



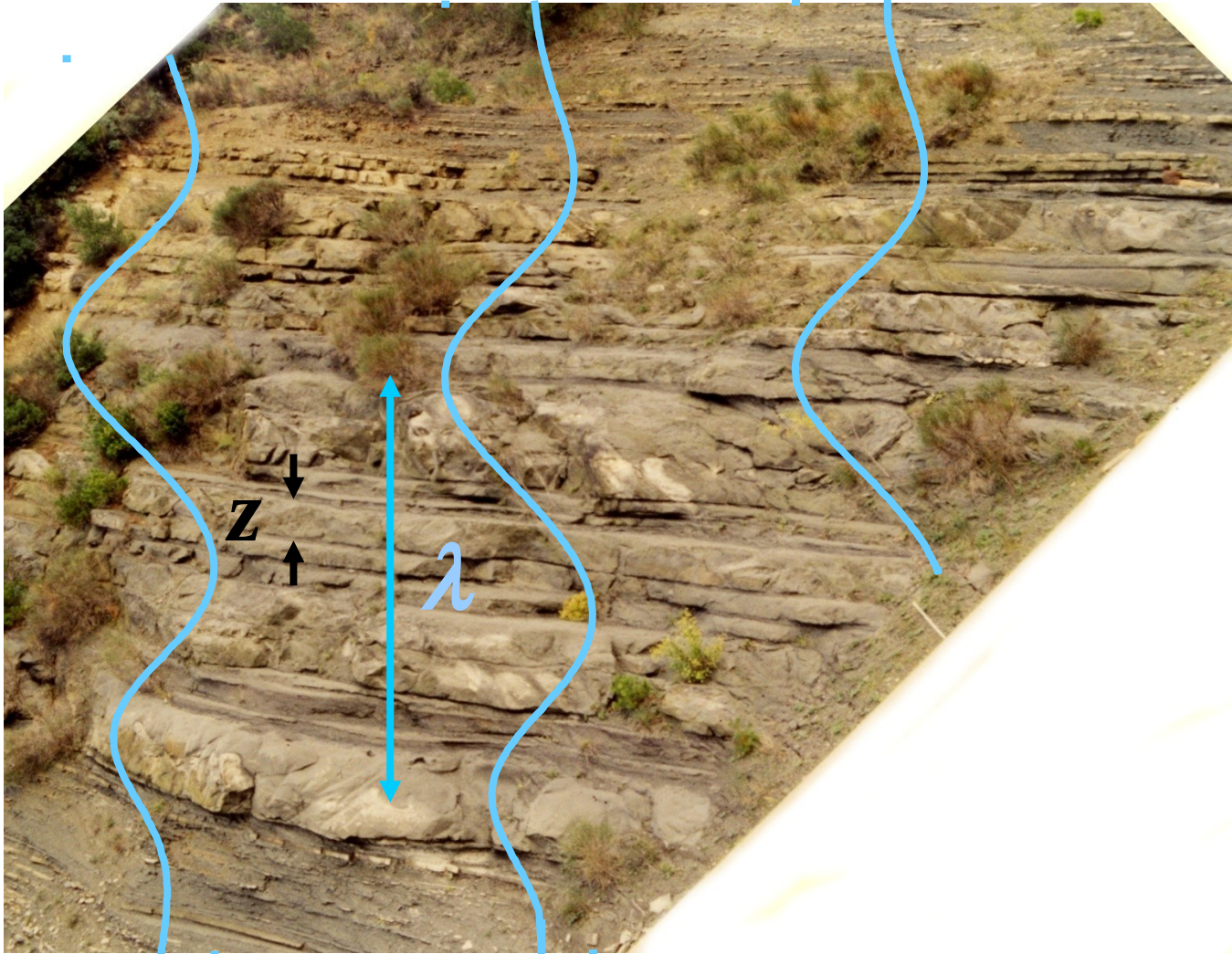
**Low frequency extension of the  
Backus averaging**

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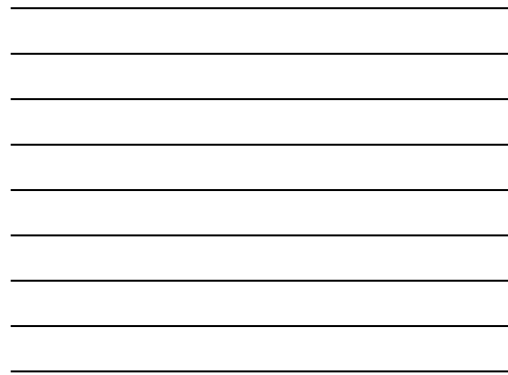
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# Upscaling



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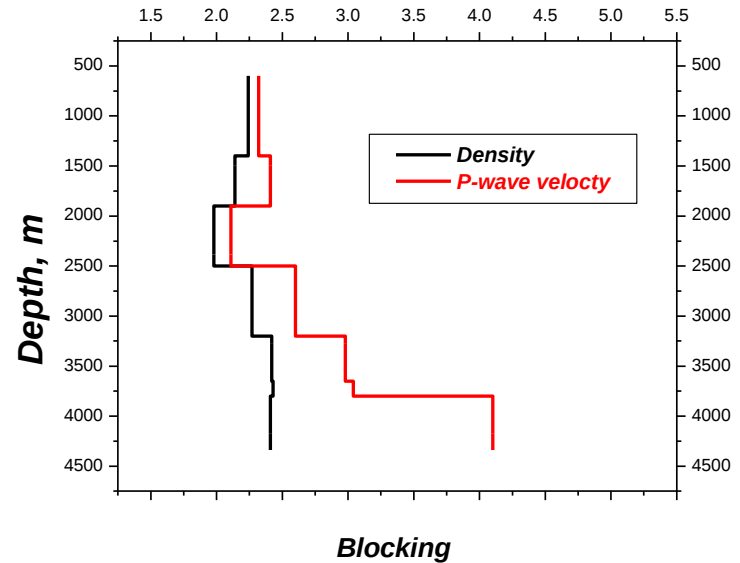
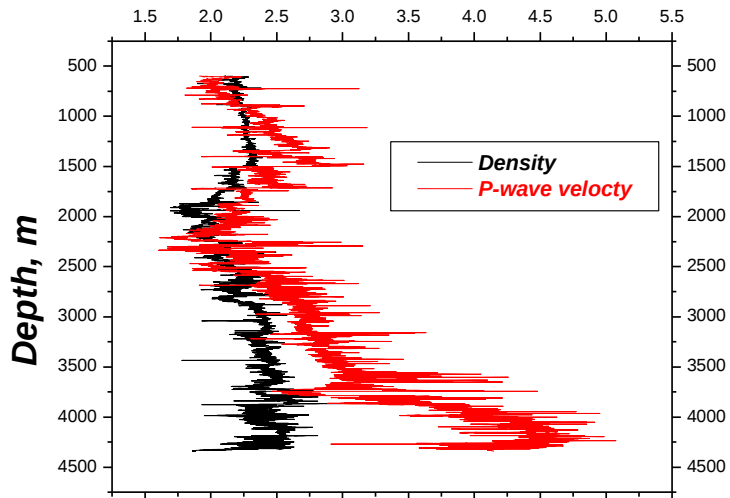
Multilayered model



*Effective medium*

Homogeneous model

# Well-log data



*Key issue – number of model parameters*

# Backus averaging

Rytov, 1956; Backus, 1962; Schoenberg and Muir, 1989

$$\frac{d\mathbf{b}}{dz} = i\omega \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{M}_j \\ \mathbf{N}_j & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_j = \begin{pmatrix} c_{33j}^{-1} & pc_{13j}c_{33j}^{-1} \\ pc_{13j}c_{33j}^{-1} & \rho_j - p^2(c_{11j} - c_{13j}^2c_{33j}^{-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{N}_j = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_j & p \\ p & c_{44j}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}}_0 = \langle \mathbf{A}_j \rangle = \frac{1}{H} \sum_{j=1}^N h_j \mathbf{A}_j$$

$$\bar{\rho}_0^1 = \langle c_{33j}^{-1} \rangle$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{13}^1 \bar{\rho}_{33}^1 = \langle c_{13j}c_{33j}^{-1} \rangle$$

$$\bar{\rho}_0 = \langle \rho_j \rangle$$

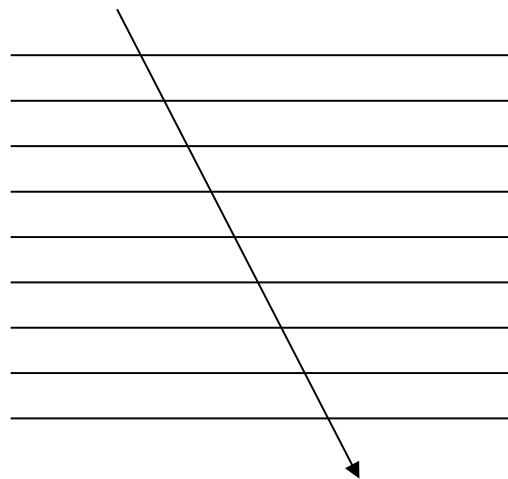
$$\bar{\rho}_{11}^0 - \bar{\rho}_{13}^1 \bar{\rho}_{33}^1 = \langle c_{11j} - c_{13j}^2c_{33j}^{-1} \rangle$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{44}^1 = \langle c_{44j}^{-1} \rangle$$

*Backus from isotropic medium  
gives VTI medium*

# Propagator matrix

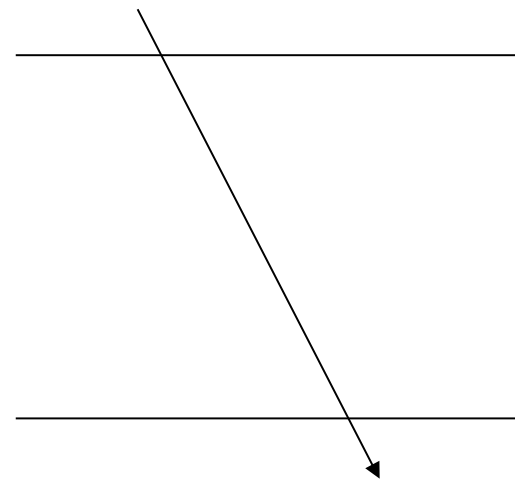
Thomson (1950), Haskell (1953), Gilbert and Backus (1966)



$\mathbf{f}(z_0)$

$\mathbf{f}(z_n)$

Multilayered model



Homogeneous model

$$\mathbf{f}(z_n) = \mathbf{P}(z_n, z_0) \mathbf{f}(z_0)$$

# Baker–Campbell–Hausdorff formula

is the solution  $\mathbf{Z} = \log \left[ \exp(\mathbf{X}) \exp(\mathbf{Y}) \right]$

for noncommuting matrices  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$

(Campbell, 1897; Poincare, 1899; Baker, 1902; Hausdorff, 1906)

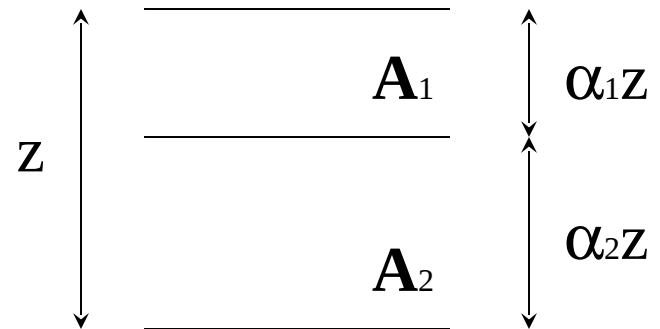
This formula links Lie groups to Lie algebras

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z} = \log(\exp(\mathbf{X}) \exp(\mathbf{Y})) &= \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} + \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}] + \frac{1}{12}([\mathbf{X}, [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]] - [\mathbf{Y}, [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]]) \\ &- \frac{1}{24}[\mathbf{Y}, [\mathbf{X}, [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]]] \\ &- \frac{1}{720}([\![ [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}], \mathbf{Y}], \mathbf{Y}], \mathbf{Y}] + [\![ [\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{X}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{360}([\![ [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}], \mathbf{Y}], \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{X}] + [\![ [\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{Y}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{120}([\![ [\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{Y}], \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{Y}] + [\![ [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}], \mathbf{X}], \mathbf{Y}], \mathbf{X}) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Two layer example

1st order ODE:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{b}}{dz} = i\omega\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}$$



*Effective medium*

*Layered medium*

$$\mathbf{P} = \exp\left(i\omega\mathbf{A}(\omega)z\right) = \exp\left(i\omega\mathbf{A}_2\alpha_2 z\right) \exp\left(i\omega\mathbf{A}_1\alpha_1 z\right)$$



# Matrix Taylor series

$$\mathbf{A}(\omega) = \mathbf{F}_0 + (i\omega z) \mathbf{F}_1 + (i\omega z)^2 \mathbf{F}_2 + (i\omega z)^3 \mathbf{F}_3 + \dots$$

*Effective medium*

*for the low-frequency band:  $\omega z \operatorname{Re}(q(\omega)) \in [-\pi, \pi]$*

**Comment 1:** We expanding not the propagator matrix but the logarithm of propagator matrix.

**Comment 2:** The same equations can be derived by using Magnus series and converting multiple integrals into multiple sums as it shown in Norris (1991).

**Comment 3:** The truncated Taylor series computed for any non-zero frequency does not correspond to any homogeneous elastic medium.

# Matrix coefficients (two layers)

$$\mathbf{F}_0 = \alpha_1 \mathbf{A}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{A}_2 \quad (\text{Backus})$$

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 [\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_1]$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{1}{12} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \left\{ \alpha_2 [\mathbf{A}_2, [\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_1]] + \alpha_1 [\mathbf{A}_1, [\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2]] \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_3 = -\frac{1}{24} \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2^2 [\mathbf{A}_2, [\mathbf{A}_1, [\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_1]]]$$

...



$$[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}] = \mathbf{xy} - \mathbf{yx} \quad (\text{the Lie bracket})$$

# The case with vertical symmetry

$$\mathbf{A}_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{M}_j \\ \mathbf{N}_j & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dot{j}$$

$$[\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_1] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 - \mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \end{pmatrix} \dot{j}$$

$$[\mathbf{A}_2, [\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_1]] = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 - \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 \\ \mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dot{j}$$

$$[\mathbf{A}_1, [\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2]] = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 \\ \mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 - \mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dot{j}$$

$$[\mathbf{A}_1, [\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{A}_1]] = -[\mathbf{A}_1, [\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2]]$$

# The case with vertical symmetry

$$\mathbf{A}(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}(\omega) & \mathbf{M}(\omega) \\ \mathbf{N}(\omega) & \mathbf{Q}(\omega) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}(\omega) = \alpha_1 \mathbf{M}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{M}_2 + (i\omega z)^2 \frac{1}{6} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \{ \alpha_2 (\mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 - \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1) + \alpha_1 (\mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2) \} + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{N}(\omega) = \alpha_1 \mathbf{N}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{N}_2 + (i\omega z)^2 \frac{1}{6} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \{ \alpha_2 (\mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2) + \alpha_1 (\mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 - \mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1) \} + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 (i\omega z) (\mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2) - (i\omega z)^3 \frac{1}{12} \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2^2 (\mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 - \mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 + \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2) + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(\omega) = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 (i\omega z) (\mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2) - (i\omega z)^3 \frac{1}{12} \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2^2 (\mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2 - \mathbf{N}_2 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 + \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 - \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{N}_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{N}_2) + \dots$$

*Note, that complex matrices  $P(\omega)$  and  $Q(\omega)$  do not affect the wave propagation since their traces are zero. They result in complex eigen vectors (the angle between stress and strain is frequency dependent). Matrix series for  $M(\omega)$  and  $N(\omega)$  contain the even order terms in frequency, while matrix series for  $P(\omega)$  and  $Q(\omega)$  – odd order terms.*

# Periodically layered medium

$$\mathbf{A}_1(\omega) = \mathbf{F}_0 + (i\omega z) \mathbf{F}_1 + (i\omega z)^2 \mathbf{F}_2 + (i\omega z)^3 \mathbf{F}_3 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_N(\omega) &= \mathbf{F}_0 + \left(\frac{i\omega z}{N}\right) \mathbf{F}_1 + \left(\frac{i\omega z}{N}\right)^2 \mathbf{F}_2 + \left(\frac{i\omega z}{N}\right)^3 \mathbf{F}_3 + \dots \\ &= \mathbf{F}_0 + \frac{1}{N} (i\omega z) \mathbf{F}_1 + \frac{1}{N^2} (i\omega z)^2 \mathbf{F}_2 + \frac{1}{N^3} (i\omega z)^3 \mathbf{F}_3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$N$  – number of periods       $\mathbf{A}_{N \rightarrow \infty}(\omega) = \mathbf{A}_N(\omega \rightarrow 0) = \mathbf{F}_0$

# Single mode P-wave vertical propagation

$$\mathbf{A}_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c_{33(j)}^{-1} \\ \rho_j & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\rho_j V_j^2} \\ \rho_j & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Single mode vertical propagation

$$\mathbf{F}_0 = \alpha_1 \mathbf{A}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\alpha_1}{\rho_1 V_1^2} + \frac{\alpha_2}{\rho_2 V_2^2} \\ \alpha_1 \rho_1 + \alpha_2 \rho_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \rho_1 \rho_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\rho_1^2 V_1^2} & -\frac{1}{\rho_2^2 V_2^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\hat{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Comment:** For medium with vertical symmetry axis, the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is anti-diagonal, it follows that all matrices  $\mathbf{F}_{2k}$  are also anti-diagonal, while all matrices  $\mathbf{F}_{2k+1}$  are diagonal.

# Single mode vertical propagation

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{1}{6} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \rho_1 \rho_2 \left( \frac{1}{\rho_1^2 V_1^2} - \frac{1}{\rho_2^2 V_2^2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\alpha_1}{\rho_1 V_1^2} - \frac{\alpha_2}{\rho_2 V_2^2} \\ \alpha_1 \rho_1 - \alpha_2 \rho_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_3 = -\frac{1}{12} \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2^2 \rho_1^2 \rho_2^2 \left( \frac{1}{\rho_1^4 V_1^4} - \frac{1}{\rho_2^4 V_2^4} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\dot{\mathbf{I}} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Velocity dispersion

*Time-average  
model*

*Zero-order  
scattering*

*Second-order  
scattering*

*Fourth-order  
scattering*

$$\frac{1}{V^2(\omega)} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\alpha_1}{V_1} + \frac{\alpha_2}{V_2} \right)^2}_{\text{Zero-order scattering}} + \frac{4r^2}{1-r^2} \frac{\alpha_2 \alpha_1}{V_2 V_1} + \omega^2 H^2 \frac{4\alpha_1^2 \alpha_2^2 r^2}{3V_1^2 V_2^2 (1-r^2)^2} + \omega^4 H^4 \frac{4\alpha_1^2 \alpha_2^2 r^2}{45V_1^2 V_2^2 (1-r^2)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\alpha_1}{V_1} + \frac{\alpha_2}{V_2} \right)^2 + \frac{2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (1+3r^2)}{V_1 V_2 (1-r^2)} \right] + O(\omega^5)$$

*Backus model*

*Dispersive Backus model*

Time-average model:  $\omega \rightarrow \text{infinity}$  or  $r=0$

Backus model:  $\omega=0$

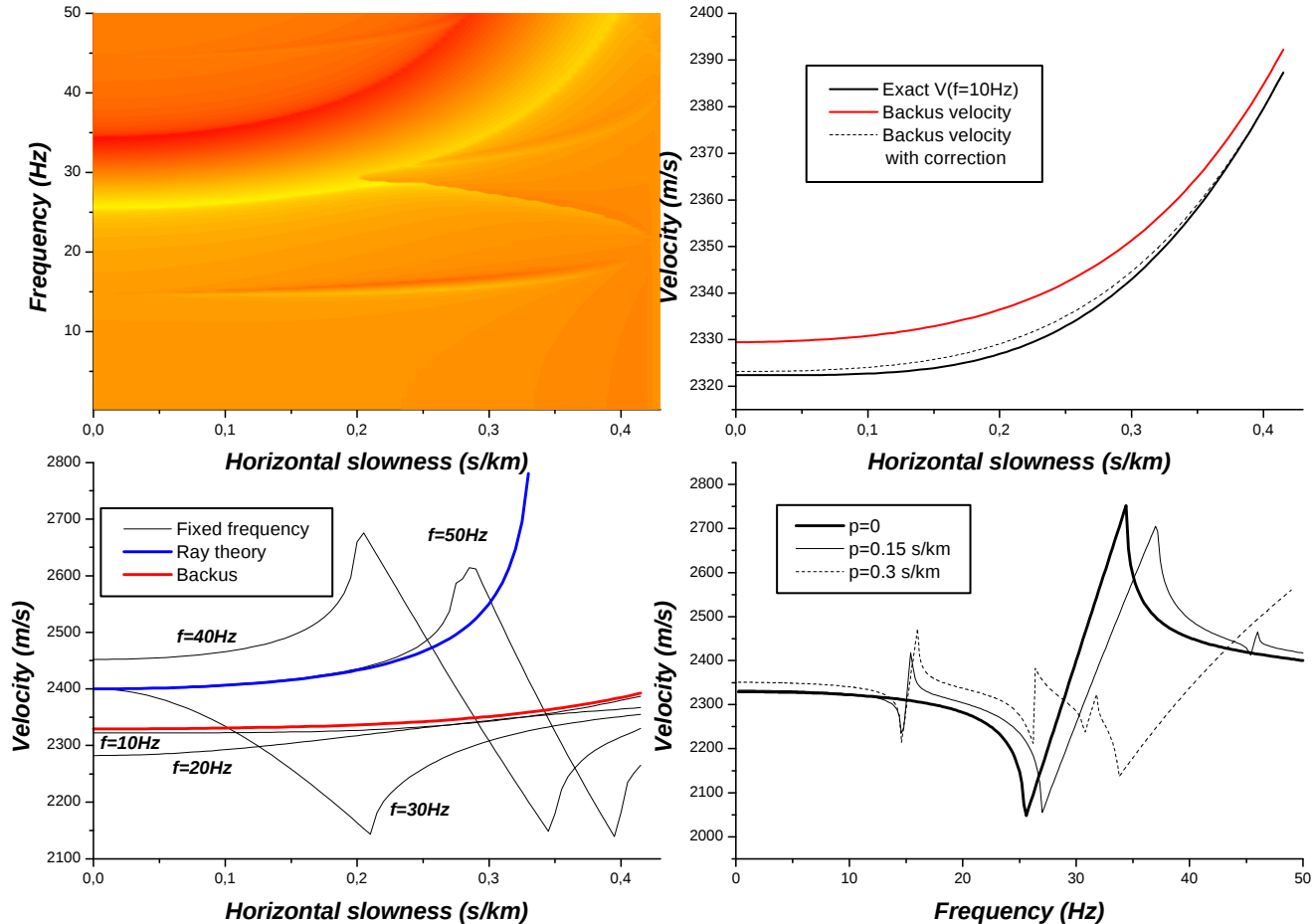
Dispersive Backus model:  $\omega$  is small

# Velocity dispersion (traveltime vs impedance)

$$\begin{aligned}
 T^2(\omega) = & (t_1 + t_2)^2 + t_1 t_2 \left( \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} + \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} - 2 \right) + \omega^2 \frac{t_1^2 t_2^2}{180} \left( \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} - \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} \right)^2 \\
 & + \omega^4 \frac{t_1^2 t_2^2}{180} \left( \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} - \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} \right)^2 \left[ (t_1 + t_2)^2 + 2 t_1 t_2 \left( \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} + \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} \right) \right] + O(\omega^5)
 \end{aligned}$$

*t<sub>j</sub> are the traveltimes within each layer and Z<sub>j</sub> are the impedances*

# Two layers isotropic medium



# Extension for 3 layers\*

$$\mathbf{P} = \exp(i\omega \mathbf{A}(\omega) z) = \prod_{j=N}^1 \exp(i\omega \mathbf{A}_j \alpha_j z)$$

*Note the reverse way of  
composing matrix exponents*

$$\mathbf{F}_0 = \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \mathbf{A}_j \quad (\text{Backus})$$

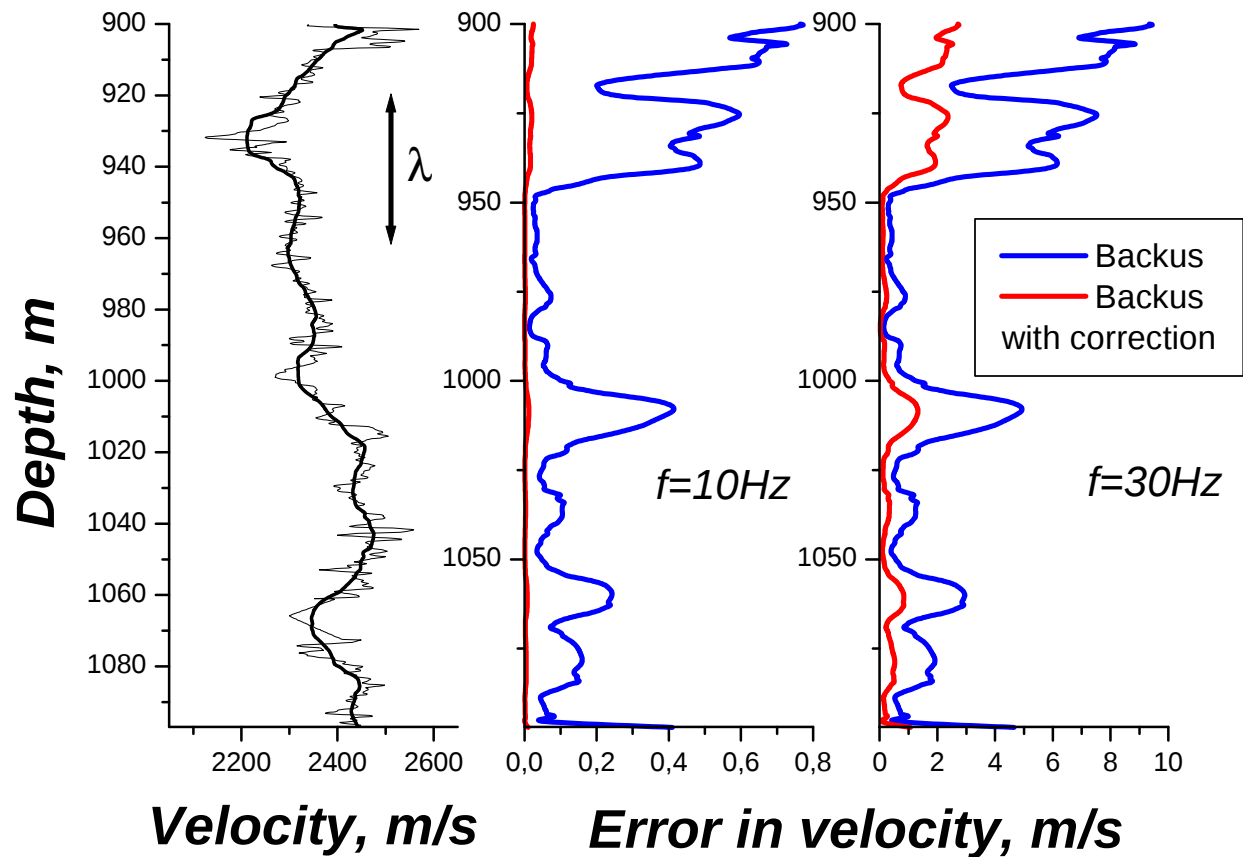
$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j>k} \alpha_j \alpha_k [\mathbf{A}_j, \mathbf{A}_k] \quad \text{Contribution from all possible pairs of layers}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = \frac{1}{12} \sum_{j>k>l} \left( \alpha_j^2 \alpha_k [\mathbf{A}_j, [\mathbf{A}_j, \mathbf{A}_k]] + \alpha_j \alpha_k^2 [\mathbf{A}_k, \mathbf{A}_k, \mathbf{A}_j] + 2\alpha_j \alpha_k \alpha_l \left( [\mathbf{A}_l, \mathbf{A}_k] \mathbf{A}_j + \mathbf{A}_j [\mathbf{A}_k, \mathbf{A}_l] \right) \right)$$

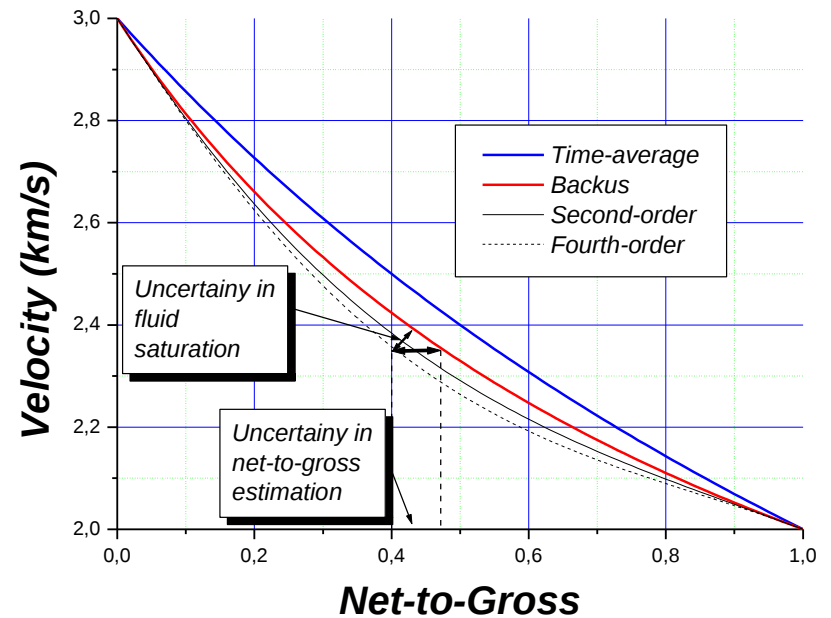
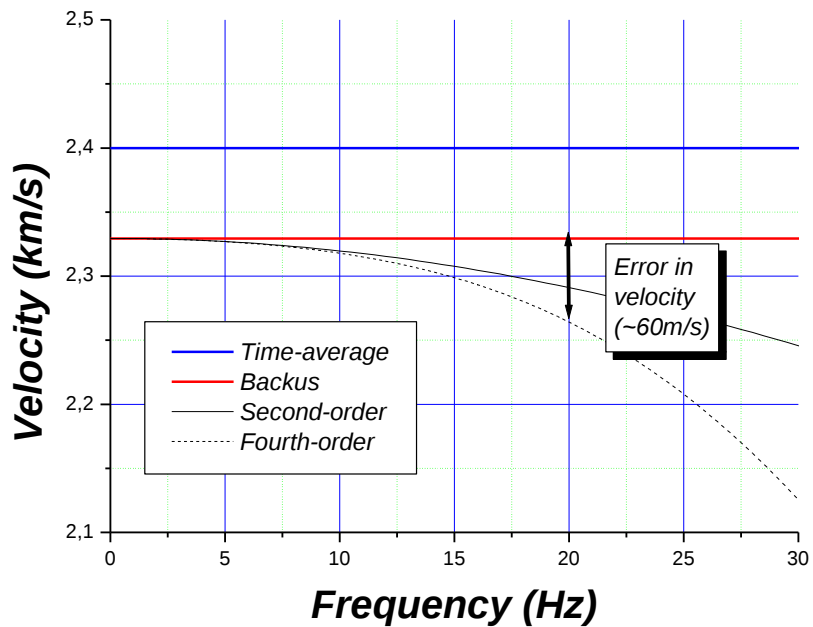
... *Contribution from all possible three layers*



# Smoothing of log data



# Phase velocity for large contrast



*Upscaling of reservoir properties*

# Conclusion&Discussion

- Velocity dispersion is very important issue for contrast velocity models. In this case the Backus averaging could not be accurate enough.
- The method is an extension of the standard Backus averaging for low-frequency case (correction term)
- Method is based on expansion of the logarithm of propagator matrix in frequency
- The frequency-dependent term can be computed as a sum of contributions from all the layers composed by combinations of three layers

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