

# **The RAMONES service for rapid assessment of seismic moment and radiated energy in central Italy: concepts, capabilities and future perspectives**

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## **Abstract**

We present RAMONES, a service for disseminating through a web-interface, the estimates of seismic moment ( $M_0$ ) and radiated energy ( $E_R$ ) for earthquakes occurring in central Italy with local magnitude above 1.7. The service is based on a fully-automatic procedure developed for downloading and processing open seismological data from the European Integrated Data Archive – EIDA, from the Italian Civil protection (DPC) repository, and from Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology-IRIS. In its actual configuration, RAMONES uses the seismic catalog generated through the event web-service of the Italian Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (compliant with FDSN standards) to guide the data download. The concept of RAMONES is to estimate  $M_0$  and  $E_R$  from features extracted directly from recordings, namely the peak displacement ( $PD_S$ ) and the integral of the squared velocity ( $IV2_S$ ) evaluated over the S-wave window at local distances. A data set composed by 6515 earthquakes recorded in central Italy between 2008 and 2018 has been used to calibrate the attenuation models relating  $M_0$  to  $PD_S$  and  $E_R$  to  $IV2_S$ , including station corrections. The calibration values for  $M_0$  and  $E_R$  have been extracted from the source spectra obtained by applying a decomposition approach to the Fourier amplitude spectra known as generalized inversion technique. To test the capabilities of RAMONES, we validate the attenuation models by performing residual analysis over about 60 earthquakes occurred in 2019 that were used for the spectral decomposition analysis but not considered in the calibration phase. Since January 2020, a testing operational phase is running and RAMONES analyzed about 800 earthquakes by September 2020. The distribution of

the source parameters and their relevant scaling relationships are automatically computed and disseminated in form of maps, parametric tables, figures, and reports available through the RAMONES web-interface.

## **Introduction**

The long history of destructive earthquakes in Europe, where also moderate events can have tremendous effects due to the high density of populated areas and the high vulnerability of historical cities and settlements, led the seismological community to establish in 1975 the European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (CSEM-EMSC) to provide real time parametric data for the European-Mediterranean region. More recently, the Observatories and Research Facilities for European Seismology, ORFEUS, was established (Nolet et al., 1986). The standardization of formats for data transmission and archiving (FDSN, see Data and Resources) and the establishment of open repositories for sharing real time and archived streams ( see Data and Resources) had a strong impact on opening new scientific directions. If the development in data telemetry opened the new research field of real-time seismology (Kanamori 2005), the availability of denser and high quality seismic networks deployed near faults, made possible to record very large numbers of micro and-small earthquakes, pushing the seismological community to develop novel big data analysis strategies (e.g., Ross et al., 2017; Zhu and Beroza, 2018; Ross et al., 2019; Kong et al., 2019; Mousavi et al., 2109a; Mousavi et al., 2109b; Münchmeyer et al., 2019; Scafidi et al., 2019). Within the current operational scenario where large volumes of data from dense seismic networks can be fast accessed and processed, the development of services for rapid assessment of source parameters became feasible. Here, we present a service providing seismological products for characterizing the seismic source properties in Central Italy, named RAMONES ('Rapid Assessment of MOmeNt and Energy Service'). In its actual configuration, RAMONES uses information and data provided by services of the European Integrated Data Archive (ORFEUS-EIDA) and of the Italian Civil Protection Department (DPC) to disseminate, among other parameters, estimates of the seismic radiated energy ( $E_R$ ) and seismic moment ( $M_0$ ) for earthquakes larger than  $M_L \sim 1.7$  in central Italy. The parameters are computed using features extracted directly from recordings and the outcomes are disseminated with an a-priori fixed delay of one day with respect to the earthquake origin time. The need to develop a monitoring strategy for earthquake source parameters originated after the 2016-2017 Central Italy seismic sequence that included three mainshocks (i.e., the Mw 6.2 Amatrice, Mw 6.1 Visso, and Mw 6.5 Norcia earthquakes occurred between August 24<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016), and lead to record more than 500.000 earthquakes till mid 2017 (e.g., Zhang et al., 2019; Spallarossa et al., 2020).

RAMONES builds its strategy for the rapid and robust assessment of  $M_0$  and  $E_R$  over previous studies performed in central Italy. For earthquake early warning purposes, Picozzi et al. (2017) proposed the estimation of the radiated seismic energy and seismic moment from P-wave signals for almost 40 earthquakes, including the largest magnitude events of the 2016-2017 Central Italy seismic sequence. The authors showed that it was possible, by comparing the moment and the energy magnitude scales, to identify events with stress drop higher than the average, providing important information about the earthquake shaking potential. A further development was proposed by Bindi et al. (2018), who focused on S-wave windows of more than 1400 earthquakes in the magnitude ranges  $2.5 \leq M_w \leq 6.5$ , recorded by local networks in Central Italy from 2008 to 2017. The authors used their estimates of both  $E_R$  and  $M_0$  to investigate the impact of different magnitude scales on the aleatory variability associated with regional ground motion prediction equations (Bindi et al., 2019). In this study, we review the procedure for estimating  $M_0$  and  $E_R$  from S-wave windows, enlarging the calibration data set. Most importantly, the scientific algorithms are re-engineered to work automatically and to provide outcomes through a web-application as presented in the following sections.

### **RAMONES web-interface**

RAMONES (Rapid Assessment of MomeNt and Energy Service) is a service for disseminating seismic moment ( $M_0$ ) and radiated energy ( $E_R$ ) computed by applying empirical attenuation models to features extracted from recordings. The service, available at the link <http://www.distav.unige.it/rsni/ramones.php>, is active since January 2020, providing the source parameters for earthquakes with local magnitudes  $M_L$  larger than about 1.7 recorded within a region bounded by  $40.0^\circ\text{N}$  and  $44.5^\circ\text{N}$  in latitude and  $10.50^\circ\text{E}$  and  $16.50^\circ\text{E}$  in longitude. The threshold magnitude has been selected following Bindi et al. (2020). These authors analyzed a subset of data considered in this study and found that, given the stations azimuthal and distance distribution in the investigated area, reliable source parameters can be retrieved for earthquakes above  $M_w$  1.8-2, without strong bias due to unaccounted attenuation effects.

RAMONES is based on an automatic procedure implemented through the following steps: 1) locations and magnitudes of earthquakes occurred within the target region are retrieved from the INGV (National Institute for Geophysics and Volcanology) bulletin (see Data and Resources); 2) Hypocentral information are used to extract segments from continuous data streams archived in the ORFEUS-EIDA, IRIS and DPC repositories; only recordings at hypocentral distances shorter than 150 km are downloaded, along with the relevant station metadata. 3) The automatic procedure

described in Scafidi et al. (2016) is applied to detect P and S onsets, to estimate the local magnitude and to extract different features from the recordings, such as: the peak displacement and the integrated squared velocity over the S-wave window, the peak ground velocity (PGV) and acceleration (PGA). 4) the seismic moment ( $M_0$ ) and radiated energy ( $E_R$ ) are estimated using empirical attenuation models derived in this study, and described in the following sections. Furthermore, additional parameters such as apparent stress ( $\sigma_a$ ; Wyss and Brune, 1968) and the moment magnitude ( $M_w$ , Hanks and Kanamori, 1979) are computed as well. 5) Finally, the results are stored in a PostgreSQL database and disseminated through a web interface. In its current configuration, RAMONES updates are scheduled on a daily basis.

A web portal allows the users to interact with the database. The main page of RAMONES (Figure 1) includes:

- A map of the monitored region showing the epicenters of earthquakes processed by RAMONES since January 2020. Using the “Change selection” option, the geographical extension, the depth and magnitude ranges, and the time span of interest can be configured by the user. In its actual configuration, RAMONES analyses earthquakes with magnitude above  $M_L$  1.7 occurring in central Italy.
- Selecting “Seismic station”, RAMONES shows a table reporting the main information of the stations stored in the database and actually used by the service (more than 570 at 24/01/2021). In particular, the table includes:
  - Station information (Code, network, channels, latitude, longitude, elevation and location) including links;
  - Link to metadata (dataless);
  - Link to an automatically generated summary document (Pdf) showing a map with the station location and H/V spectral ratios for both S-wave phase window and noise window computed by the service.
  - Tools for searching, sorting, and exporting the station table are also implemented.
- A table reporting the main information of the earthquakes stored in the RAMONES database and the associated source parameters. In particular, the table includes:
  - The earthquake location (Origin time, latitude, longitude, depth) provided by the INGV bulletin and a link (ID-INGV) to the INGV event-specific web-page;

- The base-10 logarithm of the estimated seismic moment,  $\text{Log}(M_0)$ , and radiated energy,  $\text{Log}(E_R)$ . The empirical attenuation models used to compute these parameters are described in the following sections;
- Several magnitude estimates are listed:  $M_{\text{LINGV}}$  and  $M_{\text{WINGV}}$  are the local and moment magnitudes reported by the INGV bulletin;  $M_{\text{IT16}}$  is the local magnitude computed considering the attenuation model of Di Bona (2016), but without considering the station corrections:  $M_{\text{IT16}} = \text{Log}(A) + 1.667\text{Log}(R/100) + 0.001736(R-100) + 3$ , where  $A$  is the geometrical mean of the two horizontal Wood-Anderson amplitudes in mm, and  $R$  the hypocentral distance;  $M_w$  is the moment magnitude computed from our  $M_0$  estimates using Hanks and Kanamori (1979):  $M_w = (\text{Log}(M_0) - 9.1) / 1.5$ ;  $M_{\text{ER}}$  is a local magnitude calibrated over  $\text{Log}(E_R)$ , similarly to Picozzi et al. (2018), as described in the following sections;
- The apparent stress  $\sigma_a$  (Wyss and Brune, 1968) is computed assuming a constant rigidity ( $\mu$ ) in the source area equal to  $3 \times 10^4$  MPa, considered as representative of the average crust conditions for the central Apennines chain.
- Finally, the first three columns provide additional links to the event-specific page (Region), to a static image showing few selected recordings (Waves) and to an automatically generated summary document (Pdf).
- Tools for searching, sorting, and exporting the event table are also implemented.
- Below the event table, five different figures are automatically updated to summarize the scaling relationships among different source parameters (e.g., scaled energy  $E_R/M_0$  versus  $M_w$ ;  $\text{Log}(E_R)$  versus  $\text{Log}(M_0)$ ;  $M_{\text{ER}}$  versus  $M_{\text{IT16}}$ ). Each panel reports both the values used to calibrate and validate the empirical models (i.e., events occurred before 2020) and those obtained by applying the models to earthquakes occurred after the calibration phase.

Through the link in the first column (Region), an event-specific page for the selected event is opened (Figure 2). This page provides a map with the location of stations used by RAMONES for the processing and the earthquake location; a summary of the source parameters of the selected events; a table listing several information extracted from each recordings: the station and network names, the specific channel (using the SEED convention for the channel names; see Data and Resources); the hypocentral distance; the station local magnitude; the peak ground acceleration (PGA) and velocity (PGV) over the three components; the station estimates of  $\text{Log}(M_0)$ , and  $\text{Log}(E_R)$ ; a flag (Used) to indicate whether a record has been used (X) or discarded (-) for the event magnitude calculation (i.e.,

discarded records have low signal-to-noise ratio). Finally, it is also possible to download the information contained in the event-specific page into a document (PDF) (the same document that can be downloaded from the table in the main page) and to visualize the waveforms of the vertical component recorded at the 10 closest stations.

### **Calibration Dataset and processing**

The data set used to calibrate the empirical models used by RAMONES consists of 6515 earthquakes located in central Italy (Figure 3) and recorded by 464 stations. This data set includes broad-band, short period and accelerometric signals recorded since 2008. The bulk of the data set originates from 2016-2017 central Italy sequence (Chiaraluce et al., 2017) and 2009 Aquila sequence (Ameri et al., 2009). Data for calibration have been collected by the following permanent networks: The National Seismic Network (RSN), operated by INGV, Mednet operated by INGV, and the National Accelerometric Network, RAN, operated by the Department of Civil Protection (see Data and Resources). Stations from temporary networks were also used for calibrating the attenuation models. These include the networks for aftershock monitoring (Margheriti et al., 2011), for site effects (Bergamaschi et al., 2011; Cultrera et al., 2016) and for seismic microzonation (Gruppo di Lavoro MS-AQ, 2010; Cara et al., 2019).

The selected data set is composed of almost 840000 waveforms (considering the three components of motion) in the  $M_L$  range 1.6 – 6.5 (Figure 4a). The hypocentral distances span the range 5-150 km, with about 50% of the data recorded at hypocentral distances < 30 km. Depth shows a bimodal distribution, with peaks at about 3 km and 7.5 km (Figure 4b). Broad-band seismometers (i.e., channel HH) and short period seismometers (channel EH) are often co-located with strong motion sensors (channel HN) and the distributions with distance of the number of recordings for the different channels are shown in Figure 4c. In this study, co-located instruments are considered as different stations. Details on instruments and stations of each network are listed in Table 1S in the supplement materials. About 50% of the stations recorded at least 40 earthquakes and about 50% of the earthquakes have at least 40 records (Figure 4d). Data selection and processing is made following Pacor et al. (2016) and Bindi et al., (2018). In particular, an automatic procedure (Spallarossa et al 2014; Scafidi et al., 2016) is applied for determining the P and S-wave onsets and the earthquake location is performed with a non-linear location algorithm (Lomax et al., 2000), considering a 1D velocity model calibrated for the area with station corrections (Spallarossa et al., 2020).

Aiming to have consistent estimates of the local magnitude for the whole data set, Wood-Anderson seismograms in the hypocentral distance range 10-150 km are synthesized following Spallarossa et al. (2002). The local magnitude  $ML_{IT16}$  is then computed by averaging the station magnitude estimates and considering the zero-magnitude attenuation model calibrated by Di Bona (2016) for Italy, but without applying station corrections. Figure (5) shows the RAMONES processing workflow used to evaluate, for each recording, the S-wave peak displacement ( $PD_S$ ) and the integral of the squared velocity ( $IV2_S$ ) over the S-wave window. The workflow follows the procedure developed by Scafidi et al. (2019). The high-pass corner frequency of the pre-deconvolution filter is automatically determined based on signal-to-noise analysis, selecting the lowest frequency in the 0.3 – 2.0 Hz range for which the signal-to-noise ratio is larger than 4.0. The parameters  $PD_S$  and  $IV2_S$  are computed considering a time window starting 0.1 s before the S-wave onset and ending at different percentages of the cumulated energy as a function of the source to site distance  $R$ : (i) 90% when  $R < 25$  km; (ii) 80% when  $25 \text{ km} < R < 50$  km; (iii) 70% when  $R > 50$  km. For both  $PD_S$  and  $IV2_S$  calculation, we imposed a minimum time window length of 2.5 s and a maximum time window length of 20 s. For each recording, a signal-to-noise ratio was evaluated considering a pre-event noise window of the same length as the direct S-waves. The logarithm of both  $PD_S$  and  $IV2_S$  are computed using displacement and velocity band-pass filtered signals: the low-pass and high-pass corner frequencies are computed by signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) analysis, following Scafidi et al. (2016). For calibrating the empirical model describing the scaling of  $PD_S$  with hypocentral distance and  $M_0$ , the estimates of  $PD_S$  for the NS and EW components are averaged (geometric mean). For the scaling of  $IV2_S$  with hypocentral distance and  $E_R$ , the measures of  $IV2_S$  obtained the three components of ground motion are summed up. Figure (6a) and (6b) show the distribution of  $PD_S$  and  $IV2_S$  with respect to hypocentral distance, respectively. Finally, the Fourier Amplitude Spectra (FAS) are calculated and selected following the procedure described in Pacor et al. (2016).

### **RAMONES concept**

The concept developed for the rapid assessment of  $M_0$  and  $E_R$  relies on measuring specific ground motion features directly on seismograms and to correct them for propagation and site effects using empirical models previously calibrated for the region of interest. The source parameters needed to derive the attenuation models are extracted from the FAS of the 6515 earthquakes selected from the central Italy dataset and by applying a spectral decomposition approach known as generalized inversion technique (GIT) (among others, Andrews, 1986; Castro et al., 1990; Oth et al., 2011). The GIT assumes that the recorded spectra are given by the convolution of source, propagation and site

terms; a factorization of the spectra, expressed as inverse problem, is possible by exploiting the redundancy of information available when the same event is recorded by different stations located at different distances and the same station is recording several different earthquakes. We apply the GIT in its non-parametric formulation (Castro et al., 1990) solving the over-determined linear system of equations in a constrained least-squares sense. Details about the approach applied in central Italy are given by Bindi et al. (2018). Once the non-parametric source spectra are isolated from the other terms, we compute the seismic moment  $M_0$  and the corner frequency ( $f_c$ ) from the best fitting omega-square source model (Brune, 1970), assuming an average S-wave radiation pattern  $R^{\theta\phi}=0.55$ , and average density and shear-wave velocity at the source equal to  $2700 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $3200 \text{ m/s}$ , respectively. Finally, following Izutani and Kanamori (2001) and Venkataraman and Kanamori (2004), we assess the model-dependent radiated energy  $E_R$  from the integral of the squared velocity Brune source spectra (see also Picozzi et al., 2018, 2019a).

Regarding the strong motion features extracted from seismograms, following Picozzi et al. (2017 and 2019b), we consider the squared velocity signal integrated over the S-wave time window ( $IV2_S$ ) and of S-wave peak-displacement ( $PD_S$ ). The  $IV2_S$  and  $PD_S$  values relevant to the  $k$ th earthquake recorded at the  $i$ th station are then linked to  $E_R$  and  $M_0$ , respectively, through the following empirical attenuation models:

$$\log[IV2_S(R_H)]_{ki} = A + B \cdot \log(E_R)_k + w_j C_j + (1 - w_j) C_{j+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{sta}} \delta_{il} S_i \quad [1]$$

and

$$\log[PD_S(R_H)]_{ki} = D + F \cdot \log(M_0)_k + w_j G_j + (1 - w_j) G_{j+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{sta}} \delta_{il} Z_i \quad [2]$$

where, the hypocentral distance ( $R_H$ ) range is discretized into  $N_{bin}$ ; the index  $j=1, \dots, N_{bin}$  indicates the  $j$ th node selected such that  $R_H$  is between the distances  $r_j \leq R_H < r_{j+1}$ ; the attenuation function is linearized between nodes  $r_j$  and  $r_{j+1}$  using the weights  $w$ , computed as  $w_j = (r_{j+1} - R_H)/(r_{j+1} - r_j)$ . The distance range 2-150 km is discretized into 50 bins equally spaced on a logarithmic scale. The  $S_i$  and  $Z_i$  terms are the station correction for station  $i$ , and  $N_{sta}$  is the number of stations. The coefficients  $A, B, C_j, D, F$ , and  $G_j$  are determined by solving the over-determined linear systems (Eqs. 1 and 2) in a least-square sense. To fix the trade-off between  $A$  and  $C_j$ , and as well  $D$  and  $G_j$  the attenuation is constrained to zero at  $r_2$  equal to 5 km. The station corrections and the coefficients of the attenuation models are reported in Table S1 and S2, respectively (supplemental material). Positive station corrections are usually related to high amplification effects as shown in Figure S1 (supplemental material) where two H/V are reported as examples. The calculated regressions have a  $R^2$  equal to 0.93 and 0.92, respectively.



The observed  $IV2_S$  and  $PD_S$  values corrected for the source scaling  $A+B \log(E_R)$  and  $D+F \log(M_0)$  are compared with the attenuation models  $C_j$  and  $G_j$  in Figures (7a) and (7b). The high number of events (i.e.,  $\sim 6500$ ) in the calibration data set, which corresponds to  $\sim 210.000$  waveforms, made the attenuation models very robust. This is also indicated by the good agreement of the scaling with distance between model parameters and corrected data. Figures (7c) and (7d) show the comparison between the values  $E_R$  and  $M_0$  computed by the spectral decomposition with the values obtained correcting  $IV2_S$  and  $PD_S$  for attenuation effects as modeled through the  $C_j$  and  $G_j$  coefficients. These results suggest that the scaling coefficients  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $D$ ,  $F$  capture well the trend in the data over the entire energy and moment ranges. The station corrections  $S_i$  and  $Z_i$  are shown in Figures (7e and 7f), where the different branches correspond to different station channels.

Following the original idea of Kanamori et al. (1993), the  $E_R$  estimates are then used also to derive an energy-based local magnitude scale which agrees with  $ML_{IT16}$ . The advantage of calibrating a local magnitude scale on radiated energy ( $ML_{ER}$ ) is that it can be extended toward larger magnitudes without saturation (i.e., differently from the classic  $ML$  scales based on the recordings deconvolution for the Wood-Anderson seismograms,  $ML_{ER}$  is not saturating). The best fit model obtained fitting  $ML_{IT16}$  as function of  $\text{Log}(E_R)$  is given by:

$$ML_{ER} = 0.56 \text{Log}(E_R) - 1.80 \quad [3]$$

with standard deviation of the residuals equal to 0.09 magnitude units. We indicate with  $ML_{ER}$  the local magnitude obtained by applying equation (3).

### **RAMONES capabilities**

To validate the capabilities of RAMONES, we apply the attenuation models of equations (1) and (2) to a dataset of events that occurred in central Italy during 2019. These earthquakes were considered when performing the GIT inversion but were not considered for the calibration of attenuation models. This dataset is composed by 60 earthquakes with magnitude  $ML_{IT16}$  between 2.3 and 4.7 (Figure 1a). Figure (8a and 8b) compare the GIT estimates of  $E_R$  and  $M_0$  with those retrieved with the RAMONES procedure. A good agreement among spectral estimates and those derived from waveforms analysis is observed over the whole explored range of seismic moment and energy. The  $\text{Log}(M_0)_{GIT} - \text{Log}(M_0)_{RAMONES}$  residual distribution has mean and standard deviation values equal to  $1.45 \cdot 10^{-4}$  and 0.2, respectively; the mean and standard deviation for the energy residuals are  $6 \cdot 10^{-3}$  and 0.29, respectively. Since equations (1) and (2) are applied to each single recording, it is possible to compare the distribution of the single station RAMONES estimates of  $E_R$  and  $M_0$  with the source parameters

obtained through the GIT inversion. The residuals between the GIT and RAMONES  $M_0$  and  $E_R$  estimates for single recording do not show any particular trend either with hypocentral distance and depth (Fig. 8c-f), nor with magnitude (Fig.8g-h). We observe a larger dispersion for seismic energy estimates (residuals standard deviation for  $E_R$  and  $M_0$  is 0.29 and 0.2, respectively), in agreement with the larger variability observed for the energy during the model calibration.

Between January and September 2020, RAMONES computed the source parameters of about 800 earthquakes that occurred in central and southern Apennines, Italy (Figure S21). Figure (9) shows the scaling of the seismic Energy  $E_R$  with moment  $M_0$ . Gray squares indicate data produced by the Ramones service in the period January 2020 - September 2020, and black dots the calibration data set (2008-2018). During the testing phase in 2020, the RAMONES procedure is applied also to stations not considered during the calibration phase. Site specific adjustments in equations (1) and (2) for these stations are set to zero and they can be determined once enough local earthquakes have been recorded in the magnitude and distance ranges of interest. Similar to the procedure suggested to determine the local magnitude adjustments of new broad-band or strong-motion stations installed in California (Uhrhammer et al., 2011), the statistical analysis of the residual distribution can provide robust estimates of the median corrections and their uncertainties.

### **Future perspectives**

For testing its performances and for evaluating its potentiality, RAMONES is running since January 2020 with a configuration set to daily updates (Figure S2). For its long-term operability, several changes and developments in the operational configuration are possible. For rapid response actions, RAMONES provides information about the seismic radiation of sources, which is better related to the shaking potential of the earthquake than the size given by the seismic moment (Di Giacomo and Bormann, 2011). Future studies will explore the information provided by RAMONES (e.g., apparent stress) to improve the consistency between the observed and predicted shaking levels used for generating shaking maps.. The high potential of RAMONES is in its ability to provide timely information on the temporal evolution of static and dynamic source parameters. This could be particularly useful during a seismic sequence, as a change in the source dynamics provides information on the mechanics of earthquake ruptures. Therefore, for rapid response applications, the RAMONES computations can be switched to a modality triggered by alerting messages such as those issued by European–Mediterranean Seismological Centre. Other lines of development for RAMONES regard data accessibility and the extension of the monitored region. Regarding the modalities to retrieve data from RAMONES, future effort will be dedicated to make operative

representational state transfer (RESTful) web services, preserving as much as possible the compatibility with FDSN standards for event, station and data-select queries, and developing ad-hoc dictionaries when needed. As a positive impact, the accessibility through web services will make possible the interoperability of RAMONES with several other seismological services operating in Europe. To extend the applicability of RAMONES to other regions, new attenuation models for estimating  $E_R$  and  $M_0$  from  $PD_S$  and  $IV2_S$  have to be developed, following the example of the harmonized local magnitude for Europe (Bindi et al., 2019). In conclusion, RAMONES represents, in our opinion, a fine example of how the open data policy pursued by the European seismological community since the last decade stimulated the growth of applications and services, which on the long term can have significant impact on mitigating seismic risk.

### **Data and Resources**

We used data and information retrieved from ORFEUS-EIDA (<https://www.orfeus-eu.org/data/eida/>), IRIS (<https://www.iris.edu/hq/>) and DPC (<http://ran.protezionecivile.it/EN/index.php>). The INGV bulletin is used to guide the data download ([webservices.rm.ingv.it/fdsnws/event/1/](http://webservices.rm.ingv.it/fdsnws/event/1/)) and to extract the earthquake locations. The International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN) specifications are available at <http://www.fdsn.org/> and the Standard for the Exchange of Earthquake Data (SEED) manual is available at [http://www.fdsn.org/pdf/SEEDManual\\_V2.4.pdf](http://www.fdsn.org/pdf/SEEDManual_V2.4.pdf). For the calibration of the attenuation models, we used data mainly from networks IV (INGV Seismological Data Centre, 2006), IT (Presidency of Council Of Ministers-Civil Protection Department, 1972) and MN (MedNet Project Partner Institutions, 1990). In the application phase, although 85% of data were provided by IV and 11% by IT, we also processed data provided by GU (University of Genova, 1967), OT (University Of Bari "Aldo Moro", 2013), GE (GEOFON Data Centre, 1993), VD (CNR IMAA Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche, Italy, 2019) and IX networks . The map in Figure 1 was prepared with the Generic Mapping Tools software package (<http://gmt.soest.hawaii.edu/>); R (R Core Team, 2018) and MATLAB R2019b (<https://www.mathworks.com/products/matlab.html>) were used for the regression analysis and for preparing the figures. The RAMONES service is reachable at: <http://www.distav.unige.it/rsni/ramones.php>

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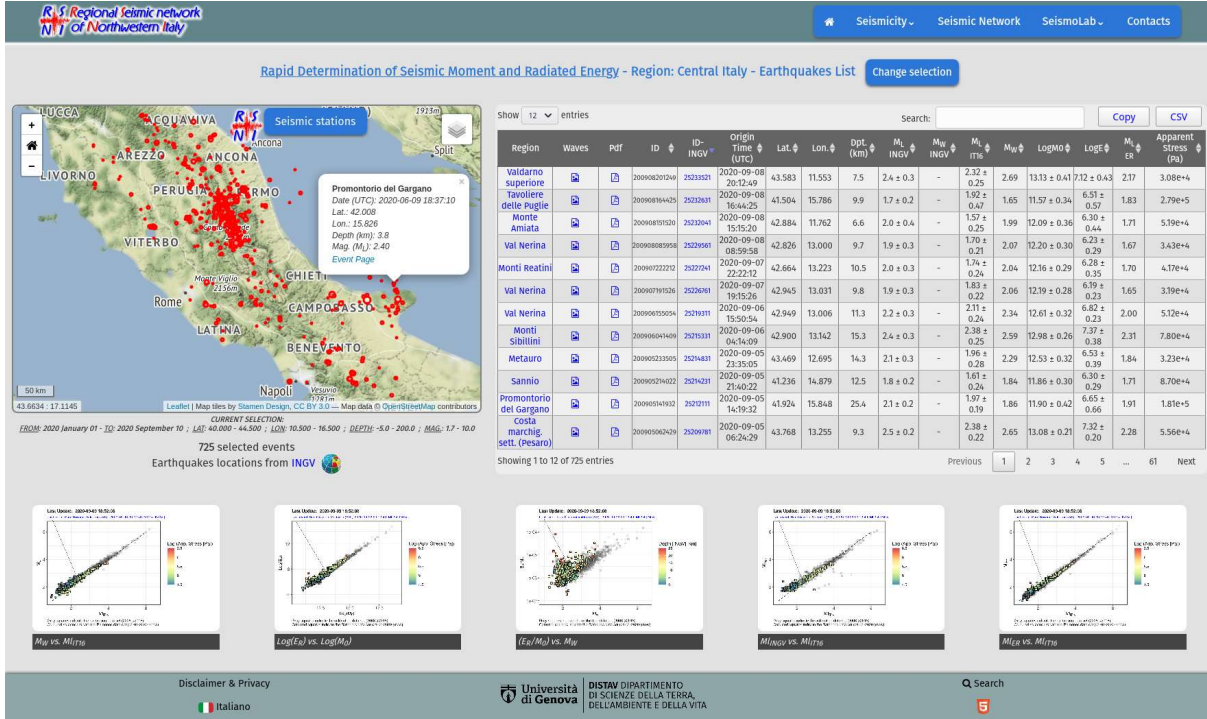
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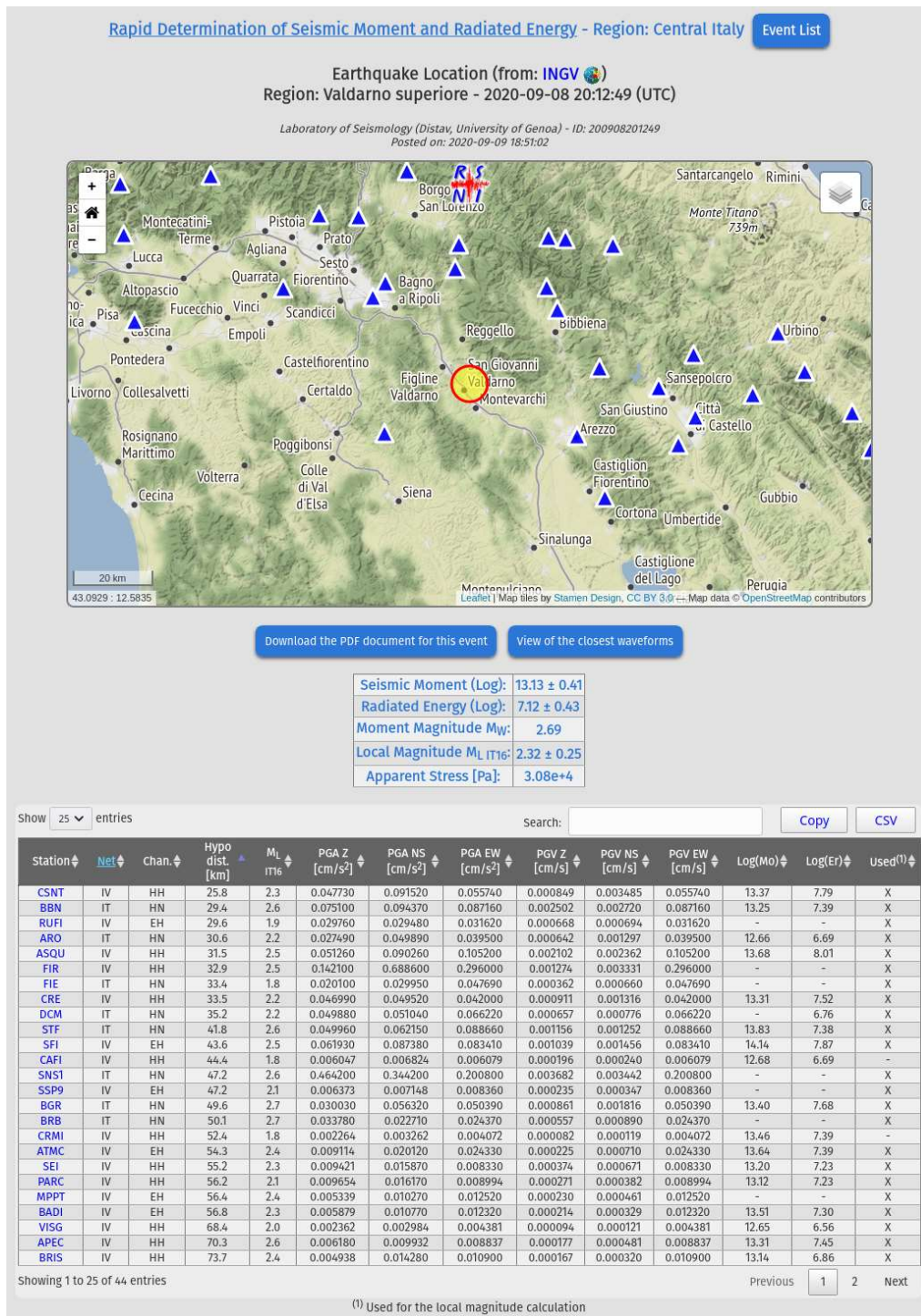
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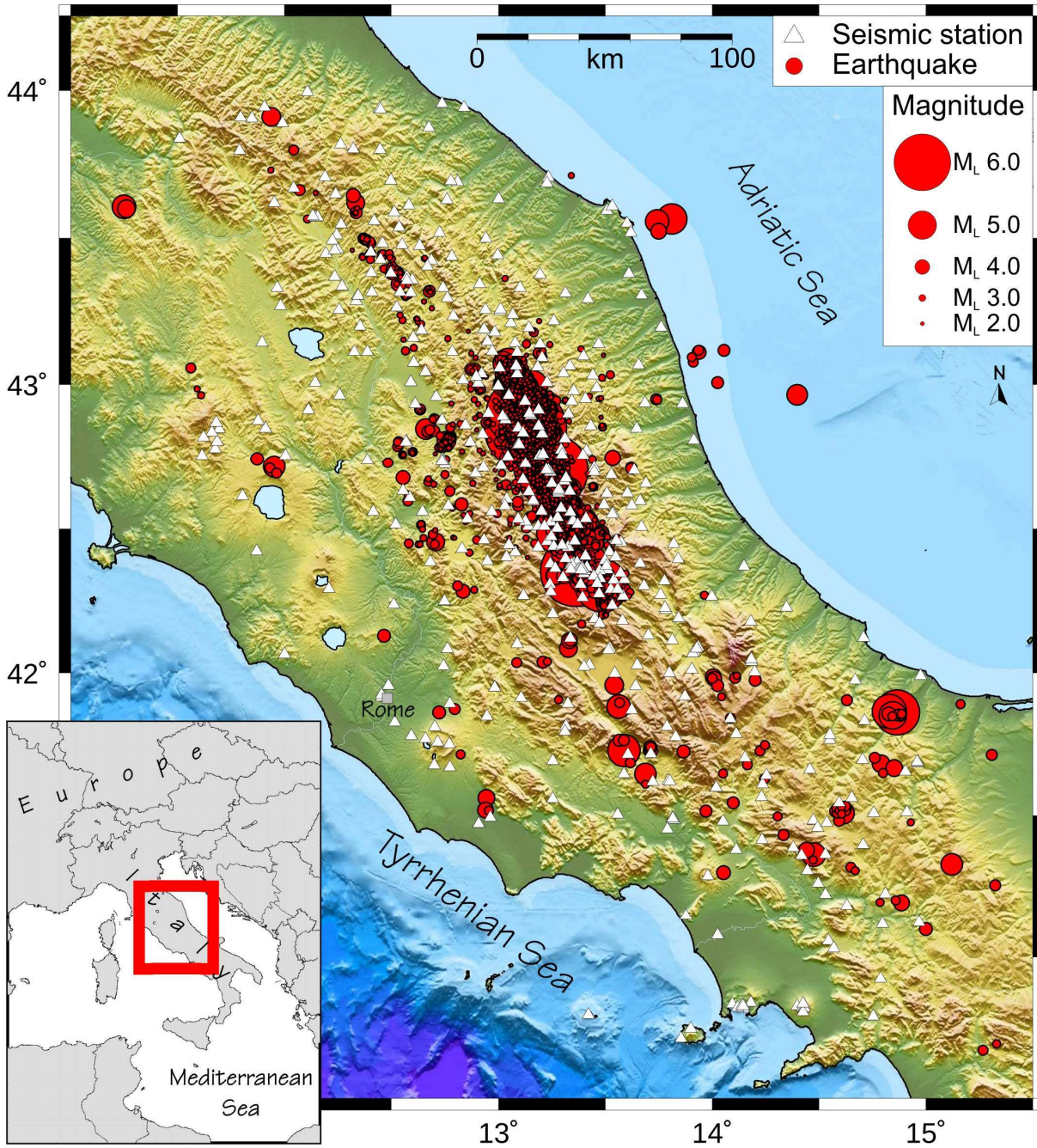
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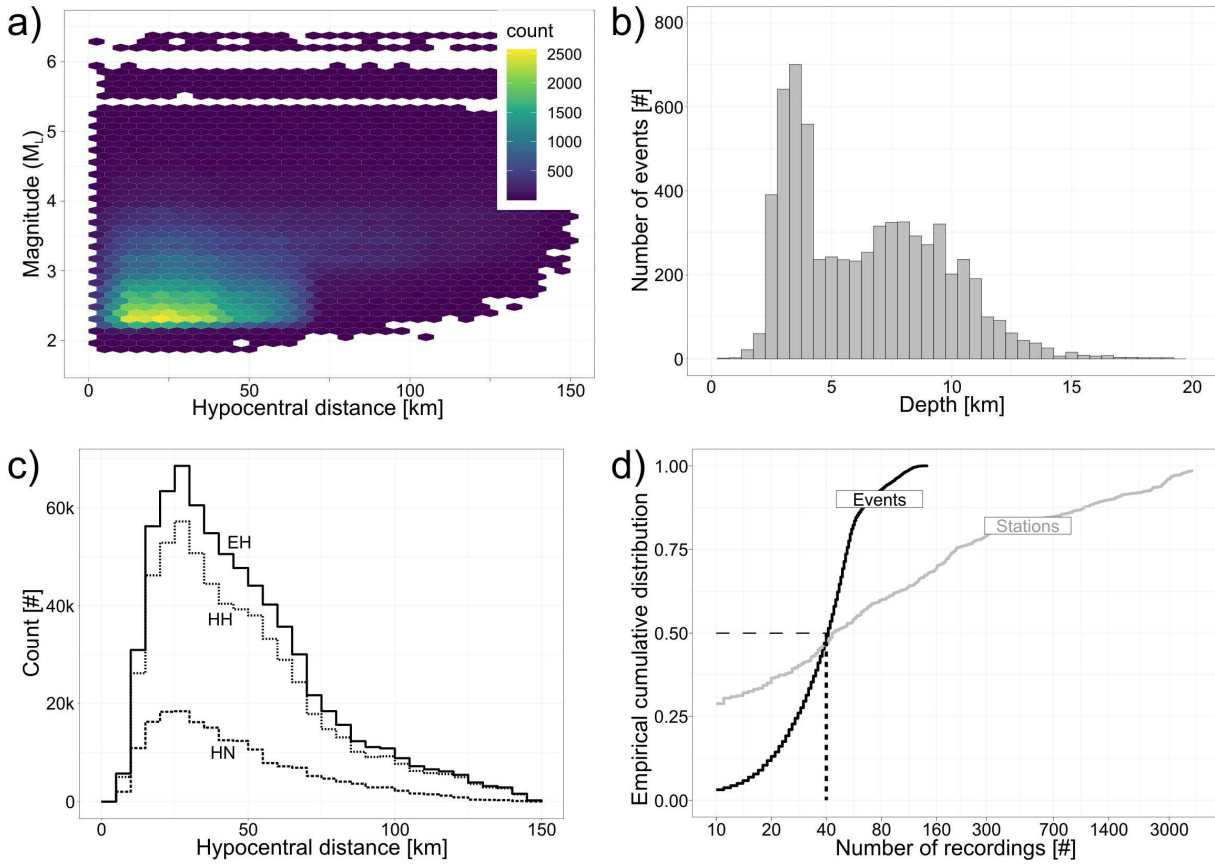
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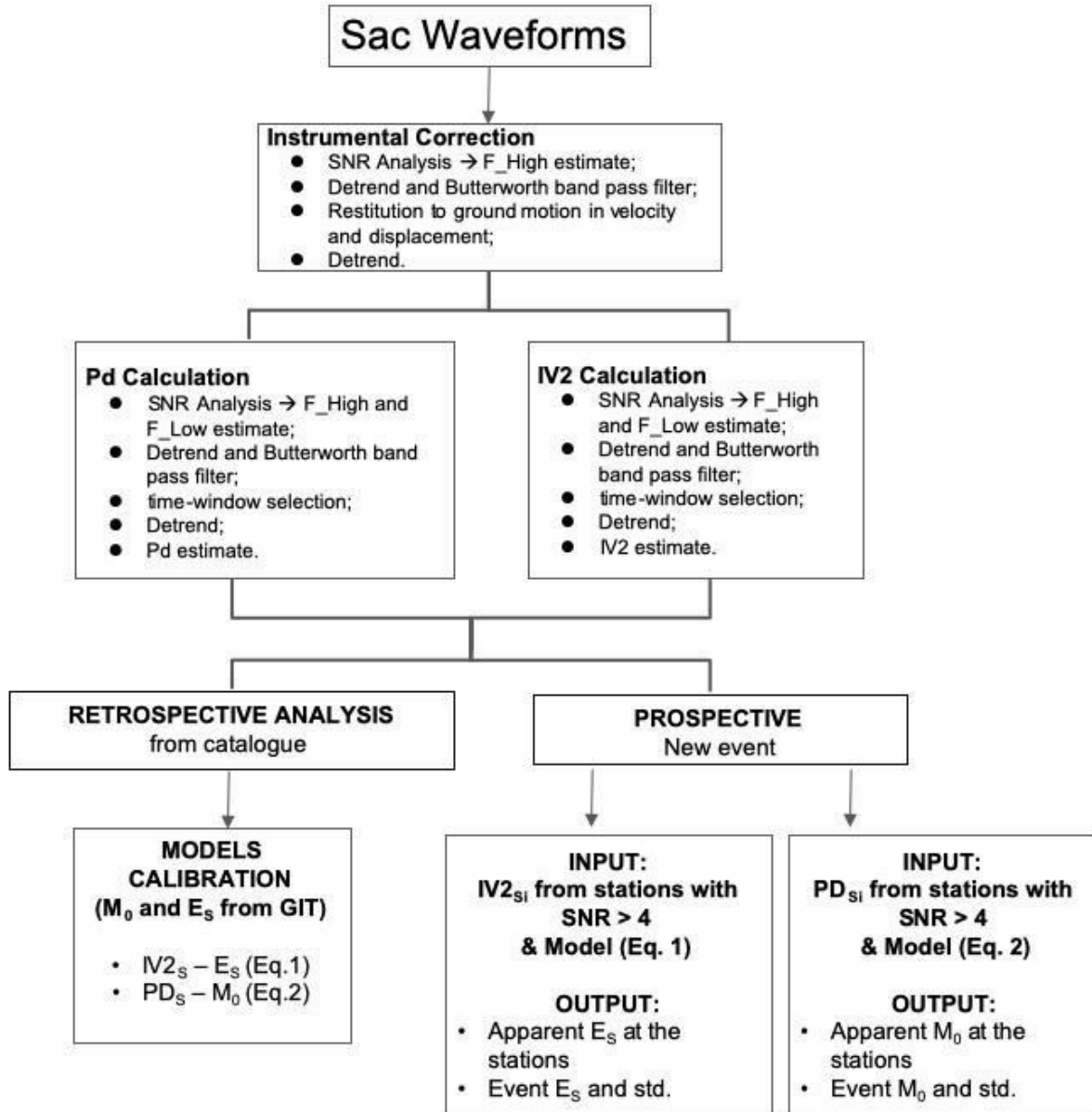


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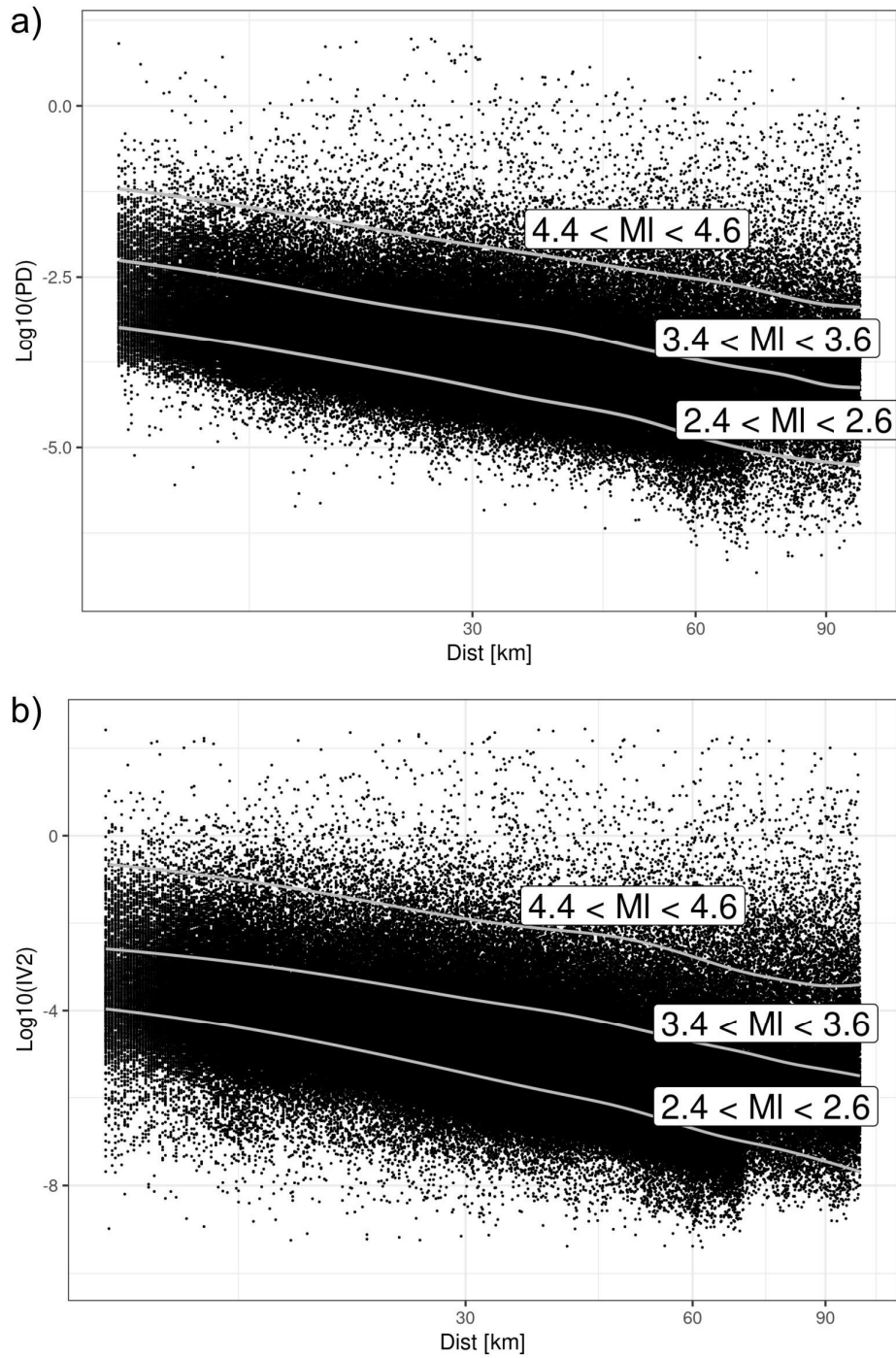




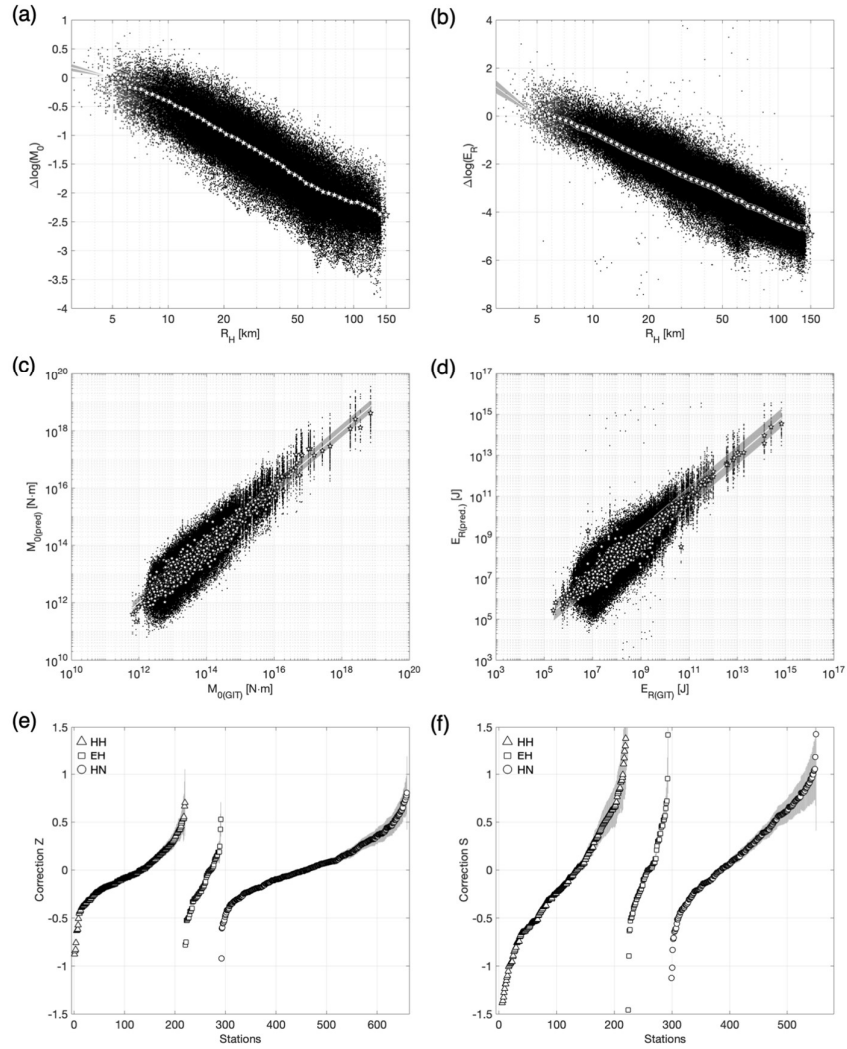
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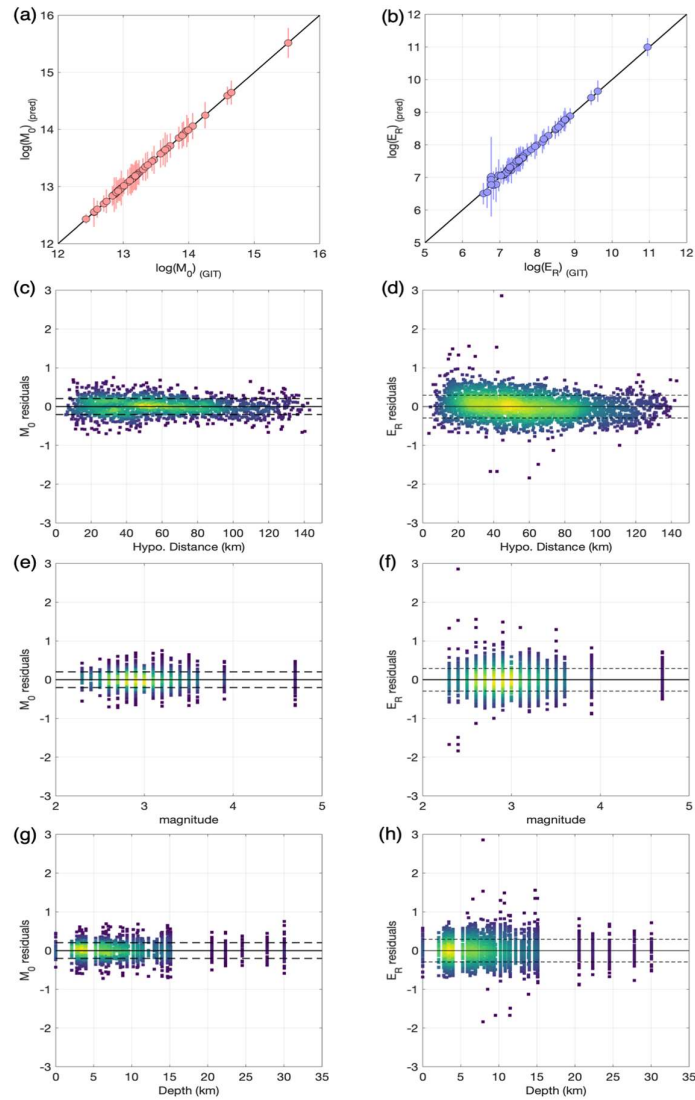
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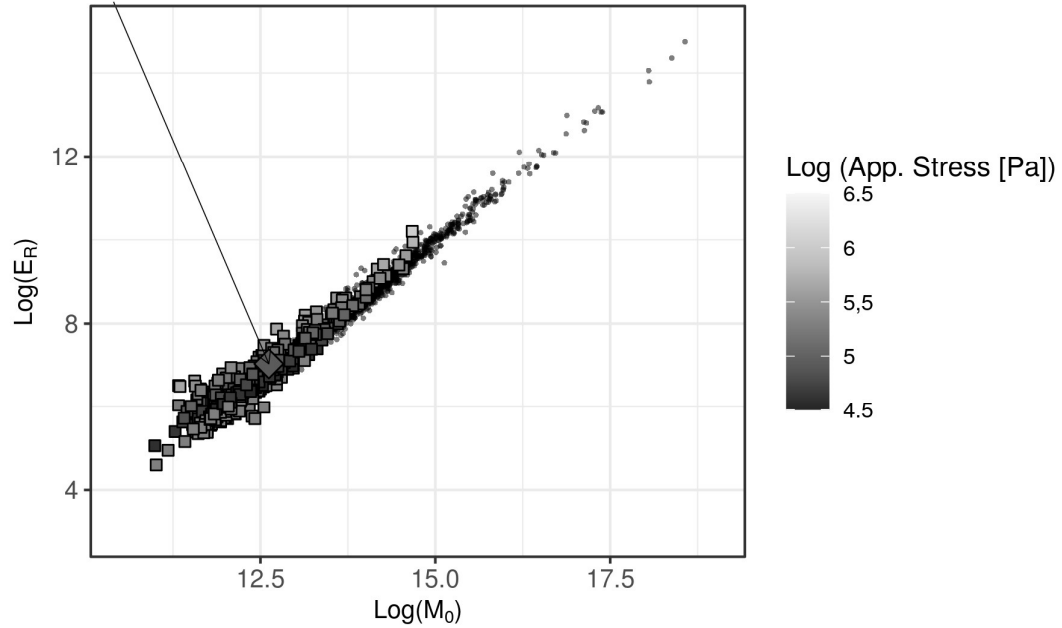
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