Episodic Tremor and Slip in the Cascadia Subduction Zone

Megathrust Earthquakes



•Last in 1700

•Occur approximately every 400-600 years

•Can exceed 9.0 magnitude

•Rupture could extend from Vancouver to Northern California

•Tremor may lead to more understanding

Automatic Detection

Hopefully...

- More consistent
- Easier
- Faster
- Applicable to other regions?



Earthquakes or Tremor?



Differences:

•Frequency

•Duration

•Waveform

Stations currently recorded at PNSN 20080510



Active stations in PNWcurrent as of Saturday

•I have only considered 10 stations for automatic detection...

•6 marked in red are compared to each other for January 2007

Output (January 24, 2007)





One of the worst agreements in the month of January.

Algorithm detects tremor that I do not

Also does not detect tremor that I do see

This happens mostly when the amplitude is very low...

Hour of Day (GMT)





Comparison of Detection Methods



Days of January 2007

Next?

Average over shorter windows of time

Consider other possible constraints

• Apply to other data or regions

Connection to the tides?

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