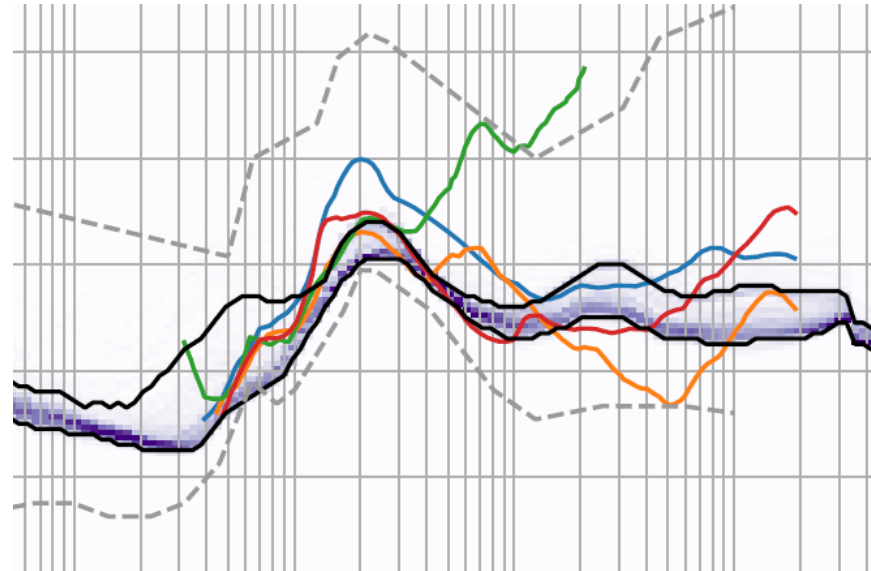


# Seismic noise characterisation at ET candidate sites

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## Quantile statistics for PSD

### Intention of this notebook

Welch's (1967) algorithm for the computation of power spectral density (PSD) for time series data splits the time series into many segments, computes the FFT for each segment, scaled to units of PSD and takes the average over all segments. This is equivalent to taking the FFT for the entire time series and then taking the average over adjacent Fourier coefficients. This notebook demonstrates that a percentile statistic which extracts the median values for the coefficients in all segments cannot replace the averaging. Resulting values of PSD would systematically be too small. Quantile statistics may only be applied to PSD spectra, which are obtained by proper averaging prior to analyzing quantiles (this is demonstrated at the very end of this notebook).

## Check consistency of PSD computation using white noise

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We check the validity of power spectral density (PSD) levels computed by different implementations. The test data is white noise. The time series is computed by `randomseries`. These data shall be analyzed by different approaches to demonstrate that they all provide the same values of PSD. Additionally the computations in the Fourier domain are compared with the levels computed in the time domain by means of Parseval's theorem (which is only possible for white noise).

PSD values are computed in three ways:

1. from the rms-amplitude in the time domain according to Parseval's theorem
2. The results of the function `scipy.signal.welch` as used in CONRAD.
3. by the program `croposp`
4. by the program `foutra`
5. PSD data extracted from an instance of `obspsy.signal.PPSD`

Testing evaluating  
PSD(PPSD) implemetations:

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notebooks (lead by Thomas  
Forbriger)

<https://gitlab.kit.edu/kat/gpi/seis/PSDbenchmark>

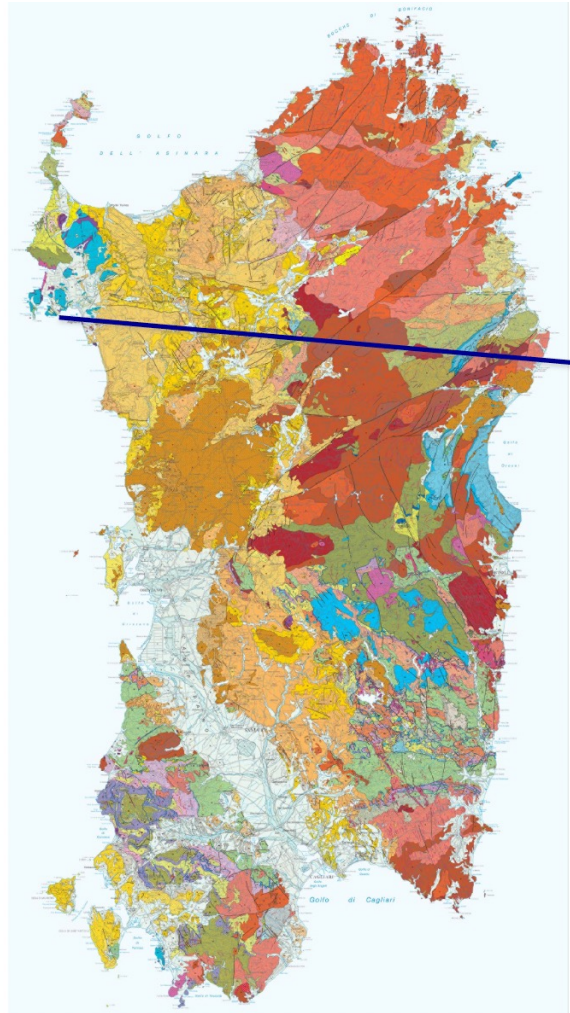
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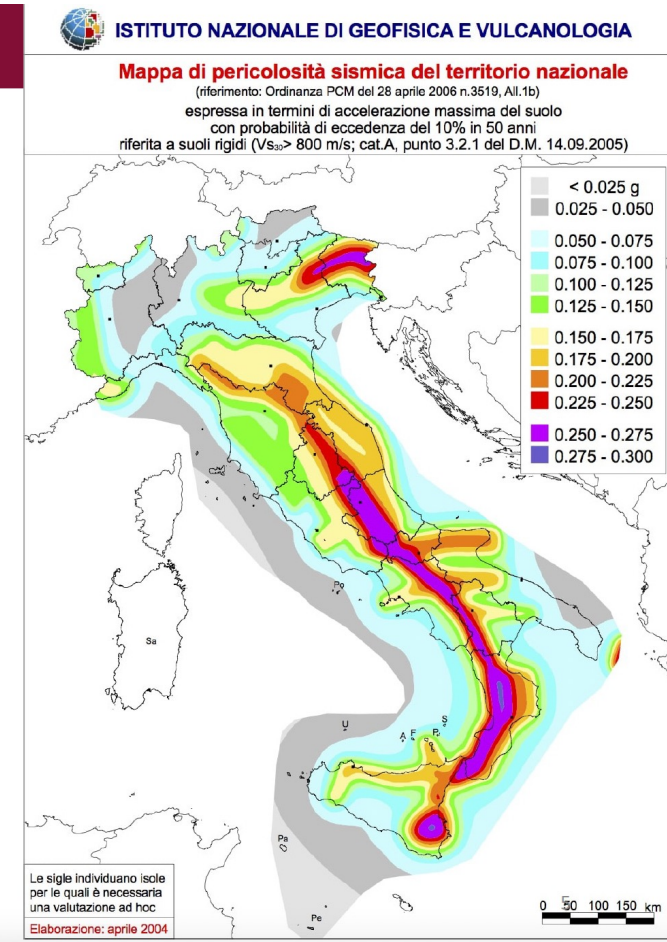
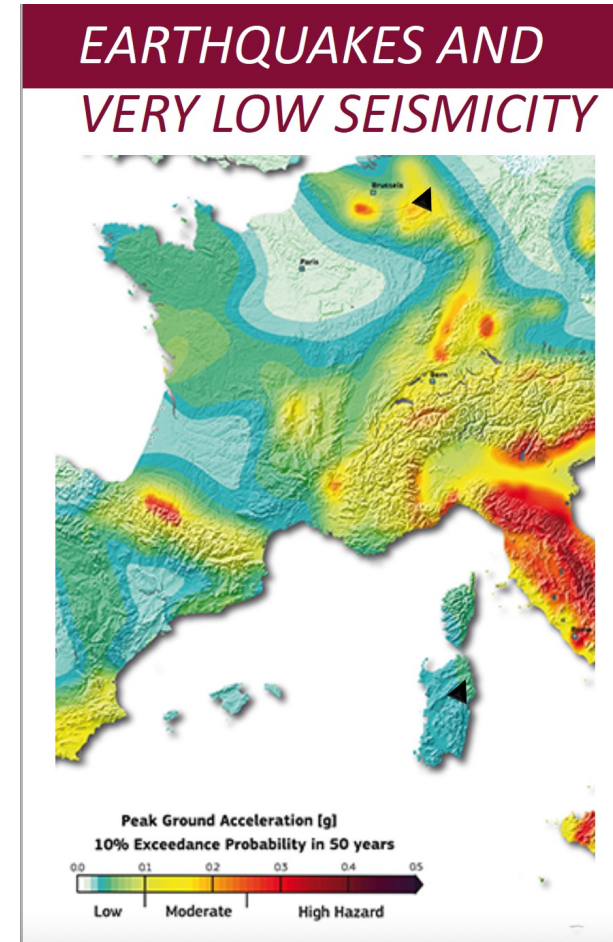
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# Sardinia ET site



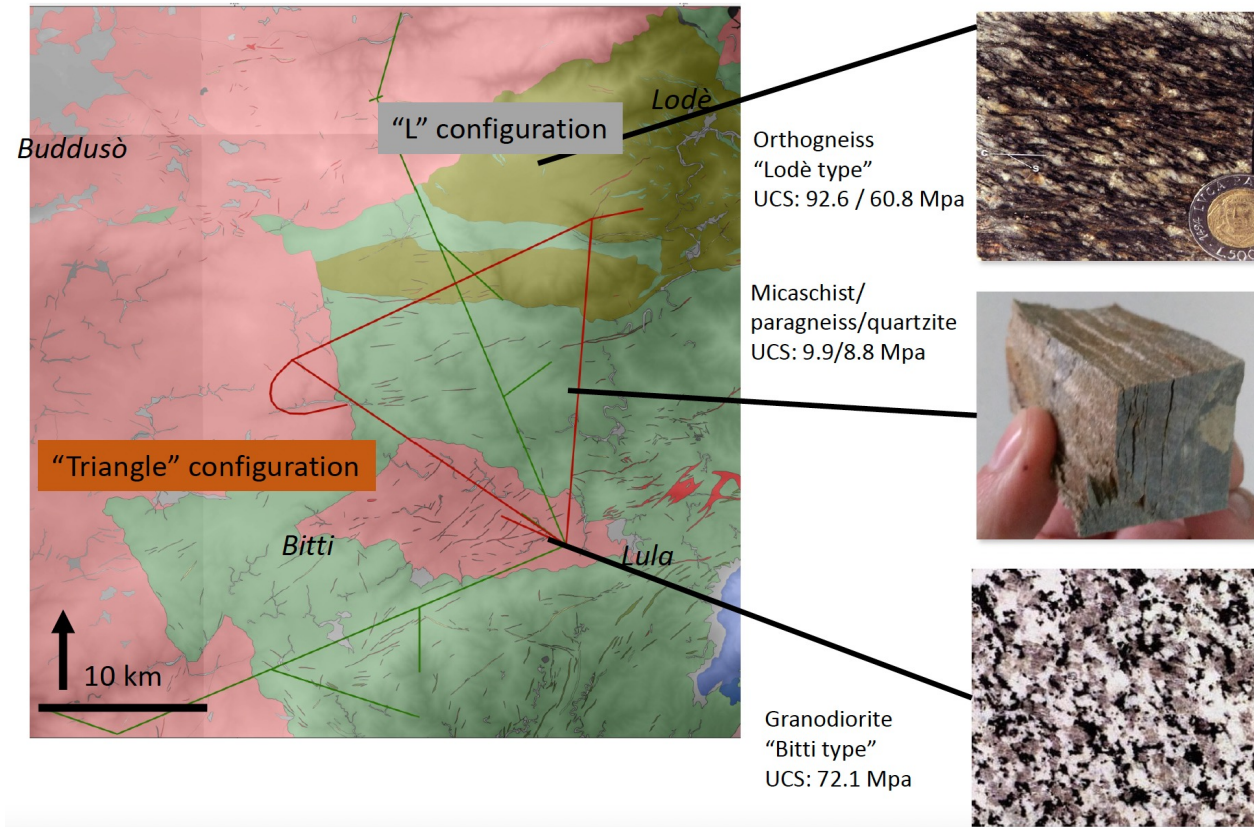
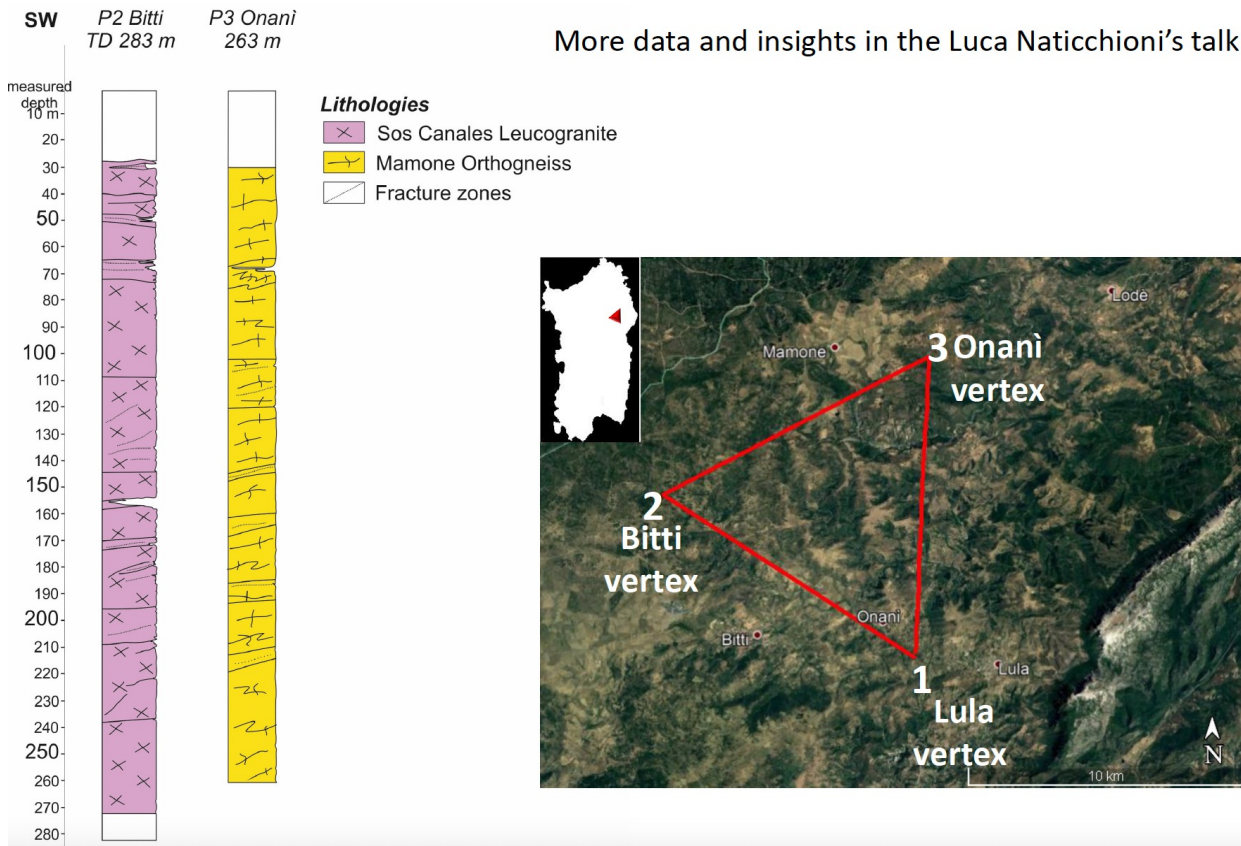
Geological  
map

Low seismicity,  
seismic hazard





# Proposed location



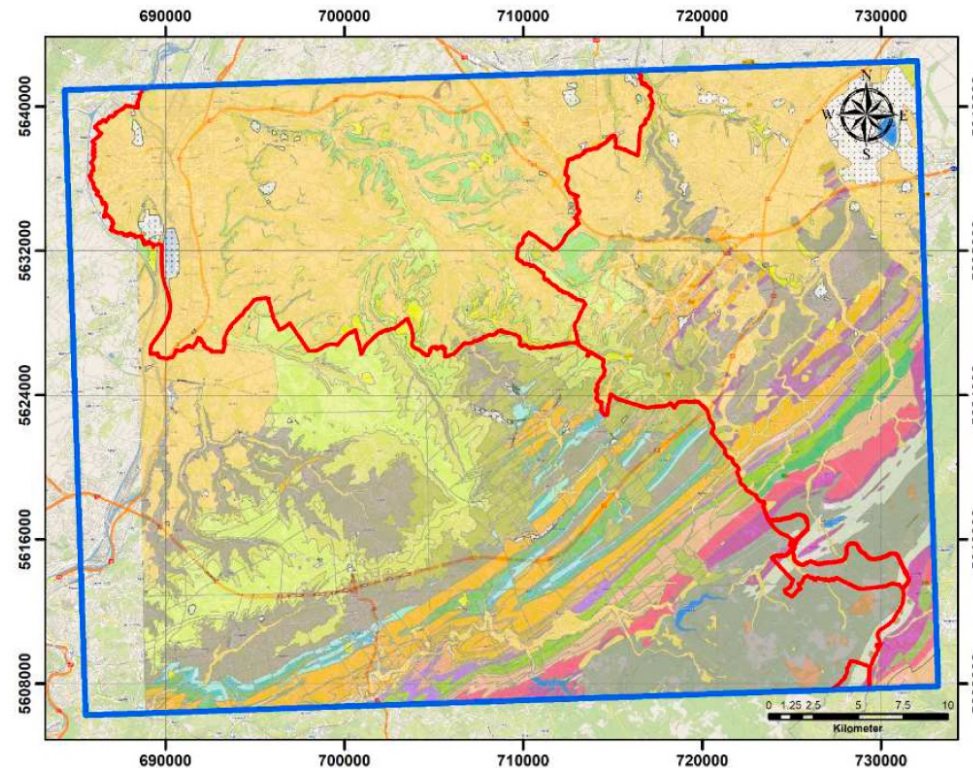




# Euregio-Meuse-Rhine (EMR) site

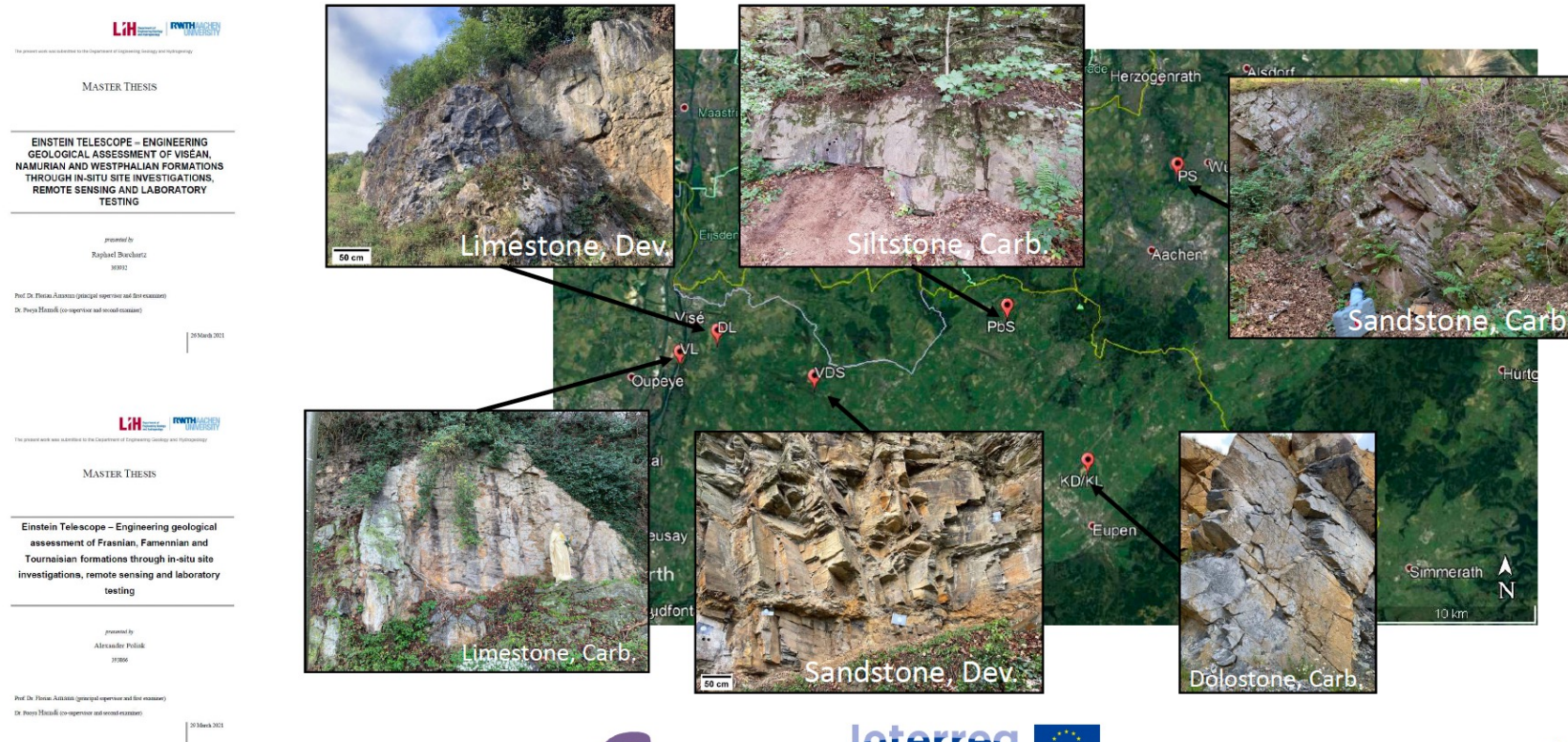
## Rocks in the EMR Region

- Rocks of Paleozoic age
  - Carboniferous (361-300 Mio. years)
  - Upper Devonian (383-361 Mio. years)
- Rocks of Upper Cretaceous age
  - 85-66 Mio. years
- Distribution of rocks varies throughout EMR region
- General information from literature and outcrop studies
- Local subsurface information from drill cores



# Complex geology

## Geological Assessment of Representative Rocks within ET-Project



The figure displays a central map of the Eifel region in Germany, showing various geological sites marked with red dots and labels: Vise, DL, VLS, Oupeye, VDS, P+S, K/D/KL, Eupen, and Simmerath. A north arrow and a 10 km scale bar are located in the bottom right of the map. Surrounding the map are six photographs of rock outcrops, each with a 50 cm scale bar and a label: 'Limestone, Dev.' (top left), 'Siltstone, Carb.' (top middle), 'Sandstone, Carb.' (top right), 'Limestone, Carb.' (bottom left), 'Sandstone, Dev.' (bottom middle), and 'Dolostone, Carb.' (bottom right). Arrows point from the map locations to the corresponding rock photos.

**Top Left:** Limestone, Dev. (Devonian)

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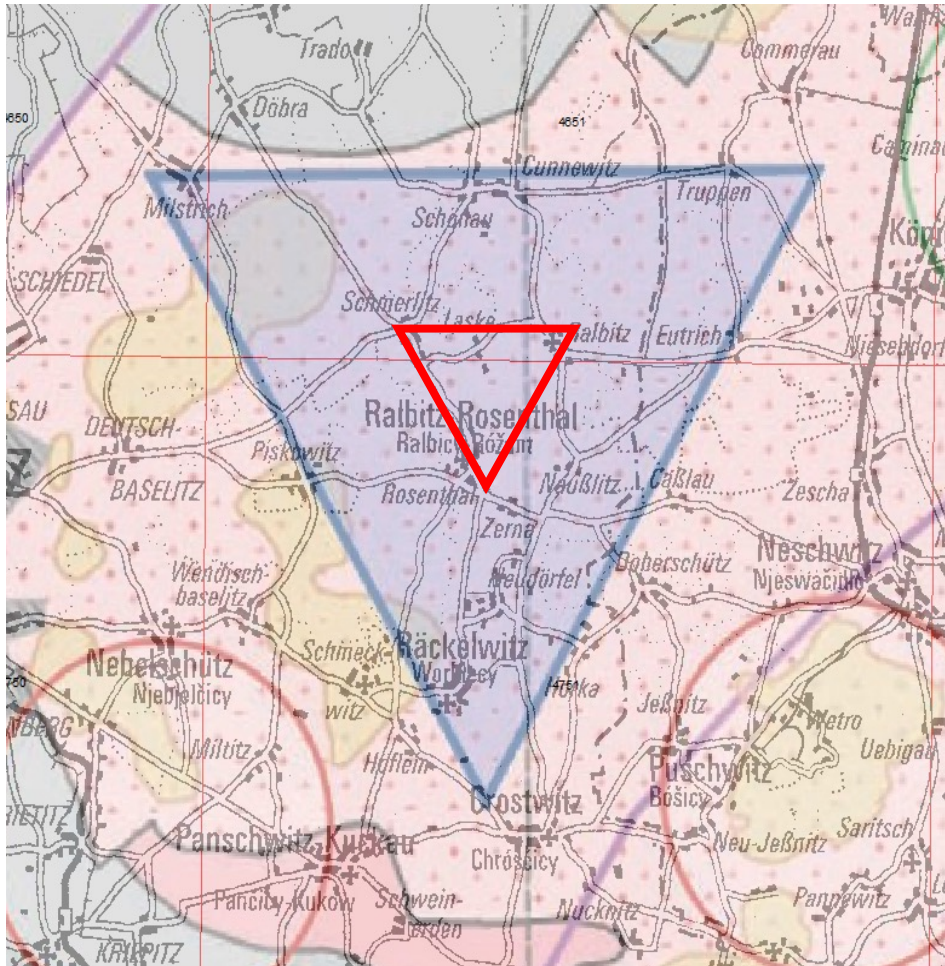
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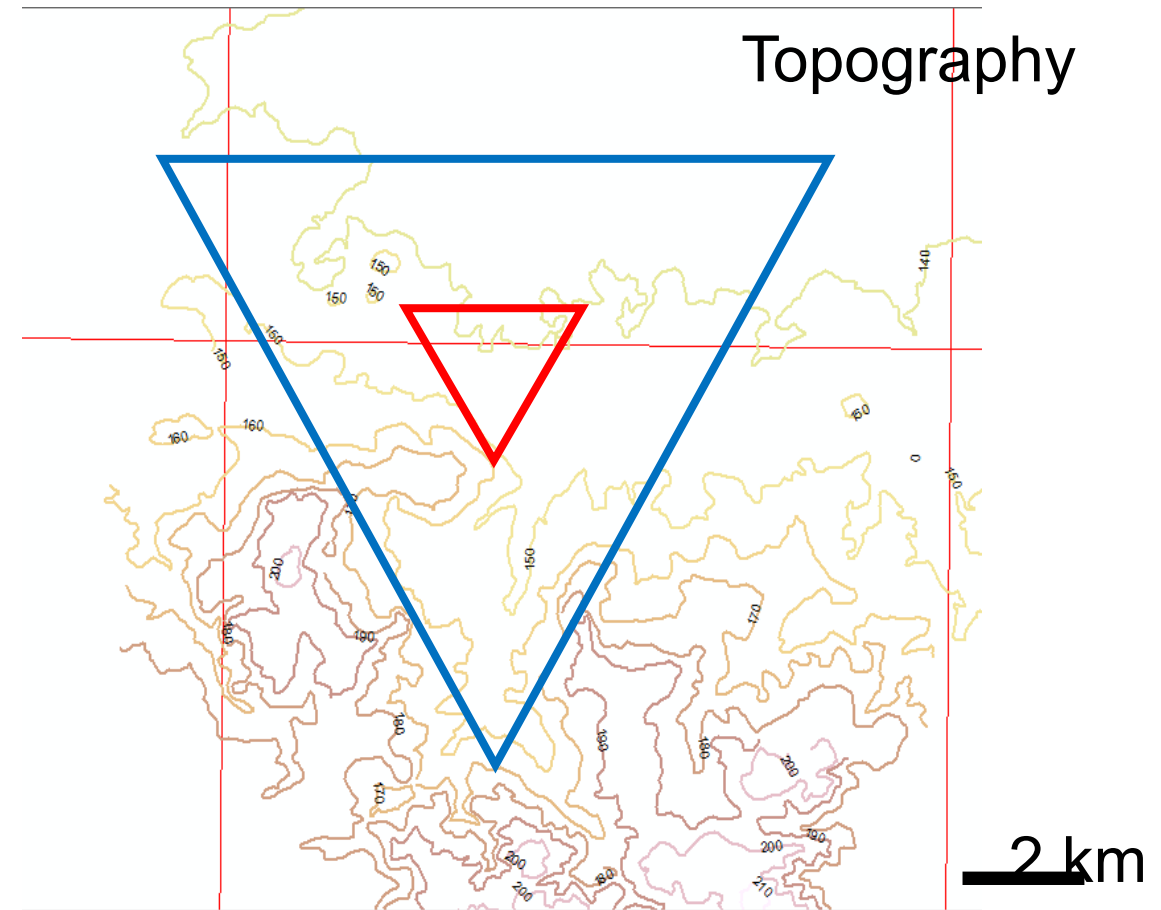
**Left Side:** Two Master Thesis covers are shown. The top one is titled 'EINSTEIN TELESCOPE – ENGINEERING GEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF VISEAN, NAMURIAN AND WESTPHALIAN FORMATIONS THROUGH IN-SITU SITE INVESTIGATIONS, REMOTE SENSING AND LABORATORY TESTING' by Raphael Bechtelz. The bottom one is titled 'Einstein Telescope – Engineering geological assessment of Frasnian, Famennian and Tournaisian formations through in-situ site investigations, remote sensing and laboratory testing' by Alexander Polak.



# Lausitz ET site

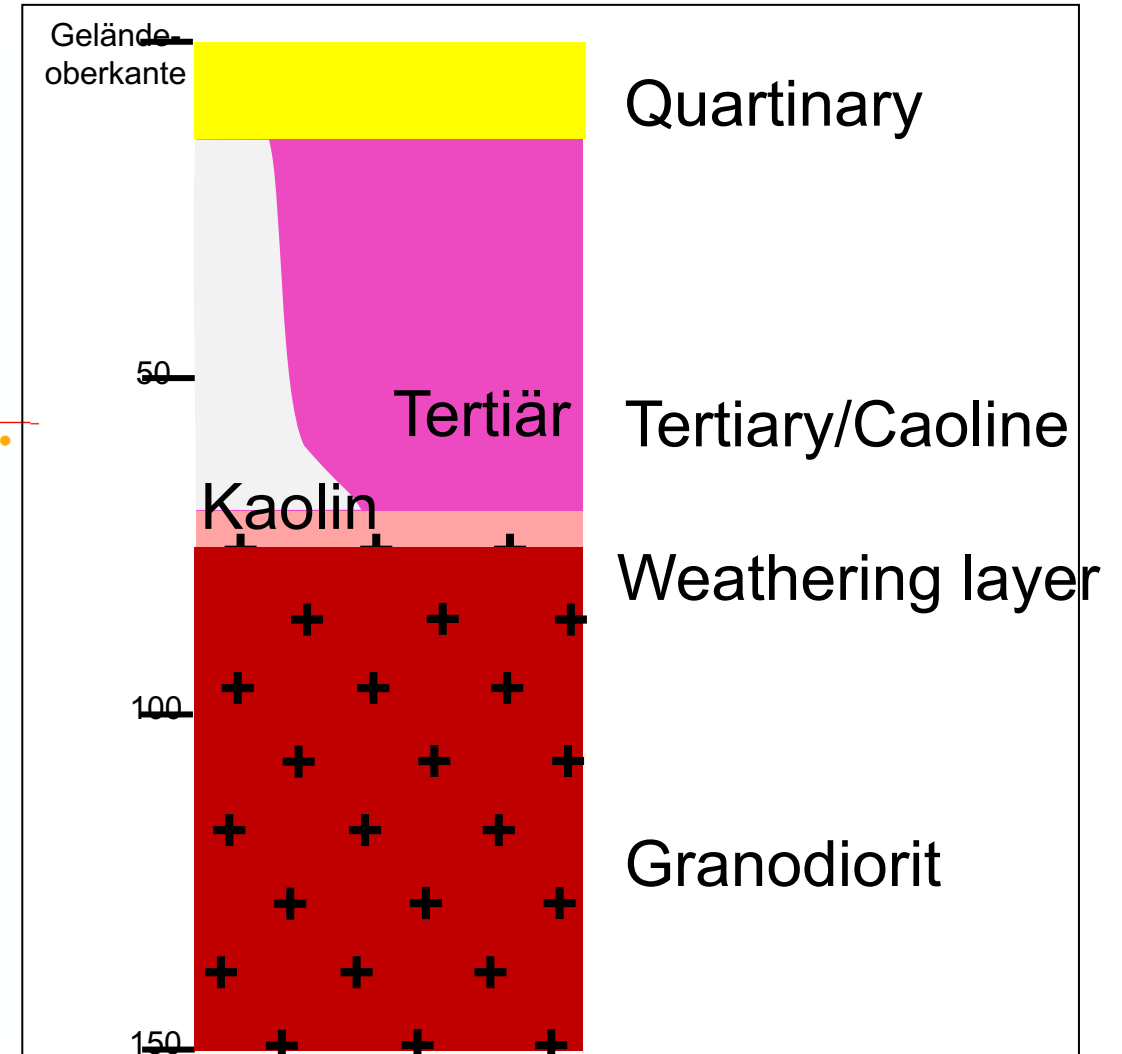
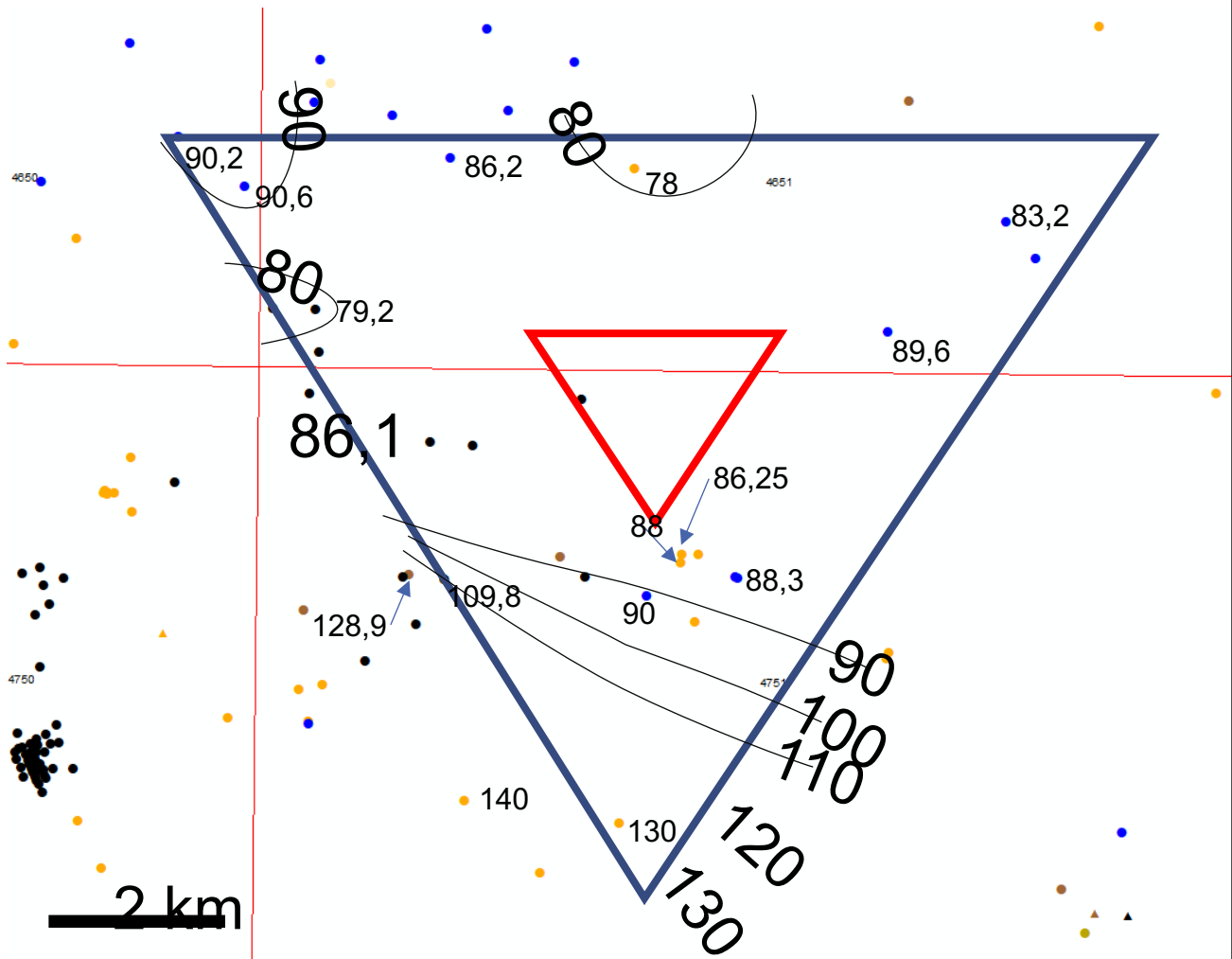


2 km



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# Geological profile



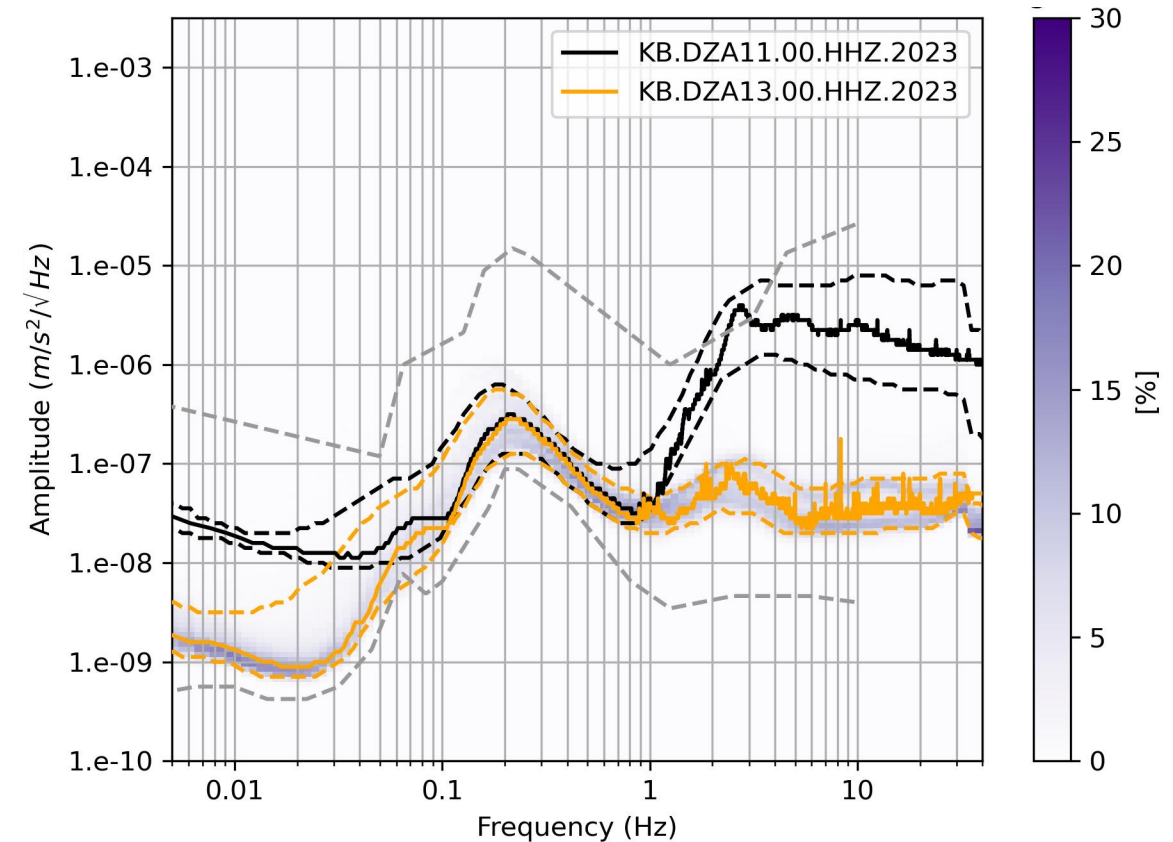
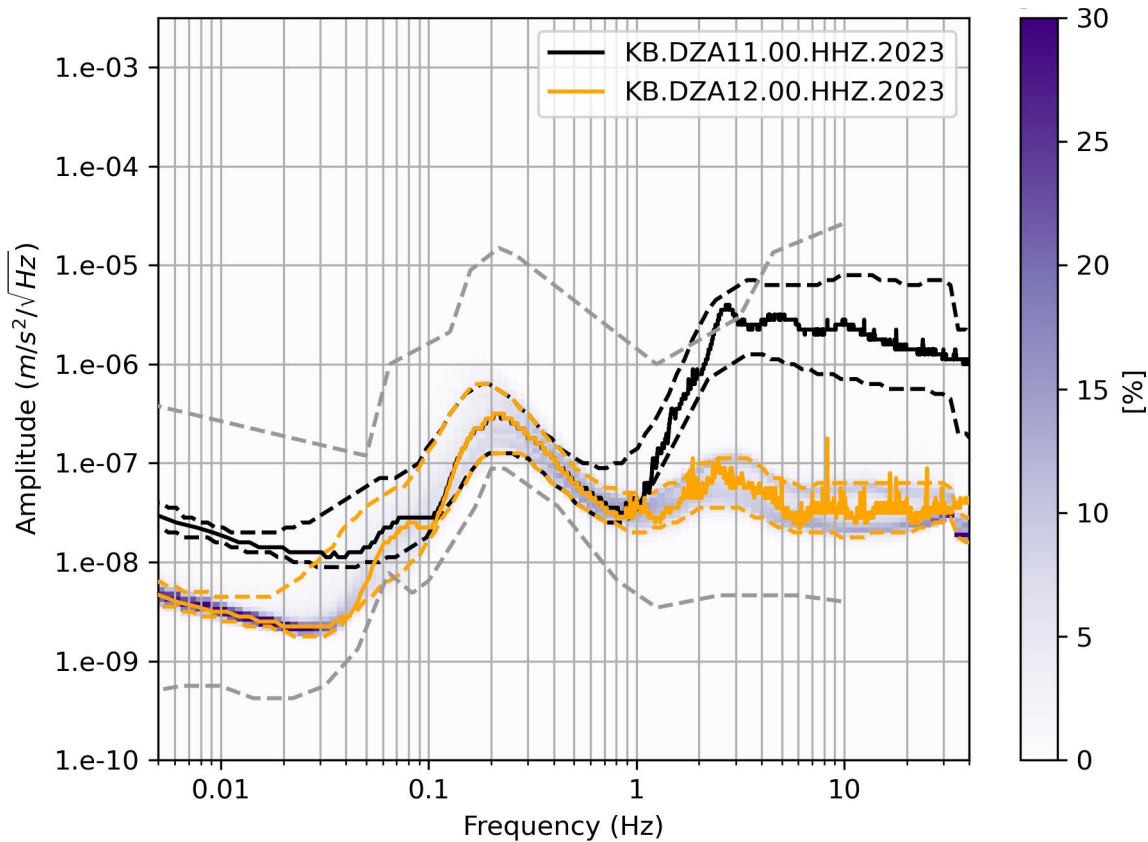


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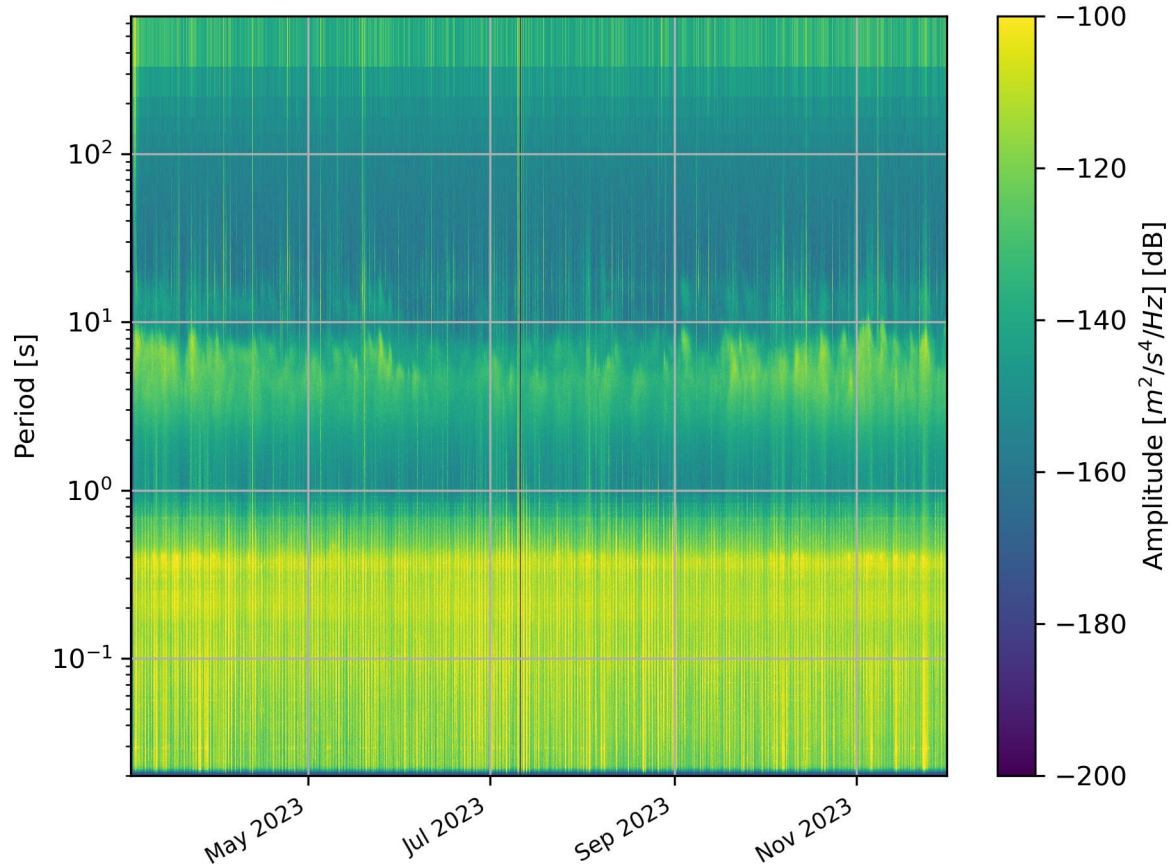
# Lausitz – Comparison surface to borehole

Spring 23 to Nov. 23; borehole with lower amplitudes (100), clear day/night cycle

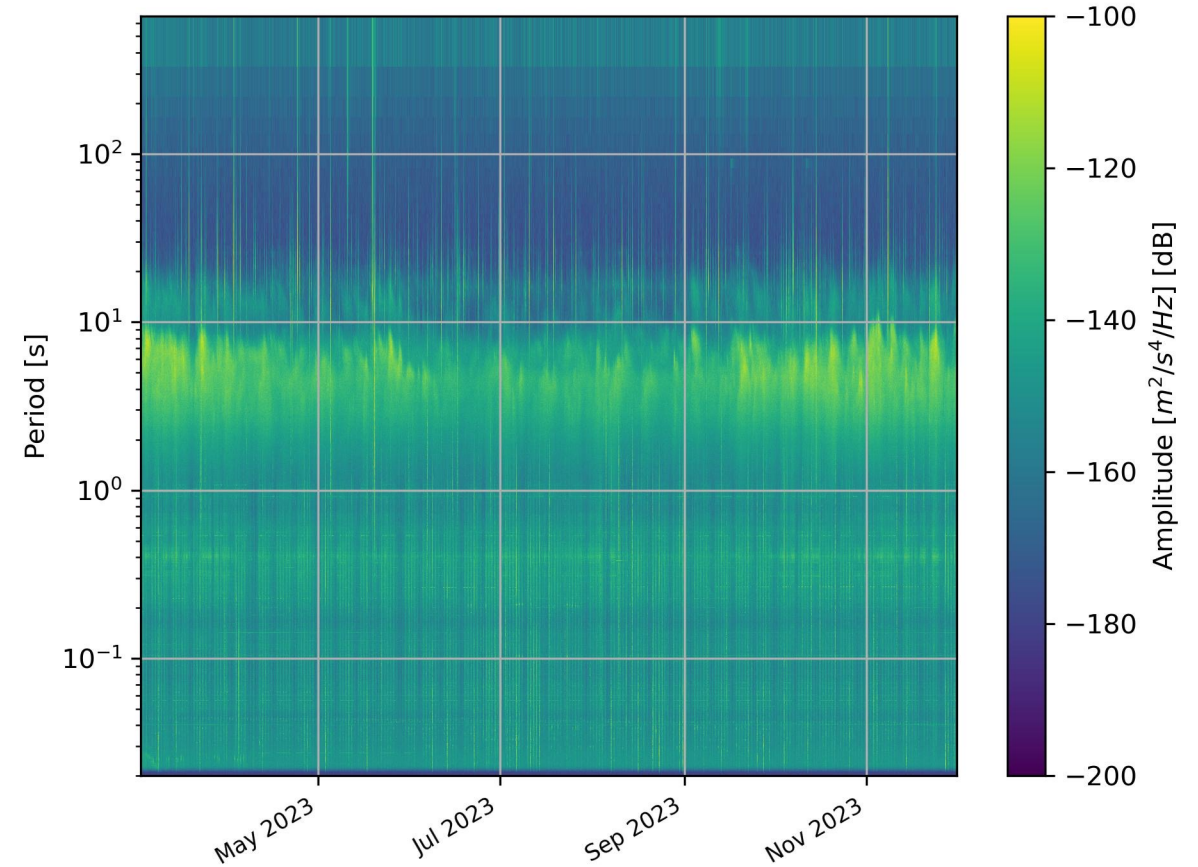


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## DZA11 - surface



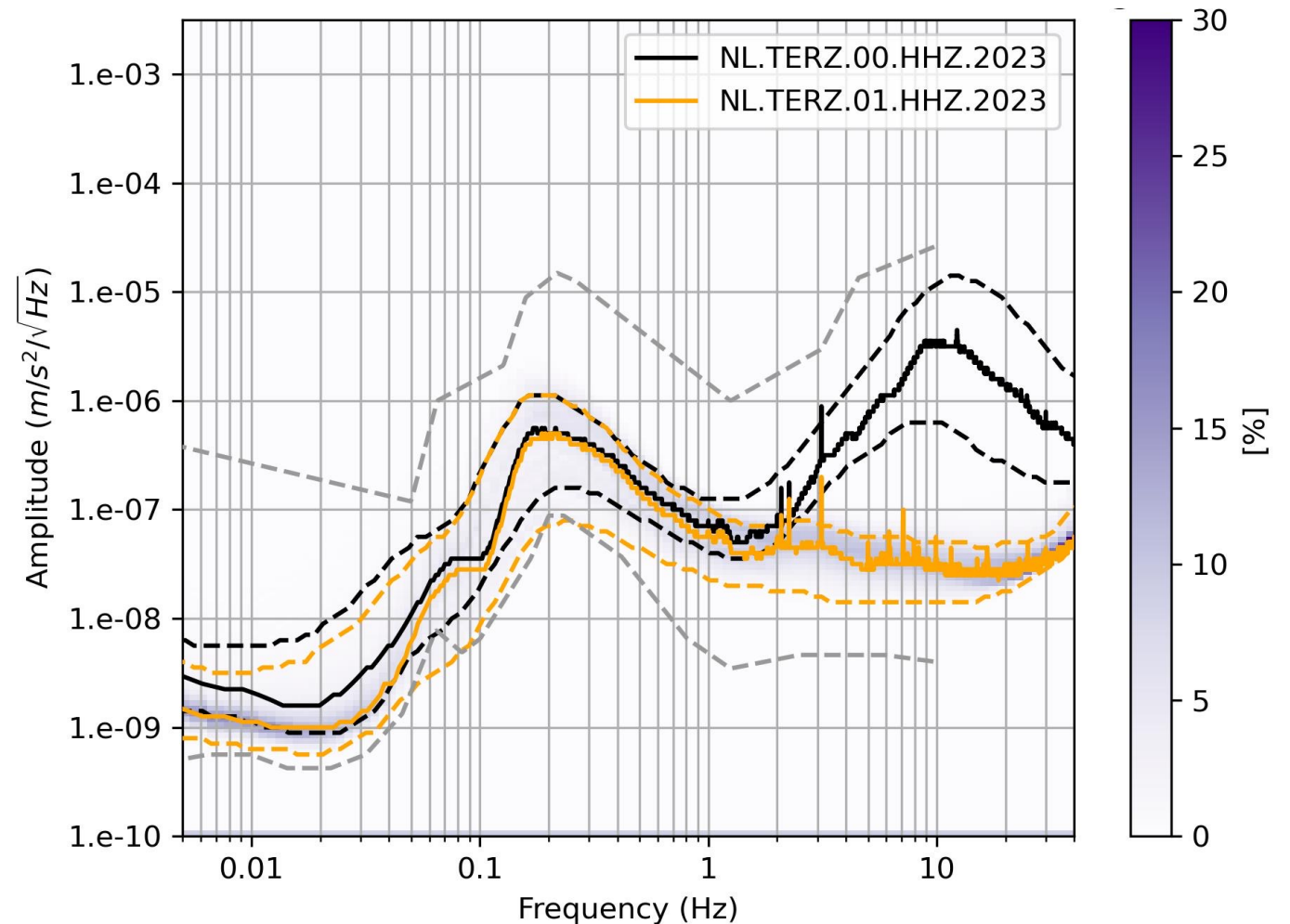
## DZA12 - borehole



# EMR - Comparison surface to borehole

Borehole and surface data  
for the whole year 2023

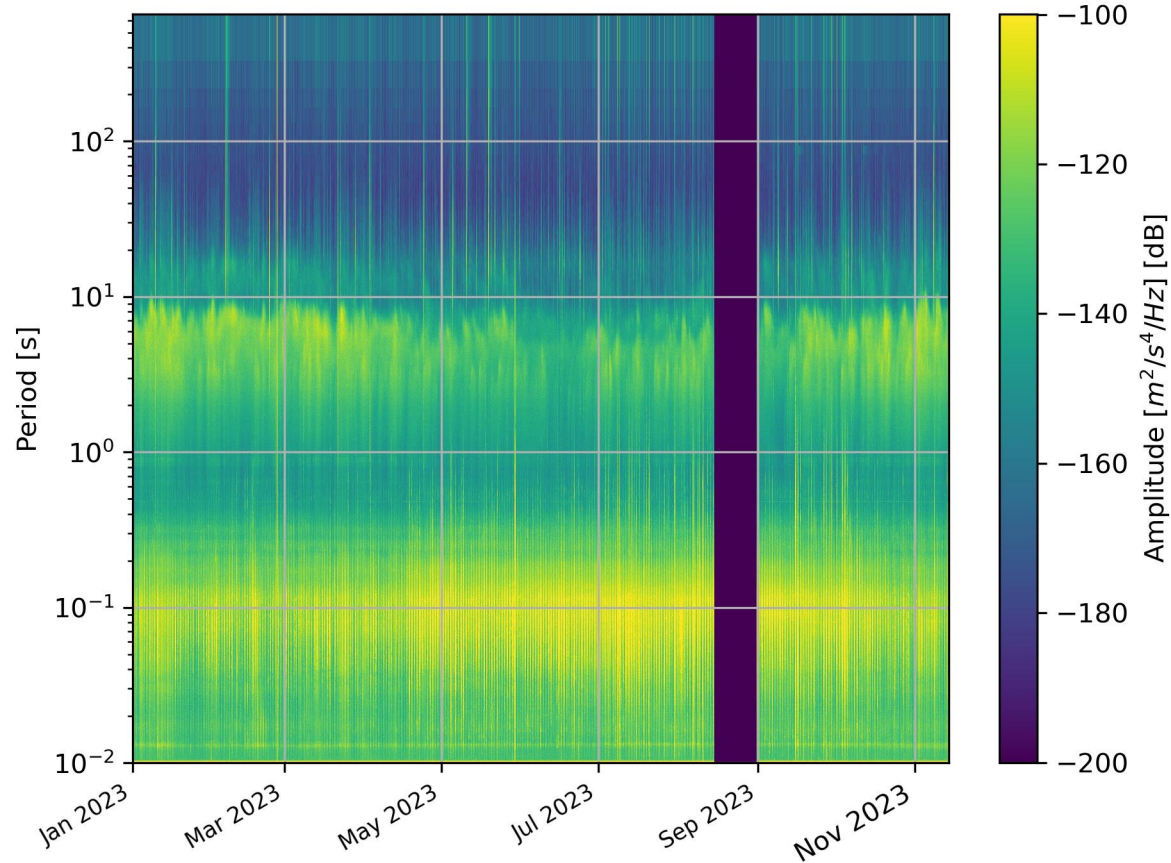
Borehole station with lower  
amplitudes (100 at 10Hz),  
especially for frequencies  
higher 2 Hz



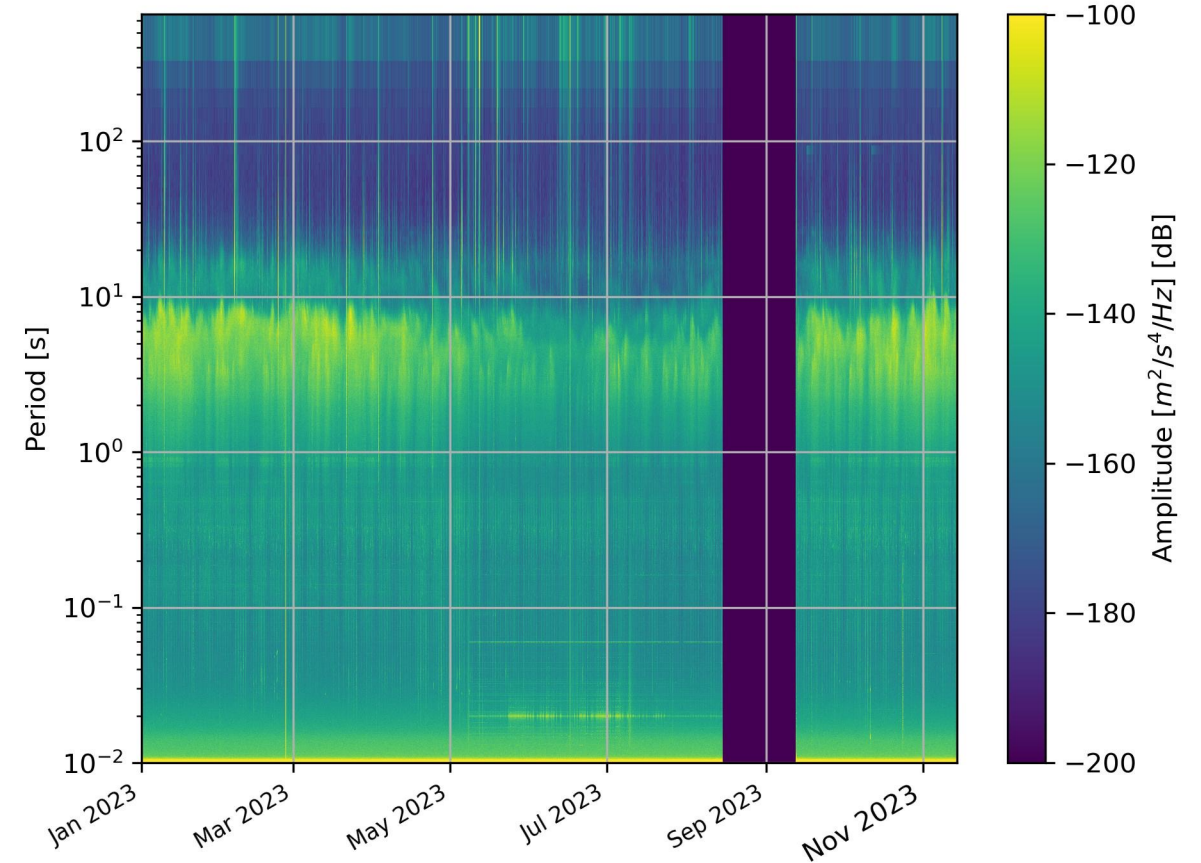


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## TERZ - surface

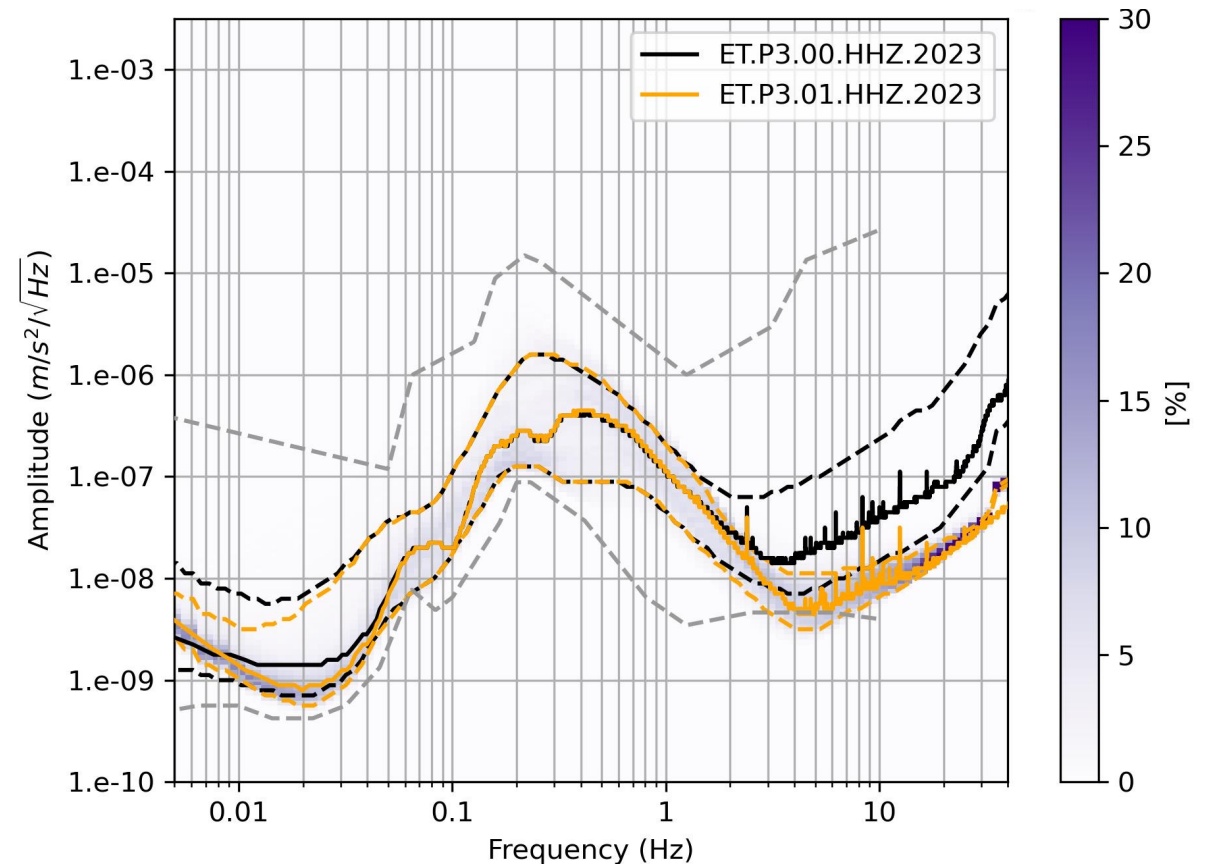
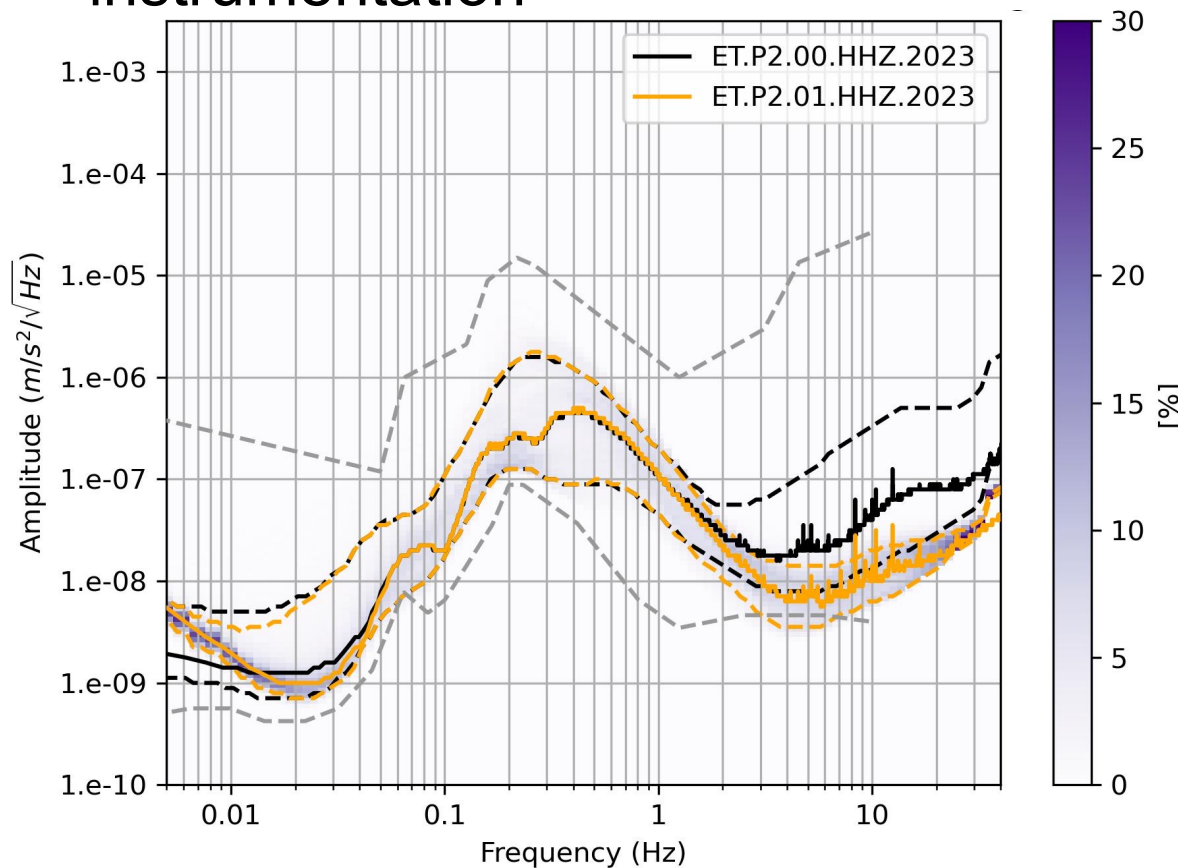


## TERZ - borehole



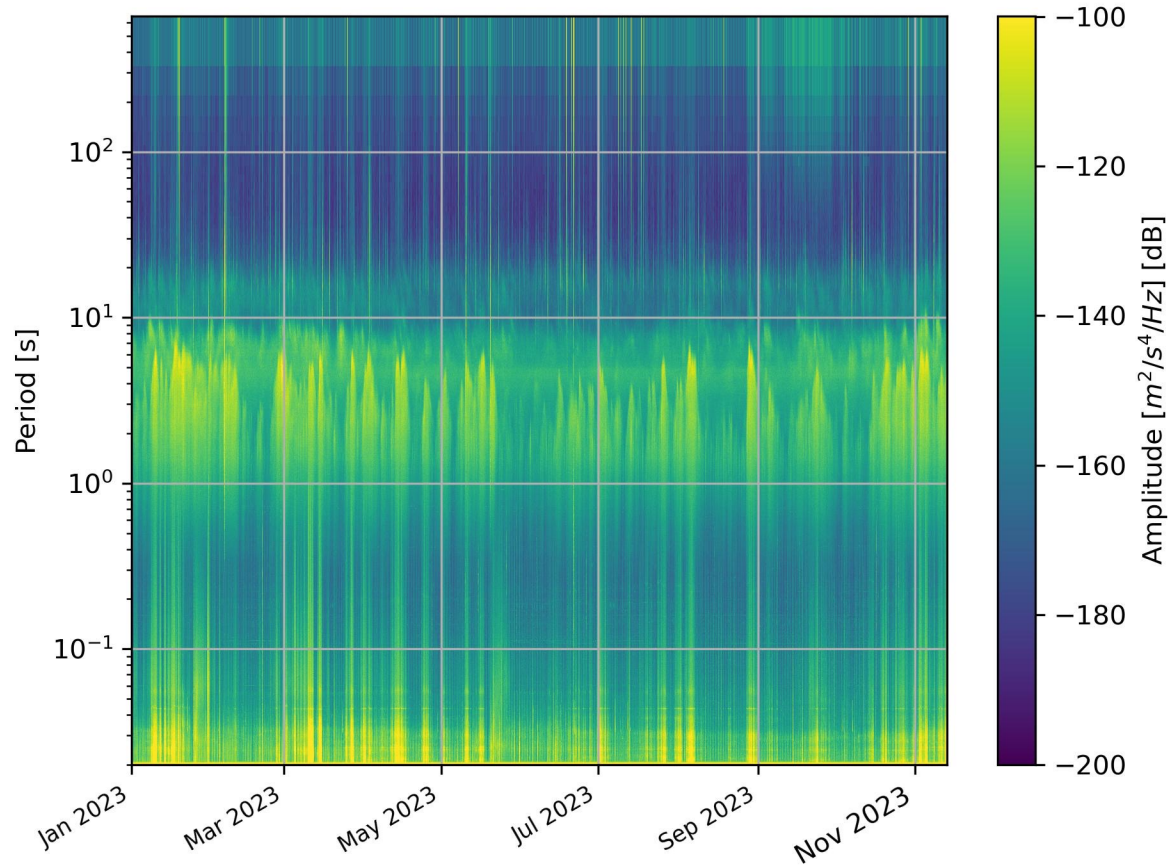
# Sardinia – Comparison surface to borehole

Whole year of 2023; lower amplitudes (10) borehole; lower range influenced by instrumentation

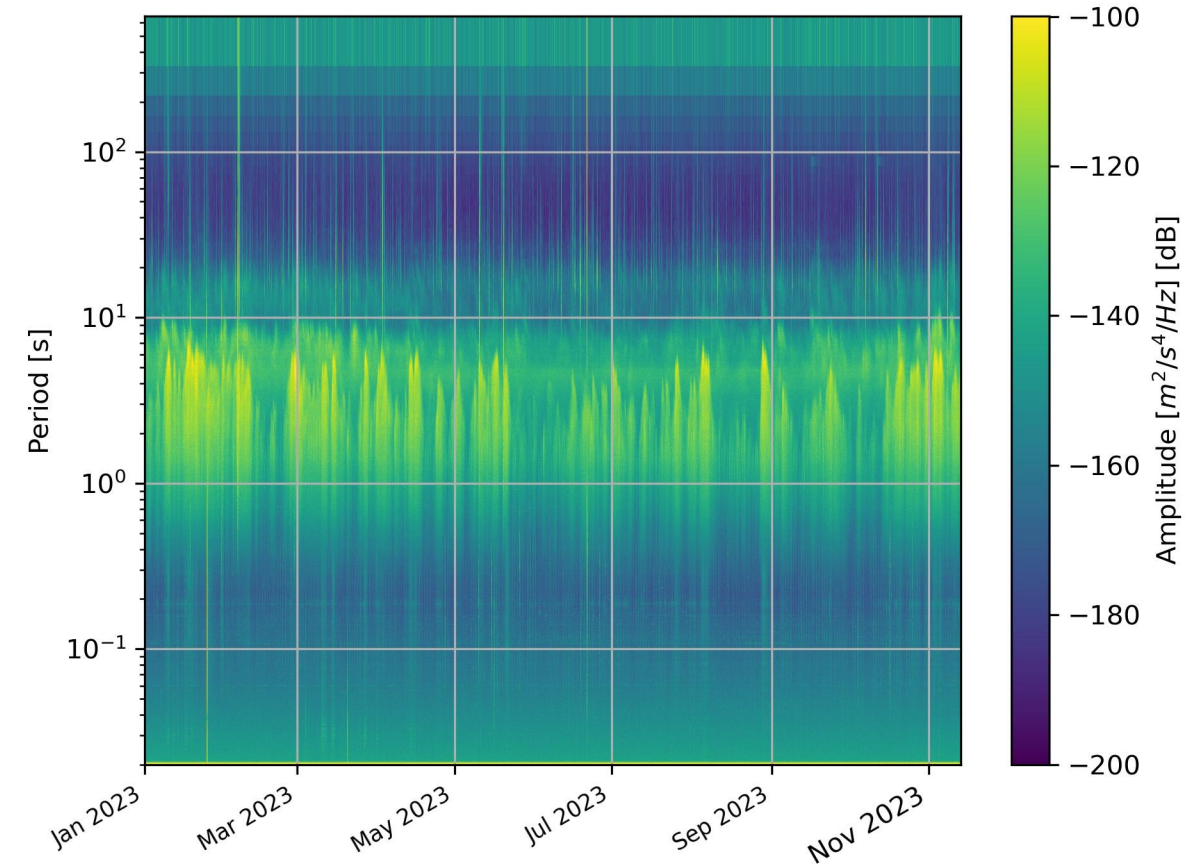


# Sardinia – Comparison surface to borehole

## Station P3 surface



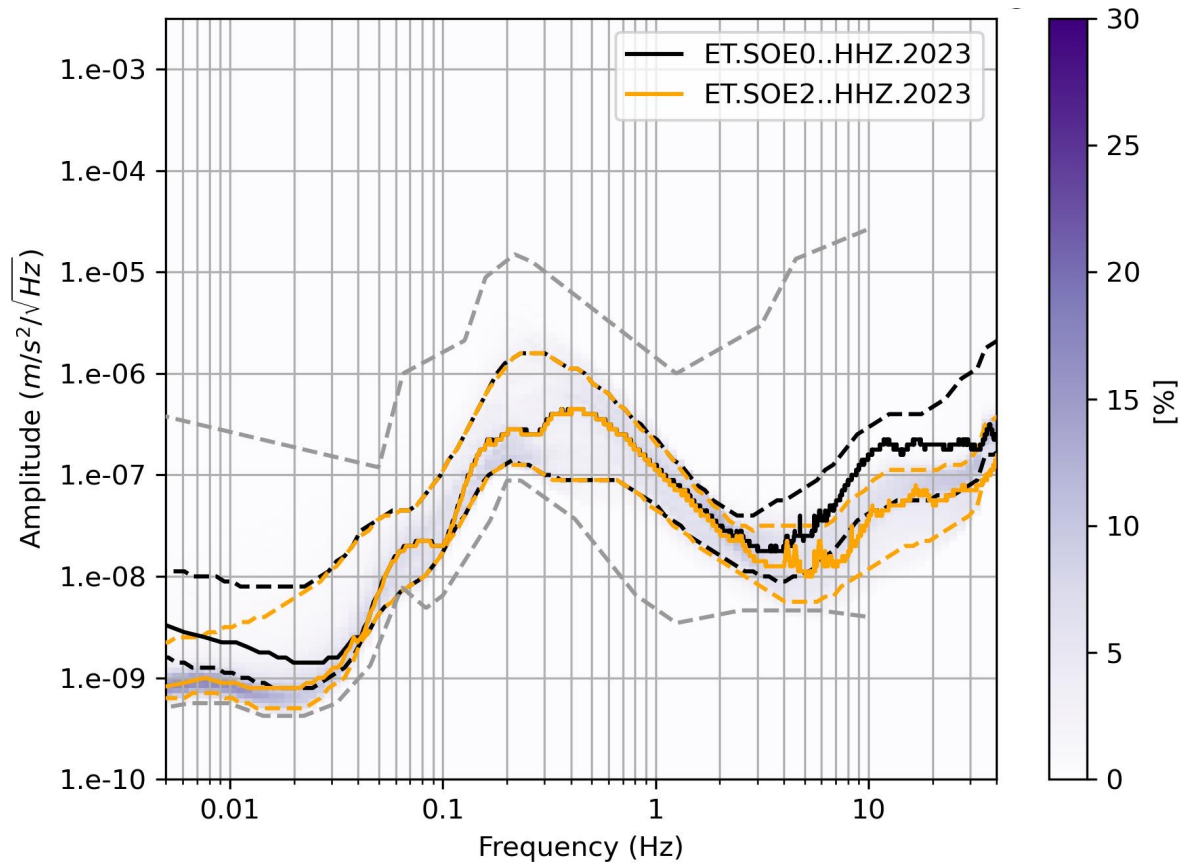
## Station P3 borehole



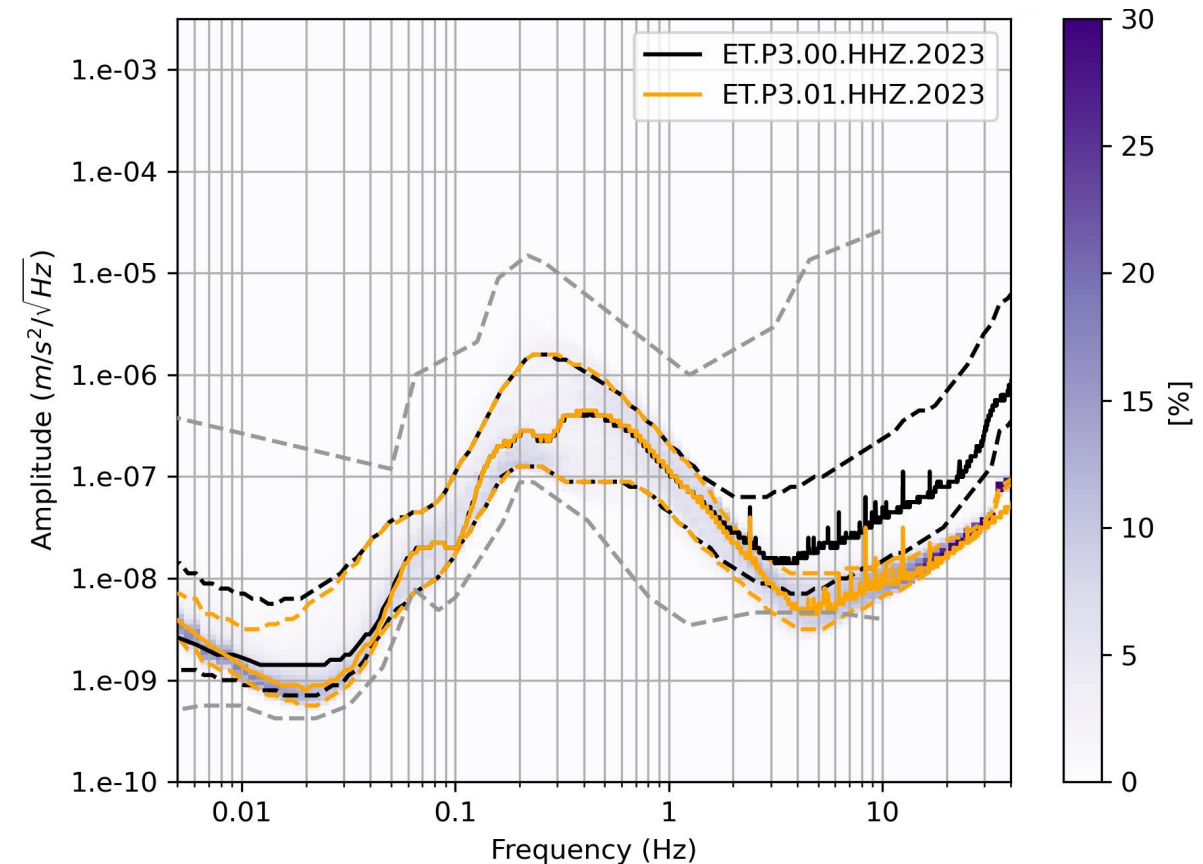


# Sardinia – Comparison Sos Enattos Mine to P3

## Sos Enattos Mine



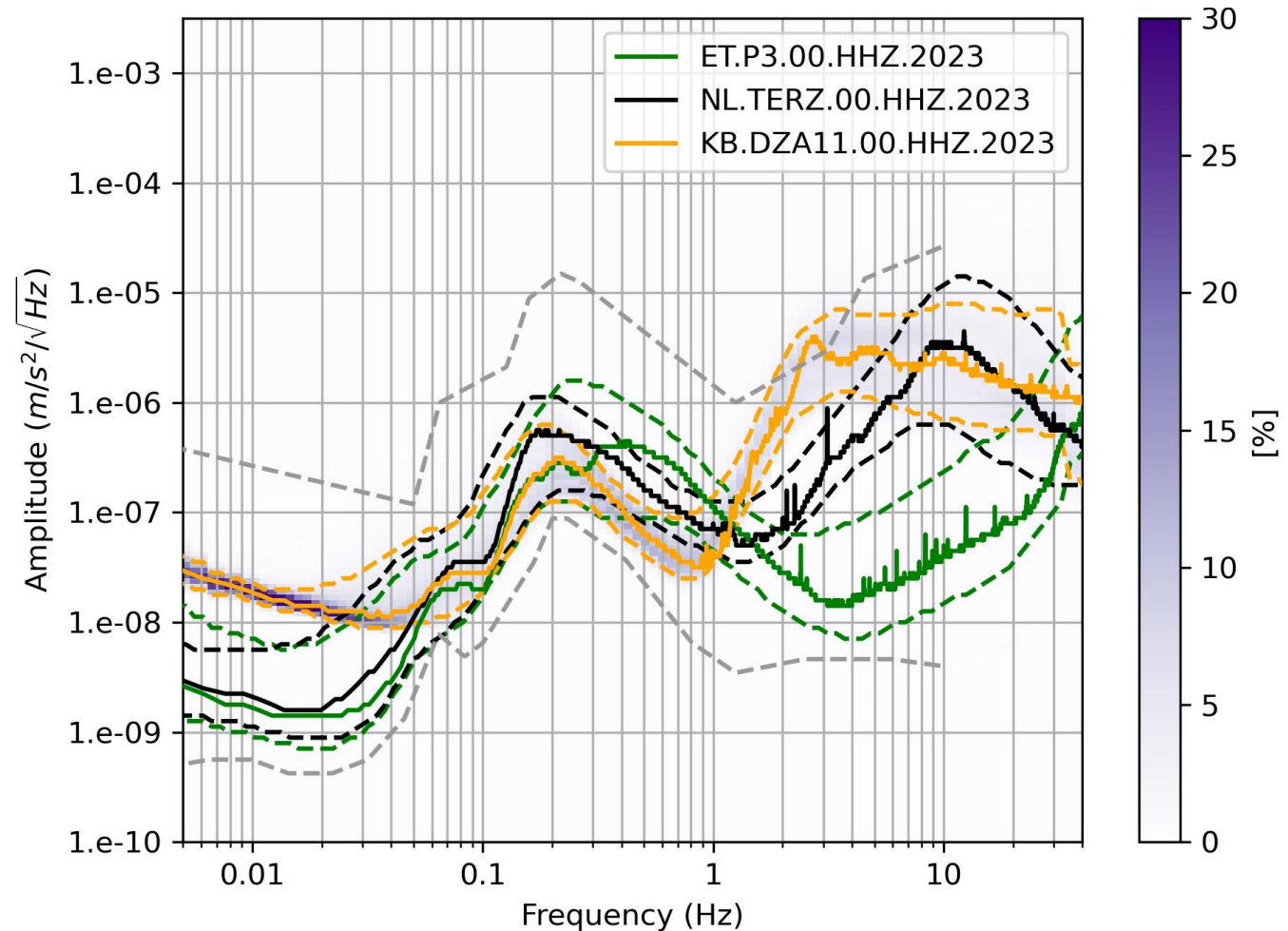
## Station P3





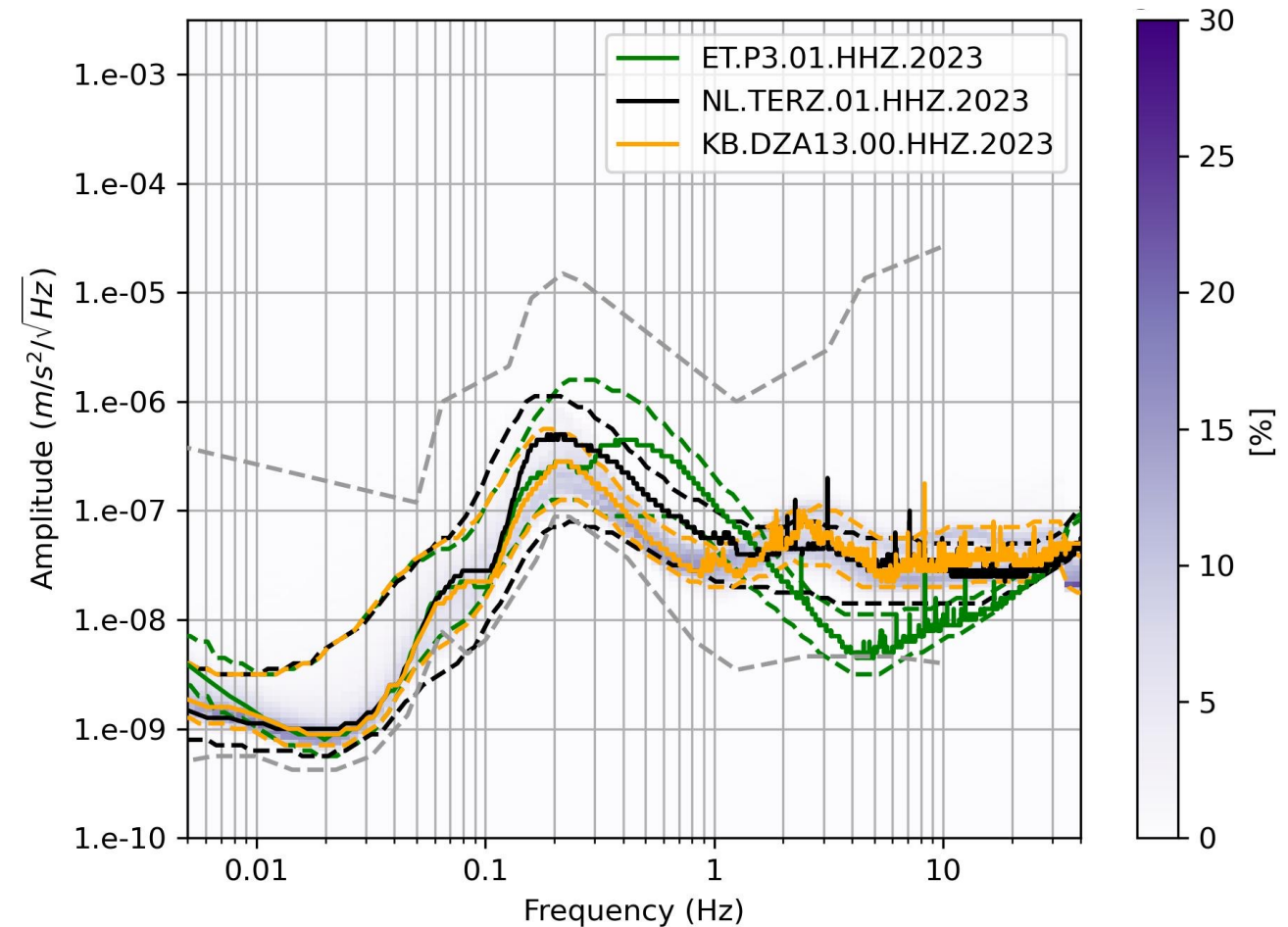
# Comparison surface stations 2023

- Lower amplitudes at Sardinia P3 for frequencies higher than 2Hz,
- but higher noise levels between 0.3 Hz and 1Hz in comparison to EMR and Lausitz



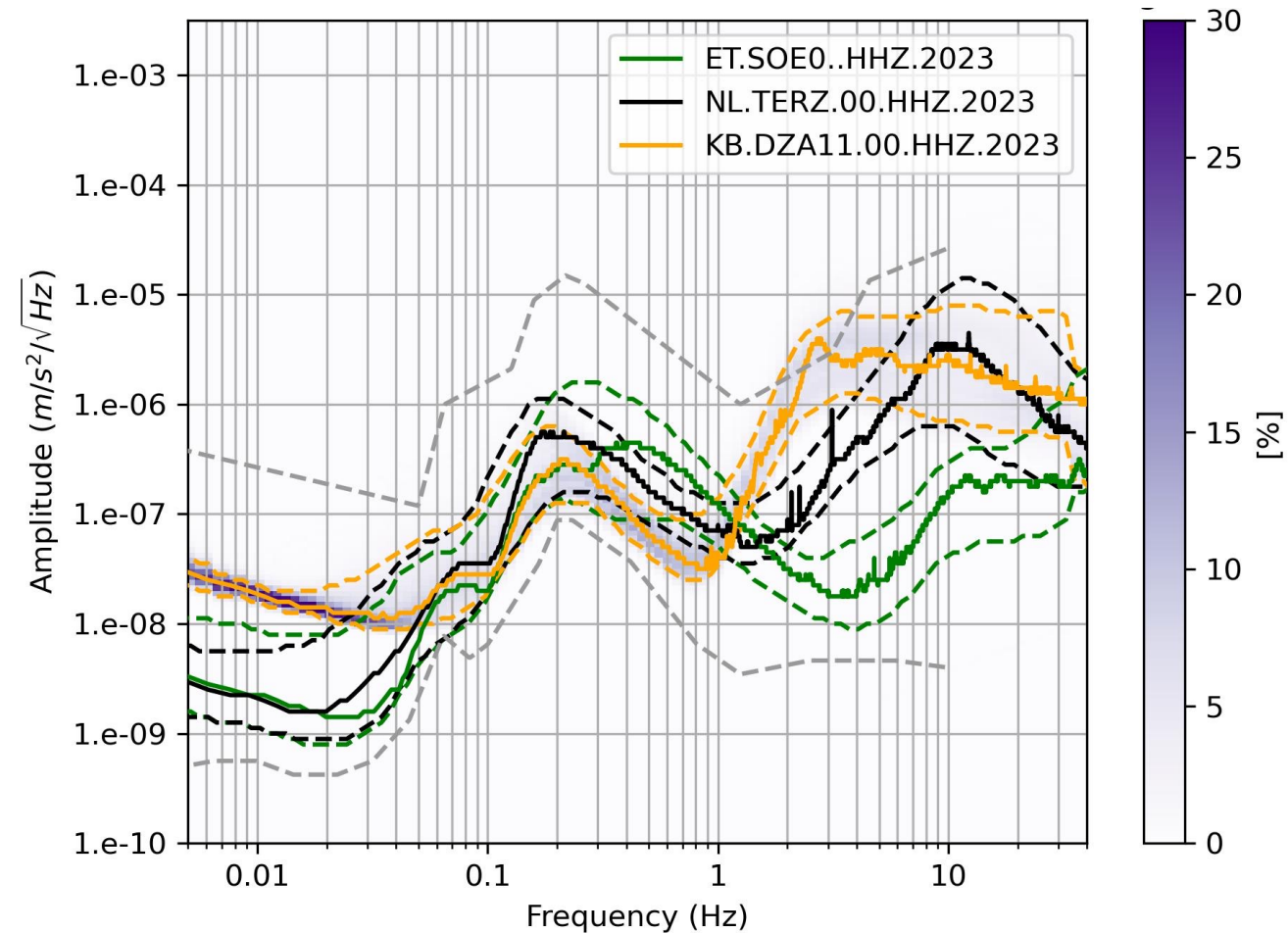
# Comparison borehole stations 2023

- Sardinia P3 up to a factor of 10 below Euregio and Lausitz around 4 Hz
- Euregio TERZ and Sardinia P3 higher values than Lausitz DZA13 from 0.15 Hz to 2 Hz
- Sardinia P3 rise of amplitude for frequencies higher 4 Hz due to instrumental noise



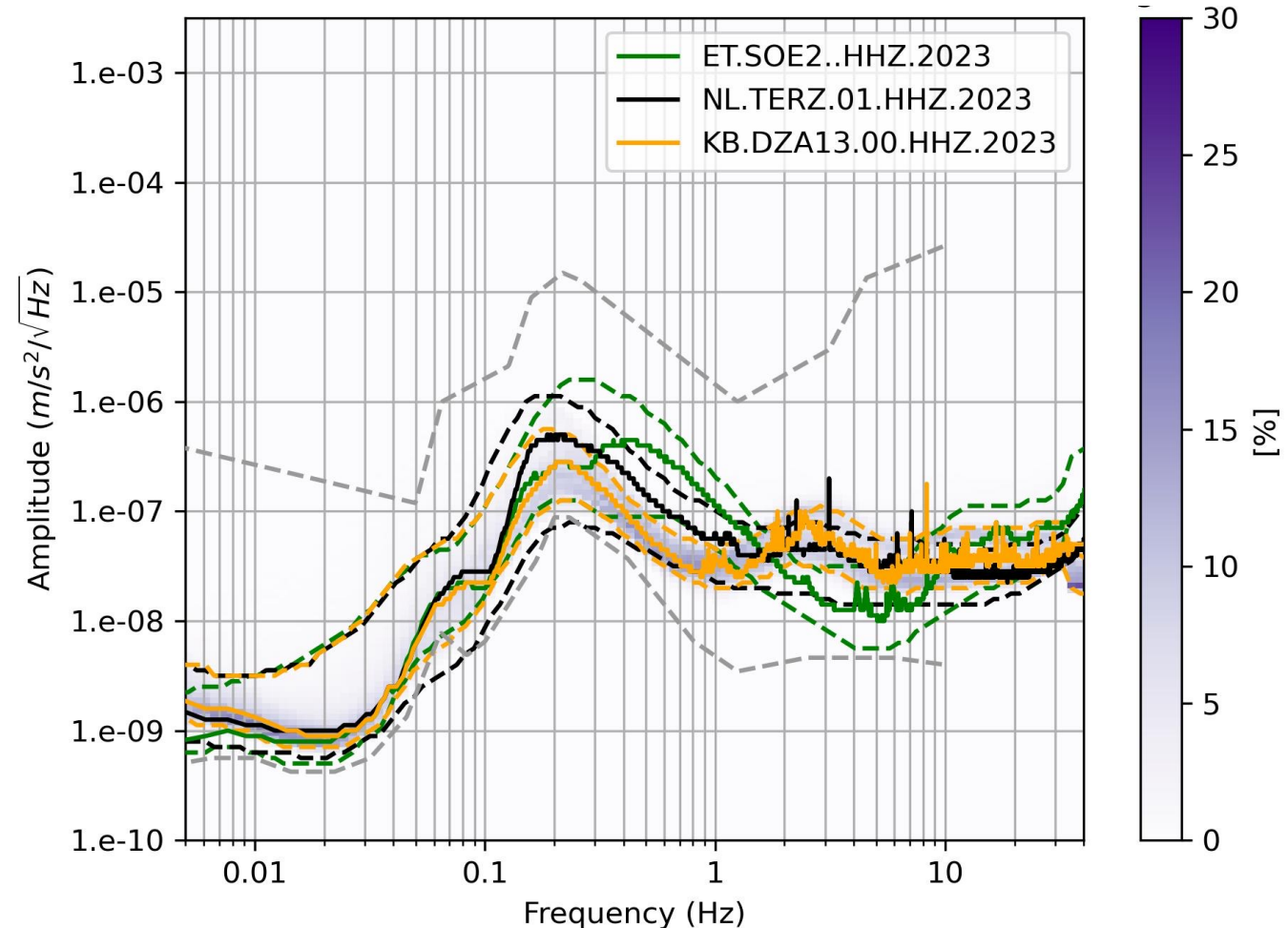
# Comparison surface stations with mine 2023

- Clear reduction of amplitudes for Sardinia Sos Enattos SOE0 for frequencies higher than 2 Hz,
- but higher noise levels between 0.3 Hz and 1 Hz



# Comparison borehole stations with mine 2023

- Euregio TERZ and Sardinia SOE2 higher values than Lausitz DZA13 from 0.15 Hz to 2 Hz
- Sardinia SOE2 up to a factor below Euregio and Lausitz around 4 Hz
- Sardinia SOE2 rise of amplitude for frequencies higher 4 Hz due to instrumental noise



# Conclusions/Outlook

- All candidate sites reach a noise level below  $1e-7 \text{ m/s}^2/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  on average
- There are distinct frequency peaks in the PSD reaching higher values
- Sardinia shows the lowest noise values between 2-14Hz and shows a significant increase at lower frequencies
- EMR and Lausitz show a clear dependence on cultural noise (day-night, weekdays-weekends)
- At the underground laboratory at Sos Enattos the seismic noise level is increased but still below EMR and Lausitz
- There is a strong need for full characterisation of the incoming noise wave field for an evaluation of the sensitivity on the ET telescope