

50. *Deep Structure of Island Arcs as Revealed by Surface Waves.*

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Abstract

Group velocities of Rayleigh and Love waves have been measured for a period range 20 to 110 sec to study regional differences in deep island arc structure. Three-component long-period seismographs were used for the measurements. Two horizontal components, NS and EW, were transformed to transverse and radial components to facilitate a separation of Love and Rayleigh waves. Group velocities were determined on both time and frequency domains; band-pass filtering was used on the time domain, and the group delay time $d\phi/d\omega$ (ϕ : phase, ω : angular frequency) was measured on the frequency domain. At the period of 100 sec, the group velocities of Love waves measured for earthquakes near the West Caroline Islands and the Banda Sea are 0.15 km/sec lower than those measured for an earthquake near the Aleutian Islands. A similar trend was found for Rayleigh waves; the velocity difference is 0.15 km/sec at 80 sec. A major portion of the propagation path from the West Caroline Islands and the Banda Sea is above, and on the continental side of, the deep seismic plane, while that from the Aleutian Islands is on the oceanic side. These suggest that the mantle structure is markedly different across the deep seismic plane; the shear velocity is 0.3 to 0.4 km/sec lower over a depth range 30 to 60 km on the continental side than on the oceanic side of the deep seismic plane. No appreciable difference from the normal continental dispersion was found for the path from Eurasia.

Introduction

The regional differences of mantle structures have been revealed by seismic body and surface wave studies. The surface-wave approach is particularly useful for the study of deep structures under oceans where no seismographs can be installed. This paper describes the measurements and the interpretations of group velocities of Rayleigh

and Love waves at island arcs around Japan to a period of 110 sec.

The surface wave studies of the Pacific crust and mantle were summarized by *Ewing et al.* [1962] (see also *Kovach* [1965]). *Oliver et al.* [1955] found an anomalous structure under the Easter Island Rise from the group velocity of Rayleigh waves to the period of 35 sec. Although this period is not long enough to determine detailed deep features, they succeeded in revealing a regional difference in the mantle structure through a careful estimate of the effects of the water layer, sediments, and crustal structures on the dispersion. *Kovach and Press* [1961] found that the group velocity of Rayleigh waves for the path from the Easter Island area to Pasadena is lower than that for normal Pacific paths. They attributed this low group velocity to a relatively low mean shear velocity, 4.5 km/sec, in the upper mantle. A crustal structure derived from refraction studies was incorporated in their interpretation. In these studies, independent knowledge of relatively shallow structures (water, sediment, and crust) played an important role in determining deep structures from relatively short-period waves. *Santo* [1961 *a, b*] introduced the "crossing path" technique in order to classify the dispersion character of Rayleigh and Love waves in the Pacific. His classification clearly shows that the dispersion character becomes more continental when the path traverses a part of the region on the continental side of the andesite line. *Saito and Takeuchi* [1965] tested a number of models against Santo's data. Because of the limited period range ($T \leq 40$ sec), however, it was not clear whether the regionality of the dispersion is caused by crustal effects, mantle effects, or both. The results of *Kuo et al.* [1962], who measured phase and group velocities of Rayleigh waves in the Pacific to the period of 140 sec, most strongly suggest that a regional difference may extend down to the mantle. They found that the phase velocities for the Melanesian path to the west of the andesite line are significantly lower, even at long periods, than those for other paths in the Pacific.

In the present study, we tried to extend the period range to as long a period as possible for relatively short paths in order to reveal a difference in deep structures among regions with distinct tectonic features. To sample a region of a distinct tectonic feature, it is necessary to take a relatively short path; if we take a long path, the regional characters will be averaged out. When the path length becomes shorter, however, the detection and the measurement of long-period waves become very difficult. This difficulty is partially removed here by making a cross check

between two independent sets of determination of the group velocity: one in the time domain, and the other in the frequency domain. In the time domain, the band-pass filtering was used whereas in the frequency domain, the group delay time was measured.

Data

Table 1 lists the data of earthquakes studied. The hypocenter data are taken from the Earthquake Data Report (EDR) of the United States

Table 1. List of Earthquakes.

Region	Date	Origin Time (GMT)	Latitude (deg)	Longitude (deg)	Depth (km)	Magnitude		USCGS EDR ^c No.
						m ^a	M ^b	
Mongolia	Jan. 20, 1967	01 ^h 57 ^m 23.1 ^s	48.0N	102.9E	33R ^d	6.1	6.9	5-67
Aleutian Is.	Jan. 28, 1967	13 52 58.3	52.4N	169.5W	47R	5.9	6.5	8-67
West Caroline Is.	July 20, 1967	15 36 20.1	7.7N	134.9E	8	5.8	6.5	46-67
Turkey	July 22, 1967	16 56 53.3	40.7N	30.8E	4	6.0	7.2	49-67
Banda Sea	Jan. 14, 1968	12 25 09.7	7.5S	127.9E	115R	5.9	6.1	6-68

a Body-wave magnitude as determined by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

b Average surface wave magnitude.

c Number of Earthquake Data Reports of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

d Restrained depth.

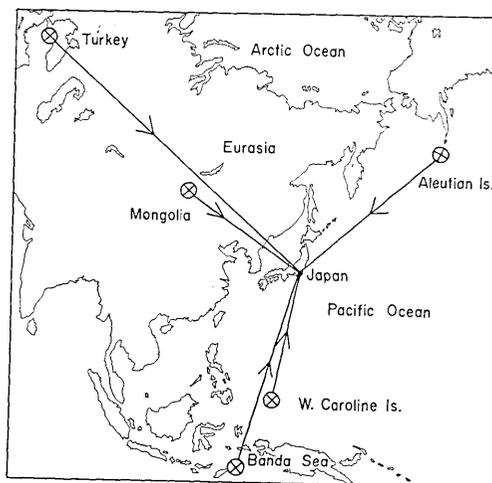


Fig. 1. Epicenters and the great circle paths to Dodaira (DDR) observatory.

Coast and Geodetic Survey (USCGS). Figure 1 shows the propagation paths from the epicenters to Japan. The seismograph system used here consists of the Press-Ewing type pendulum and an amplifier with a RC integrating network whose transfer characteristic is equivalent to a long-period galvanometer (for details, see *Tsujiura* [1965]). The three-component pendulums are installed at Dodaira Micro-Earthquake Observatory (35.998°N ,

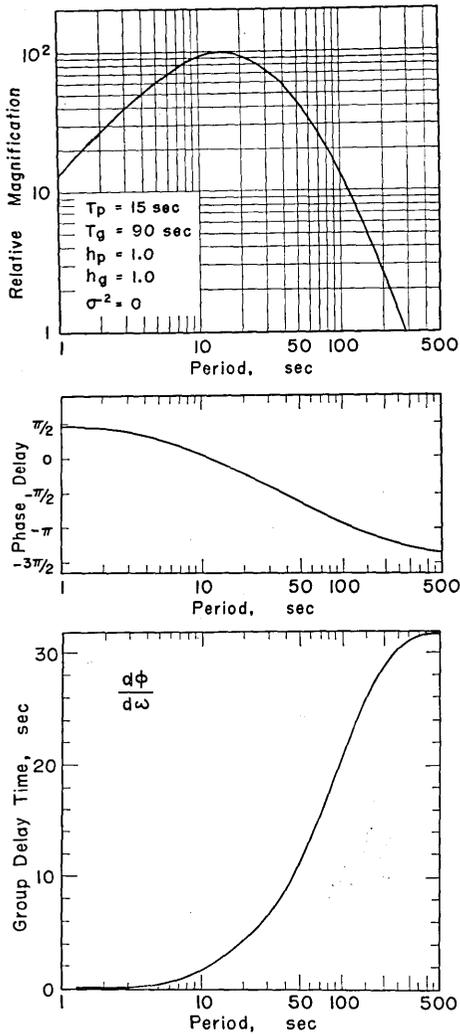


Fig. 2. Instrument constants, relative magnification, phase delay, and group delay of the long-period seismograph used for the analysis. The constants T_p and h_p are natural period and damping constant of the pendulum, and σ is the coupling factor as given by Hagiwara [1958]. The constants T_g and h_g are natural period and damping constant of the equivalent galvanometer.

MONGOLIA JAN. 20 1967, 01 57 23.1
 DDR ($\Delta = 3249.5 \text{ KM}$)

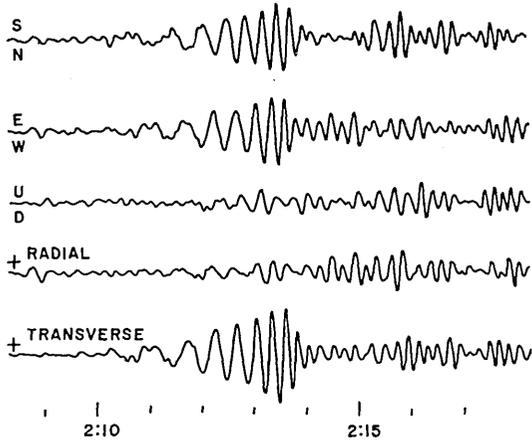


Fig. 3. Five-component (S-N, E-W, U-D, radial, and transverse) seismogram reproduced from a digital output for the Mongolia earthquake recorded at Dodaira. The signs are taken positive for the motions away from the epicenter (radial), and counterclockwise around the epicenter as seen from above (transverse).

ALEUTIAN IS. JAN. 28 1967, 13 52 58.3
 DDR ($\Delta = 4375.3 \text{ KM}$)

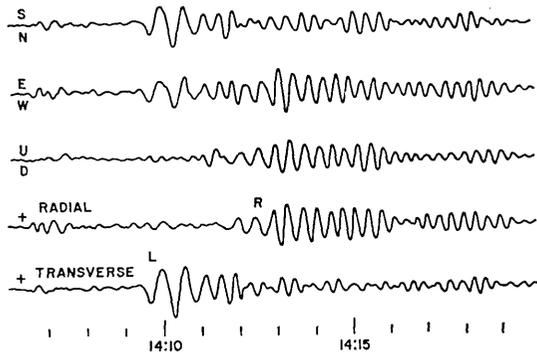


Fig. 4. Five-component (S-N, E-W, U-D, radial, and transverse) seismogram reproduced from a digital output for the Aleutian Is. earthquake recorded at Dodaira.

139.193°E, height 0.8 km). The equivalent instrument constants and the characteristic curves calculated by *Hagiwara's* [1958] formula are given in Fig. 2. The frequency-modulated signal is microwave-tele-metered from the station to the Earthquake Research Institute, where it is recorded on magnetic tapes, discriminated, and digitized at a 1 sec interval. In order to facilitate the distinction between modes with radial and transverse motions, horizontal components were decomposed into radial and transverse directions, and synthesized. The advantage of this procedure has been described by *Press* [1966, p. 249]. The sign of the radial component is taken positive when the motion is away from the epicenter; for the transverse component, it is taken positive when the motion is counterclockwise around the epicenter (seen from above). Two examples of the rotated seismograms are shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

Analysis

For the measurement of group velocities we used two methods:

- (1) Band-pass filtering, and (2) Group-delay time method.
- (1) Band-pass filtering method

For a single mode, the seismogram at a distance r from an epicenter can be written

$$f(t, r) = \int_0^\infty F(\omega, r) \cos [kr - \omega t + \phi_0(\omega) + \phi_I(\omega)] d\omega \quad (1)$$

(t =time, ω =angular frequency, k =wave number). Here $F(\omega, r)$ includes the amplitude spectrums of the source, the wave guide, and the instrument. The functions $\phi_0(\omega)$ and $\phi_I(\omega)$ are the phase delays at the source and that due to the instrument respectively. The band-pass filtered seismogram centered at $\omega = \omega_i$ and of width $\Delta\omega_i$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(t, r) &= \int_{\omega_i - \Delta\omega_i/2}^{\omega_i + \Delta\omega_i/2} F(\omega, r) \cos [kr - \omega t + \phi_0(\omega) + \phi_I(\omega)] d\omega \\ &\sim \Delta\omega_i F(\omega_i, r) \cos (k_i r - \omega_i t + \phi_{0,i} + \phi_{I,i}) \frac{\sin \left\{ [k'_i r - (t - \phi'_{0,i} - \phi'_{I,i})] \frac{\Delta\omega_i}{2} \right\}}{\left\{ [k'_i r - (t - \phi'_{0,i} - \phi'_{I,i})] \frac{\Delta\omega_i}{2} \right\}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where the subscript i refers to the value at $\omega = \omega_i$, and the prime

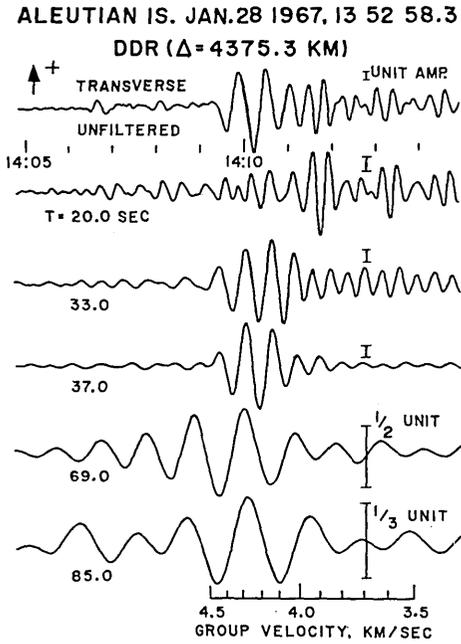


Fig. 5. Band-pass filtered seismograms of the transverse component of the Aleutian Is. earthquake. Love wave trains are shown. The vertical bar indicates the unit of the relative amplitude scale. The predominant periods are given by T . The group velocity scale is not corrected for the instrument delay.

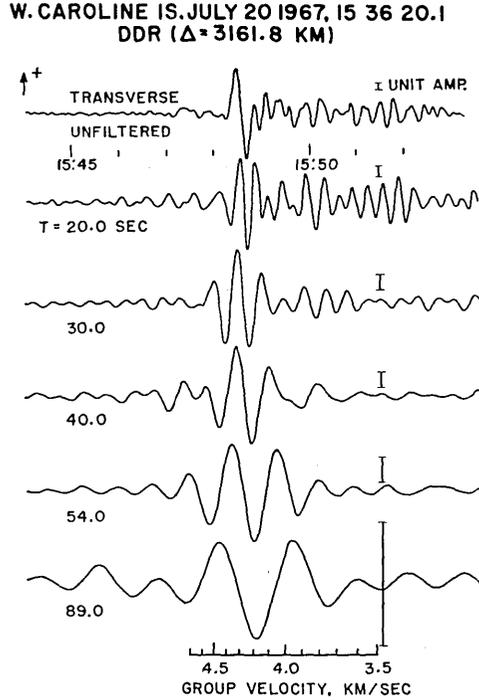


Fig. 6. Band-pass filtered seismograms of the transverse component of the West Caroline Is. earthquake. Love wave trains are shown.

indicates the derivative with respect to ω . The quantities $(k_i')^{-1}$, $\phi_{0,i}'$ and $\phi_{I,i}'$ are the group velocity, the group delay time at the source, and the group delay time due to the instrument respectively. In the above, it is assumed that

$$\left| \frac{\Delta\omega_i}{F_i} F_i' \right| \ll 1, \quad \left| \frac{(\Delta\omega_i)^2}{k_i} k_i'' \right| \ll 1, \quad \left| \frac{(\Delta\omega_i)^2}{\phi_{0,i}} \phi_{0,i}'' \right| \ll 1,$$

and

$$\left| \frac{(\Delta\omega_i)^2}{\phi_{I,i}} \phi_{I,i}'' \right| \ll 1, \quad (3)$$

The band-pass filtered seismogram $\tilde{f}(t, r)$ is a wave train whose envelope

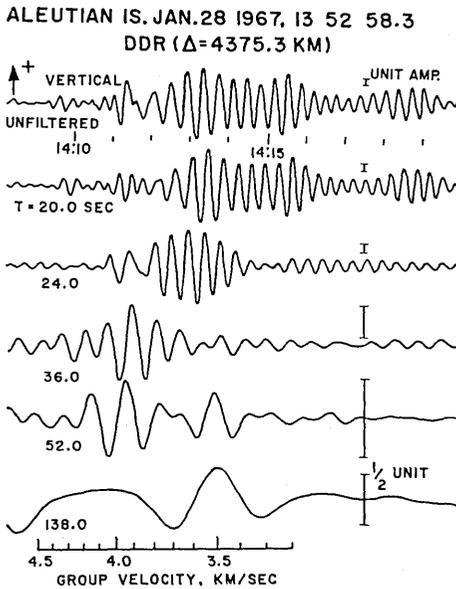


Fig. 7. Band-pass filtered seismograms of the vertical component of the Aleutian Is. earthquake. Rayleigh wave trains are shown. The trace with $T=138.0$ sec was not used for the interpretation.

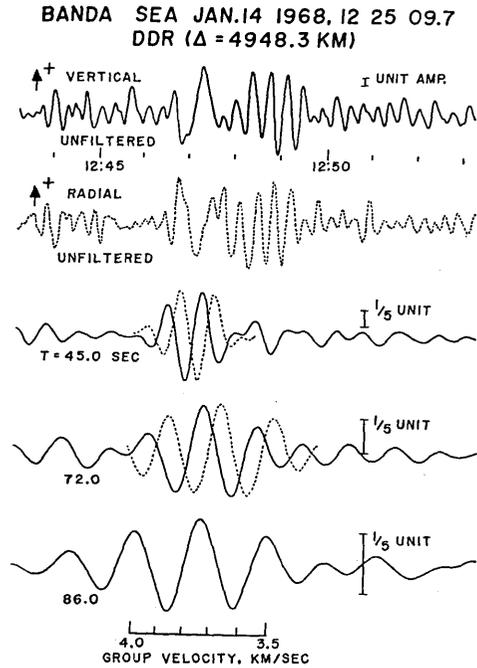


Fig. 8. Band-pass filtered seismograms of the vertical component of the Banda Sea earthquake. Rayleigh wave trains are shown. Radial components (dotted curve) are superposed on the vertical component. The amplitude of the radial components is arbitrary.

takes a maximum at $t_M = k'_i r + \phi'_{0,i} + \phi'_{1,i}$, and whose effective length is $2\pi/\Delta\omega_i$. The bandwidth $\Delta\omega_i$ has to be chosen large enough to make $2\pi/\Delta\omega_i$ sufficiently short, yet $\Delta\omega_i$ should be small enough to satisfy the conditions given by (3). By determining t_M on the band-pass filtered seismogram, we can determine the group velocity :

$$U_i \equiv (k'_i)^{-1} = \frac{r}{t_M - \phi'_{0,i} - \phi'_{1,i}} \quad (4)$$

The instrumental group delay $\phi'_{1,i}$ can be calculated from the instrumental constants and is plotted in Fig. 2. The source group delay time $\phi'_{0,i}$ depends on the source time function. When the source time function is an impulse or a step function, $\phi'_{0,i}$ vanishes. For a ramp function

with a build-up time of τ_0 , $\phi'_{0,i}$ is equal to $\tau_0/2$. In general, $\phi'_{0,i}$ is of the order of half the duration time of the major motion at the source. Because the magnitude of the earthquakes used here is about 6 to 7, the associated fault length is probably about 20 km [Tocher, 1958; Iida, 1965], and, with a rupture velocity of 4 km/sec, the duration time is 5 sec. Thus the source group delay $\phi'_{0,i}$ is about 3 sec and is less than 0.5% of the total travel time, about 700 sec. We therefore ignored $\phi'_{0,i}$ in the present analysis.

We analyzed a seismogram of 1024 sec length which includes the surface wave train near the center. The data were not tapered. We took 512 digitized points with a 2 sec interval. With this interval, no serious aliasing is caused. We first Fourier analyzed the data, selected the harmonic components to be passed, and then synthesized these components to produce the band-pass filtered seismogram. These analyses were greatly facilitated by the method developed by Cooley and Tukey [1965]. Several examples of the band-pass filtered seismogram are shown in Figs. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. It was recognized that the band-pass filtering made on a digital seismogram is very useful in detecting weak long-period waves.

(2) Group-delay time method

From equation 1, the phase of a component wave at a distance r , and at a time t_0 is

$$\phi(t_0, \omega) = kr - \omega t_0 + \phi_0(\omega) + \phi_I(\omega) . \quad (5)$$

Taking the derivative with respect to ω , we can write the group velocity $U(\omega) \equiv \partial\omega/\partial k$ as

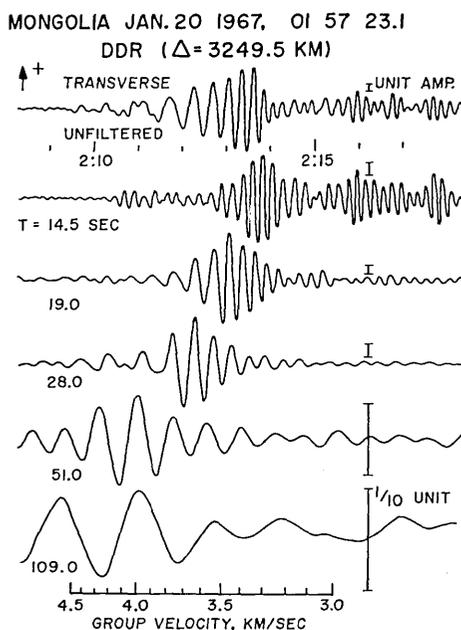


Fig. 9. Band-pass filtered seismograms of the transverse component of the Mongolia earthquake. Love wave trains are shown. The trace with $T=109.0$ sec was not used for the interpretation.

$$U(\omega) = \frac{r}{t_0 + \frac{\partial \phi(t_0, \omega)}{\partial \omega} - \frac{d\phi_0(\omega)}{d\omega} - \frac{d\phi_r(\omega)}{d\omega}}$$

The quantity $t_0 + \partial \phi(t_0, \omega) / \partial \omega$ is called the group delay time [Aki, 1960]. By "group delay" is meant the following. The phase at an arbitrary time t can be written as

$$\phi(t, \omega) = \phi(t_0, \omega) + \omega(t_0 - t). \quad (6)$$

Similarly, for an angular frequency $\omega + \delta\omega$,

$$\phi(t, \omega + \delta\omega) = \phi(t_0, \omega) + (\omega + \delta\omega)(t_0 - t). \quad (7)$$

Suppose that at a time $t = t_g$, $\phi(t, \omega)$ equals $\phi(t, \omega + \delta\omega)$. At this time, the component wave with angular frequency ω interferes constructively with that with $\omega + \delta\omega$ to yield a maximum of energy. This time may most naturally be called the group delay time. By equating (6) to (7), we can derive

$$t_g = t_0 + \frac{\partial \phi(t_0, \omega)}{\partial \omega}$$

$(\partial \phi(t_0, \omega) / \partial \omega)$ may be called the group delay time measured from t_0 .

The experimental group delay times were determined by the conventional Fourier technique from digitized seismograms of 512 sec length (1 sec interval), which include the major portion of either Rayleigh or Love waves to be studied. The data were detrended and tapered at both ends; the length of the tapered portion ranges from 20 to 50% of the total length depending upon the nature of the seismogram. Fig. 10 compares the group velocities thus calculated from the group delay times with those determined by the band-pass filtering. In these examples, no appreciable difference is seen between the results from the two sets of data. While analysing the data, however, we realized that the band-pass filtering is more useful than the group-delay time method when the seismogram is contaminated by body waves or higher mode surface waves. The group delay times, on the other hand, give a more accurate and objective estimate of the group velocity when the noise is absent. We determined most of the group velocities by the band-pass filtering while referring to, and cross-checking with, the group delay times.

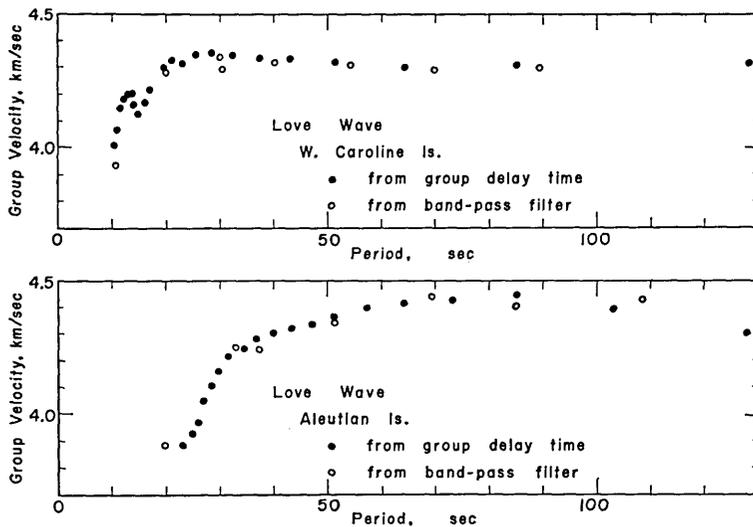


Fig. 10. Comparison of group velocities determined by the band-pass filtering and the group delay time method.

Results and Interpretation

Oceanic Love waves

Figure 11 shows the group velocities of Love waves for three oceanic paths. The average water depths are 3.6, 3.7, and 2.9 km for the Aleutian Is., W. Caroline Is., and Banda Sea paths respectively. At periods shorter than 50 sec, the observed group velocities show a complicated variation with period. The gradual fall-off towards shorter periods for the Aleutian path presumably reflects the fact that a part of the path grazes the Aleutian Islands; a thicker crust beneath the islands must have delayed short-period waves. The same applies to the Banda Sea path which traverses the East Indies. At longer periods, however, a distinct difference is exhibited

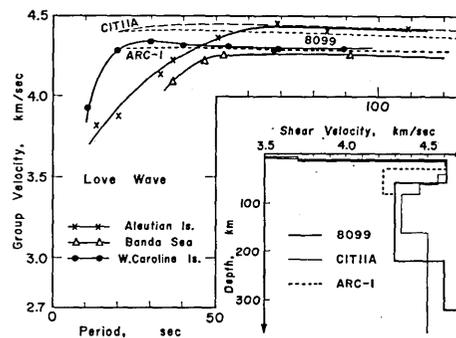


Fig. 11. Group velocities of oceanic Love waves as compared with those for three models. The shear velocity distributions for the three models are given.

Table 2. ARC-1 model.

Layer Number	Layer Thickness	Shear Velocity
1	5 km	0.0 km/sec
2	1	1.0
3	5	3.7
4	19	4.6125
5	50	4.23

Note: The distribution of S velocity below 80 km is identical to that of the 8099 model (see Appendix). The distributions of P velocity and density are identical to those of the 8099 model. The effect of P velocity on the group velocity is small; a change of 0.35 km/sec in P velocity over a depth range from 10 to 60 km causes a change of about 0.02 km/sec in group velocity of Rayleigh waves for the period range considered.

Table 3. Order number N , period T , phase velocity C , and group velocity U for the ARC-1 model.

N	Rayleigh Wave			Love Wave		
	T (sec)	C (km/sec)	U (km/sec)	T (sec)	C (km/sec)	U (km/sec)
250	40.8	3.913	3.774	36.4	4.390	4.303
200	50.6	3.948	3.793	45.2	4.411	4.301
150	66.6	3.995	3.797	59.7	4.449	4.296
120	82.1	4.046	3.778	74.0	4.487	4.292
100	97.0	4.105	3.746	87.9	4.526	4.289
80	118.6	4.192	3.714	108.4	4.586	4.285

between the group velocities for the Aleutian path and the other two paths (Banda Sea and West Caroline Islands paths). The group velocity at 100-sec period is 4.45 km/sec for the former whereas it is 4.30 km/sec for the latter paths.

It is not meaningful to fit short period group velocity curves measured over a horizontally heterogeneous path by a group velocity curve calculated for a horizontally homogeneous model. Hence, we considered only long period portions of the data and tried to interpret them in terms of a broad structure of the upper mantle. The group velocity at a 100-sec period is not greatly affected by shallower structures, but is mainly governed by the upper mantle structure. Although the group velocity method is not so straightforward as the phase velocity

method, we believe that the group velocity at 100 sec is useful for delineating a gross features of the upper mantle.

In Fig. 11, the dispersion curves for two existing oceanic models, 8099 [Dorman *et al.* 1960] and CIT 11 A [Anderson and Toksöz, 1963; Kovach, 1965; see also Anderson, 1967] are included (see also Appendix). The group velocities for the Aleutian path fall around the curve for CIT 11 A model at $T > 60$ sec. The CIT 11 A model has a slightly higher velocity in the top 100 km of the mantle as compared with the 8099 model. The group velocities for the Banda Sea, and the West Caroline paths are definitely lower than that for the Aleutian path at $T > 60$ sec. This difference amounting to 0.15 km/sec at $T \sim 100$ sec cannot be explained in terms of shallower structures alone. A gross difference in the upper mantle structure has to be invoked. A number of models were tried to fit the group velocities for the Banda Sea and the West Caroline paths. A model designated as ARC-1 (see Fig. 11, Tables 2 and 3) emerges from these trials; it fits the observed group velocities reasonably well over the period range 50 to 120 sec. Because of the limited period range ($T < 120$ sec), little can be said about the mantle below 150 km. The major difference of the ARC-1 model from the normal oceanic model lies in the depth range 30 to 60 km; over this depth range, the S velocity is lower by 0.38 km/sec for the ARC-1 model than for the normal oceanic model.

Oceanic Rayleigh waves

Figure 12 shows the group velocities of Rayleigh waves for two oceanic paths. The group velocities at 80-sec period are 3.95 and 3.80 km/sec for the Aleutian and the Banda Sea paths respectively. No Rayleigh waves with an appreciable amplitude were observed for the earthquake from the West Caroline Islands. The group velocity curve for the CIT 11 A model fits the data for the Aleutian path reasonably well, and the curve for the ARC-1 model fits the data for the Banda Sea path. Thus, the CIT 11 A and ARC-1 models can explain both Rayleigh and Love wave dispersions for the Aleutian and

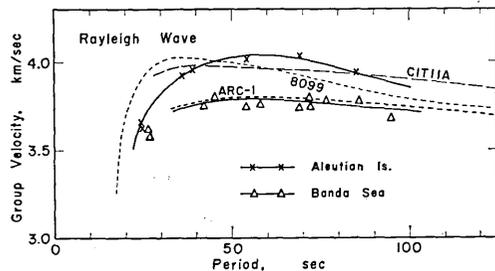


Fig. 12. Group velocities of oceanic Rayleigh waves. The shear velocity distributions for the three models are given in Fig. 11.

the Banda Sea paths respectively. It is to be noted that ARC-1 model also explains well the phase and group velocity data for the Melanesia-New Zealand region reported by *Kuo et al.* [1962].

Discussions for the Oceanic Paths

So far, a striking contrast of the dispersion character has been shown to exist between the Aleutian path and the two paths from the south (Banda Sea path, and the West Caroline Is. path). These paths are also characterized by distinct tectonic features. Figure 13 shows the location of these paths with respect to the deep seismic zone, trench, and the volcanic front. The volcanic front defined by *Sugimura* [1960], is the boundary where volcanoes suddenly become sparse towards the ocean. The volcanic front roughly coincides with the location of volcanic ridges.

A major portion of the path from the Aleutian Islands lies on the oceanic side of the deep seismic plane, volcanic ridge, and trench (see also Fig. 14). A cross section normal to the path is taken at A in Fig. 13, and is shown in Fig. 15. Open circles are earthquake foci deeper than 60 km determined by USCGS for the interval January 1963 to June 1966. In contrast, the paths from the south lie above the seismic plane, and on the continental side of the volcanic ridge and the trench (Figs. 13

and 14). This situation is visualized in Fig. 16 which shows a cross section normal to the path taken at B in Fig. 13. It may now be concluded that a distinct difference exists between the mantles separated by the deep seismic plane; the *S* velocity is lower by 0.3 to 0.4 km/sec over the depth range 30 to 60 km on the continental side than on the oceanic side of the deep seismic plane. The boundary also coincides with the location of other major tectonic features such as volcanic ridge and trench.

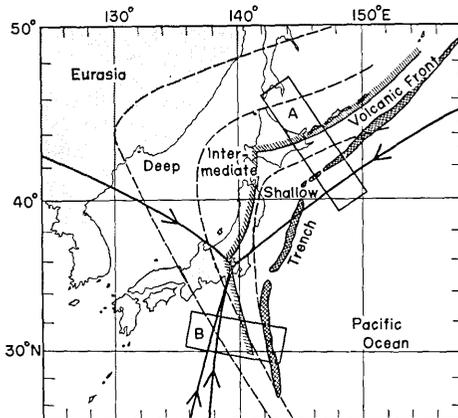


Fig. 13. The location of seismic zones (deep, intermediate, and shallow), trench, and volcanic front with respect to the great circle paths. The cross sections are taken at A and B and are shown in Figs. 15 and 16.

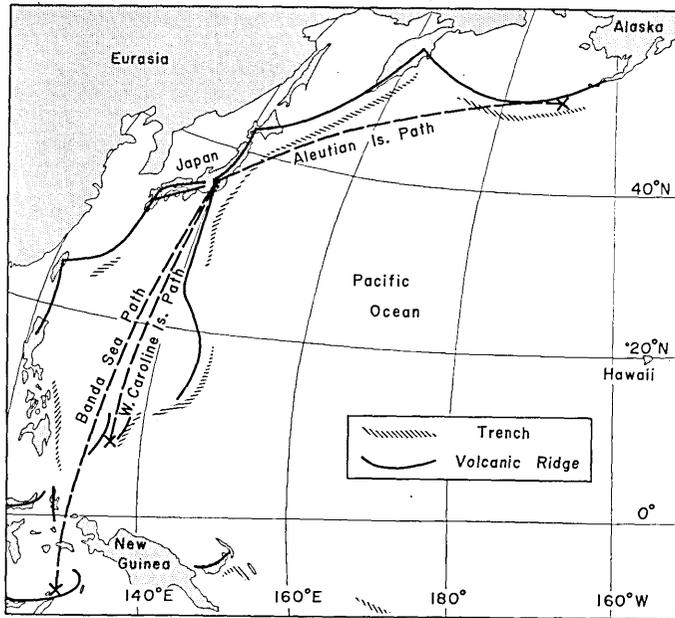


Fig. 14. Great circle paths from the Aleutian Is., West Caroline Is., and Banda Sea with respect to trench and volcanic ridge. Note that the entire path from the Aleutian Is. is on the oceanic side of the volcanic ridge, and those from the West Caroline Is. and Banda Sea are on the continental side of the volcanic ridge.

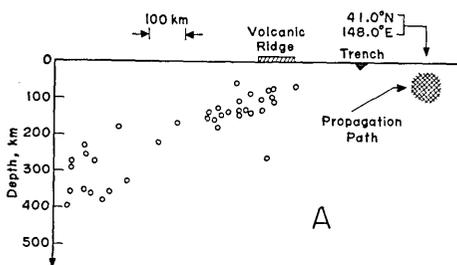


Fig. 15. A cross section taken at A in Fig. 13.

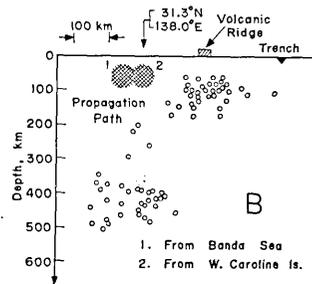


Fig. 16. A cross section taken at B in Fig. 13.

The earthquake foci (open circle) are taken from EDR of USCGS for Jan. 1963 to June 1966 ($d \geq 60$ km). The scatter is partly due to the obliquity of the seismic plane with respect to the cross section considered. The crosshatched part indicates an approximate area sampled by the surface waves.

Continental Love and Rayleigh Waves

The group velocities of Love waves measured for the earthquakes

in Turkey and Mongolia are shown in Fig. 17. The group velocities of Rayleigh waves were measured only for the earthquake in Turkey (Fig. 18). In Figs. 17 and 18, theoretical curves for the Gutenberg model (see Appendix), and the experimental curves by *Porkka* [1966], and after *Kovach* [1965] are included.

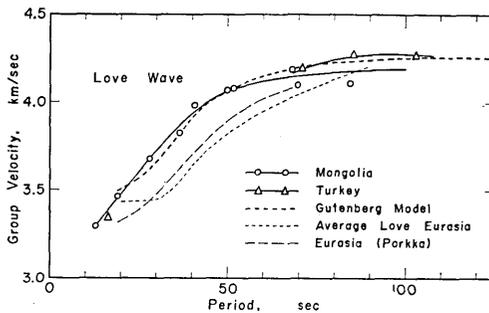


Fig. 17. Love wave group velocities for the continental paths. The average for Eurasia is taken from *Kovach* [1965].

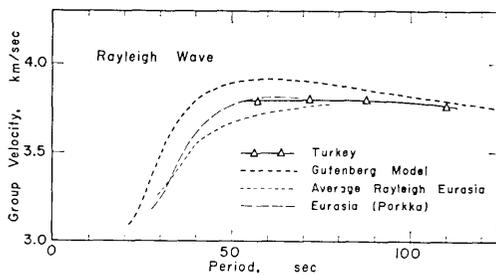


Fig. 18. Rayleigh wave group velocities for the continental path. The average for Eurasia is taken from *Kovach* [1965].

The path from Mongolia consists 75% of continent with an average elevation of 0.9 km, and 25% of ocean (Japan Sea) with an average depth of 2.5 km. The path from Turkey consists 85% of continent with an average height of 0.5 km and 15% ocean with an average water depth of 2.5 km. These paths are thus predominantly continental, but it is still difficult to interpret the short-period group velocities in terms

of a homogeneous model. We only note here that the group velocities for both Rayleigh and Love waves tend to agree with the average curves for Eurasia given by *Porkka* and *Kovach* towards long periods.

Uniqueness and Accuracy

The effect of shallow structures

In the interpretation of the oceanic dispersions we only modified the mantle structure, ignoring the effect of structures such as water layer, sedimentary layer, and the crust. In view of the non-unique-

ness of the group velocity method, we made a numerical check to see the effect of shallow structures on the group velocity. Starting from the 8099 model we constructed three models, S, C, and M models (Fig. 19). The S model is so designed that we can see the effect of water and sedimentary layer. The water layer 1 km thick is substituted by a sedimentary layer. The effect of this modification is very small for both Love and Rayleigh waves as shown in Fig. 19. To see the effect of crustal thickening, the C model is constructed. The crust of the 8099 model is thickened from 5 to 14 km. The effect on the Rayleigh and Love wave group velocities are about 0.03 and 0.06 km/sec respectively at long periods. We see that these values are relatively small even for such an extensive thickening as that incorporated in model C. It is improbable that the actual crustal thickening, on the average, exceeds 5 km. We therefore ignore the crustal effect and conclude that the observed low group velocity is the manifestation of the mantle effect. The effect of the mantle is demonstrated by the M model (Fig. 19) which we constructed from the 8099 model by removing the high velocity lid extending from 11 to 60 km depth. As Fig. 19 shows, the effects are of the right order of magnitude for explaining the observed low velocities. It is to be noted, however, that whether the high velocity lid should be totally or partially removed cannot be decided with the group velocity data alone. In constructing the ARC-1 model, we incorporated the results of refraction studies by *Murauchi et al.* [1968] who reported that the basins of the

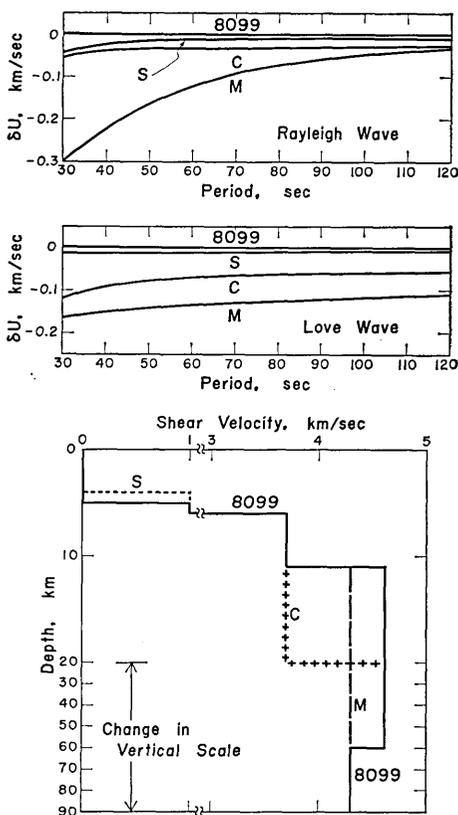


Fig. 19. The effect of sediment, crust, and mantle structure on the group velocity of Love and Rayleigh waves. The 8099 model is taken as a standard. The deviations of the group velocity from that of the 8099 model are shown for three models, S, C, and M.

Philippine Sea have a normal oceanic crust and normal P_n velocities. We therefore removed only the lower part of the high velocity lid keeping the velocity just below the Moho discontinuity unchanged.

Source of error

The largest error arises from the contamination of the seismogram by instrumental noise, multiply reflected body phases, and higher mode surface waves. These noises are usually difficult to eliminate except by the eyesight judgment of the interpreter. The band-pass filtering used here greatly facilitates the eyesight removal of the noise. For example, the band-pass filtered seismogram of the Aleutian earthquake (Fig. 7) shows apparently coherent wave trains with a group velocity of about 3.5 km/sec at $T=52$ and 138 sec. However, from the general appearance of the seismograms we regarded them as spurious, and discarded them. Although this kind of judgment is in no way objective, we believe that the judgments can be correctly made up to a period of about 100 sec. Once the noise has been removed, the numerical measurement of the group velocity is accurate because we used the band-pass filtering and the group delay time method instead of the conventional peak-and-trough method.

Since we intentionally used relatively short paths, the errors in epicenter location can be serious. We referred to the EDR of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey to examine a possible location error. We found rather unsatisfactory station residuals implying a poor hypocenter location for the Banda Sea earthquake. We therefore redetermined the hypocenter using a computer program developed here and the raw data available in the EDR. Since the data are the same as those used by USCGS, no gross improvement is expected. However, we tried to see general uncertainty of the location by redetermining the hypocenter with various restraints and with different selections of the data. The uncertainties of the epicenter distance and the origin time were found to be about 10 km and 5 sec respectively; the resulting error in the group velocity was estimated as ± 0.02 km/sec. This is much smaller than the observed regional difference.

Discussions

The present results call for an extensive lateral variability of the upper mantle structure. A variability of this magnitude is not unwar-

ranted in view of numerous evidence heretofore found. The anomalously low group velocities of Rayleigh waves in the Melanesian-New Zealand region found by *Kuo et al.* [1962] are very close to what we found for the Banda Sea to Japan path. Recent studies at mid-oceanic ridges [see *e.g. Talwani et al.* 1965] and island arcs [*Katsumata*, 1960; *Utsu*, 1966; *Oliver and Isacks*, 1967] all suggest that a large horizontal heterogeneity does exist in the upper mantle. The present results require that the upper mantle velocity beneath the Mariana and Japanese Islands be relatively low as compared with the world average. This has been borne out by *Aki* [1961] who used surface waves, *Fedotov and Slavina* [1968] who used body waves and *Kanamori* [1968] who used the LONGSHOT data. *Fedotov and Slavina* [1968] found a relatively low mantle velocity, 7.5 km/sec, beneath Kamchatka. *Utsu* [1967] and *Kanamori* [1968] have proposed a model in which *P* velocity in the top 200 to 250 km of the mantle beneath Japan is 0.3 to 0.5 km/sec lower on the continental side than on the oceanic side of the deep seismic plane. Although the depth range concerned is different, these results are compatible with those found by the present study.

Press [1968 *a, b*] attempted a Monte Carlo inversion of gross geophysical data and showed that earth models with large fluctuations in shear velocity and density in the upper mantle fit the data better than smooth standard models. He suggested a possibility that the mantle is laterally variable ranging from a pyrolitic to eclogitic composition. These, all in all, suggest that the lateral heterogeneity is larger, both in space and magnitude, than has heretofore been appreciated.

A remarkable correlation exists between the group velocity and heat flow. Figure 20 shows a map of heat flow distribution around Japan given by *Vacquier et al.* [1966]. The path from the Aleutian Islands for

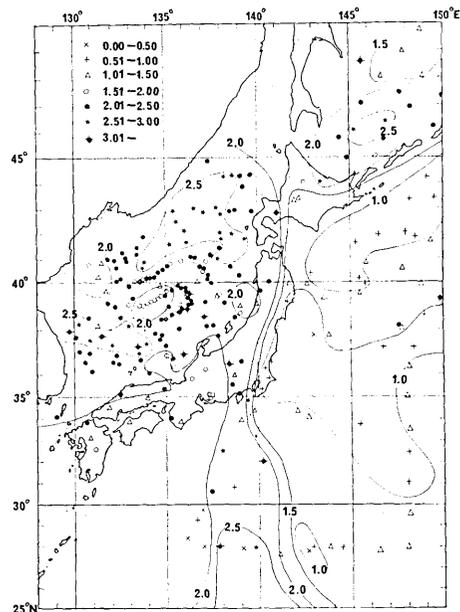


Fig. 20. Heat flow distribution around Japan (after *Vacquier et al.* [1966]). The unit is $\mu\text{cal/cm}^2\text{sec}$.

which the group velocity is relatively high traverses a low heat flow region, while the path from the south for which the group velocity is low traverses a region of extremely high heat flow. This correlation implies common causes, namely, a temperature effect, and presumably a partial fusion. The partial fusion reduces the strength of the mantle and decouples the crust from the mantle. Thus, the coincidence of the region underlain by the low velocity mantle with the region of active volcanism, seismicity and crustal movement seems natural, if we adopt the current view that the crust-mantle decoupling is responsible for various tectonic processes [e.g. *Press*, 1959].

Conclusions

The group velocities of Love and Rayleigh waves are measured by the band-pass filtering and the group delay time method. Several paths to Japan crossing regions of distinct tectonic features are studied. These paths are: A. From the Aleutian Islands to Japan, a major portion of which lies on the oceanic side of such tectonic features as deep seismic plane, trench, and volcanic ridge. B. From the West Caroline Islands and Banda Sea to Japan. This path lies almost entirely above the deep seismic plane, and on the continental side of the trench and of the volcanic ridge. C. From Eurasia to Japan intervened, for a small distance, by the Japan Sea. The results are: (1) The long-period group velocities of Love and Rayleigh waves for the path A are about equal to, or slightly larger than, those for the standard oceanic models such as the 8099 and the CIT 11 A models. (2) For the path B, the group velocities at the period of 100 sec are lower by 0.1 to 0.2 km/sec than those for the standard models. These low group velocities can most reasonably be explained if we reduce the mantle shear velocity by 0.3 to 0.4 km/sec over the depth range from 30 to 60 km. This reduction of the velocity is the major feature of the proposed model ARC-1. (3) The dispersion of Love and Rayleigh waves for the path C exhibits no appreciable difference from the average for Eurasia. (4) The regions with high and low group velocities correspond to those with low and high heat flows respectively.

Appendix

The phase and group velocity data for five standard models are presented in the following tables. The models are taken from *Alterman et al.* [1961] (Gutenberg model), *Dorman et al.* [1960] (Jeffreys and 8099 model), *Brune and Dorman* [1963] (CANS model), and *Kovach* [1965] (CIT 11 A model). A minor modification has been made where necessary.

For the calculation, we wrote a computer program which calculates free periods of a spherically symmetric sphere. We referred to *Alterman et al.* [1959], *Bolt and Dorman* [1961], and *Takeuchi et al.* [1962]. The variational method was used for the calculation of group velocities. The effect of gravity is included for periods longer than 70 sec. The numerical accuracy was checked against the results by *Satô et al.* [1960], *Alterman et al.* [1961], *Bolt and Dorman* [1961], and *Takeuchi et al.* [1964]. Our results agree to at least three significant digits with the published results.

JEFFREYS-BULLEN A					RAYLEIGH WAVE			
N	THICKNESS KM	ALPHA KM/SEC	BETA KM/SEC	RHO G/CC	N	T SEC	C KM/SEC	U KM/SEC
1	15.0	5.5700	3.3600	2.6500	25	294.9	5.323	3.907
2	18.0	6.5000	3.7400	2.8700	30	258.7	5.073	3.776
3	17.0	7.7750	4.3600	3.3300	40	208.7	4.736	3.725
4	25.0	7.8300	4.3900	3.3500	50	174.8	4.534	3.752
5	35.0	7.9200	4.4400	3.3700	60	150.2	4.405	3.787
6	40.0	8.0400	4.4900	3.4100	80	116.9	4.253	3.822
7	50.0	8.1900	4.5600	3.4500	100	95.7	4.164	3.824
8	50.0	8.3500	4.6400	3.4900	120	81.0	4.104	3.81
9	50.0	8.5000	4.7200	3.5300	150	65.7	4.046	3.77
10	50.0	8.6700	4.8000	3.5700	200	50.3	3.969	3.72
11	63.0	8.8600	4.9000	3.6150	250	40.9	3.908	3.61
12	37.0	9.1400	5.0400	3.7000	300	34.6	3.850	3.50
13	100.0	9.6500	5.3100	3.8900	350	30.1	3.791	3.39
14	100.0	10.2500	5.6600	4.1250				
15	100.0	10.6800	5.9300	4.3200				
16	100.0	11.0000	6.1300	4.4900				
17	150.0	11.2800	6.2900	4.6200				
18	200.0	11.5700	6.4400	4.7390				
19	400.0	11.9900	6.6200	4.9150				
20	400.0	12.5300	6.8300	5.1350				
21	400.0	13.0300	7.0200	5.3400				
22	400.0	13.5000	7.2100	5.5400				
23	98.0	13.6400	7.3000	5.6900				

LOVE WAVE			
N	T SEC	C KM/SEC	U KM/SEC
25	296.3	5.299	4.429
30	254.8	5.152	4.384
35	223.7	5.042	4.357
40	199.4	4.956	4.337
50	164.1	4.830	4.308
55	150.8	4.783	4.294
60	139.5	4.742	4.281
65	129.9	4.706	4.268
71	119.9	4.669	4.251
80	107.6	4.620	4.226
86	100.8	4.592	4.208
100	87.8	4.536	4.167
120	74.3	4.470	4.11
150	60.6	4.388	4.02
200	46.7	4.277	3.87
250	38.2	4.181	3.73
300	32.5	4.096	3.62
350	28.4	4.021	3.53

GUTENBERG-BULLEN A				RAYLEIGH WAVE				
N	THICKNESS	ALPHA	BETA	RHO	N	T	C	U
	KM	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	G/CC	SEC	SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC
1	19.0	6.1400	3.5500	2.7400	25	296.4	5.296	3.824
2	19.0	6.5800	3.8000	3.0000	30	260.6	5.036	3.664
3	12.0	8.2000	4.6500	3.3200	40	211.2	4.681	3.585
4	10.0	8.1700	4.6200	3.3400	50	177.5	4.465	3.617
5	10.0	8.1400	4.5700	3.3500	60	152.9	4.328	3.673
6	10.0	8.1000	4.5100	3.3600	80	119.1	4.176	3.769
7	10.0	8.0700	4.4600	3.3700	100	97.1	4.101	3.838
8	10.0	8.0200	4.4100	3.3800	120	81.8	4.060	3.88
9	25.0	7.9300	4.3700	3.3900	150	66.0	4.032	3.91
10	25.0	7.8500	4.3500	3.4100	200	49.9	4.001	3.90
11	25.0	7.8900	4.3600	3.4300	250	40.2	3.971	3.79
12	25.0	7.9800	4.3800	3.4600	300	33.9	3.928	3.64
13	25.0	8.1000	4.4200	3.4800	350	29.5	3.873	3.45
14	25.0	8.2100	4.4600	3.5000				
15	50.0	8.3800	4.5400	3.5300				
16	50.0	8.6200	4.6800	3.5800				
17	50.0	8.8700	4.8500	3.6200				
18	50.0	9.1500	5.0400	3.6900				
19	50.0	9.4500	5.2100	3.8200				
20	100.0	9.8800	5.4500	4.0100	25	300.5	5.224	4.348
21	100.0	10.3000	5.7600	4.2100	30	258.5	5.077	4.312
22	100.0	10.7100	6.0300	4.4000	35	227.0	4.968	4.295
23	100.0	11.1000	6.2300	4.5600	40	202.4	4.884	4.285
24	100.0	11.3500	6.3200	4.6300	50	166.4	4.765	4.277
25	200.0	11.6000	6.4200	4.7400	55	152.8	4.721	4.274
26	200.0	11.9300	6.5500	4.8500	60	141.3	4.684	4.271
27	200.0	12.1700	6.6900	4.9600	65	131.4	4.652	4.268
28	200.0	12.4300	6.8000	5.0700	71	121.2	4.620	4.265
29	200.0	12.6700	6.9000	5.1900	80	108.6	4.580	4.258
30	200.0	12.9000	6.9700	5.2900	86	101.6	4.557	4.252
31	200.0	13.1000	7.0500	5.3900	100	88.2	4.514	4.237
32	200.0	13.3200	7.1500	5.4900	120	74.4	4.465	4.21
33	200.0	13.5900	7.2300	5.5900	150	60.3	4.408	4.15
34	98.0	13.7000	7.2000	5.6900	200	46.1	4.327	4.01
					250	37.6	4.247	3.85
					300	32.0	4.169	3.72
					350	27.9	4.097	3.62

CANSO				RAYLEIGH WAVE				
N	THICKNESS	ALPHA	BETA	RHO	N	T	C	U
	KM	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	G/CC	SEC	SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC
1	6.0	5.6400	3.4700	2.7000	30	259.2	5.064	3.710
2	10.5	6.1500	3.6400	2.8000	40	209.5	4.718	3.672
3	18.7	6.6000	3.8500	2.8500	50	175.5	4.516	3.746
4	80.0	8.1000	4.7200	3.3000	60	150.6	4.394	3.834
5	100.0	8.2000	4.5400	3.4400	80	116.4	4.270	3.968
6	100.0	8.3000	4.5100	3.5300	100	94.5	4.216	4.042
7	80.0	8.7000	4.7600	3.6000	120	79.2	4.195	4.07
8	105.8	9.3000	5.1200	3.7600	150	63.8	4.170	4.07
9	100.0	9.9700	5.4925	4.0100	200	48.3	4.133	3.98
10	100.0	10.4800	5.7900	4.2300	250	39.2	4.075	3.90
11	100.0	10.8500	6.0300	4.4100	300	33.1	4.027	3.82
12	100.0	11.1200	6.2000	4.5450	350	28.9	3.952	3.47
13	100.0	11.3300	6.3150	4.6400				
14	100.0	11.4900	6.4000	4.7100				
15	100.0	11.6400	6.4650	4.7700				
16	100.0	11.7800	6.5310	4.8275				
17	100.0	11.9200	6.5910	4.8825				
18	100.0	12.0600	6.6490	4.9400				
19	100.0	12.1900	6.7040	5.0000	25	295.0	5.322	4.499
20	100.0	12.3300	6.7550	5.0550	30	253.2	5.184	4.470
21	100.0	12.4600	6.8050	5.1050	35	221.8	5.083	4.459
22	100.0	12.5900	6.8525	5.1575	40	197.5	5.005	4.455
23	100.0	12.7200	6.8975	5.2075	50	161.9	4.896	4.454
24	100.0	12.8500	6.9450	5.2650	55	148.5	4.857	4.455
25	100.0	12.9700	6.9950	5.3150	60	137.2	4.823	4.454
26	100.0	13.0900	7.0450	5.3650	65	127.5	4.795	4.454
27	100.0	13.2100	7.0950	5.4150	71	117.5	4.766	4.451
28	100.0	13.3300	7.1425	5.4650	80	105.1	4.731	4.446
29	100.0	13.4600	7.1875	5.5150	86	98.2	4.711	4.440
30	100.0	13.5300	7.2325	5.5625	100	85.3	4.672	4.422
31	100.0	13.6100	7.2775	5.6075	120	71.8	4.627	4.38
32	97.0	13.6400	7.3000	5.6550	150	58.2	4.570	4.29
					200	44.6	4.477	4.09
					250	36.5	4.379	3.89
					300	31.1	4.284	3.74
					350	27.2	4.199	3.64

8099					RAYLEIGH WAVE			
N	THICKNESS	ALPHA	BETA	RHO	N	T	C	U
	KM	KM/SFC	KM/SEC	G/CC	SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC
1	5.0	1.5200	0.0	1.0300	30	257.9	5.089	3.699
2	1.0	2.1000	1.0000	2.1000	40	208.9	4.732	3.601
3	5.0	6.4100	3.7000	2.8400	50	175.7	4.511	3.618
4	49.0	7.8200	4.6125	3.3400	60	151.4	4.369	3.659
5	160.0	8.1700	4.3000	3.4425	80	118.3	4.205	3.739
6	100.0	8.4900	4.6000	3.5265	100	96.7	4.121	3.804
7	90.0	8.8100	4.8000	3.6040	120	81.6	4.072	3.86
8	90.0	9.3200	5.1925	3.7650	150	65.9	4.038	3.93
9	100.0	9.9700	5.4925	4.0100	200	49.7	4.019	3.99
10	100.0	10.4800	5.7900	4.2300	250	39.8	4.015	4.01
11	100.0	10.8500	6.0300	4.4100	300	33.2	4.015	4.01
12	100.0	11.1200	6.2000	4.5450	350	28.5	4.012	3.97
13	100.0	11.3900	6.3150	4.6400				
14	100.0	11.4900	6.4000	4.7100				
15	100.0	11.6400	6.4650	4.7700				
16	100.0	11.7800	6.5310	4.8275				
17	100.0	11.9200	6.5910	4.8825				
18	100.0	12.0600	6.6490	4.9400				
19	100.0	12.1900	6.7040	5.0000				
20	100.0	12.3300	6.7550	5.0550				
21	100.0	12.4600	6.8050	5.1050				
22	100.0	12.5900	6.8525	5.1575				
23	100.0	12.7200	6.8975	5.2075				
24	100.0	12.8500	6.9450	5.2650				
25	100.0	12.9700	6.9950	5.3150				
26	100.0	13.0900	7.0450	5.3650				
27	100.0	13.2100	7.0950	5.4150				
28	100.0	13.3300	7.1425	5.4650				
29	100.0	13.4500	7.1875	5.5150				
30	100.0	13.5300	7.2325	5.5625				
31	100.0	13.6100	7.2775	5.6075				
32	98.0	13.6400	7.3000	5.6550				

LOVE WAVE				
N	T	C	U	
SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	
25	298.1	5.262	4.405	
30	256.2	5.119	4.373	
35	224.8	5.012	4.360	
40	200.3	4.932	4.355	
50	164.4	4.818	4.357	
55	150.9	4.776	4.360	
60	139.4	4.742	4.363	
70	121.0	4.689	4.369	
80	106.9	4.649	4.375	
100	86.6	4.596	4.384	
120	72.8	4.561	4.39	
150	58.7	4.528	4.40	
175	50.5	4.509	4.40	
200	44.4	4.496	4.40	
250	35.7	4.477	4.40	
300	29.8	4.465	4.40	
350	25.6	4.455	4.40	
440	20.4	4.443	4.39	

CIT 11A					RAYLEIGH WAVE			
N	THICKNESS	ALPHA	BETA	RHO	N	T	C	U
	KM	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	G/CC	SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC
1	5.0	1.5200	0.0	1.0300	25	297.5	5.276	3.812
2	0.5	2.0000	0.8000	1.9000	30	261.3	5.022	3.684
3	2.0	4.8000	2.8800	2.5400	40	211.0	4.683	3.641
4	5.0	6.4100	3.7000	2.9000	50	176.9	4.482	3.697
5	9.0	8.1000	4.6000	3.3200	60	151.8	4.358	3.761
6	5.0	8.1200	4.6110	3.3250	80	117.7	4.224	3.860
7	5.0	8.1200	4.6110	3.3310	100	95.8	4.160	3.901
8	10.0	8.1200	4.6090	3.3350	120	80.6	4.121	3.93
9	20.0	8.0100	4.5600	3.3500	150	65.1	4.083	3.96
10	20.0	7.7600	4.4490	3.3750	200	49.2	4.058	3.97
11	20.0	7.6000	4.3390	3.3900	250	39.5	4.044	3.97
12	20.0	7.6800	4.3400	3.4100	300	33.0	4.035	3.96
13	20.0	7.7770	4.3400	3.4250	350	28.4	4.022	3.92
14	20.0	7.8500	4.3400	3.4400				
15	20.0	8.1900	4.5000	3.4600				
16	20.0	8.2100	4.5000	3.4750				
17	20.0	8.2100	4.5000	3.4900				
18	20.0	8.2100	4.5000	3.5100				
19	20.0	8.2100	4.5000	3.5250				
20	20.0	8.2100	4.5000	3.5400				
21	20.0	8.2100	4.5000	3.5600				
22	20.0	8.2100	4.5000	3.5700				
23	20.0	8.2100	4.5000	3.5900				
24	20.0	8.2400	4.5000	3.6050				
25	40.0	8.8000	4.8000	3.6300				
26	50.0	9.1500	5.0400	3.6900				
27	10.0	9.7600	5.4000	3.7800				
28	140.0	9.7800	5.4000	4.0200				
29	100.0	9.8000	5.4000	4.2300				
30	100.0	11.1200	6.2000	4.4000				
31	100.0	11.1800	6.2300	4.5600				
32	100.0	11.3500	6.3200	4.6300				
33	200.0	11.6000	6.4210	4.7400				
34	200.0	11.9200	6.5500	4.8500				
35	200.0	12.2000	6.6900	4.9600				
36	200.0	12.4000	6.7800	5.0700				
37	150.0	12.5500	6.8500	5.1500				
38	100.0	12.7000	6.9000	5.2075				
39	100.0	12.8500	6.9500	5.2650				
40	100.0	13.0000	7.0000	5.3150				
41	100.0	13.1000	7.0500	5.3650				
42	100.0	13.2000	7.1000	5.4150				
43	100.0	13.3000	7.1400	5.4650				
44	100.0	13.4200	7.1900	5.5150				
45	100.0	13.5700	7.2300	5.5625				
46	100.0	13.7000	7.2500	5.6075				
47	47.0	13.7000	7.2200	5.6550				

LOVE WAVE				
N	T	C	U	
SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	KM/SEC	
25	298.8	5.249	4.429	
30	256.5	5.112	4.405	
35	224.8	5.012	4.397	
40	200.1	4.936	4.395	
50	164.0	4.829	4.400	
55	150.4	4.791	4.404	
60	138.9	4.759	4.408	
70	120.5	4.710	4.416	
80	106.3	4.674	4.422	
100	86.1	4.625	4.432	
120	72.3	4.593	4.44	
150	58.3	4.563	4.44	
175	50.1	4.545	4.44	
200	44.0	4.532	4.44	
250	35.9	4.513	4.44	
300	29.6	4.500	4.43	
350	25.4	4.489	4.42	
440	20.3	4.473	4.39	

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50. 長周期表面波による Island Arc 構造の研究

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堂平微小地震観測所の3成分長周期地震計を用い、島弧の深部構造を明らかにするため、周期20から110秒までの Rayleigh 波と Love 波の群速度を測定した。Rayleigh 波と Love 波を分離するために水平成分を波の伝播方向とそれに直角な方向に分解した。群速度は band-pass filter と group delay time $d\phi/d\omega$ (ϕ : 位相, ω : 角周波数) の両方を用いてきめた。Love 波の群速度は周期100秒のところで Banda Sea, West Caroline 島の地震については Aleutian の地震についての値とくらべて約 0.2 km/sec おそい。Rayleigh 波についても同じ傾向がみられた。群速度の差は周期80 sec で約 0.15 km/sec である。Banda Sea, West Caroline 島からの伝播径路は大部分深発地震発生面の大陸側にあり、Aleutian からのものは海側にある。このことは深発地震発生面をさかいとして大陸側ではマンテル内の速度がおそく、海側では速いことを意味する。いくつかのモデルについて分散曲線を計算した結果、Rayleigh 波、Love 波両者の観測結果を同時に説明するモデルが得られた。このモデルでは深発地震帯の大陸側のマンテルでは海側のマンテルに比べて深さ30から60 km にわたって S 波の速さが約 0.3 から 0.4 km/sec 程度遅い。大陸側からきた波の分散曲線はユーラシア大陸の平均的分散曲線と大体一致する。
