Imaging fluid channels within the NW Bohemia/Vogtland region using ambient seismic noise and MFP analysis

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Ambient seismic noise

The degassing of CO_2 is considered to be a seismic noise source.

- instrumental arrays with 30 vertical geophones (4.5 Hz) + Reftek Recorders
- sampling rate: 250 samples per second
- continuous registration over night (~10 hrs)
- active seismic experiments with a hammer blow source (phase velocity)

MEASUREMENTS

- Study Area: Cheb Basin (NW Bohemia/Vogtland region), Czech Republic
- > Presently ongoing geodynamic processes in the intra-continental lithospheric mantle cause different natural phenomena as earthquake swarms and degassing zones of mantle derived fluids (mofettes).







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1st measurement campaign (14.07.2014)













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318600 318700 318800 5556500 5556400 CO2 gas flux [g/(m²*d)] < 1.000 5556300 1.000 2.500 5.000 10.000 25.000 > 50.000 5556200 5556100 120 m 60

 CO_2 gas flux values measured by Nickschick *et al.* (2015) on the Hartouŝov Mofette Field.

Nickschick *et al.* (2015): CO_2 degassing in the Hartouŝov mofette area, western Eger Rift, imaged by CO_2 mapping and geoelectrical and gravity surveys. Int J Earth Sci (Geol Rundsch). DOI 10.1007/s00531-014-1140-4.



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318600 318700 318800 5556500 5556400 5556300 MFP output (normalized) 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 0 1 5556200 5556100 60 120 m

The comparison of the MFP surface output with the CO_2 gas flux values measured by Nickschick *et al.* (2015) shows a spatial fit and demonstrates that fluid flow acts as an ambient seismic noise source.



- > It was shown that...
 - fluid flow acts as an ambient seismic noise source (comparison of MFP results with punctual CO₂ flux values (Nickschick *et al.* 2015)).
 - the MFP method is capable of locating flowing fluids properly within the instrumental array configuration.
 - the fluid flow/ CO_2 degassing seems to be temporally variable (South Hartouŝov).
- > We aim to...
 - investigate temporal changes within the fluid flow activity in comparison with meteorological/ hydrological parameters and earthquake events (ambient noise monitoring).
 - model the noise wavefield produced by the CO₂ flow along channels using SOFi3D with vertical sensors in a synthetic borehole, ~ 400 m depth (ICDP drilling program).
 - increase our survey depth with larger array configurations.



Thank you for your attention!





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