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# **pyblockseis**

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pyBlockSeis is a Python tool for processing seismic data using the continuous wavelet transform (CWT).



## GETTING STARTED

### 1.1 Requirements

- ObsPy and its dependencies

### 1.2 Installation

### 1.3 Usage

- Refer to the notebook tutorials.

### 1.4 Acknowledgements

- The tool is adapted from the Matlab software Block Choice Seismic Analysis (BCseis, version 1.1) by Charles A. Langston and S. Mostafa Mousavi.
- Forward and inverse CWTs functions based on the [Synchrosqueezing Toolbox](#) by Eugene Brevdo and Gaurav Thakur.

### 1.5 License

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## API REFERENCE

This page gives an overview of all public pyblockseis objects, functions and methods.

### 2.1 Core Modules

<code>pyblockseis.block</code>	Core module for pyBlockSeis
<code>pyblockseis.waveforms</code>	Routines for handling waveform data
<code>pyblockseis.wavelet</code>	Routines for handling the wavelet transform
<code>pyblockseis.threshold</code>	Non-linear thresholding operations using the continuous wavelet transform

#### 2.1.1 pyblockseis.block

Core module for pyBlockSeis

##### Functions

<code>read</code>	Read waveform files and processing parameters into a pyBlockSeis Block object
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##### 2.1.1.1 pyblockseis.block.read

**read** (*params*=None, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read waveform files and processing parameters into a pyBlockSeis Block object

The `read` function accepts waveform files in either ObsPy Stream or Trace objects, or something ObsPy can read. If a *Parameter* object is not provided, the default processing values will be used instead.

##### Parameters

- **params** (*Parameter*) – parameters required to run the denoiser.
- **event** (*Event* or *Catalog*, optional) – Object containing information that describes the seismic event.
- **data** (*Stream*, *Trace*, *str*, ...) – Waveform data in ObsPy trace or stream formats or something ObsPy can read.
- **asdf\_file** (*str*) – HDF5 file name.

- **field** (*str*) – path of waveform files within the ASDF volume, default is "raw\_observed".

## Examples

(1) Reading from a SAC file

```
>>> import pyblockseis as bcs
>>> params = bcs.params((block_threshold=1.0, noise_threshold="hard"))
>>> block = bcs.read(params=params, data="testdata/5014.YW.0.sp0011.DPZ")
>>> # Using default values
>>> block = bcs.read(data="testdata/5014.YW.0.sp0011.DPZ")
```

(2) Reading from a ASDF file

```
>>> import pyblockseis as bcs
>>> params = bcs.params((block_threshold=1.0, noise_threshold="hard"))
>>> block = bcs.read(params=params, asdf_file="testdata/578449.h5")
```

## Classes

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<i>Block</i>	Root object for the time series and CWT
<i>Parameter</i>	A container of parameters required to run <i>Block</i>

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### 2.1.1.2 pyblockseis.block.Block

**class Block** (*params, event, waveforms*)

Bases: *object*

Root object for the time series and CWT

Main class object that handles the processing of seismic data using the continuous wavelet transform. The `tags` attribute is a list of available processed waveforms and their wavelet transforms, depending on the choices set in *Parameter*. See all possible tags below.

#### Parameters

- **params** (*Parameter*) – CWT operations.
- **event** (*Event*) – seismic event information.
- **waveforms** (*Waveforms*) – seismic data.

#### Attributes

**params** [Parameter object] CWT operations.

**event** [ObsPy event] event information.

**waveforms** [Waveforms object] seismic waveforms.

**wavelets** [WaveletCollection object] wavelet transforms of the processed data.

**noise\_model\_tag** [str] wavelet transform of data used to estimate the noise model, depending on the processing choices this will be "input", "band\_rejected" or None.

## Available Tags

tag	parameters	description
"input"	none	input data
"band_rejected"	bandpass_blocking	applied a band rejection filter
"noise_removed"	noise_threshold	noise removed from data
"signal_removed"	signal_threshold	signal removed from data

## Basic Usage

```
>>> import pyblockseis as bcs
>>> block = bcs.read(data="testdata/5014.YW.0.sp0011.DPZ")
>>> block.run()
```

## Methods

<code>get_station_list</code>	Function to return a list of available stations
<code>get_waveforms</code>	Returns a <i>Waveforms</i> object
<code>get_wavelets</code>	Returns a <i>WaveletCollection</i> object
<code>plot</code>	Plot the time-frequency representation, or scalogram, of the current pyblockseis Block object
<code>reconstruct</code>	Reconstruct time series
<code>run</code>	Function to run the CWT-based thresholding operations
<code>write</code>	Write the processed data to file

### pyblockseis.block.Block.get\_station\_list

`Block.get_station_list()`  
Function to return a list of available stations

### pyblockseis.block.Block.get\_waveforms

`Block.get_waveforms(tag)`  
Returns a *Waveforms* object

A function that returns the waveforms of a tagged dataset

**Parameters** `tag` (*str*) – processed data

### pyblockseis.block.Block.get\_wavelets

`Block.get_wavelets (tag)`

Returns a *WaveletCollection* object

A function that returns the wavelet transform of a tagged dataset

**Parameters** `tag` (*str*) – processed data

### pyblockseis.block.Block.plot

`Block.plot (tag, network=None, station=None, location=None, channel=None, component=None)`

Plot the time-frequency representation, or scalogram, of the current pyblockseis Block object

Plot the scalograms for all traces in the object. Alternatively, specific traces can be selected that matches the given station criteria.

**Parameters**

- `tag` (*str*) – processed data to plot.
- `network` (*str*) – network code.
- `station` (*str*) – station code.
- `location` (*str*) – location code.
- `channel` (*str*) – channel code.
- `component` (*str*) – component code.

### Example

```
>>> block.plot("noise_removed", network="BK", channel="HH*")
```

### pyblockseis.block.Block.reconstruct

`Block.reconstruct (tag)`

Reconstruct time series

A function that performs the inverse continuous wavelet transform to reconstruct the time series from the wavelet coefficients.

**Parameters** `tag` – time series to reconstruct.

### pyblockseis.block.Block.run

`Block.run ()`

Function to run the CWT-based thresholding operations

Apply the nonlinear thresholding operations given the values in the `params` attribute and reconstruct the time series.

**pyblockseis.block.Block.write**

`Block.write` (*tag*, *output=None*, *filename=None*, *format='npz'*, *network=None*, *station=None*, *location=None*, *channel=None*, *component=None*)

Write the processed data to file

Function to save the waveforms or wavelet transforms to a single uncompressed NumPy .npz format. Additional formats for the waveforms are supported through ObsPy, such as binary SAC. See `obsPy.core.stream.Stream.write` for the supported waveform data formats.

**Parameters**

- **tag** (*str*) – input or processed dataset to save.
- **output** (*str*) – type of output to save, "waveforms" for time series data, or "cwt" for the continuous wavelet transform.
- **filename** (*str*) – name of the file to write, optional.
- **format** (*str*) – output file format, default is "npz". For waveform data see `write` for additional supported formats.
- **network** (*str*) – network code.
- **station** (*str*) – station code.
- **location** (*str*) – location code.
- **channel** (*str*) – channel code.
- **component** (*str*) – component code.

**Attributes**

<i>event</i>	Returns an ObsPy event object containing information that describes the seismic event
<i>tags</i>	Returns a list of available tags in the dataset after applying the wavelet thresholding operations

**pyblockseis.block.Block.event**

**property** `Block.event`

Returns an ObsPy event object containing information that describes the seismic event

## pyblockseis.block.Block.tags

**property** `Block.tags`

Returns a list of available tags in the dataset after applying the wavelet thresholding operations

### 2.1.1.3 pyblockseis.block.Parameter

**class** `Parameter(*args, **kwargs)`

Bases: `object`

A container of parameters required to run `Block`

The Parameter class determines the appropriate processes to be applied to the seismograms.

#### Parameters

- **wave\_type** (*str*) – wavelet filter type, options are "morlet", "shannon", "mhat", "hhat". Default is "morlet".
- **nvoices** (*int*) – number of voices, or the sampling of CWT in scale. Higher number of voices give finer resolution. Default is 16.
- **bandpass\_blocking** (*bool*) – Default value True will apply a band rejection filter where wavelet coefficients are modified over a scale bandpass.
- **scale\_min** (*float*) – minimum time scale for bandpass blocking. Default is 1.
- **scale\_max** (*float*) – maximum time scale for bandpass blocking. Default is 200.
- **block\_threshold** – percent amplitude adjustment to the wavelet coefficients within `scale_min` and `scale_max`. For example a threshold of 5% means the wavelet coefficients in the band will be multiplied by 0.05. Default is 0.
- **estimate\_noise** (*bool*) – flag to compute the noise model, default is True.
- **noise\_starttime** (*float*) – noise start time, default is 0.
- **noise\_endtime** (*float*) – noise end time, default is 60.
- **noise\_threshold** (*str*) – type of noise thresholding to be applied, the options are "hard" for hard thresholding and "soft" for soft thresholding. Default is None.
- **signal\_threshold** (*str*) – type of signal thresholding to be applied, the options are "hard" for hard thresholding, and "soft" for soft thresholding. Default is None.
- **nsigma\_method** (*str, int, float*) – method to determine the number of standard deviations for block thresholding. "donoho" for Donoho's Threshold criterion and "ECDF" for empirical cumulative probability distribution method. You can also specify the number of standard deviations by entering a number. None ECDF method assumes Gaussian statistic. The default method "ECDF" is recommended.
- **snr\_detection** (*bool*) – Flag to apply the SNR detection method, default is False. If True it will be applied before hard thresholding.
- **snr\_lowerbound** (*float*) – Noise level percent lower bound. Default is 1.0.

## Methods

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<i>keys</i>	Returns a list of object attributes.
<i>update</i>	

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### pyblockseis.block.Parameter.keys

`Parameter.keys()`  
Returns a list of object attributes.

### pyblockseis.block.Parameter.update

`Parameter.update(adict={})`

## 2.1.2 pyblockseis.waveforms

Routines for handling waveform data

### Classes

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<i>Waveforms</i>	Main class for waveform data
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### 2.1.2.1 pyblockseis.waveforms.Waveforms

**class Waveforms** (*tag\_options*)

Bases: `object`

Main class for waveform data

**Parameters** `tag_options` (*list*) – a list of available tags, this defines the list of keys for the `data` attribute.

## Additional Attributes

**station\_name** [list of str] stations names.

**data** [dict of ObsPy Stream objects] waveform data, refer to `obspy.core.stream.Stream.select` for details on how to query the traces.

## Methods

<i>add_waveform</i>	Function to add seismic waveform data
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### pyblockseis.waveforms.Waveforms.add\_waveform

`Waveforms.add_waveform(wfs, tag)`  
Function to add seismic waveform data

#### Parameters

- **wfs** (`Stream`, `Trace`, str, ...) – waveform files.
- **tag** (`str`) – data type.

## 2.1.3 pyblockseis.wavelet

Routines for handling the wavelet transform

### Functions

<i>blockbandpass</i>	Apply a band reject filter to modify the wavelet coefficients over a scale bandpass
<i>cwt</i>	Continuous wavelet transform using the wavelet function
<i>inverse_cwt</i>	Inverse continuous wavelet tranform
<i>wfiltfn</i>	Wavelet transform function of the wavelet filter in fourier domain
<i>wfilth</i>	Fast fourier transform of the wavelet function

### 2.1.3.1 pyblockseis.wavelet.blockbandpass

**blockbandpass** (`Wx`, `scales`, `scale_min`, `scale_max`, `block_threshold`)  
Apply a band reject filter to modify the wavelet coefficients over a scale bandpass

#### Parameters

- **Wx** (`numpy.ndarray`) – wavelet transform of shape (len(scales), len(time\_series))
- **scale\_min** (`float`) – minimum time scale for bandpass blocking.
- **scale\_max** (`float`) – maximum time scale for bandpass blocking.
- **block\_threshold** – percent amplitude adjustment to the wavelet coefficients within `scale_min` and `scale_max`.



**Returns** modified wavelet transform of shape (len(scales), len(time\_series)).

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

### 2.1.3.2 pyblockseis.wavelet.cwt

**cwt** (*time\_series, wave\_type, nvoices, dt*)

Continuous wavelet transform using the wavelet function

#### Parameters

- **time\_series** (list or `numpy.ndarray`) – input time series data.
- **wave\_type** (*str*) – wavelet function.
- **nvoices** (*int*) – sampling of CWT in scale.
- **dt** (*float*) – sampling period.

**Returns** the wavelet transform of shape (scales, time\_series), and the length vector containing the associated scales.

**Return type** (`numpy.ndarray, numpy.ndarray`)

### 2.1.3.3 pyblockseis.wavelet.inverse\_cwt

**inverse\_cwt** (*Wx, wave\_type, nvoices*)

Inverse continuous wavelet tranform

Reconstructs the original signal from the wavelet transform.

#### Parameters

- **Wx** (`numpy.ndarray`) – wavelet transform of shape (len(scales), len(time\_series))
- **wave\_type** (*str*) – wavelet function.
- **nvoices** (*int*) – sampling of CWT in scale.

**Returns** time series data.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

### 2.1.3.4 pyblockseis.wavelet.wfiltfn

**wfiltfn** (*xi, wave\_type*)

Wavelet transform function of the wavelet filter in fourier domain

#### Parameters

- **xi** (`numpy.ndarray`) – sampled time series.
- **wave\_type** (*str*) – wavelet function.

**Returns** mother wavelet function.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

### 2.1.3.5 pyblockseis.wavelet.wfilth

**wfilth** (*wave\_type*, *N*, *a*)

Fast fourier transform of the wavelet function

Outputs the FFT of a given *wave\_type* of length *N* at scale *a*.

**Parameters**

- **wave\_type** (*str*) – wavelet function.
- **N** (*int*) – number of samples to calculate.
- **a** (*float*) – wavelet scale.

**Returns** wavelet sampling in frequency domain

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

## Classes

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<i>Wavelet</i>	One dimensional continues wavelet transform of a time series
<i>WaveletCollection</i>	A collection of wavelet objects

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### 2.1.3.6 pyblockseis.wavelet.Wavelet

**class Wavelet** (*coefs=None*, *scales=None*, *headers=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Bases: `object`

One dimensional continues wavelet transform of a time series

Main class for a single wavelet transform including the station headers, wavelet coefficients and scales. Noise model calculated from the function *noise\_model* is passed through additional *kwargs*.

**Parameters**

- **coefs** (`numpy.ndarray`) – Continuous wavelet transform of a time series, the first axis corresponds to the scales and the second axis corresponds to the length of the time series.
- **scales** (`numpy.ndarray`) – Wavelet scales
- **headers** (`dict`, *Stats*) – header information of the data.
- **M** (`numpy.ndarray`) – mean of noise model.
- **S** (`numpy.ndarray`) – standard deviation of noise model.
- **P** (`numpy.ndarray`) – threshold of the noise signal.

### Attributes

**stats** [*Stats*] header of the wavelet transform, including station info.

**scales** [*numpy.ndarray*] wavelet scales.

**coefs** [*numpy.ndarray*] wavelet coefficients.

**noise\_model** [*AttribDict*] noise model

### Methods

<i>get_id</i>	Returns the station ID
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#### pyblockseis.wavelet.Wavelet.get\_id

`Wavelet.get_id()`

Returns the station ID

**Returns** station ID containing network, station, location and channel codes.

**Return type** *str*

#### 2.1.3.7 pyblockseis.wavelet.WaveletCollection

**class WaveletCollection** (*wavelets=None*)

Bases: *object*

A collection of wavelet objects

Main class that contains wavelet transforms for multiple time series.

**Parameters** **wavelets** (*Wavelet*, list) – wavelet transform(s).

### Methods

<i>count</i>	
<i>select</i>	Query wavelets

#### pyblockseis.wavelet.WaveletCollection.count

`WaveletCollection.count()`

### pyblockseis.wavelet.WaveletCollection.select

`WaveletCollection.select` (*network=None, station=None, location=None, channel=None, component=None*)

Query wavelets

Select wavelet transforms that matches the given station criteria.

#### Parameters

- **tag** (*str*) – processed data to plot.
- **network** (*str*) – network code.
- **station** (*str*) – station code.
- **location** (*str*) – location code.
- **channel** (*str*) – channel code.
- **component** (*str*) – component code.

## 2.1.4 pyblockseis.threshold

Non-linear thresholding operations using the continuous wavelet transform

### Functions

<i>SNR_detect</i>	Apply SNR detection to CWT
<i>ecdf</i>	Empirical cumulative probability distribution
<i>noise_model</i>	Calculates noise model and threshold function.
<i>noise_thresholding</i>	Apply hard/soft thresholding to the noise (removing noise).
<i>signal_thresholding</i>	Apply hard/soft thresholding to the signal (removing signal).

#### 2.1.4.1 pyblockseis.threshold.SNR\_detect

**SNR\_detect** (*Wx, M, newbeg, newend, snr\_lowerbound*)

Apply SNR detection to CWT

#### Parameters

- **Wx** (*numpy.ndarray*) – wavelet transform of shape (len(scales), len(time\_series))
- **M** (*numpy.ndarray*) – mean of noise model.
- **snr\_lowerbound** (*float*) – noise level lower bound in percent.

**Returns** the updated mean and standard deviation of the noise model.

**Return type** (*numpy.ndarray, numpy.ndarray*)

### 2.1.4.2 pyblockseis.threshold.ecdf

**ecdf** (*x*)

Empirical cumulative probability distribution

Function returns the empirical cumulative distribution function of the input array.

**Parameters** *x* (`numpy.ndarray`) – a sample

**Returns** a 2-D array where the first and second axes correspond to the empirical cumulative distribution function evaluated at the sorted sample points.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

### 2.1.4.3 pyblockseis.threshold.noise\_model

**noise\_model** (*Wx*, *delta*, *noise\_starttime*, *noise\_endtime*, *nsigma\_method*, *nlbound*, *detection=False*)

Calculates noise model and threshold function.

**Parameters**

- **Wx** (`numpy.ndarray`) – wavelet transform of shape (len(scales), len(time\_series))
- **delta** (`float`) – sampling interval.
- **noise\_starttime** (`float`) – noise start time.
- **noise\_endtime** (`float`) – noise end time.
- **nsigma\_method** (`str`) – block thresholding method.
- **nlbound** (`float`) – noise level lower bound in percent.
- **nsigma\_gauss** (`float`) – number of std for block threshold using Gaussian statistic.
- **detection** (`bool`) – If True it will be applied before hard thresholding. Default is False.

**Returns** the mean, standard deviation of the noise model, and threshold of the noise signal.

**Return type** (`numpy.ndarray`, `numpy.ndarray`, `numpy.ndarray`)

### 2.1.4.4 pyblockseis.threshold.noise\_thresholding

**noise\_thresholding** (*Wx*, *noise\_threshold*, *P*)

Apply hard/soft thresholding to the noise (removing noise).

**Parameters**

- **Wx** (`numpy.ndarray`) – wavelet transform of shape (len(scales), len(time\_series))
- **noise\_threshold** (`str`) – “soft” or “hard” noise thresholding.
- **P** (`numpy.ndarray`) – threshold of the noise signal.

**Return Wx\_new** the new wavelet transform.

**Rtype Wx\_new** `numpy.ndarray`

#### 2.1.4.5 pyblockseis.threshold.signal\_thresholding

**signal\_thresholding** (*Wx*, *signal\_threshold*, *P*)

Apply hard/soft thresholding to the signal (removing signal).

**Parameters**

- **Wx** (`numpy.ndarray`) – wavelet transform of shape (len(scales), len(time\_series))
- **signal\_threshold** (`str`) – “soft” or “hard” noise thresholding.
- **P** (`numpy.ndarray`) – threshold of the noise signal.

**Return Wx\_new** the new wavelet transform.

**Rtype Wx\_new** `numpy.ndarray`

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**Note:** The code is still under development, your feedback is appreciated.

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