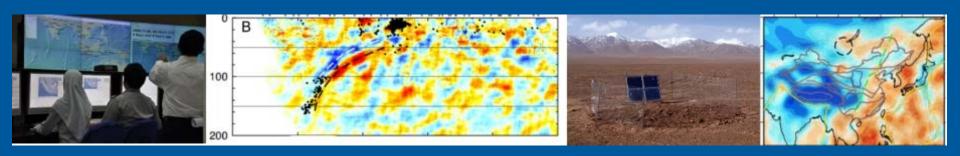
## Selecting an appropriate License for Open Data

### The GEOFON Experience

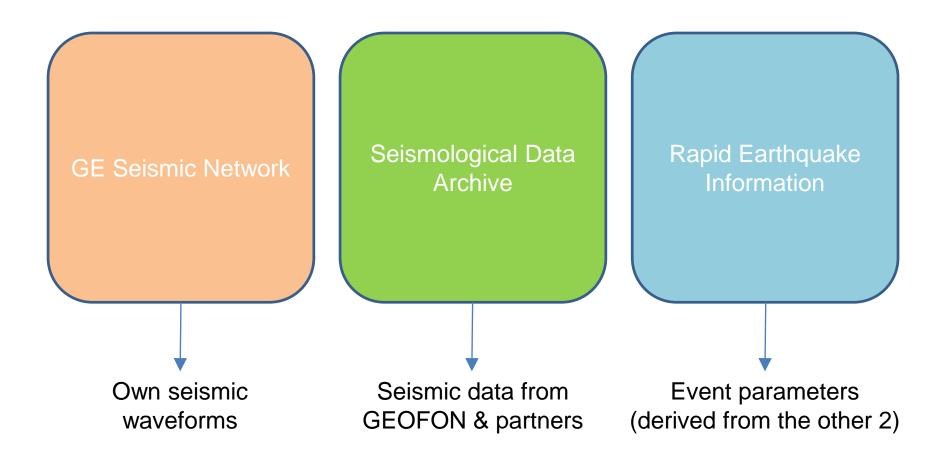


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#### Internal organization and data produced







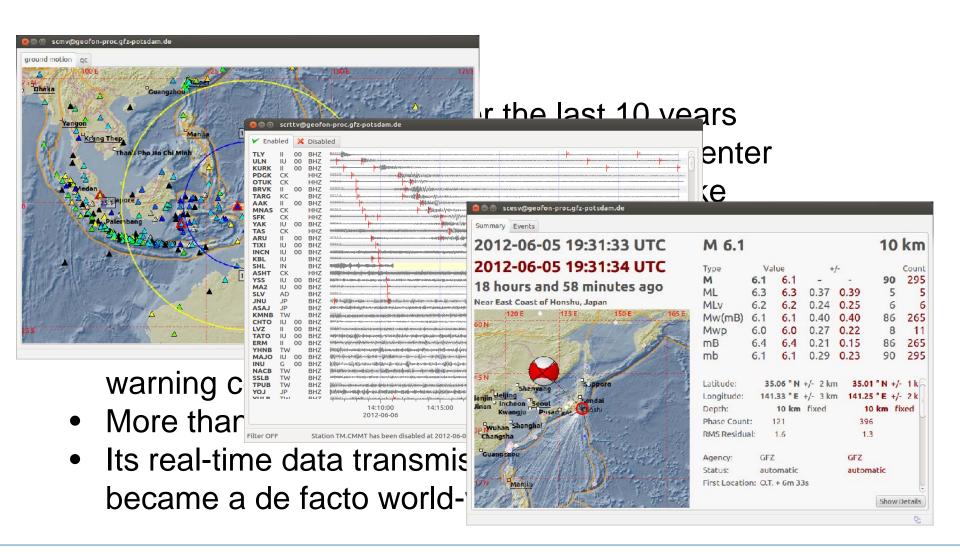
#### **Data or Services?**

- Archival of our own data as well as from partners.
- Fastest provider of event parametric data (created by us and derived from data from different sources).
- The automatic processes to generate these data (event parametric data) comes from in-house software SeisComP3 (open software).
- But... GEOFON has also the mandate of providing all these data by means of standard services.
- In summary, we offer:
  - Open data (own and from partners),
  - Open software,
  - Open services.





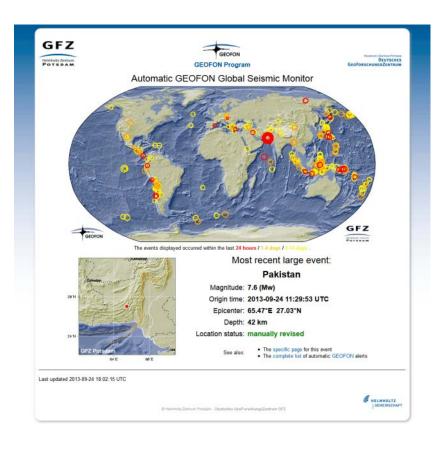
#### In-house software development (SeisComP3)







#### Rapid Earthquake Information





http://geofon.gfz-potsdam.de/eqinfo/seismon/globmon.php http://geofon.gfz-potsdam.de/eqinfo/list.php





#### Which License for which product?

- We are part of the EPOS project, in which there is a strong push to apply the CC-BY 4.0 License.
- Liability issues seem to be solved with this.
- But is this the best choice for us?
- And what about Open Data Commons?
- Are there any other options?





#### Doubts, a lot of doubts...

- How do I know whether a particular use of a database is restricted by sui generis database rights?
  - When a database is subject to sui generis database rights, extracting and reusing a substantial portion of the database contents is prohibited absent some express exception.
- Sui generis DB rights exist in only a few countries outside the European Union, such as Korea and Mexico. If you are using a CC-licensed DB in a location where those rights do not exist, you do not have to comply with license restrictions or conditions unless copyright (or some other licensed right) is implicated.





#### Doubts, a lot of doubts...

- If my use of a database is restricted by sui generis database rights, how do I comply with the license?
  - If the database is released under the current version (4.0) of CC licenses, you must attribute the licensor if you share a substantial portion of the database contents. The other requirements depend on the particular license applied to the database. Under the NC licenses, [...]. The ND licenses prohibit [...]. The SA licenses require you [...].





#### Doubts, a lot of doubts...

- Most of our practices are based on implicit agreements. Some common principles which we share in the scientific community (e.g. citation).
- What happen to us in the case that someone uses our software and data to establish a GEOFON v2?
  - We cannot keep track of the data usage.
  - Can we be sure about the attribution?
  - Could we loose our position of being a reference in the community? (the most unjustified and basic fear)
- And what if this someone is a big company outside from the academia? (e.g. Google?)





# Thanks for your attention and for the feedback! (in advance)



