

The Digitization, Calibration, and Recovery of Seismic Waveforms from Analog Tapes



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2 Legacy Data at the National Labs

>800 US UGTs

- 75% UGTs in the analog era

Data sits on physical tapes (analog), floppy disks, burnt CDs in boxes, cabinets, and bunkers

- Slowly decaying
- Tape data decays faster than paper records!

Discovery is a significant effort

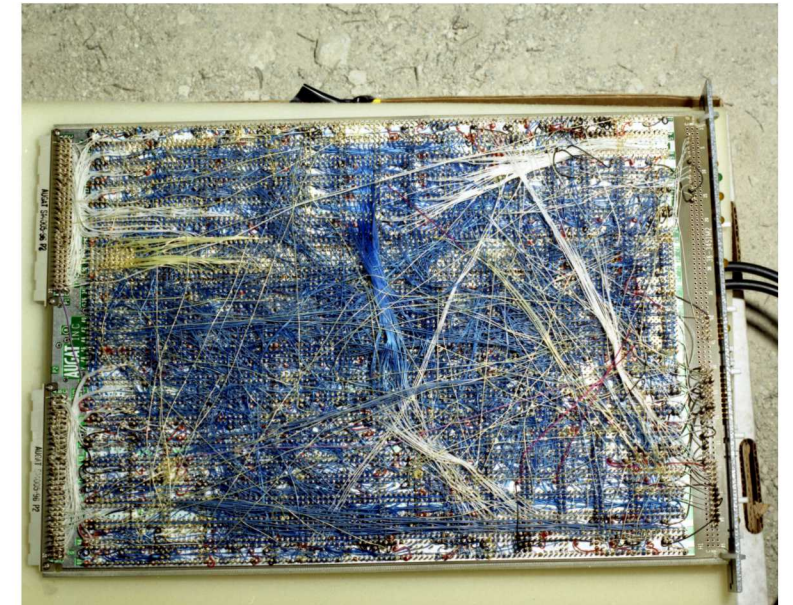
- Orphaned data, reports
- Geologic samples



(left) Pallets of abandoned paper seismic records, tapes, and discs at NNSS
(right) LANL archive filled with legacy data in various states of organization



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3 What can we do with more data?

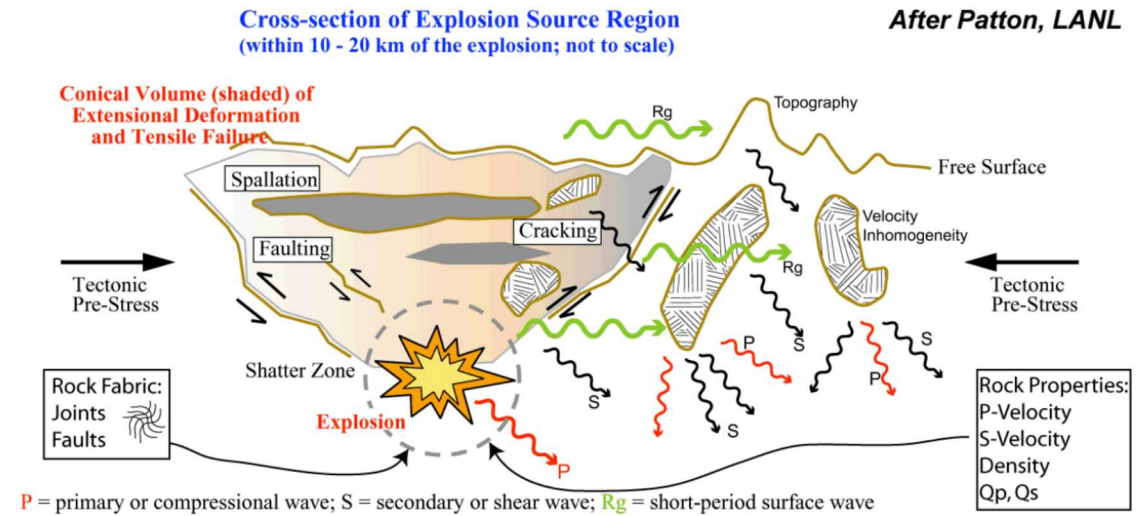
Opportunity cost—action vs. inaction

- What opportunities to learn will be lost if we never recover that data?
- What can we learn with thousands of new waveforms?

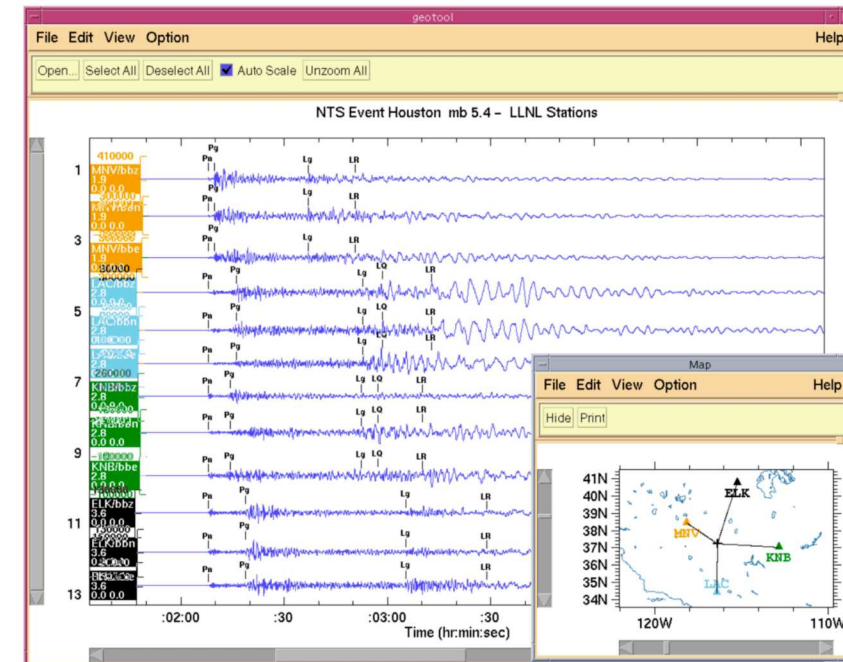
Each event is ground truth

More data means...

- More opportunities to say “*hmm, that’s odd...*”
- Machine learning
- Bayesian/statistical analyses
- Uncertainty quantification

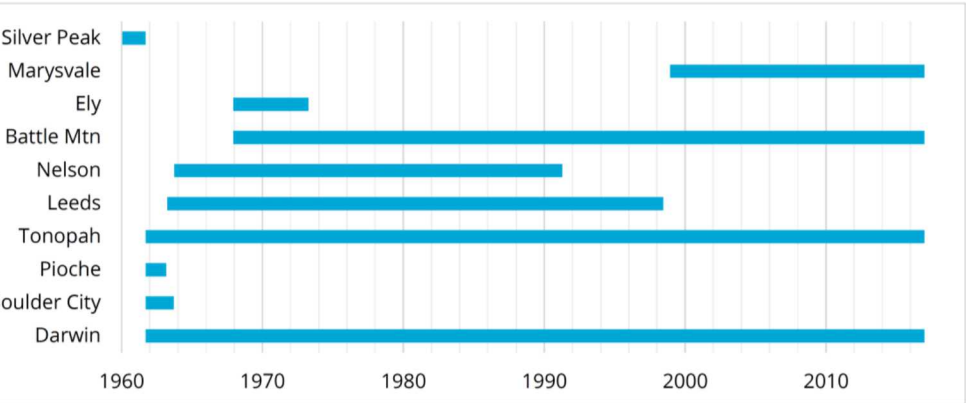
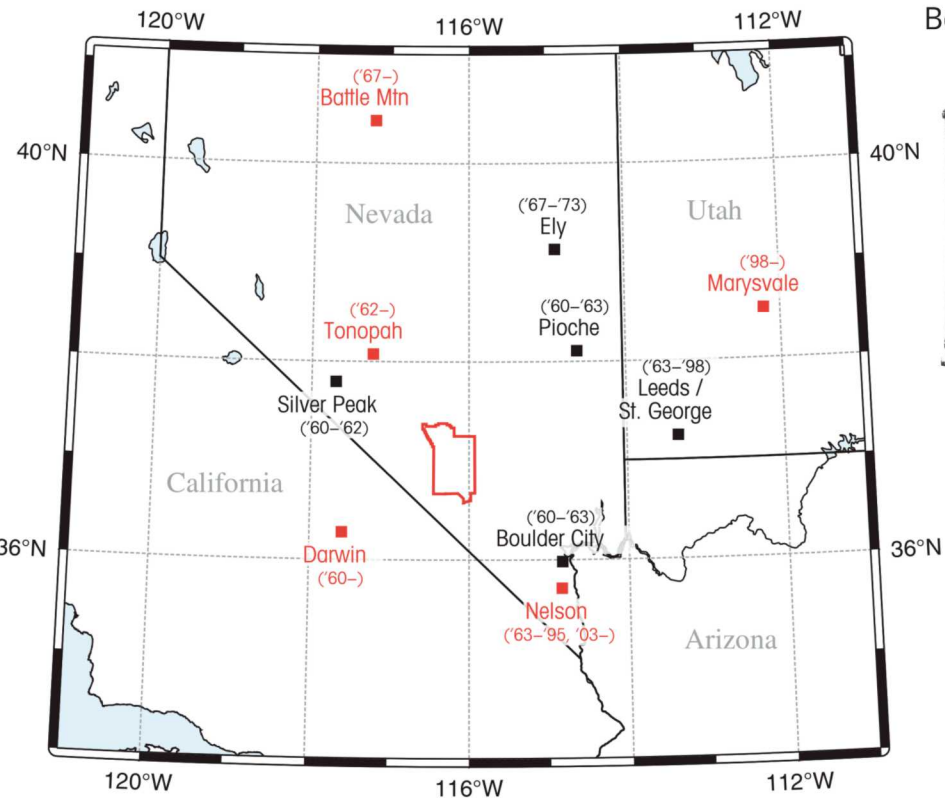


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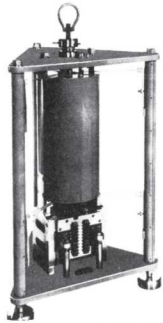


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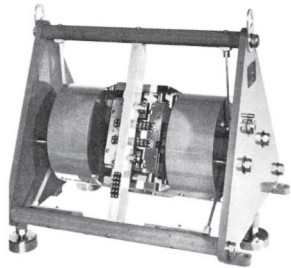
4 Leo Brady Seismic Network



Benioff 1051



Benioff 1101



Crown CX822



Benioff seismometers at Nelson's Landing (June 1985)



AMPEX tape players at Sandia National Laboratories

~75% UGTs were in analog era
~600 UGTs, 1000+ tapes digitized



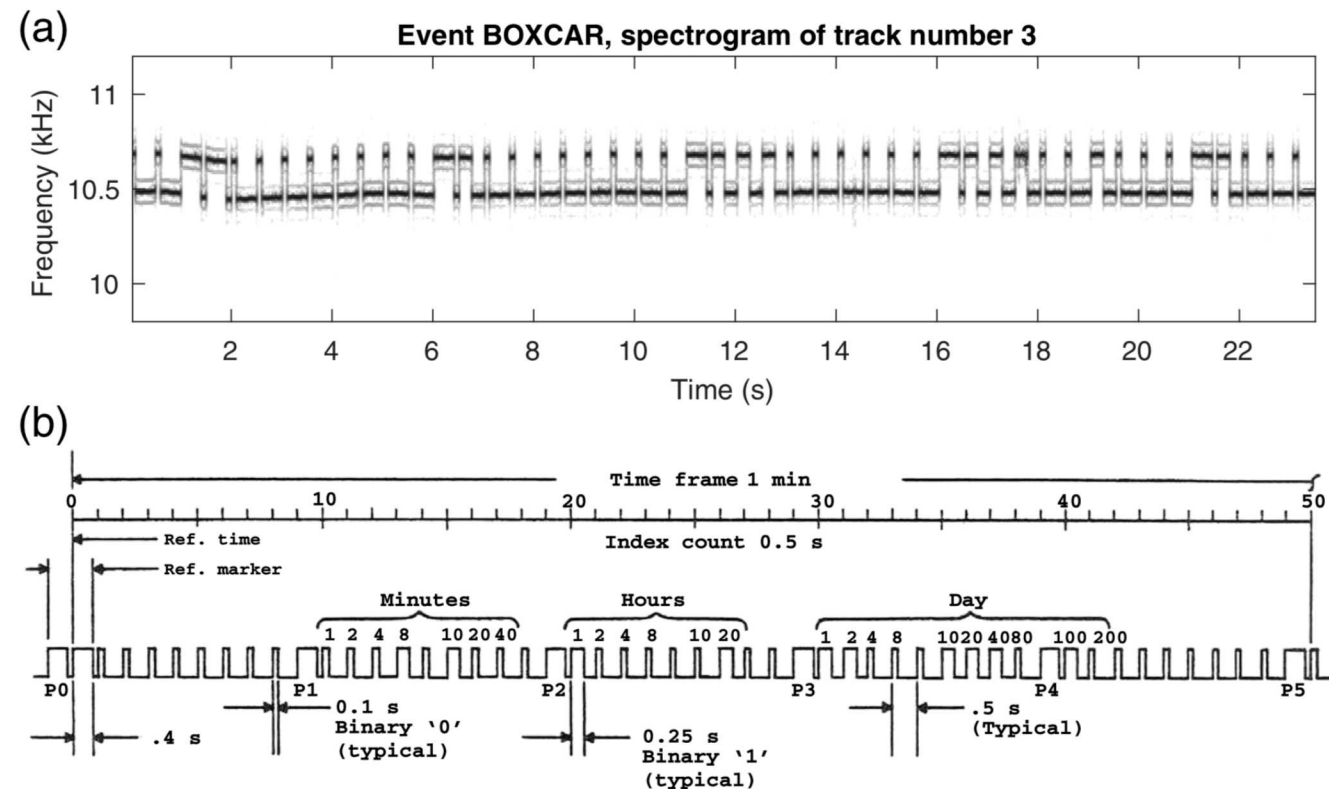
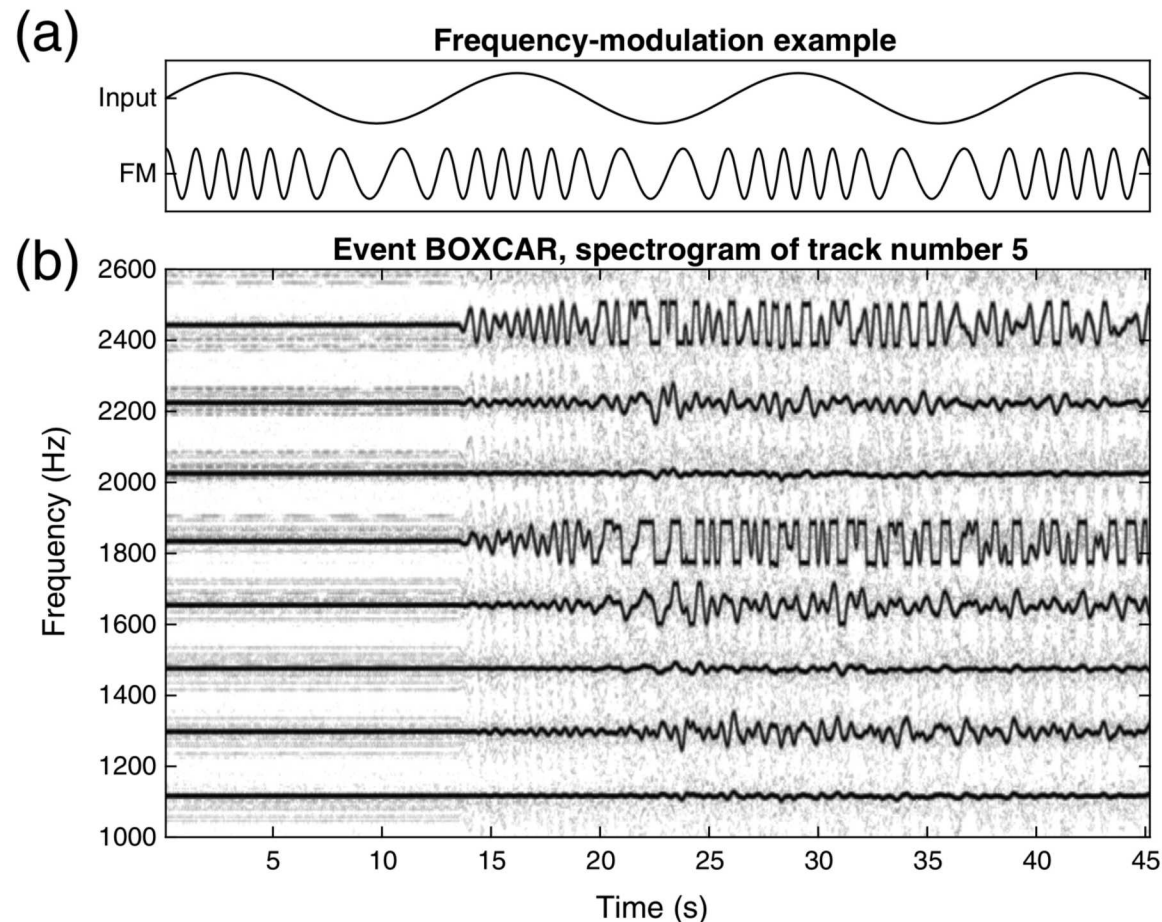
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- Used primarily for music, movie industries

Time signals are bits encoded as square waves in frequency

- IRIG-C



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Have to bake the tapes to avoid “sticky-shed syndrome”



Grimshaw, C. (2010). Creating this blog is a sticky business! *Imperial College Video Archive Blog*, Imperial College London. Accessed 2020-Sep-17 from: <https://wwwf.imperial.ac.uk/blog/videoarchive/creating-this-blog-is-a-sticky-business/>

Calibration

$$\sum F = 0 \quad F = ma \quad F = -kx$$

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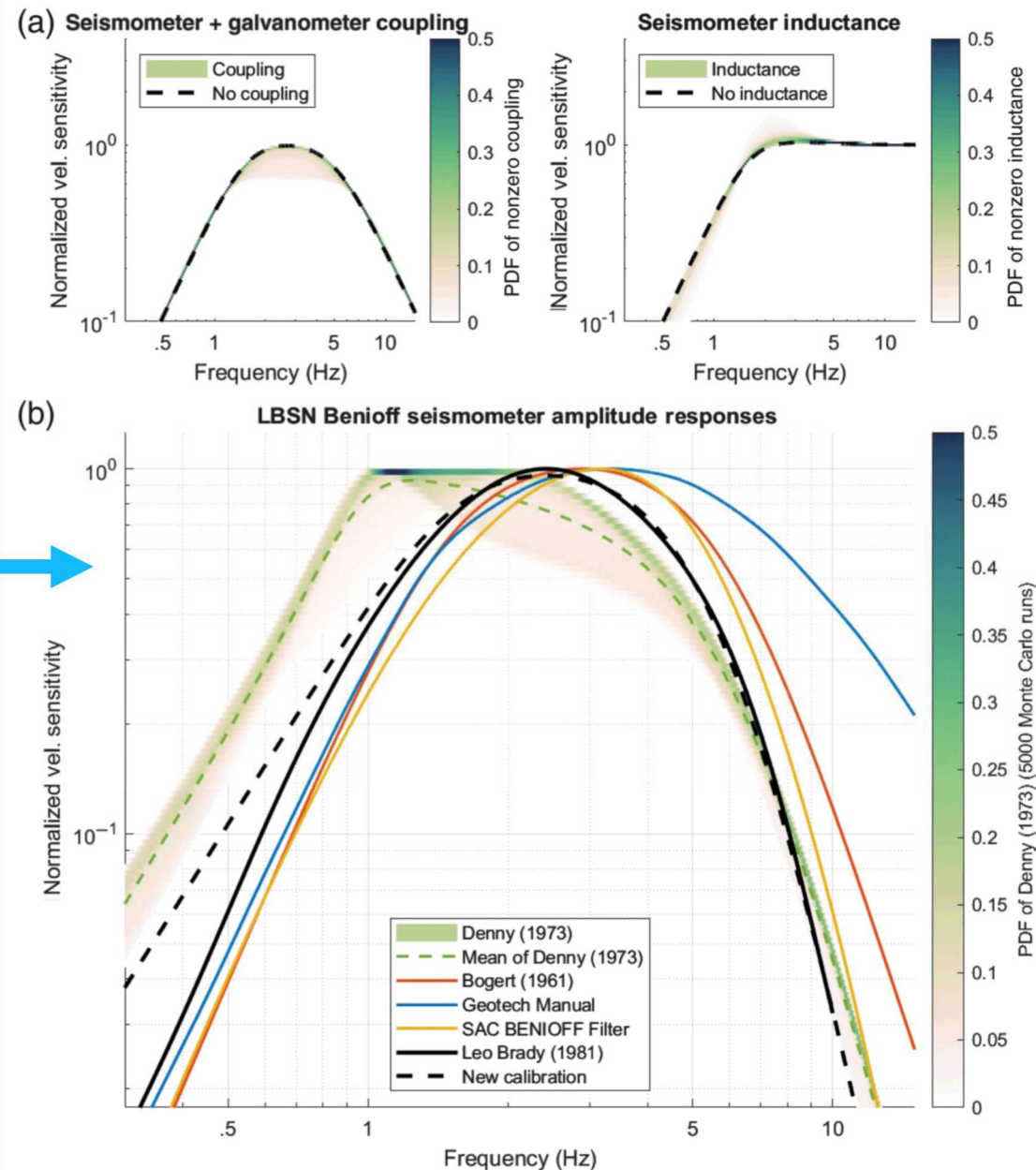
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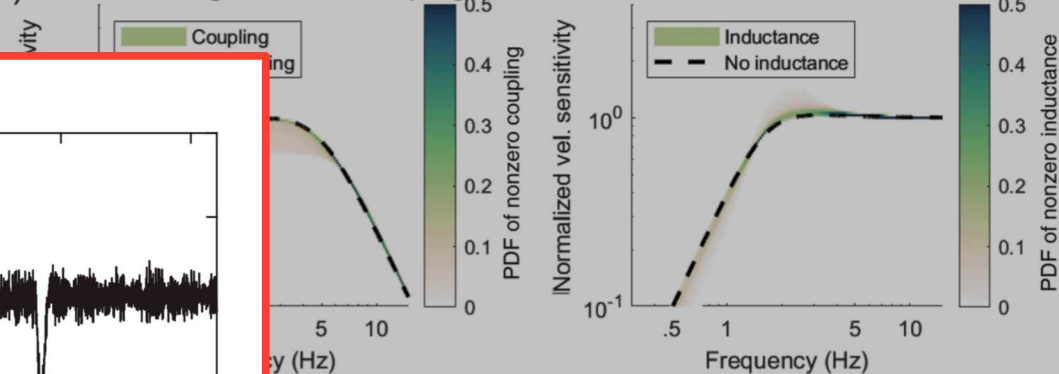
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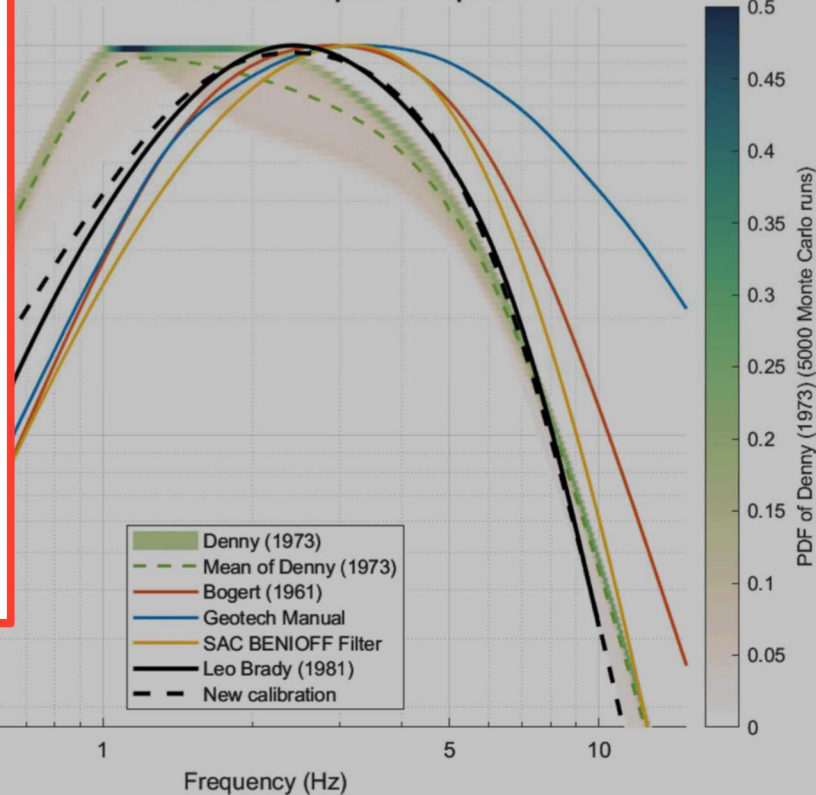
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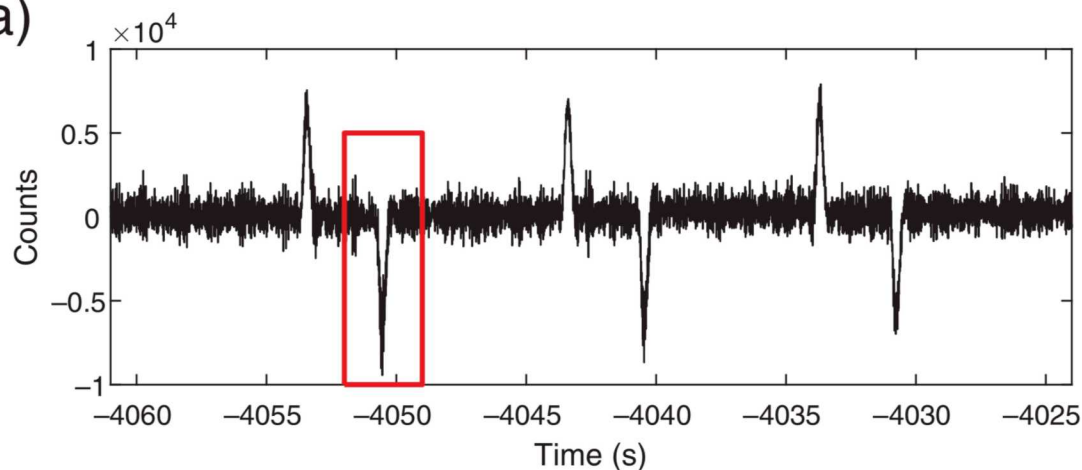
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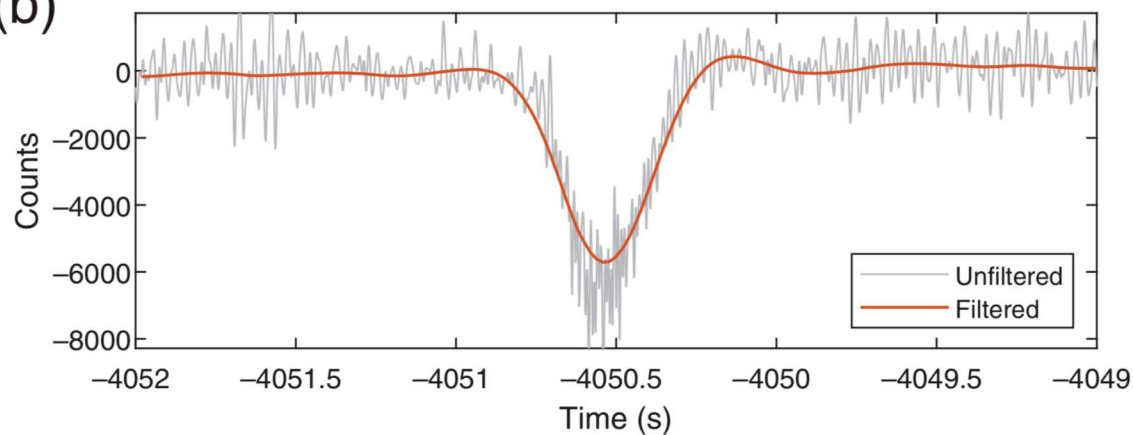
SN Benioff seismometer amplitude responses



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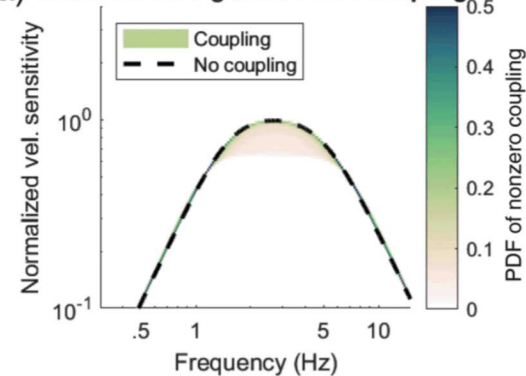
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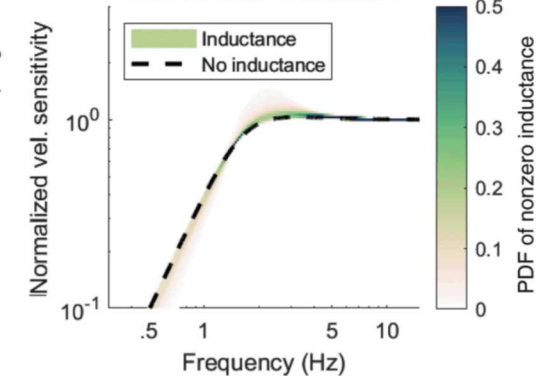
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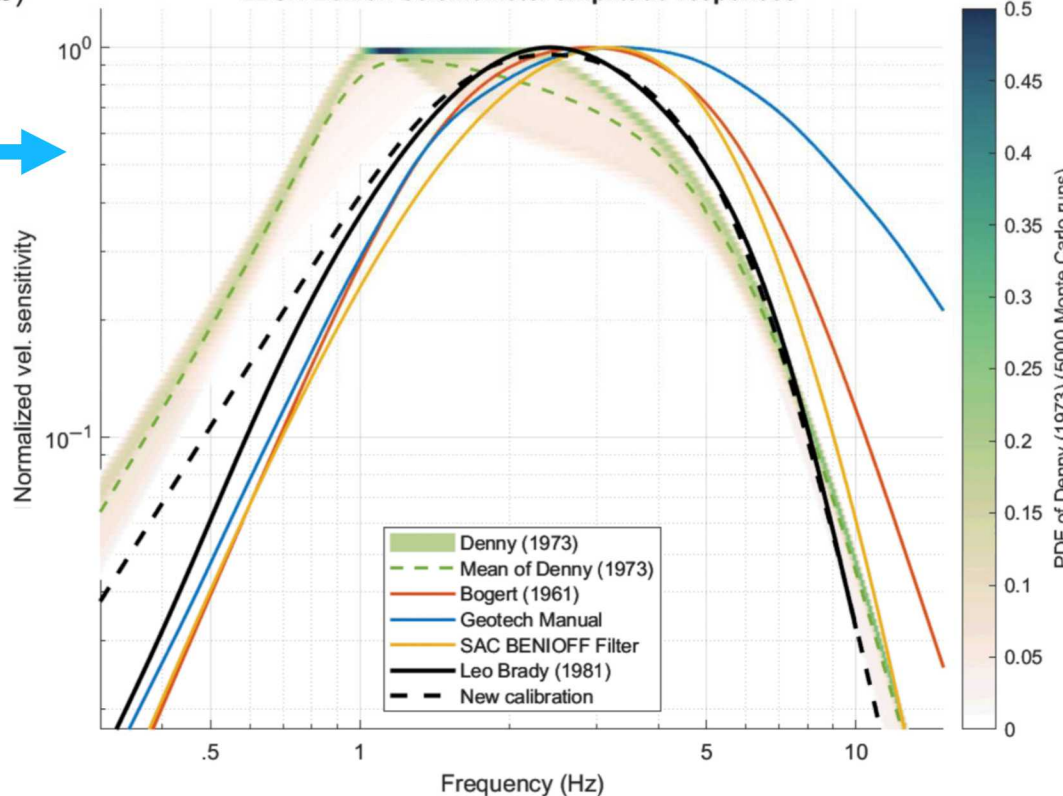
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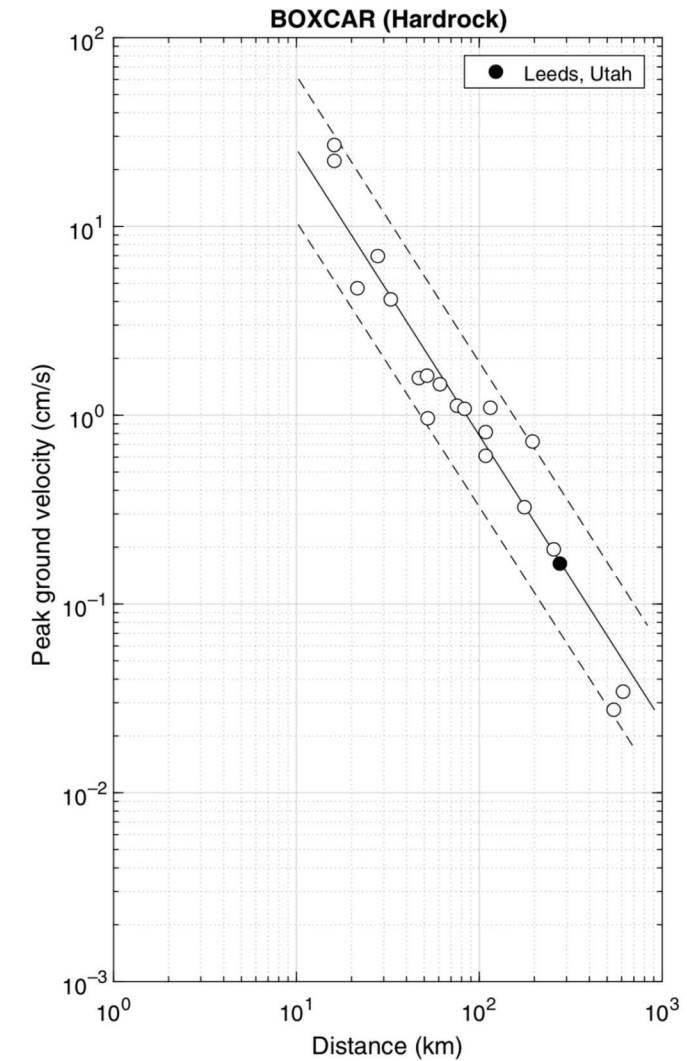
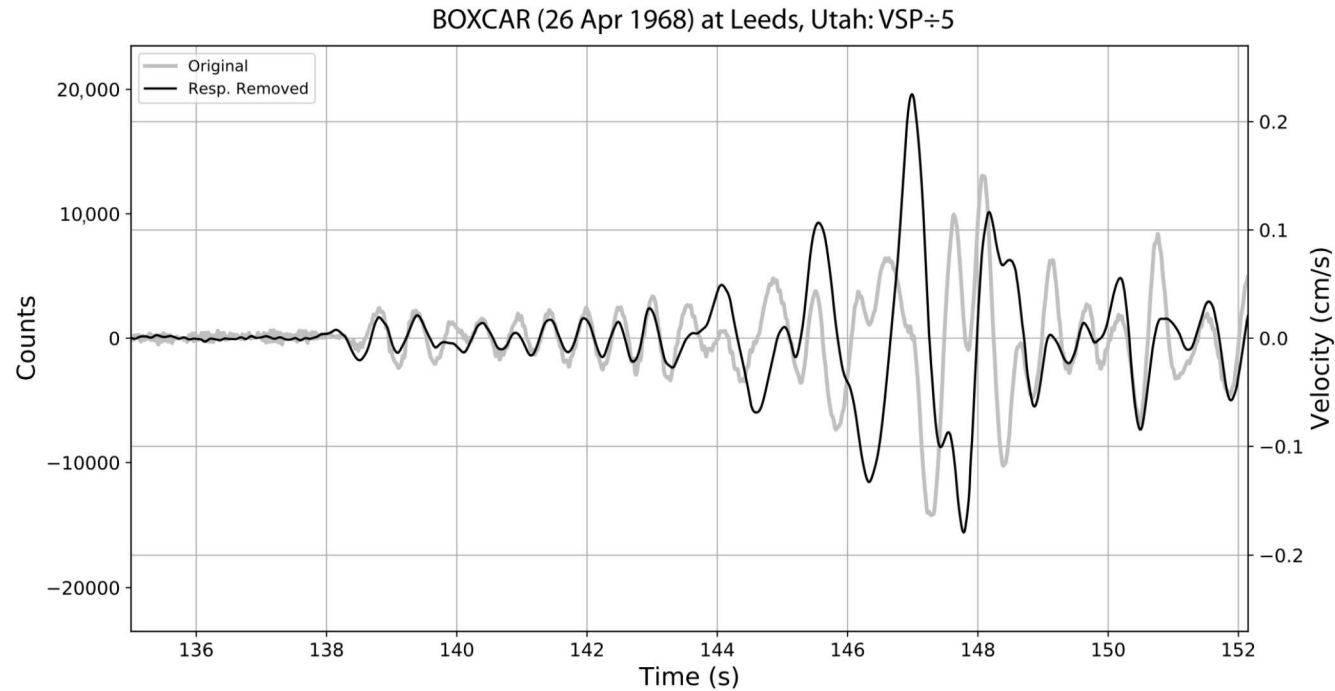


Seismometer inductance

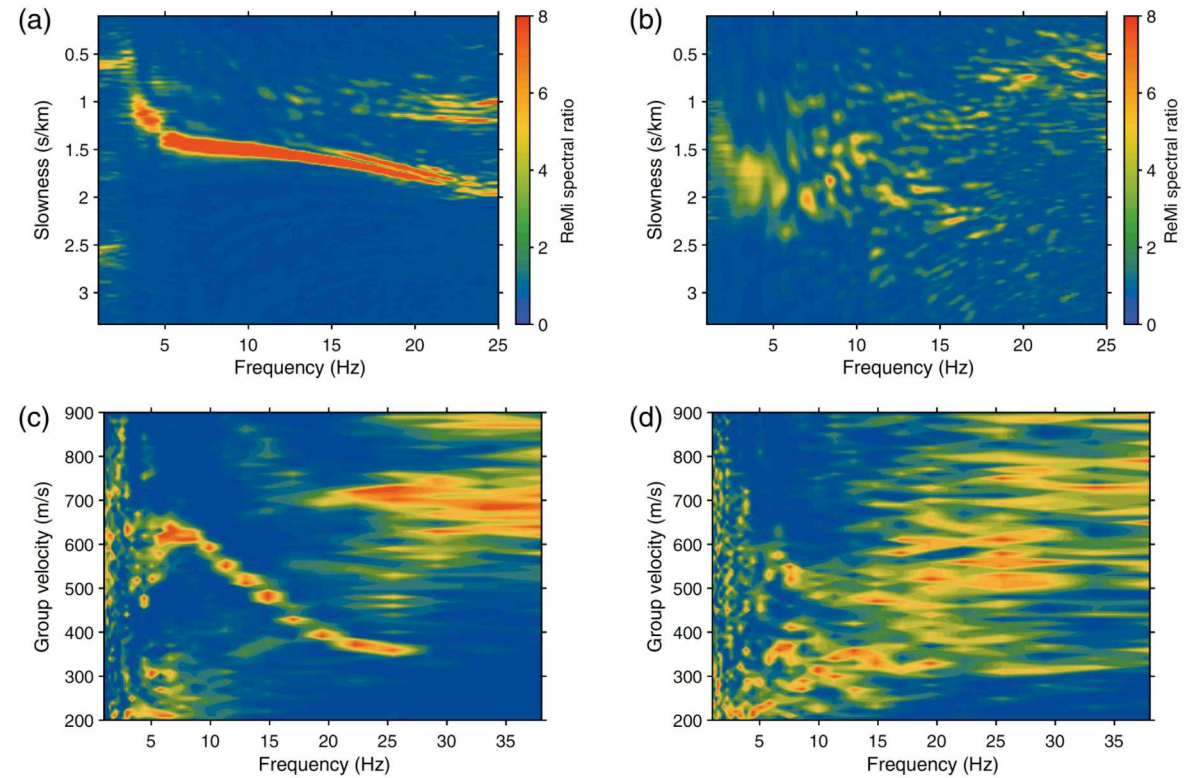


(b) LBSN Benioff seismometer amplitude responses



Pre-1992 method:**0.1472 cm/s***(assumes constant nominal deflection, natural period)***New method:****0.1637 cm/s***(Recalculate instrument constants from recorded calibration pulses)***Murphy & Lahoud (BSSA, 1969):****0.1620 cm/s***(empirical)*





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