

Instrumental investigations

after the 6 April 2009 L'Aquila earthquake

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ABSTRACT

This work synthesizes the activities conducted in the field by the Milano-Pavia Department of INGV in the three months following the Mw 6.3 event occurred on 6 April 2009 at L'Aquila town (central Italy). The work has been carried out in three phases:
1) deployment of several strong-motion stations in order to record the strongest aftershocks in the near-field, in the days which followed the main event; 2) detection of local site effects in the framework of the C.A.S.E. project, to investigate the seismic response of the areas selected for the construction of the emergency residences for homeless people; 3) geophysical investigations as a contribution to the seismic microzonation for the post-emergency reconstruction in the municipalities with the highest degrees of damage.
Phases 2 and 3 had the aim of individuating the soil resonance frequencies through the empirical analysis of the ground motion, such as ambient noise and weak motion, recorded by temporary seismic stations.
The stations have been installed in sites with different lithologic and geomorphologic conditions, and a huge data set has been collected to investigate site effects. The instruments have worked from 7 April to 13 July 2009: recording 469 aftershocks in the local magnitude range 2.5 - 5.3.
The analysis carried out for Phases 2 and 3 was based on the spectral ratio techniques, using a single station (Nakamura technique, and Horizontal to Vertical Spectral Ratio (HVSr) of weak motions) or a reference station (Standard Spectral Ratio, SSR).
In the three phases the aftershocks have been recorded in 30 sites, corresponding to 25 localities inside the province of L'Aquila, using 11 seismic stations, 9 velocimetric sensors and 8 accelerometers. Finally 70 ambient noise measurements have been executed.



Fig.1.1 Installation Type

- All stations are installed in free field, near the urbanized areas
- The sensors are buried below 30 cm of soil
- The stations are powered with solar panels and synchronized with gps antenna. The seismic data are recorded in local memory card
- The instruments are sheltered in the watertight box

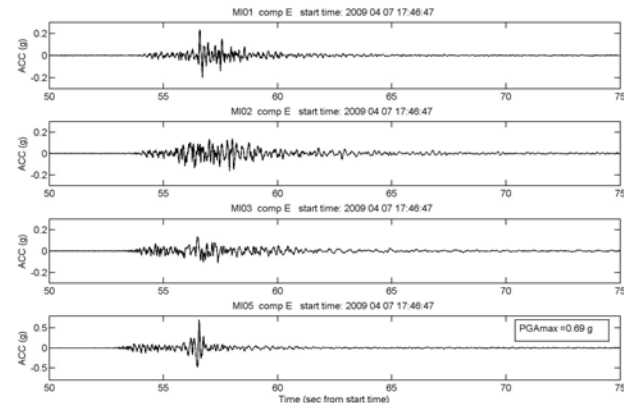


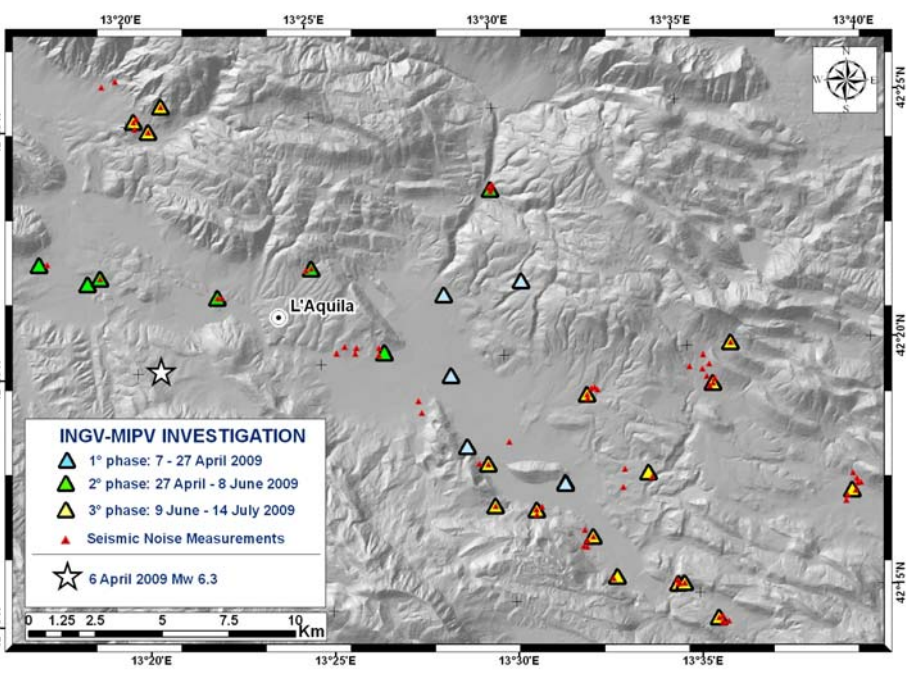
Fig.1.2 Strongest aftershocks recordings

The strong motion stations recorded all strongest aftershocks without saturation of the signal. The max Peak Ground Acceleration recorded is 0.69 g at 5.4 Km (epicentral distance) during 7 April 2009 MI 5.3 earthquake
Download the data: <http://rais.mi.ingv.it>

Phase 1

Deployment of several strong-motion stations in order to record the strongest aftershocks in the near-field, in the days after the main event. The instruments are installed near Municipalities with high degrees of damage: Onna, Paganica, Fossa, S. Eusanio Forconese

STA CODE	SITE	LONG	LAT	ELEV (m)	SENSOR 1	SENSOR 2	RECORDER	OWNER	DATA TYPE	PHASE
MI01	MI01	13.280	42.750	200	Velocimetric	Accelerometric	INGV	INGV	Strong Motion	1
MI02	MI02	13.280	42.750	200	Velocimetric	Accelerometric	INGV	INGV	Strong Motion	1
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Phase 2

Detection of local site effects in the framework of the C.A.S.E. project, to investigate the seismic response of the areas selected for the construction of the emergency residences for homeless people. The aim of investigation was to assess the soil resonance frequencies through the empirical analysis of the ground motion, such as ambient noise and weak motion, recorded by temporary seismic stations installed at free field site. The INGV-MIPV Department investigated 7 polygon area in the municipality of L'Aquila: Camarda, Bazzano, Sant'Antonio, San Giacomo, Sant'Elia, Sassa Zona Polivalente, Cese di Preturo.



Fig.2.1 Investigations in the San Giacomo area (L'Aquila).

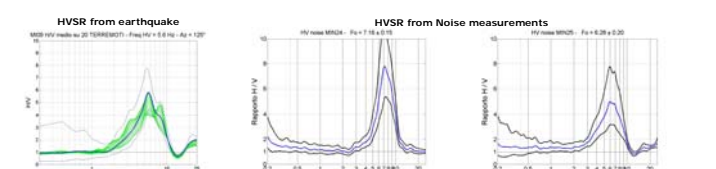


Fig.2.2 Results of empirical analysis (Horizontal to Vertical Spectral Ratio) in the San Giacomo area

Phase 3

Geophysical investigations as a contribution to the seismic microzonation for the post-emergency reconstruction in the municipalities with the highest degrees of damage. The stations have been installed in sites with different lithologic and geomorphologic conditions, and a huge data set has been collected to investigate site effects. The INGV-MIPV Department investigated 4 Macro Areas (13 municipalities): MA 4: Poggio Picenze, Barisciano, S. Pio delle Camere; MA 5: Onna; MA 6: Villa S. Angelo, Tussillo, S. Eusanio Forconese, Casentino, Fossa; MA 7: Arischia, S. Demetrio ne' Vestini, Stiffe, Vallecupa, Pedicciano



Fig.3.1 Investigations in the Villa S. Angelo municipality

The measurements are executed near urbanized area and in the "red area" of the maximum damage