



Three-dimensional crustal S wave velocity structure in Japan using microseismic data recorded by Hi-net tiltmeters

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[1] We developed a three-step method for three-dimensional (3-D) S wave velocity tomography by fitting synthetic cross spectra to the observed ones of ambient seismic noise. We applied this method to the recording of Hi-net tiltmeters in Japan at 679 stations from June 2004 to December 2004. First, we calculated normalized cross spectra between radial components and those between transverse components for every pair of stations. The first step is local 1-D S wave velocity inversion for each station assuming small lateral heterogeneity under a 100-km circle of a station. We measured the dispersion curves of fundamental Rayleigh waves, fundamental Love waves, and first overtone of Love waves by fitting the synthetic cross spectra to the observed ones between pairs of stations within the circle. We inverted the measured dispersion curves for obtaining a 1-D S wave velocity model. The second step is the inversion of the observed cross spectra for obtaining path-averaged 1-D S wave velocity structure. The third step is the inversion of the resultant path-averaged structures for obtaining 3-D S wave velocity structure ($0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ \times 1$ km grid from the surface to a depth of 50 km) using ray approximation. The resultant S wave velocity structures show clear low-velocity anomalies along tectonic lines from the surface to a depth of 20 km. In particular, along the Hidaka mountain range, we observed S wave perturbation more extreme than -20% . They also show low-velocity anomalies under volcanoes in Kyusyu and Tohoku. In the southwestern part of Shikoku, our results show a clear low-velocity anomaly corresponding to an accretional belt (Shimanto belt). Below 20 km, we observe a low-velocity anomaly in the center of Japan, which suggests a thick crust.

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1. Introduction

[2] It is well known that microseisms are excited at random by standing ocean surface waves. The typical frequency of microseisms at about 0.2 Hz approximately doubles the typical frequency of ocean surface waves through nonlinear interactions [Hasselman, 1963; Longuet-Higgins, 1950]. Microseisms are the main source of noise for seismic observation because they mask seismic signals from earthquakes.

[3] Using their random excitation properties by contraries, one-dimensional (1-D) S wave velocity structures at shallow depth (≤ 5 km) have been explored since an early work by Aki [1957, 1965]. In the method known as spatial autocorrelation method, the dispersion curves of surface waves are obtained from the cross spectra between many pairs of stations of an array. The measured dispersion curves are

inverted for obtaining a 1-D S wave velocity structure under the array.

[4] Recently, Shapiro *et al.* [2005] performed a cross-correlation analysis of long sequences of the ambient seismic noise at around 0.1 Hz to obtain a group velocity anomaly of Rayleigh waves due to the lateral heterogeneity of the crust in Southern California. They inverted the measured anomalies for obtaining a group velocity map. This method is called ambient noise surface wave tomography. The ambient noise tomography is theoretically justified by the fact that a cross correlation function between two stations provides its Green's function between the stations [e.g., Snieder, 2004]. These studies resulted in group speed maps at short periods (7.5–15 s) that display a striking correlation with the principal geological units in California with low-speed anomalies corresponding to the major sedimentary basins and high-speed anomalies corresponding to the igneous core of the main mountain regions. Group velocity maps have also been obtained at larger scales and longer periods across much of Europe [Yang *et al.*, 2007], in South Korea at very short periods [Cho *et al.*, 2007], and in Tibet at long periods [Yao *et al.*, 2006]. However, three-dimensional (3-D) S wave velocity inversion has not been

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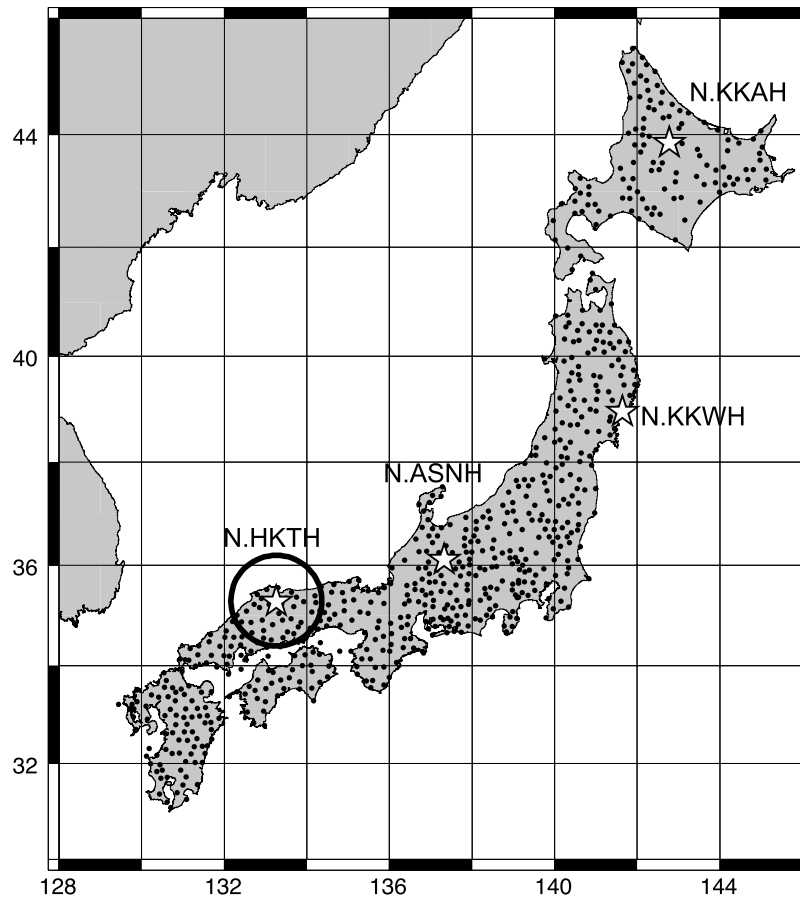


Figure 1. Station distribution of Hi-net. A station at Hakuta (N.HKTH) (35.29°N 133.26°W) is shown by a star with 100-km circle. We also show stations at Kamikawa (N.KKAH), Karakuwa (N.KKWH) and Asahi (N.ASNH) by stars.

performed because of complex propagation of the observed waves.

[5] For performing 3-D inversion, the phase information of the observed surface waves is important. However, only group velocity maps were obtained by the ambient noise tomography in most cases because the propagation of short-period surface waves, which are most sensitive to the crust, is too complicated. The waves are preferentially attenuated and scattered; therefore, the propagation distance exceeding 100 km distorted their waveforms significantly. In order to use the phase information, both dense instrumentation and widely distributed stations are required. The densified Hi-net array data of tiltmeters in Japan [Obara *et al.*, 2005] enables us to use their phase information.

[6] For performing 3-D wave velocity inversion, we developed a new method to fully utilize the waveform information. For modeling the observed cross spectra, we formulated synthetic cross spectra based on a normal mode theory with an assumption of stochastic stationary excitation of surface waves [Fukao *et al.*, 2002; Nishida and Fukao, 2007]. The method we have used is similar to partitioned waveform inversion [Nolet, 1990; van der Lee and Nolet, 1997]. Our method has three steps: (1) measurement of dispersion curves using many pairs of the observed cross spectra as in the spatial autocorrelation method [Aki, 1957], and inversion of the dispersion curves for obtaining local 1-D S wave velocity models; (2) estimation of path-

averaged 1-D S wave velocity structures by modeling observed cross spectra; and (3) inversion of path-averaged structures for obtaining 3-D S wave velocity structure ($0.1^{\circ} \times 0.1^{\circ} \times 1$ km grid from the surface to a depth of 50 km) using ray approximation.

2. Data

[7] Hi-net is a dense array that covers entire Japan and is operated by the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention. The Hi-net tiltmeter network consists of 679 tiltmeters (Figure 1) buried in deep boreholes of 100 m depth or more [Okada *et al.*, 2004]; it can be used as a network of horizontal long-period seismometers (accelerometers) [Tono *et al.*, 2005; Tonegawa *et al.*, 2006].

[8] For each station, we remove glitches and divide all the records in a time period from June 2004 to December 2004 into 1024 s segments with an overlap of 512 s. Each segment is Fourier-transformed to obtain cross spectra. Figure 2 shows probability density as a function of power spectra [e.g., McNamara and Buland, 2004]. Figure 2 shows a clear thick red curve with a peak at about 0.2 Hz, which corresponds to microseisms. The high probability densities in red color at about 0.2 Hz show a background level that is three orders of magnitude larger than the new low noise model (NLNM) [Peterson, 1993]. This high

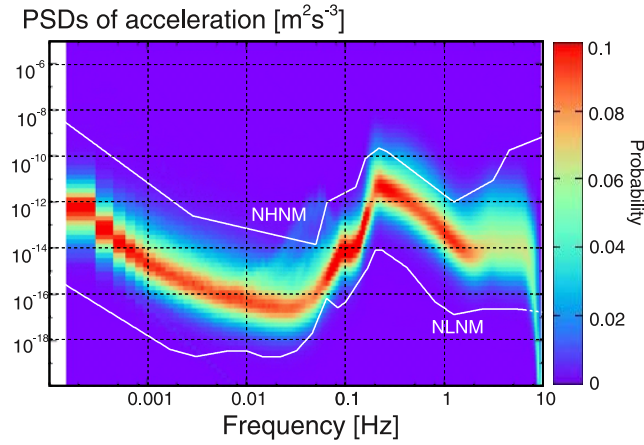


Figure 2. Probability density as a function of the power spectra of segments [McNamara and Buland, 2004]. For example, a probability density of 0.1 at a bin implies that 10% of the power spectra are distributed in a PSD range of that bin. We also show the new low noise model (NLNM) and the new high noise model (NHHM) by Peterson [1993].

background level is originated from the location of stations near coast lines. In order to analyze the background wavefield, we must discard outliers such as earthquakes, local nonstationary ground motions, and instrumental noise [Nishida and Kobayashi, 1999]. In order to detect the outliers, we estimate the background level \bar{I}_t at time t using the median of mean square amplitudes $I_{i,t}$ of the i th station filtered from 0.05 to 0.2 Hz. We discard the segments with $I_{i,t}$ larger than $10\bar{I}_t$ and those with $I_{i,t}$ smaller than $0.1\bar{I}_t$. We also discard all segments disturbed by transients when a sudden change of background level between successive time segments is larger than $0.12\bar{I}_t$.

[9] In order to study the propagation features of the observed surface waves, we calculated the frequency-slowness

spectra of the data [e.g., Rost and Thomas, 2002] at 0.075 Hz in Figure 3. The spectrum of radial components (R) shows clear Rayleigh wave propagation from all directions, and that of transverse components (T) also shows clear Love wave propagation. Surprisingly, the observed amplitudes of Love waves are larger than those of Rayleigh waves in contrast with the dominance of Rayleigh waves in most cases [Kawakami et al., 2005]. Therefore, we use both information on Love waves and that on Rayleigh waves in this study. Figures 3a and 3b show that the surface waves travel from all directions, although their amplitudes change slightly with directions. This feature justifies the ambient noise surface wave tomography [Snieder, 2004] because a cross-correlation analysis of an anisotropic excitation of surface waves causes apparent waves with a fast phase velocity.

3. Cross Spectra Between Pairs of Stations

[10] We calculate the ensemble average of normalized cross spectra, d_j^α of the j th pair (between the k th and the l th stations) for their common record segments as

$$d_j^\alpha(\omega) = \left\langle \frac{s_k^\alpha}{|s_k^\alpha|} \frac{s_l^{\alpha*}}{|s_l^{\alpha*}|} \right\rangle, \quad (1)$$

where s_k^α is the Fourier spectrum of the selected segments of the k th station. Here, α indicates a cross spectrum between R or that between T. R and T are defined in Figure 4. We model these spectra in section 4.

[11] Because of an isotropic excitation of Love and Rayleigh waves, as shown in Figure 3, the display of the cross-correlation functions between two stations against their separation distance should indicate clear Rayleigh and Love wave propagation [e.g., Shapiro and Campillo, 2004]. In fact, this is the case of the observed records, as shown in Figure 5, where the cross-correlation functions

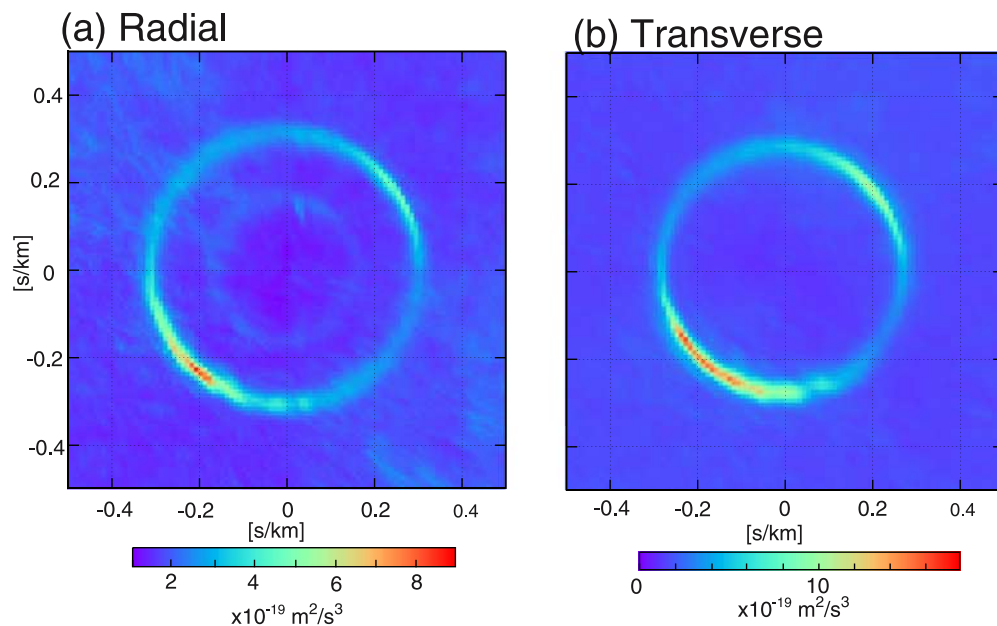


Figure 3. Frequency-slowness spectra at 0.075 Hz. (a) A frequency-slowness spectrum of the radial components of all stations on seismically quiet days and (b) that of transverse components.

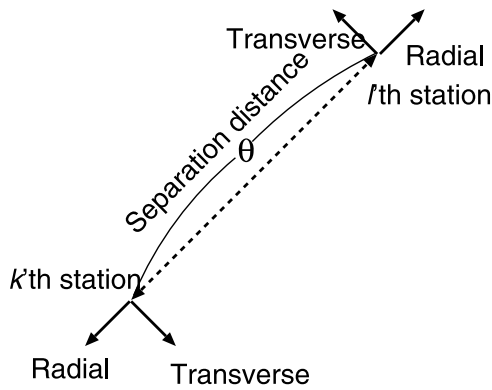


Figure 4. Schematic of the geometry of a pair of stations.

between R and T are band-pass-filtered from 0.02 to 0.5 Hz. They show clear propagation and dispersion of Rayleigh waves and Love waves. The cross-correlation functions with a separation distance longer than 1000 km are distorted because of their dispersion and attenuation. The cross-correlation functions shown in Figure 5a also exhibit weak

crustal *P* wave propagation up to a separation distance of about 400 km.

[12] In order to confirm the dispersive nature of the observed waves, a display in wave number-frequency domain is better. In Figure 6, we plot such wave number-frequency spectra between R and T against phase velocity and frequency [Nishida *et al.*, 2002] using all observed cross spectra. These plots exhibit a clear fundamental Rayleigh wave branch and a fundamental Love wave branch. We can also detect the first and the second overtone branches of Love waves in Figure 6b, although separation of the first overtones from fundamental Love waves in space-time domain is difficult. The crustal overtones result from the constructive interference of overcritical multiply reflected shear waves in the crust [Levshin *et al.*, 2005].

[13] In order to construct 3-D *S* wave velocity model, we use fundamental Rayleigh waves, fundamental Love waves, and the first overtone of Love waves below 0.2 Hz. The measurement of overtones provides valuable information for better vertical resolutions. Above 0.2 Hz, in some regions, their wave propagations are too complicated to model them. We can also observe ambient crustal *P* waves

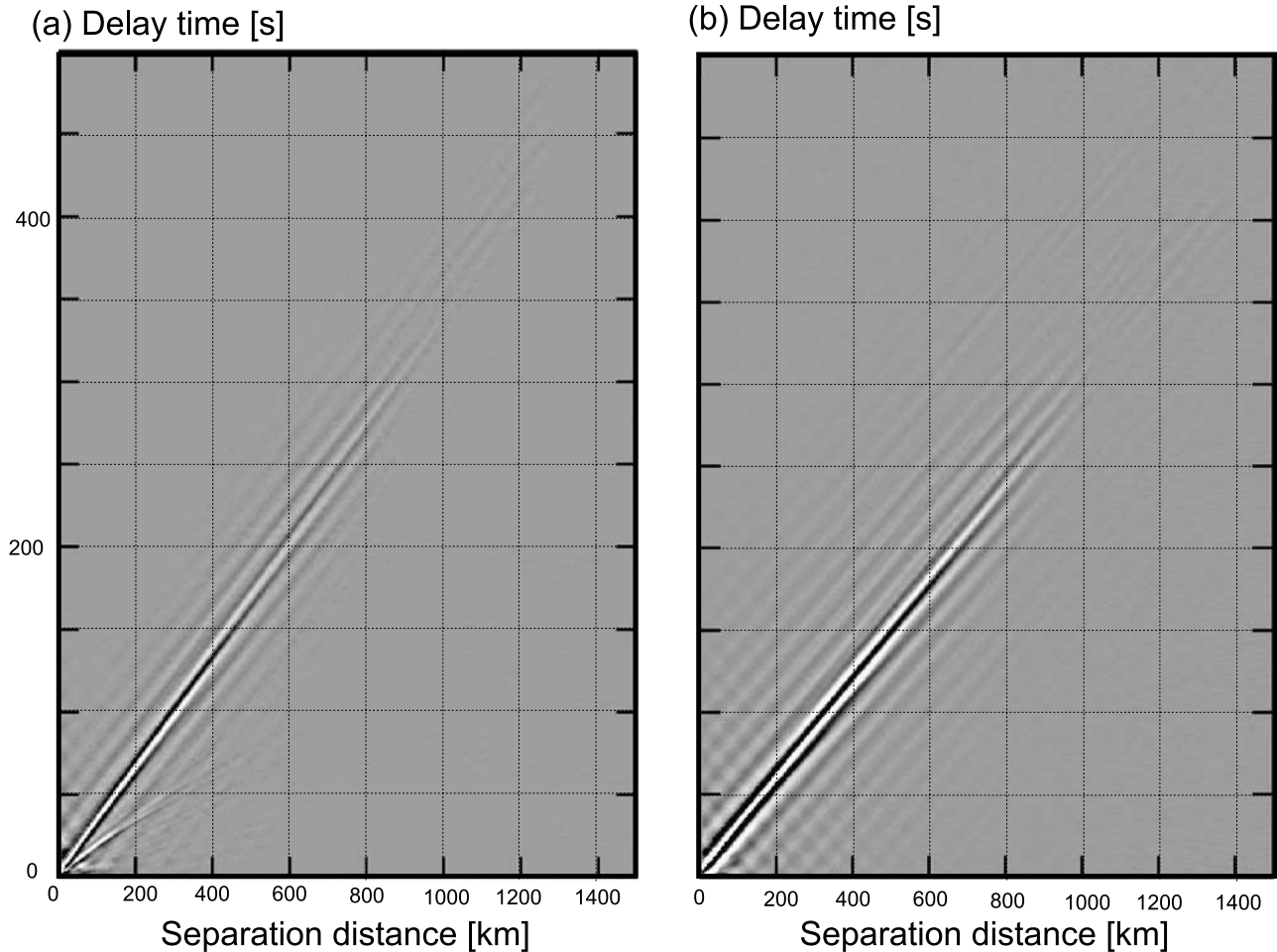


Figure 5. Stack cross-correlation functions (0.02–0.5 Hz) versus their separation distance and time lag. (a) Plot of cross-correlation functions between radial components, which show clear Rayleigh wave propagation and clear *P* waves, but here we do not use them. (b) Plot of the functions between transverse components and clear Love wave propagation.

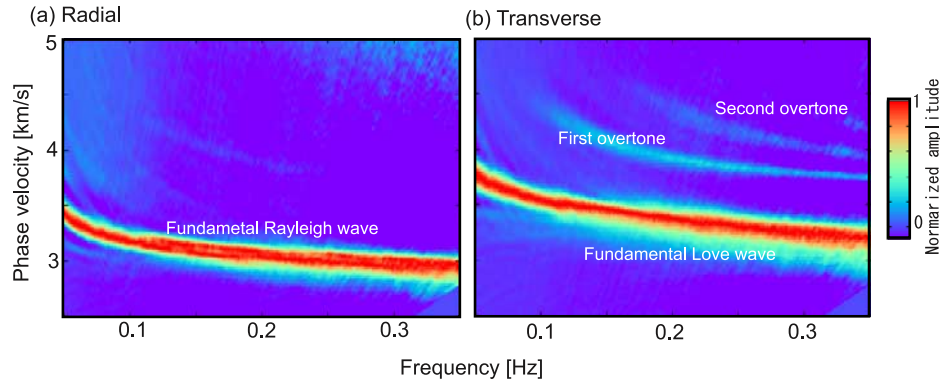


Figure 6. Frequency-phase velocity spectra using all pairs of stations. (a) A spectrum of radial components, which shows a clear Rayleigh wave branch and (b) that of transverse components, which shows a fundamental Love wave branch, first overtone branch, and second overtone branch.

in Figure 5a and the second overtone of Love waves, but we do not use them because of their small amplitudes.

4. Forward Problem: Synthetic Cross Spectra of Horizontal Components Between a Pair of Stations for Homogeneous Excitation Sources

[14] In this section, for modeling the observed cross spectra, we calculate the synthetic cross spectra of Rayleigh waves and Love waves. Following *Fukao et al.* [2002] we assume homogeneous and isotropic excitation sources. We can write the synthetic cross spectra as equation (A10) and equation (A11) of Appendix A, based on the normal mode theory. In this study, assuming that the separation distance Δ between pairs of stations is much shorter than the Earth's radius, we can approximate the cross spectra Ψ^α as

$$\Psi^\alpha(\Delta, \omega) = \sum_n a_n^\alpha(\omega) \psi(k_n^\alpha, q_n^\alpha; \Delta, \omega), \quad (2)$$

where ω is angular frequency, n represents a mode branch, k_n^α is the wave number of the n th overtone, q_n^α is the inverse of quality factor of n th overtone and a_n^α is the power spectrum of the n th overtone. Here, ψ is wave function defined by

$$\psi(k(\omega), q(\omega); \Delta, \omega) = -2 \left(J_0(k\Delta) - \frac{J_1(k\Delta)}{k\Delta} \right) e^{-\frac{\omega \Delta q(\omega)}{2U(\omega)}}, \quad (3)$$

where $U(\omega)$ is the group velocity of the wave. Later, we model the observed cross spectra using these equations.

5. Local 1-D S Wave Velocity Model for Each Station

[15] The first step of our inversion procedure is to obtain 1-D S wave velocity inversion for each station. For this, we assume that the lateral heterogeneity within a 100-km radius of a station is sufficiently small. A typical example of the circle at the Hakuta station (N.HKTH) is shown in Figure 1. In order to check plausibility of the assumption of isotropic excitation of the surface waves and lateral heterogeneity within the circle, we show cross-correlation functions within the 100-km circle for N.HKTH in Figure 7. In Figure 7

we just corrected amplitudes due to geometrical spreading. We also show them within the circles at the Kamikawa station (N.KKAH), the Karakuwa station (N.KKWH) and the Asahi station (N.ASNH) from Figure 9 to Figure 10. Locations of the stations are shown in Figure 1. Figures 7–10 show clear surface wave propagations and no apparent waves with fast phase velocity due to the anisotropic excitations. These features suggest that our assumption is plausible. By fitting the synthetic cross spectra to the observed ones between pairs of stations within the circle, we measure the phase velocity of fundamental Rayleigh waves, fundamental Love waves, and the first overtone of Love waves. From the dispersion curves, we obtain 679 reference 1-D S wave velocity structures by phase velocity inversion.

5.1. Measurement of Dispersion Curves of Surface Waves

[16] In order to construct a reference 1-D S wave velocity model within a 100-km circle for the m th station, we estimate wave number $k_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ of a fundamental mode branch, its quality factor $q_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$, and excitation terms $a_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ described in equation (2) by minimizing the square difference $S^{\alpha(m)}$ between the synthetic cross spectra and the observed ones for each frequency. Here we define $S^{\alpha(m)}$ as

$$S^{\alpha(m)}(q, a, k; \omega) = \frac{\sum_j w_j \left(d_j^\alpha(\omega) - a \psi(k + \delta f_j^\alpha(\omega), q; \Delta_j, \omega) \right)^2}{\sum_j w_j d_j^{\alpha}(\omega)^2}, \quad (4)$$

where $d_j^\alpha(\omega)$ is a cross spectrum of the j th pair of stations and w_j is a data quality-dependent weight of the j th observed cross spectrum. Here we simply corrected topographic effects, following *Snieder* [1986], by δf_j^α (see Appendix B for details). A three-step grid search method has been implemented to find the minimum $S^{\alpha(m)}$ for each frequency.

[17] At the first step, we set $q_0^\alpha = 1/200$ as the initial value. For the entire wave number and frequency range, we estimate corresponding excitation term $a(k, \omega)$ by minimizing $S^{\alpha(m)}$ as $\partial S^{\alpha(m)} / \partial a = 0$.

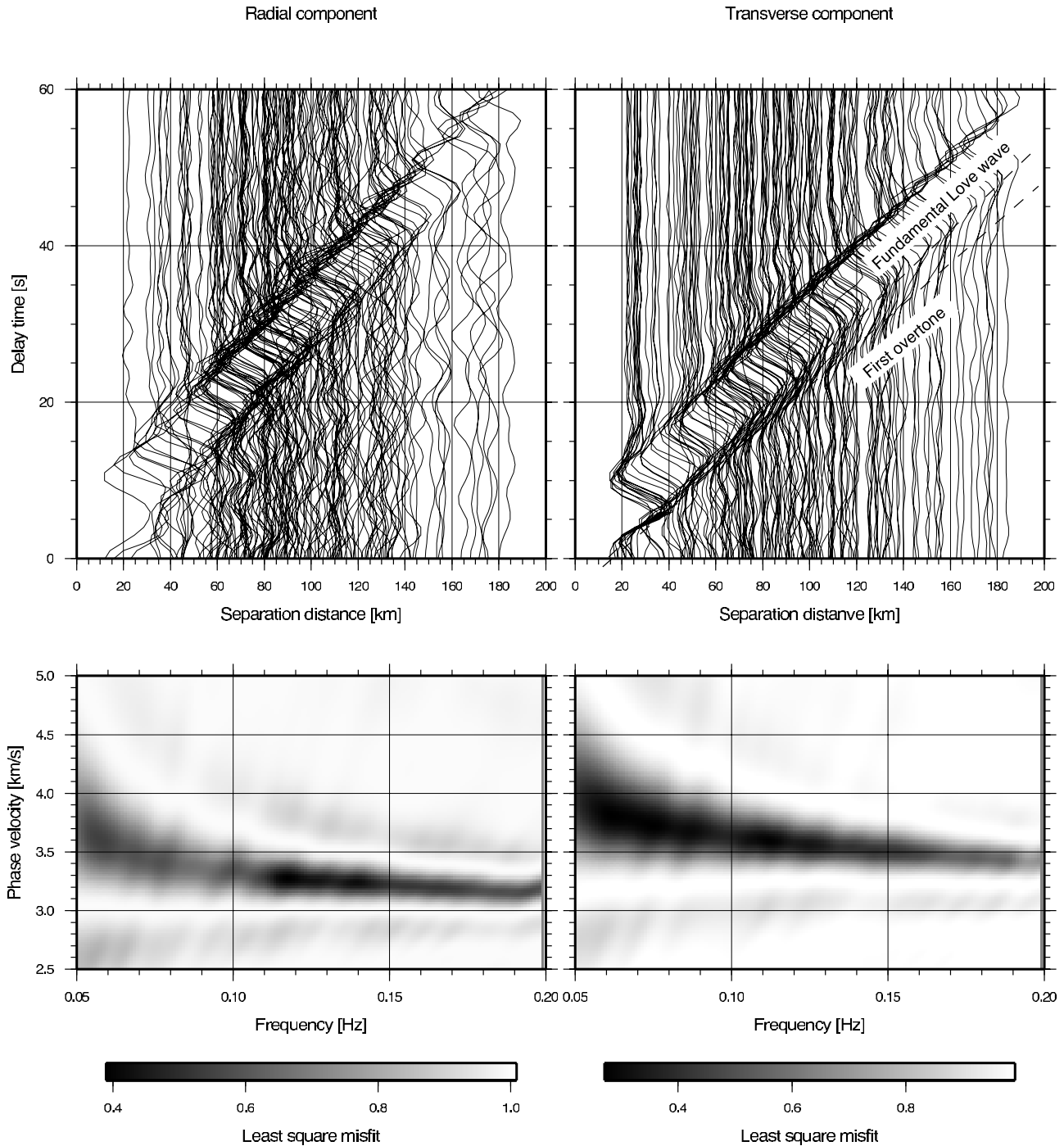


Figure 7. (top) Plots of cross-correlation functions between every pairs of stations within a 100-km radius of the station at N.HKTH (see Figure 1) band-pass-filtered from 0.05 to 0.2 Hz against their separation distance and time lag. (left) Plot for radial component and (right) plot for transverse component. We just corrected their amplitudes due to geometrical spreading. (bottom) Least squares misfits of radial components (S^R) and transverse components (S^T) for the station at N.HKTH against phase velocity (ω/k^p) and frequency. They show a clear fundamental Rayleigh wave branch and a fundamental Love wave branch. They also show a weak arrivals of first overtone of Love wave shown by a dashed line, but the separation from fundamental Love wave is difficult due to their overlap.

[18] At the next step, we plot the least squares misfits $S^{\alpha(m)}(k, \omega)$ with estimated $a(k, \omega)$ against frequency and the corresponding phase velocity. We show four typical examples from Figure 7 to Figure 10. All $S^{\alpha(m)}$ show clear

dispersion curves of these waves regardless of their location. The clear propagations suggest that our assumption of the isotropic excitations and the small lateral heterogeneities are plausible. For each frequency, a clear minimum value of

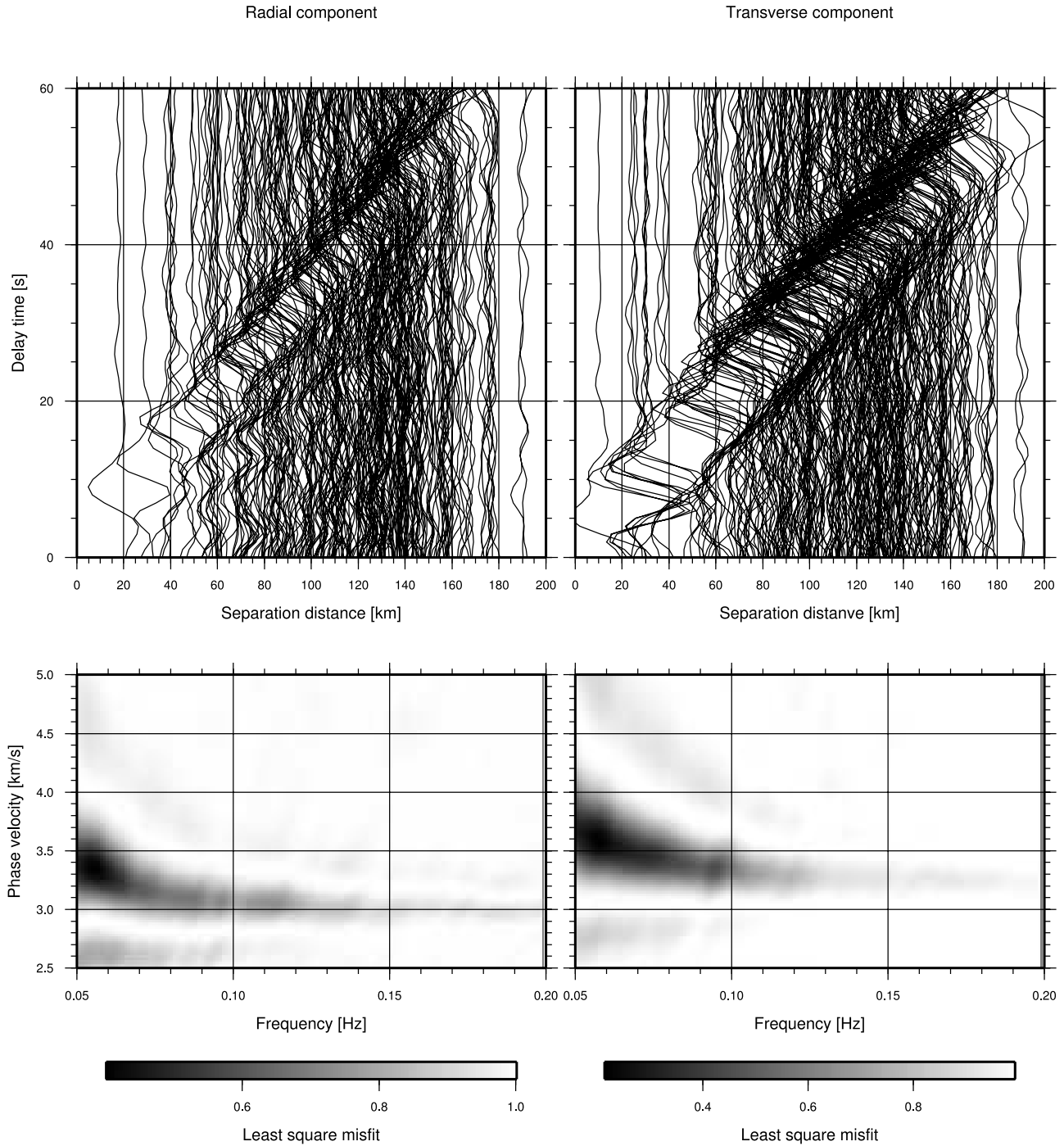


Figure 8. (top) Cross-correlation functions within a 100-km radius of the station at N.KKAH (see Figure 1). (bottom) Least squares misfits of radial components (S^R) and transverse components (S^T) for the station at N.KKAH against phase velocity and frequency.

$S^{\alpha(m)}$ can be identified in black, which exhibits a clear fundamental branch of Rayleigh waves with a phase velocity from 3.25 to 3.6 km/s, and Love waves from 3.4 to 4 km/s. We can determine $k_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ by selecting the minimum value from 0.05 to 0.2 Hz. We also obtain $a_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ corresponding to the determined $k_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$.

[19] At the third step, keeping $k_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ and $a_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ by constant, we estimate $q_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ using grid search. Here, $q_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ is influenced by not only intrinsic anelasticity but

also small heterogeneity within the circle; therefore, we cannot interpret the physical meaning of $q_0^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$. However, q_0^α is necessary only for reducing the contribution of fundamental Love waves in order to measure the wave number of the first overtone of a Love wave, as shown below, because fundamental Love waves mask the first overtone, as showing in Figure 7. In space-time domain, separation of the first overtones from the Love waves is also difficult because of their overlaps as shown in Figure 7 (top right).

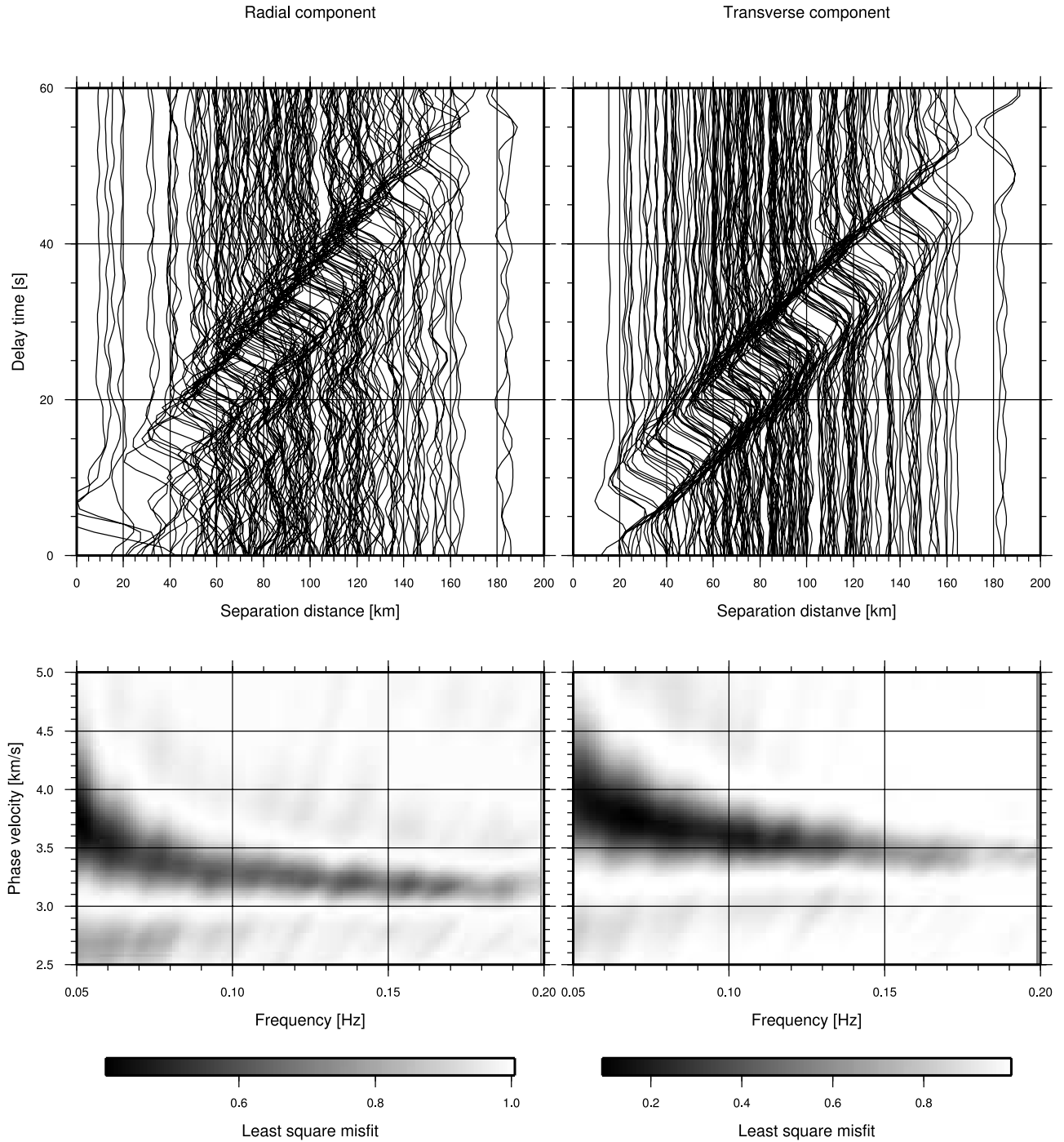


Figure 9. (top) Cross-correlation functions within a 100-km radius of the station at N.KKWH (see Figure 1). (bottom) Least squares misfits of radial components (S^R) and transverse components (S^T) for the station at N.KKWH against phase velocity and frequency.

[20] In order to measure the wave number of the first overtone of a Love wave for the m th reference station, $k_1^T(\omega)^{(m)}$, and its excitation term $a_1^T(\omega)^{(m)}$, we reduce the contribution of the estimated fundamental Love waves from the observed spectra as

$$d_j^T(\omega) - a_0^T(\omega)^{(m)} \psi(k_0^T(\omega)^{(m)} + \delta t^T(\omega), q_0^T(\omega)^{(m)}; \Delta_j, \omega), \quad (5)$$

because the first overtone of a Love wave is masked by the fundamental Love waves, as shown in Figure 7. Then, we can determine the dispersion curves of the first overtone using the same method as that used for fundamental modes. A resultant plot of their misfits is shown in Figure 11 for N.HKTH. Figure 11 exhibits a clear first overtone branch from 4 to 4.5 km/s. We measure $k_1^T(\omega)^{(m)}$ from 0.1 to 0.2 Hz because a crustal overtone of a Love wave can exist only above 0.1 Hz.

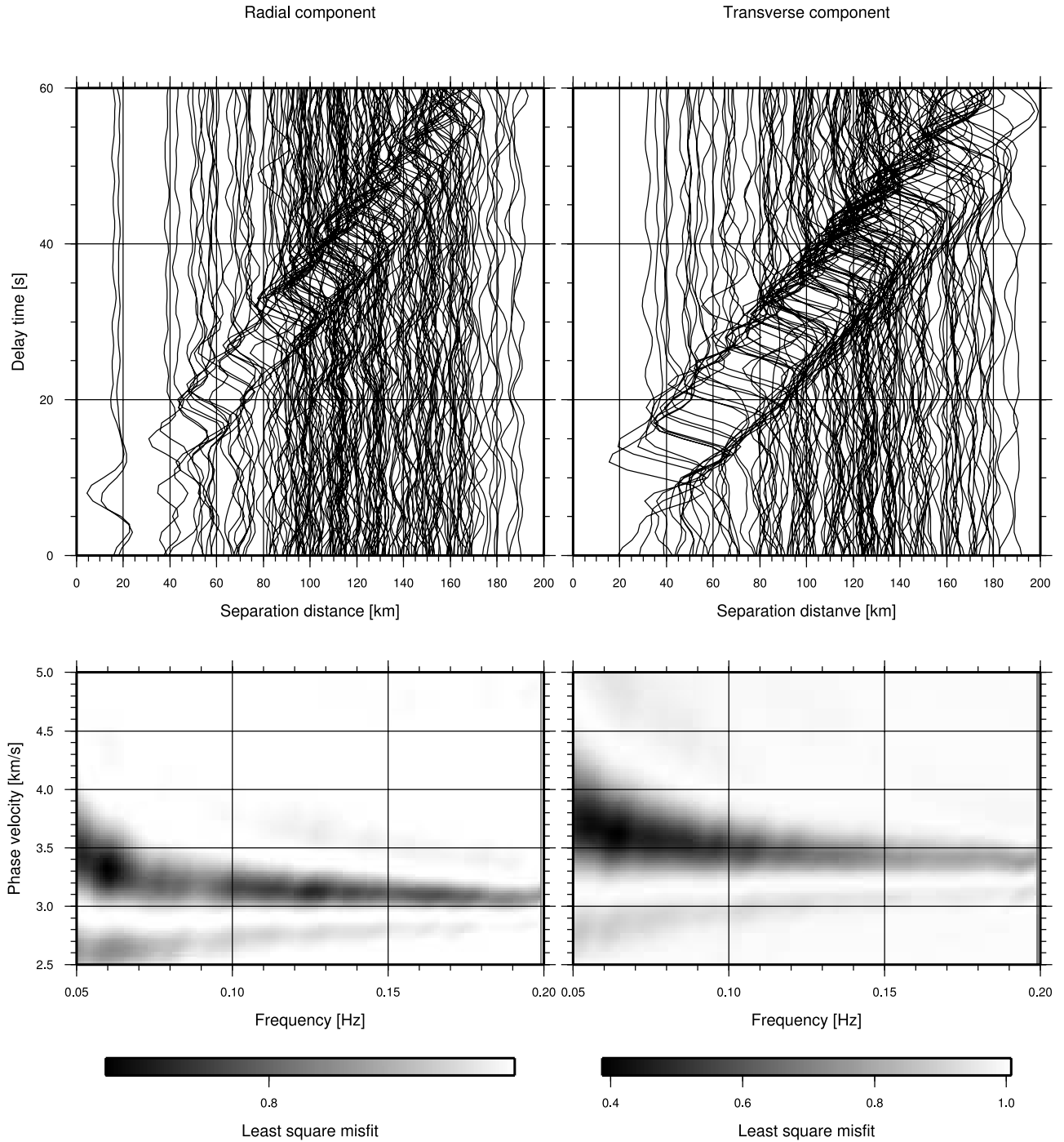


Figure 10. (top) Cross-correlation functions within a 100-km radius of the station at N.ASNH (see Figure 1). (bottom) Least squares misfits of radial components (S^R) and transverse components (S^T) for the station at N.ASNH against phase velocity and frequency.

5.2. 1-D S Wave Velocity Inversion Using a Simulated Annealing Method

[21] At the first stage of 1-D S wave velocity inversion, we modify the initial model using linearized phase velocity inversion in order to accelerate the inversion in the second stage. This inversion begins with the initial P and S wave velocity model JMA2001 [Ueno *et al.*, 2002], and a density model by scaling the P wave velocity [Christensen and Mooney, 1995; Mooney *et al.*, 1998]. For the initial model,

we calculate the wave number perturbations $\delta k_n^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}$ of the n th overtone for the m th reference station as

$$\delta k_n^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)} = \int_{R_b}^R K_n^\alpha(\omega, r)^{(m)} \delta\beta(r) dr, \quad (6)$$

where r is radial distance from the center of the Earth, R is the radius of the Earth and R_b is the bottom of the model in this inversion. Here, $K_n^\alpha(\omega, z)^{(m)}$ is the 1-D sensitivity kernel

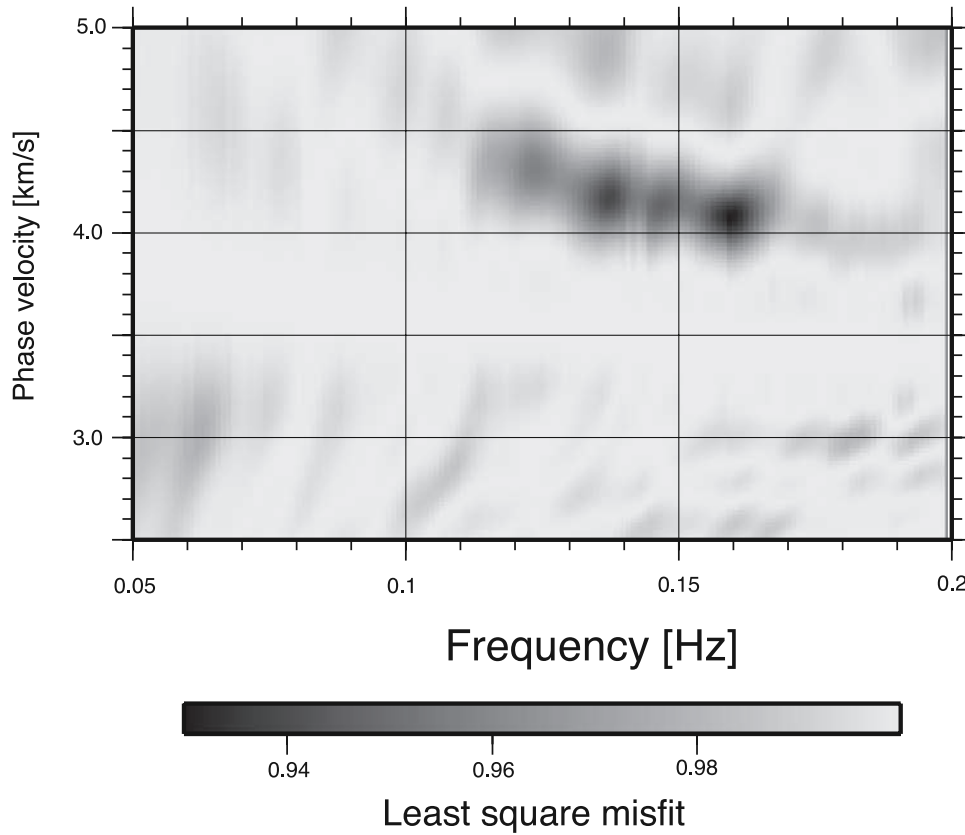


Figure 11. Least squares misfits of transverse components (S^T) with reduction of the contribution of fundamental Love waves for the station at N.HKTH.

of the n th branch for the m th reference model [Takeuchi and Saito, 1972; Dahlen and Tromp, 1998]. Here, because the density perturbation ($\delta\rho$) and the P wave velocity perturbation ($\delta\alpha$) are less sensitive to the wave number perturbation, we simply scale them [Masters et al., 2000] as

$$\frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln \beta} = 0.4, \frac{d \ln \alpha}{d \ln \beta} = 0.6. \quad (7)$$

[22] In Figure 12 we plot typical examples of sensitivity kernels. At 0.2 Hz, the maximum sensitivity of the fundamental Love wave is in the upper crust above 10 km. The sensitivity deepens and broadens as period increases. At 0.05 Hz, the fundamental Rayleigh wave is sensitive to the crust above 40 km. The first overtone of the Love wave is sensitive to the crust from 20 to 40 km. By using the kernels, we estimate the S wave velocity perturbation $\delta\beta(r)$ employing the linearized phase velocity inversion.

[23] In the next stage, in order to avoid the initial model dependence of the 1-D S wave velocity inversion, we employ a simulated annealing method [Rothman, 1985; Shapiro and Ritzwoller, 2002; Metropolis et al., 1953], which effectively searches for global model space. We invert the measured dispersion curves for obtaining a 1-D S wave velocity structure modeled by a continuous piecewise linear function of depth with nodes (0, 2, 4, ..., 40, 50 km) using very fast simulated annealing (FSA) [Ingber, 1989] which is very efficient for many geophysical appli-

cations [e.g., Zhao et al., 1996]. The FSA method uses a random sampling of a new model with a Cauchy-like distribution, which depends on the current model and the temperature parameter. This search scheme allows the use of a very fast cooling schedule.

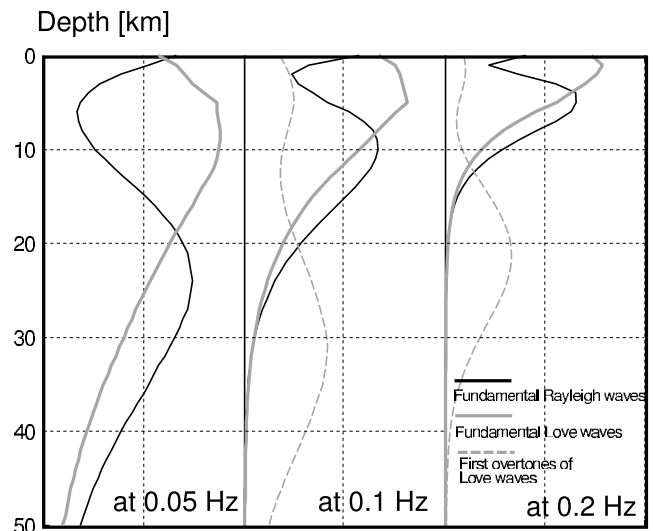


Figure 12. Typical examples of sensitivity kernels of a fundamental Rayleigh wave, fundamental Love wave, and the first overtone of the Love wave at 0.05, 0.1, and 0.2 Hz.

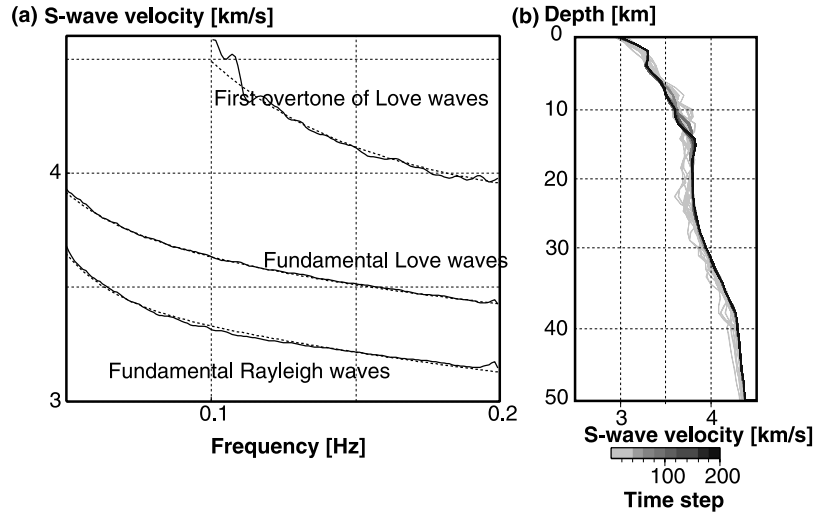


Figure 13. (a) Measured dispersion curves for a reference station at N.HKTH (solid lines) and those predicted by the final model (dashed lines). (b) One-dimensional S wave velocity models for all iterations (200). Color of the lines darkens with iterations. The resultant final model is shown by a black line.

[24] Figure 13 shows a typical example of the inversion for the reference station N.HKTH. Figure 13a shows the observed dispersion curves and the ones predicted by the final model. Figure 13a shows that the final model predicts the observed dispersion curves well. Figure 13b shows models for all iterations of FSA; the color of the models darkens with iterations. Figure 13b shows a rapid convergence of the iterations (200 times). Similarly, we estimated 679 1-D S wave velocity models for all stations. In Figure 14, we show typical examples of the resultant structures. The models at N.KKAH and N.ASNH are typical 1-D structures in a low-velocity region, whereas those at N.KKWH and N.HKTH are typical ones in a high-velocity region. Figure 14 shows that S wave velocity anomaly reaches 20% in the mid crust. This large velocity contrast shows the necessity of these local 1-D models for our waveform inversion. Figure 14 does not show a sharp Moho discontinuities at all the stations, because of the broad sensitivity kernels at that depth (Figure 12).

6. Path-Averaged S Wave Velocity Structure

[25] The second step is the waveform inversion of cross spectra for average S wave velocity perturbations along their paths. In section 5, we assumed that the lateral heterogeneity within a 100-km circle of a reference station is sufficiently small. Therefore, we can calculate the synthetic cross spectra between a pair of stations within the circle using a first-order approximation. We use only the cross spectra with a separation distance of 200 km in order to avoid the complexity of wave propagations such as multi-path effects.

[26] We define the average wave number perturbation $\overline{\delta k_{n,j}^{\alpha(m)}}$ from the m th reference model along the j th path by

$$\overline{\delta k_{n,j}^{\alpha(m)}} = \frac{1}{\Delta_j} \int_{P_j} [k_n^{\alpha}(\theta, \phi, \omega) - k_n^{\alpha}(\omega)^{(m)}] d\Delta, \quad (8)$$

where $k_n^{\alpha}(\theta, \phi, \omega)$ is local wave number of n th overtone, $k_n^{\alpha}(\omega)^{(m)}$ is synthetic wave number for m th reference model, P_j represents a j th raypath, and Δ_j is separation distance along the j th path. $\overline{\delta k_{n,j}^{\alpha(m)}}$ can be represented by a convolution between its sensitivity kernel and the path-

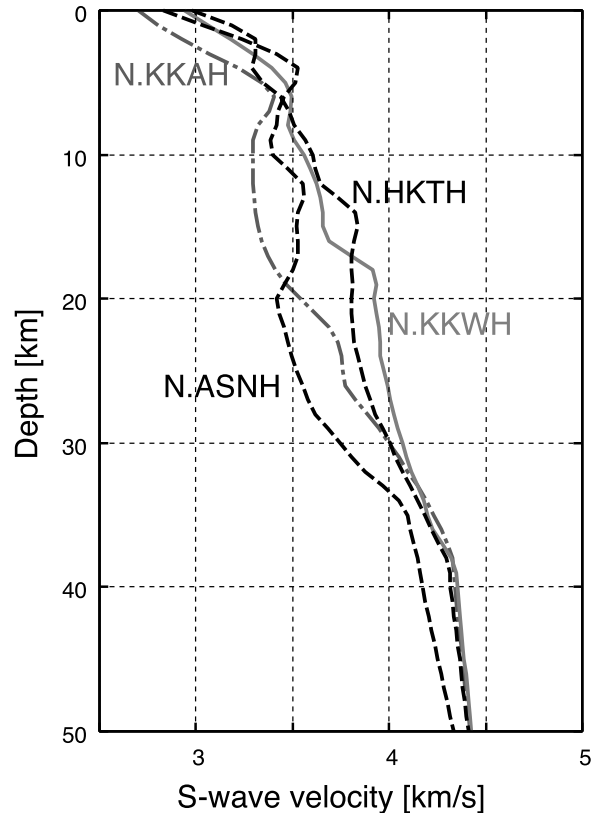


Figure 14. Typical examples of 1-D S wave velocity models at N.KKAH, N.KKWH, N.ASNH, and N.HKTH. Locations of the stations are shown in Figure 1.

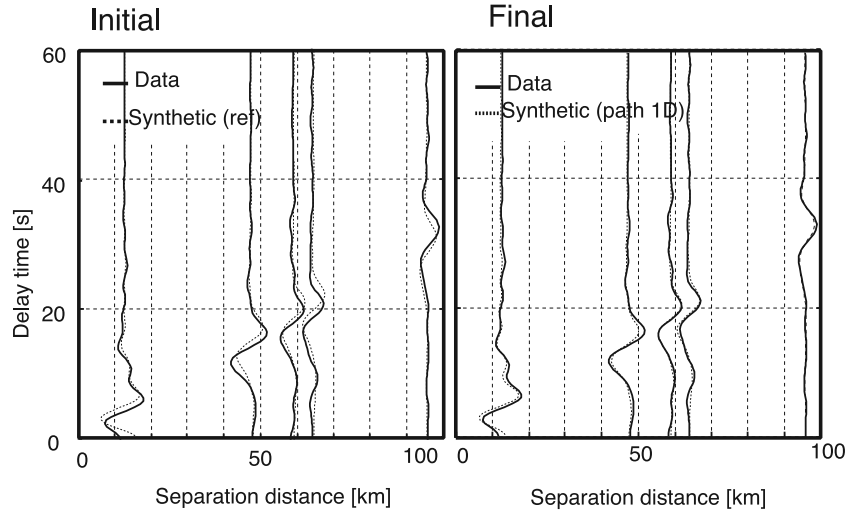


Figure 15. (a) Synthetic seismograms for measured 1-D S wave velocity structure with a reference station at N.HKTH and observed ones. (b) Synthetic seismograms for a resultant path-averaged structure and the observed ones. Figures 15a and 15b show that path-averaged models significantly improve waveform fitting.

averaged S wave speed perturbation $\overline{\delta\beta_j(r)^{(m)}}$ from the m th reference model along the j th path as

$$\overline{\delta k_{n,j}^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}} = \int_{R_b}^R K_n^\alpha(\omega, r)^{(m)} \overline{\delta\beta_j(r)^{(m)}} dr. \quad (9)$$

Here, we define $\overline{\delta\beta_j(r)^{(m)}}$ by

$$\overline{\delta\beta_j(r)^{(m)}} = \frac{1}{\Delta_j} \int_{P_j} [\beta(\theta, \phi, r) - \beta_0(r)^{(m)}] d\Delta, \quad (10)$$

where $\beta(r, \theta, \phi)$ is the S wave velocity at (r, θ, ϕ) and $\beta_0(r)^{(m)}$ is the m th reference 1-D model.

[27] Then, the synthetic cross spectra $\overline{\Psi_j^\alpha}$ of the j th pair of station can be written to the first order of a wave number perturbation as

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\Psi_j^\alpha} \approx & \sum_n a_n^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)} \psi \left(k_n^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)} + \delta k_n^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}, q_n^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}; \Delta_j, \omega \right) \\ & + \sum_n a_n^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial k} \Big|_{k_n^\alpha(\omega)^{(m)}} \int_{R_b}^R K_n^\alpha(\omega, r)^{(m)} \overline{\delta\beta_j(r)^{(m)}} dr. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

We can obtain path-averaged 1-D S wave velocity structures by minimizing the square difference between the observed and the synthetic cross spectra $(\overline{\Psi^R} - d^R)^2 + (\overline{\Psi^T} - d^T)^2$.

[28] Figure 15 shows typical examples of the observed cross-correlation functions band-pass-filtered from 0.05 to 0.2 Hz. We also plot synthetics from the reference 1-D model and the path-averaged model. Figure 15 shows that path-averaged models significantly improve waveform fitting. Figure 16 shows mean S wave velocity of the path averages with their standard deviations for reference station N.HKTH. Figure 16 shows that the S wave velocity perturbations below the depth of 15 km decrease due to low sensitivity.

[29] We obtain the averaged S wave velocity structure $\overline{\beta_j}$ along the j th path for all reference stations as

$$\overline{\beta_j(r)} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_m (\overline{\delta\beta_j(r)^{(m)}} + \beta_0(r)^{(m)}), \quad (12)$$

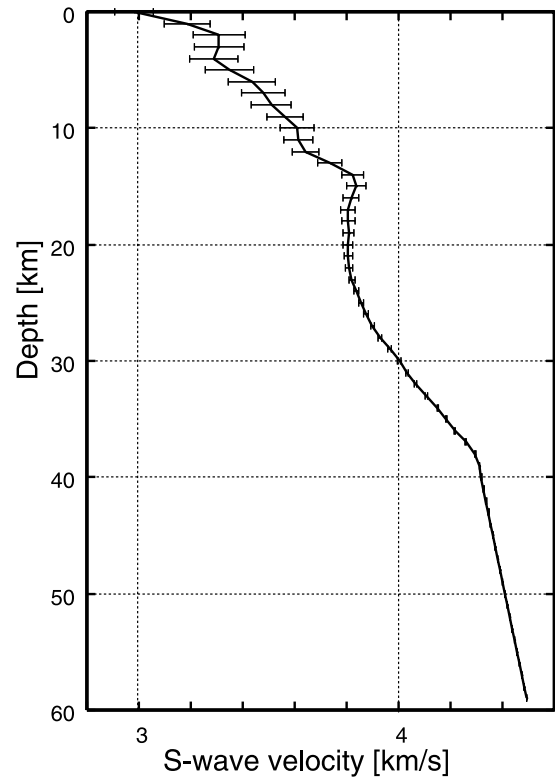


Figure 16. Mean S wave velocities of a resultant path-averaged 1-D S wave velocity structure with their standard deviations. The path-averaged structures are calculated with the reference model of N.HKTH.

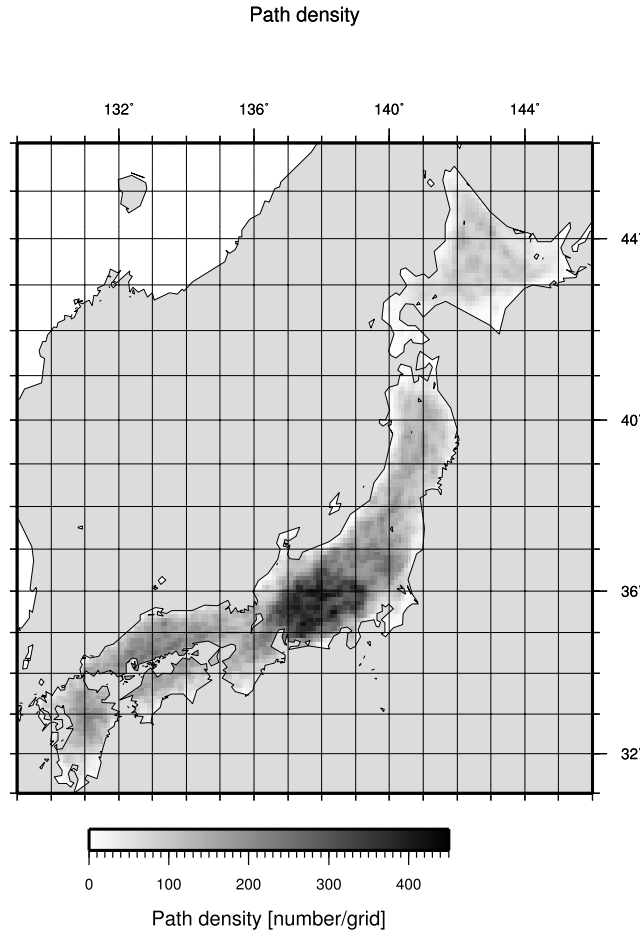


Figure 17. Path density map. We plot number per grid ($0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ$).

where M is the number of reference stations for the j th path.

7. Inversion of 3-D S Wave Velocity Structure Using Ray Approximation

[30] The third step is the construction of a 3-D S wave tomographic model from a collection of path-averaged 1-D S wave velocity structures. The shear slowness of the 1-D models obtained from the waveform inversion can be regarded as the average of the shear slowness structure along the great circle path between a pair of stations [Debayle and Kennett, 2000] as

$$\frac{1}{\bar{\beta}_j} = \frac{1}{\Delta_j} \int_{P_j} p(r, \theta, \phi) d\Delta, \quad (13)$$

where slowness $p = 1/\beta$. The path-averaged model for each path represents an average of the slowness structure encountered along the path. We model the slowness $p(r, \theta, \phi)$ by blocks of 0.1° latitude and longitude and 1 km depth.

[31] The S wave velocity anomaly on the order of 100-km scale reaches 20%, as shown in Figure 14. For the 3-D inversion with an initial 1-D model for entire Japan, the damping of the 3-D inversion distorts small-scale structures due to the strong anomaly. In order to avoid the distortion,

we estimate the initial slowness model $p_0(r, \theta_i, \phi_i)$ using the weighted average of the resultant path-averaged S wave velocity structure as

$$p_0(r_i, \theta_i, \phi_i) = \frac{\sum_j w_j \bar{\beta}_j^{-1} \Delta s_{j,i}}{\sum_j w_j \Delta s_{j,i}}, \quad (14)$$

where $\Delta s_{j,i}$ is the path length of the i th grid intersected by the j th path and w_j is the weight for the j th path. We reduce prediction by p_0 from data as

$$\frac{1}{\Delta_j} \int_{P_j} \delta p d\Delta = \bar{\beta}_j^{-1} - \frac{1}{\Delta_j} \int_{P_j} p_0 d\Delta, \quad (15)$$

where δp is the slowness perturbation ($p - p_0$).

[32] Strong spatial variations of path density shown in Figure 17 also distort the spatial resolution of this inversion. In order to homogenize their resolution [Barmin *et al.*, 2001] we change variables as

$$\delta p'(r, \theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\eta(r, \theta, \phi)} \delta p(r, \theta, \phi), \quad (16)$$

where η is the path density. Although use of a sampling-dependent cell parameterization may result in a better conditioned inverse problem, actually the hit count scaling gives good result in many cases [e.g., Bijwaard *et al.*, 1998]. For each depth (every 1 km), we estimated $\delta p'$ using singular value decomposition algorithm. The inverse of the singular values is replaced by zeros when they are less than 2.5% of the maximum value.

[33] In order to ascertain the adequacy of the ray coverage and reliability of the obtained image, we plot a typical example of a recovered image for a localized anomaly at a block (Figure 18). Figure 18 shows 23% recovery in amplitude due to the damping applied in the inversion. The recovered image is broadened from $0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ$ to about $0.3^\circ \times 0.3^\circ$. We also plot the diagonal components of the resolution matrix at the corresponding blocks in Figure 19. Figure 19 shows that the spatial resolution is almost uniform although its value near a coast line is low due to a lack of path coverage. Below 20 km, because spatial resolution is constrained by the wavelength of excited surface waves rather than path density, the resolution is broadened with frequency. For example at a depth of 30 km, typical wavelength of the corresponding fundamental surface waves at 0.05 Hz is about 70 km.

8. Results

[34] The resultant S wave velocity structures at nine depths (2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 km) are shown in Figure 20. At shallow depths from 2 to 10 km, we can identify a low-velocity anomaly located at volcano regions in Tohoku and Kyusyu. The strongest low-velocity anomaly is located along the Hidaka mountain range in Hokkaido. We also observe a strong low-velocity anomaly in Chubu and Kanto around major tectonic lines. At a depth from 10 to 15 km, Figure 20 shows clear low-velocity anomaly due to an accretional belt in the southwestern part of Shikoku.

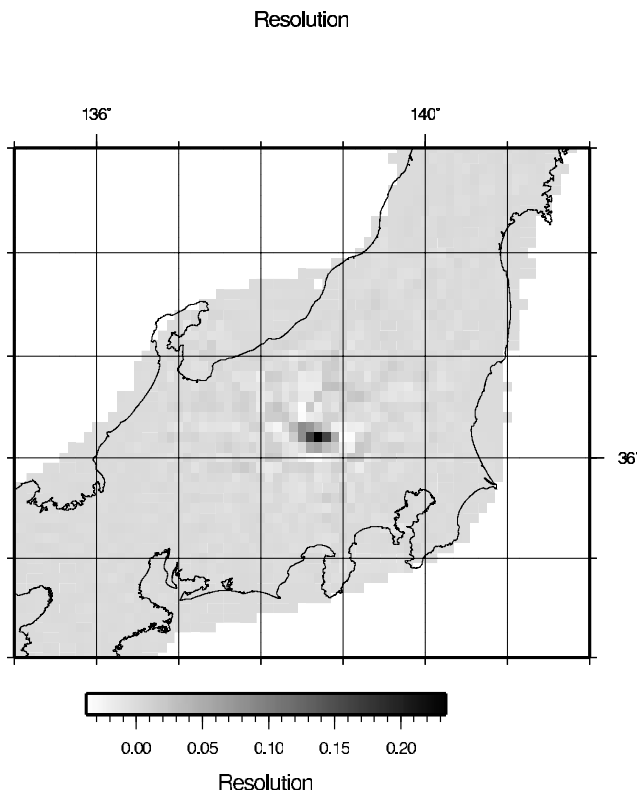


Figure 18. A typical example of a recovered image for a localized anomaly at a block.

At a depth from 2 to 25 km in Chugoku and Tohoku, we can identify a high-velocity anomaly. At a depth from 25 to 40 km, Figure 20 show a low-velocity anomaly at the center of Japan, which suggests a thick crust. In this depth range, the low-velocity anomaly in Hokkaido disappears. In whole area, we cannot detect sharp Moho discontinuities because of low sensitivity of corresponding surface waves although we can identify low-velocity anomalies at 40 km due to lateral variations of Moho depth.

8.1. Hokkaido

[35] Our result reveals a low-velocity belt along the Hidaka collision zone (HCZ) from the surface to a depth of 20 km (Figure 21). In the upper crust, we observe S wave velocity perturbations more extreme than -20% . A resultant profile from A to B in Figure 21 is consistent with that obtained by seismic refraction/wide-angle reflection experiments [Iwasaki *et al.*, 2004]. This low-velocity anomaly suddenly disappears below 25 km. In the east part of the profile from A to B, Figure 21 exhibits thick superficial sedimentary layers of about 5 km thickness. To the north of the HCZ, the profile from C to D in Figure 21 also shows a strong low-velocity anomaly along the lithospheric boundary although it disappears at the center of the profile.

[36] Arc-arc collisions are important processes in the transformation of an island arc crust to the new continental crust. In the southern Hokkaido region of Japan, the Kuril arc has been colliding with the northeast Japan arc since middle Miocene [Kimura, 1994], resulting in the uplift of the Hidaka Mountains behind the Hidaka Main Thrust. Seismic tomographic and exploration studies confirm that

the Kuril arc is obducted toward the west [Tsumura *et al.*, 1999; Murai *et al.*, 2003; Iwasaki *et al.*, 2004]. Their results show that the lower crust of the Kuril arc is delaminated at a depth of 20 ~ 30 km on the eastern side of the Hidaka Mountains and that the lower part is descending westward. The S wave velocity structure along the profile from A to B in Figure 21 shows a high-velocity anomaly at a depth of 10 ~ 20 km, corresponding to the obducted crust at a shallow depth. Strong low-velocity anomalies along the profile from A to B suggest a severe deformation during the collision.

8.2. Tohoku

[37] Figure 22 shows a S wave velocity structure beneath Tohoku. A depth slice at 2 km reveals low-velocity anomalies under volcanoes with a scale of about 40 km. The low-velocity anomalies are confined to two or three active volcanoes [Nakajima *et al.*, 2001]. The low-velocity anomaly below volcanoes disappears from 15 to 25 km. Below 25 km, we can observe a large-scale low-velocity anomaly beneath the volcanic front although our results do not have sufficient spatial resolution in the horizontal range of 30 ~ 40 km. Through all depth, we observe high-velocity anomaly beneath the fore-arc side of Tohoku (from C to D in Figure 22).

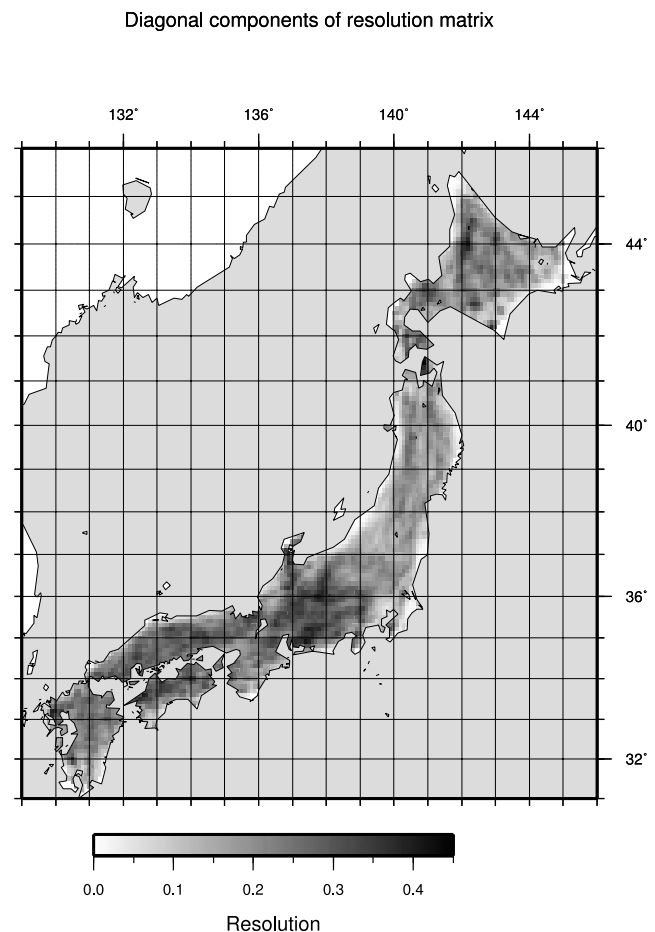


Figure 19. Plot of the diagonal components of a resolution matrix at corresponding grids. Uniform resolution is shown, although its values near a coast line are slightly low.

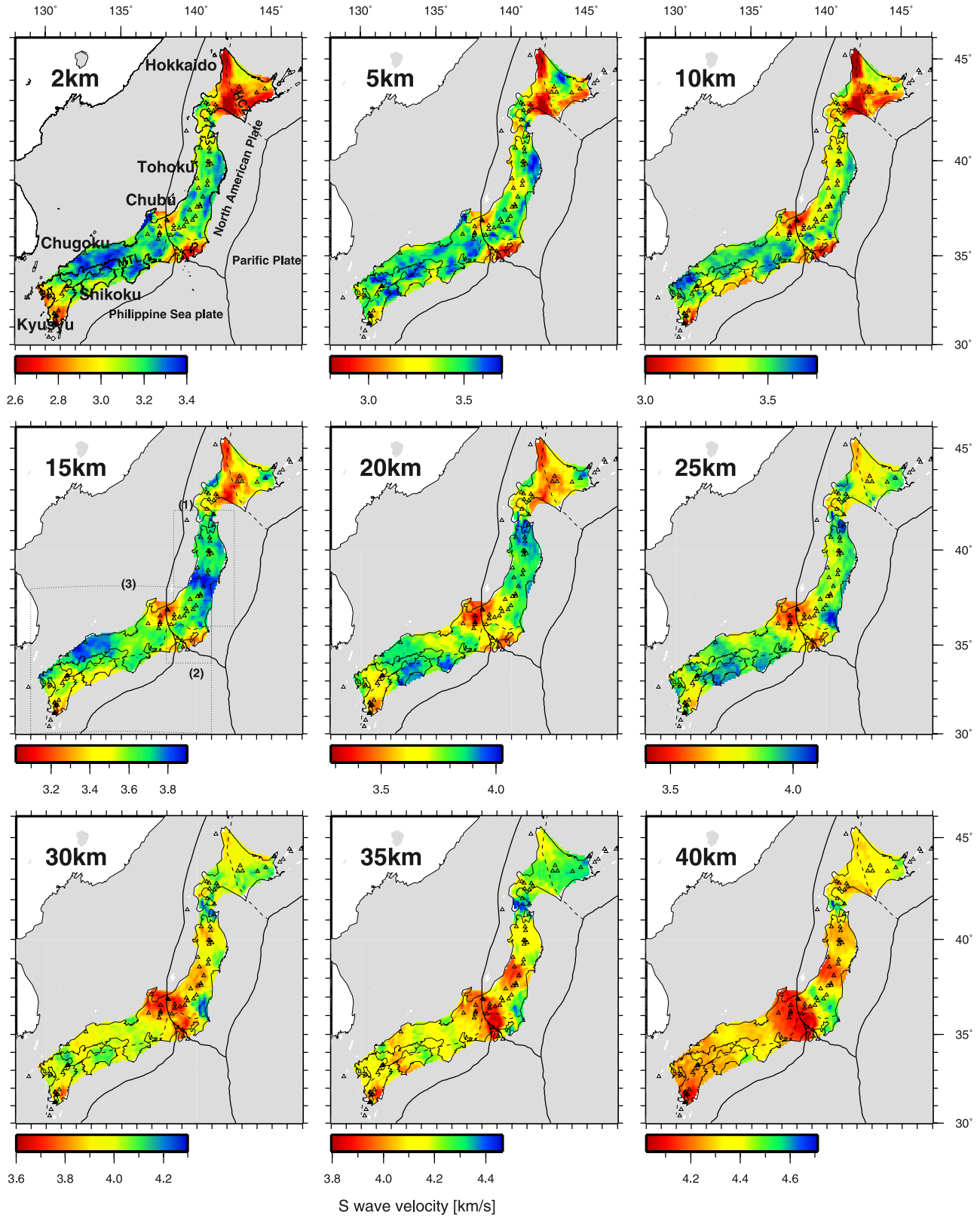


Figure 20. Depth slices of a resultant *S* wave velocity structure. We also plot the lithospheric boundaries and volcanoes as triangles. In the depth slice at 15 km, we also show three rectangular areas of local traveltime tomographic models: (1) the model by *Nakajima et al.* [2001], (2) that by *Matsubara et al.* [2005], and (3) that by *Nakajima and Hasegawa* [2007b].

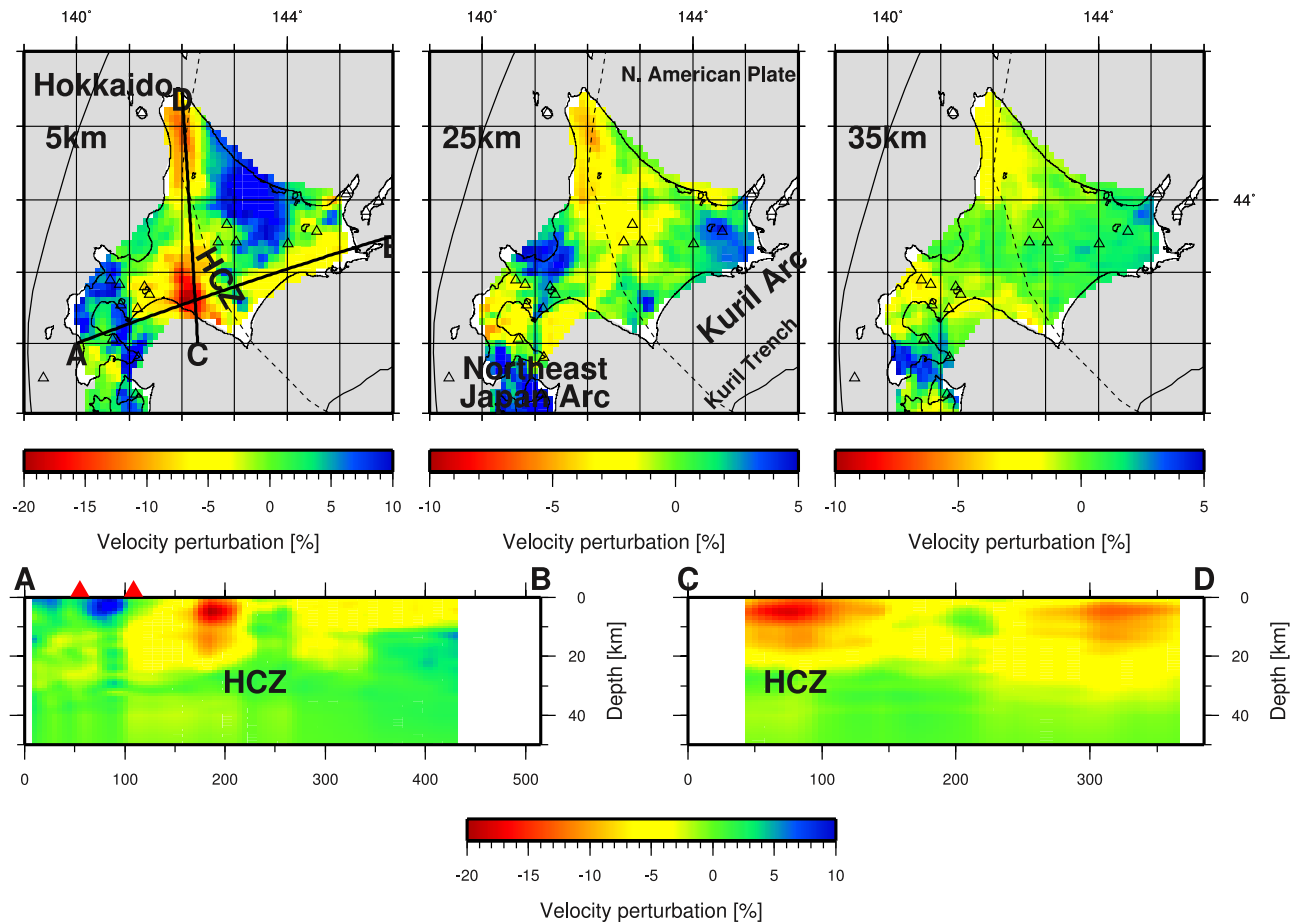


Figure 21. (top) Depth slices of a resultant S wave velocity perturbation from a 1-D model averaged in the plot area at 5, 25 and 35 km. (bottom) Vertical cross section along HCZ from A to B for which vertical cross sections of velocity structure are shown in Figure 21 (top left). We also plot a vertical cross section across the HCZ from C to D. We also plot volcanoes in symbols of triangles. Here we plot S wave velocity perturbations from mean the 1-D model averaged in plot area.

8.3. Chubu and Kanto

[38] Figure 23 shows two clear low-velocity anomalies around tectonic lines. The first anomaly is located from the surface to a depth of 25 km in Kanto to the south of Median Tectonic line (MTL), one of the longest and the most active arc-parallel fault systems in Japan. This anomaly was formed by the successive accretion of sediments and oceanic plate materials. The second anomaly is distributed along the Niigata-Kobe Tectonic Zone (NKTZ) [Sagiya *et al.*, 2000]. The zone of high strain rates along the NKTZ was revealed by a GPS array in Japan. This high strain rate zone, which is approximately 500 km long in the NE–SW direction and approximately 100 km wide, undergoes contraction in the WNW–ESE direction. The contraction rate is a few times larger than that in the surrounding regions. On the basis of resultant velocity structures, the NKTZ can be divided into two regions: the western part and the eastern part where volcanoes are concentrated. In the western part, we observe a low-velocity anomaly at the depth of about 20 km. That may be explained by the existence of an aqueous fluid deprived from the Philippine Sea slab [Nakajima and Hasegawa, 2007a]. In the eastern part, we can observe a clear vertical thin dike structure of a low-velocity anomaly.

The low-velocity anomalies extend from the middle crust to the upper crust, which are probably due to the fluids related to the back-arc volcanism [Nakajima and Hasegawa, 2007a]. Below 30 km, we observe a low-velocity anomaly with a scale of 200 km at the center of this area. The low velocity is reflected from the thick crust with a deep Moho depth of about 40 km [Zhao *et al.*, 1992]. We also observe a high-velocity anomaly below 30 km beneath eastern Kanto, which suggests segments of Philippine Sea slab.

8.4. Southwestern Japan and Kyusyu

[39] In Figure 24, the profile from A to B shows a clear low-velocity anomaly below 30 km corresponding the oceanic crust. The Philippine Sea slab subducts continuously in a SE–NW direction beneath this region [Shiomi *et al.*, 2006]. We cannot detect oceanic Moho because of poor spatial resolution in that depth range.

[40] The vertical slice from C to D shows a low-velocity anomaly in south Shikoku from the surface to a depth of 20 km. The depth slices at 5 and 15 km show that the low-velocity anomalies are distributed on the southern side of MTL, corresponding to the Shimanto belt. The Shimanto belt was formed by the successive accretion of sediments

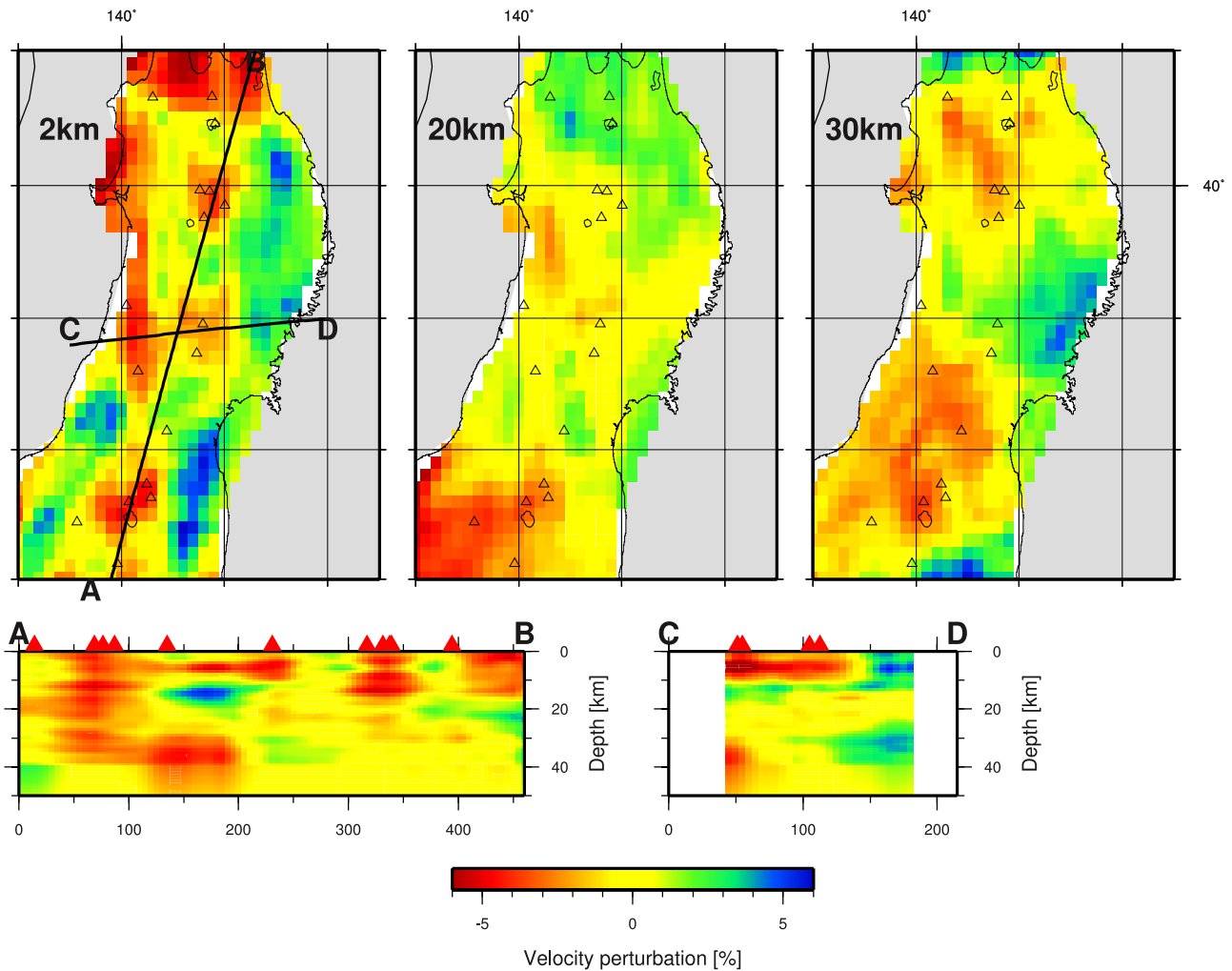


Figure 22. (top) S wave velocity perturbation at the depths of 2, 20, and 30 km. (bottom) Vertical cross section along the volcanic front from A to B. We also plot a vertical slice from C to D across the volcanic front.

and oceanic plate materials. On the other hand, the depth slice at 5 km in Figure 24 shows a high-velocity anomaly on the northern side of the MTL corresponding to the granitic rocks of the Ryoke metamorphic belt.

[41] In the northern part of Kyusyu, the depth slice at 5 km shows a low-velocity anomaly under individual volcanoes. On the other hand, in the southern part, Figure 24 shows a larger low-velocity anomaly under volcanoes. The low-velocity anomalies under volcanoes in the northern Kyushu disappear below 20 km, whereas that in the southern part exists up to 30 km.

9. Statistical Comparison With Other Local Models

[42] In order to check plausibility of our model, we calculated cross-model correlation between our model and three local S wave velocity models by traveltime tomography: a model by traveltime tomography in Tohoku [Nakajima *et al.*, 2001], that in Kanto [Matsubara *et al.*, 2005] and that in western Japan [Nakajima and Hasegawa, 2007b]. Areas

of the three models are show in Figure 20. For depth slices from 0 to 40 km we calculated cross-correlation coefficients between the S wave velocity perturbations of our model and those of the other models (Figure 25). At shallow depth above 5 km, the coefficients are lower than those at other depths because both models are insensitive to the shallow S wave velocity structure. At depth from 5 to 40 km the coefficients are positive. This result shows that our model is consistent with the other models although difference spatial resolution causes undulation of the values. Below 30 km their correlations are distorted by poor spatial resolution of our method due to effects of the finite wavelength. A local minimum at about 15 km in Tohoku may be originated from existence of crustal discontinuities (the Conrad) in their model [Nakajima *et al.*, 2001].

10. Conclusions

[43] We developed a three-step waveform inversion method for estimating the 3-D S wave velocity structure from the observed cross spectra of ambient seismic noise. This

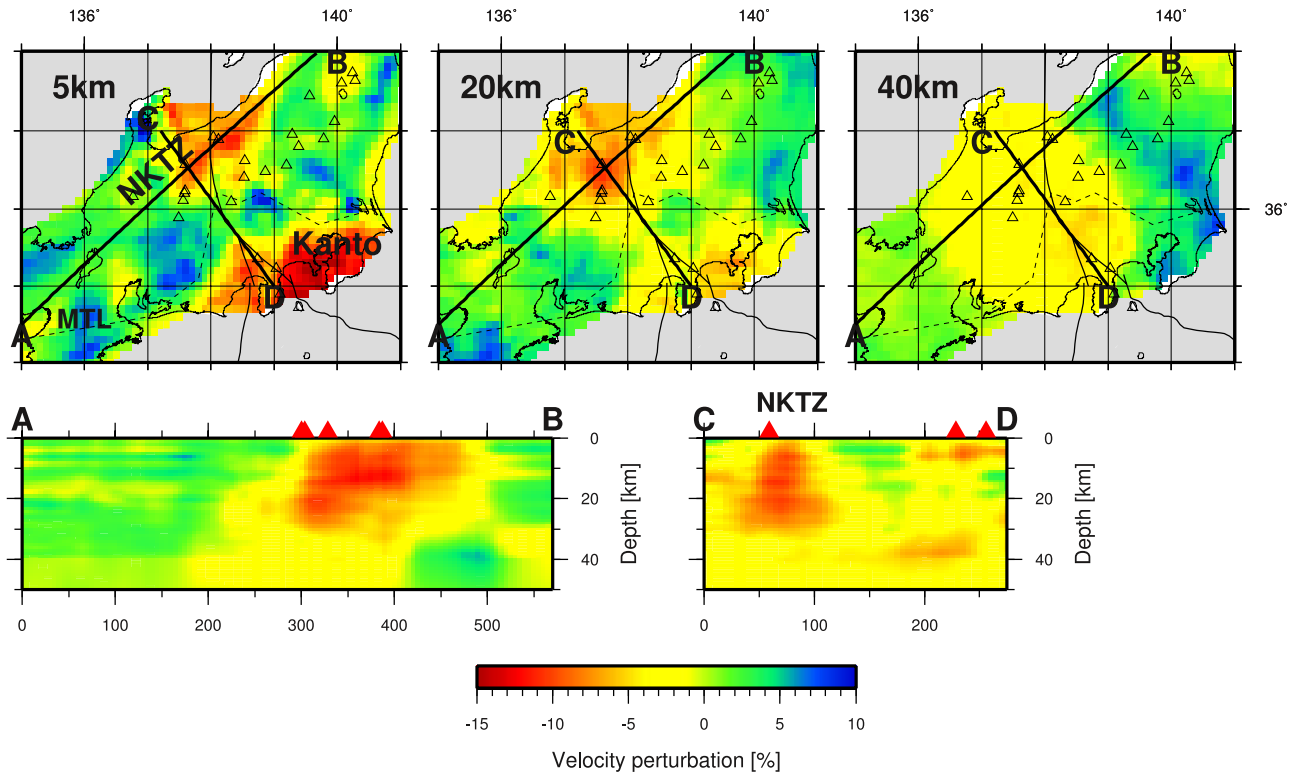


Figure 23. (top) *S* wave velocity perturbation at the depths of 5, 25, and 40 km. (bottom) Vertical cross section along NKTZ from A to B. We also plot a vertical slice perpendicular to NKTZ.

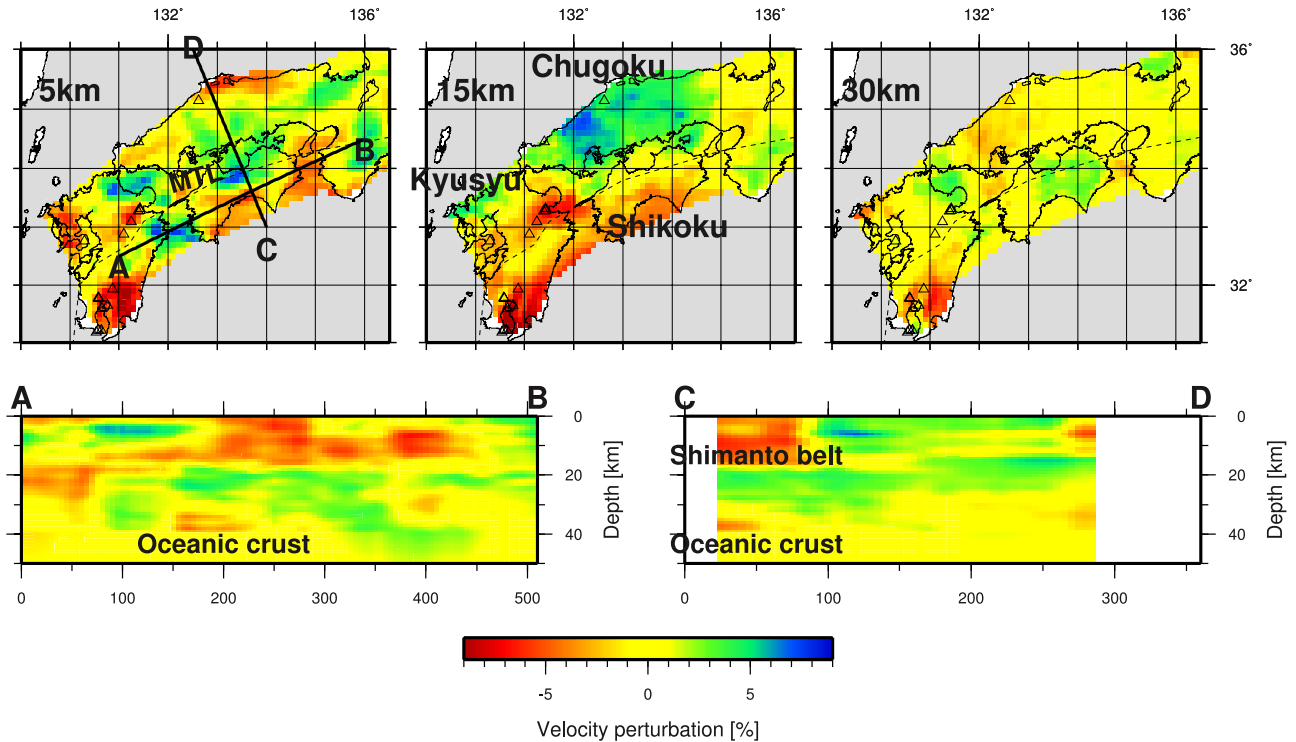


Figure 24. (top) *S* wave velocity perturbation at the depths of 5, 15 and 30 km. (bottom) Vertical cross section along two lines. Location of the profiles A–B and C–D.

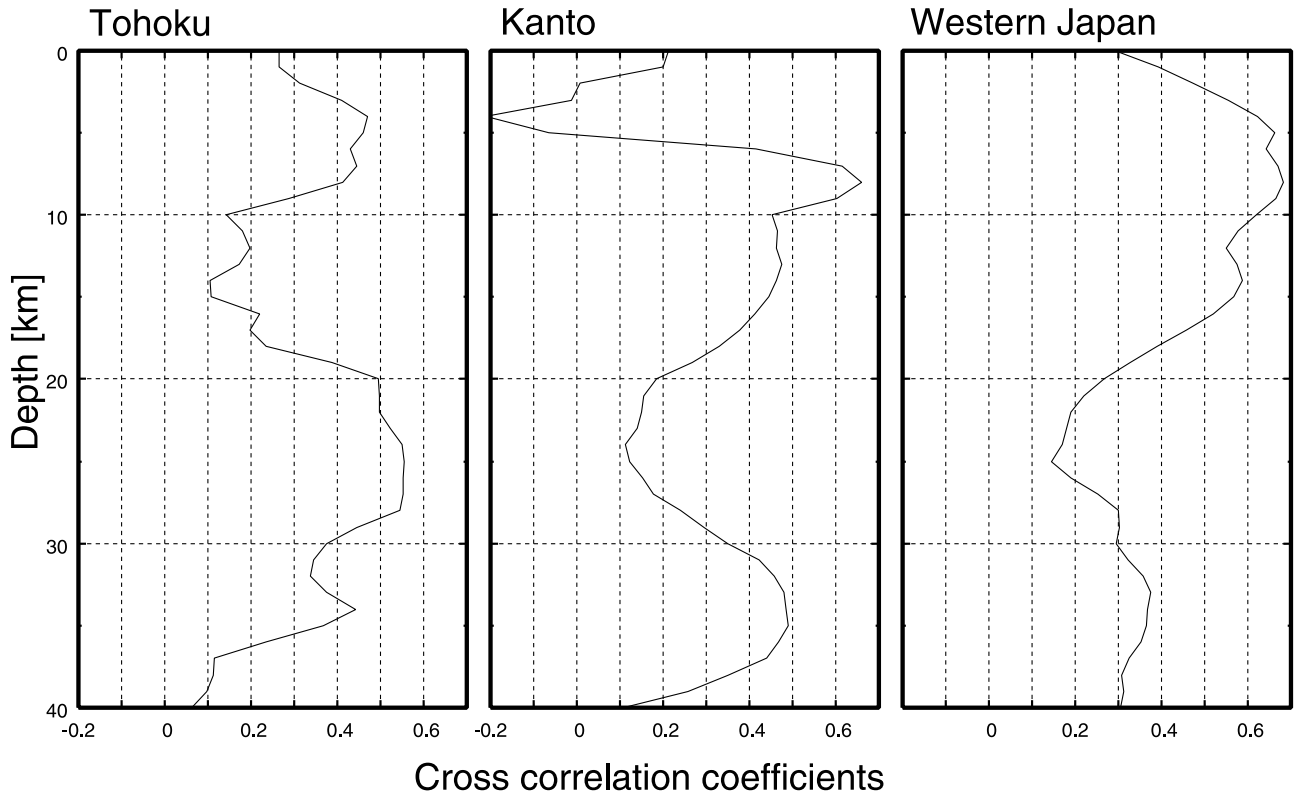


Figure 25. Cross-model correlation between our model and three models of travel time tomography. We show the cross-correlation coefficients between our model and that in Tohoku [Nakajima *et al.*, 2001], that in Kanto [Matsubara *et al.*, 2005], and that in western Japan [Nakajima and Hasegawa, 2007b] against their depths. In Figure 20 we show the areas of these models.

method was applied to the real data obtained from 679 Hi-net of tiltmeter stations in Japan. The resultant S wave velocity maps show four clear low-velocity anomalies around tectonic lines from the surface to 20 km (1) low-velocity anomaly along the Hidaka Collision Zone, which was formed by a collision between the Kuril arc and the northeast Japan arc; (2) that in the Niigata-Kobe Tectonic Zone where volcanoes are concentrated; (3) that in Kanto to the south of the Median Tectonic line, which was formed by the successive accretion of sediments and oceanic plate materials; and (4) that corresponding to the Shimanto belt in Shikoku, which was also formed by the successive accretion. They also show a low-velocity anomaly under volcanoes in Tohoku and Kyusyu. Below 20 km, we observed low-velocity anomaly at the center of Japan, which suggests a thick crust. Throughout the entire crust, our results reveal a high-velocity anomaly beneath Chugoku and the fore-arc side of Tohoku. Statistical comparisons with current traveltimes tomography models show that our model is consistent with them.

[44] Above 30 km, we can resolve sharp velocity anomalies up to -25% . The uniform raypath distribution enables us to resolve such a strong and sharp S wave perturbation. On the other hand, below 30 km, the finite wavelength of the observed surface waves broadens our tomographic images. In order to improve spatial resolution below the depth, joint inversion between ambient noise surface wave

measurements, receiver functions, and teleseismic measurements is needed in further study.

[45] In this study, we neglected the effects of radial anisotropy because an isotropic model can explain most of observed dispersion curves without radial anisotropy as shown in Figure 13. A uniform path distribution is suitable for the estimation of an azimuthal anisotropic structure; however, now we cannot distinguish an azimuthal anisotropy from the effects of source heterogeneity. For an anisotropic inversion, we must develop a theory to calculate synthetic cross spectra for heterogeneous excitation sources in future studies.

Appendix A: Synthetic Cross Spectrum Between Two Stations for Homogeneous Sources

[46] We calculate synthetic cross spectra between a station at \mathbf{x}_0 and the other one at \mathbf{x}_1 assuming that the Rayleigh waves and Love waves are excited by spatially isotropic and homogeneous sources at the Earth's surface [e.g., Fukao *et al.*, 2002; Nishida and Fukao, 2007]. Here, we define spherical coordinates in Figure A1. The horizontal displacement \mathbf{s}^h at \mathbf{x} can be represented by the sum of normal modes as

$$\mathbf{s}^h(\omega) = \sum_{lmn} (b_{lm}^n(\omega)\mathbf{B}_{lm} + c_{lm}^n(\omega)\mathbf{C}_{lm}), \quad (\text{A1})$$

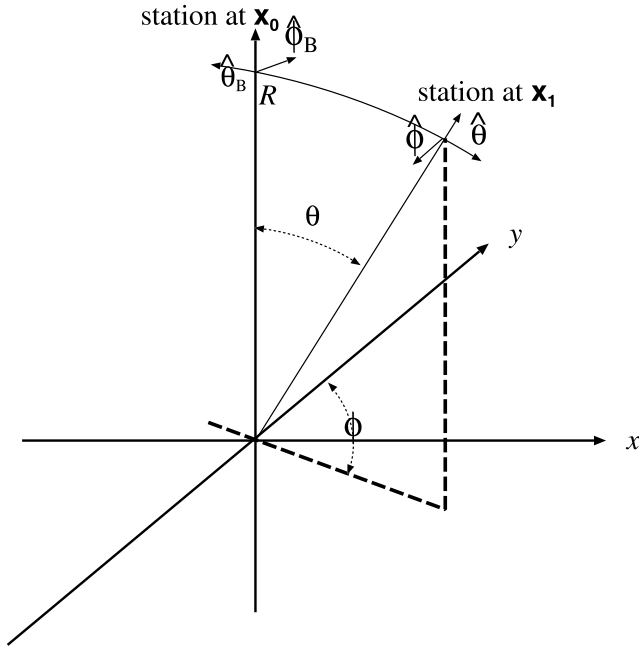


Figure A1. Spherical coordinates defined for a pair of stations.

where b_{lm}^n is the coefficient of expansion of the n th overtone of spheroidal modes and c_{lm}^n is that of toroidal modes. Here, \mathbf{B}_{lm} represents the toroidal modes with angular order l and azimuthal order m , and \mathbf{C}_{lm} represents spheroidal modes [Dahlen and Tromp, 1998] as

$$\mathbf{B}_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\nabla_l \mathcal{Y}_{lm}}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \quad (\text{A2})$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = -k^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \nabla_l) \mathcal{Y}_{lm}(\theta, \phi). \quad (\text{A3})$$

[47] Therefore we can write its radial component for a station \mathbf{x}_1 at (θ, ϕ) as

$$\mathbf{s}^h(\omega, \mathbf{x}_1) = s_1^R(\omega) \hat{\theta} + s_1^T(\omega) \hat{\phi}, \quad (\text{A4})$$

where

$$s_1^R(\omega) = - \sum_{lm} \left(b_{lm}^n \mathbf{B}_{lm} \cdot \hat{\theta} + c_{lm}^n \mathbf{C}_{lm} \cdot \hat{\theta} \right) \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$s_1^T(\omega) = - \sum_{lm} \left(b_{lm}^n \mathbf{B}_{lm} \cdot \hat{\phi} + c_{lm}^n \mathbf{C}_{lm} \cdot \hat{\phi} \right). \quad (\text{A6})$$

Because \mathbf{B}_{lm} and \mathbf{C}_{lm} are singular at pole \mathbf{x}_0 , here we evaluate their asymptotics near the pole. All \mathbf{B}_{lm} and \mathbf{C}_{lm} except $m = \pm 1$ vanish where $\theta \rightarrow 0$ so that the horizontal displacement at the pole \mathbf{x}_0 approaches as

$$\mathbf{s}^h(\mathbf{x}_0, \omega) \rightarrow s_0^R(\omega) \hat{\theta}_B + s_0^T(\omega) \hat{\phi}_B, \quad (\text{A7})$$

where

$$s_0^R(\omega) = - \sum_l \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{8\pi}} \cdot \left((b_{l,-1}^n + c_{l,1}^n) \cos \phi + (b_{l,1}^n - c_{l,-1}^n) \sin \phi \right) \quad (\text{A8})$$

$$s_0^T(\omega) = - \sum_l \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{8\pi}} \cdot \left((b_{l,-1}^n + c_{l,1}^n) \sin \phi - (b_{l,1}^n - c_{l,-1}^n) \cos \phi \right). \quad (\text{A9})$$

Here, we assume homogeneous excitation of waves, which are characterized by the following statistical features: $\langle b_{lm}^n b_{l'm'}^{n*} \rangle = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} \delta_{nn'} \langle b_l^{n2} \rangle$, $\langle c_{lm}^n c_{l'm'}^{n*} \rangle = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} \delta_{nn'} \langle c_l^{n2} \rangle$, and $\langle b_{lm}^n c_{l'm'}^{n*} \rangle = 0$. $\langle b_l^{n2} \rangle$ and $\langle c_l^{n2} \rangle$ are the sums of real resonance functions with a peak of eigen frequencies f_l and bandwidth of $f_l q_l$, where q_l is the inverse of a Quality factor. The cross spectra between radial components can be written as

$$\langle s_0^R(\omega), s_1^{R*} \rangle = \sum_{ln} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi l(l+1)}} \frac{dX_{l1}}{d\theta} \langle b_l^{n2} \rangle. \quad (\text{A10})$$

Similarly, we can calculate the cross spectra between transverse components as

$$\langle s_0^T(\omega), s_1^{T*} \rangle = \sum_{ln} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi l(l+1)}} \frac{dX_{l1}}{d\theta} \langle c_l^{n2} \rangle. \quad (\text{A11})$$

Here, assuming that the separation distance θ between two stations is much smaller than the Earth's radius R and that the half bandwidth of modal peaks ($= f_l q_l / 2$) is much larger than the mode spacing ($f_{l+1} - f_l$), we can simplify the above equations of a synthetic cross spectrum Ψ as

$$\Psi(\theta, \omega) \approx \sum_{n=0}^N a_n(\omega) \psi(k_n, q_n; \theta, \omega). \quad (\text{A12})$$

Here, ψ is a wave function defined by

$$\psi(k(\omega), q(\omega); \theta, \omega) = -2 \left(J_0(k\theta) - \frac{J_1(k\theta)}{k\theta} \right) e^{-\frac{\omega q(\omega)}{2U(\omega)}}, \quad (\text{A13})$$

where U is the group velocity of the wave, J_0 is the 0th order Bessel function of the first kind, J_1 is the first-order Bessel function of the first kind, n represents a mode branch, and a_n is a power spectrum of the n th overtone. Here, we approximate the spherical harmonics by Bessel functions assuming that angular distance between \mathbf{x}_0 and \mathbf{x}_1 is much shorter than π .

Appendix B: Correction for Topography

[48] Because topography affects the dispersion curves significantly above 0.05 Hz, topographic corrections are crucial for this study. Following Snieder [1986], we can

write a correction of Love waves δt^T for local wave number due to topography as

$$\delta t^T = \frac{\rho(\omega^2/k^2 - \beta^2)}{2\omega/kU_{I_1}} \bar{h}. \quad (\text{B1})$$

We can also write a correction of Rayleigh waves δt^R due to topography in the same way as

$$\delta t^R = \frac{\rho}{2\omega/kU_{I_1}} \left\{ \omega^2/k^2 + y_3^2 \left[\omega^2/k^2 - 4 \left(1 - \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha^2} \right) \beta^2 \right] \right\} \bar{h}. \quad (\text{B2})$$

Here, I_1 is the energy integral of an eigenfunction, U is the group velocity, y_3 is the eigenfunction of a displacement on the Earth's surface, and \bar{h} is the mean altitude along the wave path.

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