

Optimal Experiments with Acoustic-Seismic Sensors

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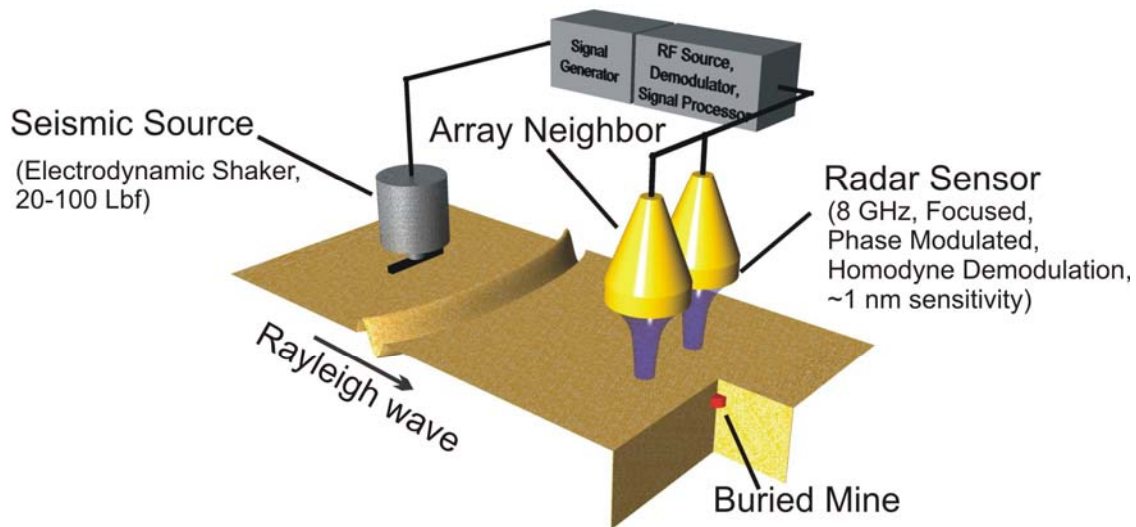
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Outline

- Introduction
 - Seismic System
 - Spectrum Analysis of Seismic Waves
- Location with Acoustic/Seismic Arrays
 - Maneuvering Array (3x10)
 - Cumulative Array strategy for imaging
 - Optimal Experiments
 - Examples

Prototype Seismic Mine Detection System

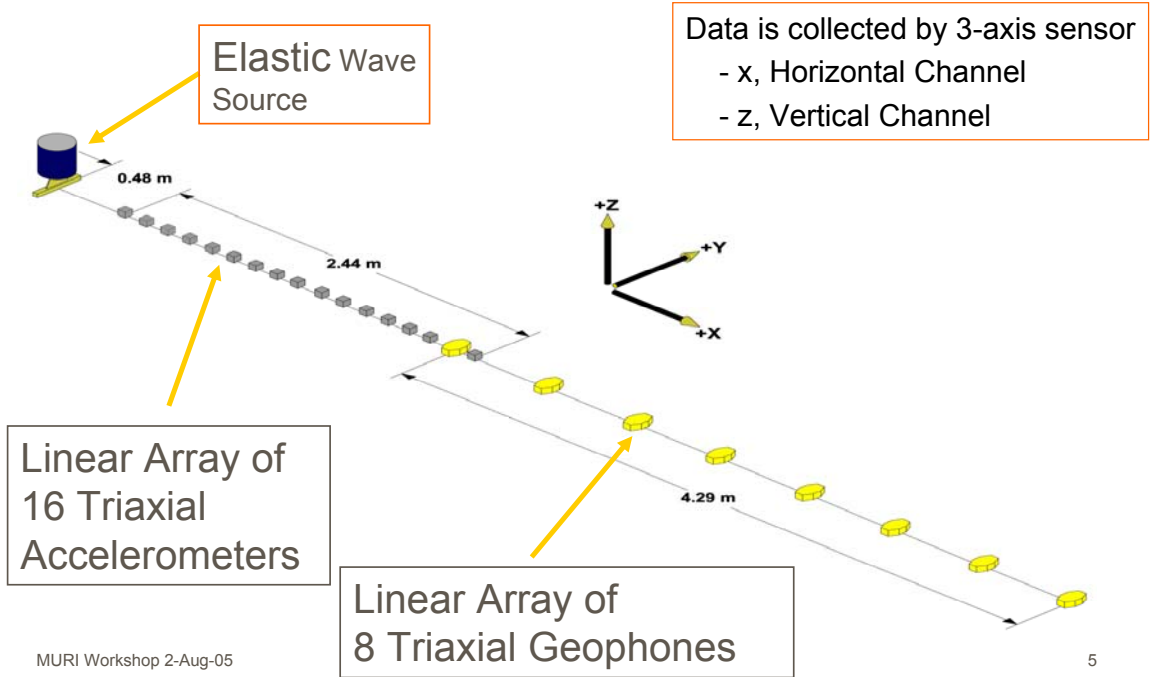


Data Movies

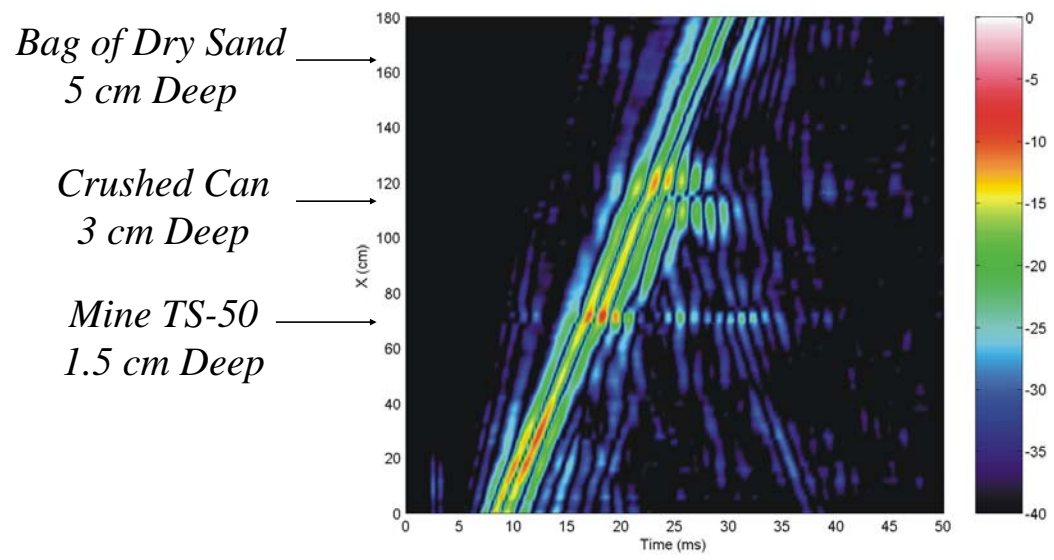


- All wave types
- Only the reflected wave
 - After k-domain processing

Typical Surface Sensor Arrays Used in Experimental Model & at Field Test Sites



Seismic Sensor Pseudo Color Graph; $y = 20$ cm



Extract Reflected Waves



- Surface Waves: Velocity vs. Frequency
 - Parametric Model for surface waves
 - IQML (Prony, Steiglitz-McBride)
 - Multi-Channel Modeling
- Need **robust** method to work with **field** data
 - Extract various types of waves
 - Individual modes
 - Exploit data collected from **tri-axial** sensors
 - Polarization can be used to identify different wave types

Frequency-Domain Model



- 2-D Fourier transform of sensor data $s(\mathbf{x}, t)$ represents signal as propagating plane waves

$$s(x, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(k, \omega) e^{j(kx - \omega t)} dk d\omega$$

- Slowness = k / ω
- Velocity = ω / k
- k = wave-number
- ω = temporal frequency

Constant velocity is a ray from the origin

Parametric Model for One Channel



STEPS:

- Take 1-D Fourier transform over time, $s(\mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow S(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$

$$S(x, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int S(k, \omega) e^{j(kx)} dk$$

- ARMA** Modeling is done across x to obtain a space-frequency (k, ω) model,

$$S(x, \omega) \approx \sum_{p=1}^P a_p(\omega) e^{jk_p(\omega)x}$$

- Estimate $a(\omega)$ and $k(\omega)$ by IQML (aka St-McB/Prony)

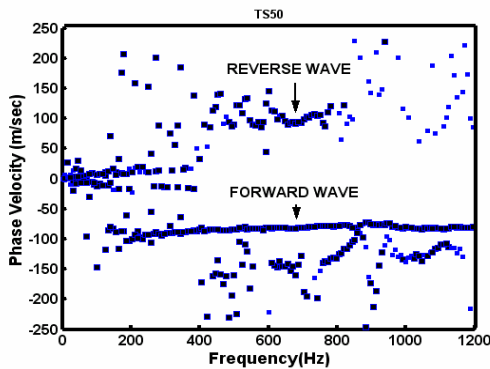
Results from Vector IQML



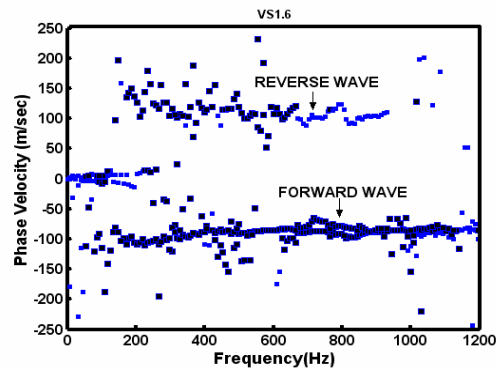
- $k(\omega)$ vs. ω becomes **velocity** vs. Ω
- Extract** individual modes from (k, ω) and reconstruct them in time domain from the model parameters, i.e., Sum across frequency

$$s_z(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_i A_z(\omega_i) e^{(\alpha(\omega_i)\mathbf{x} + j(\omega_i t + k(\omega_i)\mathbf{x}))}$$

Spectrum Analysis via Prony



TS-50 at 1cm



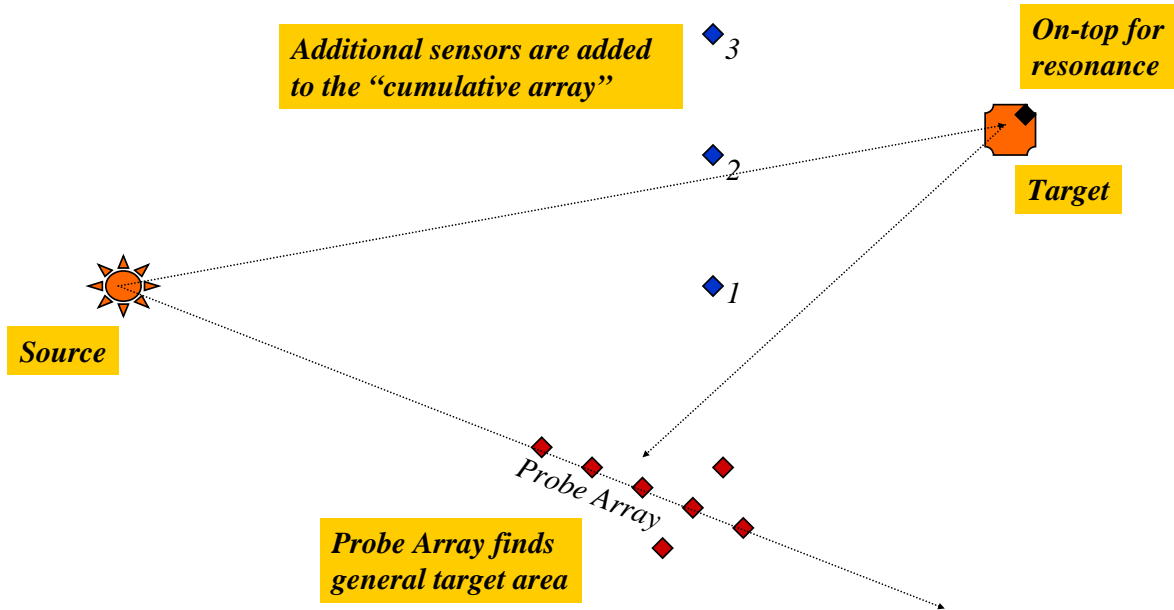
VS1.6 at 5cm

Home in on a Target

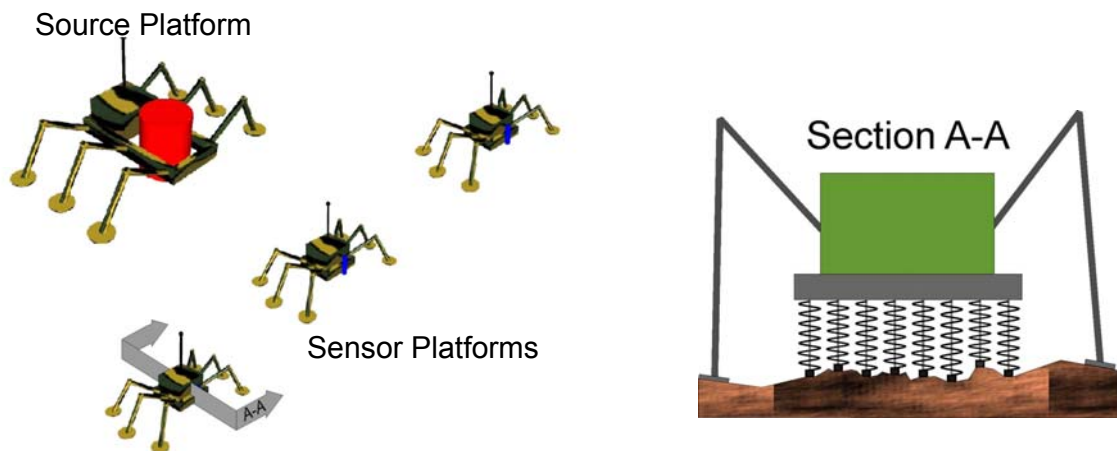


- Problem Statement:
 - Use a small number of source & receiver positions to locate targets, i.e., landmines
 - Minimize the number of measurements
- Three phases
 1. Probe phase: use a small 2-D array (rectangle or cross)
 - Find general target area by imaging with reflected waves
 2. Adaptive placement of additional sensors
 - Maneuver receiver(s) to increase resolution
 - Use "Theory of Optimal Experiments"
 3. On-top of the target
 - End-game: Verify the resonance

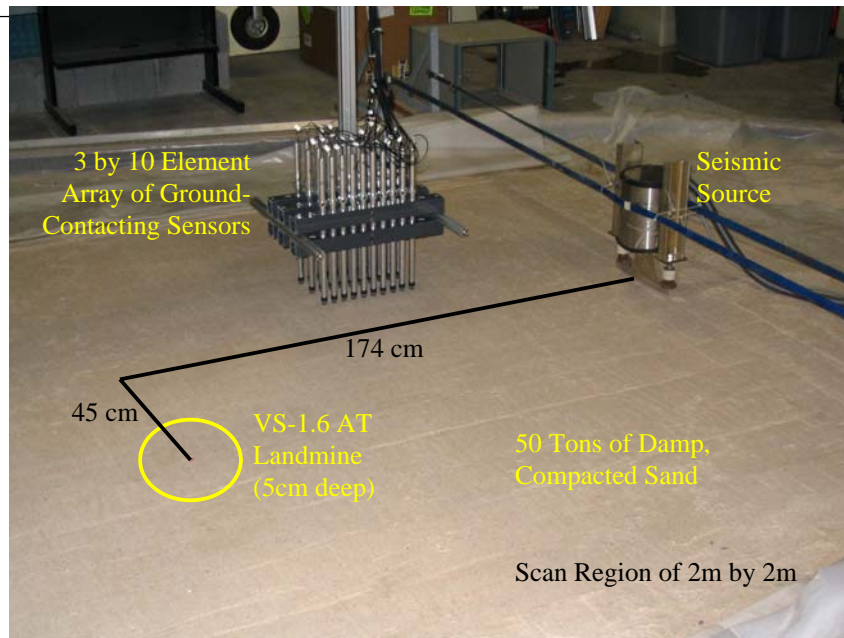
Adaptive Sensor Placement



Ground Contacting Seismic Sensor Array Deployed on a Small Robotic Platform



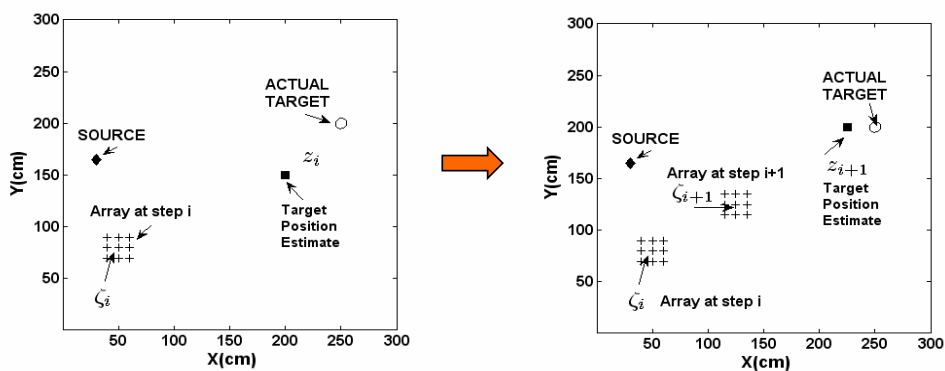
Experimental Setup of Seismic Landmine Detection Measurements



Choose Next Sensor Position



- Want to formulate an **optimal maneuvering strategy**
 - Instead of adding **One Sensor**, move the **Whole Array** to the next optimal position
 - Append the array data at the new position with previous data
 - Estimate the target location
 - Find the “best” next sensor position



Steps in Optimal Maneuver



- Wave Separation by Prony
- Imaging algorithm
 - Data Model
 - ML solution for target position estimates
 - Performance bounds for position estimates
- Next optimal Array Position
 - D-optimal Design
 - Constrained Optimization

Data Model



$$\mathbf{y}(\omega) = \mathbf{A}(\zeta, \mathbf{z}, \omega)\mathbf{s}(\omega) + \mathbf{n}(\omega)$$

$\mathbf{y}(\omega) \in \mathcal{C}^{P \times 1}$ is the array output vector

$\mathbf{n}(\omega) \in \mathcal{C}^{P \times 1}$ is a complex additive noise

$\mathbf{s}(\omega) \in \mathcal{C}^{K \times 1}$ is the signal vector

$\mathbf{A}(\zeta, \mathbf{z}, \omega)$ is the propagation (steering) vector matrix whose elements are given by 2-D Green's function

$$g(r, r', \omega) = \frac{i}{4} H_0^{(1)} \left(\frac{\omega}{v(\omega)} |r - r'| \right)$$

where ζ = array center, and \mathbf{z} = target position in 2-D



Target Position Estimate

The maximum likelihood estimate can be reduced to a cost function that depends on target position only

$$J(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{k=1}^N \left\| \left[I - \mathbf{a}(\omega_k) [\mathbf{a}(\omega_k)^H \mathbf{a}(\omega_k)]^{-1} \mathbf{a}^H(\omega_k) \right] \mathbf{y}(\omega_k) \right\|^2$$

The best choice for target position (\mathbf{z}) is:

$$\mathbf{z} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} J(\mathbf{z})$$

- The Cramer-Rao lower bound (CRLB) provides a lower bound for the variances of the unbiased estimators
- CRLB requires the inverse of the Fisher information matrix

Fisher Information Matrix for Position Estimate



$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{i,j}(\mathbf{z}, \zeta, \omega) &= E_y \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 L(\mathbf{z}, \zeta, \omega)}{\partial z_i \partial z_j} \right\} \\
 &= -\frac{2}{\sigma^2} \sum_{\omega=1}^N \Re \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{z}, \zeta, \omega)}{\partial z_i} \right)^H \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{z}, \zeta, \omega)}{\partial z_j} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $E_y\{\cdot\}$ denotes the expected value.

- The elements of the steering vector are given in terms of the 2-D Green's function.
- The partial derivative of the steering vector is calculated with respect to target coordinates for a fixed array center.

Theory of Optimal Experiments



- The theory of optimal experiments uses various measures of the Fisher information matrix to produce decision rules
 - Determinant
 - Trace
 - Maximum value along the diagonal
- **D-optimal Design** uses the determinant

X. Liao and L. Carin, "Application of the Theory of Optimal Experiments to Adaptive Electromagnetic-Induction Sensing of Buried Targets," *IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, vol. 26, no.8, pp. 961-972, August 2004.

Next Optimal Position



Let q represent the determinant of Fisher information matrix. The logarithmic increase by doing the estimation at step $i + 1$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_q(\zeta) &= \ln q(\{\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_i, \zeta_{i+1}\}) - \ln q(\{\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_i\}) \\ &= \ln |I + F_{i+1}B_i^{-1}|\end{aligned}$$

where $|\cdot|$ stands for determinant, I is the identity matrix, $B_i = \sum_{j=1}^i F_j$, and F represents the Fisher information matrix.

To achieve the maximum information gain, the next optimal array center is obtained from:

$$\zeta_{i+1} = \arg \max_{\zeta} \ln |I + F_{i+1}B_i^{-1}|$$

Unique Problems for Seismic



- Target position is estimated from reflected seismic energy
 - Source is nearby
 - Need separation between forward and reverse waves
 - Array position has to be between source and targets always
 - Landmines reflections are not “omni-directional”
- Next array position has to be **Constrained**
 - “Between” source and estimated target position
 - Two ways to implement constrained optimization
 - Circle constraint, or Penalty Function

Constrained optimization for next array position



- **Limited Movement:** The next optimum sampling point is located on a circle (or half circle) of radius r from the previous array center ζ_i

$$\zeta_{i+1} = \arg \max_{\zeta} \ln |I + F_{i+1} B_i^{-1}|$$

$$\text{Subject to: } (x - \zeta_{xi})^2 + (y - \zeta_{yi})^2 = r^2$$

- **Penalty function:**

$$\Psi(\zeta) = \ln |I + F_{i+1} B_i^{-1}| - \mu \sqrt{(\zeta_{i+1} - \zeta_i)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\zeta_{i+1} - \zeta_i)}$$

where $\mu \geq 0$ is a scaling factor balancing the relative importance of the two terms in the cost function.

The matrix Σ is a diagonal; its elements penalize movement of the array from its previous position.



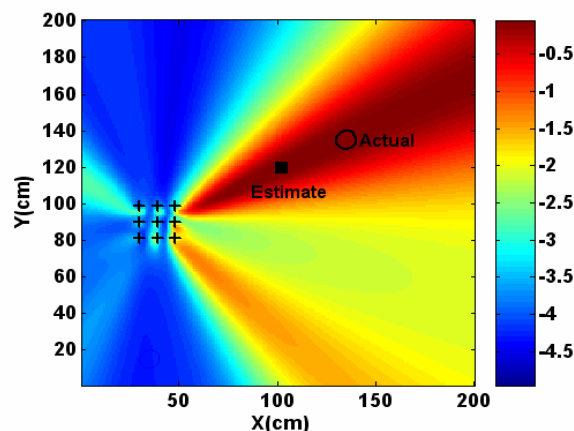
Experimental Data Setup

- Single TS-50 landmine is buried at 1cm
- Reflected waves are separated at each position by using a line array of 15 sensors (3cm apart)
 - Actual receiver is a single sensor (Synthetic Array)
 - Measurements are grouped into line arrays
- From each line array, three sensors at equal distance positions are chosen
 - With three line arrays, an array of nine sensors is available for 2-D imaging
- Inverse of the cost function is plotted for imaging algorithm

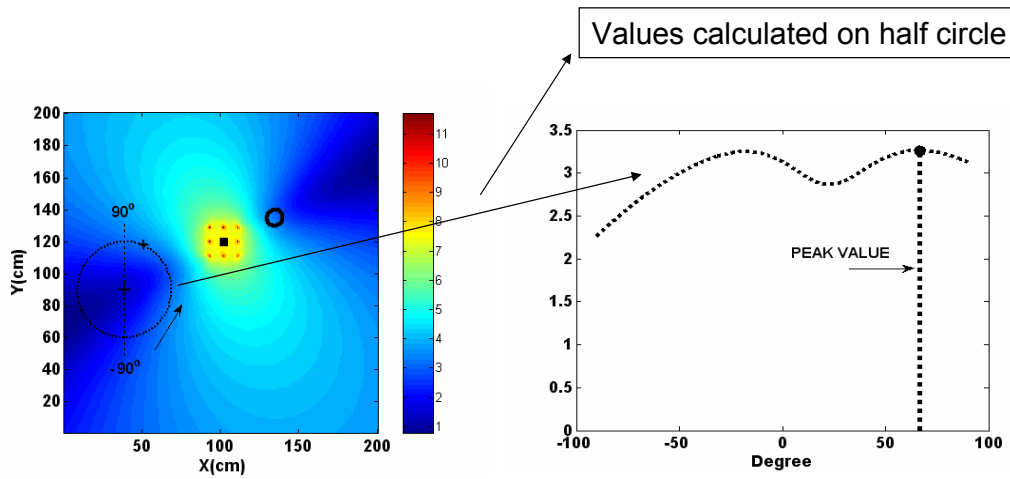


First Iteration

ACTUAL TARGET : (135,135) \pm 5
ESTIMATE (102,120)



Next array position values calculated on half circle of radius=30cm

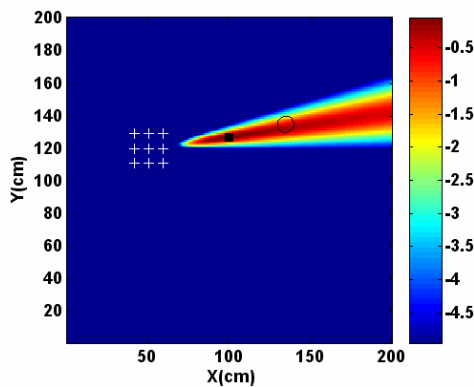


$$\zeta_{i+1} = \arg \max_{\zeta} \ln |I + F_{i+1} B_i^{-1}|$$

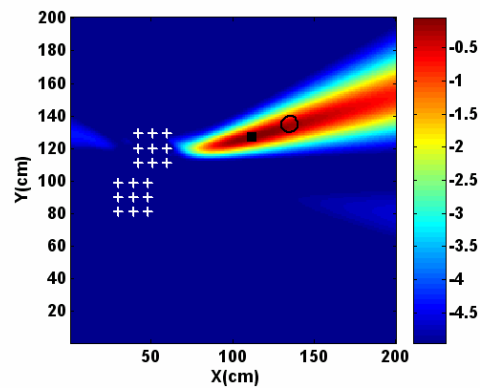
Second Iteration



ACTUAL TARGET : (135,135) ± 5
ESTIMATE: ALONE (100,127), CUM(112,127)



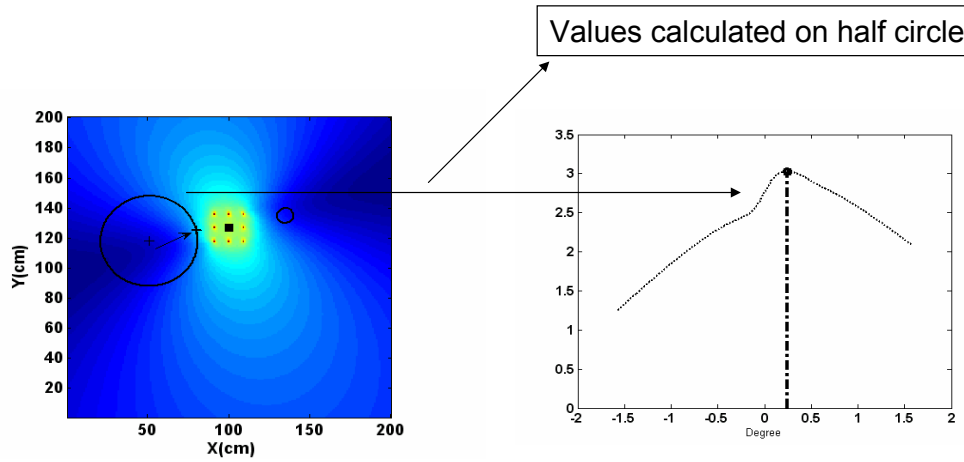
ALONE



CUMULATIVE



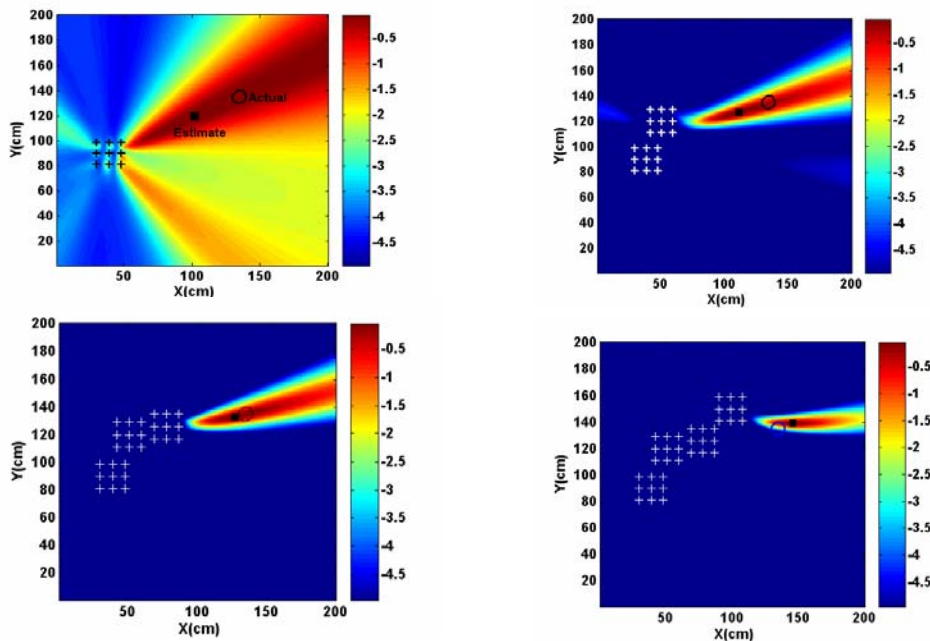
Next Array Position



$$\zeta_{i+1} = \arg \max_{\zeta} \ln |I + F_{i+1} B_i^{-1}|$$



Four Iterations: Cumulative Imaging

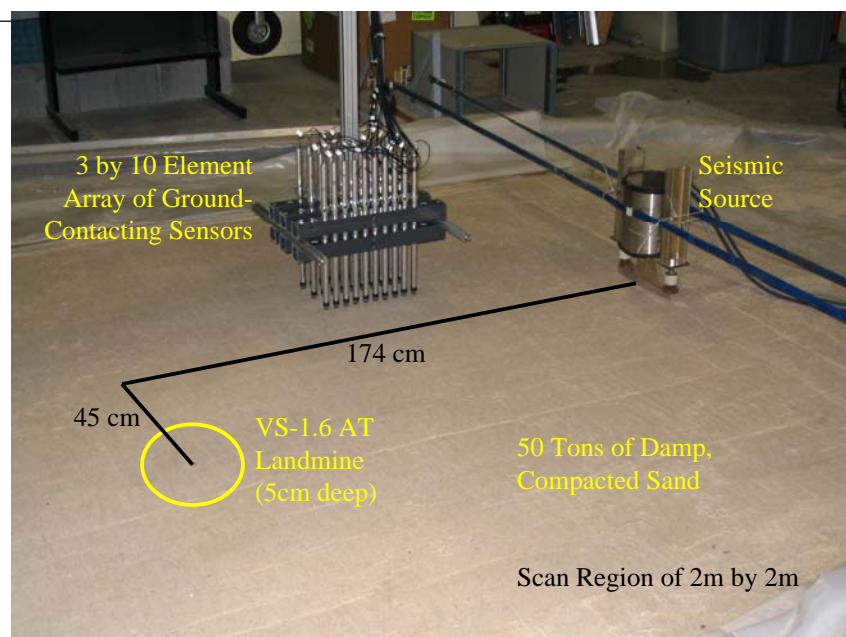




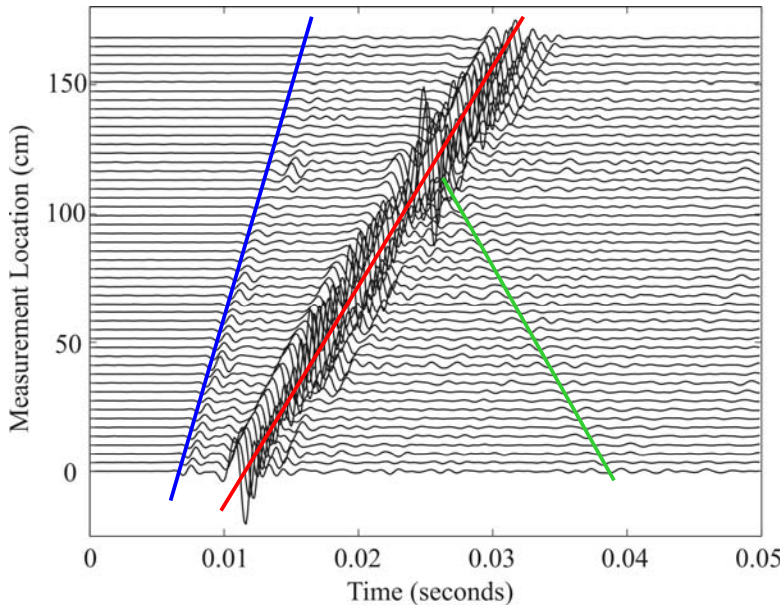
Implementation

- 2D array (3 X 10):
 - Three lines having 10 sensors each
- Sensors are ground contacting accelerometers
- LabView is used to control the movement of array and seismic source firing and interface with MATLAB
- Processing algorithms are implemented in MATLAB
- Target is a VS1.6 mine buried at 5cm

Experimental Setup of Seismic Landmine Detection Measurements



Seismic Detection of VS-1.6 AT Landmine Buried 5cm Deep in Experimental Model



Landmine (22.2 cm diameter) buried 110 cm from first measurement location in 171 cm linear scan.

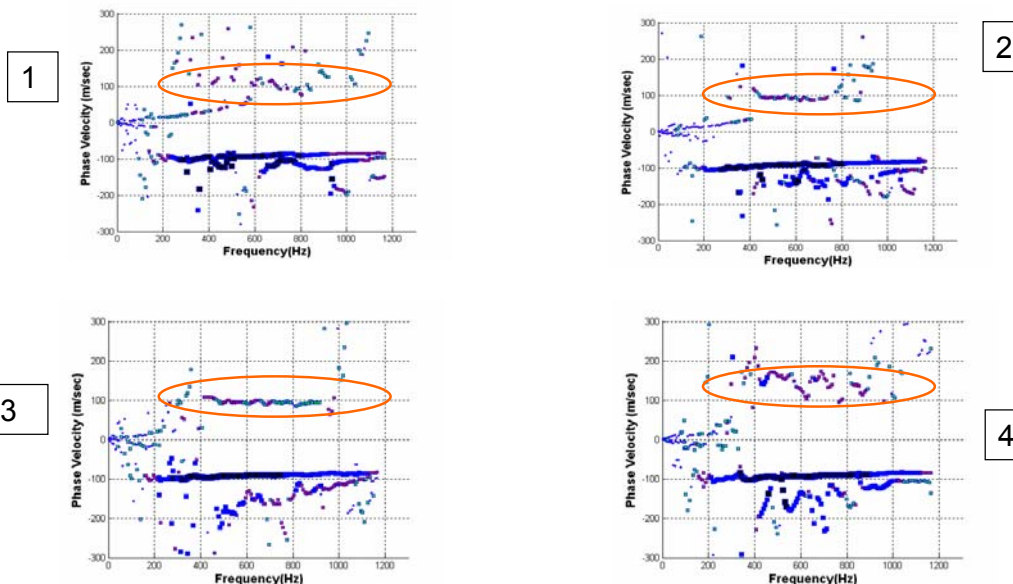
5 measurements with center line of sensor array along a line over the burial location.

Compressional, Rayleigh Surface, and Reflected Waves.

Resonance of Landmine-Soil System.

Interactions of incident waves with buried landmine evident in measured data.

Wave Separation at each iteration: along top-most line array

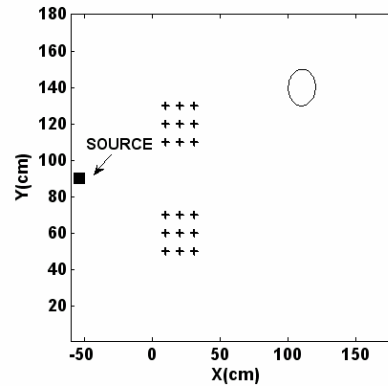




Demo in Sandbox

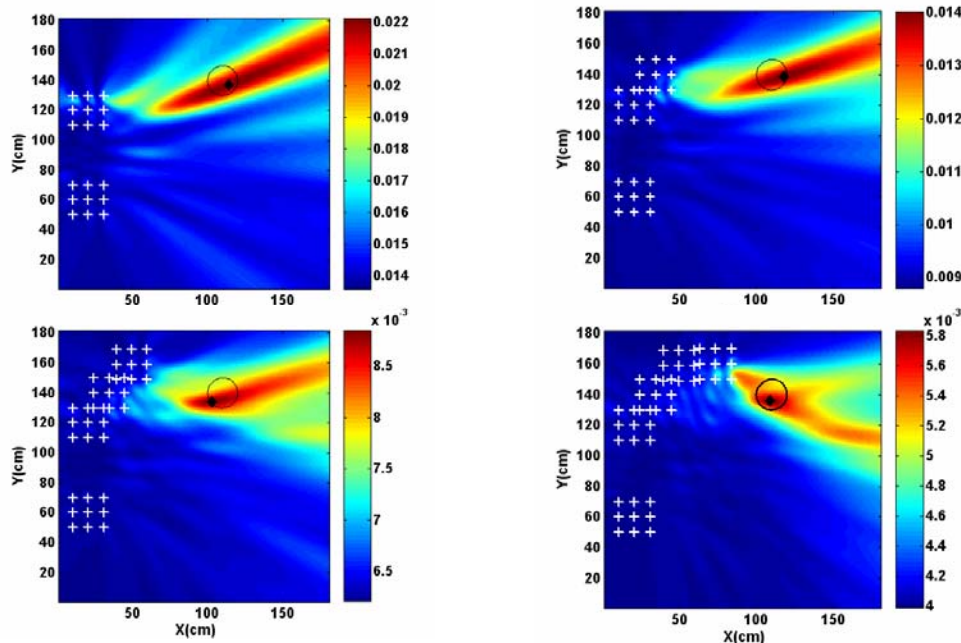
- Target is localized in four iterations
 - “Bracket” start
- Each iteration takes 10 secs. for processing and 30 secs. for data acquisition
- Total time for four iterations is 2 minutes
- Typical raster scan takes a few hours to locate the target with a large number of measurements

EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



MOVIE of Experiment

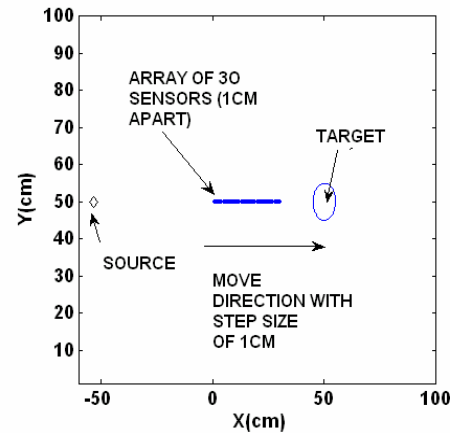
Four Iterations: bracket start





End-game Detection

- We can further scan in line with the last estimated target position
- Extract the reverse wave and try to locate the exact location of resonance
- Movies shown the extracted wave with the line array of 30 sensors, which is moved toward the target with 1cm increment
- Target center is (50,50) and the starting location and position of target is shown



Movie: VS-1.6 (5cm)

Extracted reverse wave as array moves near and above the target

