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Non-destructive Site Characterization and Performance Monitoring in Poorly Cemented Sedimentary Rock

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investigate the mechanical properties of the material and electromagnetic techniques to monitor the performance of geotechnical structures in soft rock. These investigation and monitoring techniques will facilitate laboratory model and field loading tests in other projects to study the behavior and failure mechanisms of geotechnical structures in soft rock. This report briefly describes the study result of this year.

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Abstract

Poorly cemented sedimentary rock (soft rock) has high porosity and hydraulic conductivity. Geotechnical failure often occurs in this kind of material as a consequence of the decrease of shear strength upon leaching. Considering the difficulty in obtaining undisturbed samples and determining engineering properties in soft rock, the main objectives of this project are to study non-destructive seismic methods to

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Shear-wave velocities from multi-station analysis of surface wave

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ABSTRACT: Site characterization using surface waves is becoming more and more popular because of its advantages over intrusive methods. Multi-station methods are presented to recommend a better procedure to construct the experimental dispersion curve including data acquisition, test configuration, and data analysis. A method based on the linear regression of phase angles measured at multiple stations are proposed for determining data quality and filtering criteria. This method becomes a powerful tool for on site quality control in real time. Multi-channel recording permits single survey of a broad depth range, high levels of redundancy with a single field configuration, and the ability to adjust the offset, effectively reducing near field effect, far field effect, and other coherent noise introduced during recording. The effects of multiple modes and survey line parameters, such as source offset, receiver spacing, and total length of the survey line, are investigated. The parametric study results in a general guideline for the field data acquisition. A case study demonstrates how to easily deploy commonplace seismic refraction equipment to simultaneously record data for P-wave tomographic interpretation and multi-station analysis of surface wave.

1 INTRODUCTION

Traditionally in situ loading tests and laboratory tests have been employed for evaluating deformation properties of soils and rocks. Important developments in the stress-strain behavior of geomaterials in the past decade, however, have closed the gap between static and (very small strain) dynamic measurements of stiffness. As a result, seismic methods are increasingly used to measure the shear modulus G as part of site investigation. The use of seismic methods is attractive since they are not effected by sample disturbance or insertion effects and are capable of sampling a representative volume of the ground even in difficult materials such as fractured rock or gravelly deposit. At shallow depths, surface seismic methods can determine stiffness-depth profiles without the need for boreholes that makes the subsurface seismic methods (, such as down-hole and cross-hole methods) expensive and time consuming. Refraction survey is such a method that is widely used in geotechnical site investigation. Recent developments in refraction tomography allow the refraction survey to determine 2-D stiffness profiles (Pullammanappallil & Louie 1994). While Pwave refraction survey is quite effective, S-wave refraction survey may not provide the true S-wave velocity because of wave-type conversion in an area of non-horizontal layers (Xia et al. 1999a). Another

type of surface seismic method makes use of surface waves. Surface-wave methods exploit the dispersion nature of Rayleigh waves. Measurements of phase velocity of Rayleigh waves of different frequencies (or wavelengths) can be used to determine a velocity-depth profile. The most common method used for obtaining the dispersion curve (a plot of phase velocity versus frequency or wavelength) is the spectral analysis of surface waves (SASW) (Nazarian & Stokoe 1984; Stokoe et al. 1988).

In the current SASW practice, the dispersion curve is obtained using a two-receiver test configuration and spectral analysis. The SASW method gave a great contribute for the spreading of surface wave tests, but it also shows some drawbacks in field test and data analysis procedures that can be improved upon. It has been demonstrated that errors may arise in experimental dispersion curves when usual SASW test and data analysis procedures are followed, in particular the phase unwrapping procedure. Unwrapping errors occur for sites where, across the frequency range used, there is a shift from one dominant surface wave propagation mode to another, a phenomenon termed 'mode jumping' (Al-Hunaidi 1992). Even without 'mode jumping', sources that contain significant energy in very low frequencies and receivers with very low natural frequency are necessary to avoid erroneous unwrapping of phase angles at low frequencies which will also

affect high-frequency measurements. Hence, the data acquisition system of a SASW test is typically different from that of a refraction survey although they share many things in common. Furthermore, the use of only a pair of receivers leads to the necessity of performing the test using several testing configuration and the so-called common receiver midpoint geometry. This results in a quite timeconsuming procedure on site for the collection of all the necessary data and on data reduction for combining the dispersion data points from records obtained at all spacings. Since many non-trivial choices need to be made based on the data quality and testing configuration, the test requires the expertise of an operator and automation of the data reduction is difficult.

Other two-station methods using frequency-time analysis have been proposed (Al-Hunaidi 1994, Karray & Lefebvre 2000). However, the trade-off between the frequency and time resolution affects the result. Practical issues such as near field and attenuation also make the two-station methods difficult to apply. Methods based on multi-channel data and wavefield transformation possess several advantages for surface wave analysis (Gabriels et al. 1987; Park et al. 1999; Foti 2000). This paper thoroughly discusses the methods of multi-station analysis of surface wave in different domains. A method using only the information of phase angles is proposed as an alternative or auxiliary method to the f-k transformation. The effects of multiple modes and survey line parameters on the experimental dispersion curve based on multi-channel data are investigated. This study also demonstrates how to easily deploy commonplace seismic refraction equipment to simultaneously determine the P- and S-wave velocity profile using refraction tomography and multi-channel analysis of surface wave.

2 SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF SURFACE WAVE

2.1 Surface wave representation

Neglecting material damping, the surface-wave signal *u* (, be it displacement, velocity, or acceleration) for a single mode observed at a distance *x* from the source and a particular frequency ω (=2 πf) is written as

$$
u(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} S(\omega) A(\omega) e^{-j\psi} e^{-jkx} e^{j\omega t}
$$
 (1)
$$
v_a(\omega) = \frac{a}{\Delta \phi}
$$

where $S(\omega)$ is complex source spectrum, $A(\omega)$ exp($j\psi$) represents the complex excitation of surface waves for a point source; k is the wave number whose reciprocal λ (= $2\pi/k$) is the wavelength. The wave number is related to the phase velocity *v* by the definition $\omega = kv$. Equation 1 represents the wave propagation and decay of a single-mode surface wave. The surface wave which includes multiple modes is given by

$$
u(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} S(\omega) e^{jwt} \sum_{m} A_m(\omega) e^{-j(k_m x + w_m)}
$$
(2)

where the index *m* is the mode number. The presence of multiple modes complicates the interpretation of phase velocity. Equation 2 can be written in the form of Equation 1 as

$$
u(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} S(\omega) A'(\omega) e^{j\phi(x,\omega)} e^{j\omega t}
$$
 (3)

where $A'(\omega)$ is the effective magnitude function of excitation and $\phi(x,\omega)$ is a composite phase function. The position of a given characteristic point of the harmonic wave (such for example a peak or a trough) is described by constant values of the phase:

$$
\omega t - \phi(x, \omega) = const \tag{4}
$$

Hence differentiating with respect to time, the local phase velocity $v(x)$ can be defined as

$$
v(x) = \frac{\omega}{\frac{\partial \phi(x, \omega)}{\partial x}}
$$
(5)

It is very important to note that since the Rayleigh wave velocity is a function not only of the frequency but also of the distance from the source, it is a local quantity.

2.2 Measurement of dispersion curve

Surface waves in a typical SASW test are generated by an impulsive source, detected by a pair of geophones, and recorded on an appropriate recording device. The signals are recorded for several shots to evaluate the signal-to-noise ratio (or data coherence). The difference between the phase angles of the two signals $\Delta \phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1$ is equal to the phase angle of the average cross power spectrum $CSD(u_1,u_2)$:

$$
\Delta \phi(\omega) = \phi_2(\omega) - \phi_1(\omega) = Angle[CSD(u_1(t), u_2(t))](6)
$$

Following Equation 5, the apparent phase velocities of different frequencies can be determined as

$$
V_a(\omega) = \frac{\omega}{\frac{\Delta \phi(\omega)}{\Delta x}}
$$
 (7)

where ∆*x* is the geophone spacing. The actual phase difference $\Delta\phi$ increases with frequency. But the angle of the cross-power spectrum oscillates between - π and π by definition. Thus, the angle of crosspower spectrum has to be un-wrapped before applying it to Equation 7. This unwrapping process is often a ticklish task. The correctness of unwrapping at high frequencies relies on that at low frequencies.

The energy generated by an impulsive source is band-limited, with low signal-to-noise ratio at very low and high frequencies. Geophones act as highpass filters that damp the low-frequency components below the natural frequency of the geophones. Therefore, the signal-to-noise ratio of the signals is low below a particular frequency depending on the source and receiver characteristics. Consequently, unwrapping may be erroneous, especially for large geophone spacing since larger geophone spacing implies greater number of cycles in the phase spectrum. Removing of these unwrapping errors is time consuming and depends on the analyst's judgment and experience. The natural frequency of geophones used for typical refraction survey is equal to or greater than 4.5 Hz, hence not suitable for SASW test. Wave Form Analyzer rather than typical seismograph is preferred because it has built-in spectral functions necessary for instantaneous inspection of the recorded data.

3 MULTI-STATION ANALYSIS OF SURFACE WAVE

3.1 Multi-station spectral analysis of surface wave (MSASW)

The SASW method uses a minimum number of signals in space to determine the slope of $\phi(x)$ for Equation 7. The phase angles are un-wrapped in frequency domain. Errors in estimating the phase difference transform directly into errors in phase velocity calculation. Better estimation of dispersion curve can be obtained based on a multi-station test configuration (Figure 1), in which receivers are located at several locations along a straight line and a different data reduction scheme is used. Consider a wavefield $u(t,x)$ of a single-mode surface wave at a particular frequency, as shown in Figure 2 ($v = 200$) m/s and $f = 10$ Hz in this case). The wavefield is sampled (discretized) in both the time and space domain during data acquisition. The sampling rate in the time domain and space domain are ∆*t* and ∆*x*, respectively. The single-frequency wavefield is obtained experimentally using a vibratory source or from the Fourier decomposition of a broadband impulsive wavefield. The Fourier transform of the wavefield $u(t,x)$ with respect to time produces $U(f,x)$ with a modulo-2 π representation in the phase spectrum. The phase angle can be un-wrapped in the space domain since it monotonically increases with the source-to-receiver offset *x*, as shown in Figure 3. The phase velocity is clearly seen as the ratio of the wavelength (λ) to the period (T) in the wavefield (Figure 2). It can be calculated numerically using Equation 5. The slope of $\phi(x)$ is determined by the linear regression of the data $\phi(x_i)$. The data quality can be evaluated by the coefficient of correlation $(R²)$ of the regression analysis. This method for determining the dispersion curve can be applied to both transient and stationary harmonic signals.

Figure 2. An example wavefield of a single-mode surface wave $(f = 10 \text{ Hz}, v = 200 \text{ m/s} \text{ in this case}).$

Figure 3. An illustration of phase unwrapping in the space domain for the multi-stationl spectral analysis of surface wave.

Figure 4. Amplitude spectrum of the f-k analysis. The wave number of the surface wave is identified at the peak value.

Alternatively, the phase velocity may be determined by the f-k analysis (Gabriels et al. 1987). Figure 4 shows the amplitude spectrum of the Fourier transform of $U(f,x)$ with respect to space. The wave number (*k*) of the surface wave can be identified at the peak of the amplitude spectrum. The phase velocity is determined by the definition $v =$ $2\pi f/k$. The linear regression method (referred to as the MSASW method in this paper) is equivalent to the f-k transform method but differs in practice. The MSASW method uses only the information of the phase and does not require constant geophone spacing. Furthermore, the data quality can be evaluated and filtering criteria may be determined in the $\phi(x_i)$ plot. The advantage of f-k transform method is that the unfolding procedure is completely avoided. These two methods are used collaboratively in practice. But this paper focused more on the discussion of MSASW method comparing to the conventional SASW method. The MSASW method measures the phase angles at several offsets from the source, $\phi(x_i)$, rather than just the phase difference $\Delta \phi$ between two geophone locations. It does not require the geophones to be placed at equal distance. However, the geophone spacing should be less than half the desired shortest wavelength to avoid aliasing that may cause errors in phase unwrapping. The phaseunwrapping step is still inevitable in MSASW analysis. But the linear regression attenuates the effect of possible phase-unwrapping errors because it's the slope that counts instead of the absolute value of phase difference. Moreover, unwrapping in space domain has an advantage that poor data at very low frequencies can simply be discarded without affecting the results at higher frequencies. This is important for automating the construction of the dispersion curve.

3.2 Effects of higher modes

The number of available receivers limits the number of locations where the wavefield can be measured for a single shot. However, a wide range of source-to-receiver offsets can be covered by the walk-away test, as shown in Figure 5, in which the source is moved away from the receivers to increase the near offset. The phase angle increases linearly with the source-to-receiver offset for a single mode of surface wave. However, when there are multiple modes, $\phi(x)$ becomes non-linear. Consider the wavefield of a surface wave consisting of two modes $(f = 10 \text{ Hz}, v_0 = 200 \text{ m/s}, v_1 = 400 \text{ m/s})$ as shown in Figure 6. Figure 7 shows that $\phi(x)$ oscillates around the linear line of the dominant mode with an oscillation wavelength equal to $2\pi/\Delta k$, where $\Delta k = k_0 - k_1$. The linear regression of the data $\phi(x_i)$ represents $\phi(x)$ of the dominant mode if the total length of the survey line is long enough. It is possible to isolate different modes in the un-wrapped phase spectrum from the difference between the measured $\phi(x)$ and the regression line. However, f-k transform method is more effective in mode separation when more than two modes present. Figure 8 shows the amplitude spectrum of the f-k transform with two peaks indicating two different modes. Lower peaks in the amplitude spectrum may also be resulted from the leakage due to truncation of the infinite wavefield. The difference between the measured $\phi(x)$ and that of dominate mode can assist in determining whether the peak is due to the multiple modes or leakage. The ability to separate two modes depends on the length of the survey line (L) and how close these two modes are. The mode separation is possible when

$$
L > \frac{2\pi}{\Delta k} \tag{8}
$$

where ∆k is the difference in wave number for the two modes. The single peak in the f-k amplitude spectrum corresponds to the apparent velocity resulted from the two modes if the above criterion is not satisfied. This apparent phase velocity is equivalent to that obtained by the linear regression of $\phi(x_i)$.

For a normally dispersive profile in which the fundamental mode dominates, $\phi(x)$ is a good linear function for each frequency and the apparent phase velocity is coincident with the fundamental mode. The experimental dispersion curve can be inverted for the shear wave velocity profile by considering only the fundamental mode. However, a higher mode or multiple modes dominate in some frequency range, especially for deposits with V_s varying irregularly with depth. (Tokimatsu et al. 1992). Figure 7 conceptually illustrates the effect of modal superposition on the apparent phase velocity. It is desirable to further investigate the effect of higher modes in the context of an inversely dispersive profile and MSASW.

Consider a shear wave velocity profile of regular stratification overlaid by a harder surface layer, as shown in Table 1, same as that considered by Foti (2000). Higher modes dominate in some frequency range in such a case. Synthetic seismograms are generated using the modal superposition of surface waves (Herrmann 2002) for source-to-receiver offsets from 1m to 256 m on a 1-meter intervals. The sampling period of the synthetic seismograms is 0.002 sec and the number of data points is 1024. Body waves (near field effects) are not considered in the modal superposition to simplify the study of the effect of multiple modes.

Table 1. A system with a harder surface layer

Thickness			Density
m	m/s	m/s	kg/m

Figure 5. A scheme of walk-away testing procedure.

Figure 6. An example wavefield of a multi-mode surface wave $(f=10 \text{ Hz}, v_0=200 \text{ m/s} \text{ and } v_1=400 \text{ m/s} \text{ in this case}).$

Figure 7. Effects of multiple modes on the phase angle as a function of source-receiver offset. The phase velocities at 10 Hz for Mode 0 and Mode1 are 200 m/s and 400 m/s, respectively. The amplitude ratio of Mode 0 to Mode 1 is 6:4.

Figure 8. Amplitude spectrum of the f-k analysis of the multimode wavefield. The wave numbers of multiple modes are identified at the peak value.

The synthetic data was analyzed by the MSASW method. Figure 9 shows the dispersion curves for a small offset range $(L = 23 \text{ m})$ and a large offset range ($L = 255$ m). Also shown in Figure 9 are the Rayleigh modes. When the offset range is large enough, the resulting dispersion curve becomes piece-wise continuous curve with sudden jumping modes when different modes dominate at different frequencies. In cases where *L* is not long enough to obtain $\phi''(x)$ of the dominant mode, the resulting smooth curve represents the apparent dispersion curve of the test configuration, which typically has a smooth transition between modes. The dispersion curve obtained from the maximum peaks in the f-k spectrum is the same as that obtained by the linear regression of $\phi(x_i)$. In addition, participating modes can be identified using the f-k analysis when Equation 8 is satisfied. In practice, the length of the survey line is restricted by the available space, near field effect and attenuation. And it is not known a priori if *L* is long enough to obtain individual modes. Current practice in the inversion process utilizes only the fundamental mode. The model compatibility between the experimental and theoretical dispersion curve has to be considered in cases where the apparent dispersion curves do not coincide with the fundamental mode.

The synthetic data was also analyzed using the SASW method. The SASW test was simulated including the following geophone spacings: 1 m, 2 m, 4 m, 8 m, 16 m, 32 m, 64 m, 128 m. The usual filtering criterion ($\lambda/3$ < geophone spacing < 2 λ) was applied to the constructed dispersion curves. The experimental dispersion curves obtained by the SASW method are also shown in Figure 9. The dispersion curve segments obtained for different geophone spacings follow the trend of the apparent dispersion curve obtained by first 24-channel MSASW. The scatter of the SASW data in this synthetic case is due solely to multiple modes. Different geophone spacings in a SASW test may produce quite different phase velocities at the same frequency even after the

filtering process. It should be noted that Equation 7 is a measure of the apparent phase velocity. The dispersion curve of the predominant mode is obtained only if one mode dominates. The filter criteria do not ensure the condition that the measured wavefield is comprised of only one mode; they merely mitigate the effects of near field and attenuation. The wide scatter of the data in the field may be attributed to multiple modes as much as to the noise. Combining the scattered data produced by different geophone spacings in a SASW test is an extra work that may result in extra uncertainty.

The fact that the apparent phase velocity is defined by the receiver locations relative to the source has to be emphasized in the case of multiple modes. Figure 10 shows the effect of near offset (x_1) on the apparent dispersion curves for a small offset range $(L = 23 \text{ m})$. The dispersion curve obtained for $x_1 = 1$ m differs from that for $x_1 = 20$ m. No one is better than the other, if near field and attenuation effects are not considerer. The frequency resolution ∆f is equal to 0.4883 in Figure 9. The results are shown for every 4∆f. To obtain phase velocities at frequencies of integer number, only the first 1000 points of the seismic records were used so that ∆*f* is equal to 0.5 Hz in Figure 10. The circles in Figure 9 and 10 represent the same multi-station testing configuration. The results are slightly different at frequencies around 60 Hz and 100Hz. These regions correspond to mode jumping and frequencies of low energy in the synthetic data. Also shown in Figure 10 are the results of the SASW analysis for ∆*f* = 0.5 Hz. The segments of dispersion curves are more scattered in this case. The results for geophone spacing 2m and 4m even fall out of the plotting range. The SASW method is more sensitive to noise and mode jumping, especially in the phase unwrapping procedure. Unwrapping the phase angles in the space domain is more robust than unwrapping in the frequency domain. The synthetic data shows no difference in the apparent velocities obtained by linear regression and f-k analysis.

4 EXPERIMENTAL STUDY

4.1 Effects of survey line parameters

In practice, the available testing space, source characteristics, near field effect, and attenuation restrict the range of source-to-receiver offsets where $\phi(x)$ can be measured accurately for a particular frequency. Hence, the apparent velocity in a MSASW test is determined from the average slope of $\phi(x)$ over some source-to-receiver offsets, where $\phi(x_i)$ varies smoothly with x_i . The selection of the proper offset range is analogous to the filtering criteria in the SASW test. However, the filtering process in the SASW test is applied to the constructed dispersion curve, in which the high-frequency values may have already been contaminated by the poor data at low frequencies due to near field effect or low signal-tonoise ratio at low frequencies.

To avoid spatial aliasing, geophone spacing (*dx*) should not be greater than half the shortest wavelength, which is approximately equal to the minimum definable thickness. The MSASW method does not require a long survey line for normally dispersive profiles. Although a long survey line is desirable to identify individual modes in Rayleigh waves when multiple modes participate, it is often impractical and it is not known a priori how long is long enough. A short survey line may be acceptable for multi-mode surface waves if the locationdependent apparent dispersion curve is taken into consideration in the inversion process. Therefore, it is possible to obtain the dispersion curve for the desired frequency range with a single test configuration. Experiments were conducted at a test site to investigate the effect of near offset (x_1) on multistation measurements. Twenty four geophones were deployed on a 1 m interval with the near offset ranging from 10 to 30 m. The seismograph is a 24 channel OYO McSeis-SX. The geophones are OYO Geospace model GS-11D vertical velocity transducer, having a natural resonant frequency of 4.5 Hz. A 6-kg sledgehammer was used as the impulsive source.

Figure 9. Effect of L on the measured dispersion curve $(x1 =$ $1m$; $dx = 1m$

Figure 10. Effect of near offset on the measured dispersion curve $(dx = 1m; L=23 m)$

Figure 11 shows the measured dispersion curve and \overline{R}^2 for near offset 10m, 20m, and 30m. Higher modes dominate at frequencies greater than 50 Hz as shown in Figure 11 for $x_1 = 10$ m. The interference of higher modes at frequencies above 50 Hz is confirmed by the f-k analysis. Because of undesirable near-field effects, Rayleigh waves can only be treated as horizontally traveling plane waves after they have propagated a certain distance from the source point (Richart et al. 1970). Plane-wave propagation of surface wave does not occur in most cases until the near offset (x_1) is greater than half the maximum desired wavelength. Acceptable data extends to lower frequencies as near offset increases as expected, as shown in Figure 11. However, there is a mitigation of near field effects on the dispersion curve estimation by the linear regression of multistation data. The measurable frequency also decreases as near offset increases. Although it is generally true that surface wave is much more energetic than body waves, the high-frequency (shortwavelength) components lose their energy quite rapidly because they normally propagate through the shallowest veneer of the surface where attenuation is most significant. Contamination by body waves because of attenuation of high-frequency ground roll at longer offsets is referred to as the far field effect (Partk et al. 1999). This effect limits the highest frequency at which phase velocity can be determined.

Near field and far field effects affect the measurable frequency range for each test configuration (Figure1). If a greater range of frequency is of interest, a wide range of offsets can be obtained by a walk-away test. And the optimum offset range for each frequency can be selected from the plot of $\phi(x_i)$. This filtering process improves the data accuracy and further extends the measurable frequency range. However, different locations of the geophones used to determine the phase velocity for each frequency should be taken into account in the case

of multiple modes. The source characteristic, background noises, and geological conditions also play important roles in the measurable frequency range. The MSASW analysis can be performed in real time on site for quality control. Results like Figure 11 can be obtained instantaneously after the data acquisition. Necessary adjustments to the testing procedure can then be made.

4.2 MSASW interpretation of refraction data

The same type of geophones used for body-wave surveying can be used for MSASW tests. The field configuration of a MSASW test is similar to that for body-wave surveying with only a slightly different criterion for selecting the optimum field configuration and acquisition parameters. In many cases the surface wave analysis can be performed coincident with or as a by-product of the body-wave surveying. An example is presented herein to show how to analyze the same refraction surveying data with P-wave refraction tomography and MSASW method to simultaneously estimate the P- and S-wave velocity profile. A P-wave refraction survey was conducted in a project involving the investigation of a fault near the Science and Technology Park in Hsinchu, Taiwan. The same equipment described above was used in this project. Twenty-four geophones were deployed on a 5 m interval. Seven shots were generated to obtain wide ray coverage for the tomography analysis with 5 shots inside the survey line and two end shots outside the survey line. During the classical refraction tests using impact sources, the recording time was increased in order to detect Rayleigh waves. The traveltime tomography analysis using the commercial software SeisOpt®ProTM Version 1.0 utilized all data from the seven shots. The resulting P-wave tomogram justifies the assumption of horizontal layering of the subsurface for the surface wave analysis. The data generated by the shot near the first geophone was used for surface wave analysis. Figure 12 presents the experimental dispersion curve and R^2 of the linear regression. A higher mode dominates at frequencies above 27 Hz. The part of experimental dispersion curve between 7 and 27 Hz is identified as the fundamental mode and used for data inversion. A non-linear inversion is made with the method developed by Xia et al. (1999b). The velocity profile obtained from the refraction tomography analysis provides V_p values in the inversion process. The inverted shear wave and compression wave velocity profiles are shown in Figure 13. This example demonstrates how one can effectively obtain P- and S-wave simultaneously from a single seismic survey using traveltime tomography and MSASW technique.

Figure 11. Experimental dispersion curves and R^2 's for different near offsets $(dx = 1 \text{ m and } L = 23 \text{ m})$.

Figure 12. Experimental dispersion curve and \mathbb{R}^2 obtained by MSASW analysis of a refraction surveying data.

Figure 13. The S- and P-wave velocity profiles of the refraction test site.

5 CONCLUSION

This study is aimed at discussing the multi-station analysis of surface wave to recommend a better procedure to construct the experimental dispersion curve including data acquisition, test configuration, and data analysis. The multi-station spectral analysis of surface wave (MSASW) and f-k transform method utilize commonplace seismic refraction equipment for data acquisition and a test configuration similar to body-wave surveying. The multistation methods solve the problems encountered in the traditional SASW test. The MSASW method is based on the linear regression of phase angles measured at multiple stations, in which data quality can be evaluated and filtering criteria can be determined. It is a power tool for on site quality control in real time. When used together with f-k transform, MSASW selects the proper range of offsets for constructing the dispersion curve and assist in multiple mode identification.

The effects of multiple modes on multi-station measurements are investigated and the criterion of mode separability is discovered. The length of survey line required to separate two modes is inversely proportional to the difference in wave number. The experimental dispersion curve represents the location-dependent apparent dispersion curve for multimode surface waves when the survey line is not long enough. The modal compatibility between the experimental and theoretical dispersion curve needs to be considered in the inversion process. In practice, the available testing space, source characteristics, near field effect, and attenuation restrict the range of source-to-receiver offsets where the phase angles can be measured accurately for each frequency. A walk-away test plus the filtering process gives the best coverage of frequencies. The linear regression mitigates the near field effects. It is often possible to obtain the dispersion curve for the desired frequency range with a single test configuration. A case study demonstrates how to analyze classical refraction data with P-wave refraction tomography and MSASW method to simultaneously estimate the Pand S-wave velocity profiles.

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