Description of dataset "Subaquatic ambient seismic noise recordings acquired in the region of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, Canada"

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Abstract

This dataset contains subaquatic passive seismic recordings taken in September 2021 at 88 locations off Tuktoyaktuk Island as well as in a small lake ("Lake 3") between the villages of Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada. The measurements were part of the "Mackenzie Delta Permafrost Field Campaign" (mCan2021) within the "Modular Observation solutions for Earth Systems" (MOSES) program. Data is from a seismic intermediate-bandwidth seismic sensor lowered for few minutes to the bottom of the sea and lake, respectively, and from underwater short-period sensors deployed for a few days. The aim of the study was to determine the depth of the subaquatic permafrost (local lake and oceanic locations). Raw data is provided in proprietary "Cube" format and standard mseed format.

Coordinates: 69.456N/ 133.003W and 68.776850N/ 133.540817W

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1. Introduction

Ambient seismic noise measurements at the shallow sea bottom proved to be useful for estimating the spatial distribution and depth of submarine permafrost, in particular in combination with H/V analysis (ratio of horizontal and vertical components of noise recordings; Overduin et al., 2015). The data contained in this data set (ambient seismic noise data at the shallow sea floor off Tuktoykatuk Island and in a lake ~100 km south of it ("Lake 3"), Northwest Territories, Canada) were acquired during the 2021 "Mackenzie Delta Permafrost Field Campaign" (mCan2021), a test campaign within the "Modular Observation solutions for Earth Systems" (MOSES) program. The dataset is complementing/extending the dataset obtained by Ryberg et al. (2019). See also Cable et al., 2019. Also CH4 and CO2 measurements, electrical resistivity and temperature investigations had been carried out in the study area.

2. Data Acquisition – Experiment, schedule, acquisition parameters

2.1 Experiment design and schedule

Subaquatic ambient seismic noise measurements were carried out around Tuktoyaktuk Island and in a small lake between the villages of Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik (Northwest Territories, Canada). In total 88 measurements points were taken in September 2021 (see Figure 1 & 2, Table 1 in supplement and file *HV.dat* in the data – see below). The measurements were taken point by point from small boats. At each point the sensor was lowered to the lake or sea bottom, where it stayed for several minutes (see Table 1 in supplement). Additionally, long-term recordings (few days) were taken at 4 locations by shallow water ocean bottom seismometers (OBS).

2.2 Instrumentation

To record the ambient seismic wave field the "Mobile Ocean Bottom Seismometer" (MOBSI) system was used (see Figure 3). The system consists of 1) an intermediate bandwidth seismic sensor (type Nanometrics Trillium Compact 20 s seismometer) housed – together with a Omnirecs/DiGOS Cube digitizer - in a watertight casing, 2) a manual winch with 100 m steel cable, and 3) a surface data acquisition unit with a small computer. The MOBSI system allows real-time quality data control as well as control of the tilt of the sensor.

Furthermore we used 4 shallow water seismic recording units (OBS, based on Omnirecs/DIGOS Cube digitizer and a 3-component 4.5Hz short-period geophone in a watertight casing) for recordings of several days (equipped with anchor and buoys; Figure 4). Exact timing of these units was provided by synchronizing the internal clock to a GPS device before and after the measurements.

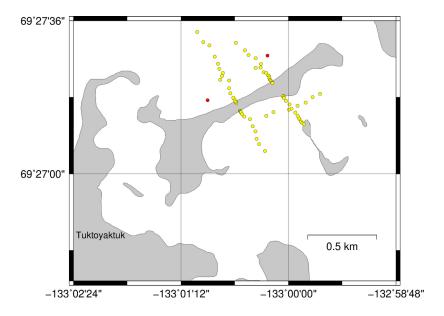


Figure 1: Study area close around Tuktoyaktuk Island, Northwestern Canada. Yellow circles denote the locations of ambient noise measurements with MOBSI (short time), red circles those from long-term deployments.

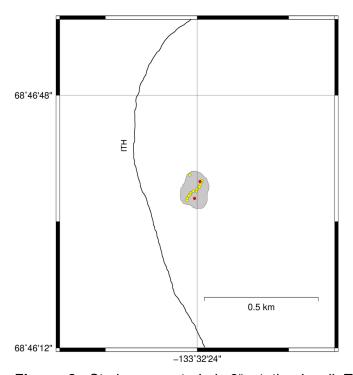


Figure 2: Study area at "Lake3" at the Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway (ITH), Northwestern Canada. Yellow circles denote the locations of ambient noise measurements with MOBSI (short time), red circles those from long-term deployments. Grey line is the ITH.

2.3 Acquisition parameters

For data acquisition a sample frequency of 100 samples per second at gain 4 for MOBSI and 200 samples per second at gain 32 for the OBS were used. Data from MOBSI was marked as valid if the tilt of the seismic sensor was below 5° (operational range of intermediate-period sensor). The time windows, i.e. when the data was marked as valid (also known location), are listed in Table 1 and can be used for further processing (extraction etc.).

2.4 Coordinates & deployment depths

Positions were taken by handheld GNSS with an estimated accuracy of 3 to 5 m. Water depth was determined by an echo sounder, taken by a bathy-boat (Cable, 2022, in preparation) or from the near-by resistivity measurements (Overduin et al., 2202, In preparation).



Figure 3: "Mobile Ocean Bottom Seismometer" (MOBSI) system: cable drum (right), broad band seismic sensor & data logger (middle) and control unit/computer (left). Modified from Ryberg et al., 2018.



Figure 3: Shallow water ocean bottom seismometer. The cylinder containing the recorder and sensor is mounted on a metal grid.

3. Data Processing

For the data contained in this data set, no processing has been performed except for the format conversion using the GIPPtools (Lendl, 2021).

4. Data Description

This data set contains raw data in original Cube format and as in standard MSEED format (FDSN, 2012). Directory /RAW contains raw data in original Cube format (continuously), directory /MSEED contains the converted MSEED data (three files types c0???2109??????pri? for the three components; pri0 indicating the vertical component, and pri1 and pri2 the two un-oriented horizontal components, respectively). Table with coordinates etc. can be found in file /INFO/HV.dat.

5. Data Availability/Access

Data is archived at the *GIPP Experiment and Data Archive* where it is freely available for further use <u>after the end of the embargo period on October 31, 2023</u> under a "Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Licence" (CC-BY 4.0). When using the data, please give reference to this data publication. Recommended citation is:

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Appendix 1: Table listing all measurement points, coordinates, depth etc. (also contained in file HV.dat in the data set, directory /INFO)

HV# G	PSpnt	oldpnt	rec	H2O-ft	H20	PF long	lat	type	location	start_measurement	stop_measurement	comment	
HV12	6	1	11			0.45 -133.54083	7 68.776850			2021-09-14T20:03:16.000	2021-09-14T20:05:18.000	get depth from	n GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV13	7	0	12			x -133.5394	3 68.776617	M					m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV14	8	10	15			X -133.5395	7 68.776550	M (L3 :	2021-09-14T20:39:23.000	2021-09-14T20:45:41.000	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV15	9	20	16			X -133.5396	7 68.776450	M (L3 :	2021-09-14T20:48:37.655	2021-09-14T20:52:54.395	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV16	10	30	17			X -133.5397	0 68.776367	M	L3 :	2021-09-14T20:57:29.000	2021-09-14T21:00:23.415	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV17	11	40	18			X -133.5400	7 68.776283	B M	L3 :	2021-09-14T21:07:12.465	2021-09-14T21:11:41.445	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV18	12	50	19			X -133.5400	7 68.776183	B M	L3 :	2021-09-14T21:14:26.000	2021-09-14T21:16:12.000	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV19	13	60	20			X -133.5404	7 68.776200	M (L3 :	2021-09-14T21:25:38.000	2021-09-14T21:27:02.000	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV20	14	70	21			X -133.5407	0 68.776133	B M	L3 :	2021-09-14T21:36:25.000	2021-09-14T21:38:10.000	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV21	15	80	22			X -133.5407	3 68.776067	M	L3 :	2021-09-14T21:45:59.000	2021-09-14T21:49:20.115	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV22	16	90	23			X -133.5409	3 68.776017	M	L3 :	2021-09-14T21:53:40.000	2021-09-14T21:57:55.915	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV23	17	100	24			X -133.5410	3 68.775917	M	L3 :	2021-09-14T22:03:40.305	2021-09-14T22:07:59.505	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV24	18	110	25			X -133.5411	7 68.775833	B M	L3 :	2021-09-14T22:13:50.000	2021-09-14T22:16:50.155	get depth from	m GE tracks/bathyboat/CTD
HV25	S01	B13	1	14.8	4.51	X -133.0131	0 69.457183	B M	Tuk_NW_B1	2021-09-18T21:21:15.811	2021-09-18T21:25:21.061	depth from ecl	no sounder
HV26	S02	B14/15	2	20	6.1	X -133.0123	0 69.456383	B M	Tuk_NW_B1	2021-09-18T21:36:41.000	2021-09-18T21:38:34.000	depth from ecl	no sounder
HV27	S03	B21	3	0	0	1.69 -133.0097	3 69.454667	M	Tuk_NW_B1	2021-09-18T21:46:36.000	2021-09-18T21:51:04.811	on land	
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HV30	S06	B19	6	0.66	0.2	X -133.0099	3 69.454750	M (Tuk_NW_B1	2021-09-18T22:15:10.000	2021-09-18T22:15:44.000	direct depth	
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HV35	S11	B14	11	19	5.79	X -133.0121	3 69.456583	B M	Tuk_NW_B1	2021-09-18T23:17:07.000	2021-09-18T23:19:58.000	depth from ecl	no sounder
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HV37	Q02	X	13	2.16	0.66	X -133.0089	3 69.454083	B M	Tuk_SW_B1	2021-09-19T18:49:26.848	2021-09-19T18:53:42.238	depth from ecl	no sounder
HV38	Q03	X	14	2.82	0.86	X -133.0089	3 69.454050	M (Tuk_SW_B1	2021-09-19T18:57:42.298	2021-09-19T19:02:15.878	depth from ecl	no sounder
HV39	Q04	X	15	3.61	1.1	X -133.0089	0 69.454017	M	Tuk_SW_B1	2021-09-19T19:06:48.548	2021-09-19T19:11:15.588	depth from ecl	no sounder
HV40	Q05	X	16	4.33	1.32	X -133.0088	0 69.454017	M	Tuk_SW_B1	2021-09-19T19:15:58.928	2021-09-19T19:20:16.868	depth from ecl	no sounder
HV41	Q06	X	17	8.4	2.56	X -133.0086	7 69.453883	B M	Tuk_SW_B1	2021-09-19T19:33:02.188	2021-09-19T19:37:32.668	depth from ecl	no sounder
HV42	Q07	X	18	8.2	2.50	X -133.0082	7 69.453733	B M	Tuk_SW_B1	2021-09-19T19:45:33.828	2021-09-19T19:50:10.498	depth from ecl	no sounder
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HV51	Q16	X	31	4.66		X -133.0008					2021-09-20T01:07:19.688	-	
HV52	Q17	X	32	3.51		X -133.0008					2021-09-20T01:15:19.758		
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	Q19	X	34		2.53	X -132.9998					2021-09-20T01:55:59.708	-	
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HV56	Q21	X	36		3.41	X -132.9987					2021-09-20T02:19:00.198	-	
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HV67	U04	B05	48	6.9	2.10	X -133.004617	69.456633 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-20T16:52:08.758 2021-09-20T16:56:22.398 depth from echo sounder
HV68	U05	B06	49	2.36	0.72	X -133.003750	69.456417 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-20T17:02:22.458 2021-09-20T17:07:44.558 depth from echo sounder
HV69	U06	B07	50	3.12	0.95	X -133.003567	69.456367 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-20T17:13:09.388 2021-09-20T17:17:30.398 depth from echo sounder
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HV71	U08	B09	52	2.00	0.61	X -133.003450	69.456150 N	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-20T17:32:16.898 2021-09-20T17:36:24.948 depth from echo sounder
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HV73	U10	B11	54	1.60	0.49	X -133.003233	69.456050 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-20T17:51:59.278 2021-09-20T17:56:23.698 depth from echo sounder
HV74	U11	X	55	0	0	1.44 -133.003067	69.455983 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-20T18:01:38.538 2021-09-20T18:06:03.608 on land
HV75	U12	X	56	0	0	1.25 -133.002983	69.455950 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-20T18:09:03.000 2021-09-20T18:13:02.378 on land
HV76	U13	X	57	0	0	0.84 -133.002967	69.455917 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-20T18:14:44.648 2021-09-20T18:19:42.528 on land
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HV78	28	X02	63	0	6.14	X -133.011033	69.456083 1	M Tuk_NW_B1 2021-09-27T19:23:38.608 2021-09-27T19:27:48.898 depth from GE tracks
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HV83	32	X07	68	0	5.24	X -133.016967	69.459267 1	M Tuk_NW_B1 2021-09-27T20:31:54.578 2021-09-27T20:36:08.568 depth from GE tracks
HV84	33	Y01	69	0	2.32	X -133.004133	69.456583 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-27T20:49:39.278 2021-09-27T20:53:27.788 depth from GE tracks
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HV86	37	0	71			X -132.994100	69.455217	M Tuk_South 2021-09-27T21:43:01.388 2021-09-27T21:47:05.788 get depth from GE tracks/CTD
HV87	38	60	72			X -132.995500	69.455000 1	M Tuk_South 2021-09-27T21:55:41.588 2021-09-27T21:59:58.438 get depth from GE tracks/CTD
HV88	39	120	73			X -132.996783	69.454650 1	M Tuk_South 2021-09-27T22:06:12.438 2021-09-27T22:10:16.328 get depth from GE tracks/CTD
HV89	40	185	74			X -132.998317	69.454433 1	M Tuk_South 2021-09-27T22:16:09.028 2021-09-27T22:20:22.838 get depth from GE tracks/CTD
HV90	41	250	75			X -132.999900	69.454183 1	
HV91	42	360	76			X -133.002767	69.454033 1	M Tuk_South 2021-09-27T23:00:28.000 2021-09-27T23:03:40.258 get depth from GE tracks/CTD
HV92	43	420	77			X -133.004133	69.453783 1	M Tuk_South 2021-09-27T23:08:50.000 2021-09-27T23:10:41.000 get depth from GE tracks/CTD
HV93	46	Y03	82	14	4.27	X -133.006083	69.456917 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-28T17:37:19.948 2021-09-28T17:41:12.848 depth from echo sounder
HV94	47	Y04	83	13	3.96	X -133.007417	69.457750 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-28T17:49:09.000 2021-09-28T17:51:59.408 depth from echo sounder
HV95	48	Y05	84	12.9	3.93	X -133.009783	69.458550 1	M Tuk_NE_B2 2021-09-28T17:58:09.678 2021-09-28T17:58:30.000 depth from echo sounder
OBS1	24	OBS1 O	BS1			X -133.539700	68.776583	O L3_OBS_A3S 2021-09-17T23:30:00.000 2021-09-22T19:39:00.000 get depth from GE tracks/bathyboat
OBS2	25	OBS2 O	BS2			X -133.540283	68.775917 (0 L3_OBS_A3U 2021-09-18T00:20:00.000 2021-09-22T19:44:00.000 get depth from GE tracks/bathyboat
OBS3	OBS1	OBS1 O	BS1	13.2	4.06	X -133.015050	69.454800	O Tuk_OBS_A46 2021-09-18T23:36:00.000 2021-09-20T18:33:00.000 depth from echo sounder
OBS4	OBS2	OBS2 O	BS2	12.0	3.66	X -133.003900	69.457717 (O Tuk_OBS_A3V 2021-09-18T23:48:00.000 2021-09-20T18:26:00.000 depth from echo sounder