



**The first multi-dimensional ISS internal-multiple-elimination method:
A new toolbox option for removing internal multiples that
interfere with primaries, without damaging the primary,
and without any knowledge of, and need for, subsurface information**

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ISS internal multiple attenuation algorithm

Araújo et al. (1994), Weglein et al. (1997), Weglein et al. (2003)

$$\begin{aligned} b_3(k_g, k_s, q_g + q_s) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_1 e^{-iq_1(\epsilon_g - \epsilon_s)} dk_2 e^{iq_2(\epsilon_g - \epsilon_s)} \\ &\times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_1 e^{i(q_g + q_1)z_1} b_1(k_g, k_1, z_1) \int_{-\infty}^{z_1} dz_2 e^{i(-q_1 - q_2)z_2} b_1(k_1, k_2, z_2) \\ &\times \int_{z_2}^{\infty} dz_3 e^{i(q_2 + q_s)z_3} b_1(k_2, k_s, z_3), \end{aligned}$$

It is the only internal multiple removal method that does not require subsurface information.

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ISS internal multiple attenuation algorithm from M-OSRP

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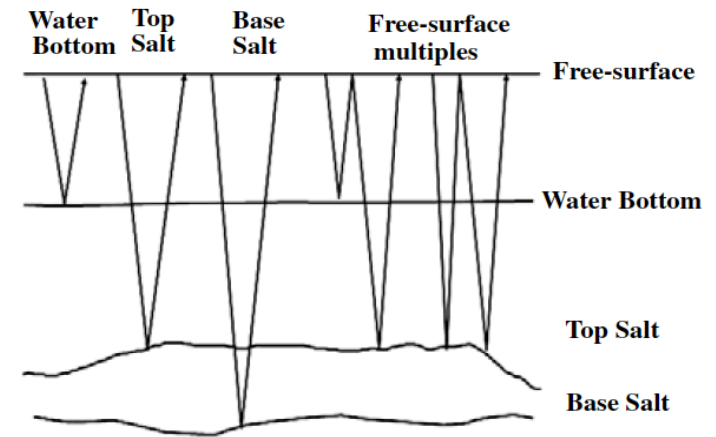
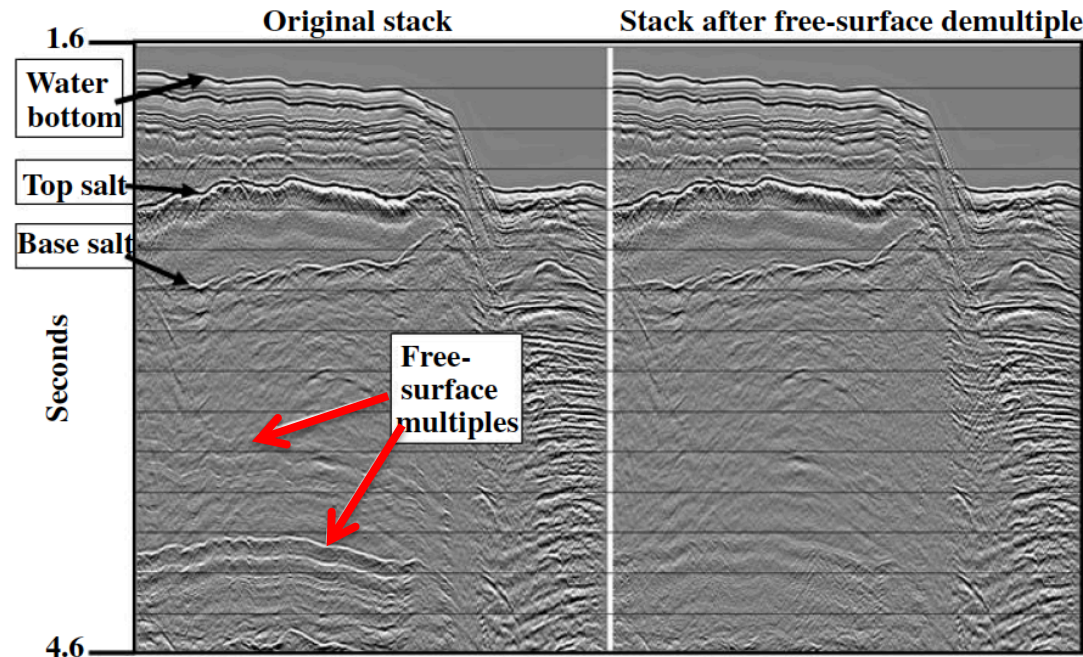
Dragoset, 2013 (Schlumberger)
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Hung and Wang, 2014 (CGG)

petroleum companies

Matson et al., 2000 (ARCO) **first marine field data test**
Yi Luo et al., 2010 (Aramco) **first on-shore field data test**
Qiang Fu et al., 2010 (Aramco/UH)
Degang Jin et al., 2013 (CNPC)
Ferreira et al., 2013 (Petrobras)
Goodway (Apache) and Mackidd (Encana), 2013
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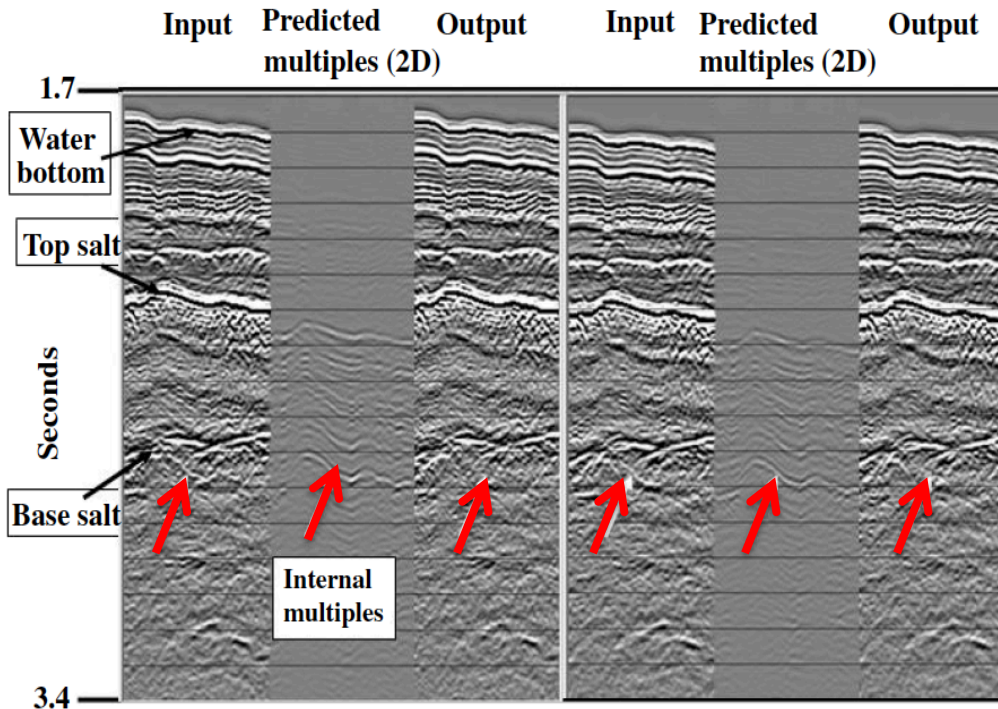
The left panel is a stack of a field data set from the Gulf of Mexico. The right panel is the result of inverse-scattering free-surface multiple removal. Data are courtesy of WesternGeco. *Matson et al. (2000), Weglein et al. (2003)*

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(The first marine field data test for ISS free-surface multiple elimination is Carvalho et al, Nonlinear Inverse Scattering For Multiple Suppression: Application to Real Data, 1992)

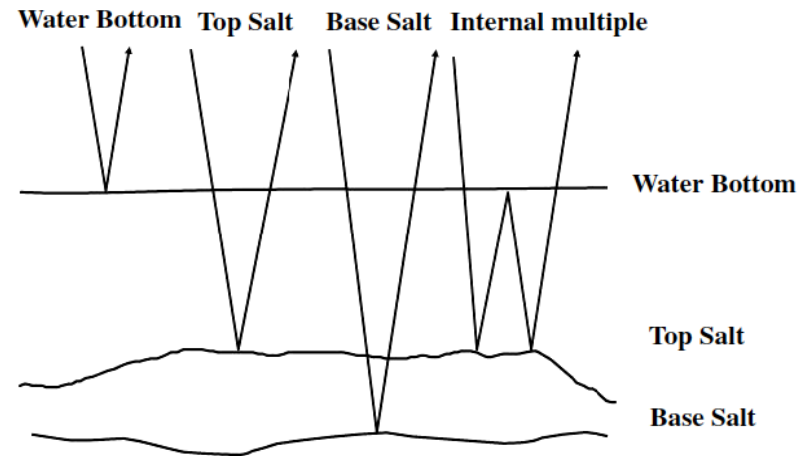
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Common Offset Panel (1450 ft) Common Offset Panel (2350 ft)

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“The encouraging results from the internal multiple attenuation algorithm were run in a reasonable time frame.” -*Matson et al. (2000)*

On-shore ISS internal multiple algorithm from M-OSRP

Frederico Xavier de Melo et al., 2013 (Schlumberger)

Cascaded internal multiple attenuation with inverse scattering series: Western Canada case study

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Summary

This work shows a cascaded internal multiple attenuation workflow based on top-down inverse scattering series (ISS) predictions followed by adaptive subtraction. The ISS multiple modeling is purely data driven and does not assume a priori subsurface information such as velocity field and known generating horizons.

3D marine ISS internal multiple algorithm from M-OSRP

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3D Inverse Scattering Series Method for Internal Multiple Attenuation

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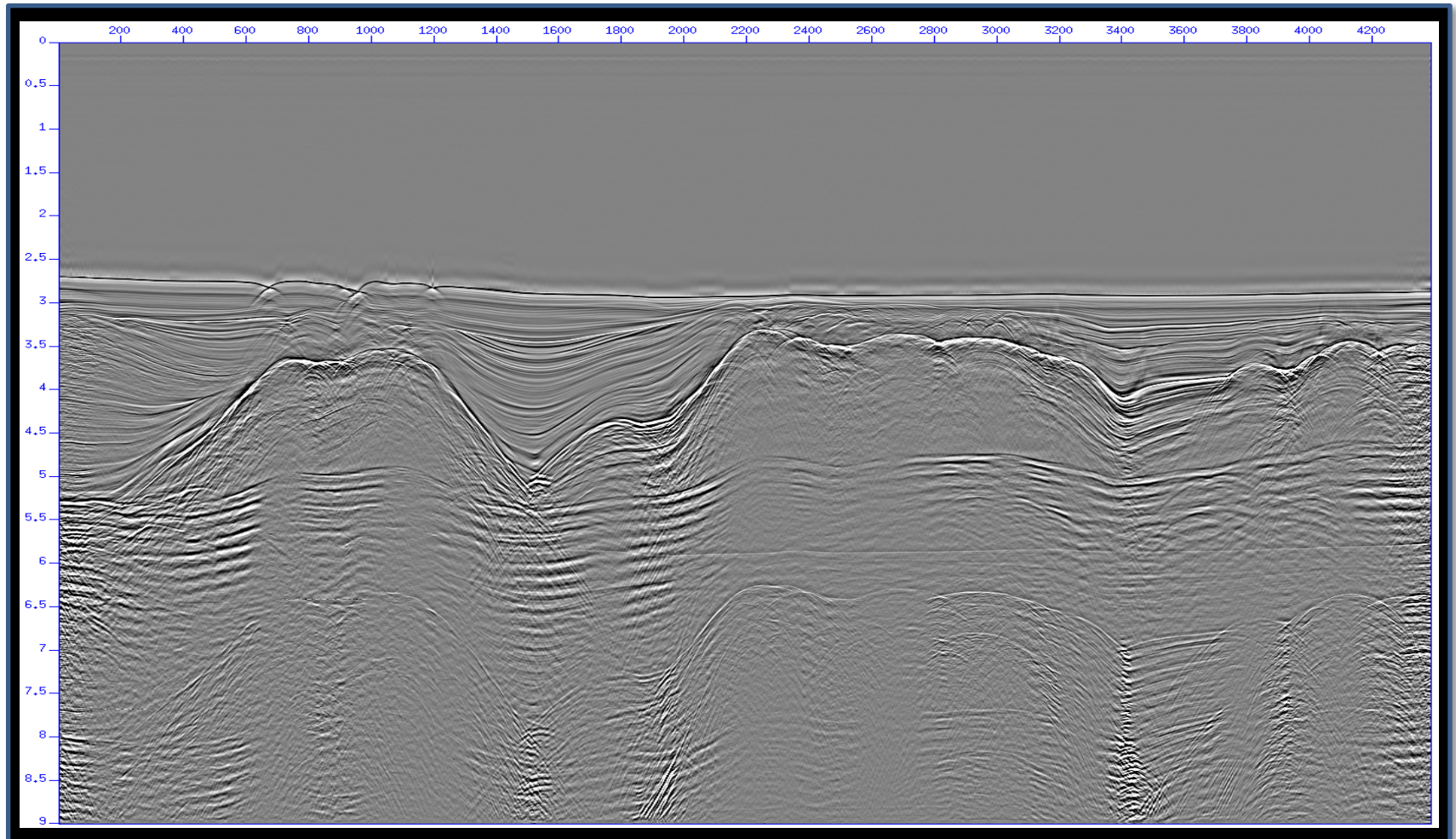
SUMMARY

In this paper, we show the first application of the 3D inverse scattering series (ISS) method for internal multiple attenuation. The ISS method is a data-driven approach that can predict all internal multiples without any prior knowledge of subsurface information. We discuss the implementation of the true-azimuth 3D ISS based method which is suitable for conventional streamer data. We apply the approach on a synthetic example as well as data acquired from the Santos Basin, offshore Brazil. The results show that the 3D prediction and subtraction method outperforms the 2D method as it takes into account out-of-plane multiple contributions.

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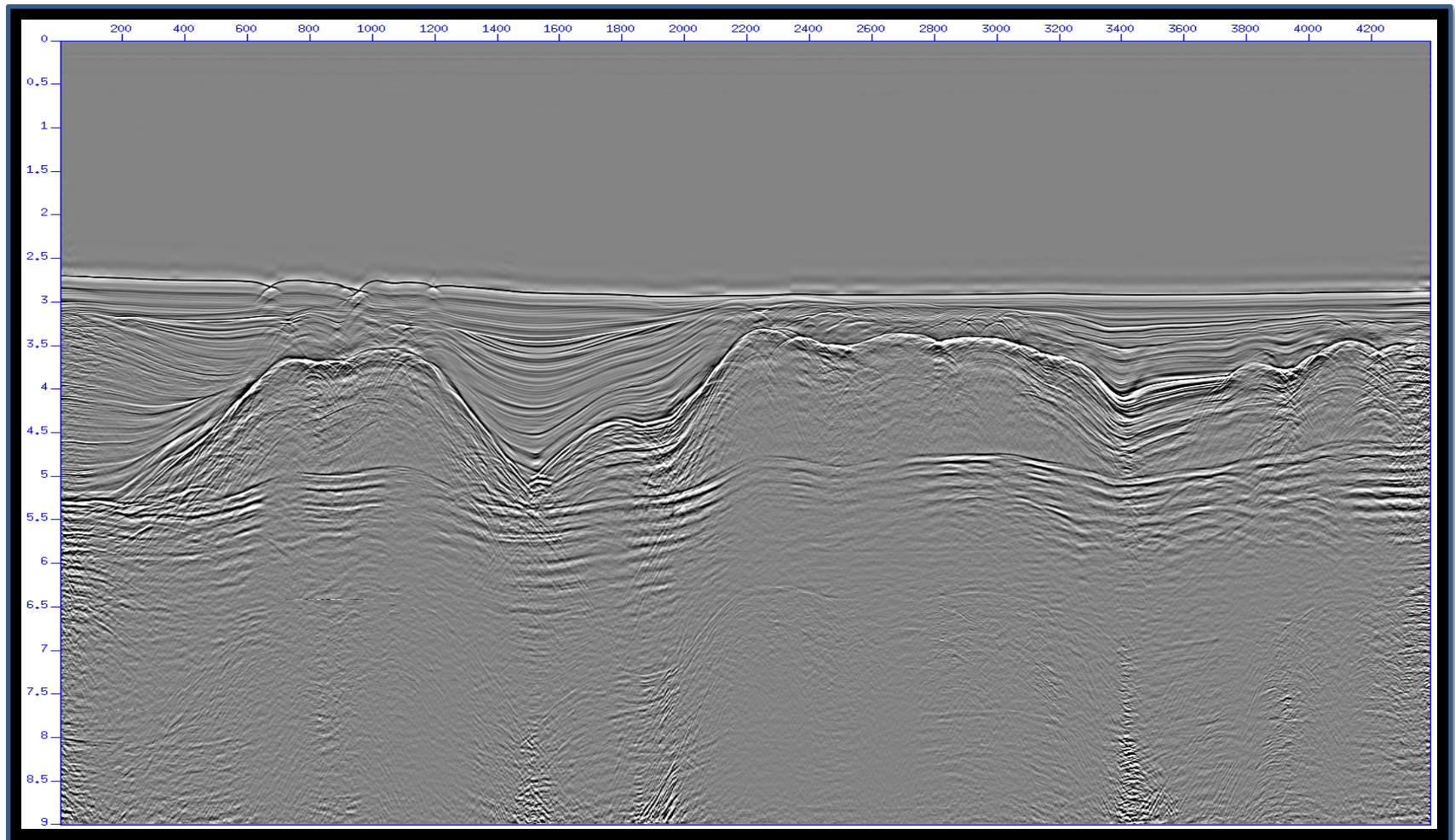
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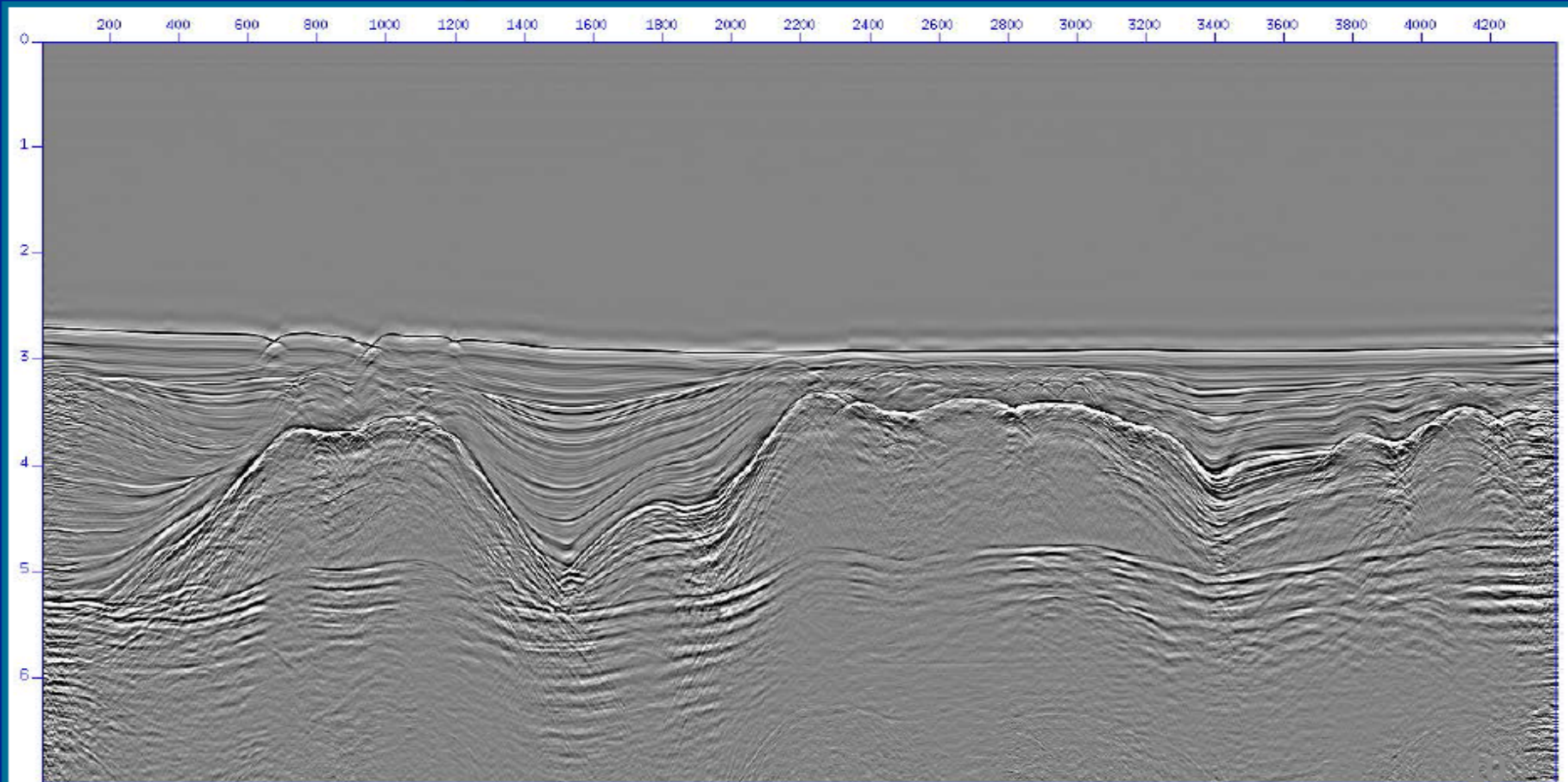


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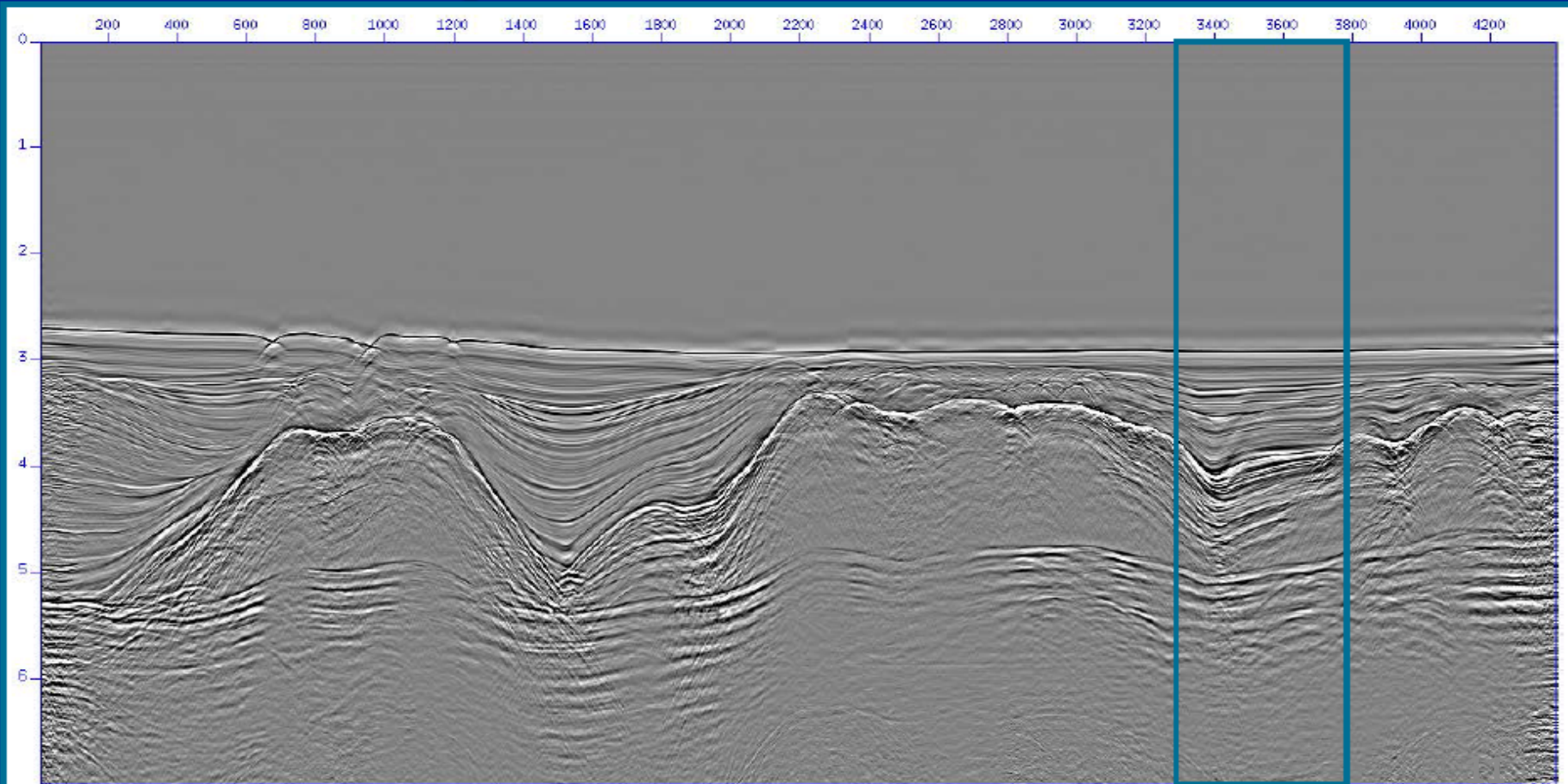


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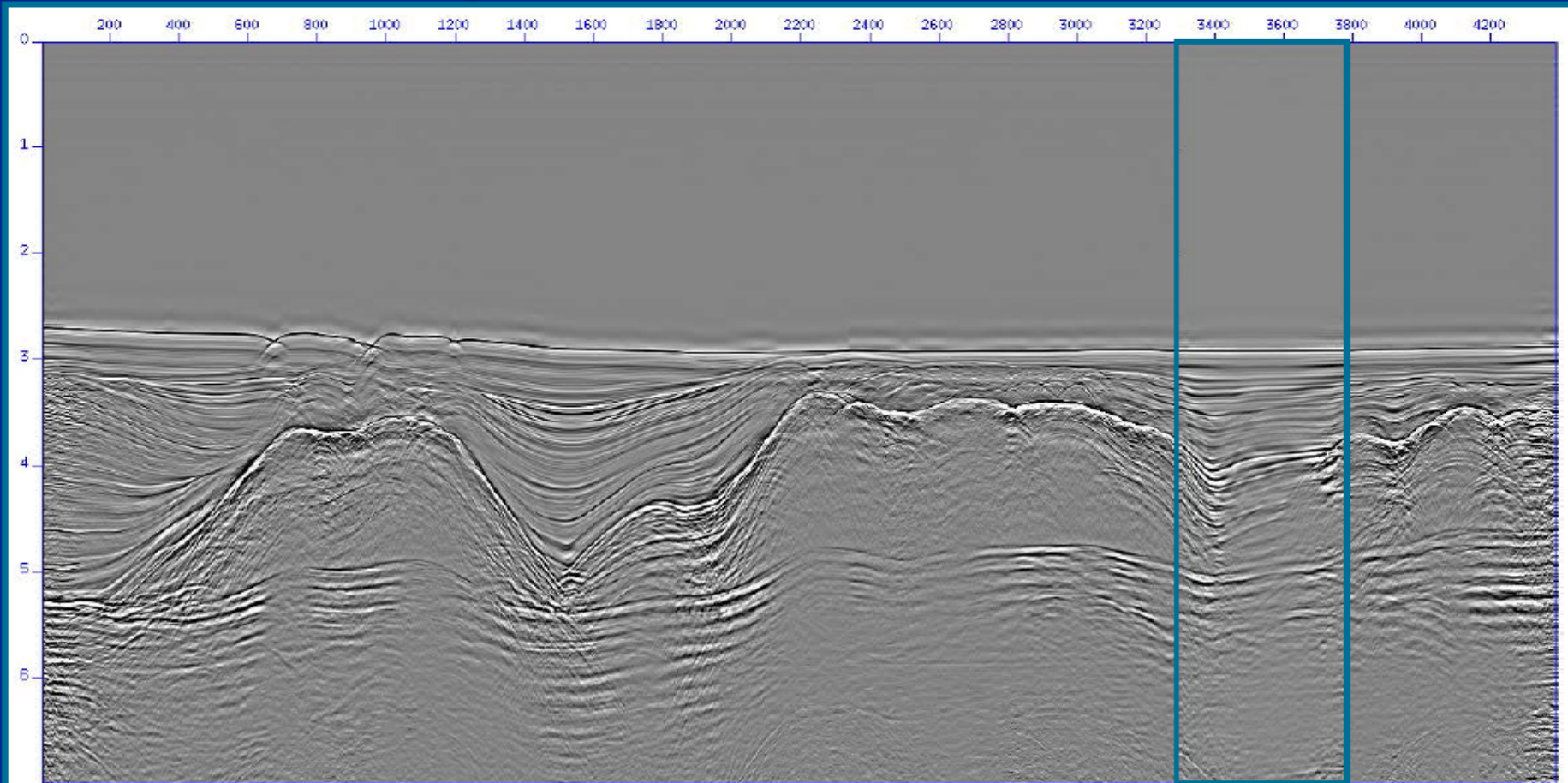


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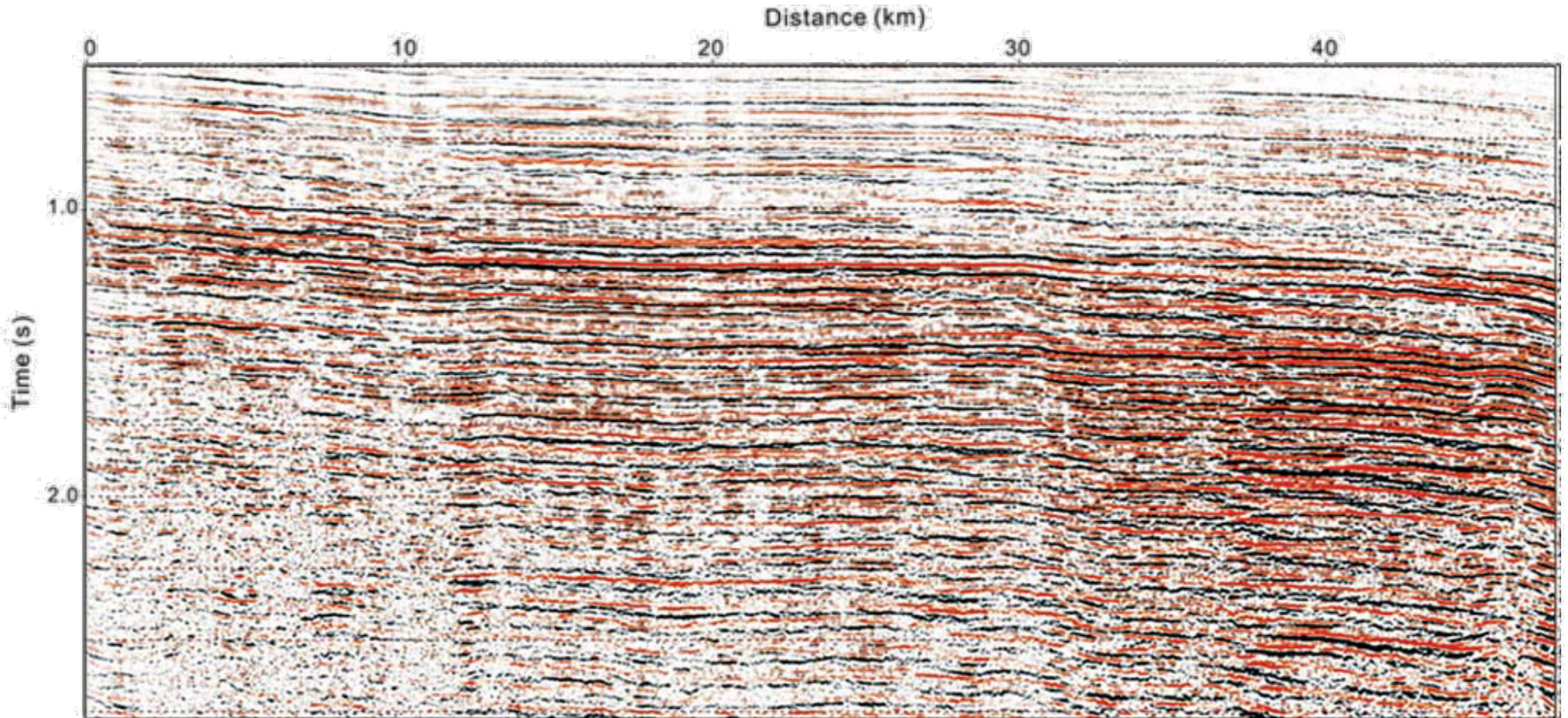


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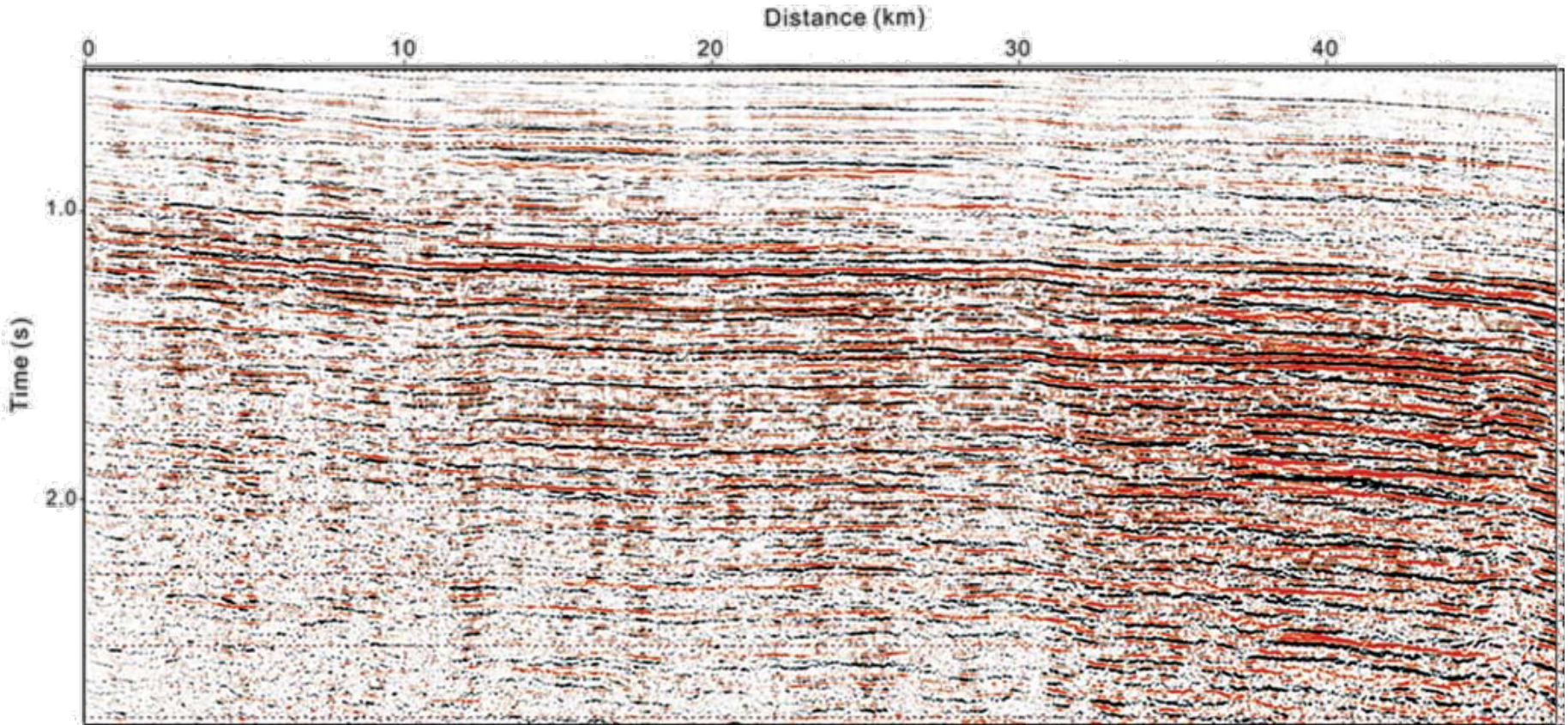
- ISS methods were able to attenuate both free surface and internal multiples in a very complex situation
 - No a priori information about the dataset is necessary
 - No other tested method was able to attenuate the sequence of internal multiples below the salt layers
 - High computer cost (internal multiples)
 - Adaptive subtraction requirement

1D land field data test



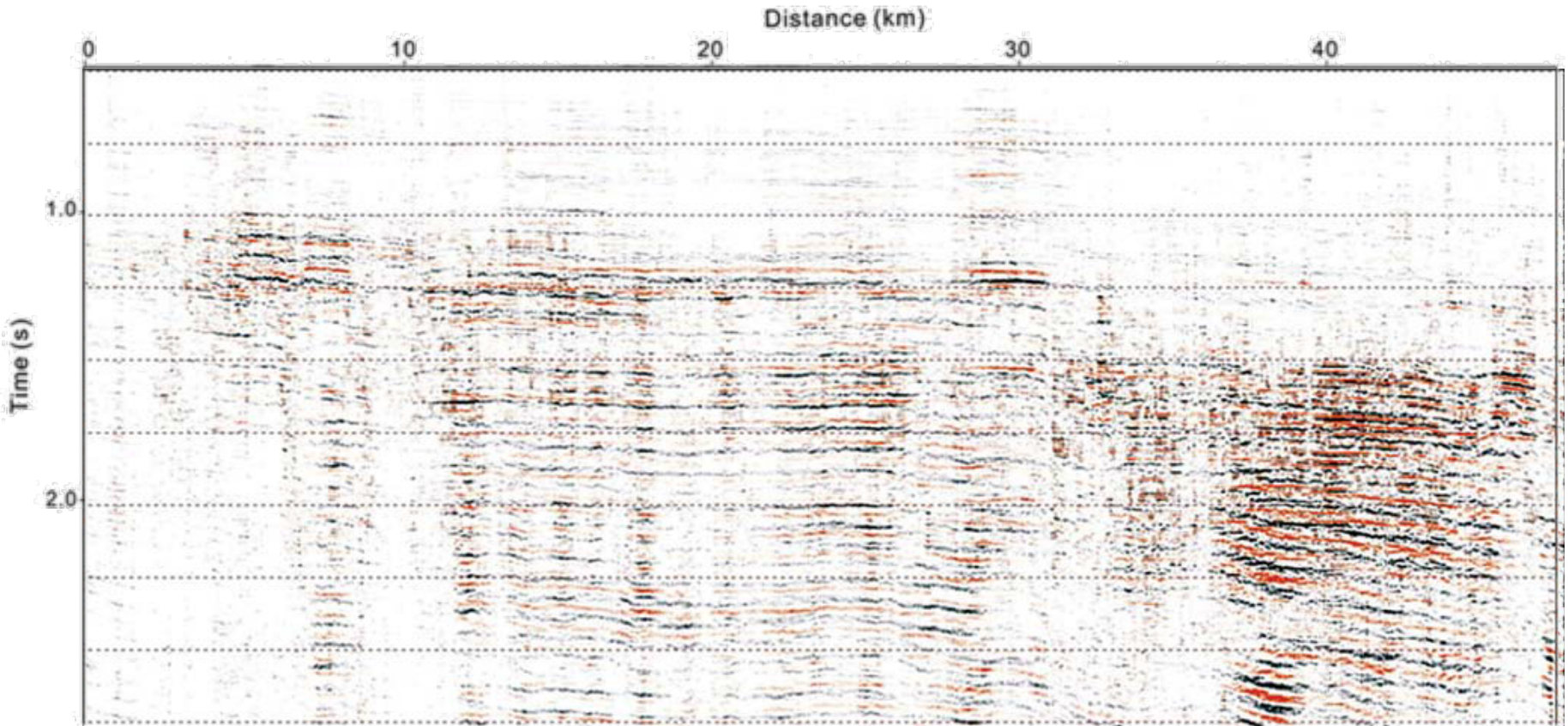
Stack section from a land data set from Saudi Arabia

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Same data after ISS internal multiple attenuation

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ISS algorithm estimated internal multiples

On-shore ISS internal multiple algorithm from M-OSRP

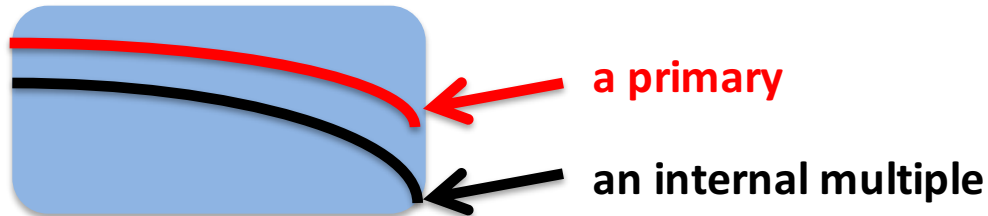
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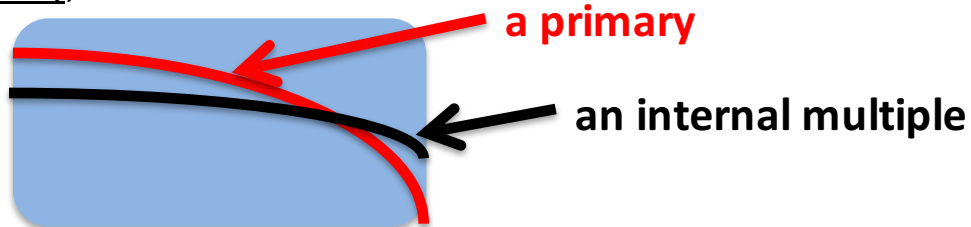
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Aug 2011, TLE

ISS internal multiple elimination from M-OSRP

- When primaries and internal multiples are **separated**:
ISS Internal-multiple attenuation + adaptive subtraction



- When internal multiples are **proximal to or interfering with** primaries:
internal-multiple **elimination** algorithm is needed (three-pronged strategy
Weglein(2014))



The three-pronged strategy Weglein(2014)

1. Pre-requisites for on-shore application;
2. Beyond ISS internal multiple attenuation;
 - a) Removing artifacts/spurious events
 - b) Internal multiple elimination
3. New adaptive subtraction criteria.

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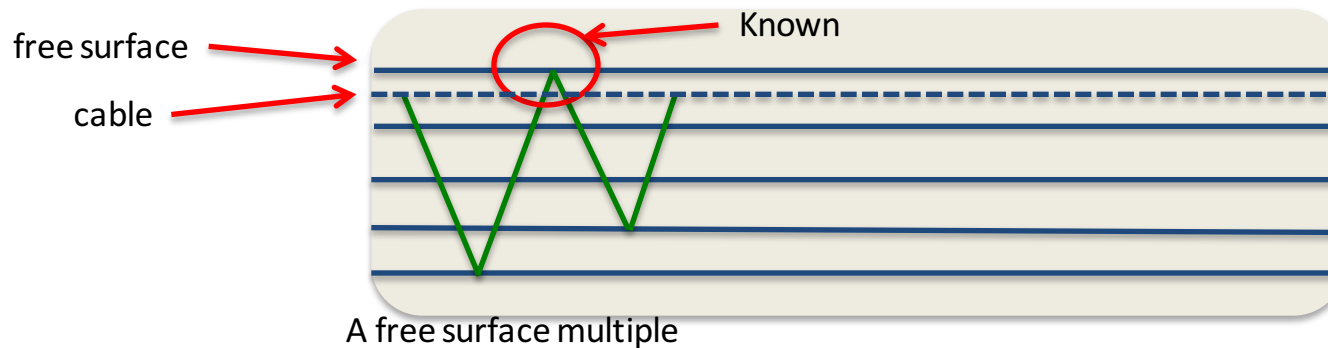
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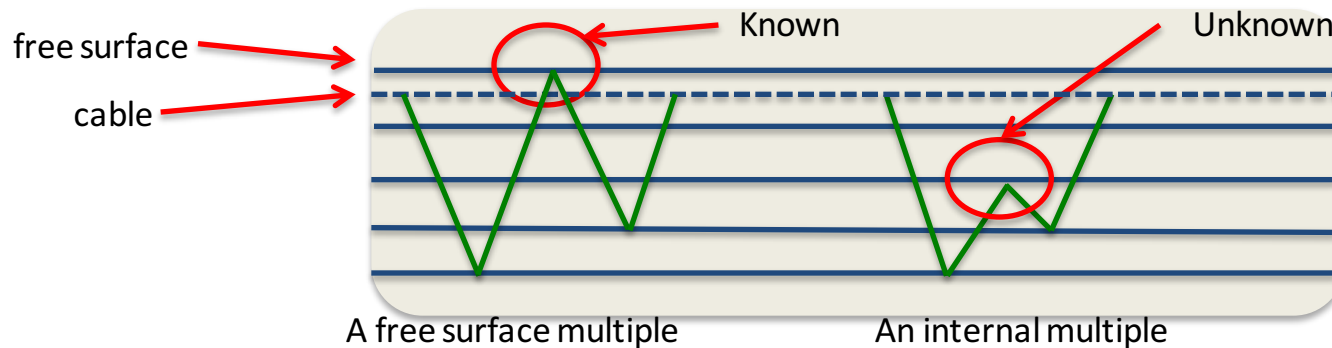
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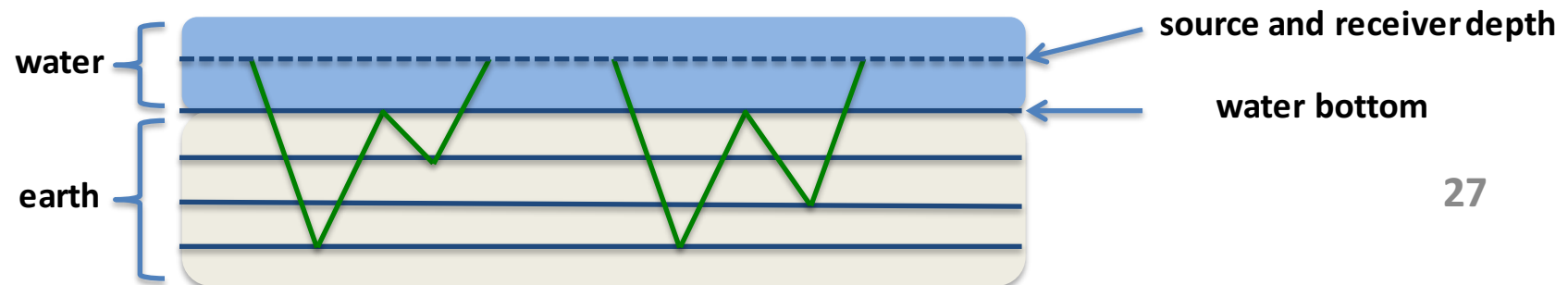
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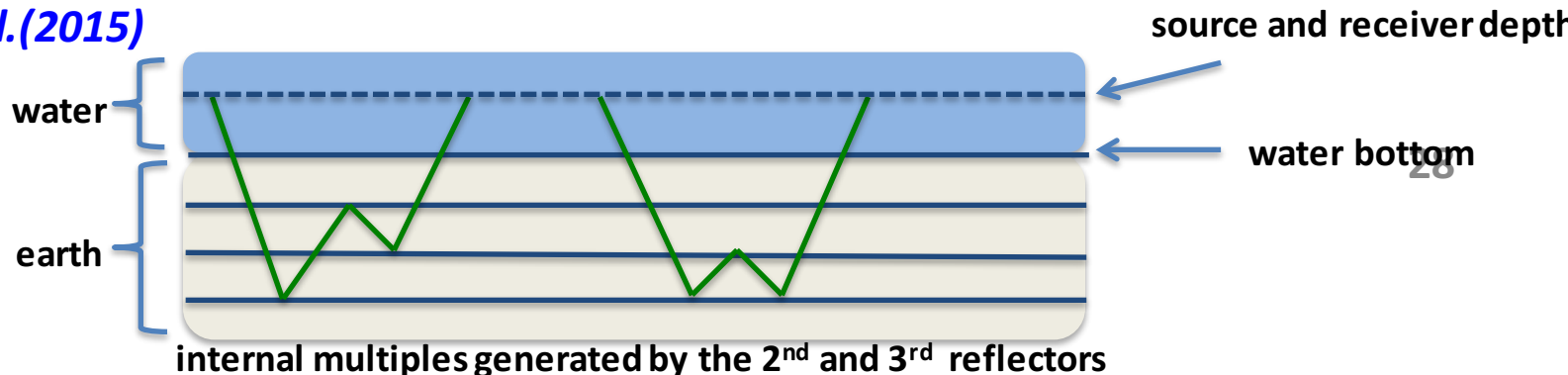
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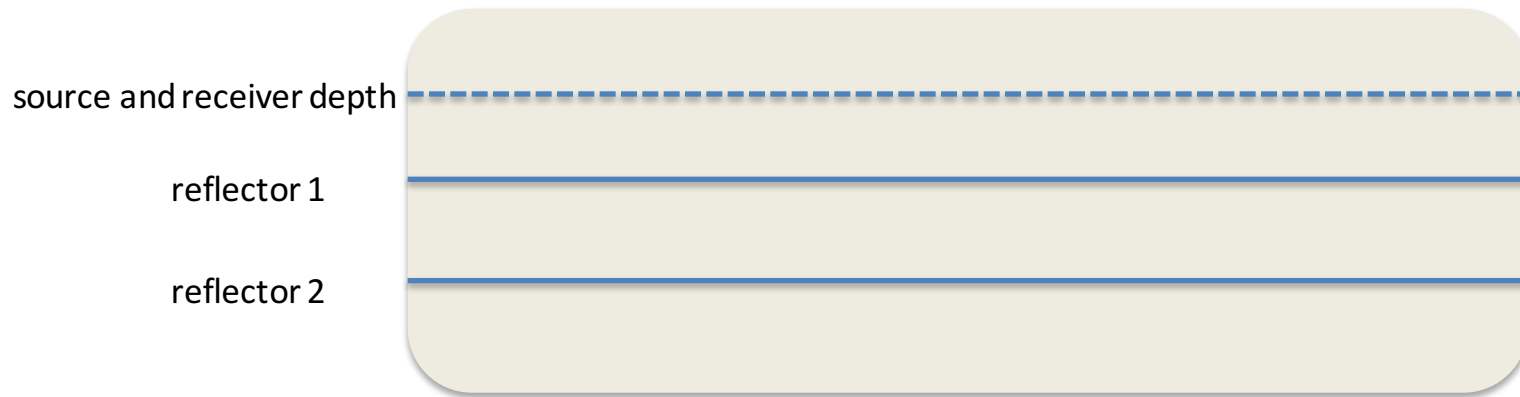
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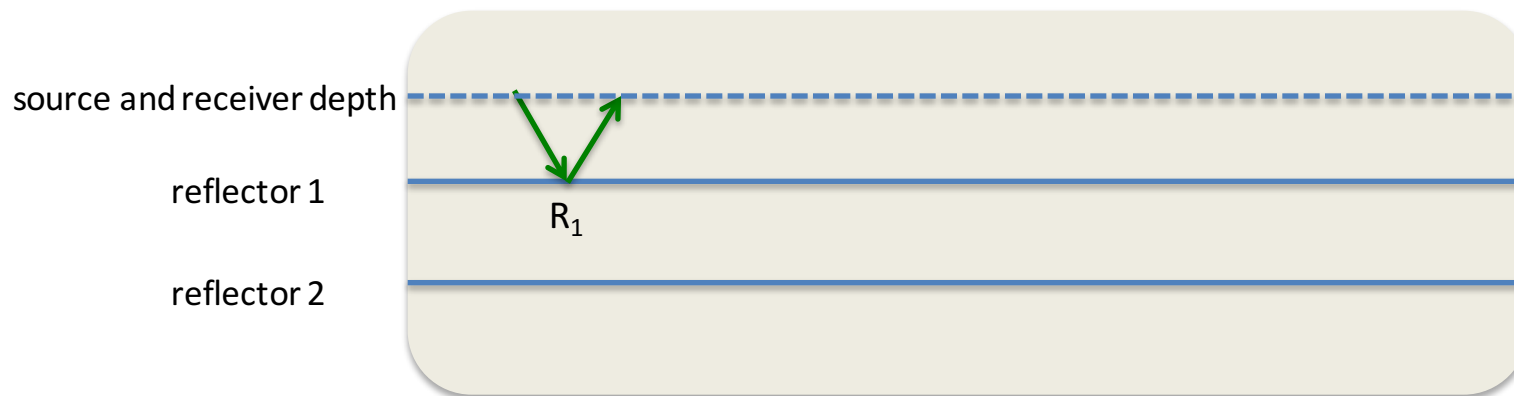
ISS internal multiple elimination

- accommodation of the topography of the acquisition surface
- adequate data collected for 2D and 3D application
- reference wave removed
- source signature and radiation pattern removed
- source and receiver deghosting
- free surface multiple removed
- The ISS internal multiple **attenuation** algorithm is **model-type independent**.
- The ISS internal multiple **elimination** algorithm (at this point) contains the **model-type independent** ISS internal multiple **attenuation** algorithm, the part that beyond attenuation is **model-type dependent**. An acoustic relationship is assumed. The elimination algorithm has been tested on elastic earth model and shows encouraging results. We will develop a more complete ISS internal multiple elimination algorithm with consideration of elastic/anelastic effects.
- In this presentation, we focus on the first-order internal multiples. The current method can be extended to remove higher order internal multiples.

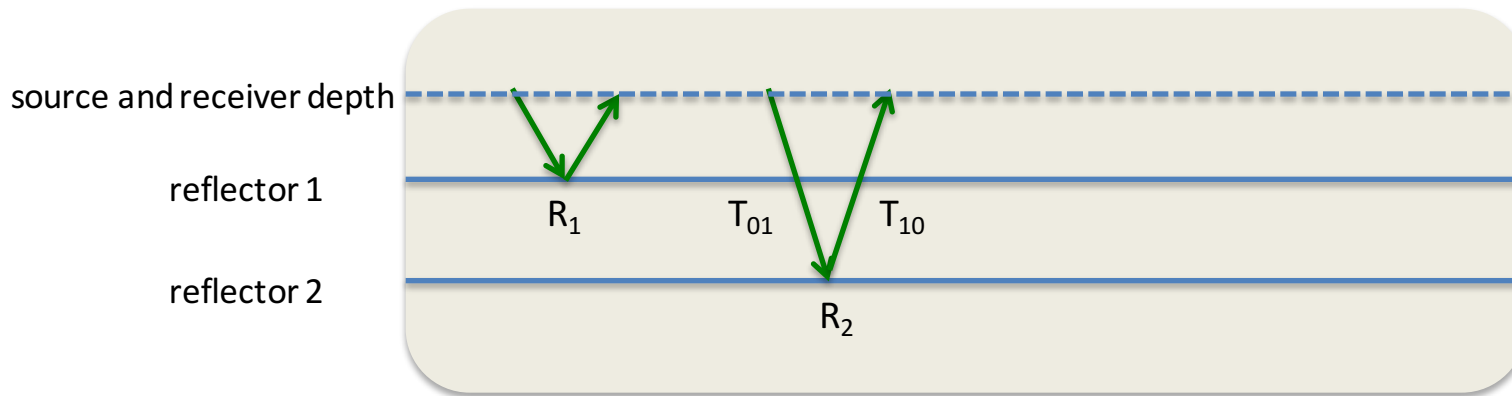
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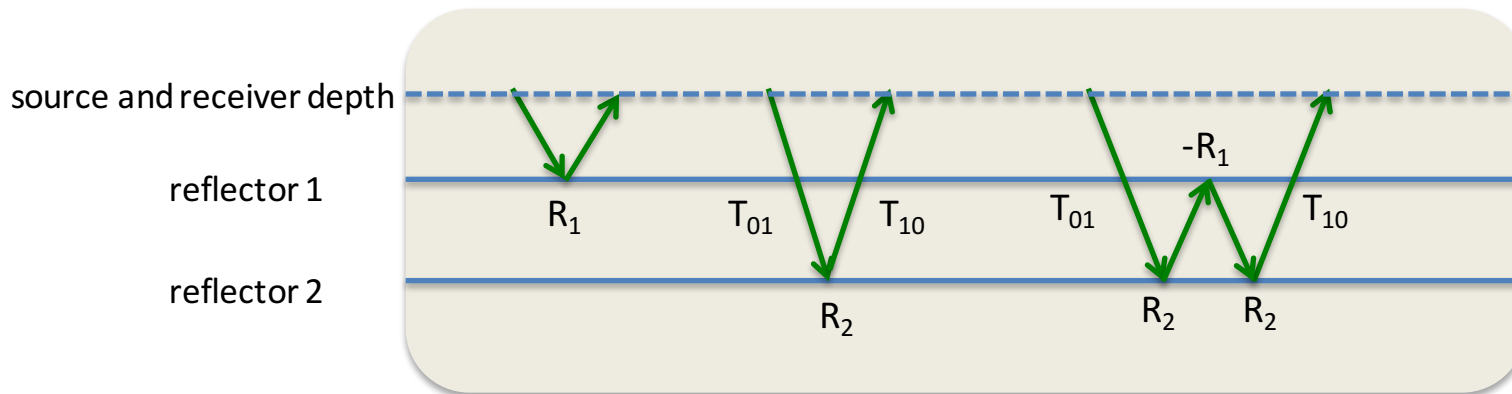
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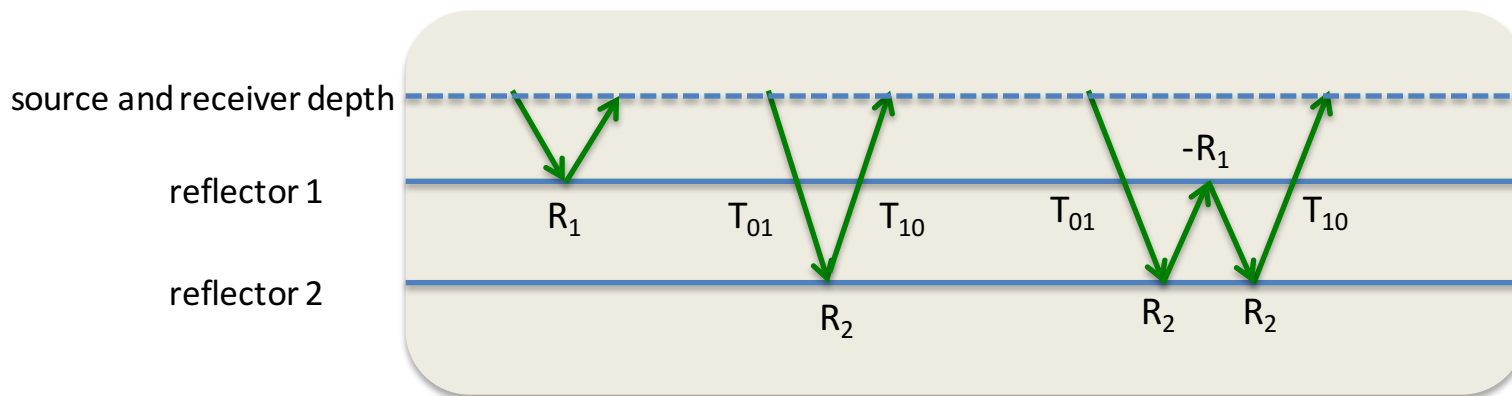
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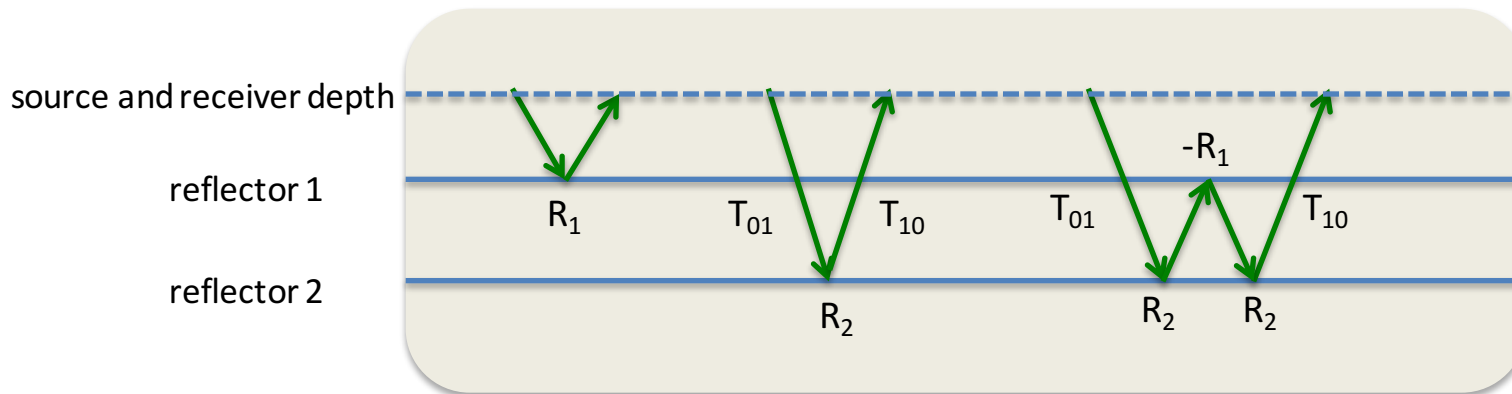


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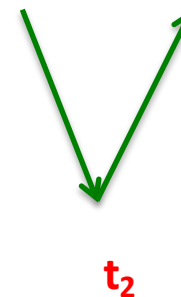
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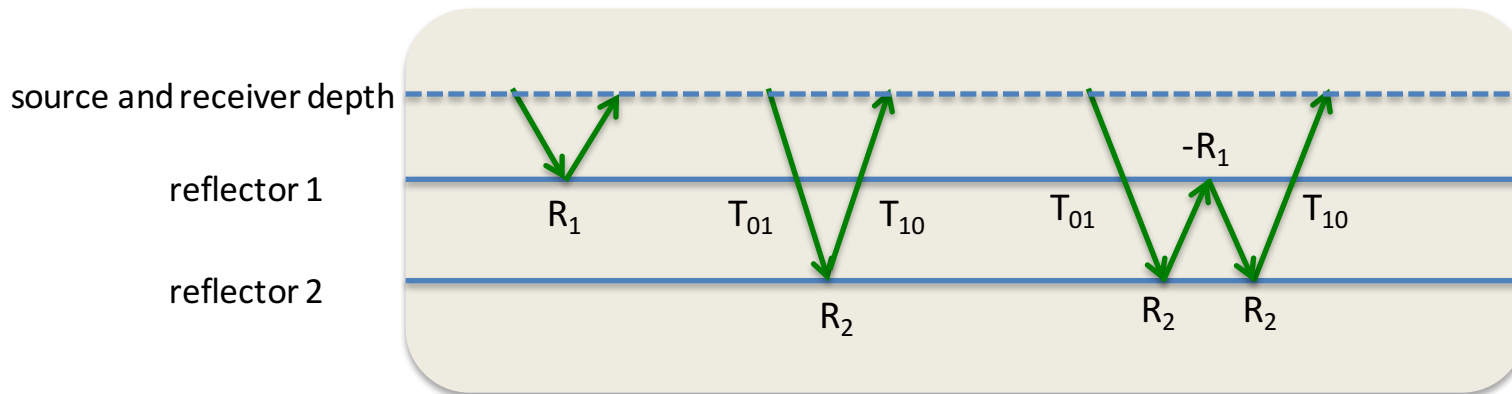
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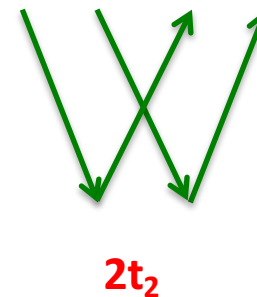
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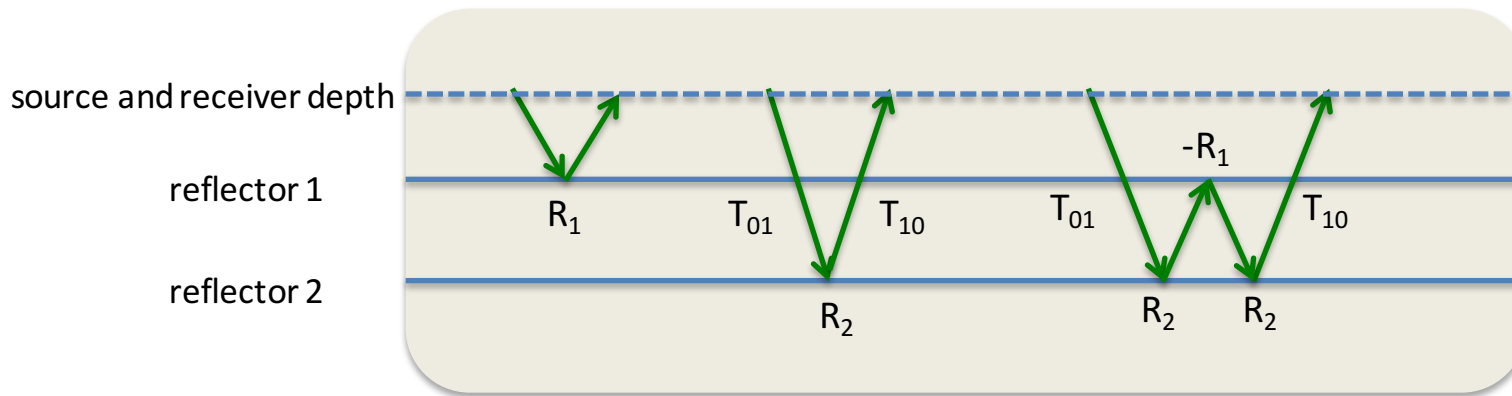
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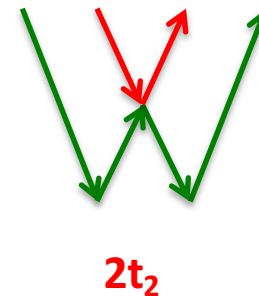
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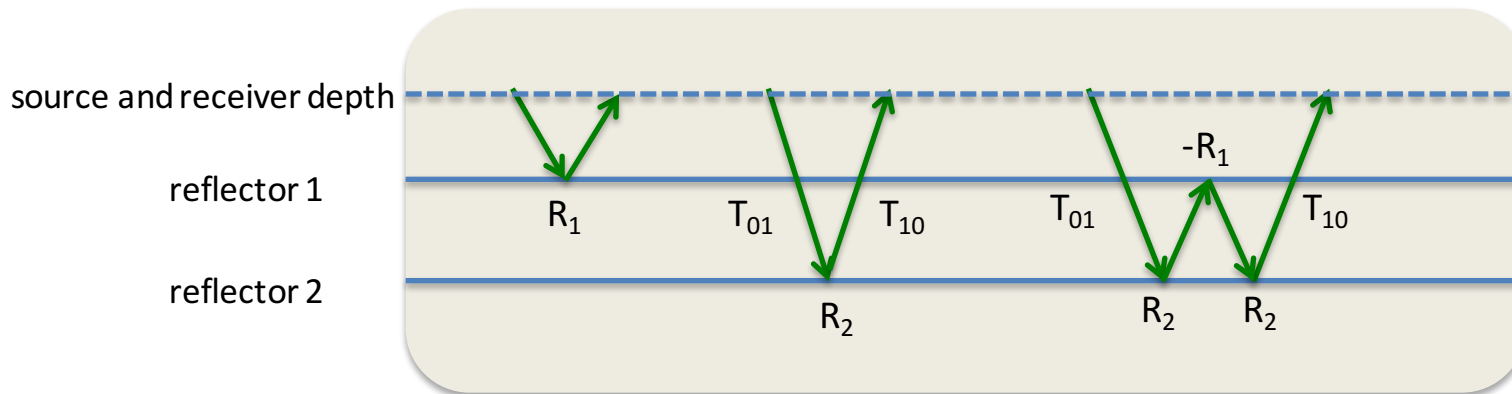
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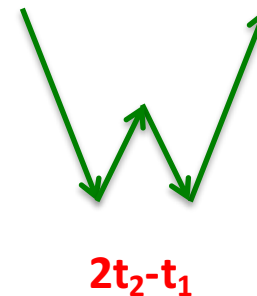
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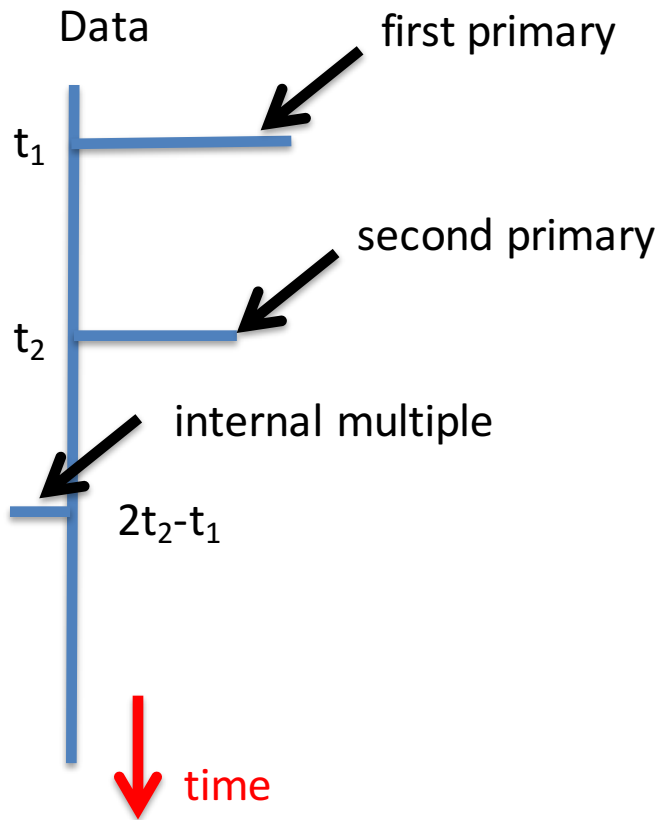
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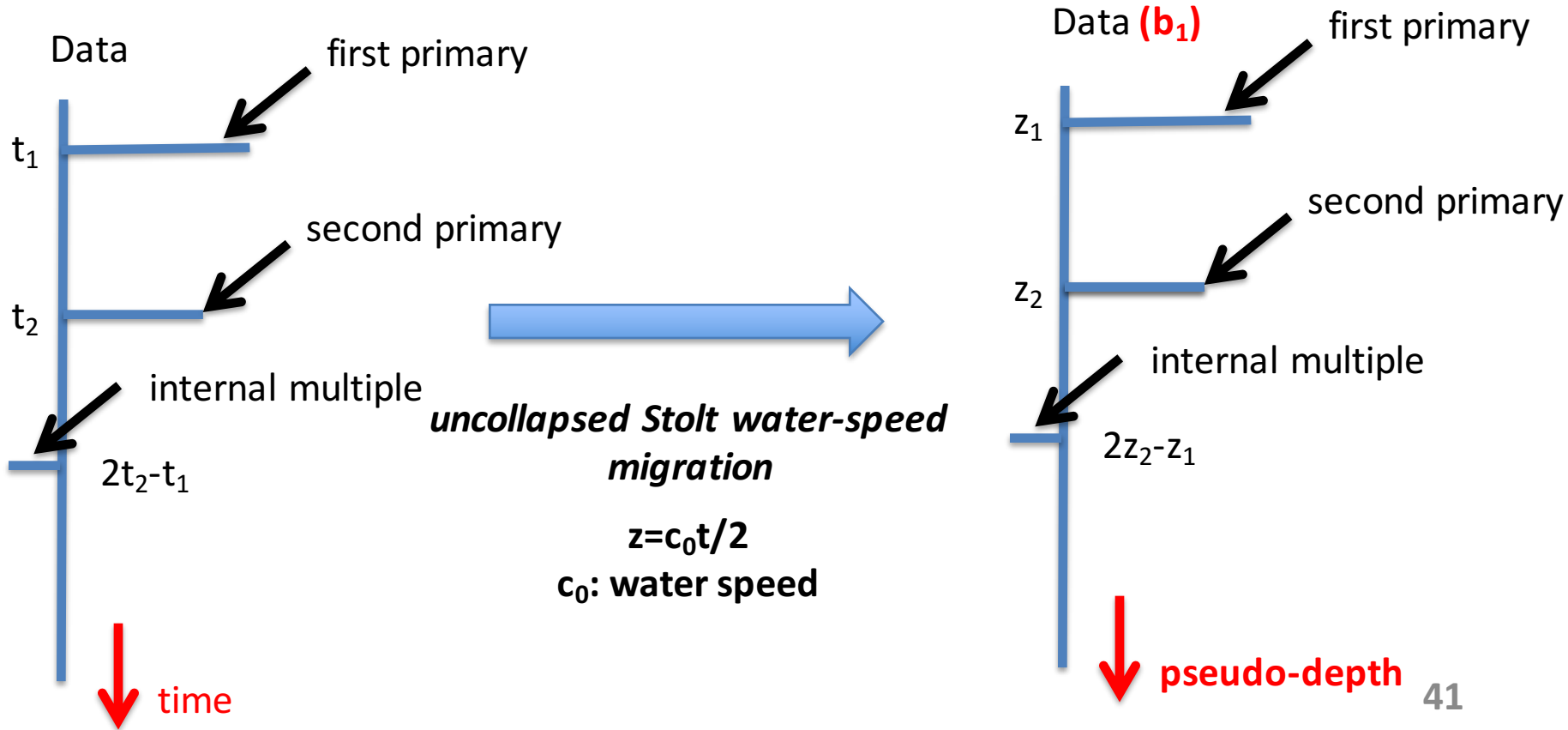
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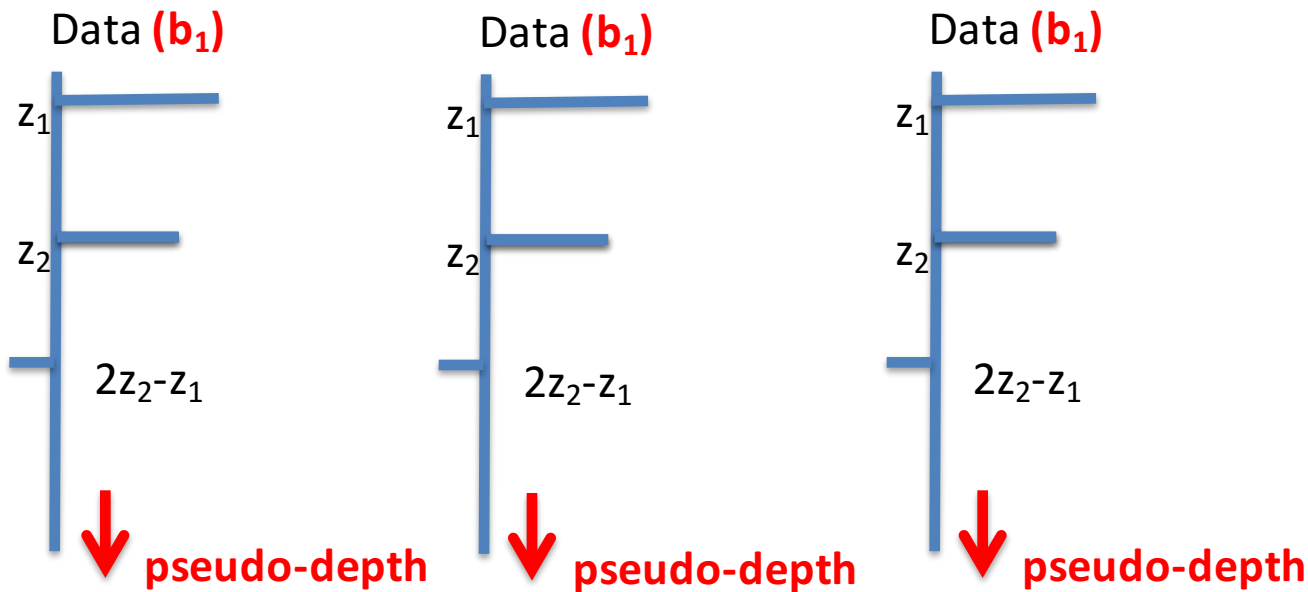
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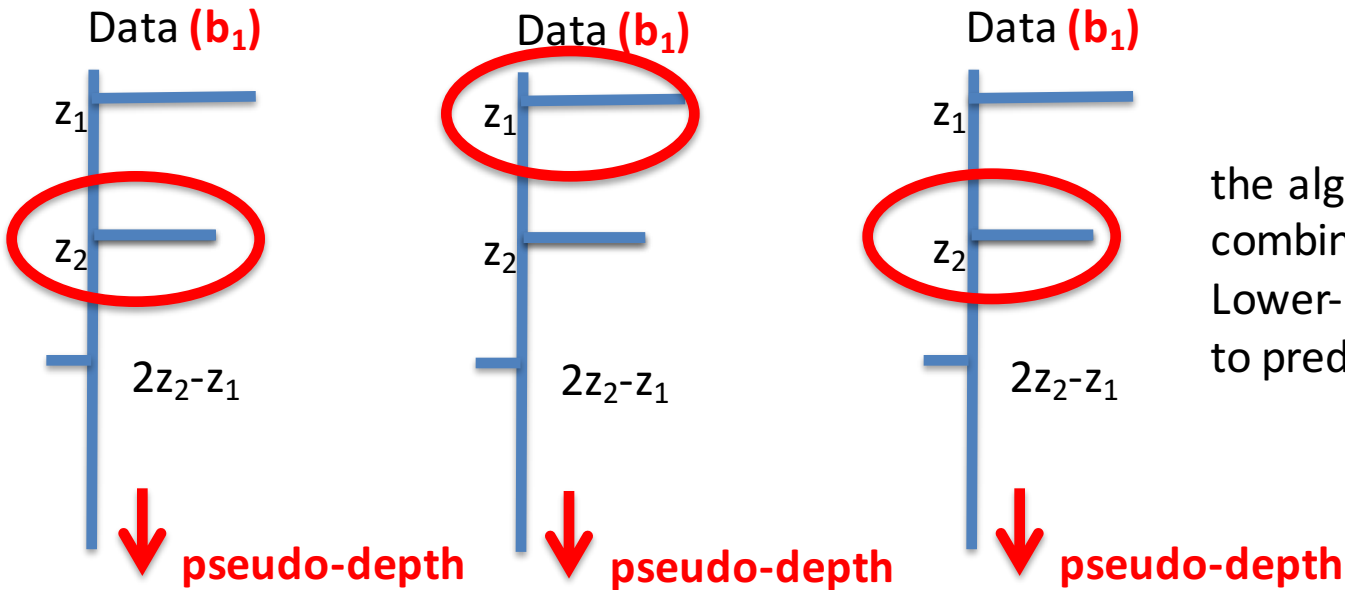
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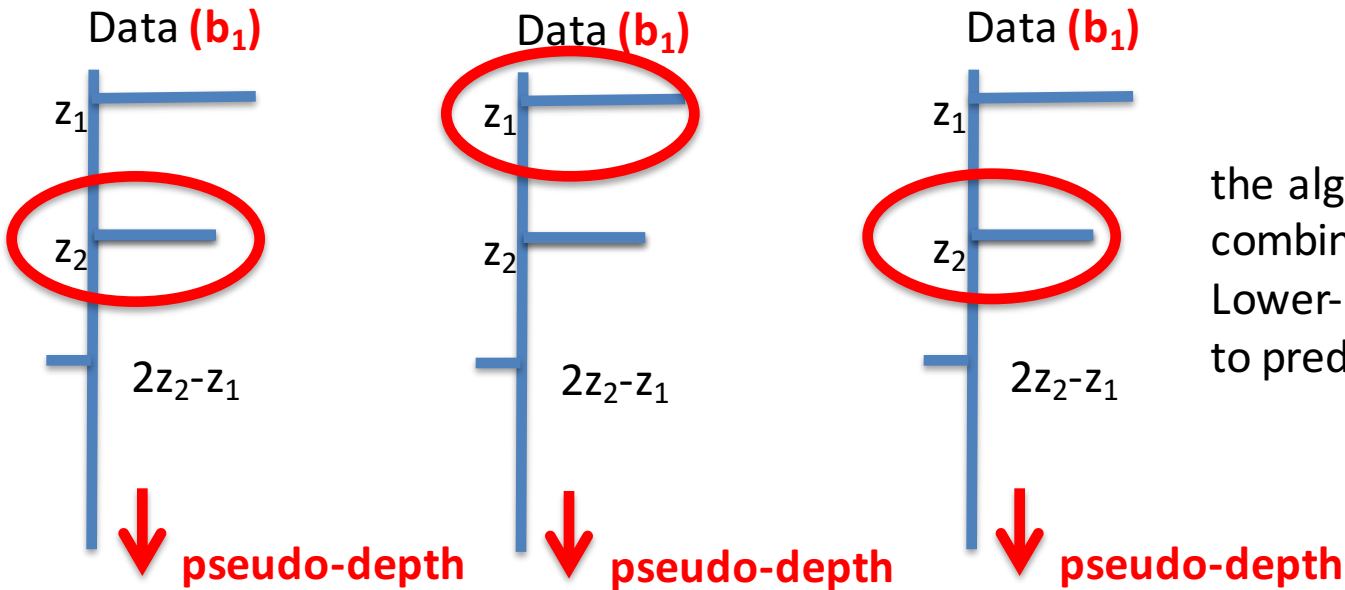


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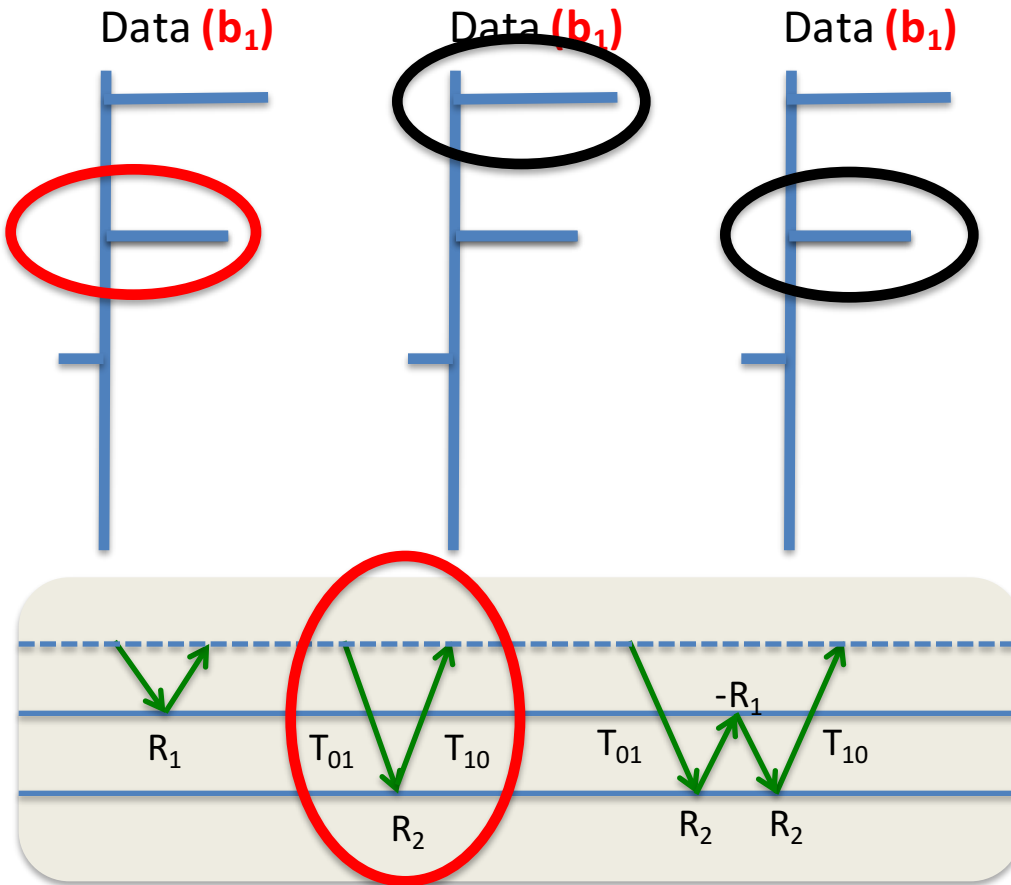
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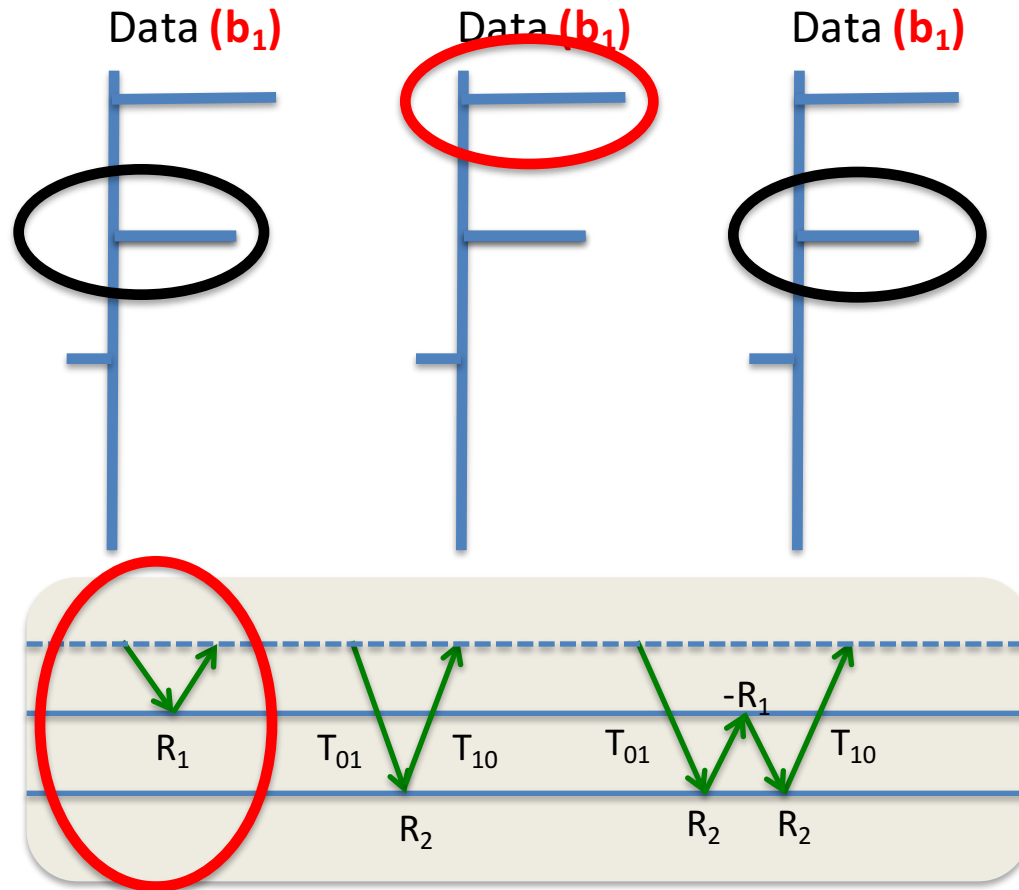
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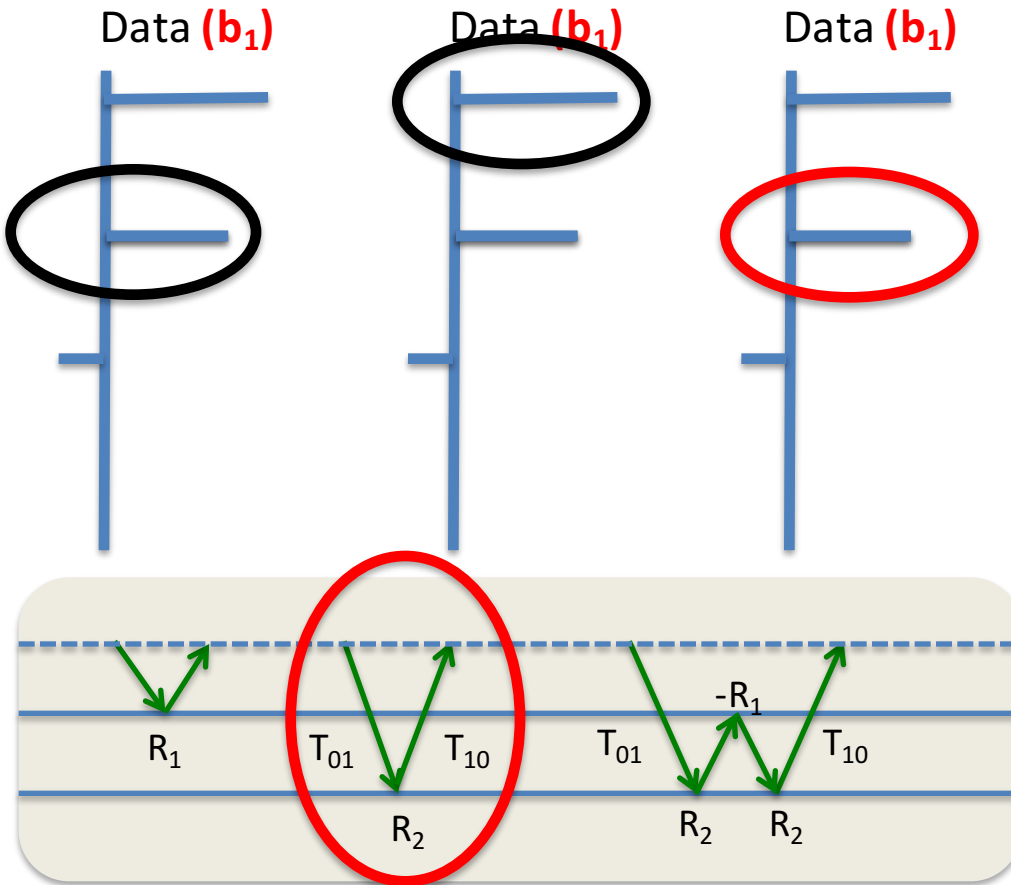
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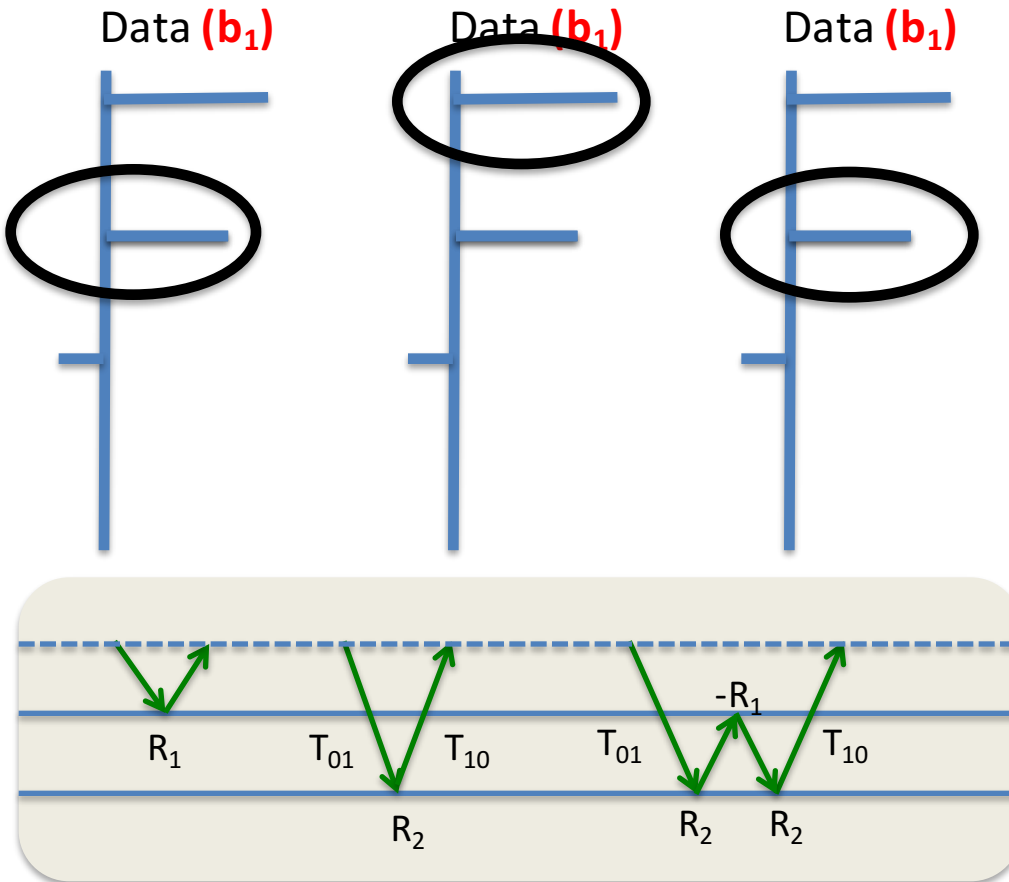


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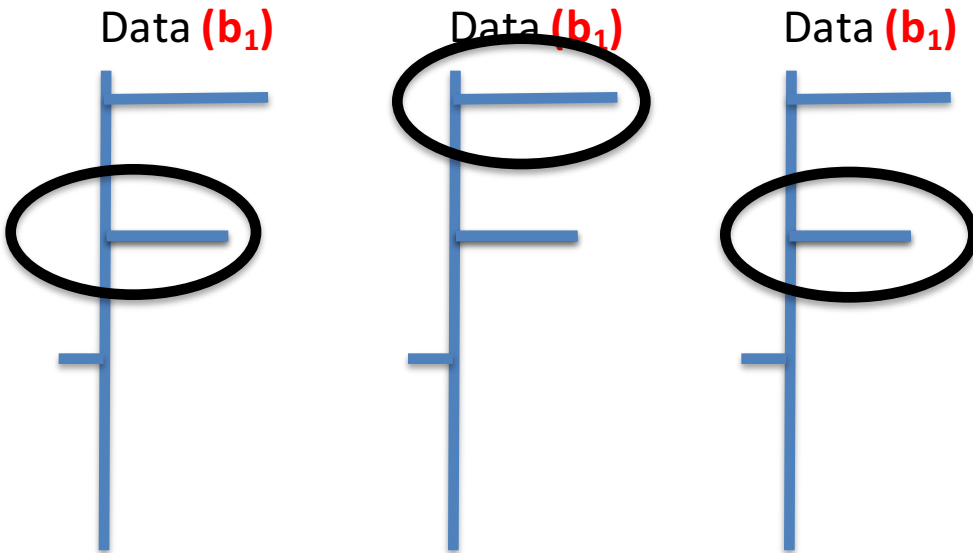
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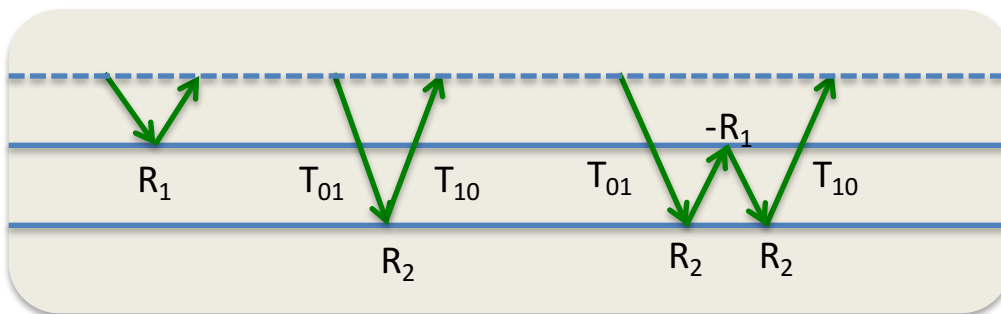
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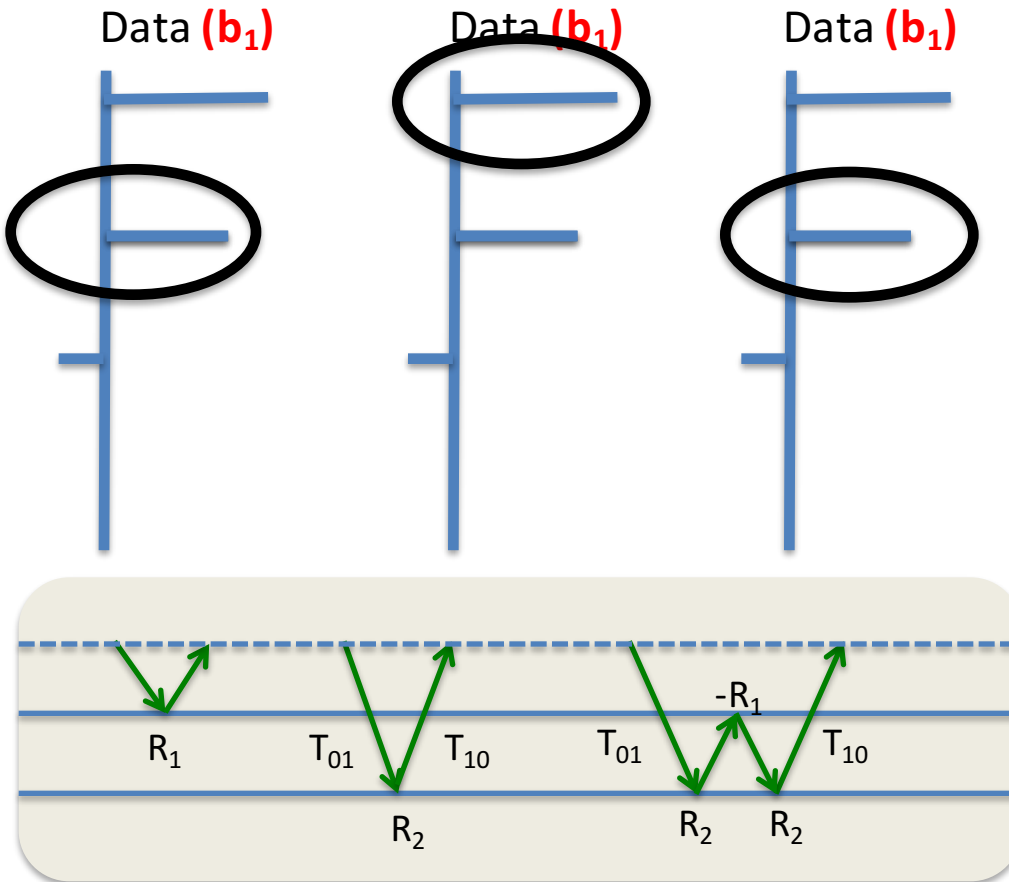
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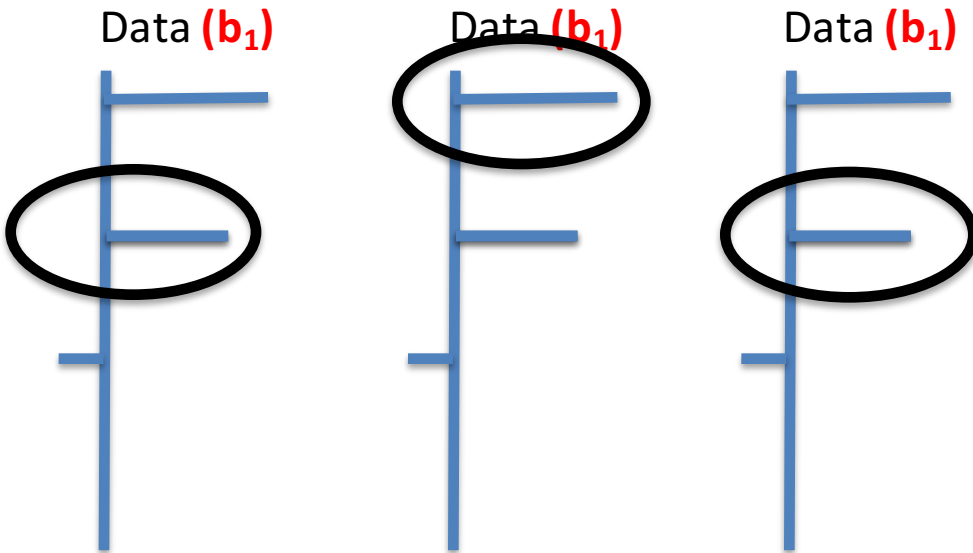
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amplitude: $-T_{01}R_2R_1R_2T_{10}$

predicted multiple
has correct arrival time

ISS internal multiple attenuation (a simplest 1D normal incidence example)



The first subevent is a second primary:
arrival time: t_2

amplitude: $T_{01}R_2T_{10}$

The second subevent is a first primary:
arrival time: t_1

amplitude: R_1

The third subevent is a second primary:
arrival time: t_2

amplitude: $T_{01}R_2T_{10}$

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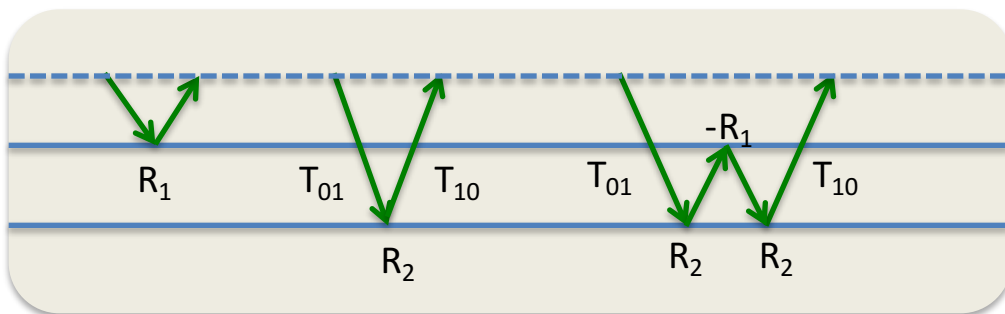
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The **actual** internal multiple:

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amplitude: $-T_{01}R_2R_1R_2T_{10}$

predicted multiple has more Ts in its amplitude



ISS internal multiple elimination for internal multiples generated from the shallowest reflector

- proposed the initial idea and expressed the attenuation factor using reflection coefficients
Weglein and Matson(1998)

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- following Weglein and Matson's analysis, terms are identified from the series to remove the attenuation factor for the shallowest reflector
Herrera et al.(2012)



Multi-Dimensional ISS internal multiple elimination for internal multiples generated from all reflectors

- proposed the first ISS internal multiple elimination algorithm for all reflectors, first for 1D and 1D with offset then for multi-dimensional subsurface

Zou et al.(2015) Zou et. al (2017)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{elimination} &= \frac{\text{attenuation}}{AF_i} \\
 &= \frac{\text{attenuation}}{(1 - R_i^2)(1 - R_1^2 - R_2'R_2 - \dots - R_{i-1}'R_{i-1})^2} \\
 &= \text{attenuation}(1 + R_i^2 + R_i^4 + \dots)(1 + (R_1^2 + R_2'R_2 + \dots + R_{i-1}'R_{i-1}) + \dots)^2 \\
 &= \text{attenuation}(1 + R_i^2 + R_i^4 + \dots + (R_1^2 + R_2'R_2 + \dots + R_{i-1}'R_{i-1}) + \dots) \\
 &= \text{attenuation} + \text{attenuation} \times R_i'^2 + \text{attenuation} \times R_i'^4 \\
 &\quad + \dots + \text{attenuation} \times (R_1^2 + R_2'R_2 + \dots + R_{i-1}'R_{i-1}) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

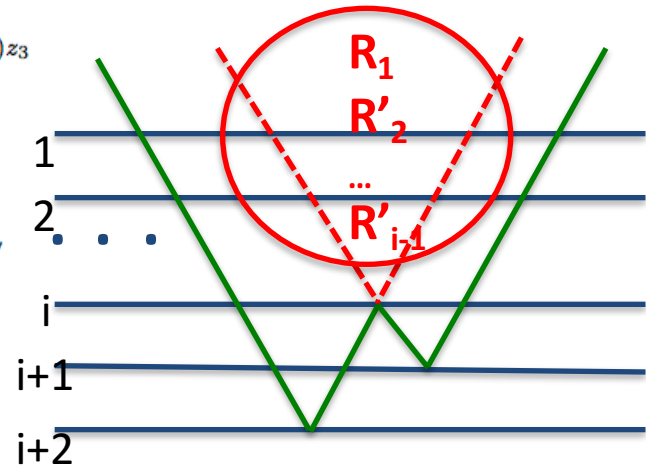
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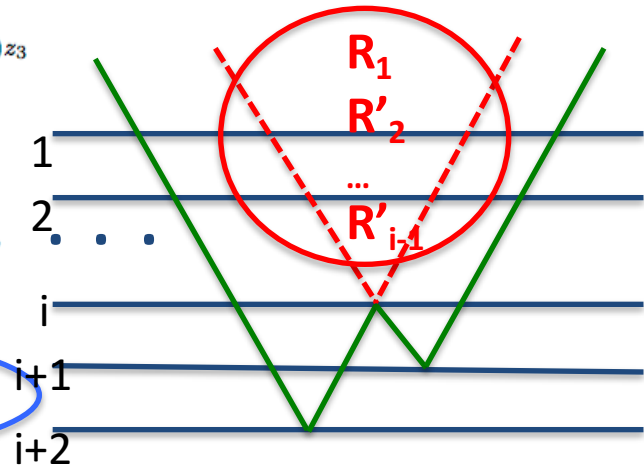


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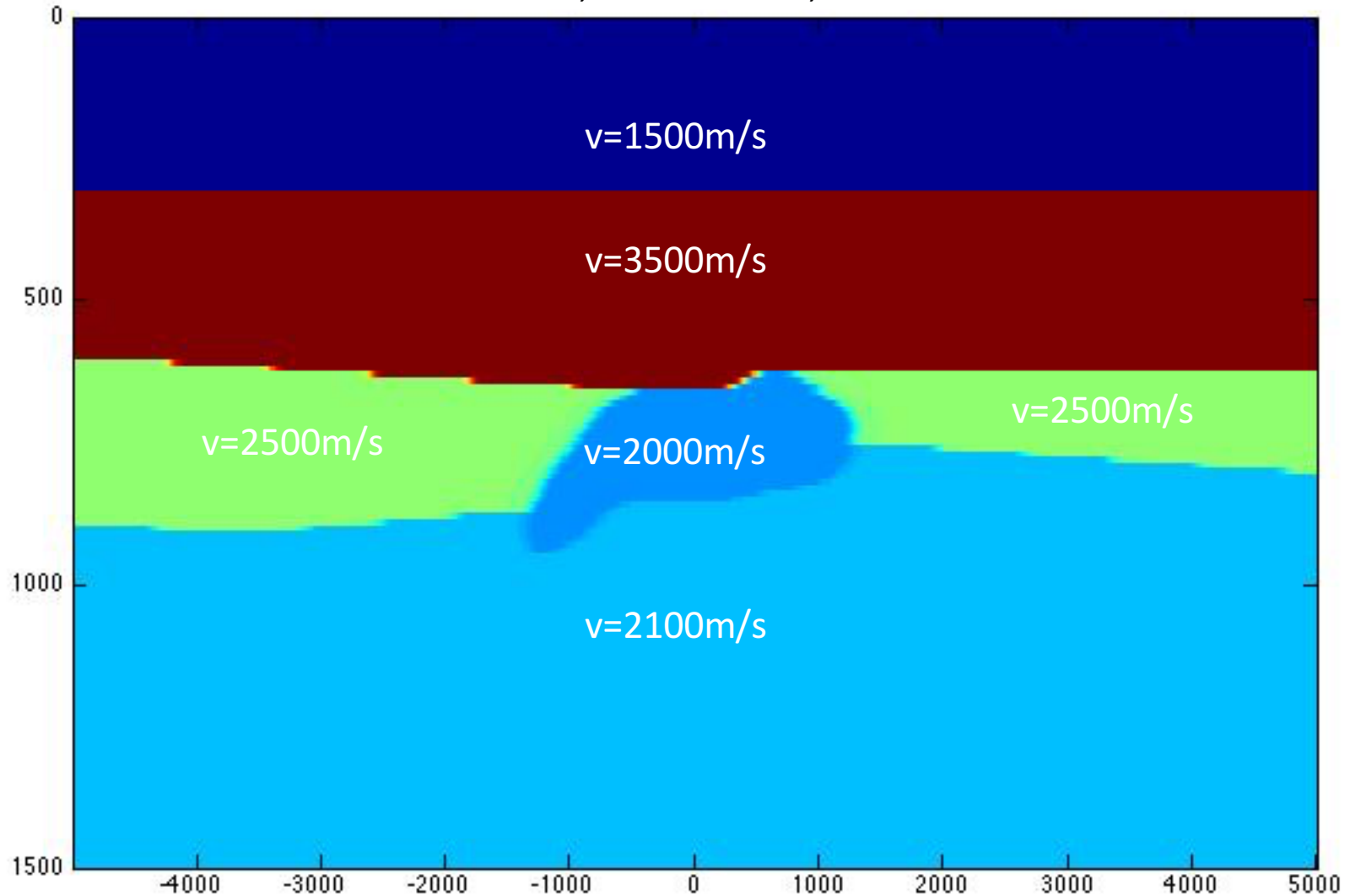
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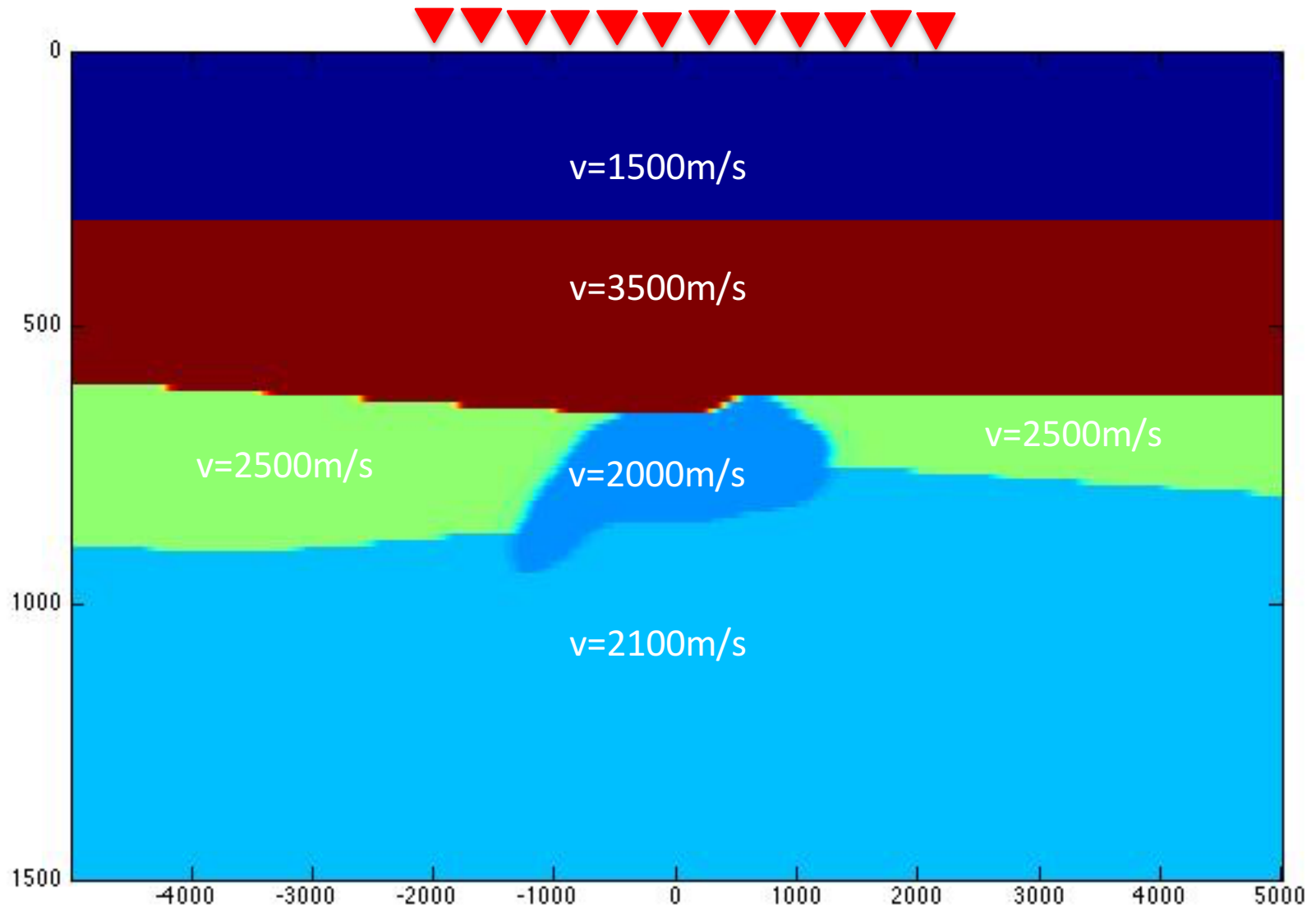
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Multi-Dimensional ISS internal multiple elimination (numerical test)

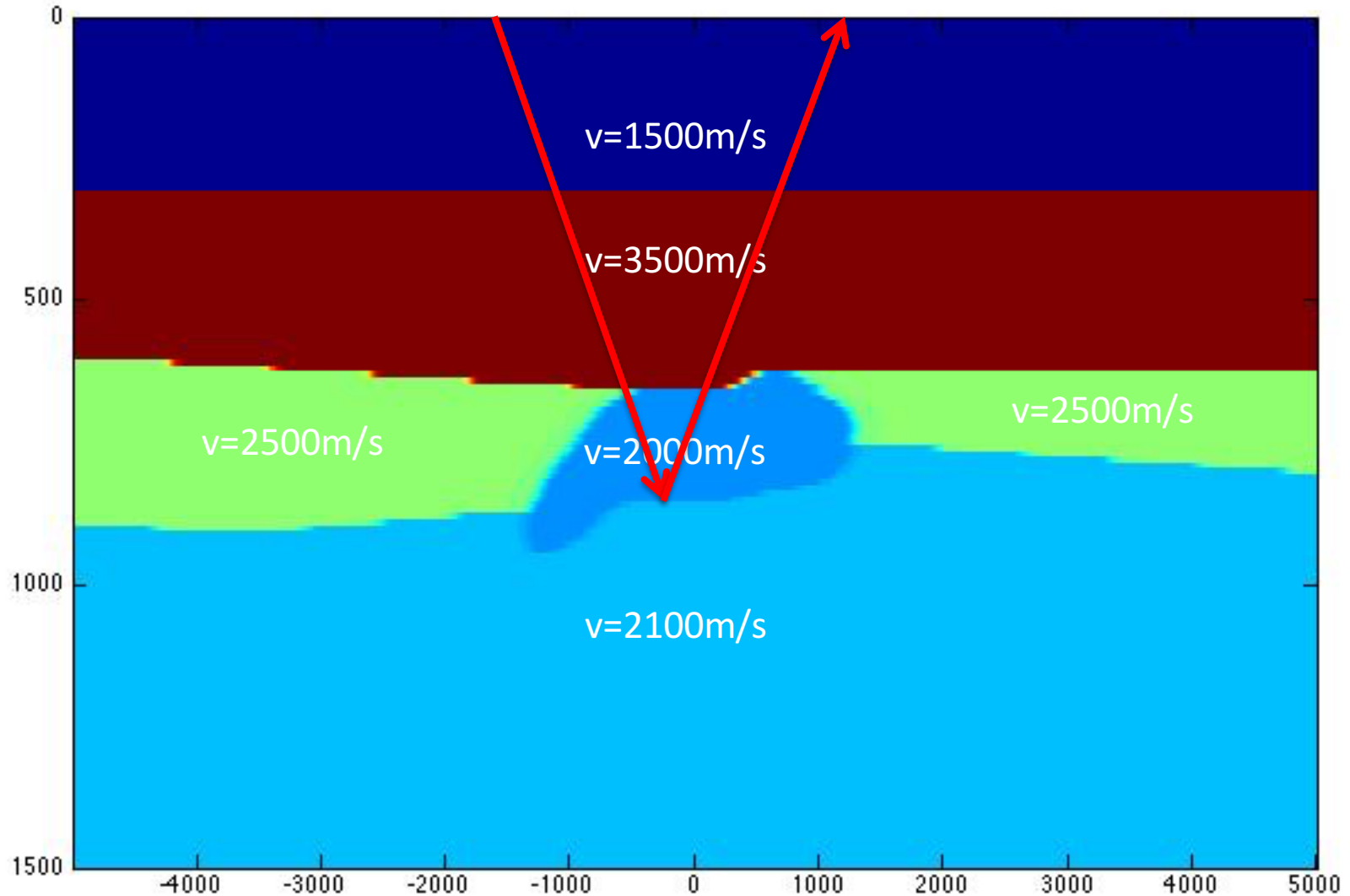
127 sources, 127 receivers, 2 seconds



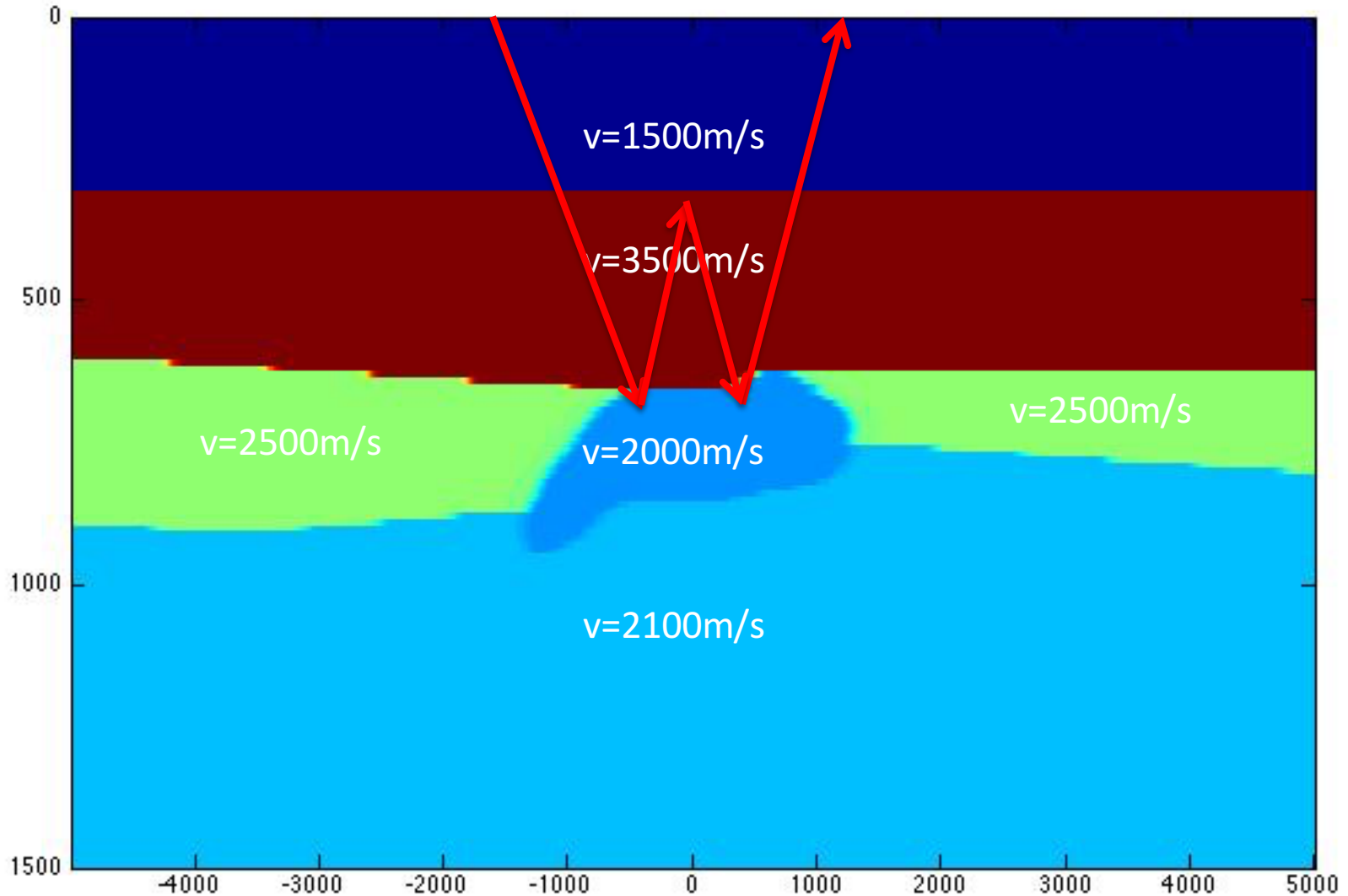
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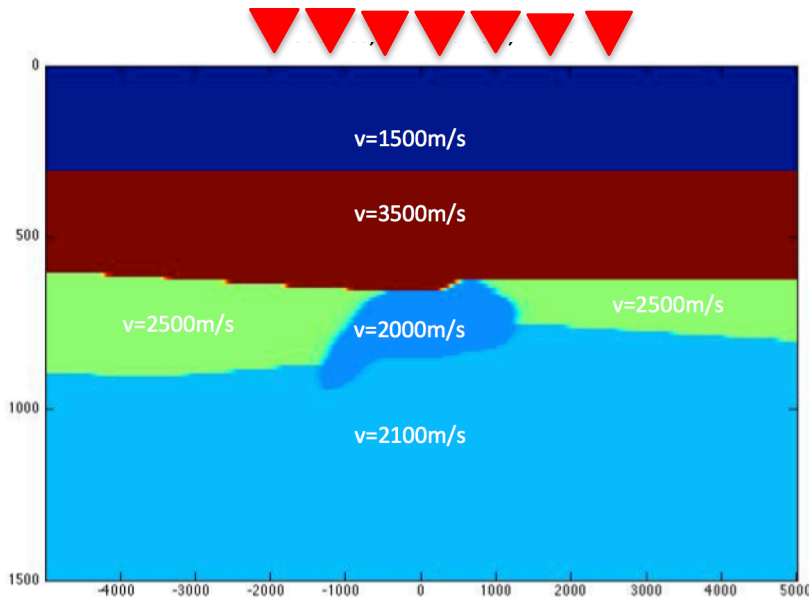


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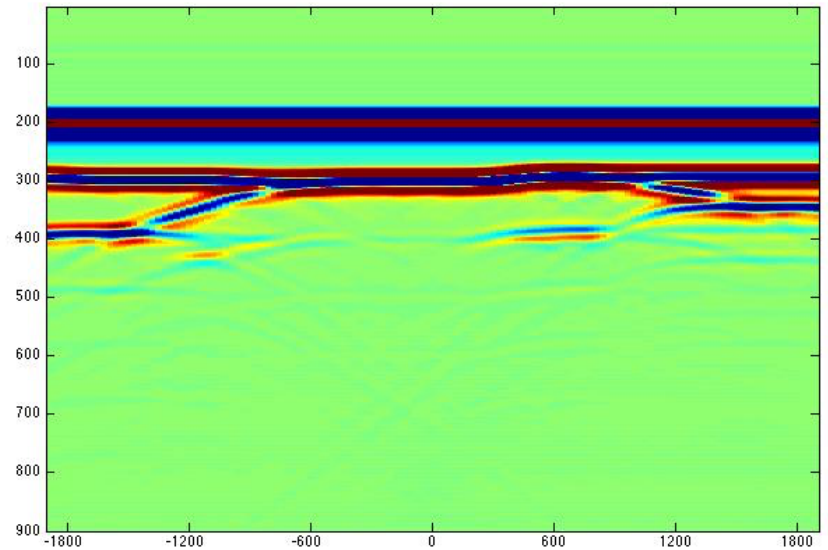


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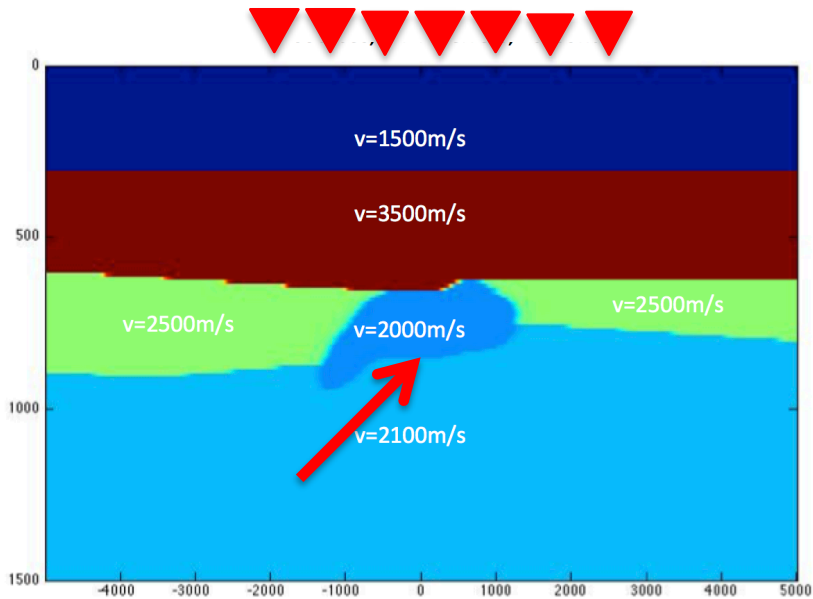


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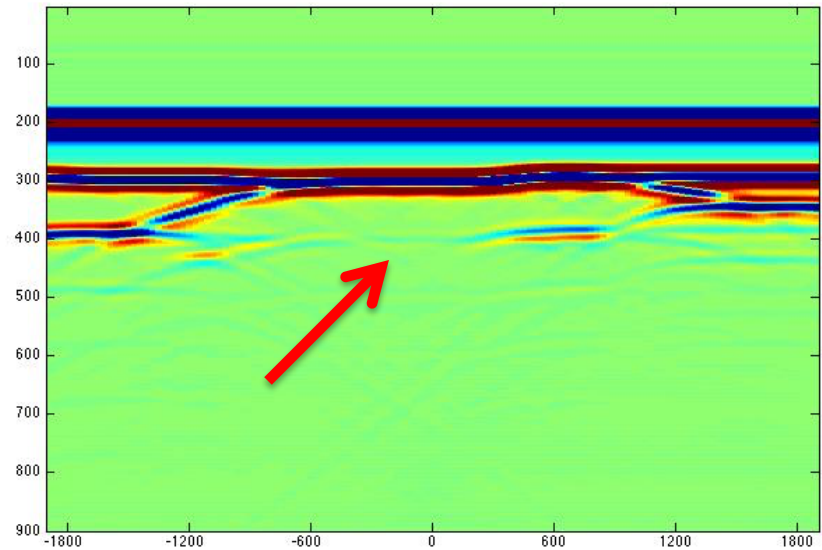


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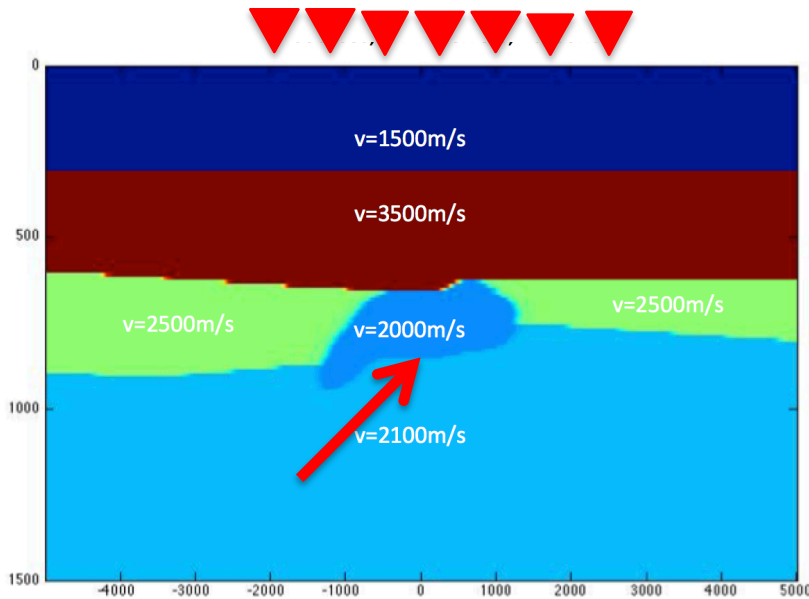


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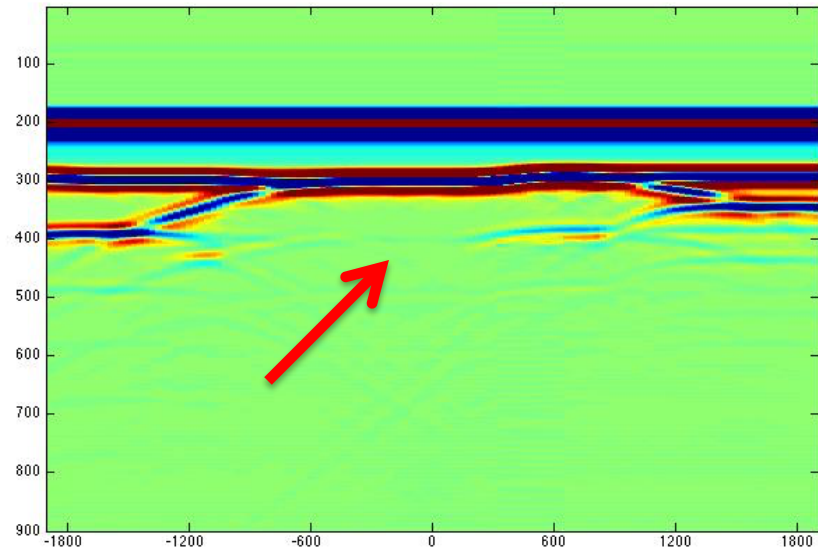


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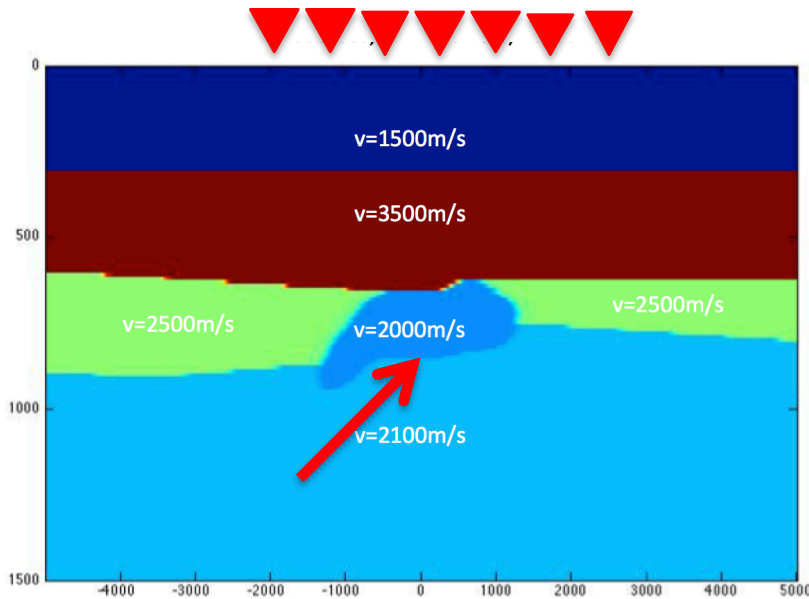


after internal multiple **attenuation**
+ **energy minimization adaptive subtraction**
(0-offset traces)

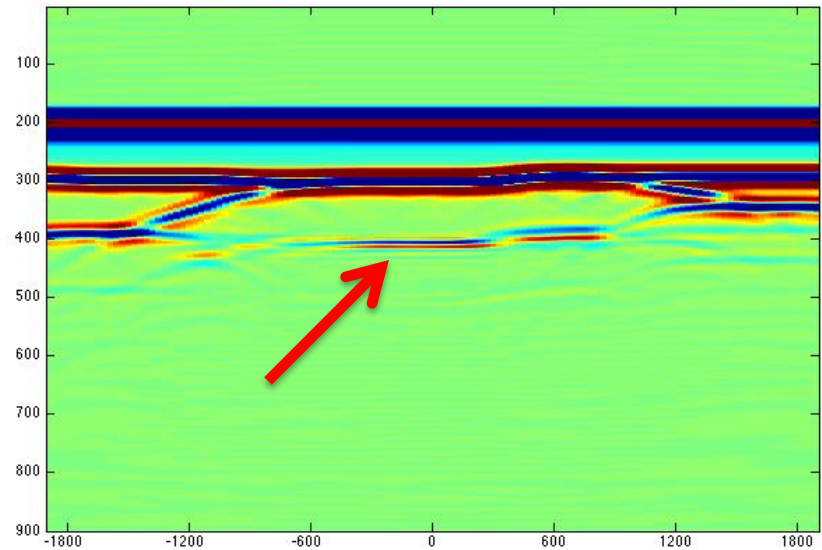


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after internal multiple **elimination**
(0-offset traces)



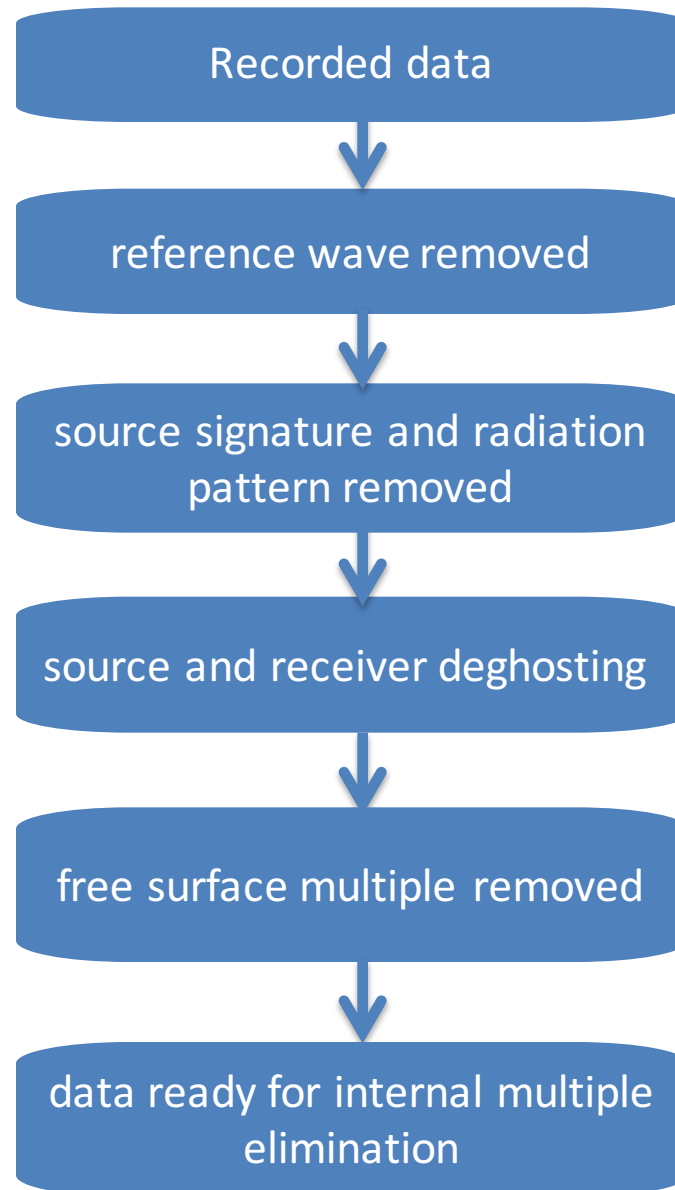
Multi-Dimensional ISS internal multiple elimination (computational requirements)

- The ISS internal-multiple attenuation and elimination algorithms are compute-intensive.
- The ISS internal-multiple elimination algorithm needs tens or hundreds more compute power than the ISS internal-multiple attenuation algorithm.
(Perrone 2007, Fu et al. 2014)
- In our 2D numerical example, we use a 2D data with 127 shot gathers with each shot gather containing 127 traces and each trace containing 1000 time samples. It takes an 8-core workstation about 1 day to finish computing the elimination algorithm.

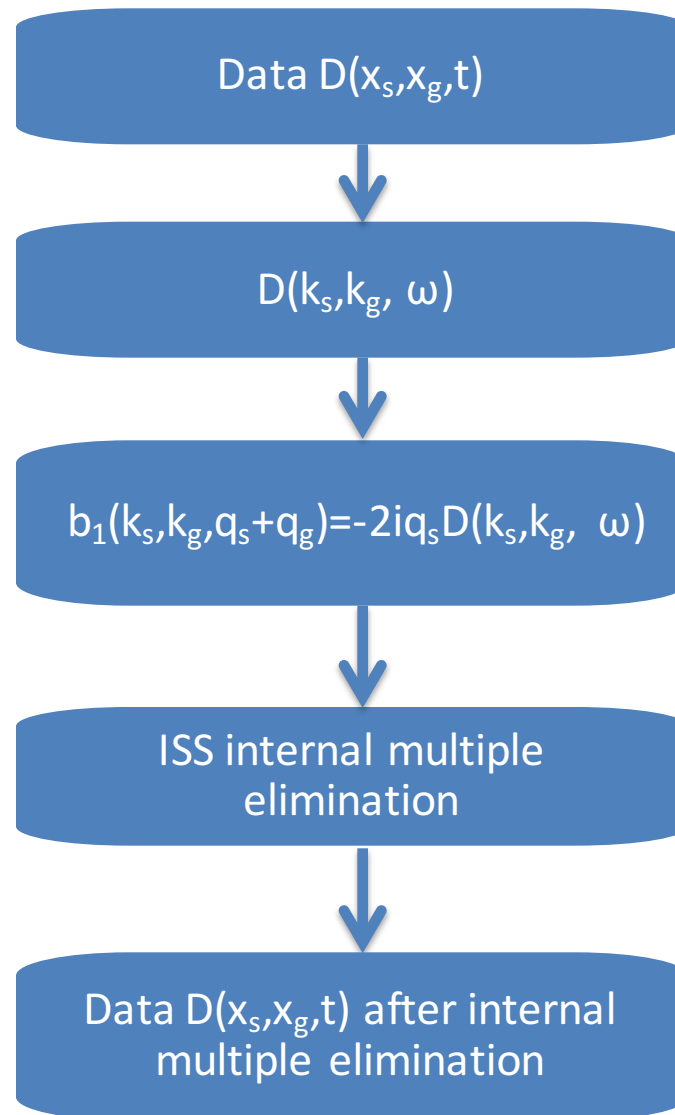
ISS internal multiple elimination

- accommodation of the topography of the acquisition surface
- adequate data collected for 2D and 3D application
- reference wave removed
- source signature and radiation pattern removed
- source and receiver deghosting
- free surface multiple removed
- The ISS internal multiple **attenuation** algorithm is **model-type independent**.
- The ISS internal multiple **elimination** algorithm (at this point) contains the **model-type independent** ISS internal multiple **attenuation** algorithm, the part that beyond attenuation is **model-type dependent**. An acoustic relationship is assumed. The elimination algorithm has been tested on elastic earth model and shows encouraging results. We will develop a more complete ISS internal multiple elimination algorithm with consideration of elastic/anelastic effects.
- In this presentation, we focus on the first-order internal multiples. The current method can be extended to remove higher order internal multiples.

Multi-Dimensional ISS internal multiple elimination (pre-requisites)



Multi-Dimensional ISS internal multiple elimination (flow chart)



Multi-Dimensional ISS internal multiple elimination (future plan and conclusion)

- The ISS internal-multiple elimination algorithm is a part of the three-pronged strategy that is a direct response to current seismic processing and interpretation challenge **when primaries and internal multiples are proximal to and/or interfere with each other** in both on-shore and off-shore plays.
- This ISS internal-multiple-elimination algorithm is **more effective and more compute-intensive** than the current most capable ISS attenuation-plus-adaptive subtraction method. We provide it as **a new capability in the multiple-removal toolbox and a new option** for circumstances when this type of capability is called for, indicated and necessary.
- We will develop a more complete ISS internal multiple elimination algorithm that includes consideration of elastic/anelastic effects.
- We are interested in **field data** to test the ISS internal multiple elimination algorithm where there is interfering primary and internal multiple and there is well control.