

## Progetto S4

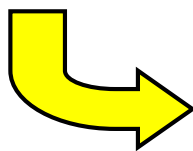
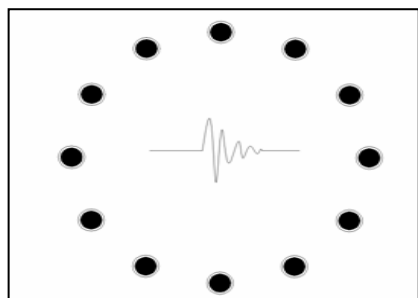
Caratterizzazione sismica dei siti  
utilizzando tecniche di array



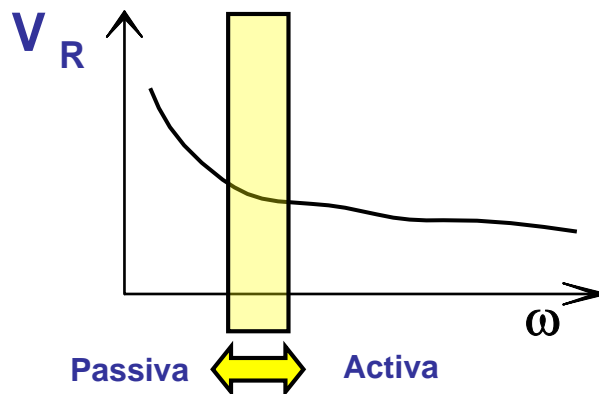
# **Analisi di onde di superficie**

- Tecniche con sorgenti attive**
  
- Tecniche con sorgenti passive**
  
- Interpretazione combinata di tecniche attive e passive**

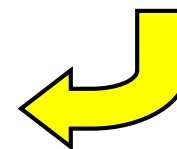
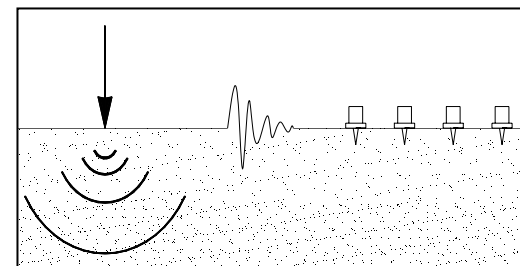
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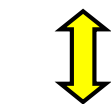


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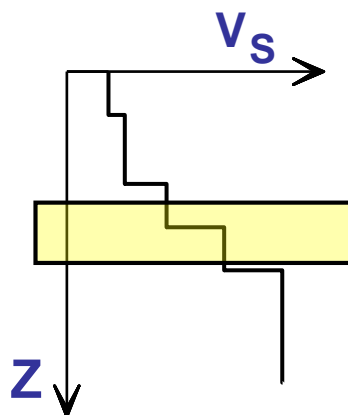


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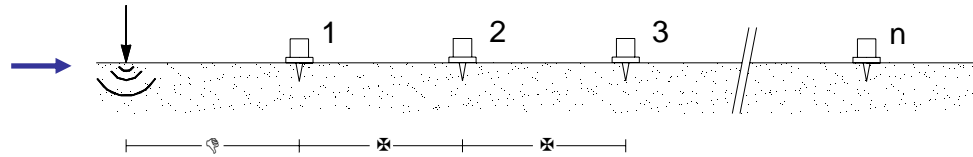


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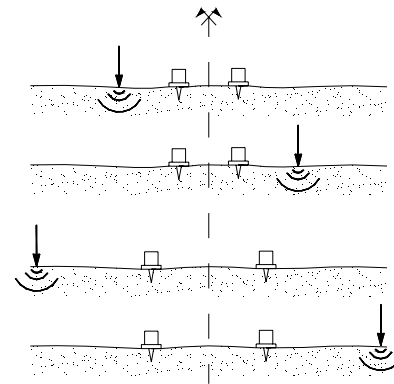


metodi attivi

Multistazione  
(f-k,  $\tau$ -p, ....)



2-stazioni (SASW) →







Spectral Analysis of Surface Waves (SASW) requires that:

Two vertical receivers are placed on the ground at equal distance from a fixed centerline

Tests are performed progressively moving the receivers away from the fixed centerline

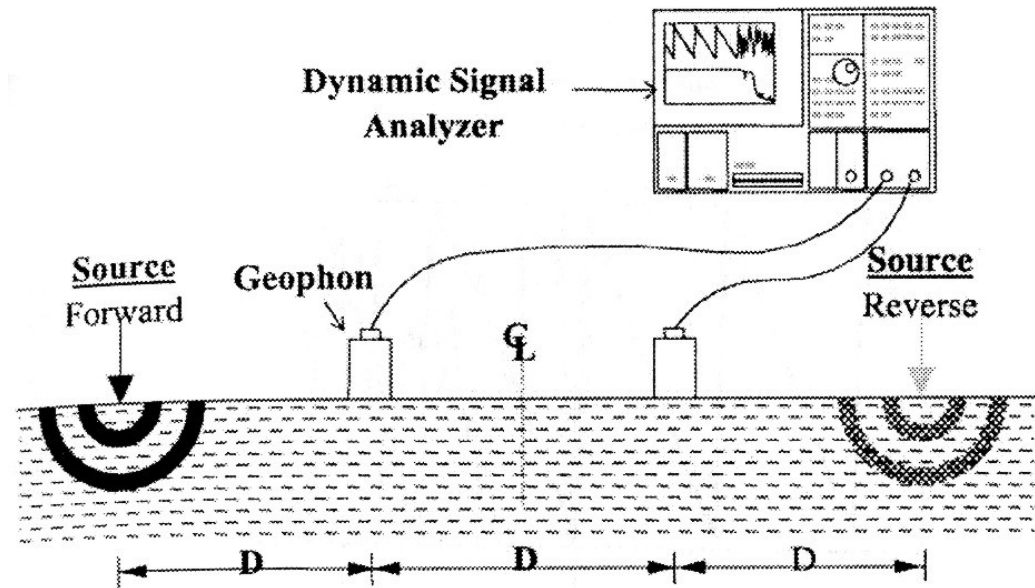


Fig. 1. General configuration of the SASW testing setup.

after Kim and Park (2002)

The phase of the cross-power spectrum, which represents the phase difference between the two receiver signals as a function of frequency, is calculated

The time delay  $t(f)$  between the receiver for each frequency is calculated by:

$$t(f) = \frac{\theta_{xy}(f)}{2\pi f} \quad (1)$$

$\theta_{xy}$  is the phase shift of the cross-power spectrum in radian

$f$  is the frequency

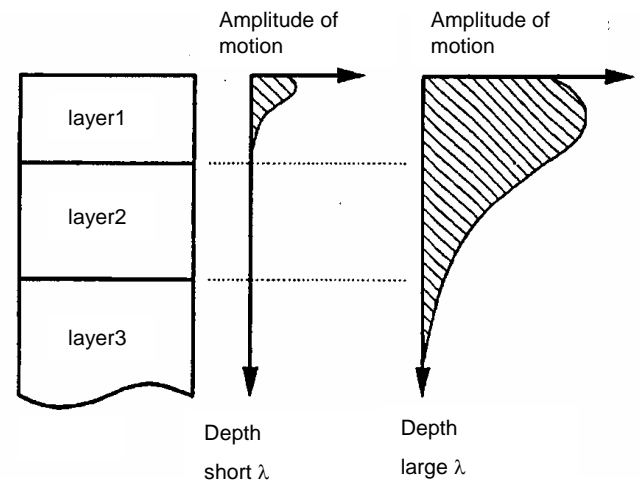
The phase velocity  $V_R$  is then calculated by:

$$V_R = D/t(f) \quad (2)$$

$D$  is the distance between the two receivers

The corresponding wavelength  $\lambda_R$  of the surface wave that determined the depth of investigation (of about  $\lambda_R/3$ ,  $\lambda_R/2$ ) is:

$$\lambda_R = V_R/f \quad (3)$$







The procedure described before is based on Fourier Transform

At each frequency the phase difference between the two sinusoidal component with constant frequency and amplitude over the whole record length must be in the range +/- 180°

Therefore in the conventional SASW the unwrapping process of relative phase angle is required (adding or subtracting the correct number of 360° cycles) before evaluating the phase velocity

$$\theta_{\text{unwrap}}(f) = 2\pi n + \theta_{\text{unwrap}}(f) \quad (4)$$

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In order to perform the reliable unwrapping process is necessary to obtain the correct phase information at frequencies lower than the frequencies of interest

That is the phase velocity at a certain frequency cannot be obtained independently from the phase information at frequencies lower than it.

- 1) the energy generated by an impact source is band limited, with low signal to noise ratio at very low and very high frequency
- 2) Geophones act as high-pass filters

Therefore the S/N ratio might be low at low frequencies

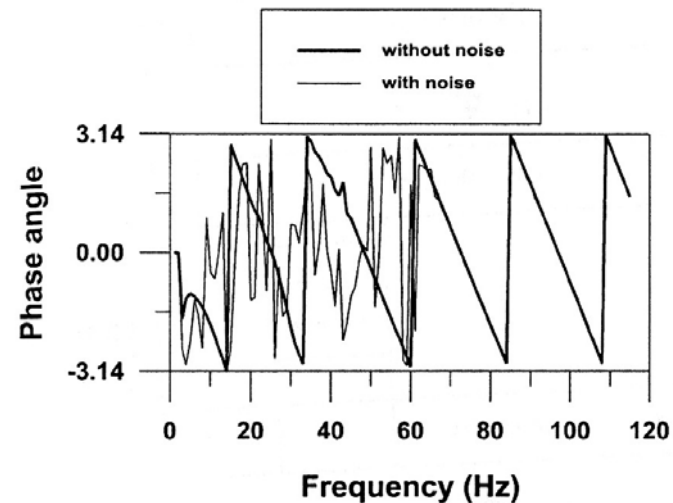
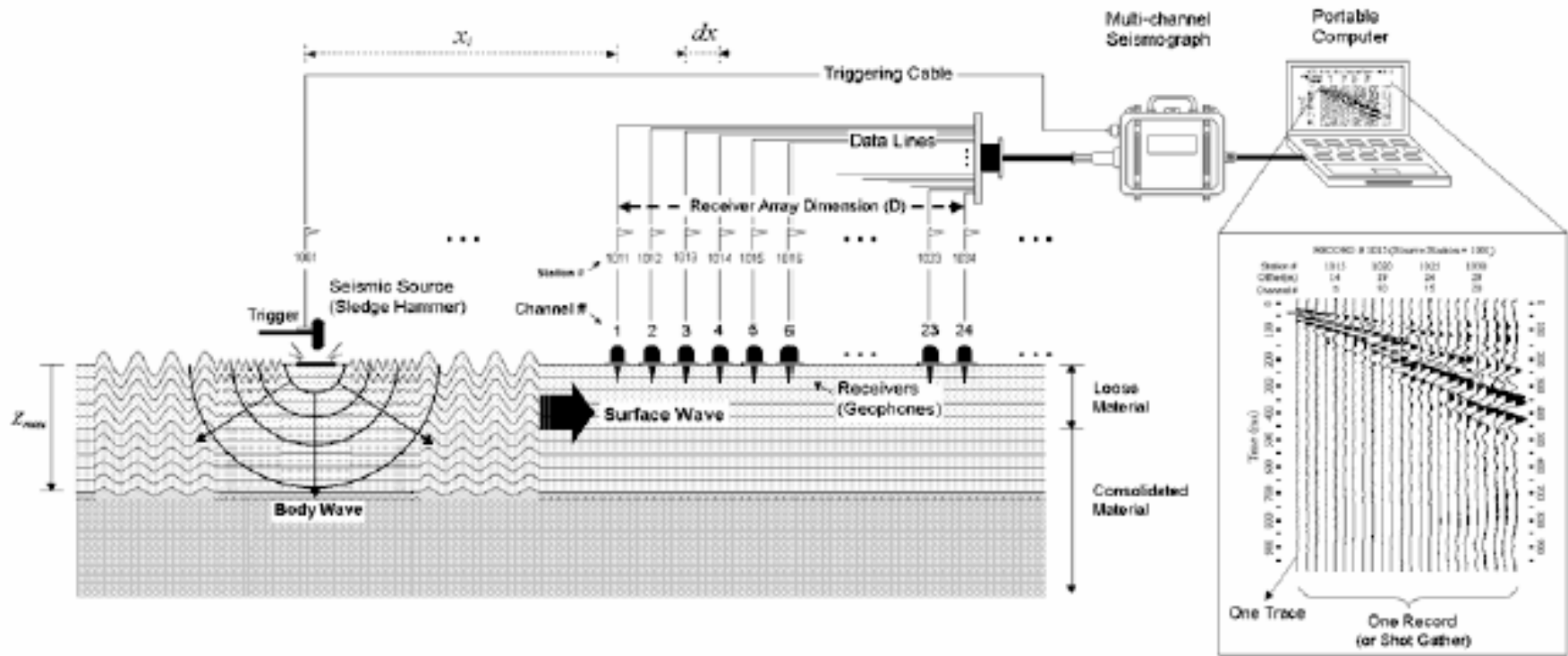


Fig. 2. Phase spectrum of signals with noise and without noise.

after Kim and Park (2002)

Multichannel Analysis of Surface Wave was found to be more efficient for unraveling the dispersive properties (Park et al., 1996).





The dispersion spectrum  $S(\omega, v)$  from multichannel surface wave data is determined by the equation

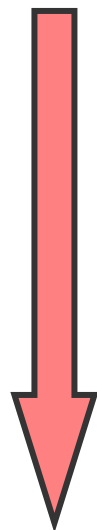
$$S(\omega, v) = \int e^{-i(k-\omega/v)x} A(x, \omega) dx = \int e^{-i(\omega/V-\omega/v)x} A(x, \omega) dx \quad (5)$$

$A(\omega)$  is the normalized energy spectrum from each receiver,  $k$  the wavenumber,  $\omega$  the circular frequency,  $v$  the assumed phase velocity and  $V$  the phase velocity for a given frequency

When  $v$  is equal to  $V$ ,  $S(\omega, v)$  is maximized

## Slant-Stack ( $p, \tau$ transformation)

$$A(p, \tau) = \sum_{j=1}^{nx} A(x = jdx, t = \tau + px)$$



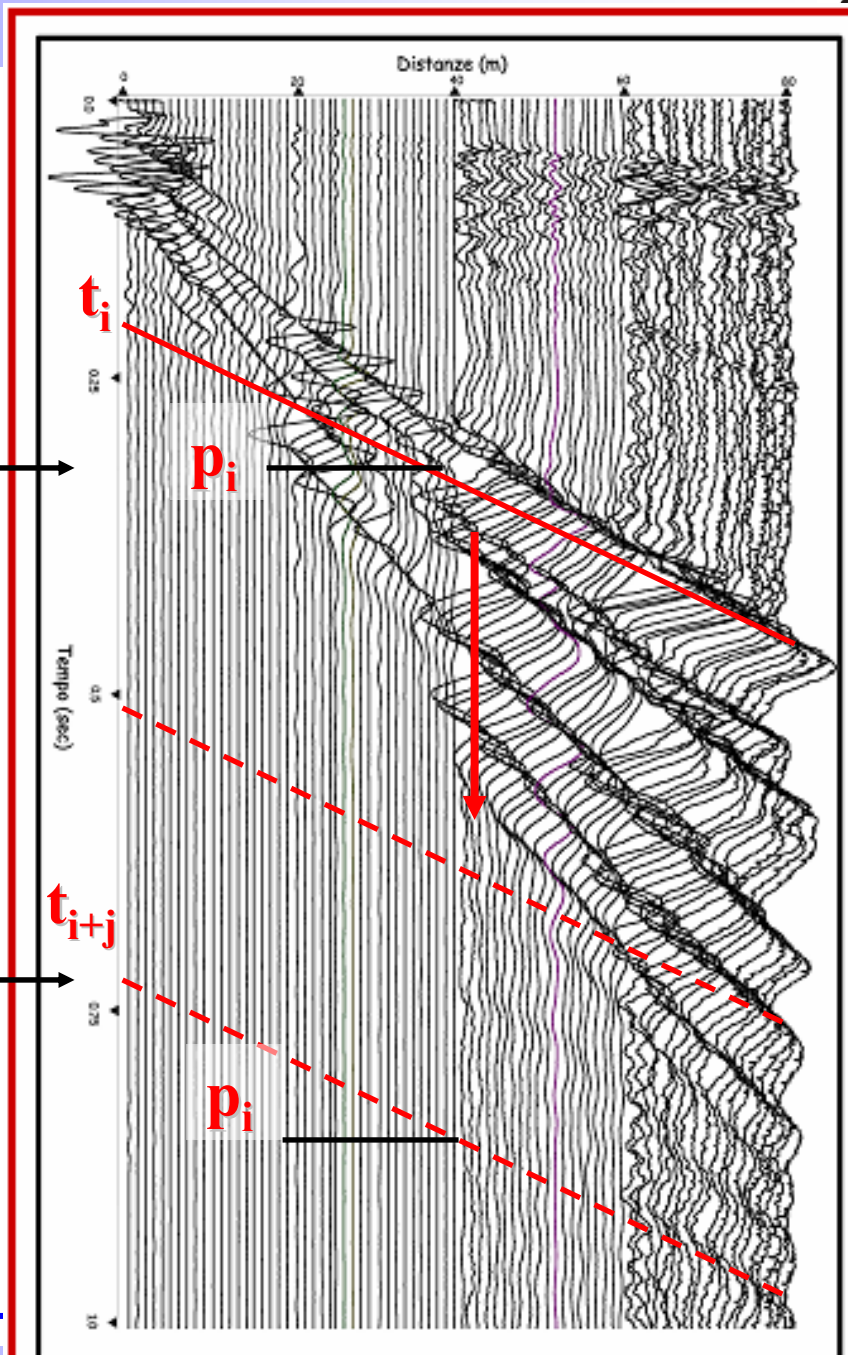
$$\Sigma A_i(p_i, t_i)$$

For each fixed value of  $P$ , the operation is repeated for each  $t$

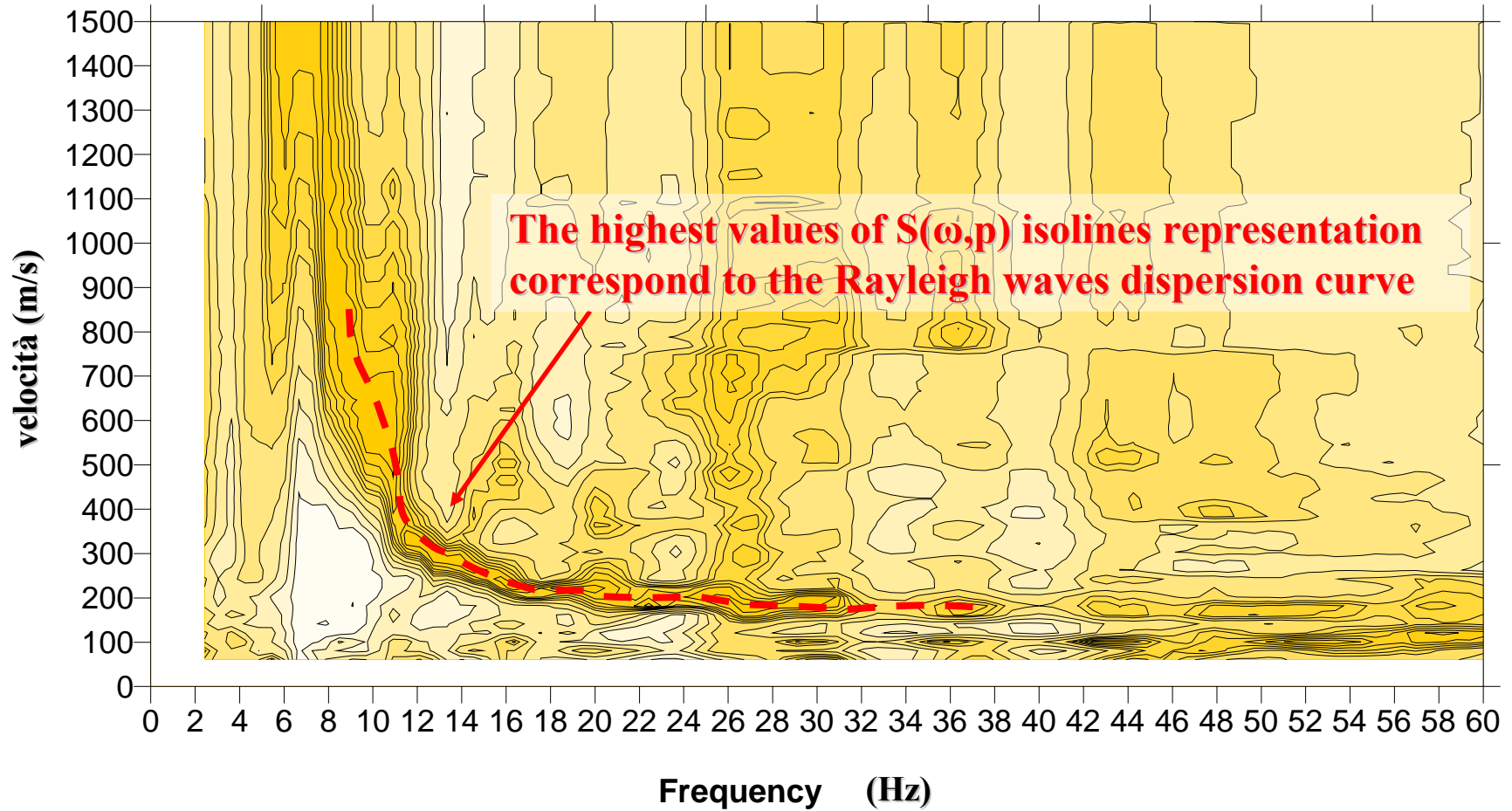
$$\Sigma A_{i+j}(p_i, t_{i+j})$$

## Fourier transformation

$$F_A(p, f) = \int_{\tau} A(p, \tau) \cdot e^{-i2\pi f\tau} dt$$







after Picozzi (2005)

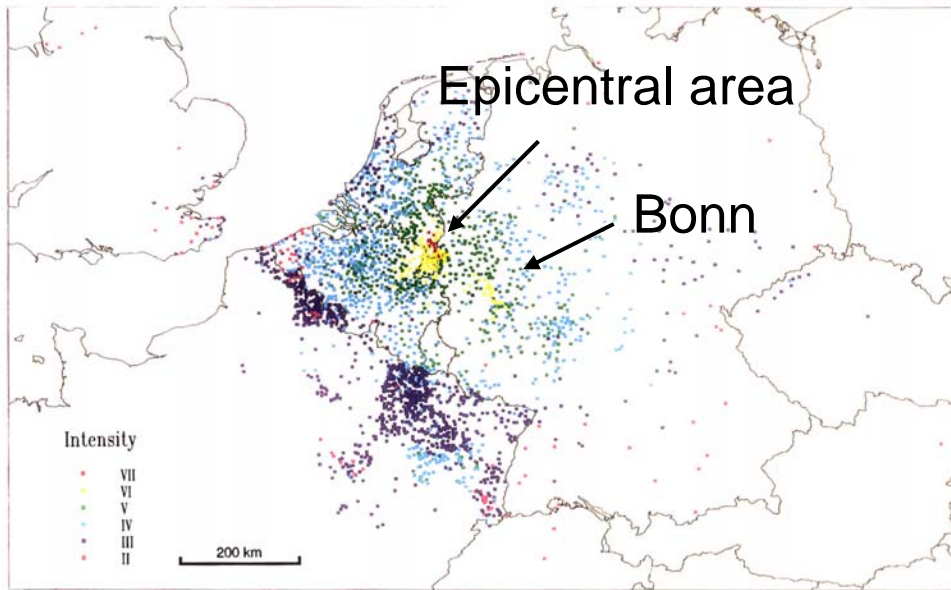
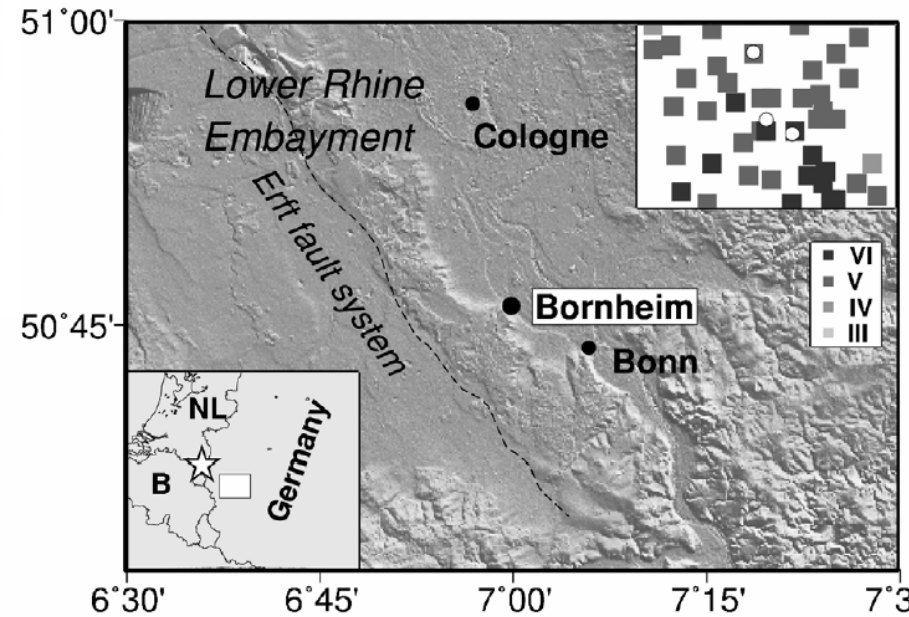


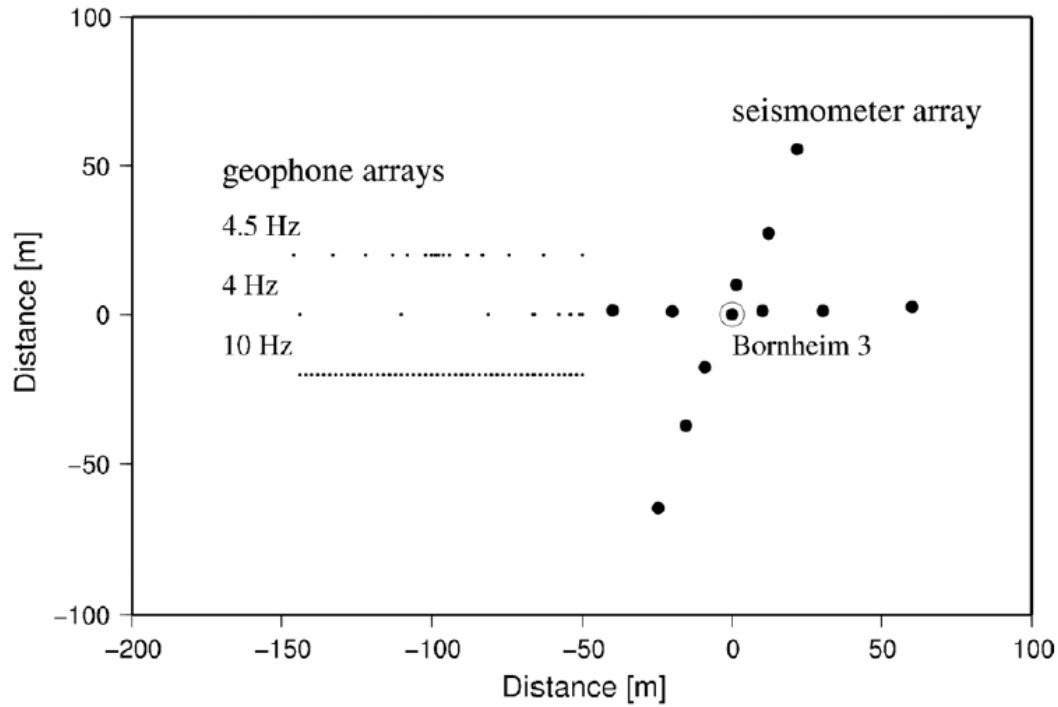
Fig. 1. Intensity map for the 1992 Roermond earthquake. Intensities are assigned according to the MSK scale.

Courtesy of G. Grünthal

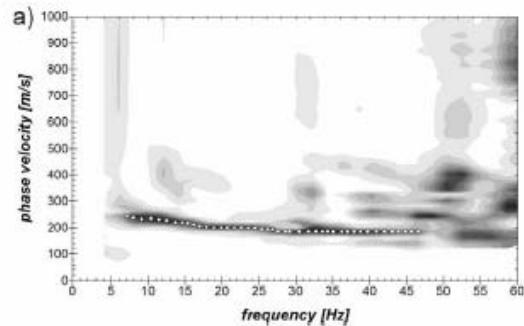
The intensities locally increased in the Bonn area



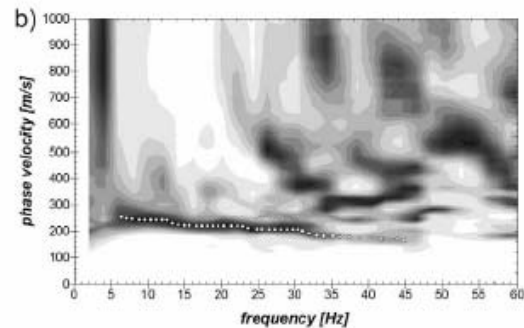
After Richwalski et al. (2007)



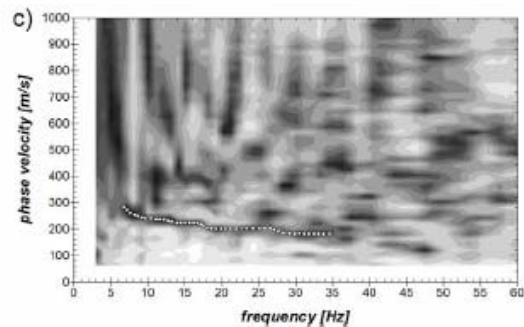
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4 Hz  
geophones



4.5 Hz  
geophones



10 Hz  
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Power spectrum functions for linear geophone arrays from MASW analysis (scale is arbitrary, white representing low values and black high values). The picked phase velocity values are shown as white dots. (a) 4 Hz, (b) 4.5 Hz, (c) 10 Hz

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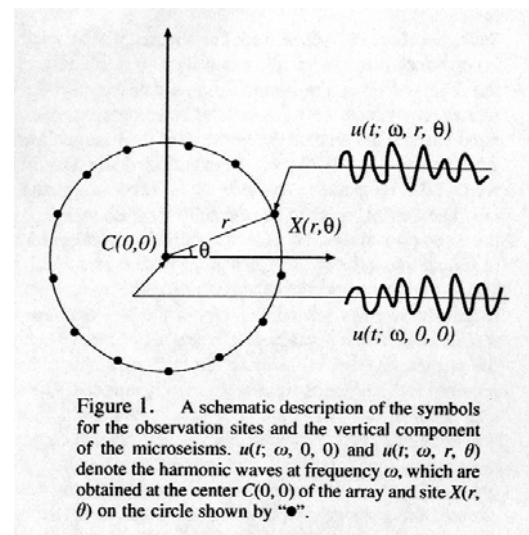


- 1) ESAC, F-K based methods
- 2) Refraction Microtremors (ReMi)

Aki assumed that noise represents the sum of waves propagating in a horizontal plane in different directions with different powers, but with the same phase velocity for a given frequency. He also assumed that waves with different propagation directions and different frequencies are statistically independent. A spatial correlation function can therefore be defined as:

$$\phi(r, \lambda) = \langle u(x, y, t)(x + r \cos(\lambda), y + r \sin(\lambda), t) \rangle \quad (1)$$

$u(x, y, t)$  is the velocity observed at point  $(x, y)$  at time  $t$ ;  $r$  is the inter-station distance;  $\lambda$  is the azimuth and  $\langle \rangle$  denotes the ensemble average



after Morikawa et al. (2004)



The space-correlation function for one angular frequency  $\omega_0$ , normalized to the power spectrum, will be of the form

$$\phi(r, \omega_0) = J_0 \left( \frac{\omega_0}{c(\omega_0)} r \right)$$

$J_0$  is the zero order Bessel function.

$c(\omega)$  is the frequency-dependent phase velocity

For every couple of stations (fixed the distance  $r$ ) the function  $\phi(\omega)$  can be calculated in the frequency domain by means of (Malagnini et al., 1993; Ohori et al., 2002; Okada, 2003):

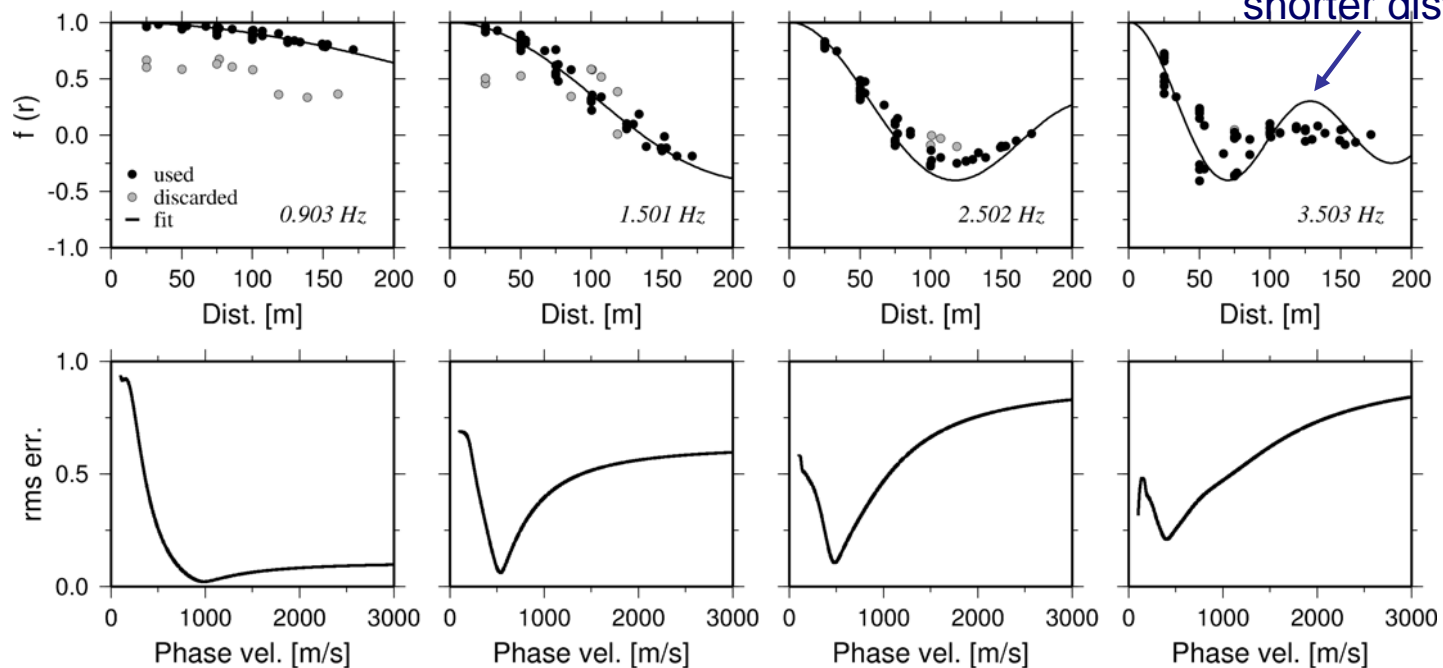
$$\phi(\omega) = \frac{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \text{Re}({}_m S_{jn}(\omega))}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M {}_m S_{jj}(\omega) \sum_{m=1}^M {}_m S_{nn}(\omega)}} \quad (5)$$

where  ${}_m S_{jn}$  is the cross-spectrum for the  $m$ th segment of data, between the  $j$ th and the  $n$ th station, and  $M$  is the total number of used segments. The power spectra of the  $m$ th segment at station  $j$  and station  $n$  are  ${}_m S_{jj}$  and  ${}_m S_{nn}$ , respectively.

Spatial correlation values  $\phi(\omega)$  are plotted as function of distance. A grid search procedure is applied to find the  $c(\omega)$  that gives the best fit to the data

$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \left[ \bar{\rho}(r_n, f_o) - J_o \left( \frac{2\pi f_o r_n}{c(f_o)} \right) \right]^2}{N}}$$

High frequencies  
lose coherency at  
shorter distances





The estimate of the frequency-wavenumber (F-K) spectra  $P_b(f,k)$  by the **Beam Forming Method** is given by:

$$P_b(f, k) = \sum_{l,m=1}^n \phi_{lm} \exp\{ik(X_l - X_m)\}$$

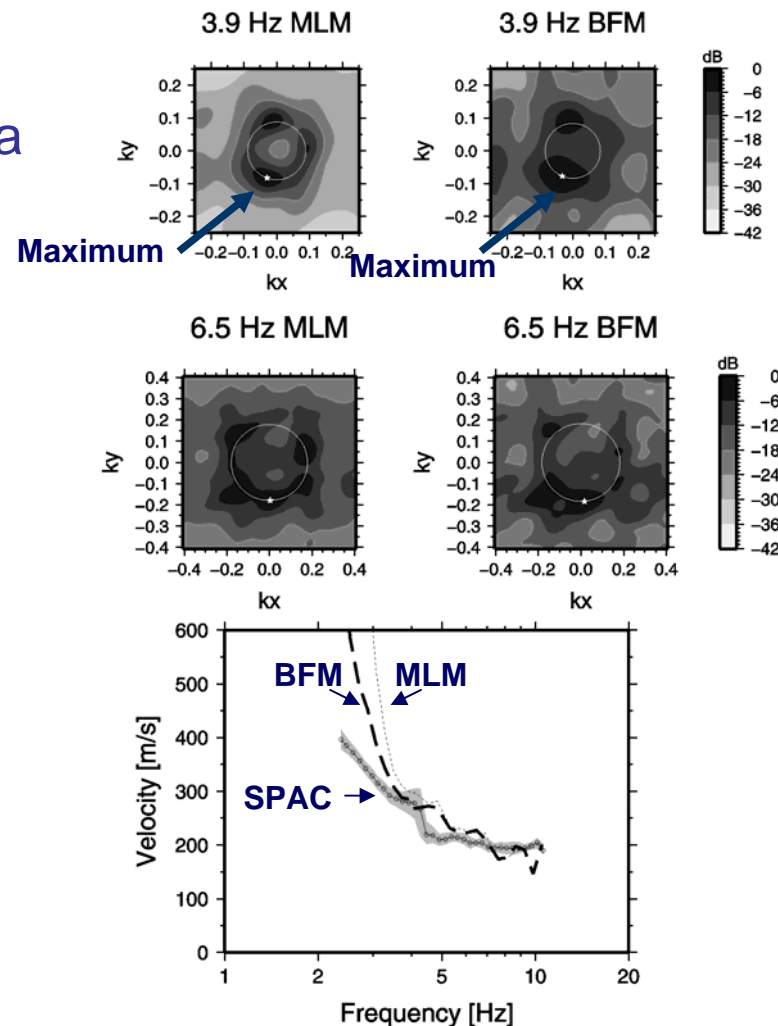
The **Maximum Likelihood Method** gives the estimate of the F-K spectra  $P_m(f,k)$  as:

$$P_m(f, k) = \left( \sum_{l,m=1}^n \phi_{lm}^{-1} \exp\{ik(X_l - X_m)\} \right)^{-1}$$

Where  $f$  is the frequency,  $k$  the two-dimensional horizontal wavenumber vector,  $n$  the number of sensors.  $\phi_{lm}^{-1}$  is the element of the corresponding inverse of the matrix  $\Phi_{lm}$ ,  $X_i$  and  $X_m$ , are the coordinated of the  $l$ -th and the  $m$ -th sensors, respectively.

From the peak in the F-K spectrum occurring at coordinates  $k_{x0}$  and  $k_{y0}$  for a certain frequency  $f_0$  the phase velocity  $c_0$  can be calculated by:

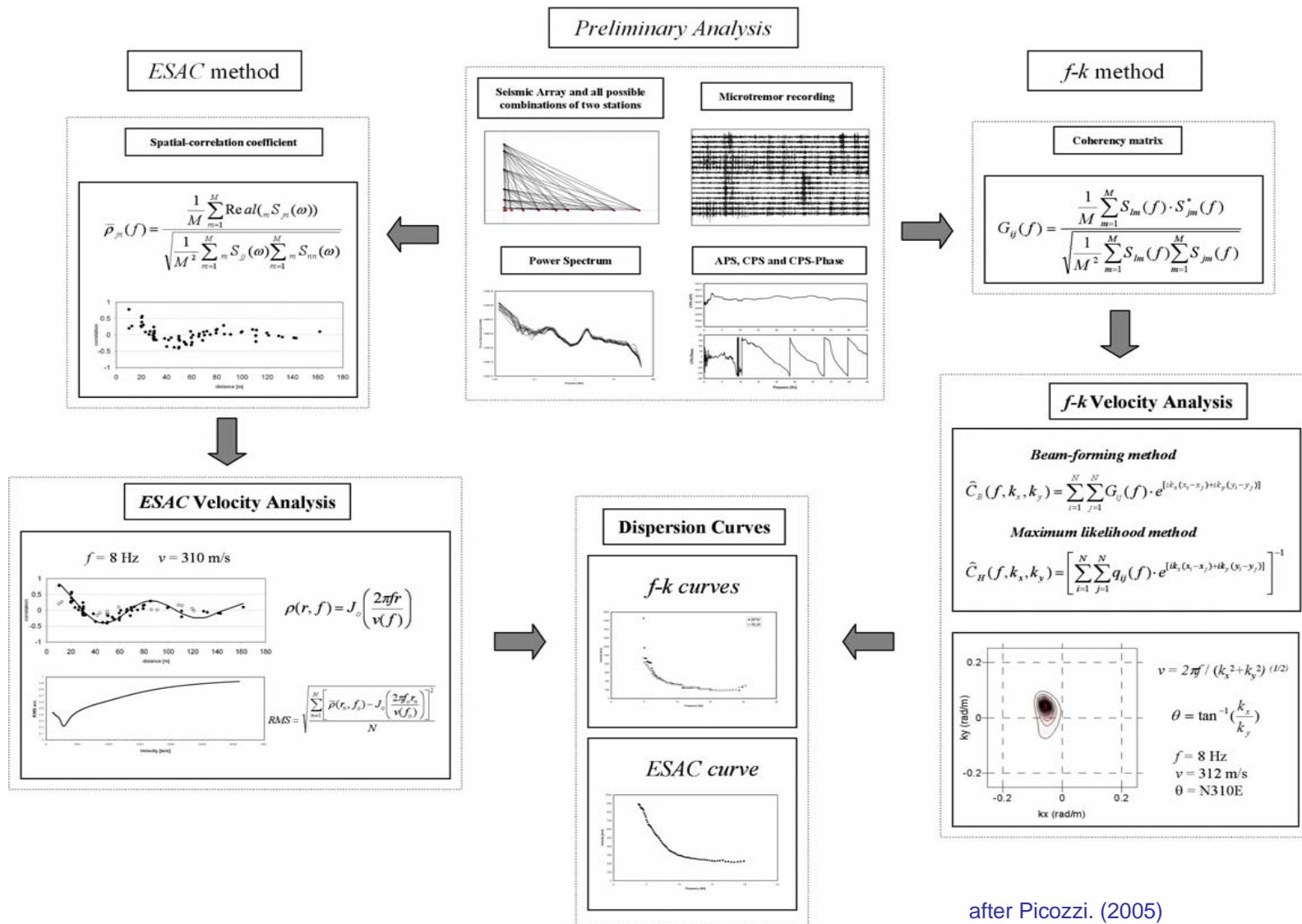
$$c_0 = \frac{2\pi f_0}{\sqrt{k_{x0}^2 + k_{y0}^2}} \quad (9)$$





The F-K spectra  $P_m(f, k)$  methods allow to check the azimuthal distribution of the noise sources at each frequency.

The ESAC method (under the condition that noise is stationary in space and time) appears to be more suitable than F-K analysis for providing reliable dispersion curves over a larger –extended toward lower frequency- frequency range (i.e. larger depth of investigation up to more than 2 times the array dimension)



after Picozzi. (2005)



The inversion can be carry out linearizing the problem, that is calculating the Jacobian matrix that links the model parameters to the phase velocity.

$$C=J\Delta V$$

Where  $C$ = vector whose  $i$  elements are the  $c_{\text{obs}i}(\omega)-c_{\text{cal}ci}(\omega)$

$J$ =matrix with  $i$  rows and  $j$  (number of unknown, e.g. S-wave velocity in each layer) whose elements are  $\delta c_{\text{cal}ci}(\omega)/\delta V_{s_j}$

$\Delta V$  is an array whose  $j$  elements are the correction values of the starting  $j$  layer velocities

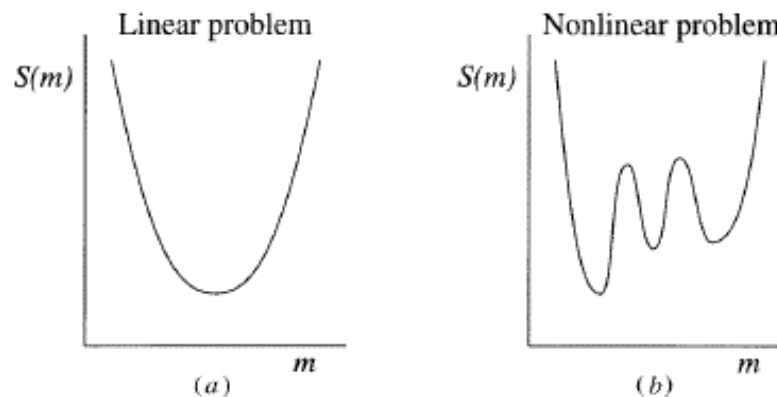
The inverse problem can be solved using Singular Value Decomposition (SDV, Press et al., 1986) and the RMS of differences between observed and theoretical phase velocities is generally minimized.

However the final results strongly depends on the starting model!



Other methods can be used to solve the non-linear problem.

Parolai et al. (2005), following Yamanaka and Ishida (1996) adopted the non-linear optimization method that uses a genetic algorithm (e.g. Goldberg, 1989). In contrast to linearized inversion schemes, this method requires only an evaluation of the functions, not their derivatives.



**Best model** →

**All tested models** →

← **average misfit**

← **Minimum misfit**

H/V spectral ratio

**Observed data** ●

**Calculated data** ○

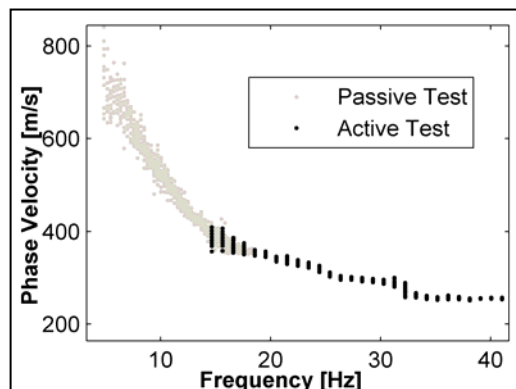


# Global search inversion method

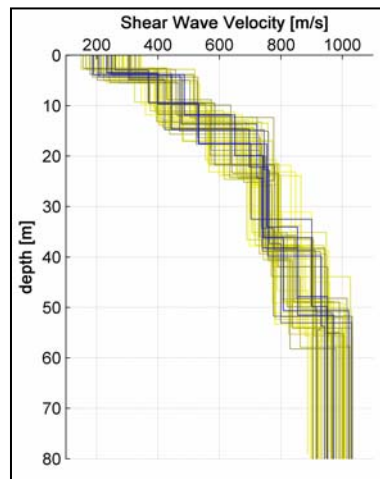
- Randomly generated profiles ( $V_S$  vs depth).
- Use of the scaling properties of Rayleigh wave dispersion to optimize the exploration of Model Parameter Space.
- A statistical test is used to select equivalent profiles accounting for data uncertainties.

## By the use of MC-algorithm it is possible to study the uncertainty (equivalence) associated with SW-inversion

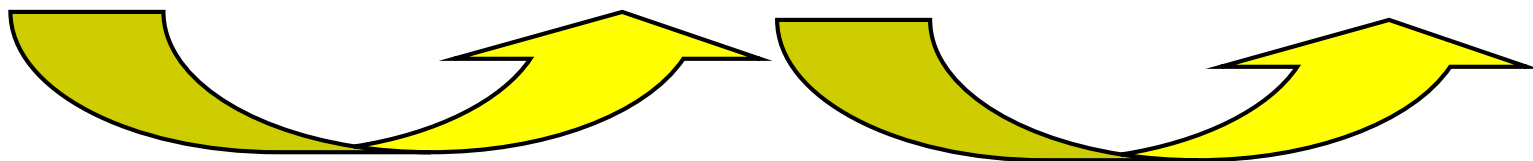
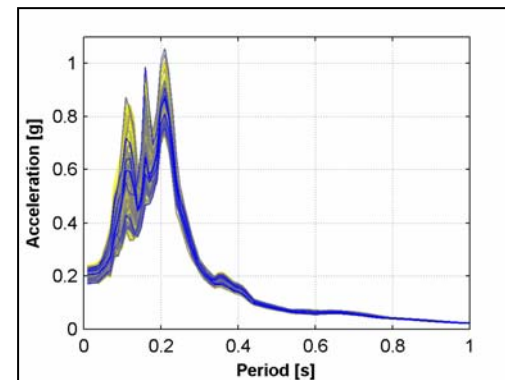
### Data



### Soil Profile



### Local Site Response



## Methods 1D:

For Vs profile of sediments and bedrock depth:

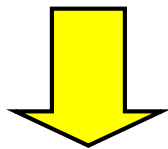
A B C D E - Active and Passive SW tests.

DH1 DH2 –Down Hole Tests (P and Sh waves).

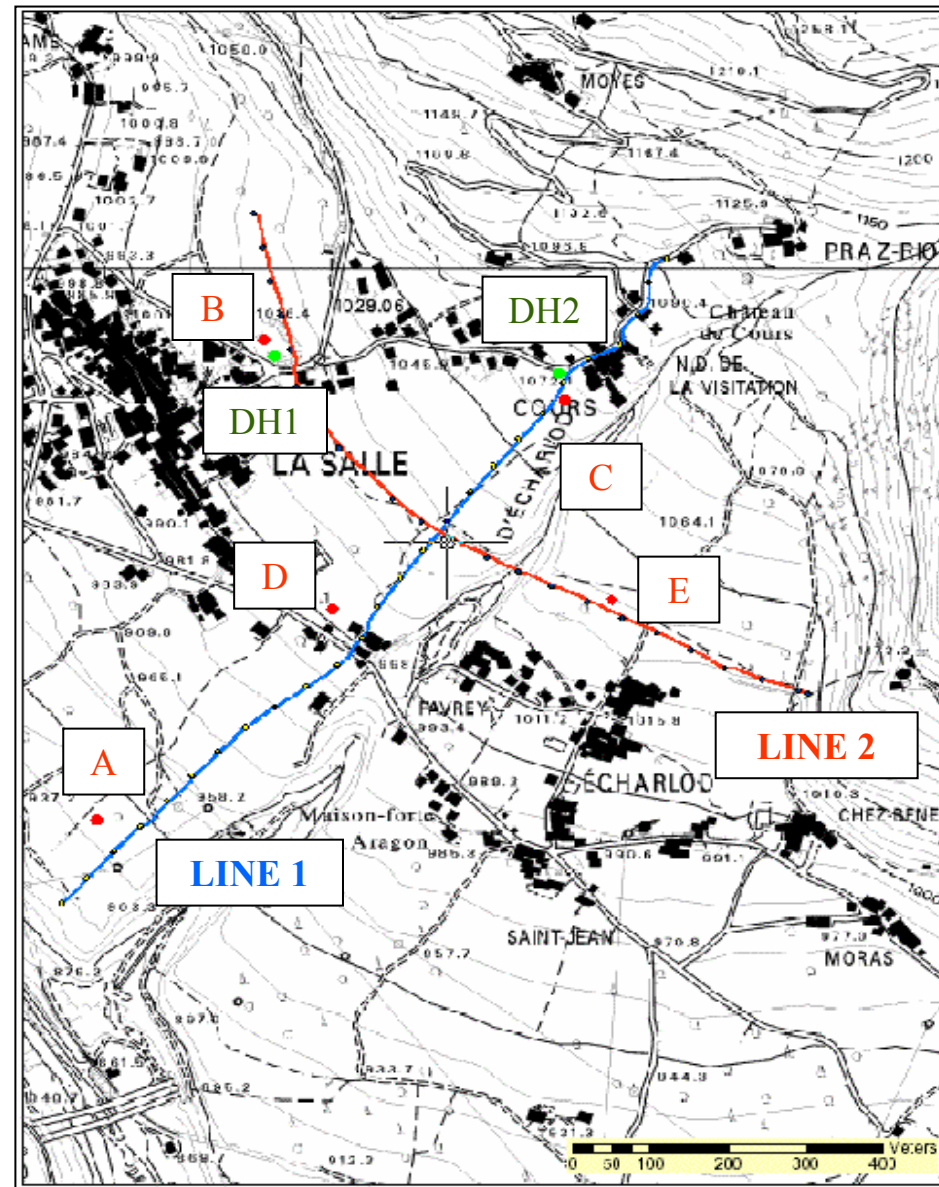
## Methods 2D:

For bedrock depth and morphology:

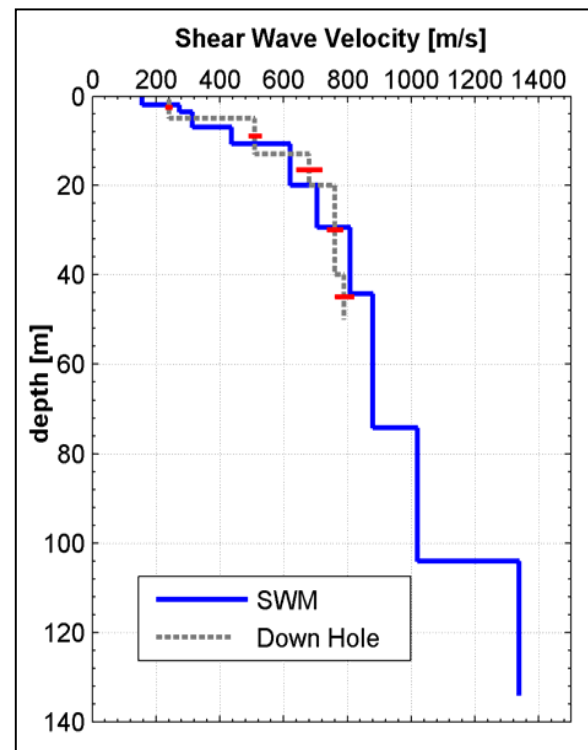
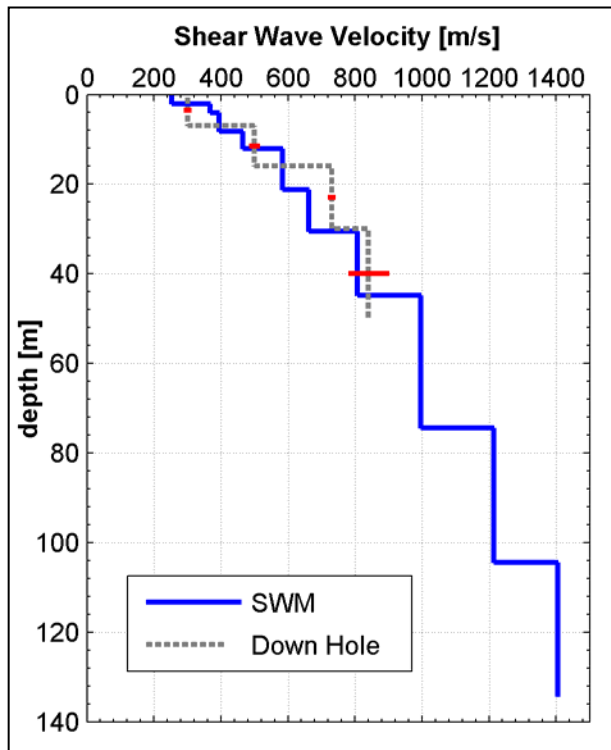
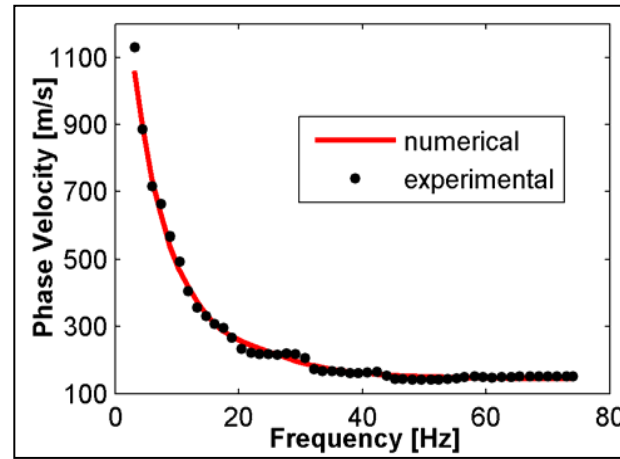
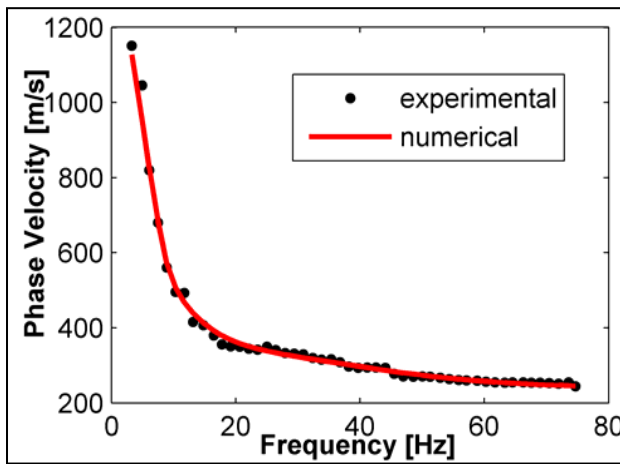
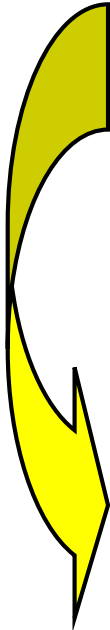
LINE 1 e LINE 2 seismic reflection tests.



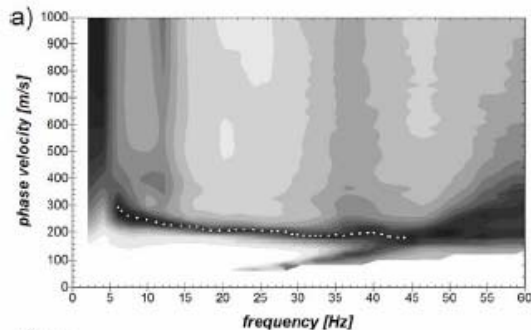
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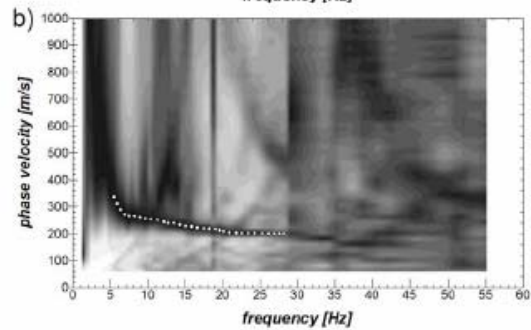
## Site B



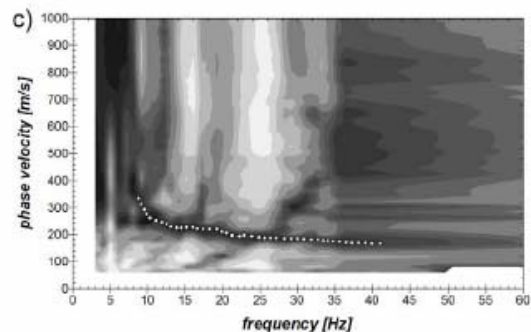
(Foti et al., 2007)



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geophones



4.5 Hz  
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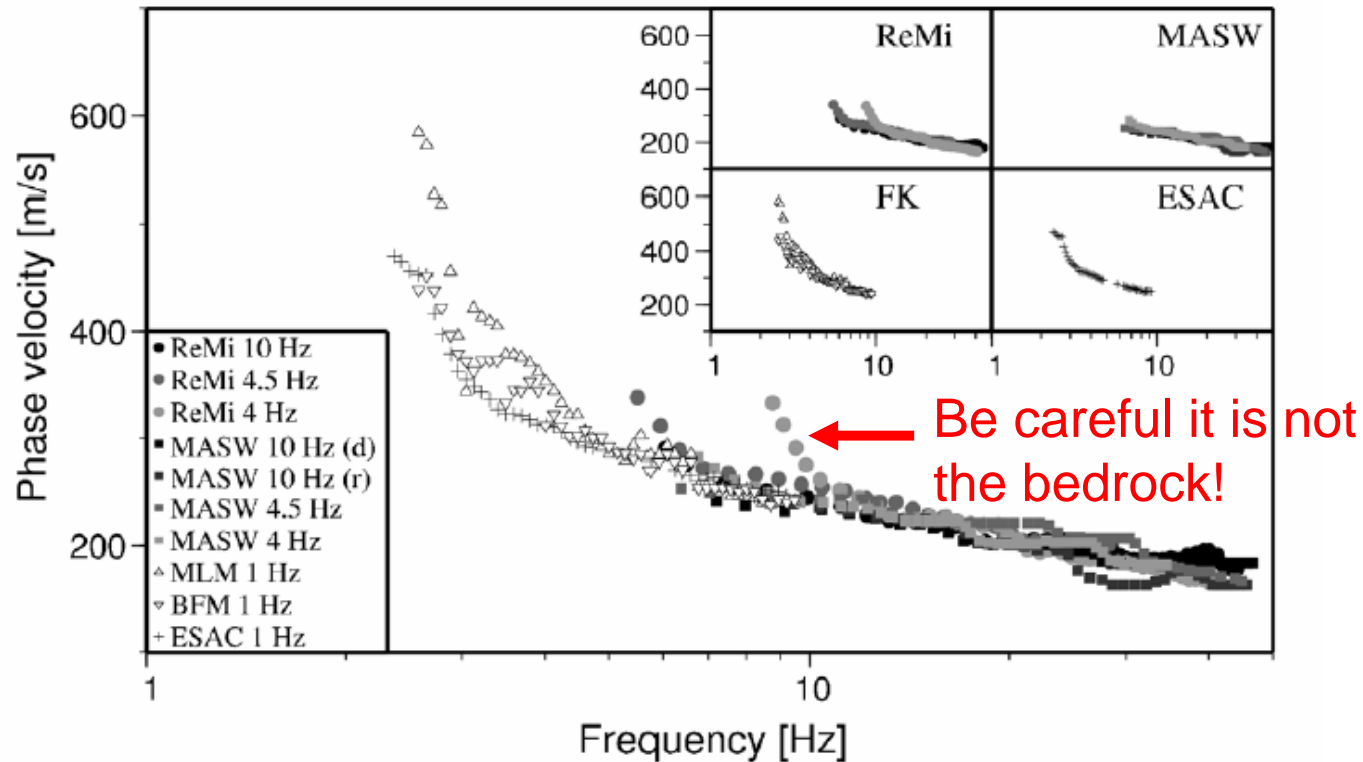
10 Hz  
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Power spectrum functions for linear geophone arrays from ReMi analysis (scale is arbitrary, white representing low values and black high values). The picked phase velocity values are shown as white dots. (a) 4 Hz, (b) 4.5 Hz, (c) 10 Hz

After Richwalski et al. (2007)



Comparison of all dispersion curves. (d) and (r) refer to direct and reverse shots of the active experiment, respectively.







## SWM

## Refraction (S-h waves)

### Advantages

Works also where soft and stiff layers alternate

Reduced testing time on site

Average properties (dynamic behaviour of the whole soil deposit)

Lateral variations (2D maps)

Better positioning of interfaces with high stiffness contrast

### Disadvantages

Resolution shallow layers

Inverse problem

1D Model with plane and parallel layers

Resolution decreases with depth

Errors (sometime large errors) due to slow or hidden layers

Time consuming acquisition

Limited number of layers (2 or 3)



- Any technique that provides wide frequency range
- Avoid ReMi (?)
- Inversion with higher modes if necessary
- Provide basic rules for check results (available wavelength vs depth&resolution)
- Lessons learned from Blind Test in Grenoble (?)
- Lessons learned from NERIES Project (?)



- Le tecniche passive possono essere utilizzate anche per investigare siti con bedrock profondi (>30 m)
- Dato il numero limitato di strumentazione in tal caso si perde in risoluzione superficiale
- In alcuni casi, comunque, l'influenza sulla risposta di sito osservata era non significativa.
- I siti devono essere accessibili
- La banda di frequenza analizzata puo' essere di molto estesa combinando tecniche attive e passive



Cosa intendiamo per classificazione di sito?  
(Vs sino bedrock? Vs30, Vs5 etc)

Tempistica?

Accessibilita'?

Riteniamo opportuno una calibrazione delle tecniche per ogni tipologia di sito identificata (bacino, bordo bacino, roccia)?