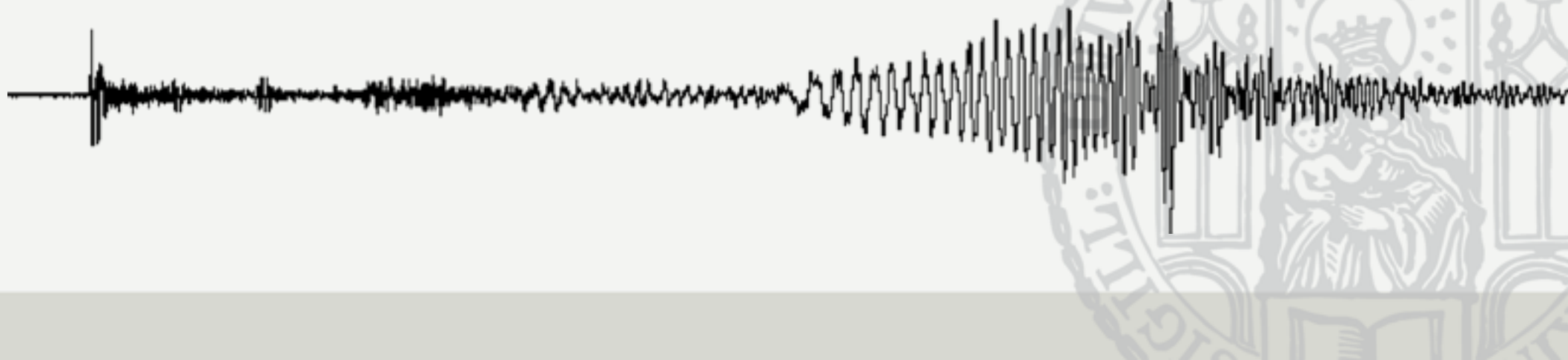


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# Geophysical Data Analysis

## L09 – Correlation



Scope: Understand how the correlation gives us information about how similar signals are, and where. ...

What is a correlation?

- *Correlation of time series*
  - *Similarity*
  - *Time shifts*



Brainstorming ...

Applications?

... on the board.



- *Applications*
  - *Correlation of rotations/strains and translations*
  - *Ambient noise correlations*
  - *Accurate phase picking*
  - *Searching for signals (using a template)*
  - *Autocorrelations*

**Convolution:**

$$(f * g)(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

**Cross-correlation:**

$$(f \star g)(\tau) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(t) g(t + \tau) dt,$$

*where  $f^*$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $f$ ,  $t$  is the time and  $\tau$  is the lag.*

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*The cross-correlation of functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  is equivalent to the convolution of  $f^*(-t)$  and  $g(t)$ :*

$$f \star g = f^*(-t) * g.$$

**For discrete signals:**

$$(f * g)[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f[m] g[n - m]$$

$$(f \star g)[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f^*[m] g[m + n].$$

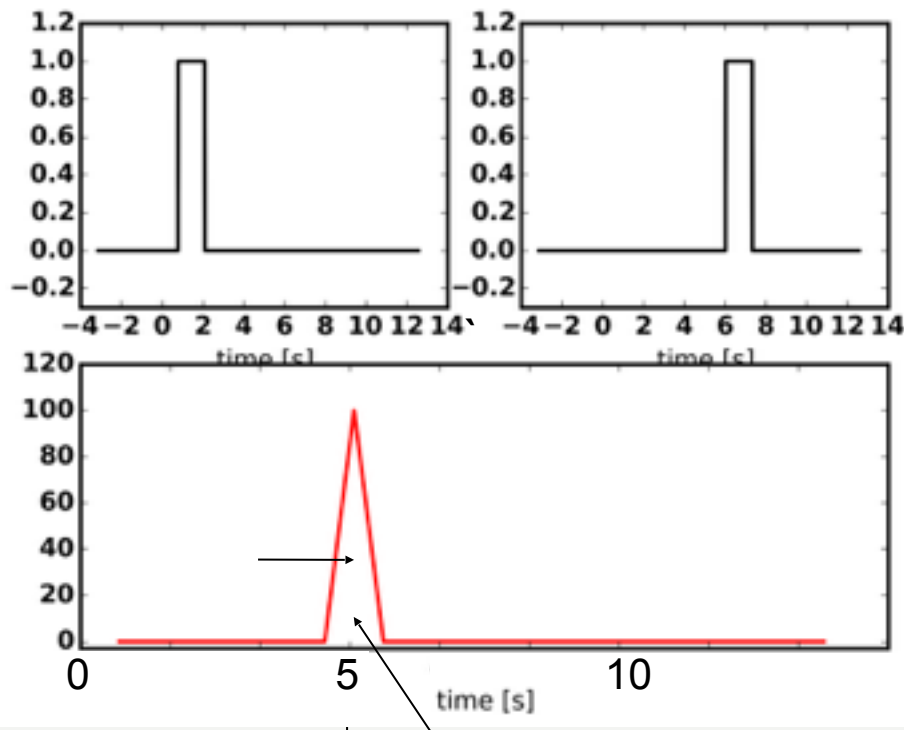


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cross correlation  $\star$  (star!)

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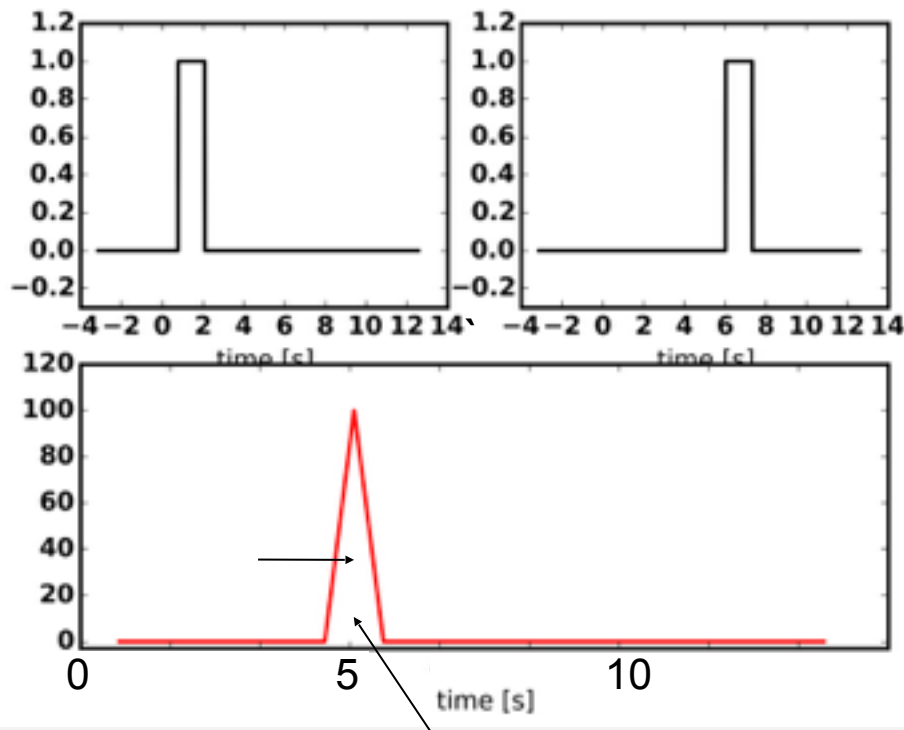
Similarity between two functions

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Lag between two functions

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***So how would you calculate the cross correlation?***

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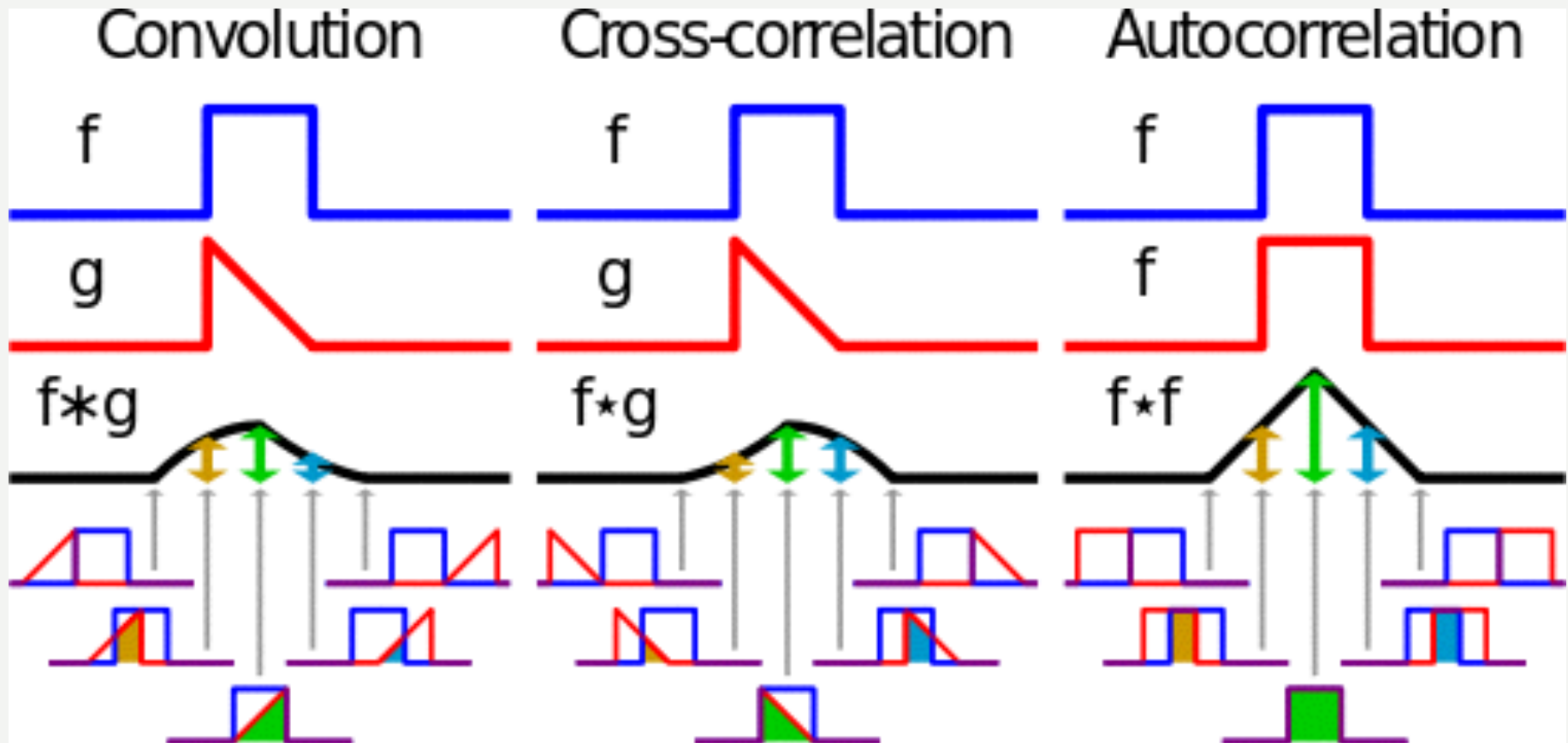
**- : Flip, shift, sum.**

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**+! : don't flip, shift, sum.**



$$y_k = \sum_{i=0}^m g_i f_{k-i}$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m+n$$

<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>x*y</b>
0 1 0 0	1 2 1	0
0 1 0 0	1 2 1	0
0 1 0 0	1 2 1	1
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0 1 0 0	1 2 1	0



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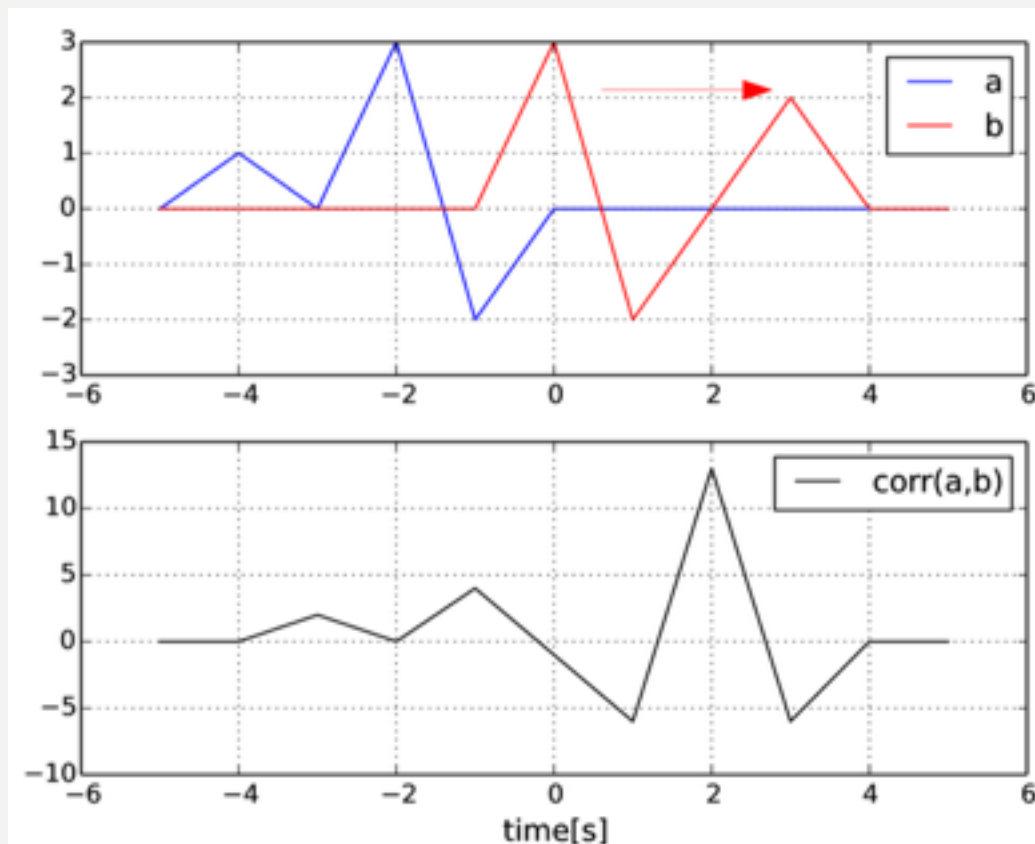
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**corr(a,b) =??**

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Total: 6

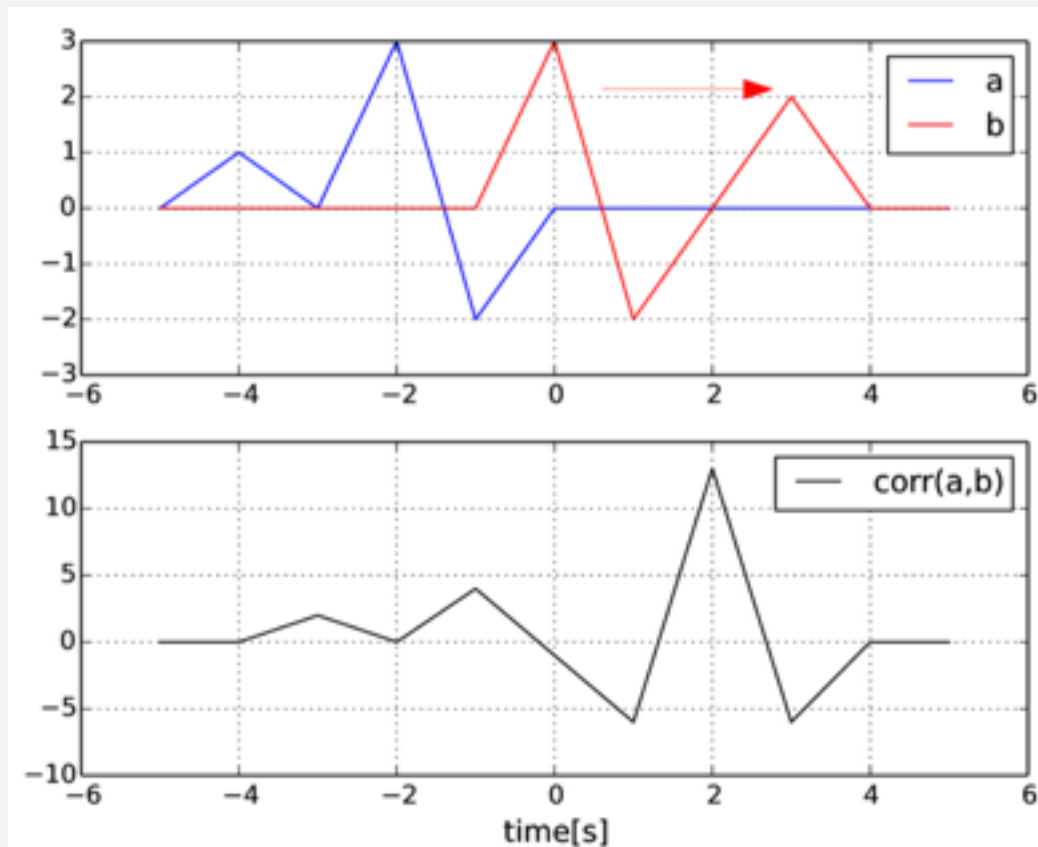
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## Cross-correlation: commutative?

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**corr(a,b):**



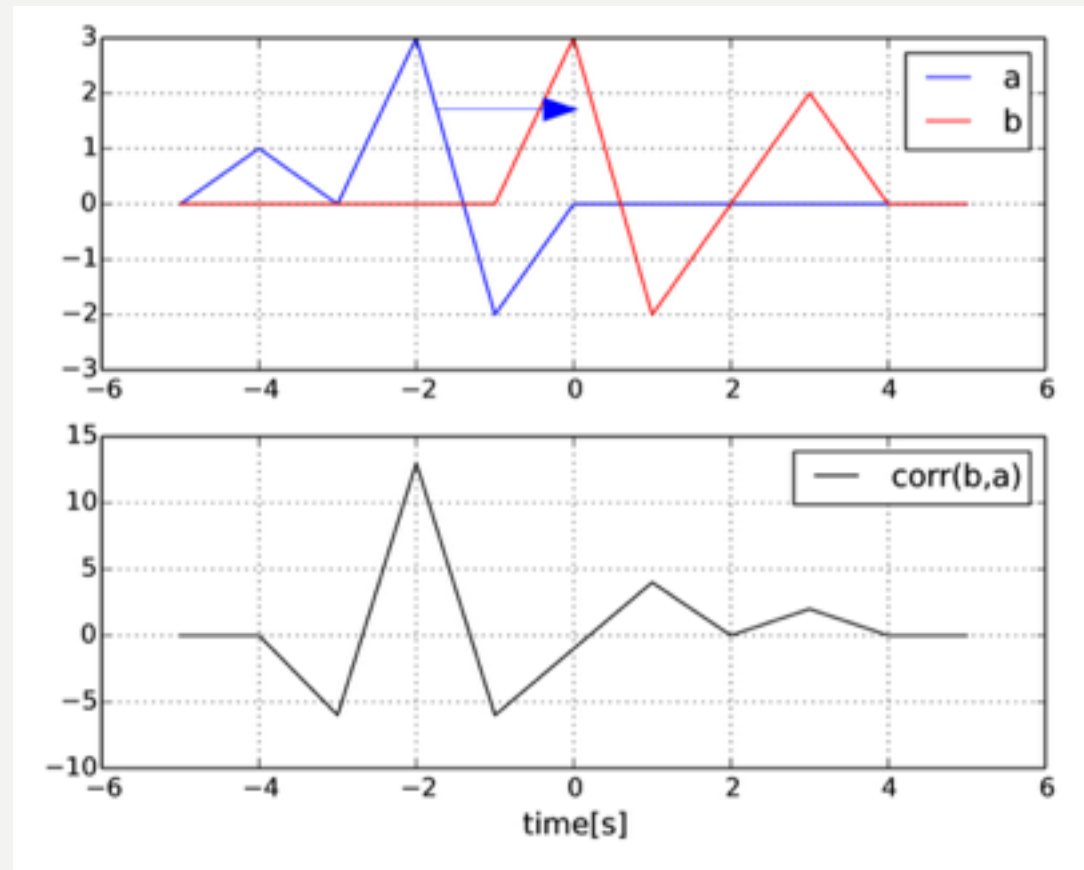
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$\text{corr}(a,b)$



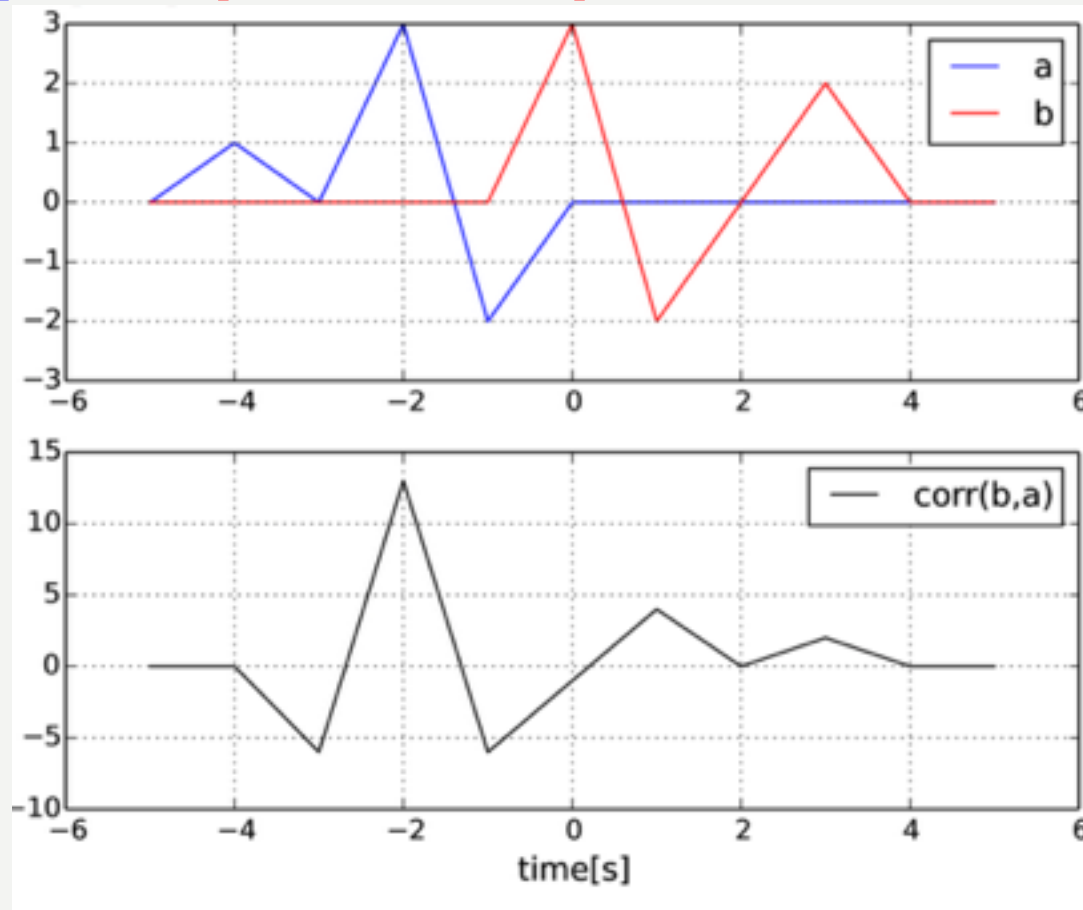
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$\text{corr}(b,a) \neq \text{corr}(a,b)$



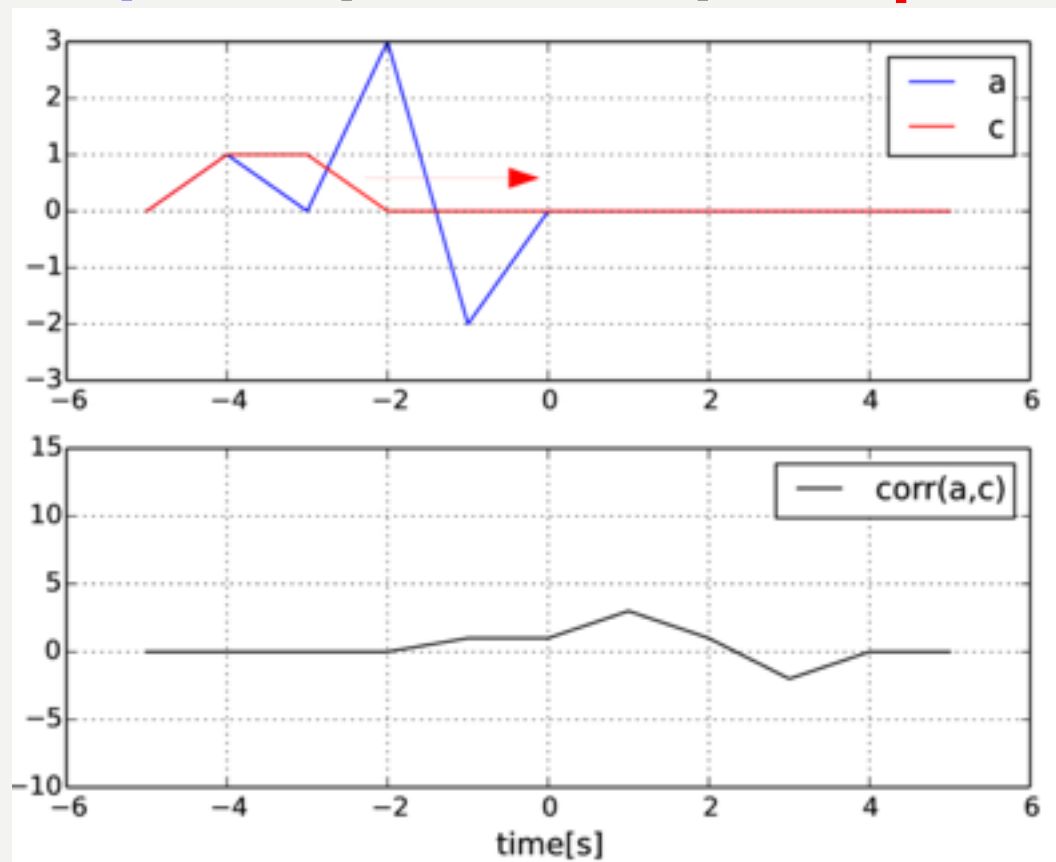
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$$(f \star g)[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f^*[m] g[m+n].$$

**+! : don't flip, shift, sum.**

$a = [0, 1, 0, 3, -2, 0]$      $b = [0, 3, -2, 0, 2, 0]$      $c = [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0]$



$\text{corr}(a, c) = [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 3, 1, -2, 0, 0]$

Total: 4

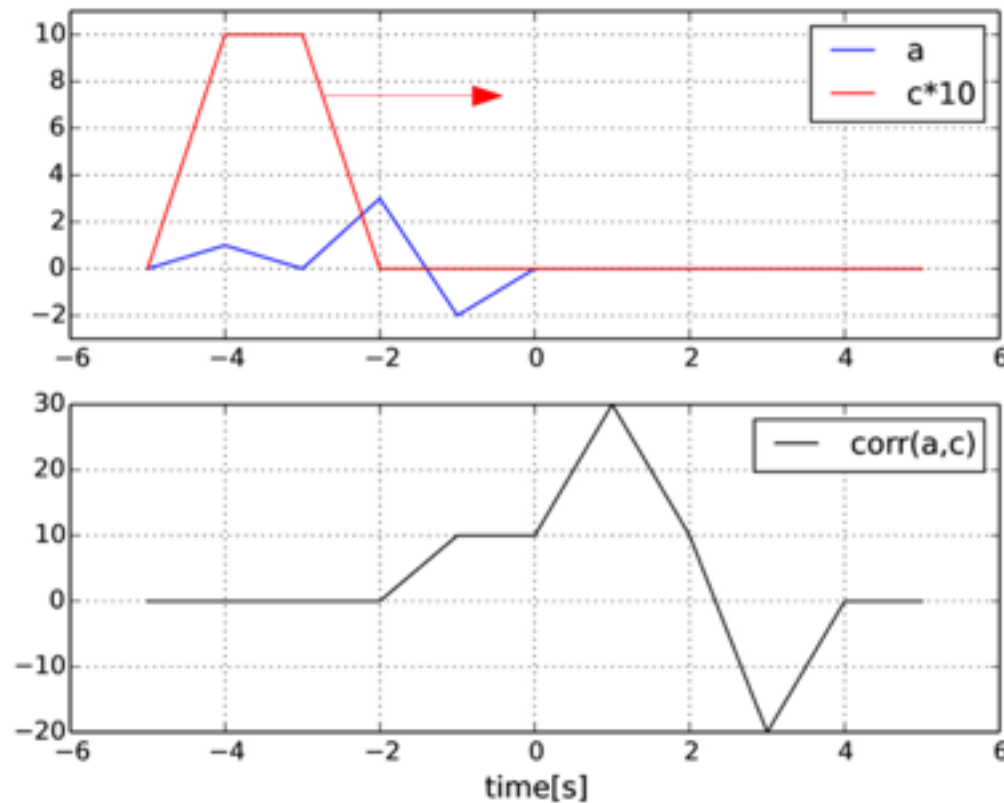
$$(f \star g)[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f^*[m] g[m+n].$$

**+**! : don't flip, shift, sum.

$a = [0, 1, 0, 3, -2, 0]$

$b = [0, 3, -2, 0, 2, 0]$

$c * 10 = [0, 10, 10, 0, 0, 0]$



Total: 40

$$\text{corr}(a, c*10) = [0, 0, 0, 0, 10, 10, 30, 10, -20, 0, 0]$$

$$(f \star g)[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f^*[m] g[m+n].$$

**+! : don't flip, shift, sum.**

$$a = [0, 1, 0, 3, -2, 0] \quad b = [0, 3, -2, 0, 2, 0] \quad c * 10 = [0, 10, 10, 0, 0, 0]$$

$$CC = \frac{\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f_m^* g_{m+n}}{\sqrt{\sum f_m^2 \sum g_m^2}}$$

Normalized according to energy  
contained in both signals

CC can have values from [-1:1]

sum corr(a,b): 6  
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corrcoef: -0.14  
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## Correlation ... faster??

$$(f \star g)[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f^*[m] g[m+n].$$

**Correlation theorem:**

$$(f \star g)[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f^*[m] g[m+n].$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{f \star g\} = (\mathcal{F}\{f\})^* \cdot \mathcal{F}\{g\}$$

**Convolution theorem:**

$$(f * g)[n] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f[m] g[n-m]$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{f * g\} = \mathcal{F}\{f\} \cdot \mathcal{F}\{g\}$$

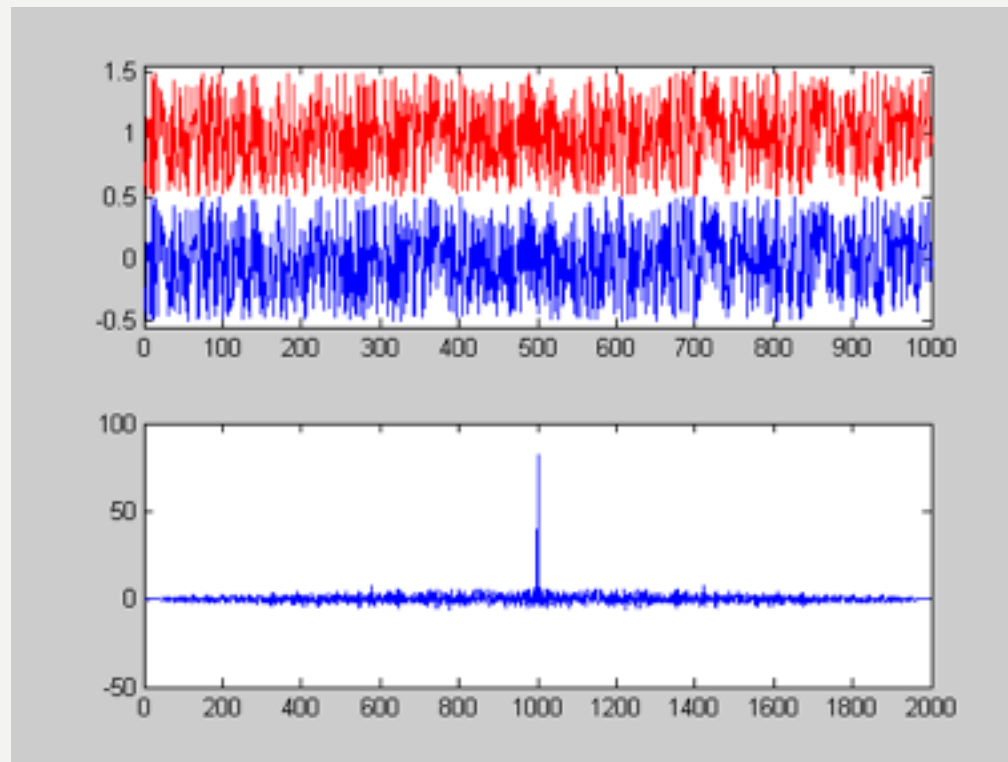
**Correlation theorem:**

Multiplying the FT of one function by the complex conjugate of the FT of the other gives the FT of their correlation

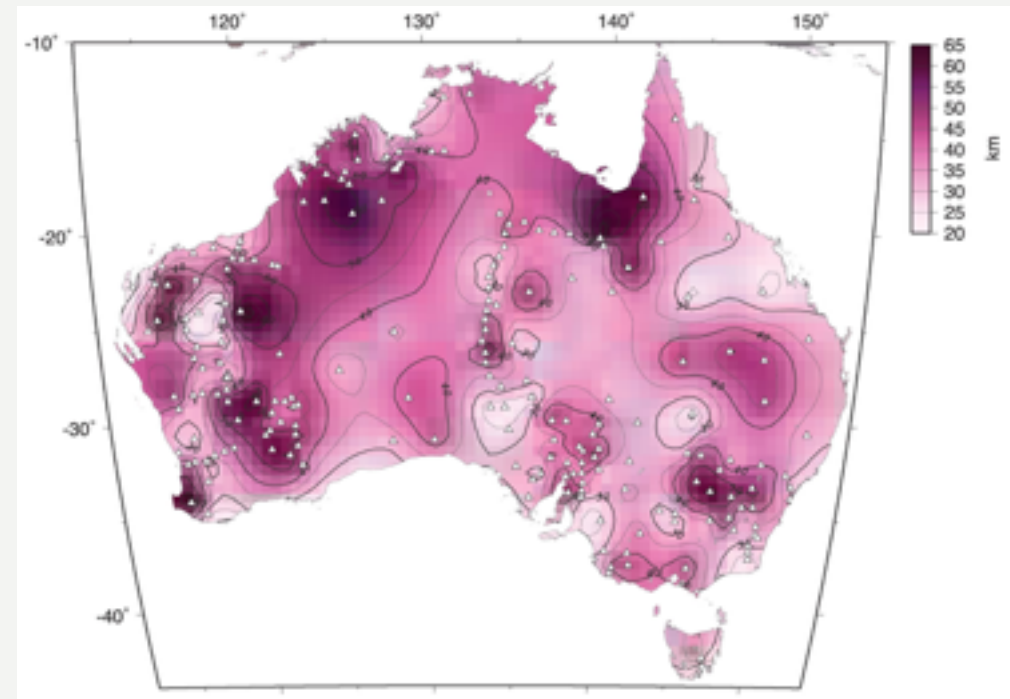
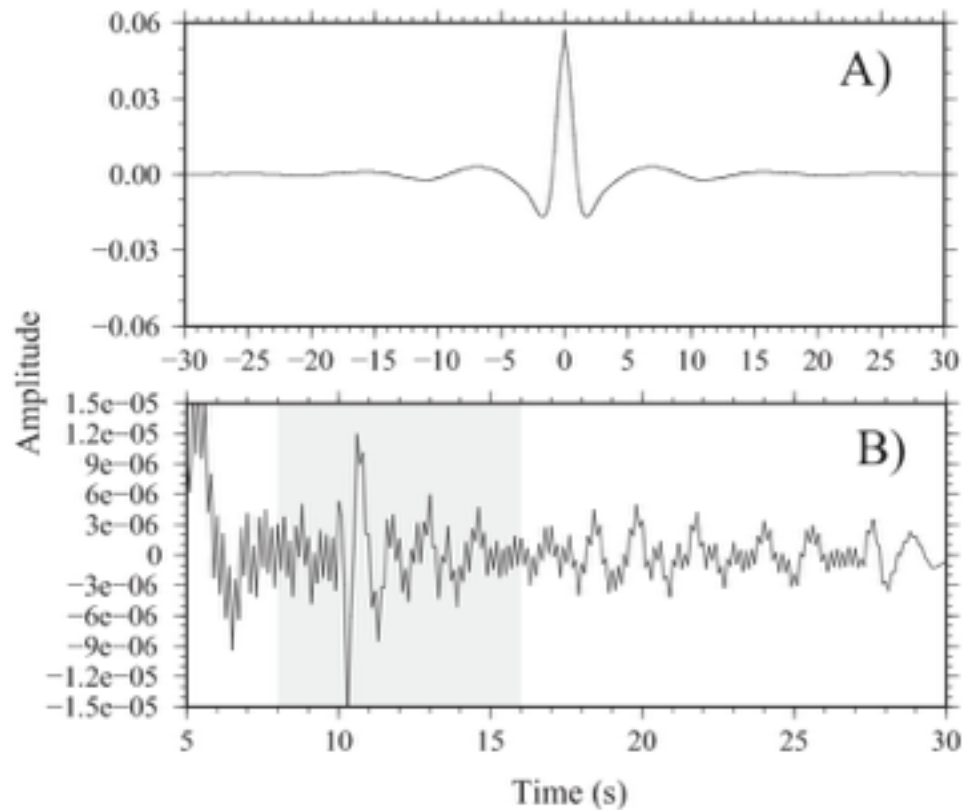
## Special case: Autocorrelation

Correlation of a signal with itself:

$$f \star f$$

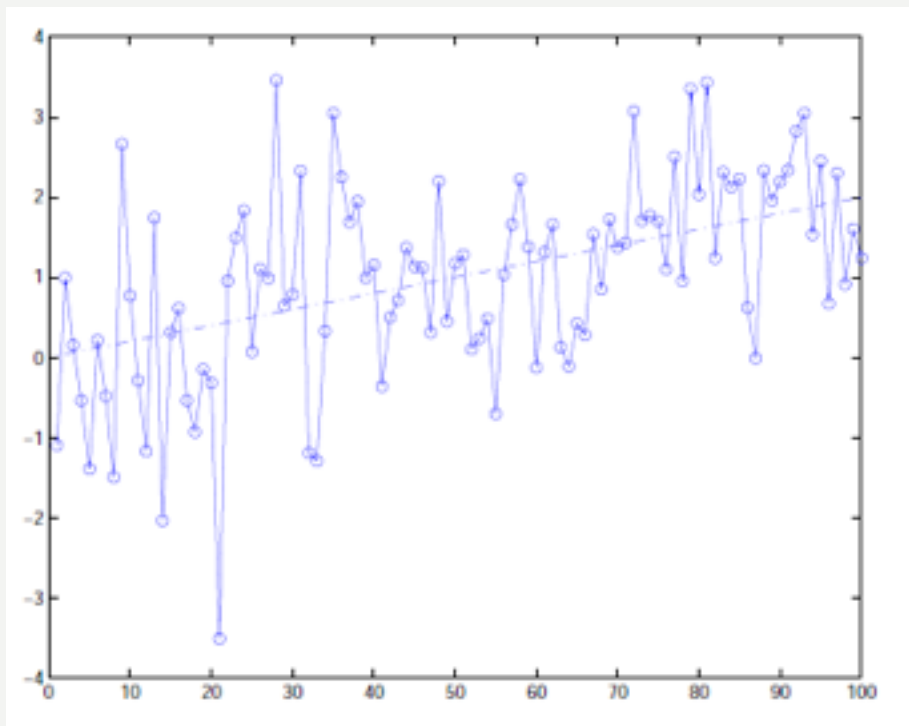


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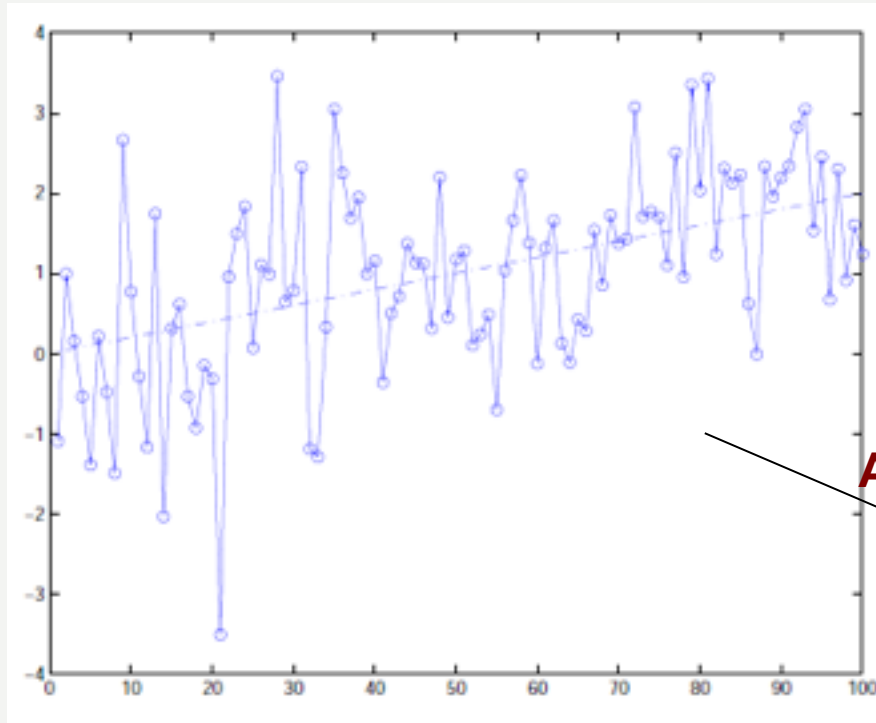


From Gorbatov et al., *GJI*, 2013

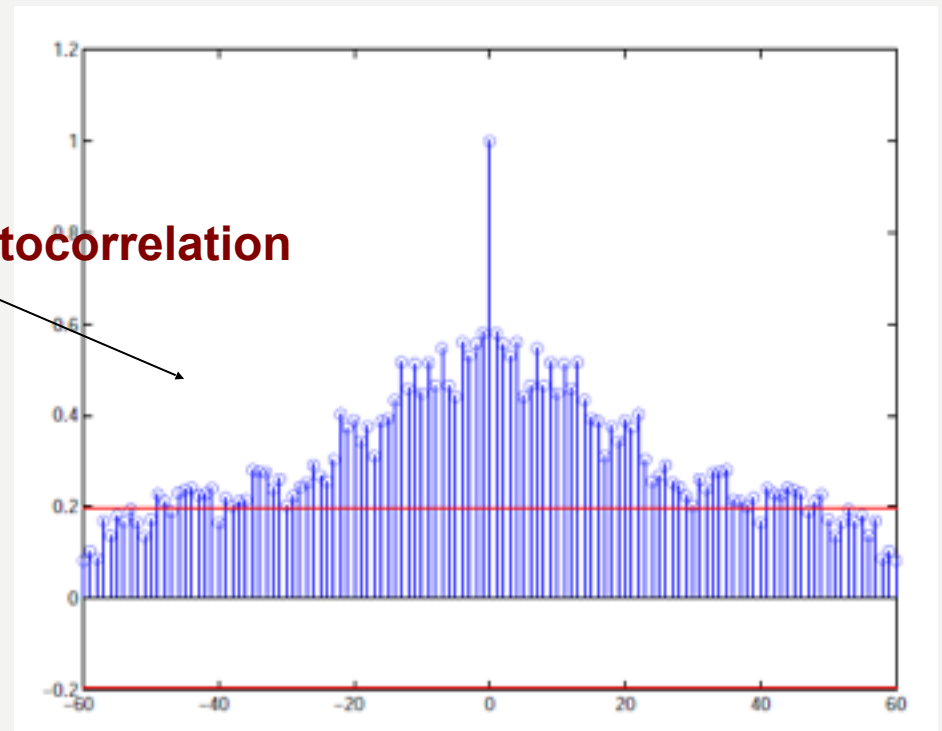
## Autocorrelation of signal with trend:



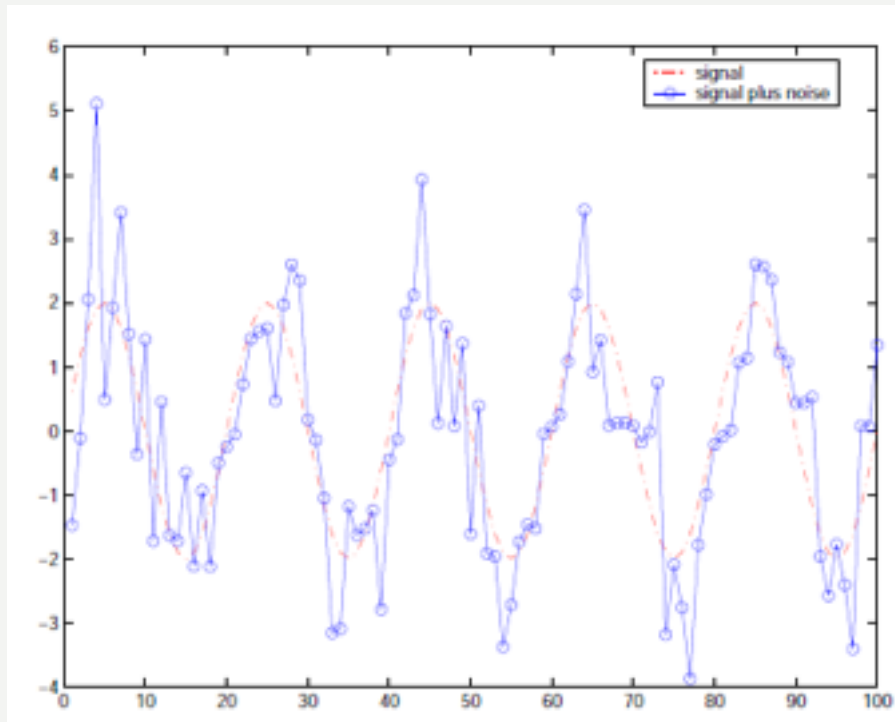
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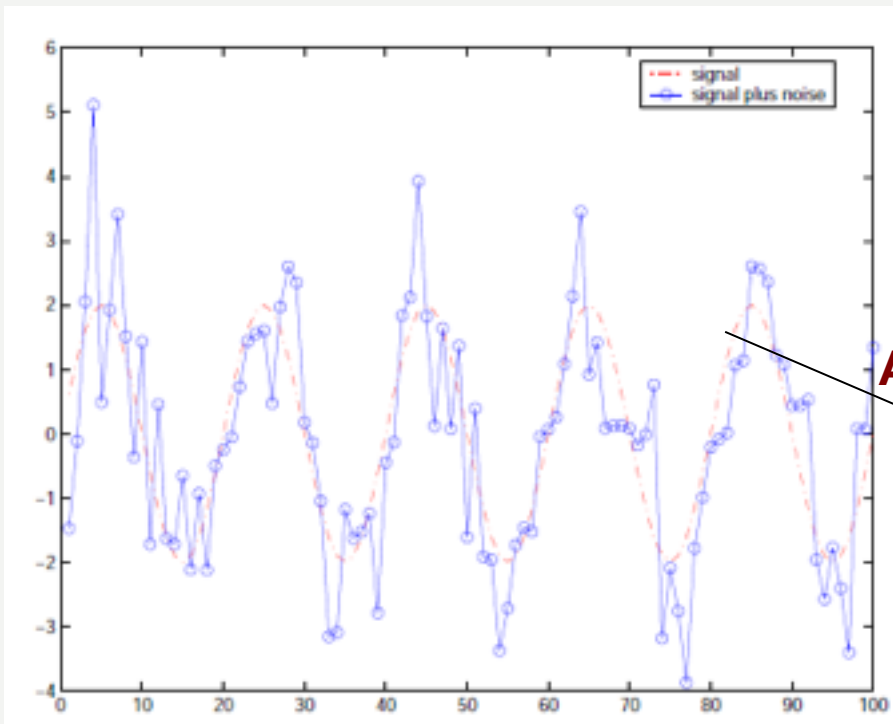
Autocorrelation



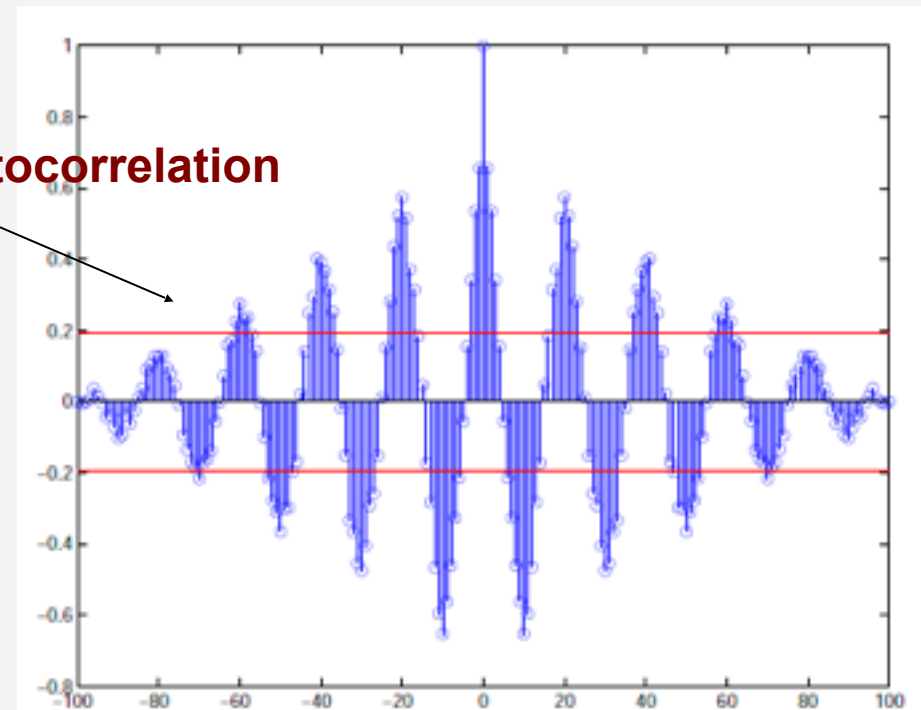
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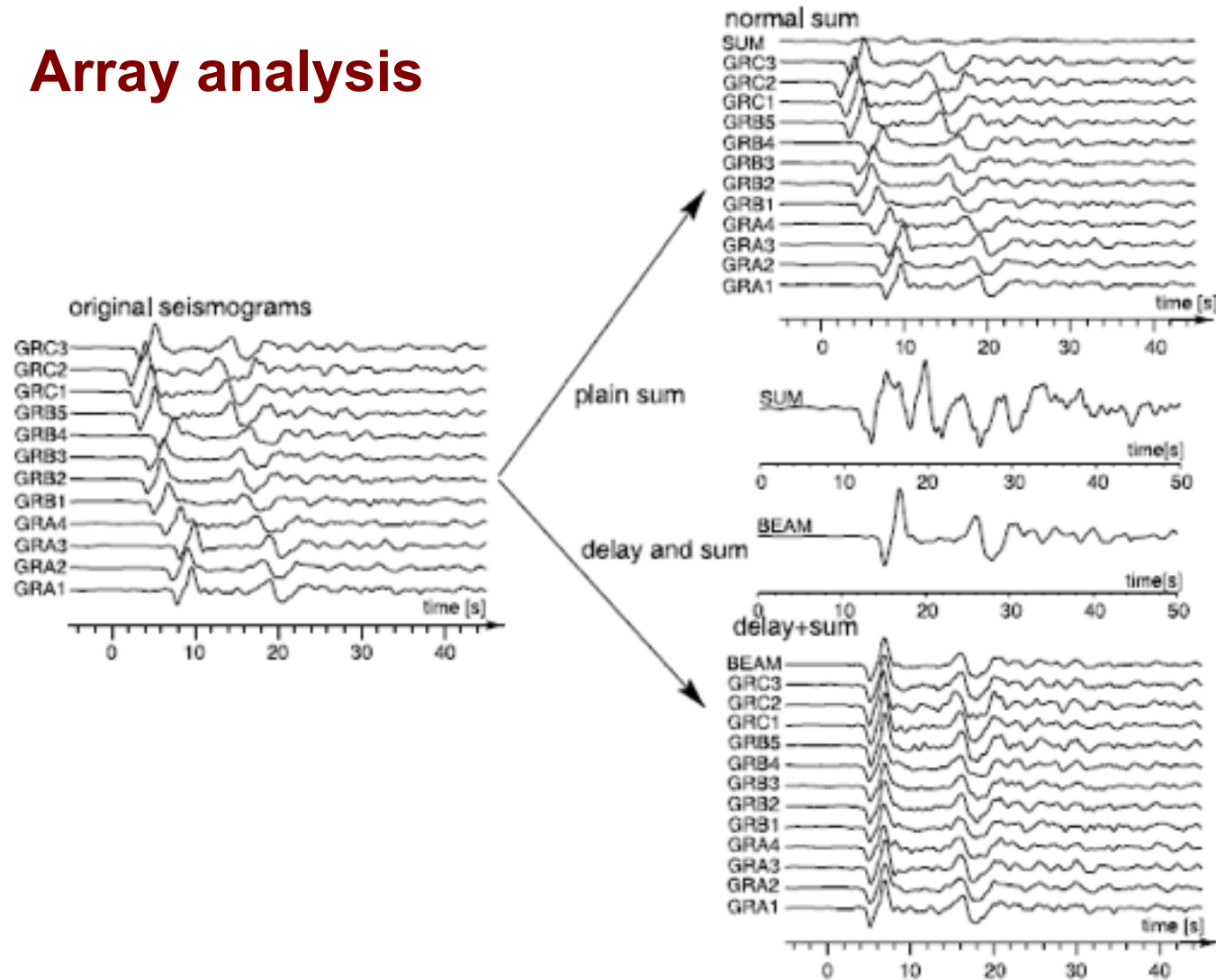


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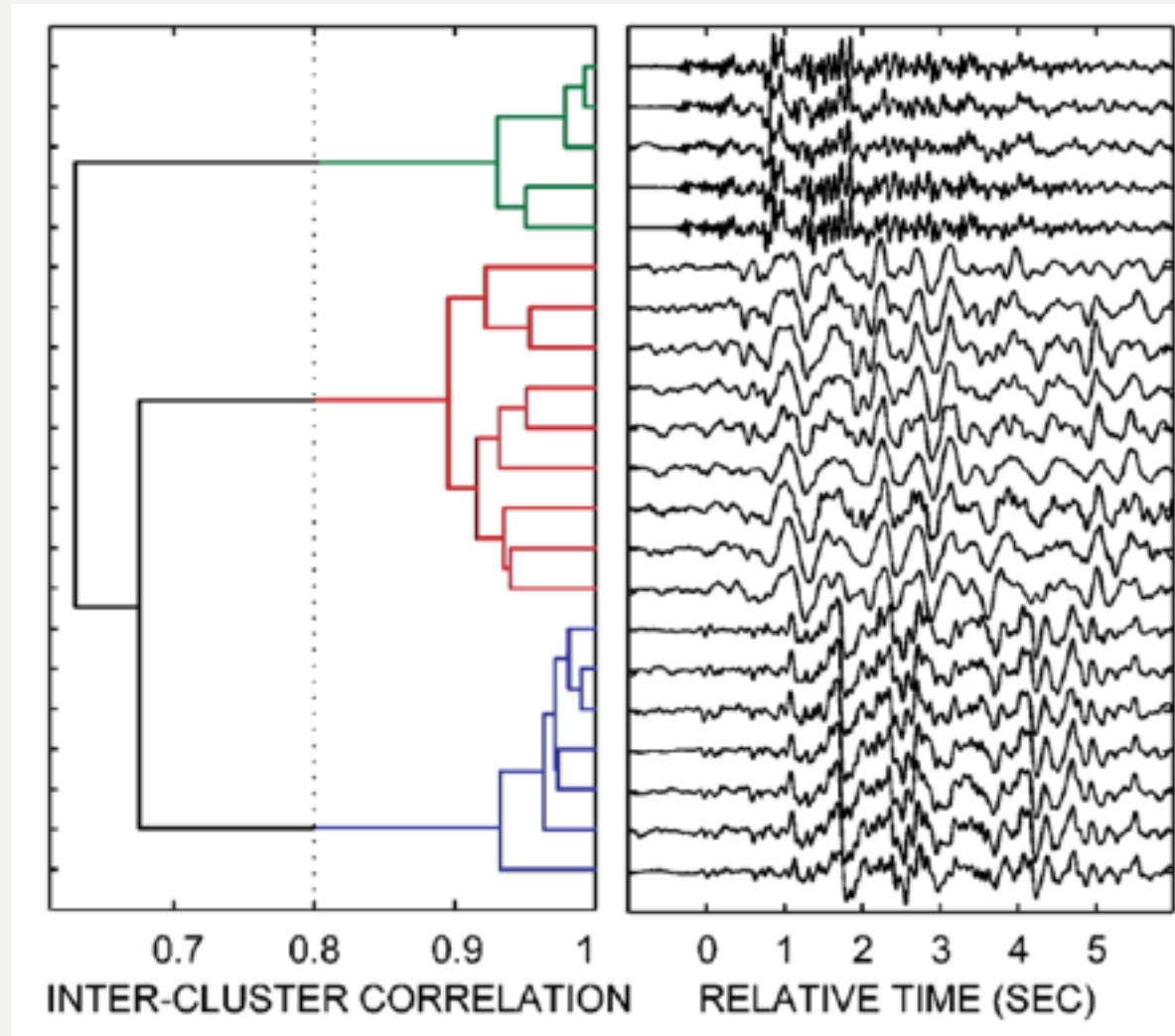




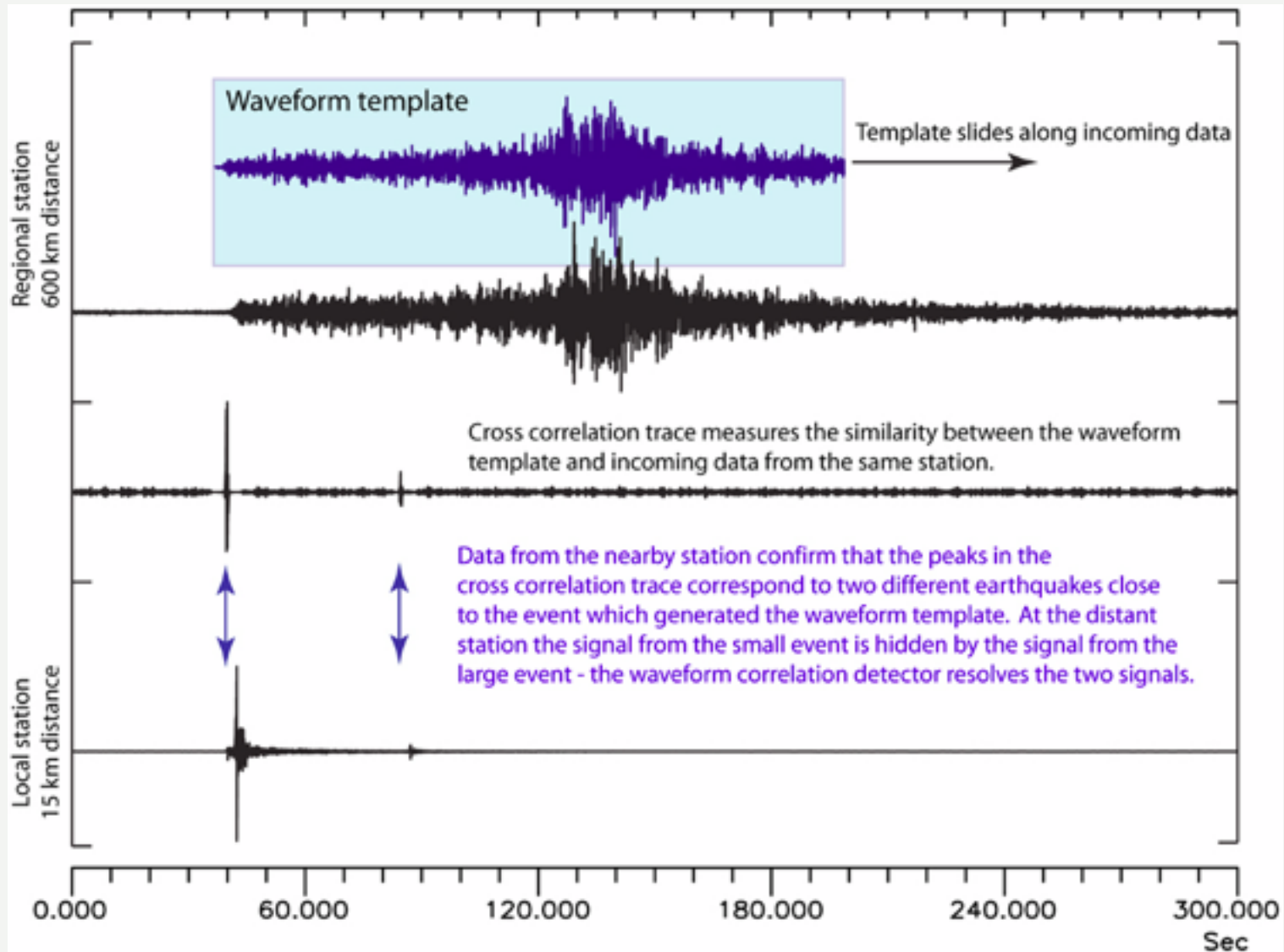
## Array analysis



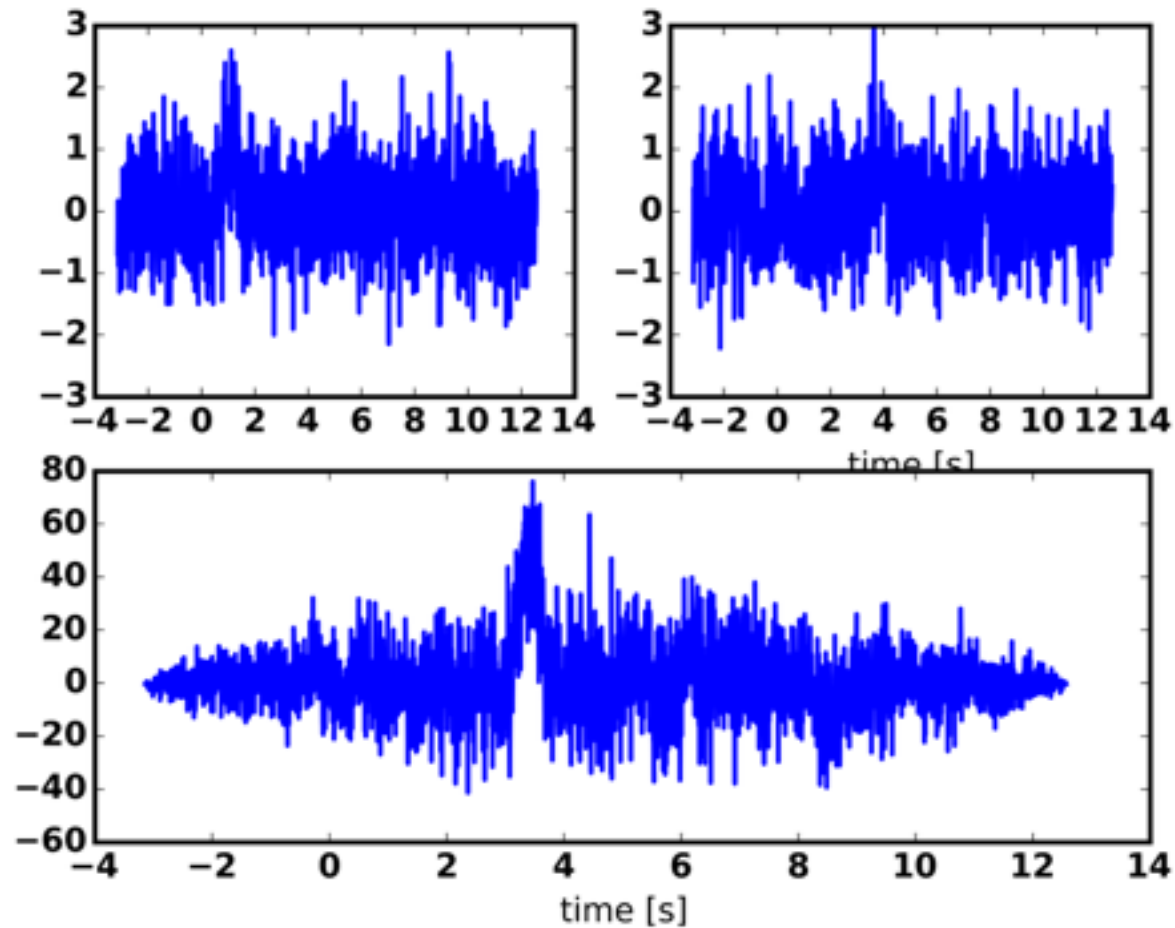
## Event clustering...



## Sophisticated event detection...



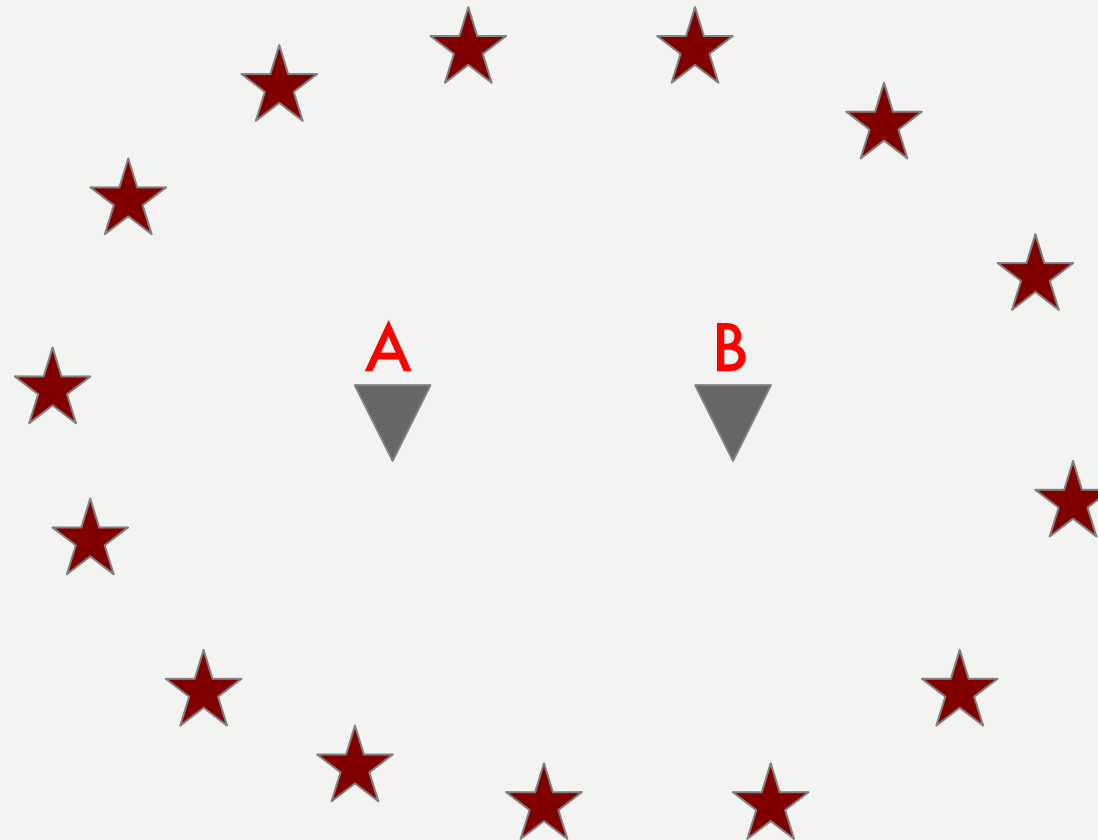
**Correlation .. can help identify coherent signals:**



## Ambient noise correlations

... creating signal from noise

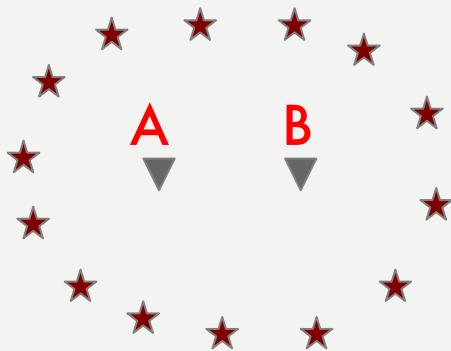
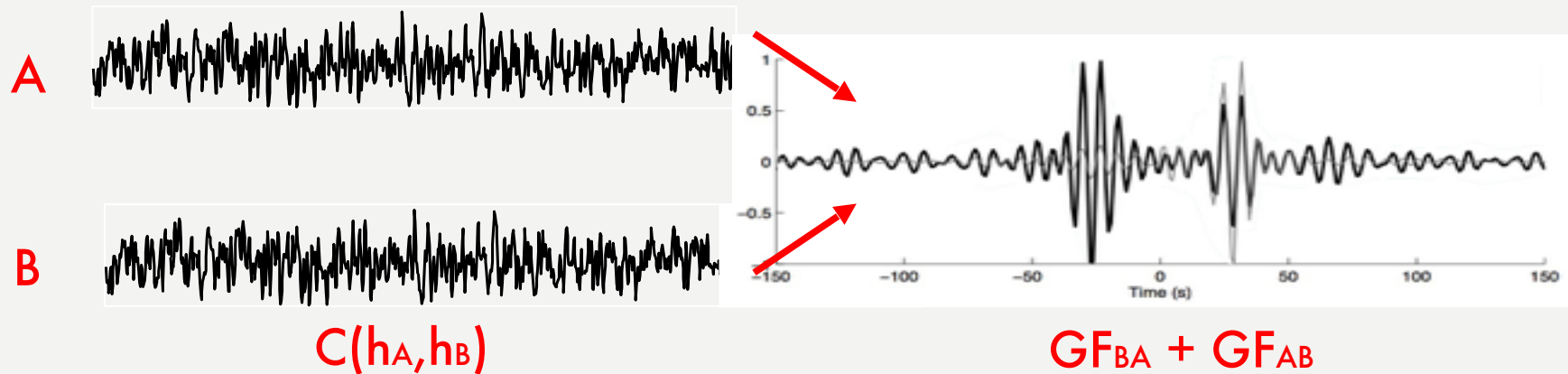
ideal case: noise is a random field + average over long time



Noise sources surround the receivers

## Ambient Noise Cross-correlation

ideal case: noise is a random field + average over long time



Correlation of field in A and B  
=  
Green function between A and B

## Ambient Noise Cross-correlation



$GF_{AB}$

A  
★



B  
▼

## Ambient Noise Cross-correlation



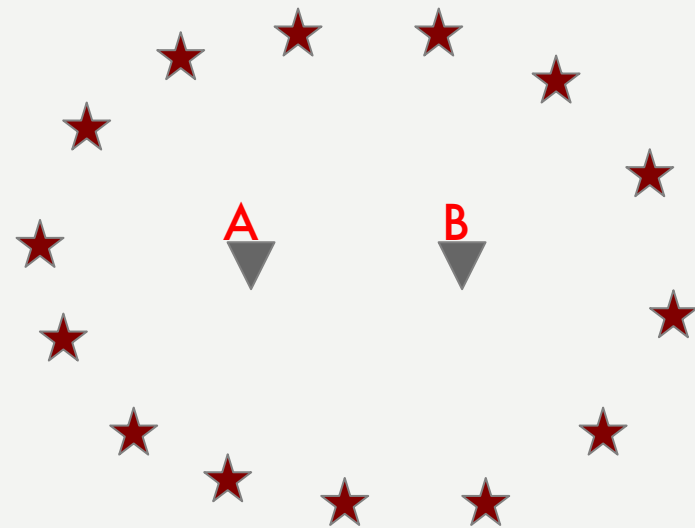


## Ambient Noise Cross-correlation



### Advantages:

Green's function *anytime*  
Green's function *anywhere*



Let's try that in California:

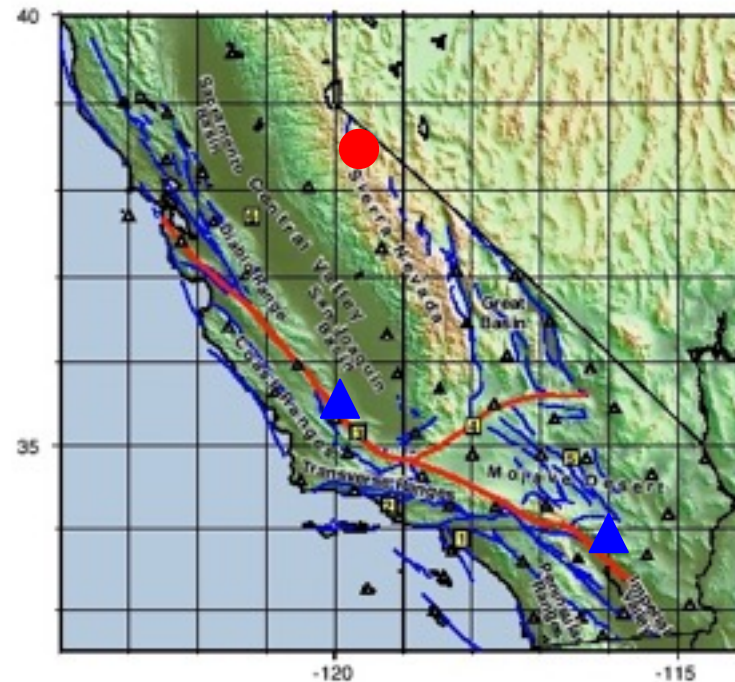
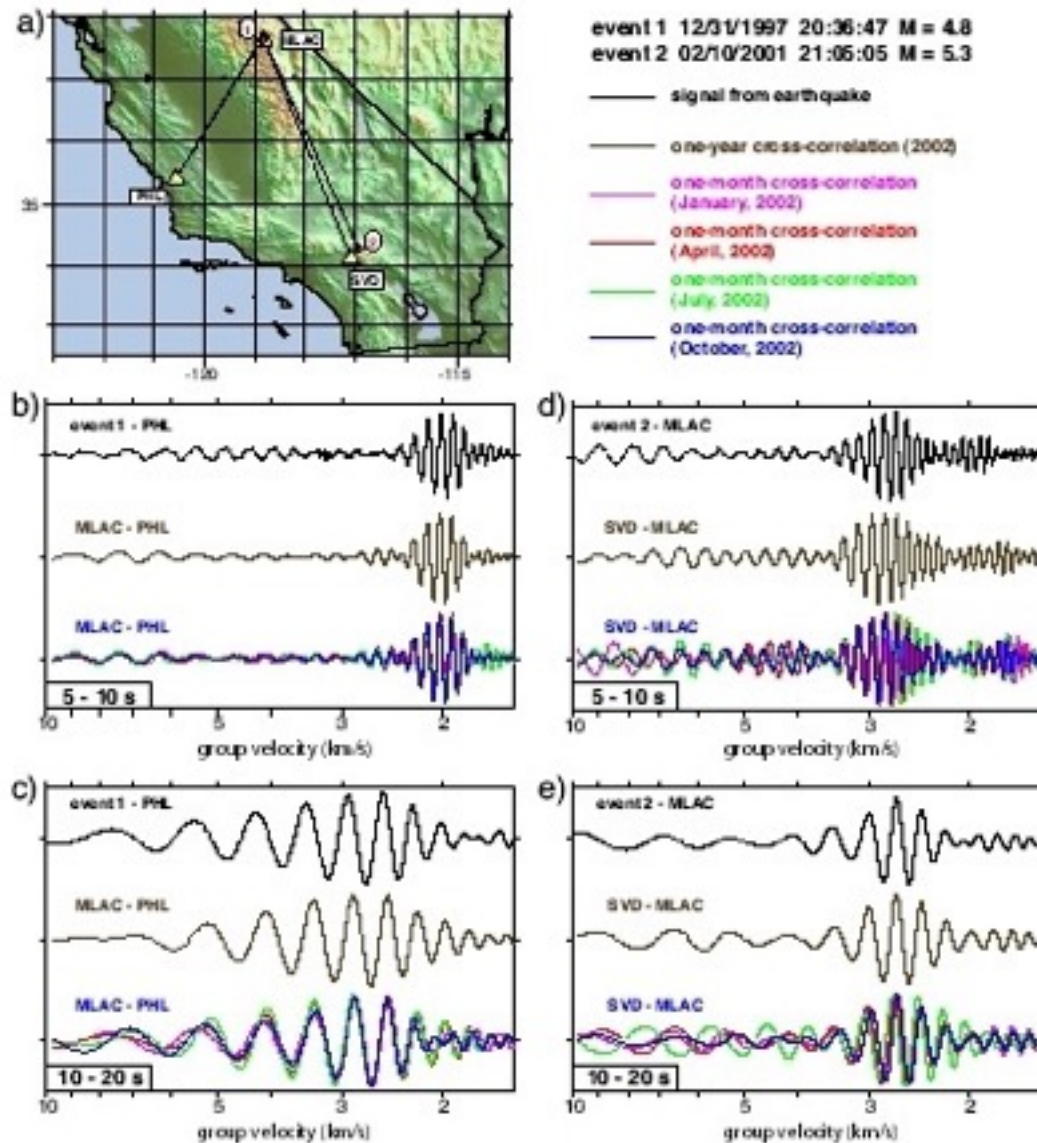


Figure 1: Reference map showing the locations of principal geographical and geological features discussed in the test. White triangles show the locations of the USArray stations used in this study (5 of the of 62 stations are located north of 40N and are not shown in this map). Blue and red solid lines show locations of known active faults. Yellow rectangles with digits indicate the following features: (1) Los Angeles Basin; (2) Ventura Basin; (3) San Andreas fault; (4) Garlock fault; (5) Mojave shear zone; (6) Stockton Arch.



**Signal from event**

**Signal from noise  
Cross- correlation**

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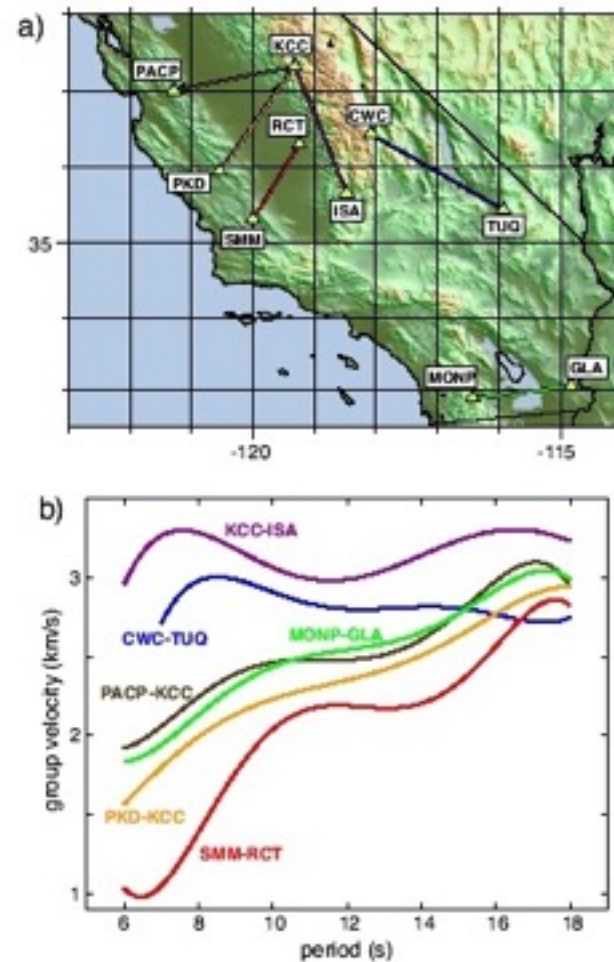


Figure 3: Group speed curves measured in different parts of California by cross-correlating 30 days of ambient noise between USArray stations. (a) Map showing the stations locations and inter-station paths. (b) Group speed dispersion curves between periods of 6 s and 18 s.



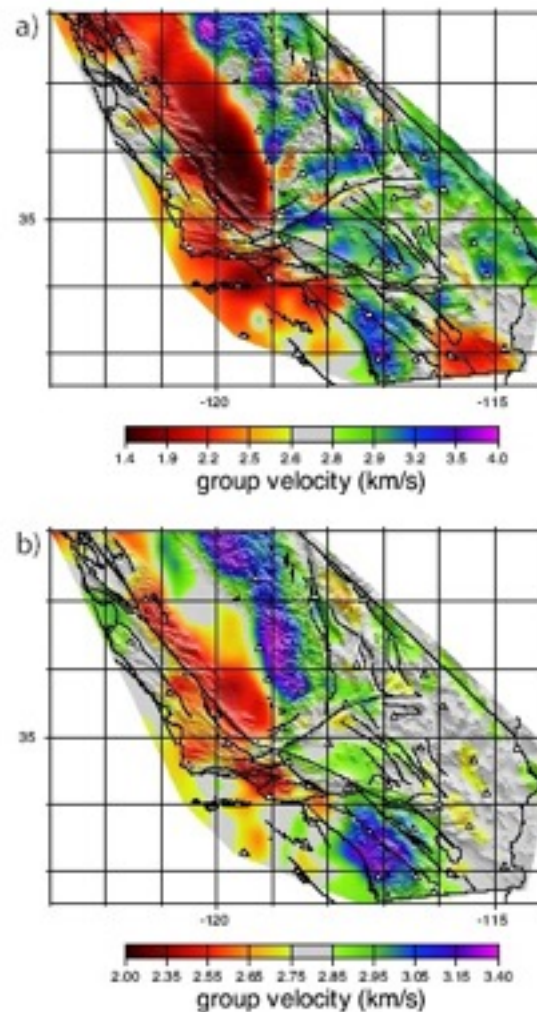
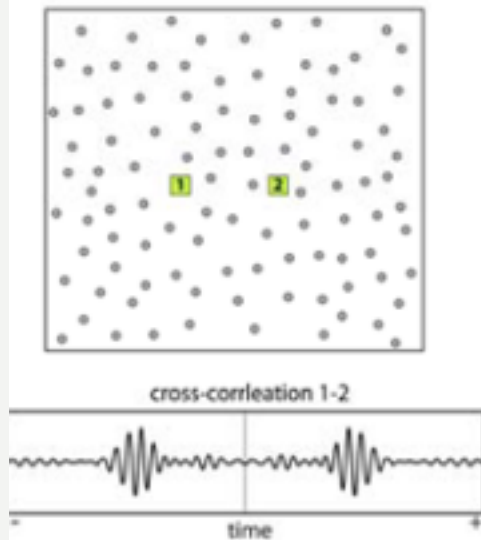
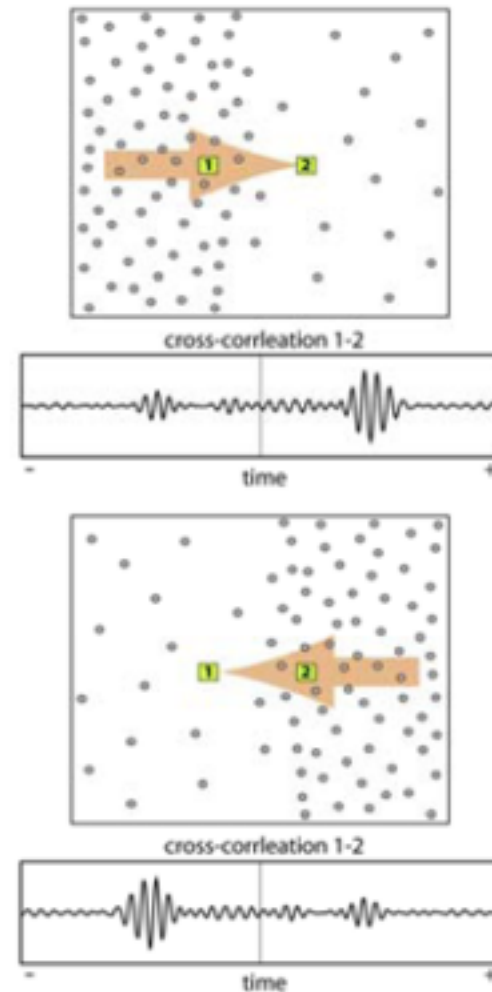


Figure 4: Group speed maps constructed by cross-correlating 30 days of ambient noise between USArray stations. (a) 7.5 s period Rayleigh waves. (b) 15 s period Rayleigh waves. Black solid lines show known active faults. White triangles show locations of USArray stations used in this study.

## Seismic noise origin

Isotropic distribution of sources:  
symmetric cross-correlationAnisotropic distribution of sources:  
asymmetric cross-correlation

**Cross-correlation: commutative? No!**

## Relating rotation rate and transverse acceleration:

Plane transversely polarized wave propagating in x-direction with phase velocity  $c$

$$u_y(x, t) = f(kx - \omega t) \quad c = \omega / k$$

Acceleration  $a_y(x, t) = \ddot{u}_y(x, t) = \omega^2 f''(kx - \omega t)$

Rotation rate  $\dot{\Omega}(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times [0, \dot{u}_y, 0] = \left[ 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2} k \omega f''(kx - \omega t) \right]$

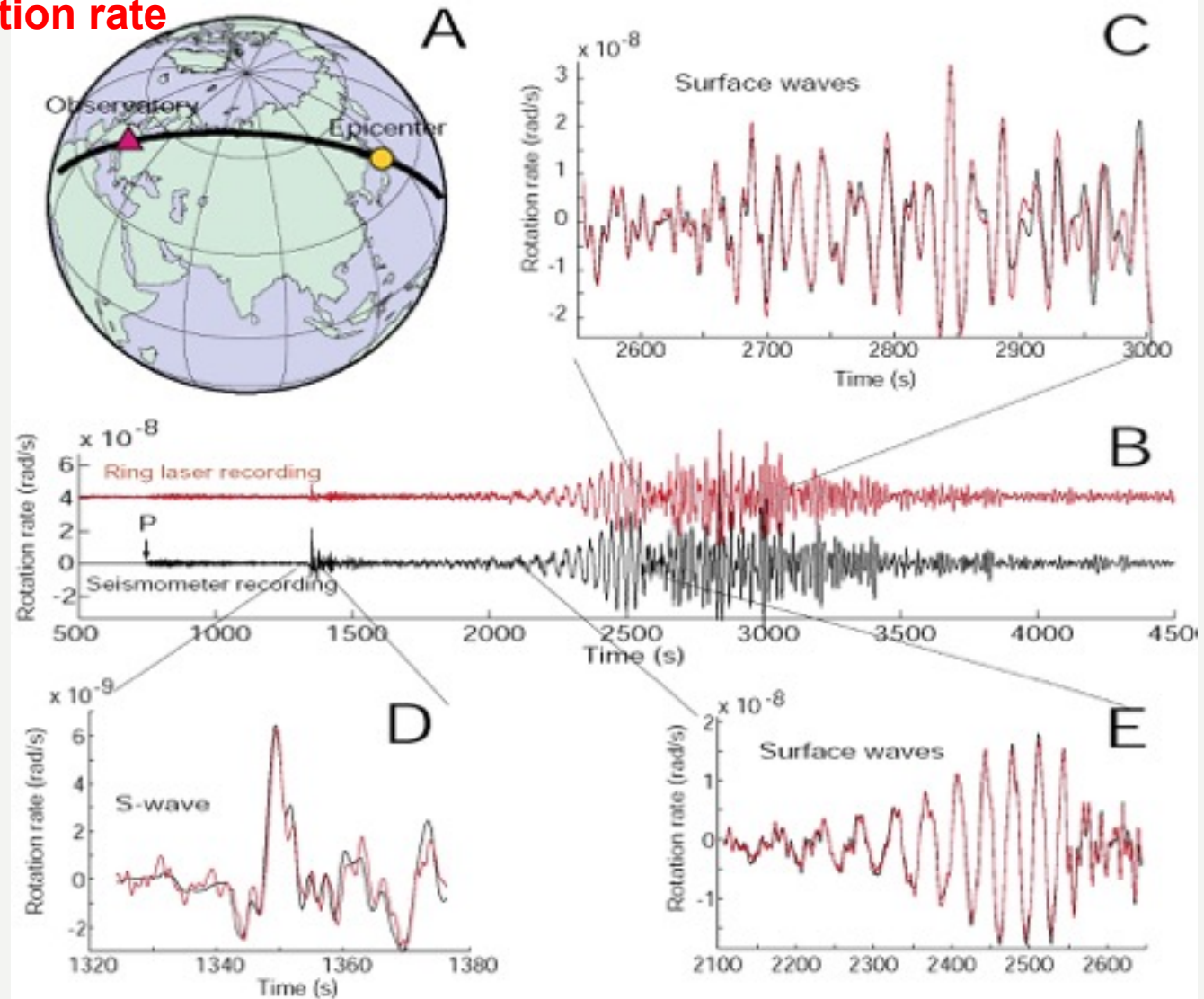


$$a(x, t) / \dot{\Omega}(x, t) = -2c$$

Rotation rate and acceleration should be **in phase** and the **amplitudes scaled by two times the horizontal phase velocity**

Mw = 8.3 Tokachi-oki 25.09.2003

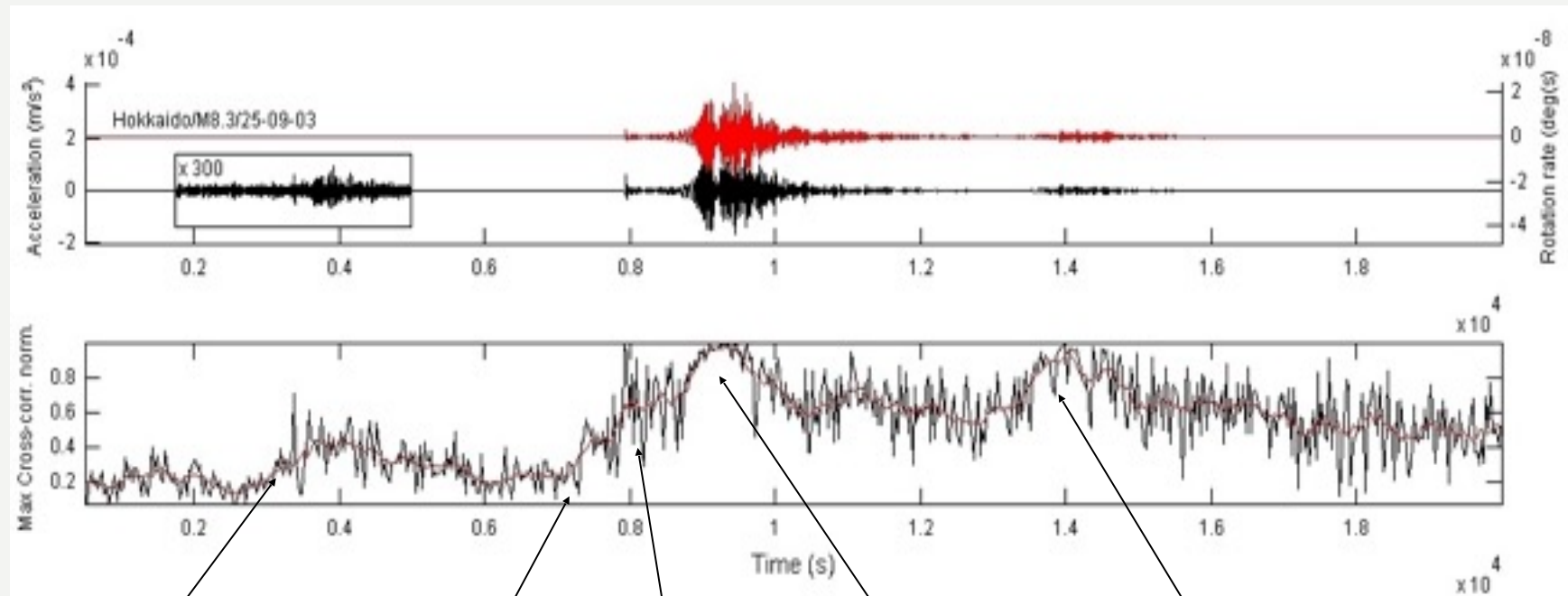
transverse acceleration – **rotation rate**



From Igel et al., GRL, 2005



Max. cross-corr. coefficient in sliding time window **transverse acceleration – rotation rate**



Small teleseismic event

P-onset

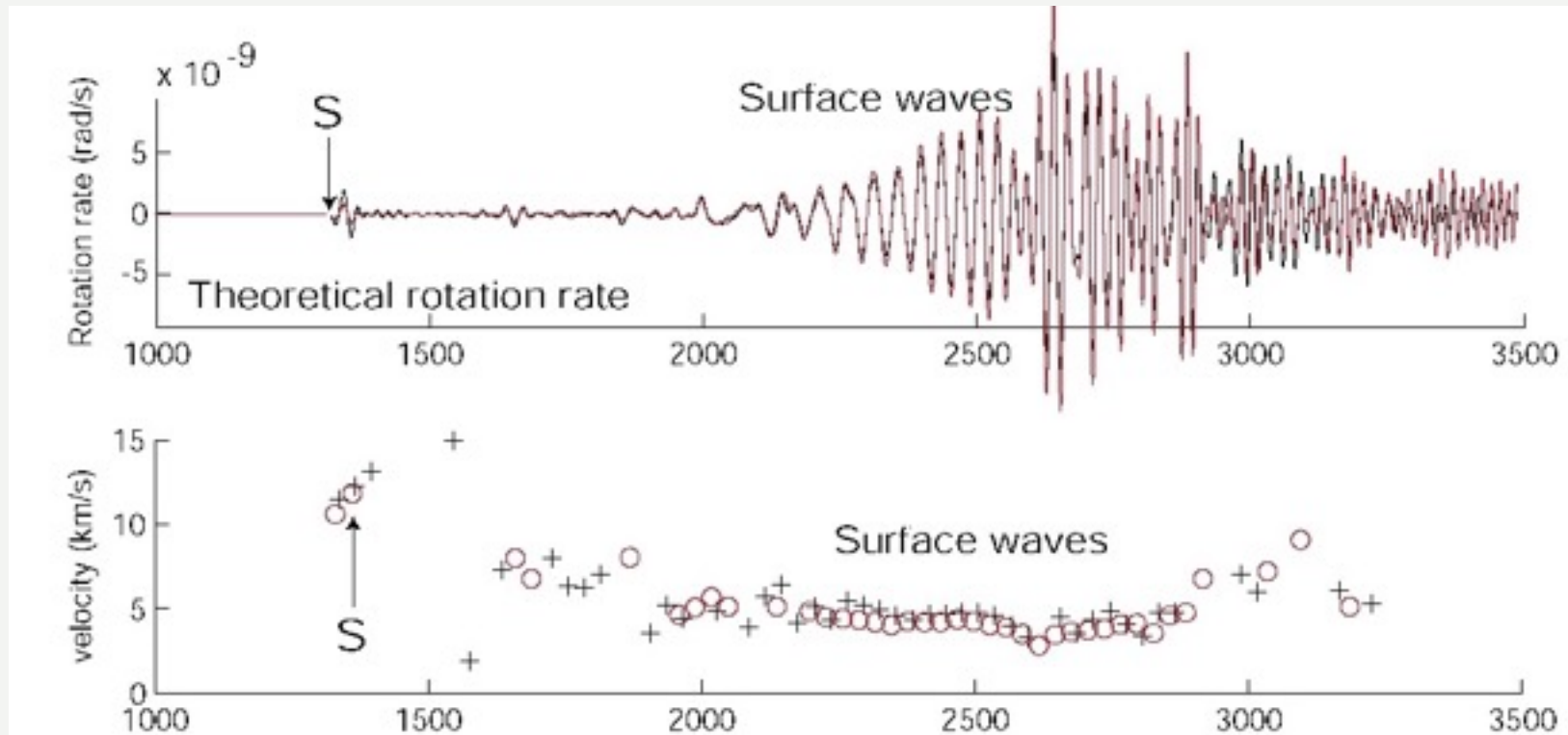
S-wave

Love waves

Aftershock

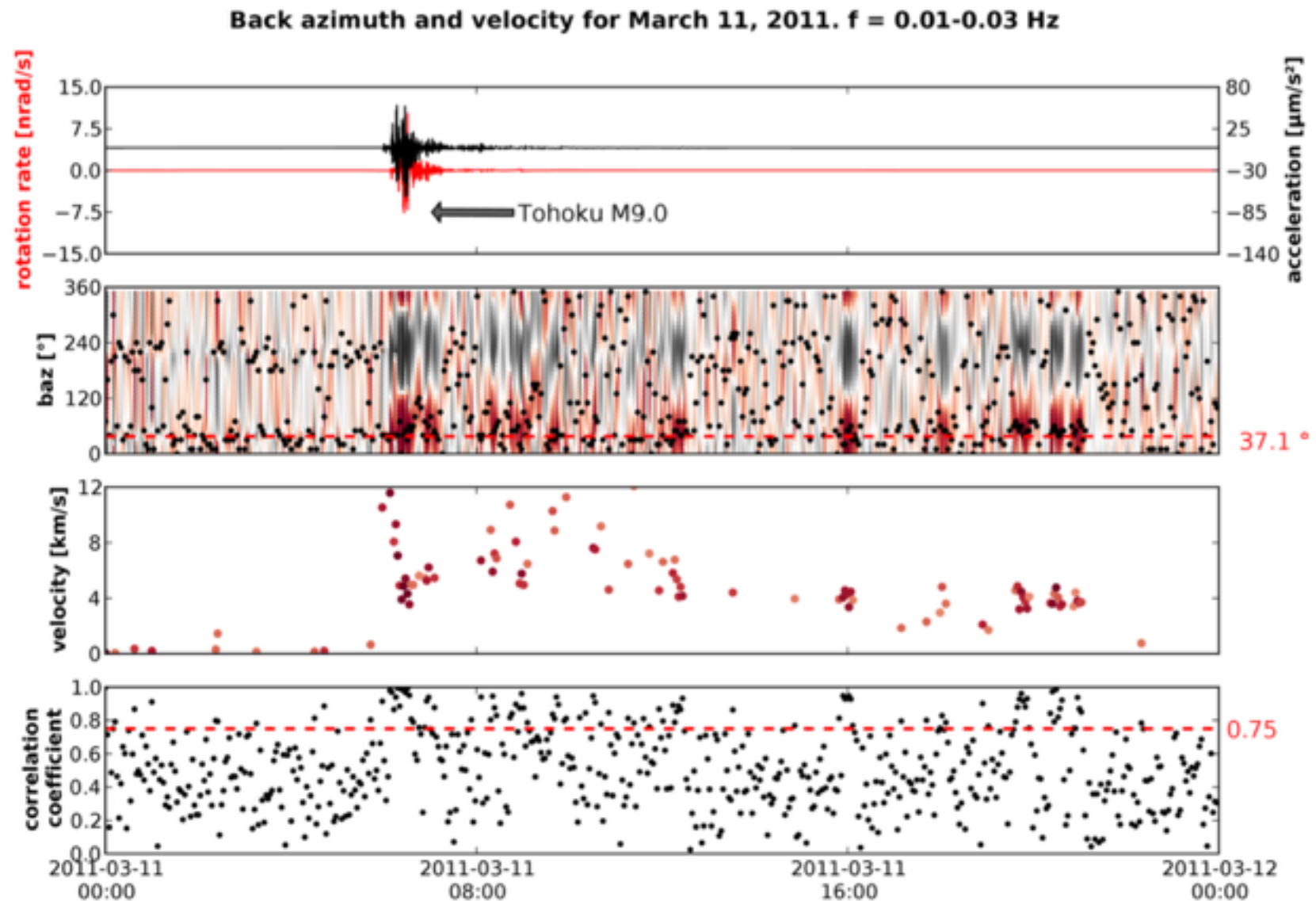
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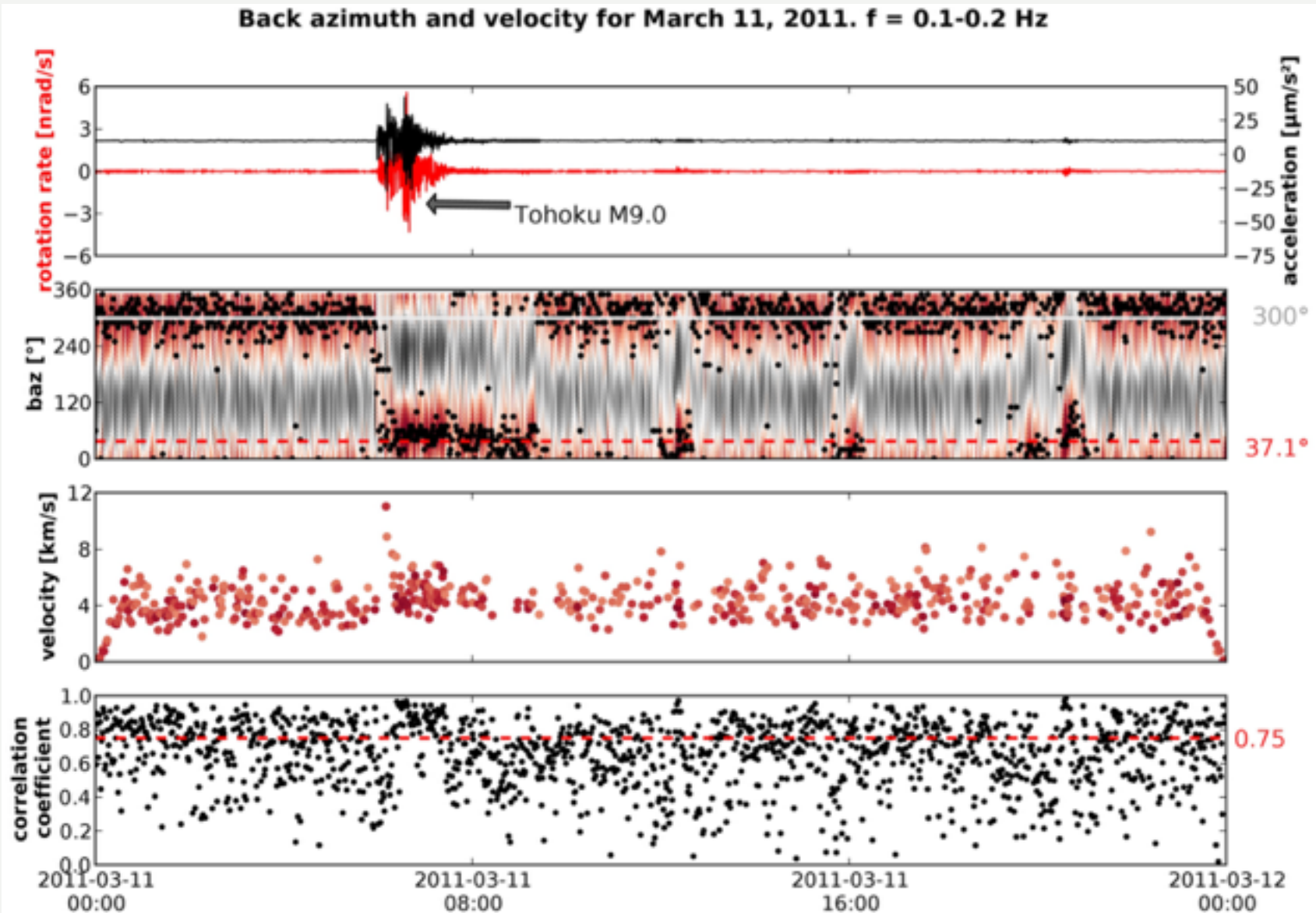
phase velocities ( + observations, o theory)



Horizontal phase velocity in sliding time window

From Igel et al. (GRL, 2005)





- *Correlation plays a central role in the study of time series. In general, correlation gives a **quantitative estimate of the degree of similarity between two functions, as well as their lag time.***
- *Correlation in the time domain is multiplication with the complex conjugate in the frequency domain*
- *Correlation of noisy seismograms from two stations allows in principle the reconstruction of the Green's function between the two stations*
- *The ideal tool to quantify similarity (e.g., frequency dependent) between various signals (e.g., rotations, strains with translations)*
- *Correlation has many applications in geophysics*