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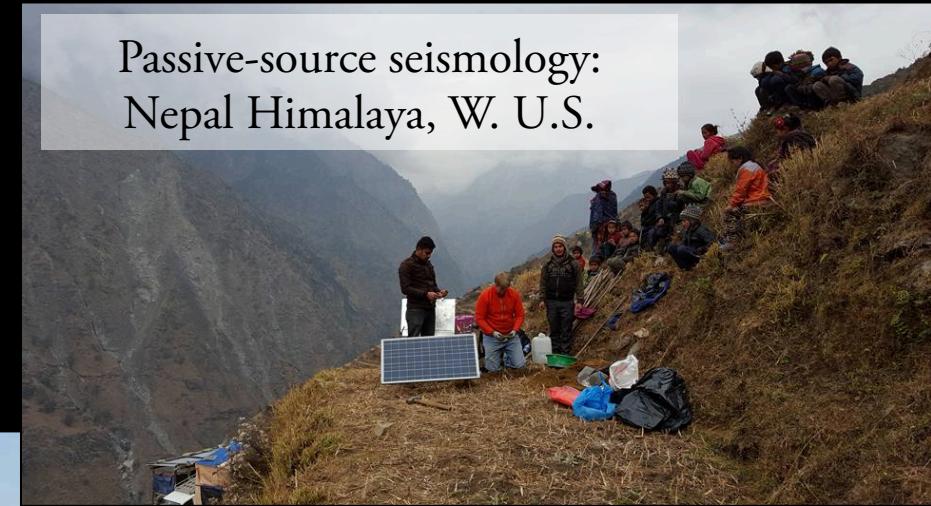
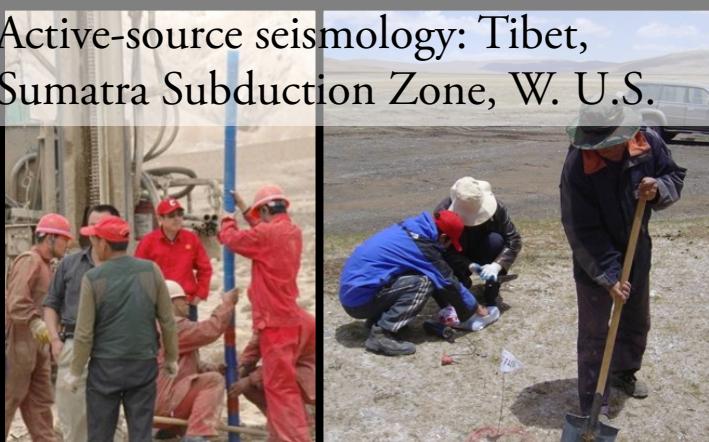


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# Research projects...

Active-source seismology: Tibet,  
Sumatra Subduction Zone, W. U.S.



# Active-source seismology



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U.S. Array short course  
August 2016

# Active-source seismology: key concepts

*Overview:* Acquisition & Processing

*Physics:* Rock physics, velocities, amplitudes, reflection / refraction raypaths

*Mathematics:* Time & frequency domains, Fourier transforms, amplitude & phase spectra, digital filtering, convolution, correlation

*Sources & Receivers:* dynamite, vibroseis, airguns; geophones & hydrophones

*Arrays:* surface sampling, surface ghosts, frequency effects CMP (common-midpoint) method, Stacking charts, Survey design

*Velocity:* measuring interval, rms, stacking, NMO & apparent velocities

*Statics:* refraction statics, automatic statics

*Migration and DMO:* migration equation; effects on stack data; wavefront, Kirchhoff, f-k, & finite-difference methods; time vs. depth migration

*VSP* (vertical seismic profiling), *3D seismics*, *S-waves*, *AVO* (amplitude-vs-offset)

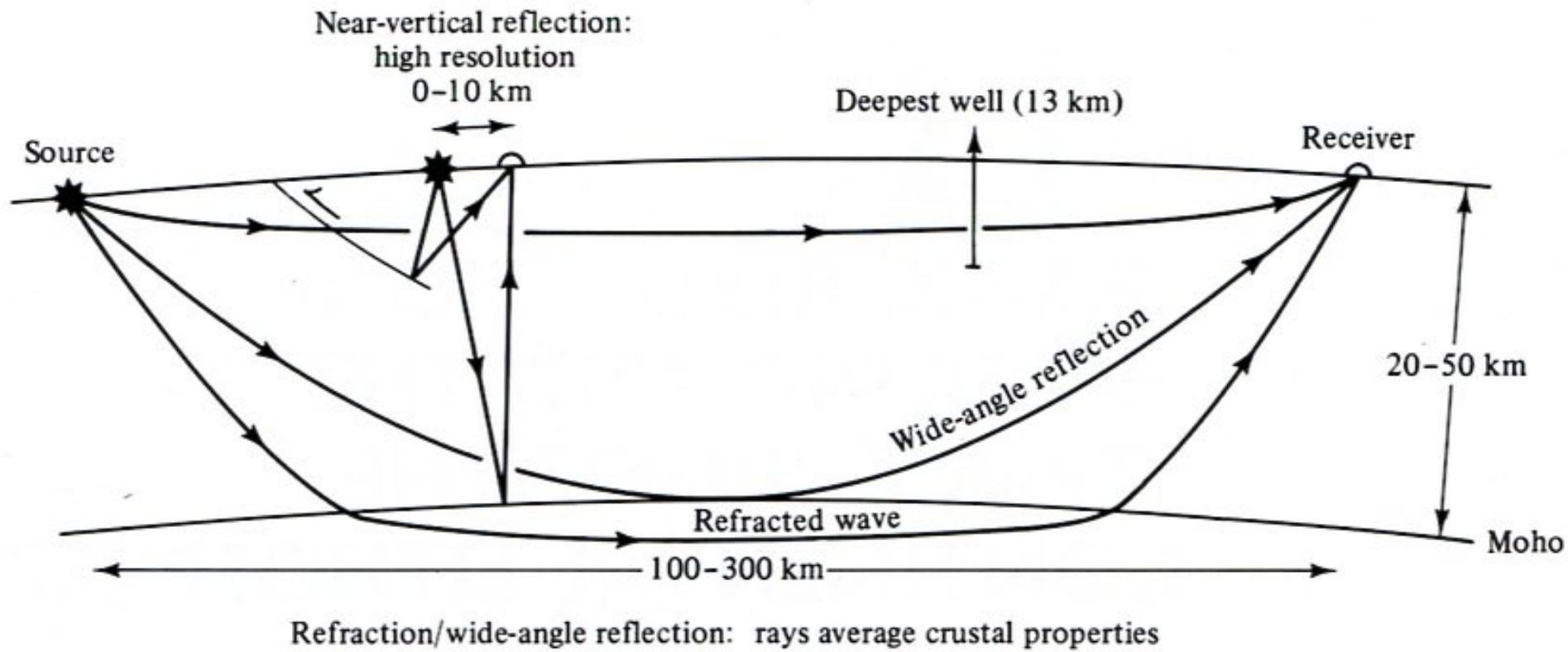
# Historical development of active-source

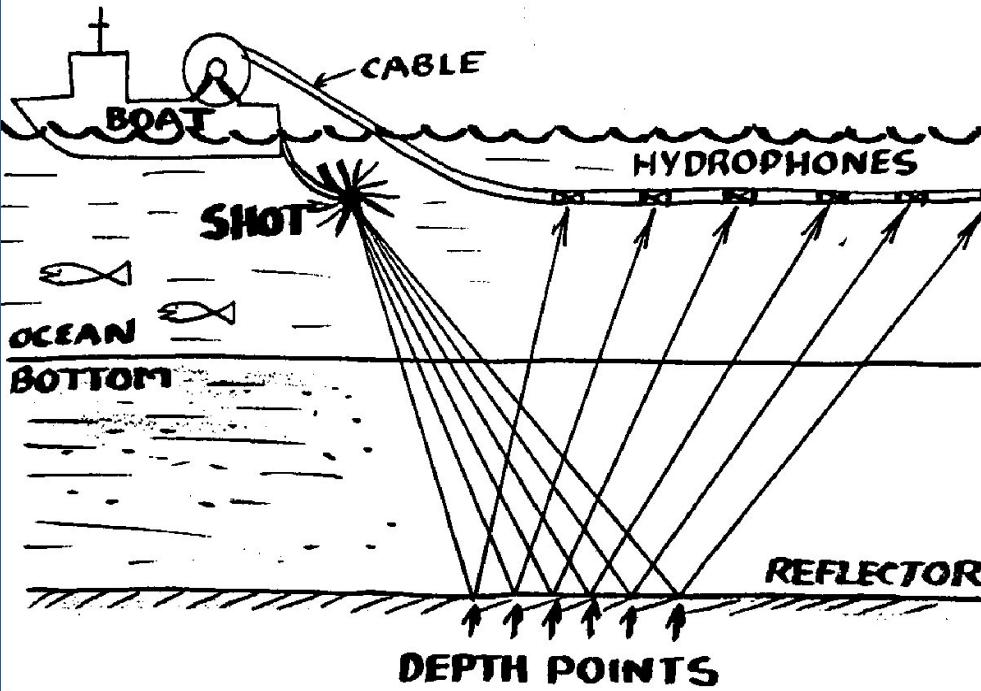
Year	Acquisition	Processing
1849	First controlled-source seismic experiment (Robert Mallet exploded a barrel of gunpowder near Dublin)	
1919	First reflection experiment (quarry near DC, 4/12/1919, Clarence Karcher)	
1925	First oil discovered by refraction (Orchard Dome, SW of Houston using fan-shooting to spot fast velocities through shallow salt domes)	
1928	First oil discovered by reflection (Maud field, Oklahoma)	
1930s		Automatic gain control (AGC)
1940s	First marine profiles	
1950s	Analog magnetic recording	Common midpoint method (CMP) Trace stacking
1960s	Digital recording Vibroseis source (on land) Airgun source (at sea)	Deconvolution

*Reflection (near-vertical; offset  $\leq$  penetration)*

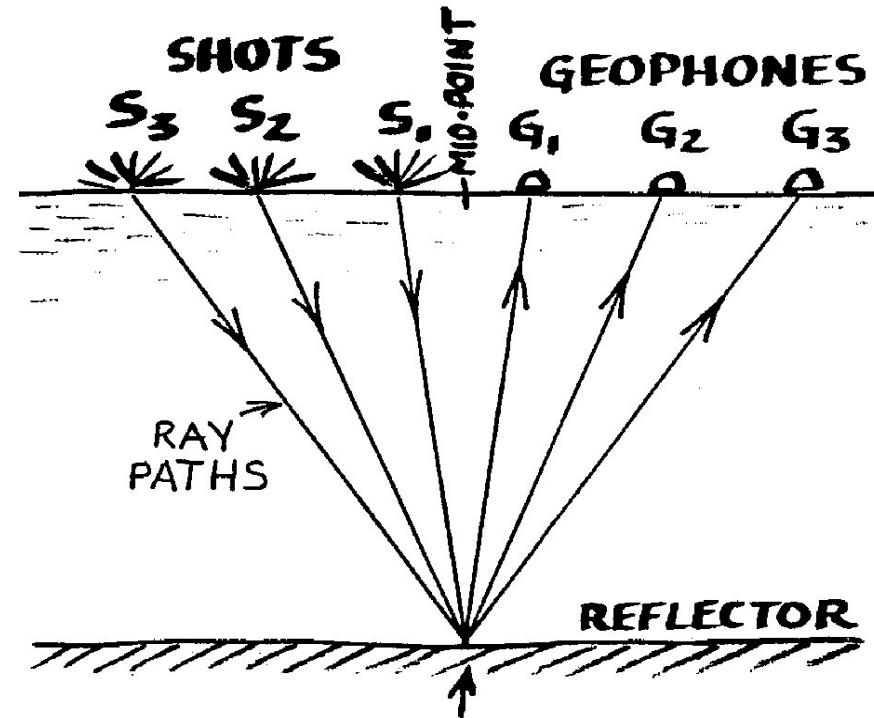
*vs.*

*Refraction (wide-angle; penetration  $\leq$  offset)*

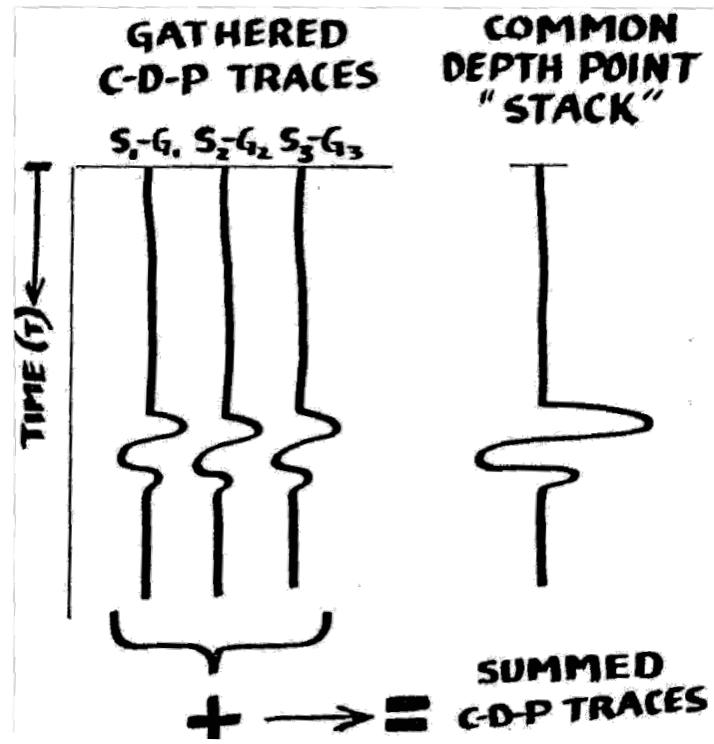




Single shot geometry:  
 all traces share a common source;  
 the ensemble of recordings (traces) is  
 a “common-source gather”

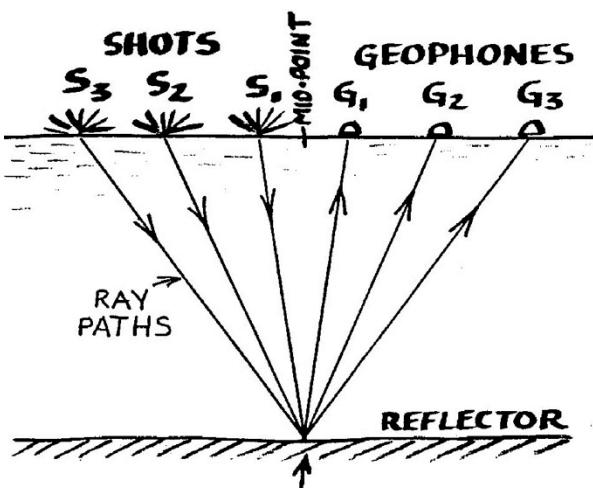
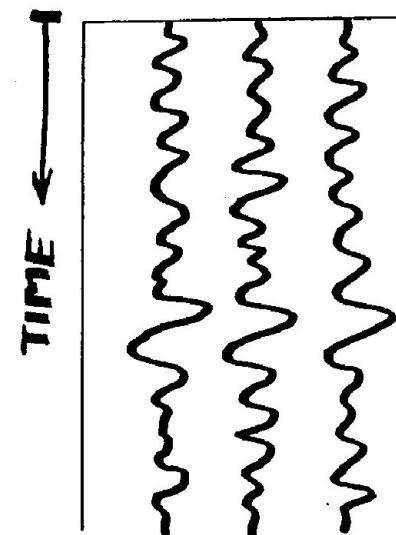


CMP geometry:  
 all traces share a common surface  
 source-receiver mid-point;  
 for 1D geology, all traces share a  
 common depth point (CDP)



**"NOISY"**  
**C-D-P TRACES**

**300%  
 C-D-P  
 STACK**



summing 3 traces provides a “stacking fold” of 3

*Trace stacking enhances signal,  
 and reduces noise*

# Sources: hammer on aluminum plate



Xia, 2006

Sources: Betsy seis gun



Sources: accelerated weight drop



# Sources: vibroseis



# Sources: explosions



# IRIS active seismic source facility

- Contact: Steve Harder at UTEP ([harder@utep.edu](mailto:harder@utep.edu))
- Resources, training opportunities, support for experiments
- UTEP ENAM team (minus Steve Harder):

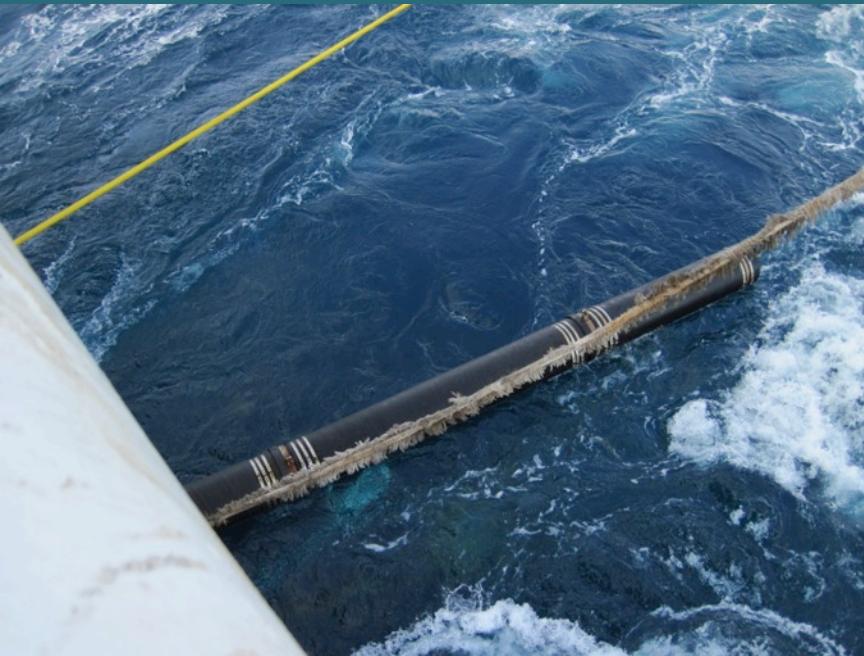


# IRIS PASSCAL active-source equipment

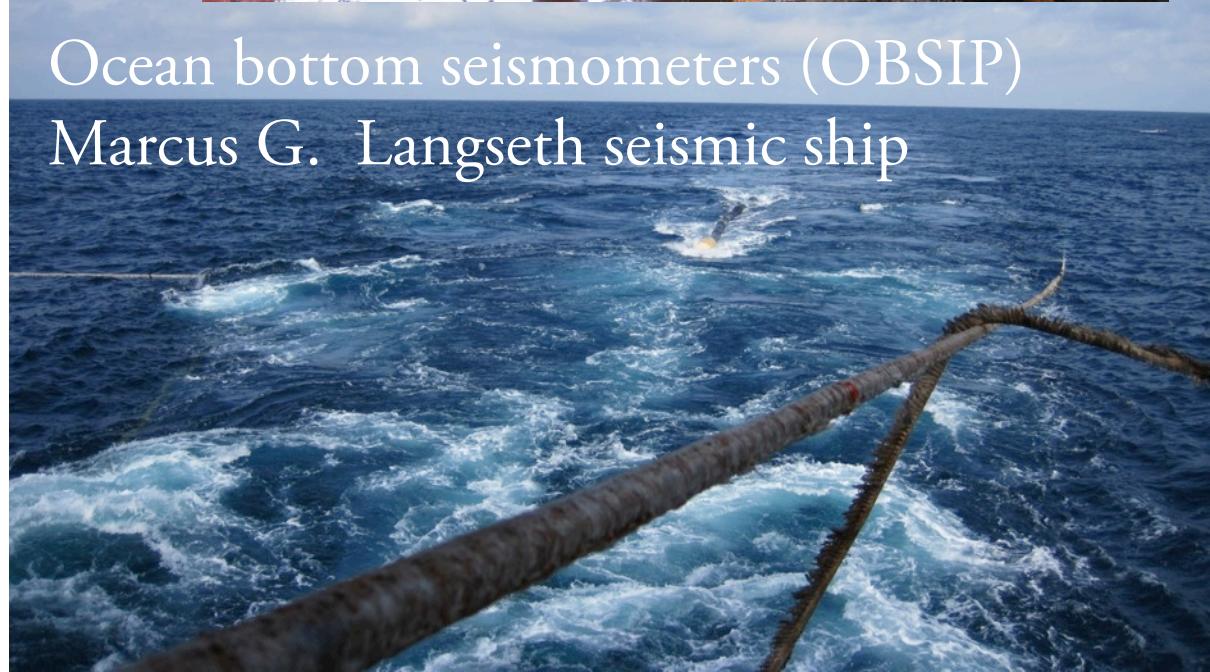
- ~1500 Texans – 1 component (includes ~370 UTEP Texans)
- L28 and L22 short period geophones
- 14+ Geodes – 24 channels (1-3 component)
- 3 Stratavisors – 60 channels
- 63 (?) Fairfield 3C 5-Hz nodes
- 1 PEG-40 weight drop



# Air gun sources and streamers



Ocean bottom seismometers (OBSIP)  
Marcus G. Langseth seismic ship



# Seismic wavefield: interpreting shot gathers

Compressional and Shear

Body Waves

direct

refracted

reflected

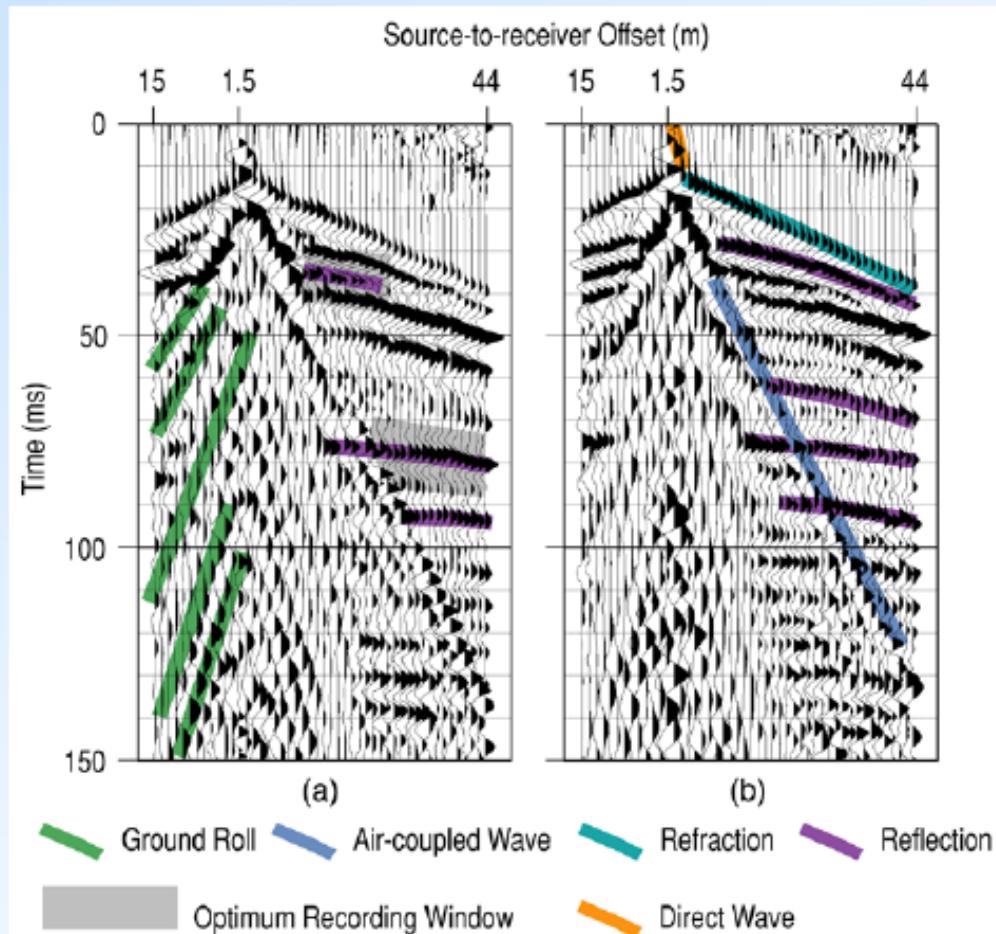
diffracted

Surface Waves

Rayleigh

Love

Air-Coupled Waves



Adapted from Lee Liberty

# Research vignette I: 500-m shallow seismic line, NM



West El Paso

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survey location:  
500-m line

1071  
1043 1058  
1011

Sunland Park

Mt. Cristo Rey

1750 m

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Anapra

Mexico

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1098 1093  
1089 1087  
1083 1081  
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1001 1002

andesite outcrop  
Rio Grande riverbed

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111 m

Google earth

# Active-source survey geometry

- 500 m long line
- Shots: Betsy seis gun: 5-10 m spacing
- Reftek Texans & 4.5 Hz geophones: 5 m spacing (100 1-C stations)
- Fairfield nodes: 10 m spacing (47 3-C stations)

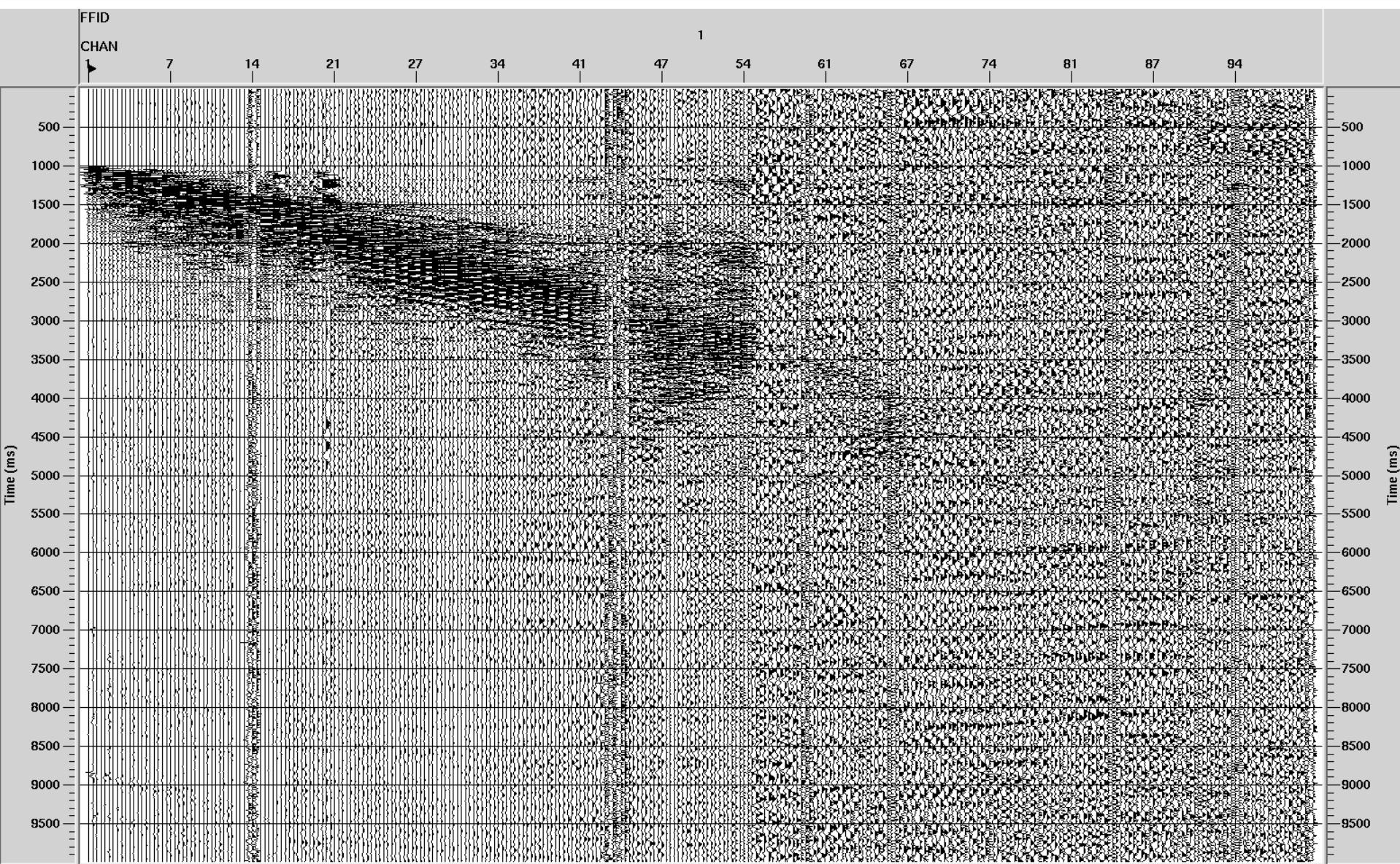


# Goals of shallow seismic survey

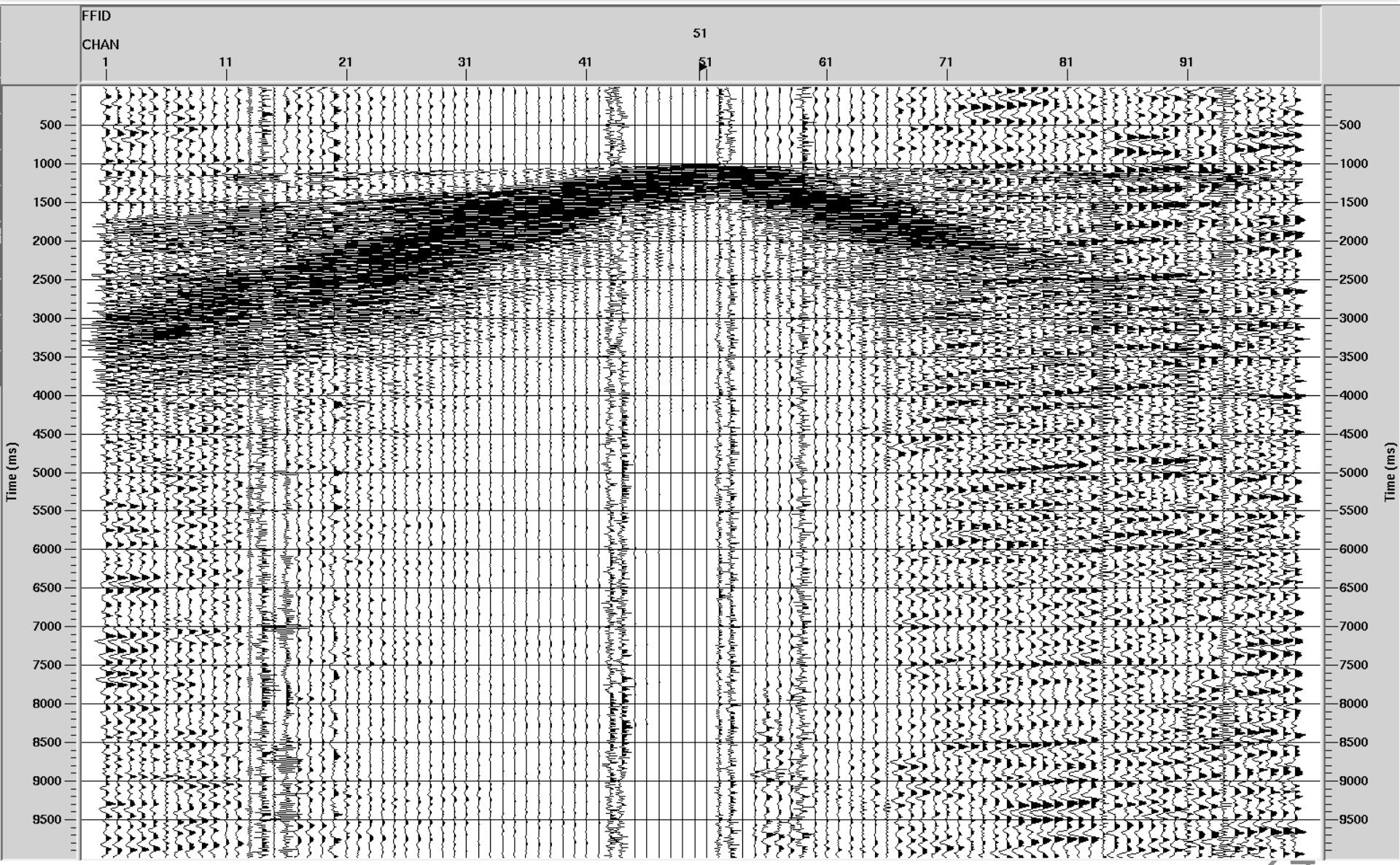
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- Determine subsurface lithologies for top ~100 m based on velocity
- Determine depth of water table
- Determine depth extents and geometry of andesite
- Look at contact relationships between andesite and surrounding lithologies/ sediments
- Build on existing subsurface models of this region from gravity, electromagnetics, ground penetrating radar
- Test the Fairfield 5-Hz nodes compared to the Reftek Texans with a 4.5 Hz geophone

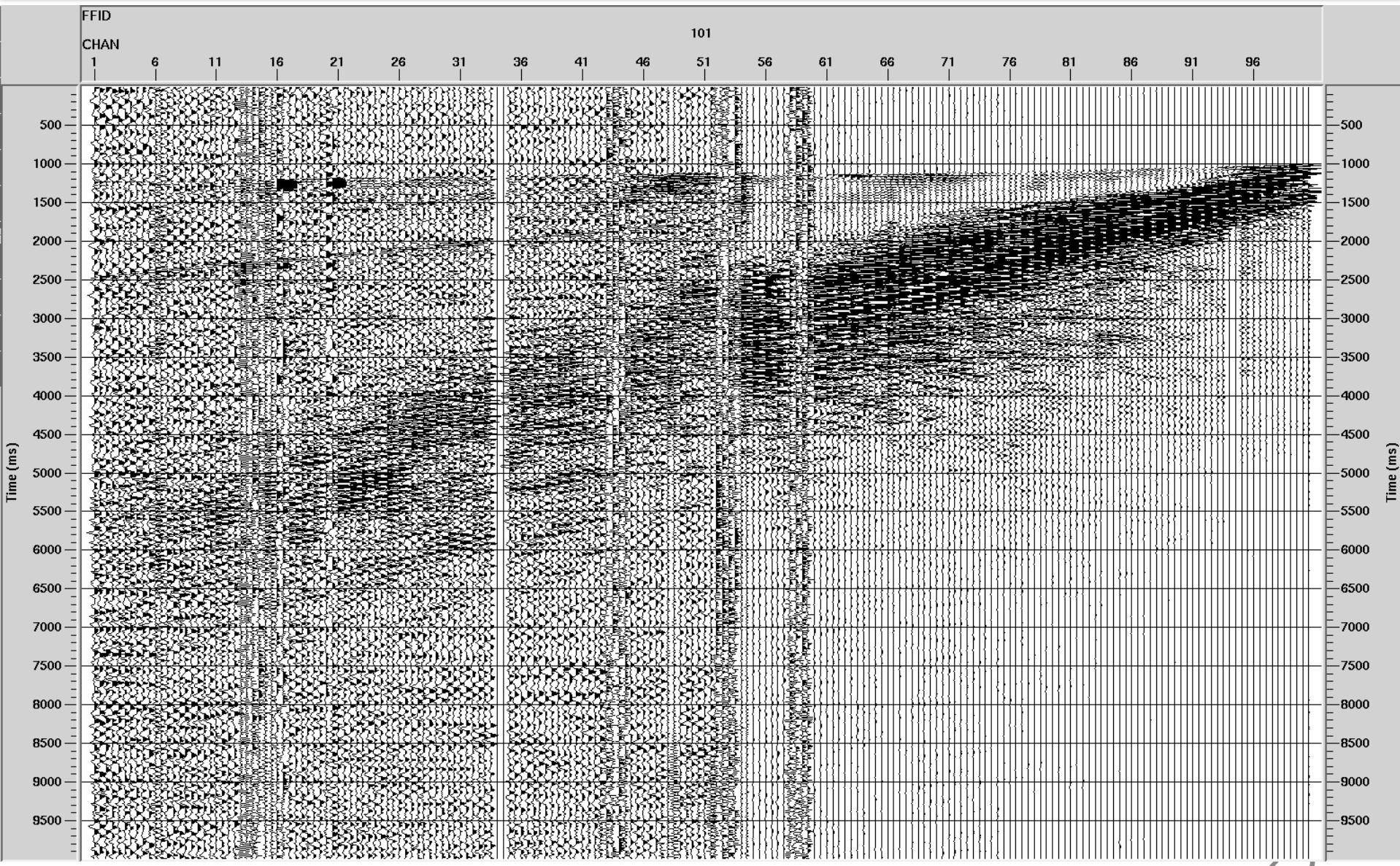
# Texan data: shotpoint 1 (south end)



# Texan data: shotpoint 41



# Texan data: shotpoint 68 (north end)



# Initial results: 500-m shallow seismic line

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- Data quality of Fairfield nodes appears similar to that of Reftek Texans
- Refractions and reflections present in data – processing in progress

# Research vignette II: 270-km deep seismic line, Tibet



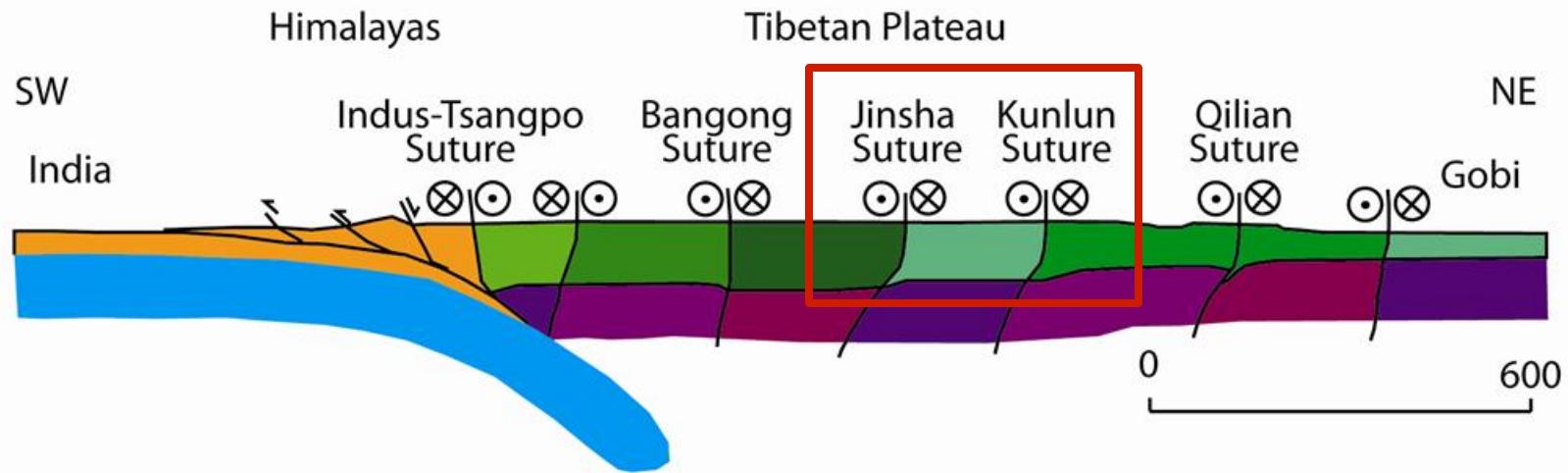
# Key tectonic questions

Aim: Understand large-scale lithospheric structure & tectonics

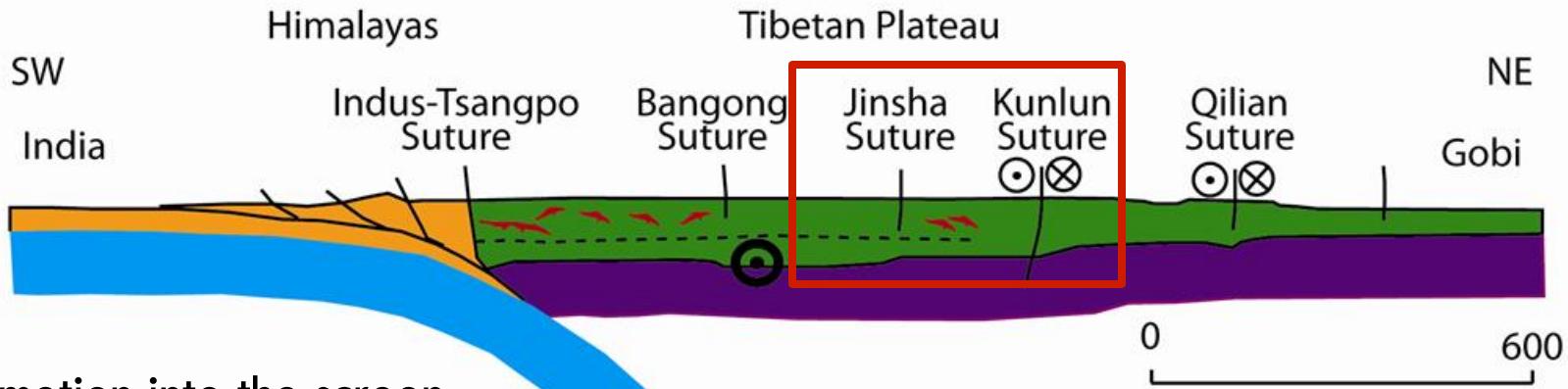
- What is the basic crustal and upper mantle structure?
- How does lithospheric structure and composition relate to rheology?
- How does lithospheric structure and composition relate to deformation and faulting?
- What are the seismic and tsunami hazards?
- What is the resource potential?

# Suggested tectonic cross sections across Tibet

Terrane motion along strike-slip faults (e.g., Tapponnier et al., 2001)



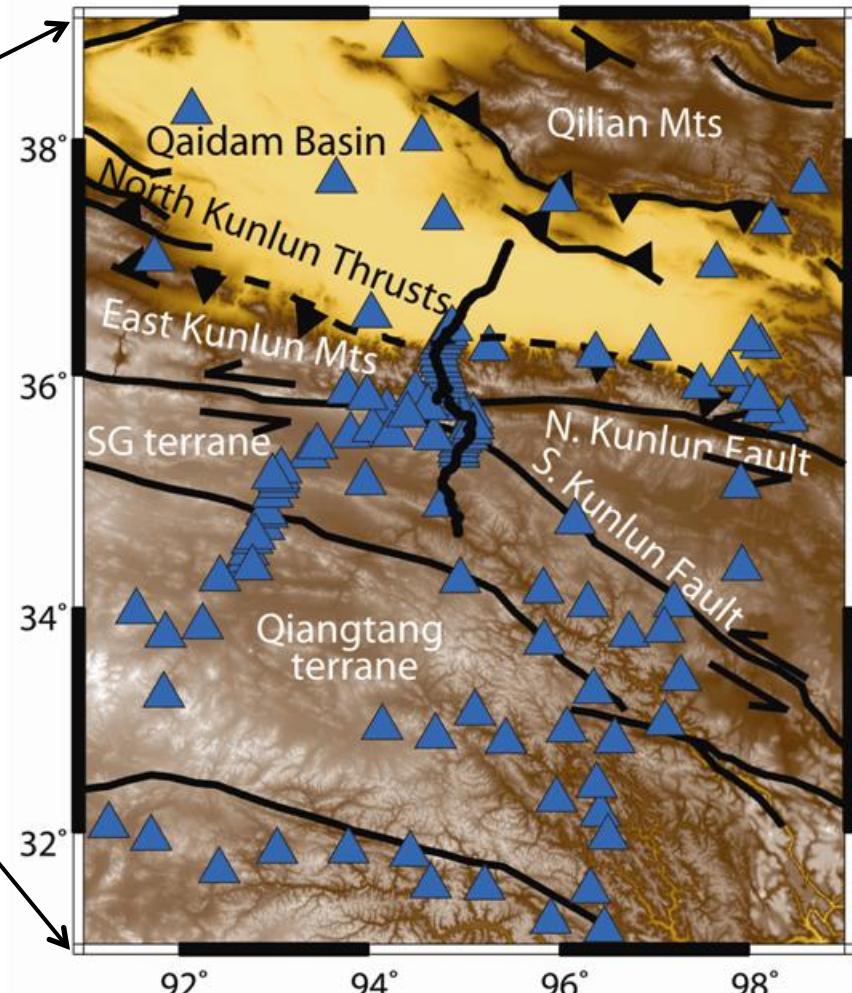
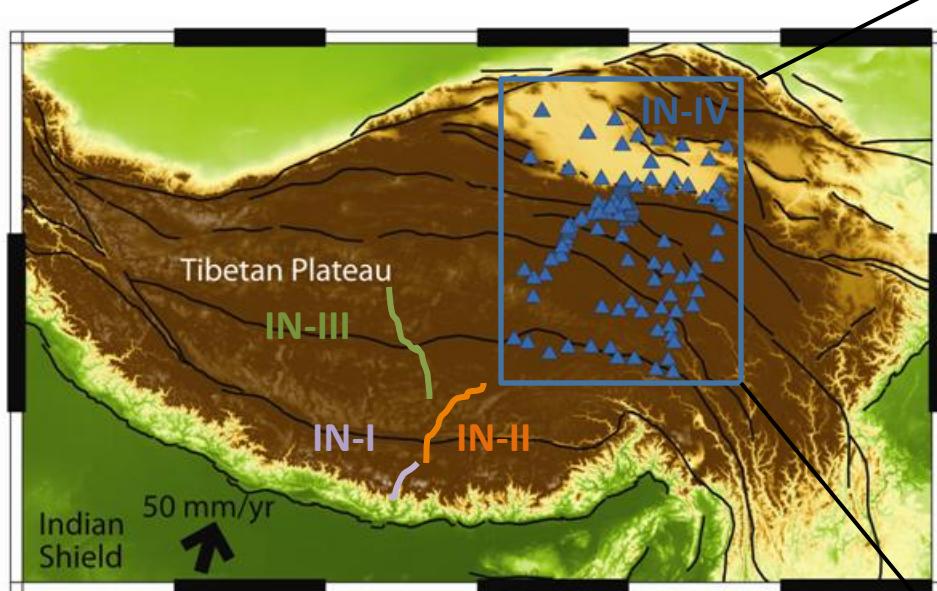
Crustal flow outwards from the plateau (e.g., Clark & Royden, 2000)



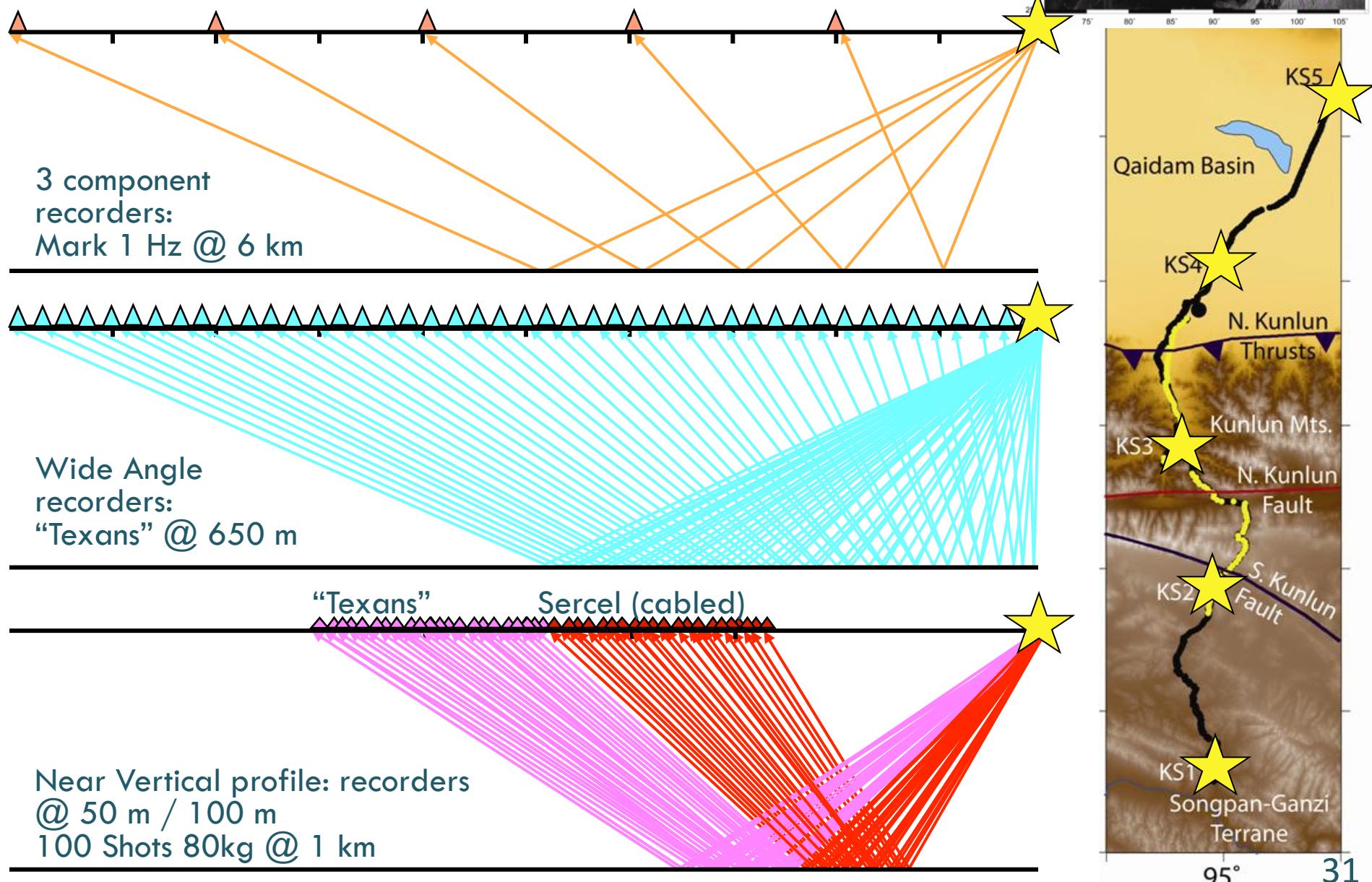
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# INDEPTH IV study area

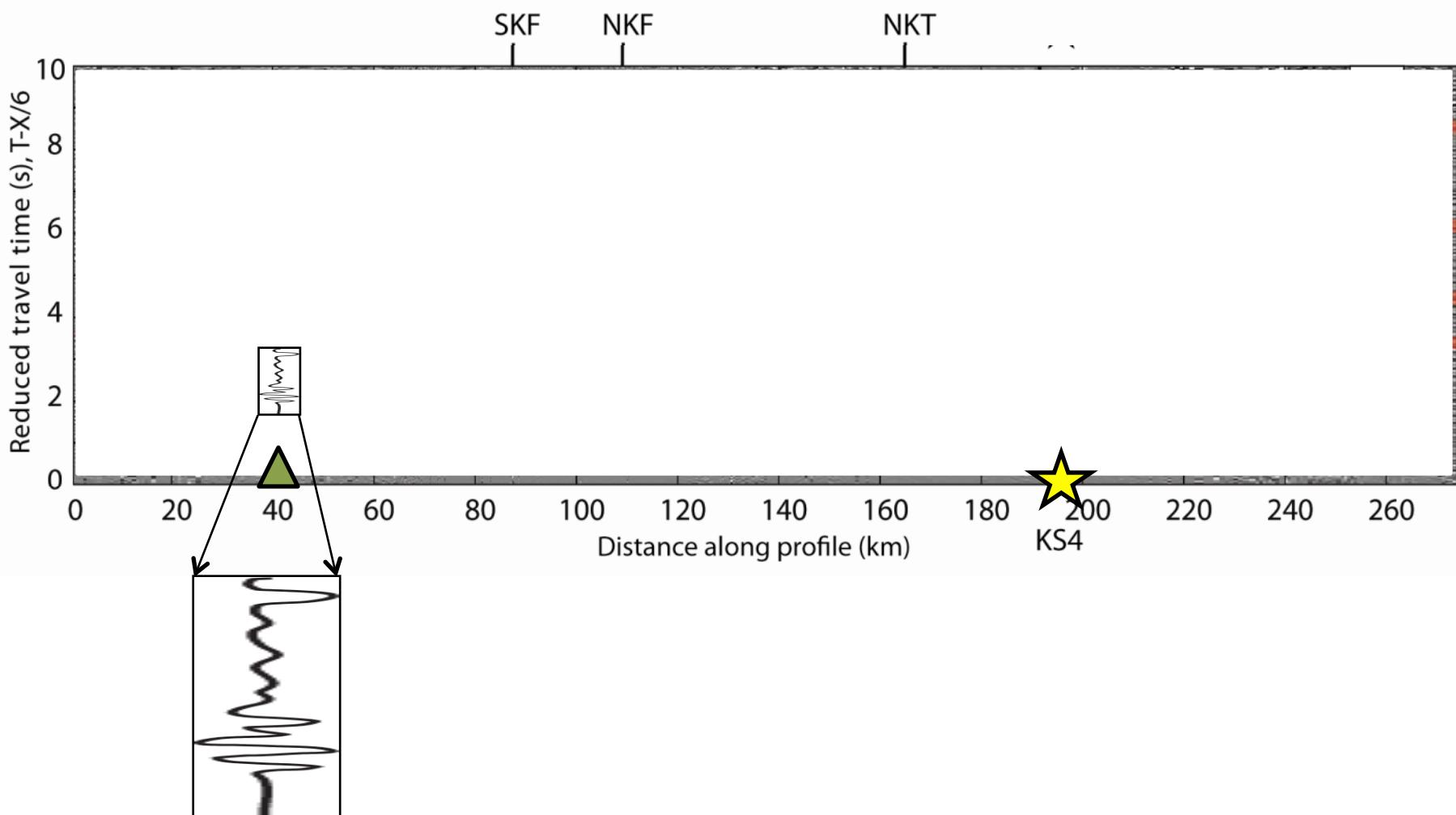
*International Deep Profiling of Tibet and the Himalaya, phase IV (INDEPTH IV):  
Large-scale geophysical and geological study of the Tibetan Plateau*



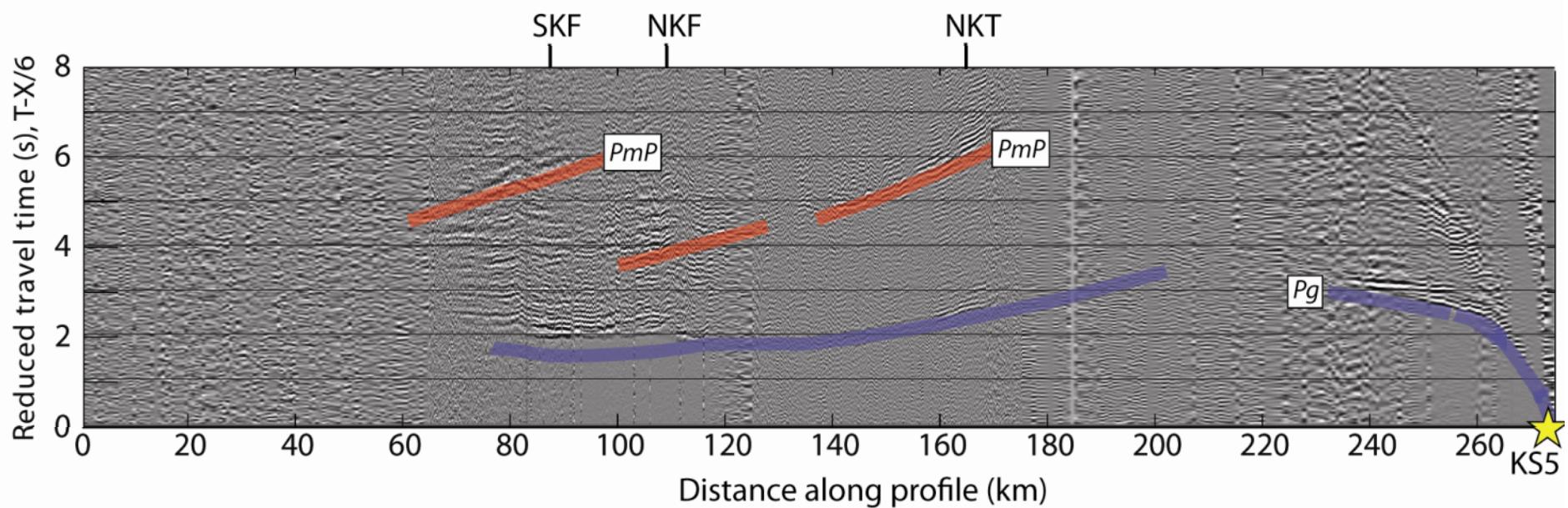
# Recording p-waves from explosive sources



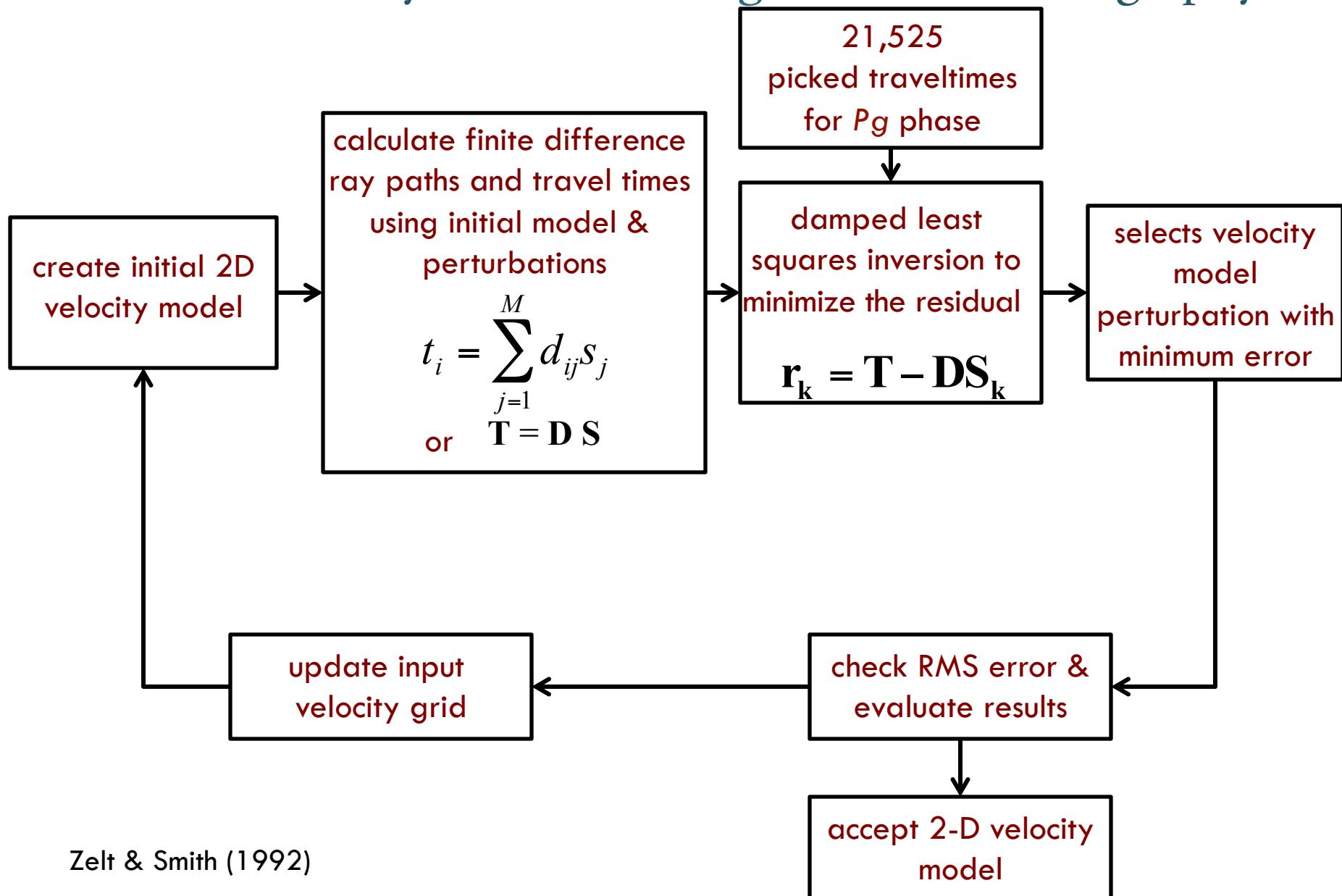
# Wide-angle reflections and refractions from KS4



# Wide-angle reflections and refractions from KS5

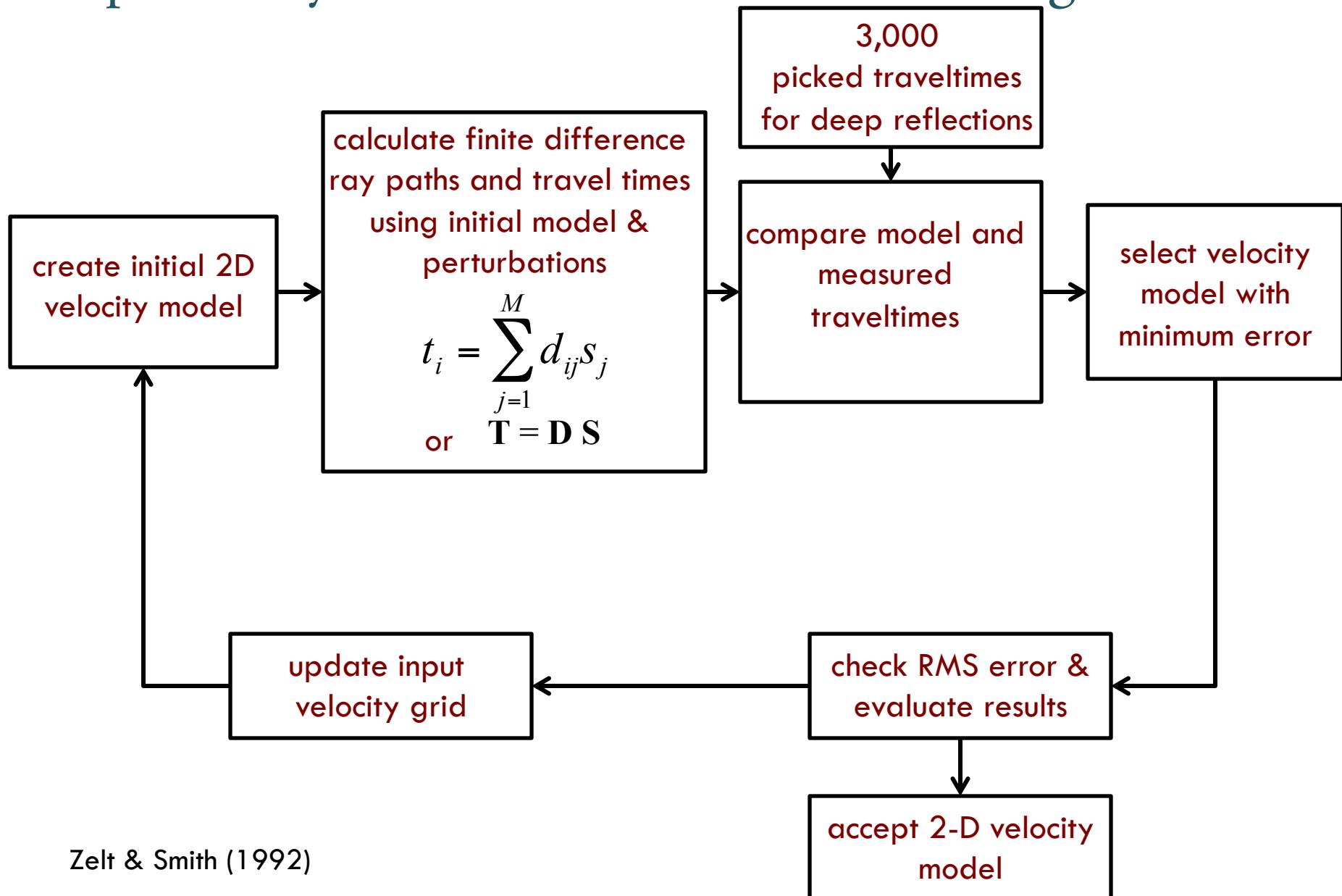


# Shallow velocity model from $Pg$ refraction tomography

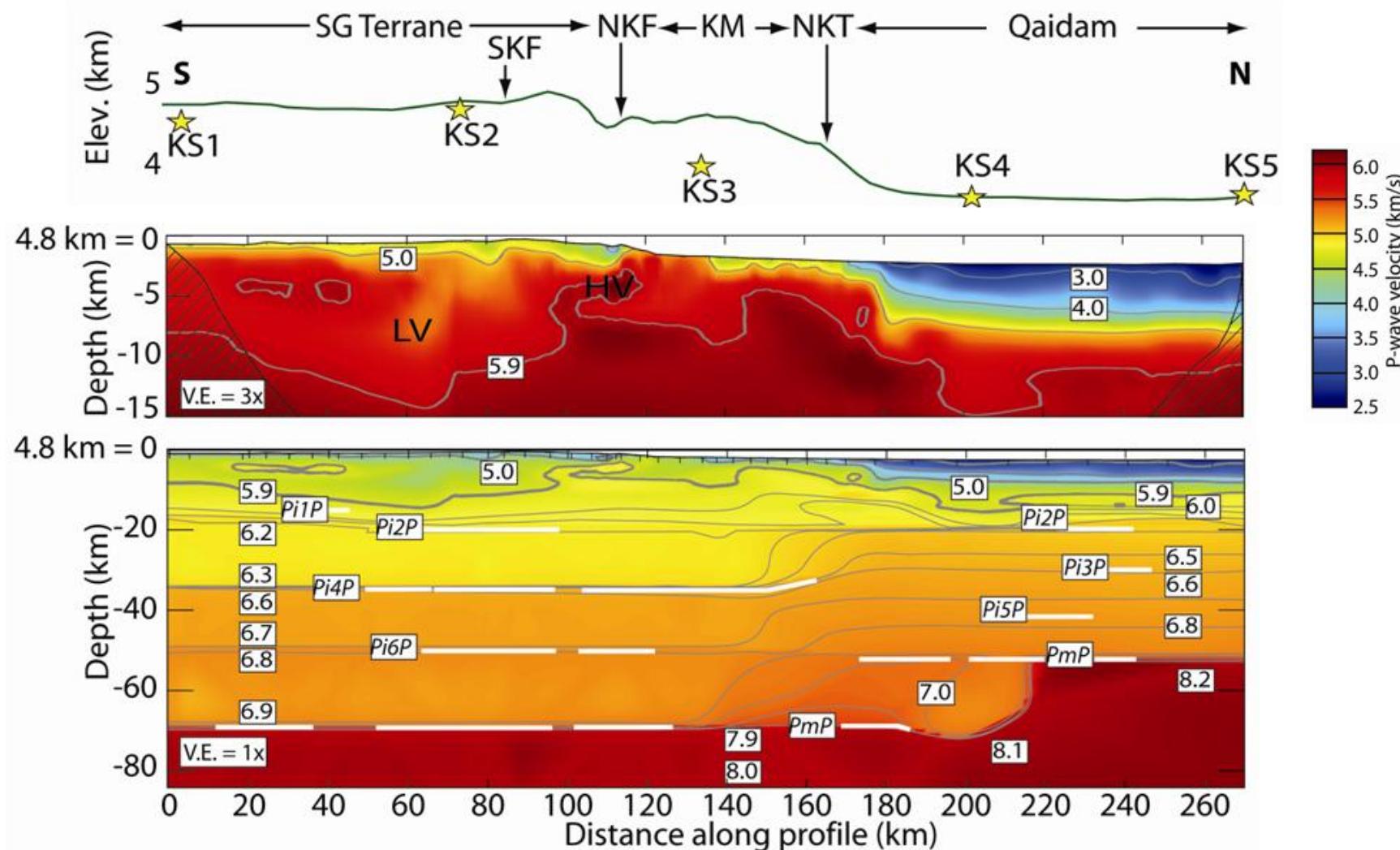


Zelt & Smith (1992)

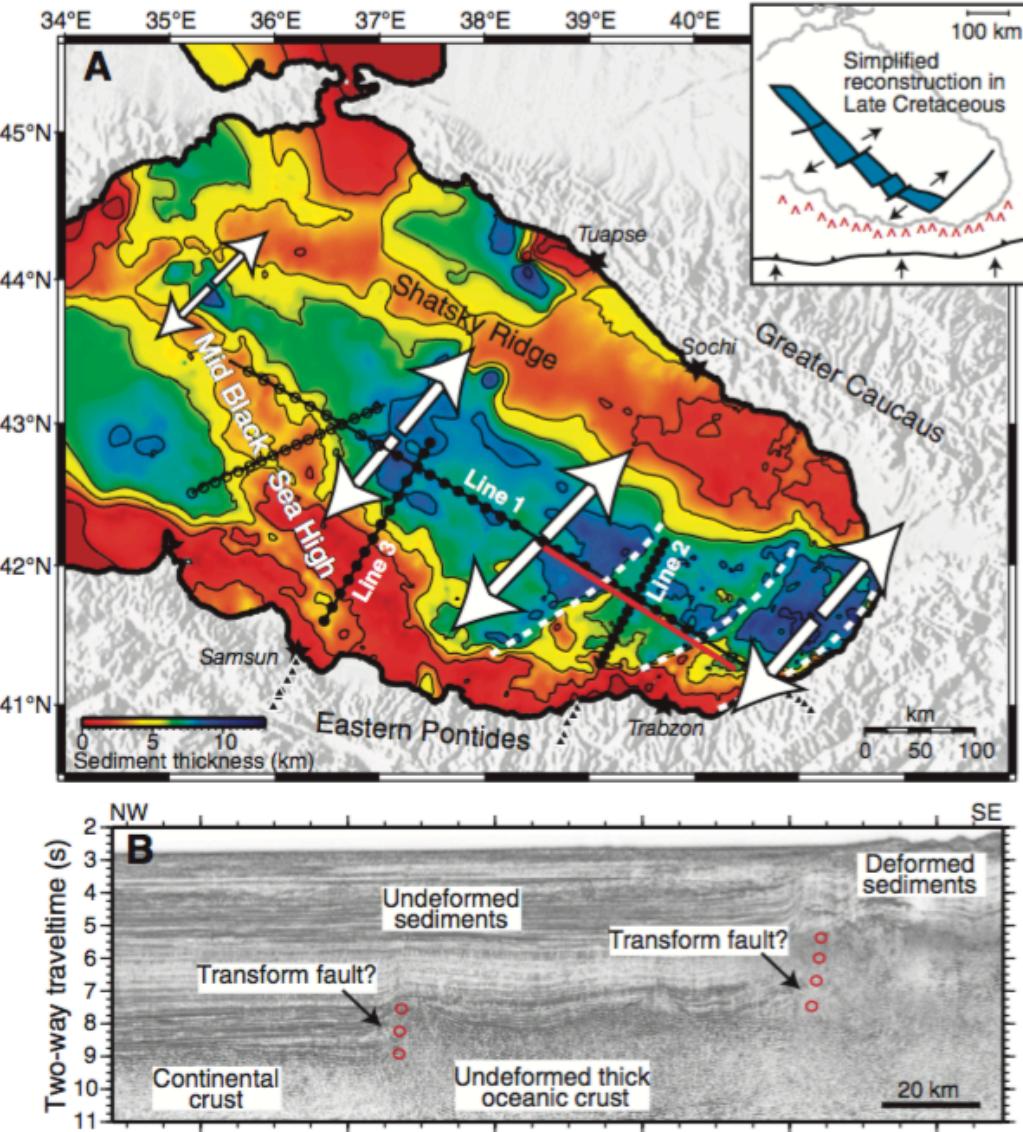
# Deep velocity model from forward modeling reflections



# Example outcome first arrivals tomography & deep reflection forward modeling: crustal velocity models

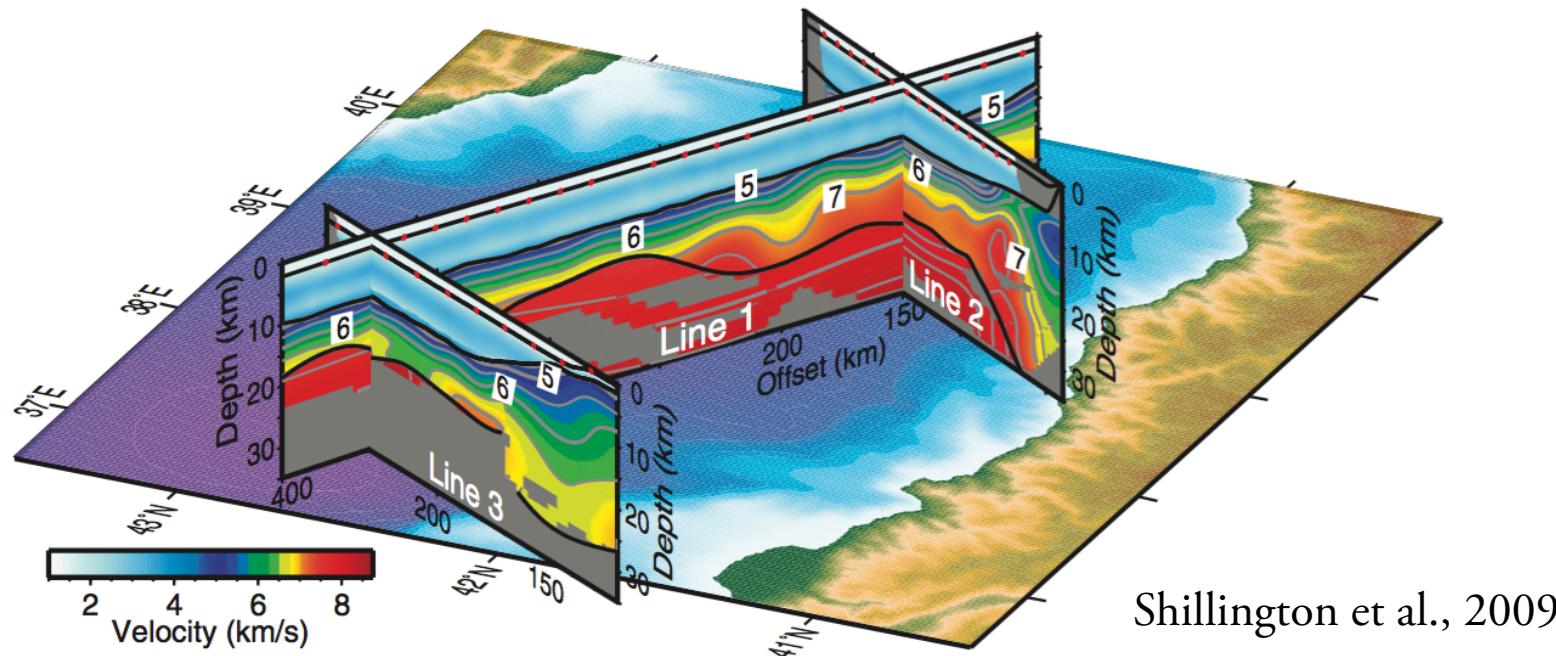


# Research vignette III: Marine reflection & refraction in the Black Sea



**Figure 1.** A: Location of 2005 Black Sea wide-angle seismic experiment. Sediment thicknesses estimated from seismic reflection data are shown within eastern Black Sea basin (Shillington et al., 2008), and illuminated elevation from the GEBCO (General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans) Digital Atlas (published by the British Oceanographic Data Centre on behalf of the International Hydrographic Organization [IHO] and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission [IOC] of UNESCO; IOC, IHO, and BODC, 2003) is shown onshore. Arrows are scaled by the amount of stretching, which was estimated from subsidence analysis (Shillington et al., 2008). Note that extension increases eastward to reach a maximum stretching factor (initial/final crustal thickness) of ~5. Locations of ocean-bottom seismometers, land seismometers, and shot profiles are indicated with black circles, triangles, and lines, respectively. Filled circles indicate parts of each line shown in Figure 2. Red line indicates location of profile in B. Thin dotted white lines indicate locations of interpreted transform faults described in text. Inset shows simplified reconstruction of tectonic structures relevant to this study in the Late Cretaceous (modified after Okay et al., 1994). Blue shaded areas represent either highly thinned continental crust or oceanic crust. Red inverted v symbols represent approximate region of island arc magmatism, and arrows indicate approximate relative plate motions. Subduction zone is indicated by line with triangles (where northern plate was upper plate). B: Seismic reflection profile oriented perpendicular to direction of basin opening in eastern Black Sea. Red dots indicate possible transform faults, which are shown with dotted lines in A.

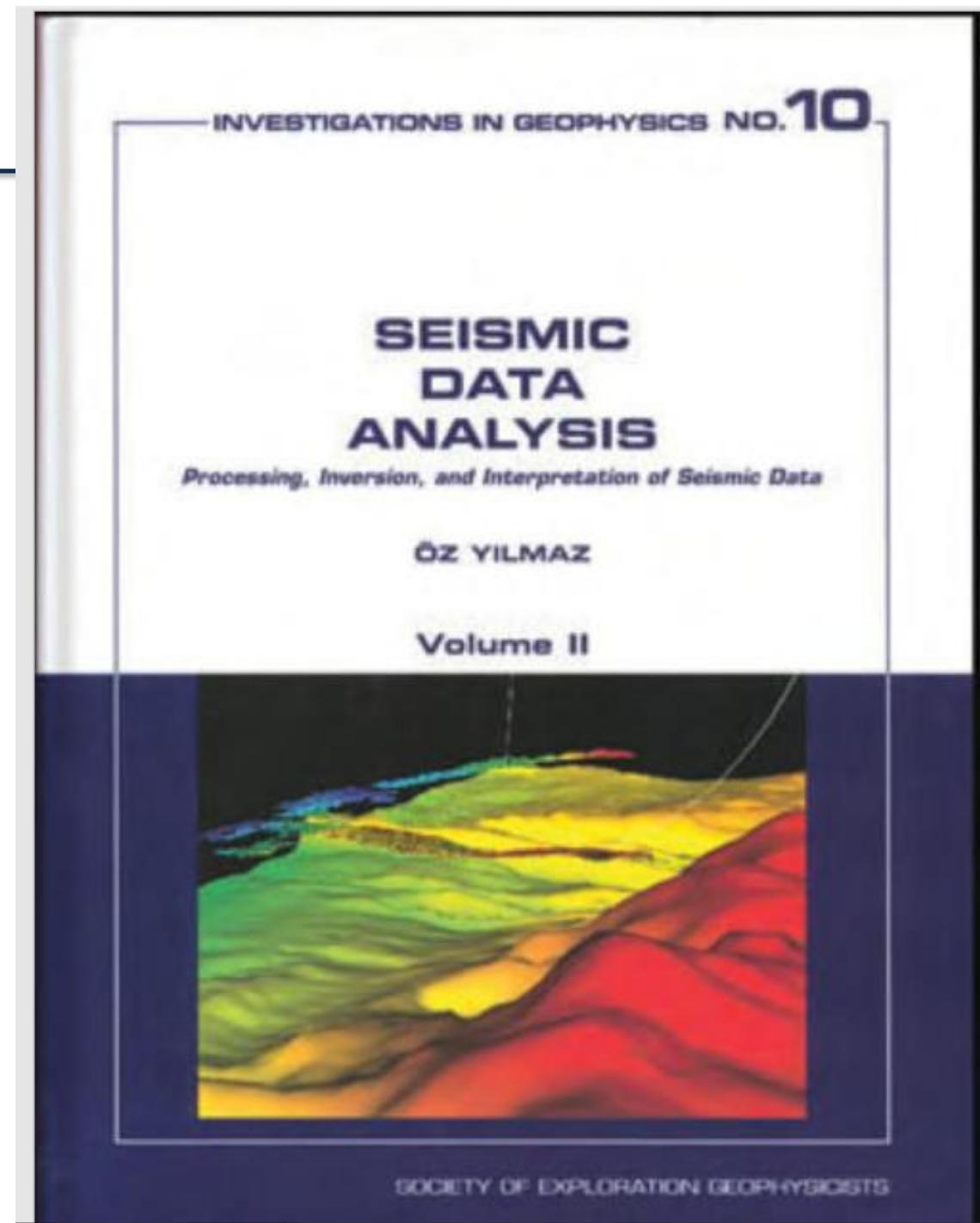
# Marine reflection & refraction in the Black Sea



Shillington et al., 2009

**Figure 2. Fence diagram showing velocity models from lines 1, 2, and 3 (see Fig. 1A for locations). Color scale represents variations in compressional wave velocity. Velocities >4 km/s are also contoured every 0.5 km/s. Bold lines mark top and base of the crust. Bathymetry is taken from the GEBCO Digital Atlas (IOC, IHO, and BODC, 2003). Note eastward increase in crustal thickness and increase in lower crustal velocity that occurs at model km 230 on line 1.**

# Processing resource



# Finding a dataset

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- If you are doing passive data processing, maybe there is an active-source dataset nearby?
- What kind of analysis will you do?
  - Reflection?
  - Refraction?
  - Other signal processing?
- What hypotheses do you want to test?

# Finding a dataset

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- Eastern North America community experiment
- General info:  
<http://geoprisms.org/initiatives-sites/rie/enam/>
- Onshore/ offshore data:  
[http://www.ig.utexas.edu/sdc/DOI/datasetDOI.php?  
datasetID=500018](http://www.ig.utexas.edu/sdc/DOI/datasetDOI.php?datasetID=500018)
- Marine data:  
[http://www.ig.utexas.edu/sdc/cruise.php?  
cruiseIn=en546](http://www.ig.utexas.edu/sdc/cruise.php?cruiseIn=en546)

# Finding a dataset – nodes

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- Sweetwater, Texas data
- <http://ds.iris.edu/mda/XB?timewindow=2014-2014>
- <http://ds.iris.edu/gmap/XB?timewindow=2014-2014>
- Oklahoma IRIS wavefields experiment (coming soon!)

# NE Tibet INDEPTH IV data

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- <http://ds.iris.edu/SeismiQuery/bin/assembled.pl>
- [https://pangea.stanford.edu/researchgroups/crustal/sites/default/files/Karplusetal.IN4WA.pub\\_.2011.pdf](https://pangea.stanford.edu/researchgroups/crustal/sites/default/files/Karplusetal.IN4WA.pub_.2011.pdf)

# Finding a dataset

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- Search IRIS for assembled SEGY datasets:  
<http://ds.iris.edu/SeismiQuery/assembled.phtml>
- Search UTIG or LDEO Academic seismic portals:  
<http://www.ig.utexas.edu/sdc/>  
<http://www.marine-geo.org/portals/seismic/>

# Seismic processing software: Landmark SeisSpace/ ProMAX

<https://www.landmarksoftware.com/Pages/SeisSpaceProMAX.aspx>

- ProMAX 2D
- ProMAX 3D

ProMAX 4D  
ProMAX VSP  
ProMAX Field

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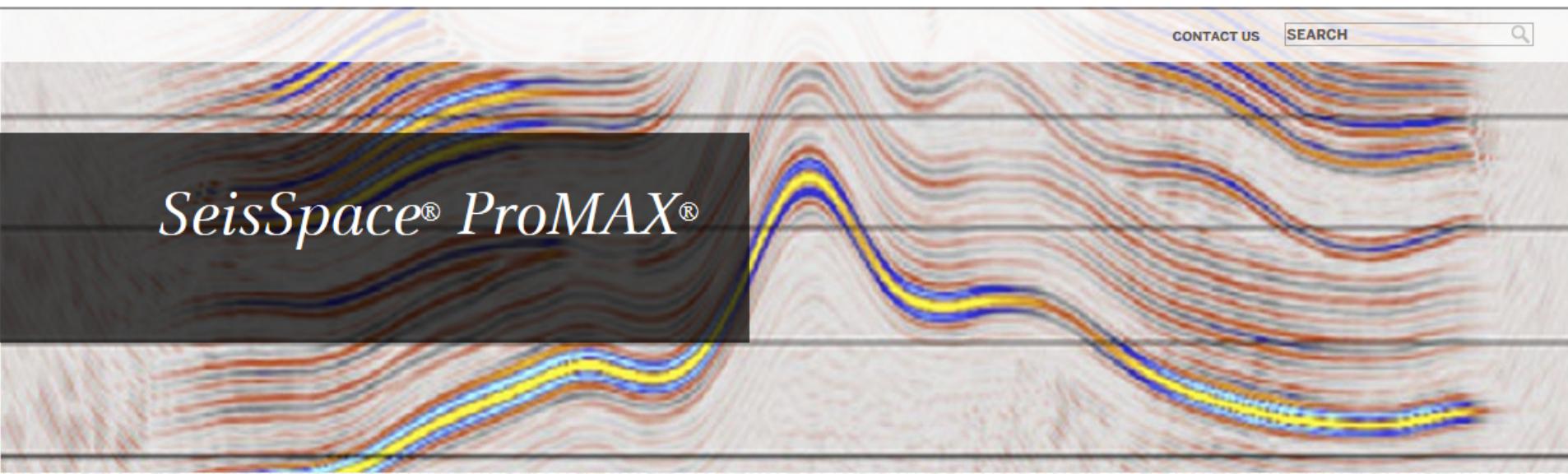
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# Other seismic processing

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- Paradigm Focus
- Dolphin Geophysical OpenCPS

# Refraction velocity modeling

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- Colin Zelt: RAYINVR, ZP, ...  
<http://terra.rice.edu/department/faculty/zelt/rayinvr.html>
- John Hole: FAST 2D, FAST 3D, ...  
<http://www.geophys.geos.vt.edu/hole/software.html>
- Cerveny SEIS81, ...  
talk to Europeans (or me...)
- MATLAB options exist, but I don't know how robust they are
- SAC and earthquake tomography tools
- Full waveform inversion (e.g., Joanna Morgan, Mike Warner in UK, John Hole in U.S., Stanford Exploration Project (?), others...)

# Reflection seismic interpretation

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- IHS Kingdom

<http://www.ihs.com/products/oil-gas-information/analysis-software/kingdom-seismic-interpretation/index.aspx>

- Opendtect – Open Source seismic interpretation

<http://www.opendtect.org/>

- SeisWorks – Landmark/Haliburton
- Petrel – Schlumberger
- Matlab options exist, but I don't know how robust they are

# Processing the data: Seismic Unix – home page

<http://www.cwp.mines.edu/cwpcodes/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.cwp.mines.edu/cwpcodes/](http://www.cwp.mines.edu/cwpcodes/) in the address bar. The page has a dark blue header with a navigation menu. On the left, there's a vertical sidebar titled "Quick Links" with several links. The main content area features a large "CWP SU" logo, a "27 years of Seismic Unix!" section, and a "CWP/SU: Seismic Unix release 44 full source code, documentation and release notes" section. At the bottom, there's a table with three rows of links.

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The Seismic Unix Project is partially supported by the CWP Consortium Project. In the past, the Seismic Unix Project received partial support from the Gas Research Institute (GRI) and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists Foundation.

**CWP/SU: Seismic Unix release 44 full source code, documentation and release notes**

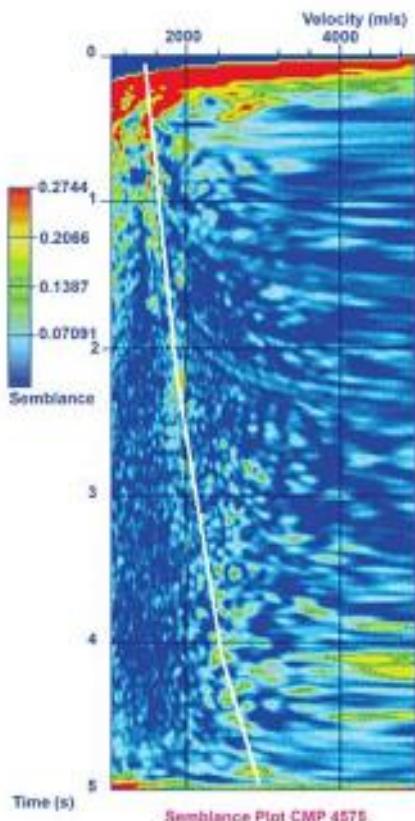
<b>Installation instructions</b>	Read these <a href="#">installation instructions</a> first!
<b>Legal statement</b>	<a href="#">Legal Statement and Licensing</a> (a Free BSD style license)
<b>SU 44 Full Source Code</b>	<a href="#">CWP/SU: Seismic Un*x Release 44</a> as a gzipped tar archive. Released on 12 Aug 2015

# **Seismic Data Processing with Seismic Un\*x**

**A 2D Seismic Data Processing Primer**

**David Forel, Thomas Benz,  
and Wayne D. Pennington**

Online tutorial  
resource:  
[http://library.seg.org/  
doi/book/  
10.1190/1.97815608  
01948](http://library.seg.org/doi/book/10.1190/1.9781560801948)



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# Tips for installing Seismic Unix

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- Set environment variables in your bash shell.
- For example:

```
export CWPROOT=/usr/local/CWP
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export PATH=$PATH:$CWPROOT/bin
```

# Seismic Unix help

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- suhelp – list all available SU programs
- suname <program> – list SU programs with short description
- sudoc <program> – program documentation
- sufnd <keyword> – search sudoc for keyword
- sukeyword -o – list header variables

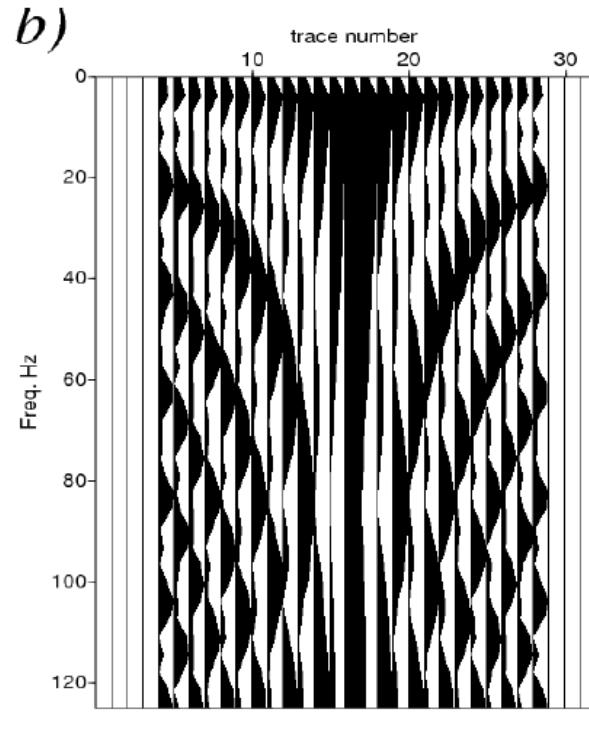
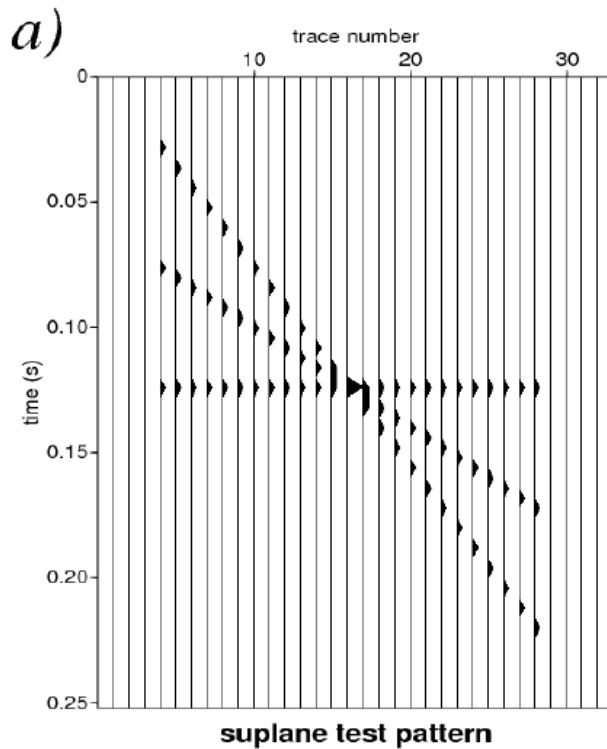
# Pipe (|), redirect out (>), redirect in (<)

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- \$ suplane | suxwigb (pipe)
- \$ suplane > test.su (redirect out)
- \$ suxwigb < test.su (redirect in)
- \$ suplane | suxwigb & (ampersand)  
(& frees up the terminal and runs the process in the background)

# Basic examples

```
> suplane | suxwigb (Create 32 traces with 3 planes)  
> suplane | suspecfx | suxwigb (Fourier spectrum of traces)  
> suplane > test.su  
> suspecfx < test.su > test2.su  
> suxwigb < test2.su label1='freq (Hz)' label2='trace number'
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# Seismic Unix – data/header manipulation

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```
> segyread - read SEG-Y standard files  
> segywrite - write SEG-Y standard files  
> sukeyword -o - prints a complete list of header values  
> surange - provides the range of header values for a dataset
```

Copy data file B49.segy from the shared USArray folder.

First we need to read that file into SU. Create a text file called read\_data.csh, and type the following into that file:

```
segymread tape=B49.segy conv=1 endian=0 | segyclean > B49.su
```

Now try:

```
surange < B49.su  
sugethw < B49.su key=sx | more  
sukeyword sx
```

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>sugethw - gets the header values from each trace  
>sushw - sets a new header value for each trace  
>suwind - window trace data by keyword
```

<http://www.seismic unix.com/w/Seismic Unix data format>

# What is a SEGY file?

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To get a better idea of this, go to the Wikipedia page for SEG-Y: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SEG\\_Y](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SEG_Y). Basically, a SEG-Y file has a 3200 byte textual EBCDIC header (EBCDIC is an 8-bit character encoding system), a 400 byte binary reel header, and the seismic traces, which could be in one of ~5 formats:

- 1: IBM floating point, 4 byte (32 bits)
- 2: two's complement integer, 4 byte (32 bits)
- 3: two's complement integer, 2 byte (16 bits)
- 5: IEEE floating point, 4 byte (32 bits)
- 8: two's complement integer, 1 byte (8 bits)

[Note: one byte = 8 bits]

# Seismic Unix – trace display

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suximage - X windows image plot

suwigb - X windows bit-mapped wiggle plot

supsimage - postscript image plot

supswigb - postscript bit-mapped wiggle plot

supswigp - postscript polygon-filled wiggle plot

spsplot - plot postscript velocity models

ximage - uniformly sampled X image plot

# Seismic Unix – trace display

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Write another script file to read in the \*.su file and create a postscript display of it.

```
sufilter f=3,6,16,32 < B49.su | sureduce rv=8 | supswigb  
nbpi=300 f1=0.0 wt=0 va=1 x1beg=0 x1end=10  
x2beg=-45000 x2end=99000 verbose=1 key=offset  
d1num=2.0 n1tic=5 n2tic=5 perc=70 bias=0 labelsize=14  
linewidth=10 wbox=4.664 hbox=2.5 label1="Time (sec)"  
label2="Offset (m)" > B49.ps
```

Try changing the filter parameters and see what happens.

# suxwigb/suximage

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## X Functionality:

Button 1    Zoom with rubberband box

Button 2    Show mouse (x1,x2) coordinates while pressed

q or Q key    Quit

s key        Save current mouse (x1,x2) location to file

p or P key    Plot current window with pswigb (only from disk files)

a or page up keys        enhance clipping by 10%

c or page down keys        reduce clipping by 10%

up,down,left,right keys    move zoom window by half width/height

i or +(keypad)        zoom in by factor 2

o or -(keypad)        zoom out by factor 2

l                lock the zoom while moving the cursor

u                unlock the zoom

1,2,...9    Zoom/Move factor of the window size

# Seismic Unix – trace display

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Try this script:

```
sufilter < B49.su f=0,5,30,40 | sureduce rv=6 | supswigb  
key=offset xcur=1 clip= perc=75 wt=0 va=1 nbpi=600  
wbox=2.5 hbox=6.25 x1beg=10.0 x1end=0.0 d1num=5  
n1tic=5 n2tic=5 x2beg=-45000 x2end=99000  
f2num=-80000 d2num=20000 n2tic=0 style=normal  
axescolor=black verbose=1 label1="Time (sec)"  
label2="Offset (m)" > B49_dw.ps
```

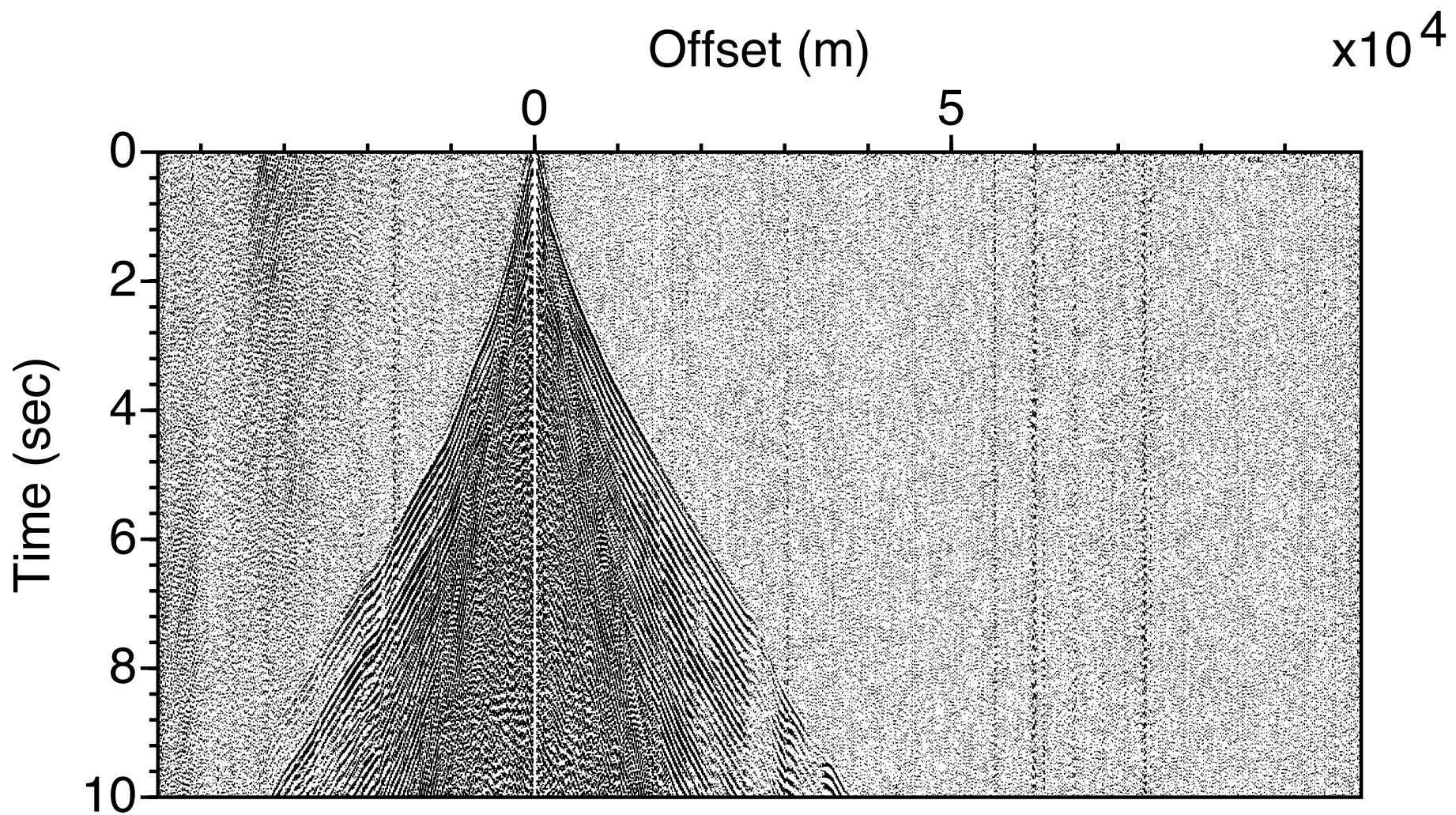
# Seismic Unix – trace display

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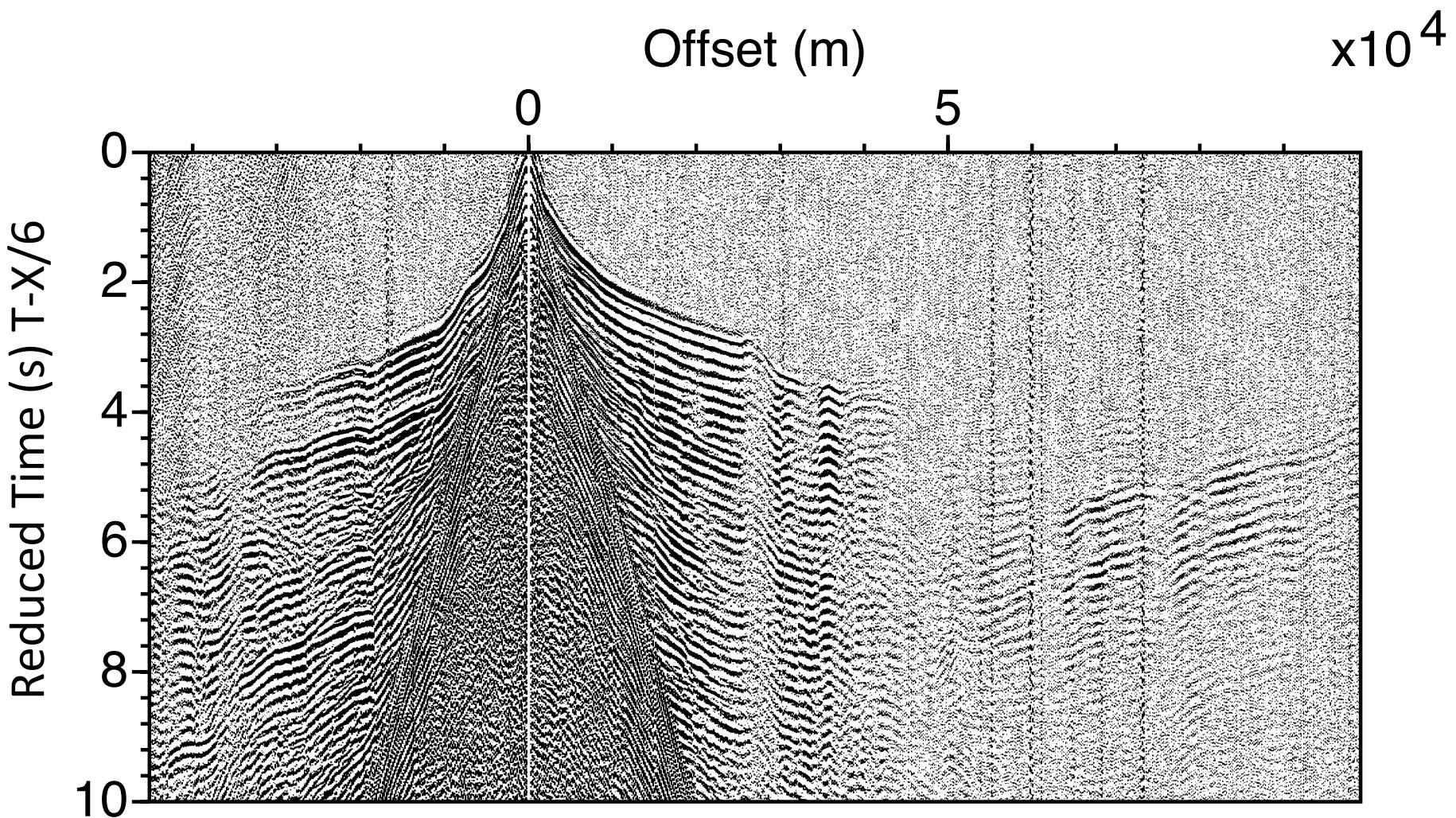
If you want a grayscale image instead of a wiggle image, use  
supsimage like this:

```
sufilter < B49.su f=3,6,14,28 amp=0,0,1,1 | sureduce rv=6 |  
suwind tmin=0 tmax=10 | supsimage key=offset wbox=4.664  
n1tic=5 n2tic=100 titlesize=10 labelsize=10 hbox=2.5  
title="B49 BP 3-6-14-28" perc=99 > B49_im.ps
```

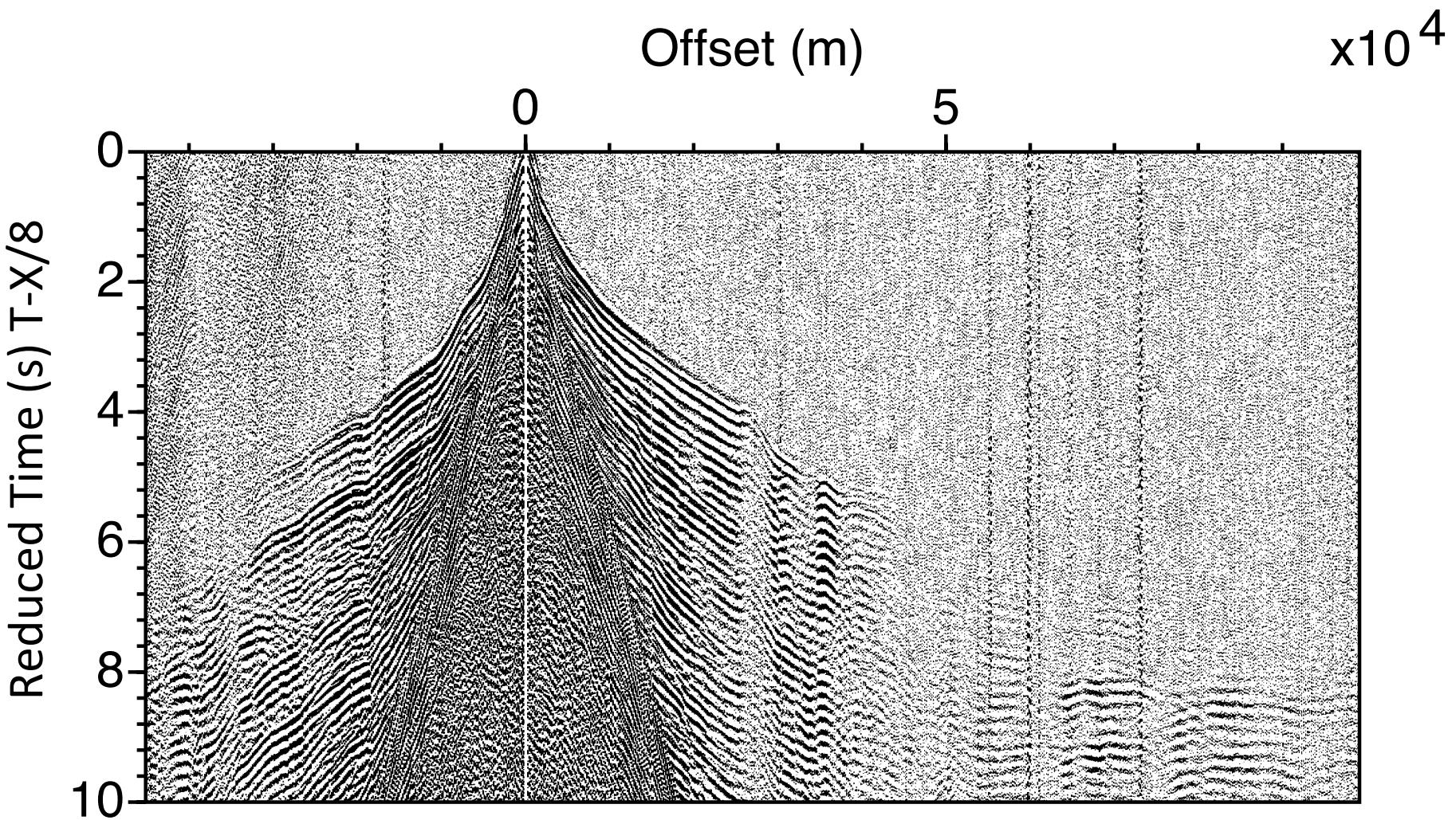
# Data examples (B49)



# Data examples (B49), reducing velocity 6 km/s



# Data examples (B49), reducing velocity 8 km/s



# Additional processing for single channel data

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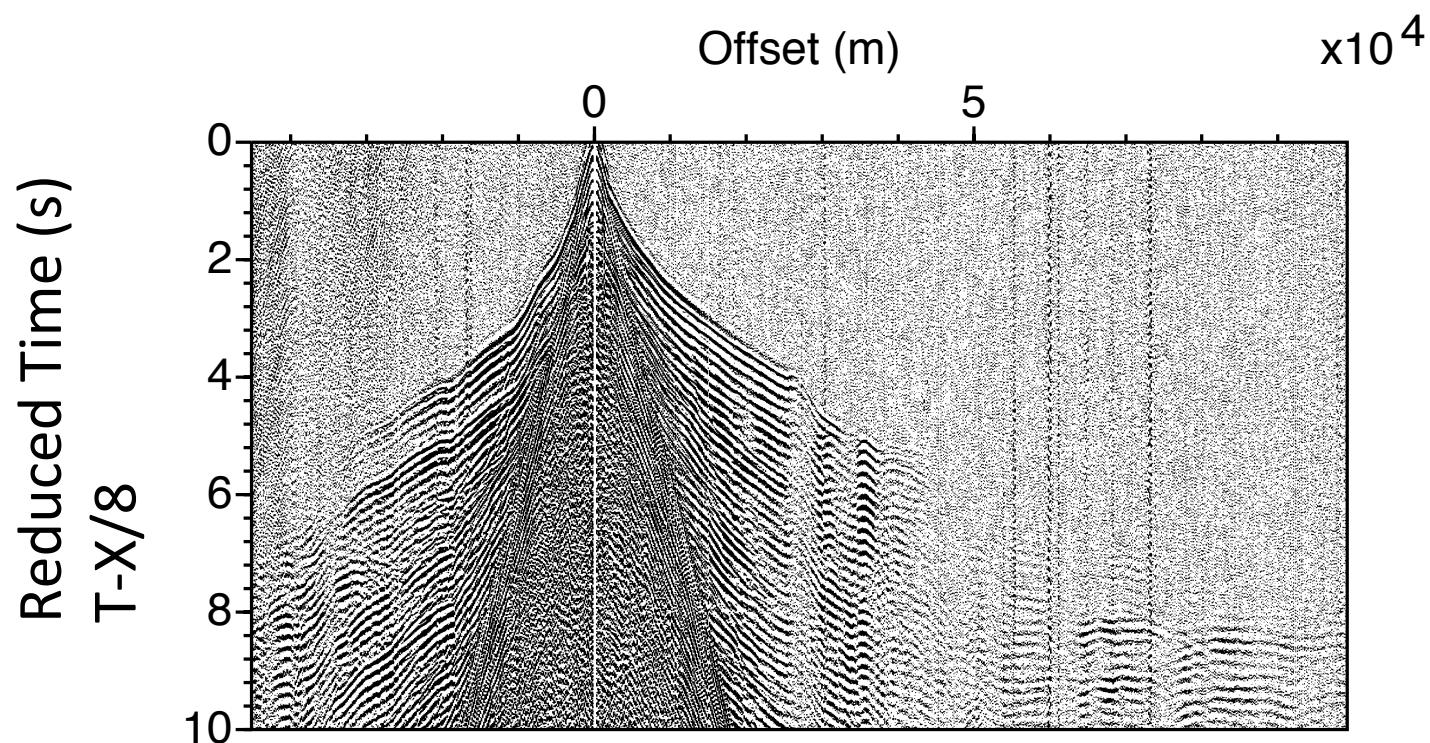
- sufilter → bandpass filter – 1-d operation
- sumix → trace mixing
- sushw → set header word
- sustack → stack on header word
- suop → arithmetic operations
- suop2 → arithmetic operations between 2 datasets
- sugain → trace gain (AGC, amplitude recovery)
- sukill → kill traces

# Picking first arriving refractions

```
> sufbpickw < *.su window=.01 | suximage perc=99
```

Use sumax to get the values

```
> sufbpickw < *.su window=.01 | sumax mode=max  
verbose=1
```



# SU velocity models

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- makevel - make a velocity function
- triseis - generate Gaussian beam synthetic seismograms
- sufmod2 (sufmod1) – finite difference modelling
- suea2df - (an) **e**lastic **a**nisotropic **2D** finite difference forward modeling, 4th order in space

# Setting up geometry in su

**sushw** - Set one or more header word using trace number, mod and integer divide to compute the header word values or input the header word values from a file

key=cdp,... header key word(s) to set

a=0,... value(s) on first trace

b=0,... increment(s) within group

c=0,... group increment(s)

d=0,... trace number shift(s)

j=ULONG\_MAX,ULONG\_MAX,...      number of elements in group

The value of each header word key is computed using the formula:

- $i = \text{itr} + d$
  - $\text{val(key)} = a + b * (i \% j) + c * (\text{int}(i / j))$
  - where itr is the trace number (first trace has itr=0, NOT 1)

# Setting up geometry in su

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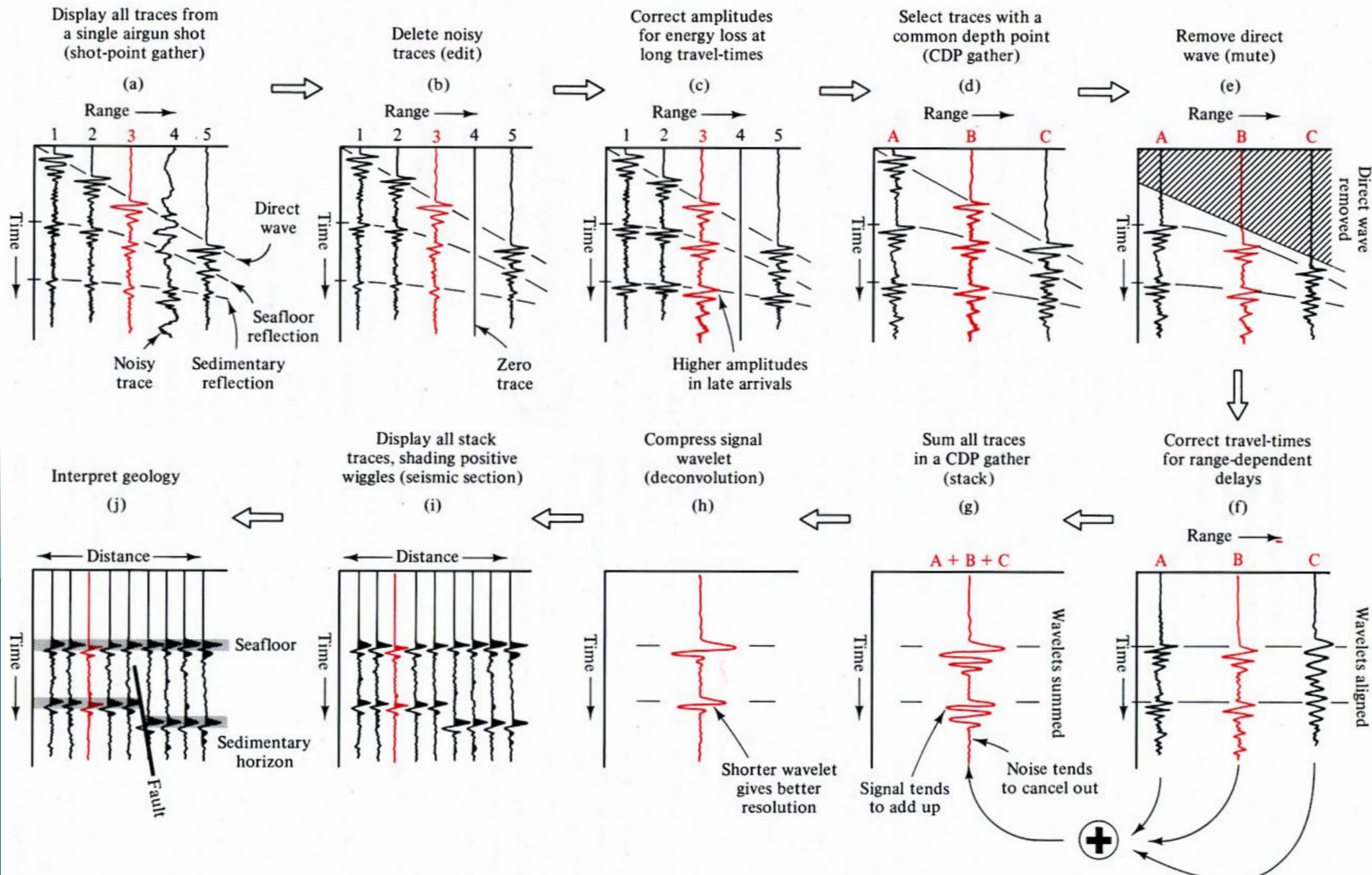
suchw- Change Header Word using one or two header word fields

key1=cdp,...	output key(s)
key2=cdp,...	input key(s)
key3=cdp,...	input key(s)
a=0,...	overall shift(s)
b=1,...	scale(s) on first input key(s)
c=0,...	scale on second input key(s)
d=1,...	overall scale(s)
e=1,...	exponent on first input key(s)
f=1,...	exponent on second input key(s)

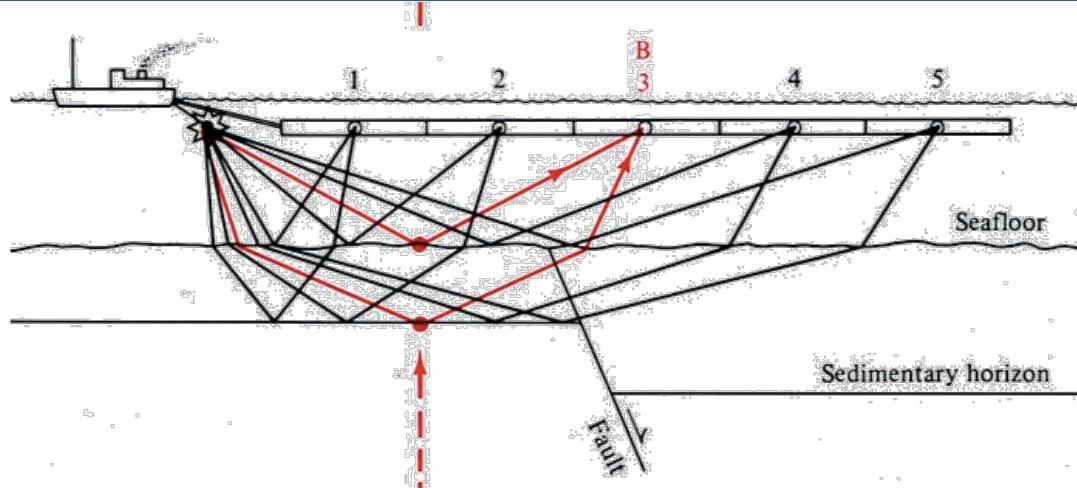
The value of header word key1 is computed from the values of key2 and key3 by:

$$\text{val(key1)} = (a + b * \text{val(key2)}^e + c * \text{val(key3)}^f) / d$$

# *Simplified multichannel reflection seismic processing*

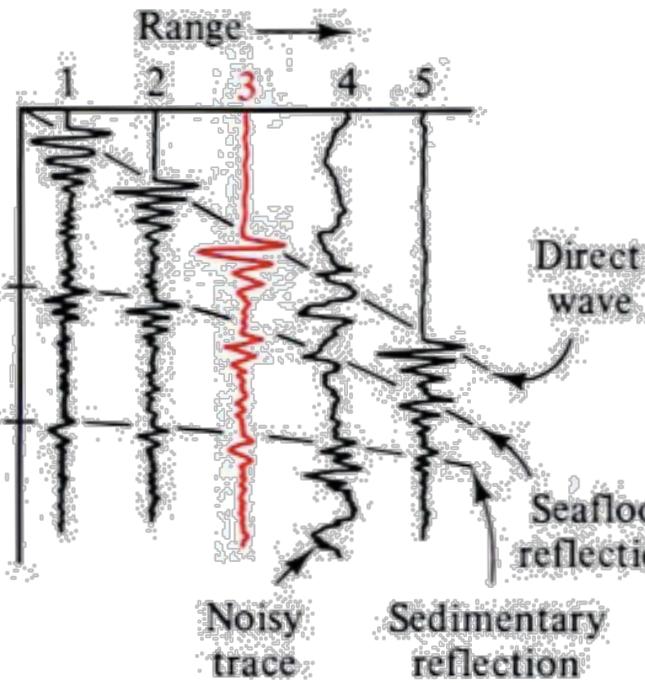


*Simplified processing sequence:  
pre-processing,  
editing,  
automatic gain control*



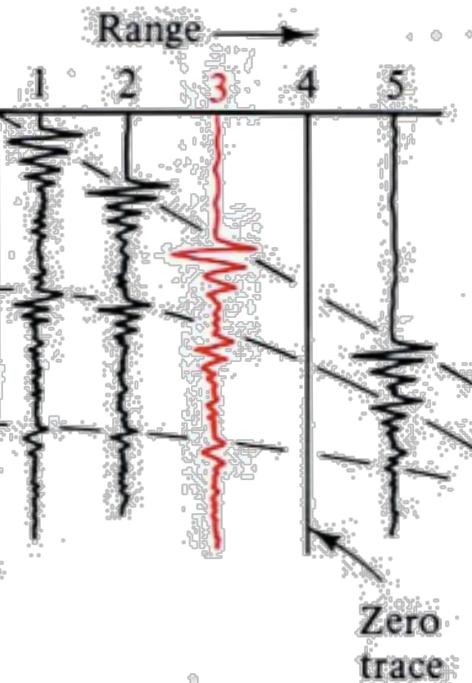
Display all traces from  
a single airgun shot  
(shot-point gather)

(a)



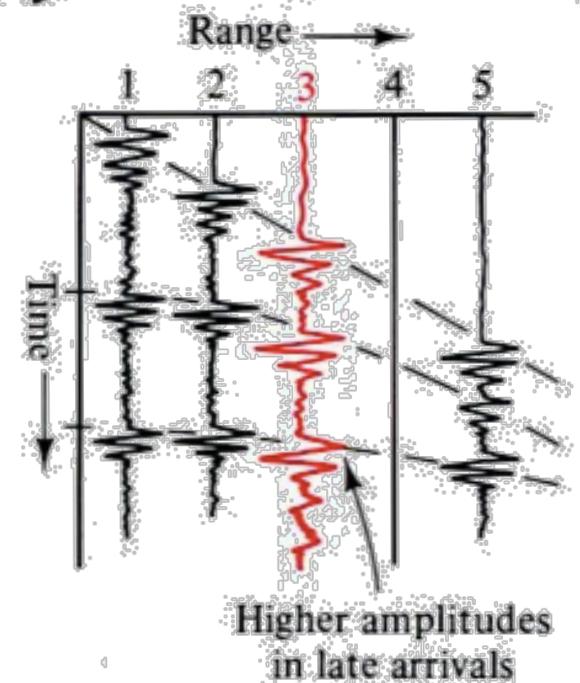
Delete noisy  
traces (edit)

(b)

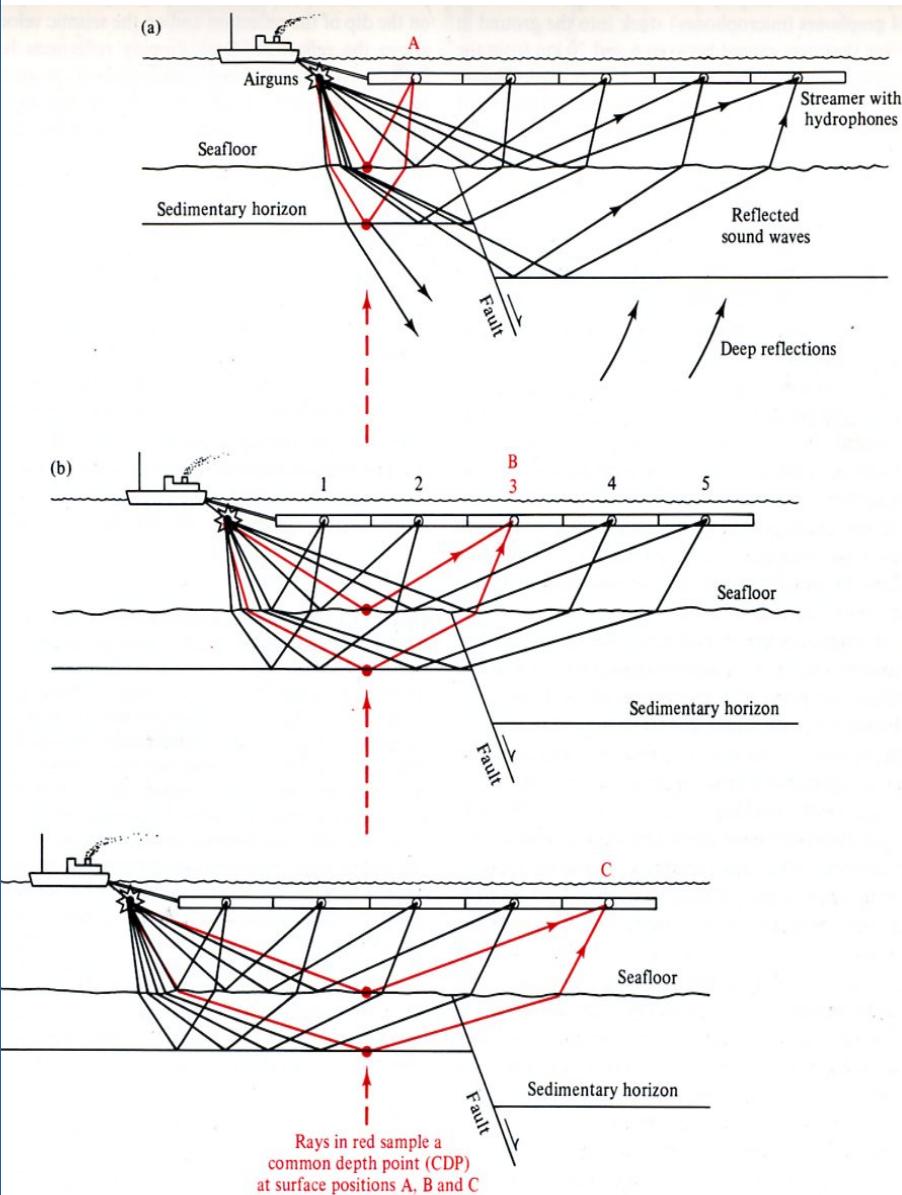


Correct amplitudes  
for energy loss at  
long travel-times

(c)

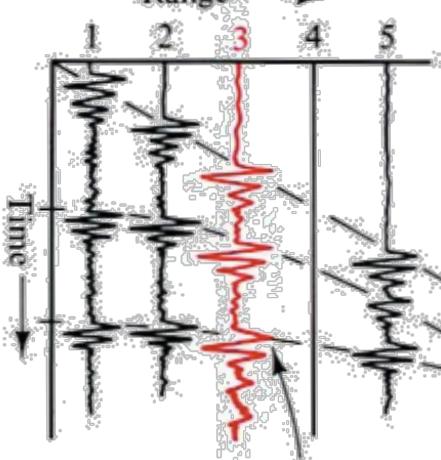


## Simplified processing sequence: sort into CMPs



Correct amplitudes  
for energy loss at  
long travel-times

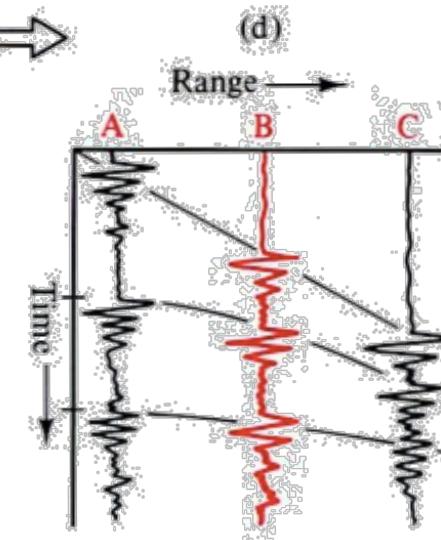
Range →



Higher amplitudes  
in late arrivals

Select traces with a  
common depth point  
(CDP gather)

Range →



Range →

*Simplified processing sequence:*

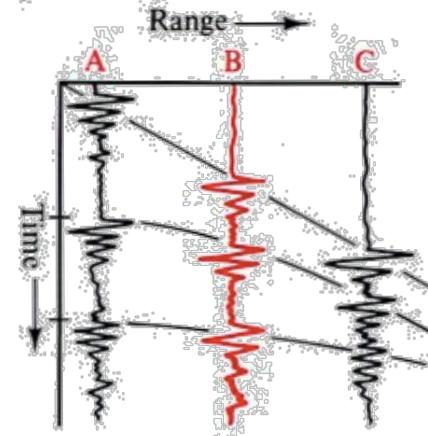
*delete refracted energy*

*"mute"*

Select traces with a  
common depth point  
(CDP gather)



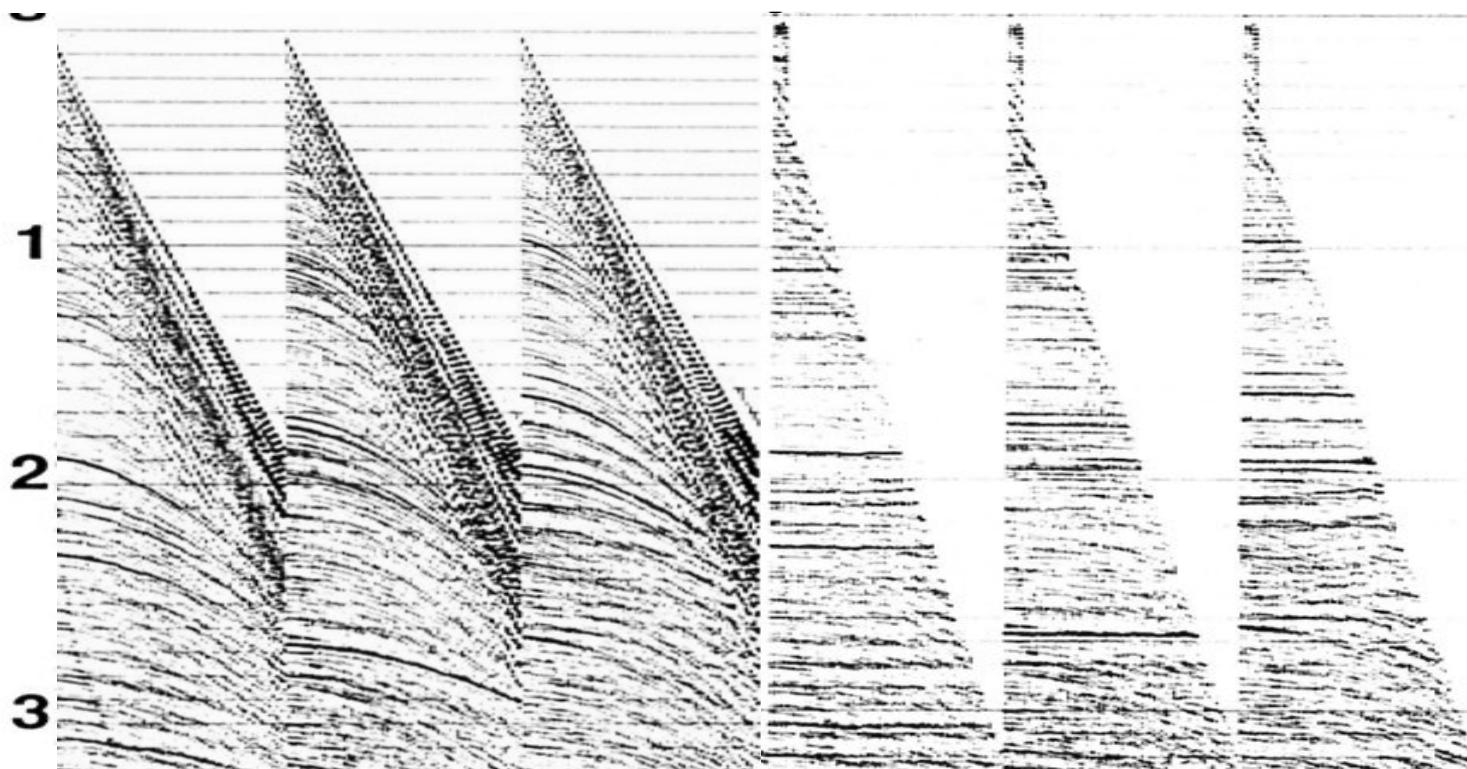
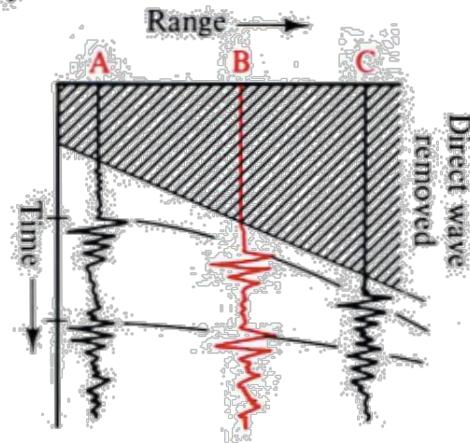
(d)



Remove direct  
wave (mute)

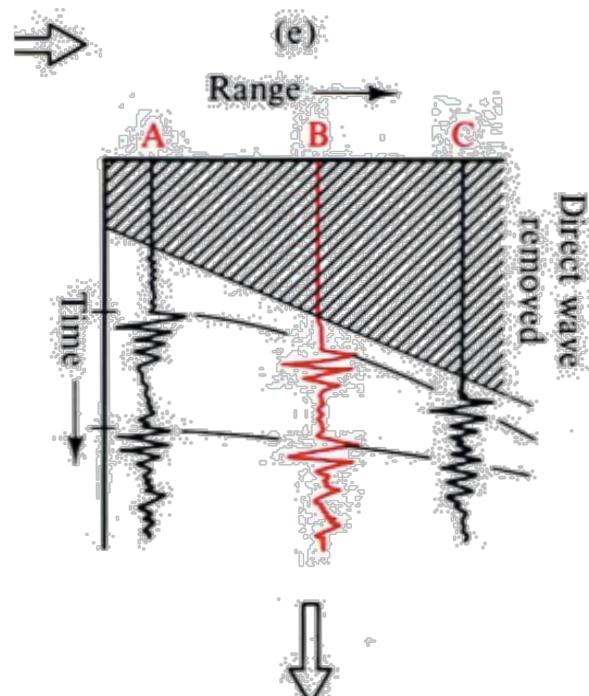
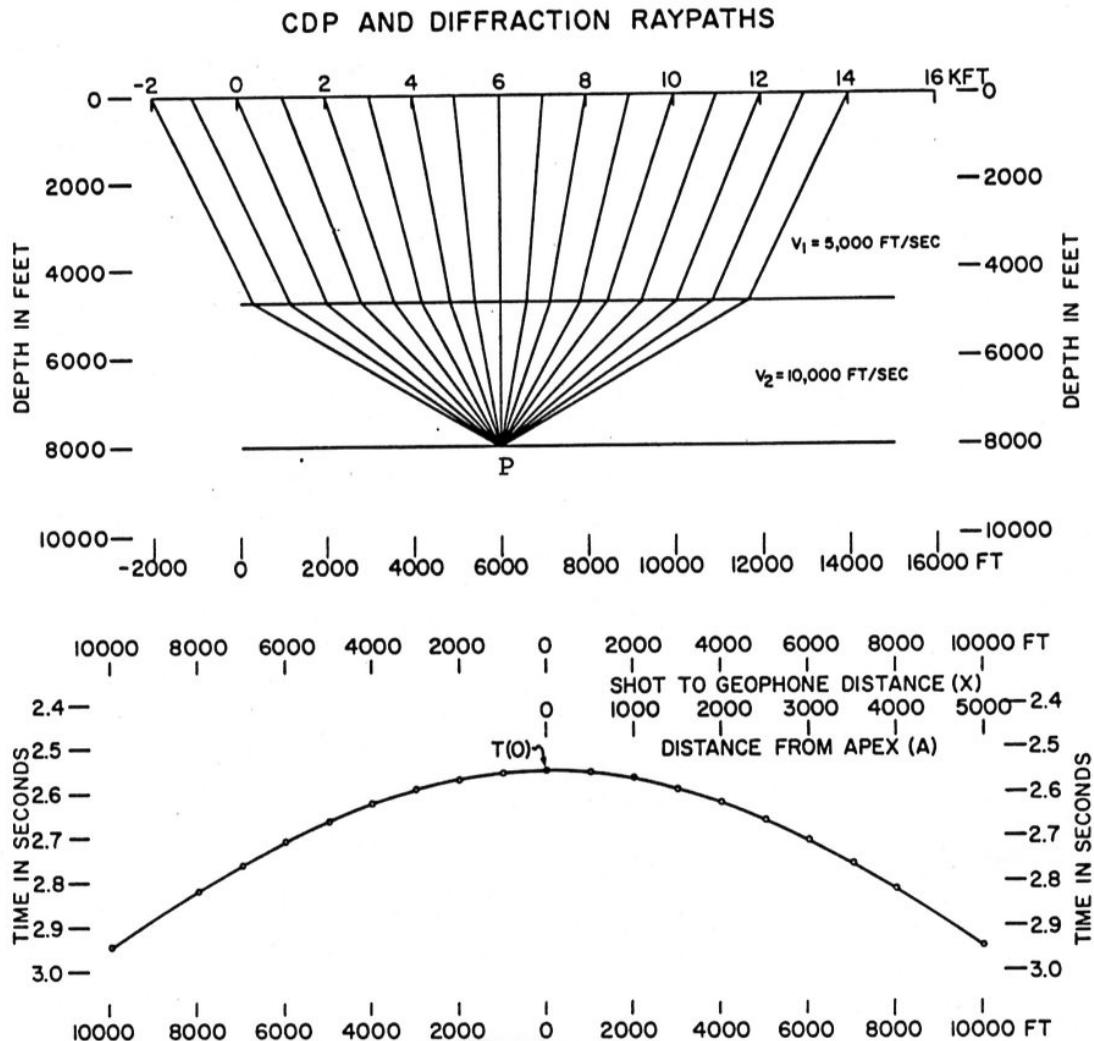


(e)

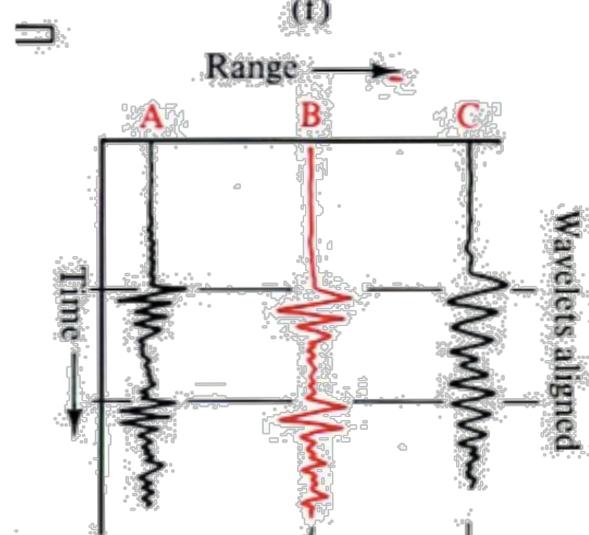


*Simplified processing sequence:  
correct for non-zero offset*

*"normal-moveout (NMO) correction "*



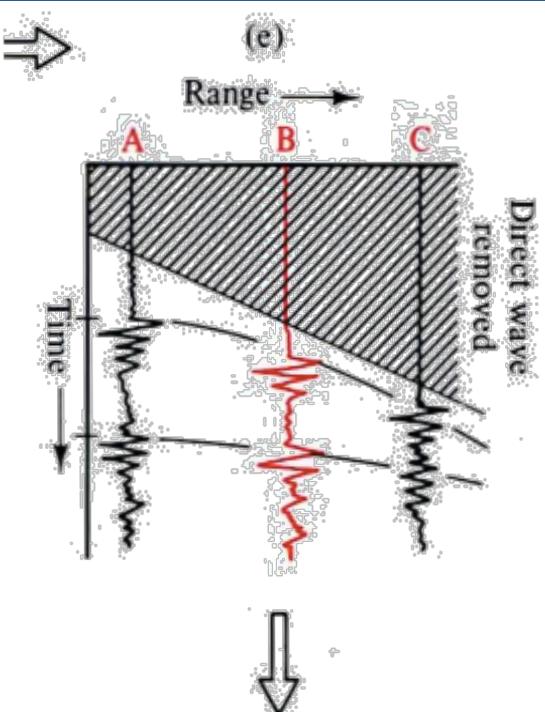
Correct travel-times  
for range-dependent  
delays



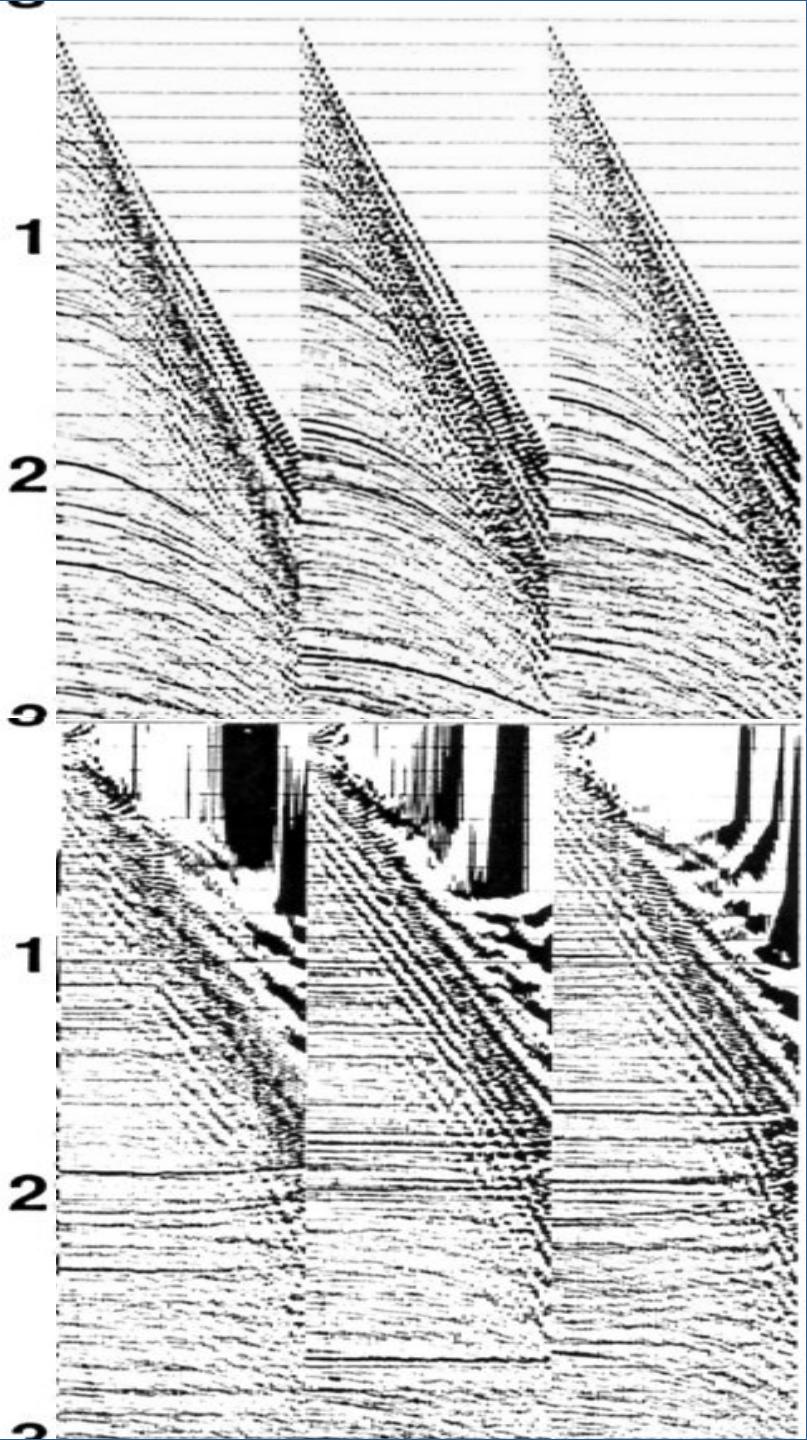
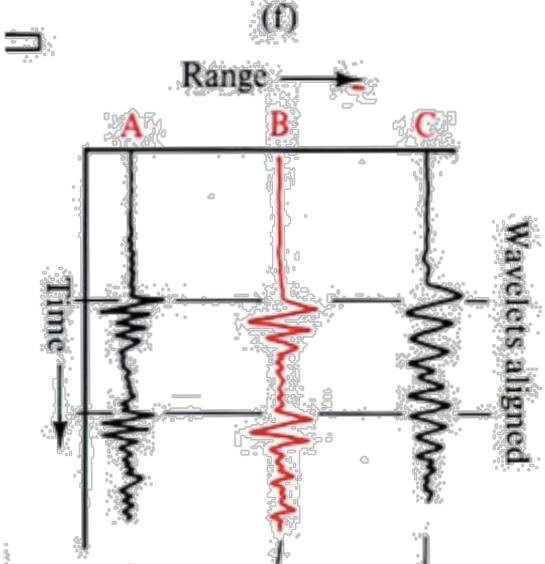
*Simplified processing sequence:*

*correct for non-zero offset*

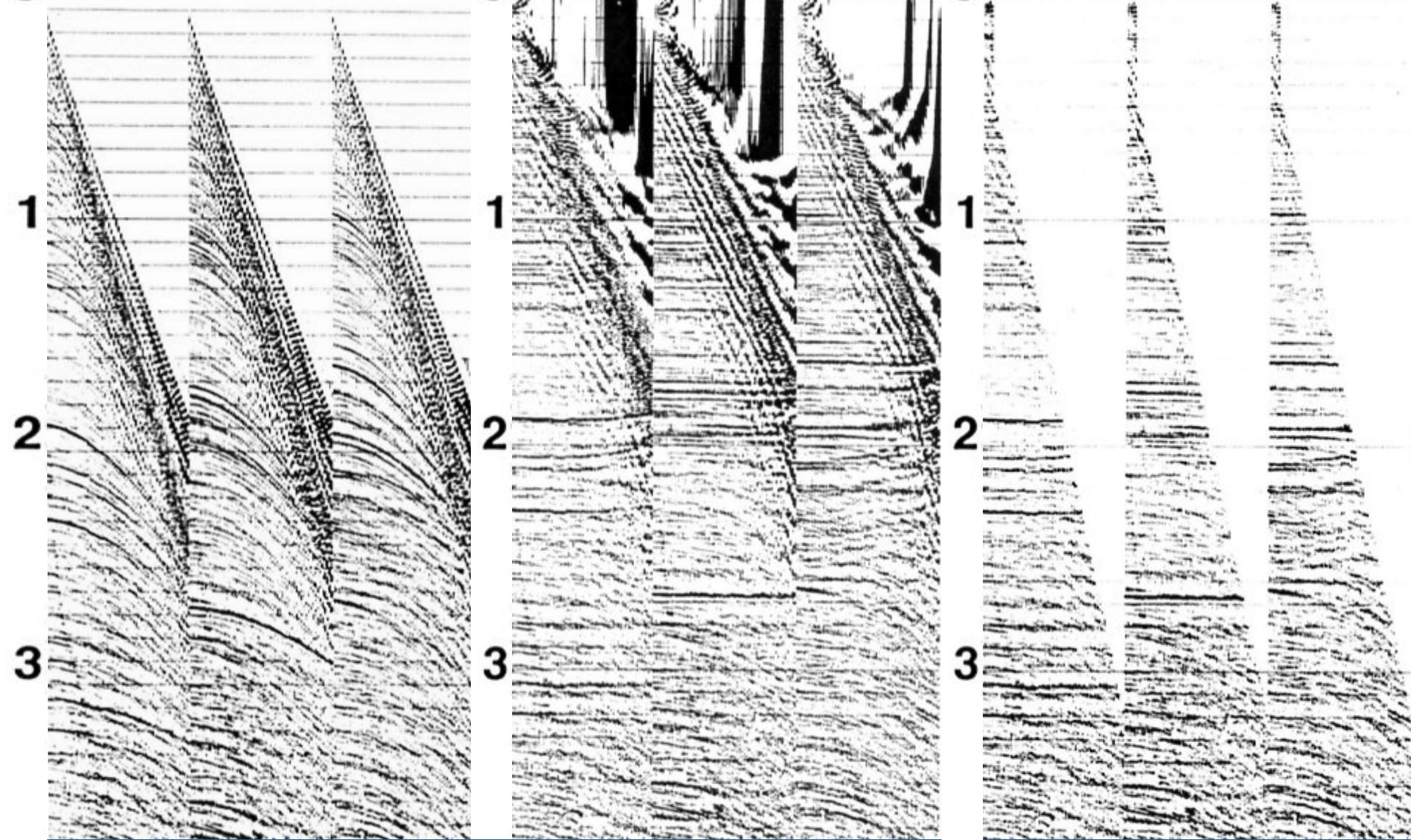
*"normal-moveout  
(NMO) correction"*



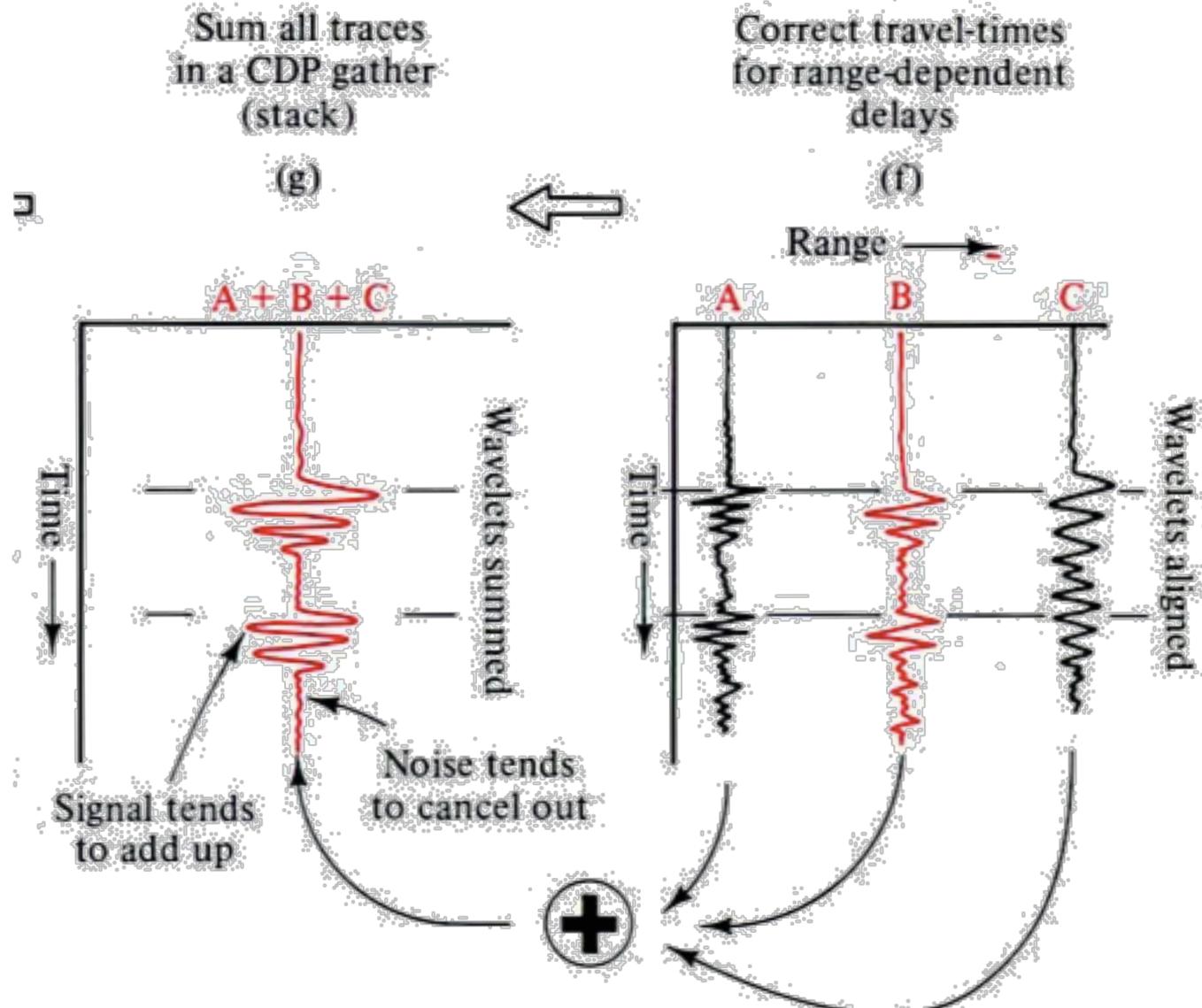
Correct travel-times  
for range-dependent  
delays



*Sequence of processing can be varied:  
in this case, NMO then mute*

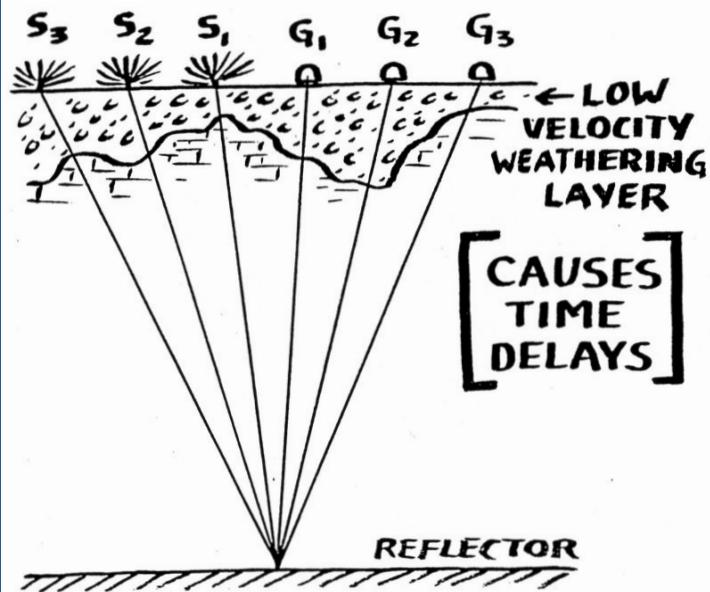


*Simplified processing sequence: CMP stacking  
assumes all traces are appropriately corrected*

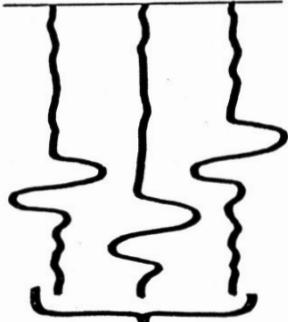


*Simplified processing sequence: statics corrections before CMP stacking*

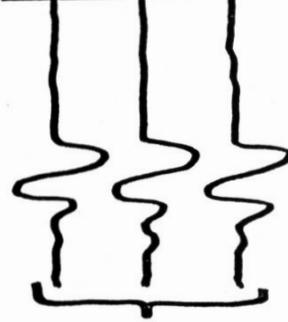
*before                            after*



UNCORRECTED  
C-D-P TRACES

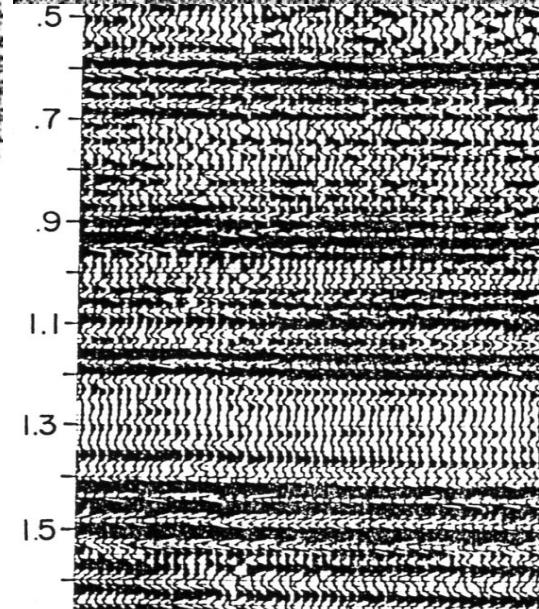
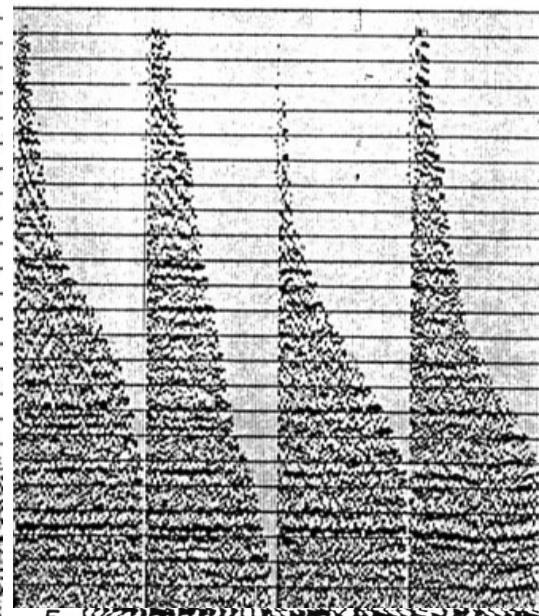
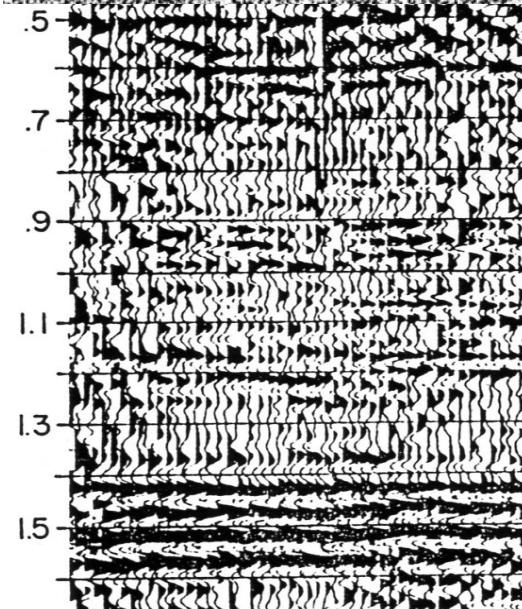
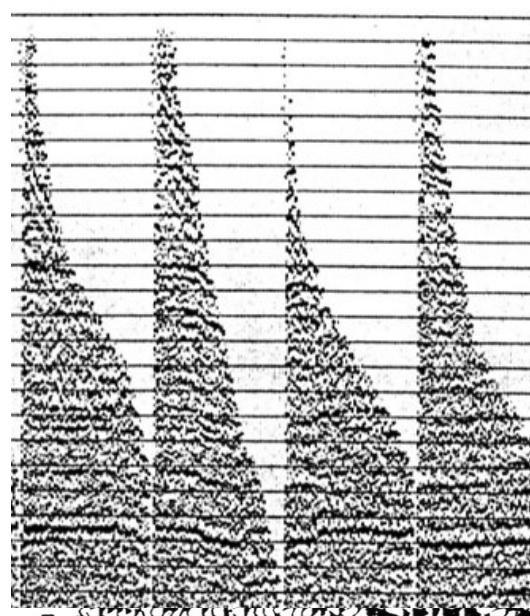


CORRECTED  
C-D-P TRACES

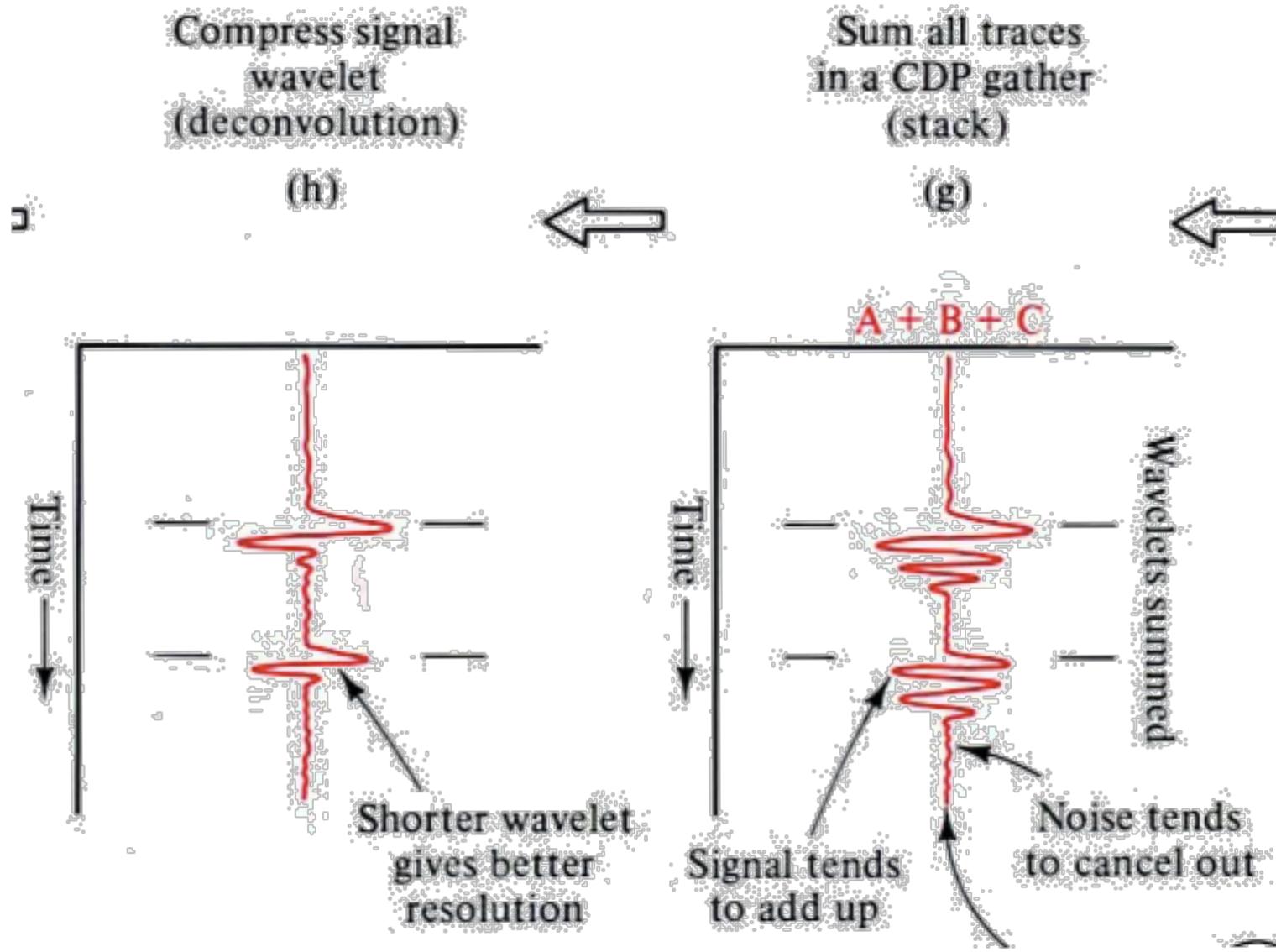


POOR SUM

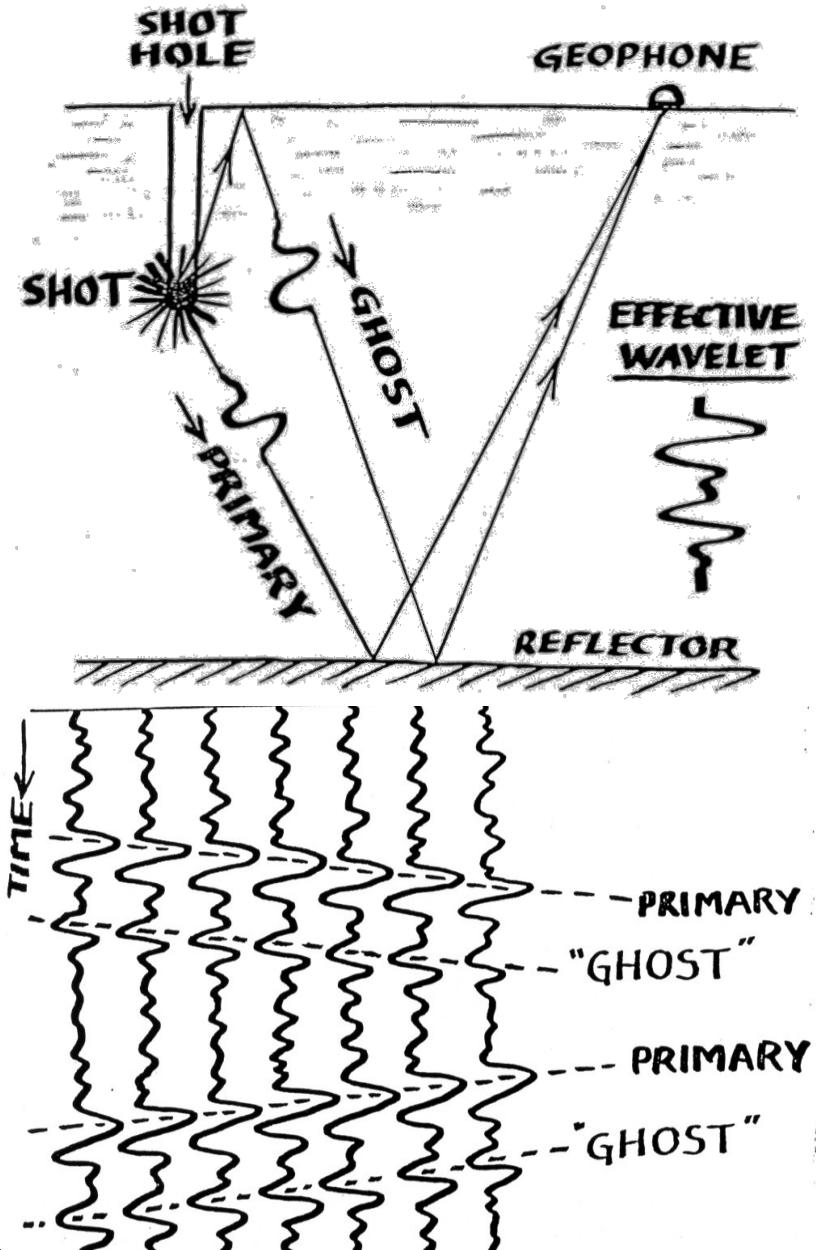
GOOD SUM



## Simplified processing sequence: deconvolution

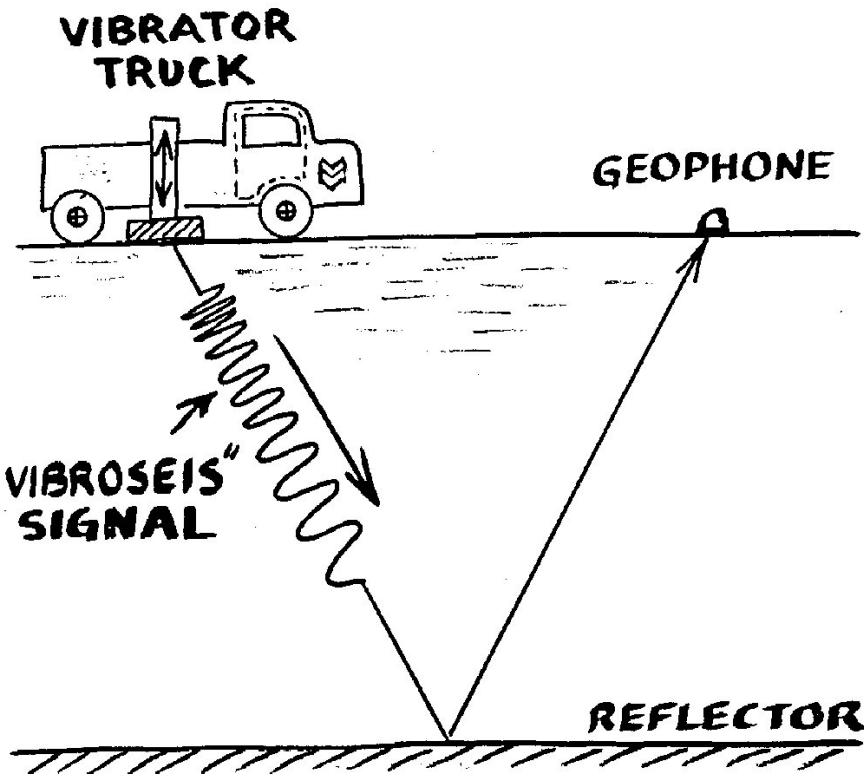


## Causes of reverberative wavelet: acquisition

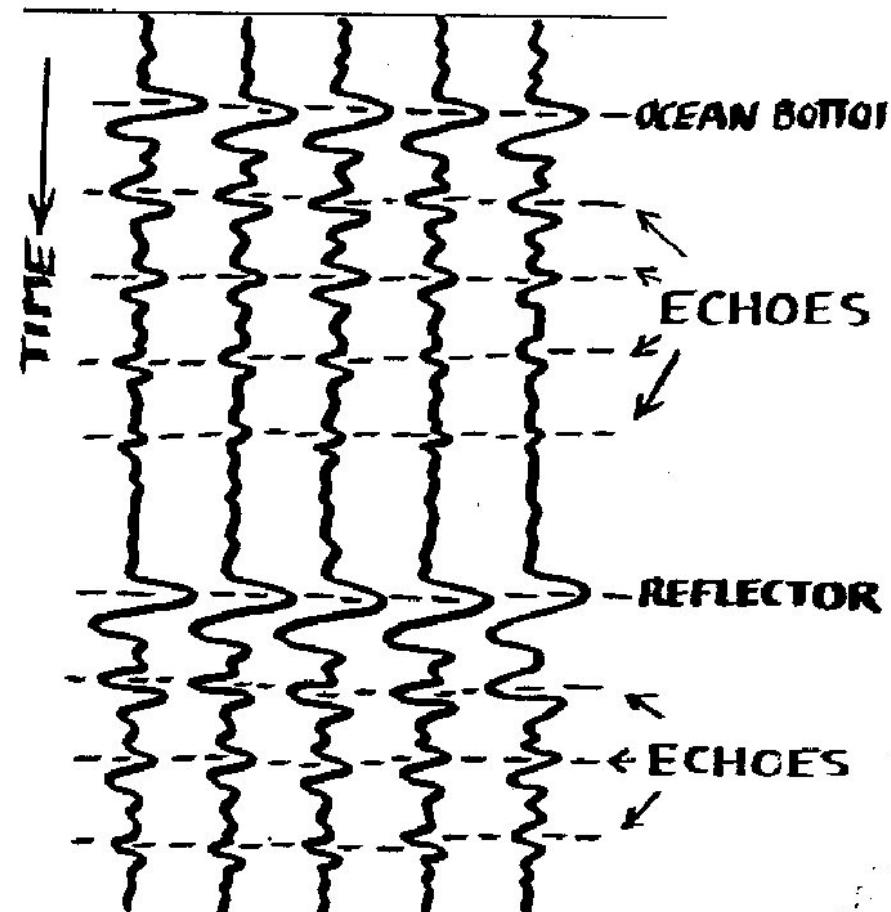
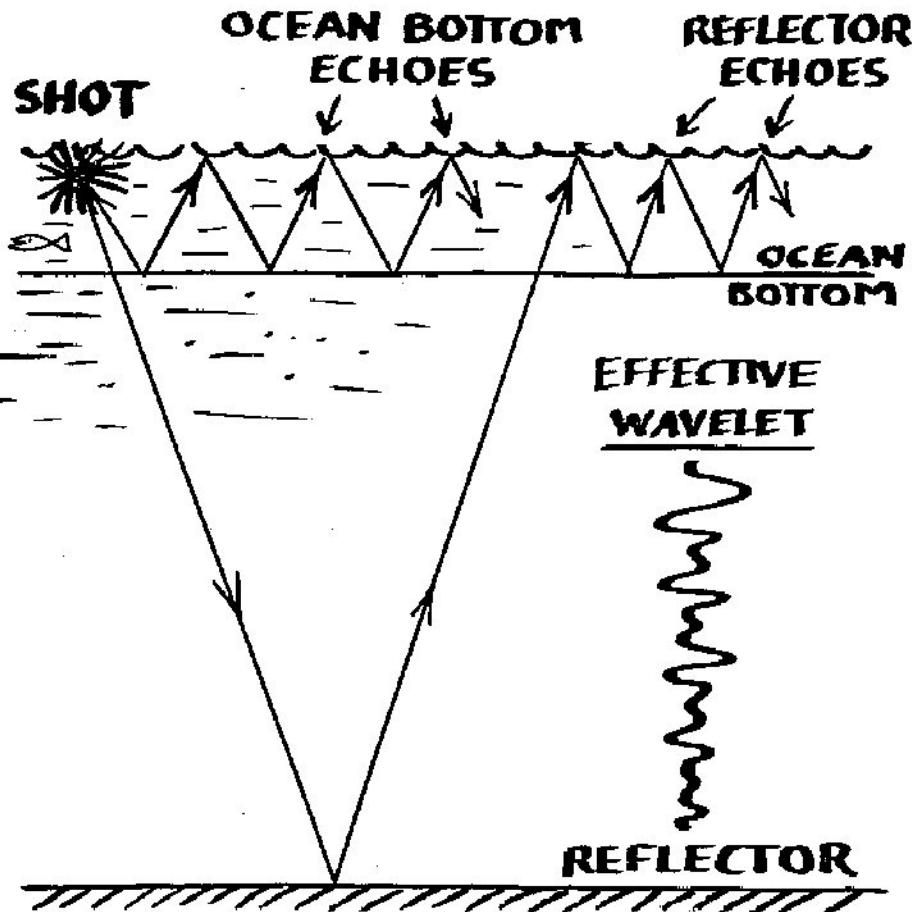


Dynamite / airgun

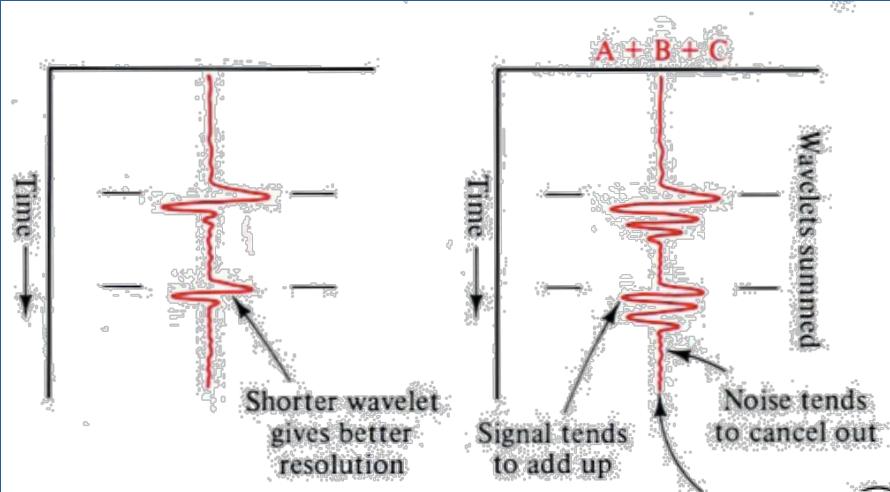
Vibroseis



*Causes of reverberative wavelet: geology  
(water-bottom and peg-leg multiples)*

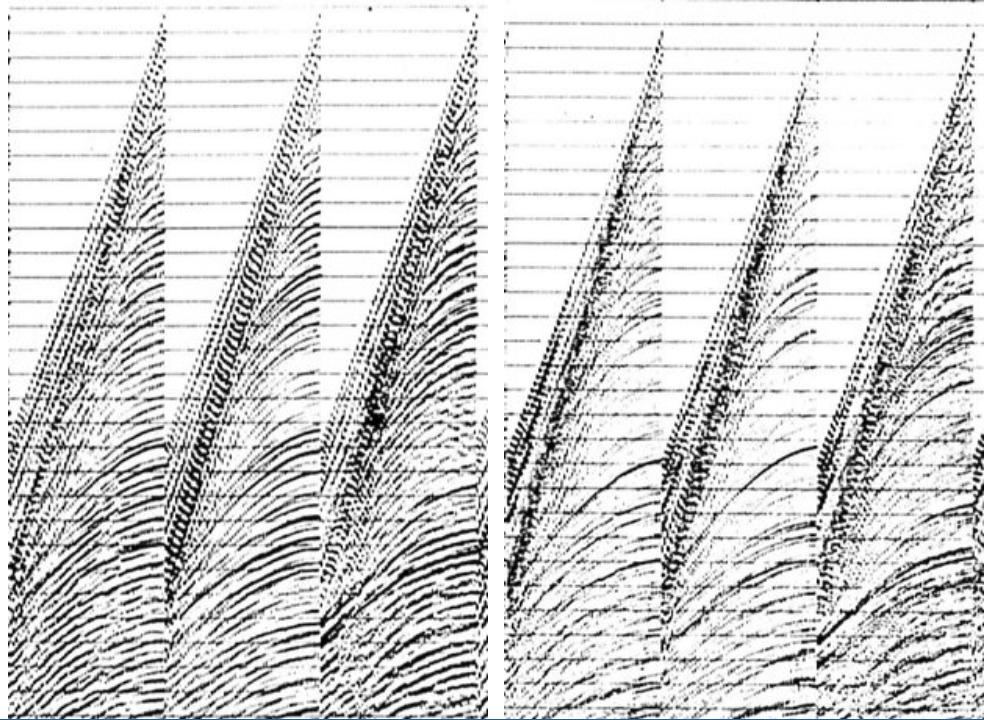


## *Simplified processing sequence: deconvolution*



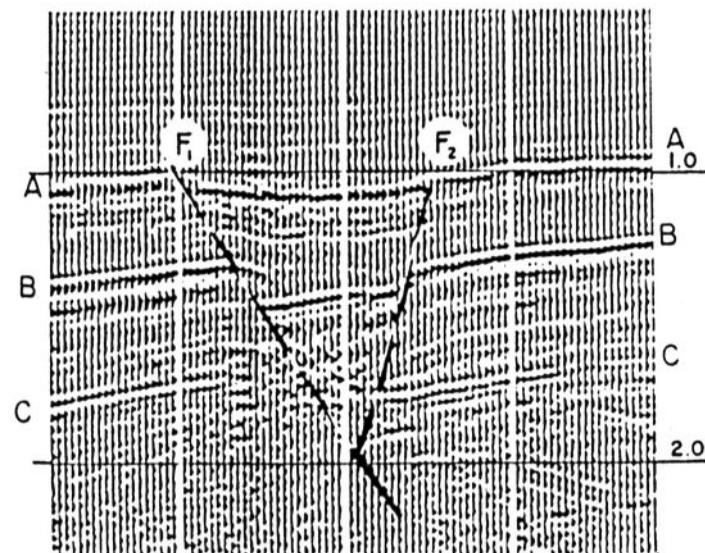
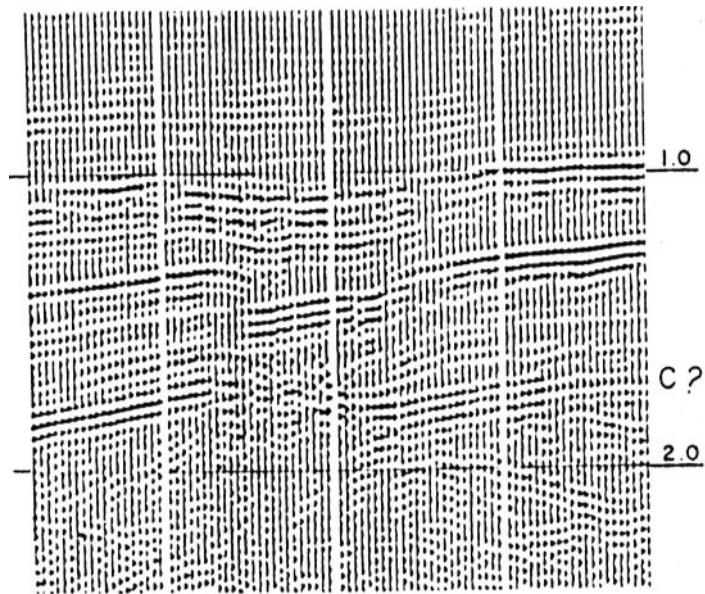
*before*

*after*



*before*

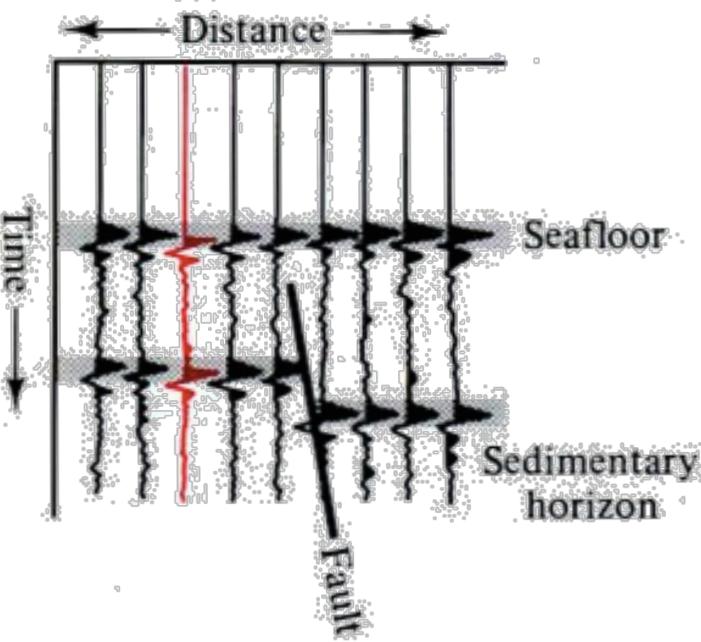
*after*



## *Simplified processing sequence: display and interpret*

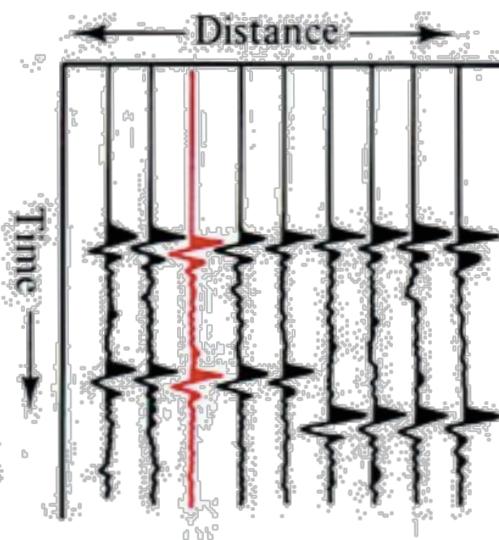
Interpret geology

(j)



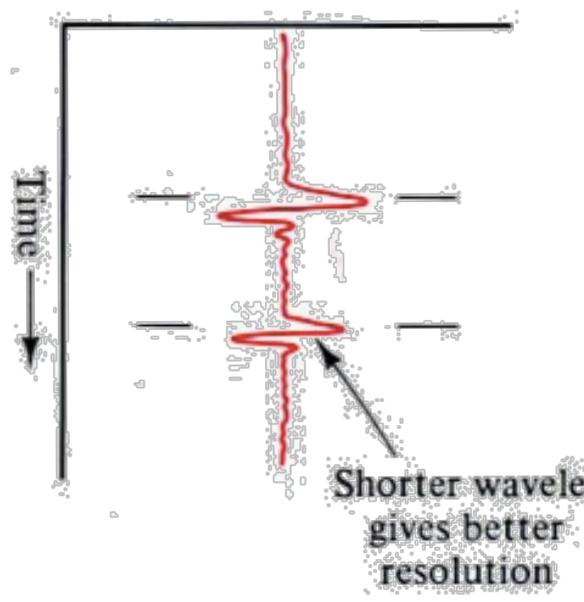
Display all stack  
traces, shading positive  
wiggles (seismic section)

(l)



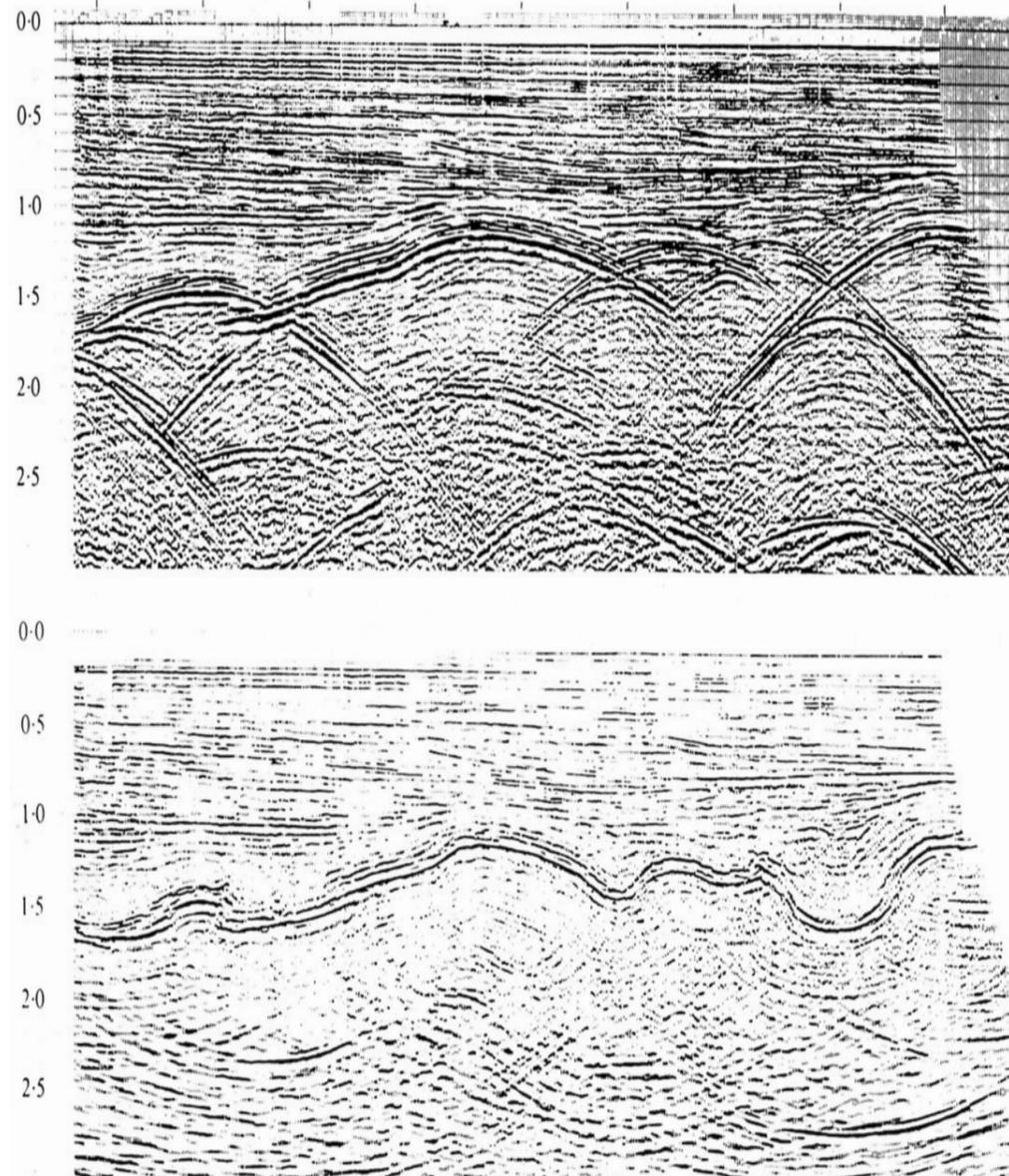
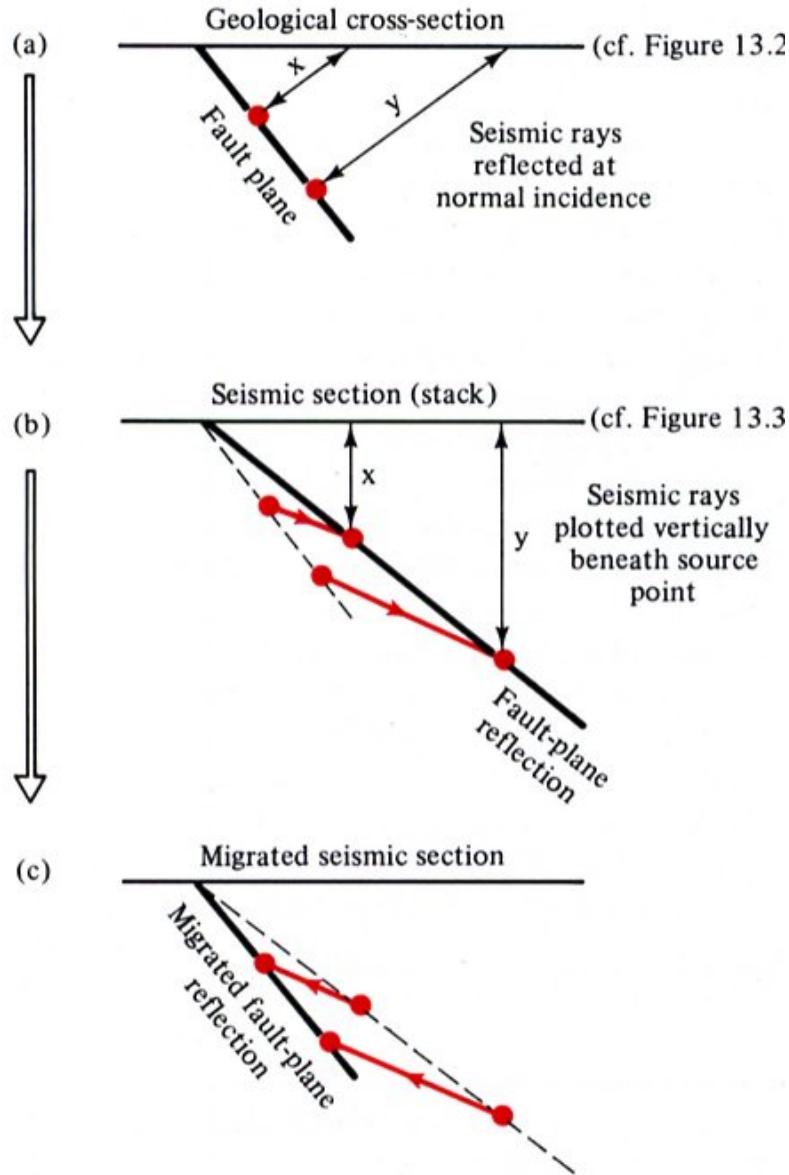
Compress signal  
wavelet  
(deconvolution)

(h)

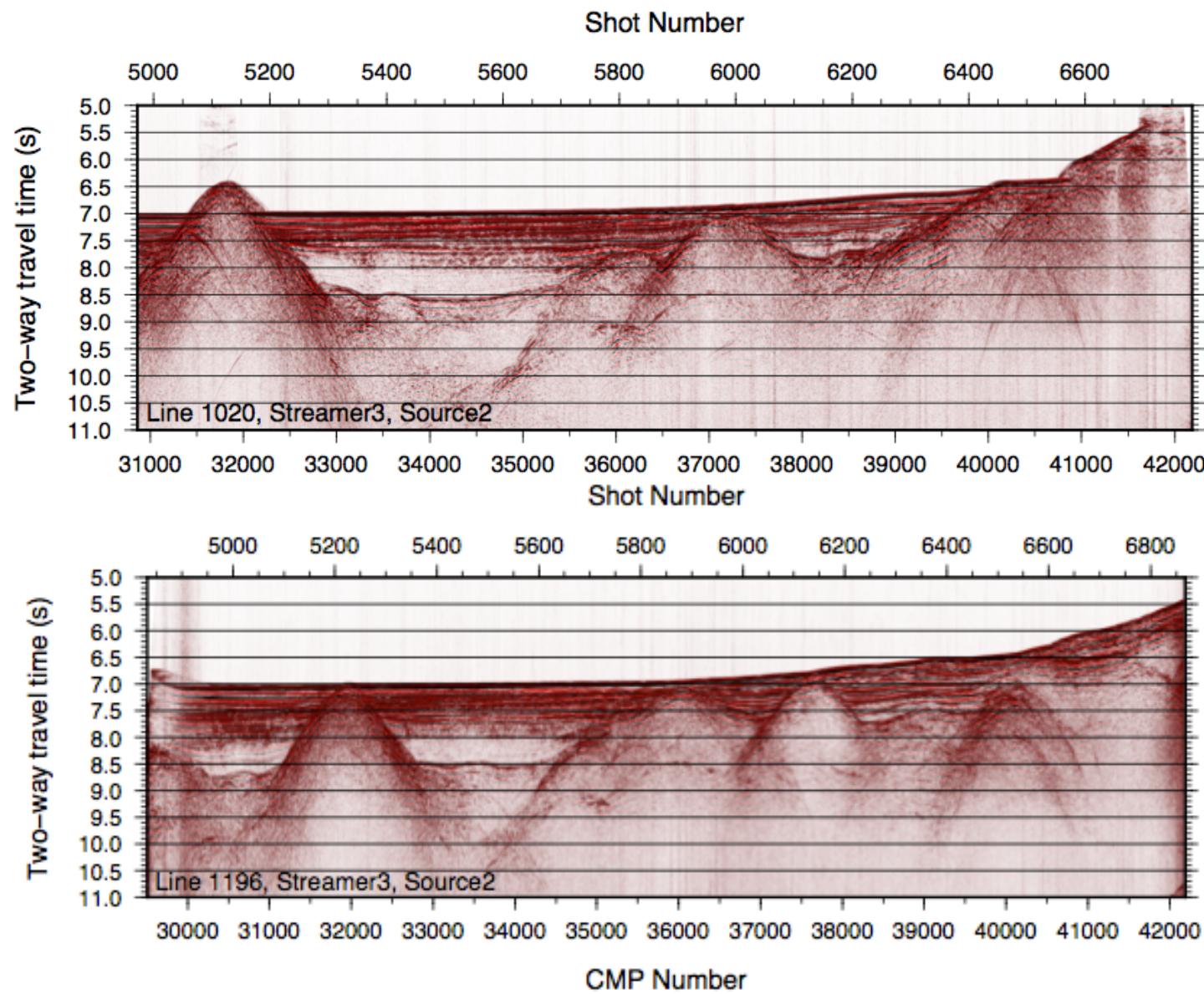


*Simplified processing sequence:*

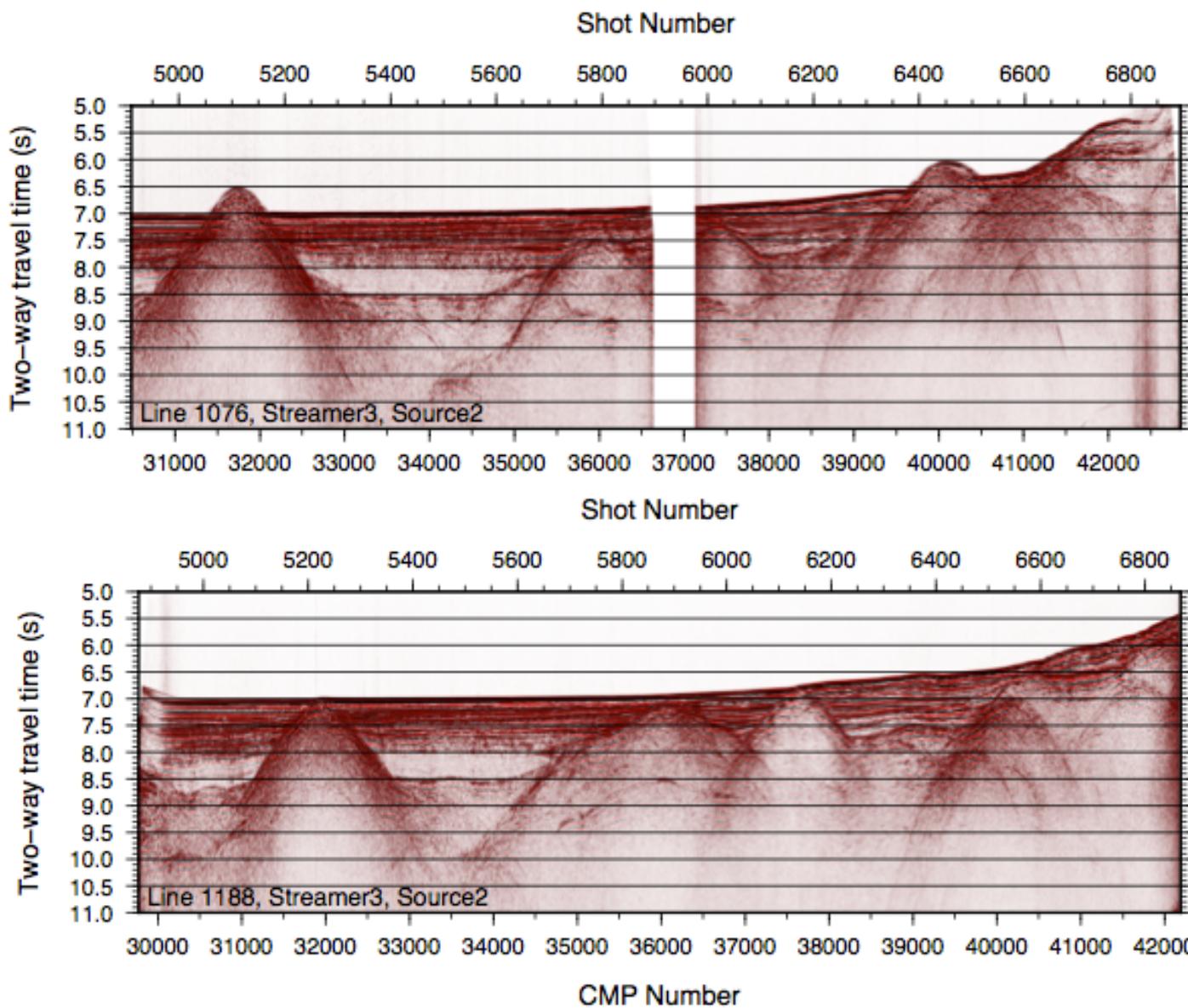
## *Migration: correctly re-positioning dipping layers in x-t*



# 3-D brute stack seismic data: offshore NW Spain



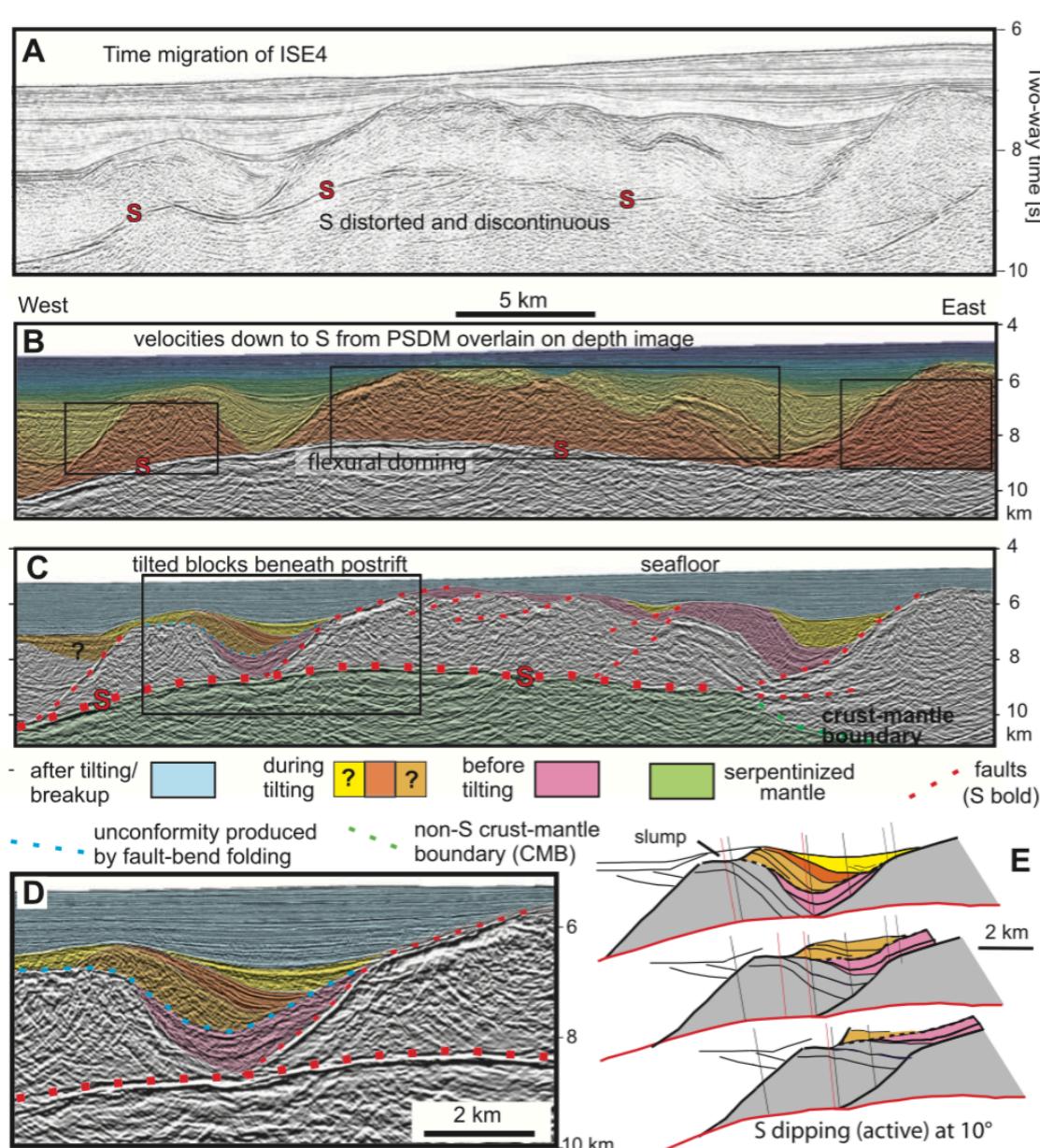
# 3-D brute stack seismic data: offshore NW Spain



# Migration algorithms (from ProMax manual)

Migration Name	Category	Type	Velocity	$V(x)$	$V(t/z)$	Steep Dip	Run Time
Stolt 2D	F-K	Time	$V_{RMS}(x,t)$	Poor	Poor	Fair	0.2
Phase Shift 2D	Phase Shift	Time	$V_{INT}(x,t)$	None	Good	Good	1.0
Steep-Dip Explicit FD Time	F-D (70 deg) (50 deg)	Time	$V_{INT}(x,t)$	Fair	Good	Good	21.0
Fast Explicit FD Time	F-D	Time	$V_{INT}(x,t)$	Fair	Good	Fair	9.6
Explicit FD Depth	F-D	Depth	$V_{INT}(x,z)$	Good	Good	Good	21.7
Kirchhoff Depth m Explicit Mult. Arr.	Kirchhoff/I m Explicit Mult. Arr.	Depth Depth Depth	$V_{INT}(x,z)$ $V_{INT}(x,z)$ $V_{INT}(x,z)$	Fair Good Excel.	Good Good Excel.	Good Good Excel.	7.3 12.0 64.0
Kirchhoff Time	Kirchhoff	Time	$V_{RMS}(x,t)$	Fair	Good	Good	14.6
Reverse-Time T-K	Reverse Time	Time	$V_{INT}(t)$	None	Good	Good	2.5

## Final interpreted reflection images: older data, same region offshore NW Spain



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# Questions?

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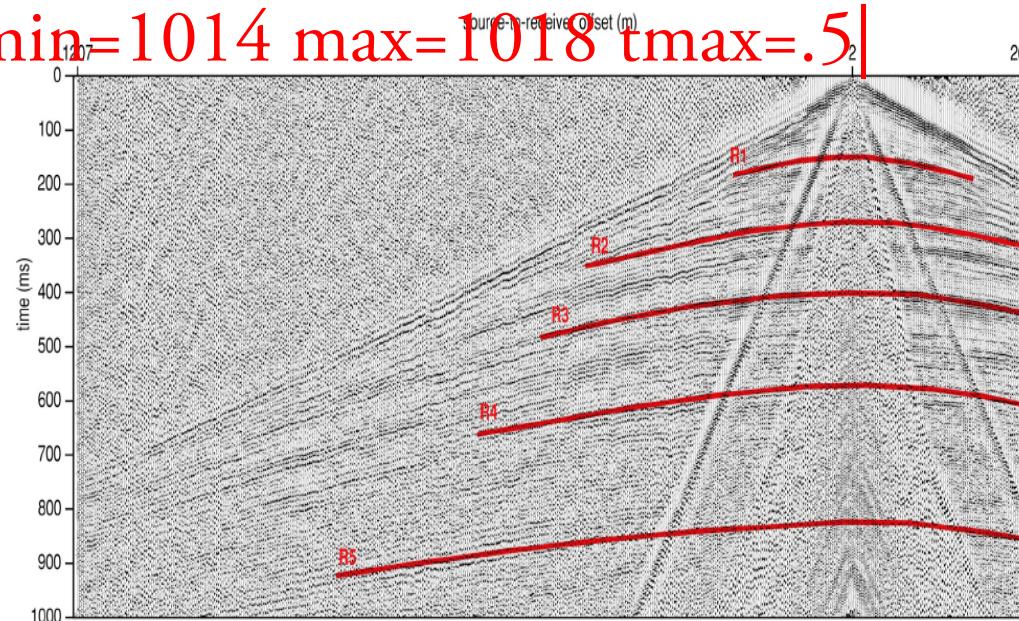
# Sledgehammer shot viewing

- Read first 48 traces of segy file, define offset, and output SU file

```
segymread tape=BroncoStadium_shots.sgy | segyclean | suwind  
key=tracf min=1 max=48|sushw key=offset a=1 b=1 j=48 |  
sushw key=cdp a=1000 b=-1 c=2 j=48 >shots.su
```

- Select shots to view,

```
suwind < shots.su key=fldr min=1014 max=1018 tmax=.5 |  
suxwigb perc=96 &
```



# sushw/suchw

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Examples:

1. set every dt field (sample rate) to 4ms

`sushw < indata key=dt a=4000 |...`

2. set the sx (source x position) field of the first 32 traces to 6400, the second 32 traces to 6300, decrementing by -100 for each 32 trace groups

`...| sushw key=sx a=6400 c=-100 j=32 |...`

3. set the offset fields of each group of 32 traces to 200,400,...,6400

`...| sushw key=offset a=200 b=200 j=32 |...`

4. perform operations 1., 2., and 3. in one call

`..| sushw key=dt,sx,offset a=4000,6400,200 b=0,0,200 c=0,-100,0 j=0,32,32 |`

5. Add 1000 to tracr value:

`suchw key1=tracr key2=tracr a=1000 <infile >outfile`

6. Set the receiver point (gx) field by summing the offset and shot point (sx) fields and then set the cdp field by averaging the sx and gx fields

`suchw <indata key1=gx key2=offset key3=sx b=1 c=1 |suchw key1=cdp key2=gx key3=sx b=1 c=1 d=2 >outdata`

# Reading header values from a binary file

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To edit one or more header fields (as in geometry setting):

`sugethw < sudata output=geom key=key1,key2 ... >  
hdrfile`

Now edit the ASCII file `hdrfile` with any editor, setting the fields appropriately. Convert `hdrfile` to a binary format via:

`a2b < hdrfile n1=nfields > binary_file`

Then set the header fields via:

`sushw < sudata infile=binary_file key=key1,key2,... >  
sudata.edited`

# Trace manipulation (suop)

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- *Normalize traces*

```
suwind <shots.su key=mfldr in=1014 msuop ax=1018 | op=norm |  
suxwigb perc=90
```

- To reverse traces

```
suwind <shots.su key=fldr min=1014 max=1018| suop op=neg |  
suximage
```

- Type **suop** to see the range of trace manipulations
- Type **suop2** to see the range of operations on 2 datasets

# Trace muting

- MUTE above (or below) a user-defined polygonal curve with the distance along the curve specified by key header word
- Especially useful for land seismic data to remove surface waves (ground roll)

```
suwind < shots.su key=fldr min=1014 max=1018 tmax=.  
2| sufilter f=30,60,300,500|sugain agc=1 wagc=.05 |  
sumute key=offset xmute=1,48 tmute=.01,.14 mode=1 |  
suxwigb perc=96
```

# Velocity Analysis

**suvelan** – semblance velocity analysis

```
suwind <cdps.su key=cdp min=1000 max=1000 tmin=5 | suvelan  
fv=1400 | suximage f2=1400 d2=50 mpicks=velout.txt
```

or

Constant velocity **stacks** via normal moveout (NMO) corrections

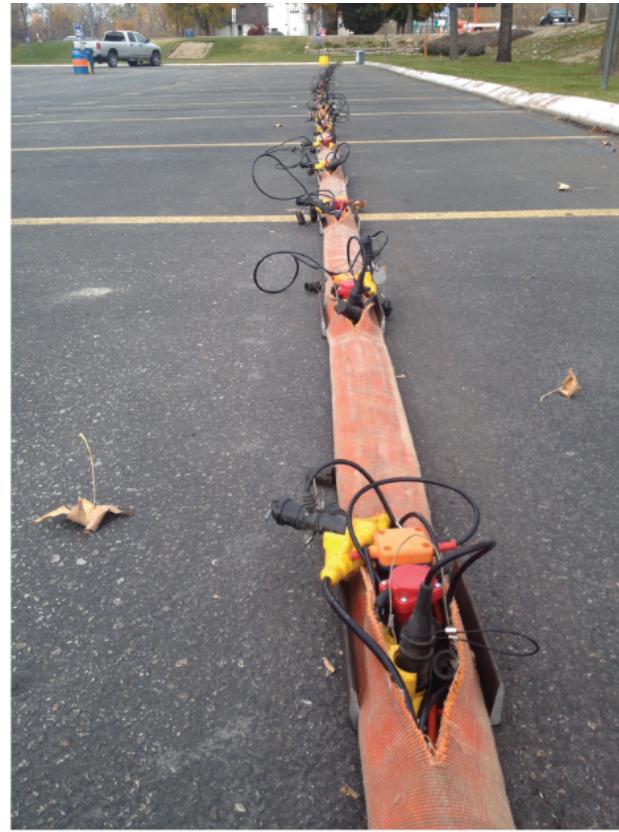
```
suwind <cdps.su tmax=.15 | sufilter f=30,50,300,500 | sugain agc=1  
wagc=.05 | sumute key=offset xmute=1,48 tmute=.01,.14 mode=1 |  
sunmo tnmo=0 vnmo=1500 | sustack | suxwigb perc=96
```

# Poststack Phase shift migration

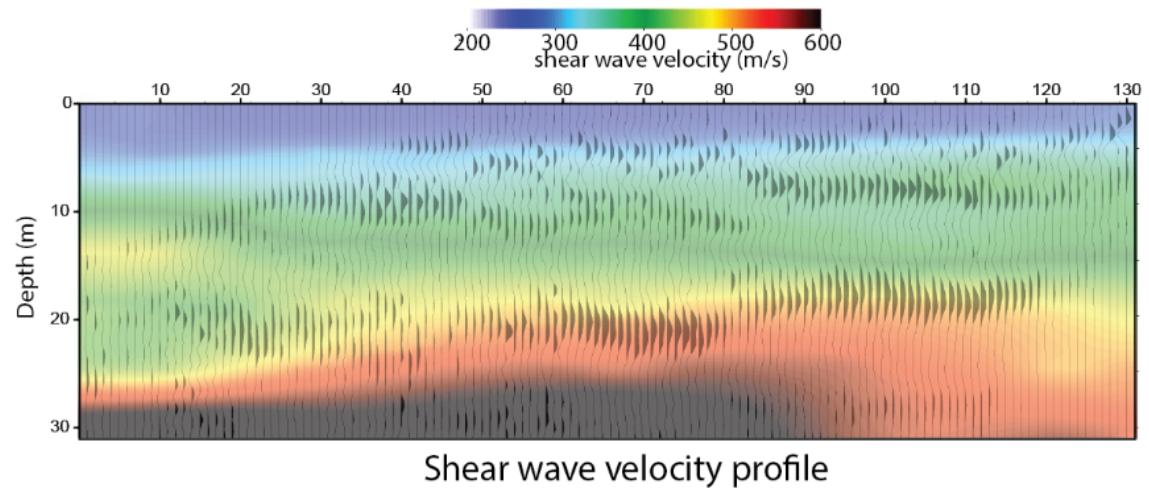
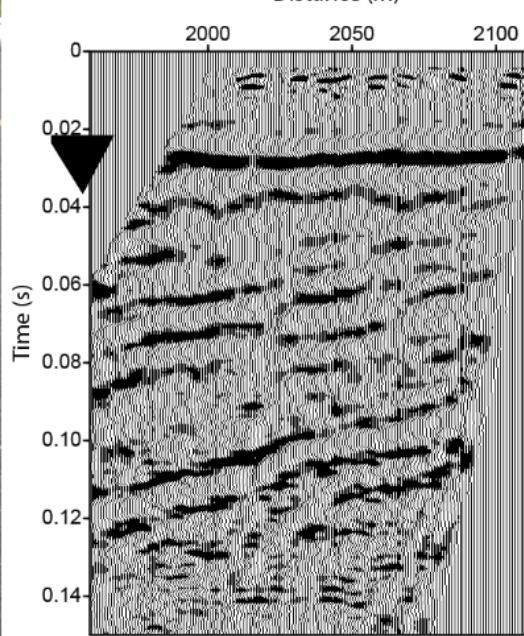
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## cdp data

```
suwind <cdps.su tmax=.15| sufilt  
er f=30,50,300,500 |sugain  
agc=1 wagc=.05 |sumute  
key=offset xmute=1,48  
tmute=.01,.14 mode=1|  
sunmo tnmo=0  
vnmo=1500 | sustack |  
sumigps dx=1.  
vmig=1500| suxwigb  
perc=96
```



P-wave reflection profile  
Distance (m)



# Summary: new crustal structure of the Kunlun-Qaidam boundary

