

Broadband OBS Training Workshop

Victoria University of Wellington
New Zealand

April 14 – 16, 2025



Program



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LEADERS

Workshop information

Organizers:

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Location:

- Victoria University of Wellington, Cotton Building
- Computer room: CO-501 (5th floor)
- Break & Lunch room: CO-216 (2nd floor)
- Online content: <https://github.com/nfsi-canada/OBSW2025>

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- [Catalyst Fund: Leaders program](#)

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- [National Facility for Seismological Investigations](#)
- [Victoria University of Wellington](#)
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Scope:

This workshop will cover training in seismological methods and software for broadband OBS data analysis encompassing three broad themes: 1) Data pre-processing and cleaning, 2) Subsurface seismic velocity structure, and 3) Earthquake detection and location.

Participation:

17 participants from 6 research institutions across New Zealand (VUW, GNS, NIWA, Auckland, Canterbury, Otago) at various research-related occupations and career stages. Even though a background in geophysics/seismology is not required, this workshop offers technical seismology training with expected active participation.

Maps and directions

Google Map (Stop A: From Kelburn & Karori):

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LiW4wSxzZazwrngg7>

Google Map (Stop B: From Downtown):

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8nsNFRt3jF3g6Vm7>

Kelburn Campus Map: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/about/campuses-facilities/campuses/kelburn/kelburn-campus-map.pdf>



From the Main entrance @ Easterfield Building: (floor and stair markings indicate direction and distance to buildings)

- Walk down into The Hub
- Walk across The Hub (in front of the library) and up into MacLaurin.
- Continue to Cotton and take the door on your left to the end of the hallway (check hanging hallway signs)
- Take the elevator/stairs to 2nd floor (CO-216 for break room) or 5th floor (CO-501 for computer room)

Day 1, April 14, Monday

Schedule:

| Time | Room | Topic |
|------|--------|---|
| 0830 | CO-216 | <i>Light breakfast</i> |
| 0900 | CO-501 | Welcome and workshop overview |
| 0915 | CO-501 | Tutorial 1: Intro to computer environment in CO-501 |
| 0945 | CO-501 | Lecture 1: Intro to broadband OBS instrumentation and data |
| 1030 | CO-216 | <i>Morning break</i> |
| 1045 | CO-501 | Tutorial 2: Station orientation on the seafloor: OrientPy |
| 1215 | CO-216 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1315 | CO-501 | Lecture 2: Seafloor noise and analyses |
| 1445 | CO-216 | <i>Afternoon break</i> |
| 1500 | CO-501 | Tutorial 3: Compliance and tilt corrections: OBStools |
| 1630 | | <i>End of Day 1</i> |
| 1730 | | <i>Dinner reservation at St Johns Bar and Eatery</i> <i>5 Cable Street, Te Aro, Wellington</i> |

Day 2, April 15, Tuesday

Schedule:

| Time | Room | Topic |
|------|--------|---|
| 0830 | CO-216 | <i>Light breakfast</i> |
| 0900 | CO-501 | Lecture 3: Intro to passive source seismic imaging |
| 1030 | CO-216 | <i>Morning break</i> |
| 1045 | CO-501 | Tutorial 4: Calculating teleseismic receiver functions: RfPy |
| 1215 | CO-216 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1315 | CO-501 | Tutorial 5: Modelling teleseismic receiver functions: Telewavesim |
| 1445 | CO-216 | <i>Afternoon break</i> |
| 1500 | CO-501 | Hackathon: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine OBS orientation for selected station(s)• Remove tilt + compliance noise for selected station(s)• Calculate compliance for selected station(s)• Calculate and model RFs for selected station(s) |
| 1630 | | <i>End of Day 2</i> |
| 1730 | | <i>Dinner reservation at Burger Liquor</i> <i>129 Willis Street, Te Aro Wellington</i> |

Day 3, April 16, Wednesday

Schedule:

| Time | Room | Topic |
|------|--------|--|
| 0830 | CO-216 | <i>Light breakfast</i> |
| 0900 | CO-501 | Lecture 4: Intro to earthquake detection and location |
| 1030 | CO-216 | <i>Morning break</i> |
| 1045 | CO-501 | Tutorial 6a: Picking (and detecting) earthquakes with OBS data: SeisBench + DL pickers |
| 1215 | CO-216 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1315 | CO-501 | Tutorial 6b: Building a preliminary earthquake catalogue: SeisBench + GAMMA/PyOcto |
| 1445 | CO-216 | <i>Afternoon break</i> |
| 1500 | CO-501 | Hackathon: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build a catalogue for selected OBS stations• Compare catalogues for different pickers/associators |
| 1630 | | <i>End of Day 3; End of Workshop</i> |

Participants

| First name | Last name | Organization |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pascal | Audet | University of Ottawa |
| Daria | Batteux | University Of Canterbury |
| Thomas | Benson | GNS Science |
| Shao-Jinn | Chin | Victoria University of Wellington |
| Cedric | De Meyer | Victoria University of Wellington |
| Pasan | Herath | GNS Science |
| Katie | Jacobs | GNS Science |
| El | Mestel | Victoria University of Wellington |
| Daniel | Murray | Victoria University of Wellington |
| Aan | Rahardji Puhi | Victoria University of Wellington |
| Sean | Santellanes | University of Otago |
| Martha | Savage | Victoria University of Wellington |
| Meegan | Soulsby | University of Auckland |
| Stuart | Upjohn | Victoria University of Wellington |
| Emily | Warren-Smith | GNS Science |
| Codee-Leigh | Williams | Victoria University of Wellington |
| Susi | Woelz | NIWA |