

Seismic Wheel for Shallow Characterization (0- 1 m) of Soils on Mars (and the Moon too)

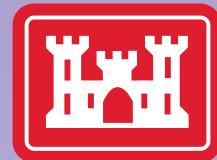
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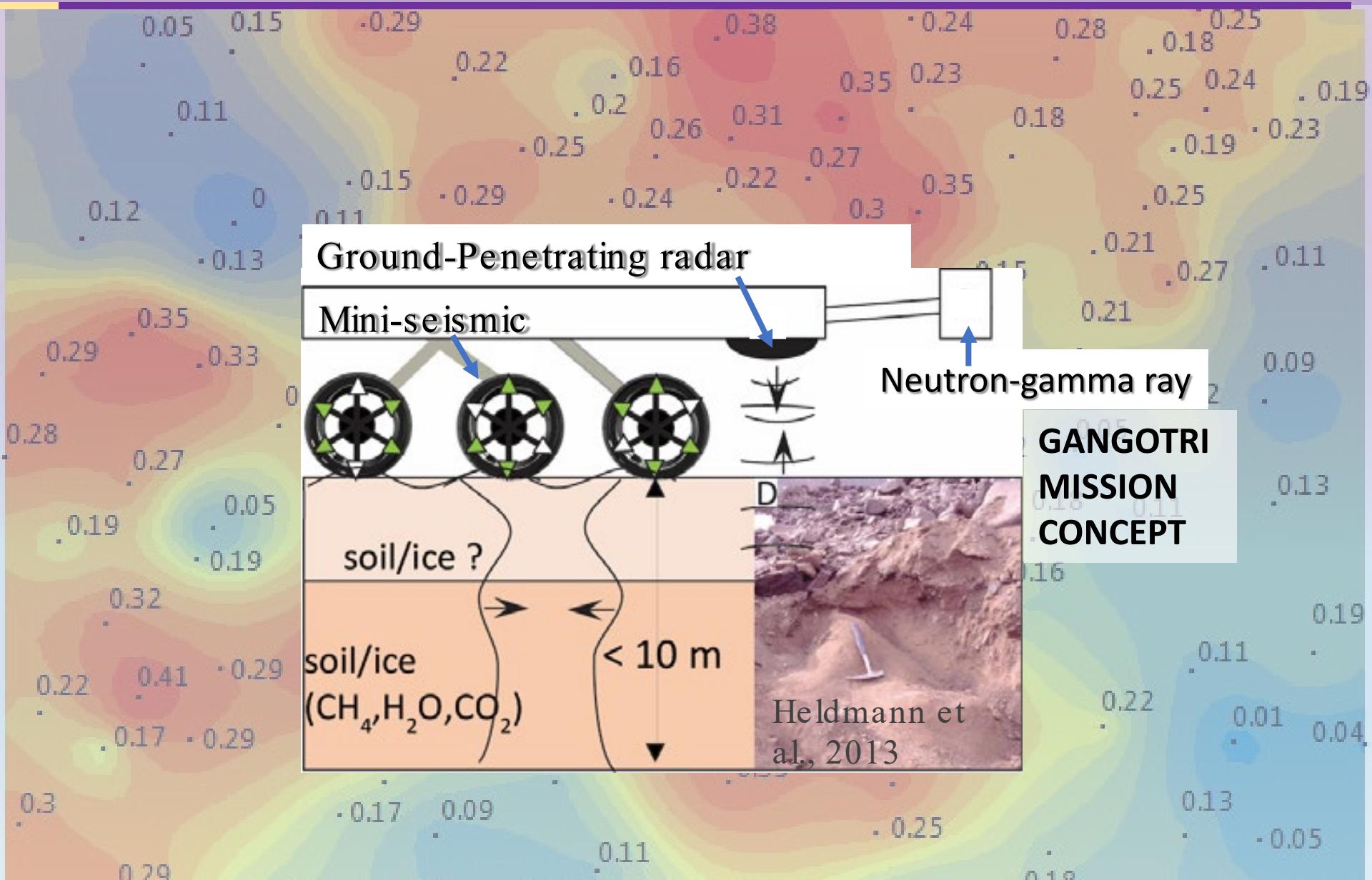


Fairbanks, Alaska

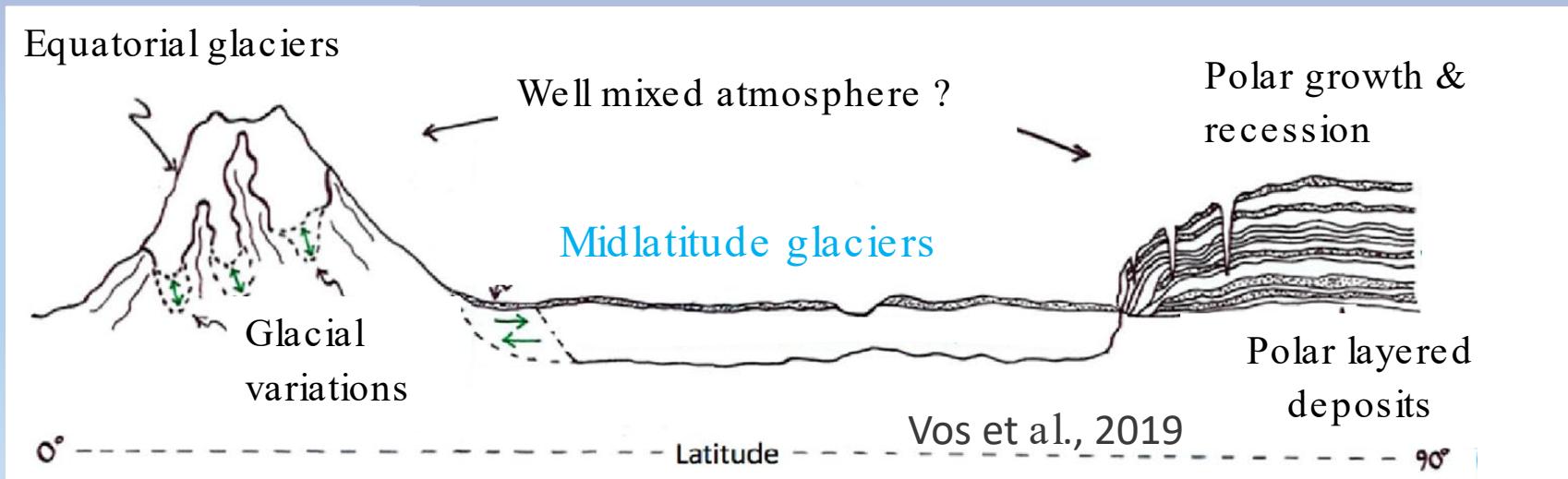
Integrated Tools for Resource Mapping

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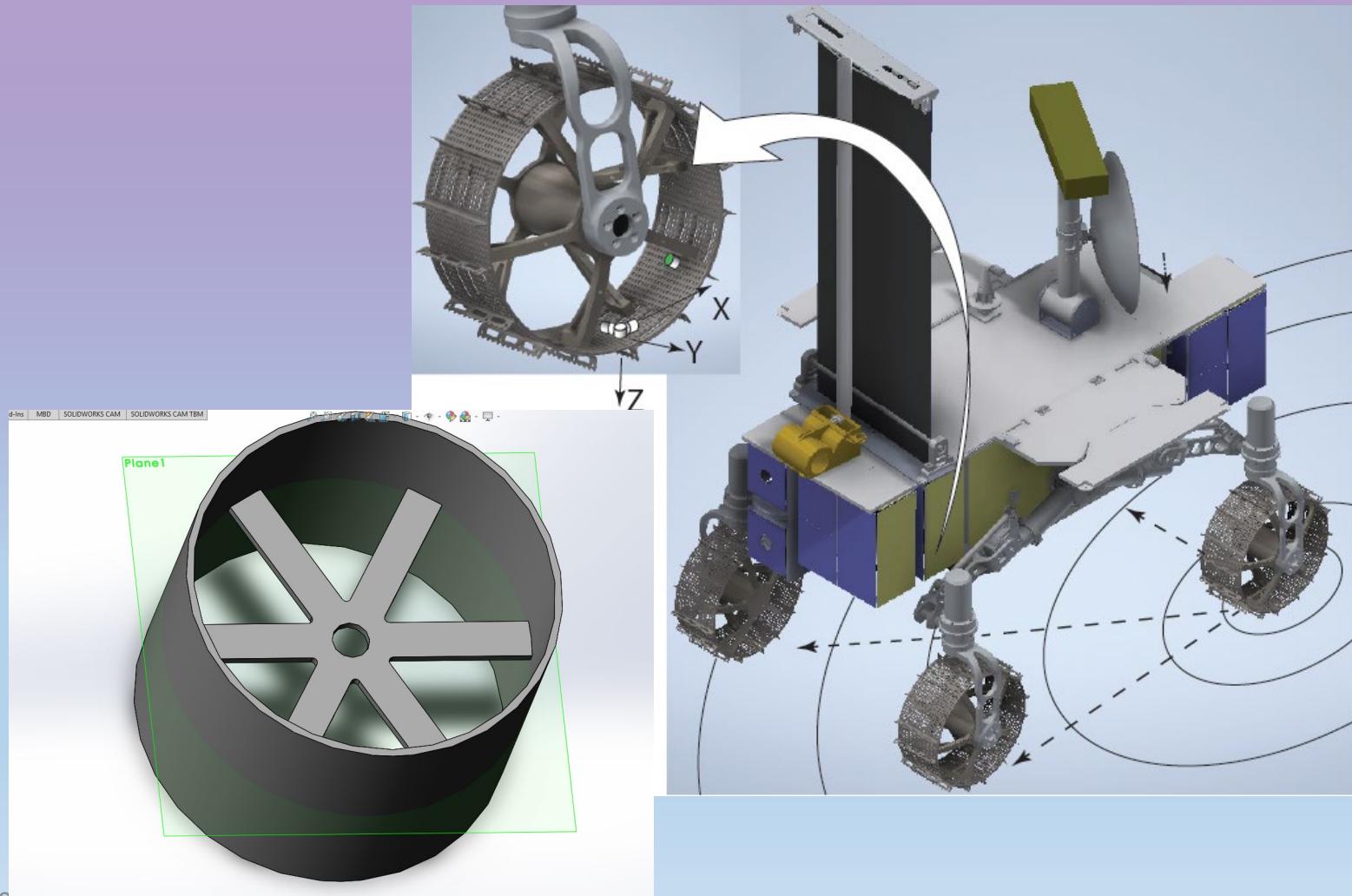
Geology and Geophysics



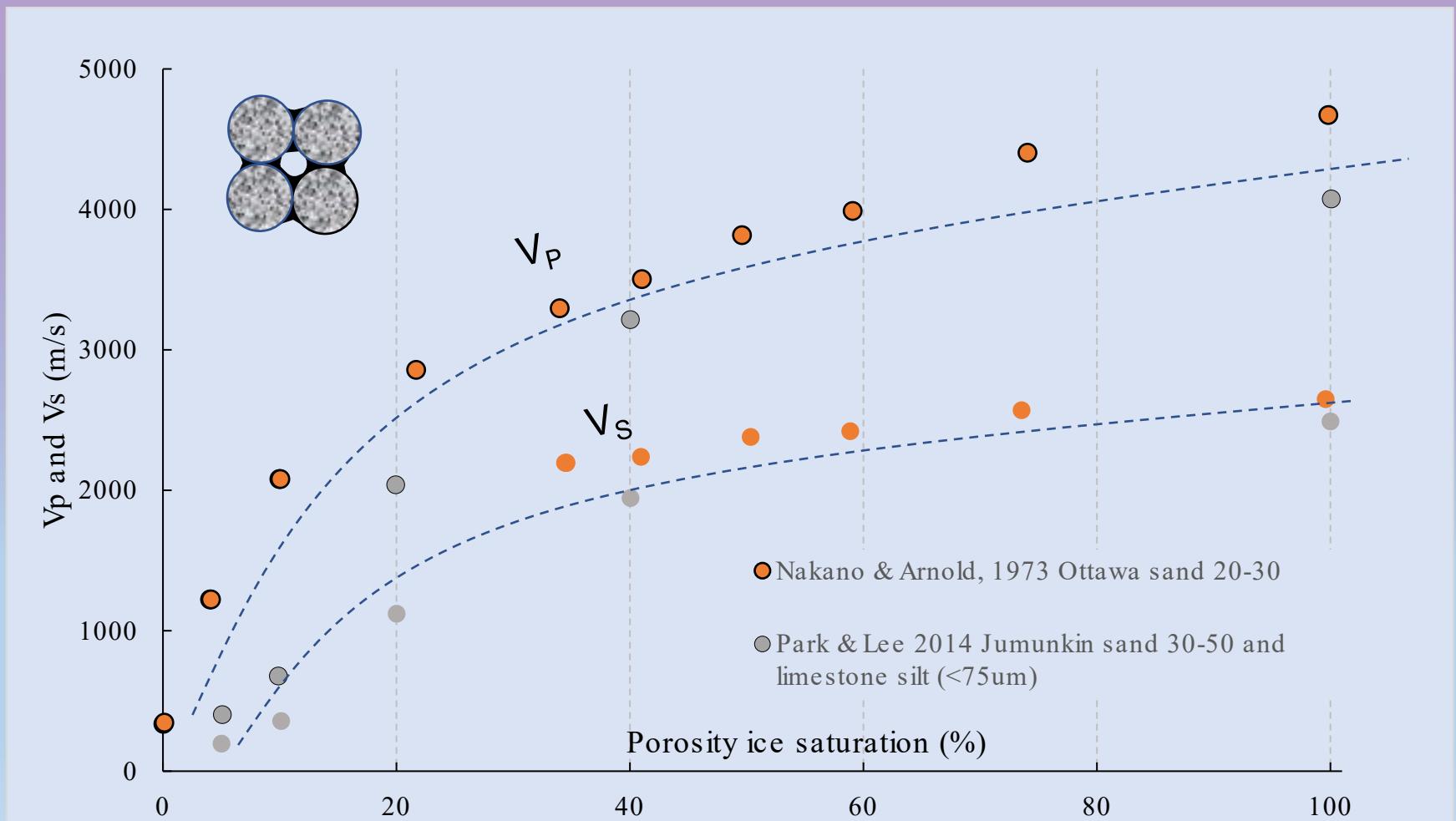
Mid-latitude Glaciers and Permafrost



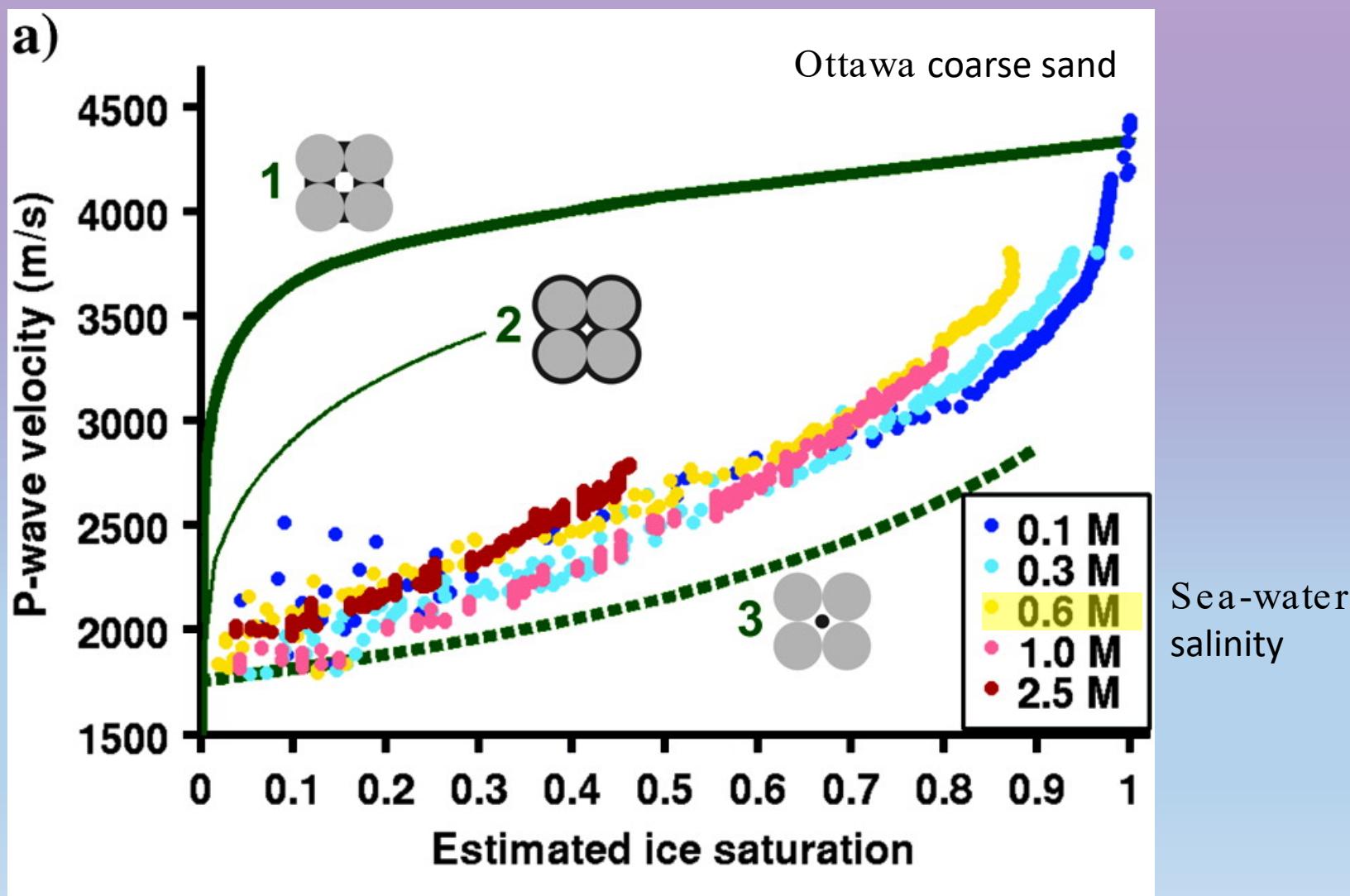
Piezo-ceramic Sensors and Pulsters on a Wheel



Seismic Velocity Sensitivity to Ice Saturation

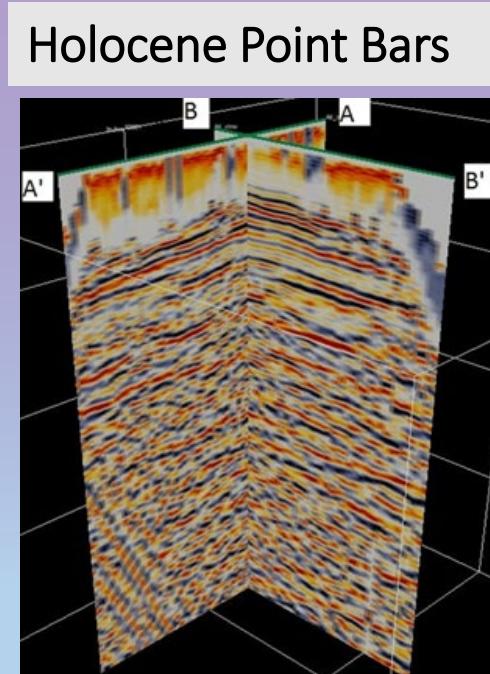


P-wave Velocity Sensitivity to Brine Salinity



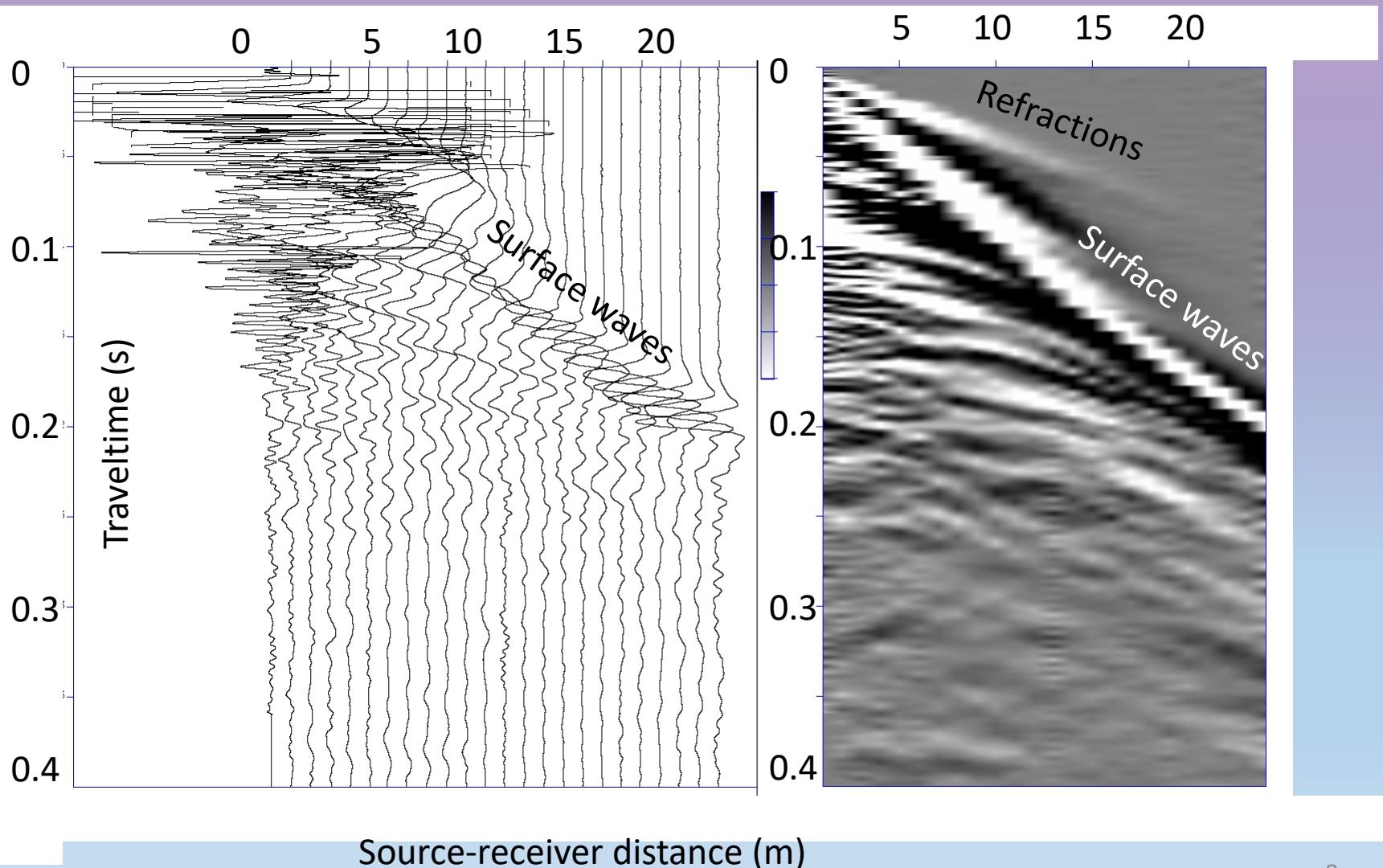
Shallow Seismic Reflection Imaging

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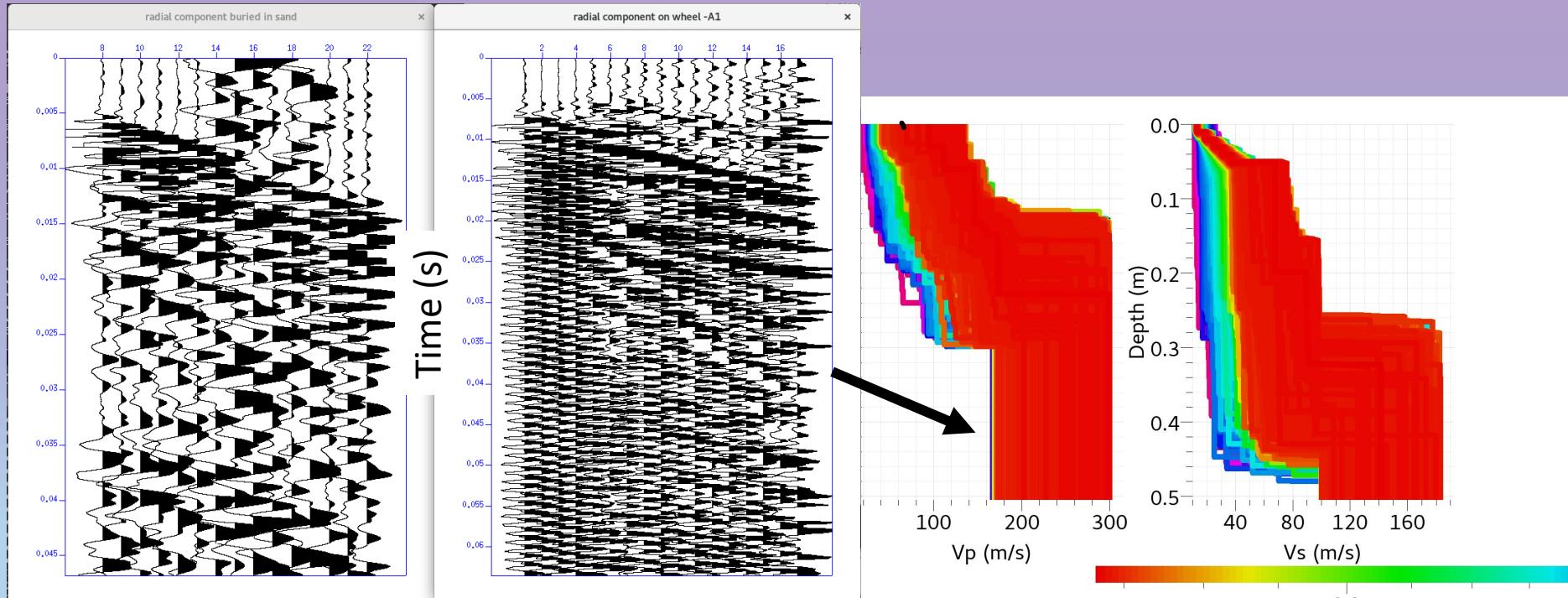


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Surface waves



Post-acquisition Analysis of Surface Waves



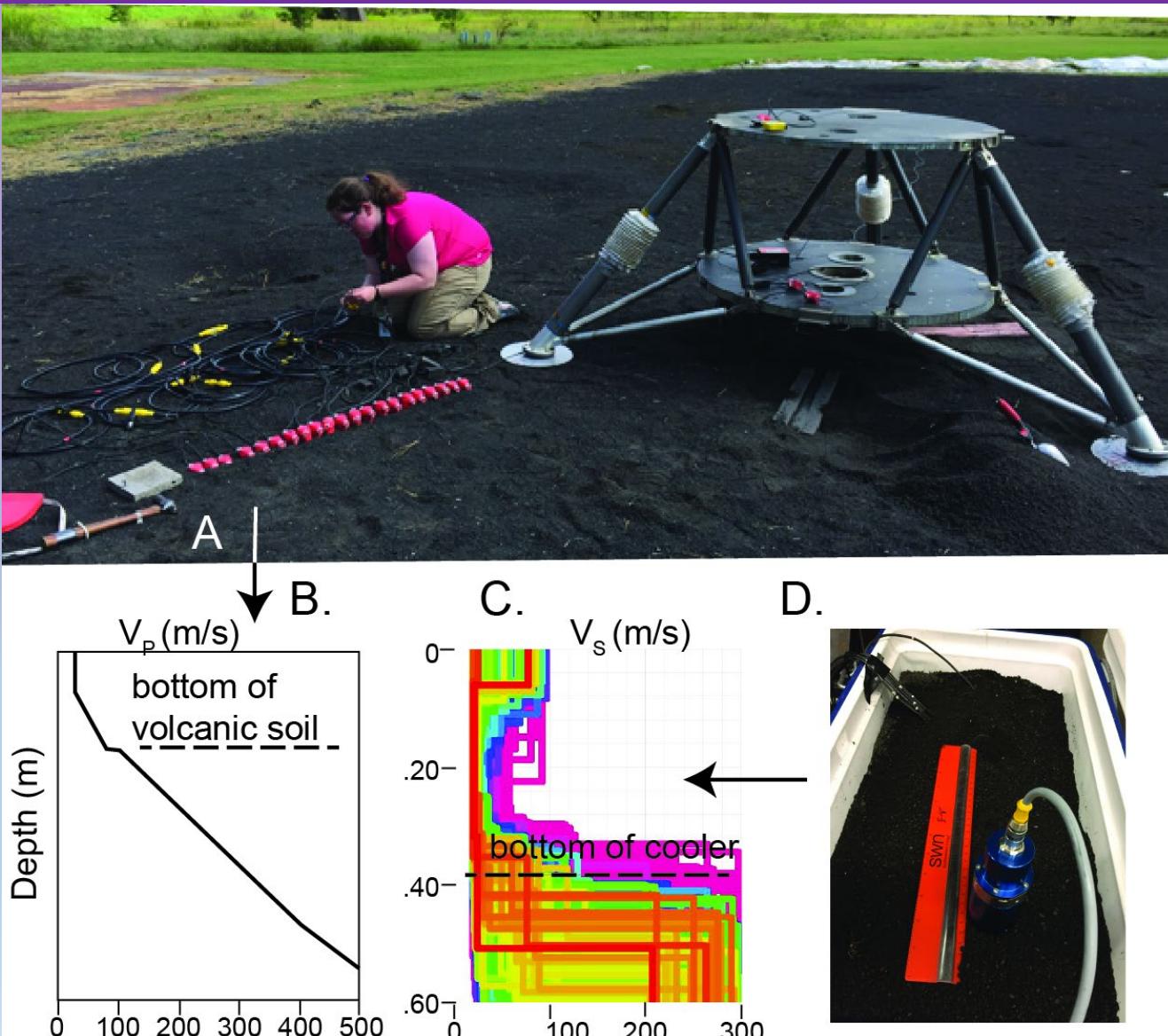
Source-sensor offset
(0.1-0.8 m)

Source-sensor offset
(0.2 – 1 m)

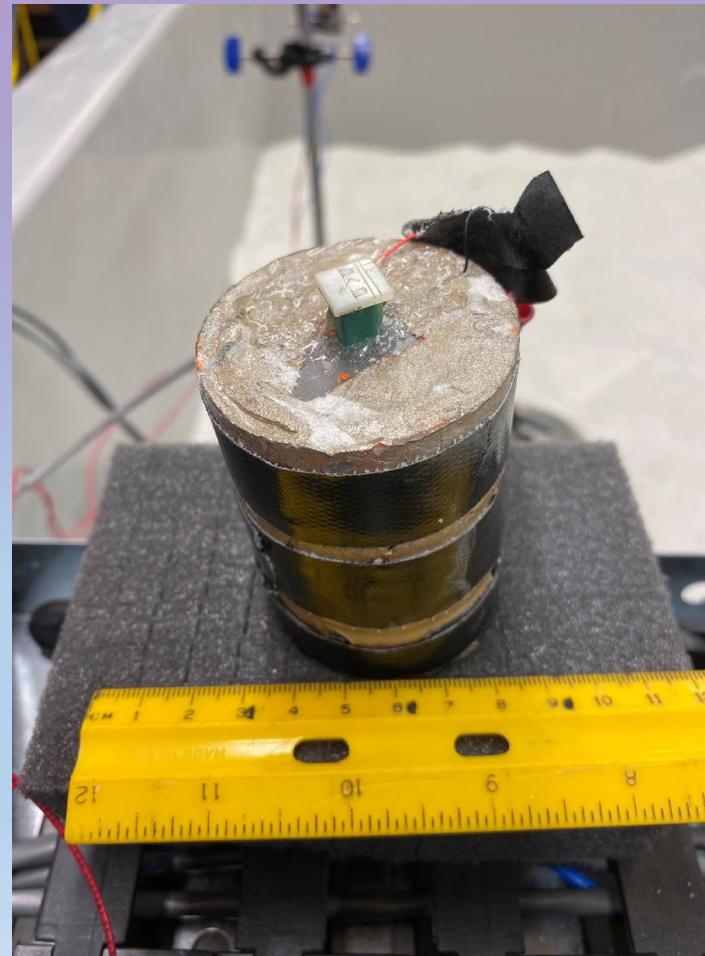
MSFC summer 2019 Regolith Experiment

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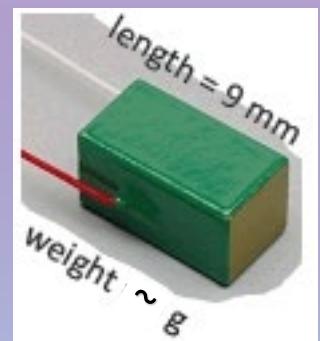
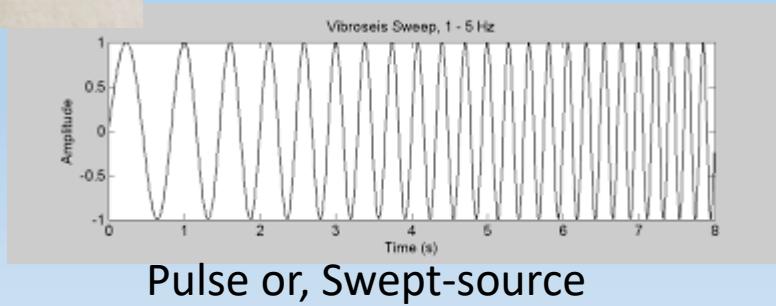
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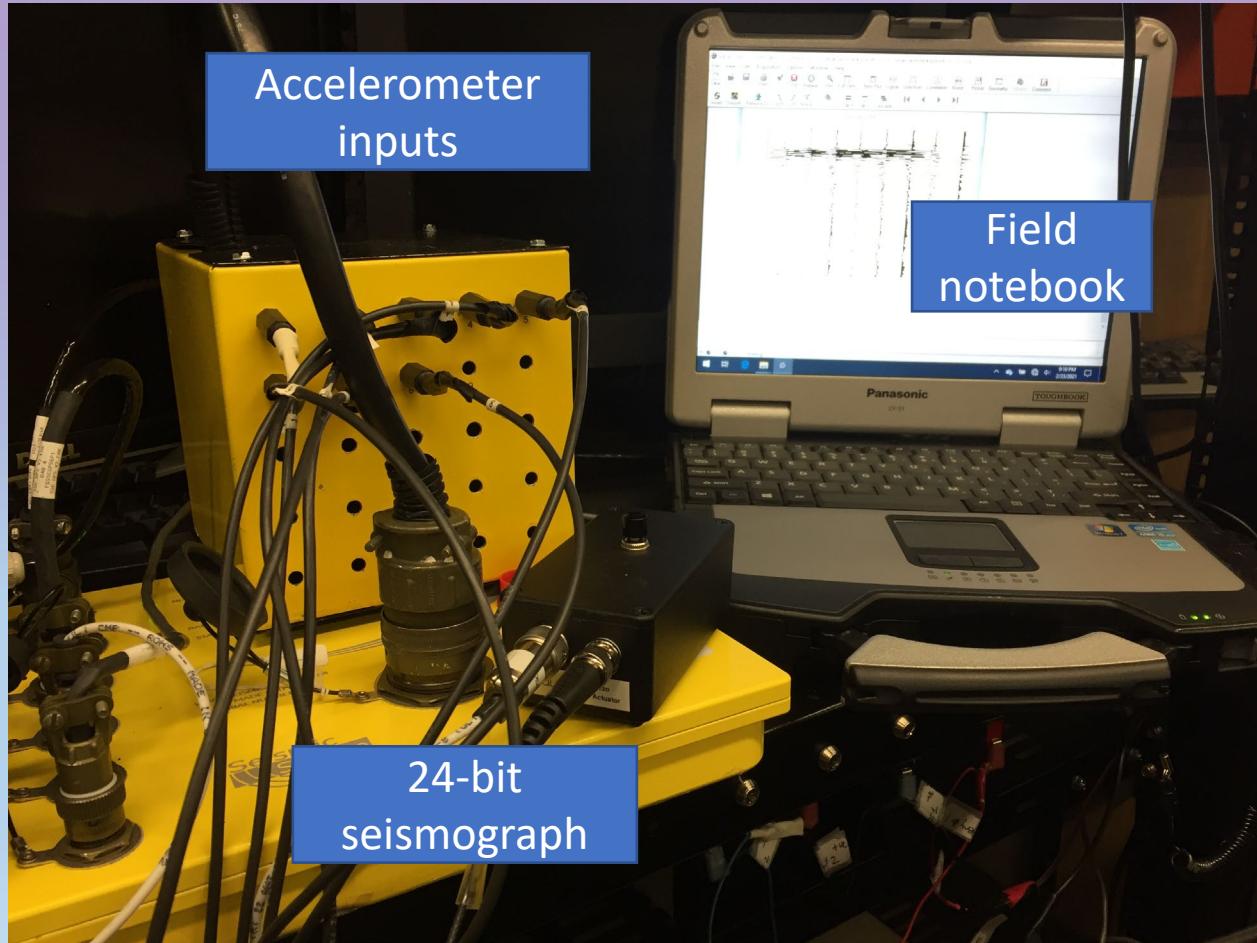
Piezo-ceramic sources and sensors



(also, 356A71: 3-
component)



Field-portable Acquisition System



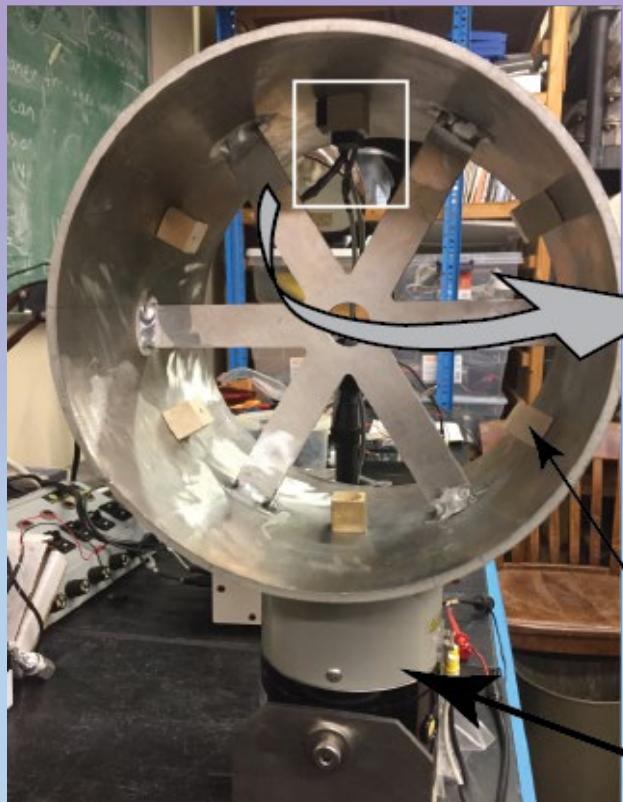
24-bit
seismograph

Accelerometer
inputs

Field
notebook

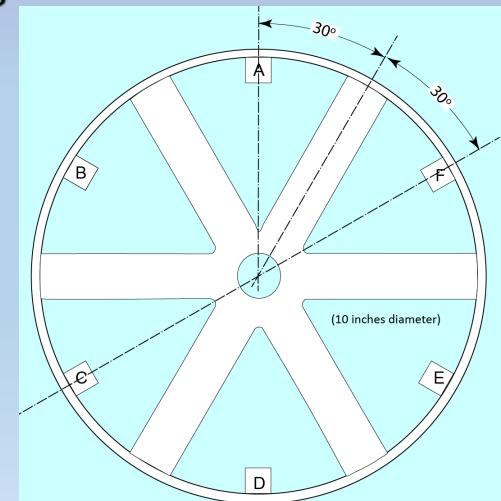
Field-ready
Digital
Acquisition
-40 to + 40
deg C.

Characterization of Resonance

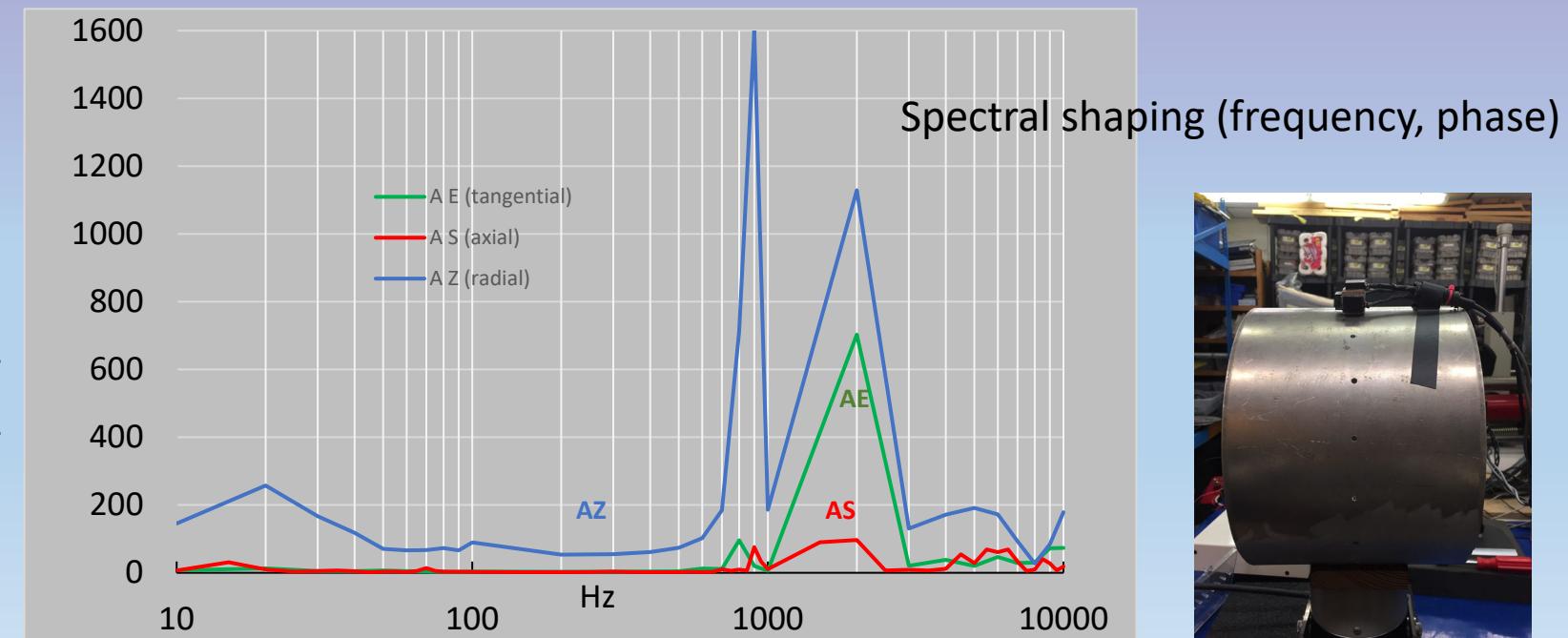
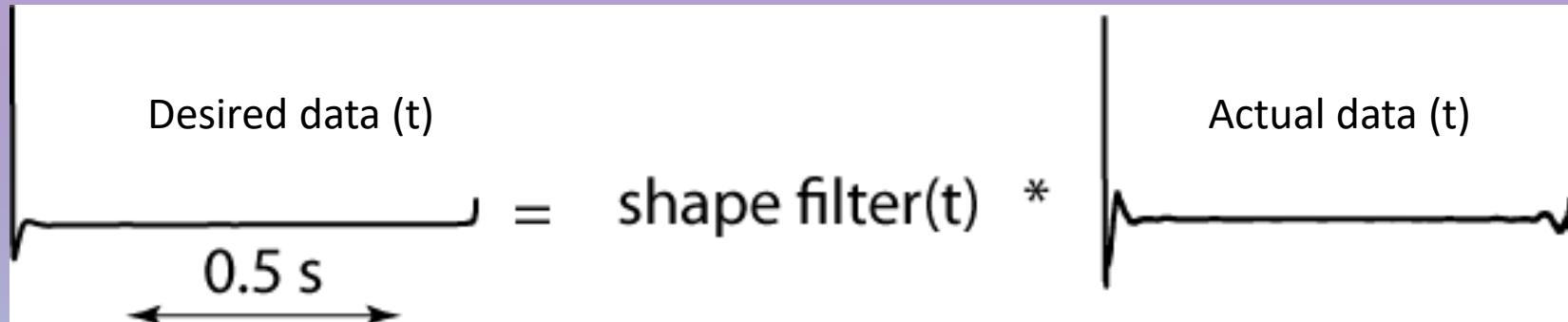


Three mounted accelerometers aligned into radial, axial, and tangential orientations

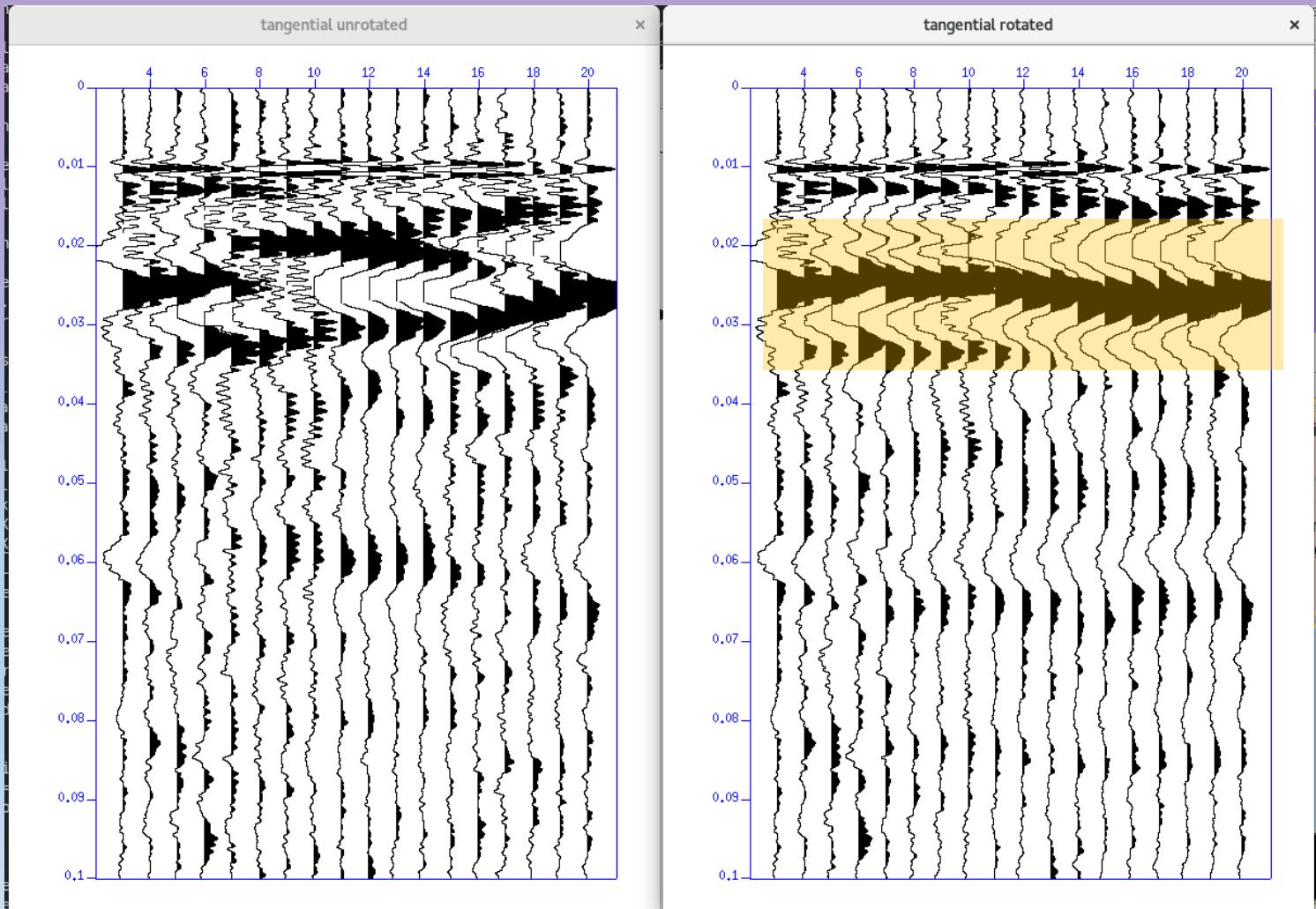
rigid cube base to
mount piezo-polymer
accelerometers
electromagnetic shaker



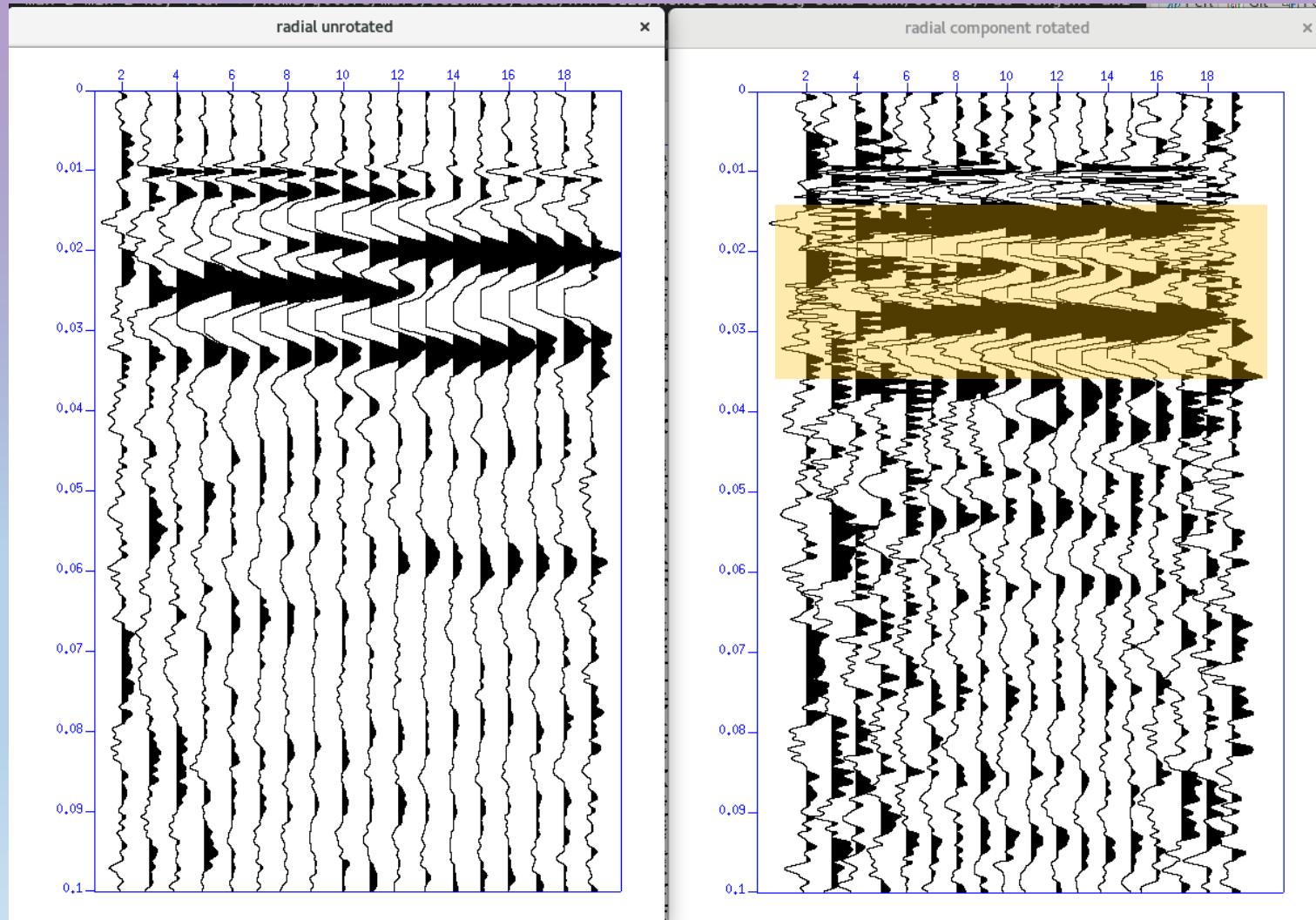
Resonance



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Environmental Chamber

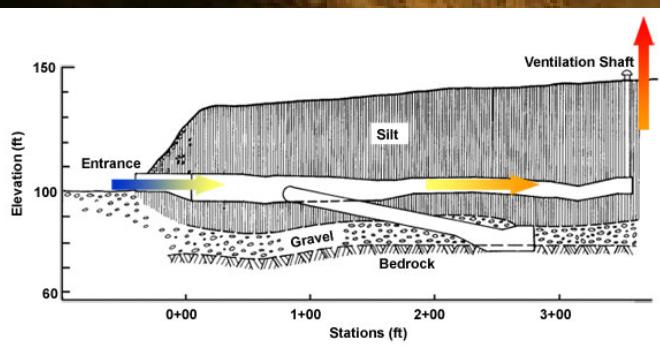


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Permafrost Tunnel Research Facility*

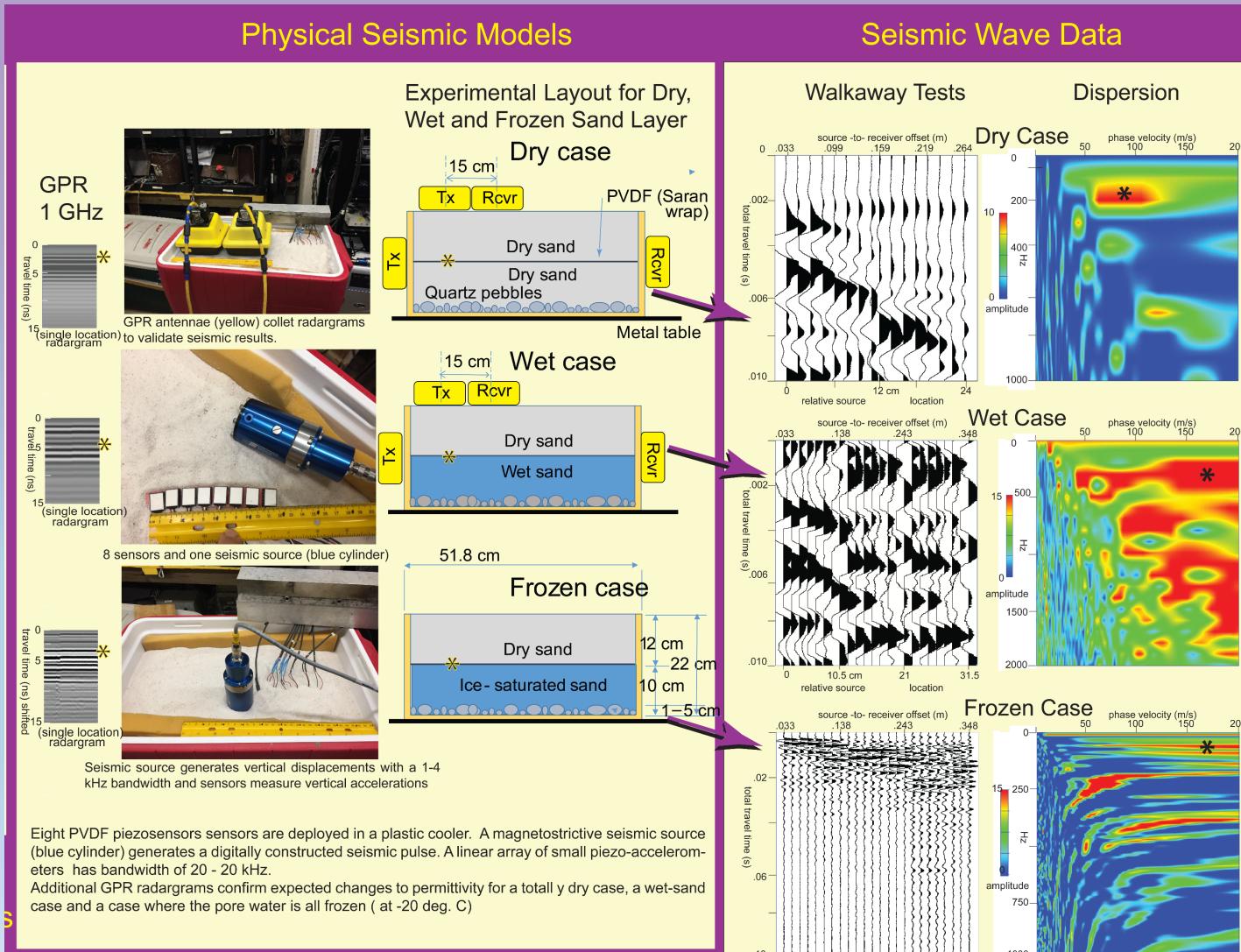


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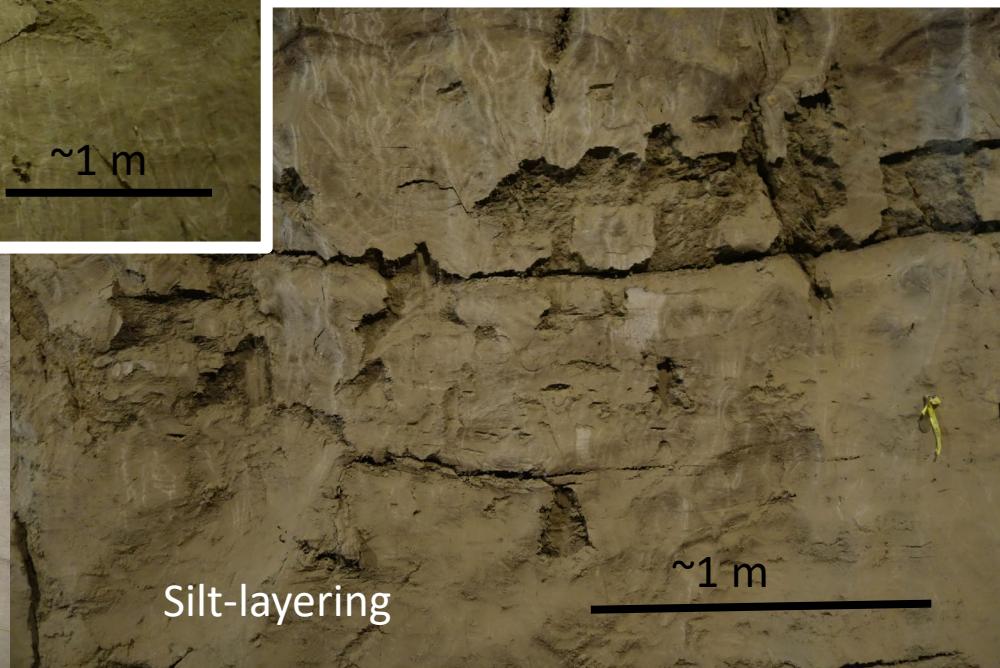
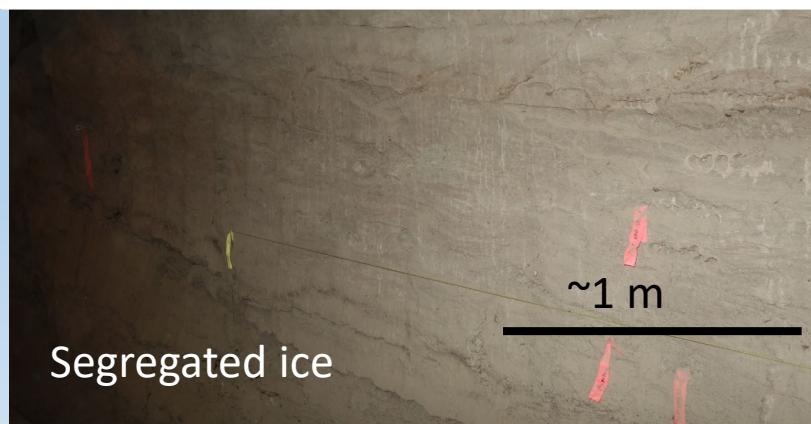
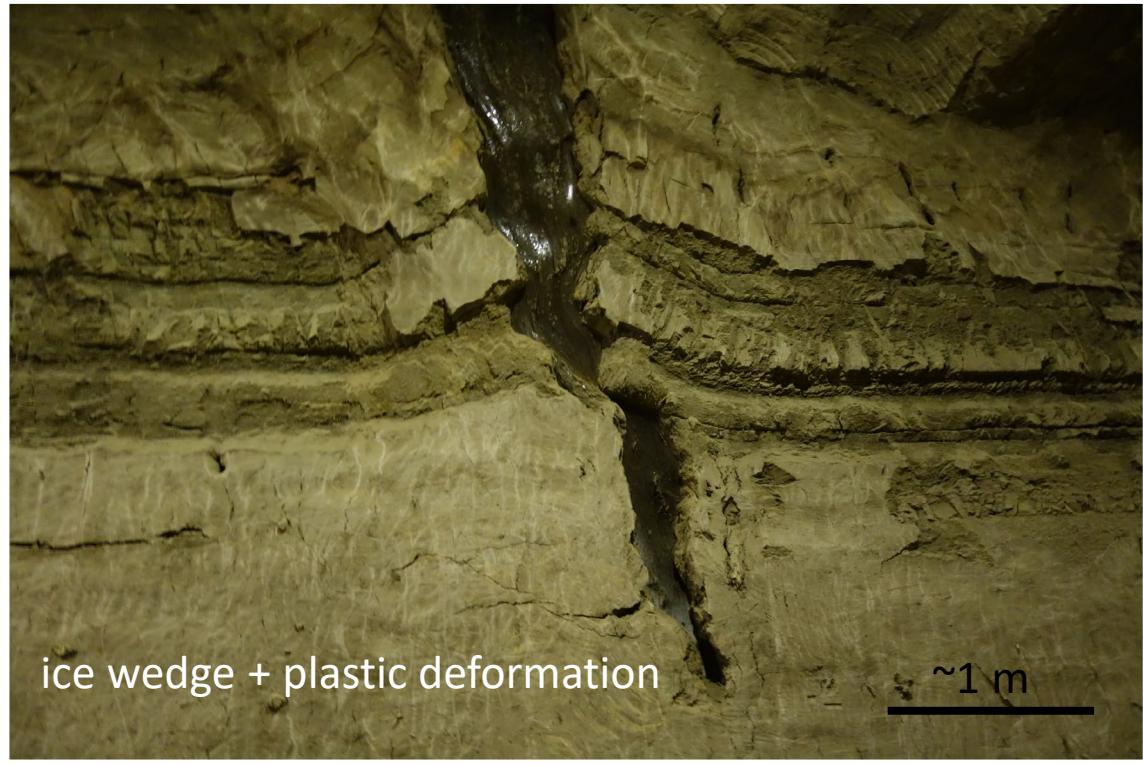


Since 1969, ~250 m tunnels; 500 m new, since 2019.

Calibrations against GPR



USACE-Permafrost Tunnel Research Facility



Buried
source



* External mounting
is for convenience

* 3-component
accelerometers

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