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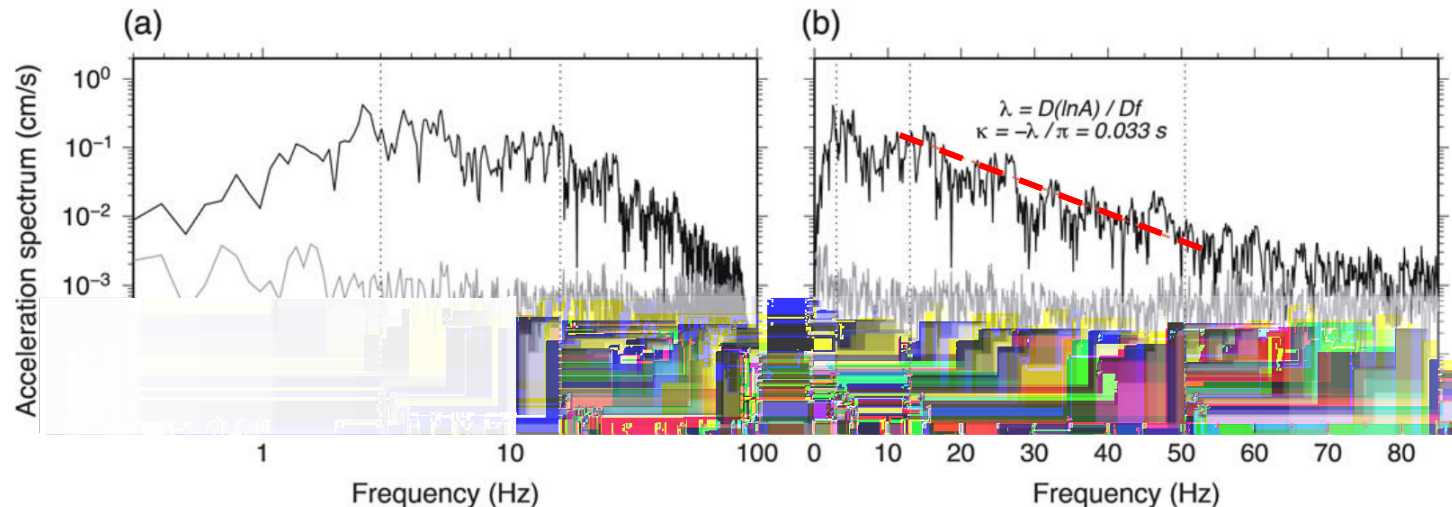
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State of the Art

- The attenuation decay parameter κ is largely used in many **earthquake engineering applications**
- κ describes the deviation at high frequencies between observed Fourier amplitude spectra computed from seismograms and ω^2 model
- For Anderson and Hough (1984), above a certain frequency, the overall **shape of the spectrum decays exponentially with frequency**



From Ktenidou *et al.* (2014)

State of the Art

- **κ parameter increases with epicentral distance**, and includes the local effects due to geological characteristics near the recording site and the attenuation due to the regional structure
- The observed values of **κ** are the results of **path** effects, attenuation near the **source** and the recording **site**

$$\kappa(r) = K_0 + K_s + K_{avg}(r)$$

From Anderson (1991); Ktenidou *et al.* (2014)

Near-site attenuation parameter

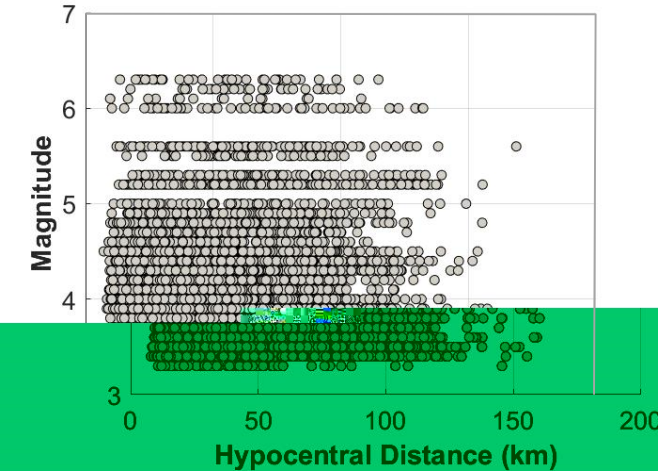
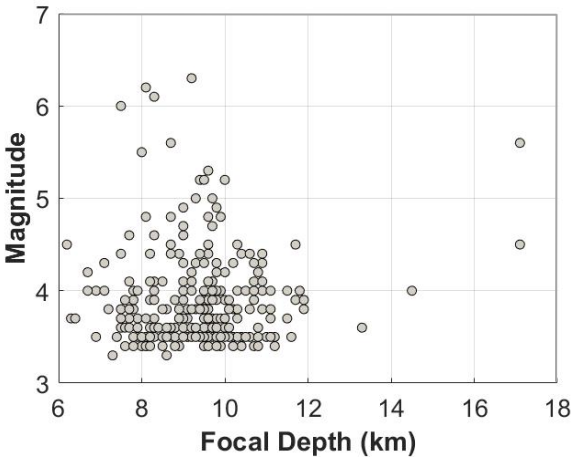
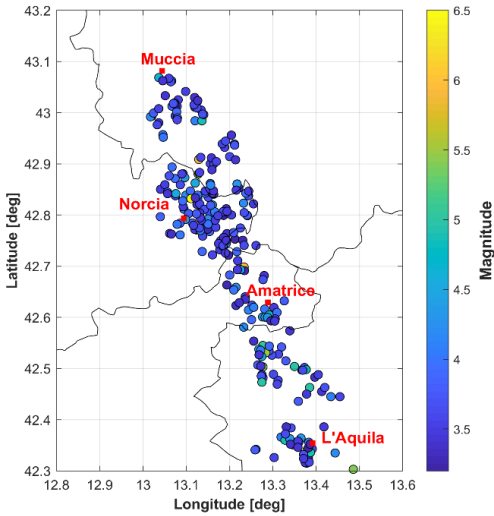
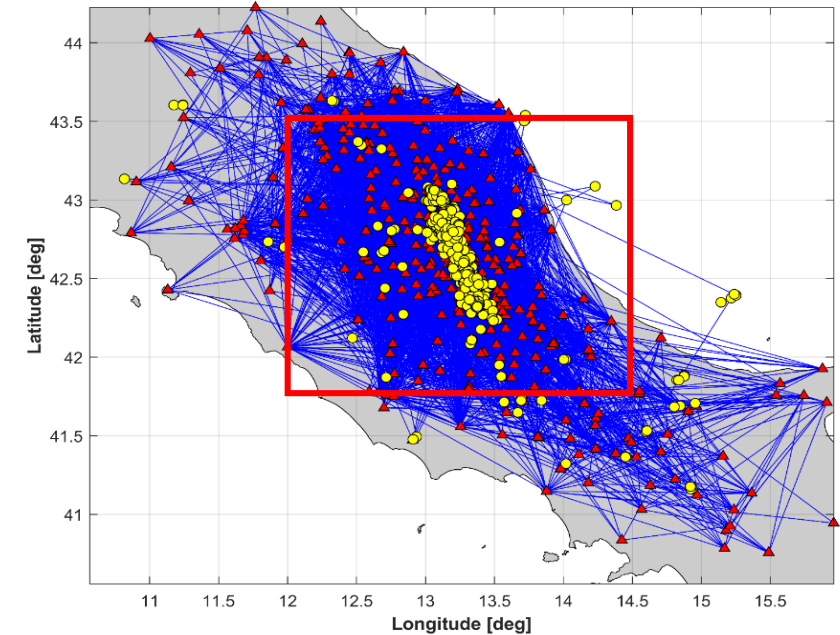
Near-source attenuation parameter

Average attenuation along the S-wave path

Goals: Analyze single contribution due to **site**, **source** and **S-wave path** and investigate spatial and temporal variability of **κ** using data set of a dense array

Dataset

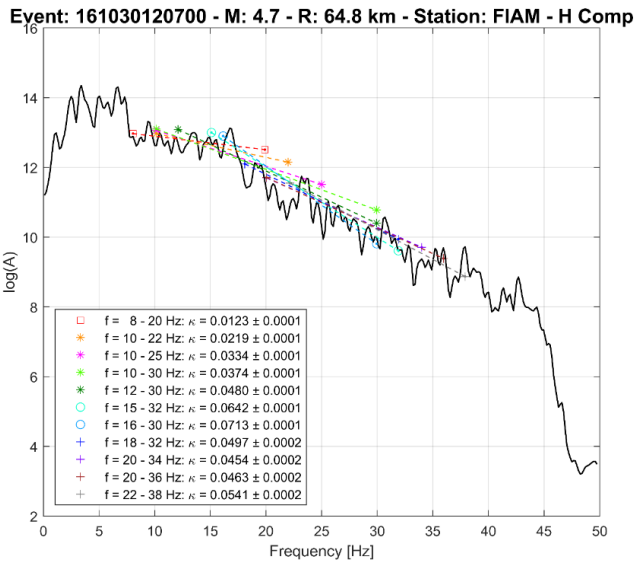
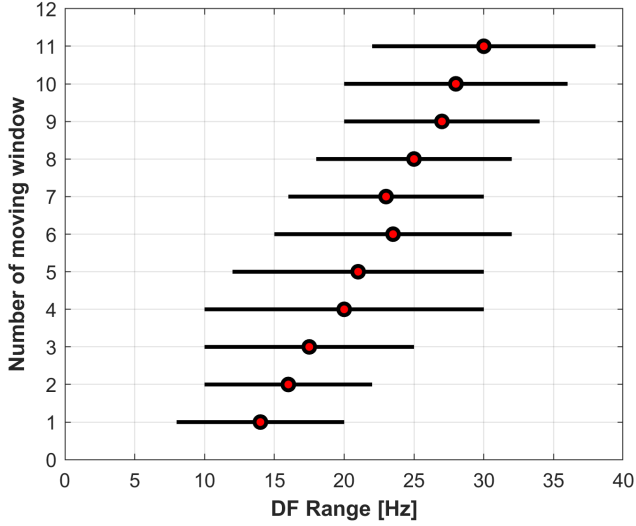
Events with $M > 3.5$ in Central Apennines (2008-2018)



- Events detected by at least 3 stations
- Standard Deviation of $\kappa / \kappa < 0.50$
- 266 earthquakes
- 353 stations
- 13'952 recordings

Method

- 11 frequencies band
- Computation of κ_0 according Anderson and Hough (1984) method between 8-38 Hz



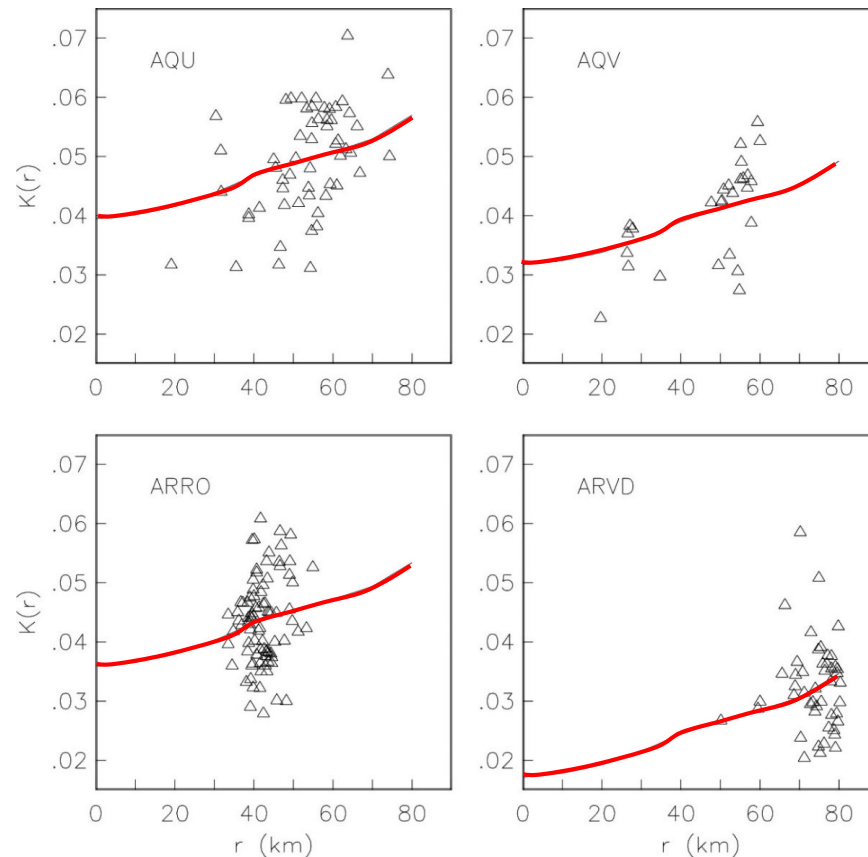
- If one of the 11 intervals have $\text{SNR} < 3$, the estimate of κ is rejected
- Average value at least 6 out of 11 intervals
- The median of κ is discarded if the standard deviation is larger than 0.015 s

Estimation of $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)$

$$\kappa(r) = \kappa_0 + \kappa_s + \boxed{\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)}$$

We compute the average attenuation along the S-wave using a **non-parametric approach** as in Anderson (1991) and Fernández *et al.* (2010)

- The shape of $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)$ is the same for all sites, but is scaled by the respective value of κ_0
- We observe a great variability, which mirrors a spatial variability of the attenuation between the different source-station paths



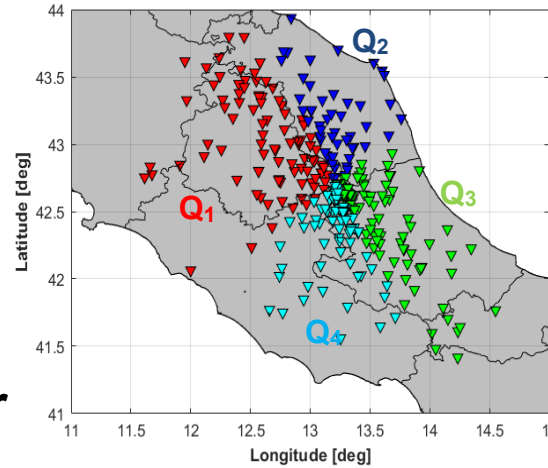
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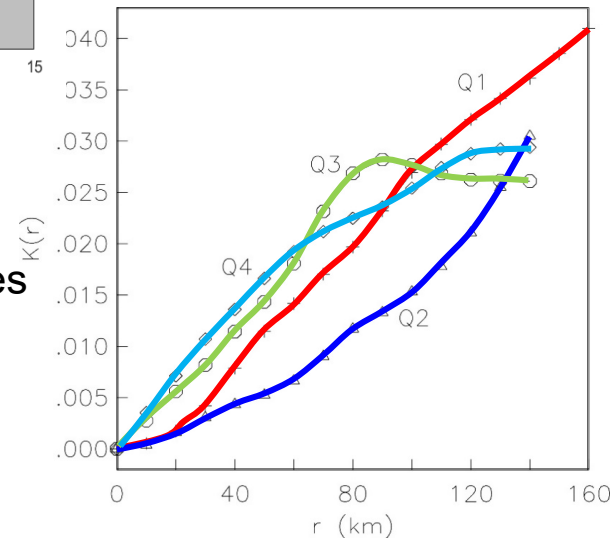
- ✓ For distance > 100 km, **Q₁** shows **greater attenuation** than the other quadrants
- ✓ **Q₂** shows **less attenuation** than the other zones
- ✓ **Q₃** and **Q₄** show a **decrease in κ** between 80 - 100 km, probably related to an **high Q**

Higher values in the **southern sectors** may be related to a **highly segmentation** (see Akinci *et al.* 2020, Gabrielli *et al.* 2021)



4 “Rough” division

4 non-parametric curves



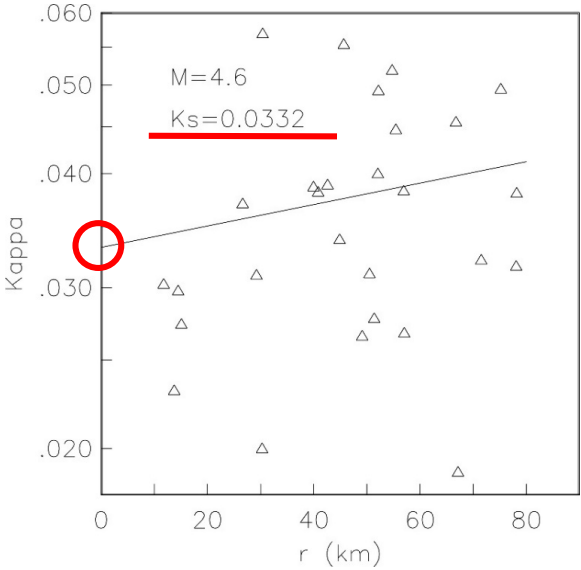
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Estimation of κ_s

$$\kappa(r) = \kappa_0 + \kappa_s + \kappa_{avg}(r)$$

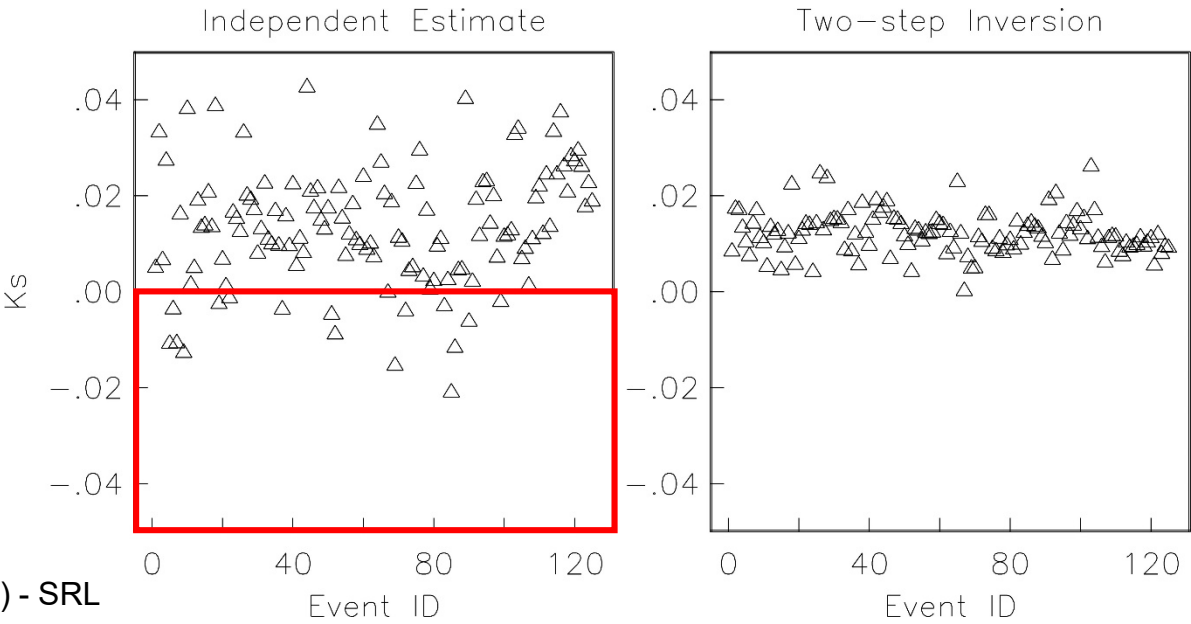
Independent estimated of κ_s for one event

κ_s for all events



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The intersection of the fitting line with the origin gives the value of κ_s , still need to be corrected by the mean κ_0 of the sites

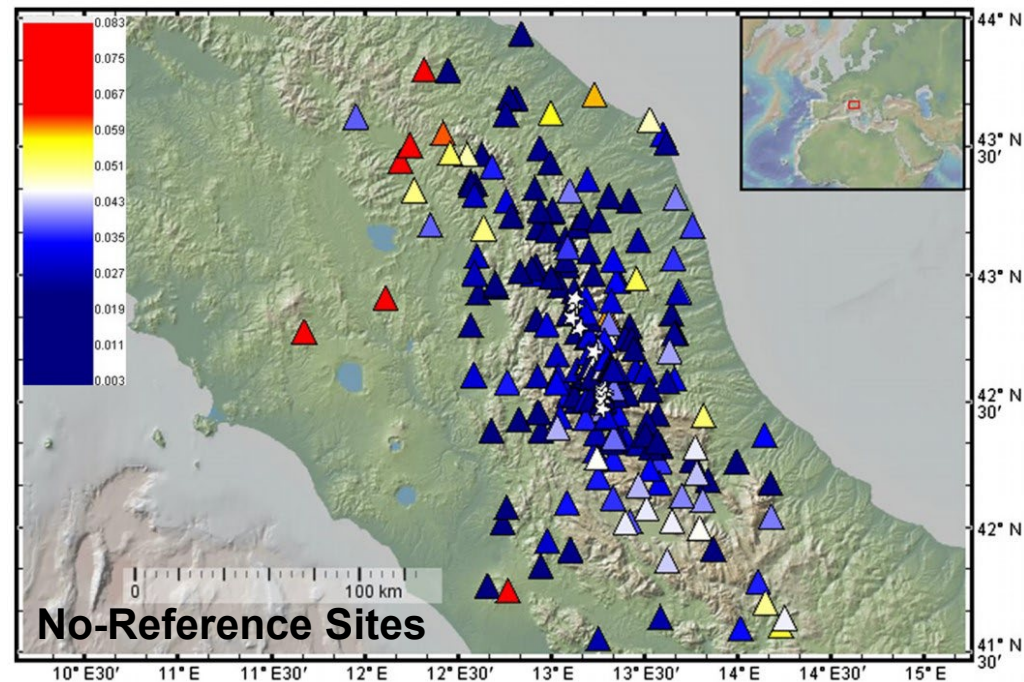
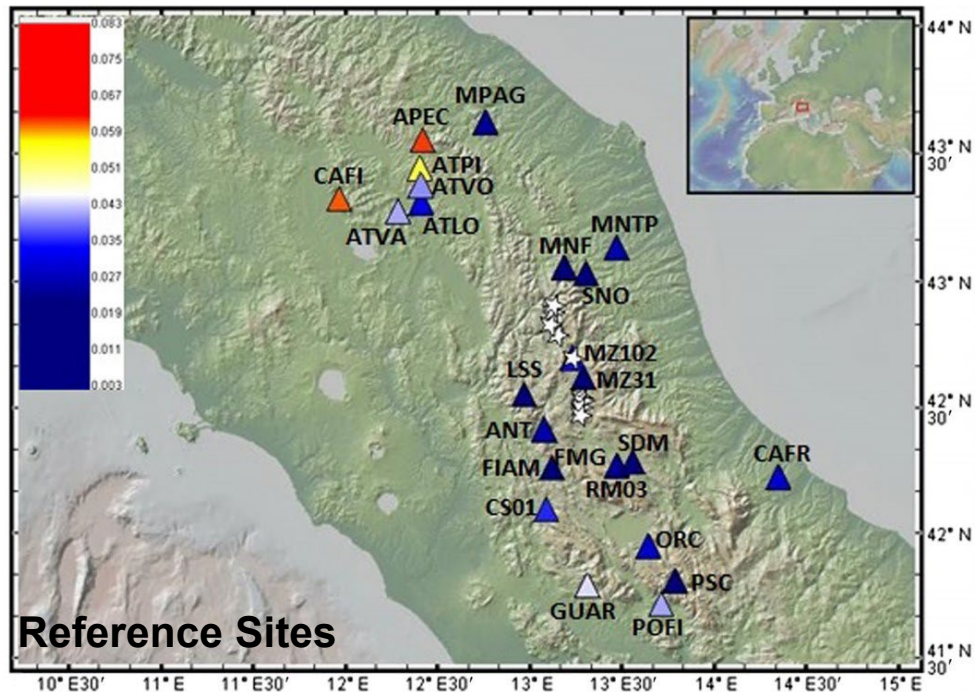


Two-step inversion to reduce the variability of κ_s

Spatial variability of κ_0

Castro *et al.* (2022) - SRL

$$\kappa(r) = \boxed{\kappa_0} + \kappa_s + \kappa_{avg}(r)$$



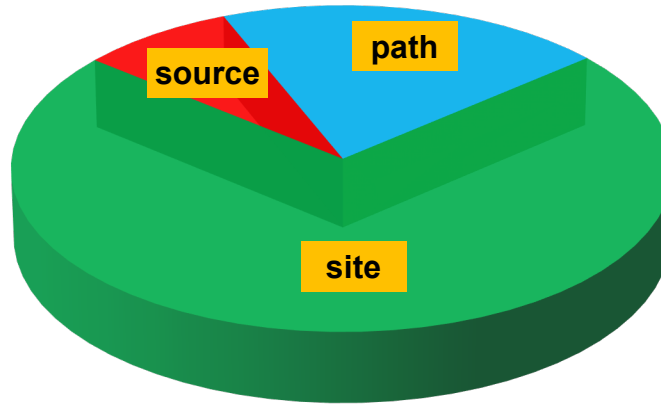
- Sites with low values of κ_0 are located on hard-rock outcrops while sites with high values are close to sedimentary basins

- Most of the sites show low values of κ_0 (<0.02 s), suggesting a weak correlation with $V_{s,30}$ map

Take-home message (1)

- In the Central Italy study area, the fundamental contribution of the total decay parameter is related to the site, with κ_0 corresponding to around **72%** of the total κ (mean **0.0298 ± 0.0133**)
- The near-source decay parameter κ_s has a mean value of **0.003 ± 0.006** and represents **7.5%** of the mean value of the observed κ
- The component $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)$ contributes with around **20%** with respect to the overall κ

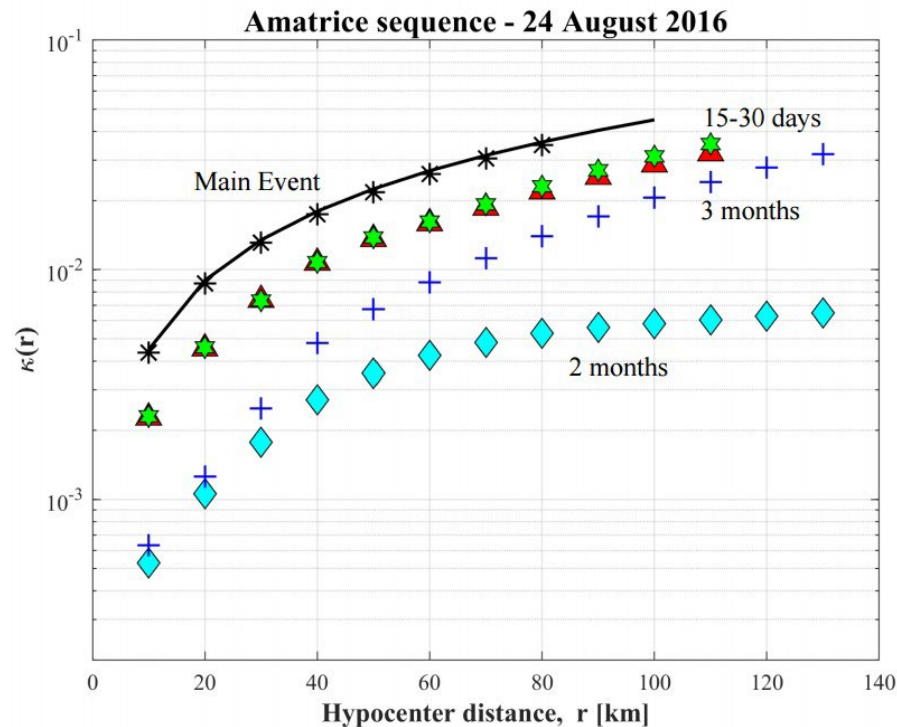
$$\kappa(r) = \boxed{\kappa_0} + \boxed{\kappa_s} + \boxed{\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)}$$



Total value of κ :
 0.0412 ± 0.0177

Temporal variability of $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)$

2016 **Amatrice**-Visso-Norcia sequence



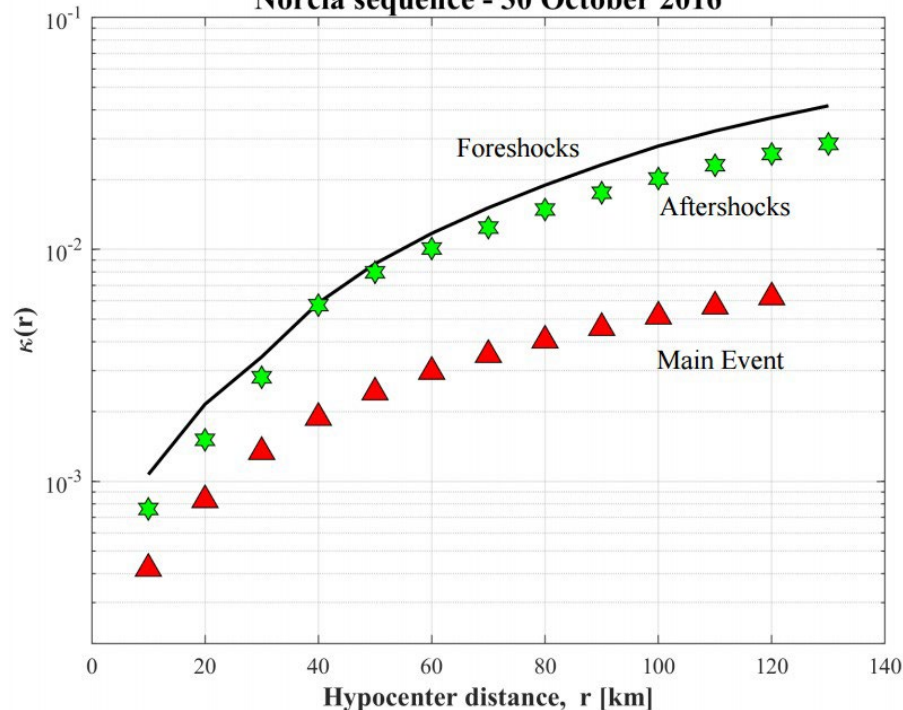
Castro *et al.* (2022) - BSSA

- We observe a **regional drop (85% decrease) of the attenuation parameter κ** within 2 months after the Amatrice earthquake
- After this period, $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)$ starts increasing for the next month, probably due to **fluids re-distribution** (see Malagnini *et al.* 2022)
- Then, $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)$ tends to return toward the attenuation **values observed before the main event**, when the earthquake cycle is completed

Temporal variability of $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)$

2016 Amatrice-Visso-Norcia sequence

Norcia sequence - 30 October 2016



- The **Norcia main event** generated a **significant attenuation drop**, possibly related with an **increase in tectonic stress and migration of fluids** outside the epicentral zone (according to Gabrielli *et al.* 2022 low scattering, low attenuation and so low $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(r)$)

Foreshocks analyzed from 8 October to 29 October 2016

Aftershocks analyzed from 30 October to 16 November 2016

Temporal variability of $\kappa_{avg}(r)$

2009 L'Aquila sequence

137 earthquakes $M \geq 3.2$
in a **radius < 20 km** of the
main event

Hypo. distance **$r < 170$ km**
recorded by **at least 3**
stations

Castro *et al.* (2024) *in review* - GJI

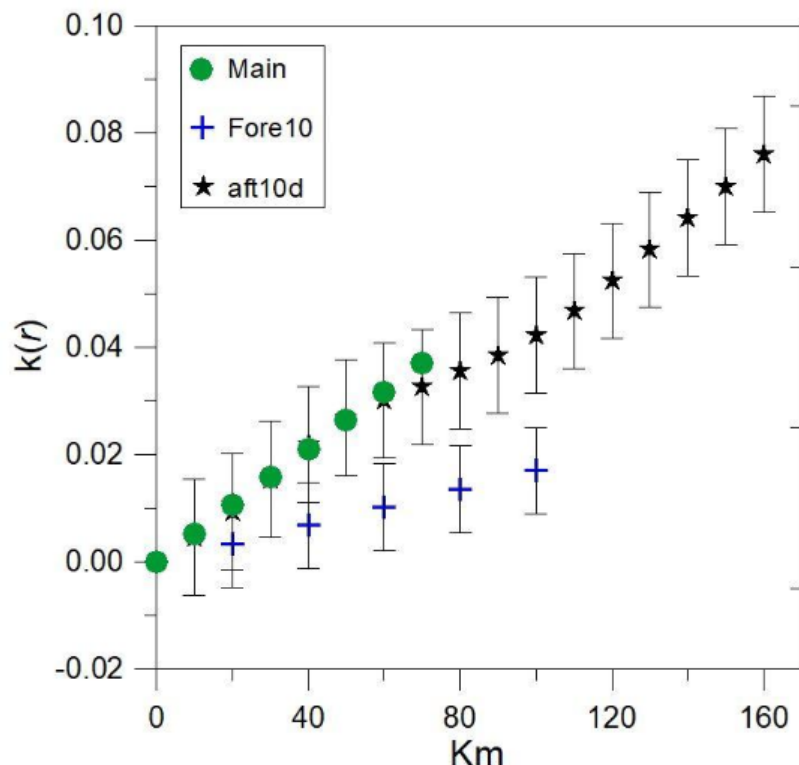
4079 values
estimates of κ



Temporal variability of $\kappa_{avg}(r)$

2009 L'Aquila sequence

Castro *et al.* (2024) *in review* - GJI



- Lowest regional attenuation $\kappa_{avg}(r)$ observed 10 days before the mainshock may be the **result of high stress accumulated near the epicentral area**
- During the **main rupture**, the **attenuation increased since the stress dropped** during the fault rupture
- During the **10-days aftershocks** $\kappa_{avg}(r)$ **did not change much** (almost constant stress?)

Foreshocks analyzed 10 days before 06 April 2009

Aftershocks analyzed 10 days after 06 April 2009

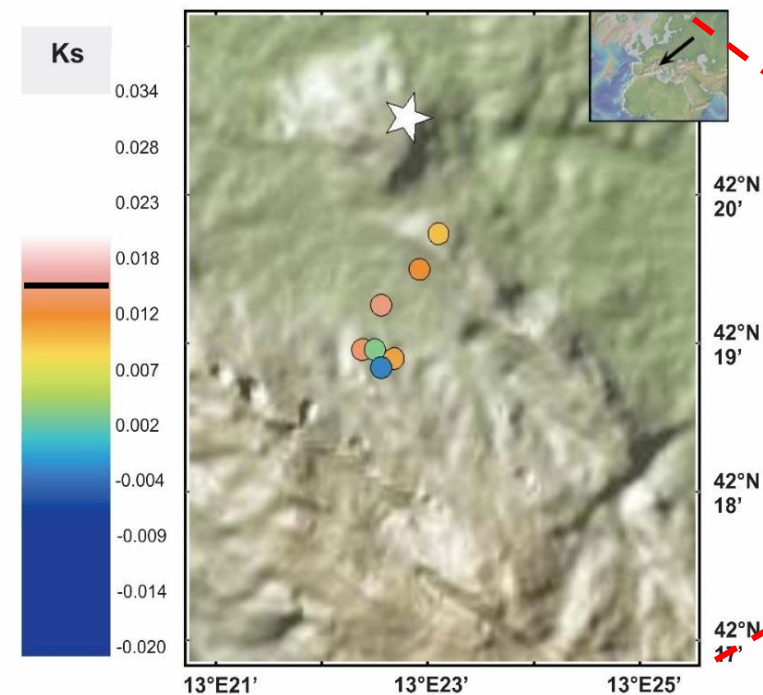
Temporal variability of K_s

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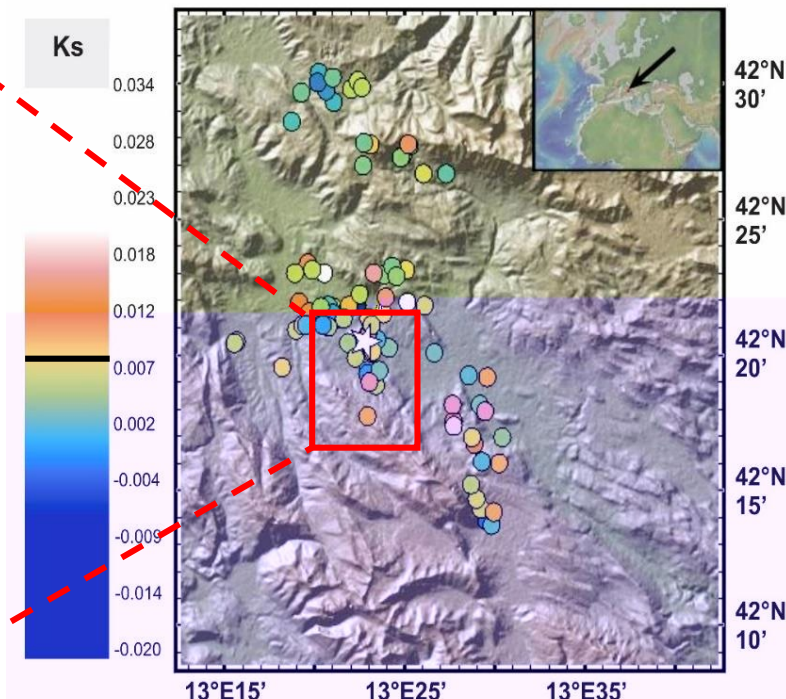
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10 Days Foreshocks

10 Days Aftershocks



$K_s = 0.0155$ s



$K_s = 0.0081$ s

K_s was **very high** where the main rupture started, indicating the presence of **fluids** lubricated the faults and initiated the rupture

The **10 days aftershocks** that focus around the mainshock have **high K_s** and those located north of the mainshock have **lower values**

These observations are **consistent with previous studies** (Di Luccio *et al.*, 2010; Lucente *et al.*, 2010)

Take-home message (2)

- **Variations of fluid pressure conditions** can cause large scatter which may explain the **spatial variability of κ_s** observed in our study
- From our preliminary analysis of the Central Italy sequences, **the temporal variation of $\kappa_{avg}(r)$** could be a valuable indicator to monitor the **earthquake cycle in Central Italy**
- The **integration of κ studies** with other parameters (e.g. V_p/V_s , energy index, radiated seismic energy) may be useful to **study the preparatory phases of future earthquakes**

Ongoing Studies and Future Perspectives

- **Better constrain** (also with no-seismic data) the κ parameter
- Do a further analysis to **estimate $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(\mathbf{r})$ with an *a priori*** geologic information
- Compilation of a **reliable map of κ_0** for all whole the Italian peninsula, finding possible effects of non-linearity for the κ_0 parameter
- **Compare spectrum for the attenuation medium** with the method of Calderoni and Abercrombie (2023)
- **Compare** spatio-temporal value of regional κ **with recent works on Q-tomography** (Gabrielli *et al.* 2022; Gabrielli *et al.*, 2023)
- We can consider the **temporal variation of $\kappa_{\text{avg}}(\mathbf{r})$ as a *proxy* to study the preparatory phase** of an earthquake (Picozzi *et al.*, 2022; Picozzi *et al.*, 2023)

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Goals

- **Extend the approach** for identifying directive events from the frequency domain (FAS) as shown in Colavitti *et al.* (2022) to **the spectral amplitude (SA)**
- **Build a fully data-driven directivity model** that can be used to predict seismic ground motion using a few number of independent parameters
- **The shaking scenarios** of non-ergodic models should take into account the **contribution due to the source directivity**

State of the Art

- Earthquake directivity represents the focusing of the wave energy along the fault in the direction of rupture propagation
- The importance of this effect is very well known for large-magnitude events, while is still an open issue for small-to-moderate events

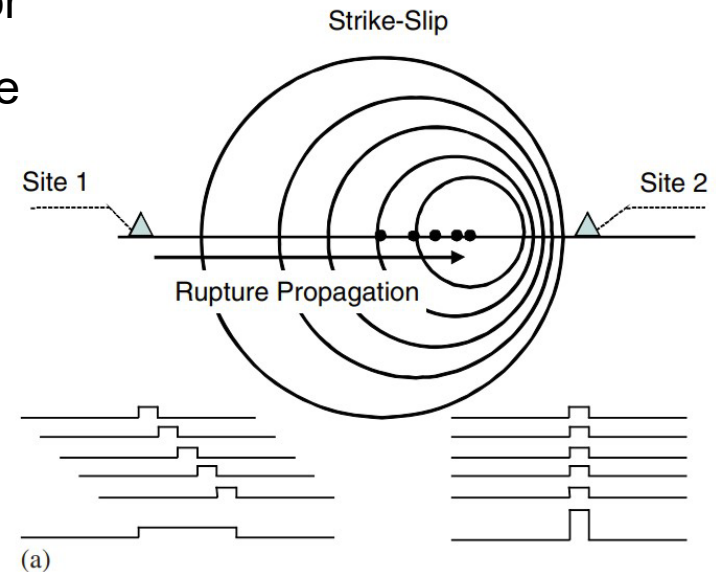
Modelization of directivity effects in the GMMs

GFs
simulations

- Somerville, *Phys. Earth. Planet. Inter.*, 2003
- Iervolino and Cornell, *Bull. Seism. Soc. Am.*, 2008
- Shahi and Baker, *Bull. Seism. Soc. Am.*, 2011
- Spagnuolo et al., *Geophys. J. Int.*, 2012

Empirical
evidence

- Calderoni et al., *J. Geophys. Res.*, 2017
- Ren et al., *Tectonics*, 2017
- Wang et al., *J. Geophys. Res.*, 2019
- Calderoni et al., *Seimol. Res. Lett.*, 2023

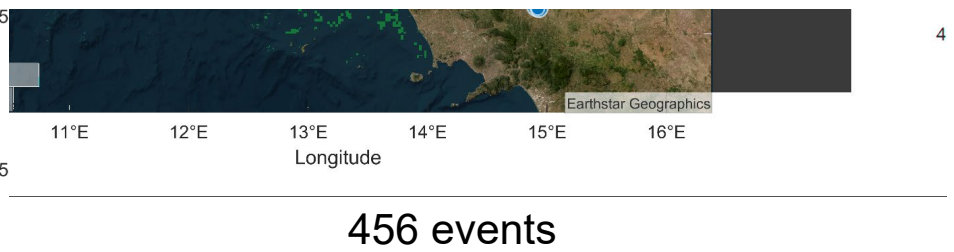
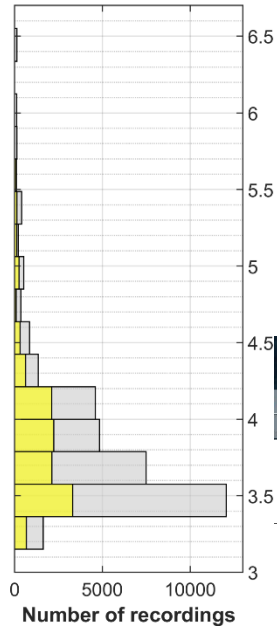
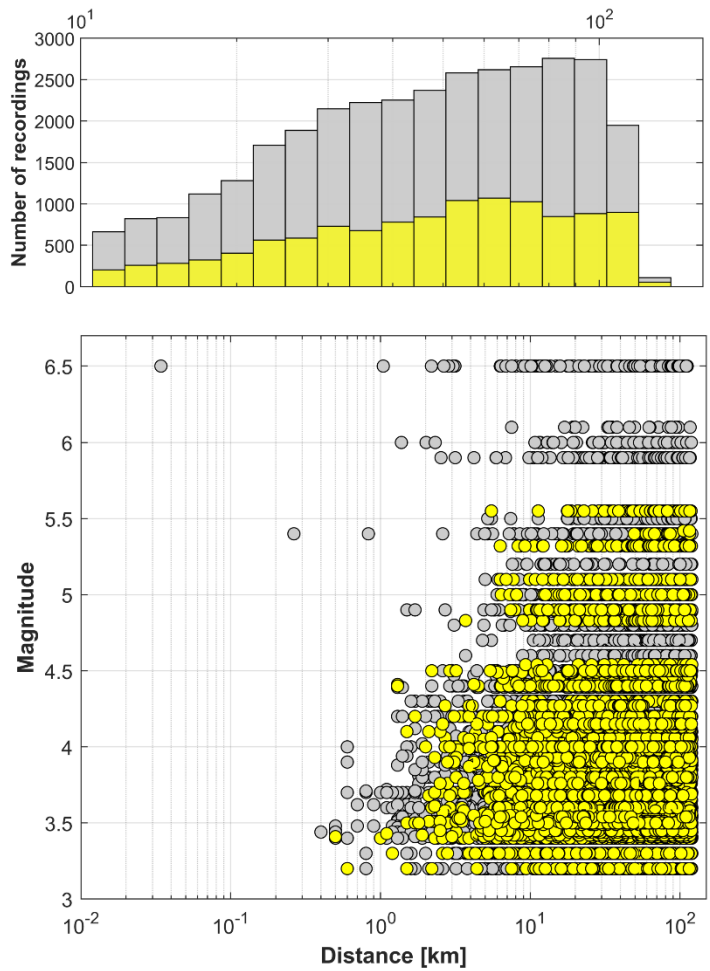


from Chioccarelli and Iervolino
(*Eqk. Eng. Struct. Dyn.*, 2010)

Dataset

cordings from 2009 to 2018

- Dataset very well sampled in the distance R [10-100 km] and magnitude ranges and M [3.2-6.5]
- Directive events are shown in yellow, which represents about the 30% of the total events



Method

Aleatory variability linked to the directivity effect

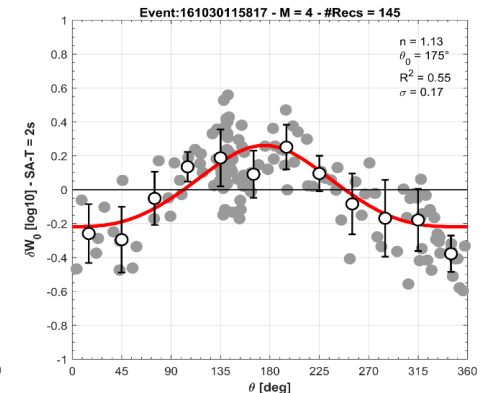
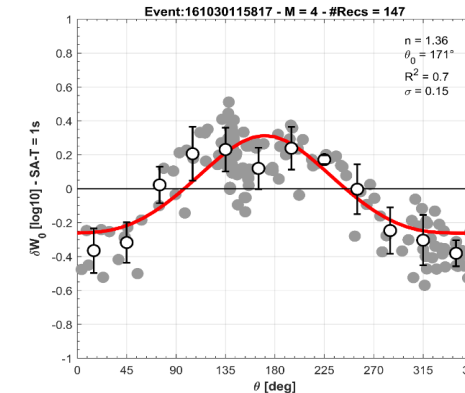
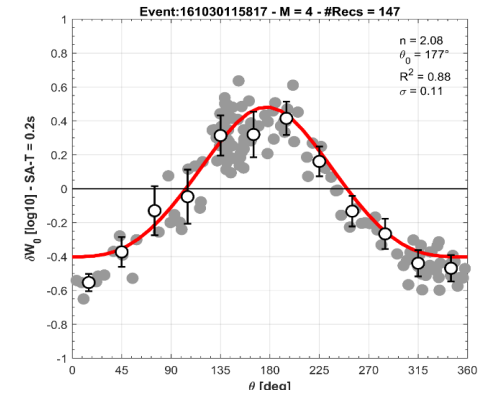
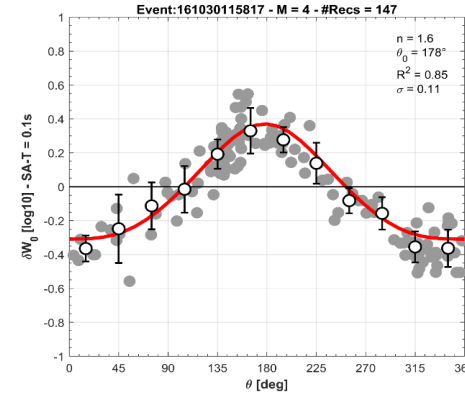
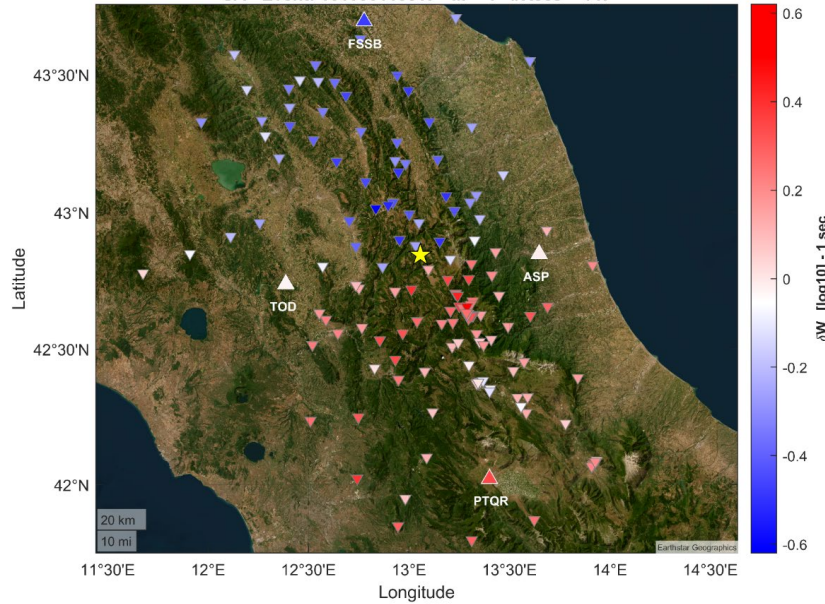
$$\log_{10} Y = a + F_M(M) + F_R(M, R) + \delta B_e + \delta S2S_{ref,s} + \delta L2L_{source} + \delta P2P_p + \delta W_0$$

Fixed terms

Random terms

SA values from 0.04 – 2 sec

SA - Event: 161030115817 - M = 4 - #Recs = 147



$$C_d = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{[1 - (\frac{v_r}{c}) \cos(\theta - \theta_0)]^2} + \frac{(1 - k)^2}{[1 + (\frac{v_r}{c}) \cos(\theta - \theta_0)]^2}}$$

Boatwright, 2007

Choice of directive events

- The coefficient of determination R^2 is greater than 0.50 for at least 10% of the periods investigated
- The standard deviation of the angle of the direction of propagation is smaller than 20° in the same range of period

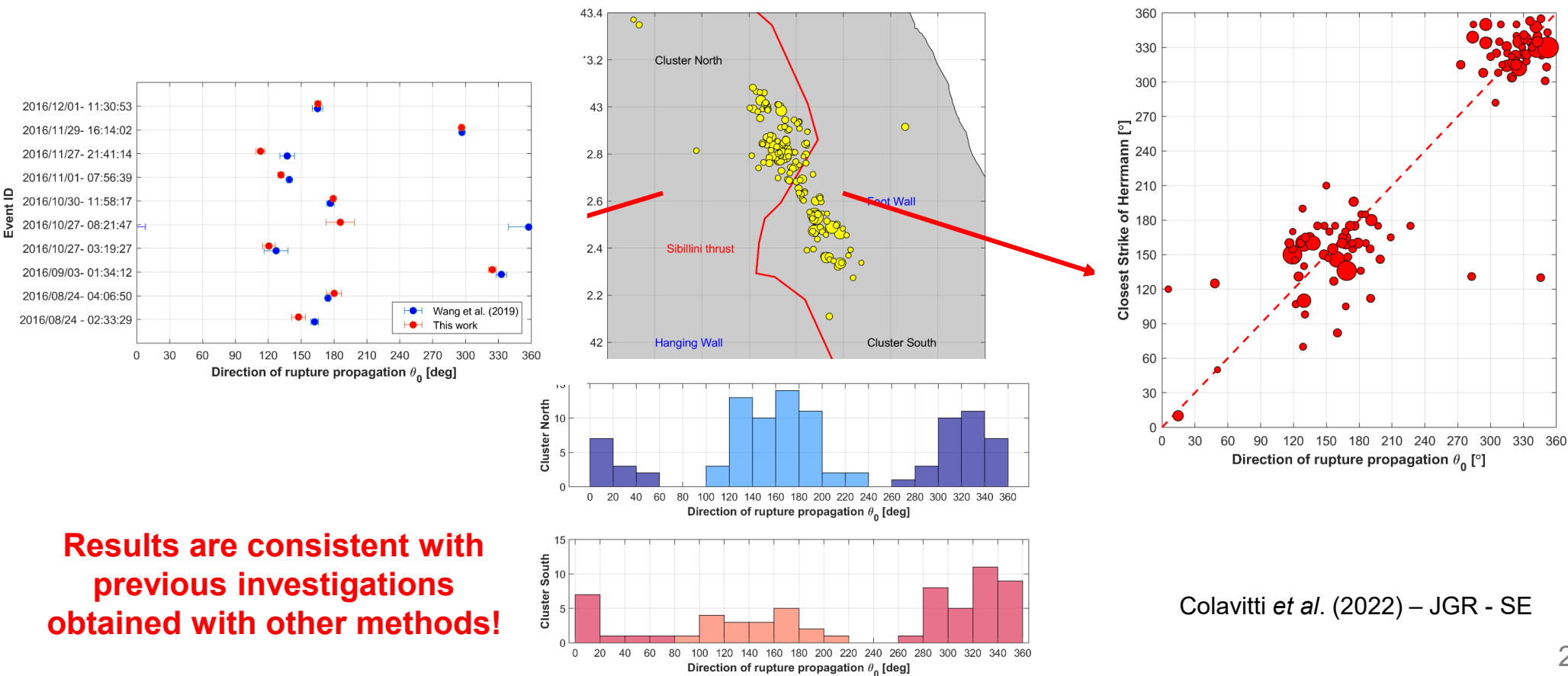
With the criteria we adopted in Colavitti *et al.* (2022):

- For **FAS** Analysis, directivity events are 162/456 (**35%**)
- For **SA** Analysis, directivity events are 175/456 (**38%**)

136 events (30%) presents directivity both in FAS and in SA

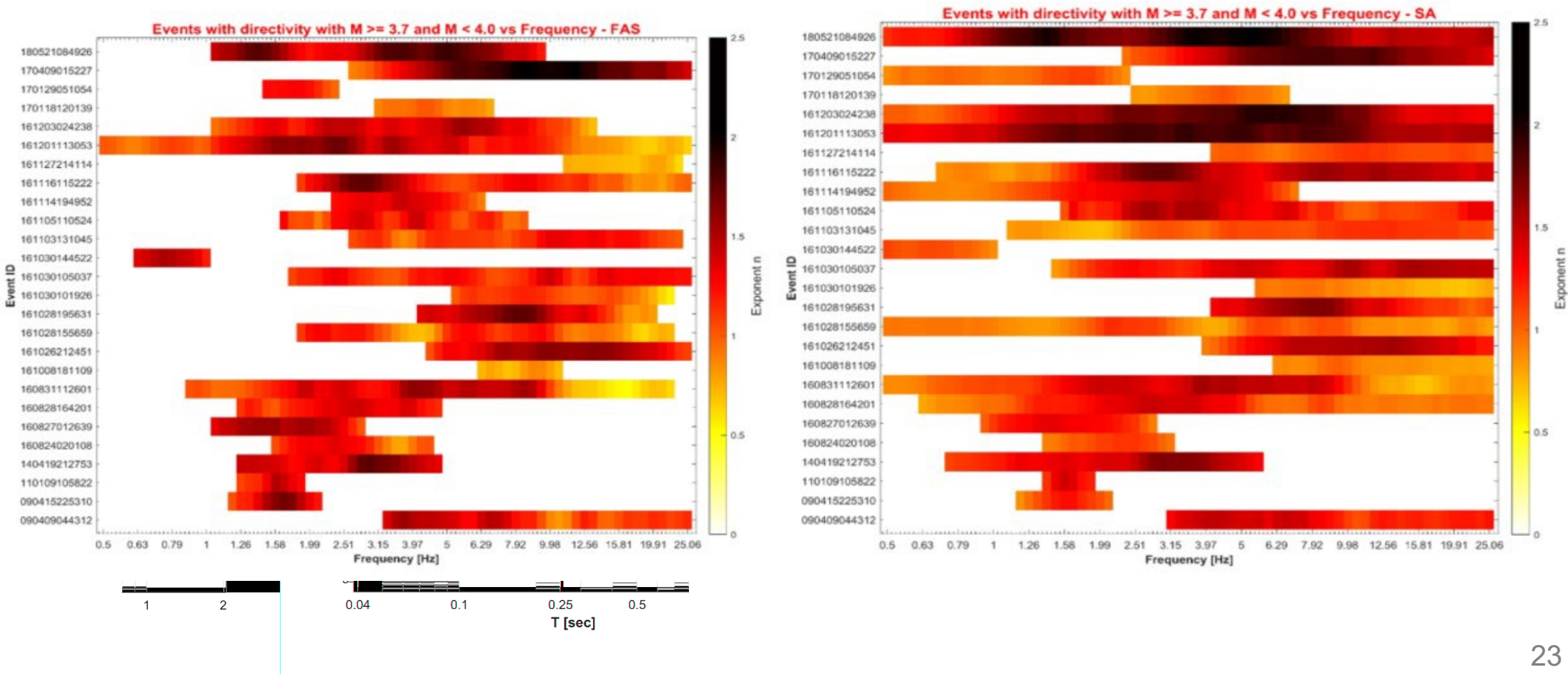
Results - FAS

Direction of Rupture propagation

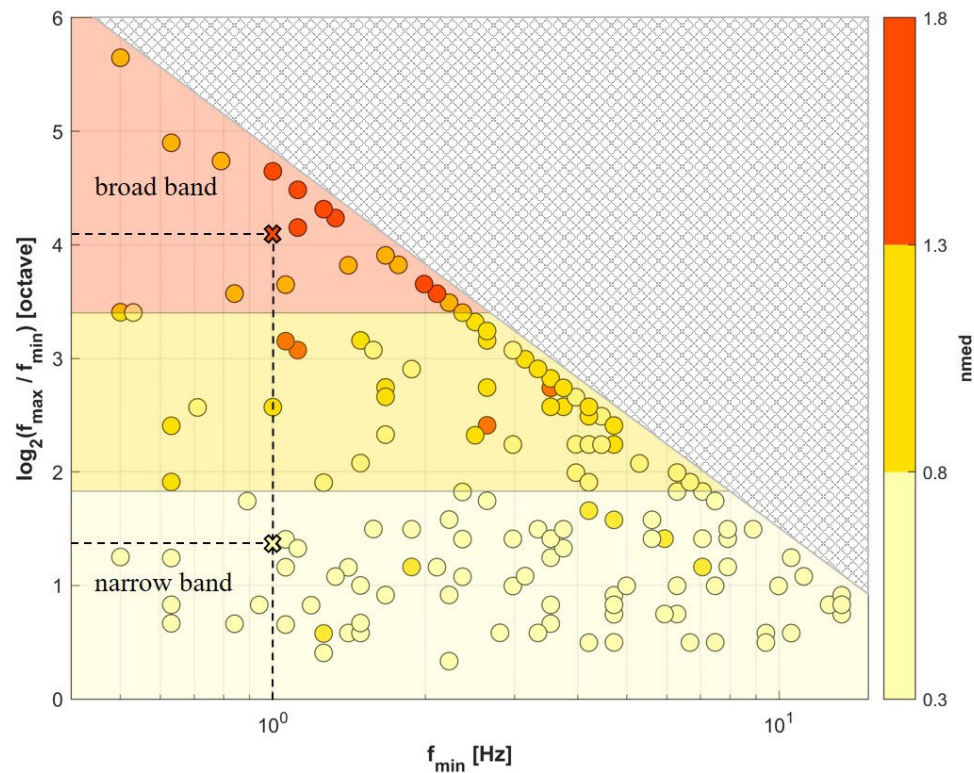


Comparison SA-FAS

event ID: 161030115817 - M =4



Directivity Parametrization



Colavitti *et al.* (2022) – JGR - SE

Relation between minimum frequency $f_{\min}$, the directivity amplitude, proportional to n_{med} and bandwidth, defined as $\log_2(f_{\max}/f_{\min})$

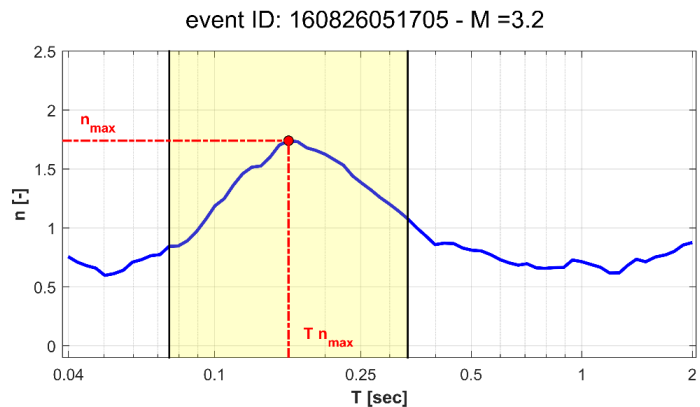


Relationship **a bit more complicated**
(not linear) than we thought

Directivity Parametrization

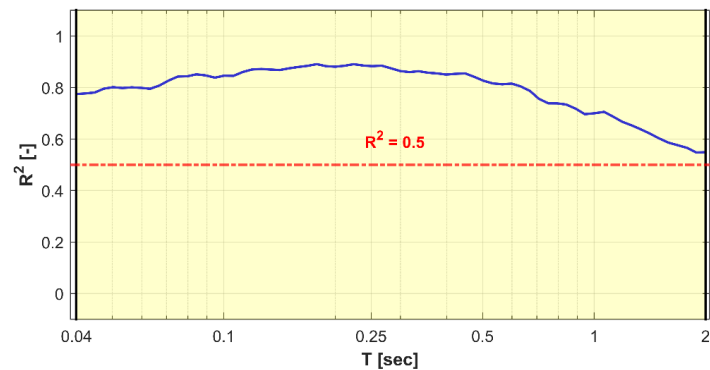
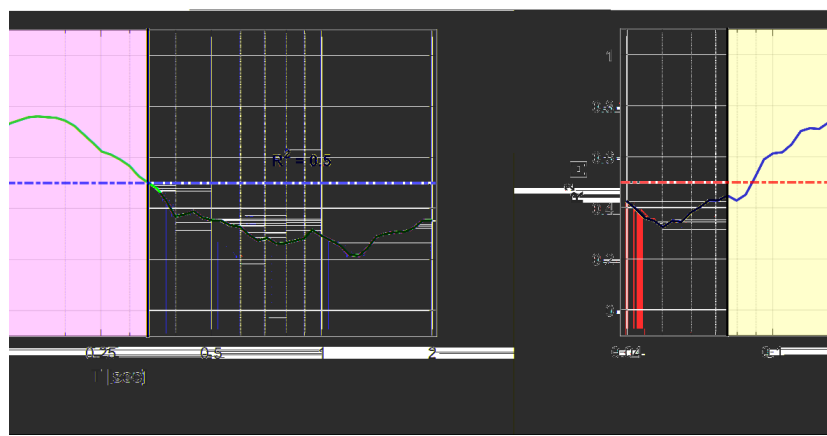
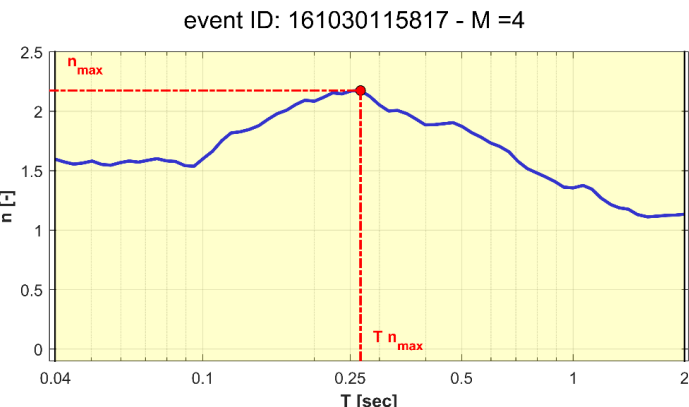
Narrow directivity band

Broad directivity band



$n_{\max}$
Peak of directivity

$T n_{\max}$
Period of the
Peak of directivity



Directivity Parametrization

Parametrization with Gauss function 1

After some quality control,
we get 139 observations

$$y = a_1 * \exp(-((\log_{10} x - b_1) / c_1)^2)$$

$$\frac{n}{n_{max}} = a_1 * \exp(-((\log_{10} \frac{T}{T_{n_{max}}} - b_1) / c_1)^2)$$

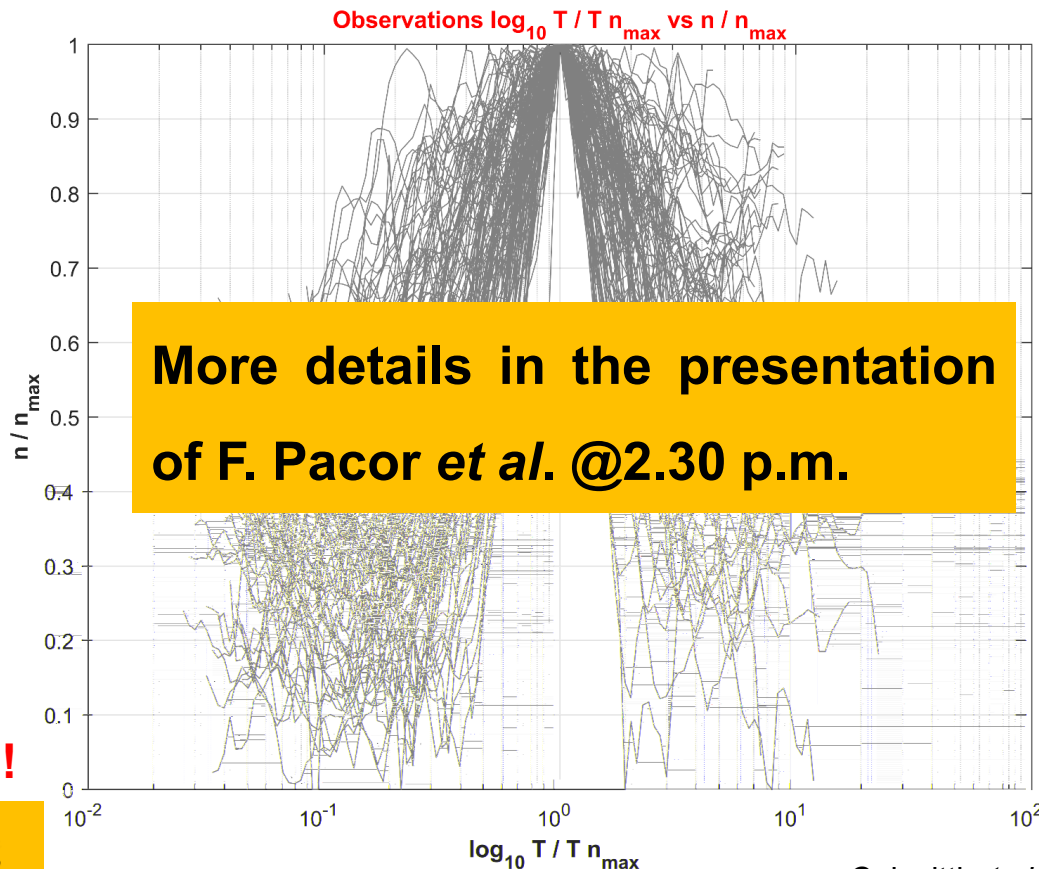
Gauss coefficients

$a_1 = 1$ (Amplitude)

$b_1 = 0$ (Median)

c_1 is the only parameter that controls the shape of the gaussian!

$$\frac{n}{n_{max}} = \exp(-((\log_{10} \frac{T}{T_{n_{max}}}) / 0.8229)^2)$$



Ongoing Studies and Future Perspectives

- Results obtained in this study provide a useful hint regarding **source directivity** as a **frequency-dependent band-limited phenomenon**
- Possible **comparison** with the work of **Calderoni *et al.* (2017)** in the same zone
- Preliminary results regarding the source directivity parametrization suggest that it is reliable to adopt a **Gaussian curve of order 1** considering the **input values of magnitude and directivity level ($n_{\max}$)**
- The next challenging point we are working on is to **apply the model to a scenario of a future potential earthquake** in Central Italy to provide a useful tool for predictive analysis 

Products

WP 2.2

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