

Distributed sensing of earthquakes and ocean-solid Earth interactions analysis using fiber optic telecom seafloor cables

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Ocean floor instrumentation holds the answers to numerous key scientific questions

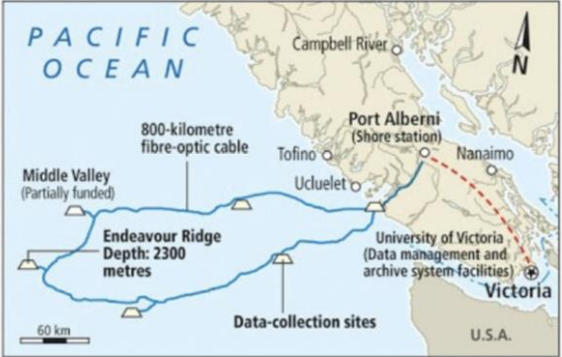
- Dynamics of the oceans
- Internal structure of the Earth
- Interaction between biology, geology and oceans



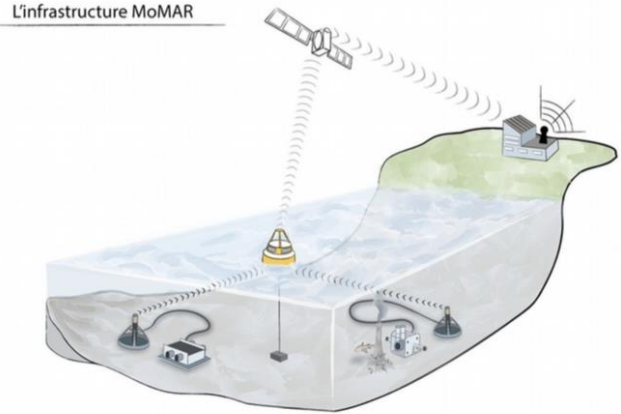
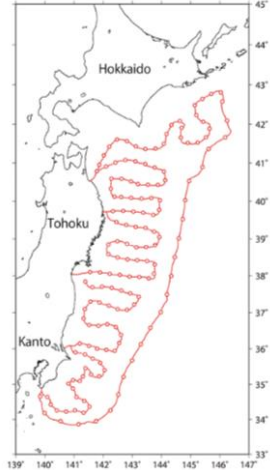
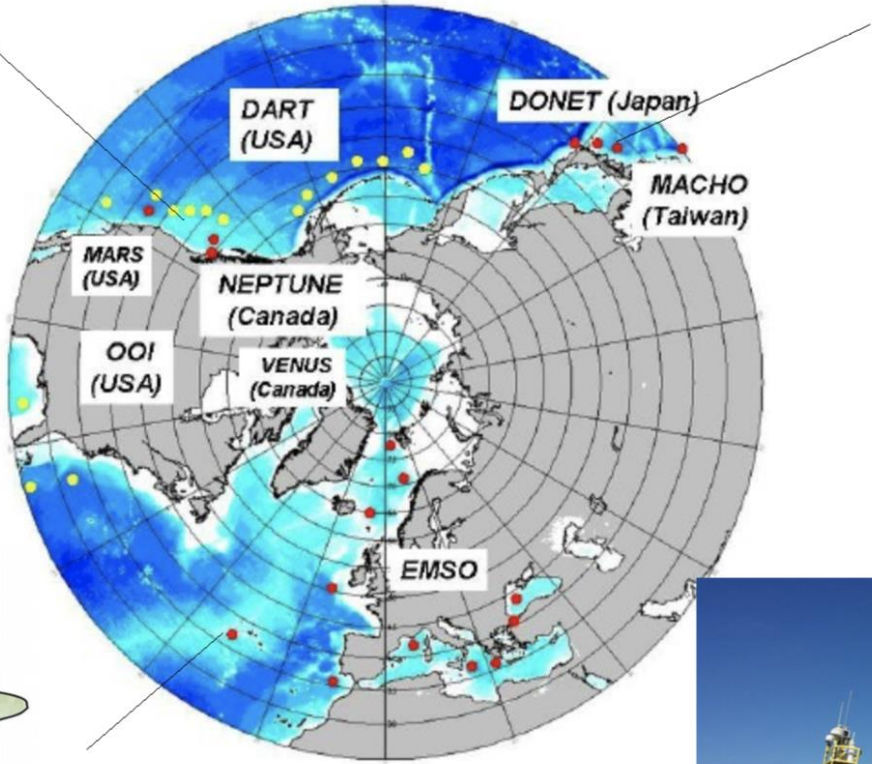
- Monitoring of various natural resources and natural hazards
- Earthquakes, tsunamis, submarine landslides



Challenging and expensive permanent instrumentation



Submarine cabled real-time seafloor observatory



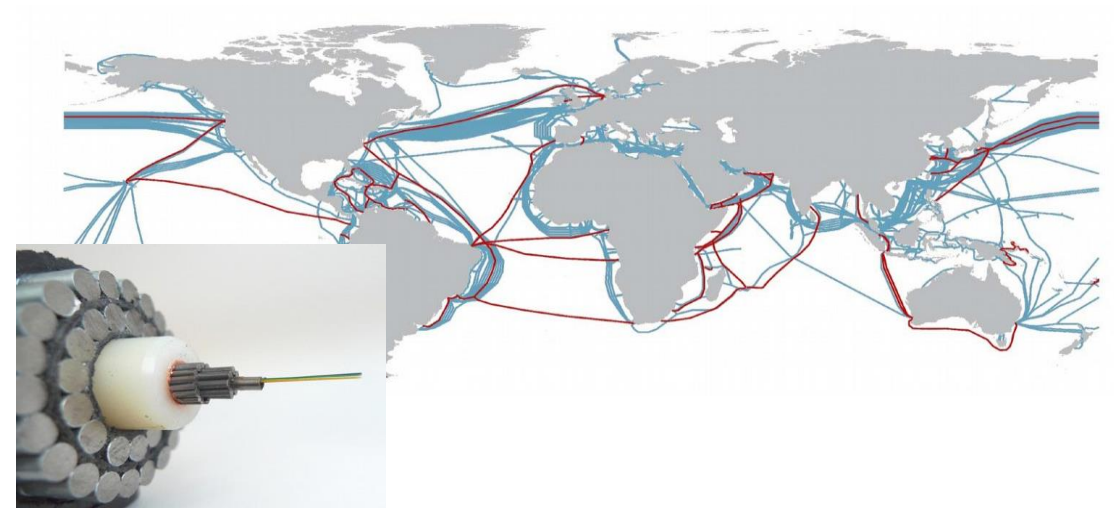
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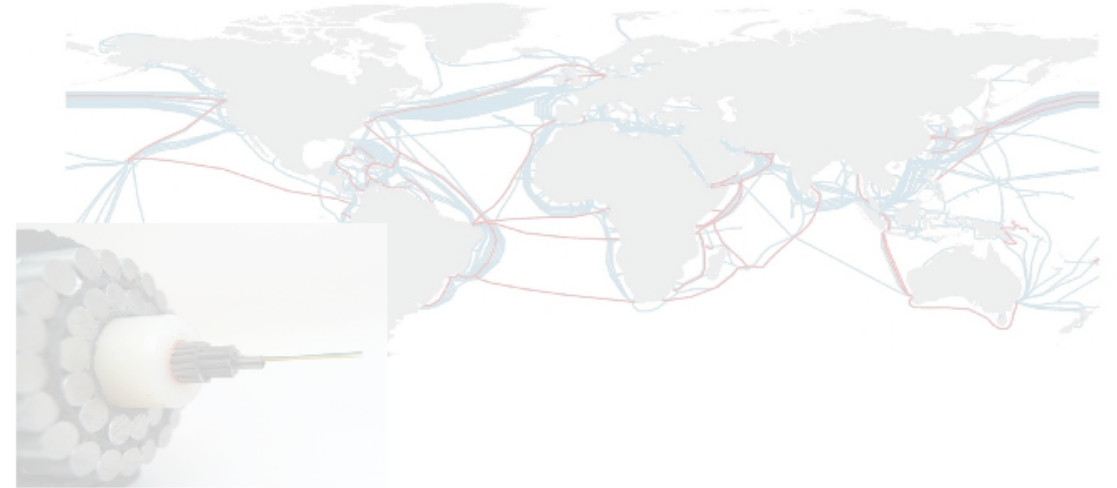
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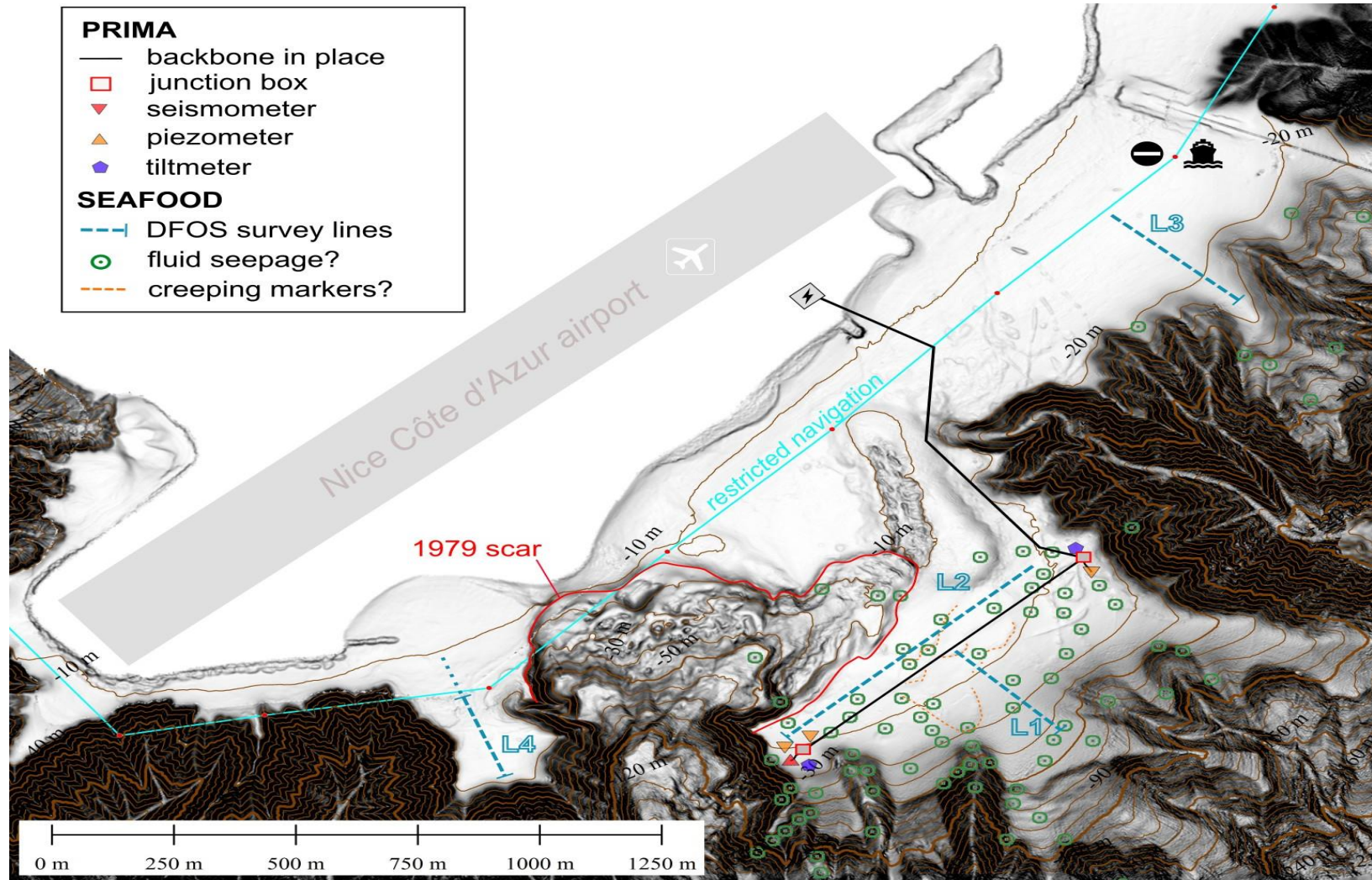
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Aéroport de Nice : un site local avec de forts enjeux scientifiques et socio-économiques



**Mai 2019 : déploiement de
4 lignes avec charrue
Géoazur**

Objectifs scientifiques

- Calibration vs instrumentation + std
- Stabilité pentes
- Sorties et circulations de fluides
- Tester imagerie passive et active

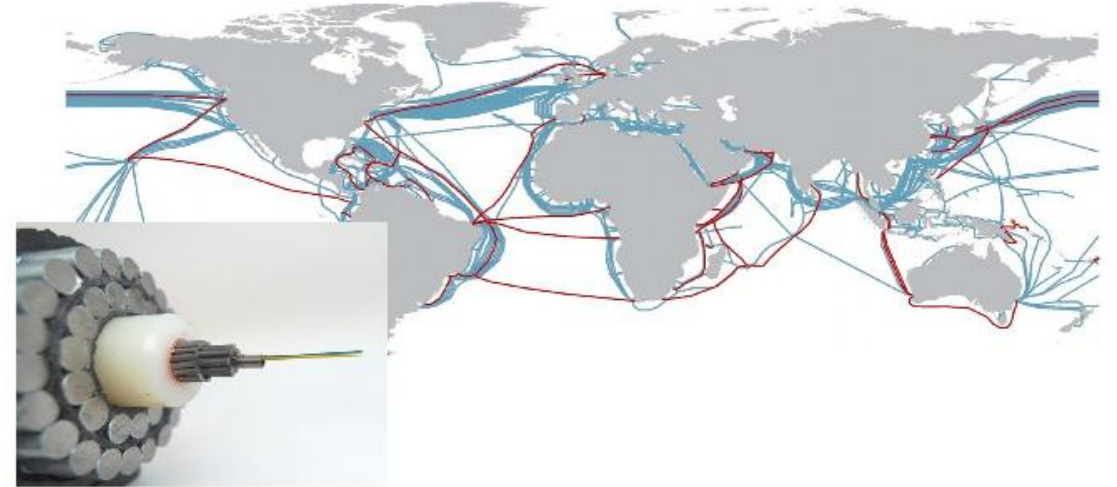
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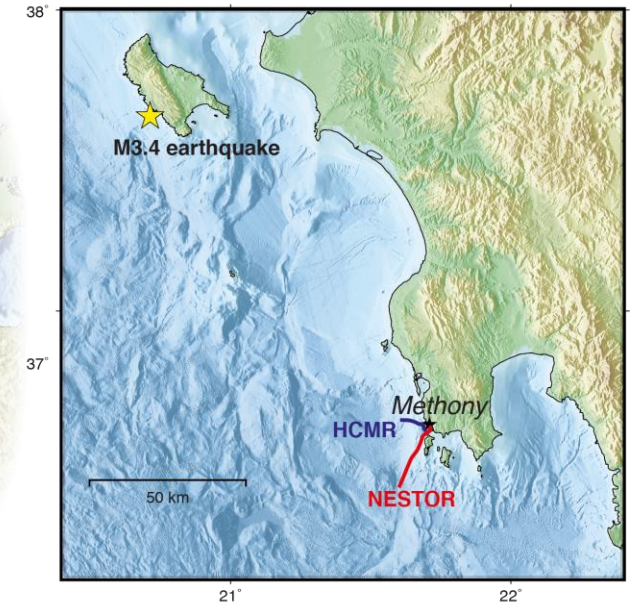
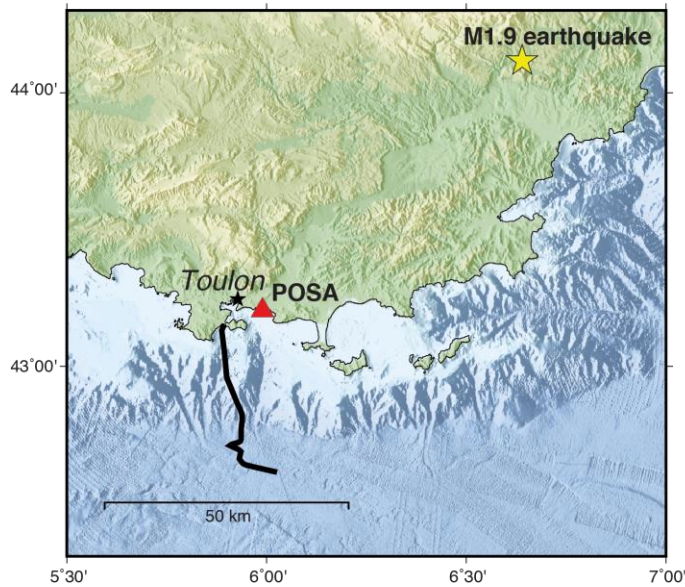
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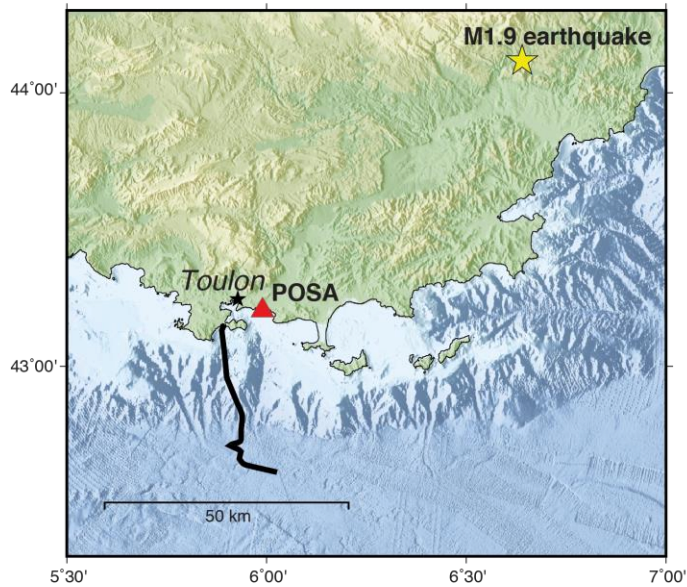
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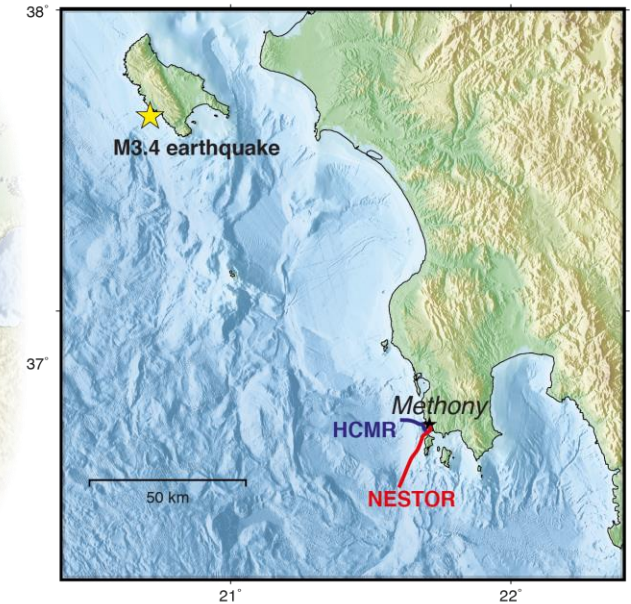
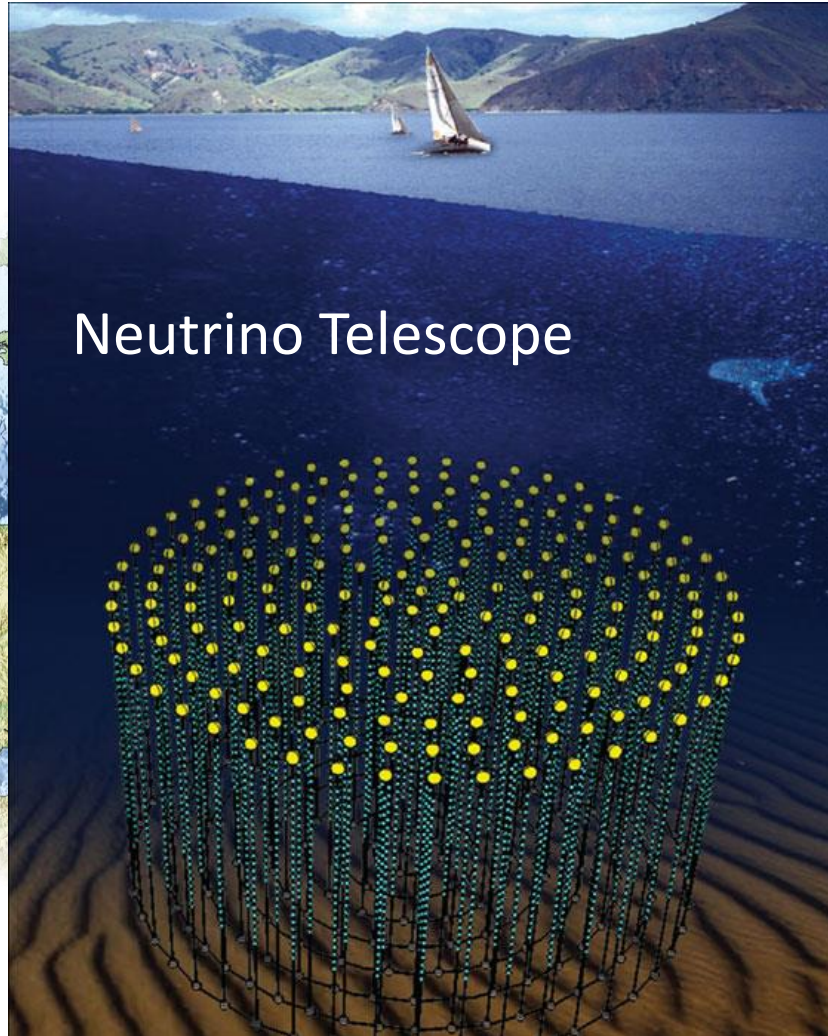


EMSO European Multidisciplinary Seafloor and Water Column Observatory

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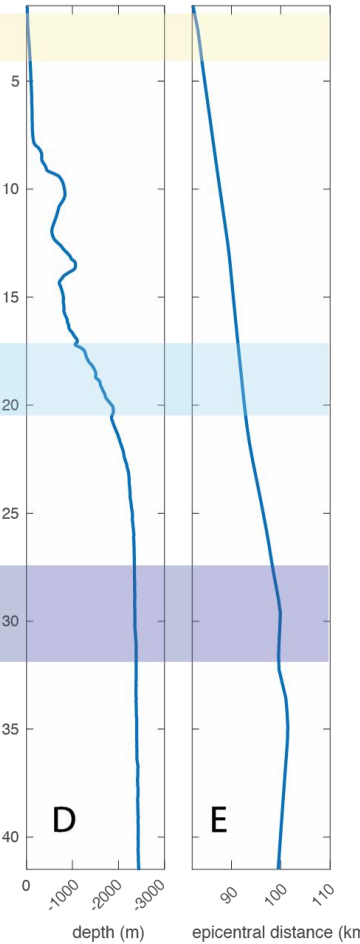
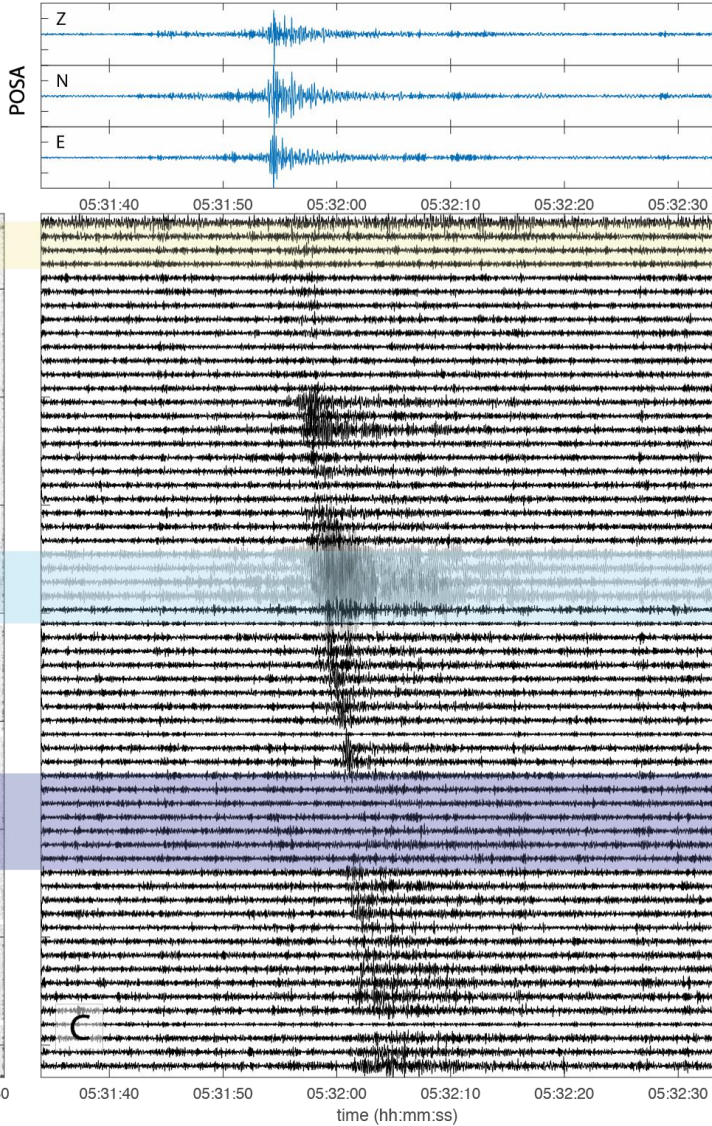
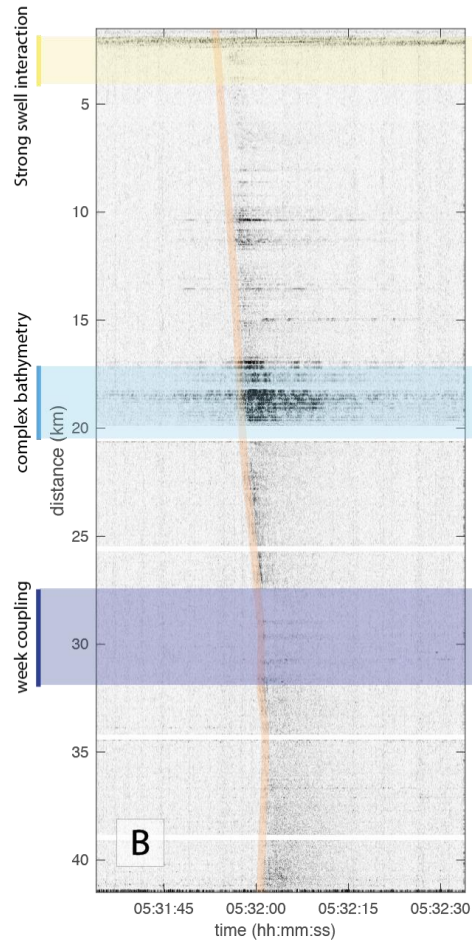
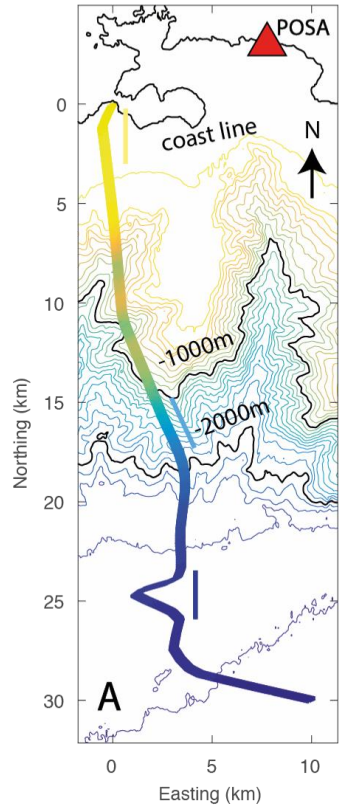
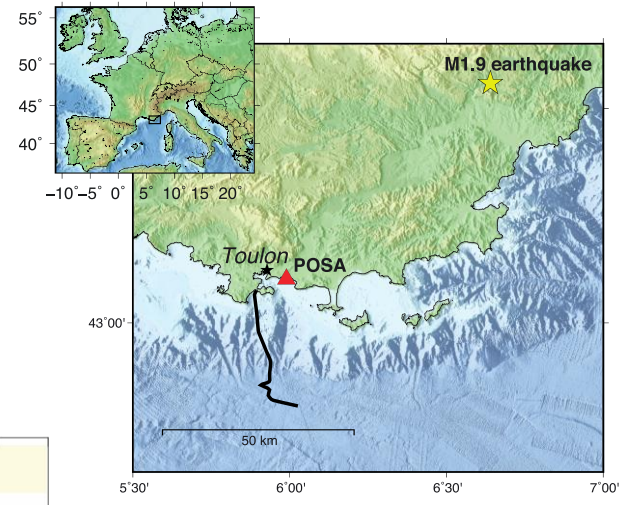


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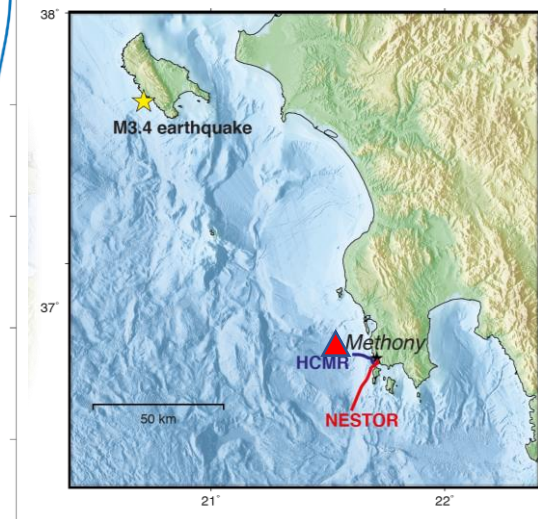
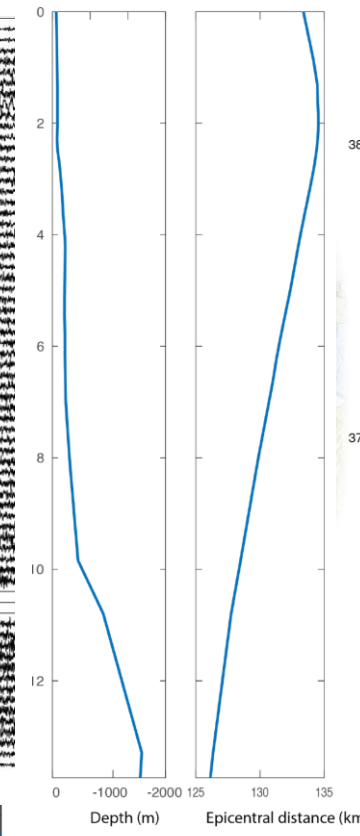
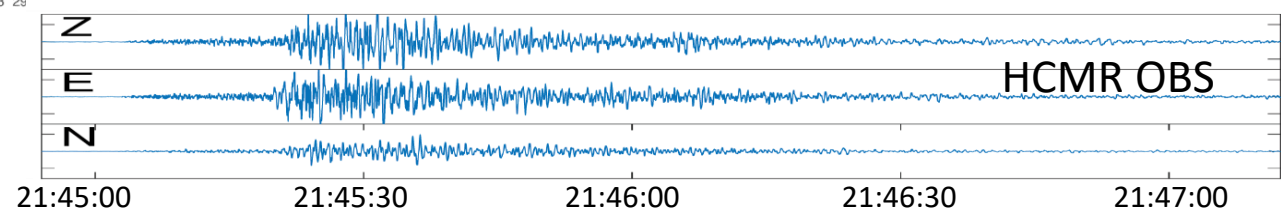
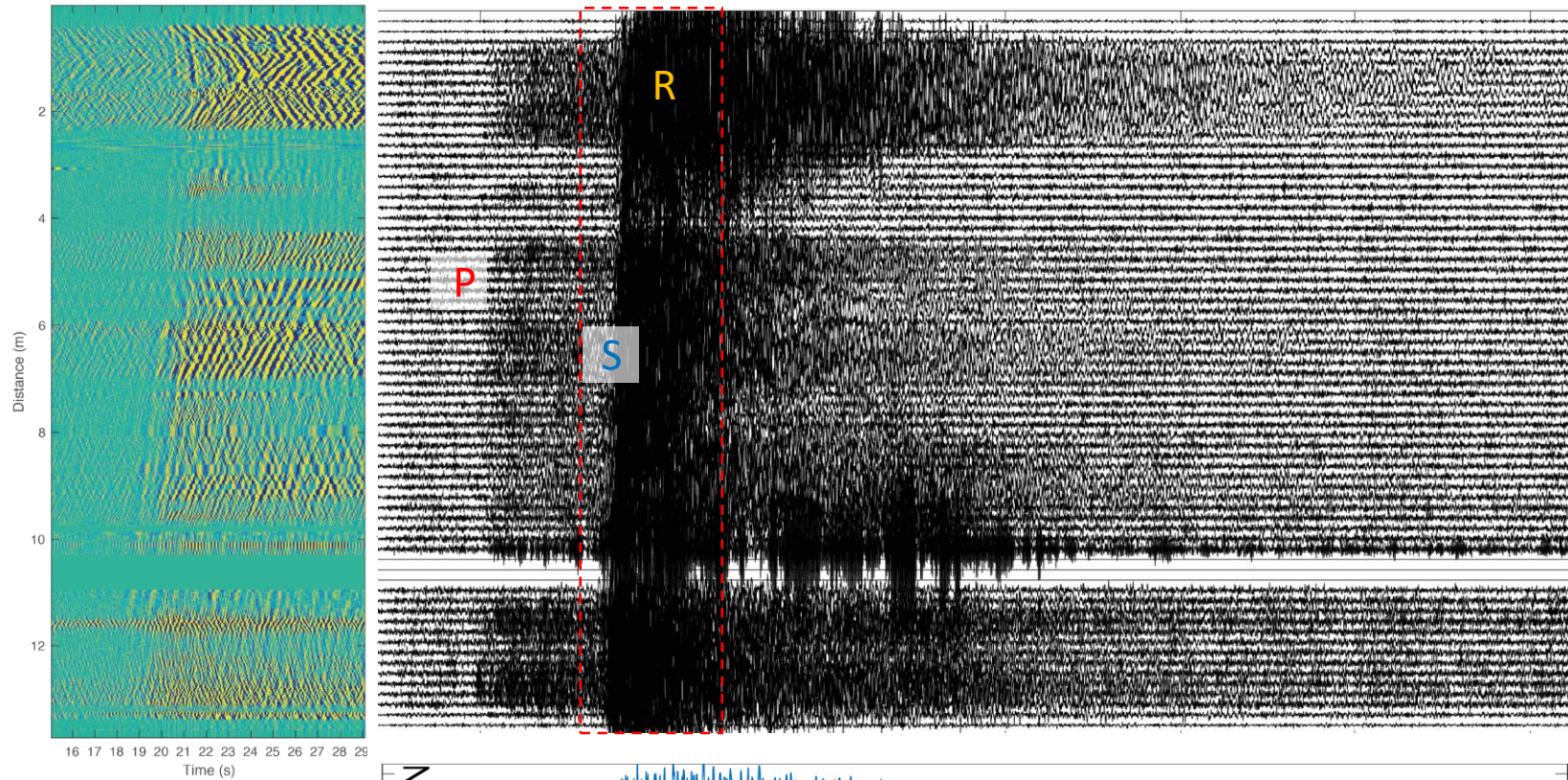


NESTOR project

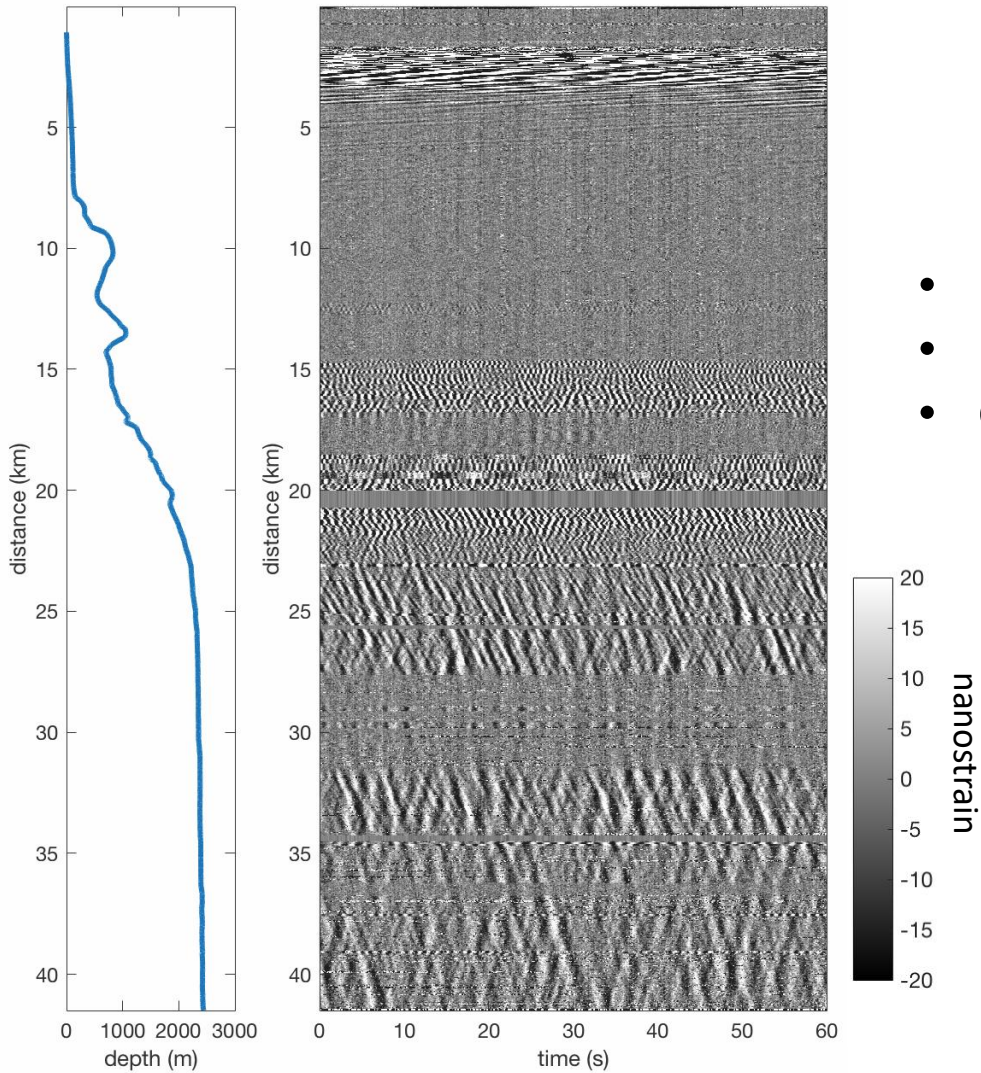
Earthquakes detection (local M1.9@100km)



Earthquakes detection (regional M4.3 in Greece)

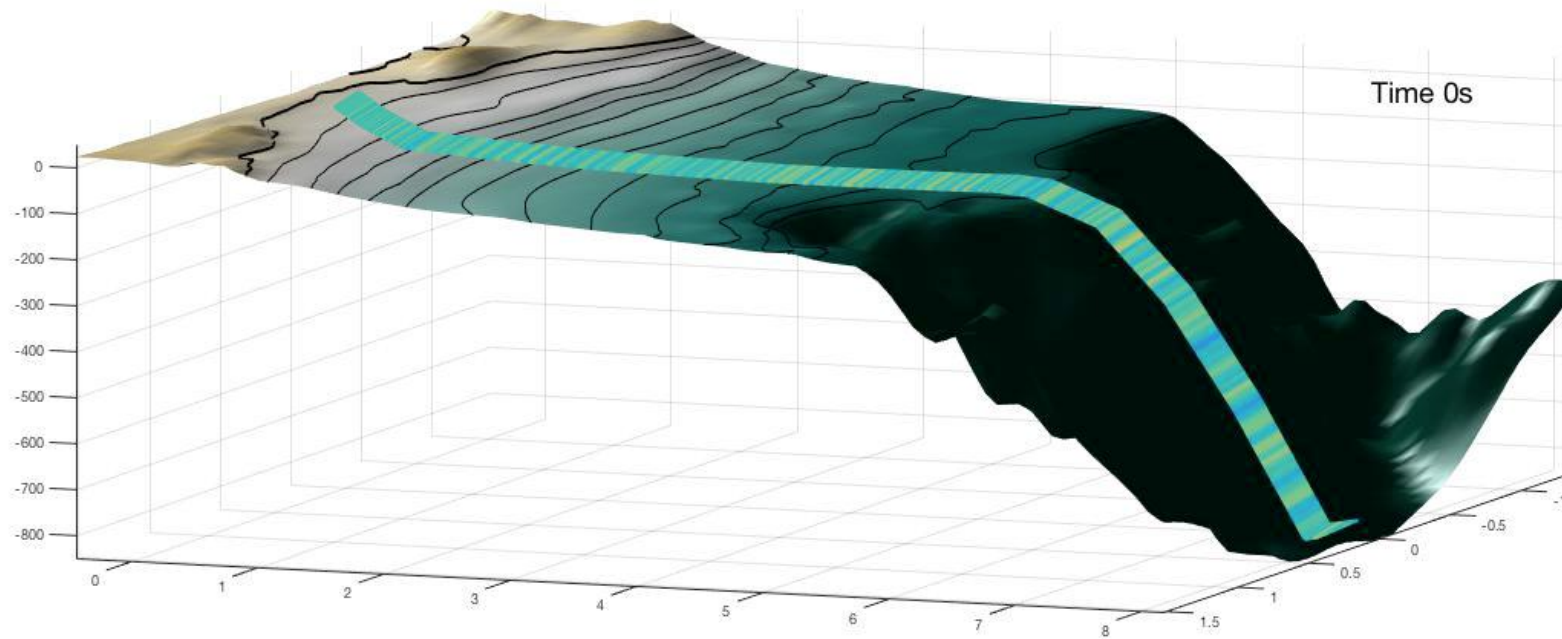


Ocean solid-Earth interactions

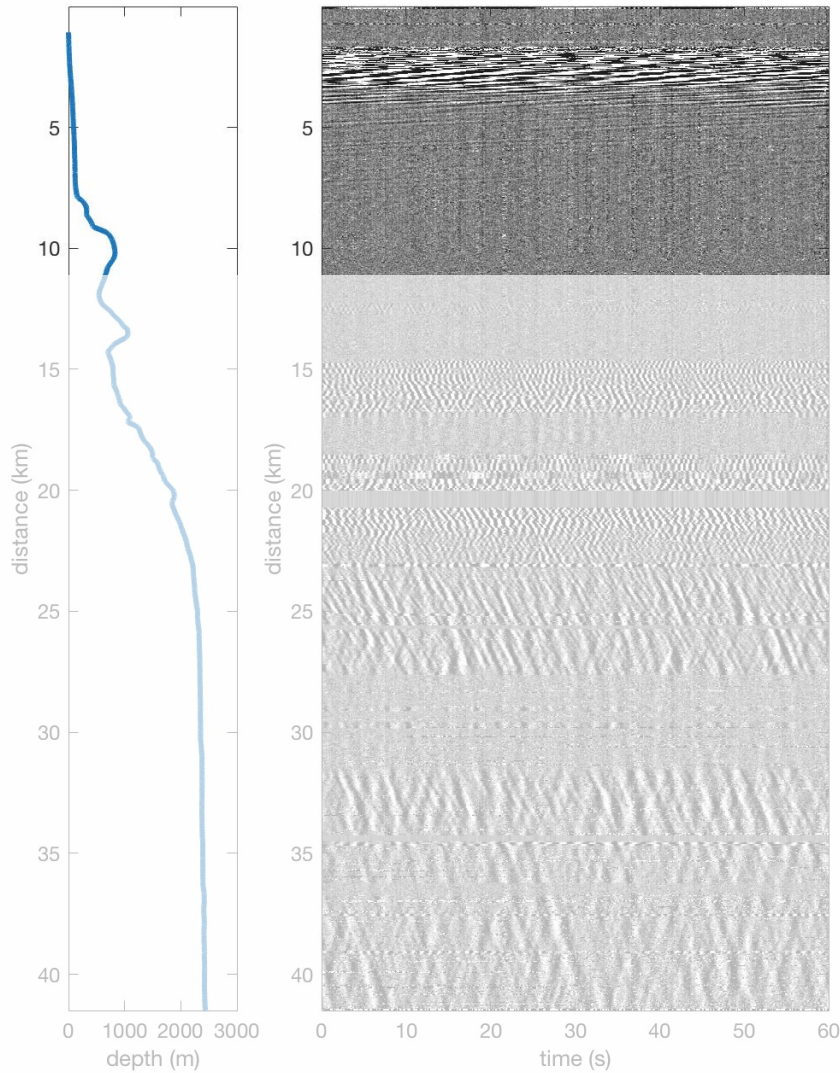


- Monitoring the evolution of different types of waves
- Multi-scale observation (m-km) of the wave-bathymetry interaction
- Generation of microseismic noise

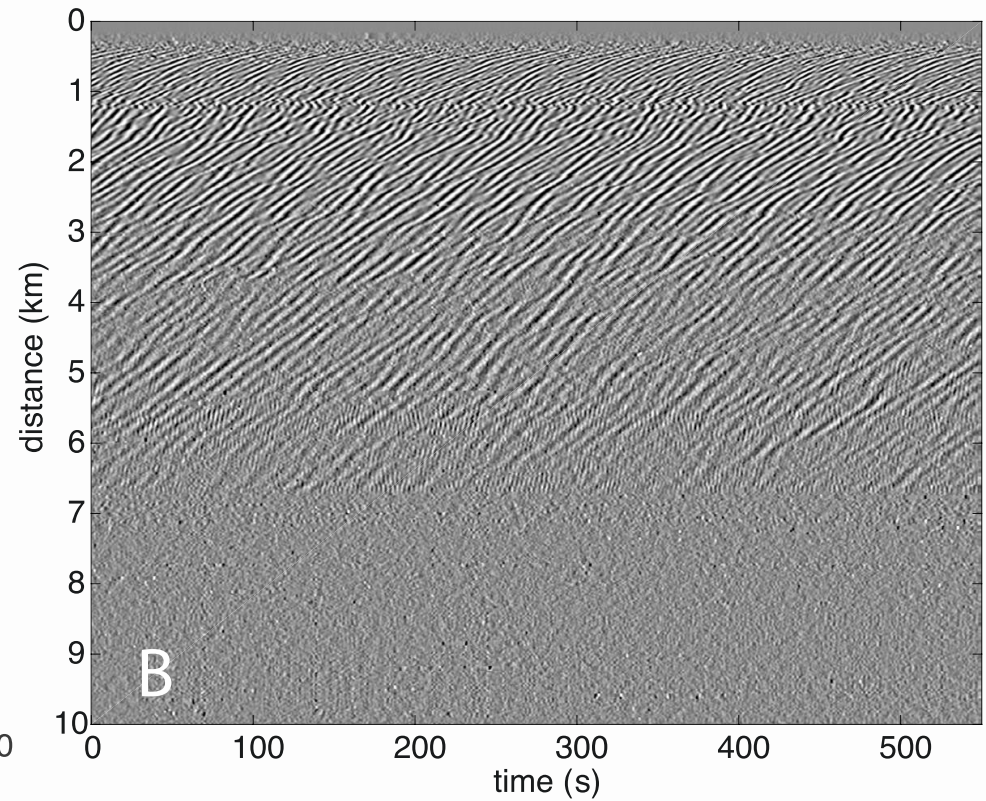
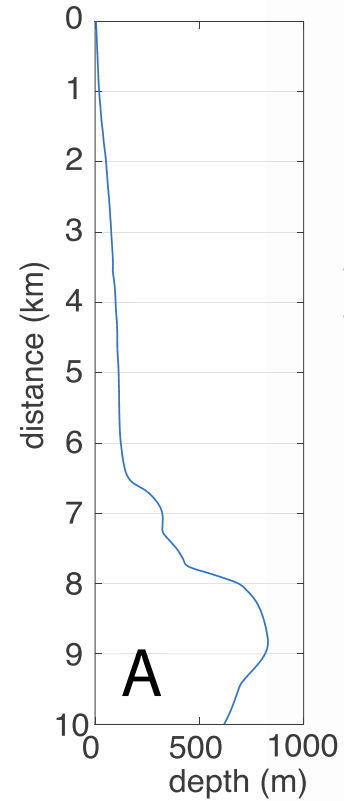
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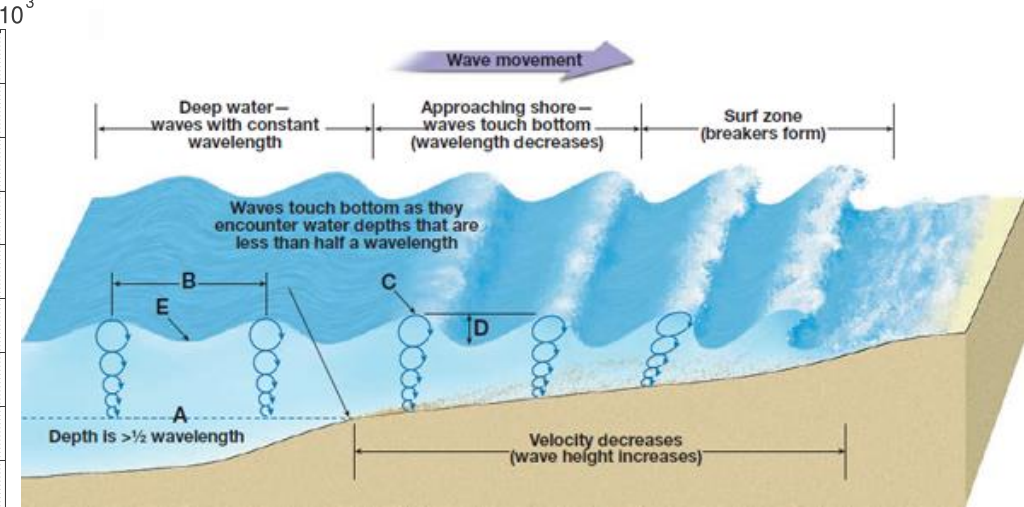
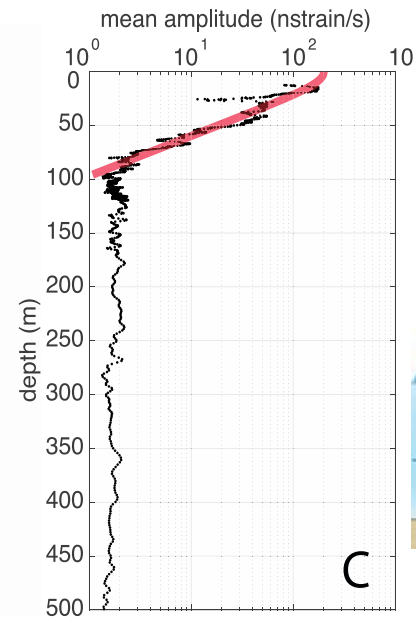
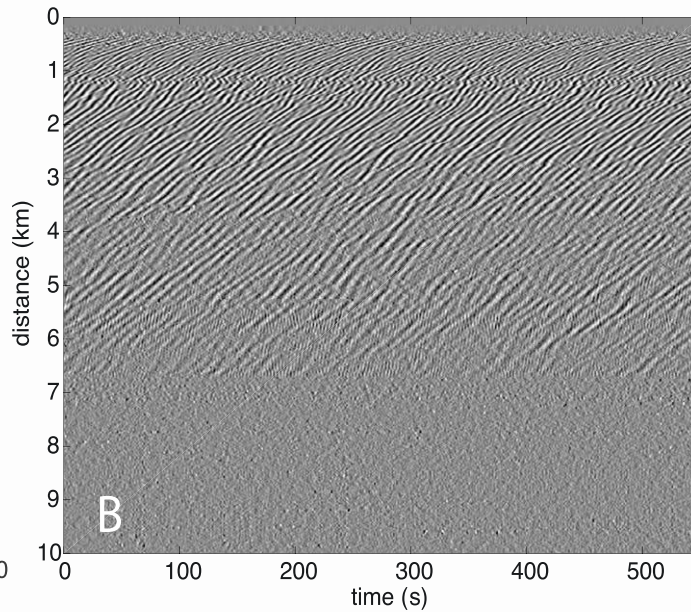
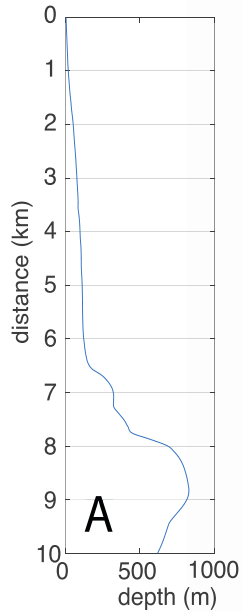


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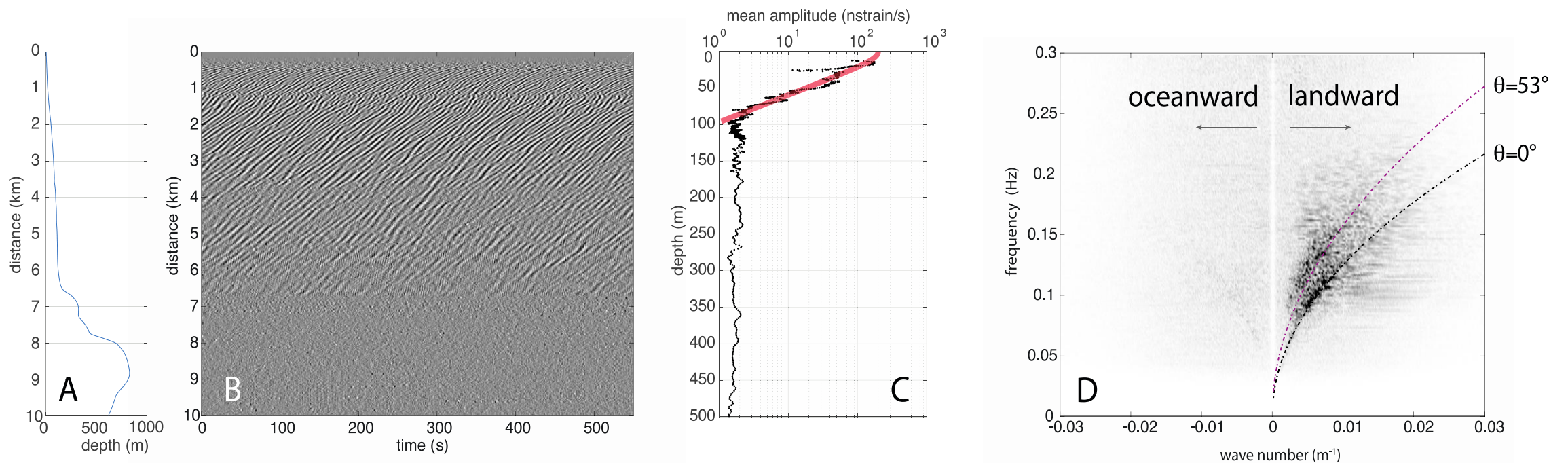
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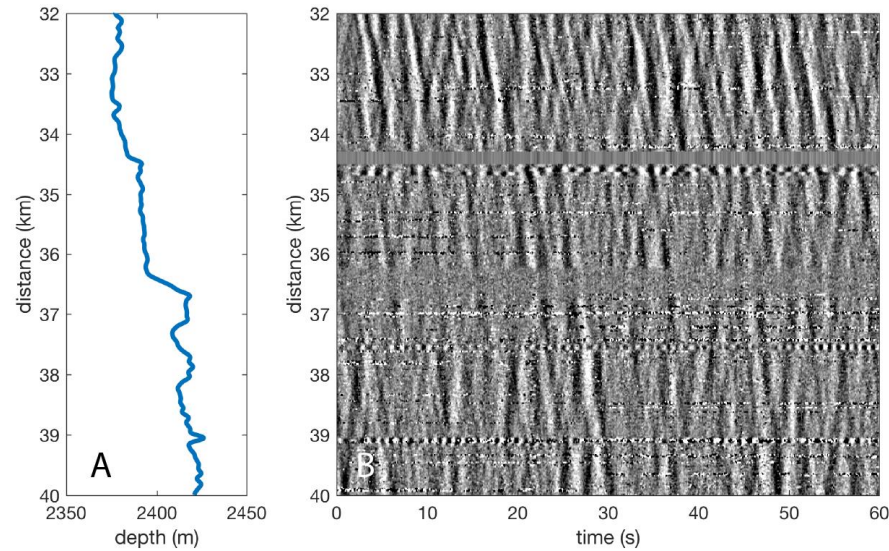
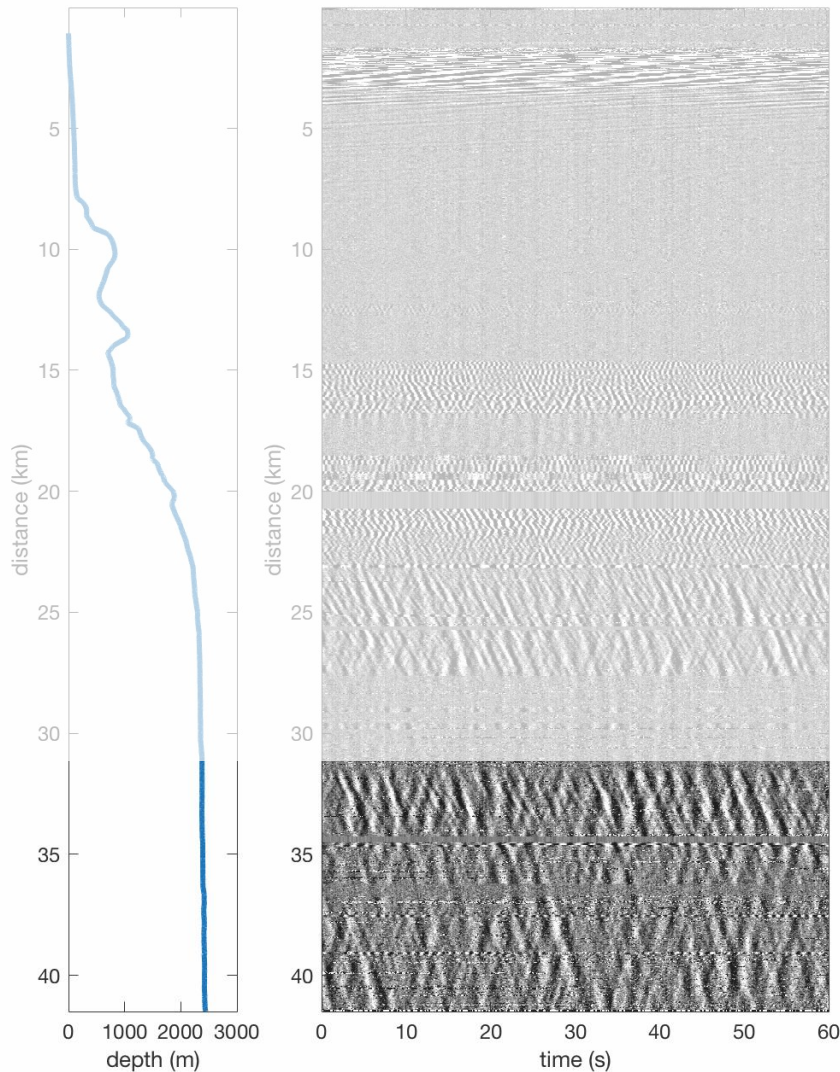
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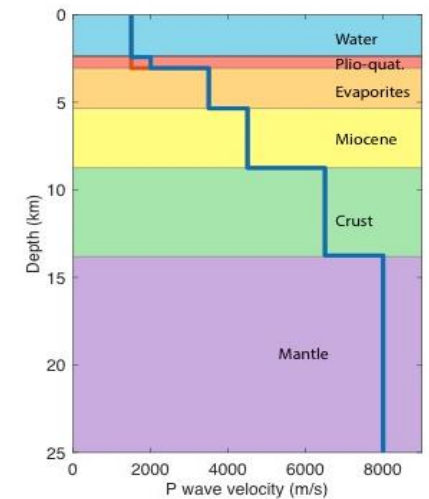
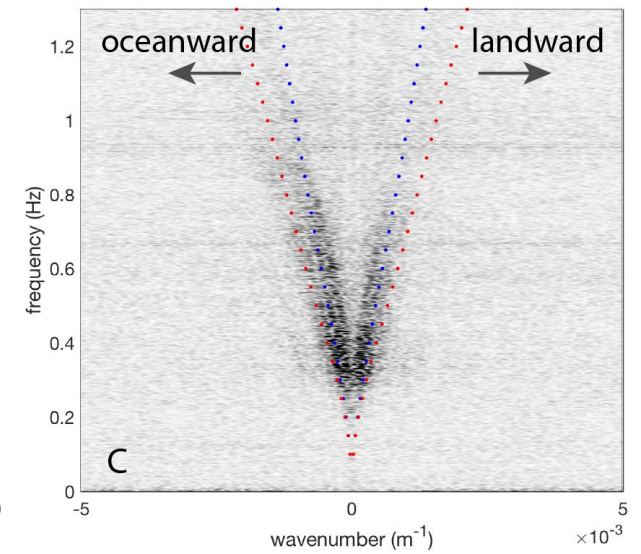
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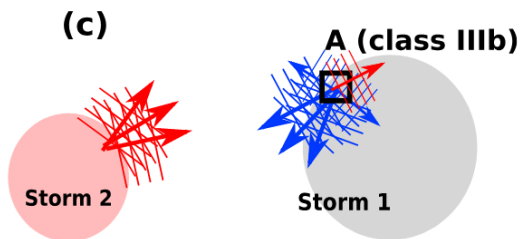
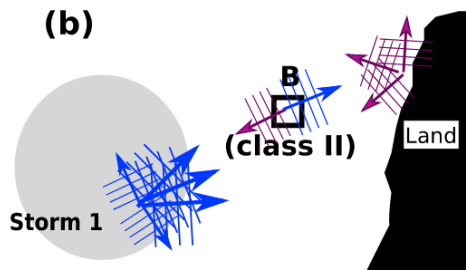
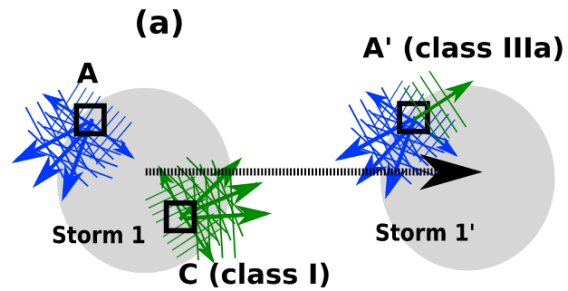
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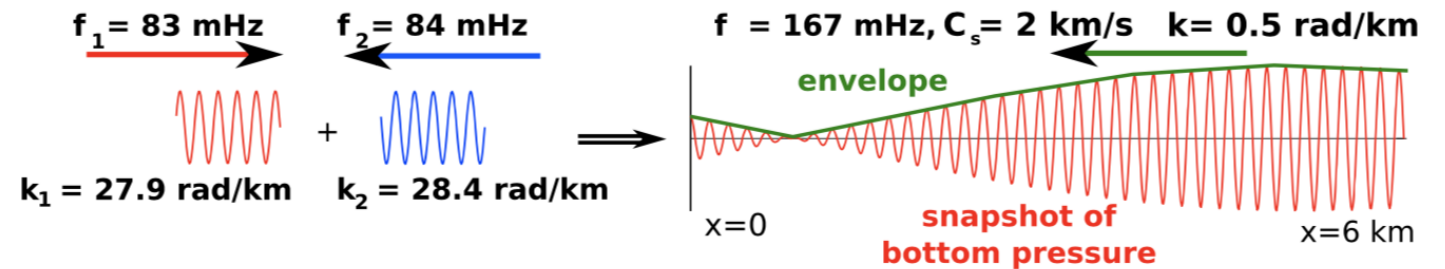
Depth = 2400m



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Longuet-Higgins (1950) showed that the unattenuated second-order pressure term in a standing wave pattern, was capable of generating microseisms.



Gualtieri et al. 2014

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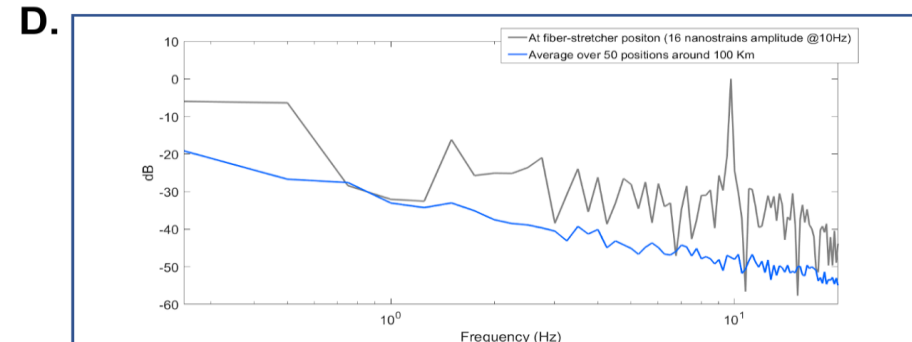
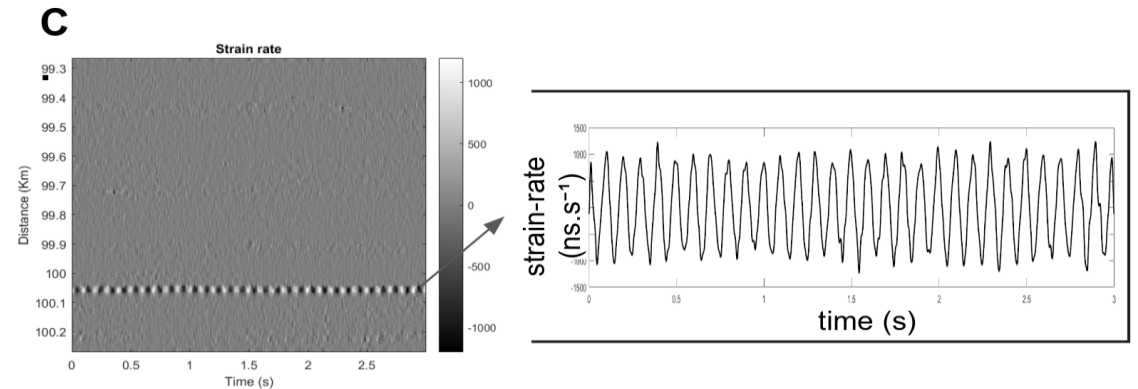
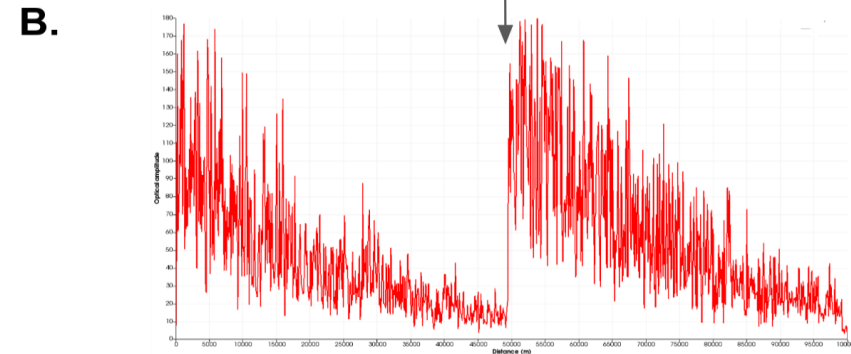
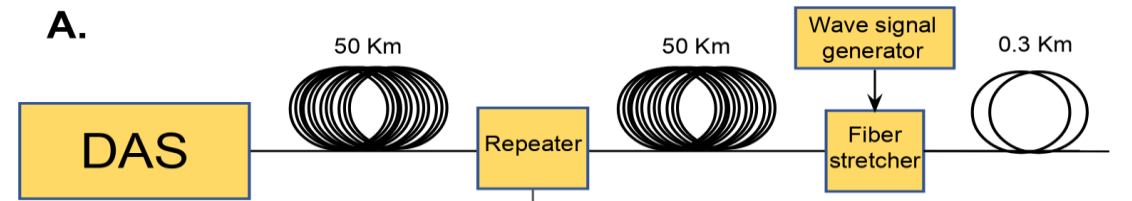
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