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- What additional information do 6+ degree-of-freedom point measurements provide about the wavefield and local structure (ESR1.1)?
- How do networks with a combination of sensor types help us understand the observations from a wave physics point of view? What are the advantages and limitations of each sensor type? How should we combine and process multi-sensor ground motion observations in dense arrays (ESR1.3)?
- How can 6+ degree-of-freedom point measurements improve spatially sparse measurements (OBS, ESR1.4)
- How can distributed acoustic sensing (DAS) extremely dense measurements - best be exploited (ESR1.2)?



WP1 thus serves as the **instrumentation backbone** of SPIN, providing a new generation of 'telescopes' with which to observe Earth's interior processes.

WP1 – ESR Projects 1/4

SPIN ESR 1.1: Harnessing wavefield gradients: theory, experiment, applications (LMU, co- supervisor ETH)

ESR: Le Tang

- Open source synthetic 6 DoF benchmark data for processing, data analysis, and inverse problems
- Processing toolbox (Full 6 DoF) with documentation, embedded in Jupyter notebooks
- Case studies on field and laboratory data, demonstrate improvement in inverse problem resolution



WP1 – ESR Projects 2/4

SPIN ESR 1.2: Distributed acoustic sensing for natural hazard assessment (ETH)

ESR: Sebastian Noe

- Monitoring of glaciers, potentially unstable slopes, and earthquake-induced ground motion in densely populated urban areas.
- properly quantify observational uncertainties of DAS waveforms
- \succ to integrate them into the design of suitable misfit functionals
- DAS-based full waveform inversion methods
- Applications for both earthquake source properties and 3D Earth structure.



WP1 – ESR Projects 3/4

SPIN ESR 1.3: Wavefield gradient methods to monitor the Earth's crust (ISTERRE, co-supervisor LMU)

ESR: Mirko Bracale

- Evaluate the possibilities offered by wave field gradient measurements in addition to traditional local measurements for monitoring temporal variations of elastic properties (mean velocities, structural changes) in the Earth's crust.
- Focus on a volcanic area where such changes are already reported but not precisely characterized.
- Test ability to image changes in the environment associated with for example **localized velocity changes** or appearance of filled cracks.
- Application to field data with a noise based monitoring approach. The processing of the field data will include a stage of characterization and classification of the ambient wavefield.



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SPIN ESR 3.4: Ambient signals as a tool to characterize material properties (UHH, co-supervisor IPG)

ESR: Mohammad Aminian

- Characterize the time-dependent distribution of noise sources at different frequencies and scales (e.g. urban noise, local environmental noise, ocean noise on the global scale).
- What can the inclusion of additional ground motion observables tell us about how the **noise sources** work?
- How do the noise field characteristics affect the accuracy of noise cross-correlation signals? What about seismic noise interferometry with new observables?



WP1 – Questions for this workshop

How can WP1 support the other SPIN Work Packages?

- What is the instrumentation pool that we have in our network? Let us make an inventory (PADLET)!
- What are the most exciting experiments that we can do to demonstrate the potential of gradient observations?
- Where should we go? Where are potential sites with prior knowledge (tomography)? Where are sites with substantial seismic activity (source inversion)?
- Should we aim for a **3D subsurface array** multicomponent installation (e.g., LSBB)
- What are technological developments on the rotation and strain sensing front that we should monitor?
- Should we bridge to other communitites (gravitational wave detection, structural engineering)?

