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Broad band seismic observation in the ocean

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Another type is designed for a mobile broad band observation to interpolate the network by the above type and to make a dense array. The development is based on our reliable ocean bottom seismometer (OBS) with a short period sensor, which has been developed more than several years. As this broad band OBS is a self pop-up type, it is deployed by free falling from the sea surface to the sea floor, and comes up to the surface by its buoyancy after releasing the anchor. So that it does not need ROVs or special equipments. This type was deployed twice in the northwestern Pacific Basin and obtained the data of about 12 months in the total. The spectra show low vertical noise and large periodical change in horizontal noise, and the frequency band between 10s-100s looks a good window for the OBS data.