Single-Seismometer Imaging of Planetary Interiors: A Way Out with Global Inter-Source Correlations

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A one/multi-billion question

Urgent need for the study of planetary interiors



Understanding the formation and evolution of planetary bodies, surface-interior interactions for habitability and resource exploration....

Extremely expensive and challenging planetary facilities



The ~1 billion InSight station on Mars

(Lognonné et al., 2019; Banerdt et al., 2020; SEIS raw data, Insight Mission 2019; Mars Seismic Catalogue, InSight Mission 2022;)

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"A Way Out: Global Inter-Source Correlations"

Global inter-source correlation



(Boué et al., 2014; Lin and Tsai, 2013; Nishida, 2013; Phạm et al., 2018; Poli et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2015;)

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Global correlation features **are not** reconstructed seismic waves!



Earthquake-coda tomography boosts illumination of the deep Earth & Observation of shear wave anisotropy in the Earth's inner core

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 The principle of cross correlation can be extended to the correlations between sources – inter-source correlations.





$$G(t; x_A \to x_B) = G(t; x_B \to x_A)$$

Reciprocal Theorem: Exchanging the locations of the source and the receiver does not alter waveforms.

Virtual receivers via inter-source correlations

- Form virtual seismometers in areas where no seismometers are deployed.
- Allows for a recovery of subsurface structure via avoiding the influence of near-surface heterogeneities.



(Curtis et al., Nature Geoscience, 2009)

(Shen and Zhan, GRL, 2020; Shen et al., GRL, 2021)

There are very limited inter-source correlation/interferometry publications/reports!

However...



- **No** inter-source correlation feature exists!
- Realistic global inter-source observation contradicts theoretical expectations! (Inter-source correlogram should resemble the interreceiver one.)





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Source selections are essential to inter-source cross-correlation's formation.

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Single-station inter-source correlation



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Single-station Probing of the Earth's interior

• The single-station correlation features, ScS*, PcP*, cS-cP can be used to constrain the CMB depth.



Single-station Scanning for the Martian core



(Wang and Tkalčić, Nature Astronomy, 2022)

30°N

30°S

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(Wang and Tkalčić, Nature Astronomy, 2022)

(Stähler et al., Science, 2021)

(Samuel et al., Nature, 2023; Khan et al., Nature 2023)

What is next:



Single-station Illumination of _____ interiors

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Single Station

Quakes & impacts

What is next:

Single-station Illumination of _____

Mantle

Core



interiors

- Global inter-source correlograms for a single receiver can be formed via the reciprocity principle and a rigorous selection of sources;
- A way out for single-station illumination of the interiors of planetary bodies with global inter-source correlations.

Thank you! Questions and Comments!

