OMAN SEISMOLOGICAL NETWORK DATA ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS

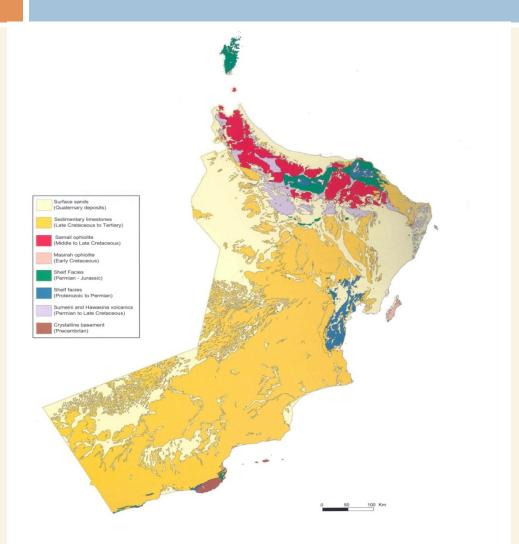
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Objectives

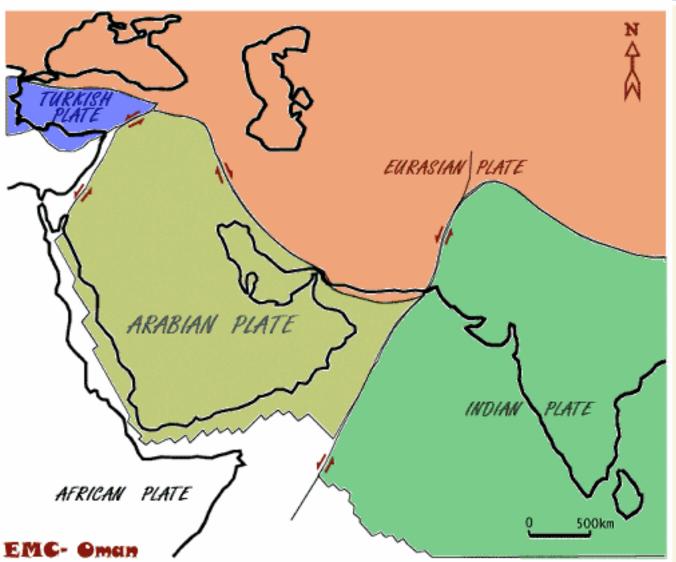
- □ The major objective is to assess the seismic hazard in the Sultanate through locating all seismic zones and determining their characteristics and effects on all types of projects.
- The center also aims at offering advice and consultations, conducting earthquake-related seminars and spreading knowledge to the public about earthquakes, and reducing their hazards.
- Advise government bodies on their programs of research, development and implementation.

Geological Setting in Oman



Oman is mainly characterized by Late cretaceous ophiolites (5-10km) and Deep oceanic or shallow marine sediments

Regional Tectonic of Oman



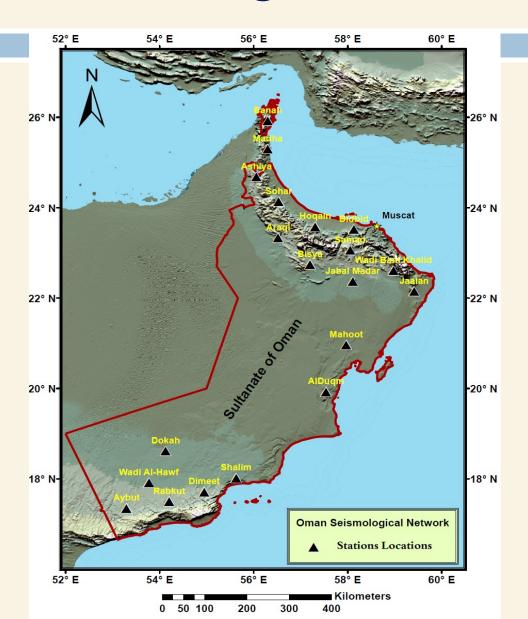
Oman is surrounded by major tectonic boundaries. Most of the earthquakes occur on Zagros Suture zone, Sea of Oman, Owen fracture zone and Gulf of Aden

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Site Selection

- Factors considered in the selection of site for seismic stations are:
 - Earthquake sources around Oman
 - Population and infrastructures
 - Station accessibility, hard-rock foundation, low seismic noise level etc
 - Station distribution
 - Communication links

Oman Seismological Network







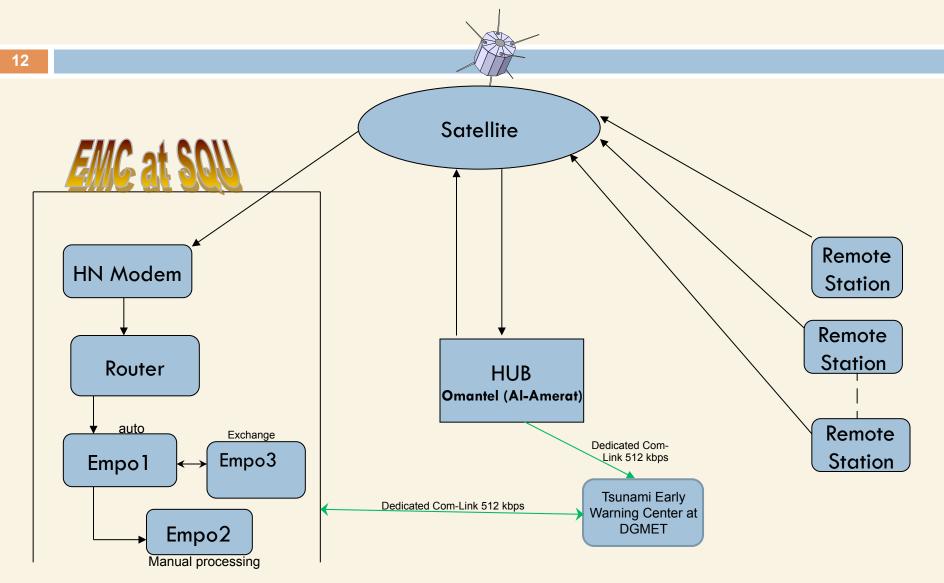




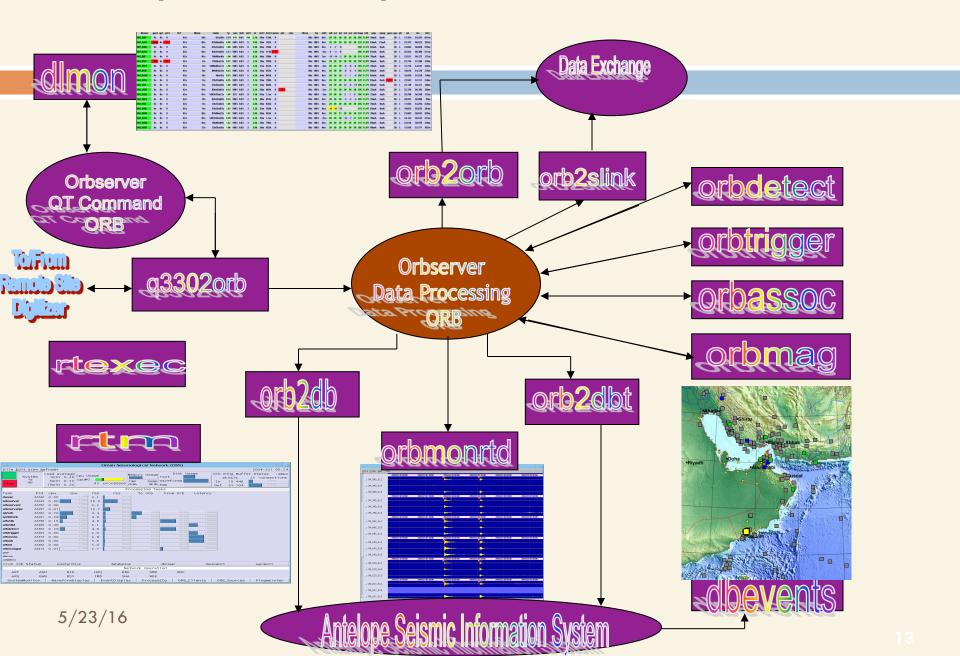
General View of Remote Stations



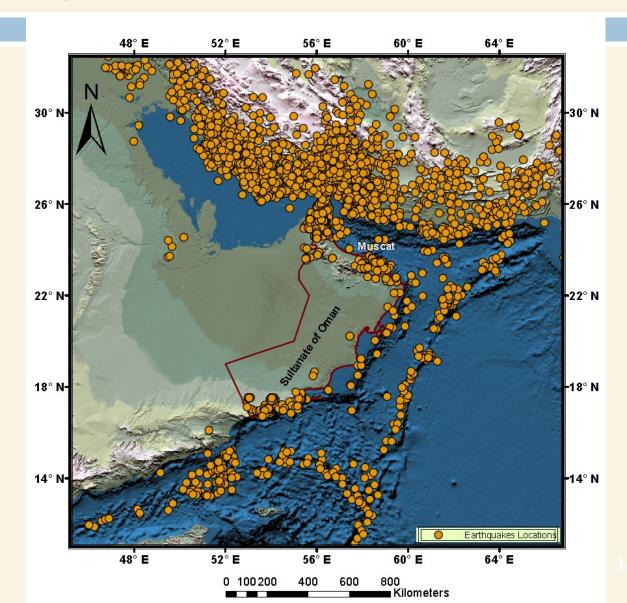
Communication System at EMC



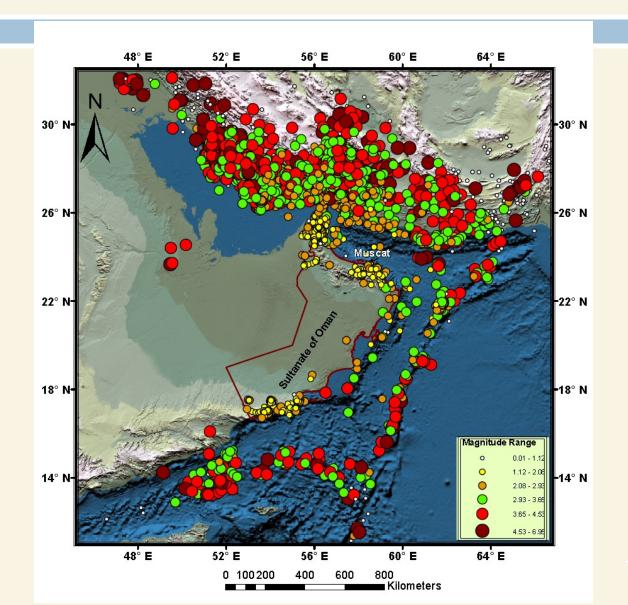
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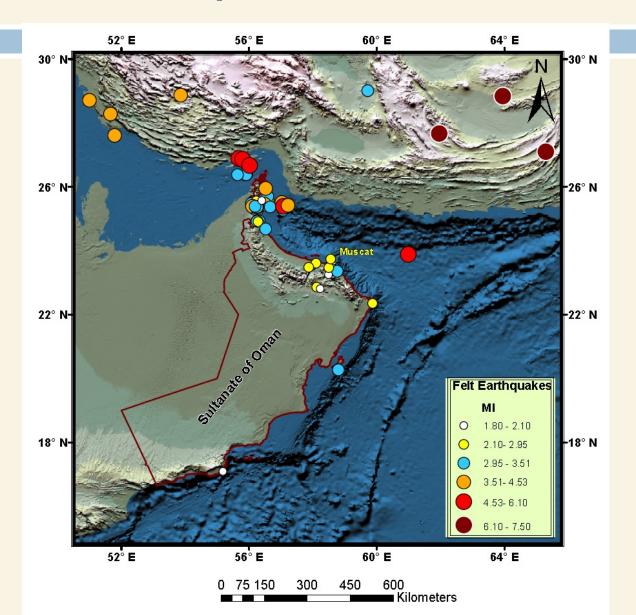
Seismicity 2011-2015



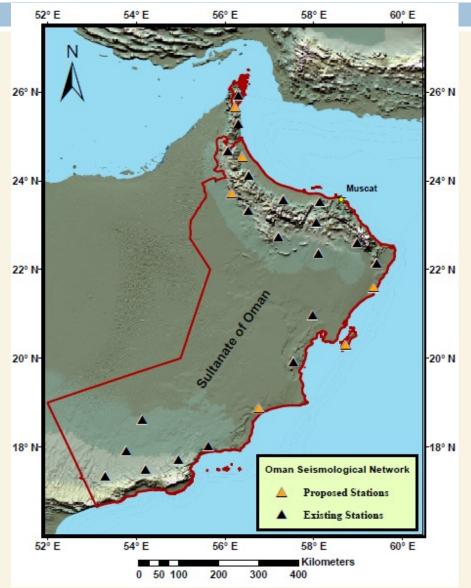
Seismicity 2011-2015 Illustrated according to Magnitude



Felt Earthquakes 2001-2015



Future Plans



Conclusions

- Data collected to date indicates the presence of a relatively low seismicity in southern Oman and moderate seismicity in northern Oman.
- The seismicity map indicates that many earthquakes occurred along Masirah fault. Thus, it can be concluded that Masirah fault is potentially active.
- Six broadband stations will be established in the near future to enhance the network coverage.

