



The Earth Tide and Measurements of Earth's Deformation

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Introduction to Mizusawa VERA Observatory

Earth tides, Earth's deformations

- Earth's deformations, tides
- How to observe Earth tides
- Free oscillation of the Earth
- Ocean tide loading,
atmospheric pressure loading

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Geodetic VLBI observation by VERA

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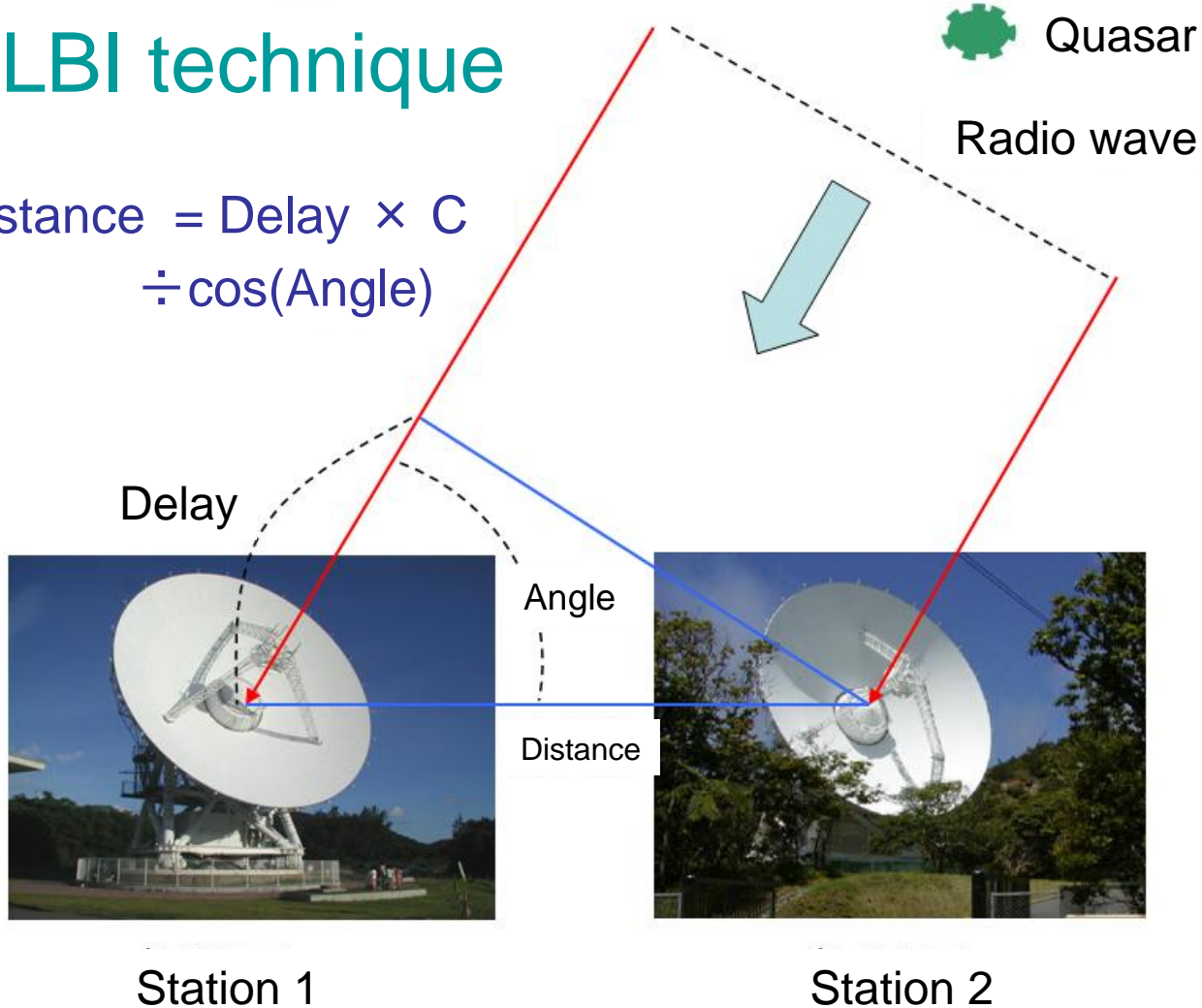
Unit mm

Illustration by KAGAYA

Principal of Geodetic VLBI

VLBI technique

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{\text{Delay} \times C}{\cos(\text{Angle})}$$



Distance measurements of radio stars

- Position of radio stars changes by the motion of Earth's revolution.

→ The distance is measured **directly** from annual parallax.

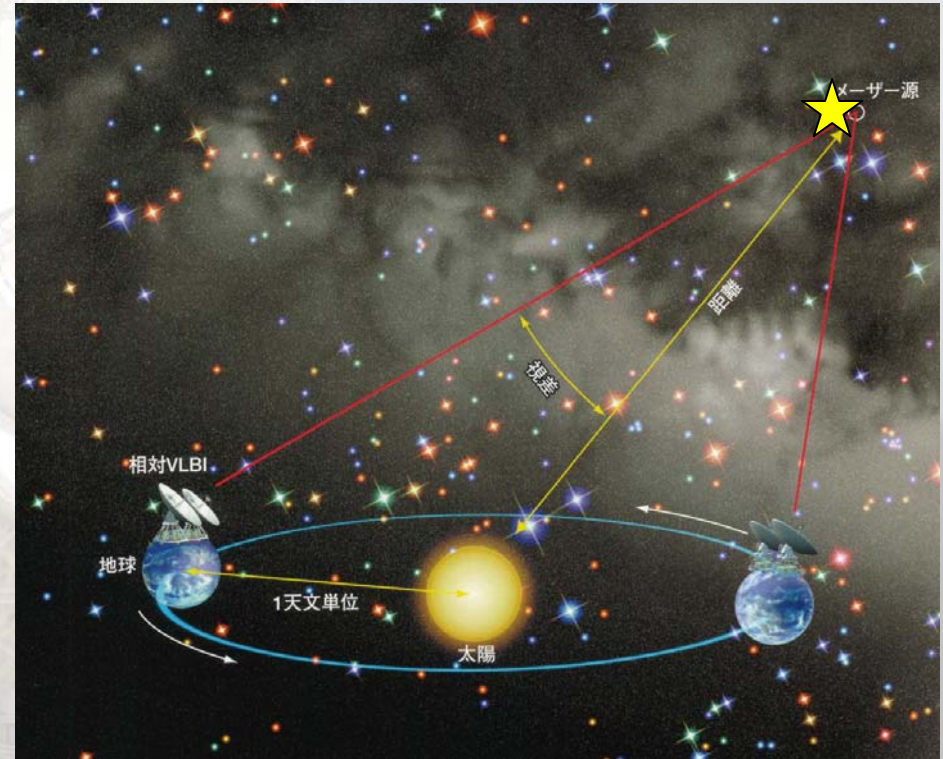
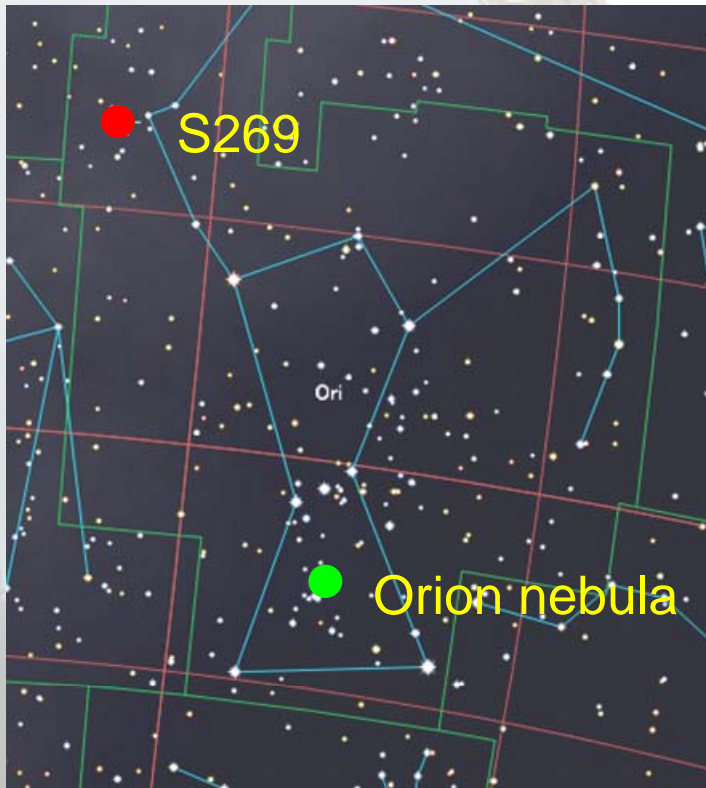


Illustration of annual parallax

Measurements of our Galaxy

- Orion KL maser $2.29 \pm 0.10 \text{ mas}$ 437 pc
- S269 $189 \pm 8 \mu \text{ as}$ 5.28 kpc



Orion

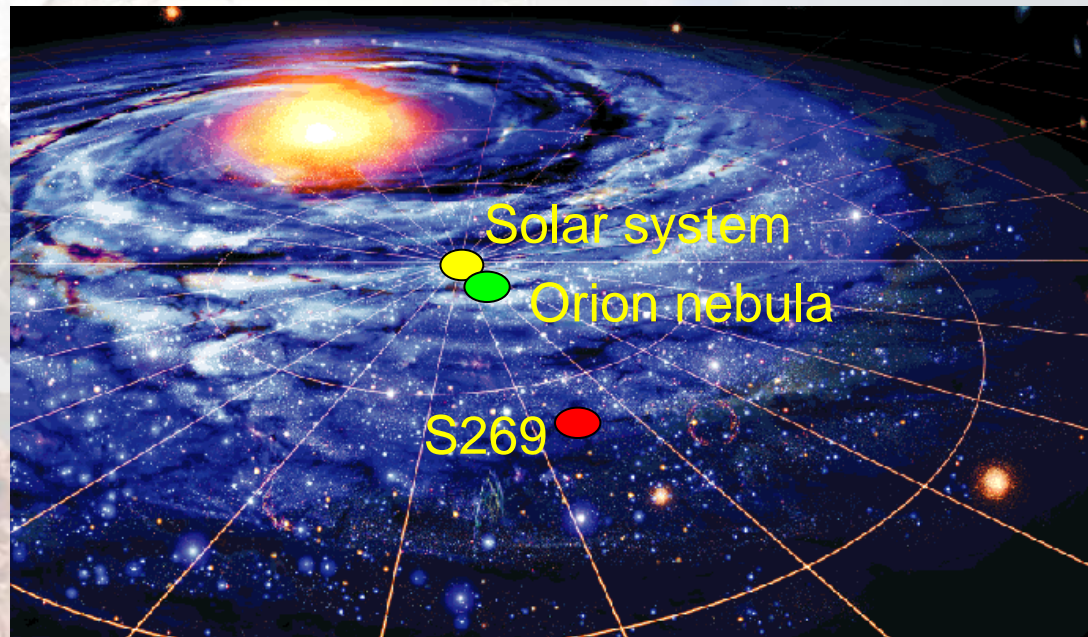


Image of our Galaxy

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Plate motion of VERA stations

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Project VERA

Astrometry:

Precise positioning Radio Sources, $\sim 10 \mu as$



The coordinates of antennas should be kept with
 $10mm$ global accuracy, and
 $1 \sim 2mm$ internal accuracy.

It requires understanding of geophysical phenomena including Earth tides.

Earth tides, Earth's deformations

- 1) Earth's deformations, tides
- 2) How to observe Earth tides
- 3) Free oscillation of the Earth
- 4) Ocean tide loading,
atmospheric pressure loading
- 5) Core mode oscillations
- 6) Other topics

1. Earth's deformations, tides

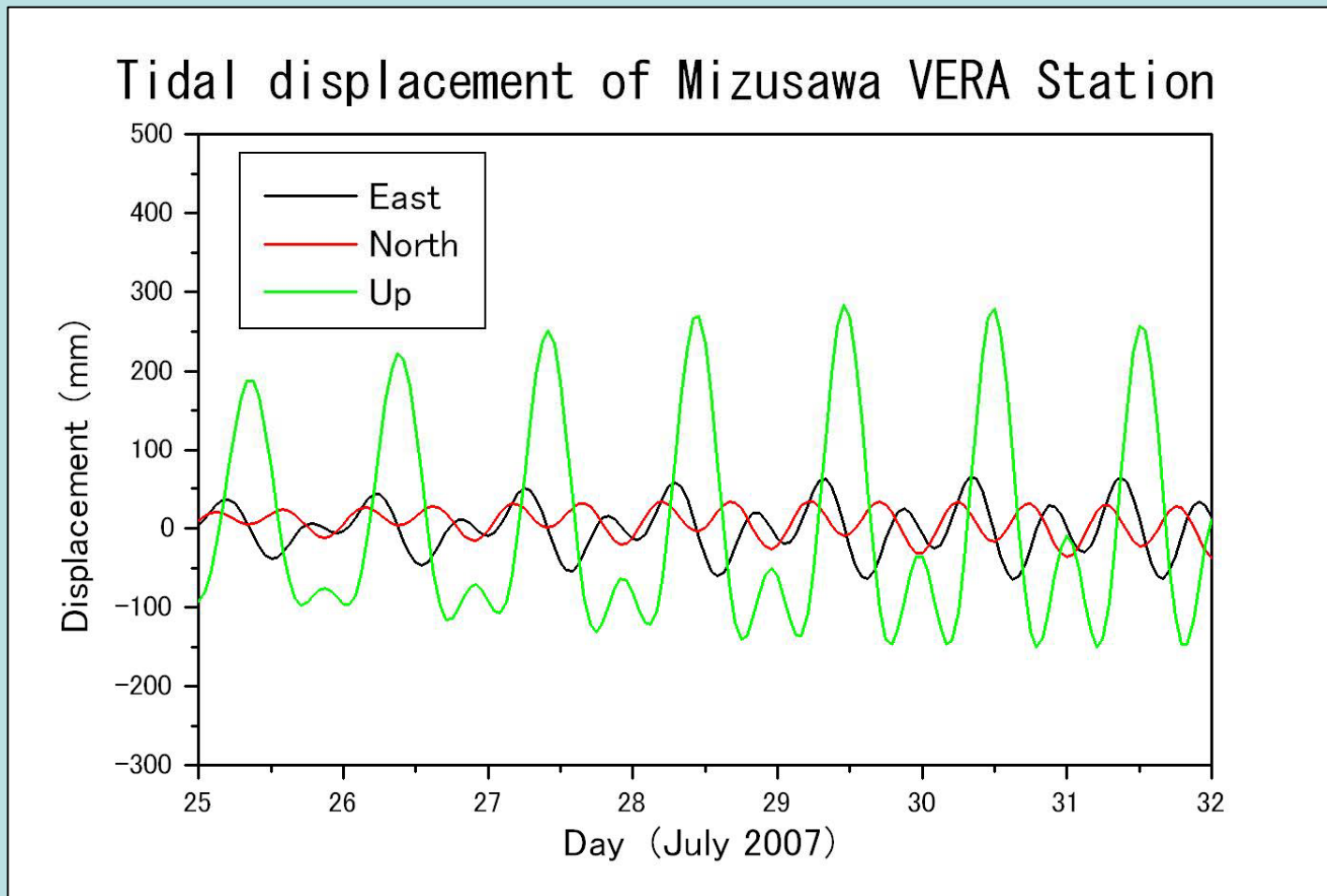
Phenomena	magnitude		period	scale, note
	horizon	vertical		
Earth tide	150	300mm	diurnal, semidiurnal	global
Ocean loading	10	50mm	diurnal, semidiurnal	global
Pressure loading	1	5mm	day--annual	regional, global
Plate motion	70mm/year		secular	global
Co-seismic	10	10mm	step	M7, 100km distance
Slow event	5	5mm	~month	regional
Free oscillation	less 0.1mm		2-50 minute	global

Tidal Phenomena

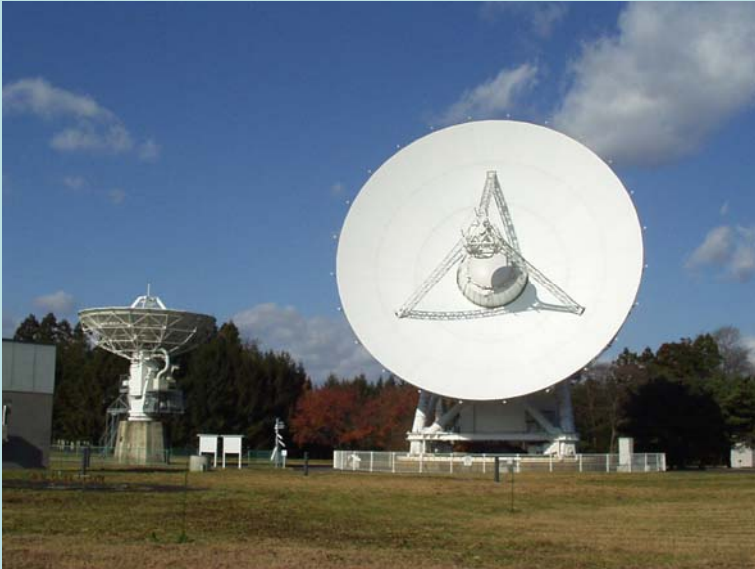
- Displacement 200 ~ 300mm
- Gravity change 150 ~ 200 μ Gal
(1 μ Gal = 10^{-9} ms⁻²)
- Strain $3 \sim 5 \times 10^{-8}$
- Tilt 10^{-7} rad

- Ocean Tide 0.5m ~ 2m
- Ocean Tide Loading 10 ~ 50mm

Tidal displacements (Theoretical)



Positioning by VLBI and GPS



Measurements of tidal displacement is not easy.

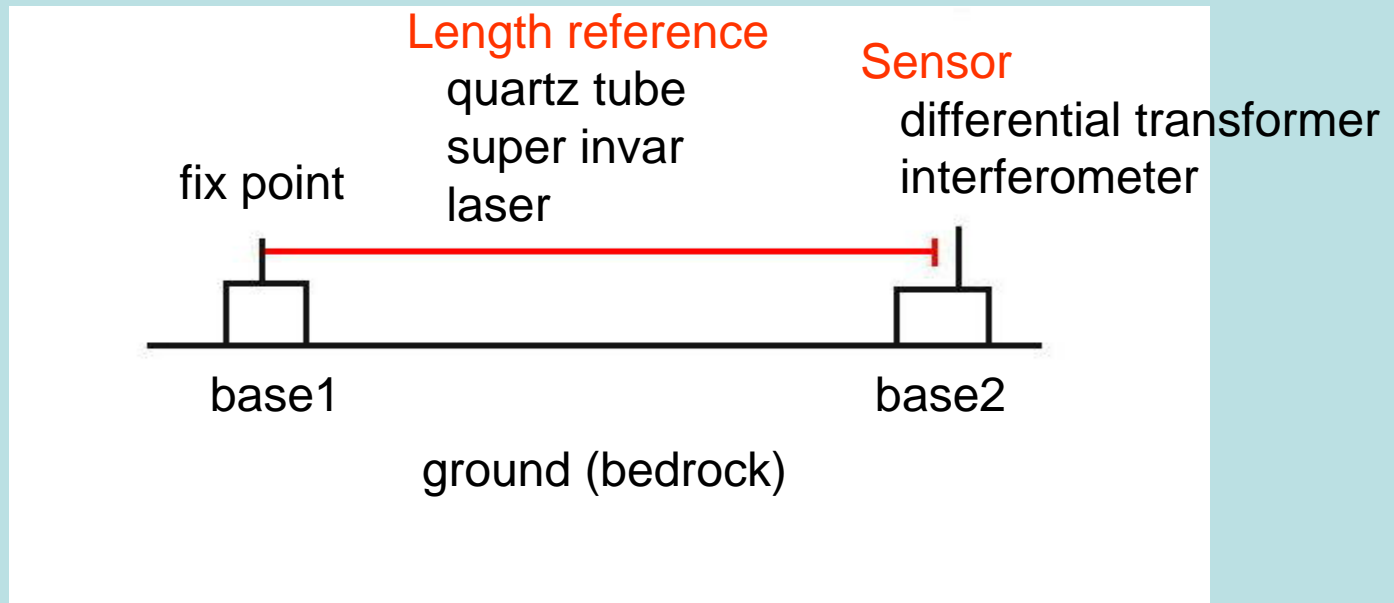
The displacement is modeled, and the station coordinates are solved daily using 24 hour observation data.



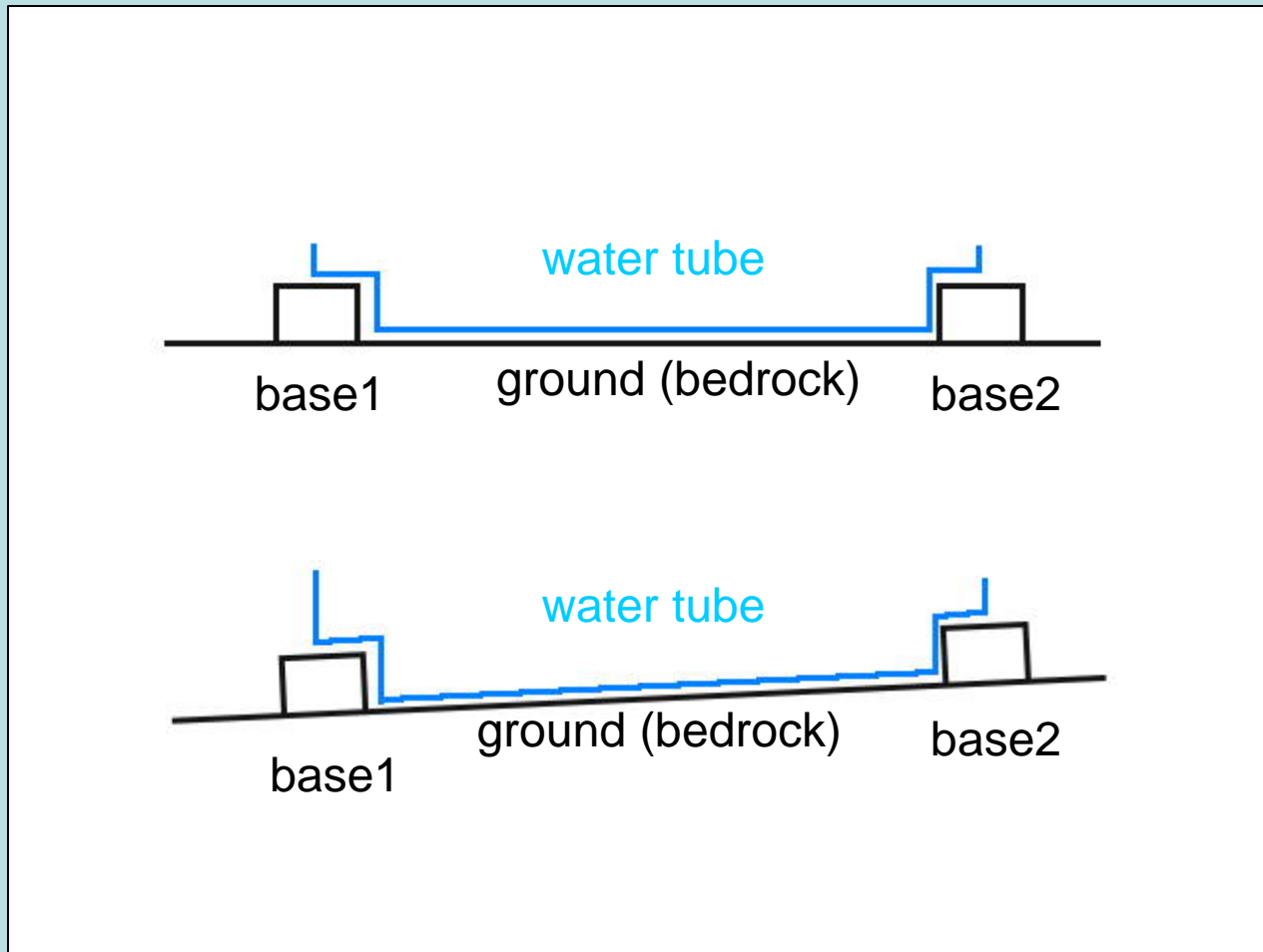
2. How to observe Earth tides

- Strain
- Tilt
- Gravity

Principal of strain measurement



Principal of tilt measurement



Position sensors

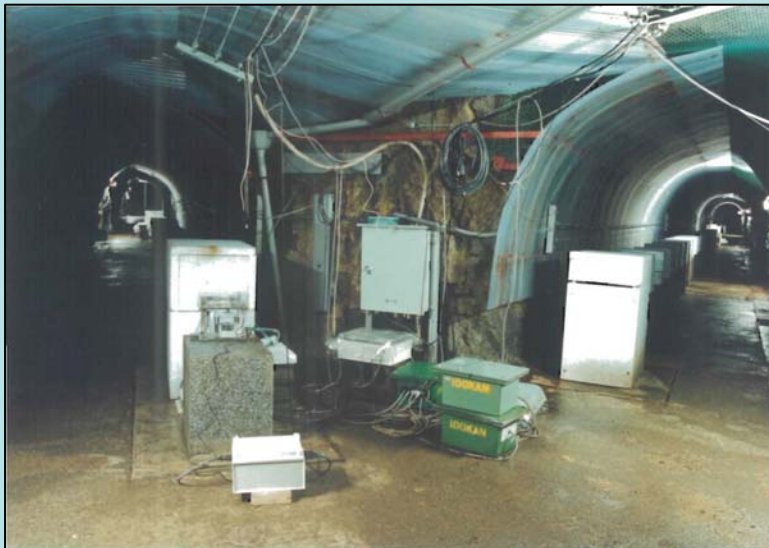
- Differential transformer
- Capacity bridge
- Optical interferometer

Order of Earth tide $\sim 10^{-7}$

= 10m : 1 μ m

required resolution $\sim 0.01 \mu$ m

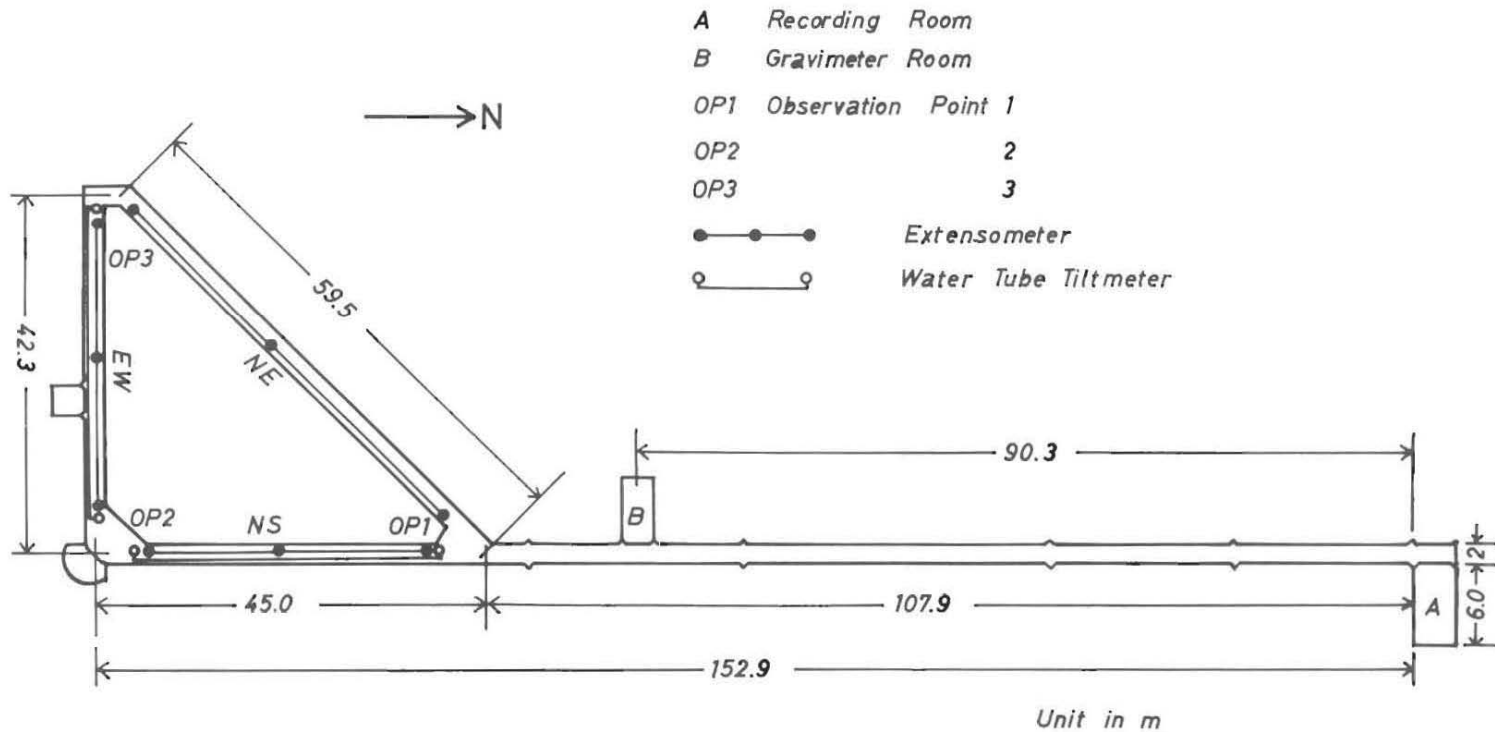
Esashi Earth Tides Station, NAOJ



Observation tunnel of Esashi Earth Tides Station

Figure 2 Plane figure of observation site and the recording room

ESASHI EARTH TIDES STATION



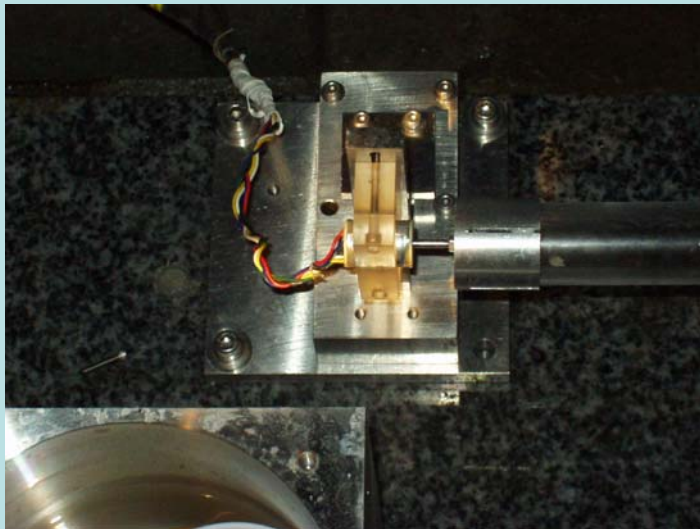
Strainmeters



Laser strainmeter at Kamioka by ERI

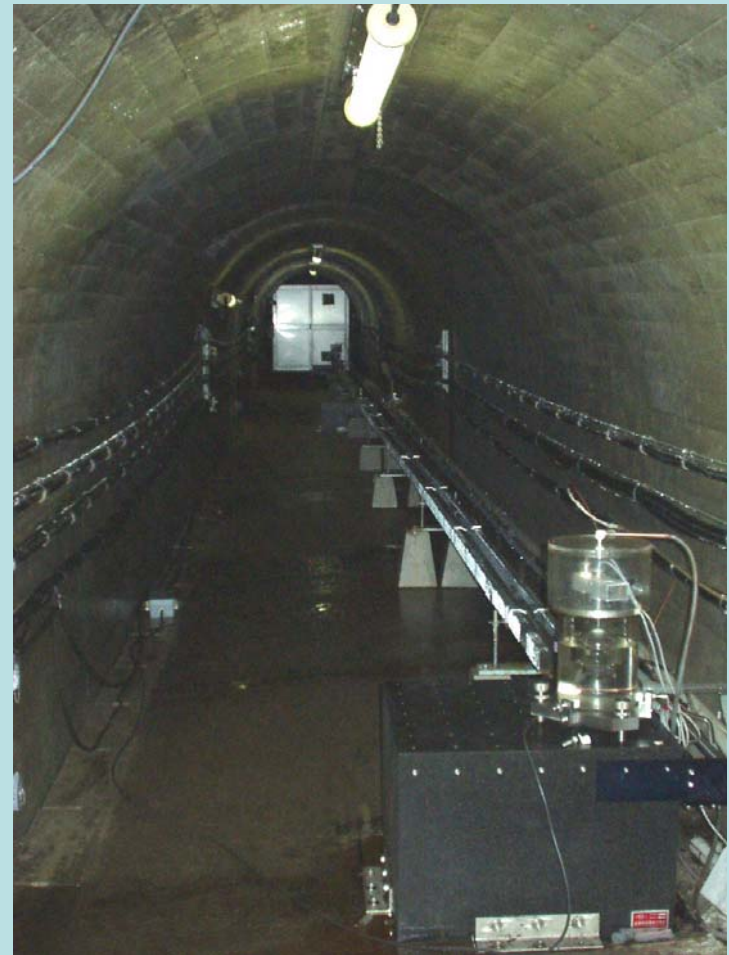


Quartz tube extensometer at Esashi

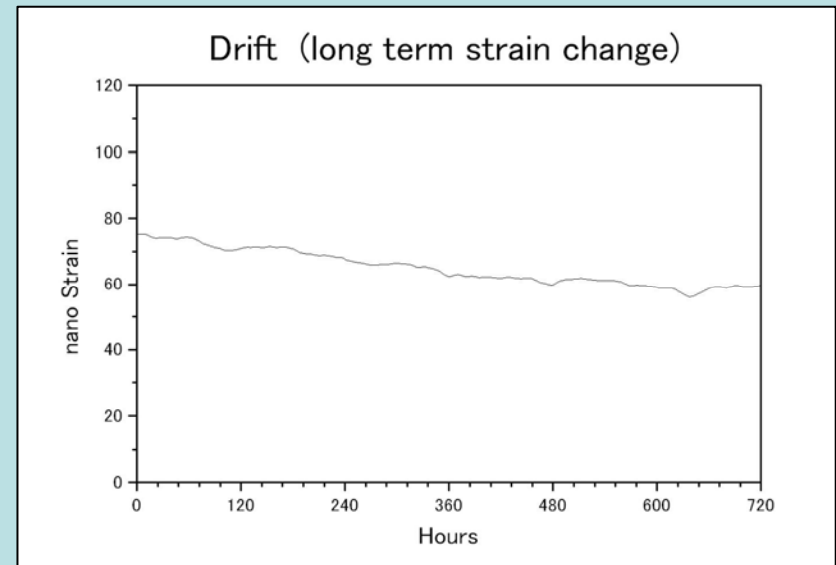
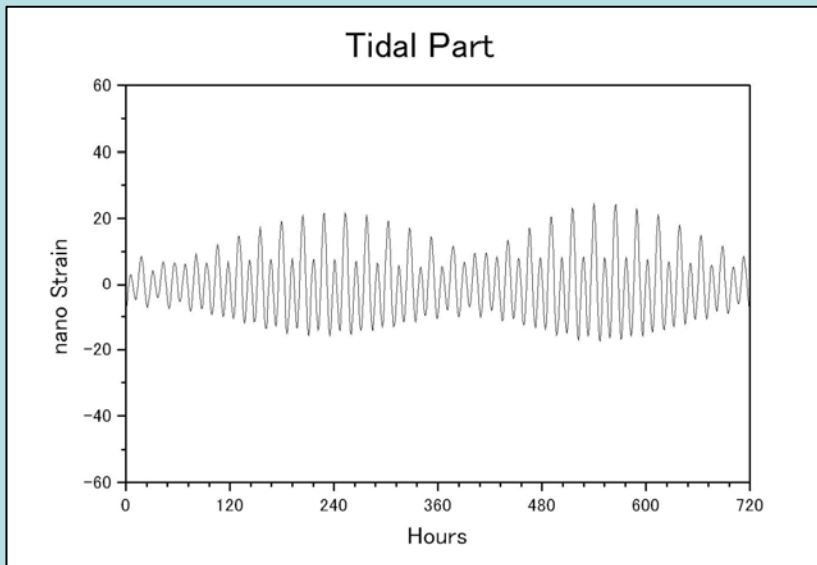
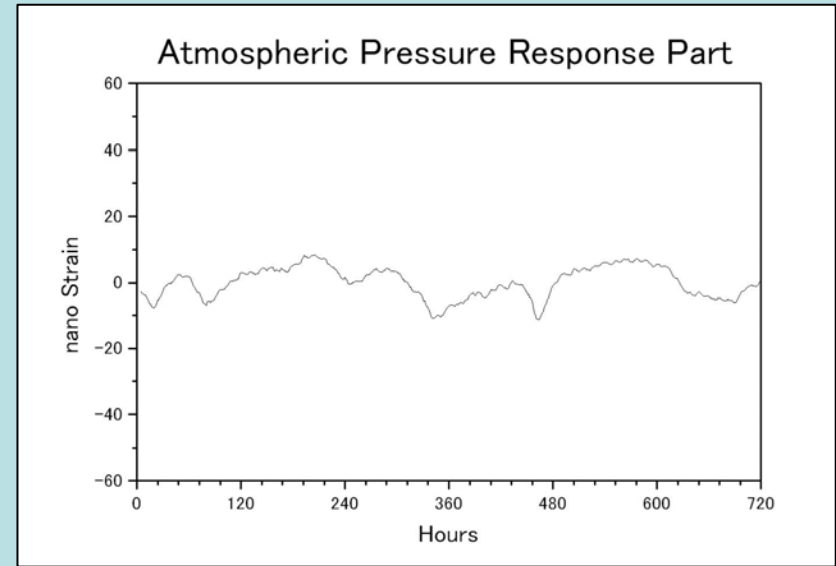
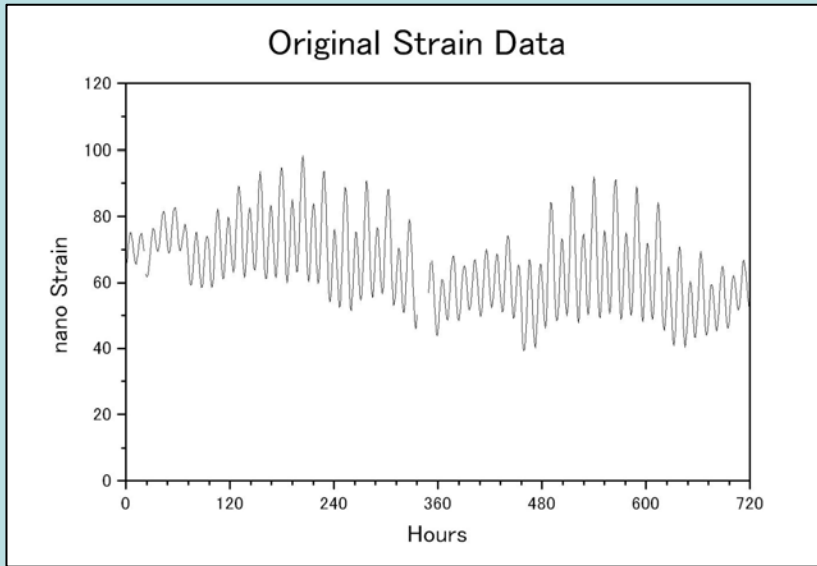


Sensor (differential transformer)

Water tube tiltmeter



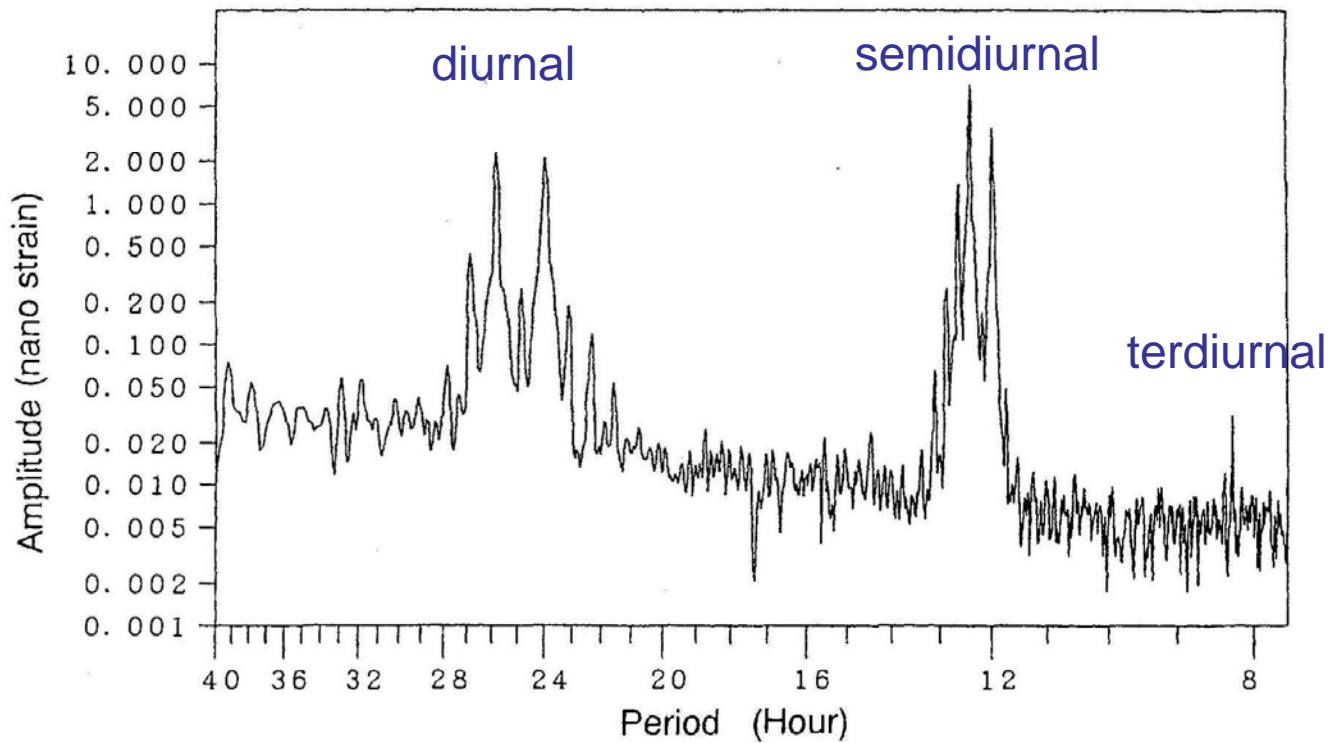
Sample of strain data



Spectrum of strain data

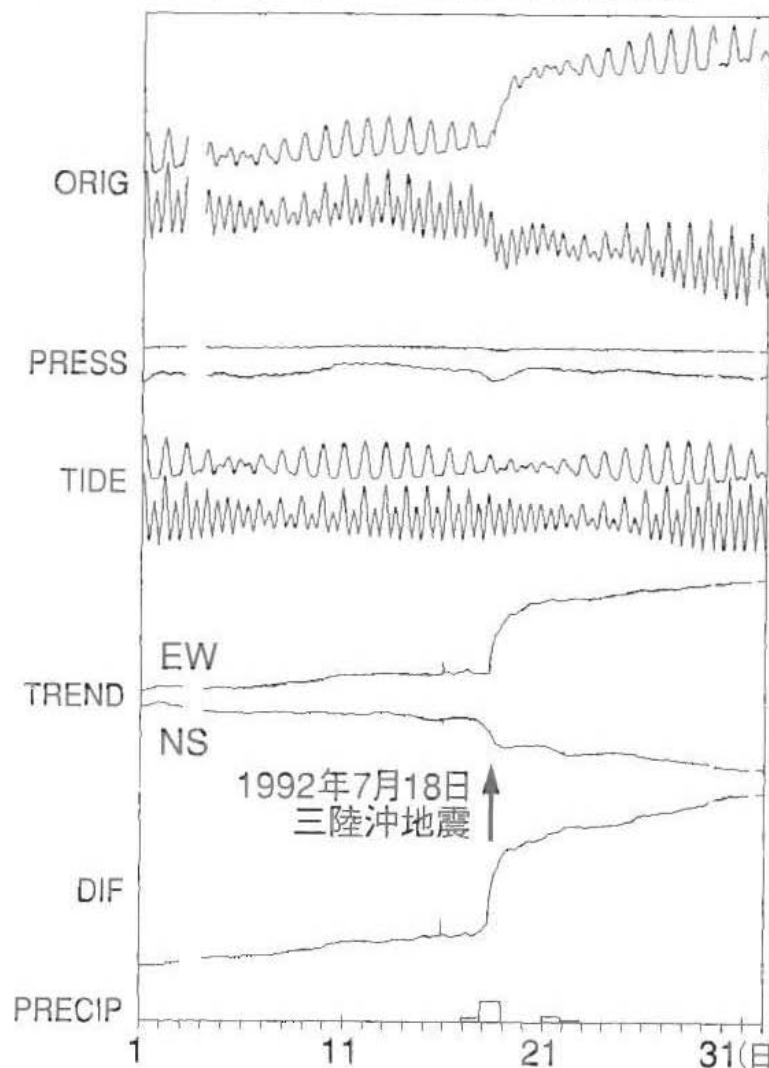
Analysis of Earth Tides Data

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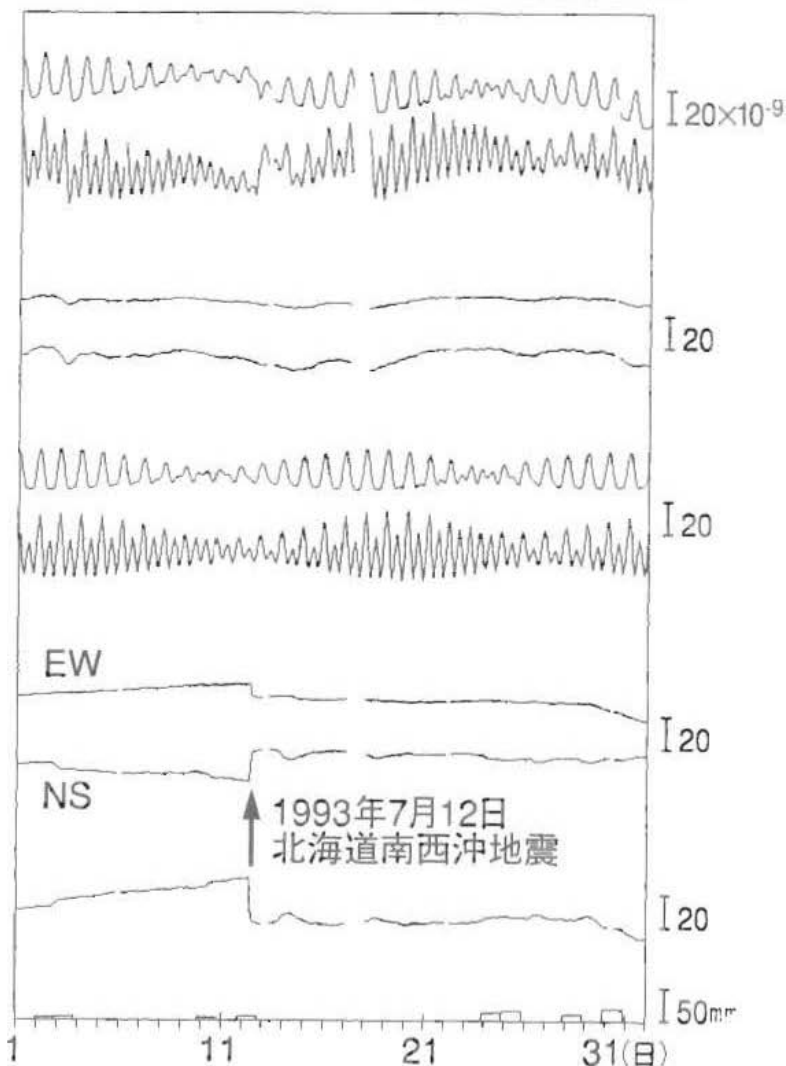


Strain changes at earthquakes

(A) 1992年7月1日～31日 (江刺観測点)

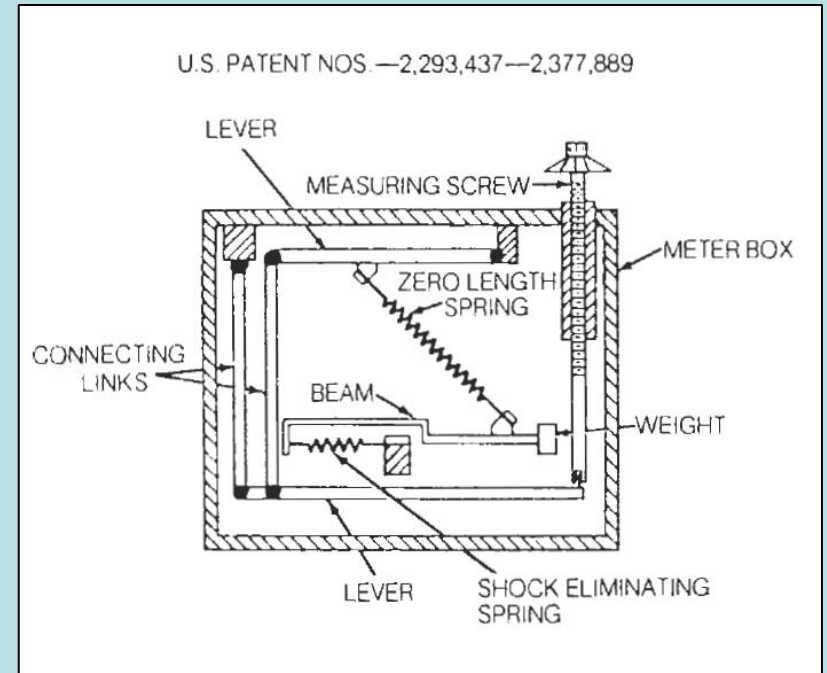


(B) 1993年7月1日～31日 (江刺観測点)

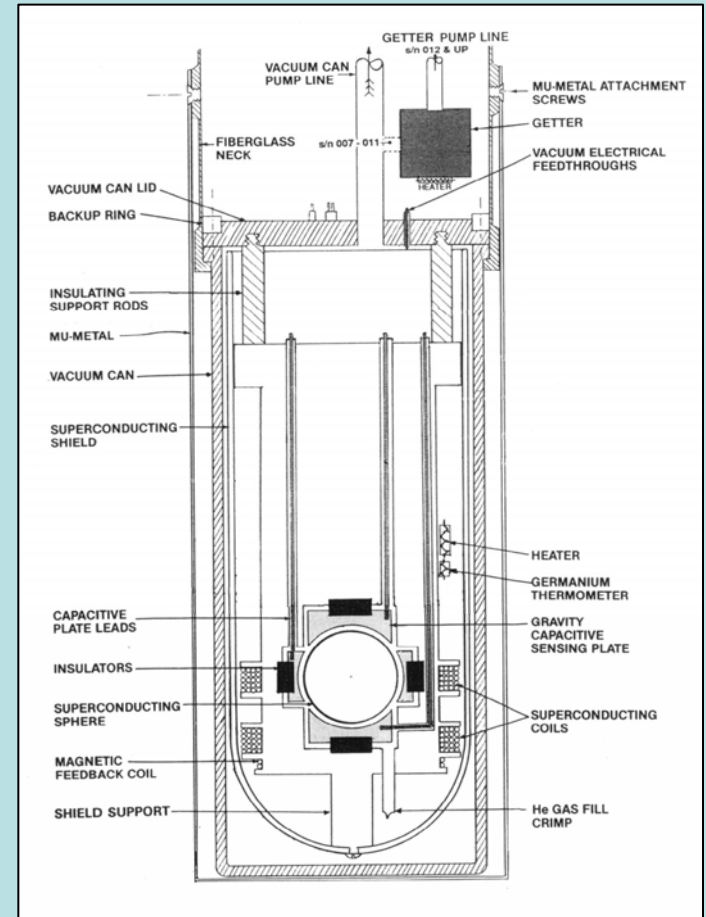


図Ⅲ-2 (A) 国立天文台水沢観測センター (岩手県奥州市) の江刺観測点 (同) の1992年7月1か月分の伸縮計記録。横軸は時間の経過で、1目盛りが1日。縦軸は歪み。(B) 1992年7月12日の北海道南西沖地震が発生した日を含む1か月分の原記録。ORIG

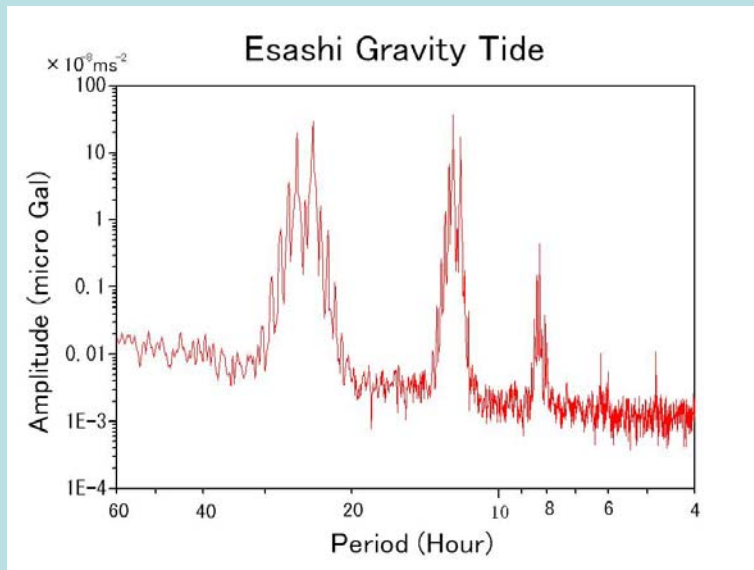
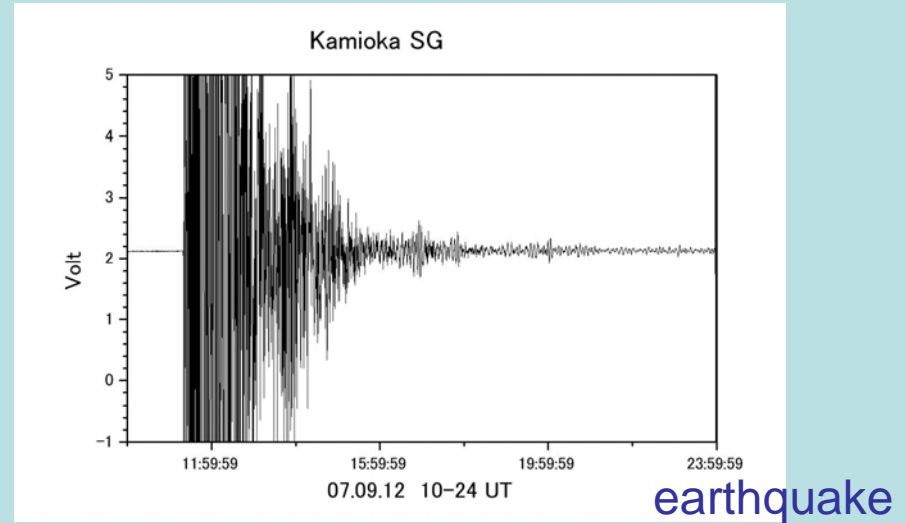
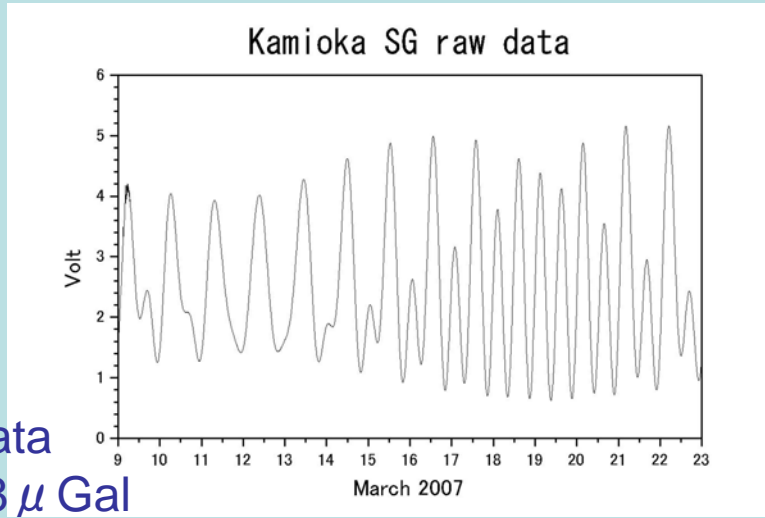
Spring type gravimeter



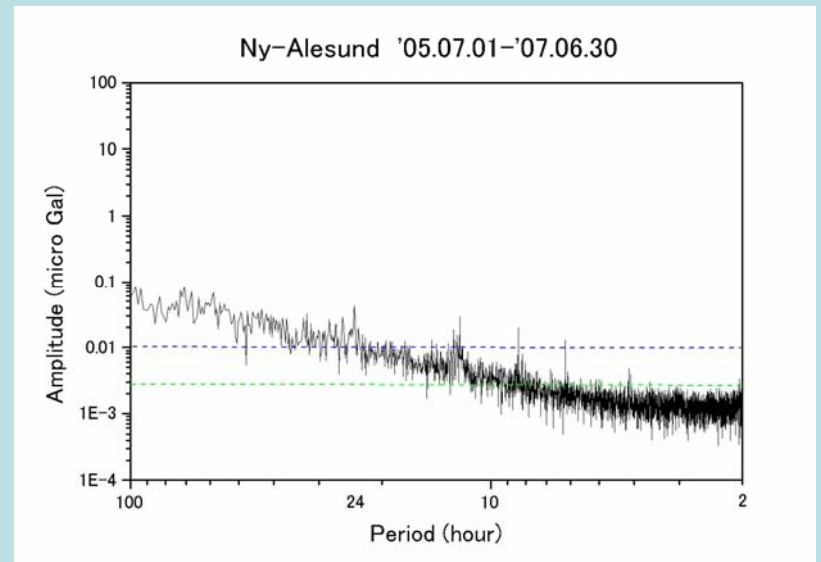
Superconducting gravimeter



Sample of gravity data

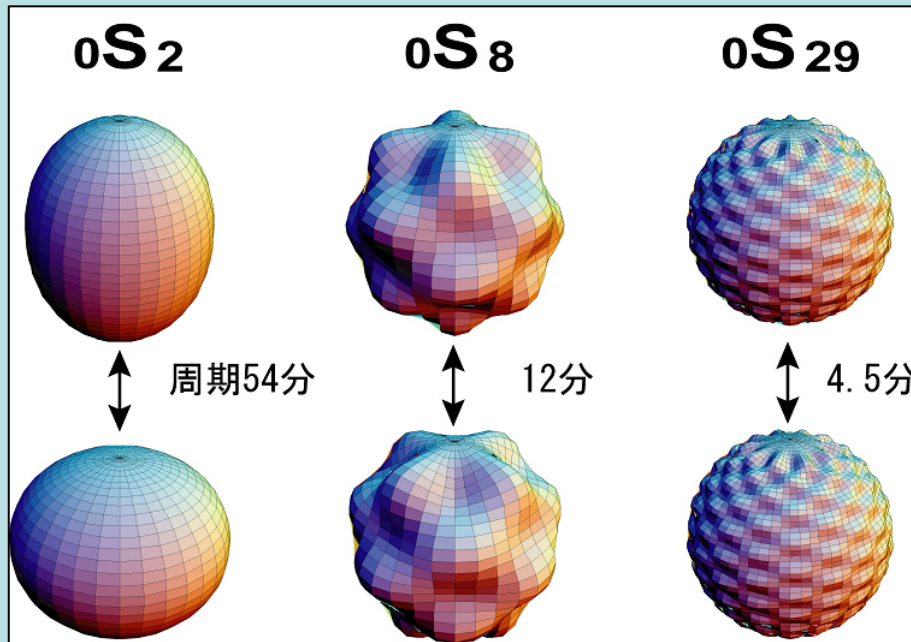


Spectrum of gravity data



Spectrum of tidal residuals (noise level)

3. Free Oscillation of the Earth

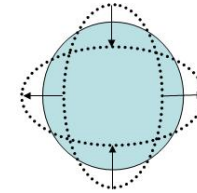


Spherical modes

Illustrated by N. Suda

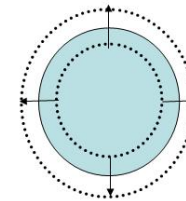
地球自由振動による半径方向の振動の例

${}_0S_2$ (周期: 約53.9分)



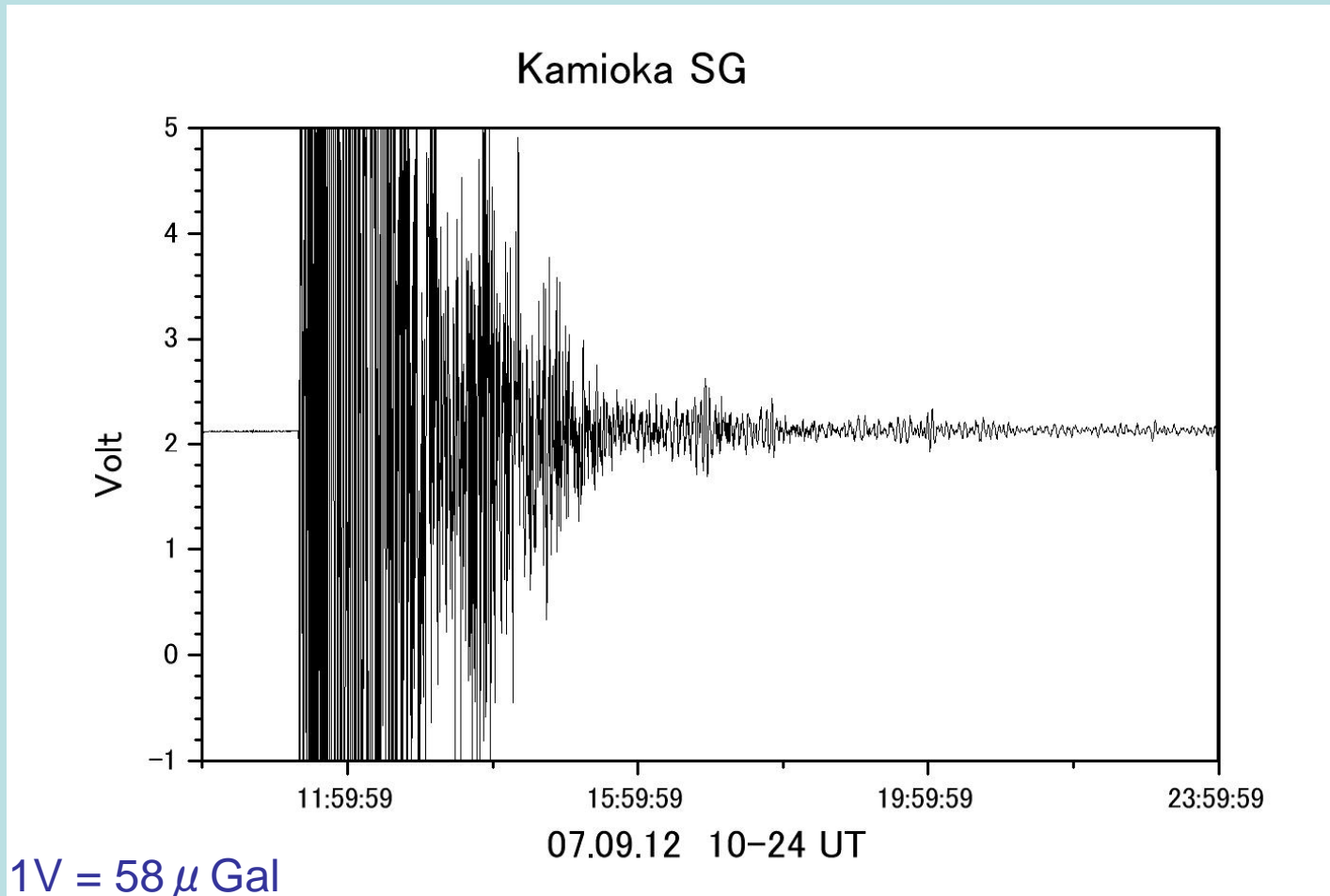
Fundamental mode ${}_0S_2$

${}_0S_0$ (周期: 約20.5分)



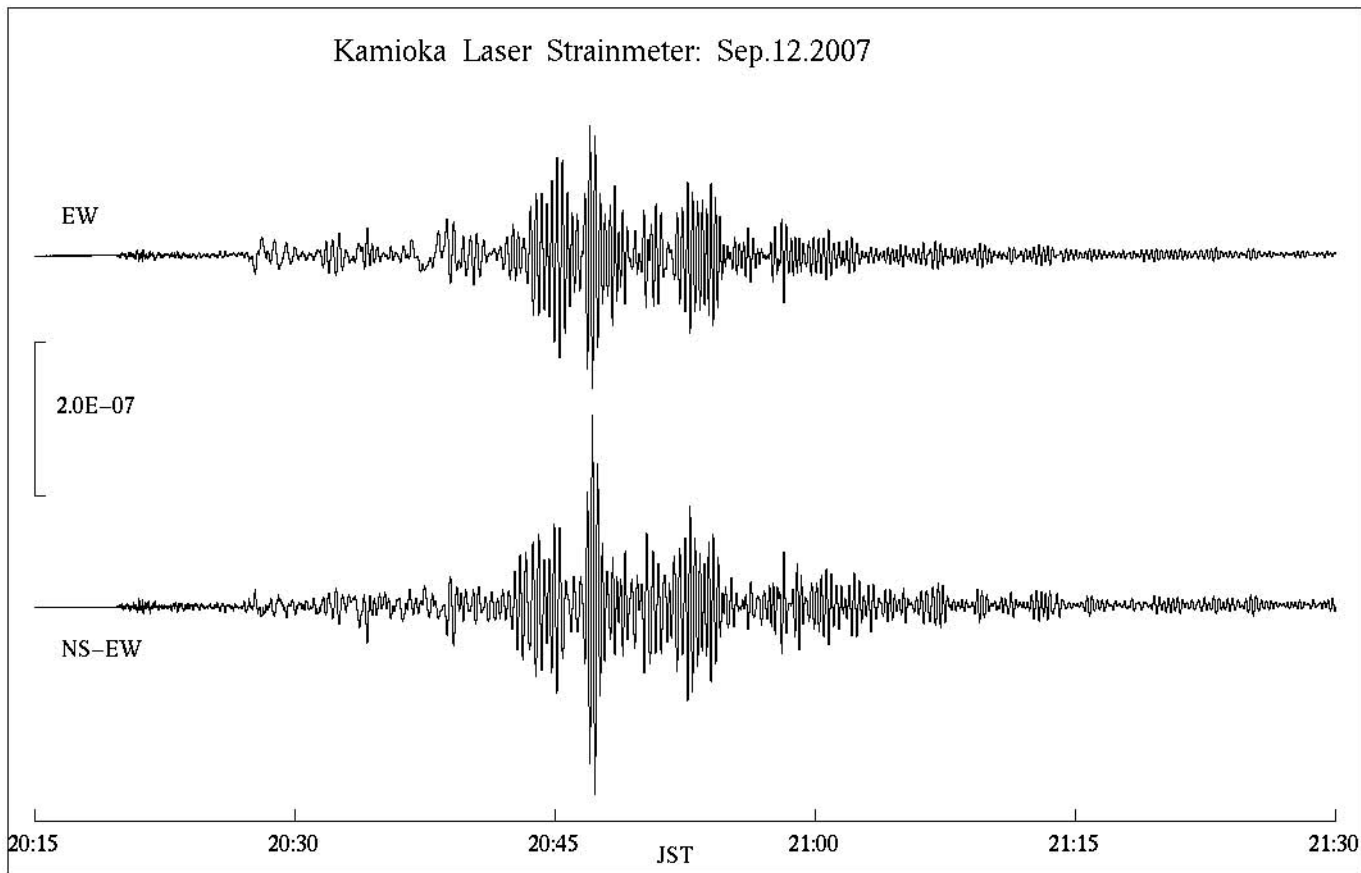
Breath mode ${}_0S_0$

Sumatra earthquake (M8.4) Sep.12, 2007



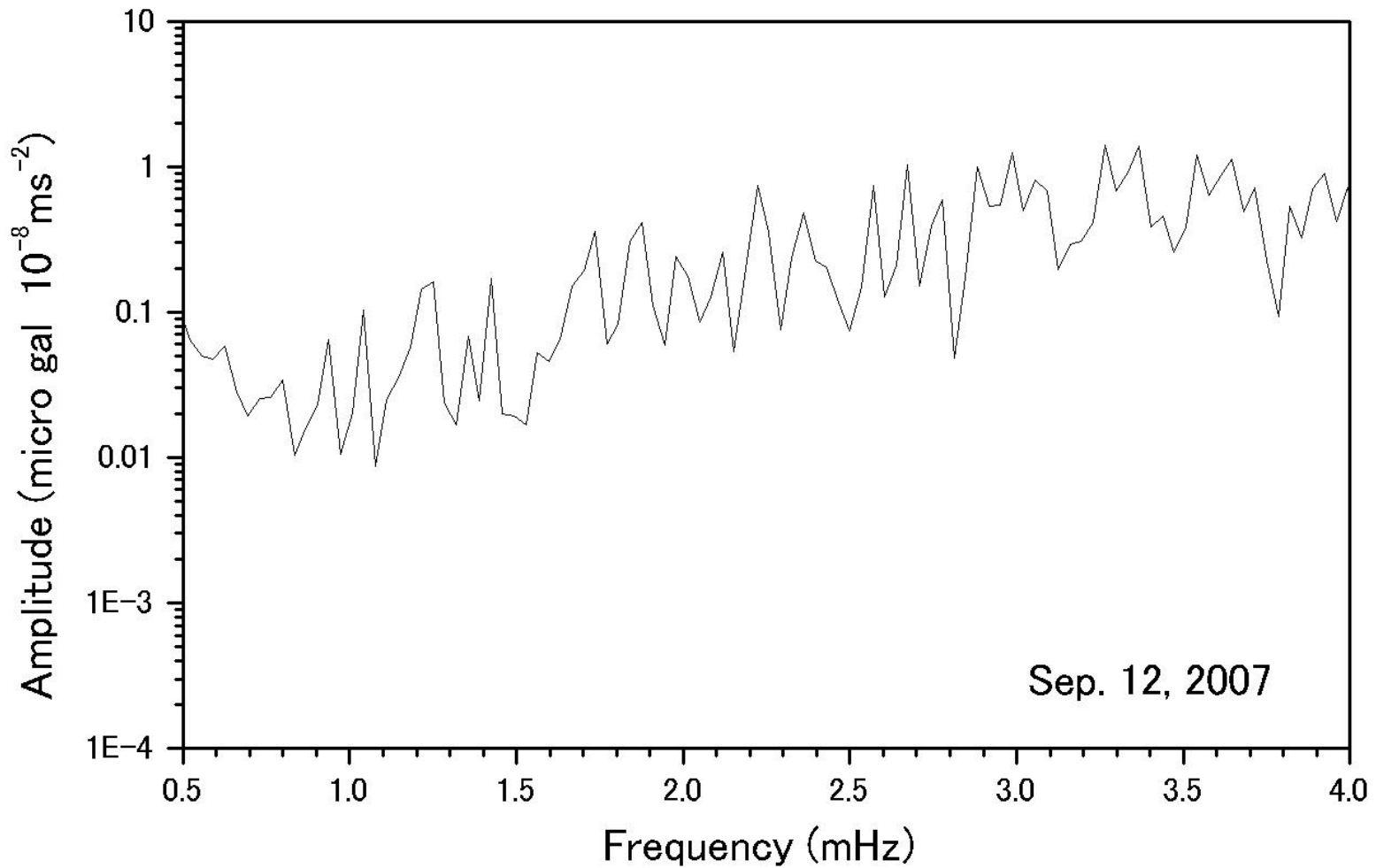
$$1 \mu \text{ Gal} = 10^{-8} \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

Sumatra earthquake 2007 observed by Kamioka laser strainmeter of ERI



Spectrum of gravity data

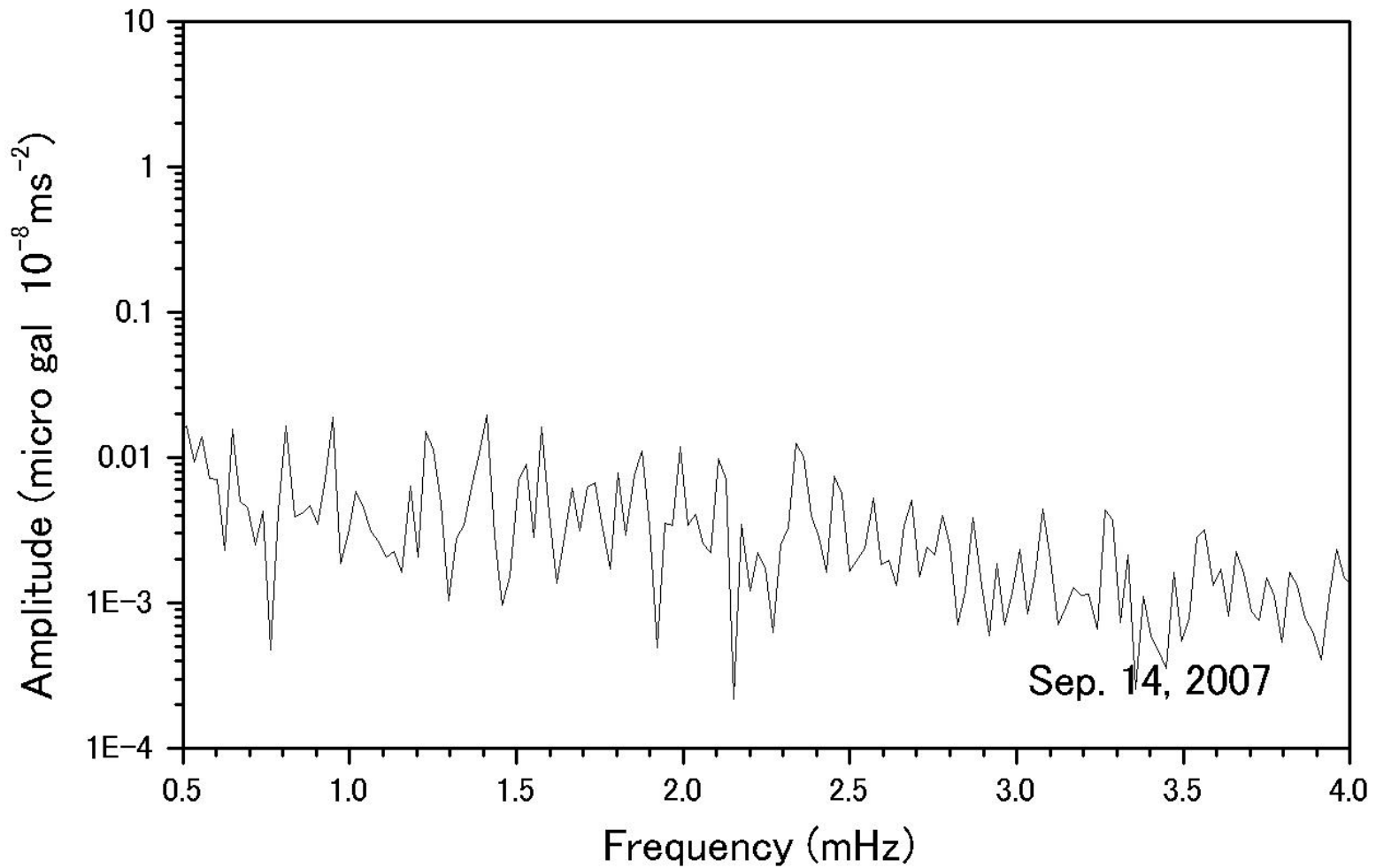
Free oscillation of the Earth (Sumatra M8.4)



Several modes were excited by the earthquake.

Spectrum of gravity data

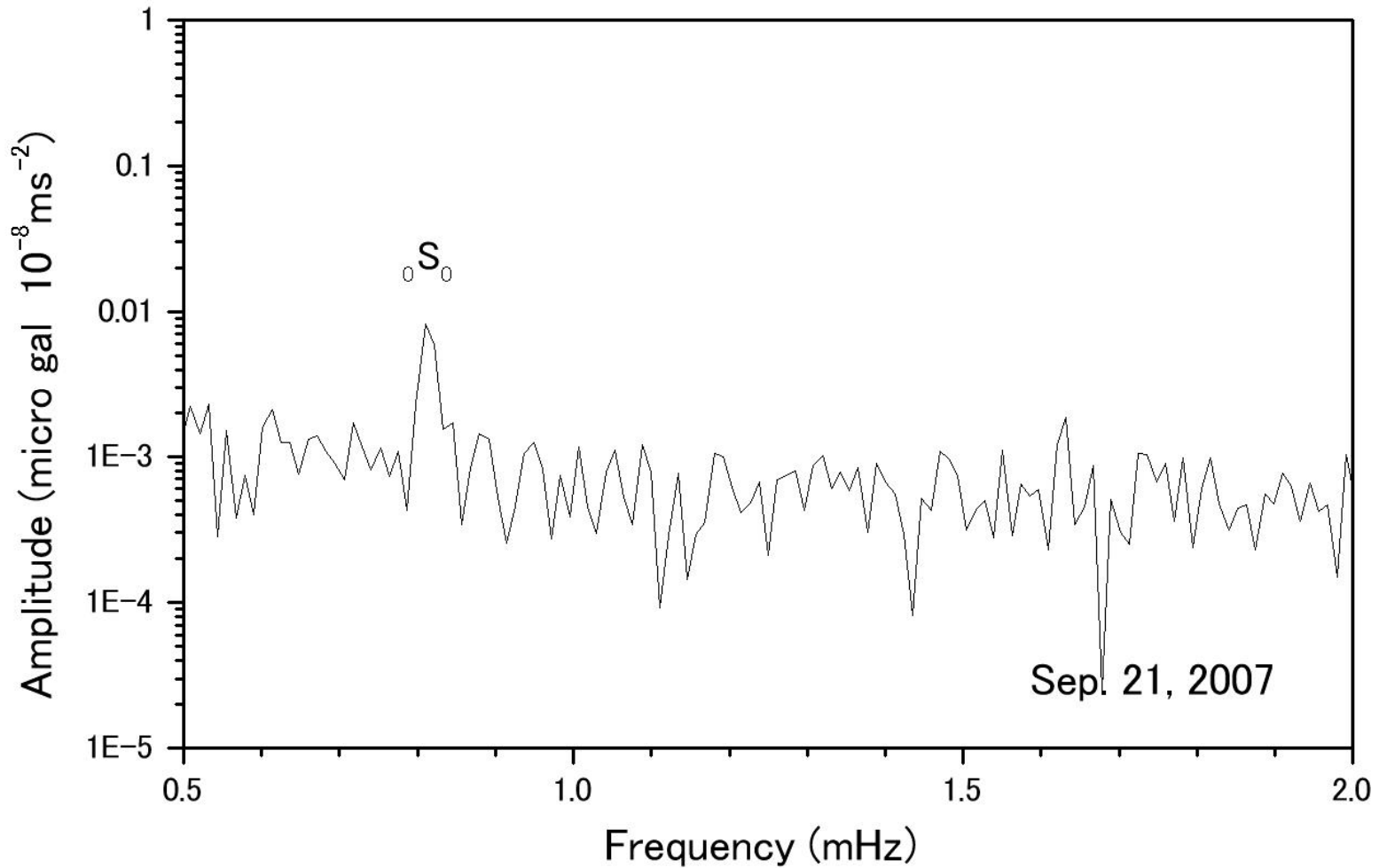
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2days after : High frequency modes are decaying.

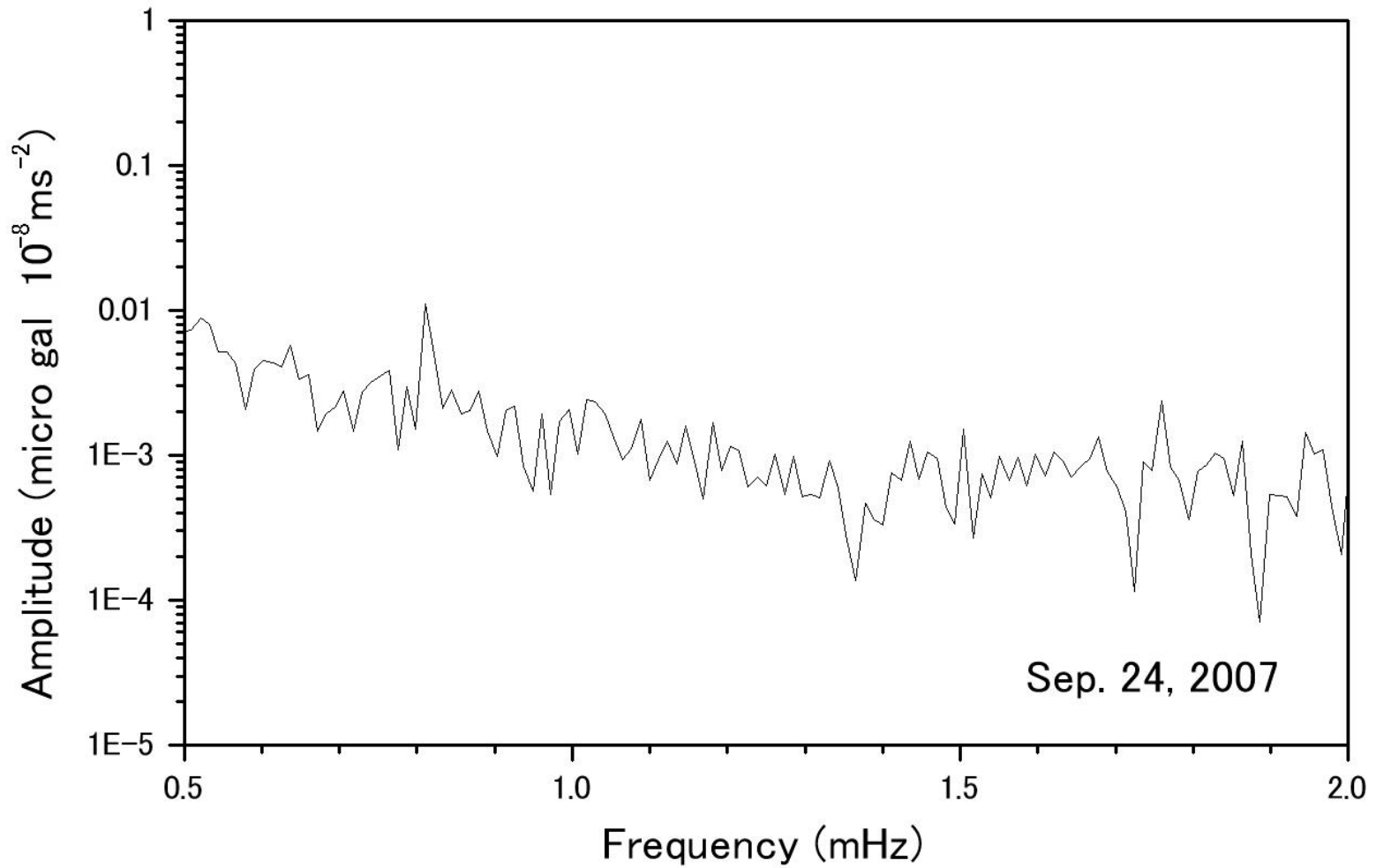
Low frequency part

Free oscillation of the Earth (Sumatra M8.4)



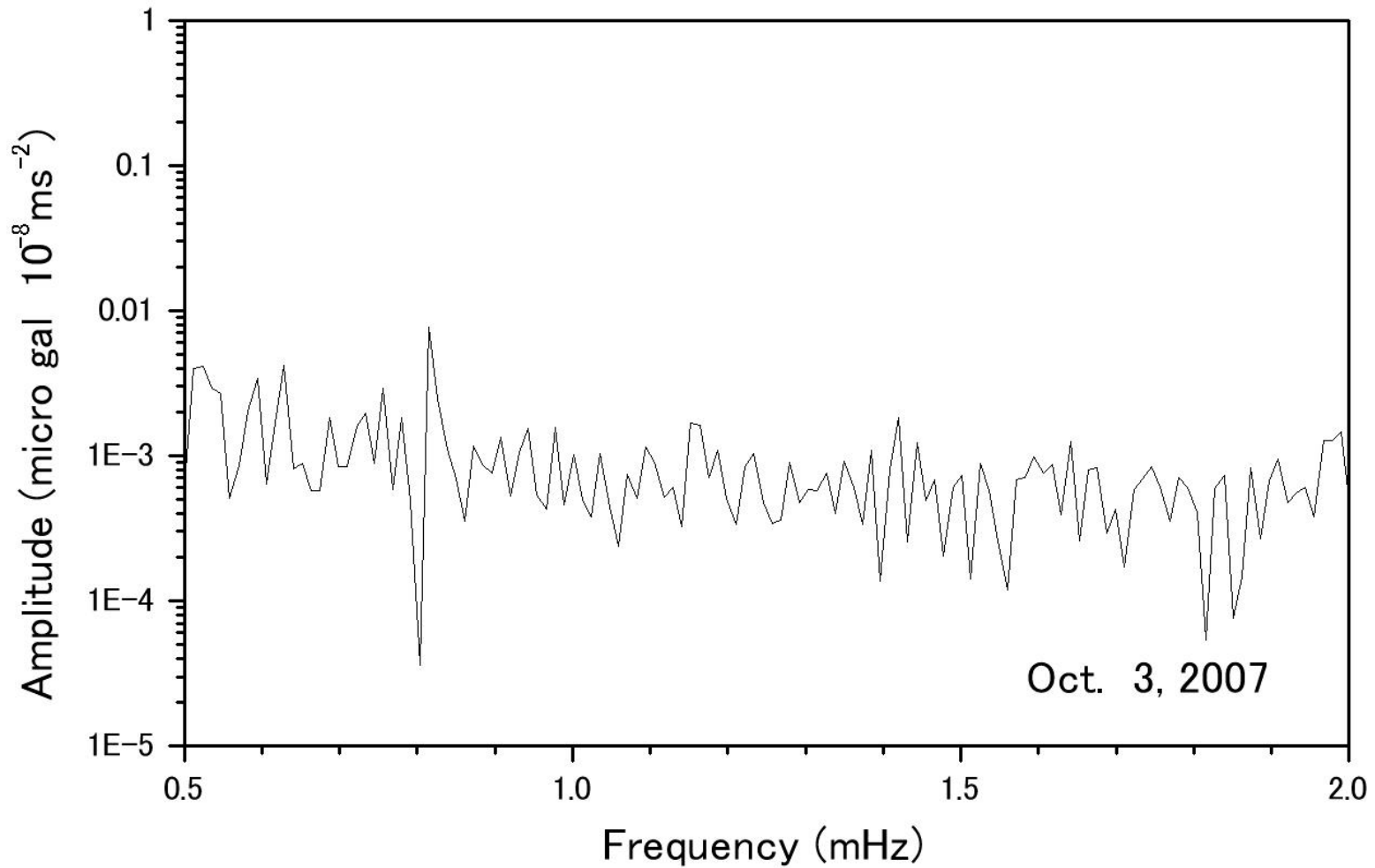
9 days after: all modes decayed except ${}_0S_0$ mode.

Free oscillation of the Earth (Sumatra M8.4)



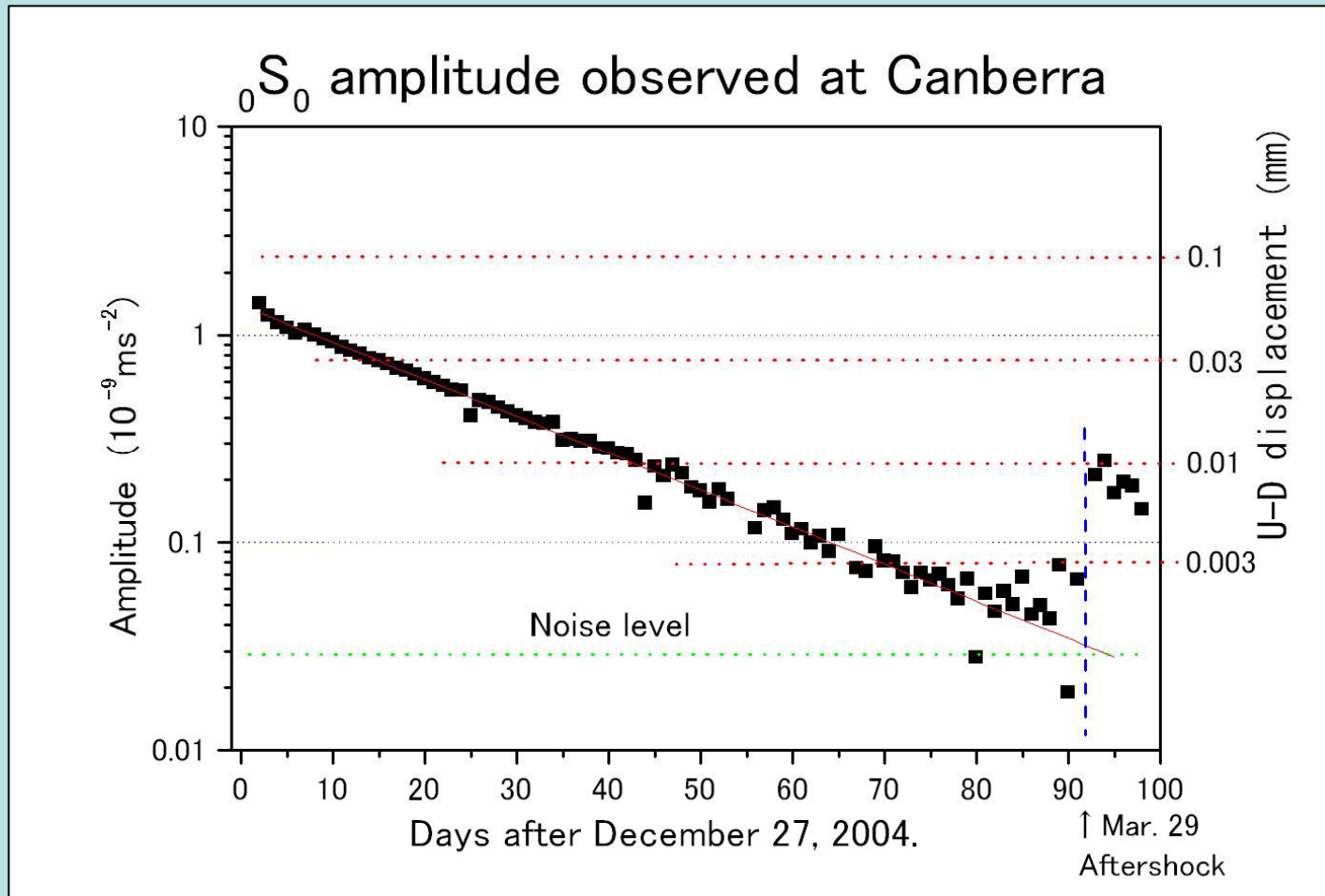
12 days after

Free oscillation of the Earth (Sumatra M8.4)



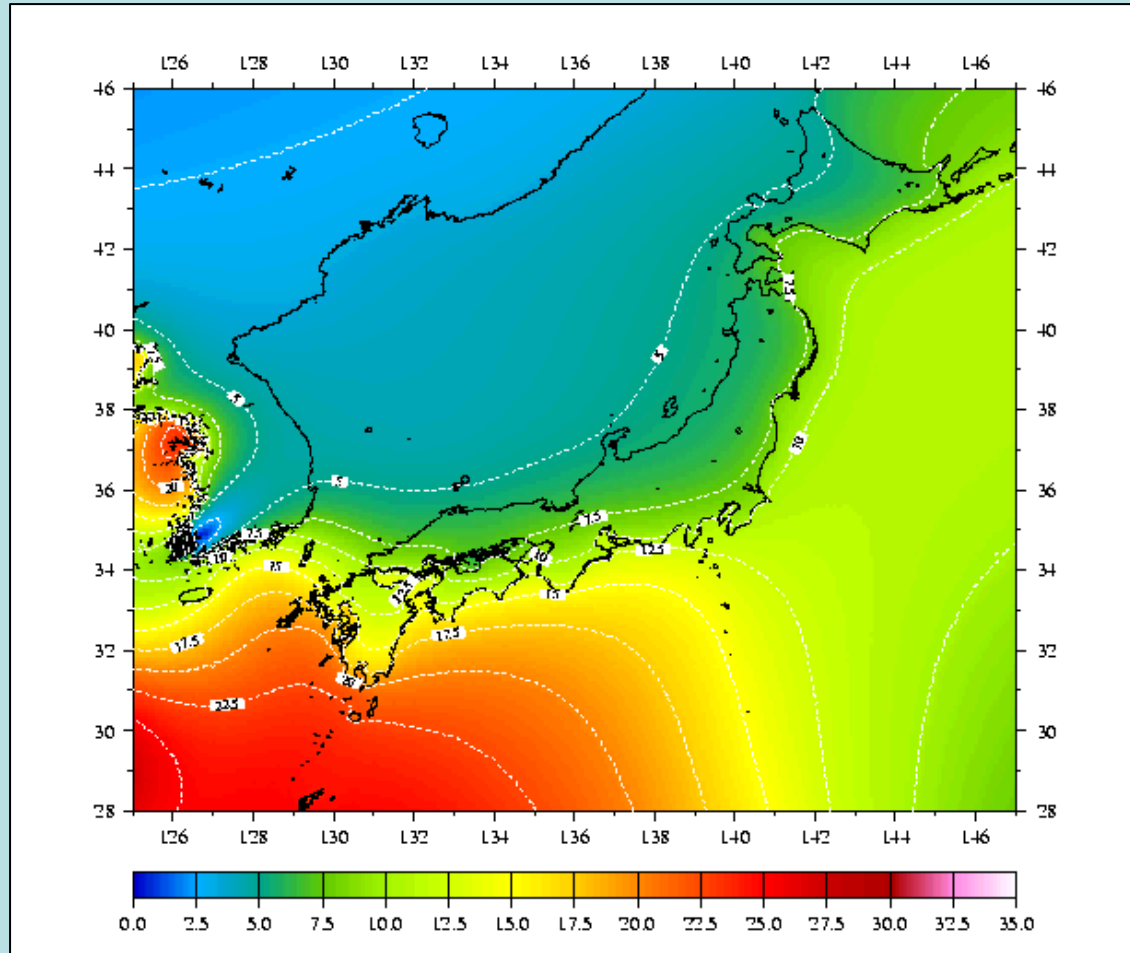
21 days after: ${}_0S_0$ mode is still visible.

Sumatra-Andaman Earthquake(Mw9.3) December, 2004



The amplitude of ${}_0S_0$ mode of 2004 Sumatra earthquake was 10 times larger than that of 2007.

4. Ocean tide loading



Ocean Tide loading, M2 (12.4h) component. Unit mm

5. Can we predict Earth tides?

Yes

- Predict from Earth model, physical model
- Predict from harmonic analysis results
(empirical model)
- Feedback control
major period: diurnal, semidirunal

A large blue cryogenic vessel is the central focus, mounted on a black base. It features a yellow safety label with a logo and the text: "HANDLE WITH CARE", "DO NOT DROP OR TIP", and "CRYOGENIC VESSEL". Above the vessel is a control panel with three gauges and various valves. The vessel is flanked by blue vertical panels. In the background, there is a rack of electronic equipment, a laptop on a white plastic tray, and a green stool. The setting appears to be a laboratory or industrial facility.

Thank you for your
attention