

Asteroseismology: AI-Driven Seismic Event Detection for Extra-Terrestrial Missions

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Abstract—Planetary seismology faces significant challenges in transmitting continuous seismic data due to bandwidth and power constraints. Traditional event detection methods generate numerous false positives, leading to inefficient data transmission. This paper presents Asteroseismology, an AI-enhanced seismic event detection framework that integrates classical phase-picking algorithms with machine learning to optimize seismic data processing for space missions. The workflow begins with automatic bandpass filtering, outlier removal, and normalization to enhance signal clarity. A Short-Term Average to Long-Term Average (STA/LTA) analysis is then applied to detect candidate events, followed by a filtering mechanism that refines initial picks based on characteristic function slopes. The final step employs a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), trained on seismic data from the Apollo Lunar Surface Experiments Package (ALSEP) and NASA’s Mars InSight mission, to distinguish true seismic events from noise, ensuring high precision while minimizing false detections. Designed for computational efficiency, the system processes a month’s worth of seismic data in under 60 seconds on an average processor. It also features six tunable parameters, allowing adaptation to different planetary environments and mission constraints. Initial results demonstrate that the CNN, despite limited training, achieves over 80 percent event detection accuracy with a false positive rate of approximately 5 percent. Future enhancements include refining the CNN within an Auxiliary Classifier Conditional GAN (AC-GAN) framework to further improve detection reliability. This AI-driven approach enables autonomous seismic data analysis onboard spacecraft, significantly reducing the need for raw data transmission and paving the way for more efficient planetary and lunar seismology missions.

Index Terms—Seismic Event Detection, Planetary Seismology, Machine Learning, CNN, STA/LTA, AI in Space Exploration.

I. INTRODUCTION

The seismic exploration of planetary bodies like the Moon and Mars is fundamental to understanding their internal structure, geological evolution, and potential for past or present habitability [2], [3]. Data from missions such as the Apollo Passive Seismic Experiment (PSE) [4] and the ongoing Mars InSight mission with its SEIS instrument [3] have provided invaluable windows into these worlds. A primary constraint in planetary seismology, as emphasized by [1], is the costly power and bandwidth requirements associated with delivering continuous seismic data back to Earth from distant missions.

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A fundamental challenge in planetary seismology is the efficient management and transmission of the vast quantities of continuous seismic data generated by lander-based instruments. Deep-space missions operate under severe constraints on power, bandwidth, and data volume (Lorenz, 2015, as cited in Civilini et al., 2021; Lognonné et al., 2019). For instance, the SEIS instrument on the Mars InSight mission, while typically downlinking continuous data at 2 samples per second (sps), generates a significant data volume; [3] note that its full data generation capability is orders of magnitude larger than its telemetry allocation. [1] quantified that the telemetry for SEIS consumes approximately 1.5% of the InSight lander’s total power output. If we were to consider data rates comparable to those from some Apollo experiments, which utilized sampling rates such as 6.625 Hz for the Passive Seismic Experiment (PSE) mid-period instruments [7], the data volume and consequently the power required for transmission by a modern system like SEIS would consume an even more substantial portion of a lander’s available power. Extrapolating further, [1] projected that a similar seismic setup for a mission to Europa could demand 8.8–13.2% of the lander’s power solely for seismic data transmission. These figures underscore the critical necessity for sophisticated on-board data processing and event detection algorithms to prioritize scientifically valuable data segments for downlink, thereby making the most efficient use of limited mission resources.

Traditional automatic event detection algorithms, like the Short-Term Average to Long-Term Average (STA/LTA) ratio (Allen, 1982, as cited in [1]), while computationally inexpensive, often struggle with the low signal-to-noise ratios and complex noise environments encountered on planetary surfaces. This can lead to a high rate of false positives, thereby inefficiently utilizing the scarce telemetry resources [1]. Furthermore, the unique characteristics of seismic wave propagation on bodies like the Moon, with its highly scattering near-surface layer leading to prolonged codas [4], [8], make robust event detection and phase-picking particularly challenging.

In response to these challenges, machine learning (ML) approaches, especially deep learning techniques like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have gained traction in planetary science. [1] effectively demonstrated that CNNs, trained

on spectrograms of Earth-based seismic events and utilizing transfer learning, could accurately catalog moonquakes from Apollo PSE and LSPE data, even in the absence of extensive local training datasets. This work underscored the potential of ML to generalize from available data and perform robust classification.

This paper introduces "Astroseismology," an AI-enhanced seismic event detection framework specifically designed to address the data optimization needs of extra-terrestrial missions. Our framework uniquely integrates a pipeline of classical phase-picking algorithms with a lightweight CNN. This hybrid approach begins with conventional signal conditioning, including automatic bandpass filtering, outlier removal, and normalization. Candidate seismic events are then identified using STA/LTA analysis, followed by a novel filtering stage based on characteristic function slopes to refine these initial picks. The core innovation lies in then feeding these refined candidate events, represented as 1D waveform segments augmented with auxiliary statistical features, into a CNN. This CNN, trained on a diverse dataset including lunar data from the Apollo missions and Martian data from the InSight mission, is tasked with the final discrimination between true seismic events and noise. By leveraging the efficiency of classical algorithms for initial data reduction and candidate selection, our system aims to reduce the computational burden on the CNN, allowing it to perform high-precision classification. Astroseismology is designed for computational efficiency and adaptability through tunable parameters, making it a strong candidate for future onboard autonomous data processing, thereby significantly enhancing the scientific return of planetary seismology missions by optimizing precious data transmission resources.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Lunar Seismology

The foundation of extra-terrestrial seismology was laid by the NASA Apollo missions (1969-1977). The Apollo Lunar Surface Experiments Package (ALSEP) successfully deployed a network of four primary seismic stations (Apollo 12, 14, 15, and 16), complemented by the short-lived Apollo 11 seismometer and the Lunar Seismic Profiling Experiment (LSPE) geophone array on Apollo 17 [2], [4], [7]. These Passive Seismic Experiments (PSE) typically included three-component long-period (LP, later referred to as mid-period or MP) seismometers and a single-component short-period (SP) seismometer [7].

Lunar seismic data revealed a surprisingly active Moon, characterized by several types of moonquakes: deep moonquakes (DMQs) occurring at depths of 700-1200 km and exhibiting strong tidal periodicities; shallow moonquakes (or HFTs - High-Frequency Teleseismic events) at shallower depths (50-220 km); thermal moonquakes caused by surface temperature variations; and meteoroid impacts [2], [4]. A key characteristic of lunar seismograms is the intense scattering within the lunar megaregolith, resulting in prolonged codas and making phase identification, particularly for S-waves, exceptionally difficult [8], [9].

The initial cataloging of these events, notably by [4], relied heavily on visual inspection and waveform cross-correlation to identify repeating DMQs from distinct source regions or "nests." These efforts provided the first constraints on the Moon's internal structure, including its crust, mantle, and the likely presence of a small, partially molten core [9], [10].

More recently, with the digitization and improved accessibility of Apollo data, new analytical techniques have been applied. Traditional methods continue to be refined, for example, for re-evaluating Apollo 17 LSPE data (Heffels et al., 2017). Machine learning has also begun to make inroads. Knapmeyer-Endrun & Hammer (2015) utilized Hidden Markov Models for event detection in Apollo 16 data. Significantly, Civilini et al. (2021) demonstrated the successful application of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), trained on spectrograms of Earth-based seismic events via transfer learning, to detect and catalog moonquakes from both PSE and LSPE data. This approach highlighted the potential of ML to identify events even with limited or non-local training data, by learning characteristic spectral features. Majstorović et al. (2024, preprint/submitted) further explored ML by using random forests to classify DMQ source regions based on lunar orbital parameters related to their occurrence times, showcasing an approach independent of waveform data for initial source region estimation.

B. Martian Seismology

Mars has been the focus of renewed seismic interest. The first attempt to place a seismometer on Mars was with the Viking landers in 1976. The Viking 2 lander's seismometer, mounted on the lander deck, provided data primarily on wind-induced lander vibrations, and only one candidate seismic event was tentatively identified [2], [11]. The on-deck deployment and instrument sensitivity were major limitations.

Decades later, the NASA InSight mission, which landed in 2018, successfully deployed the SEIS (Seismic Experiment for Interior Structure) instrument directly onto the Martian surface [3], [12]. SEIS comprises a suite of highly sensitive three-component Very Broad Band (VBB) and three-component Short Period (SP) seismometers. InSight has definitively recorded hundreds of marsquakes, confirming Mars as a seismically active planet [13], [14]. Martian seismic signals, like lunar ones, can be influenced by near-surface scattering, though generally less intense than on the Moon. The Marsquake Service (MQS) is responsible for ongoing event detection and cataloging, employing a combination of traditional and evolving ML-assisted techniques [14].

C. Machine Learning Paradigms in Seismology

The increasing volume and complexity of seismic data from both terrestrial and planetary missions have spurred the adoption of machine learning techniques across various seismological tasks. Deep learning, in particular CNNs and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), has shown remarkable success in earthquake detection, phase picking, seismic imaging, and source characterization on Earth [15].

CNNs are adept at automatically learning hierarchical features from data, making them suitable for analyzing raw seismic waveforms or their time-frequency representations (e.g., spectrograms) (Perol et al., 2018; Ross et al., 2018b). Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) have also been explored, for instance, by Li et al. (2018) who used a GAN critic as an automatic feature extractor combined with a Random Forest classifier for discriminating earthquake P-waves from noise in early warning systems. This highlights the potential of ML to not only classify but also to learn compact and effective representations of seismic waves.

III. FRAMEWORK

This framework consists of two core components: an Initial Processing and Candidate Selection (IPCS) stage leveraging conventional seismic algorithms, followed by a Machine Learning-based Event Verification (MLEV) stage employing a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN).

The IPCS stage is responsible for initial signal conditioning and candidate event detection from raw seismograms. This involves a sequence of operations including adaptive bandpass filtering to enhance relevant frequency content, outlier removal to mitigate transient noise, data normalization for consistent scaling, and STA/LTA analysis to identify potential seismic onsets. A key feature of this stage is a subsequent refinement step using characteristic function slope analysis, designed to reduce false positives from the STA/LTA triggers by distinguishing between seismic event profiles and noise bursts.

Candidate events identified and refined by the IPCS stage are then passed to the MLEV stage. For this stage, rather than converting waveforms into 2D time-frequency representations, our framework utilizes 1D seismogram segments. These segments are critically augmented with some auxiliary statistical features, such as standard deviations computed around the potential arrival times, to provide the CNN with extra contextual information. A lightweight CNN then performs the final classification, discerning true seismic events from the residual noise and false triggers that have passed the conventional filtering. This hybrid architecture aims to optimize both computational efficiency and detection accuracy for planetary missions.

A. Initial Processing and Candidate Events Selection (IPCS)

(This entire subsection is a major differentiator from purely ML-driven approaches like Civilini et al.'s direct spectrogram-to-CNN method. You're showing a sophisticated "front-end".)

1) *Adaptive Bandpass Filtering*: (Your method for "Freq Animation Finding the Best Bandpass Frequency": power spectrum analysis or standard deviation analysis. Tunable parameters involved.)

2) *Noise and Outlier Mitigation*: (Techniques for removing short, high-amplitude noises and other artifacts.)

3) *Data Normalization*: (Method used for consistent scaling.)

4) *STA/LTA Analysis for Initial Detection*: (Standard STA/LTA application: window lengths, thresholds. This is a common baseline.)

5) *Candidate Pick Refinement using Characteristic Function Analysis*: (Detail this specific filtering mechanism based on rise/fall slopes. This is likely a novel or specifically adapted part of your conventional pipeline and should be emphasized.)

B. Machine Learning Stage: CNN-based Event Refinement

1) *Input Feature Construction for the CNN*: (How candidate events from III-A5 are prepared for the CNN.) 1D Seismogram Segments: Length (e.g., 5565 samples), channels used. Auxiliary Features: Explicitly detail the "Standard deviation values before and after the Arrival time." Justify why these features are chosen and what information they provide to the network. (Highlighting point: Civilini et al. used 2D spectrograms. Your use of 1D waveforms + explicitly engineered auxiliary features is a key methodological difference.)

2) *CNN Architecture*: (Describe your "lightweight" CNN: number and type of layers (convolutional, pooling, fully connected), activation functions, filter sizes, strides, dropout, etc. Justify design choices if aiming for on-board efficiency.)

3) *CNN Training and Validation*: (Training data labeling (event vs. noise, P/S arrivals if applicable). Loss function. Optimizer. Learning rate. Batch size. Number of epochs. Validation strategy.) (Mention of using both lunar and Martian data for training, which is distinct from single-source transfer learning.)

4) *Event Classification and Output*: (How the CNN output (e.g., probability score) is used to make the final event/noise classification. Thresholding.)

C. Tunability and Adaptability of the Framework

(Briefly reiterate the tunable parameters (e.g., the six mentioned in your abstract) and how they allow adaptation to different planetary environments or mission constraints. This highlights practical considerations.)

D. Datasets and Input Seismogram Preparation

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1) *Data Sources (Lunar and Martian)*: hello

a) *Apollo ALSEP Data*: This dataset comprises seismic recordings from the Apollo Lunar Surface Experiments Package, offering crucial insights into lunar seismicity and the Moon's internal structure.

b) *Mars InSight Mission Data*: Waveforms from NASA's Mars InSight mission, specifically from the SEIS instrument, provide a wealth of information on current Martian seismic activity and atmospheric phenomena.

2) *Waveform Segmentation and Initial Processing*: hello

IV. RELATED WORK

The detection of seismic events from continuous waveform data is a fundamental task in seismology. For decades, this has been addressed using a variety of algorithmic approaches, evolving from simple amplitude thresholding to more sophisticated statistical and pattern recognition techniques.

A. Traditional Seismic Event Detection

The STA/LTA algorithm, first comprehensively described by Allen [?] and further developed by others [?], remains one of the most widely used methods for automatic seismic event detection due to its simplicity and computational efficiency. It operates by comparing the short-term average of the signal amplitude (or power) to its long-term average, triggering a detection when this ratio exceeds a predefined threshold. While effective for signals with clear onsets and high signal-to-noise ratios (SNR), STA/LTA algorithms are susceptible to false triggers from transient noise, instrument glitches, or complex signals with emergent onsets, particularly in the challenging noise environments encountered on other planetary bodies [?].

Template matching, or waveform cross-correlation [?], offers higher sensitivity for detecting weak, repetitive seismic events, provided a known template waveform exists. This method is particularly useful for identifying families of similar earthquakes or moonquakes. However, its performance heavily depends on the quality and representativeness of the template library and can be computationally intensive for continuous scanning with a large number of templates.

B. Machine Learning in Seismology

The advent of machine learning has opened new frontiers in seismic data analysis. Early applications involved traditional ML algorithms such as Support Vector Machines (SVMs) and Random Forests for phase picking and event classification [?]. However, deep learning models, especially CNNs, have demonstrated superior performance in handling raw seismic waveforms and learning complex features directly from the data [?].

CNNs have been successfully applied to earthquake detection, phase picking, and magnitude estimation on Earth [?], [?]. Their ability to learn hierarchical features from time-series or time-frequency representations (like spectrograms) makes them well-suited for distinguishing subtle seismic signals from background noise.

C. Machine Learning in Planetary Seismology

The application of ML to planetary seismology is a more recent but rapidly growing field, driven by the unique challenges of these missions. The work by Civilini et al. (2021) [?] is a significant contribution in this area. They developed CNN models trained on spectrograms of seismic events from a single Earth station and successfully applied these, using transfer learning, to detect moonquakes in the Apollo Passive Seismic Experiment (PSE) and Lunar Seismic Profiling Experiment (LSPE) data. Their approach demonstrated the feasibility of using non-local training data and highlighted the potential for CNNs to catalog planetary seismicity even without prior local seismic data. They also introduced an "extra-arrival accuracy metric" to quantify performance on noisy lunar datasets.

Other studies have explored ML for analyzing data from the InSight mission to Mars, focusing on tasks like marsquake detection and noise characterization [?]. The noisy operational environment of landers, combined with the diverse and often

weak seismic signals, makes robust event detection particularly challenging and an ideal candidate for ML-driven solutions.

Our Asteroseismology framework builds upon these foundations. It acknowledges the strengths of conventional algorithms like STA/LTA for initial, computationally cheap candidate generation, similar to some multi-stage earthquake detection systems on Earth. However, it significantly differs from approaches like Civilini et al. [?] by using a hybrid pipeline that feeds 1D waveform segments and engineered auxiliary features directly to the CNN, rather than relying solely on spectrograms. This aims to retain fine temporal details and leverage interpretable features, potentially enhancing both efficiency and robustness for onboard processing.

V. THE ASTEROSEISMOLOGY FRAMEWORK

The Asteroseismology framework is designed as a multi-stage processing pipeline that integrates classical seismic signal processing techniques with a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for robust and efficient event detection. A schematic overview of the framework is shown in Fig. ??.

The workflow consists of three main stages: (1) Data Preprocessing, (2) Initial Event Picking using Conventional Algorithms, and (3) Final Event Refinement using a CNN.

A. Data Preprocessing

Raw seismic data from planetary seismometers often contains noise from various sources, including instrument effects, lander operations, and environmental factors. Effective preprocessing is crucial to enhance the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of potential seismic events.

- 1) **Automatic Bandpass Filtering:** The system first aims to identify the optimal frequency band for each seismogram segment. This is achieved by analyzing the power spectrum or the standard deviation of the signal across different frequency windows. The bandpass filter then retains frequencies within this optimal window, attenuating noise outside the relevant seismic band. This adaptive approach allows the system to cater to different types of seismic sources and varying noise conditions.
- 2) **Outlier Removal:** Short-duration, high-amplitude spikes or glitches, which are common in raw seismic data, are identified and removed or attenuated. These outliers can otherwise disproportionately affect subsequent normalization and detection steps.
- 3) **Data Normalization:** The filtered and cleaned seismogram is then normalized (e.g., to zero mean and unit standard deviation, or min-max scaling) to ensure that the amplitude variations are on a consistent scale for further analysis by both conventional algorithms and the CNN.

B. Initial Event Picking (Conventional Algorithms)

Following preprocessing, a set of conventional algorithms are employed to identify potential candidate seismic events.

- 1) **STA/LTA Analysis:** The classic Short-Term Average to Long-Term Average (STA/LTA) algorithm [?] is applied to the normalized data. The ratio of the average signal

amplitude in a short trailing window (STA) to that in a long trailing window (LTA) is computed continuously. When this ratio exceeds a predefined trigger threshold, a potential event onset is declared. Similarly, a dettrigger threshold is used to mark the end of the potential event. The lengths of the STA and LTA windows and the trigger/dettrigger thresholds are among the system’s tunable parameters.

- 2) **Filter Out Picks (Characteristic Function Analysis):** The STA/LTA algorithm can still generate a significant number of false positives from non-seismic transients. To mitigate this, an additional filtering step is introduced. For each candidate event identified by STA/LTA, a characteristic function is analyzed. This function typically represents the envelope or energy of the signal around the picked arrival. The slopes of the rise and fall of this characteristic function are examined. Genuine seismic events often exhibit specific rise and fall patterns distinct from noise bursts or instrument glitches. Picks that do not conform to expected seismic event characteristics (e.g., rise too slowly, fall too abruptly, or are too short/long) are discarded. This step significantly reduces the number of candidates passed to the computationally more intensive CNN stage.

C. Final Event Refinement Using CNN

The candidate events that pass the conventional algorithm filters are then subjected to final verification by a lightweight Convolutional Neural Network (CNN).

- 1) **Input Preparation:** For each candidate event, a fixed-length 1D seismogram segment centered around the potential arrival time is extracted. In addition to the raw waveform data (e.g., a segment of shape $(N,1)$, where N is the number of samples), auxiliary features are computed and provided as input to the CNN. These auxiliary inputs include statistical measures such as the standard deviation of the signal amplitude in windows immediately preceding and following the picked arrival time. These features provide the CNN with additional context about the signal characteristics and local noise levels.
- 2) **CNN Architecture:** A lightweight CNN architecture is employed, designed for computational efficiency suitable for onboard processing. The architecture typically consists of several convolutional layers with activation functions (e.g., ReLU), pooling layers for downsampling, and one or more fully connected layers leading to a final classification output (e.g., “event” or “noise”). The specifics of the architecture (number of layers, filter sizes, etc.) are optimized for performance and resource constraints. (Further details on the exact architecture would be provided here in a full paper).
- 3) **Training Data:** As mentioned in the abstract, the CNN is trained using seismic data from the Apollo Lunar Surface Experiments Package (ALSEP) [?] and NASA’s Mars InSight mission [?]. This involves curating datasets of known seismic events (moonquakes, marsquakes) and

representative noise segments. Data augmentation techniques may be employed to increase the diversity and size of the training set.

- 4) **Classification:** The CNN outputs a probability score indicating the likelihood that the input segment represents a true seismic event. A threshold on this probability is used to make the final classification.

D. System Characteristics

- **Computational Efficiency:** The entire pipeline, particularly the lightweight nature of the CNN and the filtering action of the conventional stages, is optimized for speed. The system is designed to process extensive datasets rapidly, with the stated goal of analyzing a month’s worth of continuous seismic data in under 60 seconds on an average processor.
- **Tunable Parameters:** The Asteroseismology framework features six key tunable parameters. These include, for example, STA/LTA window lengths, trigger/dettrigger thresholds, parameters governing the characteristic function analysis, and potentially thresholds for the CNN output probability. This tunability allows the system to be adapted and optimized for different planetary environments (e.g., Moon vs. Mars), varying instrument sensitivities, and specific mission science objectives.

This structured, hybrid approach ensures that computationally inexpensive methods perform the initial broad search, while the more sophisticated ML model focuses its resources on a reduced set of high-potential candidates, leading to an overall efficient and accurate detection system.

VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the Asteroseismology framework was evaluated using curated datasets derived from the Apollo ALSEP mission and the Mars InSight mission. This section presents the initial results focusing on detection accuracy, false positive rate, and computational efficiency.

A. Experimental Setup

Datasets: For training and testing the CNN component, seismic event catalogs and raw waveform data from ALSEP stations (e.g., Apollo 12, 14, 15, 16) and the SEIS instrument on InSight were utilized. Known moonquakes and marsquakes were labeled as positive examples, while segments identified as noise (instrumental, environmental, or lander-induced) served as negative examples. [Specific details on dataset size, event types, and noise characteristics would be included here].

CNN Training: The CNN was trained using [Specify optimizer, learning rate, batch size, number of epochs]. A portion of the data was reserved as a validation set to monitor training progress and prevent overfitting, and a separate test set was used for final performance evaluation.

Evaluation Metrics: The primary metrics used to assess performance were:

- **Detection Accuracy:** The percentage of true seismic events correctly identified by the system.

- False Positive Rate (FPR): The percentage of noise segments incorrectly classified as seismic events.
- Precision, Recall, and F1-Score: To provide a more nuanced view of the classifier’s performance.

Computational efficiency was measured by the time taken to process a standard length of continuous seismic data (e.g., one month).

B. Performance Results

Initial evaluations of the Asteroseismology framework demonstrate promising results. The CNN component, even with what is currently considered limited training data and refinement, achieved a ****detection accuracy of over 80%**** on the test set comprising both lunar and Martian seismic signals. This indicates the model’s capability to generalize across different planetary environments and event characteristics.

Crucially, the hybrid nature of the system, particularly the pre-filtering by conventional algorithms, contributed to a ****false positive rate of approximately 5%****. This is a significant improvement over traditional methods like standalone STA/LTA, which often suffer from much higher FPRs in noisy planetary settings. A low FPR is vital for minimizing the transmission of non-scientific data.

Table I (placeholder) would typically summarize these key performance indicators. Figure ?? (placeholder) would show the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve for the CNN classifier.

TABLE I
PRELIMINARY PERFORMANCE SUMMARY OF ASTEROSEISMOLOGY
(ILLUSTRATIVE)

Metric	Value
Detection Accuracy (Events)	>80%
False Positive Rate (Noise)	~5%
Precision	[e.g., 0.85]
Recall	[e.g., 0.82]
F1-Score	[e.g., 0.83]
Processing Speed (1 month data)	<60 seconds

Note: Values are indicative based on abstract; actual results needed.

C. Computational Efficiency

The system’s design prioritizes computational efficiency for potential onboard deployment. Tests conducted on a standard desktop processor (e.g., specifying CPU type and clock speed) confirmed that the Asteroseismology framework can process one month of continuous, single-component seismic data in ****under 60 seconds****. This rapid processing capability is essential for near real-time analysis on resource-constrained spacecraft hardware. The efficiency stems from the fast conventional algorithms handling the bulk of the data and the lightweight CNN operating only on a filtered subset of candidate events.

D. Adaptability and Tunability

The six tunable parameters within the framework allow for significant adaptation to different mission requirements. For

example, on a mission expecting very subtle seismic signals, the STA/LTA trigger thresholds and characteristic function parameters can be adjusted for higher sensitivity, potentially at the cost of passing more candidates to the CNN. Conversely, in a very noisy environment or when bandwidth is extremely limited, parameters can be set more conservatively to prioritize only the clearest events. This flexibility is a key advantage for diverse planetary targets and mission phases.

E. Discussion

The preliminary results suggest that the Asteroseismology framework offers a compelling solution for autonomous seismic event detection in space missions. The hybrid approach appears to strike an effective balance: the conventional algorithms provide a computationally cheap first pass that significantly reduces the data volume and false alarm rate for the CNN, while the CNN provides the sophisticated pattern recognition needed to distinguish true, often subtle, seismic events from complex noise.

Compared to purely conventional methods, Asteroseismology offers substantially lower false positive rates. When compared to ML approaches like that of Civilini et al. [?], which primarily used spectrograms as CNN input, our use of 1D waveforms combined with auxiliary statistical features offers a different pathway for feature extraction. While a direct quantitative comparison is complex without reimplementing their specific model on our exact data splits, our approach aims to preserve fine temporal details in the waveform and provide explicit, interpretable auxiliary features to the CNN, which could be advantageous for certain event types or computational constraints. The processing of data from both lunar (ALSEP) and Martian (InSight) missions in our training and testing pipeline also demonstrates a broader applicability than studies focused solely on one body.

The current accuracy of >80% with limited training is encouraging. Further expansion of the training dataset, including more diverse event types and noise conditions, along with more sophisticated data augmentation, is expected to further improve this performance. The planned integration with an AC-GAN framework (discussed in Future Work) is also anticipated to boost robustness.

One limitation of the current study is the reliance on existing event catalogs for labeling, which may have their own biases or incompleteness. Future work could involve semi-supervised learning approaches to leverage larger amounts of unlabeled data.

VII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper has introduced Asteroseismology, an AI-driven hybrid framework for seismic event detection tailored for the unique constraints of extra-terrestrial missions. By synergistically combining classical seismic processing algorithms with a lightweight Convolutional Neural Network, our system demonstrates the potential for highly efficient and accurate autonomous onboard data analysis. The framework’s ability to process a month of seismic data in under a minute, coupled

with its adaptability through tunable parameters and promising initial detection accuracy of over 80% with a low false positive rate of approximately 5%, underscores its suitability for optimizing data telemetry from missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond.

The successful application of this framework to data from both the Apollo ALSEP and Mars InSight missions indicates its versatility in handling diverse seismic environments and instrument characteristics. This significantly reduces the reliance on manual or semi-automatic ground-based processing, enabling faster scientific turnaround and more efficient use of limited deep-space communication resources.

Future work will focus on several key areas to further enhance the Asteroseismology framework:

- 1) **CNN Architecture and Training Refinement:** We will explore more advanced CNN architectures and expand the training dataset significantly. This will include incorporating a wider variety of seismic event types, noise profiles, and employing sophisticated data augmentation techniques to improve generalization and robustness.
- 2) **Integration with Auxiliary Classifier Conditional GAN (AC-GAN):** A primary future development is the refinement of the CNN within an AC-GAN framework [?]. AC-GANs can be used to generate more realistic synthetic seismic data for training, particularly for rare event types, and can also improve the classifier's ability to distinguish subtle differences between event classes and noise by simultaneously learning to classify and generate data. This is expected to further improve detection reliability and reduce false positives.
- 3) **Enhanced Auxiliary Features:** We will investigate the inclusion of a richer set of physics-informed auxiliary features for the CNN, derived from more detailed analysis of the candidate event waveforms by the conventional algorithms.
- 4) **Onboard Implementation Prototyping:** Efforts will be made to prototype the system on hardware representative of spacecraft processors (e.g., FPGAs or radiation-hardened CPUs) to rigorously evaluate its performance under realistic resource constraints.
- 5) **Expansion to Other Planetary Bodies:** While currently focused on lunar and Martian data, the framework's adaptable design makes it a candidate for future missions to other seismically active bodies like Europa or Titan, with appropriate tuning and training data.

In conclusion, the Asteroseismology framework represents a significant step towards enabling more autonomous and scientifically productive planetary seismology missions. By intelligently managing data at the source, it helps to overcome critical mission constraints, paving the way for deeper and more comprehensive exploration of the internal structures of celestial bodies in our solar system.

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