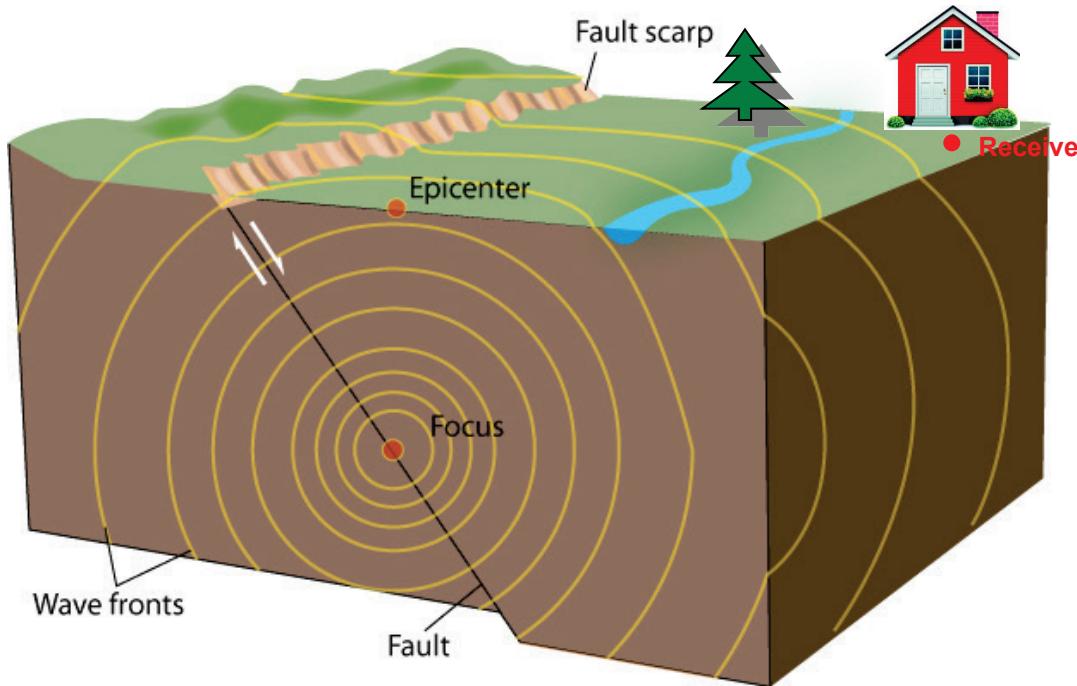


# Propagation of seismic waves

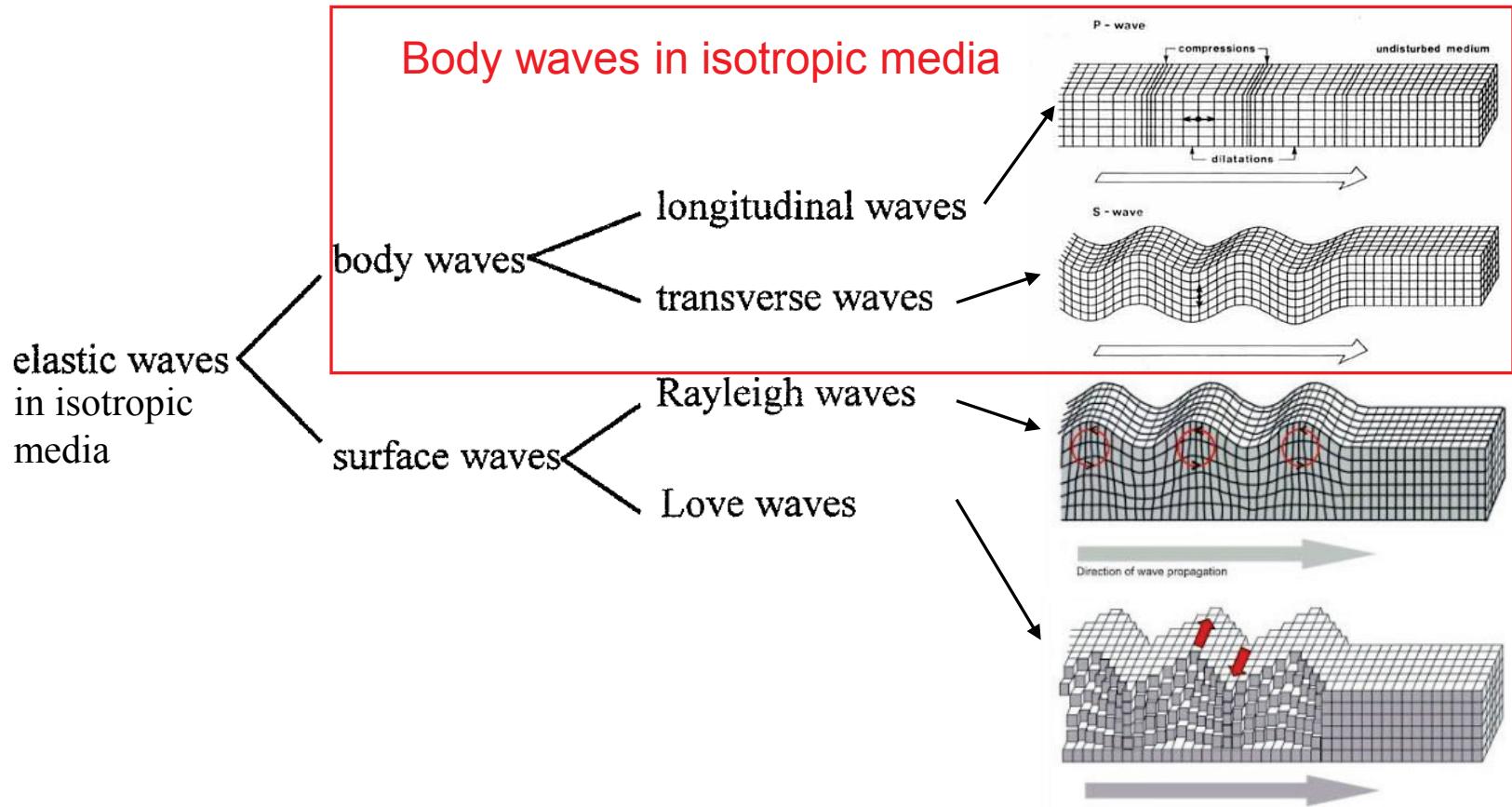
## - theoretical background



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Seismic waves = waves in elastic continuum

*a model of the medium through which  
the waves propagate*



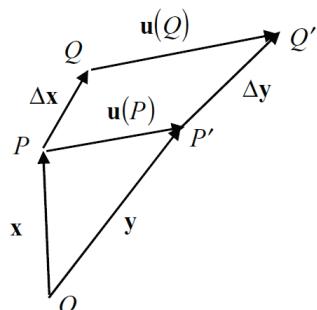
+ Body waves in acoustic and anisotropic media

*In this course we rely on basic knowledge of continuum mechanics (students should be familiar with the underlined terms below).*

A time-dependent perturbation of an elastic medium generates elastic waves emanating from the source region. These disturbances produce local changes in stress and strain.

To understand the propagation of elastic waves we need to describe kinematically the deformation of our medium and the resulting forces (stress). The relation between deformation and stress is governed by elastic constants.

The time-dependence of these disturbances will lead us to the elastic wave equation as a consequence of conservation of energy and momentum.



$P, Q \dots$  positions of two particles before deformation  
 $P', Q' \dots$  positions of the particles after deformation  
 $\mathbf{u} \dots \dots \text{displacement}$  vector

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Under these simplifications, the wave propagation satisfies the following **equation of motion**

$$\cancel{F_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2}$$

Employing the Hook's law we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \underbrace{c_{ijkl}}_{\text{Elastic constants}} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_l} \right) + \cancel{F_i} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2}$$

↓      ↓  
*Elastic constants  
(medium parameters, known)*      *Density  
(medium parameter, known)*

which is to be solved for

$$u_i = u_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

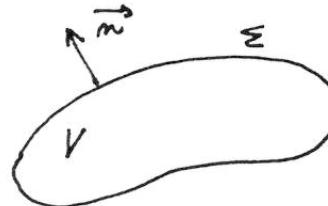
# Uniqueness theorem

Assume a volume  $V$  bounded by a surface  $\Sigma$ .

When is the solution of

$$\rho \ddot{u}_i - \tau_{ij,j} = f_i$$

unique inside  $V$ ?



At any point inside  $V$  and any time  $t \geq t_0$  the solution is uniquely determined by:

- 1) Distribution of  $u_i$  and  $\dot{u}_i$  inside  $V$  at  $t_0$ . (initial conditions).
- +  
2) Distribution of  $u_i$  and/or its spatial derivatives on  $\Sigma$  for any  $t \geq t_0$ . (boundary conditions)
- +  
3) Distribution of  $f_i$  (and heat – for adiabatic processes neglected) inside  $V$  at any time  $t \geq t_0$ .

Proof: Assume two different solutions  $u_i^{(1)}$  and  $u_i^{(2)}$  for the same forces and initial/boundary conditions.

Then, for  $U_i = u_i^{(1)} - u_i^{(2)}$  it holds  $U_i(t_0) = U_i(t_0) = 0$ ,  $U_i = U_{i,k} = 0$  on  $\Sigma$  and  $f_i = 0$ .

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = \iiint_V \dot{u}_i f_i dV + \iint_V (\tau_{ij} \dot{u}_i)_{,j} dV$$

$$= \iiint_V \dot{u}_i f_i dV + \iint_{\Sigma} c_{ijkl} u_{k,l} n_j \dot{u}_i dS$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\epsilon = \text{constant}$  for  $U_i$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V (\rho \dot{u}_i \dot{u}_i + \tau_{ij} e_{ij}) dV \\ \quad = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V (\rho \dot{u}_i \dot{u}_i + c_{ijkl} u_{k,l} u_{i,j}) dV \end{array} \right]$$

$\Downarrow$  (init.cond.)  
 $\epsilon = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{W} = K = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \dot{U}_i(x_m, t) = 0 \\ & U_i(x_m, t) = 0 \\ \Updownarrow & \\ & u_i^{(1)}(x_m, t) = u_i^{(2)}(x_m, t) \end{aligned}$$

The medium through which the waves propagate is characterized (besides of its density) by the elastic parameters  $c_{ijkl}$ .

↓  
a four-rank symmetric tensor with 81 elements but only **21** of them **are**, in general, **independent**. .... *general anisotropy*

If less than 21 elements are independent .... *anisotropy with special symmetries (orthorombic, hexagonal, etc.)*

To describe special anisotropic symmetries it is useful to introduce the so called **Voight notation** for the elastic parameters  $c_{ijkl}$ :

$$c_{ijkl} \longleftrightarrow C_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{matrix } 6 \times 6$$

How the indices are assigned:

$$1 \leftrightarrow 1,1; \quad 2 \leftrightarrow 2,2; \quad 3 \leftrightarrow 3,3; \quad 4 \leftrightarrow 2,3; \quad 5 \leftrightarrow 3,1; \quad 6 \leftrightarrow 1,2$$

$$C_{\alpha\beta} = C_{\beta\alpha}$$

# Various types of anisotropic symmetries

Orthorombic: 9 independent parameters

$$C_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_{41} & C_{42} & C_{43} & C_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ C_{51} & C_{52} & C_{53} & C_{54} & C_{55} & 0 \\ C_{61} & C_{62} & C_{63} & C_{64} & C_{65} & C_{66} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hexagonal: 5 independent parameters

Transverse isotropy – one axis of symmetry;  
medium invariant to  
any rotation around it

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Isotropy: 2 independent parameters

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In the Lame's notation –  $\lambda, \mu$  ... Lame's parameters

$$C_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 2\mu & \lambda & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda + 2\mu & \lambda & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda + 2\mu & \lambda & \lambda & \lambda + 2\mu & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda + 2\mu & \lambda & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \mu & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu & 0 \\ \mu & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Acoustic case (fluids):  
 $\mu=0$ , only 1 parameter  $\lambda$

# Acoustic medium - equation of motion

e.g., Earth's core, oceans, often used in seismic prospection ...

Hook's law

$$\tau_{ij} = \lambda \theta \delta_{ij} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \theta \delta_{ij}, \quad \theta = u_{i,i}$$

= -  $p$  ..... pressure  
 compressibility

(comma is used to separate component indices from differentiation indices)

Equation of motion then yields

$$p_{,i} + \rho \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} = F_i$$

while taking the time derivative of the Hook's law gives  $v_{k,k} + \kappa \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = 0$

Eliminating  $v_i$  from the set of the two equations we get the **scalar acoustic eq.**

$$(\rho^{-1} p_{,i}),_i + f^p = \kappa \ddot{p}, \quad \text{where } f^p = -(\rho^{-1} F_i),_i$$

In the vector notation:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho^{-1} \nabla p) + f^p = \kappa \ddot{p} \quad \dots \text{should be solved for } p \text{ (numerically)}$$

An analytical solution is known only for **homogeneous medium** ( $\rho=\text{const}$ ,  $\kappa=\text{const}$ ). Then the equation of motion reads

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 p + \rho f^p = c^{-2} \ddot{p}}, \quad c = \sqrt{1/\rho \kappa}$$

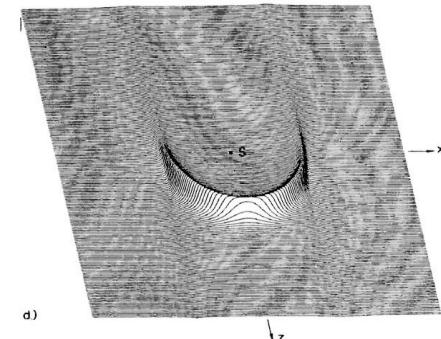
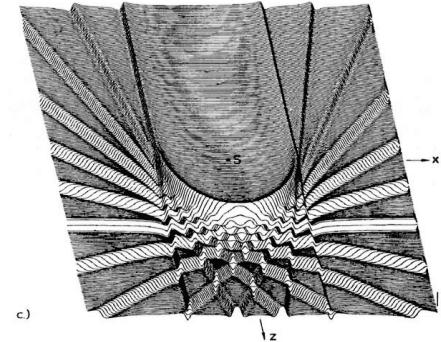
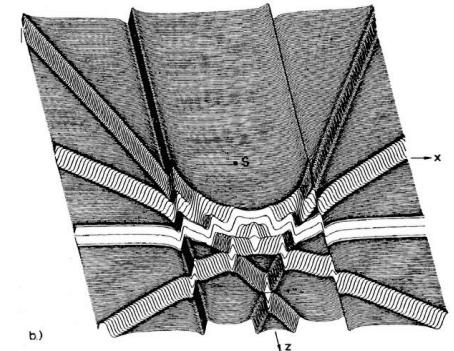
acoustic velocity

# Plane wave ... the simplest solution of the eq. of motion in homogeneous media

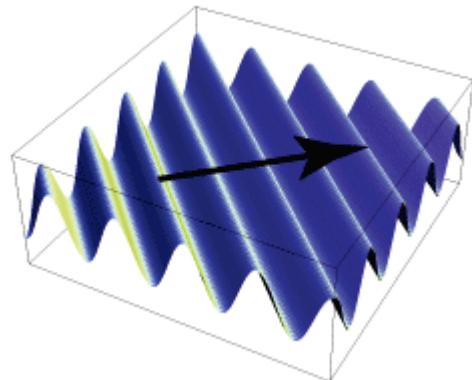
- in reality does not exist (the existence conditioned by homogeneous unbounded medium)

Why bother?

- 1) It may be a good approximation of the real wave field for a distant source in a simple (close to homogeneous) structure.
- 2) High-frequency asymptotic methods (e.g., ray theory) are based on a generalization of the plane wave solution.
- 3) A general wave with a curved wavefront can be represented as an integral superposition of plane waves (Weyl integral)



Plane wave ... the simplest solution of the eq. of motion in homogeneous media



**Harmonic plane wave:**

$$p(\vec{x}, t) = P \exp[-i\omega(t - T(\vec{x}))]$$

Constant scalar amplitude  
(can be complex-valued)

Circular frequency  $\omega = 2\pi f$

Propagation time  
linear function of coordinates

$$T(\vec{x}) = p_i x_i$$

equation  $t = T(\vec{x})$  represents a moving plane, here called the *wavefront*.

We shall denote the unit normal to the wavefront  $\vec{N}$ :

$$N_i = p_i / \sqrt{p_k p_k}$$

$$\vec{p} = \vec{N}/c$$

Phase velocity

Slowness vector

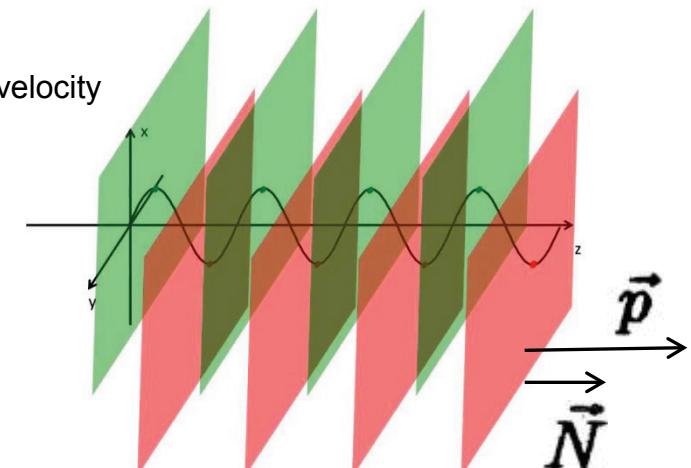
Inserting the solution into the acoustic eq. yields

$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = 1/c^2$$

where  $c = (\rho\kappa)^{-1/2}$

Existence condition for the plane wave

$$c = c = (\rho\kappa)^{-1/2}$$



It does not depend on the frequency and on the direction of propagation  $\vec{N}$ .

**Plane wave** ... the simplest solution of the eq. of motion in homogeneous media

The same conclusions can be made (in the same way) for a **transient** plane wave:

$$p(\vec{x}, t) = P F(t - T(\vec{x}))$$

*Constant scalar amplitude  
(can be complex-valued)*      *Propagation time  
linear function of coordinates*      ***the so called analytical signal***

$T(\vec{x}) = p_i x_i$

The analytic signal is any complex-valued function whose real and imaginary parts form a Hilbert pair (the imaginary part is a Hilbert's transform  $\mathcal{H}$  of the real one), i.e.,

$$F(t) = f(t) + i\mathcal{H}[f(t)] = f(t) + i \frac{1}{\pi} \text{P.V.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(\xi)}{t - \xi} d\xi , \quad (2.5)$$

where  $f(t)$  is a real-valued function and P.V. means that the integral is taken in the sense of the Cauchy principal value. Note that the exponential function  $\exp(it) = \cos(t) + i \sin(t)$  is the special case of the analytic signal.

An advantage of the analytic signal – one-sided spectrum. However, only its real part has the physical meaning of pressure.

# Anisotropic medium - equation of motion

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( c_{ijkl} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_l} \right) + \cancel{F_i} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2}$$

... equation for general anisotropic medium,  
should be solved for  $u_i$ ,  
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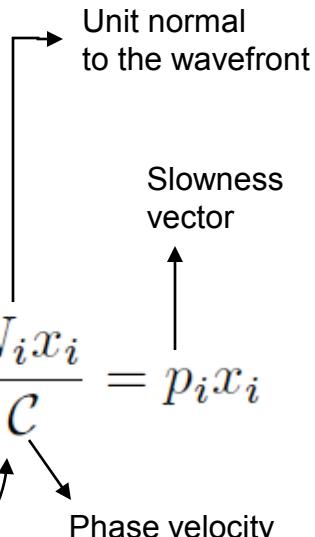
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Analytical signal  
(for harmonic waves exp)

Propagation time  
linear function of coordinates



## Plane waves in anisotropic medium

We insert the plane-wave solution into the elastodynamic equation and employ the Christoffel formalism. That is we

insert  $\vec{u}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{U}F(t - T(x_i))$  into the eq.

$$a_{ijkl}u_{k,lj} = \ddot{u}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad a_{ijkl} = c_{ijkl}/\rho$$

We get  $a_{ijkl}p_j p_l U_k - U_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$

Denoting  $\Gamma_{ik} = a_{ijkl}p_j p_l$  (Christoffel matrix) we come to the Christoffel equation  $\Gamma_{ik}U_k - U_i = 0$ ,  
i.e.,  $(\Gamma_{ik} - \delta_{ik})U_k = 0$

(Alternatively, introducing  $\bar{\Gamma}_{ik} = a_{ijkl}N_j N_l$  we get the Christoffel equation in the form

$$(\bar{\Gamma}_{ik} - C^2\delta_{ik})U_k = 0$$

**This is a system of three linear equations for  $U_1, U_2, U_3$ . If  $U_i$  and  $p_i$  satisfy the Christoffel eq. then the plane wave is a solution of the elastodynamic equation.**

We will find  $p_i$  and  $U_i$  from eigenvalues  $G$  and eigenvectors  $g_i$  of the Christoffel matrix. That is, we will seek  $G$  (eigenvalue) from the equation

$$\det(\Gamma_{ik} - G\delta_{ik}) = 0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11} - G & \Gamma_{12} & \Gamma_{13} \\ \Gamma_{12} & \Gamma_{22} - G & \Gamma_{23} \\ \Gamma_{13} & \Gamma_{23} & \Gamma_{33} - G \end{pmatrix}.$$

When we find  $G$ , we put  $G=1$  to make the equation consistent with the Christoffel equation. (In the case of  $\bar{\Gamma}_{ik}$ , we put  $\bar{G}=C^2$  (phase velocity)). **... existence condition for the plane wave**

## Plane waves in anisotropic medium (continuation)

We use the standard algebraic procedure to find the eigenvalues. The equation  $\det(\Gamma_{ik} - G\delta_{ik}) = 0$

represents the **cubic algebraic eq.**  $G^3 - PG^2 + QG - R = 0$ , where P, Q and R are the invariants of the matrix  $\Gamma$ :  $P = \text{tr } \Gamma$ ,  $R = \det \Gamma$ ,

$$Q = \det \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11} & \Gamma_{12} \\ \Gamma_{12} & \Gamma_{22} \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{22} & \Gamma_{23} \\ \Gamma_{23} & \Gamma_{33} \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11} & \Gamma_{13} \\ \Gamma_{13} & \Gamma_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$

→ 3 roots (in general, sought numerically)

It is obvious that matrix  $\Gamma_{ij}$  has three eigenvalues. We denote them  $G_m$ ,  $m = 1, 2, 3$ .

As matrix  $\Gamma$  is symmetric and positive definite, all the three eigenvalues are real-valued and positive.

The equations  $G_m(p_i) = 1$  (or  $\bar{G}_m(N_i) = C^2$ ),  $m=1$  or  $2$  or  $3$ , represents a constraint for  $p$ . Only the waves satisfying these conditions represent the solutions of the elastodynamic eq. Thus, in anisotropic media, there may exist **three independent waves** propagating in a given direction at different speeds  $C^{(1)}, C^{(2)}, C^{(3)}$ .

$$C^{(m)2} = \bar{G}_m(N_i) \Rightarrow C^{(m)} = \sqrt{\bar{G}_m(N_i)}$$

↓ phase velocity depends on direction (anisotropy)

Eigenvectors:  $\vec{g}^{(m)}$ ,  $m = 1, 2, 3$  (mutually perpendicular) are solutions of the equation

$$(\Gamma_{ik} - G_m \delta_{ik}) g_k^{(m)} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad \text{with the normalization condition } g_k^{(m)} g_k^{(m)} = 1$$

A comparison with the Christoffel condition yields  $\vec{U} = A \vec{g}^{(m)}$ . Thus, the final plane wave solution is:

$$\vec{u}(x_i, t) = A \vec{g}^{(m)} F(t - N_i x_i / C^{(m)}) , m = 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ or } 3.$$

→ linear polarization

# Isotropic medium - equation of motion

$\rightarrow$  Kronecker's delta

$$\begin{cases} = 0, & k \neq l \\ = 1, & k = l \end{cases}$$

Introducing the Lame's coefficients  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$   
we get the following eq. of motion in isotropic media

$$\lambda_{,i} u_{k,k} + \mu_{,l} u_{i,l} + \mu_{,k} u_{k,i} + \lambda u_{l,l} + \mu u_{i,ii} + \mu u_{j,ij} + \cancel{F_i} = \rho u_{i,tt}$$

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# Plane waves in isotropic medium

In analogy to the anisotropic case, we insert the plane-wave solution into the elastodynamic equation and employ the Christoffel formalism. This again leads to the eigenvalue problem, but now the Christoffel matrix has the form:

$$\Gamma_{ik} = \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\rho} p_i p_k + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \delta_{ik} p_l p_l$$

The eigenvalues  $G$  can be determined from relation

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_1^2 + \frac{\mu}{\rho} p_i p_i - G & \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_1 p_2 & \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_1 p_3 \\ \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_1 p_2 & \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{\rho} p_i p_i - G & \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_2 p_3 \\ \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_1 p_3 & \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_2 p_3 & \frac{\lambda+\mu}{\rho} p_3^2 + \frac{\mu}{\rho} p_i p_i - G \end{pmatrix} = 0 .$$

This eq. can be solved analytically. It can be shown that

$$\det (\dots) = \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho} p_i p_i - G \right)^2 \left( \frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho} p_i p_i - G \right) = (\alpha^2 p_i p_i - G)(\beta^2 p_i p_i - G)^2 = 0 ,$$

with

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho} \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right)^{1/2} .$$

It means that two eigenvalues coincide, i.e., instead of three different values we obtain only two. Thus, **only two plane waves can propagate in a given direction in isotropic media.** One corresponding to the eigenvalues

$$G_1(p_i) = G_2(p_i) = \beta^2 p_i p_i ,$$

and the other one corresponding to

$$G_3(p_i) = \alpha^2 p_i p_i$$

# Plane waves in isotropic medium (continuation)

The constraints  $G_m(p_i) = 1$  yield **two existence conditions**

$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = 1/\alpha^2 \quad \dots \text{ P wave (primary)}$$

$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = 1/\beta^2 \quad \dots \text{ S wave (secondary), } \alpha > \beta$$

$$\rightarrow = |\mathbf{p}|^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{C}}\right)^2$$

The existence conditions yield the phase velocity of P wave as  $\mathcal{C} = \alpha$  and that of S wave  $\mathcal{C} = \beta$ .

Eigenvecs:

P wave .....  $\left[ \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\rho} p_i p_k + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \delta_{ik} p_l p_l - \delta_{ik} \right] g_k^{(3)} = 0$ . Multiplying this eq. by  $g_i^{(3)}$  and inserting  
 $p_i = N_i/\alpha$  we get  $\vec{g}^{(3)} = \pm \vec{N}$  . ... linear polarization, perpendicular to the wavefront (compressional, longitudinal wave)

S wave .....  $g^{(1)}, g^{(2)} \perp g^{(3)}$  ... polarized in the plane of the wavefront  
(the vectors cannot be determined uniquely because of the coinciding eigenvalues)

Final solution for P

$$\vec{u}(\vec{x}, t) = A \vec{N} F(t - N_i x_i / \alpha) \rightarrow \text{elliptical polarization in the plane of the wavefront}$$

Final solution for S

$$\vec{u}(\vec{x}, t) = (B \vec{e}_1 + C \vec{e}_2) F(t - N_i x_i / \beta)$$

(in a special case of real-valued  $B$  and  $C$ , the polarization is linear).

$A, B$ , and  $C$  are arbitrary complex-valued constants.  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2$  are arbitrary mutually perpendicular vectors situated in the plane of the wavefront.

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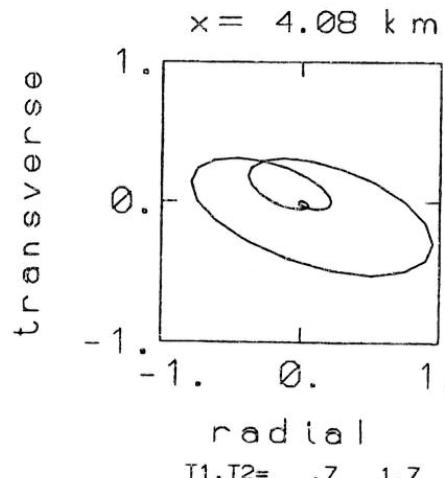
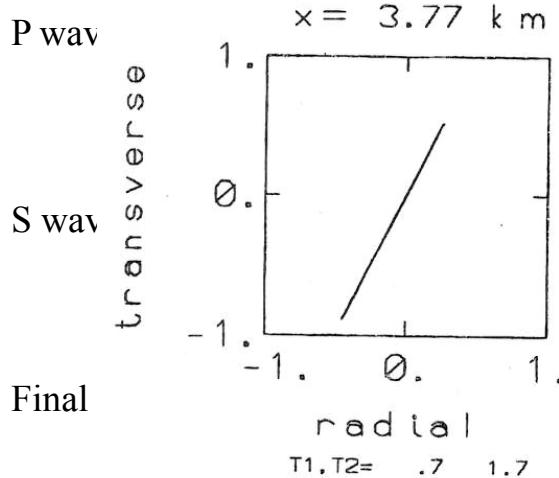
$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = 1/\alpha^2 \quad \dots \text{P wave (primary)}$$

$$p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 = 1/\beta^2 \quad \dots \text{S wave (secondary), } \alpha > \beta$$

$$= |\mathbf{p}|^2 = \left(\frac{1}{c}\right)^2$$

The existence conditions yield the phase velocity of P wave as  $c = \alpha$  and that of S wave  $c = \beta$ .

Eigenvecs:



plying this eq. by  $\mathbf{g}_i^{(3)}$  and inserting  
**shear polarization, perpendicular to the  
wavefront (compressional, longitudinal wave)**  
**linearized in the plane of the wavefront  
transverse, shear wave)**

→ **elliptical polarization in the plane  
of the wavefront  
(in a special case of real-valued  
 $B$  and  $C$ , the polarization is  
linear).**

Final solution for S

$$\vec{u}(\vec{x}, t) = (B\vec{e}_1 + C\vec{e}_2)F(t - N_i x_i / \beta)$$

$A, B$ , and  $C$  are arbitrary complex-valued constants.  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2$  are arbitrary mutually perpendicular vectors situated in the plane of the wavefront.

# Energy of elastic waves (coontinuum mechanics basics)

Total energy of a wave = kinetic energy + strain energy (potential energy)

Density of strain energy (per unit volume)

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \tau_{ij} e_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} c_{ijkl} e_{ij} e_{kl}$$

Density of kinetic energy

$$K = \frac{1}{2} \rho \dot{u}_i \dot{u}_i$$

Density of total energy

$$E = W + K = \frac{1}{2} c_{ijkl} e_{ij} e_{kl} + \frac{1}{2} \rho \dot{u}_i \dot{u}_i$$

Density of energy flux

$$S_i = -\tau_{ij} \dot{u}_j = -c_{ijkl} e_{kl} \dot{u}_j = -c_{ijkl} u_{k,l} \dot{u}_j$$

Velocity of energy flux = group velocity

$$v_i^g = \frac{S_i}{E}$$

Elastodynamic equation yields the conservation of elastic energy (for vanishing body forces)

$$\partial E / \partial t + \nabla \cdot \vec{S} = 0$$

# Elastic energy flux

Total energy in a volume  $V$  and its time derivative

$$\epsilon = \iiint_V EdV = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_V \left( \rho \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \tau_{ij} e_{ij} \right) dV, \quad \frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = \iiint_V \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} dV = \iiint_V \left[ \rho \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2} + \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) \right] dV$$

This term can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) dV &= \iiint_V \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} \right) dV - \iiint_V \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} \underbrace{\tau_{ij,j}}_{\text{II}} dV \\ &= - \iiint_V \frac{\partial S_j}{\partial x_j} dV - \iiint_V \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} \left( \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2} - f_i \right) dV \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} + \iiint_V \operatorname{div} \vec{S} dV = \iiint_V \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} f_i dV \quad (= 0 \quad \text{for } f_i = 0)$$

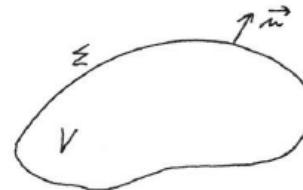
From the Gauss theorem we get

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} + \iiint_V \operatorname{div} \vec{S} dV = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\epsilon}{dt} + \iint_{\Sigma} S_j n_j d\Sigma = 0$$

That means that the change of elastic energy is compensated by a flux of the vector  $\mathbf{S}$  (energy flux, analogous to the Poynting vector) across the surface  $\Sigma$ .

Direction of  $\mathbf{S}$  ... direction in which energy flows.

Magnitude of  $\mathbf{S}$  ... amount of energy passed through a unit area perpendicular to  $\mathbf{S}$  within a time unit.



# Energy of plane waves in acoustic media

Real parts of the complex solutions for pressure and particle velocity can be written as (we consider  $p_i$  real)

$$p = \frac{1}{2}(PF + P^*F^*) , \quad v_i = \frac{1}{2}\frac{p_i}{\rho}(PF + P^*F^*) .$$

Keeping in mind that in the acoustic case,  $p = -k\theta$ ,  $\tau_{ij} = -p\delta_{ij}$ ,

we can write

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \frac{1}{2}\tau_{ij}u_{i,j} = -\frac{1}{2}pu_{i,i} = \frac{1}{2k}p^2 = \frac{1}{2}\kappa p^2 = \frac{1}{8}\kappa(PF + P^*F^*)^2 , \\ K &= \frac{1}{2}\rho\dot{u}_i\dot{u}_i = \frac{1}{2}\rho v_i v_i = \frac{1}{8}(\rho c^2)^{-1}(PF + P^*F^*)^2 , \\ S_i &= -\tau_{ij}\dot{u}_j = p\delta_{ij}v_j = pv_i = \frac{1}{4}p_i\rho^{-1}(PF + P^*F^*)^2 , \end{aligned}$$

Since  $c^2 = (\kappa\rho)^{-1}$ ,

$$W = K ,$$

i.e., the strain energy of a plane acoustic wave equals at any time to its kinetic energy.

The total energy is

$$E = \frac{1}{4}(\rho c^2)^{-1}(PF + P^*F^*)^2 = \frac{1}{4}\kappa(PF + P^*F^*)^2 ,$$

which yields the group velocity as

$$v_i^{(g)} = S_i/E = c^2 p_i = c N_i = c_i ,$$

i.e., in acoustic media, the phase and group velocities coincide in direction and magnitude (energy flows perpendicularly to the wavefront).

# Energy of plane waves in isotropic media

We proceed in analogy to the case of the acoustic medium, but separately for P and S waves. Real parts of the solution are

$$u_i = \frac{1}{2}(AF + A^*F^*)N_i \quad \text{for the P wave and} \quad u_i = \frac{1}{2}[(BF + B^*F^*)g_i^{(1)} + (CF + C^*F^*)g_i^{(2)}] \quad \text{for}$$

the S wave. Energy quantities are

$$\begin{aligned} W_P &= \frac{1}{8}\rho(AF' + A^*F'^*)^2, & W_S &= \frac{1}{8}\rho[(BF' + B^*F'^*)^2 + (CF' + C^*F'^*)^2], \\ K_P &= \frac{1}{8}\rho(AF' + A^*F'^*)^2, & K_S &= \frac{1}{8}\rho[(BF' + B^*F'^*)^2 + (CF' + C^*F'^*)^2], \\ S_{Pi} &= \frac{1}{4}\rho\alpha N_i(AF' + A^*F'^*)^2, & S_{Si} &= \frac{1}{4}\rho\beta N_i[(BF' + B^*F'^*)^2 + (CF' + C^*F'^*)^2], \\ E_P &= \frac{1}{4}\rho(AF' + A^*F'^*)^2, & K_S &= \frac{1}{4}\rho[(BF' + B^*F'^*)^2 + (CF' + C^*F'^*)^2] \end{aligned},$$

from which

$$W = K$$

In isotropic media, the strain energy of a plane wave equals at any time to its kinetic energy.

and

$$v_{Pi}^{(g)} = S_{Pi}/E_P = \alpha N_i, \quad v_{Si}^{(g)} = S_{Si}/E_S = \beta N_i.$$

In isotropic media, the phase and group velocities coincide in direction and magnitude (energy flows perpendicularly to the wavefront).

# Energy of plane waves in anisotropic media

We proceed in analogy to the case of the acoustic or isotropic medium.  $u_i = \frac{1}{2}(U_i F + U_i^* F^*) = \frac{1}{2}(AF + A^* F^*)g_i$   
Taking into account that

Notation for  
 $c_{ijkl}/\rho$

$$u_{i,j} = -\frac{1}{2}(U_i p_j F' + U_i^* p_j F^{*\prime}) ,$$

$$e_{ij} = -\frac{1}{4}(U_i p_j + U_j p_i)F' - \frac{1}{4}(U_i^* p_j + U_j^* p_i)F^* ,$$

$$\tau_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2}c_{ijkl}p_l(U_k F' + U_k^* F^{*\prime})$$

we get

$$W = \frac{1}{2}\rho a_{ijkl}u_{i,j}u_{k,l} = \frac{1}{8}\rho a_{ijkl}C^{-2}(U_i N_j F' + U_i^* N_j F^{*\prime})(U_k N_l F' + U_k^* N_l F^{*\prime})$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}\rho C^{-2}\Gamma_{ik}(AF' + A^* F^{*\prime})^2 g_i g_k ,$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2}\rho \dot{u}_i \dot{u}_i = \frac{1}{8}\rho(AF' + A^* F^{*\prime})^2 ,$$

$$S_i = -\rho a_{ijkl}u_{k,l}\dot{u}_j = \frac{1}{4}\rho a_{ijkl}C^{-1}N_l(AF' + A^* F^{*\prime})^2 g_j g_k .$$

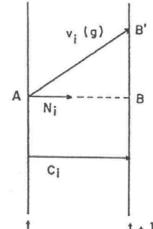
If we consider the Christoffel equation, multiplied by the vector  $g_i$ , we get

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{ik}g_i g_k - C^2 = 0 \Rightarrow C^{-2}\bar{\Gamma}_{ik}g_i g_k = 1 \Rightarrow W = K$$

In anisotropic media, the strain energy of a plane wave equals at any time to its kinetic energy.

The total energy and the group velocity are

$$E = \frac{1}{4}\rho(AF' + A^* F^{*\prime})^2 \quad \text{and} \quad v_i^{(g)} = S_i/E = C^{-1}a_{ijkl}N_l g_j g_k = a_{ijkl}p_l g_j g_k \Rightarrow \vec{v} \neq \vec{C}$$



It can be shown that

$$\vec{v}_i^{(g)} \cdot \vec{n}_i = 1 \Rightarrow \vec{v}_i^{(g)} N_i = \vec{C} \Rightarrow |\vec{v}^g| \geq |\vec{C}|$$

phase and group velocities differ from each other  
(energy flux is not perpendicular to the wavefront)

# Plane waves in acoustic, isotropic and anisotropic media - basic differences

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# Plane waves in acoustic, isotropic and anisotropic media - basic differences

## ANISOTROPIC

3 independent waves  
in a given direction  $\mathbf{N}$   
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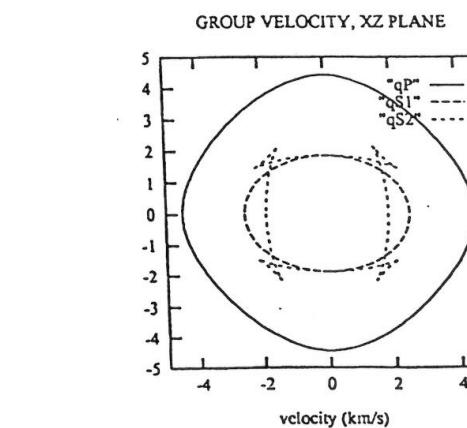
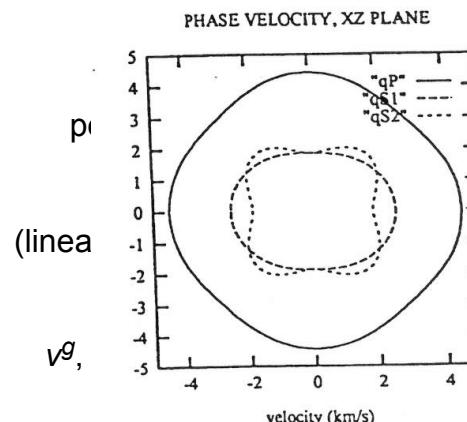
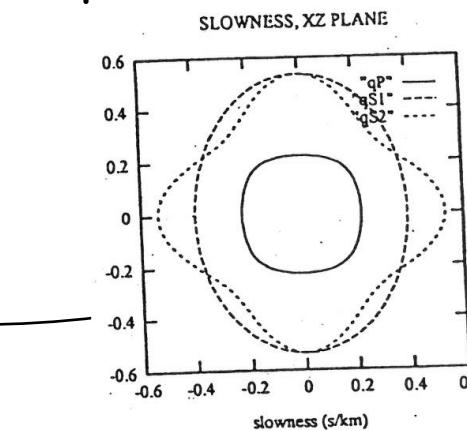
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or group velocity direction

$v^g, \mathcal{C}$  vary with the direction  
of  $\mathbf{N}$

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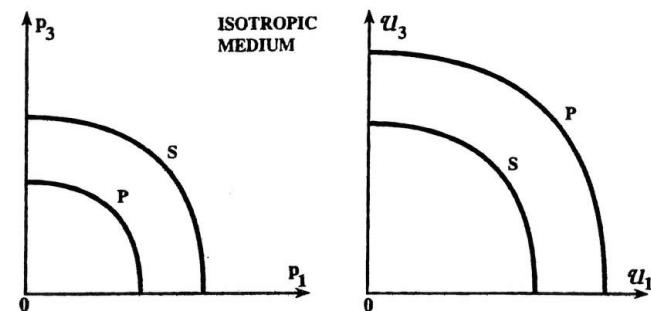
$$|\vec{v}^g| \geq |\vec{\mathcal{C}}|$$

Energy flux is **not**  
perpendicular to the wavefront



## ACOUTIC

1 wave  
in a given direction  $\mathbf{N}$   
pressure, "P" (particle velocity)



ies)

$v^g, \mathcal{C}$  independent on the direction  
of  $\mathbf{N}$

$$\vec{v}^g = \vec{\mathcal{C}}$$

Energy flux is  
perpendicular to the wavefront

# Plane waves in acoustic, isotropic and anisotropic media - basic differences

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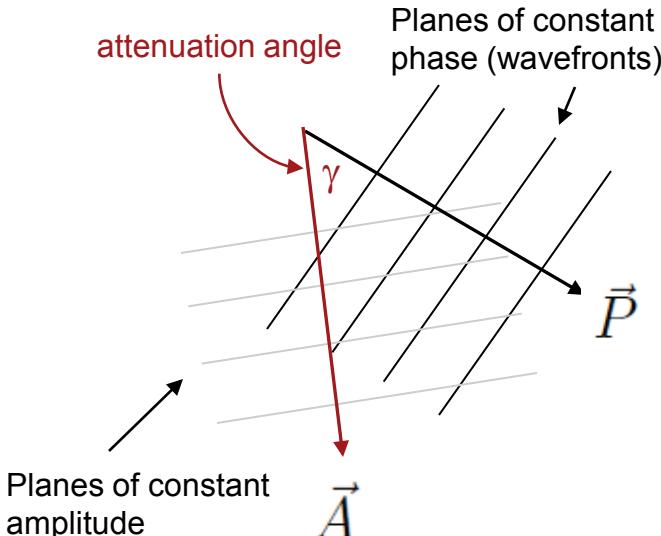
# Inhomogeneous waves

$$u_i = U_i \exp[-i\omega(t - p_i x_i)]$$

real-valued ..... homogeneous waves; complex-valued .... inhomogeneous (evanescent) waves

attenuation

$$u_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = U_i \exp(-\omega A_i x_i) \exp[-i\omega(t - P_i x_i)]$$



$$p_i = P_i + iA_i$$

Propagation vector

Attenuation vector

The existence condition in isotropic (acoustic) media:

$$p_i p_i = \frac{1}{C^2}$$

$$P_i P_i - A_i A_i + 2iA_i P_i = \frac{1}{C^2}$$

$$A_i P_i = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{P} \perp \vec{A}} \quad \boxed{\gamma = \pm 90^\circ}$$

real-valued  
in a non-dissipative medium

$$\frac{1}{C_{inh}^2} = P_i P_i = \frac{1}{C^2} + A_i A_i > \frac{1}{C^2}$$

$$C_{inh} < C$$

Amplitude is no more constant along the wavefront

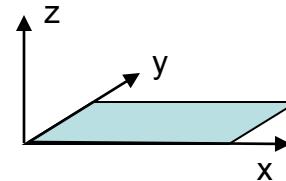
The inhomogeneous wave is always slower than the homogeneous one

# Elastic waves at interfaces - boundary conditions (different for different interface types)

SOLID-SOLID (welded contact)

Continuous displacement  $\mathbf{u}^{above} = \mathbf{u}^{below}$

Continuous traction  $\mathbf{T}^{above} = \mathbf{T}^{below}$



$$[u_x] = [u_y] = [u_z] = 0$$

$$[T_x] = [T_y] = [T_z] = 0$$

$$\downarrow \\ [\tau_{zx}] = [\tau_{zy}] = [\tau_{zz}] = 0$$

SOLID-FLUID (no cavitation)

$$[u_z] = 0$$

$$[T_z] = 0 \Rightarrow [\tau_{zz}] = 0$$

$$T_x = T_y = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_{zx} = \tau_{zy} = 0$$

FLUID-FLUID

$$[u_z] = 0$$

$$[T_z] = 0 \Rightarrow [\tau_{zz}] = 0$$

$$T_x = T_y = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_{zx} = \tau_{zy} = 0$$

$$[v_z] = 0$$

$$[p] = 0$$

VACUUM-SOLID (free surface)

$$T_x = T_y = T_z = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_{zx} = \tau_{zy} = \tau_{zz} = 0$$

no condition for displacement

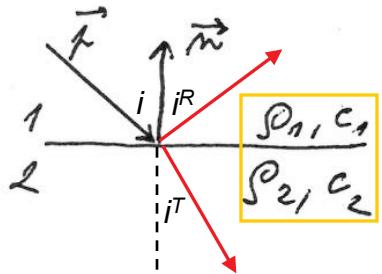
VACUUM-FLUID (free surface)

$$T_z = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_{zz} = 0$$

For the acoustic case

$$p = 0$$

# Plane waves at a plane interface - acoustic halfspaces



Incident wave (homogeneous)

$$\vec{p}(x, t) = \cancel{P} \cancel{F}(t - \cancel{k_z} x_z); \quad v_i(x, t) = \frac{1}{\rho} P_{f_i} F(t - k_z x_z)$$

$$k_z = \frac{\eta_z}{c_1}$$

Generated waves  $G$

- $R$  ... reflected
- $T$  ... transmitted

In the acoustic case, only one reflected and one transmitted wave can exist

$$\vec{p}^G(x, t) = \cancel{P}^G \cancel{F}^G(t - \cancel{k_z}^G x_z - \cancel{\varphi}^G); \quad v_i^G = \frac{1}{\rho_G} P_{f_i}^G F^G(t - k_z^G x_z - \varphi^G)$$

$$k_z^R = \frac{\eta_z^R}{c_1}, \quad k_z^T = \frac{\eta_z^T}{c_2}; \quad \rho_G = \begin{cases} \rho_1 & \dots G=R \\ \rho_2 & \dots G=T \end{cases}$$

— Material parameters (known)

— Known quantities (incident wave)

— Unknown quantities (reflected and transmitted wave)

# Plane waves at a plane interface - acoustic halfspaces (continuation)

Boundary conditions

$$\boxed{P F(t - p_z x_\xi) + P^R F^R(t - p_z^R x_\xi - \phi^R) = P^T F^T(t - p_z^T x_\xi - \phi^T)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho_1} P F(t - p_z x_\xi) f_e^x + \frac{1}{\rho_1} P^R F^R(t - p_z^R x_\xi^R - \phi^R) f_e^R n_e = \frac{1}{\rho_2} P^T F^T(t - p_z^T x_\xi^T - \phi^T) f_e^T n_e$$

hold for any  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $t$ .  $P, P^R, P^T$  do not depend on  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $t$  (plane waves). Thus we can conclude:

$$1) \quad F(t - p_k x_k) = F^R(t - p_k^R x_k^R - \phi^R) = F^T(t - p_k^T x_k^T - \phi^T)$$

i.e., the same analytical signal for all the waves involved in the R/T problem.

$$p_k x_k = p_k^R x_k^R - \phi^R = p_k^T x_k^T - \phi^T$$

Taking into account two points  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  on the interface, we get

$$p_k(x_{1k} - x_{2k}) = p_k^R(x_{1k} - x_{2k}) = p_k^T(x_{1k} - x_{2k})$$

2) Tangential components of  $\mathbf{p}$ ,  $\mathbf{p}^R$  and  $\mathbf{p}^T$  are the same.

$$\Downarrow$$

$$p_k x_k = p_k^R x_k = p_k^T x_k$$

$$3) \quad \phi^R = \phi^T = 0 \quad \dots \text{no phase shift at the interface}$$

$$\frac{\sin i}{c_1} = \frac{\sin i^G}{c_G}$$

$\Downarrow$

(Snell's law)

$\mathbf{p}^R$  and  $\mathbf{p}^T$  remains in the plane of incidence determined by  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{n}$ .

# Plane waves at a plane interface - acoustic halfspaces (continuation)

Transformation of slowness across the interface:

Analyzing the boundary conditions we have found that tangential components of  $\mathbf{p}$ ,  $\mathbf{p}^R$  and  $\mathbf{p}^T$  are the same.

Incident wave (known)    reflected    transmitted

What remains (in kinematics of the problem) is to determine the normal components of  $\mathbf{p}^R$  and  $\mathbf{p}^T$ . To do this we use the **existence condition** (constraint for the magnitude of the slowness vectors)

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{a} + \sigma \mathbf{n} \quad \mathbf{p}^G = \mathbf{a} + \sigma^G \mathbf{n}$$

$\sigma = \mathbf{p} \mathbf{n}$        $\sigma^G = \mathbf{p}^G \mathbf{n}$   
we seek for

*Incident wave (known)*

$$p_i p_i = a_i a_i + (p_m n_m)^2 = \frac{1}{c_1^2}$$

$$p_i^T p_i^T = a_i a_i + (p_m^T n_m)^2 = \frac{1}{c_2^2}$$

$$p_m^T n_m = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{c_2^2} - a_i a_i} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{c_2^2} - \frac{1}{c_1^2} + (p_m n_m)^2}$$

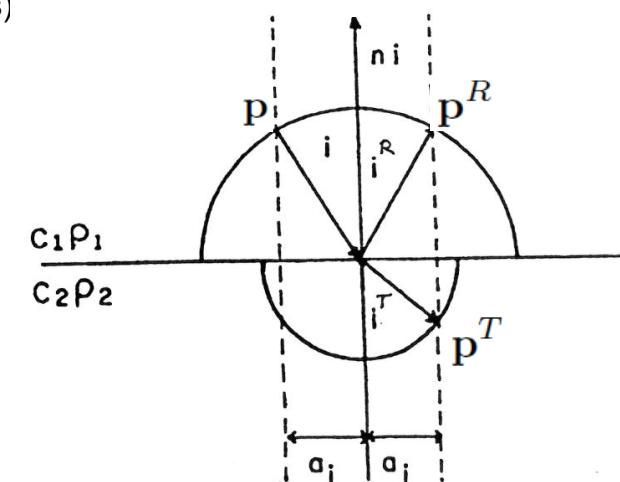
Similarly, for the reflected wave we get ( $c_G = c_1$ )

$$p_k^R = p_k - 2(p_m n_m) n_k$$

Reflected wave

$$p_k^T = p_k - \left[ p_m n_m + \sqrt{\frac{1}{c_2^2} - \frac{1}{c_1^2} + (p_m n_m)^2} \right] n_k$$

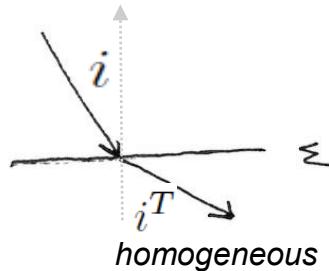
Transmitted wave



# Plane waves at a plane interface - acoustic halfspaces (continuation)

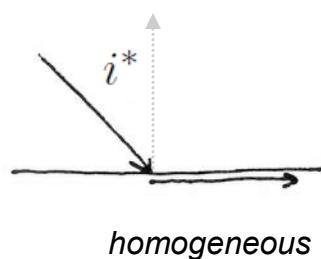
$$p_k^T = p_k - \left[ p_m n_m + \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{1}{c_2^2} - \frac{1}{c_1^2} + (p_m n_m)^2}}_{\text{may be negative if } c_2 > c_1} \right] n_k$$

may be negative if  $c_2 > c_1 \Rightarrow$  complex-valued slowness  $\Rightarrow$  **inhomogeneous wave**



$$\frac{c_2}{c_1} \sin i = \sin i^T \leq 1$$

$p^T$  real-valued  
no attenuation

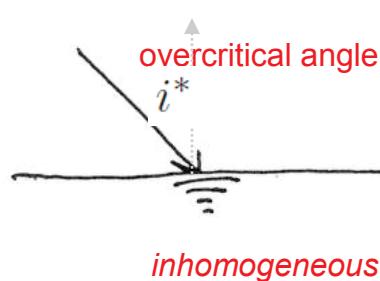
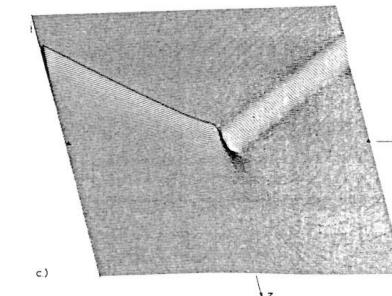
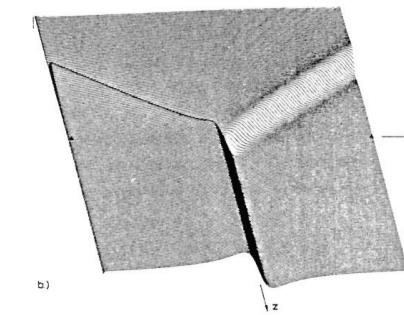
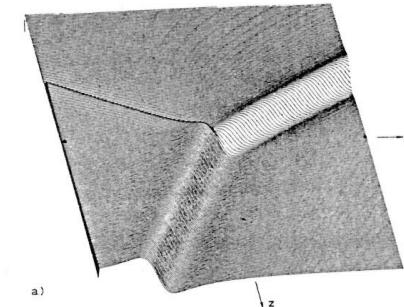


$$\sin i^* = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$i^* = \arcsin \left( \frac{c_1}{c_2} \right), \quad i^T = 90^\circ$$

critical angle

$p^T$  real-valued  
no attenuation



$$\sin i > \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Amplitude decays away from the interface

$$\frac{1}{c_{inh}^2} = P_i P_i = a_i a_i = \frac{\sin^2 i}{c_1^2} \Rightarrow c_{inh} = \frac{c_1}{\sin i}$$

decays with increasing  
angle of incidence

Fig. 2.2: Transient plane waves at a planar acoustic interface:  
 (a) Subcritical incidence  
 (b) Critical incidence  
 (c) Supercritical incidence.

# Plane waves at a plane interface - acoustic halfspaces (continuation)

Transformation of amplitude across the interface:

Boundary conditions (divided by  $F$ ) yield

$$P + P^R = P^T$$

$$\rho_1^{-1} P p_l n_l + \rho_1^{-1} P^R \underbrace{p_l^R n_l}_{= -p_l n_l} = \rho_2^{-1} p_l^T n_l P^T$$

Introducing the R/T coefficients for pressure

$$R^R = \frac{P^R}{P} \quad \text{and} \quad R^T = \frac{P^T}{P}$$

we get

$$R^R - R^T = -1$$

$$\rho_1^{-1} p_l n_l R^R + \rho_2^{-1} p_l^T n_l R^T = \rho_1^{-1} p_l n_l$$

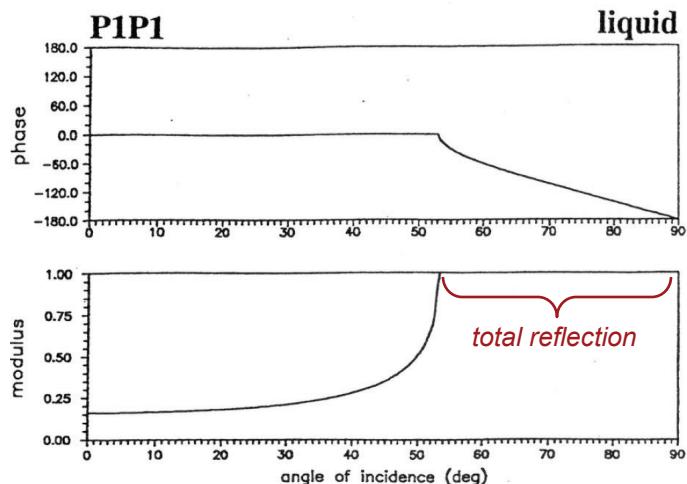
This set of equations has the analytical solution

$$R^R = \frac{\rho_2 p_l n_l - \rho_1 p_l^T n_l}{\rho_2 p_l n_l + \rho_1 p_l^T n_l} = \frac{\rho_2 c_2 \cos i - \rho_1 c_1 \cos i^T}{\rho_2 c_2 \cos i + \rho_1 c_1 \cos i^T}$$

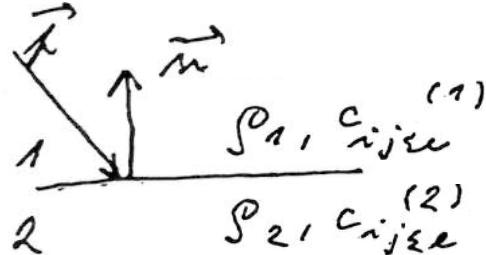
$$R^T = \frac{2\rho_2 p_l n_l}{\rho_2 p_l n_l + \rho_1 p_l^T n_l} = \frac{2\rho_2 c_2 \cos i}{\rho_2 c_2 \cos i + \rho_1 c_1 \cos i^T}$$

Example:

$$c_1 = 2000 \text{ m/s}, c_2 = 2500 \text{ m/s} \quad (c_2 > c_1) \\ \rho_1 = 1500 \text{ kg/m}^3, \rho_2 = 1661 \text{ kg/m}^3$$



# Plane waves at a plane interface - anisotropic halfspaces



Incident wave (known) – 3 possibilities (qP, qS1 or qS2)

$$u_i(x_m, t) = A g_i F(t - p_k x_k)$$

Generated waves (unknown) – 6 possibilities (qP, qS1 or qS2 reflected and transmitted)

$$u_i^{(j)}(x_m, t) = A^{(j)} g_i^{(j)} F^{(j)}(t - p_k^{(j)} x_k - \varphi^{(j)}) , \quad j = \underbrace{1, 2, 3}_{\text{reflection}}, \underbrace{4, 5, 6}_{\text{transmission}}$$

Boundary conditions require:  $[u_i] = 0$  ,  $[T_i] = 0$

$$T_i = T_{ij} n_j = c_{ijee} n_j w_{e,e}$$

e.g., for the incident wave  $\underline{T_i} = -A c_{ijee}^{(1)} n_j g_e \dot{x}_e \dot{F}(t - p_m x_m)$

$$\begin{aligned} -A^{(1)} g_i^{(1)} F^{(1)} - A^{(2)} g_i^{(2)} F^{(2)} - A^{(3)} g_i^{(3)} F^{(3)} + A^{(4)} g_i^{(4)} F^{(4)} + A^{(5)} g_i^{(5)} F^{(5)} + A^{(6)} g_i^{(6)} F^{(6)} &= A g_i F \\ -A^{(1)} X_i^{(1)} \dot{F}^{(1)} - A^{(2)} X_i^{(2)} \dot{F}^{(2)} - A^{(3)} X_i^{(3)} \dot{F}^{(3)} + A^{(4)} X_i^{(4)} \dot{F}^{(4)} + A^{(5)} X_i^{(5)} \dot{F}^{(5)} + A^{(6)} X_i^{(6)} \dot{F}^{(6)} &= A X_i \dot{F} \end{aligned}$$

$$X_i = c_{ijee} n_j g_e \dot{x}_e , \text{ etc.}$$

BC must not depend on position and time. Thus (similarly to the acoustic case):

- 1) Analytical signals of all the involved waves are the same
- 2) Tangential components of slowness vectors of all the waves are the same .
- 3) Slowness vectors of all the waves are situated in the plane of incidence.
- 4) There is no phase shift at the interface.

# Plane waves at a plane interface - anisotropic halfspaces (continuation)

The slowness vector of any of the generated wave is:

$$\mathbf{s}_i^{(j)} = \mathbf{a}_i + \sigma^{(j)} \mathbf{n}_i$$

tangential comp. (known)

normal comp. (unknown)  
to be determined from the existence condition

$$\det(\Gamma_{ik} - \delta_{ik}) = \det \left( \frac{c_{ijkl}}{\rho} p_j^{(j)} p_l^{(j)} - \delta_{ik} \right) = 0$$

$$\det \left[ \frac{c_{ijkl}}{\rho} (a_j + \sigma^{(j)} n_j) (a_l + \sigma^{(j)} n_l) - \delta_{ik} \right] = 0$$

different for halfspace 1  
and halfspace 2

... a six-order equation for  $\sigma$  – solved numerically;  
it has six roots but we need only three – we have to exclude three of them

Selection criteria

- 1) For complex-valued roots (inhomogeneous waves) – **the wave must decay away from the interface**

$$Im(\sigma) n_m x_m > 0$$

differs in sign for reflection  
and transmission

- 2) For real-valued roots (homogeneous waves) we decide according to the energy flux direction, i.e., **energy must flow into the right halfspace** (1 for reflection and 2 for transmission)

$$n_i n_i^j = \begin{cases} n_i \frac{c_{ijkl}^{(1)}}{S_1} \mathbf{f}_e \mathbf{g}_1 \mathbf{g}_2 \leq 0 & \dots \text{transmission} \\ n_i \frac{c_{ijkl}^{(2)}}{S_2} \mathbf{f}_e \mathbf{g}_1 \mathbf{g}_2 \geq 0 & \dots \text{reflection} \end{cases}$$

all these quantities are found numerically

# Plane waves at a plane interface - anisotropic halfspaces (continuation)

Dynamics of the R/T problem – how to find amplitudes of the generated waves? The scalar amplitude coefficients are found from BC.

Divided by  $F$  (the same for all the waves), BC lead to the set of equations

$$\begin{aligned} -A^{(1)}g_i^{(1)} - A^{(2)}g_i^{(2)} - A^{(3)}g_i^{(3)} + A^{(4)}g_i^{(4)} + A^{(5)}g_i^{(5)} + A^{(6)}g_i^{(6)} &= Ag_i, \\ -A^{(1)}X_i^{(1)} - A^{(2)}X_i^{(2)} - A^{(3)}X_i^{(3)} + A^{(4)}X_i^{(4)} + A^{(5)}X_i^{(5)} + A^{(6)}X_i^{(6)} &= AX_i. \end{aligned}$$

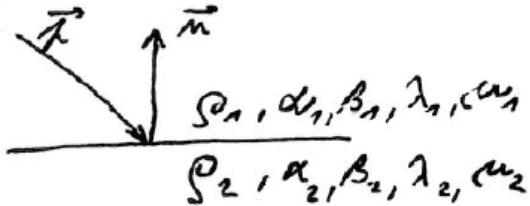
(  $X_i = c_{ij}e_j \ n_j \ \partial_z \ \underline{\tau_e}$  etc. )

This is **a set of six algebraic equations for six unknowns**  $A^{(j)}$  (solved numerically). It can be solved directly for the amplitude coefficients or we can introduce R/T coefficients and solve the equations for them.

$$R_{mn} = \frac{A^{(m)}}{A}, \quad \begin{array}{l} m = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \\ n = 1, 2, 3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dots \text{generated waves} \\ \dots \text{incident waves} \end{array}$$

Altogether we have 18 R/T coefficients, 9 for reflection and 9 for transmission. They are usually arranged into two 3x3 matrices of the R/T coefficients.

# Plane waves at a plane interface - isotropic halfspaces



The incident wave is either P  $u_i(x_m, t) = AN_i F(t - p_k x_k)$

or S  $u_i(x_m, t) = (Bg_i^{(1)} + Cg_i^{(2)})F(t - p_k x_k)$

From each of them we can have, in general, **four generated waves** which are to be determined.

BC (two solid halfspaces in welded contact):

$$[u_{ni}] = 0, [T_{ni}] = 0; T_i = \tau_{ij}n_j = \lambda n_i u_{k,k} + \mu n_j(u_{i,j} + u_{j,i})$$

P waves...

$$T_i = -A(\lambda_1 n_i N_k p_k + 2\mu_1 n_j p_j N_i) \dot{F}(t - p_k x_k)$$

S waves...

$$T_i = -[B(g_i^{(1)} p_j + g_j^{(1)} p_i) + C(g_i^{(2)} p_j + g_j^{(2)} p_i)] \mu_1 n_j \dot{F}(t - p_k x_k)$$

BC yield

- 1) Analytical signals of all the involved waves are the same
- 2) Tangential components of slowness vectors of all the waves are the same  $\rightarrow$
- 3) Slowness vectors of all the waves are situated in the plane of incidence.
- 4) There is no phase shift at the interface.

$$\frac{\sin i_p^R}{\alpha_1} = \frac{\sin i_s^R}{\beta_1} = \frac{\sin i_p^T}{\alpha_2} = \frac{\sin i_s^T}{\beta_2} = \frac{\sin i}{V} ; \quad r = \begin{cases} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{cases}$$

Snell's law

(can be used to find the direction in which the waves leaves the interface)

The magnitude of the slowness vector can be determined employing the existence condition

$$p_i^G p_i^G = \frac{1}{\tilde{V}^2}, \quad \tilde{V} = \alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2$$

The slowness is then

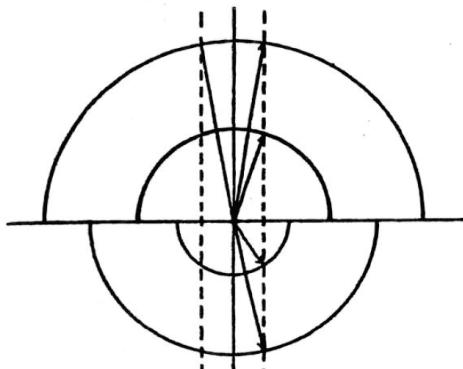
$$\hat{p}_i = p_i - \{(p_m n_m) \pm [\tilde{V}^{-2} - V^{-2} + (p_m n_m)^2]^{1/2}\} n_i$$

Specifically, for monotypic reflection  
can be negative; even three inhomogeneous waves may exist simultaneously

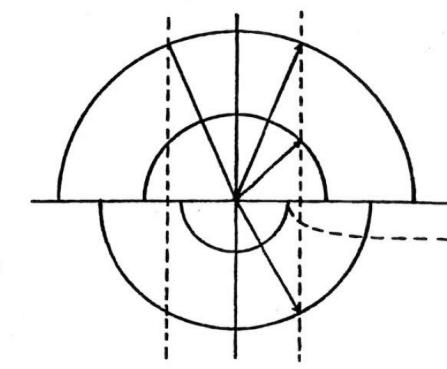
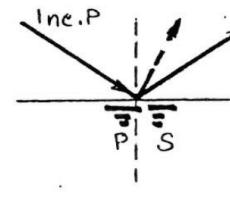
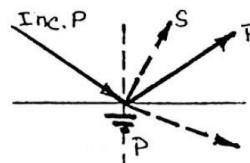
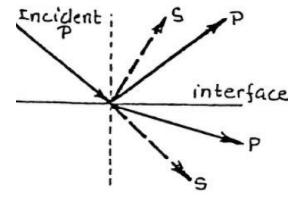
$$\tilde{V} = V \Rightarrow p_k^R = p_k - 2(p_m n_m) n_k \rightarrow \text{always homogeneous}$$

# Plane waves at a plane interface - isotropic halfspaces (continuation)

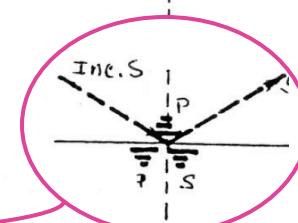
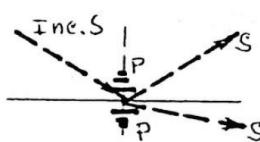
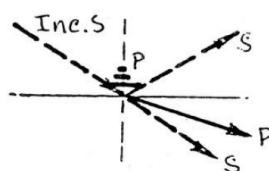
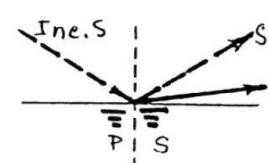
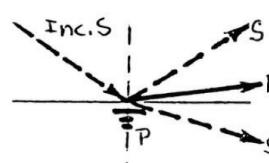
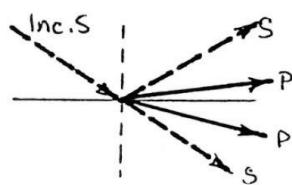
In isotropic media, many kinds of inhomogeneous waves can exist:



$$\sin i < \beta_1/\alpha_2$$



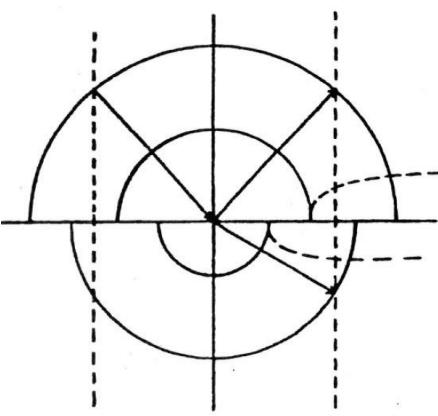
$$\sin i > \beta_1/\alpha_2, \quad \sin i < \beta_1/\alpha_1$$



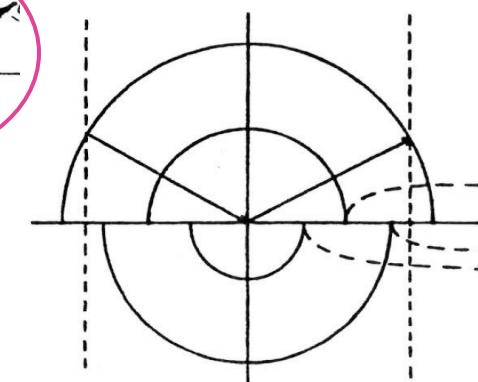
Necessary conditions for this case:

- 1) Incident S wave
- 2)

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 &< \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 &< \beta_2 \\ \beta_1 &< \alpha_2 \end{aligned}$$



$$\sin i > \beta_1/\alpha_1, \quad \sin i < \beta_1/\beta_2$$



$$\sin i > \beta_1/\beta_2$$

# Plane waves at a plane interface - isotropic halfspaces (continuation)

Dynamics of the R/T problem – how to find amplitudes of the generated waves? The scalar amplitude coefficients are found from BC.

Divided by  $F$  (the same for all the waves), BC lead to the set of equations

$$A^t N_i^t + B^t g_i^{(1)t} + C^t g_i^{(2)t} - A^r N_i^r - B^r g_i^{(1)r} - C^r g_i^{(2)r} = (\tilde{D}_i),$$

$$A^t X_i^t + B^t Y_i^t + C^t Z_i^t - A^r X_i^r - B^r Y_i^r - C^r Z_i^r = (\tilde{E}_i),$$

$$X_i = \lambda n_i N_k p_k + 2\mu n_j p_j N_i$$

$$Y_i = \mu n_j (g_i^{(1)} p_j + g_j^{(1)} p_i)$$

$$Z_i = \mu n_j (g_i^{(2)} p_j + g_j^{(2)} p_i)$$

Differ according to  
the type of the  
incident wave

$$\tilde{D}_i = A N_i , \quad \tilde{E}_i = A X_i$$

$$\tilde{D}_i = B g_i^{(1)} + C g_i^{(2)} , \quad \tilde{E}_i = B Y_i + C Z_i$$

This is a set of six algebraic equations for six unknowns  $A^r, B^r, C^r, A^t, B^t$  and  $C^t$ . Let us introduce the R/T coefficients

generated w.  $R_{mn}^r, R_{mn}^t$   
incident w.

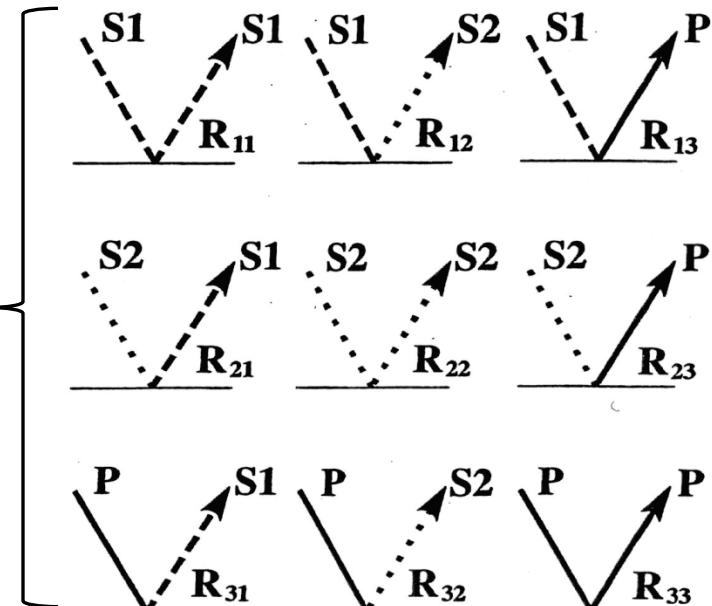
$$\begin{aligned} m, n &= 1 \dots S_1 \\ &2 \dots S_2 \\ &\dots P \end{aligned}$$

$$(e.g., R_{11}^r = B^r/B, R_{31}^r = B^r/A \dots)$$

Altogether we have 9 for reflection  
and 9 for transmission,

e.g.,

$$R^r = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Plane waves at a plane interface - isotropic halfspaces (continuation)

In isotropic media, the dynamics of the R/T problem can be simplified if we consider

$\vec{g}^{(2)}, \vec{g}^{(2)r}, \vec{g}^{(2)t}$  in plane of incidence. Then:

$$\vec{n} \equiv (0, 0, 1), \vec{N} \equiv (N_1, 0, N_3), \vec{g}^{(1)} \equiv (g_1^{(1)}, 0, g_3^{(1)}), \vec{g}^{(2)} \equiv (0, 1, 0) \dots, \text{etc., and BC}$$

separate into **two independent sets** of equations

## P-SV part

$$\begin{aligned} A^t N_1^t + B^t g_1^{(1)t} - A^r N_1^r - B^r g_1^{(1)r} &= \tilde{D}_1, \\ A^t N_3^t + B^t g_3^{(1)t} - A^r N_3^r - B^r g_3^{(1)r} &= \tilde{D}_3, \\ A^t X_1^t + B^t Y_1^t - A^r X_1^r - B^r Y_1^r &= \tilde{E}_1, \\ A^t X_3^t + B^t Y_3^t - A^r X_3^r - B^r Y_3^r &= \tilde{E}_3. \end{aligned}$$

## SH part

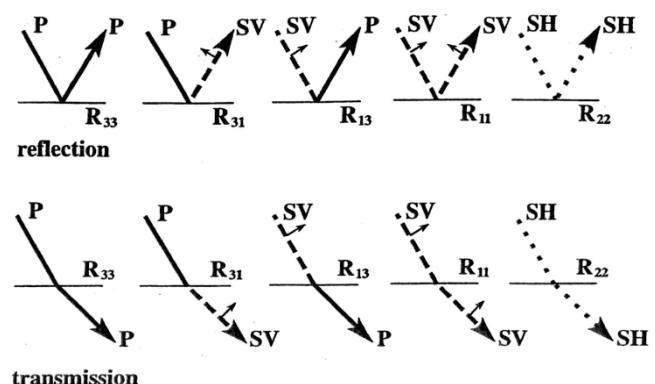
$$\begin{aligned} C^t - C^r &= \tilde{D}_2, \\ C^t Z_2^t - C^r Z_2^r &= \tilde{E}_2 \end{aligned}$$

(fully analogous to the acoustic case)

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= 2\mu p_3 N_1, & X_2 &= 0, & X_3 &= \lambda(p_1 N_1 + p_3 N_3) + 2\mu p_3 N_3, \\ Y_1 &= \mu(g_1^{(1)} p_3 + g_3^{(1)} p_1), & Y_2 &= 0, & Y_3 &= 2\mu g_3^{(1)} p_3, \\ Z_1 &= 0, & Z_2 &= \mu p_3, & Z_3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have **only 5 non-zero coefficients for reflection and 5 for transmission**. Analytical formulas can be found for them.

$$\mathbf{R}^r = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & 0 & R_{13} \\ 0 & R_{22} & 0 \\ R_{31} & 0 & R_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Plane waves at a plane interface - isotropic halfspaces (continuation)

## REFLECTION

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{11} &= D^{-1}[q^2 p^2 P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 + \rho_1 \rho_2 (\alpha_1 \beta_2 P_2 P_3 - \beta_1 \alpha_2 P_1 P_4) \\
 &\quad - \alpha_1 \beta_1 P_3 P_4 Y^2 + \alpha_2 \beta_2 P_1 P_2 X^2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \beta_1 \beta_2 p^2 Z^2] , \\
 R_{13} &= -2\epsilon \beta_1 p P_2 D^{-1}(q P_3 P_4 Y + \alpha_2 \beta_2 X Z) , \\
 R_{31} &= 2\epsilon \alpha_1 p P_1 D^{-1}(q P_3 P_4 Y + \alpha_2 \beta_2 X Z) , \\
 R_{33} &= D^{-1}[q^2 p^2 P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 + \rho_1 \rho_2 (\beta_1 \alpha_2 P_1 P_4 - \alpha_1 \beta_2 P_2 P_3) \\
 &\quad - \alpha_1 \beta_1 P_3 P_4 Y^2 + \alpha_2 \beta_2 P_1 P_2 X^2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \beta_1 \beta_2 p^2 Z^2] , \\
 R_{22} &= \bar{D}^{-1}(\rho_1 \beta_1 P_2 - \rho_2 \beta_2 P_4) .
 \end{aligned}$$

## TRANSMISSION

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{11} &= 2\beta_1 \rho_1 P_2 D^{-1}(\alpha_1 P_3 Y + \alpha_2 P_1 X) , \\
 R_{13} &= 2\epsilon \beta_1 \rho_1 p P_2 D^{-1}(q P_1 P_4 - \alpha_1 \beta_2 Z) , \\
 R_{31} &= -2\epsilon \alpha_1 \rho_1 p P_1 D^{-1}(q P_2 P_3 - \beta_1 \alpha_2 Z) , \\
 R_{33} &= 2\alpha_1 \rho_1 P_1 D^{-1}(\beta_2 P_2 X + \beta_1 P_4 Y) , \\
 R_{22} &= 2\rho_1 \beta_1 P_2 \bar{D}^{-1} .
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= q^2 p^2 P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 + \rho_1 \rho_2 (\beta_1 \alpha_2 P_1 P_4 + \alpha_1 \beta_2 P_2 P_3) \\
 &\quad + \alpha_1 \beta_1 P_3 P_4 Y^2 + \alpha_2 \beta_2 P_1 P_2 X^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \beta_1 \beta_2 p^2 Z^2 , \\
 \bar{D} &= \rho_1 \beta_1 P_2 + \rho_2 \beta_2 P_4 ,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= \frac{\sin i}{v}, \quad v = \alpha_1 \text{ or } \beta_1 \\
 \epsilon &= \text{sgn}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q &= 2(\rho_2 \beta_2^2 - \rho_1 \beta_1^2) , \quad X = \rho_2 - qp^2 , \quad Y = \rho_1 + qp^2 , \quad Z = \rho_2 - \rho_1 - qp^2 \\
 P_1 &= (1 - \alpha_1^2 p^2)^{1/2} , \quad P_2 = (1 - \beta_1^2 p^2)^{1/2} , \quad P_3 = (1 - \alpha_2^2 p^2)^{1/2} , \quad P_4 = (1 - \beta_2^2 p^2)^{1/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Square roots  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , may be imaginary. ... complex-valued R/T coefficients

# Plane waves at a plane interface - isotropic halfspaces (continuation)

## REFLECTION

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{11} &= D^{-1}[q^2 p^2 P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 + \rho_1 \rho_2 (\alpha_1 \beta_2 P_2 P_3 - \beta_1 \alpha_2 P_1 P_4) \\
 &\quad - \alpha_1 \beta_1 P_3 P_4 Y^2 + \alpha_2 \beta_2 P_1 P_2 X^2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \beta_1 \beta_2 p^2 Z^2] , \\
 R_{13} &= -2\epsilon \beta_1 p P_2 D^{-1}(q P_3 P_4 Y + \alpha_2 \beta_2 X Z) , \\
 R_{31} &= 2\epsilon \alpha_1 p P_1 D^{-1}(q P_3 P_4 Y + \alpha_2 \beta_2 X Z) , \\
 R_{33} &= D^{-1}[q^2 p^2 P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 + \rho_1 \rho_2 (\beta_1 \alpha_2 P_1 P_4 - \alpha_1 \beta_2 P_2 P_3) \\
 &\quad - \alpha_1 \beta_1 P_3 P_4 Y^2 + \alpha_2 \beta_2 P_1 P_2 X^2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \beta_1 \beta_2 p^2 Z^2] , \\
 R_{22} &= \bar{D}^{-1}(\rho_1 \beta_1 P_2 - \rho_2 \beta_2 P_4) .
 \end{aligned}$$

## TRANSMISSION

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{11} &= 2\beta_1 \rho_1 P_2 D^{-1}(\alpha_1 P_3 Y + \alpha_2 P_1 X) , \\
 R_{13} &= 2\epsilon \beta_1 \rho_1 p P_2 D^{-1}(q P_1 P_4 - \alpha_1 \beta_2 Z) , \\
 R_{31} &= -2\epsilon \alpha_1 \rho_1 p P_1 D^{-1}(q P_2 P_3 - \beta_1 \alpha_2 Z) , \\
 R_{33} &= 2\alpha_1 \rho_1 P_1 D^{-1}(\beta_2 P_2 X + \beta_1 P_4 Y) , \\
 R_{22} &= 2\rho_1 \beta_1 P_2 \bar{D}^{-1} .
 \end{aligned}$$

The scalar amplitude factors of the generated waves may become complex-valued, which has important consequences for:

- 1) S-wave polarization (elliptical instead of linear)
- 2) Seismogram waveform (shape of the R/T signal)

As only the real part of  $F$  has the physical meaning of displacement (or pressure), e.g., for PP reflection we get

$$\Re\{u_i\} = \Re\{R_{33} A N_i F\} = \begin{cases} R_{33} A N_i \Re\{F\} & \text{...for the real-valued coefficient} \\ A N_i (\Re\{F\} \Re\{R_{33}\} - \Im\{F\} \Im\{R_{33}\}) & \text{...for the complex-valued coefficient} \end{cases}$$

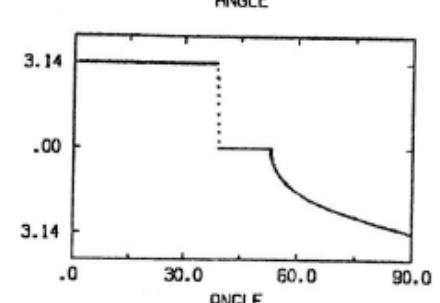
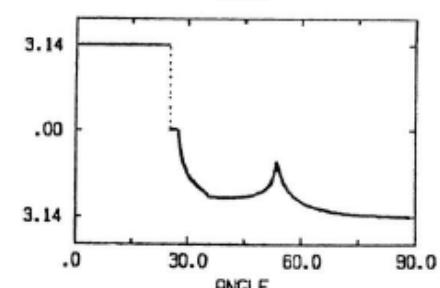
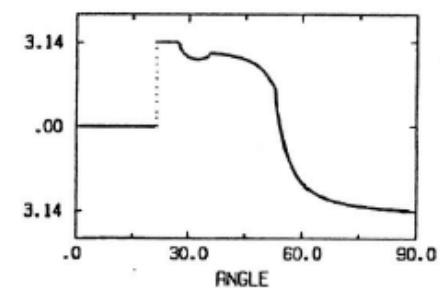
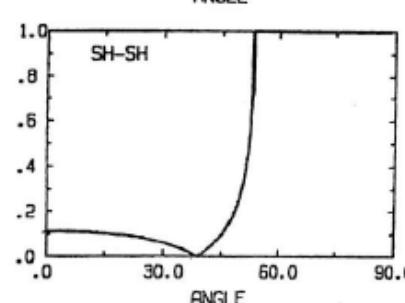
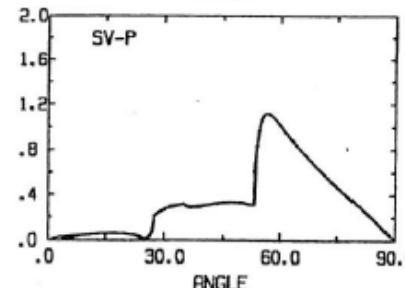
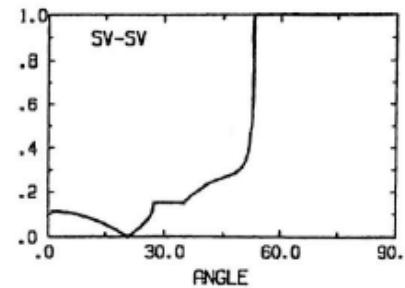
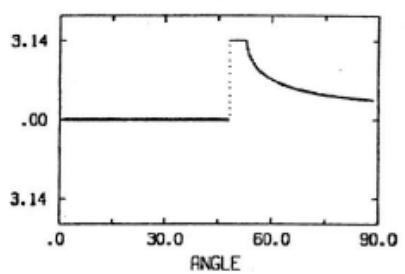
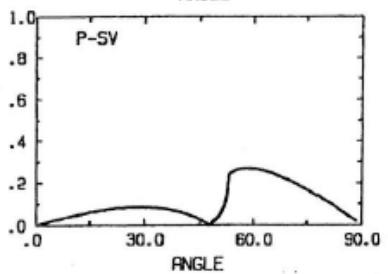
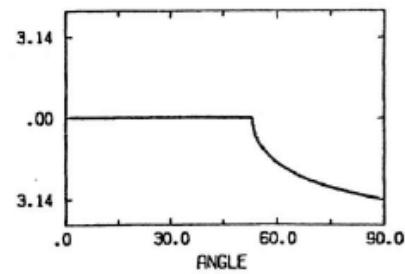
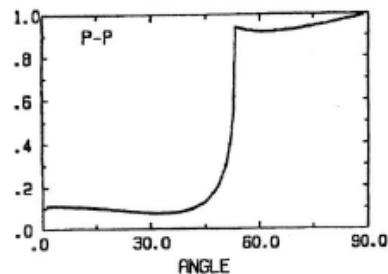
Square roots  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , may be imaginary. ... complex-valued R/T coefficients

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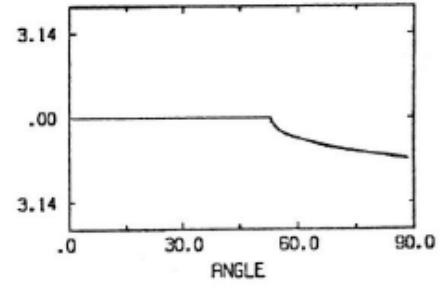
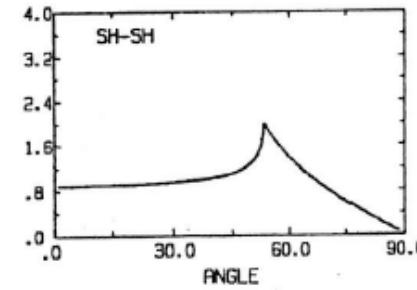
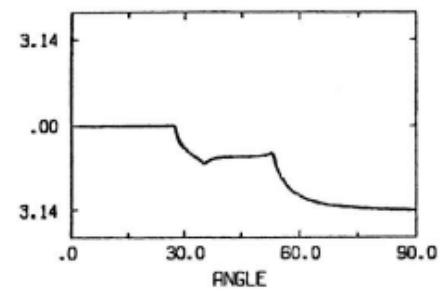
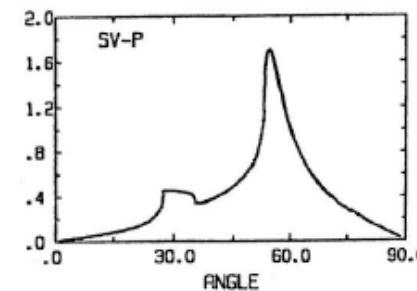
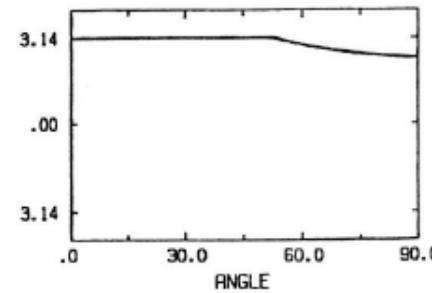
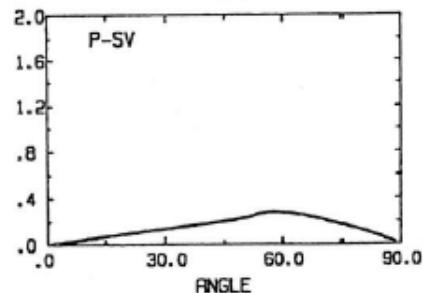
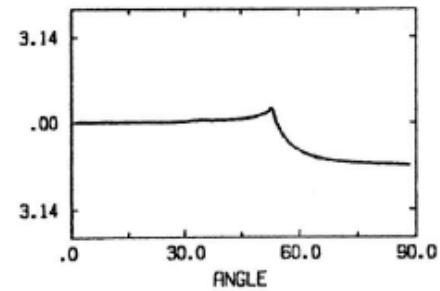
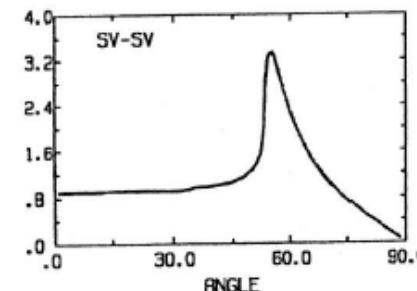
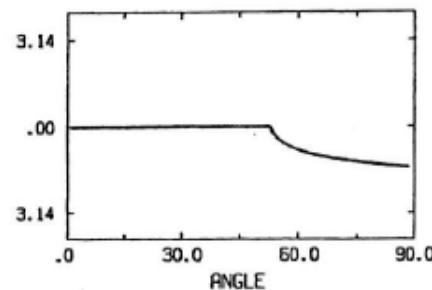
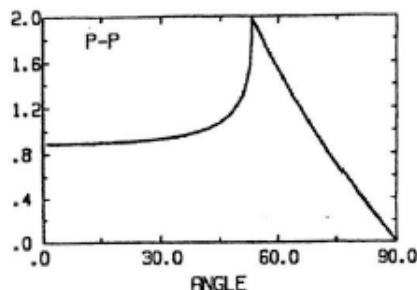
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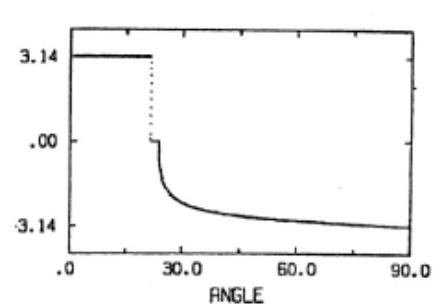
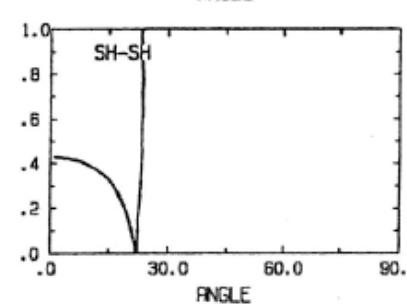
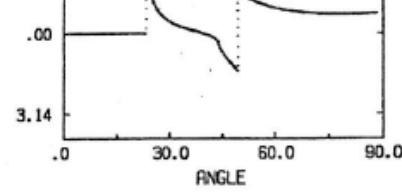
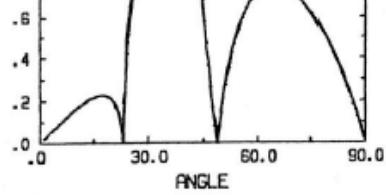
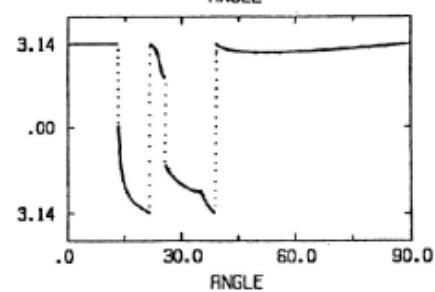
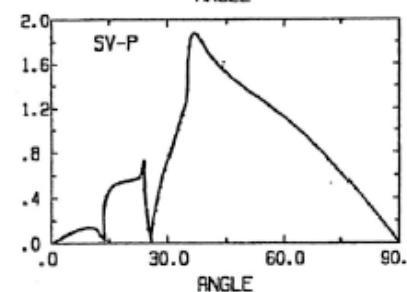
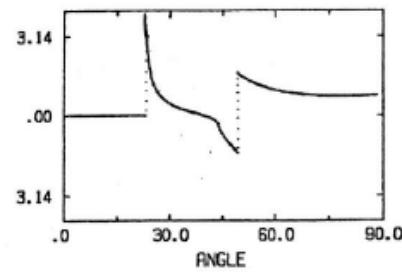
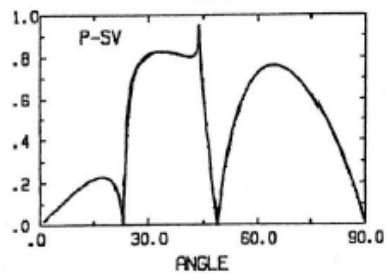
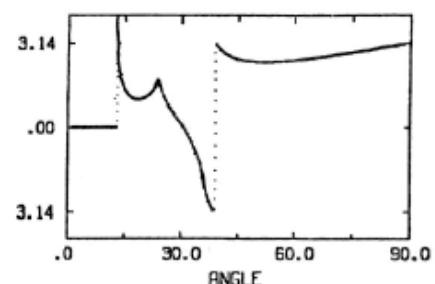
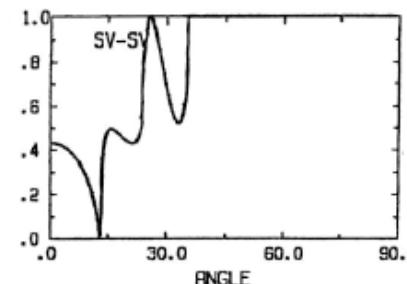
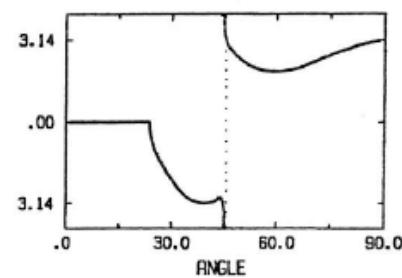
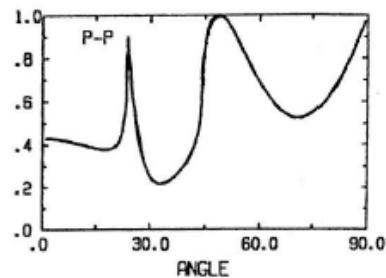
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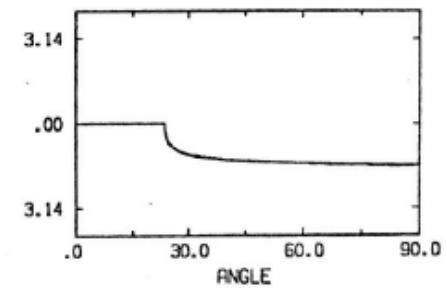
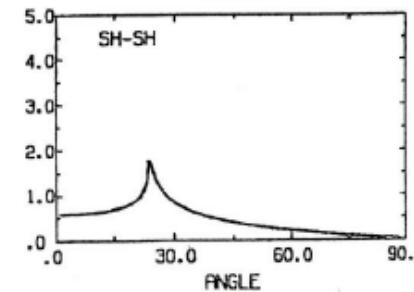
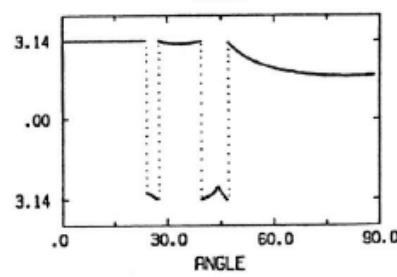
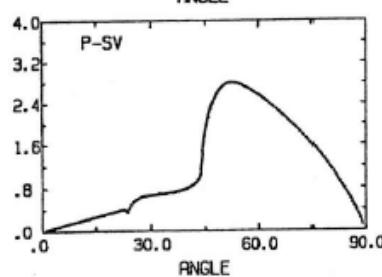
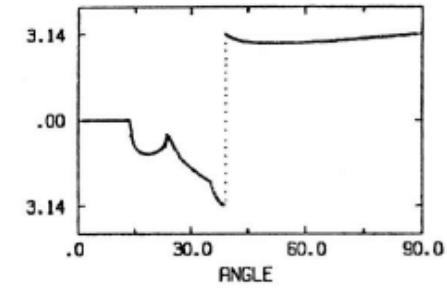
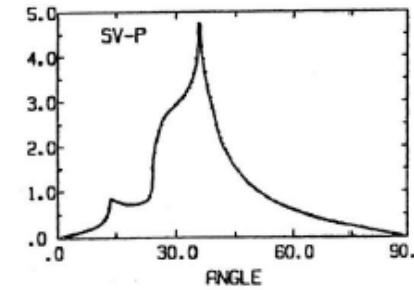
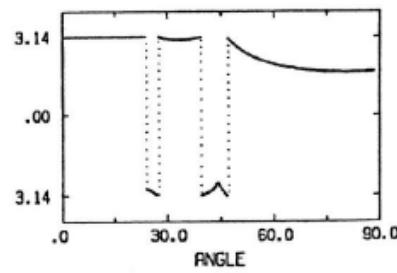
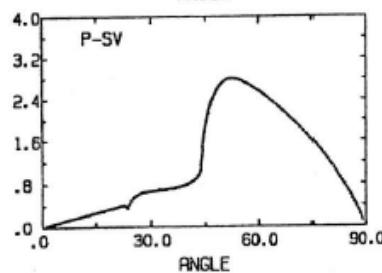
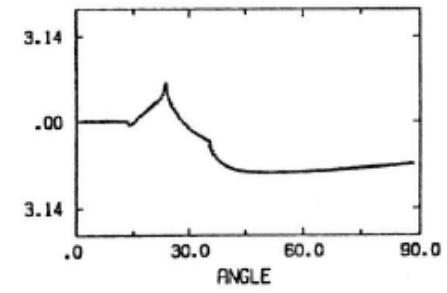
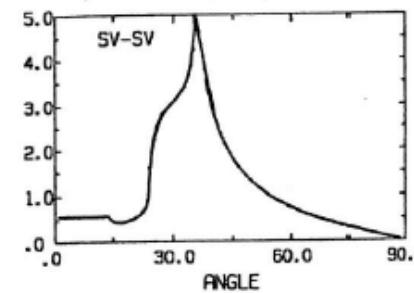
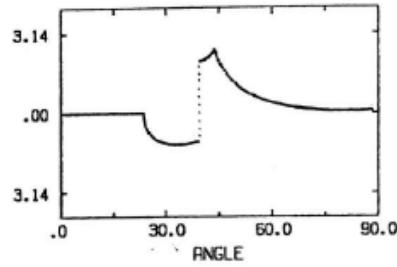
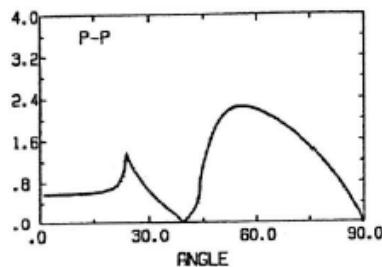
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We seek for a **spherically symmetric solution**, i.e. independent on  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ .

# Spherical wave

We get the following equation of motion

$$\frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial p(r, t)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 p(r, t)}{\partial r^2} - c^{-2} \frac{\partial^2 p(r, t)}{\partial t^2} = 0 ,$$

which can be formally rewritten for  $rp$  instead of  $p$  itself:

$$\frac{\partial^2 rp(r, t)}{\partial r^2} - c^{-2} \frac{\partial^2 rp(r, t)}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

This is 1D wave equation, the well known solution of which is the plane wave:

$$rp(r, t) = P F \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right)$$

Thus

$$p(r, t) = \frac{P}{r} F \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right)$$

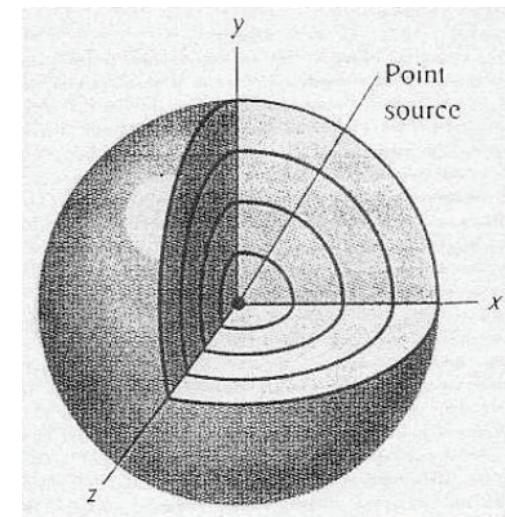
... a spherical wave

Amplitude is not constant

- it decays with distance as  $\sim 1/r$  (geometrical spreading)

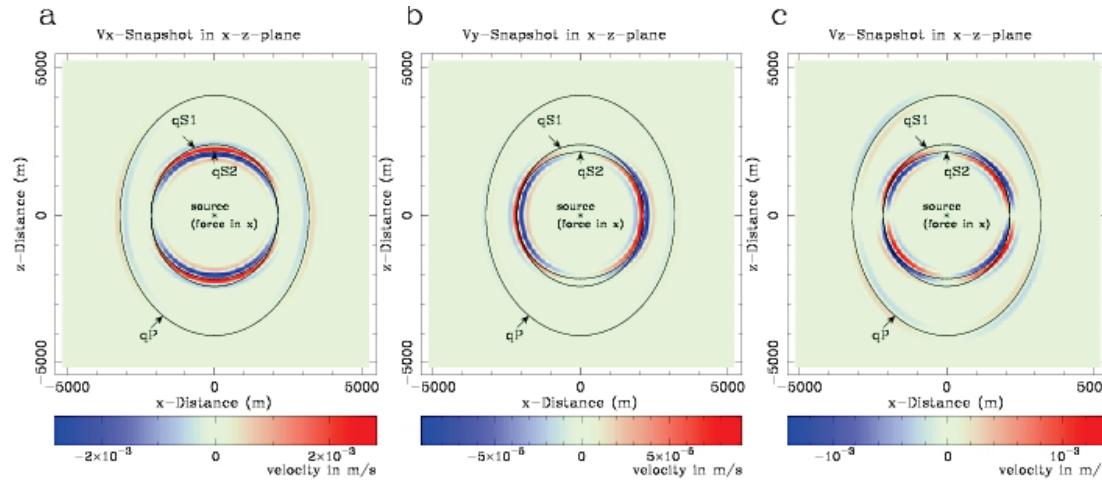


Surfaces of constant phase ( $t=r/c$ ) are spheres (wavefronts) originating at the coordinate origin (point source) with the radius  $r$



Spherical waves has analogous properties to plane waves in terms of:

- 1) Number of waves in acoustic (1), isotropic (2) and anisotropic (3) media.



... an example of anisotropic wavefronts  
(from Brietzke, Diploma Thesis)

- 2) Energy flux and group velocity direction (perpendicular to wavefronts only in acoustic and isotropic media; in anisotropic media it can be perpendicular only for certain symmetries of the medium in certain directions)

Any spherical wave can be decomposed to plane waves (Weyl integral). The R/T problem can be solved for the elemental plane waves and the final solution is obtained by their integral superposition.

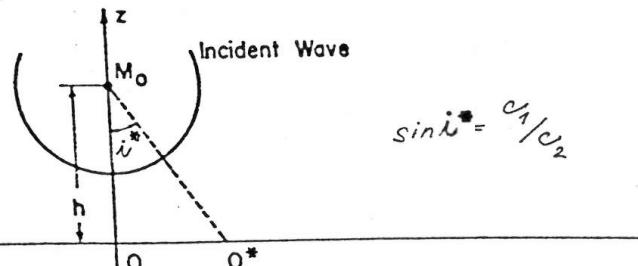
# HEAD WAVES

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a

$$t < h/c_1$$

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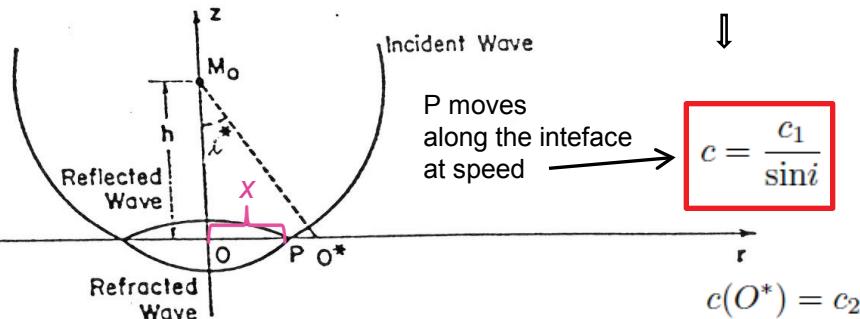
$$\sin i^* = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + h^2}}{c_1} \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{c_1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + h^2}} = \frac{\sin i}{c_1}$$

b

$$h/c_1 < t < h/(c_1 \cos i^*)$$

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P moves along the interface at speed

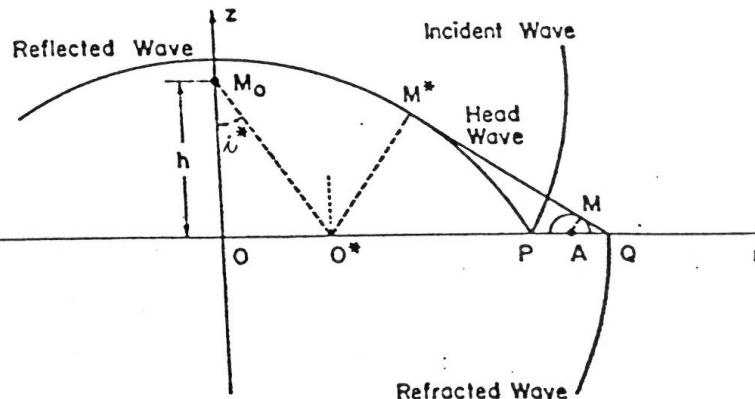
$$c = \frac{c_1}{\sin i}$$

$$c(O^*) = c_2$$

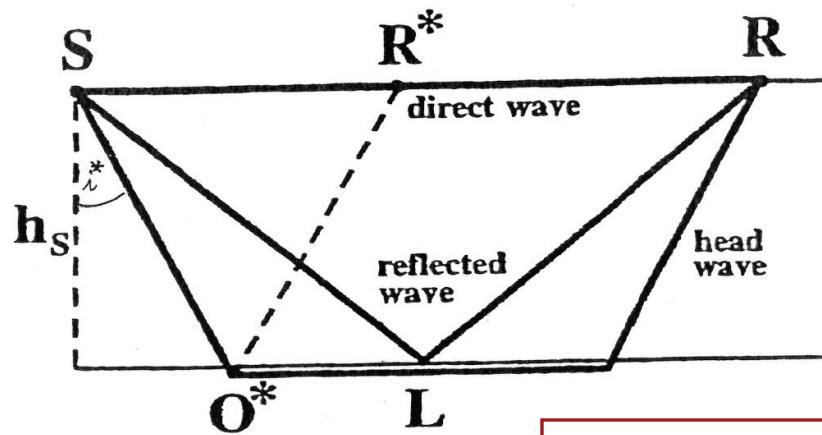
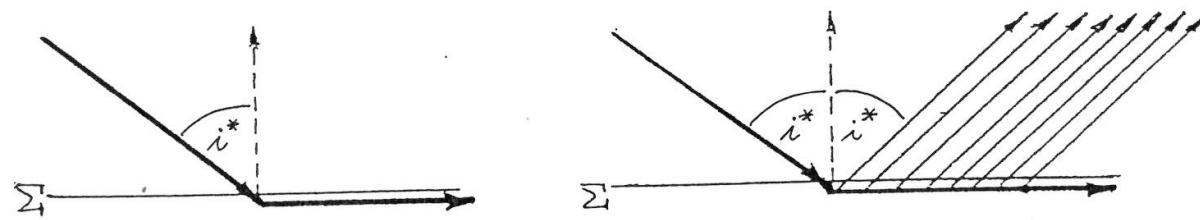
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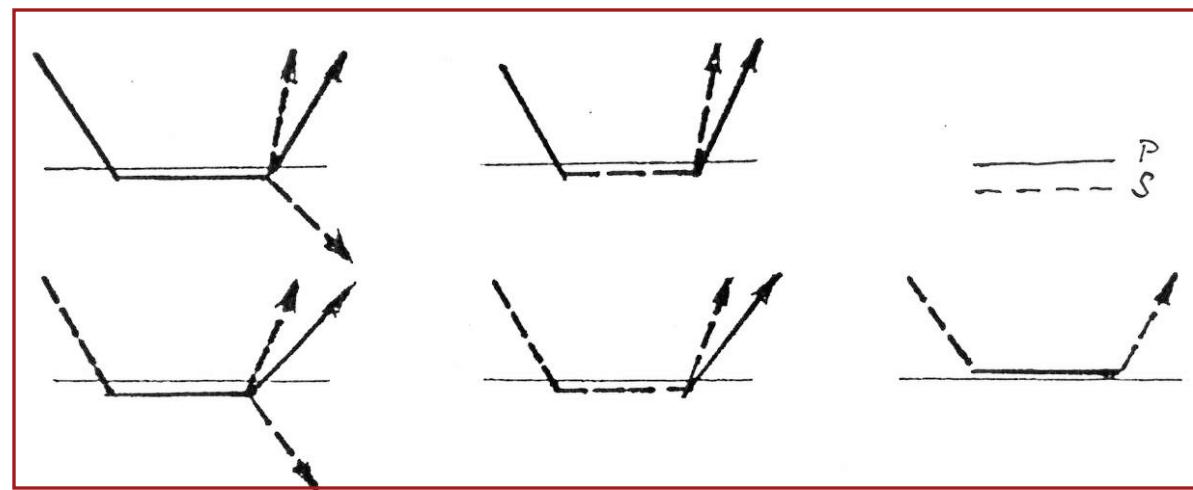
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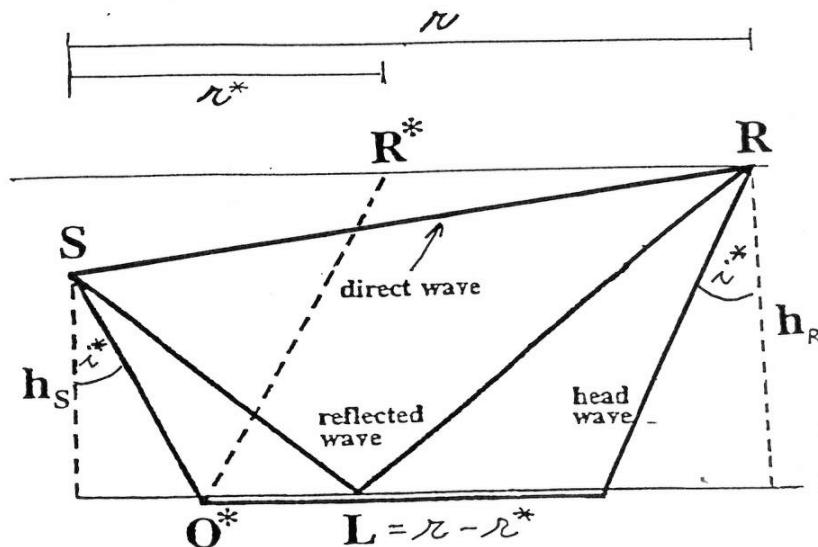
## HEAD WAVES



In isotropic media  
various types of head waves  
can exist



## HEAD WAVES - traveltimes



Direct wave travel time

$$T^d(r) = [r^2 + (h_R - h_S)^2]^{1/2}/c_1$$

... for  $h_R = h_S$  linearly depends on  $r$

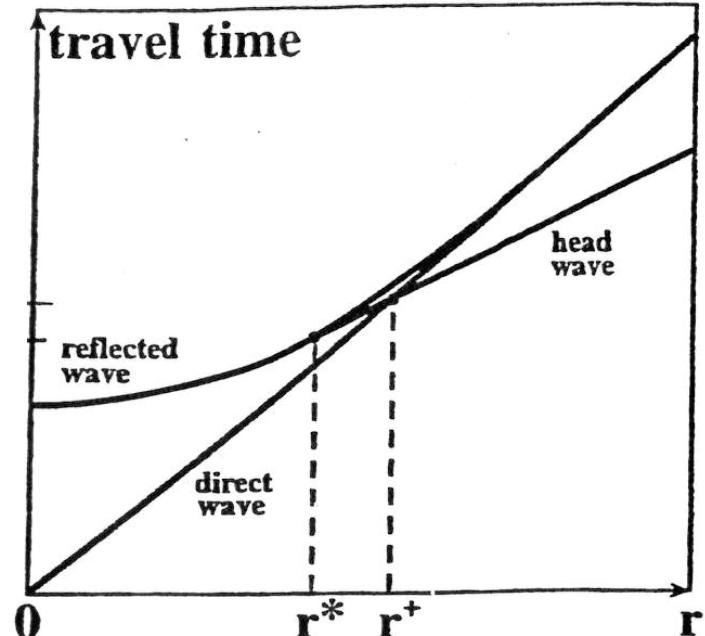
Reflected wave travel time

$$T^r(r) = [r^2 + (h_R + h_S)^2]^{1/2}/c_1$$

Head wave travel time

$$\begin{aligned} T^h(r) &= T^r(r^*) + \frac{r - r^*}{c_2} = \frac{h_S + h_R}{c_1 \sqrt{1 - n^2}} + \frac{r - r^*}{c_2} \\ &= \frac{h_S + h_R}{c_1} \sqrt{1 - n^2} + \frac{r}{c_2} \end{aligned}$$

... always linearly depends on  $r$



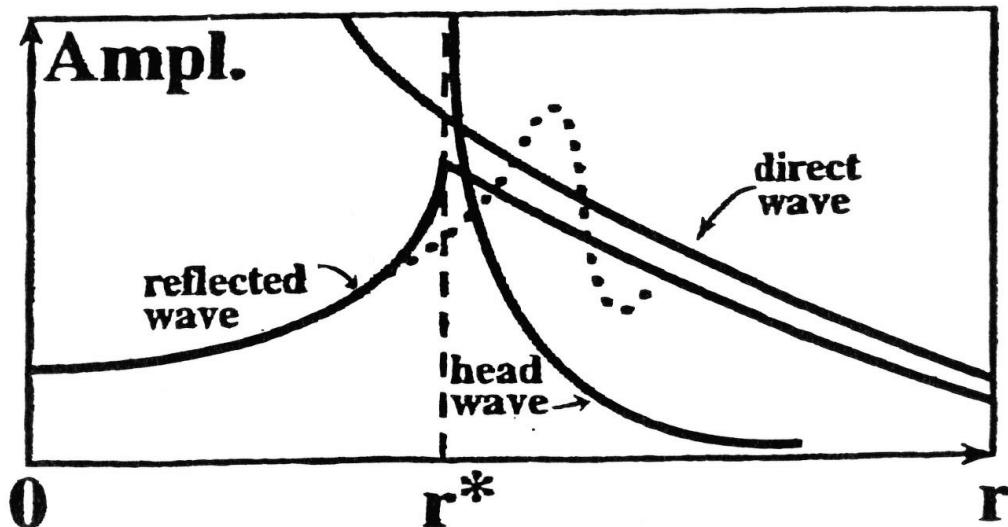
# HEAD WAVES - amplitudes

Asymptotic expression for head wave

$$p^h(R, t) = \frac{2\rho_1 c_1 n}{\rho_2 (1 - n^2) r^{1/2} L^{3/2}} F^{(1)}(t - T^h(R, S))$$

$\hookrightarrow F^{(n)}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\xi} F(\xi') d\xi'$

analytic signal of the incident wave

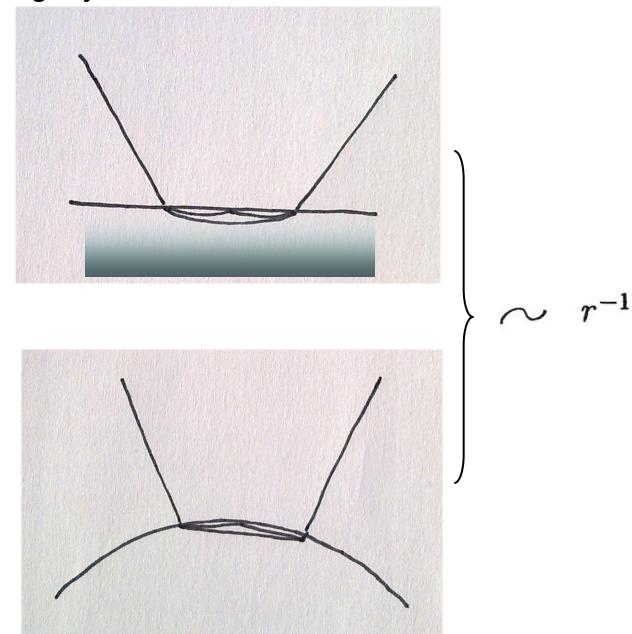


$$\sim r^{-1/2} (\underbrace{r - r^*}_{L})^{-3/2}$$

$r \gg r^* \dots \sim r^{-2}$

for a 2<sup>nd</sup> order wave

Kinematically analogous waves - slightly refracted 1<sup>st</sup> order waves:



## Green's function - acoustic case

Assume the scalar acoustic equation  $(\rho^{-1} p_{,i})_{,i} + f^p = \kappa \ddot{p}$  with a very special source term.

$$\rightarrow -\delta(t - t_0) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

.... a unit pulse in space and time  
(the source acts at the time  $t_0$   
and at the point  $\mathbf{x}_0$ )

The solution for such a special source term is called “Green’s function”.  
Let us denote it  $G$ . It is a solution of

$$\left( \frac{1}{\rho} G_{,i} \right)_{,i} - \kappa \ddot{G} = -\delta(t - t_0) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

The solution depends on the ‘source’ position and time as well as on the ‘receiver’ position and time:

$$G = G(x_m, t; x_{om}, t_o)$$

receiver  source 

For general inhomogeneous medium, the equation must be solved numerically. In **homogeneous media** ( $\rho=const$ ), the solution can be found analytically. It has the form of a **spherical wave**:

$$G(x_m, t; x_{om}, t_o) = \frac{\rho}{4\pi r} \delta(t - t_o - \frac{r}{c})$$

source time  propagation time   $r = |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0|$

In homogeneous media, the GF does not depend on  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_0$   
but only on the source-receiver distance.

# Green's function in acoustic media (continuation)

## What is the Green's function good for ?

It allows us to find easily the solution for a more general source (distributed generally in space and time).

- 1) A point source at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , general source time function  $f(t-t_0)$

$$(\rho^{-1}p_{,i},_i - \kappa\ddot{p}) = \underbrace{-\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)f(t - t_0)}_{\text{General source term}} , \quad f(t - t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)\delta(t - \tau_0 - \tau)d\tau$$

$$GF = \frac{\rho}{4\pi r}\delta\left(t - t_0 - \tau - \frac{r}{c}\right)$$

$$p(x_m, t) = \frac{\rho}{4\pi r} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)\delta\left(t - t_0 - \tau - \frac{r}{c}\right) dt = \frac{\rho}{4\pi r}f\left(t - t_0 - \frac{r}{c}\right)$$

- 2) A finite-extent source (generally distributed in space) with general source time function  $f(t-t_0)$

$$(\rho^{-1}p_{,i},_i - \kappa\ddot{p}) = \underbrace{-f(x_m, t - t_0)}_{\text{General source term}}$$

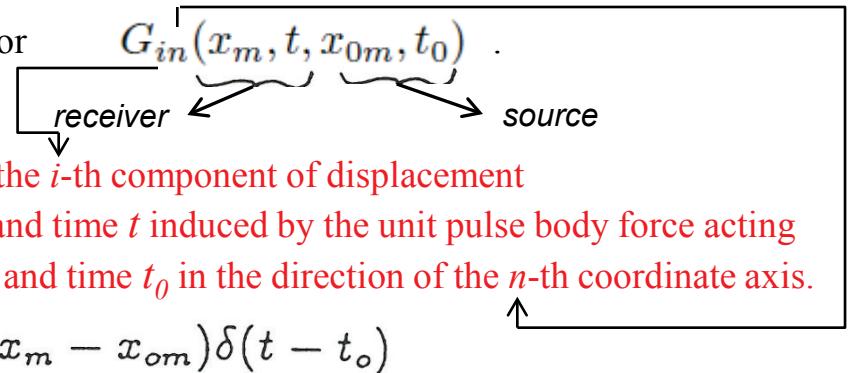
↗  $\int \int \int_V \delta(x_m - x'_m)f(t - t_0)dV'$

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$$p(x_m, t) = \frac{\rho}{4\pi} \int \int \int_V \frac{f(x'_m, t - t_0 - \frac{r'}{c})}{r'} dV'$$

# Green's function - elastodynamic case (anisotropic, isotropic)

In elastodynamic case the GF is a second-rank tensor



Its physical meaning is the following: it represents the  $i$ -th component of displacement

at a point  $\mathbf{x}$  and time  $t$  induced by the unit pulse body force acting  
at a point  $\mathbf{x}_o$  and time  $t_o$  in the direction of the  $n$ -th coordinate axis.

$$f_i = \delta_{in} \delta(x_m - x_{om}) \delta(t - t_o)$$

It is the solution of the equation:

$$(c_{ijkl} G_{kn,l})_{,j} - \rho G_{in,tt} = -\delta_{in} \delta(x_m - x_{om}) \delta(t - t_o)$$

...must be solved numerically

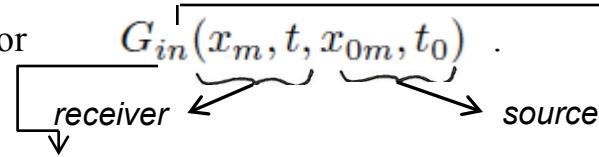
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In homogeneous media, the GF does not depend on  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_o$  but only on the source-receiver distance.  
Moreover, the result will not change when interchanging source and receiver,

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*near-field part*

*far-field terms*

$$G_{in}(x_m, t; x_{om}, t_o) = G_{ni}(x_{om}, t; x_m, t_o)$$

# Green's function - isotropic case (continuation)

in terms of wavelength

## Discussion of the Stokes solution:

Near-field part decays more rapidly with distance compared to the far field terms  $\Rightarrow$  far-field terms dominate at greater distances from the source.

(far-field/near-field ratio is  $\frac{\omega r}{\alpha}$  for P and  $\frac{\omega r}{\beta}$  for S wave).

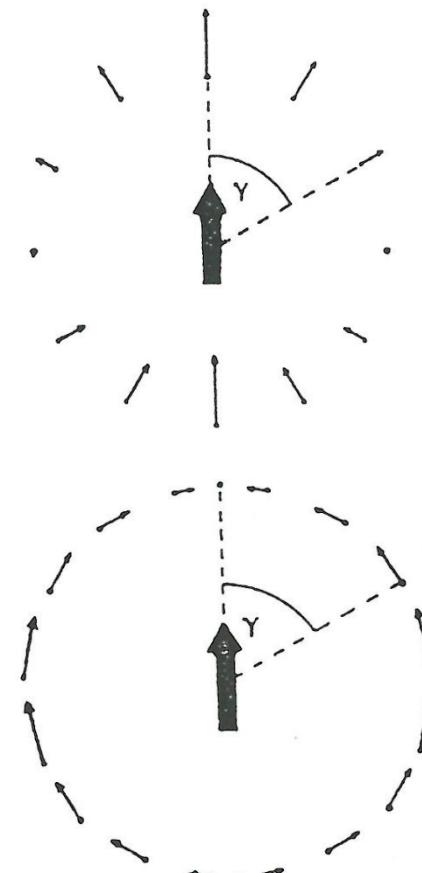
$2\pi \times$  number of wavelengths between source and receiver

$$\text{Far-field P} \quad \frac{1}{4\pi\rho\alpha^2r} N_i N_n \delta \left( t - t_o - \frac{r}{\alpha} \right)$$

... a spherical wave propagating at the speed  $\alpha$  from the source point;  
amplitude decays as  $1/r$ ;

the wave is radially polarized (vector product with  $\mathbf{N}$  vanishes);  
amplitude not constant along the wavefront

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$$\text{Far-field S} \quad \frac{1}{4\pi\rho\beta^2r} (\delta_{in} - N_i N_n) \delta \left( t - t_o - \frac{r}{\beta} \right)$$

... a spherical wave propagating at the speed  $\beta$  from the source point;  
amplitude decays as  $1/r$ ;

the wave is transversely polarized (scalar product with  $\mathbf{N}$  vanishes);  
amplitude not constant along the wavefront

$\sim \sin \gamma$  (angle between the force and radius vector)

Ratio of maximum amplitudes of S and P waves is  $\alpha^2/\beta^2 \sim 3$  (for Poisson solid)

# Green's function - discussion of the Stokes solution (continuation)

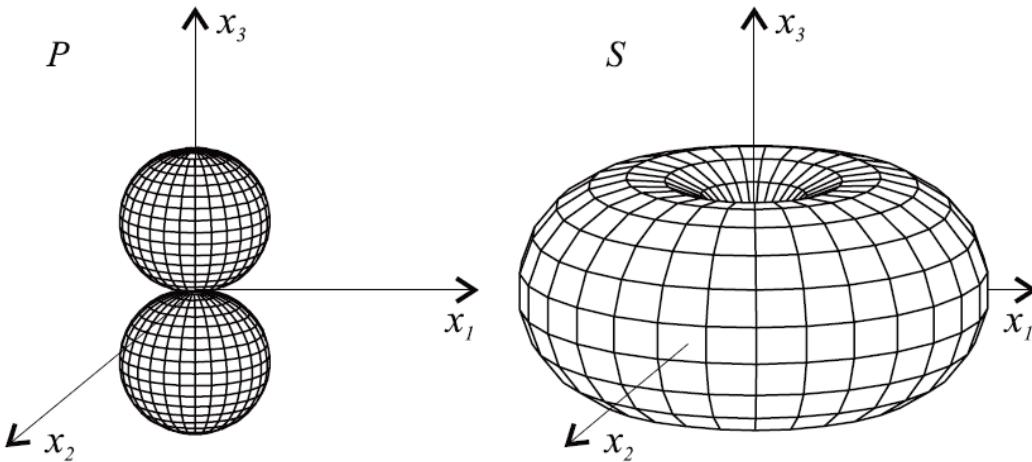


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**Near-field term**

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... non-zero only between  $P$  and  $S$  arrivals; amplitude decays as  $1/r^3$ .

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# Green's function - discussion of the Stokes solution (continuation)

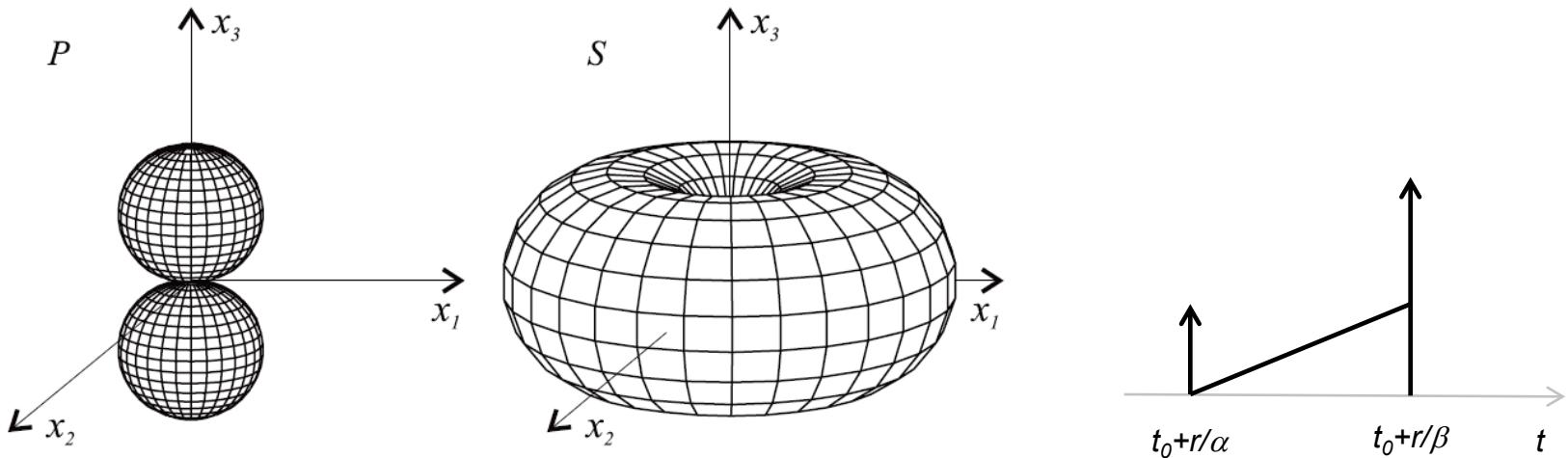


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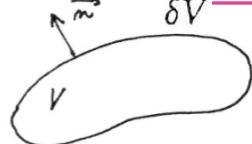
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# Green's function - elastodynamic case (anisotropic, isotropic)

What is the elastodynamic Green's function good for ?



It allows us to find the solution for a general source (distributed generally in space and time).

both analytical and numerical (for inhom. isotropic or anisotropic structure)

Assume  $G_{in}(x_m, t; x_m^{(s)}, t_s)$  corresponding to the source term (force distribution)

the solution we seek for

$$\delta_{in} \delta(x_m - x_m^{(s)}) \delta(t - t_s)$$

+ homogeneous initial and boundary conditions.  $G_{in}$  is unique (uniqueness theorem).

Assume further a general solution  $u_i(x_m, t)$  corresponding to the force distribution  $f_i(x_m, t)$   
+ given boundary conditions (e.g., stress-less Earth's surface) and homogeneous initial condition ("quiescent past"). It is unique (uniqueness theorem).

THE TWO SOLUTIONS ARE CONNECTED THROUGH THE SO CALLED  
**REPRESENTATION THEOREM** : (for simplicity assume  $t_s=0$ )

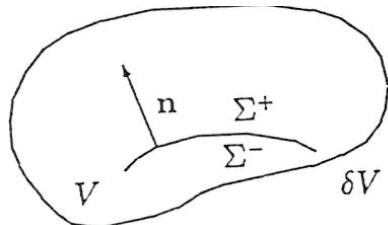
$$u_p(x_m, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \iiint_V f_i(t) G_{pi}(x_m, \tau, x_m^{(s)}, t) dV$$

$$- \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \iint_{\delta V} c_{ijkl} n_j u_i(x_m, t) \frac{\partial G_{pk}}{\partial x_l}(x_m, \tau, x_m^{(s)}, t) dS$$

# Seismic source representation

How to introduce real seismic source into the representation theorem ? There are two ways:

- 1) we consider an additional surface (fault) in the model, with predescribed displacement and traction. Assume zero body forces inside the volume  $V$  and homogeneous BC for  $\mathbf{G}$



on the outer boundary  $\delta V$ . Then the representation theorem simplifies significantly. The only non-zero contribution is the surface integral over the additional boundary  $\Sigma$ . In the frequency domain (to get rid of the time convolution) it is:

$$u_p(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \int_{\Sigma^+} n_j(\mathbf{y}) c_{ijkl}(\mathbf{y}) \{ u_{k,l}(\mathbf{y}, \omega) G_{pi}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) - G_{pk,l}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) u_i(\mathbf{y}, \omega) \} d^2\mathbf{y} \\ - \int_{\Sigma^-} n_j(\mathbf{y}) c_{ijkl}(\mathbf{y}) \{ u_{k,l}(\mathbf{y}, \omega) G_{pi}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) - G_{pk,l}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) u_i(\mathbf{y}, \omega) \} d^2\mathbf{y}$$

Assuming further (without loss of generality) continuity of  $\mathbf{G}$  and traction across  $\Sigma$ , and introducing the slip function as displacement discontinuity across  $\Sigma$ ,  $s(\mathbf{y}, \omega) = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}, \omega) \Big|_{\Sigma^-} - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y}, \omega) \Big|_{\Sigma^+}$  we get

$$u_p(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \int_{\Sigma} n_j(\mathbf{y}) c_{ijkl}(\mathbf{y}) G_{pk,l}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) s_i(\mathbf{y}, \omega) d^2\mathbf{y} .$$

In the time domain (applying the inverse Fourier transform) it has the form:

$$u_p(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \int_{\Sigma} n_j(\mathbf{y}) c_{ijkl}(\mathbf{y}) \bar{G}_{pk,l}(\mathbf{x}, t - \tau, \mathbf{y}, 0) s_i(\mathbf{y}, \tau) d^2\mathbf{y}$$

## Seismic source representation (continuation)

But there is another, alternative possibility how to introduce real seismic source into the representation theorem.

- 2) Assume that because of the source action, the real stress  $\sigma_{ij}$  differs from the model, linearized, Hookian stress  $\tau_{ij}$  in the source region. In order to keep the elastodynamic equation valid, we have to introduce an extra body force  $f_i = \sigma_{ij,j} - \tau_{ij,j} = -m_{ij,j}$  to balance this difference.

equivalent body force

seismic moment tensor density

Assume the same boundary conditions as in the first case. Then the only remaining term in the representation theorem is:

$$u_p(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = - \int_V m_{ij,j}(\mathbf{y}, \omega) G_{pi}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) d^3\mathbf{y} \quad \text{integrating per partes we get}$$

$$= \int_V m_{ij}(\mathbf{y}, \omega) G_{pi,j}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) d^3\mathbf{y}$$

If the equivalent body force is located only along the fault plane  $\Sigma$ , we get:

$$u_p(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \int_{\Sigma} m_{ij}(\mathbf{y}, \omega) G_{pi,j}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) d^2\mathbf{y} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Comparing with the case 1)} \\ \text{we obtain } m_{ij} = c_{ijkl} n_k s_l \end{matrix}$$

In the time domain:

$$u_p(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \int_{\Sigma} m_{ij}(\mathbf{y}, \tau) G_{ip,j}(\mathbf{y}, t - \tau, \mathbf{x}, 0) d^2\mathbf{y}$$