
From Earth to Venus: What can we learn from seismic wavefield simulation

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Take home message

We identify a high-velocity slab-like fragment beneath the southeastern US. This anomaly has a 100-km thick core with relatively sharp edges on both sides, which can be related to the Hess Conjugate.

We can model the infrasonic waves using GPU-accelerated FD simulator

We develop a novel full waveform inversion scheme using asymptomatic method. The computational cost is extremely low compared to adjoint method.

The beauty of seismology

Different seismic phases

Detect fast or slow anomalies

The earthquake, the receiver and the structure



Credit: John Nelson, IDV Solutions.

The earthquake, the receiver and the structure



Global & Local seismic networks

On land



The earthquake, the receiver and the structure



After Throne et al., 2004

The way to image the Earth's interior



A. Forward

Waveform modeling approach

Seismic tomography

B. Inverse



The way to image the Earth's interior



B. Inverse

Seismic tomography



Inverse approach – Seismic tomography

- Medical computed tomography (CT)
 - X-ray (linear)

 Seismic tomography Seismic waves (curved)



Wikipedia



Landtech Geophysics

Inverse approach – Seismic tomography

• Medical computed tomography (CT)

Combination of X-ray profiles (different angles)

• Seismic tomography

Combination of seismic ray paths



Credit: Nathan Simmons

Problematic on seismic tomography

- Smoothed/damped images
 - penalty function
- Computationally expensive
 - Finite-frequency kernels
 - Full waveforms

PART II

PART I

• Not for the high frequency data (Full waveform inversion)

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Remedy: Forward waveform modeling



PART I

Lower Mantle Substructure Embedded in the Farallon Plate: The Hess Conjugate

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Problematic on travel-time tomography



Schmandt and Lin, 2015

Biryol et al., 2016

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Subduction-related

Delamination or drip







Wang et al., 2017

The same seismic signature

Biryol et al., 2016

Scenario I - Subduction-related remnants

Farallon plate subduction/Oceanic plateau subduction



Scenario I – Subduction-related remnants

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The role of oceanic plateau subduction in the Laramide orogeny

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Scenario I – Subduction-related remnants



Porritt et al., 2014

Liu et al., 2010

Scenario I – Subduction-related remnants



Depth 457 km

Depth 633 km Depth 870 km

Scenario II – delamination or drip



Biryol et al., 2016



Wang et al., 2016

Scenario II – delamination or drip

Thinner lithosphereVolcanism





Wang et al., 2016

Scenario II – delamination or drip

Lithospheric removal Thinner lithosphere/volcanism





Biryol et al., 2016

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?



Why the high velocity remnants in the mid/deep mantle are important?1. Evolution of the surface tectonics (e.g., subduction process)2. Mantle dynamics (e.g., Thermal structure)

- Travel-time tomography
 - Damped/smoothed images
 - Non-disturbed waveforms
- Waveform modeling approach
 - Stress the effects of velocity structure on waveforms
 - Small scale structure or sharp edge of structure



Ko and Helmberger, in prep.

Data

Synthetics



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Waveform distortions and complexities

- Travel-time, amplitude and waveform shape
- Better constraints on the **sharpness** and morphology of anomalies



Sharp velocity boundary

Smoothed velocity boundary



Seismic observations



Seismic observations



The optimal 2D model



Grid search from a library of idealized slab models



Data-Synthetics

i: 5 different events at different distances

Sharp edges

Ko et al., 2017

The comparison of the effective thickness Purely thermal Key measurement: Structural sharpness (velocity gradient) 3D & optimal model Thermal slab Thermal delamination -400 km ime (Mvr) -0 km



400 km







The comparison of the effective thickness



Purely thermal

- ✓ Delamination
- X Subduction-related

Thermal-chemically distinct

- ✓ Delamination
- ✓ Subduction-related

Ko et al., 2017

Planetary Seismology- Venus

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Comparison



The four terrestrial (meaning 'Earth-like') planets of our inner Solar System

| | Venus | Earth |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mass | 4.87 x 10 ²⁴ kg | 5.98 x 10 ²⁴ kg |
| Radius | 6052 km | 6378 km |
| Density | 5250 kg/m ³ | 5520 kg/m ³ |
Comparison



Earth: Acoustic waves generated by the Rayleigh surface waves have been observed in the far field of very large (Ms > 7) quakes but also in the near-field of smaller quakes (GPS).

Venus: ?

- A larger atmospheric density at the surface
- Much stronger atmospheric coupling
- Larger acoustic impedance of the atmosphere

| Table 2 Atmospheric coupling parameters for Venus, Earth, and Mars | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--|--|--|
| | Crust | Earth | Mars | Venus |
| Surface sound speed (m s ⁻¹) Surface density (kg m ⁻³) Acoustic impedance ratio/crust Energy transfer $\left(E = \frac{Q}{\pi} \frac{\rho_{air} C_{air}}{\rho_{int} \Theta_{int}}\right)$ (Q = 100) High-Q atmospheric resonances (mHz) | 5800 2600 1 | 340 1.225 2.76e-5 8.8e-4 3.7 | 214 0.0175 2.48e-7 7.9e-7 2.05 | 426 65 1.83e-3 5.8e-2 3.10; 4.15 |

Solar System Exploration Technology Office

Techniques and Technologies for probing Venus Interior KISS Development Program Prof. Jennifer Jackson, Campus PI Dr. James Cutts, JPL co PI

Objective

• Probing the interior of Venus that exploit its **dense atmosphere** and tolerate its high surface temperatures

Key Tasks and Products

- Balloon infrasound testbed
- Infrasonic sensor payload
- Lab studies of Venus analog rocks
- Modeling of infrasound background
- Modeling of atmospheric excitation of seismic waves (infrasonic waves)
- Modeling of quake signatures

How does it works?



The dense atmosphere of Venus, which efficiently couples seismic energy into the atmosphere as infrasonic waves, enables an alternative to conventional seismology: detection of infrasonic waves in the upper atmosphere using either high altitude balloons or orbiting spacecraft.





Model setting: dh = 0.1 km dt = 0.0021Maxf ~ 0.45 Hz No attenuation

Source type: Double couple



Distance (km)



















One station

- 1. Differential time (s-p)
- 2. The slope of acoustic waves
- → Event depth (should be ok)



Donald Knuth: "Science is what we understand well enough to explain to a computer. Art is everything else we do."





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Another possibility for tomographic approach An efficient way to invert seismic structure using full waveforms

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Seismic tomography

Solved as an Inverse problem

d=GMTravel time
Amplitude
WaveformsGreen's function
Sensitivity KernelStructureKnown"Known"Unknown

Sensitivity kernel & Forward Rule (Gm=d) *A solution of wave equation*



What is the next

- Ray theory vs Finite-frequency theory
- Travel time vs Full waveform approach



Zhu et al. (2012)

30 iterations2.3 million cpu hrs

- Pros High resolution Cons Computationally expensive High demand for storage space \bigcirc
 - Relatively low frequency data (e.g., 20s)

What is the next

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- An alternative efficient way
- High frequency waveforms



WKM synthetics

Using generalized ray



Helmberger and Ni, 2005



Ko and Zhan, 2018, in prep.

PT surface

Ko and Zhan, 2018, in prep.





PT surface

Ko and Zhan, 2018, in prep.



Question: How can we get the correct PT surface starting from initial model?











PT surface \rightarrow Velocity structure

Ko and Zhan, 2018, in prep. PT tomography Traveltime tomography ×10⁵ PREM 76 True 6000 Flattened depth (km) 1,000 Prediction 4000 2,000 72 2000 3,000 4,000 5 68 Flattened depth (km) 1,000 2,000 0 ⊲ 64 3,000 4.000 0 2000 40006000 8000 10000 12000 0 2000 4000 6000 8000 10000 12000 Distance (km) Distance (km) 60 30,000 140 120 100 20,000 56 Count Count 80 60 10,000 40 52 20 496 500 504 508 0 -0.3 -0.3 -0.2-0.10 0.10.2 0.3 -0.2-0.10 0.1 0.20.3 Time (s) (align on P) Data misfit Data misfit

Checkboard Test

$$2 S(\mathbf{m}) = \| \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}_{obs} \|_{D}^{2} + \| \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{prior} \|_{M}^{2}$$
$$= (\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}_{obs})^{t} \mathbf{C}_{D}^{-1} (\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}_{obs}) + (\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{prior})^{t} \mathbf{C}_{M}^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{prior})$$

Cost func. =Data misfit+Penalty func.

Cd = I; $Cm = sig^2 * exp((x-x0)/lamda^2+(z-z0)/lamda^2)$









Source and receiver effects



Source errors









0

-2

-1

2

3




















Source and receiver effects



Summary

- While the AWM/WKM does not work for full seismograms, it demonstrates high accuracy for important seismic phases (e.g., P and S) for typical/enhanced velocity anomalies considered in Earth's middle and lower mantle.
- AWI provides more realistic uncertainty estimates and can be used to efficiently invert the velocity model.
- Work in progress: The realistic tomographic model or relatively sharp anomaly

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