

The 2018 Geothermal Reservoir Stimulation in Espoo/Helsinki, Southern Finland: Seismic Network Anatomy and Data Features

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Abstract

A seismic network was installed in Helsinki, Finland to monitor the response to an ~6-kilometer-deep geothermal stimulation experiment in 2018. We present initial results of multiple induced earthquake seismogram and ambient wavefield analyses. The used data are from parts of the borehole network deployed by the operating St1 Deep Heat Company, from surface broadband sensors and 100 geophones installed by the Institute of Seismology, University of Helsinki, and from Finnish National Seismic Network stations. Records collected in the urban environment contain many signals associated with anthropogenic activity. This results in time- and frequency-dependent variations of the signal-to-noise ratio of earthquake records from a 260-meter-deep borehole sensor compared to the combined signals of 24 collocated surface array sensors. Manual relocations of ~500 events indicate three distinct zones of induced earthquake activity that are consistent with the three clusters of seismicity identified by the company. The fault-plane solutions of 14 selected M_L 0.6–1.8 events indicate a dominant reverse-faulting style, and the associated SH radiation patterns appear to control the first-order features of the macroseismic report distribution. Beamforming of earthquake data from six arrays suggests heterogeneous medium properties, in particular between the injection site and two arrays to the west and southwest. Ambient-noise cross-correlation functions reconstruct regional surface-wave propagation and path-dependent body-wave propagation. A 1D inversion of the weakly dispersive surface waves reveals average shear-wave velocities around 3.3 km/s below 20 m depth. Consistent features observed in relative velocity change time series and in temporal variations of a proxy for wavefield partitioning likely reflect the medium response to the stimulation. The resolution properties of the obtained data can inform future monitoring strategies and network designs around natural laboratories.

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Introduction

Subsurface resource production including mining, shale gas and hydrocarbon extraction, CO₂ sequestration, and deep geothermal energy capture interact with the ambient stress field. The earthquakes or other types of deformation that occur in response to these stress changes on pre-existing or newly created cracks, faults, or weak zones provide important information on *in situ* reservoir processes. If such activities occur in proximity to infrastructure or critical facilities the associated ground shaking or subsidence patterns can pose a nuisance or threat. A seismic network underpins the data acquisition, processing, analysis, and decision-making chain in these geoen지니어링 contexts. The properties of the network govern the

resolution and thus quality of the estimated reservoir characteristics and the ability to mitigate potential unwelcome scenarios.

Networks deployed around enhanced geothermal system (EGS) sites (Majer *et al.*, 2007; Evans *et al.*, 2012; Grigoli *et al.*, 2017) vary substantially in size and in the number of borehole and surface stations, sensor types, number of components (one-component or three-component), telemetry, and the number of

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station operators, where the evolving network anatomy generally reflects the project stage (Bohnhoff *et al.*, 2018). The injection depths in igneous rock volumes vary commonly between 3.6 km as in the Cooper basin, Australia (Baisch *et al.*, 2015), and 9.1 km at the scientific drilling project KTB, Germany (Baisch *et al.*, 2002). Surface sensors are typically installed within a radius of two (Baisch *et al.*, 2002; Dorbath *et al.*, 2009) to five (Baisch *et al.*, 2015) times the reservoir depth around the stimulation site, but induced earthquakes have also been studied using data collected hundreds of kilometers away by stations that were not specifically deployed for a stimulation project (Deichmann and Giardini, 2009; Diehl *et al.*, 2017; Grigoli *et al.*, 2018; Ellsworth *et al.*, 2019). The borehole sensor depths are either shallow, such as the 80–120-meter-deep sensors around Insheim and Landau, Germany (Vasterling *et al.*, 2017; Küperkoch *et al.*, 2018), or deep like the 300–4700-meter-deep sensors around the Basel, Switzerland, reservoir (Häring *et al.*, 2008).

Interesting extensions to these general trends not only include mini surface arrays (Sick and Joswig, 2017) and down-hole arrays (Hofmann *et al.*, 2019) for improved detection capabilities, dense networks for high-resolution imaging (Lehuteur *et al.*, 2017), but also single-station methods for long-term seismicity analysis (Herrmann *et al.*, 2019). Various ownership and accessibility lead to analyses based on different data subsets, notably in the case of large and controversial events such as the M 3.5 and M 5.5 events in Basel (Häring *et al.*, 2008; Deichmann and Giardini, 2009) and Pohang, South Korea (Grigoli *et al.*, 2018; Kim *et al.*, 2018; Ellsworth *et al.*, 2019).

Here, we discuss the anatomy and data features of a network consisting of three-component borehole and surface stations deployed in an urban environment to monitor the response to the 2018 EGS stimulation in Helsinki, Finland. Many of the seismic network elements used in previous cases are combined in the deployment including the deep borehole string, the single borehole sensors, regional and local broadband and short-period surface stations, and three arrays with four and 25 stations each. The diverse network components and the overall dense instrumentation facilitate a wide range of analysis techniques for an improved resolution of the processes associated with the unprecedented stimulation of an ~6-kilometer-deep competent bedrock unit below a major population center. For example, the high-quality earthquake records obtained in the absence of a dissipating sedimentary layer allow for systematic tests of the frequency and noise-level-dependent performances of borehole stations and surface arrays that can inform future acquisition strategies around natural laboratories. Data collected by the less frequently used surface arrays can be used to test and develop alternative processing tools based on beam-forming or backprojection concepts for improved event detection and localization. More generally, the configuration provides data to advance event-based and ambient-noise-based approaches for complementary imaging, monitoring, and reservoir characterization.

In this article, we discuss properties of the obtained records with a focus on data from the temporary deployment of 100 short-period instruments. We provide an overview of initial results based on induced earthquake seismogram (the *Seismicity Analysis* section) and ambient-noise (the *Noise-Based Imaging and Monitoring* section) processing that together demonstrate the potential of the collected dataset to underpin a diverse, comprehensive, multifaceted stimulation response analysis.

The Stimulation

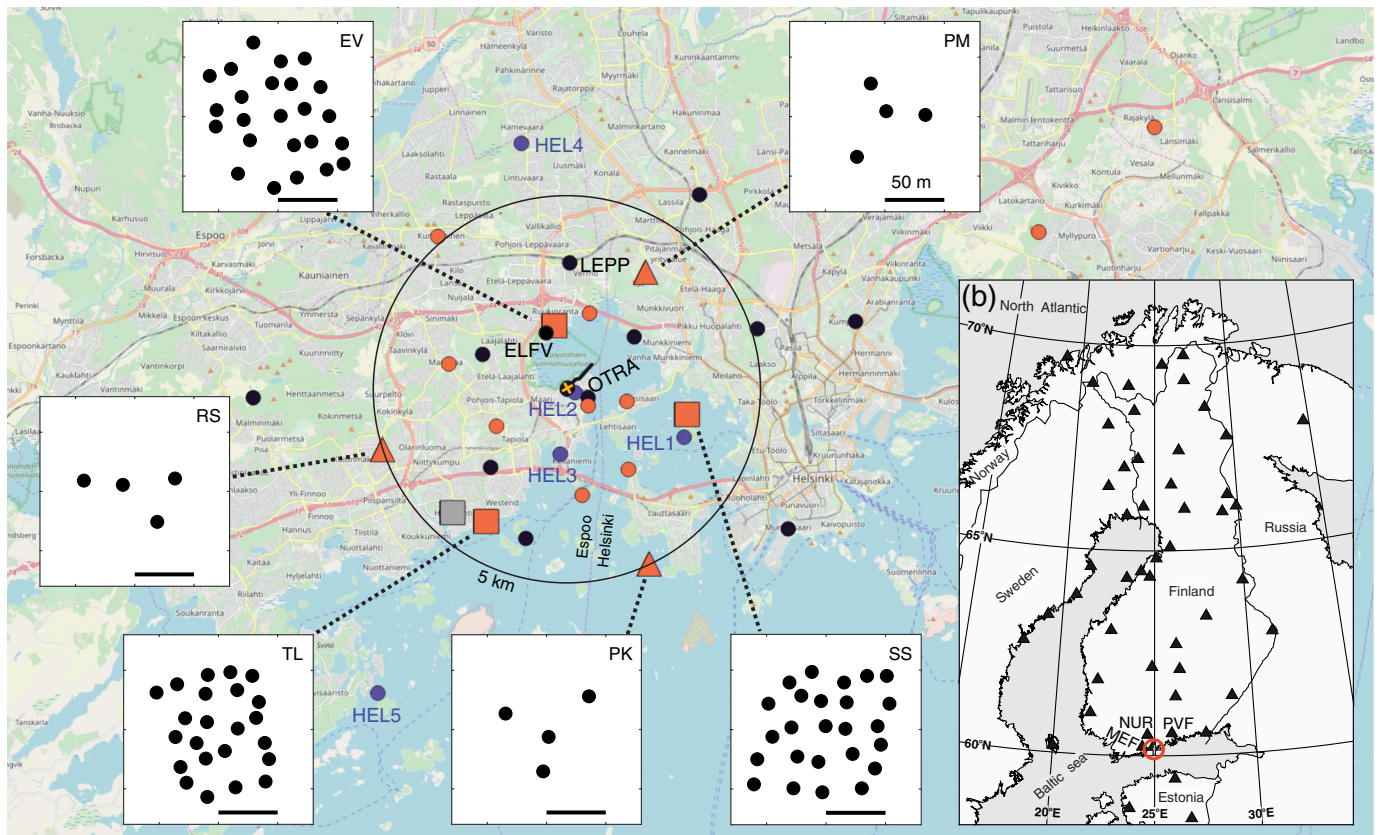
From 4 June to 22 July 2018 (day of year 155–203) the operating St1 Deep Heat Company stimulated a geothermal reservoir at 6.1 km depth to support local district heating (Kwiatek *et al.*, 2019). During the 49 days of the experiment, about 18,000 m³ water was injected in five stages that were meant to stimulate five different sections of rock in a hole-upward sequence. The drilling site is situated on the campus of the Aalto University in Otaniemi, Espoo, the neighboring city west of Helsinki, southern Finland (Fig. 1a). The exceptional depth of the borehole is required due to the comparatively shallow geothermal gradient in the Fennoscandian shield. The temperature at the bottom of the hole was estimated to be 130°C, compared to the 160°, 190°, and 270°C at 3.6, 5, and 9.1 km depth estimated in Soultz-sous-forêts, France (Dorbath *et al.*, 2009), Basel (Häring *et al.*, 2008), and the KTB (Baisch *et al.*, 2002).

The operation-stopping magnitude limit of the employed traffic-light system (TLS; Ader *et al.*, 2019) was M_L 2.1. The tuning of the pumping parameters (Kwiatek *et al.*, 2019) limited the magnitude of the largest induced event to 1.8, which occurred during stage 4 on 8 July 2018 at 17:36:37 UTC. The pumping strategy was guided by the model of Galis *et al.* (2017) and followed a cyclic protocol with inactive periods to allow the induced hydraulic energy to dissipate. The observed scaling between maximum magnitude and injected volume was found to be compatible with the model predictions (Kwiatek *et al.*, 2019). After the limit-exceeding M 3.4, M 3.5, and M 5.5 earthquakes induced by the Basel (Häring *et al.*, 2008), St. Gallen, Switzerland (Diehl *et al.*, 2017), and Pohang (Ellsworth *et al.*, 2019) stimulations, the mitigation of the induced earthquake magnitudes constitutes an intriguing showcase for future stimulation protocols.

The Network

The operator deployed 24 three-component borehole seismometers to monitor the induced seismicity in real time and for the reservoir characterization (Ader *et al.*, 2019; Kwiatek *et al.*, 2019). A satellite network consisting of 12 seismometers with 500 Hz sampling rate is installed between 240 and 1150 m depth at distances between 0.6 and 8.2 km around the wellhead (black stations in Fig. 1a). A 2 kHz sampling 12-level vertical borehole array is installed between 2200 and 2650 m depth in the OTN-2 well 10 m offset from the main 6.4-kilometer-long OTN-3 well (Kwiatek *et al.*, 2019). The operator deployed further a

(a)



14-station accelerometer network in the area for the TLS operation (Ader *et al.*, 2019) and several microphones to study seismoacoustic phenomena. Data from the 12 single borehole sensors have been transmitted to the Institute of Seismology, University of Helsinki (ISUH), as part of a regulatory agreement with the city of Espoo, and are used here. Continuous borehole station recording started in April 2018. Data acquisition and transfer after the stimulation was interrupted during the 2018–2019 winter months due to insufficient power supply generated by the solar panels.

The ISUH routine analysis uses broadband data collected by the Finnish National Seismic Network (FNSN) and selected stations in the neighboring countries (Fig. 1b). The used FNSN stations sample at 250 and 100 Hz. ISUH deployed five 250 Hz sampling Nanometrics Compact three-component broadband sensors HEL1–HEL5 between September 2016 and February 2017 within a 10 km radius around the wellhead (blue stations in Fig. 1a) to monitor the EGS seismicity independently and at times when the boreholes stations are not operational.

An EGS stimulation allows the observation and investigation of seismic phenomena on the intermediate scales between laboratory and tectonic boundary scales in a partially controlled *in situ* environment. Here, the “downtown Finland” location puts further emphasis on the research community’s ability to properly inform and educate the public based on independent analysis. To meet this mission, ISUH installed a temporary network

Figure 1. (a) Map of the stations in the Helsinki metropolitan region. Black circles indicate the 12 borehole stations. Blue circles indicate the five broadband HEL stations. Red symbols indicate locations of the 100 cube stations. The orange cross symbol marks the injection site, and the black line indicates the borehole trajectory. The gray square to the west of the Toppelund (TL) array indicates its initial location before it was relocated. The insets show the geometry of the arrays at locations Elfvik (EV), Pajamäki (PM), Seurasaari (SS), Poliisin kesäkot (PK), TL, and Rudolf-Steiner school Espoo (RS). (b) Finnish national network and stations in neighboring countries used in the routine analysis. The red encircled cross at 25° E, 60° N indicates the location of Helsinki. The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

within 6 km around the wellhead consisting of nominally 100 4.5 Hz three-component geophones from the Geophysical Instrument Pool Potsdam (GIPP) that were connected to DATA-CUBE3 recorders (red stations in Fig. 1a; hereafter, cubes or cube stations). Two sensors were deployed at 13 and 16 km distance to the east to collect data for ground-motion attenuation estimates. The stations operated for 106 days between 7 May and 20 August 2018 (days 127–232). The GIPP instruments were deployed with built-in Global Positioning System (GPS), with the gain set to 16, and the sampling rate set to the maximum of 400 Hz. The stations recorded data continuously on 16 or 32 GB Secure Digital High Capacity (SDHC) cards.

The 100 cube stations were organized in three large arrays consisting of nominally 25 stations, three small four-station arrays, and 10 single stations. The large arrays were installed in suburban, undeveloped, mostly tree-covered areas. The sensors were generally placed in the thin top soil layer that covers the ubiquitous bedrock outcrops. The array that was originally installed at the water tower location southwest to the hole was relocated after two weeks to the 1.3-kilometer-distant Toppelund site because of persistent vandalism. Reorganization associated with the relocation led to the final 25, 24, and 23 sensor configurations in the Seurasaari (SS), Elfvik (EV), and Toppelund (TL) arrays, respectively.

The cubes were powered by D-cell batteries. About 50 stations in two large arrays used the internal two-cell solution. The other stations were equipped with external eight-battery boxes. The deployment consumed ~2200 D-cells that were changed in an interval of 7–10 days or ~30 days. The acquisition and maintenance benefited from the unusual warm and dry weather conditions (Sinclair *et al.*, 2019). Data were downloaded and cleared from the SDHC cards in the field in ~35 day intervals. The collected data volume between May and August 2018 is 280 GB from the 12 borehole sensors, 80 GB from the five HEL and the three closest FNSN stations, and 3.7 TB from the cubes (Hillers, Vuorinen, *et al.*, 2019). The geophone locations were estimated with a hand-held GPS device. After the stations had been recovered in August 2018, we revisited the sites of the six arrays and measured the locations using a high-precision Trimble Global Navigation Satellite Systems. Here, we use the initial estimates.

Geological Setting and Data Features

The bedrock of Finland belongs to the Fennoscandian shield, which is a part of the East European craton (Lahtinen, 2012). Helsinki is located within the Uusimaa belt (Kähkönen, 2005) in the Southern Finland Subprovince of the Palaeoproterozoic Svecofennian domain (Nironen, 2017). The stimulation site is located 10 and 20 km away from two major Svecofennian crustal shear structures, the northeast–southwest-trending Porkkala–Mäntsälä fault to the northwest and the north–south-trending Vuosaari–Korso fault to the east, which cut through a belt of folded and sheared volcanic and sedimentary sequences (Pajunen *et al.*, 2008). The crustal structure around the study area reflects the multistage accretionary and orogenic history of present-day Southern Finland (Lahtinen *et al.*, 2005), and the granites, gneisses, schists, and amphibolites in the deployment area exhibit abundant small-scale lineaments, joints, faults, and fractures (Elminen *et al.*, 2008). This bedrock is only locally covered by a few meters thick layer of glacial deposit or soil.

The absence of a sedimentary layer implies a high transparency for seismic waves, and the low attenuation in the crystalline rocks leads to earthquake seismograms with high signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). The weak dissipation leads to discernable signals of the largest induced M_L 1.8 event at distances exceeding 400 km (Fig. 2a). Similarly, low-magnitude events yield

high-quality records at local distances (Fig. 2b–d). It follows from the urban network environment that seismic records during working hours contain signals of the frequent explosions that are associated with many infrastructure projects (Fig. 2e). Overall, the diurnal and weekly anthropogenic activity pattern leaves a clear signature in the recorded data (Fig. 2e–g).

Seismicity Analysis

Event sets

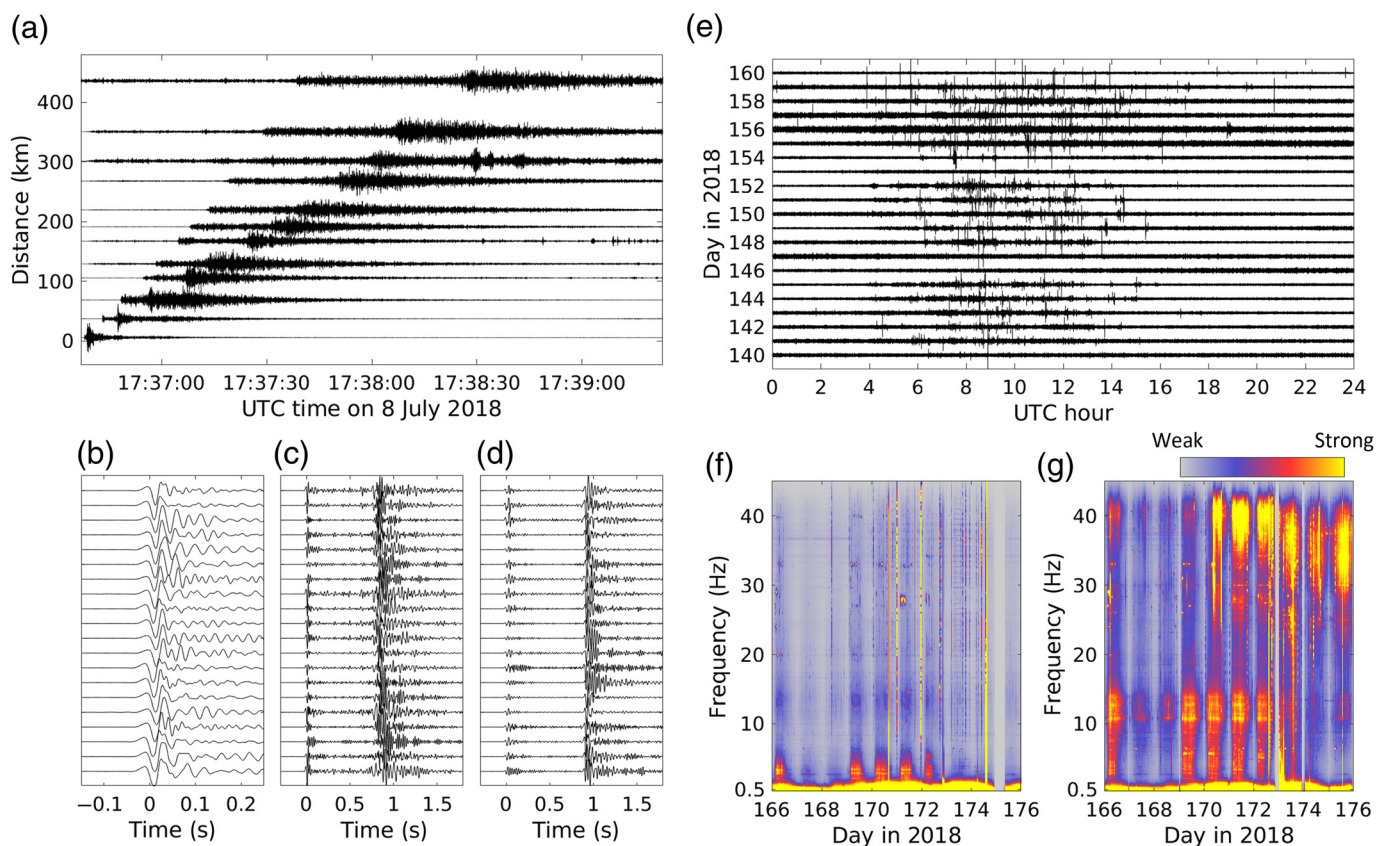
ISUH compiled four different subsets of the many thousands of induced earthquakes, but although we find that the manually revised results from routine processing tools are compatible with the industrial solutions (Kwiatek *et al.*, 2019), the application of modern automated methods (Bergen *et al.*, 2008; Holtzman *et al.*, 2018; Ross *et al.*, 2018) appears inevitable to fully unlock the information contained within the collected data volumes.

Set 1 consists of ~2900 automatically detected events that possibly include anthropogenic sources such as explosions. These are detected with a short-term average over long-term average (STA/LTA) algorithm that is adapted from the ISUH routine analysis of FNSN data and data from the neighboring countries (Kortström *et al.*, 2018; Fig. 1b). The algorithm is applied to data from the 12 borehole stations, five temporary surface stations HEL1–HEL5, and the three closest permanent FNSN stations MEF, NUR, and PVF at 25, 37, and 69 km distance. Modified detection parameters include the five band-pass filter ranges (4–10, 10–25, 20–40, 60–90, and 70–140 Hz) from which the lower, central, and upper three are applied to data recorded at 100, 250, and 500 Hz, respectively.

Set 2 consists of the revised 490 largest events of set 1. Automatically picked *P*-wave and *S*-wave arrivals are manually refined by ISUH analysts. The magnitudes are estimated using a Finnish local magnitude scale (Uski and Tuppurainen, 1996) and are in the M_L –0.8 to 1.8 range. The earthquake hypocenters displayed in Figure 3a are computed from the revised arrival times using a standard linear least-squares algorithm. The *P*-wave and *S*-wave velocities are 6200 and 3620 m/s, and the V_P/V_S ratio is 1.71. These are the values of the top-most 15-kilometer-thick layer of the 1D regional crustal velocity model (Kortström *et al.*, 2018) and may thus not optimally describe the local conditions, although they are not too different from the values in the top 8 km of the multilayer model used by Kwiatek *et al.* (2019).

Set 3 is a subset of set 2 and consists again of the 203 largest events for which manual *P* and *S* picks from the 100 cube stations have been added to the magnitude and location estimation (Fig. 3b).

Set 4 consists of 14 selected M_L 0.6–1.8 events for which we estimated the focal mechanism (Fig. 3b) using manually determined polarity estimates from data from the St1, HEL, and cube networks and the three closest FNSN stations. The data set contains the six largest events ($M_L \geq 1.4$) and eight smaller



(M_L 0.6–1.3) events that were selected from all areas of the stimulated volume using the initial set 2 locations.

Locations of induced seismicity

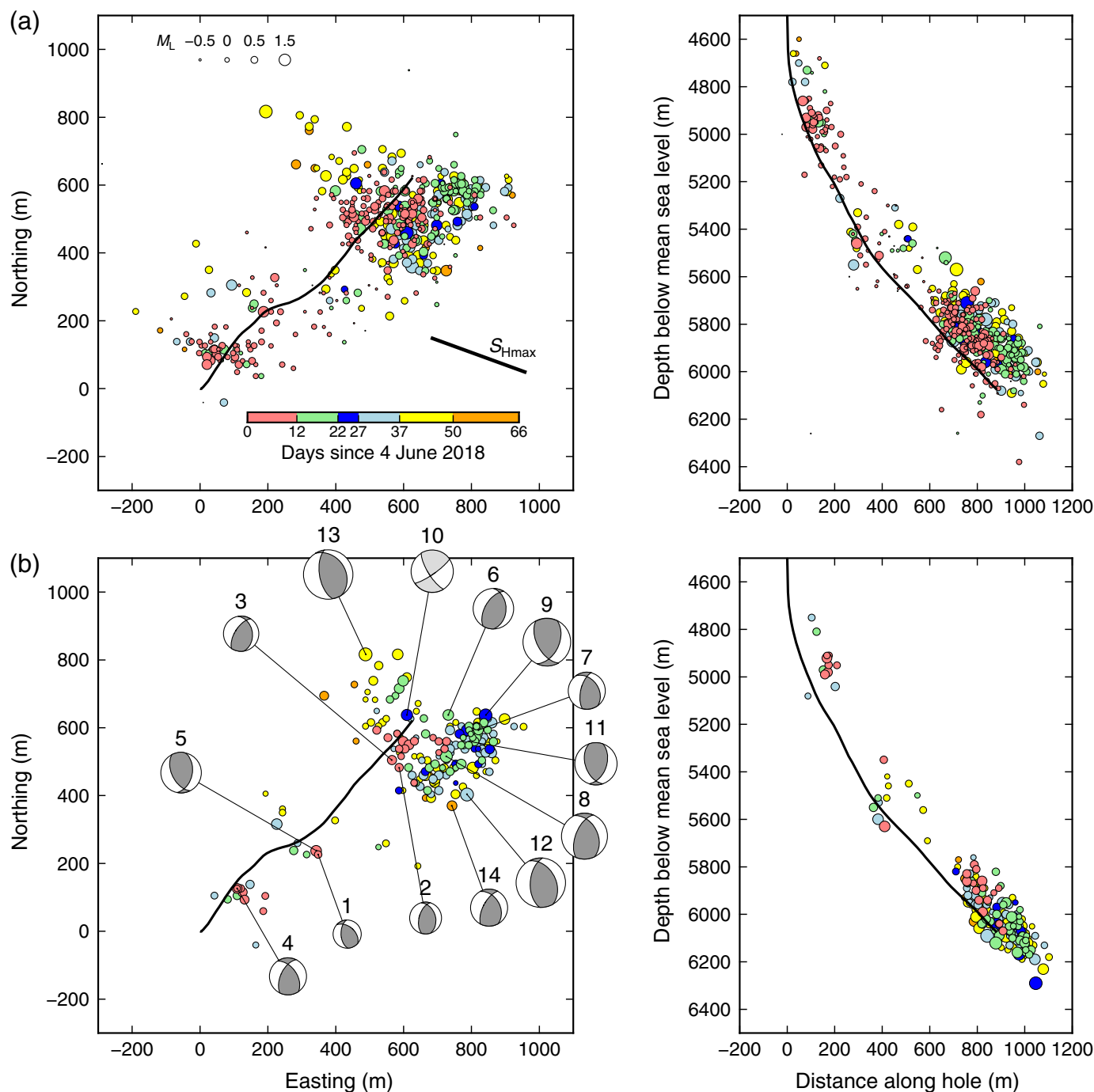
The 490 set 2 earthquake locations indicate three distinct different-size groups of earthquake activity that are centered laterally on the southwest–northeast-trending deep borehole section (Fig. 3a). These groups are consistent with the three clusters of the industrial solutions (Kwiatek *et al.*, 2019). The deepest cluster containing most events is located around the bottom of the open hole at ~5900 m depth. The overall smaller catalog size compared to Kwiatek *et al.* (2019) controls the lower resolution of the central and shallow clusters around ~5500 and ~4900 m depth below and above the casing shoe, respectively, that Kwiatek *et al.* (2019) resolve as elongated in the N110°E direction of the maximum horizontal stress. The set 2 events are mainly located above the hole. Although the centroid of the biggest cluster in the set 3 events based on the additional cube data (Fig. 3b) is located 150–200 m deeper, it appears still 100–200 m shallower compared to the position found by Kwiatek *et al.* (2019; their fig. 3b). These variations are likely caused by different inversion and data processing strategies and velocity models.

Using data from the 12 St1, five HEL, and three FNSN stations, the root mean square absolute location uncertainty for the set 2 events is ~78 m (latitude/longitude/depth 38 m/38 m/56 m) at an azimuth gap of ~59°, compared to the bootstrap-derived

Figure 2. Vertical-component data examples. (a) Records from the largest induced event from selected stations in Figure 1b. (b–d) 2–30 Hz filtered seismograms of an M_L 1.4 event recorded at 20 stations of the (b) Elfvik, (c) Seurasaari, and (d) Toppelund array. Traces are aligned on the picked P -wave arrival. (e) 21-days-long section of 0.2 Hz high-pass-filtered data recorded at the broadband station HEL1. The stimulation and the induced seismicity started on day 155. (f,g) Spectrograms of data recorded by the (f) Elfvik borehole station ELFV and by (g) sensor EV00 from the collocated array. The spectral power range is linear and scaled to the maximum in (g). Colorbar applies to (f,g). The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

2σ relative precision of 66 m for 95% of the relocated events in Kwiatek *et al.* (2019). Including the cube data with the restriction of one sensor per array reduces the formal error estimate to ~53 m (27/25/39) with an azimuth gap of ~34°. Using all cubes for set 3 further reduces this to ~20 m (11/11/14) as the configuration becomes dominated by the three large arrays. Overall, the set 2 and set 3 event locations and the resolution of three clusters is significantly more consistent with the double-difference relocations in the “refined industrial catalog” of Kwiatek *et al.* (2019) compared to the real-time solutions discussed by Ader *et al.* (2019).

The color-coded timing in Figure 3 indicates the simultaneous activation of the three clusters during each of the five stimulation phases—an unintended aspect of the response that highlights the limits of controllability of subsurface fluid flow.



The results are thus overall compatible with the findings of [Kwiatek *et al.* \(2019\)](#) who concluded based on a multiple larger event database that a pre-existing “distributed fracture network” was activated instead of a “prominent, single, large fault.”

Surface and borehole data quality

At the Elfvik location 1.5 km northwest of the injection site (Fig. 1) the 24-sensor EV array and the 260-meter-deep borehole station ELFV are installed within 250 m horizontal distance. This proximity allows us to assess the earthquake data quality of stacked surface records compared to borehole data,

Figure 3. Induced earthquake locations in map view (left column) and cross section along the orientation of the open-hole section (right column). (a) 490 set 2 events. (b) 203 set 3 events including the 14 set 4 events for which fault-plane solutions were estimated. The numbers above the focal mechanisms correspond to Table 1. Colors follow [Kwiatek *et al.* \(2019\)](#) and correspond to the different stimulation phases. Events are plotted in reverse order of occurrence. The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

TABLE 1

Parameters of the Obtained Double-Couple Source Mechanisms

Event Number	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	Time UTC (hh:mm:ss)	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	z (km)	M_L	S1 (°)	D1 (°)	R1 (°)	S2 (°)	D2 (°)	R2 (°)	P_{az} (°)	FG (°)	TG (°)
1	2018/06/05	10:56:18	60.190	24.834	5.4	0.6	311	46	54	177	54	121	66	85	44
2	2018/06/06	01:39:59	60.193	24.838	5.8	0.8	343	39	64	195	56	110	92	36	20
3	2018/06/07	20:42:12	60.193	24.838	5.9	1.0	351	36	54	212	62	113	106	37	23
4	2018/06/09	05:42:16	60.190	24.830	4.9	1.1	326	51	43	206	58	132	87	30	16
5	2018/06/11	05:26:49	60.191	24.834	5.6	1.3	153	53	65	12	44	120	81	31	19
6	2018/06/20	00:13:04	60.194	24.841	6.2	1.3	0	38	65	211	56	108	108	55	28
7	2018/06/20	17:39:15	60.194	24.843	6.1	1.1	324	38	47	194	63	118	84	35	28
8	2018/06/20	23:27:15	60.193	24.841	6.1	1.6	334	42	51	202	59	120	91	39	20
9	2018/06/29	04:02:45	60.194	24.843	6.3	1.7	151	56	53	25	48	132	87	36	23
10	2018/06/30	06:53:08	60.194	24.839	6.0	1.4	148	74	12	55	79	163	102	35	22
11	2018/07/05	07:01:56	60.193	24.842	6.1	1.4	161	48	63	19	48	117	90	32	25
12	2018/07/08	17:36:37	60.192	24.842	6.1	1.8	332	41	65	184	54	110	80	34	20
13	2018/07/16	17:26:03	60.196	24.837	6.1	1.8	328	31	71	171	61	102	72	35	23
14	2018/08/08	15:58:15	60.192	24.841	6.0	1.1	331	41	41	208	64	124	94	36	23
Average of 13 reverse mechanisms							334	43	57	197	56	117			

FG, maximum azimuth gap between the stations providing data; M_L , local magnitude; P_{az} , azimuth of the P axis or maximum horizontal compression. S1, D1, R1, and S2, D2, R2, strike, dip, and rake angles of the two possible fault planes, respectively; TG, takeoff angle gap among the impulsive polarity data; z, depth.

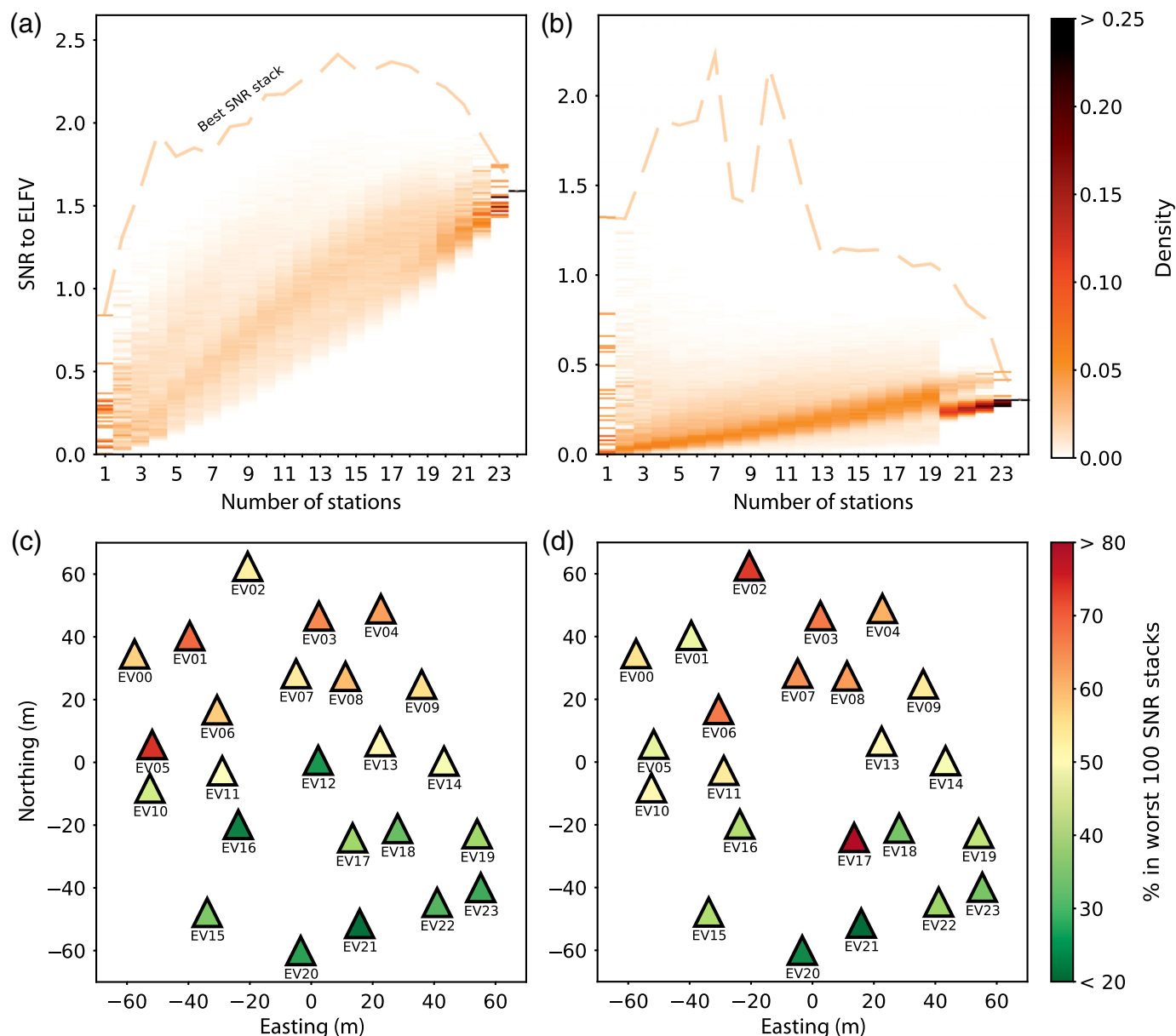
which can inform decisions on future monitoring network designs (Bohnhoff *et al.*, 2018) in hard-rock environments.

As with the beamforming discussed below, we apply a time shift to the band-pass-filtered vertical-component array records of induced earthquakes to optimize the waveform stack associated with each event. In a possible (near-) real-time analysis, an average delay can be applied to the continuous waveforms that is estimated from the reservoir-array configuration. We discuss results obtained with two band-pass filter ranges (10–35 and 60–90 Hz) that are similar to those used in the STA/LTA analysis. For each of the 134 events—the subset of set 3 that was available at the time of the implementation—we create N different stacks consisting of k randomly drawn seismograms from the 24 available records, where k ranges from 1 to 24 (abscissa in Fig. 4a,b). We limit N to 12,650, which is the number of possible combinations for $k = 4$ from (nominally) $n = 25$ different options, that is, the binomial coefficient, and was chosen to trade-off sample size and computational load. For $k < 4$, the number of unique stacks combined from the database of 24 records per event is less than 12,650. Toward larger k the number of unique combinations increases and then decreases again; $N > 12,650$ for $4 \leq k \leq 21$ and $N = 1$ for $k = 24$.

The P -wave SNR is estimated using the 0.2 s STA following the STA/LTA trigger (signal) and the LTA in the 5-second-long window preceding the trigger (noise). This SNR estimate

is scaled by the similarly obtained SNR at the borehole station. Figure 4a displays a typical result from an M_L 0.4 event recorded at 24 surface sensors. The color range indicates the distribution of scaled SNRs associated with each k . Again, for $k = 1$, 24 values are obtained and binned; for $k = 24$, only one stack is possible. In between, the systematic shift toward higher values implies that a random stack will increase the SNR with respect to the borehole signals. An average below unity means that the borehole waveforms are less noisy than the surface record stacks. However, the dashed line indicates there frequently exists a stacked combination of seismograms that yield better signal quality compared to the borehole waveforms. The surface deployment can thus yield similar, sometimes even better, SNRs of individual and of stacked seismograms. This conclusion is supported by a similar analysis of spectral SNR amplitudes in the 2–175 Hz range of 1.5-second-long earthquake recorded at the two sites. We emphasize that this result depends strongly on the frequency band and the noise level, that is, time of the day and weekday, and there is a large variability across different events. This variability prevents an explicit recommendation for a borehole sensor or a minimum number of stations in a surface array.

We assess the average station quality using this random-stack database. Figure 4c indicates the relative frequency in percent that each station contributes to the 100 of the 12,650 stacks with



the lowest SNR values using 10–35 Hz filtered data. Figure 4c shows the results averaged over the 134 events, and Figure 4d the distribution for the largest M_L 1.8 event. The stacks are obtained with a constant, event-independent time shift. The color distribution clearly indicates a north–south gradient of the obtained data quality proxies. The east–west-trending boundary between $y = 0$ m and $y = -20$ m coincides with an ~ 5 -meter-high ridge of the former quarry at the EV array site. To its north is a consistently thicker vegetation mat that may be responsible for weaker coupling and hence lower data quality. A generally similar north–south pattern is obtained for the opposite end-member analysis. Although contributions to the 100 stacks with the highest SNR from the M_L 1.8 event data are highly compatible, the aggregate 134 event percentages are more normally distributed around a mean 40%–50% contribution.

Figure 4. Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) evolution as a function of stack length. (a,b) Distributions of SNR of vertical-component P -wave seismograms from a daytime M_L 0.4 event recorded at the Elfvik EV array for an increasing number of array stations scaled by the SNR at the collocated ELFV borehole station for (a) 10–35 Hz and (b) 60–90 Hz. Values greater than unity imply the SNR is higher for the surface record stacks. The dashed line indicates the maximum SNR for each number of stations, that is, the line delineates small values for the density (below) from zero (above) (white area below the line indicate small values; white area above the line indicate zero). (c,d) EV array station quality estimates. The colors indicate how often seismograms from a station contributed to 100 out of 12,650 random stacks per event that have low P -wave SNR estimates. Green and red colors indicate stations that provide on average high- and low-quality waveforms. (c) Aggregate statistics from the 134 largest events. (d) Statistics associated with the largest M_L 1.8 event. The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

Fault-plane solutions

Focal mechanisms have been calculated for the 14 set 4 events (Table 1; Fig. 3b) using FOCMEC (Snoke, 2003). This utilizes *P*-wave polarities, *S*-wave to *P*-wave amplitude ratios, takeoff angles, and station azimuths to determine best-fitting double-couple solutions using a grid search. The first-motion polarity and amplitude of *P* waves are measured on vertical-component seismogram and amplitudes of *SV* waves and *SH* waves on the radial and transverse components. Data from stations identified to be near nodal planes, noisy or of reversed polarity, are excluded from the grid search. Amplitude measurements are limited to the broadband surface HEL and FNSN stations. This limitation avoids the many data at short source–station distances where the amplitude ratios are very sensitive to variations in the hypocenter location. The *P*-wave and *S*-wave takeoff angles are calculated from the velocity model described in the Event sets section. We tested several variations of this model and found that the differences in the obtained solutions were insignificant.

The grid searches generally result in a well-constrained set of reverse-faulting solutions that match the polarity and amplitude observations. In contrast, the only strike-slip solution (10 in Fig. 3b; Table 1) is less reliable as it requires allowance for three polarity errors. The fact that five of the six largest and eight other arbitrarily chosen events are all characterized by a similar reverse-faulting mechanism suggests that this faulting style plays an important role in the reservoir response. These findings motivate a more complete analysis of full moment tensor solutions that account for non-double-couple such as tensile opening components indicative of hydrofracturing (Miller *et al.*, 1998; Ross *et al.*, 1999; Goertz-Allmann and Wiemer, 2013; Martínez-Garzón *et al.*, 2017) to better resolve the evolving time- and space-dependent faulting styles in response to the stimulation. Given the large number of temporary stations installed around the project site, the centers of the focal spheres are well sampled. For future deployments, we learn that stations in the 10–20 km distance range would extend the polarity data toward the edges of the sphere, and hence yield yet better constrained solutions.

The 110°–135° direction of the maximum horizontal compression S_{Hmax} (Heidbach *et al.*, 2016) implies that faults optimally oriented in the strike-slip regime at 6 km depth (Kwiatek *et al.*, 2019) would be subvertical and striking northwest–southeast to north-northwest–south-southeast (Kaisko, 2018). This orientation is consistent with a set of local fault surface traces (Elminen *et al.*, 2008), and it is also compatible with the majority of the strike angles S_1 in Table 1. However, only the poorest constrained focal mechanism has the expected strike-slip properties, with an optimally oriented sinistral steeply dipping plane. All other solutions indicate reverse faulting along north-northwest–south-southeast-striking sinistral or north-northeast–south-southwest dextral fault planes, where the associated dip angles range from shallow to moderate. This means that for

the largest events, the water injection reactivated a set of pre-existing subsidiary shear fractures or faults associated with the northwest–southeast-trending fault zones that favor reverse motion in the local stress field. The reactivated faults predominantly accommodate shortening and may accommodate horizontal shear as tensile fracturing proceeds parallel to the S_{Hmax} orientation (Gischig and Preisig, 2015).

Macroseismology and public response

Observations of ground shaking can be reported using the macroseismic questionnaire of ISUH. The reports obtained online since the early 2000s reflect the overall low level of natural seismicity in the study area (Kortström *et al.*, 2016). The reports are mostly associated with local low-magnitude earthquakes—seven events with magnitudes between 1.1 and 2.6 occurred in the past 50 yr within 50 km of Helsinki—regional and global earthquakes, explosions, cryoseisms, and supersonic aircrafts (Mäntyniemi *et al.*, 2017). The high rate of induced earthquakes represents thus a new phenomenon that led to more frequent macroseismic reporting, which documents the effects of small-magnitude-induced seismic events on residents.

ISUH collected a total of 220 responses during the stimulation. The induced events were consistently observed up to distances of 7–8 km and occasionally at greater distances. For comparison, the natural M_L 2.6 event in March 2011 led to around 750 reports from locations within a 50 km radius. The number of reports appears to scale exponentially with magnitude (Ader *et al.*, 2019). Less than 10 reports typically follow events with $M_L < 1.7$, whereas ISUH collected 83 reports associated with the largest M_L 1.8 (Fig. 5). Responses to four of the largest induced events (events 8, 9, 12, and 13 in Table 1) with magnitudes in the M_L 1.6–1.8 range contribute to more than 60% of the reports, where 38% were related to event 12 and 15% to event 13. The anthropogenic activity pattern modulates the observation and response threshold. The M_L 1.4 event 11 on Thursday 5 July, 10:01 local time, passed almost unnoticed, whereas effects associated with the M_L 1.8 event 12 on Sunday 8 July, 20:36 local time, were widely reported.

Several respondents reported that they had been observing ground vibrations many times during some weeks before submitting their questionnaire. However, the times of these events were not specified, which challenges an overall assessment of how many induced earthquakes were observed by the general public. Figure 5 distinguishes reports on heard disturbances—that were typically described as thunder- or blast-like—from combined shaking and sound sensations. These sound observations indicate that seismic-wave energy around the lower limit of the audible frequency range couples locally to the atmosphere (Tosi *et al.*, 2000). The transmission of energy at frequencies that cause a variety of sensations is reflected in the reports as difficulty to describe the character and origin of the phenomena.

Although the observations collected by ISUH cover a range of attitudes toward the experienced disturbances, the online

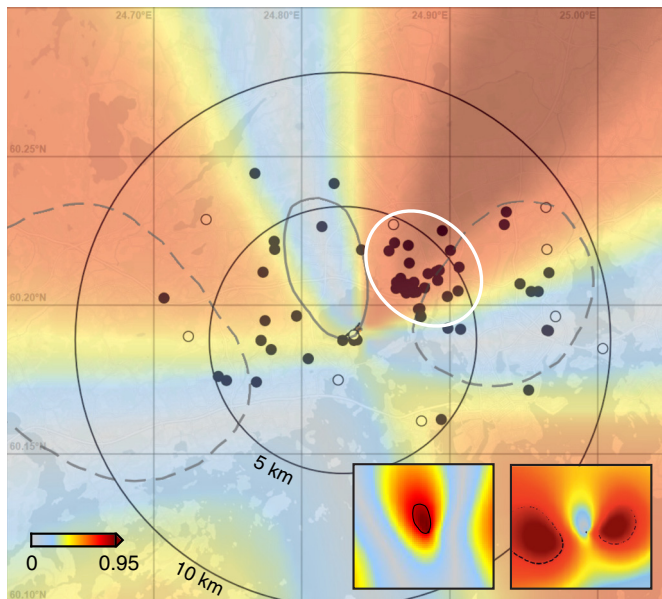


Figure 5. *SH*-wave radiation pattern of the largest induced event. Absolute values are shown. Filled and open circles correspond to locations from which felt and heard disturbances were reported. Locations are by street address. The white ellipse indicates Munkkivuori and adjacent neighborhoods. Solid and dashed contours correspond to the *P*-wave and *SV*-wave radiation patterns shown in the insets. Values are scaled by the maximum in each distribution. The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

response system maintained by the operator collected only feedback with a positive attitude (Ader *et al.*, 2019). We learned that groups in access-restricted social media discussed the observed phenomena, and that a timely outreach and research system can benefit from access to and activity on such platforms. Diverse outlets need to be analyzed to obtain a more complete view on the public response and attitude.

The zonation to the northwest and to the northeast of the EGS site that characterizes the spatial distribution of the M_L 1.8 reports (Fig. 5) is likely governed by the *SH* radiation pattern of the thrust faulting mechanism. The patterns shown in Figure 5 are the absolute values of the theoretical radiation factors for *SH*, *P*, and *SV* waves at the surface. Attenuation is not accounted for. We highlight the multiple reports from residents of buildings that are constructed on the outcropping bedrock in Munkkivuori and adjacent areas (Fig. 5), where events repeatedly disrupted nighttime sleep; these neighborhoods are located in the direction of the strongest *SH* radiation.

We conclude that the main features of the public response pattern are, fundamentally, controlled by the tectonic situation, that is, by the radiation pattern of reverse faults that are activated by the fluid injection. Secondary geological or societal effects such as variations in the propagation medium and local soil properties, the population density, or the affinity to report

the phenomena likely explain the variable density of points in areas that experience similar radiation-pattern-controlled ground motions.

Beamforming

Compared to the networks associated with previous stimulation experiments, a central aspect of the 2018 Espoo/Helsinki deployment is the array of arrays, in particular the three ~ 25 -station arrays. In addition to the discussed event data quality patterns (Fig. 4), the arrays facilitate antenna analysis methods (Brenguier *et al.*, 2016; Chmiel *et al.*, 2016) that can resolve the local propagation and provide complementary, independent constraints on medium properties and, in turn, on earthquake source properties. We demonstrate this by applying a time-domain delay-and-sum plane-wave beamforming approach to *P* waves of six set 3 events with magnitudes between 1.1 and 1.8 recorded at the six arrays. The vertical-component records were filtered between 2 and 30 Hz and analyzed in a 1.05-second-long window around the manually picked arrivals. Here, we upsample the 400 Hz sampled records by a factor of 10, but the first-order observations shown in Figure 6 obtained from data of an M_L 1.4 event that occurred 19 July 2018 are not sensitive to this choice.

The results shown in the slowness domain indicate that the sidelobes in the beamformer outputs are muted, even for the four-station arrays. The obtained propagation directions indicated by the arrows in the slowness plots varies as we change the main processing parameters, notably the frequency range and the sampling rate. Results at EV show the greatest sensitivity, which we attribute to the close distance, the consequently near-vertical incidence, and the topography variations at the site. In contrast, beams obtained from the SS array are consistently very robust. In this example, only six traces from the SS array were available. The results from the six analyzed events show consistently that the local propagation at the RS array to the west and at the TL array to the southwest are not compatible with a homogeneous medium between source volume and array sites.

To locate the origin of the excited energy, we project the beamformer output at each array along the maximum beam power to the surface. We then build the average beamformer output (Chmiel *et al.*, 2016). Again, for homogeneous conditions, the resulting distribution shown in Figure 6 would indicate a focus area that coincides with the earthquake hypocenter location obtained from the travel-time data. The obtained average distribution does peak near the hypocenter estimate, which demonstrates the overall applicability of the technique and the underlying model assumptions. At the same time, however, the beamformer features also show that these assumptions are too simplistic to accurately constrain the source location.

A range of extensions to the approach here can increase the consistency of the location estimates. This includes the consideration of the array topography (Bokermann, 1995) and curved instead of plane wavefronts (Kiser and Ishii, 2017), using

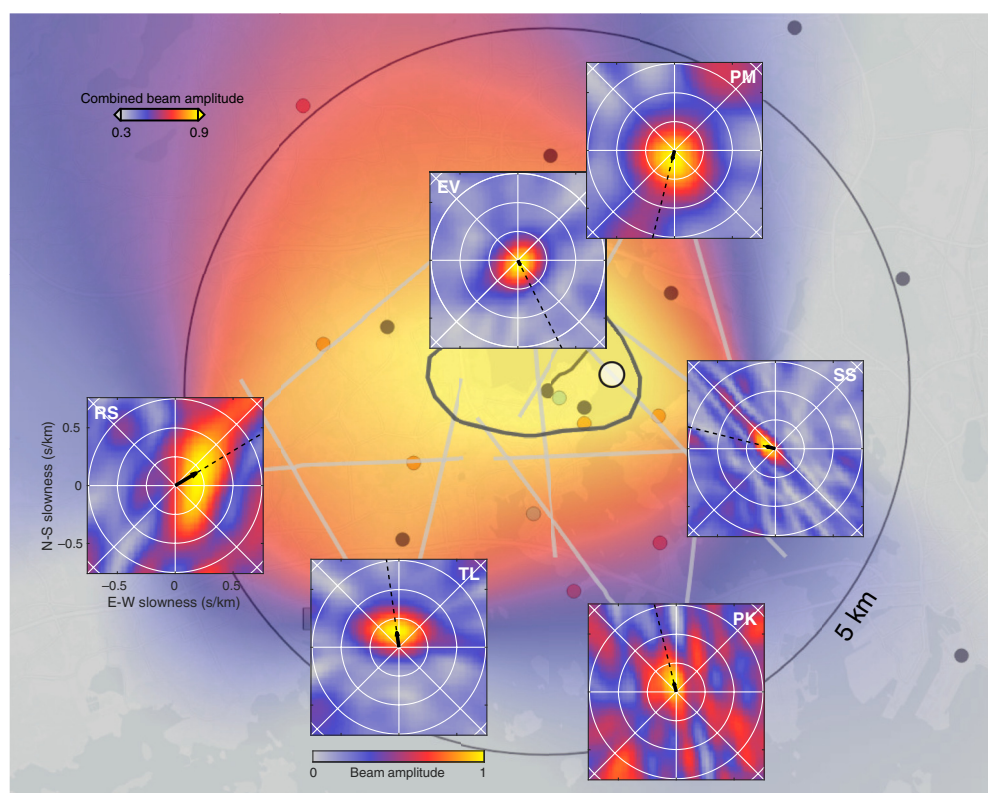


Figure 6. *P*-wave beamforming results of an M_L 1.4 event. The six slowness domain plots show the beamformer results centered on the locations of the corresponding arrays. Small black arrows point to the maximum beamformer output. The large colored distribution indicates the horizontal average built from the six solutions. Gray lines indicate the array-dependent 0.95 quantile of the mapped distributions. The black contour delimits the high-probability area of the obtained average solution. The white circle is the hypocenter, and the symbols in the background correspond to the stations shown in Figure 1a. The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

improved cube locations obtained with the Trimble system, removing the array response from the beam patterns (Picozzi *et al.*, 2010; Gal *et al.*, 2016), and applying beamforming simultaneously to data from more than one array (Krüger *et al.*, 1993). The likely remaining inconsistencies have to be accounted for by improved 3D velocity models that will also help better constrain the locations obtained with travel-time-based techniques. Array-derived lapse time and frequency-dependent variations in the propagation can also inform about scattering time and length scales (Vernon *et al.*, 1998; Anache-Ménier *et al.*, 2009) that are essential observables for ambient-noise-based imaging and monitoring techniques.

Noise-Based Imaging and Monitoring

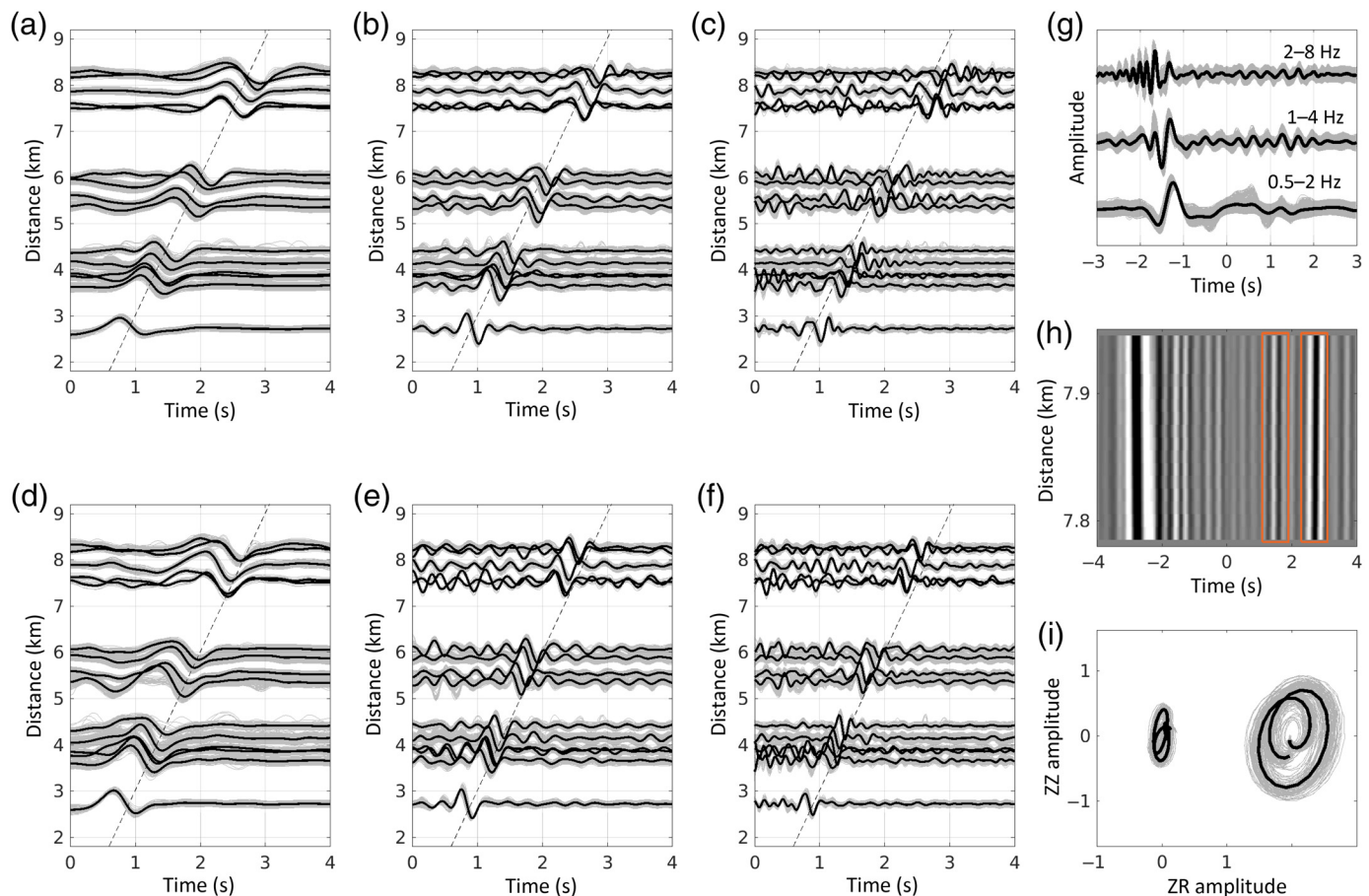
Empirical Green's functions estimated from cross correlations of ambient-noise records have been used to construct a detailed 3D velocity model around the Soultz-sous-forêts and Rittershoffen sites, France (Lehubeur *et al.*, 2017), to monitor and image a post shut-in deformation episode at the Basel EGS (Hillers *et al.*, 2015), and to study the gas kick dynamics at the St. Gallen

stimulation (Obermann *et al.*, 2015). Here, we discuss the properties of noise cross correlations in the 0.5–8 Hz frequency range obtained from the network records. We estimate an average 1D shear-velocity model based on surface-wave dispersion measurements (the Imaging section) and show initial estimates of the relative velocity change variations in the stimulation period (the Monitoring section).

We process data between days 130 and 230. We removed the instrument response from the data obtained from the borehole sensors, broadband stations, and the cubes. Waveforms in 1 hr segments are whitened between 0.2 and 20 Hz, clipped at three times the standard deviation of the amplitude distribution in each window, band-pass-filtered, cosine-tapered, downsampled to 50 Hz, and cross-correlated. The full stacks are used for imaging, and daily stacks of the hourly correlations are used for monitoring. The full nine-component stacks are rotated from the ZNE to the ZRT system.

Band-pass-filtered ZZ, ZR, RZ, and RR noise correlations exhibit a propagating Rayleigh wave between 0.5 and 8 Hz (Fig. 7a–c). The TT data show an equally clear Love wave (Fig. 7d–f). The moveout patterns imply a propagation speed around 3 km/s. This high value and the weak dispersion reflect the properties of the shallow bedrock. Correlations at frequencies above 1 Hz exhibit a high level of fluctuations before the surface-wave arrivals, which we attribute to the anthropogenic noise sources within the network.

In the 2–8 Hz range, we notice a strongly dispersive wave-train that travels in a southeast–northwest direction from the SS to the EV array (Fig. 7g). The strong dispersion is likely controlled by the sensitivity of the high-frequency waves to the material deposited at the bottom of the shallow Laajalahti and Maarinlahti bay. The asymmetric amplitudes suggest the city of Helsinki to the east of the arrays is the dominant source region. Between the TL array and the PJ array, we resolve a *P* wave that propagates in the south-southwest–north-northeast direction with ~6 km/s (Fig. 7h,i). A similar arrival of a wave traveling



in the opposite direction can be seen at negative correlation lapse times. However, the signal strength at positive lag times is reduced when waveforms are lag time averaged, which indicates azimuthally variable excitation.

Imaging

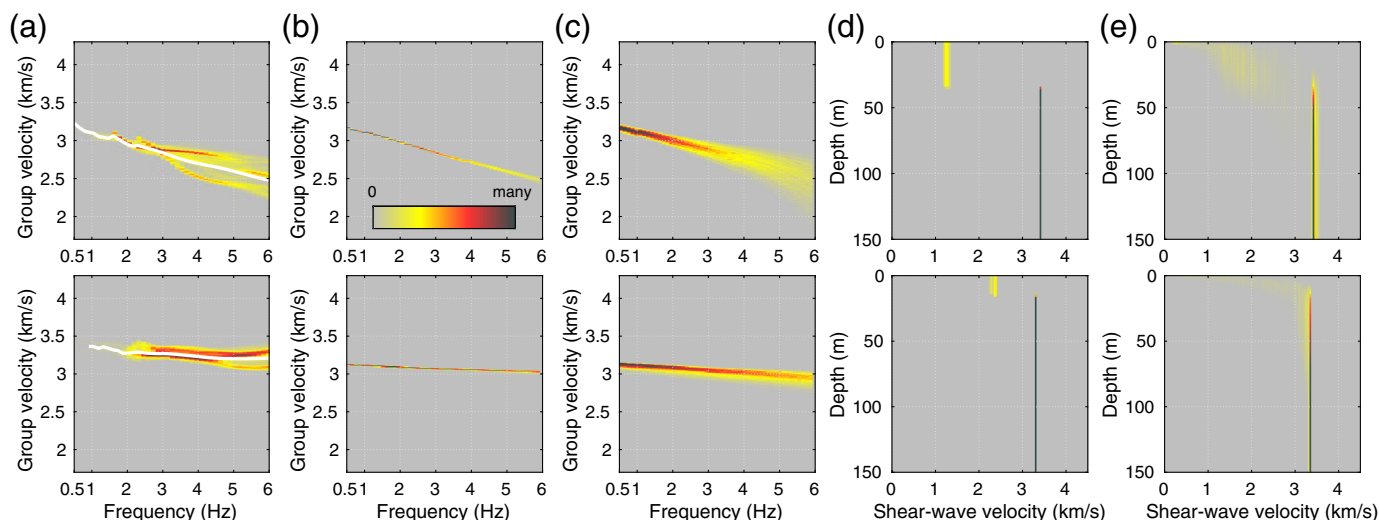
We apply a fundamental-mode group velocity dispersion or frequency–time analysis to lag-time-averaged correlation functions associated with surface station pairs to estimate average 1D shear-wave velocity models from the Rayleigh and Love waves. The approach follows [Zigone *et al.* \(2015\)](#) and [Hillers and Campillo \(2018\)](#) and employs a 0.3 amplitude threshold of logarithmically stacked ZZ, ZR, RZ, and RR Rayleigh-wave dispersion maps, and a distance to wavelength ratio threshold of three. The resulting pairwise dispersion curves are then averaged (Fig. 8a). Rayleigh-wave data support the estimate of a network average dispersion curve between 0.5 and 6 Hz. Figure 8a shows that the distribution branches above 3 Hz, which implies that a 2D lateral inversion can resolve velocity variations on the order of 10% across the study area. The Love-wave dispersion curves are well resolved above 1 Hz.

We use the GEOPSY analysis software ([Wathelet, 2008](#)) that uses the [Sambridge \(1999\)](#) neighborhood algorithm to estimate 1D shear-velocity V_S profiles from the network averages. The number of layers has to be defined, and the algorithm then searches for combinations of the layer thickness and the

Figure 7. (a–c) ZZ noise correlations between arrays show Rayleigh-wave propagation in three frequency bands (0.5–2, 1–4, and 2–8 Hz). (d–f) The same for Love-wave propagation in TT noise correlations. The dashed line indicates a speed of 3 km/s. Gray and black lines indicate individual and array-average correlations. The correlations are lag-time-averaged over negative and positive lag times. (g) Highly dispersive surface wavetrain in the ZZ correlations between SS and EV arrays. The same frequency bands as in (a–c) apply. (h) 1–4 Hz ZZ correlation gather between TL and PM arrays. (i) Particle motion of the P wave and Rayleigh wave highlighted in (h). The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

constant body-wave velocities, density, and Poisson’s ratio in each layer. Here, we do not constrain V_S and couple V_P to V_S . We process Rayleigh- and Love-wave dispersion data separately to assess the consistency of the solutions. Figure 8b–e displays the density functions constructed from ensembles of 2500 layered $V_S(z)$ models associated with a two-layer and a five-layer parameterization.

The two-layer $V_S(z)$ models (Fig. 8d) show that the velocities are reduced only in the top few tens of meters to about one-third of the underlying half-space values. The low-velocity layer estimated from Rayleigh waves is with 30 m about twice as thick as the Love-wave-based estimate. If the number of parameters is increased in the five-layer models, the topmost



low-velocity structures tend to be distributed across a depth range that reaches twice as deep—to about 60 and 20 m—as in the two-layer models. At the same time, the V_S distributions suggest that a wider range of multilayer solutions can fit the data. In contrast, the V_S values below 50 m depth of ~ 3400 m/s are consistently well constrained by the relatively nondispersive propagation speeds of both surface-wave types. Lower V_S velocities around 1000 m/s in the topmost few tens of meters can be associated with properties of the weathered granitic rocks. The results reflect the absence of a consistent attenuating low-velocity sedimentary layer in the study area, although thin deposits of softer material accumulate in topographic depressions.

Monitoring

For an initial application of passive monitoring techniques, we focus on two sets of stations consisting of the six nearest bore-hole stations to the site and of 18 surface stations within a 3 km radius around the well bottom, where five stations each from the EV and SS arrays are used. To estimate seismic-velocity changes dv/v , we apply the time-domain stretching and the moving window cross-spectral (MWCS) techniques (Lobkis and Weaver, 2003; Clarke *et al.*, 2011) to correlation coda waveforms in a 5–25 s window at negative and positive lapse times. The long window ensures that the obtained estimates are robust but likely average over lapse time-dependent dv/v changes governed by systematically varying surface-wave and body-wave contributions (Obermann *et al.*, 2016). The reference waveform is the stack of correlation functions from the analysis period, days 145–230. To improve the quality of the waveforms, we stack correlations over ± 1 day and apply a singular value decomposition (SVD)-based Wiener filter (Moreau *et al.*, 2017; Hillers, Campillo, *et al.*, 2019) with the dimensions five days and five samples. To assess if dv/v estimates are spurious or resolve genuine medium changes, we consider spectral power on the vertical V and combined

Figure 8. Rayleigh-wave (top) and Love-wave (bottom) dispersion analysis. (a) Distribution of observed dispersion curves. The network average indicated by the white line is inverted for the 1D shear-wave velocity profile. (b) Distribution of dispersion curves from the 1000 best models using the two-layer and (c) the five-layer parameterization. (d) Distribution of 1000 best 1D shear-wave velocity profiles obtained with the two-layer and (e) the five-layer parameterization. The distributions in (d,e) in the half-space peak at 3420 and 3420 m/s for the Rayleigh waves, and at 3300 and 3340 m/s for the Love waves, respectively. The colorbar applies to all panels. The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

horizontal channels H , and the spectral partition ratio H^2/V^2 as a proxy for the W_S -to- W_P energy density ratio in a diffusion regime (Shapiro *et al.*, 2000), as markers of wave-field properties (Hillers, Campillo, *et al.*, 2019).

Time series of dv/v below 0.5 Hz show systematic differences between component pairs involving the east component, which suggests insufficient wavefield randomization and hence weak scattering. Two main signals are identified in the nine-component averaged dv/v time series at frequencies above 0.5 Hz (Fig. 9a,b). The strongest signal at 1–5 Hz is likely associated with the stimulation. It evolves over a period of ~ 50 days. The velocity reduction appears to start during the first and second stimulation phase and has its maximum during the fourth phase before it recovers rapidly during the fifth phase. This is superimposed on the second—spurious—signal, the weekly periodicity, which is the strongest for the results obtained with the stretching method applied to surface station data. This weekly rhythm (Figs. 2f,g, and 9a) reflects the anthropogenic excitation pattern and the associated changes in the wavefield anatomy that is also reflected in the spectral power proxies. The ± 1 day stacking and the SVD-based Wiener filter average over the observed daily H and V variations.

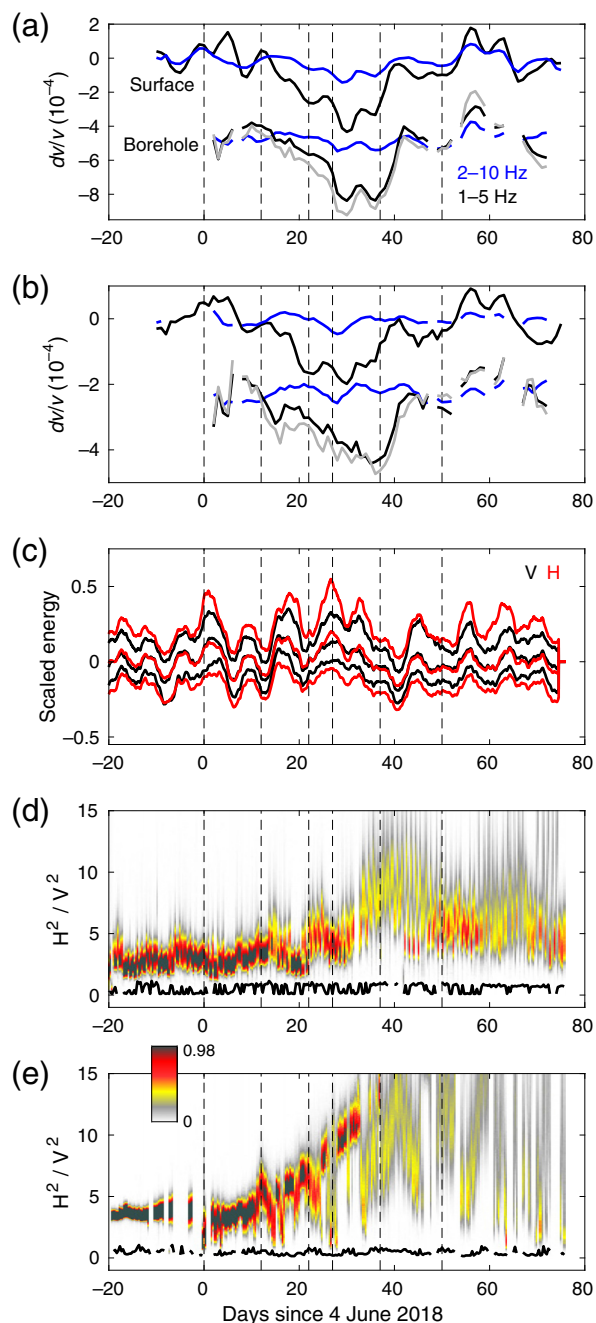


Figure 9. Frequency-dependent daily relative velocity change dv/v time series obtained with the (a) stretching and (b) moving window cross-spectral method. Surface and borehole average results are offset for clarity. Gray lines are the solutions omitting data from the OTRA station. (c) Low, medium, and high quantiles of daily vertical and horizontal-component energy estimates in the 1–5 Hz range. Data are averaged over all stations used in the dv/v analysis. Energy levels are on a log scale before the 100-day median was subtracted. (d,e) 1–5 Hz partition ratios H^2/V^2 at (d) surface and (e) borehole sensors. The distributions in (d,e) are from the HEL2 and OTRA stations. Black lines show the maximum likelihoods for data from the HEL3 and LEPP stations for comparison. The binary appearance is controlled by the bin width. The sampling frequency is two samples per day. Dashed lines indicate the five stimulation stages. The color version of this figure is available only in the electronic edition.

Several indicators imply that the significant dv/v change reflects the medium response to the stimulation. These indicators are that none of the visually inspected wind speed, temperature, precipitation, and atmospheric pressure records (not shown) suggest an external driving mechanism; in the 1–5 Hz range, the amplitude of the stimulation signal is significantly larger than the spurious weekly variations; the overall similarity of stretching- and MWCS-based results, and of results obtained with surface and borehole station data; the fact that the amplitude of the signal is larger at low frequencies, which suggests that the strongest medium change is not near the surface. The spectral power estimates do contain signatures of the induced seismicity (Fig. 9c), but the associated variations are not compatible with the observed dv/v pattern.

The overall stability of the H^2/V^2 marker observed at most stations also supports the inferred relation between the dv/v signal and medium changes. An interesting exception are the H^2/V^2 estimates at the OTRA borehole and HEL2 surface stations, which are both located next to the stimulation site (Fig. 1a). The ratios show very strong variations that are similar to the dv/v change pattern. However, the same dv/v time series are obtained if we exclude data from these stations, which implies that the velocity change estimates are not biased. In this case, the H^2/V^2 changes, too, reflect perturbations of the medium, compatible with the dv/v observations, where the strongly increasing H^2/V^2 ratio can be explained with an accumulating water content that reduces the P -wave speed, since $W_S/W_P \propto 2V_P^3/V_S^3$ (Shapiro *et al.*, 2000).

These results warrant an in-depth analysis including the imaging of the evolving medium changes using the full data set. The stimulation data and seismicity patterns can be used to calibrate modern imaging approaches based on scattered wavefields (Blondel *et al.*, 2018; Obermann *et al.*, 2019), but ultimately these techniques are expected to yield independent, complementary observations of the fluid–rock interactions that possibly unfold aseismically.

Conclusions

The development and acceptance of carbon-neutral deep geothermal energy exploration depends critically on a science-based safe implementation near the consumer. After magnitude limit-exceeding earthquakes prohibited the continuation of projects in several cases, the 2018 EGS stimulation in Espoo/Helsinki, southern Finland, constitutes an encouraging case that benefited from a combination of favorable geological and stress conditions and the application of a physics-based stimulation protocol (Kwiatk *et al.*, 2019). We discussed properties and data features of the network that covered the stimulation. An asset of the 2018 deployment is the combination of different network elements such as the borehole sensors, regional and local broadband and short-period surface stations, and various array configurations. Such network elements were used in previous experiments, but the simultaneous deployment around the

stimulation of an ~6-kilometer-deep competent bedrock unit now allow systematic resolution tests of established methods and signal processing tools that are typically not routinely applied in an EGS context. Our overview of results obtained from induced earthquake and ambient-noise analyses demonstrate the potential of the collected data set to underpin the application of diverse approaches for extensive research on the stimulation response. Key observations from our initial analyses include the dominant anthropogenic footprint in the data, the variable quality of array earthquake records compared to collocated borehole data, the reverse-faulting style of the largest events, the consistency of the *SH* radiation pattern with feedback from the population, the structural heterogeneity suggested by the beamformer outputs, surface- and body-wave propagation reconstructed from the ambient field, and the signatures in wavefield partitioning and in seismic-velocity change time series that reflect the medium response to the stimulation. The resolution power of these and pending results should inform future deployment strategies around natural laboratories in general, but particularly acquisitions throughout the Fennoscandian shield in the context of reservoir stimulation to maximize the operational and scientific gain from an EGS.

Data and Resources

Data from the 12 single borehole sensors have been transmitted to the Institute of Seismology at the University of Helsinki (ISUH) as part of a regulatory agreement with the city of Espoo. They have not been released to the public. Data from the 12-level vertical borehole array, the accelerometers, and the microphones are proprietary and cannot be released to the public. Seismograms from the Finnish National Seismic Network (FNSN), the stations in the surrounding countries, and the five temporary monitoring stations (HEL1–HEL5) are openly available and can be obtained by request. The 100 short-period sensors and the DATA-CUBE3 loggers were provided by the Geophysical Instrument Pool Potsdam (GIPP) under the Grant 201802. The standard GIPP moratorium period applies. The data can be accessed after 31 August 2022 from the GIPP repository (Hillers, Vuorinen, *et al.*, 2019). Technical information and software for translating the proprietary data format into MSeED are provided by the GIPP through its webpages. Some figures were made using the Generic Mapping Tools (Wessel *et al.*, 2013).

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