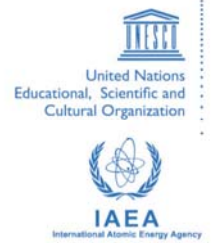




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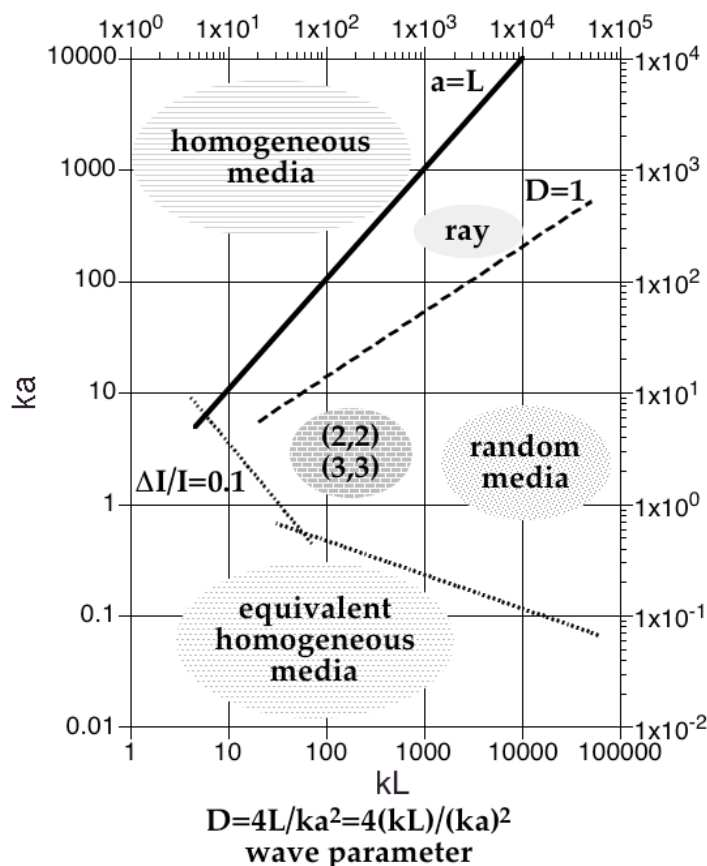
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## Road map



Seismic wave propagation problems can be classified using some parameters.

This classification is crucial for the choice of technique to calculate synthetic seismograms, but it needs a **deep comprehension of the physical meaning of the problem.**

(Adapted from Aki and Richards, 1980)

# (Seismic) Wave physics

## Basic physical concepts

- What is a wave?
- Discrete and continuous models
- Born of wave equation
- Dispersion

## Basic physical concepts 2

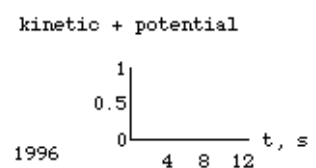
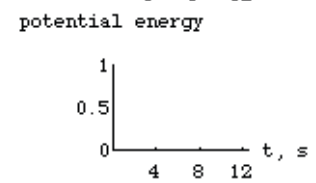
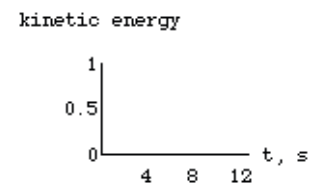
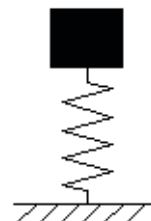
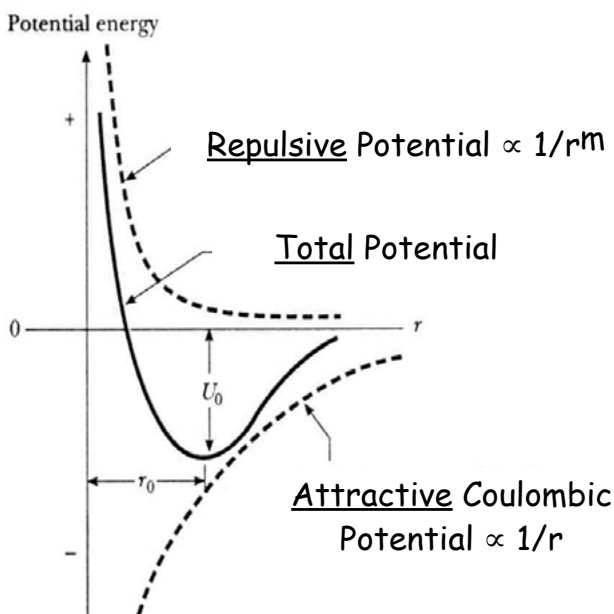
- PDE: Poisson, diffusion and wave equation
- Scattering and diffusion

# What is a wave?

Small perturbations of a stable equilibrium point

Linear restoring force

Harmonic Oscillation



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# What is a wave? - 2

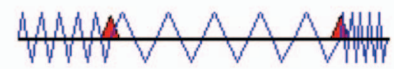
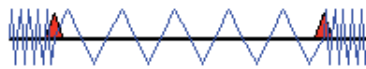
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Coupling of harmonic oscillators

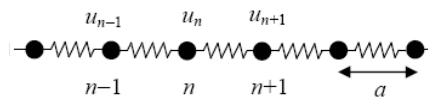
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Normal modes of the system

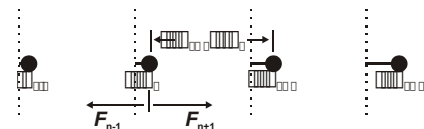
# Monoatomic 1D lattice

The simplest periodic system within the context of harmonic approximation ( $F = dU/du = Cu$ ) - a one-dimensional crystal lattice, which is a sequence of masses  $m$  connected with springs of force constant  $C$  and separation  $a$ .



The collective motion of these springs will correspond to solutions of a wave equation. 3 types of wave motion are possible: 2 transverse, 1 longitudinal (or compressional). For a longitudinal wave, the force exerted on the  $n$ -th atom in the lattice is given by:

$$F_n = F_{n+1,n} - F_{n-1,n} = C[(u_{n+1} - u_n) - (u_n - u_{n-1})]$$



Applying Newton's second law to the motion of the  $n$ -th atom we obtain

$$M(d^2u_n/dt^2) = F_n = -C(2u_n - u_{n+1} - u_{n-1})$$

A similar equation can be written for each atom in the lattice, resulting in  $N$  coupled differential equations, which should be solved simultaneously ( $N$  - total number of atoms in the lattice). In addition the boundary conditions applied to end atoms in the lattice should be taken into account.



# What is a wave? - 3

Small perturbations of a  
stable equilibrium point

Linear restoring  
force

Harmonic  
Oscillation

Coupling of  
harmonic oscillators

the disturbances can  
**propagate**, superpose and  
stand

**WAVE**: organized **propagating imbalance**,  
satisfying differential equations of motion

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

General form of LWE

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## (Seismic) wave propagation

### Basic physical concepts

What is a wave?

Discrete and continuous models

Born of wave equation

Dispersion

discreteness

stiffness

geometry

boundaries

# Dispersion relation

✓ In classical mechanics, the Hamilton's principle the perturbation scheme applied to an averaged Lagrangian for an harmonic wave field gives a characteristic equation:  $\Delta(\omega, \mathbf{k}_i) = 0$

*Transverse wave in a string*

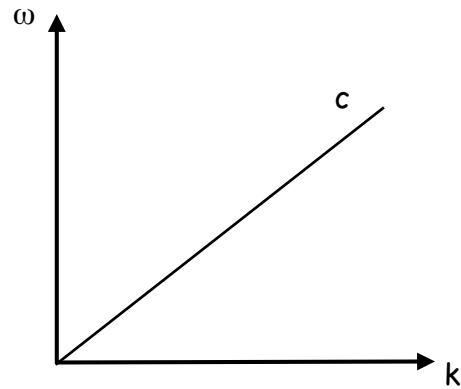
$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\mu}{F} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm kc$$

*Acoustic wave*

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho}{B} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm kc$$

*Longitudinal wave in a rod*

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho}{E} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \phi = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm kc$$



Dispersion

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# Dispersion relation

✓ In physics, the dispersion relation is the relation between the energy of a system and its corresponding momentum. For example, for massive particles in free space, the dispersion relation can easily be calculated from the definition of kinetic energy:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

✓ For electromagnetic waves, the energy is proportional to the frequency of the wave and the momentum to the wavenumber. In this case, Maxwell's equations tell us that the dispersion relation for vacuum is linear:  $\omega = ck$ .

✓ The name "**dispersion relation**" originally comes from optics. It is possible to make the effective speed of light dependent on wavelength by making light pass through a material which has a non-constant index of refraction, or by using light in a non-uniform medium such as a waveguide. In this case, the waveform will spread over time, such that a narrow pulse will become an extended pulse, i.e. be dispersed.

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# Dispersion...

✓ In optics, dispersion is a phenomenon that causes the separation of a wave into spectral components with different wavelengths, due to a dependence of the wave's speed on its wavelength. It is most often described in light waves, but it may happen to any kind of wave that interacts with a medium or can be confined to a waveguide, such as sound waves. There are generally two sources of dispersion: **material dispersion**, which comes from a frequency-dependent response of a material to waves; and **waveguide dispersion**, which occurs when the speed of a wave in a waveguide depends on its frequency.

✓ In optics, the phase velocity of a wave  $v$  in a given uniform medium is given by:  $v=c/n$ , where  $c$  is the speed of light in a vacuum and  $n$  is the refractive index of the medium. In general, the refractive index is some function of the frequency of the light, thus  $n = n(f)$ , or alternately, with respect to the wave's wavelength  $n = n(\lambda)$ . For visible light, most transparent materials (e.g. glasses) have a refractive index  $n$  decreases with increasing wavelength  $\lambda$  ( $dn/d\lambda < 0$ , i.e.  $dv/d\lambda > 0$ ). In this case, the medium is said to have **normal dispersion** and if the index increases with increasing wavelength the medium has **anomalous dispersion**.

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# Group velocity

✓ Another consequence of dispersion manifests itself as a temporal effect. The phase velocity is the velocity at which the phase of any one frequency component of the wave will propagate. This is not the same as the **group velocity of the wave, which is the rate that changes in amplitude** (known as the envelope of the wave) will propagate. The group velocity  $v_g$  is related to the phase velocity by, for a homogeneous medium (here  $\lambda$  is the wavelength in vacuum, not in the medium):



$$v_g = c \left( n - \lambda \frac{dn}{d\lambda} \right)^{-1} = v - \lambda \frac{dv}{d\lambda}$$

and thus in the normal dispersion case  
 $v_g$  is always  $< v$  !

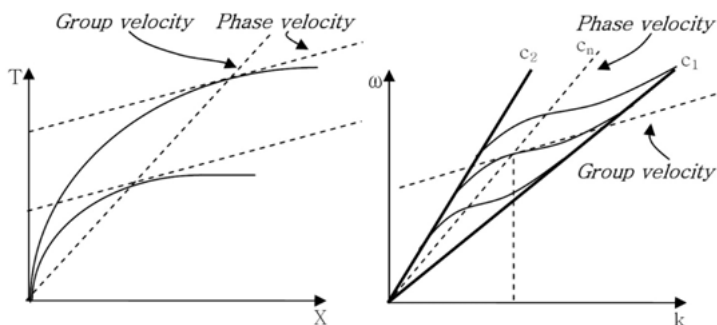
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# Dispersion...

- ✓ The group velocity itself is usually a function of the wave's frequency. This results in group velocity dispersion (GVD), that is often quantified as the group delay dispersion parameter (again, this formula is for a uniform medium only): If  $D$  is less than zero, the medium is said to have **positive dispersion**. If  $D$  is greater than zero, the medium has **negative dispersion**.

$$D = -\frac{\lambda}{c} \left( \frac{d^2 n}{d\lambda^2} \right)$$



**Airy Phase** - wave that arises if the phase and the change in group velocity are stationary and gives the highest amplitude in terms of group velocity and are prominent on the seismogram.

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# Dispersion examples

- ✓ Discrete systems: lattices
- ✓ Stiff systems: rods and thin plates
- ✓ Boundary waves: plates and rods

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# Dispersion in lattices

## Monatomic 1D lattice - continued

Now let us attempt a solution of the form:  $u_n = A e^{i(kx_n - \omega t)}$ ,

where  $x_n$  is the equilibrium position of the  $n$ -th atom so that  $x_n = na$ . This equation represents a traveling wave, in which all atoms oscillate with the same frequency  $\omega$  and the same amplitude  $A$  and have a wavevector  $k$ . Now substituting the guess solution into the equation and canceling the common quantities (the amplitude and the time-dependent factor) we obtain

$$M(-\omega^2)e^{ikna} = -C[2e^{ikna} - e^{ik(n+1)a} - e^{ik(n-1)a}].$$

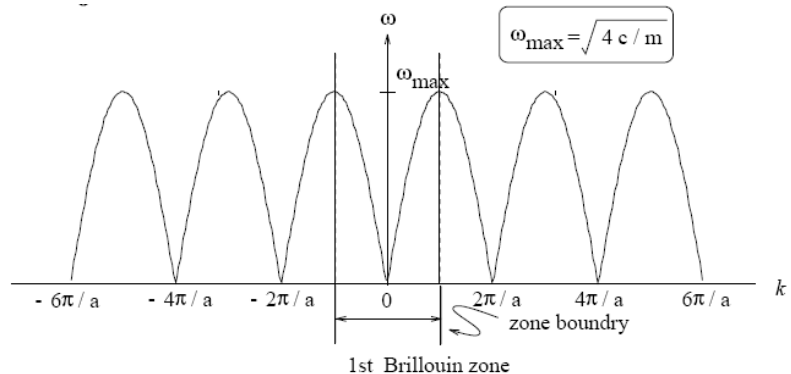
This equation can be further simplified by canceling the common factor  $e^{ikna}$ , which leads to

$$M\omega^2 = C(2 - e^{ika} - e^{-ika}) = 2C(1 - \cos ka) = 4C \sin^2 \frac{ka}{2}.$$

We find thus the dispersion relation for the frequency:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4C}{M}} \left| \sin \frac{ka}{2} \right|$$

which is the relationship between the frequency of vibrations and the wavevector  $k$ . The dispersion relation has a number of important properties.



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## Monatomic 1D lattice – continued

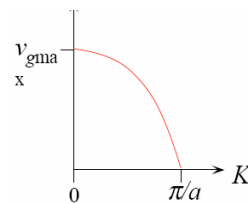
**Phase and group velocity.** The phase velocity is defined by

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} \text{ and the group velocity by } v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

The physical distinction between the two velocities is that  $v_p$  is the velocity of propagation of the plane wave, whereas the  $v_g$  is the velocity of the propagation of the wave packet. The latter is the velocity for the propagation of energy in the medium. For the particular

dispersion relation  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4C}{M}} \left| \sin \frac{ka}{2} \right|$  the group velocity is given by  $v_g = \sqrt{\frac{Ca^2}{M}} \cos \frac{ka}{2}$ .

Apparently, the group velocity is zero at the edge of the zone where  $k = \pm \pi/a$ . Here the



**Long wavelength limit.** The long wavelength limit implies that  $\lambda \gg a$ . In this limit  $ka \ll 1$ .

We can then expand the sine in ' $\omega$ ' and obtain for the positive frequencies:  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{C}{M}} ka$ .

We see that the frequency of vibration is proportional to the wavevector. This is equivalent to the statement that velocity is independent of frequency. In this case:

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \sqrt{\frac{C}{M}} a. \quad \text{which is consistent with the expression we obtained earlier for elastic waves.}$$

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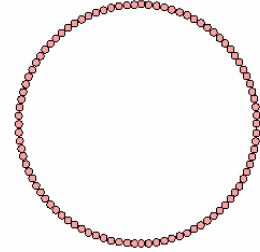
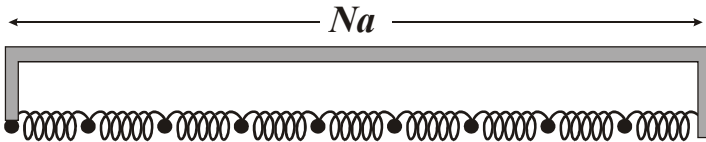
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# Monatomic 1D lattice – continued

## Finite chain – Born – von Karman periodic boundary condition.

Unlike a continuum, there is only a finite number of distinguishable vibrational modes. But how many?

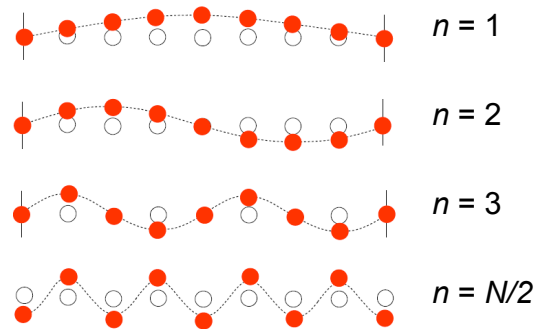
Let us impose on the chain ends the Born – von Karman periodic boundary conditions specified as following: we simply join the two remote ends by one more spring in a ring or device in the figure below forcing atom  $N$  to interact with ion 1 via a spring with a spring constant  $C$ . If the atoms occupy sites  $a, 2a, \dots, Na$  The boundary condition is  $u_{N+1} = u_1$  or  $u_N = u_0$ .



With the displacement solution of the form  $u_n = A \exp[i(kna - \omega t)]$ , the periodic boundary condition requires that  $\exp(\pm i k N a) = 1$ , which in turn requires 'k' to have the form:

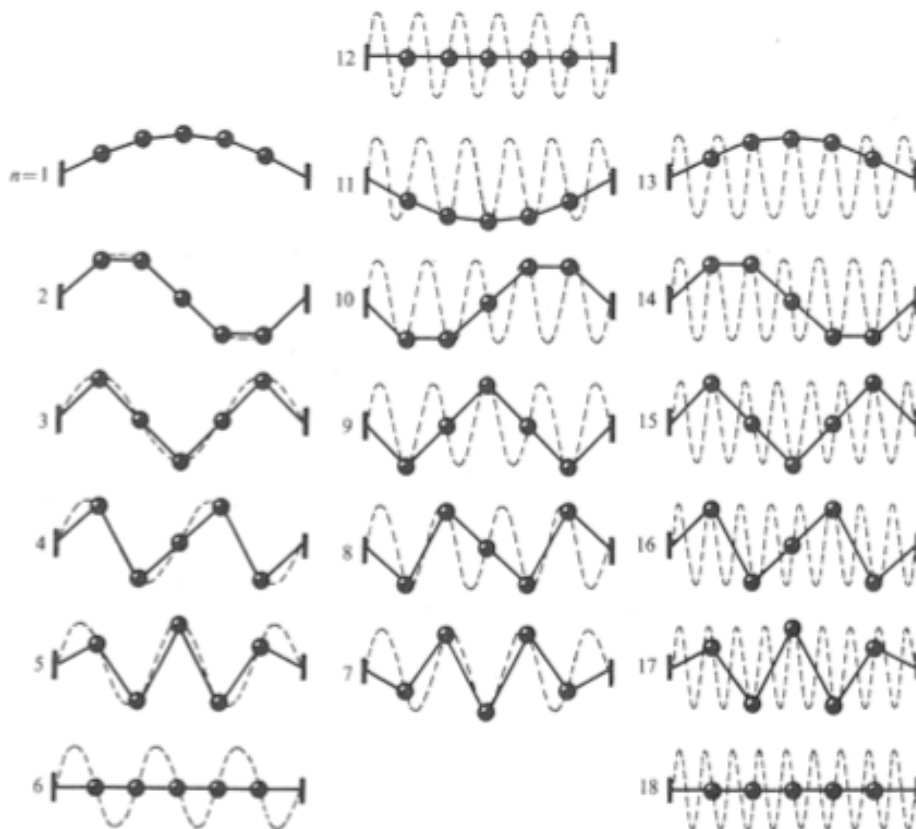
$$k = \frac{2\pi n}{a N} \quad (n - \text{an integer}), \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{N}{2} \leq n \leq \frac{N}{2}, \quad \text{or}$$

$$k = \pm \frac{2\pi}{Na}, \pm \frac{4\pi}{Na}, \pm \frac{6\pi}{Na}, \dots, \pm \frac{\pi}{a} \quad (N \text{ values of } k).$$



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# Acoustic and optical modes



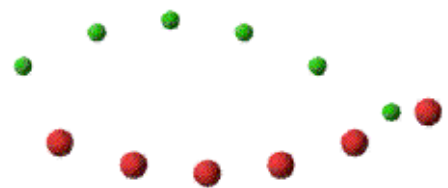
Monoatomic chain  
acoustic longitudinal mode



Monoatomic chain  
acoustic transverse mode



Diatomic chain  
acoustic transverse mode



Diatomic chain  
optical transverse mode

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# Dispersion examples

- Discrete systems: lattices
- Stiff systems: rods and thin plates
- Boundary waves: plates and rods

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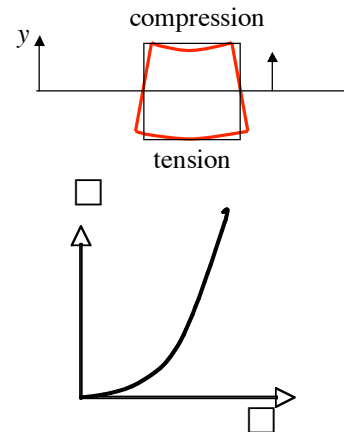
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# Stiffness...

- How "stiff" or "flexible" is a material? It depends on whether we pull on it, twist it, bend it, or simply compress it. In the simplest case the material is characterized by two independent "stiffness constants" and that different combinations of these constants determine the response to a pull, twist, bend, or pressure.

Euler Bernoulli equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} - \frac{\rho A}{EI} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) w = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm k^2 \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho A}}$$

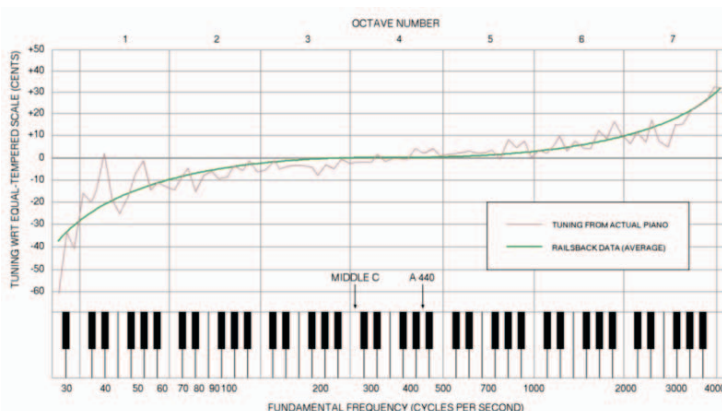


# Stiffness...

- Stiffness in a vibrating string introduces a restoring force proportional to the bending angle of the string and the usual stiffness term added to the wave equation for the ideal string. Stiff-string models are commonly used in piano synthesis and they have to be included in tuning of piano strings due to inharmonic effects.

$$\left( \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} + \frac{E}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho A}{EI} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) w = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm k \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho} \left( 1 + k^2 \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} \right)^{1/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega \approx \pm k \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} k^2 \sqrt{\frac{I}{A}} \right)}$$



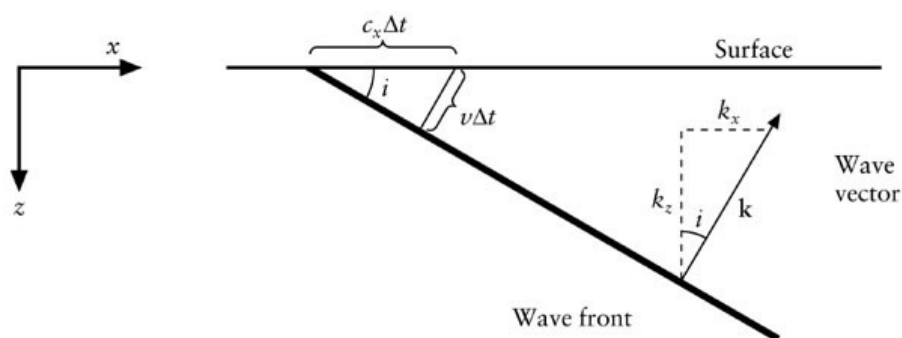


# Dispersion examples

- ☑ Discrete systems: lattices
- ☑ Stiff systems: rods and thin plates
- ☑ Boundary waves: plates and rods

Discontinuity interfaces are intrinsic in their propagation since they allow to store energy (not like body waves)!

# Apparent horizontal velocity



$$k_x = k \sin(i) = \omega \frac{\sin(i)}{\alpha} = \frac{\omega}{c}$$

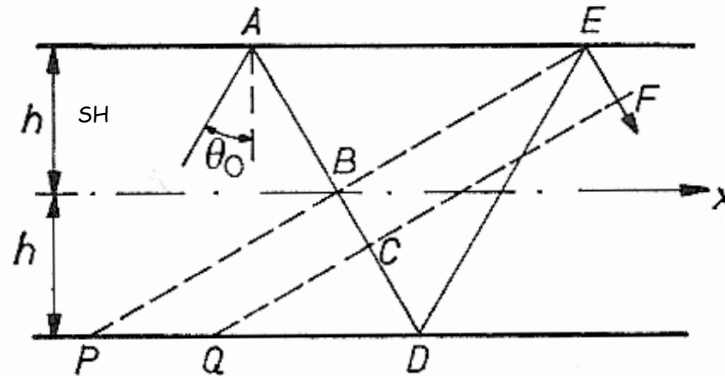
$$k_z = k \cos(i) = \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2} = \omega \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{c}\right)^2} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{\alpha}\right)^2 - 1} = k_x r_\alpha$$

In current terminology,  $k_x$  is  $k$ !

# SH Waves in plates: Geometry

In an elastic half-space no SH type surface waves exist. Why?

Because there is total reflection and no interaction between an evanescent P wave and a phase shifted SV wave as in the case of Rayleigh waves. What happens if we have a layer delimited by two free boundaries, i.e. a homogeneous plate?



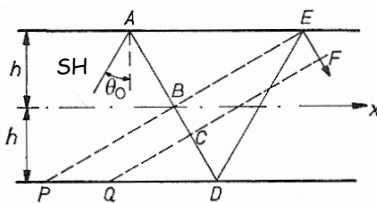
Repeated reflection in the layer allow interference between incident and reflected SH waves: SH reverberations can be totally trapped.

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## SH waves: trapping

$$u_y = A \exp[i(\omega t + \omega \eta_\beta z - kx)] + B \exp[i(\omega t - \omega \eta_\beta z - kx)]$$



$$k = k_x = \frac{\omega}{c}; \quad \omega \eta_\beta = k_z = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{c^2}{\beta^2} - 1} = k r_\beta$$

$$u_y = A \exp[i(\omega t + k r_\beta z - kx)] + B \exp[i(\omega t - k r_\beta z - kx)]$$

The formal derivation is very similar to the derivation of the Rayleigh waves. The conditions to be fulfilled are: free surface conditions

$$\sigma_{zy}(0) = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right|_0 = i k r_\beta \mu \{ A \exp[i(\omega t - kx)] - B \exp[i(\omega t - kx)] \} = 0$$

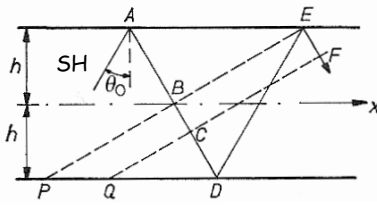
$$\sigma_{zy}(2h) = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right|_{2h} = i k r_\beta \mu \{ A \exp[i(\omega t + k r_\beta 2h - kx)] - B \exp[i(\omega t - k r_\beta 2h - kx)] \} = 0$$

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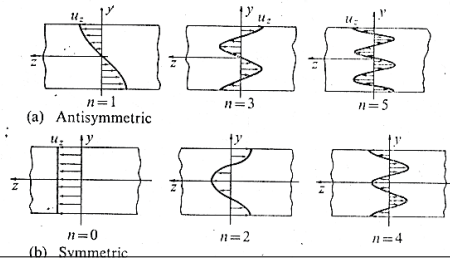
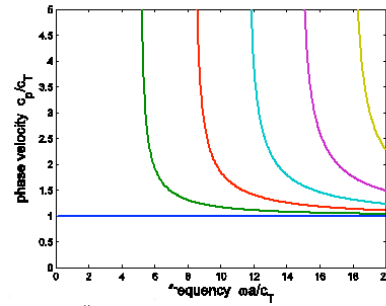
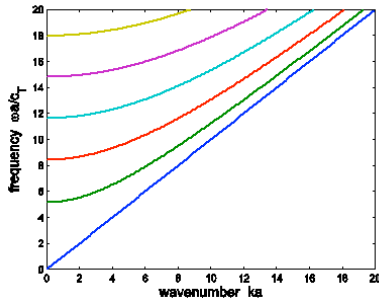
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# SH waves: eigenvalues...

that leads to:  $kr_\beta 2h = n\pi$  with  $n=0,1,2,\dots$



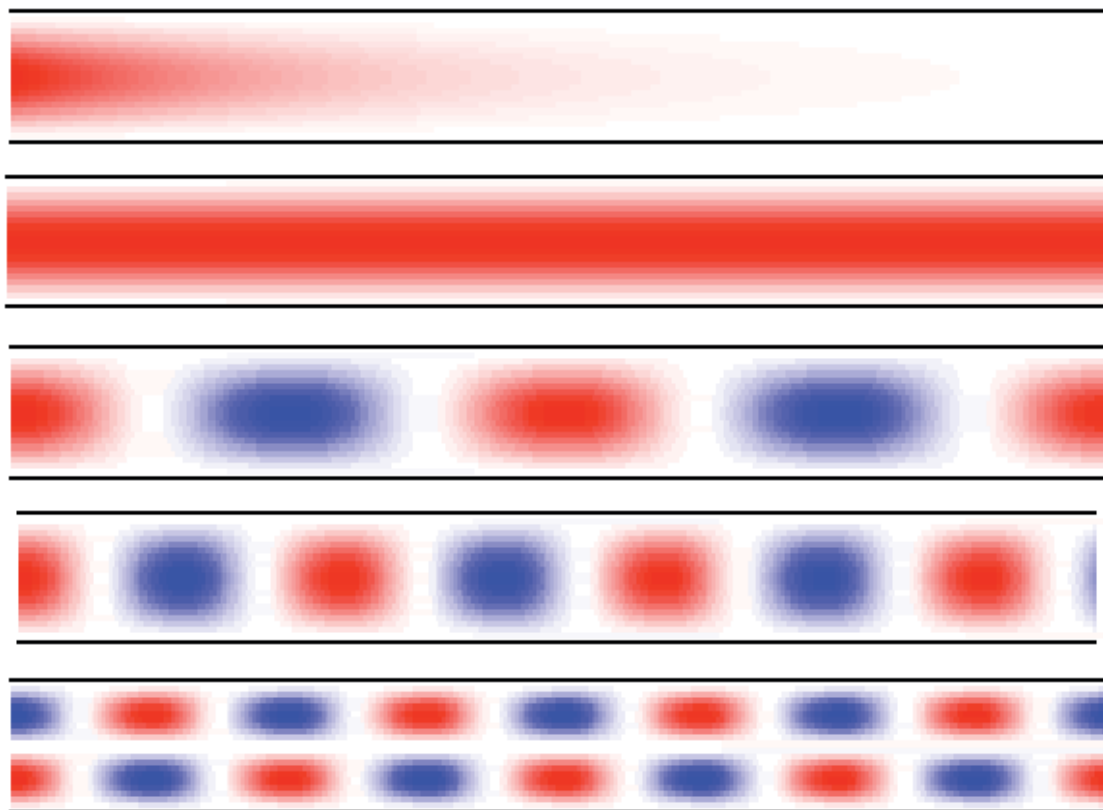
$$\omega^2 = k^2 \beta^2 + \left( \frac{n\pi\beta}{2h} \right)^2 \quad c = \beta \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{n\pi\beta}{2h\omega} \right)^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$



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# EM waveguide animations



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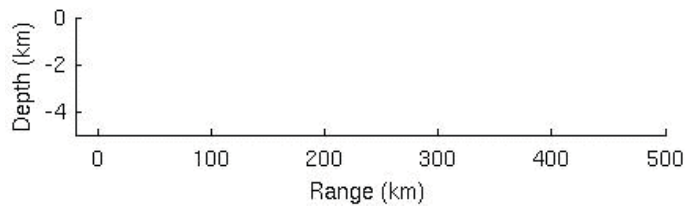
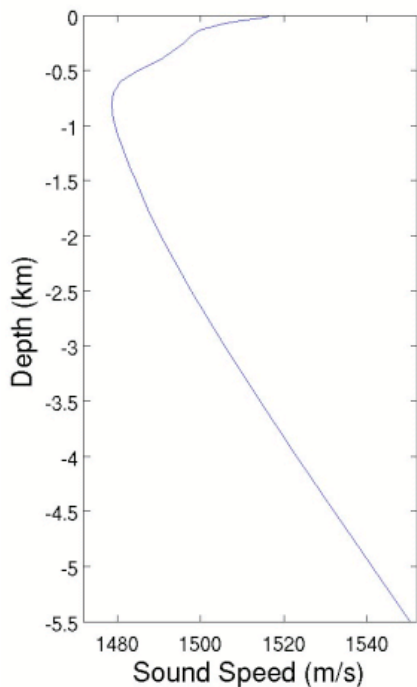
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# Acoustic waveguides...

## ☑ SOFAR channel (Sound Fixing And Ranging channel)



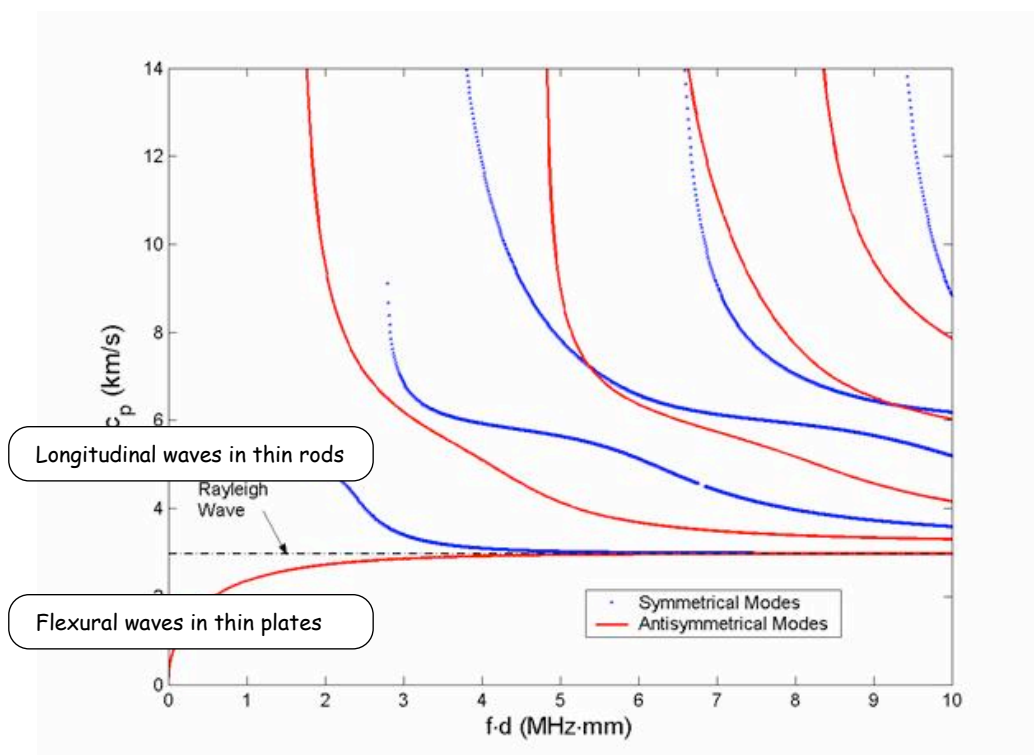
Sound speed as a function of depth at a position north of Hawaii in the Pacific Ocean derived from the 2005 World Ocean Atlas. The SOFAR channel axis is at ca. 750-m depth.

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# Waves in plates

In low frequency plate waves, there are two distinct type of harmonic motion. These are called symmetric or **extensional** waves and antisymmetric or **flexural** waves.

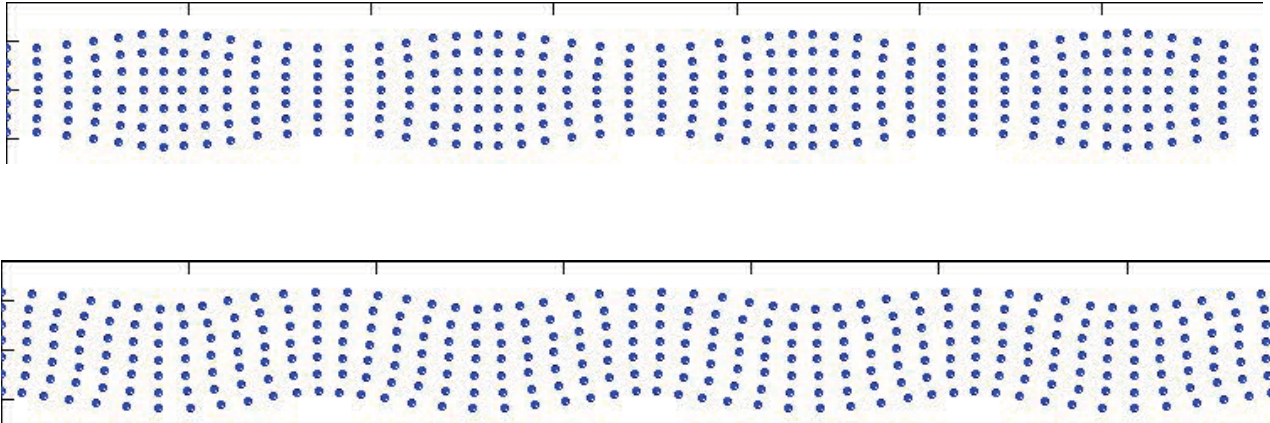


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# Lamb waves

Lamb waves are waves of plane strain that occur in a free plate, and the traction force must vanish on the upper and lower surface of the plate. In a free plate, a line source along  $y$  axis and all wave vectors must lie in the  $x$ - $z$  plane. This requirement implies that response of the plate will be independent of the in-plane coordinate normal to the propagation direction.

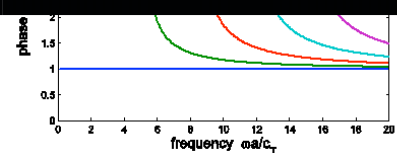
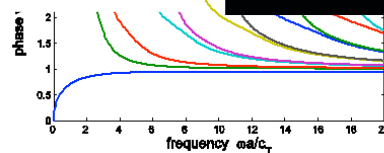
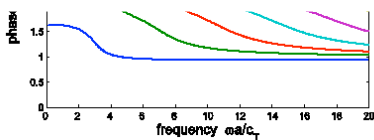
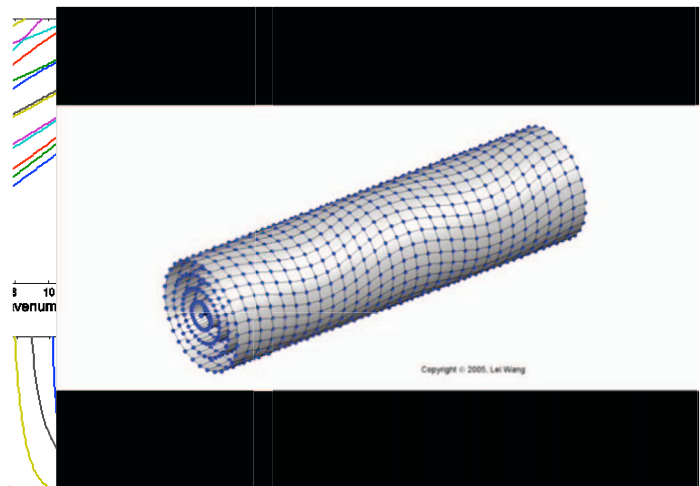


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# Elastic waves in rods

Three types of elastic waves can propagate in rods: (1) **longitudinal waves**, (2) **flexural waves**, and (3) **torsional waves**. Longitudinal waves are similar to the symmetric Lamb waves, flexural waves are similar to antisymmetric Lamb waves, and torsional waves are similar to horizontal shear (SH) waves in plates.

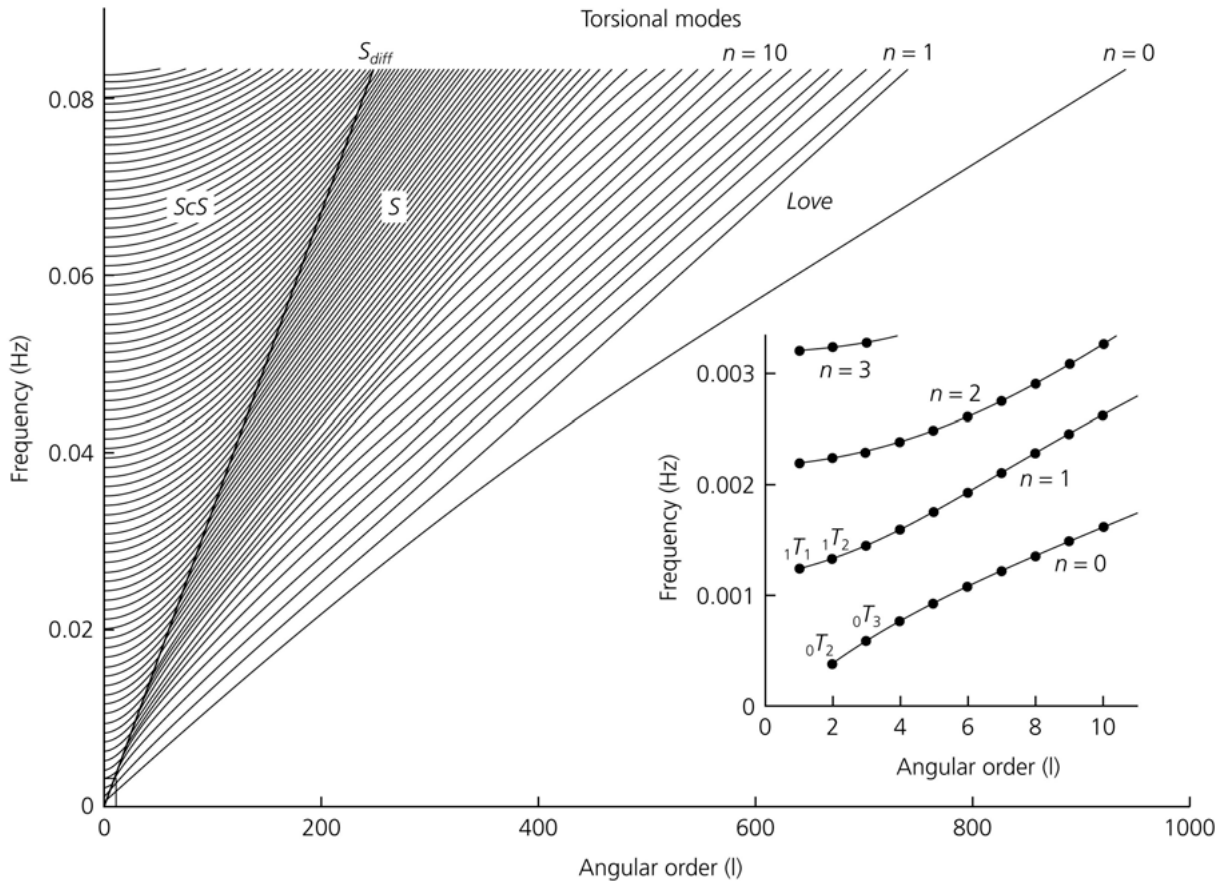


Dispersion

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# Torsional modes dispersion



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# What is a wave? - 4

Small perturbations of a stable equilibrium point

Linear restoring force

Harmonic Oscillation

Coupling of harmonic oscillators

the disturbances can propagate, superpose, stand, and be dispersed

**WAVE:** organized propagating imbalance, satisfying differential equations of motion

non linearity

**Turbulence**

Organization can be destroyed, when interference is destructive

strong scattering

**Diffusion**

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# (Seismic) wave propagation

## Basic physical concepts

What is a wave?

Discrete and continuous models

Born of wave equation

Dispersion

## Basic physical concepts 2

PDE: Poisson, diffusion and wave equation

Scattering and diffusion

## Mathematic reference: Linear PDE

### Classification of Partial Differential Equations (PDE)

Second-order PDEs of two variables are of the form:

$$a \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + b \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} + c \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2} + d \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} + e \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = F(x, y)$$

$b^2 - 4ac < 0$       elliptic      LAPLACE equation

$b^2 - 4ac = 0$       parabolic      DIFFUSION equation

$b^2 - 4ac > 0$       hyperbolic      WAVE equation

Elliptic equations produce **stationary and energy-minimizing** solutions

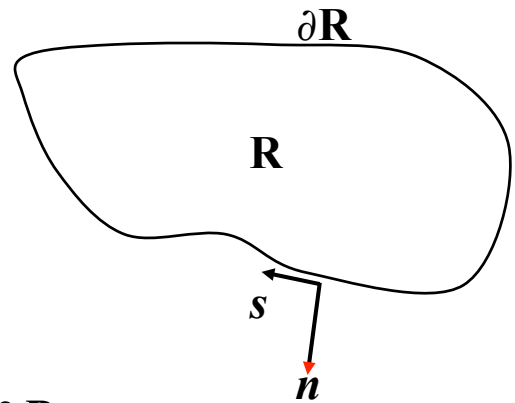
Parabolic equations a **smooth-spreading flow** of an initial disturbance

Hyperbolic equations a **propagating disturbance**

# Boundary and Initial conditions

**Initial conditions:** starting point for propagation problems

**Boundary conditions:** specified on domain boundaries to provide the interior solution in computational domain



(i) Dirichlet condition :  $u = f$  on  $\partial R$

(ii) Neumann condition :  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = f$  or  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = g$  on  $\partial R$

(iii) Robin (mixed) condition :  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + ku = f$  on  $\partial R$

## Elliptic PDEs

**Steady-state two-dimensional heat conduction equation is prototypical elliptic PDE**

**Laplace equation - no heat generation**

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

**Poisson equation - with heat source**

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y)$$



# Wave Equation

## Hyperbolic Equation

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0 - 4(1)(-c^2) > 0 : \text{Hyperbolic}$$

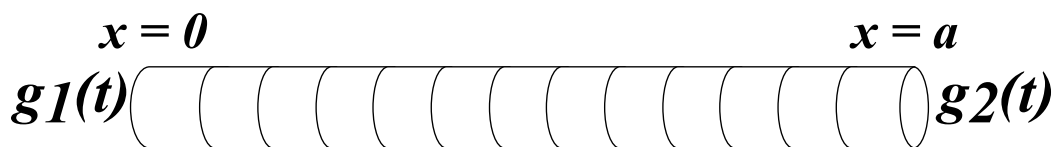
$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq a, \quad 0 \leq t$$

$$\text{I.C.s} \quad \begin{cases} u(x, 0) = f_1(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = f_2(x) \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq x \leq a$$

$$\text{B.C.s} \quad \begin{cases} u(0, t) = g_1(t) \\ u(a, t) = g_2(t) \end{cases} \quad t > 0$$

## Heat Equation: Parabolic PDE

Heat transfer in a one-dimensional rod



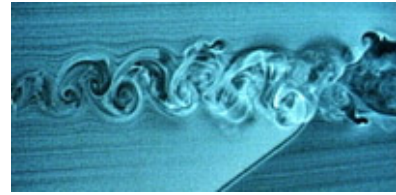
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# Coupled PDE

## Navier-Stokes Equations



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

PDE

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# Basic concepts of EM wavefield

**Extinction** and **emission** are two main types of the interactions between an electromagnetic radiation field and a medium (e.g., the atmosphere).

**Extinction** is due to **absorption** and **scattering**.

**Absorption** is a process that **removes** the radiant energy from an electromagnetic field and transfers it to other forms of energy.

**Scattering** is a process that does not remove energy from the radiation field, but **redirect** it. Scattering can be thought of as absorption of radiant energy followed by re-emission back to the electromagnetic field with negligible conversion of energy, i.e. can be a "source" of radiant energy for the light beams traveling in other directions.

Scattering **occurs at all wavelengths** (spectrally not selective) in the electromagnetic spectrum, for any material whose refractive index is different from that of the surrounding medium (**optically inhomogeneous**).

Scattering

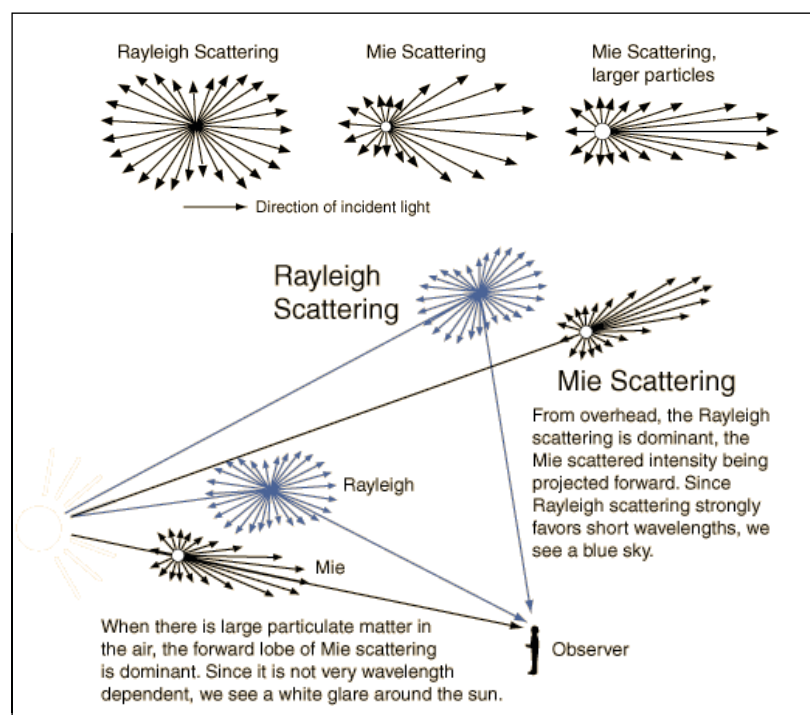
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## Scattering of EM wavefield (1)

The amount of scattered energy depends strongly on the ratio of: particle size ( $a$ ) to wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) of the incident wave

When ( $a < \lambda/10$ ), the scattered intensity on both forward and backward directions are equal. This type of scattering is called **Rayleigh scattering**.

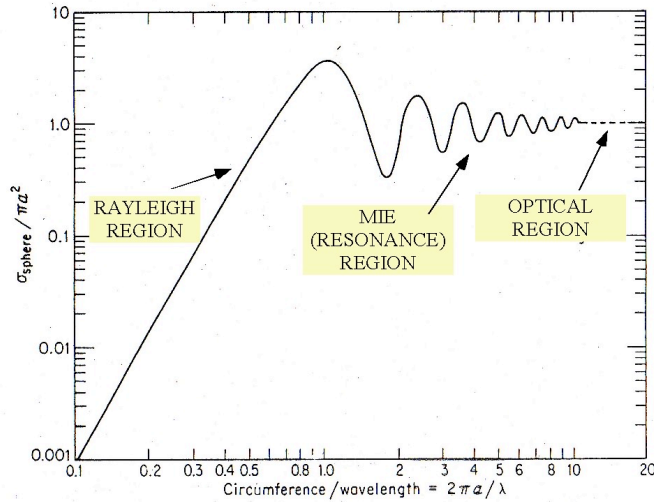
For ( $a > \lambda$ ), the angular distribution of scattered intensity becomes more complex with more energy scattered in the forward direction. This type of scattering is called **Mie scattering**.



Scattering

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# Scattering of EM wavefield (2)



$$I = I_0 \frac{8\pi^4 N\alpha^2}{\lambda^4 R^2} (1 + \cos^2\theta)$$

Scattering at right angles is half the forward intensity for Rayleigh scattering

$$I \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^4}$$

N = # of scatterers  
 $\alpha$  = polarizability  
 R = distance from scatterer

The strong wavelength dependence of Rayleigh scattering enhances the short wavelengths, giving us the blue sky.

Rayleigh scattering from air molecules

Observer

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# Single Scattering

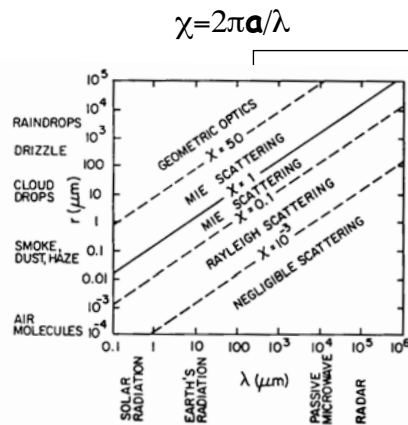
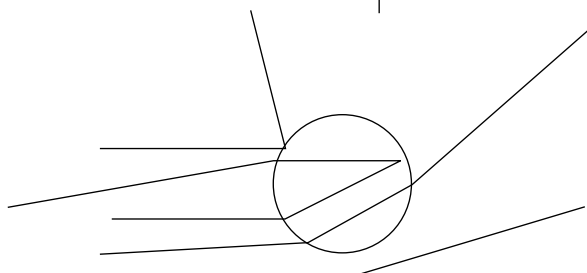


FIGURE 3.18. Scattering regimes. [Adapted from Wallace and Hobbs (1977). Reprinted by permission of Academic Press.]

For  $(a \gg \lambda)$ , the Scattering characteristics are determined from explicit Reflection, Refraction and Diffraction: **Geometric "Ray" Optics**



Scattering

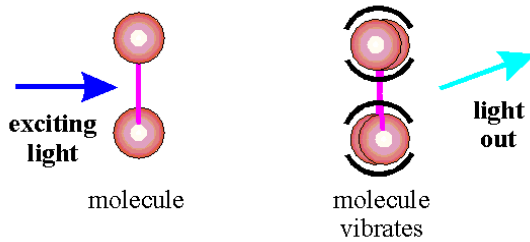
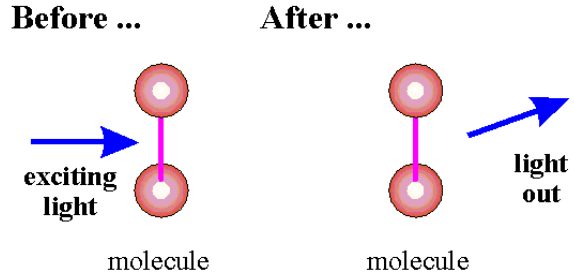
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# Scattering of EM wavefield (3)

Composition of the scatterer ( $n$ ) is important!

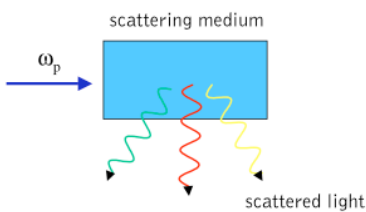
The interaction (and its redirection) of electromagnetic radiation with matter May or may not occur with **transfer of energy**, i.e., the scattered radiation has a slightly different or the same wavelength.

**Rayleigh scattering** - Light out has same frequency as light in, with scattering at many different angles.



**Raman scattering** - Light is scattered due to vibrations in molecules or optical phonons in solids. Light is shifted by as much as 4000 wavenumbers and exchanges energy with a molecular vibration.

# Scattering of EM wavefield (4)

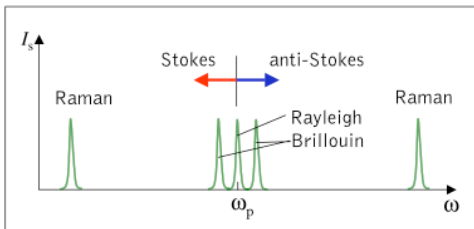


Rayleigh scattering  
scattering from *nonpropagating* density fluctuations (elastic)

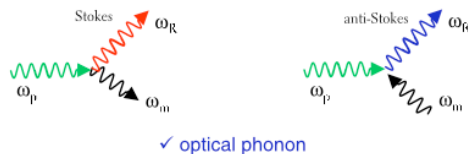
Brillouin scattering  
scattering from *propagating* pressure waves (sound waves, acoustic phonons)

Raman scattering  
interaction of light with vibrational modes of molecules or lattice vibrations of crystals (scattering from optical phonons)

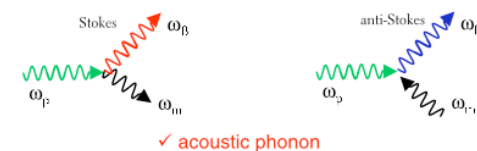
spectrally resolved detection



## Raman scattering



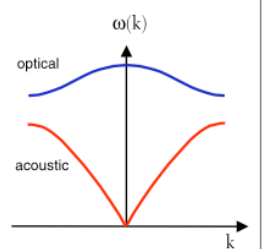
## Brillouin scattering



## Phonons

quanta of the ionic displacement field in a solid

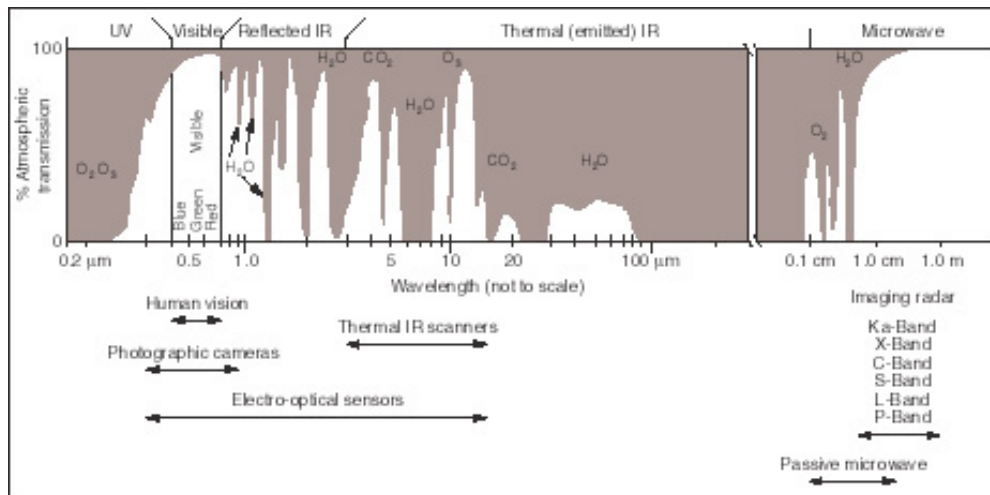
phonon dispersion curve



# Scattering and Absorption

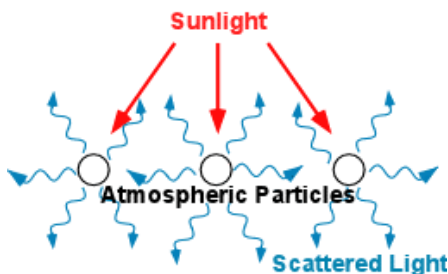
When the photon is absorbed and re-emitted at a different wavelength, this is absorption.

## Transmissivity of the Earth's atmosphere



# Scattering and Diffusion

In single scattering, the properties of the scatterer are important, but multiple scattering erases these effects - eventually **all** wavelengths are scattered in **all** directions.



Works for turbid media: clouds, beer foam, milk, etc...

**Example:** when a solid has a very low temperature, phonons behave like waves (long mean free paths) and heat propagate following ballistic term.  
At higher temperatures, the phonons are in a diffusive regime and heat propagate following Maxwell law.



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Application to the seismic wavefield

## Basic parameters for seismic wavefield

The governing parameters for the seismic scattering are:

**wavelength** of the wavefield (or wavenumber  $k$ )

$\lambda$  ( $10^0$ - $10^6$  m)

**correlation length**, or dimension, of the heterogeneity

$a$  ( $10^2$ - $10^5$  m)

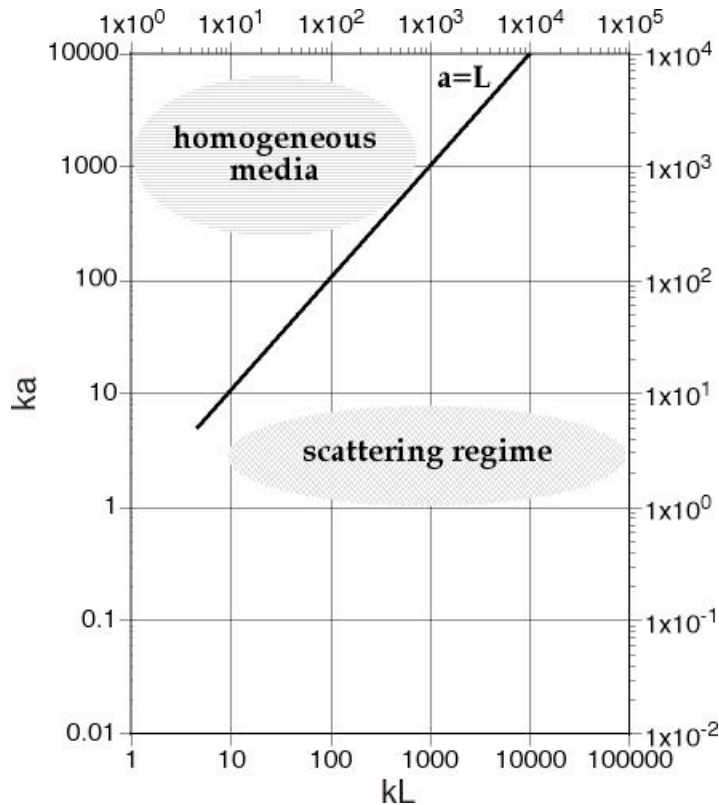
**distance** travelled in the heterogeneity

$L$  ( $10^0$ - $10^6$  m)

With special cases:

- $a = L$  homogeneous region
- $a \gg \lambda$  ray theory is valid
- $a \approx \lambda$  strong scattering effects

# Seismic Scattering (1)



Wave propagation problems can be classified using the parameters just introduced.

This classification is crucial for the choice of technique to calculate synthetic seismograms

(Adapted from Aki and Richards, 1980)

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## Scattering in a perturbed model

Let us consider a **perturbed** model:  
reference+perturbation (in elastic parameters)

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \varepsilon\delta\rho \quad \lambda = \lambda_0 + \varepsilon\delta\lambda \quad \mu = \mu_0 + \varepsilon\delta\mu$$

resulting in a velocity perturbation

$$c = c_0 + \varepsilon\delta c$$

solution: **Primary** field + **Scattered** field

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_0 + \mathbf{u}_1(\delta\rho, \delta\lambda, \delta\mu)$$

satisfying equations of motion:

$$\rho_0 \ddot{u}_i^0 - (\lambda_0 + \mu_0) (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^0)_{,i} - \mu_0 \nabla^2 u_i^0 = 0$$

$$\rho_0 \ddot{u}_i - (\lambda \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})_{,i} - [\mu (u_{i,j} + u_{j,i})]_{,j} = 0$$

$$\rho_0 \ddot{u}_i^1 - (\lambda_0 + \mu_0) (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^1)_{,i} - \mu_0 \nabla^2 u_i^1 = Q_i$$

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# Point Scatterers

How does a point-like perturbation of the elastic parameters affect the wavefield?

Perturbation of the different elastic parameters produce characteristic radiation patterns. These effects are used in diffraction tomography to recover the perturbations from the recorded wavefield.

(Figure from Aki and Richards, 1980)

Type of inhomogeneity	Primary P	
	Scattered P-wave	Scattered S-wave
$\delta\alpha$		
$\nabla(\delta\alpha)$		
$\frac{\partial(\delta\mu)}{\partial x_1}$		

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# Correlation distance

When velocity varies in all directions with a finite scale length, it is more convenient to consider spatial fluctuations

**Autocorrelation** function (a is the **correlation distance**):

$$N(\mathbf{r}_1) = \frac{\left\langle \frac{\delta c(\mathbf{r})}{c_0(\mathbf{r})} \frac{\delta c(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_1)}{c_0(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_1)} \right\rangle}{\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta c(\mathbf{r})}{c_0(\mathbf{r})} \right)^2 \right\rangle} = \begin{cases} e^{-|\mathbf{r}_1|/a} \\ e^{-(|\mathbf{r}_1|/a)^2} \end{cases}$$

**Power Spectra of scattered waves**

$$\langle |\mathbf{u}_1|^2 \rangle \propto \begin{cases} k^4 \left( 1 + 4k^2 a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^{-2} \\ k^4 \exp\left( -k^2 a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \end{cases}$$

$\propto k^4$  if  $ka \ll 1$  (Rayleigh scattering)  
if  $ka$  is large (forward scattering)

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# Wave parameter

Energy loss through a cube of size L (Born approximation)

$$\frac{\Delta I}{I} \propto \begin{cases} k^4 a^3 L (1 + 4k^2 a^2)^{-1} \\ k^2 a L (1 - e^{-k^2 a^2})^{-1} \end{cases}$$

but violates the energy conservation law and it is valid if ( $<0.1$ )

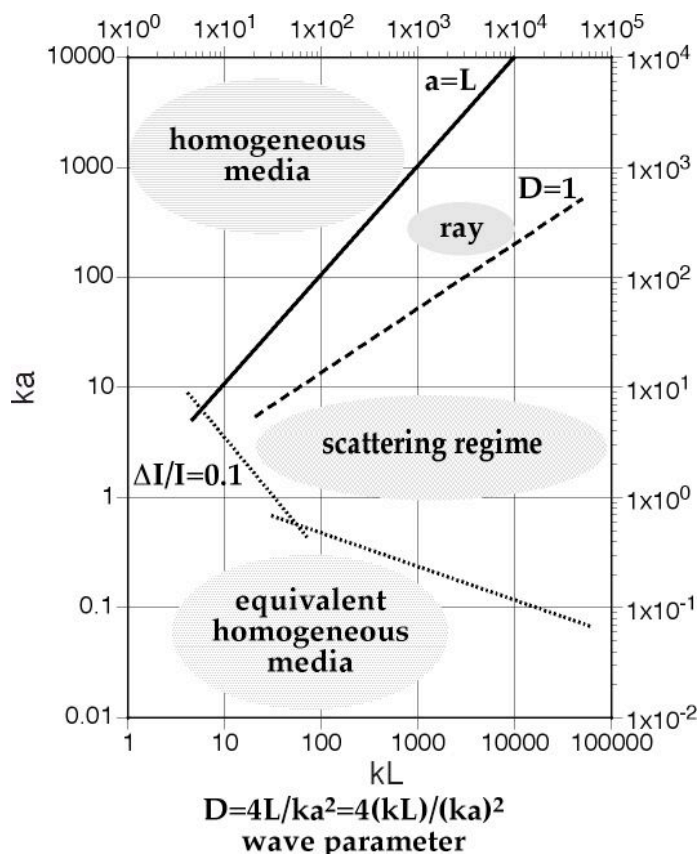
the **perturbations (P &A)** are function of the **wave parameter**:

$$D = \frac{4L}{ka^2}$$

$$D = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{phase perturbation} \\ \infty & \text{phase = amplitude} \end{cases}$$

when  $D < 1$ , geometric ray theory is valid

## Seismic Scattering (2)



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# Towards random media

forward scattering tendency

$$\Sigma' = \int_{-1}^{+1} (\cos\theta)\sigma(\cos\theta)d\cos\theta \begin{cases} > 0 \text{ forward} \\ \approx 0 \text{ isotropic} \\ < 0 \text{ backward} \end{cases}$$

**Multiple scattering** randomizes the phases of the waves adding a diffuse (incoherent) component to the average wavefield.

Statistical approaches can be used to derive **elastic radiative transfer equations**

**Diffusion constants**

use the definition of a diffusion (transport) mean free path

$$d = \frac{cl^*}{3} \quad l^* = \frac{1}{\Sigma - \Sigma'} \quad (\text{acoustic})$$

$$d = \frac{1}{1 + 2K^3} \left( \frac{c_p l_p^*}{3} + 2K^2 \frac{c_s l_s^*}{3} \right) \quad (\text{elastic})$$

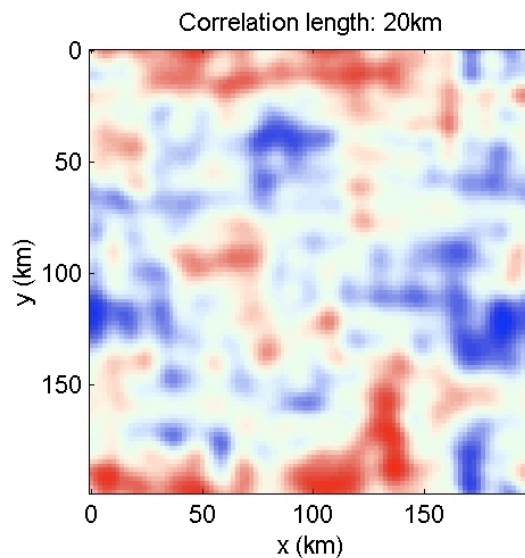
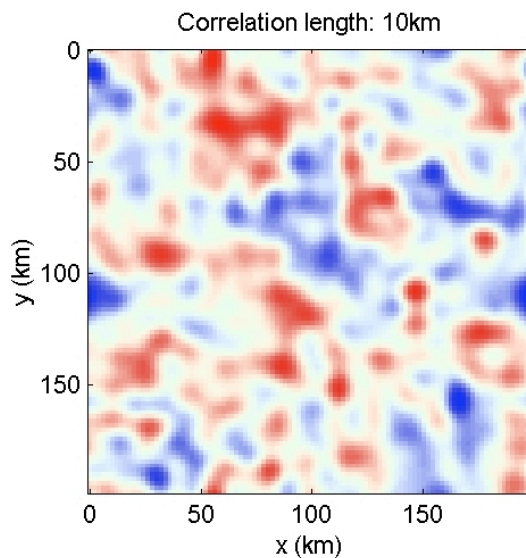
for non-preferential scattering  $l^*$  coincides with energy mean free path,  $l$   
for enhanced forward scattering  $l^* > l$

Experiments for ultrasound in materials can be applied to seismological problems...

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# Scattering in random media



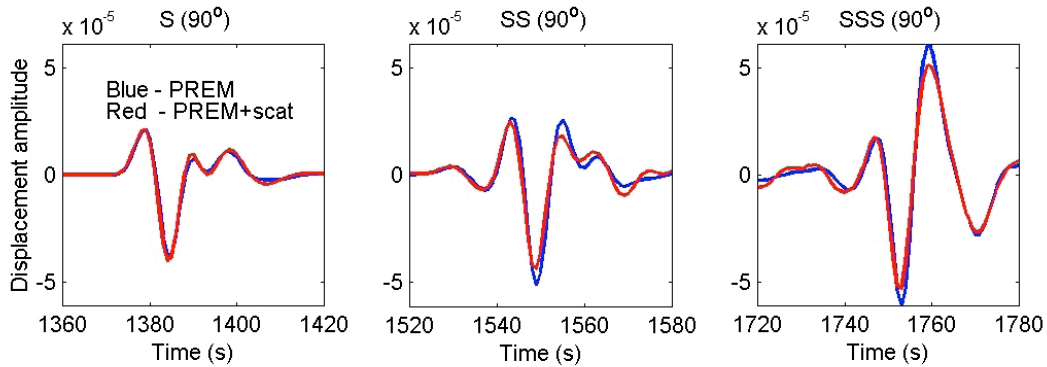
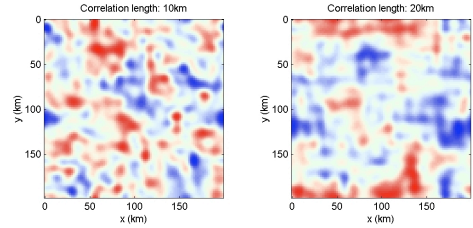
How is a propagating wavefield affected by random heterogeneities?

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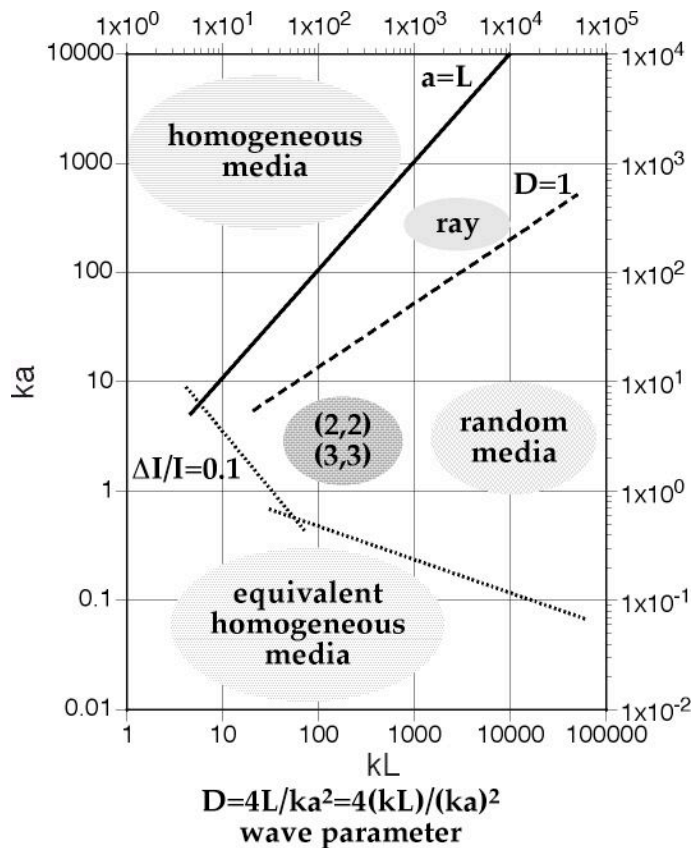
# Synthetic seismograms

Synthetic seismograms for a global model with random velocity perturbations.



When the wavelength is long compared to the correlation length, scattering effects are difficult to distinguish from intrinsic attenuation.

# Seismic Scattering Classification



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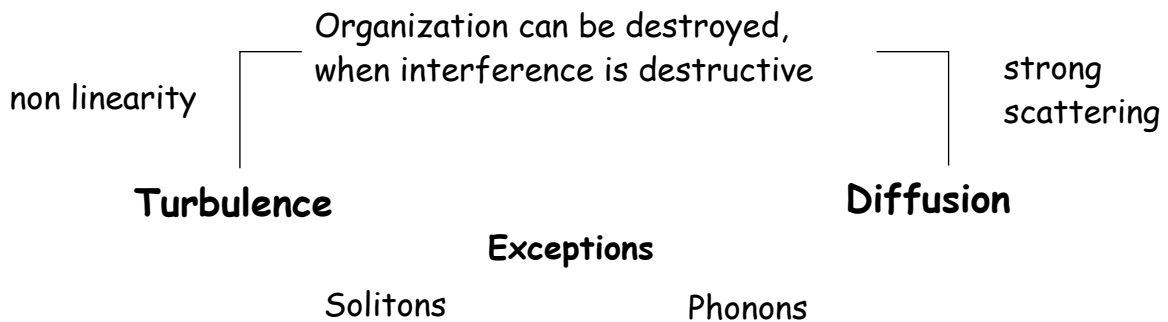
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# Long Gravity waves

Having considered gravity waves whose length is small compared with the depth of the liquid, let us now discuss the opposite limiting case of waves whose length is large compared with the depth. These are called **long waves**.

Let us examine the propagation of long waves in a channel that is supposed to be along the  $x$ -axis, and of infinite length. The cross-section of the channel may have any shape, and may vary along its length. We denote the cross-sectional area of the liquid in the channel by  $S = S(x,t)$ . The depth and width of the channel are supposed small in comparison with the wavelength.

We shall here consider longitudinal waves, in which the liquid moves along the channel. In such waves the velocity component  $v_x$  along the channel is large compared with the components  $v_y, v_z$ . We denote  $v_x$  by  $v$  simply, and omit small terms.

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## A bird's eye view on Tsunami Physics

### Introduction

VERY basic tsunami physical concepts

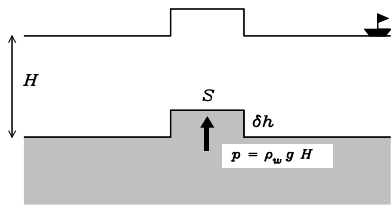
Modal approach (off-shore sources)

### Examples of Tsunami modeling

New insights into tsunami measurement

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# Very basic tsunami physics...



Bottom uplift  
&  
Waterberg  
formation

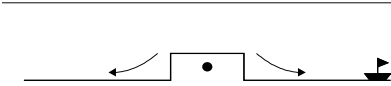
Energy

$$E_R \approx 4.8 + 1.5M$$

$$E_T = \frac{1}{2} \rho g L \lambda (\delta h)^2$$

$L \sim 10^6 \text{ m}; \lambda \sim 10^4 \text{ m}; \delta h \sim 5 \text{ m}$

$$E_R \approx 10^{18} \text{ J} \geq 10^2 E_T$$

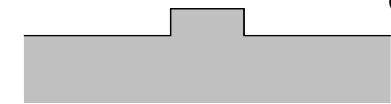


Center of mass falls...

Wavelength

$$\frac{\lambda}{H} \sim 40; \frac{H}{a} \sim 3 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\lambda \gg H \gg a$$



Potential  
energy goes to  
tsunami energy

Tsunami is a shallow-water  
gravity wave with great  
wavelength and tiny  
amplitude

# Dispersion & Non linearity

The dynamics of water waves in shallow water is described mathematically by the Kortevveg - de Vries (KdV) equation

$u=u(x,t)$  measures the elevation at time  $t$  and position  $x$ , i.e. the height of the water above the equilibrium level

Dispersive term

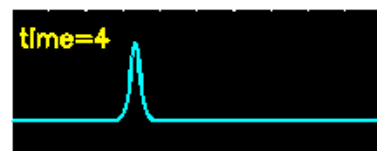
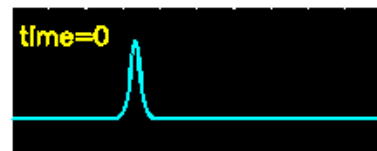
$$u_t + u_{xxx} = 0$$

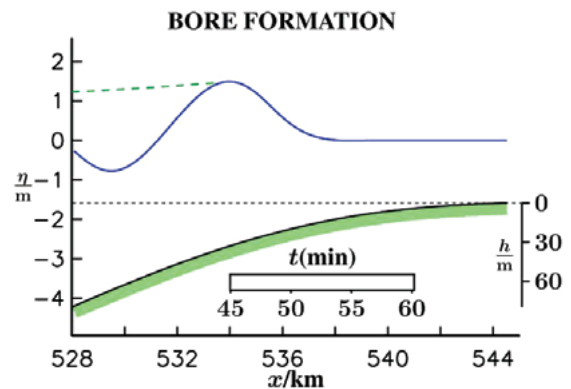
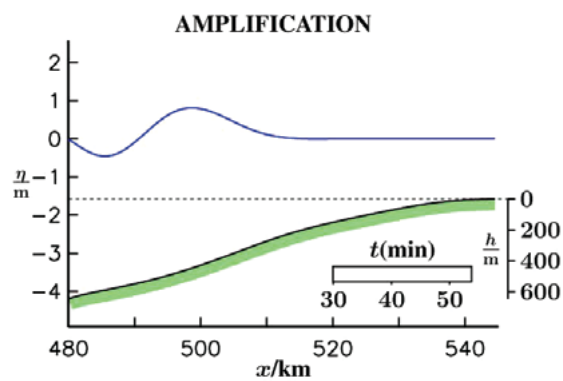
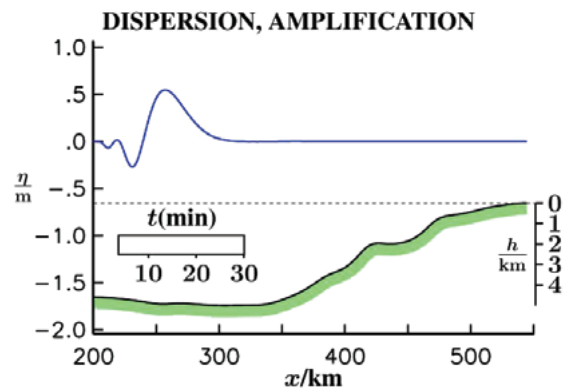
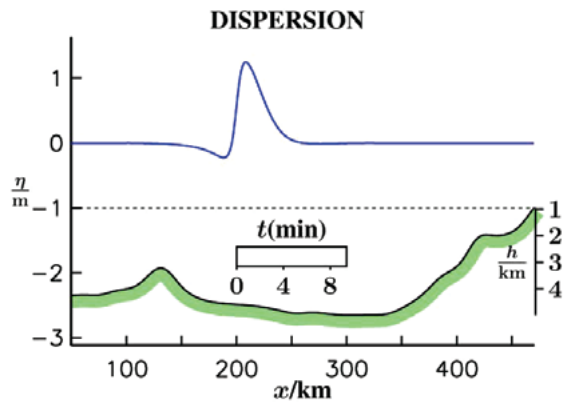
Nonlinearity

$$u_t + u u_x = 0$$

KdV

$$u_t + u_{xxx} + u u_x = 0$$





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## Navier-Stokes equations

Newton's law

+

Conservation of matter

+

Viscosity

$$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \rho(\mathbf{v} \cdot \text{grad})\mathbf{v} = -\text{grad}(P) - \rho \text{grad}(\phi) +$$

$$+\eta \Delta \mathbf{v} + (\eta + \eta') \text{grad}(\text{div}(\mathbf{v}))$$

and in the incompressible case...

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\Omega}}{\partial t} + \text{rot}(\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\eta}{\rho} \Delta \boldsymbol{\Omega}$$

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# Gravity waves: dispersion

$$F(z) = 2Ae^{-kh} \cosh[k(z+h)]$$

and the boundary at the top gives the dispersion relation for incompressible, irrotational, small amplitude "gravity" waves:

$$\omega^2 = kg[\tanh(kh)]$$

deep water ( $kh$  goes to infinity)

$$\omega^2 = kg$$

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{g}{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}}$$

$$u = \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial k} = \frac{1}{2}c = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{g}{k}} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}}$$

shallow water ( $kh$  goes to zero)

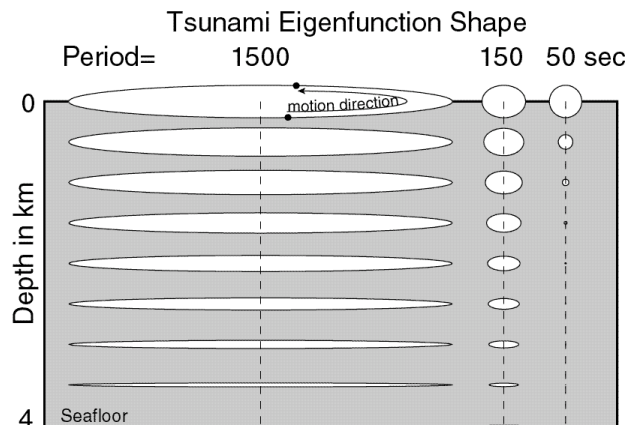
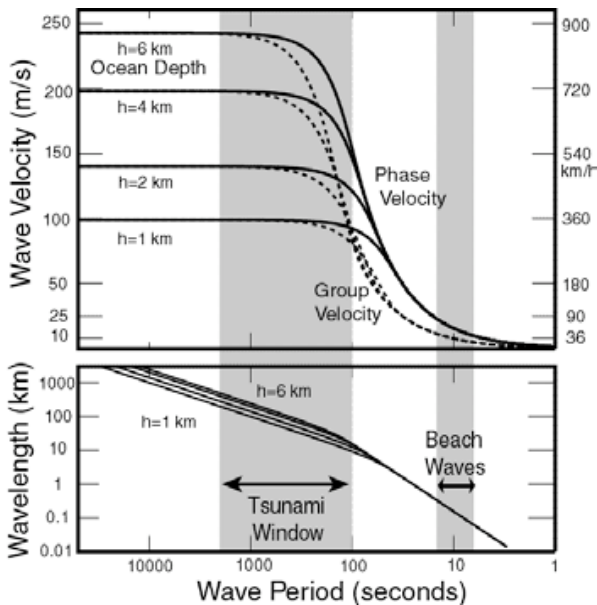
$$\omega^2 = k^2gh$$

$$c = \sqrt{gh}$$

$$u = \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial k} = c = \sqrt{gh}$$

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# Tsunami eigenvalues & eigenfunctions



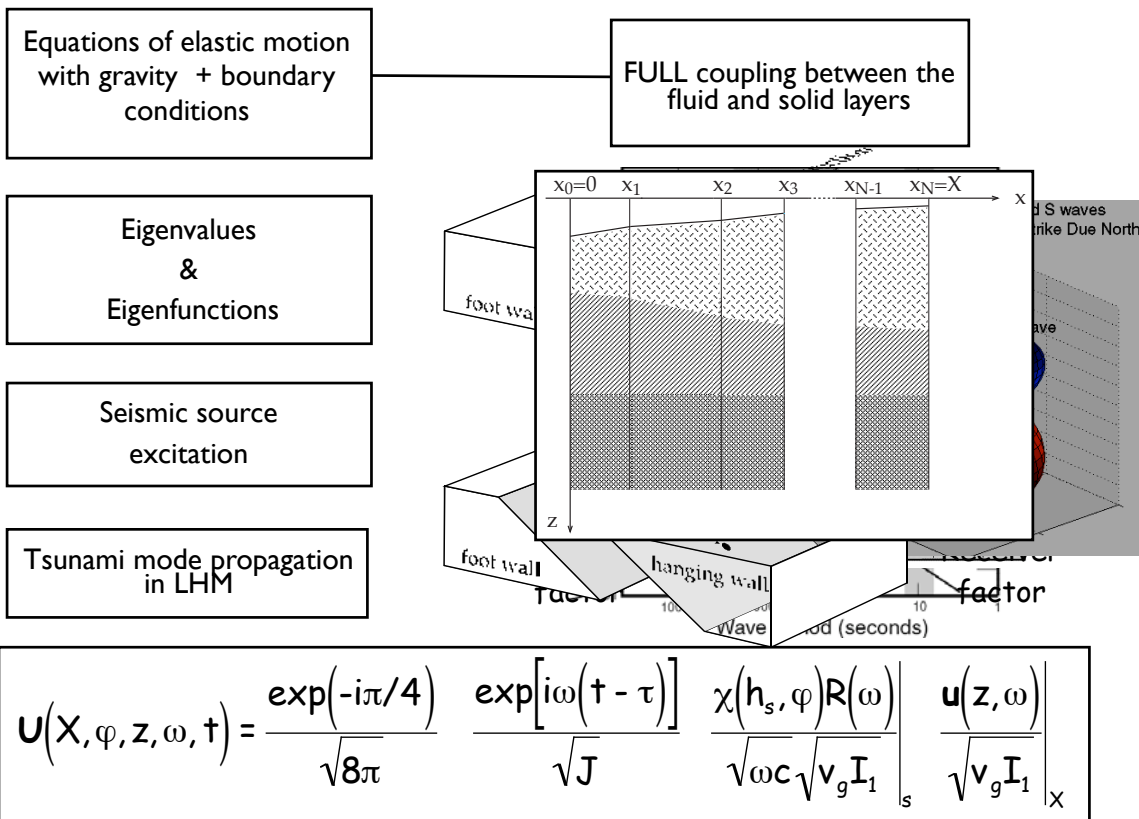
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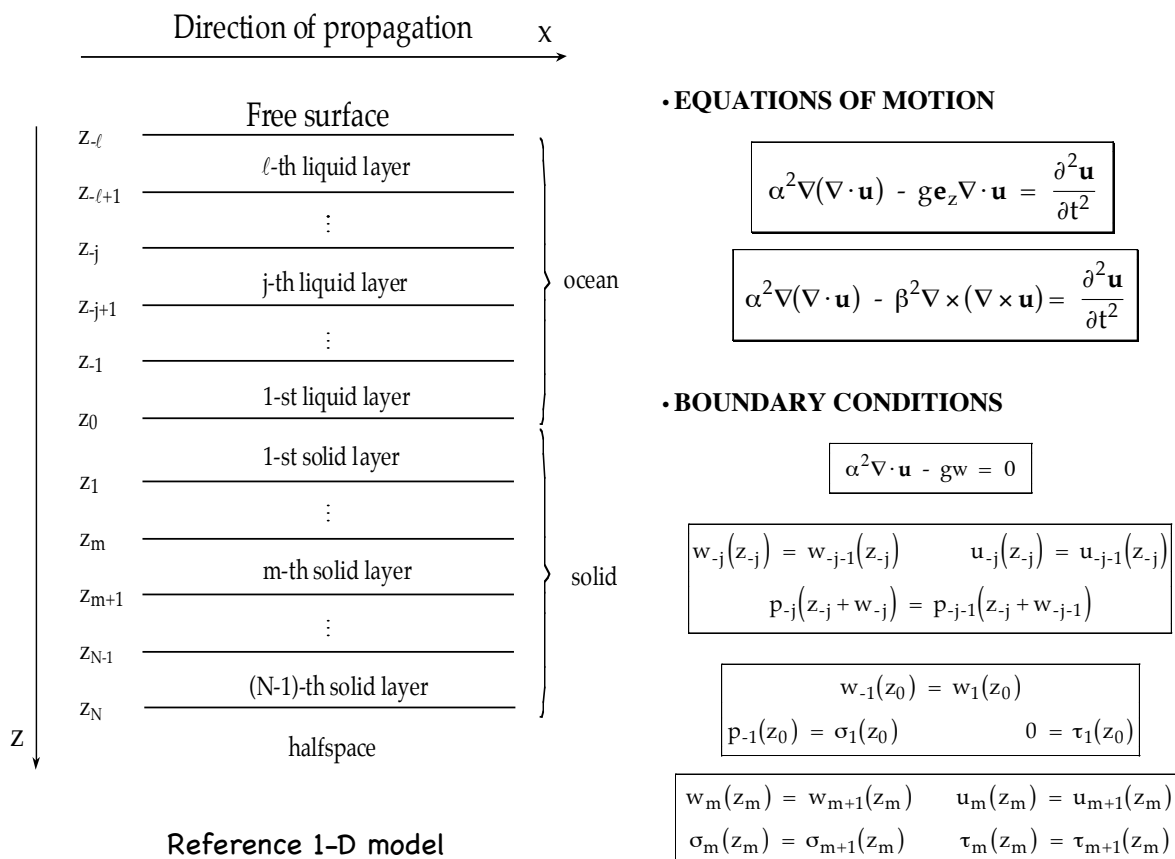
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# Modal approach - sketch



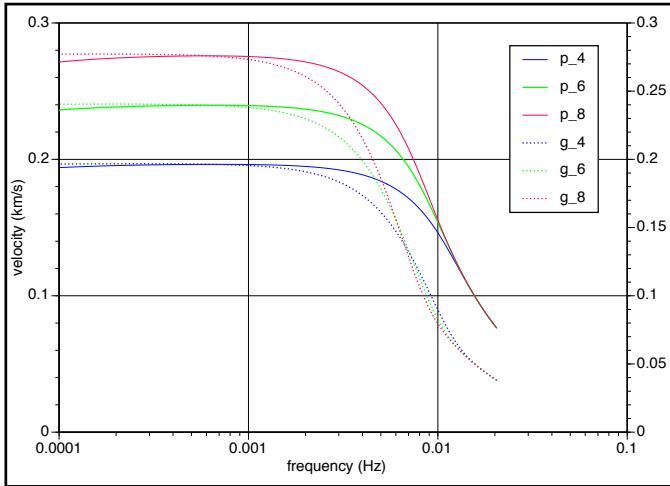
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# Modal approach: formulation

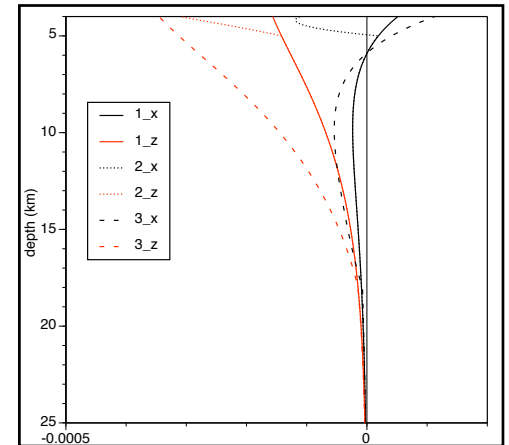
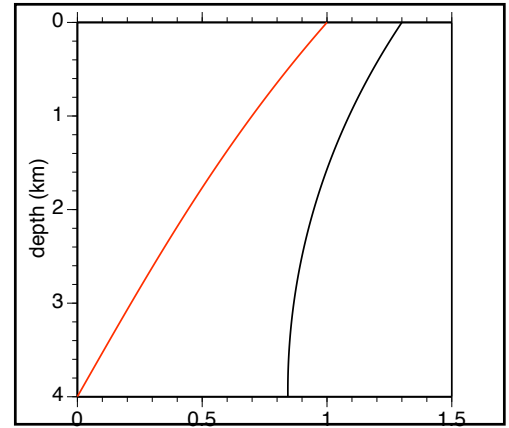


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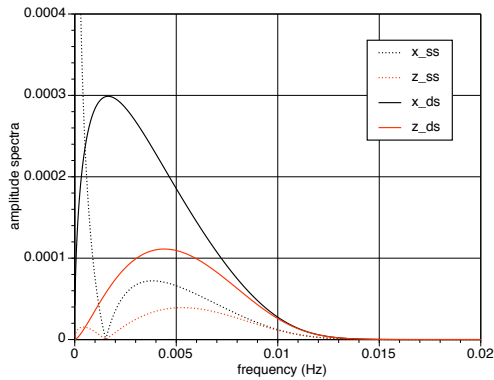
# Modal approach: Eigenvalues



**Eigenfunctions** of the radial and vertical (normalized to 1 at the free-surface) component of motion at frequency equal to 0.007 Hz, in the fluid. The curves for three crustal models 1, 2 and 3, are totally overlapped; on the bottom, the eigenfunctions in the solid layers are shown

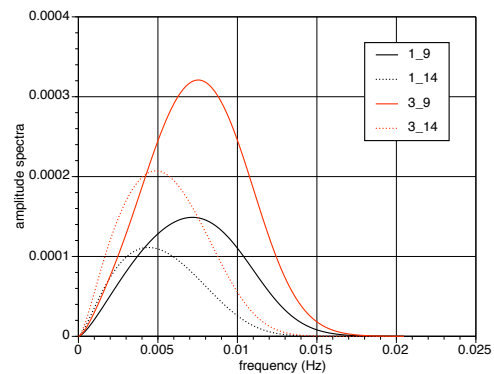
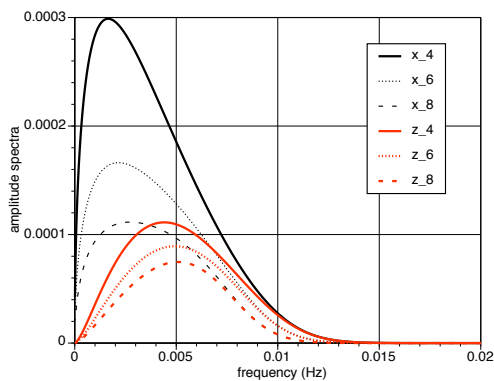


# Modal approach: excitation spectra



Amplitude spectra calculated for a double-couple source ( $10^{13}$  Nm seismic moment) at 500 km from the receiver:

- a) for pure strike-slip and pure dip-slip;
- b) for a liquid layer 4, 6 and 8 km thick;
- c) for different crustal model and source depths.

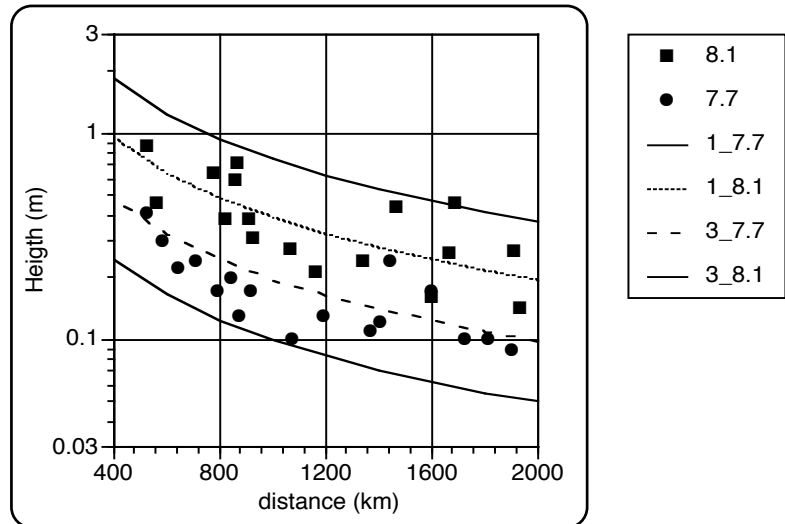


## Modal approach: 1D tsunami motion

$$U(X, \varphi, z, \omega, t) = \frac{\exp(-i\pi/4)}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \frac{\exp[i\omega(t - X/c)]}{\sqrt{X}} \frac{\chi(h_s, \varphi)R(\omega)}{\sqrt{\omega c} \sqrt{v_g I_1}} \frac{\mathbf{u}(z, \omega)}{\sqrt{v_g I_1}}$$

Curves of the maximum height of the calculated tsunami signal (vertical component) versus the epicentral distance.

Each acronym shows the 1-D model (1 or 3) and the magnitude ( $M_w$ ) adopted in the calculations. The symbols denote the data, for two different magnitudes (squares for  $M_s=8.1$ , circles for  $M_s=7.7$ ), shown by Abe (1995).



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## Modal approach: 2D tsunami motion

$$U(X, \varphi, z, \omega, t) = \frac{\exp(-i\pi/4)}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \frac{\exp[i\omega(t - X/c)]}{\sqrt{X}} \frac{\chi(h_s, \varphi)R(\omega)}{\sqrt{\omega c} \sqrt{v_g I_1}} \frac{\mathbf{u}(z, \omega)}{\sqrt{v_g I_1}}$$

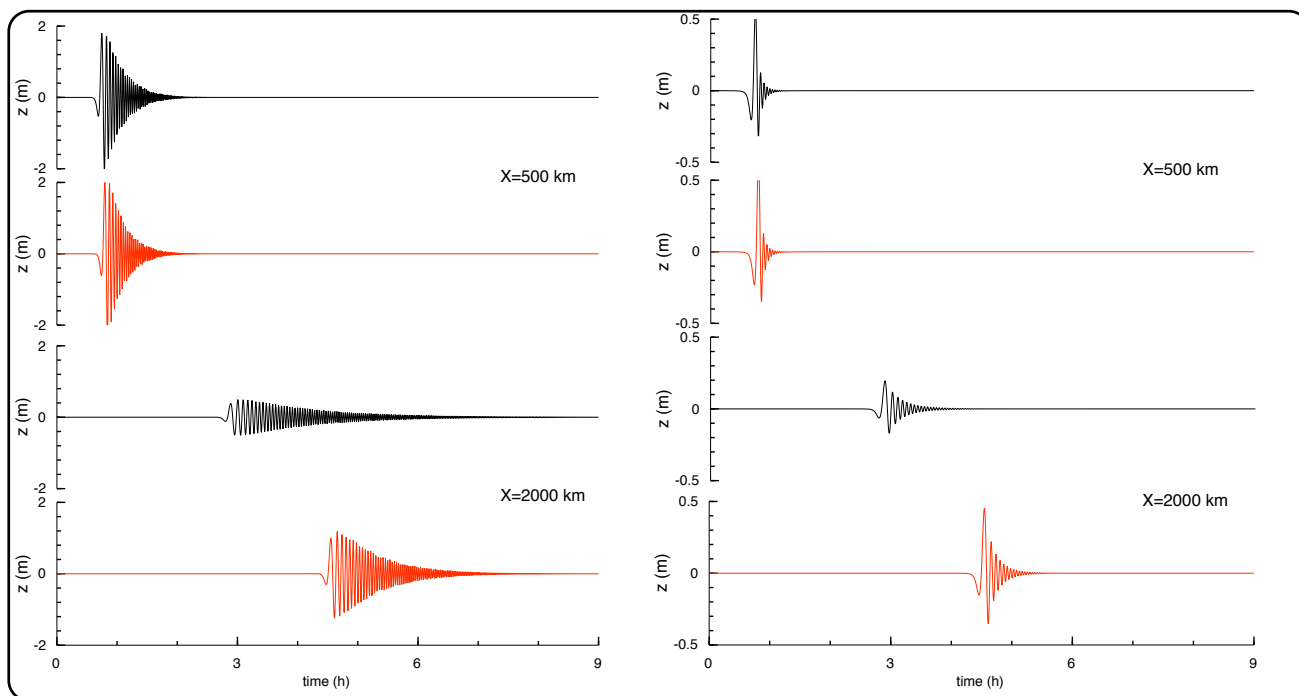
$$U(X, \varphi, z, \omega, t) = \frac{\exp(-i\pi/4)}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \frac{\exp[i\omega(t - \tau)]}{\sqrt{J}} \frac{\chi(h_s, \varphi)R(\omega)}{\sqrt{\omega c} \sqrt{v_g I_1}} \bigg|_s \frac{\mathbf{u}(z, \omega)}{\sqrt{v_g I_1}} \bigg|_X$$

### • SHOALING FACTOR

$$\left| \frac{W(X_2, 0, \omega)}{W(X_1, 0, \omega)} \right| = \left[ \frac{w(0, \omega) \big|_2 \sqrt{v_g I_1} \big|_1}{w(0, \omega) \big|_1 \sqrt{v_g I_1} \big|_2} \right] \frac{\sqrt{J_1}}{\sqrt{J_2}} \cong \sqrt[4]{\frac{H_1}{H_2}}$$

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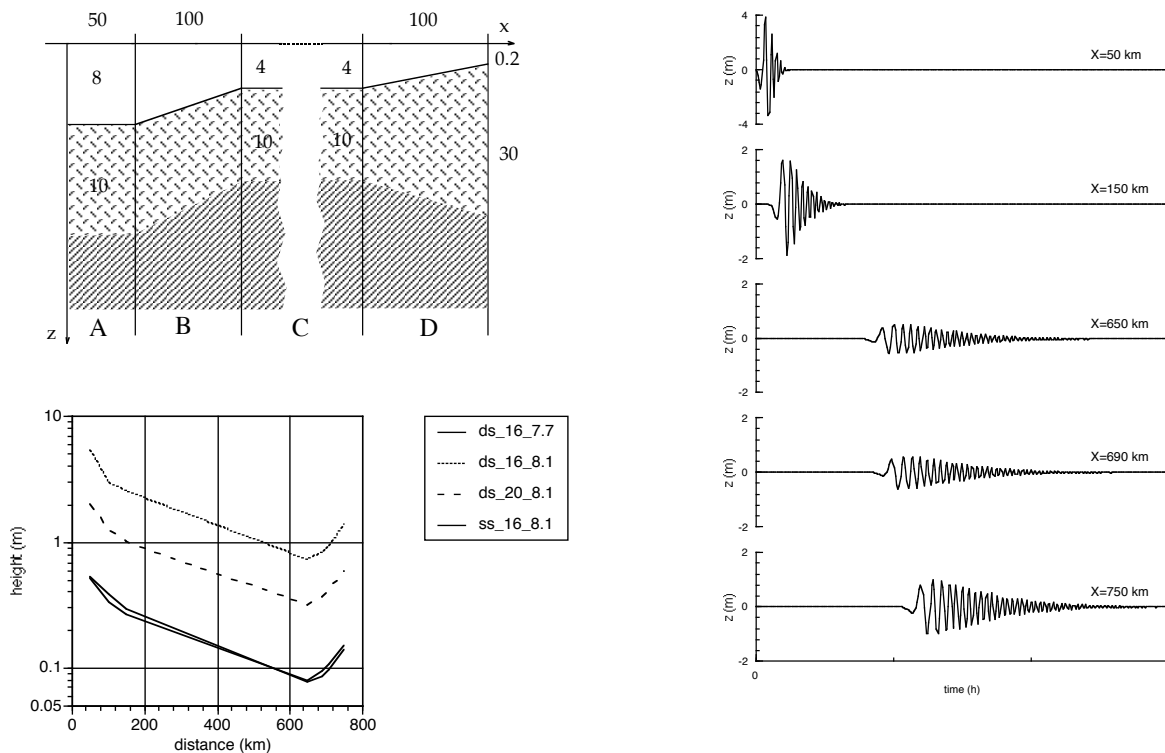
Example: synthetic signals for the tsunami mode (vertical component) excited by a dip-slip mechanism with  $M_0=2.2 \cdot 10^{21}$  Nm.  $h_s = 14$  km;  $h_b = 34$  km.



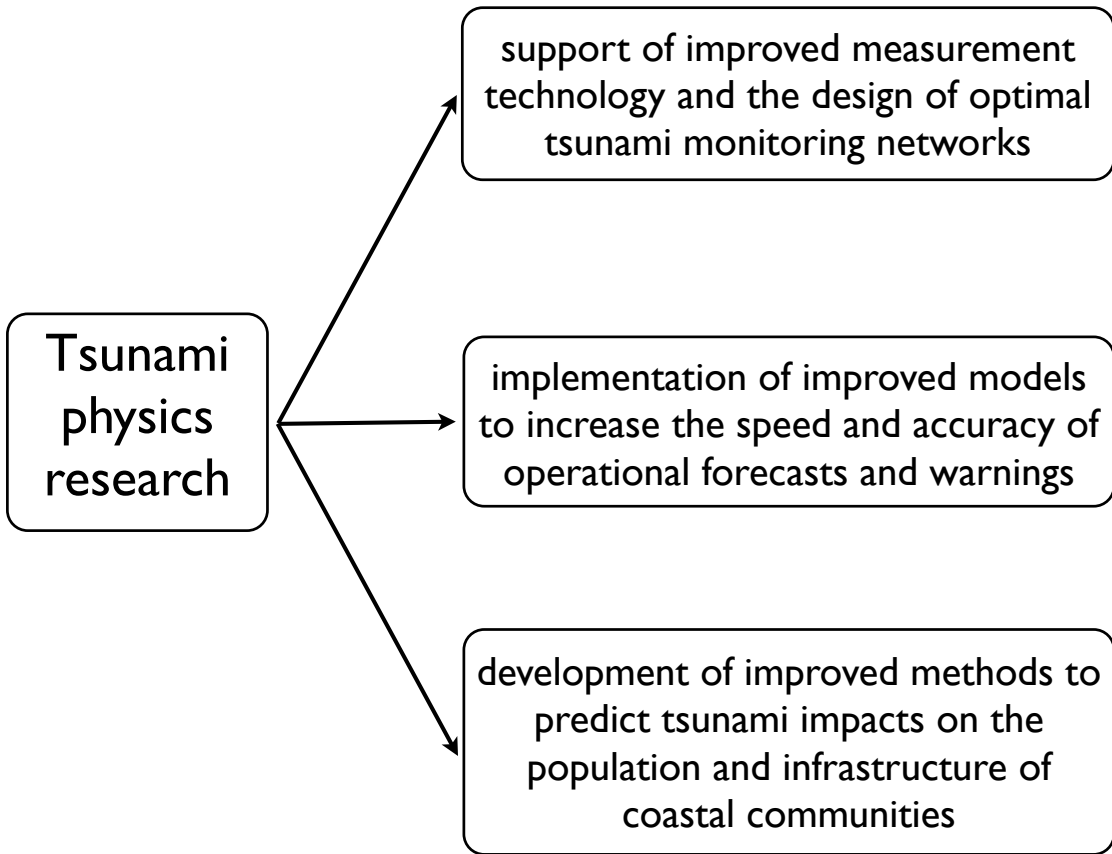
For each of the two source-receiver distances considered, the upper trace refers to the I-D model and the lower trace to a laterally varying model. In the laterally varying model the liquid layer is getting thinner with increasing distance from the source, with a gradient of 0.00175 and the uppermost solid layer is compensating this thinning.

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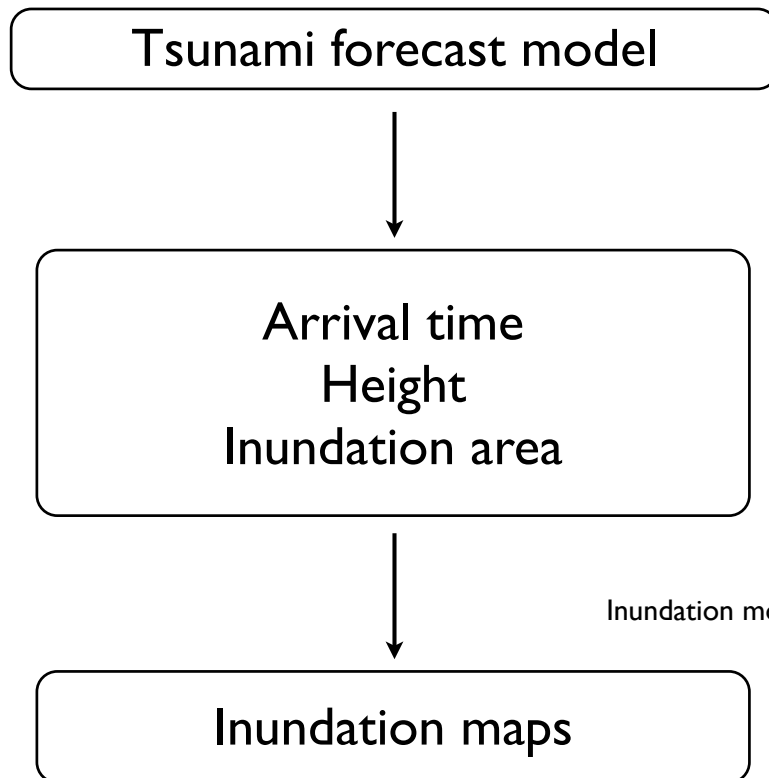
Example: sketch of a laterally heterogeneous model for a realistic scenario. Synthetic mareograms (vertical) calculated at various distances along the section. The extension of zone C is 500 km.



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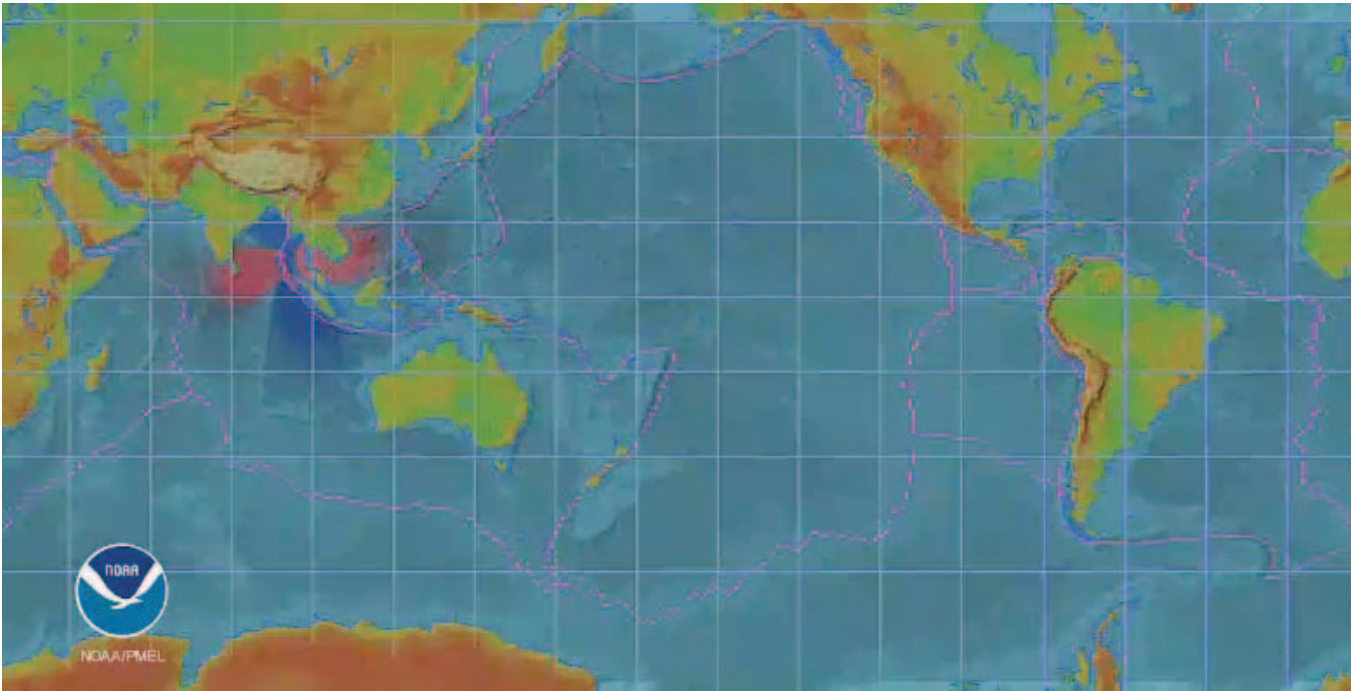


maximum wave height and maximum current speed as a function of location, maximum inundation line, as well as time series of wave height at different locations indicating wave arrival time

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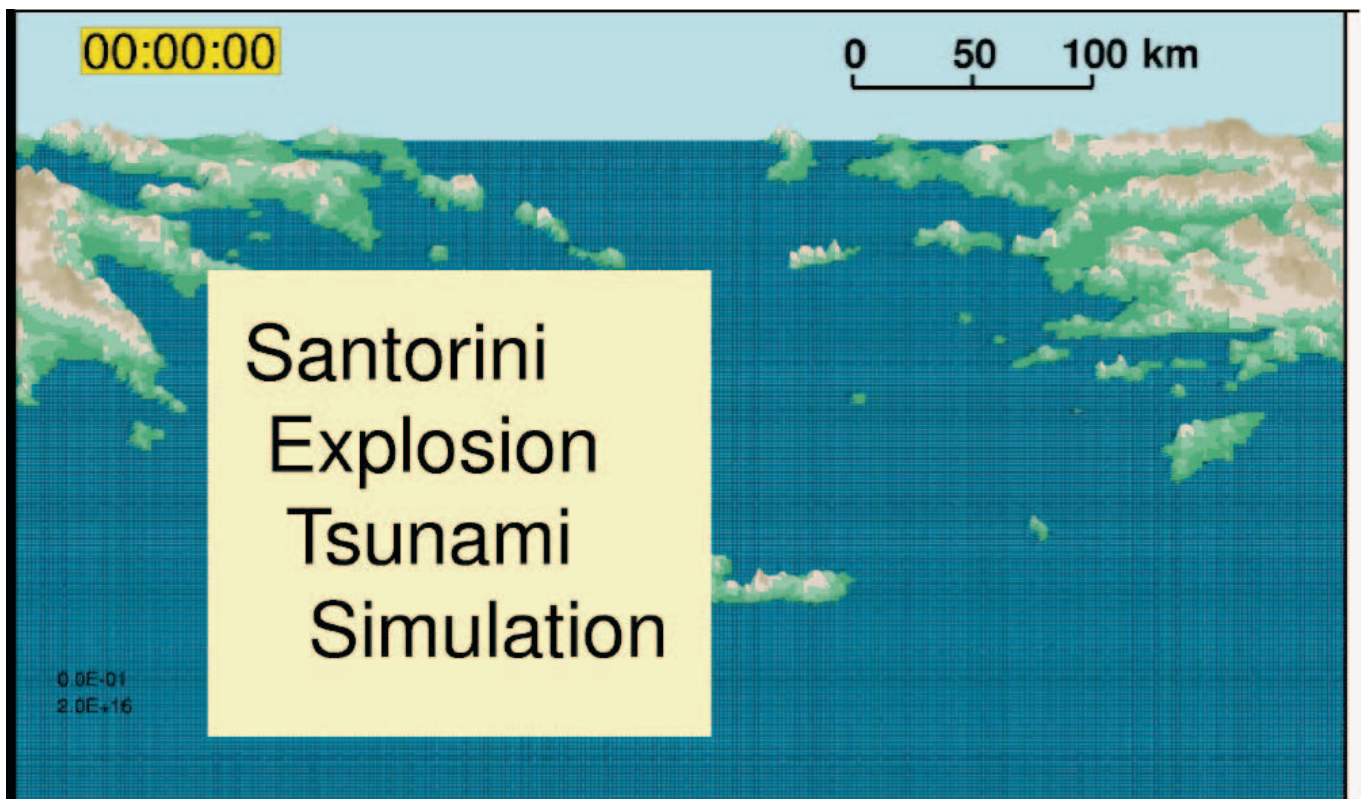
## December 26, 2004 Indonesia (Sumatra) Global tsunami propagation



<http://nctr.pmel.noaa.gov/model.html>

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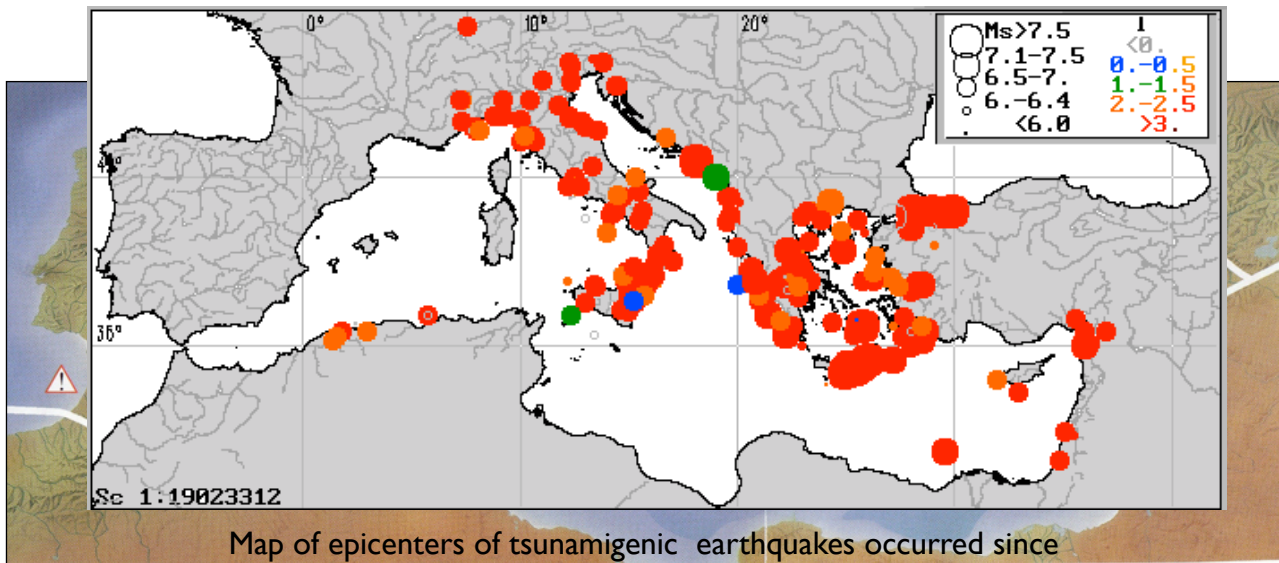
## Santorini Tsunami Simulation 3D



Courtesy of Steven Ward: <http://www.es.ucsc.edu/~ward/>

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# The Mediterranean Sea and Tsunamis

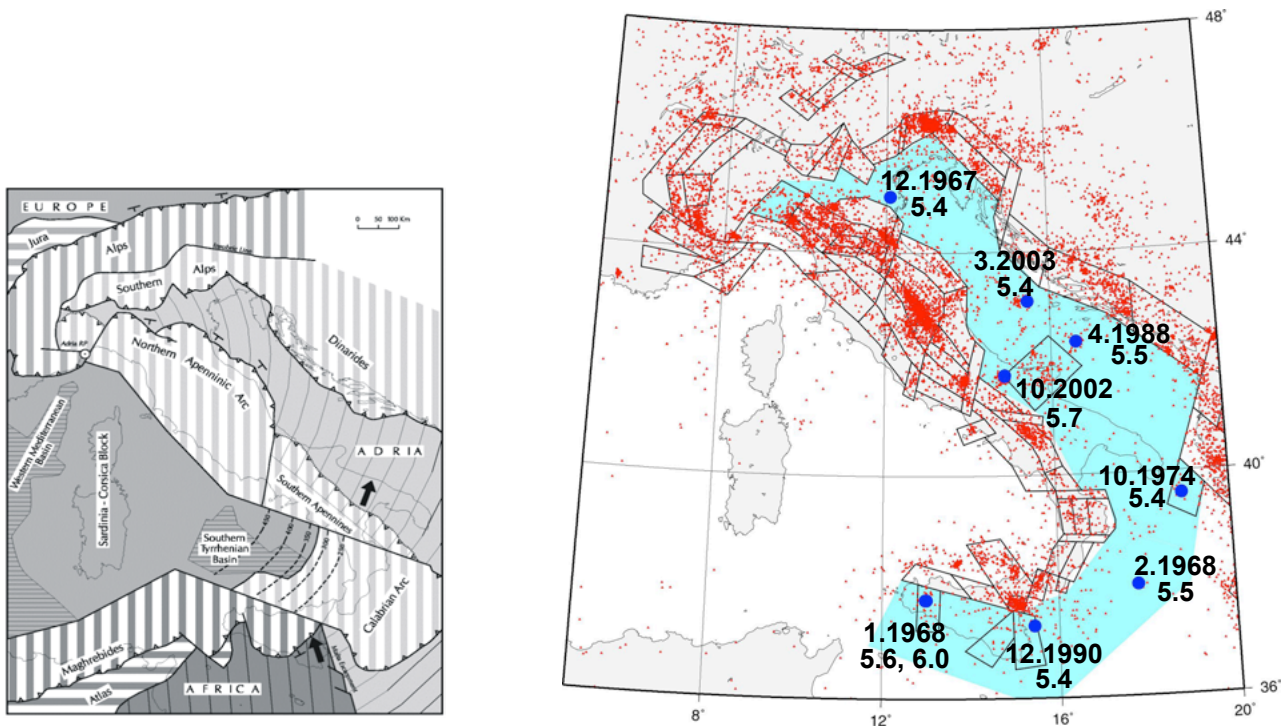


Map of epicenters of tsunamigenic earthquakes occurred since 1380 B.C. to 1996 within the Mediterranean region. The size of circles is proportional to the event magnitude, the color to the tsunami intensity

data from: 'Mediterranean Tsunami Catalog, from 1628B.C. to present of the Institute of Computational Mathematics and Mathematical Geophysics (Computing Center) Siberian Division, Russian Academy of Sciences. Tsunami Laboratory

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# Seismicity in the Adriatic basin

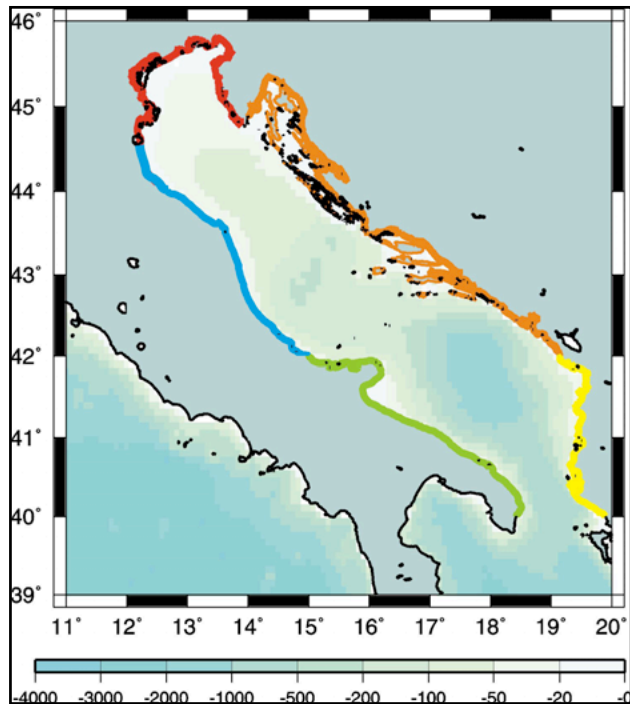


Earthquakes with  $M \geq 5.4$  (1964-2004)

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# Distribution of historical tsunami in the Adriatic basin

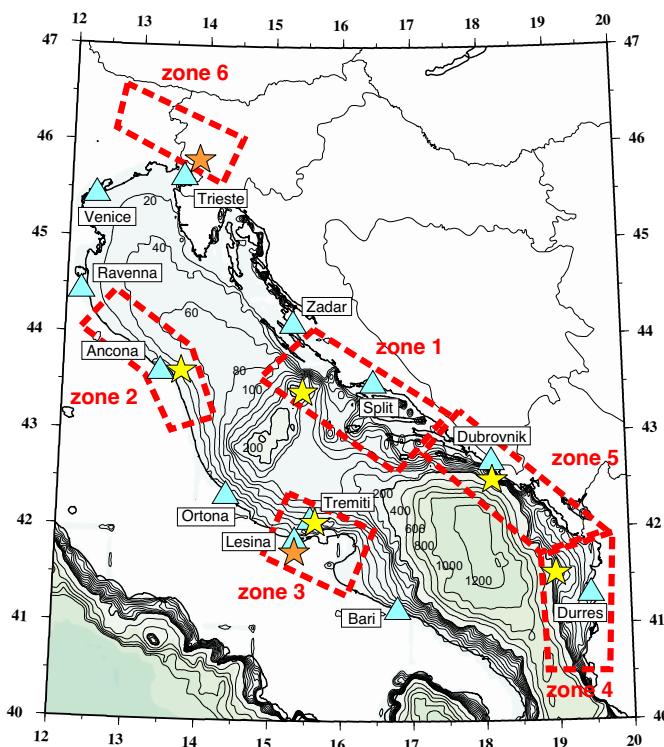


Tsunami reported in  
ICTP Technical Report 2005:  
CATALOGUE OF REPORTED  
TSUNAMI EVENTS IN THE  
ADRIATIC SEA  
(from 58 B.C. to 1979 A.D.)

10	North-Adriatic coasts
14	Central-Adriatic Italian coasts
11	South-Adriatic Italian coasts
10	Croatian, Serbian and Montenegro coasts
13	Albanian coasts

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# Hazard scenarios for the Adriatic basin



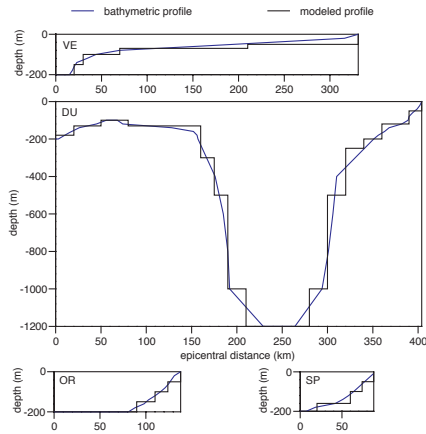
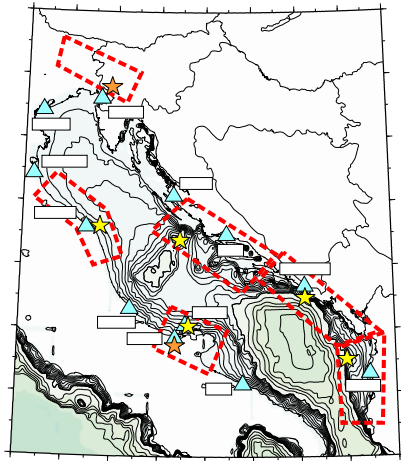
Bathymetric map of the Adriatic Sea. The bathymetric contours are drawn with a step of 20 m in the range from 0 to -200 m and with a step of 200 m in the range from -200 m to -1200 m.

The contours of the six tsunamigenic zones are shown in red, the blue triangles correspond to the 12 receiver sites, the stars correspond to the epicenters of the considered events (yellow: offshore, orange: inland).

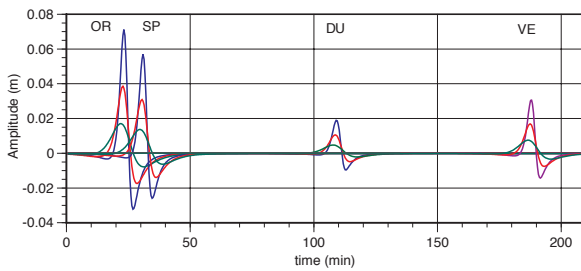
Paulatto M., Pinat T., Romanelli F., 2007. Tsunami hazard scenarios in the Adriatic Sea domain".  
Natural Hazards And Earth System Sciences (on line), vol. 7, pp. 309-325.

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# Tsunami scenarios in Adriatic Sea - Zone I



Bathymetric profiles to (from top) Venice (VE), Durres (DU), Ortona (OR) and Split (SP)



Synthetic mareograms for  $H=10$  km (blue), 15 km (red), 25 km (green). Magnitude:  $M=6.5$ .

$M$	6.5			7.0			7.5			$Travel$
$H$ (km)	10	15	25	10	15	25	10	15	25	time (min)
Durres	0.02	0.01	<0.01	0.11	0.06	0.03	0.60	0.33	0.15	109
Ortona	0.07	0.04	0.02	0.40	0.22	0.10	<b>2.25</b>	<b>1.22</b>	0.54	23
Split	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.32	0.17	0.08	<b>1.80</b>	0.98	0.43	31
Venice	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.17	0.09	0.04	0.97	0.53	0.24	188

Maximum amplitudes and related arrival times for different depths and magnitude

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# Tsunami scenarios in Adriatic Sea - Zone 6

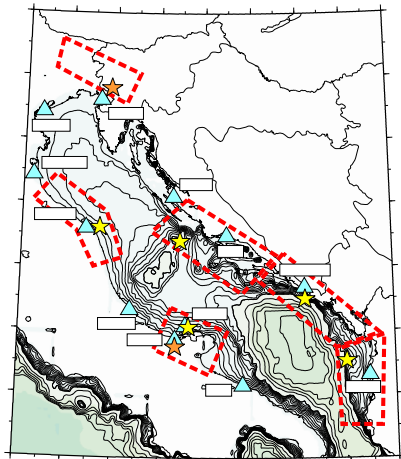
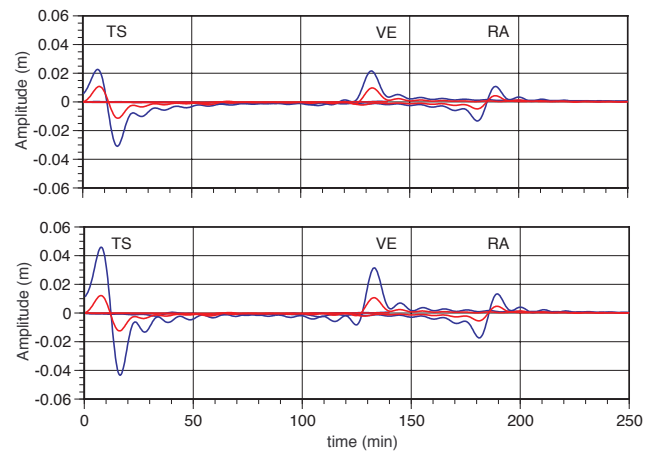


Table 7. Main parameters identifying the three sites of Zone 6.

Site	Latitude	Longitude	Epicentral dist. $R$
Trieste (TS)	45.67° N	13.77° E	30 km, 50 km
Venice (VE)	45.45° N	12.35° E	130 km, 150 km
Ravenna (RA)	44.42° N	12.20° E	210 km, 230 km



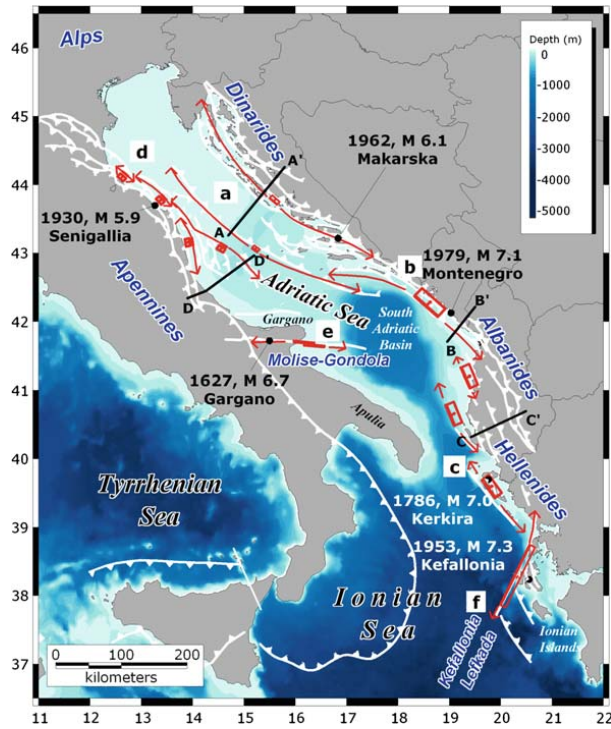
Synthetic mareograms for Zone 6, magnitude,  $M=7.0$ . Above: dip angle=45°; below: dip angle=30°. Blue line,  $d=20$  km; red line,  $d=40$  km.

$M$	6.5		7.0		$Travel$
$d$ (km)	20	40	20	40	time (min)
Trieste, dip = 45°	<0.01	<0.01	0.02	0.01	7
Trieste, dip = 30°	<0.01	<0.01	0.05	0.01	8
Venice, dip = 45°	<0.01	<0.01	0.02	0.01	132
Venice, dip = 30°	<0.01	<0.01	0.03	0.01	133
Ravenna, dip = 45°	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	189
Ravenna, dip = 30°	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	189

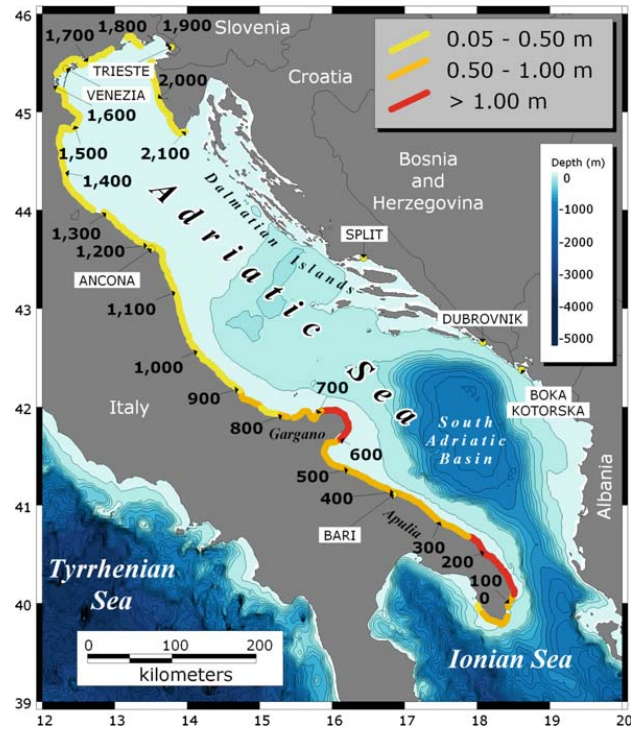
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# Updating...



Tectonic sketch map of the Adriatic basin. From Tiberti et al., 2009



Combined threat levels posed by all SZs considered by Tiberti et al., 2009

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## Tsunami and its Hazard in the Indian and Pacific Oceans

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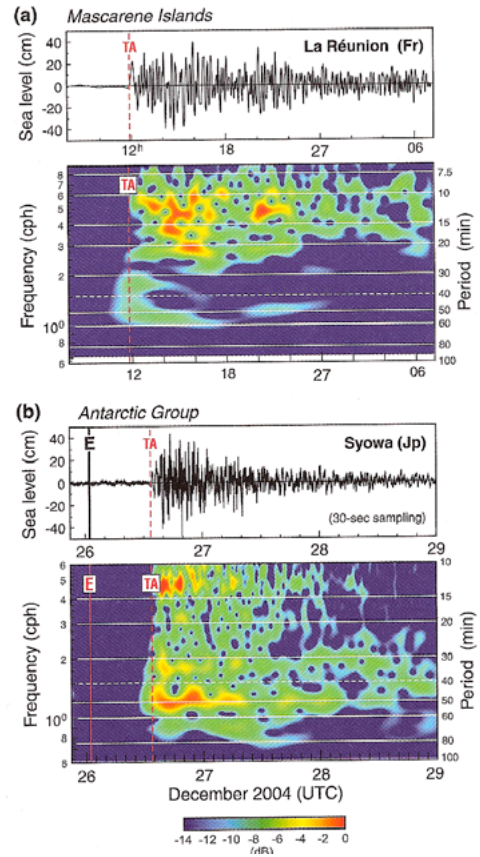
# Measurement of tsunami waves

Tide gauges can measure TW along the coast...

Tsunami records and their f-t diagram:  
solid line (E) is the time of main shock,  
dashed line (TA) is Tsunami arrival

The 26 December 2004 Sumatra Tsunami: Analysis of Tide Gauge Data from the World Ocean Part I. Indian Ocean and South Africa

Alexander B. Rabinovich and Richard E. Thomson



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# Measurement of tsunami waves

Tide gauges can measure TW along the coast, but their detection in open ocean is challenging, due to their wavelengths and amplitudes.

ocean bottom sensors  
(pressure gauges & seismometers)

Seismic Records of the 2004 Sumatra and Other Tsunamis: A Quantitative Study

Emile A. Okal

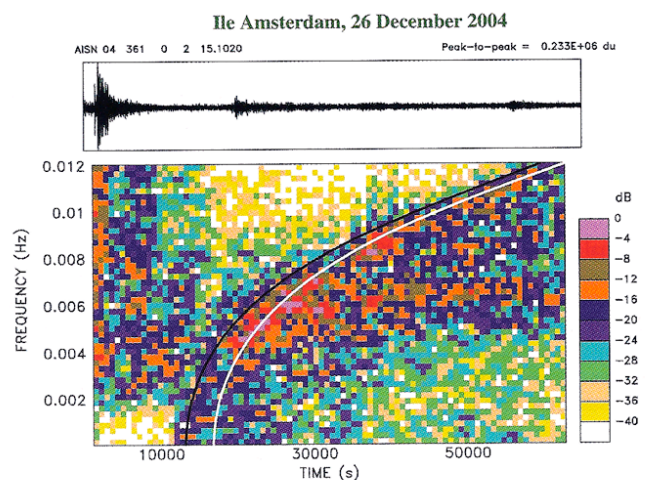


Figure 4  
Spectrogram of the tsunami recording at AIS (Ile Amsterdam). The individual pixels identify the spectral amplitude present in the wave train as a function of time (abscissa) and frequency (ordinate), according to the logarithmic scale at right. In order to emphasize the high frequencies in the record, we processed the raw seismogram, without deconvolution of the instrument response. The black curve is the dispersion expected from equation (1) for a 4-km deep ocean basin and a source at the epicenter of rupture. The white curve uses a 3.5-km basin and places the source at the centroid of rupture (TSAI *et al.*, 2005).

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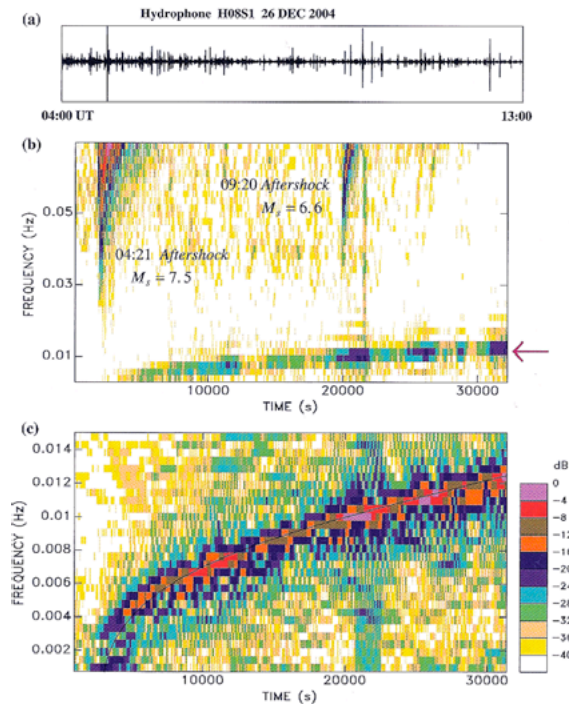
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ocean bottom sensors

hydrophones  
(towards “high” frequency bands...)

- a) Raw time series
- b) spectrogram
- c) close-up of the tsunami branch and comparison with  $w^2 = gk \tanh(kH)$

Quantification of Hydrophone Records of the 2004 Sumatra Tsunami  
Emile A. Okal, Jacques Talandier and Dominique Reymond



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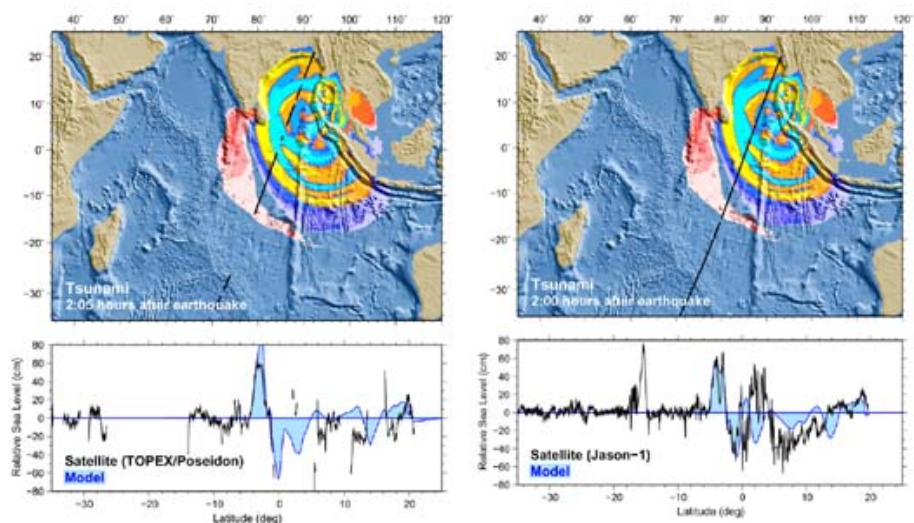
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ocean bottom sensors (pressure gauges or seismometers)

sea level measurement (GPS receivers on buoys)

satellite altimetry

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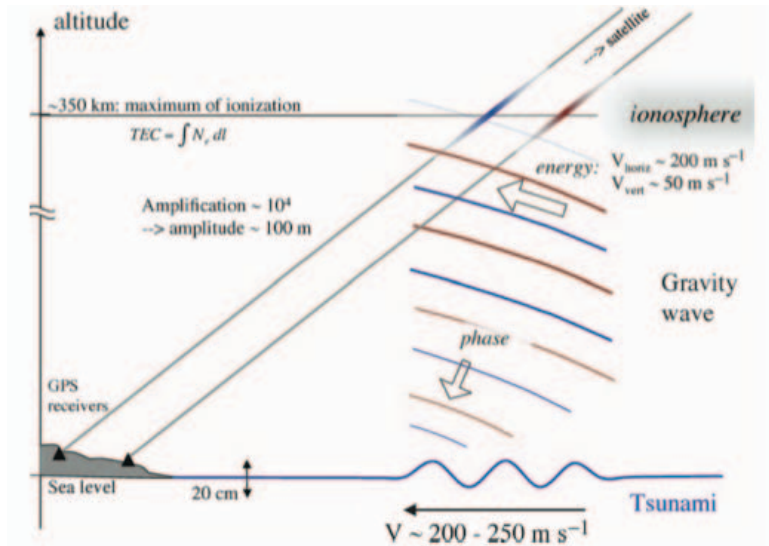


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# Tsunami signature in the ionosphere

By dynamic coupling with the atmosphere, acoustic-gravity waves are generated

Traveling Ionospheric Disturbances (TID) can be detected and monitored by high-density GPS networks



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## Tsunami signature in the ionosphere

Hines (1960): atmospheric Internal Gravity Waves

Peltier & Hines (1972): can generate ionospheric signatures in the plasma

Lognonné et al. (1998): Analytical Coupled model

Artru et al. (2005): ionospheric imaging can detect tsunami signatures. GPS JAPAN net was used to map Chilean Tsunami of 2001

Occhipinti et al. (2006): Sumatra tsunami mapped

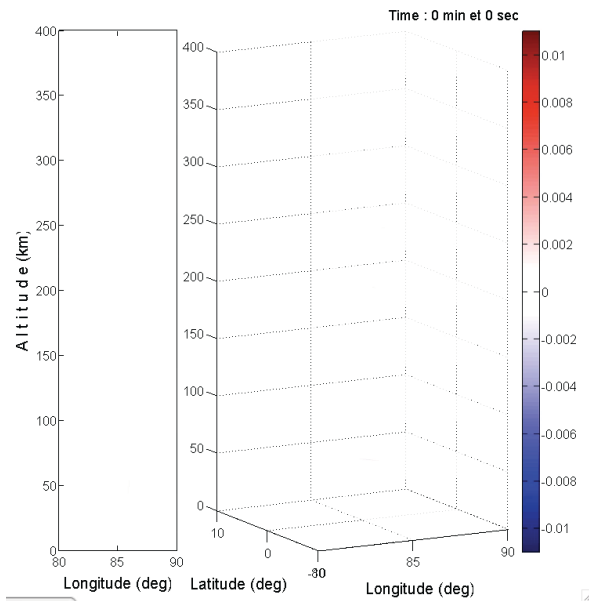
Three-dimensional waveform modeling of ionospheric signature induced by the 2004 Sumatra tsunami

Giovanni Occhipinti, Philippe Lognonné, E. Alam Kherani and Helene Hebert  
GRL, 2006, 33

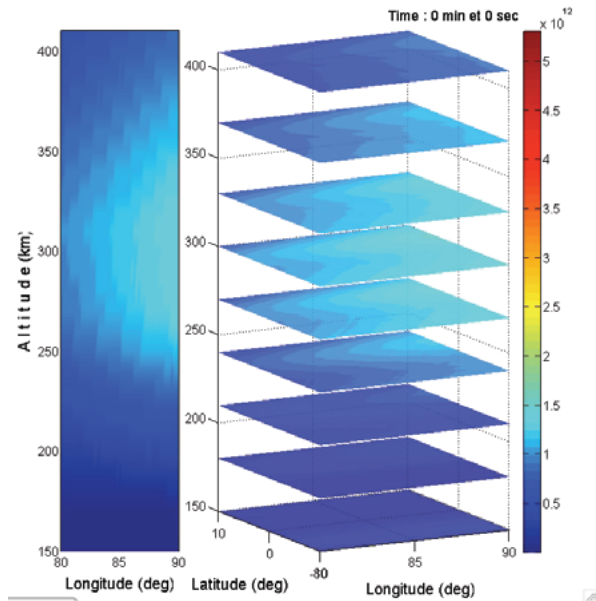
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# Tsunami signature in the ionosphere

Tsunami-generated IGWs and the response of the ionosphere to neutral motion at 2:40 UT.



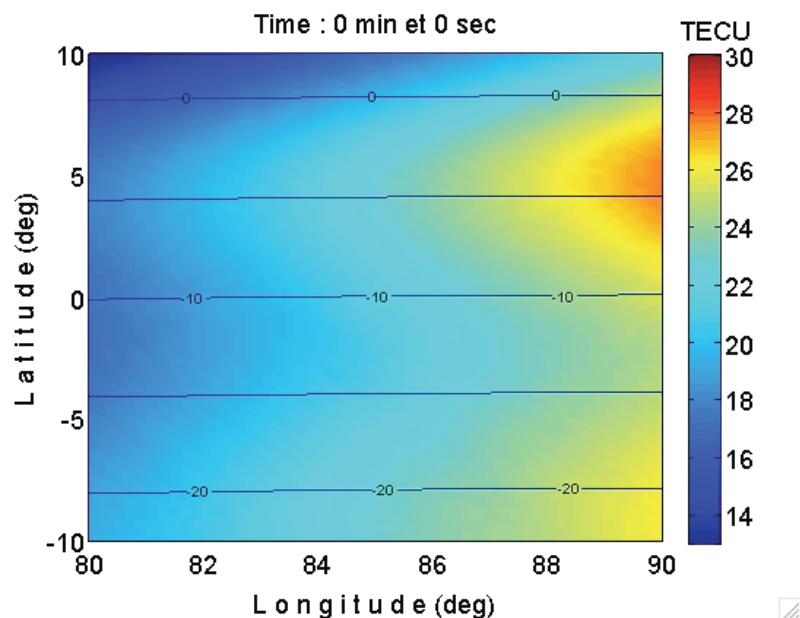
Normalized vertical velocity



Perturbation in the ionospheric plasma

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# Tsunami signature in the ionosphere



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# SHA: Road map

- Some remarks on SHA
  - Source & site effects
  - Integrated methodology
- Groundshaking scenarios modelling
  - Methodology & Case studies

SHA

## SHA dualism

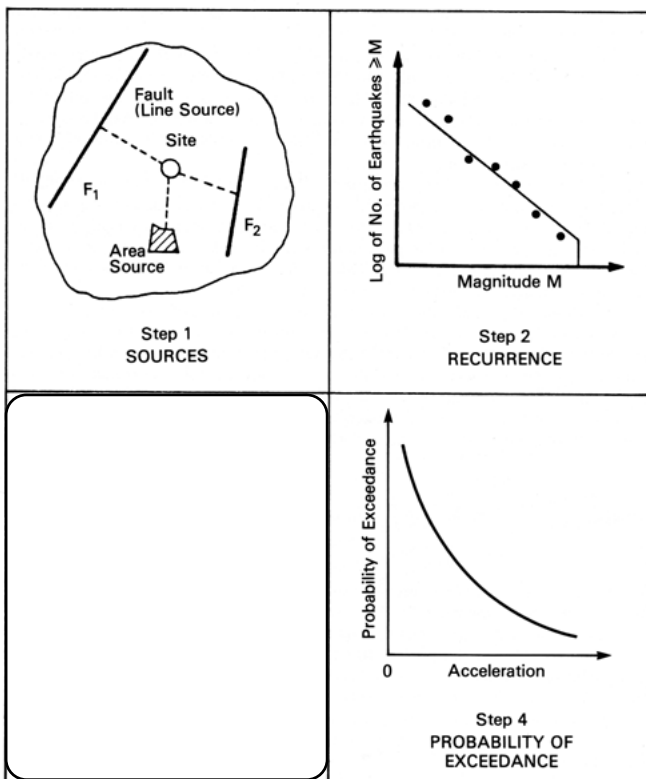


FIGURE 10.2 Basic steps of probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (after TERA Corporation 1978).

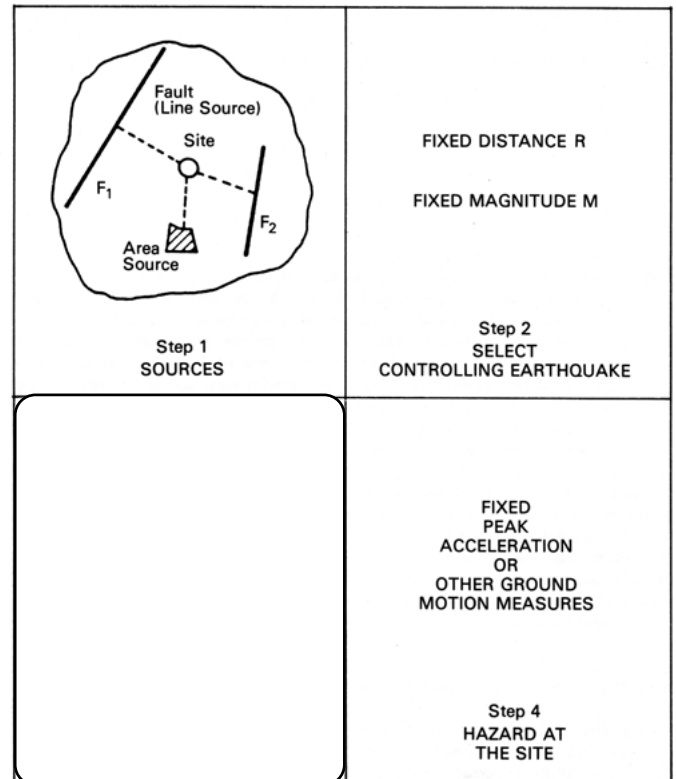
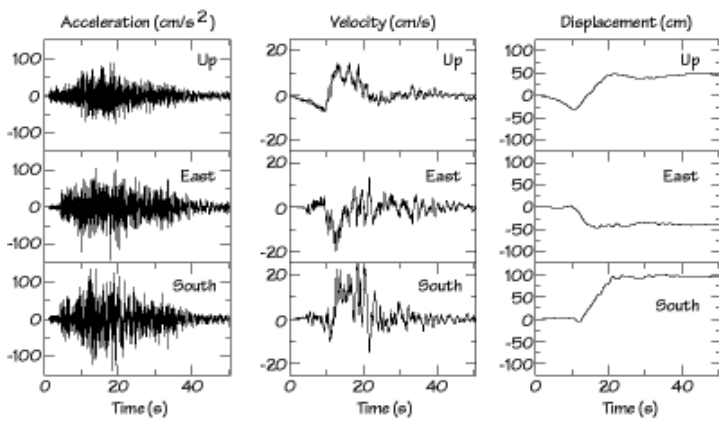


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Probabilistic and Deterministic procedures (after Reiter, 1990)

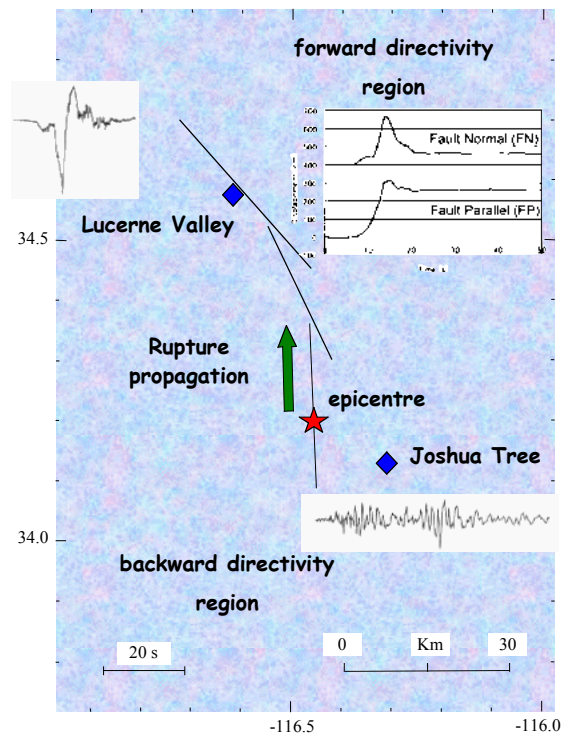
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# Source effects...



Michoacan, 1985

**Fling & Directivity**  
aka  
**Near-field (& source)**



Landers, 1992

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# Near fault ground motion

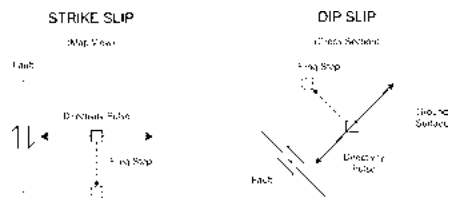


Fig. 4.3. Schematic diagram showing the orientations of fling step and directivity pulse for strike-slip and dip-slip faulting.

Peer report, 2001

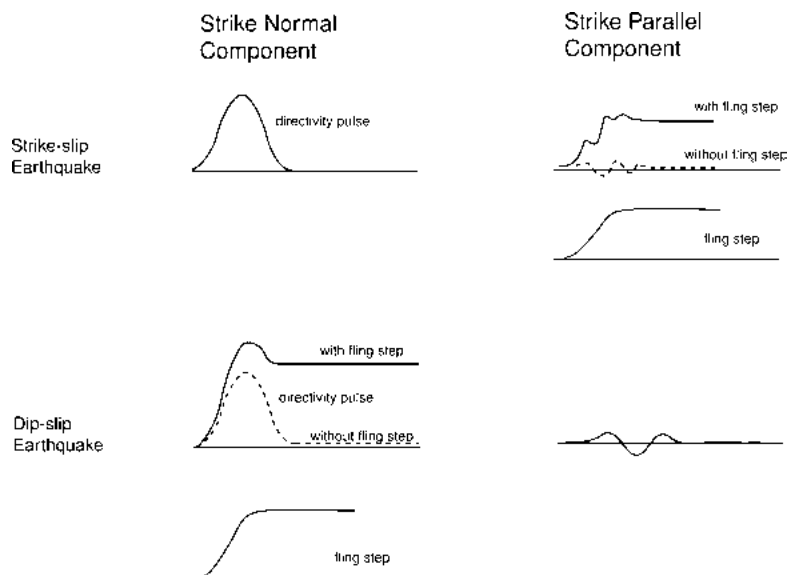
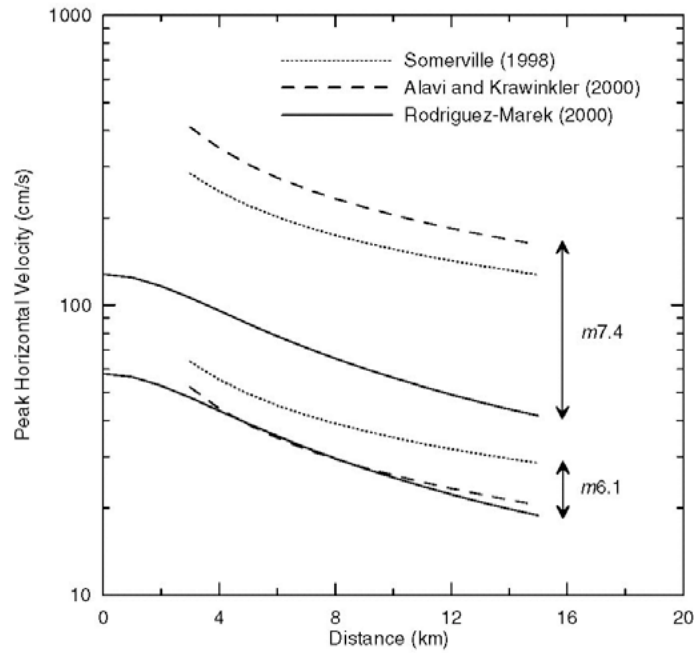


Fig. 4.4. Schematic diagram of time histories for strike-slip and dip-slip faulting in which the fling step and directivity pulse are shown together and separately.

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# Regression example...



Rodriguez-Marek (2000):  
 $\ln(\text{PHV}) = 2.44 + 0.5 m - 0.41 \ln(r^2 + 3.93^2)$

Somerville (1998):  
 $\ln(\text{PHV}) = -2.31 + 1.15 m - 0.5 \ln(r)$

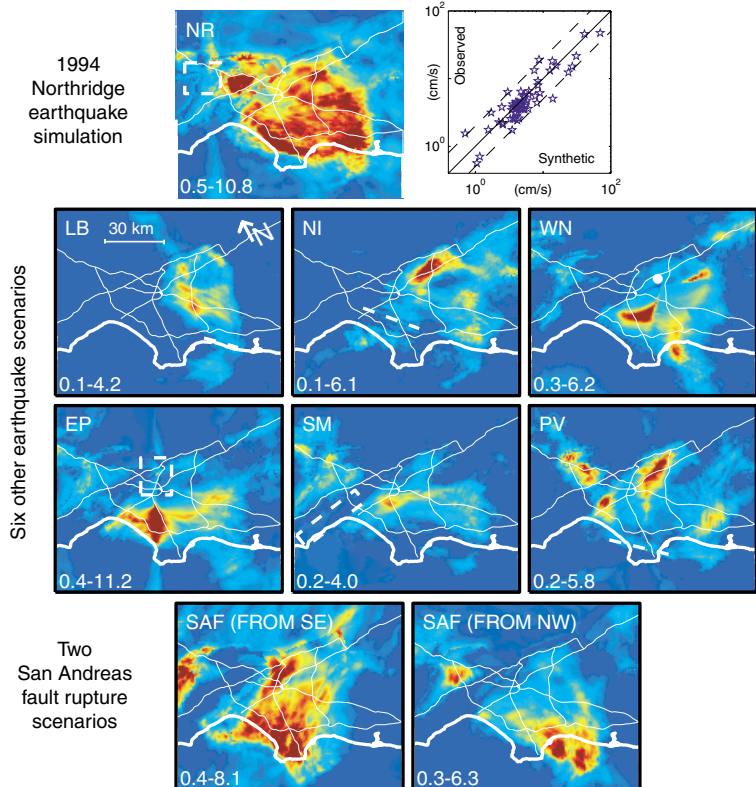
Alavi and Krawinkler (2000):  
 $\ln(\text{PHV}) = -5.11 + 1.59 m - 0.58 \ln(r)$

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# Amplification patterns...

....may vary greatly among the earthquake scenarios, considering different source locations (and rupture ...)

Peak Velocity Amplification from the 3D Simulations of Olsen (2000)

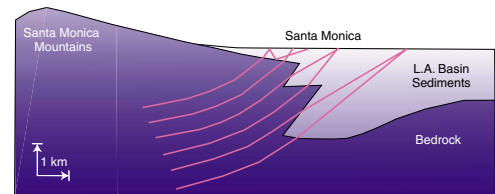
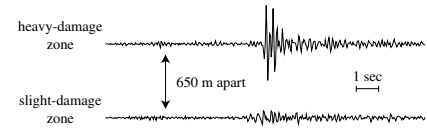


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# Important issues in SRE

- Near surface effects: impedance contrast, velocity
  - geological maps,  $v_{30}$
- Basin effects
  - Basin-edge induced waves
  - Subsurface focusing



In SHA the site effect should be defined as the average behavior, relative to other sites, given all potentially damaging earthquakes.

This produces an intrinsic variability with respect to different earthquake locations, that cannot exceed the difference between sites

SHA

## Site effects and SHA

- In SHA the site effect should be defined as the average behavior, relative to other sites, given all potentially damaging earthquakes
- This produces an intrinsic variability with respect to different earthquake locations, that cannot exceed the difference between sites
- Site characterization:
  - which velocity?
  - use of basin depth effect?

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# PGA as a demand parameter...

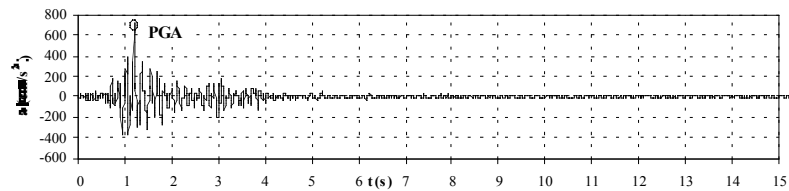


Figure 1 – Acceleration time history. Rocca NS record. 1971 Ancona earthquake ( $M_L=4.7$ )

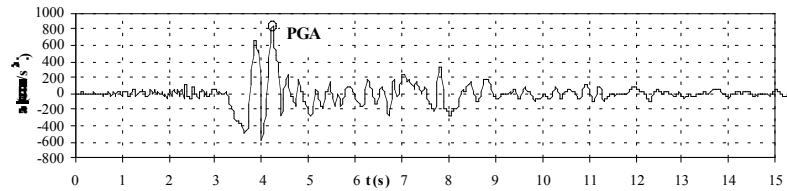
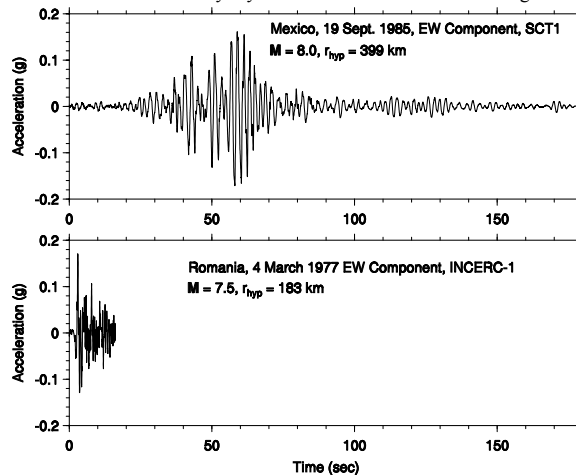


Figure 2 – Acceleration time history. Sylmar N360 record. 1994 Northridge earthquake ( $M_w=6.7$ )



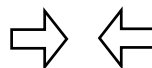
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# Modern PSHA & DSHA dualism



PSHA	Waveform modelling
Accounts for all potentially damaging earthquakes in a region	Focus on selected controlling earthquakes
(Single) parameter	Complete time series
Deeply rooted in engineering practice (e.g. building codes)	Dynamic analyses of critical facilities

Deaggregation,  
recursive analysis



Study of attenuation  
relationships

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# Integrated SHA

**Intermediate-term  
medium-range  
predictions**

**Restrained area  
for expected  
sources + time**

**Pattern recognition  
of earthquake prone  
areas (nodes)**

**Ground motion  
scenarios**

**Space &  
time**  
info for seismic  
Risk

**Seismic  
Input**  
for engineering  
analysis

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## VAB Project (EC)

### ADVANCED METHODS FOR ASSESSING THE SEISMIC VULNERABILITY OF EXISTING MOTORWAY BRIDGES

ARSENAL RESEARCH, Vienna, Austria; ISMES S.P.A., Bergamo, Italy;  
ICTP, Trieste, Italy; UPORTO, Porto, Portugal; CIMNE, Barcelona, Spain;  
SETRA, Bagneaux, France; JRC-ISPRA, EU.

**Effects on bridge seismic response of  
asynchronous motion at the base of bridge piers**

Romanelli F., Panza G.F., Vaccari, F., 2004.

Realistic Modelling of the Effects of Asynchronous motion at the Base of Bridge  
Piers, Journal of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, Vol. 6, No. 2, pp. 19-28

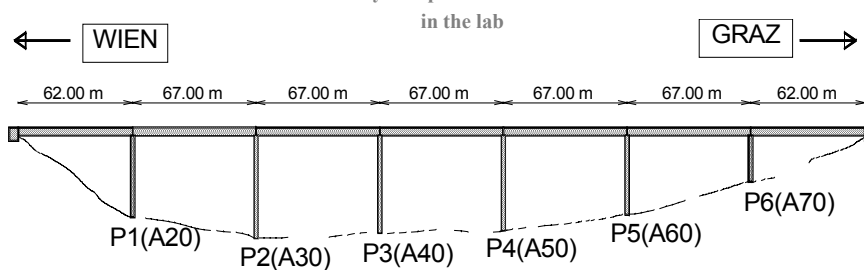
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# Warth bridge



The bridge was designed for a horizontal acceleration of 0,04 g using the quasi static method.

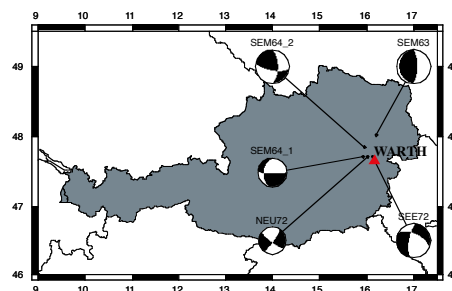
According to the new Austrian seismic code the bridge is situated in zone 4 with a horizontal design acceleration of about 0,1 g: a detailed seismic vulnerability assessment was necessary.



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# Warth bridge - Seismic sources

## 1) Database of focal mechanism



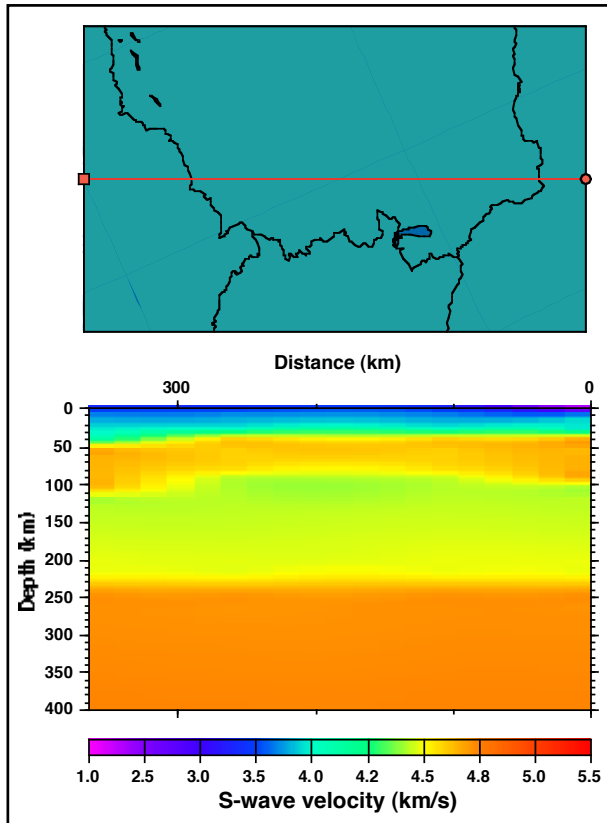
## 2) Parametric study on focal mechanism: strike dip rake depth

Maximum Credible Earthquake  
Maximum Design Earthquake

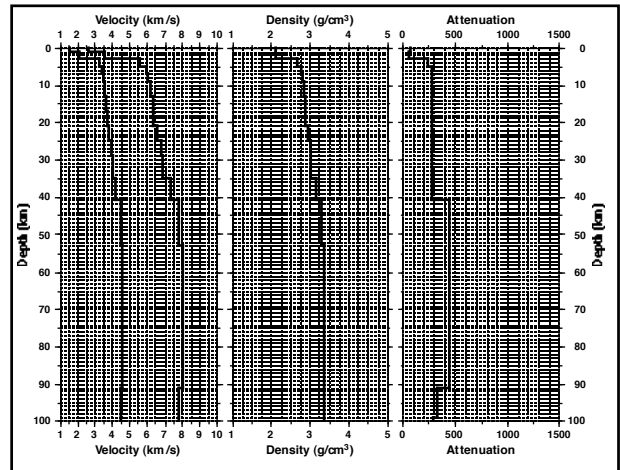
Maximum  
Historical  
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# Warth bridge - Regional model

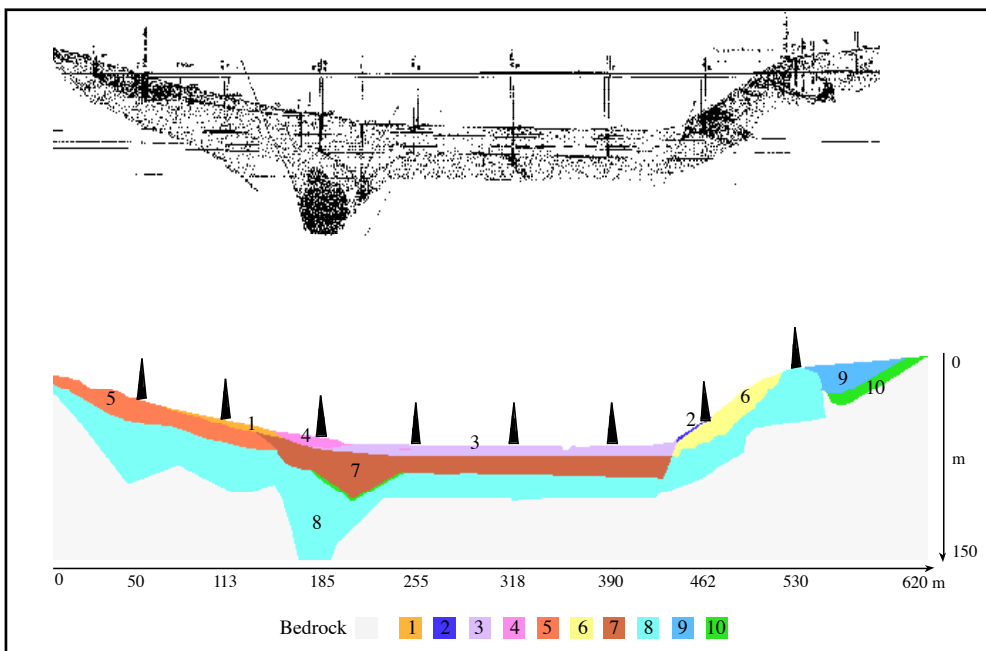


EUR I data set



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# Warth bridge - Local model



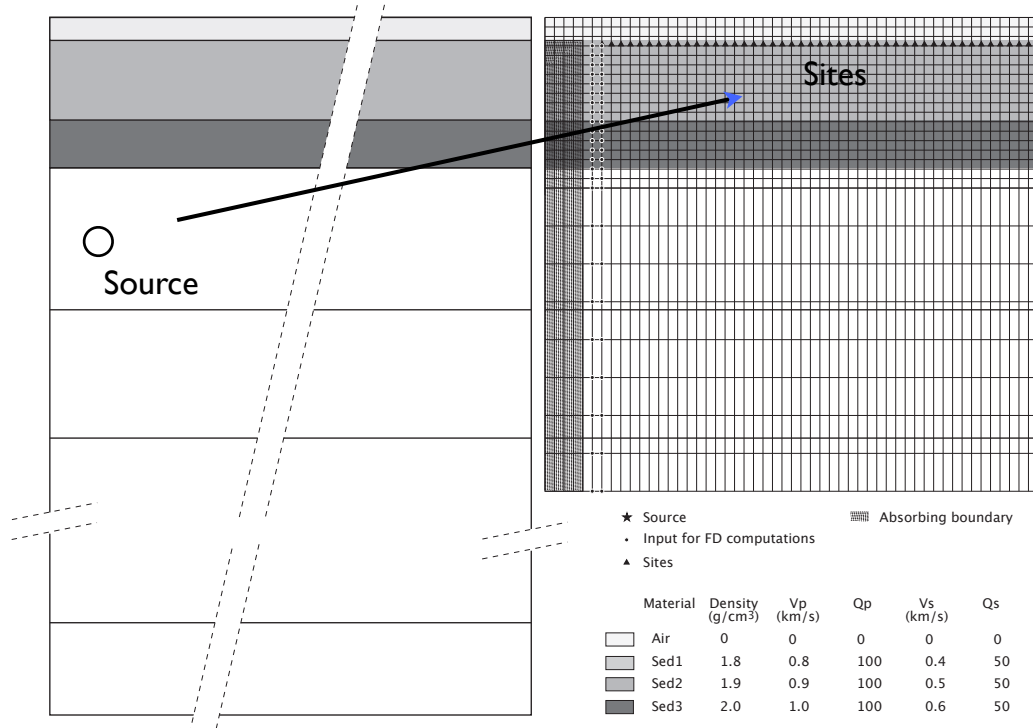
Unit	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	P-wave velocity km/s	Q <sub>p</sub>	S-wave velocity km/s	Q <sub>s</sub>
1	1.5	0.30	40.0	0.20	15.0
2	1.7	0.49	40.0	0.25	15.0
3	2.0	0.70	50.0	0.26	20.0
4	1.8	0.70	50.0	0.29	20.0
5	2.3	0.80	50.0	0.30	20.0
6	2.3	0.80	50.0	0.40	20.0
7	1.8	1.70	50.0	0.50	20.0
8	2.3	2.10	150.0	1.00	60.0
9	2.3	3.00	150.0	1.90	60.0
10	2.2	1.80	100.0	1.10	40.0

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# Methodology - Hybrid technique (local scale)

Modal summation

Finite Differences

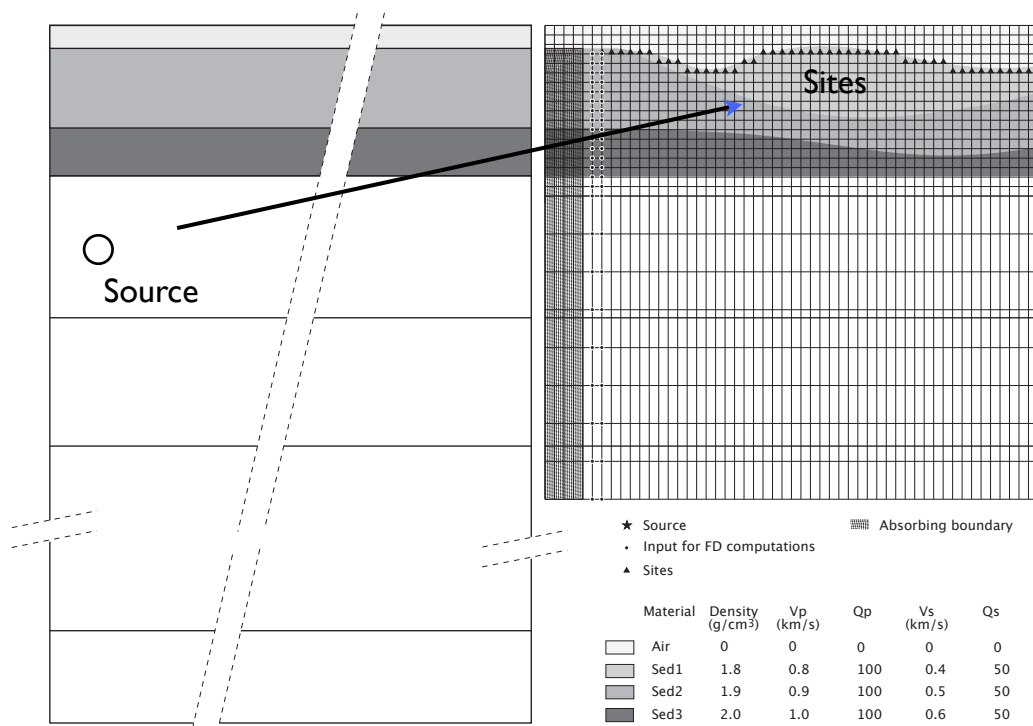


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# Methodology - Hybrid technique

Modal summation

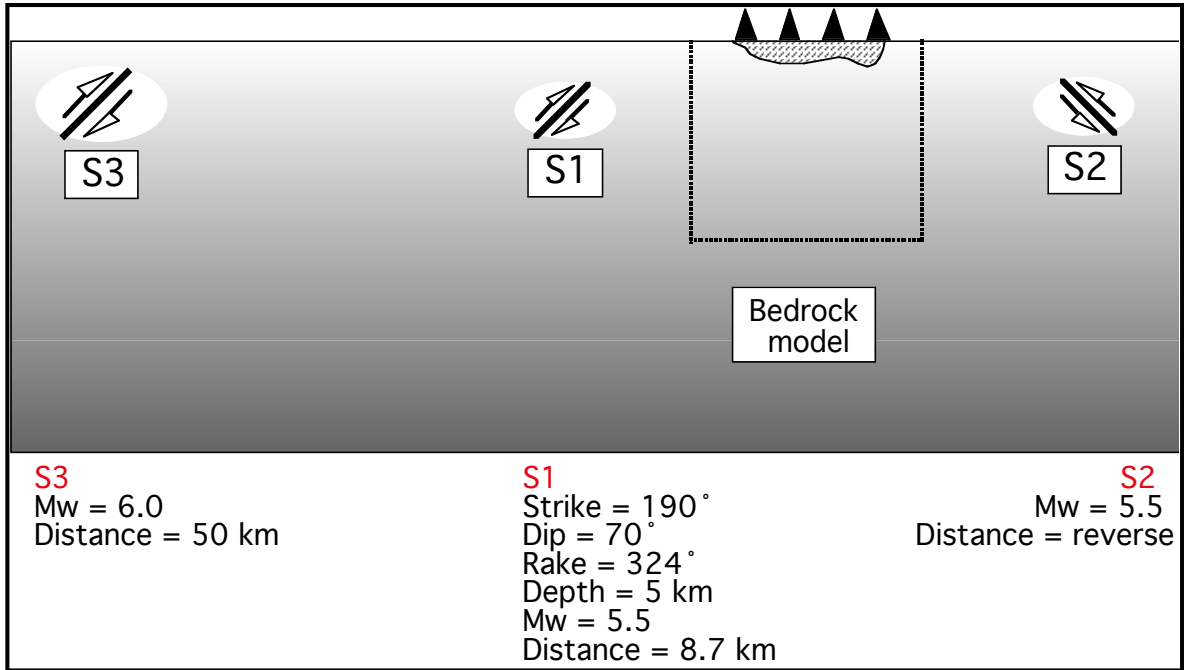
Finite Differences



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# Different source-sites configurations

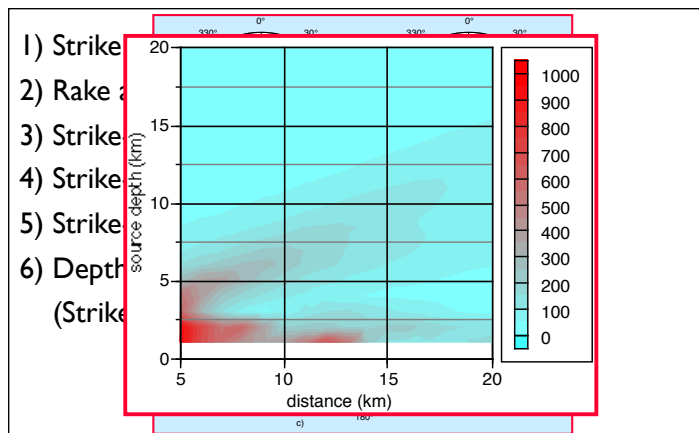


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## PARAMETRIC STUDY I Focal Parameters towards MCE

All the focal mechanism parameters of the original source model have been varied in order to find the combination producing the maximum amplitude of the various ground motion components.

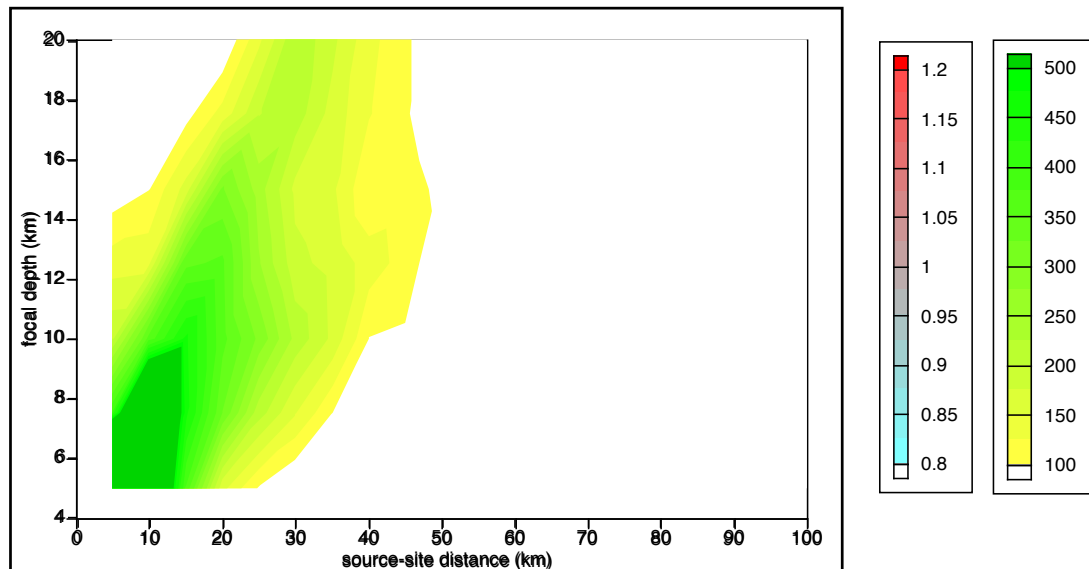
Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Focal Depth (km)	Strike (°)	Dip (°)	Rake (°)	Magnitude Ms (Mb)
16.120	47.730	18	190	70	324	5.5 (4.9)



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## PARAMETRIC STUDY 2 - Fp towards 1 Hz

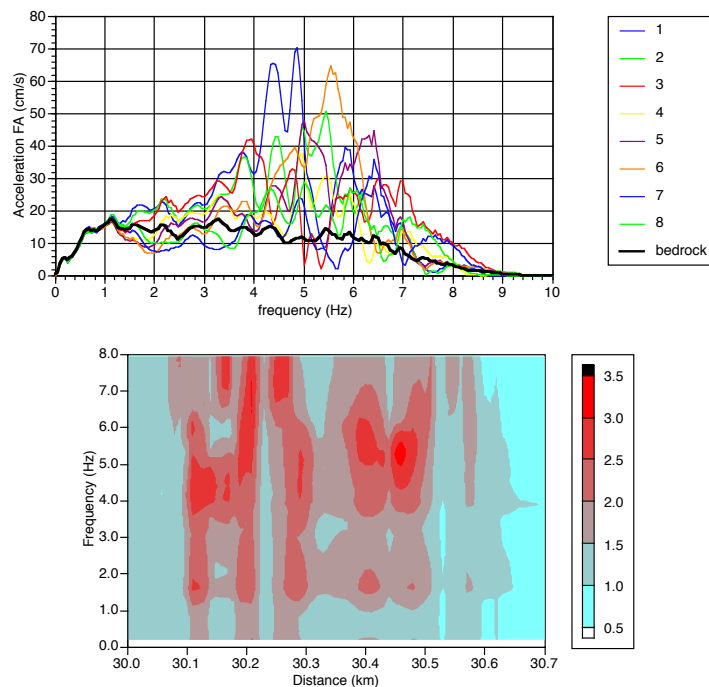
Another parametric study has been performed in order to find a seismic source-Warth site configuration providing a set of signals whose seismic energy is concentrated around 1 Hz, frequency that corresponds approximately to that of the fundamental transverse mode of oscillation of the bridge.



The results show that, in order to reach a relevant value of PGA (e.g. greater than 0.1g) in the desired period range (i.e. 0.8-1.2 s), an alternative and suitable configuration is a source 12 km deep at an epicentral distance of 30 km.

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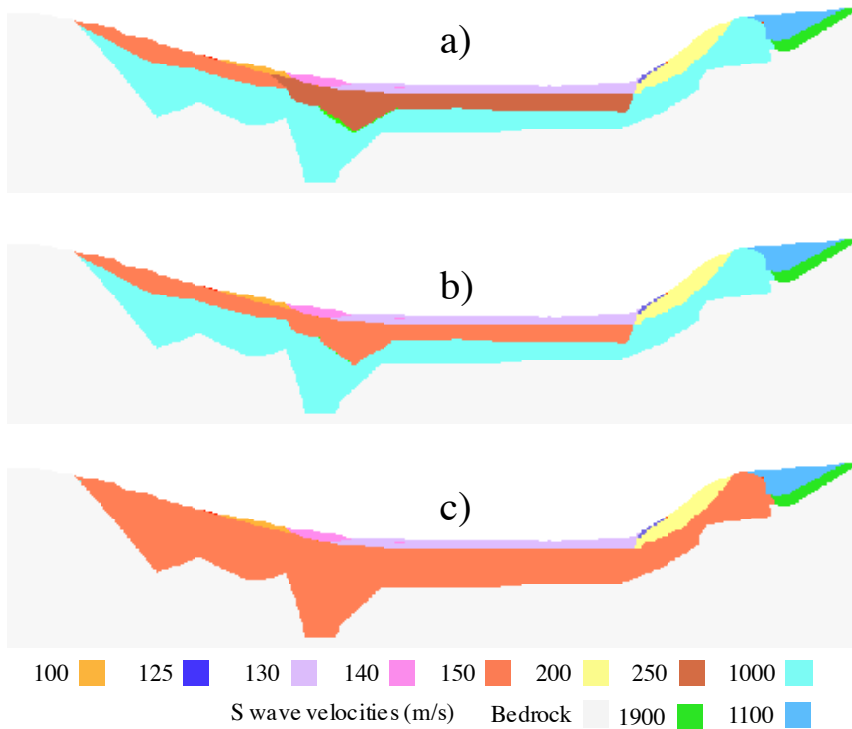
## Parametric study 2 - FS & RSR



The results show that, the local structure beneath the Warth bridge greatly amplifies the frequency components between 3 and 7 Hz, i.e. a frequency range not corresponding to the fundamental transverse mode of oscillation of the bridge (about 0.8 Hz)

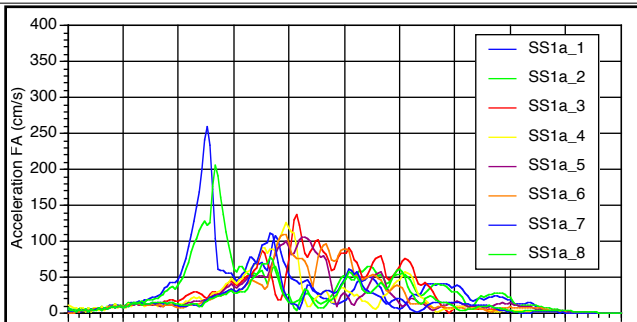
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# Parametric study 3 - LMp towards 1Hz



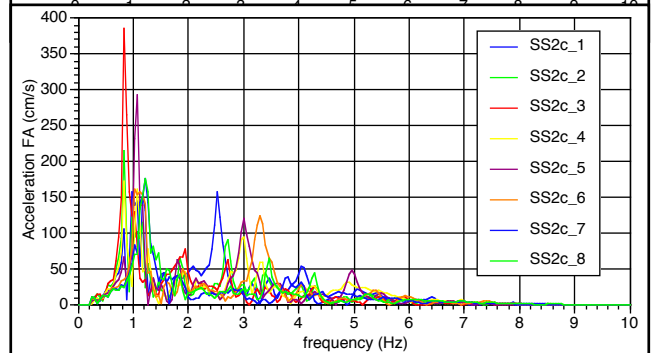
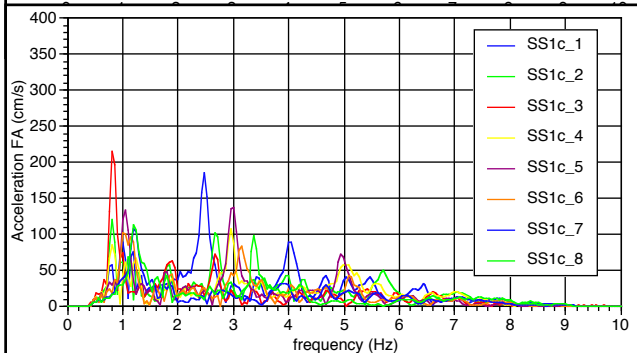
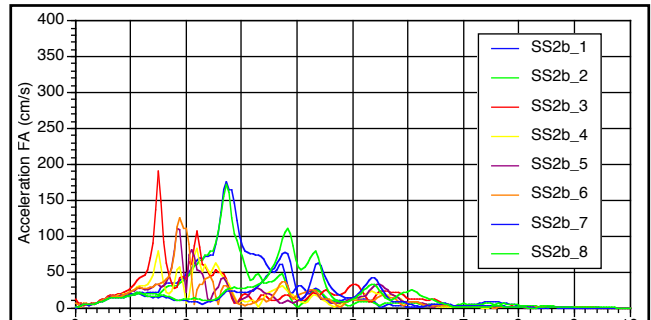
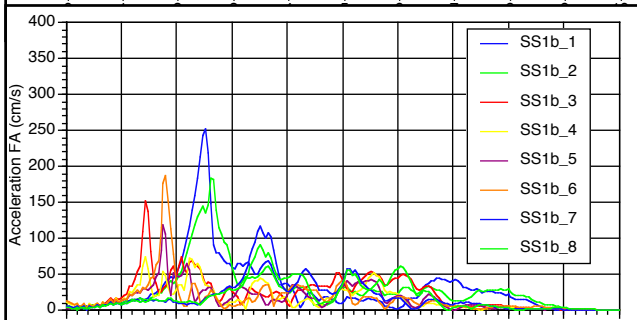
Local geotechnical models of Warth bridge section obtained lowering successively the S-wave velocities of the uppermost units

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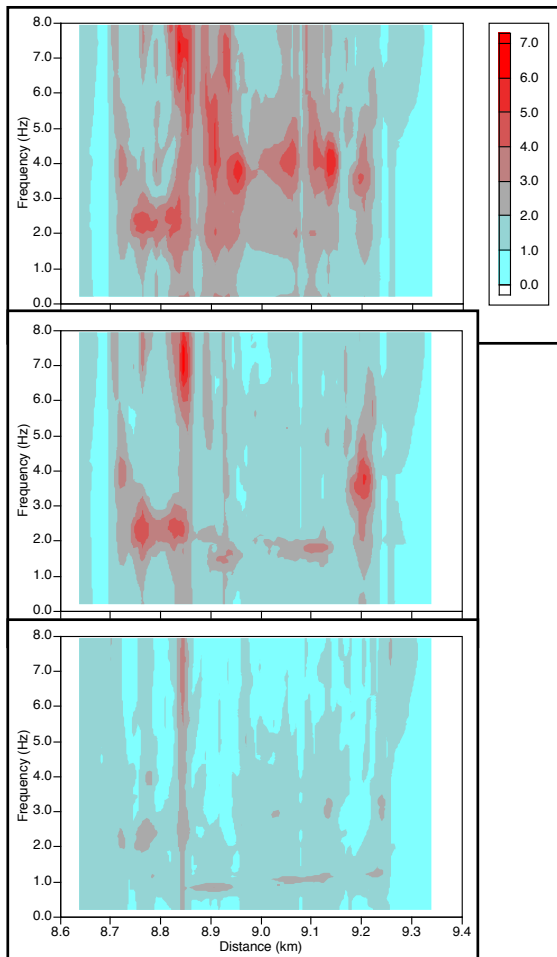


Fourier Amplitude spectra  
M=5.5; d=8.6km; h=5km

M=6.5; d=30.0km; h=12km

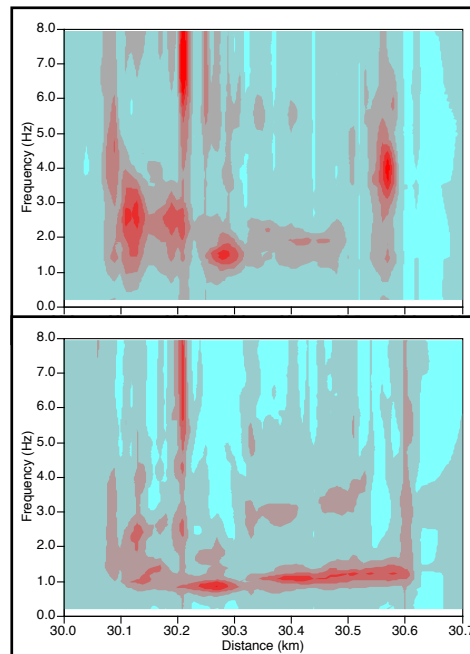


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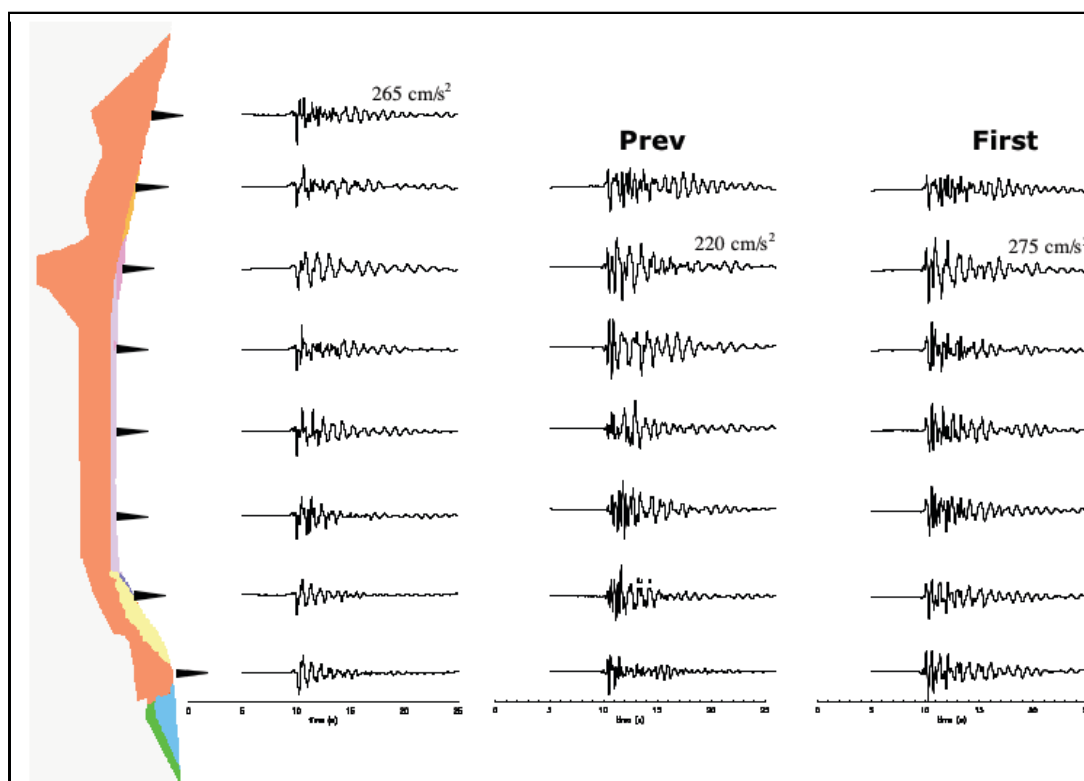
Site response estimation  
**M=5.5; d=8.6km; h=5km**

**M=6.5; d=30.0km; h=12km**



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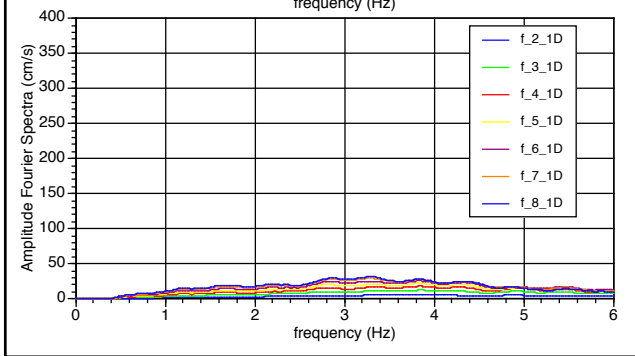
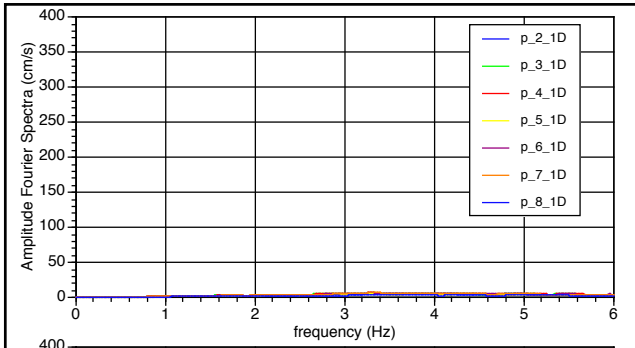
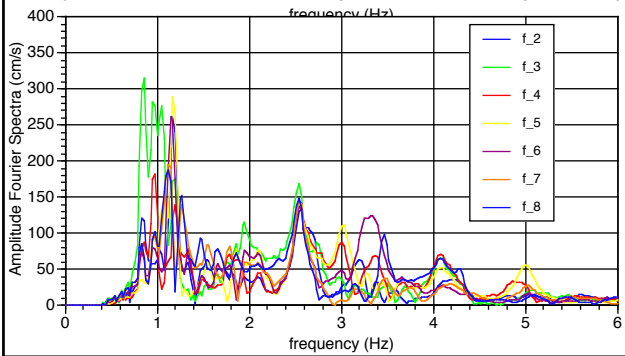
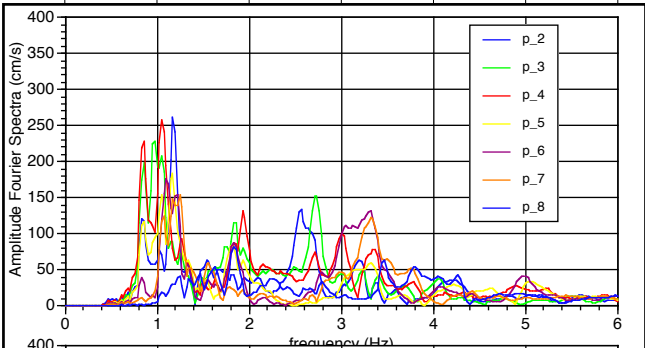
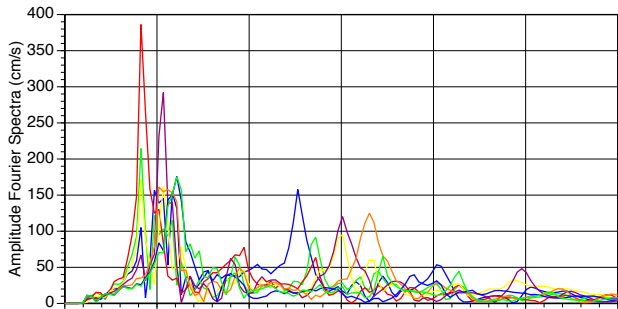
### Synthetic accelerations and diffograms



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# Fourier AS of diffograms

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## Implementation of PSD tests

### PSD WITH SUBSTRUCTURING

#### Application to the Warth Bridge, Austria

Joint Research Centre



Construction of the large-scale bridge piers outside of the ELSA lab



Physical piers A40 & A70 in the lab

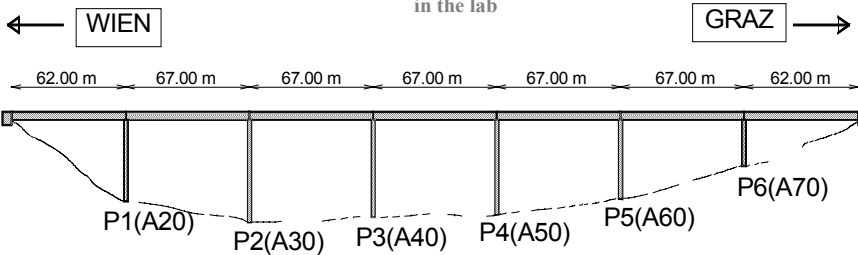


Master experimental process

Numerical models for the substructured piers A20, A30

Numerical models for the substructured piers A50, A60

Numerical model for the deck and PSD master

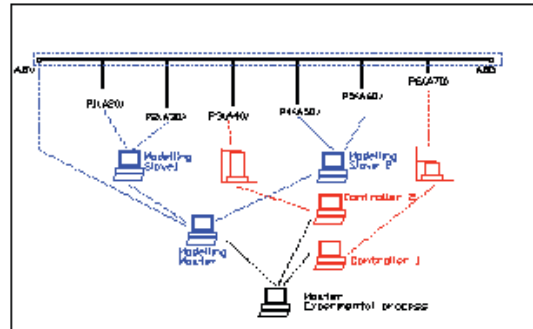


Warth Bridge



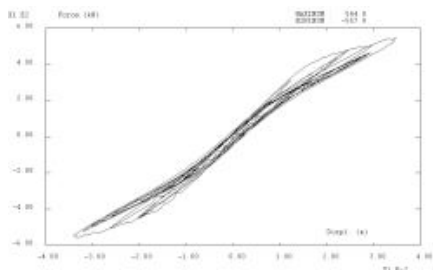
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# Implementation of PSD tests



(a) physical piers in the lab, (b), schematic representation  
(c) workstations running the PSD algorithm and controlling the test

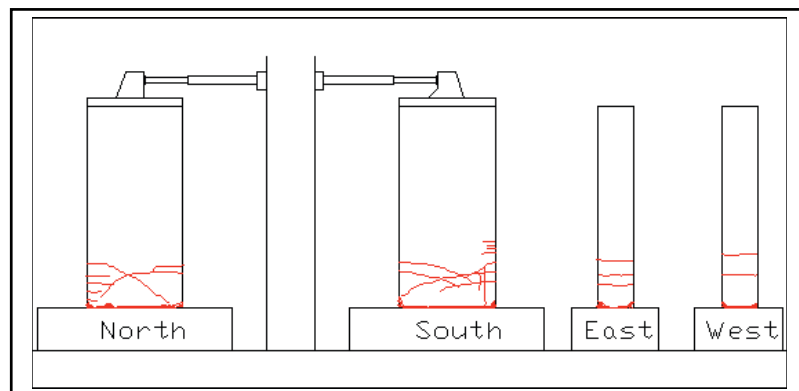
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Force-displacement for Low-level earthquake - experimental results Pier A40



Identification of insufficient seismic detailing, tall pier A40, buckling of longitudinal reinforcement at  $h = 3.5\text{m}$

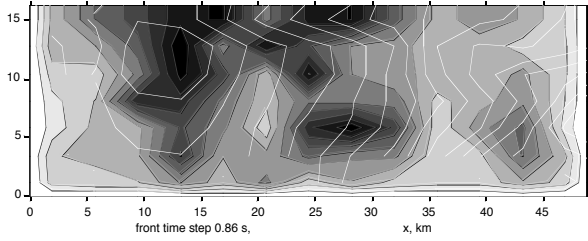


Damage pattern after the end of the High-Level Earthquake PSD test, short pier A70.

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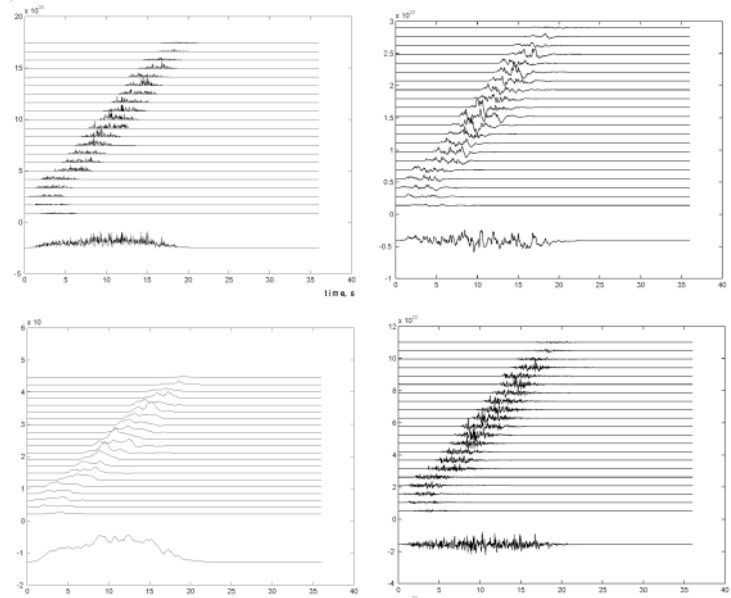


# Extended source model

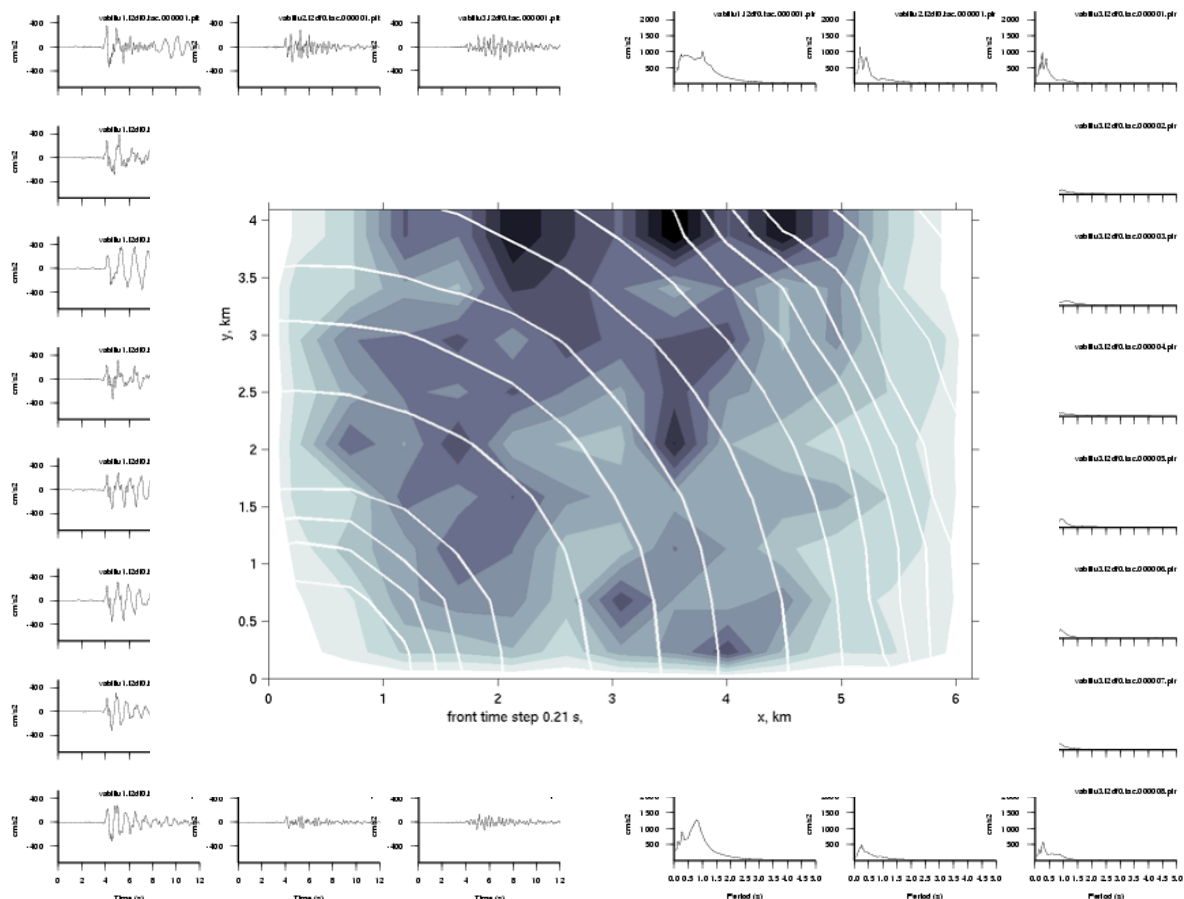


2-dimensional final slip distribution over a source rectangle, shown as a density plot. Preset magnitude value  $M_w=7.0$ . Rupture front evolution was simulated kinematically from random rupture velocity field.

Space-time histories for each of 21 subevents of the simplified "line" source model of a simulated  $M_w=7$  earthquake, and sum over subevents, giving the entire-source far-field time function

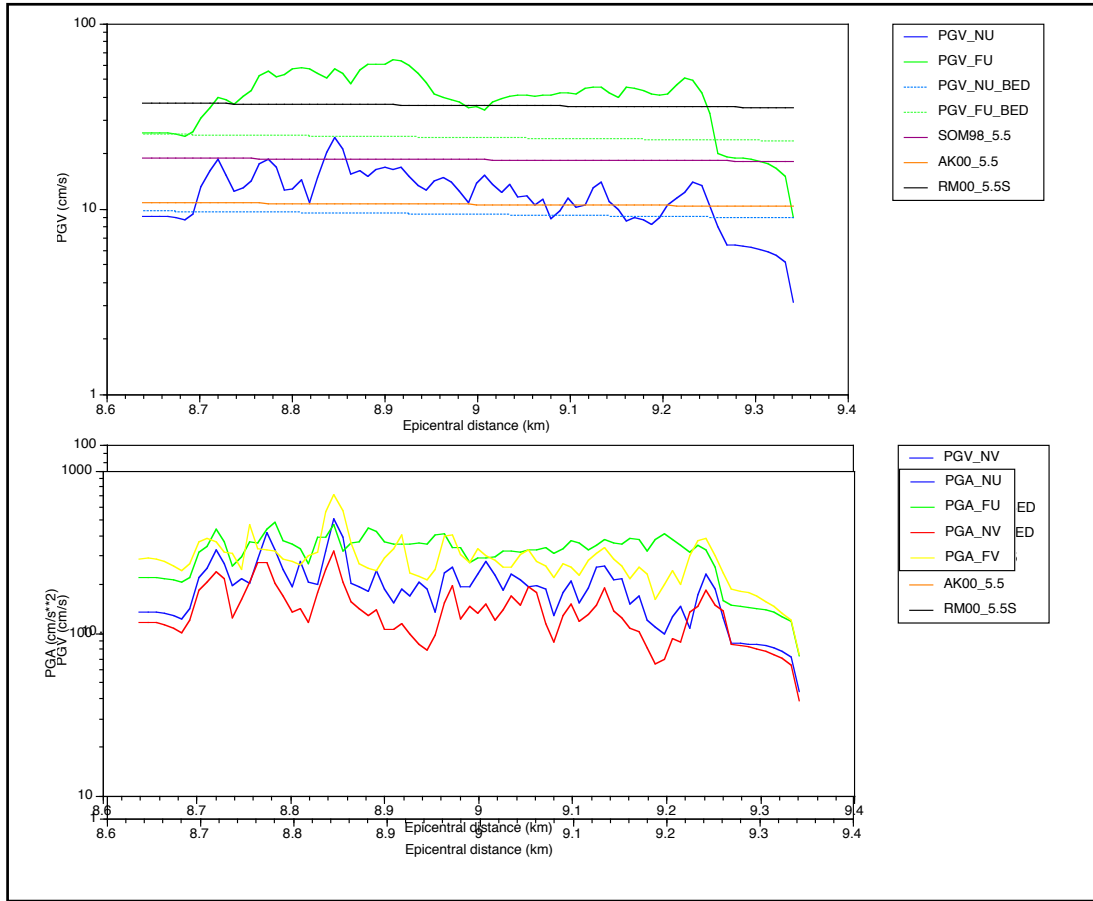


# Directivity parametric study



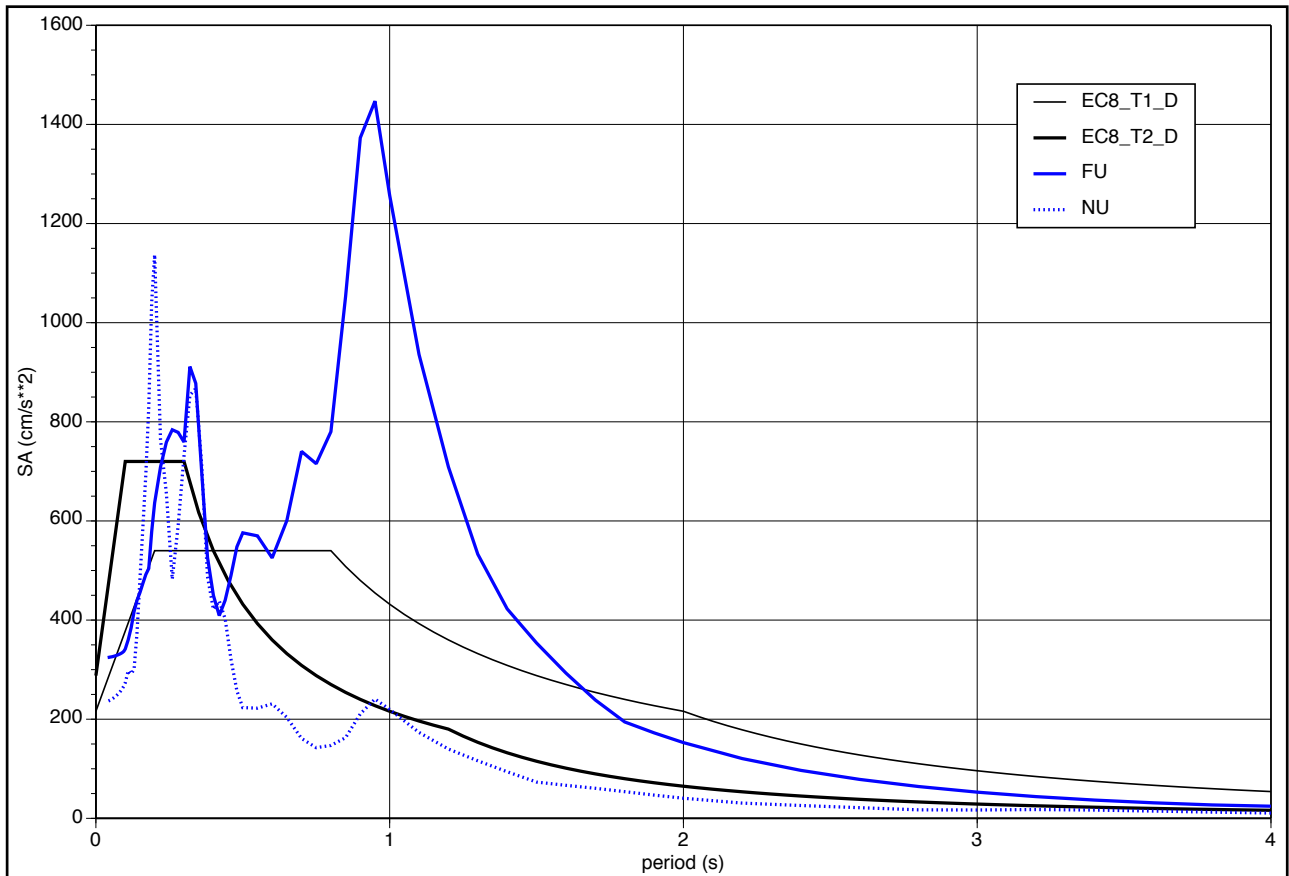


# Directivity & PGV - PGA



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# Directivity & SA



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