Things I learned from Chris (and friends): Anecdotes about Anisotropy

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Shale Anisotropy - It's pretty obvious once you know where to look

- Prehistory: Traveltime Anomalies at Ekofisk 1983
- Crosswell Example
- Walkaway Vsp
- Alphabet Soup
- Exploding Reflectors and all that



Ekofisk Walkaway VSP - 1983



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Something Fishy In FRAYTR ?



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(layers) has large residuals

contains a big X (a.k.a. artifact)

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Puzzling Observations:





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Observations Clarified With Raytracing:



H is a headwave





Observations Clarified:



A is the direct wave





Observations Clarified:



B is a doubly scattered wave.
B is vertically uniform because the medium is laterally uniform!



Incontrovertible Evidence of Anisotropy:



- Event B demands a layered solution
- Each event samples a different angle and requires a different velocity



Chapman & Pratt

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2.1 Traveltime perturbations

The theory for tracing rays in anisotropic, inhomogeneous media is well known (Červený 1972). Červený (1982) and Červený & Jech (1982) have developed a theory for linearized perturbations to the traveltime in anisotropic media. This has been extended to cover the case of degenerate qS rays by Jech & Pšenčík (1989). In this section we summarize the results of those papers and clarify the rôle of the slowness perturbation (equations 13 and 18).

Defining the density normalized elastic parameters as

$$a_{ijkl} = c_{ijkl} / \rho, \tag{1}$$

the slowness as

$$\mathbf{p} = \nabla T$$
, (2)

and the Christoffel matrix as

$$\Gamma_{jk} = p_i p_l a_{ijkl},\tag{3}$$

then

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 $G(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}) = 1 \tag{4}$

defines the slowness surface, where G solves the eigenvalue equation (Červený 1972)

$$(\Gamma_{jk} - \delta_{jk}G)\hat{g}_k = 0, \tag{5}$$

with $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$ the normalized, i.e. unit, polarization vector. From this equation we have

$$G = \Gamma_{jk} \hat{g}_j \hat{g}_k = a_{ijkl} p_i p_l \hat{g}_j \hat{g}_k.$$
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2.2 2-D tomography and weak anisotropy

If non-degenerate perturbation theory is valid (17), as it is for qP rays, then the traveltime perturbation is given by

$$\delta T^{(\mu)} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathscr{L}} p_i p_l \hat{g}_j^{(\mu)} \hat{g}_k^{(\mu)} \, \delta a_{ijkl} \, dT, \tag{31}$$

where in general the integral may contain 21 independent terms. If the unperturbed model is isotropic and we are considering qP rays, equation (31) is considerably simplified. In isotropic media, the *P*-wave polarization, the slowness direction and the ray direction are all parallel, so $\hat{\mathbf{g}}^{(1)} = \hat{\mathbf{p}} = \alpha \mathbf{p}$. Thus

$$\delta T^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathscr{L}} \alpha^2 p_i p_j p_k p_l \,\delta a_{ijkl} \,dT. \tag{32}$$



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 $T = dl \, s_{ heta}$

where dl is the length of the ray and s_{θ} is an angle-dependent (group) slowness of the form:

$$s_{\theta} = A\cos^4(\theta) + B\cos^2(\theta)\sin^2(\theta) + C\sin^4(\theta) \tag{1}$$

 \mathbf{with}

$$A = s_x, \quad C = s_z, \quad B = 4s_{45} - (s_x + s_z)$$

 dl_{ijk} and θ_{ijk} respectively denote the length and angle in layer *i* of the ray connecting source *j* to receiver *k*. Then the approximate traveltime computations described above lead to a sparse, overdetermined system

$$T_{jk} = \sum_{i} a_{ijk} s_x(i) + \sum_{i} b_{ijk} s_z(i) + \sum_{i} c_{ijk} s_{45}(i)$$

where T_{jk} is the measured traveltime from the *j*th receiver to the *k*th source, and

$$a_{ijk} = dl_{ijk}(\cos^4(\theta_{ijk}) - \cos^2(\theta_{ijk})\sin^2(\theta_{ijk}))$$

 $b_{ijk} = dl_{ijk}(\sin^4(\theta_{ijk}) - \cos^2(\theta_{ijk})\sin^2(\theta_{ijk}))$

$$c_{ijk} = dl_{ijk} (4\cos^2(\theta_{ijk})\sin^2(\theta_{ijk}))$$
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- The isotropic approximation doesn't fit at all
- The elliptic approximation fits poorly
- The harmonic approximation fits well
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Question: Is this case typical?





Answer: It is not rare

Shale Morphology



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□Photomicrograph of shale showing clay platelets distributed around the horizontal. Inset graph shows the distribution of the normal to the platelet, distributed around vertical.

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Shale Model

Solve for aligned inclusions of a fluid-clay composite



Average over distribution function





Components of a shale model. Individual model clay platelets (top) are oriented according to the distribution measured in the shale photograph on previous page (middle). Silt particles are added (bottom) to resemble real shales.

N.B.: Think about excess horizontal shear compliance



□Wavefront velocities for synthetic shales. qP- and qS-wave velocities are computed for a shale with all clay platelets oriented horizontally (left). The shale synthesized with a realistic clay platelet distribution shows computed velocities (right) similar to those of the real shale depicted on the previous page.



Compaction Process

Expectation:

- As depth increases
- •Porosity decreases so velocity increases
- •Order increases so anisotropy increases (up to a point)





How does this look in Walkaway VSP Data?

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Direct arrival times and slownesses from wide aperture walkaway vertical seismic profile data acquired in a layered anisotropic medium can be processed to give a direct estimate of the phase slowness surface associated with the medium at the depth of the receivers. This slowness surface can, in turn, be fit by an estimated transversely isotropic medium with a vertical symmetry axis (a "TIV" medium). While the method requires that the medium between the receivers and the surface be horizontally stratified, no further measurement or knowledge of that medium is required. When applied to data acquired in a compacting shale sequence (here termed the "Petronas shale") encountered by a well in the South China Sea, the method yields an estimated TIV medium that fits the data extremely well over 180 degrees of propagation angles sampled by 201 source positions. The medium is strongly anisotropic. The anisotropy is significantly anelliptic and implies that the quasi-shear mode should be triplicated for off-axis propagation. Estimated density-normalized moduli (in units of km²/s²) for the Petronas shale are: $A_{11} = 6.99 \pm .21$; $A_{33} = 5.53 \pm .17$; $A_{55} =$ $.91 \pm .05$; $A_{13} = 2.64 \pm .26$. Densities in the logged zone just below the survey lie in the range between 2200 and 2400 km³/m³ with an average value close to 2300 km³/m³.







Walkaway VSP Example

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The spatial gradient of the traveltime function is the Phase Slowness Vector



Key Observation

In a laterally invariant medium the horizontal component of slowness preserved along the ray and can be measured by estimating dT/dX at the source.





Squared Phase Slowness





Crossplot of Sx and Sz gives phase slowness





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N.B.: Isotropy would require a line at 45°

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TI Sensitivities:

Questions:

• Why is the fit independent of shear modulus used?

• What parameters are most important locally?

Chris's Answers:

• The Perturbation Theory yields the sensitivities.

• The coefficients can be recognized as static axial moduli in appropriately rotated coordinates.



Velocity Sensitivity in Transversely Isotropic Media

by

C.H. Chapman and D.E. Miller

IUGG XXI, 1995



Hooke's Law: Reduced (Voigt) Notation

• TIV - rotational symmetry around 3-axis

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Important Remark (cf. Chapman p86)



the terms normal and shear strain are used, for Figures 4.8*a* and *b*, but they only make sense in a particular coordinate system. Normal strains of opposite signs along the x_1 and x_2 axes become shear strains, if the axes are rotated by $\pi/4$



Hooke's Law Revisited

To get a unit of pure strain (assuming $\rho = 1$):

Mode	Direction	Stress
Р	0°	A_{11}
Р	90°	A_{33}
S	0°	A_{55}
S	90°	A_{55}
Р	45°	$.25(A_{11} + A_{33} + 2(A_{13} + 2A_{55}))$
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Perturbation Story

Červený (1982) and Červený and Jech (1982) published a perturbation theory for weak anisotropic media which gave the perturbed velocity as

$$2v\,\delta v = \delta c_{ijkl}\hat{p}_i\hat{p}_l\hat{g}_j\hat{g}_k \ . \tag{1}$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$ is the slowness direction and $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$ is the normalized polarization. This result was expanded by Jech and Pšenčík (1989) and used by various authors, e.g. Chapman and Pratt (1992), Chapman (1992), etc.

In the weak anisotropic approximation for qP rays we let $\hat{\mathbf{g}} = \hat{\mathbf{p}}$ and obtain

$$2v \, dv = \hat{p}_1^4 \, \delta C_{11} + \hat{p}_2^4 \, \delta C_{22} + \hat{p}_3^4 \, \delta C_{33} + 4[\hat{p}_1^3 \hat{p}_2 \, \delta C_{16} + \hat{p}_1^3 \hat{p}_3 \, \delta C_{15} + \hat{p}_2^3 \hat{p}_3 \, \delta C_{24} + \hat{p}_2^3 \hat{p}_1 \, \delta C_{26} + \hat{p}_3^3 \hat{p}_1 \, \delta C_{35} + \hat{p}_3^3 \hat{p}_2 \, \delta C_{34}] + 2[\hat{p}_2^2 \hat{p}_3^2 (\delta C_{23} + 2\delta C_{44}) + \hat{p}_1^2 \hat{p}_3^2 (\delta C_{13} + 2\delta C_{55}) + \hat{p}_1^2 \hat{p}_2^2 (\delta C_{12} + 2\delta C_{66})] + 4[\hat{p}_1^2 \hat{p}_2 \hat{p}_3 (\delta C_{14} + 2\delta C_{56}) + \hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_2^2 \hat{p}_3 (\delta C_{25} + 2\delta C_{46}) + \hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_2 \hat{p}_3^2 (\delta C_{36} + 2\delta C_{45})] .$$
(2)

Substituting

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = (\cos\eta\sin\chi, \sin\eta\sin\chi, \cos\chi)^{\mathrm{T}}, \qquad (3)$$

the result can be converted into spherical harmonics.

From (2) with the background isotropic velocity denoted v_0 and making substitutions $v_0^2 + \delta C_{11} = C_{11}$, etc:

$$v^{2} = v_{0} + 2v_{0} dv = \hat{p}_{1}^{4} C_{11} + \hat{p}_{2}^{4} C_{22} + \hat{p}_{3}^{4} C_{33} + 4[\hat{p}_{1}^{3}\hat{p}_{2} C_{16} + \hat{p}_{1}^{3}\hat{p}_{3} C_{15} + \hat{p}_{2}^{3}\hat{p}_{3} C_{24} + \hat{p}_{2}^{3}\hat{p}_{1} C_{26} + \hat{p}_{3}^{3}\hat{p}_{1} C_{35} + \hat{p}_{3}^{3}\hat{p}_{2} C_{34}] + 2[\hat{p}_{2}^{2}\hat{p}_{3}^{2}(C_{23} + 2C_{44}) + \hat{p}_{1}^{2}\hat{p}_{3}^{2}(C_{13} + 2C_{55}) + \hat{p}_{1}^{2}\hat{p}_{2}^{2}(C_{12} + 2C_{66})] + 4[\hat{p}_{1}^{2}\hat{p}_{2}\hat{p}_{3}(C_{14} + 2C_{56}) + \hat{p}_{1}\hat{p}_{2}^{2}\hat{p}_{3}(C_{25} + 2C_{46}) + \hat{p}_{1}\hat{p}_{2}\hat{p}_{3}^{2}(C_{36} + 2C_{45})].$$
(4)

This is Equation (11) of Every and Sachse (1992).



Perturbation Result (Chapman & Pratt, 1992)

$$\begin{split} \delta p &\simeq -\frac{1}{2} p^3 \delta a_{ijkl} \, \hat{p}_i \, \hat{p}_l \hat{g}_j \hat{g}_k \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} p^3 \left\{ \hat{p}_1^2 \hat{g}_1^2 \, \delta A_{11} + 2 \hat{p}_1 \hat{p}_3 \hat{g}_1 \hat{g}_3 \, \delta (A_{13} + 2A_{55}) + \hat{p}_3^2 \hat{g}_3^2 \, \delta A_{33} \right. \\ &\quad + \left(\hat{p}_1 \hat{g}_3 - \hat{p}_3 \hat{g}_1 \right)^2 \delta A_{55} \right\}. \end{split}$$

Analyze consequences of setting delta_ p = 0 under the approximation that phase and polarization vectors are parallel or orthogonal.







PushPin Parameters



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Figure 2: The exact (dotted line) and approximate (solid line) sensitivity functions for a representative shale medium. In units of km^2/s^2 , the medium has densitynormalized moduli $\{A_{11}^0, A_{13}^0, A_{33}^0, A_{55}^0\} = \{7., 2.5, 5.5, 1.0\}$. In the qP case, they are the coefficients in (2.13) and (3.3), respectively. In the qSV case, they are the coefficients in (2.14) and (3.4).







50% increase in $S_{0^{\circ}}$, keeping $P_{0^{\circ}}$, $P_{45^{\circ}}$ and $P_{90^{\circ}}$ fixed.





25% increase in P_{0° , keeping S_{0° , S_{45° and P_{0°/P_{90° fixed.





25% increase in $P_{90^{\circ}}$, keeping $P_{0^{\circ}}$, $P_{45^{\circ}}$ and $S_{0^{\circ}}$ fixed.



How does this look in Sonic Log Data?

Derivation of anisotropy parameters in a shale using borehole sonic data

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23 points in upper and lower Barnett.

10 points in upper Barnett. Inclination near 35 deg.







The Answer: Mild Anellipticity

Good Fit with C13 = 10 Gpa So Thomsen's Delta = .12; (Epsilon = .26; Gamma = .18)



[C11,C13,C33,C55,C66]=[55,10,36,15,20.5]

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Exploding Reflectors

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Figure 22: A coincident source and receiver profile over the French model calculated by Born volume integration (top) and Kirchhoff surface integration (bottom).



9 TI Zero-offset GRT Migration/Inversion

9.1 GRT inversion formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(\mathbf{x}_o) \rangle &= \\ \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int d^2 \xi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}_o) \; \frac{|\beta(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}_o)|^3}{A(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}_o)^2} \; u_{sc}(\mathbf{s}, t = \tau_o). \end{aligned}$$

9.2 Simplification

$$d^2 \xi \frac{\beta^2}{A^2(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}_o)} = ds_1 ds_2 \ \cos(\alpha)$$

where α is the vertical phase angle at the surface.

9.3 What I Calculated:

$$\int d\mathbf{s}_1 \, d\mathbf{s}_2 \, \cos(\alpha) \left| \beta(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}_o) \right| u_{sc}(\mathbf{s}, t = \tau_o)$$



Turning-ray migration of Vertical Object





Anisotropic

Isotropic (vertical velocities)













Turning Ray Images















Isotropic Migration using a velocity profile that focuses the vertical object mislocates the horizontal object.











Isotropic Migration using vertical velocity profile systematically defocuses and mislocates vertical object





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Thomsen Parameters $\varepsilon = \frac{C_{11} - C_{33}}{2C_{33}};$ $\gamma \equiv \frac{C_{66} - C_{44}}{2C_{44}};$ $\delta \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left[\varepsilon + \frac{\delta^*}{(1 - \beta_0^2 / \alpha_0^2)} \right]$ $=\frac{(C_{13}+C_{44})^2-(C_{33}-C_{44})^2}{2C_{33}(C_{33}-C_{44})}.$



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