

# Interior Elastodynamics Inverse Problems II: *Algorithms*

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## Interior Elastodynamics Inverse Problems

Data: Propagating Elastic Wave

Characteristics:

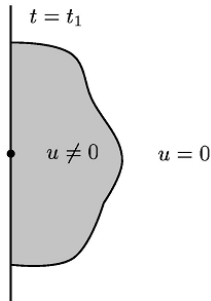
- Initially the medium is at rest
- Time and space dependent *interior* displacement measurements
- Wave has propagating fronts
- Wave amplitude is low → use linear model
- Medium is isotropic

Assumptions:

- Compression wavespeed,  $\sqrt{(\lambda + 2\mu)/\rho}$ , and shear wavespeed,  $\sqrt{\mu/\rho}$  significantly different
- Compression wave is significantly lower amplitude contribution when shear wave arrives

## Two Possible Arrival Time Equations

Two Models : 
$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot (\mu(x) \nabla u) = \rho u_{tt} \\ \nabla(\lambda \nabla \cdot \vec{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\mu(\nabla \vec{u} + (\nabla \vec{u})^T)) = \rho \vec{u}_{tt} \end{cases}$$



Define arrival time:

$$\hat{T}(x) = \inf\{t \in (0, T) : u(x, t) \neq 0\}.$$

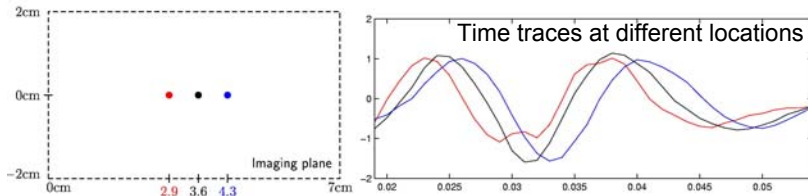
Eikonal equations  
For each model 
$$\begin{cases} |\nabla \hat{T}| \sqrt{\mu/\rho} = 1 \\ |\nabla \hat{T}| \sqrt{(\lambda + 2\mu)/\rho} = 1 \end{cases}$$

## Practical Matters

How to find arrival time in the presence of noise?

- Reject simple thresholding
- Underlying idea: Track distinctive features in the data that propagate at the unknown wavespeed
- Extreme values or peaks are distinctive features
- Track distinctive features collectively using correlation

## Time Trace + Peak & Correlation Description



- Determine Arrival Time Surface by Peak Location:

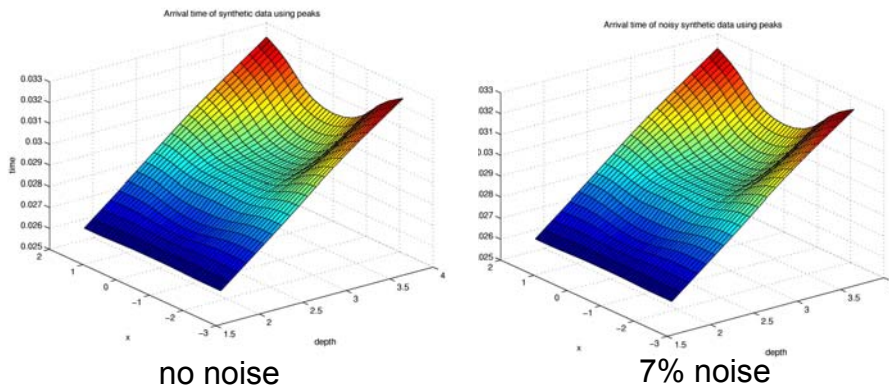
1. Zero of  $u_t =$  peak of  $u$ .
2. Apply mollifier to  $u$  and approximate peak location by applying thresholding to  $u$ .
3. Calculate  $u_t$  and use MATLAB zero finding routine.

- Determine Arrival Time Surface by Correlation:

1. Apply mollifier to  $u$ ;
2.  $\hat{T}(x_1) := \hat{T}(x_0) + \Delta \hat{t}$  where  $x_1 = x_0 + \Delta x$  and

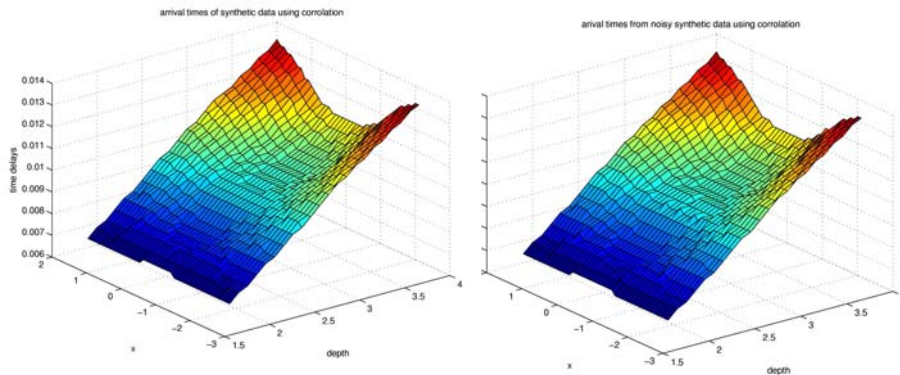
$$\Delta \hat{t} = \arg \max_{\Delta t} \int u(x_0, t) u(x_1, t - \Delta t) dt.$$

$$\text{Model } \nabla \cdot (\mu(x) \nabla u) = \rho u_{tt}$$



Arrival Time Surface with Simulated Data  
Using Peaks and Interpolation

$$\text{Model } \nabla \cdot (\mu(x)\nabla u) = \rho u_{tt}$$



no noise

7% noise

Arrival Time Surface with Simulated Data  
Using Correlation (No Interpolation)

$$\text{Simulation Model } \nabla \cdot (\mu(x)\nabla u) = \rho u_{tt}$$

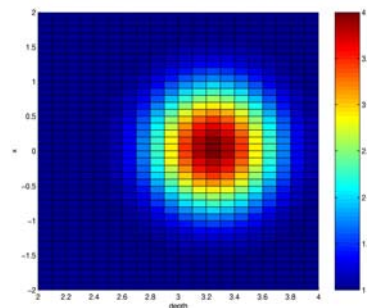
- $\rho \equiv 1$ ,  $\mu(x_1, x_2) = \left( 3 + 9 \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_1 - 3)^2}{0.25^2} - \frac{x_2^2}{0.5^2} \right\} \right)^2$

which makes  $\begin{cases} \text{Background wave speed} = 3\text{m/sec} \\ \text{Maximum wave speed} = 12\text{m/sec} \end{cases}$

- Boundary impulse  
central frequency = 250 Hz

- Discretization:

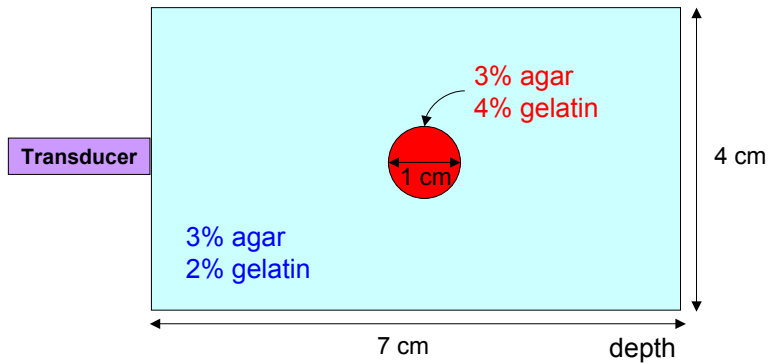
250 time steps  
100 × 100 spatial grid



Normalized Target wave speed

## Phantom for Laboratory Data

(Boundary impulse central frequency=50Hz)

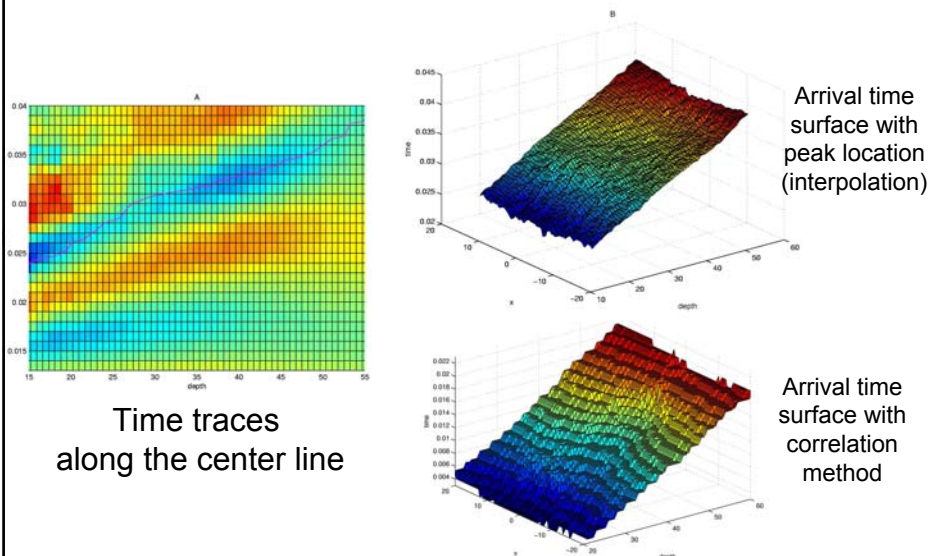


Cross-section of the phantom

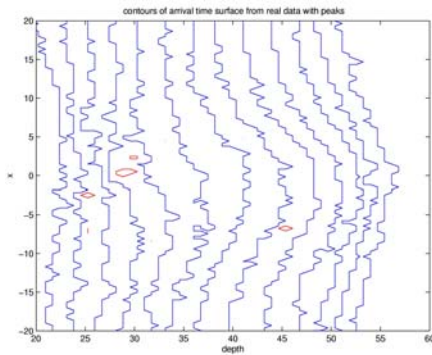
- Shear wavespeed is doubled in the included cylinder

## Arrival Time Surface with Laboratory Data

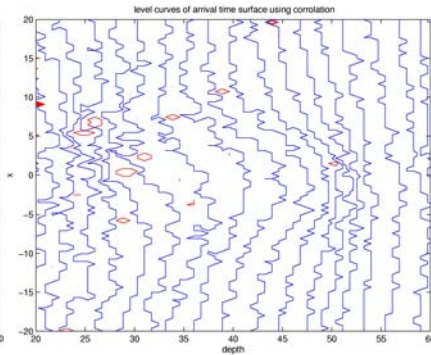
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## Level Curves of Arrival Time Surface (Laboratory Data)



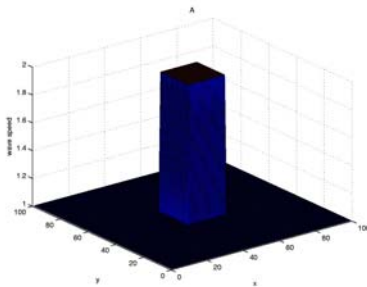
Using peak location



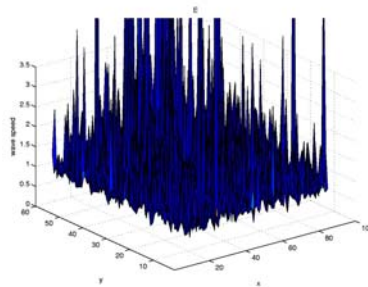
Using correlation method

## How to Use Formula $\sqrt{\mu/\rho} = 1/|\nabla\hat{T}|$ Simplistic Method

- Try taking partial derivatives with noisy data

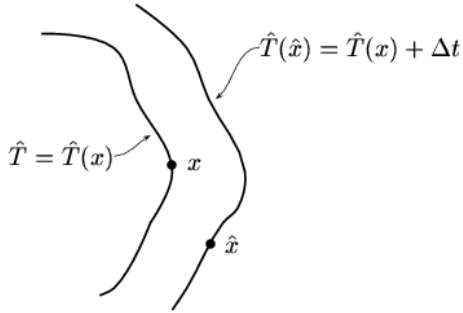


Target wave speed



Recovered wave speed

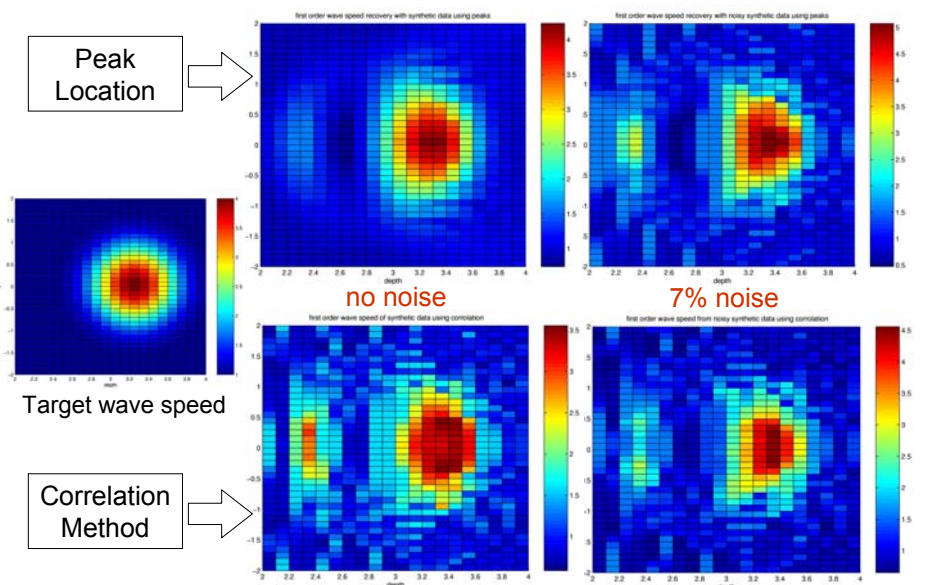
## Distance Method: Use Level Curve



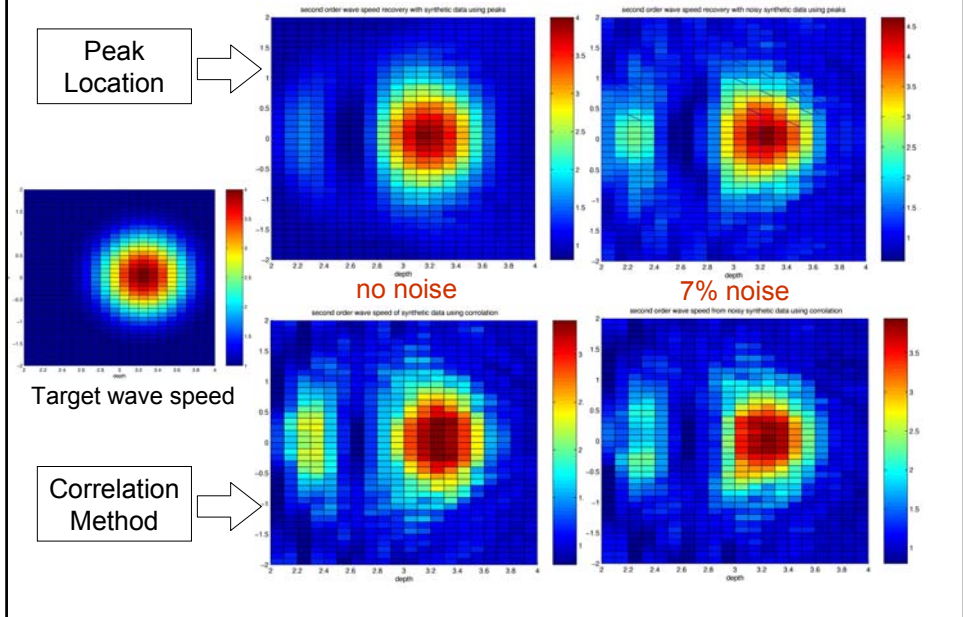
$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}(x) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \inf\{|x - \hat{x}| : \hat{T}(\hat{x}) = \hat{T}(x) + \Delta t\} \quad \text{1st Order Method}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}(x) = \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \left[ \inf\{|x - \hat{x}| : \hat{T}(\hat{x}) = \hat{T}(x) + \Delta t\} + \inf\{|x - \hat{x}| : \hat{T}(\hat{x}) = \hat{T}(x) - \Delta t\} \right] \quad \text{2nd Order Method}$$

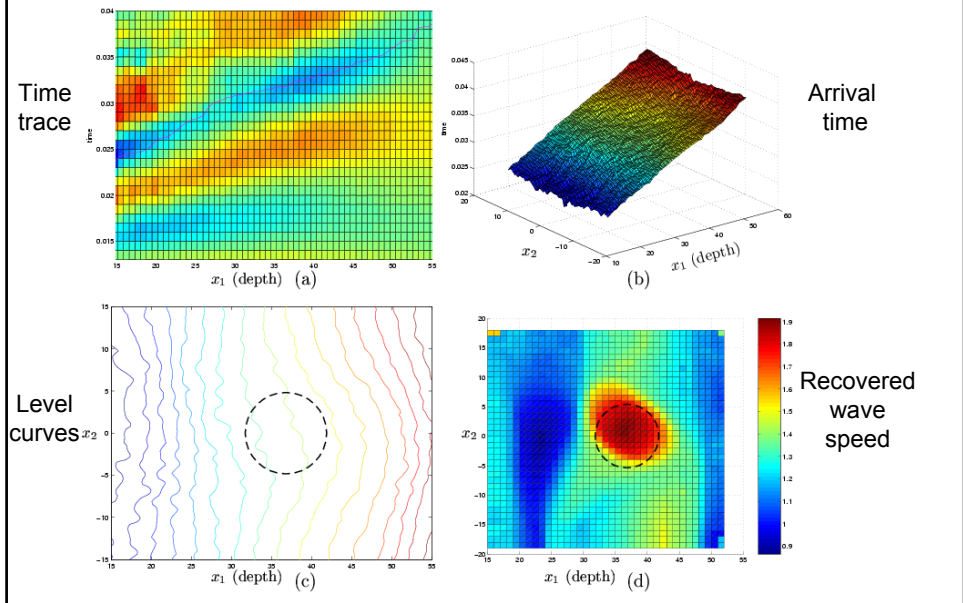
## Simulated Data (1<sup>st</sup> Order Distance Method)



# Simulated Data (2<sup>nd</sup> Order Distance Method)



# Reconstruction using Real Data and Peak Location (2<sup>nd</sup> Order Method)





## Final Step with Real Data (Total Variation Denoising)

$$\min_{\sqrt{\mu/\rho} \in \text{BV}} \left[ \gamma \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_D - \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_F \right\}^2 + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_F| \right]$$

with regularized Euler-Lagrange equation

$$\nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_F}{\left| \nabla \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_F \right| + \epsilon} \right] + 2\gamma \left[ \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_D - \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_F \right] = 0$$

Introducing the evolving variable  $s$ , solve

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} = \nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_F}{\left| \nabla \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_F \right| + \epsilon} \right] + 2\gamma \left[ \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_D - \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_F \right]$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \Big|_{s=0} = \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \right)_D$$

## We can speed this up considerably

1. Using Distance Method (finding distance to previous level set);  
 $O(N^{3/2})$ ,  $N$  is the number of grid points.
2. With level set algorithm;  $O(N \log N)$ .

## Key Ideas for Level Set Method for Inverse Problems

(1) Recall  $|\nabla \hat{T}| \sqrt{\mu/\rho} = 1$ .

(2)  $t = \hat{T}(x)$  is the zero level set of a function  $\phi$ ;

$$\phi(x, \hat{T}(x)) = 0.$$

(3) For each  $t$ ,  $\phi(x, t) = \pm \inf_{\hat{T}(\hat{x})=t} |x - \hat{x}|$ .

(4)  $\hat{T}(x)$  Lipschitz continuous  $\Rightarrow \phi$  is Lipschitz continuous.

(5) Chain Rule applies to  $\phi(x, \hat{T}(x))$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_t \nabla \hat{T} + \nabla_x \phi = 0 \quad \text{a.e. } t = \hat{T}(x),$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_t = \sqrt{\mu/\rho} |\nabla_x \phi| \quad \text{a.e. } t = \hat{T}(x).$$

(6) Extend this equation to narrow band around  $t = \hat{T}(x)$ :

$$(\phi_t, \nabla_x \phi) \text{ exists} \quad \text{a.e.}$$

$$f_{ext} = \phi_t / |\nabla_x \phi| \quad \text{a.e.}$$

$$\phi_t = f_{ext} |\nabla_x \phi| \quad \text{a.e.}$$

$$f_{ext} = \sqrt{\mu/\rho} \quad \text{a.e. } t = \hat{T}(x).$$

(7) From (3),  $|\nabla_x \phi| = 1$  for fixed  $t$ .

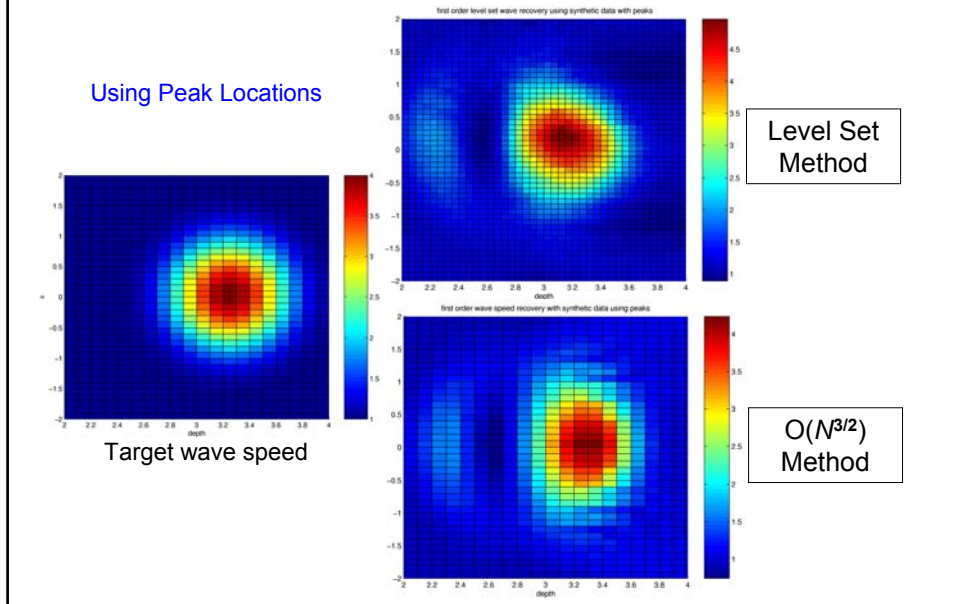
(8) Calculate

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}(x) = \frac{\phi(x, \hat{T}(x) + \Delta t) - \cancel{\phi(x, \hat{T}(x))}}{\Delta t}, \quad (1^{\text{st}} \text{ order})$$

or

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}(x) = \frac{1}{2\Delta t} [\phi(x, \hat{T}(x) + \Delta t) + \phi(x, \hat{T}(x) - \Delta t)]. \quad (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order})$$

## Recovery with Synthetic Data Using Level Set (first order) Method



## Sources of Error

- (1) Both peak location and correlation experience some distortion due to backscattering
- (2) Low amplitude compression wave treated as noise in the data
- (3) Use of ultrasound to determine interior displacement yields errors
- (4) Modeling errors – Viscoelastic effects, Anisotropic model

## Conclusion for Arrival Time Algorithm

- (1) Data is **subset** of time and space dependent interior displacement **subset = arrival time surface**
- (2) Arrival time determined by **correlating** feature propagation
- (3) **Simplistic Approach** yields poor results
- (4) **Distance Method** yields  $O(N^{3/2})$  algorithm,  $N = \#$  of grid pts
- (5) **Level set method** yields  $O(N \log N)$  algorithm
- (6) Final **Total Variation** step is needed to '**clean up**' noisy reconstruction when using real data
- (7) **Excellent Recovery** when wavespeed increases up to **4 times** over the background wavespeed

## Unsolved Problems

- (1) Reduce **smoothness** assumptions in uniqueness theorem for equations of elasticity – almost complete
- (2) Identify **more coefficients**
- (3) Determine **uniqueness** theorems for **anisotropic** case - choosing models to fit applications
- (4) Justify **arrival time algorithm** for the shear wave in an **elastic system**
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## Second algorithm: Use Central Frequency Content

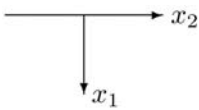
- Applies to Dynamic Sinusoidal Excitation
- Single Frequency

**Theorem** (Richter) *Let  $\Omega$  be bounded and  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$  with  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , and  $g \in C^0(\partial\Omega)$ . Let  $\hat{u} \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$  be a common solution to  $\nabla \cdot (\mu_j \nabla \hat{u}) + \kappa^2 \hat{u} = 0$  in  $\Omega$  with  $\mu_j \nabla \hat{u} \cdot \nu = g$  on  $\partial\Omega$  for  $j = 1, 2$ .*

*Suppose further that  $\hat{u}$  satisfies  $\inf_{x \in \Omega} \{\max\{|\nabla \hat{u}(x)|, |\Delta \hat{u}(x)|\}\} > 0$ . Then  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  in  $\Omega$ .*

## Geometric Optics Algorithm(1)

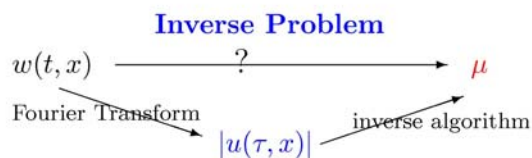
- 2-D wave equation:



$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (c_0^2 \mu \nabla w) - w_{tt} &= 0, \quad x_1 > 0 \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{x_1=0} &= g(t, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

- The corresponding Helmholtz equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla u) + \left(\frac{\tau}{c_0}\right)^2 u &= 0, \quad x_1 > 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{x_1=0} &= f(\tau, x_2) \end{aligned}$$



## Geometric Optics Algorithm(2)

- Single frequency content
- The key:

$$\mu \xleftarrow[\text{(approximate relation)}]{\text{algebraic equation}} |u(\tau, x)|$$

- Asymptotic expansion of geometrical optics:

$$u(\tau, x) = a(\kappa, x)e^{i\kappa\phi(x)}, \quad \kappa = \frac{\tau}{c_0}$$

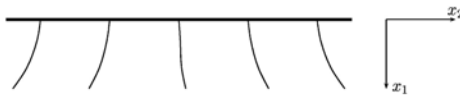
where

$$a \sim a_0(x) + \frac{a_1(x)}{i\kappa} + \frac{a_2(x)}{(i\kappa)^2} + \dots$$

as  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$

$$|u(\tau, x)| \sim a_0(x)$$

## Geometric Optics Algorithm(3)



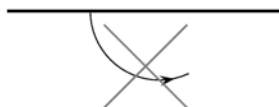
- Eikonal equation for the phase:  $|\nabla\phi|^2 - \frac{1}{\mu} = 0$
- Transport equation for the amplitude:

$$2\mu\nabla a_0 \cdot \nabla\phi + \mu a_0 \Delta_x \phi + a_0 \nabla\mu \cdot \nabla\phi = 0$$

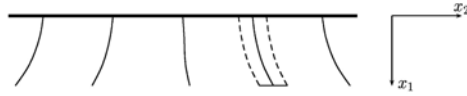
- Characteristic ODE for the Eikonal equation:

$$\frac{dx_2}{dx_1} = \frac{p_2}{p_1}, \quad p_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu} - p_2^2} > \alpha_1 > 0, \quad \vec{p} := \nabla\phi,$$

$$\frac{dp_2}{dx_1} = \frac{1}{2p_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \frac{1}{\mu}.$$



## Geometric Optics Algorithm(4)



ODE-algebraic system ( $\dot{\phantom{x}} = d/dx_1$ )

$$\dot{x}_2 = \frac{p_2}{p_1}, \quad p_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu} - (p_2)^2} \geq \alpha_0 > 0,$$

$$\dot{p}_2 = \frac{1}{2p_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \right),$$

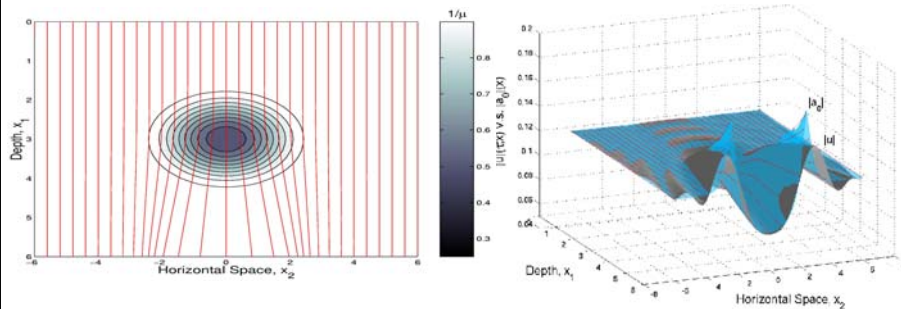
$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{J} \\ \dot{A} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{F} \left( J, A, p_2, \frac{1}{\mu}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \frac{1}{\mu}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \frac{1}{\mu} \right),$$

where  $x_2(0) = y_2$ ,  $p_2'(0) = 0$ ,  $J(0) = 1$ ,  $A(0) = 0$ .

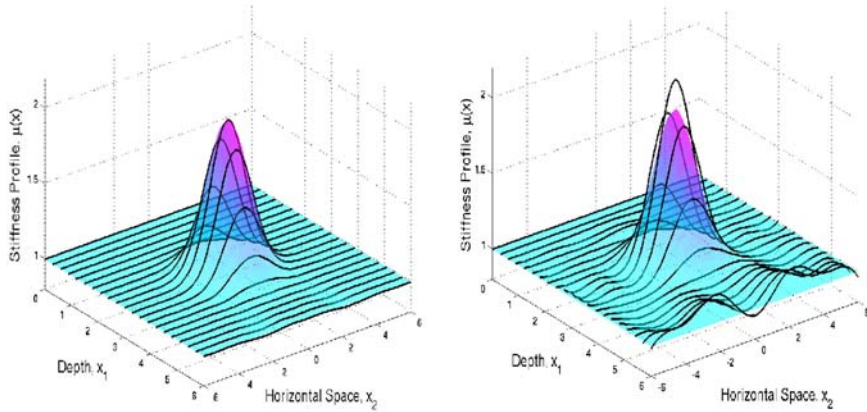
$$\frac{\mu(x_1, x_2) a_0^2(x_1, x_2) p_1(x_1, x_2) J(x_1)}{\mu(0, y_1) a_0^2(0, y_1) p_1(0, y_1)} = 1$$

$$a_0 \sim |u|$$

## Numerical Experiment (Mild Stiffness)

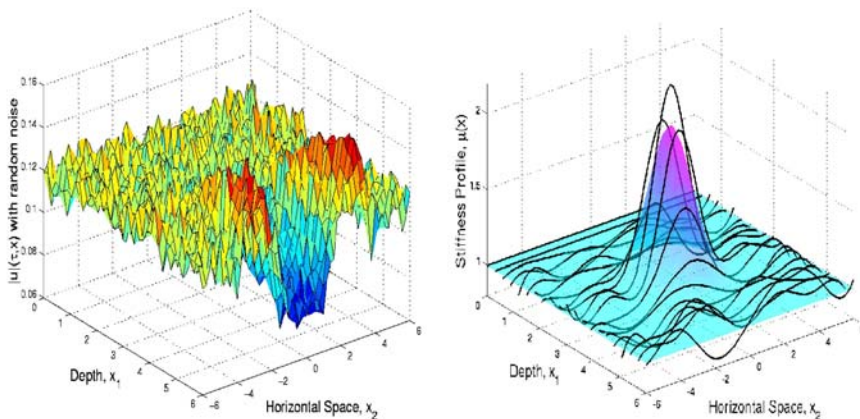


## Recovery From Exact Data



The recovered  $\mu$  from the exact  $a_0$  (left) and the data,  $u(\tau, x)$  (right).

## Recovery From Noisy Data

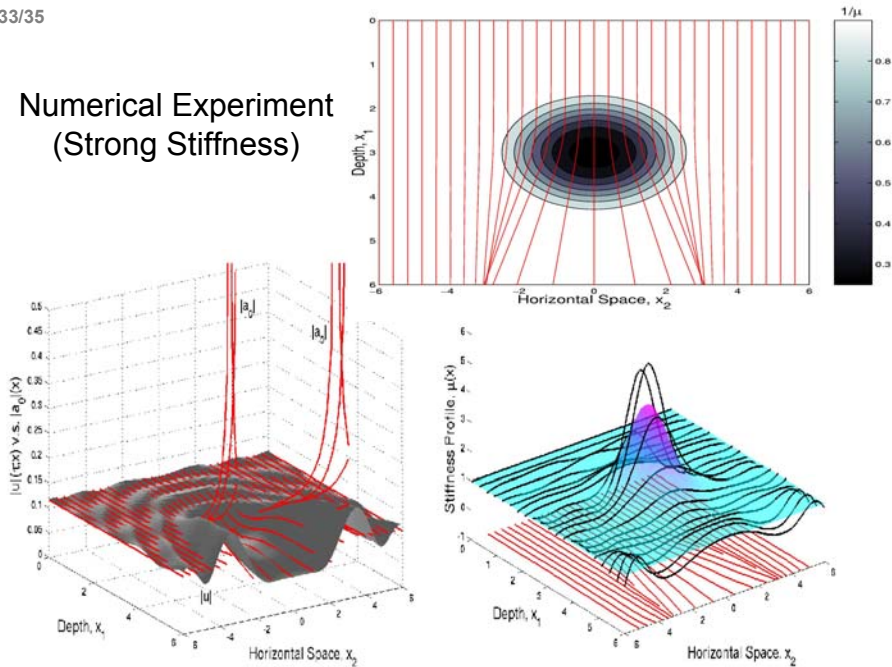


The recovered  $\mu$  (right) from the data,  $u(\tau, x)$ , with random noise (left).

The random noise is created as  $\tilde{w}(t, x) = w(t, x) + 0.05w_{max}r(t, x)$ .



## Numerical Experiment (Strong Stiffness)



## Conclusion for Single Frequency Algorithm

- (a) **Successful** when wavespeed increases up to  $\sim 1.7$  times the background wavespeed
- (b) **Robust** to noise
- (c) Large **backscattering** limits application of this algorithm (so far)
- (d) Algorithm needs to be advanced to include **caustics**

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