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Earthquake Early Warning Aldo Zollo

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The different time scales of the earthquake process

From an original figure of Tom Jordan redrawn by **Stefan Wiemer**



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From an original figure of Vulnerability & Inventory Tom Jordan redrawn by **Stefan Wiemer** Site Path Source Earthquake Long-term Short-Term ShakeMaps Long-Term Early Aftershock Hazard Forecasting Rapid Loss Forecasting Warning Hazard Mapping & Prediction Assessment decades seconds minutes years days 0 days/ months

Earthquake Early Warning & Rapid Response Systems 1

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Earthquake

Earthquake Early Warning & Rapid Response Systems 2

Blind Zone Data transmission km and processing EEV 100 0 50 *degacomodo* Earthquake Secondary, Strong Wave The RRS provides Alert Centre Alert information on strong ground shaking and Emergency Sensors installed actions in a closely spaced potential damage for Sensors network (5-20 km) rapid emergency S-wave P-wave Earthquake Shaking assistance, search, and Impact and rescue responses. **M** https://earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/eew-asp/system-en.php resilience

Earthquake

occurrence

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Log (Max P-amplitude) ∝ Log (Max S-amplitude) Log (P-wave characteristic period) ∝ Richter Magnitude

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Warning-time and Lead-time: EW network-based systems

- The network-based EWS issues an alert based on eqk location-magnitudepredicted shaking
- The warning time depends on Pwave travel-time, telemetry and computations → travel-time at 4+ stations, telemetry, P-windows, data processing (ex. 6 sec)
- The **blind-zone radius** depends on the warning time
- The **lead-time** increases with the distance from the source
- Network-based EW systems provide fast and accurate source parameter determination, less reliable potential shaking estimates (through GMPEs)

The **warning-time** is the time needed to issue the first eqk info and alert

The **blind-zone radius** is the distance within which the first S waves arrive before the alert.

The **lead-time** is the time available for RT mitigation actions, e.g S-wave arrival time – warning time.



Status of the earthquake early warning systems worldwide



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Current Applications & Potential Uses



POSSIBLE ACTIONS WITHIN 10-50 SECONDS

Utilities

Power (fire prevention), gas

Industry

Hazardous chemicals, chip manufacturers, eye surgeons

Construction

Site safety, (active control buildings)

Transportation

Airports, rail and subway, bridges

Response community

Fire departments, rescue teams, government

Personal protection

Schools, housing complexes (evacuation), hosing unit (preparation)

Research Directions in Earthquake Early Warning next-future developments

SERA JRA6 – Real Time Earthquake Shaking

Linking Early Warning and Rapid Response time scales

- From «early» (P-wave) to «final» (Swave) shake map
- Designing end-to-end EEWS tailored to specific applications
 - Link to control systems piloting automatic safety emergency actions

Time-Evolving ShakeMap Computation

Objective: peak ground motion prediction PGX (X=A,V or D)





Network-based EEW: Basically two approaches

Source-based

- Fast determinations of location and magnitude are used to predict the peak ground shaking using a ground motion prediction equation (GMPE)
- JMA-EW, Shake-Alert(USGS), PRESTo (IT), Virtual Seismologist (ETH)

Shaking-Forecast-based

- Future peak ground shaking is predicted from the recorded P (or S-near-source) ground shaking, with or without using the source location/magnitude information
- Finder, Wavefield-extrapolation, PLUM,
 PDZ-contouring (QUAKE_UP)



Track the expected strong shaking zone while the earthquake rupture is still ongoing



Shaking-Forecast-Based Early Warning System

Research developments at the University of Naples Federico II

Rapid Damage Evaluation: the concept of Potential Damage Zone



The PDZ is the area delimited by an user-defined IMM/PGV potential damage countour level (e.g. IMCS>VII, PGV>6.37 cm/s. INGV Shakemap)

Colombelli et al., 2012 BSSA

Early Shake-Map: P-wave contouring of PDZ



Early Shake-Map: P-wave contouring of PDZ



- Network of stations + spatial grid of virtual nodes
- First P-wave is detected at the closest station:
- earthquake location & magnitude;
- observed values of $P_d(P_v, P_a)$ and τ_c ;
- predicted values of $P_d(P_v, P_a)$ at the nodes ;
- interpolation algorithm for the PDZ mapping;
- Successive measurements are done on increased time windows and new station recordings
- The area with PGV (or Intensity) values larger than a given threshold (PDZ) is mapped as a function of time. Sites within PDZ can be alerted based on the expected level of shaking.

Two case studies

 Retrospective Performance Analysis of a Shaking-Forecast Based Early-Warning Method for the 2023 Türkiye-Syria Mw 7.8 Earthquake

• EEWS for High-Speed Railways in Italy : Design, development and prototype implementation

Turkey-Syria's earthquake doublet of Feb. 6, 2023 (Mw 7.8 and 7.6)



Intensity	Shaking
I	Not felt
П	Weak
Ш	Weak
IV	Light
v	Moderate
VI	Strong
VII	Very strong
VIII	Severe
IX	Violent
x	Extreme

- On Feb. 6, 2023 at 4:17 a.m. the first earthquake of magnitude 7.8 struck the city of Pazarcık in south-central Turkey
- About 9 hours later (at 1:24 p.m.) a second earthquake of magnitude 7.5 had an epicenter near the city of Elbistan
- Both events are associated with the Eastern Anatolian Fault System (EAF)
- A large area was affected by a quake whose intensity (Mercalli scale) was VII+ (from "very strong" to "violent-extreme")

A complex rupture process



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Earthquake Early Warning: Real-Time Location and Magnitude Estimation



- Stable mainshock location
 20 sec after the origin
 time
- Magnitude M6.5 at 20 sec, the value increase to 7.5 at about 50 sec
- The slow convergence of magnitude to the final value is due to the low energy release during the initial phase of the rupture process

AFAD, Turkish accelerometric network

Retrospective Performance Analysis





- Two thresholds of instrumental intensity IMM=IV and IMM=VI
- The empirical relation of Faenza & Michelini (2010): predicted Peak Ground Velocity → Intensities
- The percentage of successfull (SA,SNA), false (FA) and missed (MA) alerts are evaluated comparing the predicted and obseved values
- Results:
 - The lower IMM thresh provides a high percentage of SA since the event beginning
 - Setting the higher IMM thresh, only 40-60 sec after the OT we have high percentage of SA vs MA and FA
 - Lead times are larger for the lower IMM threshold, from few sec to 50-60 sec depending on the epicentral distance



P-wave based shakemap

The predicted potential damage zone as inferred from early recorded Pwaves well delineates the geometry of the rupturing fault and tracks with a high precision the spacetime rupture evolution.

EEW@High-Speed Railway in Italy



Automatic actions:

- declare & dispatch the alert to the control room
- activate the devices (Train Braking Actuators CU) to stop the trains.
- Define the «end of the alert» to restart the train traffic (not automatic).

Seismic impact evaluation:

• estimate the peak ground motion parameters (PGA, PGV) at the array nodes an all along the railway line

EW@H-SRI – Block Diagram



*AlpEW – Array Lineare per Early Warning

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ALPEW: Alert and Early-Shake-Map



From Seismic Waveforms To Safety Actions on the Railway



Example of performance analysis:

Earthquake: NORCIA [30-10-2016 06:40:17 (UTC)], Mw 6.5

Virtual near-linear railway: 144 km long Array: NW-SE oriented array (15 stations, average spacing 10 km)

Alert decision module: Single-Station-Basic PGA threshold level: 5% EPL level: 50%



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Length of the railway route at risk as a function of earthquake magnitude and distance

Given the PGA threshold set by the railway manager, we calculated the length of the segment along the Napoli-Roma railway that is potentially at risk of damage in the occurrence of an event with a given magnitude and distance from the railway. The earthquake sources are located with the seismogenic zones of the seismic hazard map of Italy





Effectiveness of the EW System for High-Speed Railways in Italy



Average number of HS-train transits in 24 hours along the railway (20-minute window) calculated over a period of 2 months Average number of trains travelling within or outside the Alerted Segment of the Railway (ASR)

	Low-Density 6h-10h 8	/ Occupancy: 20h-23h	High-Density 10h ·		
ASR (km)	# of trains within ASR	# of trains outside ASR	# of trains within ASR	# of trains outside ASR	Estimated Return Period (ys)
L = 10	0-1	5-6	0-1	9-10	10-15
L = 30	0-1	5-6	1-2	8-9	65-70
L = 50	1-2	4-5	2-3	7-8	~200
L = 100	3-4	3-4	5-6	5-6	~2000

For almost all the estimated ASR lengths and in both time slots, the relative percentage of trains that will be outside the ASR is always favourable, as compared to the trains that would be within the ASR. Except for the rare case of ASR = 100 km that corresponds to a large earthquake occurring very close to the line (M > 6.5 & R < 20 km).

Early Warning System for High-Speed Railways in Italy: Perspectives



- The development of an Early Warning System for High Speed railways in Italy is a significant S&T challenge
 - short epicentral distances, expected reduced lead times
 - high impact of potential false/missed alarms.
- The system solution is tailored to the user needs
 - innovative technological and method solutions
 - Fully integration with the rail traffic control system
- The experience and know-how gained in this project will be used by RFI to develop in the next future a nation-wide , integrated EW and RR railway monitoring system in Italy

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