

Barometric Pressure Measurements and Corrections for Low Frequency Seismology

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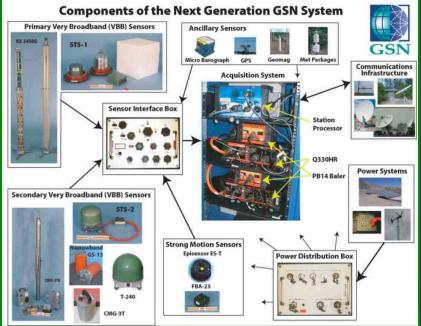
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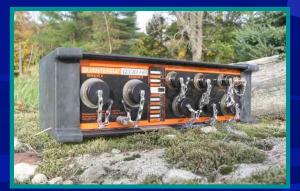
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Q330HR The IRIS-GSN data system

25+ year R&D effort in VBB instrumentation

Performance: Noise, Dynamic Range, Bandwidth Data Completeness [...."continuous" digital data stream...] Time Accuracy Operational Longevity and Reliability Minimum Power to enable science-driven siting Survivability, Physical Size, and Robustness Environmental Ingress protection Consistency Communications, Monitoring, Control, and Calibration Cost

VBB Technology Objective:

Acquire and record as faithfully as possible in a single continuous digital data stream the teleseismic spectrum encompassing ~5 decades in frequency and ~140dB dynamic range. Do this for years in challenging environments with minimal maintenance and cost to enable wide usage.

VBB technology is a powerful instrumentation technique, but what's the target?

Faithful measurement of minimum ambient seismic noise, and large signals over a wide frequency range.

Is the goal achieved in present instrument networks, and what can be done to improve data quality?

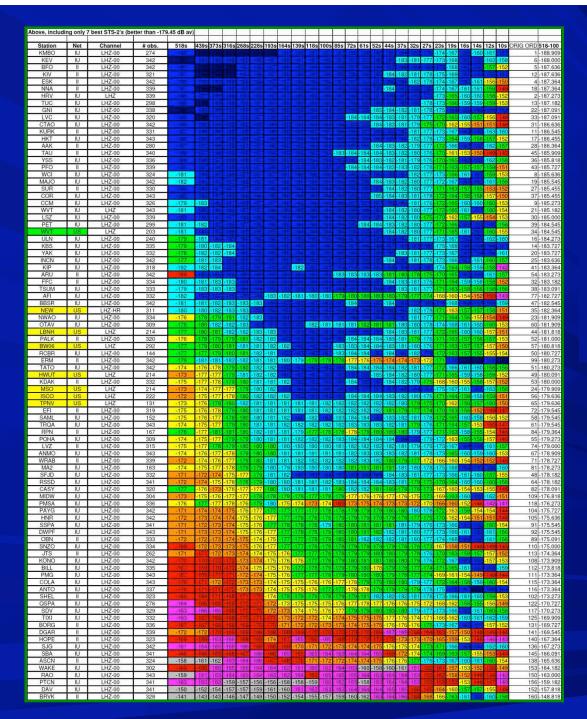
Noise & Networks

2-weeks in the life of the GSN 2006-05-17 - 2006/05/31

HRV #2 in the GSN?

...hmmm

www.seismology.harvard.edu/~ekstrom/...RADB_network_spectrum.html



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Ekstrom's binned spectra for II & IU stations rearranged by arithmetic averages of 11 518s-100s bins. This weights low-frequencies preferentially, and shows more organized ranking by VLP noise.

Is this general picture consistent over time, stations, or sensor type?

Example of Ekstrom's average month spectra from each station covering the period 1993/01 through 2006/07

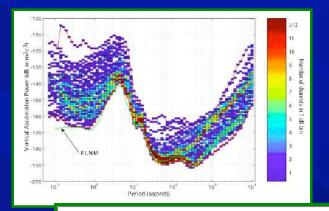
The entire data set comprises 355 stations and ~14M 1hr spectra.

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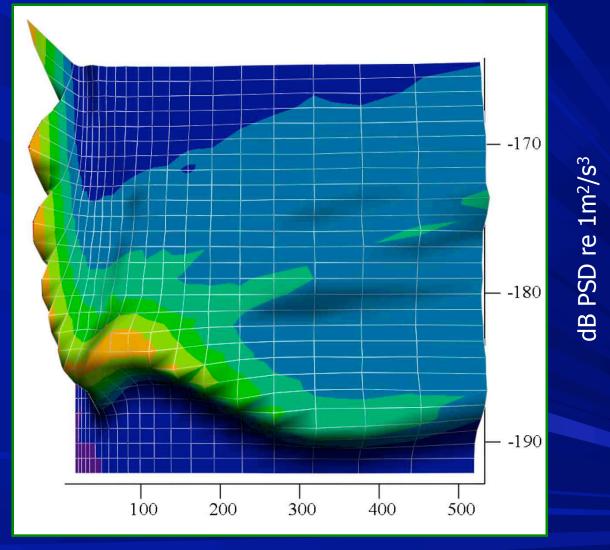


Does this data set reproduce the newest LNM?

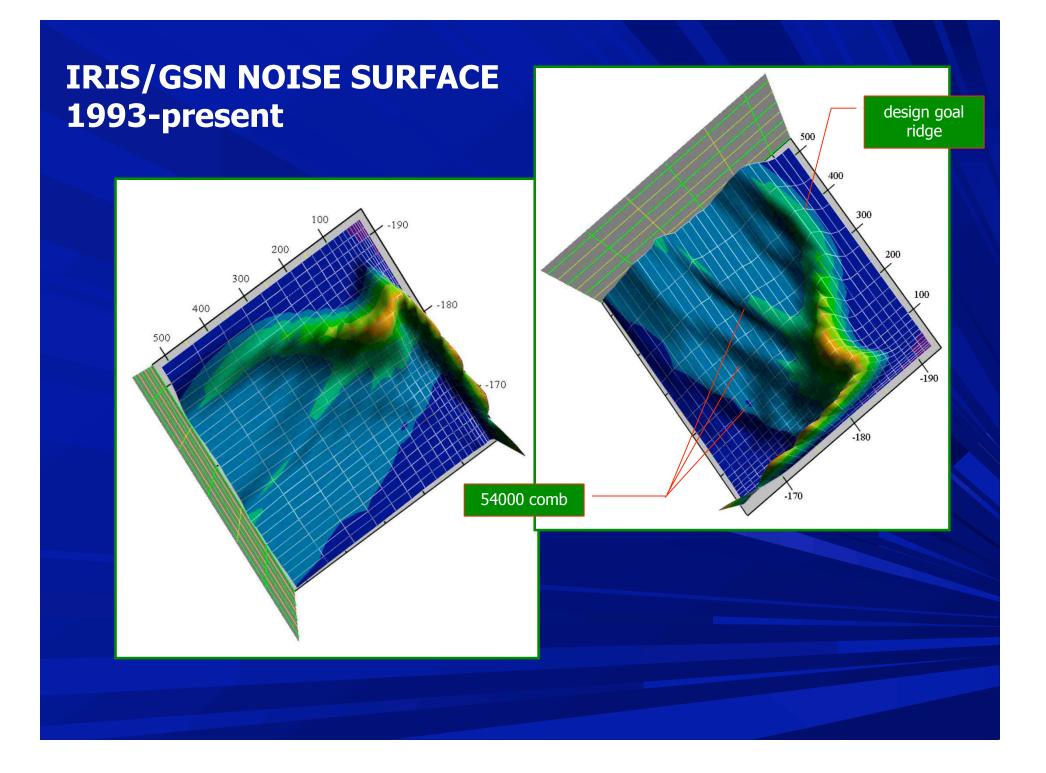
Berger, Davis, Ekstrom LNM compared with various minimum vertical noise observations, all networks, 13941674 total observations



IRIS/GSN NOISE SURFACE – 1993-present

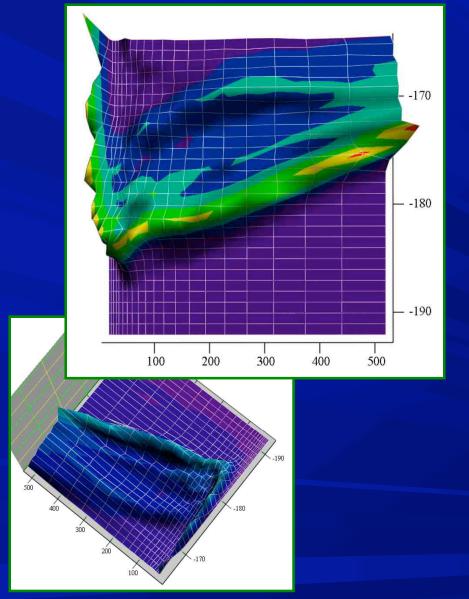


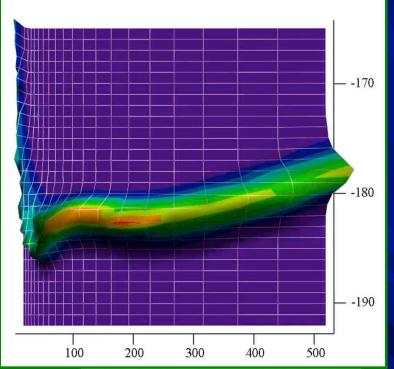
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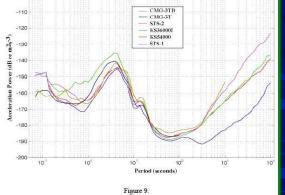


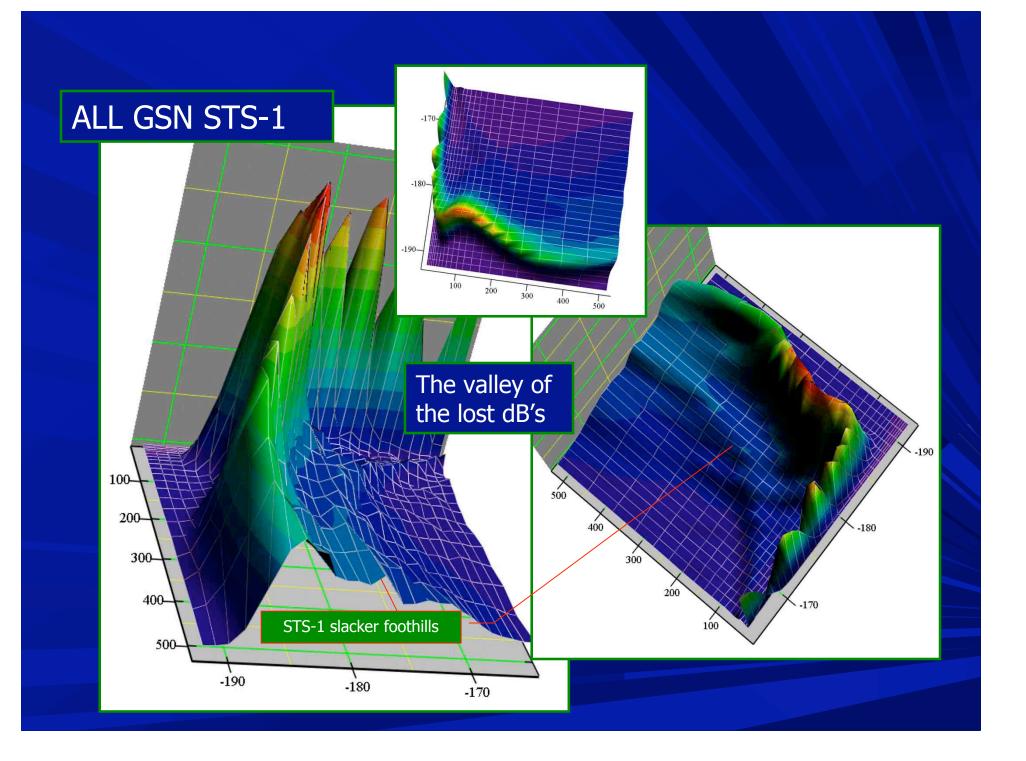
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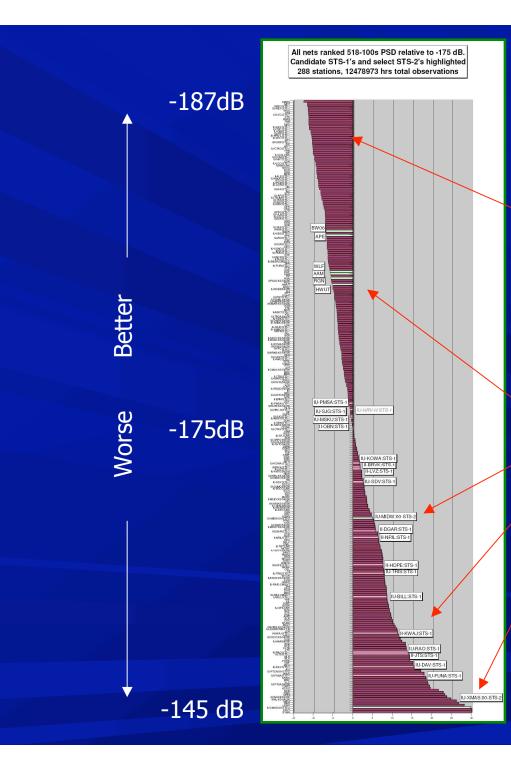
Is higher noise associated with particular stations, or is it randomly present across the entire station population?

			_	_	
		_	hrs	hrs	
Net	Station	Sensor	<-178	>-178	% BETTER
IU	MAJO	STS-1	108700		100%
IU	TUC	STS-1	105859		100%
IU	CCM	STS-1	96094		100%
II	BFO	STS-1	84445		100%
IU	НКТ	STS-1	77988		100%
II	PALK	54000	28488		100%
IU	SAML	54000	15531		100%
IU	CTAO	STS-1	105159	724	99%
IU	KEV	STS-1	92080	717	99%
IU	ANMO	54000	95497	18911	83%
II	NNA	STS-1	71075	15648	82%
IU	FURI	STS-1	39340	8940	81%
IU	PMSA	STS-1	9519	100146	9%
IU	SDV	STS-1	6202	74392	8%
IU	GUMO	54000	4148	104551	4%
IU	BILL	STS-1	1838	71108	3%
IU	FUNA	STS-1		5529	0%
IU	RAO	STS-1		14302	0%
IU	TRIS	STS-1		14786	0%
II	NRIL	STS-1		14819	0%
IU	RAIO	CMG3-T		15244	0%

Method:

Consider average PSD in 11 1/14 decade bands 518-100s. Rank stations by fraction better than a target: -178dB. The results do not depend strongly on the particular band, or the particular "cutoff" of -178dB. We'll see why -178dB is a reasonable figure.

partial table of GSN stations



All-network ranking:

HRV

288 stations comprising IU & II GSN, GE, US, MN, G, CD stacked by mean PSD 518-100s.

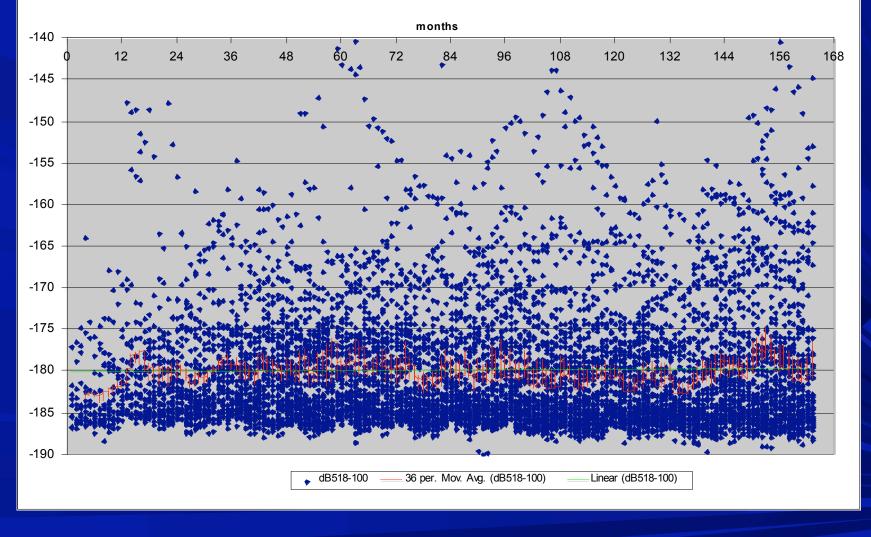
GE,US STS-2's IU-MIDW (STS-2) 10 GSN STS-1 with high mean PSD

XMAS

					IU									II			
		Total obs		518	518-100	í -				518	518-100		SENSOR	Total obs		518s	518-100s
Station	Sensor	10(01000		<-175	<-178	Station	Sensor			<-175	<-178	With () and it				<-175	<-178
BBSR	CMG3-T-B	34212		100%	100%	POHA	54000	47611	POHA	20%	67%	ALE	STS-1	46488		100%	100%
CCM	STS-1	96094		100%	100%	MA2	STS-1	83218		54%	58%	BFO	STS-1 < STS-1	84445 64540		100% 100%	100% 100%
COL	UNK	27327		100%	100%	MEAN	IU-MEAN	5189544	MEAN	49%	56%	PAL				76%	100%
GNI	STS-1	59827		100%	100%	OTAV	STS-1	30472		32%	46%	MBA				43%	98%
		77988				NWAO	54000	99752		37%	39%	AAK	STS-1	65206		89%	93%
HKT	STS-1			100%	100%	TATO	54000	103345	TATO	26%	38%	SAC			SACV	26%	93%
KIEV	STS-1	57950		98%	100%	MSKU	STS-1	8141	MSKU	30%	37%	TLY	STS-1	56179		88%	88%
LCO	STS-1	35604		100%	100%	SJG	STS-1	105924	SJG	2%	34%	PFO	STS-1	67523		94%	86%
LVC	STS-1	36554		100%	100%	KOWA	STS-1	1898	KOWA	30%	30%	NNA EFI	STS-1 KS-54000	86723 69845	EFI	100% 25%	82% 80%
MAJO	STS-1	108700		96%	100%	RSSD	54000	51155	RSSD	4%	19%	KIV	STS-1	84292	and a	25% 80%	80%
NAI	UNK	5315		100%	100%	SFJ	UNK	58386	SFJ	1%	18%	KDA			KDAK	25%	79%
SAML	54000	15531	SAML	31%	100%	MIDW	00-STS-2	39598	MIDW	7%	16%	RPN	STS-1	44995		76%	78%
TRQA	54000	43059	TRQA	27%	100%	TBT	UNK	15596	TBT	15%	15%	ARU	STS-1	80000		73%	77%
TSUM	STS-1	76079		96%	100%	PAYG	54000	61146	PAYG	0%	9%	SUR	STS-1	80550		100%	77%
TUC	STS-1	105859		100%	100%	PMSA	STS-1	109665		15%	9%	TAU	STS-1	97774		100%	77%
WVT	STS-1	45526		99%	100%	SDV	STS-1 STS-1	80594	SDV	5%	8%	ABK		33037 95525	WRAB	60% 5%	76% 71%
CTAO	STS-1	105883		99%	99%	CHTO	54000	86055		0%	7%	ESK	STS-1	102564	WNAD	100%	60%
KEV	STS-1	92797		99%	99%	GUMO		108699	GUMO	1%	4%	BAY			RAYN	0%	59%
KIP	STS-1	97015		98%	98%	SPA	54000	87258	SPA	1%	224	CML	A KS-54000	47058	CMLA	9%	56%
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ULN	STS-1	77310		87%	96%	COLA	54000	78607	COLA	0%	0%	OBN	STS-1	87203	OBN	12%	10%
AFI	STS-1	58277		97%	95%	DAV	STS-1	75506		0%	0%	NIL	KS-54000		NIL	3%	7%
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KBS	STS-1	88863		89%	93%	JOHN	CMG3-T-B	42938	JOHN	0%	0%	HOP	E STS-1 STS-1	56060 50303	HOPE JTS	1% 0%	0% 0%
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INCN	STS-1	75782		67%	87%	PTGA	54000	27739	PTGA	0%	0%	KWA		42497	KWAJ	0%	0%
KMBO	STS-1	60782		86%	86%	QSPA	54000	25232	QSPA	0%	0%	MSE			MSEY	0%	0%
KONO	STS-1	108408		81%	86%	RAIO	CMG3-T	15244	RAIO	0%	0%	MSV			MSVF	0%	0%
YSS	STS-1	107708		84%	86%	RAO	STS-1	14302		0%	0%	NRIL	STS-1	14819	NRIL	0%	0%
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WCI	STS-1	41290		76%	76%	TRIS	STS-1	14786	TRIS	4%	0%		ISIUEI		513-	15	
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CASY	STS-1	58021		93%	73%	XMAS	00-STS-2	28807	XMAS	0%	0%						
MAKZ	STS-1	44315		61%	69%												
TIXI	STS-1	62768		42%	69%												
PET	STS-1	96642		65%	68%												

Is the STS-1 "fleet" performance deteriorating?

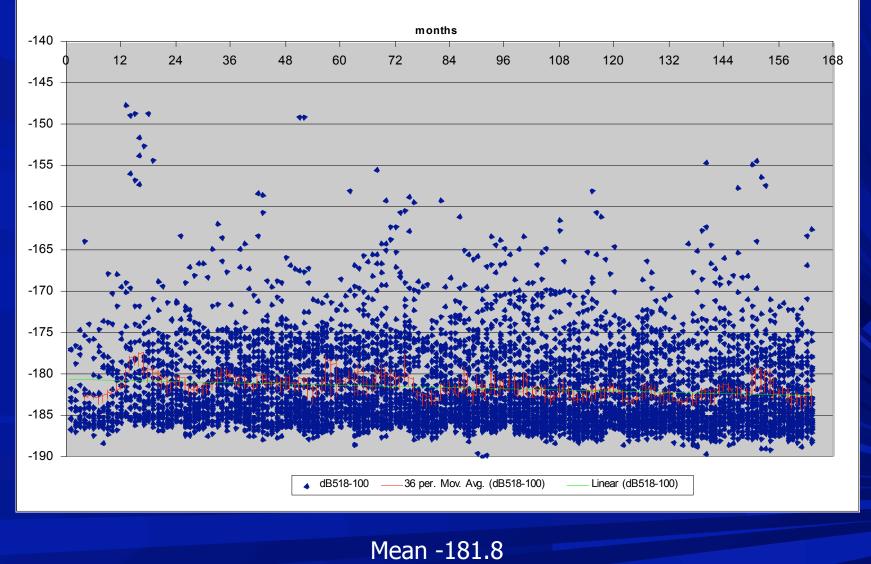
IU & II STS-1's 199301-200607 dB 518-100s band, 4702834 hrs

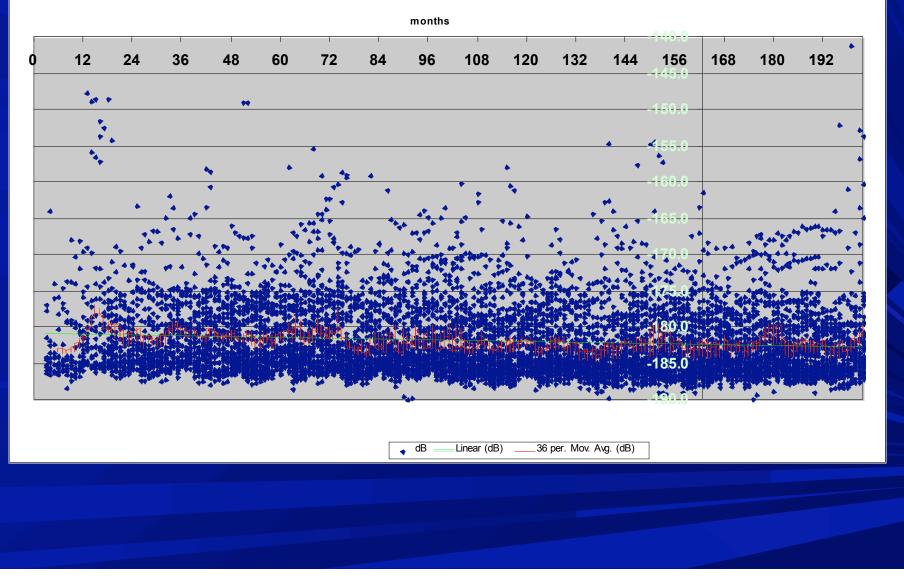


Mean -180.0

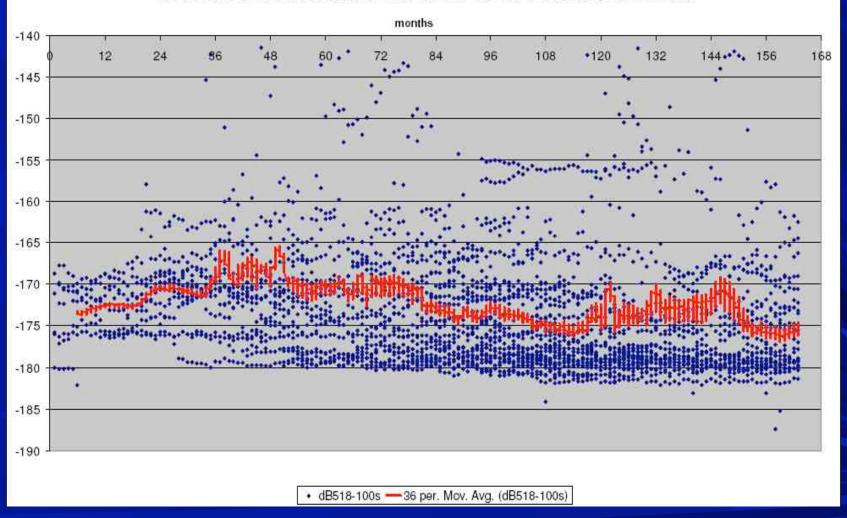
If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

IU & II STS-1's 199301-200607 dB 518-100s band, 4107878 hrs, less some





IU & II STS-1's 199301-200909 dB 518-100s band, 5.74M hrs, less some

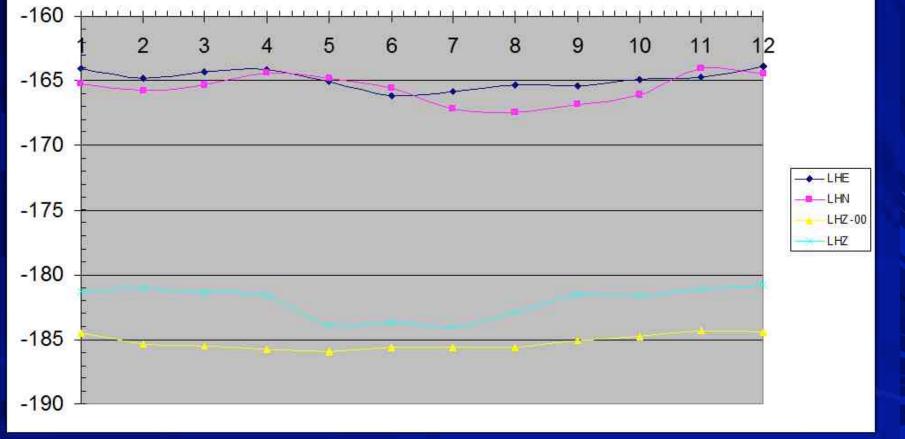


IU & II KS-54000's Over Time 199301-200607 dB 518-100s band, 2130563 hrs

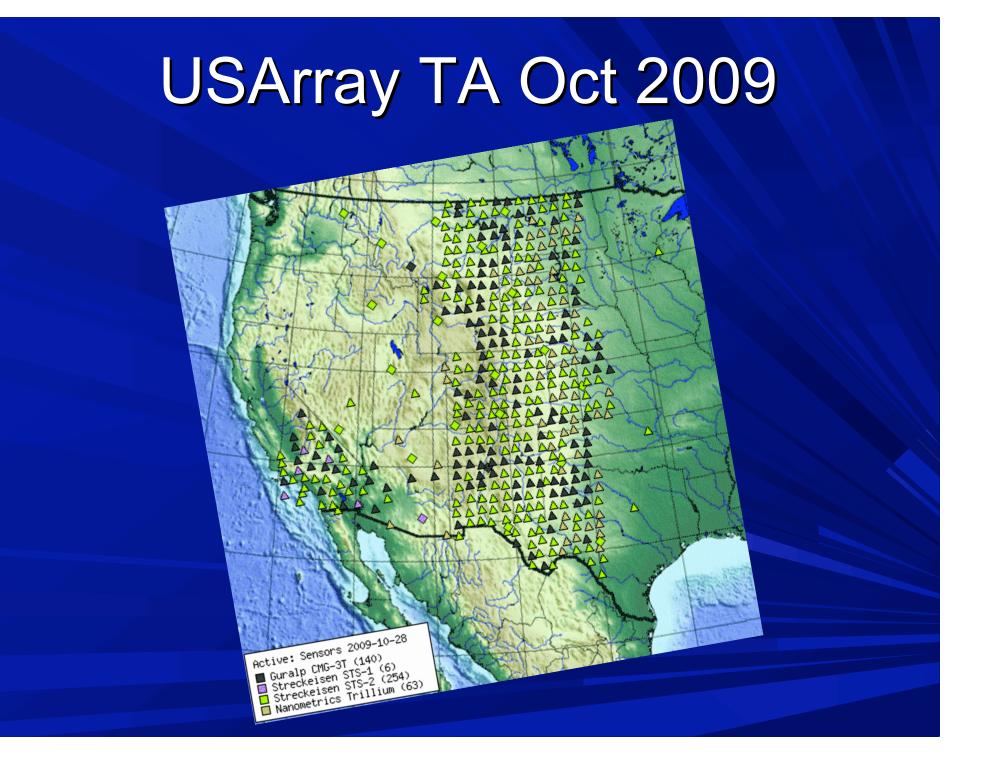
Mean -172.5

High-Quality GSN stations, seasonal variation

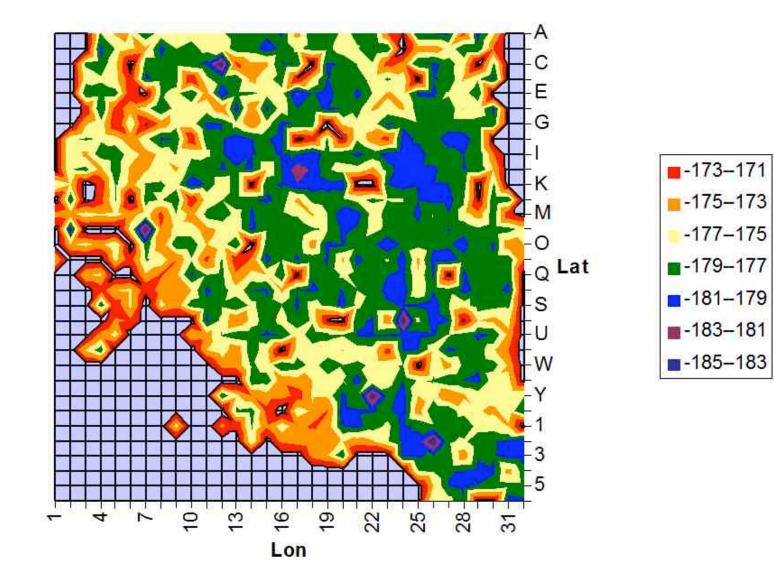
selected GSN (CCM,ESK,HKT,KEV,PET,TUC) 518s-100s noise 199301-200909 1Mhrs, seasonal variation

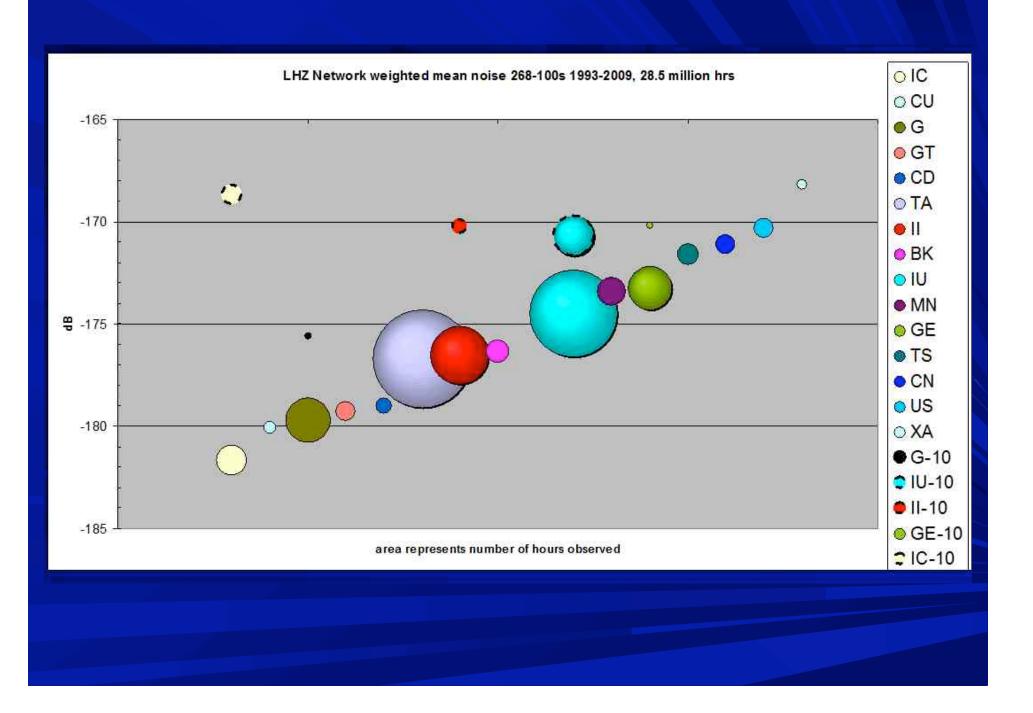


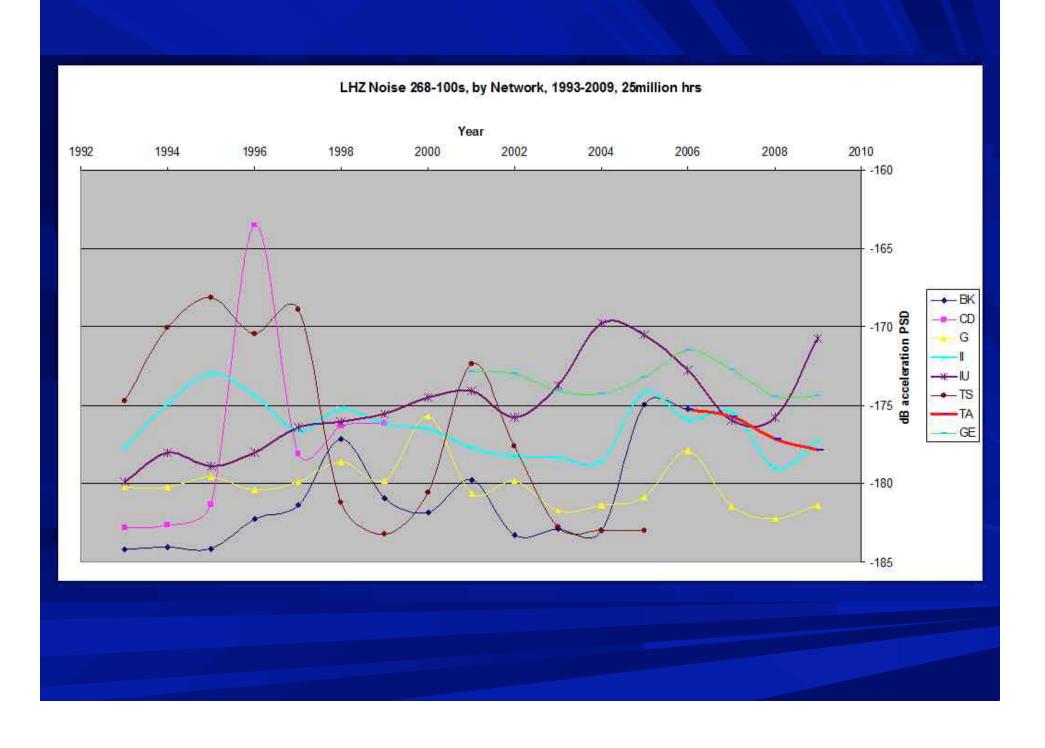
month stack (1993-2009)



TA weighted LHZ noise 200601-200909 (9.2 million hrs) vs. location

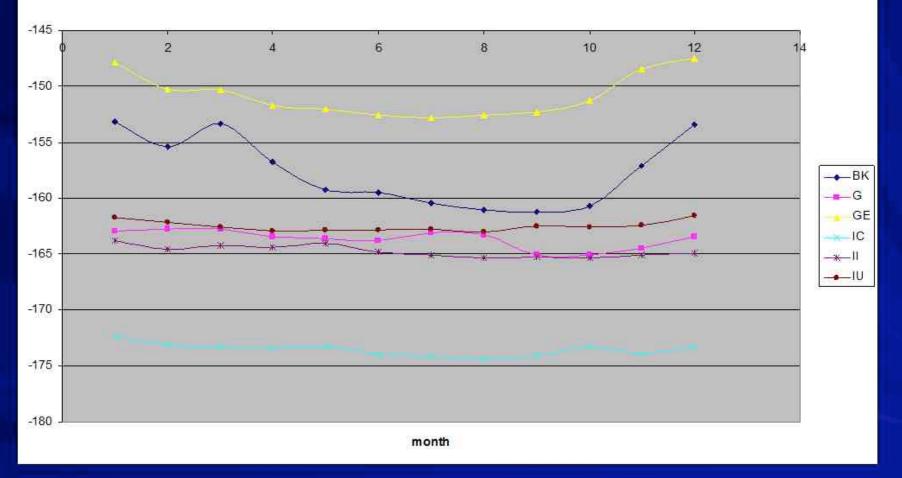






Horizontal Noise, by network

weighted LHN noise 268-100s



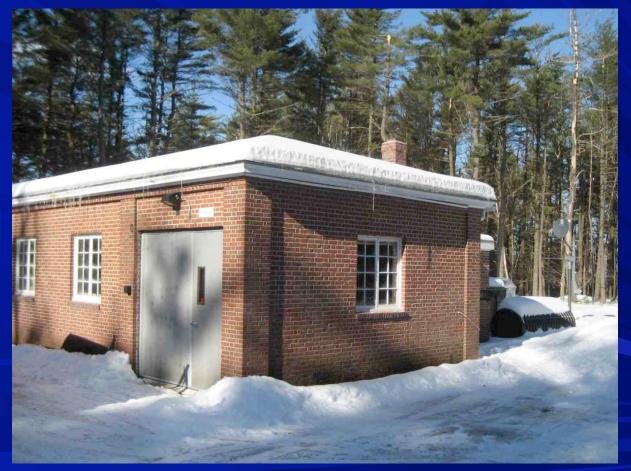
(month stack 1993-2009)

12 180 - 160 10 - 140 number of stations (GSN) 8 120 E 6 4 - 40 2 - 20 and the o 0 -182 -179 -185 -176 -173 -170 -167 -164 -158 -155 -161 -152 -146 More -149 wetghted mean PSD 268s-100s SSN (1289y) & TA (988y) Natagram 199001-200808 GSN-LHN GSN-LHZ LHE OLHN LHZ 111 nell me av PS2200-1004

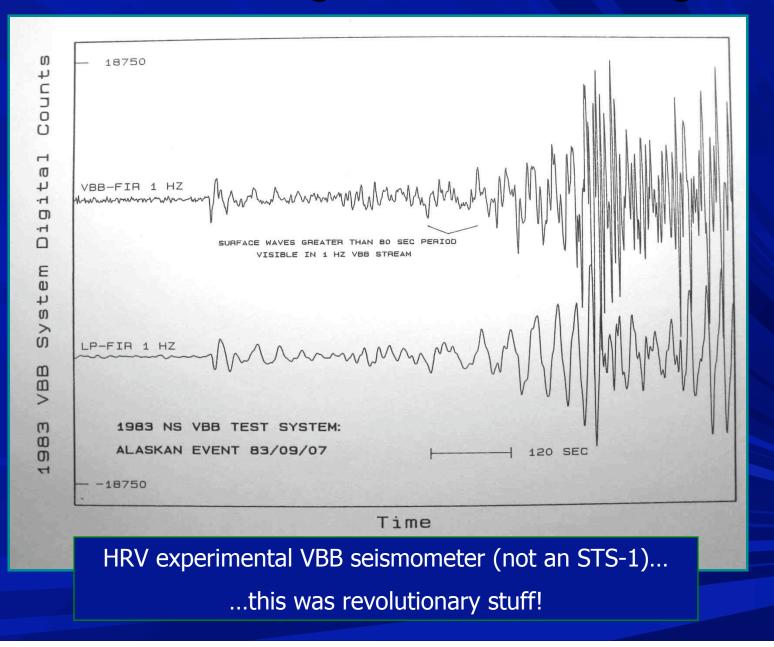
GSN (12Mhr) & TA (9Mhr) histogram 199301-200909

Pressure

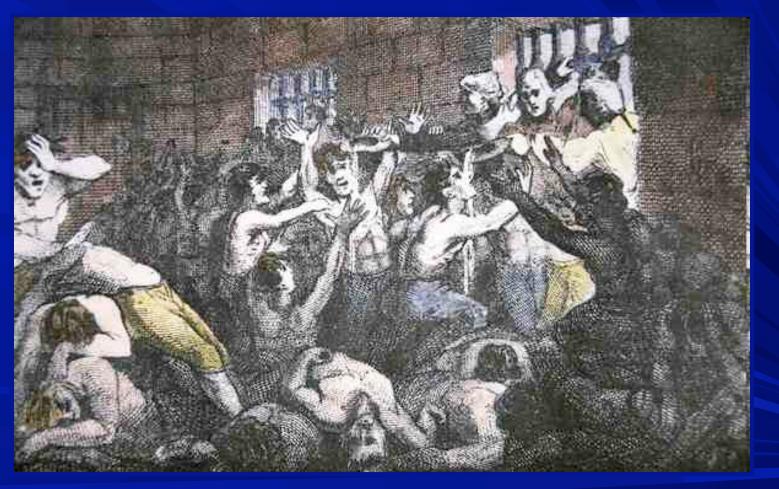
Harvard University HRV GSN station and development facility Adam M. Dziewonski Observatory



World's first digital VBB seismogram



former HRV vault - site visit



HRV GSN station and development facility

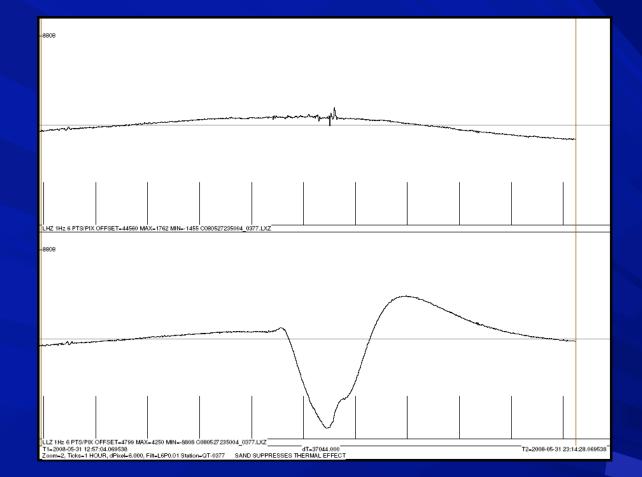


Major Effects on low-frequency vertical instruments:

Thermal, Thermal, Thermal

Pressure

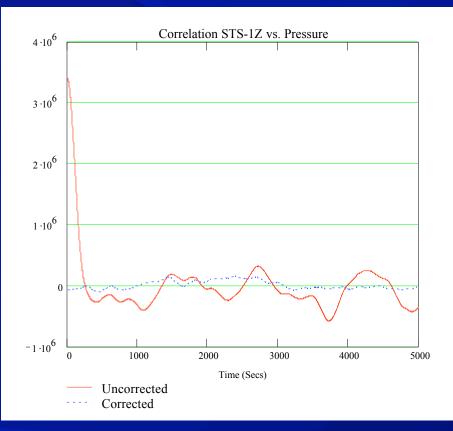
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Thermal Time Constant

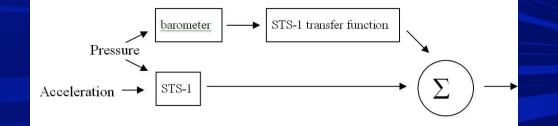
With this isolation, previously large thermal disturbances such as caused by opening the vault door are not visible in the very long period records. The figure below shows the effect of a similar installation on an STS-2. In the top panel, the low-frequency data from an STS-2 installed inside a similar 1-m sand-filled tube is shown. On the bottom panel, an STS-2 is installed in a more typical manner inside a Styrofoam box with 3-in thick walls. The tick marks are hours. The thermal effect of walking in the vault room and working for about 2 hours in the vault, although not directly on these seismometers, is clearly seen as a mainly thermally-induced pulse on the no-sand STS-2. This behavior seen on STS-2's suggested that an STS-1 may also benefit from the thermal mass of a large volume of sand isolating the sensor from ambient temperature changes.



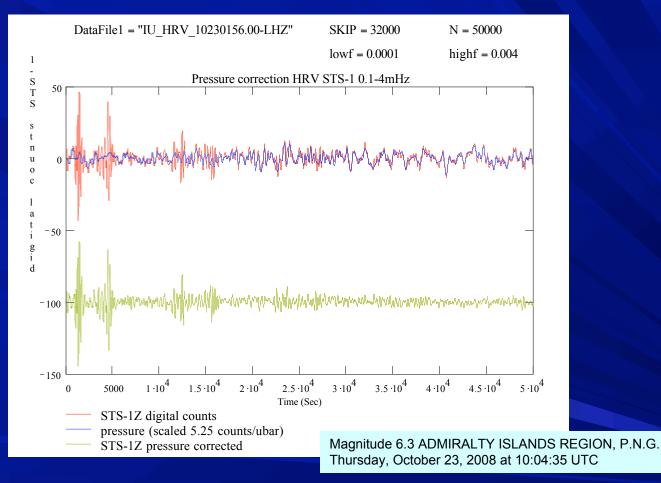


Vertical Correlation w/ Pressure seen on STS-1

These results are consistent with results, e.g. shown by Zürn and E. Wielandt, *Geophys. J. Int.*,**142**, 2006 for correction of the predominant air-mass gravitational effect. The present results perhaps show greater improvement in the corrected data.

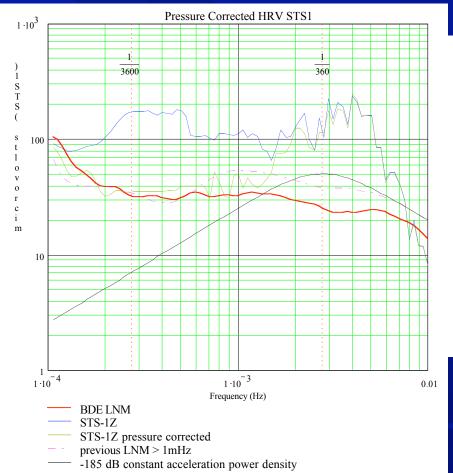


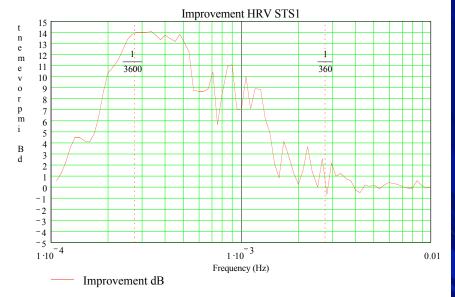
Pressure Corrected



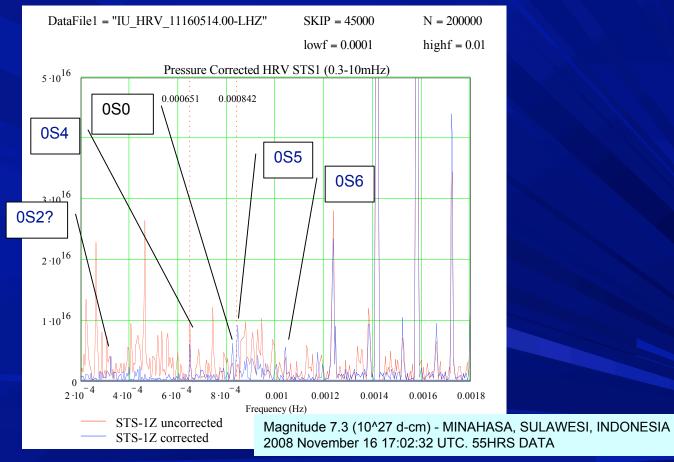
The vertical scale is digital counts on a Q330 24-bit digitizer (~1.1 nm/count in the flat-velocity response region of the sensor from 0.3mHz to the limit of the bandpass filter in this example, 33 mHz). The pressure is scaled at 5.25 counts/µbar, equivalent to 5.25 nm/s²/hPa. The pressure data are corrected with a recursive digital filter, an approach that may be adapted to continuous real-time correction in a data acquisition system.

Pressure Corrected STS-1 HRV GSN station



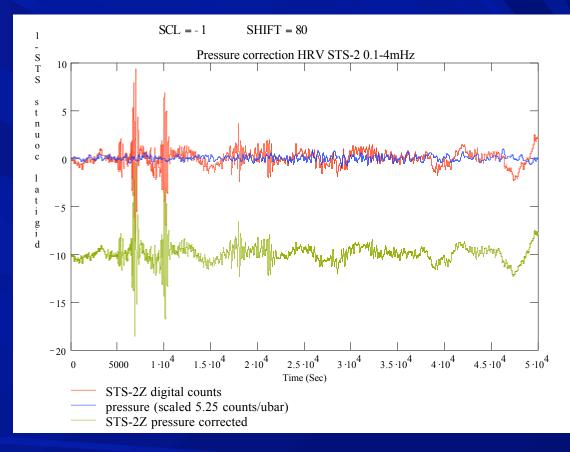


Pressure Corrected STS-1 HRV



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STS-2 vertical



The method effective on the highly-isolated STS-1 vertical was applied to a quiet STS-2 operating without external pressure shielding. This STS-2 is installed in a typical way, using a styrofoam box placed on the pier in the HRV vault. The same event is shown in the STS-1 data above.

The simple zero-phase correlation with pressure is now absent. A correlation is seen with an <u>80s phase shift</u>, and <u>negative sign</u>. Further low-frequency correlation persists however. There are likely thermal, possible adiabatic, effects and direct distortion of the STS-2 pressure case. Effective usage of the pressure data therefore requires external physical isolation of thermal and pressure effects on the STS-2.

Pressure Instruments

what do you need to do this at home?

VTI SCP1000 MEMS



Few ubar resolution below 4mHz. Size ~ 5mm x 5mm

Bare sensor cost ~ \$10, Cost ~ \$100 with a pressure port

Setra 270 Precision Analog



 \sim 1 to a few ubar resolution up to some Hz . Size \sim 2.5in diameter

Cost <\$1000 - convenient if analog sampling already available

Quanterra "Environmental Processor"



- Digital MEMS barometer
- Phase lock to Q330
- Sampling of Analog barometers
- Being deployed in TA

MEMS barometer with port

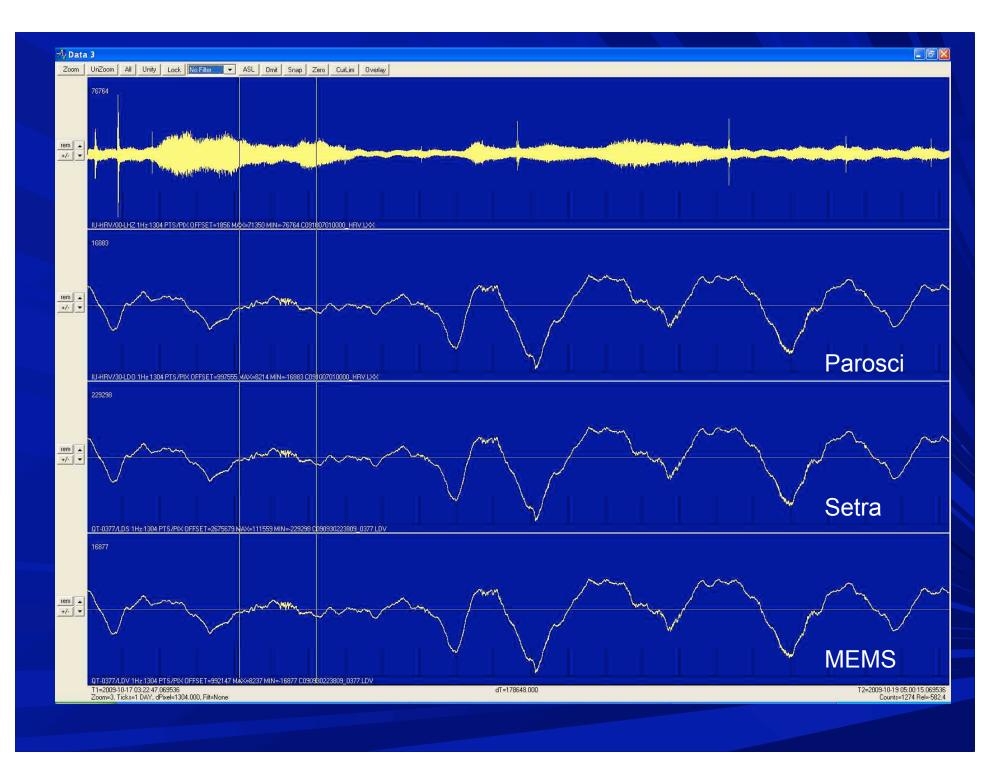
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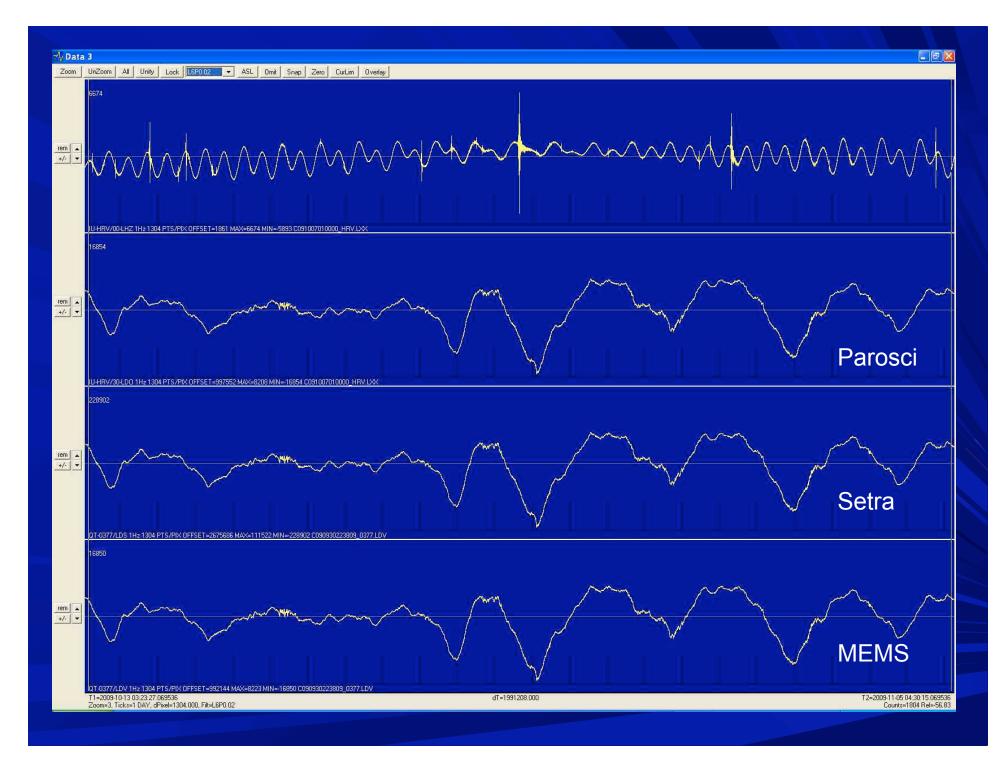


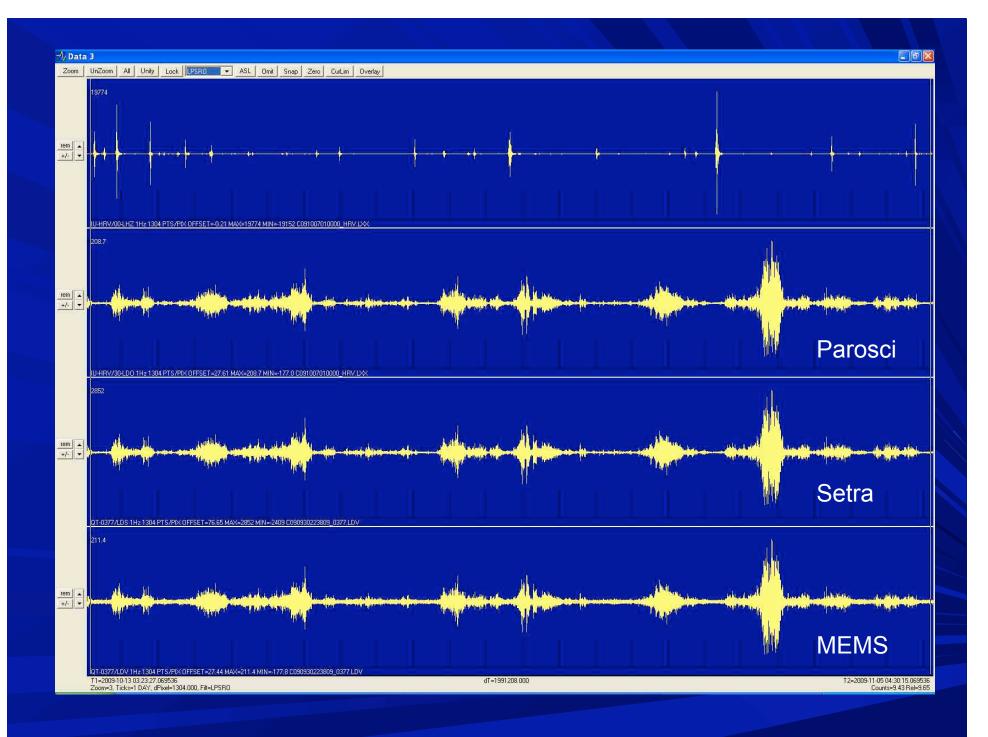
^{6000, 1000 &}amp; 9000 Series Transmitters*

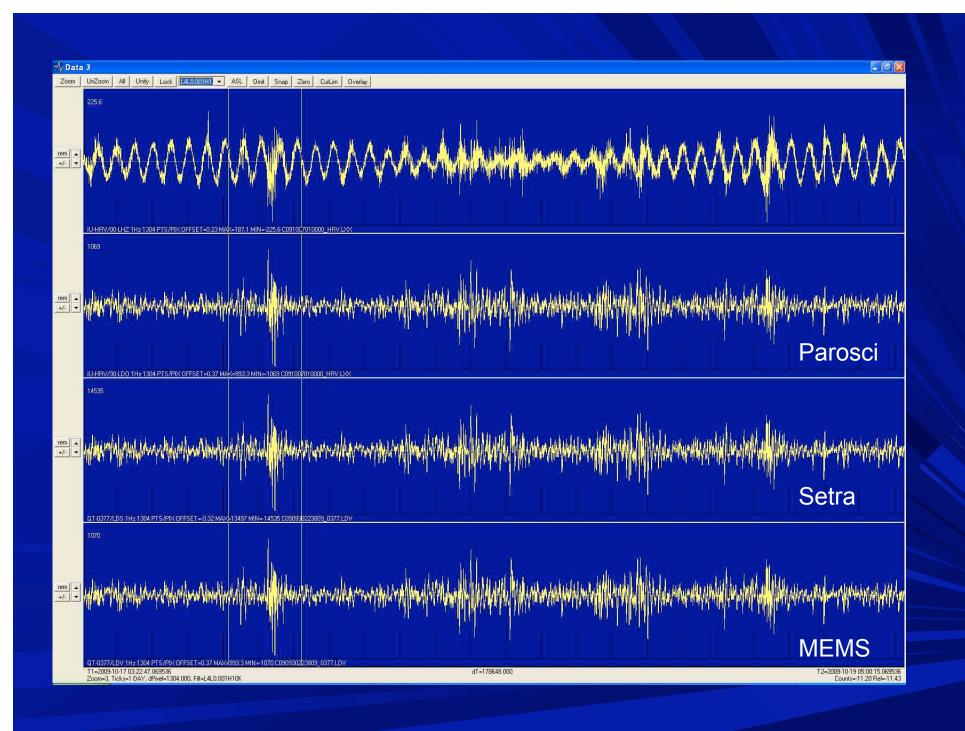
< 1 ubar resolution up to ~ 0.5 Hz . Size ~ 2.5 in cube

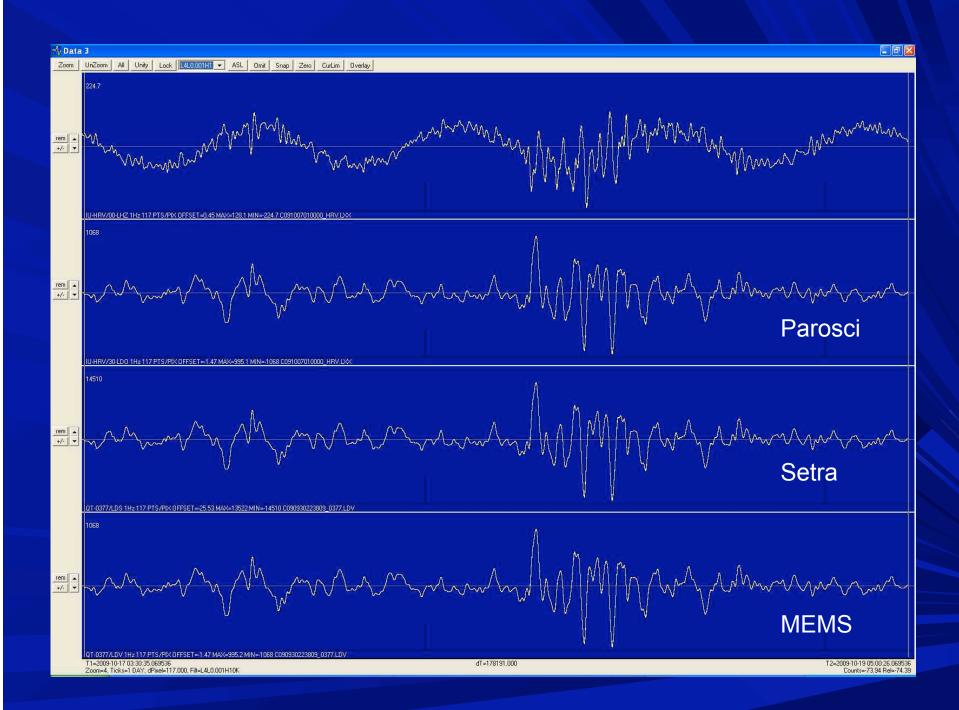
Cost ~\$5000 - digital sampling non-trivial to time align, resolution diminishes as sample interval decreases



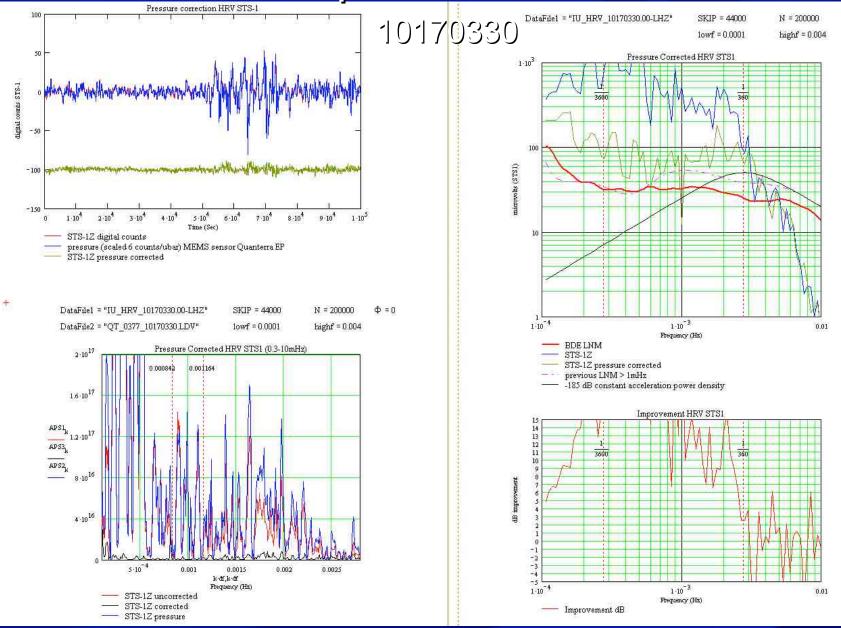








STS-1 pressure removal

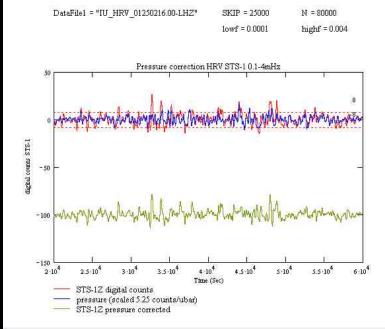


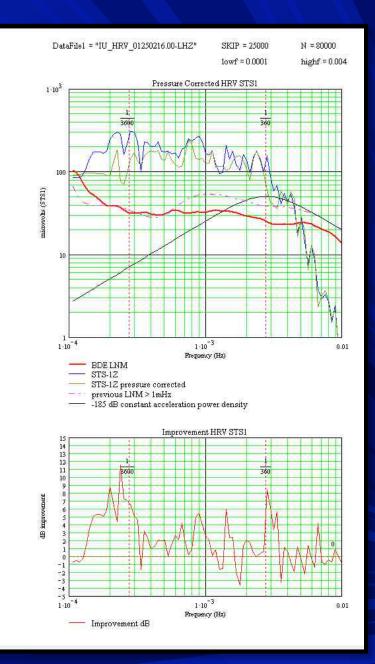
HRV performance 1993-present. "good" and "bad" intervals. A number of stations show similar patterns

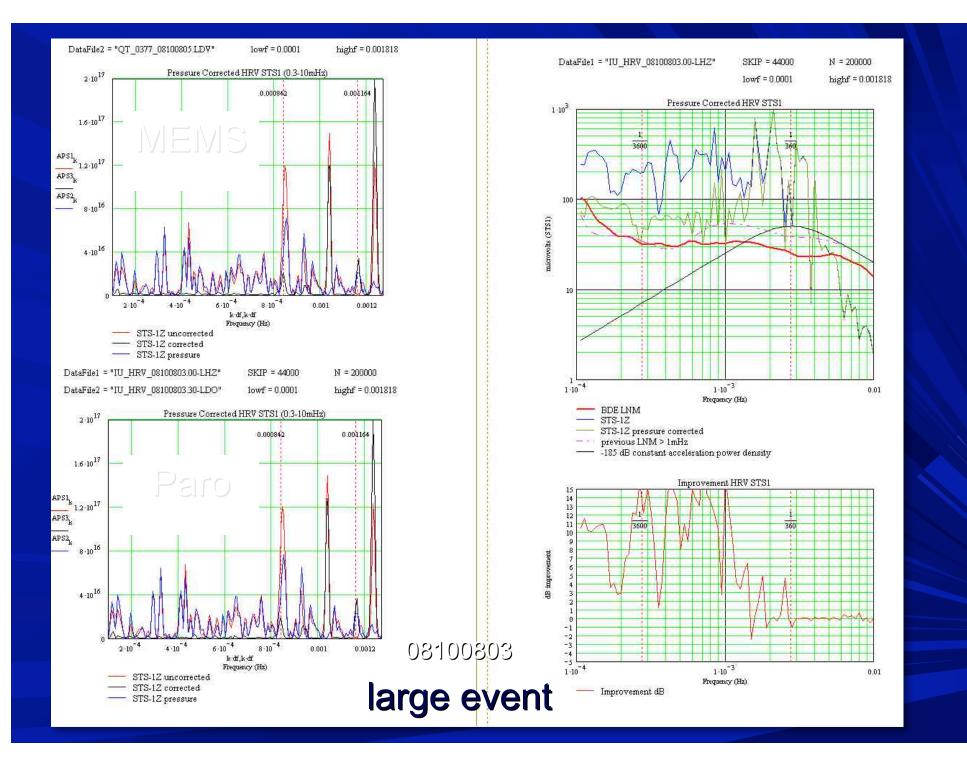
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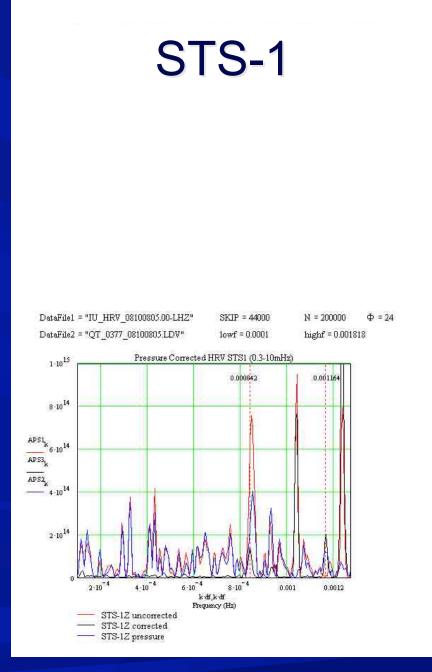
HRV Z Noise 518s-100s 199301-200909

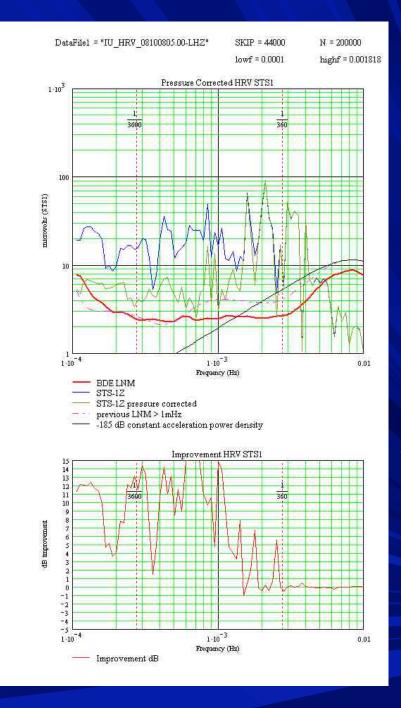


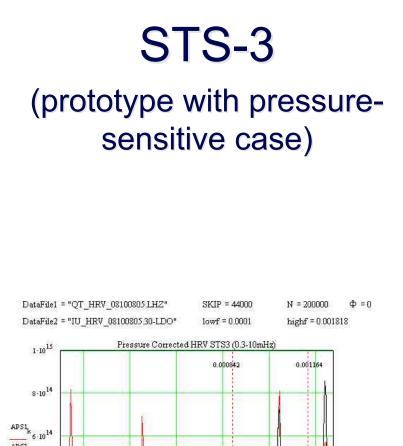












8.10

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0.0012

APS3

APS2k 4.10¹⁴

2.1014

2.10

4.10

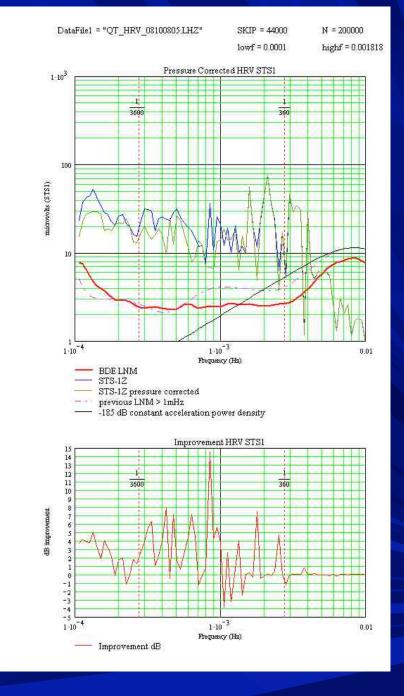
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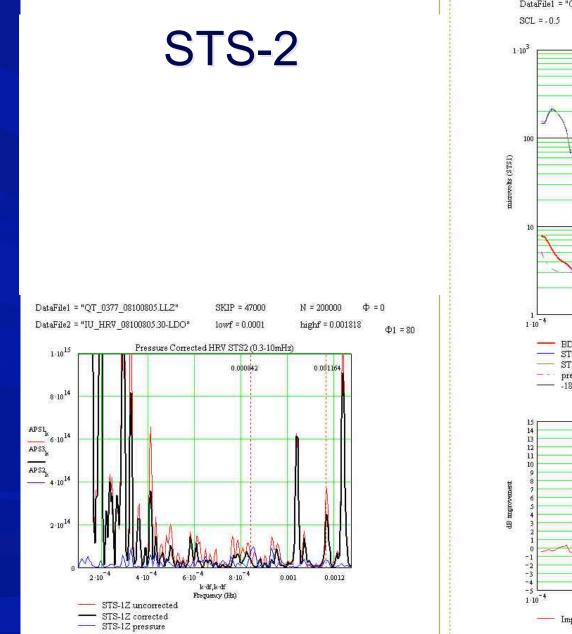
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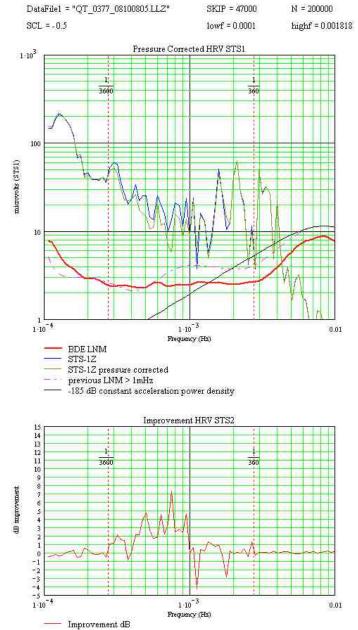
STS-1Z pressure

6.10

k df, k df Frequency (Hz)

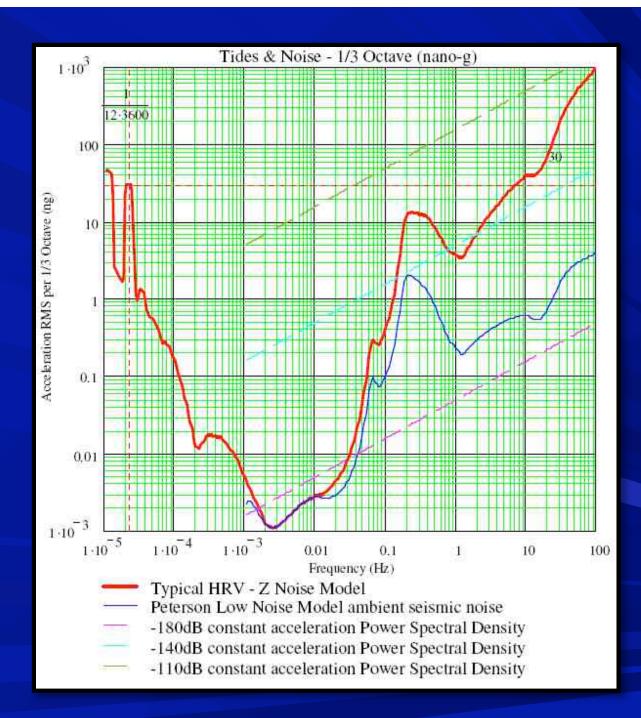






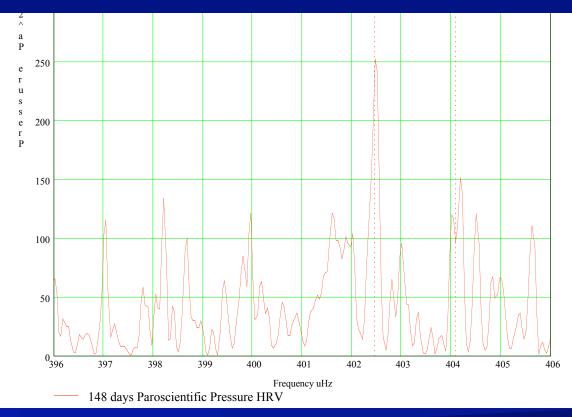
Barometric Noise Spectrum

bigger picture

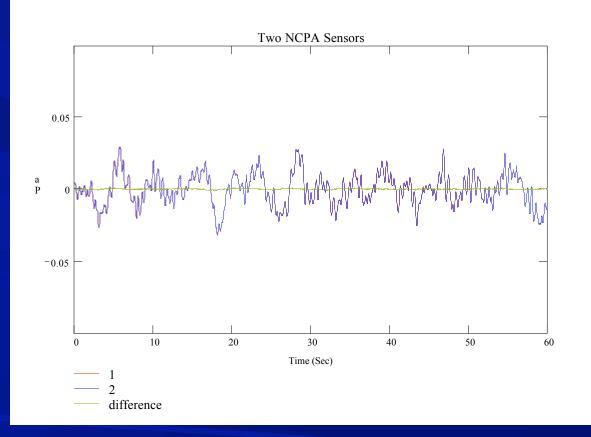


Wideband view of seismic noise

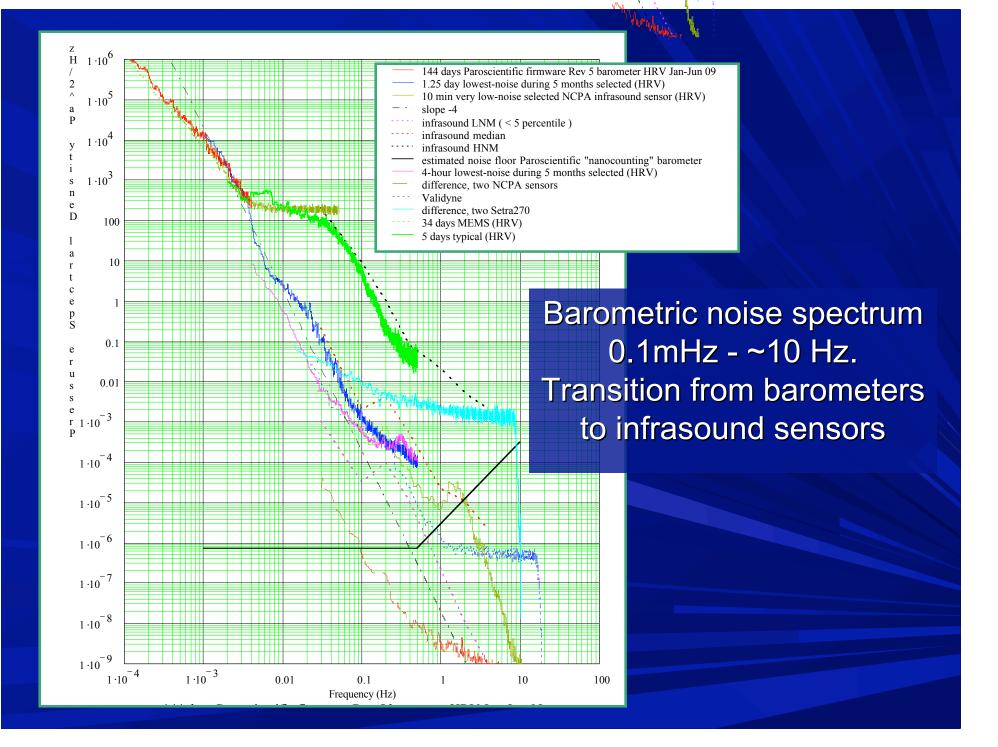
An application of long-duration barometric observations



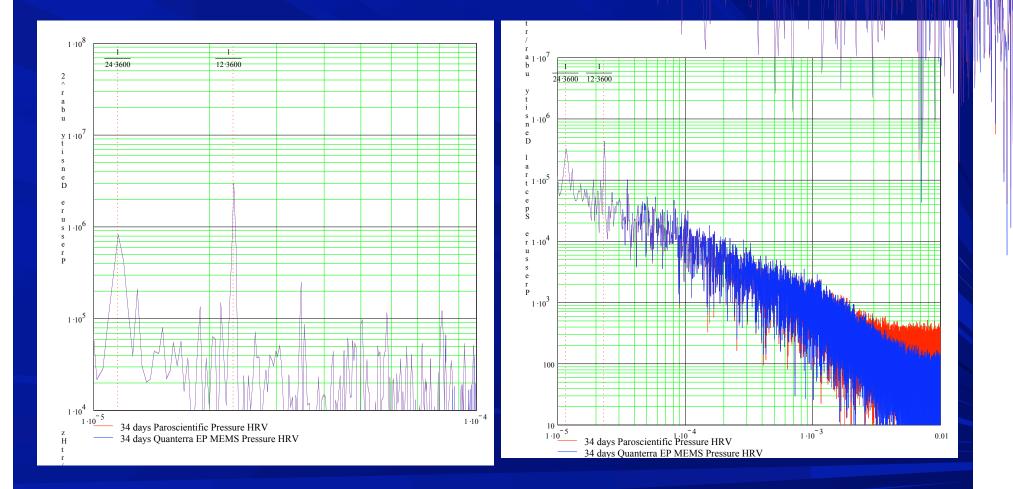
Possible Solar mode see *Thomson, Lanzerotti et al., IEEE Proceedings*, No. 5, May 2007, (don't put too much stock in the vertical scale in this figure)



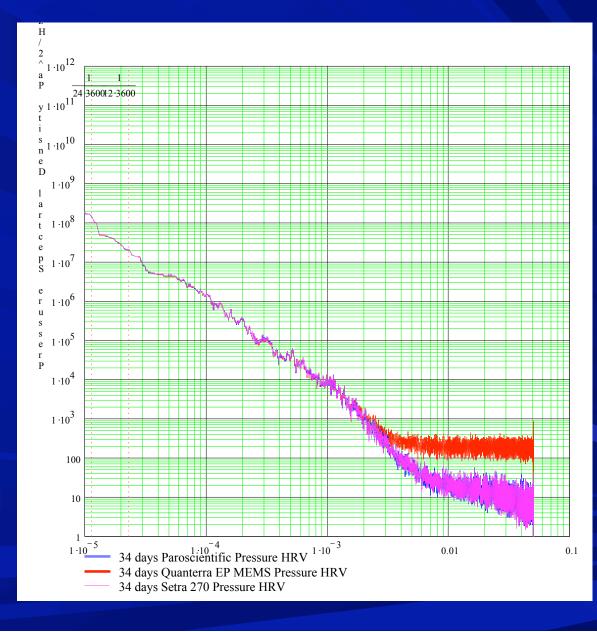
Microbaroms observed on NCPA sensors (bandpass filtered 0.1-16Hz)



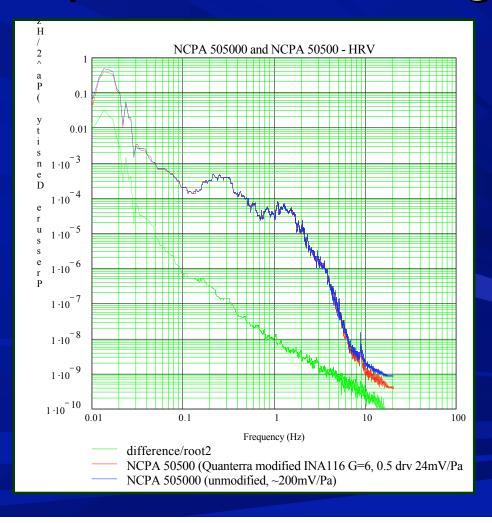
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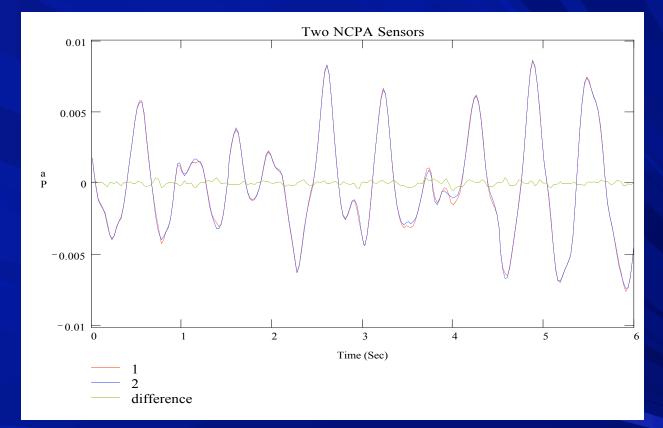
Setra 270, MEMS, & Paroscientific



Modification of NCPA sensor for low power, direct digitization



Power required for modified version ~40mW vs ~750mW



Two NCPA sensors bandpass filtered 1-16Hz. Amplitude of difference =1mPa = 10nbar rms

										Nois	se lev	els (PS	SD) in	decib	els												
Station	Channel	# obs.	518s	439s	373s	316s	268s	228s	193s	164s	139s	118s	100s	85s	72s	61s	52s	44s	37s	32s	27s	23s	19s	16s	14s	12s	10s
ENH-IC	LHZ-00	315	2.94		1-111		184	183	111	-194	184		155	1	- 15.5		111	-184	-182	-180	-176	-171	-165	-159	-156	-157	-154
KIEV-IU	LHZ-00	340	888	184	180	1.90	1.81	-188	181	-38	186	187	186	181			-181	-183	-181	-180	-176	-172	-164	-160	-156	-155	-154
SPB-G	LHZ-00	332		11-			125		1		-		1			722	i zp			-182	-178	-172	-163	-156	-153	-153	-150
KEV-IU	LHZ-00	343	-21		120	100	-1212	-122		122	-1.25	-25	125	-IOs	-120	A second		-183	-181	-179	-176	-171	-165	-160	-156	-156	-154
TAM-G	LHZ-00	328	198		190		110	117	141	-18		141	191	1	18.5			-184	-183	-181	-176	-173	-164	-157	-155	-156	-152
BFO-II	LHZ-00	350	181			1.89	1.80	-417	180	- 18	184	181	184	184	-111		-184	-183	-183	-181	-178	-172	-164	-157	-152	-152	-150
NNA-II	LHZ-00	140		i E		-			-		-		1		-	725				191	(TT)	-173	-167	-160	-159	-158	-159
LSZ-IU	LHZ-00	337	1221	127	121	122	-12	117	-		124		121	-127	1.1.1	-	-23	-184	-182	-180	-175	-170	-162	-156	-153	-152	-149
TUC-IU	LHZ-00	344	2.98		1000		1110	-117	tite	-18		141	183		- 15-5			-184	-183	-181	-176	-171	-162	-155	-153	-152	-1:49
MDJ-IC	LHZ-00	316	186	184	181	189	1.80	-188	180	-28	181	184	183	184		-184	-184	-183	-182	-180	-177	-171	-164	-160	-157	-157	-153
ESK-II	LHZ-00	351		11-			125		1		-		1	224	-184	-185	-184	-183	-181	-179	-176	-170	-162	-155	-150	-149	-147
KONO-IU	LHZ-00	344	184	1	- 77	12		117			-124		121	-124	11		-23	-183	-181	-179	-175	-171	-163	-157	-153	-152	-151
TSUM-IU	LHZ-00	323	-179	-181	-183	-184	184	18.5	181	111	191	141	191		18.5				-183	-181	-178	-172	-163	-157	-156	-156	-150
AAK-II	LHZ-00	351	#81	184	181	189	1.81	-417	181	-28	181	-181	184	184	-184	-184	-184	-182	-180	-179	-177	-173	-165	-160	-158	-157	-157
ARU-II	LHZ-00	240					125		121		-		1	1224	-184	-184	-184	-183	-181	-179	-176	-171	-163	-159	-155	-154	-154
WVT-IU	LHZ	348	1221	1327	1220	122	-122	117	- Lines	125	124		121	1771	117	-185	-184	-182	-180	-178	-175	-170	-162	-156	-153	-151	-149
CAN-G	LHZ-00	334	111				189	117	100	-184		141	IB	-183	-184	-184	-184	-183	-182	-181	-177	-171	-162	-154	-151	-152	-150
HRV-IU	LHZ-00	343	-181	184	181	186	187	-47	184	-185	184	-181	184	184	-444	-184	-184	-183	-181	-179	-176	-170	-161	-154	-151	-149	-146
KIP-IU	LHZ-00	343		in			124			- 25-1		-182			- 20	25	1			1	120	-173	-163	-157	-158	-155	+140

Is the correlation with pressure, and resulting noise level, at HRV unusual?

http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/~ekstrom/Research/Noise/RADB_network_spectrum.html

Conclusions:

High-quality, thermally stable installations may be candidates for improvement of vertical data with barometric corrections.

Modest barometric resolution is required for corrections up to 3-4mHz, where correlation with seismic data diminishes sharply.

Large "improvement" (>15dB) is apparently possible in some cases.

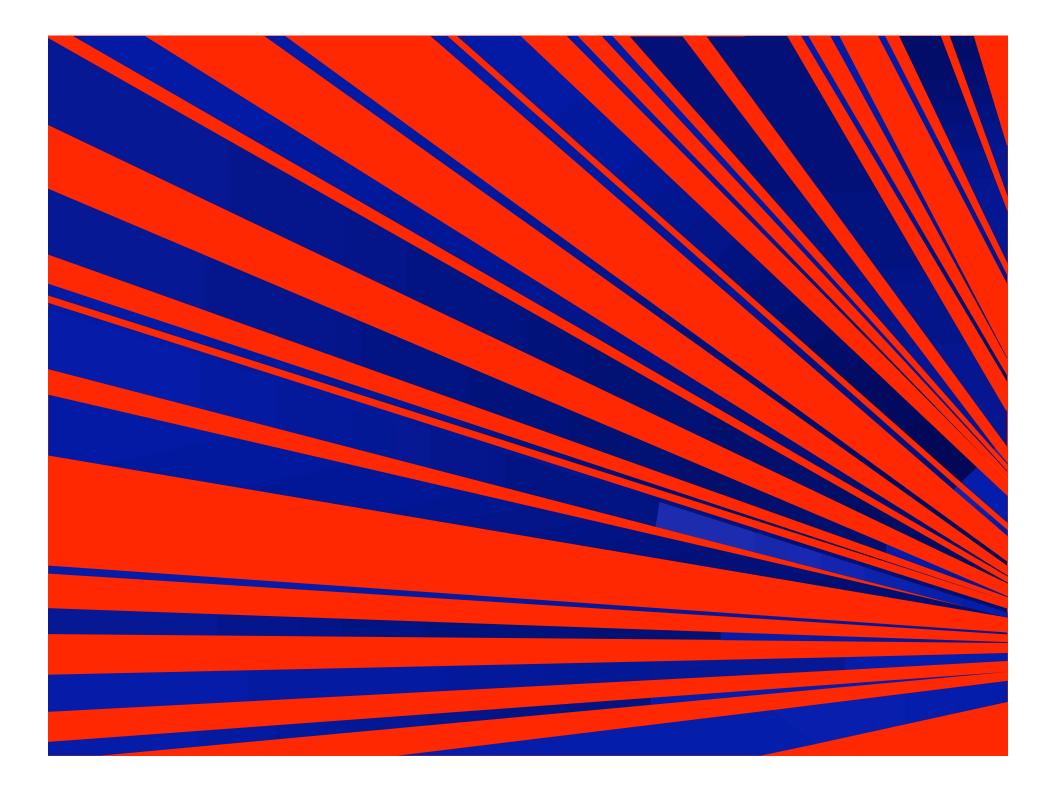
Horizontal data shows little correlation with single-station pressure. Work on-going.

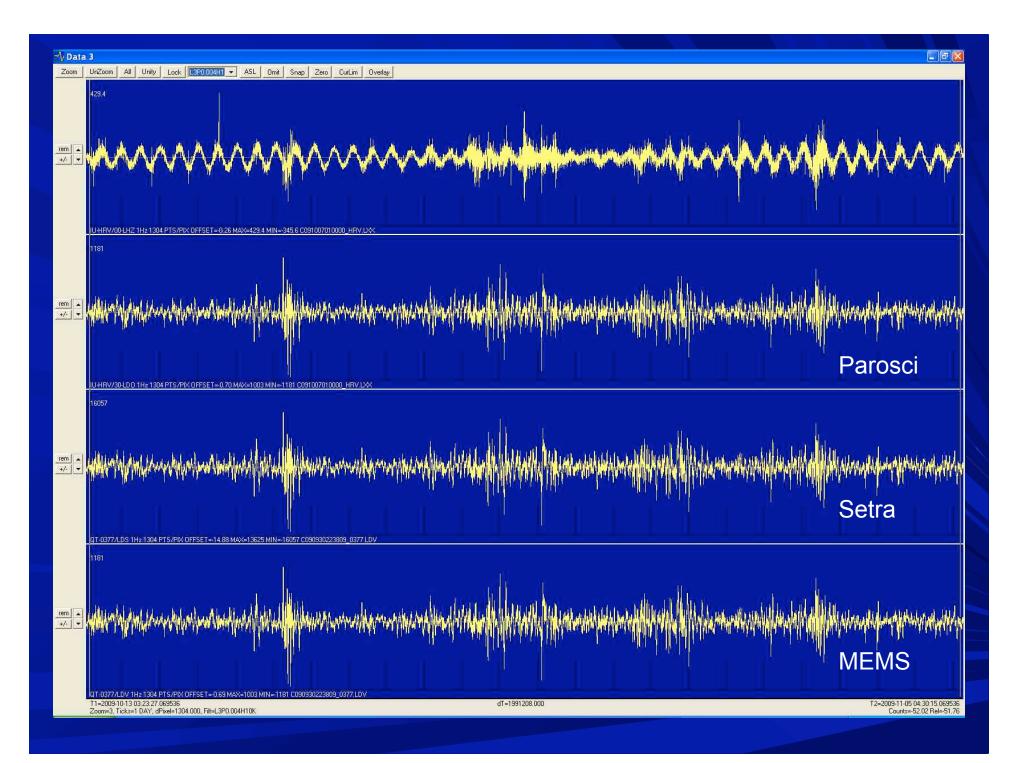
General-purpose BB sensors (STS-2 and similar class) show pressure effects, but not a simple relation

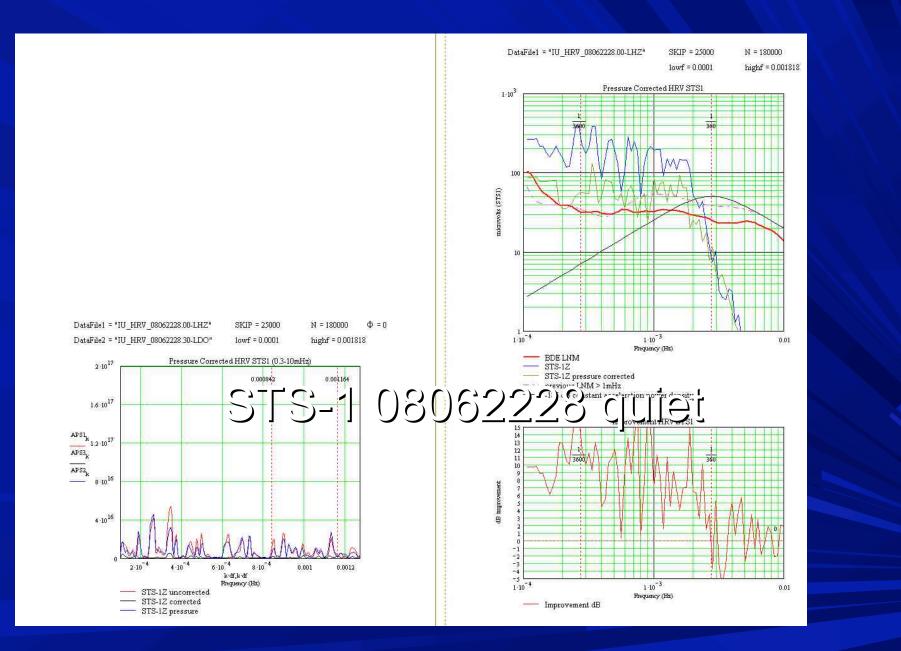
Effectiveness of pressure correction may vary seasonally at some sites.



Thanks for the first 22 years!







0.15 -0.1 0.05 Л 0 +-P#1 Б P#2 -0.05 -0.1 -0.15 -0.2 2500 2510 2520 2530 2560 2570 2580 2590 2600 2540 2550 sec (after midnight 2/17/09)

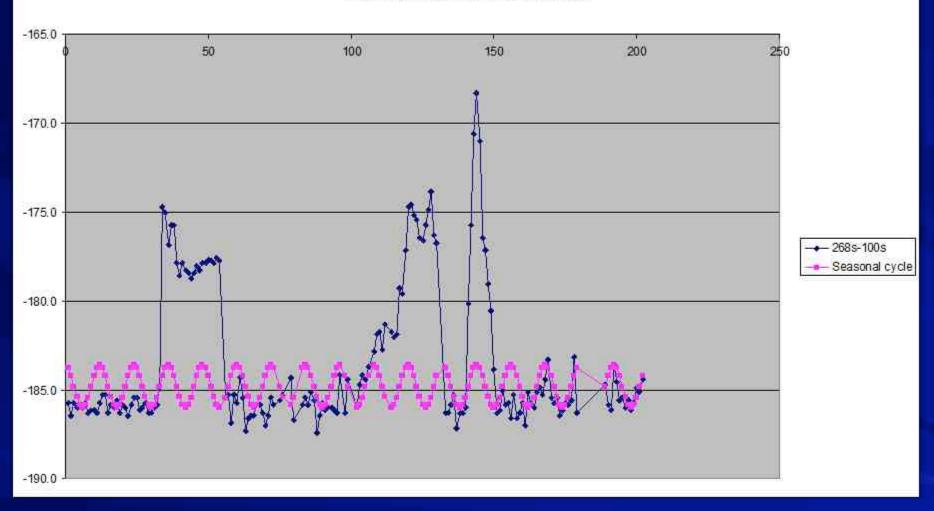
Micro-Baroms (filtered 0.05 to 0.7 Hz)

Figure 9: Micro-baroms measured with two independent Nano-Barometers

Network Averages 518s-100s

Total observations better than -178 dB 518-100s Ne				Network	Mean
Net	Stations	Total Obs	Hrs < -178 dB per station	dB	Stations
CD	8	701164	87645.5	-182.2	10
G	17	1060311	62371.2	-180.3	30
GE	13	282619	21739.9	-173.6	50
II	20	1298088	64904.4	-177.3	40
IU	42	2841976	67635.0	-178.1	84
MN	11	232206	21109.6	-177.7	25
US	7	98124	14017.7	-171.6	47
	118 6514488 11908688 tot		total obs		

The value -178dB average 518-100s turns out to be the GSN network mean, as well as somewhat worse than the capability of an STS-2

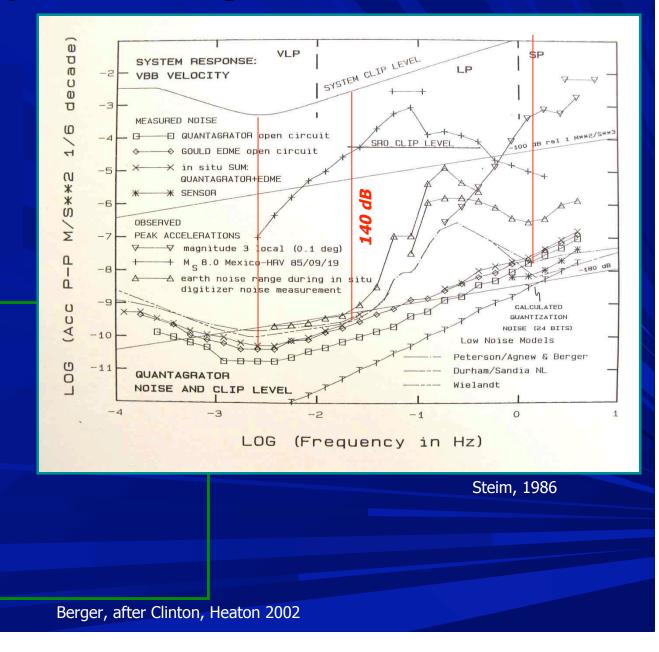


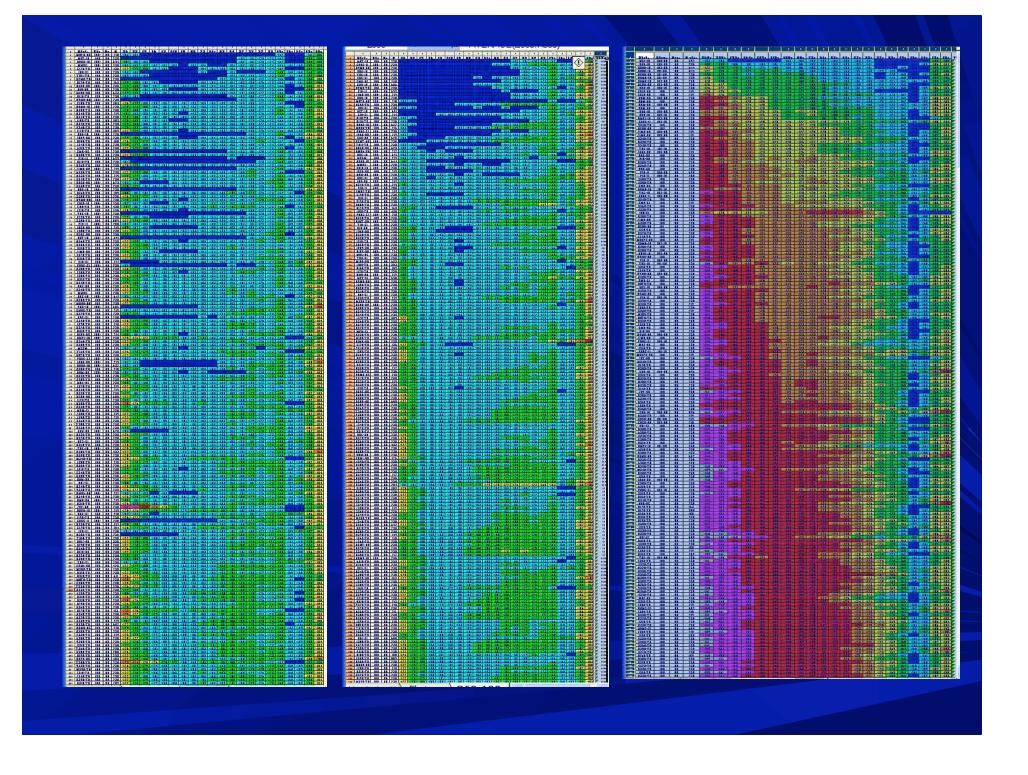
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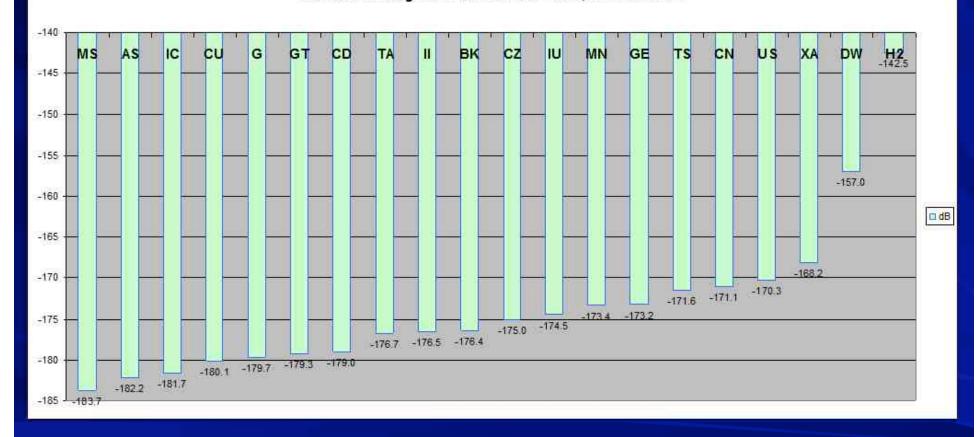
VBB System Design Document

Q: Could this performance goal be widely reproduced?

Q: How well does the GSN uniformly achieve this goal?

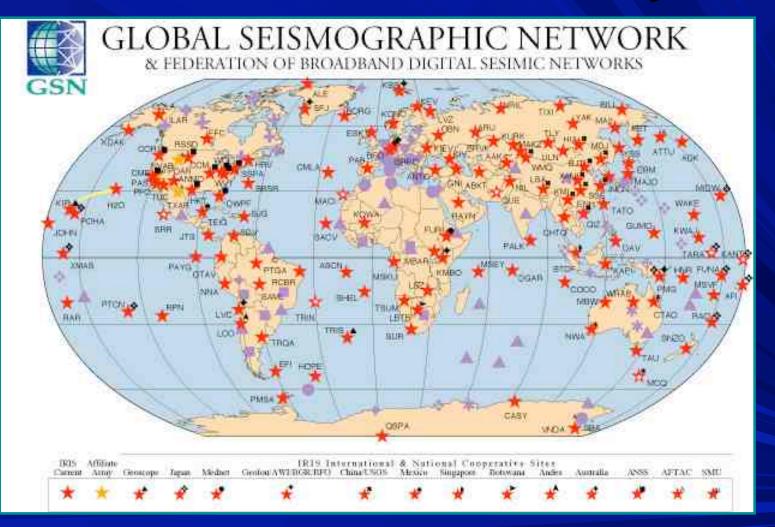






LHZ Network weighted mean noise 268-100s, 28.7 million hrs

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VBB digital stations 1984



