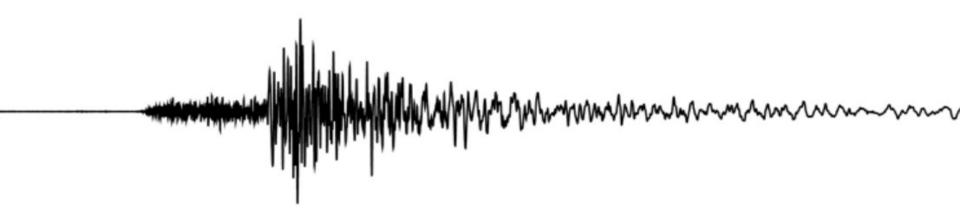




## Seismic Monitoring of Tailings Dams

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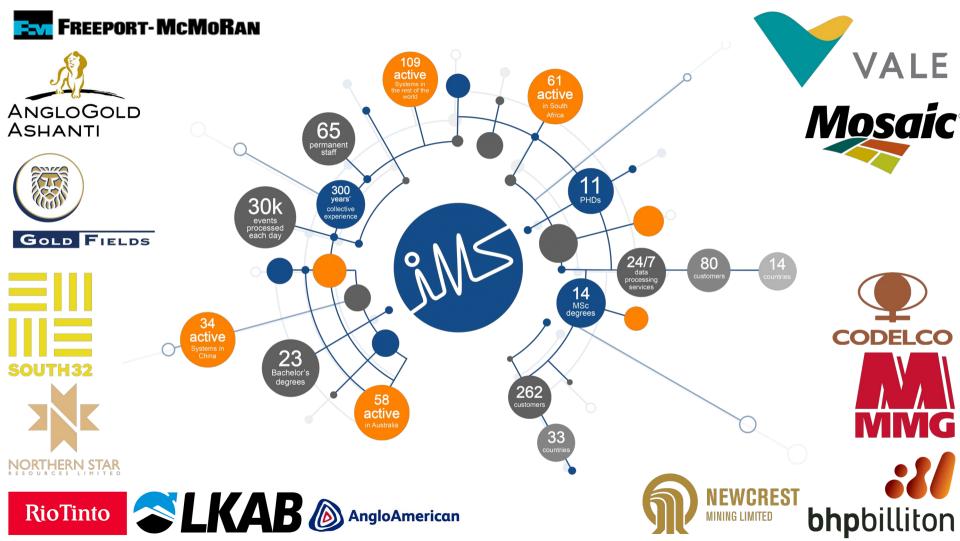




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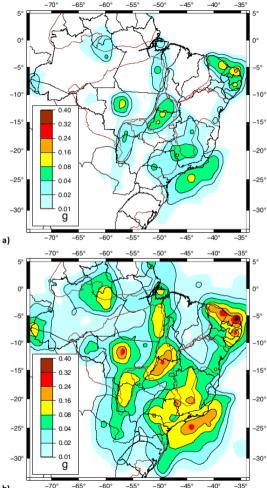


Fig. 7. Mapas de Ameaca Sísmica ("Seismic Hazard Maps") para aceleração de pico (PGA) em rocha, para probabilidades de 10% (a) e 2% (b) de excedência em 50 anos, correspondendo a períodos de retorno de 475 e 1475 anos, respectivamente. Cores são PGA em frações de g. Áreas verdes correspondem a PGA entre 4% e 8% g (equivalente a intensidades ~VI na escala Mercalli Modificada, podendo causar trincas em paredes), áreas amarelas entre 8% e 16% g (intensidades ~VII MM podendo causar rachaduras em paredes e desabamento de casas fracas).

Assumpção et. al., (2016)

#### **HOW IT WORKS** The pressure lubricates Increased water level the faults and decreases causes tremendous 1 friction of the rock pressure on faults at the surfaces beneath bottom of the dam This causes the faults to slip **O** Mettur Dam Yercaud Salem Q Tamil Nadu

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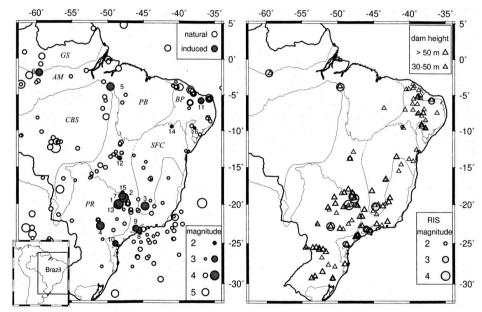
## **Reservoir Induced Earthquakes**

#### Reservoir-induced Seismicity in Brazil

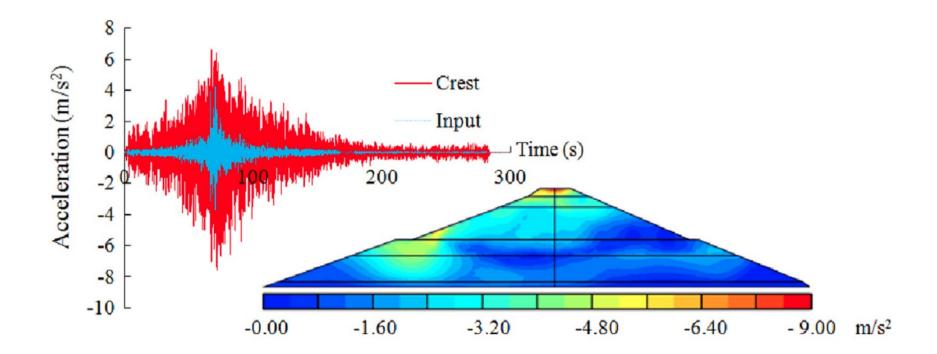
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Abstract—A compilation of 16 cases of reservoir-induced seismicity in Brazil is presented with maximum magnitudes ranging from 1.6  $M_L$  to 4.2  $m_b$ . The compilation includes: location of the main epicentral area with respect to the reservoir (inside the lake, at the margin, or outside), predominant geology, and the temporal distribution of the main phase(s) of activity (initial or delayed in relation to impoundment). Data on the regional stress field for some reservoirs is also included. Four recent cases are discussed in more detail: Tucuruí, Nova Ponte, Miranda, and Serra da Mesa. A comparison with all other reservoirs deeper than 30 m and 50 m suggests that the hazard for induced-seismicity varies within Brazil: the NE part of the intracratonic Paraná basin has higher hazard as compared with the southern part of the same basin. No correlation of the induced hazard with variations in natural seismicity can be observed.

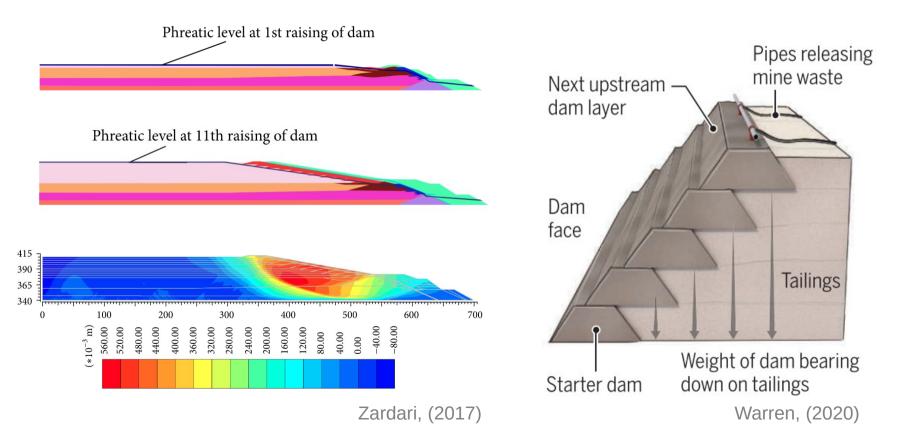
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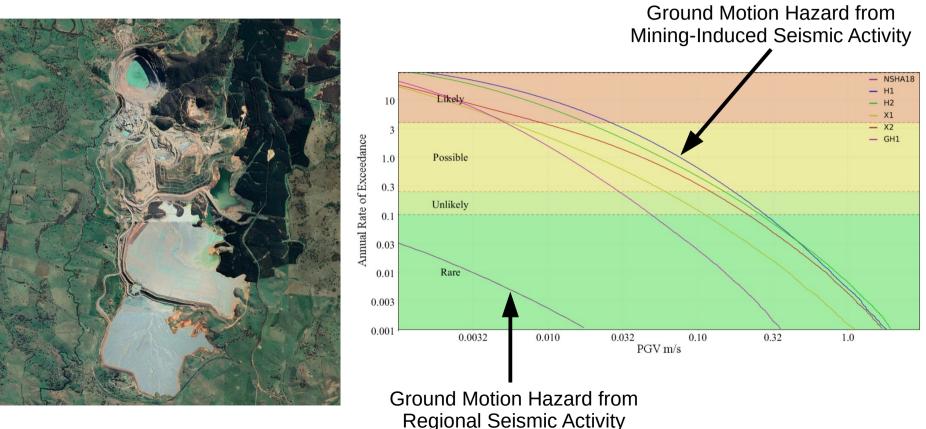
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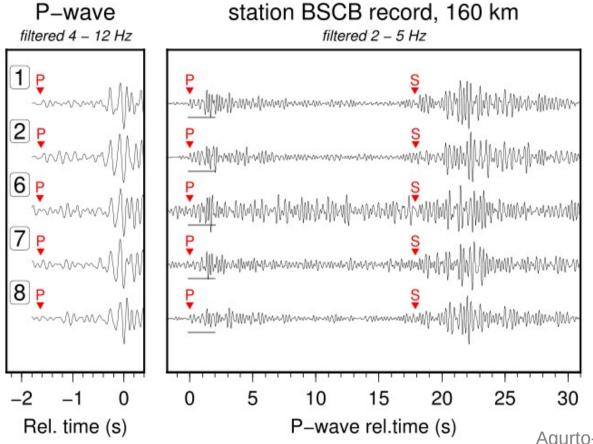
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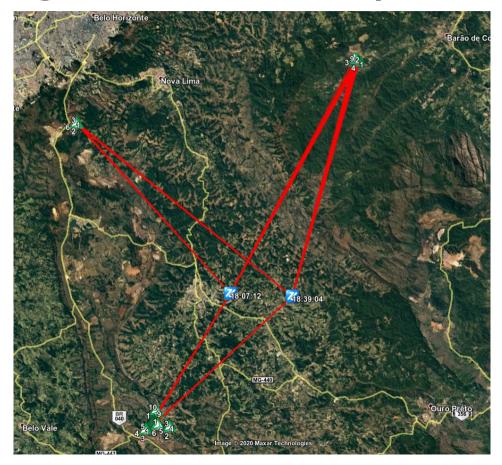
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## **Regional Earthquakes**



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## **Cross-correlation Location**

#### CCLoc—An Improved Interferometric Seismic Event Location Algorithm Applied to Induced Seismicity

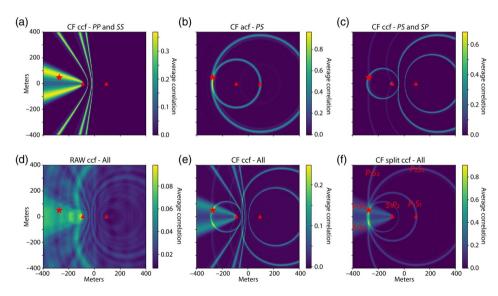
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#### Abstract

The amount of recorded seismic event data is rapidly growing, and manual processing by trained human experts to infer hypocenter, source parameters, and moment tensor solutions is therefore no longer feasible. Automated procedures are required to process data efficiently and include quality-control measures that allow for outlier detection. We present a modular cross-correlation location (CCLoc) algorithm for induced seismicity that uses cross correlations of either raw seismograms or characteristic functions derived from them followed by a reverse migration procedure. The novelty of this approach is the inclusion of cross pairs of P and S arrivals and the inclusion of autocorrelations, both of which add a distance constraint to the hypocenter estimation. The algorithm is modular in the sense that preprocessing can be tailored to specific data or task.

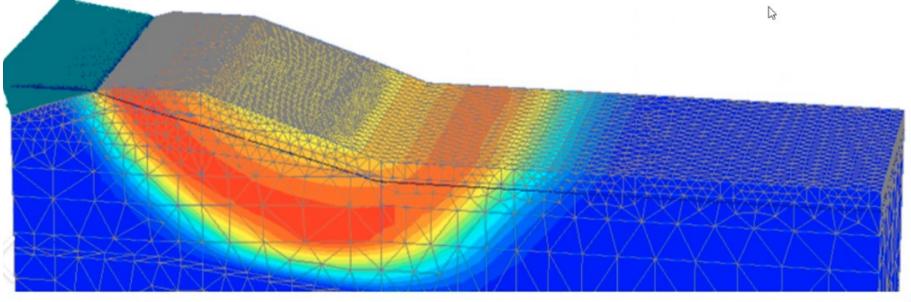
Nine months of seismic data from an underground hard-rock tin mine are processed in a fully automated mode using a machine-learning approach for seismic phase arrival detection and using the estimated arrival functions as input for CCLoc. Making use of the average cross-correlation value as a quality constraint, CCLoc can successfully infer source information on 92% of previously manually processed data. The accuracy of automatic processing is demonstrated by comparing hypocenter, source parameter, and moment tensor solutions between the two datasets. The algorithm will potentially aid the analysis of induced or other seismicity and is particularly well suited to use in the case of large numbers of seismic sensors recording many events.





# Velocity Model

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Braga, (2021)