3D Velocity of Taiwan: Achievements and Challenges

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Outline

- A brief review of the development of 3D models for the Taiwan region
- Recent advancement with improved datasets
- Applications of ground-truth first-arrival times from TAIGER project
- Contribution from surface wave data
- Future direction

Tectonic Setting of Taiwan



- Oblique convergent boundary between Eurasia and the Philippine Sea plates
- Active subductions: northward in the northeast and eastward in the south
- Arc-continent collision between two subductions
- Continental margin in the west and accretion in the east



Taiwan in Regional Studies





Li et al. (2006)

Development of 3D Models of Taiwan

First generation: limited travel time data at a small number of stations (< 100) from numerous local earthquakes Roecker et al. (1987); Shin & Chen (1988); Rau & Wu (1995); Ma et al. (1996).

Second generation: more extensive travel time data at more stations from numerous local (and teleseismic) events

Kim et al. (2005); Wang et al. (2006); Wu et al. (2007).

Third generation: travel time data at numerous stations (TAIGER project) from local, teleseismic and active sources Kuo-Chen et al. (2012).

Third Generation: the TAIGER Project TAiwan Integrated GEodynamics Research Project

- 1. Passive: land and marine broadband deployments.
- 2. Active:
 - Land explosions
 - 10 explosions (two transects)
 - 1400 recording sites
 - Marine seismic surveys
 - Six transects
- 3. Other geophysical means.



Kuo-Chen (2011)



Comparison along a Central E-W Transect



Comparison along a Central N-S Transect



Model Evaluation Using Ground-Truth Data



Ground-truth data comes from:

10 Explosions by the TAIGER project
Total number of land receiver sites: ~1000
Hand-picked first-arrival times (error < 0.1s)
Total number of reliable picks: ~ 6000

Shot	t Size	Date (C	GMT)	CWB	Longitude	Latitude	Elev.
Poin	t (kg)	dd/mm/yyyy	hh:mm:ss.sss	ML	(GS8	(4)	(m)
S1	1000	02/27/2008	17:01:49.486	3.02	120.238026	23.508864	6
S2	750	02/27/2008	17:30:57.350	2.62	120.421259	23.423385	20
S3	500	02/26/2008	18:02:45.860	1.89	120.714736	23.280129	650
S3P	1500	02/26/2008	17:32:43.290	1.78	120.626749	23.136994	335
S4	750	02/28/2008	17:02:08.560	2.30	121.141722	23.132877	390
N1	750	03/06/2008	17:03:23.068	2.56	121.045868	24.793562	55
N2	750	03/06/2008	17:34:56.364	1.55	121.235817	24.675632	590
N3	750	03/04/2008	18:01:17.988	2.10	121.487867	24.576938	405
N3P	3000	03/04/2008	17:01:17.824	2.67	121.487867	24.576938	405
N4	1000	03/05/2008	17:03:40.008	2.43	121.811684	24.446901	6

Travel Time Residuals of Models K05 and W07



Statistics of Travel Time Residuals

All picks



Model	RMS (s)	Mean (s)
K05	0.75	-0.27
W07	0.66	-0.03

Picks from Coastal Plain



Model	RMS (s)	Mean (s)
K05	0.37	0.01
W07	0.49	0.24

Lin et al. (2011)

Constraining Structure by Ground-Truth Data



First-arrival times from four long profiles and dense receivers in northern Taiwan

10 Explosions

First-arrival picks: ~ 3400 (out of ~ 6000)

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Near-Surface Wave Speed Estimation



Geological Zonation of Taiwan



Pseudo-2D (P2D) Model







Comparison with Tomography Models

Model	RMS(s)	Perturbation (%)
P2D	0.13	-61 ~ 42
K05	0.37	-10 ~ 10
W07	0.41	-10 ~ 10
KC12	0.56	-15 ~ 25





Comparison with Tomography Models





Quantitative Comparison (4 Longer Profiles)





	Mean (s)	RMS (s)	Variance (s ²)
P2D	-0.007	0.12	0.02
K05	-0.25	0.45	0.15
W07	0.02	0.45	0.20
KC12	0.34	0.47	0.11

Comparison in Northern Taiwan



Quantitative Comparison (Northern Taiwan)



Partition Modelling Tomography in Northern Taiwan



- 1. The study region is partitioned by horizontal Voronoi cells.
- 2. The Voronoi cells are determined by randomly-generated control points (black dots) with density based on distribution of P2D profiles.
- 3. The velocity in each cell is assumed homogeneous, with value determined by the average of all the P2D profiles passing through the cell (red lines).

Stability Test

$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{M} (V_i^N - V_i^{N-1})^2}{M}}$$

 V_i^N : Ensemble average velocity at point *i* after *N* realizations V_i^{N-1} : Ensemble average velocity at point *i* after *N*-1 realizations

M: number of sampling points



emble Average Model of Northern Taiwan



rface Wave Phase Velocity Tomography



Model from Surface Wave Tomography



re Direction: Finite-Frequency Approach





Numerical modeling of wavefield in 3D structure with irregular geometry Full-wave sensitivity kernels Multi-scale, iterative inversions Account for anelasticity effects



Thank you!