

One tool for calculating declination:

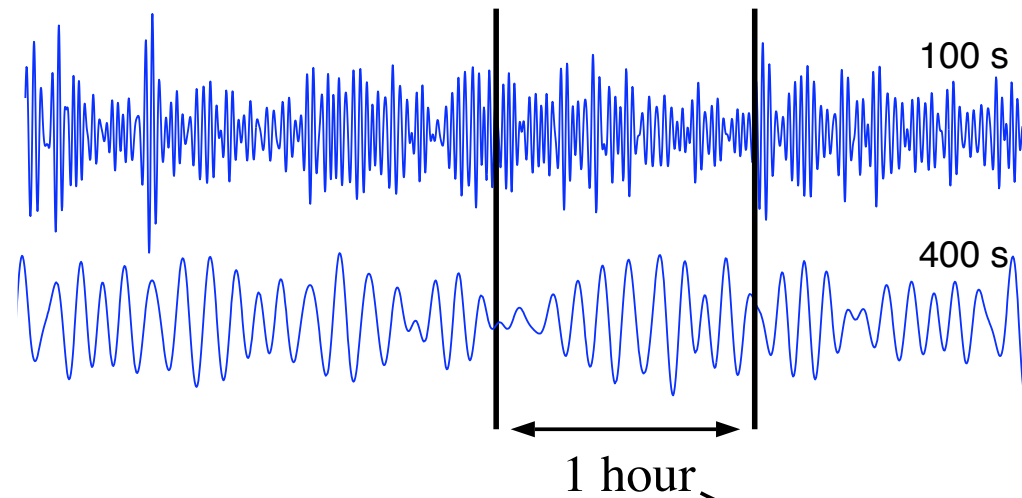
<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomagmodels/Declination.jsp>

5. Data quality control using noise

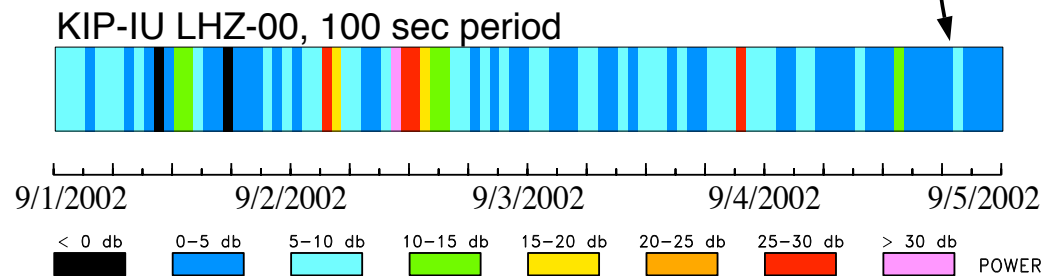
6. Finding interesting things in the noise

# Calculation of signal power of long-period GSN data

continuous filtered time series:

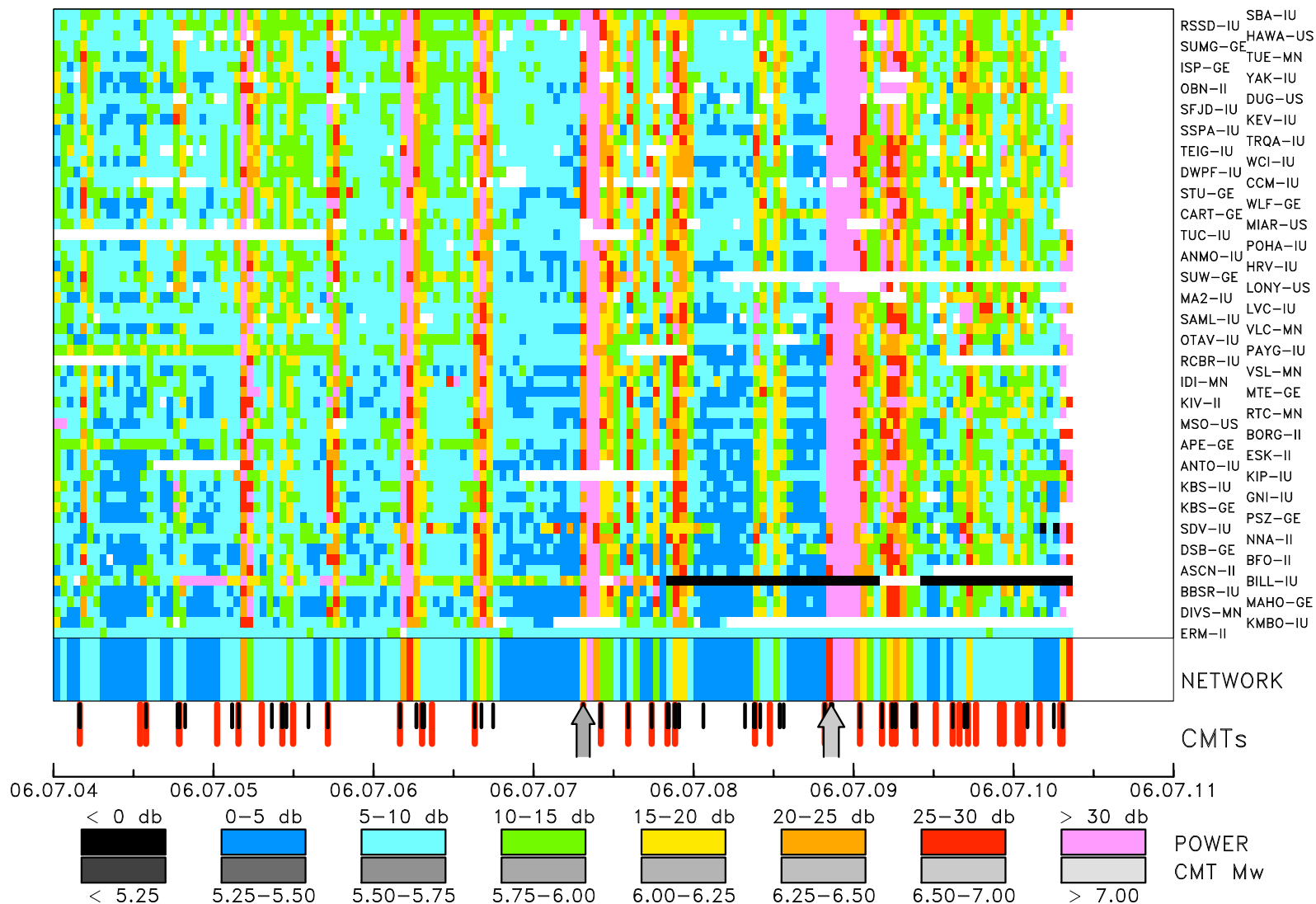


1. calculate rms
2. convert to power spectral density
3. store as hourly samples of signal level



# One week of noise at 23 seconds period

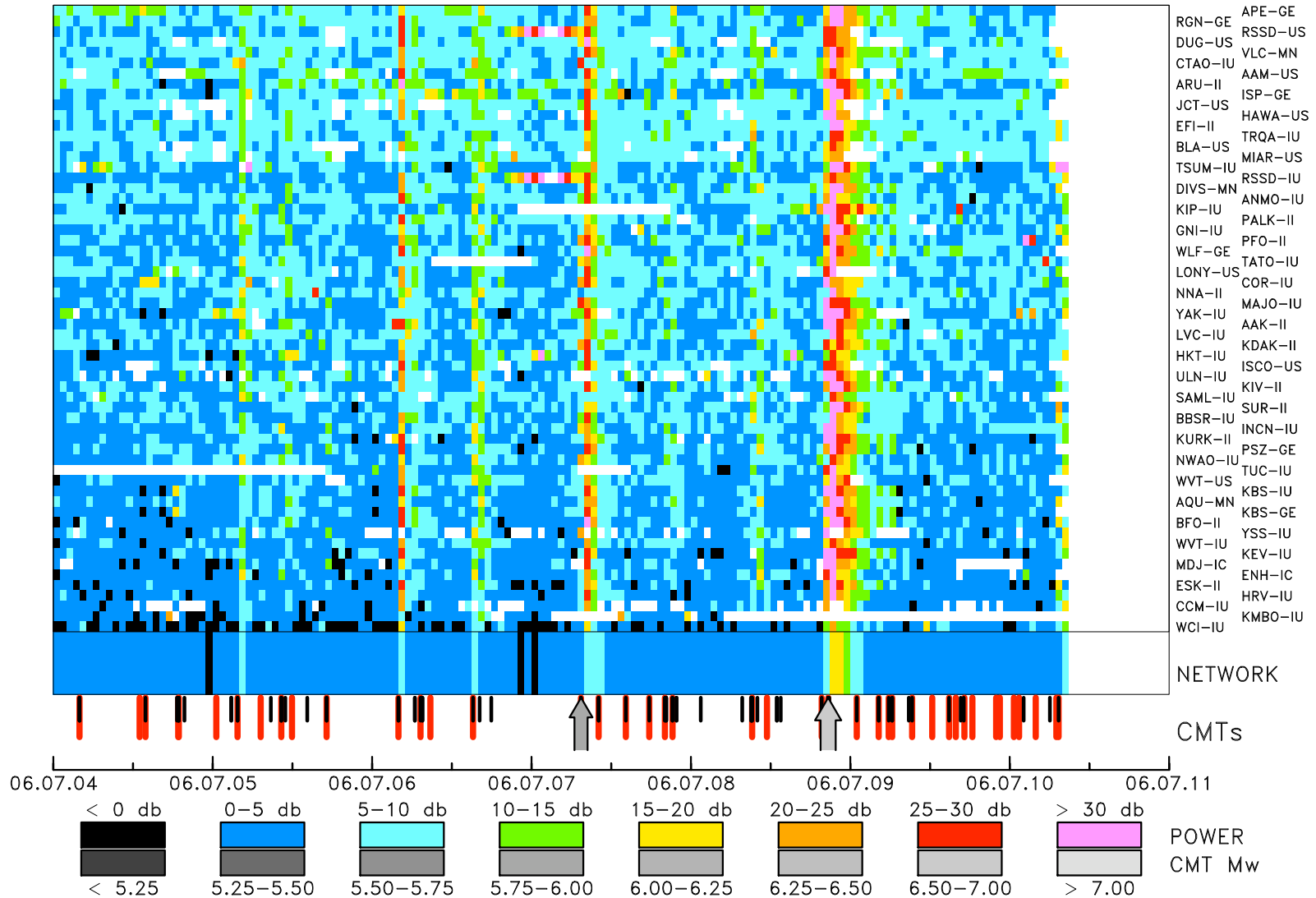
Period: 23 sec Low noise reference: -178.3 db



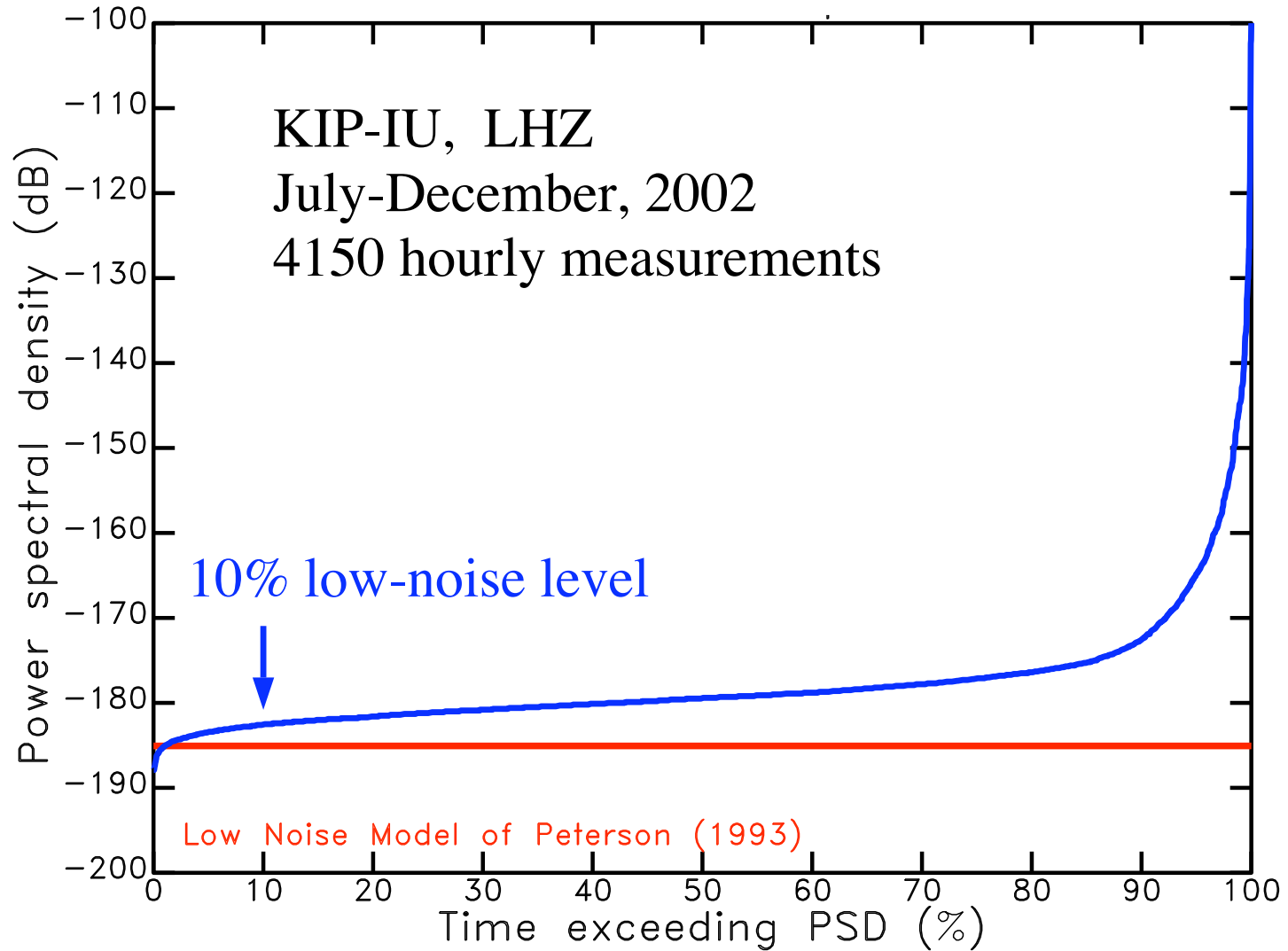


# One week of noise at 100 seconds period

Period: 100 sec Low noise reference: -185.1 db

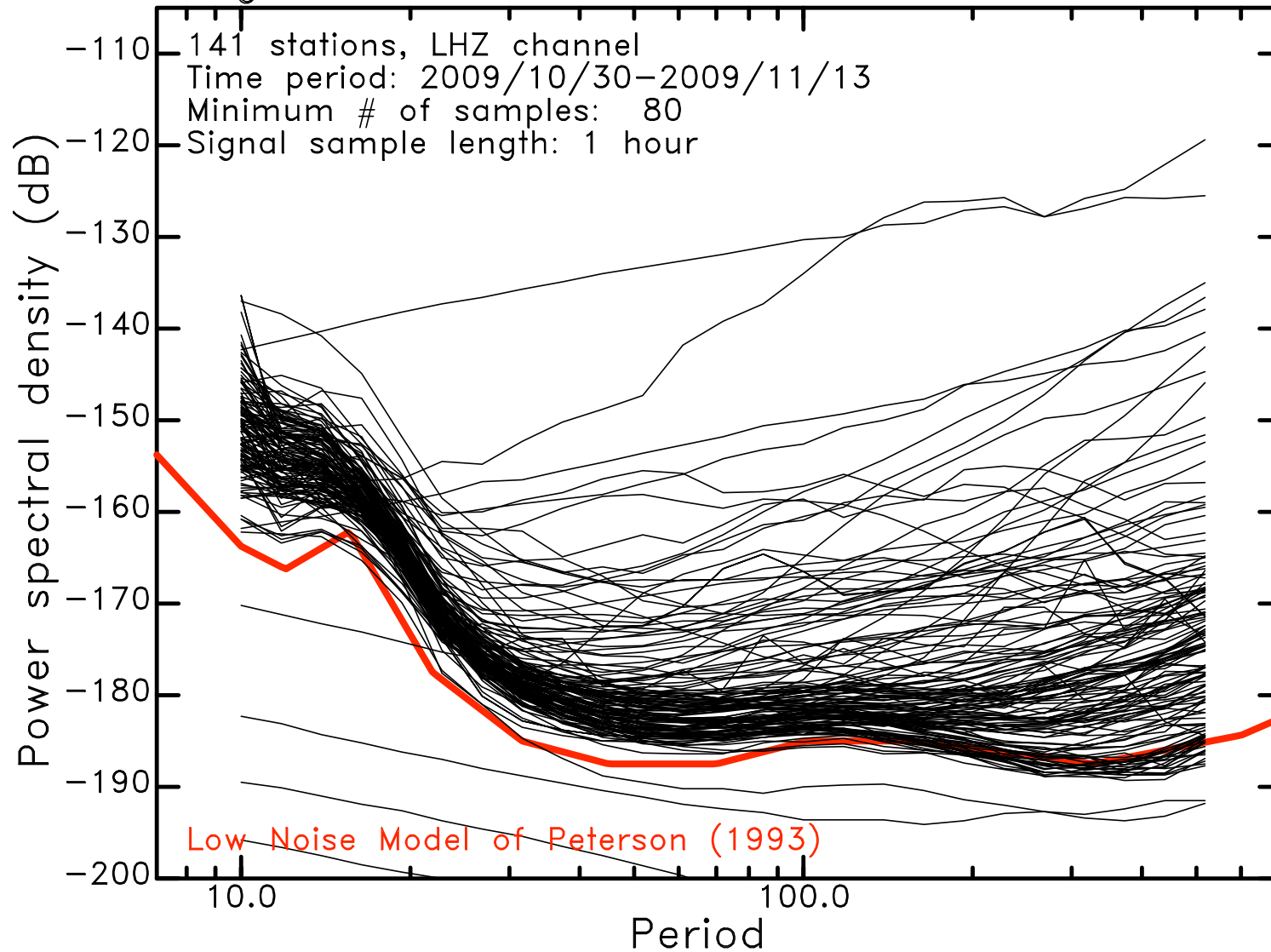


# 100 sec period - distribution of PSD

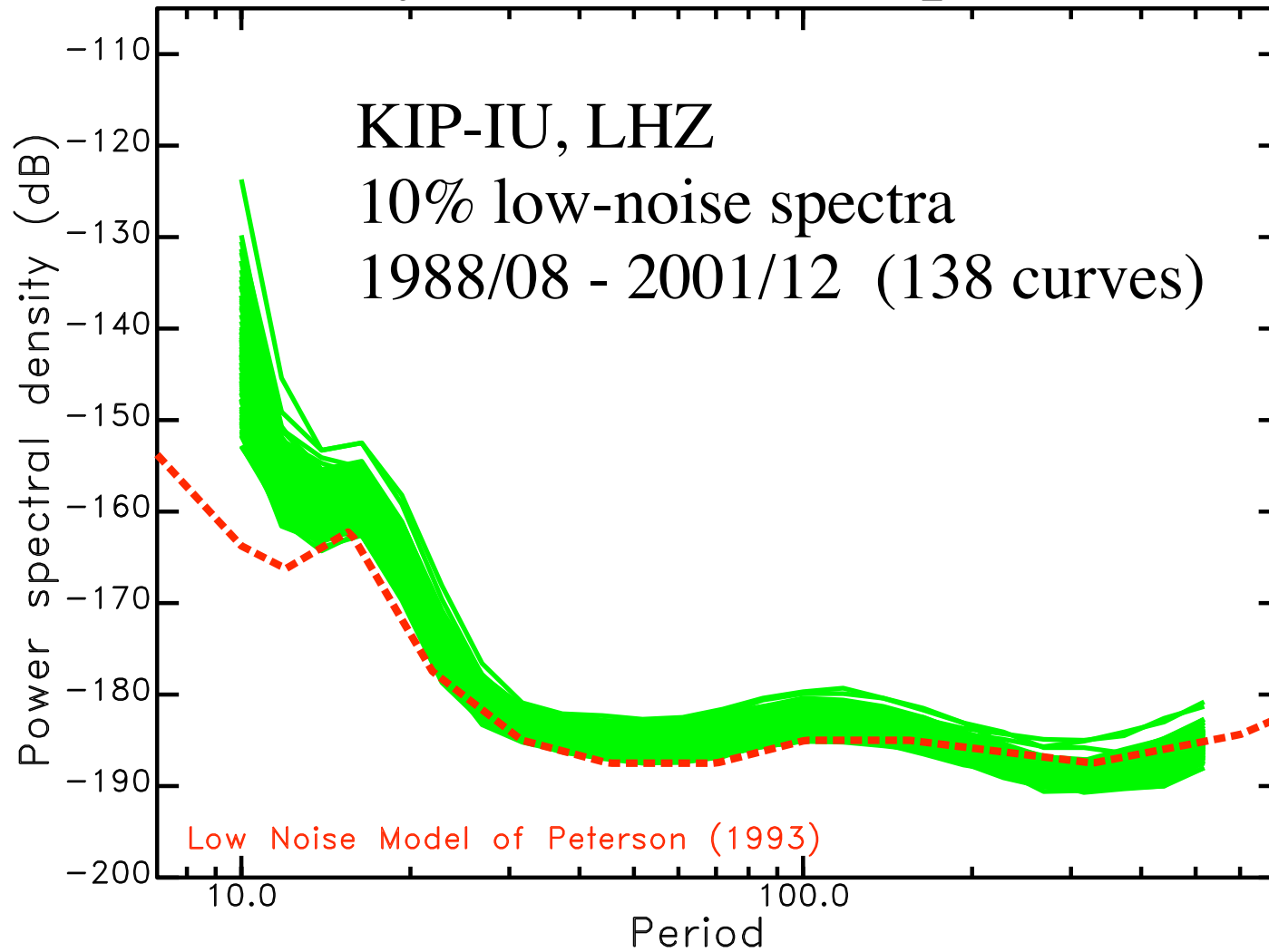


# Noise spectra from the Global Seismic Network

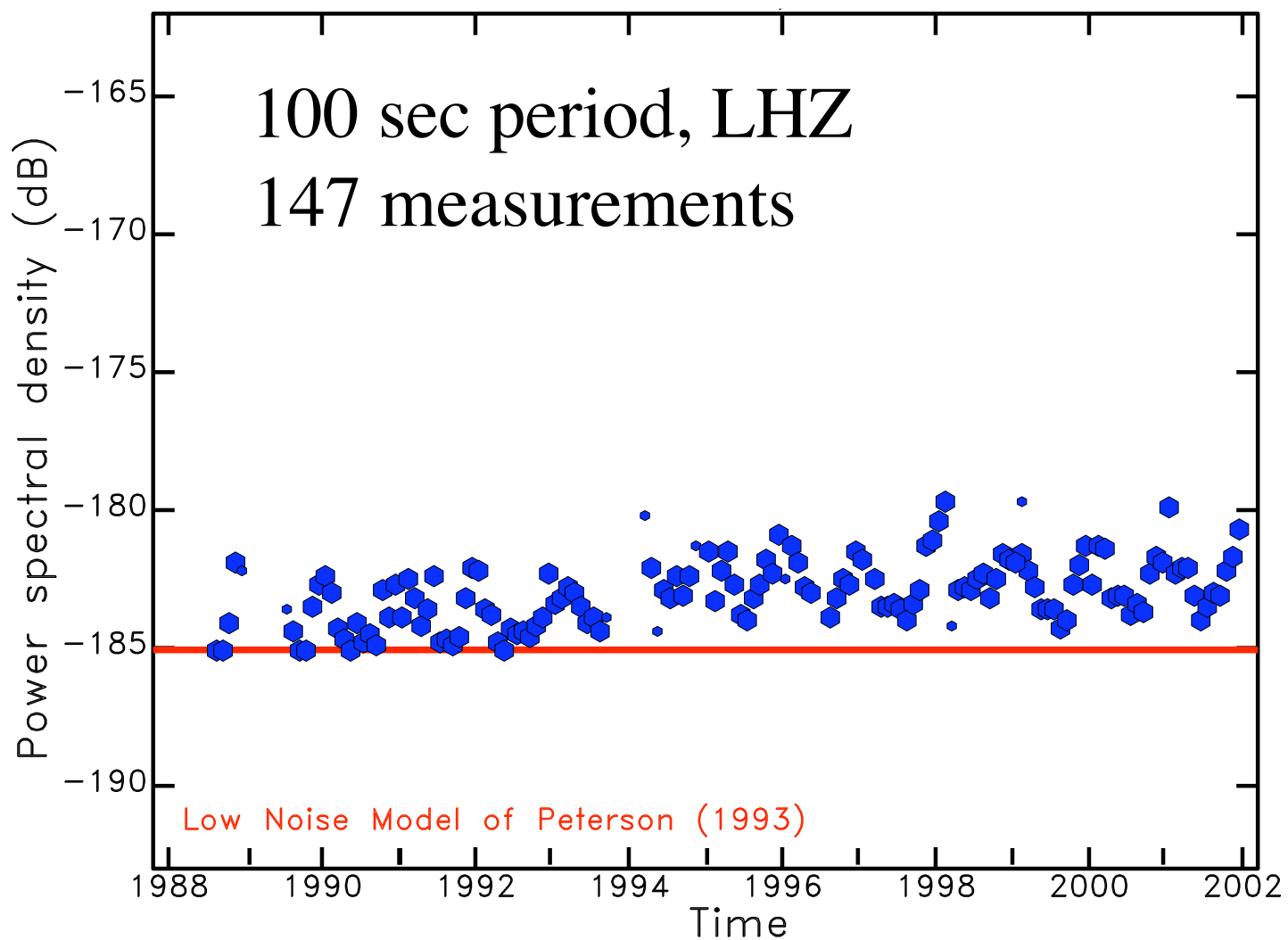
Signal level not exceeded 10% of the time



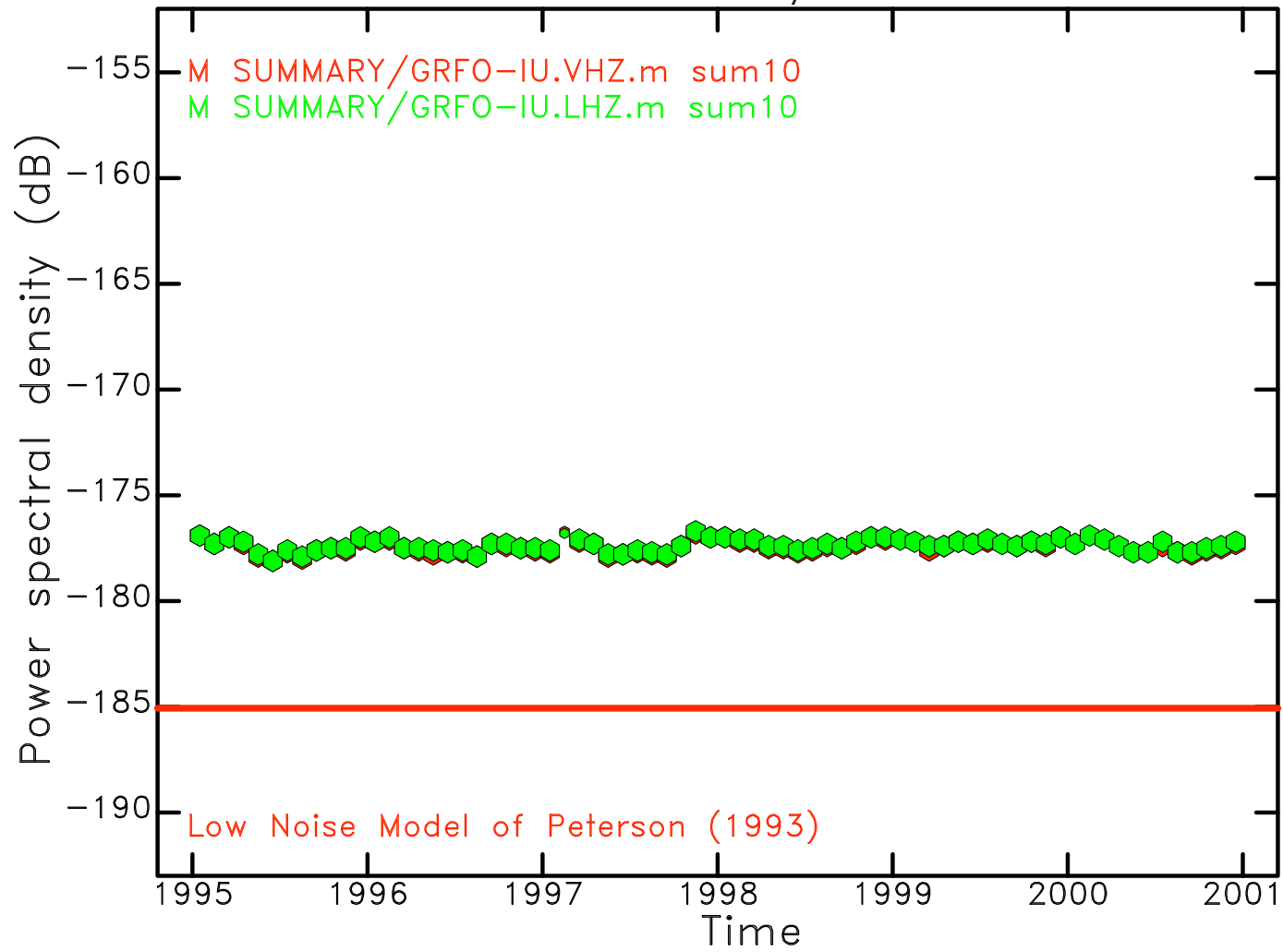
# Stability of low-noise spectra



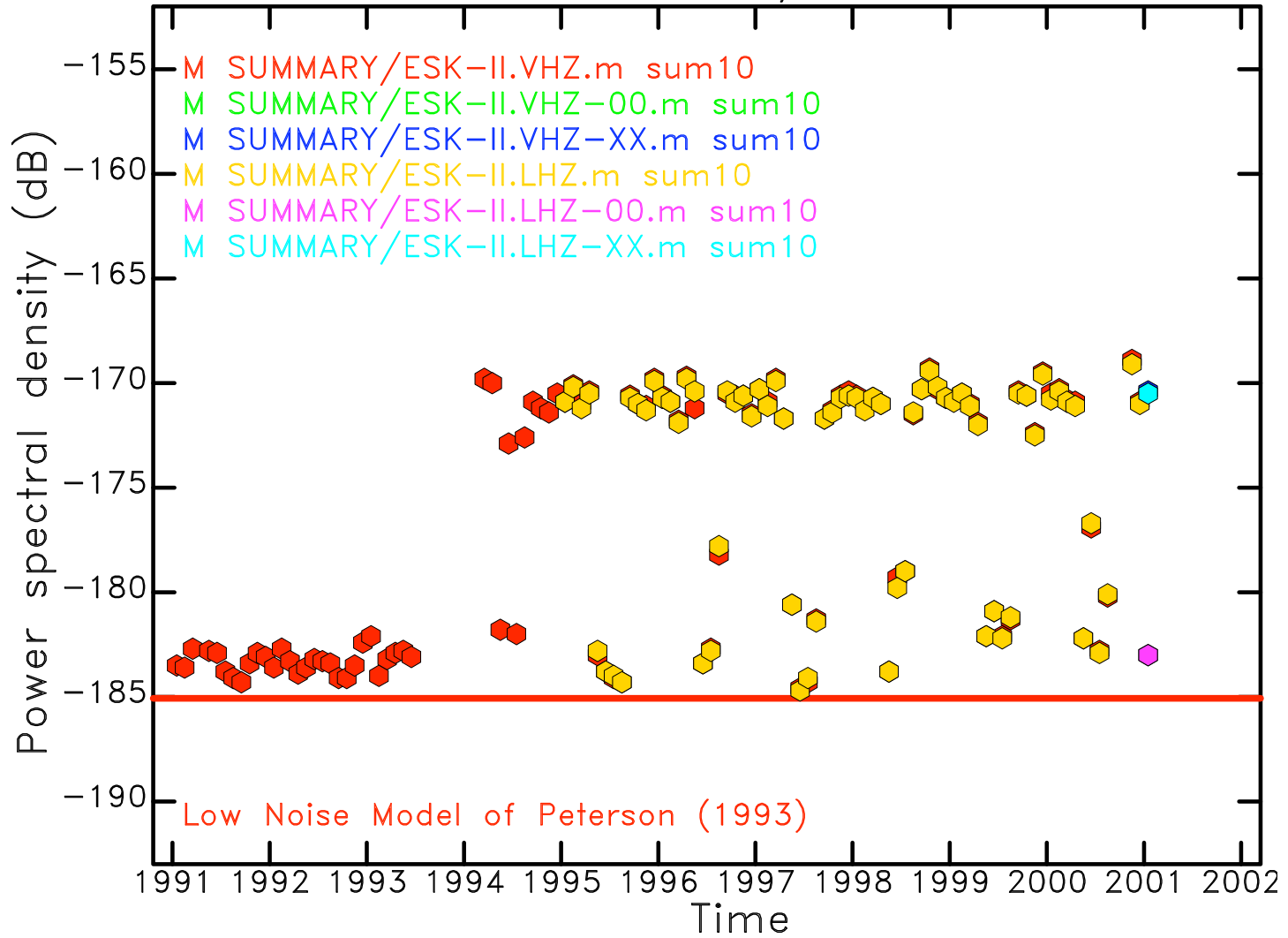
# 10% low-noise level at KIP since 1988



Period: 100 sec - Monthly low noise



Period: 100 sec - Monthly low noise



## 6. Finding interesting things in the noise



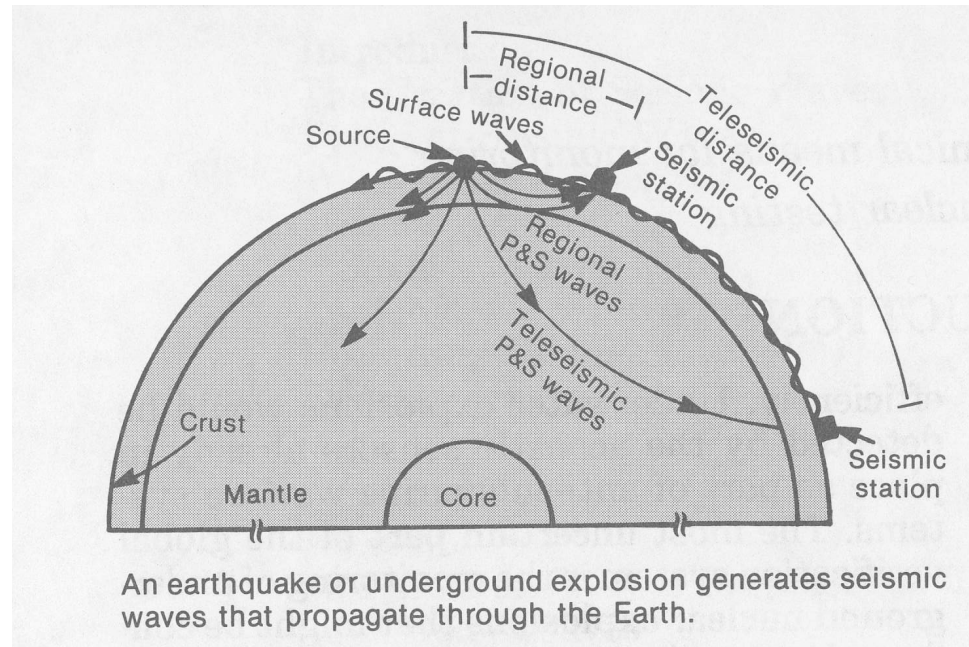
Seismographs record signals with frequencies between  $\sim 10$  Hz to 1000 seconds.

Earthquakes are detected and located using high-frequency signals (around 1 Hz).

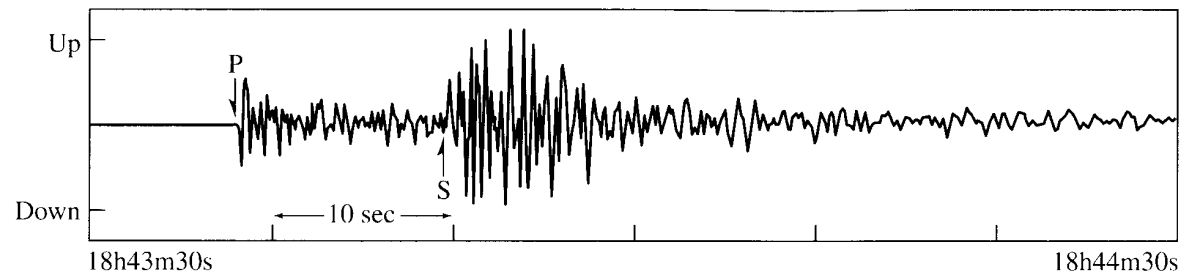
Are there short-lived geophysical phenomena that generate seismic waves at long periods but that are not detected at short periods?

# Locating Earthquakes (I)

wave propagation  
through the Earth

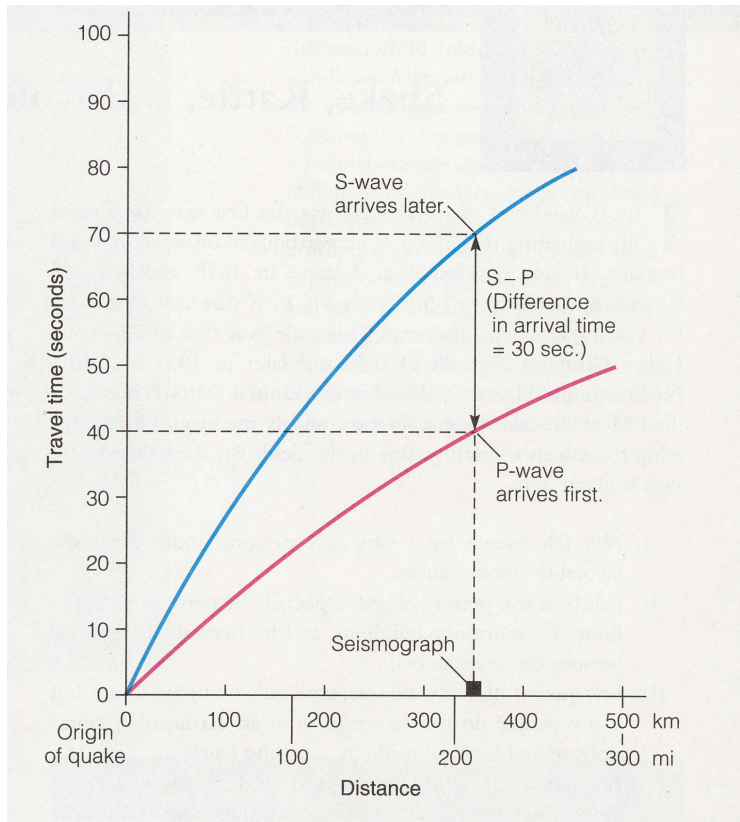


seismogram

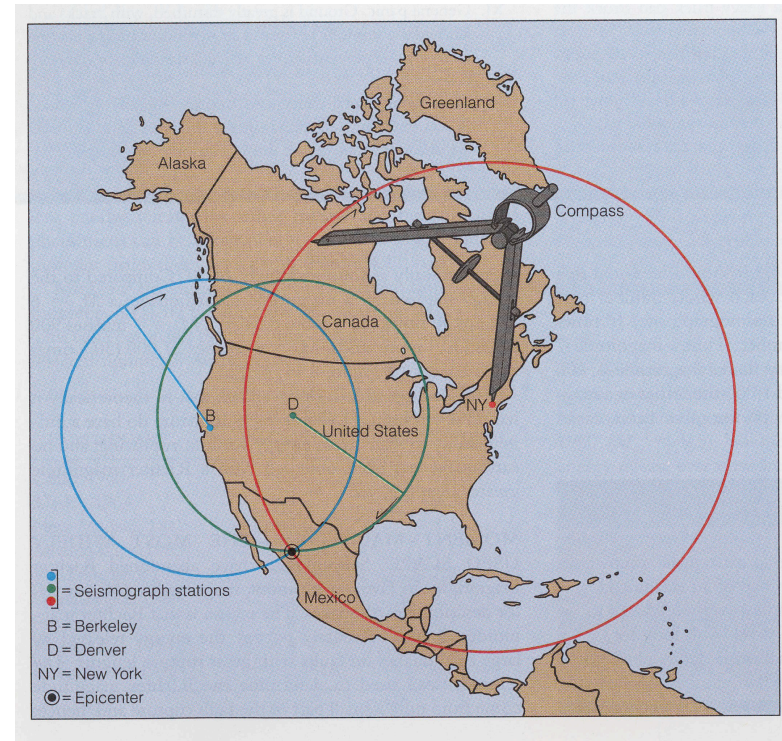


# Locating earthquakes (2)

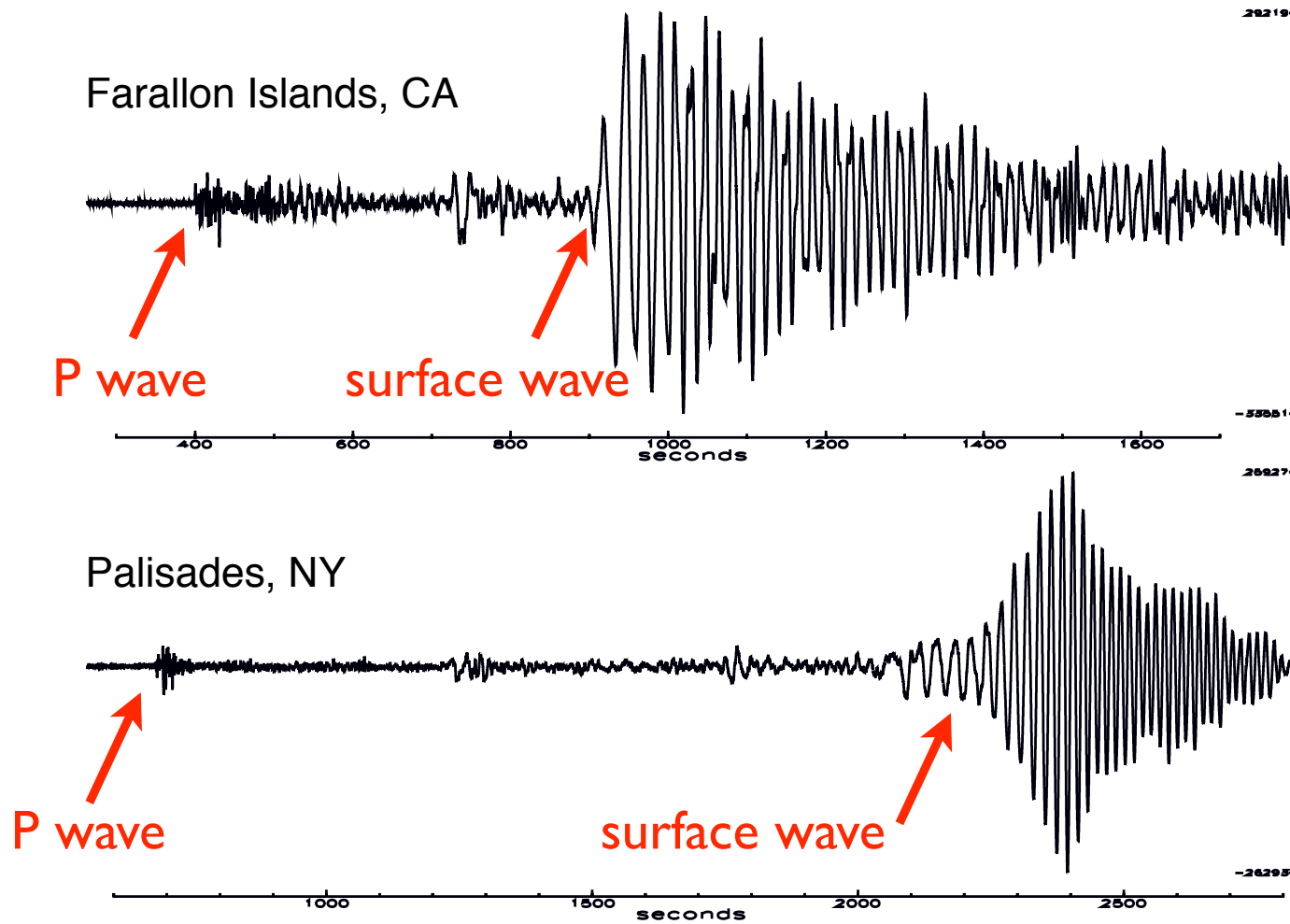
## travel-time curves



## triangulation



# October 15, 2006, Hawaii earthquake, M=6.7



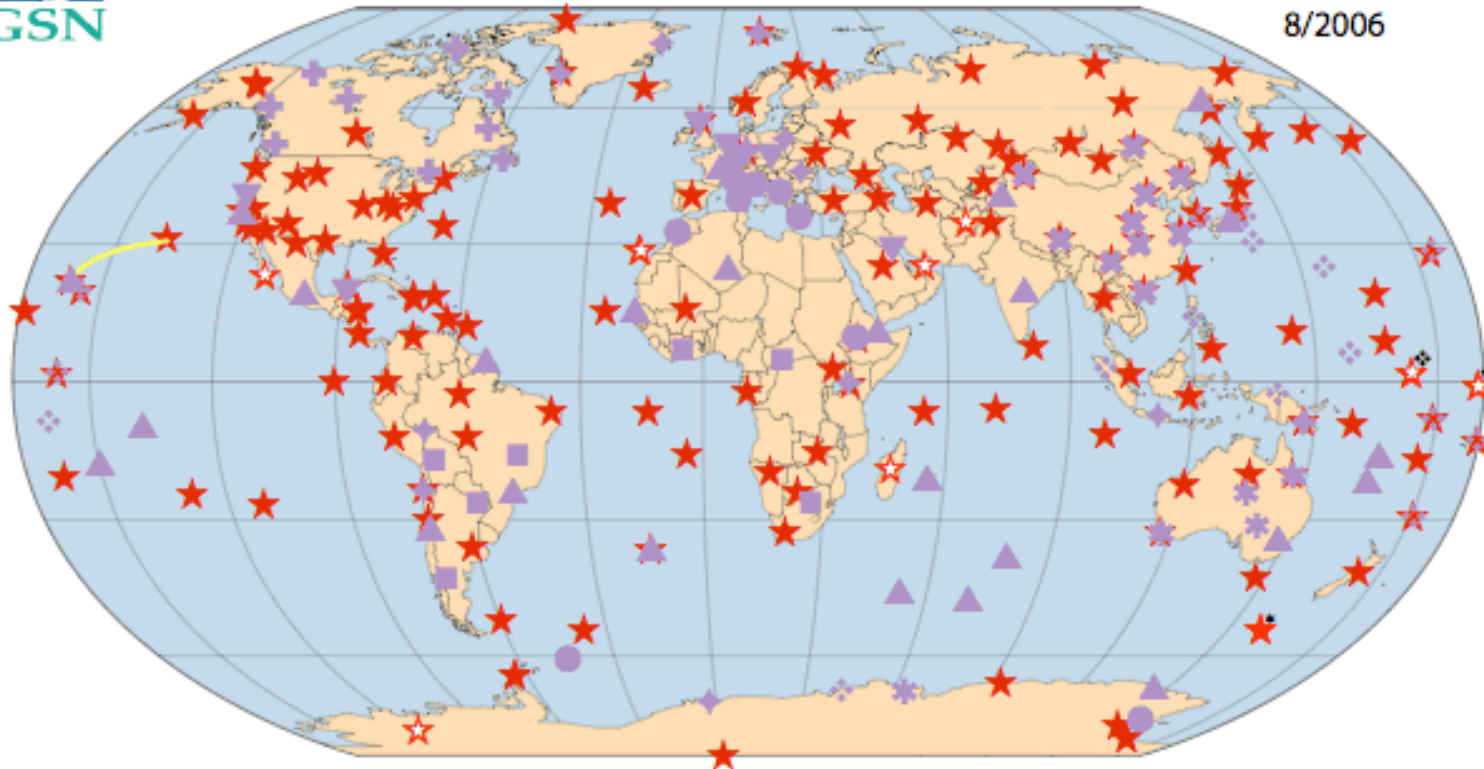






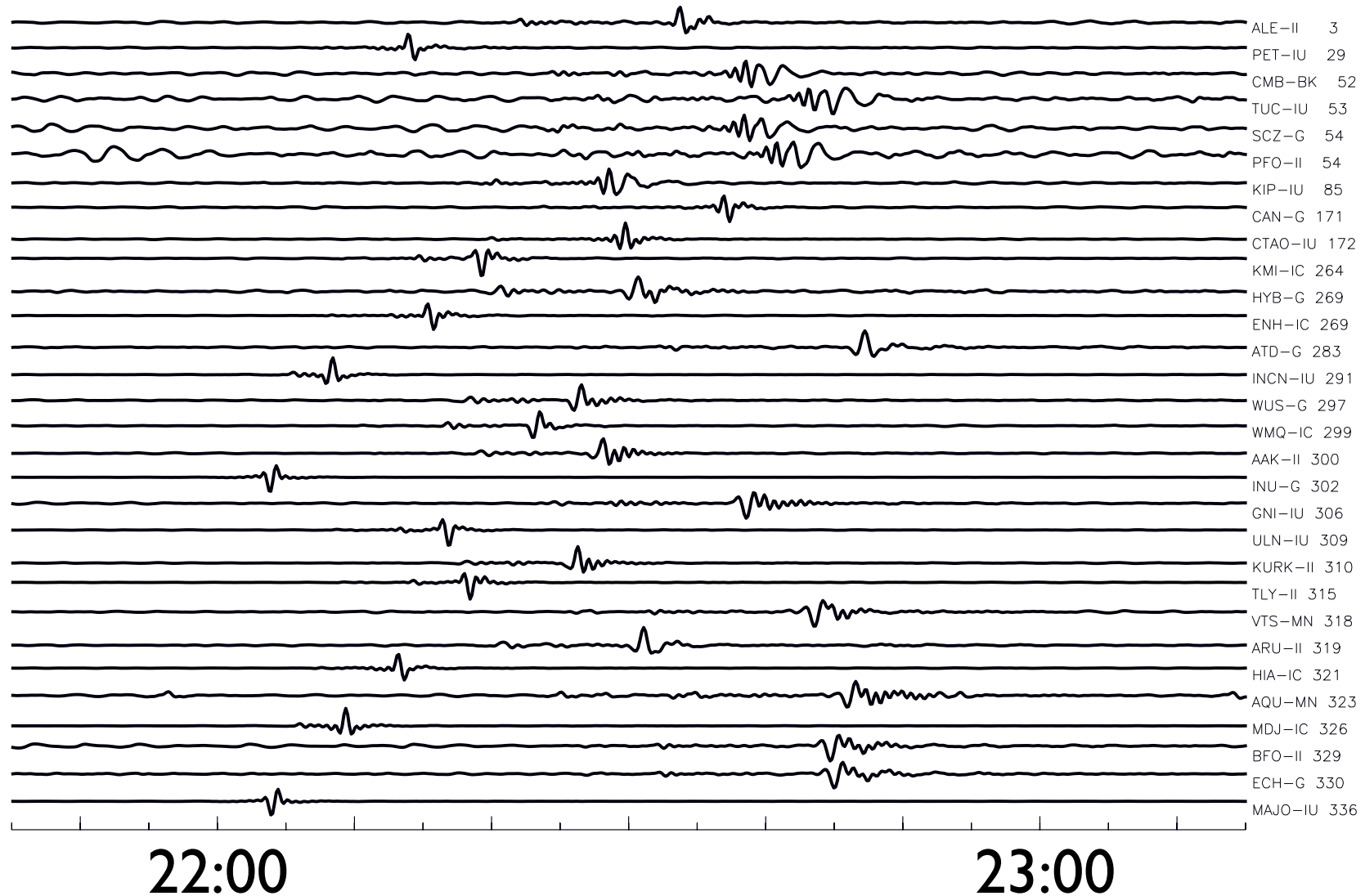
# GLOBAL SEISMOGRAPHIC NETWORK & INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DIGITAL SEISMIC NETWORKS

8/2006



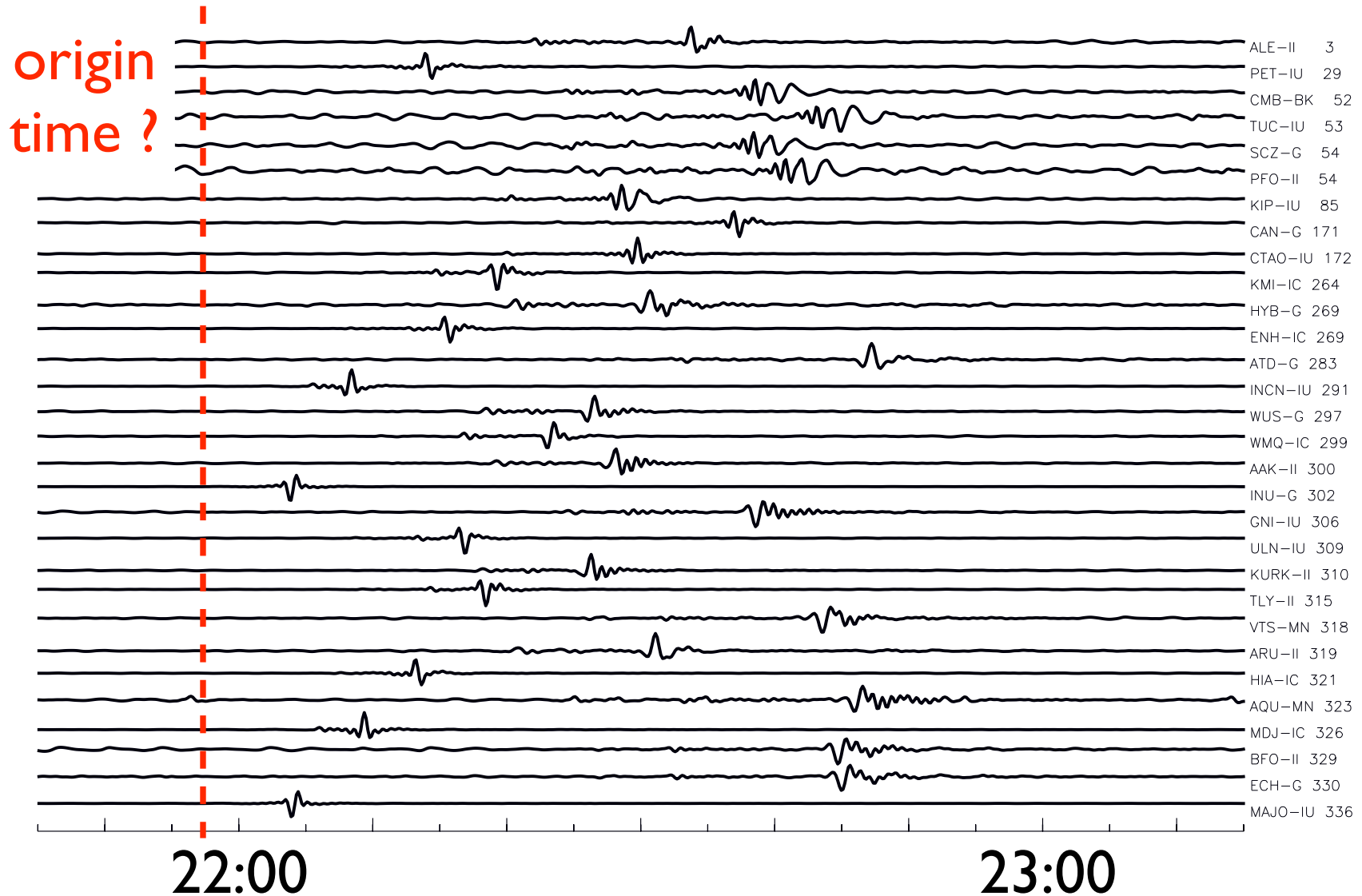
IRIS GSN	Australia	Canada	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	U.S.	China	Other
★	✱	✚	▲	◆	●	✧	■	✖	▼

1. Collect data from the GSN
2. Filter in period range 35- 250 seconds





1. Collect data from the GSN
2. Filter in period range 35- 250 seconds





## Surface-wave dispersion

Seismic surface waves are dispersive,  $c = c(\omega)$ , where  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  and  $T$  is the period of the waves.

Travel time  $\tau$  is therefore dependent on frequency,  $\tau(\omega)$ .

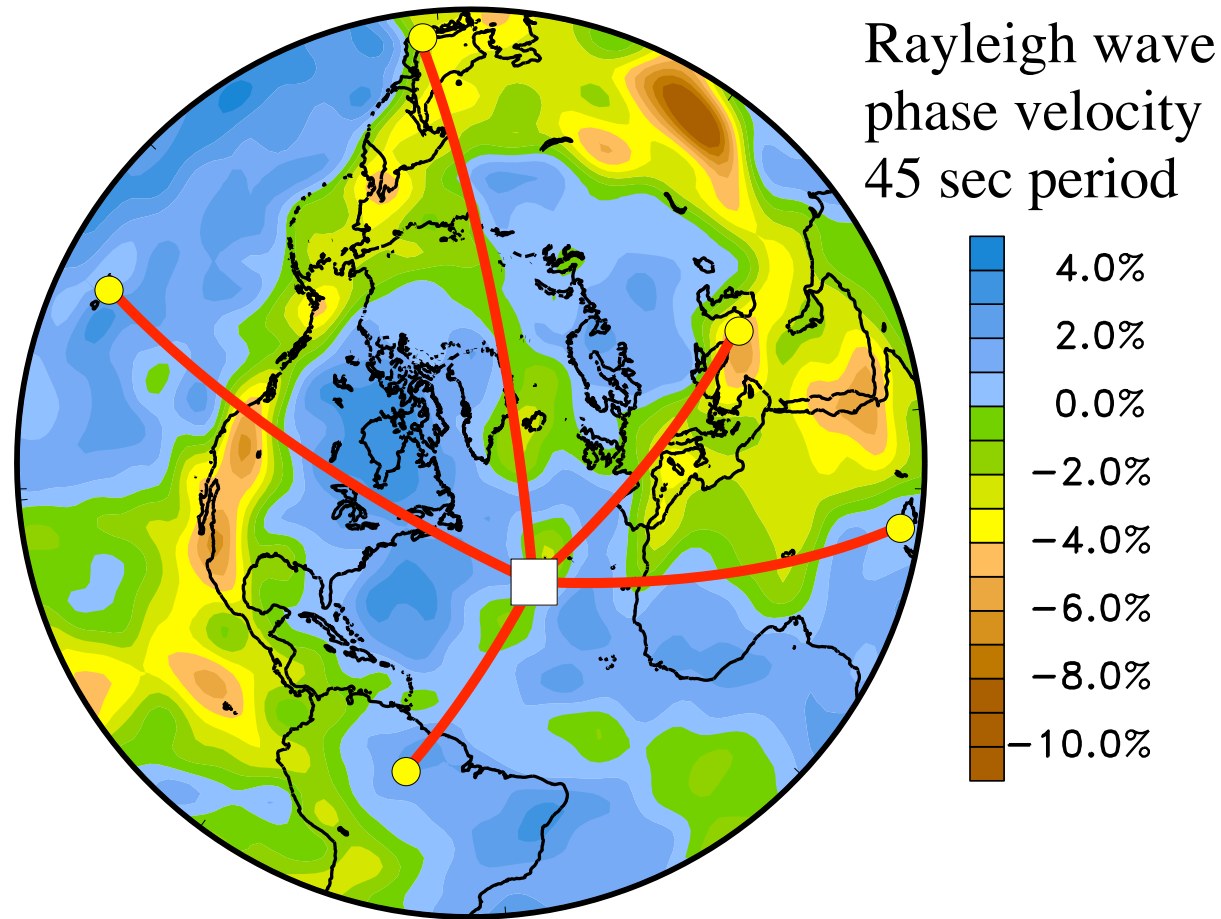
Propagation phase  $\Phi(\omega) = \omega \cdot \tau(\omega) = \frac{\tau(\omega) \cdot 2\pi}{T}$ .

For the propagation phase from point  $(\theta_A, \varphi_A)$  to point  $(\theta_B, \varphi_B)$  we write,

$$\Phi(\omega) = \int_A^B \frac{\omega}{c(\theta, \varphi; \omega)} ds$$

with velocity depending on position,  $c(\theta, \varphi)$ .

### 3. Select a target location

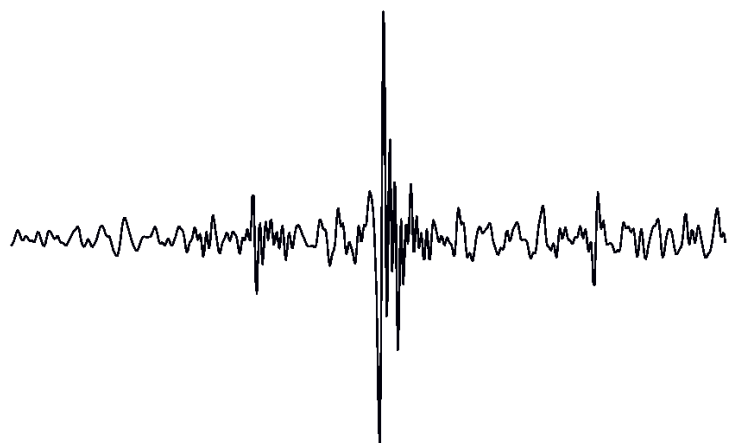


### 4. Calculate and remove dispersion from each station to the target

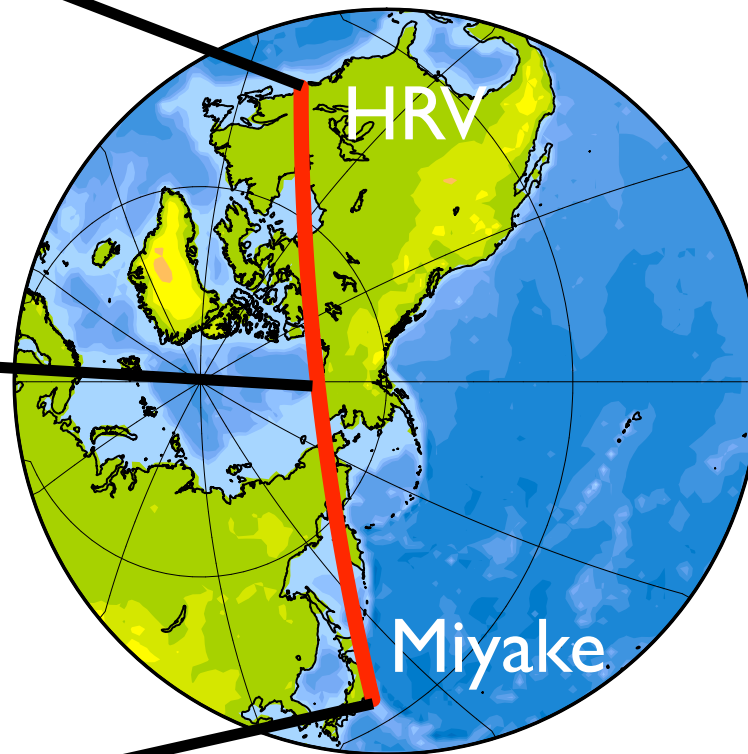
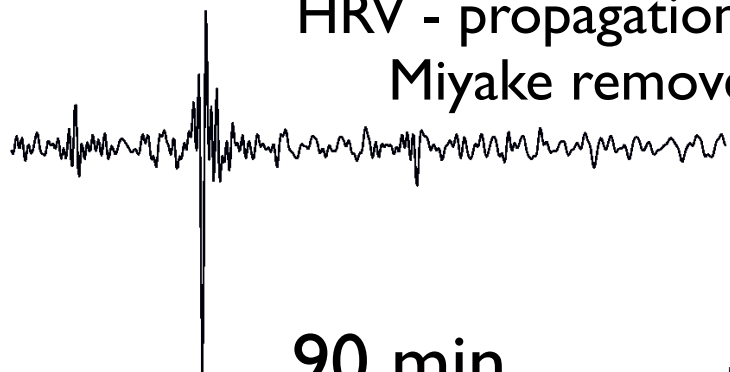
HRV - original record



Removing dispersion



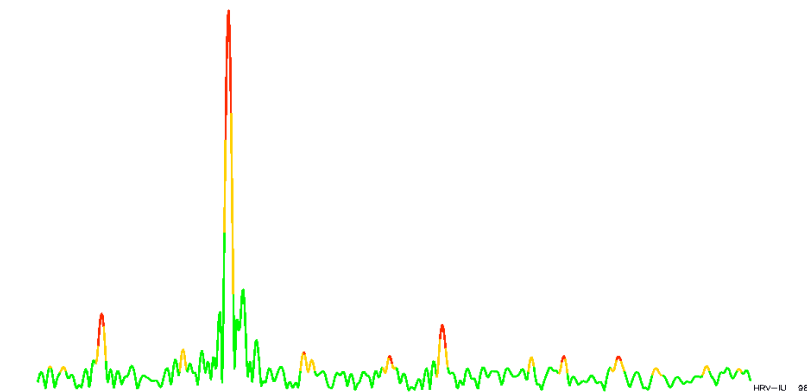
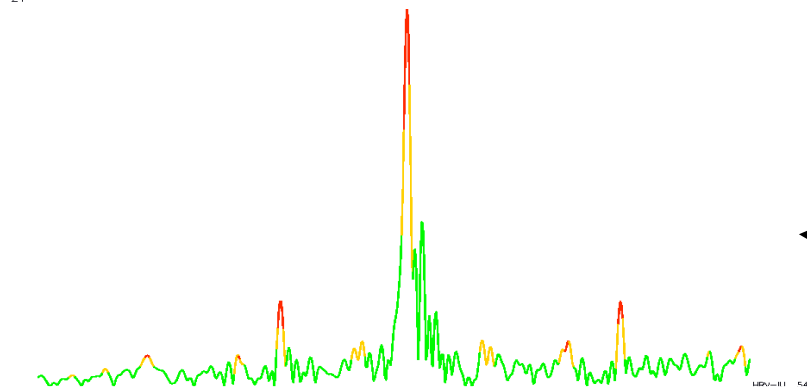
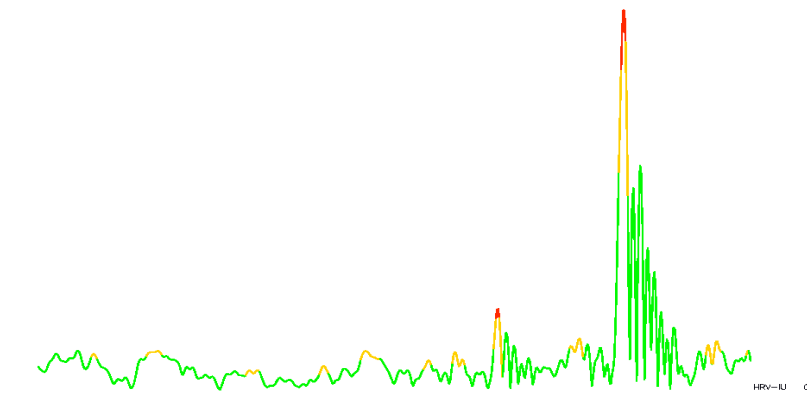
HRV - propagation from Miyake removed



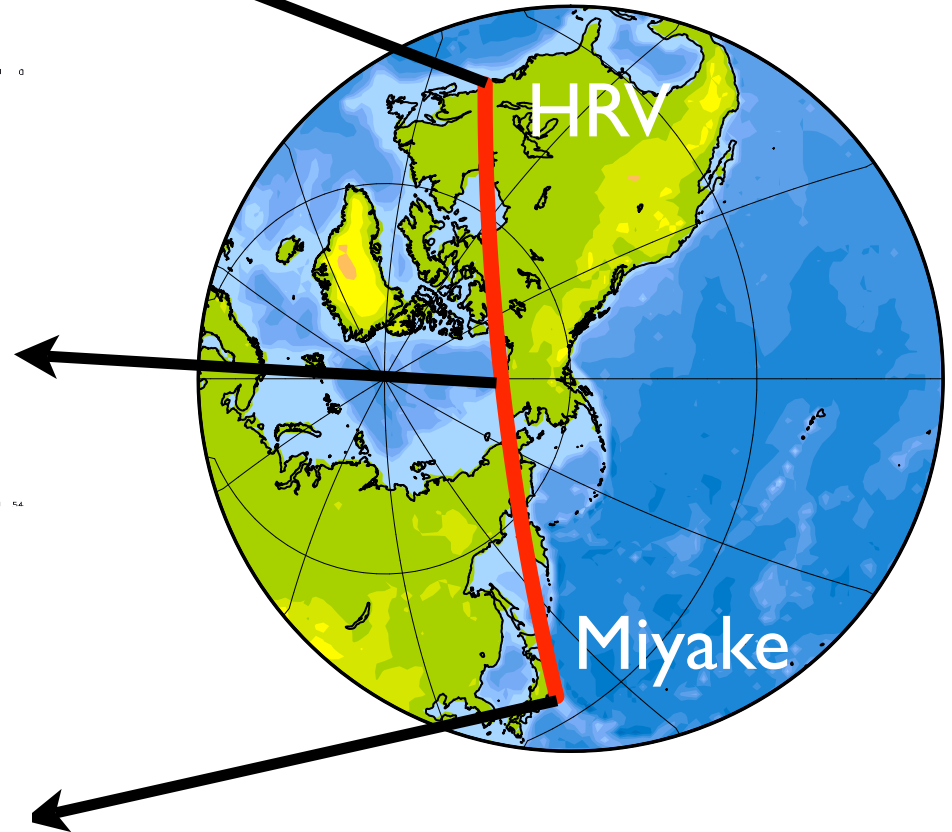
90 min



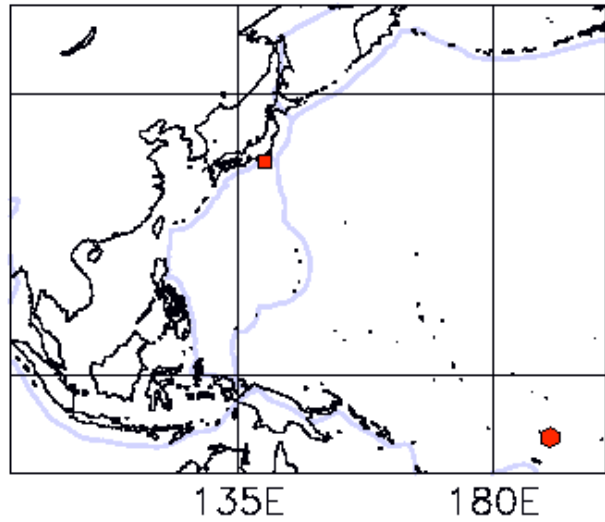
# Removing dispersion: envelope+ detection



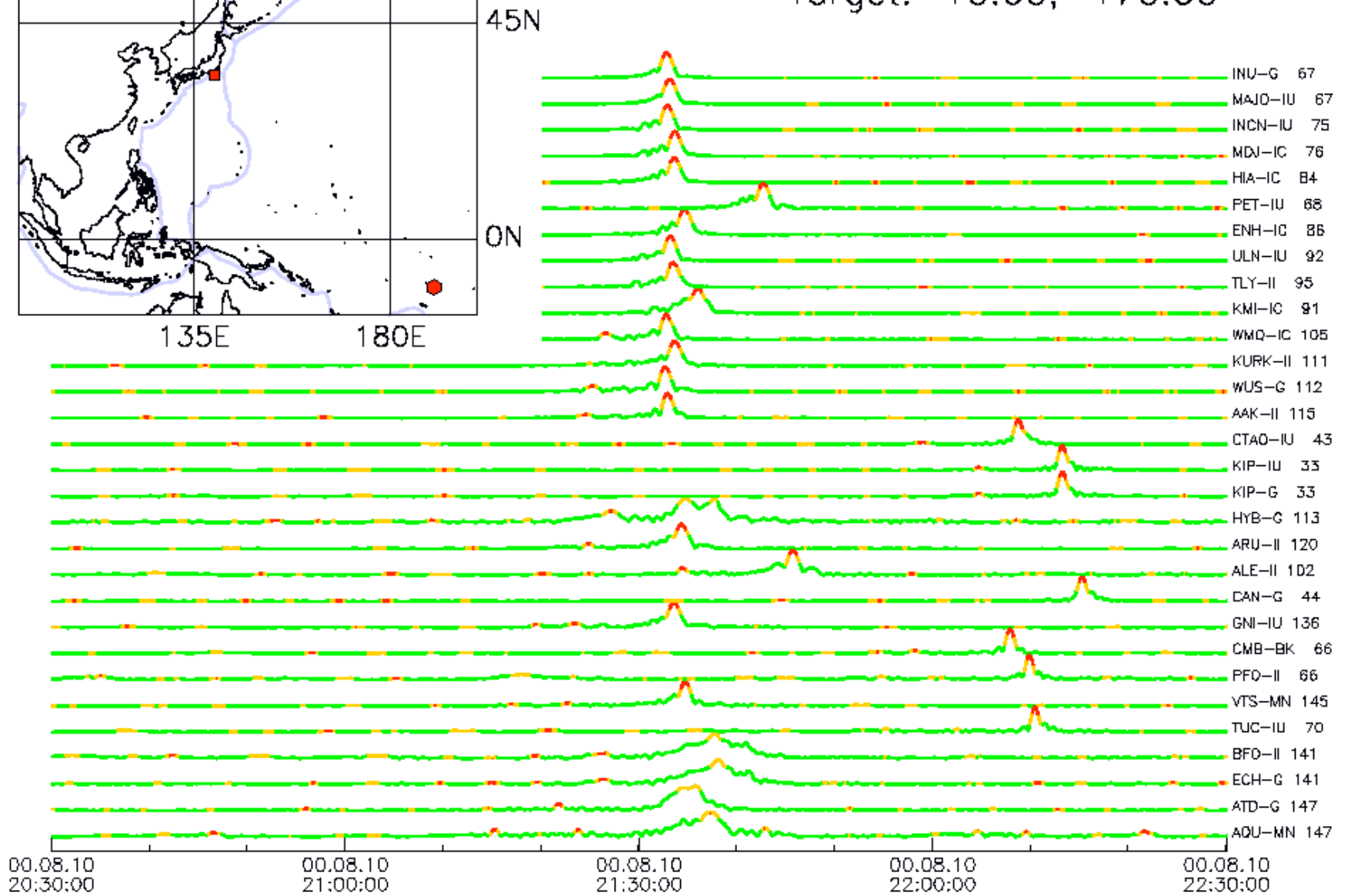
90 min



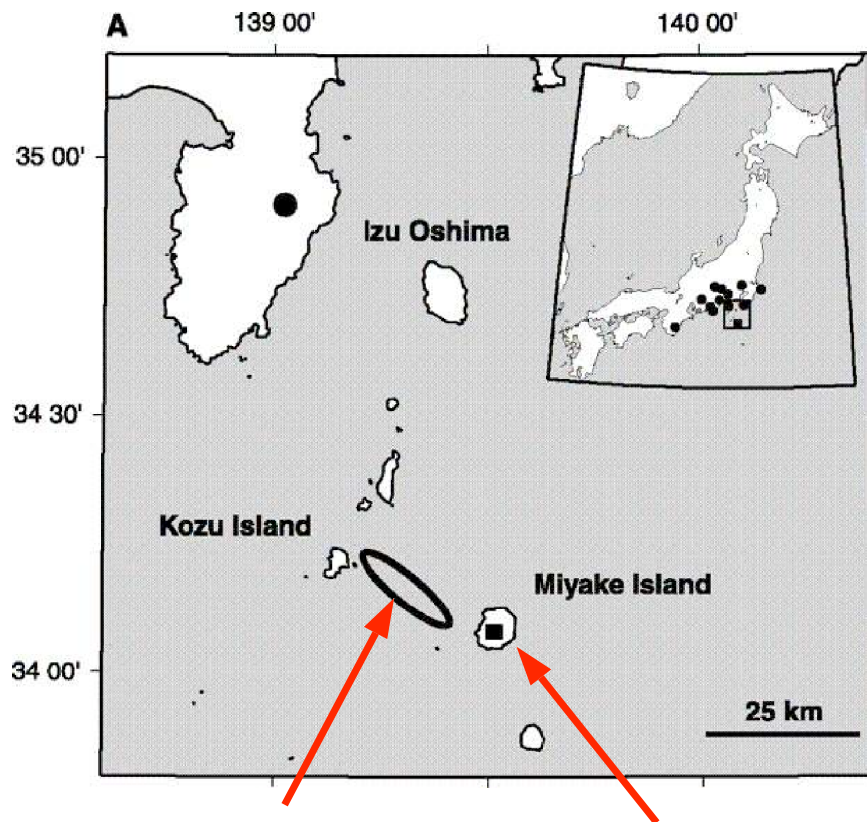
# Miyake Island, 2000/08/10



Target: -10.00, -170.00



# Caldera formation on Miyake Island associated with magma migration in the Izu Islands, June-September, 2000



dike injection,  
earthquakes

caldera  
formation



(Figure adapted from Kumagai et al., Science, 2001)

Systematic global search:

4050 points on the Earth's surface

100-200 stations

15 years

365 days/year

6 4-hour seismograms/day

20,000,000,000 4-hour event stacks

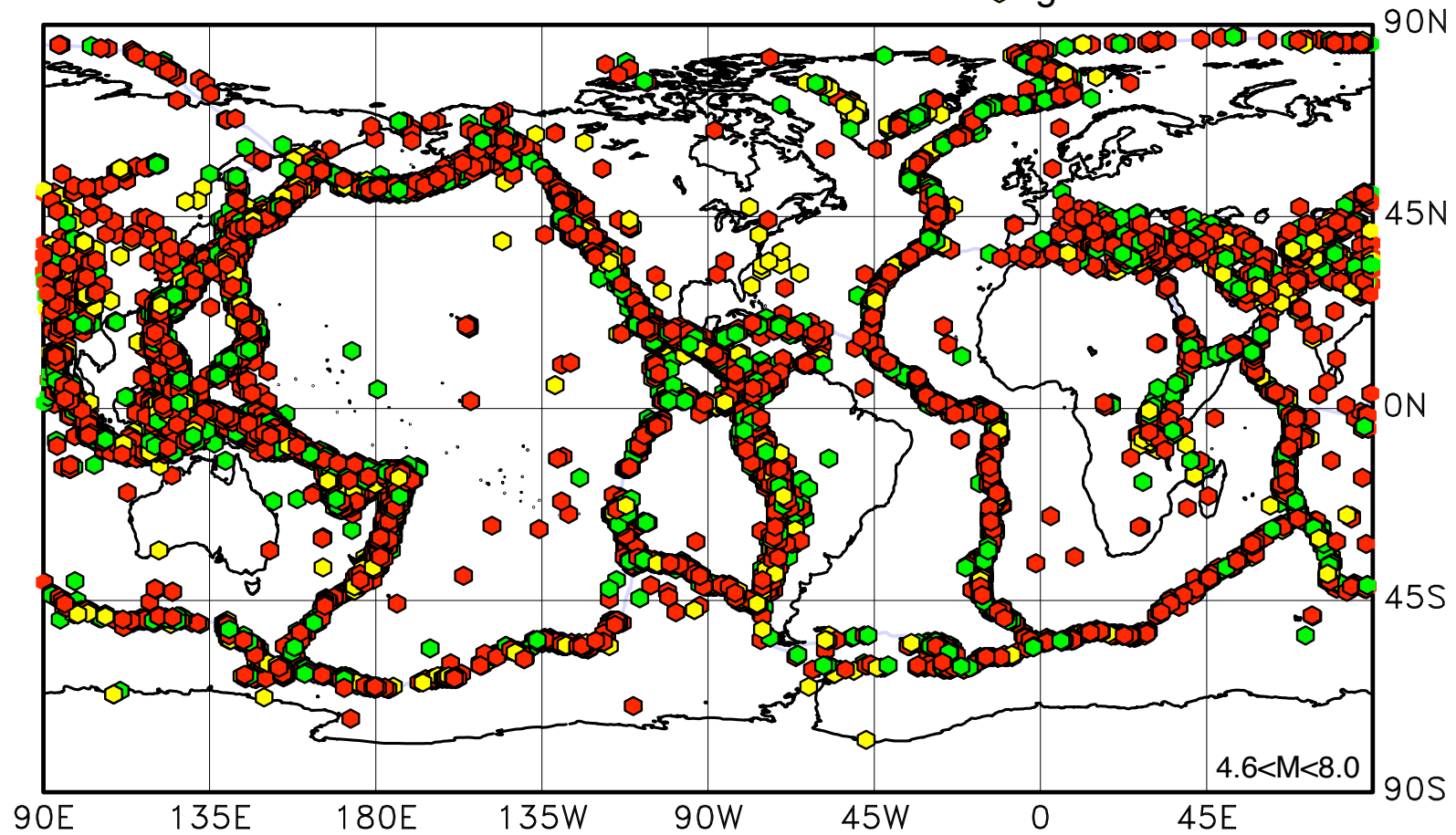
check for event every 4 seconds:

80,000,000,000,000 detection tests



24,412 detected seismic events  
1993-2003

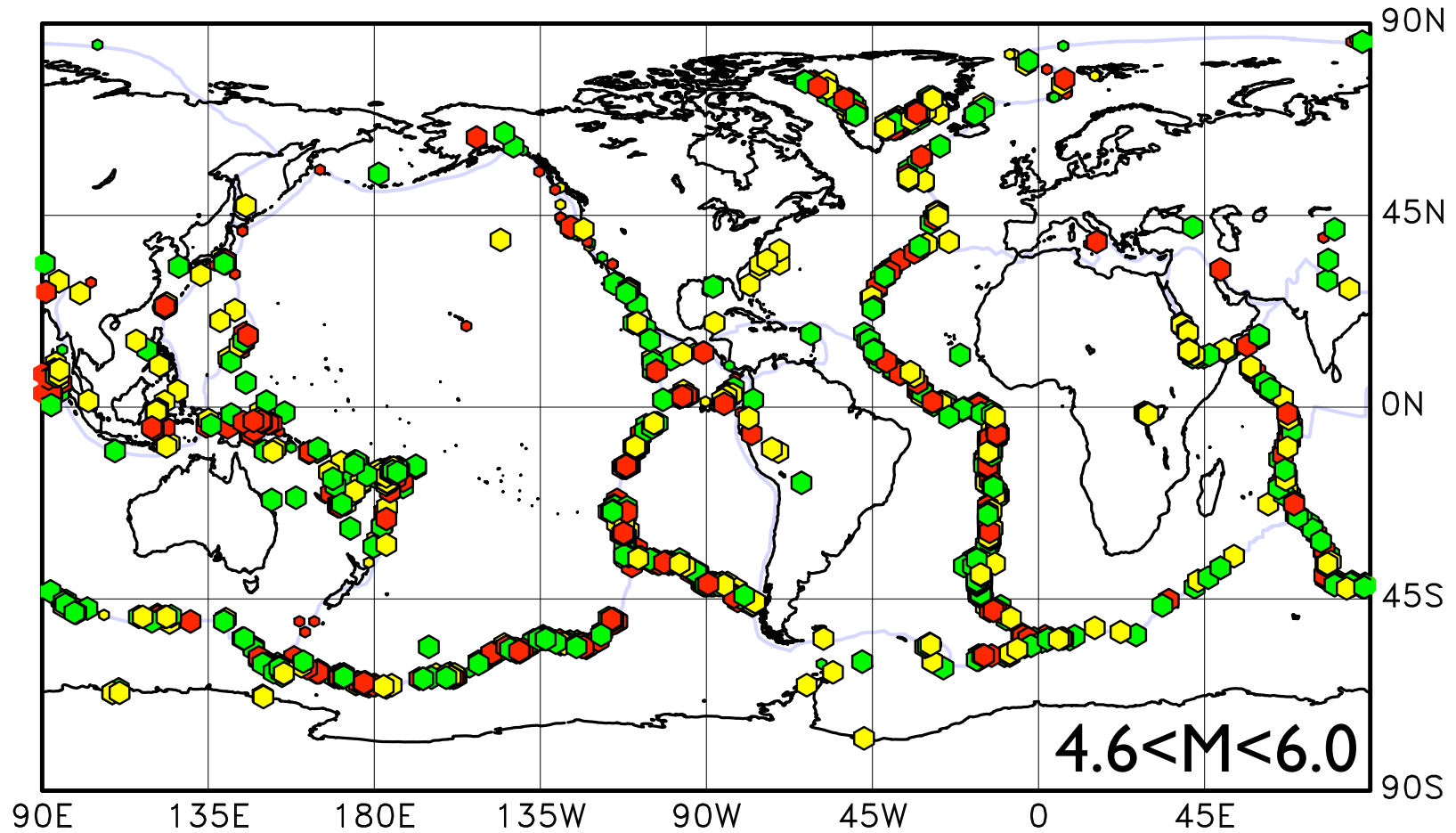
- best detection
- very good detection
- good detection



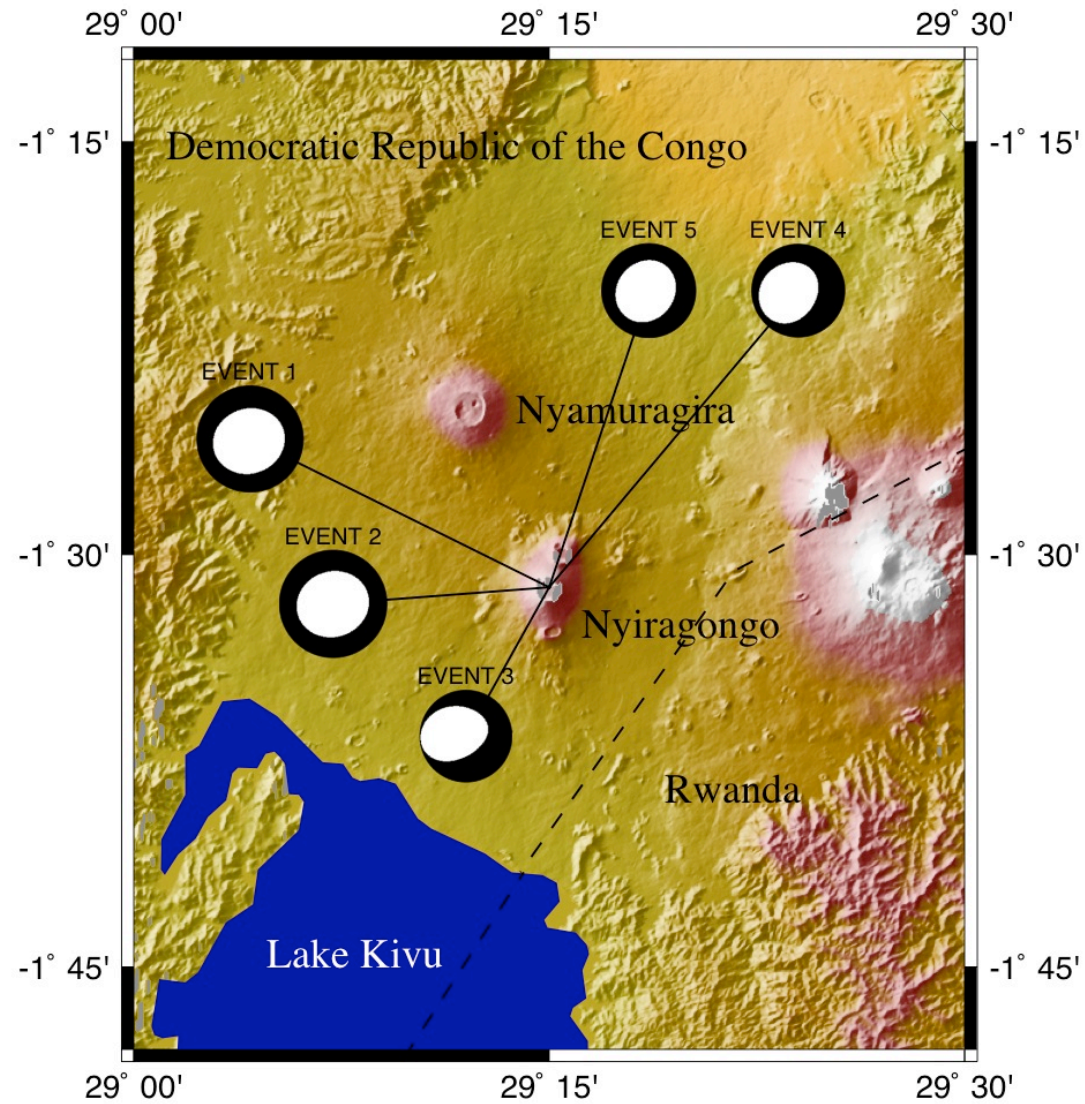


# Previously undetected earthquakes since 1993

Best  
Very good  
Good

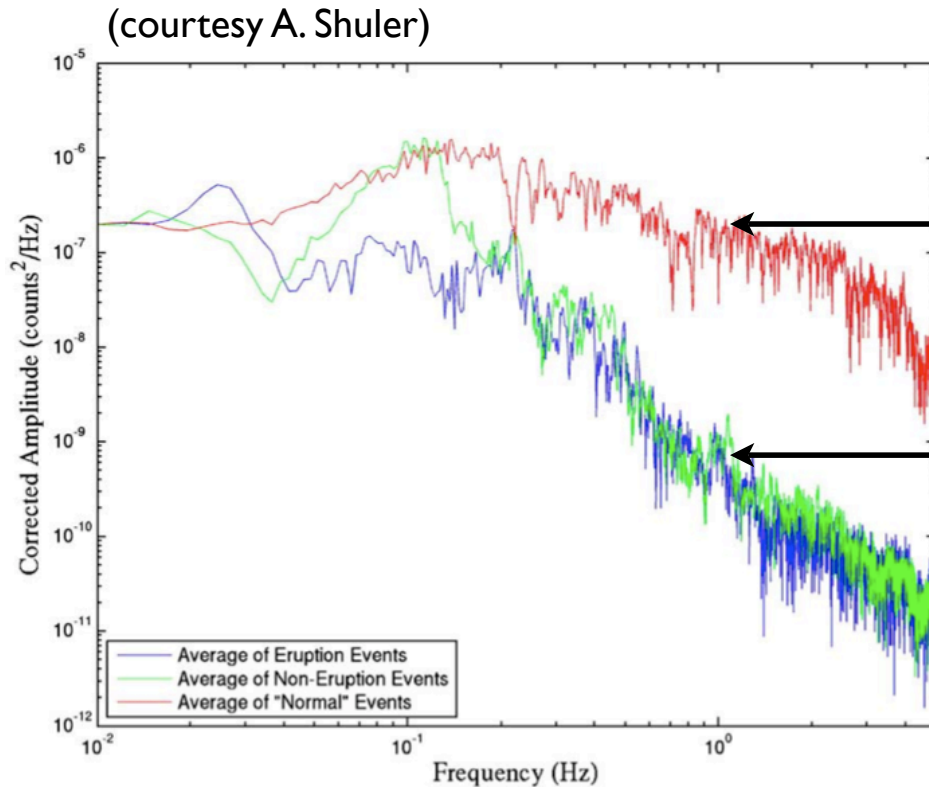


# Slow earthquakes at Nyiragongo Volcano



Shuler and Ekstrom, 2007

## Detection and analysis of events with little high-frequency energy

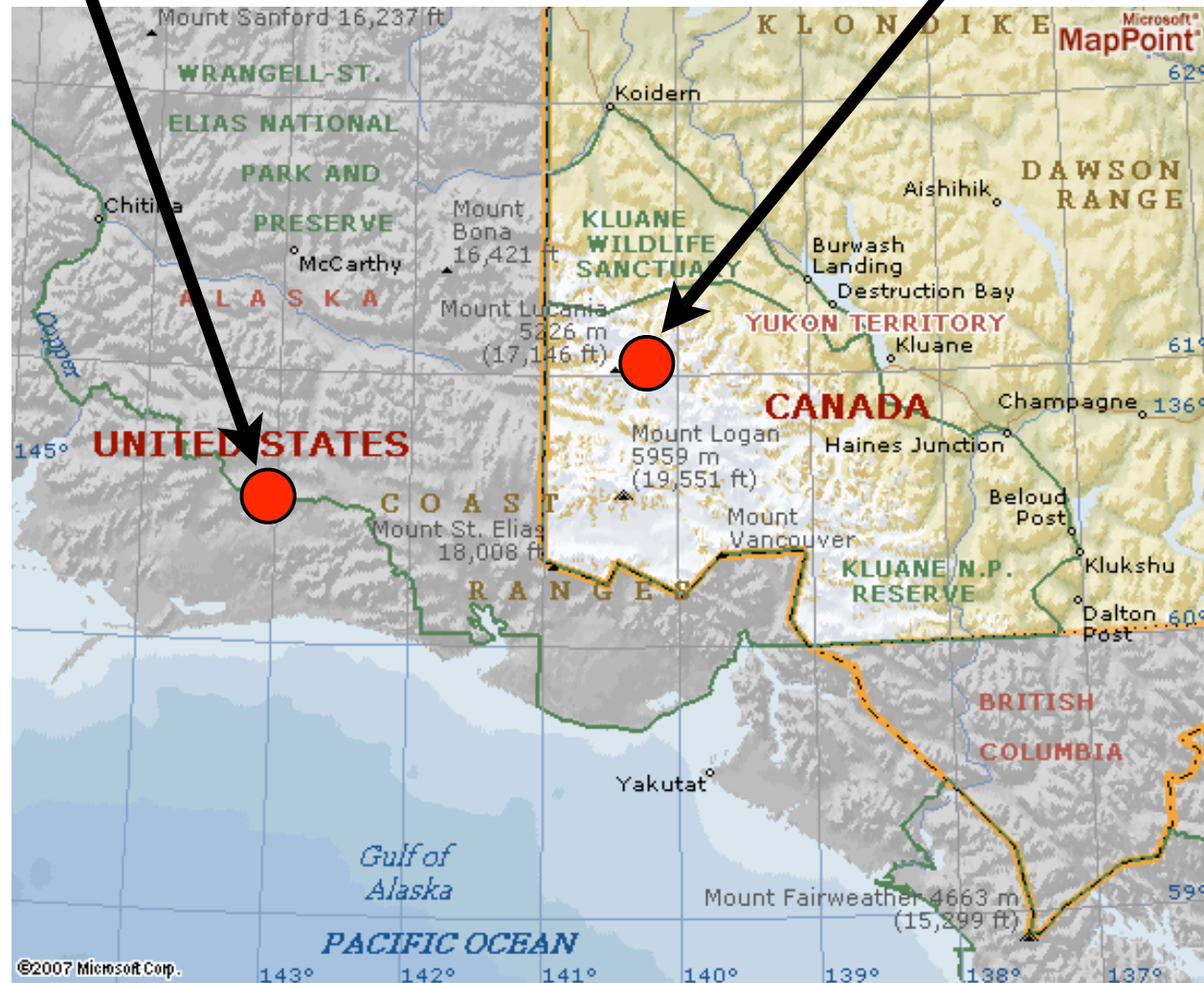


slow volcano-tectonic earthquakes near Lake Kivu have 1-Hz energy depleted by more than  $10^2$  wrt nearby earthquakes

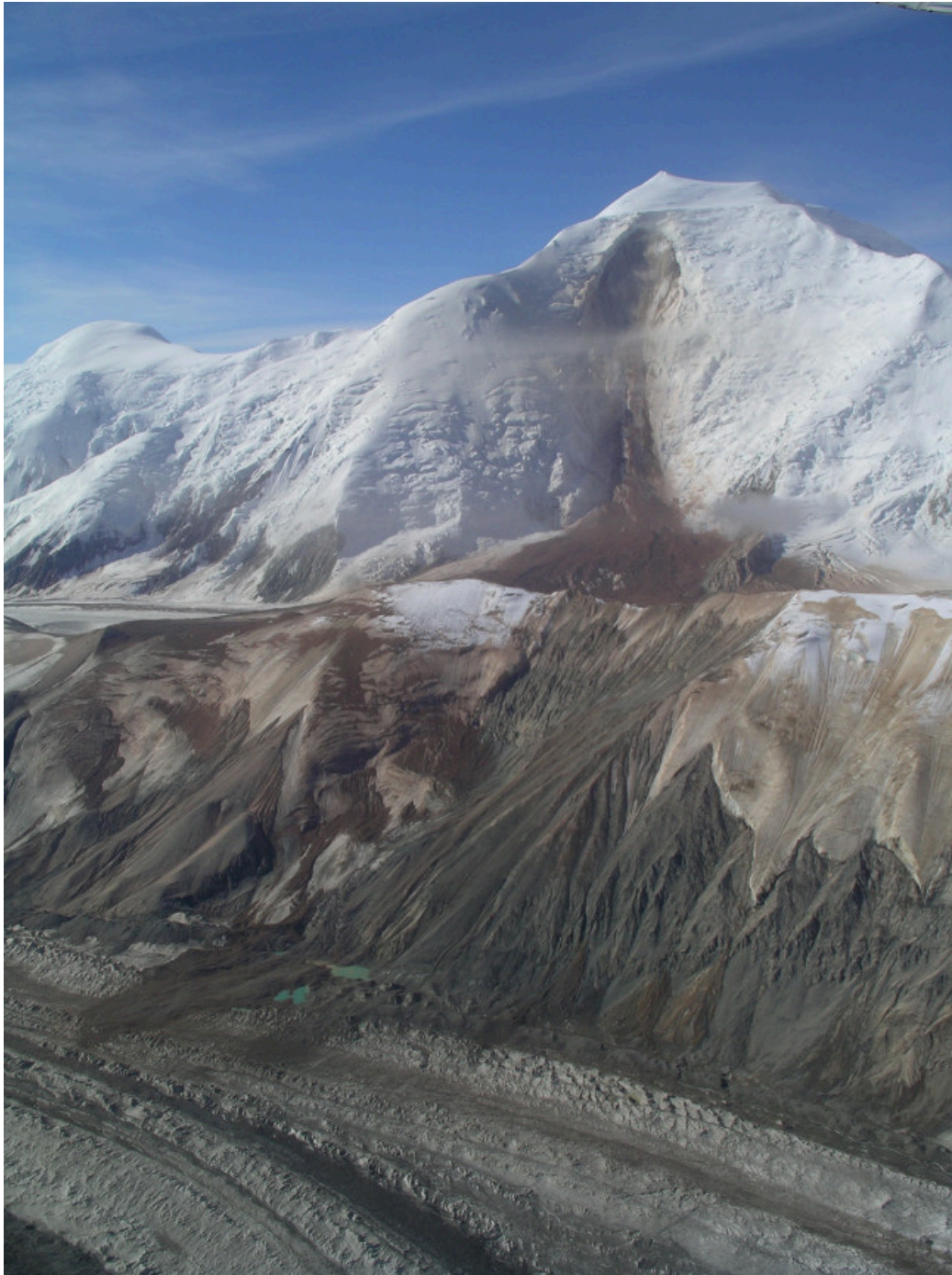
# Two strange M=5.2 earthquakes

9/14/2005

7/25/2007



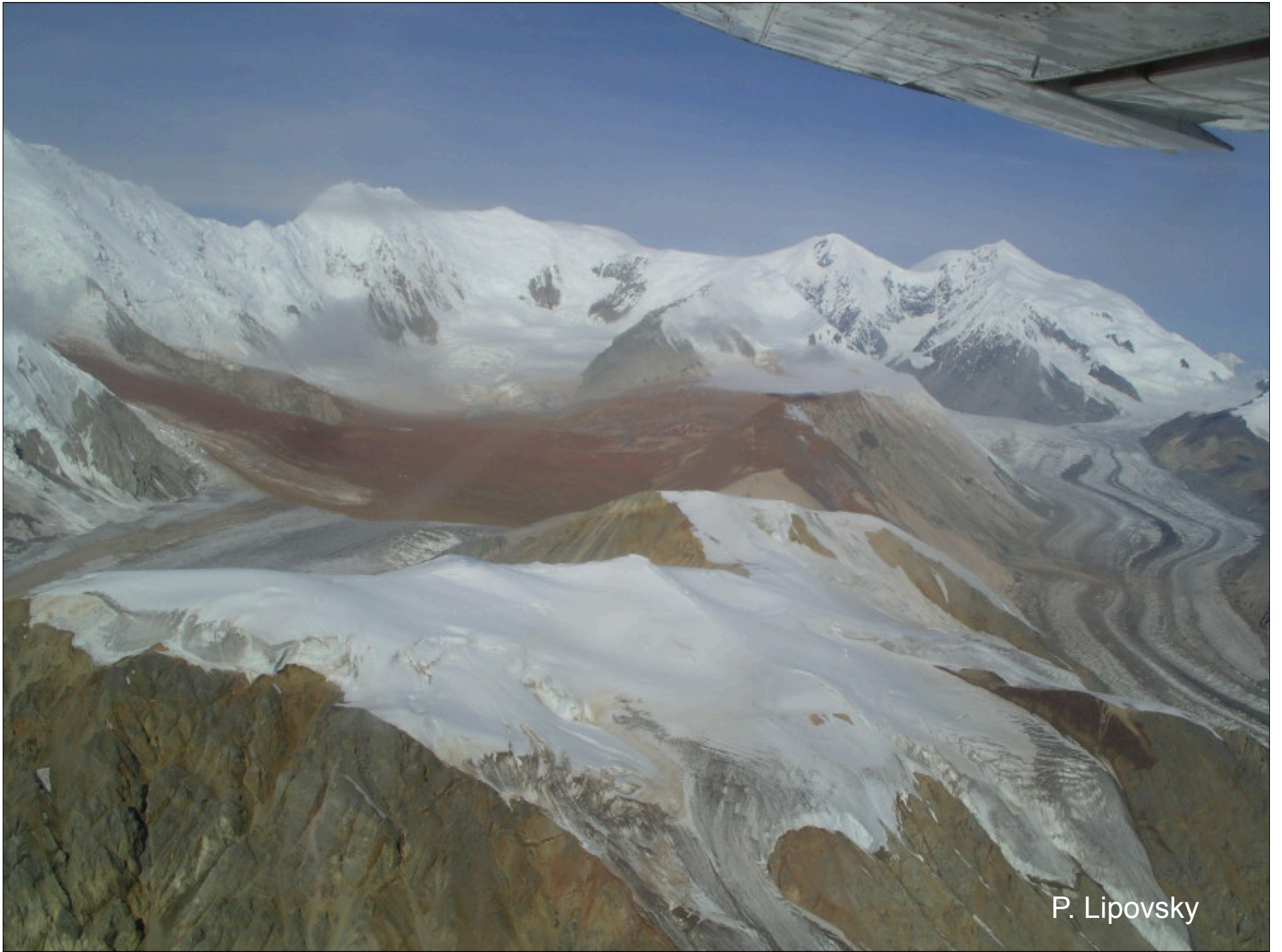




**Mount Steele  
rock avalanche  
7/25/2007**

**~50 million cubic  
meters of rock and ice**

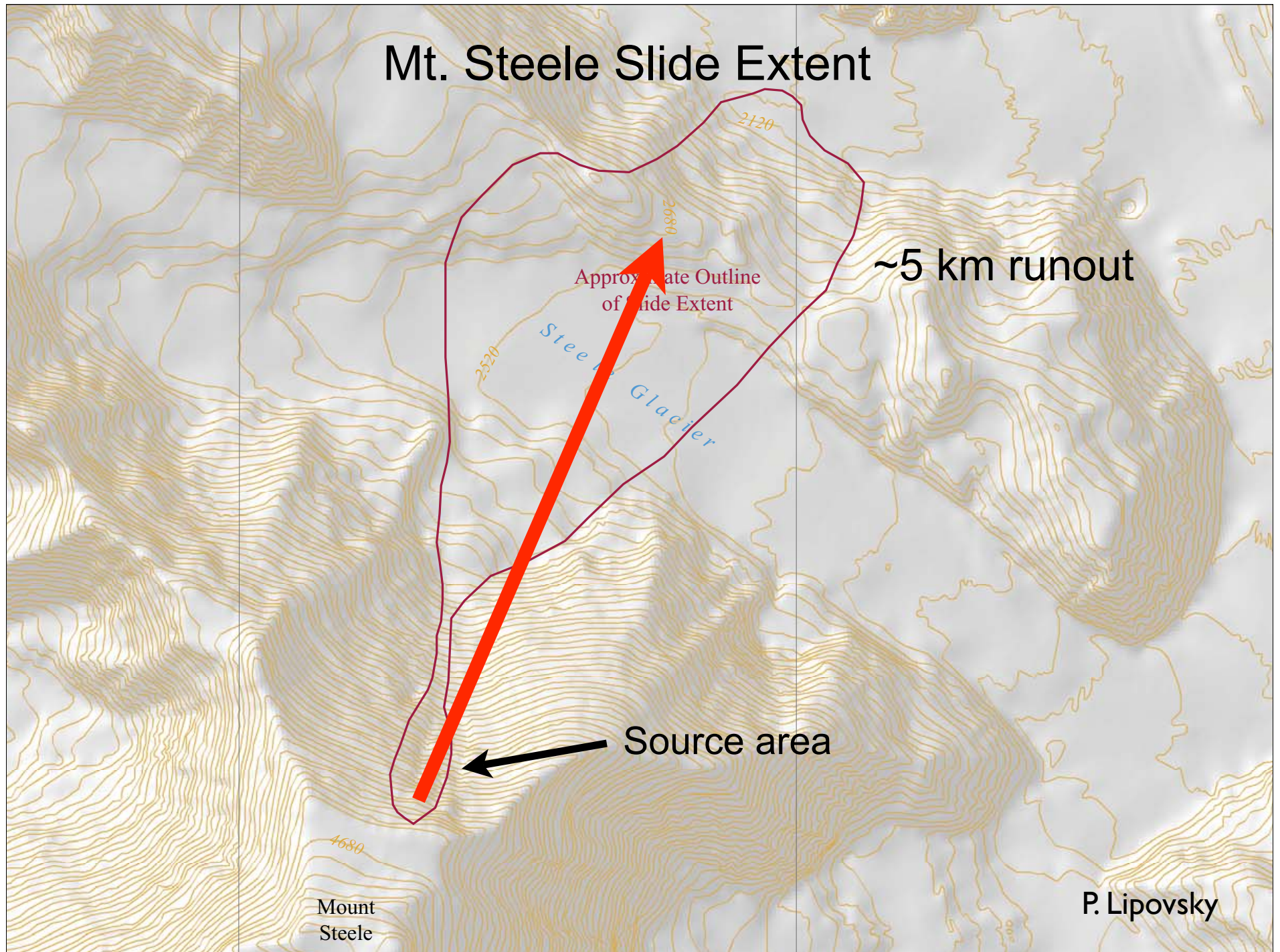
photo: P. Lipovsky



P. Lipovsky



# Mt. Steele Slide Extent



~5 km runout

Approximate Outline  
of Slide Extent

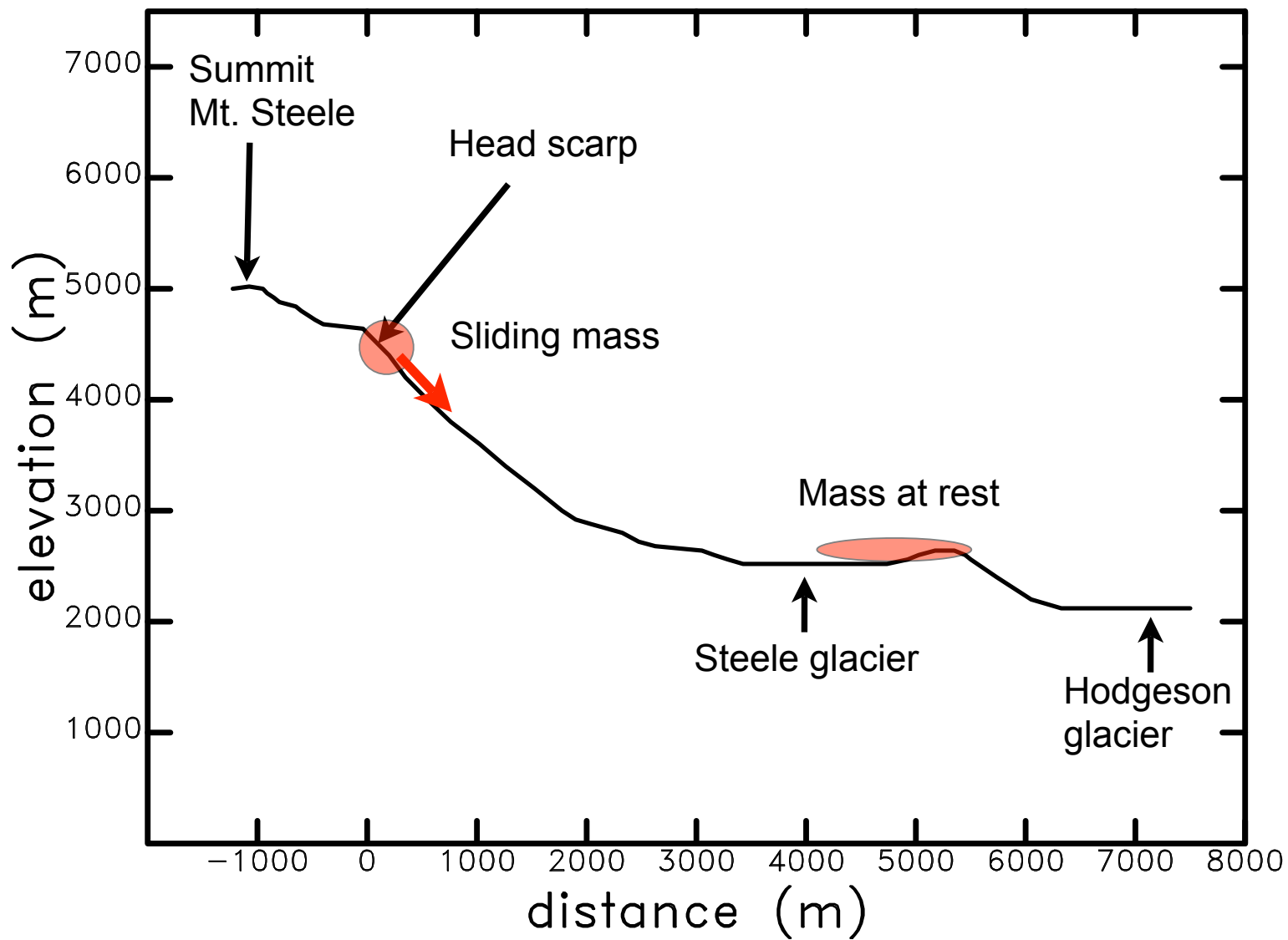
Steele Glacier

Source area

Mount  
Steele

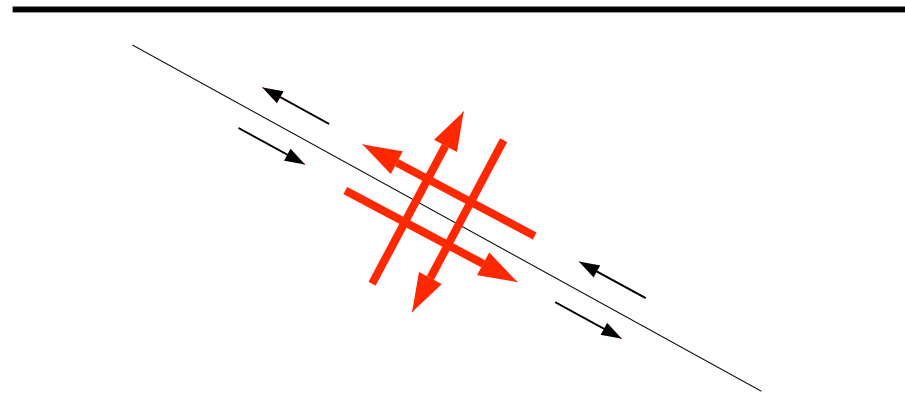
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# Mt. Steele rock avalanche, 7/25/2007

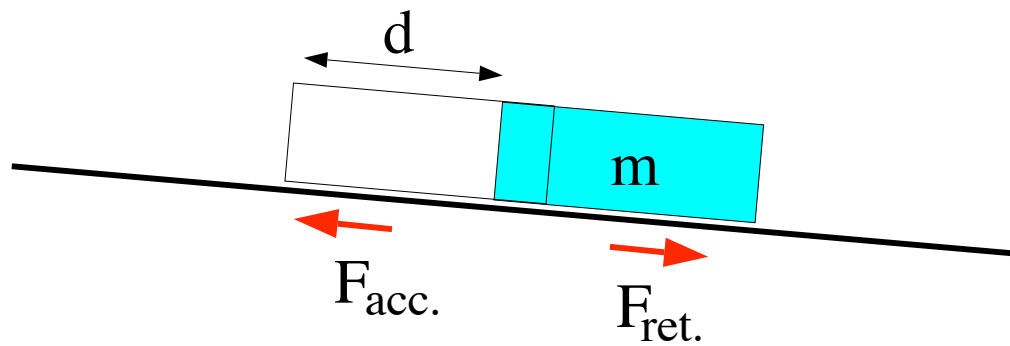




## Faulting **force** model



## Landslide **force** model



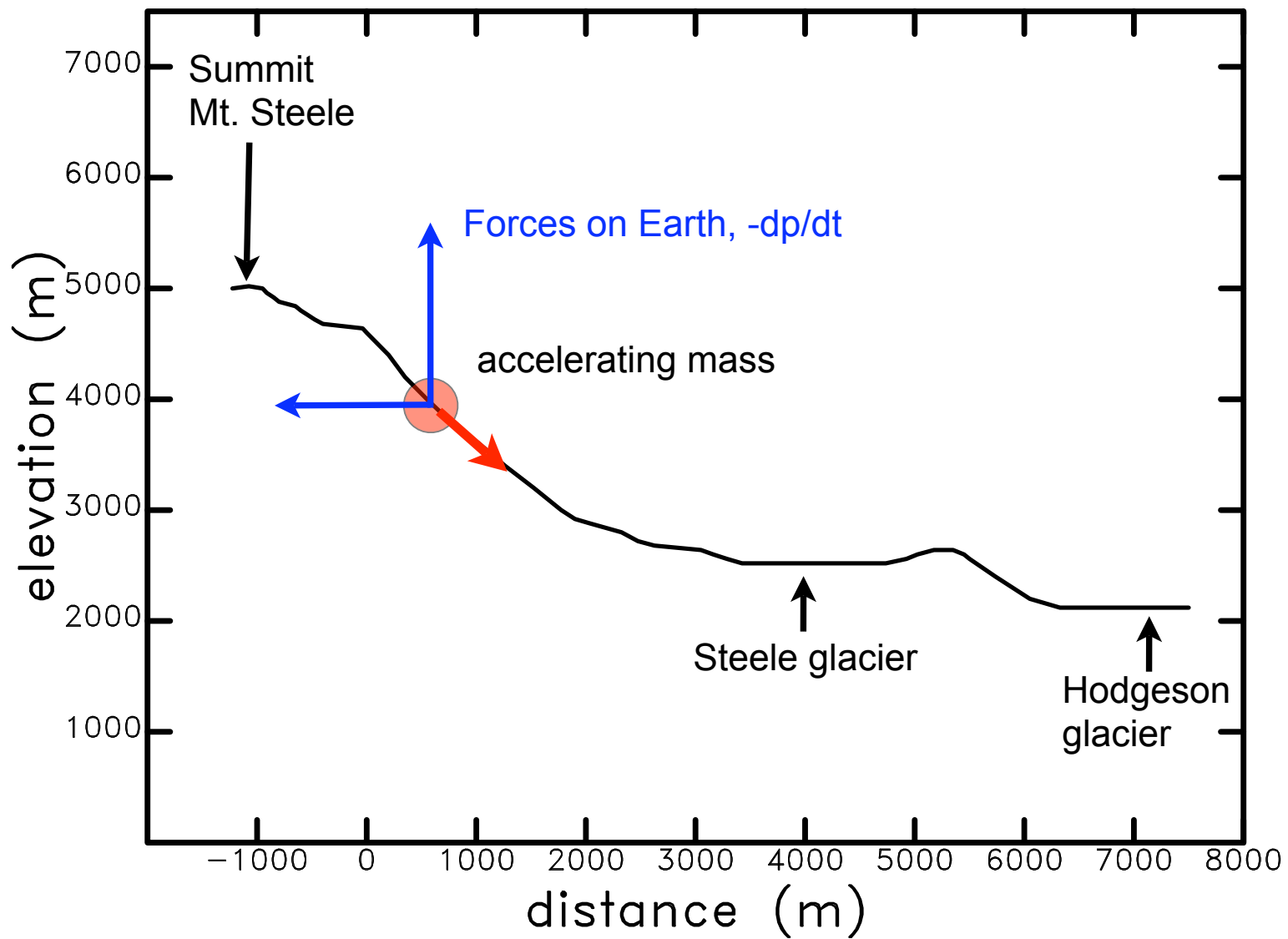
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# Mount Steele

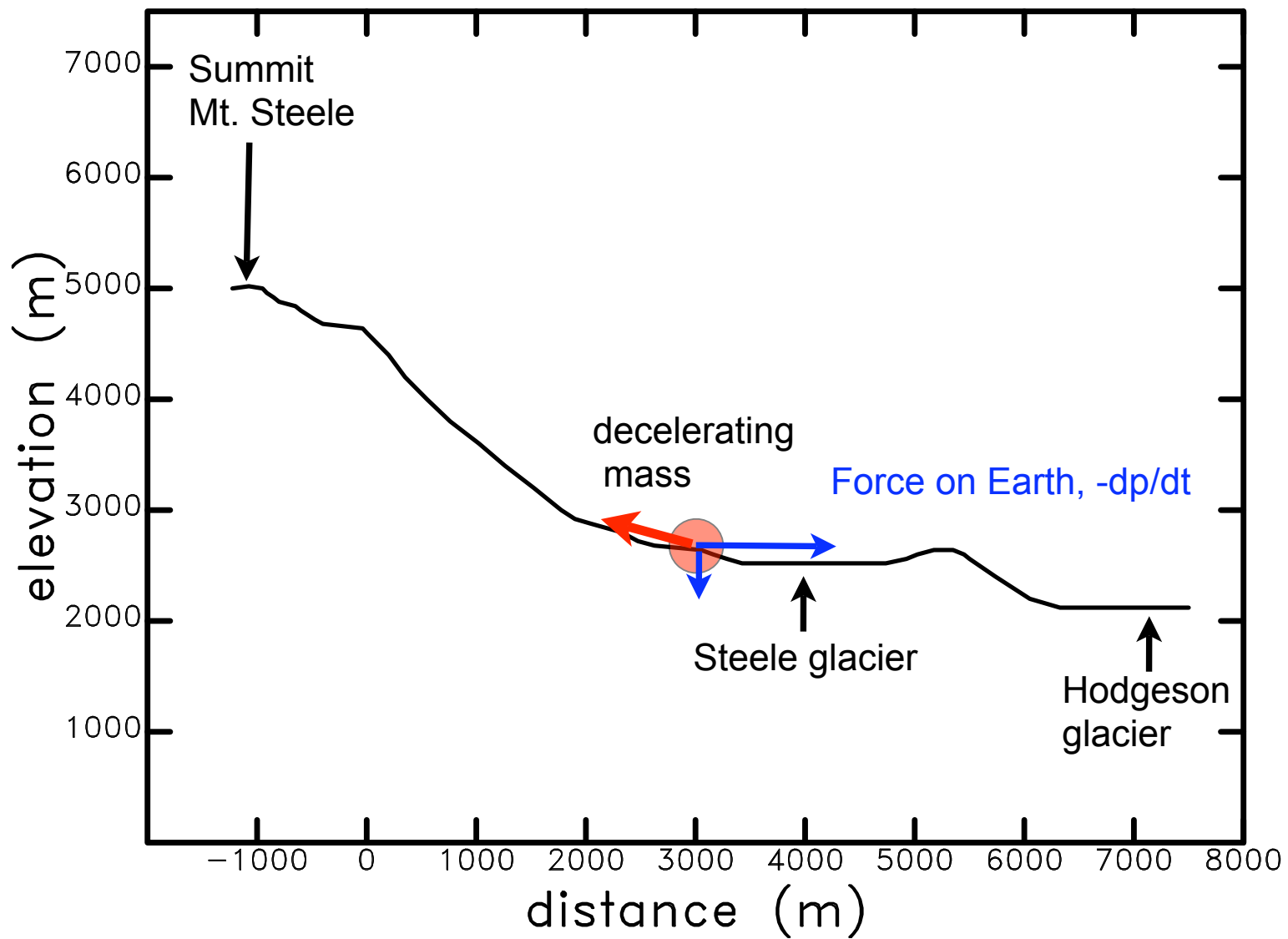


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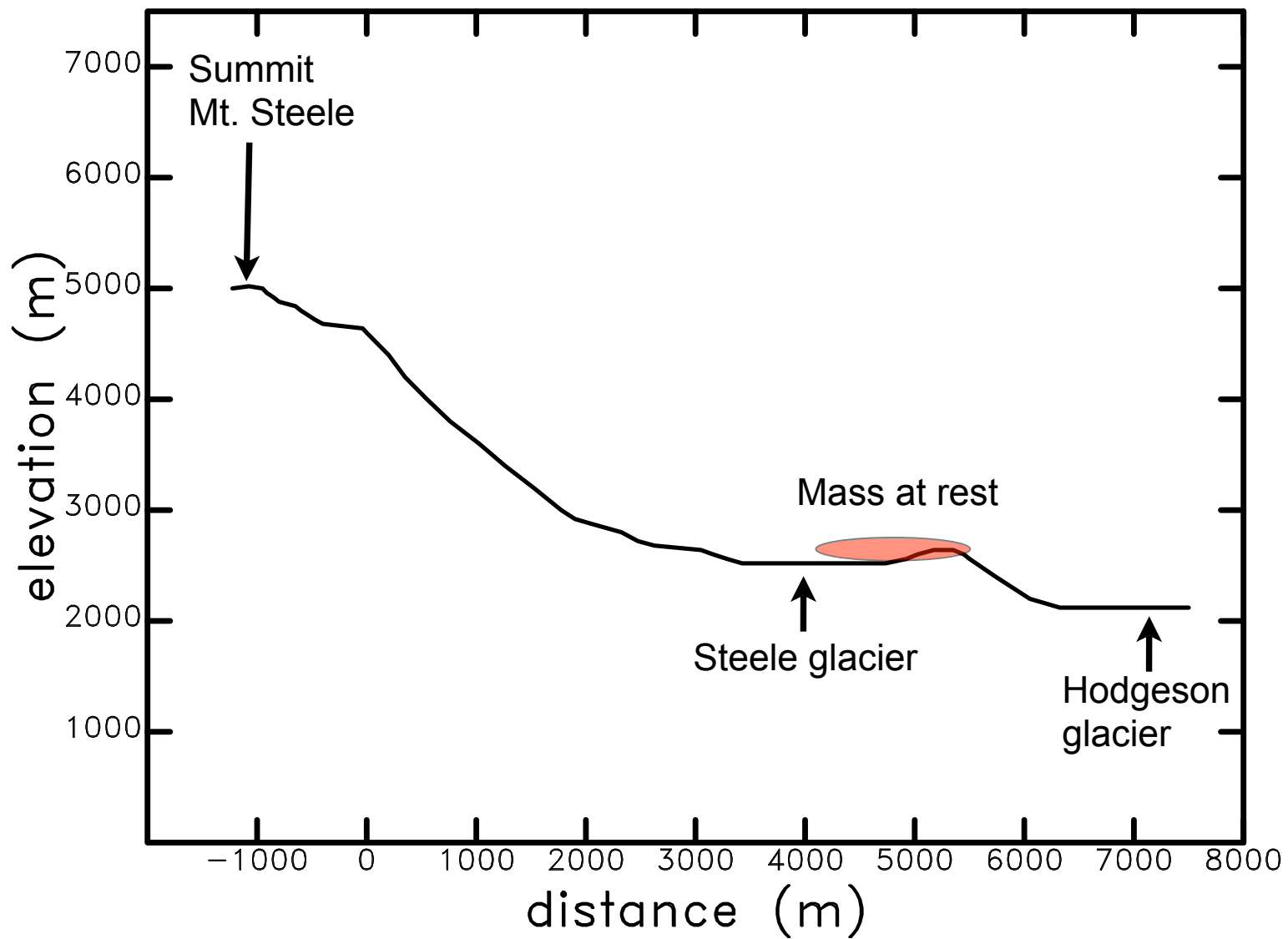
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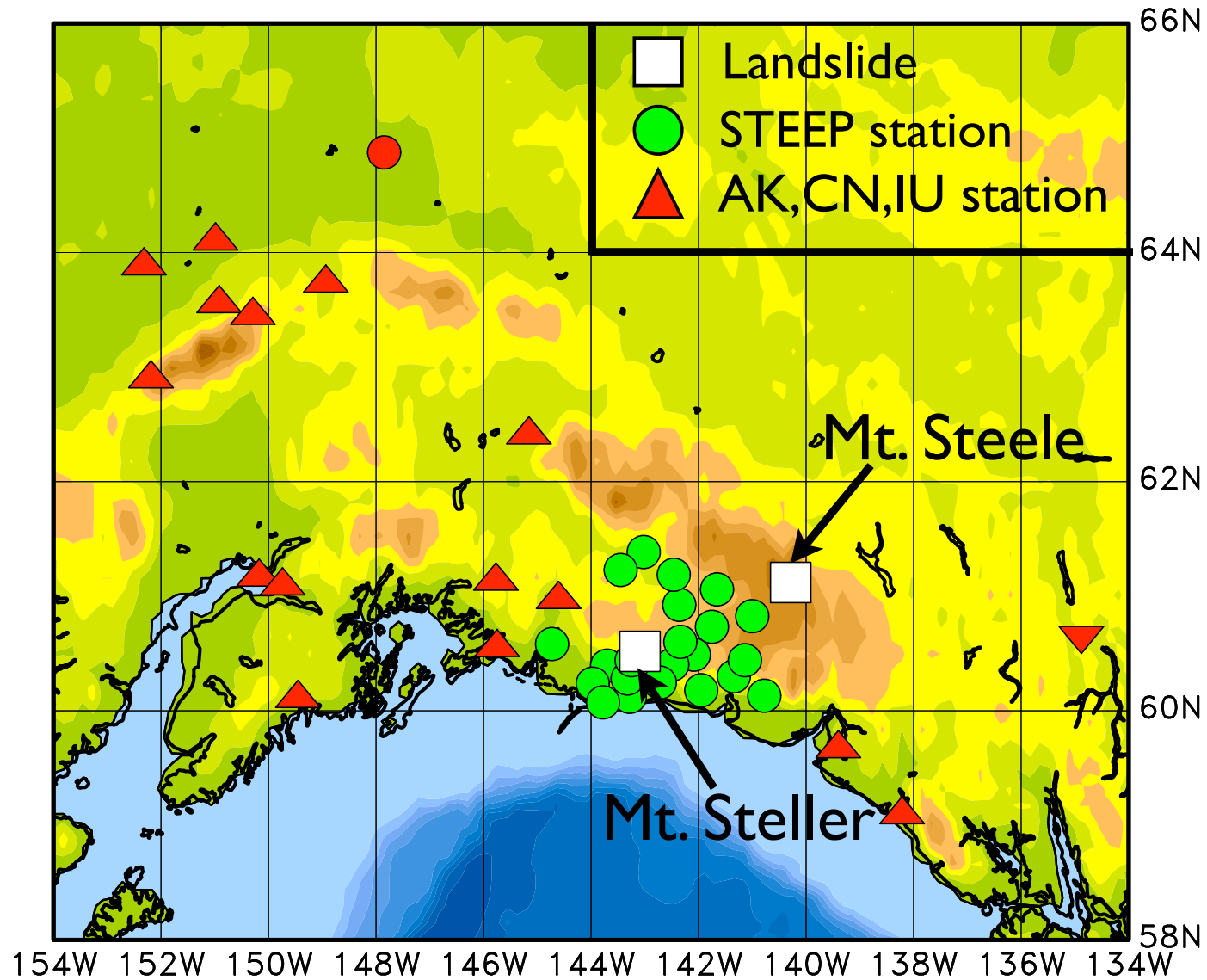
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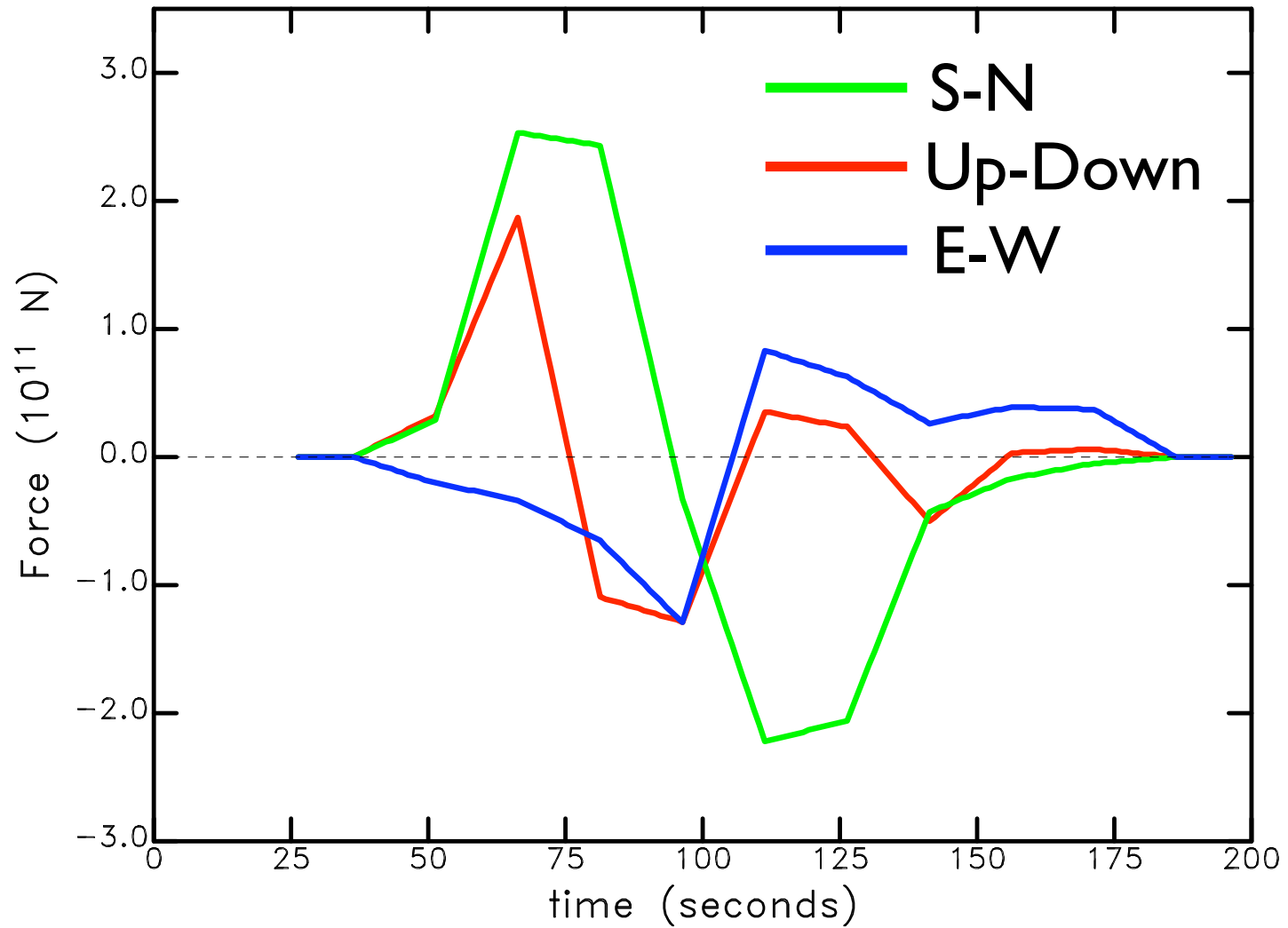
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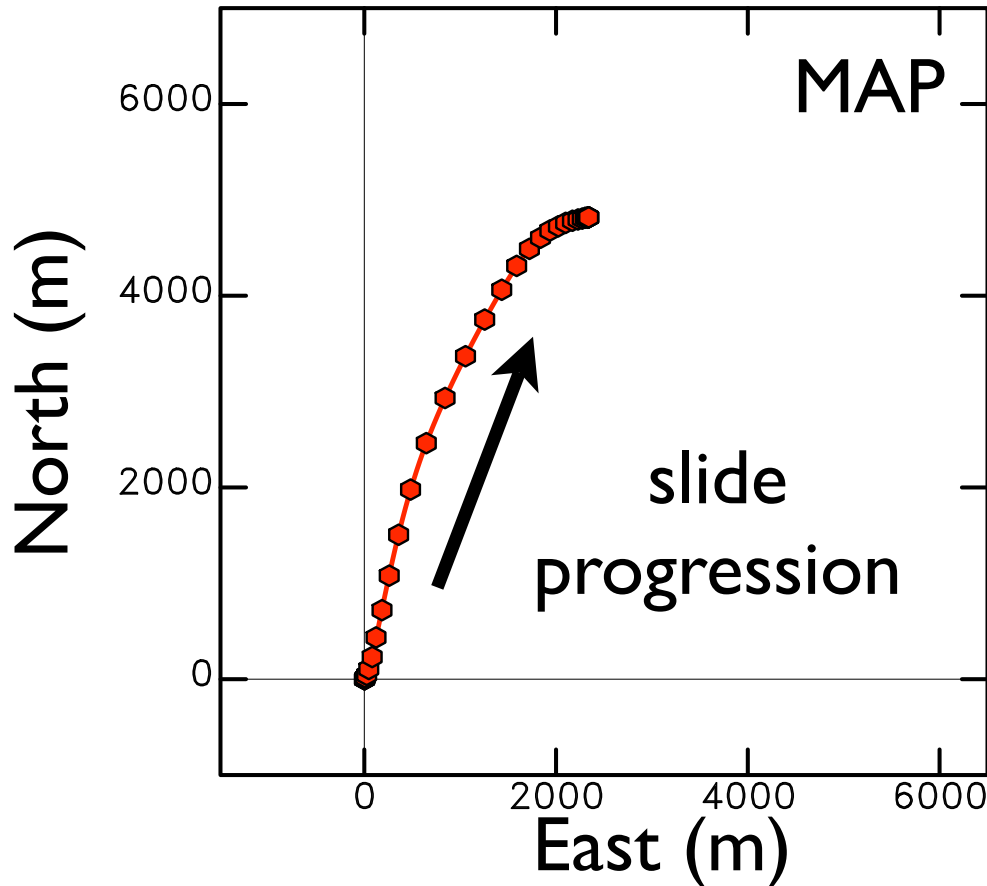
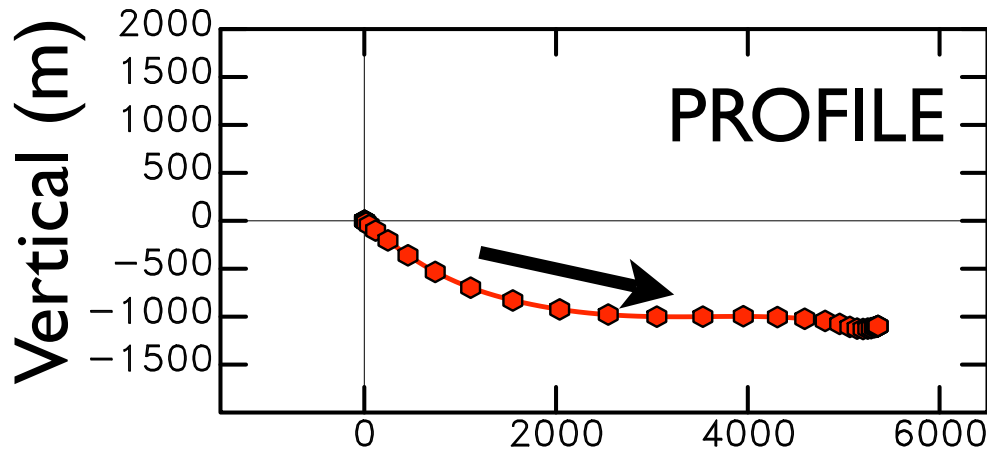


# Seismographic stations near Mt. Steele and Mt. Steller



# Result from inversion: forces acting on the Earth





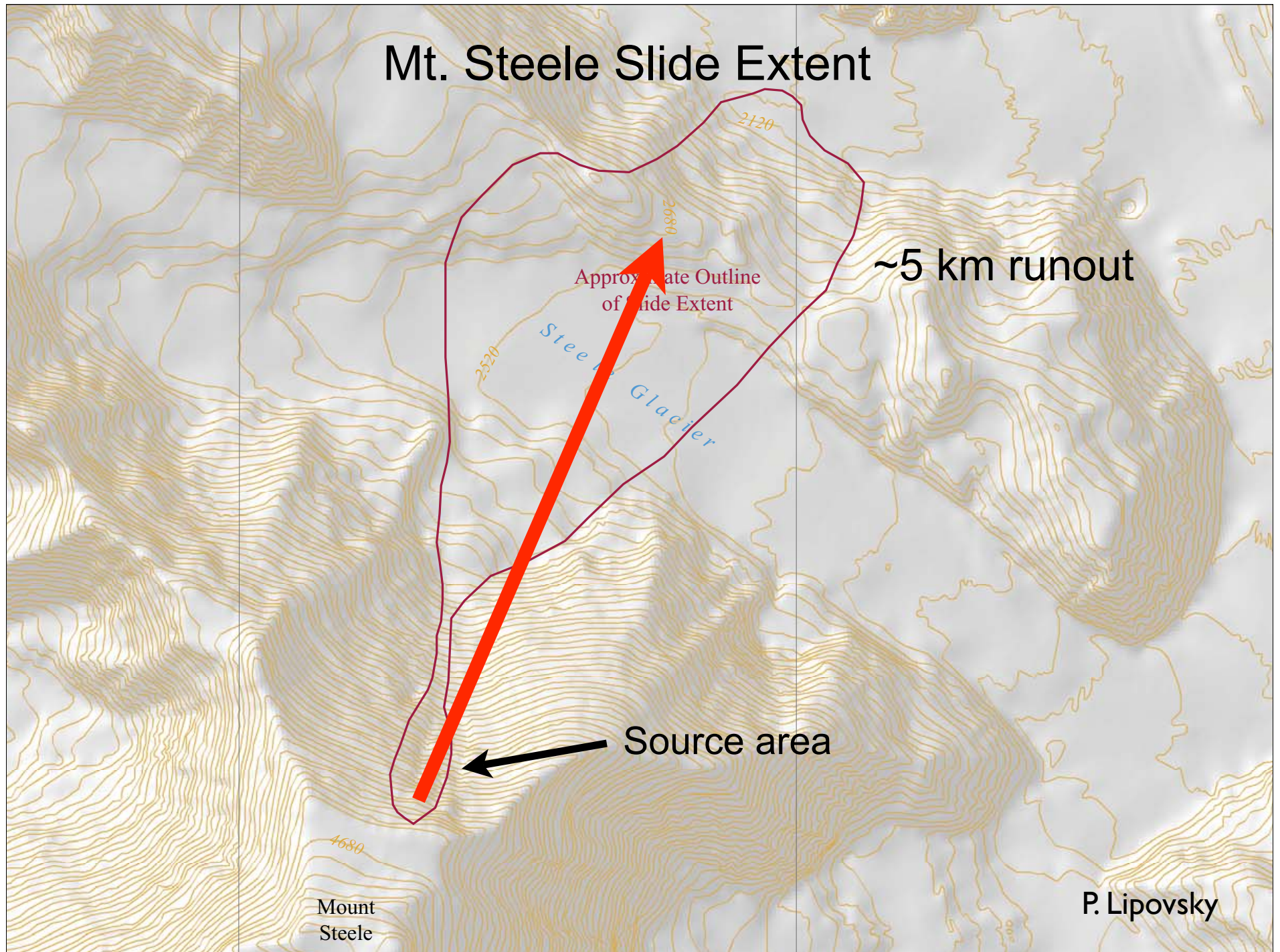
Mass runout  
and drop

mass:  
 $8 \times 10^{10}$  kg

(5 sec time step  
between symbols)



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~5 km runout

Approximate Outline  
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Steele Glacier

Source area

Mount  
Steele

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## Preliminary conclusions:

1. Landslides can be detected and located using long-period seismograms
2. Details of the landslide source, in particular the mass, duration, vertical drop and runout, can be constrained by broadband seismology
3. The sliding mass for Mt. Steele is  $\sim 10^{11}$  kg
4. Other unassociated long-period events may be landslide earthquakes



# Source zone of Mt. Steller slide, 9/14/2005



R. Homberger, Ultima Thule



# Val Pola landslide, 1987 (Italy)



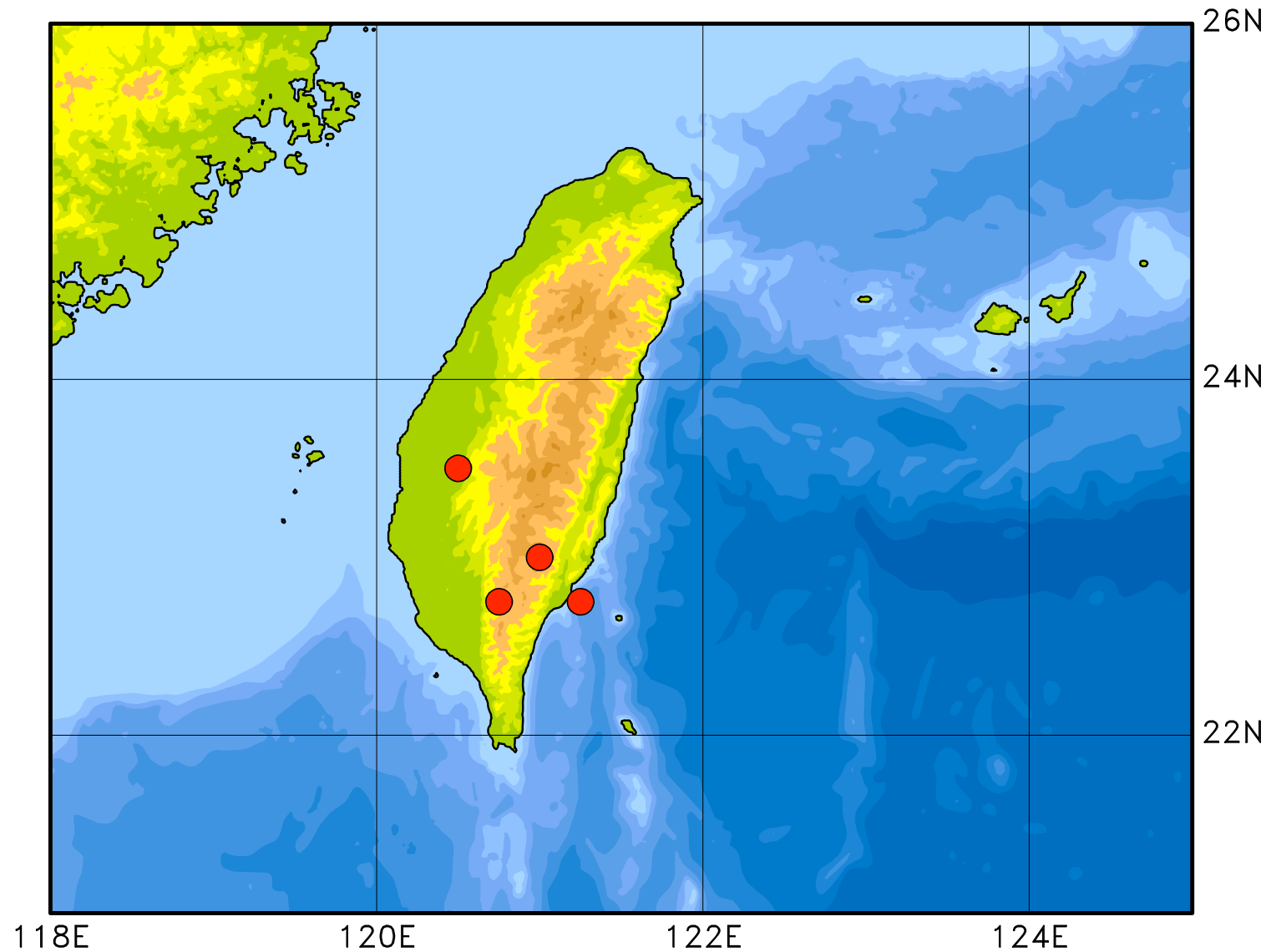


## Randa rockslides, 1991 (Switzerland)

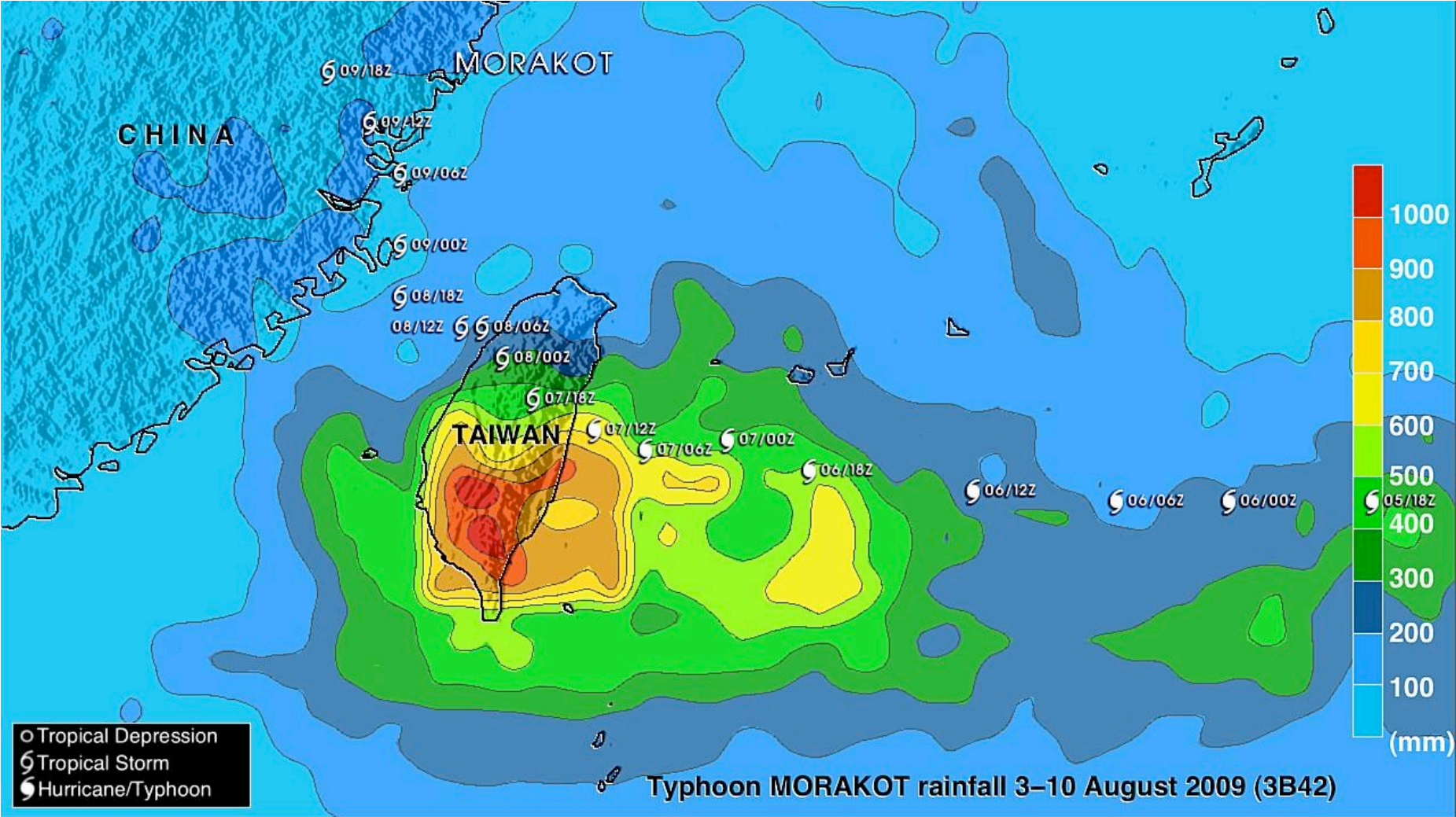




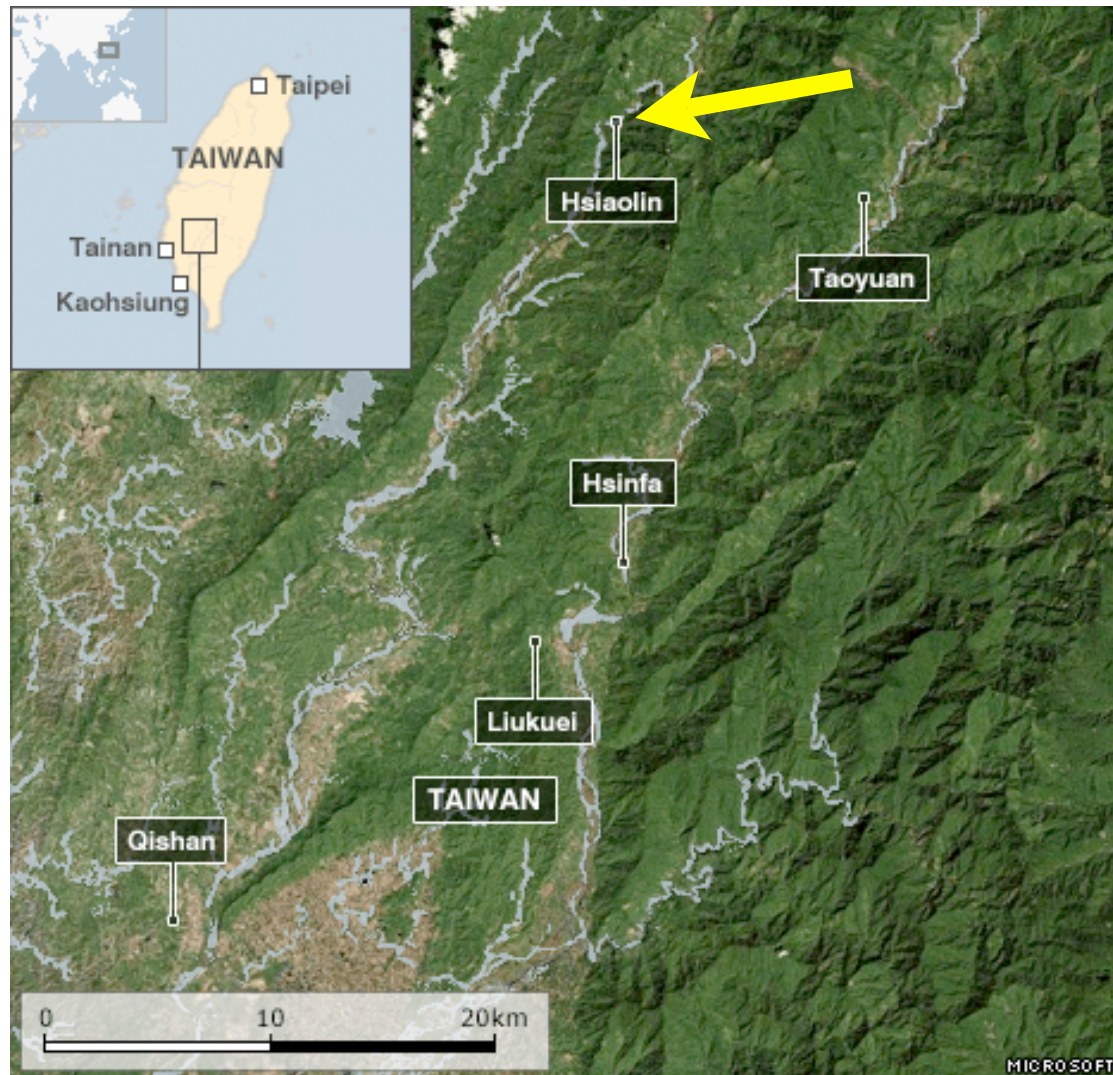
# Four new M=5 events on Taiwan, Aug 8-10, 2009



# Rainfall associated with typhoon Morakot, 08/2009



# Taiwan - area of massive landslides





# Village of Hsiaolin and slide outline





**Hsiaolin slide**



**before**



**after**



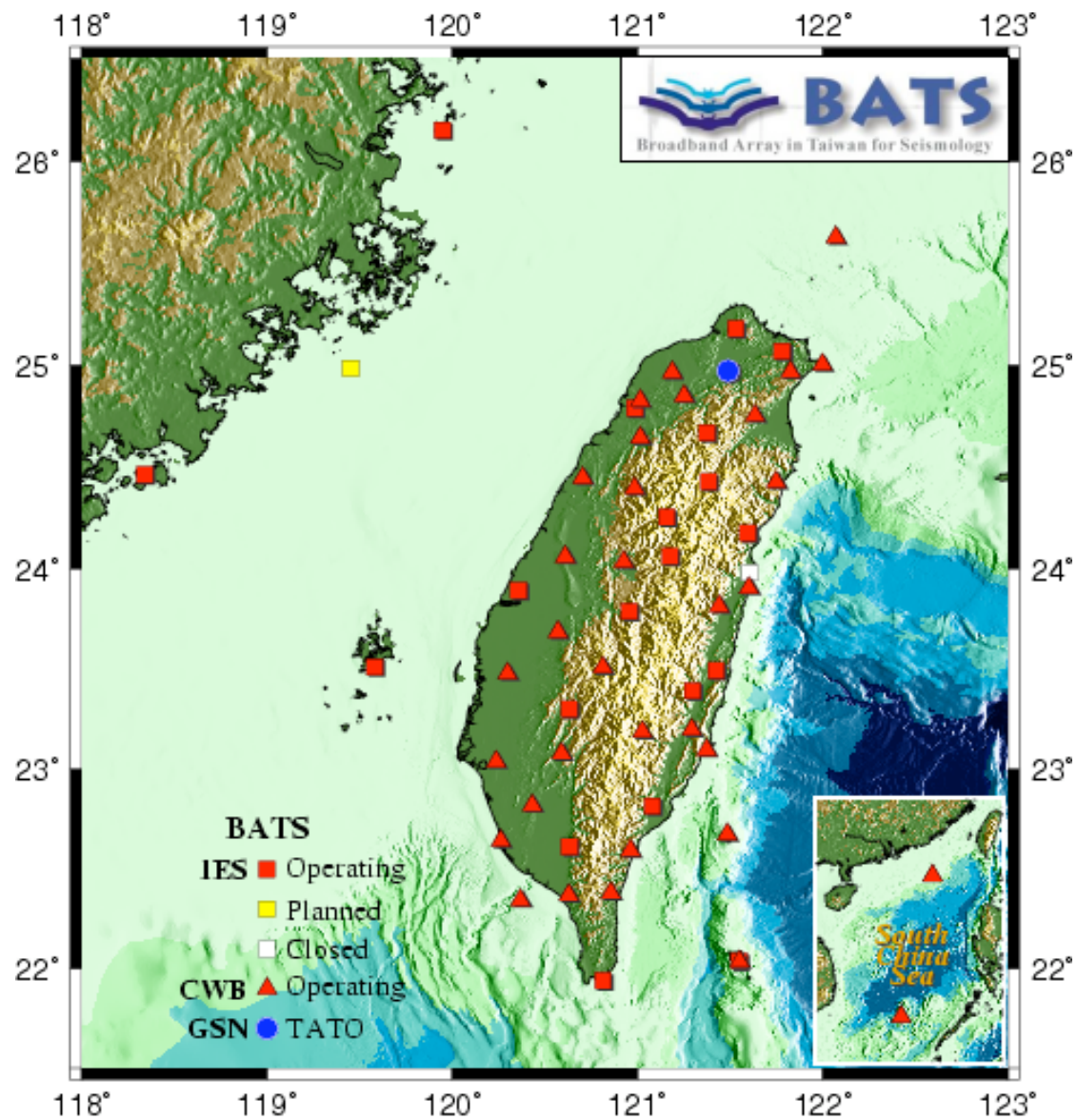
Some research questions:

1. How much information about individual landslides can be extracted from seismic observations?
2. How can seismology contribute to the monitoring of large mass-wasting events?



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## Main points

1. Noise can be very interesting
2. There are many geophysical phenomena that produce seismic signals (other than earthquakes):  
volcanos, landslides, cavity collapses,  
glaciers, asteroids, storms, waves, ....
3. Seismology can be used to investigate and monitor events other than earthquakes