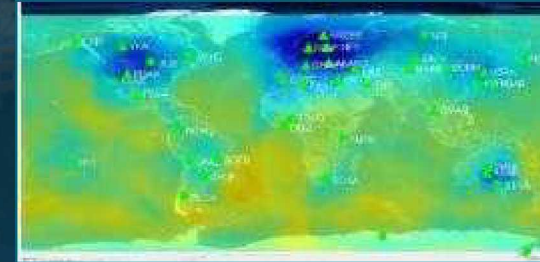


GNDD Signal Analysis: Network Performance Modelling



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Motivation:

US nuclear monitoring community has a need to gauge the effectiveness of its network and determine the impact of possible changes to the network, such as a station that is added or unavailable.

Objective:

The objective of this work is to provide a tool based upon relevant research we are able to identify, apply, and potentially improve upon.

Why Assess Sensor Network Performance?

1. Gauge effectiveness of an existing sensor network: what can we see and where do we need to improve?
 - Best approach is just to show actual monitoring results: how well has the network performed?

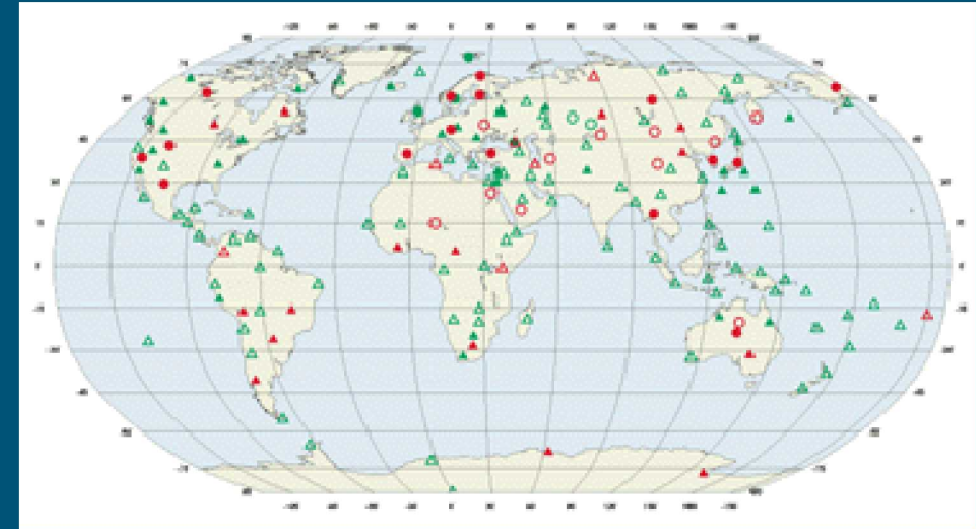
Problem: *limited source sampling*
(plate boundaries + nuclear test sites)

2. Plan a new/augmented sensor network (new stations) and/or new processing

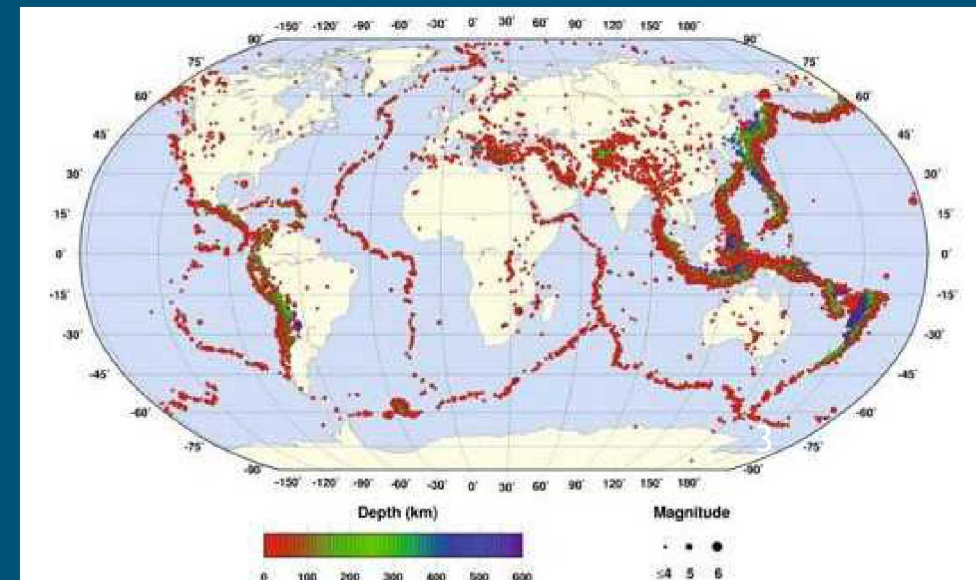
Problem: *no actual data from new sites or new algorithms*

In both cases, we must make *assumptions* about what is expected, i.e. we must *model* expected behavior

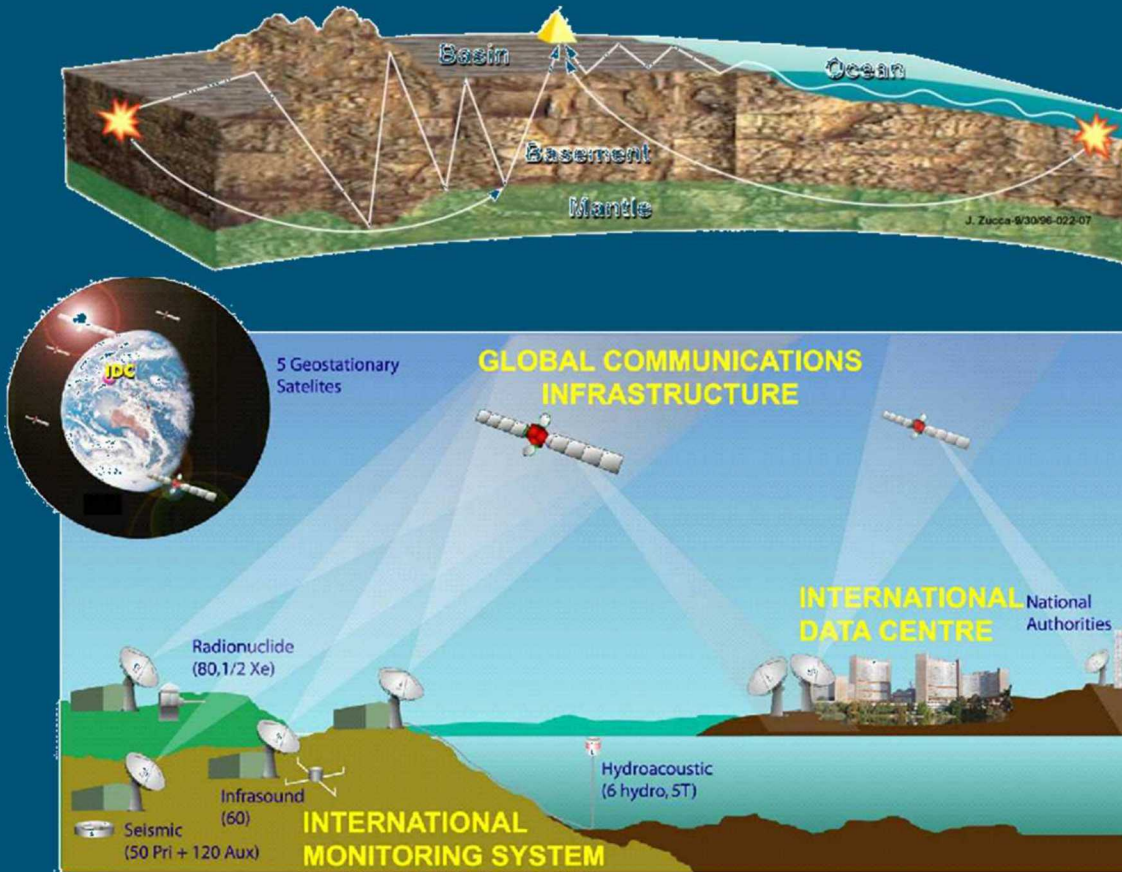
CTBTO Seismic Sensor Network



CTBTO Seismic Event Catalog



What must be included in the modelling?



Earth Physics

- Source
- Signal Propagation

Sensor Network

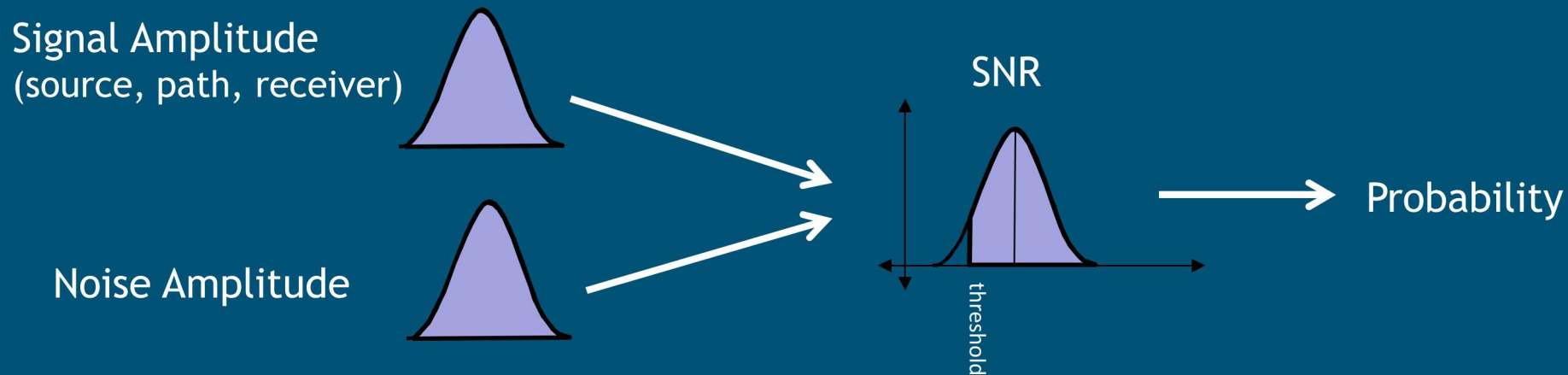
- Seismic
- Hydroacoustic
- Infrasound
- Radionuclide

Data Reliability

Data processing

Our Goal: *simulate all of this to assess overall performance*

Primarily solving for the probability of detection by simulating the observed signal and noise amplitudes (Serenio, 1990).



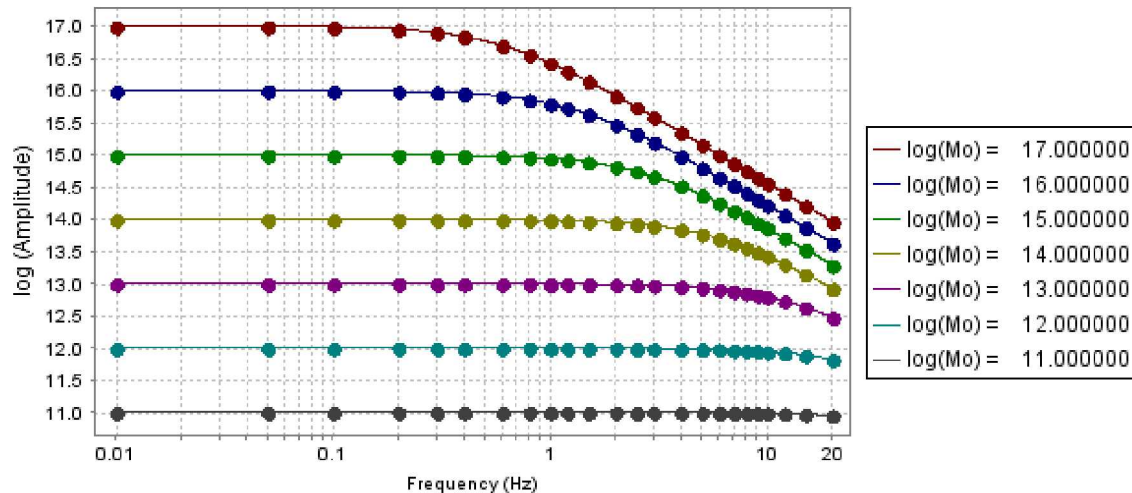
Hypothesize an event location on the earth



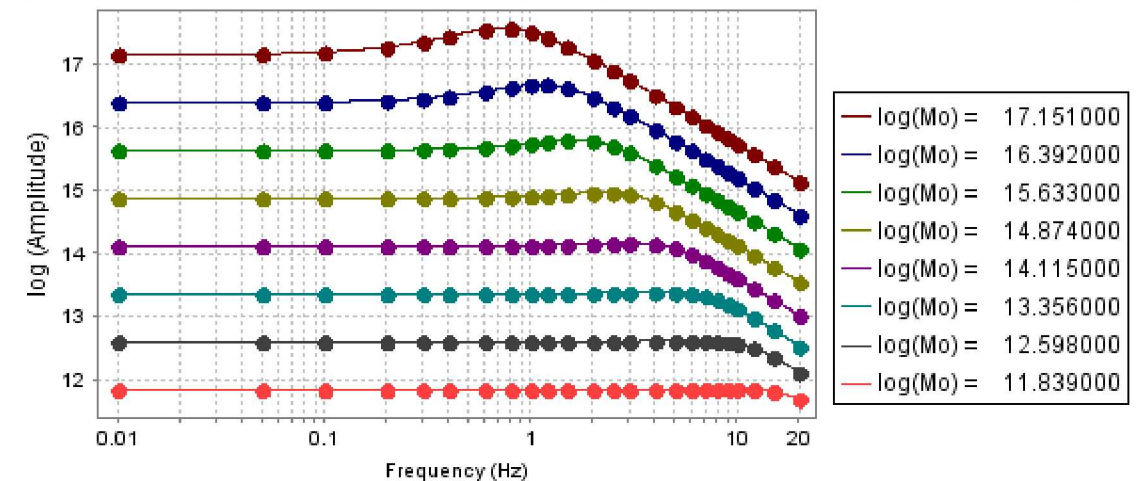
Source Model, based on type (earthquake, explosion), coupling, and geographic region



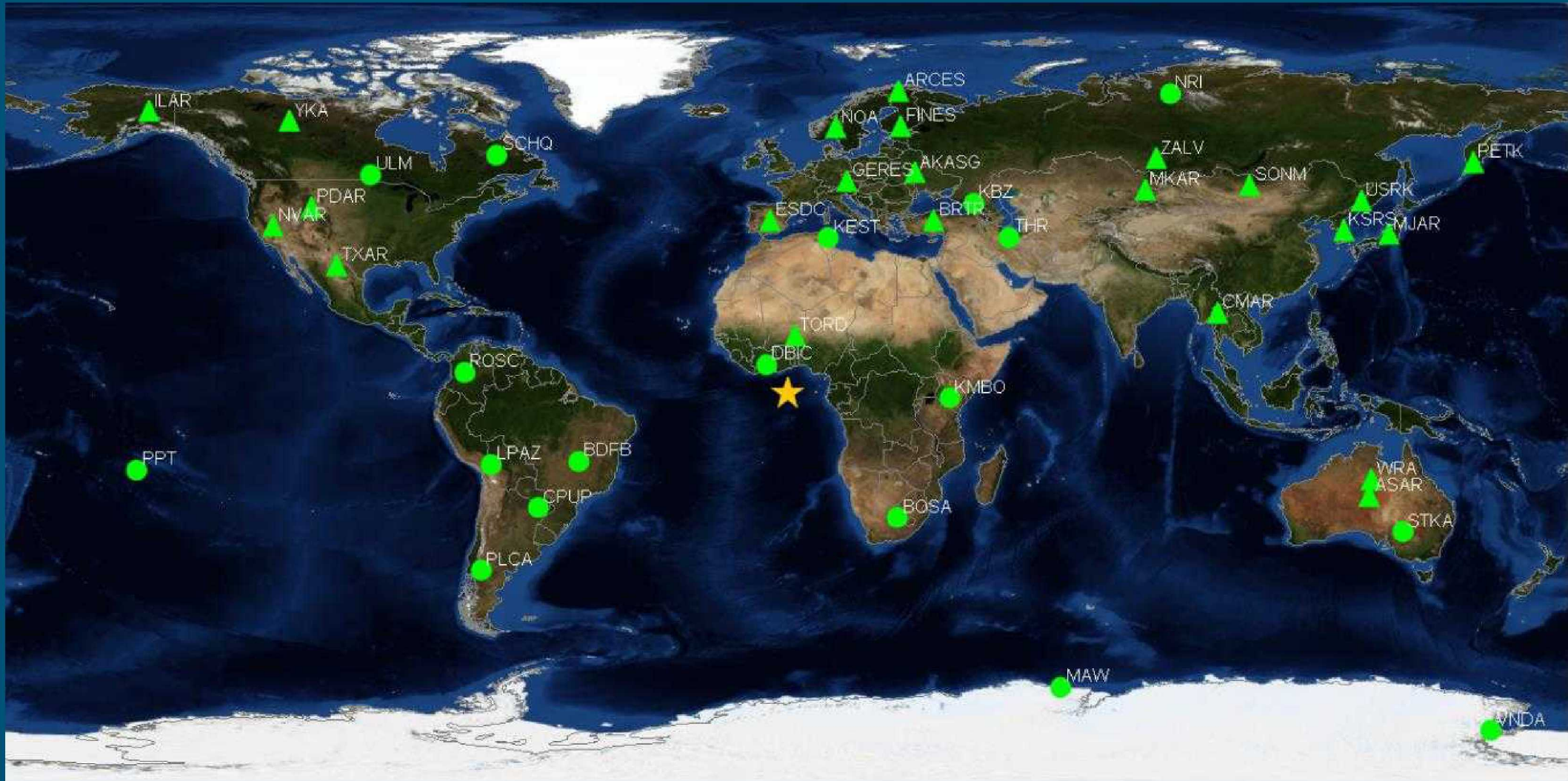
Earthquake Source Ampl Spectral Model (Reference stress = 10.0 bars)



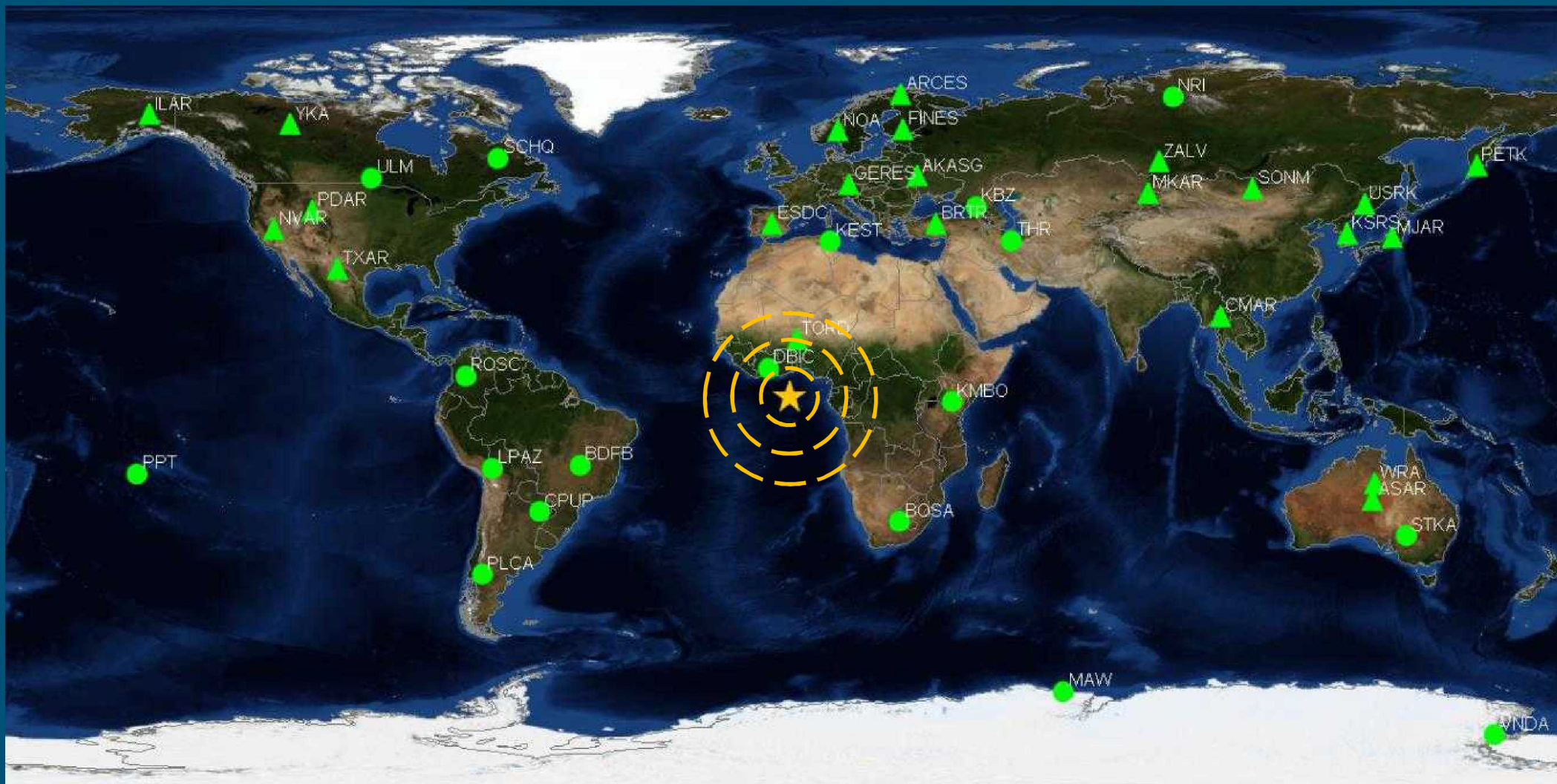
Explosion Source: Mueller Murphy granite at normal scaled depth



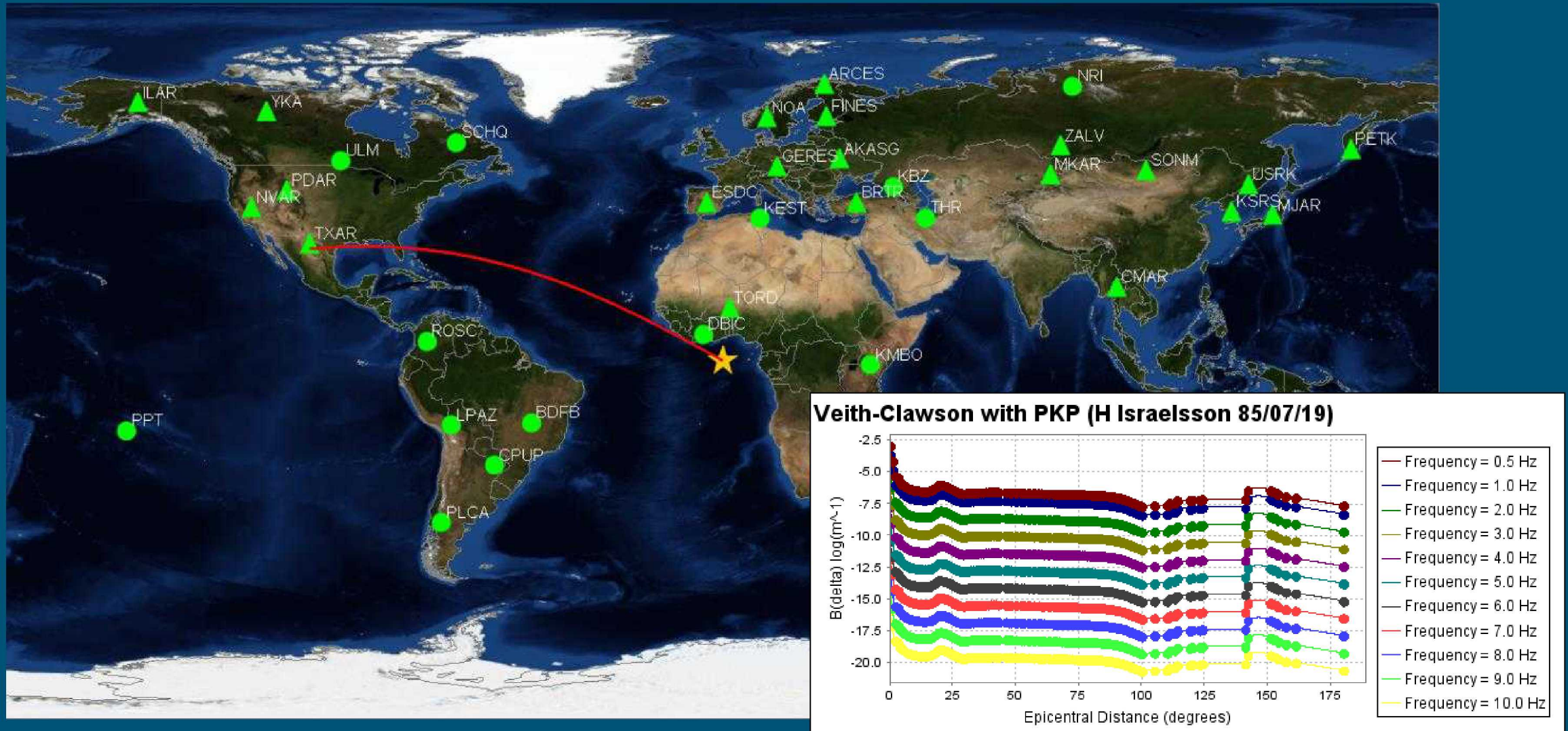
Define a network configuration to simulate, shown here is the IMS Primary Seismic Network



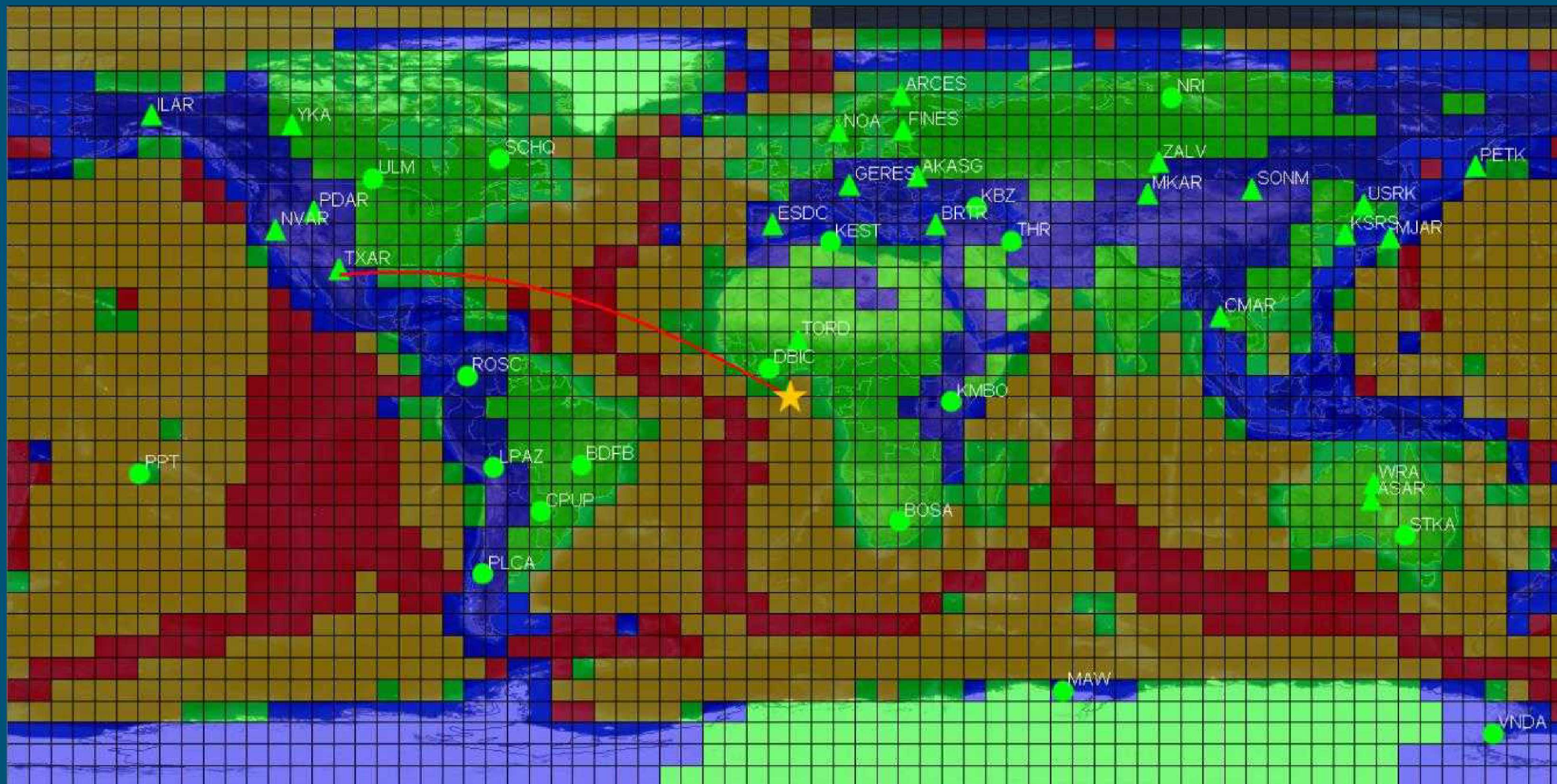
Simulate path attenuation as the signal propagates from the source to a station



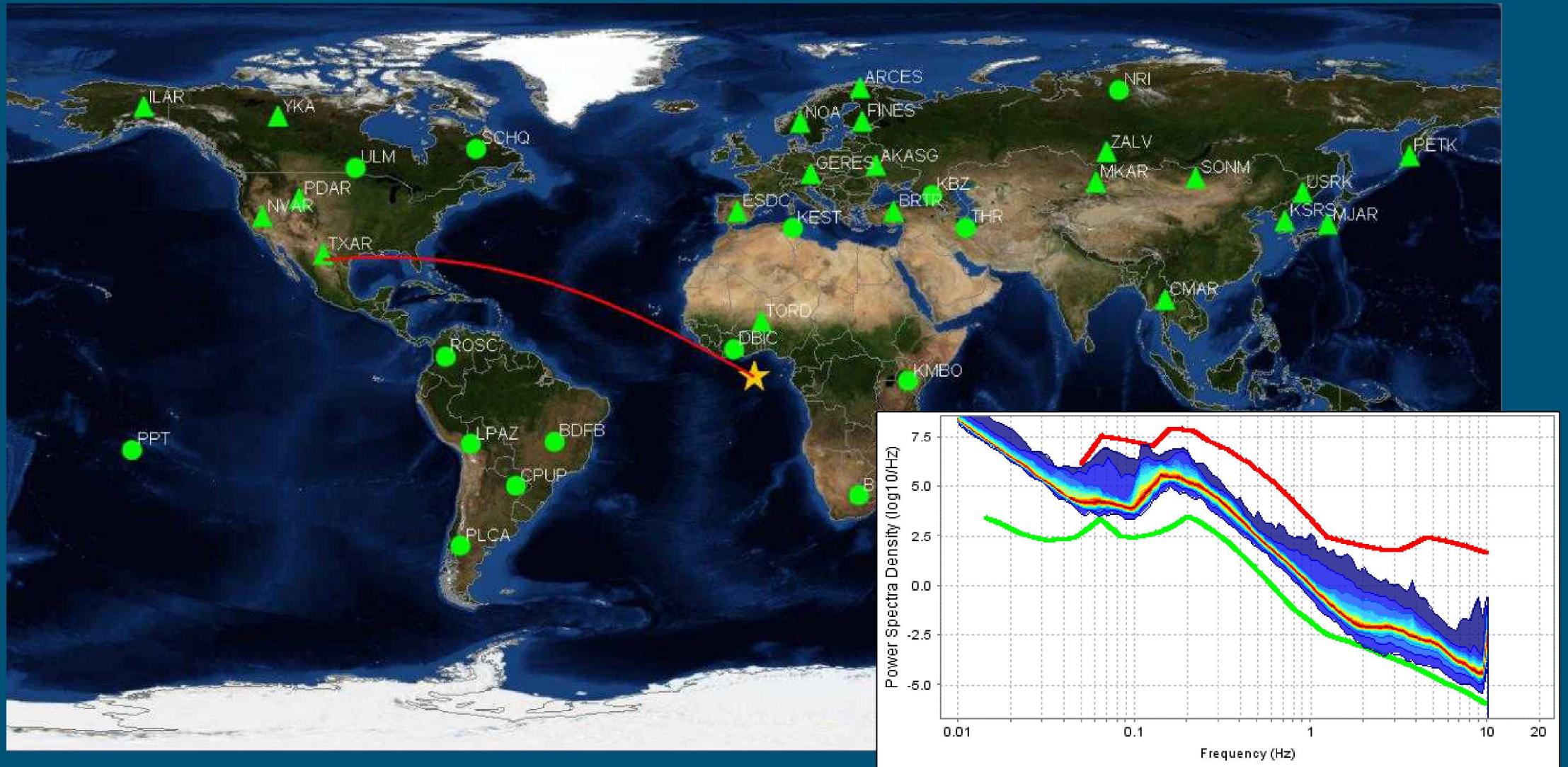
Teleseismic attenuation uses a reference model with a simple lookup table – homogenous earth



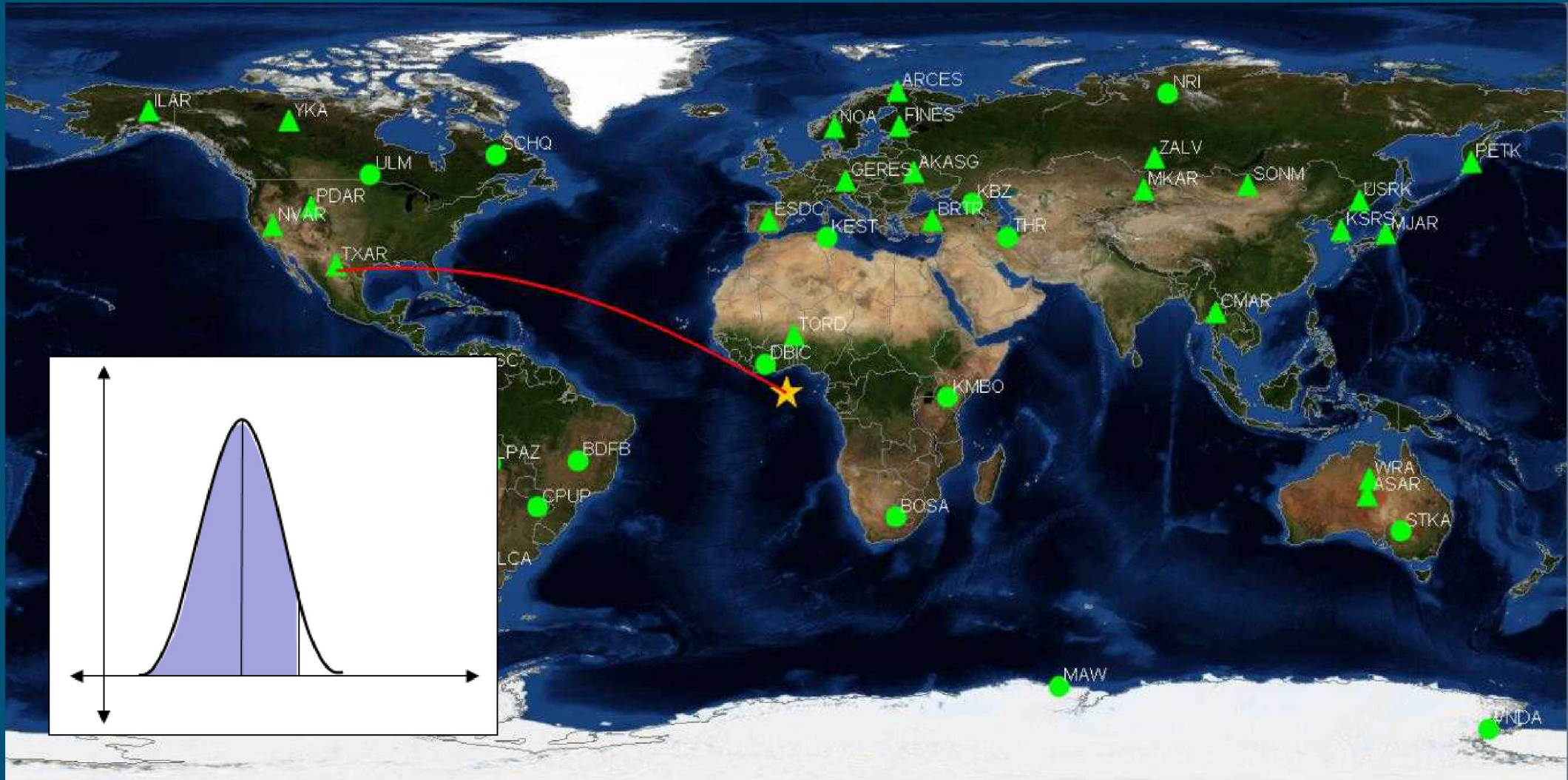
Regional attenuation modeled based on path-weighted geographic regions



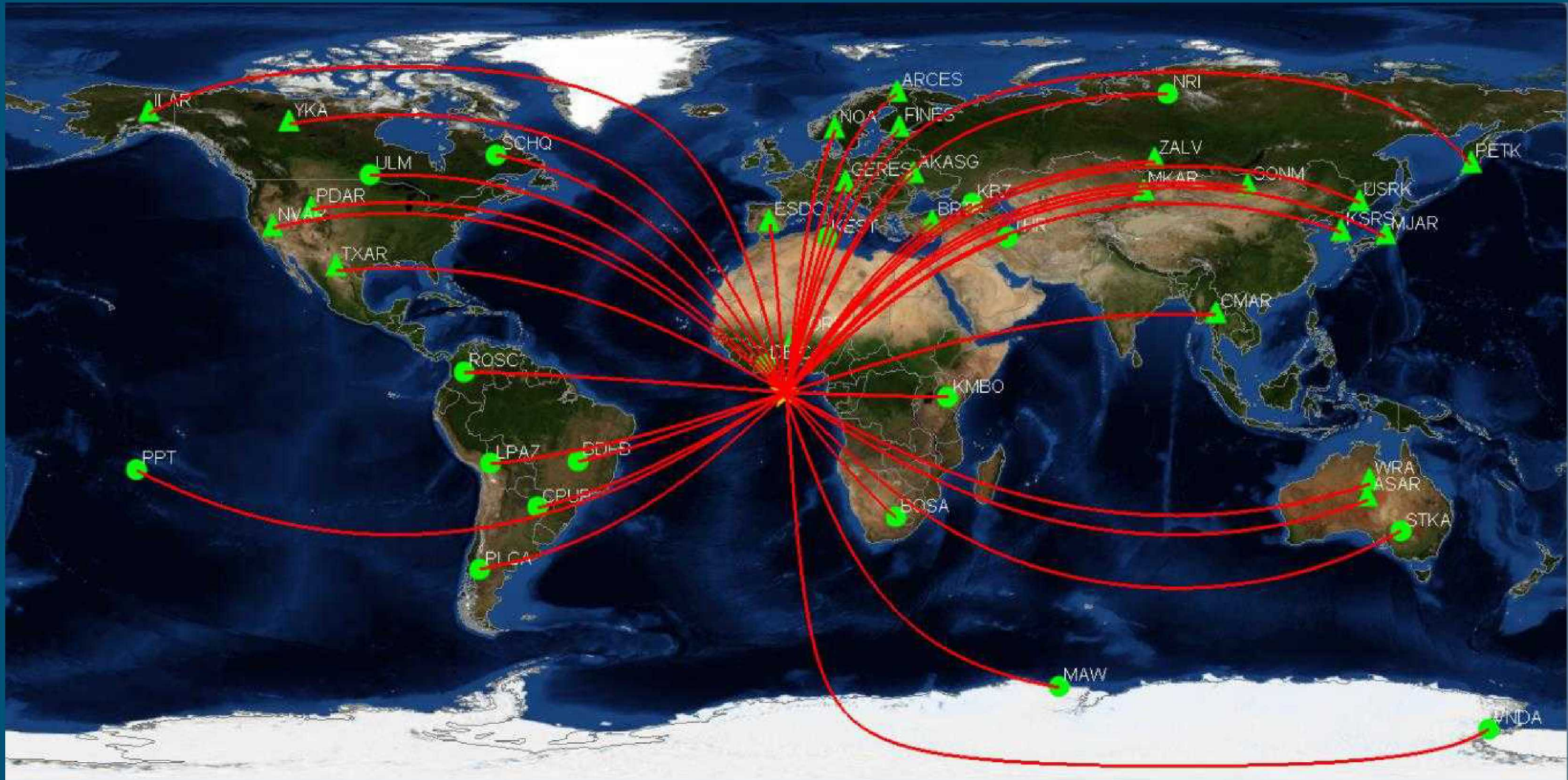
Noise includes empirical site noise and coda from earlier phases



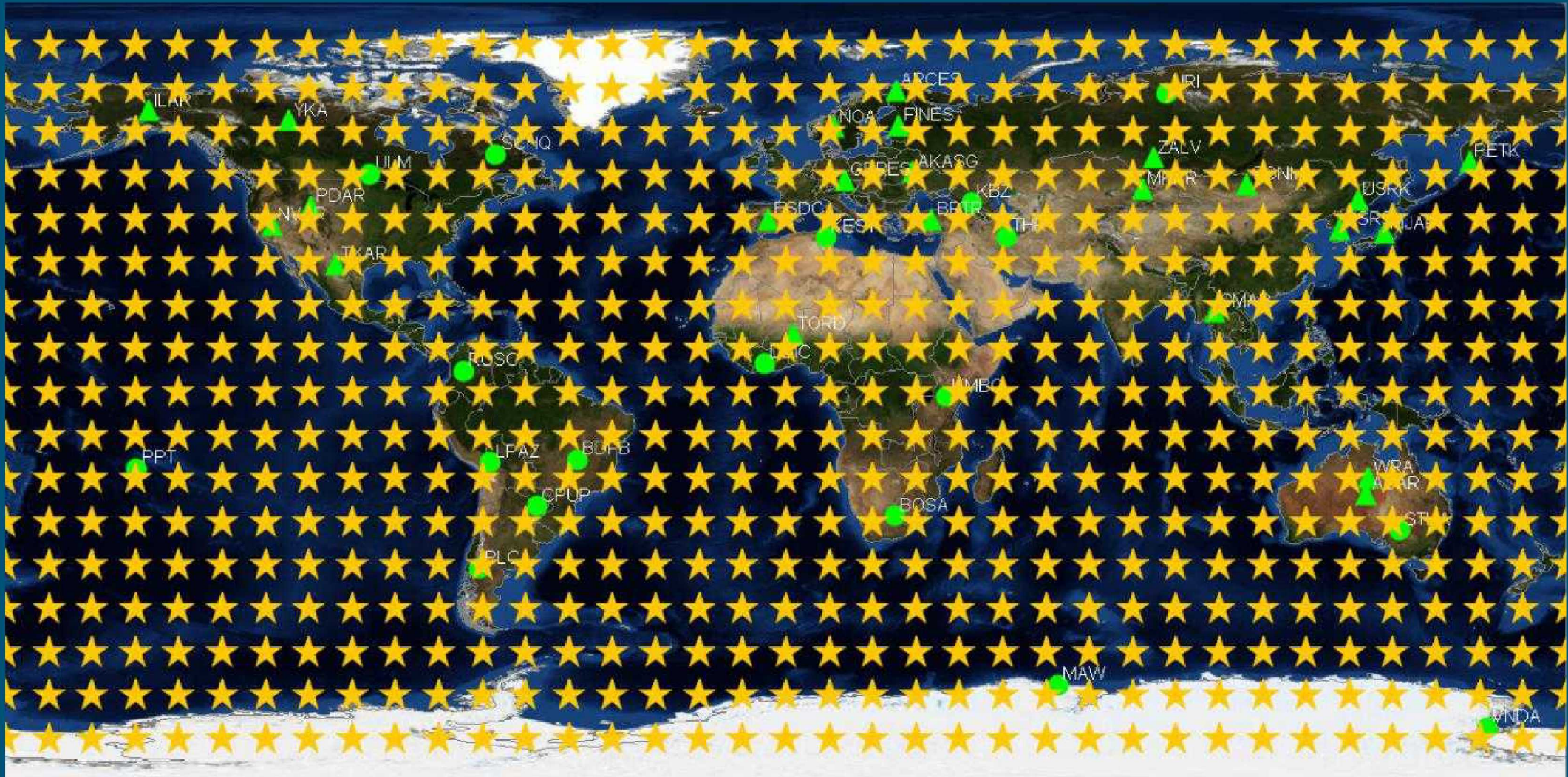
Compute station probability, integrating SNR above detection threshold



Compute probabilities at every station in the network, combinations to get a network probability



Simulation repeats for any number of source locations

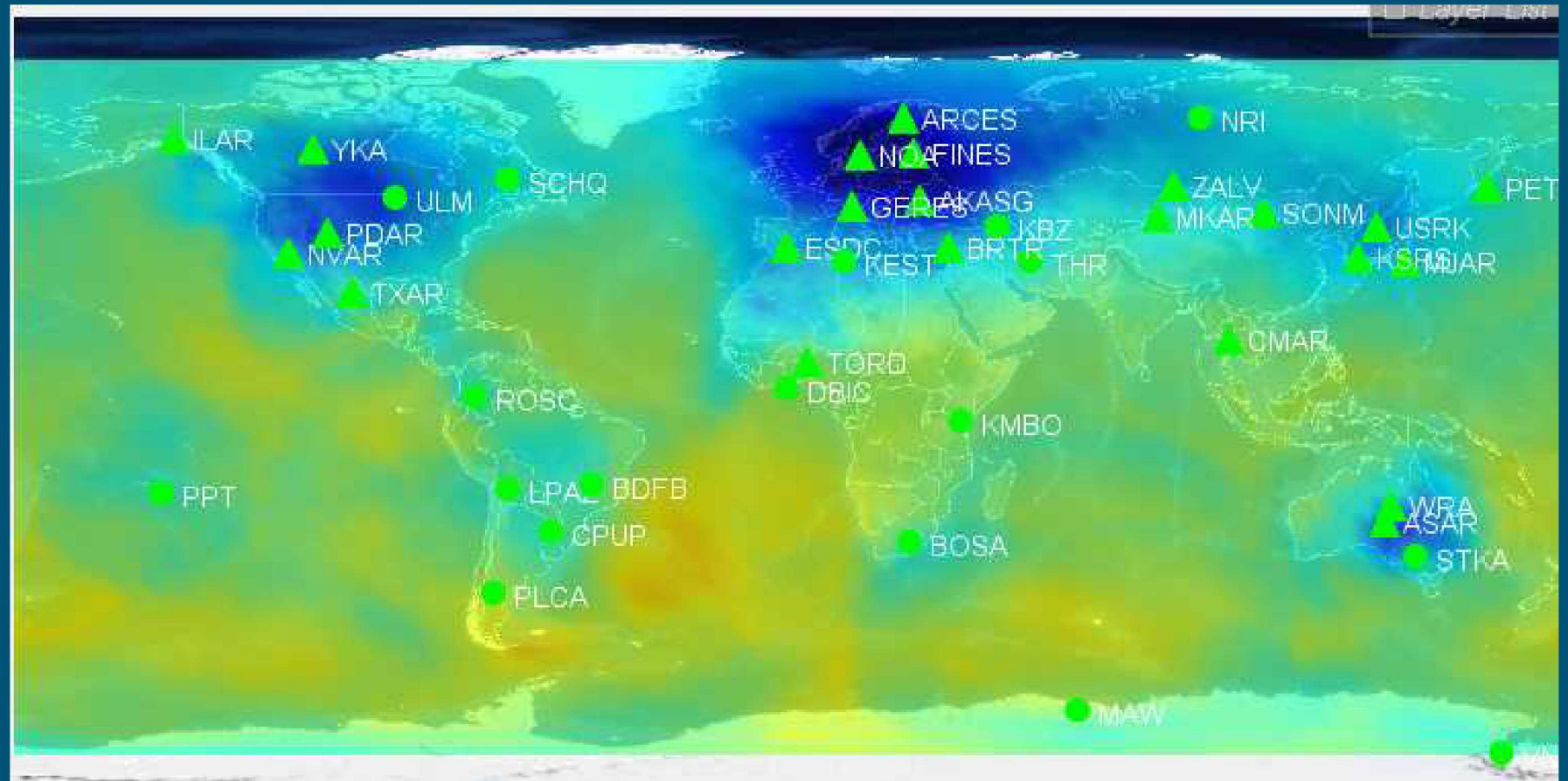


Detection:

- Probability of detecting a given magnitude
- Magnitude that may be detected with a given probability

Minimum detectible
size with 90%
probability

Current IMS Primary
Seismic Network, 3-
station detection



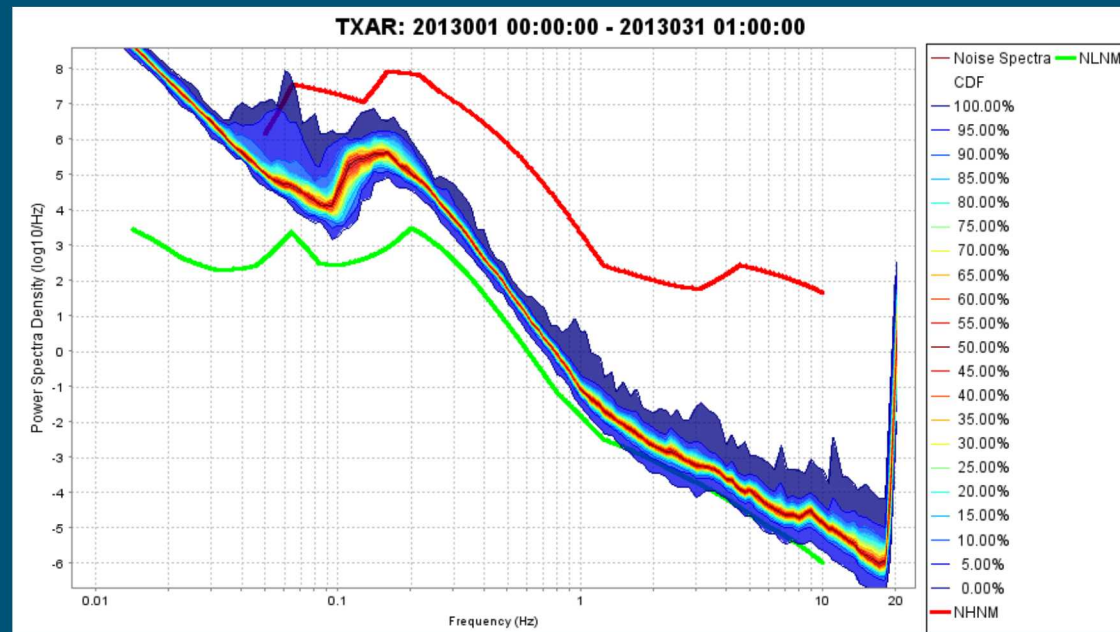
Seismic - Improvements upon earlier research

Monte Carlo simulations

- Bypass assumption of normal distributions

Enhanced empirical site noise models:

- Worked with IDC to obtain empirical site noise data
- Models that vary with time of day and time of year
- Cumulative Distribution Function, no assumption of a normal distribution



Seismic – Depth of Burial / Height of Burst

All the seismic source models assume a scaled depth of burial, so that energy is fully contained within the ground media.

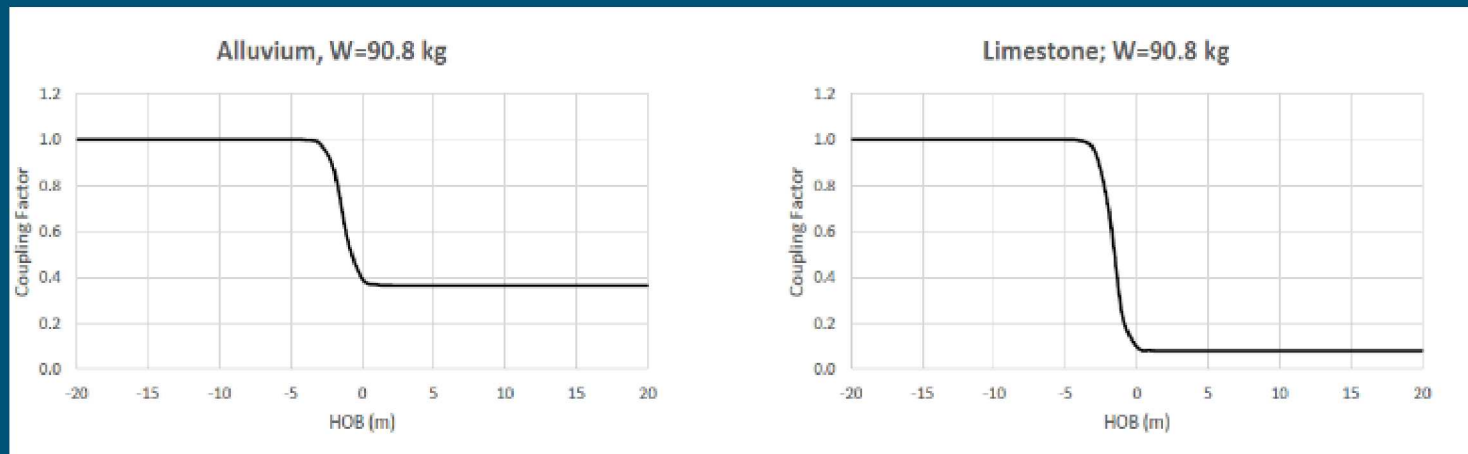
How to account for a shallow or above surface source?

Correction factor for height of burst (Pasyanos & Ford, 2015)

- Based on field experiments

$$\text{Log}A_{s(w)} = \text{log}A_{s'}(w) + \beta_3 [\tanh(\beta_4 * h_s + \beta_5) + 1]$$

h_s : scaled height of burst, has units of $(\text{m}/\text{kg}^{1/3})$

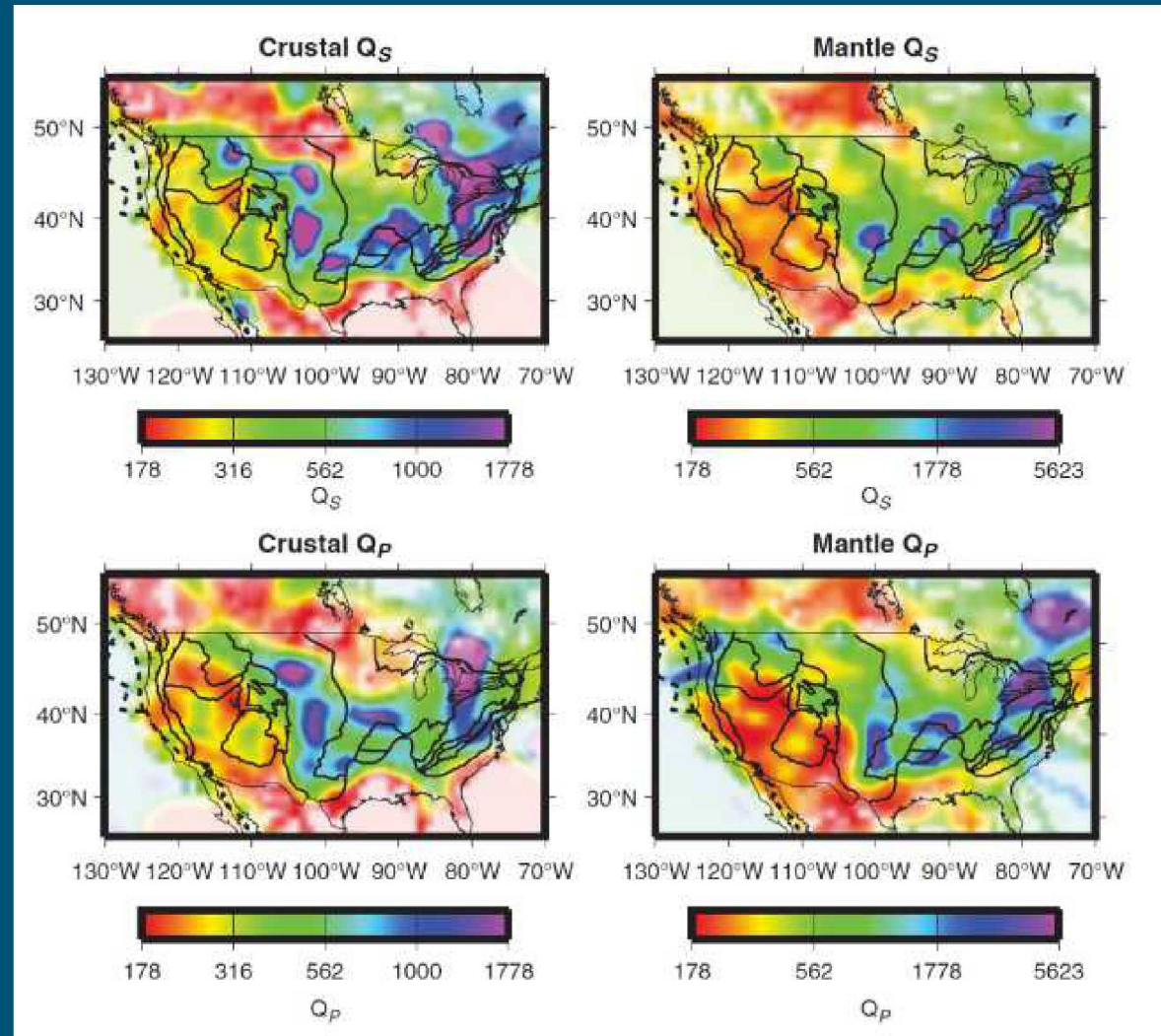


Coefficient	Source Media	
	Alluvium	Limestone
β_1	-3.39	-3.73
β_2	-1.74	-1.74
β_3	-0.22	-0.55
β_4	4.84	4.84
β_5	1.23	1.23

Seismic – 2D Regional Attenuation

Recently added the capability to include regional 2D Q models for computing seismic attenuation:

- Path Averaged Q Calculation
- Frequency dependent



(Pasyanos, 2013)

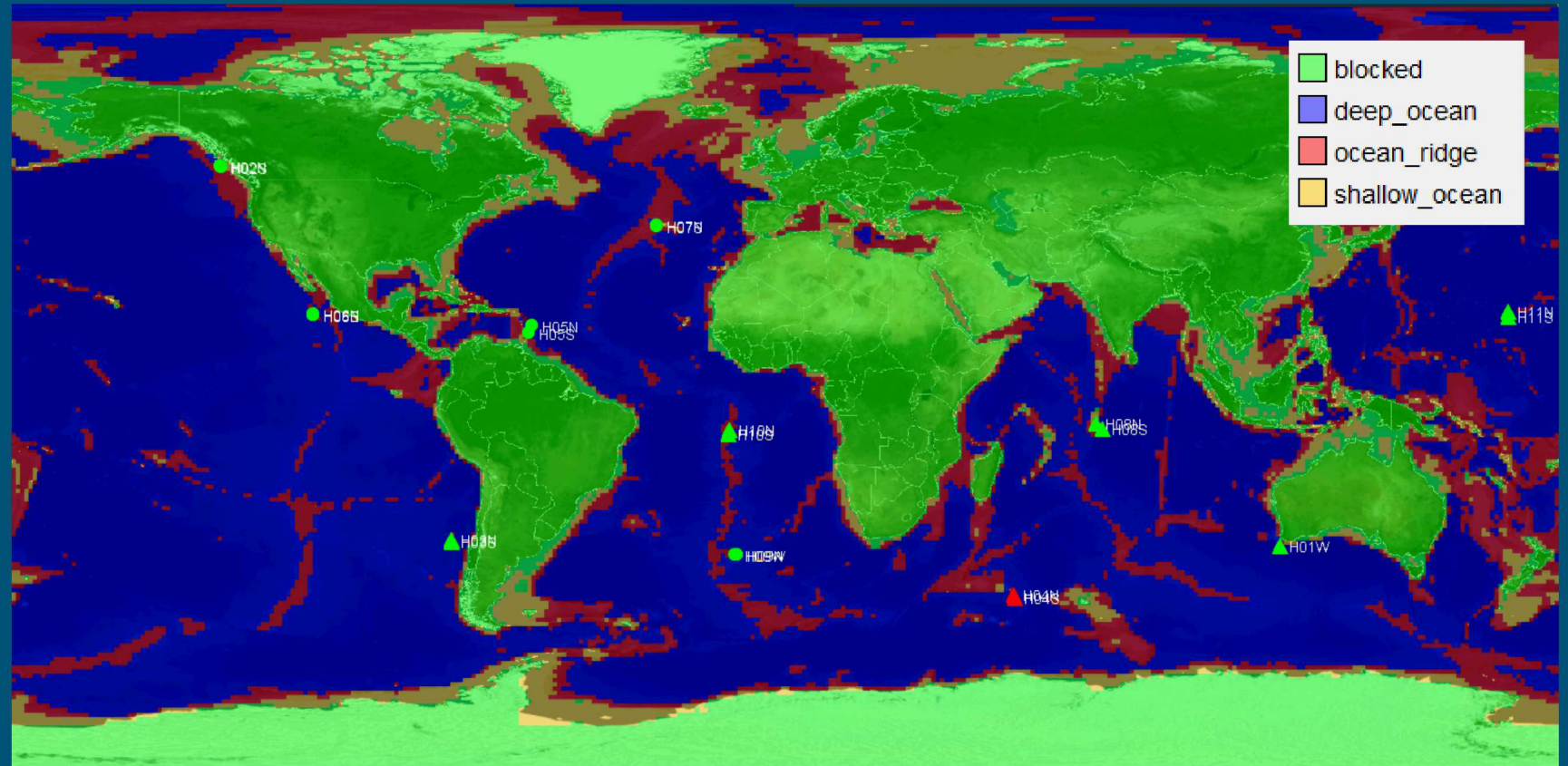
Path attenuation based on bathymetry model

Line-of-sight blockage model.

Does not model reflection / refraction of signal

- Some small localized impact
- large computational increase

Bathymetric derived
attenuation model



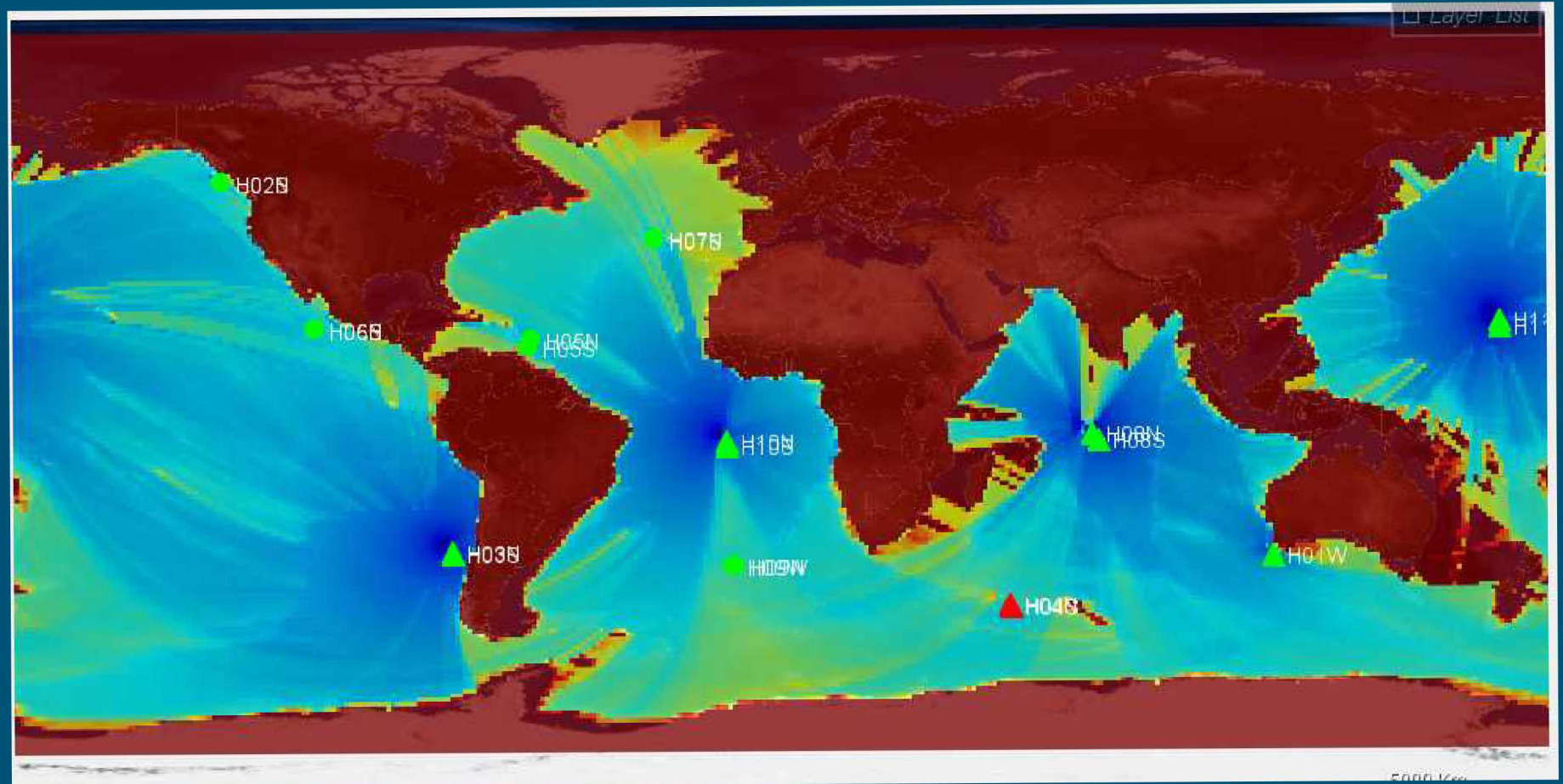
Hydroacoustic - Example

Minimum detectible size with 90% probability

Current 10 station IMS network

- H04 is offline

1-station detection



Presumes that stratospheric signal path dominates detection

Fundamental problems:

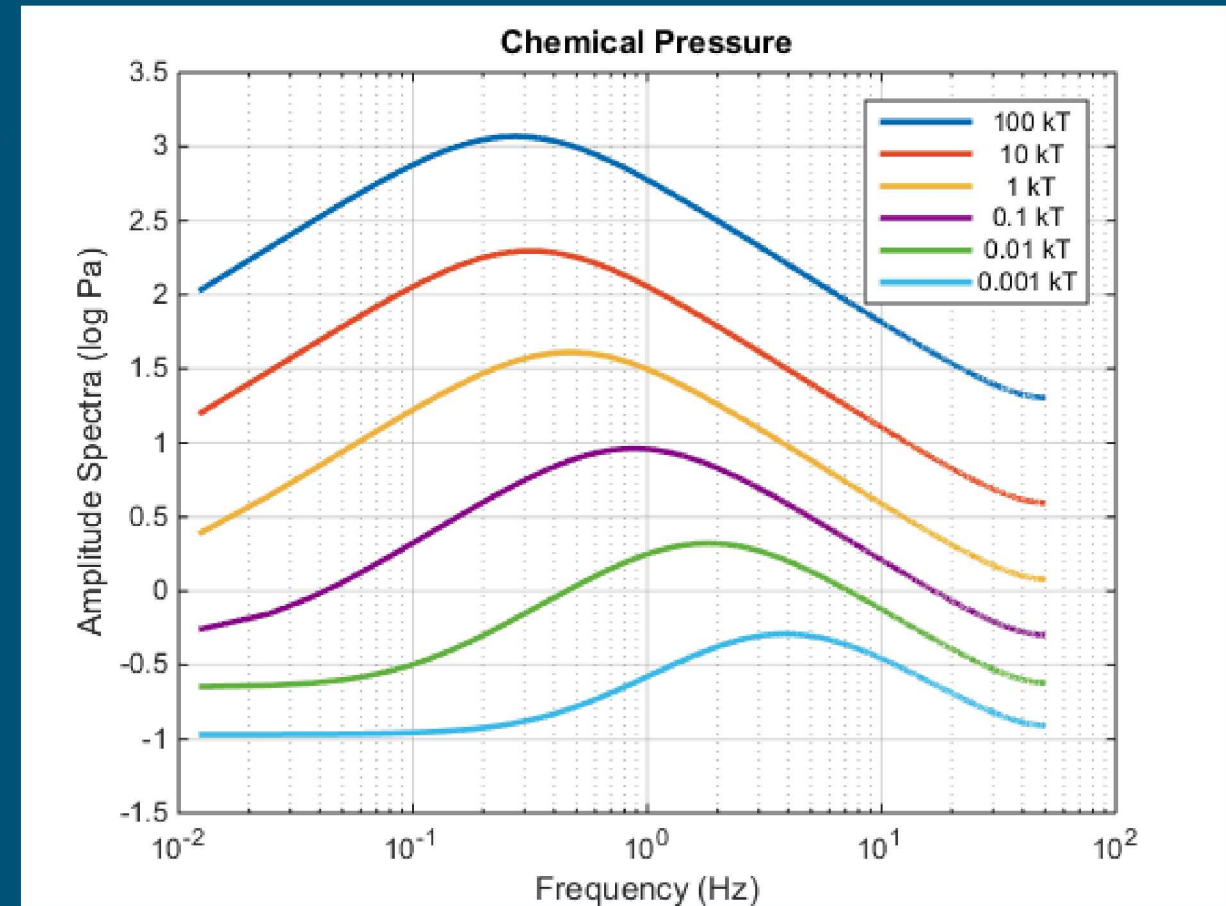
- Atmosphere is a dynamic medium
- Research on how to account for those effects is evolving

Utilizes research from:

- Whitaker, et al (2003)
- Green & Bowers (2010)
- Le Pichon, et al (2012)
- Kinney & Graham (1985)

Wind models to support attenuation

- HWM 2007
 - HWM 2014
 - G2S
 - ECMWF
- Climatological
- Meteorological



Kinney & Graham (1985)

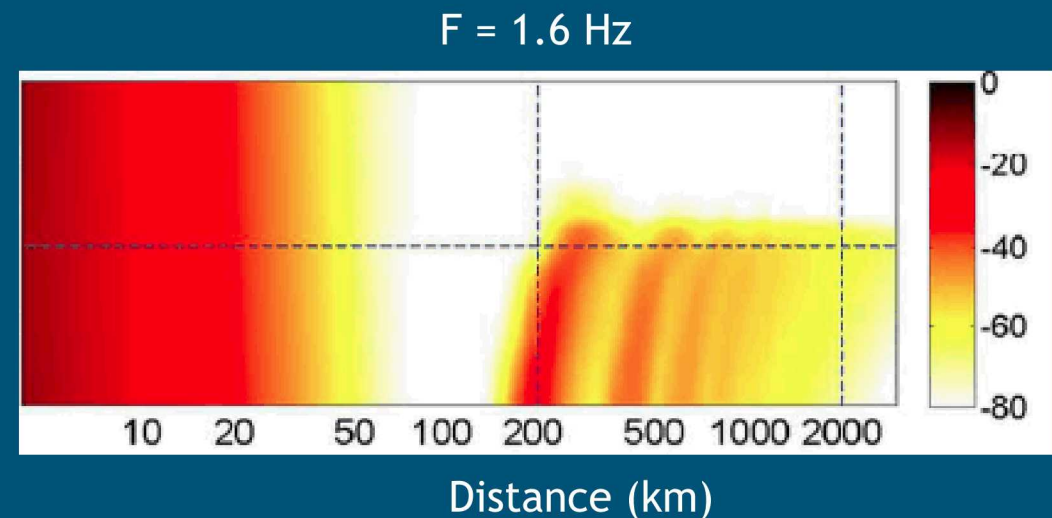
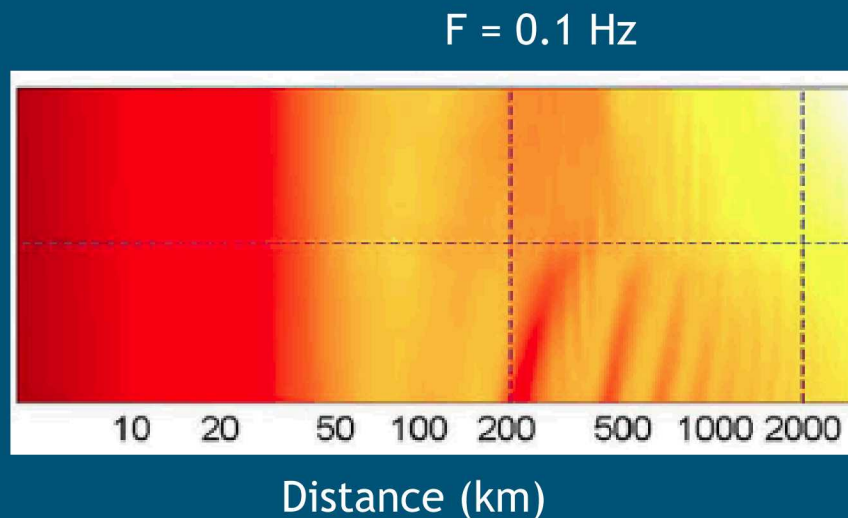
Variable wind conditions affect path attenuation

Earlier attenuation models (Whitaker 2003), only accounted for wind speed and distance:

$$\log atn = 0.018 * v_s - 1.4072 * R$$

More recent attenuation models (LePichon, 2012) incorporate dependence between wind speed, distance, and frequency:

Wind away
from
station
↑
↓
Wind
toward
station



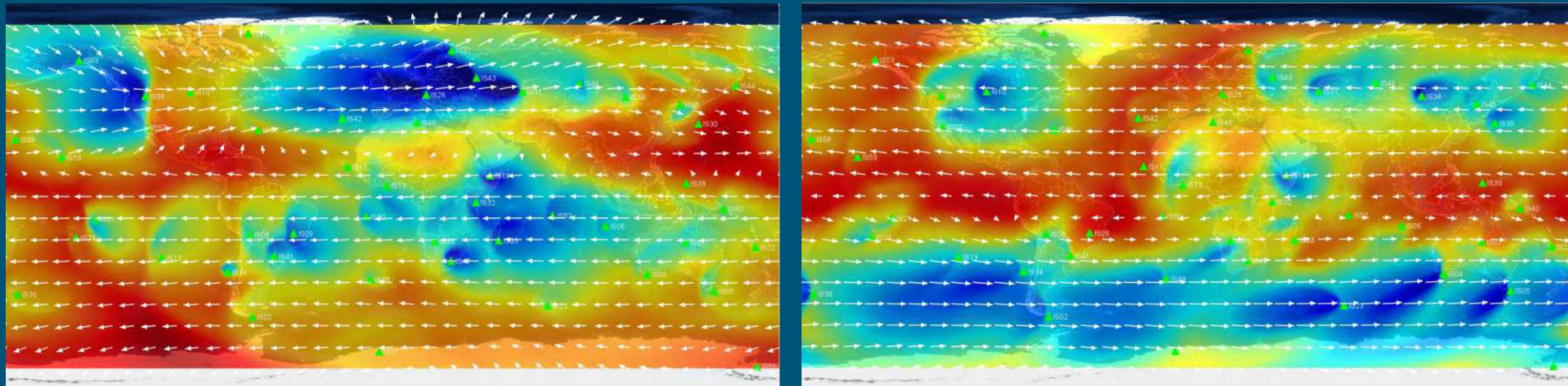
Infrasound – Example

Minimum detectable size with 90% probability

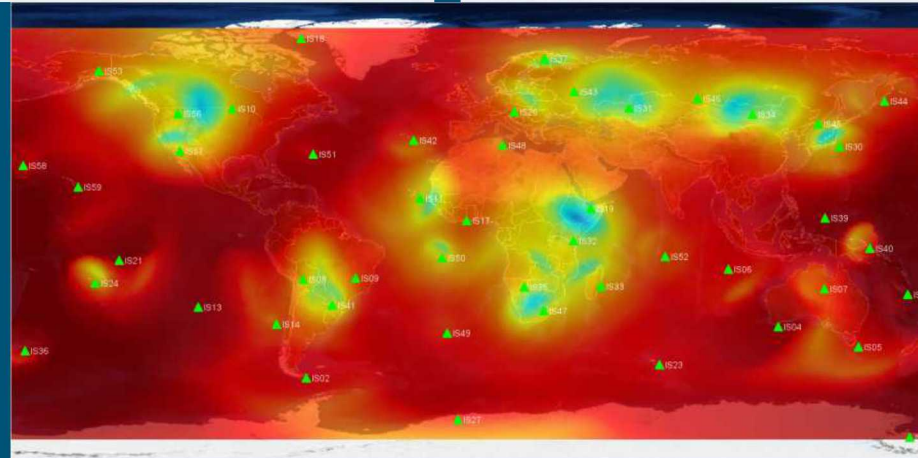
Current 48 station IMS network

2-station detection, HWM 2007 winds, 2013 IDC noise data

January 1



No Wind



July 1

Provided an open source tool that applies current modelling research

- <https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1337571-netmod>
- <http://www.sandia.gov/geotess/assets/documents/NetMOD/NetMOD.html>

2018 - 19 Enhancements:

- G2S and ECMWF Infrasonic Wind Models
- 2D Regional Q Attenuation Models
- Height of Burst (in progress)