

Manual for Shear-wave splitting (SWS) analysis codes

Note: This version is for using on forge.mst.edu.

5 It should also work on other 64-bit Linux servers such as gao.nic

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Programs in this directory (/share/apps/sgao/progs/B\_XKS) perform the following tasks:

- 1). Requesting and processing teleseismic XKS (including PKS,SKKS, and SKS) data from the IRIS Data Management Center(DMC).
- 15 2). Automatically measuring SWS parameters
- 3). Automatically ranking SWS parameters
- 20 4). Manually screening the results

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25 \*\* Written permissions from the authors are needed before the programs can be installed on a computer outside the Missouri S&T Seismological Lab.

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The technique is described in a number of papers. The PDF file of the papers can be downloaded from <http://www.mst.edu/~sgao/publications>

35 You may want to read Paper 1 below to learn about the ranking procedure, Paper 2 below for the general procedure, and Paper 6 for practices for making good measurements.

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\*\*\*\*\* Part 1: Copying the useful files to your directory

\*\*Step1.1). Logon to r43sgao

70 \*\*Step1.2). Choose a sensible name for your project and make a directory for your new shear-wave splitting (SWS) project (e.g., mkdir YS\_SWS for Yellowstone), and cd to that directory (e.g., cd YS\_SWS)

75 For NA-SWS project only: type nasws, then mkdir Block\_name (e.g., mkdir J180W) and cd to this directory name before you move on. This directory is called your project directory

\*\*Step1.3). Type the following command in your project directory will copy over all the useful files from sgao's progs directory to your new project directory:

80 /share/apps/sgao/progs/B\_XKS/zz\_Copy\_all.cmd (note that the "C" in Copy is in capital)

You will have the following structure of your directory tree that created by the command above. (If you get lost in the future steps, please refer to this roadmap):

85 Level 1: Project\_directory (e.g., YS\_SWS)

Level 2: seismic phase directory: 1\_PKS, 2\_SKK, 3\_SKS

90 Level 3: main work directories under each of the 3 level 2 dirs above

++ Under 0\_get\_IRIS\_data, you have the following 5 directories:

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00_breq_fast/ 01_Do_234/ 02_Iris2dtm/ 03_dtm2ucla/ 04_phase_search/
They are used to request and process IRIS DMC Data
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++ Files under 1_m measu are for automatically measuring SWS parameters
++ Files under 4_ranking are for automatically ranking SWS parameters
100 ++ Files under 4c_rescreen_AB are for manually checking SWS parameters
.... (there are several other dirs)

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***Part 2: requesting and processing the data

Note that data for all the 3 phases (PKS, SKKS, SKS) are requested under the 3_SKS
110 directory, meaning that there is no need to separately request PKS and SKKS data.

**Step2.1). cd 3_SKS/0_get_IRIS_data/00_breq_fast

**Step2.2). find the coordinates of your study area from a map. For MST Seismology users,
115 the big tectonics map on the wall of B40 is a good one.

If you only do one station, typing
stloc station_name
can give you the coordinates of the station.
120 (where station_name is the name of the seismic station.
E.g., stloc TAM. The last number is the longitude, and the second from the last is the latitude).

Then type
evselect.exe
125 in the directory 3_SKS/0_get_IRIS_data/00_breq_fast

You will be asked to input the 4 coordinates values for your study area. Pay attention
to the fact that for the western hemisphere, -120 is smaller than -100 etc. You also will
be asked to enter your name and your email address.

130 If you are doing one station only, calculate your coordinate ranges by including the
station in a 0.1 by 0.1 degree square.

For NA-SWS project: Please do NOT use your own name, but instead, put the name of the
135 block that you are working on (e.g., J180W).

**Step2.3). E-mail setup
If you are a MST user, you need to set up your rule which deletes all the emails from
dmsque@iris.washington.edu to avoid thousands of emails from IRIS to mess up your email
140 account.

The steps ensure that the emails are in the Deleted Items (or Spam) folder which can be
easily cleaned by right-click and "Empty Deleted Items". You need to frequently empty this
folder, otherwise your mailbox will be full and no emails can be sent or received.
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**Step2.4). For MST users only!

When the program evselect.exe is finished,
150 cd mailfiles
and type
email_iris.cmd

This should produce a file called "zz_send_requests.cmd".
155 Do not worry about the "... not found" warning message.

**Step2.5). For MST users only!

160 more zz_send_requests.cmd
and make sure that it is what you want, and type
zz_send_requests.cmd
to make the request. This might take some time. Do not logoff until all the emails
were sent.

165 **Step2.6). After some minutes (5-30?), check your MST email. You should have many emails
from dmc.iris.edu in the "Deleted Items" or "Spam" or "Junk" folder

Note that the initial email will be sent to sgao@mst.edu, and gets forwarded.
170 But you should be able to receive confirmations from IRIS in your Spam or deleted
items dir.

**Step2.7). Check http://www.iris.edu/data and click on "request status", you should be
able to see your name and the status of your requests. You may also want to try
175 "recent shipments" to see whether your requests are done or not. If the traffic at IRIS
is heavy, your requests can stay in the 'MainQueue' for a while (up to several hours) before
they are processed. Do not re-send your request.

**Step2.8). Check to make sure that all of your requests are finished (this can be
180 verified using several ways, e.g., you no longer receiving emails from iris, you
cannot find your name in the "request status" entry in Step 2.7, or you find your
last request is under "recent shipments").

**Step2.9). Get the files from IRIS.
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185   When you are sure that all of your requests are finished,
      cd 3_SKS/0_get_IRIS_data/02_Iris2dtm/iris, and type
      irisftp.
      After Name, put ftp, and put your email address as the password.
      cd pub, cd userdata, cd Your_Name (e.g., Barack_Obama) or your block_name.
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      For NA-SWS project: cd Block_name (e.g., cd J180W)

      mget * (note: mget * gets all the files. "*" is a "wildcard")
      This step takes some time (hours?).
195   When it is done, type "quit"
      You should see your SEED files under 02_Iris2dtm/iris

**Step2.10). Start the processing:
      Under your project directory (e.g. YS_SWS), type yy_Do_0_1_4.cmd. This will takes a
200   lot of time (hours to days, depending on the amount of data). Do not logoff your
      computer until it is done.

**Step2.11). Checking the progress:
      You have several ways to check the progress and to see if the jobs are finished.
205   a). type "top" and see if your jobs (rdseed, dtm2ucla.exe, or 1_SKS.exe etc.) are
      still running;
      b). go to 3_SKS/4_ranking/Out_all to see if there are *.out files in the dir.

When everything is finished, you will also find the processed seismograms in
210   04_phase_search/Outp. The seismograms are organized into events (that is,
      an event directory holds all the seismograms from all the stations for this event).

For instance, directory EQ070480002 holds all the data for the event occurred in 2007,
      Julian day 048, at 00 hour and 02 minute. Under this directory, the file
215   N12Axx_TA0r070480002.sac is a seismogram in SAC format from station N12A which is a
      station in the TA network. 0r indicates that it is the radial component. The rest of
      the name indicates the event time.

After the steps above, all of your PKS, SKKS, and SKS splitting measurements are done,
220   and are ranked. The resulting parameters and the associated waveforms can be found
      under the 1_measur/Data directory under each of the 1_PKS, 2_SKK, and 3_SKS directories.

The ranked results can be found under the 4_ranking/Out_all directory.
      The good measurements (A, B, S, and N) are under 4_ranking/Out_good.
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To take a quick look of the pre-checking good results, cd 4_ranking/Plot_good and type Do*

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230   Part 3: Manually checking the splitting parameters. This is the most time-consuming and
      most critical step. It requires experience and a deep understanding of seismic
      wave propagation and shear-wave splitting. Your results could be publishable or trashy,
      all depending on how careful and knowledgeable you are when you are doing this step.
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You need to do this in each of the 1_PKS, 2_SKK, and 3_SKS directories:

**Step3.1). Checking 1_PKS results.
240   cd 1_PKS
      cd 4c_rescreen_AB
      type 4c_screen_ABS.exe
245   and follow the instructions. You will be asked to enter the full name (9-letter) of the
      station to be checked. The stations can be found under the 4_ranking/Out_all directory

**Step3.2). Checking 2_SKK results.
250   cd 2_SKK
      cd 4c_rescreen_AB
255   type 4c_screen_ABS.exe and follow the instructions.

**Step3.3). Checking 3_SKS results.
      cd 3_SKS
260   cd 4c_rescreen_AB
      type 4c_screen_ABS.exe and follow the instructions.
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Part 4: Displaying the checked results in various waves

This can be done by typing a single command under your project dir:
270   zzz_Do_5c_6c_7c_cc_dd.cmd

The final splitting parameters for all the 3 phases plotted at the ray piercing points
      can be found at 3_SKS/7d_plot_at_piercing_points_3phases/tmp.ps

275   The GMT program that produced tmp.ps is:
      3_SKS/7d_plot_at_piercing_points_3phases/plot_pie.gmt

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You may want to modify this program to make a prettier plot for your manuscript.

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Part 5: Setup a website for your project on your MST share/appspage.

285 \*\*Step5.1). Open a brand new PUTTY window and logon to r43sgao.managed.mst.edu if you have been working on r43sgao, or to gao.nic.mst.edu if you have been working on gao.nic (Note: for NA-SWS project, all work is done on gao.nic)

\*\*Step5.2). If you are working on gao.nic, type  
cd /tmp/.userweb/your\_user\_name/your\_username (or simply www)

290 If you are working on r43sgao, cd /mnt/dfs/your\_user\_name/userweb/your\_user\_name (or www)

For NA-SWS project only: cd NASWS after the cd command above

295 \*\*Step5.3). mkdir project\_name (e.g., YS\_SWS)

For NA-SWS project: use block name as project\_name (e.g., J180W)

300 \*\*Step5.4). cd project\_name (note: For NASWS project, the following command must be typed under the Block\_name (e.g., J180W)

305 \*\*Step5.5). type /share/apps/sgao/progs/B\_XKS/3\_SKS/9\_web\_setup/\*.exe or copyswswb  
Note that the required input is your project directory  
(for instance, for my Tibet project, it is /share/apps/sgao/Proj/09N\_Tibet\_Perm\_SWS.  
For NA-SWS project, an example is /share/gao/data07/har5gd/NASWS2/J180W)

310 \*\*Step5.6). View the results: on your PC, open IE, and go to  
http://www.mst.edu/~your\_user\_name/project\_name  
Click on a station name to view the splitting parameters, and  
click on "plot" at the end of each line to see the waveform

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Part 6: Fine tuning results. You can modify your results (e.g., the \*.out files in 4c\*/Out) using one of the two ways:

320 1). If you are sure that a measurement should not be included, pico or vi the \*.out file in the directory 4c\_\*/Out/ for this station, and change the ranking from A or B to N or C.

2). Even better, you can run the program \*exe in 4d to re-measure this single event. The program makes changes to your output file in 4c/Out.

325 3). Sometimes it is convenient to view all plots for a given phase together. To do so, on r43sgao, cd to the project directory on your web folder, then cd to a phase name (e.g., sks), and then cd abcns. Then type jpeg\_icon\_huge which will produce an index.html file for all the \*jpg files in the folder. To view the plots, open a web browser and  
goto http://www.mst.edu/~your\_user\_name/project\_name/phase\_name/abcns  
330 You will see all the plots without the need of going back and forth.  
You may want to open another browser window to view the summary plot for each station, so that you know the general distribution of the results for this station.

335 Some general rules about a good measurement:

a). The STD of Phi (the 8th column of your meas.html in Step5.6) should be less than 20.0  
If larger than 20.0, you need to run \*exe in 4d to change the a and f values, and/or to filter the waveform, or to change the ranking to N or C for this station in 4c\_\*/Out

340 b). The DT value cannot be larger than 3.0. It is extremely rare for it to be larger than 3.0. Take the same actions if DT is greater than 3.0. As a general rule, caution is needed if DT is larger than 2.5 s.

345 c). The STD of DT cannot be greater than 2 seconds.

d). Be very careful for 'outliers' in the parameter-versus-BAZ plots (which can be found by clicking the station name under "Station").

350 After you are done with the checking, you can finalize the results by re-running zzz\_Do\_5c\_6c\_7c\_cc\_dd.cmd in your project directory.

355 The revised results must be copied again to your web page by using step 5.5 above. You can then view and re-refine the results using steps 5.6 and 6 until the results are satisfactory.

For NA-SWS project: Stop here

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Part 7: Fitting the results using a two-layer model

\*\*Step 7.1). cd 3\_SKS/8a\* and run the \*exe program

365 \*\*Step 7.2). cd 3\_SKS/8b\*, vi or pico 2do.stlist, and add the 9-letter station name (e.g., TAMxxx\_IU) to the list. Do not leave blank lines in the file.  
Save the file and quit the editor.

370 \*\*Step 7.3). Type \*exe to run the program. This takes a lot of time (hours or days).  
The results are under Out/station\_name. Type plot.gmt and gv tmp.ps to view the  
original data and fitted curves. The optimal parameters are in data.par

Stop here

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Part 8: For Drs. Gao or Liu to merge the NA-SWS2 results together:

380 \*\*Step 8.1). cd to /share/apps/sgao/Proj/12d\_NASWS/ by typing nasks or nasws

\*\*Step 8.2). copyfinal (this is /share/apps/sgao/Proj/12d\_NASWS/z\_merge/01\_copy\_final/\*exe)  
You need to enter the username and block name, and the full path of the block.

385 The copied results are under user\_name/block\_name under the project 12d\_NASWS

This program will also execute z\_finalcopy.cmd under the block dir. This is  
the same as zzz\_Do\* but the JPEG files under 6d\_ will not be produced to save  
space and CPU time.

390 Check the results of the block (go to the web of the student user) and make changes  
of the files under 4c\_\*/ of nasks (Note: this 4c\_\* is not the one under the student's  
account, but the one copied over to the project account).

395 If changes for 4c were made, re-run z\_finalcopy.cmd

\*\*Step 8.3). When all blocks are done, type wwwnasks, and run copyswswebfinal  
(this is /share/apps/sgao/Proj/12d\_NASWS/z\_merge/02\_web\_setup\_for\_final/\*exe)

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Part 9: For Drs. Gao or Liu to merge and check NCUS SWS results together under /share/apps/sgao/Proj/12l\_NCUS\_S  
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405 \*\* Step 9.1). Type ncus to go to the project, and xx\* to copy useful data over from individual user's account

\*\* Step 9.2). Goto 3\_SKS/4c\*, and mkdir Out\_good, cd Out\_good, and type sws\_grep\_good. This will grep out the  
A, B, S, N, and C results in ./Out and write to this Out\_good dir. They are ordered based  
on ranking (and thus easy for the eyes).

410 \*\* Step 9.3). vi \*.out in Out\_good and scan through the measurements. To check an event, in another window,  
type  
ncus\_check\_4c, enter the phase name (SKS, PKS, or SKK) and copy/paste the station and event  
name from the \*.out file under Out\_good/ that you are checking. Two plots should be shown.  
415 If the ranking needs to be changed, vi the corresponding \*.out file under Out\_good/ (again,  
vi the files under Out\_good/, and NOT the ones under Out/.  
Type killps.cmd to erase the plots.  
Type :w to save if changes are made to the file. Otherwise, type :next to vi next file.

420 \*\* Step 9.4). When all stations are done, cd ../Out under 4c\* (note: Not Out\_good), type zz\_copy.cmd  
(this command include mkdir Junk, mv \*.out Junk, and cp ../Out\_good/\*out . )  
zz\_copy.cmd will copy all the checked \*.out files from Out\_good/ to the Out/ dir.  
They will be used by zz\* to make the final plots/results when all the 3 phases are done.

425 \*\*Step 9.5). Repeat 9.2-.94 for 1\_PKS and 2\_SKK

\*\*Step 9.6). under the project dir, type zz\* to make the final plots and web sites.  
Note that only the measurements in the 4c\*/Out/\*out will be processed.  
430 Also, 6d\* will not be executed due to the huge amount of the "C" measurements.

Note 1. that once the stations are checked, you should not type xx\* again. Otherwise the files under 4c\*/Out  
will be replaced by the unchecked ones. If this happens, remove the \*.out file under Out and copy  
over the \*.out files under Out\_good to Out.

435 Note 2. All the changes to \*.out, even if they are done using other approaches, should be made in Out\_good and  
then copy the \*.out file from Out\_good to Out.

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Summary -- the Fortran programs were executed in the following order  
445 (note: there is one and only one Fortran program in each directory):

- 1). 3\_SKS/0\_get\_IRIS\_data/00\_breq\_fast
- 450 2). 3\_SKS/0\_get\_IRIS\_data/02\_Iris2dtm
- 3). 3\_SKS/0\_get\_IRIS\_data/03\_dtm2ucla
- 4). 3\_SKS/0\_get\_IRIS\_data/04\_phase\_search
- 455 5). 1\_PKS/0\_get\_IRIS\_data/04\_phase\_search
- 6). 2\_SKK/0\_get\_IRIS\_data/04\_phase\_search

460 7). 1\_PKS/1\_measu  
8). 1\_PKS/4\_ranking  
9). 2\_SKK/1\_measu  
465 10). 2\_SKK/4\_ranking  
11). 3\_SKS/1\_measu  
470 12). 3\_SKS/4\_ranking  
13). 1\_PKS/4c\_rescreen\_AB  
14). 2\_SKK/4c\_rescreen\_AB  
475 15). 3\_SKS/4c\_rescreen\_AB  
16). 1\_PKS/5c\_plot\_summary\_rescreened/  
480 17). 1\_PKS/6c\_plot\_ind\_JPEGs\_rescreened  
18). 1\_PKS/6d\_plot\_ind\_JPEGs\_rescreened\_all\_events  
19). 1\_PKS/7c\_plot\_at\_piercing\_points\_rescreened  
485 20). 1\_PKS/cc\_make\_webpage\_rescreened  
21). 2\_SKK/5c\_plot\_summary\_rescreened/  
490 22). 2\_SKK/6c\_plot\_ind\_JPEGs\_rescreened  
23). 2\_SKK/6d\_plot\_ind\_JPEGs\_rescreened\_all\_events  
24). 2\_SKK/7c\_plot\_at\_piercing\_points\_rescreened  
495 25). 2\_SKK/cc\_make\_webpage\_rescreened  
26). 3\_SKS/5c\_plot\_summary\_rescreened/  
500 27). 3\_SKS/6c\_plot\_ind\_JPEGs\_rescreened  
28). 3\_SKS/6d\_plot\_ind\_JPEGs\_rescreened\_all\_events  
28). 3\_SKS/7c\_plot\_at\_piercing\_points\_rescreened  
505 29). 3\_SKS/7d\_plot\_at\_piercing\_points\_3phases  
30). 3\_SKS/cc\_make\_webpage\_rescreened  
510 31). 3\_SKS/dd\_make\_webpage\_pks\_skks\_sks  
32). 3\_SKS/ee\_make\_webpage\_pks\_skks\_sks\_all\_events  
33). 3\_SKS/9\_web\_setup  
515 34). 3\_SKS/8a\_freq\_dependent  
35). 3\_SKS/8b\_two\_layer\_fits