# Scattering

(Michel Campillo)

Seismograms and regime of propagation/scaling From field to intensity and energy RTE Diffusion Consequences of scattering: equipartition and isotropization Scattering in the mantle

#### Example of a record of a local earthquake in the band .5-20Hz



### Frequency-wavenumber analysis

(Pinon Flat Seismometer Array)

100 meters

# $u(x,y) \rightarrow u(k_x,k_y)$



Energy decay in the coda (Aki and Chouet, 1975)



The decay is constant in a region, independently of source and receiver: Qcoda

#### Coda Q in US (Singh and Herrmann, 1983)







Fig. 15. Contour map of coda  $Q_0$  for the entire continental United States.

Appalachian (Hercynian) belt :  $Qc \sim 600$ 



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Central shield :  $Qc \sim 1000$ 



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Tectonically active western US: Qc=100-300

Transient signals in a complex medium......



#### **Propagation regimes**



#### Wave Propagation through Random Media



Length Scales:  $\lambda,$  Correlation Length, Propagation Distance

Question: Ensemble Average Response?

Precise Definition of Coherent and Incoherent Waves

### The Concept of Mean Free Path

First Moment of the Green Function:

• Dyson Equation Ensemble average  $\langle G \rangle$ : Coherent Field  $\langle G \rangle = G_0 + G_0 M \langle G \rangle$ 

M, Mass Operator Describes all Possible Scattering Situations

• Approximate Solution

$$\langle G(\vec{r}; \vec{r_0}) \rangle = -\frac{1}{4\pi |\vec{r} - \vec{r_0}|} e^{ik|\vec{r} - \vec{r_0}|}$$
  
 $k = k_0 + \frac{i}{2l}$ 

New Length Scale: Mean Free Path of Waves  $l = f(\epsilon, a, \lambda)$ 

Exponential form of decay: exp-r/2l to be compared with attenuation



- Rayleigh ( $ka \ll 1$ ):  $l \sim \omega^{-4}$
- High-Frequency (ka > 1):  $l \sim \omega^{-2}$

# Differential cross sections of scattering and conversion for a sphere of radius a

 $P \rightarrow P$ 

(b)





 $P \rightarrow P$ 

0

(c)

 $P \rightarrow P$ 

-2

(d)

10

 $ka \rightarrow 0$ : Rayleigh approximation

(averaged in  $\varphi$  for S polarisation)

# The specific intensity



Definition

 $\mathcal{I}(\omega, t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{\hat{k}}) \times dS \times \cos(\theta) \times dt \times d\omega = \text{Amount of energy within}$ the frequency band  $[\omega, \omega + d\omega]$ flowing through dS around direction  $\mathbf{\hat{k}}$  during time dt

Angularly-resolved energy flux through a surface

### Radiative transfer equation

Energy balance of a beam of energy propagating a distance dr in the scattering medium



Variation of Intensity

Loss due to scattering into all space directions

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Gain due to scattering from direction  $\vec{\Omega}'$  to direction  $\vec{\Omega}$ 

#### The Equation of Radiative Transfer

#### Scalar Case

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{I}(t, \mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}) = \\ - \left( \frac{1}{l^{s}} + \frac{1}{l^{a}} \right) \mathcal{I}(t, \mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}) + \frac{1}{l^{s}} \oint p(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}'}) \mathcal{I}(t, \mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{k}'}) d^{2} \hat{k}'$$

*I<sup>s</sup>*: scattering mean free path*I<sup>a</sup>*: absorption length

c: wave speed  $p(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}'})$ : scattering anisotropy



Propagation regimes and description of energy



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#### The Equation of Radiative Transfer

Second moment of the Green's function is governed by the Bethe-Salpeter equation:

$$\langle GG^{\star} \rangle = \langle G \rangle \langle G^{\star} \rangle + \langle G \rangle \langle G^{\star} \rangle K \langle GG^{\star} \rangle$$

K, Intensity Operator describes all scattering situations.

Neglecting recurrent scattering leads to:

$$\partial_t I(t,\vec{\Omega},\vec{r}) + \vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{\nabla_r} I(t,\vec{r},\vec{\Omega}) = -\frac{1}{l} + \frac{1}{4\pi l} \int d\vec{\Omega}' I(t,\vec{\Omega}',\vec{r}) P(\vec{\Omega},\vec{\Omega}')$$

Describes the transport of the incoherent part of the intensity. I, Specific Intensity function of space direction, time and position

 $P(\vec{\Omega},\vec{\Omega}'),$  phase function (matrix) related to the power spectrum of the inhomogeneities

#### The radiative transfer equation



parameters:  $l_{\rm P}$ ,  $l_{\rm S}$  ..., differential cross-sections

#### Single Scattering Approximation

The waves interact only once with the medium inhomogeneities

First term of an expansion of the intensity in a multiple scattering series:

$$I = I^0 + I^1 + \dots + I^n + \dots$$

 $I^0$ : Coherent Intensity

 $I^n$ : Mean intensity of waves that have been scattered n times

$$I^1 \sim rac{l}{t^2} e^{-vt/l}$$

When  $vt \ll l$  reduces to the Born Approximation

### The Diffusion Approximation

General Idea:

- Each scattering distributes energy over all space directions
- After several scatterings the intensity becomes almost isotropic

 $I(t, \vec{r}, \vec{\Omega}) =$ Angularly Averaged Intensity + constant  $\times \vec{J}(t, \vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\Omega}$ 

The current density  $\vec{J}(\vec{r},t)$ , points in the direction of maximum energy flow. Integrating the RT Eq over all space directions leads to:

$$\partial_t \rho(t, \vec{r}) - D\nabla^2 \rho(t, \vec{r}) = \boldsymbol{\delta}(t, \vec{r})$$

where rho is the local energy density.

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}(\boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{r}', t) = rac{1}{(4\pi Dt)^{d/2}} e^{-|\boldsymbol{r}-\boldsymbol{r}'|^2/4Dt}$$

 $\rho(t, \vec{r}) \sim \frac{1}{(Dt)^{3/2}}$  for large t.

D = vl/3 is the diffusion constant of the waves.



# **Regional seismograms**





#### Observations at distances between 150 and 800 km!!





Searching for a marker of the regime of scattering...

Equipartion principle for a completely randomized (diffuse) wave-field: in average, all the modes of propagation are excited to equal energy.

Implication for elastic waves (Weaver, 1982, Ryzhik et al., 1996): P to S energy ratio stabilizes at a value independent of the details of scattering!





#### Cross sections



#### Numerical solutions of the RTE



Margerin et al., 2000

#### Cross sections

RTE solutions (Monte Carlo)

total energy

VS

diffusion app.

Energy ratio







#### Cross sections



#### Energy in an Elastic Solid

E = K + P + S + I

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\rho(\partial_t \mathbf{u})^2 + (\frac{\lambda}{2} + \mu)(\operatorname{divu})^2 + \frac{\mu}{2}(\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{u})^2 + I$$

I contains mixed partial derivatives  $K = H^2 + V^2$ 

Focus on the ratios: P/S, K/(P+S), I/(S+P),  $H^2/V^2$ 

Equipartition predicts: Any Ratio of Energies Becomes Independent of Time

Measurement of the deformation energy requires evaluation of partial derivatives of the wavefield S to P Energy ratio as a marker of the regime of scattering...

$$G_{i,j}(\vec{R},\vec{S},t) = \sum_{n} \varepsilon_n \Phi^n(\vec{R}) \exp(-i\Omega_n t)$$

where  $\varepsilon_n$  are random independent variables (finite body)

(ldos)

Consequence for an infinite inhomogeneous solid:

$$rac{E_s}{E_p} = 2\left(rac{v_p}{v_s}
ight)^3$$

Independent of the Details of the Scattering ! Independent of the position in a full space with homogeneous reference

Partition of energy (Full dastic space) Multiphen scattering, large t -> "equipartition" Euference medium + disorder ] Phase space of the full space elastic problem -> all propagating place waves existed at same level of energy Energy in a band w + &w -> Volume for Pwares The Sk = Sw







#### Direct waves





ENERGY RATIO	DATA	THEORY FULL SPACE	THEORY HALF SPACE BULK WAVES	THEORY HALF SPACE with RAYLEIGH WAVES
S/P	7.3	10.39	9.76	7.19
K/(S+P)	0.65	1	1.19	0.534
I∕(S+P)	-0.62	0	-0.336	-0.617

For asymptotically long lapse time (diffusion), the disorder produces a completely randomized wave-field. such that , all the modes of propagation are excited in average to equal energy (the equipartition principle).





Numerical example: 2D scalar waves

➔intensity isotropy

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requires radiative transfer equation

#### Influence of the value of mantle mean free path



Leakage of energy in the mantle







Energy decay in the coda (Aki and Chouet, 1975)



## Hétérogénéité à grande profondeur



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Fit of the observations with RTE and heterogeneity in the whole mantle described by a Henyey and Greenstein (H-G) correlation function.

Perturbations are of the order of 0.1%, correlation length is model dependent but the heterogeneity is rich in small scales (0.1-10km).

mft of the order of 10<sup>3</sup>s



#### Transfert radiatif et hétérogénéité du manteau inférieur



Margerin & Nolet, 2003

- - - - - : Moy. des données ------ : Transfert radiatif

- Première application du Transfert Radiatif à l'échelle du globe
- Distribution d'hétérogénéité dans tout le manteau Inf
- Faibles fluctuations (0.1%) riches en petites échelles : 0.1km–10km, spectre  $k^{-3}$