

# Users' manual for DSurfTomo (version 1.4)

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## 1, Description

DSurfTomo is a surface wave tomography program that can directly invert surface wave dispersion data to 3D shear wave speed without the intermediate step of constructing the phase or group velocity maps. It adopts the fast marching method (FMM) (Rawlinson et al., 2004) to compute, at each period, surface wave travel times and ray paths between source and receiver pairs. Consequently, it considers the off-great-circle propagation effect of short-period surface waves, which suits better for shallow structure imaging. Users can refer to Fang et al. 2015 for a detailed description of the method. Note that to avoid complexity, the public version of the code implements conventional smoothing and damping regularizations rather than wavelet parameterization with sparsity constraints, as suggested in the paper.

## 2, Installation

This program has been tested successfully on CentOS, Debian, Ubuntu, and MacOS platforms with both gfortran and ifort compilers. The following shows the detailed steps.

First, make a directory for the DSurfTomo code and example:

```
mkdir DSurfTomo
```

Second, clone the source code from Github with

```
cd DSurfTomo
```

```
git clone https://github.com/HongjianFang/DSurfTomo
```

At last, install

```
./configure
```

After successful compiling, the executable file will be in the 'bin' directory.

## 3, Data preparation (e.g. 'SurfTomo.dat')

The format of dispersion data is as followed:

```
# 25.148500 121.511100 1 2 0  
25.158529 121.476890 0.7990  
25.133539 121.499190 1.0420  
# 25.158529 121.476890 1 2 0  
25.119850 121.473190 0.6460  
# 25.128920 121.417420 1 2 0  
25.119850 121.473190 0.9430  
# 25.119850 121.473190 1 2 0  
25.090361 121.462250 0.8280  
25.083694 121.435220 1.0870  
25.133539 121.499190 1.3910  
25.102119 121.515930 1.2950
```

.....

Lines beginning with '#' represent the sources, followed by source latitude, source longitude, period index (integer), wave type, and velocity type (explain later).

Each source is then followed by the receiver data: the first two columns are the latitude and longitude of the receivers, and the third column is the phase or group velocities (surface wave dispersion measurements).

Period index (integers starting from 1): index of the periods that are listed in the parameter file DSurfTomo.in (explain later)

Wave type (integer): **2 for Rayleigh wave and 1 for Love wave**

Velocity type (integer): **0 for phase velocity and 1 for group velocity.**

The code currently works best for Rayleigh wave phase velocity data. But different kinds of data, including phase or group velocity data for both Rayleigh and Love waves, can be incorporated to jointly invert the 3D isotropic shear velocity model. To that end, all data should be put into a single file with the order of Rayleigh wave phase velocity, Rayleigh wave group velocity, Love wave phase velocity, and Love wave group velocity. Each follows the format mentioned before.

Note:

In the example data set, a Python script "ExtractData.py" in the 'scripts' directory is provided to extract the data from the dispersion data files. Run '*python ExtractData.py > surfdataTB.dat*' to reformat the data. But you can use whatever works for you, as long as the data are in the right format.)

In version 1.4, There is another Python script '**GenerateDataAndInputFiles4DSurfTomo.py**' that can be used to generate both the input file and the dispersion data in the right format. But as always, some slight modifications are necessary, as different cases have different characteristics.

#### 4, The initial model (MOD)

The file name of the initial model must be 'MOD', and the content needs to be formatted as:

```
0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.1 1.4 1.8 2.5
0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900
0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900
0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900
0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900
0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900
0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900
0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900
0.900 0.900 0.900 0.900
.....
```

The first line is the locations (in km) of grid points in the vertical direction.

From the second to the last line are shear velocity values, with latitude first, then longitude, followed by depth. Specifically, each row represents shear velocity values at different latitudes at a single longitude and a certain depth. Note that 3D initial models, if available, can be used for the inversion.

Note:

You can use the Python script 'GenerateIniMOD.py' in the 'scripts' directory to output a simple initial model (some modifications regarding the dimensions of the models and others are necessary). Then run '*python GenerateIniMOD.py*'. For 3D initial models, care must be taken to ensure the right order.



The minimum and maximum velocity in the eleventh line are a priori information you have about the study area. You can set a large interval if you don't have this information; it often doesn't affect the final result.

The twelfth line is the iteration number of the inversion. 10 iterations are usually more than enough. The sparsity fraction parameter means how sparsity the sensitivity matrix is, 2-10 percent will be enough for most cases.

KmaxRc, kmaxRg, kmaxLc, kmaxLg means the number of periods for Rayleigh wave phase velocity, Rayleigh wave group velocity, Love wave phase velocity, and Love wave group velocity, respectively. Note if the number of periods is zero, there's no need to write the periods following the number, e.g. the kmaxRg.

“synthetic flag” setting to 0 means inversion using real data, 1 for synthetic data; it needs “MOD.true” when the flag is 1, otherwise the program will stop.

Note:

You can also generate ‘MOD.true’ using ‘GenerateTrueMOD.py’ in the ‘scripts’ directory, the script is for the checkerboard, and modifications are necessary to control the number and size of ‘checkers’. The command is ‘*python GenerateTrueMOD.py*’.

“noise level” means how much Gaussian noise you want to add to your synthetic data. For instance, 0.02 means the random Gaussian noise added has zero mean and a standard deviation of 2% of the synthetic data.

The ‘threshold’ in the last line represents a threshold with a value between 1 and 2, which is mainly to remove outliers in the data. Setting the threshold to 2 will remove residuals with values larger than 2 times the 75 percentile of all the residuals and those with values smaller than 25 percentile. Put a large value there, e.g. 2.0 or larger, if you have done strict quality control on your dispersion data.

Note:

In version 1.3, the value is chosen based on the expression ‘ $1.0/(1+0.05*\exp(x**2*threshold))$ ’, where ‘x’ is the residual. The feature is depleted in version 1.4 since it is not straightforward.

After preparing these 3 files in a certain directory, simply run the program in the same directory with:  
*../bin/DSurfTomo DSurfTomo.in*

## 6, Output files

The final velocity model (DSurfTomo.inMeasure.dat):

First column: longitude

Second column: latitude

Third column: depth

Fourth column: shear wave velocity

Note:

You can use 'plotslice.gmt' in the 'scripts' directory to quickly check the results with:

```
bash plotslice.gmt DSurfTomo.inMeasure.dat depth1 depth2 depth3 depth4
```

where depth[1234] is a certain depth from the vertical grids.

You can interpolate them to any depth you want and then plot with your own script.

The raypath distribution of the final model (raypath.out)

# number of ray path segments

latitude longitude

...

Note that in version 1.4, this file is deleted. Users interested in the ray path distribution can either go back to version 1.2 or use FMTOMO to trace the ray paths.

Velocity model at each iteration (DSurfTomo.inMeasure.dat.iter)

The same format as 'DSurfTomo.inMeasure.dat'. These files can be used to check the intermediate results during the running.

Residual of first and last iteration (residual\*.dat)

The format is as followed:

Distance ForwardT ObserveT weightedForwardT weightedObserveT weight

The latest version of the code can be found on GitHub at <https://github.com/HongjianFang/DSurfTomo>, feel free to shoot emails or open issues on GitHub if you have any questions, we are happy to hear from you.

## References

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