

The adjoint method for localizing soil perturbations



Assume you want to find oil ...

... but you have no detailed information about the earth's interior.

All you have are:

- some seismic recordings
- a computer
- interest in solving PDEs numerically
- good programming skills

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Find the oil and

- Understand the governing equations of acoustics
- Implement different finitedifference schemes to solve the wave equation using MATLAB
- Understand and implement the concept of *Time Reversal*
- Use the *continuous adjoint state method* to locate all model perturbations



Programming:



Simulation of acoustic wave propagation; (\bullet) source location; Waves are reflected at a cavity and later recorded at (\blacksquare) .