Seismic body-wave imaging with and without earthquakes

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Multi-scale Earth structure





Complex structure of Earth's inner core



Differential rotation (Song & Richards,1996; Tkalcic, et al., 2013)



Fine-scale heterogeneity (Vidale & Earle, 2000; Koper et al., 2004)



Differential travel time residual (s)

Innermost inner

core (Ishii & Dziewonski, 2002; Wang et al., 2015)

hemispherical structure (Tanaka and Hamaguchi, 1997; Irving & Deuss, 2011)

Yellowstone w/ eqk.





Inner core w/o eqk.

Why we care about Yellowstone?

- Huge and active (supervolcano)
- Plume-originated (intraplate)
- most vigorous hydrothermal system
- Basalt-rhyolite bimodal system





Yellowstone hotspot & Snake River Plain





(Schmandt et al., 2012)

Crustal magmatic system from local seismic tomography



(Farrell et al., 2014)

Yellowstone schematic model from seismic observations

- A elongated shallow magma reservoir
- A NW-tilted deep-seated mantle plume



Yellowstone schematic model from geochemical observations

Extremely high..

- Heat flow (thermal gradient ~700-1000 °C/km)
- CO₂ (~5% of global volcanogenic CO₂ flux⁾
- Lasting for a long time (~15,000 years)

But.

 The upper-crustal rhyolitic reservoir can not account for these solely



Imaging the entire crustal magmatic system

- Shallow seismogenesis
- Limited array aperture



Kilauea Volcano, Hawaii, USA





Mount St. Helens, Washington, USA

Axial Volcano, Juan de Fuca mid-ocean ridge



Joint inversion of local earthquake and teleseismic data



Data and stations

- Local seismic networks (Farrell et al., 2014)
- Earthscope Transportable Array (Brandon and Lin, 2014)
- 1-D model (ak135+local model)
- Two-step joint inversion (Huang et al., 2014)





Upper-crustal rhyolitic reservoir



Lower-crustal basaltic reservoir



Lower-crustal basaltic reservoir



Characteristic model tests

- With lower-crustal low velocity anomaly
- Only joint inversion is capable of resolving a image from the upper crustal to the mantle
- The lower-crustal low velocity anomaly is connected with the plume due to the smearing effect of similar ray incident angles



Characteristic model tests

- With noise level of 0.13 s according to the final RMS of travel time residuals of real inversion
- The bottom of the lower crustal anomaly is clearly biased
- Black arrows indicate the smearing artifacts



Perspective view of magma bodies

- Isosurfaces of 5% and 3.5% Vp reduction for crustal magma reservoirs and mantle plume

Updated Yellowstone schematic model

Magma body volume (-5% Vp):

- Upper-crustal: ~10,600 km³
- Lower-crustal: ~46,500 km³





Seismological constraints on CO₂ emission



From the study of Werner and Brantley (2003):

→ Annual emission rate of CO₂ from subsurface magma is 8.21×10¹⁰ kg/yr

$$M_{CO_2} = M_{melt} \times r = D_{melt} \times V_{melt} \times r$$



Magma	Density	CO ₂ abundance in
type₽	(kg/km ³)₀	the melts (ppm),
Basalt	$2.9 \times 10^{12} (28)$	10,000 (7)+
Rhyolite	$2.2 \times 10^{12} (14)_{\circ}$	400 (7),

To calculate the melt fraction (and volume)

Absolute Vp vs. rhyolitic melt fraction



Vp perturbation vs. basaltic melt fraction

$-\partial \ln V_P/\mathrm{dF}$	Melt inclusion description	
1.23	Unrelaxed state, dihedral angle typical (45)	
2.9	Unrelaxed state, organized cuspate shape (44)	
3.6	Relaxed state, organized cuspate shape (44)	

⁴⁴ Hammond and Humphreys, 2000; ⁴⁵ Kreutzmann et al., 2004

- **Upper-crustal reservoir:**
- Rhyolite-granite system
- Average Vp of 5.21 km/s
- → ~9% melt fraction
- \rightarrow 950 km³ rhyolitic melts

Lower-crustal reservoir:

- Basalt-olvine system
- Average dVp of 6.56%
- \rightarrow 2-5% melt fraction
- \rightarrow 930 km³ basaltic melts

Seismological constraints on CO₂ emission



*The high intensity of Yellowstone hydrothermal system has been suggested to last since at least ~15,000 years ago or earlier (Fournier, 1989)

Conclusions

The addition of lower-crustal magma reservoir can help explain the abnomrally large CO2 outflux at Yellowstone



The discovered lower-crustal magma reservoir provides a magmatic link between upper-crustal reservoir and mantle plume

Toward the center of the Earth





(Tkalcic, 2015)

Seismic interferometry

- Retrieving the Green's function between arbitrary two stations from cross-correlating the ambient noise data



(Weaver, 2004)

Seismic interferometry

- How this actually works ..



(Wapenaar et al., 2010)





Seismic interferometry



(Shapiro et al., 2015)

Recent development of seismic interferometry

- Not only surface wave, but also body wave



Recent development of seismic interferometry

- Not only surface wave, but also body wave



(Lin et al., 2013)

Recent development of seismic interferimetry

 good correlation with the occurrence of large earthquakes, implying that the energy may come from earthquake coda (reverberations)



Tohoku global wavefiled simulation

Earthquake coda interferometry

- Temporal normalization (15-50 s) & Spectral wightening (5-800 s)



Neighborhood stacking with a radius R



Examples of using radius of 0, 300 km, and measurements



Relative travel time residuals of PKIKP2 and PKIIKP2




Where the possible anomaly sources are?

- Most likely from inner core, maybe possibly from lowermost mantle



Possible anomaly sources



Possible anomaly sources



Possible anomaly sources



Possible hemispherical model and predictions

– bisected by boundaries at 99°W and 88°E with 1.2% V_P slower in western hemisphere



Hemisphere boundary consistency and discrepancy



Possible depth dependent boundary (Waszek&Deuss, 2011)

Different data sets



Conclusions

- This study is the first to obtain such dense sampling of inner core structure with seismic interferometry
- The antipodal-distance measurements of PKIKP² and PKIIKP² obtained here are rare in earthquake generated body-wave datasets and could be critical to constrain the structure at the very center of the Earth
- The short-wavelength variations in derived travel-time image implies strong, complex structural variability in the deep Earth
- The linear and large (1.25 s) N-S trending anomaly across the center of the U.S. suggests the need for an asymmetric quasi-hemispherical structure in the inner parts of the inner core



Beyond the inner core

- One of the ultimate goals is to jointly invert all kinds of data we have, including these new interferometry data sets
- Potential bias (mechanism) from body-wave interferometry need to be further investigated

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But what if no earthquakes...



Distribution of shallow-, intermediate-, and deep-focus earthquakes. (Data from NOAA)

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Iceland example

- Shallow magma reservoir vs. Deep mantle plume
- The lower crustal structure beneath volcanoes is poorly constrained in general



(Mitchell et al., 2013)



(Hung et al., 2004)

Travel time residuals before/after inversion

- 4 iterations for local earthquake data solely to get a good local model first
- Another 4 iterations for joint inversion integrating both local and teleseismic earthquake data



Regularization tests



Smoothing: 30

CKB, DWS, R



CKB, DWS, R



CKB, DWS, R



Characteristic model tests

- Without lower-crustal low velocity anomaly
- This negative control demonstrates that the lowercrustal magma body is robust



Characteristic model tests

- With noise level of 0.13 s according to the final RMS of travel time residuals of real inversion
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Melt volume calculations



Seismic interferometry

- Open a new area of applications

Tomography (Shapiro et al., 2005)



Noise source tracking (Chen et al., 2011)

Temporal medium monitoring (Brenguier et al., 2008)





Lin and Tsai, 2013 – Antipodal station pair



Contamination from mantle heterogeneity



(Deguen, 2012)



(Niu and Chen, 2008)

Time relative to PKIKP (s)

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Summary of Inner core structure



Two recent studies..

Lygoes et al., 2014 - East-West Hemisphere boundary



Wang et al., 2015

 Innermost inner core anisotropy

This study

- Instead of continuous noise record, late coda of large earthquakes my be more efficient



Velocity model corrections

- Schmandt and Lin (2014) for the depth of 0 1000 km beneath the US
- Li et al. (2008) for elsewhere globally









Radius test from 0 to 1000 km



Uncertainty test with odd/even events



Uncertainty test with odd/even events



Finite-frequency analysis for PKIKP²



Finite-frequency analysis for PKIIKP²



Lowermost mantle sensitivities of PKIKP² and PKIIKP²



Fresnel zone visualization (Liu and Tromp, 2008)







Predictions of different inner core models



A proof-of-concept test using numerical approach


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- comparison between observational CCFs and synthetic CCFs



A proof-of-concept test using numerical approach

- comparison between synthetic CCFs using Model prem and prem+IMIC

- A 500-km-radius and 10% faster Vp will advance the PKIKP2 by 18 s



A proof-of-concept test using numerical approach

- effect of source distributions on ACFs and CCFs along a E-W linear array

