Initial models for Full Waveform Inversion

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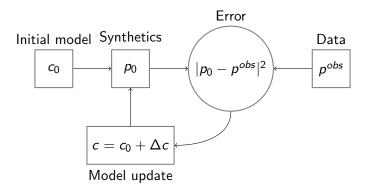
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Overview

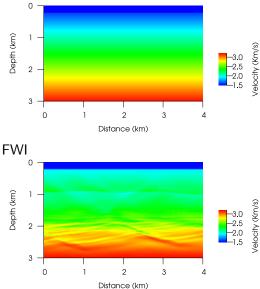
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Introduction

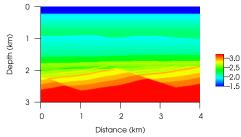
Full Waveform Inversion loop



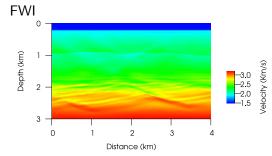
Initial model A



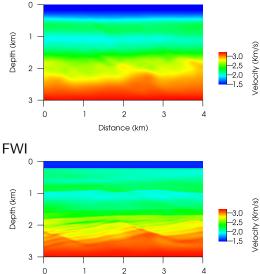
Exact model



Velocity (Km/s)



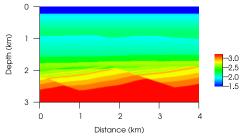
Initial model B



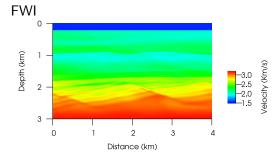
Distance (km)

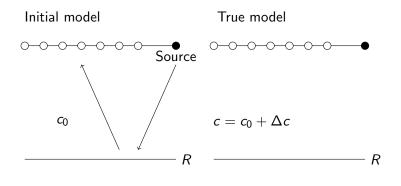
Velocity (Km/s)

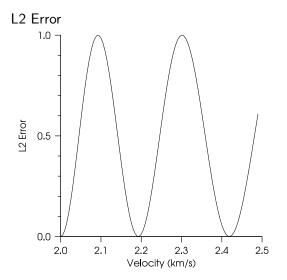
Exact model



Velocity (Km/s)







Born approximation holds (Beydoun and Tarantola, 1988)

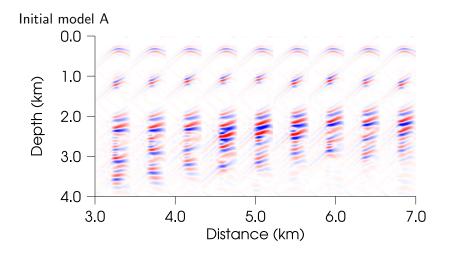
$$\Delta T < \frac{1}{2f_0} \tag{1}$$

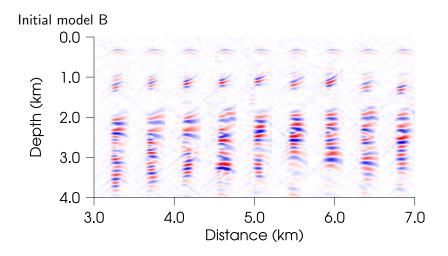
- Δt : Traveltime error between model and data
- ► f₀: Dominant frequency

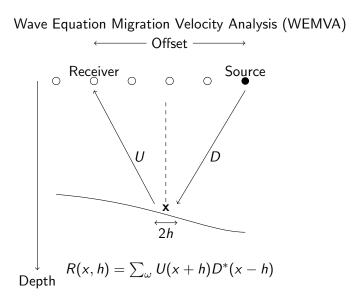
or (Pratt et al. 2008)

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} < \frac{1}{N_{\lambda}} \tag{2}$$

- N_{λ} : No of wavelengths
- T : Record time







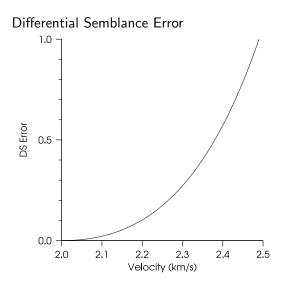
Minimize e_s w.r.t c

$$e_{s} = \sum_{x} \sum_{h} h^{2} \left[\frac{\partial R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial z} \right]^{2}, \qquad (3)$$

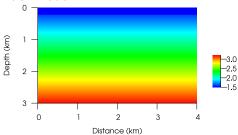
Iterative solution

$$c = c_0 + \Delta c$$
$$\Delta c \approx \alpha \nabla_c e_s \tag{4}$$

- e_s is mainly sensitive to travel-time
- Low resolution
- Relies on the Born Approximation



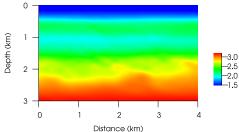
Initial model

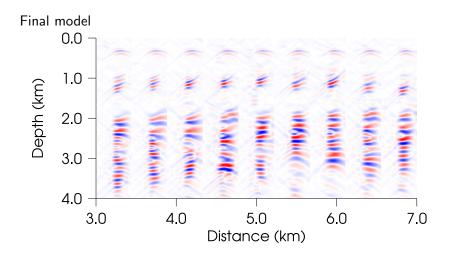


Velocity (Km/s)

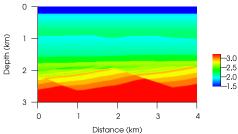
Velocity (Km/s)

WEMVA 25 iterations





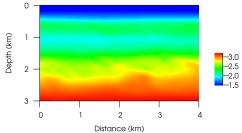
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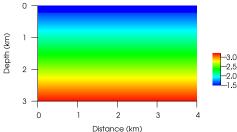


Inversion in the image and data spaces

$$e = w_l e_l + w_s e_s \tag{5}$$

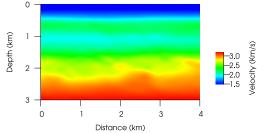
- ► w_l, w_s: Weights
- ▶ e_l: Least-squares Inversion error
- ► e_s: Differential semblance error

Initial model A

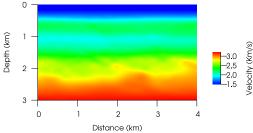


Velocity (Km/s)

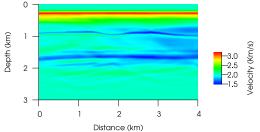
WEMVA after 25 iterations



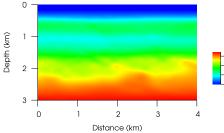
Initial model from WEMVA



FWI Iteration 1 - Initial model $=\Delta c$



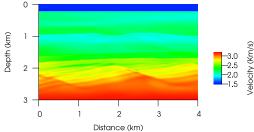
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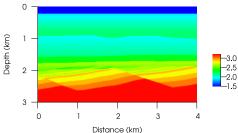
Velocity (Km/s)

1.5

FWI after 25 iterations

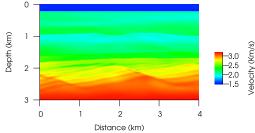


Exact Model

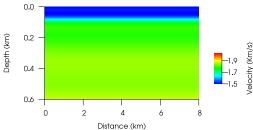


Velocity (Km/s)

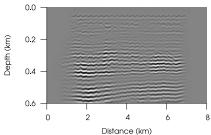
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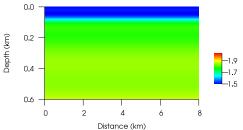
Initial Model



Migrated Data

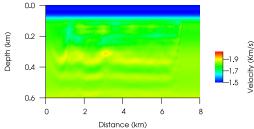


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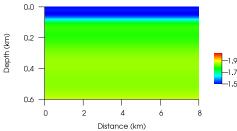


Velocity (Km/s)

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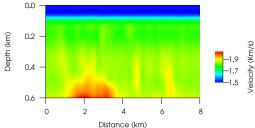


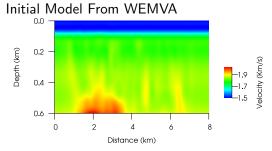
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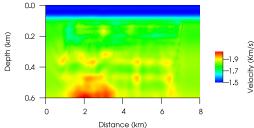
Velocity (Km/s)

WEMVA after 13 iterations





FWI after 23 iterations



Conclusions

- WEMVA produces low resolution velocity models with reasonable good kinematic properties from simple initial models
- WEMVA velocity models can be used as initial models for FWI to obtain high resolution velocity models

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