

# First-order ray tracing for P and S waves in inhomogeneous weakly anisotropic media

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# Introduction

- anisotropy often weak
- standard “anisotropic” ray tracers
  - too complicated
  - often collapse during S-wave treatment
  - do not take into account S-wave coupling

Solution: consider weak anisotropy  
as a perturbation of isotropy

# Basic formulae

## Perturbation of an isotropic reference medium

$$a_{ijkl} = a_{ijkl}^0 + \Delta a_{ijkl}, \quad a_{ijkl}^0 = (\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2)\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} + \beta^2(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk})$$

$a_{ijkl}$  - density-normalized elastic moduli

in a weakly anisotropic medium

$a_{ijkl}^0$  - density-normalized elastic moduli

in a reference isotropic medium ( $\alpha, \beta$  - P, S reference velocities)

$\Delta a_{ijkl}$  - perturbation of density-normalized elastic moduli  $a_{ijkl}^0$

$|\Delta a_{ijkl}| / |a_{ijkl}|$  - small parameter

# Basic formulae

Christoffel matrix, its eigenvalues, eigenvectors

$$\Gamma_{ik}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = a_{ijkl} p_j p_l \quad - \text{generalized Christoffel matrix}$$

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = \Gamma_{ik}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) g_i g_k \quad - \text{eigenvalue of } \boldsymbol{\Gamma}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$

**g** - eigenvector of  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$

**p** - slowness vector

# Basic formulae

**Basic idea of FORT and FODRT:**

**replace exact eigenvalue of  $\Gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  by its first-order approximation!**

## Perturbation of an eigenvalue

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \sim G^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) + \Delta G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$

$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  - first-order approximation of exact eigenvalue

$G^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  - eigenvalue of  $\Gamma$  in reference isotropic medium

$\Delta G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  - first-order perturbation of  $G^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$

# Basic formulae

FORT for P waves

$G^{[3]}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  - first-order approximation of the largest eigenvalue

FORT for S waves

$$G^{[\mathcal{M}]}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2}[G^{[1]}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) + G^{[2]}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})]$$

$G^{[\mathcal{M}]}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  - first-order approximation of an exact mean eigenvalue

$G^{[I]}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  - S-wave first-order eigenvalues of  $\Gamma$ ,  $I = 1, 2$

# Basic formulae

$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  - first-order approximation of an exact eigenvalue

Eikonal equation:  $G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = 1$

Ray-tracing equations (FORT):

$$dx_i/d\tau = \frac{1}{2}\partial G/\partial p_i , \quad dp_i/d\tau = -\frac{1}{2}\partial G/\partial x_i$$

$x_i$  - ray coordinates of the first-order ray

$p_i$  - components of the first-order slowness vector  $\mathbf{p}$

$\tau$  - first-order travelttime

# Basic formulae

Dynamic ray-tracing equations (FODRT):

$$dX_i^{(I)}/d\tau = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})}{\partial p_i \partial x_j} X_j^{(I)} + \frac{\partial^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})}{\partial p_i \partial p_j} Y_j^{(I)} \right)$$

$$dY_i^{(I)}/d\tau = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} X_j^{(I)} + \frac{\partial^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})}{\partial x_i \partial p_j} Y_j^{(I)} \right)$$

$$X_i^{(I)} = [\partial x_i / \partial \gamma^{(I)}]_{\tau=const} , \quad Y_i^{(I)} = [\partial p_i / \partial \gamma^{(I)}]_{\tau=const}$$

$\gamma^{(I)}$  - ray parameters (e.g., take-off angles)

$\mathcal{L} = |\mathbf{X}^{(1)} \times \mathbf{X}^{(2)}|^{1/2}$  - first-order geometrical spreading

# Basic formulae

## Displacement vector of P wave

$$\mathbf{u}(\tau, \omega) = \mathcal{C}(\tau) \mathbf{f}^{[3]}(\tau) \exp(i\omega\tau)$$

$\mathbf{u}(\tau, \omega)$  - displacement vector of P wave

$\tau$  - second-order travelttime along P-wave ray

$\mathcal{C}(\tau)$  - amplitude term, proportional to  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$

$\mathbf{f}^{[3]}(\tau)$  - second-order P-wave polarization vector

# Basic formulae

## Displacement vector of coupled S waves

$$\mathbf{u}(\tau, \omega) = [\mathcal{A}(\tau)\mathbf{f}^{[1]}(\tau) + \mathcal{B}(\tau)\mathbf{f}^{[2]}(\tau)] D^{[\mathcal{M}]}(\tau) \exp(i\omega\tau)$$

$\mathbf{u}(\tau, \omega)$  - displacement vector of coupled S waves

$\tau$  - second-order travelttime along common S-wave ray

$\mathcal{A}(\tau), \mathcal{B}(\tau)$  - amplitude terms

$\mathbf{f}^{[K]}(\tau)$  - define the second-order S-wave polarization plane

$D^{[\mathcal{M}]}(\tau)$  - common S-wave ray amplitude, proportional to  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$

# Basic formulae

## Second-order coupling equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} d\mathcal{A}/d\tau \\ d\mathcal{B}/d\tau \end{pmatrix} = -i\omega/2 \begin{pmatrix} M_{11}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) - 1 & M_{12}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) \\ M_{12}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) & M_{22}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) - 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{KL}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) = B_{KL} - B_{K3}B_{L3}/(B_{33} - 1)$$

$$B_{kl} = B_{kl}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) \quad \text{- weak anisotropy matrix}$$

# Basic formulae

$$B_{mn} = B_{mn}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = \Gamma_{ik}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) e_i^{[m]}(\mathbf{x}) e_k^{[n]}(\mathbf{x}) \quad - \text{weak anisotropy matrix}$$

$\Gamma_{ik}$  - elements of Christoffel matrix  $\Gamma$

$\mathbf{e}^{[m]}$  - triplet of orthonormal vectors

$$\mathbf{e}^{[3]} = c\mathbf{p}, \quad \mathbf{e}^{[1]}, \mathbf{e}^{[2]} \quad \text{arbitrarily in the plane} \quad \perp \mathbf{e}^{[3]}$$

$\mathbf{p}$  - first-order P- or common S-wave slowness vector

$c$  - first-order P- or common S-wave phase velocity

# Basic formulae

## S-wave polarization plane

$$\mathbf{f}^{[K]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) = \mathbf{e}^{[K]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) + \mathbf{e}^{[3]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]})B_{K3}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]})/(1 - B_{33}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) )$$

$\mathbf{f}^{[K]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]})$  define S-wave polarization plane perpendicular to

$$\mathbf{f}^{[3]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) = \mathbf{e}^{[3]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) + (B_{13}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]})\mathbf{e}^{[1]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) + B_{23}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]})\mathbf{e}^{[2]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) )/ [1 - \frac{1}{2}(B_{11}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) + B_{22}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]}) )]$$

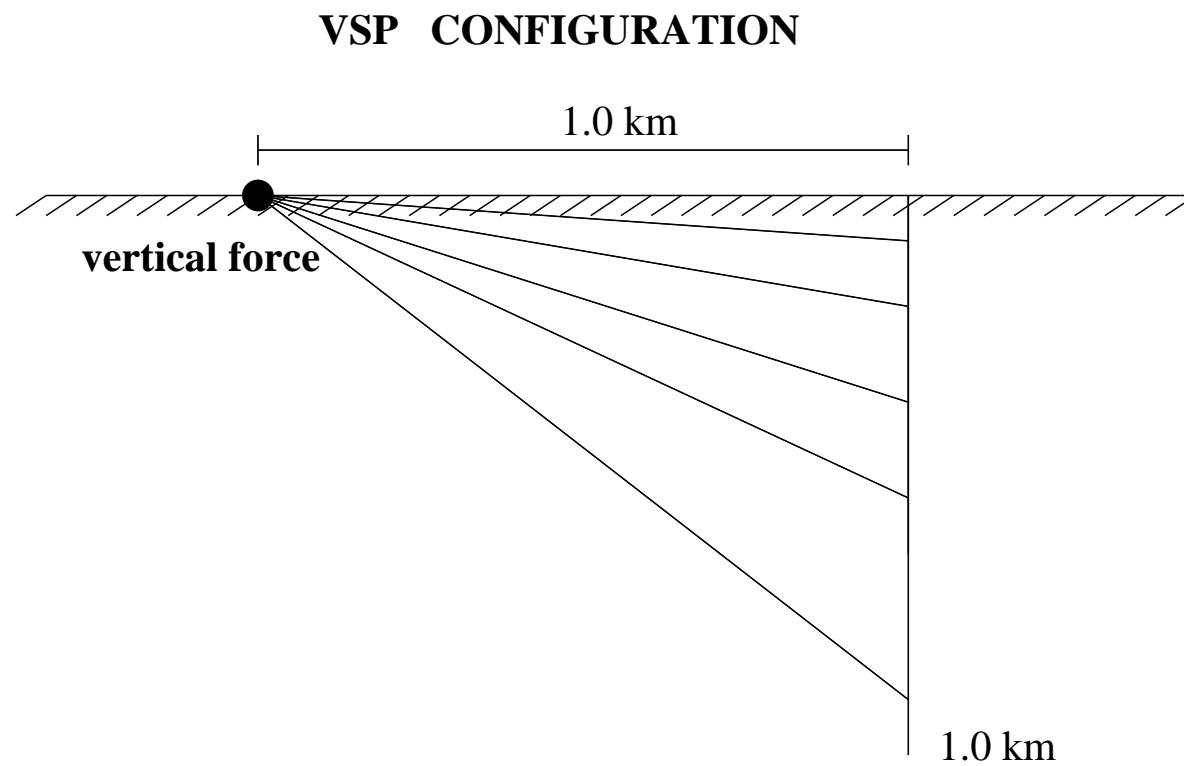
$\mathbf{f}^{[i]}(\mathbf{p}^{[\mathcal{M}]})$  - non-perpendicular, non-unit vectors

# Basic formulae

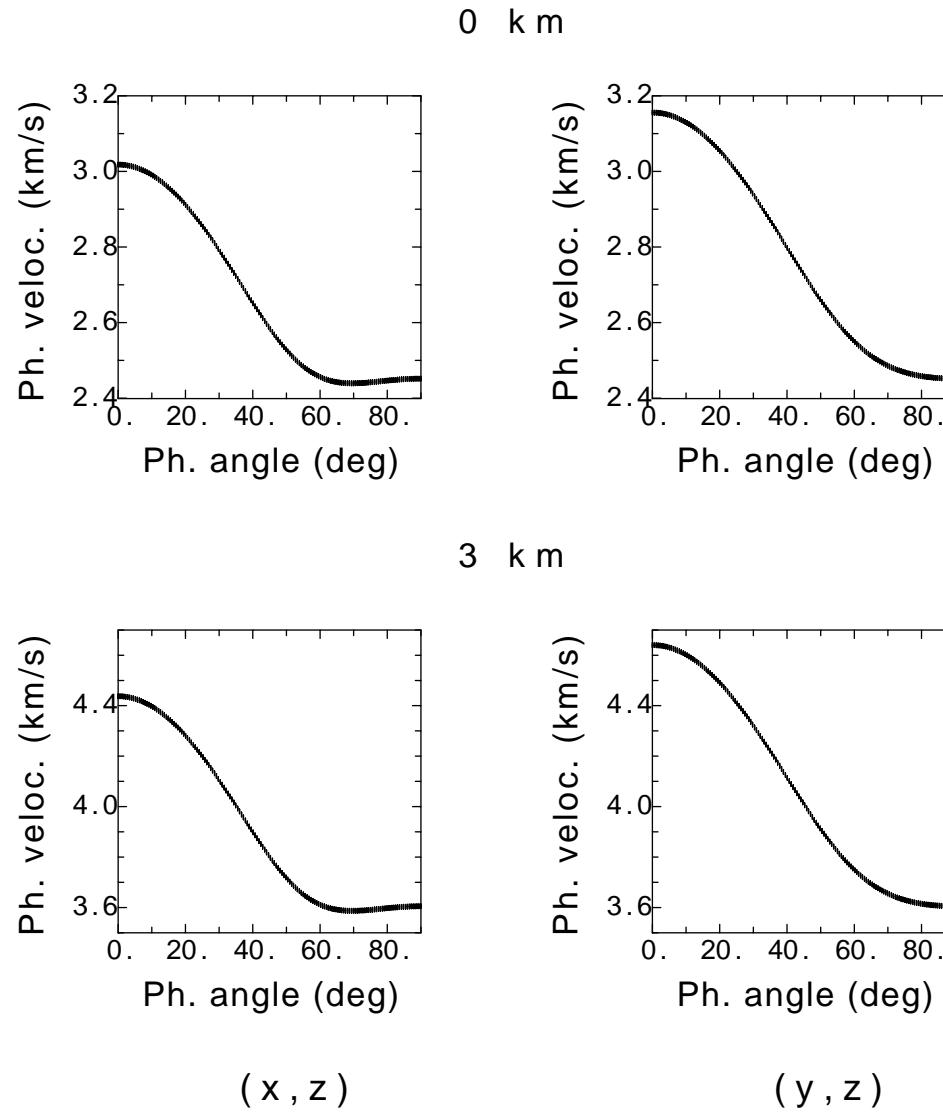
## P-wave polarization vector

$$\mathbf{f}^{[3]}(\mathbf{p}^{[3]}) = \mathbf{e}^{[3]}(\mathbf{p}^{[3]}) + (B_{13}(\mathbf{p}^{[3]})\mathbf{e}^{[1]}(\mathbf{p}^{[3]}) + B_{23}(\mathbf{p}^{[3]})\mathbf{e}^{[2]}(\mathbf{p}^{[3]})) / [1 - \frac{1}{2}(B_{11}(\mathbf{p}^{[3]}) + B_{22}(\mathbf{p}^{[3]}))]$$

# Configuration

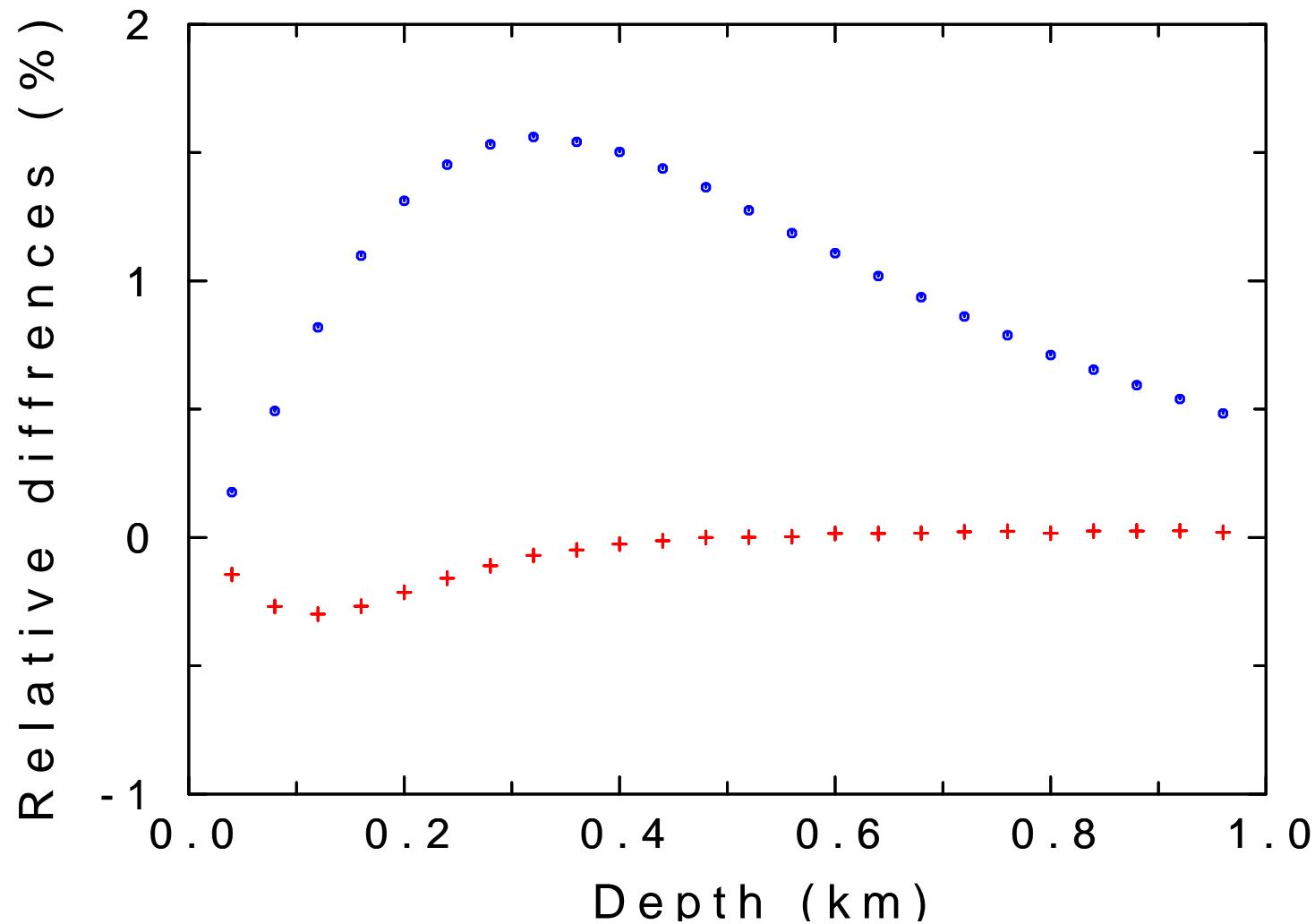


# P waves - ORT model ( $\sim 20\%$ anisotropy)

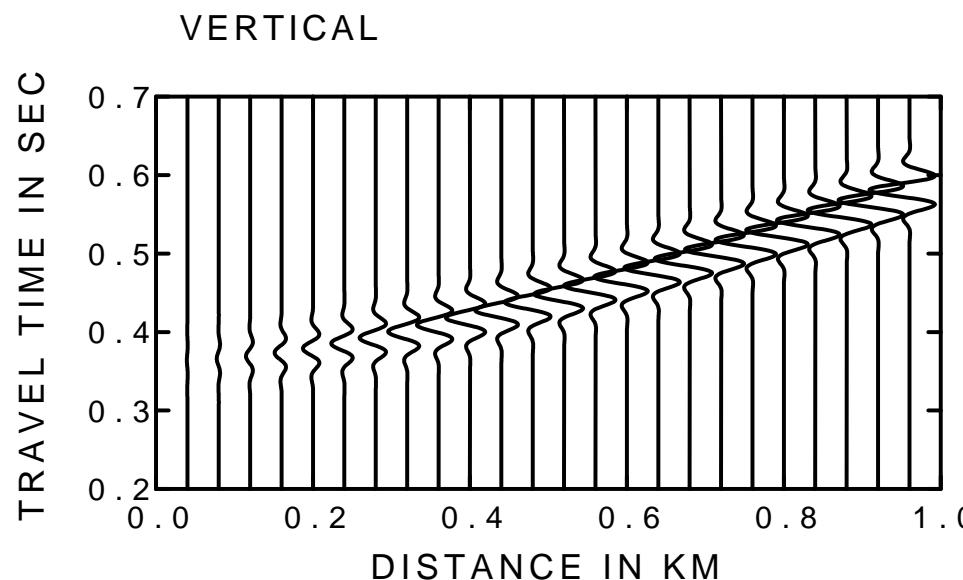
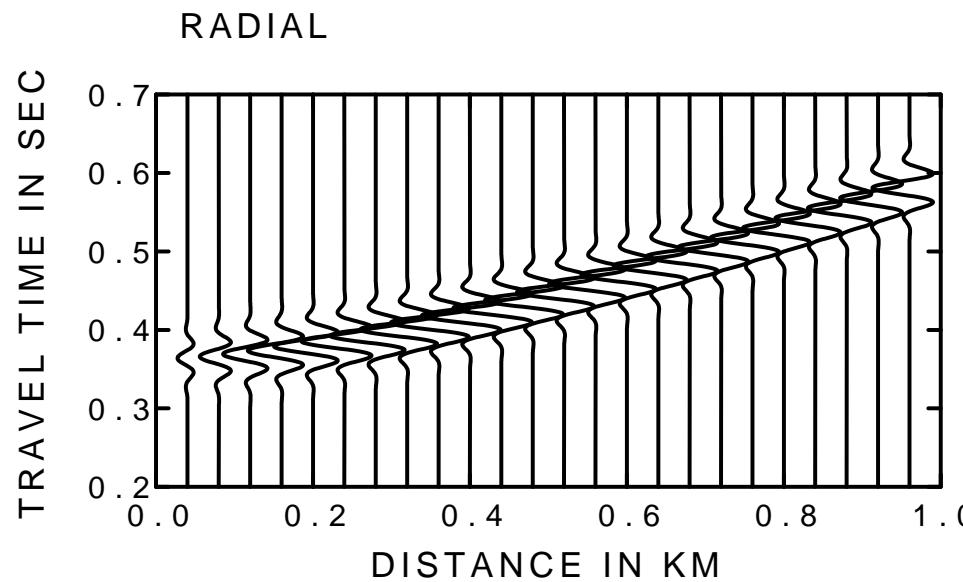


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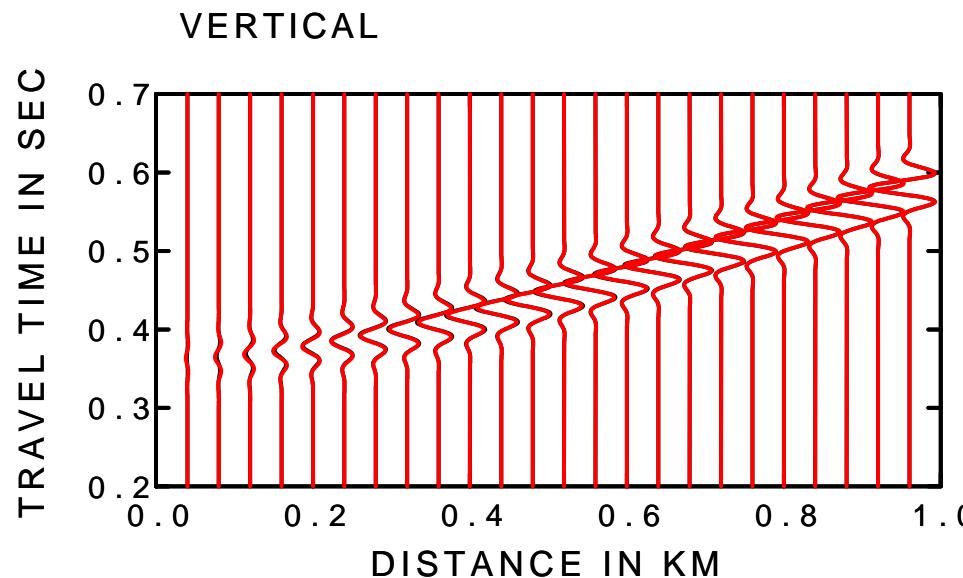
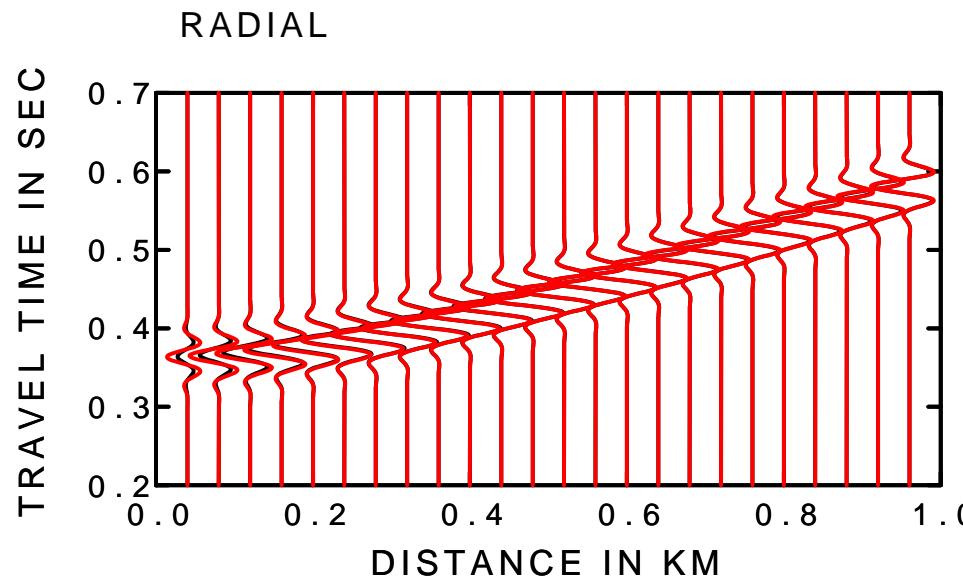
first- and second-order travelttime (comparison with ANRAY)



# P waves - ORT model- ANRAY



# P waves - ORT model- ANRAY, FORT



## S waves - comparisons

Comparison of

the Fourier pseudospectral method (FM)

the ray theory (RT)

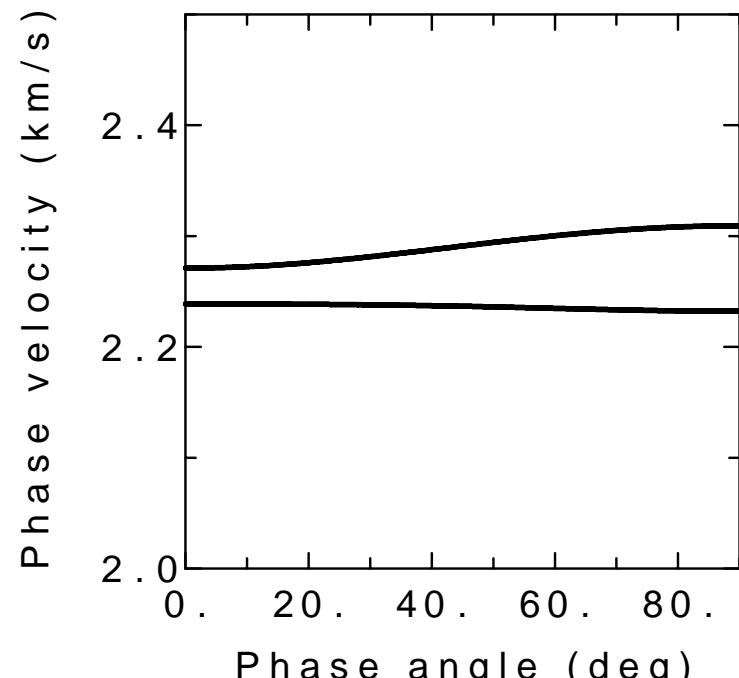
the FORT coupling ray theory (CRT)

for the VSP experiment

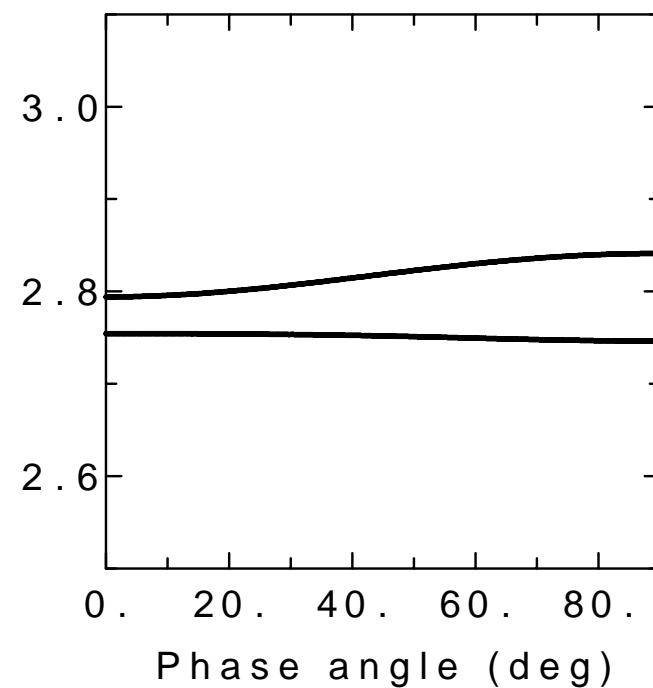
# Comparisons - weak anisotropy

HTI model with axis of symmetry  $45^0$  off profile (Klimeš & Bulant, 2004)

QI (ANI  $\sim 2\%$ ): S WAVES



$z = 0 \text{ km}$

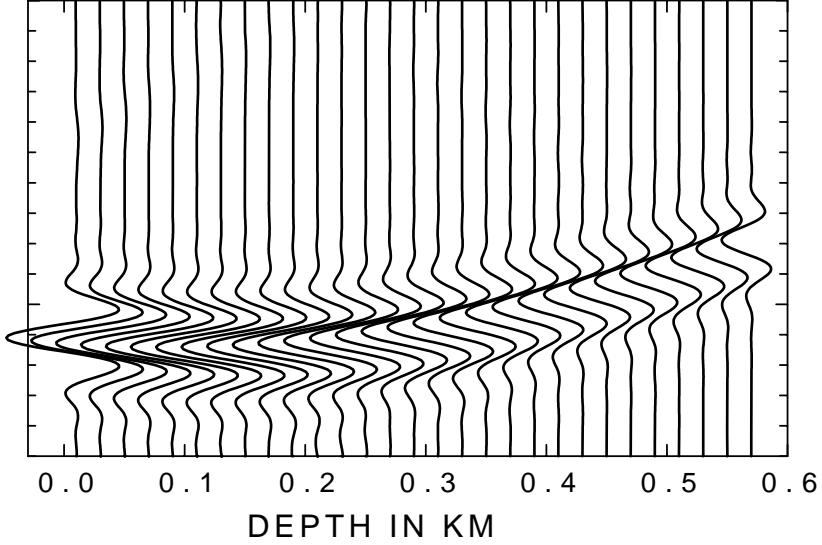


$z = 1 \text{ km}$

# Comparisons

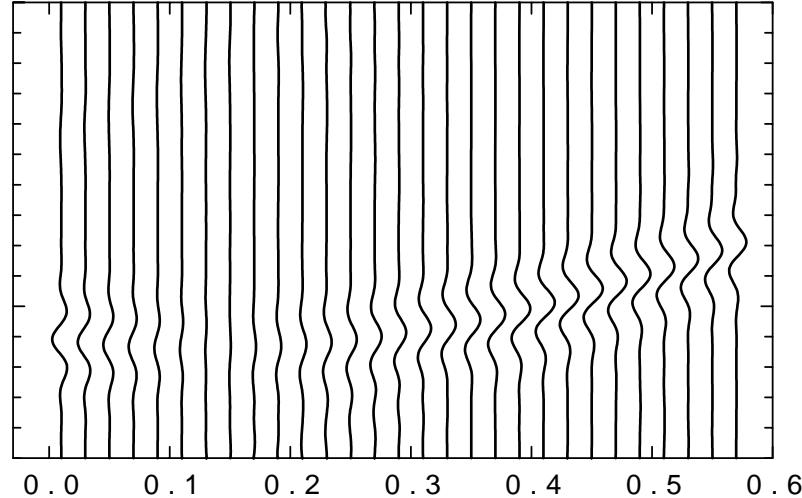
QI: FM

TRAVEL TIME IN SEC



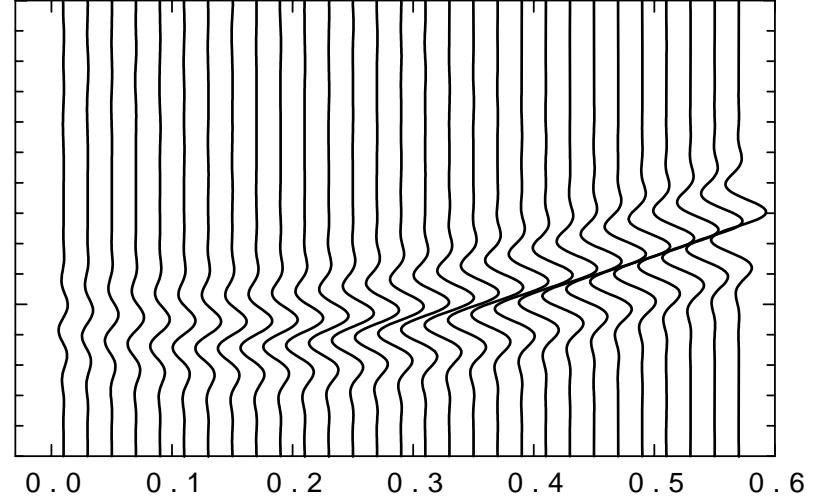
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TRAVEL TIME IN SEC



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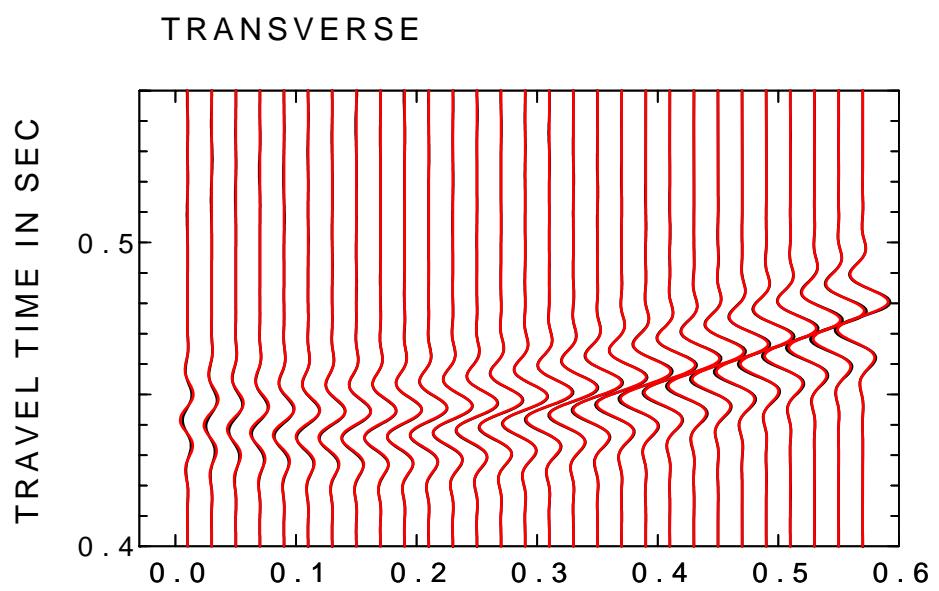
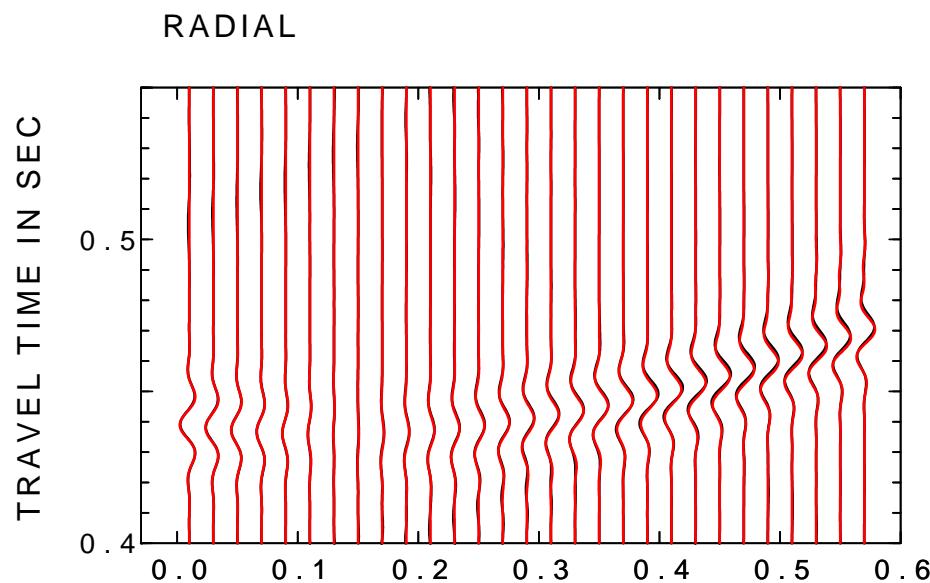
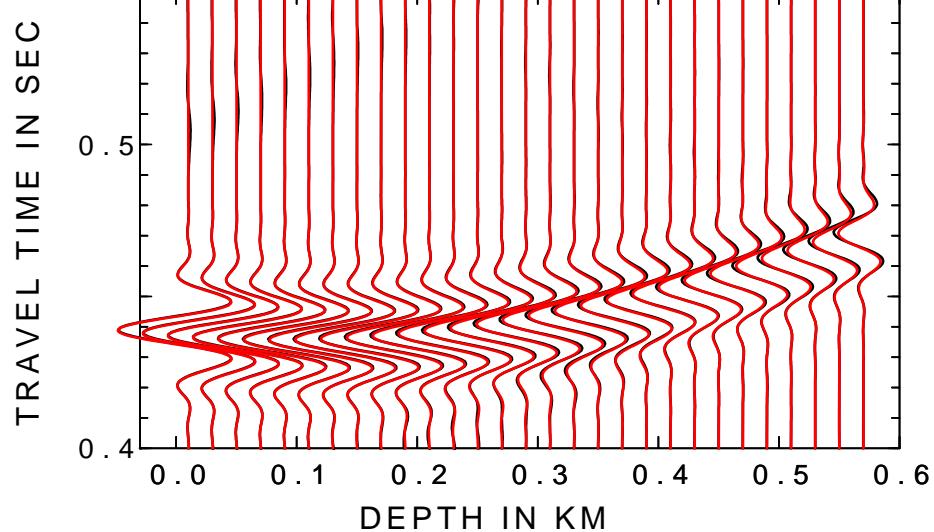
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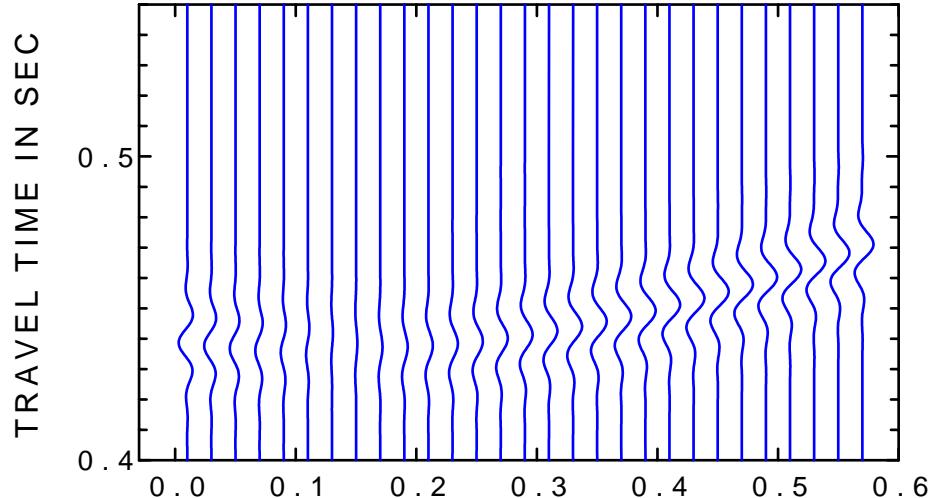
QI: FM CRT



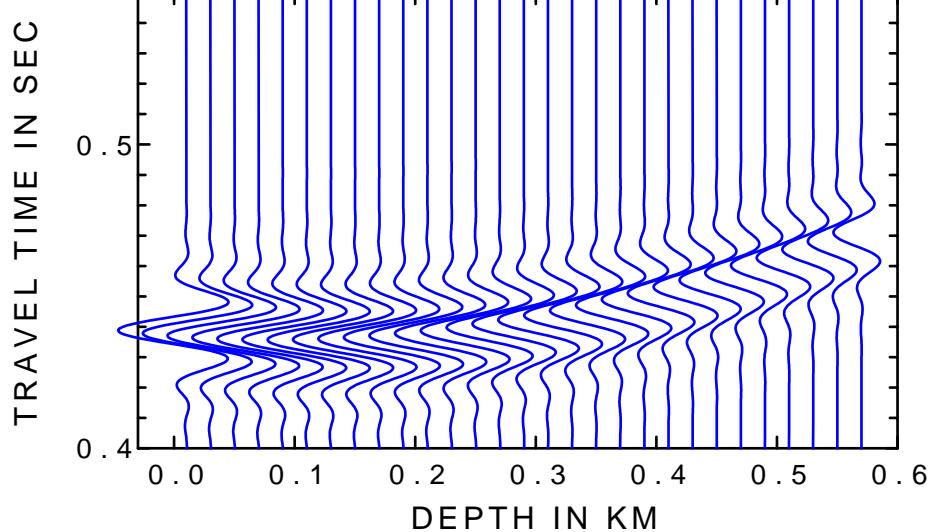
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QI: RT

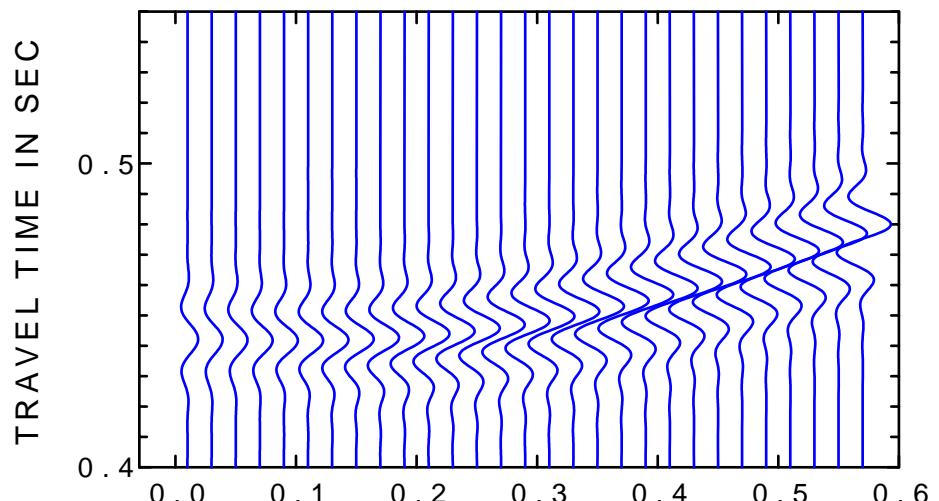
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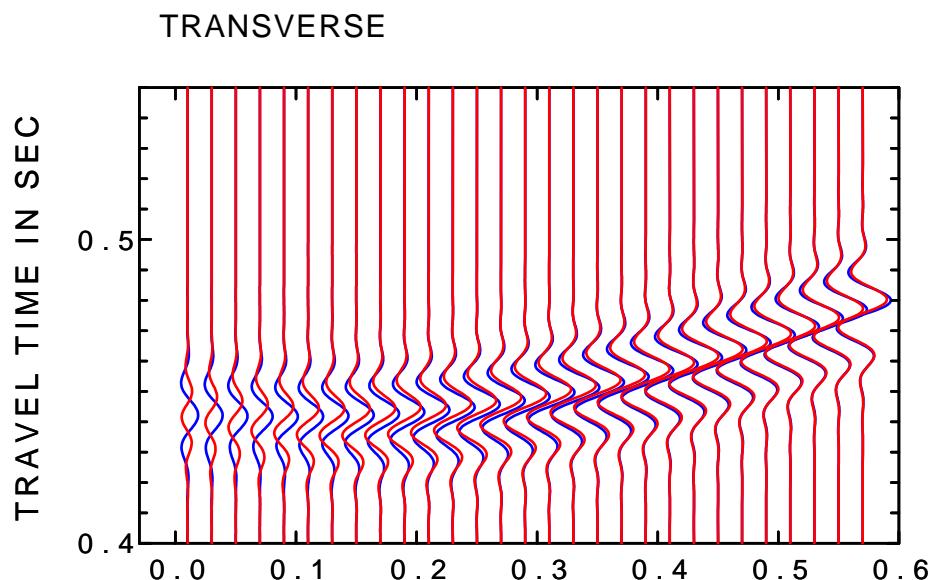
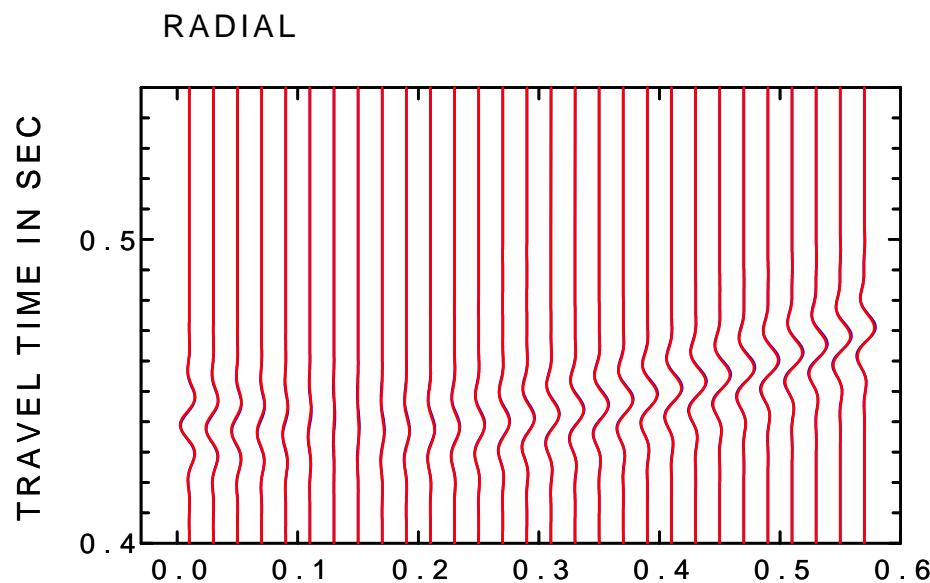
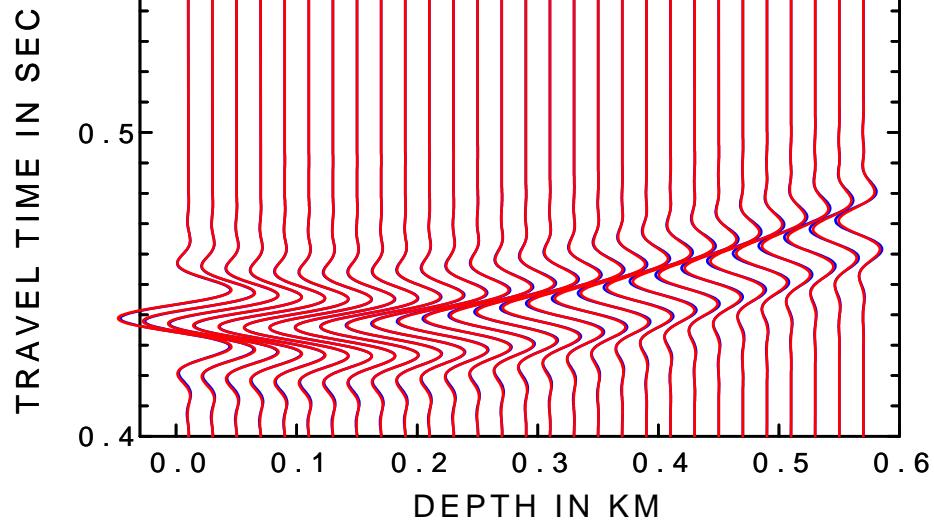


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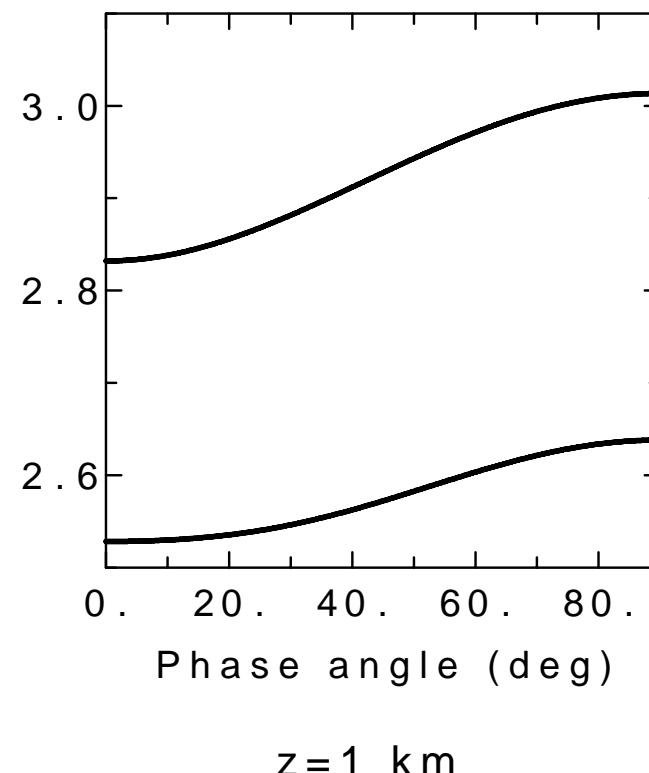
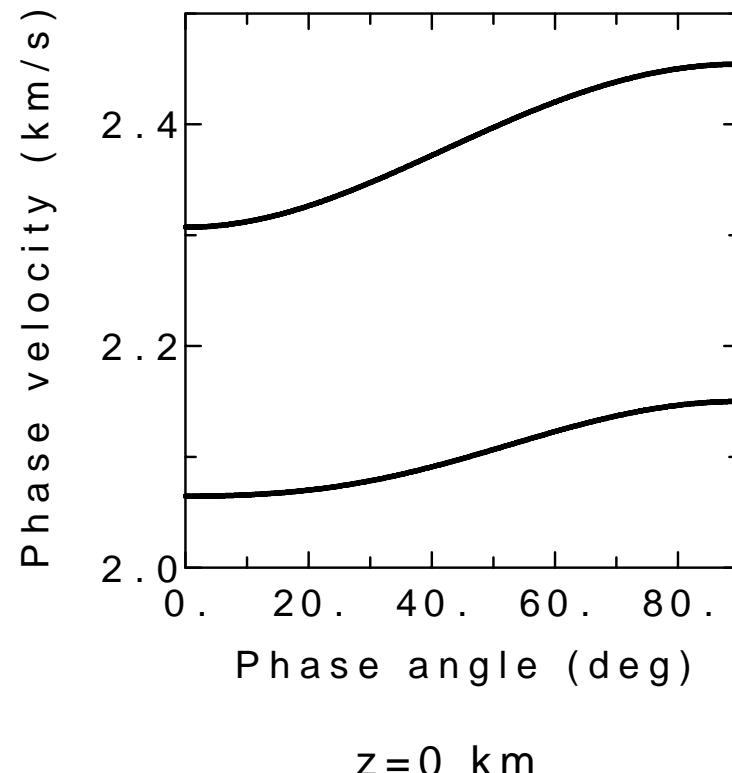
QI: RT CRT



# Comparisons - stronger anisotropy

HTI model with axis of symmetry  $45^0$  off profile (Klimeš & Bulant, 2004)

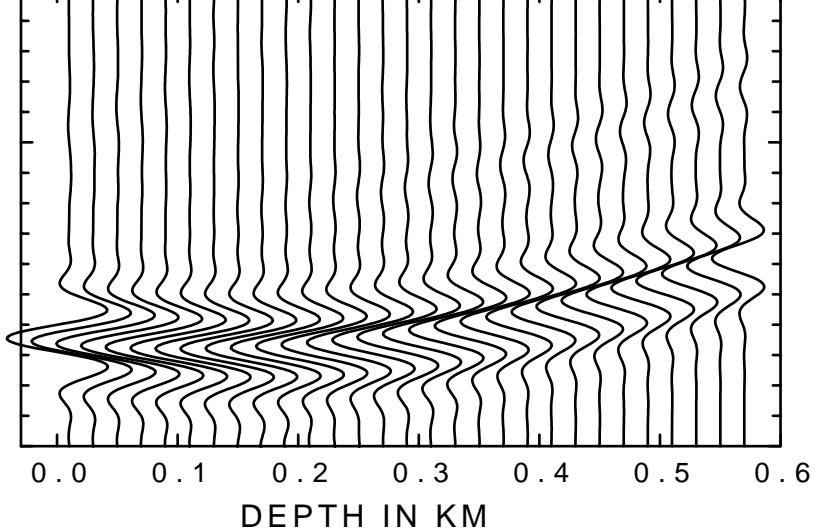
QI4 (ANI ~ 9%): S WAVES



# Comparisons

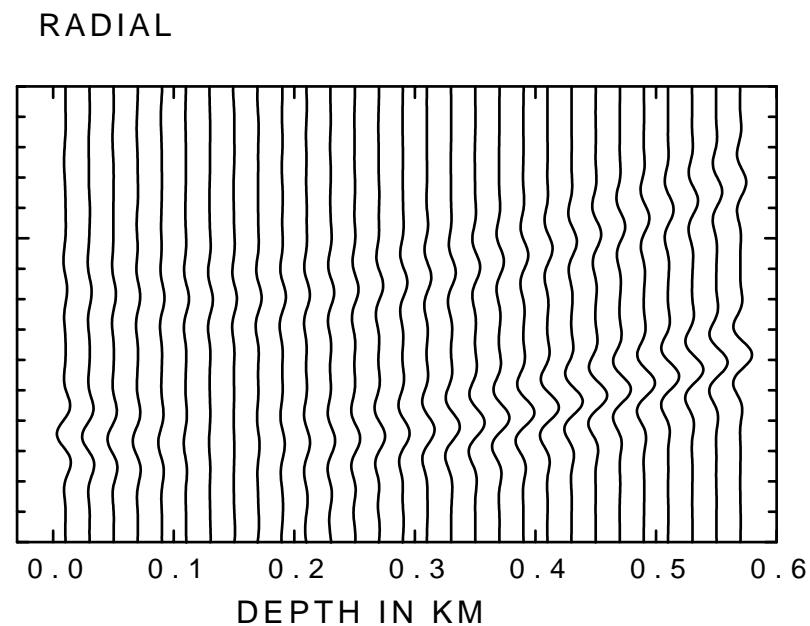
QI4: FM

TRAVEL TIME IN SEC



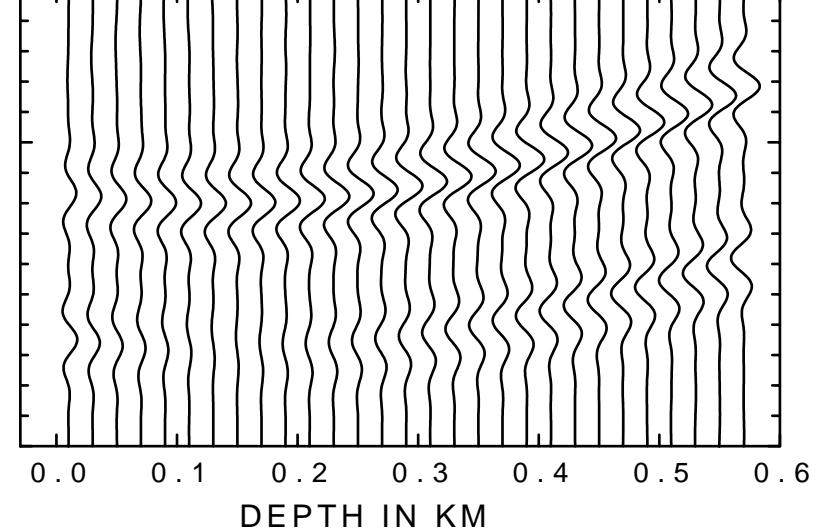
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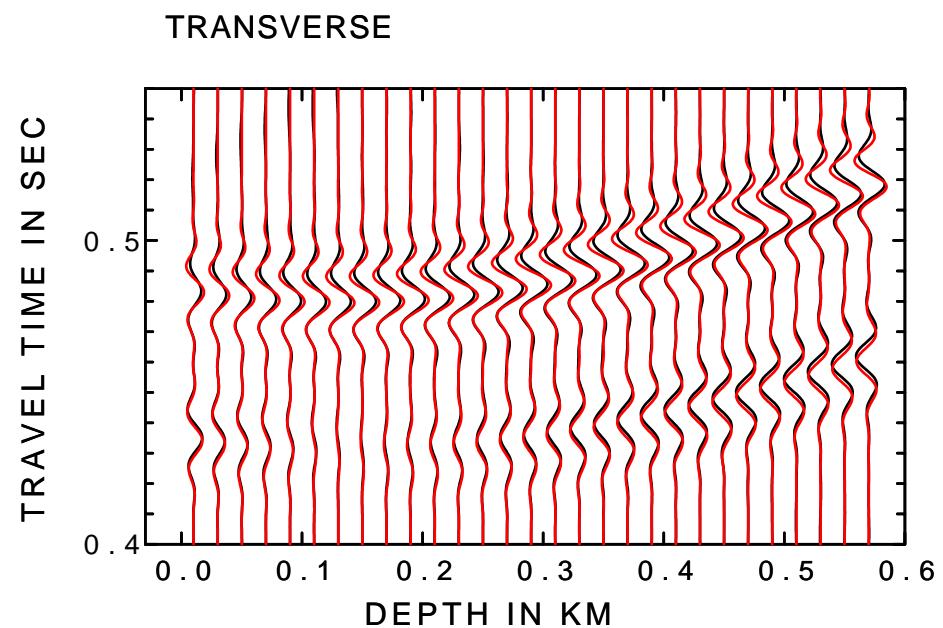
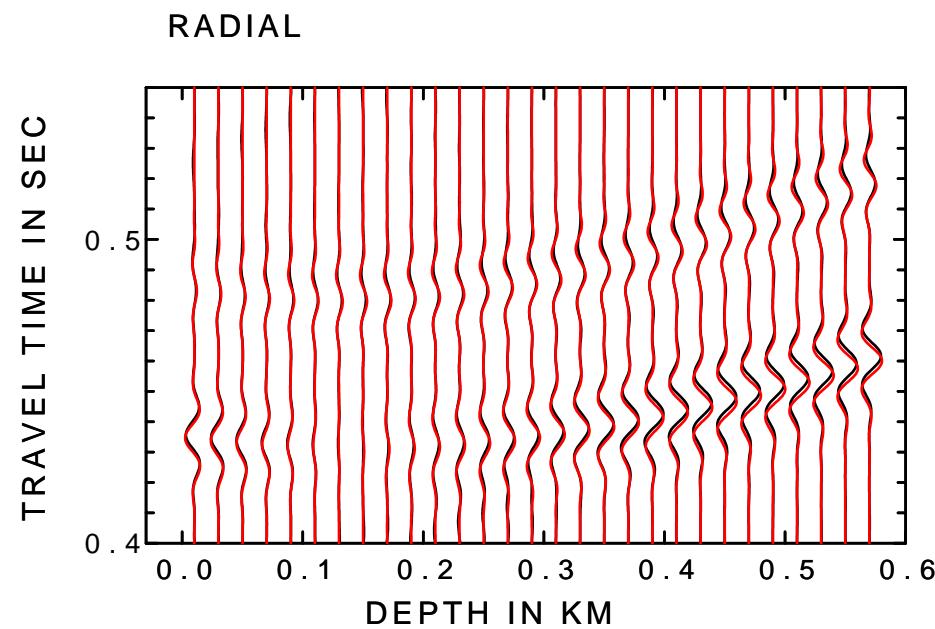
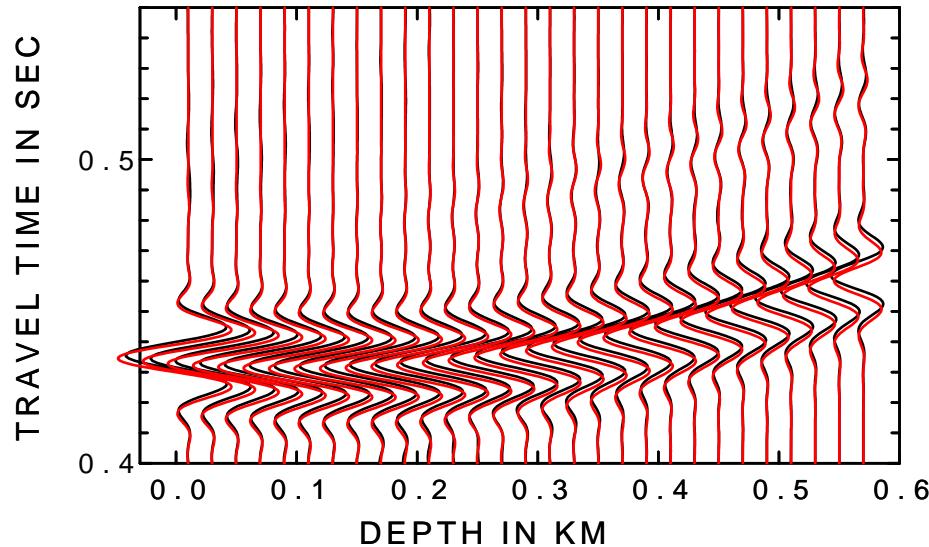
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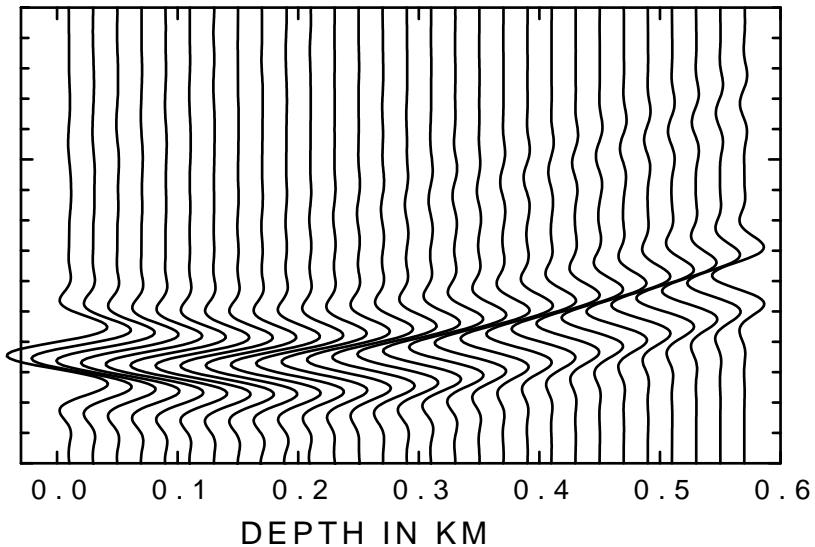
QI4: FM CRT



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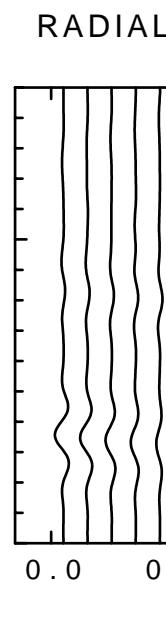
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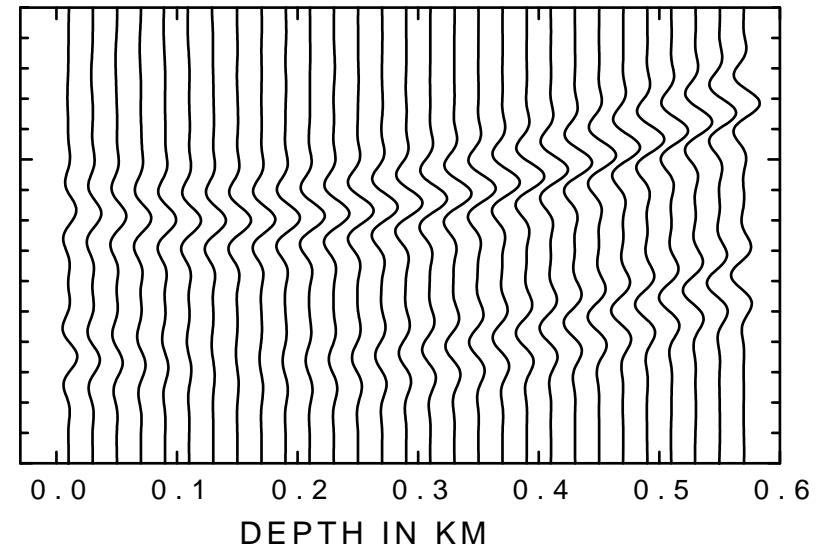
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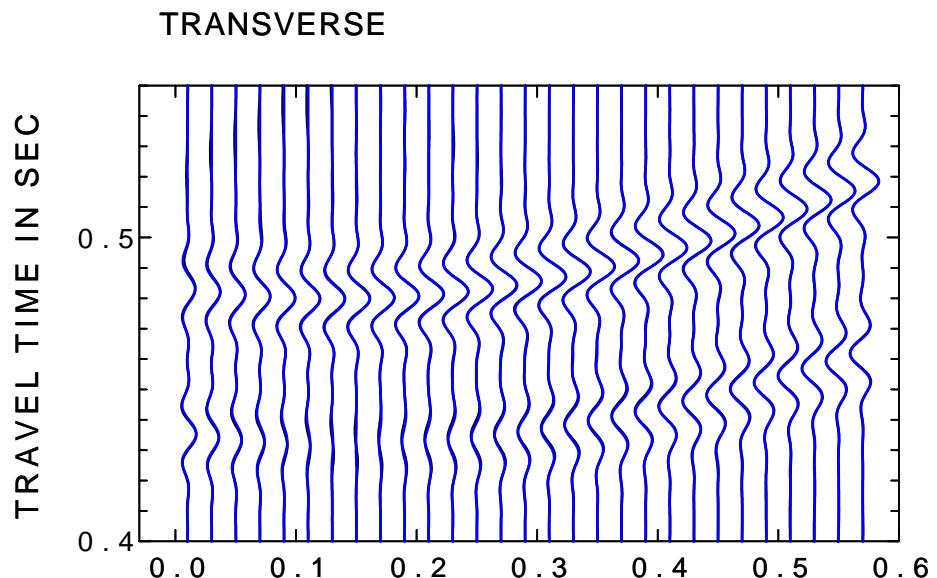
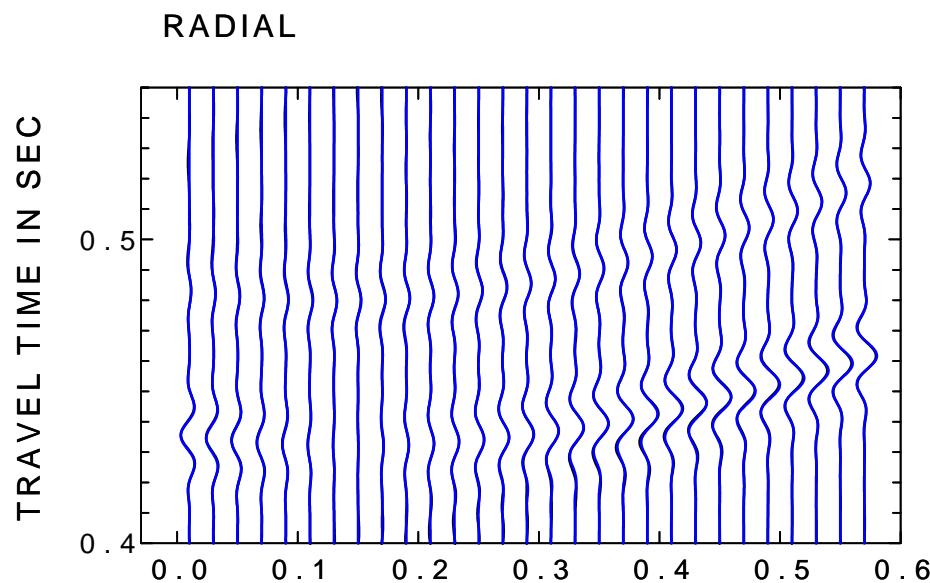
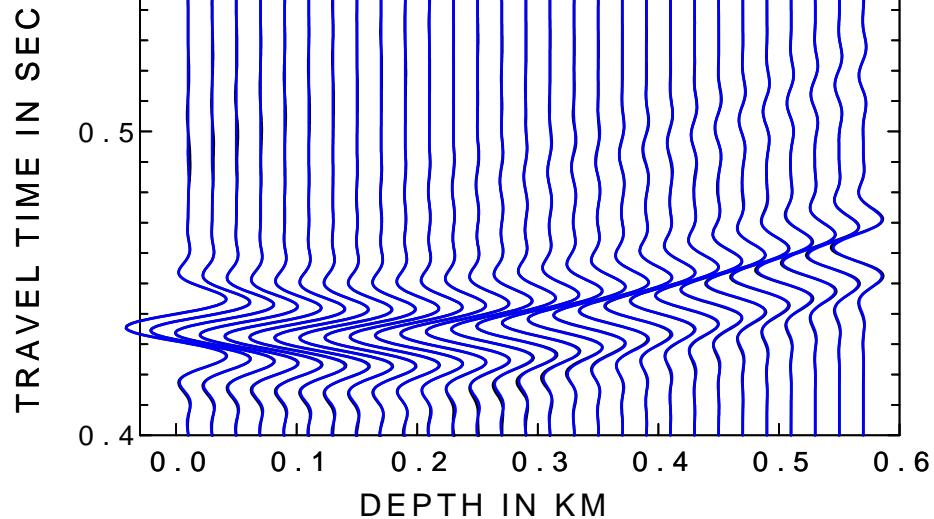
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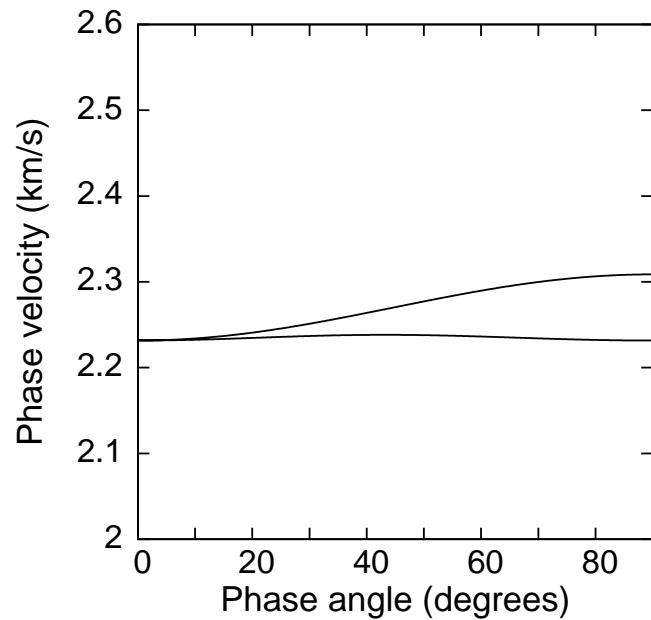
QI4: FM RT



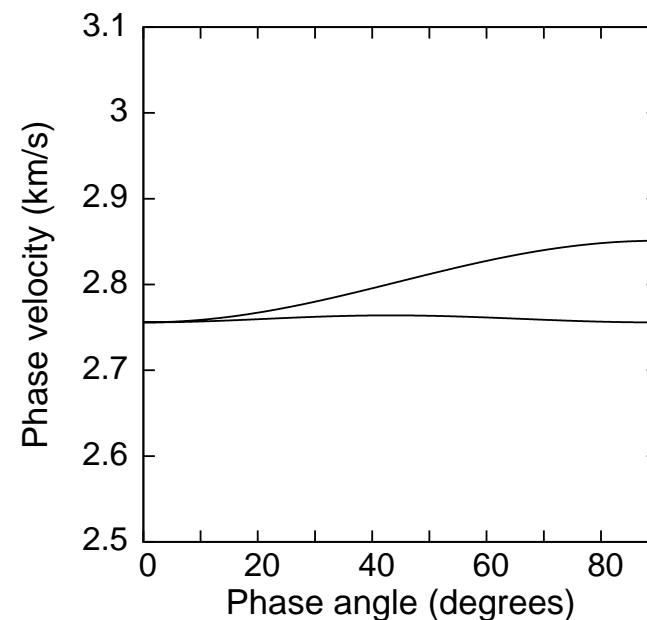
# Comparisons - kiss singularity

model QI rotated by  $44^0$  in the horizontal plane  $\Rightarrow$

$1^0$  between the profile and the axis of symmetry



$z=0$  km

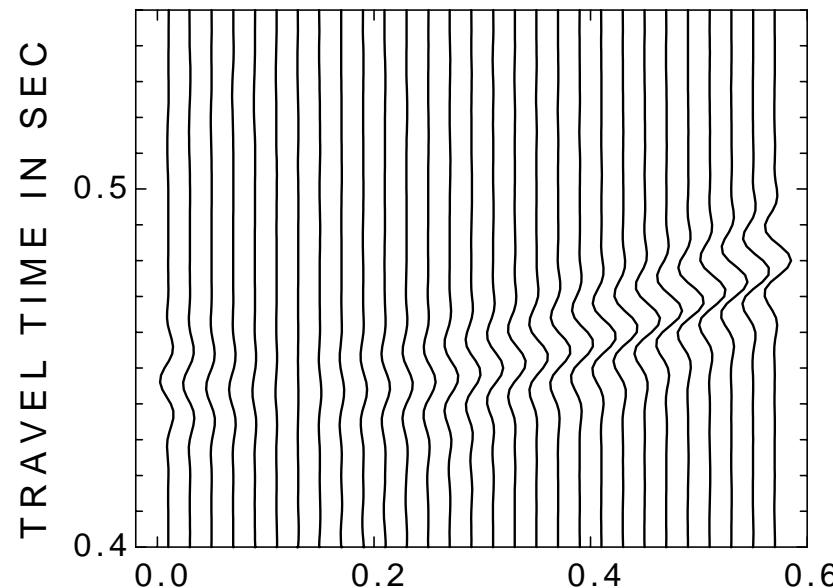


$z=1$  km

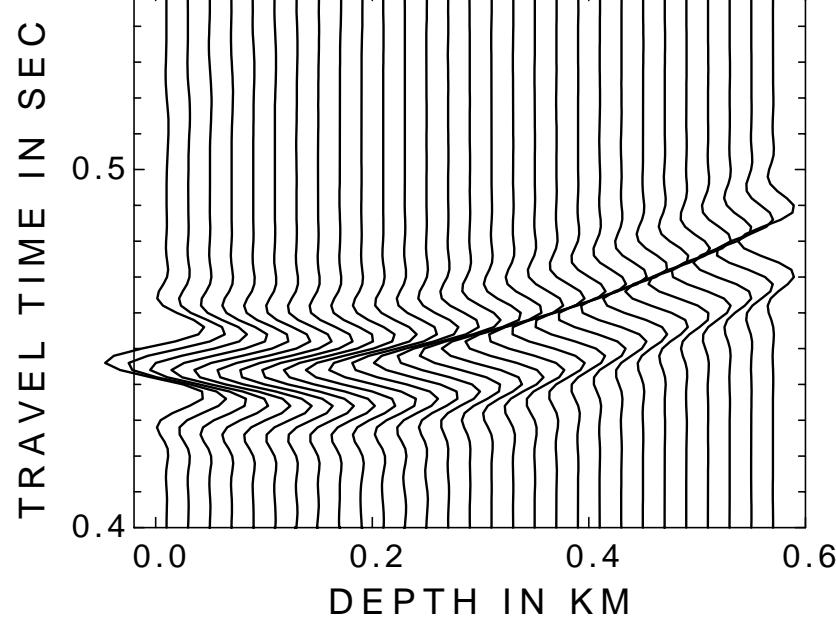
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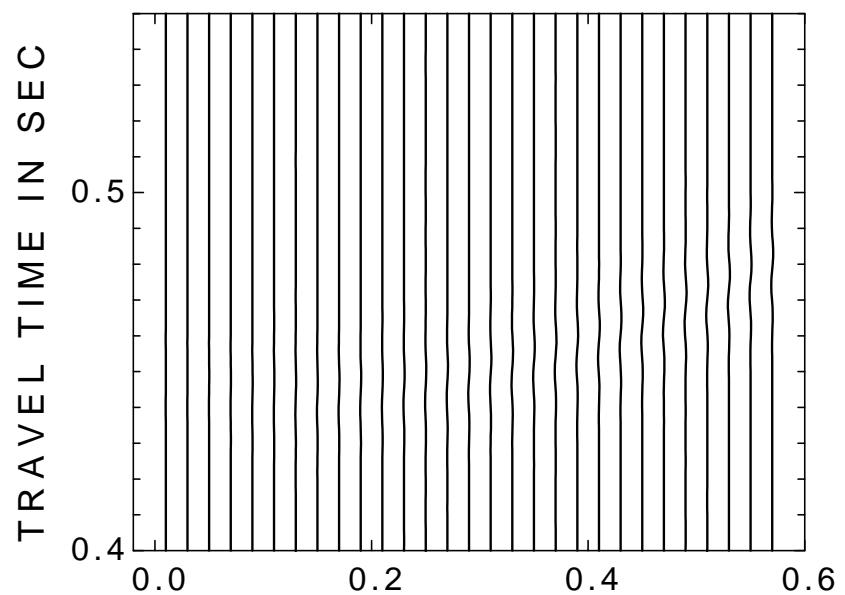
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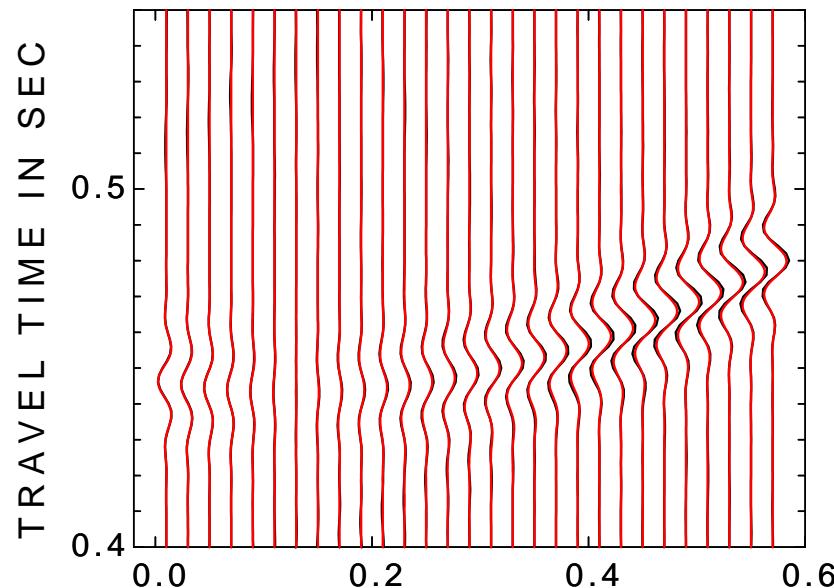
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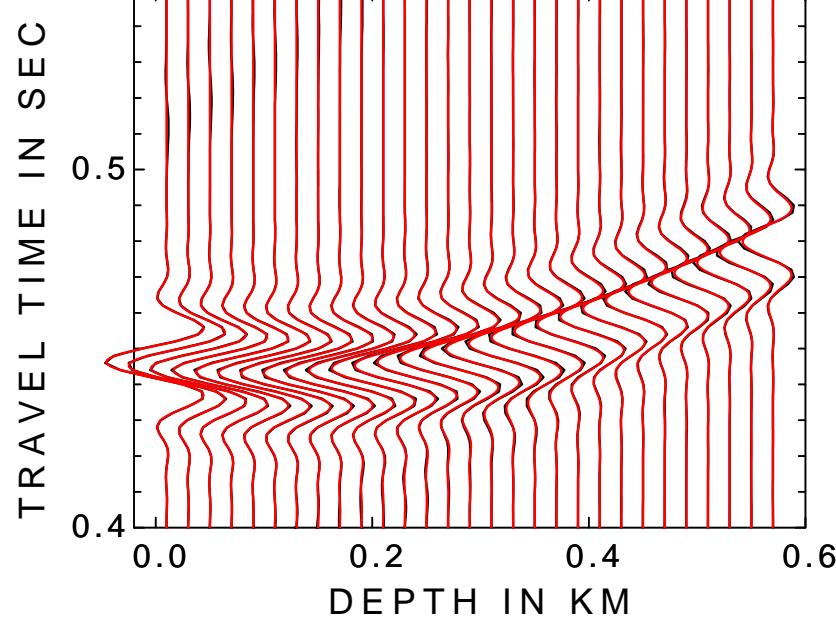
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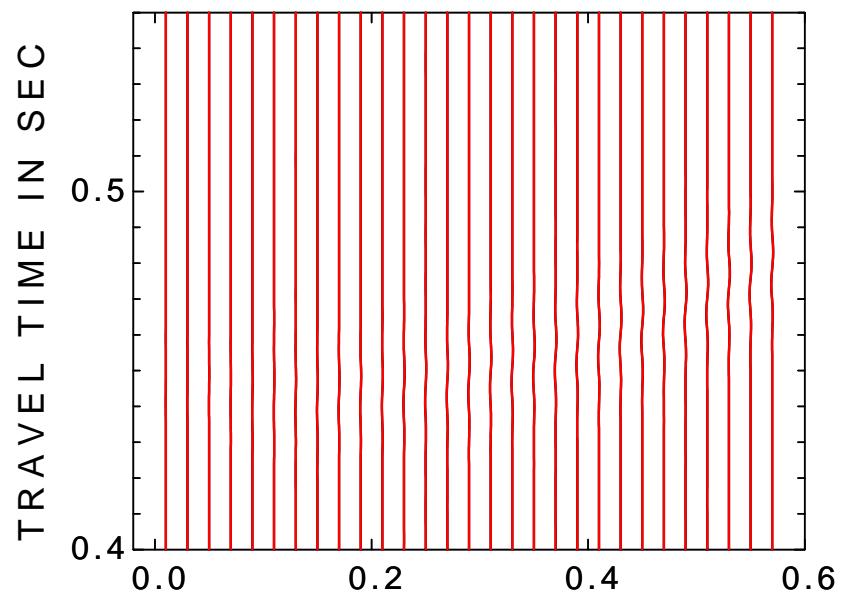
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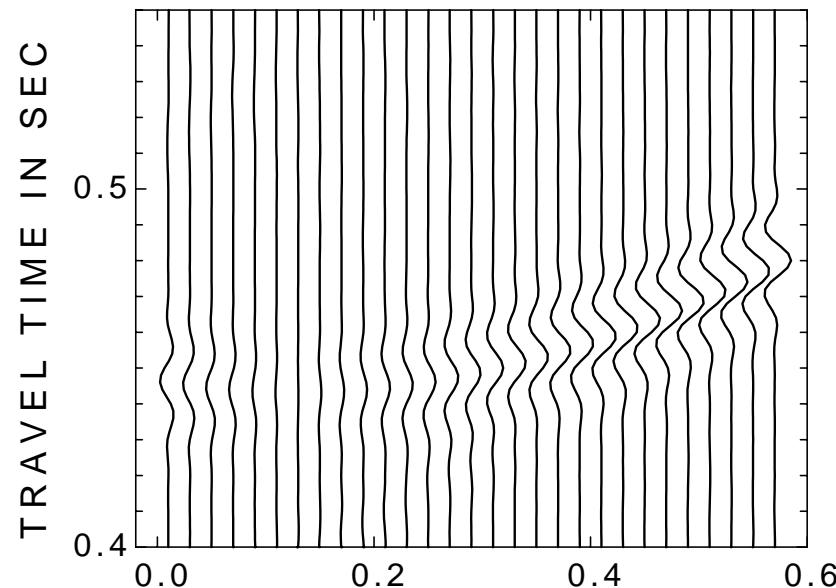
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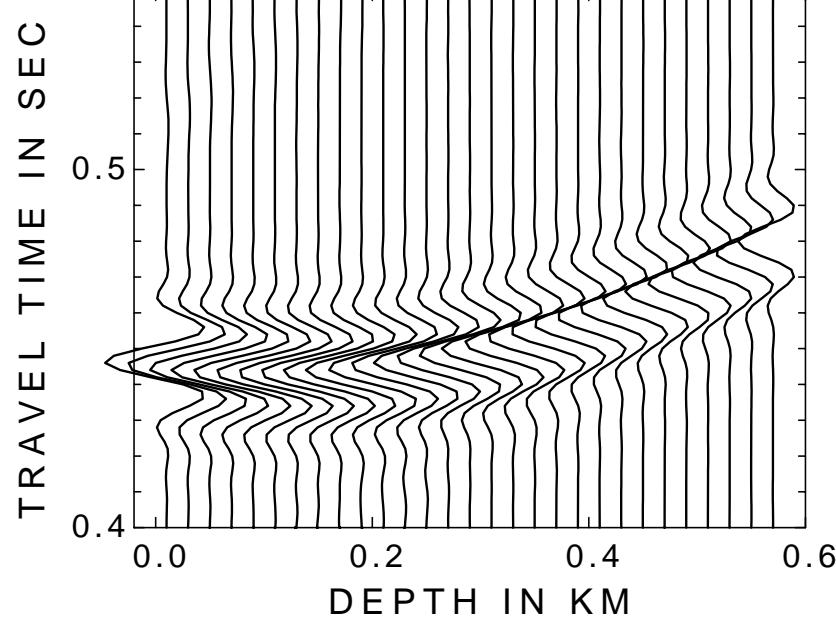
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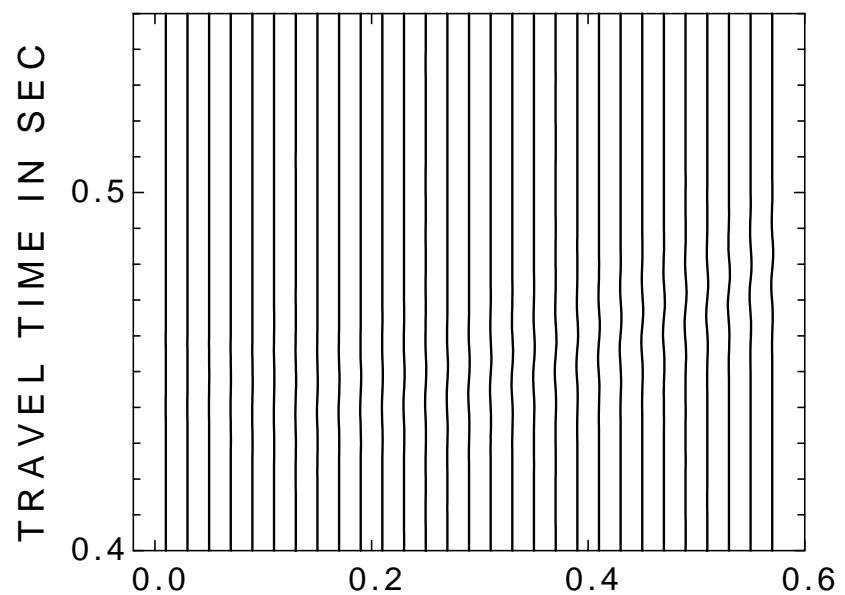
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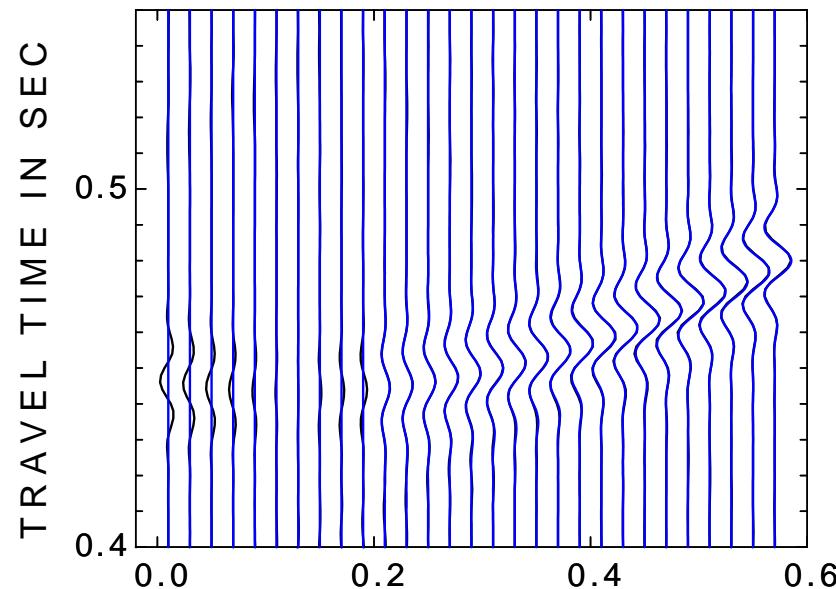
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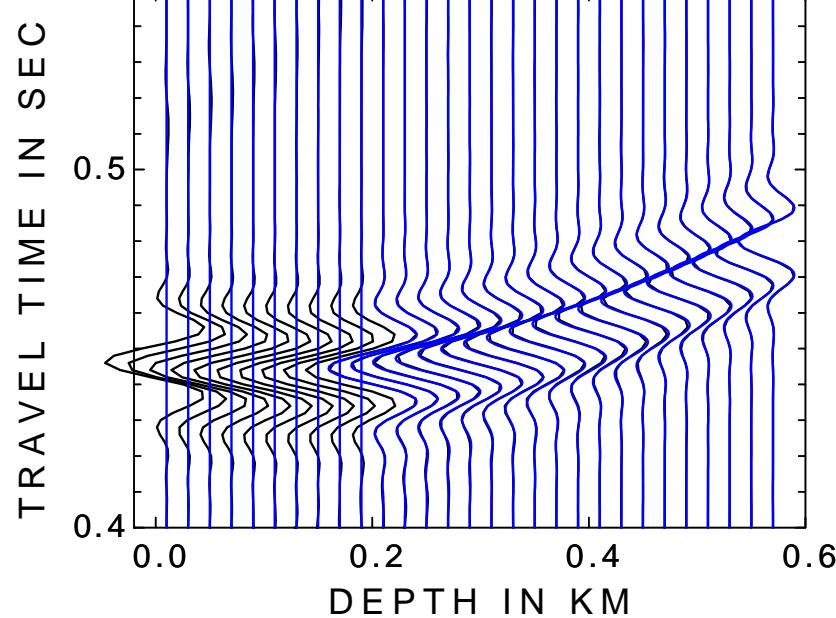
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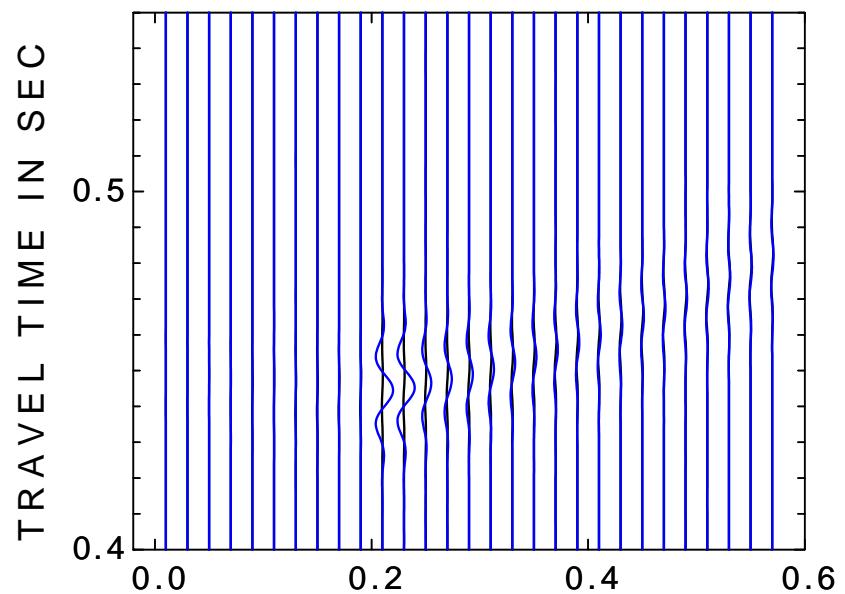
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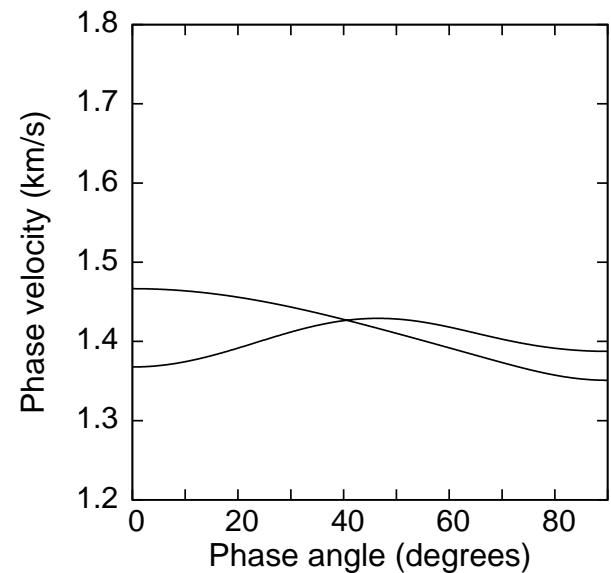


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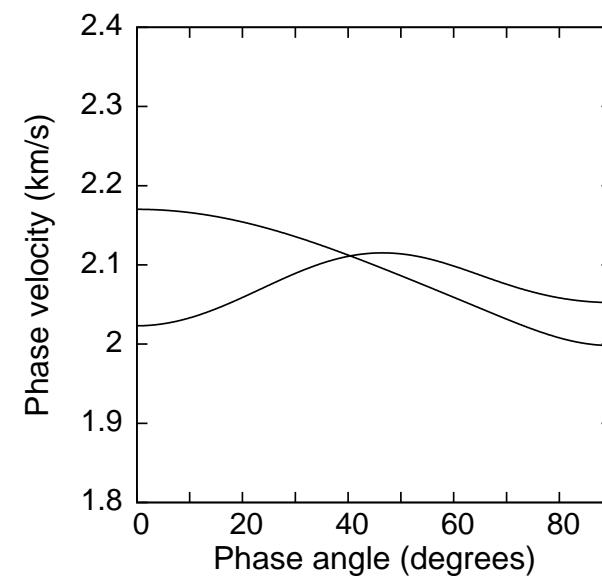


# Comparisons - conical singularity

model ORT: modified model of Schoenberg & Helbig (1997)



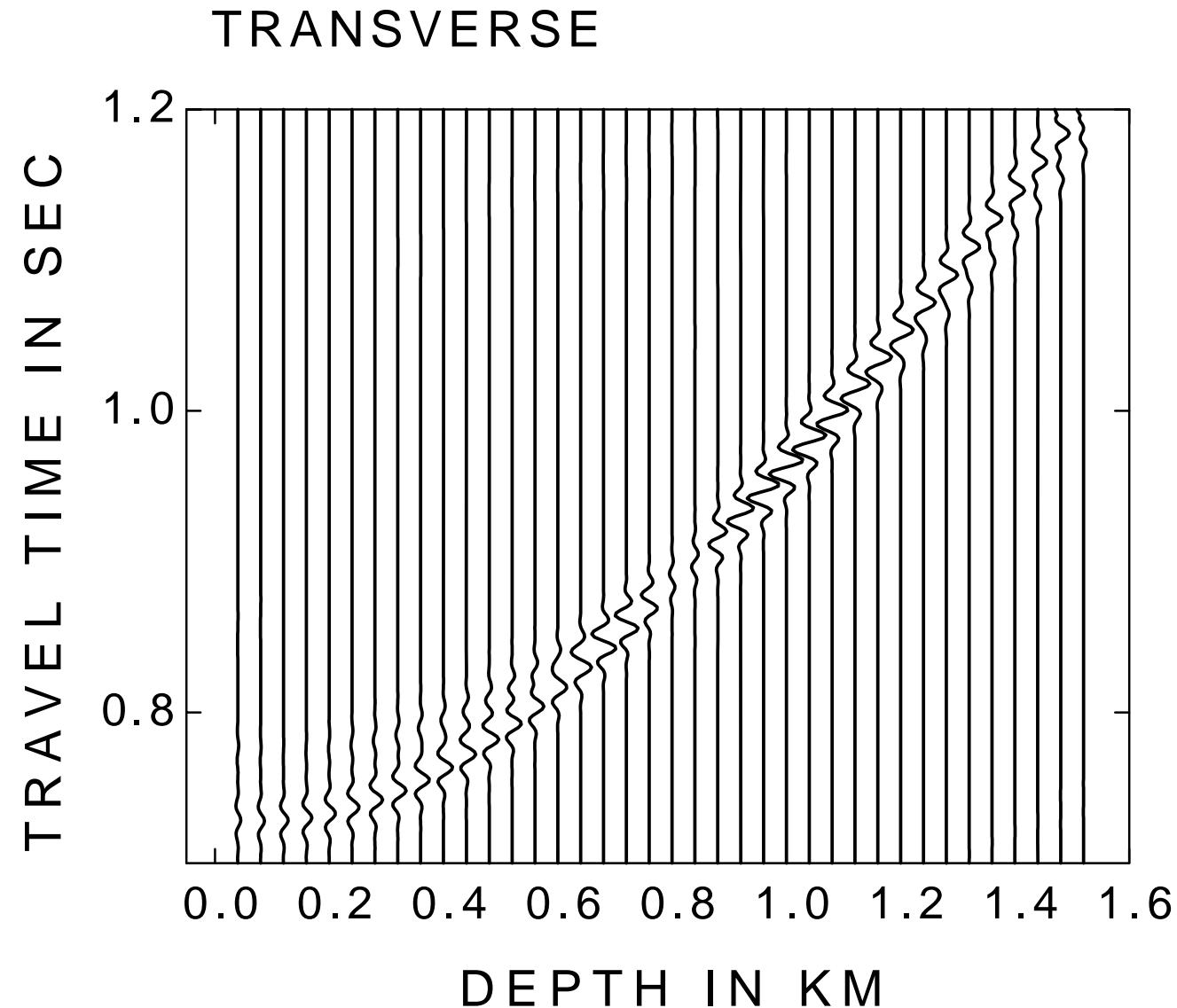
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$z=3$  km

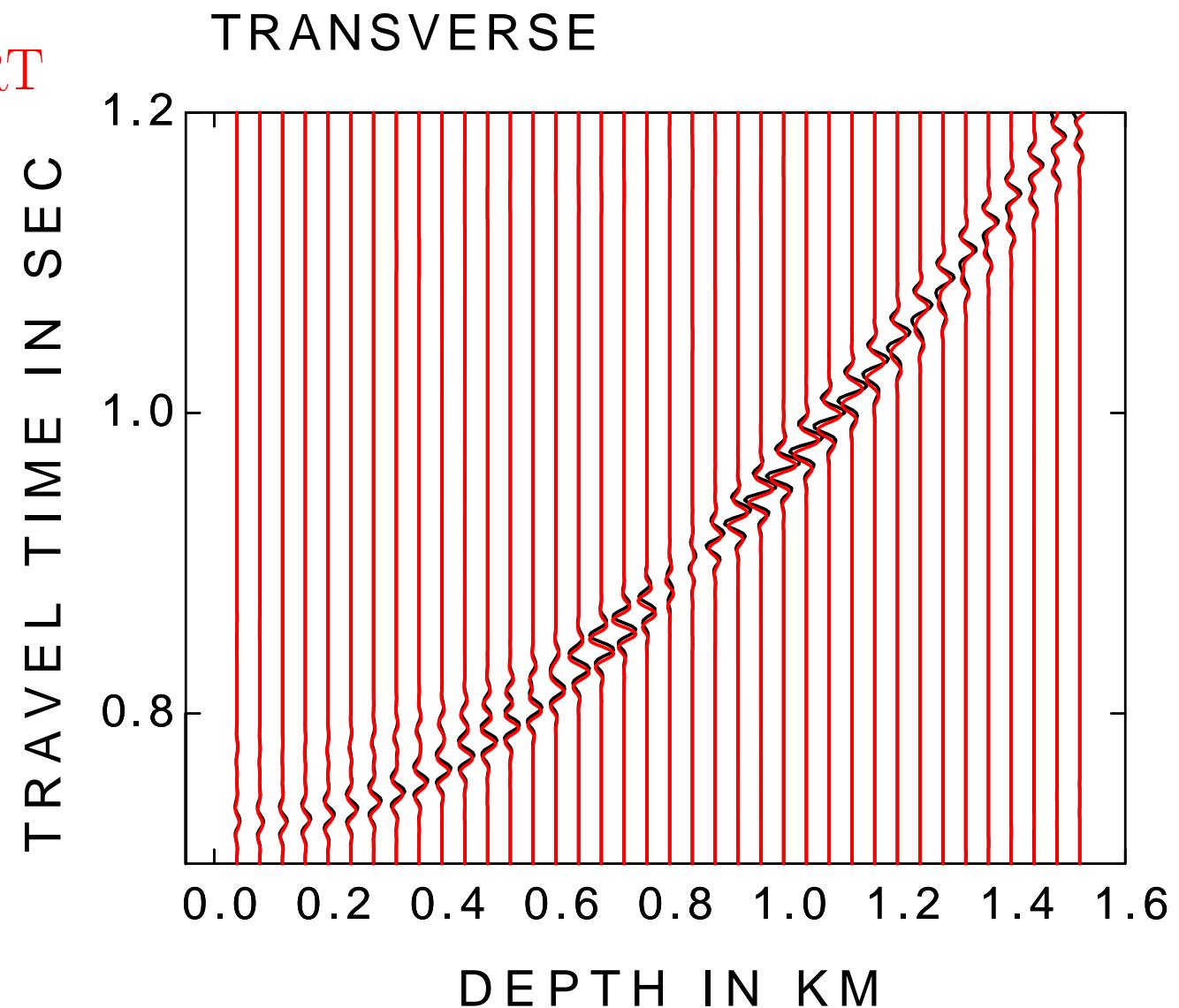
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ORT: FM



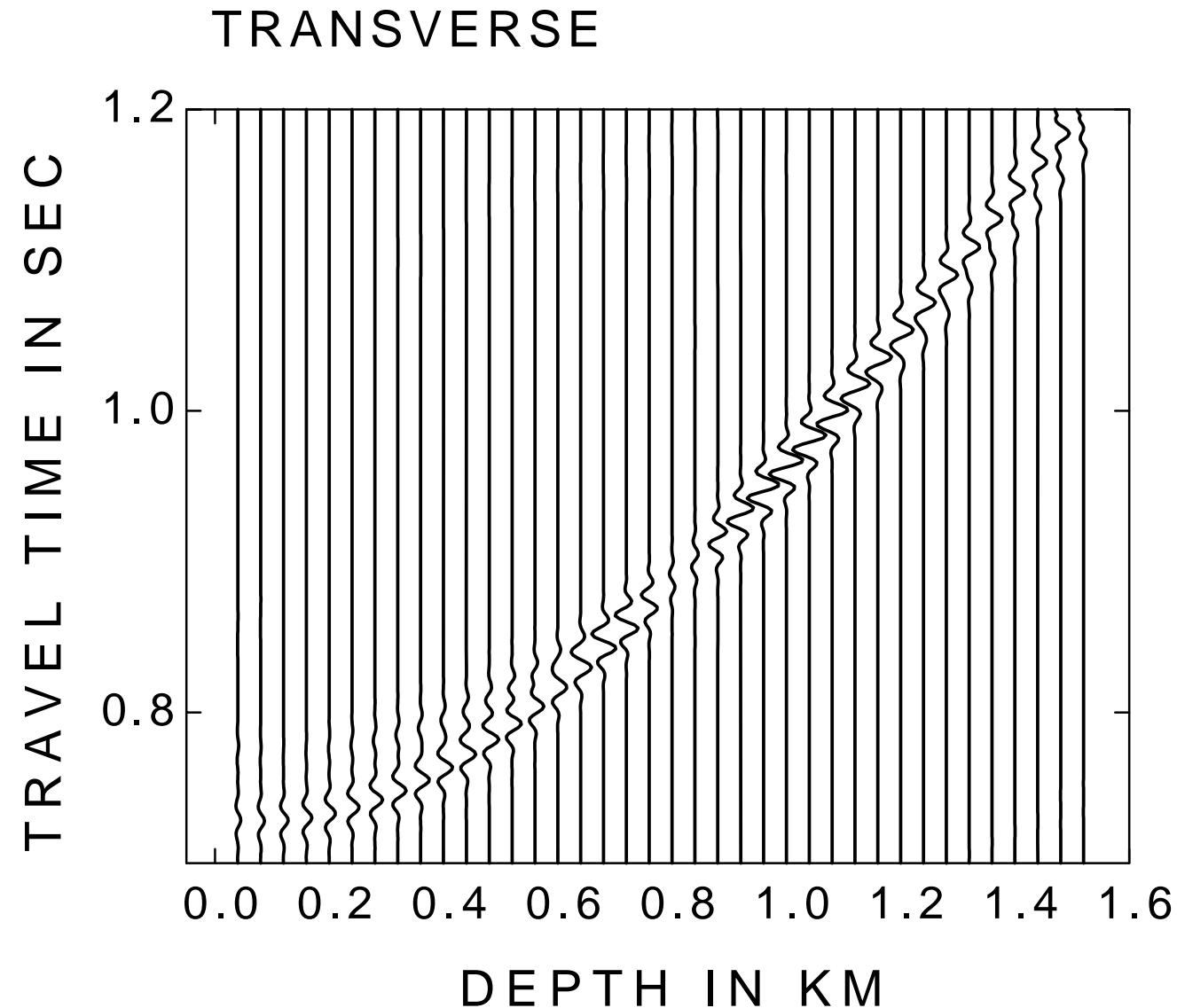
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ORT: FM **CRT**



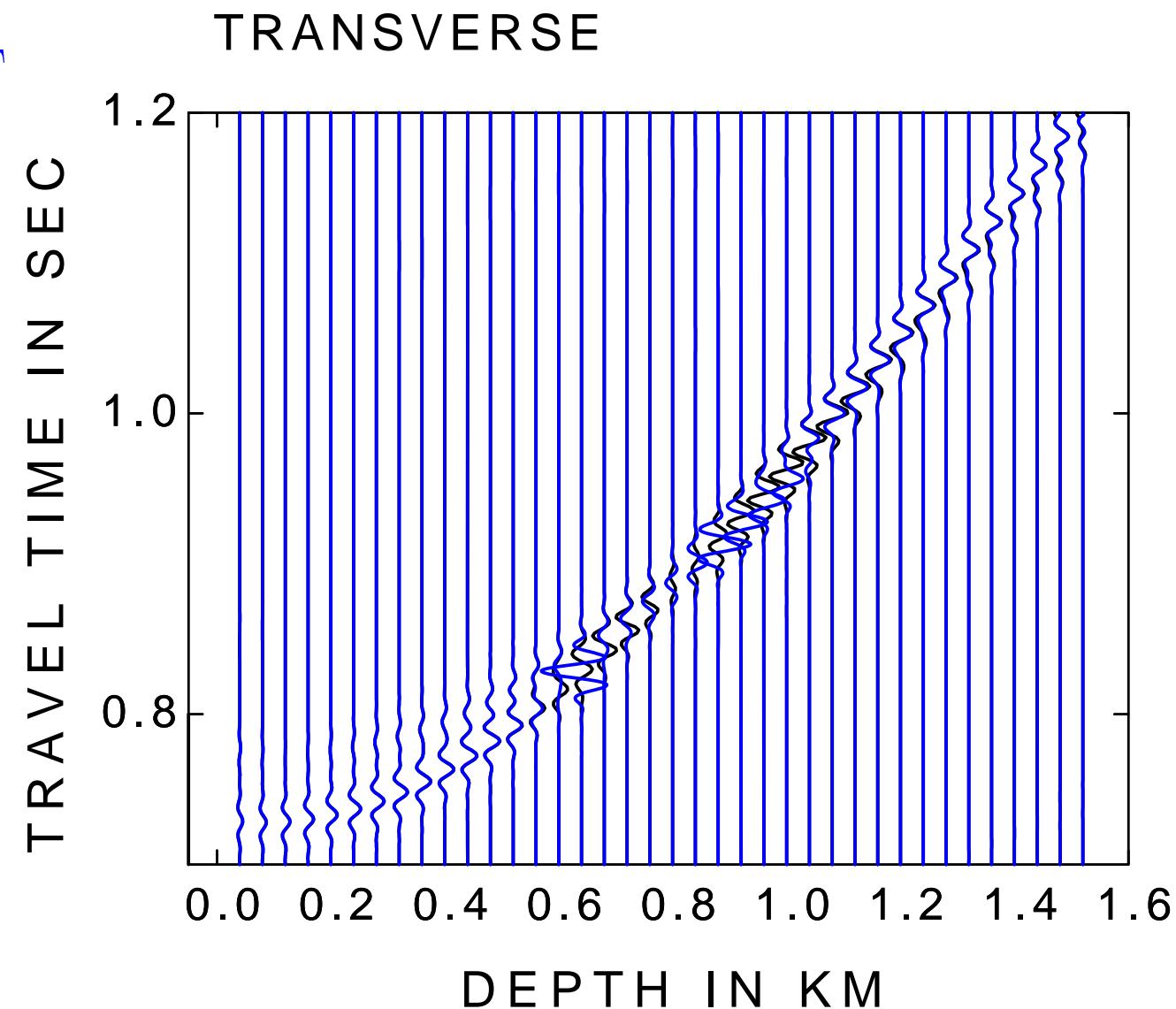
# Comparisons

ORT: FM



# Comparisons

ORT: FM RT



# Conclusions

- FORT and FODRT approximate in weakly anisotropic media
- FORT and FODRT exact in isotropic media
- applicable to any anisotropic symmetry
- P and S waves treated separately
  - no need for pseudoacoustic or any other approximation
- S-wave coupling included
- no collapses in S-wave singular regions
- simple structure of FORT and FODRT equations

# Conclusions

- linear dependence of RT and DRT on WA parameters;  
no dependence on a reference medium
- 15 different independent coefficients of RT and DRT  
for P and S waves in general anisotropy
- easy generalization for layered media
- second-order traveltime corrections  
for P and common S-wave rays
- natural replacement in routine processing codes
- CPU for 1 section: FORT  $\sim$  30 sec; FM  $\sim$  4 hours

# Future plans

- generalization for layered media
- prevailing frequency coupled S-waves concept
- generalization for weakly attenuating media
- higher-symmetry anisotropy
  - with varying symmetry elements

