# OMAN SEISMOLOGICAL NETWORK DATA ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS

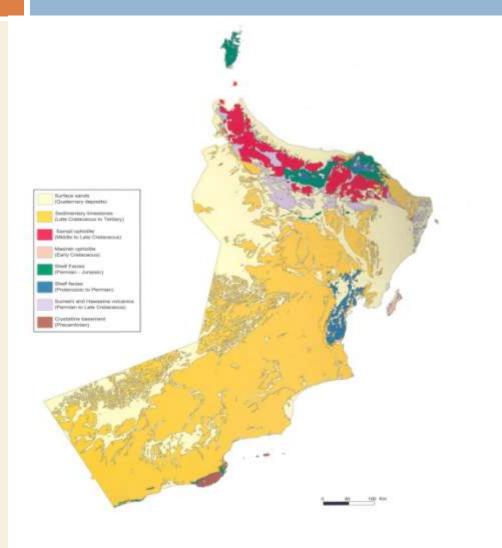
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## **Objectives**

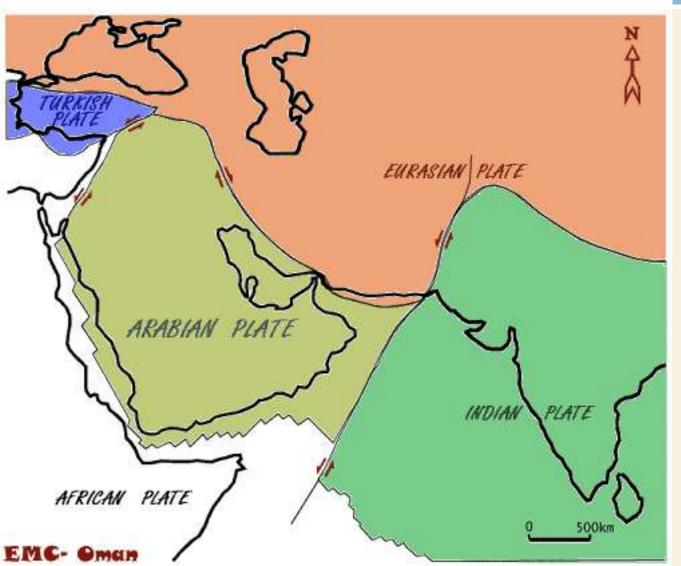
- □ The major objective is to assess the seismic hazard in the Sultanate through locating all seismic zones and determining their characteristics and effects on all types of projects.
- The center also aims at offering advice and consultations, conducting earthquake-related seminars and spreading knowledge 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



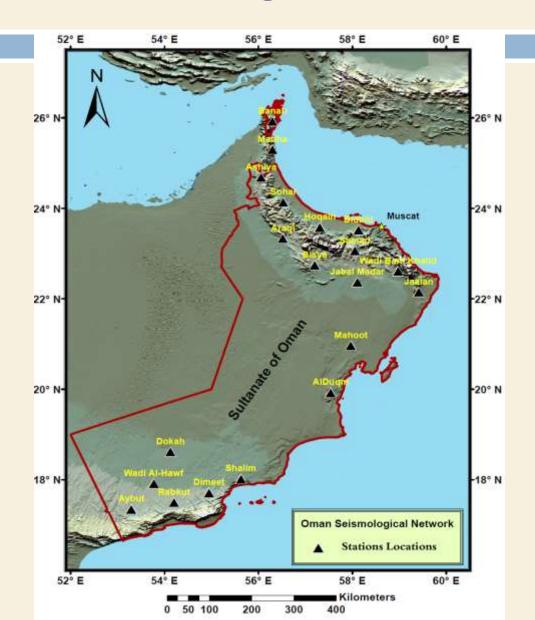
Oman is surrounded by major tectonic boundaries. Most of the earthquakes occur on Zagros Suture zone, Sea of Oman, Owen fracture zone and Gulf of Aden

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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**









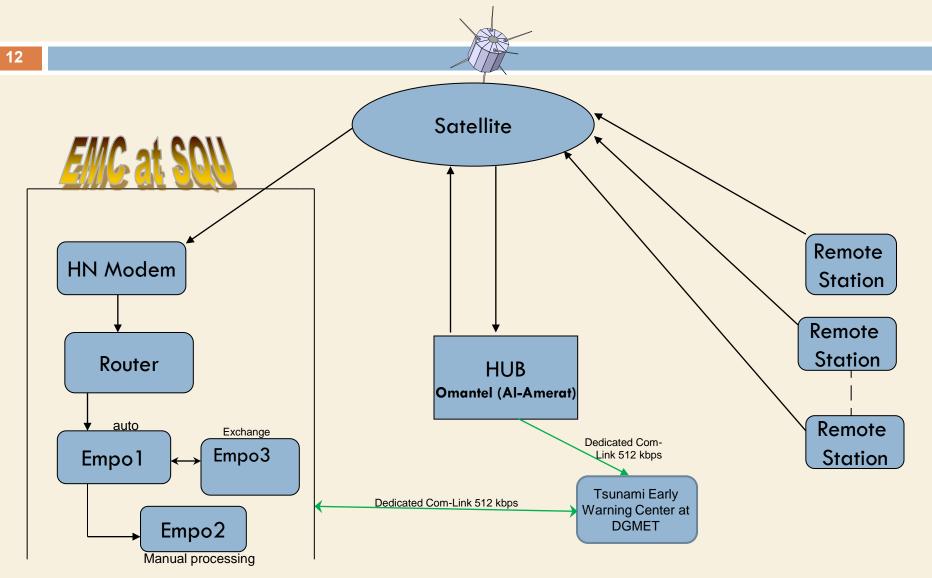


#### **General View of Remote Stations**

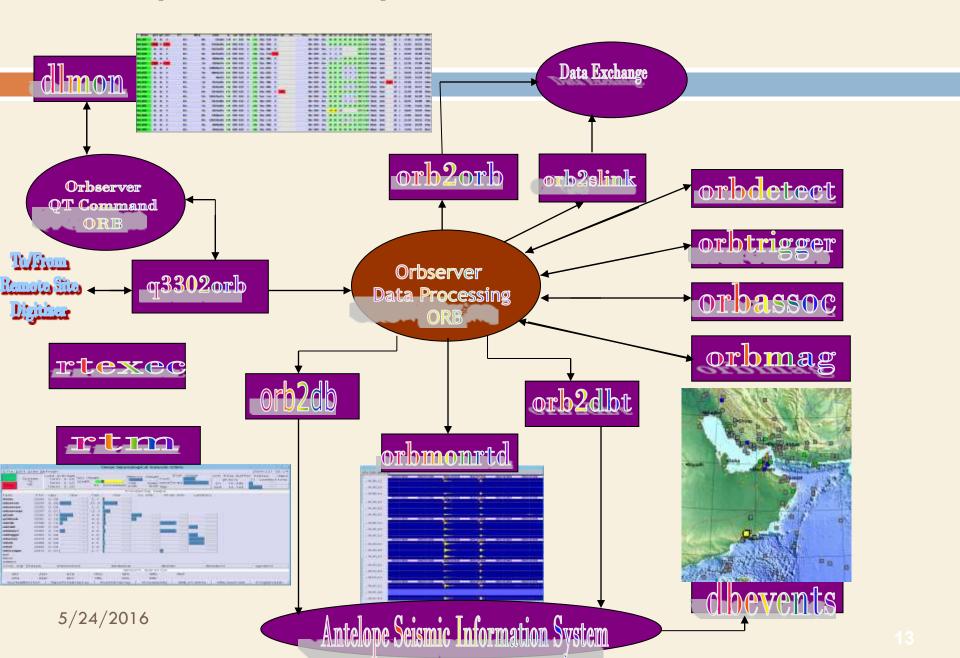


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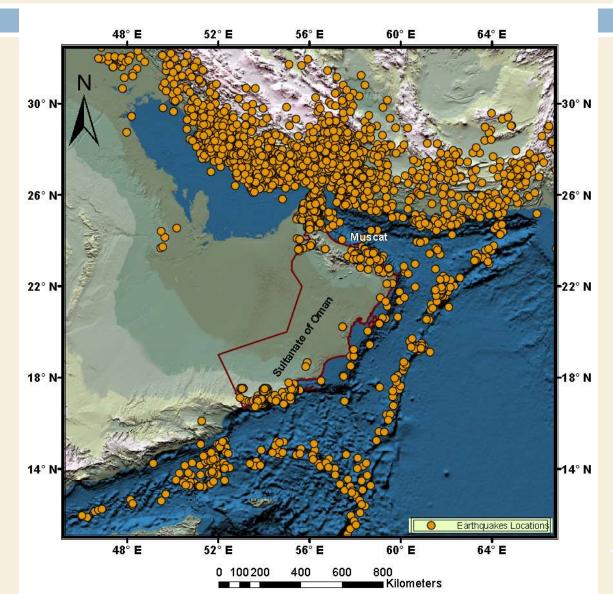
### **Communication System at EMC**



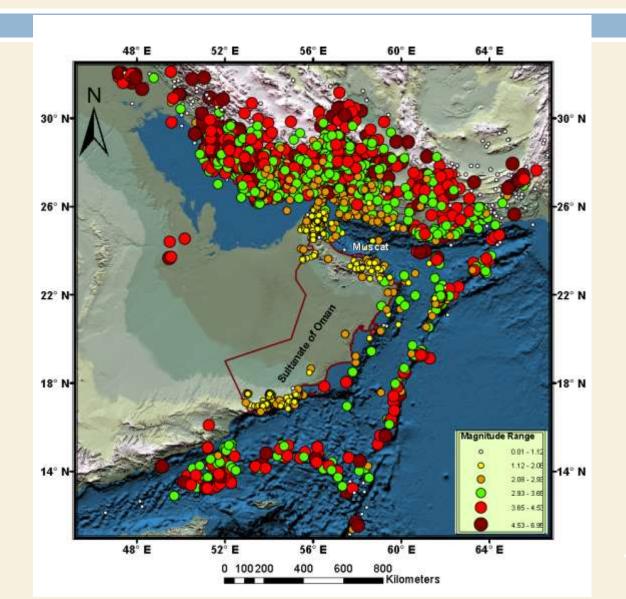
#### **Antelope Real Time System Data Flow**



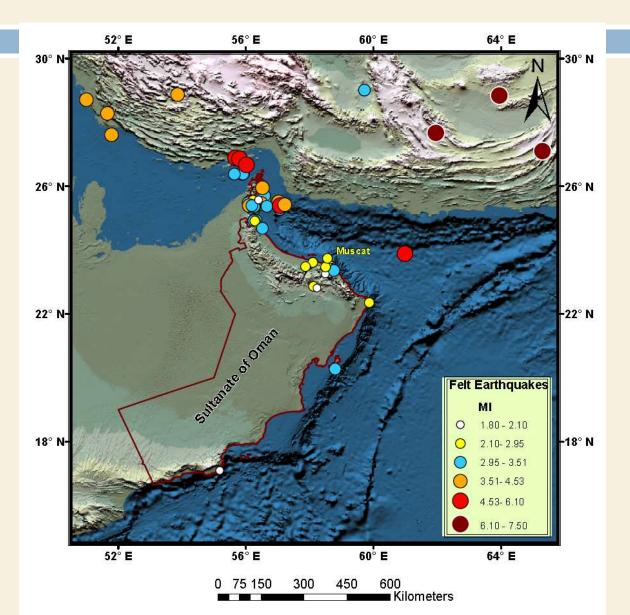
# **Seismicity 2011-2015**



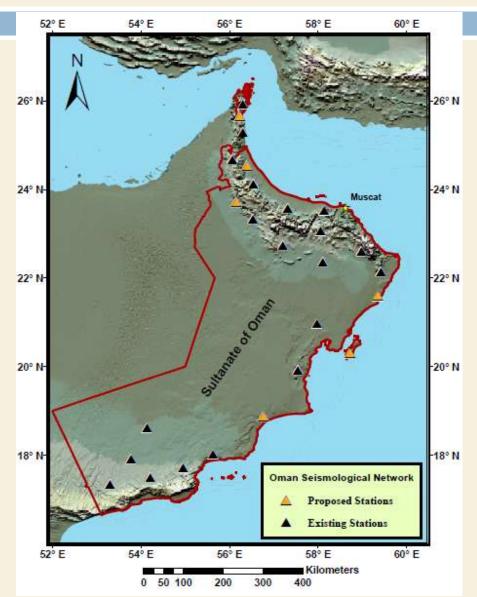
# Seismicity 2011-2015 Illustrated according to Magnitude



### 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.

