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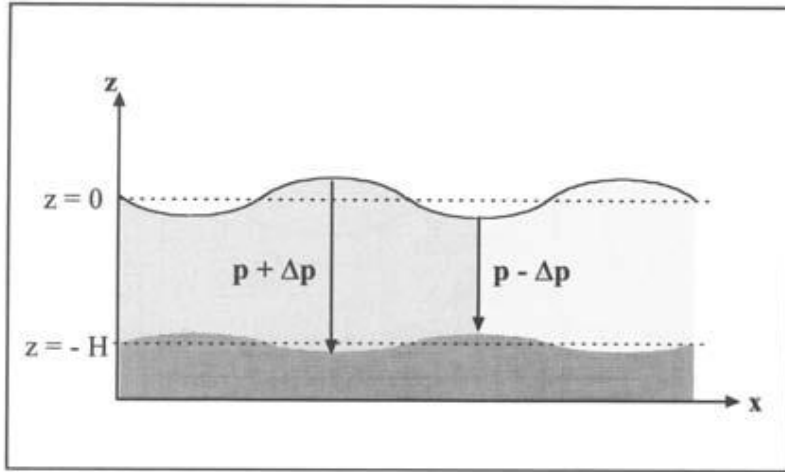
# MICROZONAZIONE sismica

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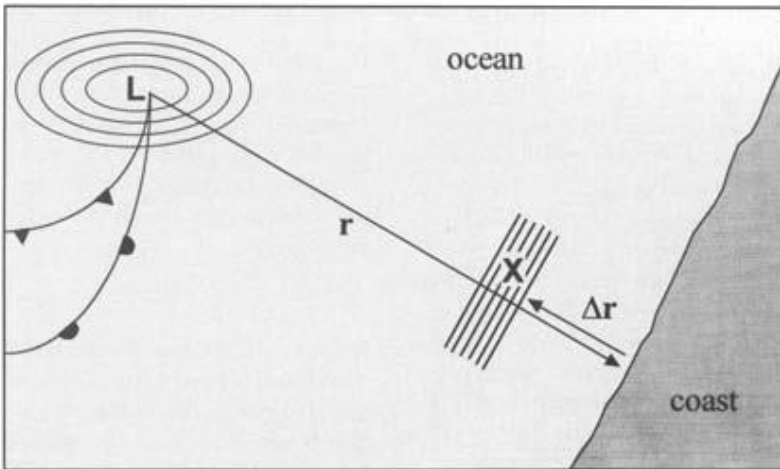
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- At low frequencies ( $f < f_{nh} \gg 1\text{Hz}$ ), the origin is essentially natural, with particular emphasis on ocean waves, which emit their maximum energy around 0.2 Hz. These waves can be seen very easily on islands and/or during ocean storms. Higher frequencies (around 0.5 Hz) are emitted along coastal areas due to the interaction between ocean waves and shorelines. Some lower frequency waves ( $f \ll 0,1\text{ Hz}$ ) are also associated with atmospheric forcing, but this frequency range has little interest for engineering seismology. Higher frequencies ( $> 1\text{ Hz}$ ) may also be associated with wind and water flows
- At higher frequencies ( $f > f_{nh} \gg 1\text{Hz}$ ), the origin is mostly related to human activity (traffic, machinery); sources are mostly localized on the earth's surface (except for a few sources such as subways) and often show strong day/night and week/weekend variability. Translated with DeepL.com (free version)

	<b>Natural</b>	<b>Human</b>
<b>Name</b>	Microseism	Microtremor
<b>Frequency</b>	$0.1 - f_{nh}$ (0.5 Hz to 1 Hz)	$f_{nh}$ (0.5 Hz to 1 Hz) – > 10 Hz
<b>Origin</b>	Ocean	Traffic / Industry / Human activity
<b>Incident wavefield</b>	Surface waves	Surface + body
<b>Amplitude variability</b>	Related to oceanic storms	Day/ Night, Week / week-end
<b>Rayleigh / Love issue</b>	Incident wavefield predominantly Rayleigh	Comparable amplitude – slight indication that Love waves carry a little more energy
<b>Fundamental / Higher mode issue</b>	Mainly Fundamental	Possibility of higher modes at high frequencies (at least for 2-layer case)
<b>Further Comments</b>	Local wavefield may be different from incident wavefield	Some monochromatic waves related to machines and engines. The proximity of sources, as well as the short wavelength, probably limits the quantitative importance of waves generated by diffraction at depth

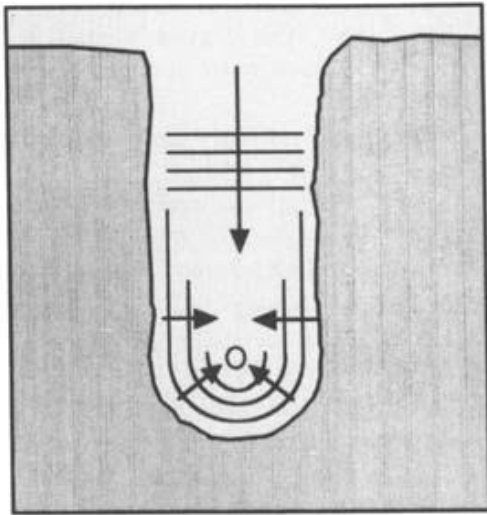


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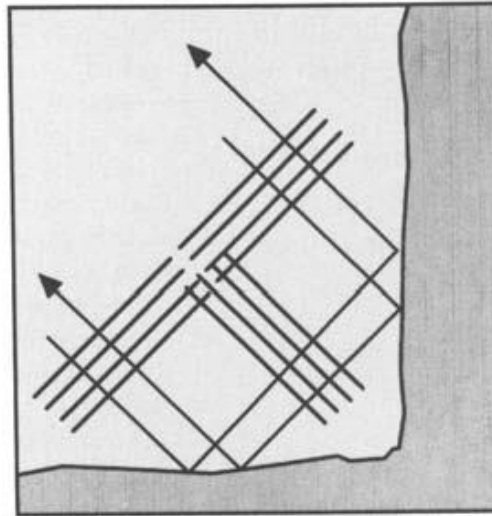


Primary ocean microseisms are generated only in shallow waters in coastal regions. Here wave energy can be converted directly into seismic energy by changes in vertical pressure, or by wave splitting on the shores, which have the same period as water waves ( $T \gg$  from 10 to 16 s). Compare the spectra of the microseisms, there is a close relationship between the two data sets. In contrast, secondary oceanic microseisms can be explained as generated by the superposition of ocean waves of equal period traveling in opposite directions, thus generating mid-period standing gravitational waves. These standing waves cause nonlinear pressure perturbations that propagate without attenuation to the ocean floor. The X-interference area can be off-shore where the propagating waves in one direction generated by a low-pressure area L overlap with waves traveling in the opposite direction after being reflected from the coast. But it could also be in the far deep ocean when waves, excited first at the front front of the low-pressure area, later interfere with waves generated by the cyclone's rear front. The horizontal and vertical noise amplitudes of marine microseisms are similar. The motion of the particle is of the Rayleigh wave type, that is, elliptical polarized in the vertical propagation plane. Translated with DeepL.com (free version)

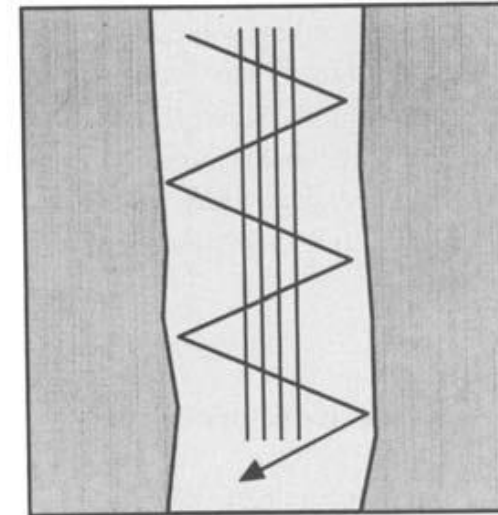
Patterns of generation of (a) primary and (b) secondary microseisms. L - low pressure area of the cyclone, X - interference area where waves with half the period of ocean waves develop.



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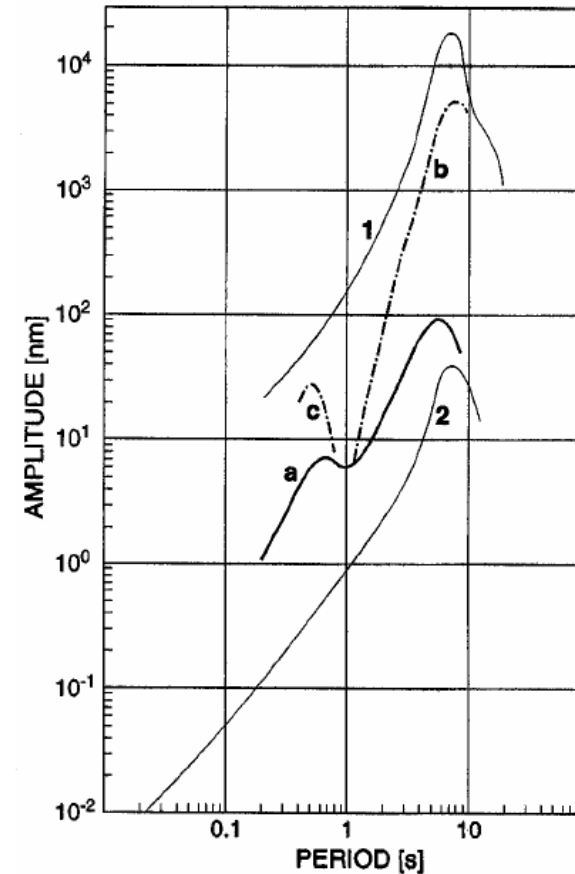
rectangular coast



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Esempi di geometrie della costa che forniscono condizioni di interferenza adeguate per la generazione di microseismi secondari.

While the harmonic components of transient seismic signals radiate from localized sources of finite duration is coherent and their phase relationships defined by the phase spectrum, this is not the case for ambient seismic noise. The latter is caused by a diversity of different, spatially distributed, mostly uncorrelated and often continuous sources. Seismic noise forms, therefore, a more or less stationary stochastic process without a defined phase spectrum. The same is true for electronic instrumental noise and thermal noise of seismic mass motion. Early efforts, in the years of analog seismology, to obtain a quantitative measurement of seismic noise as a function of frequency was based on the envelopes of peak amplitudes in given time intervals for seismic noise at different times of the day and year. Such presentations are not adequate when based on records, or filtered time series, of different bandwidths and it is impossible to resolve spectral details.



Envelopes of maximum and minimum peak amplitudes for rural environments as determined from analog seismograph records of different types over a long period of time (curves 1 and 2: high and very low noise sites, respectively) together with envelope curves of peak noise amplitudes at the MOX station, Germany, at times of minimum (a) and maximum noise.

Due to the stochastic nature of seismic noise the amplitude spectrum and phase spectrum cannot be calculated. We must, therefore, determine the *power spectral density*  $P(\omega)$  which is the Fourier transform of the autocorrelation function:

$$p(\tau) = \langle f(t) f(t + \tau) \rangle$$

The symbol  $\langle \rangle$  indicates the average over time.

$$P(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\tau) \exp(-i\omega\tau) d\tau$$

Depending on whether  $f(t)$  is a displacement, velocity or acceleration the units of  $P(\omega)$  are:

$$m^2 / Hz \quad (m / s)^2 / Hz \quad (m / s^2)^2 / Hz$$

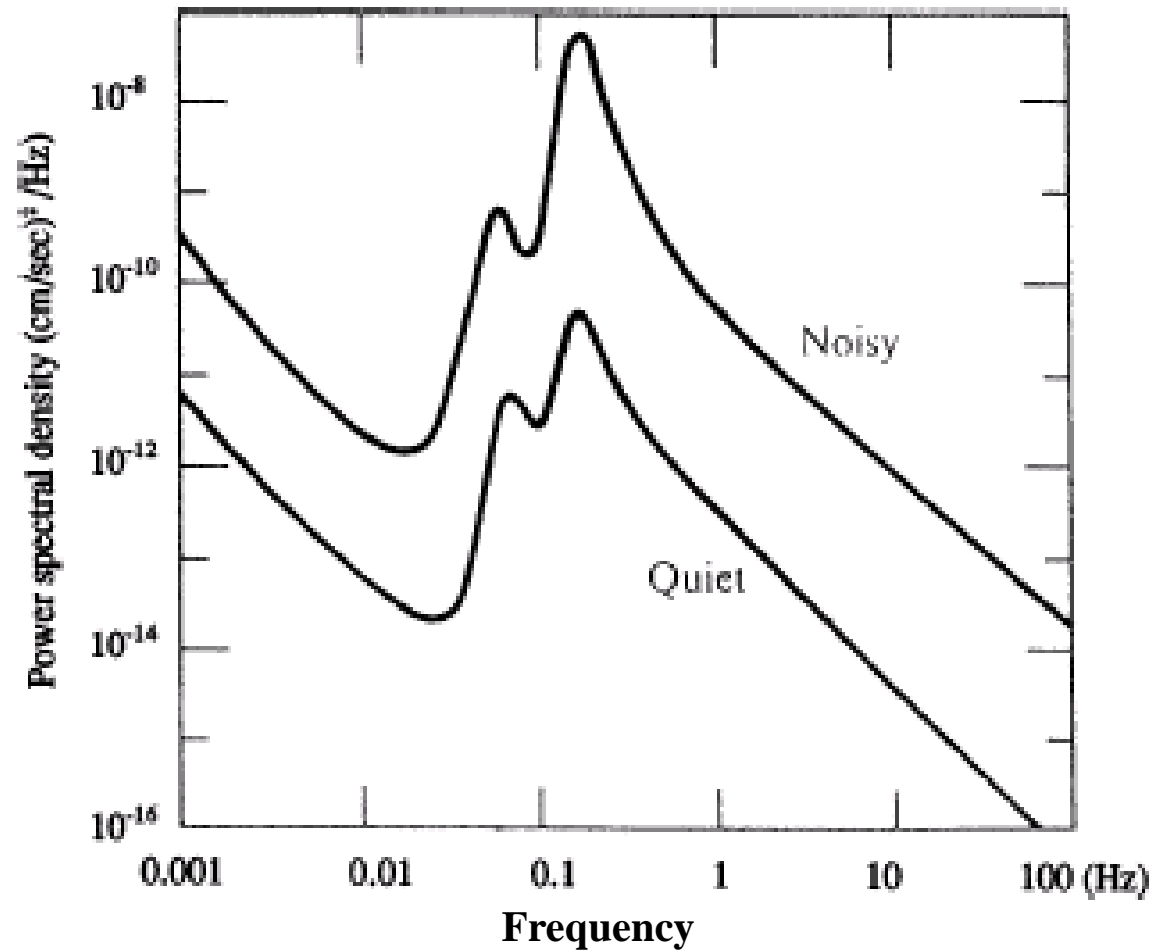
Conoscendo il valore del *power spectral density*  $P_d(\omega)$ , si può calcolare i rispettivi valori in velocità ( $P_v$ ) o accelerazione ( $P_a$ ),

Knowing the value of power spectral density  $P_d(\omega)$ , one can calculate the respective values in velocity ( $P_v$ ) or acceleration ( $P_a$ ),

$$P_v(\omega) = P_d \omega^2 = 4\pi^2 f^2 P_d$$

$$P_a(\omega) = P_d \omega^4 = 16\pi^4 f^4 P_d = 4\pi^2 f^2 P_v$$





Power spectral density in velocity of ambient seismic noise under noisy and quiet conditions for a typical seismic station on compact rock.

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$$10\log\left[(a_1/a_2)^2\right] = 20\log(a_1/a_2)$$

then the energy density spectrum in dB, referred to

$$1(m/s^2)^2 / Hz$$

can be written:

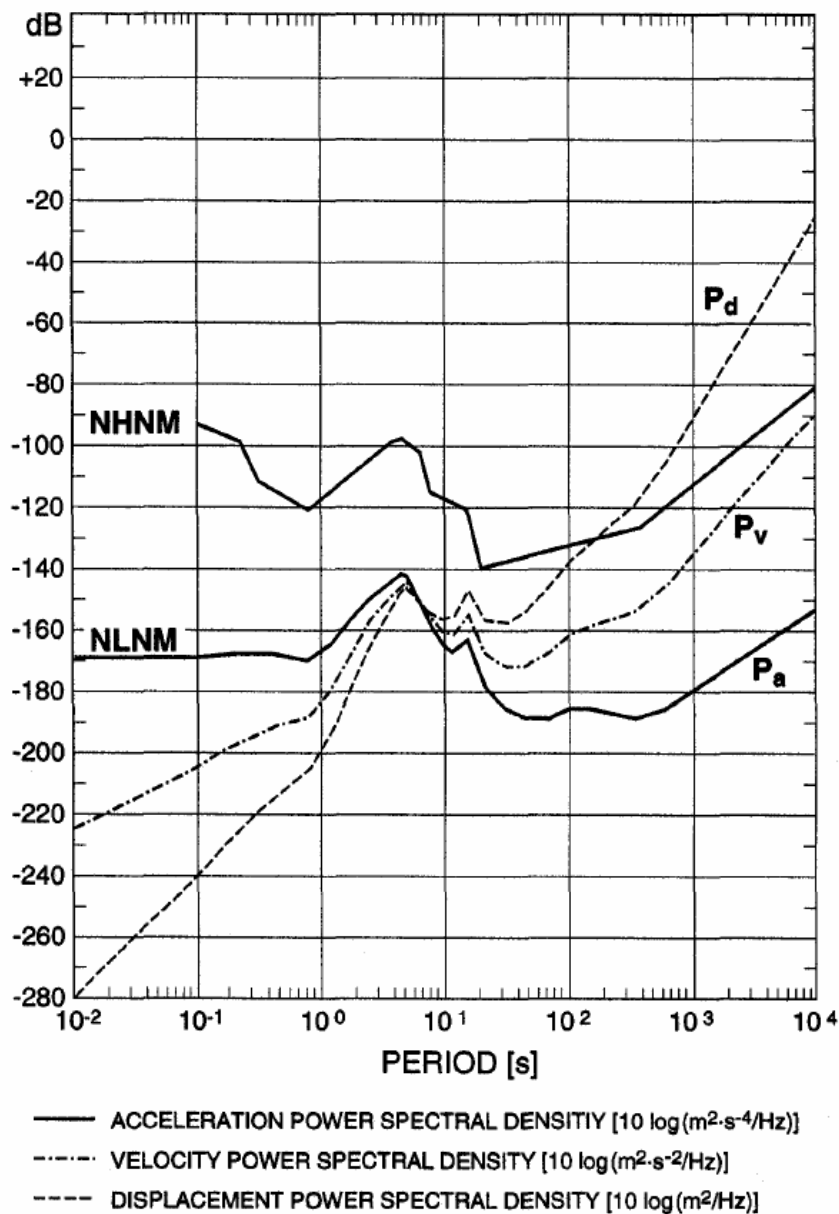
$$P_a[dB] = 10\log\left(P_a / 1(m/s^2)^2 / Hz\right)$$

And by substituting the period  $T=1/f$  it can be written:

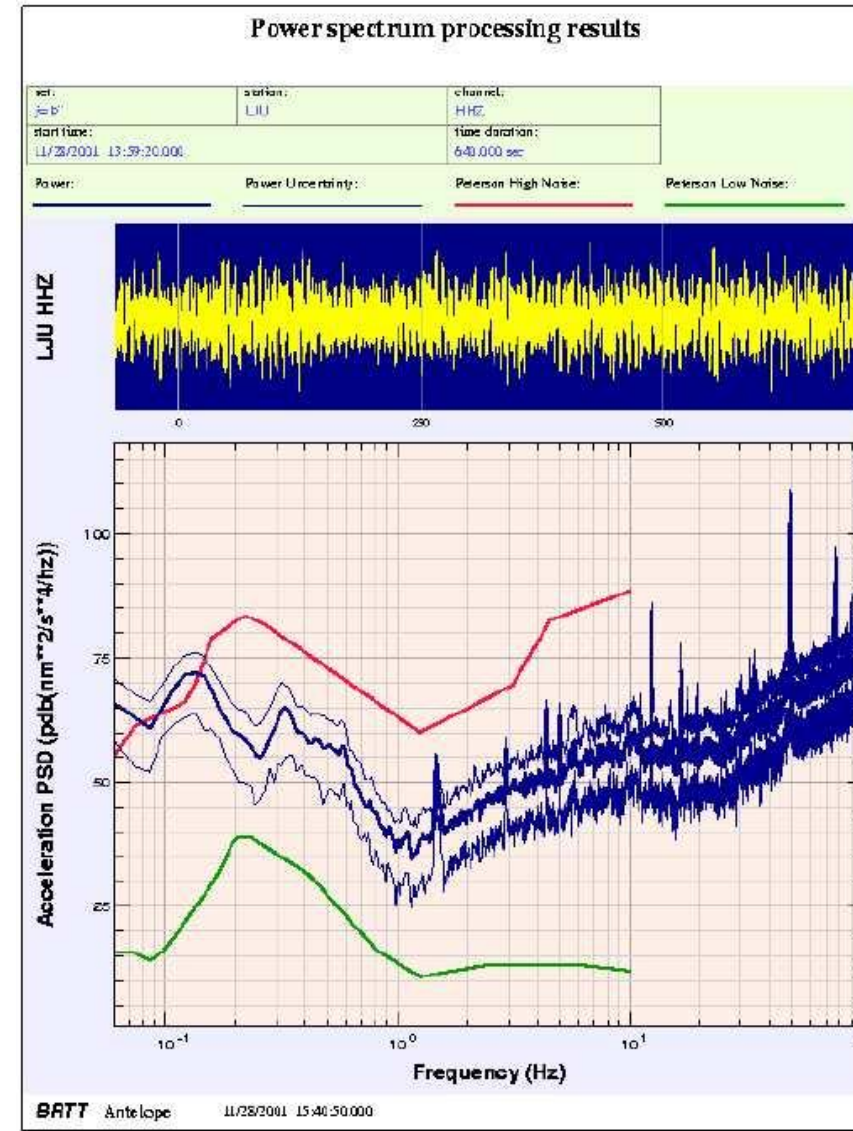
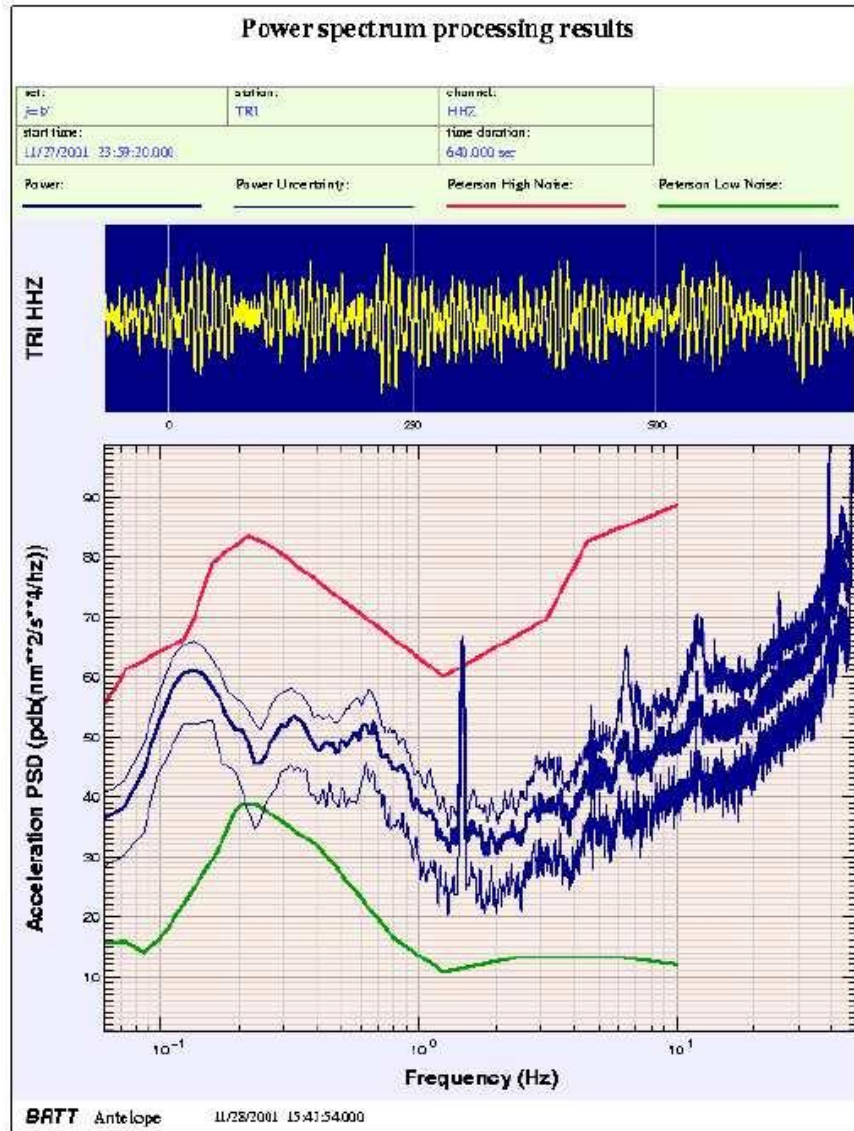
$$P_v[dB] = P_a[dB] + 20\log(T / 2\pi)$$

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$$P_d[dB] = P_a[dB] + 40\log(T / 2\pi) = P_v[dB] + 20\log(T / 2\pi)$$



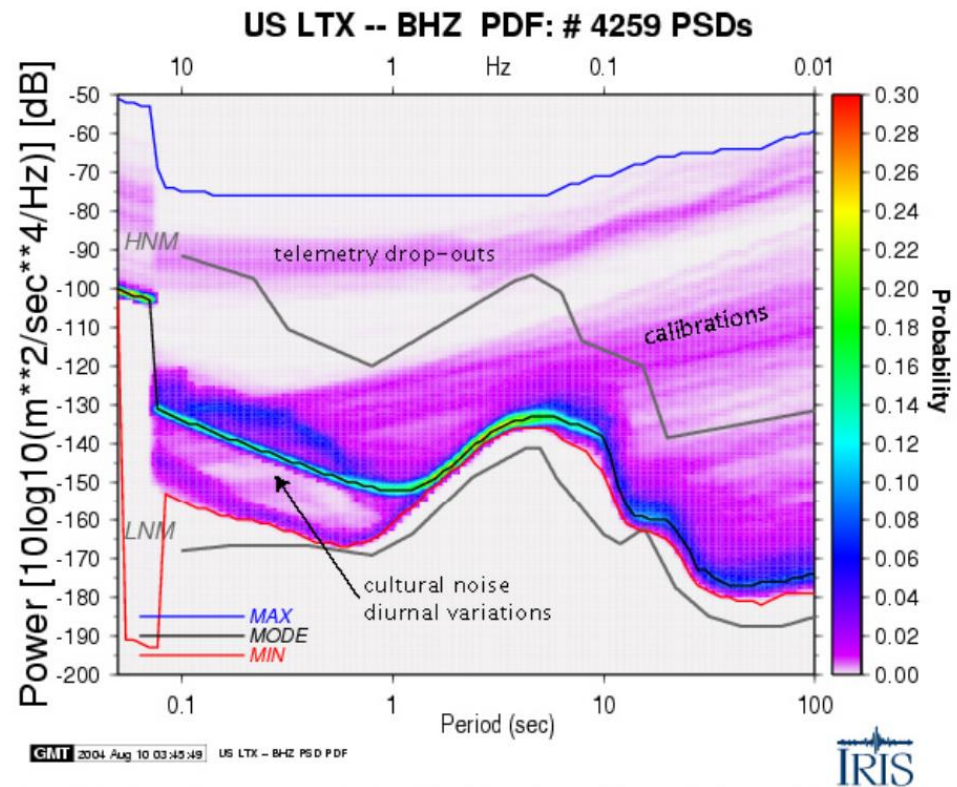
Envelope curves of power spectral density in accelerating  $P_a$  noise (in units of dB related to  $1(\text{m/s}^2)^2/\text{Hz}$ ) as a function of period. The curves define the new global high (NHNM) and low noise (NLNM) models that are currently the standard accepted curves for the generally expected limits of earthquake noise. Exceptional noise can exceed these limits. For NLNM, correlated curves have been calculated for displacement and spectral power  $P_d$  and  $P_v$  density in units of dB versus  $1(\text{m/s})^2/\text{Hz}$  and  $1(\text{m/s})/\text{Hz}$  are also given.



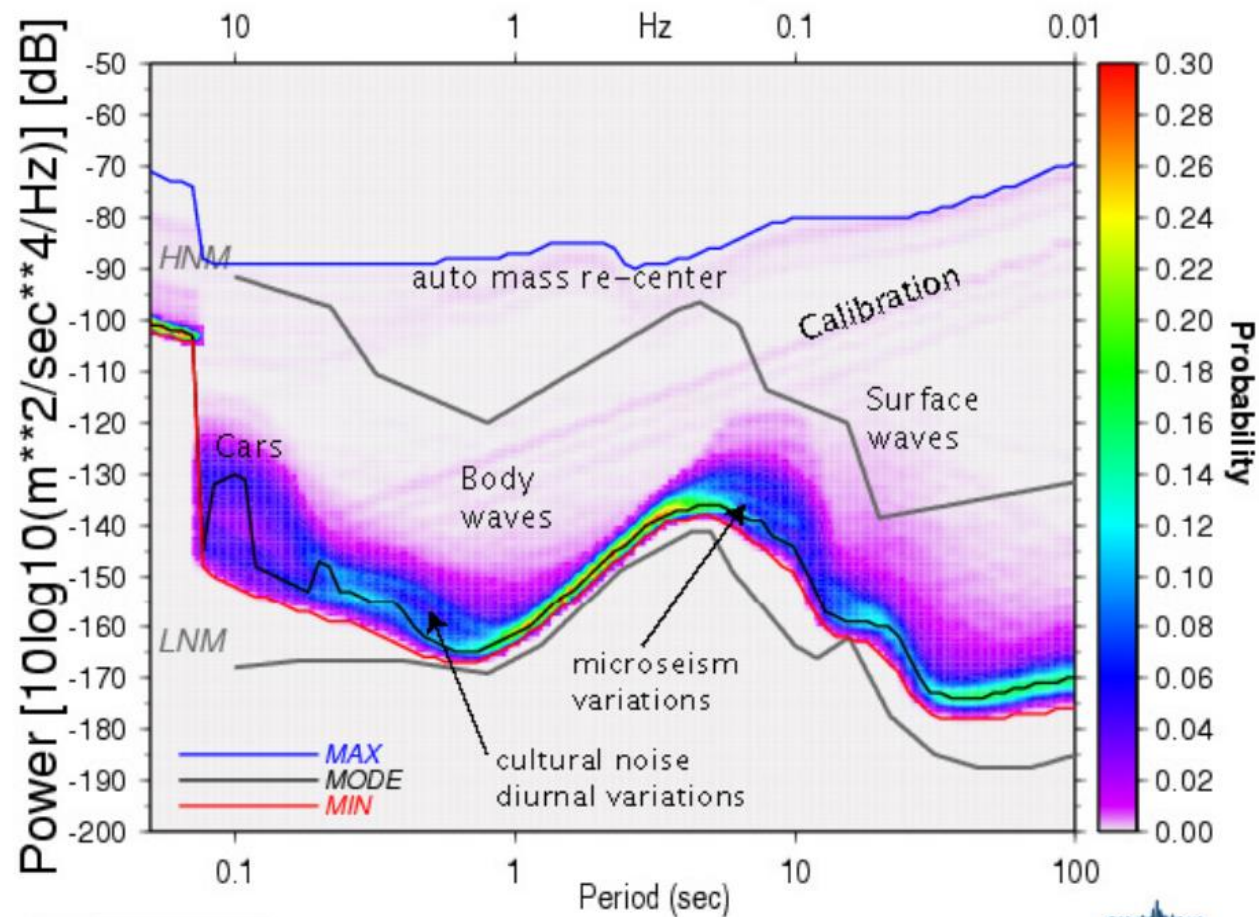
*Power spectral density* in accelerazione relativa a circa 10 minuti di rumore registrato rispettivamente presso le stazioni larga banda TRI di Trieste e LJU di Lubiana.

A probability density function (PDF) can be used to visualize seismic power spectral density (PSD).

Long, continuous, overlapping (50 %) time series segments are processed. Earthquakes, system transients, and/or anomalies in the data cannot be removed. The instrument transfer function is removed from each segment, producing ground acceleration (for easy comparison with the LNM). Each one-hour time series is divided into 13 segments, each approximately 15 minutes long and overlapping by 75%, with each segment processed by removing the mean and long-term trend; using a sine function for tapering; applying the FFT. The segments are then averaged to provide a PSD for each segment of the 1-hour time series. The probability of a given power occurring in a given period is plotted for direct comparison with high- and low-noise Peterson models (HNM, LNM).



Example PDF for the BHZ component of the LTX station, with some artifacts and signals identified. The LTX station, was instrumental for the original Peterson Low Noise Model; however, due to increased cultural noise (0.1-1s, 1-10Hz) the higher probability power levels (mode, black line) are now significantly higher than the Peterson Low Noise Model (LNM). The minimum signal (red line) will approach the LNM less than 2 percent of the time, indicating that the station's minimum noise does not reflect real ambient noise conditions across the entire spectrum. Instead, ambient noise conditions are best represented by the highest probability mode (black line)



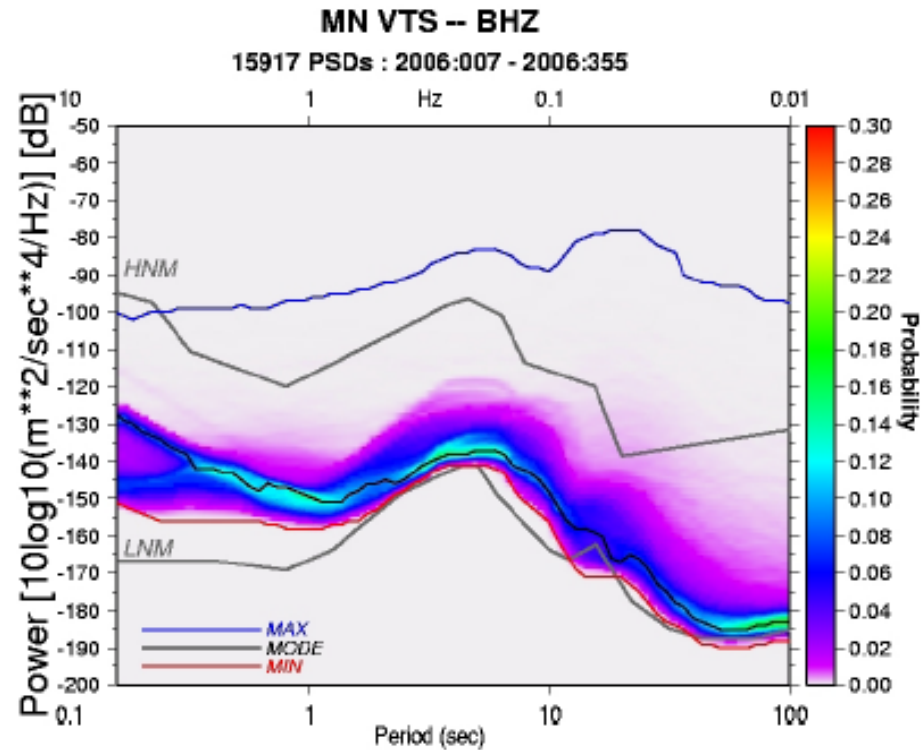
GMT 2004 Aug 10 03:33:46 US HUD - BHZ PSD PDF



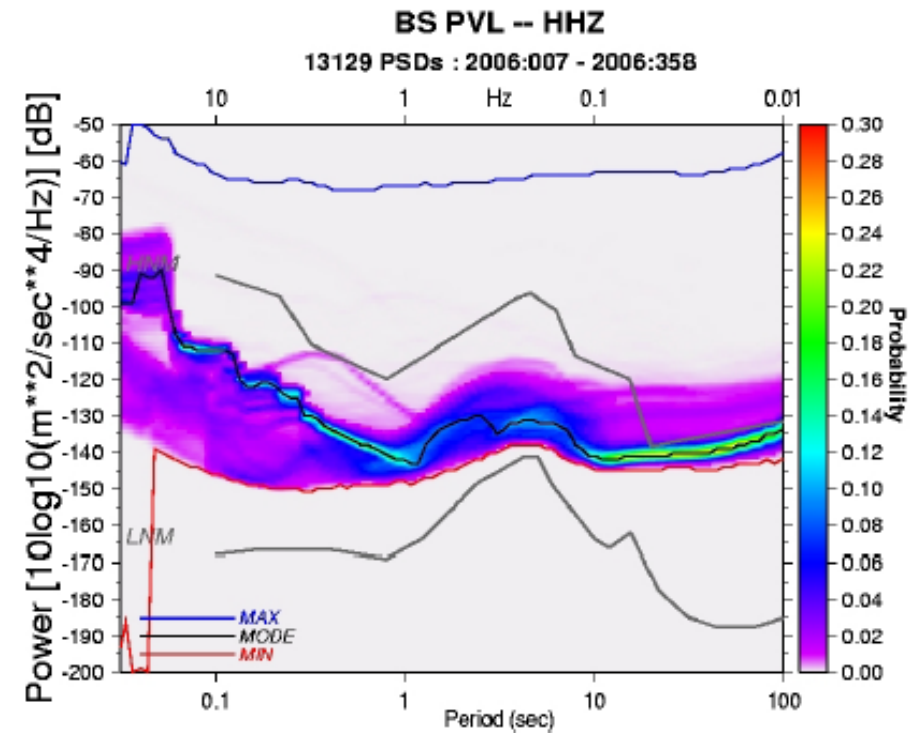
HLID station about 10 km from Hailey Idaho. Automobile traffic along a dirt road only 20 meters from the HLID station creates a noise increase of 20-30 dB at a period of about 0.1 second (10Hz). This type of cultural noise is observed in PDFs as a low probability region at high frequencies (1-10Hz, 0.1-1s). Body waves occur as a low-probability signal at the 1-second interval while surface waves are more powerful at longer periods. Recent automatic calibration and mass calibration pulses are displayed as low probability events in the PDF.



# ANALISI ANNUALE



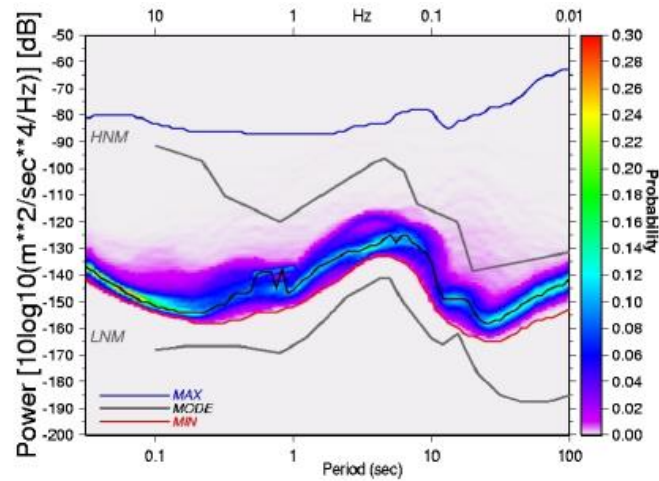
Annual PDF distribution for the BB VTS seismic station.



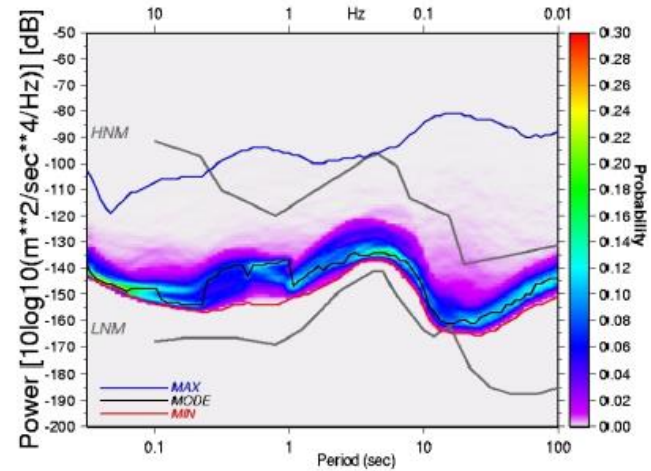
Annual PDF distribution for BB seismic station PVL

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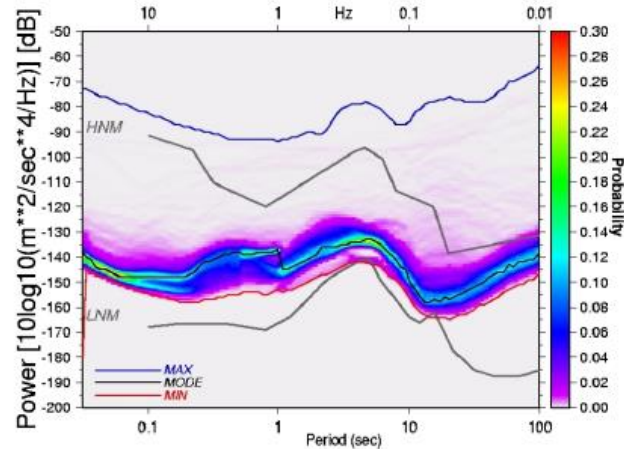
Distribuzione del noise relative alla componente HHZ alla stazione MPE durante le diverse stagioni.



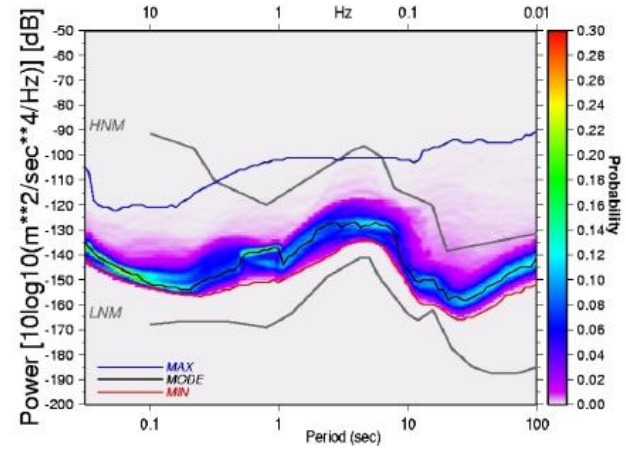
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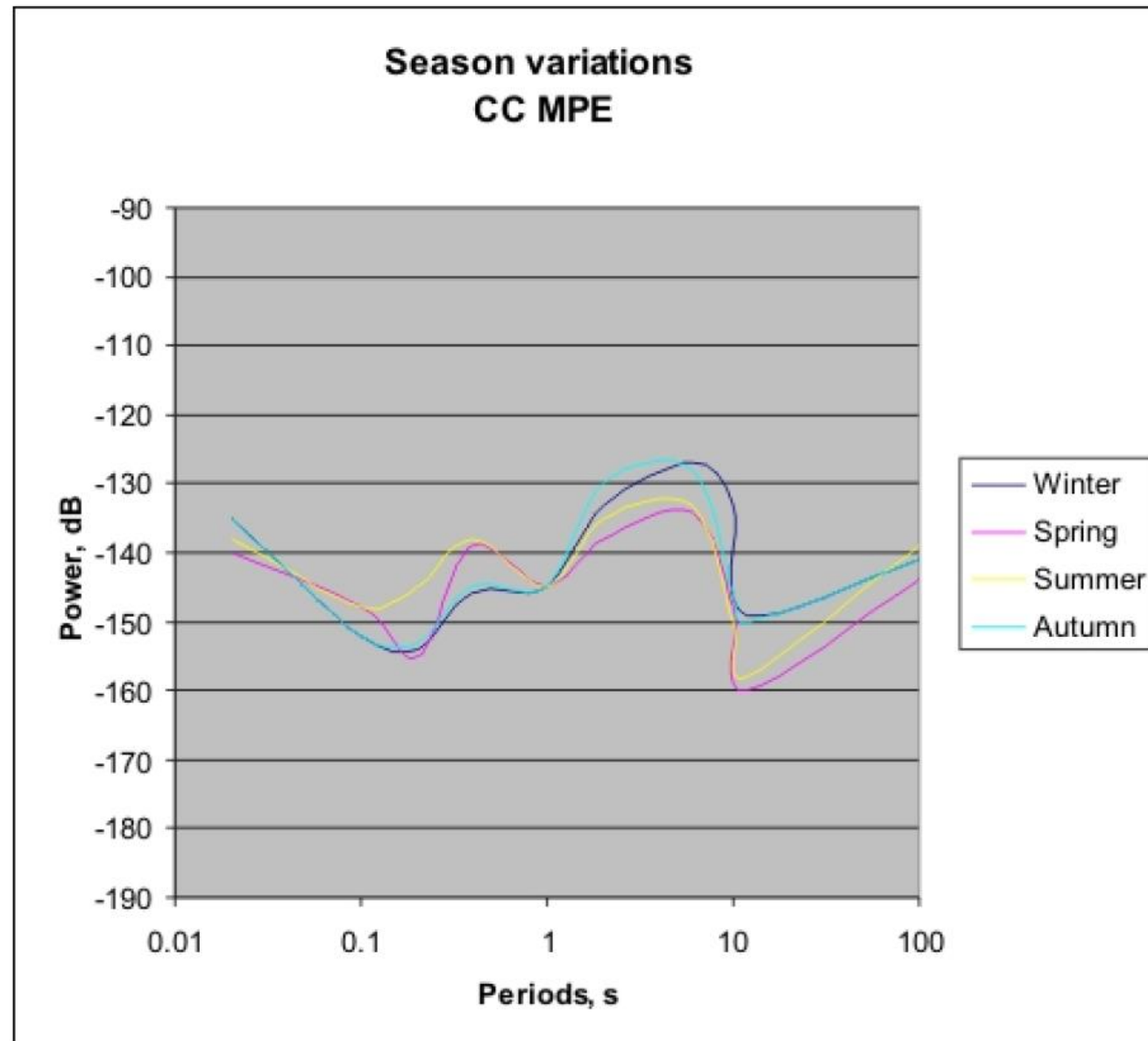
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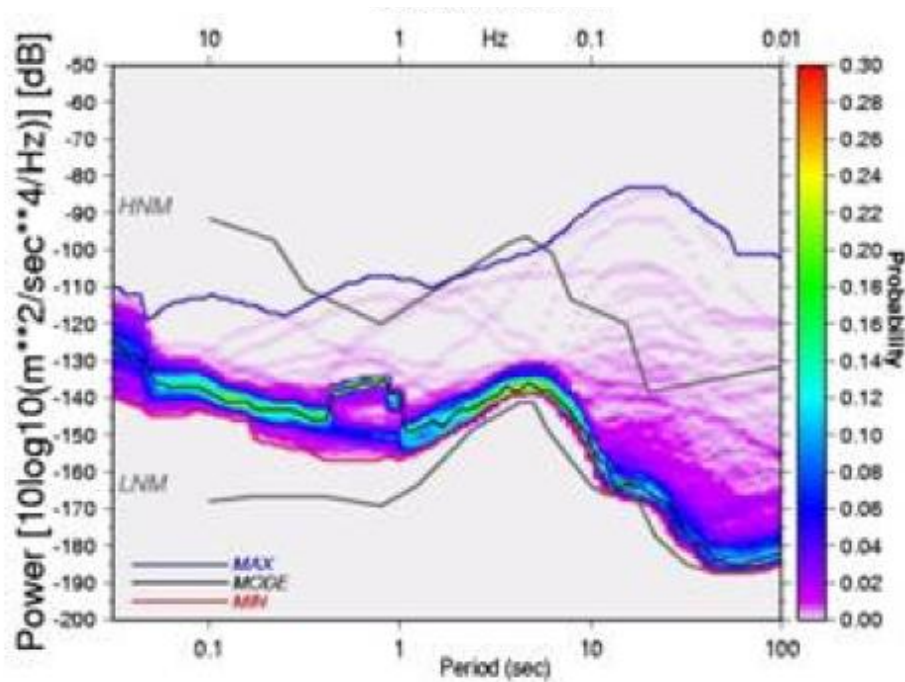


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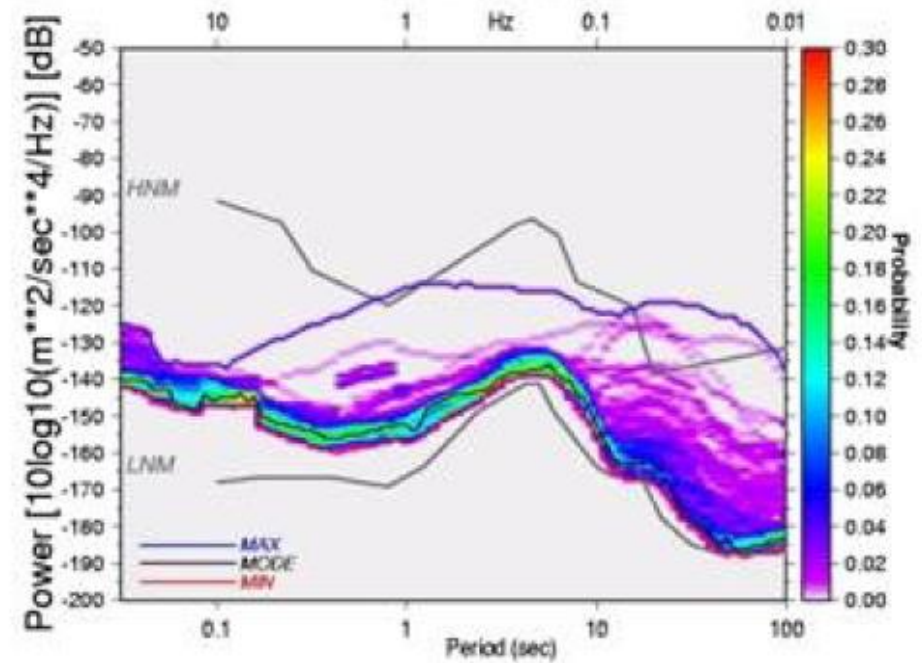


# ANALISI GIORNALIERA

Distribuzione giornaliera del noise relativo alla componente HZ alla stazione MMB.

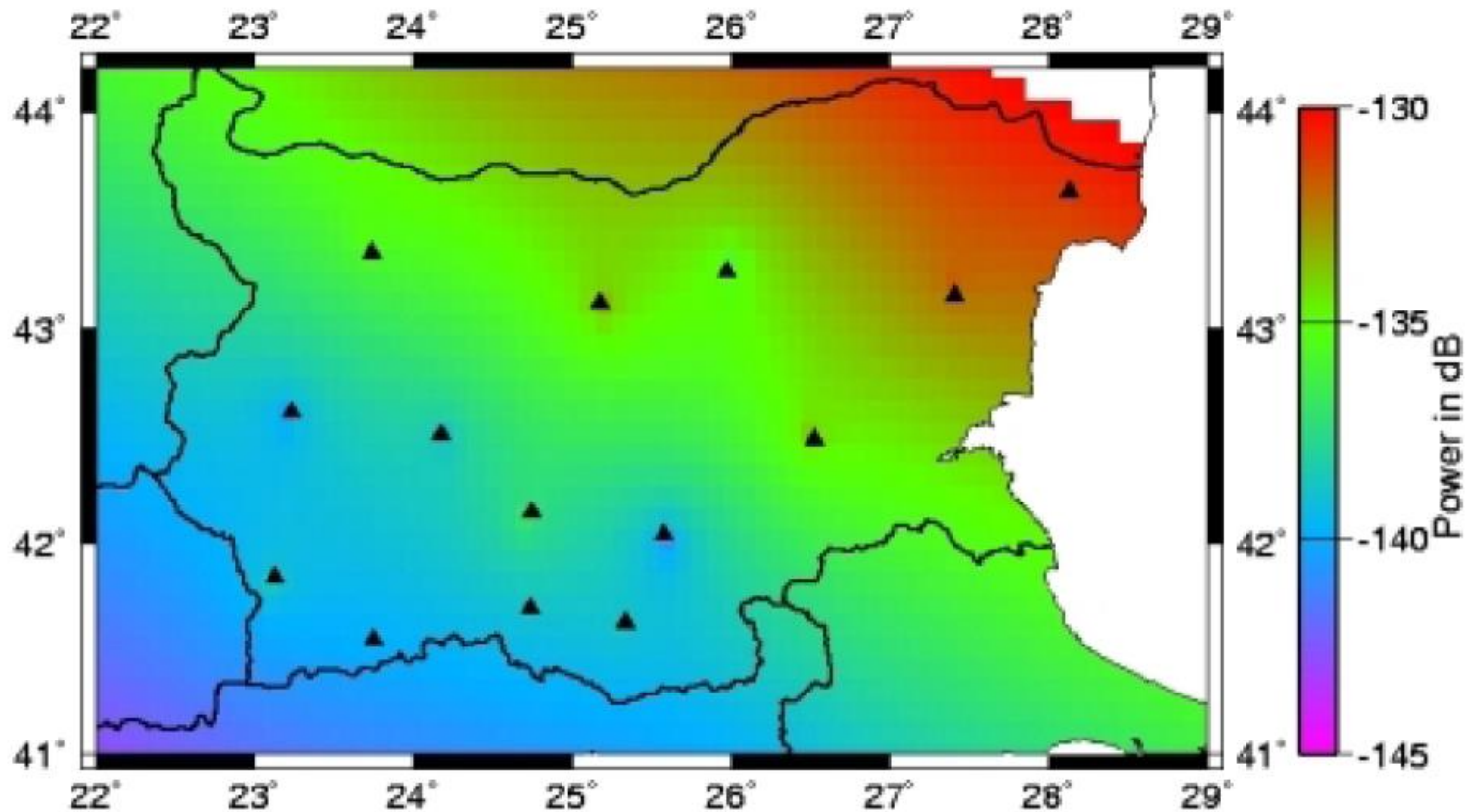


Registrazione dalle 6 alle 22 per il periodo di 10 giorni, dal 9 al 19 Maggio del 2008.



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## 8 - 1.8sec Band [0.12 - 0.55Hz]



Distribution of seismic noise from the average of PDF curves in the interval from 1.8s to 8s for the Bulgarian seismological network.

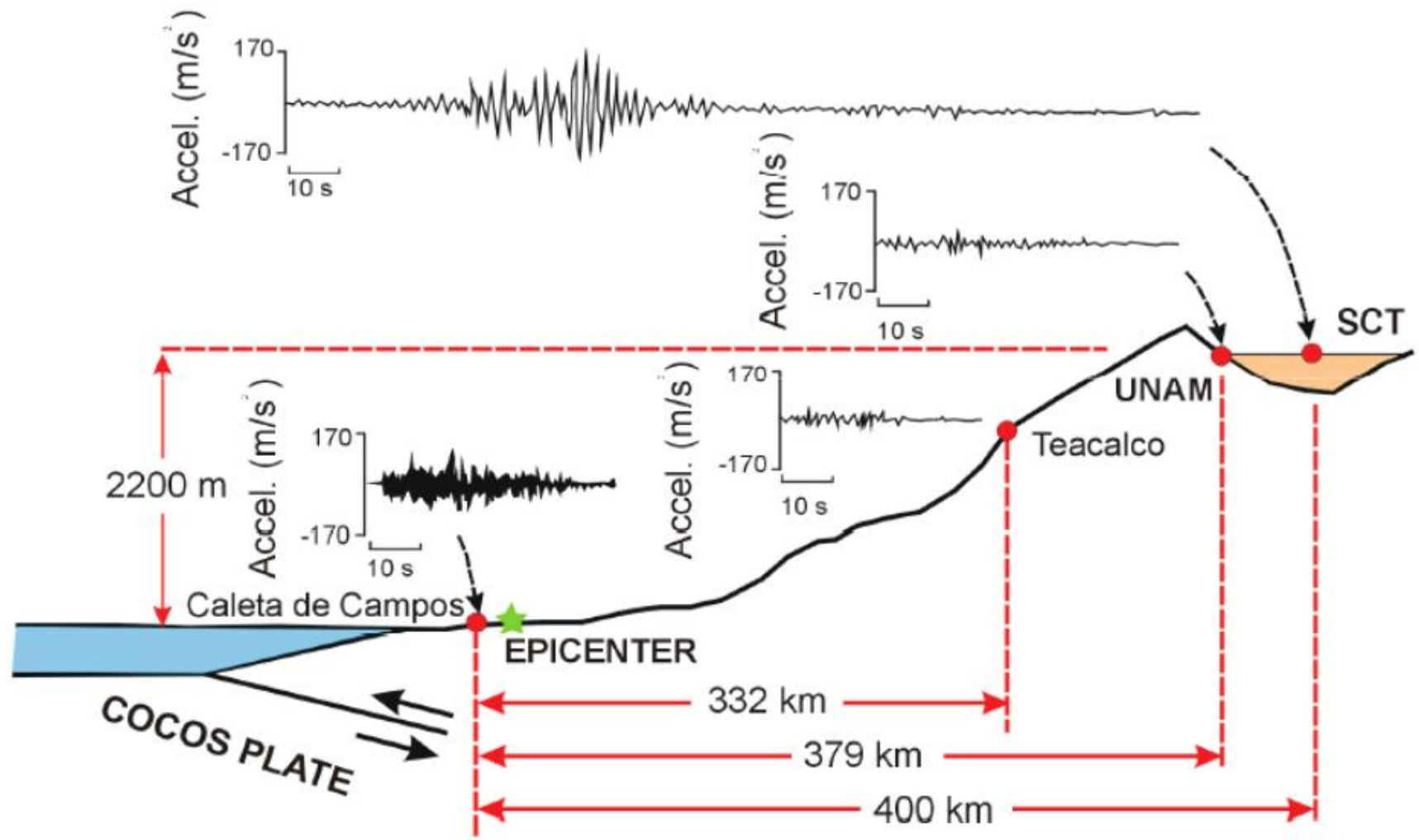
STATION SITE NAME: _____ _____		SITE #: _____			DATE OF ANALYSIS: _ / _ / _		ACTUAL DISTANCE	
COORDINATES:  N    °   '   '' W    °   '   ''		HARD MASSIVE ROCK, GRANITE, QUARTZITE, ETC.			HARDPAN HARD CLAY, ETC.			
		RECOMMENDED MINIMAL DISTANCES [km]						
		A	B	C	A	B	C	[km]
1. Oceans, with coastal mountains system		300	50	1	300	50	1	
2. Oceans, with broad coastal plains		1000	200	10	1000	200	20	
3. Inland seas, bays, very large lakes, with coastal mountain system		150	25	1	150	25	1	
4. Inland seas, bays, very large lakes, with broad coastal plains		500	100	5	500	100	5	
5. Large dams, high waterfalls, large cataracts		a	40	10	1	50	15	5
		b	60	15	5	150	25	10
6. Large oil or gas pipelines		a	20	10	5	30	15	5
		b	100	30	10	100	30	10
7. Small lakes		a	20	10	1	20	10	1
		b	50	15	1	50	15	1
8. Heavy reciprocating machinery, machinery		a	15	3	1	20	5	2
		b	25	5	2	40	15	3
9. Low waterfalls, rapids of a large river, intermittent flow over large dams		a	5	2	0.5	15	5	1
		b	15	3	1	25	8	2
10. Railway, frequent operation		a	6	3	1	10	5	1
		b	15	5	1	20	10	1
11. Airport, air ways heavy traffic		6	3	1	6	3	1	
12. Non-reciprocating power plant machinery, balanced industrial machinery		a	2	0.5	0.1	10	4	1
		b	4	1	0.2	15	6	1
13. Busy highway, mechanized farms		1	0.3	0.1	6	1	0.5	
14. Country roads, high buildings		0.3	0.2	0.05	2	1	0.5	
15. Low buildings, high trees and masts		0.1	0.03	0.01	0.3	0.1	0.05	
16. High fences, low trees, high bushes, large rocks		0.05	0.03	5 m	0.06	0.03	0.01	

Topic	Recommended minimal distances of seismic sites from sources of seismic noise
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LEGEND:

- A    SP seismic station with a gain of about 200,000 or more at 1 Hz
- B    SP seismic station with a gain from 50,000 to 150,000 at 1 Hz
- C    SP seismic station with a gain of approximately 25,000 or less at 1 Hz
- a    Source and seismometer on widely different geological formations or that mountain ranges or valleys intervene
- b    Source and seismometer on the same geological formation and with no intervening alluvial valley or mountain range





*Schema sismogrammi relativi alla città del Messico che mostrano l'amplificazione del bacino dove sorge Città del Messico.*

# Why do certain buildings fall in earthquakes?

Using *analogies* to understand *resonant frequency*\*

\*Natural frequency of vibration determined by the physical parameters of the vibrating object.



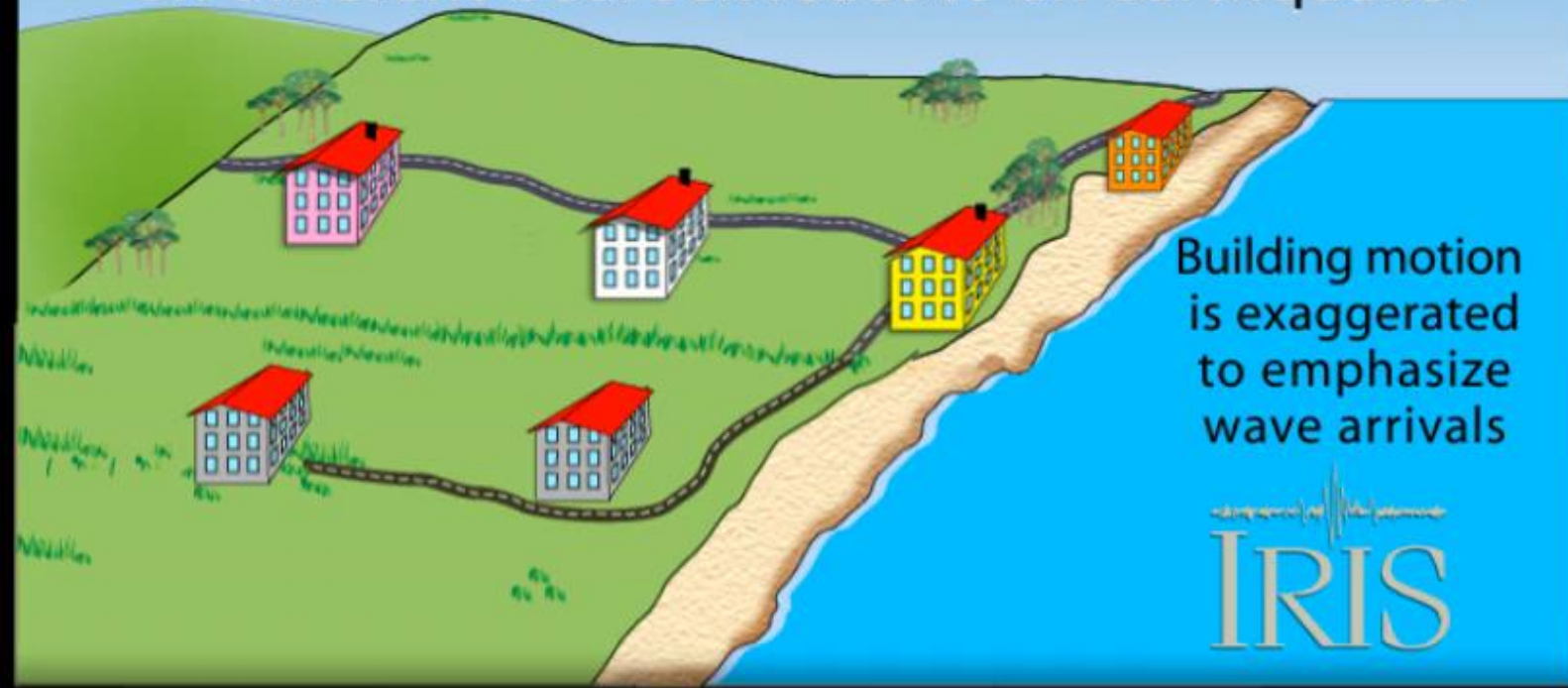
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Classroom demo at end of this animation





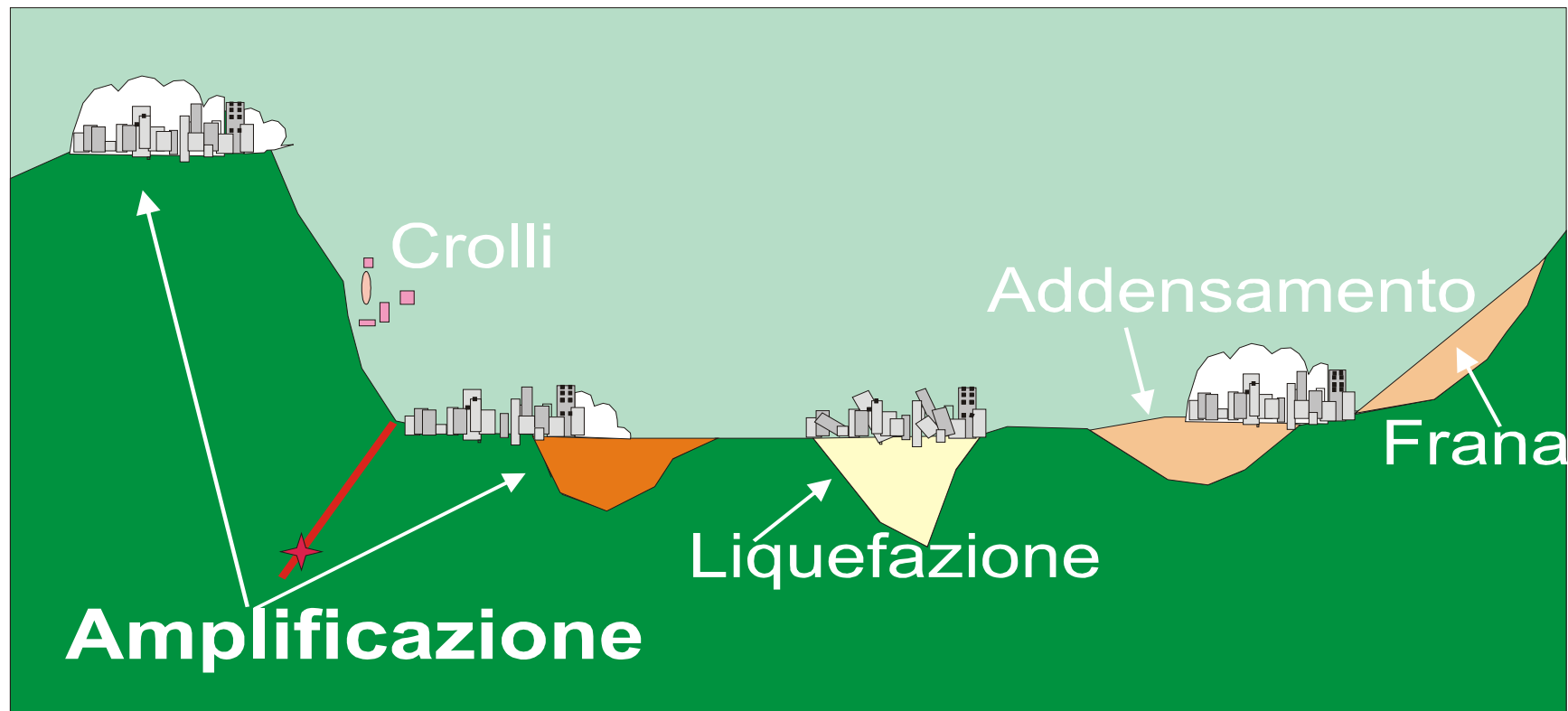
How will 3 buildings, engineered equally,  
on different bedrock react to an earthquake?

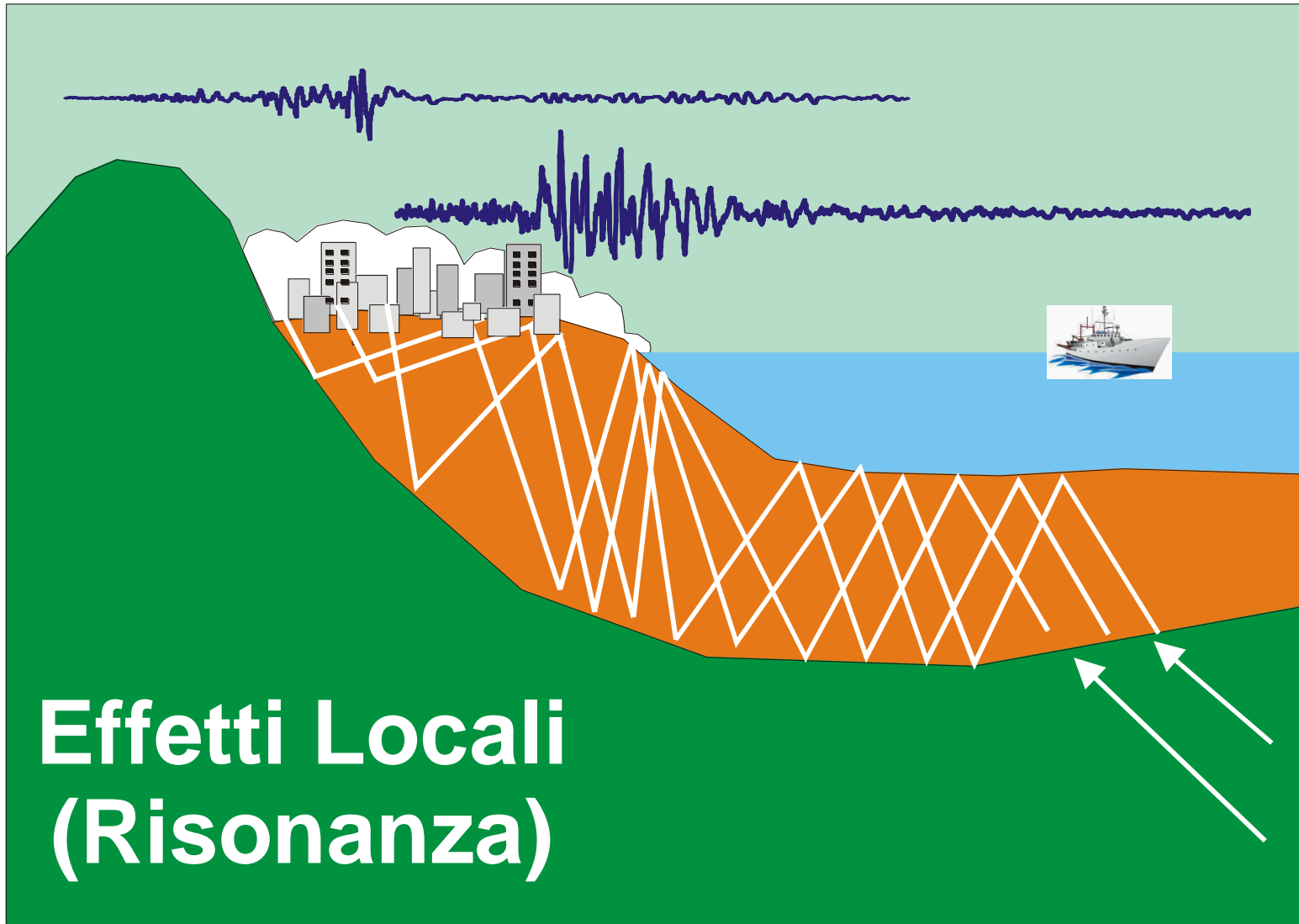


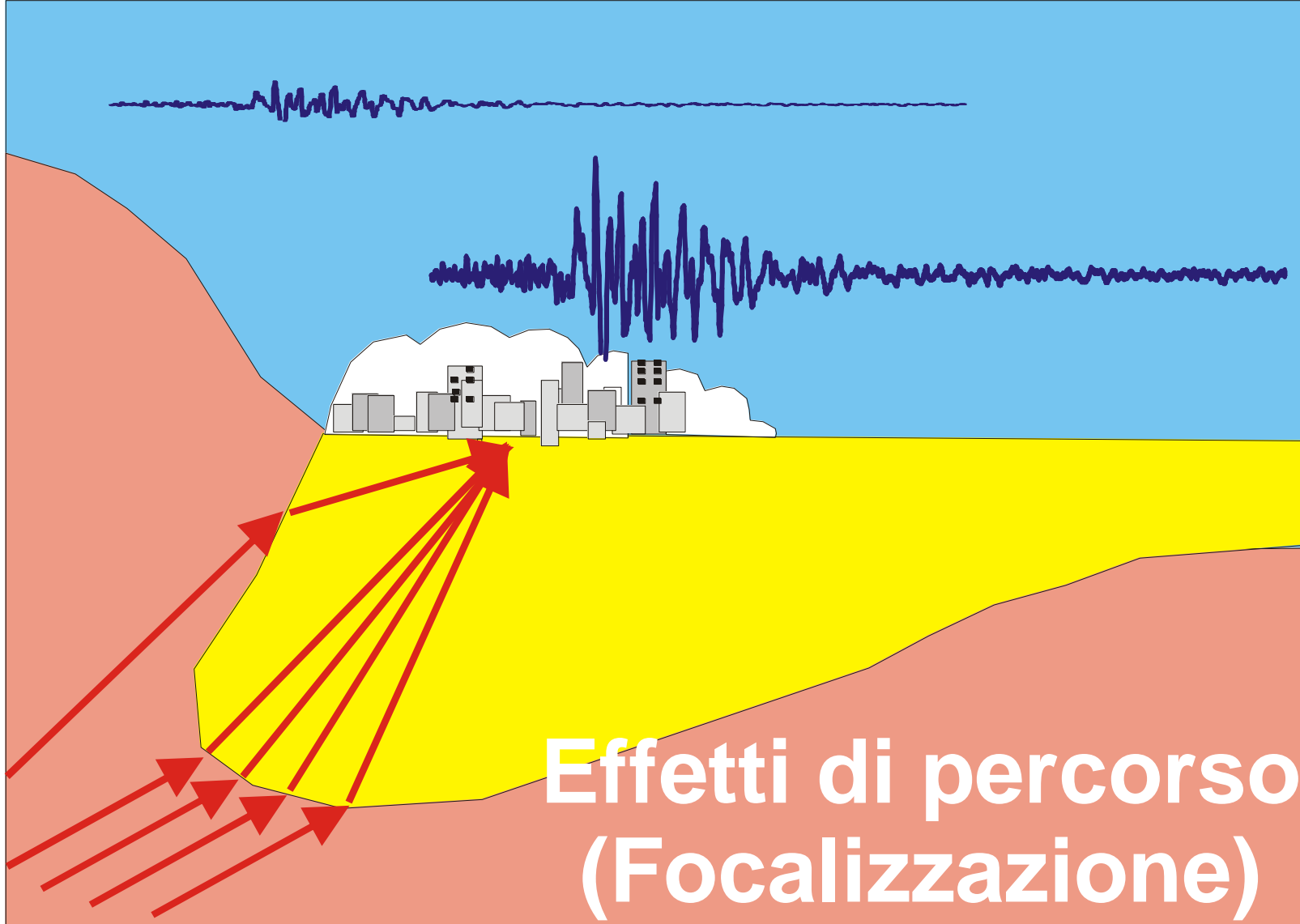
Two variables affect damage during earthquake:

- 1) Intensity of shaking (*felt motion, not magnitude*)
- 2) Engineering

Un terremoto genera delle oscillazioni del suolo, indotte dalla propagazione di onde sismiche attraverso il terreno. Le onde sismiche, propagandosi nello strato più superficiale della crosta terrestre, subiscono riflessioni e rifrazioni causate dalle eterogeneità della crosta stessa. In certe condizioni ed in presenza dei suoli superficiali le onde sismiche vengono amplificate o attenuate a seconda delle caratteristiche meccaniche del mezzo.

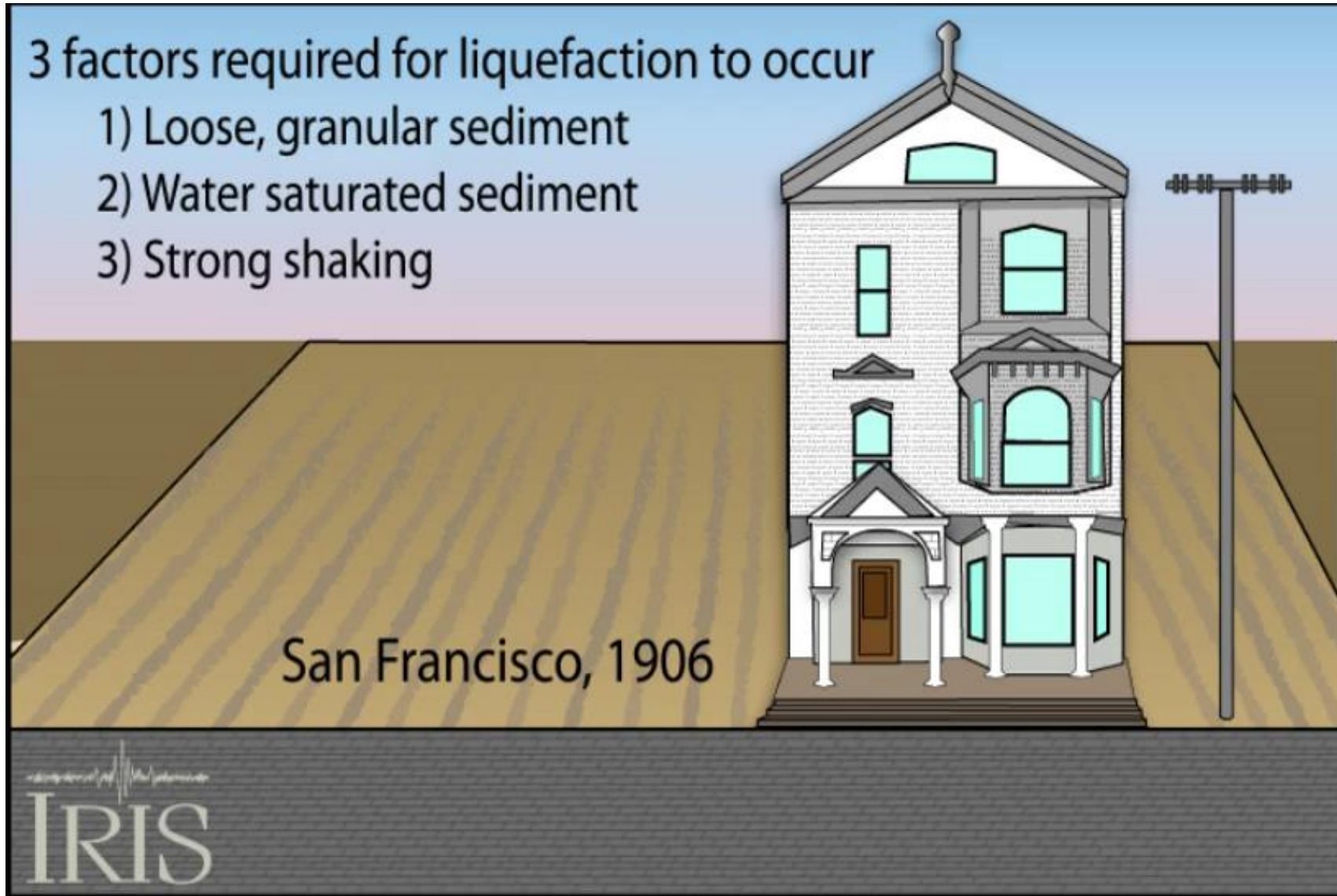


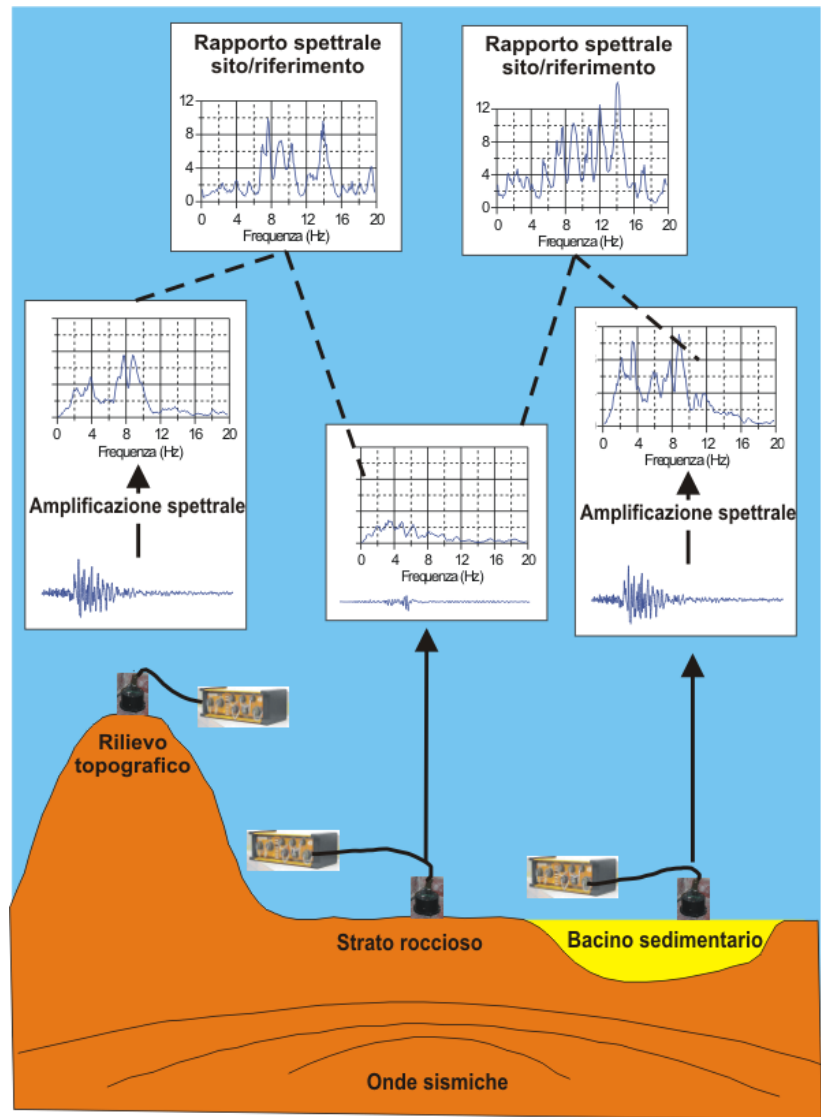


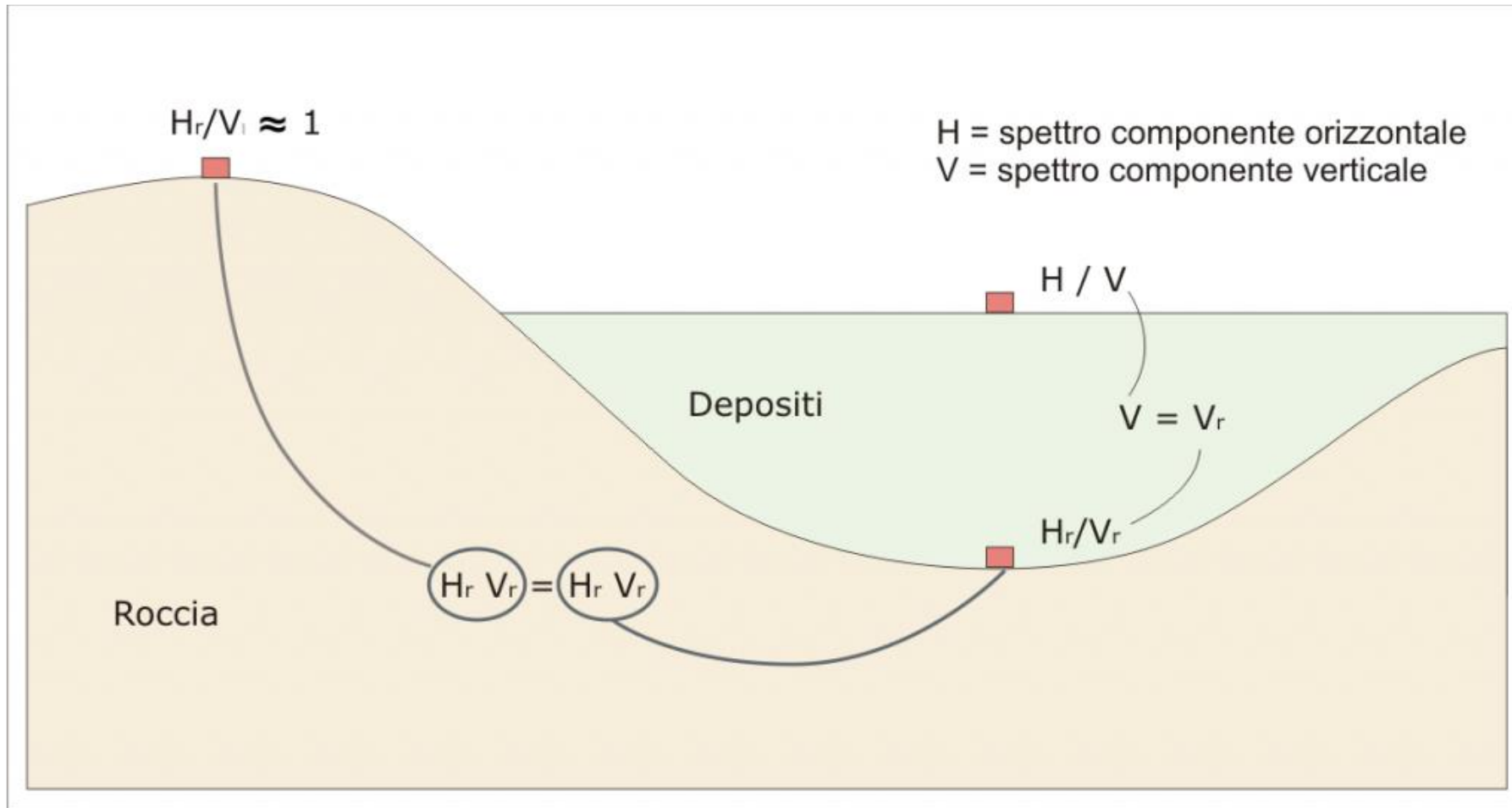


3 factors required for liquefaction to occur

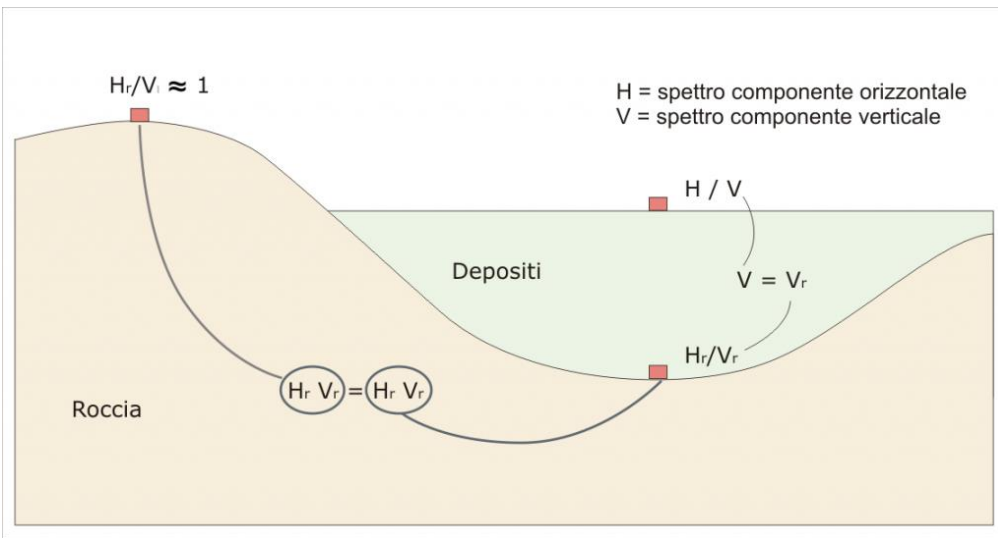
- 1) Loose, granular sediment
- 2) Water saturated sediment
- 3) Strong shaking











In genere, l'effetto di amplificazione è dovuto alla geologia superficiale e viene espresso come rapporto tra l'ampiezza dello spettro di Fourier della componente orizzontale del moto in superficie ( $H_s$ ) e quella alla base dello strato ( $H_r$ ):

$$T_s = \frac{H_s}{H_r}$$

Il fattore di amplificazione può essere ottenuto tramite la relazione:

$$S = \frac{T_s}{T_r} = \frac{H_s}{H_r} * \frac{V_r}{V_s}$$

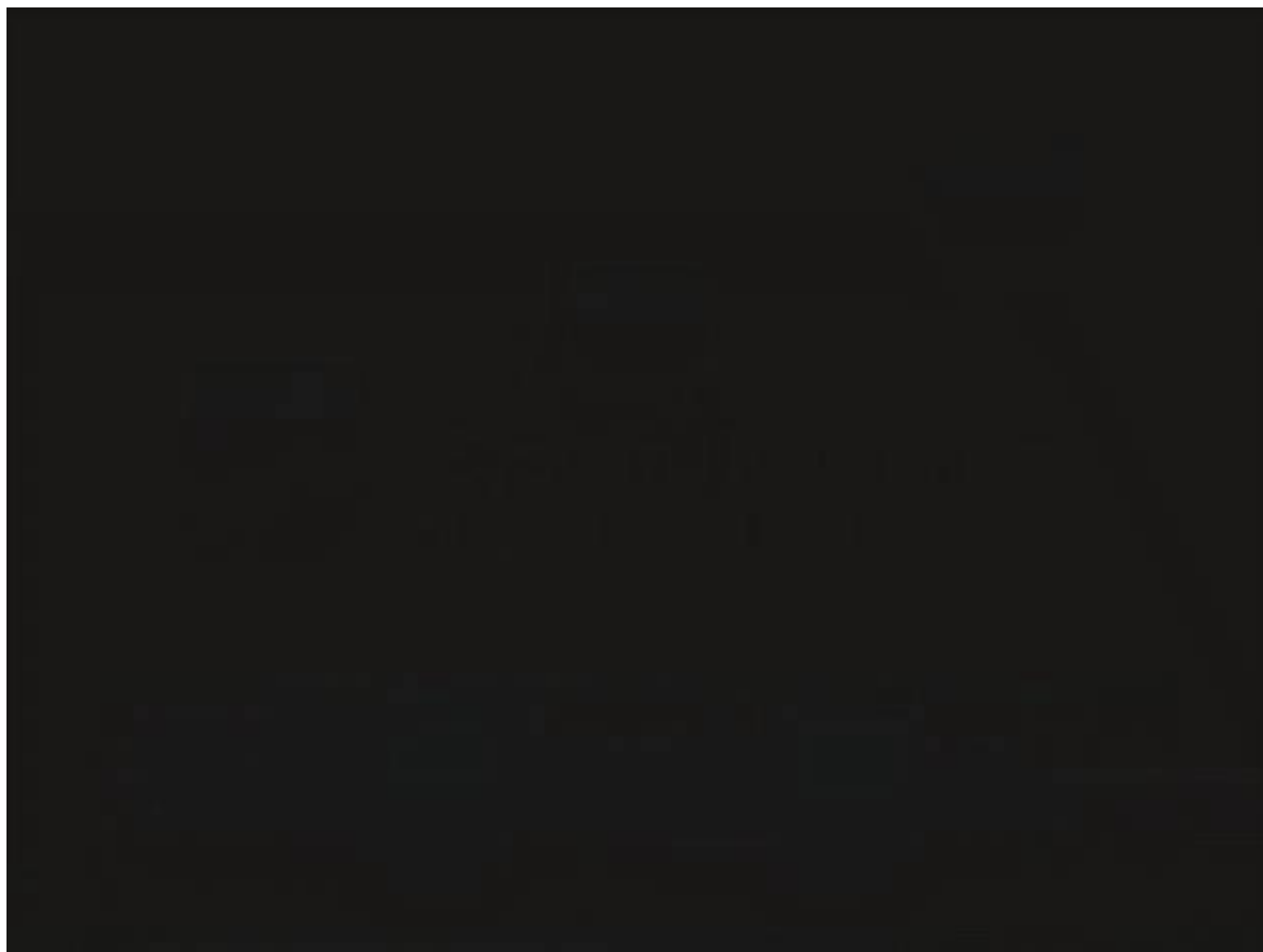
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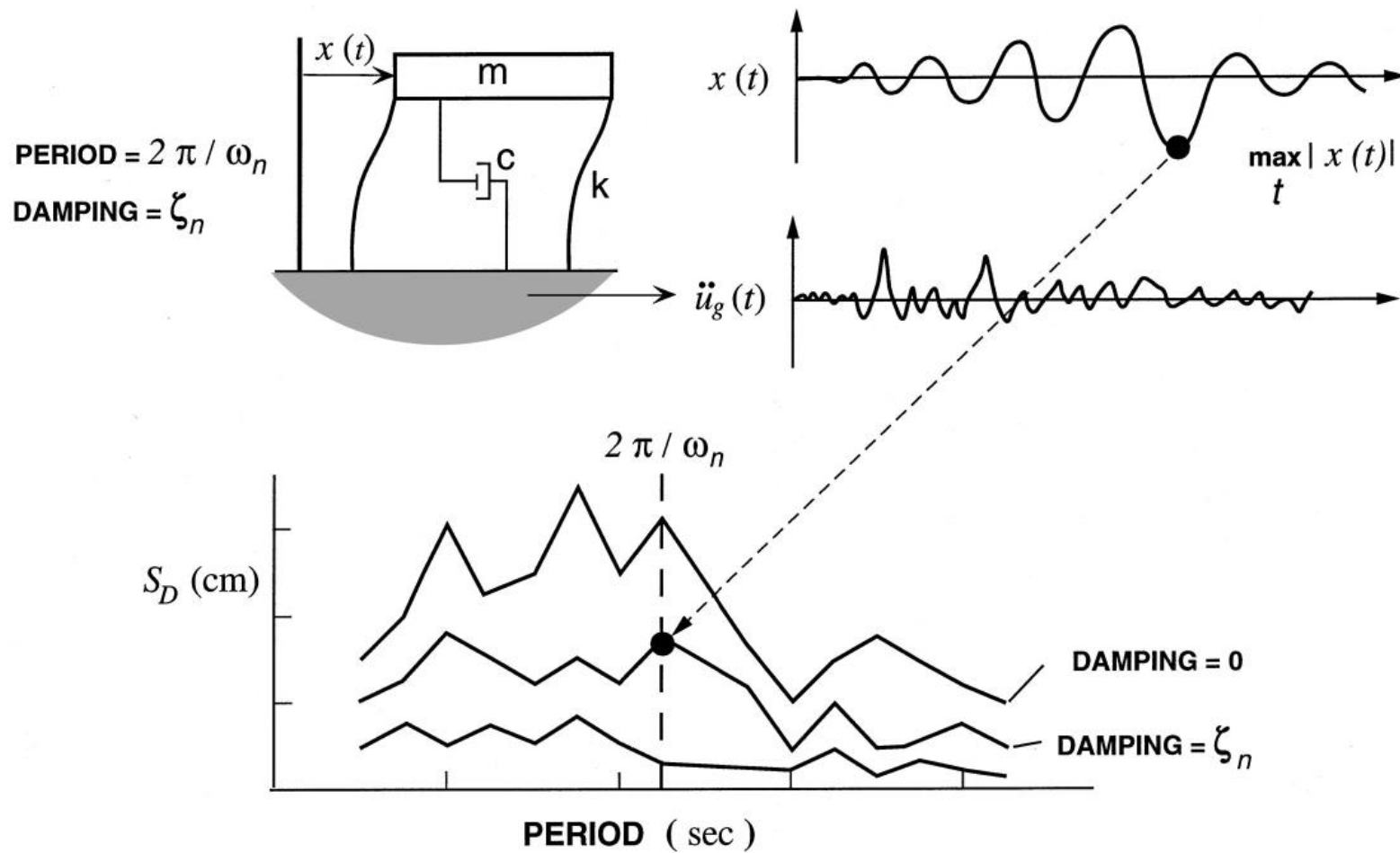
$$\frac{V_r}{H_r} = 1$$

Risulta:

$$S = \frac{H_s}{V_s}$$

Nakamura afferma che il picco massimo nel grafico H/V permette di identificare la frequenza di risonanza con l'amplificazione ad essa correlata.

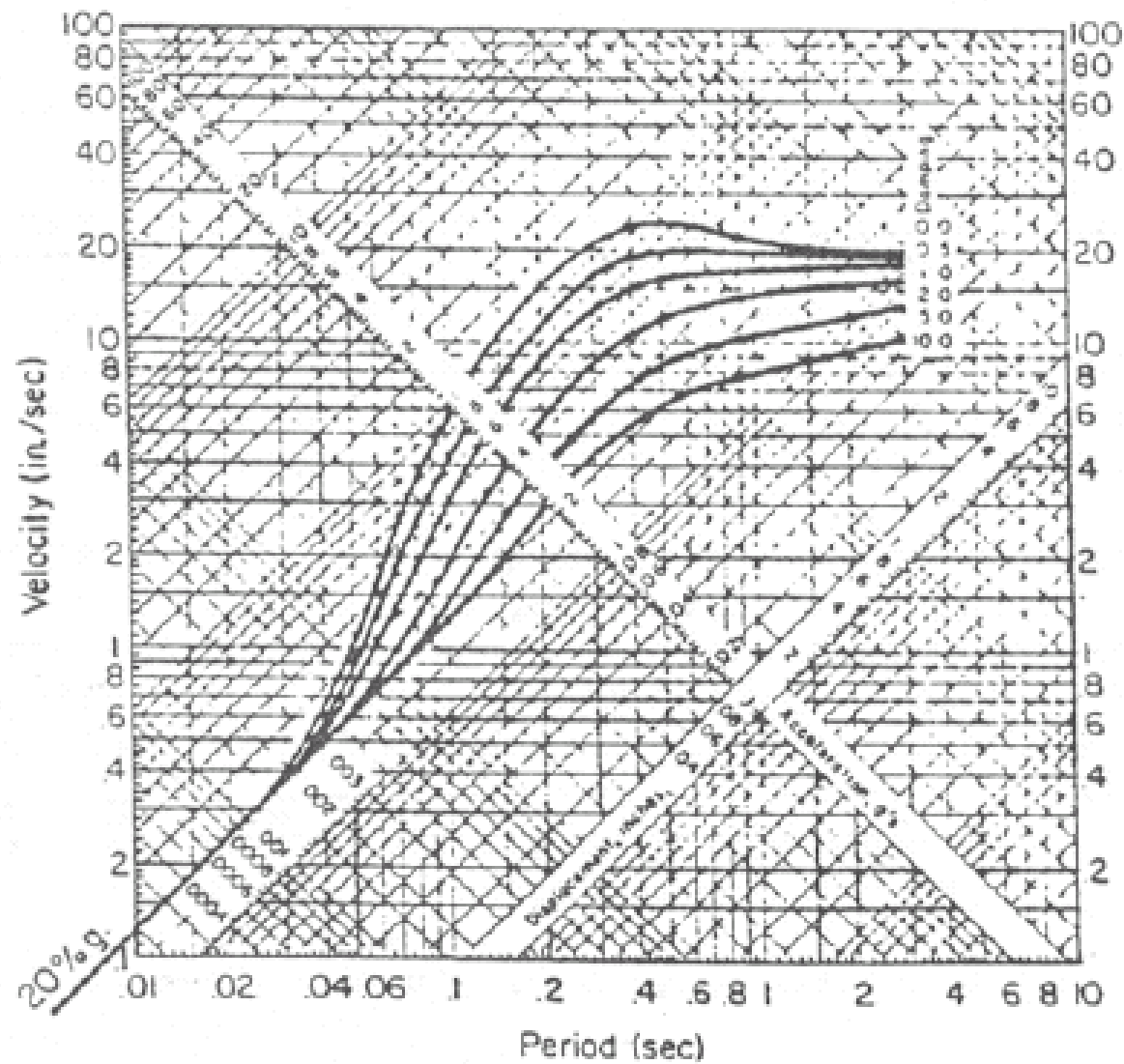


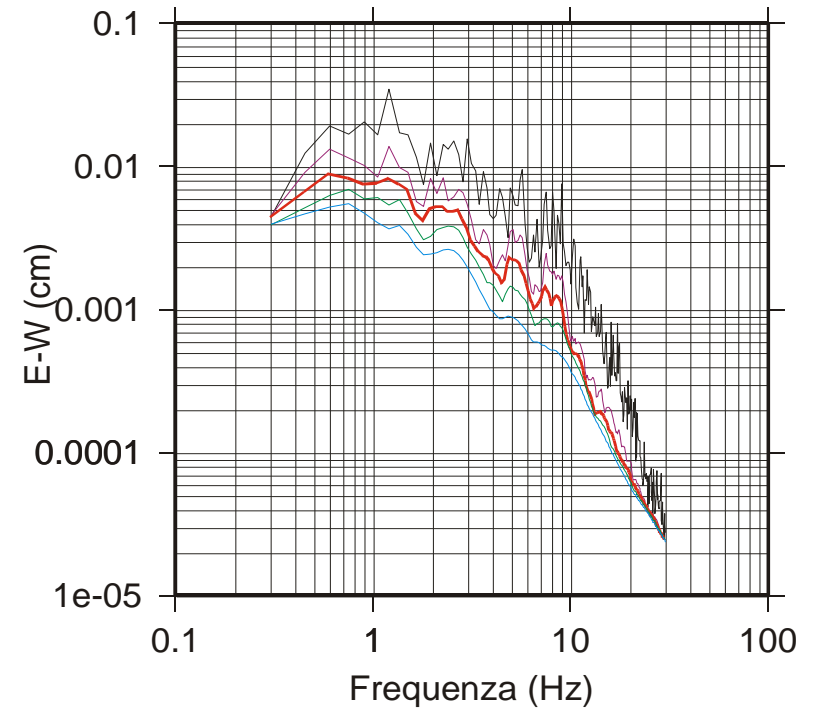
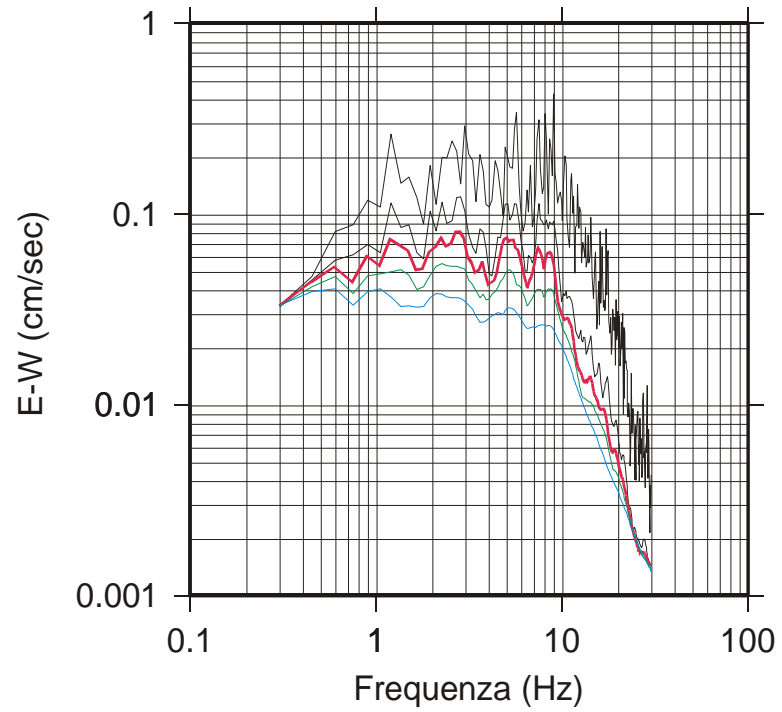
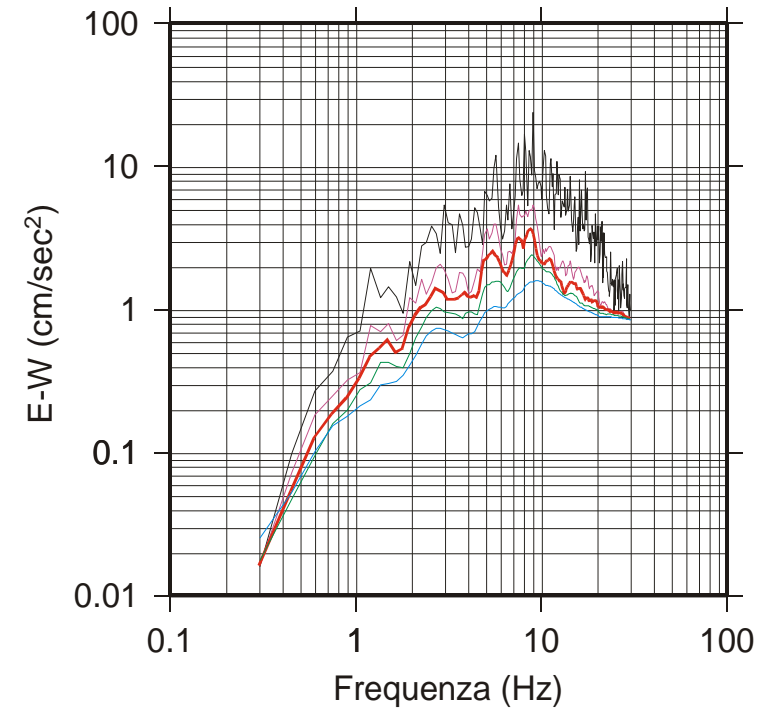


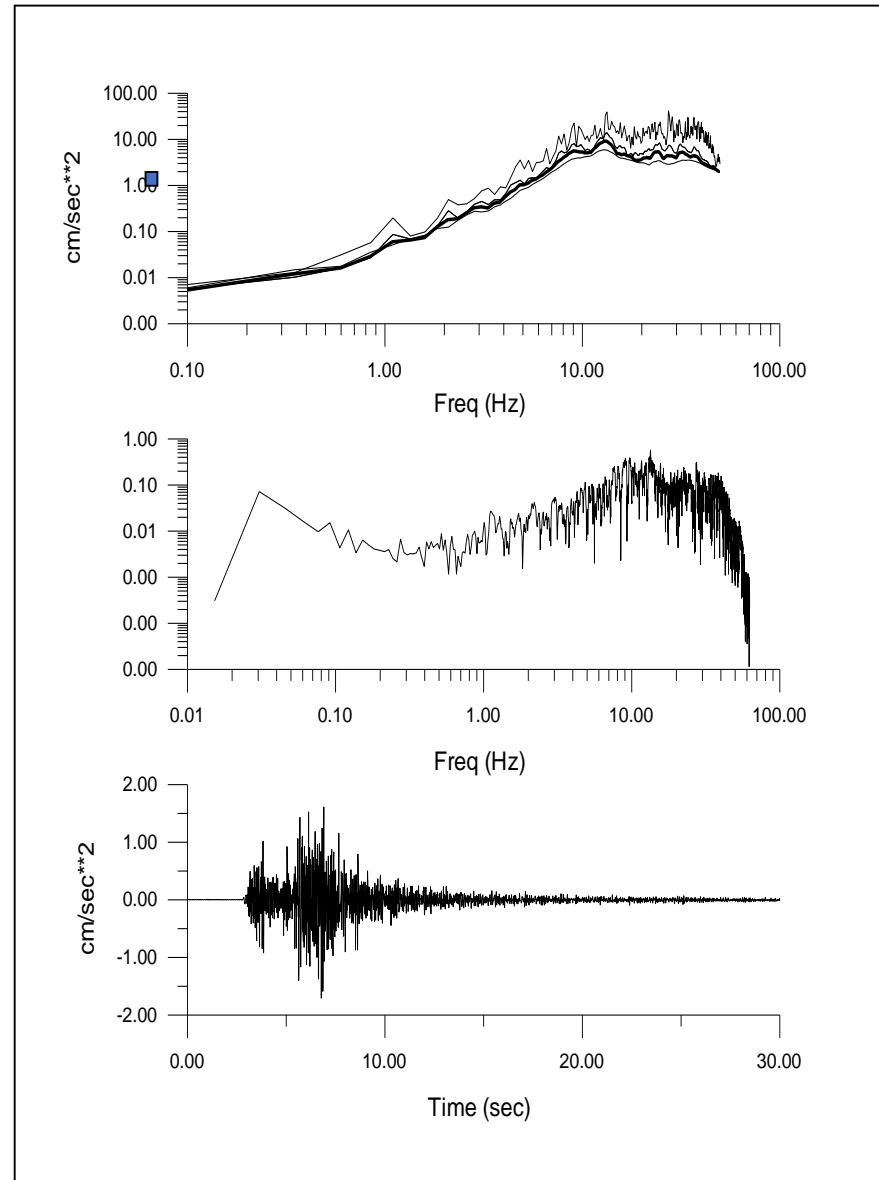
If  $x_g(t)$  denotes the displacement impressed on the ground by the earthquake and  $x(t)$  the displacement of the mass  $m$  with respect to the ground, the differential equation governing the forced oscillation problem is written:

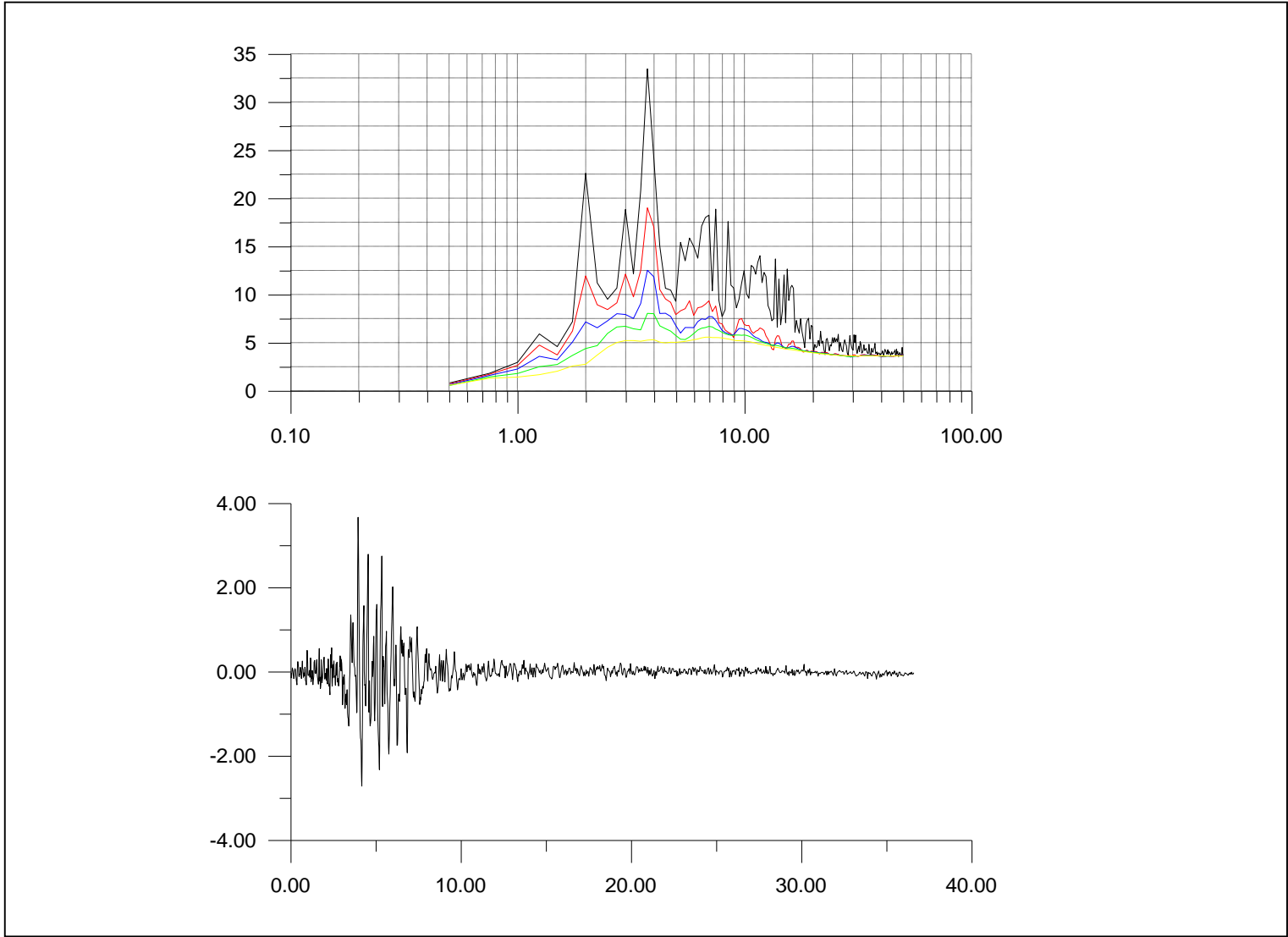
$$m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = -m\ddot{x}_g(t)$$

where constant  $k$  is the stiffness of the system and  $b$  is the constant associated with the viscous-type system damper.





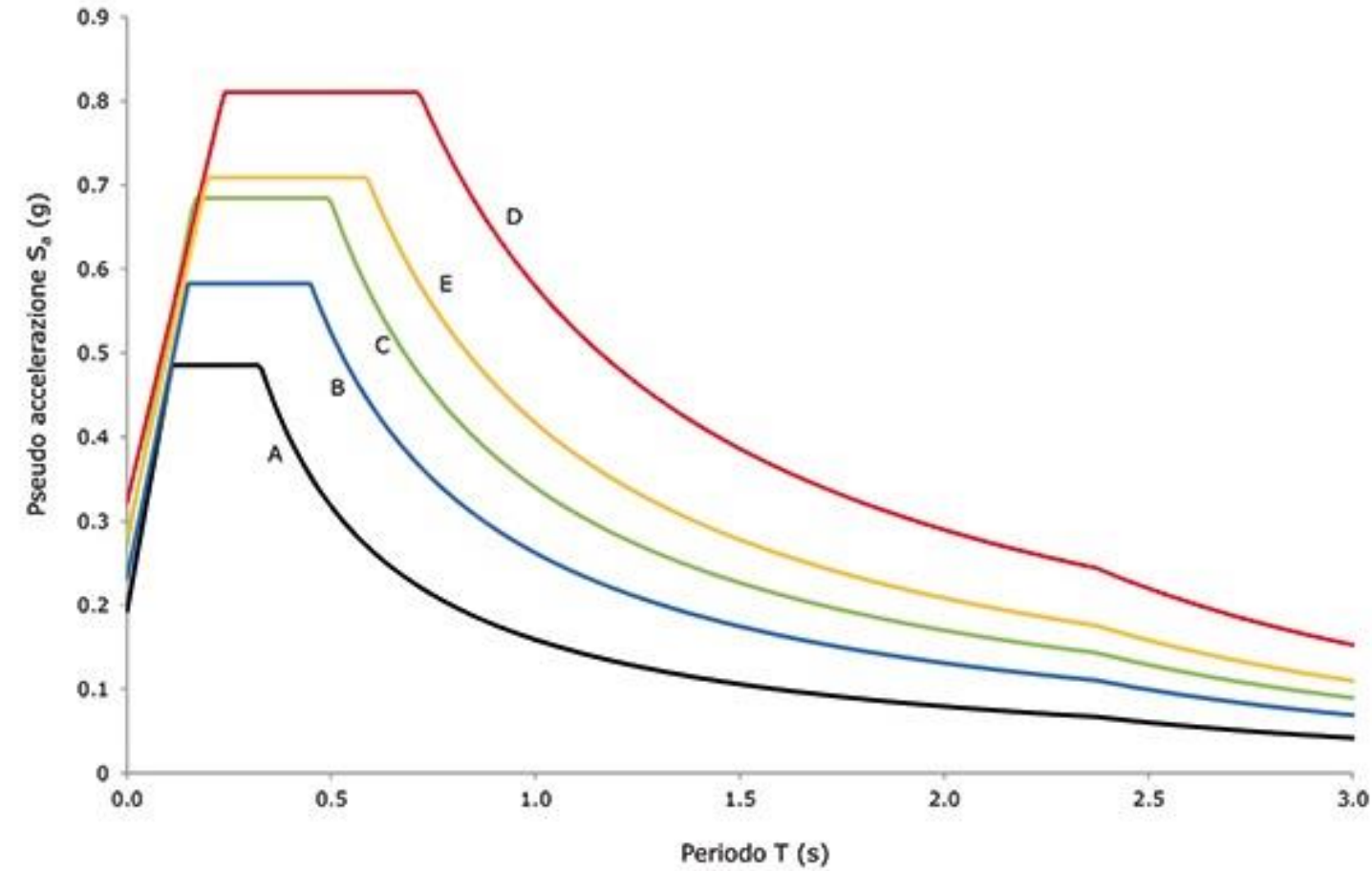




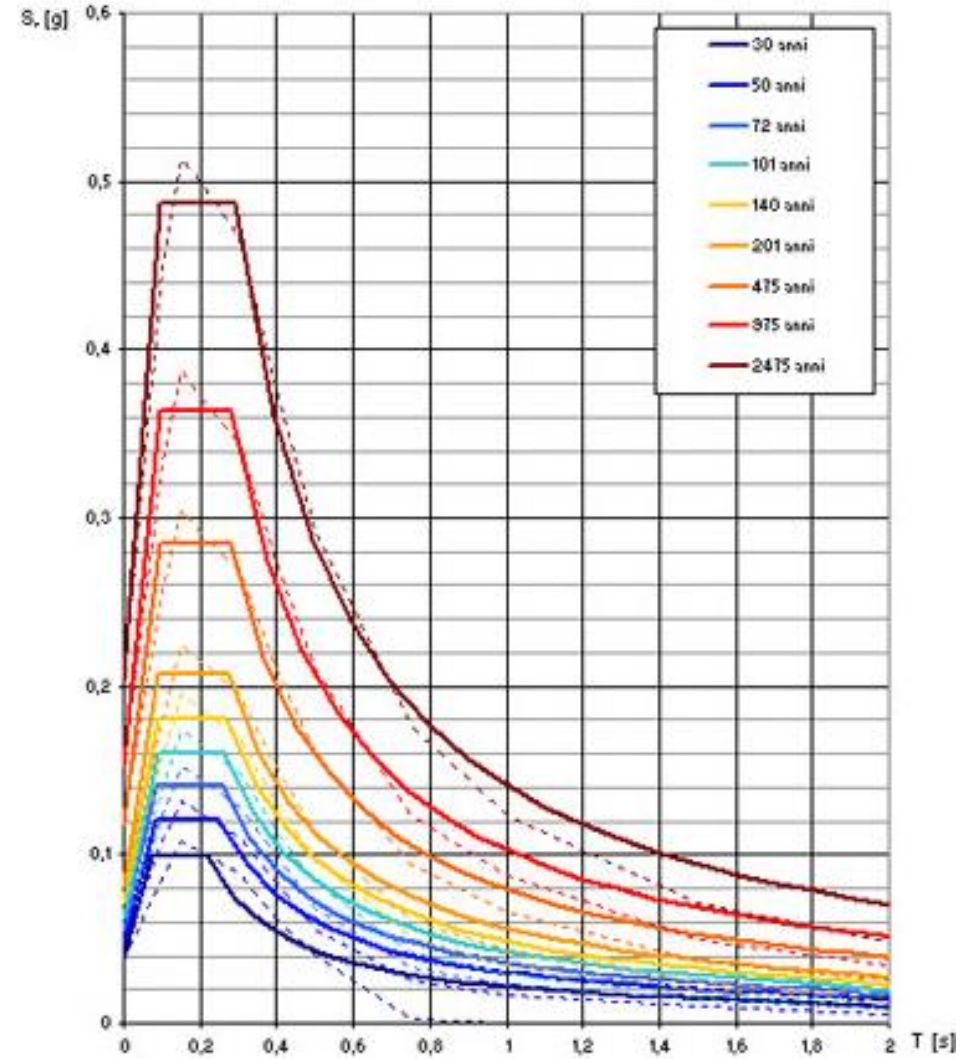


## Categorie di sottosuolo nelle NTC-08

- A** *Ammassi rocciosi affioranti o terreni molto rigidi* caratterizzati da valori di  $V_{s30}$  superiori a 800 m/s, eventualmente comprendenti in superficie uno strato di alterazione, con spessore massimo pari a 3 m.
- B** *Depositi di terreni a grana grossa molto addensati o terreni a grana fina molto consistenti*, con spessori superiori a 30 m, caratterizzati da un graduale miglioramento delle proprietà meccaniche con la profondità e da valori di  $V_{s30}$  compresi tra 360 m/s e 800 m/s (ovvero  $N_{SPT,30} > 50$  nei terreni a grana grossa e  $c_{u,30} > 250$  kPa nei terreni a grana fina).
- C** *Depositi di terreni a grana grossa mediamente addensati o terreni a grana fina mediamente consistenti*, con spessori superiori a 30 m, caratterizzati da un graduale miglioramento delle proprietà meccaniche con la profondità e da valori di  $V_{s,30}$  compresi tra 180 m/s e 360 m/s (ovvero  $15 < N_{SPT,30} < 50$  nei terreni a grana grossa e  $70 < c_{u,30} < 250$  kPa nei terreni a grana fina).
- D** *Depositi di terreni a grana grossa scarsamente addensati o terreni a grana fina scarsamente consistenti*, con spessori superiori a 30m, caratterizzati da un graduale miglioramento delle proprietà meccaniche con la profondità e da valori di  $V_{s,30}$  inferiori a 180 m/s (ovvero  $N_{SPT,30} < 15$  nei terreni a grana grossa e  $c_{u,30} < 70$  kPa nei terreni a grana fina).
- E** Terreni dei sottosuoli di tipo C o D per spessore non superiore a 20 m posti sul substrato di riferimento (con  $V_s > 800$  m/s).
- S1** Depositi di terreni caratterizzati da valori di  $V_{s30}$  inferiori a 100 m/s (ovvero  $10 < c_{u30} < 20$  kPa), che includono uno strato di almeno 8 m di terreni a grana fina di bassa consistenza, oppure che includono almeno 3 m di torba o di argille altamente organiche
- S2** Depositi di terreni suscettibili di liquefazione, di argille sensitive o qualsiasi altra categoria di terreno non classificabile nei tipi precedenti

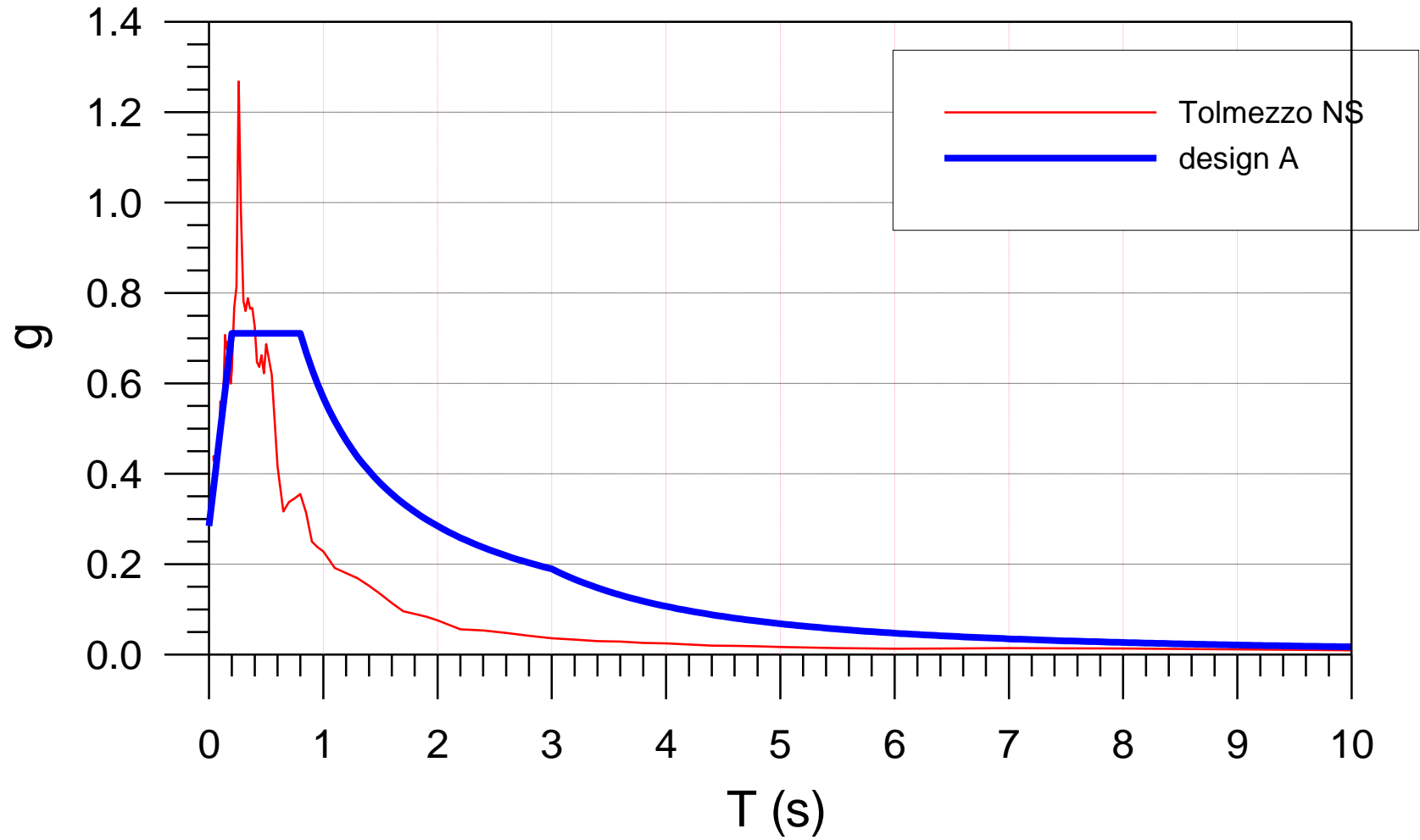


Spettri di normativa per le diverse classi di suolo



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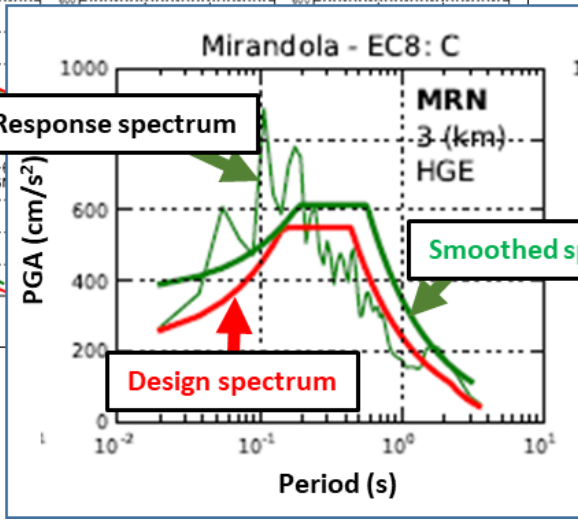
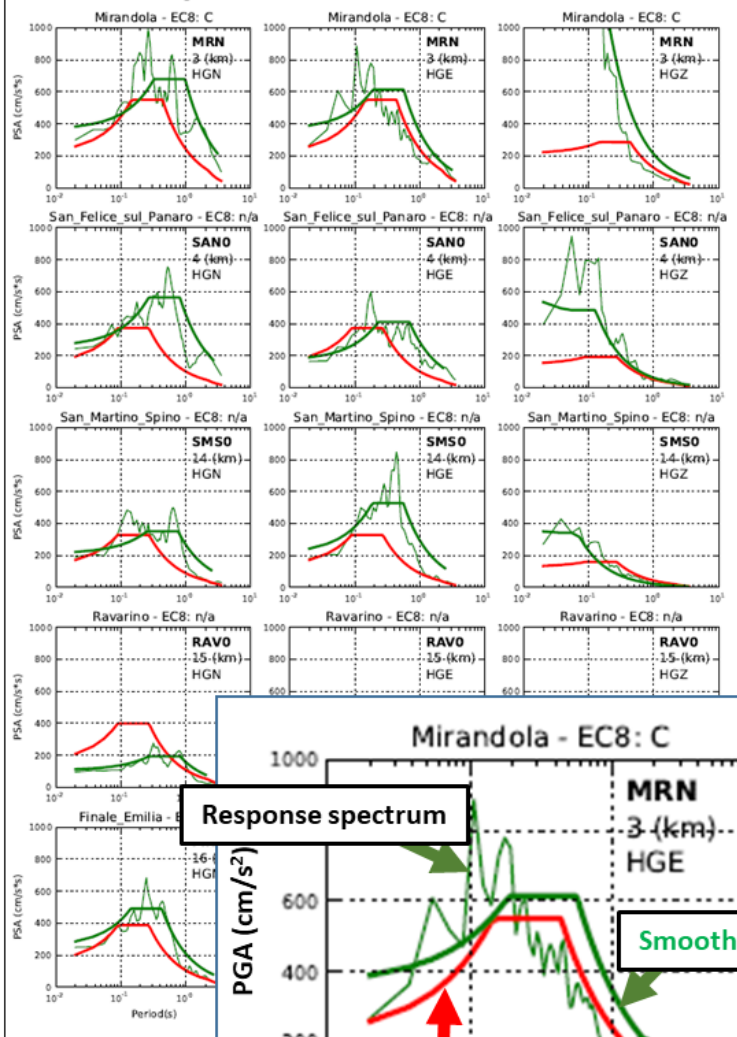
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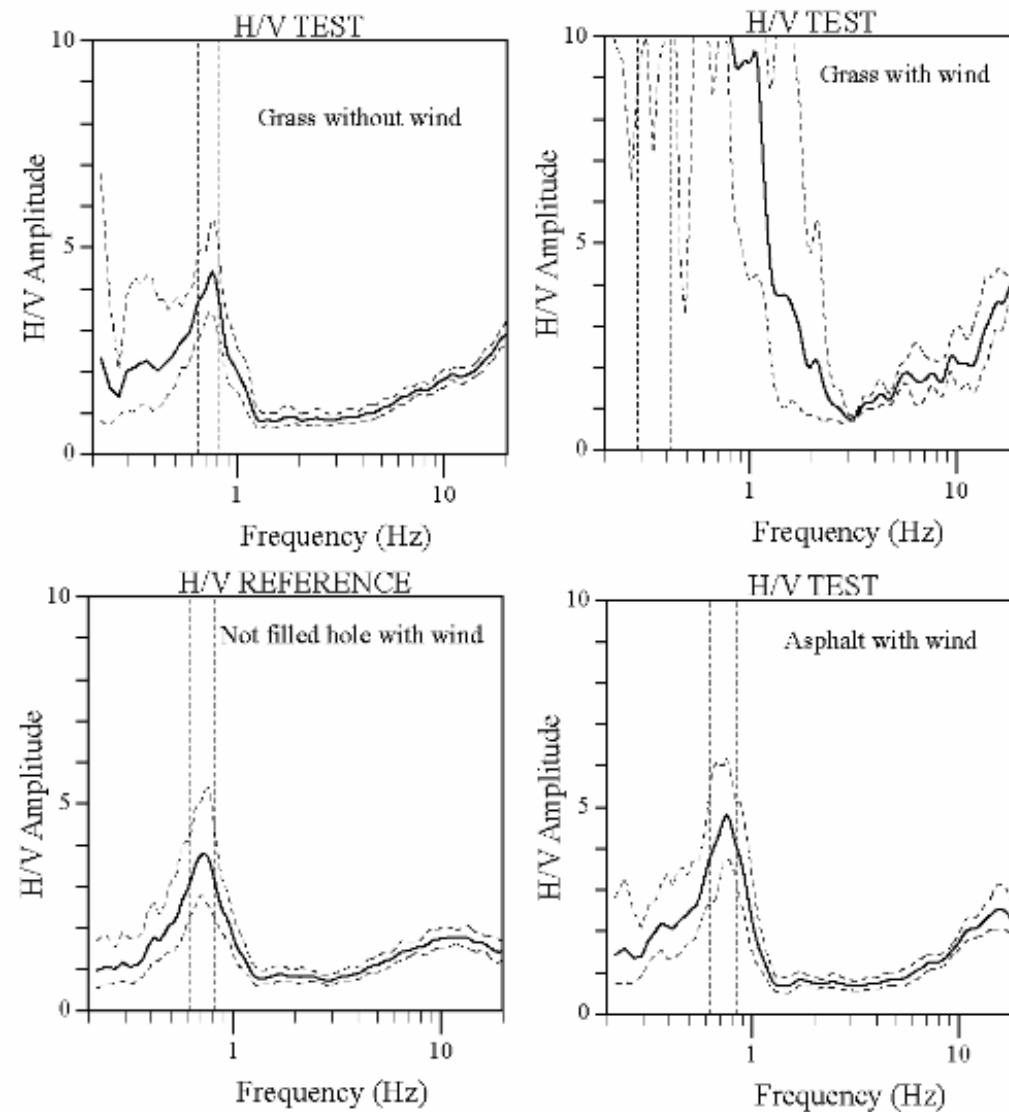
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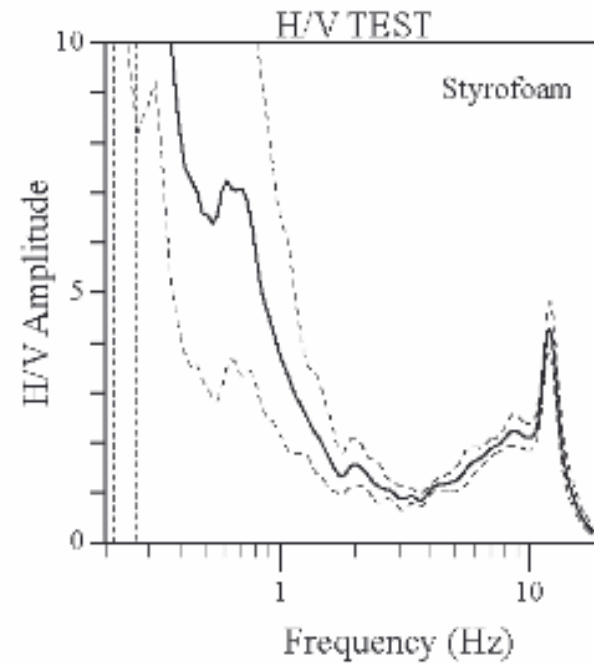
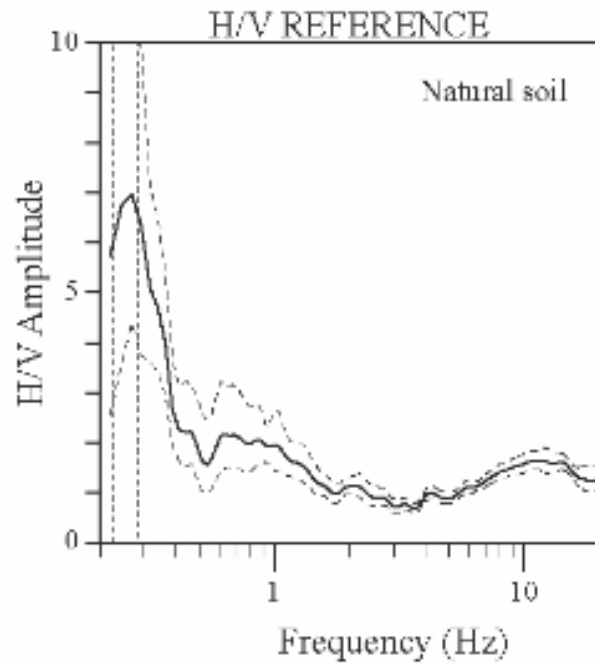
## 1. EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS + MEASUREMENT FIELD SHEET

→ This sheet is only a quick field reference. It is highly recommended that the complete guidelines be read before going out to perform the recordings. A field sheet is also provided on the next page. This page, containing two identical sheets can be printed and be taken in the field.

Type of parameter	Main recommendations	
	Minimum expected $f_0$ [Hz]	Recommended minimum recording duration [min]
Recording duration	0.2	30'
	0.5	20'
	1	10'
	2	5'
	5	3'
	10	2'
Measurement spacing	<p>→ <u>Microzonation</u>: start with a large spacing (for example a 500 m grid) and, in case of lateral variation of the results, densify the grid point spacing, down to 250 m, for example.</p> <p>→ <u>Single site response</u>: never use a single measurement point to derive an <math>f_0</math> value, make at least three measurement points.</p>	
Recording parameters	<p>→ level the sensor as recommended by the manufacturer.</p> <p>→ fix the gain level at the maximum possible without signal saturation.</p>	
In situ soil-sensor coupling	<p>→ set the sensor down directly on the ground, whenever possible.</p> <p>→ avoid setting the sensor on "soft grounds" (mud, ploughed soil, tall grass, etc.), or soil saturated after rain.</p>	
Artificial soil-sensor coupling	<p>→ avoid plates from "soft" materials such as foam rubber, cardboard, etc.</p> <p>→ on steep slopes that do not allow correct sensor levelling, install the sensor in a sand pile or in a container filled with sand.</p> <p>→ on snow or ice, install a metallic or wooden plate or a container filled with sand to avoid sensor tilting due to local melting.</p>	
Nearby structures	<p>→ Avoid recording near structures such as buildings, trees, etc. in case of wind blowing (faster than approx. 5 m/s). It may strongly influence H/V results by introducing some low frequencies in the curves</p> <p>→ Avoid measuring above underground structures such as car parks, pipes, sewer lids, etc.</p>	
Weather conditions	<p>→ <u>Wind</u>: Protect the sensor from the wind (faster than approx. 5 m/s). This only helps if there are no nearby structures.</p> <p>→ <u>Rain</u>: avoid measurements under heavy rain. Slight rain has no noticeable influence.</p> <p>→ <u>Temperature</u>: check sensor and recorder manufacturer's instructions.</p> <p>→ <u>Meteorological perturbations</u>: indicate on the field sheet whether the measurements are performed during a low-pressure meteorological event.</p>	
Disturbances	<p>→ <u>Monochromatic sources</u>: avoid measurements near construction machines, industrial machines, pumps, generators, etc.</p> <p>→ <u>Transients</u>: In case of transients (steps, cars,...), increase the recording duration to allow for enough windows for the analysis, after transient removal.</p>	



Comparison of H/V curves obtained at the same site on grass with and without wind (top), and in a pothole, on asphalt (bottom) and again on grass with wind. This comparison shows the strong effect of wind combined with grass, while on asphalt or in a pothole, wind has no significant effect (when away from any structure)

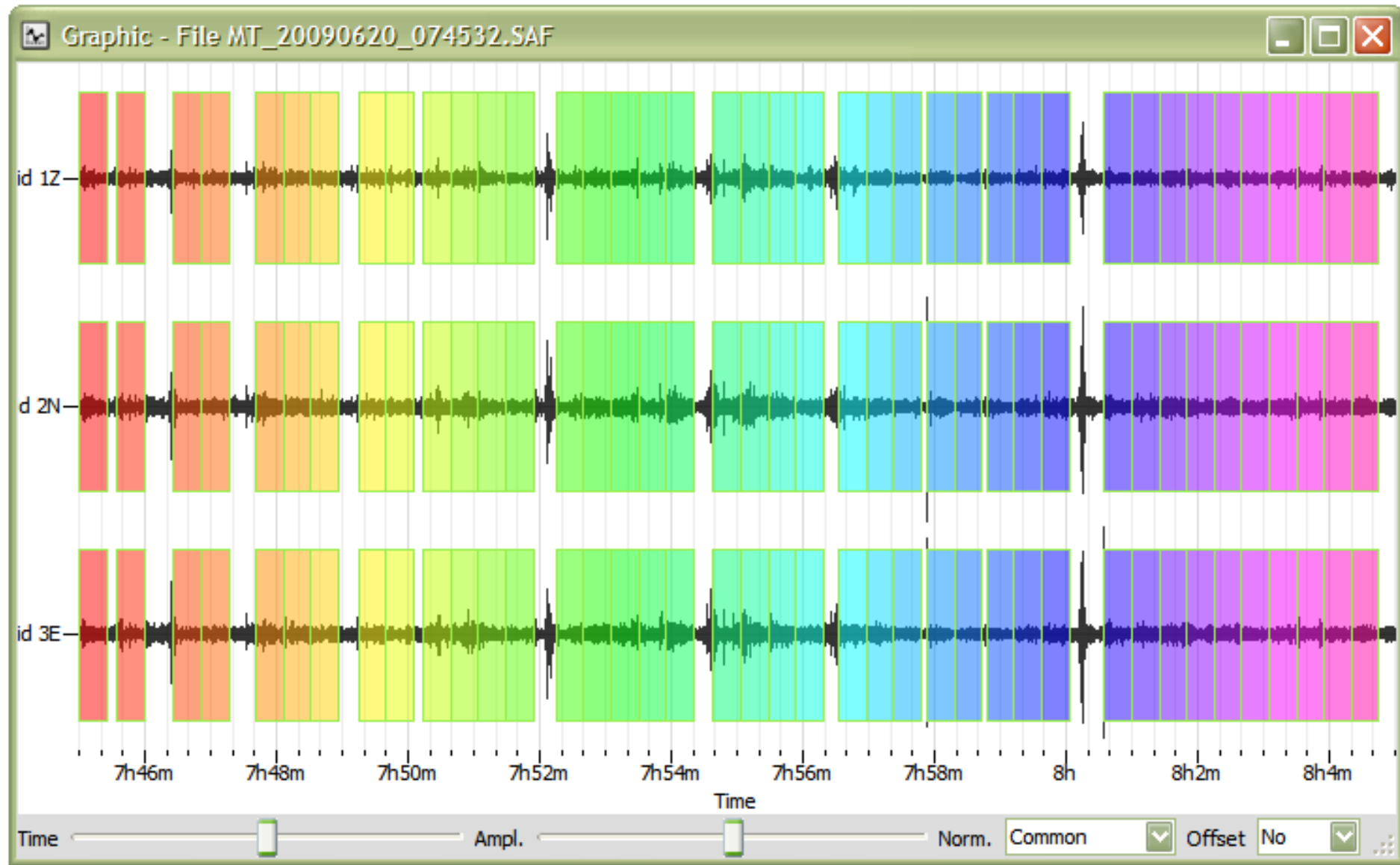


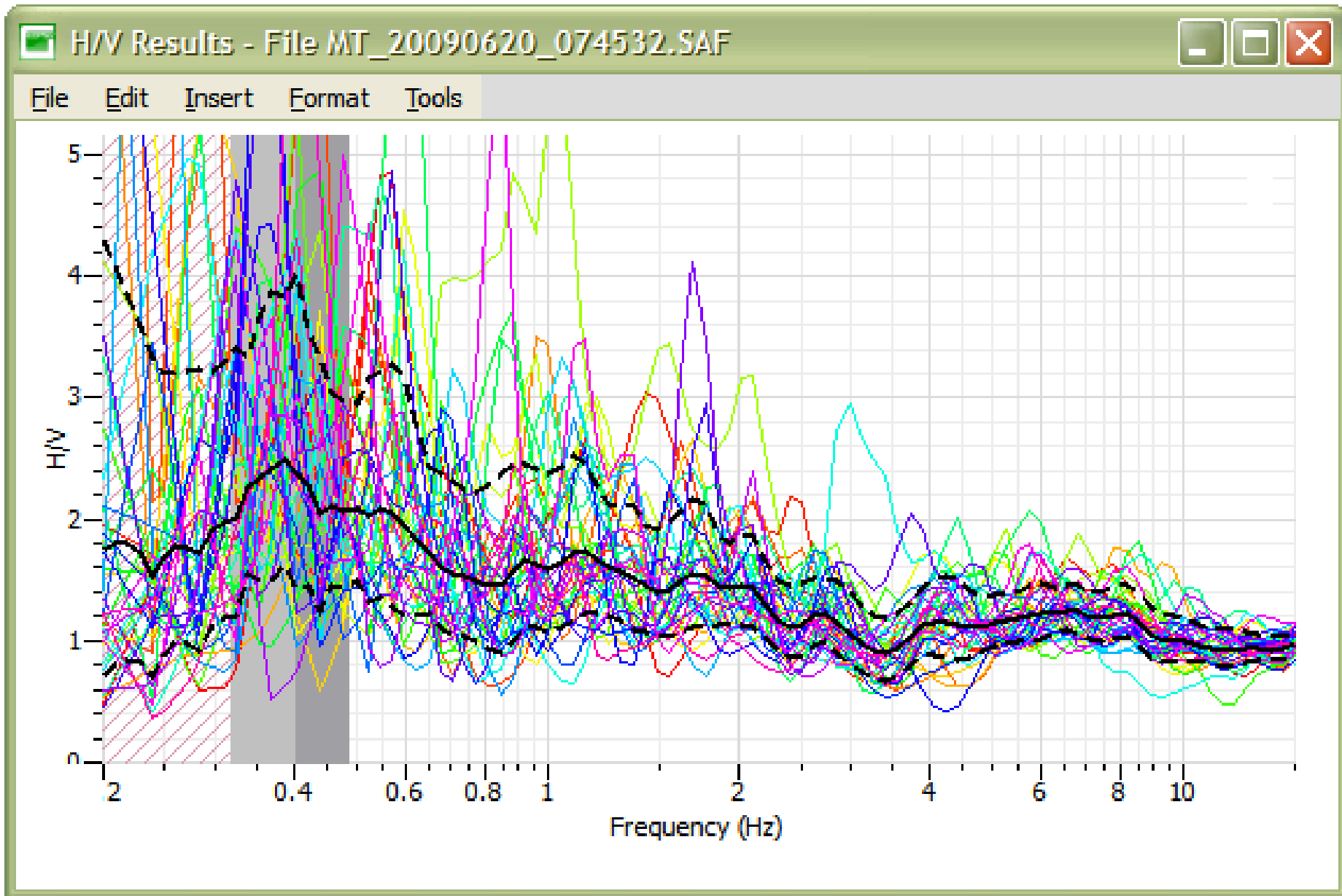
Comparison of H/V curves obtained with and without a polystyrene plate under the sensor at the same site, a strong effect of polystyrene is evident.

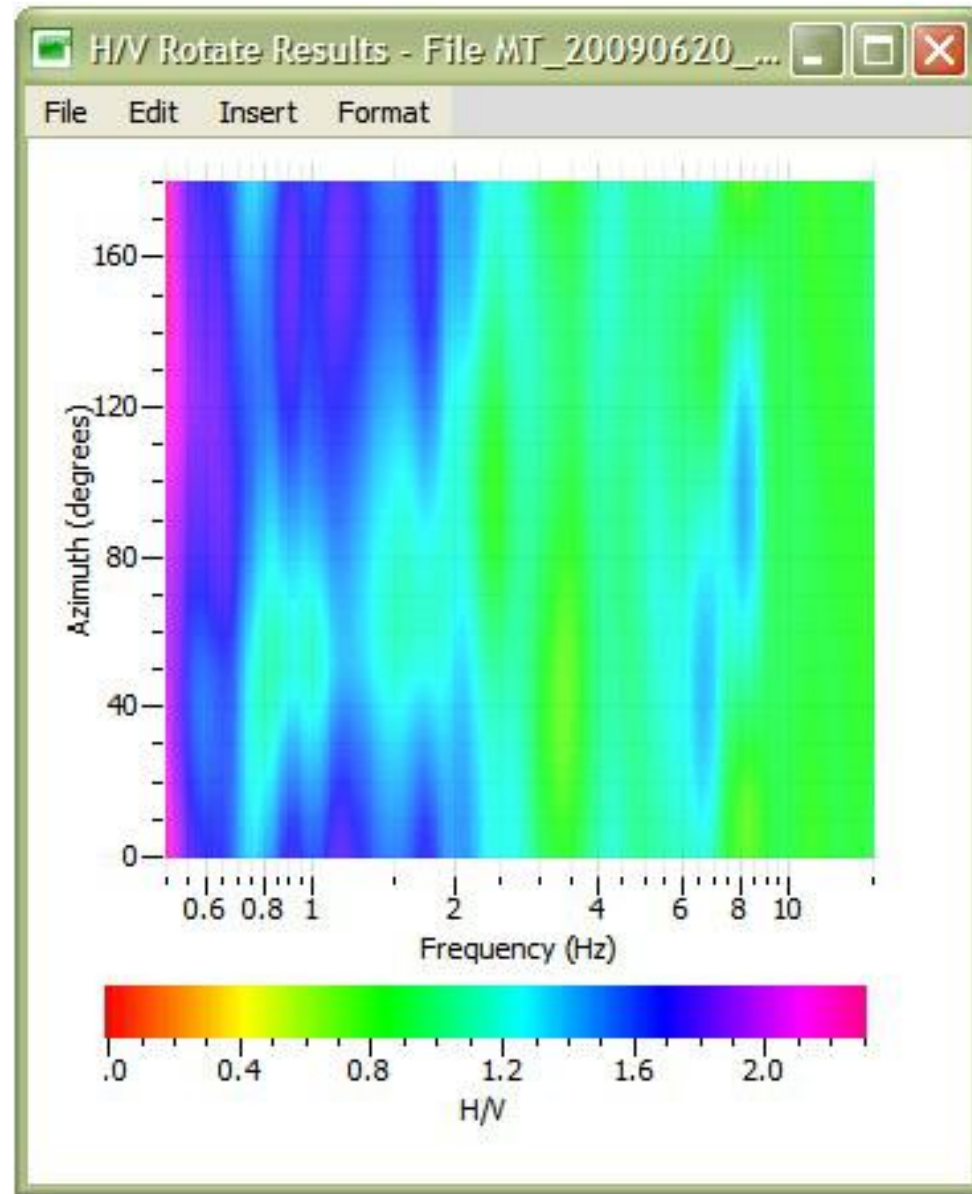
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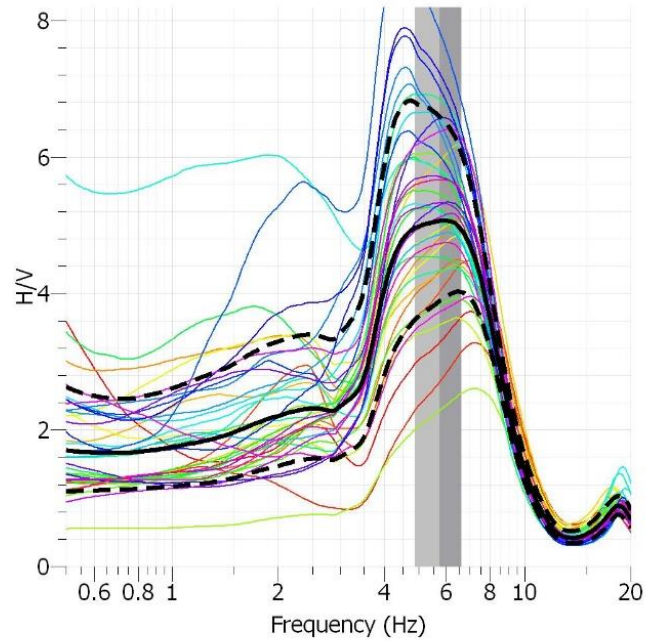
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$L_w$ =Lunghezza finestra.  
 $n_w$ =Numero di finestre selezionate per la media della curva H/V.  
 $n_c=L_w*n_w*f_0$ =Numero di cicli significativi.  
 $f$ =Frequenza corrente.  
 $f_0$ =Picco di frequenza H/V.  
 $\sigma_f$ =Deviazione standard del picco di frequenza H/V ( $f_0 \pm \sigma_f$ ).  
 $\sigma(f_0)$ =Valore di soglia per la condizione di stabilità  $\sigma_f < \sigma(f_0)$ .  
 $A_0$ =Ampiezza del picco H/V alla frequenza  $f_0$ .  
 $A_{H/V}(f)$ =Ampiezza della curva H/V alla frequenza  $f$ .  
 $f^-$ =Frequenza tra  $f_0/4$  e  $f_0$  per cui  $A_{H/V}(f^-) < A_0/2$ .  
 $f^+$ =Frequenza tra  $f_0$  e  $4f_0$  per cui  $A_{H/V}(f^+) < A_0/2$ .  
 $\sigma_A(f_0)$ =Deviazione standard di  $A_{H/V}(f)$ ,  $\sigma_A(f)$  è il valore per il quale la  $A_{H/V}(f)$  va moltiplicata o divisa.  
 $\sigma_{\text{Log H/V}(f)}$ =Dev. Standard della curva  $\text{Log } A_{H/V}(f)$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{Log H/V}(f)}$  è il valore assoluto da sottrarre o aggiungere alla curva media  $\text{Log } A_{H/V}(f)$ .  
 $\theta(f_0)$ =Valore di soglia per la condizione di stabilità  $\sigma_f < \theta(f_0)$ .

Criteri per una H/V affidabile  
(devono essere rispettati tutti e tre i parametri)

$$f_0 > 10/L_w$$

$$n_c(f_0) > 200$$

$$\sigma_A < 2 \text{ per } 0.5f_0 < f < 2f_0 \text{ se } f_0 > 0.5 \text{ Hz}$$

oppure

$$\sigma_A < 3 \text{ per } 0.5f_0 < f < 2f_0 \text{ se } f_0 < 0.5 \text{ Hz}$$

Criteri per un picco H/V chiaro  
(almeno 5 su 6 devono essere rispettati)

$$\text{Esiste } f^- \text{ in } [f_0/4, f_0] \mid A_{H/V}(f^-) < A_0/2$$

$$\text{Esiste } f^+ \text{ in } [f_0, 4f_0] \mid A_{H/V}(f^+) < A_0/2$$

$$A_0 > 2$$

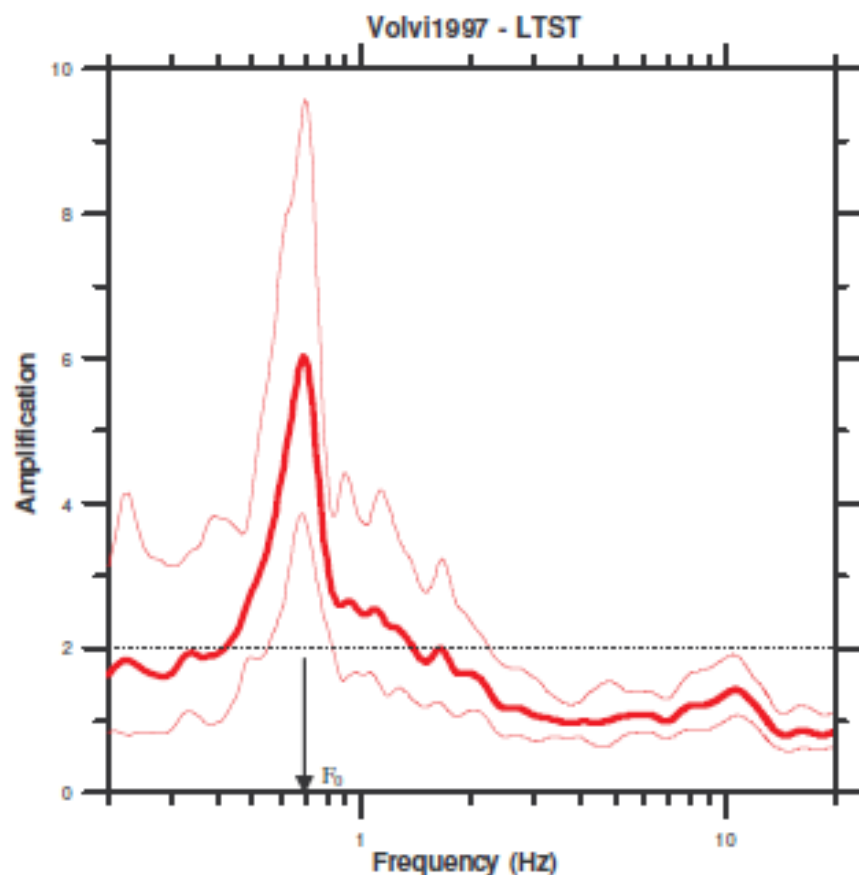
$$f_{\text{picco}} [A_{H/V}(f) \pm \sigma_A(f)] = f_0 \pm 5\%$$

$$\sigma_f < \sigma(f_0)$$

$$\sigma_A(f_0) < \theta(f_0)$$

Valori di soglia per le condizioni di stabilità

Range di frequenza [Hz]	<0,2	0,2-0,5	0,5-1,0	1,0-2,0	>2,0
$\sigma(f_0)$ [Hz]	0,25 $f_0$	0,20 $f_0$	0,15 $f_0$	0,10 $f_0$	0,05 $f_0$
$\theta(f_0)$ per $\sigma_A(f_0)$	3	2,5	2	1,78	1,58
$\text{Log } \theta(f_0)$ per $\sigma_{\text{Log H/V}(f_0)}$	0,48	0,4	0,3	0,25	0,2



**Basin geometry:** Elongated alluvial valley, width~5km, length~40km, Depth~200m

#### Site Information

LTST site depth to bedrock: 196m

Type of bedrock: Gneiss

Average shear wave velocity of deposits: 570m/s

#### Comments

Criteria for a reliable H/V curve are fulfilled, that is:

$$f_0 > 10 / l_w$$

$$n_c(f_0) > 200$$

$$\sigma_A(f) < \log_{10}(2)$$

Criteria for an ideal H/V peak are also fulfilled:

$$A_0(=6) > 2$$

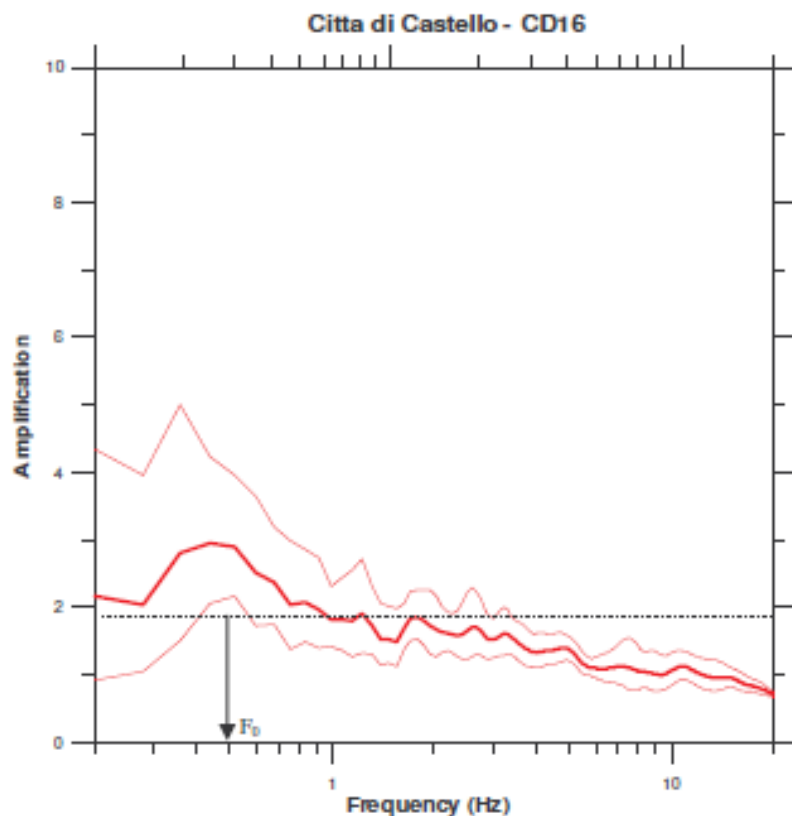
$$\exists f \in [f_0/4, f_0] \mid A_{HV}(f) < A_0/2$$

$$\exists f^* \in [f_0, 4f_0] \mid A_{HV}(f^*) < A_0/2$$

$$\sigma_f(=14\%) < \varepsilon(f_0)(=15\%)$$

$$\sigma_A(f_0)(=1.6) < \theta(f_0)(=2)$$

Interpretation : All criteria are fulfilled, the fundamental frequency of the site may be reliably estimated at 0.7 Hz.



**Basin geometry:** Elliptical alluvium valley, width~10km, length~25km, depth~0.1km

#### Site Information

CD16 site is situated on soft alluvium sediments and silty clay.  
Type of bedrock: Sandstone (Middle Miocene).

#### Comments

Criteria for a reliable H/V curve are fulfilled, that is:

$$f_0 > 10 / l_w$$

$$n_c(f_0) > 200$$

$$\sigma_A(f) < \log_{10}(2)$$

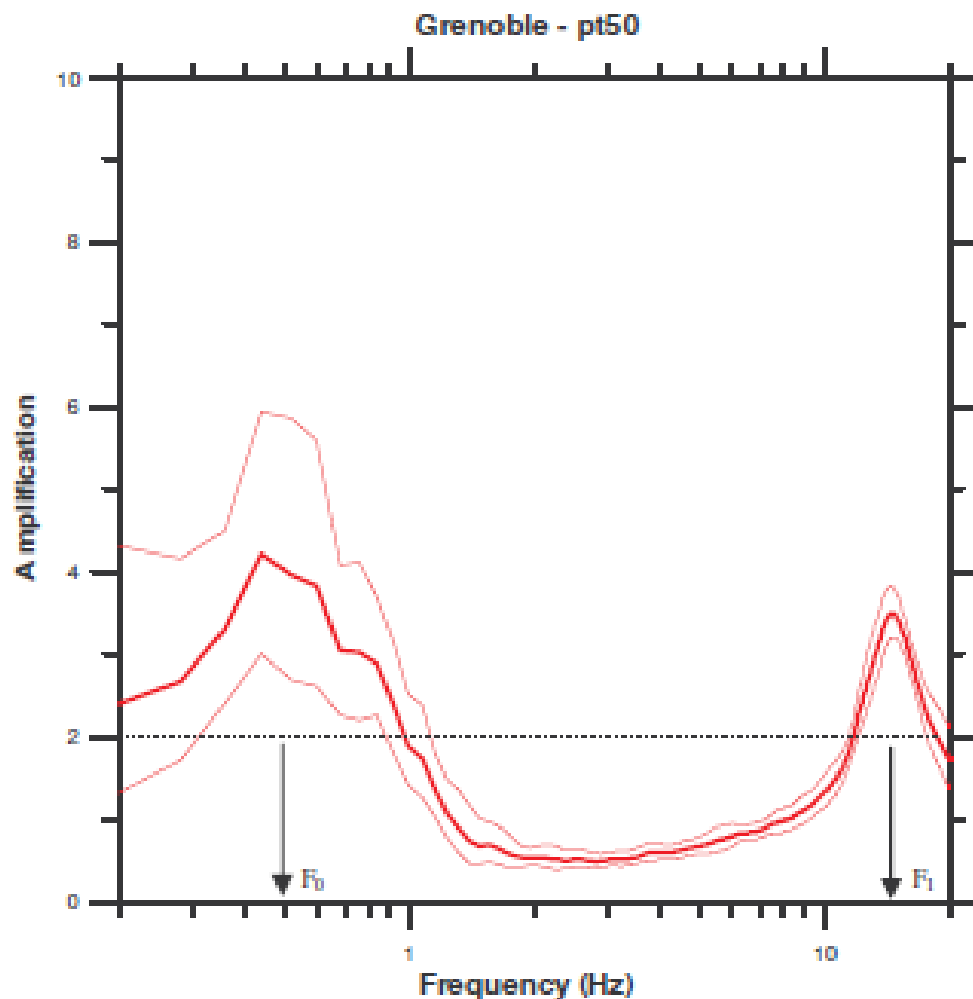
In addition:

Although  $A_0(=2.9) > 2$ , the peak cannot be qualified "clear" since the amplitude is not decreasing rapidly on each side.

None  $f_1 \in [f_0/4, f_0] \mid A_{HV}(f_1) < A_0/2$

None  $f_2 \in [f_0, 4f_0] \mid A_{HV}(f_2) < A_0/2$

Interpretation : further tests should be performed as listed in section II-3.3.2-b



**Basin geometry:** Y-shaped sedimentary valley, Depth~800m

#### Site Information

PT50 site is situated on late quaternary post-glacial deposits.  
Type of bedrock: Jurassic marls and marly limestone.

#### Comments

Criteria for a reliable H/V curve are fulfilled, that is:

$$f_0 > 10 / l_w$$

$$n_c(f_0) > 200$$

$$\sigma_A(f) < \log_{10}(2)$$

Interpretation :

For the low frequency peak,  $A_0(=4.0) > 2$  and  $\exists f_2 \in [f_0, 4f_0] \mid A_{HV}(f_2) < A_0/2$

Although, strictly speaking, one cannot find  $f_1 \in [f_0/4, f_0] \mid A_{HV}(f_1) < A_0/2$ , the general trend of the curve, together with the known geology of the site, allow the meaning of the low frequency peak to be assigned with confidence; another processing with more narrow band smoothing would satisfy the criteria

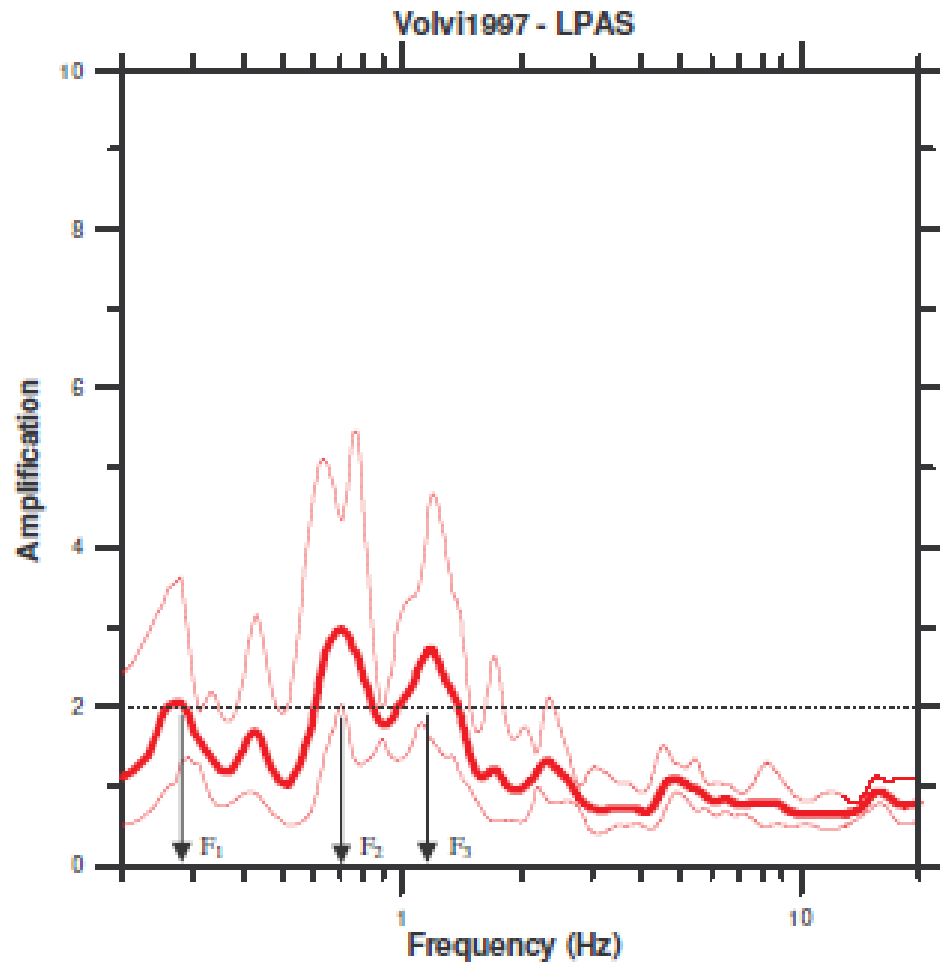
For the second peak, all the criteria are fulfilled:

$$A_1(=3.5) > 2$$

$$\exists f_1 \in [f_1/4, f_1] \mid A_{HV}(f_1) < A_1/2$$

$$\exists f_2 \in [f_1, 4f_1] \mid A_{HV}(f_2) < A_1/2$$

This second peak around 13 Hz is certainly associated with a very shallow structure.



**Basin geometry:** Elongated alluvial valley, width~5km, length~40km, Depth~200m

**Site Information**

LTST site depth to bedrock: ~180m

Type of bedrock: Gneiss

Average shear wave velocity of deposits: 570m/s

**Comments**

Criteria for a reliable H/V curve are fulfilled, that is:

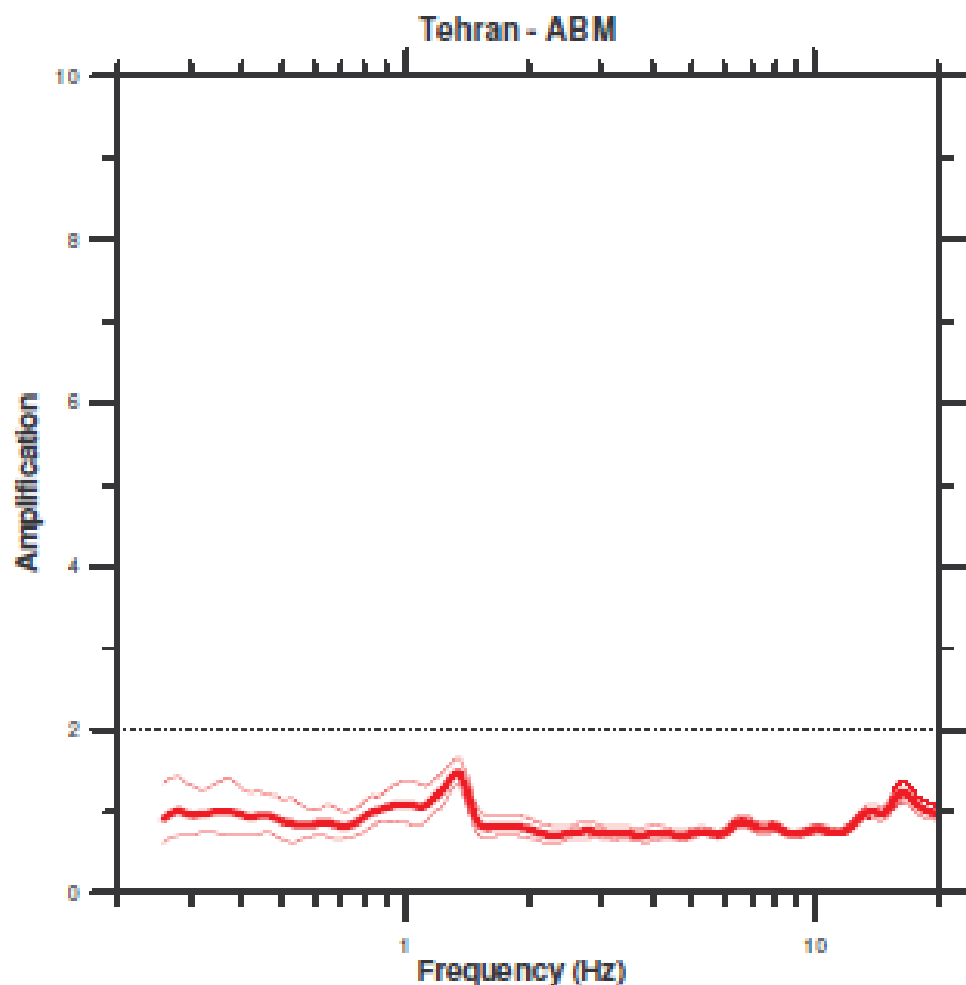
$$f_0 > 10 / l_w$$

$$n_c(f_0) > 200$$

$$\sigma_A(f) < \log_{10}(2)$$

Interpretation : All three peaks fulfil the criterion for amplitude,  $A_i > 2$ . However, only the peaks  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  fulfil all "clarity" criteria (3.3.1). The availability of other information (geology, deposit thickness, geophysics) in that area allows us to identify  $f_2$  as the fundamental frequency of the site. The location of this site close to a valley edge may explain the presence of these two peaks with rather low amplitude, while another nearby site (LTST, see above the "clear peak" example") exhibits a clear peak with larger amplitude: the latter is located in the central, part of the graben.





**Basin geometry:** Unknown

**Site Information**

ABM site is characterised by stiff soil (coarse grained alluvium) overlying bedrock at an unknown depth.

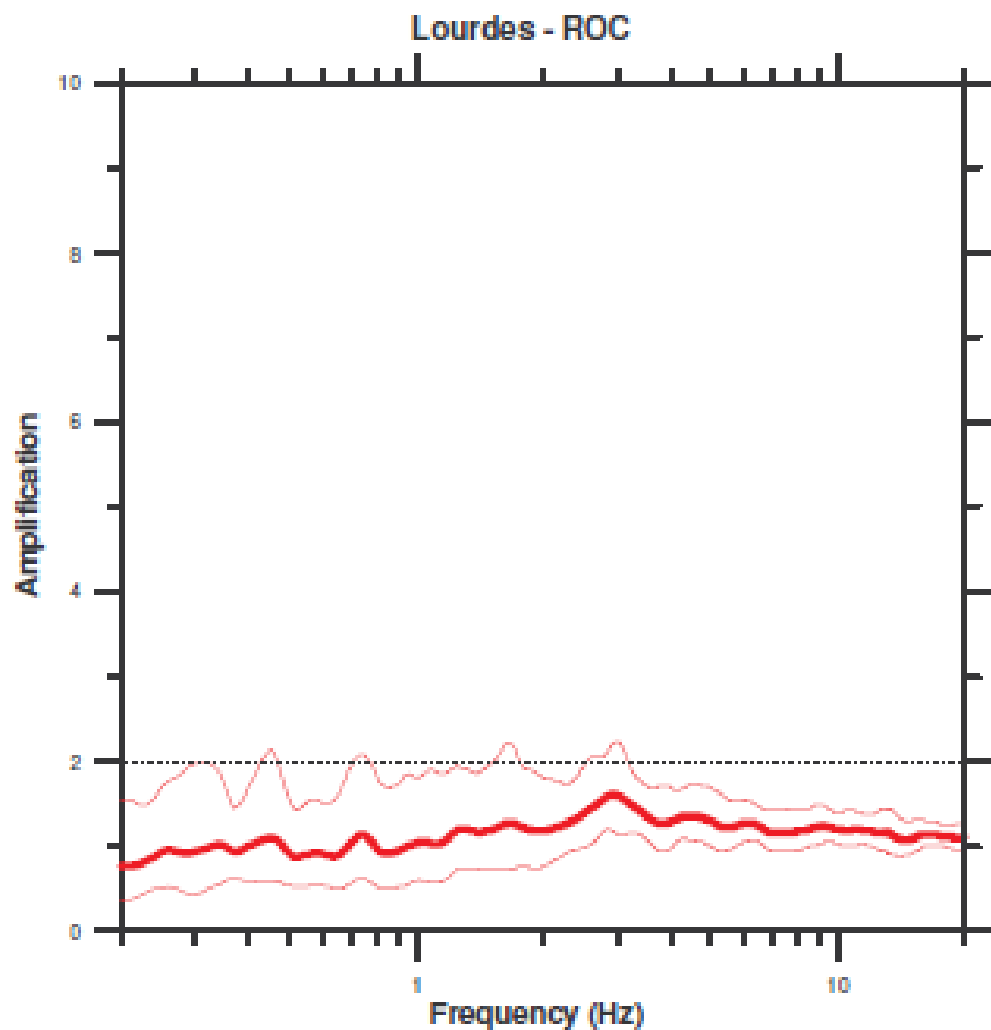
**Comments**

Criteria for a reliable H/V curve are fulfilled, that is:

- $f_0 > 10 / l_w$
- $n_c(f_0) > 200$
- $\sigma_A(f) < \log_{10}(2)$

Significant low frequency amplification ( $F < 1.0$  Hz) was found for the ABM sedimentary site using earthquake data, which does not appear in the H/V ratio. This site is one of the few examples of non-rock sites exhibiting a flat H/V curve though also exhibiting a significant low frequency amplification (less than 5% of the total number of sites studied, as can be seen on Figure 8, section 3.1)

Note: the peak around 1.3 Hz was shown to have an industrial origin.



**Basin geometry:** Confluence of two valleys

**Site Information**

ROC site is situated on rock outcrop at the confluence of two valleys (reference site). (Dubos et al., 2003; Dubos, 2003)

**Comments**

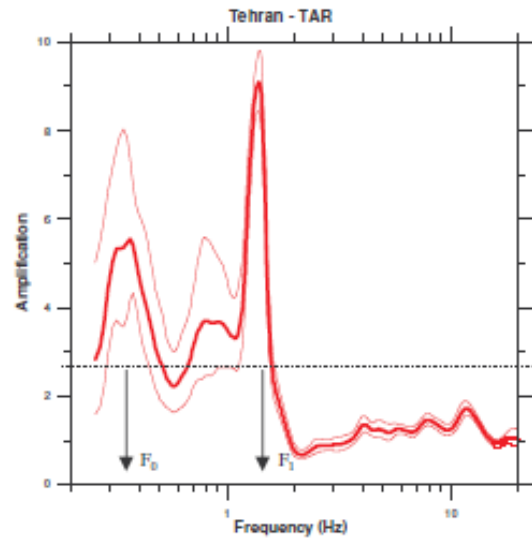
Criteria for a reliable H/V curve are fulfilled, that is:

$$f_0 > 10 / l_w$$

$$n_c(f_0) > 200$$

$$\sigma_A(f) < \log_{10}(2)$$

The H/V ratio is flat over the whole frequency range examined. As the available geological information unambiguously indicates that it is a hard rock site, this flat H/V curve may be interpreted as indicative of a good, non weathered reference site free of any amplification even at high frequencies.



### Site Information

TAR site is overlain with stiff soil (coarse grained alluvium).

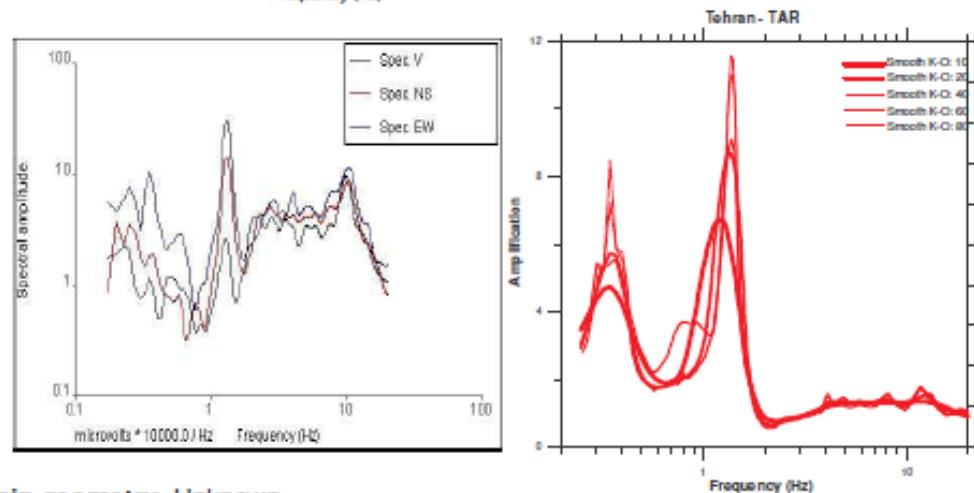
### Comments

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$$f_0 > 10 / l_w$$

$$n_c(f_0) > 200$$

$$\sigma_A(f) < \log_{10}(2)$$

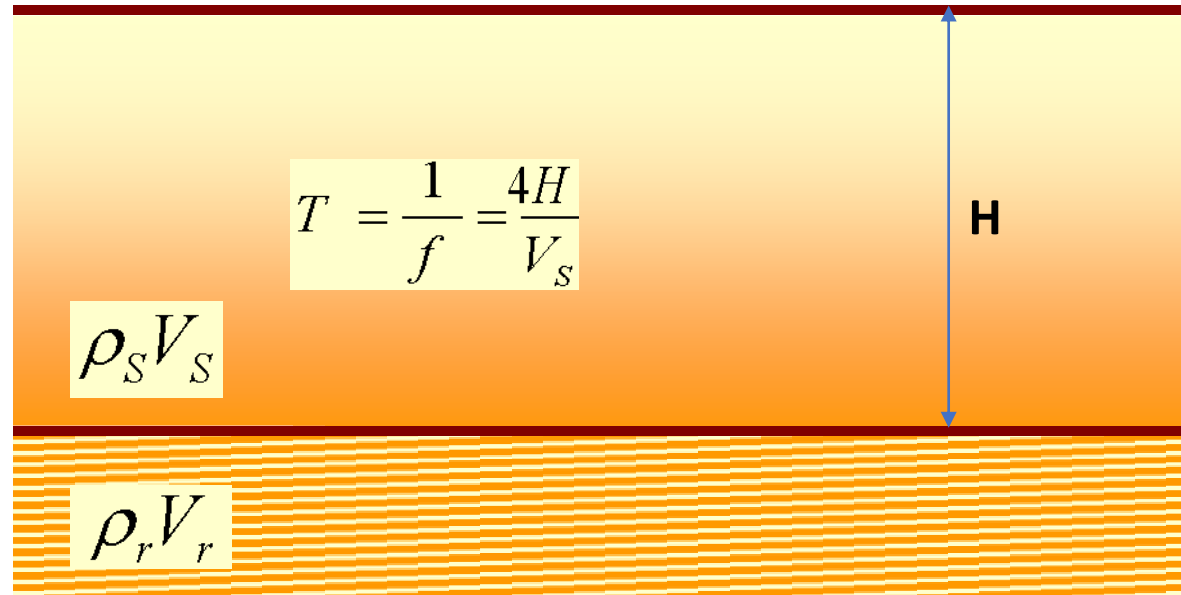


The  $F_1$  local narrow peak has an industrial origin. This (H/V) spectral ratio peak is due to manmade noise/machinery; the reprocessing with different smoothing parameters (bottom right) shows it becomes narrower and narrower, with a larger and larger amplitude when the b-value (Konno-Ohmachi smoothing approach) is increasing: this behaviour is typical of industrial origin. Another confirmation is obtained from the fact this narrow peak occurs at the same frequency in the Fourier spectra of all three components (Figure on bottom left).

Basin geometry: Unknown

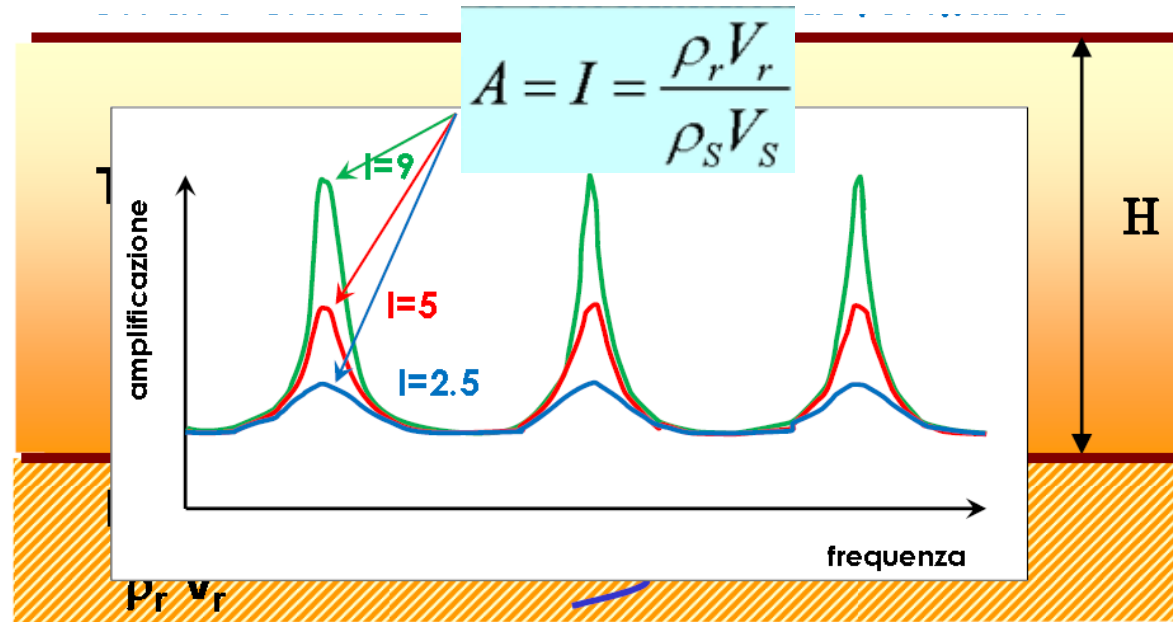
# 1D Amplification

Elastic layer on deformable basement



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$$I = \frac{\rho_r V_r}{\rho_s V_s}$$

Rock-to-soil  
impedance ratio

$$T_n = \frac{1}{f_n} = \frac{4H}{V_s(2n+1)}$$

natural periods

# 1D Amplification

The two control variables

$$I = \frac{\rho_r V_r}{\rho_s V_s}$$

$$T_0 = \frac{1}{f_0} = \frac{4H}{V_s}$$

Studies by Borchardt (1992, 1994, 2002) shown for sites:

- of comparable basement thickness  $H$
- of comparable velocity  $V_r$

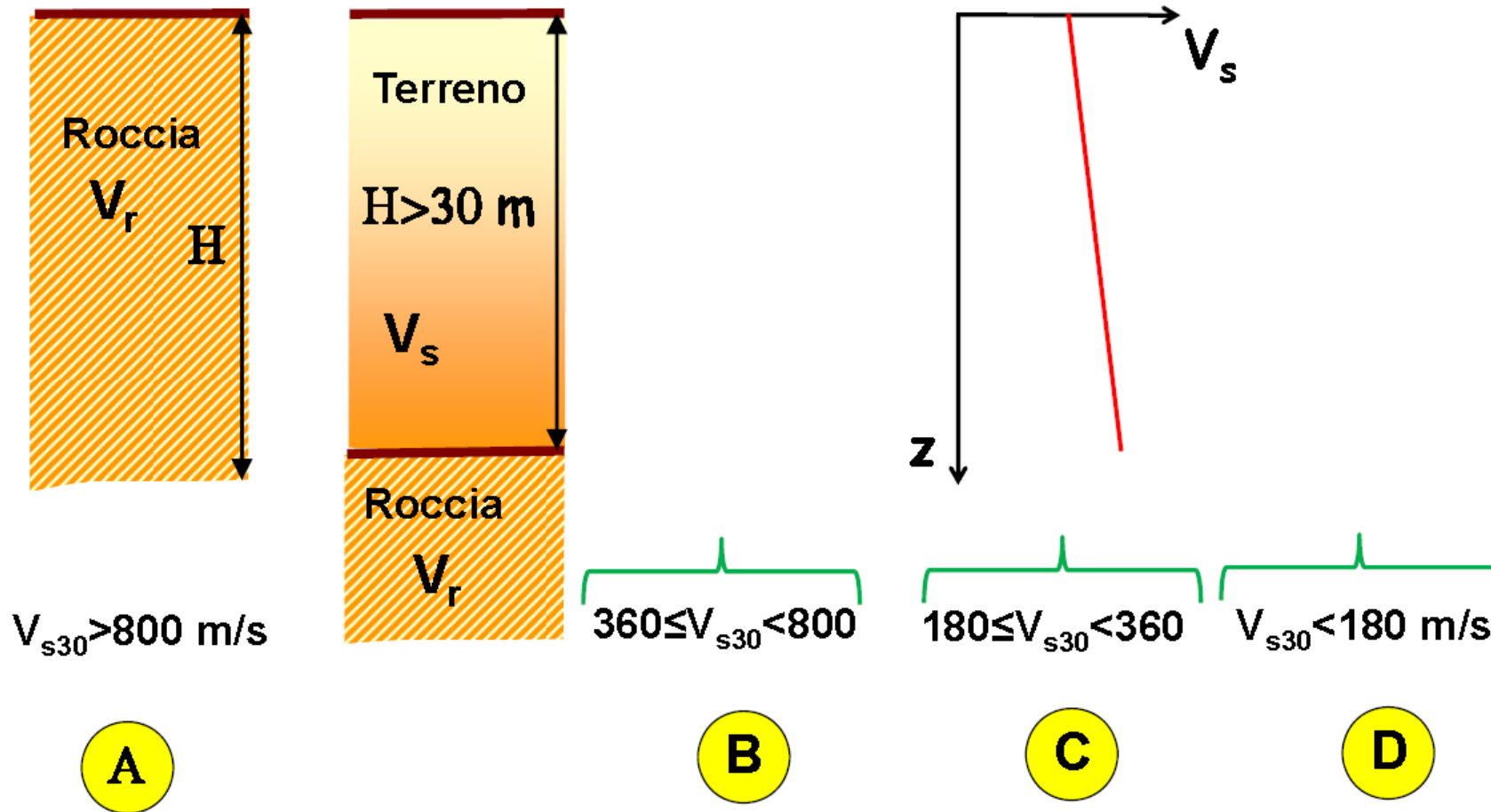
the average amplification increases as  $V_s$

**Under these conditions  $V_s$  can be an effective parameter for seismic characterization.**

$$V_{s30} = \frac{30}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h_i}{V_{si}}} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \Rightarrow \text{Diagram of layered soil profile with Strato } i \text{ and thickness } h_i$$

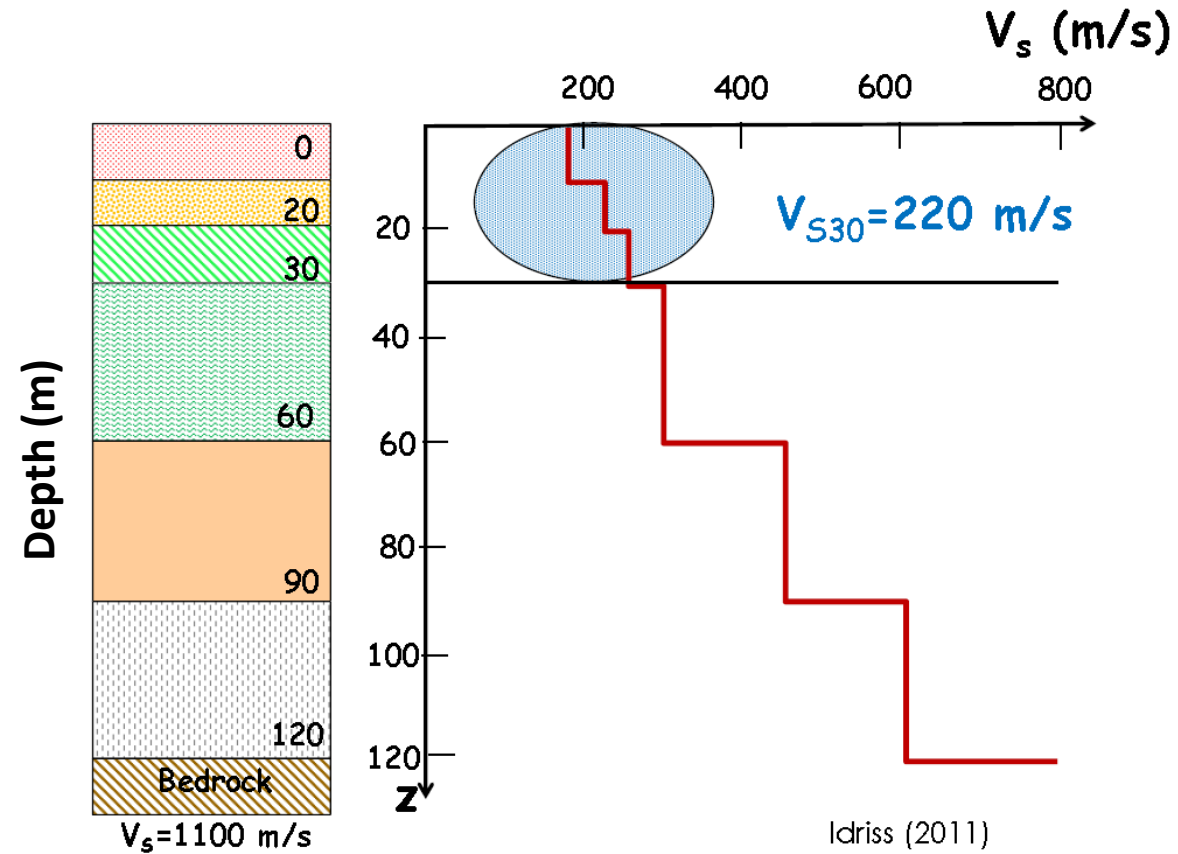
# Subsurface classes

For subsurface classes A to E,  $V_{s,30}$  is calculated:



# Limits of Vs30

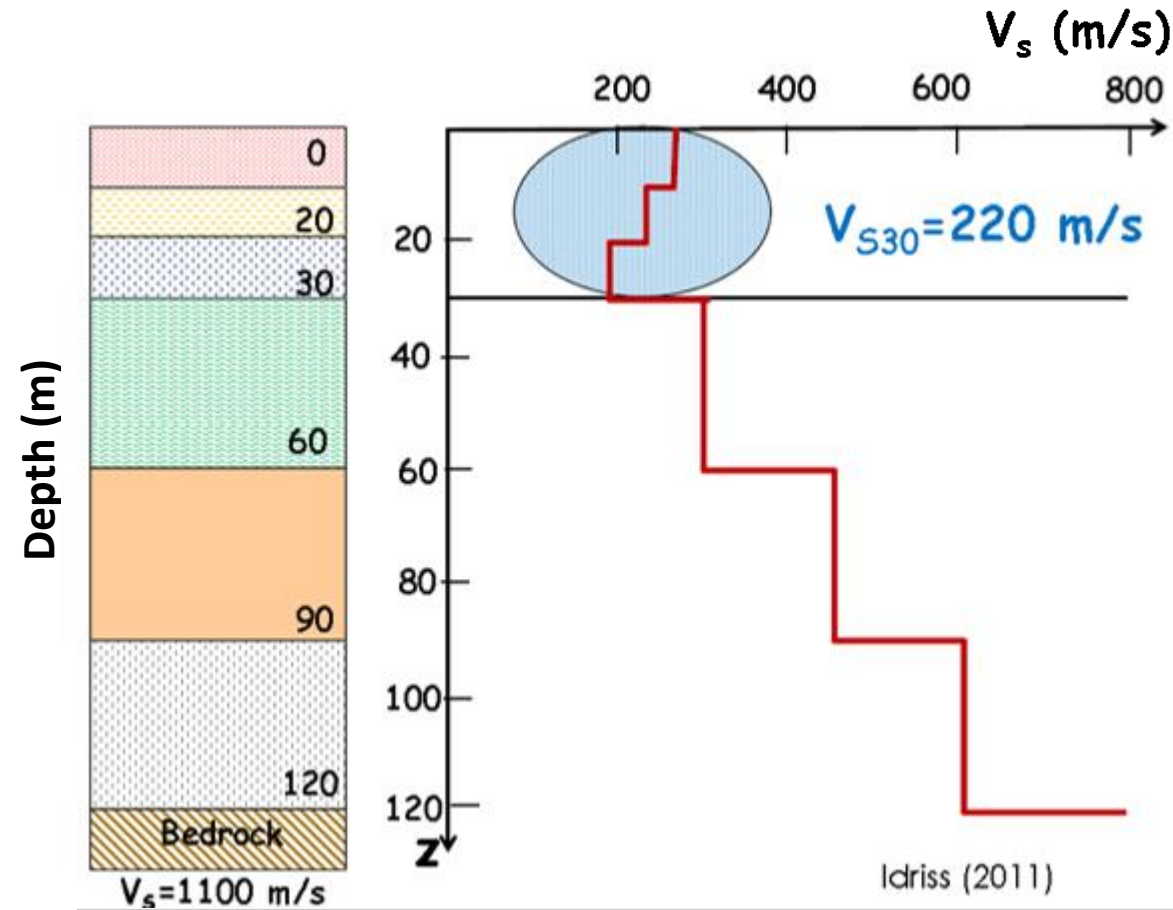
Sites with the same vs30 can have significantly different responses





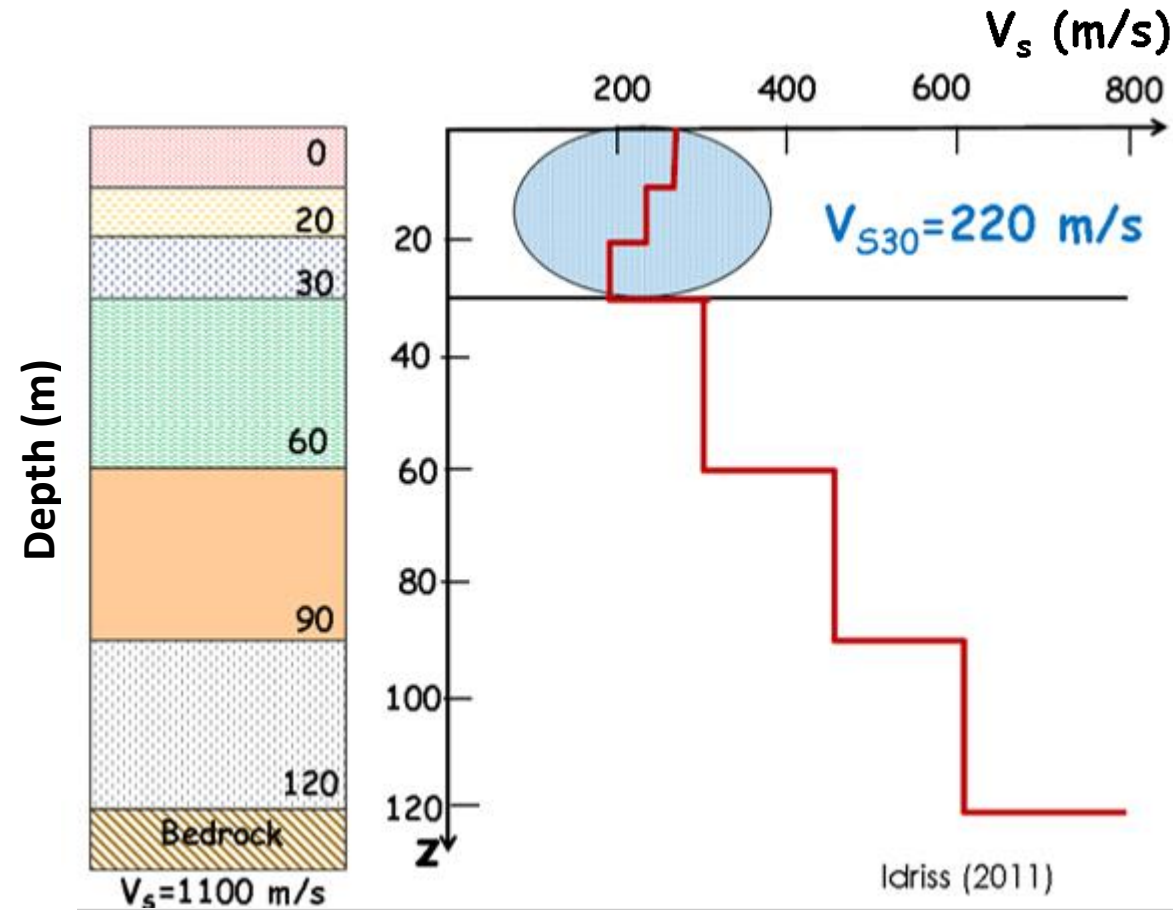
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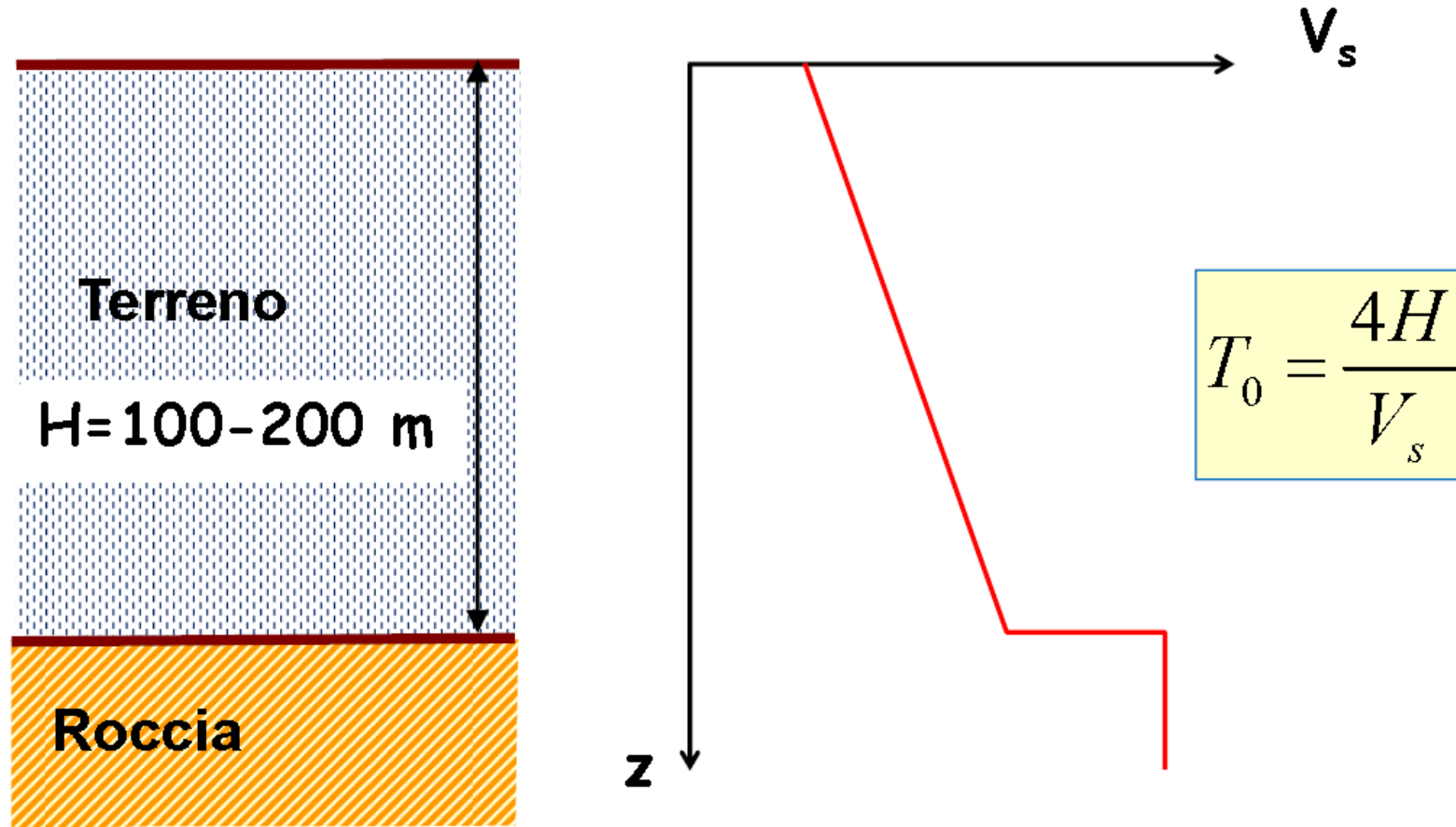
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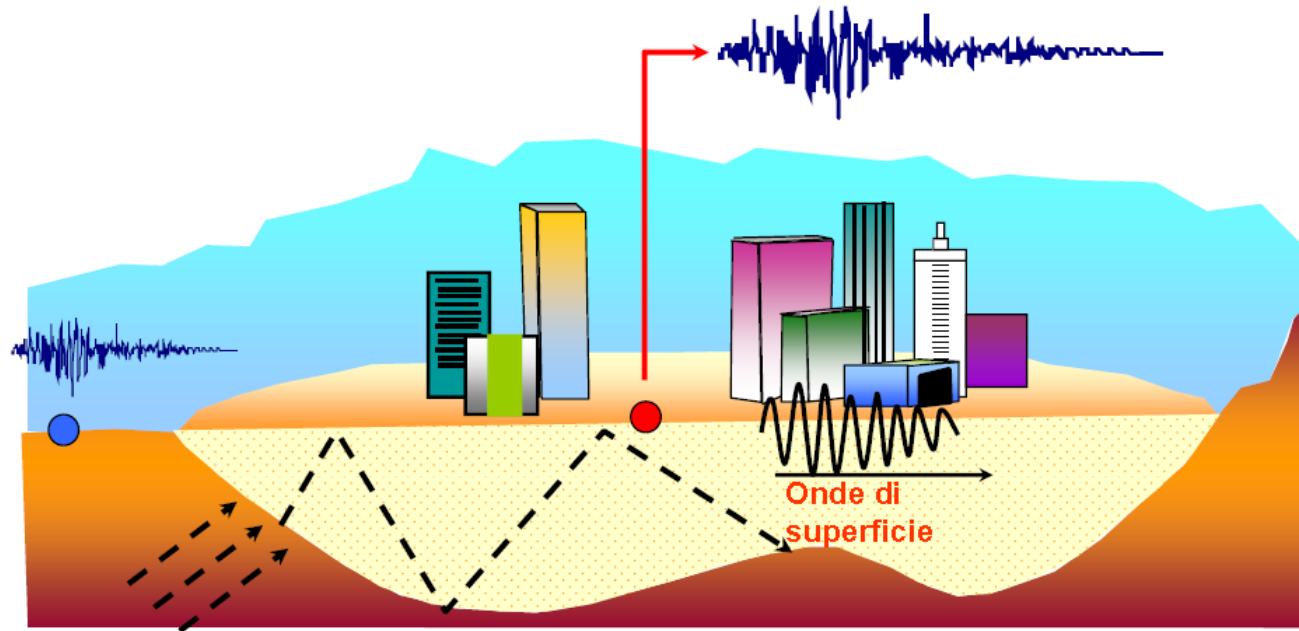
# Limits of Vs30

Deposits of soils of high thickness



# Limits of Vs30

## 2D Amplification



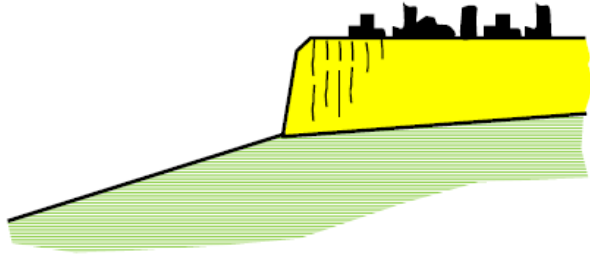
Compared with 1D conditions:

- increased amplification
- increase in duration
- broadband amplification
- spatial variation of motion

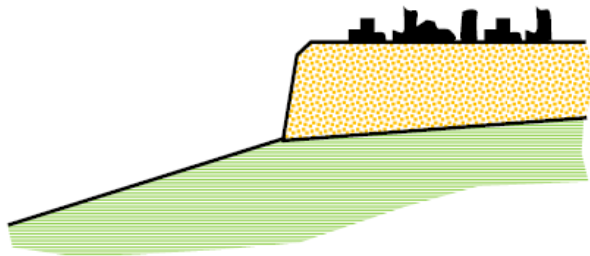
# Limits of Vs30

## Cliff-type configurations

### Rock pastrons on clay substrate



- Orvieto (TR) (lithoid tuff on marine clays)
- Agrigento (calcarenites on marine clays)
- Gerace (RC) (calcarenites on varicolored clays)

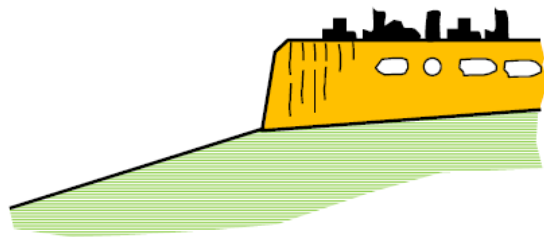
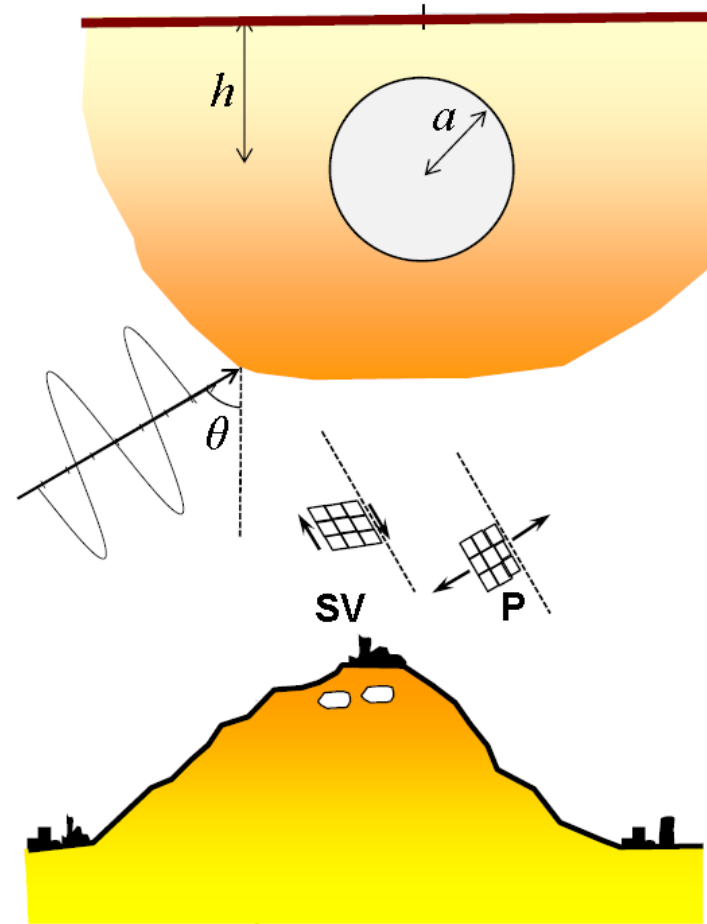
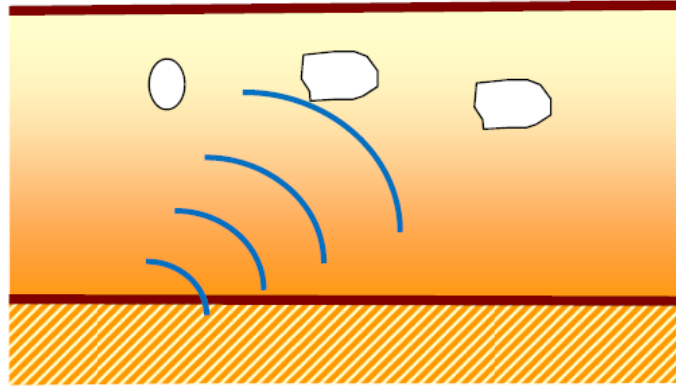


### Banks of sandy and gravelly soils on clay substrate

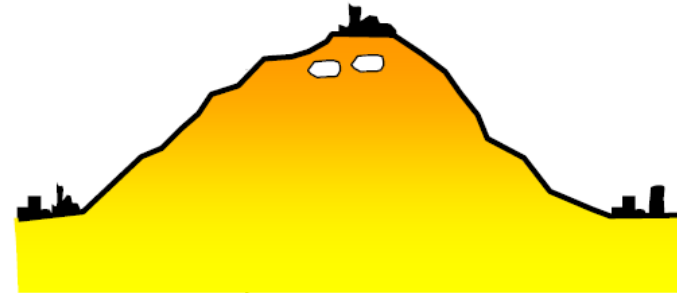
- Bisaccia (AV) (conglomerates on Pliocene flake clays).

# Limits of Vs30

## Presence of cavities



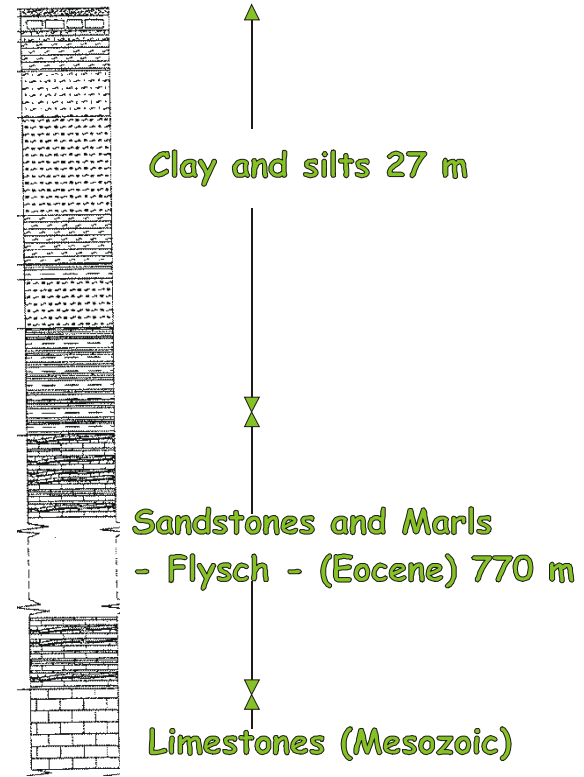
➤ Orvieto (TR)



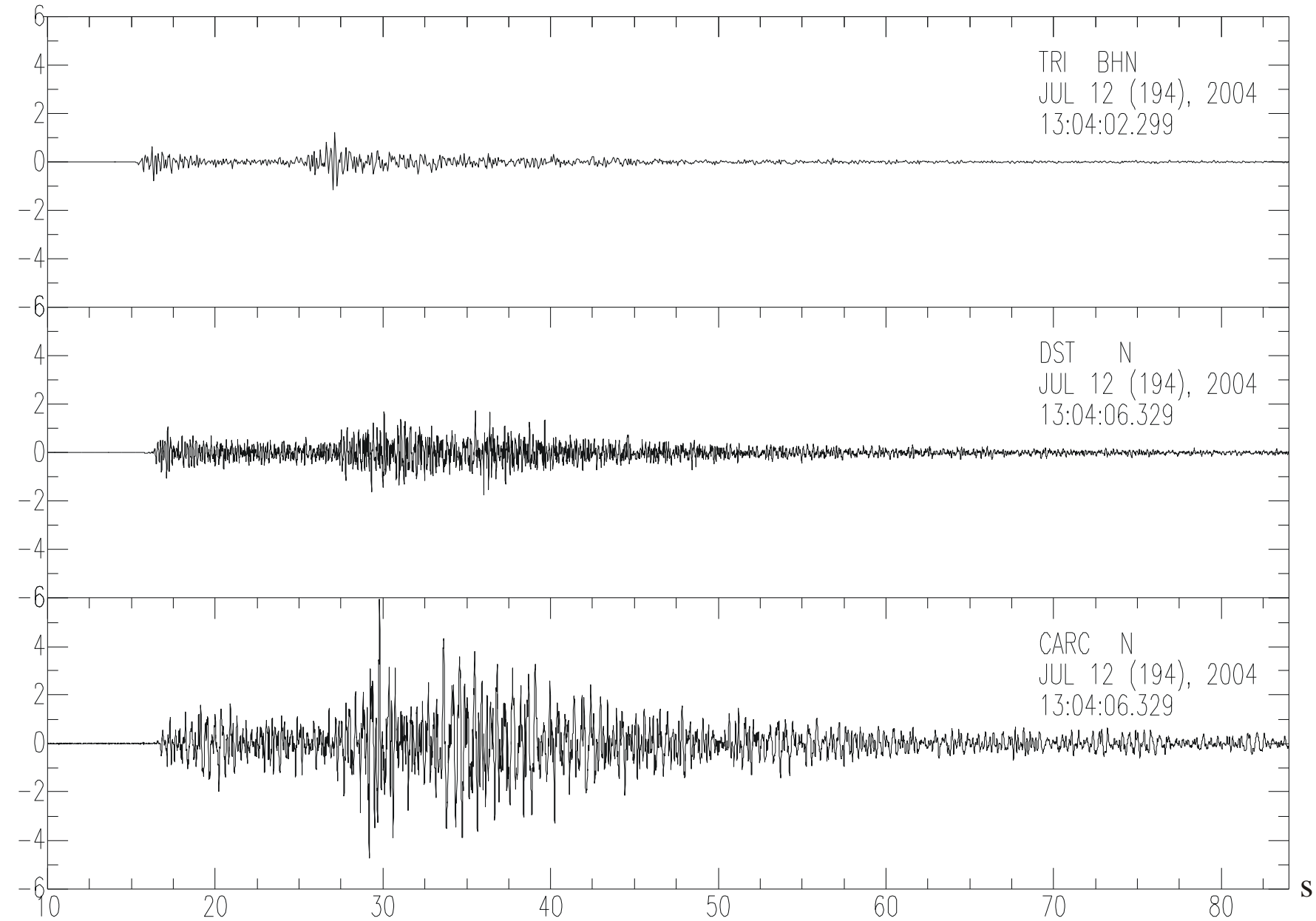
➤ Castelnuovo (AQ)

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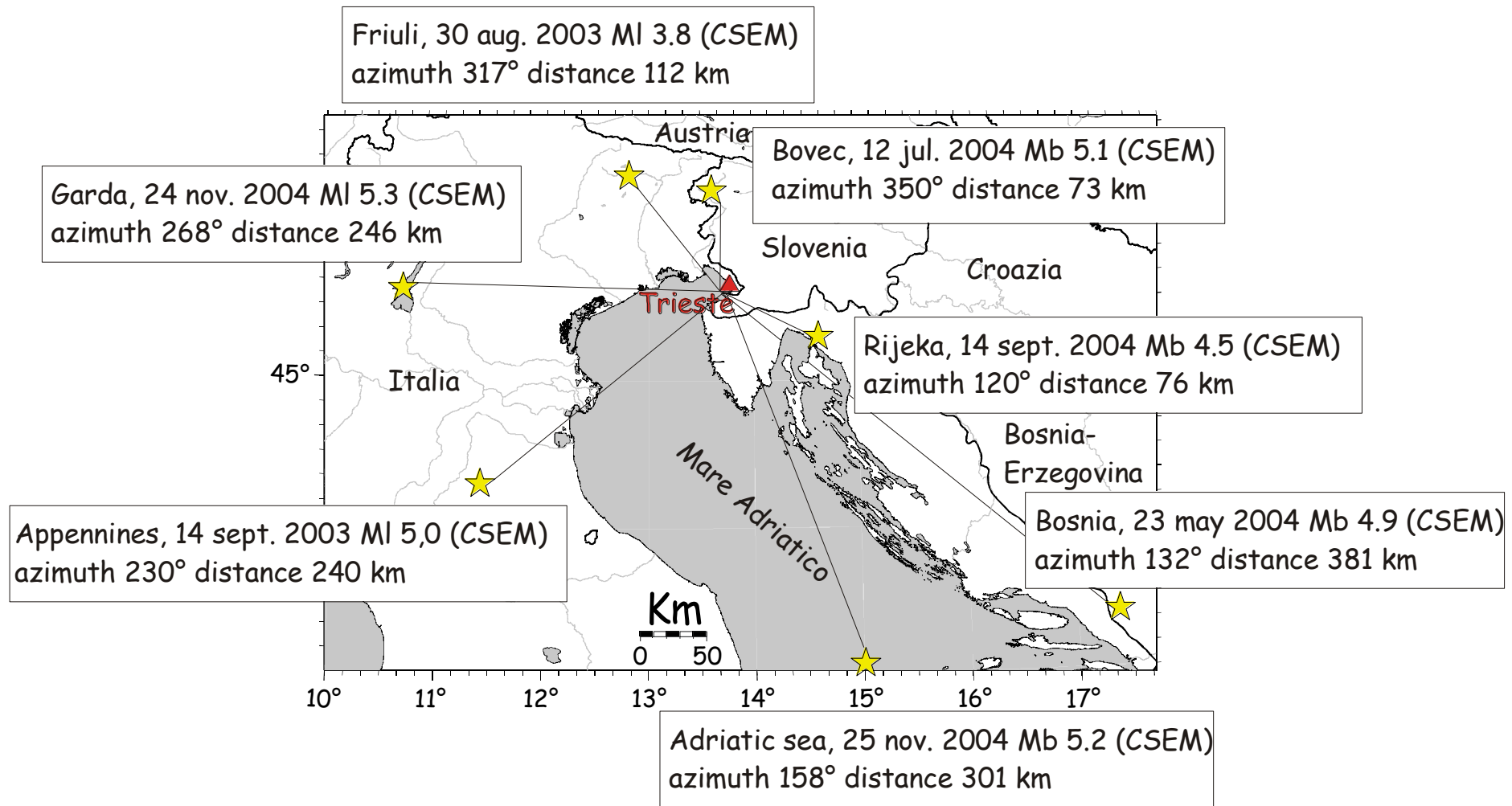
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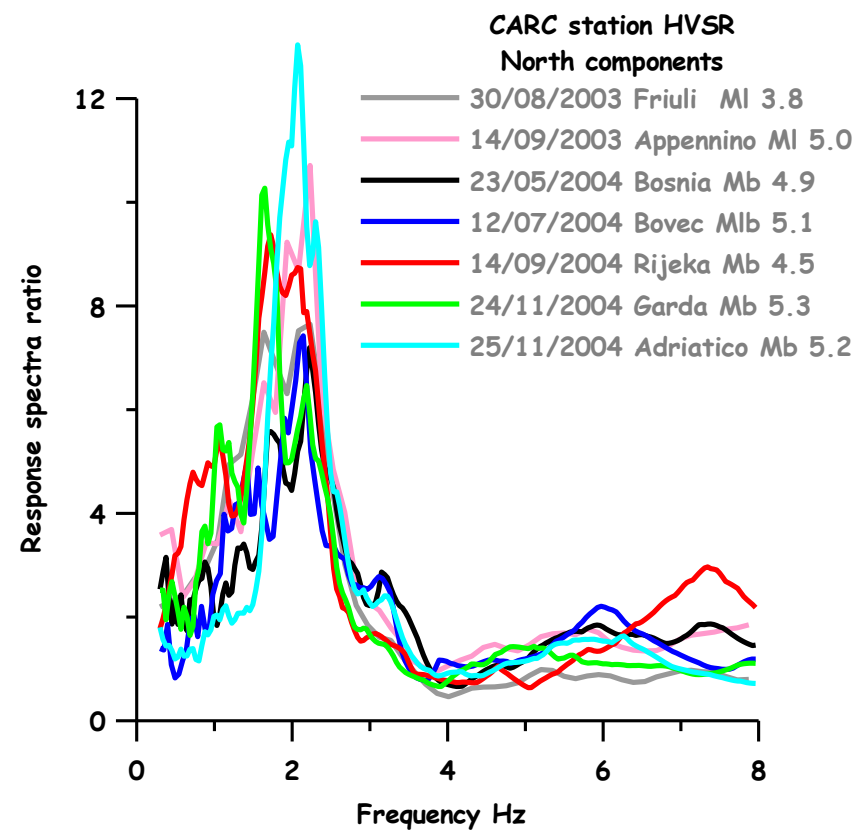
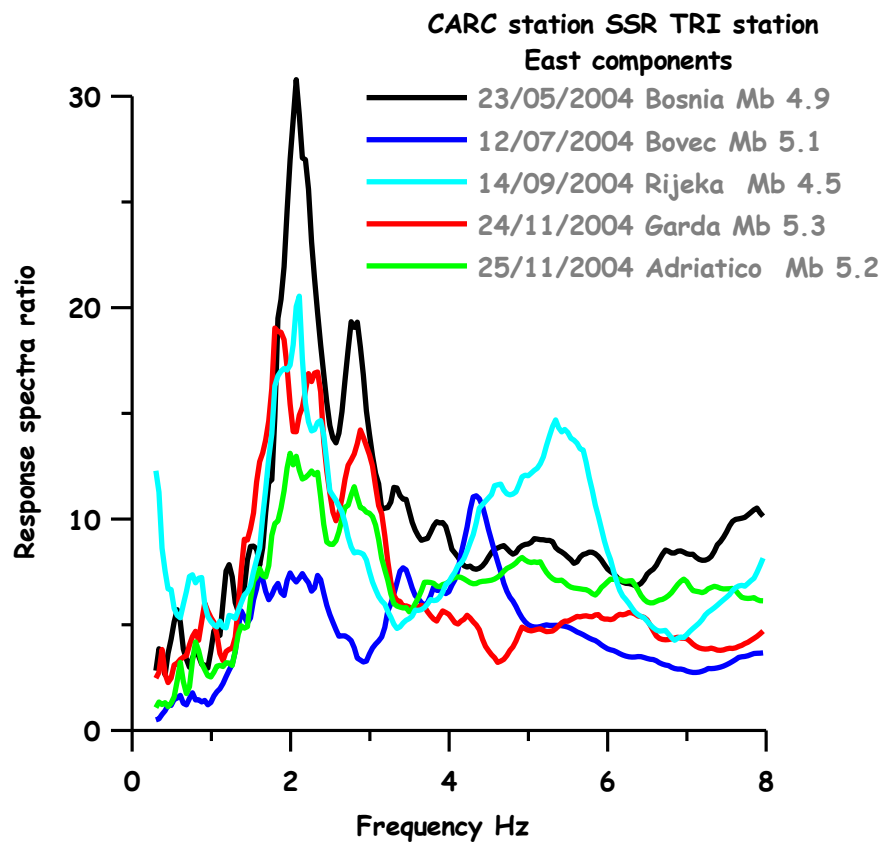


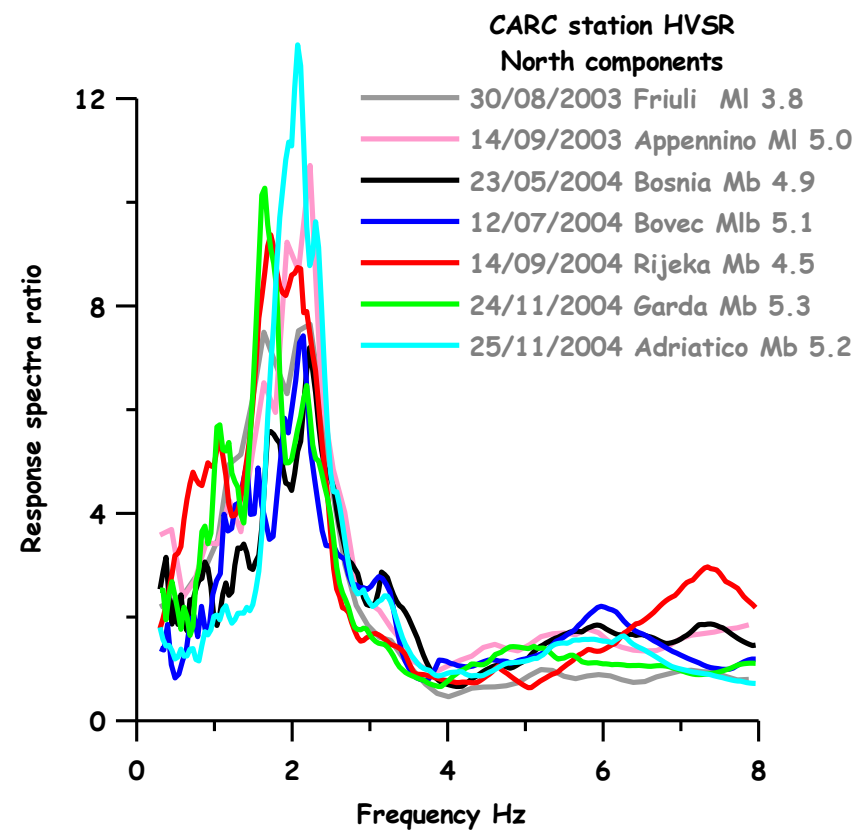
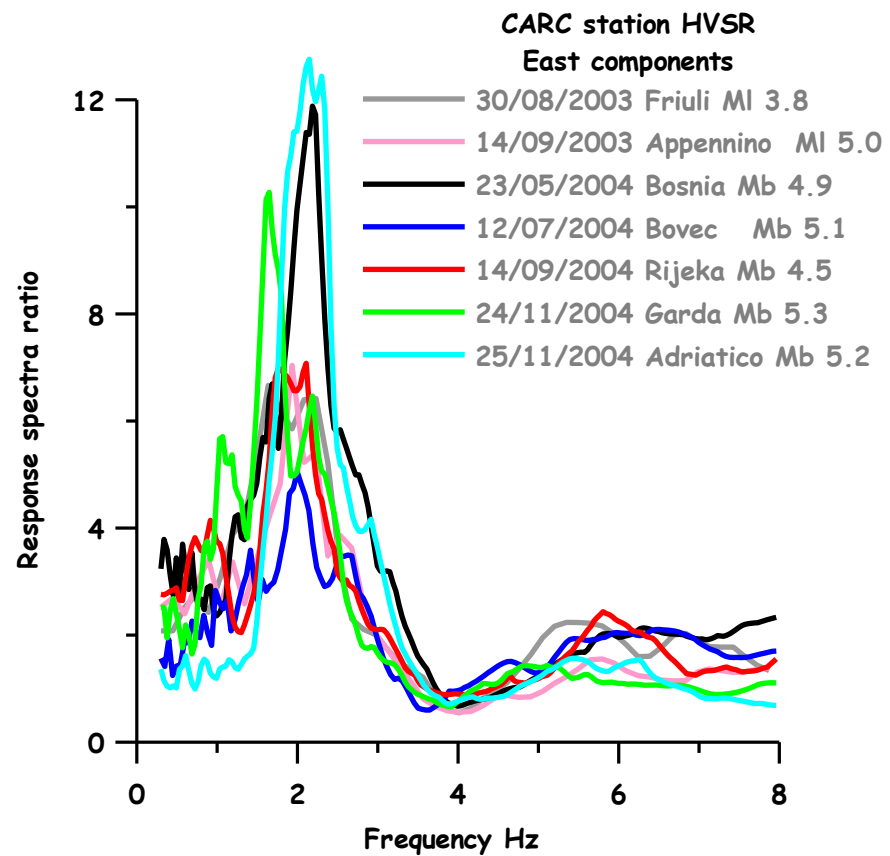
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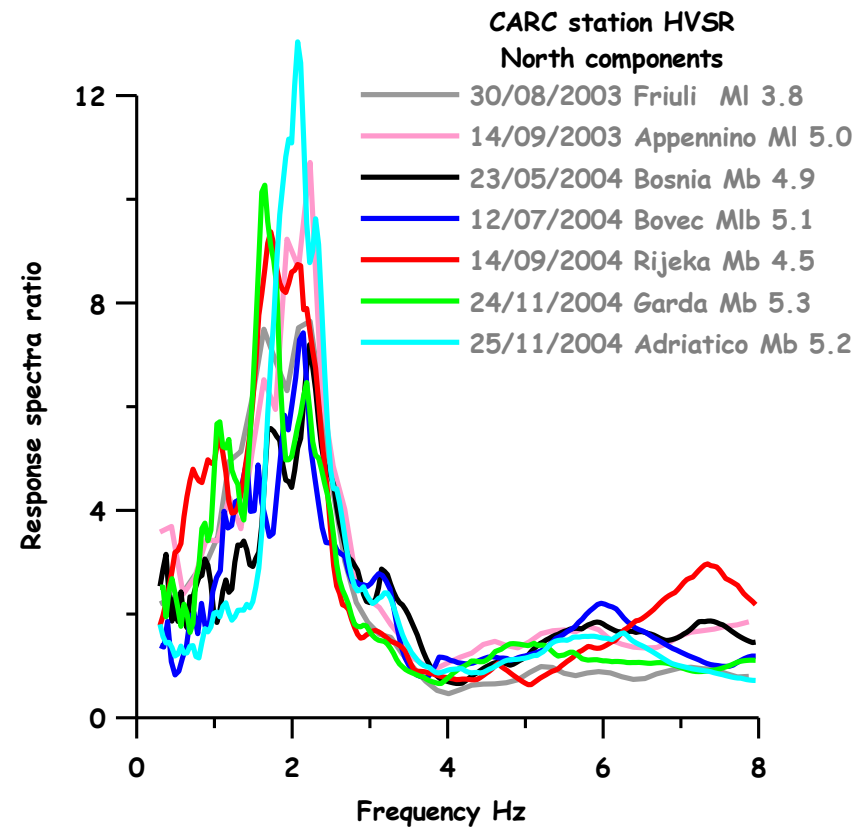
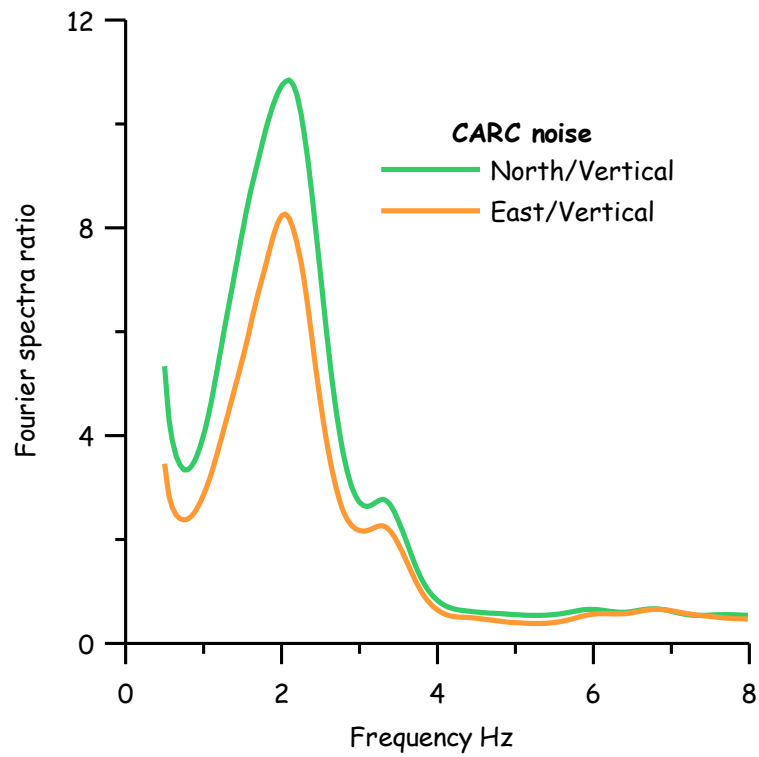


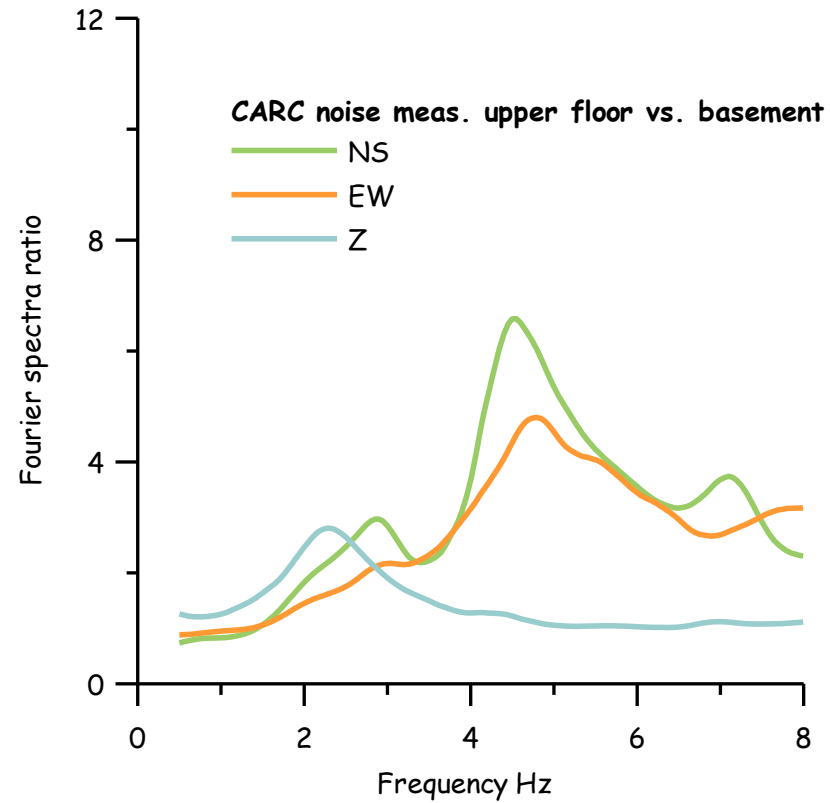
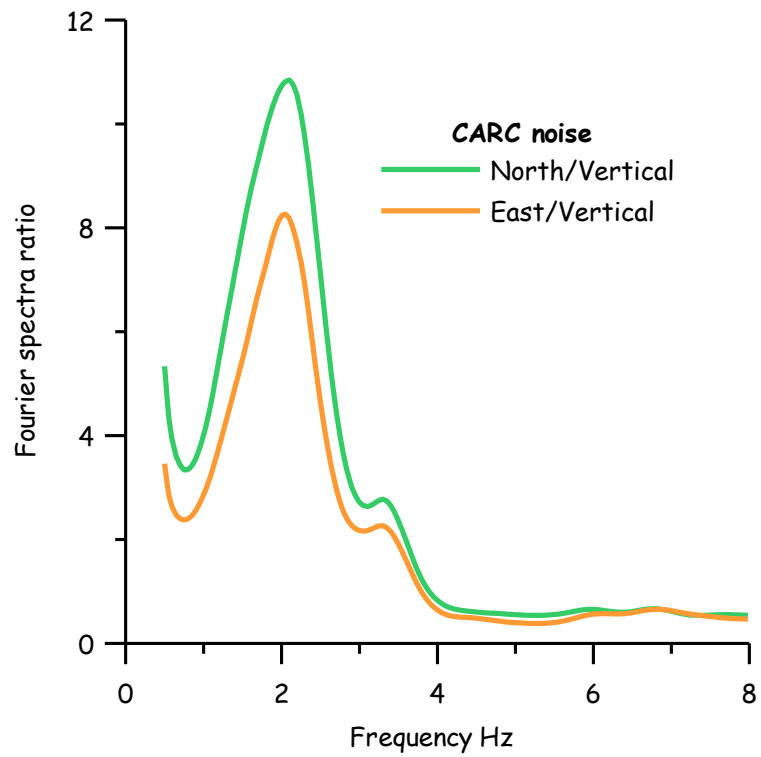












For 1D structures, with only one layer on a half-space, the fundamental frequency for the layer is given by:

$$f_0 = \frac{\beta_1}{4h}$$

$\beta_1$  S-wave velocity in the surface layer

$h$  Layer thickness Where  $n$  is the integer indicating the order of the harmonic.

The upper harmonics are given by:

$$f_n = (2n + 1)f_0$$

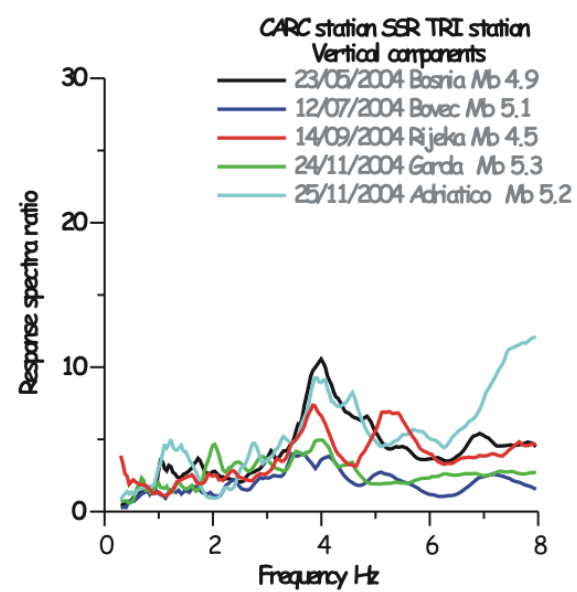
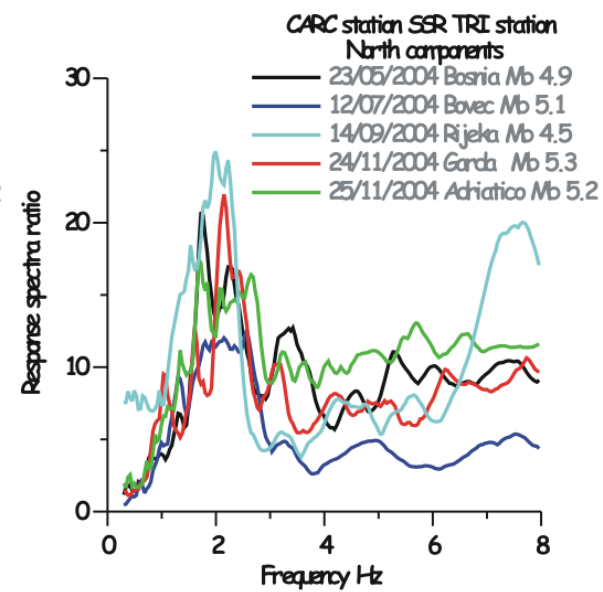
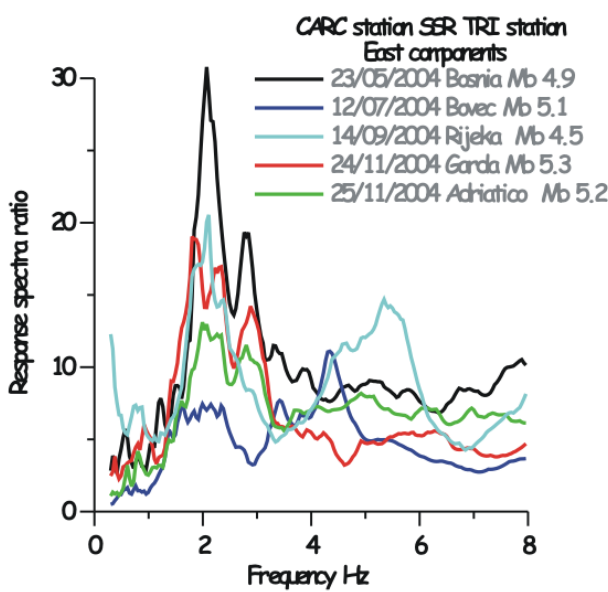
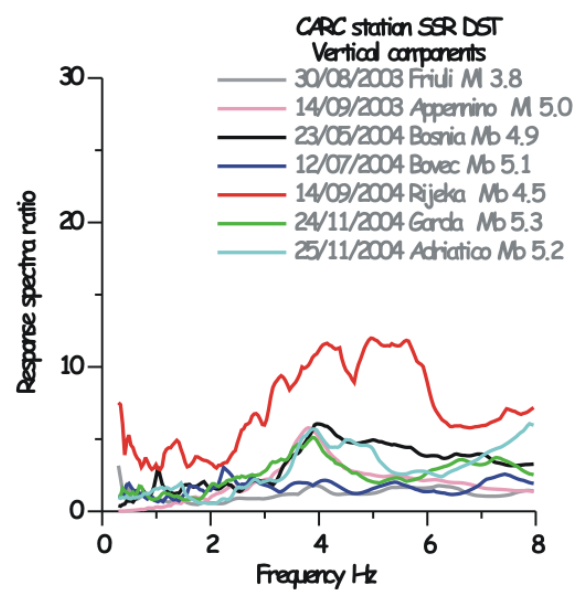
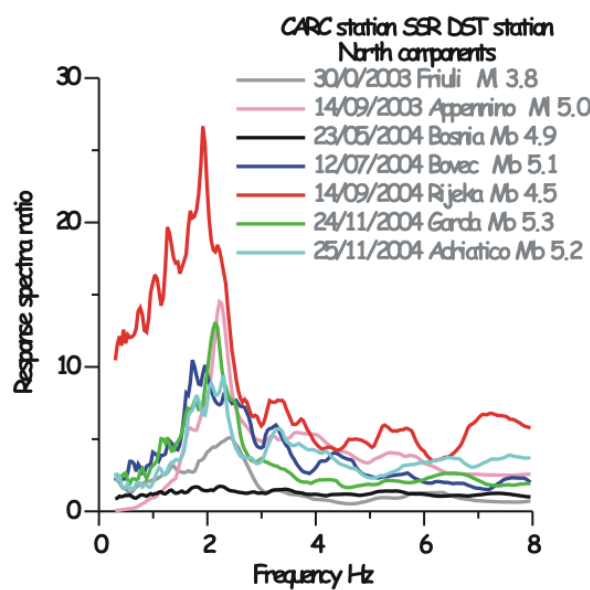
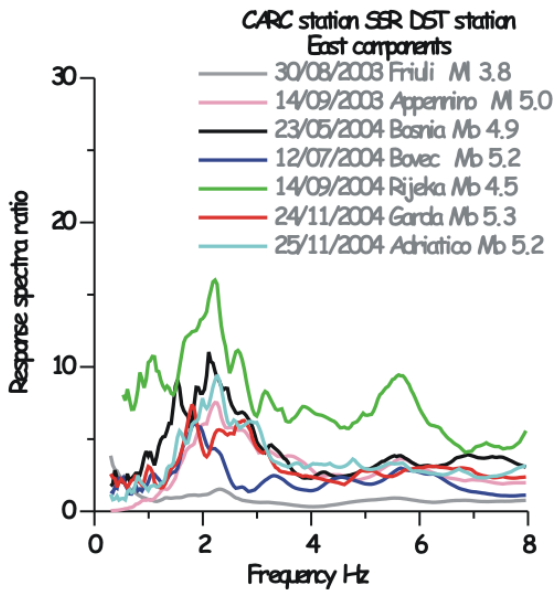
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## simple 1D model

$f=v/4H$ ,  $f$  frequency Hz,  $V$  s-waves velocity  $m/s^2$ ,  $H$  sediments thickness m [Bard and Bouchon, 1985]

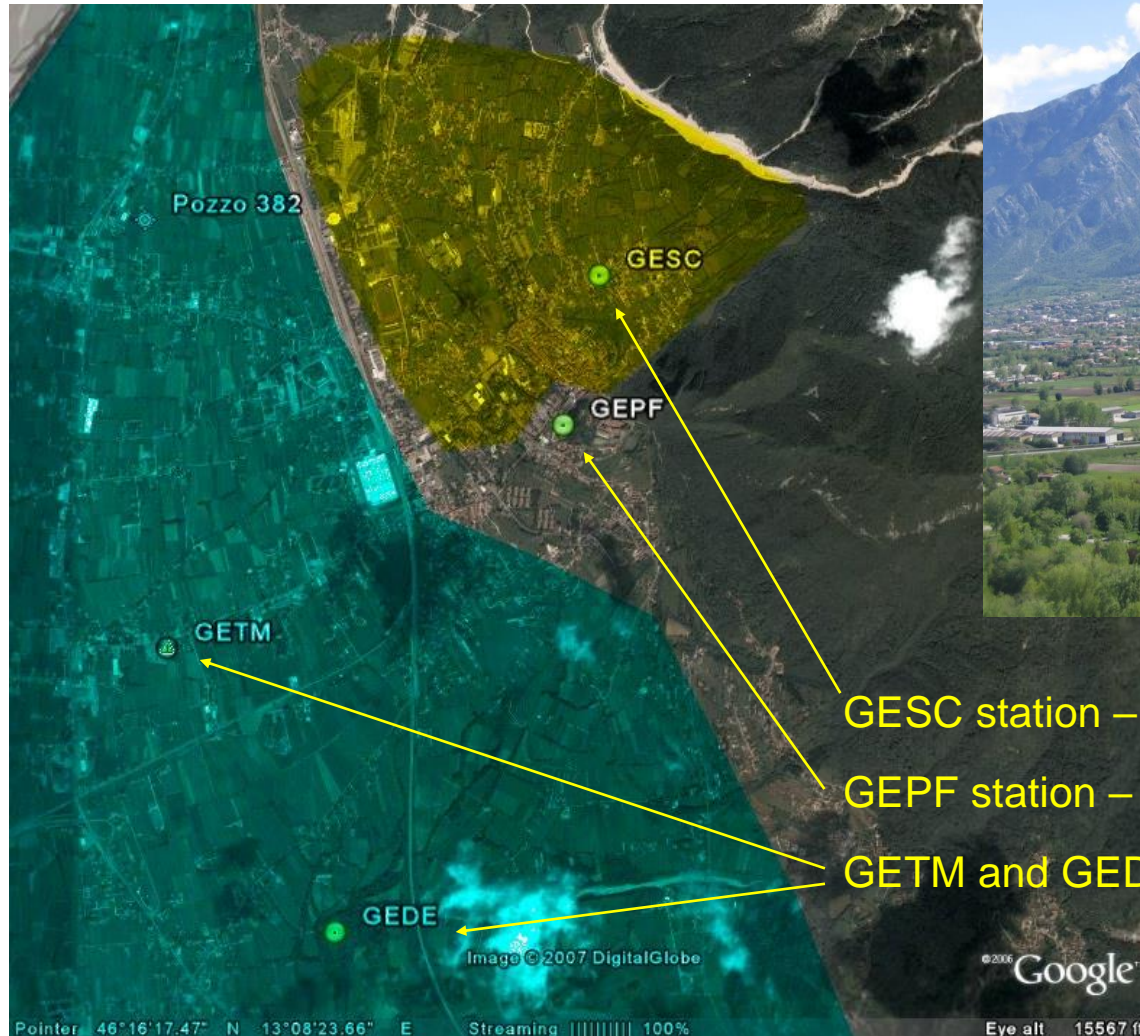
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$T=0.09H*[D]^{-1/2}$   $T$  period s,  $H$  height m and  $D$  building basement dimension





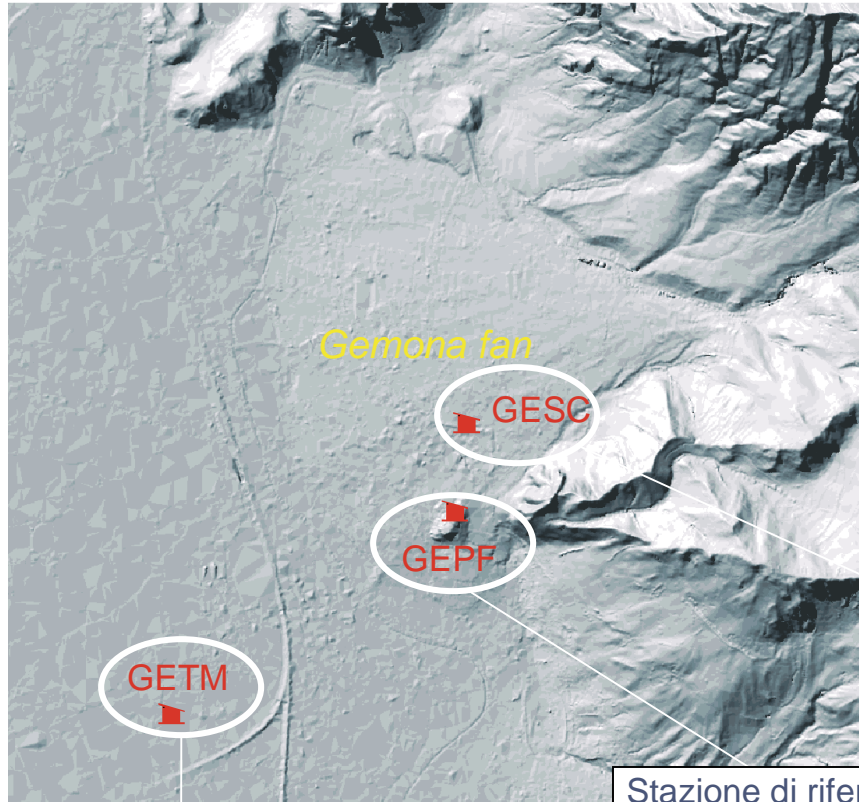
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GEPF station – reference station

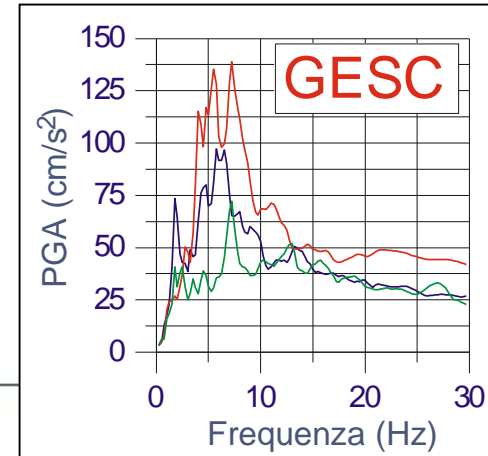
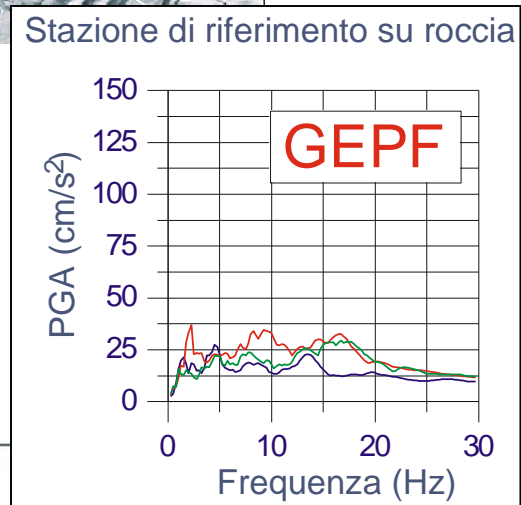
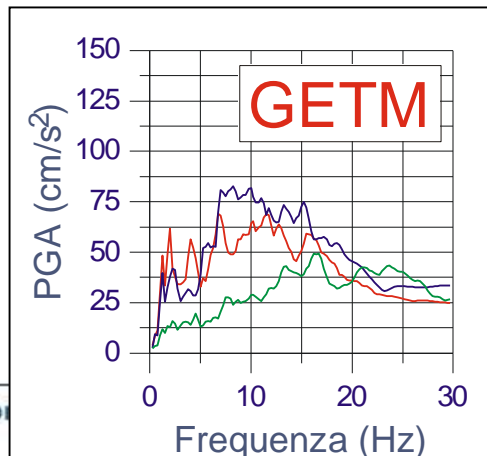
GETM and GEDE stations – sedimentary basin

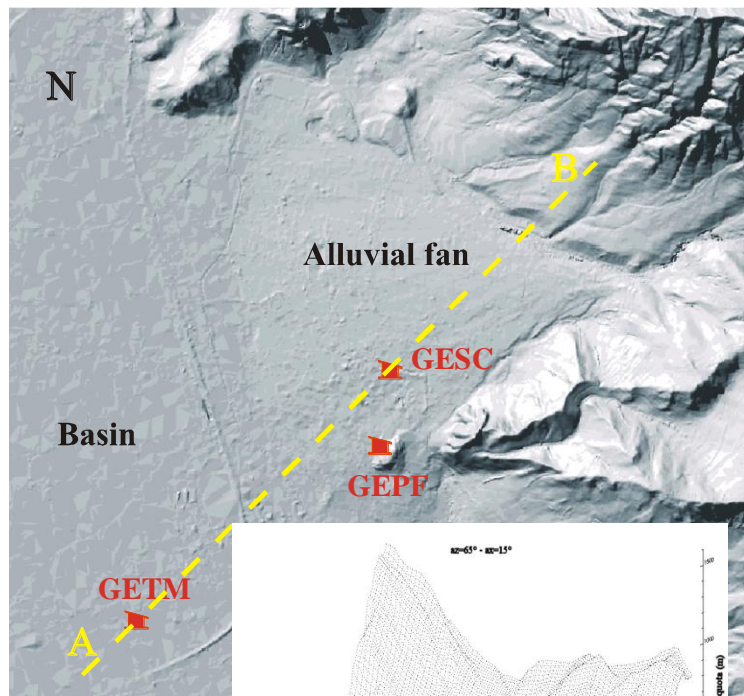
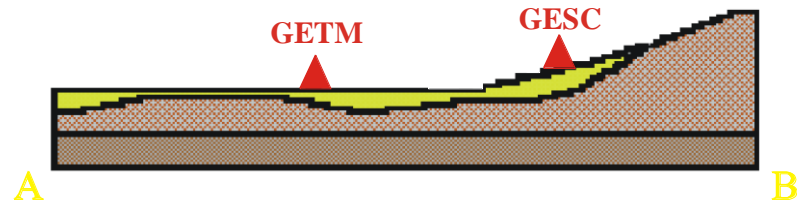


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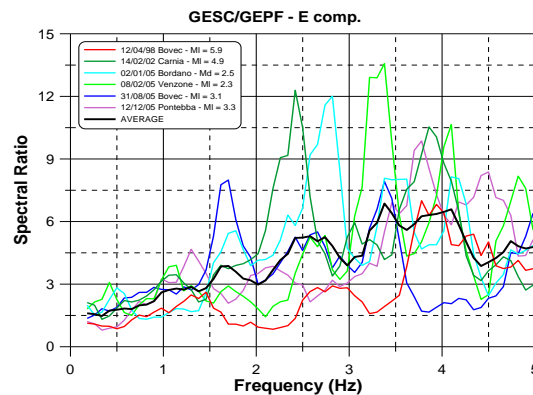
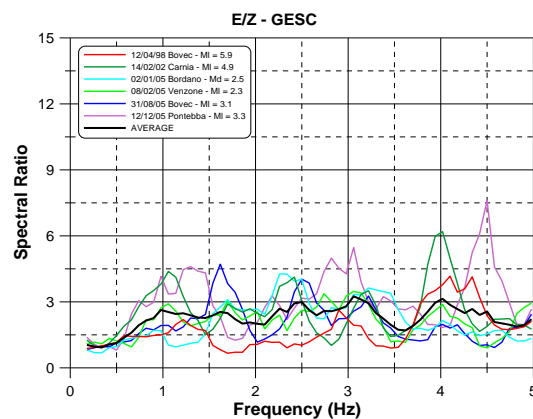
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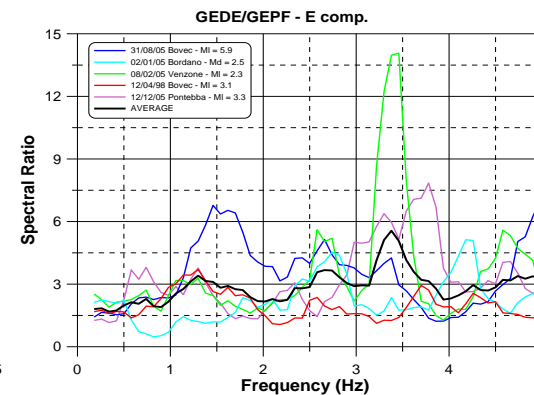
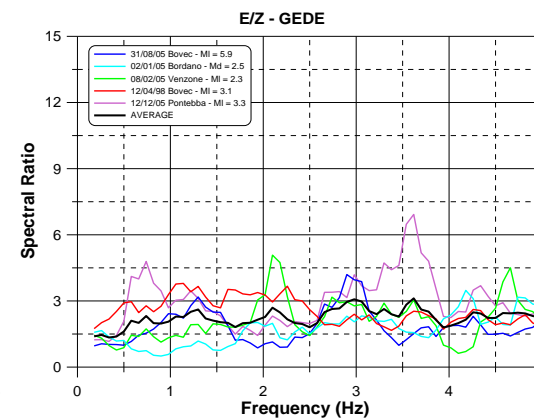




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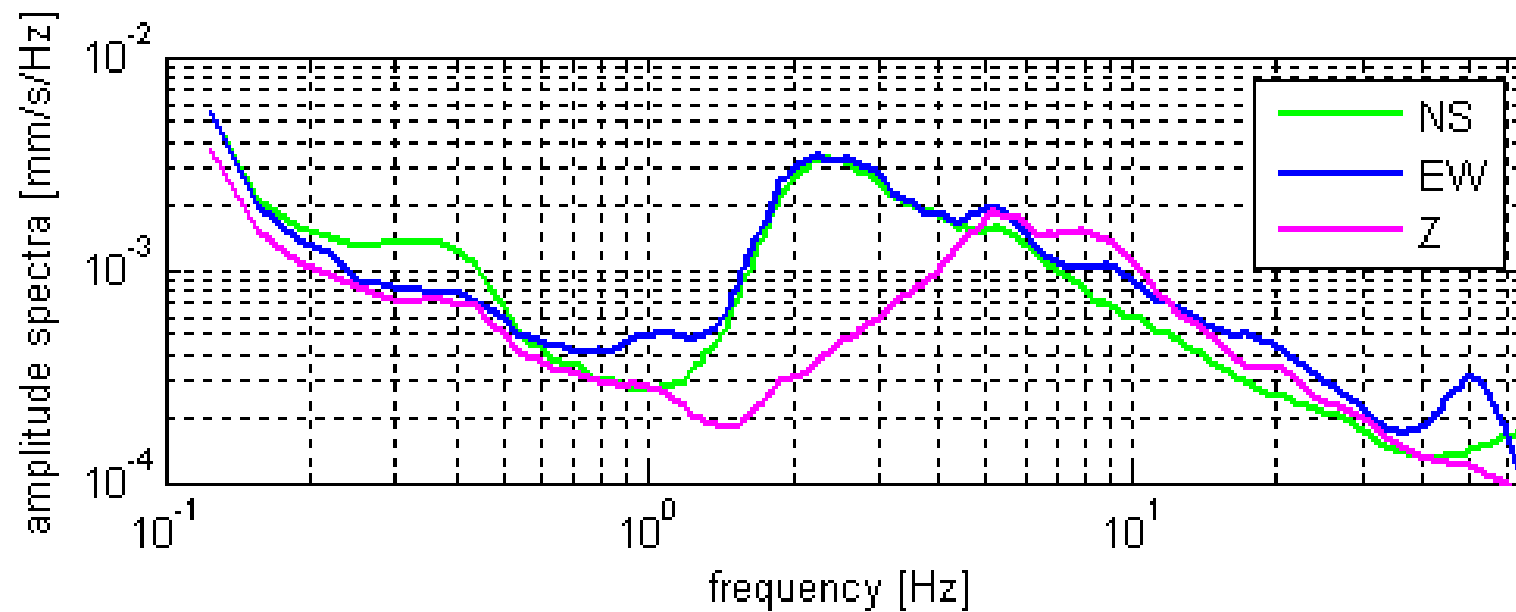
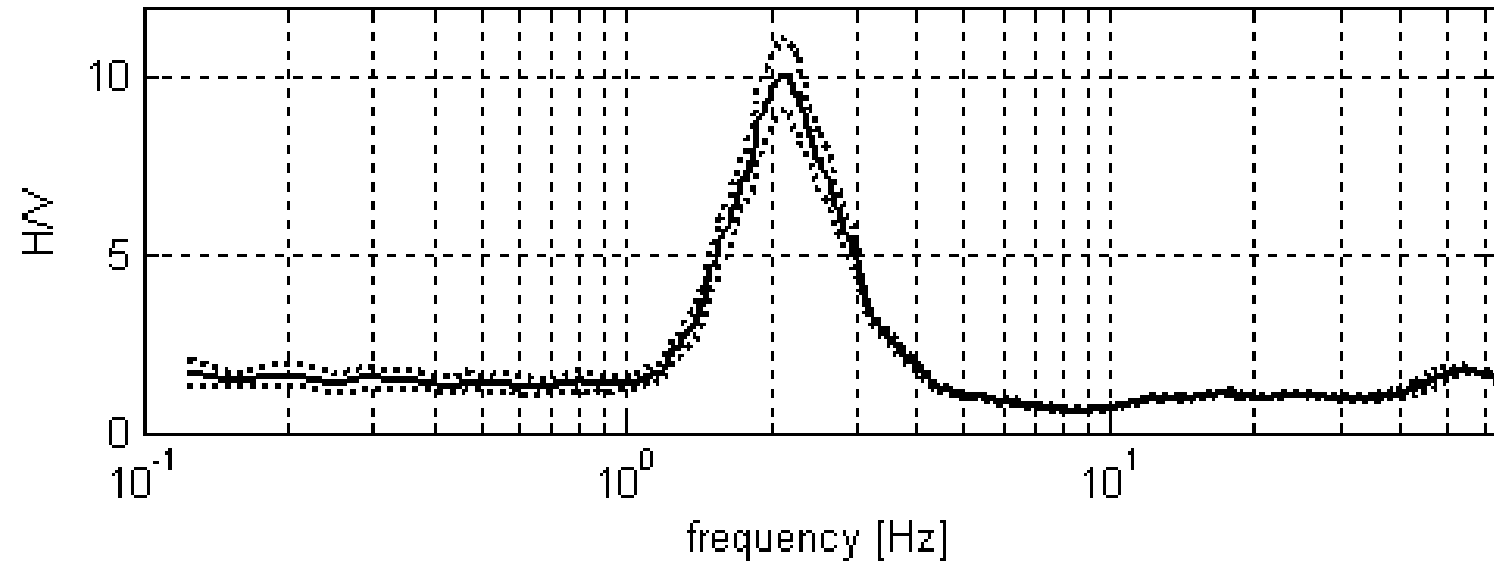


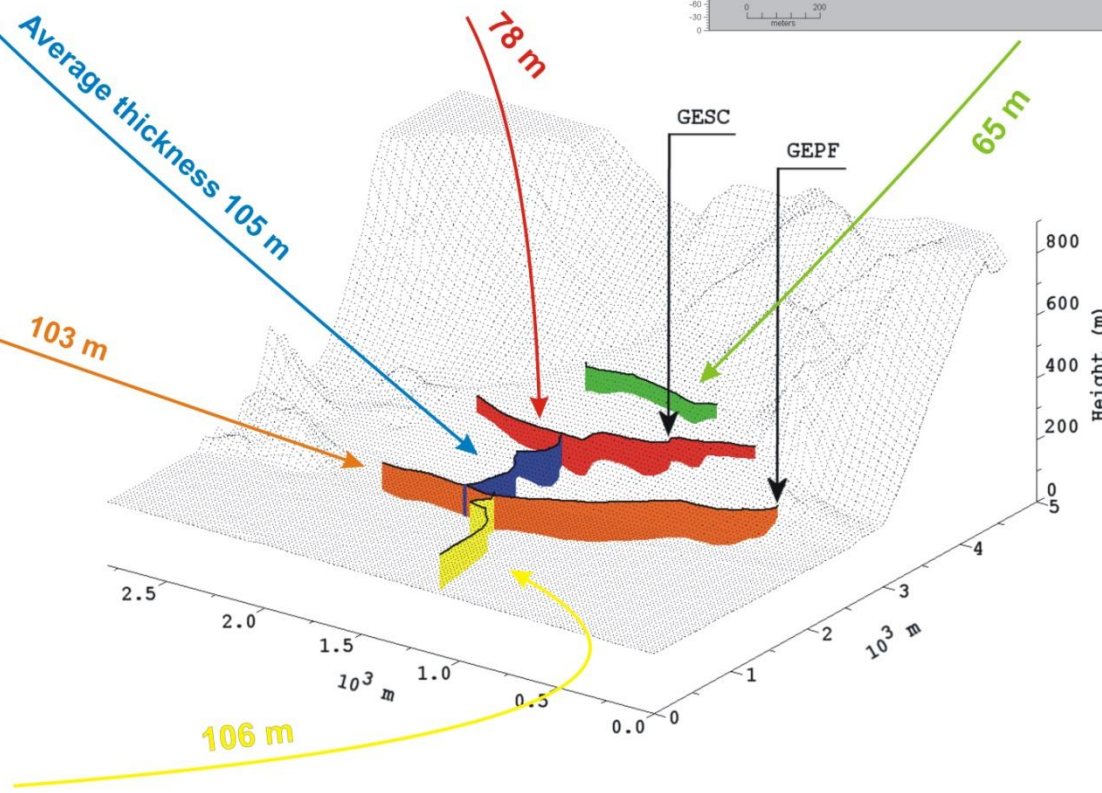
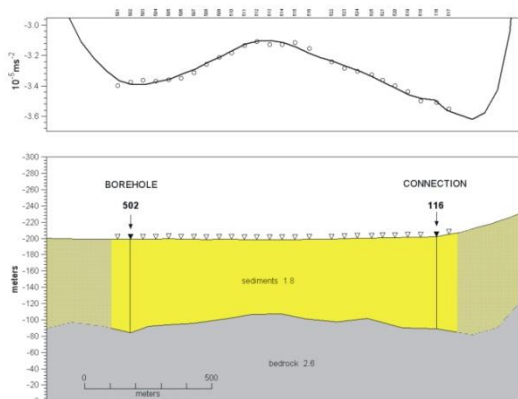
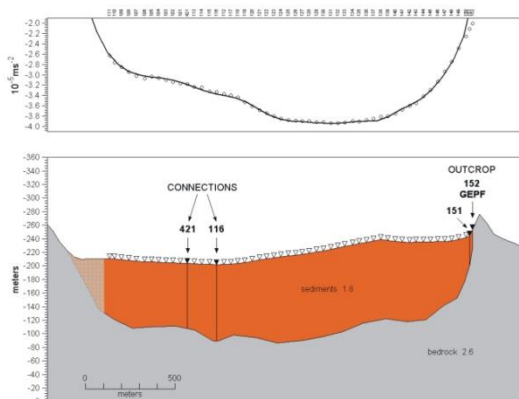
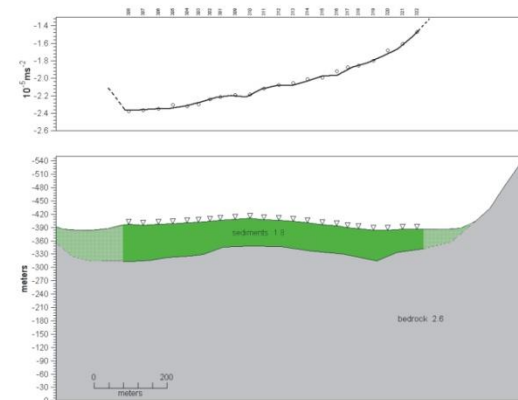
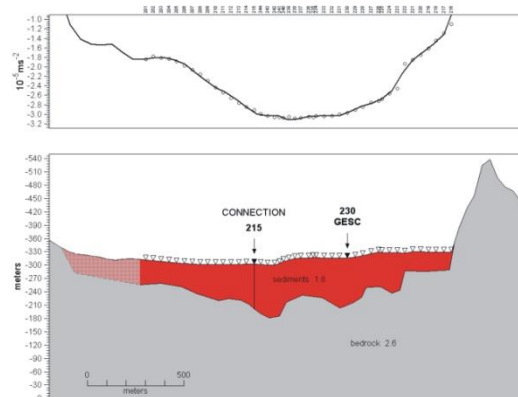
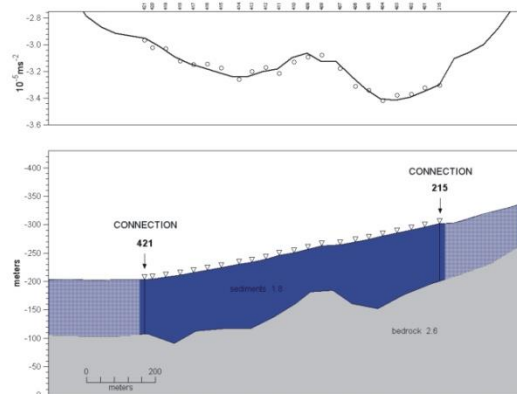
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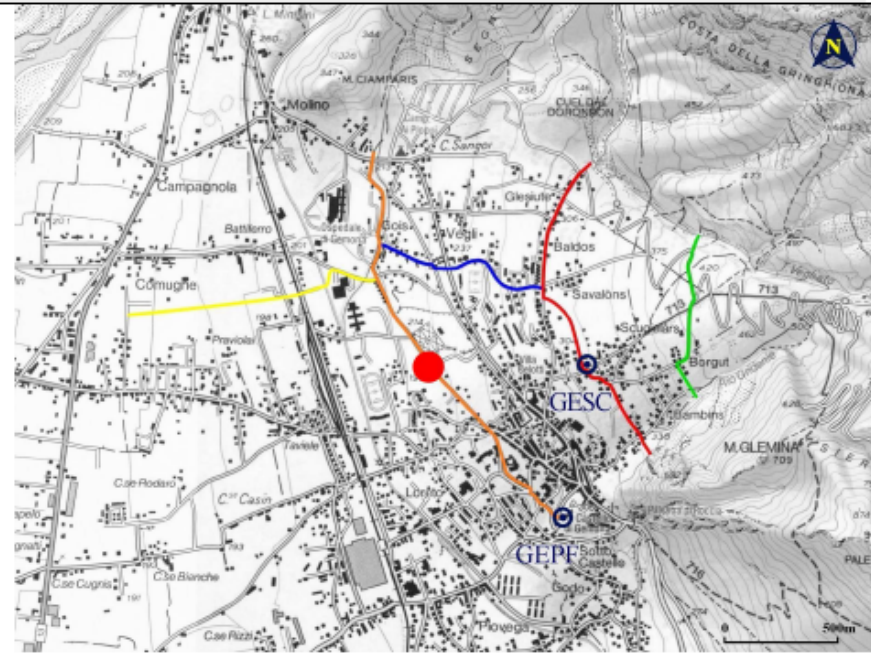
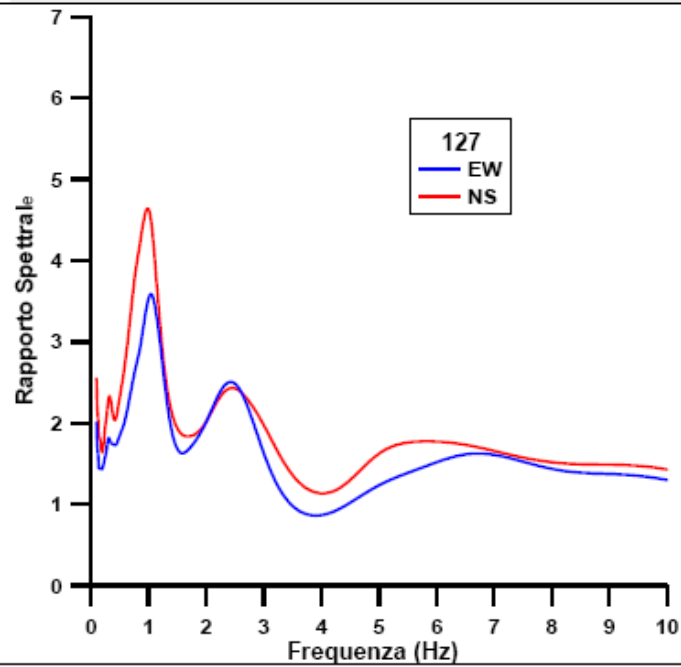
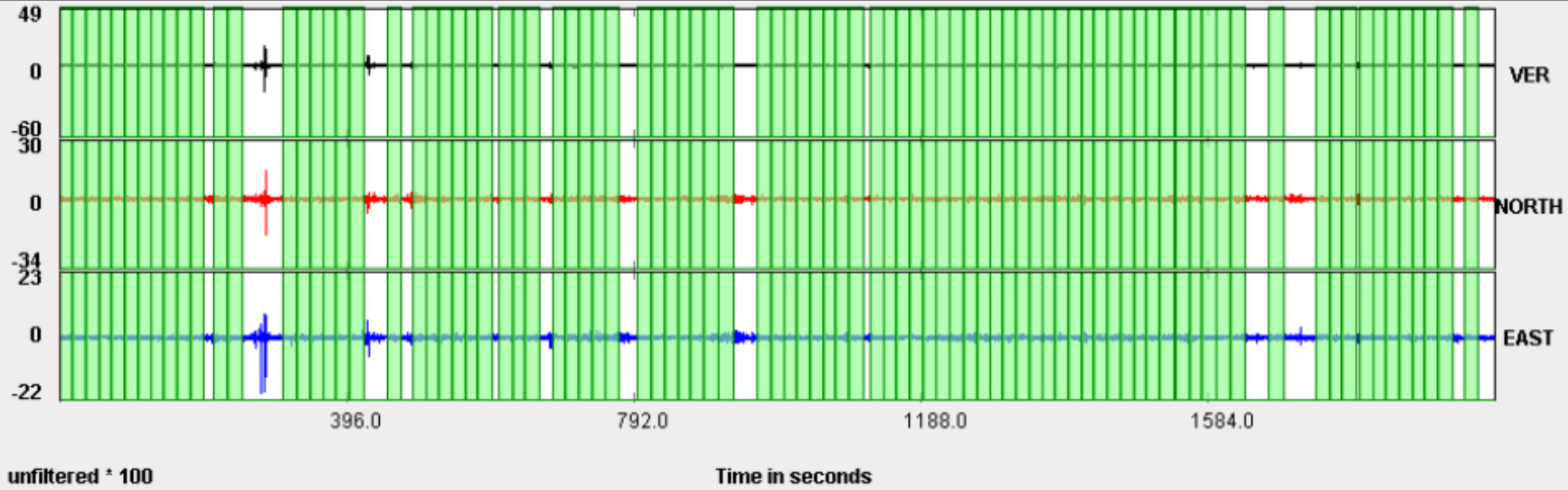
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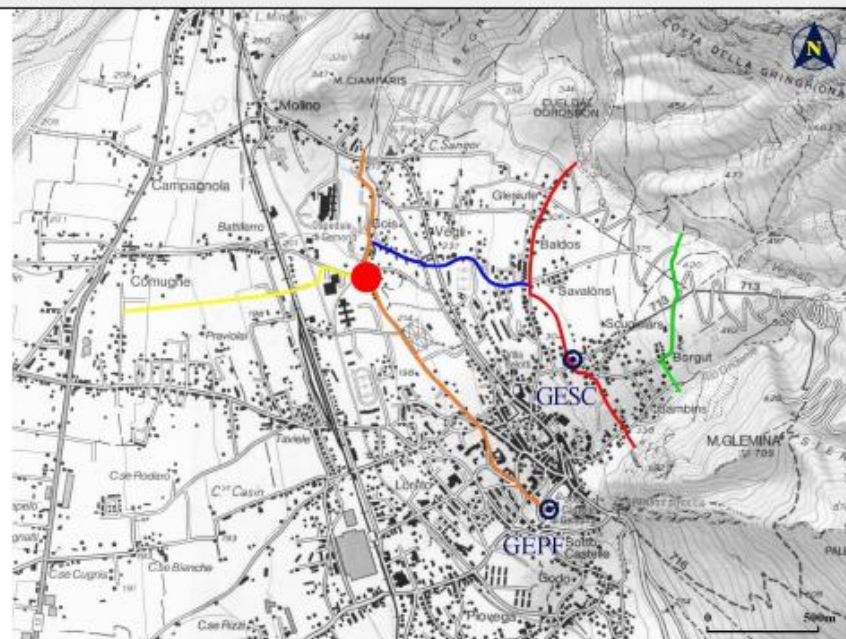
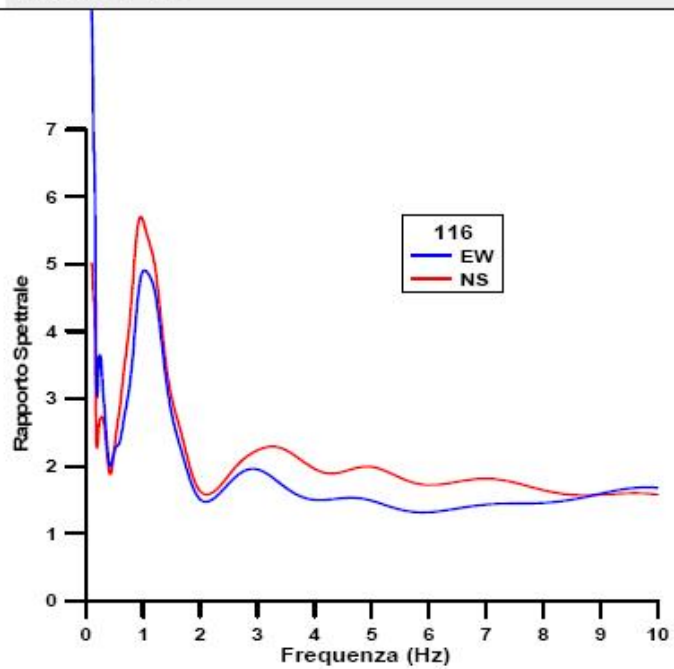
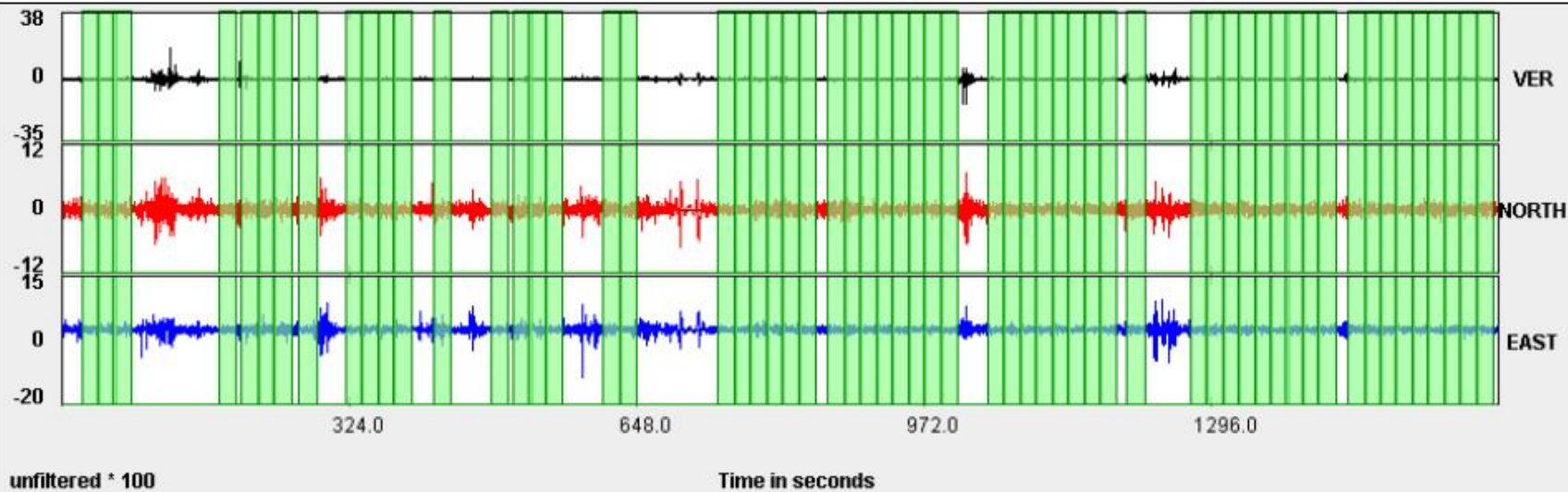




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