Precision of Surface Wave Displacement Seismograms From the 2011 M_W 9.0 Tohoku, Japan Earthquake Recorded by a Dense High-rate GPS Network in Taiwan

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Purposes

- Demonstrate the capability of high-rate GPS in measuring surface wave displacements.
- Differences in seismograms between high-rate GPS and broad band seismometer.
- Tohoku earthquake induced surface wave observed in Taiwan.



GPS Seismology

GPS as a strong motion instrument



Miyazaki et al., 2004; Larson, 2009

GPS Seismology

GPS as a strong motion instrument

- 1. High rate GPS is an extra sensor
- 2. No clipping
- 3. Strong motion
- 4. No more double integrating acceleration
- 5. Static offset displacement
- 6. Direct link between coseismic and postseismic



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High rate GPS processing

- Undifferenced observable
 - Estimate both receiver and satellite clocks
 - Precise Point Positioning Fix prior satellite clocks and estimate only receiver clocks
 - Few parameters
- Double-differenced observable
 - Undifferenced observations to two satellites at two stations
 - Form two between-station differences and then double-difference
 - Common clock terms difference
 - More precise for short-baseline relative motion, but depends on base station



High rate GPS & BB seismic data



- High-rate continuous GPS (183) CWB, CGS, NLSC, NCCU
 1-Hz, 7-11 March, 2011
- Broadband seismometers (15) BATS, 20-Hz

 9 co-located pairs for comparison

High-rate GPS processing

- Precise Point Positioning (PPP) (Zumberge et al., 1997)
 - 1. GPStools software (GT) (Takasu, 2006)
 - 2. Satellite clock error file: CODE 5 sec (Bock et al, 2008)
- Modified Sidereal Filtering (MSF) (Choi et al., 2004)
 - 1. Estimate optimal repeat times of the GPS satellite orbits (Agnew and Larson, 2007)
 - 2. Deriving MSF time series (*Nicolaidis, 2002*)
 - 3. Obtaining residual time series after subtracting MSF

Broadband seismometers

(VELOCITY → DISPLACEMENT) (Bilich et al., 2008)

- Remove the mean and linear trend
- Taper the ends
- Remove the instrument response
- Data integration
- Apply a 200-sec high-pass filter



Precision of high-rate GPS



High-rate GPS and BB seismometers





Spectral analysis



Comparison between high-rate GPS and broadband data

Unfiltered 50 Cross correlation WFSB **GS19** 40 MATZ MATB 30 **GS14** SBCB 20 East Displacement (cm) PHUB HUSI 10 0 NACB CHNT -10 CHGB MFEN -20 TWGB TTUN -30 MASB SAND -40 KMNB KMNM -50-200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400

Time (Second)



CGPS SITE: GS19





Surface waves excited by Tohoku earthquake

Love waves



Particle motion



Surface waves excited by Tohoku earthquake

Rayleigh waves

6

4

2

0

-2

-4

-6

-6

500

vertical (cm)



Time-frequency relationships of surface waves from Tohoku earthquake

Love wave - transverse

Rayleigh wave - radial



Surface waves derived from 115 CGPS and 15 BB seismic stations





Surface wave deformation field in Taiwan



Summary (1)

- Precisions of high-rate GPS are 5.9 mm and 21.4 mm in the horizontal and the vertical components, respectively.
- High consistencies are observed between high-rate GPS and BB seismometer surface waves, and the cross correlation coefficients are 0.95 and 0.85 in the horizontal and vertical components, respectively, after 0.008 – 0.1 Hz band-pass filter.



Summary (2)

- In addition to BB stations, densely-spaced GPS show coherent surface wave motions with the presences of significant later multiple arrivals.
- Demonstrate the use of highrate GPS for BB seismometers.



Summary (3)



 Surface waves of 20 s period indicate great circle path of continental-oceanic transition.



Strain field

