

# Elastic waves in solids **Crash Course**

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# Outline of the Lecture

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2. Longitudinal and Transverse Waves

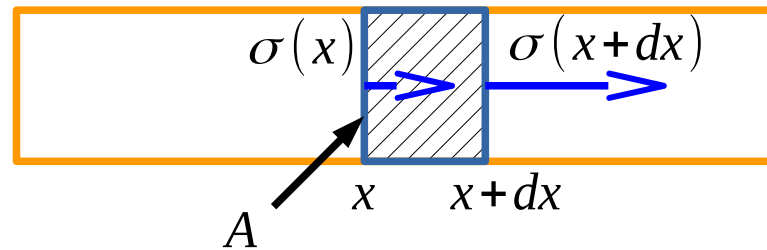
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# Elastic Waves in Solids: 1D Solid



1D medium along x, independent of y or z.

$$dm \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \sigma(x+dx)A - \sigma(x)A \quad dm = \rho A dx$$

$$\rho A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\sigma(x+dx) - \sigma(x)}{dx} A = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x} A$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial (E \varepsilon)}{\partial x} = E \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$$

Young's modulus

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$$\sigma = E \varepsilon \quad \text{Hooke's Law}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{E}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

# 3D solid medium

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$\vec{u}(\vec{x})$  : displacement from equilibrium at position  $x$ .       $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$

$$\vec{u}(\vec{x}, t) = (u_1(\vec{x}, t), u_2(\vec{x}, t), u_3(\vec{x}, t))$$

$$u_i(\vec{x} + d\vec{x}) = u_i(\vec{x}) + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} dx_j$$

No deformation if the gradient of displacement is zero.

$$du_i(\vec{x} + d\vec{x}) = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} dx_j = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)}_{\text{Symmetric}} dx_j + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)}_{\text{Antisymmetric}} dx_j$$

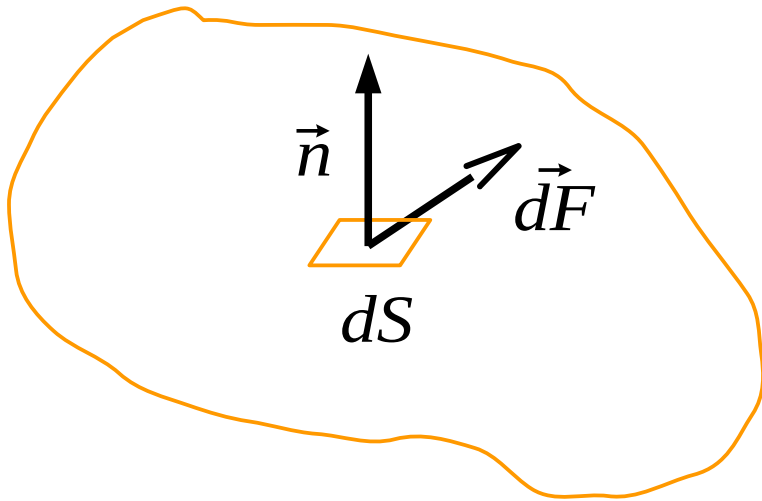
*Strain tensor*  $\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$

$$\omega_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

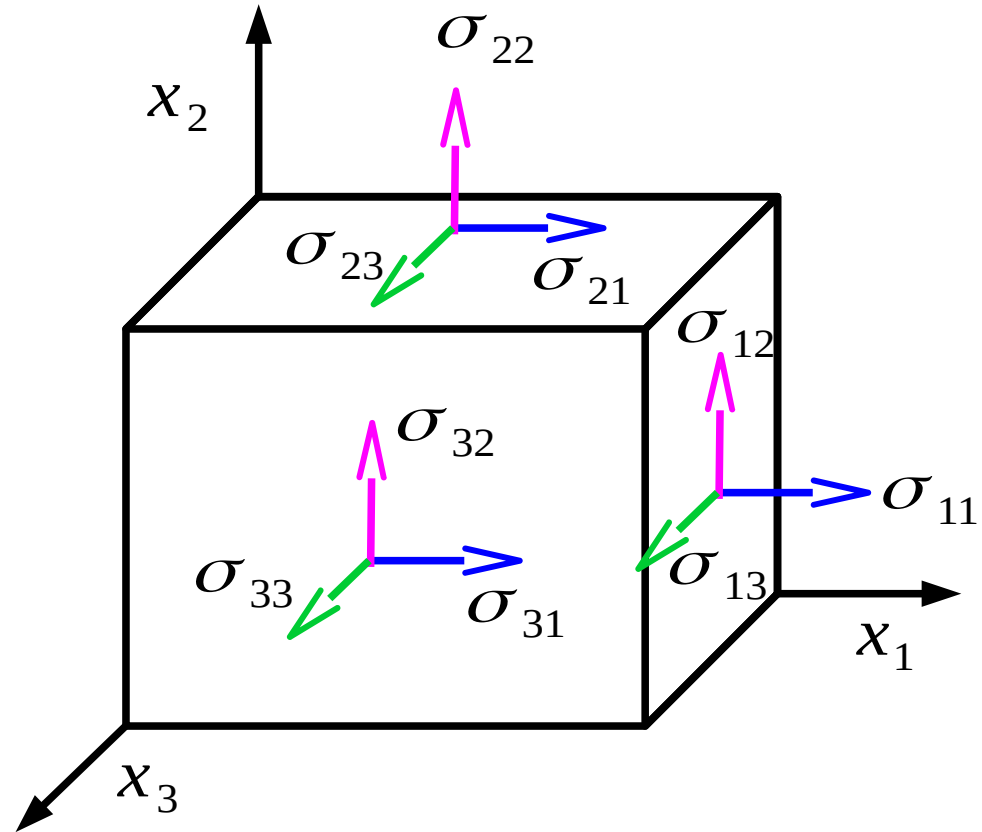
Describe a rotation movement  
→ no vibrations

# Stress Tensor

$$d\vec{F} = \vec{n} \underline{\sigma} dS$$

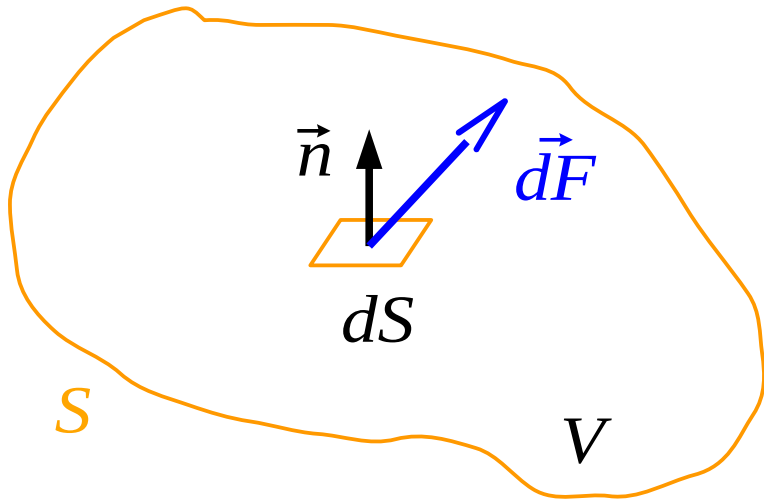


$$\underline{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Elastic wave equation

$$d\vec{F} = \vec{n} \underline{\sigma} dS$$



The total stress force acting on the body of volume  $V$  is:

$$\iint_S \vec{n} \underline{\sigma} dS = \iiint_V \operatorname{div} \underline{\sigma} dV$$

Gauss theorem

Balance of forces:

$$\iiint_V \rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} dV = \iiint_V \operatorname{div} \underline{\sigma} dV + \iiint_V \vec{f} dV$$

with  $f$  is the density of external forces

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} = \operatorname{div} \underline{\sigma} + \vec{f} \qquad \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} + f_i$$

# Symmetry of the stress tensor

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When there is no density of moment, we can show that the stress tensor is symmetric:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji} \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

Only 6 independent components:

- 3 Normal stresses  $\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{33}$
- 3 Tangential stresses  $\sigma_{12} = \sigma_{21}, \sigma_{13} = \sigma_{31}, \sigma_{23} = \sigma_{32}$

# Linear Elasticity

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Assuming a linear link between stress tensor and deformation

$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl}$$

$C_{ijkl}$  : Elasticity tensor, fourth-rank ( $3^4 = 81$  terms)

From the definition, we have the same symmetries as  $\sigma_{ij}$  and

$\varepsilon_{kl}$  :

$$C_{ijkl} = C_{jikl} = C_{ijlk}$$

By considering a reversible transformation, we can also show:

$$C_{ijkl} = C_{klij}$$

81 terms  $\rightarrow$  21 terms

$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl} = \frac{1}{2} C_{ijkl} \left( \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_l} + \frac{\partial u_l}{\partial x_k} \right) = C_{ijkl} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_l}$$



# Elasticity Notations

Voigt notation using the fundamental symmetries

of  $\sigma$  and  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{33} \\ \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & C_{14} & C_{15} & C_{16} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} & C_{24} & C_{25} & C_{26} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} & C_{34} & C_{35} & C_{36} \\ C_{41} & C_{42} & C_{43} & C_{44} & C_{45} & C_{46} \\ C_{51} & C_{52} & C_{53} & C_{54} & C_{55} & C_{56} \\ C_{61} & C_{62} & C_{63} & C_{64} & C_{65} & C_{66} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{33} \\ \varepsilon_{23} \\ \varepsilon_{31} \\ \varepsilon_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Isotropic: 2 coefficients
- Axi-symmetrical: 5 coefficients  
(Glass wool)
- Orthotropic: 9 coefficients  
(Wood)

Most general notation, for any kind of material

# Isotropic Medium

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For an isotropic medium, the elasticity tensor can be written as:

$$c_{ijkl} = \lambda \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} + \mu (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk})$$

*Related to compression*

with the Lamé coefficients  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  *Related to shear*

$$\sigma_{ij} = c_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl} = \lambda \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \varepsilon_{kl} + \mu (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}) \varepsilon_{kl}$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = \lambda \varepsilon_{kk} + 2 \mu \varepsilon_{ij} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{\sigma} = \lambda \text{Id Tr } \underline{\varepsilon} + 2 \mu \underline{\varepsilon}$$

In terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ , we can write:

$$\vec{\text{div}} \underline{\sigma} = (\lambda + \mu) \vec{\text{grad}} (\text{div } \vec{u}) + \mu \Delta \vec{u}$$

# Hooke's Law

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{33} \\ \varepsilon_{23} \\ \varepsilon_{31} \\ \varepsilon_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{E} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\nu & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & 1 & -\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\nu & -\nu & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1+\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1+\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1+\nu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{33} \\ \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

Suitable for isotropic materials (2 parameters only)

Possibility to link the different notations, e.g.:

$$\lambda = \frac{\nu E}{(1-2\nu)(1+\nu)} = c_{11} - 2c_{44}, \quad \mu = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} = c_{44}$$

Conversion formula

# Uncoupling of the Wave Equation

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Wave equation:

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} = \vec{\text{div}} \underline{\sigma} + \vec{f}$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} = (\lambda + \mu) \vec{\text{grad}}(\text{div } \vec{u}) + \mu \vec{\Delta} \vec{u} + \vec{f}$$

Laplacian can be written as:  $\vec{\Delta} \vec{u} = \vec{\text{grad}}(\text{div } \vec{u}) - \vec{\text{rot}}(\vec{\text{rot}} \vec{u})$

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} = (\lambda + 2\mu) \vec{\text{grad}}(\text{div } \vec{u}) - \mu \vec{\text{rot}}(\vec{\text{rot}} \vec{u}) + \vec{f}$$

# Helmholtz Decomposition

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We write the displacement field as the sum of two terms:

$$\vec{u} = \vec{u}_L + \vec{u}_T \quad \begin{array}{l} \vec{u}_L = \text{grad } \phi \\ \vec{u}_T = \text{rot } \vec{\psi} \end{array}$$

$\phi$  is a scalar potential,  $\vec{\psi}$  a vector potential.

$$\text{rot } \vec{u}_L = \vec{0}, \quad \text{div } \vec{u}_T = 0$$

Thus, we can separate the two components:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}_L}{\partial t^2} - c_L \text{grad}(\text{div } \vec{u}_L) = 0, \quad c_L = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}_T}{\partial t^2} + c_T^2 \text{rot}(\text{rot } \vec{u}_T) = 0, \quad c_T = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} \end{array} \right.$$

# Helmholtz Decomposition

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We obtain d'Alembert equation for displacements and potential:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}_L}{\partial t^2} - c_L \vec{\Delta} \vec{u}_L = \vec{0}, & \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - c_L \Delta \phi = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}_T}{\partial t^2} - c_T^2 \vec{\Delta} \vec{u}_T = \vec{0}, & \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\psi}}{\partial t^2} - c_T^2 \vec{\Delta} \vec{\psi} = \vec{0} \end{array} \right.$$

We replaced 3 unknown displacement components by 4 potential components (1 for scalar, 3 for vectorial). A gauge equation might be needed:

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{\psi} = 0$$

# Examples of Material Properties

Material	$\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	$\lambda$ (GPa)	$\mu$ (GPa)	$c_L$ (mm/ $\mu$ s)	$c_T$ (mm/ $\mu$ s)
Steel	7.5-9	95-140	75-90	5.2-6.5	2.9-3.5
Aluminium	2.7	58	26	6.3	3.1
Concrete	1.3-2.5	5-14	8-21	2.9-6.5	1.8-4
Diamond	3.5	340	510	19.7	12.1
Epoxy	1.1-1.4	1.4-3.6	0.7-1.9	1.4-2.6	0.7-1.3
Plexiglass	1.2	3.4-7.8	0.8-1.2	2-2.9	0.8-1
Lead	11.5	39	6.3	2.1	0.75
PVC	1.1-1.5	1.7-5.7	0.7-1.5	1.4-2.8	0.7-1.2
Titanium	4.5	77	43	6	3
Glass	2.4-2.8	14-25	20-38	4.4-6.5	2.7-4

# Plane wave solutions

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As for acoustic waves, plane wave are solutions for infinite space:

$$\vec{u}(\vec{x}, t) = A \vec{P} e^{(\vec{k}\vec{x} - \omega t)}$$

$A$  is the amplitude,  $\vec{P}$  a polarisation vector depending on  $\vec{n}$  as  $\vec{k} = k \vec{n}$ .

For longitudinal waves:  $\text{rot } \vec{u}_L = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{n} \wedge \vec{P}_L = \vec{0}$

For transverse waves:  $\text{div } \vec{u}_T = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{n} \cdot \vec{P}_T = 0$

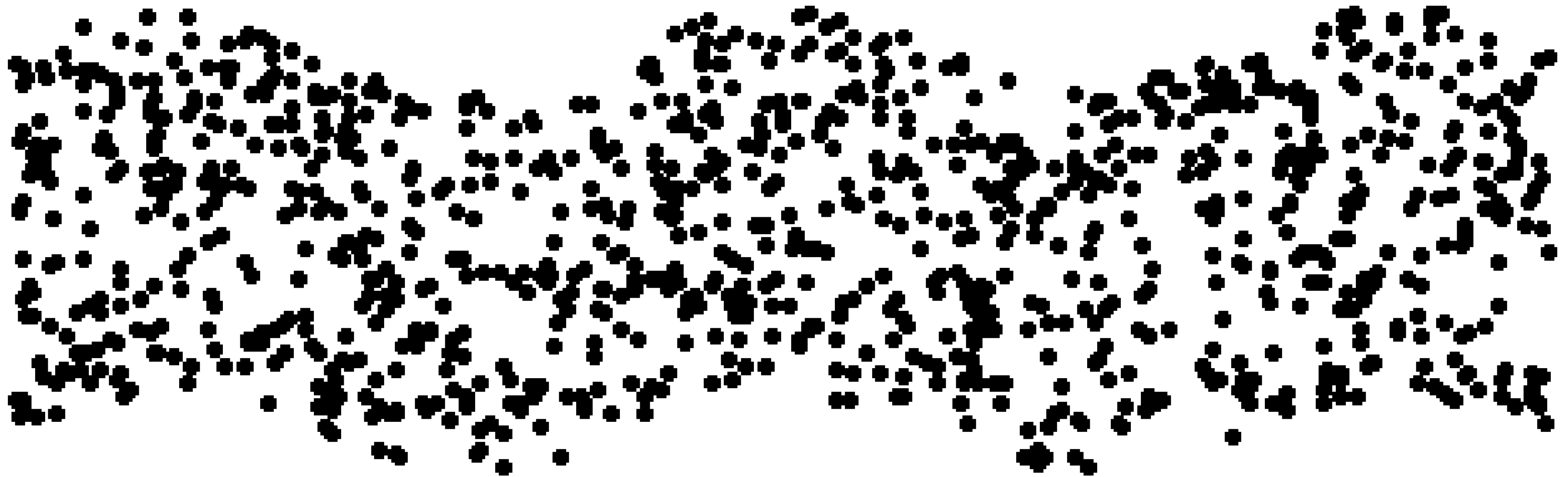
Example:  $\vec{n} = \vec{e}_1 \Rightarrow \vec{P}_L = \vec{e}_1, \vec{P}_{T_1} = \vec{e}_2$  and  $\vec{P}_{T_2} = \vec{e}_3$

Animations



# Transverse Waves

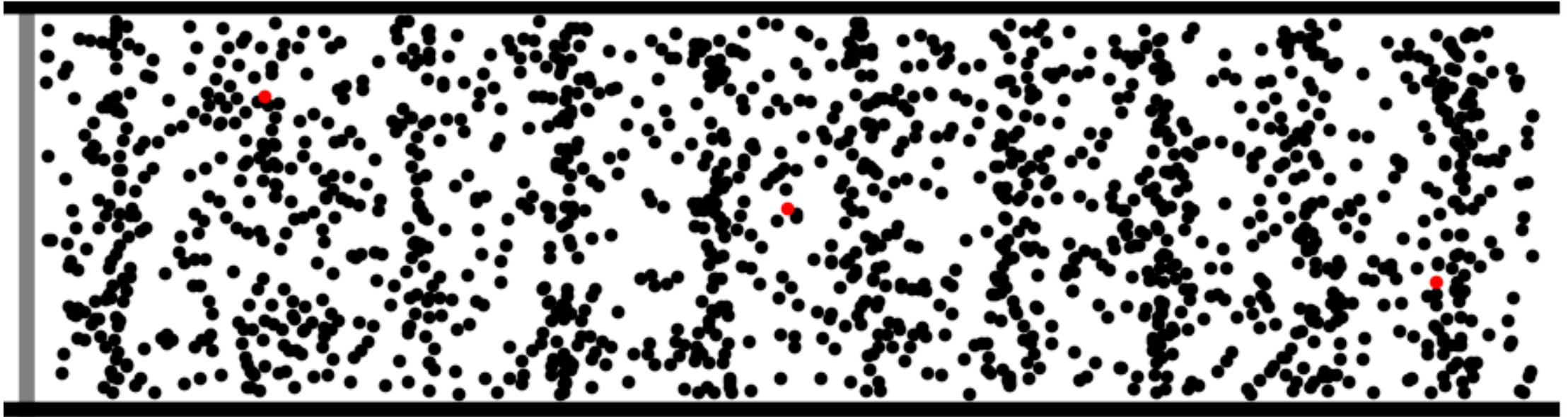
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# Longitudinal Waves

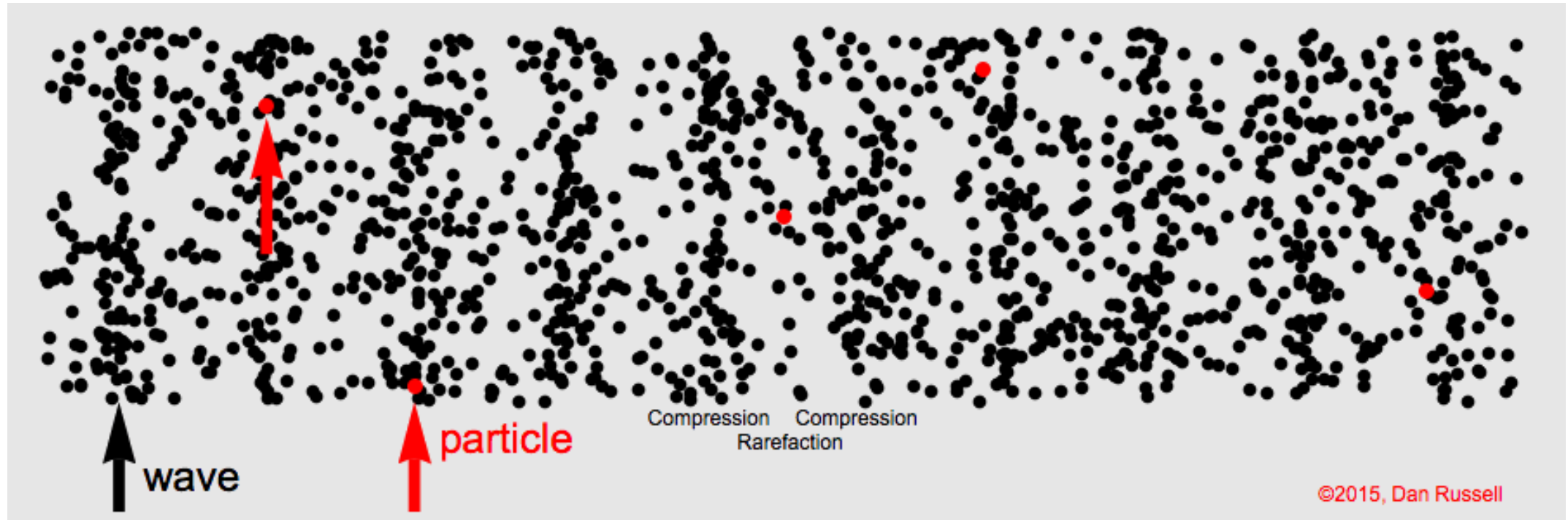
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# Longitudinal Waves

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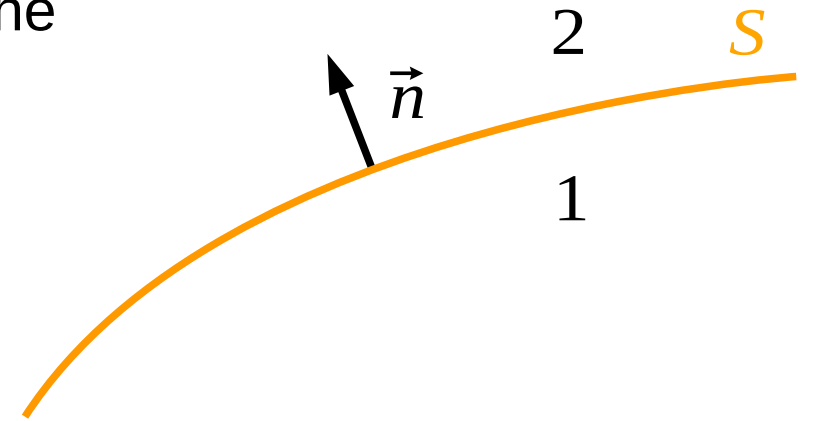
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# Boundary Conditions

Let's consider a surface  $S$  between two solids, normal  $\vec{n}$ . The continuity conditions for any points in  $S$  write:

$$\begin{cases} \underline{\sigma}_1(\vec{x}, t) \vec{n} = \underline{\sigma}_2(\vec{x}, t) \vec{n} \\ \vec{u}_1(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{u}_2(\vec{x}, t) \end{cases}$$



If the medium 2 is a perfect fluid, the stress tensor is:  $\underline{\sigma}_2 = -P_2 \underline{\text{Id}}$

$$\begin{cases} \underline{\sigma}_1(\vec{x}, t) \vec{n} = -P_2(\vec{x}, t) \vec{n} \\ \vec{u}_1(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{u}_2(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{n} \end{cases}$$

No shear stress in a fluid, and only normal displacement continuity.

# Free-surface reflection

Reflection on a free space:  $\underline{\sigma}(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{e}_3 = \vec{0}$

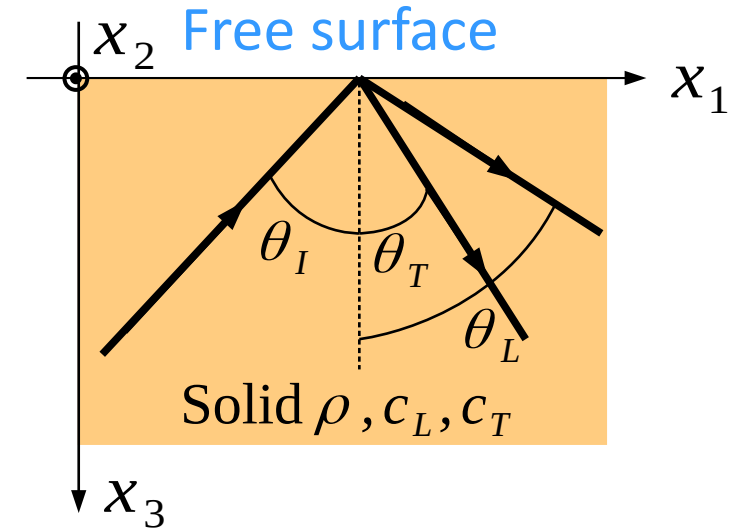
Incident plane wave:  $\vec{u}_I(\vec{x}, t) = A_I \vec{P}_I e^{(k \vec{n}_I \vec{x} - \omega t)}$

$$\vec{P} = \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with } \vec{n}_I = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta_I \\ 0 \\ \cos \theta_I \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } k_I = \omega / c_I$$

For each point in S,

Snell-Descartes Law

$$\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{k}_L \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{x}, \text{ then } \frac{\sin \theta_I}{c_I} = \frac{\sin \theta_L}{c_L} = \frac{\sin \theta_T}{c_T}$$

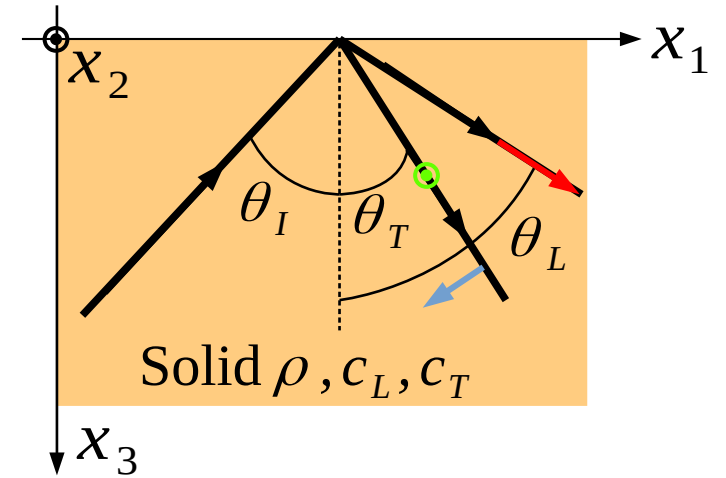


# Free-surface reflection

Reflected waves:

$$\vec{u}_R(x_1, x_3, t) = \vec{u}_L(x_1, x_3, t) + \vec{u}_{T_1}(x_1, x_3, t) + \vec{u}_{T_2}(x_1, x_3, t)$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{u}_L(\vec{x}, t) = A_L \vec{P}_L e^{(\vec{k}_L \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{u}_{T_1}(\vec{x}, t) = A_{T_1} \vec{P}_{T_1} e^{(\vec{k}_{T_1} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{u}_{T_2}(\vec{x}, t) = A_{T_2} \vec{P}_{T_2} e^{(\vec{k}_{T_2} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} \end{cases}$$

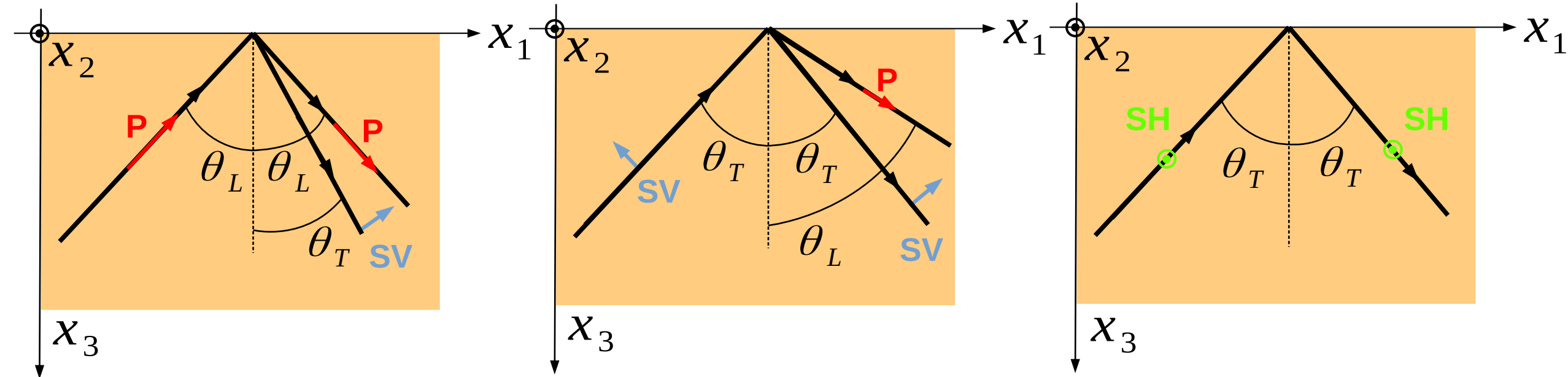


Using:  $\vec{k}_L \wedge \vec{P}_L = \vec{0}$

$$\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{P}_T = 0$$

$$\vec{P}_L = \frac{c_L}{\omega} \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ 0 \\ -k_{3L} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{P}_{T_1} = \frac{c_T}{\omega} \begin{pmatrix} k_{3T} \\ 0 \\ -k_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{P}_{T_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Free-surface reflection



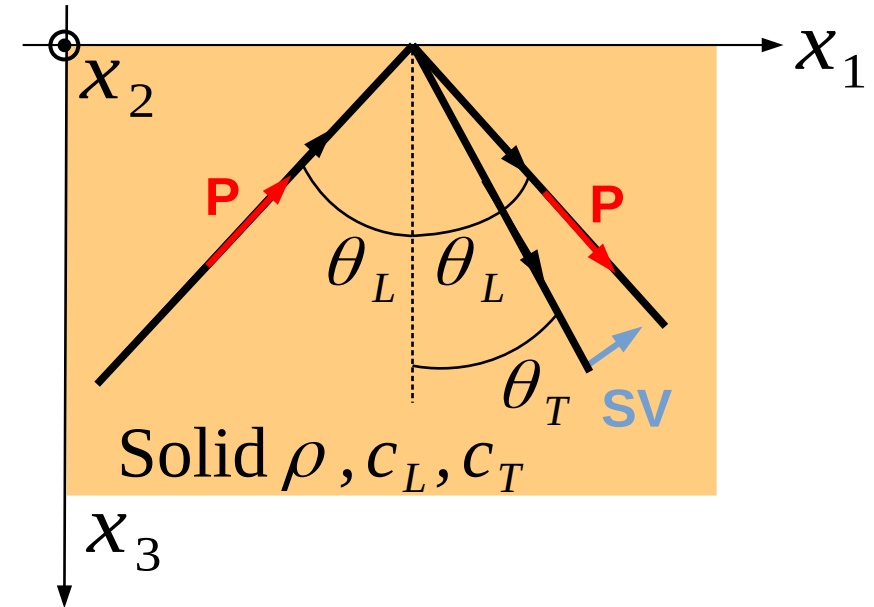


# Incident Longitudinal Wave

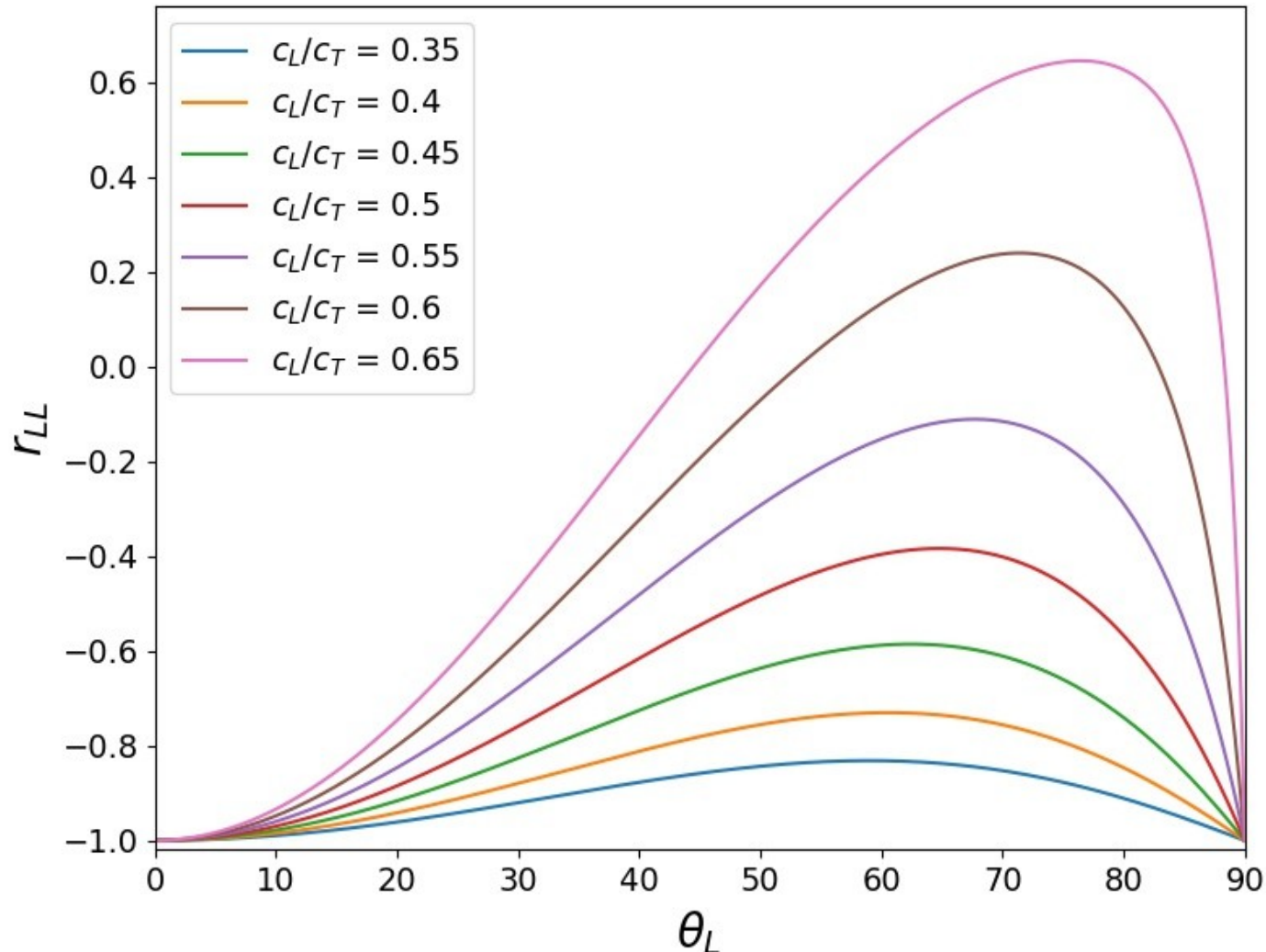
Using the free surface boundary condition  $\underline{\sigma}(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{e}_3 = \vec{0}$ ,  
we can obtain the reflection coefficients:

$$r_{LL} = \frac{A_L}{A_I} = \frac{\left(\frac{c_T}{c_L}\right)^2 \sin 2\theta_L \sin 2\theta_T - \cos^2 2\theta_T}{\left(\frac{c_T}{c_L}\right)^2 \sin 2\theta_L \sin 2\theta_T + \cos^2 2\theta_T},$$

$$r_{LT} = \frac{A_T}{A_I} = \frac{2\left(\frac{c_T}{c_L}\right) \sin 2\theta_L \cos 2\theta_T}{\left(\frac{c_T}{c_L}\right)^2 \sin 2\theta_L \sin 2\theta_T + \cos^2 2\theta_T}, \quad \text{with} \quad \sin \theta_T = \frac{c_T}{c_L} \sin \theta_L$$



# Incident Longitudinal Wave



- The amplitude is maximal for normal incidence or grazing incidence (no reflected shear wave).
- The conversion to shear waves can be perfect for specific angles as  $r_{LL} = 0$ , if  $\frac{c_L}{c_T} > 0.565$

# Incident Transverse Vertical Wave

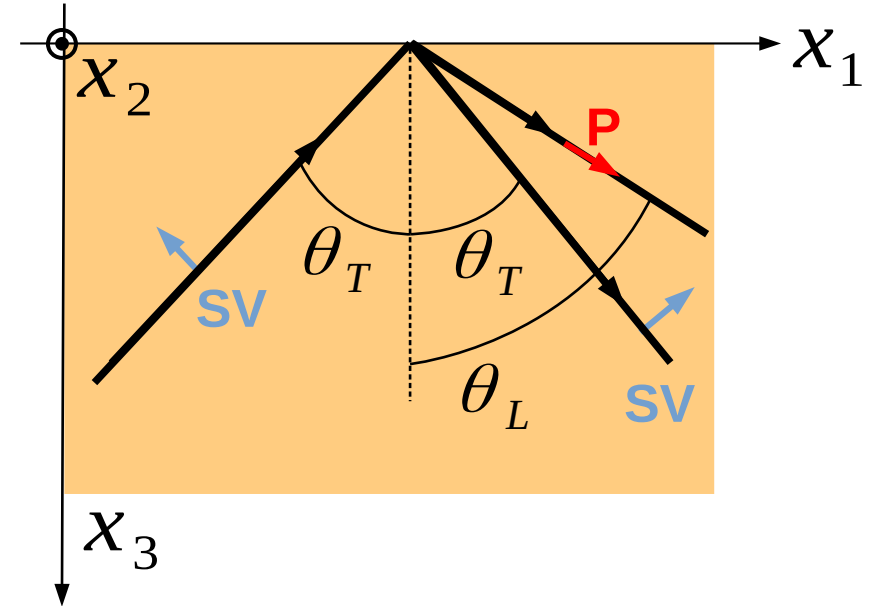
$$\sin \theta_L = \frac{c_L}{c_T} \sin \theta_T$$

As shear waves are usually slower than compressive waves,  $\theta_L > \theta_T$ .

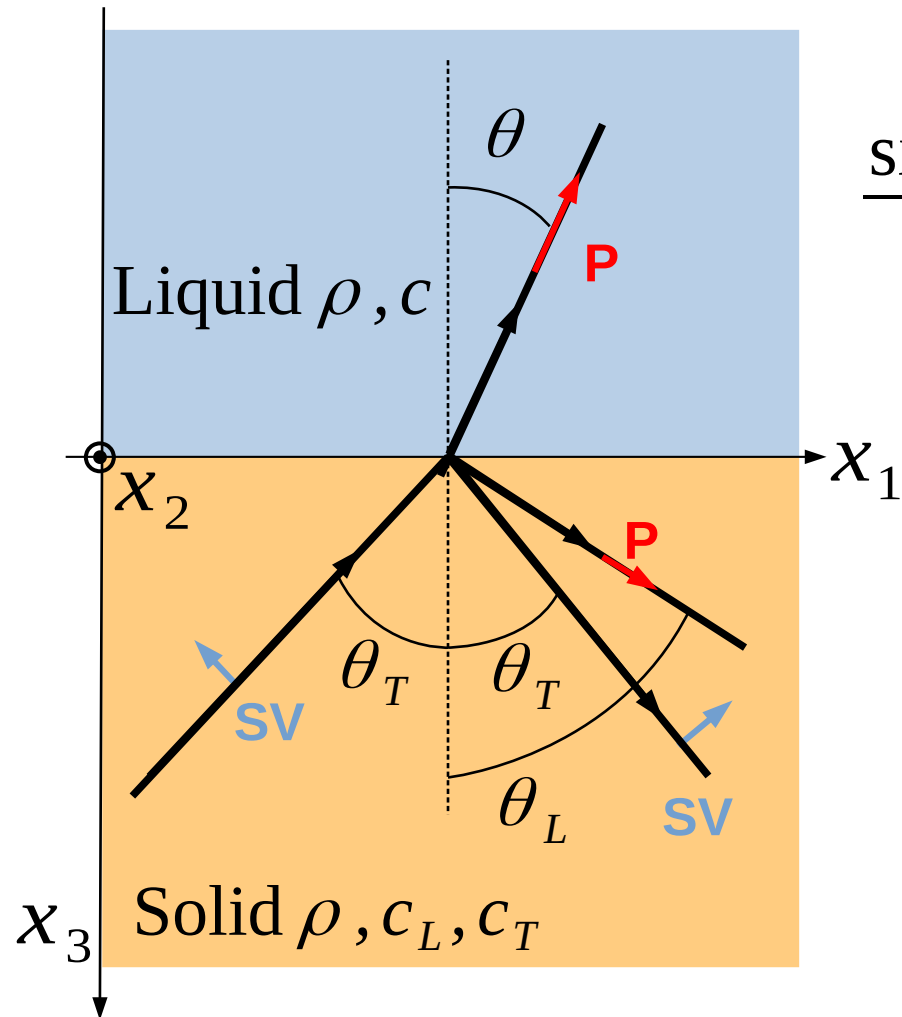
A critical incident angle is reached as  $\theta_L = 90^\circ$ ,

$$\theta_T^c = \arcsin\left(\frac{c_T}{c_L}\right)$$

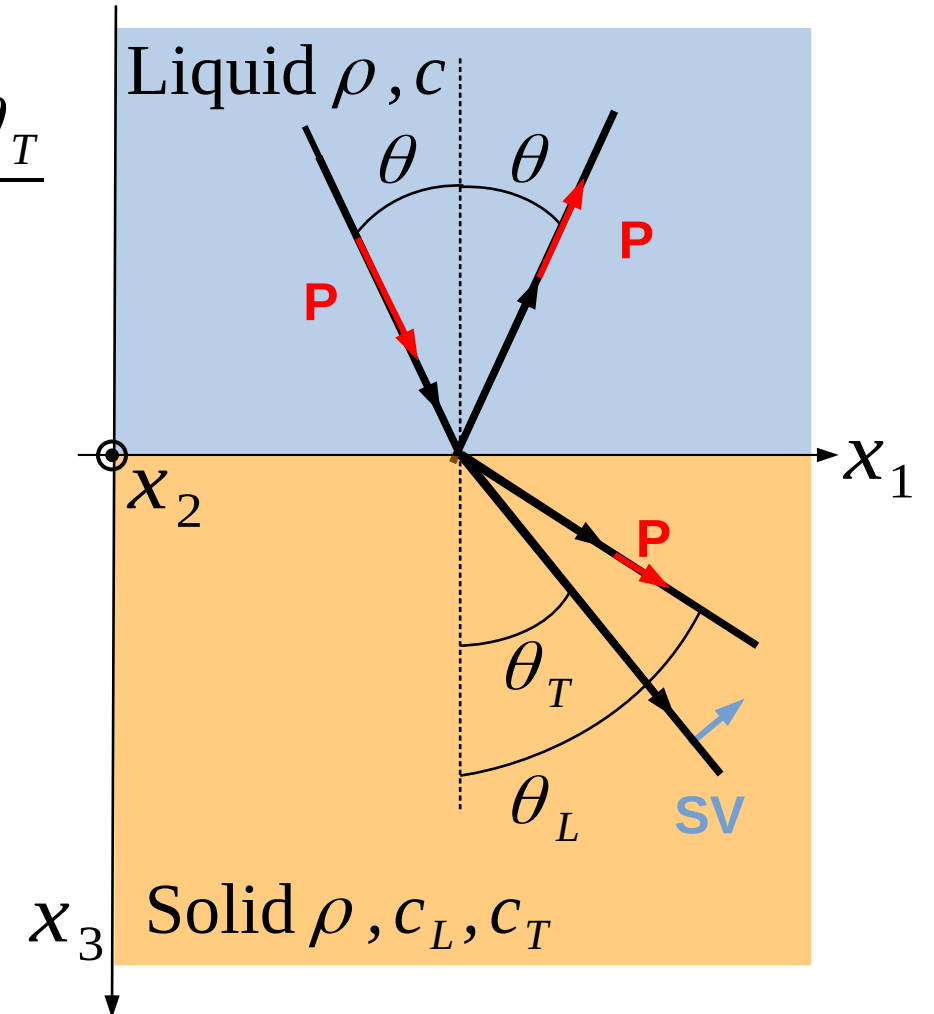
Then reflected compressive waves becomes evanescent.



# Solid-Liquid, Liquid-Solid interfaces



$$\frac{\sin \theta}{c} = \frac{\sin \theta_L}{c_L} = \frac{\sin \theta_T}{c_T}$$



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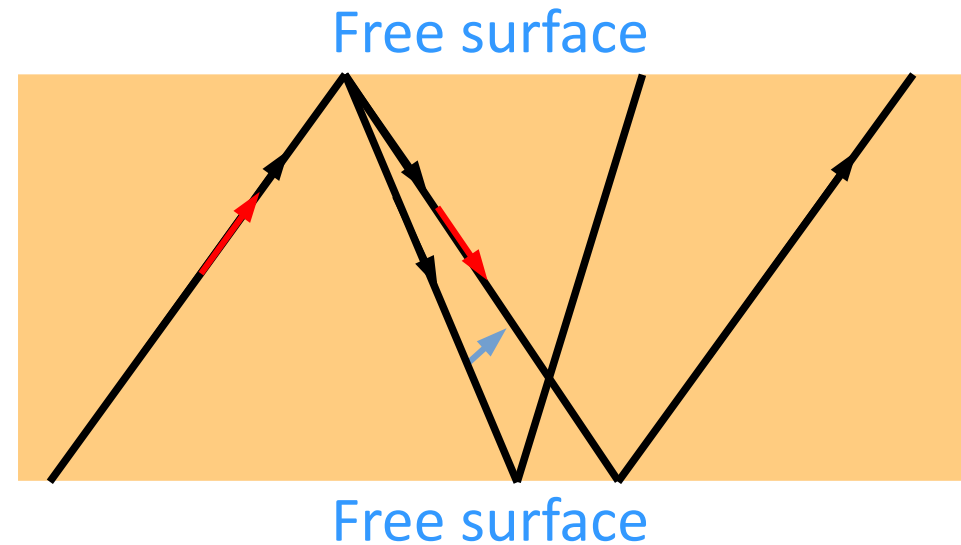
# Guided Waves

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Specific shapes are waveguides, based on the coupling between propagation properties and boundary conditions

Two free surfaces guide the wave through successive reflections

One free surface is already a waveguide !

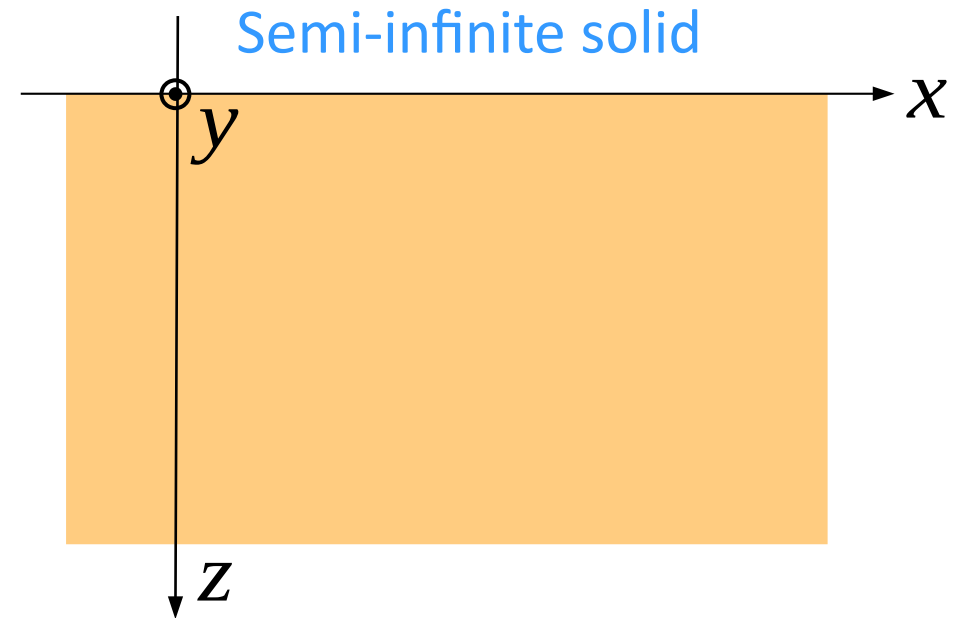


# Rayleigh Waves

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} = (\lambda + \mu) \text{grad}(\text{div} \vec{u}) + \mu \vec{\Delta} \vec{u}$$

$$\vec{u} = \text{grad} \phi_L + \text{rot} \vec{\psi}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_x = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \psi_y}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi_y}{\partial z} \\ u_y = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \psi_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \psi_z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \psi_z}{\partial x} \\ u_z = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \psi_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi_x}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \psi_y}{\partial x} \end{array} \right.$$



Polarization in  $(x, z)$  plane  $\Rightarrow u_y = 0$

We can choose

$$\vec{\psi} = \phi_T \vec{e}_y$$

# Rayleigh Waves

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$$\Delta \phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial^2 \phi_M}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_M}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{c_M^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_M}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{with } L = M, T$$

We look for solutions in the form:

Propagative harmonic waves toward x.

$$\phi_M(x, z, t) = f_M(z) e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f_M}{\partial z^2} + \left( \frac{\omega^2}{c_M^2} - k^2 \right) f_M(z) = 0 \quad \text{with } L = M, T$$



# Rayleigh Waves

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$$f_M(z) = A_M e^{-\alpha_M z} + B_M e^{\alpha_M z} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha_M = \sqrt{k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c_M^2}} = k \sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2}{c_M^2}}$$

$B_M$  must be zero to avoid divergence.

We can write:  $\phi_M(x, z, t) = A_M e^{-\alpha_M z} e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$

$$\vec{u}(x, z, t) = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} ik \\ 0 \\ -\alpha_L \end{pmatrix} A_L e^{-\alpha_L z} + \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_T \\ 0 \\ ik \end{pmatrix} A_T e^{\alpha_T z} \right] e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

# Rayleigh Waves


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Boundary conditions:  $\underline{\sigma}(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{e}_z = \vec{0}$ ,

Elasticity law gives:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{xz} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \right) \\ \sigma_{yz} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right) \\ \sigma_{zz} = \lambda \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + (\lambda + 2\mu) \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \end{array} \right.$$

y invariance and no displacement in y direction cancel this term



# Rayleigh Waves

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Injecting the waveform:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{xx}(x, z, t) = \mu [-2ik\alpha_L A_L e^{-\alpha_L z} - (k^2 + \alpha_T^2) A_T e^{-\alpha_L z}] e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \\ \sigma_{zz}(x, z, t) = \mu [(k^2 + \alpha_T^2) \alpha_L A_L e^{-\alpha_L z} - 2ik A_T \alpha_T e^{-\alpha_L z}] e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{At } z=0, \begin{cases} 2ik\alpha_L A_L + (k^2 + \alpha_T^2) A_T = 0 \\ (k^2 + \alpha_T^2) \alpha_L A_L - 2ik\alpha_T A_T = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving the system provides the dispersion equation:

$$(k^2 + \alpha_T^2)^2 - 4k^2 \alpha_L \alpha_T = 0$$

# Rayleigh Waves

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In terms of wave velocity:

$$\left(2 - \frac{c^2}{c_T^2}\right)^2 - 4\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{c^2}{c_L^2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{c^2}{c_T^2}\right)} = 0$$

Only one solution  $c_R$ , depending on  $c_L$  and  $c_T$ ,  
independent of the frequency

Approximate solution:

$$\frac{c_R}{c_T} = \sqrt{\frac{1.44 \lambda + 0.88 \mu}{1.58 \lambda + 1.16 \mu}}$$

# Rayleigh Waves

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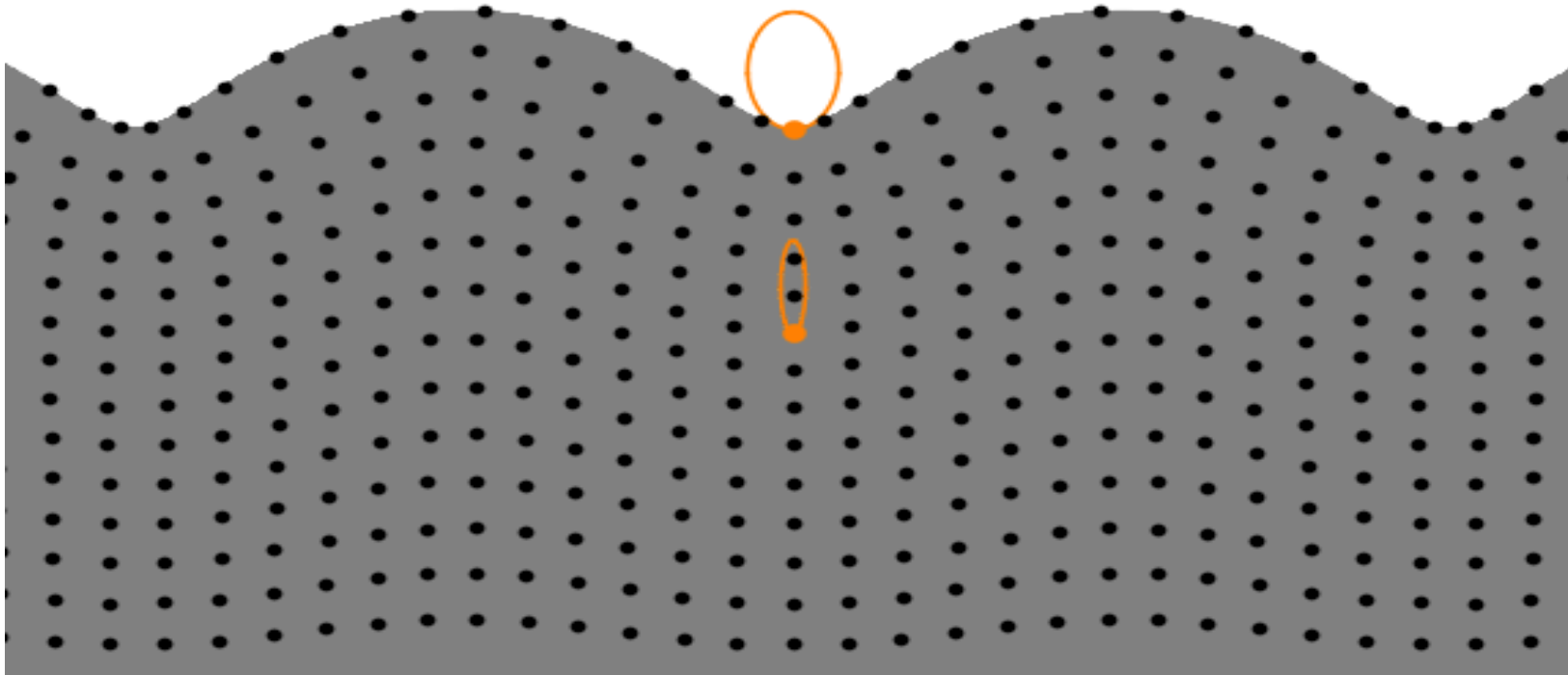
$$\begin{cases} U_x(x, z, t) = -\left(k e^{-\alpha_L z} - \sqrt{\alpha_L \alpha_T} e^{-\alpha_T z}\right) A_L \sin(kx - \omega t) \\ U_z(x, z, t) = \left(-\alpha_L e^{-\alpha_L z} + k \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_L}{\alpha_T}} e^{-\alpha_T z}\right) A_L \cos(kx - \omega t) \end{cases}$$

- Evanescent part in z direction
- Phase quadrature between x and z: elliptic polarization
- Possible sign changes

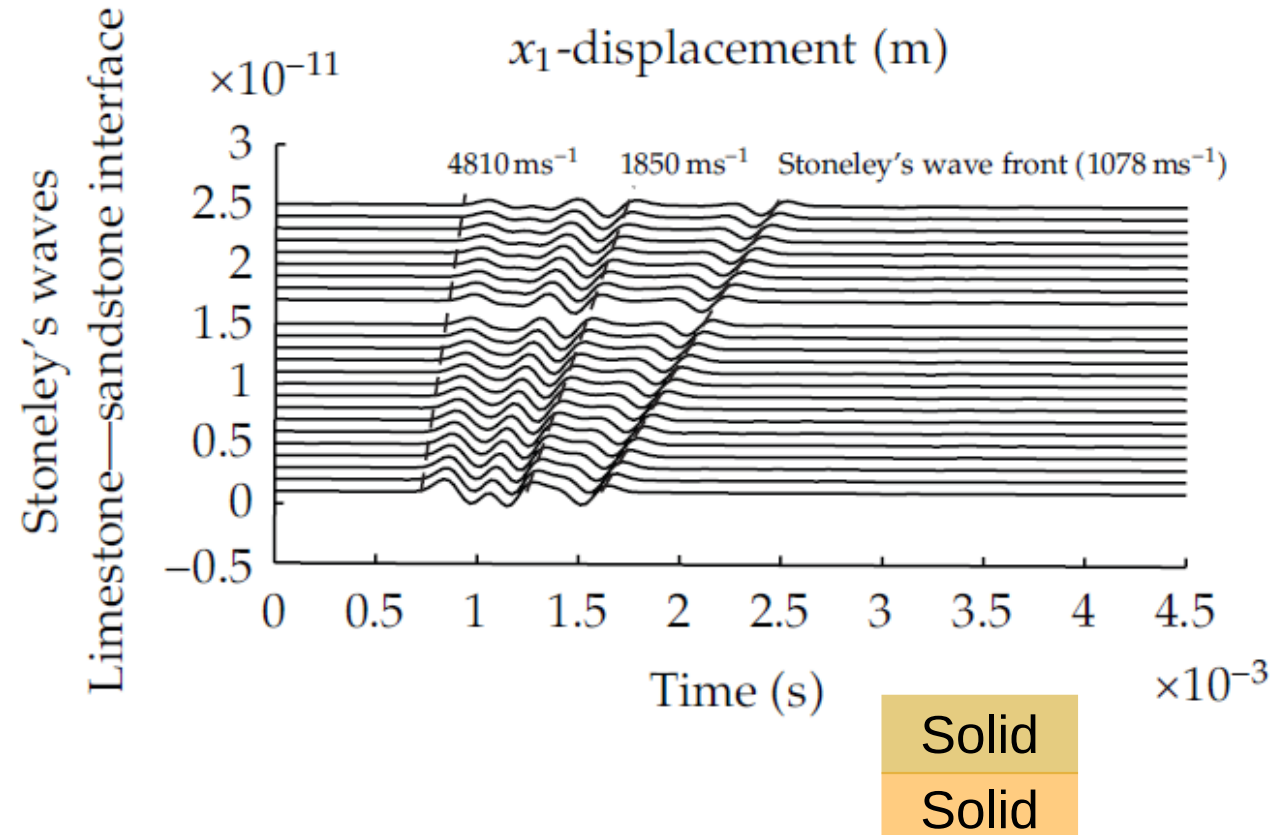
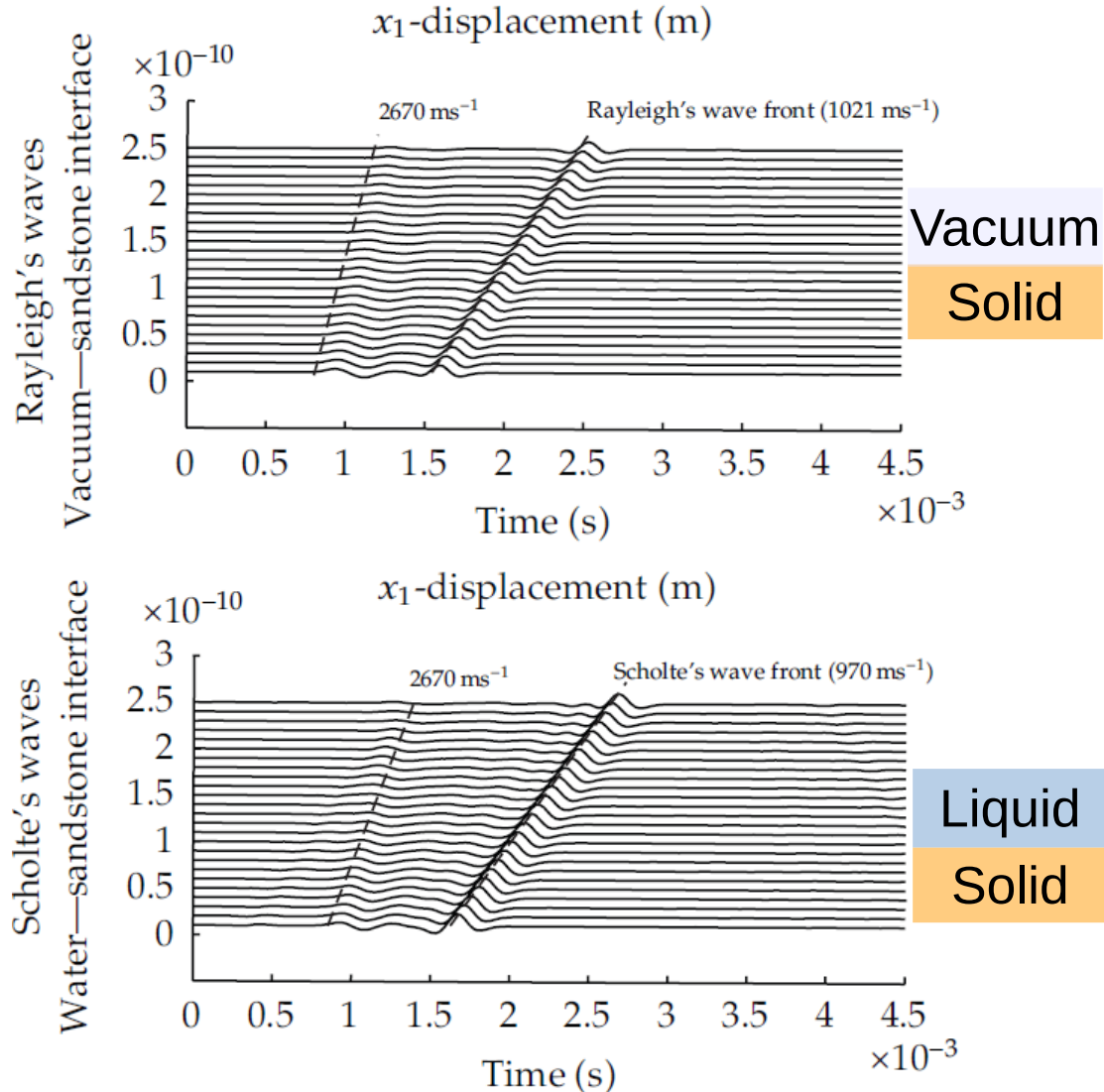
# Rayleigh Waves

$$\begin{cases} U_x(x, z, t) = -(k e^{-\alpha_L z} - \sqrt{\alpha_L \alpha_T} e^{-\alpha_T z}) A_L \sin(kx - \omega t) \\ U_z(x, z, t) = \left( -\alpha_L e^{-\alpha_L z} + k \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_L}{\alpha_T}} e^{-\alpha_T z} \right) A_L \cos(kx - \omega t) \end{cases}$$

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# Scholte and Stoneley Waves

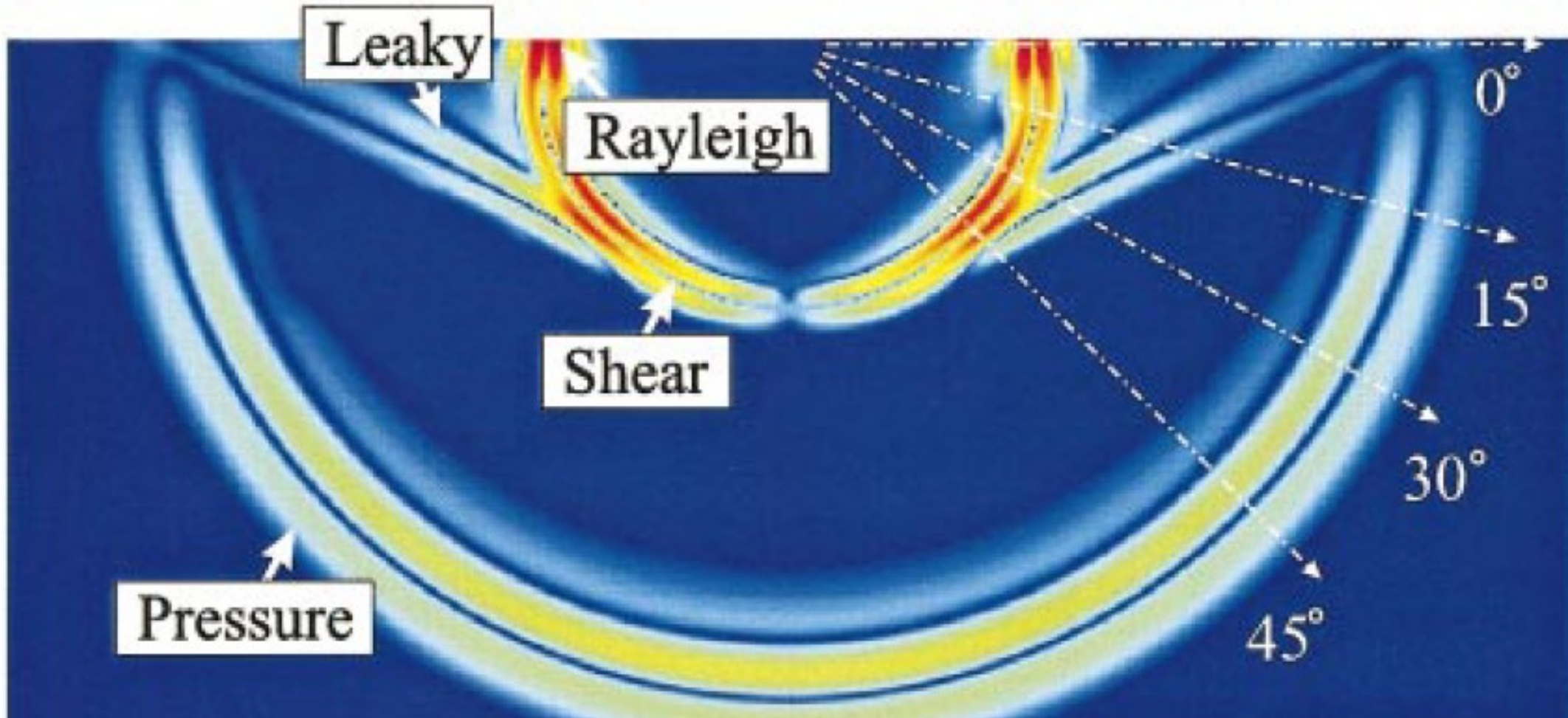


Useful in geophysics

*Flores-Mendez et al. Journ. Appl. Math 2011*

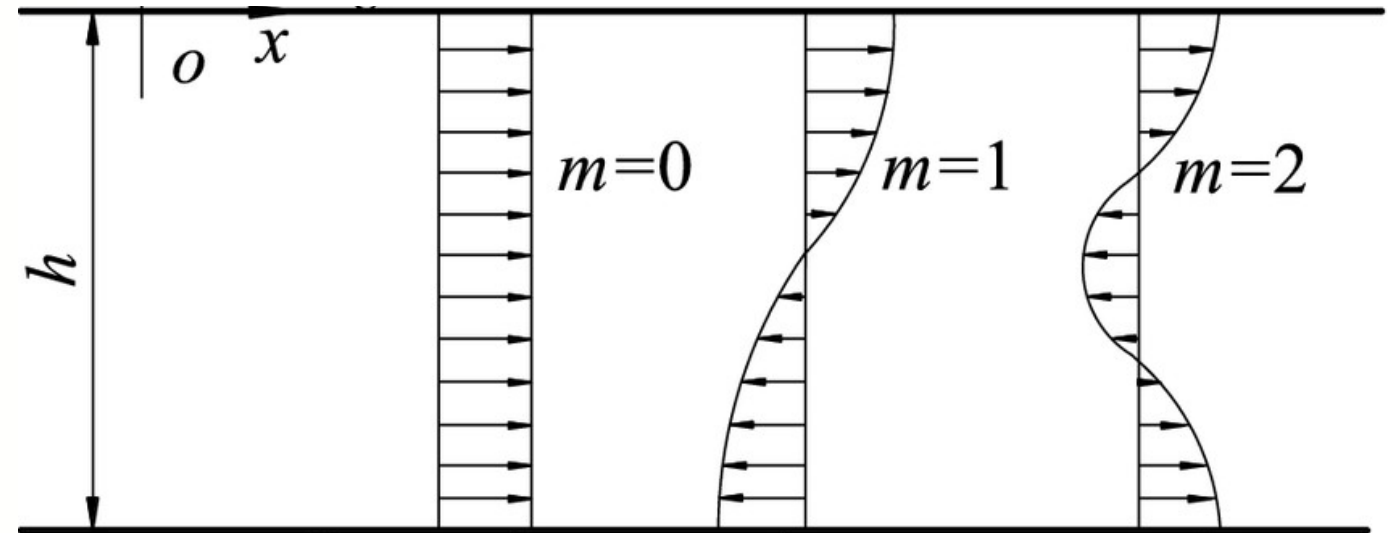
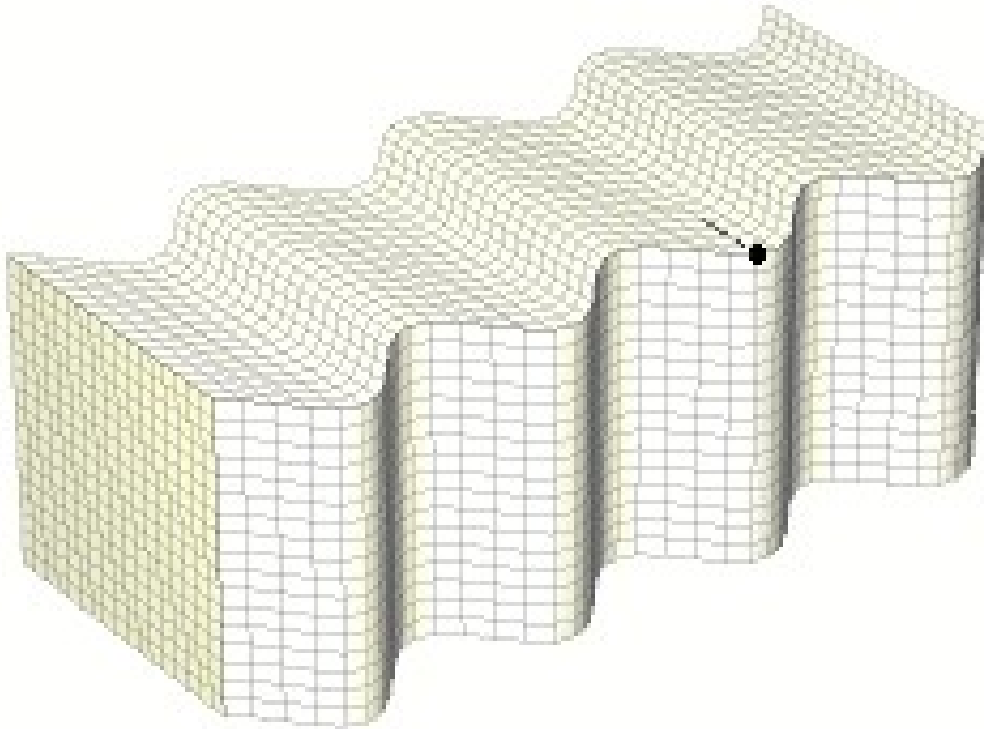
# Leaky Waves

Surface guided wave, decreasing with  $z$  and  $x$





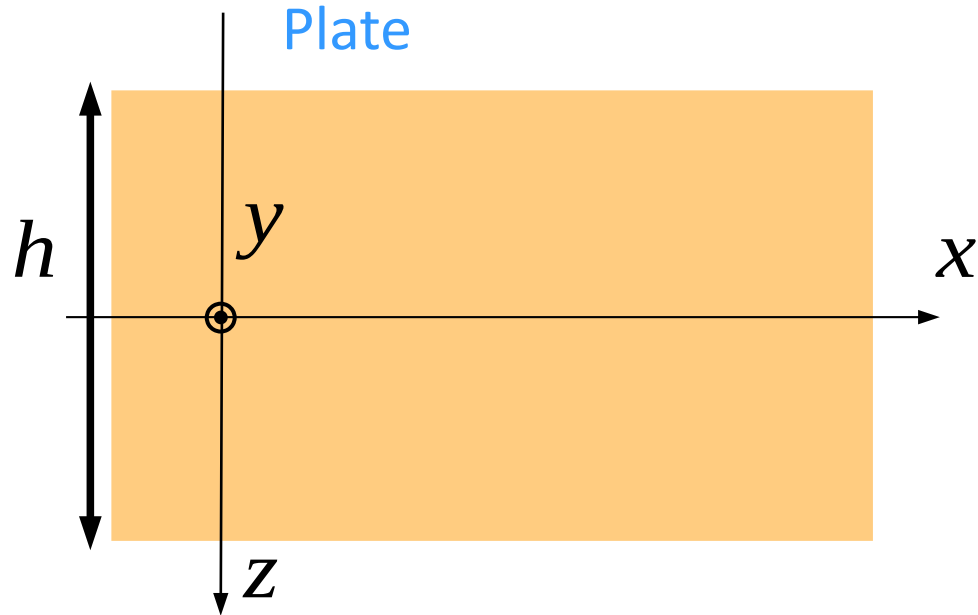
# SH Guided Waves



Cut-off at low frequency for  $m > 0$

From Noé Jiménez website  
<https://nojigon.webs.upv.es/>

# Lamb Waves



Polarization in  $(x, z)$  plane  $\Rightarrow u_y = 0$

We use  $\vec{\Psi} = \phi_T \vec{e}_y$

$$\begin{cases} u_x = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial z} \\ u_z = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial x} \end{cases}$$

Looking for propagative form in  $x$ :

$$\begin{cases} \phi_L(x, z, t) = f_L(z) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \\ \phi_T(x, z, t) = f_T(z) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \end{cases},$$

then

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_L}{\partial z^2} + p^2 \phi_L = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \phi_T}{\partial z^2} + q^2 \phi_T = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} p^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c_L^2} - k^2 = k_L^2 - k^2 \\ q^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c_T^2} - k^2 = k_T^2 - k^2 \end{cases}$$

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Deriving the displacement from the potentials:

$$\begin{cases} u_x = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial z} = ik\phi_L - \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial z} \\ u_z = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial z} + ik\phi_T \end{cases}$$

We only need these two components of the stress to express boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{xz} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \right) = \mu \left( (q^2 - k^2) \phi_T + 2ik \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial z} \right) \\ \sigma_{zz} = \lambda \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} - (\lambda + 2\mu) \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} = \mu \left( (k^2 - q^2) \phi_L + 2ik \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial z} \right) \end{cases}$$

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Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{xz}(z = \pm h/2) = 0 \\ \sigma_{zz}(z = \pm h/2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Can be verified only if the two potentials have different parities:

$$f_L(z) = B \cos(pz + \alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad f_T(z) = A \sin(qz + \alpha) \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \pi/2$$

Symmetrical Anti-symmetrical  
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$$\begin{cases} u_x = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial z} = (ikB \cos(pz + \alpha) - qA \cos(qz + \alpha)) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \\ u_z = \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial x} = (pB \sin(pz + \alpha) + ikA \sin(qz + \alpha)) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \end{cases}$$

# Lamb Waves

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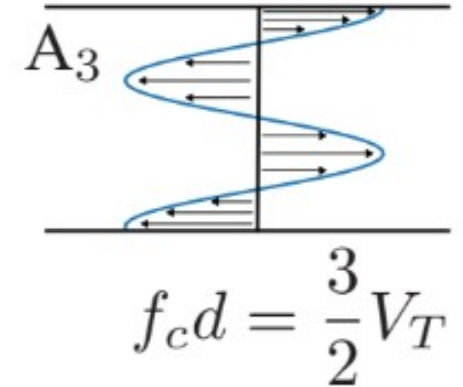
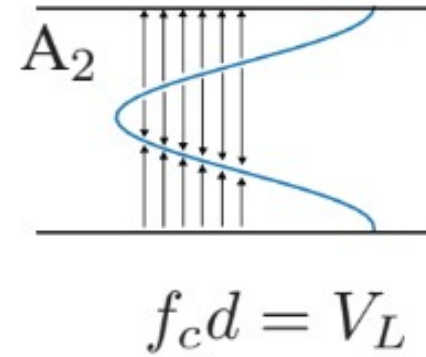
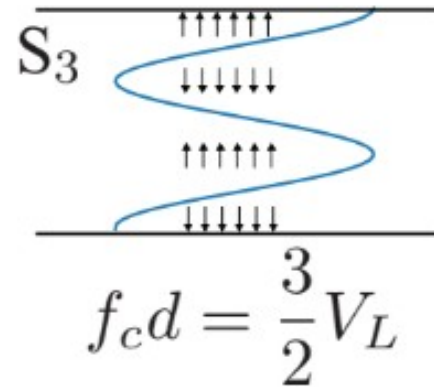
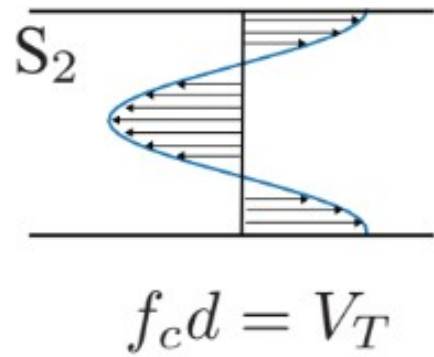
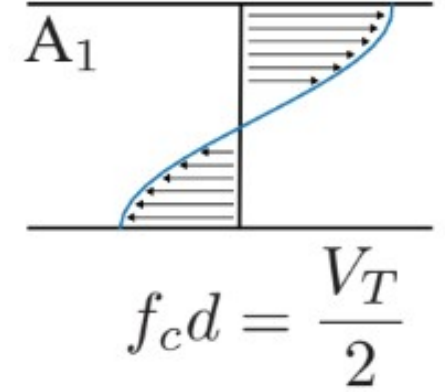
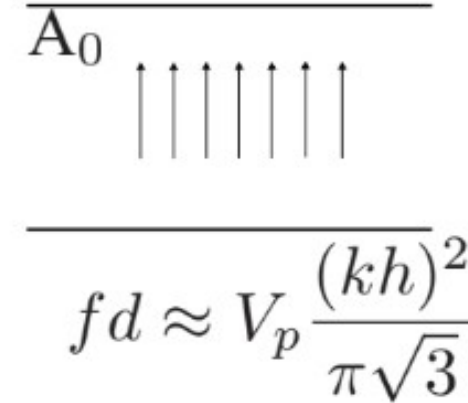
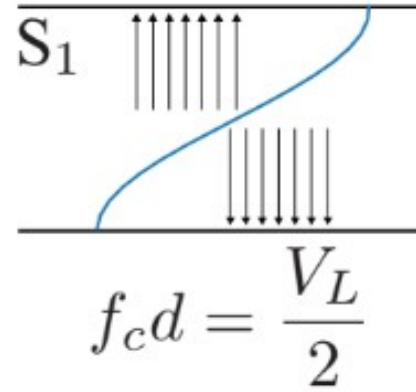
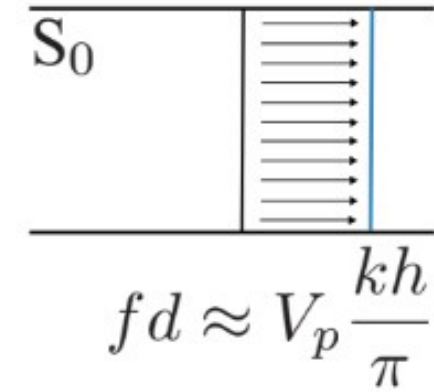
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$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{xz}(z=\pm h/2)=0 \\ \sigma_{zz}(z=\pm h/2)=0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \sigma_{xz} = \mu \left( (q^2 - k^2) \phi_T + 2ik \frac{\partial \phi_L}{\partial z} \right) \\ \sigma_{zz} = \mu \left( (k^2 - q^2) \phi_L + 2ik \frac{\partial \phi_T}{\partial z} \right) \end{cases}$$
$$\begin{cases} (q^2 - k^2) A \sin(qh/2 + \alpha) - 2ik B p \sin(ph/2 + \alpha) = 0 \\ (k^2 - q^2) B \cos(ph/2 + \alpha) + 2ik A q \cos(qh/2 + \alpha) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving the system gives the dispersion relation of both modes:

$$\frac{\omega^4}{c_T^4} = 4k^2 q^2 \left( 1 - \frac{p \tan(ph/2 + \alpha)}{q \tan(qh/2 + \alpha)} \right) \quad \text{with } \alpha = 0 \text{ or } \pi/2$$

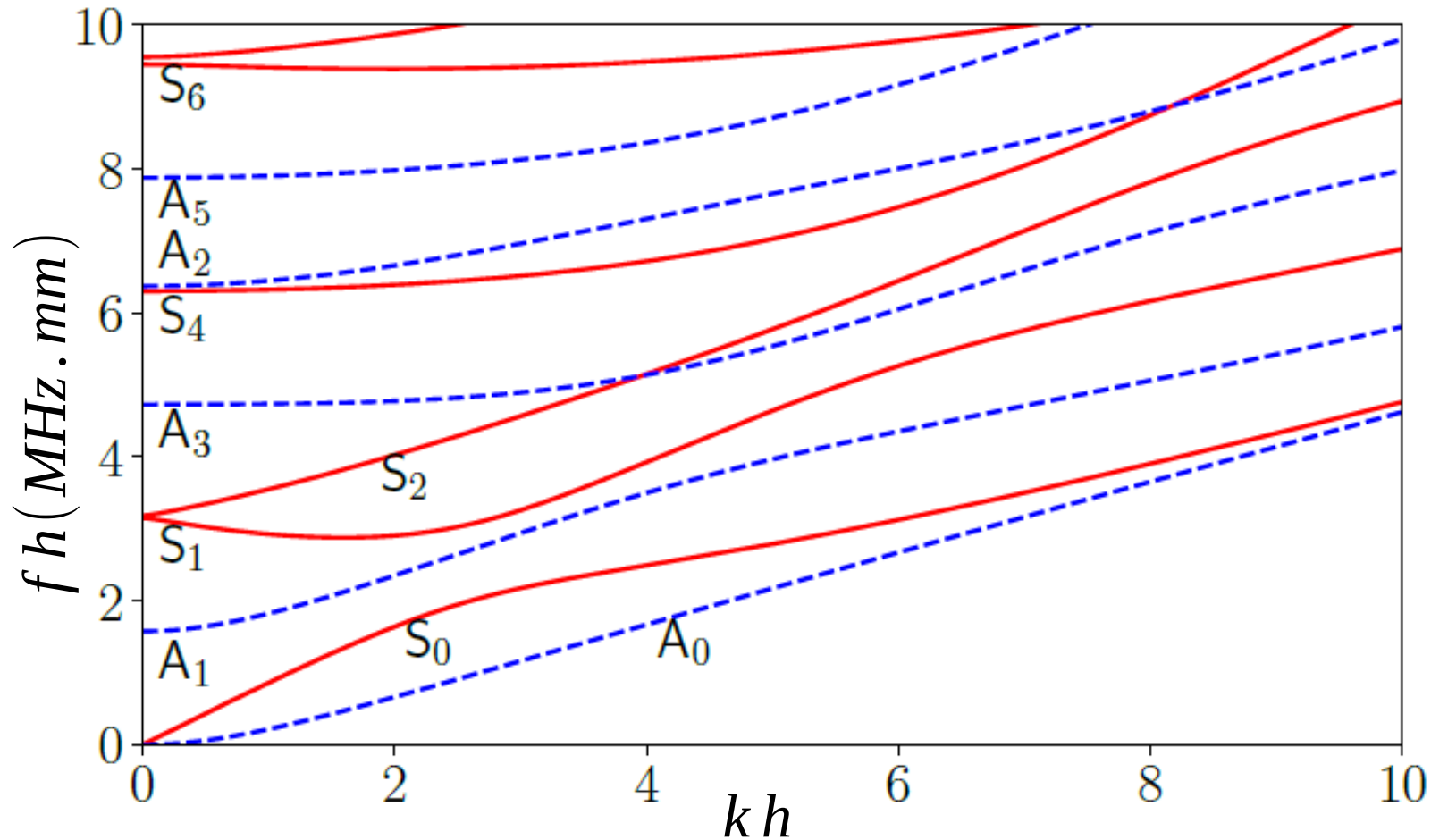
# Lamb Waves



Symmetrical modes

Anti-symmetrical modes

# Lamb Waves



- No crossings for each type of mode
- Cut-off frequency for all but the first modes  $A_0$  and  $S_0$
- Growing with  $k$  most of the time

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