







### **Wave equation**

$$\nabla^2 p(\underline{r},t) - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} p(\underline{r},t) = S(\underline{r},t)$$
  
Fourier transform

$$\nabla^{2}\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega) + \frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}}\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega) = \hat{S}(\underline{r},\omega)$$

$$\nabla^{2}\hat{G}(\underline{r},\omega) + \frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}}\hat{G}(\underline{r},\omega) = -\delta(\underline{r}-\underline{r}')$$











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# (Huygens – Fresnel) – Green – Kirchhoff – Rayleigh

- Wave-fields can be calculated as a function of space and time, from known values along a (closed) boundary.
- The oldest formulation of this process is Huygens' Principle. Later, Fresnel gave a more mathematical, but still somewhat heuristic description of wave-field extrapolation.
- Mathematically exact extrapolation of wave-fields is accomplished with the help of the Kirchhoff and Rayleigh integrals, which are based on Green's Theorem.
- The extrapolation algorithm is based on the wave equation and the causality of wave propagation.
- Wave-fields can be extrapolated forward and backward in time and space.



## **Green's Theorem**

Consider Gauss' Theorem for any arbitrary vector field  $\underline{a}(\underline{r})$  and arbitrary volume *V*, bounded by surface *S* :

$$\int_{V} \nabla \cdot \underline{a}(\underline{r}) \, dV = \oint_{S} \underline{a}(\underline{r}) \cdot \underline{n} \, dS$$

For two functions f and g that are twice differentiable we can write:

$$\underline{a}(\underline{r}) = f(\underline{r})\nabla g(\underline{r}) \implies \nabla \cdot \underline{a} = f\nabla^2 g + \nabla f \cdot \nabla g$$

and:  $\underline{a}'(\underline{r}) = g(\underline{r})\nabla f(\underline{r}) \implies \nabla \cdot \underline{a}' = g\nabla^2 f + \nabla g \cdot \nabla f$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \nabla \cdot \left(\underline{a} - \underline{a}'\right) = f \nabla^2 g - g \nabla^2 f$$





## **Kirchhoff Integral**

For *f* substitute  $\hat{p}(\underline{r})$ , which is a solution of the Helmholtz equation:

$$\nabla^2 \hat{p} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \hat{p} = 0$$

everywhere in the volume V.

For *g* substitute  $\hat{G}(\underline{r}) = \frac{e^{-i\omega|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_A|/c}}{4\pi |\underline{r}-\underline{r}_A|}$ , which is a solution of:  $\nabla^2 \hat{G}(\underline{r}) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \hat{G}(\underline{r}) = -\delta(\underline{r}-\underline{r}_A)$ 

in the volume V', which is inside S, but outside the surface S' around the point-source at  $\underline{r}_A$  inside V.

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \int_{V'} \left( \hat{p} \,\nabla^2 \hat{G} - \hat{G} \nabla^2 \hat{p} \right) dV' = \int_{V'} \left( -\hat{p} \,\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \hat{G} + \hat{G} \,\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \hat{p} \right) dV' \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \oint_{S} \left( \hat{p} \,\nabla \hat{G} - \hat{G} \,\nabla \hat{p} \right) \cdot \underline{n} \, dS - \oint_{S'} \left( \hat{p} \,\nabla \hat{G} - \hat{G} \,\nabla \hat{p} \right) \cdot \underline{n'} \, dS' = 0$$





## **Kirchhoff Integral**

For the integral over S' we can write:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \oint_{S'} \left( \hat{p} \nabla \hat{G} - \hat{G} \nabla \hat{p} \right) \cdot \underline{n}' \, dS'$$

$$= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \left[ \hat{p} \left( \underline{r}_{A} + \varepsilon \underline{n}' \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \left( \frac{e^{-i\omega\varepsilon/c}}{4\pi\varepsilon} \right) - \frac{e^{-i\omega\varepsilon/c}}{4\pi\varepsilon} \left( \nabla \hat{p} \cdot \underline{n}' \right) \right] \varepsilon^{2} \sin \theta d\varphi d\theta$$

$$= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \left[ \hat{p} \left( \underline{r}_{A} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}} - \frac{i\omega}{\varepsilon} \right) e^{-i\omega\varepsilon/c} \frac{1}{4\pi} \right] \varepsilon^{2} \sin \theta d\varphi d\theta$$

$$= -\hat{p} \left( \underline{r}_{A} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \hat{p} \left( \underline{r}_{A} \right) = -\oint_{S} \left( \hat{p} \nabla \hat{G} - \hat{G} \nabla \hat{p} \right) \cdot \underline{n} \, dS$$

This is the Kirchhoff integral.

$$\hat{G}(\underline{r},\underline{r}_{A},\omega) = \frac{e^{-i\omega|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{A}|/c}}{4\pi|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{A}|}$$

is called the Green's function.





# **Kirchhoff Integral**

 $\hat{p}(\underline{r}_{A}) = -\oint_{S} (\hat{p}\nabla\hat{G} - \hat{G}\nabla\hat{p}) \cdot \underline{n} \, dS \quad \text{(point } A \text{ inside } S \text{)}$ 

- The *Green's function*  $\hat{G}(\underline{r}, \omega)$  is the field of a point source located at  $\underline{r}_A$  with delta-pulse wave-form.
- The field Ĝ does not co-exist with p̂ in the same experiment. It is only introduced mathematically through Green's theorem.
- The Kirchhoff integral allows us to calculate the wave field  $\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega)$  at position  $\underline{r}_A$ , from recordings of  $\hat{p}$  and  $(\nabla \hat{p})_n$  along any closed surface *S* around *A*.
- Application of the Kirchhoff integral can be cumbersome because:
  - We need recordings for both  $\hat{p}$  and  $(\nabla \hat{p})_n$ .
  - We need recordings along a closed surface.
- Under some limiting conditions there is a trick to be applied that circumvents both problems simultaneously.



In the Kirchhoff integral:

$$\hat{p}(\underline{r}_{A},\omega) = -\oint_{S} \left( \hat{p} \nabla \hat{G} - \hat{G} \nabla \hat{p} \right) \cdot \underline{n} \, dS$$

there is a degree of freedom, since for any function  $\hat{\Gamma}(\underline{r}, \omega)$  that satisfies:

$$\nabla^2 \hat{\Gamma} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \hat{\Gamma} = 0$$

everywhere inside *S*, we can write:

$$\hat{p}(\underline{r}_{A}) = - \oint_{S} \left[ \hat{p} \nabla (\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma}) - (\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma}) \nabla \hat{p} \right] \cdot \underline{n} \, dS$$

Obviously this is the case because:

$$\oint_{S} \left[ \hat{p} \nabla \hat{\Gamma} - \hat{\Gamma} \nabla \hat{p} \right] \cdot \underline{n} \, dS = \iint_{V} \left[ \hat{p} \nabla^{2} \hat{\Gamma} - \hat{\Gamma} \nabla^{2} \hat{p} \right] dV = 0$$



We want to use the function  $\Gamma$  in the Kirchhoff integral:

$$\hat{p}(\underline{r}_{A},\omega) = -\oint_{S} \left[ \hat{p} \nabla (\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma}) - (\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma}) \nabla \hat{p} \right] \cdot \underline{n} \, dS$$

in such a way that either the term with  $\hat{p}$  or the term with  $\nabla \hat{p}$  vanishes over the relevant part of *S*.

What the relevant part of *S* is depends on where the sources are that generated the wave field  $\hat{p}$  and whether we want to predict forward or backward in time.

If there are sources in all directions from the point A, the whole closed surface S is relevant and there exists no suitable choice for  $\hat{\Gamma}$  that simplifies the Kirchhoff integral.



$$\hat{p}(\underline{r}_{A},\omega) = -\oint_{S} \left[ \hat{p} \nabla (\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma}) - (\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma}) \nabla \hat{p} \right] \cdot \underline{n} \, dS$$





$$\hat{p}(\underline{r}_{A},\omega) = \oint_{S} \left[ \left( \hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma} \right) \nabla \hat{p} \right] \cdot \underline{n} \, dS \quad \leftarrow \\ \hat{p}(\underline{r}_{A},\omega) = - \oint_{S} \hat{p} \, \nabla \left( \hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma} \right) \cdot \underline{n} \, dS \quad \leftarrow$$

 $\nabla \left[ \hat{G}(\underline{r}) + \hat{\Gamma}(\underline{r}) \right] = 0$  for all  $\underline{r} \in S_0$  (Rayleigh I)

 $\hat{G}(\underline{r}) + \hat{\Gamma}(\underline{r}) = 0$  for all  $\underline{r} \in S_0$  (Rayleigh II)





We have established that in the case that all the sources of the field  $\hat{p}$  are below the plane  $S_0$ , we only need to integrate over  $S_0$ .

We now try to find a function  $\hat{\Gamma}(\underline{r},\omega)$ that makes  $\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma} = 0$  everywhere on  $S_0$ .



Recalling that  $\hat{G}$  is the wave field of a point source in point A, we can create a wave field  $\hat{\Gamma}$  by putting a point-source with a negative source strength in the mirror point of A : A'.

This is legitimate because then the field  $\hat{\Gamma}$  is not created by sources inside *V* and so satisfies the equation  $\nabla^2 \hat{\Gamma} + (\omega^2/c^2)\hat{\Gamma} = 0$  everywhere inside *V*.





On  $S_0$  we have:

$$z = 0$$
 ,  $|\underline{r} - \underline{r}_A| = |\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A'}|$  and  $\nabla (\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma}) \cdot \underline{n} = -\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma})\right]_{z=0}$ 



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{e^{-i\omega |\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A}|/c}}{4\pi |\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A}|} \right) = -\frac{z - z_{A}}{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A}|^{3}} \left( 1 + i\omega \frac{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A}|}{c} \right) \frac{e^{-i\omega |\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A}|/c}}{4\pi}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( -\frac{e^{-i\omega |\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A}|/c}}{4\pi |\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A'}|} \right) = \frac{z + z_{A}}{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A'}|^{3}} \left( 1 + i\omega \frac{|\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A'}|}{c} \right) \frac{e^{-i\omega |\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{A'}|/c}}{4\pi}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \hat{G} + \hat{\Gamma} \right) \right]_{z=0} = \frac{z_{A} \left( 1 + i\omega \Delta r/c \right)}{2\pi \Delta r^{3}} e^{-i\omega \Delta r/c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \left[ \hat{p} \left( \underline{r}_{A}, \omega \right) = \frac{z_{A}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{p} \left( x, y, 0; \omega \right) \left( 1 + i\omega \frac{\Delta r}{c} \right) \frac{e^{-i\omega \Delta r/c}}{4\pi r^{3}} dr^{3} d$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \hat{p}(\underline{r}_{A},\omega) = \frac{z_{A}}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{p}(x,y,0;\omega) \left(1 + i\omega \frac{\Delta r}{c}\right) \frac{e^{-i\omega \Delta r/c}}{\Delta r^{3}} dxdy$$

$$\Delta r = \sqrt{(x - x_{A})^{2} + (y - y_{A})^{2} + z_{A}^{2}}$$

This is the Rayleigh II integral.









An alternative choice for  $\hat{\Gamma}$  in the Kirchhoff integral

$$\hat{p}\left(\underline{r}_{A},\omega\right) = -\oint_{s} \left[\hat{p}\nabla\left(\hat{G}+\hat{\Gamma}\right)-\left(\hat{G}+\hat{\Gamma}\right)\nabla\hat{p}\right]\cdot\underline{n}\,dS$$
will cancel the term  $\hat{p}\nabla\left(\hat{G}+\hat{\Gamma}\right)$ .
By choosing:
$$\hat{G}(\underline{r}) = \frac{e^{-i\omega|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{A}|/c}}{4\pi|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{A}|} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\Gamma}(\underline{r}) = \frac{e^{-i\omega|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{A}|/c}}{4\pi|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{A}|} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\Gamma}(\underline{r}) = \frac{e^{-i\omega|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{A}|/c}}{4\pi|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{A}|}$$

we obtain the *Rayleigh I integral*:

$$\hat{p}\left(\underline{r}_{A},\omega\right) = -\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{e^{-i\omega\Delta r/c}}{\Delta r}\left(\frac{\partial\hat{p}}{\partial z}\right)_{z=0}dxdy$$

$$\Delta r = \sqrt{(x - x_{A})^{2} + (y - y_{A})^{2} + z_{A}^{2}}$$









## **Rayleigh II Example**





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#### Exercise

Pointsource at point *B*. Wave-field recorded at plane z = 0.

Predict wave-field in point A , from observations along the plane z = 0.





# Exercise (cont'd)

Switch to cylindrical coordinates:  $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $x = \rho \cos \varphi$ ,  $y = \rho \sin \varphi$ 

$$dxdy = \rho d\varphi d\rho$$
 ,  $\Delta r_A = \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_A^2}$  ,  $\Delta r_B = \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_B^2}$ 

$$\hat{p}(0,0,z_{A},\omega) = z_{A}\hat{W}(\omega)\int_{0}^{\infty} \rho \frac{1+i\omega\Delta r_{A}/c}{\Delta r_{B}\Delta r_{A}^{3}} e^{-i\omega(\Delta r_{A}+\Delta r_{B})/c} d\rho$$

$$= -z_{A}\hat{W}(\omega)\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial\rho} \left[ \frac{e^{-i\omega(\Delta r_{A}+\Delta r_{B})/c}}{\Delta r_{A}(\Delta r_{A}+\Delta r_{B})} \right] d\rho$$

$$= -z_{A}\hat{W}(\omega) \left[ \frac{e^{-i\omega(\Delta r_{A}+\Delta r_{B})/c}}{\Delta r_{A}(\Delta r_{A}+\Delta r_{B})} \right]_{\rho=0}^{\rho=\infty}$$

$$= \hat{W}(\omega) \frac{e^{-i\omega(|z_{A}|+|z_{B}|)/c}}{|z_{A}|+|z_{B}|}$$



## **Rayleigh II Integral as Spatial Convolution**

The Rayleigh II integral:

$$\hat{p}(x_A, y_A, z_A; \omega) = \frac{\Delta z}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{p}(x, y, z; \omega) \frac{1 + i\omega(\Delta r/c)}{\Delta r^3} e^{-i\omega(\Delta r/c)} dxdy$$
  
with: 
$$\Delta r = \sqrt{(x_A - x)^2 + (y_A - y)^2 + \Delta z^2} , \quad \Delta z = z_A - z > 0$$

can be written as:

$$\hat{p}(x_A, y_A, z_A; \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{Q}(x_A - x, y_A - y, \Delta z; \omega) \hat{p}(x, y, z; \omega) \, dx \, dy$$

with: 
$$\hat{Q}(x, y, \Delta z; \omega) = \frac{\Delta z}{2\pi} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{i\omega}{c}\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + \Delta z^2}\right)}{\left[x^2 + y^2 + \Delta z^2\right]^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-i(\omega/c)\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + \Delta z^2}}$$

 $\hat{Q}(x, y, \Delta z; \omega)$  is the spatial convolution operator for forward extrapolation from the plane *z* to the plane  $z_A = z + \Delta z$ .

See also George C. Sherman, "Application of the Convolution Theorem to Rayleigh's Integral Formulas," J. Opt. Soc. Am. 57, 546-547 (1967)



# Helmholtz Equation in the $(k_x, k_y)$ -domain

We define the double spatial Fourier transform of  $\hat{p}(x, y, z; \omega)$ :

$$\tilde{\tilde{p}}(k_x,k_y;z;\omega) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(k_x x + k_y y)} \hat{p}(x,y,z;\omega) \, dx \, dy$$

So, double Fourier transformation of the Helmholtz equation to the  $(k_x, k_y)$ -domain:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \hat{p}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \hat{p}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \hat{p}}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \hat{p} = 0 \implies \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{p}}{\partial z^2} + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_x^2 - k_y^2\right) \tilde{p} = 0$$

with 
$$k_z \equiv \sqrt{(\omega/c)^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$$
, we get:  $\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\tilde{p}}}{\partial z^2} + k_z^2 \tilde{\tilde{p}} = 0$ .



## Helmholtz Equation in the $(k_x, k_y)$ -domain

Let us consider a wave field  $\tilde{\tilde{p}}(k_x, k_y, z; \omega)$ , generated by sources below the  $z = z_0$  plane. Then the source-free Helmholtz equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\tilde{p}}}{\partial z^2} + k_z^2 \tilde{\tilde{p}} = 0 \quad \text{with:} \quad k_z = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \left(k_x^2 + k_y^2\right)}$$

is valid for all  $z \ge z_0$  .

Since waves are travelling in the positive *z* direction only, the above differential equation in *z* is readily solved for  $z \ge z_0$ , by:

$$\left| \tilde{\tilde{p}} \left( k_x, k_y, z_0 + \Delta z; \omega \right) = \tilde{\tilde{p}} \left( k_x, k_y, z_0; \omega \right) e^{-ik_z \Delta z} \right| \quad , \qquad \Delta z > 0$$

where  $\tilde{p}(k_x, k_y, z_0; \omega)$  represents the double spatial Fourier transform of the observations made in the  $z = z_0$  plane.

The factor  $e^{-ik_z\Delta z}$  is the multiplicative forward extrapolation operator in the  $(k_x, k_y, z)$ -domain.





#### **Evanescent Field**

For 
$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 > \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$
, we have  
 $k_z = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - (k_x^2 + k_y^2)} = \pm i\sqrt{\left|\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - (k_x^2 + k_y^2)\right|}$   
and:  $e^{-ik_z\Delta z} = e^{\pm\Delta z}\sqrt{\left|(\omega/c)^2 - (k_x^2 + k_y^2)\right|}$ 

As the plus sign would be physically unacceptable in the half space  $\Delta z \ge 0$ , we get:

$$\tilde{\tilde{p}}\left(k_{x},k_{y},z;\omega\right) = \tilde{\tilde{p}}\left(k_{x},k_{y},z_{0};\omega\right)e^{-\Delta z\sqrt{\left|\left(\omega/c\right)^{2}-\left(k_{x}^{2}+k_{y}^{2}\right)\right|}}, \quad k_{x}^{2}+k_{y}^{2}>\frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}}$$

Any energy in  $\tilde{\tilde{p}}(k_x, k_y, z_0; \omega)$  for which  $(k_x^2 + k_y^2) > \omega^2/c^2$ , dies out very quickly with increasing  $\Delta z$ . This is called the *evanescent* field.



#### **Evanescent Field**



The evanescent field is observable only in 2-D plane-wave decompositions of wave-fields

(remember 
$$k_z \equiv \sqrt{(\omega/c)^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$$
).

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#### Example

 $3.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ 

 $\mathbf{r}_{\tau}$ 

0.5

-0.5

'0

v (m/s)

This technique can be used to compute the velocity profile of an ultrasound transducer.

The pressure field at z = a can be obtained from measurements at z = 0 as follows:

$$\tilde{\tilde{p}}(k_{x},k_{y},z=a;\omega) = \tilde{\tilde{p}}(k_{x},k_{y},z=0;\omega)e^{-ik_{z}a} ,$$
with  $k_{z} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}} - k_{x}^{2} - k_{y}^{2}}$ , or  $k_{z} = -i\sqrt{\frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}} - k_{x}^{2} - k_{y}^{2}}$  if  $\frac{\omega^{2}}{c^{2}} < k_{x}^{2} + k_{y}^{2}$ .

To obtain the field at z = 0 from measurements at z = a, means we devide by  $e^{-ik_z a}$ , i.e. *3.2* mm  $\tilde{\tilde{p}}(k_x,k_y,z=0;\omega) = \tilde{\tilde{p}}(k_x,k_y,z=a;\omega)e^{+ik_za}.$ 200 μm 200 μm However, problems may arise in case for  $k_z = -i \sqrt{\left|\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_x^2 - k_y^2\right|}$  if  $\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} < k_x^2 + k_y^2$ . 700 μm Only Real K\_ Gaussian pulse Time slice of velocity profile All K\_ 0.6 0.6 0.6 (s/m) 0. (s/ш) (s/ш) (s/m) (s/m) 0.2 0 0.2 0.2 0.4 0 0 y (mm) x (mm) 0 0 y (mm) y (mm) time (µs) x (mm)

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x (mm)

#### **Example**

• Reconstruction of the velocity profile of a damaged IVUS transducer.















# **Two Media - Boundary Conditions**

Consider a plane wave traveling in the (x, y)-plane in the direction  $\underline{s}_1$ , with velocity  $c_1 : \hat{p}_1(\underline{r}, \omega) = F(\omega)e^{-i\omega\underline{s}_1 \cdot \underline{r}}$ 

If the field meets a boundary between two media with different speed of sound, part of the field will be reflected:  $\hat{p}'_1(\underline{r}, \omega) = F(\omega)e^{-i\omega\underline{s}'_1\cdot\underline{r}}$ , and part of field will be refracted:  $\hat{p}_2(\underline{r}, \omega) = F(\omega)e^{-i\omega\underline{s}_2\cdot\underline{r}}$ .





At y = 0, the following boundary conditions apply:

1) continuity of pressure:  $\hat{p}_1 + \hat{p}'_1 = \hat{p}_2$ ;

2) continuity of normal component of the particle velocity:  $v_1^{\perp} + v_1^{\perp} = v_2^{\perp}$ .

Consider a plane wave, travelling in the (x, y)-plane in the direction  $\underline{s}$ , with velocity c:

$$p(\underline{r},t) = f(t - \underline{s} \cdot \underline{r})$$

where:

$$\underline{s} = \frac{1}{c} (\sin \vartheta, \cos \vartheta)$$

is the slowness vector.

In the frequency domain:

$$P(\underline{r},\omega) = F(\omega)e^{-i\omega\underline{s}\cdot\underline{r}}$$





Consider a plane wave, travelling in the direction  $\underline{\hat{s}}_1 = (\sin \vartheta_1, \cos \vartheta_1)$ , incident on an interface between two media with properties  $\rho_{0_1}, c_1$  and  $\rho_{0_2}, c_2$ , under an angle  $\vartheta_1$  with the normal to the interface :

$$p_1(\underline{r},\omega) = F_1(\omega)e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c_1}(x\sin\theta_1 + y\cos\theta_1)}$$

There will be a reflected wave:

$$p_{1}'(\underline{r},\omega) = F_{1}'(\omega)e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c_{1}}(x\sin\vartheta_{1}'-y\cos\vartheta_{1}')}$$

and also a refracted wave:

$$p_2(\underline{r},\omega) = F_2(\omega)e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c_2}(x\sin\theta_2 + y\cos\theta_2)}$$



At the interface, at y = 0, application of the boundary conditions yield  $\begin{cases} p_1(x,0;\omega) + p_1'(x,0;\omega) = p_2(x,0;\omega) \\ v_{x;1}(x,0;\omega) + v_{x;1}'(x,0;\omega) = v_{x;2}(x,0;\omega) \end{cases}$ Х These equations should hold for every x and  $\omega$ . Continuity of pressures results in: <u>S</u>1 7  $\mathcal{V}$ 9  $F_{1}(\omega)e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c_{1}}x\sin\vartheta_{1}}+F_{1}'(\omega)e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c_{1}}x\sin\vartheta_{1}'}$ medium 1 medium 2  $=F_2(\omega)e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c_2}x\sin\theta_2}$  $\rho_{0_1}, c_1$  $\rho_{0_2}, c_2$ 



Continuity of pressure for all x and  $\omega$ 

can only be fulfilled if:

$$\frac{\sin \theta_1}{c_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_1'}{c_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{c_2}$$

which determines the reflection angle  $\mathcal{G}_1'$  and which gives us Snell's Law for the refraction angle  $\mathcal{G}_2$ . This law can also be expressed as <u>conservation of slowness</u> along the interface:

$$s_{x1} = s'_{x1} = s_{x2}$$

The boundary condition then reduces to:

$$F_{1}(\omega) + F_{1}'(\omega) = F_{2}(\omega) \quad \text{or:} \quad 1 + R = T$$
  
with:  $R = \frac{F_{1}'(\omega)}{F_{1}(\omega)} \quad \text{and:} \quad T = \frac{F_{2}(\omega)}{F_{1}(\omega)}$ 





Continuity of normal component of velocity:

$$v_1(x,0;\omega)\cos\theta_1 - v_1'(x,0;\omega)\cos\theta_1' = v_2(x,0;\omega)\cos\theta_2$$

Because the individual waves are all plane waves, we have:

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{\rho_{0_1}c_1}p_1$$
,  $v_1' = \frac{1}{\rho_{0_1}c_1}p_1'$  and  $v_2 = \frac{1}{\rho_{0_2}c_2}p_2$ 

With  $\mathcal{G}_1 = \mathcal{G}_1'$  , we get:

$$\frac{\cos \theta_1}{\rho_{0_1}c_1} \left[ F_1(\omega) - F_1'(\omega) \right] = \frac{1}{\rho_{0_2}c_2} F_2(\omega) \cos \theta_2$$

or:

$$\frac{\cos \theta_1}{\rho_{0_1} c_1} \left[ 1 - \frac{F_1'(\omega)}{F_1(\omega)} \right] = \frac{1}{\rho_{0_2} c_2} \frac{F_2(\omega)}{F_1(\omega)} \cos \theta_2$$

or:

$$\frac{\cos \vartheta_1}{\rho_{0_1}c_1} (1-R) = \frac{1}{\rho_{0_2}c_2} T \cos \vartheta_2$$



From: 1 + R = T and:  $\frac{\cos \theta_1}{\rho_{0_1} c_1} (1 - R) = \frac{1}{\rho_{0_2} c_2} T \cos \theta_2$ 

we can solve for *R* and *T*:

$$R = \frac{\rho_{0_2} c_2 \cos \theta_1 - \rho_{0_1} c_1 \cos \theta_2}{\rho_{0_2} c_2 \cos \theta_1 + \rho_{0_1} c_1 \cos \theta_2} , \quad \cos \theta_2 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{c_2^2}{c_1^2} \sin^2 \theta_1}$$
$$T = \frac{2\rho_{0_2} c_2 \cos \theta_1}{\rho_{0_2} c_2 \cos \theta_1 + \rho_{0_1} c_1 \cos \theta_2}$$

Note that 
$$R \equiv \frac{F_1'(\omega)}{F_1(\omega)}$$
 and  $T \equiv \frac{F_2(\omega)}{F_1(\omega)}$  are frequency independent.

With:  $\rho_0 c \equiv Z$  we write:

$$R = \frac{Z_2 \cos \theta_1 - Z_1 \cos \theta_2}{Z_2 \cos \theta_1 + Z_1 \cos \theta_2} \quad \text{and:} \quad T = \frac{2Z_2 \cos \theta_1}{Z_2 \cos \theta_1 + Z_1 \cos \theta_2}$$

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### **Critical Angle and Evanescent Waves**

At the critical angle  $\mathcal{G}_c$  we have from Snell's law:

$$\sin \theta_2 = \frac{c_2}{c_1} \sin \theta_c = 1$$
,  $\cos \theta_2 = 0 \implies R = 1$ ,  $T = 2$ 

All incident energy is reflected, but what about the transmitted amplitude T = 2 ?

For  $\mathcal{G}_1 > \mathcal{G}_c$  we find from preservation of slowness in the *x*-direction:

$$s_{x2} = s_{x1} \implies \hat{s}_{x2} \equiv c_2 s_{x2} = c_2 \frac{\sin \theta_1}{c_1} > 1 \implies \hat{s}_{y2} = \sqrt{1 - \hat{s}_{x2}^2} = \pm i \sqrt{\left|1 - \hat{s}_{x2}^2\right|}$$
  
For the wave:  $P_2(\underline{r}, \omega) = F_2(\omega) e^{-i\omega(s_{x2}x + s_{y2}y)}$ 

we then get:  $P_2(\underline{r}, \omega) = F_2(\omega) e^{-i\omega s_x x - \frac{\omega}{c_2}|\hat{s}_{y2}|y|}$ 

with: 
$$s_x = s_{x1} = s_{x2}$$
 and:  $|\hat{s}_{y2}| = \sqrt{|1 - \hat{s}_{x2}^2|}$ 



### **Critical Angle and Evanescent Waves**

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with: 
$$s_x = s_{x1} = s_{x2}$$
 and:  $|\hat{s}_{y2}| = \sqrt{|1 - \hat{s}_{x2}^2|}$  ( $|\hat{s}_{x2}| > 1$ )

propagates in the *x*-direction with slowness  $s_x$ . For the propagation velocity in the *x*-direction we get:

$$c_{x} \equiv \frac{1}{s_{x}} = \frac{1}{s_{x1}} = \frac{c_{1}}{\sin \theta_{1}} > c_{1}$$
$$c_{x} \equiv \frac{1}{s_{x}} = \frac{1}{s_{x2}} = \frac{c_{2}}{s_{x2}} < c_{2}$$

but also:

In the *y*-direction this wave does not propagate, but it decays exponentially as  $e^{-\omega|s_{y2}|y}$ . Such a wave is called an <u>evanescent wave</u>.



#### **Heterogeneous Media**

- Incident, scattered and total field
- Forward and inverse problem





### **Heterogeneous Media – Field Equations**

For heterogeneous media, the acoustic media parameters become spatially varying. Consequently, the resulting field equations will read

Hooke's law:  $\nabla \cdot \underline{v}(\underline{r},t) + \kappa(\underline{r})\partial_t p(\underline{r},t) = q(\underline{r},t) \Rightarrow = q(\underline{r},t)$ 

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{v}(\underline{r},t) + \kappa_0 \partial_t p(\underline{r},t)$$
  
=  $q(\underline{r},t) + \{\kappa_0 - \kappa(\underline{r})\}\partial_t p(\underline{r},t)$ 

Newton's law: 
$$\nabla p(\underline{r},t) + \rho(\underline{r})\partial_t \underline{v}(\underline{r},t) = \underline{f}(\underline{r},t) \Rightarrow \frac{\nabla p(\underline{r},t) + \rho_0 \partial_t \underline{v}(\underline{r},t)}{= \underline{f}(\underline{r},t) + \{\rho_0 - \rho(\underline{r})\}\partial_t \underline{v}(\underline{r},t)}$$

Combining the above field equations yield the following wave equation

$$\nabla^{2} p(\underline{r},t) - \frac{1}{c_{0}^{2}} \partial_{t}^{2} p(\underline{r},t) = -\underbrace{\left\{ \rho_{0} \partial_{t} q(\underline{r},t) - \nabla \cdot \underline{f}(\underline{r},t) \right\}}_{S_{pr}(\underline{r},t)} - \underbrace{\left\{ \rho_{0} \left( \kappa_{0} - \kappa(\underline{r}) \right) \partial_{t}^{2} p(\underline{r},t) - \nabla \cdot \left[ \left\{ \rho_{0} - \rho(\underline{r}) \right\} \partial_{t} \underline{v}(\underline{r},t) \right] \right\}}_{S_{cs}(\underline{r},t)}$$

or

$$\nabla^{2}\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega) + \frac{\omega^{2}}{c_{0}^{2}}\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega) = -\left\{\rho_{0}i\omega\hat{q}(\underline{r},\omega) - \nabla\cdot\underline{\hat{f}}(\underline{r},\omega)\right\} - \left\{-\rho_{0}\left(\kappa_{0}-\kappa(\underline{r})\right)\omega^{2}\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega) - \nabla\cdot\left[\left\{\rho_{0}-\rho(\underline{r})\right\}i\omega\underline{\hat{v}}(\underline{r},\omega)\right]\right\}$$



#### **Heterogeneous Media – Field Equations**

Typically, spatial variations in the volume density of mass are neglected. Consequently, the resulting field equations will read

Hooke's law: 
$$\nabla \cdot \underline{v}(\underline{r},t) + \kappa(\underline{r}) \partial_t p(\underline{r},t) = q(\underline{r},t) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \underline{v}(\underline{r},t) + \kappa_0 \partial_t p(\underline{r},t) \\ = q(\underline{r},t) + \{\kappa_0 - \kappa(\underline{r})\} \partial_t p(\underline{r},t) \end{cases}$$

Newton's law:  $\nabla p(\underline{r},t) + \rho(\underline{r})\partial_t \underline{v}(\underline{r},t) = \underline{f}(\underline{r},t) \Rightarrow$ 

$$\nabla p(\underline{r},t) + \rho_0 \partial_t \underline{v}(\underline{r},t)$$
$$= \underline{f}(\underline{r},t) + \overline{\left\{\rho_0 - \rho(\underline{r})\right\}} \partial_t \underline{v}(\underline{r},t)$$

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or

$$\nabla^{2}\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega) + \frac{\omega^{2}}{c_{0}^{2}}\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega) = -\left\{\rho_{0}i\omega\hat{q}(\underline{r},\omega) - \nabla\cdot\underline{\hat{f}}(\underline{r},\omega)\right\} - \left\{-\left(\frac{1}{c_{0}^{2}} - \frac{1}{c^{2}(\underline{r})}\right)\omega^{2}\hat{p}(\underline{r},\omega) - \underbrace{\nabla\cdot\left\{\rho_{0} - p(\underline{r})\right\}i\omega\underline{\hat{v}}(\underline{r},\omega)}_{QQ}\right\}\right\}$$



#### **Transcranial Ultrasound**





### **Heterogeneous Media – Integral Equation**

Green's function  $\hat{G}(\underline{r}, \omega) = \frac{e^{-i\omega|\underline{r}|/c_0}}{4\pi |\underline{r}|}$  represents the field generated by a Dirac-delta source.

Hence, the field generated by the primary sources  $S_{pr}(\underline{r}',t)$  may be obtained by spatially convolving them with Green's function, hence

$$\hat{p}^{inc}(\underline{r},\omega) = \int_{\underline{r}' \in D} \hat{G}(\underline{r} - \underline{r}',\omega) S_{pr}(\underline{r}',\omega) dV(\underline{r}').$$

Based on the principle of superposition, one could argue that each contrast acts as a source generating an acoustic field. Adding all these fields together yields the following integral equation (Fredholm integral equation of the second kind)

$$\hat{p}(r,\omega) = \hat{p}^{inc}(\underline{r},\omega) + \int_{\underline{r}'\in D} \hat{G}(\underline{r}-\underline{r}',\omega)\chi(\underline{r}')\omega^2 \,\hat{p}(\underline{r}',\omega)\,dV(\underline{r}')$$

with 
$$\chi(\underline{r}') = \frac{1}{c^2(\underline{r}')} - \frac{1}{c_0^2}$$
.



## **Heterogeneous Media – Integral Equation**

- Forward problem: sources and contrast are known, total/actual field is unknown
   => linear problem
- Inverse problem: sources are known, total/actual field is known at the boundary, contrast and field in ROI is unknown.
   => non-linear problem
- Green's function is defined for the background medium, however there is a freedom to choose it heterogeneous or homogeneous.
  - Obvious choice is to choose a background for which we have an analytical expression of the Green's function (or the incident field).
  - For smooth varying media one could apply the WKBJ approximation
  - Green's function is singular at  $|\underline{r}|=0$ .

#### **Born Approximation**

If the contrast  $\chi(\underline{r})$ , or  $\omega$ , or V are small enough, the integral equation:

$$\hat{p}(r,\omega) = \hat{p}^{inc}(\underline{r},\omega) + \int_{\underline{r}'\in D} \hat{G}(\underline{r}-\underline{r}',\omega) \,\chi(\underline{r}') \,\omega^2 \,\hat{p}(\underline{r}',\omega) \,dV(\underline{r}')$$

can be linearised in the contrast  $\chi$  by replacing  $\hat{p}$  with  $\hat{p}^{inc}$  on the right-hand side of the equation. We then get:

$$\hat{p}(r,\omega) = \hat{p}^{inc}(\underline{r},\omega) + \int_{\underline{r}'\in D} \hat{G}(\underline{r}-\underline{r}',\omega) \,\chi(\underline{r}') \,\omega^2 \,\hat{p}^{inc}(\underline{r}',\omega) \,dV(\underline{r}')$$

from which  $\hat{p}$  can be evaluated directly. This is called the *Born approximation*.



#### **Neumann Series**

The Born approximation can be seen as the first step in an iterative solution method.

The total field resulting from the Born approximation,  $\hat{p}^{(1)}$ , can be substituted on the right-hand side of the integral equation, to obtain the next iteration result  $\hat{p}^{(2)}$ , towards a solution of the full integral equation:

$$\hat{p}^{(2)}(r,\omega) = \hat{p}^{inc}(\underline{r},\omega) + \int_{\underline{r}'\in D} \hat{G}(\underline{r}-\underline{r}',\omega) \,\chi(\underline{r}') \,\omega^2 \,\hat{p}^{(1)}(\underline{r}',\omega) \,dV(\underline{r}')$$

The resulting values  $\hat{p}^{(1)}, \hat{p}^{(2)}, \dots, \hat{p}^{(n)}$ , form a series, which is called the *Neumann series*.

• For strong contrasts, the iterative scheme may not converge to the true solution resulting in a need for more advanced iterative solution methods such as conjugate gradient methods.

• For a limited number of configurations, an analytical solution exits.



## **Solution methods**

The integral equation

$$\hat{p}(r,\omega) = \hat{p}^{inc}(\underline{r},\omega) + \int_{\underline{r}'\in D} \hat{G}(\underline{r}-\underline{r}',\omega) \,\chi(\underline{r}') \,\omega^2 \,\hat{p}(\underline{r}',\omega) \,dV(\underline{r}')$$

can be solved very efficiently, when it treated as a vector-matrix problem, i.e. f=Lu

with  $f = \hat{p}^{inc}(\underline{r}, \omega)$  the known incident field,  $u = \hat{p}(\underline{r}, \omega)$  the unknown total field, and L the remaining integral operator (including identity matrix).

Such a vector-matrix problem can be solved efficiently using a conjugate gradient method. This method is based on the following scheme:

$$\mathbf{E}_{n} = \left\| \mathbf{r}_{n} \right\|^{2} = \left\| \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{L}\mathbf{u}_{n} \right\|$$
$$\mathbf{u}_{n} = \mathbf{u}_{n-1} + \alpha_{n}\mathbf{d}_{n}$$
$$\mathbf{d}_{n} = \mathbf{L}^{\dagger}\mathbf{r}_{n}$$



## **Exact Solutions – Spherical Contrast**

A plane wave scattering at a acoustical penetrable sphere in an homogeneous background medium maybe modelled using an integral equation formulation.

There also exists an exact solution for this problem.



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## **Exact Solutions – Spherical Contrast**

By applying a Fourier transformation, time domain results are obtained.



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## **Exact Solutions – Spherical Contrast**

Comparison of the obtained results shows that the integral equation formulation is rather accurate. FW Error



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## **Finite Difference Time Domain (FDTD)**

FDTD or Yee's method uses the time-domain field equations as a starting point. It has been first described by Courant, Friedrichs, and Lewy (CFL) in 1928. In 1966, Yee described the application of FDTD for solving Maxwell's curl equations using staggered grids in space and time.

The method uses finite difference rules to discretize the field equations; e.g.  $\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \iff v_x^{q+\frac{1}{2}} [m,n,p] = v_x^{q-\frac{1}{2}} [m,n,p] - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\Delta t}{\delta} (p^q [m+1,n,p] - p^q [m,n,p])$ 

After discretising the equations and spatial domain, the starting conditions for the wave fields are defined. Finally, the four field quantities are solved in a leapfrog manner.



# **Finite Difference Time Domain (FDTD)**

Pros

- It is intuitive, easy to understand and implement.
- FDTD is a time-domain technique and the response of the system over a wide range of frequencies can be obtained with a single simulation.

#### Cons

- Since FDTD requires the entire computational domain to be gridded and discretization must be sufficiently fine to resolve both the smallest wavelength and the smallest geometrical feature in the model. Also the time steps must be very small. This may lead to memory problems.
- Care must be taken to minimize errors introduced by boundaries (PML and ABC's).





