

# TPG4190 Seismic data acquisition and processing Imaging

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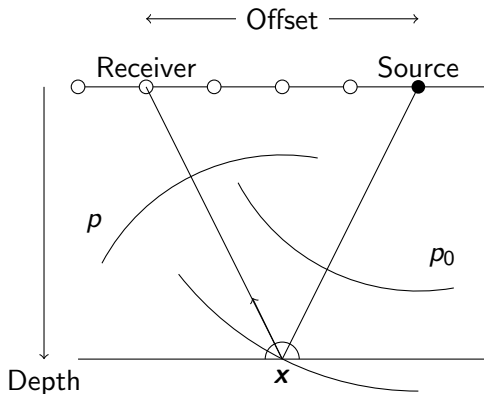
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# Overview

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- ▶ Reciprocity
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# Imaging condition I

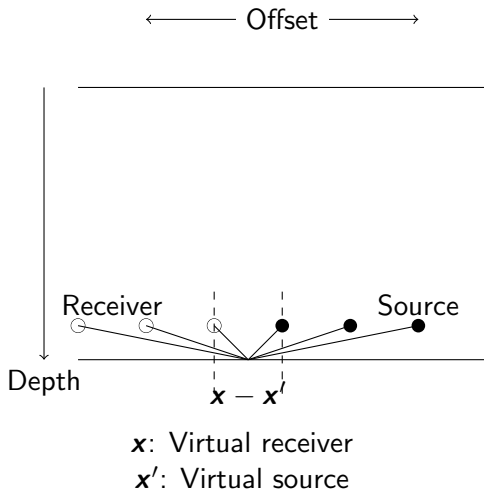


$p$ : Scattered wavefield (data)

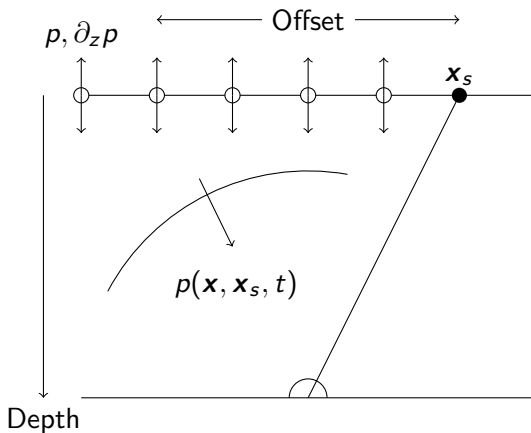
$p_0$ : Modeled wavefield

$x$ : Spatial position

## Imaging condition II



## Imaging condition III

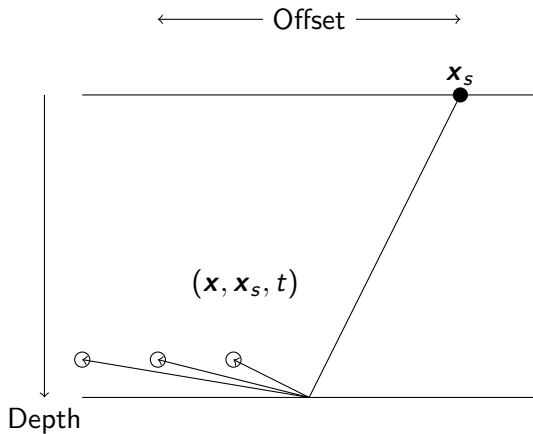


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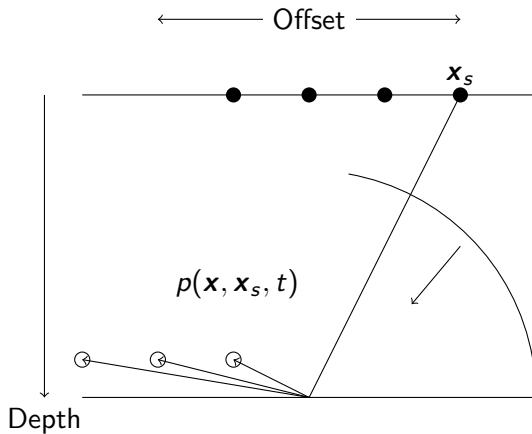
$x_s$ : Source position

$x, t$ : Position, time

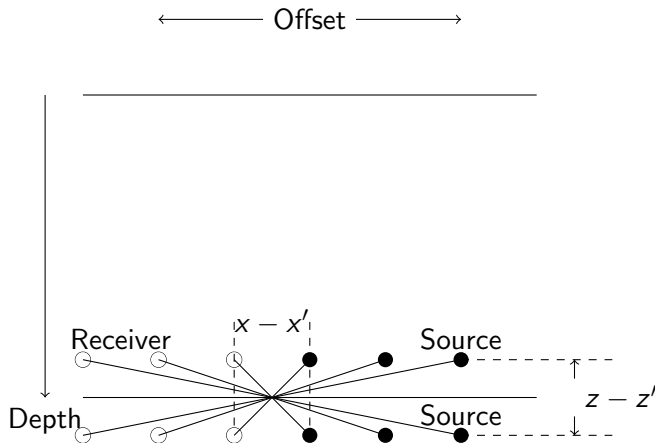
## Imaging condition IV



## Imaging condition V



# Imaging condition VI

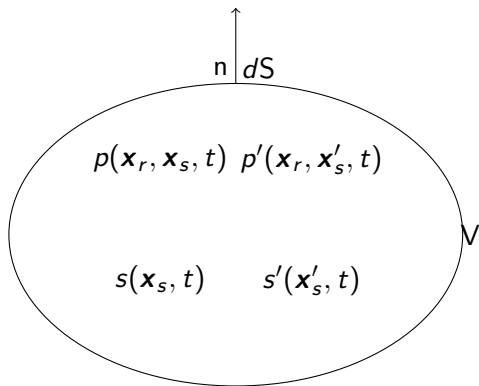


$x - x'$ : Horizontal offset

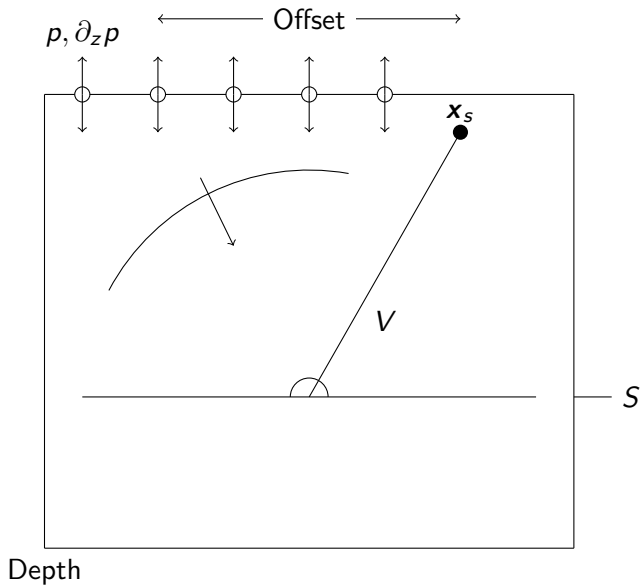
$z - z'$ : Vertical offset



# Reciprocity



# Reciprocity



## Reciprocity

Two sources  $s'$  and  $s$  are located inside a volume  $V$  with surface  $S$  at positions  $\mathbf{x}_s$  and  $\mathbf{x}'_s$ . The corresponding wavefields are  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)$  and  $p'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)$ . The wave equations for these two fields are

$$\nabla^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) - \frac{1}{c^2(\mathbf{x})} \partial_t^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) = s(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla^2 p'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s, t) - \frac{1}{c'^2(\mathbf{x})} \partial_t^2 p'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s, t) = s'(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (2)$$

# Reciprocity

Fourier transform over time ( $\partial_t^2 \rightarrow -\omega^2$ )

$$\nabla^2 P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \omega) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(\mathbf{x})} P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \omega) = S(\mathbf{x}, \omega), \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla^2 P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s, \omega) + \frac{\omega^2}{c'^2(\mathbf{x})} P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s, \omega) = S'(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \quad (4)$$

# Reciprocity

Multiply equation (3) with  $P'$  and equation (4) with  $P$  and integrate over  $V$  (suppressing  $\omega$  as an argument)

$$\int dV(\mathbf{x}) \left[ P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla^2 P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) + P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(\mathbf{x})} P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \right] = \int dV(\mathbf{x}) P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) S(\mathbf{x}) \quad (5)$$

$$\int dV(\mathbf{x}) \left[ P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla^2 P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) + P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \frac{\omega^2}{c'^2(\mathbf{x})} P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \right] = \int dV(\mathbf{x}) P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) S'(\mathbf{x}) \quad (6)$$

## Reciprocity

Subtract equation (6) from equation (5): (Assume  $c' = c$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \int dV(\mathbf{x}) \left[ P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla^2 P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla^2 P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \right] = \\ \int dV(\mathbf{x}) \left[ P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) S(\mathbf{x}) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) S'(\mathbf{x}) \right] \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

# Reciprocity

Gauss divergence theorem:

$$\int dV(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \int dS \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (8)$$

Put  $\mathbf{A} = P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \cdot \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int dV(\mathbf{x}) \nabla [P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)] &= \\ \int dV(\mathbf{x}) [P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla^2 P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) + \nabla P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \cdot \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)] &= \\ \int dS P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) & \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

## Reciprocity

Put  $\mathbf{A} = P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \cdot \nabla P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int dV(\mathbf{x}) \nabla [P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)] &= \\ \int dV(\mathbf{x}) [P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla^2 P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) + \nabla P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \cdot \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)] &= \\ \int dS P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) & \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

Subtract equation (10) from equation (9) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int dV(\mathbf{x}) [P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla^2 P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla^2 P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)] &= \\ \int dS [P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) & \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$



## Reciprocity

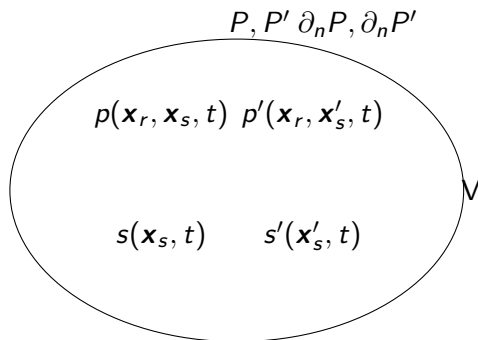
Replace the left hand side of equation (7) with equation (11) to get

$$\int dS(\mathbf{x}) [P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) = \\ \int dV(\mathbf{x}) [P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) S(\mathbf{x}) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) S'(\mathbf{x})] \quad (12)$$

Assume point source  $S'(\mathbf{x}) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'_s)$  to get

$$P(\mathbf{x}'_s, \mathbf{x}_s) = \int dV(\mathbf{x}) P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) S(\mathbf{x}) \\ + \int dS(\mathbf{x}) [P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (13)$$

# Reciprocity



# Reciprocity

$P, P' \quad \partial_n P, \partial_n P'$

$p(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}_s, t) \quad p'(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}'_s, t)$

$s(\mathbf{x}_s, t) \quad s'(\mathbf{x}'_s, t)$

$V$

## Source-receiver reciprocity

Assume now that the surface integral is zero and that  $S(\mathbf{x}) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s)$ . Equation (12) then gives if we assume  $P = P'$  and  $S = S'$

$$P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}'_s) = P(\mathbf{x}'_s, \mathbf{x}_s) \quad (14)$$

The pressure recorded at  $\mathbf{x}_s$  due to a source at  $\mathbf{x}'_s$  is the same as the pressure recorded at  $\mathbf{x}'_s$  due to a source at  $\mathbf{x}_s$ .

## Reciprocity

We now assume that the source of  $P'$  is

$$S'(\mathbf{x}) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s)\delta(t) \quad (15)$$

$P'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s) = G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)$  is then called a Green's function.

## Reciprocity

Use reciprocity  $G(\mathbf{x}'_s, \mathbf{x}) = G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)$  to get from equation (13)

$$P(\mathbf{x}'_s, \mathbf{x}_s) = \int dV(\mathbf{x}) G(\mathbf{x}'_s, \mathbf{x}) S(\mathbf{x}) \\ + \int dS(\mathbf{x}) [G(\mathbf{x}'_s, \mathbf{x}) \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla G(\mathbf{x}'_s, \mathbf{x})] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x})$$

Rename  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}'$  and  $\mathbf{x}'_s \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ .

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) = \int dV(\mathbf{x}') G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') S(\mathbf{x}') \\ + \int dS(\mathbf{x}') [G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \nabla P(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s) - P(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}')$$

# Reciprocity

Fourier transform back to time

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) = & \int dV(\mathbf{x}') g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) * s(\mathbf{x}', t) \\ & + \int dS(\mathbf{x}') \left[ g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) * \nabla p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, t) \right. \\ & \left. p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, t) * \nabla g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}') \end{aligned}$$

## Forward modeling

Fourier transform back to time

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) = \int dV(\mathbf{x}') g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) * s(\mathbf{x}', t) \quad (16)$$



# Reciprocity

The interpretation of this equations is

1. The volume integral describes the contribution to the pressure from the source  $S(\mathbf{x})$  inside the volume  $V$ .
2. The surface integral describes the effect of the boundary conditions at the boundary  $S$ .

## Time reversal

Two sources  $s'$  and  $s'$  are located inside a volume  $V$  with surface  $S$  at positions  $\mathbf{x}_s$  and  $\mathbf{x}'_s$ . The corresponding wavefields are  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t)$  and  $p'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s, -t)$ . The wave equations for these two fields are

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) - \frac{1}{c^2(\mathbf{x})} \partial_t^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) &= s(\mathbf{x}, t), \\ \nabla^2 p'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s, -t) - \frac{1}{c^2(\mathbf{x})} \partial_t^2 p'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s, -t) &= s'(\mathbf{x}, -t),\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

## Time reversal

Assume point sources  $S'^*(\mathbf{x}) = H'^*\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'_s)$  and  $S(\mathbf{x}) = H\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'_s)$  in equation (12)

$$\int dS(\mathbf{x}) [P'^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)\nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s) - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)\nabla P'^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) = P'^*(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}'_s)H - P(\mathbf{x}'_s, \mathbf{x}_s)H'^* \quad (18)$$

Use reciprocity to get:

$$P'^*(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}'_s)H - P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}'_s)H'^* = \int dS(\mathbf{x}) [P'^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)\nabla P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}) - P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x})\nabla P'^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'_s)] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (19)$$

# Imaging

Renaming  $\mathbf{x}_s \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}'$  and  $\mathbf{x}'_s \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_s$

$$\begin{aligned} & P^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)H - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)H'^* = \\ & \int dS(\mathbf{x}') \left[ P^*(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s) \nabla P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') - P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \nabla P^*(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}') \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Fourier transforming back to time gives:

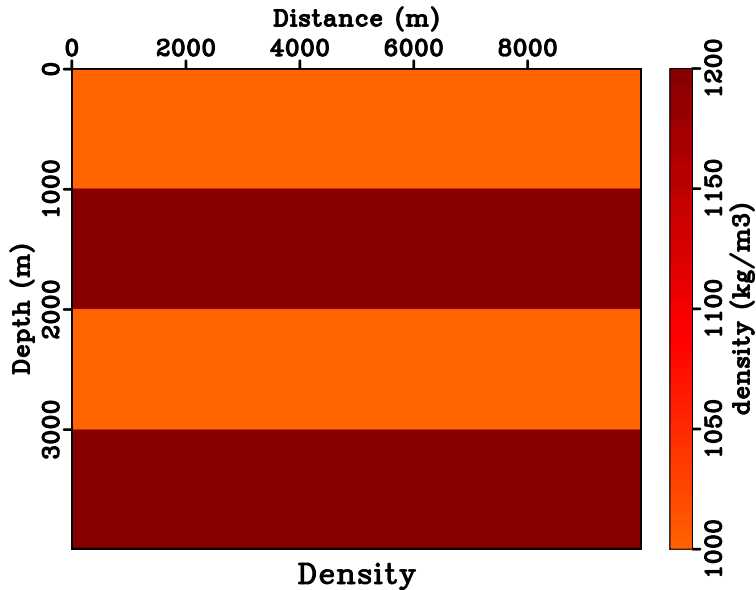
$$\begin{aligned} & p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, -t) * h(t) - p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) * h'(-t) = \\ & \int dS(\mathbf{x}') \left[ p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, -t) * \nabla p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) * \nabla p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, -t) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}') \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

# Imaging

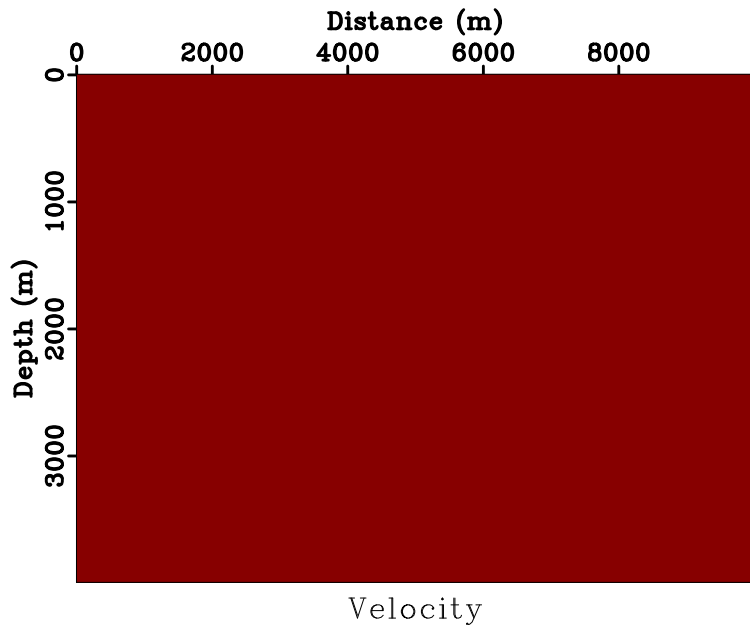
Interpretation:

1. The lefthand side of equation (21) is the pressure  $p$  for time  $t > 0$  and time  $t < 0$ . The pressure for  $t > 0$  is zero for  $t < 0$  and the pressure for  $t < 0$  is zero for  $t > 0$ . Both pressures are obtained at a field point  $\mathbf{x}$ .
2. The pressure for negative  $t$  on the right hand side describes time-reversed data due to a source at  $\mathbf{x}_s$  recorded at the surface  $S$ . The pressure for positive time on the right hand side describes modeling of data from the receiver positions to an arbitrary field point  $\mathbf{x}$ .
3. The effect of the convolutions and the surface integral is to extrapolate the recorded data at the surface  $S$  to an arbitrary field point  $\mathbf{x}$ .

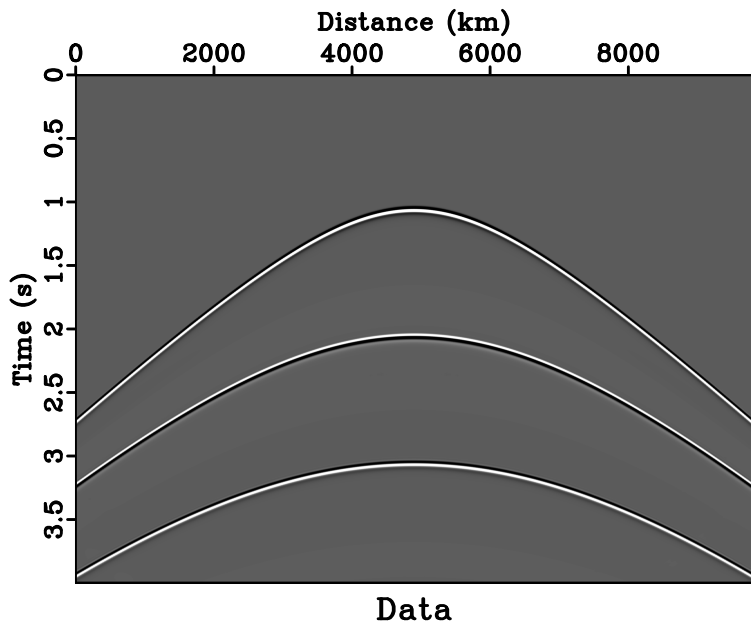
## Numerical example



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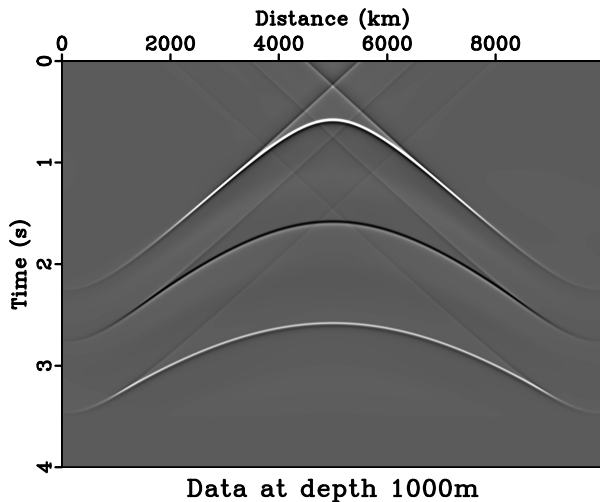
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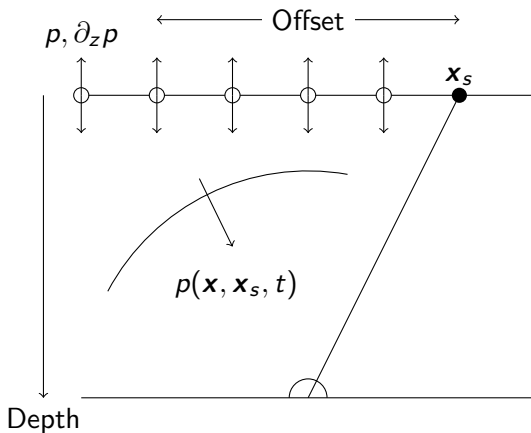


## Numerical example

$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t)$  at depth of 1000 m.



## Imaging condition III

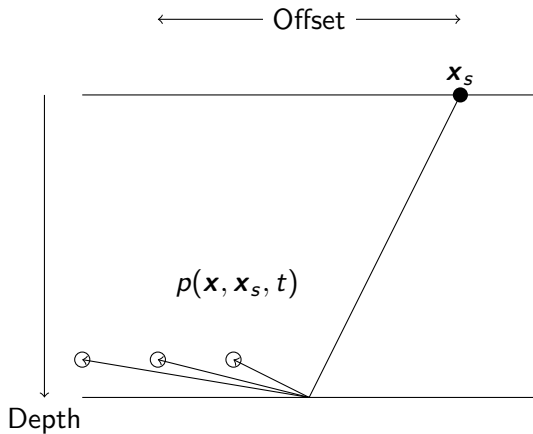


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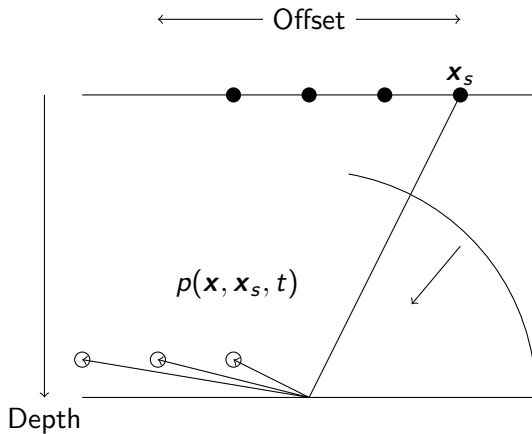
$\mathbf{x}_s$ : Source position

$\mathbf{x}, t$ : Position, time

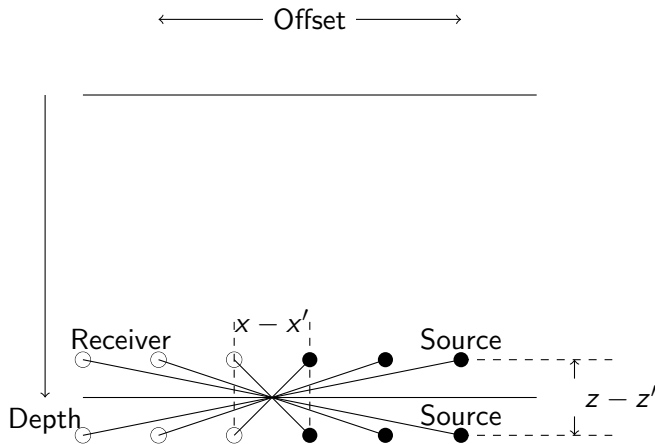
## Imaging condition IV



## Imaging condition V



# Imaging condition VI



$x - x'$ : Horizontal offset

$z - z'$ : Vertical offset

# Imaging

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, -t) * h(t) - p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) * h(-t) = \\ \int dS(\mathbf{x}') \left[ p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, -t) * \nabla p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) \right. \\ \left. - p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) * \nabla p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, -t) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}') \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Use reciprocity again

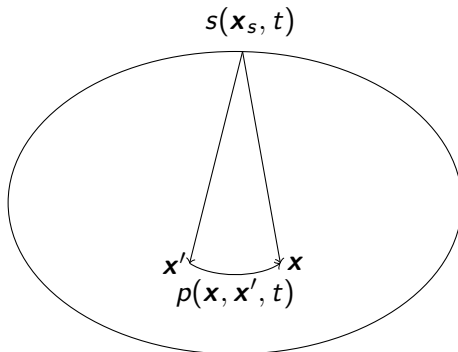
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# Imaging

Rename  $\mathbf{x}_s$  to  $\mathbf{x}'$  and vice versa

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, -t) * h(t) - p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, t) * h(-t) = \\ \int dS(\mathbf{x}_s) \left[ p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, -t) * \nabla p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) \right. \\ \left. - p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) * \nabla p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, -t) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}') \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

# Interferometry





# Imaging

Define  $r(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, t) = p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, -t) * h(t) - p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, t) * h(-t)$

$$\begin{aligned} r(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, t) = \\ \int dS(\mathbf{x}_s) \int d\tau \left[ p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, t + \tau) \nabla p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \right. \\ \left. - p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t + \tau) \nabla p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}') \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, t = 0) = \\ \int dS(\mathbf{x}_s) \int d\tau \left[ p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \nabla p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \right. \\ \left. - p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \nabla p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}') \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$p_0$ : Forward wavefield

# Imaging

The final imaging formula can be interpreted as

1. The left hand side is the wavefield at position  $\mathbf{x}'$  due to a source at position  $\mathbf{x}$ . These two positions are arbitrary, so the sources (and receivers) are virtual.
2. The two terms on the right hand side is the cross-correlation between the extrapolated data and forward modelled data. Both the pressure and the derivative of the pressure are needed as data.

# Imaging

Migration consists in:

1. Compute the forward wavefield  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t)$  from equation (16)
2. Compute the backward wavefield  $p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, t)$  from equation (21).
3. Compute the image from equation (26)

## Simplification

$$\begin{aligned} r(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, t = 0) = \\ \int dS(\mathbf{x}_s) \int d\tau \left[ p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \nabla p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \right. \\ \left. - p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \nabla p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}') \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Horizontal receiver implies

$$\begin{aligned} r(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, t = 0) = \\ \int dS(\mathbf{x}_s) \int d\tau \left[ p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \partial_z p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \right. \\ \left. - p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \partial'_z p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

## Simplification

$\partial_z p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, t) = 0$  (No recorded pressure gradient)

$$r(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}, t = 0) = \int dS(\mathbf{x}_s) \int d\tau p(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \partial_z p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) \quad (29)$$

# Classical Imaging condition

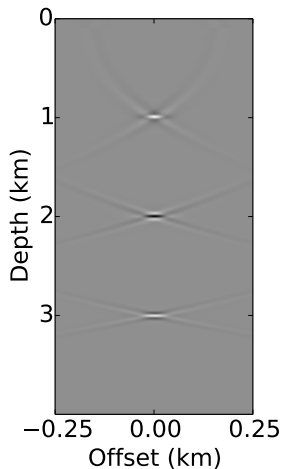
For  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x}$  and by ignoring  $\partial_z$  this is the classical imaging condition (Claerbout, 1971)

$$r_c(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_s} \sum_{\tau} p_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau) p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, \tau)$$

Ignoring  $\partial_z$  implies an unfocused image with less than optimal resolution and incorrect amplitudes.

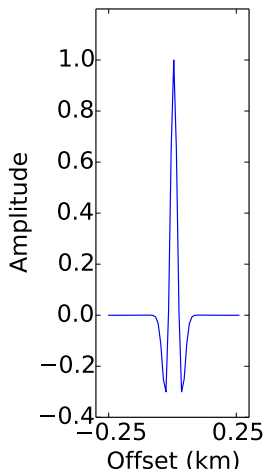
## Numerical examples

Common image point gather (CIP) in the center of the model  
Classical imaging condition:



## Numerical examples

Horizontal profile through reflector at 1000m depth

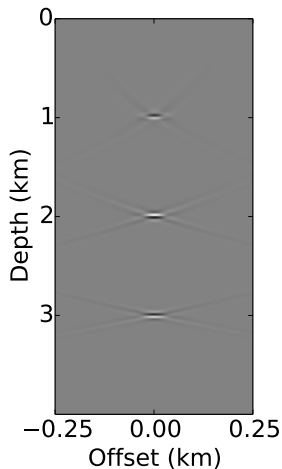




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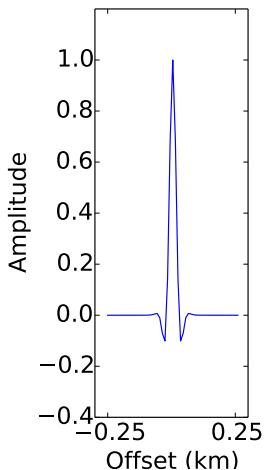
Common image point gather (CIP) in the center of the model.

New imaging condition:



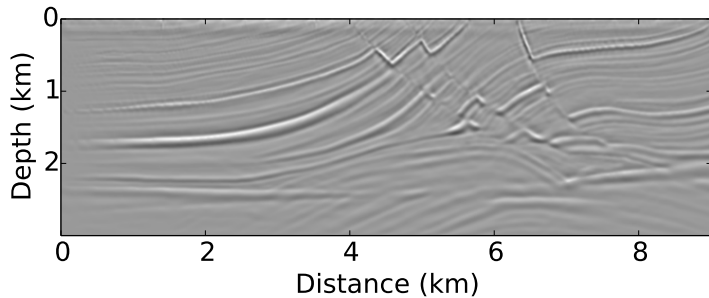
## Numerical examples

Horizontal profile through reflector at 1000m depth



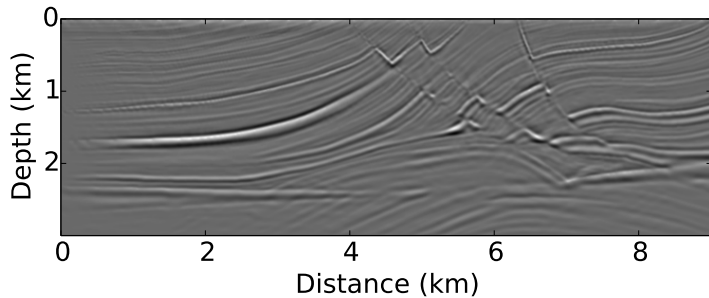
## Numerical example

Conventional imaging condition:



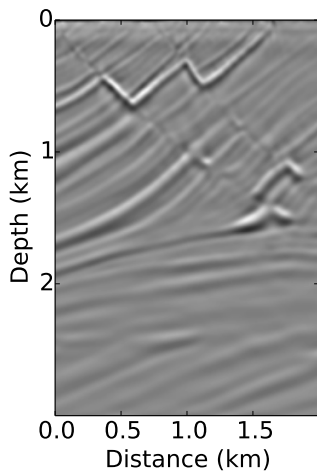
## Numerical example

New imaging condition:



## Numerical example

Conventional imaging condition:



## Numerical example

New imaging condition:

