

An aerial photograph of a mountain range, likely the Alps, showing a deep river valley and rugged terrain. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Downhole seismic and S-Waves

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# Principles

A triaxial geophone is moved down into a borehole connected with a seismograph

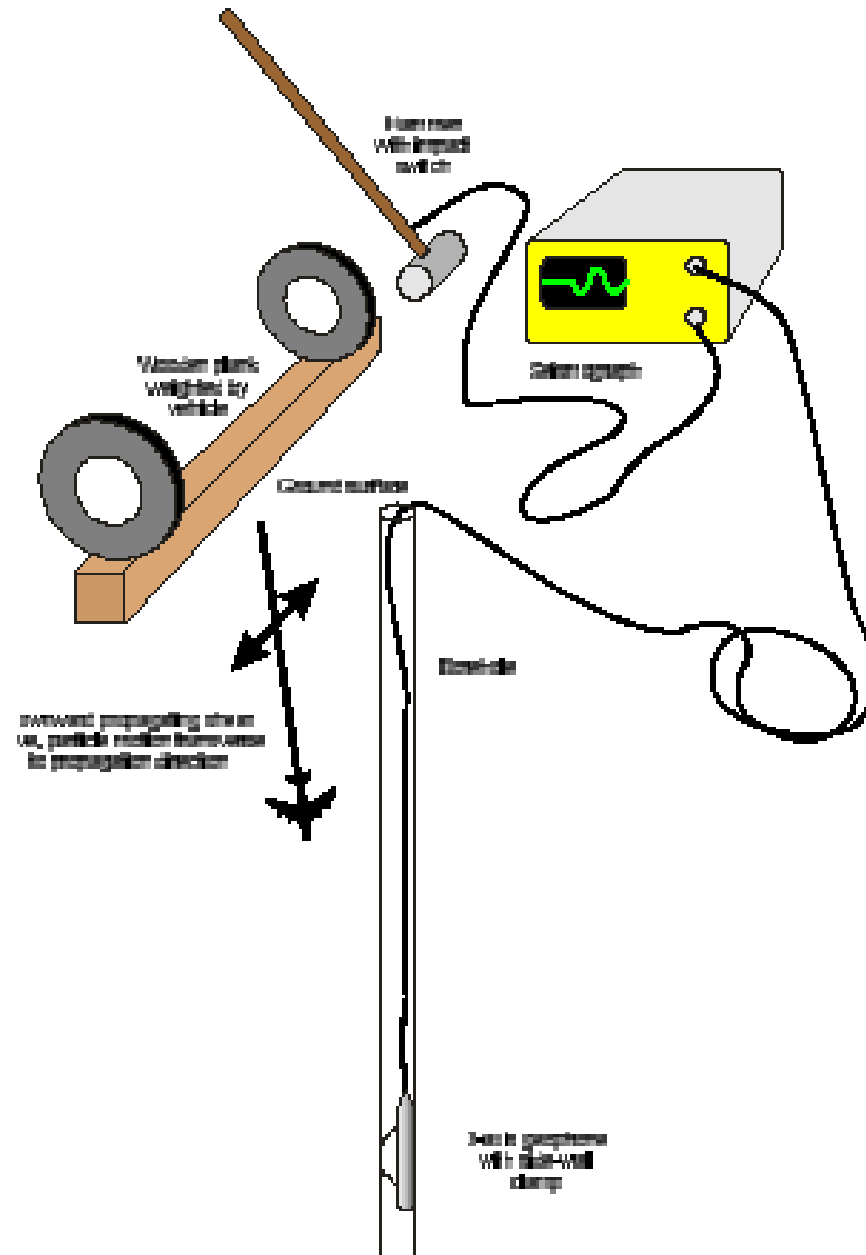
Regularly, the geophones are jammed into the hole

On the ground surface, P and S wave are generated usually with a sledge hammer hitting a beam

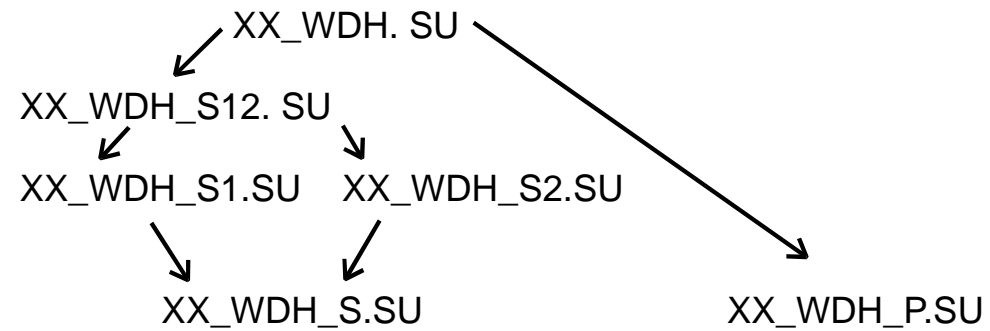
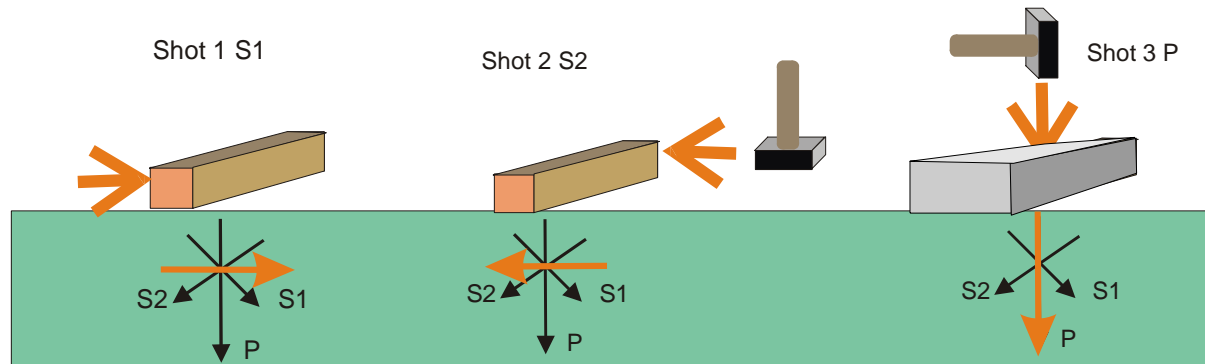
# Principles

P waves are done hitting vertically an aluminium plate on the ground

To create S waves we can strike a piece of wood firmly blocked (below cars tire for example)



# Principles



# Processing data using **Win\_Downhole**

1. **Conversion to SU format**
2. **Depth and type (P,S1,S2) input for all traces**
3. **Extraction of P, S1, S2 traces**
4. **Addition of S1 + S2 after polarity inversion**
5. **FBP picking on P and S traces**
6. **Velocity / Depth diagram**
7. **Modulus computation**



Field data

P Waves S Waves Data Travel time Young Poisson Shear Bulk SU Viewer

SU data file

C:\win\_downhole\data\demo01\_WDH.SU

Info

How to use Win\_Downhole conversion to SU

Load a SU file

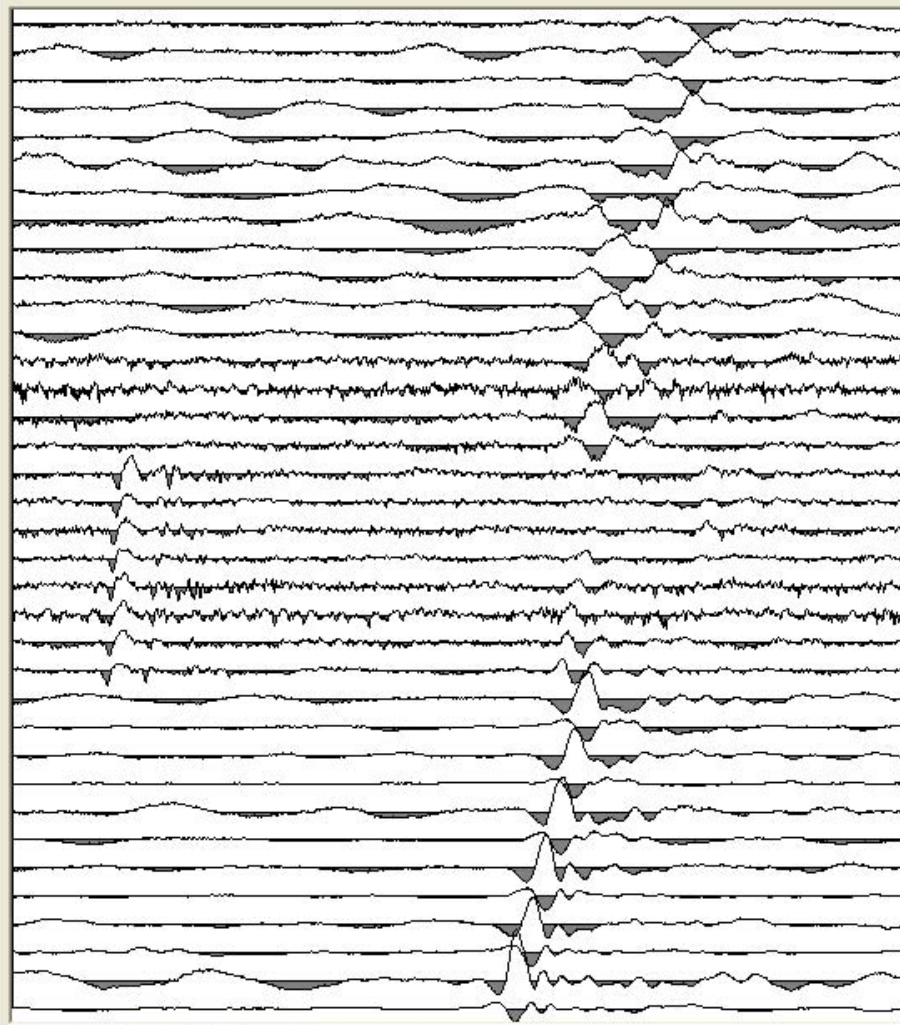
Load a WDH file

Save a WDH file

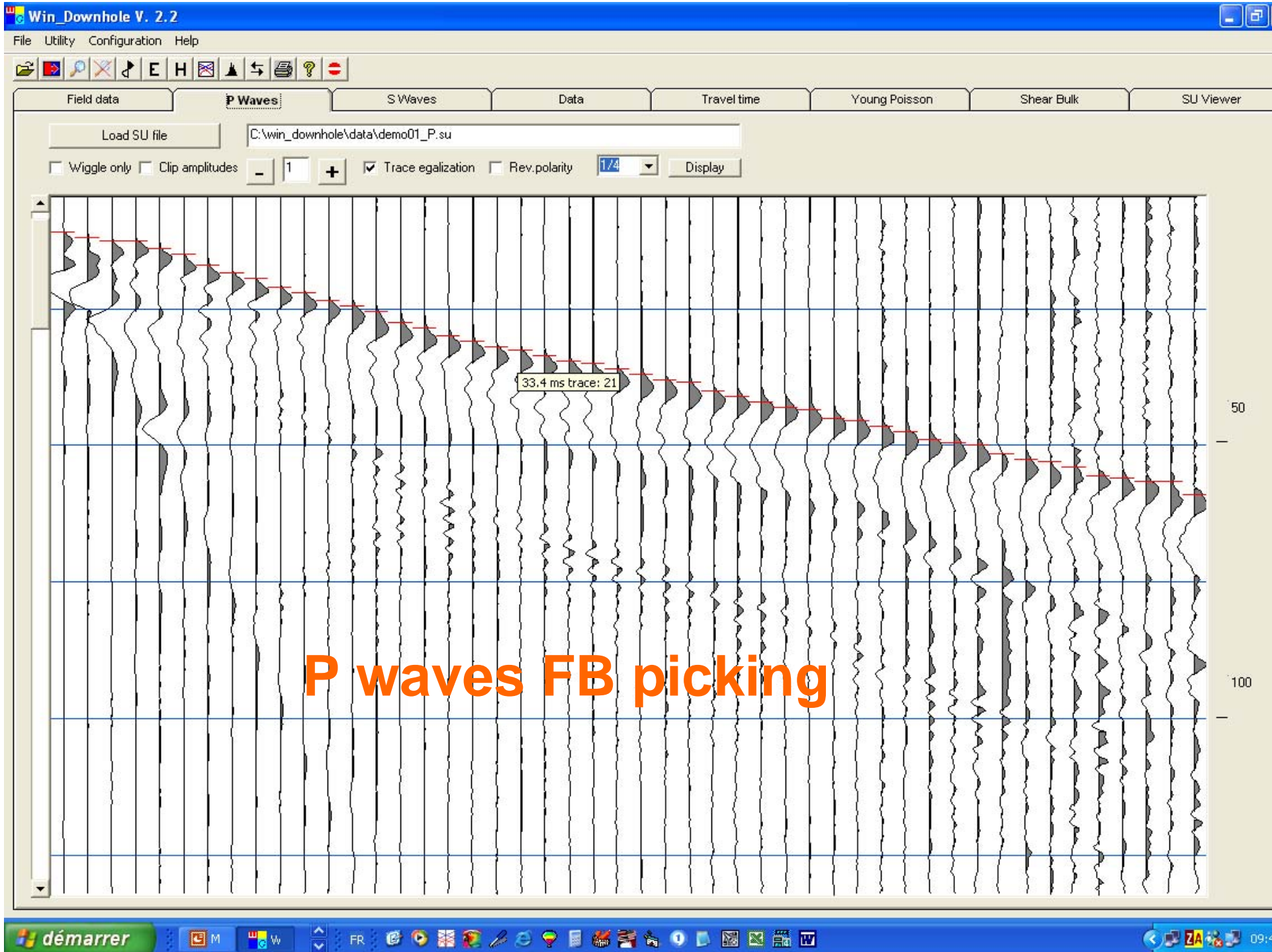
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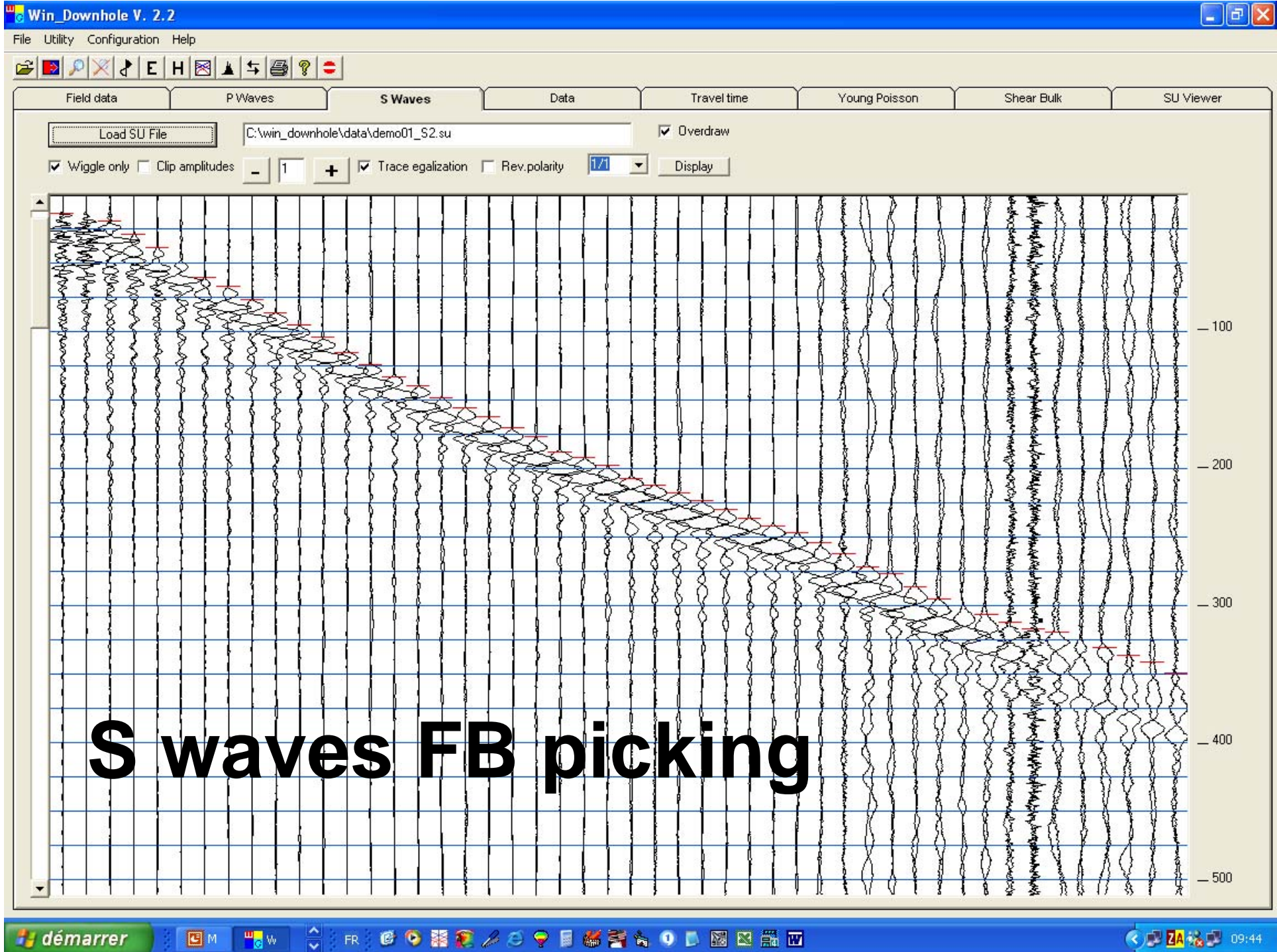
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Channel	Rec./Trace	Depth	Channel	Polarity
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2	1/2	180	S2	inverse
3	1/3	175	S1	normal
4	1/4	175	S2	inverse
5	1/5	170	S1	normal
6	1/6	170	S2	inverse
7	1/7	165	S1	normal
8	1/8	165	S2	inverse
9	1/9	160	S1	normal
10	1/10	160	S2	inverse
11	1/11	155	S1	normal
12	1/12	155	S2	inverse
13	1/13	150	S1	normal
14	1/14	150	S2	inverse
15	1/15	145	S1	normal
16	1/16	145	S2	inverse
17	1/17	180	P	normal
18	1/18	175	P	normal
19	1/19	170	P	normal
20	1/20	165	P	normal
21	1/21	160	P	normal
22	1/22	155	P	normal
23	1/23	150	P	normal
24	1/24	145	P	normal
25	2/1	140	S1	normal
26	2/2	140	S2	inverse
27	2/3	135	S1	normal
28	2/4	135	S2	inverse
29	2/5	130	S1	normal
30	2/6	130	S2	inverse
31	2/7	125	S1	normal
32	2/8	125	S2	inverse
33	2/9	120	S1	normal
34	2/10	120	S2	inverse
35	2/11	115	S1	normal
36	2/12	115	S2	inverse



Use mouse button to adjust trace size





**S waves FB picking**





Field data

P Waves

S Waves

Data

Travel time

Young Poisson

Shear Bulk

SU Viewer

Print

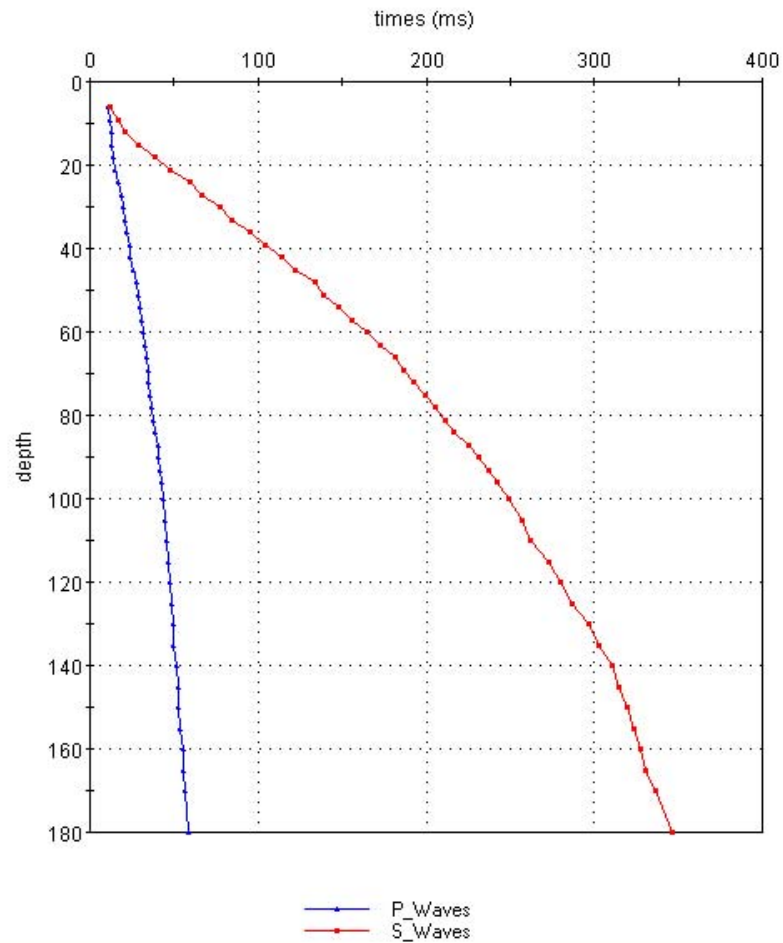
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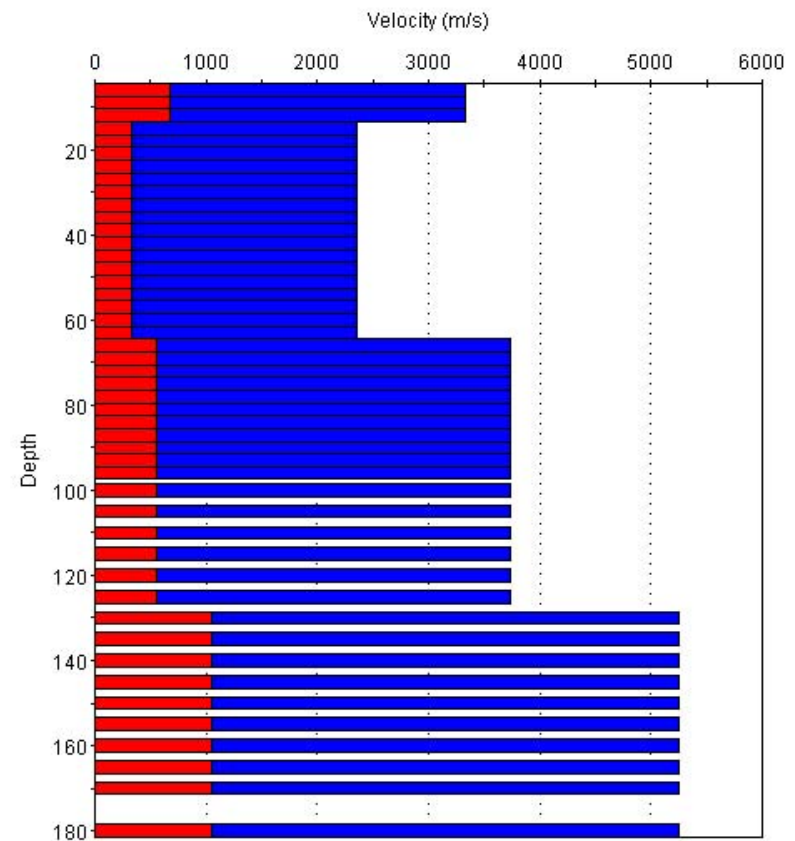
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Travel time



Interval velocity



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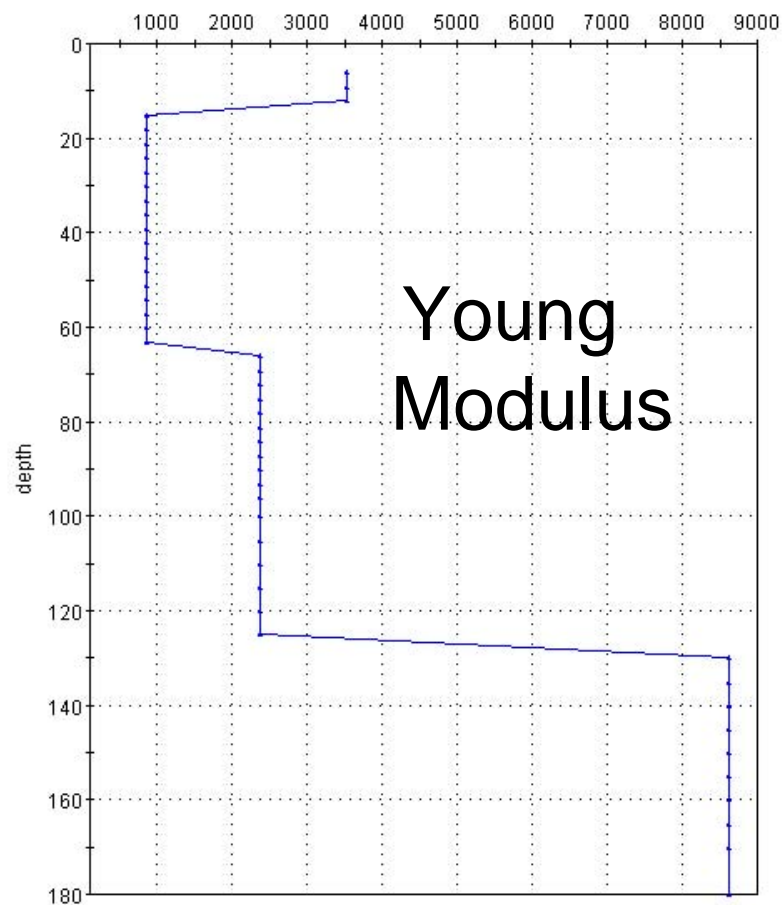
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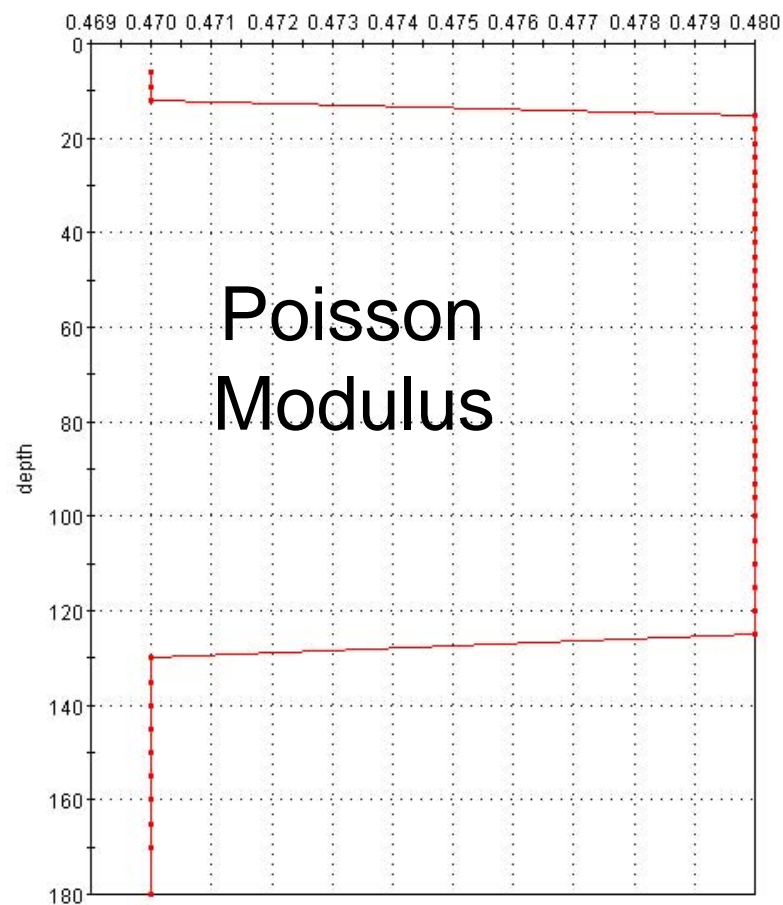
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Young modulus



Poisson Modulus



# Formula

Poisson's Ratio  $\nu_p = \frac{(V_p/V_s)^2 - 2}{2(V_p/V_s)^2 - 2}$

Shear Modulus  $G = d V_s^2$

Young's Modulus  $E = 2G (1 + \nu_p)$

Bulk Modulus  $K = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{E}{1 - 2\nu_p}$

# S-wave refraction

Seismic refraction (and reflection) using **S waves** is possible with few adaptations:

- Horizontal geophones
- Energy with S component (Sledge hammer hitting laterally a beam, leaning buffalo gun shots.
- Two lateral shots added after polarity inversion to enhance S waves

# Surface waves

The multichannel analysis of surface waves (MASW) method was first introduced into geotechnical and geophysical community in early 1999.

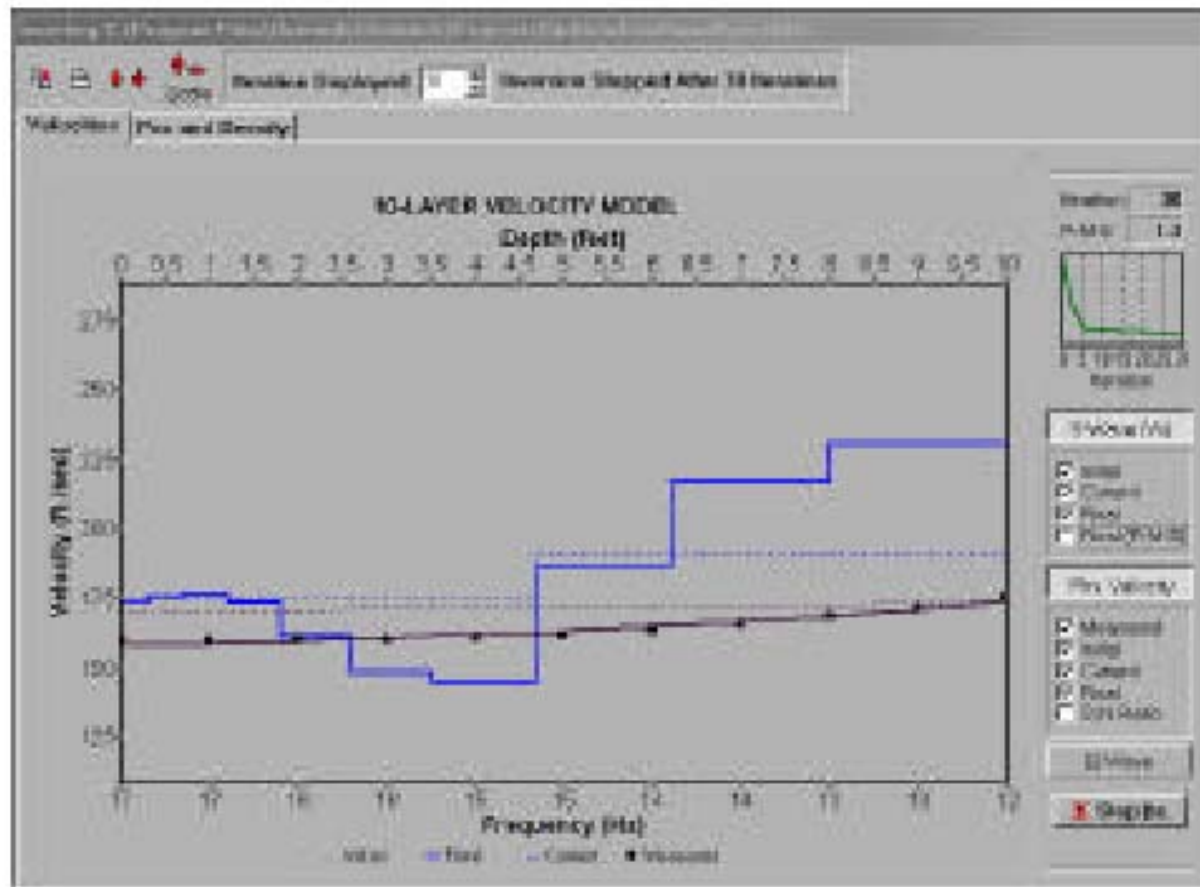
MASW is a seismic method which generates a shearwave velocity ( $V_s$ ) profile (i.e.,  $V_s$  versus depth) by analyzing Rayleigh-type surface waves on a multichannel record. The method utilizes multichannel recording. MASW utilizes energy commonly considered noise on conventional reflection seismic surveys.

# Data acquisition

MASV requires

- 24 - 48 receivers
- Digital seismograph
- Low frequency geophones (4.5 Hz)
- Software

# Final profile: Depth / Velocity





**FIN END**