

### Monitoring S-wave velocity of the ground using continuous seismic ambient noise measurements

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- 3D ambient noise tomography
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### Seismic waves

compressions

P wave

- Body waves
   P-wave
  - S-wave
- Surface-waves
   Rayleigh-wave

Love-wave

Double Amplitud Navelength Rayleigh wave

Rayleigh wave vibrates both vertical and horizontal direction. Love wave only vibrate horizontal direction.

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In surface wave methods, we usually only use Rayleigh waves since vertical motion only contains Rayleigh waves

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Undisturbed medium



#### Phase velocity depends on frequency $\Rightarrow$ Dispersion

## Dispersion curve and its analysis SeisImager.com



### MASW (Fourier decomposition)





Estimating an initial velocity model in terms of 1/3 wave-length theory

#### Depth=Phase-velocity/Frequency/3





### Active and passive surface waves



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### Active and passive surface waves





### Active and Passive Surface Wave Methods



# How to calculate propagation velocity from ambient noise?













#### Cross correlation of ambient noise





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### Conventional spatial autocorrelation (SPAC) for 1D S-wave velocity investigation

Data acquisition geometry



Dispersion (phase velocity) curve

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#### Concept of 3D passive surface wave method SeisImager.com (Ambient Noise Tomography : ANT) based on CMP-SPAC

### 3D Bedrock Investigation at Singapore



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### Investigation purposes

Granite Hills



#### Delineate the depth to GII to estimate volume to blast and length of piles

### Acquisition geometry

- In order to delineate depth to a bedrock (GII), ambient noise tomography (3D passive surface wave method) was carried out.
- Investigation area is 700 X 430 m.
- 70 sensors were deployed with 7 m spacing.
- 133 arrays with overlap were measured and total sensor location is approximately 2300.



### Fieldwork







## Examples of CMP-SPAC and phase velocity image



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### 37 borehole at the site



## S-wave velocity at GII confirmed by boring



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### Depth to bedrock (GII)



# Comparison of bedrock (GII) depth estimated and by ambient noise tomography and boring



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### Bedrock (GII) elevation





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### Cableless seismograph



# Continuous monitoring using cableless seismograph *Field*Solar battery Solar battery





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### Full-size test embankment







### Example of phase velocity image



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## Time-lapse phase velocity change and daily rainfall

![](_page_40_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_40_Figure_2.jpeg)

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### Comparison with tiltmeters

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![](_page_42_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_43_Picture_0.jpeg)

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### Tunnel construction site

![](_page_44_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_45_Picture_0.jpeg)

### Iterative 3D ambient noise tomography

- 1 : Before construction
- 2 : During the construction of A tunnel
- 3 : After the construction of A tunnel
- 4 : During the construction of B tunnel
- 5 : After construction

![](_page_45_Figure_7.jpeg)

![](_page_45_Picture_8.jpeg)

## Iterative 3D ambient noise tomography

Change of dispersion curve before and after construction

OBefore construction OAfter the construction of A tunnel Change of phase velocity at the frequency of 4Hz

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### S-wave velocity model 65 m

![](_page_48_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_48_Figure_4.jpeg)

# Numerical simulation by 3D finite-difference method

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)

Cell size (horizontal)	0.5 m	
Cell size (vertical)	0.5 m	0 ~ 37 m deep
Cell size (vertical)	1.0 m	37 ~ 187 m deep
Model size (W-E)	363 m	
Model size (S-N)	383 m	
Number of cells (W-E)	725	
Number of cells (S-N)	765	
Number of cells (Z)	224	
Total number of cells	124,236,000	
Time step	0.08 msec	
Number of time steps	500,000	40 sec
Max. frequency	32 Hz	

## Numerical simulation by 3D finite-difference method

#### **Before construction**

![](_page_50_Figure_2.jpeg)

After construction of A-tunnel

#### **SeisImager.com** Numerical simulation by 3D finite-difference method

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![](_page_52_Picture_0.jpeg)

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## Example of observed phase velocity image

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### Time-lapse phase velocity change

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### Vibration monitoring during the construction

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# Continuous 3D monitoring **SeisImager.com** for tunnel construction by tunnel boring machine

![](_page_58_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Figure_0.jpeg)

105 m

# Continuous 3D monitoring **SeisImager.com** for tunnel construction by tunnel boring machine

![](_page_60_Figure_1.jpeg)

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# Continuous 3D monitoring **SeisImager.com** for tunnel construction by tunnel boring machine

Construction in daytime

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### Continuous 3D monitoring for tunnel construction by tunnel boring machine

![](_page_62_Picture_2.jpeg)

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(m/sec)

![](_page_64_Picture_0.jpeg)

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### Conclusions

- S-wave velocity of ground indicates geotechnical property
- Monitoring S-wave velocity change indicates the change of geotechnical property
- Passive surface wave methods enable us to monitor S-wave velocity change non-invasively from ground surface
- Method clearly detected S-wave velocity changes associated with rain and tunnel construction
- System consisting of several sensors provides 1D averaged velocity change
- System consisting of several dozen sensors provides 3D Swave velocity change