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**International AlpArray science program  
calls for combined permanent and  
temporary seismic station array  
unprecedented in quantity and quality**

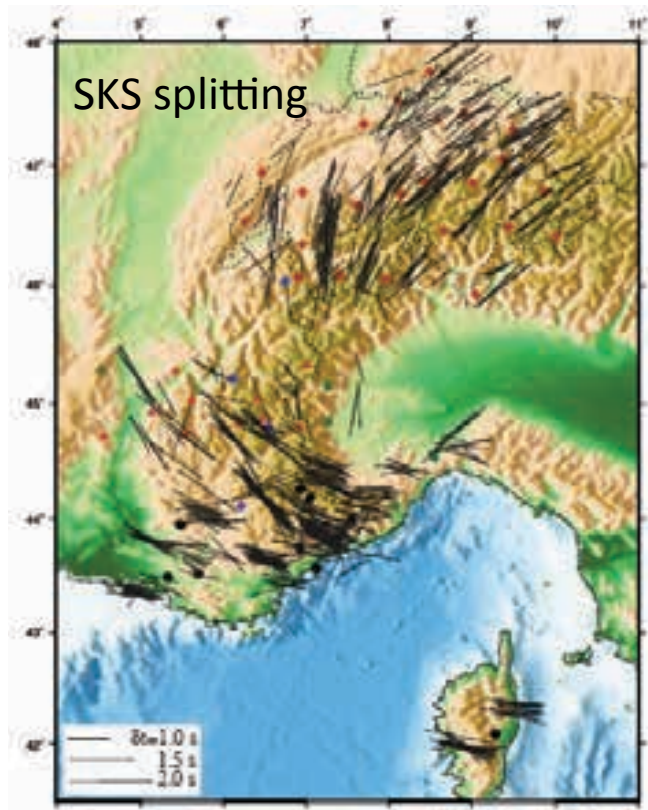
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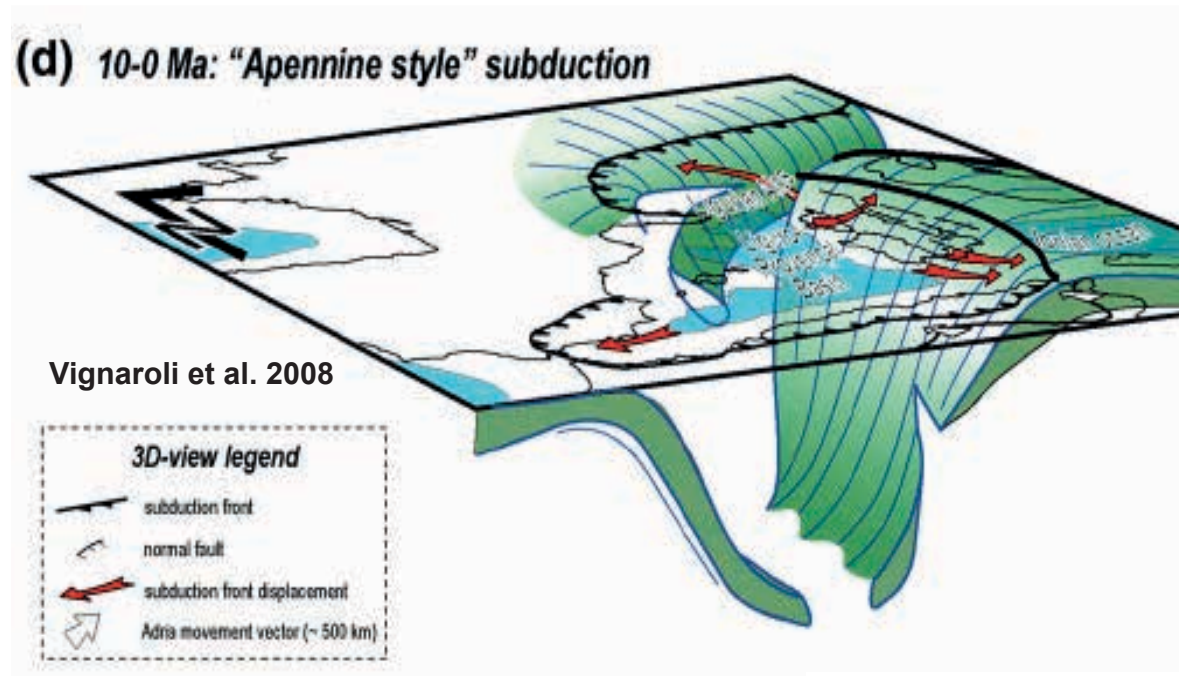
# Scientific Goals and Interests (1a)

general and locally specific orogenic processes of Alpine-N  
Dinarides-N Apennines systems

f.e., linkage between orogenic evolution of Alps and N Apennines:  
mantle flow, roll-back slab dynamics and orogenic growth



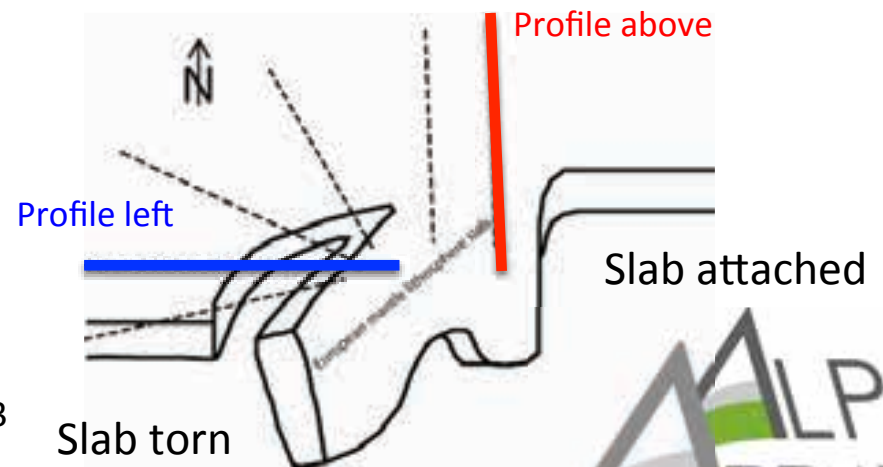
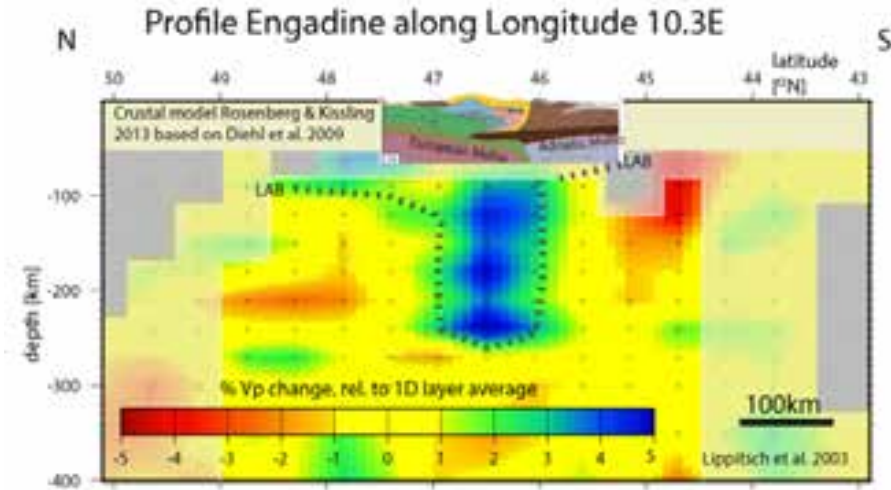
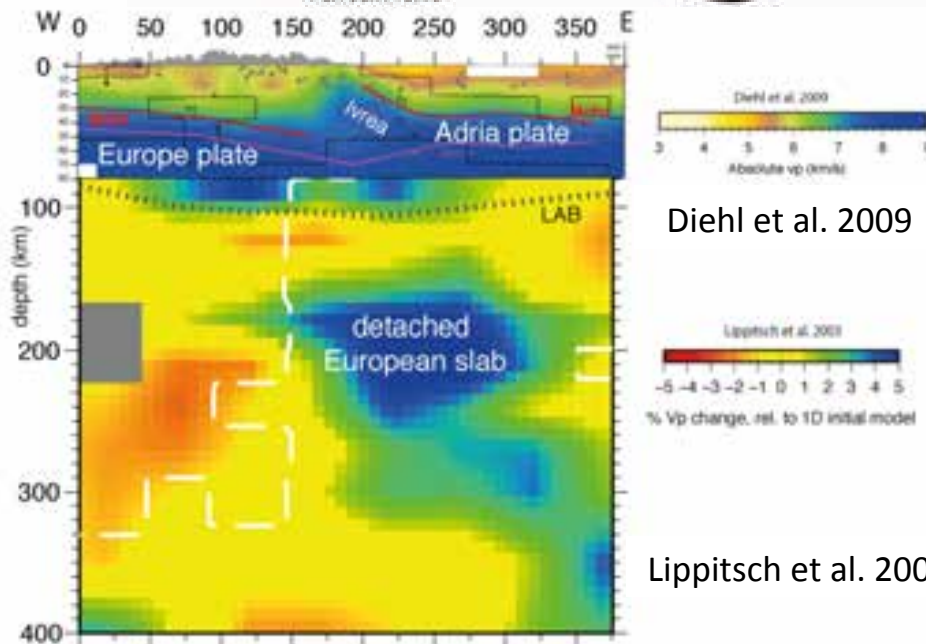
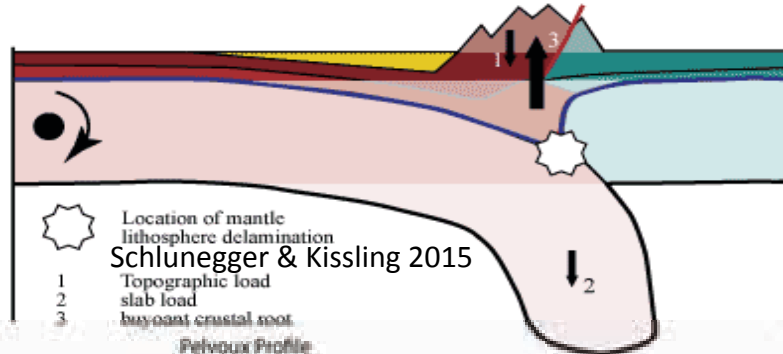
Barruol et al. 2010



# Scientific Goals and Interests (1b)

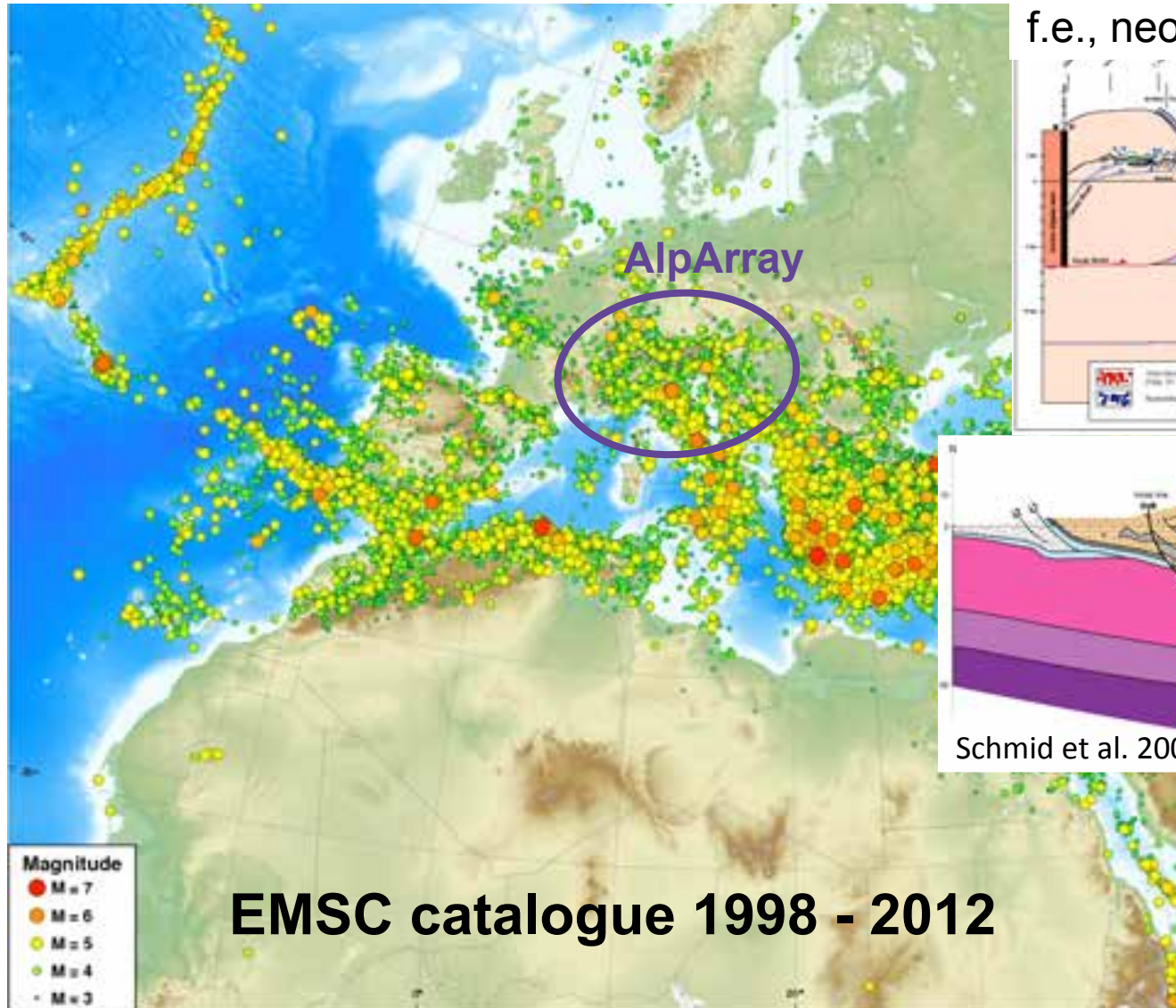
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f.e., linkage between roll-back slab dynamics, crustal convergence and evolution of topography



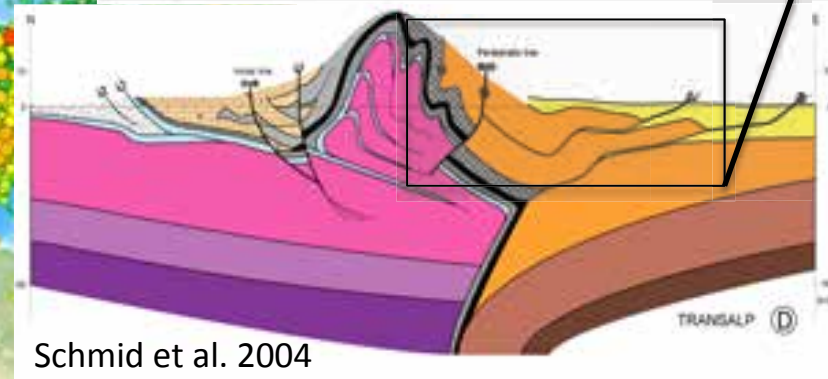
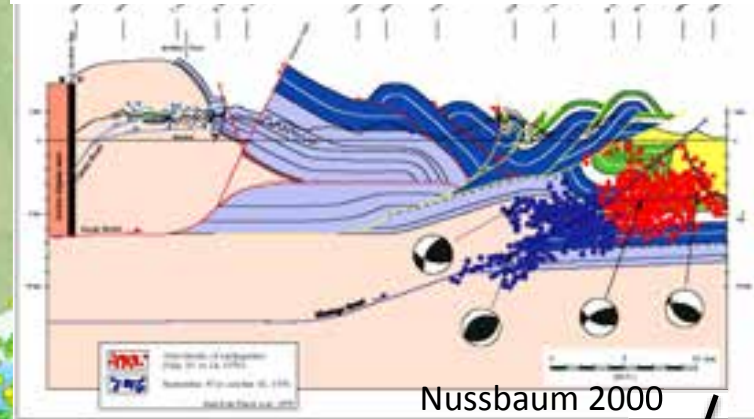
# Scientific Goals and Interests (2)

Seismicity and seismotectonics in greater Alpine region



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f.e., neotectonics in the Friuli area



## Scientific Goals and Interests (3)

methodological interests and usage for global studies

**methodological improvements of specific seismic methods** (f.e., ambient noise seismic tomography; earthquake source parameters definition using consistently identified multi-phase seismic data, ...)

**Combination of various seismic imaging methods to improve resolution capabilities for common targets** (f.e., establish 3D P-S-anisotropic reference crustal models from combined surface waves-ambient noise-local and teleseismic earthquake tomography, ....)

**Incentive to further improve geodynamic modeling** (f.e., including 3D geologically realistic top layers for better comparison of plate tectonic scenarios with near-surface geologic record, ....)

**usage of AA seismic station array as antennae for global studies**



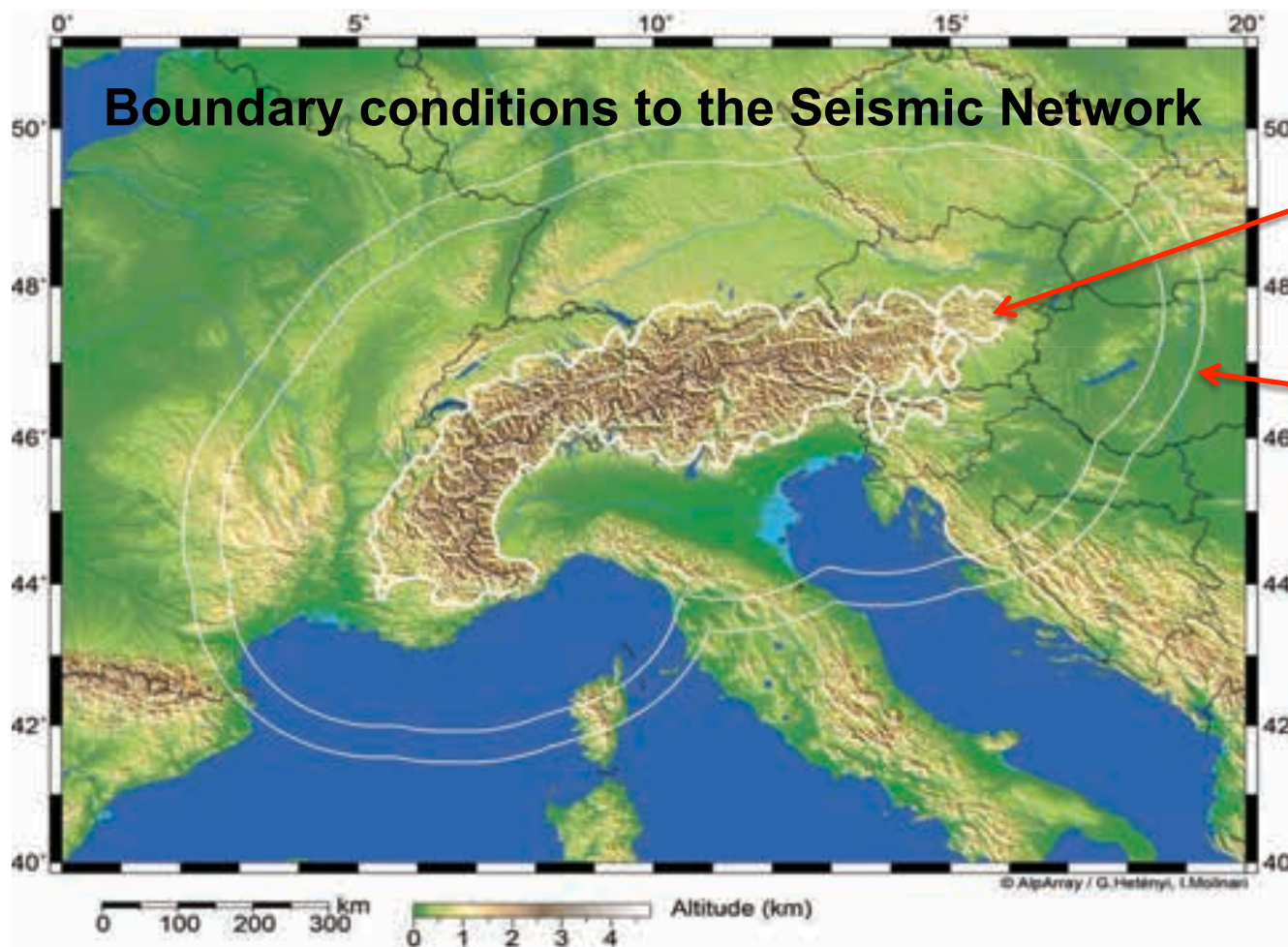
# Collaborative Effort by 3 Groups

Earth scientists of all interests

(f.e., field geologists, geodynamic modellers, geodesists, ...)

Seismologists from Seismological Observatories

Seismologists engaged in temporary field experiments



800 m altitude  
line of the Alps

250 km  
distance contour  
( $d_{250}$ )



# AlpArray Seismic Station Network

Seismic BB ( $\geq 30$ sec) stations permanently operated by observatories



(in total 440+ stations shown on map, focussing only on observatories within AlpArray region)

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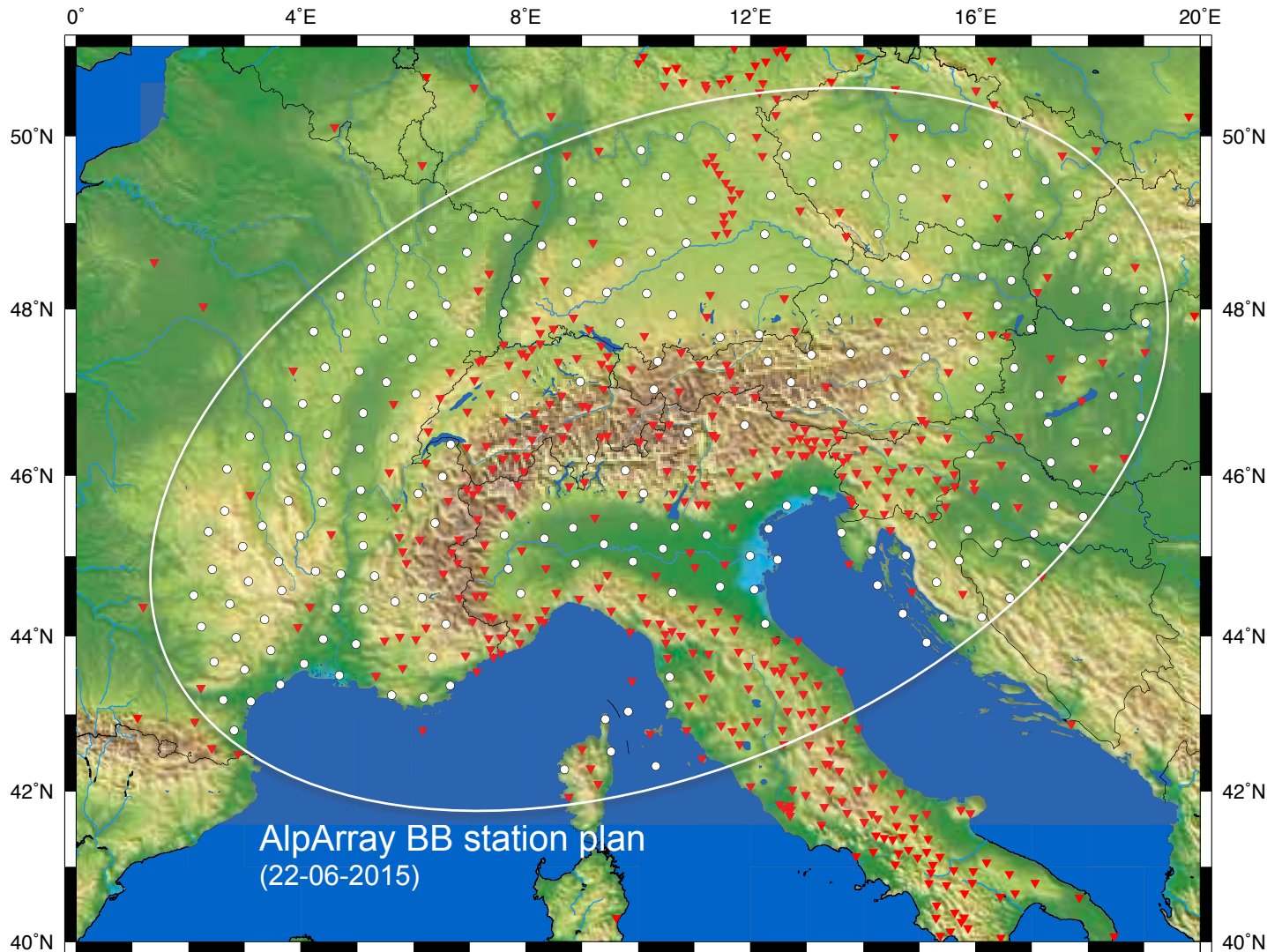
0 100 200 300 km

0 1000 2000 3000 4000 m altitude



# AlpArray Seismic Station Network

Network of BB stations operated for 2 year period



Stations within  $d_{250}$

**298 permanent**

**257 temporary**

**555 TOTAL**

(in addition 20+ OBS  
in Ligurian sea  
operated for 6  
months)

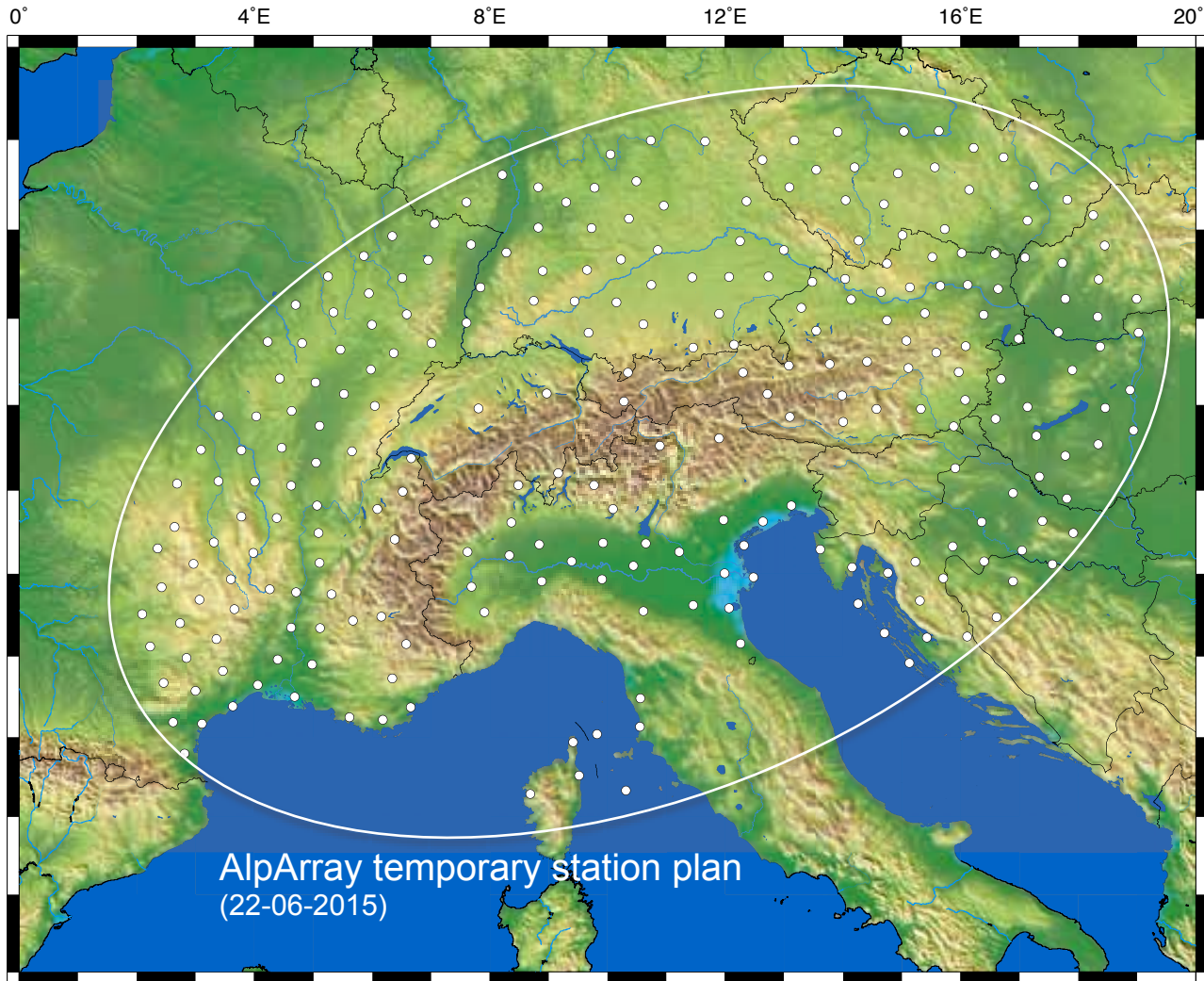
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# AlpArray Seismic Station Network

Deployment of 257+ temporary BB stations

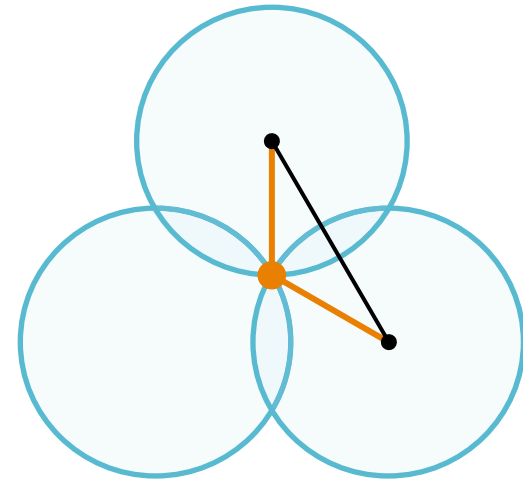


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0 100 200 300 km

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“compacted” hexagonal



- farthest point at 30 km
- circle centres at  $2 * 25.98$  km  
no void left



# AlpArray Seismic Station Network

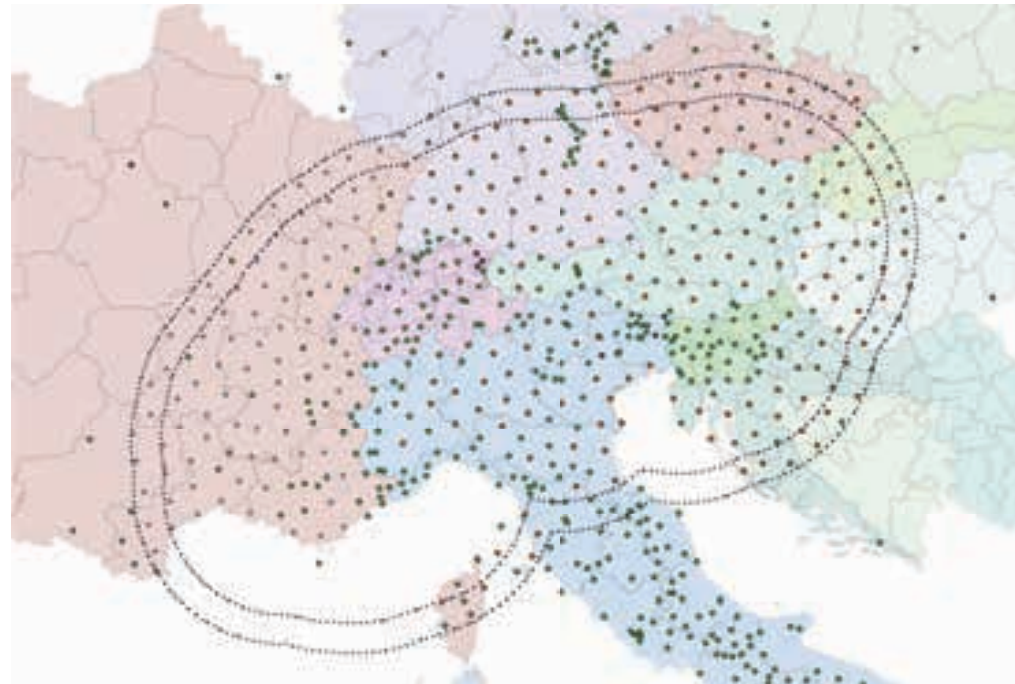
555 land stations

441 (298) permanent stations

257 temporary stations

(172 now; 85 next phase)

→ 698 (555) total



Due to availability of temporary BB stations:

We start (Aug2015) AA Seismic Network from the East using

ALL permanent



+172 temporary



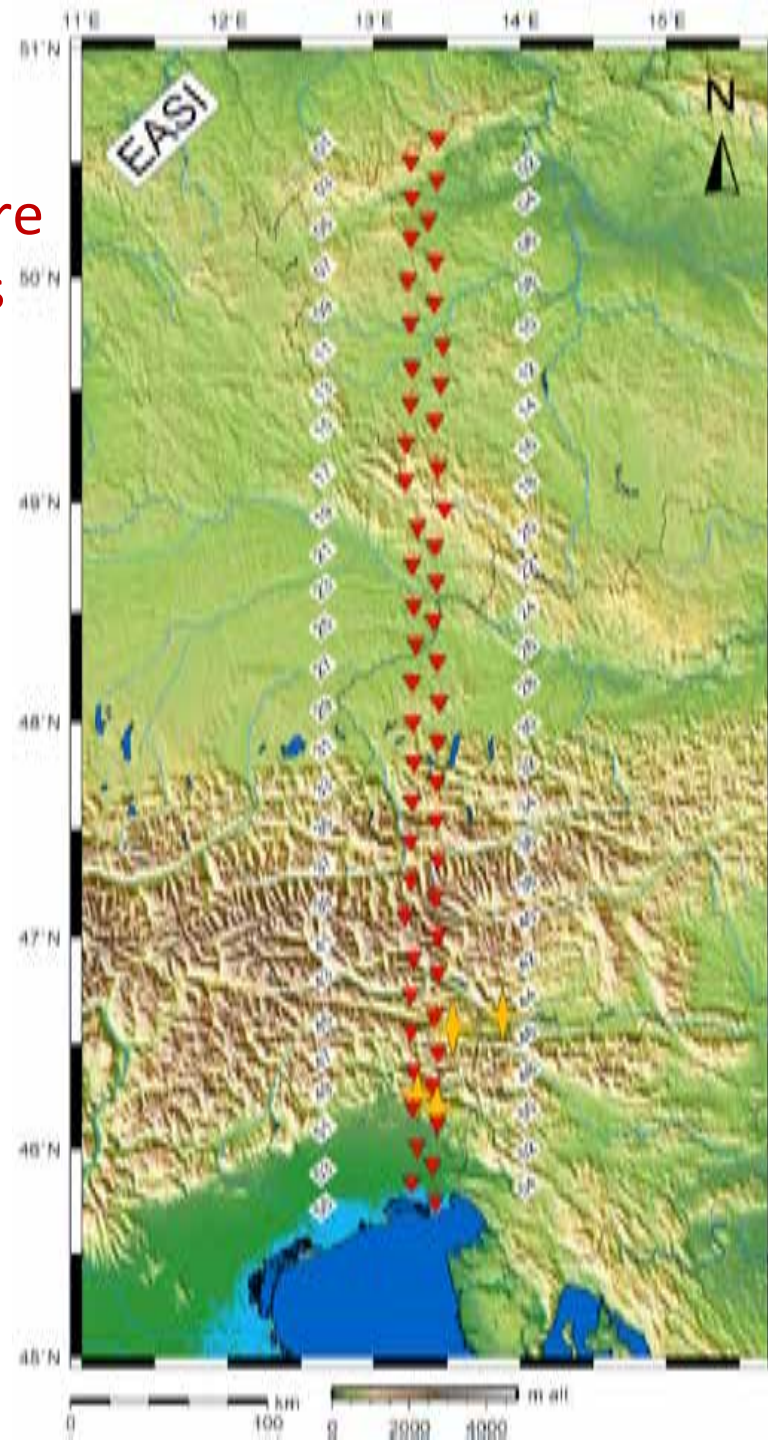
stations by 25 institutions from 12 countries



In addition to the AA Seismic Network there are Complementary Seismic Experiments dedicated to specific targets:  
f.e. EASI

## Eastern Alpine Seismic Investigation

- “Complementary Experiment”
- Summer 2014 – Summer 2015
- 55 stations at 10 km spacing
- ETH (23), IG Prague (20), U. Vienna (8), INGV (4)
- only 5 sites located >3 km from plan



# AlpArray Seismic Network Standards

## Technical strategy for the mobile seismological components of AlpArray

Recommendations of the AlpArray Working Group 1 Procedures and data  
management



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# AlpArray Seismic Network Standards

## hardware

- truly broadband sensors flat to velocity at min 20Hz – 30s (120s preferred)
- 24bit dataloggers with GPS timing, >130dB dynamic range
- Known response in dataless format
- min sampling rate 100sps
- Huddle tests before deployment

## station

- Experienced installers
- no vault specified, *just meet noise limits*
- *Realtime communications where possible*. If no real-time, visit every 3 months
- If noise limit is not reached, must be moved within 3 months.
- Stations **within 3km** of planned spot

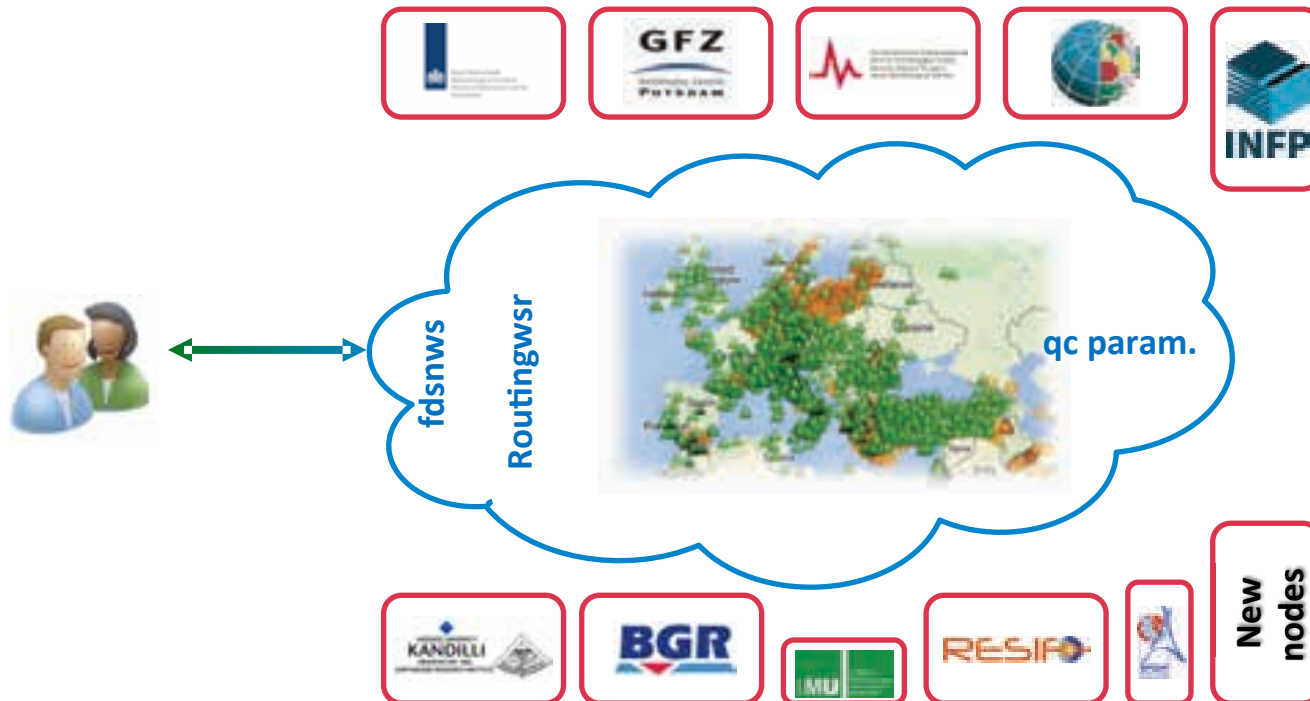
## data

- Metadata done by each network / parent EIDA node
- Waveform data: mseed format, transmitted to relevant parent EIC
- Data disseminated via EIDA (embargo period)

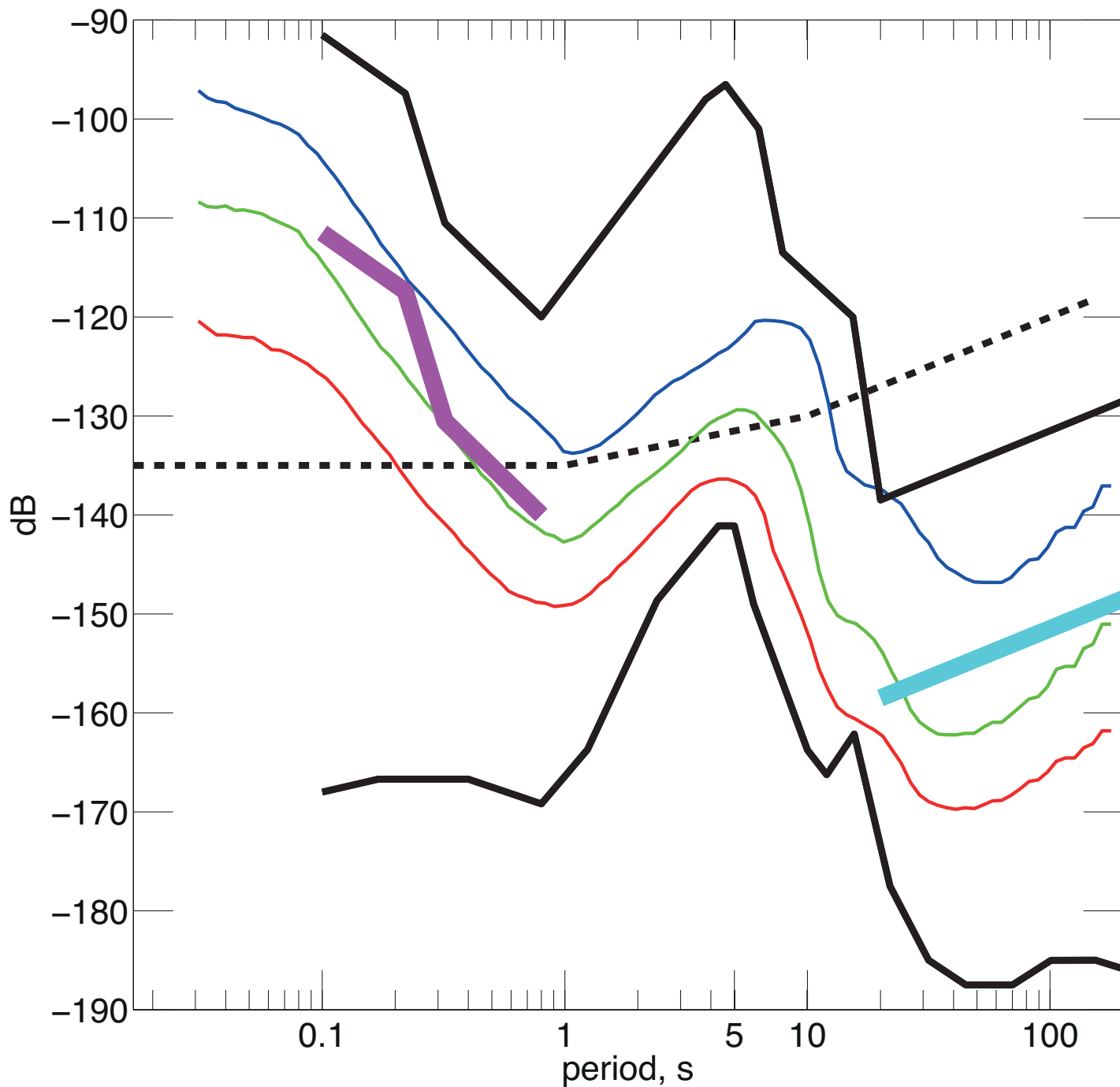
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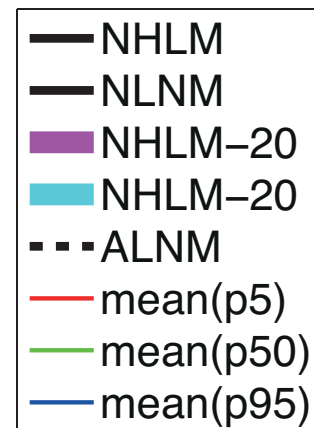
<http://www.orfeus-eu.org/eida/eida.html>



# XT – All HHZ channels



**Noise Requirements  
for AlpArray Stations:  
PSD targets over high  
/ low frequency bands**



# AlpArray Working Group is currently established

- Memoranda of Understanding signed by 35+ institutions
- Technical strategy for operation and management defined
- AlpArray seismic network
  - all 441 permanent + 172 temporary stations from East deployment: Summer-Autumn 2015

