

Unearthing InSights into Mars: Unsupervised source separation with limited data

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Objective. Retrieve unknown source $\mathbf{s}_1(t)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{s}_i(t) + \boldsymbol{\nu}(t) = \mathbf{s}_1(t) + \sum_{i=2}^N \mathbf{s}_i(t) + \boldsymbol{\nu}(t) \\ &= \mathbf{s}_1(t) + \mathbf{n}(t)\end{aligned}$$

underlying unknown sources $\{\mathbf{s}_i(t)\}_{i=1}^N$

measurement noise $\boldsymbol{\nu}(t)$

only access to limited realizations of $\mathbf{n}(t)$

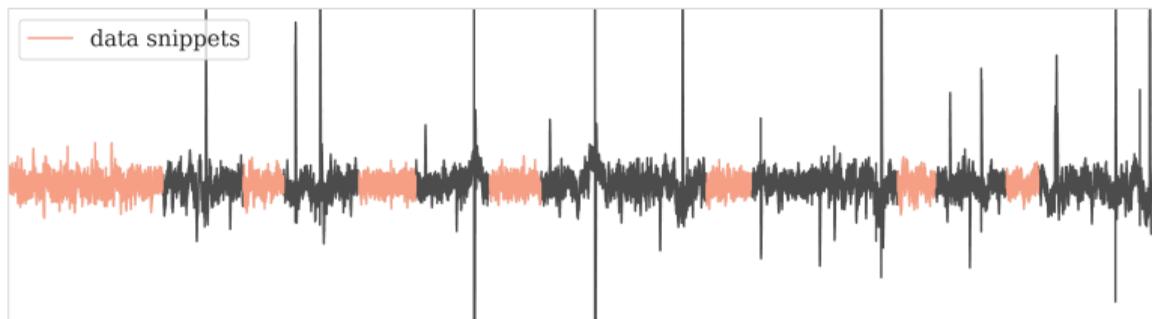
thermal relaxations

atmospheric disturbances

instrument and mechanical noise

Proposed method

unsupervised source separation in a low-dimensional representation space
based on the second-order moments of scattering coefficients



Wavelet scattering covariance

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E} \left[S(\mathbf{x}) S(\mathbf{x})^\top \right] \quad \text{with} \quad S(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{W}|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}| \end{bmatrix}$$

wavelet transform \mathbf{W}

low-dimensional representation

rich inductive bias

captures non-Gaussian properties

sparsity, intermittency, and time-asymmetry

data snippet size selected a priori

wavelet selected a priori

Proposed method. Find $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_1$ such that $\Phi(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}_1)$ matches the statistics of $\Phi(\mathbf{n})$

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_1 := \arg \min_{\mathbf{s}_1} \left[\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{s}_1) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{prior}}(\mathbf{s}_1) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{cross}}(\mathbf{s}_1) \right]$$

formulated using limited realizations of $\mathbf{n}(t)$

carefully normalized, eliminating loss weighting hyperparameters

with probabilistic recovery guarantees

data misfit loss: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\|\Phi(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}_k) - \Phi(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2}{\sigma^2(\Phi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}))}$

prior loss: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{prior}}(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\|\Phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}) - \Phi(\mathbf{n}_k)\|_2^2}{\sigma^2(\Phi(\mathbf{n}))}$

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Theorem (informal)

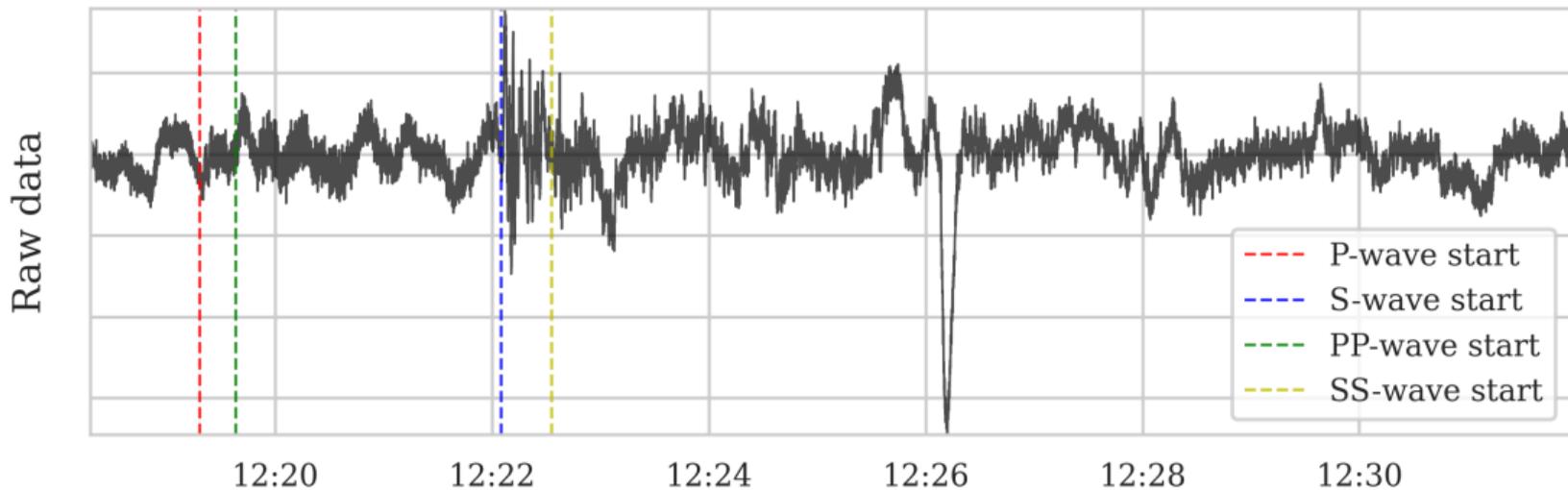
Let $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}$ with \mathbf{s} and \mathbf{n} two independent processes. Given two independent processes $\hat{\mathbf{s}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ with $\mathbf{x} = \hat{\mathbf{s}} + \hat{\mathbf{n}}$, if:

- ▶ \mathbf{n} and $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ have a maximum entropy under moment constraints $\mathbb{E}\{\Phi(\mathbf{n})\} = \mathbb{E}\{\Phi(\hat{\mathbf{n}})\}$
- ▶ The Fourier transform of the distribution of \mathbf{n} is non-zero everywhere

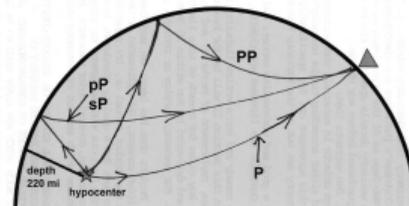
$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} \stackrel{d}{=} \hat{\mathbf{n}}$ and $\mathbf{s} \stackrel{d}{=} \hat{\mathbf{s}}$ where the equality is on the distribution of the processes.

Example: Separating non-seismic noise from marsquakes

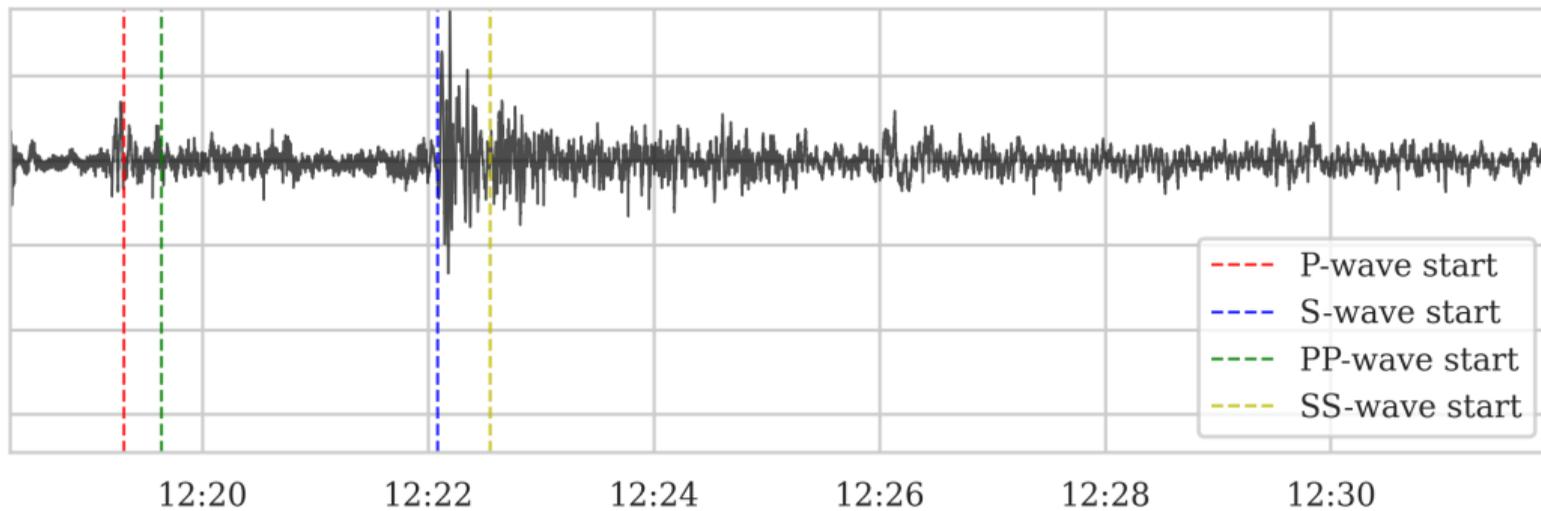
recorded by the InSight lander's seismometer on July 26, 2019



Berkeley Seismology Lab. *Idealized path of various seismic waves.* Accessed on June 30, 2023. URL: <http://seismo.berkeley.edu/gifs/20120101wavepaths.jpg>.



Marsquake



Conclusions

unsupervised source separation made possible with limited access to data

enabled by the inductive bias of wavelet scattering covariances

minimal assumptions on data and sources

otherwise impossible with existing unsupervised methods

https://github.com/alisiahkoohi/insight_src_sep