Crustal and Upper Mantle Deformation Beneath Northwestern part of North Anatolian Fault Zone from Harmonic Decomposition of Receiver Functions

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Introduction



Dense Array for North Anatolia (DANA)

- The dataset is obtained from project was performed by the FaultLab Group in Leeds University
- 72 stations in total
- Examine the anisotropy using the scattering waves beneath the crust and upper mantle around the northwestern (NW) part of North Anatolian Fault Zone (NAFZ)
- Aim of Study
- Understanding the source of seismic anisotropy in the crust
 - LPO or SPO? Which one is dominant in the study area?
- To map the strength and variation of azimuthal anisotropy at varying depths
- The role of the NAFZ on the observed crustal anisotropy signals



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Geological Indications





4 Major Tectonic Regions

- Istanbul-Zonguldak Zone: Mostly comprised by sedimantary rocks above the magmatic basement.
- Armutlu Peninsula: Sediments and Metasediments with Cretaceous and Triassic ages, and Eocene volcanic rocks.
- Almacık Region: Magmatic basement with Proterozoic age and volcanic rocks with Cretaceous age originated from island arc tectonicsm above them
- Sakarya Zone: Mostly consist of Jurassic Paleogene sediments

Previous Studies - Frederiksen et al. (2015)





- RFs analyses using transfer function method
- Sedimentary basin thickness: approx. between 1.5 5.5 km
- Crustal thickness: varies between 30 45 km
- 7 km increasing in Moho boundary from south to north
- Vp/Vs ratio: varies between 1.6 1.75



Previous Studies- Kahraman et al. (2015)

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- H-k Stacking and Inversion of RFs with Neighbourhood Algorithm
- Significant lateral variations detected in the upper crust (~10 km).
- Western profile suggests a steeply dipping vertical fault extension for both northern and southern branches.
- NNAFZ can reach into upper mantle, at least 50 km.

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- D" Transition Layer
 - Anisotropy caused by topograhy variation between Core-Mantle Boundary
- Mantle Anisotropy
 - Mostly LPO anisotropy
 - Major factor is variation in temperature
 - Phase differentiation in depth of 410-520-660 km
- Crustal Anisotropy
 - Aligned cracks, foliation in the metamorhic rocks
 - Faults and Volcanic activity

Lattice Preffered Orientation (SPO) vs. Shape Preffered Orientation (SPO)

- LPO: caused by plastic deformation in the crystal structure and originated from mineral alignment
- SPO: associated with the deformation caused by the faulting, mechanical deformation



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Methodology: P-Receiver Functions



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Methodology: Harmonic Decomposition*



- k=0 : It provides to information about isotropic medium. Just having radial receiver functions.
- k=1 : It has 2π periodicity plunging/dipping symmetry axis anisotropy
- k=2 : It has 4π periodicity horizontal symmetry axis anisotropy

 $E_{k=1} = [(B_M(i)^2 + C_M(i)^2) - [(B_U(i)^2 + C_U(i)^2)]]$ $E_{k=2} = [(D_M(i)^2 + E_M(i)^2) - [(D_U(i)^2 + E_U(i)^2)]]$

Calculation of energy from k=1 and k=2 harmonics, respectively

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(Licciardi et al., 2018)
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 If E_{k=1} > E_{k=2}, the dominant anisotropy is caused by the dipping layers or any mineral or structure which has plunging axis symmetry



• If $E_{k=1} < E_{k=2}$, the anisotropy is originated from layering which has the horizontal symmetry axis.

Synthetic Tests



Thickness (km)	ρ (kg/cm³)	Vp (km/s)	Vs (km/s)	%Р	%S	trend	plunge	strike	dip
2	2.6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	2.89	5.3	3.06	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	2.89	5.3	3.06	20	20	110	45	0	0
15	2.89	5.3	3.06	0	0	0	0	0	0
Half-space	3.15	7.3	4.22	0	0	0	0	0	0



- Synthetic waveforms are produced by RaySUM (Frederiksen and Bostock, 2000)
- Receiver Functions are calculated by FuncLab software written by Rob Porrit
- 0.02 1 Hz Bandpass filtering
- A=2, C=0.01
- Taper=%5

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Synthetic Tests





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Results: Real Data Processing



- 12758 good quality waveforms extracted from 641 teleseismic events
- Epicentral distances and event magnitudes ranging between 30° and 90° and between 5.2 and 8.5, respectively.
- 200 s analysis windows starting 20 s prior to the theoretical P-wave onset.
- Bandpass filtering between 0.02 1.25 Hz.
- a=2.2, c=0.01
- Taper= %5



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Discussion and Conclusion

- We implemented the harmonic decomposition method inferred from receiver functions on both the synthetic dataset and real dataset.
- Synthetic tests could recover the true model, which is used to generate synthetic waveform.
- The initial results from real data analyses suggest that the Moho is relatively thick beneath the northern part.
- Beneath the DB06 station, anisotropic orientation shows the approximately N-S direction for the upper crustal part.

Further Processes

- Complete mapping the symmetry axis of anisotropy and energy distribution using k=1,2 harmonics for all depth ranges.
- SKS splitting measurements to understand the crust-mantle interaction.
- Implementing the RFs inversion using *a priori* constraints from the harmonic decomposition results.



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