



Velocity imaging and monitoring based on seismic noise What some studies don't tell

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Aki in 1957 proposed the analysis of ambient seismic noise as a tool for investigating the S-wave velocity structure below a site.

This S-wave velocity structure can be used to calculate the site response by numerical simulations. He derived dispersion curves by analyzing the correlation between noise recordings made at sites close to each other.

#### 22. Space and Time Spectra of Stationary Stochastic Waves, with Special Reference to Microtremors.

By Keiiti Akı,

Earthquake Research Institute. (Read May 28, 1957.—Received June 30, 1957.)



The theory of noise in continous media Carl Eckart

However, although most popular, Aki was not the first one.

It has been known since the 1950s that surface wave information can be extracted from ambient seismic noise using correlation techniques (Eckart 1953, Akamatu 1956, Tomoda 1956).

JOURNAL OF PHYSICS OF THE EARTH, VOL. 4, NO. 2, 1956.

A Simple Method for Calculating the Correlation Coefficients.

By

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TOMODA's Method for Calculating the Correlation Coefficients as Applied to Microtremor Analysis.

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#### In particular, Aki was aware of this fact.

It is well known that the characteristics of the ground are reflected more or less in its vibration whatever the origin of the vibration may be. This fact was noticed early in the beginning of this century by K. Sekiya and F. Omori who made a comparative study of seismograms recorded at Hongo and Hitotsubashi, both in Tokyo. Later, many Japanese seismologists studied ground vibrations from the view point of frequency spectrum. Among them, M. Ishimoto<sup>9</sup> (1937) made a systematic study both of vibrations due to earthquakes and of the background tremors, and proposed a hypothesis that the predominant period of vibration due to earthquakes coincides with that of the background tremors.

Though some negative results against the above hypothesis have been obtained by P. Byerly<sup>7)</sup> (1947) and by K. Aki<sup>8)</sup> (1955), the spectral study of the background tremors was succeeded in by various authors.

Y. Tomoda and K. Aki<sup>9)</sup> (1952) made a frequency analysis by the use of a spectrometer, and confirmed the fact that vibrations having frequencies higher than 1 c/s are due to traffic. K. Kanai, T. Tanaka and K. Osada<sup>10)</sup> (1954) made an extensive study and showed that the form of the spectral distribution of microtremors coincides with that of earthquake motions, and that it depends on the geology of the place. K. Akamatu<sup>11)</sup> (1956) investigated the tremors observed at Hongo in more detail from the view point of correlograms in space and time.



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Those studies have been primarily concerned with the spectrum of waves in time, while the spectrum in space has not yet attracted due attentions. The recent study by K. Akamatsu<sup>1)</sup> (1956) of the autocorrelation of microtremor waves in space is among the few made on the latter subject. She has made clear the spatial character of vibration of the ground. The process for obtaining the spatial autocorrelation coefficient, however, consists of troublesome steps such as simultanous recordings of vibrations at several points, readings of the recorded amplitudes, and computations of the autocorrelation coefficient among the waves to be studied. In order to secure rapidness and efficiency of measurments in the study of this kind, K. Aki<sup>2)</sup> (1956) built a simple automatic computer by which the computation of spatial autocorrelation coefficients can be made without following individual steps stated above.



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In the study of waves from

the viewpoint of "phases", the recording of vibration is essential for identifying the phases and for reading travel times. In our method, on the other hand, what we need is not the original record, but the result of the above described operations applied to them. Those operations may be carried out manually, but it should be emphasized that the troublesome labours involved in the manual operations make the application of our method practically impossible. The present study has been made possible by the automation of the operations. In fact, the theoretical studies given in Chapter 1 were initiated after the completion of a correlation computer in our laboratory, though the use of filters in our method was based on the theoretical results.



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# Important remarks on the importance of the chosen seismometer

tremors is 1/10 second. Of course, not only the pulse interval but also the frequency range of the resonator and the characteristics of the seismometers should be appropriate to the spectral nature of the waves concerned. The whole apparatus designed for microtremors will be ap-

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# Suitability of Short-Period Sensors for Retrieving Reliable H/V Peaks for Frequencies Less Than 1 Hz

by A. Strollo, S. Parolai, K.-H. Jäckel, S. Marzorati, and D. Bindi





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Important remarks on the importance of the duration of selected signal

As far as we are concerned with almost perfectly stationary waves, that is waves having sufficiently long durations that we can, not only obtain the correlation coefficients from large samples, but also repeat the measurement several times under the same circumstances, we need only one set of apparatus, i.e. a pair of seismometers, a pair of filters, and one correlation computer. There is, however, another important

Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, Vol. 95, No. 5, pp. 1779–1786, October 2005, doi: 10.1785/0120040152

Statistical Analysis of Noise Horizontal-to-Vertical Spectral Ratios (HVSR)

by Matteo Picozzi, Stefano Parolai, and Dario Albarello



# Composition of the noise wavefield

# Microseisms: Mode Structure and Sources

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Science 23 Feb 1968:



At 0.2 Hz, phase velocity is around 3.5 km/h  $\rightarrow$  1st or 2nd higher mode Rayleigh waves

At 0.3 Hz, there are two distinct velocities corresponding to Rayleigh waves and P waves

Between 0.4 and 0.6 Hz only P wave velocities can be observed.



# Composition of the noise wavefield

Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America. Vol. 57, No. 1, pp. 55-81. February, 1967

SHORT-PERIOD SEISMIC NOISE

By E. J. Douze

Comparing Fourier spectra amplitudes with theoretical values for Rayleigh and P waves



FIG. 2. Deep-hole (5200 m) vertical noise spectrum divided by surface noise spectrum. Theoretical amplitudes are included. FO-TX 300 sec sample, 10 samples/sec, 5 per cent lags.



# Composition of the wavefield

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# H/V ratio: a tool for site effects evaluation. Results from 1-D noise simulations

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Relative portion of Rayleigh and body waves is linked to the distribution of noise sources

Deep sources  $\rightarrow$  only non-dispersive body waves

Surface sources  $\rightarrow$  if distant, then mixture of Rayleigh and body waves if close, then mainly fundamental mode Rayleigh waves



# H/V spectral ratio

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Procedure for calculating the correlation coefficient proposed by Aki in 1957

In the method due to Tomoda, the original stochastic variable is replaced by +1 when it is above the mean value, and by -1 when it is below the mean value. Then the computation of the correlation coefficient in the ordinary way is applied to the resultant series of +1and -1. If this value obtained is r, the true correlation coefficient  $\rho$ is deduced by the following formula,

$$\rho = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} r$$
.

Since the mean value of the deflection of a seimometer pendulum can be assumed as zero, we can write the above r in the form,

$$r = \frac{n_{+} - n_{-}}{n_{+} + n_{-}}$$

where  $n_{+}$  is the number of sample pairs for which the deflection of one of the seismometers has the same sign as that of the other, while  $n_{-}$ is the number of sample pairs for which their signs are opposite.

This simplified method was applied to seismograms in a correlogram analysis by Aki<sup>+)</sup> (1956) which proved its effectiveness.



Fig. 4. Process of computation shown schematically,

- a) pulses from a pulse generator,
- b) signal from the seismometer 1,
- c) and d) pulses which exist when the signal from S1 is positive,
- e) signal from the seismometer 2,
- f) and g) pulses which exist when the signals from both seismometers are both positive.



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# The one bit normalisation has a long history...

Processing ambient noise for surface wave dispersion 3 Phase 1: Remove instrument response, remove mean, remove Raw data trend, band-pass filter, and cut to length of 1-day Apply time domain Apply spectral whitening  $\rightarrow$ normalization Phase 2: Stack day-correlations to Compute desired number of days cross-correlation Phase 3: Measure group and/or phase velocity Phase 4: Selection of acceptable Error analysis measurements

Figure 2. Schematic representation of the data processing scheme. Phase 1 (described in Section 2 of the paper) shows the steps involved in preparing single-station data prior to cross-correlation. Phase 2 (Section 3) outlines the cross-correlation procedure and stacking. Phase 3 (Section 4) includes dispersion measurement and Phase 4 (Section 5) the error analysis and data selection process.

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Assumption: Seismic noise represents the sum of all waves propagating in a horizontal plane in different directions with different powers but with the same phase velocity for a given frequency.

Waves with different propagation directions and different frequencies are statistically independent.

Plane waves with no attenuation

A spatial correlation function can therefore be defined as

$$\phi(r,\lambda) = \langle u(x,y,t)(x+r\cos(\lambda),y+r\sin(\lambda),t) \rangle$$
<sup>(1)</sup>

u(x, y, t) is the velocity observed at point (x, y) at time tr is the inter-station distance  $\lambda$  is the azimuth < > denotes the ensemble average



Aki (1957):

We shall now proceed to the case of dispersive waves, and show that Eq. (15) obtained above holds also in this case without any modification except the substitution of the function  $c(\omega)$  of frequency  $\omega$  for the constant velocity c. For this, we notice that if we take  $\Delta \rho_n$  as constant for all n, the interval  $\Delta \omega_n$  between consecutive  $\omega_n$  is no longer constant in the dispersive case and varies with n. Then we may write

$$\Delta \omega_n = \left(\frac{d\omega}{d\rho}\right)_n \Delta \rho_n \,. \tag{16}$$

The equation corresponding to Eq. (14) is now written as

$$\Phi(\omega) = \frac{|G(\omega/c)|^2}{d\omega/d\rho} \,. \tag{17}$$

Introducing of this into Eq. (10) yields the final formula,

$$\phi(\xi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(\omega/c)|^2 \exp\left(\frac{i\omega}{c(\omega)}\xi\right) \frac{d\rho}{d\omega} d\omega$$
$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \Phi(\omega) \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{c(\omega)}\xi\right) d\omega$$
(18)



An azimutal average of this function is given by

$$\phi(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} \phi(r, \lambda) d\lambda$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The autocorrelation function is related to the power spectrum  $\phi(\omega)$  by

$$\phi(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \phi(\omega) J_{0}\left(\frac{\omega r}{c(\omega)}\right) d\omega$$
(3)

 $J_0$  ( $\omega$ r/c( $\omega$ )) is the zeroth order Bessel function c( $\omega$ ) is the frequency-dependent phase velocity



The space-correlation function for one angular frequency  $\omega_0$ , normalized to the power spectrum, will be of the form

$$\phi(r,\omega_o) = J_0\left(\frac{\omega_0}{c(\omega_0)}r\right) \tag{4}$$

 $J_0$  is the zero order Bessel function.  $c(\omega)$  is the frequency-dependent phase velocity

In this way, the averaged coherencies yield a purely real number; all phase data are lost, and scalar wave velocity is extracted from the amplitude of JO.



For every couple of stations (fixed distance r) the function  $\phi(\omega)$  can be calculated in the frequency domain by means of (Malagnini et al. 1993; Ohori et al. 2002; Okada 2003):

$$\phi(\omega) = \frac{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \operatorname{Re}\left(_{m} S_{jn}(\omega)\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} {}_{m} S_{jj}(\omega) \sum_{m=1}^{M} {}_{m} S_{nn}(\omega)}}$$
(5)

 ${}_{m}S_{jn}$  is the cross-spectrum for the *m*-th segment of data between the *j*-th and the *n*-th station

*M* is the total number of used segments.

The power spectra of the *m*-th segment at station *j* and station *n* are  ${}_{m}S_{jj}$  and  ${}_{m}S_{nn}$ , respectively.



Spatial correlation values  $\phi(\omega)$  are plotted as function of distance. A grid search procedure is applied to find the  $c(\omega)$  that gives the best fit to the data



High frequencies lose coherency at

shorter distances 1.0 0.5 f (r) 0.0 used -0.5 discarded 0 2.502 Hz 0.903 Hz 1.501 Hz 3.503 Hz fit -1.0 200 150 200 0 50 100 150 0 50 100 150 200 0 50 100 150 0 50 100 200 Dist. [m] Dist. [m] Dist. [m] Dist. [m] 1.0 rms err. 0.5 0.0 1000 2000 3000 2000 3000 0 1000 2000 3000 0 1000 2000 3000 0 0 1000 Phase vel. [m/s] Phase vel. [m/s] Phase vel. [m/s] Phase vel. [m/s]

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$$\phi(r,\omega_o) = J_0\left(\frac{\omega_0}{c(\omega_0)}r\right)$$

The azimuthally averaged coherencies yield a purely real number, meaning that all phase data are lost, and scalar wave velocity is extracted from the amplitude of JO.

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The process of modeling SPAC can also be expressed as a summation of complex coherencies each having amplitude unity, with phase given by

$$c_{jc}(f) = \exp\{ir_{jc}k\cos(\theta_{jc} - \phi)\}\$$

where  $c_{ic}(f)$  is a coherency measured by a single pair of geophones.

 $r_{jc}$  is the displacement of the j-th geophone relative to the center at azimuthal angle *jc* 

k is the spatial wavenumber at frequency f



(3) In the case of a two dimensional wave having a single velocity and being not polarized, a one to one correspondence is found between the azimuthally averaged spatial autocorrelation function

$$\overline{\phi}(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \phi(r, \psi) d\psi$$

and the spectrum density  $\Phi(\omega)$  in time as follows,

$$\varphi(\omega) = \frac{\pi \omega}{c^2} \int_0^\infty \overline{\phi}(r) J_0\left(\frac{\omega}{c}r\right) r dr , \qquad (38)$$

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$$\overline{\phi}(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \varphi(\omega) J_{0}\left(\frac{\omega}{c}r\right) d\omega .$$
(39)



c)

Azim ave coherency

1.0

0.5

0.0

-0

0

Using seismic noise to estimate the characteristics of a site

 $c_{ic}(f) = \exp\{ir_{ic}k\cos(\theta_{ic} - \phi)\}\$ 



10 15 20 5 Frequency (Hz). Radius = 22 r1. Std dev = 0.109



10 k r

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Aki states "calculating the spatially averaged correlation function ... for a certain interstation distance"





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Fig. 9. Map showing lines of measurement.

Common misinterpretation: fixed interstation distance, i.e. circular arrays

Google	"spatial autocorrelation" "circular"
Scholar	About 315 results (0.04 sec)
All citations Articles	Space and time spectra of stationary stochastic waves, with special reference to microtremors Search within citing articles





Fig. 9. Map showing lines of measurement.

Fig. 10 shows the autocorrelation coefficients measured along the lines B, C, D, and E in Fig. 9. In this measurement, horizontal seismometers having the frequency of 10 c/s are used and filtration is not



Fig. 10. Autocorrelation coefficients for various directions.

applied. Since the curves in the figure differ only slightly from one another, we may regard the microtremor as being propagated in every direction, each with almost uniform power. Thus it may be allowed to replace the azimuthally averaged autocorrelation function by the

autocorrelation function taken along any line having an arbitrary azimuthal angle. (See Section 8, Chapter 1.)



Toksöz (1964) — → He also concluded that there was no way of improving the results by the use of special arrays because, according to him, there were two unknown parameters, direction and phase velocity, and without the knowledge of one the other cannot be found. I thought this problem was already solved in my paper (Aki, 1957), in which a statistical theory of determining the phase velocity of random waves was given with a successful application to microseisms in Tokyo in the frequency range of 5 to 15 cps. Since Toksöz's conclusion might have given a pessimistic view on the use of microseisms, I feel it is necessary to report a brief summary of my old paper published in a Japanese journal which might not be well circulated in the United States.



Observed and calculated spatial correlation values  $\phi(\omega)$  for all the considered frequencies





The  $c(\omega)$  values plotted versus the frequency provide the dispersion curve. Since the phase velocity is related to the S-wave velocity structure of the site, the dispersion curve can be inverted to obtain a 1D model of the velocity structure.

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As discussed by Aki, the SPAC equations dervied for the analysis of the vertical component of ground motion can, in principle, be adapted also for the analysis of the horizontal components, with the aim of extracting the phase velocities of both Rayleigh and Love waves.

Similar equations to components.

$$\overline{\rho}(r, \omega_0) = J_o\left(\frac{\omega_0}{c(\omega_0)}r\right)$$

can be derived for the radial and tangential

In the study of horizontal motion, we may set the direction of seismograph displacement parallel to the direction connecting the seismograph pair or perpendicular to it. In the former case, the space-correlation function between the pair will take the form

$$J_o\left(\frac{\omega}{c(\omega)}r\right) - J_2\left(\frac{\omega}{c(\omega)}r\right) \quad \boldsymbol{\leftarrow} \quad \text{tangential}$$

for the waves polarized in the direction of propagation like Rayleigh waves, and the form

$$J_o\left(\frac{\omega}{c(\omega)}r\right) + J_2\left(\frac{\omega}{c(\omega)}r\right)$$
   
 radial

for the waves polarized perpendicularly to the direction of propagation like Love waves.



In the general case of a superposition of Rayleigh and Love waves, under the assumption that the contributions of both waves are statistically independent, the correlation coefficients are given by

$$\overline{\rho_{\mathbf{r}}}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = \alpha \Big[ J_0(\mathbf{x}) - J_2(\mathbf{x}) \Big] + (1-\alpha) \Big[ J_0(\mathbf{x}') + J_2(\mathbf{x}') \Big]$$

$$\overline{\rho_t}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = \alpha [J_0(x) + J_2(x)] + (1-\alpha) [J_0(x') - J_2(x')],$$

JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH, VOL. 102, NO. B10, PAGES 22,529-22,545, OCTOBER 10, 1997

#### Permanent tremor of Masaya Volcano, Nicaragua: Wave field analysis and source location

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 $\alpha$  represents the proportion of Rayleigh waves in the wave field energy (0<  $\alpha$  <1).



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Figure 3: Distribution of  $\alpha$  values (white dots) for different frequencies and the associated RMS error.



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Figure 4: Top row: ESAC function values (black circles) for different frequencies and the horizontal components. The blue circles indicate the discarded values. The grey lines depict the best-fitting Bessel function. Bottom row: RMS error versus phase velocity curves.



The dispersion curves of the fundamental and higher mode Rayleigh waves mainly depend **non-linearly** on the S-wave velocity structure, but also the density and P-wave velocity structure.

The inversion can be carry out linearizing the problem, that is calculating the Jacobian matrix that links the model parameters to the phase velocity.

#### C=JDV

Where C= vector whose i elements are the  $c_{obsi}(w)-c_{calci}(w)$ 

J=matrix with i rows and j (number of unknown, e.g. S-wave velocity in each layer) whose elements are d  $c_{calci}(w)/dVs_j$ DV is an array whose j elements are the correction values of the starting j layer velocities

The inverse problem can be solved using Singular Value Decomposition (SDV, Press et al., 1986) and the RMS of differences between observed and theoretical phase velocities is generally minimized.



However the final results strongly depends on the starting model!



Other methods (genetic algorithm) can be used to solve the non-linear problem.



# Inversion of dispersion curves





## Side note on the calculation of 1D profiles

Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, Vol. 89, No. 1, pp. 250-259, February 1999

#### Microtremor Measurements Used to Map Thickness of Soft Sediments

by Malte Ibs-von Seht and Jürgen Wohlenberg

$$f_r = \frac{n \cdot v_s}{4m}$$
 (n = 1, 3, 5, ...). (1)

A velocity-depth function in a sedimentary layer may be written as

$$v_s(z) = v_0 \cdot (1 + Z)^x,$$
 (2)

where  $v_0$  is the surface shear-wave velocity,  $Z = z/z_0$  (with  $z_0 = 1m$ ), and x gives the depth dependence of the velocity. The fundamental resonant frequency  $f_r$  is calculated as  $1/4T_0$ , where  $T_0$  is the shear-wave travel time between the bottom of the layer and the surface. As by definition, v(z) = dz/dt, the travel time is calculated as

$$T_0 = \int_0^m \frac{dz}{v_x(z)} = \frac{1}{v_0} \int_0^m (1 + Z)^{-x} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{v_0} \frac{(1 + m)^{1-x} - 1}{(1 - x)}.$$
(3)

The dependency between thickness and resonant frequency becomes

$$f_r = \frac{1}{4T_0} = \frac{v_0(1-x)}{4[(1+m)^{1-x} - 1]}$$
(4)



Figure 1. Basic principle of site response, transfer function.


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## Side note on the calculation of 1D profiles

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Short Note

New Relationships between  $V_s$ , Thickness of Sediments, and Resonance

Frequency Calculated by the H/V Ratio of Seismic Noise for the

Cologne Area (Germany)

by S. Parolai, P. Bormann, and C. Milkereit



Figure 3. Fundamental resonant frequencies calculated from H/V spectral ratio vs. sediment thickness from borehole data. The solid line is the fit to the data points according to Equation (2). The dashed line is relation (3).

#### Velocity-Depth Function

A velocity-depth function in a sedimentary layer may be written as

(6)

$$v_s(z) = v_{so} (1 + Z)^x,$$
 (4)

$$h = \left[v_{so} \frac{(1 - s)}{4f_r} + 1\right]^{\nu(1 - s)} - 1,$$

where  $f_r$  is to be given in Hz,  $v_{so}$  in m/sec, and h (soft sedimentary layer thickness) in m (Ibs-von Seht and Wohlenberg, 1999).





## Side note on the calculation of 1D profiles

Caution: The basic formulas are given in an integral form!

$$T_{0} = \int_{0}^{m} \frac{dz}{v_{z}(z)} = \frac{1}{v_{0}} \int_{0}^{m} (1 + Z)^{-x} dz$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{v_{0}} \frac{(1 + m)^{1-x} - 1}{(1 - x)}$ . (From Ibs-von Seht and Wohlenberg (1999)

Approximate formula of peak frequency of H/V ratio curve in multilayered model and its use in H/V ratio technique

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Analogous to the FGM layer, the average shear-wave velocity of this composite layer

is

$$\bar{V}_{s}^{\text{composite}} = \frac{2h}{\pi \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N} \frac{\rho_{i}}{\rho_{j}\beta_{j}^{2}} h_{i}h_{j} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{h_{i}^{2}}{\beta_{i}^{2}}}}.$$
(35)

This formula is called the H/V-based average velocity formula.



Figure 2: Average shear-wave velocities vs. number of sublayers

This approach takes for one layer only the velocity at the surface!



You have to consider that you are inverting an apparent dispersion curve (not just the fundamental mode).



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Joint inversion of phase velocity dispersion and H/V ratio curves from seismic noise recordings using a genetic algorithm, considering higher modes

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Fundamental mode assumption is only a good assumption for sites, where the velocity increases with depth.

Dominance of the fundamental and higher modes changes with frequency!



## Inversion of dispersion curves

Some of the currently used software packages have limited possibility for including higher modes!

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S-wave Velocity Profiles for Earthquake Engineering Purposes for the Cologne Area (Germany)

S. PAROLAI<sup>1,\*</sup>, S.M. RICHWALSKI<sup>1,2</sup>, C. MILKEREIT<sup>1</sup> and D. FÄH<sup>3</sup> *Is it therefore necessary to include higher modes?* 

> Obviously, the final models deviate more from the input borehole model than the models derived including higher modes (left), especially below 150 m depth, where some significant artifacts are depicted:



## Inversion of dispersion curves



Take care: All programmes will always provide a result.

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Check the parameterization!





## Data resolution matrix

How well can the measured data be predicted? We have an over-determined system

Gmtrue = dobs

with data vectors m and d and data kernel G.

Inversion leads to

m<sup>est</sup> = Hd<sup>obs</sup>.

Equation 2 in equation 1 leads to

 $d^{\text{predict}} = Gm^{\text{est}} = G(Hd^{\text{obs}}) = (GH)d^{\text{obs}} = Nd^{\text{obs}}$ 

with the quadratic data resolution matrix N.

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Provides insight into the intrinsic characteristics of the inversion problem.



critical for defining the S-wave velocity of the model

Data should be selected based on the data resolution matrix of a good initial model  $\rightarrow$  modifiy investigation depth and/or layer thickness



## Model resolution matrix

How well can the parameters be resolved?

Equation 1 in equation 2 leads to

 $m^{est} = HGm^{true} = (G^{T}G + c\mathbf{1})^{-1}G^{T}Gm^{true} = Rm^{true}$ 

with the model resolution matrix R.

inversion to (global) minimum

- $\rightarrow$  damping factor c  $\rightarrow$  0
- $\rightarrow$  R  $\rightarrow$  1
- → Model can be perfectly resolved!

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## Model resolution matrix



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not resolved



## Jacobian matrix

Jacobian matrix is the matrix of first order partial derivatives with respect to all model parameters (here: S-wave velocity at different depths).

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Maxima within Jacobian matrix indicates for which change in velocity at depth each frequency is more sensitive.





## Lateral heterogeneities

Already in 1953, Haskell presented phase velocity dispersion THE DISPERSION OF SURFACE WAVES ON equations, concluding that the scatter in the data might represent "real horizontal heterogeneities of the crust".



Aki (1957):

#### 4. Horizontal heterogeneity



Fig. 21. Autocorrelation coefficients of horizontal motion along the line PQ for

It was found, however, that the autocorrelation coefficient taken along a segment of a line sometimes differs significantly from that taken along another segment of the same line.



Claerbout (1968) showed theoretically that the Green's function (i.e., impulse response of a point source) on the Earth's surface could be obtained by autocorrelating traces generated by buried sources.



GEOPITYSICS, YOL. 33, NO. 2 (APRIL, 1948), P. 264-269, J FIGS.

#### SYNTHESIS OF A LAYERED MEDIUM FROM ITS ACOUSTIC TRANSMISSION RESPONSE

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## Idea of the method









Two sources in line with the stations







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# azimuthally homogeneous distribution of sources





## azimuthally homogeneous distribution of sources





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## Seismic interferometry

### First works were already published in the 1970s.

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Origin of Coda Waves: Source, Attenuation, and Scattering Effects

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#### ATTENUATION OF SHEAR-WAVES IN THE LITHOSPHERE FOR FREQUENCIES FROM 0.05 TO 25 Hz

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Fig. 2. High-resolution spectra for S arrival and S coda in frequency band 1.0-2.0 Hz for strip-mining blast near Lasa. This figure is reproduced from Scheimer and Landers [1974]. It has been recognized that coda waves, which make up the late part of seismic signals, are the result of scattering from smallscale heterogeneities in the lithosphere



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## Seismic interferometry

The physics of coda waves cannot be fully understood with classical ray theory. Multiple scattering plays a prominent part in the seismic coda, and seismologists have made use of the radiative transfer theory to model the coda intensity, namely

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Multiple Scattering and Energy Transfer of Seismic Waves— Separation of Scattering Effect from Intrinsic Attenuation II. Application of the Theory to Hindu Kush Region

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Apparent attenuations derived from the slopes of the energy density for both the total S curves (Figure 7) and the direct S at station PEN, together with the coda attenuations for shallow depth 100 km and for intermediate depth (400 km). Here the depths refer to the approximate maximum sampling depth by the coda waves.

○: for EW component, total S (32 sec window). ×: for Z component, total S (32 sec window).  $\Delta$ : Z component, direct S (4 sec window). Note: for f ≤ 1 Hz, the apparent attenuations of total S are calculated by using only the part of the curves for r > 200 km.

+: The estimated intrinsic attenuation for  $f \le 1$  Hz, if we adopt the multiple scattering model for  $4\pi^2 E(r)$  curves in Figure 7 (see Table 6). — — Coda attenuation for shallow sampling depth (<100 km). — — Coda attenuation for intermediate sampling depth (<400 km). … — Attenuation due to constant  $Q_{\circ}$ .

Estimation of scattering properties of lithosphere of Kamchatka based on Monte-Carlo simulation of record envelope of a near earthquake

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> Simulation of multiple-scattered coda wave excitation based on the energy conservation law





Fig. 5. Partition of scattered energy into different orders of scattering. Fine curves are for the simulation and bold curves denote theoretical prediction  $W_0 \cdot (gvt)^n/n! \cdot \exp(-gvt)$ . Each numeral is the order of scattering. This figure is based on the scattering coefficient  $g = 0.1 \text{ (km}^{-1})$ .

Fig. 6. Time variations of the energy density due to scattered waves at different distances from the source (gr = 0, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0) are shown; horizontal axis represents the non-dimensional time gvt and vertical axis represents  $E_s(r, t)/g^3$ . The vertical broken lines show the restriction that the maximum velocity of the seismic energy is v. These curves are made from three simulations, g = 0.1, 0.01 and 0.001 (km<sup>-1</sup>).

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## Only a short time ago, the diffusive character of the coda was proven by investigat ing the property of mode equipartition.

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#### **Observation of Equipartition of Seismic Waves**

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FIG. 2. Observed time-averaged energy ratios S/P (top left), K/(S + P) (top right),  $H^2/V^2$  (bottom left), and I/(P + S) for all 12 events. The shadowed bar denotes the mean value with the standard deviation. The error bars denote the observed time-dependent fluctuations.



FIG. 1. Observed seismogram, bandpassed between 1 and 3 Hz, for event 11 at an epicentral distance of 35 km from the detection array and a magnitude of 4.3. (a) Linear plot of the bandpassed displacement measured as a function of time. (b) Semilogarithmic plot of the energy density. A distinction is made between kinetic energy (K, dashed line), shear energy (S), and compressional energy (P). (c) Linear plot of the energy ratio S/P. (d) Linear plot of the energy ratios K/(S + P) (solid line) and  $H^2/V^2$  (dashed line). The horizontal lines denote the estimated time average.



Then, rapid developments based on findings which were made in acoustics (e.g., Weaver and Lobkis 2001, Derode et al. 2003).



FIG. 1. Irregular block specimen (dimensions  $\sim 80 \times 140 \times 200 \text{ mm}^3$  with 25-mm-diam cylindrical hole) and ultrasonic configuration. A transient pulse is created at s and the resulting diffuse field is detected simultaneously at x and y 20 mm apart.



FIG. 3. Comparison of correlation function (solid line) and direct pitch catch signal (dashed line) after low-pass filtering, and including 350 ms of diffuse field data.



FIG. 4. A and B are receiving points. Two hundred fifty source points are placed regularly around a circle with radius 18.7 mm, 100 scatterers being inside the circle. They completely surround the medium (a), or only partially (b). The boundary conditions on the edges of the grid are absorbing (open medium), in both cases.



FIG. 5. Comparison between  $\Sigma_c h_{sc}(t) \otimes h_{sc}(-t) \otimes f(t)$  (dotted line) and  $h_{ss}-t) \otimes f(t)$  in the open scattering medium surrounded by 250 sources C as depicted in Fig. 4(a), at early times (a) and in the late coda, 360 µs later (b). The overall correlation coefficient between waveforms is 97.4%.



Based thereon, Campillo and Paul (2003) correlated earthquake records across a large array to estimate the group velocity distribution.

## Long-Range Correlations in the Diffuse Seismic Coda

Michel Campillo\* and Anne Paul





Fig. 3. Comparison between the nine stacks of correlation traces at stations PLIG and YAIG (A) and the nine components of the theoretical Green tensor (B) computed for a 69-km source-station distance. The 1-D average shear wave velocity model used here was measured for the crust of Central Mexico from inversion of group velocity dispersion curves estimated for paths between the Guerrero-Michcacán subduction zone and Mexico City (20).



## Two different issues

time-domain cross correlation

$$C_{fg}(t) \equiv \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} f(\tau) g(\tau + t) d\tau, \equiv \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} u(x_1, \tau) u(x_2, \tau + t) d\tau.$$

spatial autocorrelation

$$\phi(\xi) \equiv \frac{1}{A} \int_{A} F(x)F(x+\xi) \mathrm{d}x,$$

### ... has been noticed by several authors

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#### On the correlation of seismic microtremors

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Retrieval of the Green's Function from Cross Correlation: The Canonical

Elastic Problem

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## Determination of surface-wave phase velocities across USArray from noise and Aki's spectral formulation

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A systematic study of theoretical relations between spatial correlation and Green's function in one-, two- and three-dimensional random scalar wavefields

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Common conclusion: Methods are describing the same physics with a different language.

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An explicit relationship between time-domain n and spatial autocorrelation (SPAC) results Victor C. Tsai and Morgan P. Moschetti	noise correlation	

$$b(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \equiv \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} u(\boldsymbol{x}, t) u(\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\xi}, t) dt.$$
  
$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \rho_{S}(\theta, \omega) \cos(\omega r \cos \theta / c) d\theta$$
  
$$= Re \left[ \int_{0}^{2\pi} \rho_{S}(\theta, \omega) e^{i\omega r \cos \theta / c} d\theta \right],$$
  
$$= 2\pi \Phi(\omega) J_{0}(\omega r / c).$$

explicit relationship between both theories e.g., benefit of noise tomography from azimuthal averaging of SPAC

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Using long seismic noise sequences (Shapiro and Campillo 2004), it was confirmed that it is possible to estimate the Rayleigh wave component of Green's functions at low frequencies between two stations by cross-correlating simultaneous recordings.





Processing ambient noise for surface wave dispersion 3



Figure 2. Schematic representation of the data processing scheme. Phase 1 (described in Section 2 of the paper) shows the steps involved in preparing single-station data prior to cross-correlation. Phase 2 (Section 3) outlines the cross-correlation procedure and stacking. Phase 3 (Section 4) includes dispersion measurement and Phase 4 (Section 5) is the error analysis and data selection process.



.Surface wave tomography at large regional scales for imaging lateral heterogeneities (e.g., Sabra et al. 2005, Shapiro et al. 2005, Gerstoft et al. 2006, Yao et al. 2006, Cho et al. 2007 and many more)

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## Limitations of seismic interferometry

Global seismic networks have expanded steadily since the 1960s, but are still concentrated on continents and in seismically active regions, i.e. **oceans, particularly in the southern hemisphere, are under-covered**.

The **type of wave used in a model limits the resolution** it can achieve. Longer wavelengths are able to penetrate deeper into the earth, but can only be used to resolve large features. Finer resolution can be achieved with surface waves, with the trade off that they cannot be used in models of the deep mantle. The disparity between wavelength and feature scale causes anomalies to appear of reduced magnitude and size in images.

**P- and S-wave models respond differently to the types of anomalies** depending on the driving material property. First arrival time based models naturally prefer faster pathways, causing models based on these data to have lower resolution of slow (often hot) features. Shallow models must also consider the significant lateral velocity variations in continental crust.



## Limitations of seismic interferometry

Seismic tomography provides **only the current velocity anomalies**. Any prior structures are unknown and the slow rates of movement in the subsurface (mm to cm per year) prohibit resolution of changes over modern timescales.

**Tomographic solutions are non-unique**. Although statistical methods can be used to analyze the validity of a model, unresolvable uncertainty remains. This contributes to difficulty comparing the validity of different model results.

**Computing power can limit** the amount of seismic data, number of unknowns, mesh size, and iterations in tomographic models. This is of particular importance in ocean basins, which due to limited network coverage and earthquake density require more complex processing of distant data. Shallow oceanic models also require smaller model mesh size due to the thinner crust.

**Tomographic images are typically presented with a color ramp representing the strength of the anomalies.** This has the consequence of making equal changes appear of differing magnitude based on visual perceptions of color, such as the change from orange to red being more subtle than blue to yellow. The degree of color saturation can also visually skew interpretations. These factors should be considered when analyzing images.



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So far, all presented examples were focusing on large (continental / regional) scales.

First studies reported failures for high-frequency tomography (e.g., Campillo and Paul 2003)

How to go from global / continental scale to the smaller local scale?

It is not just a change of scale / frequency range!



## Not just a change of scale...

### Spatial variability in the distribution of noise sources





## Not just a change of scale...

## Spatial variability in the distribution of noise sources




## Not just a change of scale...

## Diffusivity of the wave-field at high frequencies

-Wave phases are random

-Waves incident from all directions with equal intensity, i.e. they are azimuthally isotropic.

-Wave amplitude is the same at any point in spacem, i.e. the wavefield is spatially homogeneous.

Mulargia (2012)

The seismic noise wavefield is not diffuse

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No diffusivity in a strict mathematical / physical sense



## Not just a change of scale...

## Diffusivity of the wave-field at high frequencies



influence of scattering effects

#### frequency-wavenumber (f-k) analysis



Sufficiently strong seismic noise has to be present for the retrieval of reliable empirical Green's functions.

If noise is too weak that interstation cross correlations will not provide a reliable Green's function.

generalization of Claerbout's conjecture for 3D (Wapenaar 2004) fulfilled



## Not just a change of scale...

## Minimum recording duration required for high-frequency tomography



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## 5 minutes?

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#### Brenguier et al. (2007)

GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH LETTERS, VOL. 34, L02305, doi:10.1029/2006GL028586, 2007

**3-D** surface wave tomography of the Piton de la Fournaise volcano using seismic noise correlations

#### several months?

#### Renalier et al. (2010)

JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH, VOL. 115, F03032, doi:10.1029/2009JF001538, 2010

Shear wave velocity imaging of the Avignonet landslide (France) using ambient noise cross correlation

F. Renalier,<sup>1</sup> D. Jongmans,<sup>1</sup> M. Campillo,<sup>1</sup> and P.-Y. Bard<sup>1</sup>

#### Picozzi et al. (2009)

Geophys. J. Int. (2009) 176, 164-174

Characterization of shallow geology by high-frequency seismic noise tomography

M. Picozzi,<sup>1</sup> S. Parolai,<sup>1</sup> D. Bindi<sup>2</sup> and A. Strollo<sup>1,3</sup>



Some hours of recording are sufficient.



## Deriving S-wave velocity models

## Seismic noise tomography is usually performed in three steps

Construction of a 2D phase (or group) velocity map



Brenguier et al. (2007)

Pointwise inversion of dispersion data for 1D  $v_s$ -depth profiles



Combination of 1D profiles forming a 3D  $v_s$  model





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Deriving S-wave velocity models

## However, recent developments allow a fast and direct calculation of 3D velocity models



## Body-wave tomography

Body waves can propagate vertically, offering a higher resolution for deep velocity structures and discontinuities at depth.



Poli et al. (2012) observed reflected waves from the 410 km and 660 km discontinuities but large uncertainties on the data analysis.





## Body-wave tomography

Although the theory suggests that the entire Green's function can be derived from the noise cross-correlation for a diffuse field, in reality, the noise sources are distributed generally near the surface and hence body wave phases are not easily observed.

Takagi et al. (2014) separated body and Rayleigh waves from seismic noise using cross terms of the cross-correlation tensor (which is computationally expensive).

$$\begin{split} \phi_{ZZ}^{R}(r,\zeta) &= a_{0}^{R} J_{0}(k^{R}r) + 2\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} i^{m} c_{m}^{R}(\zeta) J_{m}(k^{R}r), \\ \phi_{ZR}^{R}(r,\zeta) &= -H a_{0}^{R} J_{1}(k^{R}r) - 2H \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} i^{m} c_{m}^{R}(\zeta) \frac{J_{m} + 1(k^{R}r) - J_{m} - 1(k^{R}r)}{2}, \\ \phi_{ZZ}^{P}(r,\zeta) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{n} i^{m} c_{nm}^{P}(\zeta) \int_{0}^{\pi/2} d\theta \sin \theta \left[ w^{p^{*}}(\theta) w^{P}(\theta) \right] P_{n}^{m}(\cos \theta) J_{m}(k^{P}r \sin \theta), \\ \phi_{ZR}^{P}(r,\zeta) &= i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{n} i^{m} c_{nm}^{P}(\zeta) \int_{0}^{\pi/2} d\theta \sin \theta \left[ w^{p^{*}}(\theta) u^{P}(\theta) \right] P_{n}^{m}(\cos \theta) \frac{J_{m+1}(k^{P}r \sin \theta) - J_{m-1}(k^{P}r \sin \theta)}{2}. \end{split}$$

Here  $c_m^R(\zeta)$  and  $c_{nm}^P(\zeta)$  represent the azimuthal dependences as follows:

 $c_m^R(\zeta) = a_m^R \cos m\zeta + b_m^R \sin m\zeta,$ 

 $c^{\rm P}_{nm}(\zeta) = a^{\rm P}_{nm} \cos m \zeta + b^{\rm P}_{nm} \sin m \zeta.$ 



## Body wave tomography from seismic noise

## Significant signal processing required



Nakata et al. (2015)

after applying a bandpass-filter trace selection noise suppression filter



Figure 2. Absolute amplitude of observed ambient noise averaged over 2 h (2:00-4:00 PM. local time on 17 January (Tue) 2012) in narrow-frequency bands centered at (a) 0.7, (b) 4.0, and (c) 10.0 Hz. Each dot represents each receiver. Amplitudes are normalized at each panel.



## Body wave tomography from seismic noise

More than 50% of correlation functions discarded!  $\rightarrow$  Dense array coverage required





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Nakata et al. (2015)

High resolution P wave tomography from seismic noise observed at the free surface



#### Seismic noise adjoint tomography

More accurate forward modelling methods to minimize the frequency-dependent traveltime misfits between the synthetic Green's functions and the empirical Green's function using a preconditioned conjugate gradient method. Meanwhile the 3D model gets improved iteratively updating 3D finite-frequency kernels.

## Adjoint Tomography of the Southern California Crust

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Fig. 1. Iterative improvement of a three-component seismogram. (A) Cross section of the V<sub>5</sub> tomographic models for a path from a  $M_w$  4.5 earthquake (stars) on the White Wolf fault to station DAN (triangles) in the eastern Mojave Desert. Vertical exaggeration is 3.0. Upper right is the initial 3D model,  $m_{00}$ : lower right is the final 3D model,  $m_{1,6}$ ; and lower left is the difference between the two,  $\ln(m_{12}/m_{00})$ . Faults labeled for reference are San Andreas (SA), Garlock (G), and Camp Rock (CR). (B) Iterative three-component seismogram

fits to data for models  $m_{00}$ ,  $m_{01}$ ,  $m_{04}$ , and  $m_{16}$ . Also shown are synthetic seismograms computed for a standard 1D model (table 51). Synthetic seismograms (ted) and recorded seismograms (black), fittered over the period range 6 to 30 s. Left column, vertical component (Z); center column, radial component (R); right column, transverse component (T). Inset " $\Delta$ T" label indicates the time shift between the two windowed records that provides the maximum cross-correlation (16, 21).



## Seismic noise adjoint tomography

Allows a good resolution of low velocities zones





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#### Figure 4.

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(a) Map indicating six profiles with green lines anchored by light to deep pink diamonds, with their vertical cross sections of shear wave speed anomalies shown in Figure 4b for M13 and Figure 4c for dM. LV1 and LV2 mark the low wave speed zones with 6 – 12% wave speed reduction in Figure 4b. Solid pink line denotes the Moho interface in Figures 4b and 4c. (d) One-dimensional profiles of absolute shear wave speeds (solid line — M13, dash line — Mref) for four points in different tectonic regions marked by stars in map. Grey lines in the 1D profile plots are reference line of  $V_S$  = 3.8 km/s, which is the lower crust shear wave speed of Mref

High computational cost (in particular at high frequencies) until sufficiently accurate 3D models are found



#### Ray tracing at each frequency

Avoiding assumption of great-circle propagation of surface waves Iteratively updating sensitivity kernels and ray paths of frequencydependent dispersion curves for directly deriving 3D  $v_s$  models



Higher resolution in regions with dense ray coverage



But problems in regions with poor or even no data constraint reported



The linear tomography problem of computing the integral travel time (t) for a given slowness (s) along a raypath is given by

$$t = \int s \cdot dl$$

where the *dl* is the line element along the raypath. Equation can also be expressed in a simple discrete matrix form,

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{s}$$

**t** is the vector of observed travel times, **s** is the slowness of the cells, and  $L_1$  is an  $M \times N$  matrix of ray-path segments, namely, M rays crossing the medium, divided into N cells.



This average slowness was the initial guess  $s^{(k=1)}$  for the iterative scheme. Then, a new solution  $s^{(k+1)}$  was determined by solving the following equation

$$W\Delta t^{(k)} = L_2 \Delta s^{(k)}$$

in which  $\Delta t$  is the vector of the normalized misfit between the observed and theoretical travel times,  $[t_o - t_t]/t_o$ .

 $\Delta s$  is the vector of the normalized slowness modification  $[s^{(k)} - s^{(k-1)}]/s$ 

The diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{W}_{(M \times M)}$  is made up of weighting factor elements defined by the adaptive bi-weight estimation method, and was introduced to stabilize the iteration process.



The design matrix  $L_2$  is derived from  $L_1$ . After that some proper modification was included to account for *a priori* constraints on the solution. In particular, it is expressed as

$$\mathbf{L}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{L}_{1} \\ \mathbf{K}(\delta^{2}) \mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix}$$
(9)

where the upper block is the ray-path segment matrix  $L_1$  properly weighted by the matrix **W**, while, the damping coefficient  $\delta^2$  and the matrices **K** and **M** describe the *a priori* constraints imposed on the solution.





The matrix  $\mathbf{K}(NxN)$  weights the data depending on the number, length, and orientation of each ray-path segment crossing each *Ni* cell.

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Each cell *Ni* is first divided into four quadrants. Then, the length of the rays passing through each sector is summed, resulting in a 2x2 ray density matrix. The ray density matrix was factorized by performing the singular value decomposition (SVD).

The singular values ( $\lambda 1$ ,  $\lambda 2$ ) were used to compute the ellipticity ( $\lambda min/\lambda MAX$ ) of the ray density matrix. Ellipticity close to 1, means that a good resolution for a given cell is achieved

The elements of the matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  were computed by multiplying the ellipticity for the number of rays crossing each cell.



Matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  constrains the solution to vary smoothly over the 2D domain. It increases the stability of the inverse problem by reducing of the influence of travel time errors.

The implementation of that smoothness constraint consists in adding a system of equations to the original travel time inversion problem,

$$s_{x,y} - \sum_{i=1}^{R} a_i s_{x-dx_i, y-dy_i} = 0$$

where *R* is the number of cells surrounding the selected one,  $s_{x,y}$ , and  $a_i$  are the normalized weights.



Assigning proper weights to each of the subcells



### **Vertical weights**

Weighting scheme based on the analytical solution of displacement components for surface waves in a half space (Aki and Richards 1980, Borcherdt 2008)





## Linearization of the inversion

Allows accounting for the effect of topography





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## Direct inversion of surface data

$$\mathbf{L}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{L}_{1} \\ \mathbf{K}(\delta^{2}) \mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

The term  $\delta^2$  is a damping coefficient introduced to balance resolution and instability in the inversion analysis After some trial and error tests,  $\delta^2$  was fixed to 0.5



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## Application to near-surface imaging



Figure 6. (a) Satellite image showing the southern outskirts of Bishkek facing the Ala-Too range. The topography is exaggerated by two times. Location of the array measurement is indicated. The dotted line shows the Issyk-Ata fault following Chediya *et al.* (2000). Google Earth, © 2012, CNS Spot Image © 2012, Digital Globe © 2012. (b) Map of Central Asia. Major faults are mapped in orange.

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Figure 7. Inversion results of measurements on the Issyk-Ata fault obtained after 500 iterations. Topography is exaggerated about three times. The dots represent locations of the sensors. Locations of cross-sections shown in Fig. 8 are indicated by straight black lines.



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## Combining Seismic Noise Techniques for Landslide Characterization

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Be aware of the limitations! While modern inversion methods are providing unprecedented resolution for 3-D seismic structure models, there remains a lack of meticulous validation and uncertainty assessment in 3-D Earth imaging.



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#### EXPRESS LETTER

#### Resolution tests revisited: the power of random numbers

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... has significantly lower vertical and horizontal resolution in the transition zone despite the use of many high-quality overtone surface wave data. The reason for this is probably a **specific choice for the weighting parameters in the inversion**.



## **@AGU** PUBLICATIONS

#### **Geophysical Research Letters**

**RESEARCH LETTER** 10.1002/2014GL062571 On the validation of seismic imaging methods

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Velocity variations depending on the algorithm used.

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#### On the use of sensitivity tests in seismic tomography

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Sensitivity analysis with synthetic models is widely used in seismic tomography as a means for assessing the spatial resolution of solutions produced by, in most cases, linear or iterative nonlinear inversion schemes.

The most common type of synthetic reconstruction test is the so-called **checkerboard resolution** test in which the synthetic model comprises an alternating pattern of higher and lower wave speed (or some other seismic property such as attenuation) in 2-D or 3-D.





Figure 2. (a) Input checkerboard model; (b) recovered model using the path geometry of Fig. 1(d). Black contour lines represent the  $\pm 10$  per cent contour interval of the input checkerboard.

(a) Input

(b) Output

Checkerboard-tests only provide indirect evidence of quantitative measures of reliability such as resolution and uncertainty, giving a potentially misleading impression of the range of scale-lengths that can be resolved, and not giving a true picture of the structural distortion or smearing that can be caused by the data coverage.



#### A better alternative: Spike-tests



Figure 3. (a) Input spike model; (b) recovered model using the path geometry of Fig. 1(d). Black contour lines represent the  $\pm 10$  per cent contour interval of the input spikes. Closed dashed red lines highlight the locations of features discussed in the text.



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## **Resolution capabilities**

Error propagation



Figure 8. Test results illustrating the influence of nonlinear error propagation in the solution. Left column uses the same input model as in Fig. 1, while the input model for the right column has an identical pattern of anomalies but with a 50 per cent reduction in amplitude. (a), (d) Input model; (b), (e) output model from iterative nonlinear inversion; (c), (f) estimate of nonlinear error propagation as given by the term  $G^{-g}Em_p$  in eq. (18).



(i) As for formal resolution analysis, sensitivity tests only strictly apply to linear tomographic problems. However, they can provide useful insight in the presence of weakly nonlinear inverse problems.

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- (ii) Theoretical prediction errors (e.g. the use of approximate forward theory like ray tracing) are ignored in sensitivity analysis, yet it is conceivable that they may influence the results significantly.
- (iii) Sensitivity tests are only useful for the detection of *lack of resolution and not the detection of model recovery. Good recovery* of one particular test model is relatively meaningless.
- (iv) Theoretical prediction errors (e.g. the use of approximate forward theory like ray tracing) are ignored in sensitivity analysis, yet it is conceivable that they may influence the results significantly.



(v) Discrete spike tests are more useful for assessing the resolving power of the data set to recover structure compared to traditional checkerboards, which feature a tight oscillatory pattern of positive and negative anomalies.

(vi) Synthetic experiments should test lack of resolution across at least the same range of scale lengths that are found or interpreted in the observational model. For synthetic models containing only one wavelength of structure, multiple tests involving different-sized anomalies should be used.

(vii) Input structures that closely resemble the output structure from the observational model should not be used in synthetic tests, as they cannot detect lack of resolution.

(viii) It is important to use sensible colour scales that avoid large fluctuations in intensity and gradient.



For monitoring of volcanoes, fault zones, dams, and hydro-carbon or geothermal reservoirs, it is valuable to observe changes of elastic properties like seismic velocity.

#### Popular technique:

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Passive image interferometry and seasonal variations of seismic velocities at Merapi Volcano, Indonesia

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It allows to infer changes in the medium by comparing the GFs retrieved from the noise records at different time periods.

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First, a reference autocorrelation  $\phi$  ref is computed as the mean over all available daily autocorrelations.

Then the daily autocorrelations  $\phi d$  are stretched and compressed on the time axis with respect to zero lag time. For determining traveltime fluctuations, the similarity between the unstretched reference and the stretched daily autocorrelation function in the chosen time window is determined for each stretching factor  $\epsilon$  by the correlation coefficient cc

$$cc(e) = \frac{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \phi_d(t(1+e))\phi_{ref}(t)dt}{\left(\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \phi_d^2(t(1+e))dt \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \phi_{ref}^2(t)dt\right)^{1/2}}$$
$$dt = -t \frac{dv}{v}$$





Seismic velocity variations at TCDP are controlled by MJO driven precipitation pattern and high fluid discharge properties

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## Postseismic Relaxation Along the San Andreas Fault at Parkfield from Continuous Seismological Observations

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## From imaging to monitoring

To be used with caution!



#### EARTHQUAKE DYNAMICS

## Mapping pressurized volcanic fluids from induced crustal seismic velocity drops

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We used the approach of Gomberg and Agnew (15) to estimate the level of dynamic strain  $\Delta\xi$  and dynamic stress  $\Delta\sigma$  from the observed peak ground velocity (PGV), such that  $\Delta\xi \approx v/c$  and  $\Delta\sigma \approx \mu v/c$ , where  $\mu$  is the mean crustal shear modulus (~30 × 10<sup>9</sup> Pa), v is the PGV (measured by the KiK-net, strong-motion seismograph network installed in boreholes together with the Hi-net sensors), and *c* is the mean wave phase velocity of the Rayleigh waves that propagate within the upper crust (~3 km/s). The dynamic strain caused by the passing of the seismic waves was one to two orders of magnitude higher than the static coseismic strain for Honshu Island. We thus con-



Fig. 1. Static strain and ground shaking caused by the Tohoku-Oki earthquake. (A) Modeled coseismic dilatation static strain at 5 km in depth (7). The red star shows the position of the epicenter of the Tohoku-Oki earthquake. (Inset) Positions of the Hi-net seismic stations (red points). (B) Averaged peak ground velocity measured usine the KiK-net strong-motion network (7).



g. 2. Crustal seismic velocity perturbations caused by the Tohoku-Oki earthquake (A) Coseismic crustal seismic velocity changes induced by the 2011 incku-Oki earthquake. (Inset) Velocity changes induced by the 2011 incku-Oki earthquake. (Inset) Velocity changes shown in (A). Black triangles denote Quaternary period volcances, and the red line depicts the main volcanic fronts.
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$$\begin{cases} \epsilon_{11} = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} = \frac{q}{k} \left( -q e^{-qx_1} + s \frac{2k^2}{s^2 + k^2} e^{-sx_1} \right) \\ \cdot C \cos \left[ \omega (t - x_2/c) \right] \\ \epsilon_{22} = \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} = \left( e^{-qx_1} - \frac{2qs}{s^2 + k^2} e^{-sx_1} \right) \\ \cdot (C\omega/c) \cos \left[ \omega (t - x_2/c) \right] \\ \epsilon_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{q}{k} \left( e^{-qx_1} - \frac{2k^2}{s^2 + k^2} e^{-sx_1} \right) \frac{\omega}{c} \right] \\ + \left( q e^{-qx_1} - s \frac{2qs}{s^2 + k^2} e^{-sx_1} \right) \right] \cdot C \sin \left[ \omega (t - x_2/c) \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{R\max} = \max\left[2\sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_{11}-\epsilon_{22}}{2}\right)^2 + \epsilon_{12}^2}\right]$$



### From imaging to monitoring



Fig. 1. With a given vertical velocity  $\dot{u}_1(x_1 = 0)$  of a material point on the ground surface, the shear strain amplitude  $\gamma_{Rmax}$ obtained from the equation of the Rayleigh wave is much smaller than the  $\gamma_{Smax}$  obtained from the equation of the shear wave. Moreover, the amplitude  $\gamma_{Rmax}$  changes with the depth and at  $x_1/L \approx 0.25$  reaches the maximum; e.g. for  $\nu = 0.2$ , this maximum is about 30% smaller than  $\gamma_{Smax}$ . However, while this approach is certainly valid for body waves it might be not appropriate for Rayleigh waves.

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- This means that the Poisson's ratio should be taken also into account.
- This would imply that for different parts of the area under investigation, the values of shear strain should be calculated considering the spatial variability of the Poisson's ratio.



### Influence of source properties

### Influence of Wind Turbines on Seismic Records of the Gräfenberg Array

by Klaus Stammler and Lars Ceranna

temporal variability of the raw noise frequency content

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# Influence of source properties

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## Spurious velocity changes caused by temporal variations in ambient noise frequency content

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temporal variability of the raw noise frequency content



temporal variability of the noise correlation function frequency content



### Influence of source properties

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On the use of the autocorrelation function: the constraint of using frequency band-limited signals for monitoring relative velocity changes

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## Influence of frequency content and bandwidth

Already early works detected a frequency dependence of the velocity changes.



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Detecting seasonal variations in seismic velocities within Los Angeles basin from correlations of ambient seismic noise

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### Influence of frequency content and bandwidth

Temporal Variations of Seismic Velocity at Paradox Valley, Colorado, Using Passive Image Interferometry

by Arantza Ugalde, Beatriz Gaite, and Antonio Villaseñor



Figure 7. (a-d, left panels) Relative velocity variations at station PV01 for the studied frequency range using the MWCS technique; the gray solid line plots the long-term variation. (a-d, right panels) Amplitude of the PSD function of seismic neise and standard deviation at station PV01 for four frequency ranges from 0.2 to 8 Hz. The solid line is the 30-dwy data running average.

**Figure 8.** (a) Relative velocity variations at station PV09 using the MWCS technique; and (b) spectral amplitude and predominant frequency of the ACF for the 0.2–0.5 frequency range.

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### Influence of frequency content and bandwidth



GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH LETTERS, VOL. 38, L24304, doi:10.1029/2011GL049750, 2011

#### Variations of crustal elastic properties during the 2009 L'Aquila earthquake inferred from cross-correlations of ambient seismic noise

L. Zaccarelli,<sup>1</sup> N. M. Shapiro,<sup>1</sup> L. Faenza,<sup>2</sup> G. Soldati,<sup>2</sup> and A. Michelini<sup>2</sup> Received 21 September 2011; revised 7 November 2011; accepted 8 November 2011; published 17 December 2011.

Similar observations in many further publications but no discussion about the theoretical background!



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Influence of frequency content and bandwidth

There is a significant influence of the processing!



The autocorrelation has always zero phase!



pure sinusoid

corresponding ACF

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### Inherent properties of the ACF

### The autocorrelation has always zero phase!







corresponding ACF still zero phase

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## Influence of frequency content and bandwidth

However, such influence is already known for a long time!



As the frequency content of reflections with which we work is seldom much below 10 Hz or above 90 Hz, the frequency spectrum representing the best resolution we can normally expect consists of a pair of rectangles lying between

these limits on the positive and negative sides of the frequency axis, as shown in Fig. 7-3. This spectrum can be obtained by convolving the transform of an  $\frac{1}{-90}$   $\frac{10}{-50}$   $\frac{10}{-10}$   $\frac{10}{10}$ frequency function 80 Hz in breadth. The time signal corresponding to the rectangular frequency function is a sinc function with a central peak 0.025 s wide having side bands 0.0125 s in breadth. Multiplying this by a cosine wave with a period of 0.020 s (the reciprocal of 50 Hz) results in a pulse 0.010 s wide at its first zero crossings. This waveform represents the best resolution that can be expected from a reflection signal traveling in a medium that passes frequencies from 10 to 90 Hz.

#### **Frequency Spectrum and Time Resolution**

FIGURE 7-3

Determination using convolution theorem of waveform corresponding to a symmetrical frequency spectrum with flat response from 10 to 90 Hz and sharp cutoffs at both limits. Narrowness of resultant pulse (upper right) should result in good resolution.





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### Influence of frequency content and bandwidth



Synthetic time series as a sum of four different sinusoids with different but constant amplitude and frequency values





### Influence of frequency content and bandwidth

There is a theoretical limit on the resolution of narrow-band filtered signals.

$$\sigma_{\tau} = \Delta\left(\Delta t\right) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^2 T f_0^3 \left(B^3 + 12B\right)} \left(\frac{1}{\rho^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\mathrm{SNR}^2}\right)^2 - 1\right)}$$



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Using narrow filters with a width of <0.1 Hz and correspondingly small dominant frequencies (f <<1 Hz), the uncertainty in relative velocity variation estimates reaches up to 0.1 % even for long correlated time series with a length of several days!



Fast inversion algorithms allow the 4D monitoring of the shallow subsurface

Given stable noise conditions and sufficiently fast converging Green's functions





Solfatara crater (Italy)



## Multi-parameter early warning

Technical Data Size from 100 x 160 x 60 to 220 x 140 x 70 mm Weight from 0.75 to 2 kg 2 x WLAN 2.4 GHz / 5.0 GHz Power Supply 5V DC ADC 3 or 6 x ADC (24Bit) Ext. Seismometer, Sensors Camera Temp. Humidity GPS, ...,





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### Multi-parameter early warning

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### Sensor layer:

- standard strong motion and weak motion sensor
- broadband seismic sensors
- MEMS sensor including accelerometer and gyroscope
- camera
- temperature and humidity sensor
- low cost GNSS system

### **Communication layer:**

- self organizing wireless network
- WLAN on the local scale
- . UMTS

### Continuous scenario update and calculations on the sensor level

Webinterface for configuration, network information and monitoring the status of acquisition

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### Real time monitoring

Of course, such monitoring approaches can be applied not only to the ground but also for buildings.

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Millikan library, Pasadena, California

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# Extracting the Building Response Using Seismic Interferometry: Theory and Application to the Millikan Library in Pasadena, California

by Roel Snieder and Erdal Şafak

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Figure 3. The north-south component of acceleration in the west side of the Millikan Library after the Yorba Linda earthquake of 3 September 2002 ( $M_L$  4.8; time, 02:08:51 PDT; 33.917° N 117.776° W; depth, 3.9 km). The traces are labeled with the floor number (B indicates basement).

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Figure 4. The waveforms of Figure 3 at the different floors after deconvolution with the waves recorded in the basement.

![](_page_127_Picture_0.jpeg)

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Figure 7. The waveforms of Figure 3 at the different floors after deconvolution with the waves recorded in the top floor using only part of the data of Figure 3. The deconvolved waves shown in thick lines are obtained by using only the data in interval 1 of Figure 3, whereas the deconvolved waves shown in the thin lines are computed from the data in interval 2.

![](_page_127_Figure_7.jpeg)

Figure 12. The natural logarithm of the envelope of the deconvolved waves in Figure 4 after applying a bandpass filter with corner frequencies of 1 Hz and 3 Hz, respectively. For clarity the floor number is added to each curve. The best-fitting straight line to each curve is indicated with thick solid lines.

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![](_page_128_Picture_3.jpeg)

Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering 28 (2008) 387-404

Earthquake damage detection in the Imperial County Services Building

III: Analysis of wave travel times via impulse response functions

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Fig. 1. The model.

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Fig. 8. Impulse response functions for EW motions and for input impulse at the ground floor (left) and at the roof (right).

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Also here, a lot of the work has already been done in the past.

BULLETIN OF THE EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH INSTITUTE Vol. 41 (1963), pp. 825-833

### 50. Some New Problems of Seismic Vibrations of a Structure. Part 1.

By Kiyoshi KANAI and Shizuyo YOSHIZAWA,

Earthquake Research Institute. (Read Oct. 15, 1946 and Sept. 17, 1963.—Received Sept. 30, 1963.)

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Fig. 7b. M Building. EW component. Original ×2.5. RF; roof floor, 1F; first floor.

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Some New Problems of Seismic Vibrations of a Structure.

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Kiyoshi KANAI.\*

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Fig. 8a. K Building. NS component. Original ×1.5. 12F; twelfth floor, B3F; basement third floor.

![](_page_131_Picture_0.jpeg)

### Combining recordings in buildings and underground

Joint Deconvolution of Building and Downhole Strong-Motion Recordings: Evidence for the Seismic Wavefield Being Radiated Back into the Shallow Geological Layers

by Bojana Petrovic and Stefano Parolai

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### Combining recordings in buildings and underground

![](_page_132_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure 4. (Left panel) Deconvolved wavefields obtained for the north-south component of ground motion arising from the four considered events (Table 1) using the recordings from the top of the building as the reference. There is only one line at 6 m, because the sensor at the 2nd floor had some problems and hence, registered only one of the four analyzed earthquakes. (Right panel) The results obtained after stacking the results shown in the left panel. The upward-going waves (black lines), the downward-going waves reflected at the interface at 75 m depth (black-dotted line), at the Earth's surface (black dashed-dotted line) and at the top of the building (dashed line) are also shown.

![](_page_132_Figure_4.jpeg)

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Figure 6. Deconvolved wavefield obtained by the use of synthetic seismograms (gray) and the observed data after stacking the results of all events (black). The upward propagating waves (black lines), the downward-going waves reflected at the interface at 75 m depth (black-dotted line), at the Earth's surface (black dashed-dotted line) and at the top of the building (dashed line) are also shown.

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### Some remarks

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In the end, it is not important what you do but you have to do it properly.

Think about the available techniques but also about their theoretical limitations.

Already in the past, a lot of work has been done and has been published. Refer to the old papers.

Space and time spectra of stationary stochastic waves, with special reference to microtremors K Aki - 1957 - repository.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp ここで複雑な波動というのは, stationary stochastic wave と呼ぶべきものである. これまで地震記象は位相的な立場から主に解析されて来ているが, 位相的には取扱い得ない波動も 地震学の分野には数多くある. たとえば, 地震波のなかの複雑な部分, 脈動, 常時微動, 火山微動 ... Cited by 1074

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