

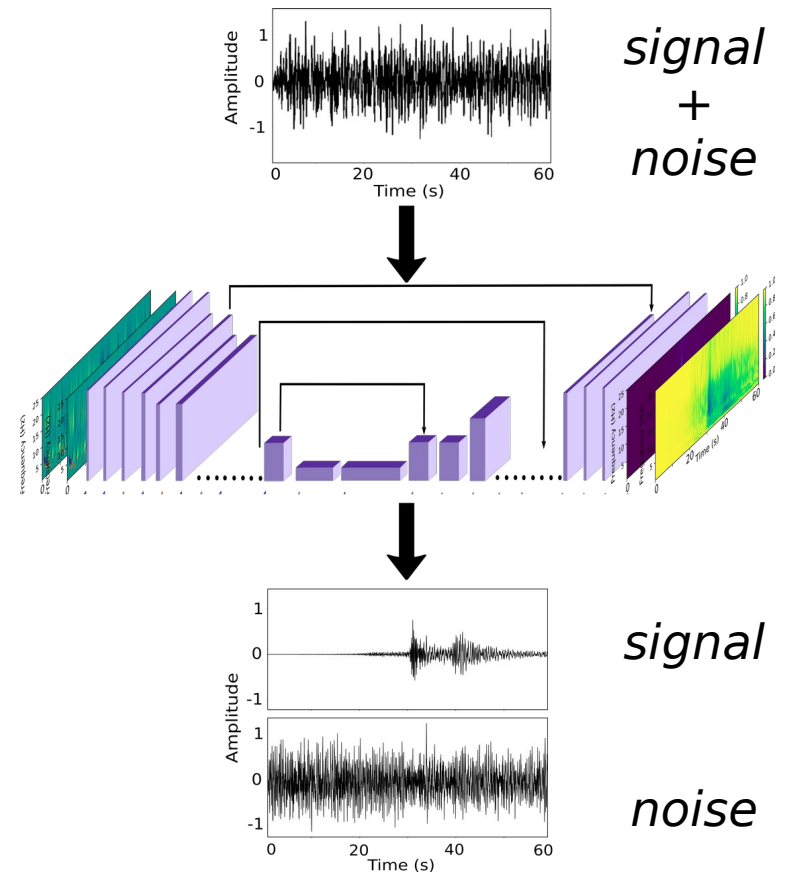
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APPLICATION OF A DENOISING AUTOENCODER TO THREE MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS DATA FROM NETWORKS TH AND SX

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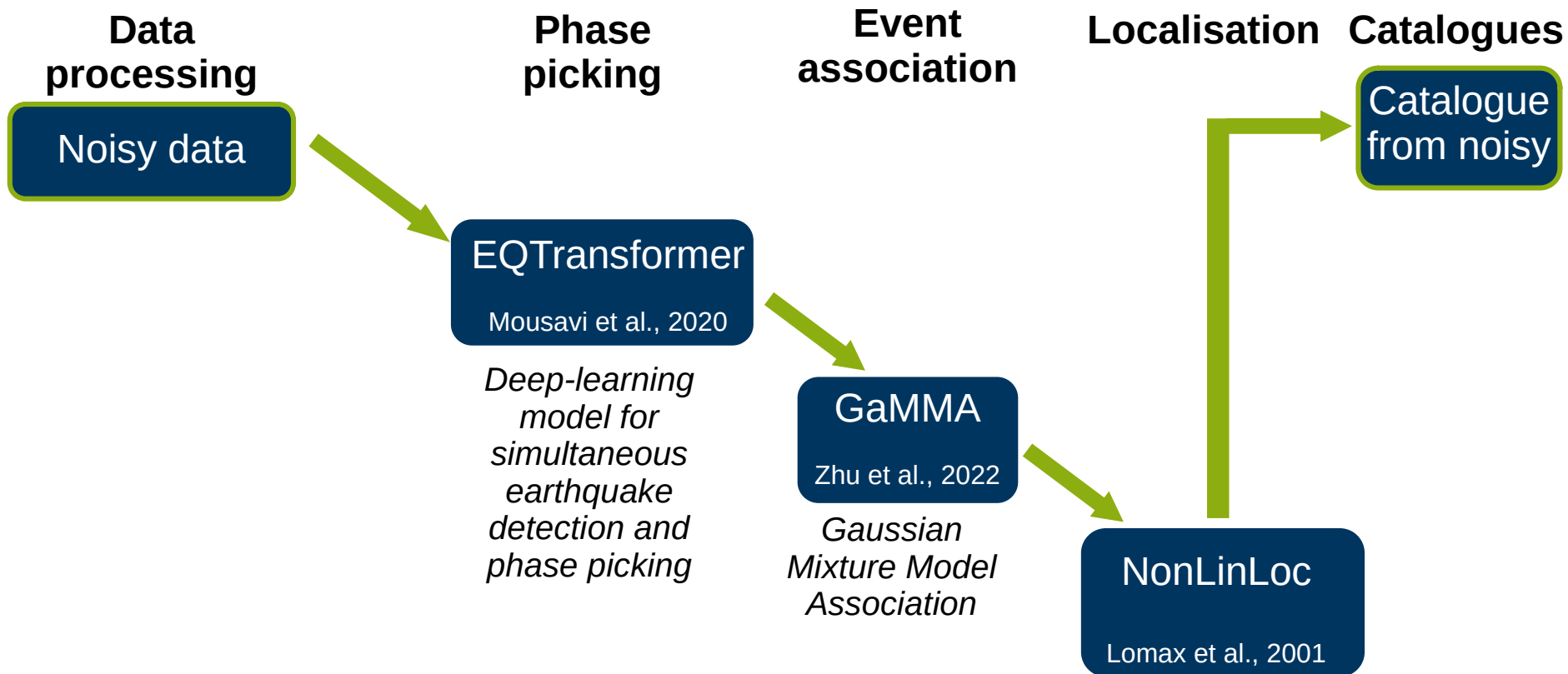
Motivation

- Denoising Autoencoders (DAE) are able to suppress seismic noise even when signal and noise share a common frequency band
- New seismic events can be detected in denoised data sets
 - How many new events can be detected in “small” seismic networks?
Automatic routine vs. manual picking
 - Comparison of noisy and denoised earthquake catalogue

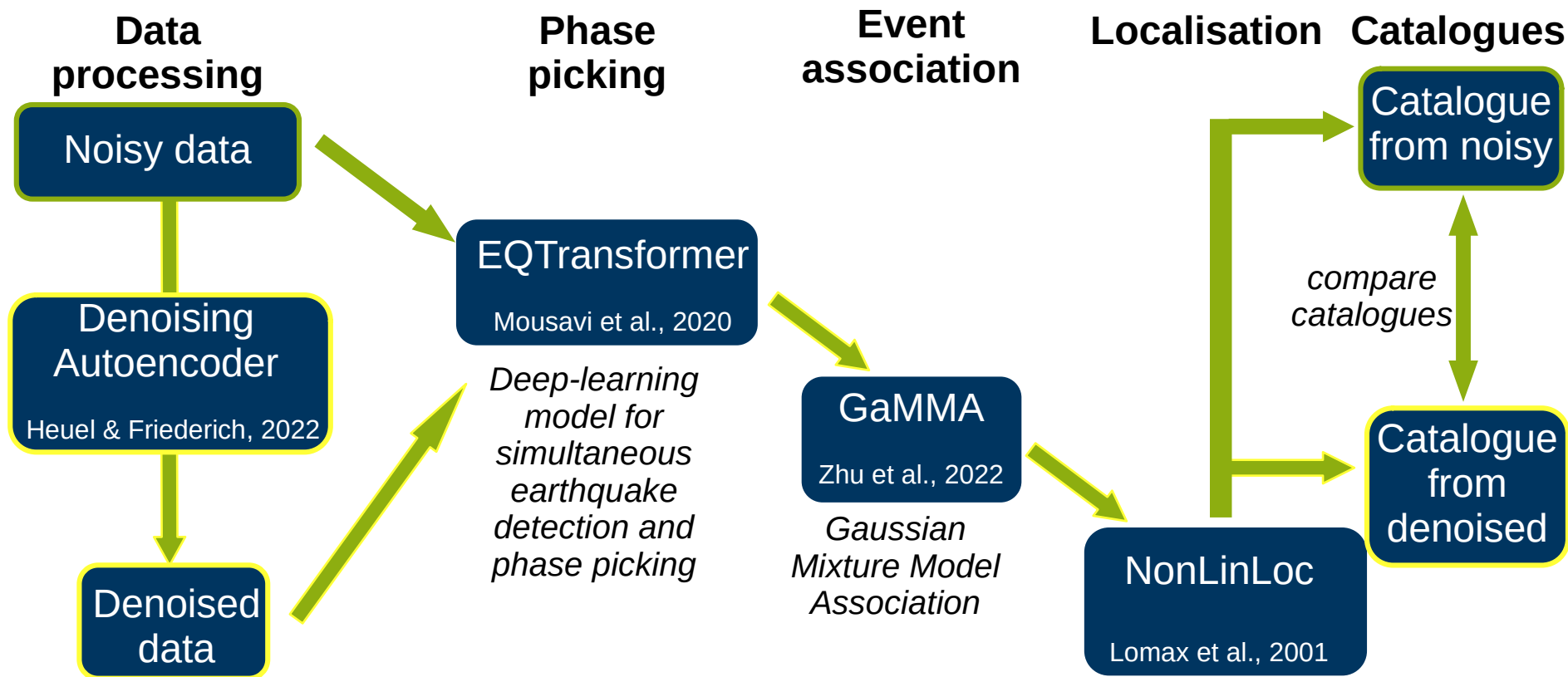


<https://github.com/JanisHe/seisDAE>

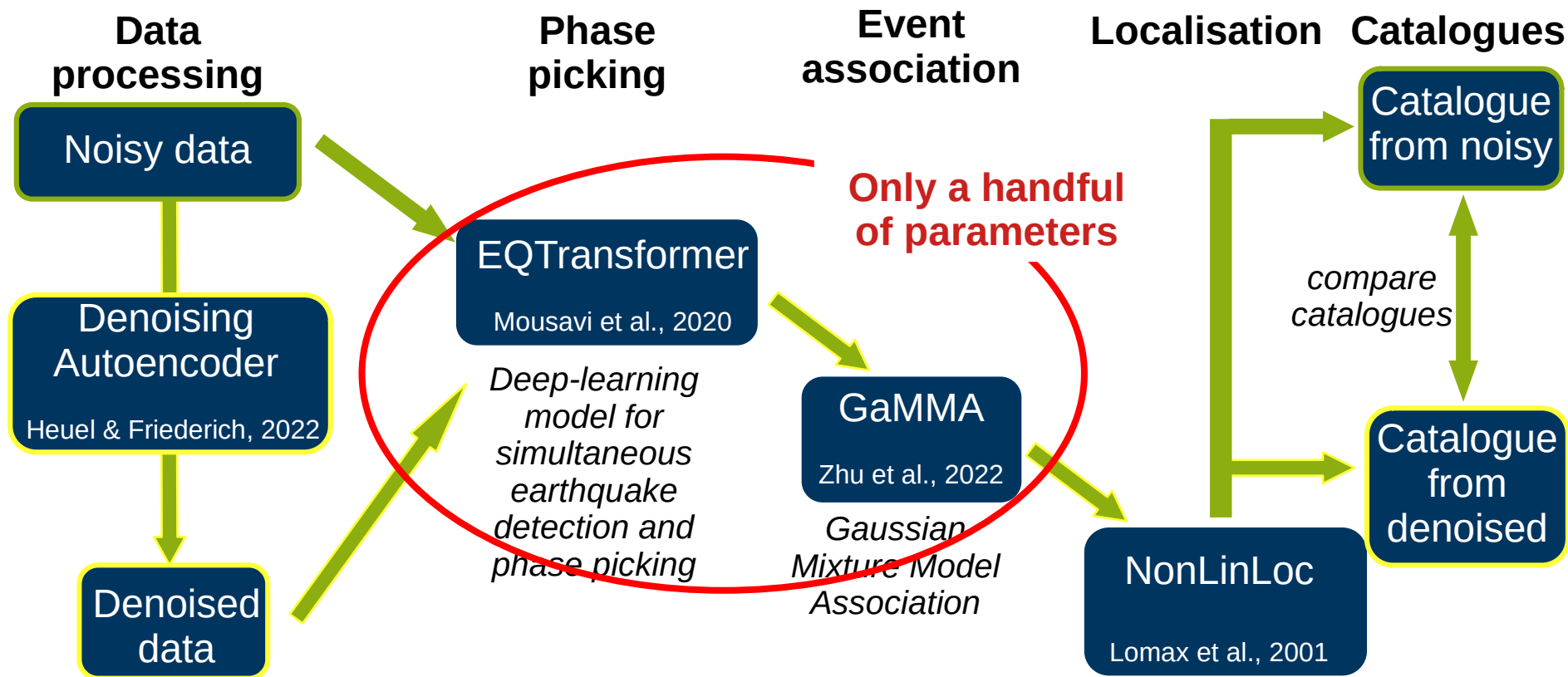
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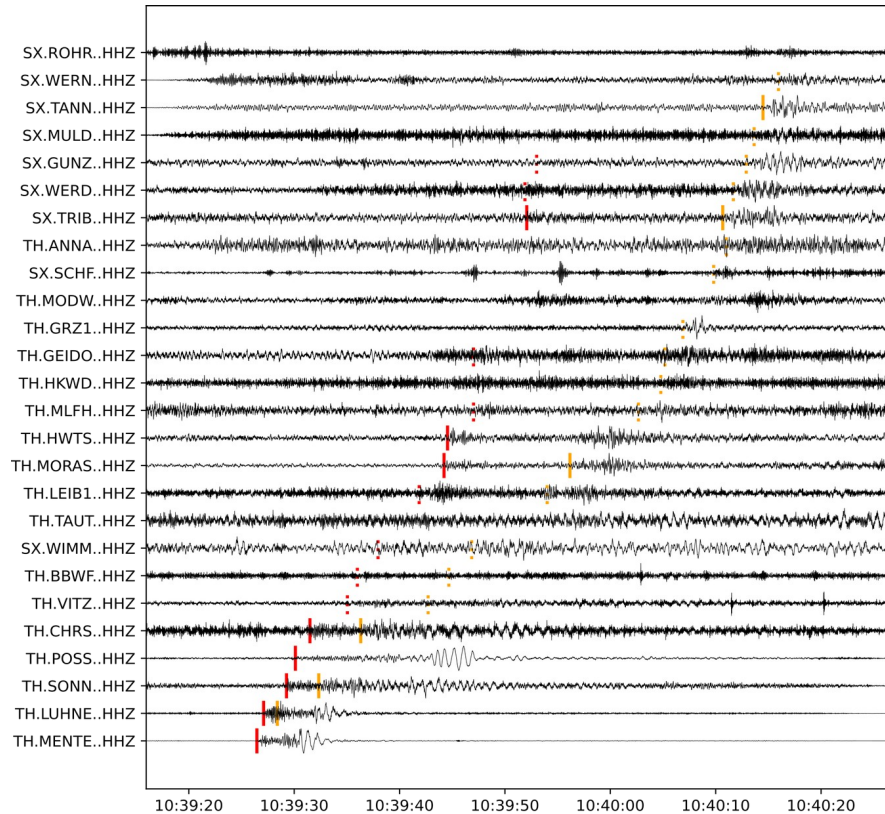
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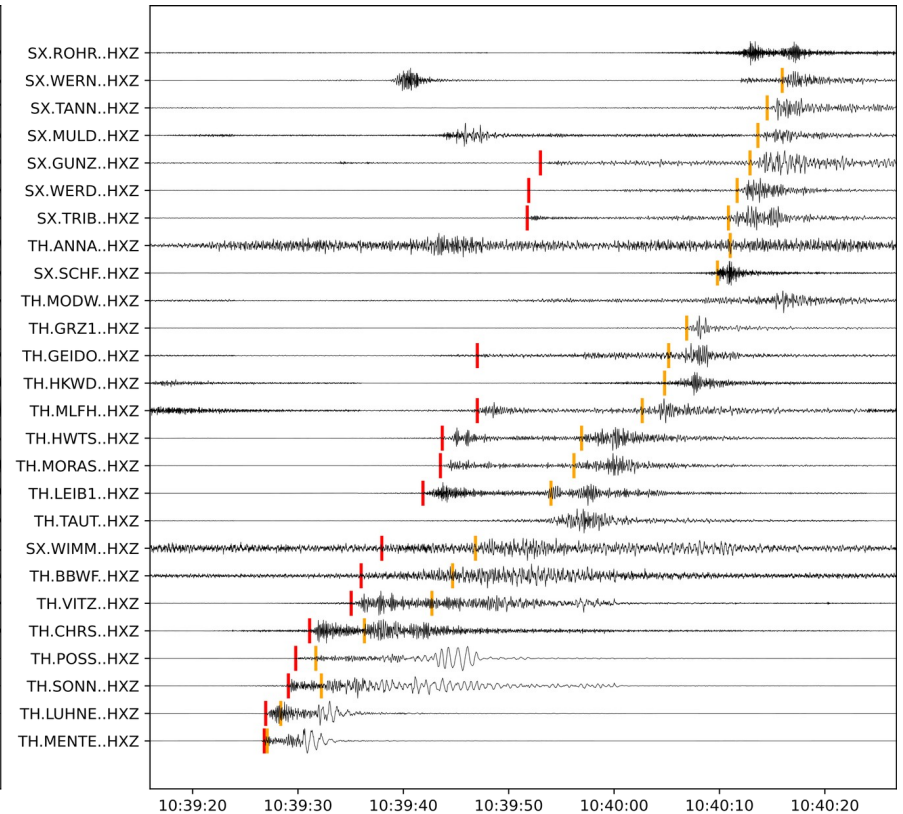
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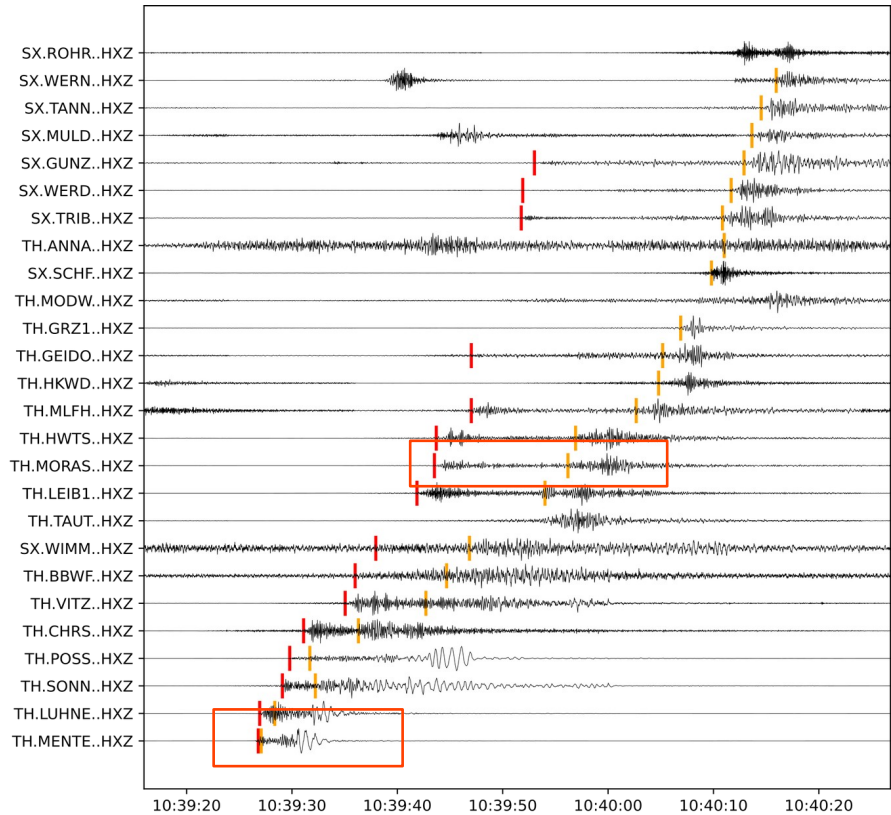
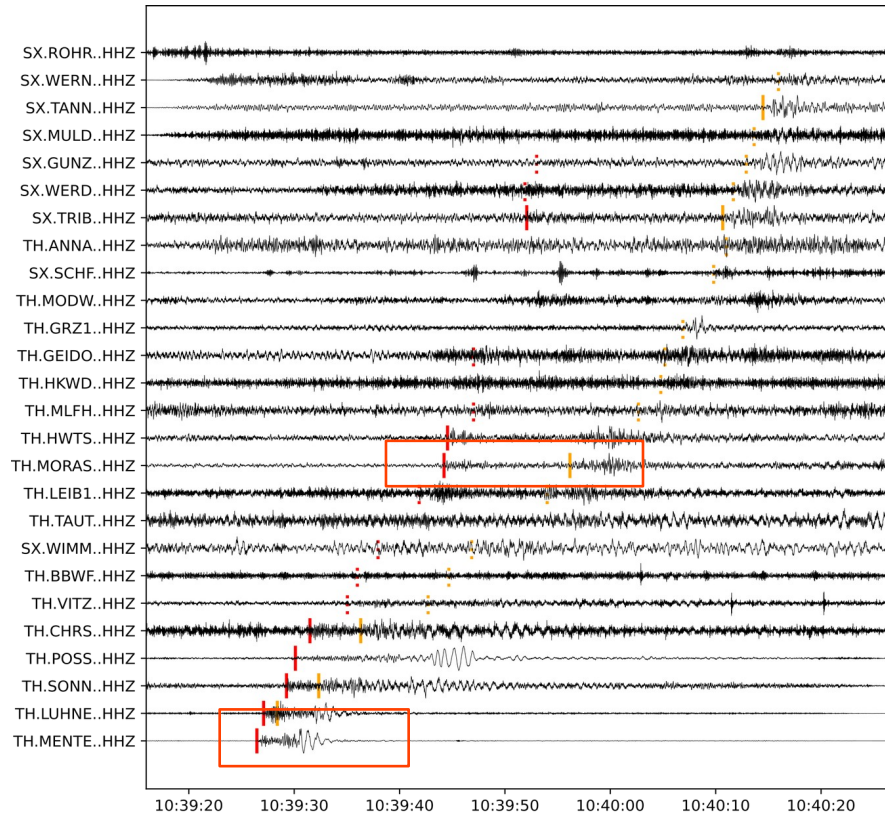
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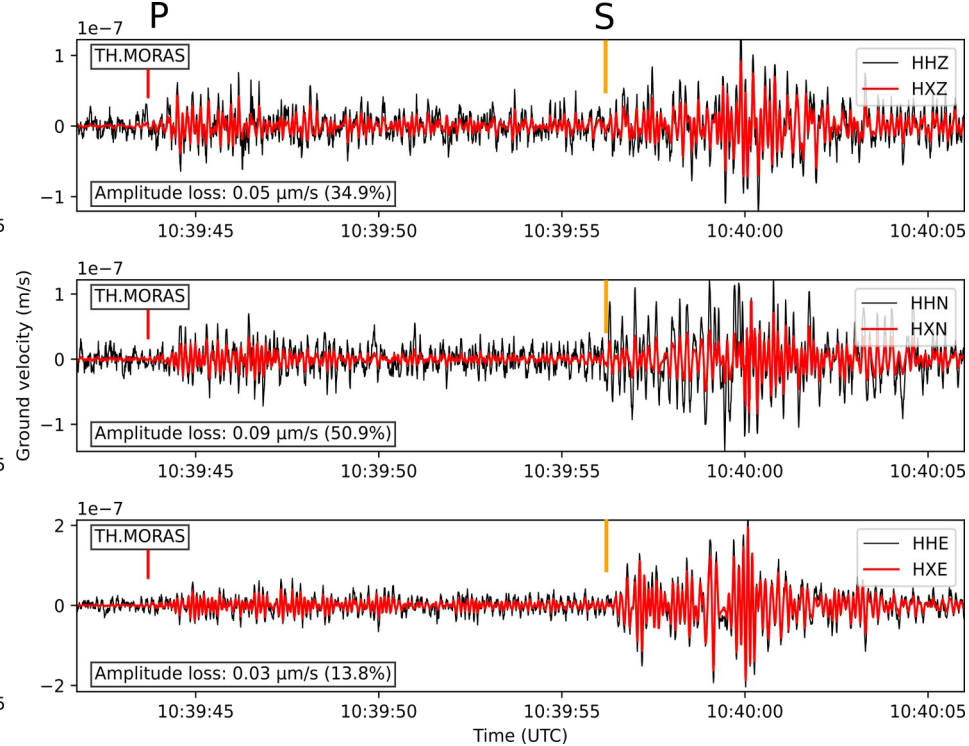
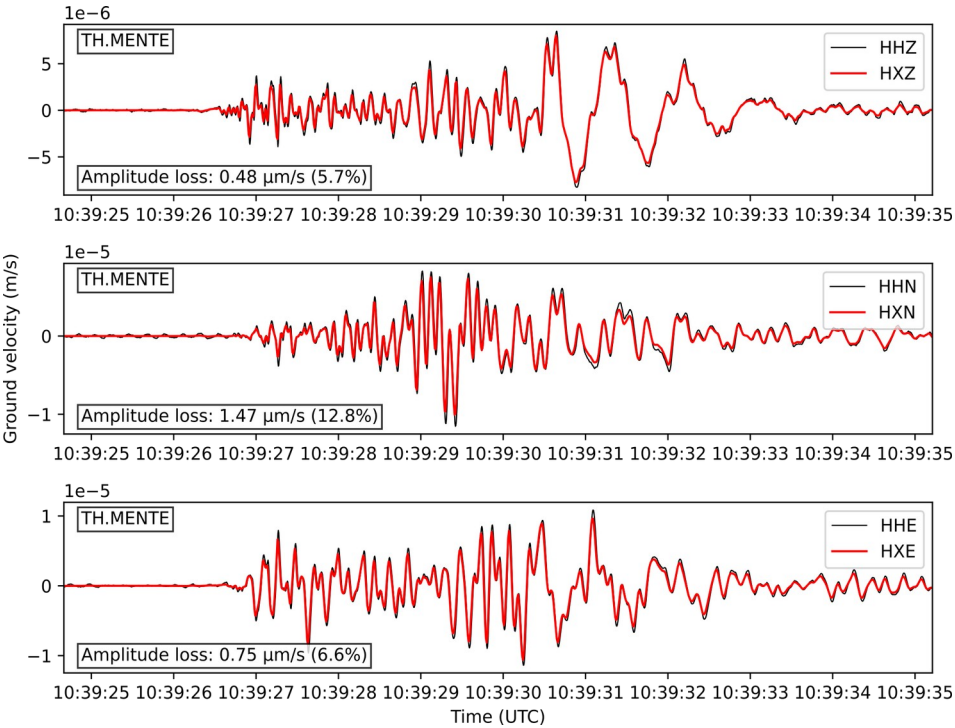


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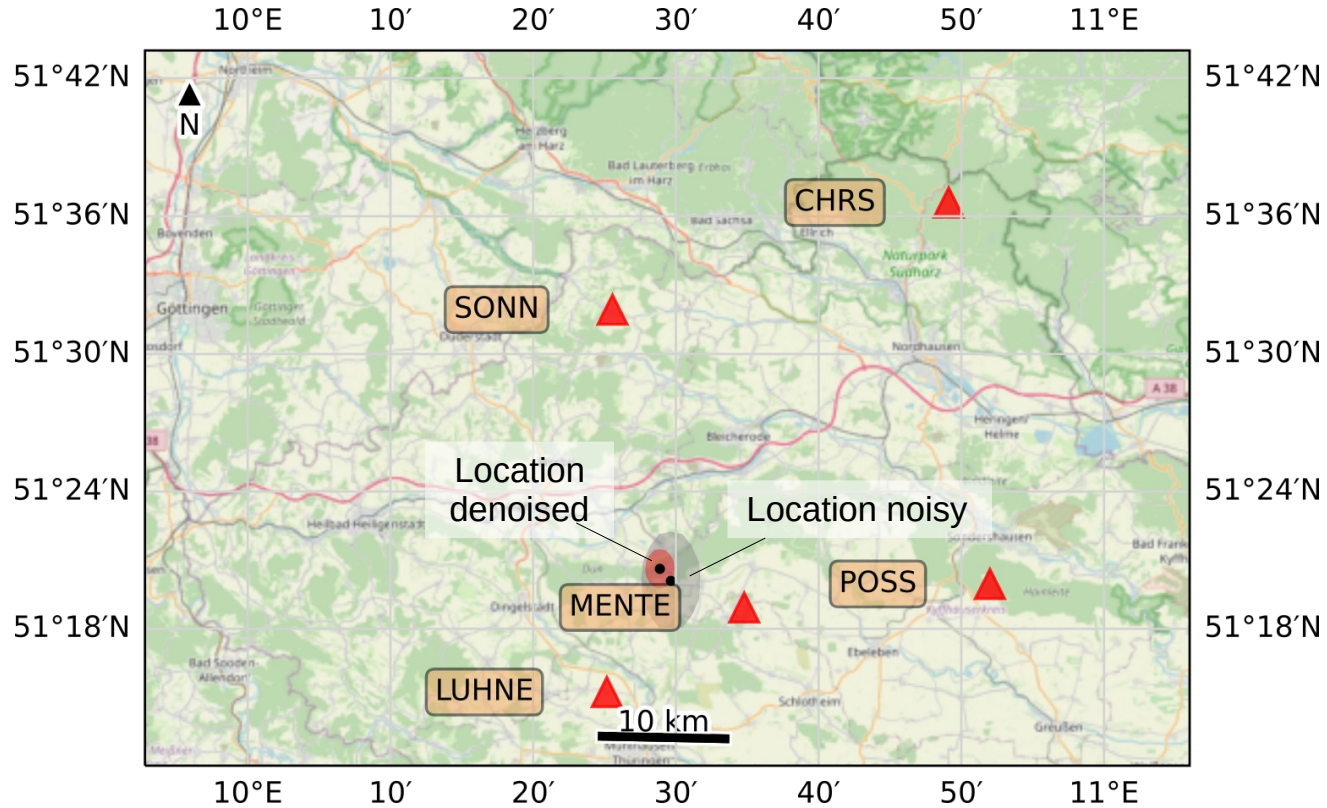


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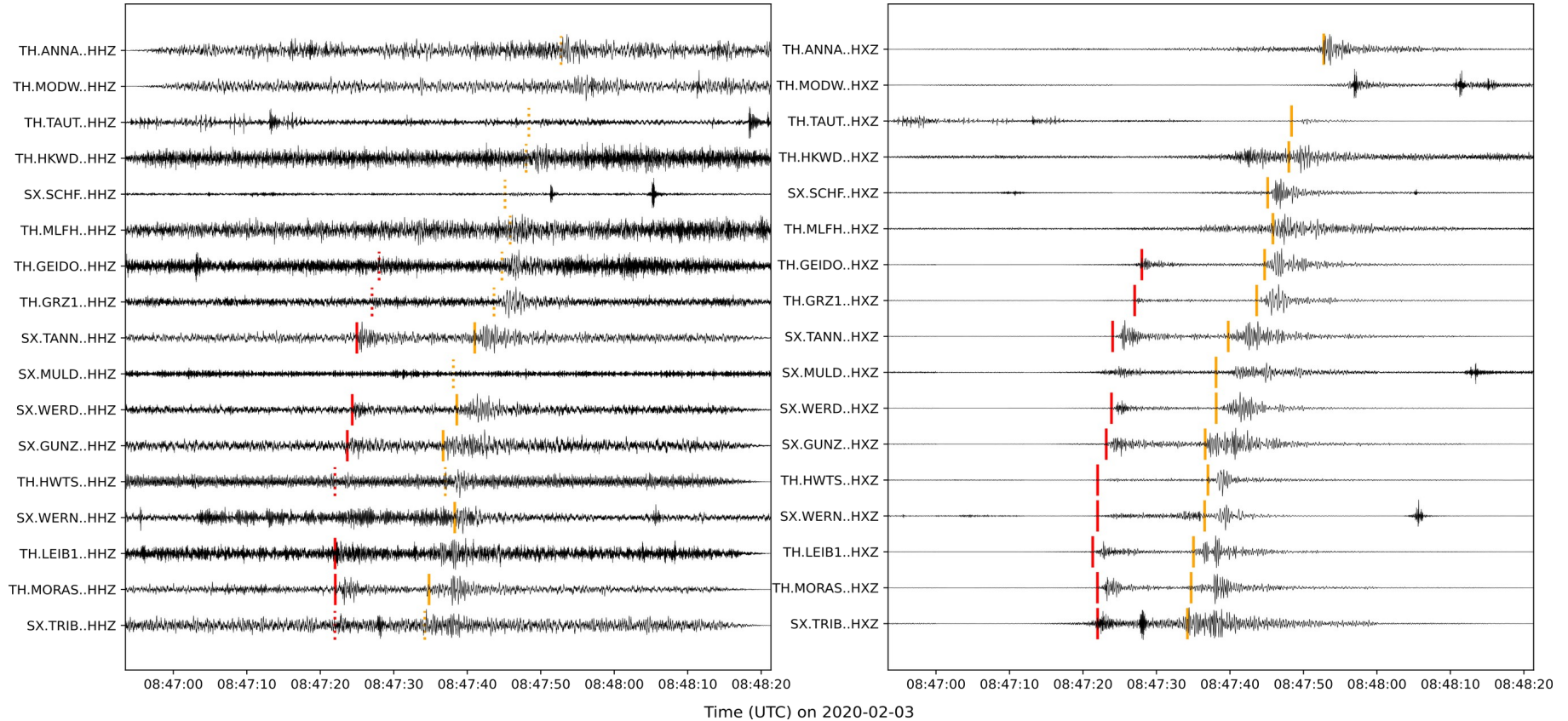
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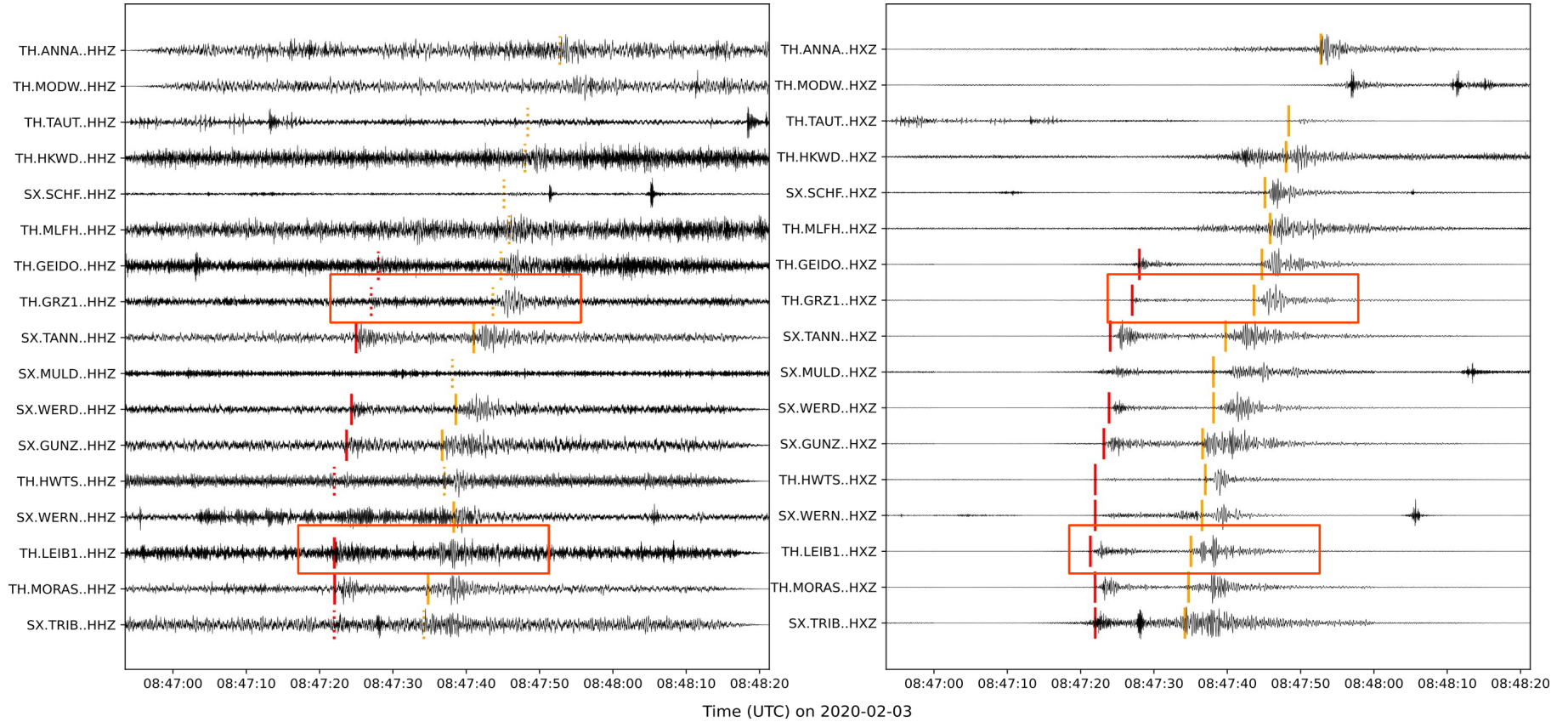
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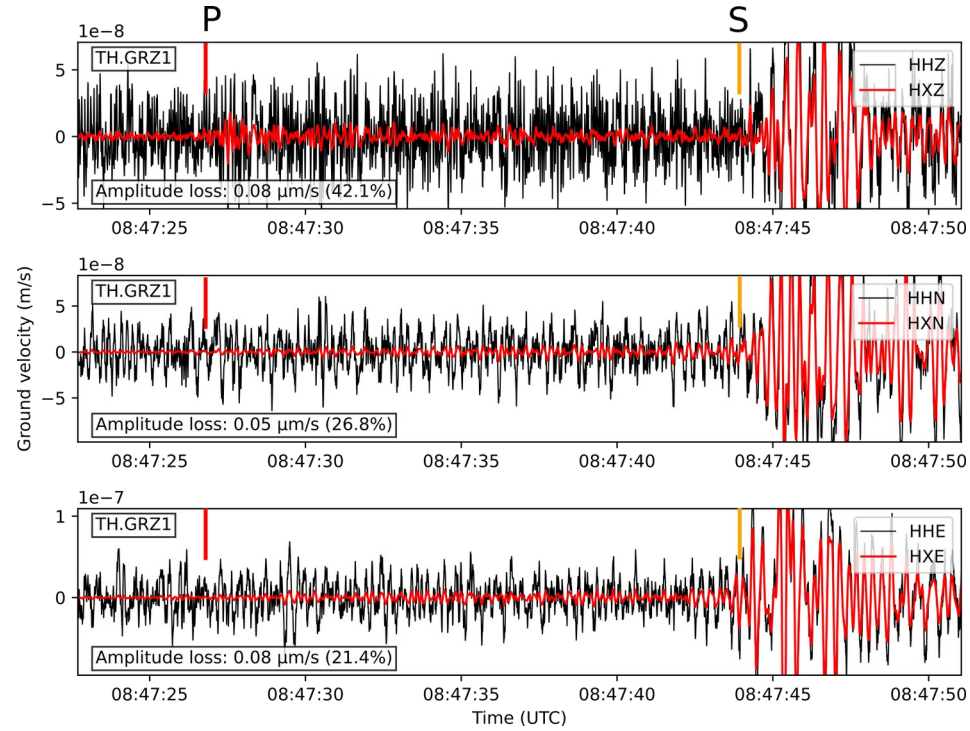
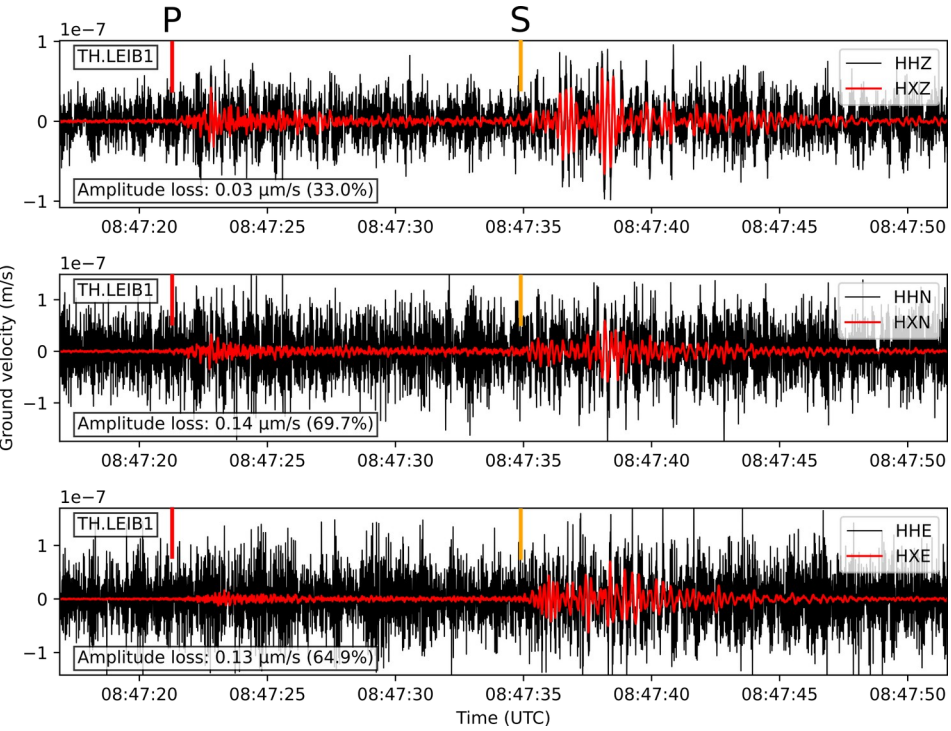
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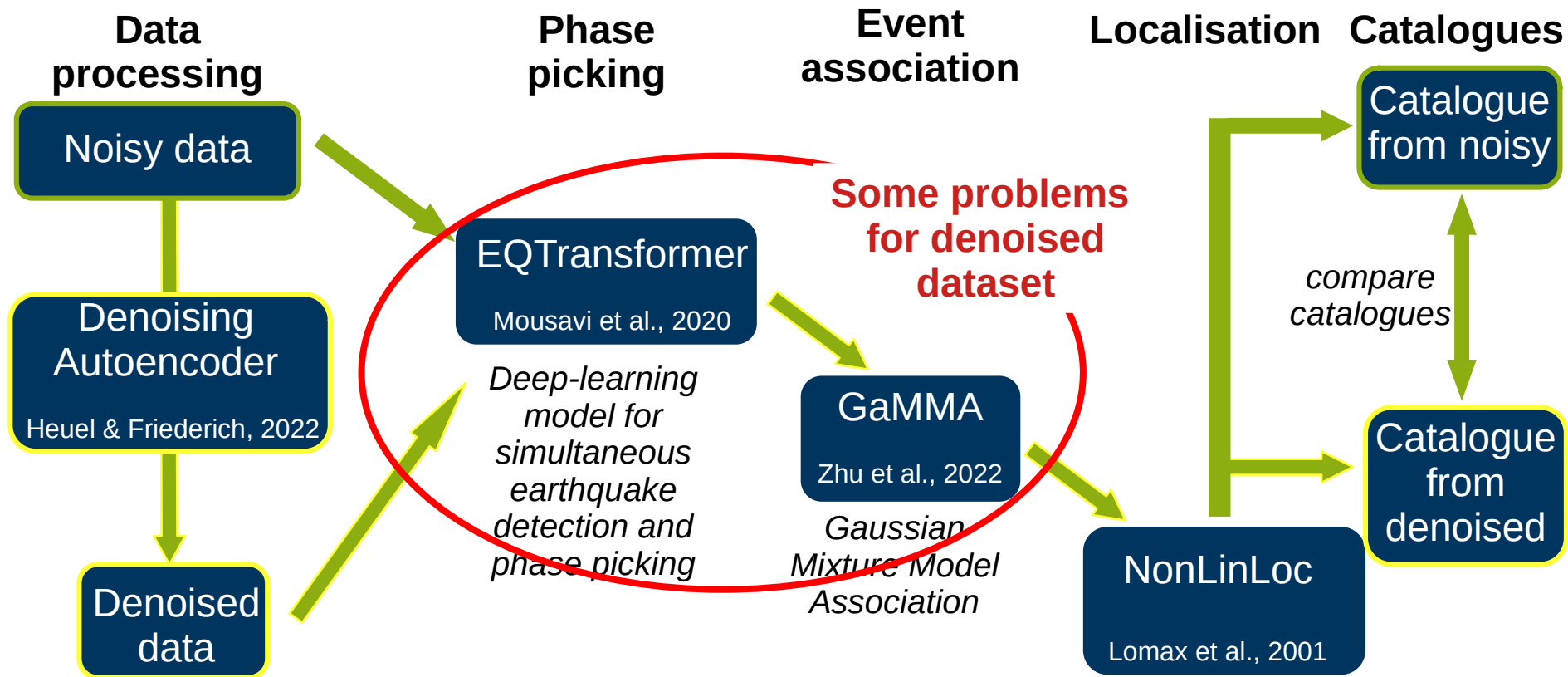
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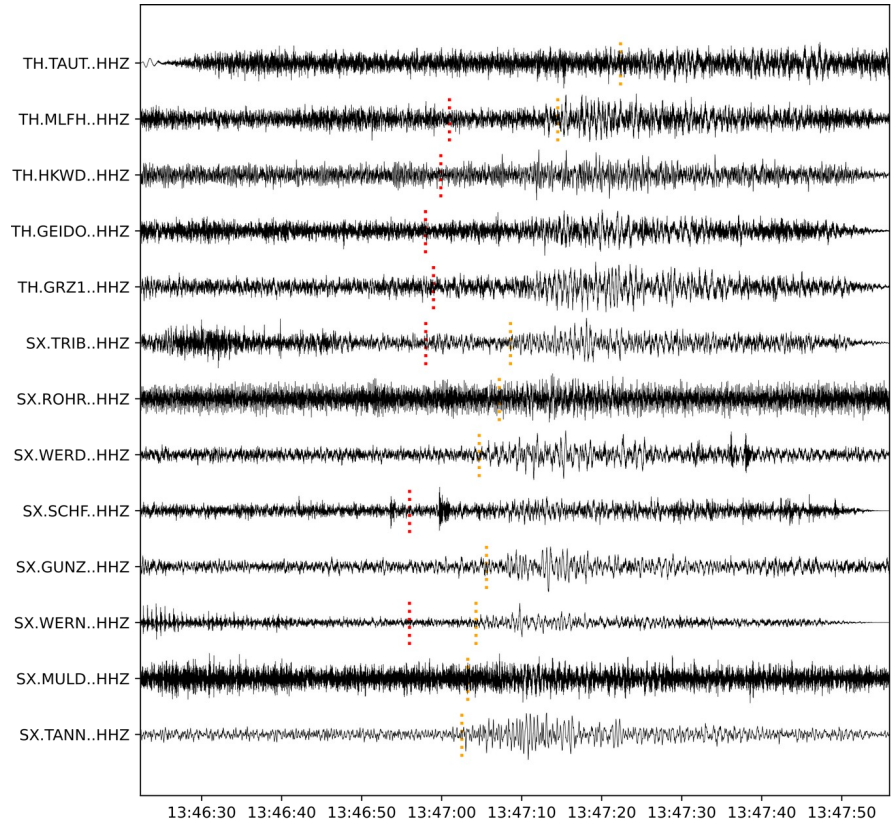
Intermediate Results

- Analysed continuous data of **three months** (2020) from **41 stations** with automatic routine (EqT and GaMMA) and **manually picked seismic phases of six days** for verification
- Automatic (three months):
402 (noisy) and 2110 (denoised) events
- Automatic (six days):
28 (noisy) and 127 (denoised) events
- Manual:
24 (noisy) and 65 (denoised) events (24 noisy events are also in denoised) **BUT** 23 denoised events are hard to localise and many events were detected several times because of settings for phase association (GaMMA)
- **Too many false picks by Earthquake Transformer and thus false detections for denoised data**

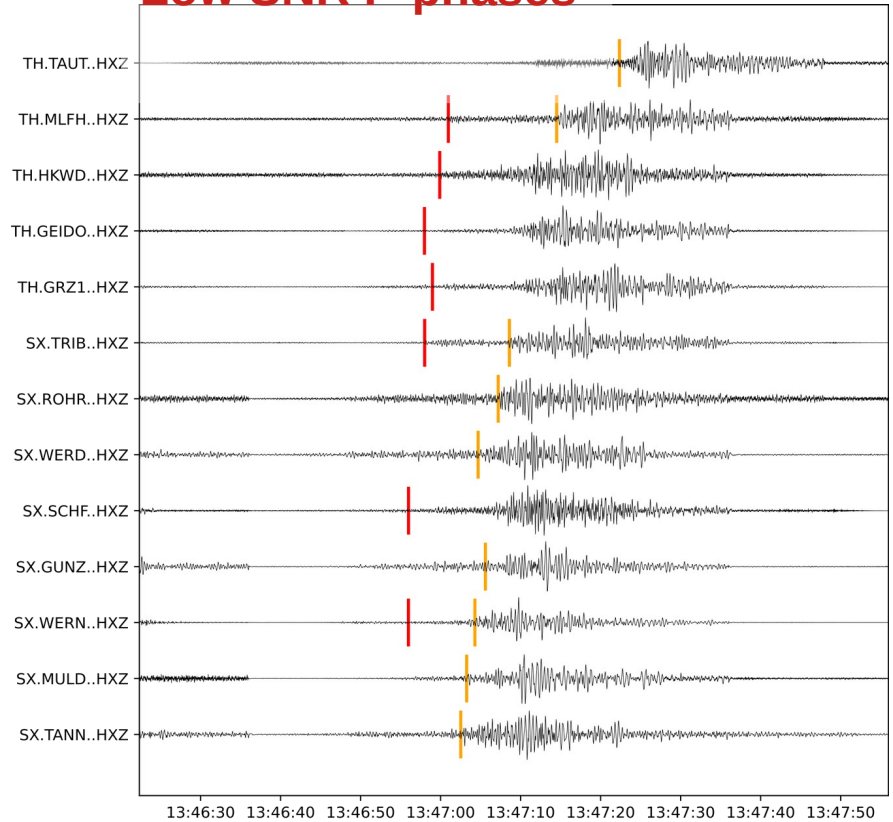
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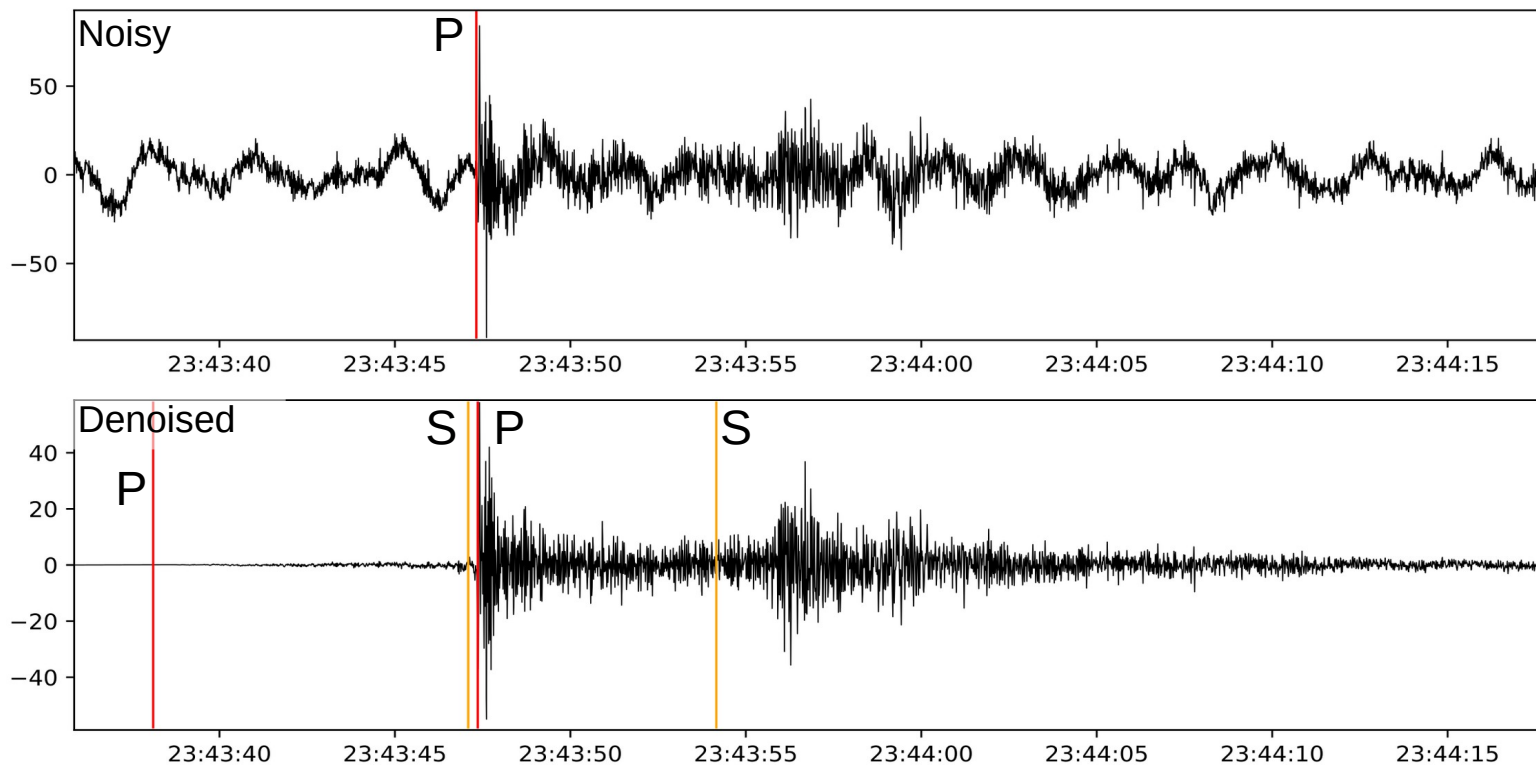


Low SNR P-phases

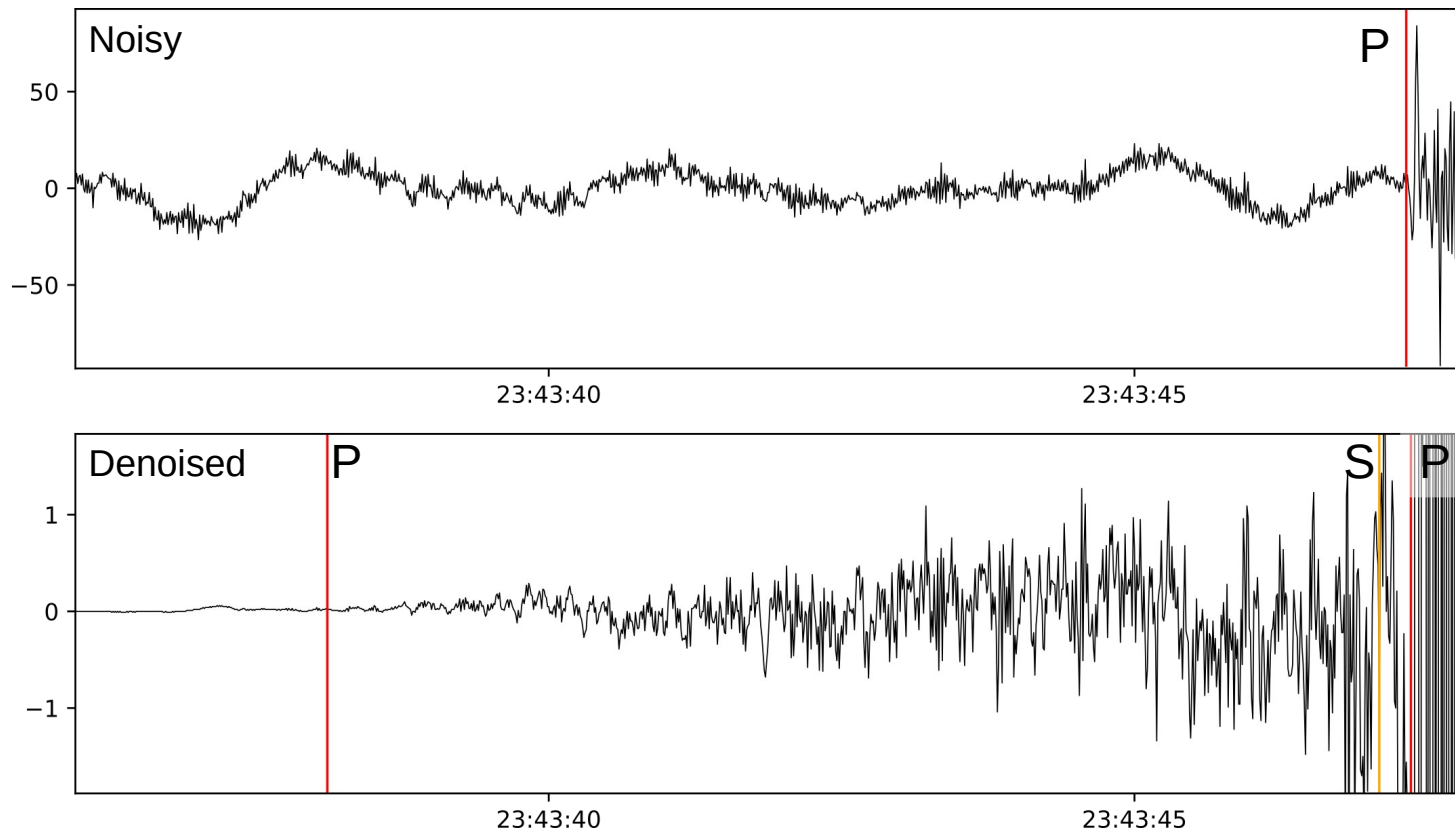


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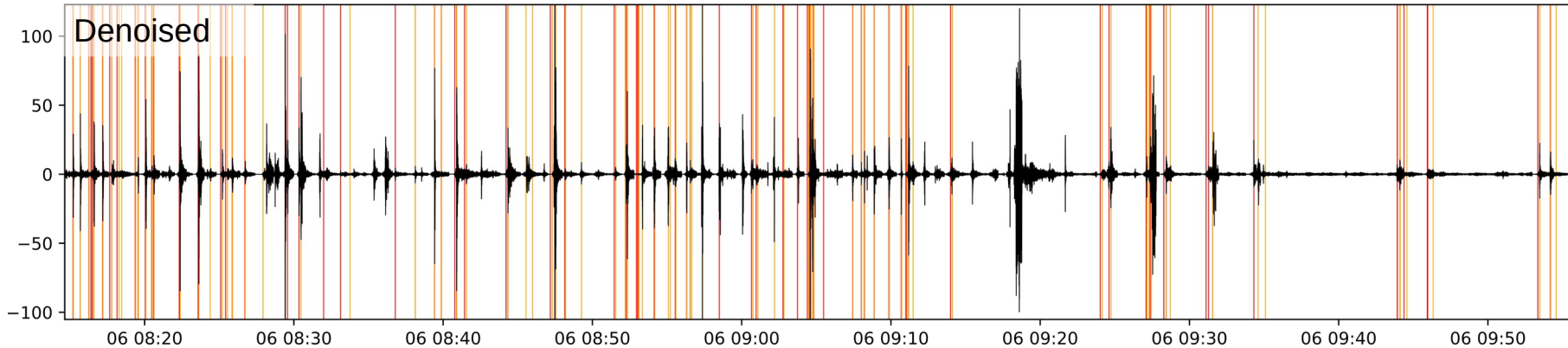
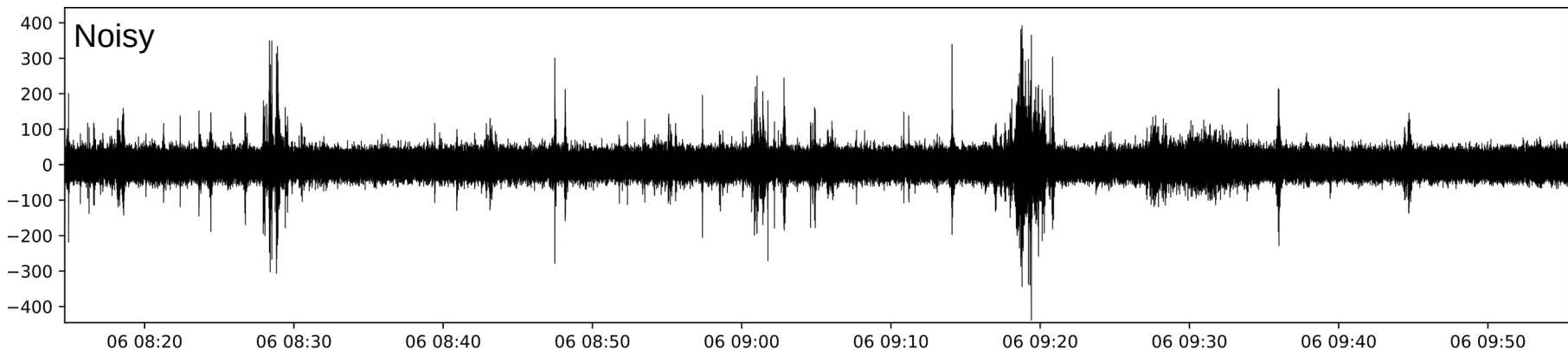
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Earthquake Phase Association Using a Bayesian Gaussian Mixture Model

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Key Points:

- We proposed a new approach to solve phase association as an unsupervised clustering problem using the Bayesian Gaussian Mixture Model
- We used the multivariate Gaussian distribution to represent both phase arrival time and amplitude to improve association
- Our unsupervised method is fast without the need for conventional grid-search or supervised training

Supporting Information:

Supporting Information may be found in the online version of this article.

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Abstract Earthquake phase association algorithms aggregate picked seismic phases from a network of seismometers into individual seismic events and play an important role in earthquake monitoring and research. Dense seismic networks and improved phase picking methods produce massive seismic phase datasets, particularly for earthquake swarms and aftershocks occurring closely in time and space, making phase association a challenging problem. We present a new association method, the **Gaussian Mixture Model Association (GaMMA)**, that combines the Gaussian mixture model with earthquake location, origin time, and magnitude estimation. We treat earthquake phase association as an unsupervised clustering problem in a probabilistic framework, where each earthquake moveout of arrival times and a decay of amplitude to model the collection of phase picks of an event given by the predicted arrival time and amplitude to each earthquake and determine earthquake location and magnitude) under the maximum likelihood. The GaMMA method does not require typical supervised training. The results for both synthetic and real data show that GaMMA effectively associates phases from producing useful estimates of earthquake location



Figure 5. An example of association results from a dense sequence of phase picks starting at time 2019-07-08T00:00:00 (UTC). GaMMA associates 24 events during this period, while there are only 2 events in the SCSN catalog and 20 events in Ross, Idini, et al. (2019)'s template matching catalog.

unknown ground truth and the trade-off between the number of predictions and the false positives, it is challenging to evaluate the false positive associations in these catalogs.

Summary

- Using a denoising autoencoder (DAE) can lead to an increase of earthquake detections **BUT**
 - We have **too many false detections**
 - Using a threshold for the SNR of the P-phase might reduce some false detections
 - Are there other algorithms that can **check whether it is an earthquake or not?**
 - Earthquake **magnitudes cannot be calculated** with the DAE
- At the moment, the DAE can only be used to find more picks

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Code available at <https://github.com/JanisHe>