Exploiting the potential of urban DAS grids: Ambient-noise imaging using joint Rayleigh & Love waves

Qing Ji¹ Bin Luo² Biondo Biondi¹

1 Department of Geophysics, Stanford University, USA

2 Department of Ocean Science and Engineering, Southern University of Science and Technology, China





DAS ambient noise imaging: Example workflow



Angular response of DAS ambient-noise cross-correlation

Rayleigh:
$$A_R = \cos^2 \phi_1 \cos^2 \phi_2 \in [0, 1]$$

Love: $A_L = \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\phi_1 \sin 2\phi_2 \in [-0.25, 0.25]$
 $A_R = 0.06$
Rayleigh
Love
DAS Channel 1
 ϕ_1
 ϕ_1
 ϕ_2
 ϕ_1
 $\phi_2 = 60^\circ$
 $\phi_1 = 60^\circ$
 $\phi_2 = 60^\circ$

Exploiting the potential of 2D array geometry



Stanford Campus

(Martin et al. 2017)



Likely both Rayleigh & Love

Exploiting the potential of 2D array geometry



Colorado School of Mines Campus

(Luo et al. 2020)

- Extract Love waves from earthquake records
- Still use Rayleigh waves from noise interferometry on one single line

Oxnard, California (Fang et al. 2022)

Dominant Rayleigh (0.5 - 1 Hz) Rayleigh group velocity map

Love?



Our study

(Ji et al. 2023, submitted)

DERTE MAIN



Love signals in cross-correlation





DAS array configuration



DAS noise records: 3 days in June 2021 Cross-correlation data: 50 Hz Gauge length: 10 m Channel spacing: ~ 10 m

Three categories of DAS channel pairs



Offset and theoretical response



Three categories of channel pairs: Inline, oblique, parallel







Love wave dispersion, Group velocity











Phase velocity dispersion





Fundamental Mode -





Inversion results



Fit 4 dispersion curves simultaneously Sensitive to top ~ 100 m structures Particle swarm optimization (Luu et al. 2018) 1,250,000 test models, 4-layer

Inversion results

Similar with model from Hayashi and Burns (2020) for William Street Park, ~2 km away from DAS array

They use Rayleigh dispersion and H/V ratio

High Poisson's ratio (> 0.4) for top ~ 80 m







- $\checkmark\,$ Represent DAS grid in urban environment
- ✓ Take advantage of 2D geometry

- \checkmark Guided by theoretical DAS angular response
- ✓ Consistent Love wave signals from parallel, oblique channel pairs
- ✓ Traffic noise, scattering from Rayleigh to Love

Summary



- ✓ Reliable dispersion maps from 3 days of noise record
- Accommodate both virtual source gathers and common offset gathers
- ✓ Better fit and more stable inversion than using either Rayleigh or Love only
- Consistent with local geology and results from other methods

Continuous monitoring of shallow subsurface in urban areas

Acknowledgements

City of San Jose by providing us access to the urban fiber network

OptaSense Inc. for help with the organization of DAS data from San Jose

Stanford Sustainability Initiative, UPS Foundation Endowment Fund and Stanford Exploration Project for financial support

References

Ajo-Franklin, J. B., Dou, S., Lindsey, N. J., Monga, I., Tracy, C., Robertson, M., et al. (2019). Distributed Acoustic Sensing Using Dark Fiber for Near-Surface Characterization and Broadband Seismic Event Detection. *Scientific Reports*.

Martin, E. R., Castillo, C. M., Cole, S., Sawasdee, P. S., Yuan, S., Clapp, R., et al. (2017). Seismic monitoring leveraging existing telecom infrastructure at the SDASA: Active, passive, and ambient-noise analysis. *The Leading Edge*.

Luo, B., Trainor-Guitton, W., Bozdağ, E., LaFlame, L., Cole, S., & Karrenbach, M. (2020). Horizontally orthogonal distributed acoustic sensing array for earthquake- and ambient-noise-based multichannel analysis of surface waves. *Geophysical Journal International*.

Fang, J., Yang, Y., Shen, Z., Biondi, E., Wang, X., Williams, E. F., et al. (2022). Directional Sensitivity of DAS and Its Effect on Rayleigh-Wave Tomography: A Case Study in Oxnard, California. *Seismological Research Letters*.

Ji, Q., Luo, B. & Biondi, B. (2023). Exploiting the potential of urban DAS grids: Ambient-noise subsurface imaging using joint Rayleigh and Love waves, submitted to *Seismological Research Letters*.

Luu, K., Noble, M., Gesret, A., Belayouni, N., & Roux, P.-F. (2018). A parallel competitive Particle Swarm Optimization for non-linear first arrival traveltime tomography and uncertainty quantification. *Computers & Geosciences*.

Hayashi, K., & Burns, S. (2020). Three-dimensional deep S-wave velocity model of the South San Francisco Bay Area obtained from threecomponent microtremor measurements and microtremor array measurements. In *SEG Technical Program Expanded Abstracts 2020*.