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one day of seismic record



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#### traditional surfacewave tomography

#### Seismic surface-waves

(from lecture of A. Levshin)



- 1. Two types: Rayleigh and Love
- 2. Dispersion: travel times depend on period of wave
- 3. Two types of travel time measurements: **phase** and **group**

## distribution of paths for traditional surfacewave tomography dispersion measurements (from lecture of A. Levshin)

- More than 200,000 paths across the Globe
- Rayleigh and Love wave phase velocities (40-150 s) (Harvard, Utrecht)
- Rayleigh and Love wave group velocities (16-200 s) (CU-Boulder)

traditional surfacewave tomography (from lecture of A. Levshin)

Dispersion maps



#### traditional surfacewave tomography

(from lecture of A. Levshin)

#### 50 km



#### global 3D tomographic model



#### traditional surfacewave tomography

(from lecture of A. Levshin)

#### regional 3D tomographic models

West Antarctica

Australian Antarctic Discordance



#### Resolution of seismic models

- Distribution of earthquakes and seismic stations is inhomogeneous
- Resolution of seismic tomographic models is better in regions well covered by sources and receivers



#### Resolution of seismic models

Diffraction effects result in extended sensitivity kernels, especially for long paths

Short-period measurements are difficult to obtain for long paths

Resolution of seismic tomographic models is better in regions covered by short paths



How can we improve the resolution?

1. install more stations

2. new types of measurements

#### Earthscope USAarray



distribution of M>4 earthquakes during 1.5 months (July, 2003-December, 2004)



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Seismic coda and ambient seismic noise - random seismic wavefields

**Coda** - result of multiple scattering on random inhomogeneities





**Noise** - seismic waves emitted by random ambient sources

#### Extraction of Green functions from random wavefields

Origins of the idea:

The 'fluctuation-dissipation theorem' links random fluctuations (*equipartition*) of a system with its response to an external source (e.g. Kubo, 1966). The origin of the idea can be tracked in works on Brownian motion by Einstein (*in 1905!*).

#### FT(Green function A->B) ~ FT(time correlation of fields in A and B)

Applications with mechanical waves (under different names) : Helioseismology: Duvall et al. (1993)+.... Laboratory Acoustics: Weaver and Lobkis (2001)+... Sesimic coda waves: Campillo and Paul (2003)+... Marine acoustics: Roux et al., (2003)+... Ambient seismic noise: Shapiro and Campillo (2004)+...

### Extracting Green functions from the random wavefield by field-to-filed correlation: theoretical background

seismic noise is excited by randomly distributed ambient sources (oceanic microseisms and atmospheric loads)

modal representation of the random field:

$$\phi(x,t) = \sum_{n} a_{n} u_{n}(x) e^{i\omega_{n}t}$$

- $\mathcal{U}_n$  eigenfunctions
- $\omega_n$  eigenfrequencies
- $a_n$  modal excitations, uncorrelated random variables:

$$\langle a_n a_m^* \rangle = \delta_{n,m} F(\omega_n)$$

 $F(\omega)$  - spectral energy density

cross-correlation between points x and y:

$$C(x, y, \tau) = \sum_{n} F(\omega_{n})u_{n}(x)u_{n}(y)e^{-i\omega_{n}\tau}$$

differs only by an amplitude factor  $F(\omega)$  from the derivative of Green function between x and y

Extracting Green functions from the random wavefield by field-to-filed correlation: theoretical background

Random wavefield - sum of waves emitted by randomly distributed sources Cross-correlation of waves emitted by a single source between two receivers





## Extracting Green functions from the random wavefield by field-to-filed correlation: theoretical background



Sources are in constructive interference when respective travel time difference are close to each other

> Effective density of sources is high in the vicinity of the line connecting two receivers





















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#### Cross-correlations of regional coda

#### From Campillo and Paul (2003)



Cross-correlations from teleseismic codas: data

records at five US permanent seismic stations from 17 M≥8 earthquakes occurred between 1993 and 2002








## Cross-correlations from teleseismic codas at US stations





### at long periods:

- 1. scattering is weaker
- 2. telesesmic coda is not fully diffuse
- 3. coherent signals disappear in crosscorrelations



## Cross-correlations from ambient seismic noise: ANMO - CCM

cross-correlations from 30 days of continuous vertical component records (2002/01/10-2002/02/08)



frequency-time analysis of the broadband cross-correlation



### Cross-correlations from ambient seismic noise at US stations



### Cross-correlation from ambient seismic noise in North-Western Pacific



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## Why using solar powered sources (*noise*)?

- 1. Measurements in absence of earthquakes:
  - improved resolution
  - repetitive measurements:

monitoring of temporal changes (volcanoes, fault zones)

2. Possibility to study the coupling between the Solid Earth, the Ocean, and the Atmosphere

traditional approach: using **teleseismic surface waves** 



- extended lateral sensitivity
- sample only certain directions
- source dependent
- difficult to make short-period measurements

### Consequence: limited resolution

Alternative solution: making measurement from **random wavefield** (ambient seismic noise)



- localized lateral sensitivity
- samples all directions
- source independent
- may allow many short-period measurements

## May improve resolution

# Correlation of seismic noise: data processing





























### 3. One-bit normalization







2. Filtered seismograms (0.01-0.025 Hz)

### 3. One-bit normalization











### 3. One-bit normalization



## Group velocity measurement

- For each station pair, perform a series of narrow band-pass filters on each day of data: 5-15, 10-25, 20-40, 33-66, 50-100, 70-150 sec.
- 2. Perform temporal and spectral whitening of each time series.



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Symmetric component of 1 year stack.

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- 4. Measure surface wave dispersion in each period band.



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### Cross-correlation of seismic noise in California



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cross-correlations of vertical component continuous records (1996/02/11-1996/03/10) 0.03-0.2 Hz



## Comparison with signals from earthquakes



### Examples of Rayleigh-wave dispersion curves



### Measurements from two different months



# Repetitive tomography



# Resolution








Comparison between noise-based and earthquake-based tomographies

18 s global surface-wave tomography 18 s cross-correlation 35 0 -120 -120 -115 -115 2.55 2.65 2.75 2.80 2.85 2.95 3.00 3.10 3.20 3.50 2.55 2.65 2.75 2.80 2.85 2.95 3.00 3.10 3.20 3.50 group velocity (km/s) group velocity (km/s)

35

ongoing processing of the USArray data (M. Moschetti)



### Ambient Noise Tomography Across Europe (Yingjie Yang)



#### Example of Broad-Band Cross-Correlograms







### Sample Record Section

#### N. Italy to Stations Across Europe



#### 33-66 sec, 1 year stack, symmetric component

### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 12 sec



#### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 12 sec



#### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 16 sec





### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 16 sec



#### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 20 sec





### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 20 sec



### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 30 sec



#### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 30 sec



SNR > 5 2450 paths



#### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 40 sec

From CUB 3-D Model



### Group Speed Maps Across Europe: 40 sec



SNR > 5 2760 paths

Ambient Noise Tomography



How do we Know if These Results are an Improvement Over Traditional Earthquake Tomography?

Various lines of evidence:

- Agreement with known structures.
  - e.g., sedimentary basins, crustal thickness.
- Repeatability of measurements.
  - May yield uncertainty estimates on the measurements.
- Coherence of measurements.

Fit to ambient noise measurements during tomography, compared with fit to earthquake based measurements during tomography.

#### Agreement with Location of Sedimentary Basins?

Many of the basins across Europe are reflected in the short period dispersion maps (e.g., 16 sec here): N. Sea Basin, Silesian Basin (N. Germany, Poland), Panonian Basin (Hungary, Slovakia), Po Basin (N. Italy), Rhone Basin (S. France), Basins in Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas.



#### Agreement with Expected Crustal Thickness?

Low speed anomalies across Europe are associated with mountains belts, consistent with thickened crust; e.g.,

> Alps, Balkans, Carpathians.



#### Coherence Among Measurements -- 12 sec period?



### Coherence Among Measurements -- 16 sec period?



#### Coherence Among Measurements -- 20 sec period?



#### Coherence Among Measurements -- 30 sec period?



#### Coherence Among Measurements -- 40 sec period?



#### Coherence Among Measurements -- Summary

As measured by the ability to fit data sets when doing tomography.....

Dispersion measurements from ambient noise are more internally consistent than measurements following earthquakes:

- + earthquake measurements are difficult to obtain below ~ 20 sec,
- + source processes, mislocation, etc. are eliminated.

Above ~30 sec, earthquake measurements are about as reliable as ambient noise measurements and the data sets can be combined without degrading the ambient noise measurements.



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#### Understanding the origin of the seismic noise

Motivations:

- Optimizing nose-based imaging
- Obtaining information about process in the ocean and the atmosphere



Fourier spectrum from one day of seismic noise (August 21, 2003; station OBN)

#### Origin of oceanic microseisms: traditional explanation



**primary microseism** is excited at frequencies corresponding to the spectrum of incoming oceanic gravity waves (periods of **10-20 s**)

**secondary microseism** is exited at doubled frequencies due to the nonlinear interaction between incident and reflected waves (periods of **5-10 s**)

both microseims originate in coastal areas

#### Isotropic distribution of sources: symmetric cross-correlation





courtesy of Laurent Stehly (LGIT, Grenoble)

Anisotropic distribution of sources: asymmetric cross-correlation

















10 - 20 s



#### Seismic noise sources (10-20 s)



60<sup>(</sup>S

180°W

60°W

120°W

180°W

0°

60°E

120°E

160<sup>0</sup>W w<sup>c</sup>oa 120 W

0:

60 E

120 E

190 W

#### Origin of oceanic microseisms: new results

- primary and secondary microseisms do not originate from the same areas
- prominence of the primary microseism is strongly seasonal

the seasonality must be accounted for during travel time measurements for the tomography; better to use long time series (> 1 year)

- primary microseism seems to originate in the deep ocean
- primary microseism is clearly related to the meteorological conditions in the ocean:

possibility to study climate-related phenomena from seismic data
#### Schulte-Pelkum et al (2004)



Tracking wave-wave interactions. The maps show global wave heights [from the NOAA Wave Watch III model (12), see color scale at bottom] and arrival directions of ocean microseisms at U.S. seismic arrays (from seismic data; colored arrows). (Top) Microseisms recorded in Wyoming are dominated by wave-wave interactions near the British Columbia coast, and those recorded in southern California by interactions off the coast of Baja California. (Bottom) A North Atlantic storm swell hitting the steep Labrador coast triggers transcontinental microseisms.

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# Imaging volcanic edifices (La Réunion)

inversion of noise-based surface-wave group-velocity measurements obtained form the La Réunion volcano monitoring seismic network (20 stations) at periods between 0.2 and 1 s (Florent Brenguer)













# Monitoring volcanoes (La Réunion)





**Possibility to recunstruct P-waves** 



Figure 2. Range-time representation of the Z-Z component of the noise correlation tensor averaged over one month in three frequency bands (a) [0.1-1.3 Hz], (b) [0.1-0.45 Hz], and (c) [0.7-1.3 Hz]. Each plot has been normalized by its own maximum.

### **Extraction of surface waves from seismic noise**

Measurements without earthquakes

Improved resolution

Possible applications:

- imaging of the crust and the uppermost mantle
- structure of sedimentary basins for seismic hazard
- seismic calibration for nuclear monitoring
- monitoring of volcanoes and fault zones
- studying process in the ocean and the atmosphere

Remaining questions:

- optimal duration of noise sequences
- spectral range
- optimal inter-station distances
- optimal station orientation
- Other than Rayleigh waves (Love, body waves)

the end