Advances in laboratory modeling of wave propagation

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Outline



Ultrasonic laboratory modeling

- Bridge between full-size experiments and numerical modeling
- Controlled environment
- Scaled models of challenging seismic exploration settings





Introduction Modeling Multicomponent Conclusion

Laser ultrasonics: experimental setup







Laser ultrasonics: non-contacting technique

- Fast and automatic 3D acquisition
- No coupling issues
- No interaction with the wave-field and sub-wavelength size: similar to geophones in a seismic survey
- No moving parts in the receiver



Scaled modeling



- 62×62×62 mm glass cube
- Engraved bubbles: shape of a mule
- Glass is transparent: reflective tape



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Transmission results: $\sim 3\%$ delay in travel-time





Dome model



- 100x100x100 mm glass cube
- Half-dome in bubbles (hollow)



P-wave reflection setup



- 5 MHz piezoelectric source
- 215 traces
- 11 traces/ λ



Reflection results: 215 traces, 60 mm





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Multicomponent detection



Description

- Prototype of a multi-component laser interferometer, based on an existing vertical displacement receiver
- Uses the roughness of the material surface to collect light scattered away from the angle of incidence: carries horizontal information
- 10 kHz 10 MHz bandwidth





Optical setup





Calibration: point measurement

Rayleigh wave: phase shift $\Phi = 90^{\circ}$, ellipticity H/V = 0.64





Point measurement: setup



- Aluminum block (214x232x277 mm)
- Laser source
- 500 averages per trace



Point measurement: results



- Amplitude and phase spectrum between 300 and 900 kHz
- $H/V = 0.64 \pm 0.02$, and $\Phi = 97 \pm 1^{\circ}$: bias of 7°



Line scan: 27 mm line, 55 receivers





Line scan: results



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$$H/V = 0.63 \pm 0.05$$

- $\Phi=99\pm4^\circ$ averaged over scan
- Horizontal measurement very sensitive to focus



Conclusion

- Accurate and fast technique to measure up to two components of the wavefield: 75 receiver locations, 500 averages in 1h
- Application to ultrasonic surveys on small-scale models
- Testing of new processing algorithms





Future work

- 3C: flip receiver and measure transverse component
- Ultrasonic imaging of customizable shapes in glass





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