



# Numerical modeling of seismic wave processes using grid-characteristic method

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- We will discuss shelf seismic exploration
- We will prove the following thesis

The use of elastic wave modeling is more better than the use of acoustic wave modeling for shelf seismic exploration independently on the source-receivers system type.

Also we will discuss another applications of elastic waves modeling:

- Numerical modeling of Arctic problems
- Numerical simulation in geology
- Numerical modeling of seismic stability



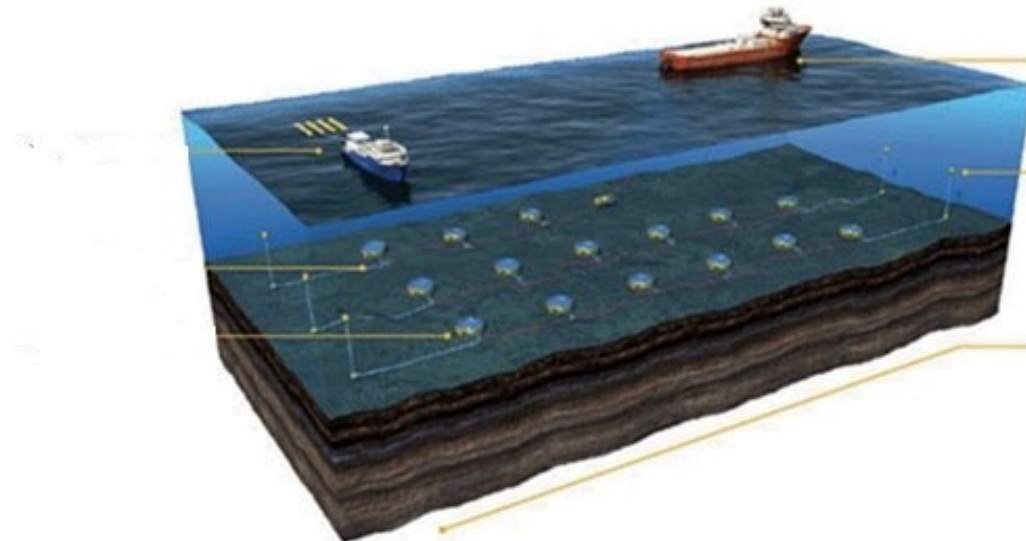
# Shelf seismic exploration

# Types of source-receivers systems



## Streamer

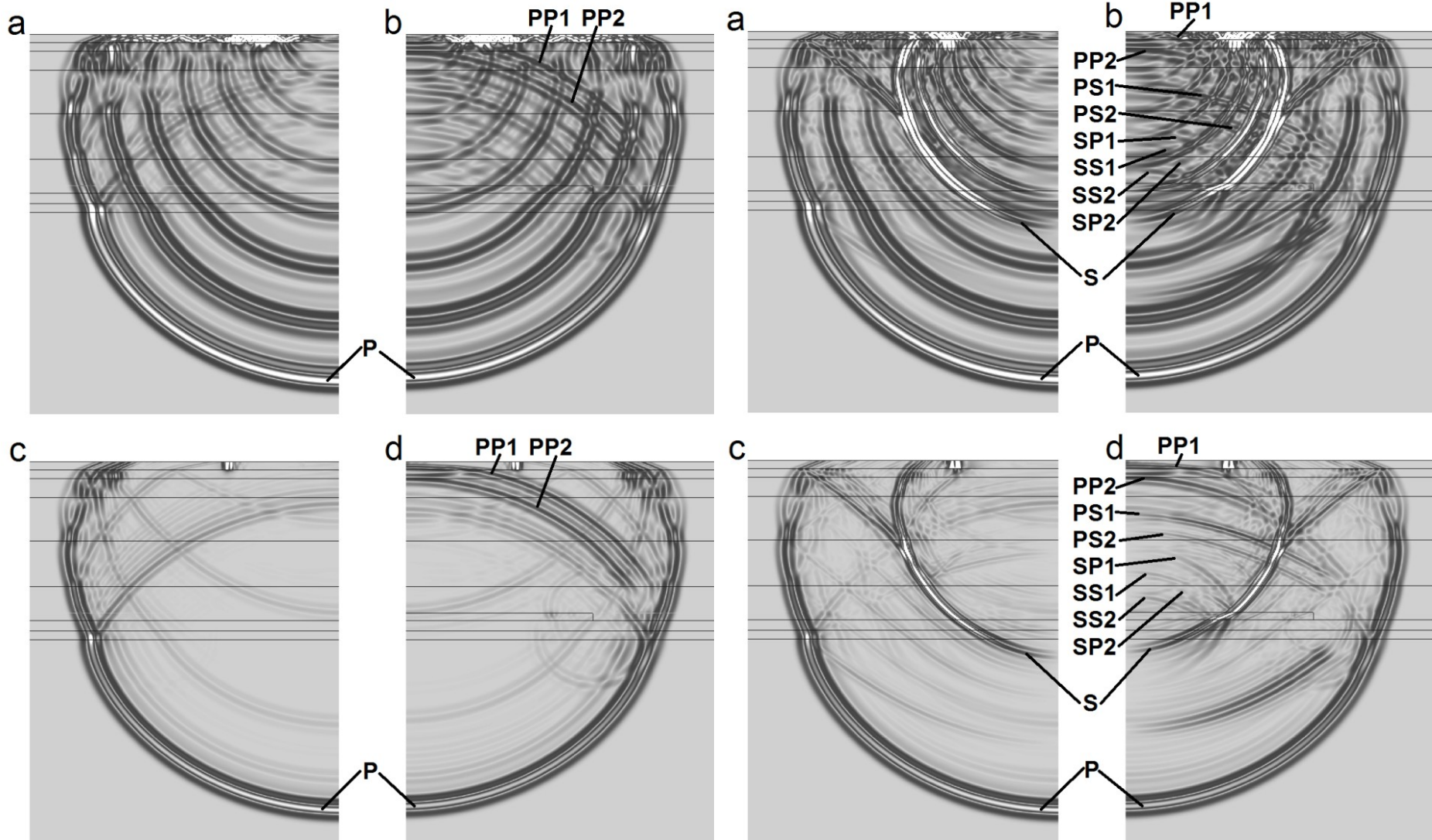
- P-waves
- Low price
- High performance
- Use of acoustic wave modeling?



## Seabed stations

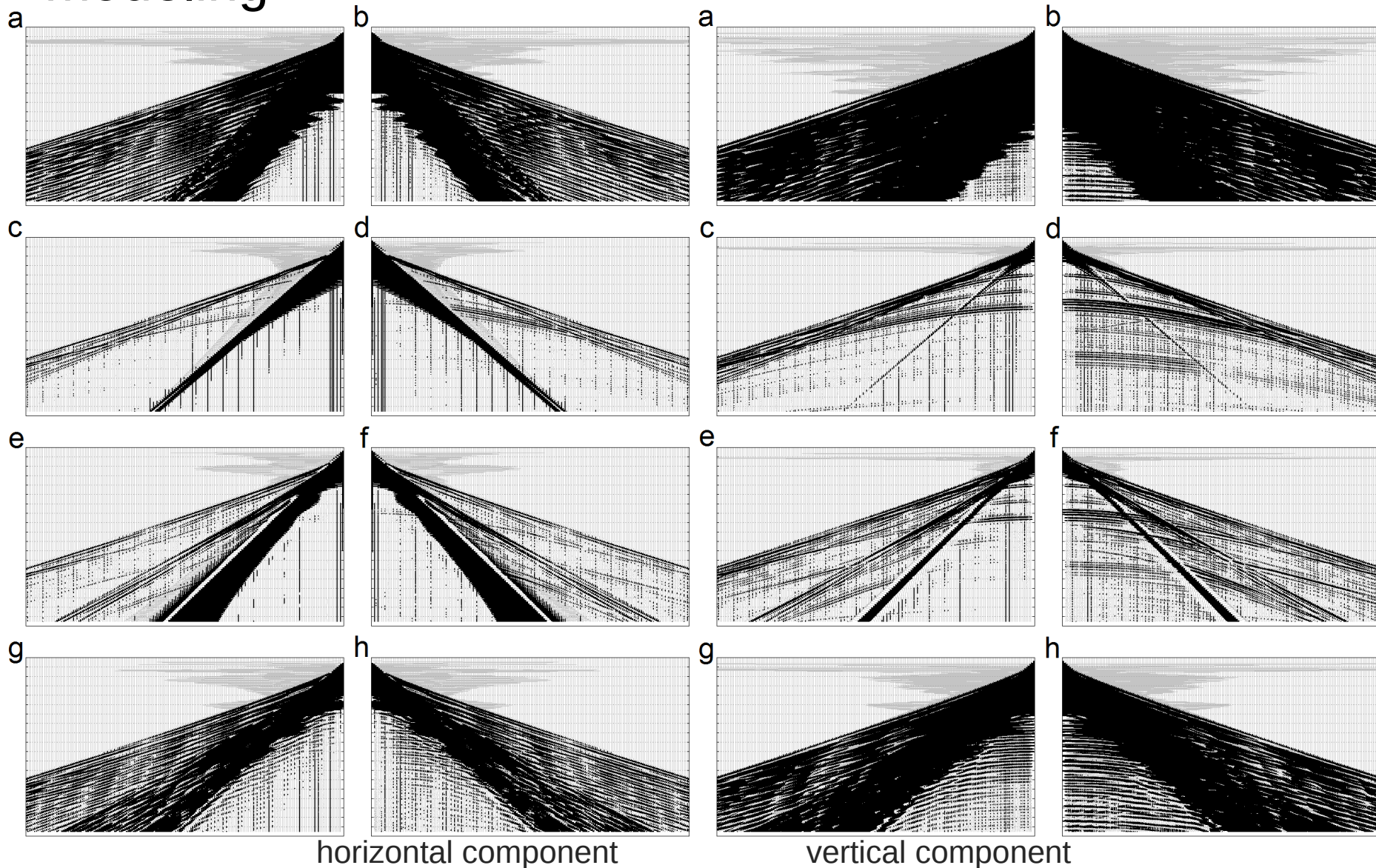
- P-, S-, PS-, SP-waves
- High price
- High comprehension of obtained data
- Use of elastic wave modeling only

# Comparison between acoustic and elastic waves modeling





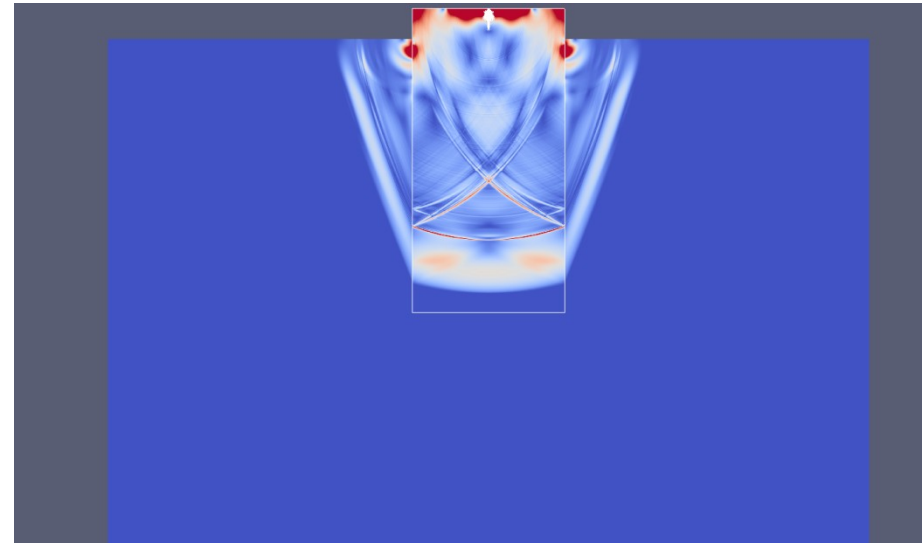
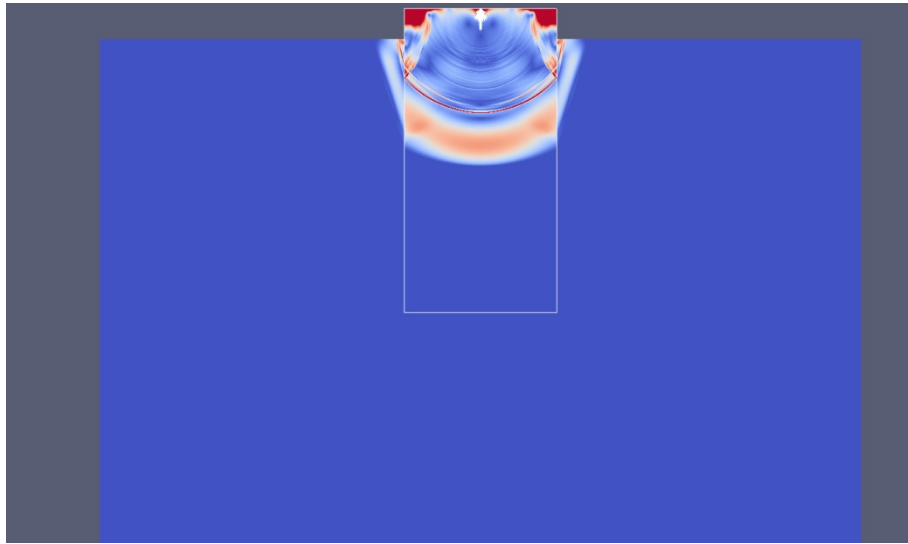
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# Numerical modeling of Arctic problems

# Destruction of the iceberg under intense dynamic impacts

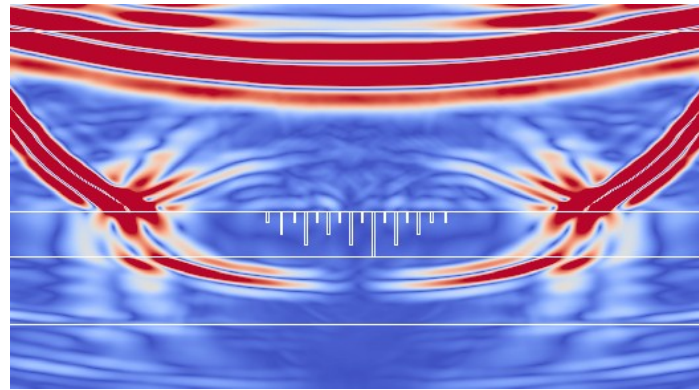
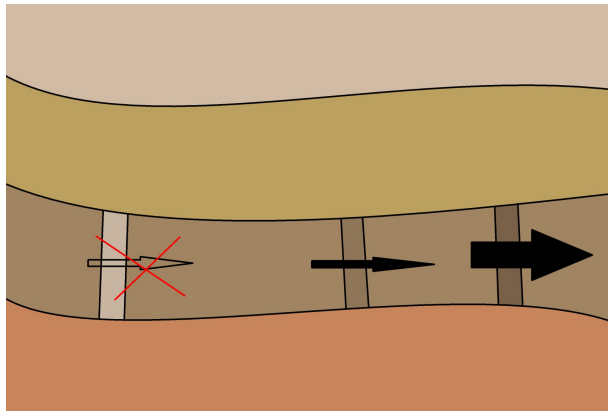






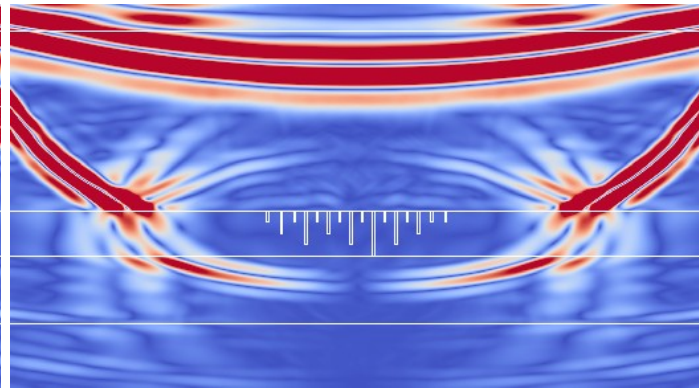
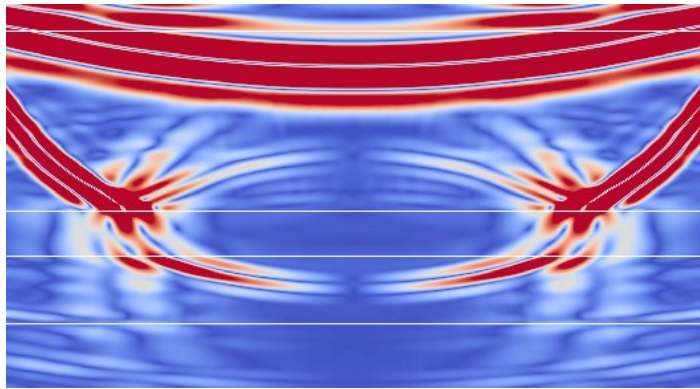
# Numerical simulation in geology

# Types of cracks: barriers, conductors and neutral one



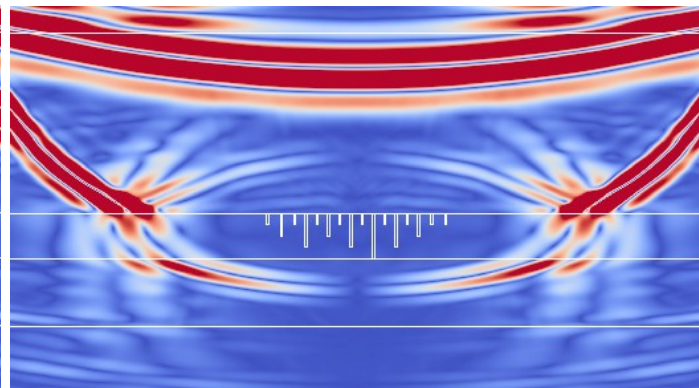
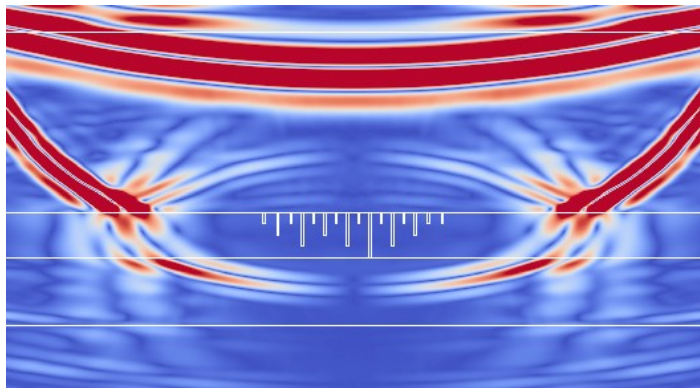
$K = 0.5$

$K = 1.0$   
(no  
cracks)



$K = 0.6$

$K = 0.9$

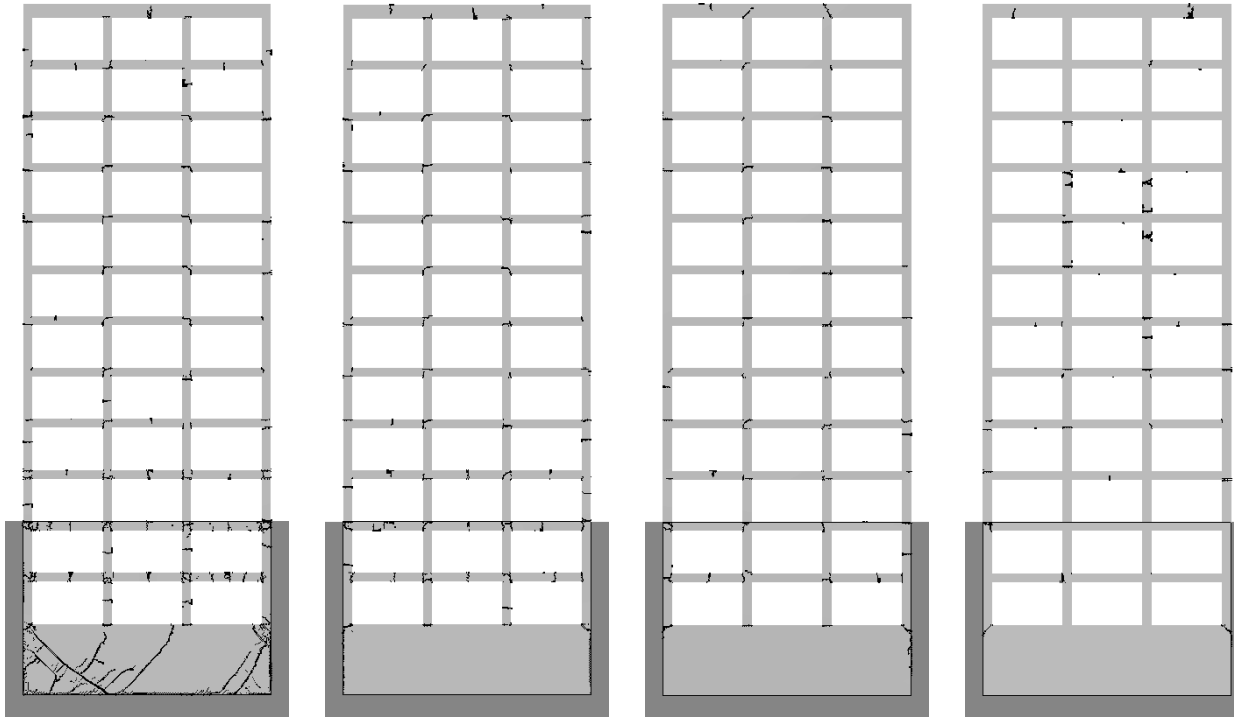


$K = 0.75$



# Numerical modeling of seismic stability

# Seismic stability of the buildings



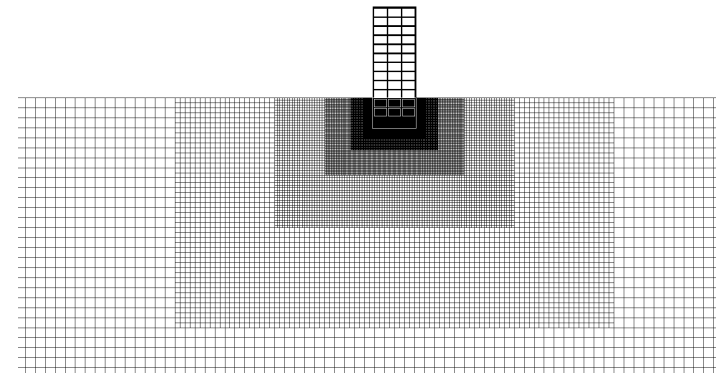
1000 m

2000 m

3000 m

4000 m

Different depth of earthquake hypocenter



# Thank you for your attention!


We discussed:

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# Appendix: Grid-characteristic method



# System of equations describing elastic and acoustic waves

- Elastic waves:
 
$$\rho \partial_t \mathbf{v} = (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\sigma})^T$$

$$\partial_t \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{I} + \mu \left( \nabla \otimes \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \otimes \mathbf{v})^T \right)$$

$\rho$  density,  $\mathbf{v}$  velocity in the elastic media,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  stress tension,  
 $\lambda, \mu$  Lamé's parameters,

$$c_p = \left( (\lambda + 2\mu) / \rho \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{speed of P-waves,}$$

$$c_s = \left( \mu / \rho \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{speed of S-waves.}$$

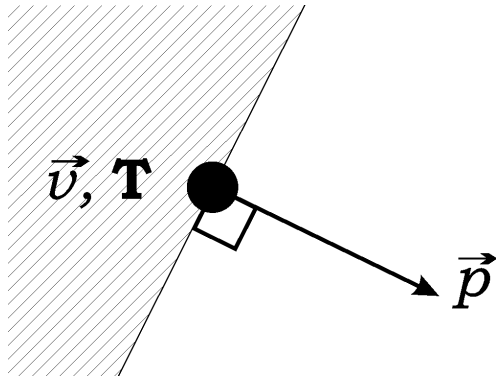
- Acoustic waves:
 
$$\rho \partial_t \mathbf{v} = \nabla p$$

$$\partial_t p = -c^2 \rho (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})$$

$\rho$  density,  $\mathbf{v}$  velocity in the acoustic media,  $p$  pressure,  $c$  speed of sound.

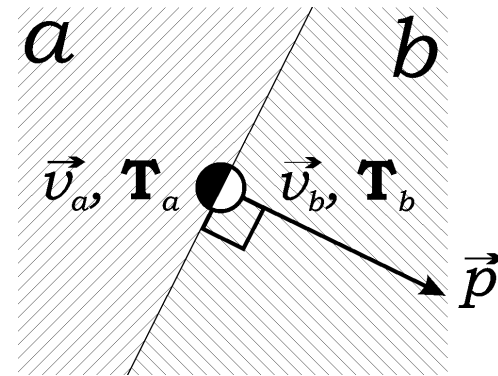
# Boundary and interface conditions

Boundary



- Given traction ,  
 $\sigma p = f$
- Given velocity of boundary  
 $\dot{v} = \dot{V}$
- Mixed boundary conditions
- Absorbing boundary conditions

Interface



Continuity of the velocity and traction  
 $v_a = v_b = V, \sigma_a = -\sigma_b$

Free sliding conditions

$$v_a \times p = v_b \times p, \sigma_p^a = \sigma_p^b, \sigma_\tau^a = \sigma_\tau^b = 0$$

The interface condition between acoustic and elastic bodies