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Abbreviations

I_0	Intensity at the epicentre
I_s	Intensity at site
PGA	P ea k G ro u nd A cceleration
PSA	P ea k S pectral A cceleration
PGV	P ea k G ro u nd V elocity

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A Data

	year	month	day	λ	θ	ϕ	I_{max}	depth	K	MLH	M_W	Length	F1.1	F1.2	F2.1	F2.2
1	1883	11	14	72.80	40.60	200	7	12	13.9	5.383	5.68	4.98	72.790	40.579	72.823	40.586
2	1885	8	2	74.10	42.70	250	9	15	15.6	6.182	6.20	11.43	74.034	42.682	74.155	42.668
3	1887	6	8	76.80	43.10	250	9	20	16.9	6.793	6.81	29.89	76.627	43.054	76.945	43.017
4	1889	7	11	78.40	43.20	250	9	40	18.5	7.545	7.55	97.54	77.837	43.049	78.872	42.929
5	1897	9	17	68.47	39.80	270	8	25	15.4	6.088	6.15	10.54	68.405	39.800	68.515	39.771
6	1902	12	16	72.30	40.80	270	9	9	15.6	6.182	6.20	11.43	72.232	40.800	72.353	40.768
7	1907	10	21	68.10	38.70	270	9	24	17.0	6.840	6.85	32.18	67.915	38.700	68.246	38.611
8	1911	1	3	76.90	42.90	250	10	25	17.8	7.216	7.22	58.14	76.566	42.810	77.180	42.739
9	1911	2	18	72.80	38.20	200	9	26	17.3	6.981	6.99	40.17	72.722	38.030	72.981	38.089
10	1924	7	12	73.20	40.60	270	8	14	15.6	6.182	6.20	11.43	73.132	40.600	73.253	40.568
11	1927	8	12	71.60	41.00	270	8	14	14.8	5.806	5.96	7.81	71.554	41.000	71.637	40.978
12	1932	12	24	78.20	42.80	250	6	23	14.0	5.430	5.71	5.23	78.170	42.792	78.225	42.786
13	1933	9	9	70.70	40.10	270	6	26	13.6	5.242	5.58	4.28	70.675	40.100	70.720	40.088
14	1937	12	18	70.90	42.10	270	7	25	15.6	6.182	6.20	11.43	70.831	42.100	70.955	42.068
15	1938	6	20	75.80	42.70	250	8	21	16.0	6.370	6.39	15.37	75.712	42.676	75.874	42.657
16	1941	4	20	70.50	39.20	270	9	8	15.6	6.182	6.20	11.43	70.434	39.200	70.552	39.168
17	1942	1	18	71.60	41.10	270	7	21	14.0	5.430	5.71	5.23	71.569	41.100	71.625	41.086
18	1946	11	2	72.00	41.90	270	9	25	17.0	6.840	6.85	32.18	71.806	41.900	72.153	41.811
19	1947	6	2	72.30	40.90	270	8	13	14.5	5.665	5.87	6.72	72.260	40.900	72.331	40.881
20	1948	7	28	75.40	41.40	250	7	6	13.6	5.242	5.58	4.28	75.376	41.393	75.420	41.388
21	1949	7	10	70.80	39.20	200	9	16	17.0	6.840	6.85	32.18	70.736	39.064	70.947	39.111
22	1954	12	3	74.80	41.40	250	7	15	14.0	5.430	5.71	5.23	74.771	41.392	74.825	41.386
23	1955	4	15	74.60	39.90	200	9	25	16.4	6.558	6.57	20.65	74.559	39.813	74.695	39.843
24	1957	5	8	74.60	41.60	250	6	7	13.0	4.960	5.39	3.17	74.582	41.595	74.615	41.591
25	1958	10	13	75.10	41.60	250	6	12	13.0	4.960	5.39	3.17	75.082	41.595	75.115	41.591
26	1959	7	12	72.80	41.70	270	6	14	12.9	4.913	5.36	3.02	72.782	41.700	72.814	41.692
27	1959	10	24	70.00	41.70	270	7	13	14.0	5.430	5.71	5.23	69.969	41.700	70.025	41.686
28	1960	12	18	78.40	42.30	250	6	17	12.8	4.866	5.33	2.87	78.384	42.296	78.414	42.292
29	1961	4	27	72.90	39.65	200	6	26	14.2	5.524	5.77	5.78	72.888	39.626	72.927	39.634
30	1962	9	3	73.10	40.93	270	7	20	14.0	5.430	5.71	5.23	73.069	40.933	73.125	40.919
31	1963	10	19	71.62	41.23	270	6	8	12.5	4.725	5.24	2.47	71.602	41.233	71.628	41.227
32	1965	3	17	69.37	40.80	270	7	12	13.0	4.960	5.39	3.17	69.348	40.800	69.381	40.791

year	month	day	λ	θ	ϕ	I_{max}	depth	K	MLH	M_W	Length	F1.1	F1.2	F2.1	F2.2	
33	1965	9	25	75.03	41.53	250	6	25	13.0	4.960	5.39	3.17	75.015	41.528	75.048	41.525
34	1965	10	18	77.55	41.97	250	6	15	13.0	4.960	5.39	3.17	77.532	41.962	77.565	41.958
35	1966	4	25	69.28	41.38	270	6	8	13.3	5.101	5.49	3.69	69.261	41.383	69.301	41.373
36	1966	4	30	71.80	41.10	270	6	20	13.6	5.242	5.58	4.28	71.774	41.100	71.820	41.088
37	1967	5	18	70.75	40.62	270	6	25	12.0	4.490	5.08	1.92	70.739	40.617	70.759	40.611
38	1967	9	28	79.70	42.10	250	6	18	13.5	5.195	5.55	4.07	79.677	42.094	79.719	42.089
39	1967	11	30	77.40	43.00	250	6	10	12.0	4.490	5.08	1.92	77.389	42.997	77.409	42.995
40	1968	3	20	75.07	41.15	250	6	17	12.6	4.772	5.27	2.60	75.052	41.146	75.079	41.143
41	1970	1	19	69.22	41.05	270	7	25	12.1	4.537	5.11	2.02	69.205	41.050	69.226	41.044
42	1970	6	5	78.73	42.52	250	8	15	15.6	6.182	6.20	11.43	78.668	42.499	78.788	42.485
43	1971	5	10	71.40	42.92	250	7	20	14.0	5.430	5.71	5.23	71.370	42.909	71.425	42.902
44	1971	10	28	72.25	41.95	270	6	17	14.0	5.430	5.71	5.23	72.218	41.950	72.275	41.936
45	1972	3	17	69.65	40.28	270	6	20	13.5	5.195	5.55	4.07	69.626	40.283	69.669	40.272
46	1974	1	22	71.90	40.20	270	7	24	12.7	4.819	5.30	2.73	71.884	40.200	71.913	40.192
47	1974	2	20	75.25	40.72	250	6	15	13.2	5.054	5.46	3.51	75.230	40.711	75.266	40.707
48	1974	7	2	75.32	42.23	250	6	15	12.9	4.913	5.36	3.02	75.299	42.229	75.331	42.225
49	1974	8	11	73.85	39.38	200	6	15	16.6	6.652	6.67	23.94	73.802	39.282	73.960	39.317
50	1975	2	12	78.80	43.30	250	6	10	13.0	4.960	5.39	3.17	78.782	43.295	78.815	43.291
51	1977	1	31	70.87	40.08	296	8	20	15.5	6.135	6.15	10.62	70.811	40.104	70.916	40.054
52	1977	6	3	71.82	40.00	128	6	15	14.2	5.524	5.77	5.78	71.843	39.984	71.843	39.984
53	1977	12	6	69.70	41.57	270	7	15	14.0	5.430	5.71	5.23	69.669	41.567	69.725	41.552
54	1978	3	24	78.58	42.88	270	8	22	15.6	6.182	6.20	11.43	78.513	42.883	78.639	42.852
55	1978	11	1	72.60	39.40	200	8	30	16.2	6.464	6.48	17.81	72.565	39.325	72.682	39.351
56	1979	4	6	77.43	41.97	121	6	25	13.5	5.195	5.55	4.07	77.454	41.957	77.453	41.955
57	1980	7	5	77.50	41.92	250	6	20	13.8	5.336	5.65	4.73	77.473	41.909	77.523	41.904
58	1980	12	11	69.05	41.33	270	7	10	13.5	5.195	5.55	4.07	69.026	41.333	69.069	41.322
59	1982	5	6	71.50	40.17	112	8	20	14.4	5.618	5.83	6.39	71.535	40.156	71.530	40.149
60	1982	12	31	77.37	42.87	274	6	15	13.6	5.242	5.58	4.28	77.340	42.868	77.387	42.855
61	1983	12	16	72.90	39.40	228	7	15	14.6	5.712	5.90	7.06	72.870	39.379	72.932	39.380
62	1983	12	21	77.25	42.07	250	6	20	12.5	4.725	5.24	2.47	77.236	42.063	77.262	42.060
63	1984	2	2	71.40	42.87	250	6	15	12.6	4.772	5.27	2.60	71.385	42.863	71.413	42.859
64	1984	2	17	71.02	40.85	240	8	10	14.1	5.477	5.74	5.50	70.988	40.838	71.042	40.835
65	1984	10	26	71.23	39.20	37	8	15	14.8	5.806	5.96	7.81	71.261	39.228	71.269	39.178
66	1985	4	27	71.12	40.85	103	8	15	12.8	4.866	5.33	2.87	71.133	40.847	71.130	40.842
67	1985	8	23	75.48	39.43	308	7	20	16.5	6.605	6.62	22.24	75.381	39.495	75.585	39.372
68	1985	10	13	69.80	40.30	48	8	10	14.8	5.806	5.96	7.81	69.834	40.323	69.836	40.278
69	1987	3	26	69.95	41.82	203	6	5	13.1	5.007	5.42	3.33	69.942	41.803	69.966	41.807
70	1988	3	13	75.47	42.10	250	6	7	12.6	4.772	5.27	2.60	75.452	42.096	75.479	42.093
71	1988	6	17	77.40	42.93	29	6	21	12.9	4.913	5.36	3.02	77.409	42.945	77.415	42.925
72	1988	12	21	72.32	41.23	270	6	10	12.9	4.913	5.36	3.02	72.299	41.233	72.331	41.225
73	1990	11	12	77.93	42.93	211	8	15	15.3	6.041	6.12	10.02	77.902	42.895	77.982	42.906
74	1992	5	15	72.42	41.10	270	8	10	15.3	6.041	6.12	10.02	72.357	41.100	72.464	41.072

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75	1992	8	19	73.63	42.07	250	10	25	17.0	6.840	6.85	32.18	73.451	42.017	73.787	41.978

TABLE 1: Data ([Dziewonski et al., 1981](#)) ([Ekström et al., 2012](#))

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