

The IRIS Wavefields Initiative

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Active Uses of Passive Data
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IRIS



IRIS - Some Guiding Principles

- Let intellectual drivers drive
- **Build facilities that facilitate**
 - Evolve in response to scientific needs and opportunities
- **Encourage use of facilities and data**
 - Free and open data access to all
- Develop and adhere to standards
 - That remain flexible
- Maintain support and ensure sustainability
- Engage the next generation

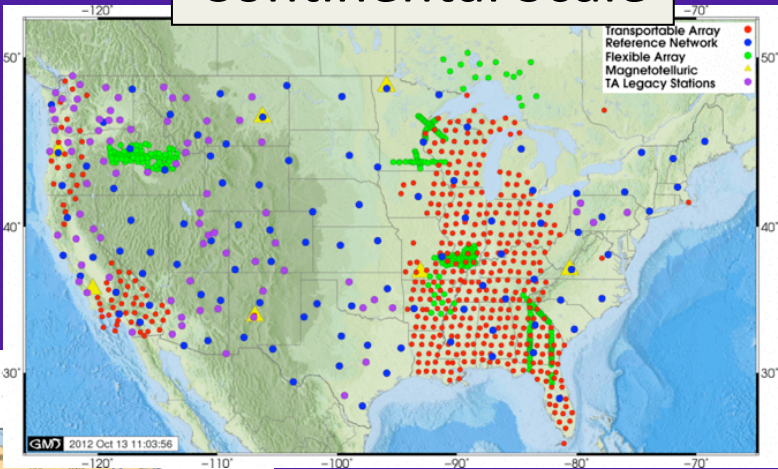


An integrated approach to science across the community



Multiple Observing Programs

Continental Scale



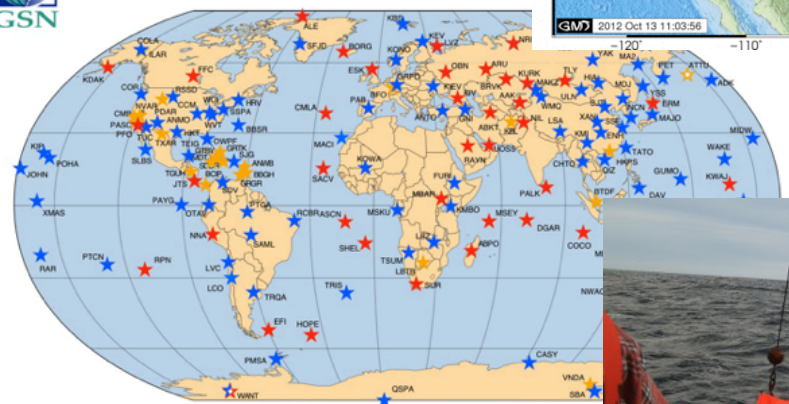
Meters to Basin Scale



Global Scale



GLOBAL SEISMOGRAPHIC



- ★ IRIS / IDA Stations
- ★ IRIS / USGS Stations
- ★ Planned Stations

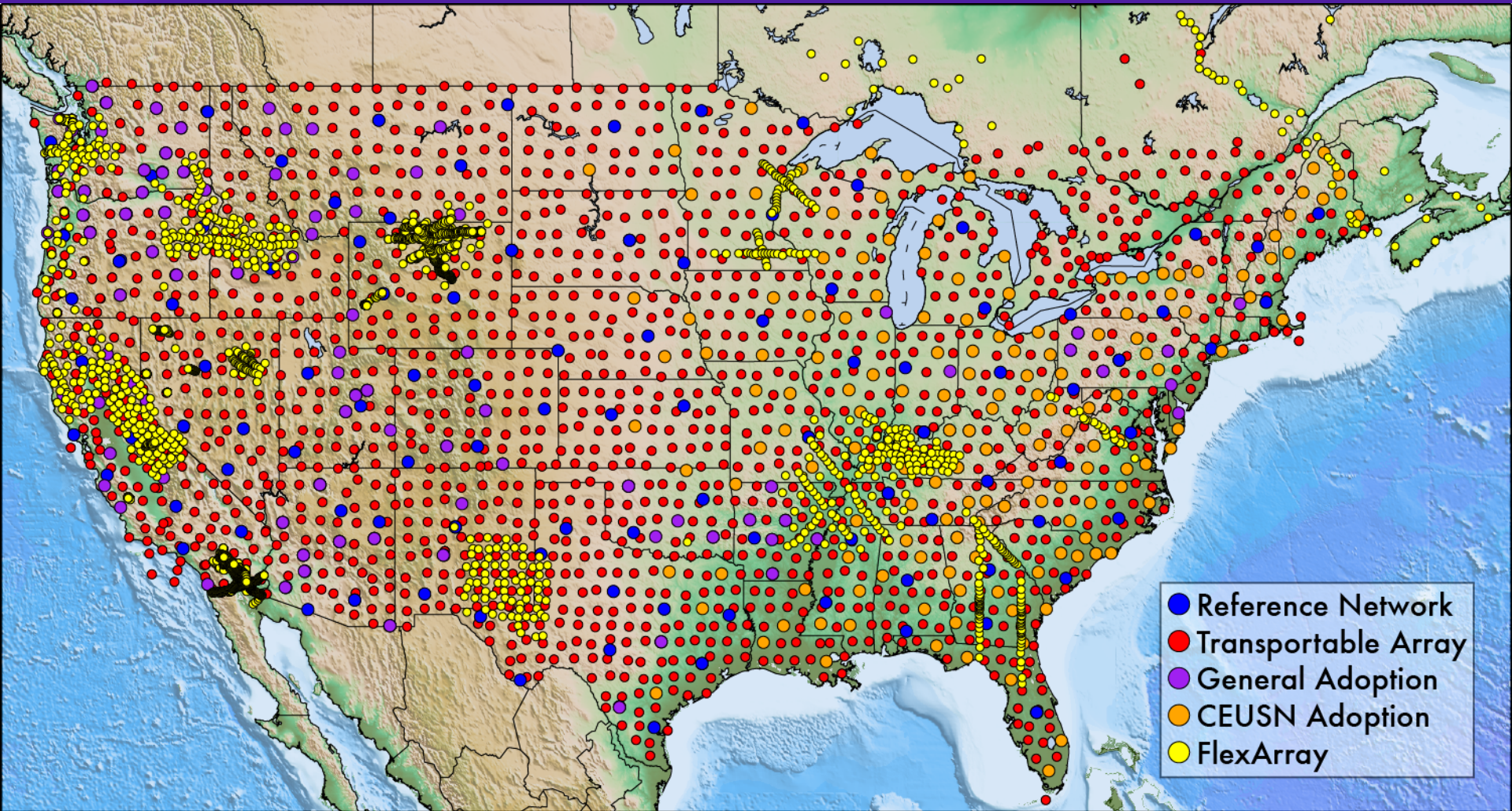
Oceans



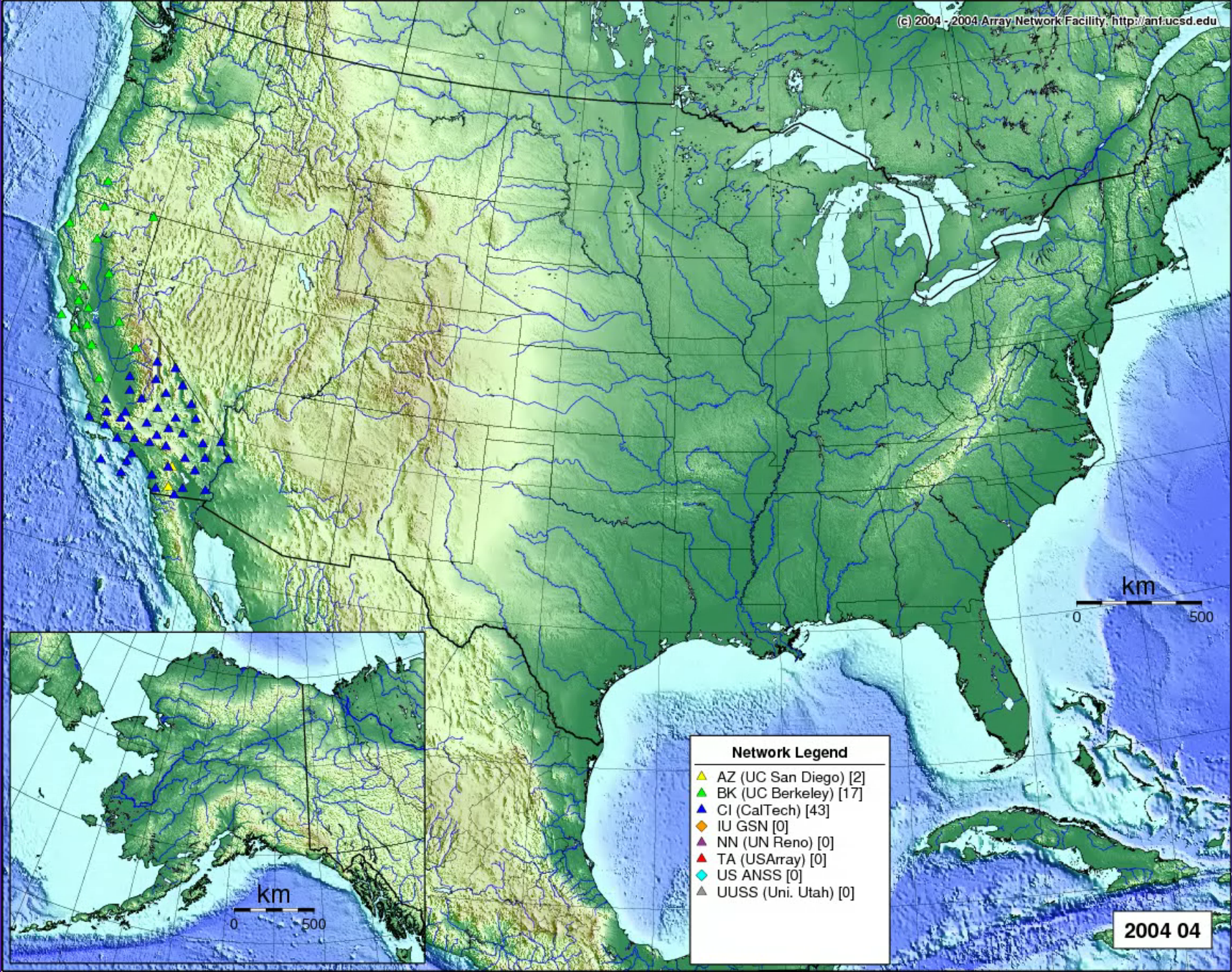
Science drives approach, scale, frequency band



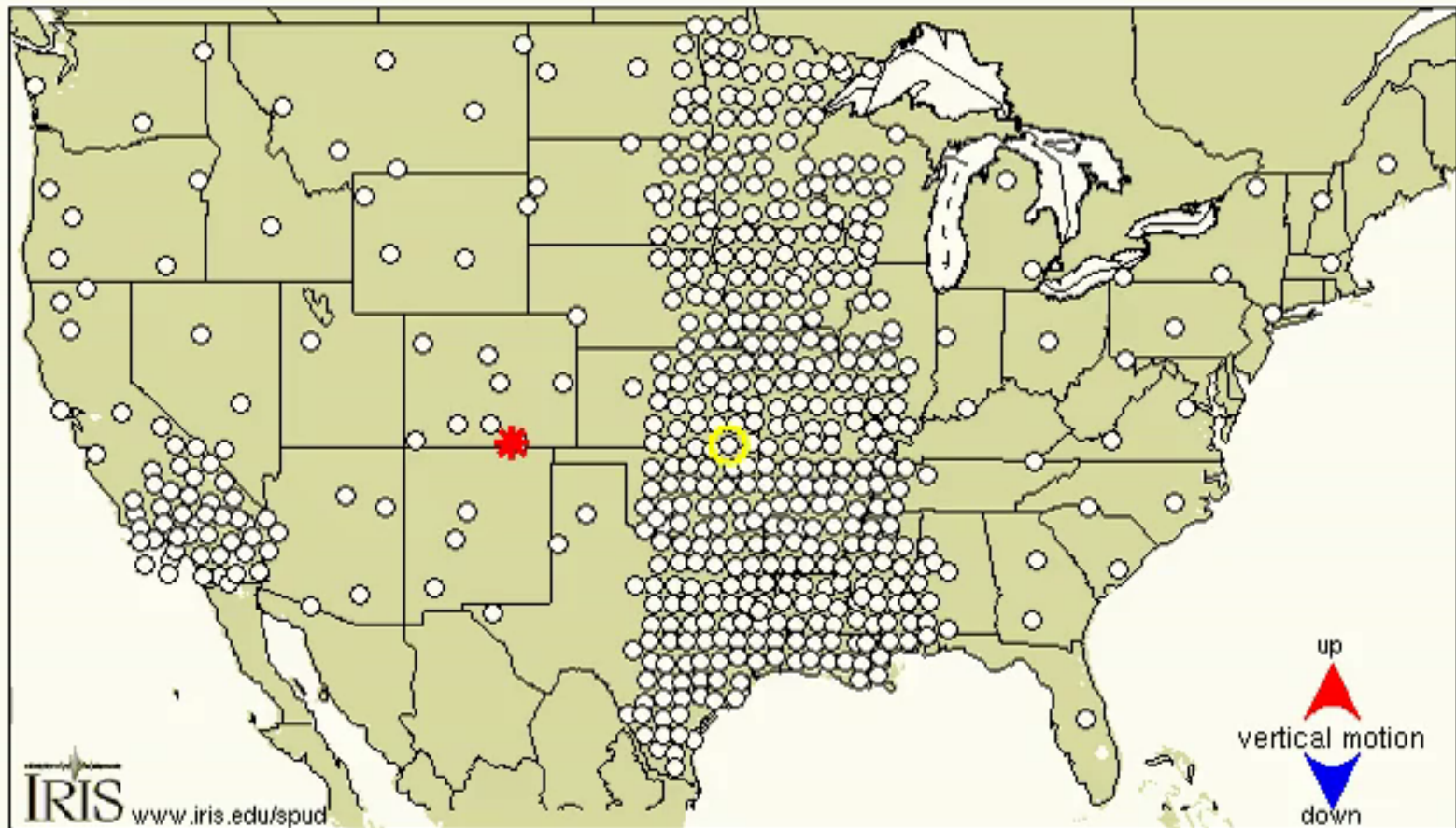
EarthScope USArray: Wavefield Imaging at the Continental Scale



- > 1700 Transportable Array station sites
- > 15 major Flexible Array experiments
- > 350 Magnetotelluric station sites



August 23, 2011, COLORADO, M=5.4

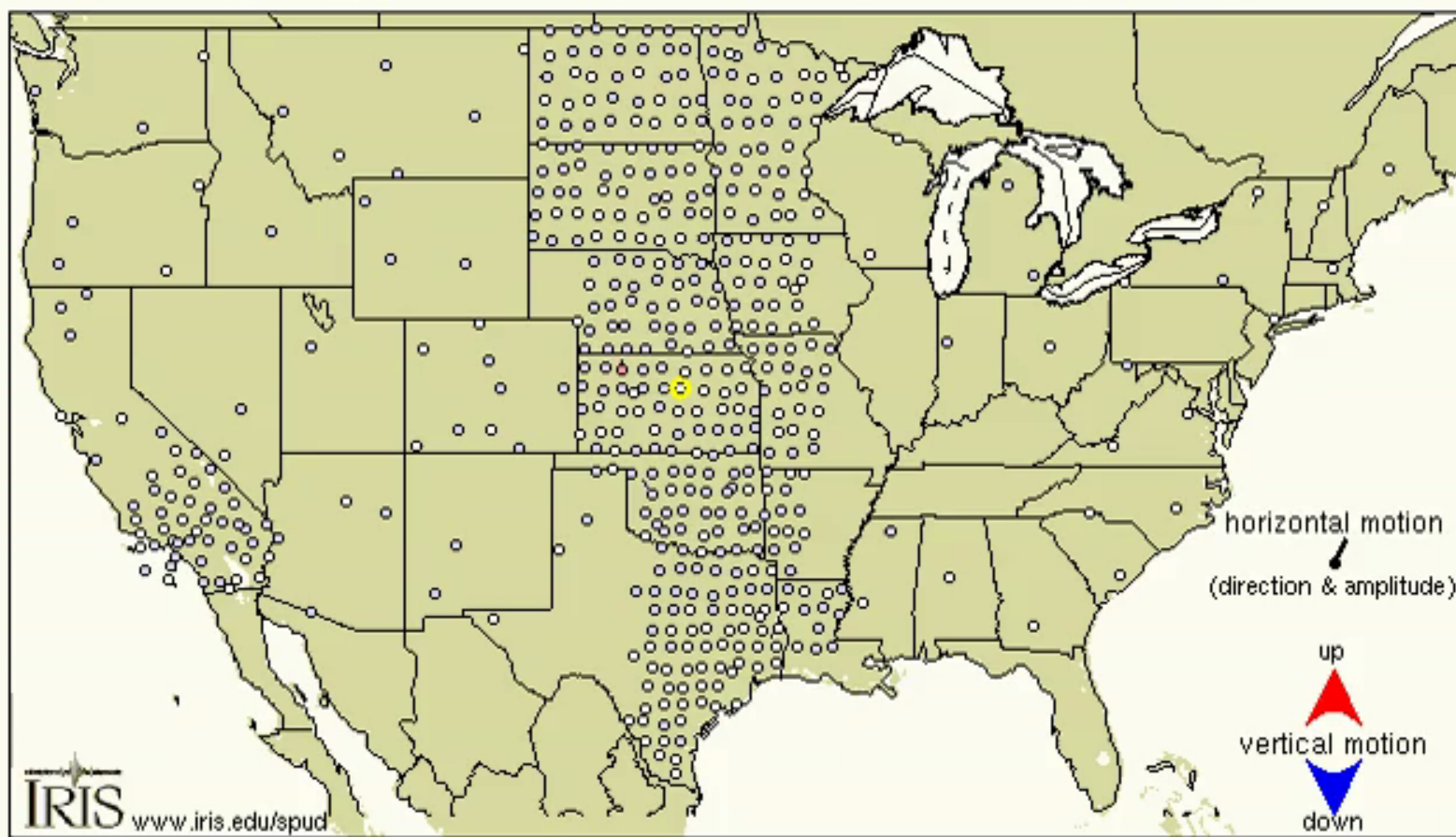


2011/08/23 05:46:19 UTC (0 s) Distance 7.0°/778 km Azimuth 87.8° Reference T36A

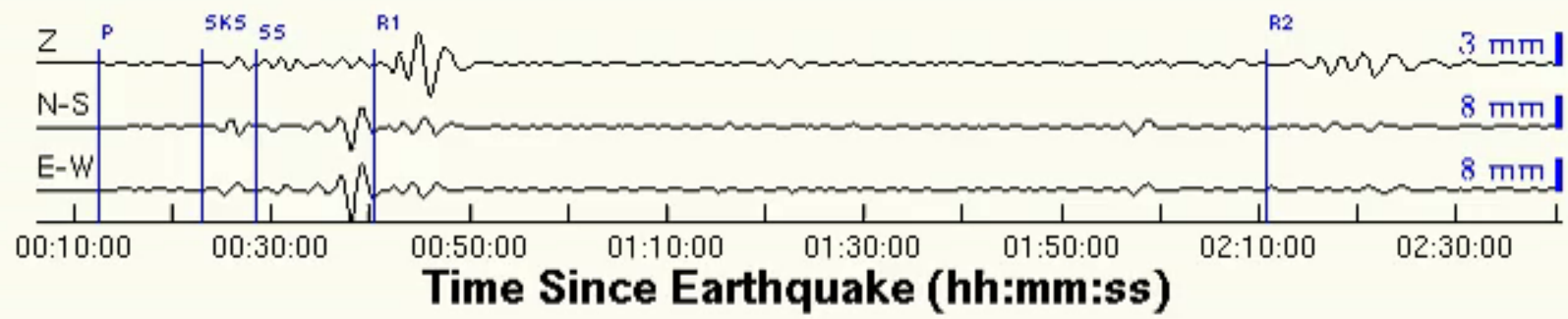


Time Since Earthquake (hh:mm:ss)

March 11, 2011, NEAR EAST COAST OF HONSHU, JAPAN, M=8.9



2011/03/11 05:52:35 UTC (372 s) Distance 85.0°/9452 km Azimuth 42.7° Reference Q33A



IRIS DMS Combined Ground Motion Visualization

GULF OF CALIFORNIA 2007 - 2013



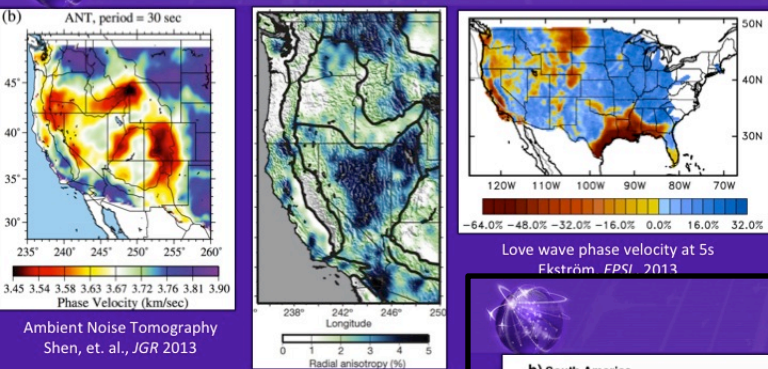
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Wavefield Studies

Earth Structure

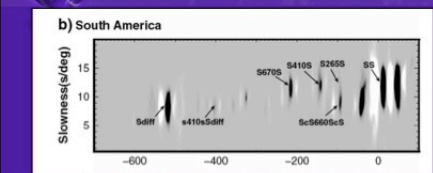


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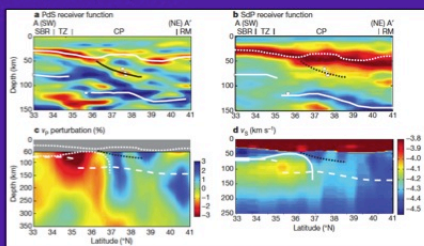
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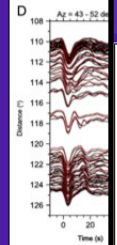
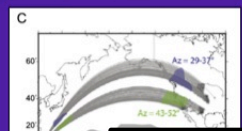
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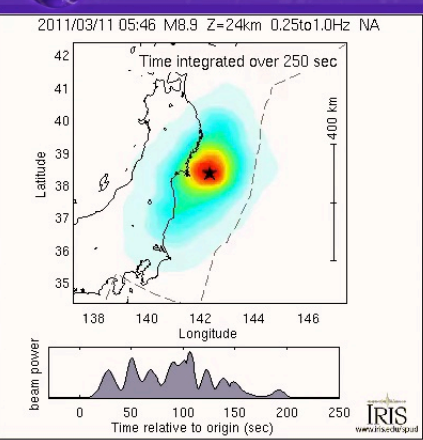


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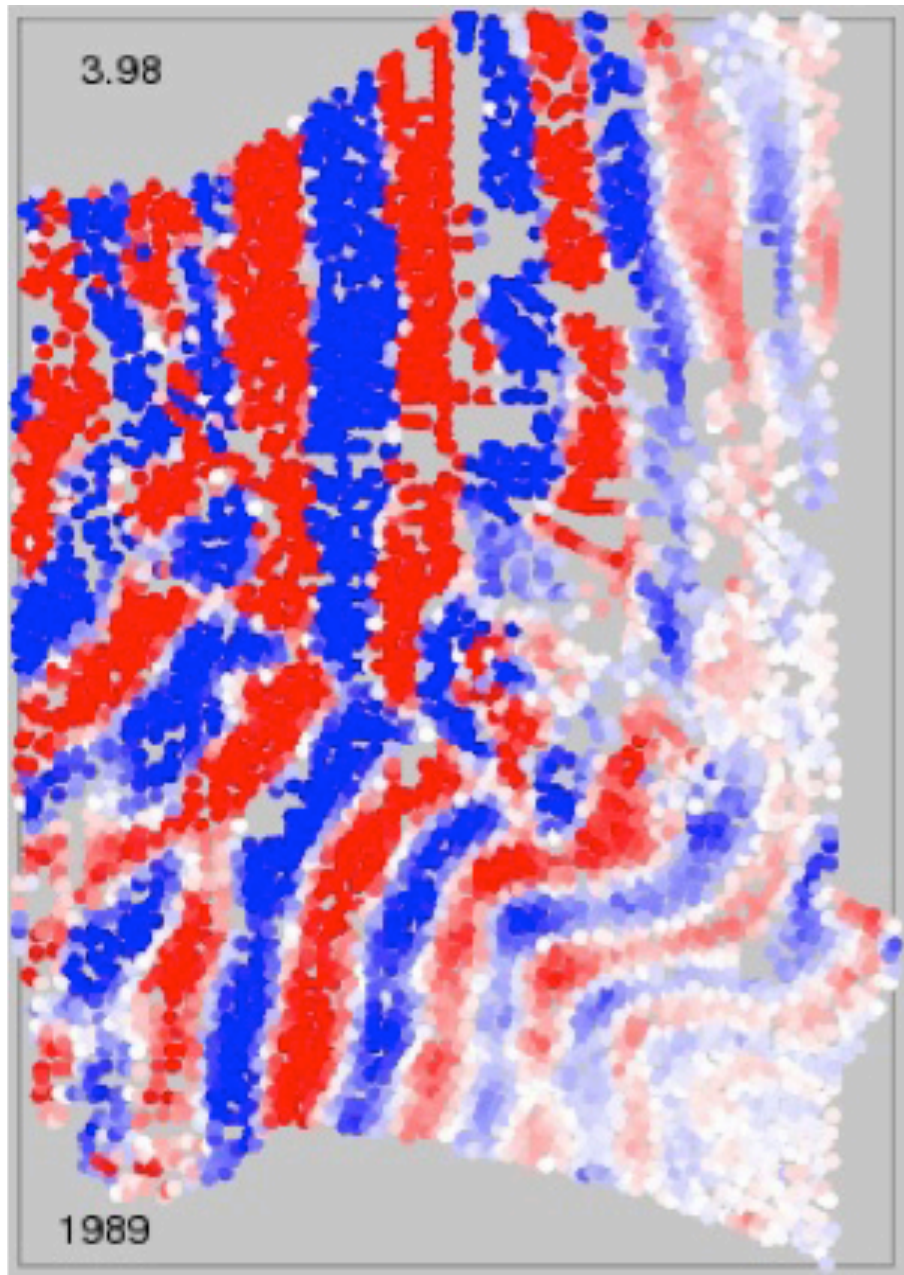
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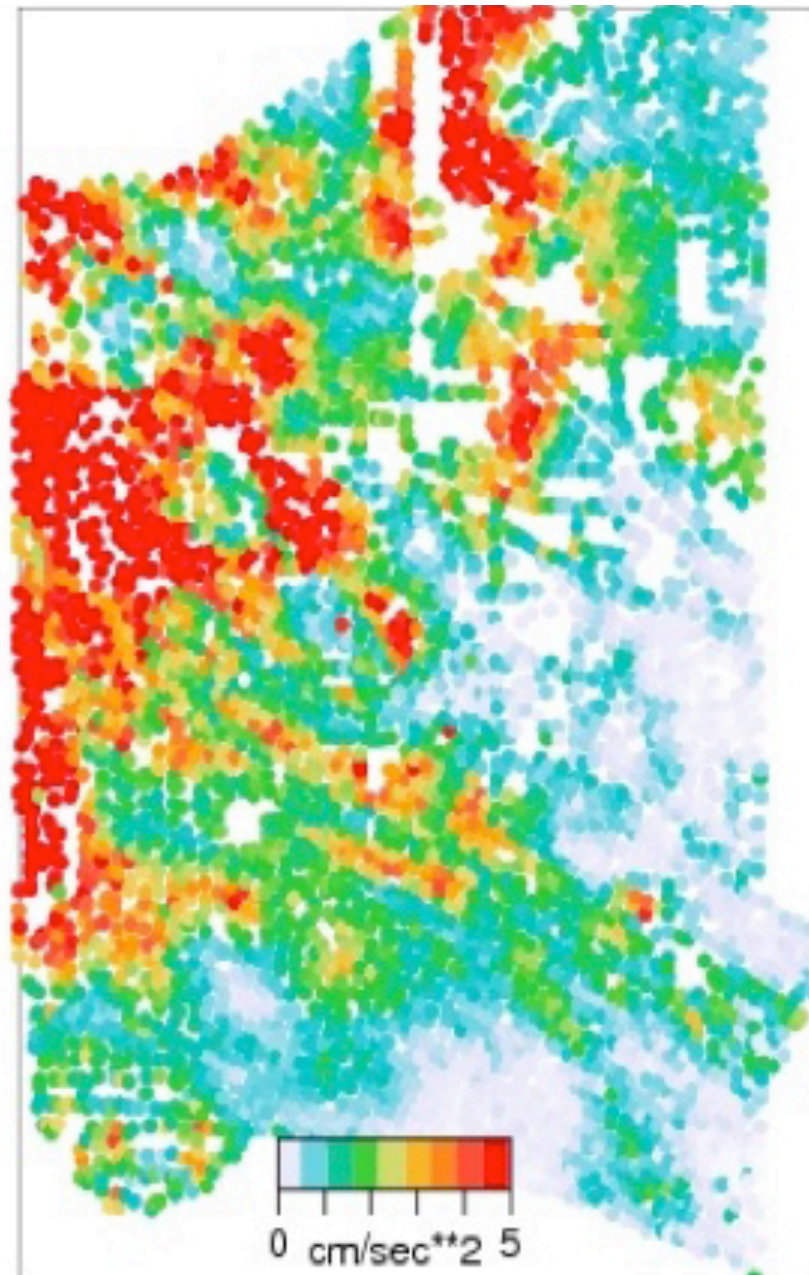
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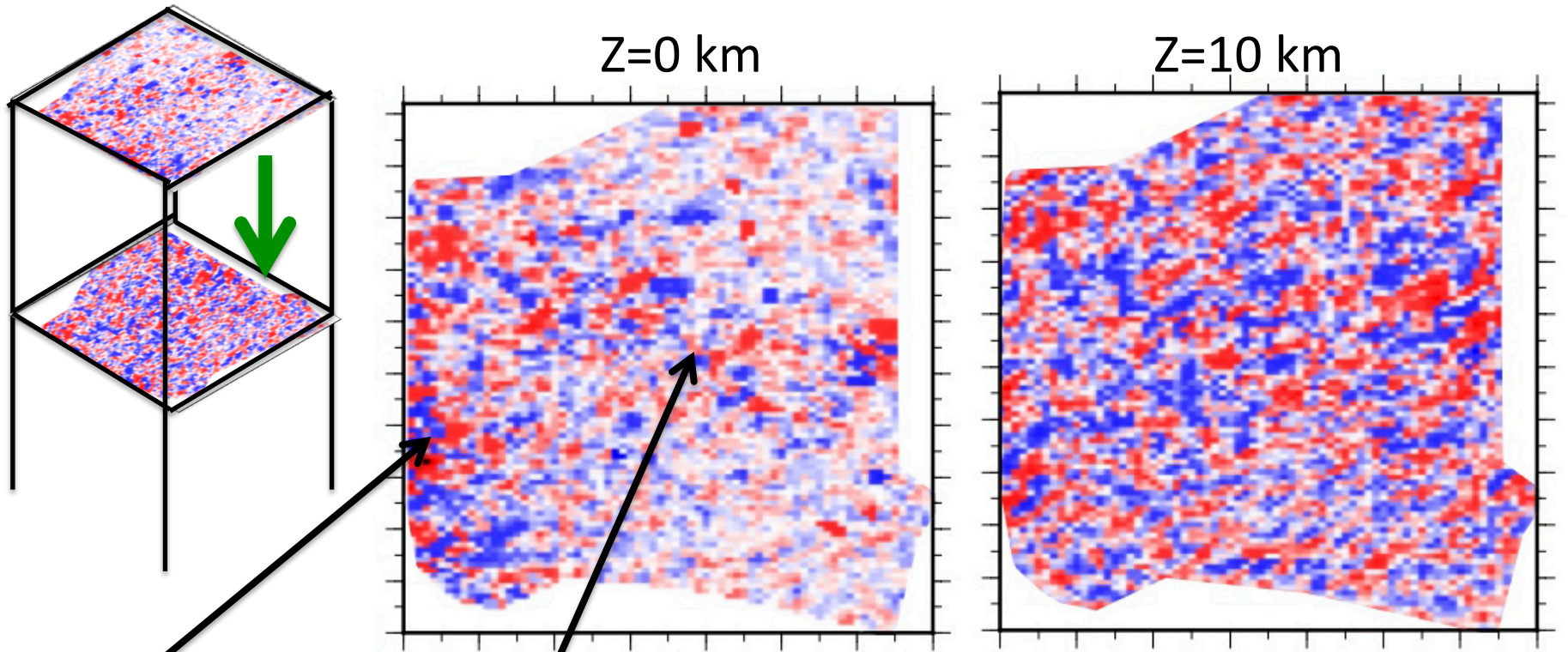
Snapshot



Peak Acceleration



Downward Continue the Data



710 Fwy + Port

405 Fwy + Oilfield

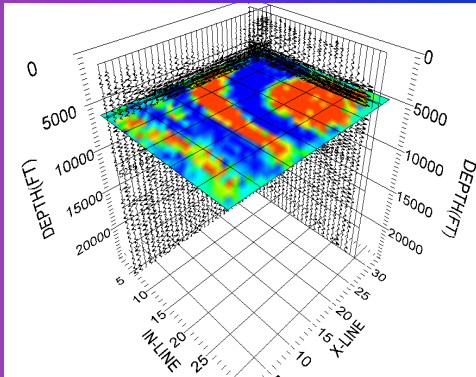
Data: 5-10 Hz

FT Mesh: 0.1x0.1 km

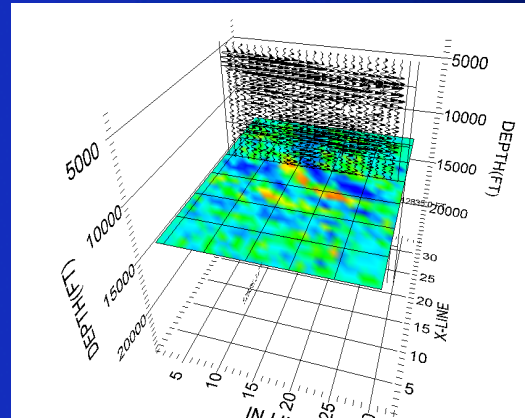
Method: Phase-Shift (Gazdag, 1978) Method

Imaging the Crust in 3D with Exploration “leftovers”

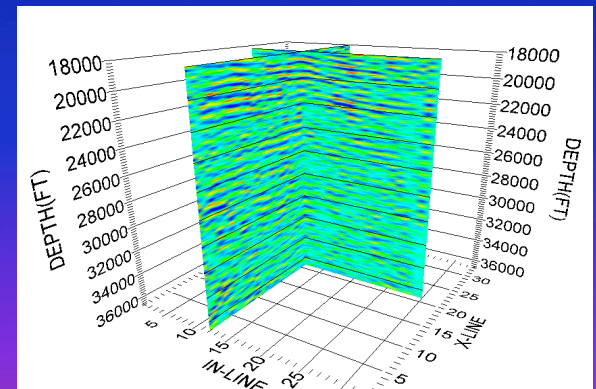
Sedimentary



Basement



Lower Crust

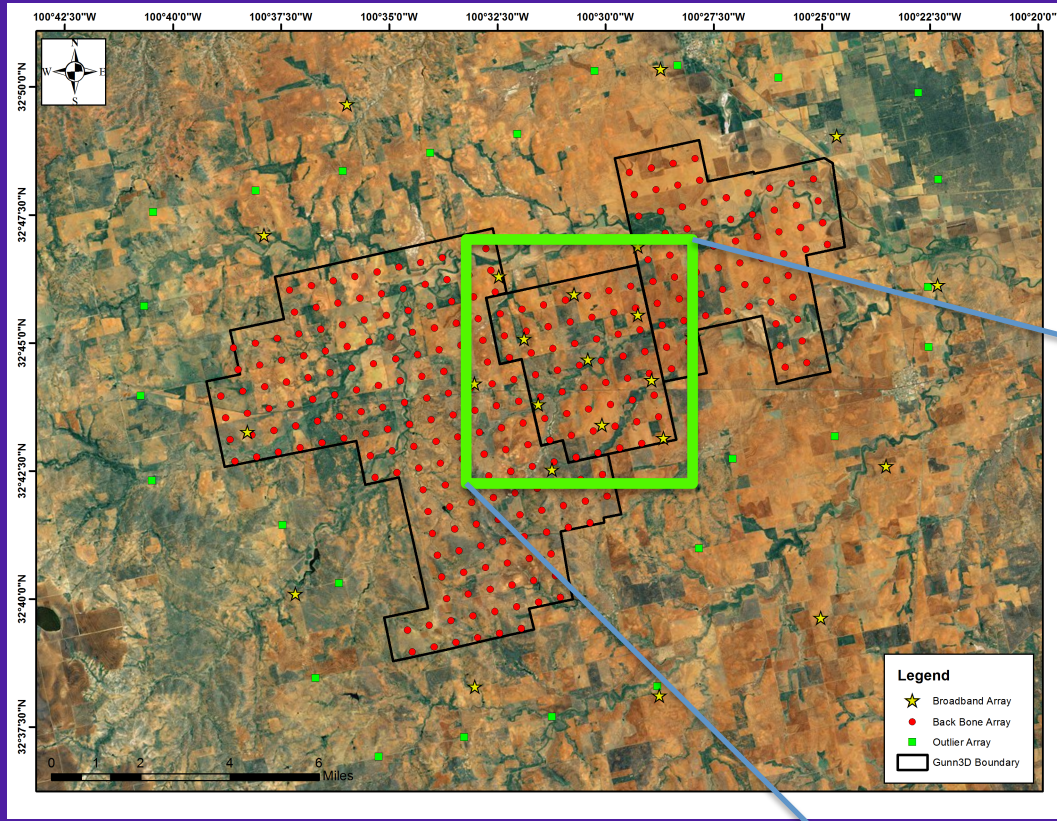




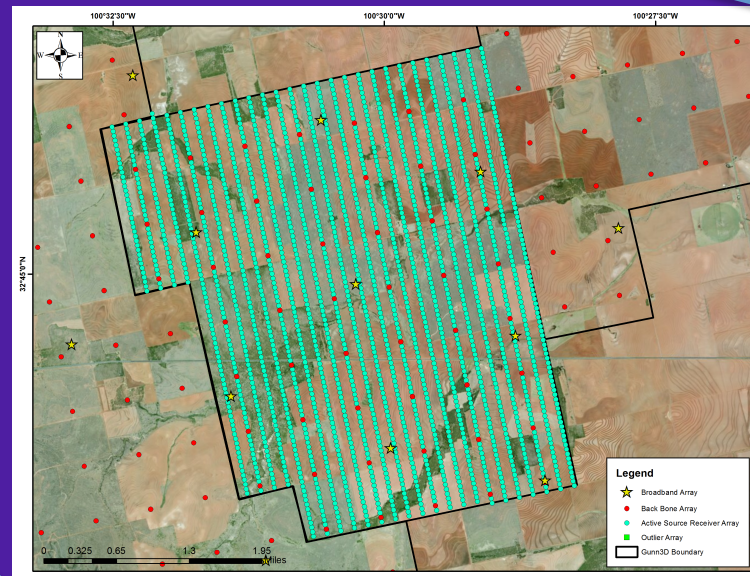
Sweetwater, TX Collaborative Active-Passive, Multi-mode Dataset

Collaborative data collection

- Nodal Seismic
- Nanometrics
- IRIS



25 broadband
2639 Zland nodes
Open data set





The IRIS Wavefields Initiative

- Targeting full wavefield recording
 - Reduce spatial aliasing
 - Enable wavefield imaging and analysis
 - Improve resolution
- What is required: Many more sensors - “Large N”
- Requires a new generation of instruments



Students staging quick deploy sensor packages for the Bighorns Experiment

Goal: New science enabled by new technology



Wavefields : The Enabling Technology

- Reduced Size, Weight, and Power (SWaP)
- Simplify logistics and reduce field costs
 - Reduced installation and recovery time
- Streamline handling of data and metadata from dirt to the desktop
- Enable deployment of larger numbers and mixed mode (mixed bandwidth)
- Enable science in extreme environments



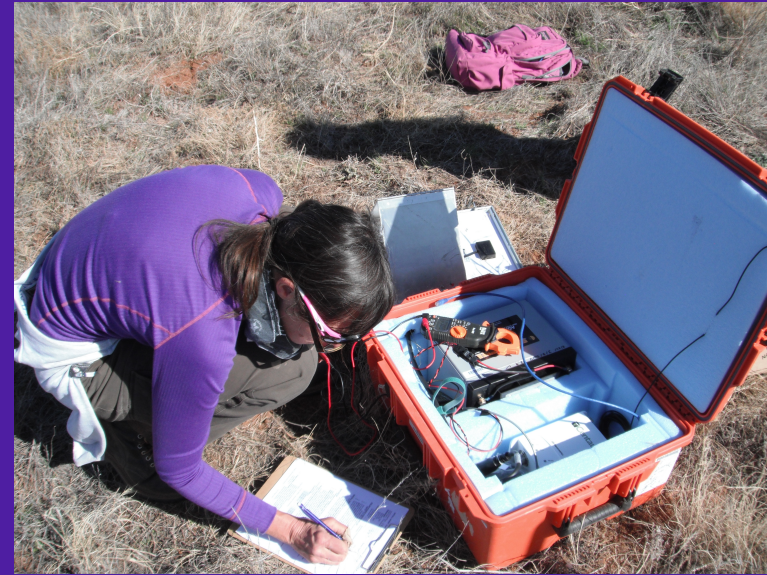
Mendenhall glacier – sensor in the ice

Industry interests and buying power
driving the technology



A Proposed Collaboration

- Create an industry-funded Large N instrument pool
- Address industry and academic interests in wavefield / Large N observations
- Leverage common industry and academic interests in “broadband”, full waveform inversion, microseismic techniques, etc.
- Leverage existing IRIS expertise in providing turnkey portable instrumentation support



Telemetered broadband station deployment – Sweetwater, TX

Address common academic and industry interests in observing capability, frequency bands, methods



Wavefields Collaboration: The Benefits

- Technology applied to diverse and creative targets
- Stimulating developments in acquisition, processing and interpretation
 - Combined active – passive datasets
 - Combined broadband and high frequency
 - Array geometry, sensor emplacement, etc.
- Exposing students to cutting edge technology and real-world data acquisition





Summary

- The IRIS Wavefields Initiative is pursuing dramatic improvements in wavefield observations through the use of new technology
- Key opportunity for industry-academic collaboration to address common interests
- Benefits
 - Innovations in data acquisition and processing strategies
 - Innovations in methods, such as full waveform, microseismic, etc.
 - Workforce development
- But, there are plenty of other possibilities for collaboration



Win-win for industry and academic seismology



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Types of Installations

Vaults



Temporary to Permanent



Temporary

Harsh Environments

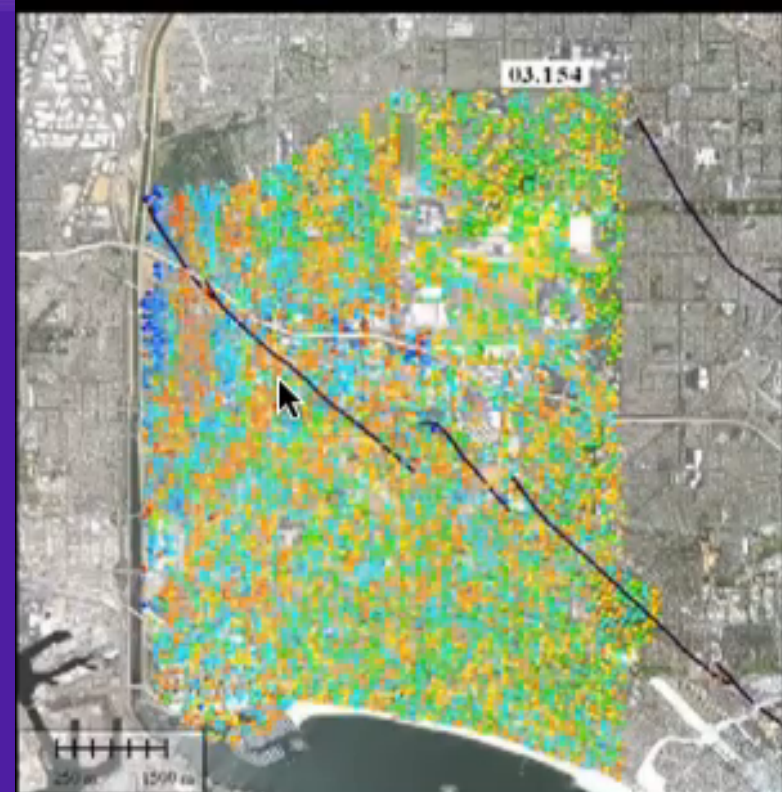


Ocean Bottom



Wavefields at Other Scales . . .

- Not just at the continental scale
 - Excitement and discovery has carried over to other scales
- Continuous recording enabling dual active – passive datasets
- Multiple frequency bands of interest
- Depending on perspective:
 - Higher frequencies than “normal”
 - Lower frequencies than “normal”



Long Beach, CA
5000 receivers, 100 m spacing
5x7 km area

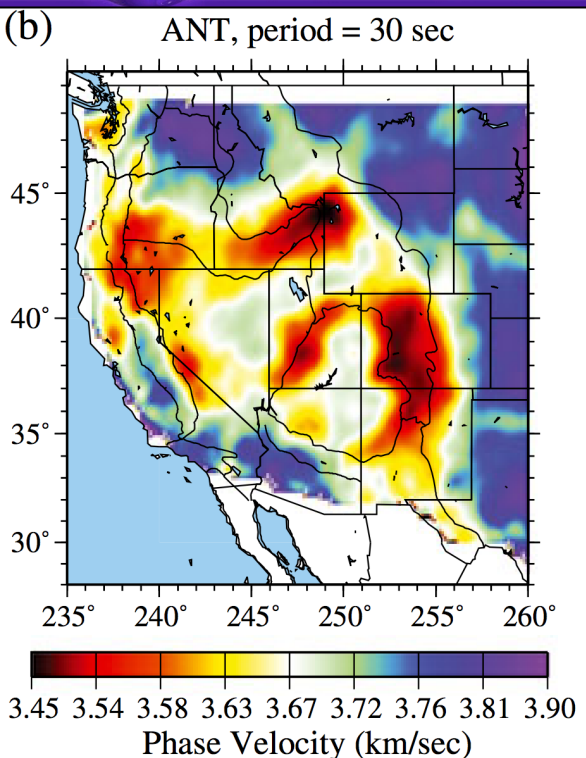
Data acquisition: Nodal Seismic, Inc. and Signal Hill Petroleum

Visualization: Clayton, et al, CalTech

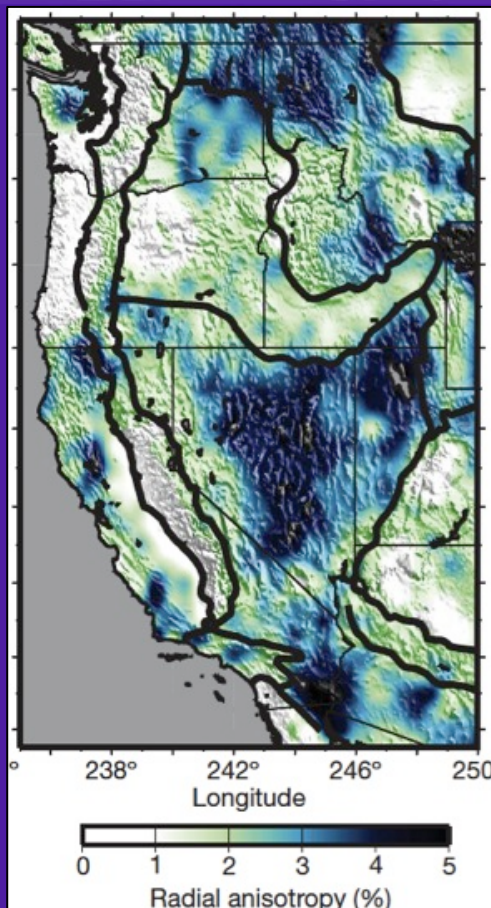
Multipurpose datasets are “wave” of the future



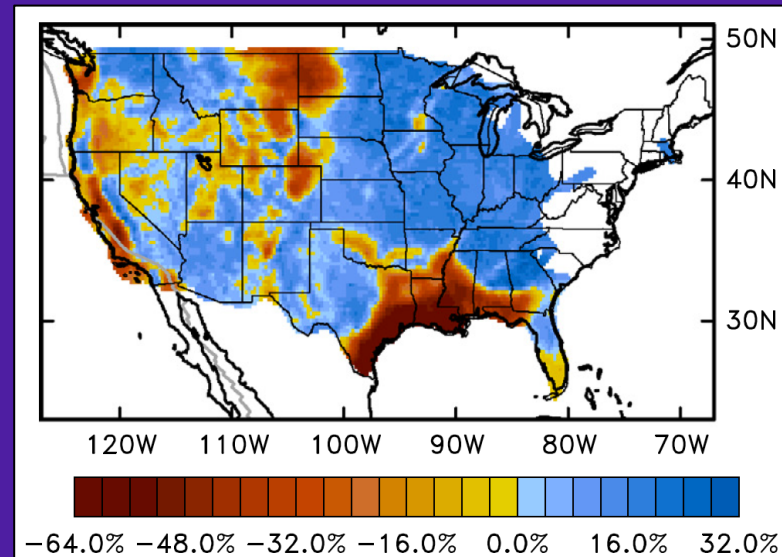
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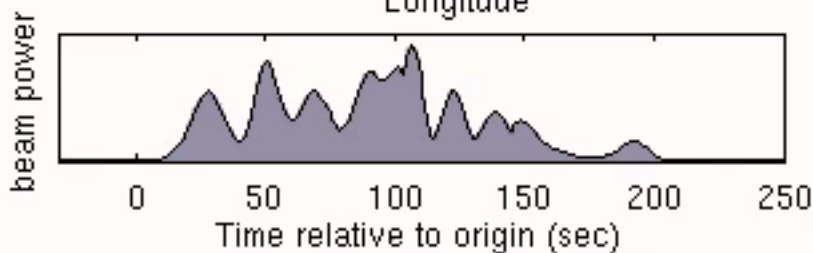
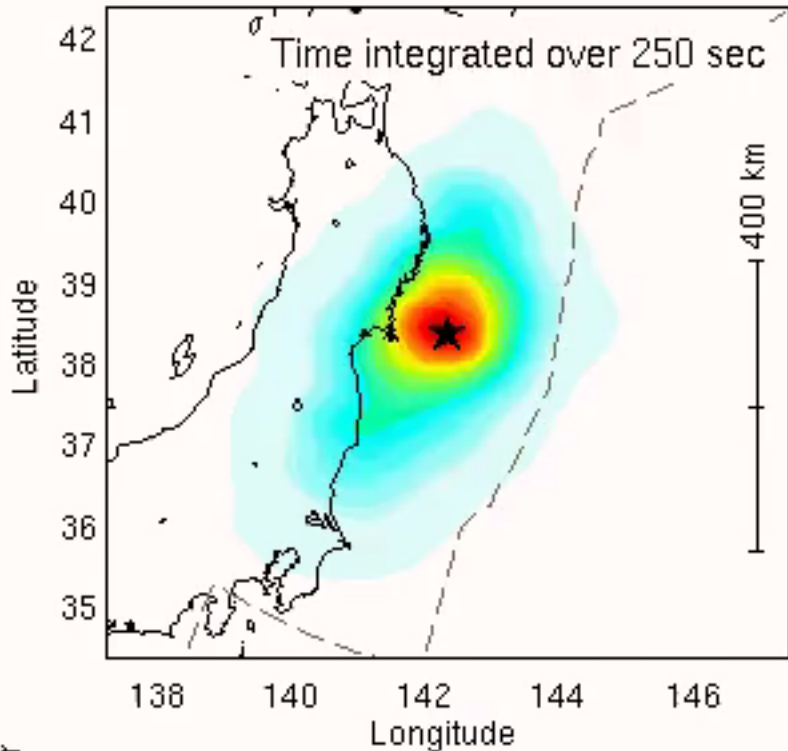


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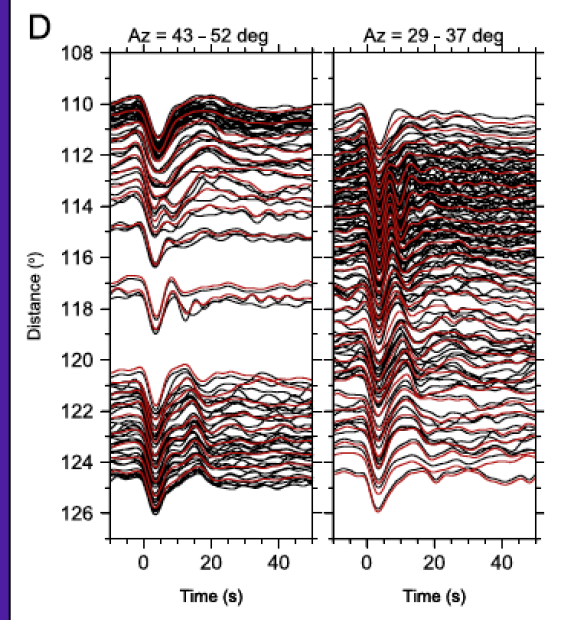
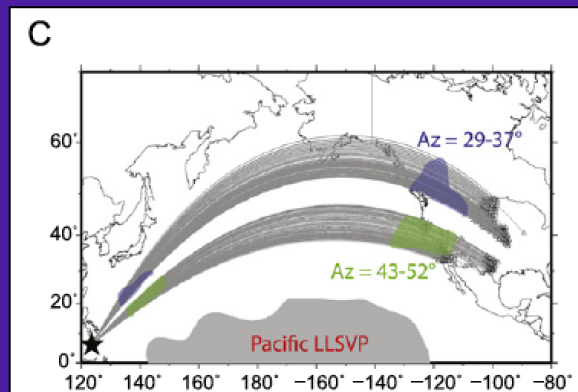
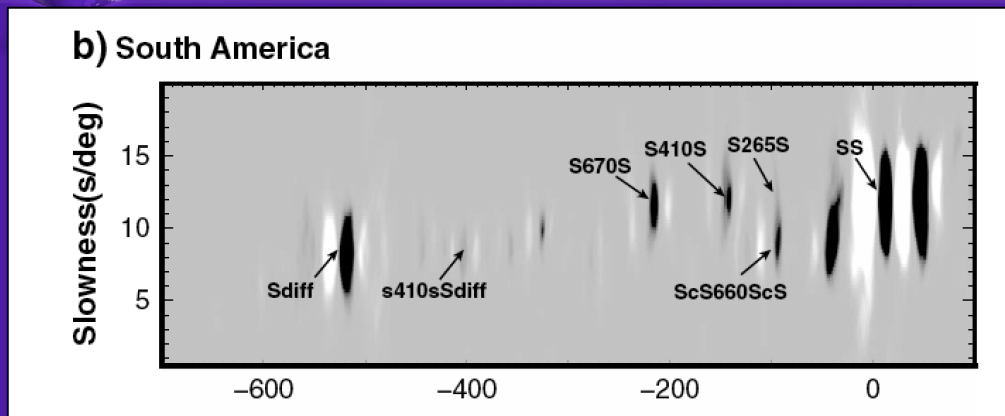
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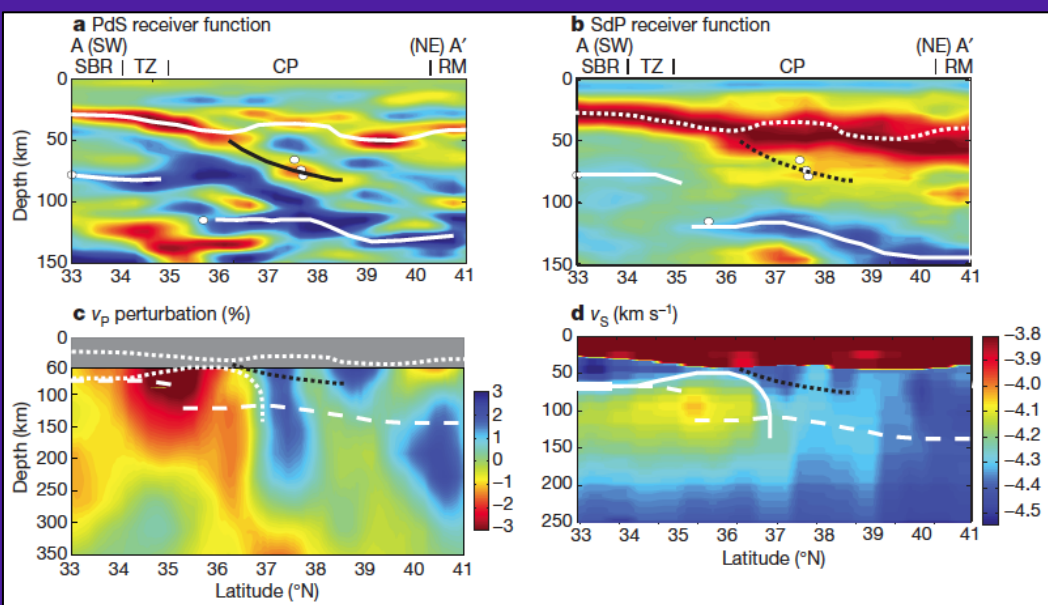
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