Can OBS networks help constrain moment tensor inversions? Examples from Portugal.



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Introduction



Figure 3.1: Present-day tectonic sketch of the Nubia-Eurasia boundary. Deformation rates are in mm/year. Figure from *Serpelloni et al.* [2007].





Instrumental Seismicity (post 1960)

Portuguese IM catalog

Setting:

BB Station Coverage (Permanent + Temporary)

Background Seismicity





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How good are these MTs? How resolvable?

Method



Numerical Recipes by Press et al., chap. 2.6, 15.4, 15.6.

Waveform inversion of MT Linear problem (if the source position and time are known)

parameters to be found = moment tensor components

Green's functions

$$\chi^2 = |\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|^2$$
 (Solution by means of least squares

data



$$\sigma^{2}(a_{j}) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \frac{1}{w_{i}^{2}} [\mathbf{V}_{(i)}]_{j}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \left(\frac{V_{ji}}{w_{i}}\right)^{2}$$

$$\operatorname{Cov}(a_j, a_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \left(\frac{V_{ji} V_{ki}}{w_i^2} \right)$$

Advantage:

SVD expresses the uncertainty through singular vectors in a transparent way.





Figure 15.6.5. Relation of the confidence region ellipse $\Delta \chi^2 = 1$ to quantities computed by singular value decomposition. The vectors $V_{(i)}$ are unit vectors along the principal axes of the confidence region. The semi-axes have lengths equal to the reciprocal of the singular values w_i . If the axes are all scaled by some constant factor α , $\Delta \chi^2$ is scaled by the factor α^2 .





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A 2-D cross-section of the 6D error ellipsoid





Not shown MT components



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We need:

• Green's functions (epicenter, depth, crustal model, frequency range, stations location)

• Estimate of data error

(Errors are assumed to be Gaussian)

We do not need:

• Real data

Application

Reference Study Parameters



Epicenter: 35.9330 N, 10.4950 W

Depth: 40 km

Frequency Range: 0.028 – 0.08 Hz

Velocity Model: 1D regional model of Stich et al. (JGR 2003), 7 layers

Station Network: IB (7 land stations)

Focal Mechanism:

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Strike, dip, and rake can be computed for each point of the 6D ellipsoid, and expressed as a function of the distance from the ellipsoid center:





Kagan's Angle



Kagan's angle near the ellipsoid surface.



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Different Scenarios

Variation of Kagan's angle with <u>source depth</u> IB network (land stations)



the resolvability is excellent.



The same variation with the <u>source depth</u> IB network (land stations) but also expressed by means of nodal lines















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Variation of Kagan's angle with <u>station distribution</u> (source depth of 40 km)





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Also Studied

(not shown here, please see "poster" outside)

- Frequency range:
 - better resolvability when using higher frequencies
- Focal mechanism:
 - no significant difference for 4 tested focal mechanisms
- Velocity Structure:
 - no significant difference between different 1D layered models;
 - better resolvability of the crust is slow
- Different configurations and density of land stations
 - more land stations improve the resolvability
 - 4 OBSs improve the resolvability more than 14 land stations

OBS Data

Real OBS data (NEAREST project, Geissler et al., GRL 2010)

[Talk tomorrow at 9:30 Matias et al.]

Can MT's be calculated from waveforms?

Real OBS data : Jan 11, 2008, Mw 4.5, depth = 49 km





Correction procedure of Zahradnik and Plesinger, BSSA 2005 and 2010



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Forward modeling: Jan 11, 2008, M 4.5 frequency band 0.03 – 0.08 Hz

> station no. 18: the disturbance was successfully removed

black: observed red: synthetic





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Conclusions

- The MT resolvability can be studied without data (network design), this capability is now added to ISOLA.
- This type of study has a relative meaning due to poor estimates of the data errors.
- Effects of the frequency range, source depth, and network configuration are significant.
- MT's of the shallow sources (10 km) are easy to resolve well.
- MT's of the 40- and 60-km depth should profit from dense land networks and/or OBS.
- Use of regional OBS waveforms is a challenging task.