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Moho topography beneath the European Eastern Alps by global-phase seismic interferometry

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SUPPLEMENTARY TEXT

Here we discuss the results of the application of this technique to different event sub-sets (Figures S1 to S8), in order to distinguish the real features from possible interference effects and artefacts related to lateral variations. Our examples include two symmetric sources at equal epicentral distance from the array and as possible minimum distance from the great circle through the array (Figure S1); few sources inline with the deployment (Figures S2 and S3); sources from one side of the linear deployment (from N only (Figure S4) and from S(W) only (Figure S5)); sources only from large events ($M \ge 6.5$) (Figure S6); sources of events located within +-40 degrees from the great circle through the array (Figure S7); and finally 27 selected events (Figure S8). These examples clearly document how sensitive the technique is to the choice of the events used for imaging. Few phases, even if the record of the seismogram is of high quality and the incoming energy is high due to the large magnitude, are not sufficient for contributing to a constructive reflection after correlation, and rather show consistent sub-horizontal negative and/or positive phases (Figure S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6) this helps us discerning the possible artefacts of the technique, due to the propagation of the wave and independent from the structure. Figure S7 and S8 instead show how a more homogeneous distribution of the sources (in terms of a wide range of ray-parameters) helps cancelling the effect described before, and helps enhancing the real features below the array. In Figure S8, we use a subset of 27 phases selected according to the epicentral location and magnitude. For this selection, we avoided to include clusters, referring to multiple events with epicentres located within 3 degrees in both distance and backazimuth. In each cluster, we included the event with the highest magnitude (listed in Table T1). We show that in this case the choice of the events delivers a stable and reliable interferometric image, little differing from the image retrieved by including all possible events (Figure 2).

Moreover, the difference between the image in Figure S7 (events occurred +-40 degrees from the great circle through the array) and in Figure S8 (i.e. 27 phases) shows that the distribution in backazimuth can be neglected when the core phases are used.



Figure S1

Same as Figure 2, but this image has been obtained including two symmetric sources at equal epicentral distance (81^o and 88^o) and as much as possible in-line with the deployment (20^o

off from the N-S direction, Figure S1). This configuration of events (ray-paths) do not contribute to a constructive reflection after correlation, or this contribution is overwhelmed by source-side reverberations (SSRs); we therefore must add more ray-paths for the construction of the interferometric image.



Figure S2

Same as Figure 2, including only 6 events nearest in line with the deployment (4 from the North and 2 from the South), Δ between 80 ° and 165° M> 5.9. The arrival of a positive phase

at 9 s along the whole profile (BAR gather), suggests that the signal we see is still dominated by SSRs and is not showing the receiver-side structures.





Same as Figure 2 including only few sources in line with the deployment but including 2 events from south offline with respect to the great circle of the array, in order to balance the number of events on either side of the array. Thanks to this balanced selection we start discerning between crust and mantle features in the BAR image (i.e. negative amplitudes in the crust and positive amplitudes in the mantle). Anyways, artefacts are still present (e.g. the phase at 9 s running along the whole profile).





Same as Figure 2 including only sources from N (NE) only, Δ between 69° and 165°. Consistent sub-horizontal high energy reverberations at various times are observed in the northern part of the profile (stations 1 to 32) while for the southern part of the profile scattered energy is

present between 5 and 15 seconds (marked by a black dashed box), in these arrival times we would expect to have some signal of the Moho.





Same as Figure 2 including only sources from SW and W only, with Δ between 88° and 120°. Few data and restricted backazimuthal coverage do not allow to make observations.





Same as Figure 2 including all events with M>= 6.5, for a total of 22 events of which 3 only are from Southern backazimuths. The number of subhorizontal reflections is diminished but still there is no clear distinction between which phase could correspond to the Moho.



Figure S7

Same as Figure 2 including only sources of events located within +-40 degrees from the great circle through the array. As in the previous figure the number of sub-horizontal reflections is strongly reduced, apparently a sufficient amount of phases is reached to stack out most of the SSRs. Separation between crustal and mantle features is already visible in BAR image for the northern part of the profile, we have marked it with a dashed line.

After Delta Pulse removal, nearly all sub-horizontal reflections are gone and Moho generated amplitudes are visible at stations 1 to 9 (black dashed box), but between 9 to 30 are not univocally interpretable. In the DPR image, multiple phases are well visible at 21-22 s TWT (highlighted by a blue dotted box), these are also not being suppressed by the multiple suppression step, possibly due to imbalance in sources from either side and to many events all at same distances from one side. In the "Multiple suppression" gather, we highlight the blue-red-blue triplet identified as the signature of the positive impedance contrast at the Moho, it is very clear between stations 1 and 9.





Same as Figure 2 including 27 selected events with high SNR depicted for this study. The boundary between crustal and mantle features is already well visible in BAR image for the northern part of the profile.

After Delta Pulse removal, nearly all sub-horizontal reflections are gone and Moho generated amplitudes are well visible (from station 1 to 21, marked in figure by a dashed box). In this DPR image the amplitude of multiple phases is reduced with respect to the previous image (Figure S7) due to the high number of events from either side of the profile having various incidence angles. In the "Multiple suppression" gather, we highlight the blue-red-blue triplet identified as the signature of the positive impedance contrast at the Moho, it is very clear between stations 1 and 21, and can be followed southward to station 26.



Figure S9

Standard deviation calculated over 100 samples generated by bootstrapping events ensembles by the pool of 64 events in Table S1. The wiggle on top is the mean wiggles over the 100 bootstrapped wiggles.



Figure S10

Upper panel: Figure 13 from Brückl et al., 2007, showing the Alp01, *P* wave velocity model; the grey shows the portions of the model which had no ray coverage.

Middle and lower panels: Vp and Vs models from the model EP crust (Molinari et al., 2011).

TABLE T1

Table of the 64 seismic events used in this study. Marked with asterisk are the 27 selected for creating the images in Figure 4a and S8.

Event ID	Date	Time			Depth			
(date+time)	(YY.MM.DD)	(HHMMSS)	Lat	Long	(km)	Μ	Baz	Dist
1508150747	15.08.15	074706	-10.91	163.8	10	6.5	43.5	135.2
1508121849	15.08.12	184924	-9.34	157.88	10	6.5	49.4	130.9
1508100412	15.08.10	041213	-9.28	158.01	10	6.6	49.2	131
1507262242	15.07.26	224217	-18.16	-174.07	30	6	14.1	149.3
*1507180227	15.07.18	022733	-10.38	165.2	10	6.9	41.4	135.3
*1507100412	15.07.10	041241	-9.35	158.39	10	6.8	48.9	131.2
1506300339	15.06.30	033928	-5.38	151.57	35	6	53.5	124.3
*1506251845	15.06.25	184556	-32.22	-178.08	10	6	32.6	161.7
1506212128	15.06.21	212816	-20.47	-178.34	563	6	22.9	150.6
*1505202248	15.05.20	224853	-10.88	164.14	10	6.8	43.1	135.3
*1505200030	15.05.20	003050	-19.3	-175.47	173	6	17.1	150.1
*1505191525	15.05.19	152521	-54.36	-132.19	10	6.7	241.1	157.9
*1505070710	15.05.07	071022	-7.23	154.56	20	7.1	51.6	127.4
*1505050144	15.05.05	014405	-5.46	151.98	40	7.4	53.2	124.6
1505010806	15.05.01	080606	-5.16	151.85	60	6.8	53.1	124.3
1504301045	15.04.30	104506	-5.39	151.73	54	6.7	53.4	124.4
1504281639	15.04.28	163937	-20.92	-178.68	566	6.2	23.8	151
1504222257	15.04.22	225717	-12.01	166.49	80	6.3	40.9	137.4

*1504171552	15.04.17	155253	-16.11	-178.39	10	6.5	20.8	146.4
*1504070046	15.04.07	004618	-15.3	-173.31	10	6.3	11.9	146.6
1502191318	15.02.19	131832	-16.4	168.19	2	6.5	41.7	142
*1501280243	15.01.28	024319	-21.01	-178.27	485	6.2	23.1	151.2
*1501230347	15.01.23	034726	-17.02	168.57	216	6.7	41.6	142.7
*1411162233	14.11.16	223320	-37.69	179.79	20	6.7	48.2	165.5
*1411011857	14.11.01	185722	-19.8	-177.8	431	7.1	21.6	150.1
1411011059	14.11.01	105958	-31.83	-111.17	30	6	270.8	135.6
*1410280315	14.10.28	031538	-15.27	-174.63	2	6.1	14.1	146.3
*1410090214	14.10.09	021432	-32.08	-110.83	10	7.1	270.2	135.6
*1409060653	14.09.06	065313	-26.6	-114.6	10	6.1	279.1	134.5
*1409040533	14.09.04	053345	-21.4	-173.28	4	6	13.7	152.6
1508100743	15.08.10	074338	-19.65	-174.79	60	5.7	15.9	150.6
1508031401	15.08.03	140150	-16.46	-174.35	162	5.7	14	147.5
1507171849	15.07.17	184951	-18.12	-178.2	522	5.8	21.4	148.4
1507072003	15.07.07	200312	-23.21	-176.99	125	5.8	22	153.6
1507061224	15.07.06	122400	-20.8	-174.52	2	5.7	15.9	151.8
1507011935	15.07.01	193521	-10.94	162.54	10	5.9	45.1	134.6
1506230859	15.06.23	085953	-19.67	-175.14	117	5.7	16.6	150.6
1506160616	15.06.16	061659	-20.43	-178.9	645	5.9	23.9	150.4
1505032232	15.05.03	223241	-5.52	151.77	30	5.8	53.4	124.5
1504140813	15.04.14	081354	-15.18	-173.35	2	5.6	11.9	146.4
1504020410	15.04.02	041011	-17.87	-178.61	560	5.9	22	148

1503301802	15.03.30	180209	-15.57	-172.8	2	5.7	11	146.9
1503201542	15.03.20	154252	-4.76	154.84	23	5.6	49.8	125.5
1411101004	14.11.10	100422	-22.81	171.54	10	5.9	42.1	149.2
1409170611	14.09.17	061149	-16.03	168.01	181	5.6	41.6	141.6
1409032034	14.09.03	203400	-26.49	-114.77	10	5.9	279.4	134.5
1409031134	14.09.03	113438	-15.03	-173.4	2	5.7	11.9	146.3
1409030743	14.09.03	074330	-14.99	-173.44	2	5.8	12	146.2
1408272311	14.08.27	231135	-15.04	167.44	124	5.9	41.7	140.5
1408271631	14.08.27	163113	-15.59	-177.81	10	5.6	19.6	146
*1409251751	14.09.25	175117	61.97	-151.79	102	6.2	352.6	69.1
*1410021257	14.10.02	125706	52.38	158.05	153	5.7	21.5	74.9
*1505290700	15.05.29	070008	56.74	-156.73	60	6.8	354.4	74.7
*1506171251	15.06.17	125132	-35.39	-17.63	10	6.9	204.9	88.1
*1507070510	15.07.07	051026	44.00	147.98	30	6.3	31.4	79.5
1407201832	14.07.20	183247	44.66	148.80	60	6.2	30.6	79.2
1506080601	15.06.08	060109	41.54	142.05	50	6.0	36.5	79.4
1505122112	15.05.12	211259	38.95	141.99	40	6.8	37.9	81.6
1502211013	15.02.21	101353	39.88	143.52	2	6.0	36.4	81.4
*1502162306	15.02.16	230627	39.87	142.94	15	6.8	36.8	81.2
*1407111921	14.07.11	192159	37.06	142.54	10	6.5	38.6	83.4
*1411221308	14.11.22	130817	36.00	137.00	2	6.2	203.5	82.3
*1505301849	15.05.30	184906	30.77	143.04	2	6.2	41.5	89.0

TABLE T2:

Moho depth along profile. Columns in the tables correspond to: Longitude, Latitude, Distance

along profile, estimated Moho depth, minimum estimated Moho depth, maximum estimated

Moho depth. Asterisks show the fairly resolved Moho.

13.35 50.275 037 27 25 29

13.35 48.170 271 36*

13.35 48.161 272 36* 13.35 48.152 273 36* 13.35 48.143 274 36* 13.35 48.134 275 36* 13.35 48.125 276 36* 13.35 48.116 277 36* 13.35 48.107 278 36* 13.35 48.098 279 36* 13.35 48.089 280 37* 13.35 48.080 281 37* 13.35 48.071 282 37* 13.35 48.062 283 37* 13.35 48.053 284 37* 13.35 48.044 285 37* 13.35 48.035 286 37* 13.35 48.026 287 37* 13.35 48.017 288 37* 13.35 48.008 289 37* 13.35 47.999 290 37* 13.35 47.990 291 38* 13.35 47.981 292 38* 13.35 47.972 293 38* 13.35 47.963 294 38* 13.35 47.955 295 38* 13.35 47.946 296 38* 13.35 47.937 297 38* 13.35 47.928 298 38* 13.35 47.919 299 38* 13.35 47.910 300 38* 13.35 47.901 301 38* 13.35 47.892 302 38* 13.35 47.883 303 39* 13.35 47.874 304 39* 13.35 47.865 305 39* 13.35 47.856 306 39* 13.35 47.847 307 39* 13.35 47.838 308 39* 13.35 47.829 309 39* 13.35 47.820 310 39* 13.35 47.811 311 39* 13.35 47.802 312 39* 13.35 47.793 313 40* 13.35 47.784 314 40* 13.35 47.775 315 40* 13.35 47.766 316 40* 13.35 47.757 317 40* 13.35 47.748 318 40* 13.35 47.739 319 40* 13.35 47.730 320 40* 13.35 47.721 321 40* 13.35 47.712 322 40* 13.35 47.703 323 41* 13.35 47.694 324 41* 13.35 47.685 325 41* 13.35 47.676 326 41* 13.35 47.667 327 41* 13.35 47.658 328 41* 13.35 47.649 329 41* 13.35 47.640 330 41* 13.35 47.631 331 41* 13.35 47.622 332 41* 13.35 47.613 333 42* 13.35 47.604 334 42* 13.35 47.595 335 42* 13.35 47.586 336 42* 13.35 47.577 337 42* 13.35 47.568 338 42* 13.35 47.559 339 42* 13.35 47.550 340 43* 13.35 47.541 341 43* 13.35 47.532 342 43* 13.35 47.523 343 43* 13.35 47.514 344 43* 13.35 47.505 345 43* 13.35 47.496 346 43* 13.35 47.487 347 43* 13.35 47.478 348 43* 13.35 47.469 349 43* 13.35 47.460 350 43* 13.35 47.451 351 43* 13.35 47.442 352 43* 13.35 47.433 353 43* 13.35 47.424 354 44* 13.35 47.415 355 44* 13.35 47.406 356 44* 13.35 47.397 357 44* 13.35 47.388 358 44* 13.35 47.379 359 44* 13.35 47.370 360 44* 13.35 47.361 361 44* 13.35 47.352 362 44* 13.35 47.343 363 44* 13.35 47.334 364 45* 13.35 47.325 365 45* 13.35 47.316 366 45* 13.35 47.307 367 45* 13.35 47.298 368 45* 13.35 47.289 369 45* 13.35 47.280 370 45* 13.35 46.381 470 39* 13.35 46.372 471 39* 13.35 46.363 472 39* 13.35 46.354 473 39* 13.35 46.345 474 39* 13.35 46.336 475 39* 13.35 46.327 476 39* 13.35 46.318 477 39* 13.35 46.309 478 39* 13.35 46.300 479 39* 13.35 46.291 480 39* 13.35 46.282 481 38* 13.35 46.273 482 38* 13.35 46.264 483 38* 13.35 46.255 484 38* 13.35 46.246 485 38* 13.35 46.237 486 38* 13.35 46.228 487 38* 13.35 46.219 488 38* 13.35 46.210 489 38* 13.35 46.201 490 38* 13.35 46.192 491 38* 13.35 46.183 492 38* 13.35 46.174 493 38* 13.35 46.165 494 38* 13.35 46.156 495 38* 13.35 46.147 496 38* 13.35 46.138 497 38* 13.35 46.129 498 38* 13.35 46.120 499 38* 13.35 46.111 500 38* 13.35 46.102 501 38* 13.35 46.093 502 38* 13.35 46.084 503 38* 13.35 46.075 504 38* 13.35 46.066 505 38* 13.35 46.057 506 38* 13.35 46.048 507 38* 13.35 46.039 508 38* 13.35 46.030 509 38* 13.35 46.021 510 38*

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