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Rotational Seismology Achievements from an Instrumentation Point of View – How precise is precise enough?

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Rotational seismology

2006

The International Working Group on Rotational Seismology (IWGoRS, www.rotational-seismology.org) was initiated during a meeting organized by the United States Geological Survey in Menlo Park



2009

RS - a new, emerging field for the study of all aspects of rotational ground motion induced by earthquakes, explosions, and ambient vibrations [Lee et al. BSSA, 2009, 99, 945-957]

Engineering application

seismic behaviour of irregular and complex civil structures, [Trifunac, BSSA, 99, Structural Health Monitoring [Bonkowski and Z. Zembaty, WCEE2024, Milan, Italy,

Seismological application

broadband seismology [Igel et al., Geophys. J. Int., 168(1), (2006), 182-197], strong-motion seismology [Anderson, 2003, Chap. 57, 937-965], earthquake physics [Teisseyre et al. Springer, 2006; Springer, 2008], seismic hazards [McGuire, Earthq. Enq. Struct. D., 37, (2008), 329-338], seismotectonics [www.geophysik.uni-uenchen.de/~igel/Lectures /Sedi/sedi_te ctonics.ppt], geodesy [Carey, physicists using Earth-based observatories for detecting gravitational waves [Ju et al., Rep. Prog. Phys., 63, (2000), 1317-1427; Lantz et al.,

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Building damanged by the February 2011 earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand [https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/earthquake-damaged-building -damaged-building]



A view shows damage at an old mosque in the historic city of Marrakech, following a powerful earthquake in Morocco, September 9, 2023 [https://edition.cnn.com/2023/09/10/africa/mosque-earthquake-damage-marrakech-intl/index.html]

Seismological application



[https://www.geometrics.com/support/different-types-of-seismic-waves/]

Energy generated during an earthquake propagates not only in a form of linear motions but also in rotational ones.

Earthquakes are undoubtedly one of the most complex phenomena and it is hard to entirely reflect their complexity in theoretical models

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Examples of rotations observed in downtown L'Aquila [Castellano, C., *Boll. Geofis. Teor. Appl.* **2011**, *53*, 299–312. https://doi.org/10.4430/bgta0045]

Engineering application



Local vibration of beams and columns Meaningless motion of the building center of mass



Damages in building after September 21, 1999, a strong earthquake of 7.3 in the central part of Taiwan, presented in 921 Earthquake Museum of Taiwan



IWGoRS Masaryk 's College Prague, (2010)]

Low frequency content

- Higher stress in structural element
- **Overturning moment**
- Horizontal displacement of the center of mass



Example of an overall rotation of the base of the structure with an overturning motion during 1999 Kocaeli earthquake, Turkey [Bozzoni, F. et al., Bull. Earthq. Eng. 2021, 19, 4719–4744]

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Snapshot of the model of displacement response to an incident plane P-wave half sine displacement pulse with 45° incident angle (view from South) [Todorovska M. I., WCEE2024 Processing, 2024]



A slender structure under horizontalrocking ground vibrations Bońkowski et al., Engineering Structures 155, 387-393, 2018]

Classification of rotation measurements

Strong-motion of the order of tens of μ rad/s and more

- Rotational motions of the ground in the near-source field
- Rotation associated with volcanic eruptions
- Rotation recorded during chemical explosions
- Rotation connected with engineering seismology

- Rotation measurements of teleseismic waves • Measurements of rotation related to the physics of seismological interactions
- Rotation studies in a micromorphic medium

The frequency range can reach 10⁻⁴ Hz to 100 Hz;

Rotation with a very low amplitude of the order of tens of 10⁻⁷ rad/s or less



Indirect rotation research by numerical conversion

Y	Ref.	F [Hz]	ES	M _w	R [km]	PGV _h [m/s]	PGV, [m/s]	PGw_* [µrad]	PGw_ [mrad/s]	PGw_* [µrad]	PG w [mrad/s]	PG@_* [µrad]	PG W [mrad/s]	
1982	Bouchon and Aki		strike-slip fault	6.6	1	1/1.6	-	200/ 300	1.2/1.5	700/800		-		
2003	Huang	<1.0	The 1999 Chi-Chi, Taiwan earthquake (thrust fault)	7.7	6	0.33	0.50	171	0.385	44	0.126	177	0.331	
2008	Spudich and	<3.6	2004 Parkfield, California, earthquake and	6.0 4.7 5.1	8.8 14.0 14.4	0.25 0.013 0.060	-	88.1 4.69 20	<mark>1.09</mark> 0.0944 0.446	68.9 4.74 0.177	0.925 0.0926 0.372	_	_	
	Fletcher			aftershocks (strike-slip fault)	4.9	18.3	0.027		13.6	0.247	9.73	0.215		
2009	Stupazzini, et al.	<2	valley of Grenoble, French (strike-slip)	6.0	0.02- 0.90	0.4	0.3	1 690	8.24	4000	8.66	1310	0.6	
2009	Wang, et al.	<0.5	Newport- Inglewood strike-slip	7.0	<80	-	-	-	3.00 *		0.350 *	-	0.6 *	
2019	. Cao and		hypothetical strike- slip earthquake	6.47.27. 6	1-50	<0.72	<0.24	69.2-194.2		16.9-94.3	-	22.7-98.5	-	
2013	Mavroeidis		dip-slip earthquake	6 6.4 6.87.27. 6	1-50	<0.66	<0.93	54.1-144.3		117.9- <mark>421.9</mark>	-	144.2-325.3	-	
			Izmit earthquake 1999	7.5	1-50	0.11-0.63 *	0.03-0.19 *	52.6-155 *		6.2-43.3 *		10.7-47.4 *		
2021	Cao and Mavroeidis	<1.0	2004 Parkfield	6.0	1-50	0.005-0.23 *	0.003-0.045 *	5.6-35.5 *	-	2.5-23.1 *	-	1.4-30.7 *	-	
			1979 Imperial Valley	6.5	1-50	0.06-0.83 *	0.007-0.13 *	21-178 *		9.7-89 *		3.9-29.8 *		

Parameters of the rotation (selected maximum value) obtained indirectly by numerical analysis. Legend: Y – year of publication, Ref. – reference, ES – earthquake source mechanism, M_w - magnitude, R – epicentral distance, PGV_b – peak value of horizontal ground velocity, PGV_v – peak value of vertical ground velocity, $PG\omega_{z,x,y}$ – peak value of rotational velocity around the particular axis.

* PG_{azxy} – ground rotation around the particular axis depending on the distance

[Kurzych, A.T. et al., Sensors 2024, 24, 7003]

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Bouchon and Aki used the discrete wavenumber representation method

Huang presented calculated rotations from translational velocities by numerically integrating accelerograms from a dense acceleration system

Spudich & Fletcher provides an estimate of the rotation of the September 28, 2004, mainshock in Parkfield, California

Stupazzini et al. simulated the rotational wave field 3D numerical modeling

Wang et al. simulated using a finitedifference method over a frequency range of up to 0.5 Hz. The analysis showed that the variability of the hypocenter leads to significant changes in the ground rotation speed.

Cao and Mavroeidis finite differential translational motions generated at very closely spaced stations

8 Rotation effects recordings during natural earthquakes

Y	Ref.	ES	Sensor	M _w	R [km]	PGV _h [mm/s]	PGV [mm/š]	PG w_ [mrad/s]	PG w [mrad/s]	PG W [mrad/s]
1998,			Systron Donner	5.7	3.3	290	500	3.3	26	5.9
2006	Takeo	strike-slip fault, 1997	triaxial gyro sensor	5.3	3.3	200	100	8.1	27	30
		seismic swarm activities	Systron Donner	5.0	5.6	100	60	3	6	8
2009	Takeo	at offshore Ito, Japan, 1998	triaxial gyro sensor	3.6	5.9	6	2	0.2	1	1
		1990	301301	2.4	4.9	6	0.3	0.03	0.2	0.2
2000		local earthquakes at the		5.1	51	-	-	0.63	~0.4	~0.3
2009	Liu et al.	HGSD station in Eastern Taiwan	R-1	2.5- 6.63	14.3- 260.4	-	-	0.004- 0.63	-	-
2010	Brokešová and Málek	earthquake swarm in Western Bohemia, 2008	Rotaphone 3DOF	2.2	4.4	400	-	0.15	-	-
2013	Brokešová and Málek	an earthquake recorded at the station Sergoula, Greece	6 DOF Rotaphone	4.3	5	4.5	9	~0.4	~0.8	~0.7
2016	Yin et al.	215 events at The Garner Valley Downhole Array is in California, 2008- 2014		3.0-7.2	14-207	-	-	0.006- 0.453	-	0.004-0.7
2017	Jaroszewicz et al.	local earthquake, Jarocin, Poland	TAPS AFORS	3.8	200	-	-	0.005 0.039	-	-
		local earthquake		4.2	0.5	22.1	11	1.12/0.85	-	2.11/1.86
2018	Ringler et al.	local earthquake	Two SMHD (ATA)	2.8	≤220			~0.0005	~0.00025	~0.00025
	_	155 local earthquake	(ATA)	≥2.0	<u>≤</u> 220	-	-	0.0002-2	0.0002-2	0.0002-2
2020	Wasserman n et al.	volcano-tectonic earthquake	BlueSeis-3A	5.3	1.5	2	1	2.4	2.5	2.4
2022	Wasserman n et al.	Stromboli volcano, Italy activity	BlueSeis-3A	-	-	<0.01	<0.02	<0.0005	<0.001	<0.001

Parameters of the rotation recordings generated by natural earthquakes. Legend: Y – the year of publication, Ref. – reference, ES – earthquake source, M_w - magnitude, R – epicentral distance, PGV_h – peak value of horizontal ground velocity, PGV_v – peak value of vertical ground velocity, PGW_v – peak value of rotational velocity about a particular axis

[Kurzych, A.T. et al., Sensors 2024, 24, 7003]

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Brokesova – 3DOF, 6DOF Rotaphone (Czech Republic)

Recordings associated with artificial explosions

Y	Ref.	VS	Sensor	R [km]	$PG\omega_{z}$ [mrad/s]	PG ω_x [mrad/s]	$PG\omega_{y}[mrad/s]$	
1994	Nigbor	1 kT chemical explosion at the Nevada Test Site	QRS11 (Systron Donner)	1	24	38	-	
2009	Wasserman et al.	Demolition blast of building in Munich, Germany	R-1, eentec	0.2	0.02	0.008	0.5	
2009	Lin et al.	3000 kg explosives, TAIGER experiment, Tawian	R-1, eentec	0.2539-	0.268-0.966	0.370- <mark>2.741</mark>	0.627- <mark>2.524</mark>	
2000		750 kg explosives, TAIGER experiment, Tawian		0.6082	0.301-0.563	0.235- <mark>1.750</mark>	0.394– <mark>1.185</mark>	
2013		medium-size quarry blast, 3044 kg explosive, Czech Republic	6 DOF Rotaphone	0.362	~1	~4.5	~2	
2018	Barak et al.	Ignition of Betsy gun at Silver Lake, California	METR-03	<1	-	<0.1	<0.2	
2019	Kurzych et al. Teisseyre et al.	Digging shafts with the multiple blasts technique, Ksi ąż , Poland	FOSREM, TAPS, RS.LQ-RP/P	0.075	0.05-1	-	-	
2021	Bernauer et al. Kurzych et al.	500 g explosive, F ü rstenfeldbruck, Germany	BlueSeis-3A, FOSREM, ROMY, Rotaphone-CY, FARO, PHINS, Quadrans, MEMS gyroscopes (Horizon, Gladiator)	~0.05	~0.5 (BlueSeis-3A) ~1 (FOS5-01) ~0.5 (FOS5-02) <0.5 * (BlueSeis- 3A) ~0.005 * (ROMY) <0.02 * (FARO) <0.025 * (FOS5) ~0.025 * (PHINS) <0.025 * (Quadrans) <0.05 * (Rotaphone)	<0.1 * (BlueSeis-3A) <0.15 * (PHINS) < 0.1 * (Quadrans) <0.09 * (Rotaphone)	~0.1-0.15 (BlueSeis-3A) <0.15 (PHINS) <0.15 (Rotaphone) <0.15 * (BlueSeis-3A) ~0.15 * (PHINS) <0.15 * (Quadrans) <0.15 * (Rotaphone)	
		VibroSeis truck, F ü rstenfeldbruck, Germany	FOS5-1	0.096 0.105 0.113 0.121 0.130 0.138	0.0177 0.0252 0.0386 0.0158 0.0156 0.0141	-	-	
2021	Cao et al.	near field explosion, China	RotSensor3C	0.150	~11	~11	~16	
2022	Brokešová and	medium-size blast at the Klecany quarry, Czech	Rotaphone, R-1, ADR (array-	0.240	~0.05 (Rotaphone) ~0.01 (R-1) ~0.05 (ADR)	~0.25(Rotaphone) ~0.1 (R-1) ~0.25 (ADR)	~0.15 (Rotaphone) ~0.03 (R-1) ~0.1 (ADR)	
2022	Málek	Republic	derived-rotation)	0.240	~0.05 (Rotaphone) ~0.03 (R-1) ~0.06 (ADR)	~0.25 (Rotaphone) ~0.2 (R-1) ~0.22 (ADR)	~0.1 (ADR) ~0.2 (Rotaphone) ~0.08 (R-1) ~0.1 (ADR)	

[Kurzych, A.T. et al., Sensors 2024, 24, 7003]

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gt_FkmaIX9U]

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"Rotation and strain in Seismology: A comparative Sensor Test" gathered more than 40 sensors in the Geophysical Observatory Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, from 18–22 November 2019.

Wassermann used R-1 rotational sensor to record rotation generated by the demolition blast of a 50 m high building in Munich, Germany, at a distance of about 250 m.

Barak et al. recorded rotation generated by the ignition of the Betsy gun was the source of seismic events in Silver Lake, CA, USA. The recorded signal around the Y-component (max. 0.2 mrad/s) of rotation was higher than the maximum amplitude of the signal around the X-component, which the authors expected according to the rotational deformation caused by the Rayleigh wave in the analysed survey

Recordings associated with mining activity

Υ	Ref.	F [Hz]	VS	Sensor	M _w	R [km]	PGV _h [mm/s]	PGV [mm/š]	PG@_ [µrad/s]	PGω [µrad/s]	PGW [µrad/s]	Ze stc
2014	Kurzych et	0.83- 106.15	mining activity, Lubin, Poland, 2011–2013	AFORS	2.3- 3.3	70	-	-	6/60	_	-	the it c
	al.	100.15	earthquake Honshu, Japan, 2011		9	8800			15			wit
			geodynamically active region, West Bohemia/Vogtland, 2012, (band-pass filtered 2–24)		2	0.7	0.081	0.02	4	5.7	4	Fu wc sei
2015	Brokešová and Málek	2-60	active rift, Gulf of Corinth, Greece, 2012 (band-pass filtered 1–14)	Rotaphone 6DOF	2.4	6.3	0.326	0.06	10	15	25	tre me
			Microearthquake, rifting and volcanic activity in South Iceland, 2014 (band-pass filtered 1–14)		2.3	14.9	0.05	0.025	3.3	1	2.5	Ku 3.3 am 20
	Zombaty of		mining exploration			0.943	20.3		491	513	527	axi
2016	Zembaty et al.	0.05-20	monitoring, USCB, Poland	R-1		1.203 0.973	8.3 13.8	-	514 430	425 276	298 500	6 Sp
2019	Kurzych et al.	DC- 328.12	seismic shocks induced by the exploitation of copper ore, Ksi ąż , Poland, 2017–2018	FOSREM	-	70	-	-	1-20	-	-	e] 9-30-22- 9-30-10-23- 22- 22- 22- 24- 4- -6- -6- -6- -6- -6- -6- -6- -6- -6
2020	Fuławka et	0.05-20	tremor in the near-wave field, Rudna-I shaft, Poland, 2019	R-1	_	<7	0.01-4	0.01-4	few µ ra	d/s up to	195	A.
2020	al.	0.00 20	monitoring of the tailing pond, Poland, 2019		-	2.3-8	0.01-4	0.01-4	m	rad/s *		0000.0 0000.0 [rad/s] 0000.0 - 1 kelocith
2021	Jaroszewicz et al.	DC- 1000	mining-induced events, coalmine "Ignacy", Rybnik, Poland, 2021	FOSERM	-	-	-	-	51.8 (FOS5-01) 60.8 (FOS5-02)	-		-0.000 -0.000 -0.000 -0.000 -0.000

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Cembaty et al. collected 51 records of ground rotation from a surface measuring tation located in the mining area of the Ziemowit coal mine. The maximum value of the recorded rotational velocity about the north-south axis equals 0.527 mrad/s, and corresponds to a maximum acceleration equal to 32.348 mrad/s2 for the event *i*th a magnitude of 2.6.

Tuławka et al. focused on Zelazny Most—one the biggest flotation tailing ponds vorldwide and the Rudna-I mining shaft. The maximum rotational velocity of the eismic wave reached the value of 195 mrad/s and was caused by a seismic remor with the energy of 3.6·10⁷ J located at a distance of 1.550 km from the neasuring post.

Curzych et al. presented regional seismic mining events of a magnitude range of 2.3– 8.3, which occurred in the Lubin area, Poland, with the maximum rotational velocity mplitude reaching 60 μ rad/s recorded by AFORS-1. In the period of 12 January 2017–18 January 2018, two FOSREMs recorded two types of signals around the Zxis-torsion and tilt, in the frequency range DC-10.25 Hz



Recordings associated with teleseismic waves

Ref.	ES	Sensor	M _w	R [km]	PGV _h [m/s]	PG ω_z [nrad/s]	PG ω [nrad/ŝ]	PG ω_y [nrad/s]
Pancha et al	New Ireland earthquake, 1999	C-II, GO	7.0	~4700		10 (C-II)	5 (GO)	
	•	C-II			-	8	_	-
Igel et al.	Thrust earthquake Japan	G-ring	8.1	~8830		~35		
Igel et al.	from local event, Germany to Great Andaman earthquake	G-ring	5-9	370-12,700	-	~0.10 -40	-	-
	Earthquake Kamachatka, 2006		7.6	~6500	5197	~10		
Schreiber et	·	GEOsensor	5.4	~2000	4646	~5	_	_
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	•		3.9	~250	14,512			
Lin et al.	Earthquake in Wenchuan Sichuan, China	R-1	7.9	1948	<0.01	-	10,000	10,000
Belfi et al.	Earthquake in Japan, 2011	G-Pisa	9.0	-	-	~60	-	-
	earthquake Papua New Guinea, 2016		7.9		~150 × 10 ⁻⁶			~30 *
	earthquake Vanuatu, 2016		6.7	-	~6 × 10 ⁻⁶			~2 *
	earthquake New Caledonia, 2016	beam	7.2		~40 × 10 ⁻⁶			~10 *
Ross et al.	earthquake north of Ascension Island, 2016	rotation sensor BRS	7.1		~15 × 10 ⁻⁶	-		~4.5 *
	earthquake New Zealand, 2016		7.8		~200 × 10 ⁻⁶			~60 *
	earthquake of Panguna, Papua New Guinea, 2017		7.9		~150 × 10 ⁻⁶			~30 *
Simonelli et al.	Series of earthquakes in Italy, 2016	GINGERino	3.5-5.9	38-77	-	~600-17,000	-	-
Sollberger et al.	Earthquake Gulf of Alaska, 2018	ROMY	7.9	-	-	~6	~8	~4
	Papua New Guinea earthquake, 2019		7.6	14,000		~8.5	~9	
Igel et al.	Turkey earthquake, 2019	ROMY	5.7	1500	-	~5	~9	-
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GINGERino results

Peak values of rotation rate around the vertical axis for 33 presented events ranged from $6.14*10^{-7}$ to $1.74*10^{-5}$ rad/s [A. Simonelli, PhD Dissertation, Ludwig-

Maximilians–Universitat Munchen, Munchen, 2018]

Requirements

Insensitivity to linear motion Mobility, stability with respect to environmental conditions, including changes of temperature Independent power supply Dynamic range 10⁻⁸ - 10 rad/s Frequency band 0.01 - 100 Hz Power consumption 5 - 8 W Thermal stability <0,1% / °C Calibration – in situ (permanently)



Engineering application



signal amplitude: up to 10 rad/s



frequency: 0.01 Hz – 100 Hz

10⁻⁷ rad/s,







Group of sensors	Technology	Name of sensor	Picture	Manufacturer	Axial	Sensitivity [rad/s]	Max. rate [rad/s]	Dynamic range [dB]	Frequency range [Hz]	Sampling rate [Hz]	Operating temperatur e [oC]	Weight [kg]	Dimensions [L×W×H] [mm]
	pendulum seismometers	TAPS		Institute of Geophysics PAS, Poland	uniaxial	1.10-7	0.1	120	0.7-50	100	-10-45	15	450x180x35 0
		3DOF				$1.67 \cdot 10^{-8}$	0.01	100	1-100	250	-20-40	4.5	250*×10
ical	geophones	6DOF	A A	Charles University team, Prague, Czech		2.16 ·10 ⁻⁹	0.287	120	2–60	250	-20-40	9.5	350×350×4 30
Mechanical	8	D		Republic, led by Johana Brokešová	triaxial	3.77·10 ⁻⁹	0.0317	120	2-80	250	-40-70	15.3	445*×112
Z		СҮ				$0.042 \cdot 10^{-9}$	0.0317	120	1-100	250	-40-70	22	550*×500
	MEME	G300D		Gladiator Technologies, Snoqualmie, USA		$2.97 \cdot 10^{-5}$	8.5	109	>600	10000	-50-85	0.19	25×25×15
	MEMS	HZ1-200- 100	a la	Systron Donner Inertial, California, USA	uniaxial	$4.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3.49	77	> 60		-40-71	< 0.06	58.3×25.3× 25.3
ical		R-1			triaxial	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-7}$	0.05	108	0.05-20		-15-55	~1	119×119×8 9
Electrochemical	MET	R-2	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	Eentec, Vilnius, Lithuania	triaxial	6·10 ⁻⁸	0.4	117	0.033-50		-15-55	1.5	120×120×1 00
Elect		R-3			uniaxial	2.10^{-9}	0.005	128	0.033-50		-15-55	3.5	250×250×1 00
		G-ring		Geodetic Observatory Wettzell, Germany	uniaxial	9·10 ⁻¹¹	1	280	0.003 - 10	4	Constant	No data	Area equal to 16 m ²
	RLG	ROMY		Geophysical Observatory Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany	triaxial	(0.08 - 0.1)·10 ⁻⁹			DC-1000	5000			tetrahedral- shaped 6 m side length
Optical		BlueSeis- 3A		Exail (previously: iXblue), France	triaxial	2.10-8	0.1	135	0.001-100		-10-50	20	300×300×2 80
	FOG	FOS5	0	Military University of Technology, Poland	uniaxial	9·10 ⁻⁸	10	160	DC - 1000	200	-10-50	10	0.3*×0.09
		FORS		Elproma Electronics Ltd., Poland	triaxial	35·10 ⁻⁹	10	170	0.01-100	500	-10-50	20	360×300×2 9



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BACKGROUND

The direct utilization of the Sagnac effect

Sagnac effect shows the difference between phase of two beams propagating around closed optical path, in opposite direction when this path is rotating with rotational rate Ω . In a fiber-optic implementation the rotation rate Ω is expressed by induced phase shift $\Delta \phi$ as:

L – length of the fiber in the sensor loop,
R – sensor loop radius,
$$\lambda$$
 – wavelength of used source,
c – velocity of the light in vacuum,
S₀ – the optical constant of interferometer

$$S_{o} \cdot \Delta \varphi = \frac{\lambda c}{4\pi RL} \cdot \Delta \varphi$$

OPTICAL PART

generates the phase shift $\Delta \phi$ proportional to the measured rotation rate Ω which is perpendicular to the sensor loop plane



ELECTRONIC PART

enables to calculate and record information about rotational motions via digital closed-loop signal processing





Allan Variance analysis Theoretically

$$ARW = \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda c}{2\pi DL} \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{R\eta^2 P^2} + \frac{ei_d}{\eta^2 P^2} + \frac{e}{\eta P} + \frac{\lambda^2}{4c\Delta\lambda}}$$

where: λ – central light wavelength (1 550 nm), *c* – speed of light, D – loop diameter (0.25 m), *L* – loop length (about 6 000 m), k – Boltzmann's constant, *T* – temperature (293 K), *R* – resistance of the trans-impedance transducer of the photodetector device (20 k Ω), η – efficiency ratio of the photodiode (0.85 A/W), *P* – incident optical power on the APD, *e* – elementary charge, *i*_d – photodiode dark current (80 nA), $\Delta\lambda$ – spectral width of the light source (40 nm).

The calculated theoretical values of ARW for each optical head for four FORS type FOS6 were in the range of **4.49-4.85 nrad/\s**, depending on total optical losses and fiber length in the given optical head.



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Allan Variance analysis

Data gathered in the Military University of Technology, Poland



FOS6-01: ARW: 35 nrad/√s, BI: 10.0 nrad/s FOS6-02: ARW: 45 nrad/√s, BI: 51.0 nrad/s

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Data downloading





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Correlation verification





Signals recorded by FORSs Z-axes during the medium high-amplitude at a level of 0.25 rad/s and fast-changing excitations (at a level of 100 Hz) as well as high-amplitude at a level of 1.2 rad/s amplitude excitations

Pearson correlation coefficient equal to 99.42% and 99.99 %





Correlation verification





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Field test in the Kampinos Nature Park by a pair of FORSs (FOS6-01 and FOS6-04) A weak recording (with an amplitude of about 0.5 mrad/s)

Pearson correlation of about 95% for the X axis, about 99% for Y axis, and about 99% for the Z axis

Rotation Detection During Detonation of an Explosive Charge









	A	_{max} [µrad/	/s]	E _f [µrad]			
Explosion number/ Axis of FORS	Х	Y	Z	Х	Y	Z	
Explosion 1	140	327	281	69	163	104	
Explosion 2	38	108	83	41	98	94	
Explosion 3	119	177	170	65	111	106	



On the 7th of October 2023 there were three explosions performed:
1. 12:33 UTC, 5 kg of explosive, 3 m below the ground surface with surface discharge.
2. 13:41 UTC, 5 kg of explosive, 4.5 m below the ground surface without surface discharge.
3. 15:11 UTC, two 5 kg explosive charges installed 5 meters apart were detonated one after the other, 4.5 m below the ground surface, with a distance of 5 m between loads.

Data confirmed high reliability of recordings gathered by 3-axial Fibre-Optic Rotational Seismograph (correlation coefficient was near the value of 100%)

FORS recorded successfully artificial explosions in field test carried out in Szopowe, Poland which confirmed its usefulness of monitoring detonation tests, especially in border areas.

FORS main paramters:
dynamics of 180 dB
frequency detection bandpass: from 0.01 to 100 Hz
built-in time scale synchronization system (accuracy 100ns)
weight: less than 10 kg
web-Based Management Interface
possibility of mobile, autonomous operation

Rotational seismology undergoes a rapid development.





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Conclusions

Thank you very much for attention

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