

# Reflection seismic 1 script

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# Seismic waves

- Wave propagation
  - Hook's law
  - Newton's law
  - $\Rightarrow$  wave equation
- Wavefronts and Rays
- Interfaces
- Reflection and Transmission coefficients

# Seismic Waves

## body waves

P-waves (longitudinal, compressional)

S-waves (shear, transverse)

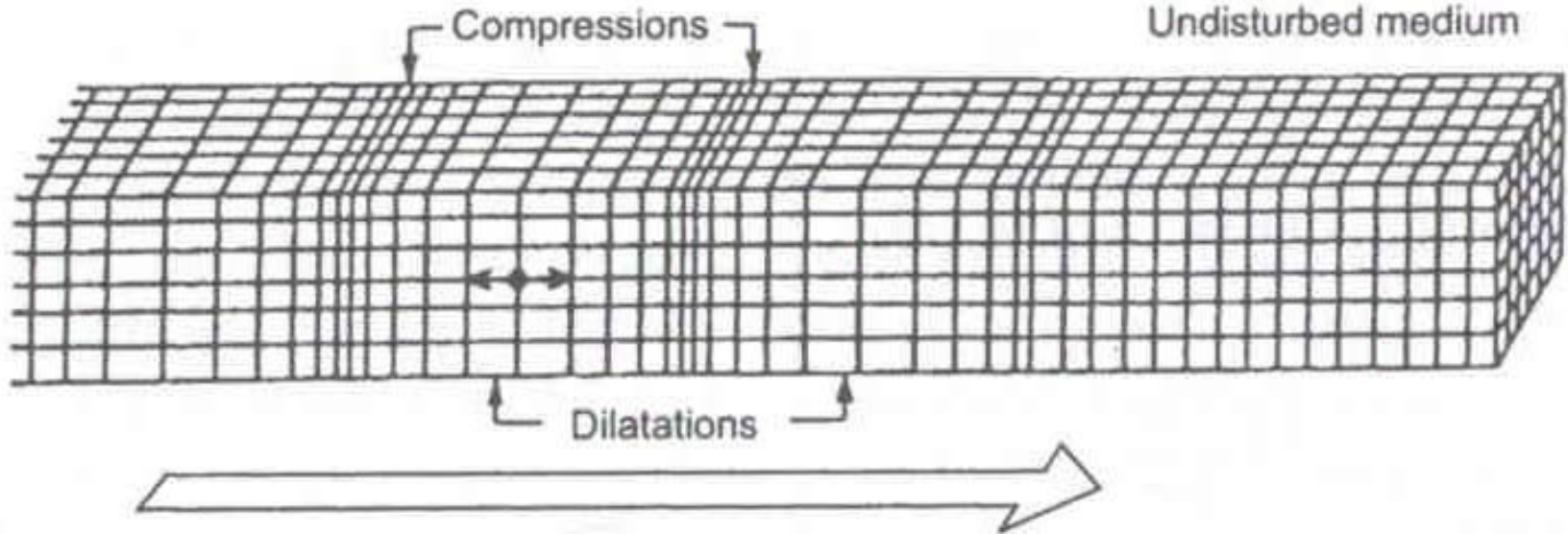
S<sub>V</sub>-wave

S<sub>H</sub>-wave

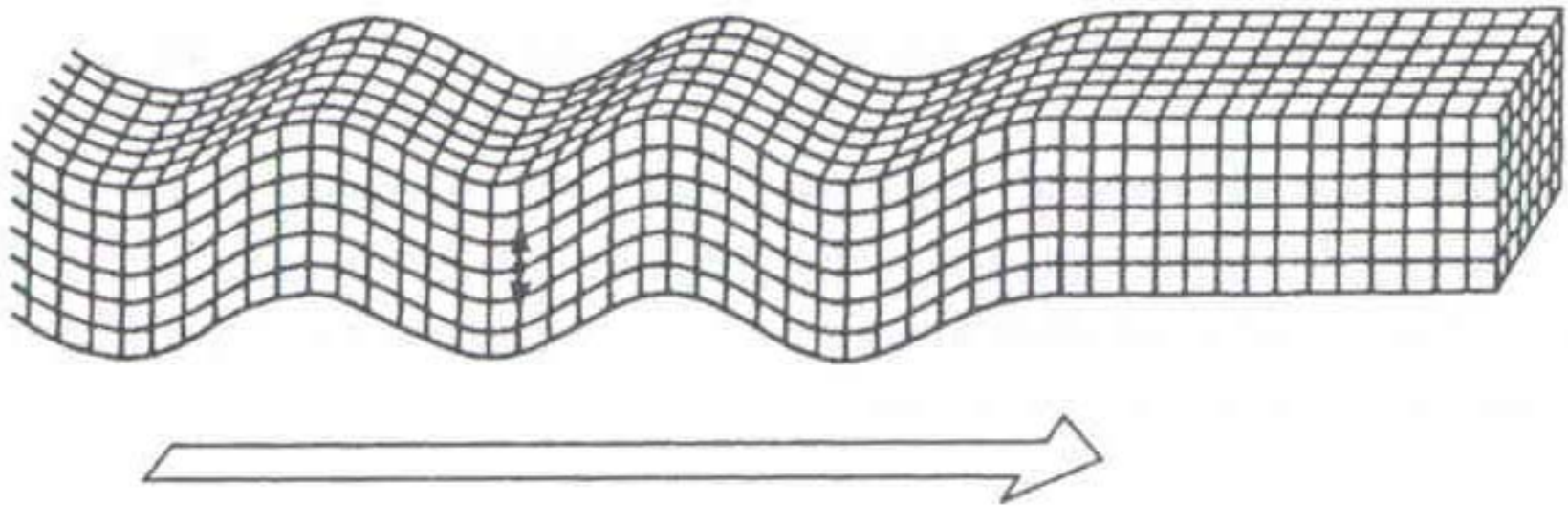
# Body waves:

P - wave

Undisturbed medium

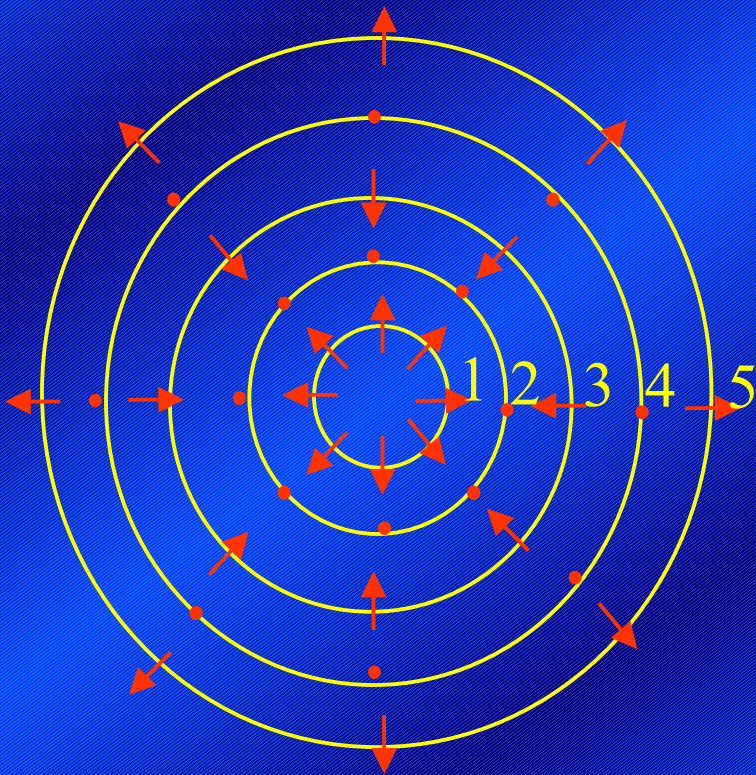


S - wave

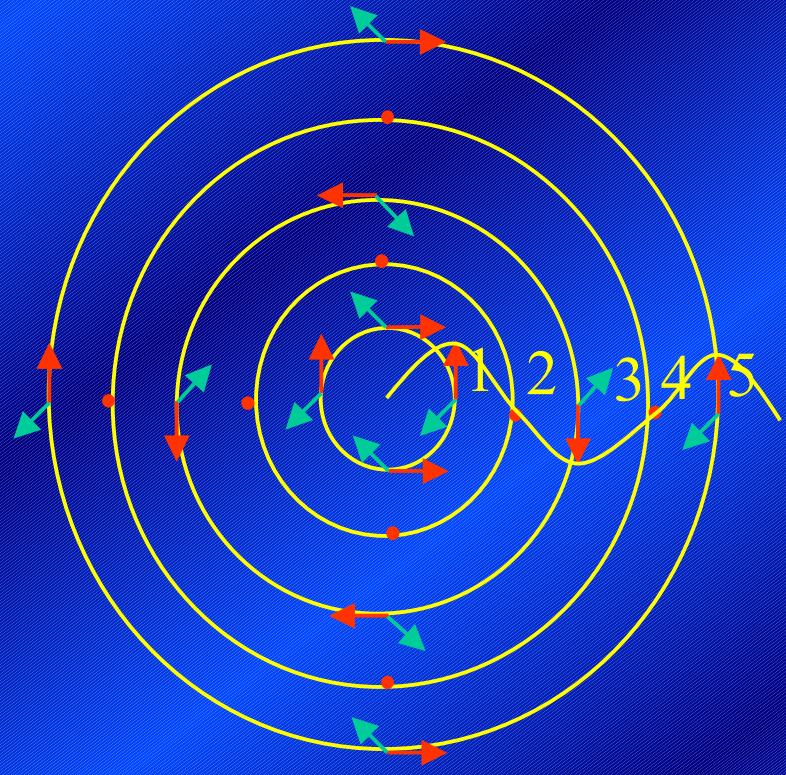


# Different kind of waves

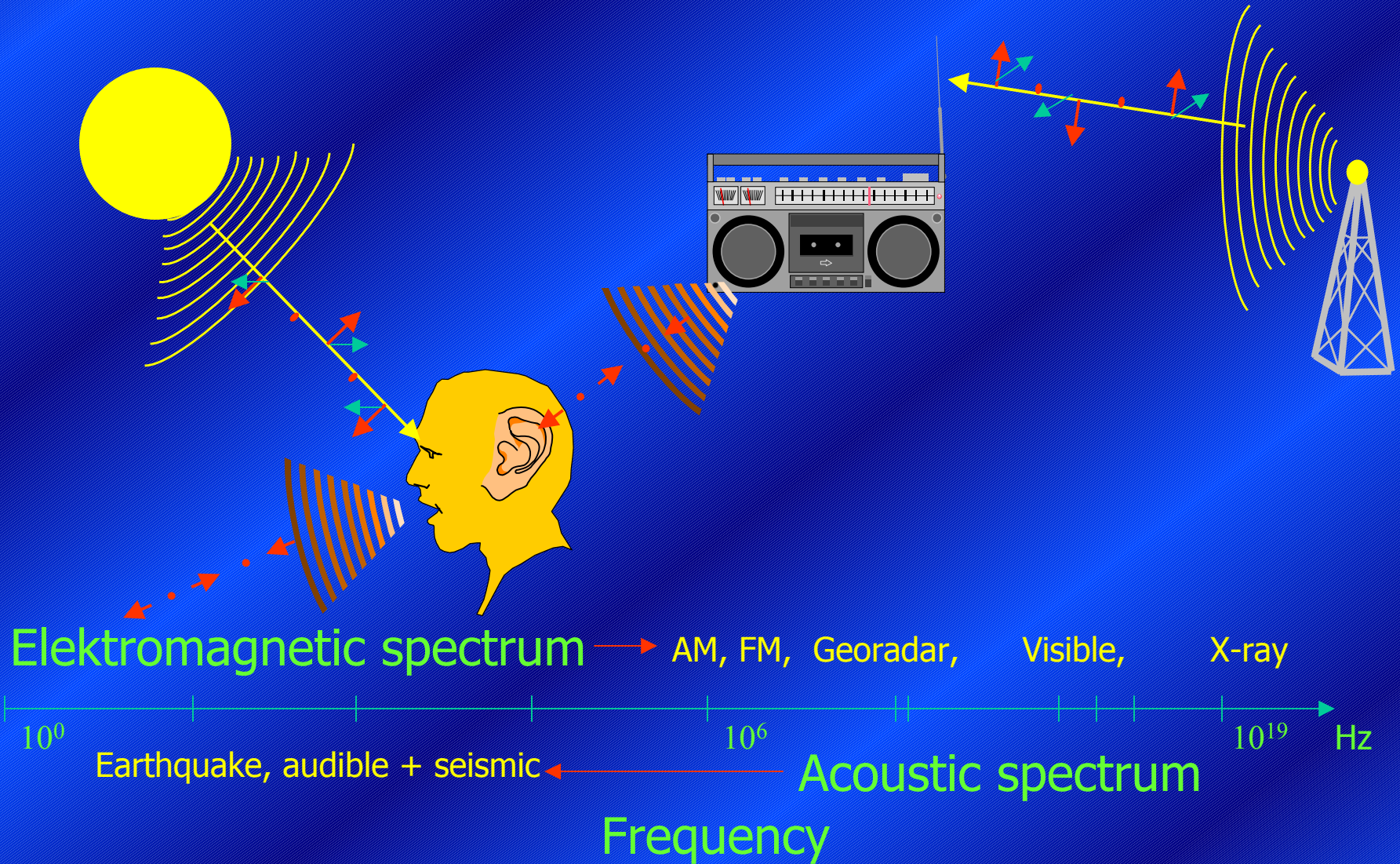
- Longitudinal waves  
(P-waves)



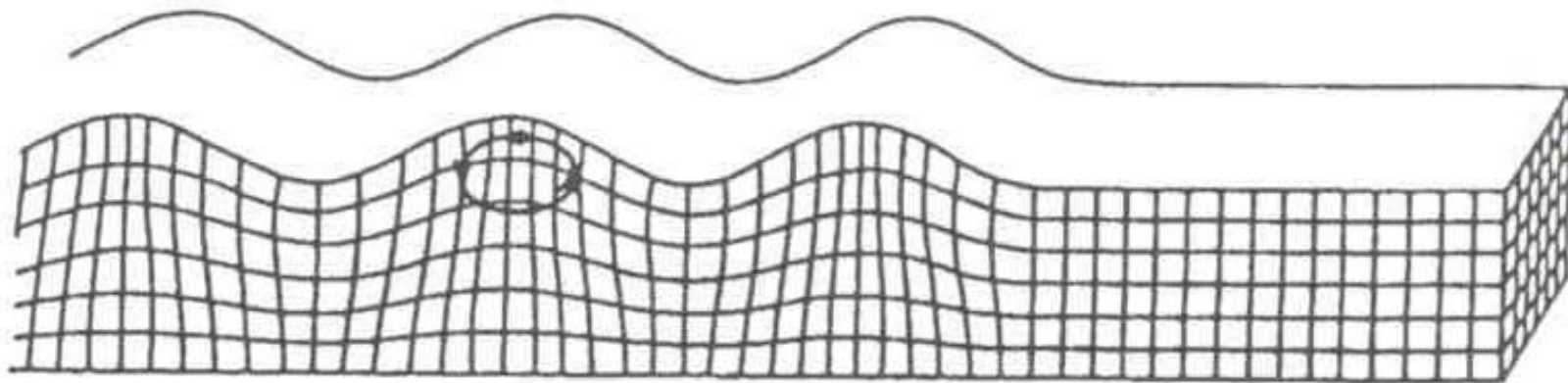
- Transversal waves  
(S-waves)



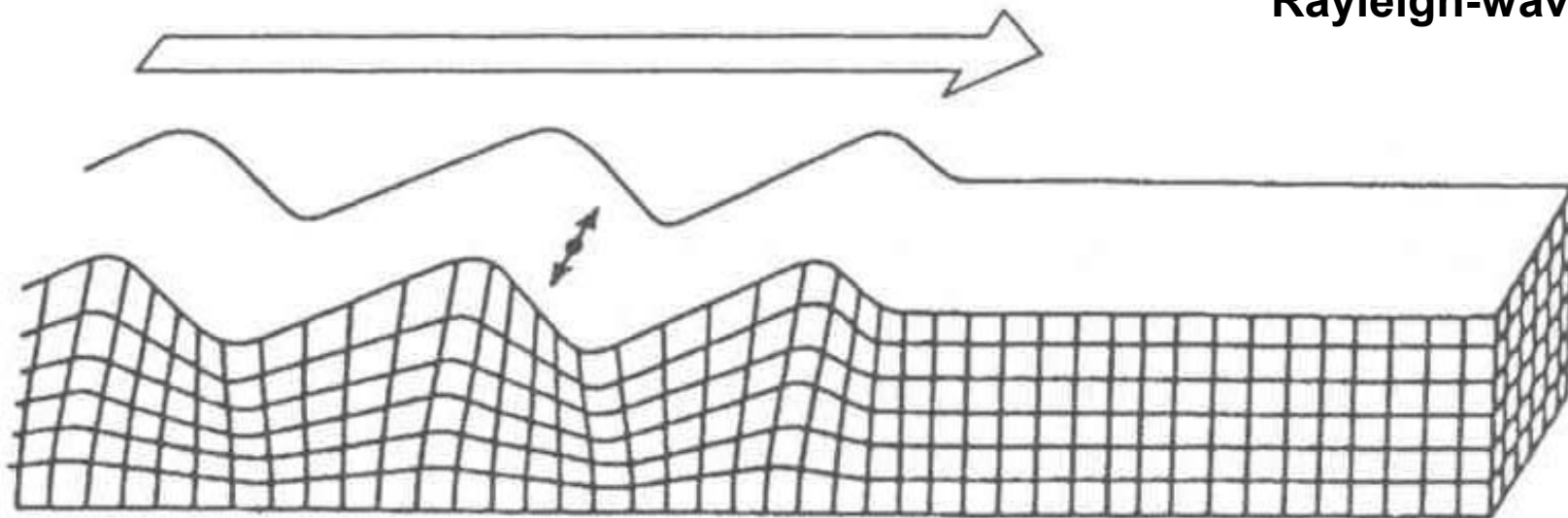
# Examples of different waves



# Surface waves

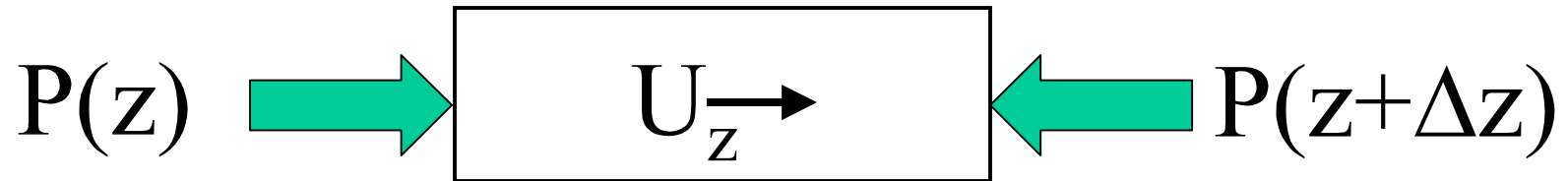


**Rayleigh-waves**



**Love-waves**

# Newton's law

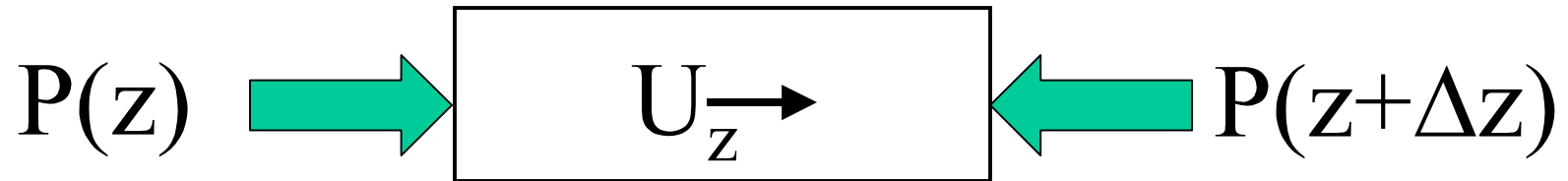


$$P(z+\Delta z) - P(z) = -\rho \Delta z \frac{d^2}{dt^2} U_z$$

$\rho$  is the mass density



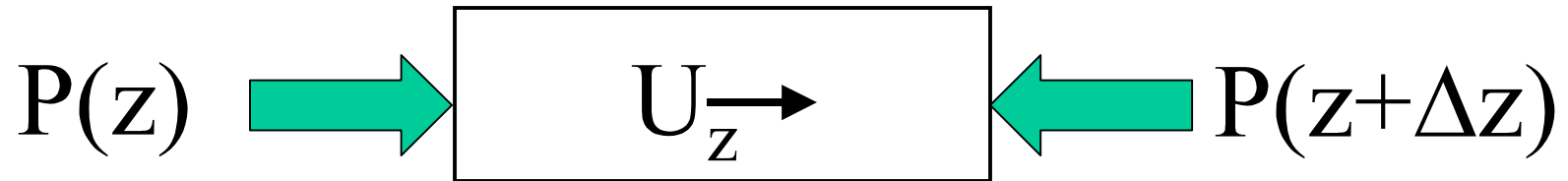
# Newton's law



$P$  is the acoustic pressure

$U_z$  is the displacement

# Newton's law



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} P = -\rho \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} U_z$$

# Hook's law



$$U_z(z+\Delta z) - U_z(z) = -\kappa \Delta z P$$

$\kappa$  is the compressibility

# Hook's law



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} U_z = -\kappa P$$

# Acoustic Expressions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} P + \rho \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} U_z = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} U_z + \kappa P = 0$$

# Acoustic expressions with source term

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} U_z = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} U_z + \kappa P = q \delta(z)$$

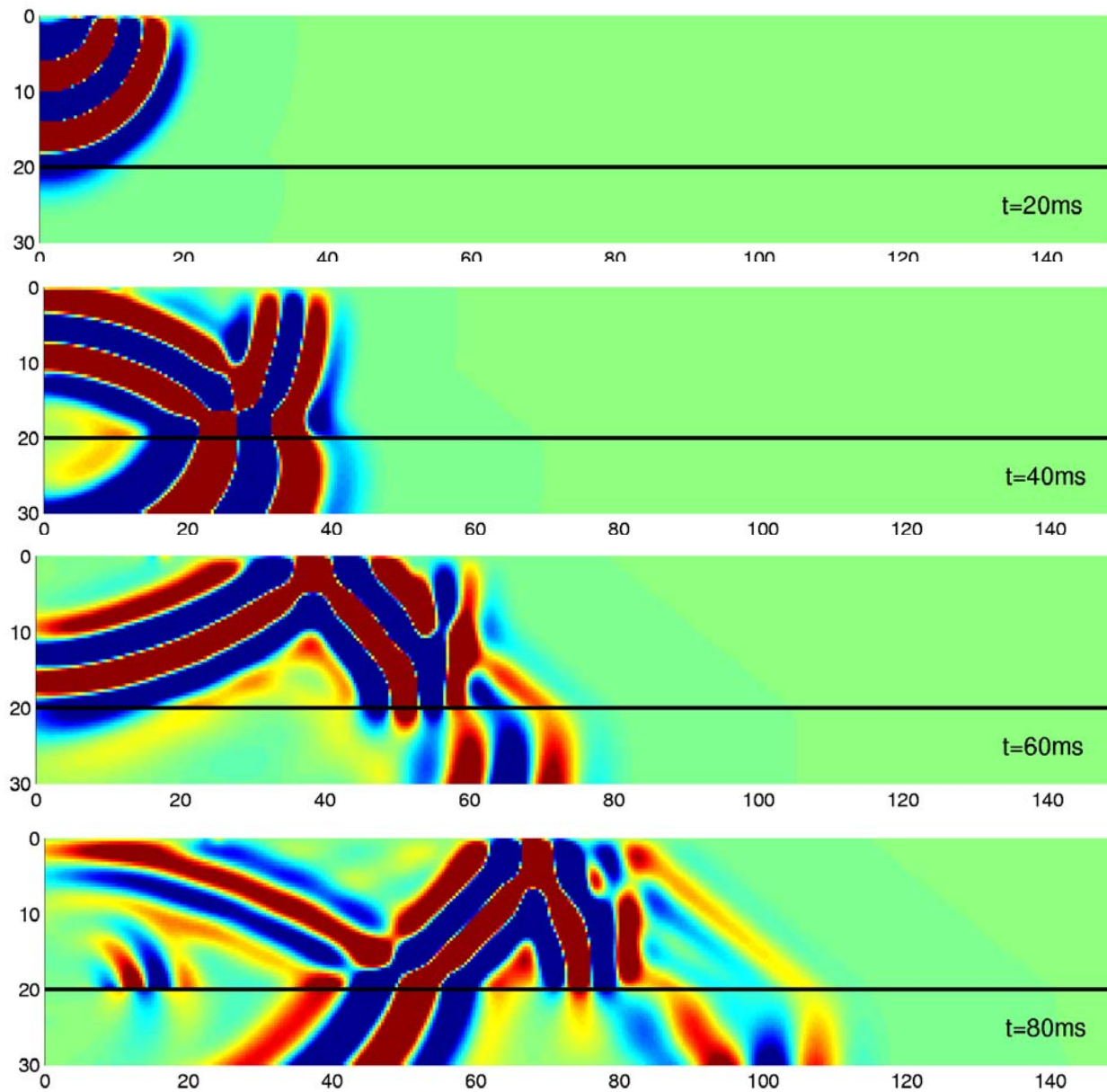
$\delta(z)$  is the Dirac function

# Acoustic Wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} P - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} P = -w(t) \delta(z)$$

$$w(t) = \rho \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} q(t) \quad (\text{sourcesignal})$$

$$c = (\rho \kappa)^{-1/2} \quad (\text{wavespeed})$$



(Roth et al., 1998)



# Objecten detecteren met behulp van **Golven**



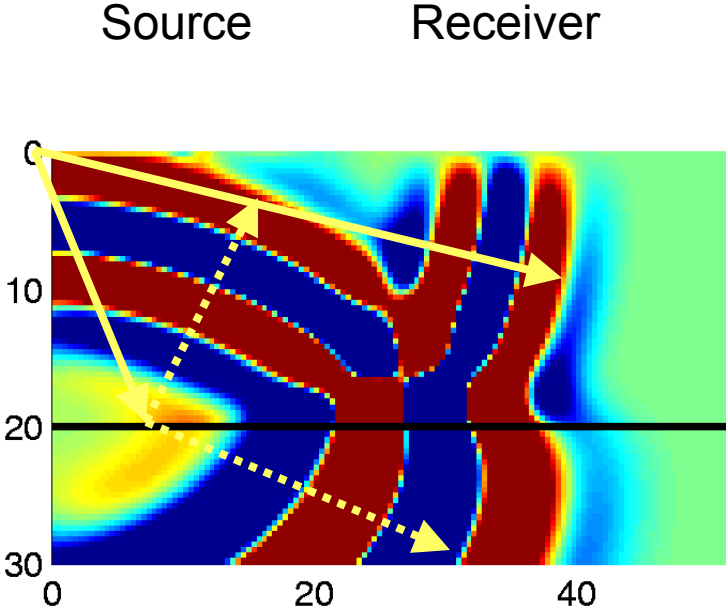
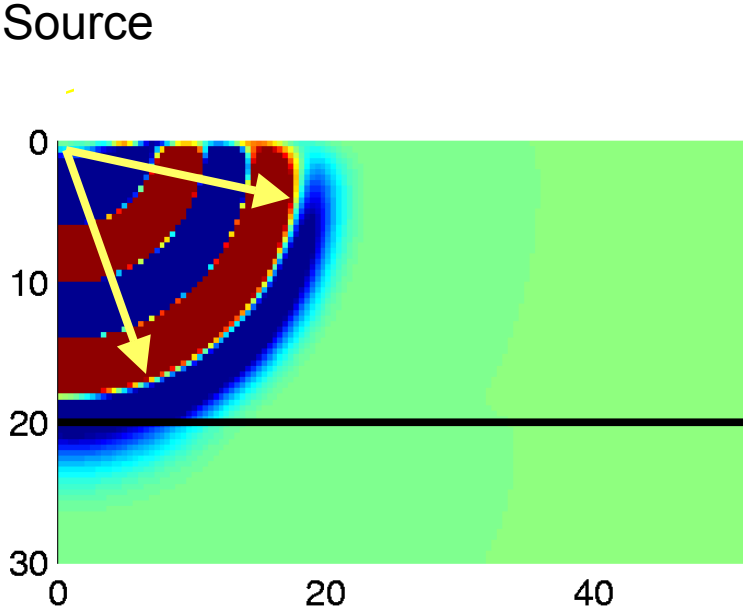
# Objecten detecteren met behulp van **Golven**



# Wavefronts versus Rays

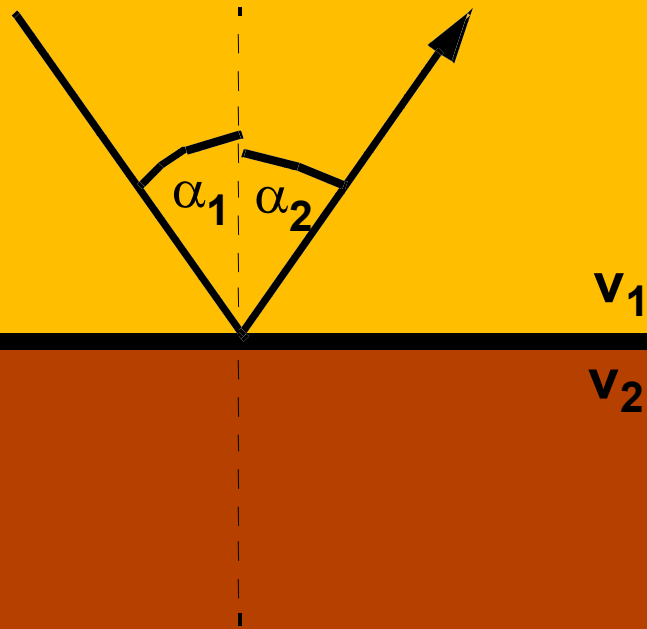
- Wavefronts indicate the boundary of the material which already moves and the material which is still undisturbed.
- Rays are plotted perpendicular with respect to the wavefronts and describe the dominant propagation of the seismic energy between two locations

# Geometrical Wavepropagation



**→ Consider wavefronts as rays,  
perpendicular to the wavefronts**

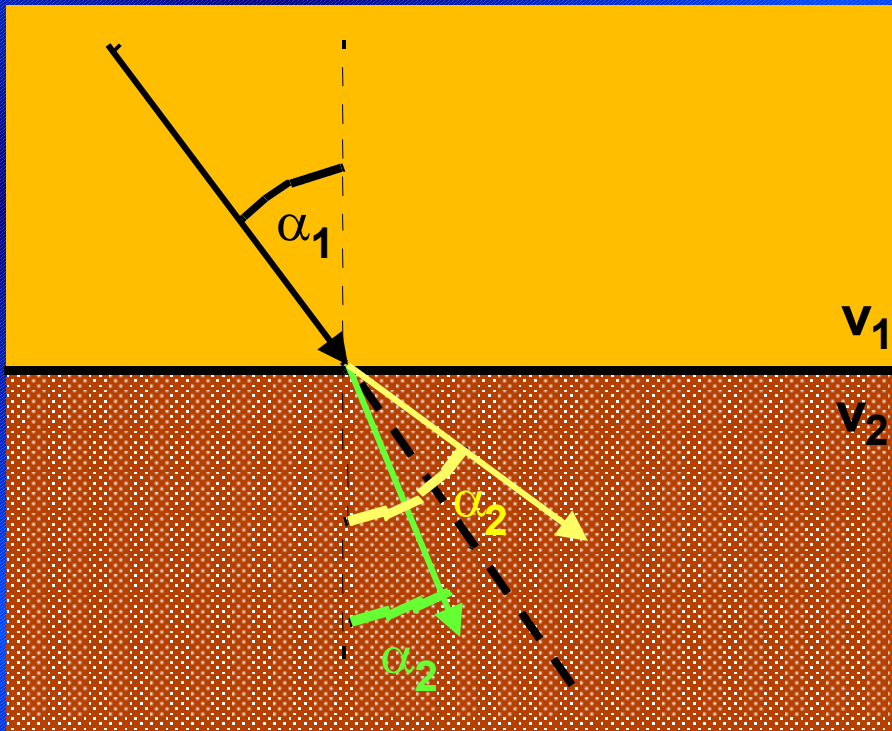
# Interface: reflection



**Angle of incidence =  
angle of reflection**

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$$

# Interface: Refraction

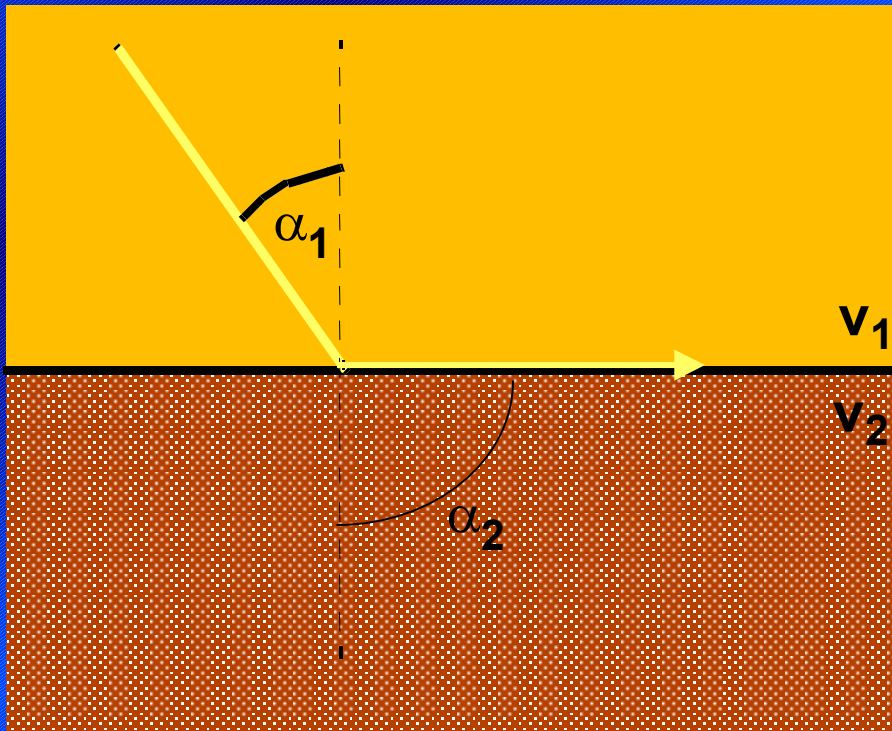


$$\frac{\sin \alpha_1}{\sin \alpha_2} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

$$v_2 > v_1$$

$$v_2 < v_1$$

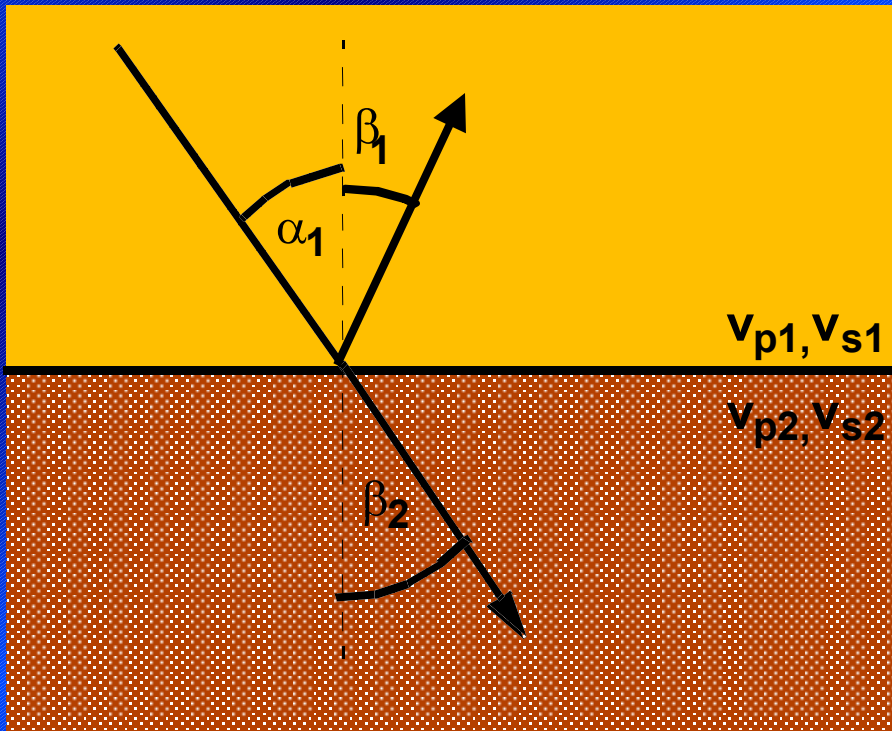
## Special case: critical angle



$$\alpha_2 = 90^\circ$$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha_1}{\sin 90^\circ} = \sin \alpha_1 = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

## Interface: Conversion from P wave to S wave

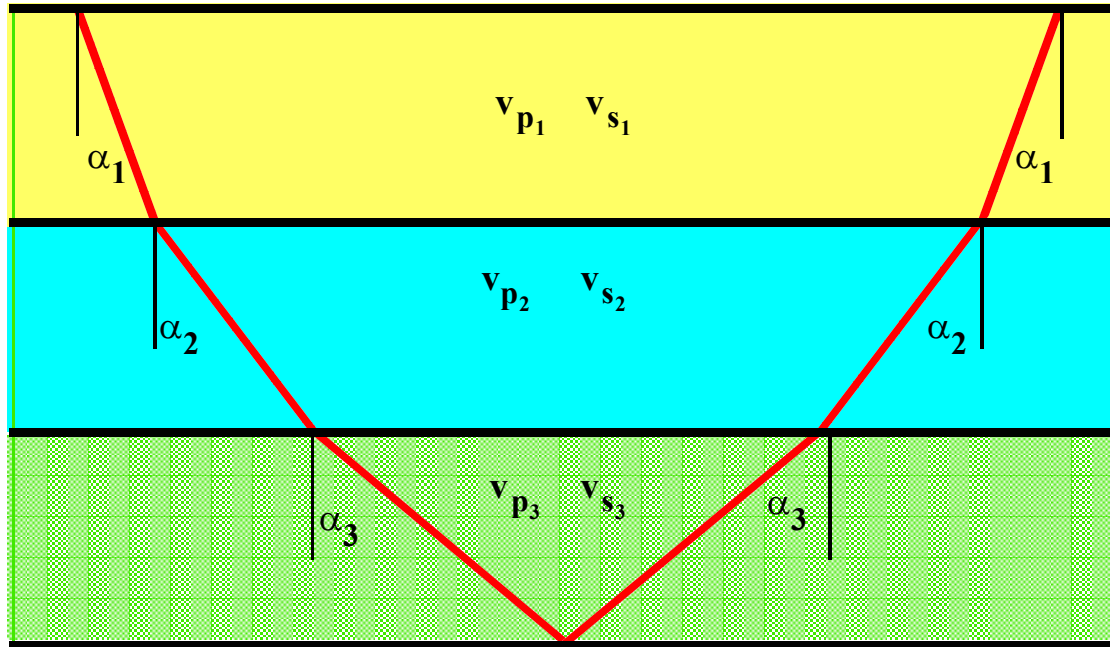


$$\frac{\sin \alpha_1}{\sin \beta_1} = \frac{v_{p1}}{v_{s1}}$$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha_1}{\sin \beta_2} = \frac{v_{p1}}{v_{s2}}$$

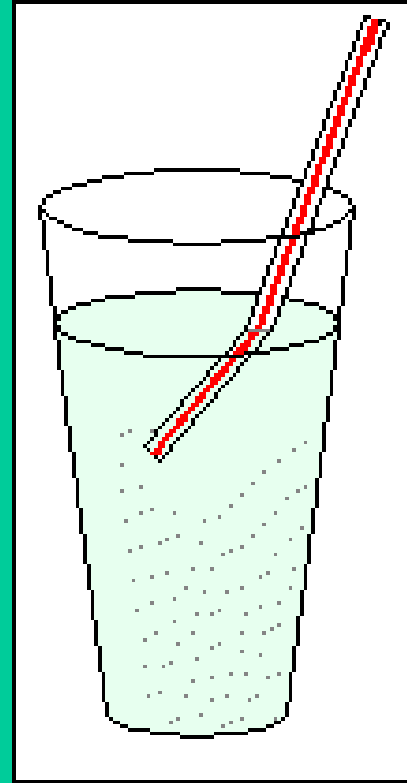
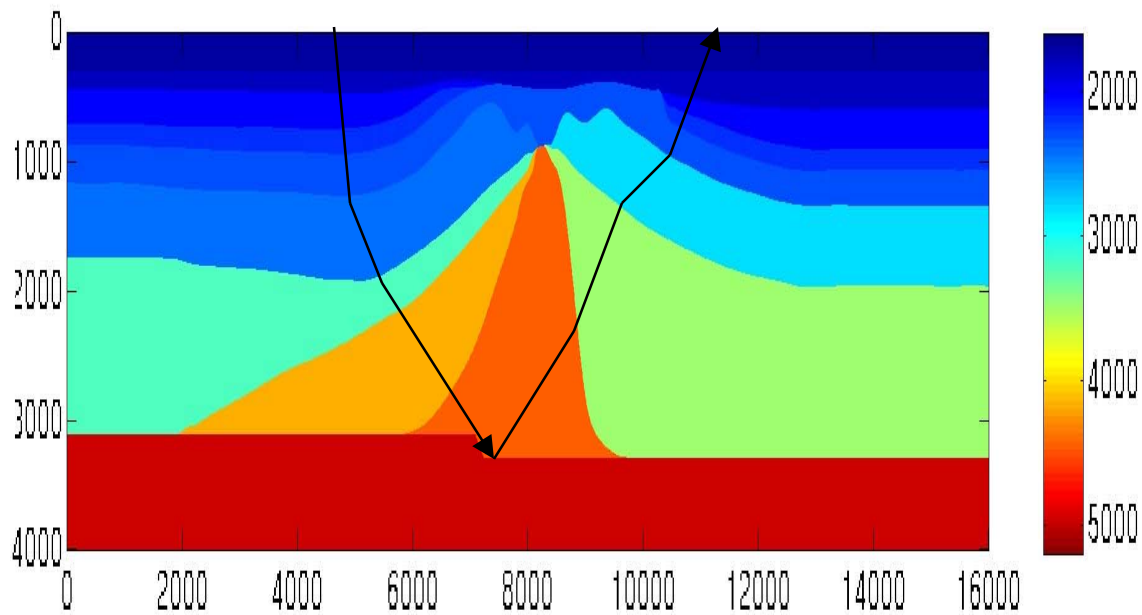


# Snell's law



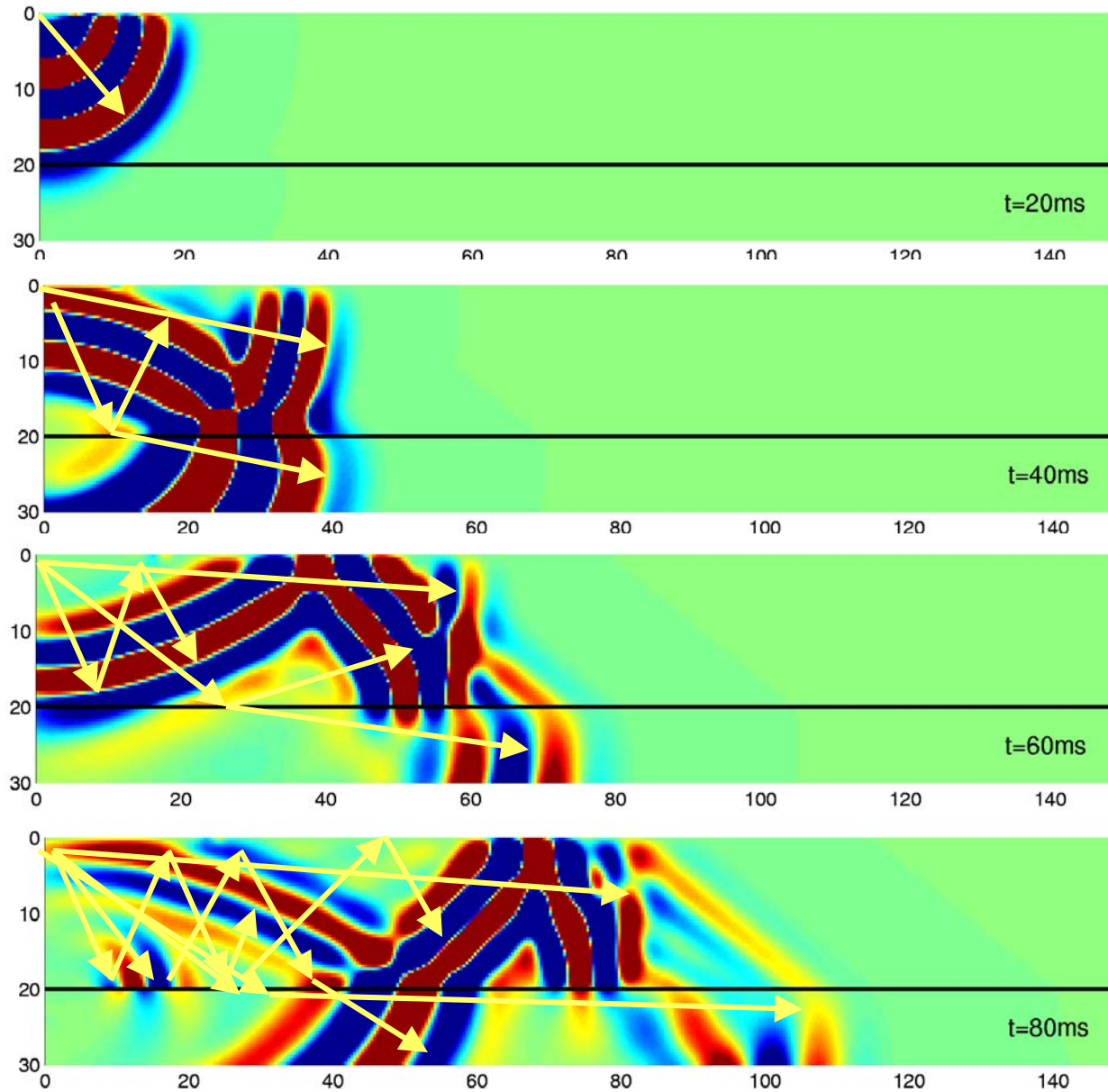
$$\frac{\sin \alpha_1}{v_{p1}} = \frac{\sin \beta_1}{v_{s1}} = \frac{\sin \alpha_2}{v_{p2}} = \frac{\sin \beta_2}{v_{s2}} = \frac{\sin \beta_n}{v_{s_n}} = p = \text{constant}$$

**p = Slowness**



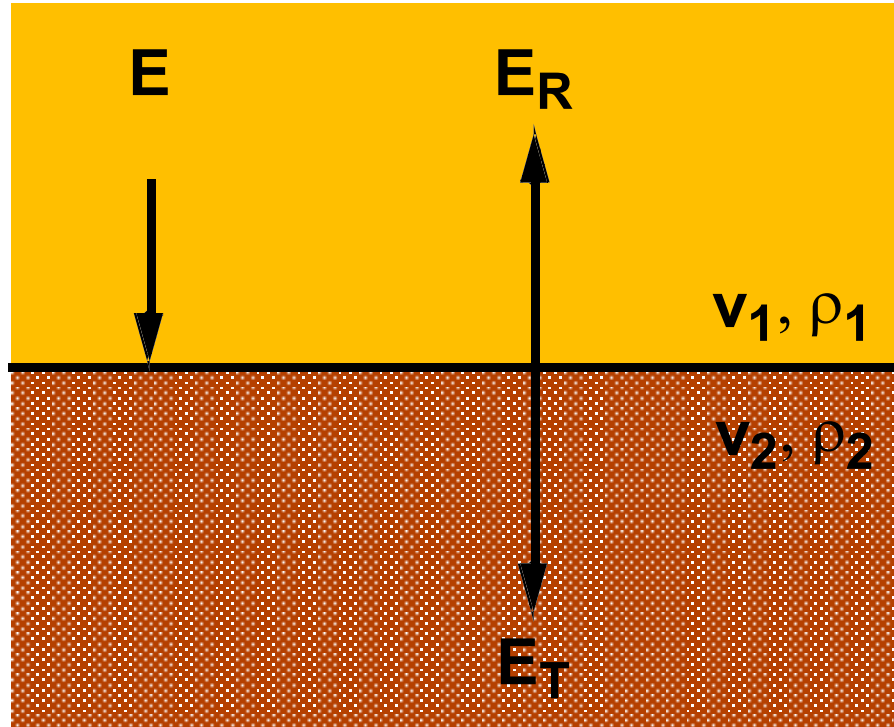
Refraction caused by place dependent propagation velocity

# Propagation of seismic waves



(Roth et al., 1998)

## Transmission- and Reflection coefficients



$$E = E_R + E_T$$

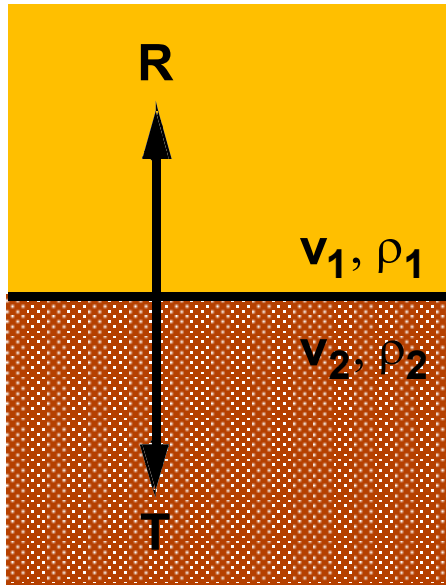
$$R + T = 1$$

**E = Energie**

**R = Reflection coefficient**

**T = Transmission coefficient**

# Zoeppritz' equations at normal incidence



## Reflection coefficient

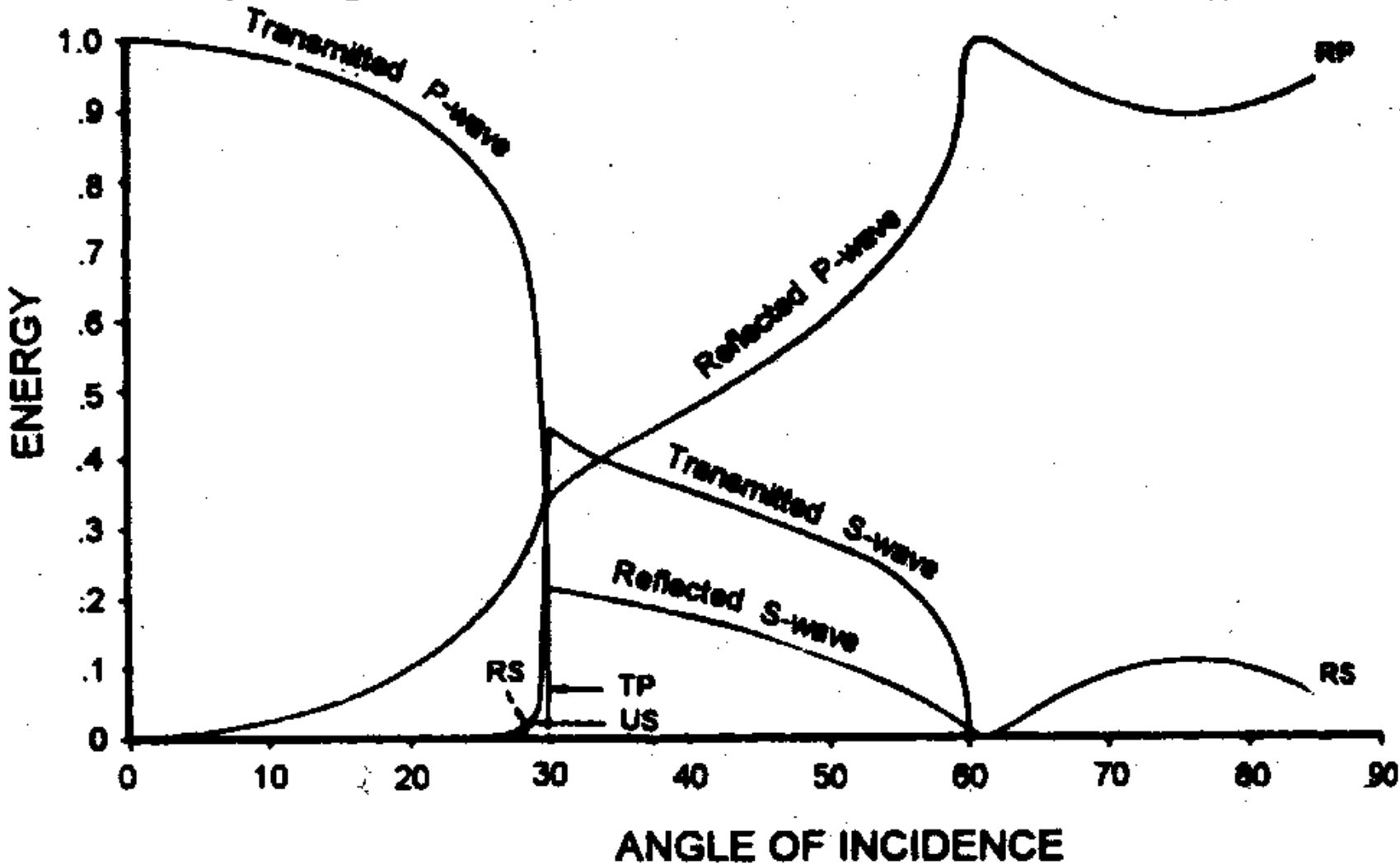
$$R = \frac{v_2 \rho_2 - v_1 \rho_1}{v_2 \rho_2 + v_1 \rho_1} = \frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{Z_2 + Z_1}$$

## Transmission coefficient

$$T = \frac{2v_1 \rho_1}{v_2 \rho_2 + v_1 \rho_1} = \frac{2Z_1}{Z_2 + Z_1}$$

with  $Z = v\rho = \text{acoustic Impedance}$

*Angle-dependent reflection- and transmission-coefficients*



(Sheriff and Geldart, 1995)