Mid-crustal magma reservoirs at Cleveland and Akutan Volcano imaged through novel receiver function analyses



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Seismic Array



★ Shot Location 1 Texan Sensors 1 Nodal Sensors 🖈 Shot Location 2 i Texan Sensors 2 🛆 Broadband Sensor



What can we do with fewer resources?



Receiver function techniques can image deep crustal magmatic structure with only a few broadband instruments.

Comparable to a monitoring network.



Receiver Functions

Receiver functions are sensitive to abrupt seismic velocity boundaries.

Traditionally used to image the Moho, Lithosphere-Asthenosphere Boundary, Transition Zone.

Trade off between velocity and thickness of layer.



Arrival times relate to depth and velocity to boundaries

Receiver Function Stacks



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Individual Earthquake Receiver Functions



Akutan Volcano



Janiszewski et al., 2013



Akutan Volcano

Mid-crustal magmatic region (7 - 11 km), widespread under island.





Janiszewski et al., 2013



Comparison with Seismicity

Similar depth and spatial extent as shallow seismicity related to inflation.



Janiszewski et al., 2013

Cleveland Volcano

Do we see a low velocity zone underneath Cleveland, and does it have a similar relationship to seismicity as Akutan?

Janiszewski et al., submitted

Cleveland Volcano

We do see local variation in the receiver function data, but no distinct additional arrival. What structures causes this?

Janiszewski et al., submitted

Is it variable Moho depth?

Is it variable Moho depth or crustal velocity?

20 km of topography over 5 km spatially

1 km/s change in crustal shear velocity

Modeling depth constraints from receiver functions

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Goal: Reduce misfit in Ps lag times from the Moho

Depth Resolution

Few ray paths traverse the shallow crust. Not sensitive to shallow crust beneath the edifice. Simplest model for our observations is an LVZ in the mid crust.

Mid-Crustal Magma Storage

Depth (km)

Complex Magmatic Geometries

Under the main edifice, receiver functions point to a relatively thick LVZ indicating a region of mush/melt in the mid-crust.

This doesn't explain all observations beneath Cleveland volcano.

Suggests a more complex 3-D geometry of velocity anomalies potential for more detailed analysis.

Main Takeaways

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Why do two volcanoes part of the same arc have such different magmatic structure?

Crustal Thickness?

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