

A poly-grid approach for wave propagation modeling in highly heterogeneous media by using a Chebyshev spectral element method

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Modelling constraints

In exploration geophysics & engineering seismology

- heterogeneous properties must be correctly reproduced,
 - very complex structures must be correctly modelled,
 - numerical algorithms must be computationally efficient.

Spectral Element Method

Advantages

- high accuracy (spectral) & flexibility (finite element),
 - a low value of G ,
 - highly accurate for very long propagation distances,
 - numerical dispersion errors almost eliminated,
 - fast solvers can be used.

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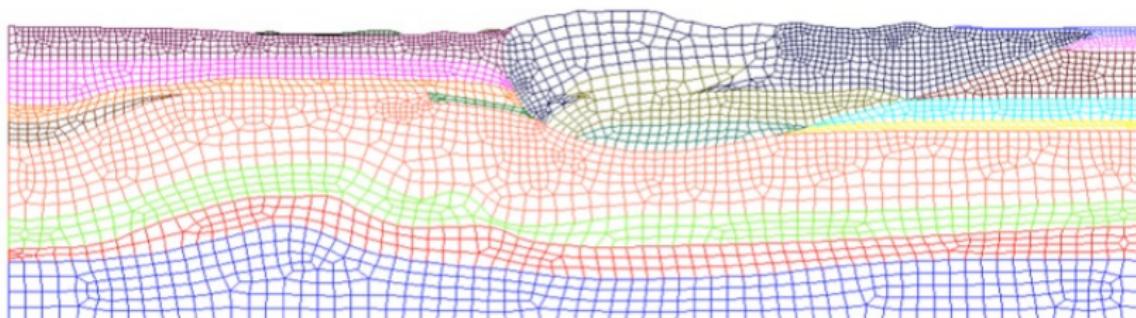
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For wave modeling, a low value of **G** means:

- very coarse meshes are used,
- each single element may handle more than one of the shortest waves.

Spectral element mesh



- **constant-property elements** may reduce seriously the computational efficiency for subdomains with heterogeneous physical properties.

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Poly-grid Spectral Element Method

Main properties:

- **large** elements with high order (high accuracy),
- **simple** geometry of elements (easy discretization),
- property changes **inside** each element (high variability),
- changes that can be **continuous** or **abrupt**,
- changes that can be **smaller** than minimum wavelength.

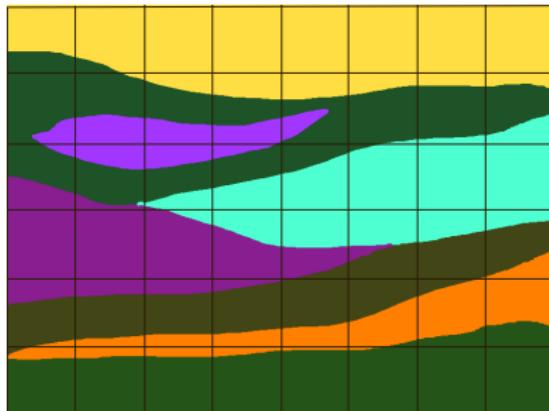
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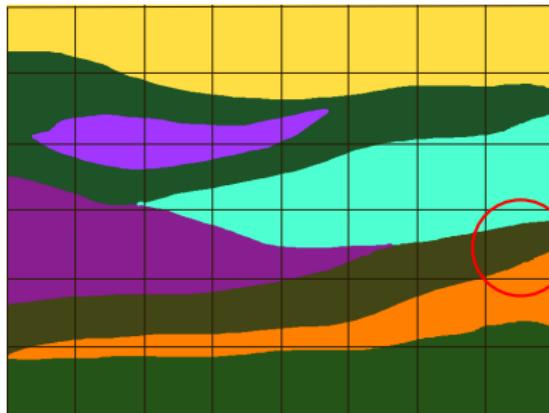
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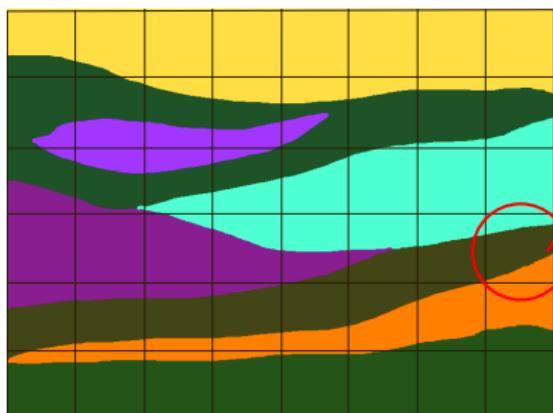


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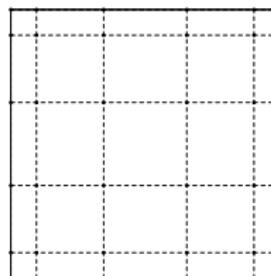
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Primary grid



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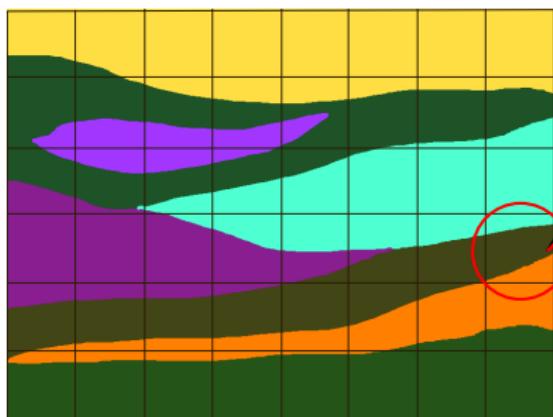
Primary grid

for computing the wave field:

$$\tilde{u}^e(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) = \sum_{i_1=0}^N \sum_{i_2=0}^N \tilde{u}_{i_1 i_2}^e(t) \varphi_{i_1}(\xi_1) \varphi_{i_2}(\xi_2)$$



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Primary grid

Auxiliary (Extra) grids

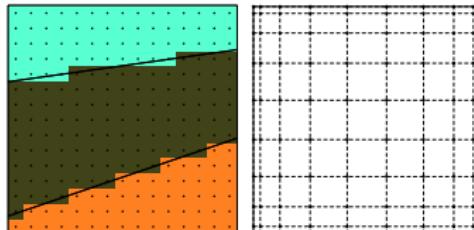
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Auxiliary grids

for describing physical parameters or force:

$$\tilde{\alpha}^e(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \sum_{l_1=0}^L \sum_{l_2=0}^L \tilde{\alpha}_{l_1 l_2}^e \phi_{l_1}(\xi_1) \phi_{l_2}(\xi_2),$$

$$\tilde{f}^e(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) = \sum_{k_1=0}^K \sum_{k_2=0}^K f_{k_1 k_2}^e(t) \psi_{k_1}(\xi_1) \psi_{k_2}(\xi_2)$$



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Wave Equation

Strong form

Acoustic

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{\rho c^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) - \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla u \right) = f$$

Elastic

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} - \mathbf{D}^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

Wave Equation

Weak form

Acoustic

Find $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ solution of

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(w, \frac{1}{\rho c^2} u)_\Omega + a(w, u)_\Omega = (w, f)_\Omega$$

with

$$(w, \frac{1}{\rho c^2} u)_\Omega = \int_\Omega w \frac{1}{\rho c^2} u d\Omega,$$

$$a(w, u)_\Omega = \int_\Omega \nabla w \cdot (\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla u) d\Omega,$$

$$(w, f)_\Omega = \int_\Omega w f d\Omega.$$



Wave Equation

Weak form

Elastic

find the solution $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ of

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(\mathbf{w}, \rho\mathbf{u})_{\Omega} + a(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u})_{\Omega} = (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{f})_{\Omega}$$

with

$$(\mathbf{w}, \rho\mathbf{u})_{\Omega} = \int_{\Omega} \rho \mathbf{w}^{\top} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega$$

$$a(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u})_{\Omega} = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{w})^{\top} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{D}^{\top} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega$$

$$(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{f})_{\Omega} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{w}^{\top} \cdot \mathbf{f} \, d\Omega$$

A system of Second-order Ordinary Differential Equations

Acoustic

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathbf{Ku}(t) = \mathbf{F}(t)$$

Elastic

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{U}}_1(t) + \mathbf{K}_1\mathbf{U}_1(t) + \mathbf{K}_2\mathbf{U}_2(t) = \mathbf{F}_1(t) \\ \mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{U}}_1(t) + \mathbf{K}_2^\top\mathbf{U}_1(t) + \mathbf{K}_3\mathbf{U}_2(t) = \mathbf{F}_2(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \sum_{e=1}^{n_e} \mathbf{M}^e$$

mass matrix

$$\mathbf{K} = \sum_{e=1}^{n_e} \mathbf{K}^e$$

stiffness matrix

$$\mathbf{F} = \sum_{e=1}^{n_e} \mathbf{F}^e$$

force vector

Element Matrices

- Acoustic

$$M_{i_1 i_2 j_1 j_2}^e = \frac{\Delta_1^e}{2} \frac{\Delta_2^e}{2} \sum_{l_1=0}^{L_1} \sum_{l_2=0}^{L_2} \tilde{\alpha}_{l_1 l_2}^e B_{i_1 j_1 l_1} B_{i_2 j_2 l_2}, \quad \text{with } \alpha = \frac{1}{\rho c^2}$$

$$K_{i_1 i_2 j_1 j_2}^e = \sum_{l_1=0}^{L_1} \sum_{l_2=0}^{L_2} \tilde{\beta}_{l_1 l_2}^e \left(\frac{\Delta_2^e}{\Delta_1^e} \bar{B}_{i_1 j_1 l_1} B_{i_2 j_2 l_2} + \frac{\Delta_1^e}{\Delta_2^e} B_{i_1 j_1 l_1} \bar{B}_{i_2 j_2 l_2} \right)$$

$$\text{with } \beta = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

$$F_{i_1 i_2}^e = \frac{\Delta_1^e}{2} \frac{\Delta_1^e}{2} \sum_{k_1=0}^{K_1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{K_2} A_{i_1 k_1} A_{i_2 k_2} \tilde{f}_{k_1 k_2}^e(t)$$

Element Matrices

- Elastic

$$M_{i_1 i_2 j_1 j_2}^e = \frac{\Delta_1^e \Delta_2^e}{4} \sum_{l_1=0}^{L_1} \sum_{l_2=0}^{L_2} \tilde{\rho}_{l_1 l_2}^e B_{i_1 j_1 l_1} B_{i_2 j_2 l_2}$$

$$[\mathbf{K}_1^e]_{i_1 i_2 j_1 j_2} = \sum_{l_1=0}^{L_1} \sum_{l_2=0}^{L_2} \left[(\lambda_{l_1 l_2} + 2\mu_{l_1 l_2}) \frac{\Delta_2^e}{\Delta_1^e} \bar{B}_{i_1 j_1 l_1} B_{i_2 j_2 l_2} + \mu_{l_1 l_2} \frac{\Delta_1^e}{\Delta_2^e} B_{i_1 j_1 l_1} \bar{B}_{i_2 j_2 l_2} \right]$$

$$[\mathbf{K}_2^e]_{i_1 i_2 j_1 j_2} = \sum_{l_1=0}^{L_1} \sum_{l_2=0}^{L_2} (\lambda_{l_1 l_2} \bar{B}_{i_1 j_1 l_1} \bar{B}_{j_2 i_2 l_2} + \mu_{l_1 l_2} \bar{B}_{j_1 i_1 l_1} \bar{B}_{i_2 j_2 l_2})$$

$$[\mathbf{K}_3^e]_{i_1 i_2 j_1 j_2} = \sum_{l_1=0}^{L_1} \sum_{l_2=0}^{L_2} \left[(\lambda_{l_1 l_2} + 2\mu_{l_1 l_2}) \frac{\Delta_1^e}{\Delta_2^e} B_{i_1 j_1 l_1} \bar{B}_{i_2 j_2 l_2} + \mu_{l_1 l_2} \frac{\Delta_2^e}{\Delta_1^e} \bar{B}_{i_1 j_1 l_1} B_{i_2 j_2 l_2} \right]$$

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Poly-grid coupling operators

$$A_{ik} = \int_{-1}^{+1} \varphi_i(\xi) \psi_k(\xi) d\xi$$

$$B_{ijl} = \int_{-1}^{+1} \phi_l(\xi) \varphi_i(\xi) \varphi_j(\xi) d\xi$$

$$\bar{B}_{ijl} = \int_{-1}^{+1} \phi_l(\xi) \varphi_i(\xi) \frac{d\varphi_j(\xi)}{d\xi} d\xi$$

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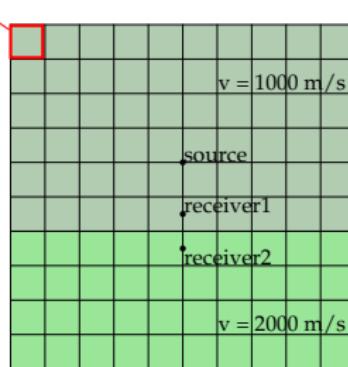
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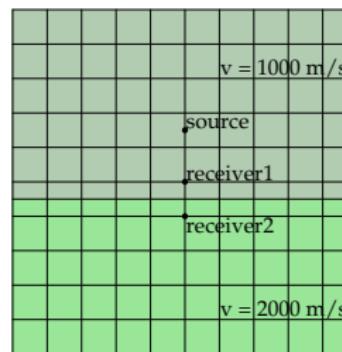
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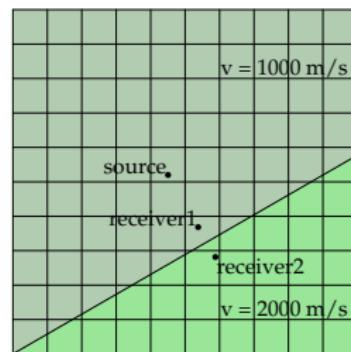
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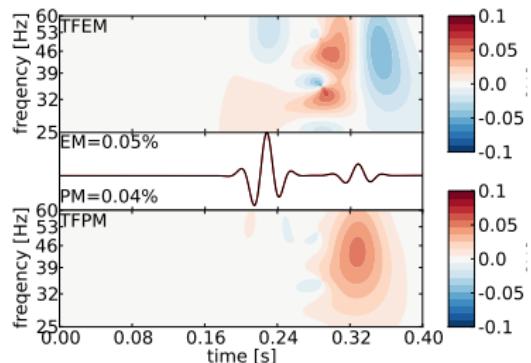
(b) model 2



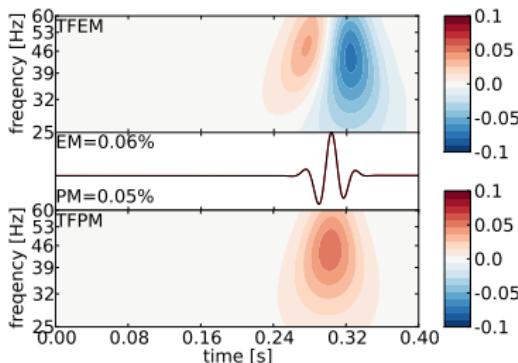
(c) model 3

Figure: Two media models with an interface in different positions with respect to the spatial discretization.

Comparing model2(PG-SEM) with model1(SEM)



(a) receiver1

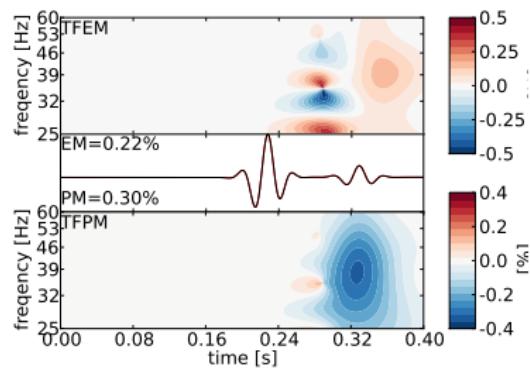


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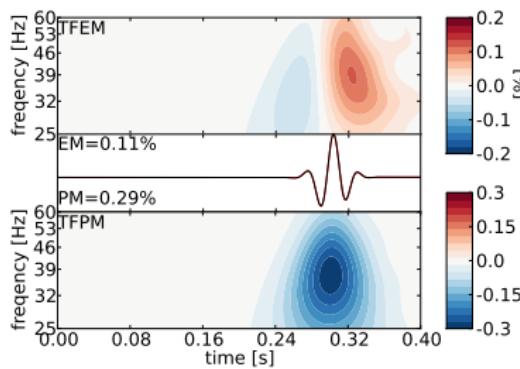
Figure: pressure collected at receivers, Time-frequency Misfits

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Comparing model3(inclined interface, PG-SEM) with model1(SEM)



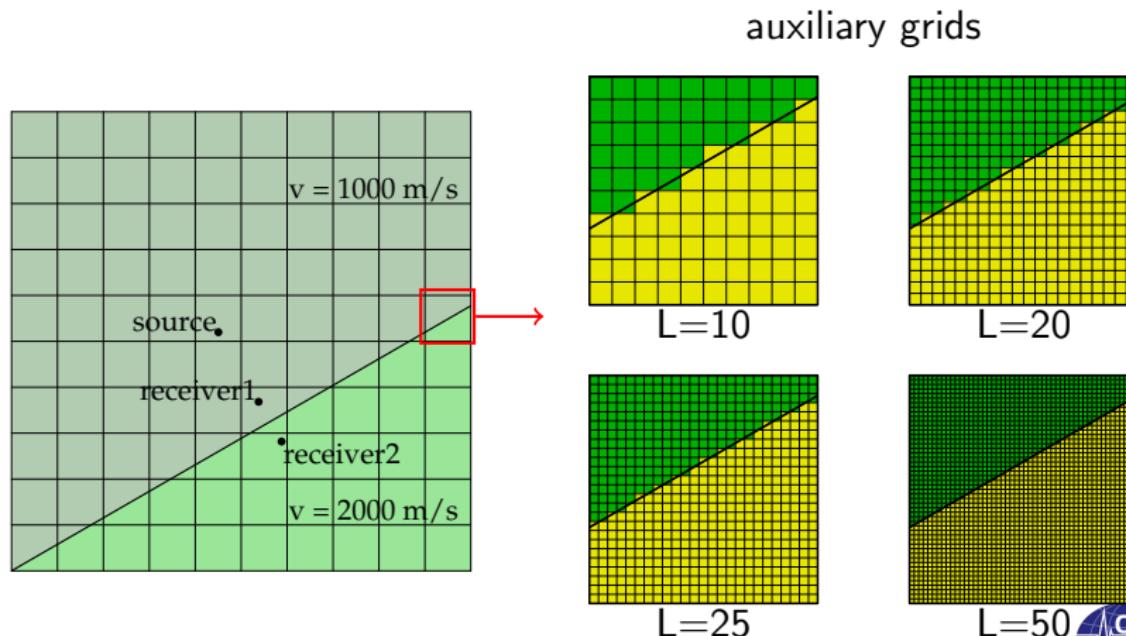
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Convergence with the use of increasing order to discretize the media



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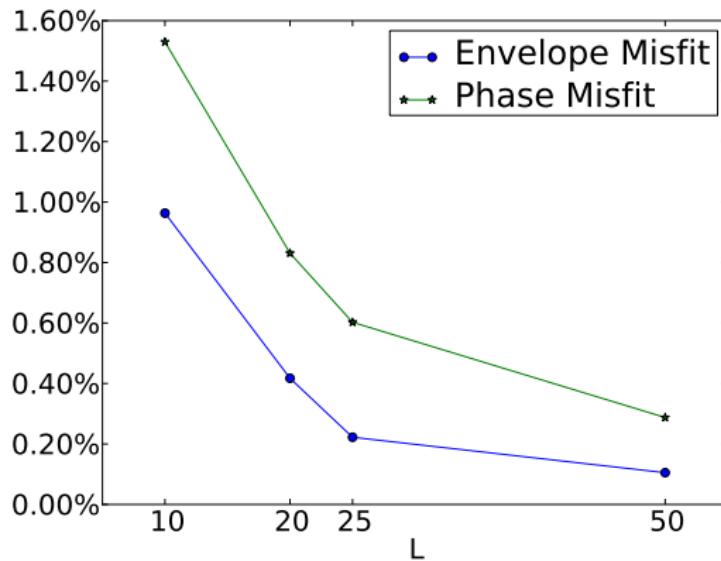


Figure: Envelope misfit and Phase misfit comparing to model1(SEM)

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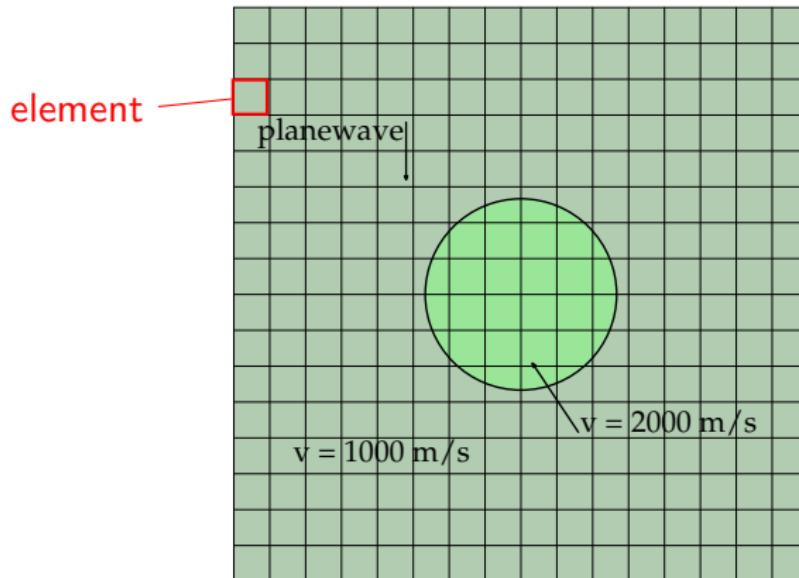
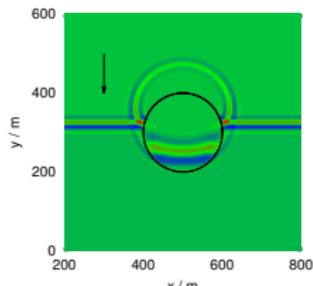
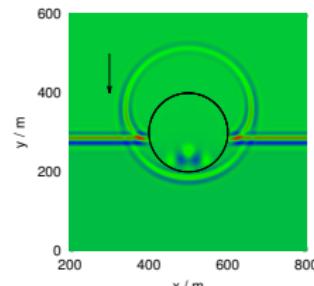
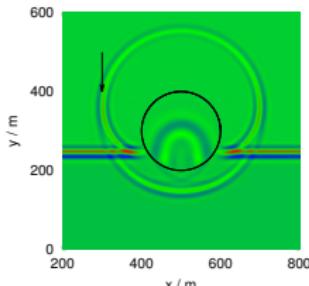
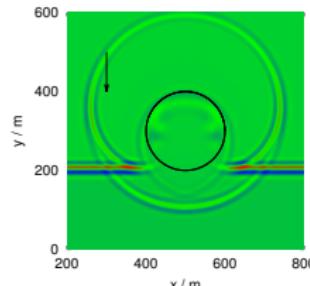


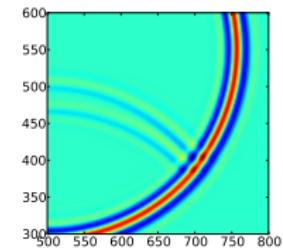
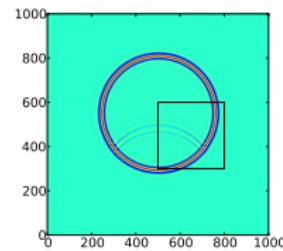
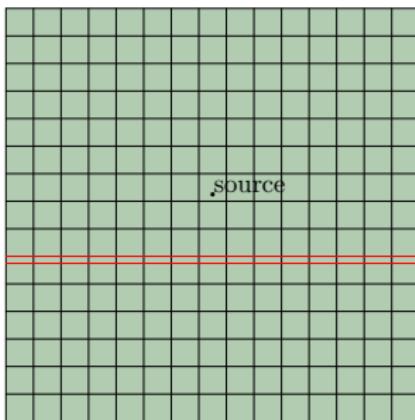
Figure: Model description

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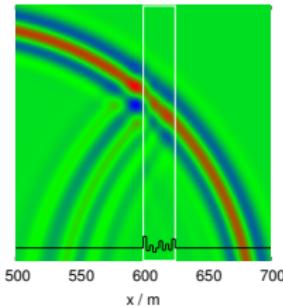
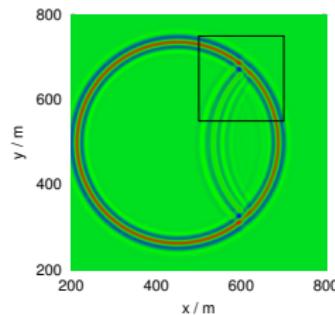
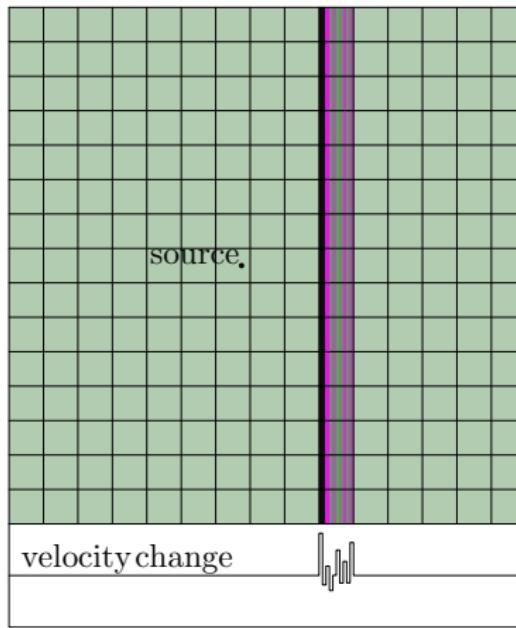
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(a) $t = 0.220\text{s}$ (b) $t = 0.260\text{s}$ (c) $t = 0.300\text{s}$ (d) $t = 0.340\text{s}$

Wave propagating across thin layers



Wave propagating across thin layers



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x / m

Plane wave diffraction by a wedge

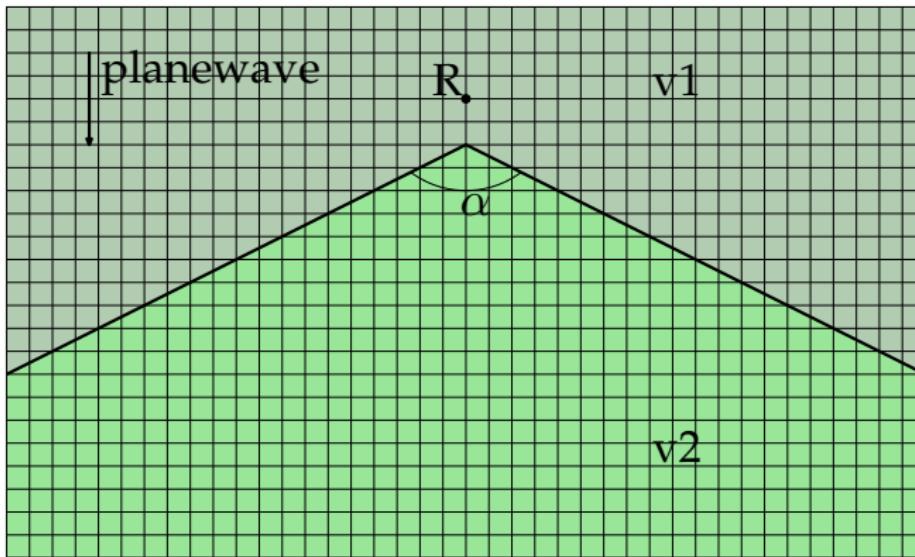


Figure: Description of the wedge model

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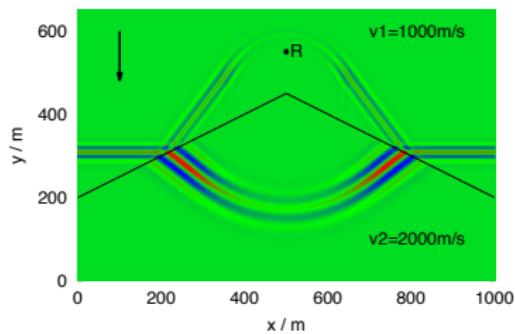


Figure: snapshot at $t = 0.350\text{s}$

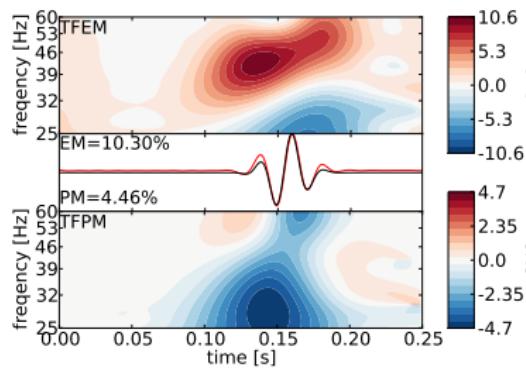


Figure: comparing the diffracted wave with analytical solution

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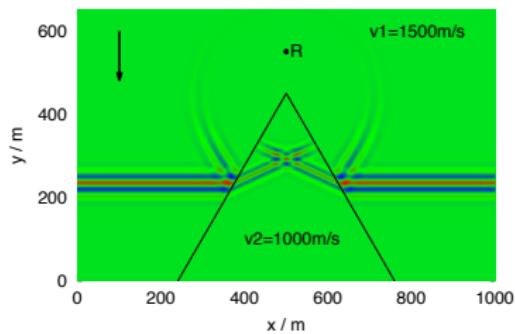


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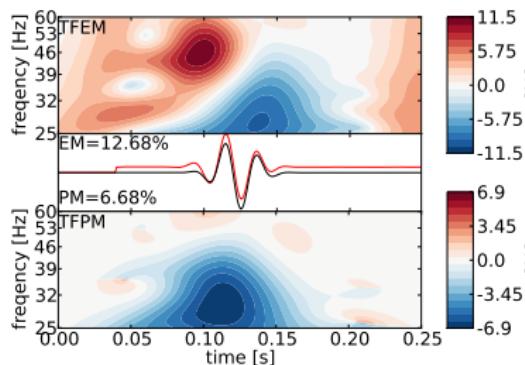


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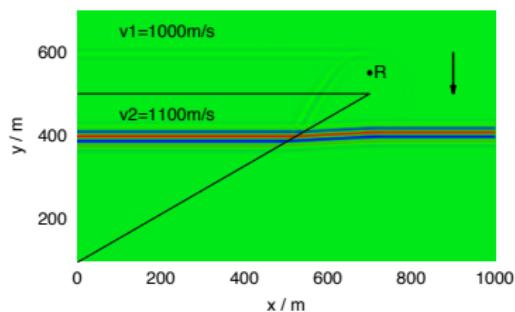


Figure: snapshot at $t = 0.250s$

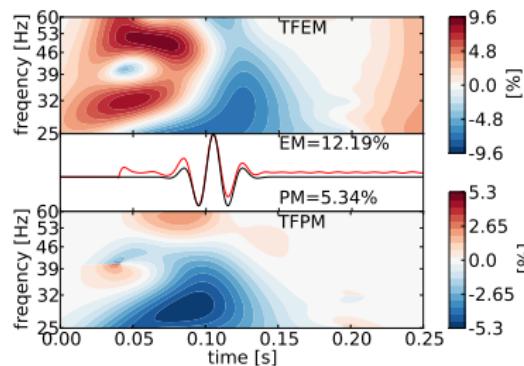


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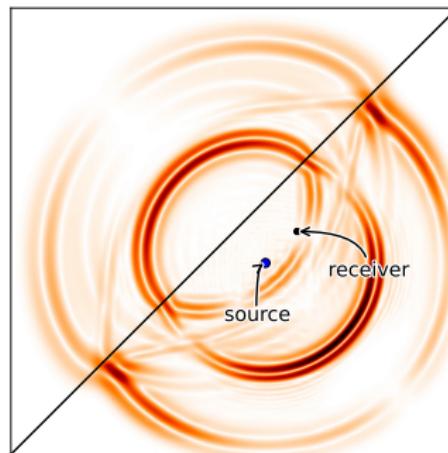


Figure: snapshot of particle velocity modulus

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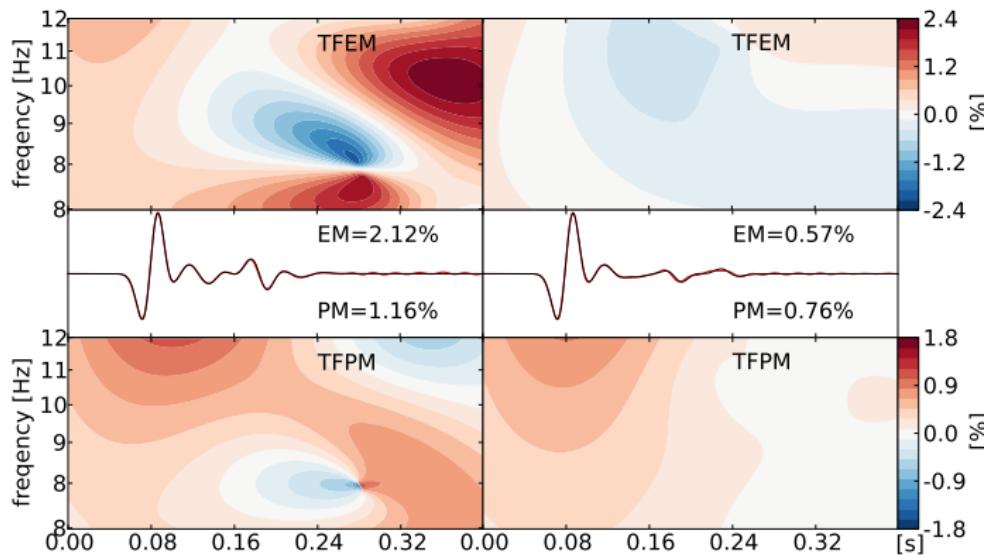


Figure: comparing the particle velocity with FDTD result

Elastic wave diffraction by a wedge

snapshots of particle velocity

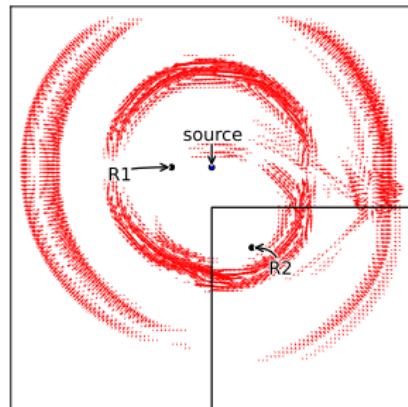


Figure: SEM

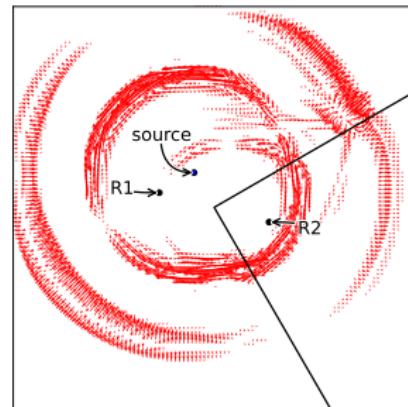
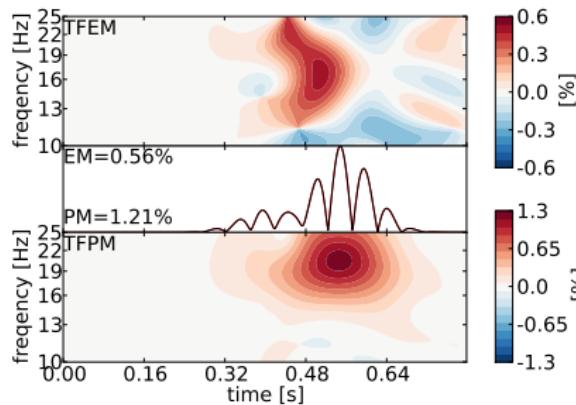
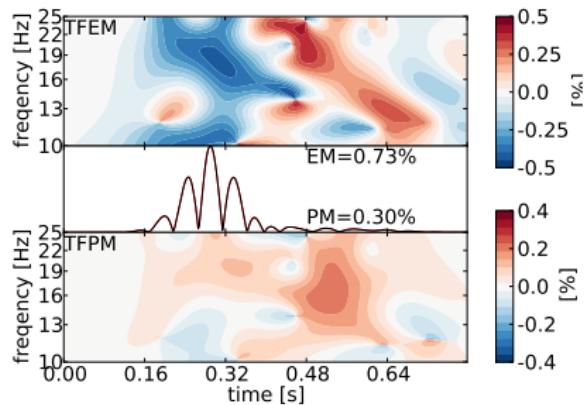


Figure: Poly-grid SEM

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Comparing modulus of particle velocity between SEM and PG-SEM



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Poly-grid Spectral Element Method is a computationally efficient and accurate scheme that allows for:

- solving problems characterized by small scale **heterogeneous properties**,
- **much coarser grid** computations than in other approaches,
- **facilitated** model preparation & modification.

Thanks for your attention.



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