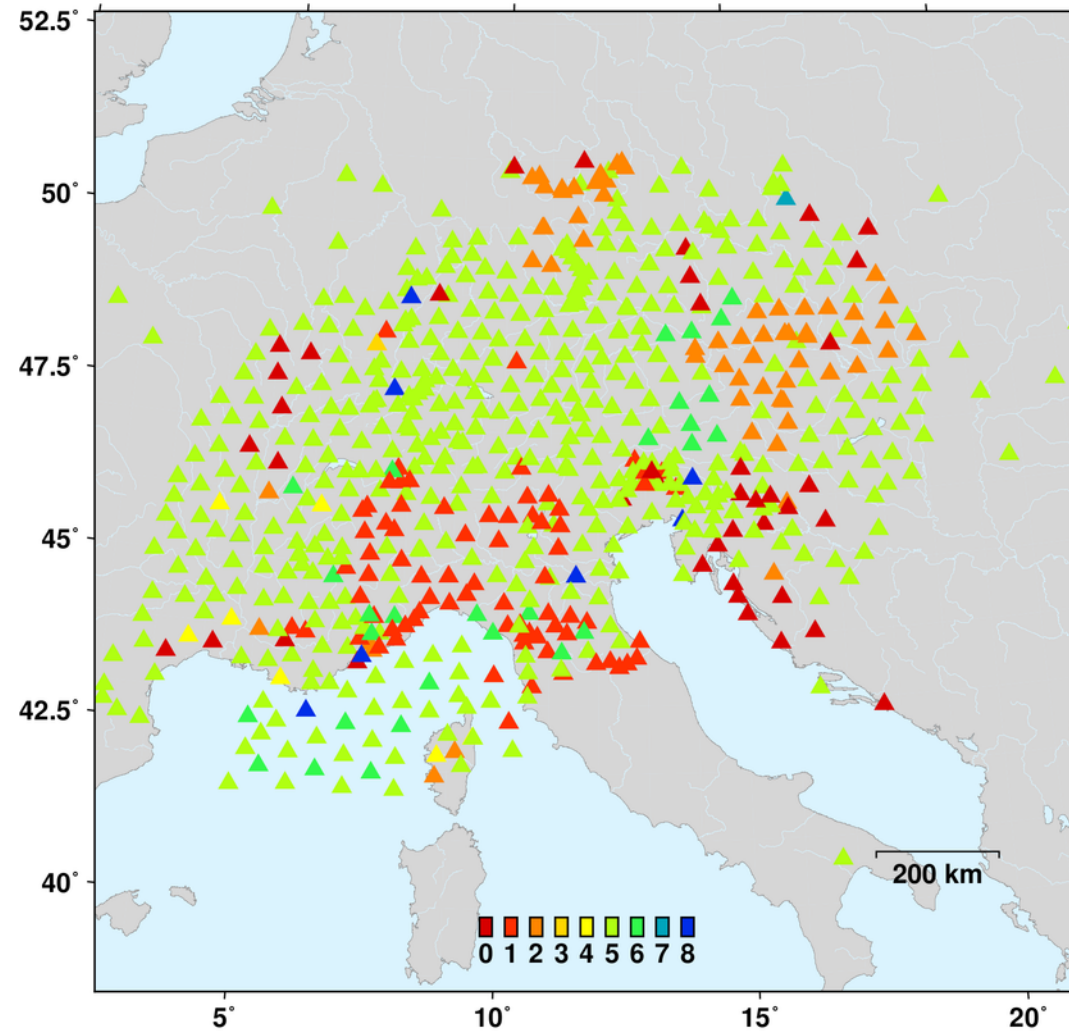
Perm.



Z3



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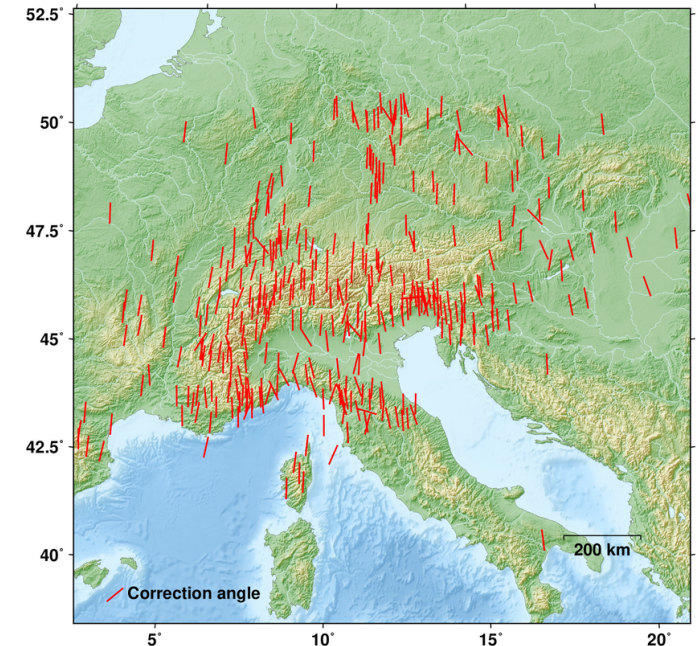


Instrument corner frequencies from metadata of permanent and temporary AlpArray stations

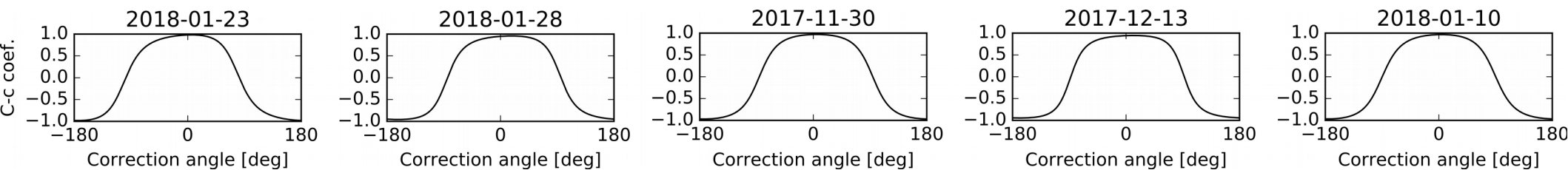
- 0: 30 s
- 1: 40 s
- 2: 60 s
- 3: 78 s
- 4: 90 s
- 5: 120 s
- 6: 240 s
- 7: 360 s
- 8: 999 s

# AutoStatsQ: Orientation error test

- Rayleigh wave polarization: 90° phase shift between radial and vertical component
  - Rotate Hilbert-transformed, theo. R comp. in 1° steps, search for max. cross-correlation
- Stable detection of misorientations > 15°
- Detection of wrong polarities of horizontal (or vertical) components



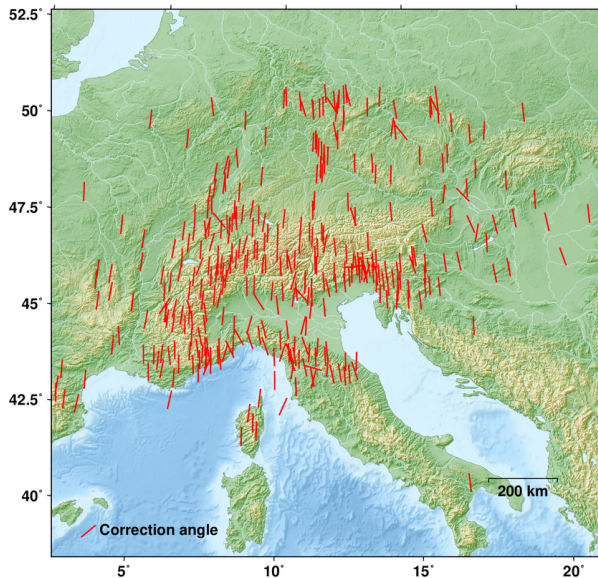
Misorientation of perm. AlpArray stations



Correction angle vs. cross-correlation coefficient, station GR.BFO, 5 example events.

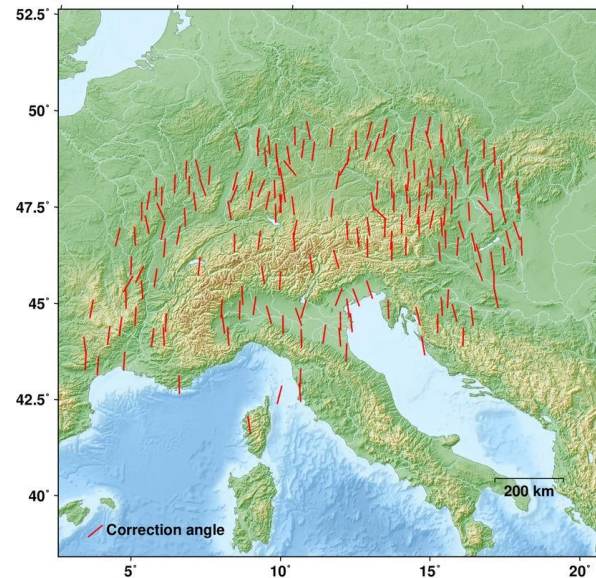


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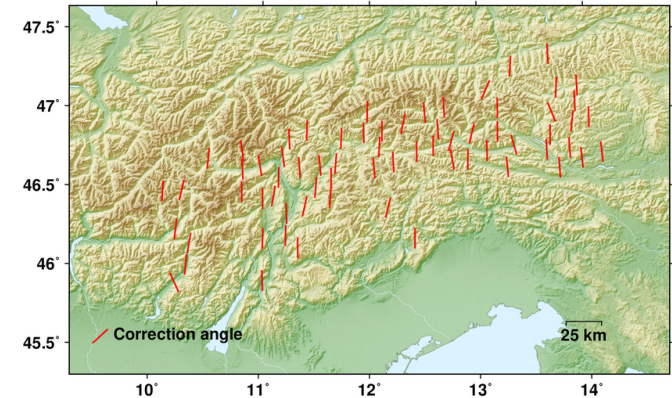
## Permanent AlpArray stations:

- 90 % orientation within 15°
- 4 Stations with wrong polarities: GU.RORO, IV.SARZ, IV.ZCCA, NI.VINO



## Temporary AlpArray stations:

- 95 % orientation within 20°
- 2 Stations with wrong polarities: Z3.A263A, Z3.A300A



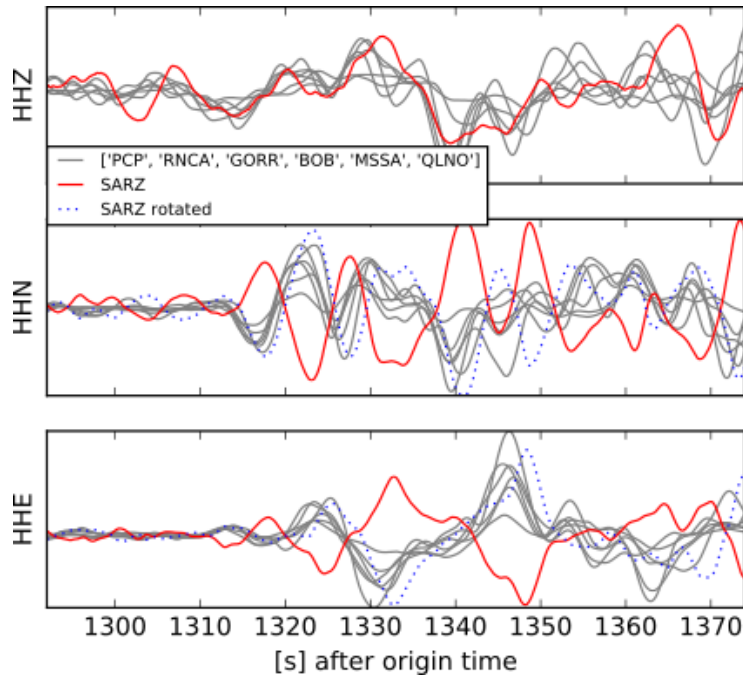
## Sensor orientations:

- 3 Stations ~ 25°: D001, D078, D116
- D125 – polarity error

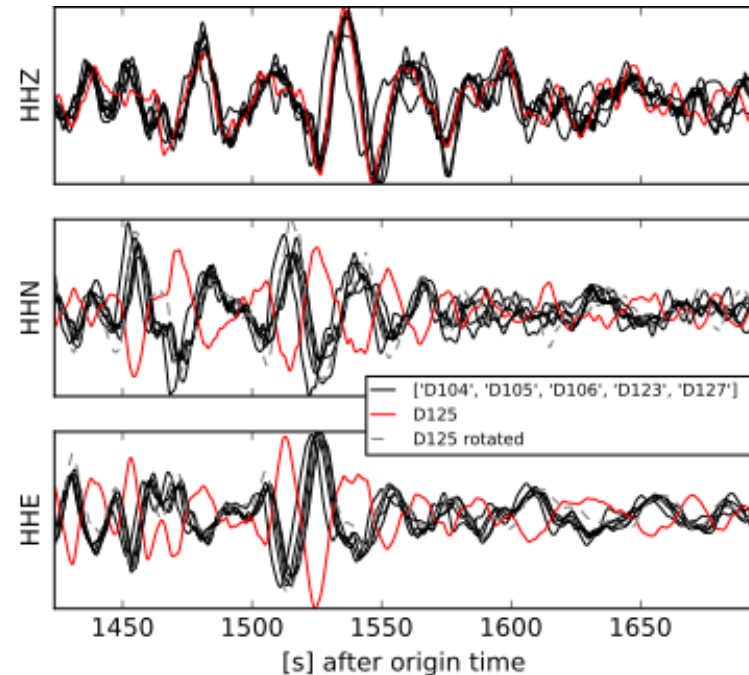
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## Examples of wrong polarities (horizontal components)



**2018-01-23 09:31:42,  $M_w$  7.9, Gulf of Alaska**  
S phase on IV.SARZ and nearby stations

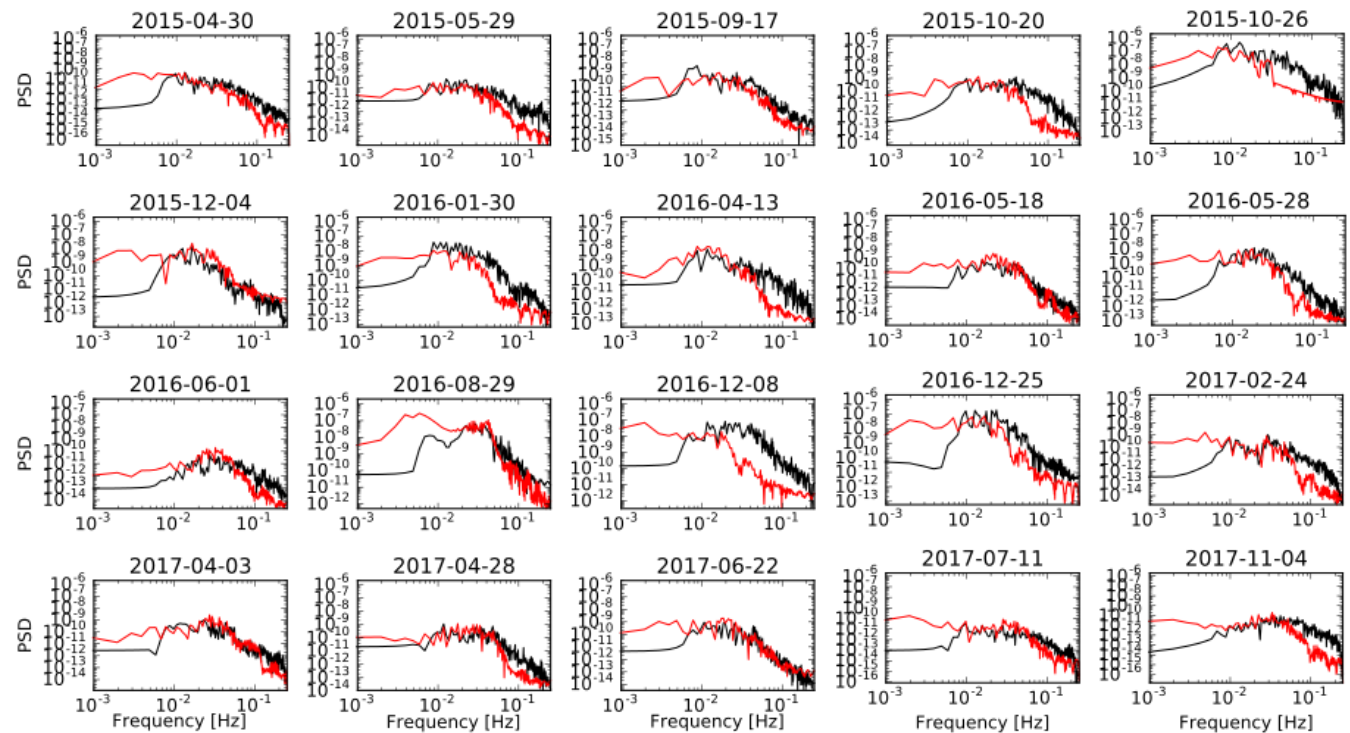


**2018-02-16 23:39:46,  $M_w$  7.2, Mexico**  
S phase on ZS.D125 and nearby stations

# AutoStatsQ: PSDs



- Comparison of synthetic and real PSDs
- Frequency ranges in which PSDs agree well
- Check of instrument lower corner frequencies indicated in metadata



Example for synth. and real PSDs, station GR.BFO, 20 events

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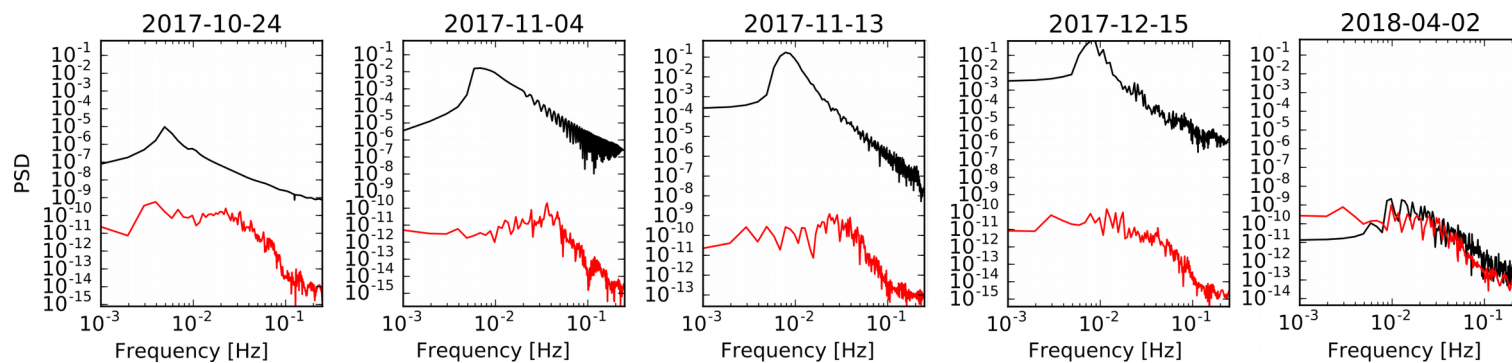
Results depend on task or chosen threshold defining the usable frequency ranges with high agreement of synth. and real data

## Permanent and temporary AlpArray stations:

- (Same) stations with large gain errors detected
- Different instrument corner frequencies can be verified
- Frequency ranges for MT inversions

## Swath-D:

- D046 conspicuous
- 100 s corner frequency confirmed



Synth. and real PSDs, station ZS.D046

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→ **AutoStatsQ**: <https://github.com/gesape/AutoStatsQ>



Thanks for your attention!