

# 1 A New Archive of Apollo's Lunar Seismic Data

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**Abstract.**

As a part of the Apollo lunar missions, the Apollo astronauts deployed seismic experiments on the nearside of the Moon between 1969 and 1972. Five stations collected passive seismic data. Apollo 11 operated for around twenty days and 12, 14, 15, 16 operated nearly continuously from their installation until 1977. Seismic data were collected and digitized on the Moon and telemetered to Earth. The data were recorded on digital magnetic tapes, with timestamps representing the signal reception time on Earth. The taped data have been widely used for many applications and have been previously shared in various formats. The data have slightly varying sampling rates, mainly due to the sensitivity of the data sampler to the significant temperature variations on the Moon's surface. Additionally, there were digital errors in the timestamps. Previously shared versions of the Apollo data were affected by these problems. We re-imported the passive data to SEED (Standard for the Exchange of Earthquake Data) format, and make these data available via IRIS (Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology) and the PDS (Planetary Data System). We cleaned the timestamp series to reduce incorrectly recorded timestamps. The archive includes five tracks: three components of the mid-period seismometers, one short-period component and a time track which contains the timestamps. The seismic data are provided unprocessed in their raw format, and we provide instrument response files. We hope that the new archive will make it easier for a new generation of seismologists to use these data to learn more about the structure of the Moon.

## 1. Introduction

25 As a part of the Apollo lunar missions, the Apollo astronauts deployed seismic experi-  
26 ments on the nearside of the Moon between 1969 and 1972. Five stations collected passive  
27 seismic data (Fig. 1). Apollo 11 operated for around twenty days and 12, 14, 15, 16 op-  
28 erated nearly continuously from their installation until 1977, forming a lunar network.  
29 Fig. 2 shows data availability from the passive seismic experiments. The Passive Seismic  
30 Experiment was part of the Apollo Lunar Surface Experiment Package (ALSEP). The  
31 principal investigator was Gary Latham, initially of Columbia University and later of the  
32 University of Texas. The team comprised of a large group of scientists from many insti-  
33 tutions, including the University of Texas, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the  
34 University of Hawaii [*Latham et al.*, 1969, 1970].

35 The analysis of the seismic data from the Moon yielded many surprises. Fig. 3 shows  
36 the different types of lunar event. Deep moonquakes, located to depths of 700–1200 km  
37 [*Nakamura et al.*, 1982; *Nakamura*, 2005], were probably the most surprising. Peaks in  
38 deep moonquake activity had a periodicity of 27 days. Consequently, researchers associ-  
39 ated the quakes with tides acting on the Moon [*Lammlein et al.*, 1974; *Lammlein*, 1977;  
40 *Nakamura*, 2005].

41 Shallow moonquakes, with possible depths between 50–220 km [*Khan et al.*, 2000] and  
42 estimated equivalent body-wave magnitude of 3.6–5.8 [*Oberst*, 1987] were also surprising.  
43 They may have a tectonic origin since they are similar to intraplate quakes on Earth  
44 [*Nakamura*, 1980]. Fig. 3 also shows examples of meteoroid strikes and artificial impacts.

45 The characteristics of the signals were also surprising when compared with terrestrial  
46 seismograms. Events of all types show long slow rise times and very slow decay of energy.  
47 The energy is strongly scattered, consistent with a highly fractured environment, especially  
48 near the surface. Duration of events can be as long as three hours, which requires very low  
49 attenuation compared to Earth. In total, [Nakamura, 1992] cataloged over 12000 events  
50 recorded on the mid-period seismometers.

51 Although seismic phases associated with the lunar core are challenging to see, recent  
52 work using stacked traces indicated a small lunar core ( $\sim 330\text{--}420$  km in radius, *Weber*  
53 *et al.* [2011]; *Garcia et al.* [2011]). Recent observations from the GRAIL gravity mission  
54 suggested average crustal porosity of 12%, which is higher than previous estimates, and  
55 consistent with a highly fractured crust [Wieczorek *et al.*, 2013]. Using the higher estimates  
56 of porosities, the team modeled the average crustal thickness to be 34–43 km.

57 Various space agencies are planning future lunar missions, including seismic missions.  
58 NASA's Farside Seismic Suite, which is due to fly in the mid-2020s, will visit Schrödinger  
59 Crater. One of its mission objectives is to determine whether the Moon's farside is as  
60 seismically active as the nearside [Panning *et al.*, 2021]. The Lunar Geophysical Network,  
61 which will contain a network of seismometers and geophysical instruments spread around  
62 the Moon at up to four landing sites, will be proposed to NASA's New Frontiers 5 [Neal  
63 *et al.*, 2020]. Existing observations from the Apollo network will continue to be useful to  
64 compare with these future missions.

65 Data from all of the experiments in the Apollo Lunar Surface Experiment Package  
66 were collected on magnetic tapes. As the tapes deteriorate, the data are in great danger  
67 of being lost. As a part of NASA's Planetary Data Archiving, Restoration, and Tools

68 project (PDART), an effort is being made to recover and archive as much of the data and  
69 metadata as possible [Nagihara *et al.*, 2017].

70 We provide a new version of the passive data in SEED format (Standard for the Ex-  
71 change of Earthquake Data). There are two major obstacles to formatting the data in a  
72 modern format. The first problem is that the sampling interval is temperature-dependent  
73 and consequently varies with the time of lunar day. The second problem is that the times-  
74 tamp records when the signal arrived on Earth rather than when the instrument took the  
75 measurement. This problem introduces a delay and adds additional time variation related  
76 to the rotation of the Earth, the libration of the Moon, and the Moon-Earth distance.  
77 Modern formats, such as SEED, require constant sampling rates. We solve this problem  
78 with a compromise. We give the data a constant sampling interval (the mid-period and  
79 short-period data have nominal sampling intervals of 0.1509434 s and 0.0188679 s, respec-  
80 tively). However, we retain a separate track that contains the timestamps. We see a slight  
81 positive or negative drift of a few seconds after 24 hours, which is different for different  
82 stations. The time track contains information about the actual sampling interval at any  
83 given time. We provide the data in the original raw format so that users can control the  
84 data processing that they apply.

85 We begin this paper with a description of the Apollo seismometers. Next, we describe  
86 the steps to extract the data. We follow with a description of the data in the new archive.  
87 We end with a summary of how to access the archive.

## 2. Description of the Apollo Seismometers

88 Our data archive covers the passive experiments, which included mid-period and short-  
89 period instruments. Here we provide a brief description of the seismometers (see *Nunn*

90 *et al.* [2020] for more information). The mid-period seismometer contained three matched  
91 sensors aligned orthogonally to measure one vertical (MHZ) and two horizontal compo-  
92 nents (MH1, MH2) of surface motion. The seismometer made measurements proportional  
93 to displacement, unlike most modern seismometers covering these frequencies, which make  
94 measurements proportional to velocity. The nominal sampling interval was 0.1509434 s.

95 The instrument could operate in one of two modes (Fig. 4): flat-response or peaked-  
96 response mode. In the flat-response mode, the seismometers had natural periods of 15 s  
97 and could detect ground motions as small as 0.3 nm over the frequency range from 0.1 Hz  
98 to 1 Hz, *Latham et al.* [1973]). In flat-response mode, a positive feedback circuit extended  
99 the bandwidth of the instrument. In peaked-response mode, the signal bypassed the  
100 feedback filter, and the transfer function was sharply peaked at 2.2 s. The seismometers  
101 acted as underdamped pendulums [*Latham et al.*, 1973]. Maximum sensitivity in the  
102 peaked mode was 5.6 times greater than the flat mode, but low-frequency sensitivity was  
103 reduced [*Latham et al.*, 1973]. S14 was unstable in the flat-response mode most of the  
104 time since the feedback parameters were specified incorrectly. Fig. 2 shows the times  
105 when the seismometer was operating in peaked or flat mode.

106 The short-period sensor was a vertical sensor with a standard coil-magnet velocity  
107 transducer. It had a displacement response peaked at approximately 8 Hz (Fig. 4), and  
108 the nominal sampling interval was 0.0188679 s.

### 3. Importing to SEED format

109 In this section, we describe how the data were recorded, and the steps involved in  
110 processing it for SEED format. The data were stored in a binary format on magnetic  
111 tapes. Copies of the original tapes are available from the Japanese Space Agency [*JAXA*,

112 2012]. The data were received at a ground station on Earth. The ground stations were  
113 spaced around the Earth, and at least three stations would operate over 24 hours, to  
114 maintain a good line of sight to the Moon. Often, during the transition from one station  
115 to another, there was a brief overlap where two stations were recording simultaneously,  
116 although gaps were also common.

### 3.1. Step 1 - Extracting the data from the tape copies

117 We extracted the data from the binary using the data schema described in *Nakamura*  
118 [1992]. The data sampler on the Moon recorded the data in blocks (physical records) of  
119 90 frames each. Within each frame, the data were arranged into 64 10-bit ALSEP words,  
120 evenly spaced in time. Each component of the mid-period seismometers (MH1, MH2, and  
121 MHZ) recorded four samples per frame. SHZ used the even words within the block except  
122 for words 2, 46, 56. Additionally, S15 contained an error which meant that word 24 was  
123 also missing on S15. Thus, the SHZ timing is evenly spaced, but with 3 or 4 missing data  
124 samples per frame. The sampling interval is  $16/106$  s or 0.1509434 s for the mid-period  
125 instruments and  $2/106$  s or 0.0188679 s for the short-period instruments.

126 The data sampler transmitted each data frame to Earth in real-time. The computer  
127 recorded the timestamps at the head of each frame when the transmission arrived on  
128 Earth.

### 3.2. Step 2 - Error Checking

129 We checked the extracted data for errors, beginning with checking the Barker code.  
130 The transmission contained a Barker code, which is a code with a series of zeros and  
131 ones in a preset pattern. An intact Barker code indicates that the receiver read the

132 transmission correctly. The traces show that when the Barker code was incorrect, the  
133 corresponding data samples were meaningless. We rejected all data with damaged Barker  
134 codes (approximately 0.3% of all the available data). We also examined the traces to  
135 determine whether we could extract data from a damaged trace (for example, by shifting  
136 the zeros and ones to find a match to the Barker code). However, this did not seem  
137 possible. Transmission errors usually occurred in blocks. The blocks could begin or end  
138 at any point in the frame and affect all data between the endpoints. Damaged traces could  
139 run consecutively for minutes or hours or be more sporadic. Our despiking algorithm (see  
140 Step 3, below) includes code to deal with this problem of frames that are partially damaged  
141 (including those which occur before data which we removed due to the damaged Barker  
142 code).

143 The data were recorded alongside a frame number, which ranges from 0 to 89. The  
144 frame was recorded by the sampler and transmitted with the data. This number helps  
145 correctly determine when traces overlap (due to recording at two ground stations). When  
146 the data were not being received correctly, they were often re-transmitted, and these re-  
147 transmissions were recorded on the tapes. A repeated frame number with timestamps  
148 close to each other indicates re-transmission. We found cases where the sampler reset the  
149 frame number to zero before finishing the previous physical record, although these cases  
150 are rare.

151 When two ground stations received data simultaneously, the timestamps did not match  
152 exactly. We expect slight timestamp differences because the lines of sight from the seismic  
153 station on the Moon to the two different ground stations were not the same. These  
154 differences are in addition to errors caused by unsynchronized reference clocks at the



155 stations or difficulties reading the clocks. We take advantage of the fact that the data are  
156 transmitted in real-time to test for errors in the transmission. For example, the timestamp  
157 is probably incorrect if it suddenly jumps forward or backward in time. The binary data  
158 could be damaged either during transmission or later, as the tapes deteriorated. Therefore,  
159 flipped bits could damage the timestamp, the frame number, the station code, the ground  
160 station, or the sensor data.

161 Although the data did not have constant sampling intervals, most sample intervals fell  
162 within a narrow range. A nominal frame is 0.6038 s. Nearly all sample intervals are either  
163 0.603 s or 0.604 s (we expect this because the precision of the timestamp is only 0.001 s).  
164 We make the following corrections to the data. We amended single frame numbers which  
165 were out of sequence but had the correct timestamps. We also amended single timestamps,  
166 which were out of series but had the correct frame numbers. Next, we determined sections  
167 of traces with 'good' records - those which had a single sampling interval ( $> 0.6009$  s and  
168  $< 0.607$  s) and a single gap between frames. We found if these traces are consecutive.  
169 We tried to amend the timestamps by using the last record of a consecutive block and  
170 the first record of the next consecutive block. Where there were transmission gaps, we  
171 inserted the correct number of empty samples between frames (using a combination of  
172 time and the frame gap). We ignored small errors in the sampling interval at this stage.  
173 Finally, we dropped any remaining records which were in sections that do not contain at  
174 least 180 consecutive good records.

175 To reduce timing errors, we kept only sections of traces with at least 180 consecutive  
176 frames ( $\sim 109$  s). These sections may contain gaps in the sampling, but we require in-  
177 terpolated timestamps and frame numbers that fit the correct number of frames and the

178 sampling interval. This precaution prevents random timing errors. However, if the local  
179 clock were incorrect, this method would be unable to prevent the error. Unfortunately, our  
180 approach could exclude potentially valid data when the sampler was running particularly  
181 fast or slow.

182 The time the signal arrived on Earth was usually determined by a standard time signal  
183 received at the ground station. However, when the computer could not read the stan-  
184 dard signal, it would generate a timestamp [*Nakamura, 2011; Knapmeyer-Endrun and*  
185 *Hammer, 2015, supplement*]. The ‘software clock’ could lead to offsets of more than one  
186 minute, in comparison with the standard time [*Nakamura, 2011*]. We check for suspected  
187 use of the software clock, and where possible, we interpolate the timestamp as a contin-  
188 uous trace. From 1973, the team added a flag to the tapes to indicate the use of the  
189 software clock. When the flag was set, we corrected the timestamps by interpolation,  
190 resulting in no offsets.

191 From March 1976 until the end of the mission, the University of Texas Galveston Geo-  
192 physics Laboratory collected data on work tapes, including all the stations (except S11).  
193 We noticed some specific errors with these tapes. For example, we found a section of  
194 the traces copied from S12 to S14 within the tape from approximately 22:00 to 22:30 on  
195 1976-12-05. We tried to search for these errors and exclude the data. When viewing the  
196 copied traces, we find a section of S14 that jumps from being centered around 498 digital  
197 units to one centered around 516 digital units with a much noisier trace. Sudden jumps in  
198 the centerline, or sudden changes in the noise profile, are warning signs, and users should  
199 be careful using traces where they notice these errors.

### 3.3. Step 3 - Making the SEED files

200 In the final step, we make SEED files from the cleaned data. Where possible, we try to  
201 construct traces with continuous sampling. Although these traces may contain small gaps  
202 in the data sampling, the timing trace is continuous. As explained in the previous section,  
203 we use the frame numbers combined with the timestamps to determine where these gaps  
204 should be.

205 When constructing the SEED files, there is a sample time, and a timestamp time.  
206 The sample time is based on the nominal sampling interval and the number of samples.  
207 The timestamp is based on the time the sample was received on Earth. To estimate  
208 the start time of any trace, we estimate the number of samples since midnight using the  
209 actual sampling interval. We can then calculate the sample time using nominal sampling  
210 interval. At midnight, these times are the same, but they diverge during the day.

211 To construct the continuous trace, we check for an overlap and try to match the frame  
212 number. If we can match the frame number, we set the start time of the new trace at  
213 this time. If we cannot match the frame number in the overlapped trace, this is an error  
214 with either the new or old trace. We start the new trace at the new time and record an  
215 error in the log. If there is no overlap, we try to fit a gap with an exact number of frames  
216 between the end of the previous trace and the following trace. If matched, we start the  
217 new trace at the correct time to take account of the gaps. If we cannot fit an exact gap,  
218 we use the current time (based on an estimation of the currently sampling interval) and  
219 estimate the start time of the sample. We record the potential error in the log.

220 The output SEED file is a single file from a few milliseconds after midnight until the  
221 following night. Note that the trace will not finish at exactly midnight and may go slightly

222 over into the next day because we reconstruct a continuous trace with a nominal sampling  
223 rate that does not precisely match the actual sampling rate (which will also vary during  
224 the day). When traces overlap, if one trace has missing samples, these are filled by samples  
225 from the other trace.

226 We run a despiking algorithm on the trace (Fig. 5). We designed the algorithm to  
227 remove single digital spikes only. These occur when a single data point is incorrectly  
228 recorded (probably caused by a flipped bit during transmission). We remove these at this  
229 stage because they are relatively easy to remove and are not related to the function of  
230 the seismometer. Fig. 6 shows the process of data cleaning. The top trace shows the  
231 original data. The middle trace shows data imported, excluding the data damaged in  
232 transmission (we excluded data if the Barker code was incorrect). The bottom trace has  
233 also been despiked.

#### 4. Description of the Archived Data

234 This section describes how to understand the data. We provide five tracks of data  
235 (Fig. 7), three components on the mid-period seismometers (MH1, MH2, and MHZ), the  
236 short-period sensor (SHZ), and a timing trace, ATT. Each data track is in raw format.  
237 We name the mid-period channels as MH1, MH2, MHZ to be consistent with the IRIS  
238 naming conventions. The 'M' reflects mid-period data and a sampling rate between 1 and  
239 10 Hz. The 'H' is for a high gain seismometer. Finally, since the horizontal channels do  
240 not always point north or east, we use 1 and 2 to indicate the channel orientations. The  
241 correct orientations are in the metadata for the SEED files. Earlier papers referred to  
242 these channels as long-period. MH1, MH2, and MHZ directly correspond to LPX, LPY,  
243 and LPZ from earlier papers. The mid-period seismometers ran in either flat or peaked

244 mode. We split the files into locations '00' for the peaked mode and '01' for the flat mode.  
245 The location field is blank for SHZ and the timing trace ATT.

246 As described above, there are missing samples for the SHZ traces. We substitute a  
247 value of minus one for each of these missing values on the traces. We also do this for  
248 missing samples on the mid-period traces. The traditional approach to missing samples  
249 is to mask the traces in the SEED file. However, we found that the missing samples were  
250 so frequent that the data files were significantly larger and there were performance issues  
251 when using this traditional approach. Users should read in the traces, and replace the  
252 minus one values with masks or interpolate the data. There is a code snippet on our  
253 GitHub repository ([github.com/cerinunn/pdart](https://github.com/cerinunn/pdart)) to do this. Users may also find it helpful  
254 to remove glitches before beginning their analysis, since our despiking algorithm removes  
255 only single digital spikes.

256 The ATT tracks contain the timestamp, measured in seconds from 01/01/1970  
257 (timestamps from 1969 are negative). The time can be recovered easily with Ob-  
258 sPy [*Beyreuther et al.*, 2010], using the class `UTCDateTime` (e.g. the command  
259 `UTCDateTime(-14182916.0)` will recover `1969-07-20T20:18:04.000000Z`).  
260 Note that the original data recorded on the tapes used a different convention for the  
261 timestamps. The sampling rate for the timing trace is 0.6037735849 s because the timing  
262 was recorded once per frame.

263 The data were recorded with digital units (DU), with values from 0 to 1023. The values  
264 lay somewhere in the middle of the range when the seismometer was at rest, although the  
265 rest position varies with the time of lunar day. One digital unit corresponded to  $\sim 0.08$  nm  
266 of ground displacement in peaked-response mode and  $\sim 0.3$  nm in flat-response mode at

267 0.45 Hz. Users can transform the data into displacement, velocity, or acceleration with  
268 the provided SEED metadata files.

269 The samples for each of the mid-period sensors were not taken simultaneously, which  
270 has implications when comparing signals on the three components. The first MH1 sample  
271 (ALSEP word 9) was sampled  $10/1060*8=0.075$  s after the head of the frame. MH2 and  
272 MHZ were sampled 0.094 and 0.113 s after the head of the frame. SHZ is sampled at  
273 every even position and so begins at  $10/1060*8=0.015$  s after the head of the frame (note  
274 that the first position was blank but is included in the timing). We provide the MH1,  
275 MH2, MHZ and SHZ traces with a time-shift of 0.075, 0.094, 0.113, and 0.015 s relative  
276 to the ATT and AFR traces.

277 We constructed the SEED files with the nominal sampling rate. Therefore, there can be  
278 a positive or negative time shift of up to a few seconds after twenty-four hours, as shown  
279 in Fig. 8. In some situations, data users may find removing the drift helpful by using the  
280 information provided on the timing trace ATT.

281 There is a 1.2–1.4 s delay time when transmitting from the Moon to Earth, which we  
282 do not correct for. Additionally, we do not correct for the apparent variations in sampling  
283 rate which are caused by changes in the orbital parameters of the Moon-Earth system,  
284 such as by the rotation of the Earth, the libration of the Moon or changes in Moon-Earth  
285 distance.

286 The sampling interval was strongly dependent on whether it was lunar day or night  
287 (Fig. 9a). Sampling was reasonably constant during lunar night, but strong variations  
288 occurred during the day, especially at sunrise and sunset. This variation was probably  
289 caused by strong temperature fluctuations on the lunar surface. This was because the

290 oscillator that controlled the sampling was not temperature compensated. In addition  
291 there were short-term fluctuations in the sampling interval. The rotation of the Earth  
292 also had a small effect on the apparent sampling interval (Fig. 9b).

293 There are therefore many errors associated with the timing: variability of the sampling  
294 on the Moon, reception errors, recording errors, the distance from the source of the stan-  
295 dard time signal to the ground station, and variation introduced by the rotation of the  
296 Earth, the libration of the Moon and the distance from the Moon to the Earth. Only the  
297 first of these errors affected the actual sampling rate. The others only affect the apparent  
298 sampling rate. Therefore, the recorded sampling interval is only a guide to the actual  
299 sampling interval.

300 The team were able to send commands to the seismometers. The commands included  
301 options to change the seismometer gain, to send calibration pulses, and to change the  
302 mode of the mid-period seismometer from flat to peaked or vice versa. The timing of  
303 these commands is included in our GitHub site ([github.com/cerinunn/pdart/](https://github.com/cerinunn/pdart/)) along with  
304 an example calibration pulse.

305 We provide the nominal instrument responses in the SEED metadata files. *Horvath*  
306 [1979] evaluated the differences between the nominal transfer functions provided by the  
307 engineers (and provided within the response files) and the actual transfer functions. The  
308 actual transfer functions had some differences between stations and over the lifetime of  
309 the instruments. The team sent calibration pulses to the seismometers. A step of current  
310 equivalent to a known step of ground acceleration was applied to the coil for each of the  
311 seismometer components [*Latham et al.*, 1973]. Additionally, the engineers controlled the  
312 gain from Earth, and were able to cycle through the options (from maximum gain, -10 dB,

313 -20 dB, -30 dB and back to maximum). The timing of the gain commands is known, and  
314 provided on our github site ([github.com/cerinunn/pdart/](https://github.com/cerinunn/pdart/)), but the resulting gain can  
315 only be found by checking the seismograms. In general, the seismometers operated at  
316 maximum gain.

## 5. Data Archive

317 We are currently archiving the data at IRIS, where it will be possible to download it  
318 using network code XA. We are also archiving the data on the Geosciences Node at the  
319 Planetary Data System. [Note to reviewers: We have uploaded test uploads to both IRIS  
320 and the PDS. We think it is likely that the IRIS archive will be ready prior to publication.  
321 The PDS requires a review process which may take 3-4 months, so is also reasonably likely  
322 to be ready prior to publication.] Fig. 10 shows the percentage of data recovered and  
323 placed into the archive.

## 6. Data and Resources

324 Our GitHub repository ([github.com/cerinunn/pdart/tree/master/Electronic\\_Supplement](https://github.com/cerinunn/pdart/tree/master/Electronic_Supplement))  
325 includes the following additional information: the locations of the seismic stations; the  
326 operational status of the instruments; the timing of commands sent to the instruments;  
327 the times when the mid-period seismometers were operating in flat mode; the codes for  
328 the ground stations receiving the signals; and example calibration pulses.

329 The data described within this paper is archived at IRIS with the following DOI:  
330 [https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/XA\\_1969](https://doi.org/10.7914/SN/XA_1969). [Note to reviewers: We have uploaded test data  
331 to IRIS. IRIS have checked the data. The data will be released to coincide with the pub-  
332 lication of this companion paper.] The data are also archived at the Geosciences Node of



333 the Planetary Data System: <https://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/>. [Note to reviewers: We  
334 have uploaded test data to the PDS. The PDS will send the data out for an independent  
335 review.] If use is made of this work, authors should cite *Latham et al.* [1970], *Yamada*  
336 *et al.* [2012], as well as this paper.

337 We used ObsPy extensively during this project [*Beyreuther et al.*, 2010]. Figures have  
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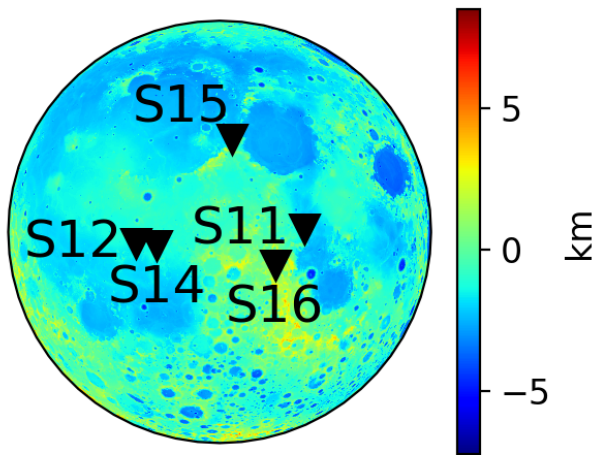
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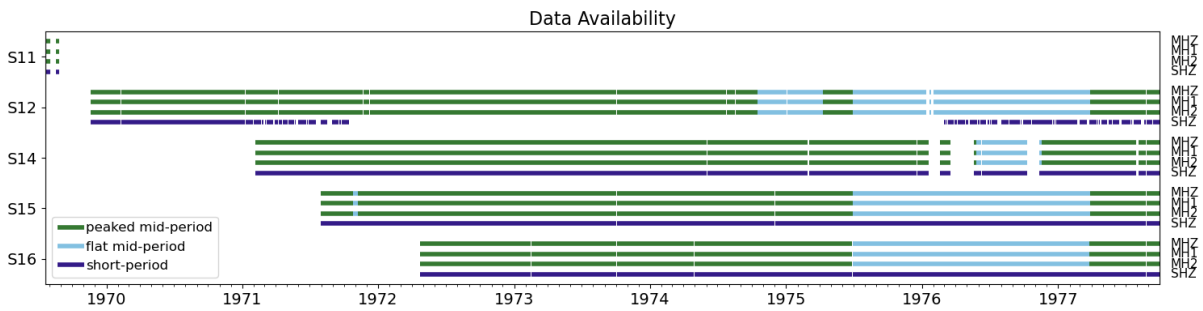
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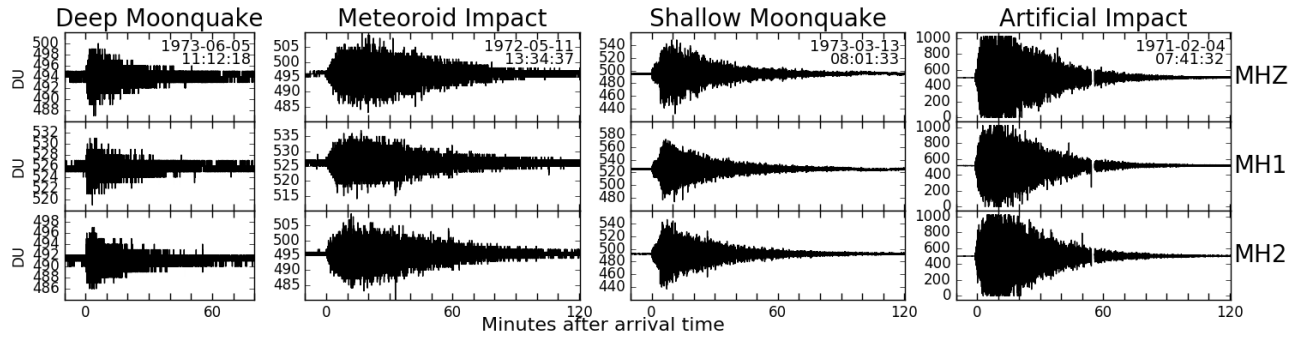
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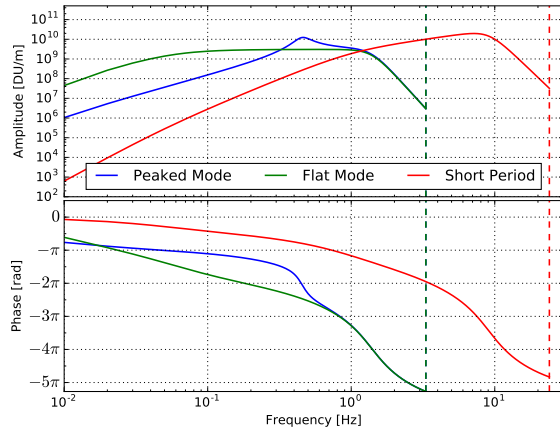
**Figure 1.** Locations of the Seismic Stations. The plot shows the locations of the stations included in the archive. The background shows lunar topography from *Araki et al.* [2009].



**Figure 2.** Seismic Data Availability. The experiments included three-component mid-period instruments (MHZ, MH1, and MH2) which operated in either peaked mode (green lines) or flat mode (light-blue lines) and short-period instruments (SHZ, dark-blue lines).

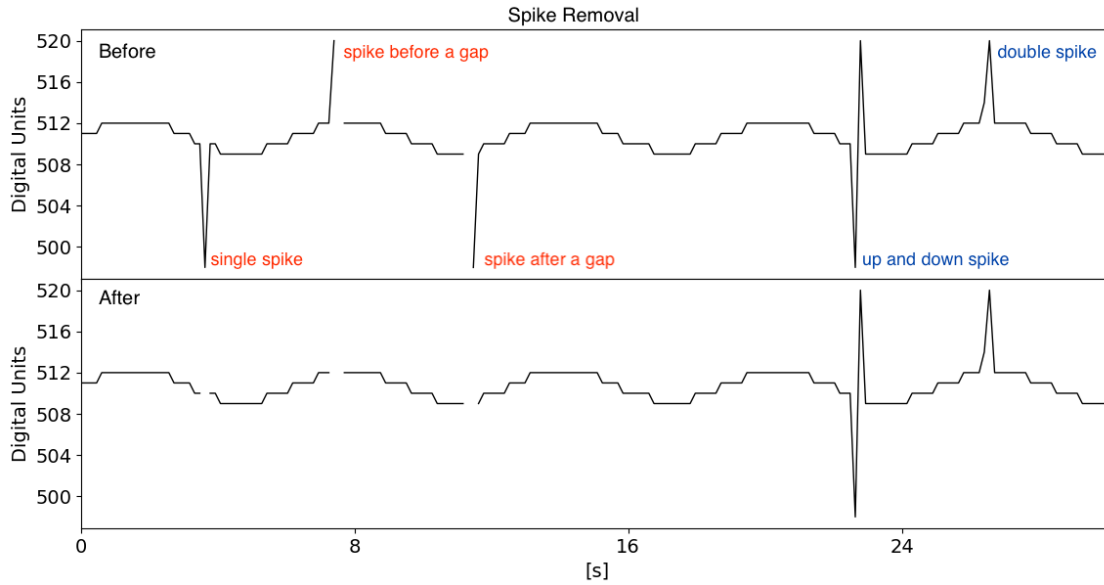


**Figure 3.** Examples of a Deep Moonquake, a Meteoroid Impact, a Shallow Moonquake and an Artificial Impact Event. The events were recorded on seismic station S12 on three components (MHZ, MH1 and MH2). The timing for each event is in minutes and relative to arrival time. The y-axis scale is in digital units (DU), and the scale is different for each of the events. The amplitude of the impact signal exceeded the range of the instrument.

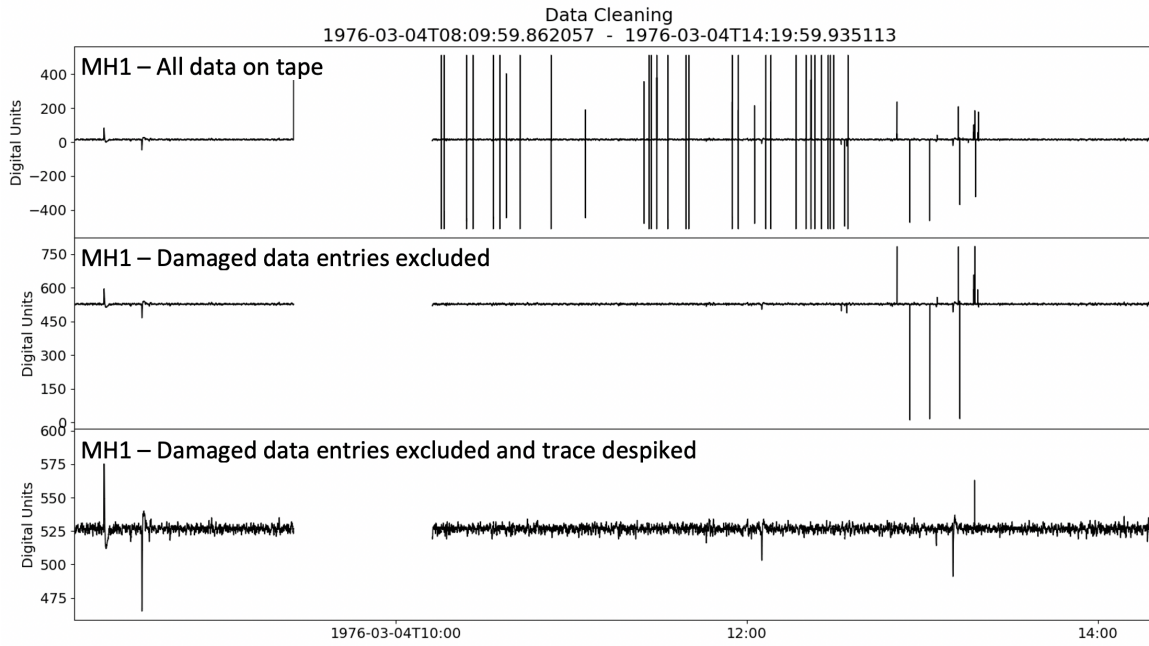


**Figure 4.** Transfer Functions. Displacement amplitude (top) and phase (bottom) transfer functions for the flat and peaked modes of the mid-period seismometer and the short-period (SP) seismometer. The plots show the nominal responses up to the Nyquist frequency (dashed lines). The units of amplitude are Digital Units (DU) per meter. The phases show the counterclockwise angle from the positive real axis on the complex plane in radians. The transfer functions in velocity and acceleration are available in *Nunn et al.* [2020].

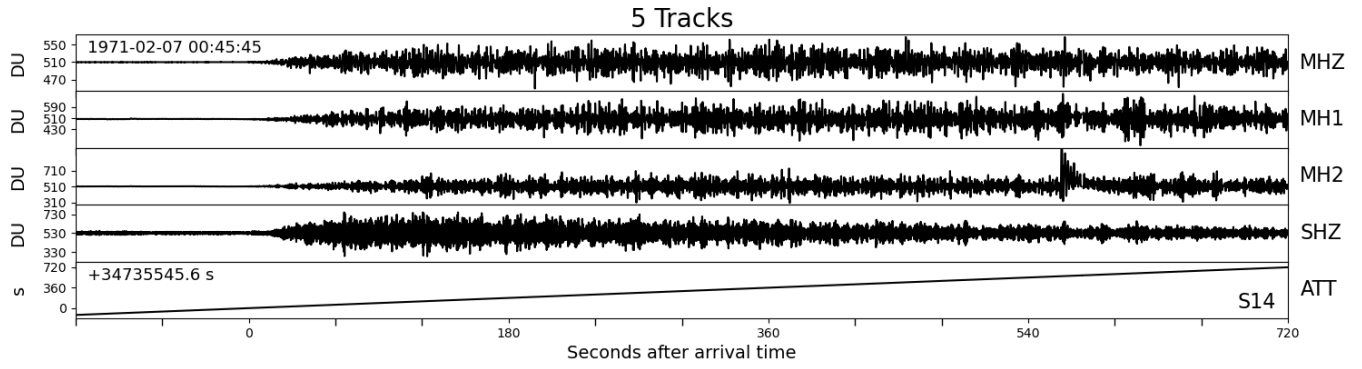




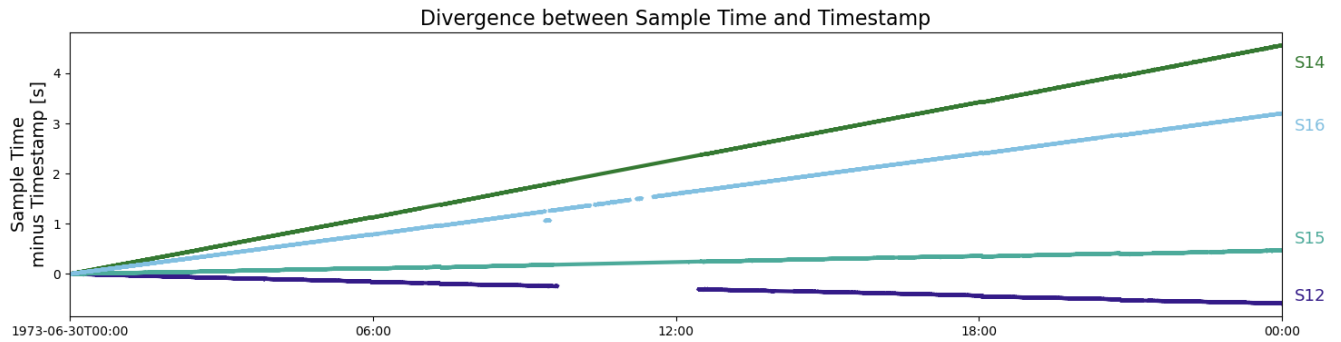
**Figure 5.** Digital Spike Removal. The top panel shows test data with added digital spikes, and the bottom panel shows the data after the spike removal process. The algorithm removes single spikes, spikes before a gap, and spikes after a gap. Up and down spikes and double spikes (which have two data points within the spikes) are not removed by the algorithm.



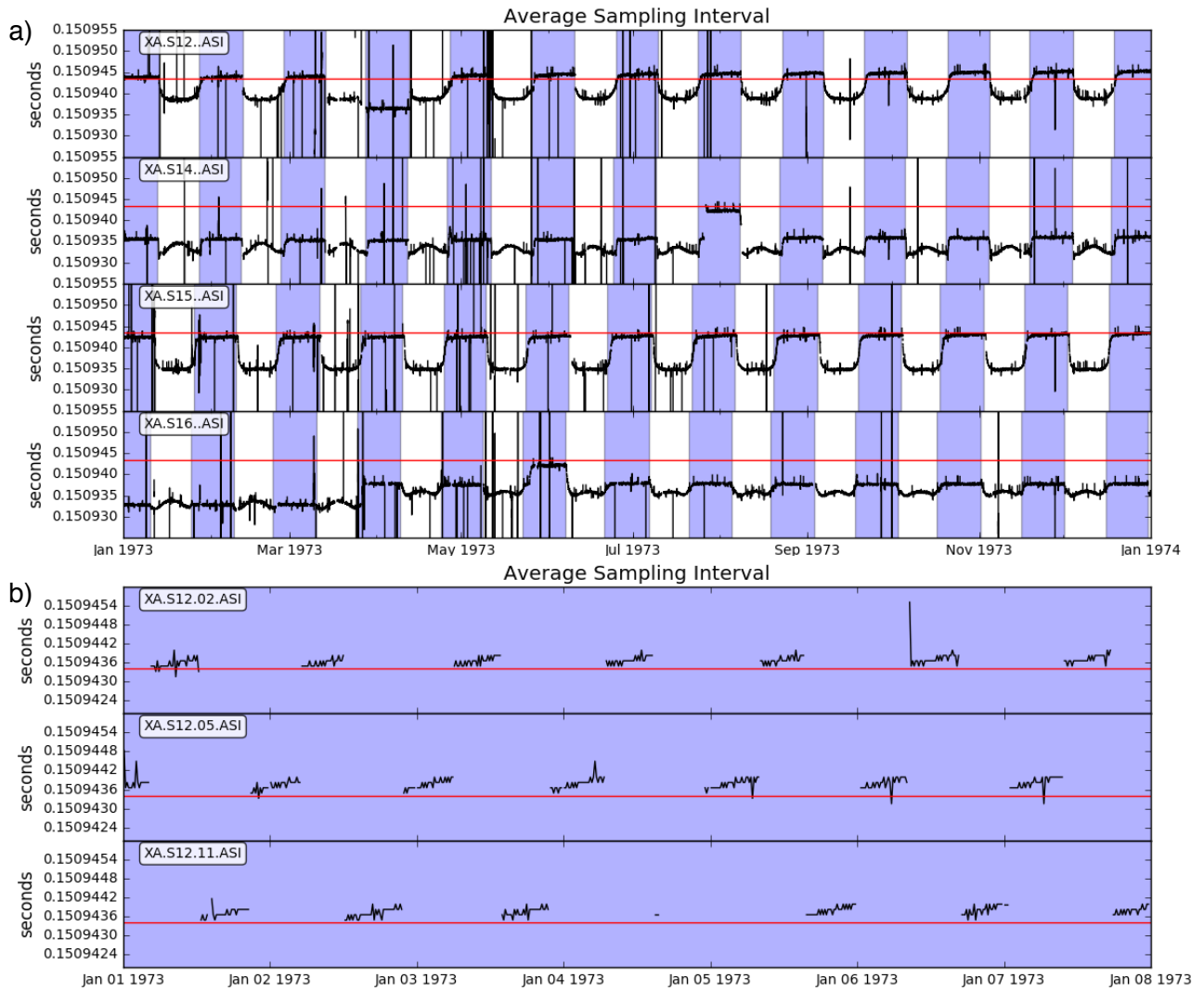
**Figure 6.** Data Cleaning. The top panel shows the original data imported from the tape. The middle panel shows the same data re-imported, including only the data with correct Barker codes (incorrect Barker codes indicate data frames that were not transmitted correctly). The bottom panel shows the data after we removed single digital spikes (Fig. 5 shows examples of these spikes).



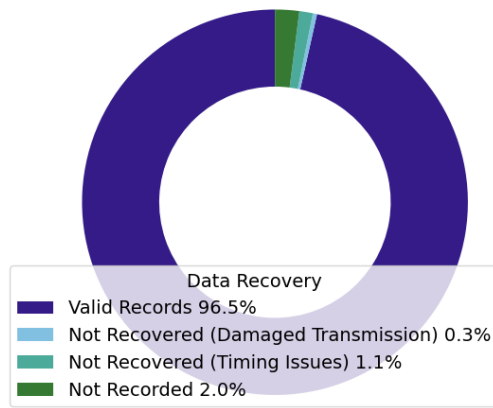
**Figure 7.** Data Tracks provided in the SEED Files. The top four traces show the data traces MHZ, MH1, MH2, and SHZ. The x-axis is seconds after the P arrival time, and the y-axis is in digital units (DU). The fifth trace ATT shows the timestamp (seconds since 1970-01-01) recorded at the ground station. The timing is in seconds relative to the arrival time (34735545.6 s after 1970-01-01).



**Figure 8.** Divergence between Sample Time and Timestamp. Each of the data samplers controlling the sampling on the seismometers had a slightly different sampling rate that varied over time. As far as possible, the data are provided as continuous traces. Therefore, there is some divergence between the time estimates from the continuous sampling and the recorded timestamps. Data users should be aware of these differences and may need to correct for them. The divergence lines are curved. Additionally, the S12 trace shows a gap where data were not recovered due to timing issues and the S16 trace shows 9:25 to 9:30 where there is a problem with the timing. Where possible, sections of traces with timing issues should be avoided.



**Figure 9.** Variation in the Sampling Interval. a) The variability of the sampling interval for each of the stations during 1973. b) The variability of the sampling interval from 1–7 January 1973 for station S12 recorded at different ground stations (02, Ascension Island; 05, Guam; 11, Corpus Christi, Texas). The rotation of the Earth has a small affect on the apparent sampling rate (it does not affect the real sampling rate). The increase in the apparent sampling rate while a ground station is recording on (b) is due to the rotation of the Earth. The apparent sampling rate is lower when a new ground station starts recording. In both plots, we averaged the sampling over approximately 15 minutes. The plots show alternating periods of lunar night (purple) and lunar day (white). The red D R A F T lines show the nominal sampling interval (0.1509434 s).



**Figure 10.** Data Recovery. For the duration of the mission at station S12, S14, S15 and S16, the percentage of valid records, records which were damaged during transmission, records which were not recovered by us due to timing issues, and records which were not recorded by the mission. Note that periods of time when the seismometers were transmitting data but not sending back valid seismic records are not excluded from the estimation of valid records.