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Rayleigh wave

A seismic surface wave characterized by an elliptical motion in the vertical plane

Regional event

A seismic event located between about 2° and about 20° distance from a station (beyond 200 kms to about 2,200 kms)

S-wave

A seismic body wave of the shear type

Seismogram

A seismic record containing wave-forms covering a certain time interval (e.g. 24 hours)

Seismograph, seismometer

Instruments designed to detect Earth motions caused by seismic events

Short-period (SP) waves

Seismic waves of period around 1 second

SNR

Signal-to-noise ratio

SP

See short-period waves

STA/LTA

The ratio between short-term and long-term average amplitude of a seismic wave-form

Surface wave

A seismic wave that propagates along the

upper layers of the Earth

Surface wave magnitude

See Ms

T-phase

A seismic wave for which the propagation path is partly through the ocean

Teleseismic event

A seismic event located beyond about 20° distance from a station (2,200 kms and beyond)

Three-component seismograph

A seismograph system recording earth motion in three perpendicular directions (vertical, north-south, east-west)

X.25

A transmission protocol used for the Packet-Switched Data Network

WAN

Wide area network

WMO

World Meteorological Organization