

Orthorhombic

ORThorhombic velocity model a new standard for seismic anisotropy



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Brief history

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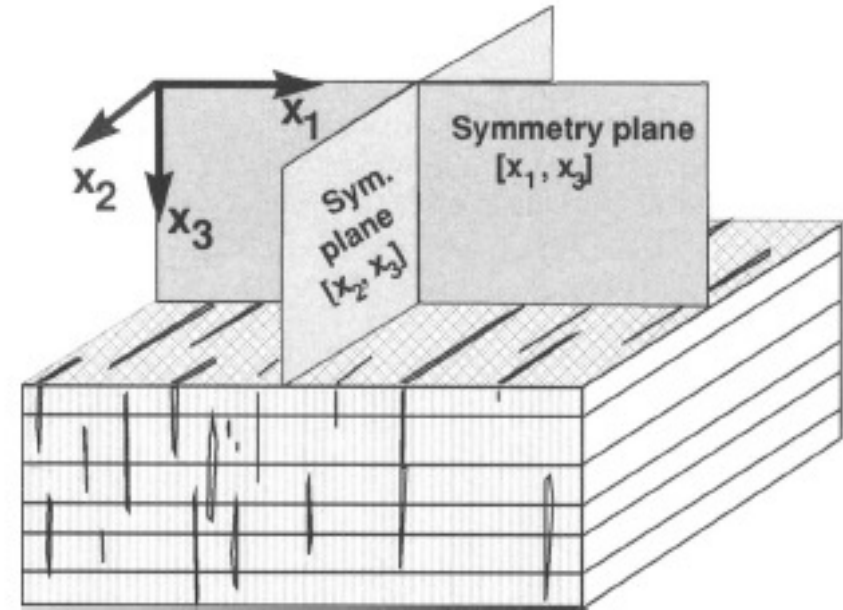


FIG. 1. An orthorhombic model caused by parallel vertical cracks embedded in a medium composed of thin horizontal layers. Orthorhombic media have three mutually orthogonal planes of mirror symmetry.

Courtesy Tsvankin (1997)

P&S waves in ORT

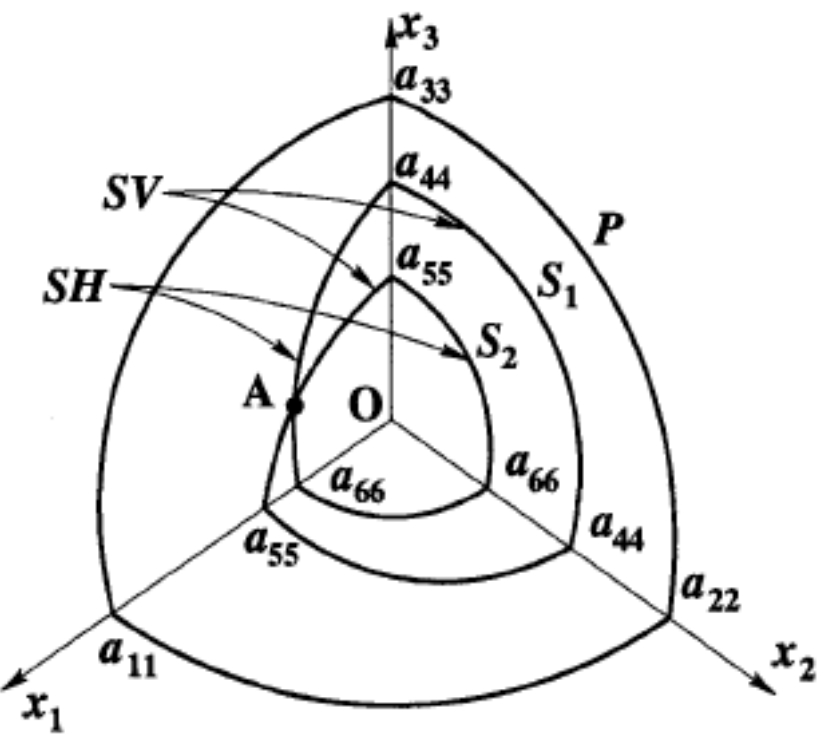


FIG. 1. Sketch of body-wave phase velocity surfaces in orthorhombic media. The value $a_{ij} = \sqrt{c_{ij}/\rho}$, where c_{ij} are the elastic stiffness coefficients and ρ is the density.

Courtesy Grechka et al., (1999).

$$C_{ORT} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & & & & & & \\ & c_{22} & c_{23} & & & & & & \\ & & c_{33} & & & & & & \\ & & & c_{44} & & & & & \\ & & & & c_{55} & & & & \\ & & & & & c_{66} & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

9 independent parameters

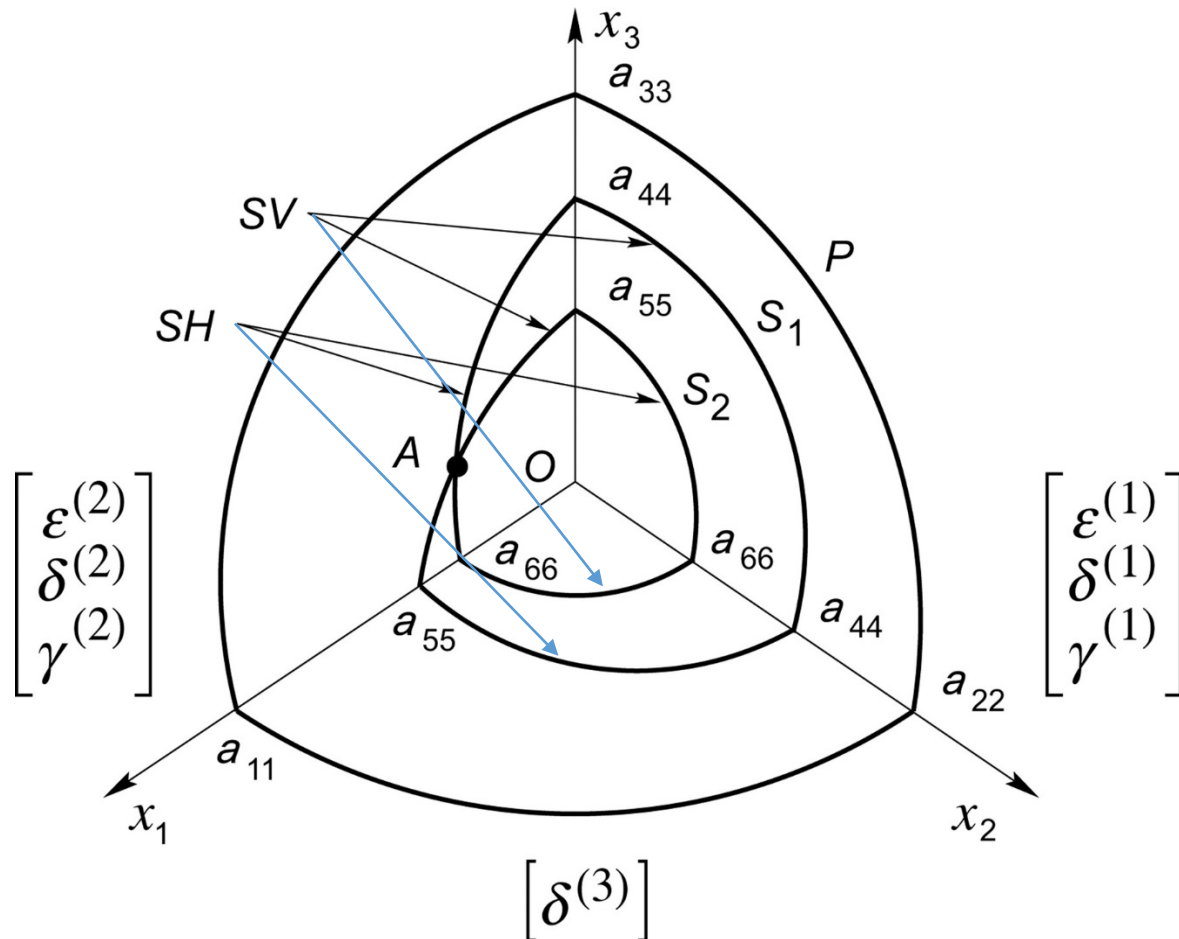
$$c_{ij} \Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} \varepsilon_1, \delta_1, \gamma_1 \\ V_{P0}, V_{S0}, \varepsilon_2, \delta_2, \gamma_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{matrix}$$

Tsvankin (1997)

Parameterization in ORT

S-waves in ORT – *a headache*

1. Coupling
2. Triplings
3. Singularities



P-waves in ORT

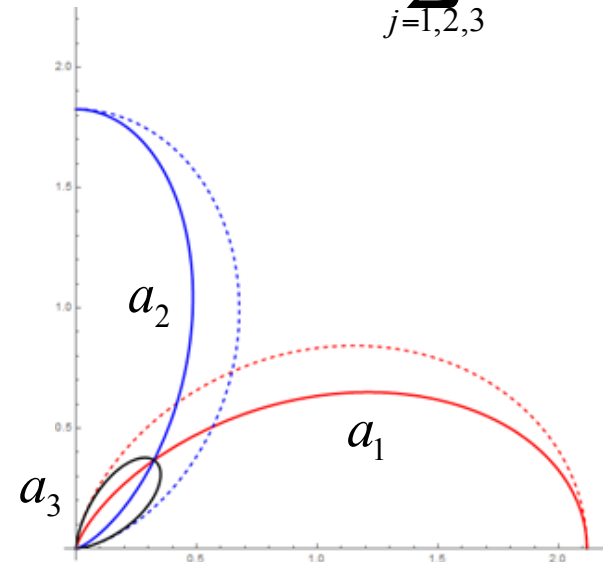
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Stovas, A., 2015, Azimuthally dependent kinematic properties of orthorhombic media: *Geophysics*, **80**, C107-C122.

$$\begin{matrix} V_{P0}, & V_{nmo1}, & \eta_1 \\ & V_{nmo2}, & \eta_2 \\ & & \eta_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\eta_{xy} = \sqrt{\frac{(1+2\eta_1)(1+2\eta_2)}{1+2\eta_3}} - 1$$

$$\tau(x, y, z) \approx \tau_0(x, y, z) + \sum_{j=1,2,3} a_j(x, y, z) \eta_j$$



From 2D (VTI) with 3 parameters

P-wave processing parameters: $t_0(V_0), V_{nmo}^2, \eta$

$$t^2(x) = t_0^2 + \frac{x^2}{V_{nmo}^2} - \frac{2\eta x^4}{V_{nmo}^4 t_0^2} + \dots$$

To 3D (ORT) with 6 parameters

P-wave processing parameters: $t_0 (V_0), V_{nmo1}^2, V_{nmo2}^2, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_{xy} (\eta_3)$

$$t^2(x, y) = t_0^2 + \frac{x^2}{V_{nmo1}^2} + \frac{y^2}{V_{nmo2}^2} - \frac{2\eta_1 x^4}{V_{nmo1}^4 t_0^2} - \frac{2\eta_2 y^4}{V_{nmo2}^4 t_0^2} - \frac{2\eta_{xy} x^2 y^2}{V_{nmo1}^2 V_{nmo2}^2 t_0^2} + \dots$$

Hierarchy of Wave Equations (acoustic)

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} = a \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad I$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} = a \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial z^2} + b \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} = a \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial z^2} + b_1 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + b_2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y^2} \quad EI$$

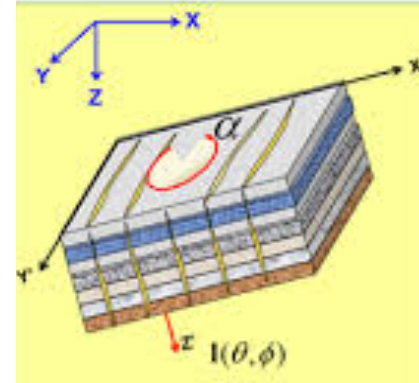
$$\frac{\partial^4 P}{\partial t^4} = a \frac{\partial^4 P}{\partial t^2 \partial z^2} + b \left(\frac{\partial^4 P}{\partial t^2 \partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^4 P}{\partial t^2 \partial y^2} \right) + c \left(\frac{\partial^4 P}{\partial x^2 \partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^4 P}{\partial y^2 \partial z^2} \right) \quad VTI$$

$$\frac{\partial^6 P}{\partial t^6} = a \frac{\partial^6 P}{\partial t^4 \partial z^2} + \left(b_1 \frac{\partial^6 P}{\partial t^4 \partial x^2} + b_2 \frac{\partial^6 P}{\partial t^4 \partial y^2} \right) + \left(c_1 \frac{\partial^6 P}{\partial t^2 \partial x^2 \partial z^2} + c_2 \frac{\partial^6 P}{\partial t^2 \partial y^2 \partial z^2} \right) + d_1 \frac{\partial^6 P}{\partial t^2 \partial x^2 \partial y^2} + d_2 \frac{\partial^6 P}{\partial z^2 \partial x^2 \partial y^2} \quad ORT$$

$$d_2 = d_2(a, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2, d_1)$$

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Azimuthal rotation (cross-term coefficients):



$$t^2(x, y) = t_0^2 + \frac{x^2}{V_{nmo1}^2} + axy + \frac{y^2}{V_{nmo2}^2} - \frac{2\eta_1 x^4}{V_{nmo1}^4 t_0^2} + bx^3 y - \frac{2\eta_{xy} x^2 y^2}{V_{nmo1}^2 V_{nmo2}^2 t_0^2} + cxy^3 - \frac{2\eta_2 y^4}{V_{nmo2}^4 t_0^2} + \dots$$

Inclination (odd-order coefficients):

$$t^2(x, y) = t_0^2 + ax + by + \frac{x^2}{V_{nmo1}^2} + \frac{y^2}{V_{nmo2}^2} + \dots$$

Azimuthal dependence

$$t^2(x, y) = t_0^2 + \frac{x^2}{V_{nmo1}^2} + \frac{y^2}{V_{nmo2}^2} - \frac{2\eta_1 x^4}{V_{nmo1}^4 t_0^2} - \frac{2\eta_2 y^4}{V_{nmo2}^4 t_0^2} - \frac{2\eta_{xy} x^2 y^2}{V_{nmo1}^2 V_{nmo2}^2 t_0^2} + \dots$$

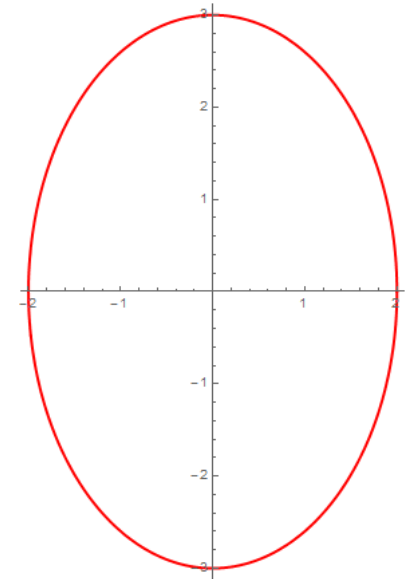


$$t^2(r, \Theta) = t_0^2 + \frac{r^2}{V_n^2(\Theta)} - \frac{2\eta_r(\Theta) r^4}{V_n^4(\Theta) t_0^2} + \dots$$

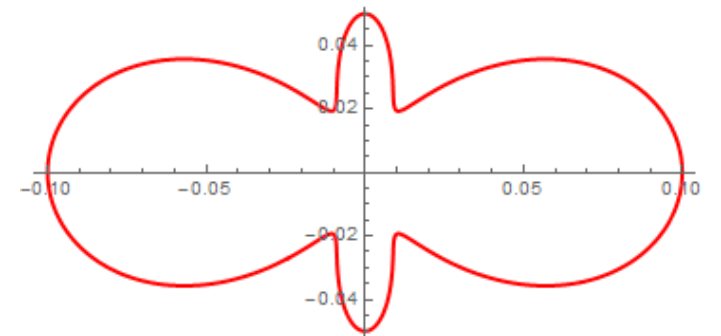
Azimuthal dependence

$$\frac{1}{V_n^2(\Theta)} = \frac{\cos^2 \Theta}{V_{nmo1}^2} + \frac{\sin^2 \Theta}{V_{nmo2}^2}$$

$$\eta_r(\Theta) = \frac{\frac{\eta_1 \cos^4 \Theta}{V_{nmo1}^4} + \frac{\eta_2 \sin^4 \Theta}{V_{nmo2}^4} + \frac{\eta_{xy} \sin^2 \Theta \cos^2 \Theta}{V_{nmo1}^2 V_{nmo2}^2}}{\left(\frac{\cos^2 \Theta}{V_{nmo1}^2} + \frac{\sin^2 \Theta}{V_{nmo2}^2} \right)^2}$$



NMO velocity ellipse
(Grechka and Tsvankin, 1998)



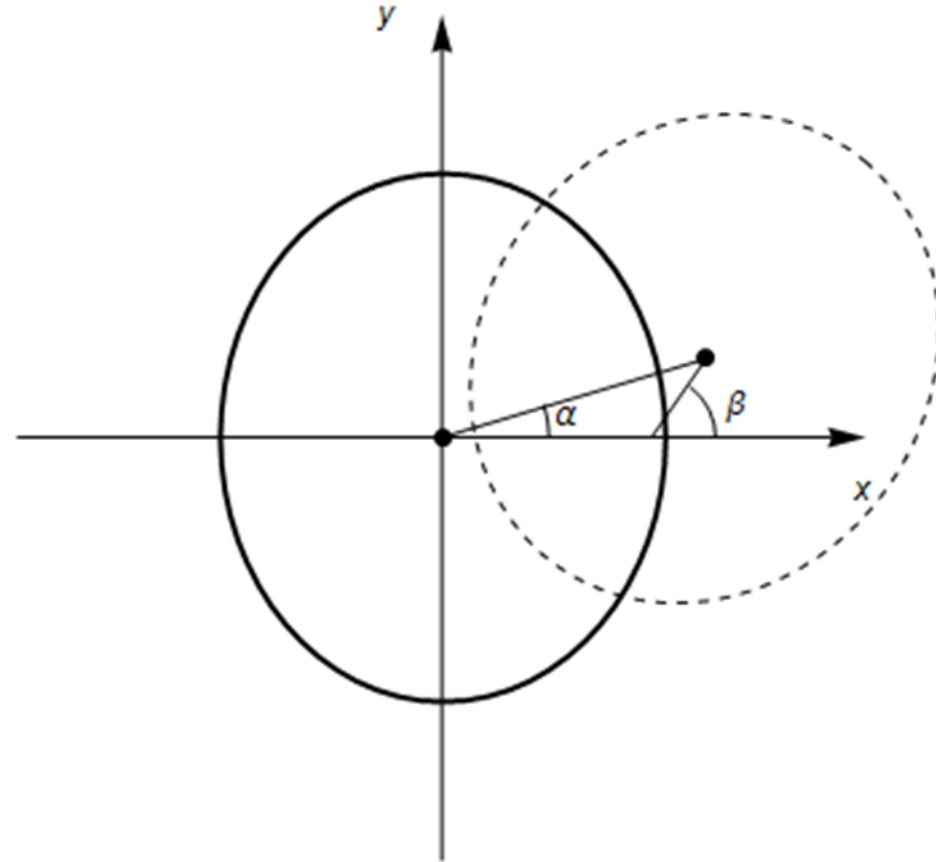
Azimuthally dependent anellipticity
(Stovas, 2015)

Interpretation of NMO ellipse

$$\frac{1}{V_n^2(\Theta)} = \frac{\cos^2(\Theta - \beta)}{V_{nmo1}^2} + \frac{\sin^2(\Theta - \beta)}{V_{nmo2}^2}$$

$$t^2(x, y) = t_0^2 + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{V_{nmo1}^2} + \frac{(y - y_0)^2}{V_{nmo2}^2} + \dots$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{y_0}{x_0}$$



NMO ellipse remains *ellipse* for a stack of azimuthally oriented ORT layers

Effective ORT (from the stack of azimuthally dependent ORT layers)

1. *Dix (Grechka&Tsvankin, 1999)* $V_0, V_{nmo1}, V_{nmo2}, \Phi$

2. *LS solution for anellipticity*

$$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \left(N_1, N_2, N_{xy} \right)^T$$

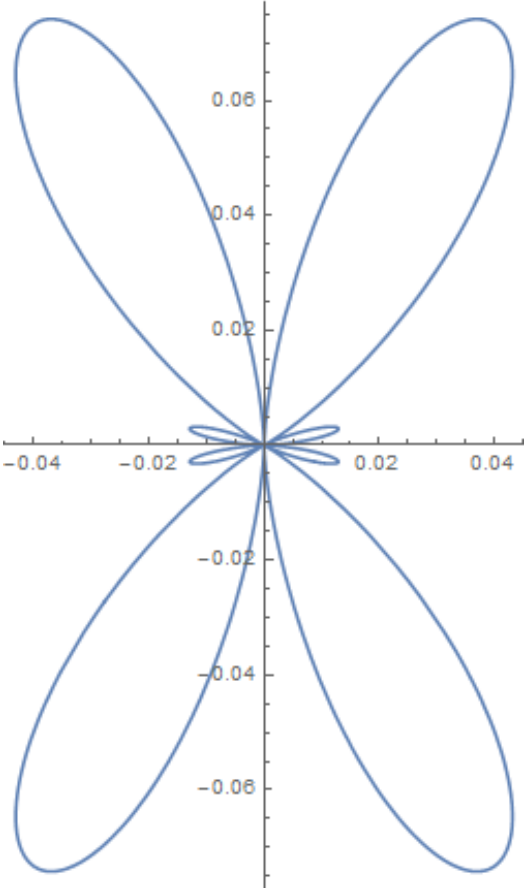


$$\mathbf{S} = \left(1/V_{nmo1}^4, 1/V_{nmo2}^4, 1/V_{nmo1}^2 V_{nmo2}^2 \right)^T$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \left(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}(\Phi)$$

Error in $v_h(\phi)$



ORT = VTI(ϕ)?

$\delta(\phi)$ and $\varepsilon(\phi)$

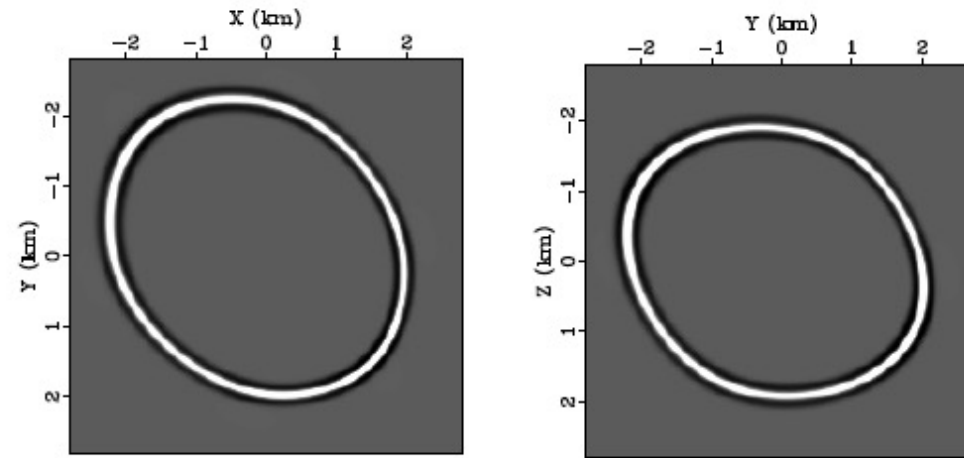
$$v_h^2(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \left(E(\phi) + \sqrt{E^2(\phi) - \frac{8\eta_3(1+2\eta_1)(1+2\eta_2)V_{nmo1}^2V_{nmo2}^2\sin^2\phi\cos^2\phi}{(1+2\eta_3)}} \right)$$

$$E(\phi) = V_{nmo1}^2(1+2\eta_1)\cos^2\phi + V_{nmo2}^2(1+2\eta_2)\sin^2\phi$$

$$v_h^2(\phi) = v_n^2(\phi)(1+2\eta_r(\phi))$$

$$= \frac{V_{nmo1}^4(1+2\eta_1)\cos^4\phi + V_{nmo2}^4(1+2\eta_2)\sin^4\phi + 2V_{nmo1}^2V_{nmo2}^2(1+\eta_{xy})\sin^2\phi\cos^2\phi}{V_{nmo1}^2\cos^2\phi + V_{nmo2}^2\sin^2\phi}$$

Wave propagation in TORT

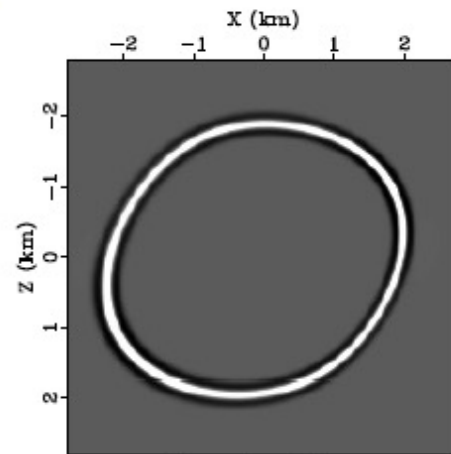


Depth Slice

(a)

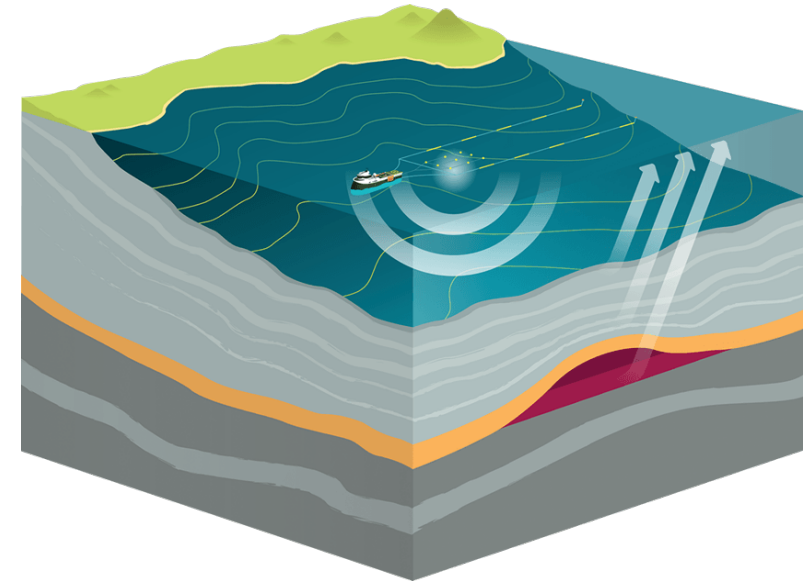
Inline Slice

(b)



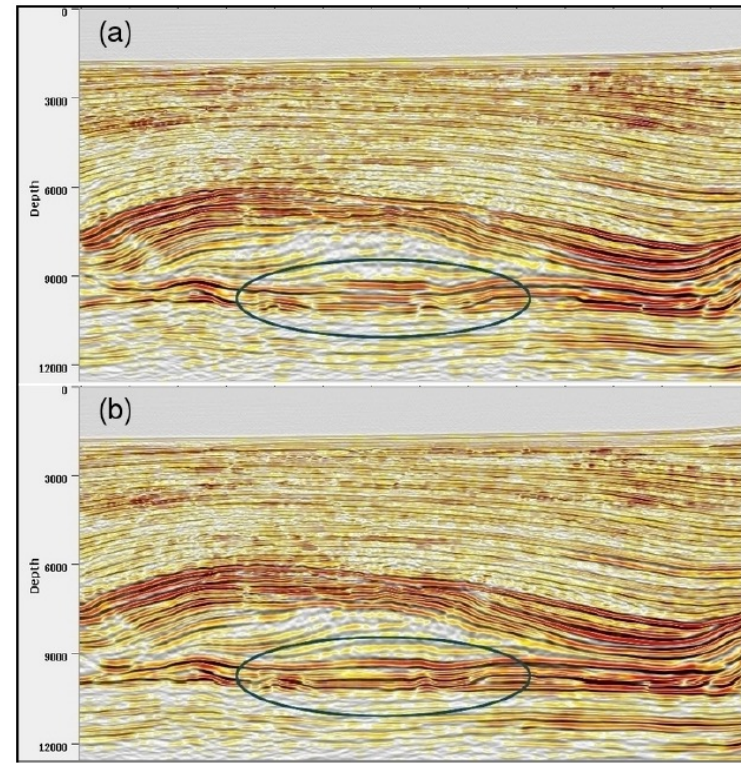
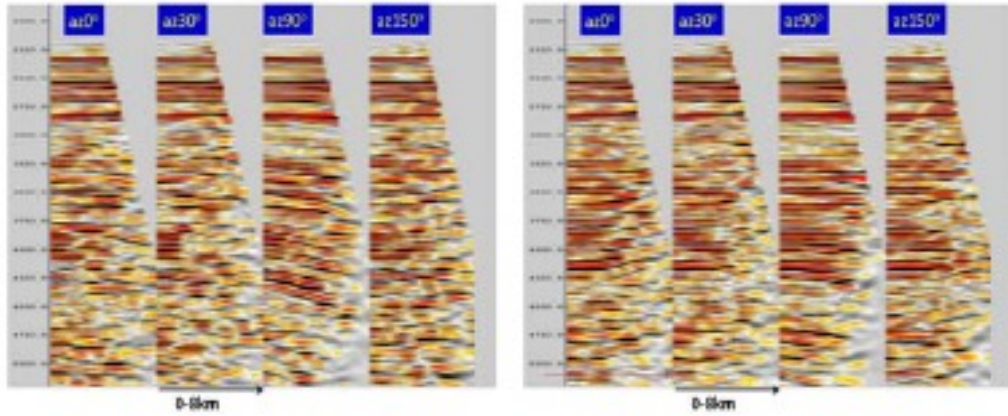
Crossline Slice

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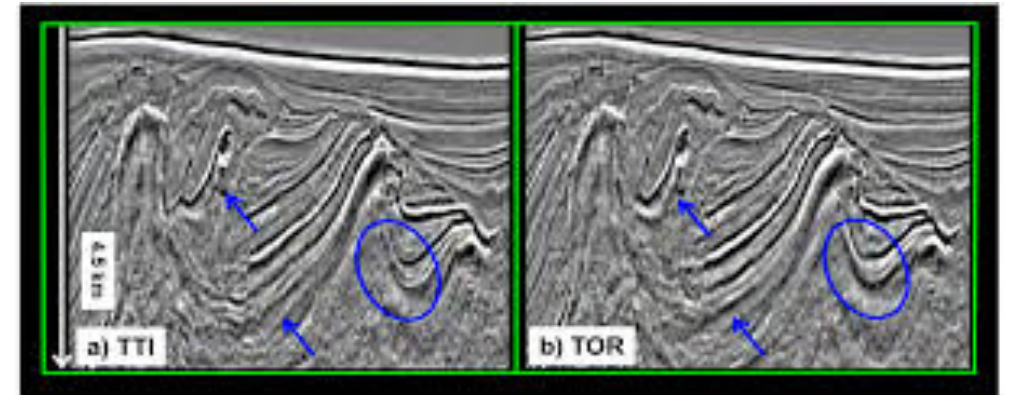
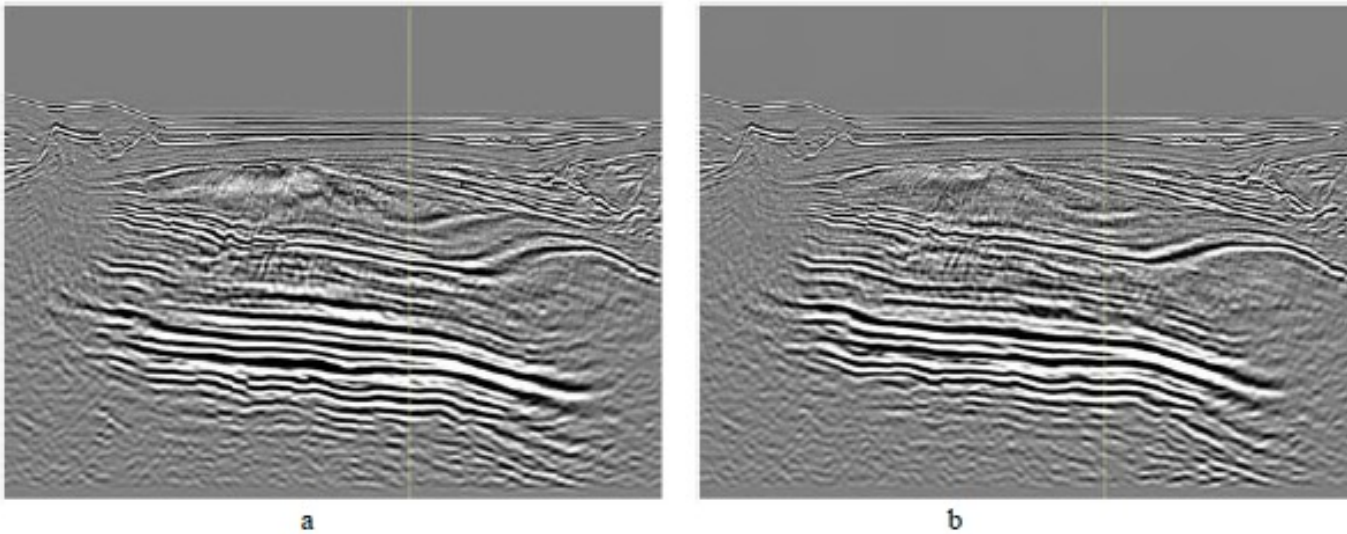


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TTI versus TORT



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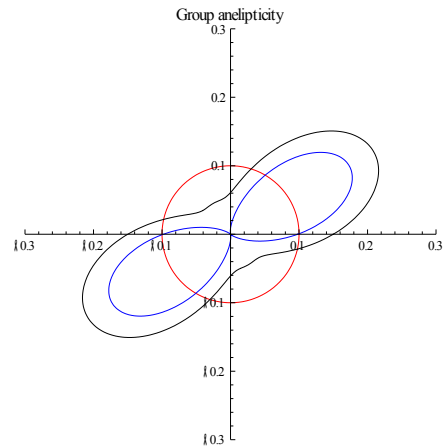
Conclusions

- ORT reflects anisotropy in 3D
- 9 parameters(elastic)/6 parameters(acoustic) + 3 angles
- Azimuthal dependence of kinematic properties
- Extension for multilayered medium
- Better focusing

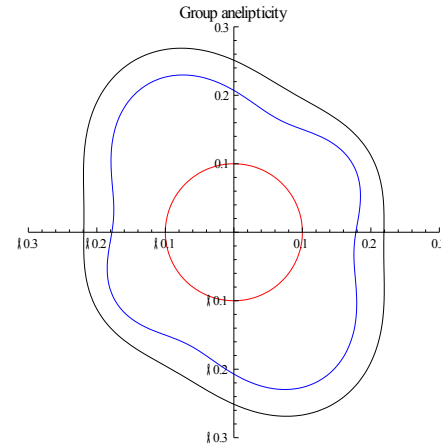
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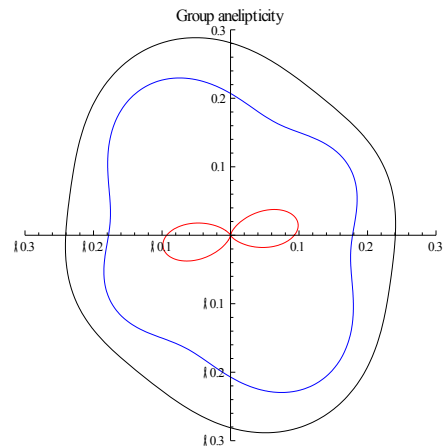
Anellipticity from multilayered model



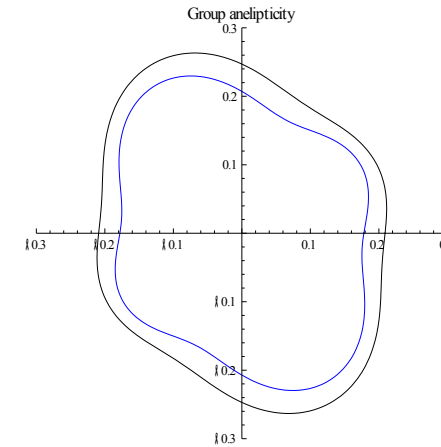
VTI&HTI



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