

# MODELING AND INVERSION OF THE MICROTREMOR H/V SPECTRAL RATIO: THE PHYSICAL BASIS BEHIND THE DIFFUSE FIELD APPROACH

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# Outline

Microtremor H/V (MHVSR) → Site Characterization

Multiple Diffraction → Diffuse Fields → Coda ~ Noise

Correlations → Green's Function ← Equipartition & Isotropy

Auto-Correlations → Energy Densities ←  $\text{Im } G_{11}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \omega)$

H/V from Ambient Seismic Noise is modeled as  $\sqrt{2\text{Im}G_{11}/\text{Im}G_{33}}$

Elastic  $\text{Im } G_{11}(0,0,\omega)$  behavior suggests simple 3D models

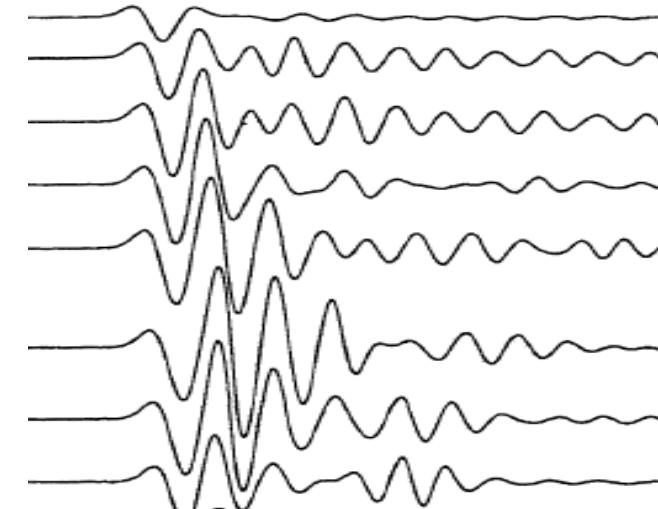
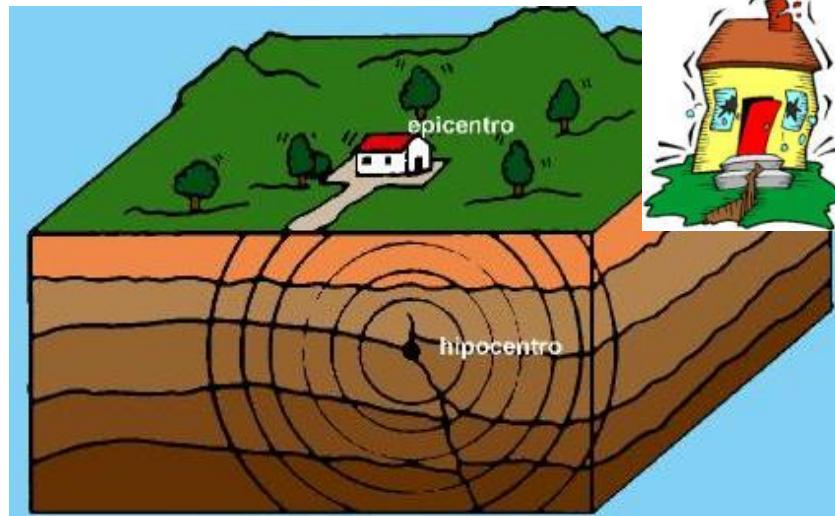
Inversion of H/V → Cauchy's theorem → Soil Information

Joint inversion of H/V and DC → mitigates non-uniquity

New software allows modeling and inversion of MHVSR.

# Microtemor H/V Spectral Ratio MHVSR

## Site Characterization → $f_0$ → Site effects



**Amplification and Duration**



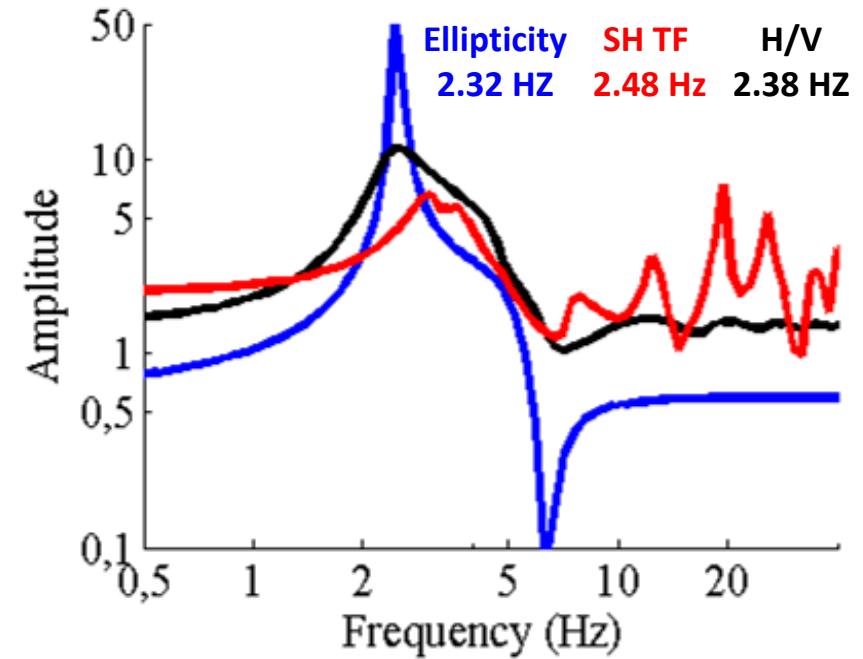
# Microtremor H/V Spectral Ratio MHVSR

- Nogoshi & Igarashi (1971):  
Microtremors → Surface Waves
- Others Authors  
 $H/V \equiv$  Rayleigh Ellipticity
- Nakamura (1989)  
 $H/V \equiv$  Transfer Function SH wave
- Arai & Tokimatsu (2004)
- Sánchez-Sesma *et al.* (2011)  
 $H/V \equiv$  All Waves (Diffuse Field Theory)

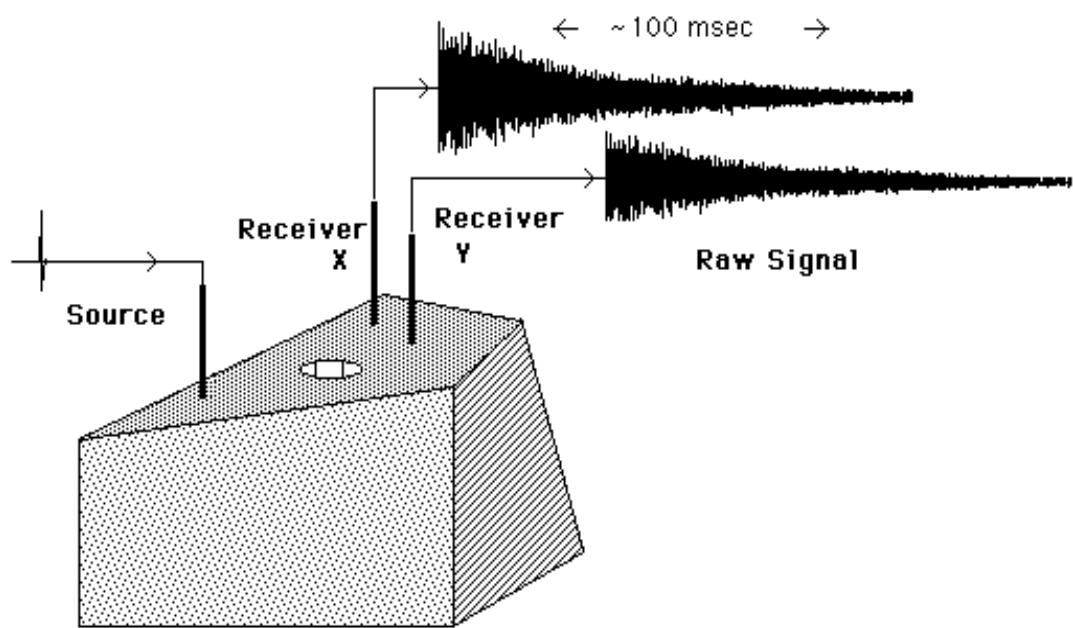
$$\frac{H}{V} = \left\langle \left| \frac{H}{V} \right|_m \right\rangle$$

Average  
of Ratios

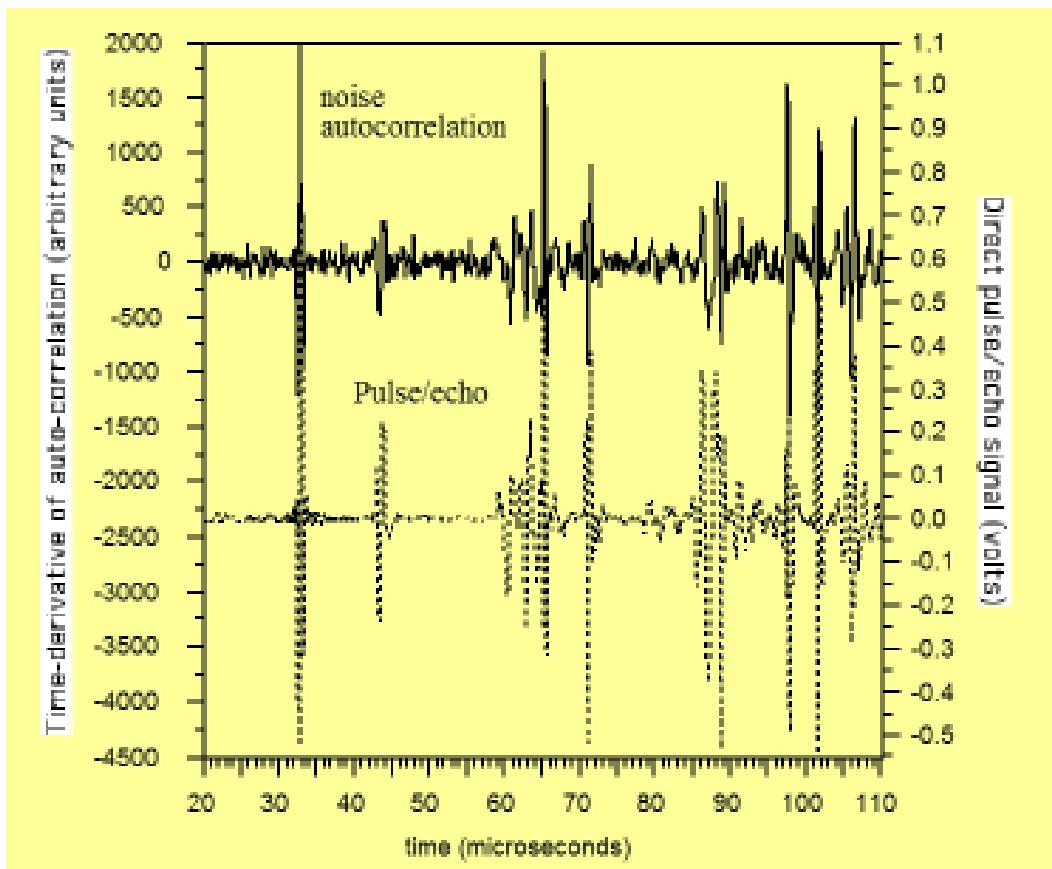
$$\frac{H}{V} = \sqrt{\frac{\langle H_{EWm}^2 \rangle + \langle H_{NSm}^2 \rangle}{\langle V_m^2 \rangle}}$$



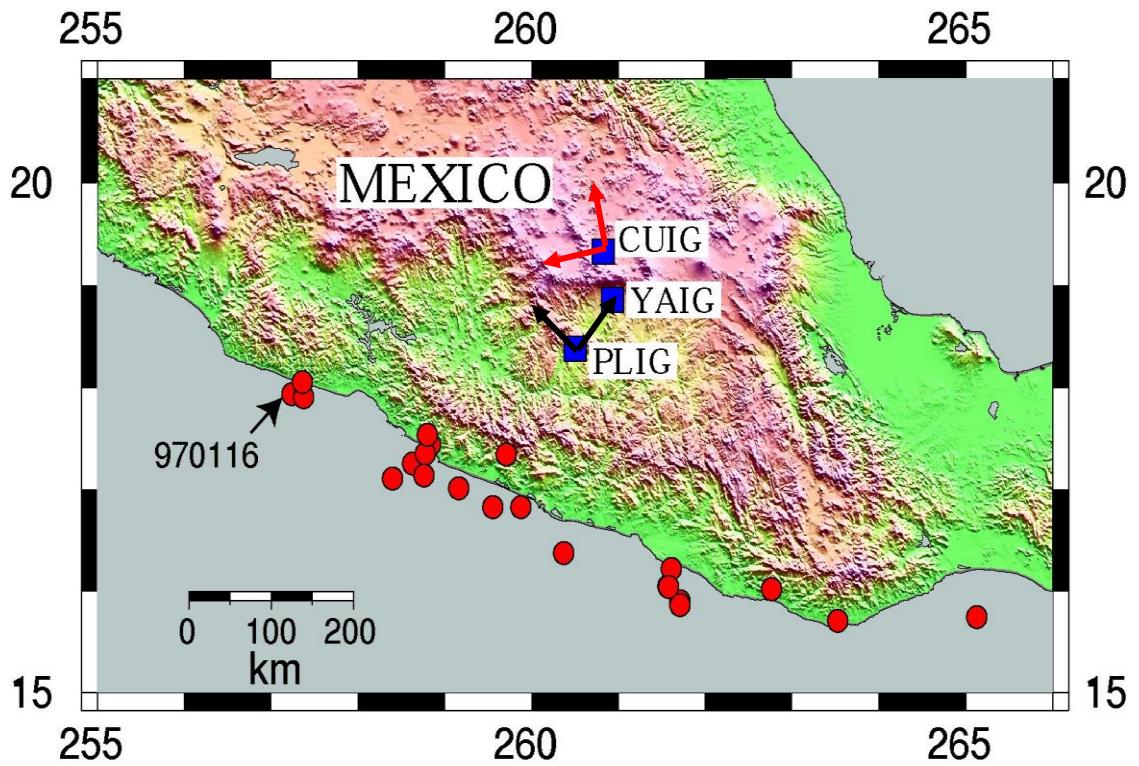
Ratio of Averages



Aluminum Block,  $2500 \text{ cm}^3$  Volume  
A kind of 3-d Sinai-like Billiard.

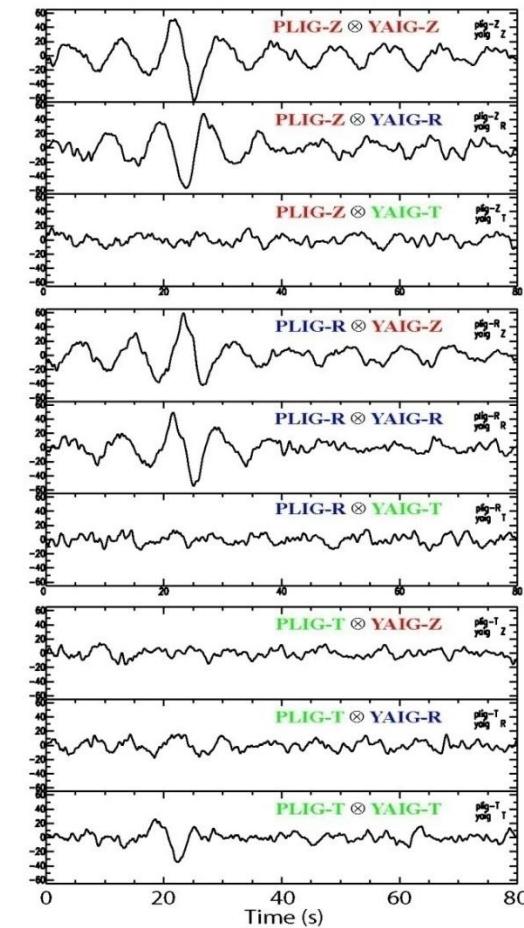


Weaver & Lobkis (2002) *Ultrasonics*

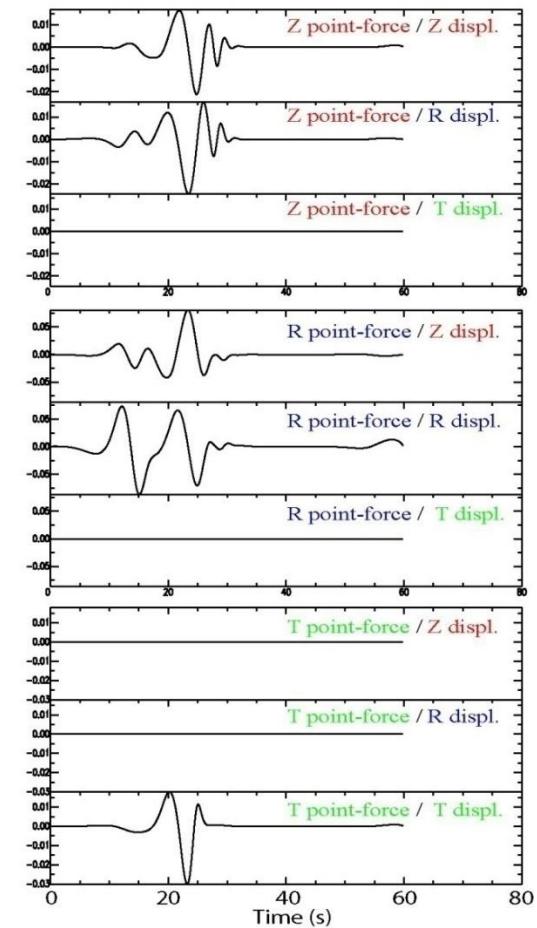


PLIG / YAIG: dist=69.6 km, az=41°  
 CUIG / YAIG: dist=53.1 km, az=167°

Stacks of 196 cross-correlations

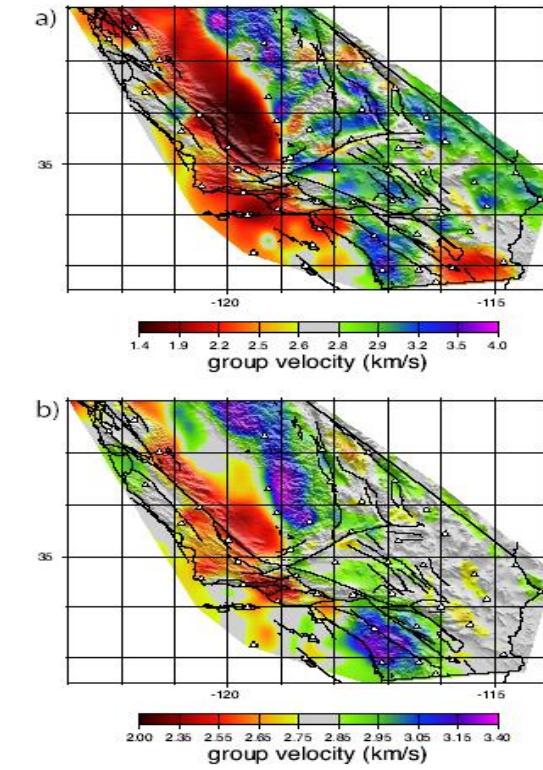
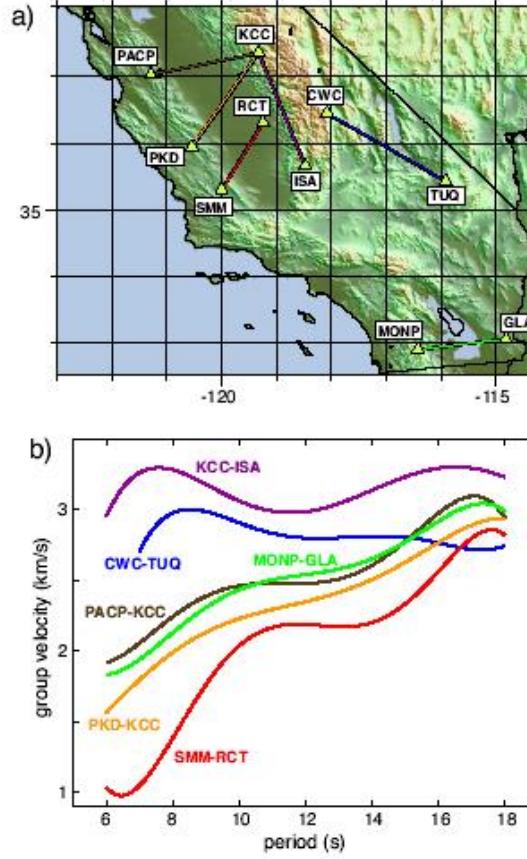
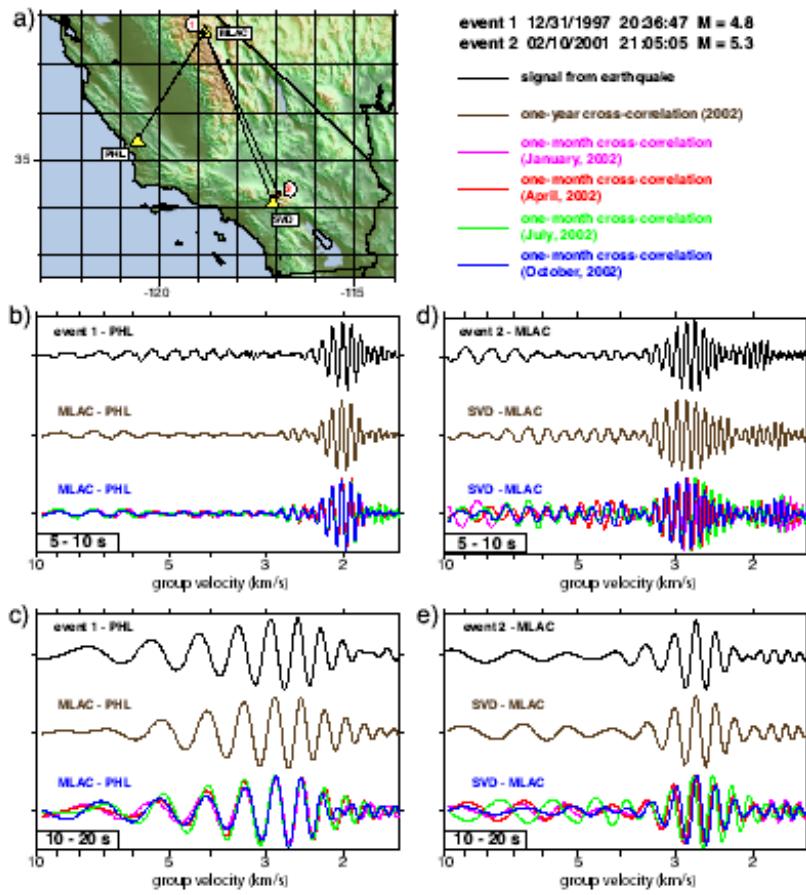


Theoretical Green tensor at 69 km distance



Campillo & Paul (2003) *Science*

**Shapiro et al (2005) show waveforms emerging from cross-correlations of ambient seismic noise and compared them with Rayleigh waves excited by earthquakes**



30 days of ambient noise. USArray

# Multiple scattering

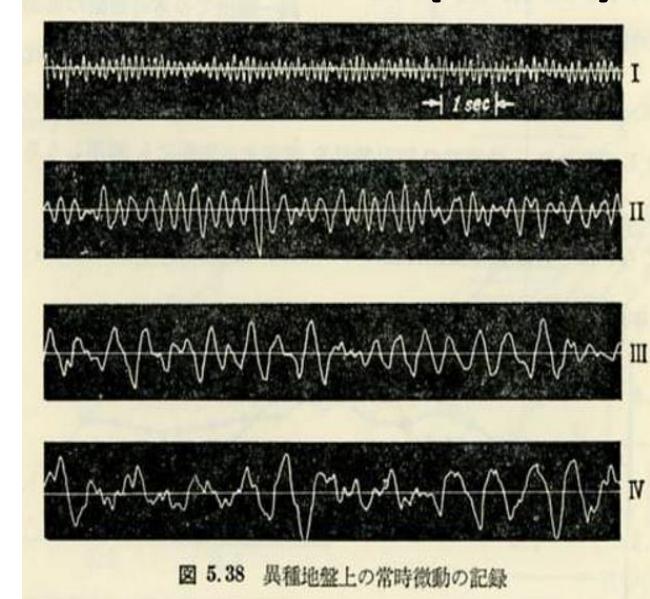
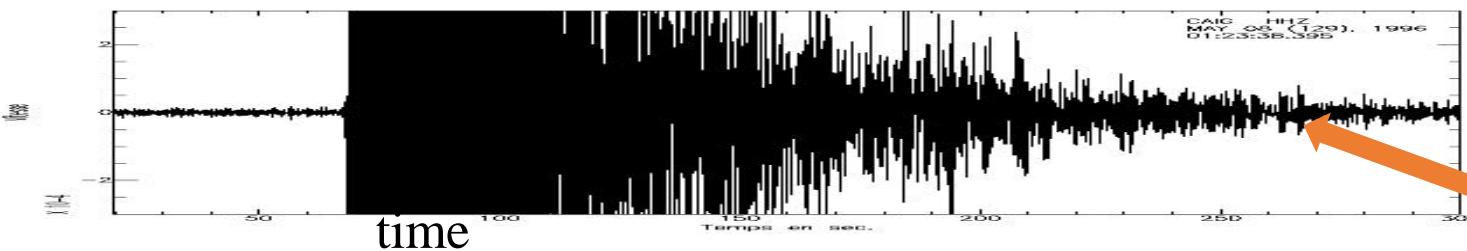
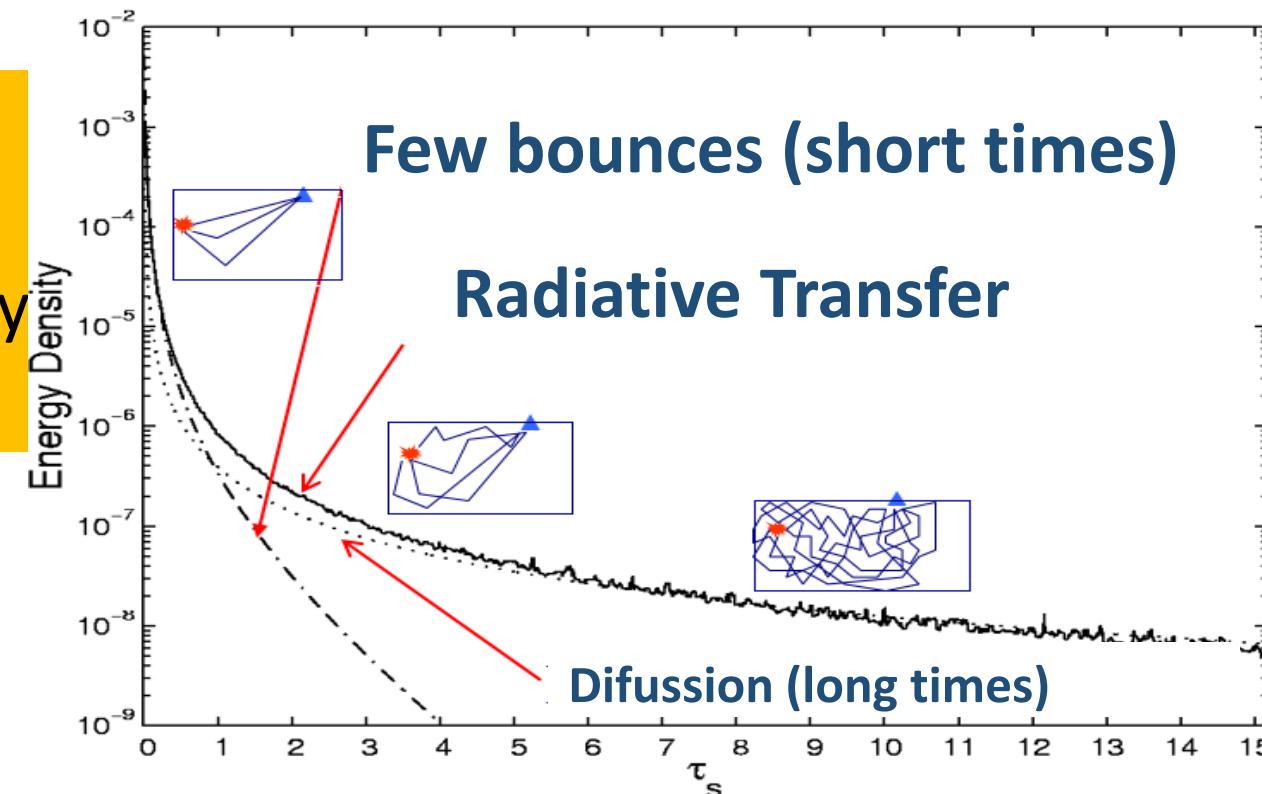
Propagation  
Regimes &  
Energy Density  
Decay

# Coda

# Noise

# Diffuse Field

Kanai (1932)



Noise

Coda

Directional Energy Densities = Auto-Correlations  $\rightarrow \text{Im}[G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \omega)]$

$$\xi_1(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \rho \omega^2 \langle u_1(\mathbf{x}) u_1^*(\mathbf{x}) \rangle = -2\pi\mu\xi_S k^{-1} \text{Im}[G_{11}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \omega)]$$

 Directional Energy Density (DED) is proportional to the imaginary part of Green's function at the source itself.

 This is clear from the full-space solution (Stokes, 1849):

$$\text{Im}[G_{11}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \omega)] = \frac{-\omega}{12\pi\rho} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha^3} + \frac{2}{\beta^3} \right\}$$

$$\xi_1 = \xi_S \frac{\beta^3}{6\alpha^3} (1 + 2R^3) = \frac{\xi_P}{3} + \frac{\xi_S}{3} = \frac{\xi}{3}$$

$$\xi_P = \frac{1}{1+2R^3} \xi$$

$$\xi_{SH} = \frac{R^3}{1+2R^3} \xi$$

$$\xi_{SV} = \frac{R^3}{1+2R^3} \xi$$

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{3} \xi_P + \frac{1}{6} \xi_{SV} + \frac{1}{2} \xi_{SH} = \frac{1}{3} \xi$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{1}{3} \xi_P + \frac{1}{6} \xi_{SV} + \frac{1}{2} \xi_{SH} = \frac{1}{3} \xi$$

$$\xi_3 = \frac{1}{3} \xi_P + \frac{2}{3} \xi_{SV} = \frac{1}{3} \xi$$

Weaver (1985) JASA

Sánchez-Sesma & Campillo (2006) BSSA

# A Theory for H/V

With **Directional Energy Densities** the **H/V** ratio is:

$$[H/V](\mathbf{x}; \omega) = \sqrt{\frac{E_1(\mathbf{x}; \omega) + E_2(\mathbf{x}; \omega)}{E_3(\mathbf{x}; \omega)}}$$

$$[H/V](\mathbf{x}; \omega) = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Im}[G_{11}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}; \omega)] + \text{Im}[G_{22}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}; \omega)]}{\text{Im}[G_{33}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}; \omega)]}}$$

**measurements  $\leftrightarrow$  system properties**

**Sánchez-Sesma et al. (2011)**  
**3D problem (BW & SW)**

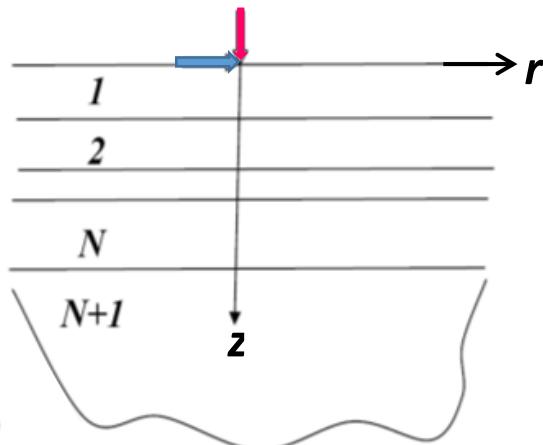
**Matsushima et al. (2014)** 2.5D  
case (Lateral heterogeneity)

**Kawase et al. (2011)**  
**1D problem (BW)**

**Lontsi et al. (2015)** 1D  
H/V ( $z, \omega$ ) Data at depth

# Green's function calculation

The imaginary parts of the Green's functions, using **Harkrider (1964)** notation can be written as :

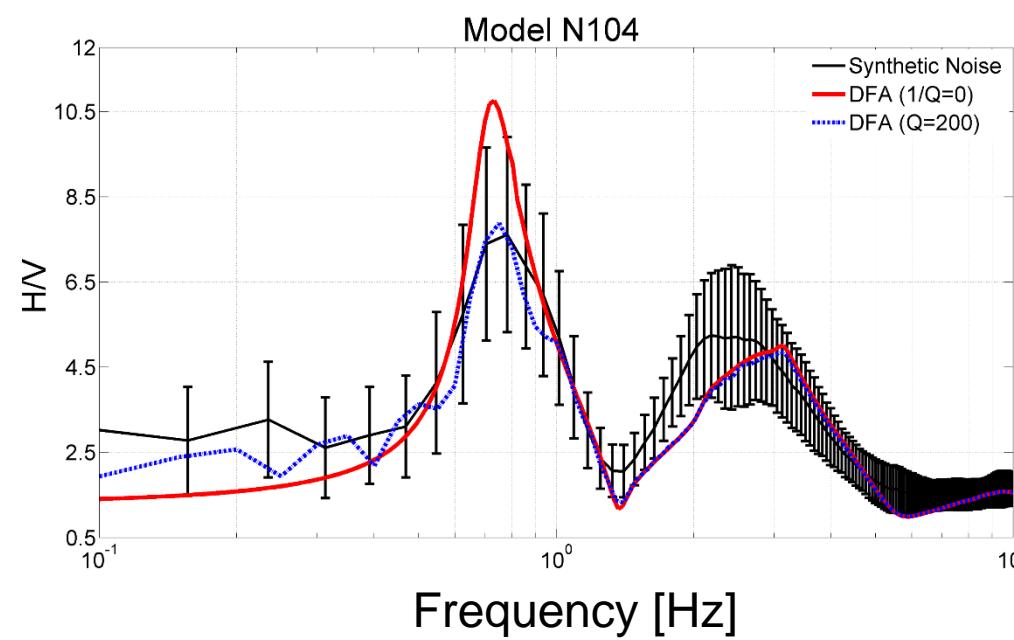
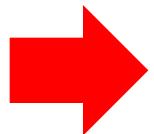
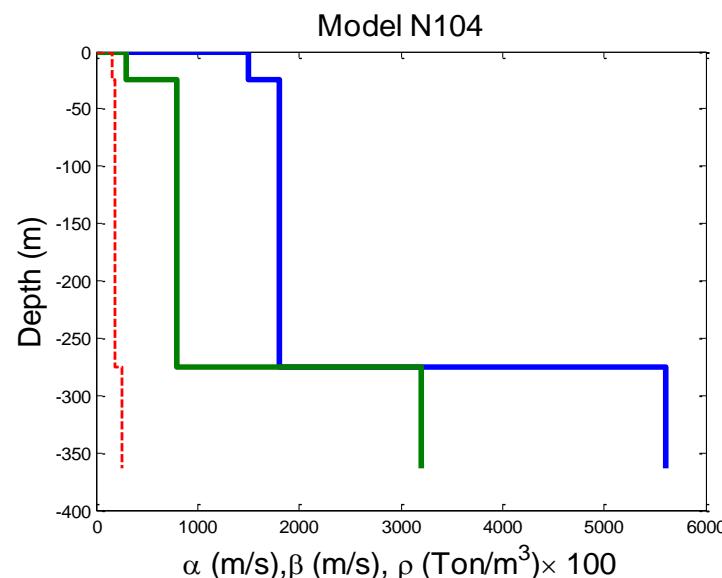
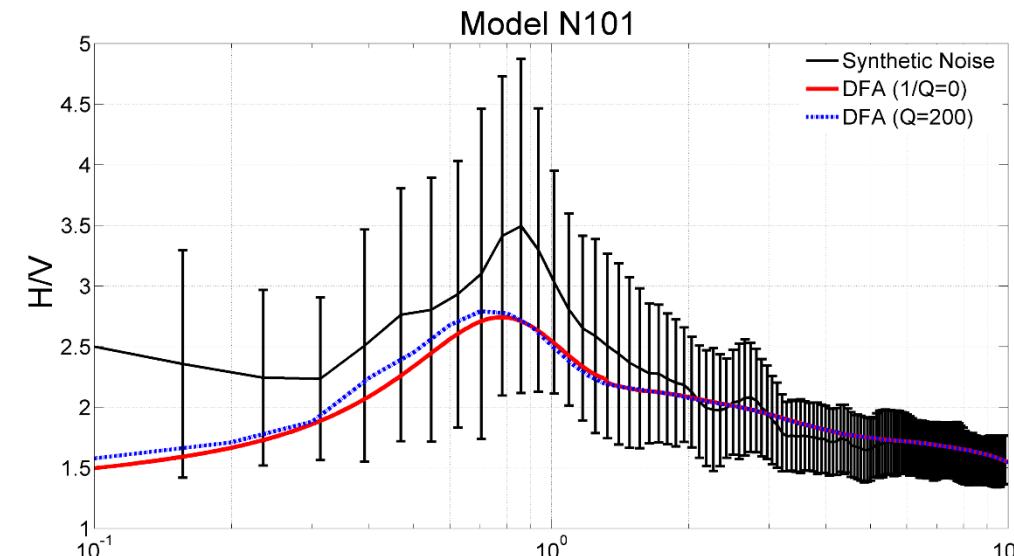
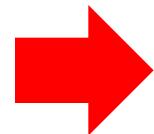
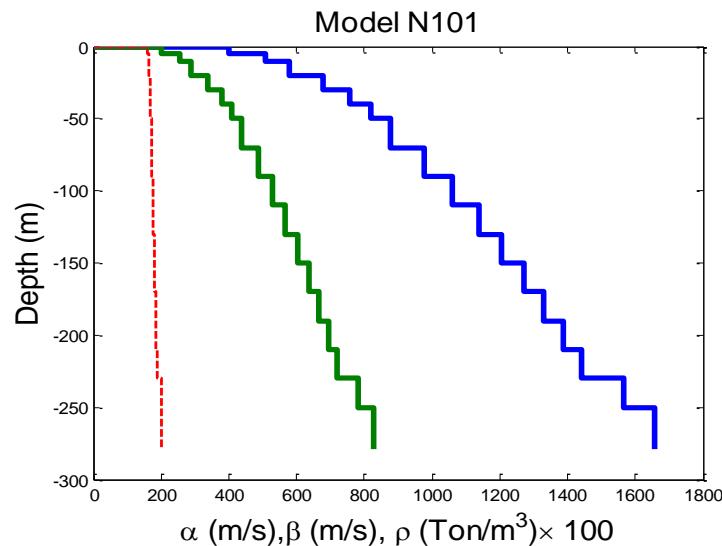


$$\text{Im}[G_{33}(r; \omega)] = \text{Im} \left[ \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f_{P-SV}^V(k) J_0(kr) dk \right]$$

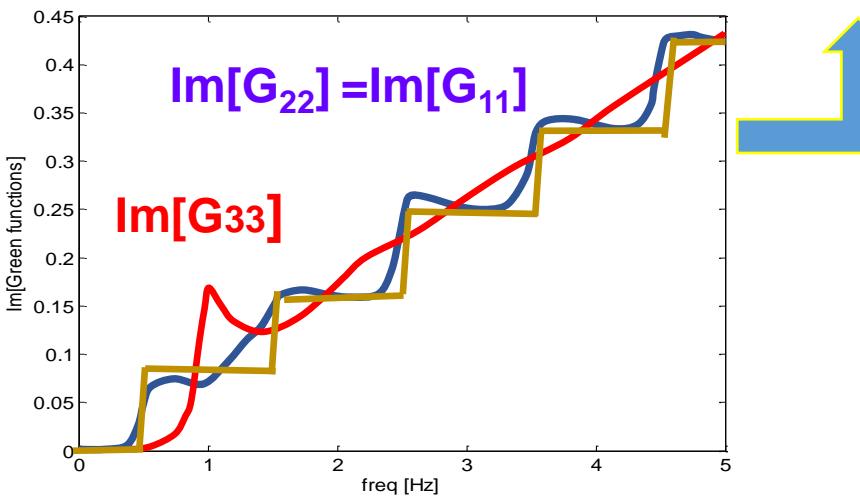
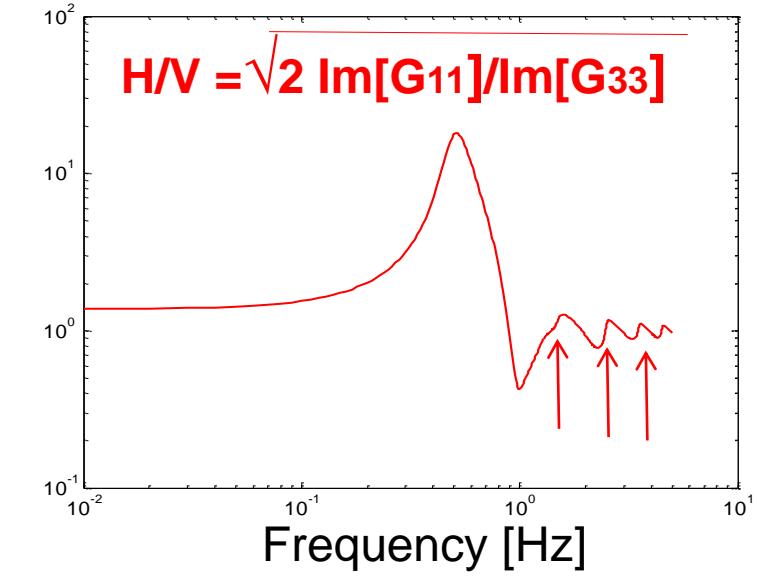
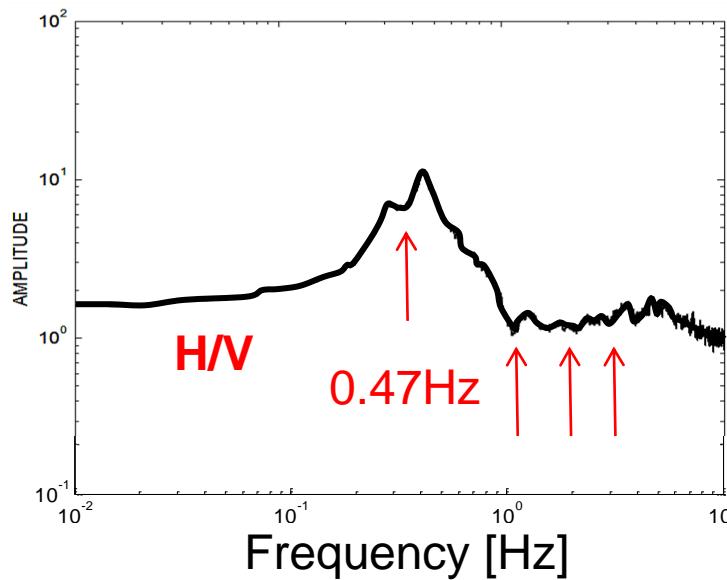
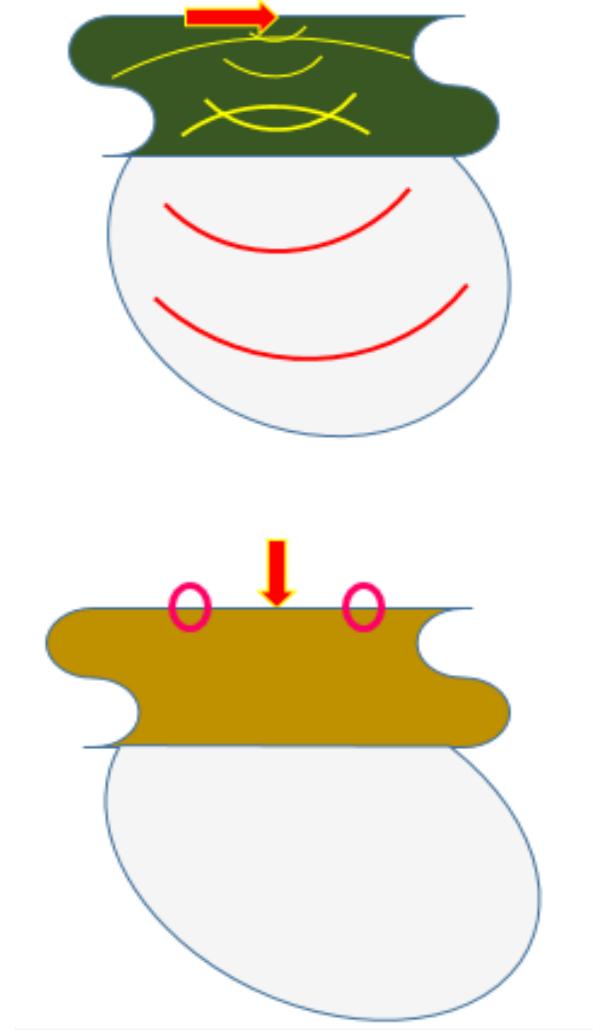
$$\text{Im}[G_{22}(r; \omega)] = \text{Im}[G_{11}(r; \omega)]$$

$$\text{Im}[G_{11}(r; \omega)] = \text{Im} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{i}{4\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f_{SH}(k) [J_0(kr) + J_2(kr)] dk}_{SH} + \underbrace{\frac{i}{4\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f_{P-SV}^H(k) [J_0(kr) - J_2(kr)] dk}_{P-SV} \right]$$

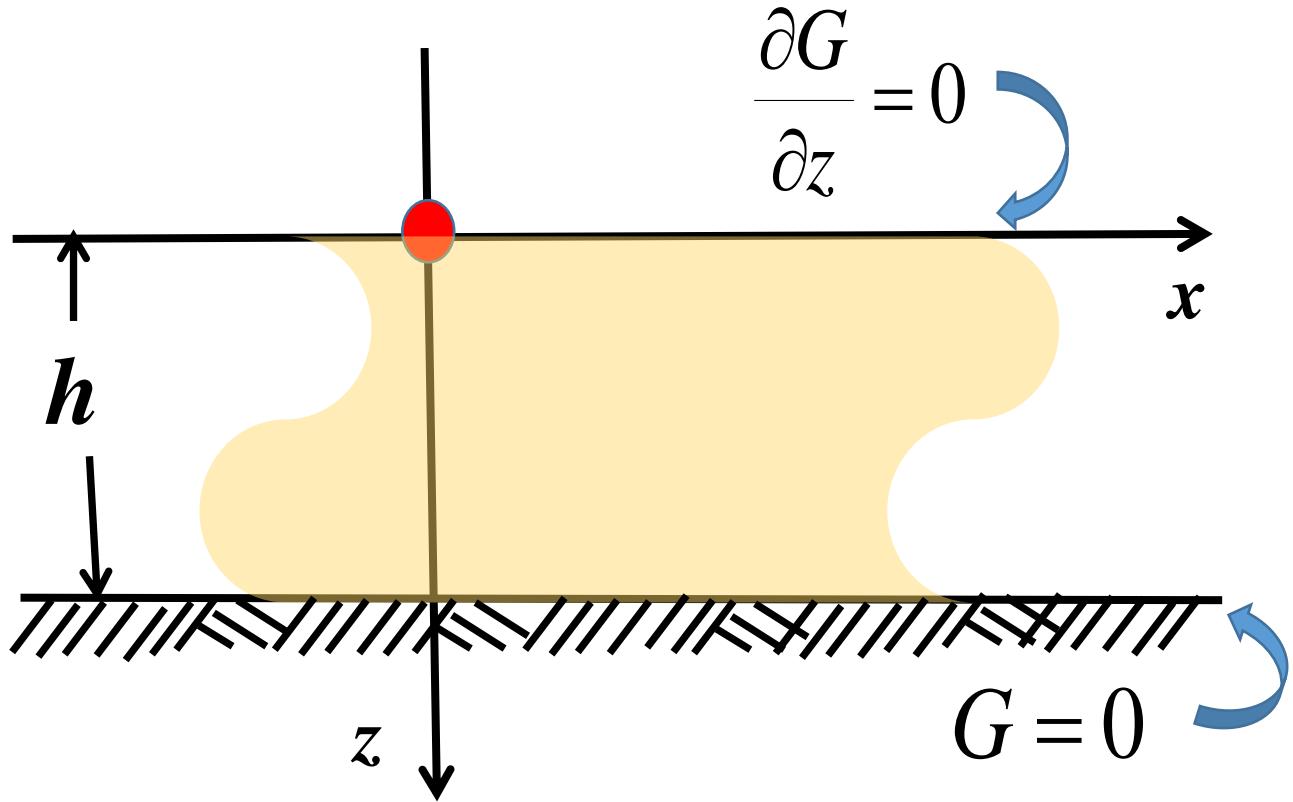
# Two blind tests (Synthetic Noise & DFA)



# The Texcoco Experiment

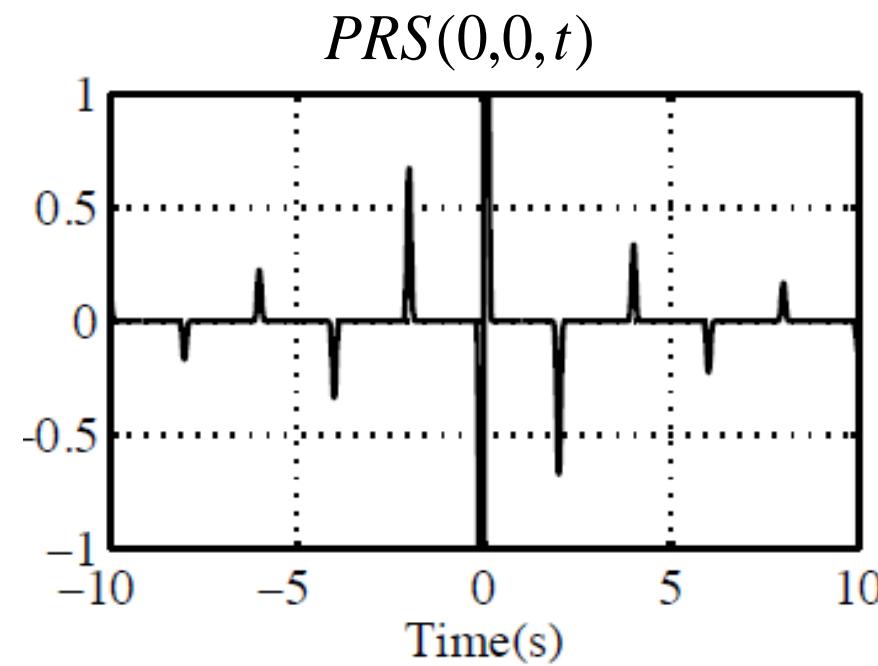
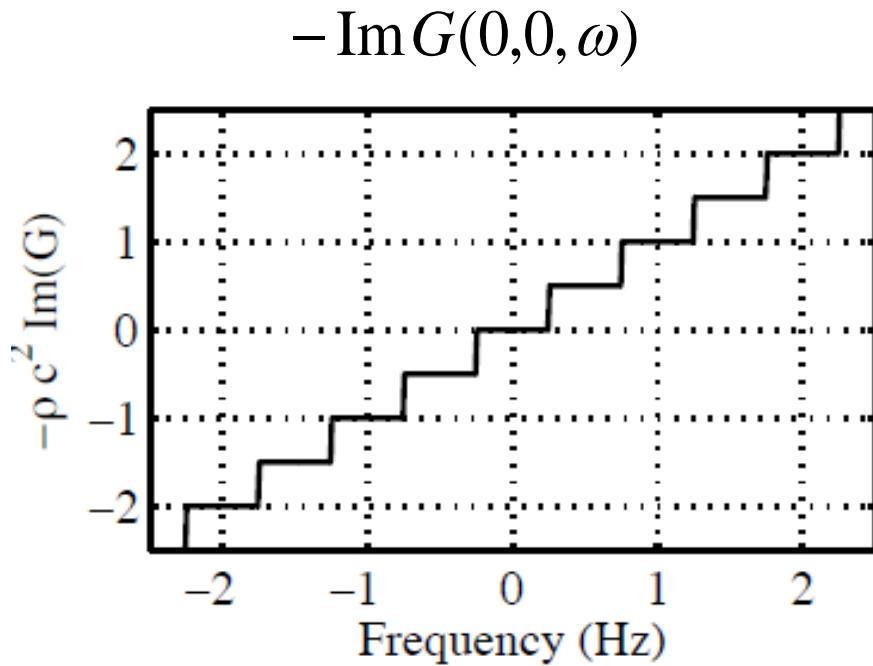


# Simplified model in 3D



$$\nabla^2 G + k^2 G = -\frac{\delta(|\mathbf{x} - \xi|)}{\rho c^2}$$

# Frequency and time domains 3D



$$\frac{1}{2\pi\rho c^2} \frac{\omega}{c} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \epsilon_n j_0(n\omega\tau),$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\rho c^2} \frac{\omega}{c} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \epsilon_n \text{sinc}(n\omega\tau),$$

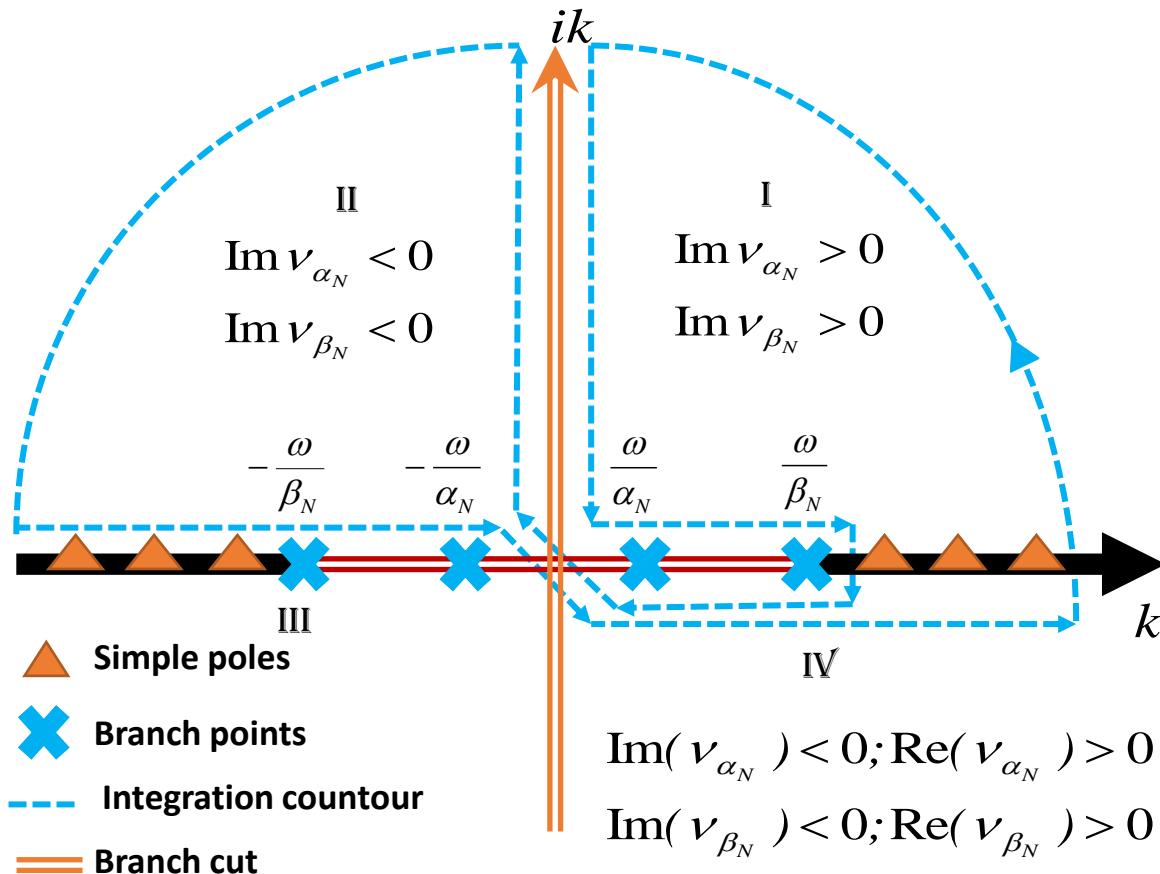
$$\frac{1}{2\rho c^2} \frac{1}{c} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H\left(\omega - \frac{(2n+1)\pi c}{2h}\right).$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\rho c^2} \frac{1}{2h} \left\{ -\frac{d\delta(t)}{dt} \tau + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \delta(|t| - n\tau) \text{sgn}(t) \right\}$$

# Green's function calculation

## Cauchy's Residue theorem

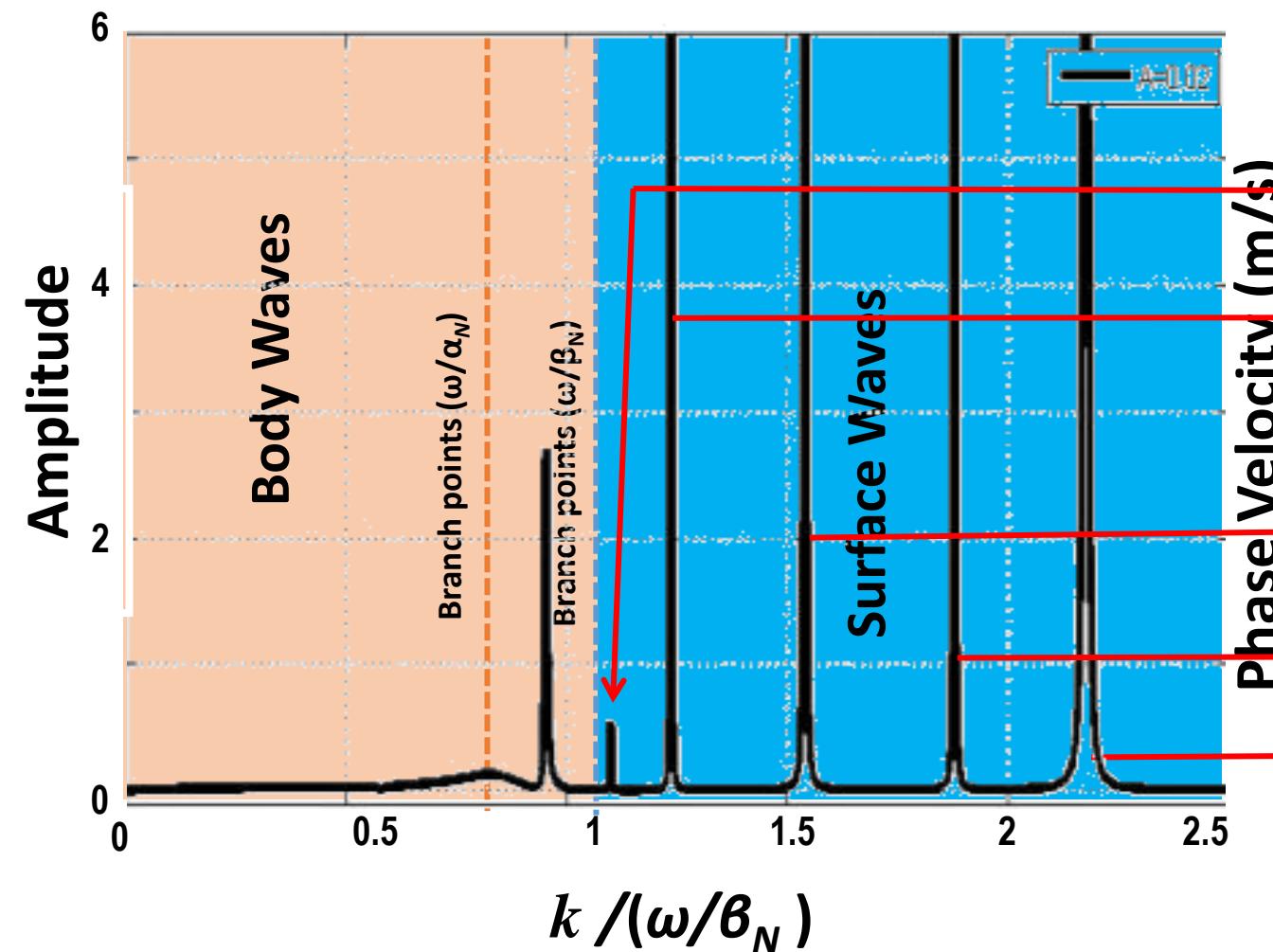
The integrand of the Green's function has simple poles isolated on the real axis  $k$  and branch points  $\omega/\beta$  y  $\omega/\alpha$ .



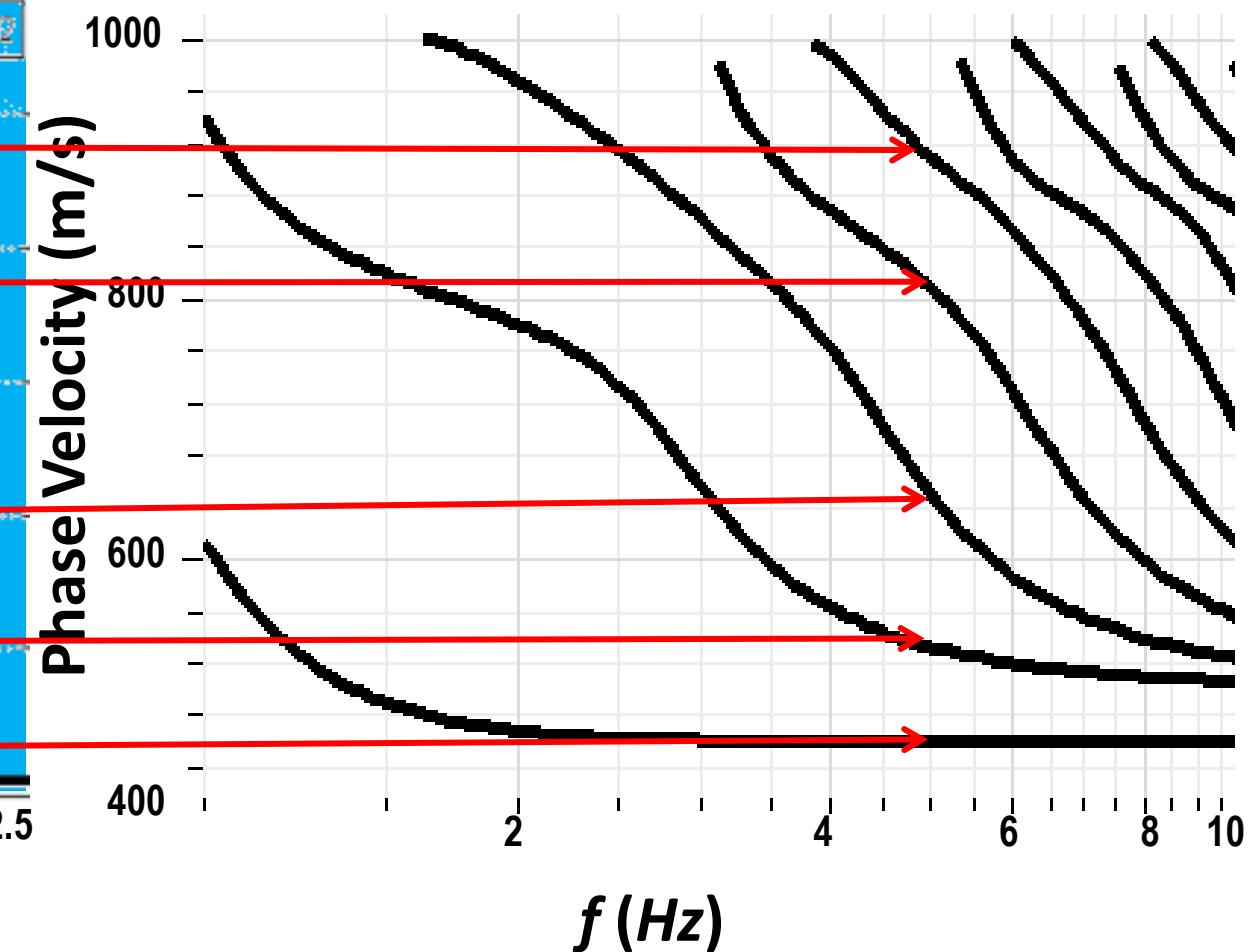
Augustin-Louis Cauchy

# Position of poles

Integrand of  $\text{Im}G_{33}(0,0; f=5 \text{ Hz}, k)$



Dispersion curves of Rayleigh waves



# Green function calculation

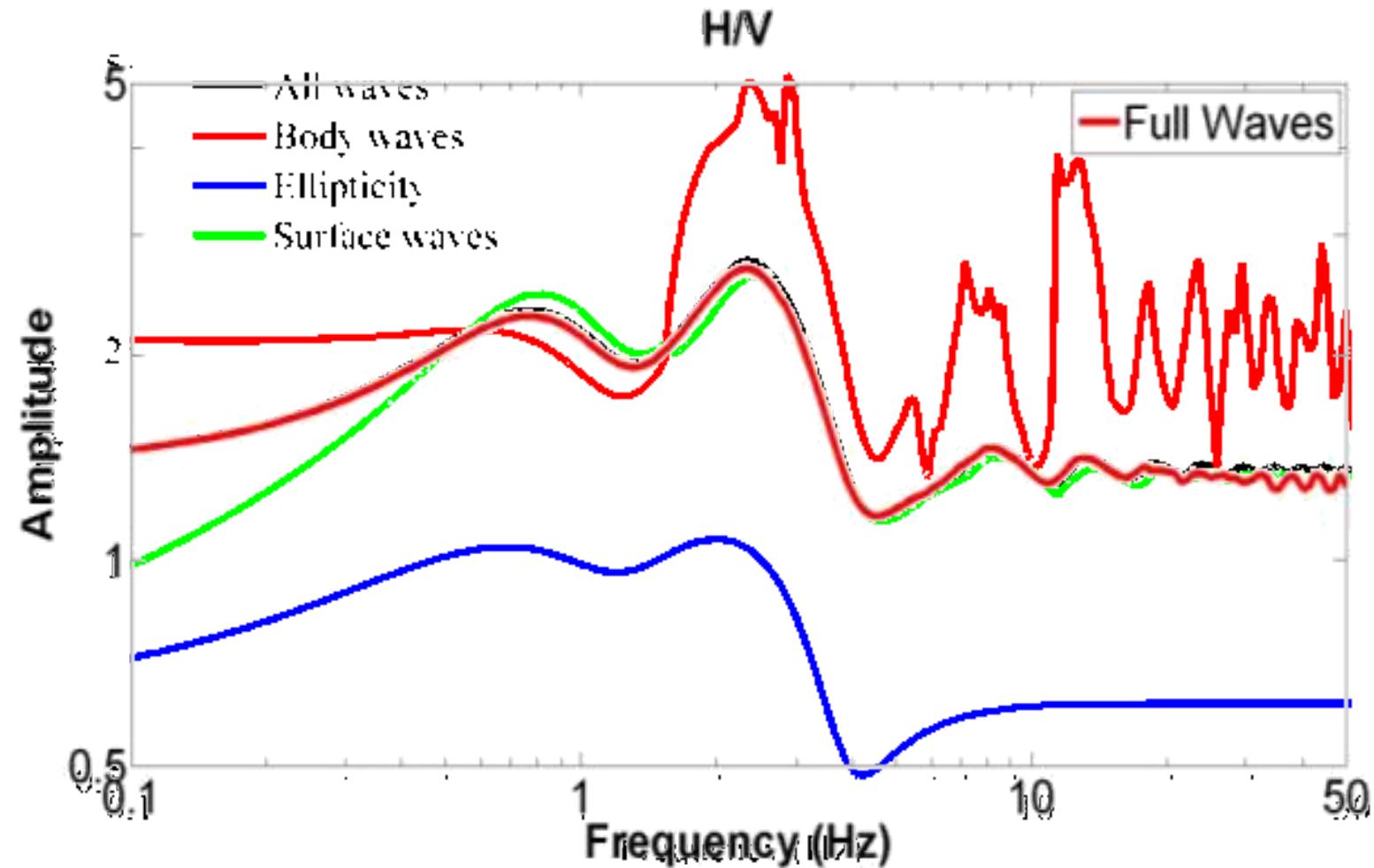
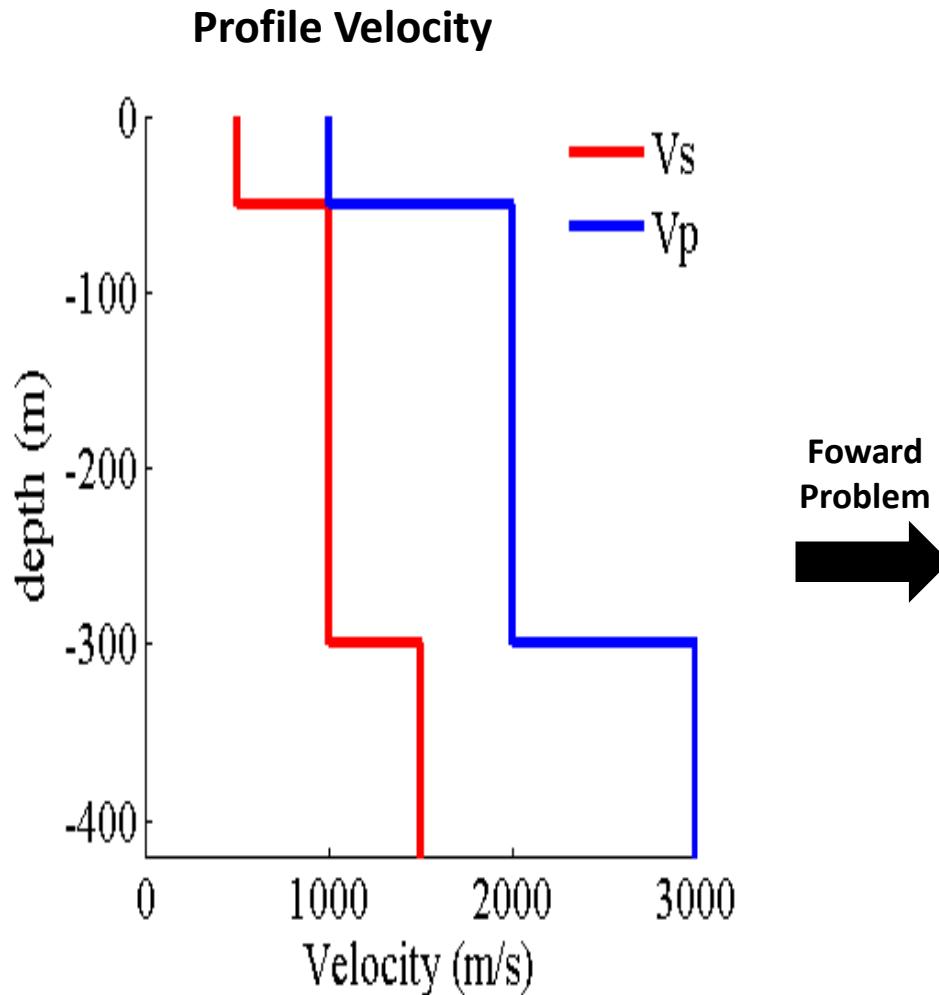
The imaginary parts of the Green's function is computed as  
**(García-Jerez et al., 2013):**

$$\text{Im}[G_{11}(\omega)] = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} \left[ \sum_{m \in \text{Rayleigh}} \chi_m^2 A_{Rm} + \sum_{m \in \text{Love}} A_{Lm} \right]}_{\text{Surface Waves}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{\omega/\beta_N} \text{Re} \left( [f_{P-SV}^H(k)]_{4^{th}} + [f_{SH}(k)]_{4^{th}} \right) dk}_{\text{Body Waves}}$$

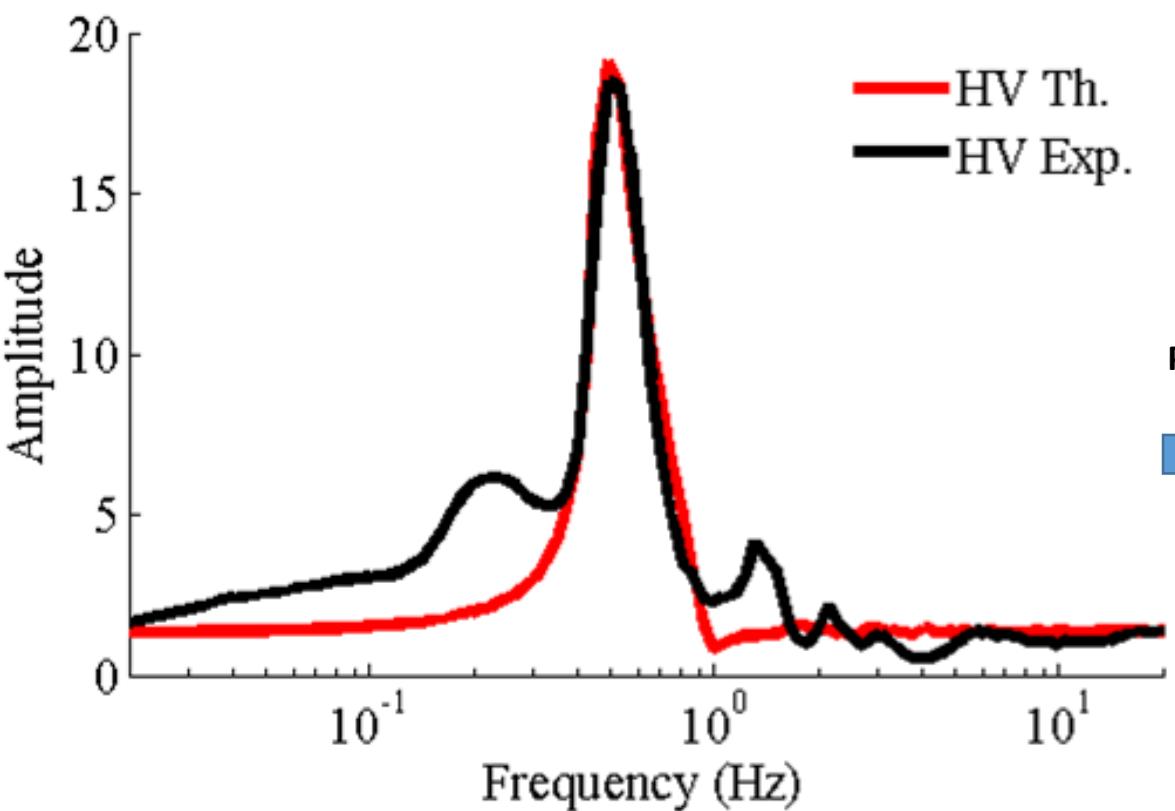
$$\text{Im}[G_{22}(\omega)] = \text{Im}[G_{11}(\omega)]$$

$$\text{Im}[G_{33}(\omega)] = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m \in \text{Rayleigh}} A_{Rm}}_{\text{Surface Waves}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\omega/\beta_N} \text{Re} [f_{P-SV}^V(k)]_{4^{th}} dk}_{\text{Body Waves}}$$

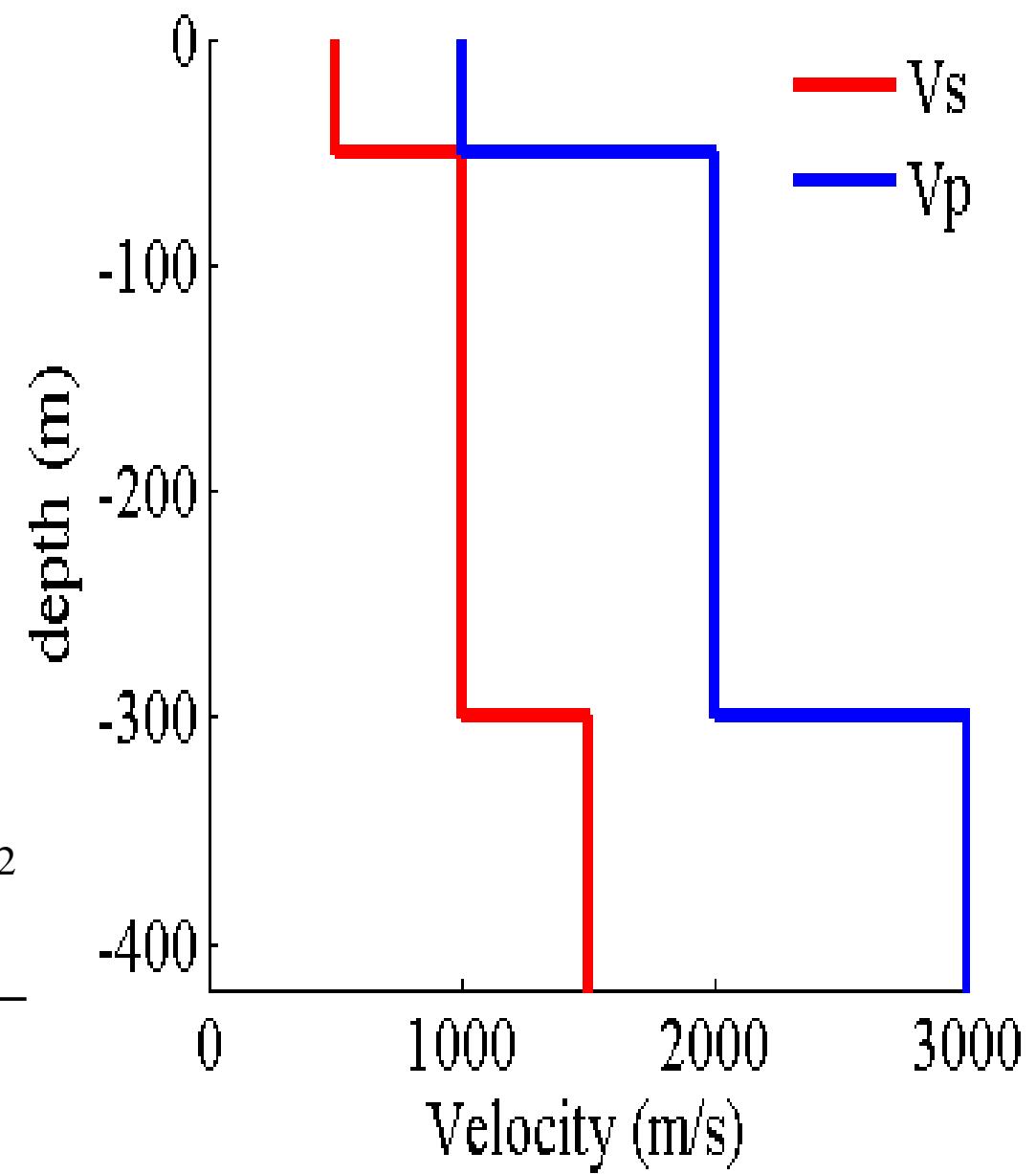
# Several views of H/V



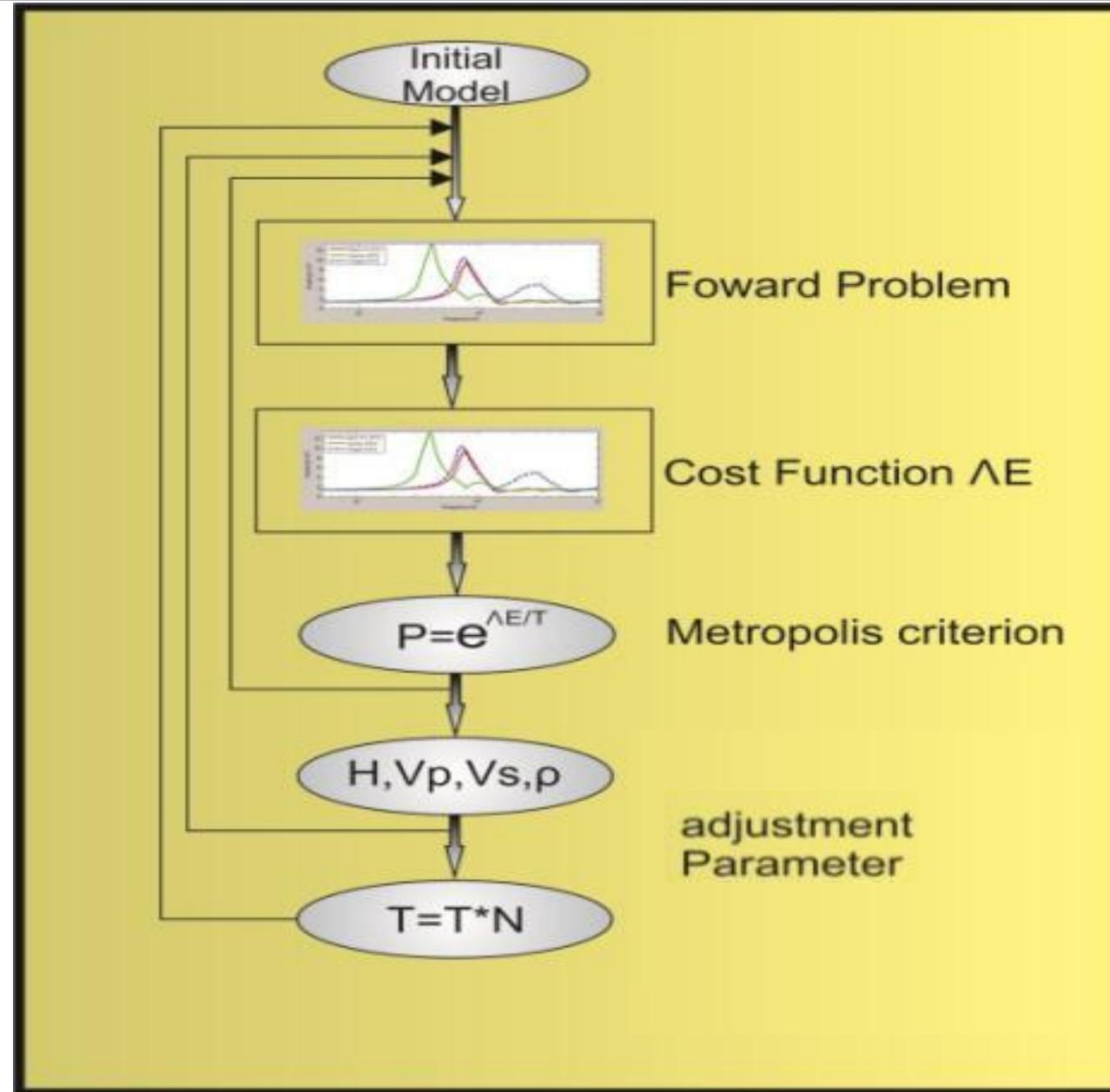
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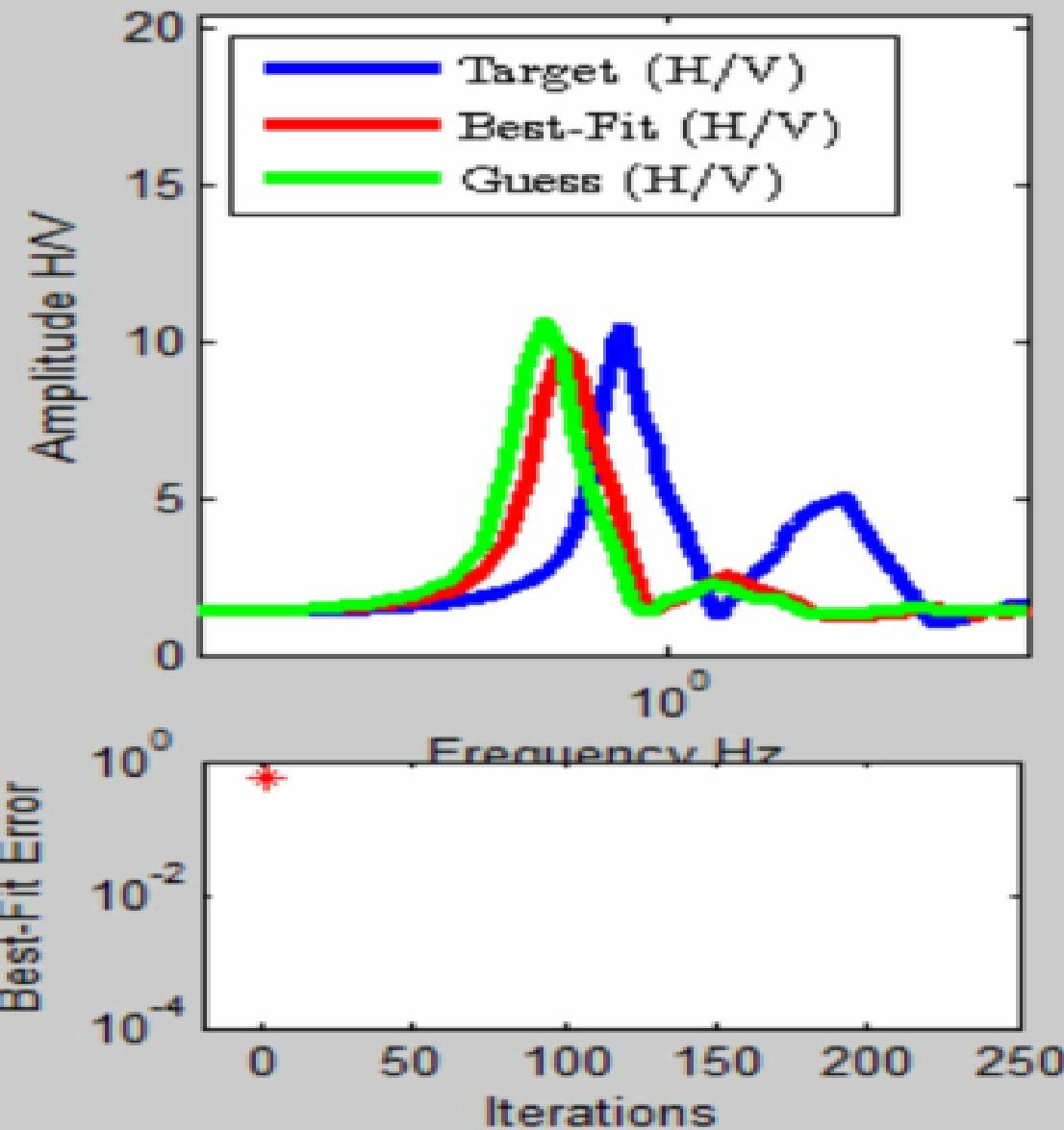
$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{\left( [H/V(\omega_i)]^{Th.} - [H/V(\omega_i)]^{Exp.} \right)^2}{\sigma(\omega_i)^2}$$



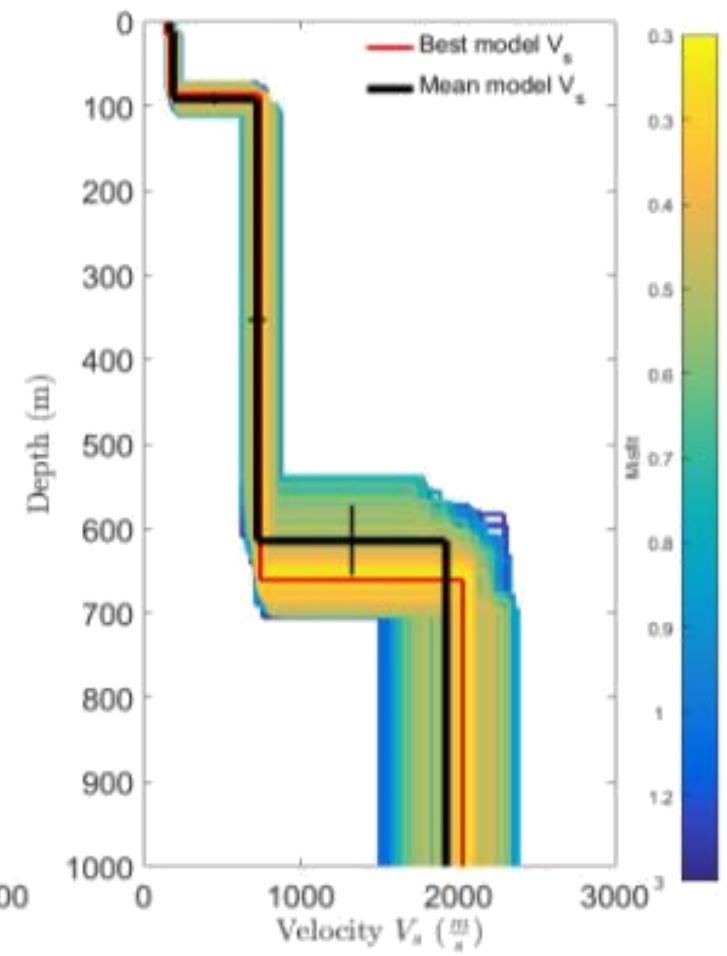
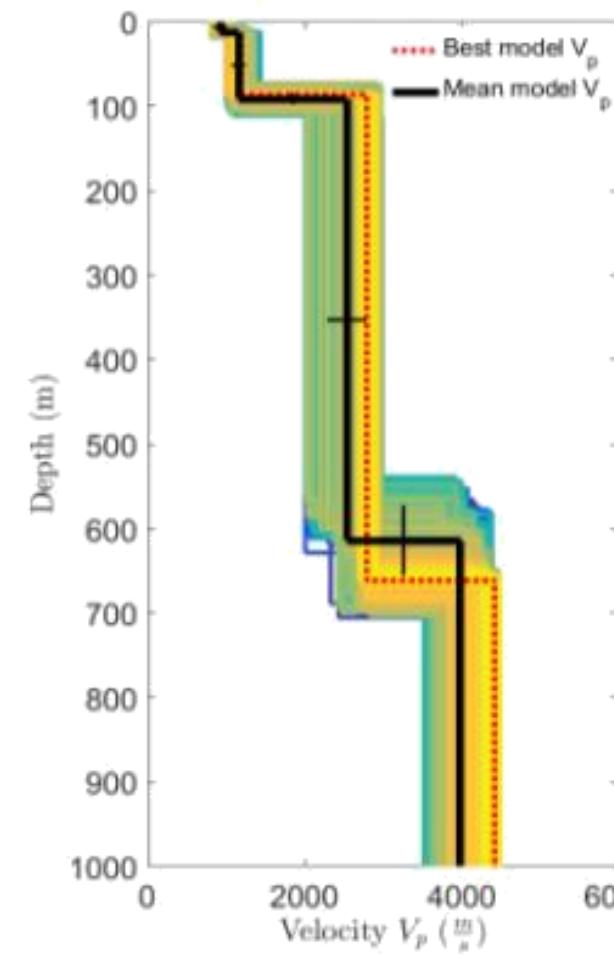
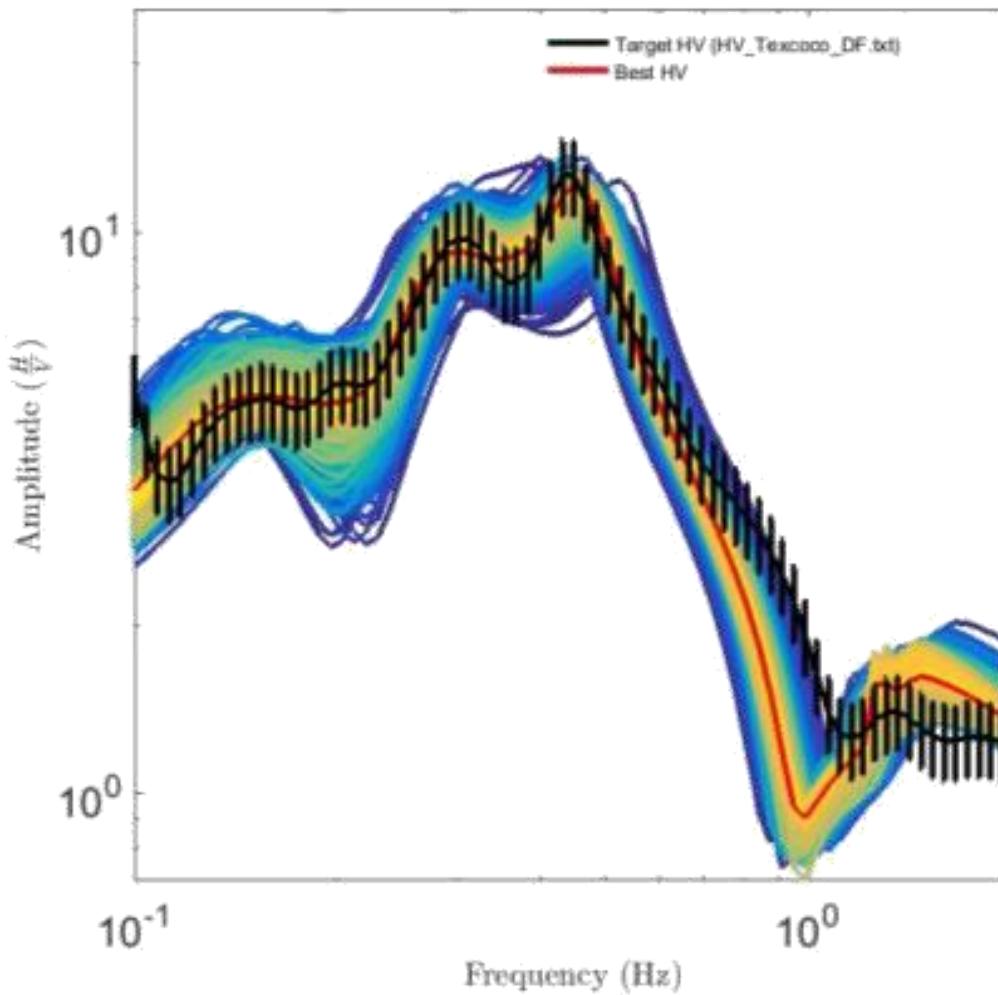
# Inversion (Simulated Annealing)



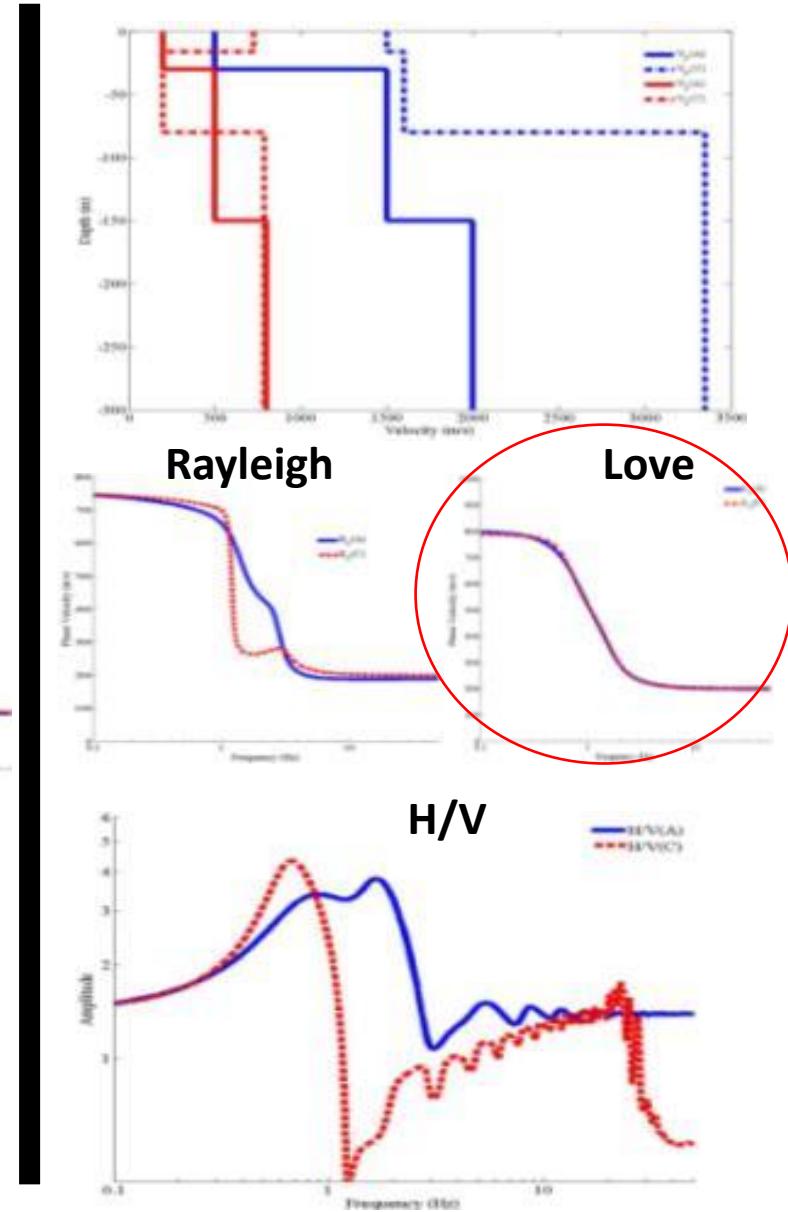
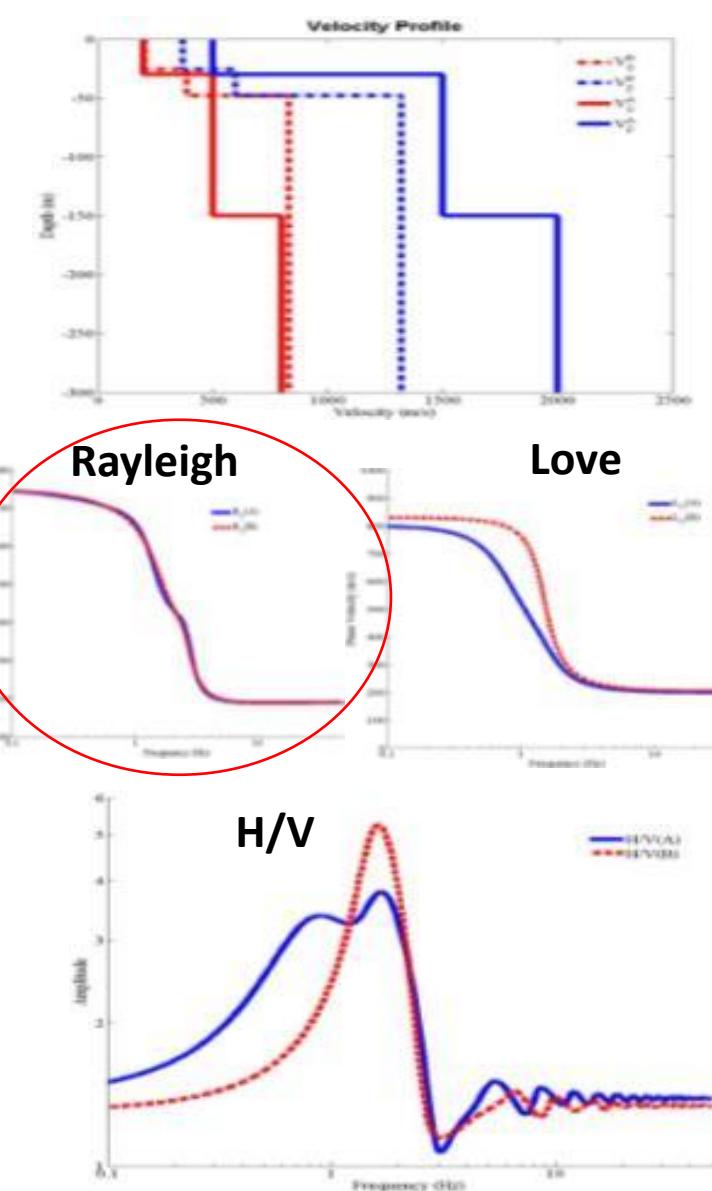
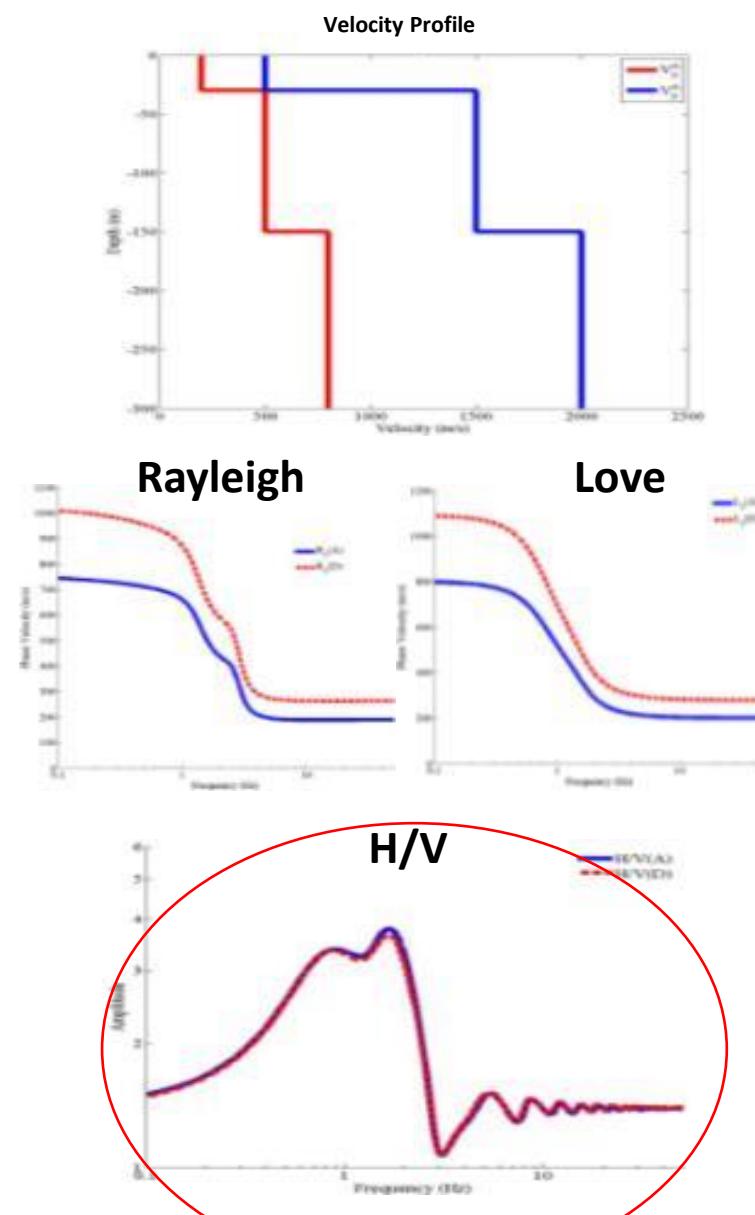
# Inversion example of H/V



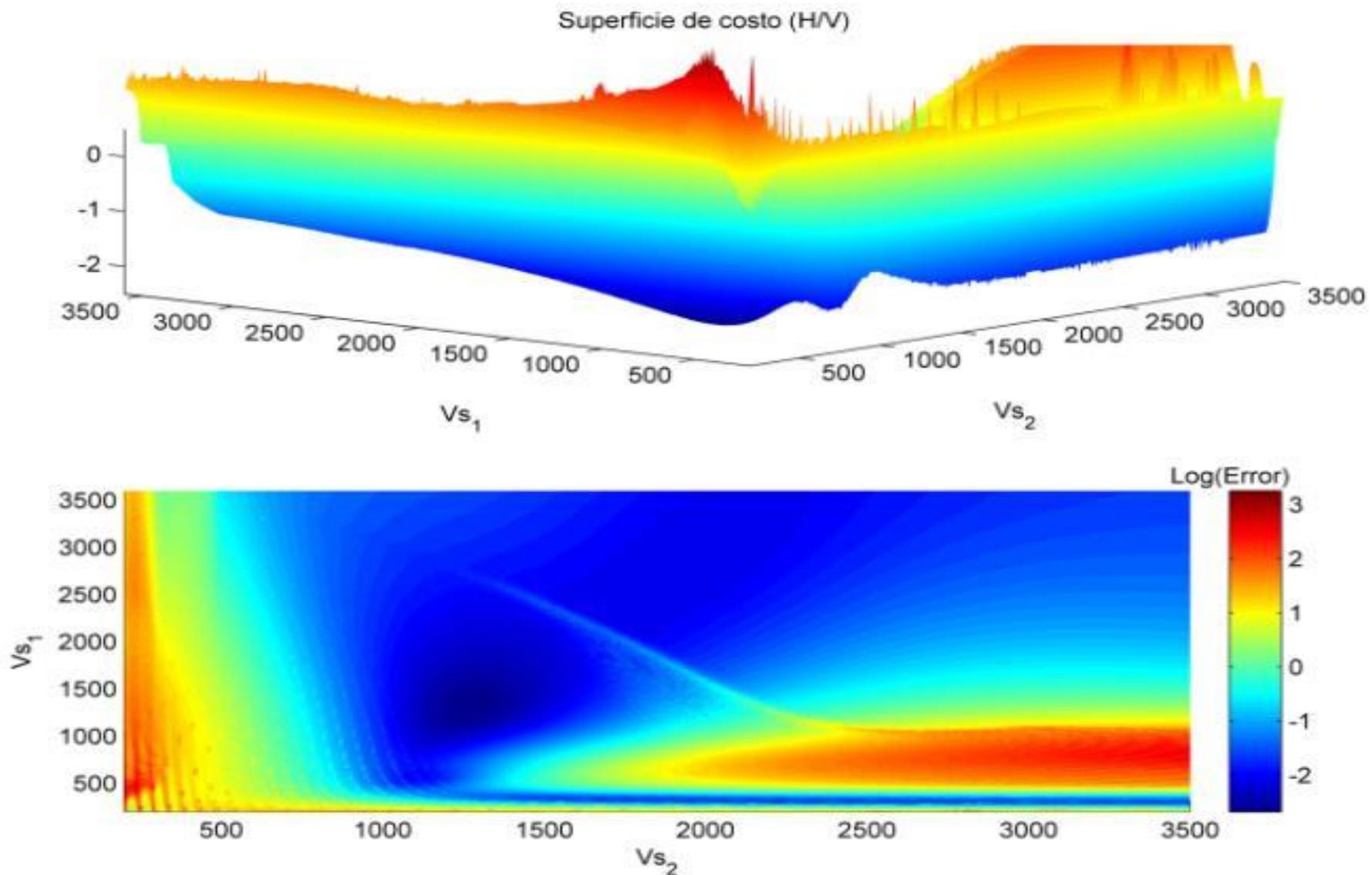
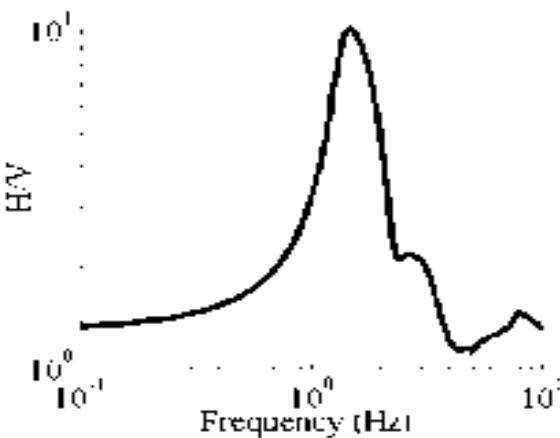
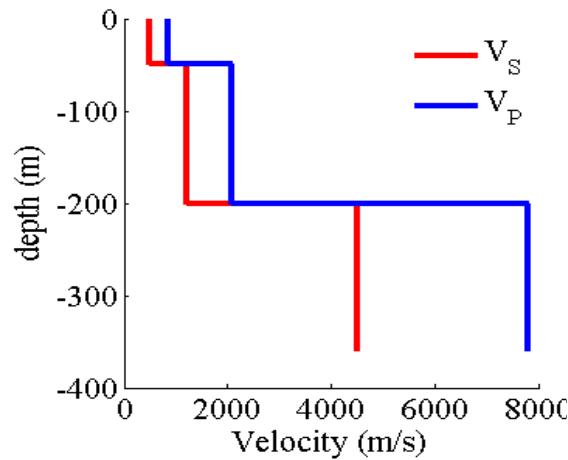
# Application to site effect characterization at Texcoco, México D.F.



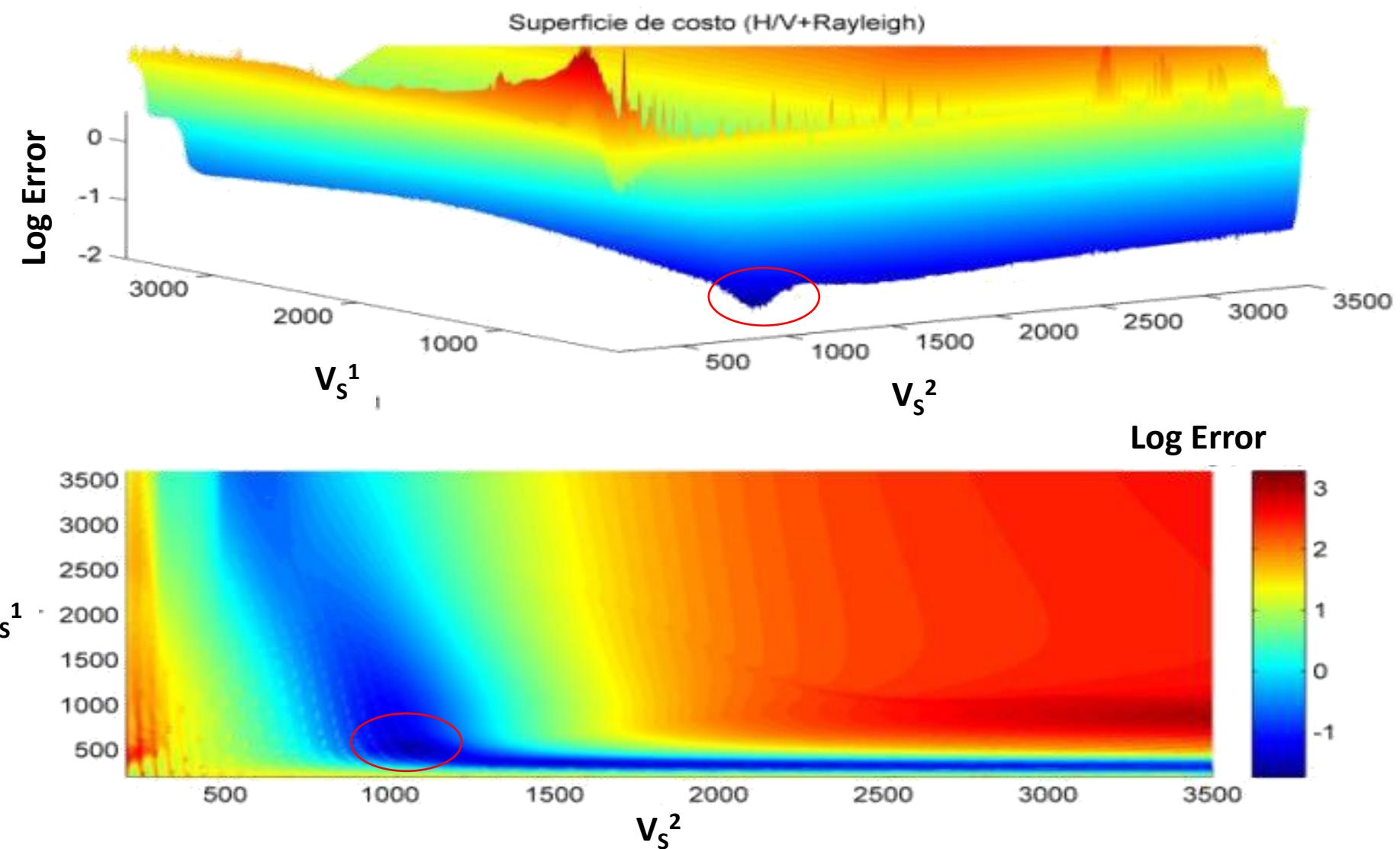
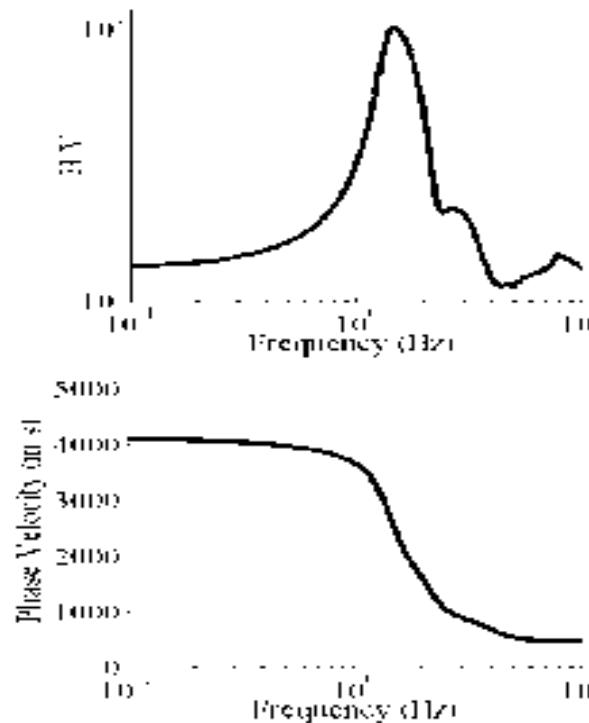
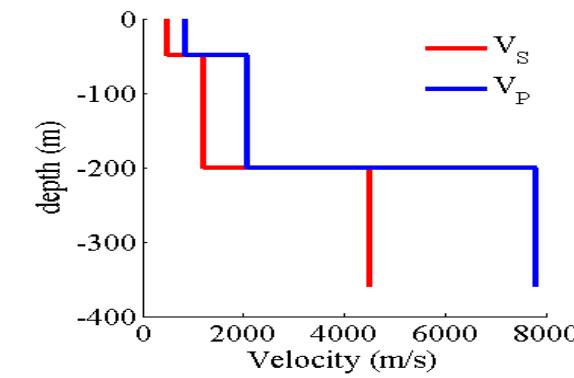
# Non-uniqueness of H/V, dispersion curves



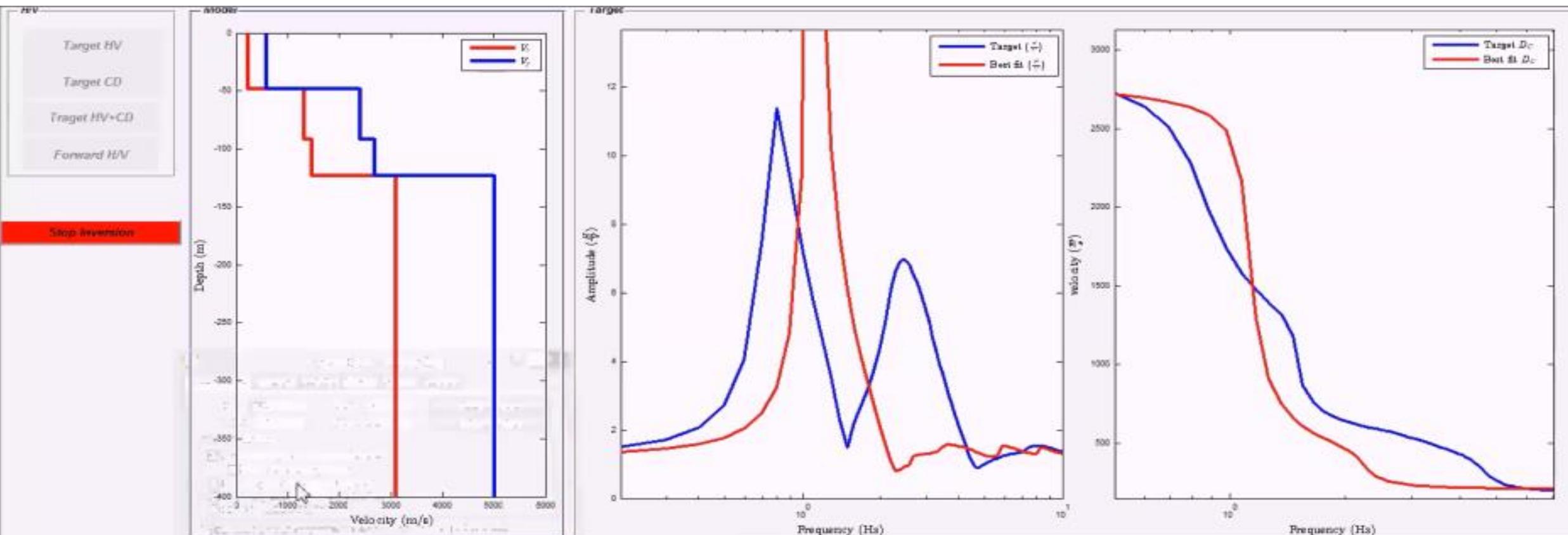
# Cost function map for H/V & dispersion curves joint inversion



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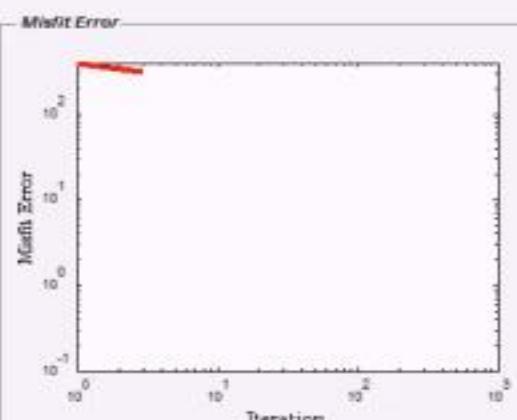


# Example of joint inversion



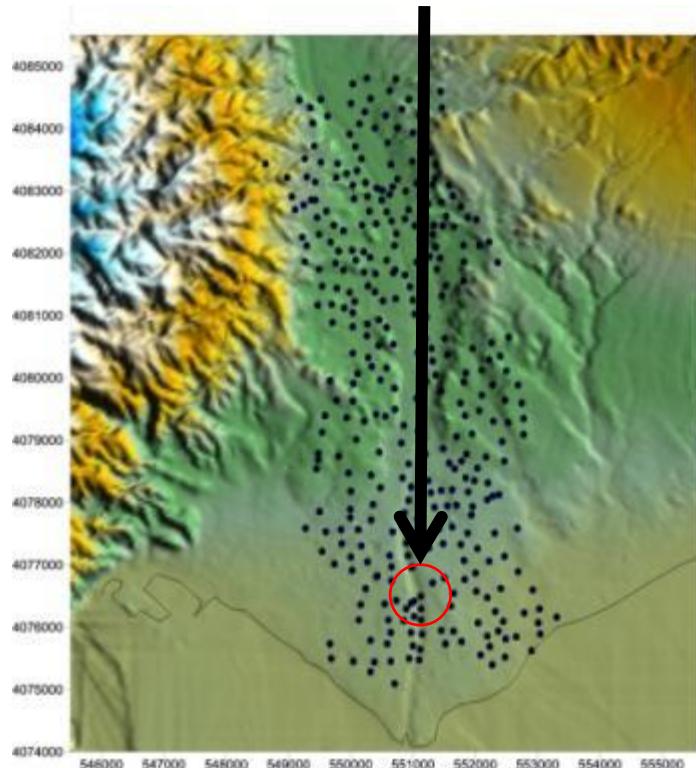
Model Parameters

# Layers	Initial Population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plot								
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	Thickness min (m)	Thickness max (m)	Vp min (m/s)	Vp max (m/s)	Vs min (m/s)	Vs max (m/s)	Density min (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Density max (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Poisson Ratio min	Poisson Ratio max
1	1	100	200	6000	100	500	1700	2200	0.3333	0.4999
2	1	100	1000	4000	500	2700	1700	2200	0.0815	0.4921
3	1	200	1000	4000	500	2700	1700	2200	0.0815	0.4921
4	0	0	4000	6000	2800	4000	1700	2200	0.0196	0.3608



# Application to site effect characterization at Almería, Río Andarax, Spain (1/2)

SPAC - Pentagonal Array Rmax 450m

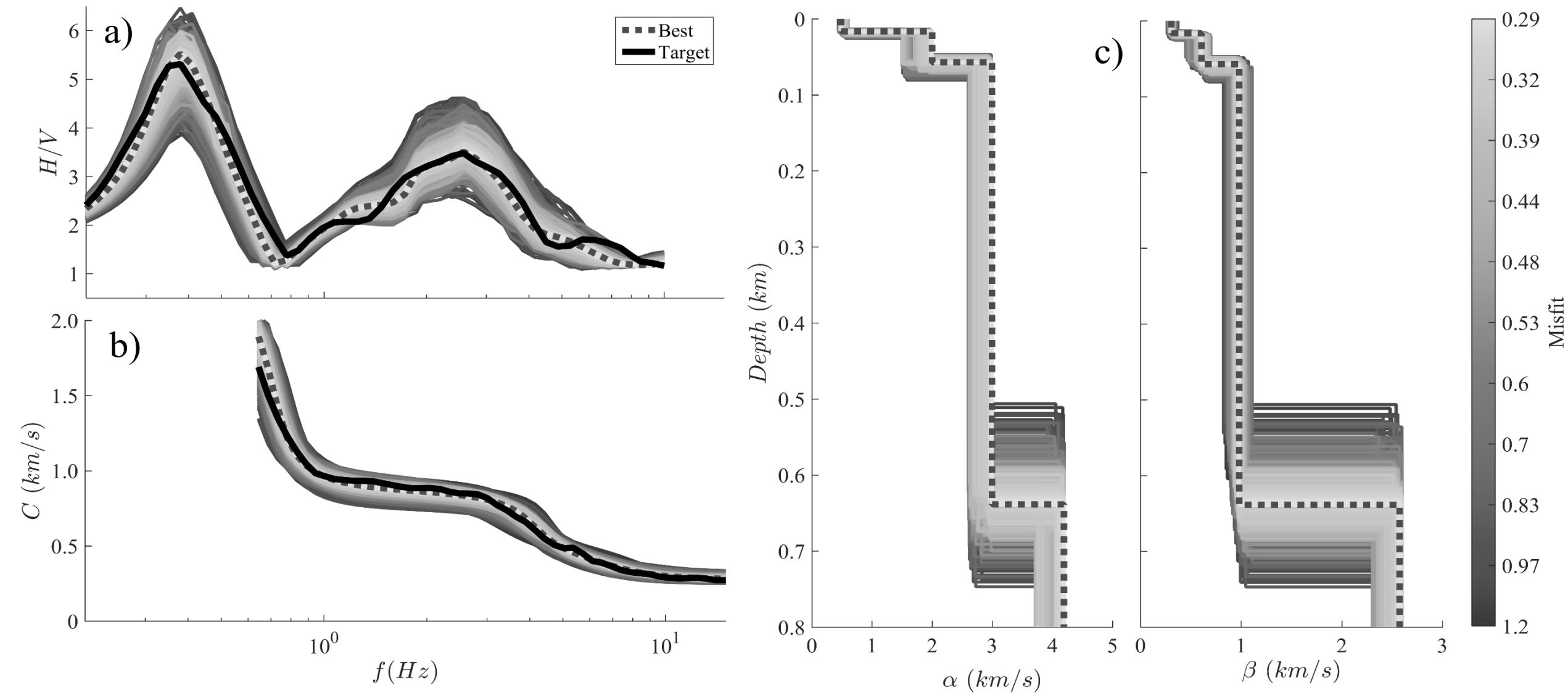


Stations distribution  
(from Dr. E. Carmona)

At each station, we computed H/V

Also local dispersion curves are computed using SPAC technique

# Application to site effect characterization at Almería, Río Andarax, Spain (2/2)



# Conclusions

- Green's function (GF) can be retrieved from correlations within a diffuse field.
- Directional Energy Densities from autocorrelations are related with GF.

$$E_1(x, \omega) \sim <|u_1(x, \omega)|^2> \sim \text{Im}G_{11}(x, x, \omega).$$

- Assuming noise is diffusive:

$$\frac{H}{V}(x, \omega) = \sqrt{\frac{E_1(x, \omega) + E_2(x, \omega)}{E_3(x, \omega)}} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Im}G_{11}(x, x, \omega) + \text{Im}G_{22}(x, x, \omega)}{\text{Im}G_{33}(x, x, \omega)}}$$

- This expression relates **Field Measurements** and **System's Properties**, and allows extraction of soil information hidden in ambient seismic noise. Even if noise is not fully diffusive, residual coherency may allow to retrieve Green's functions.
- Appropriate data processing H/V may allow the inversion of soil profile and then its effects in strong ground motion can be explored.

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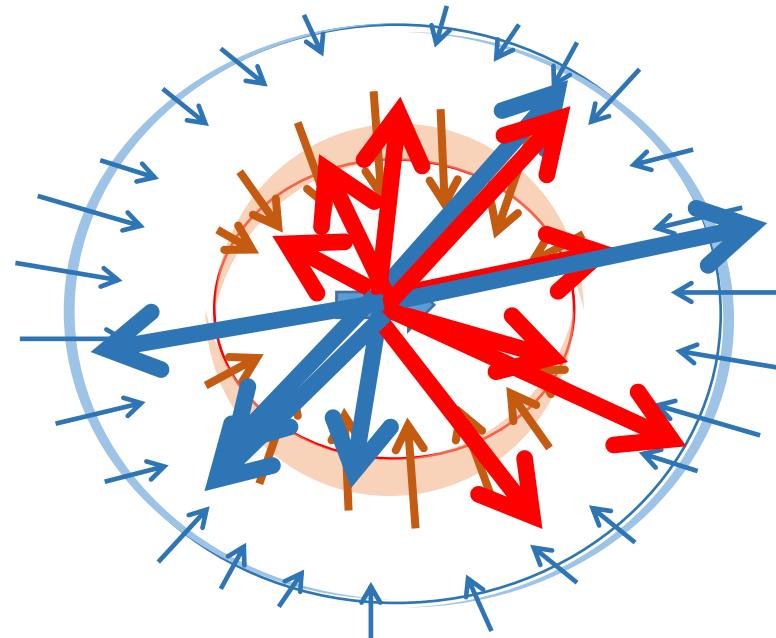
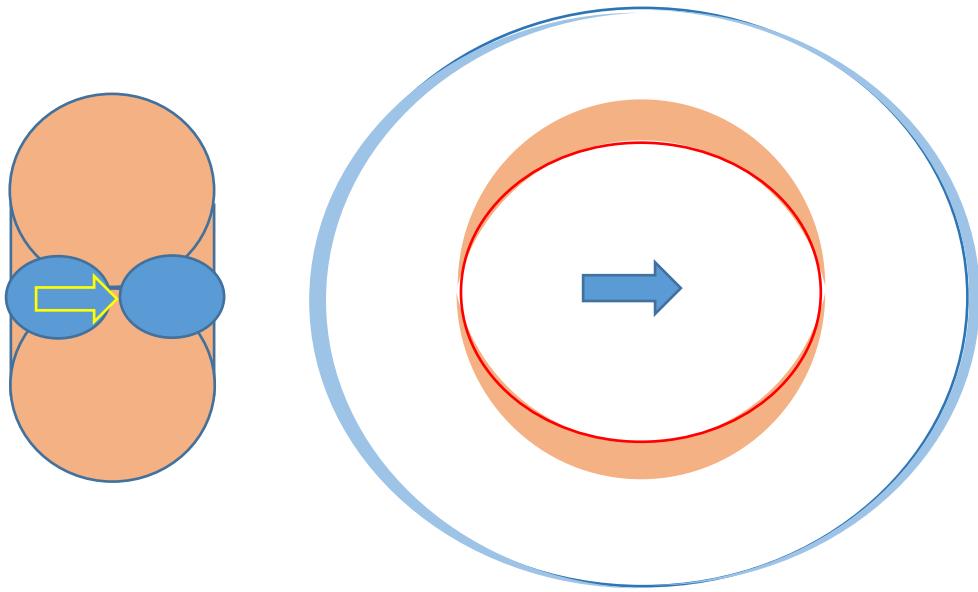
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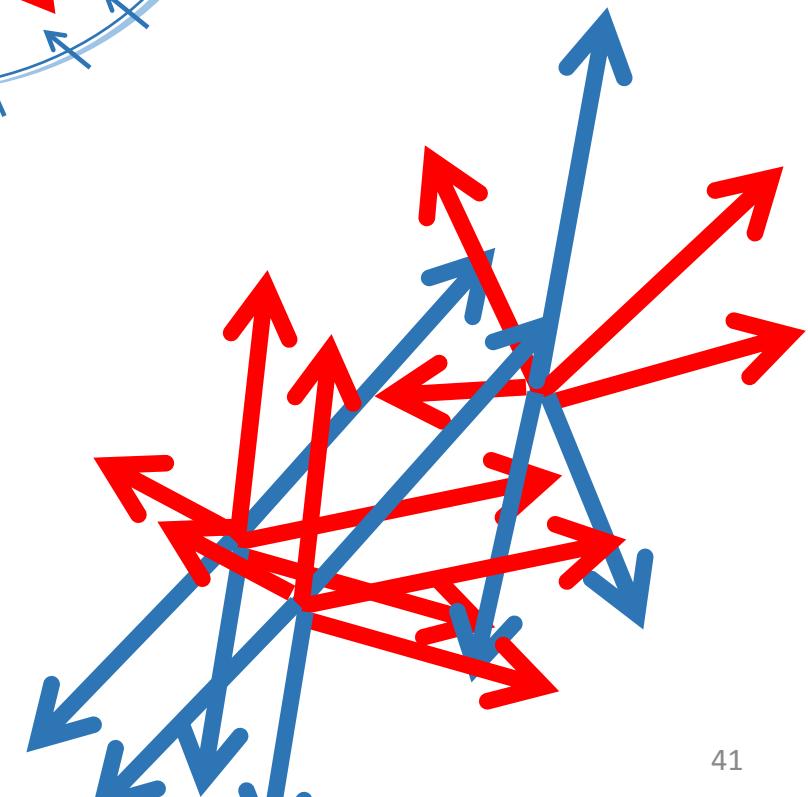
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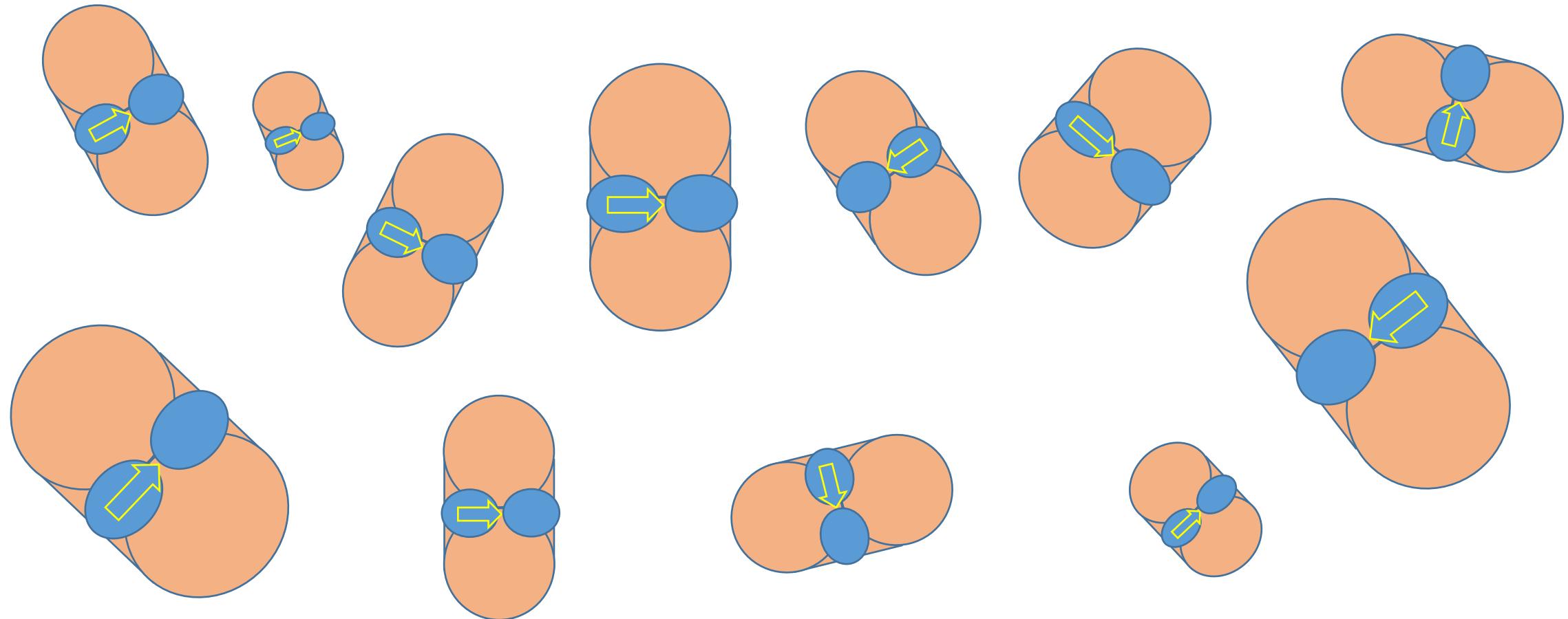


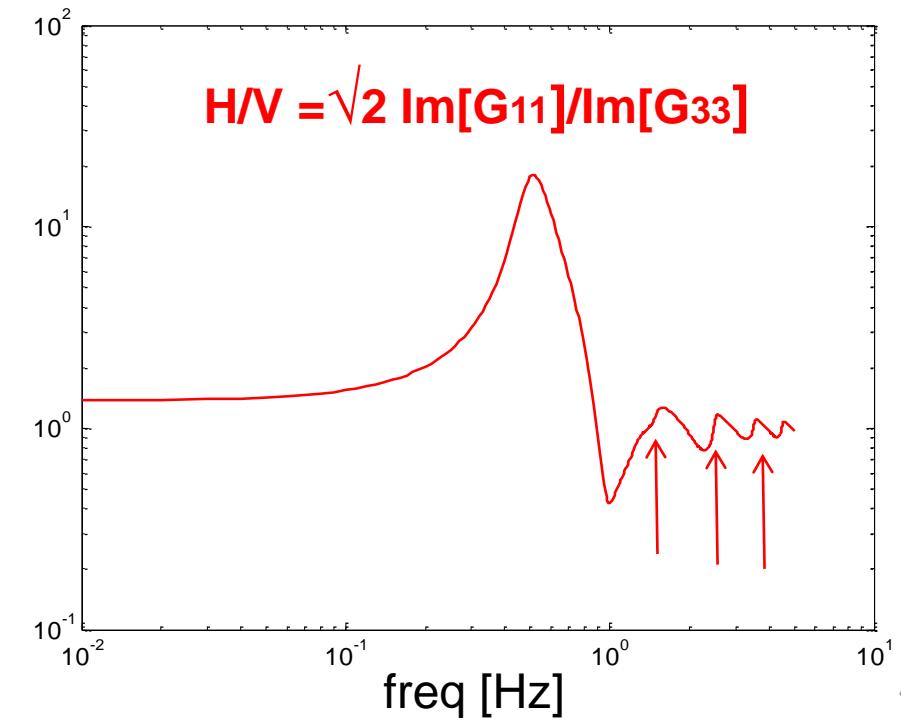
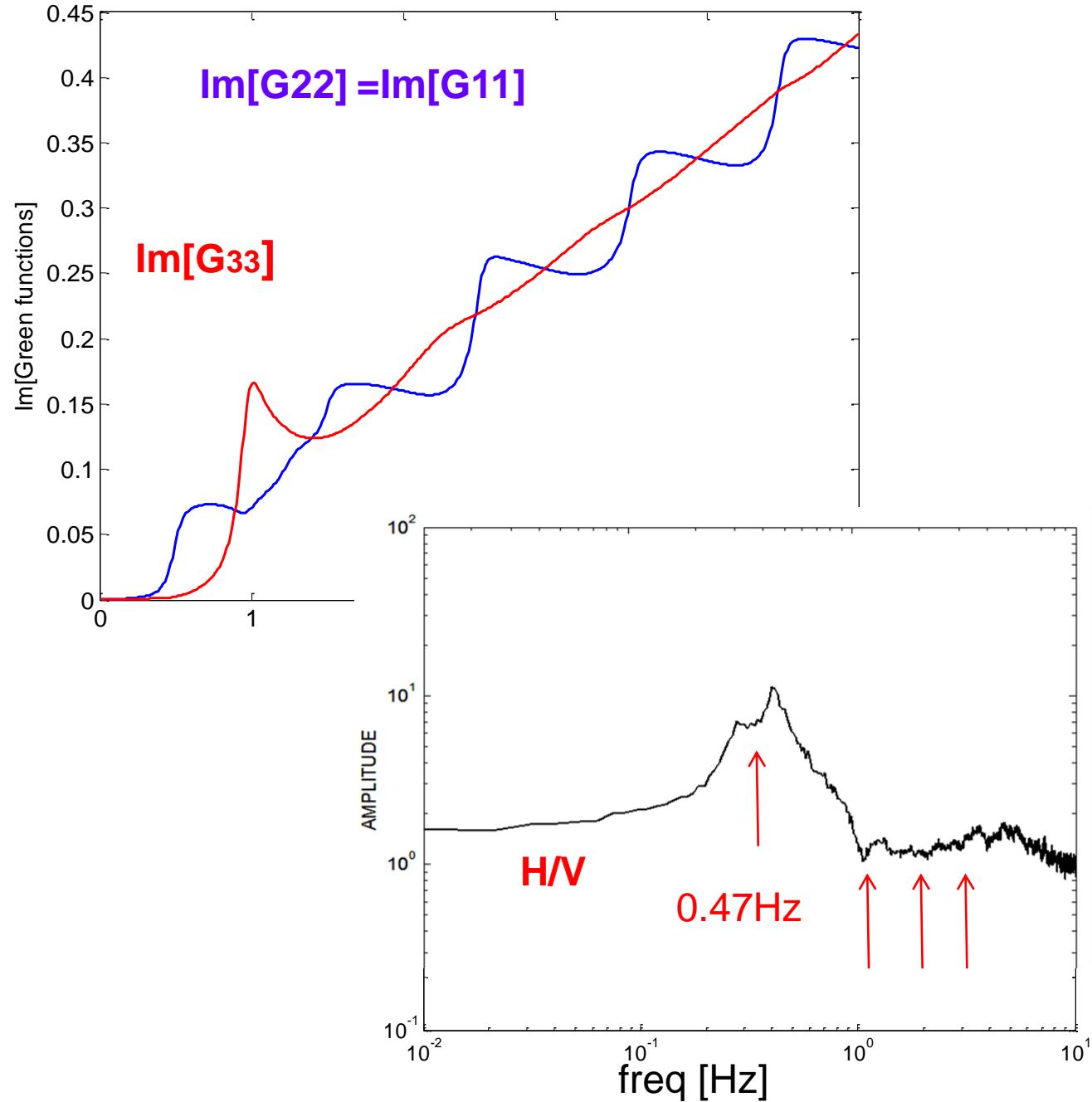
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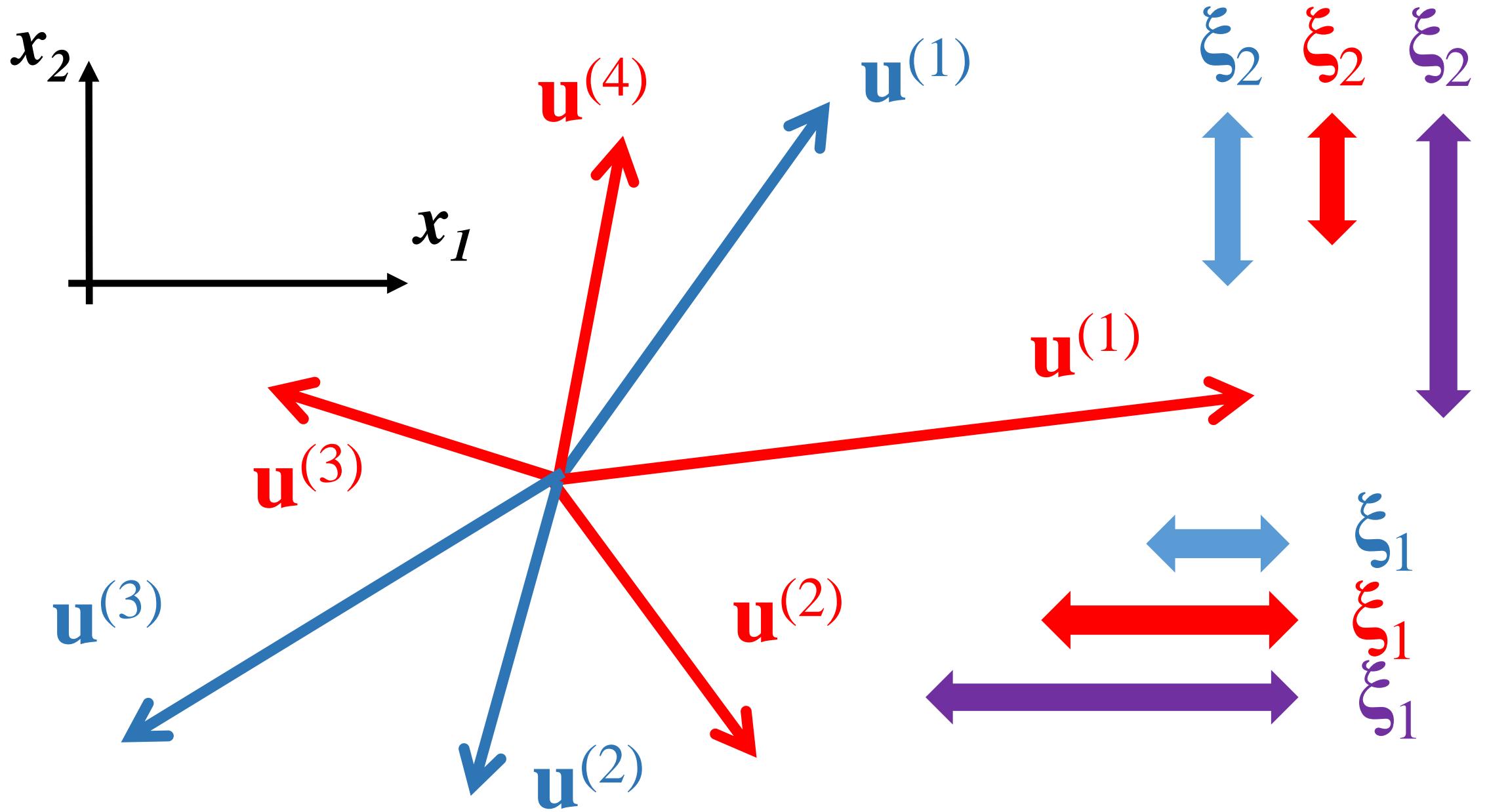


$$\text{Im}[G_{11}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \omega)] = \frac{-\omega}{12\pi\rho} \times \left\{ \frac{2}{\beta^3} + \frac{1}{\alpha^3} \right\}$$



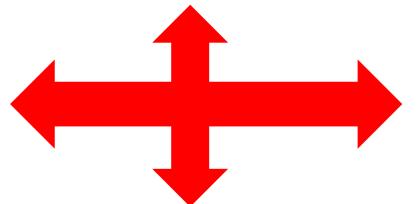




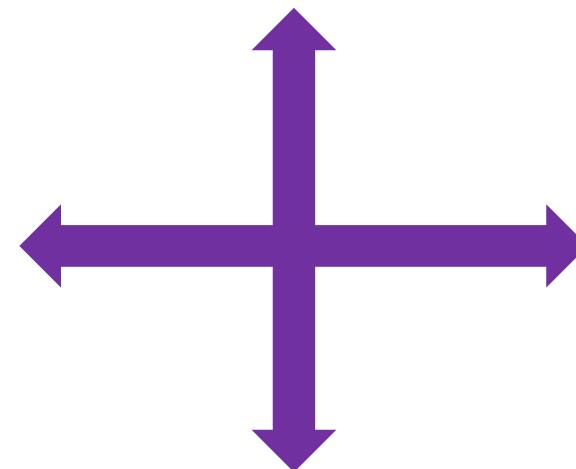
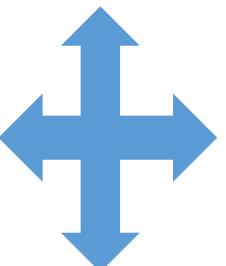




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