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**“Pre-Stack” Time-Shifts**

**New Paradigm for 4D Geomechanical History Matching**

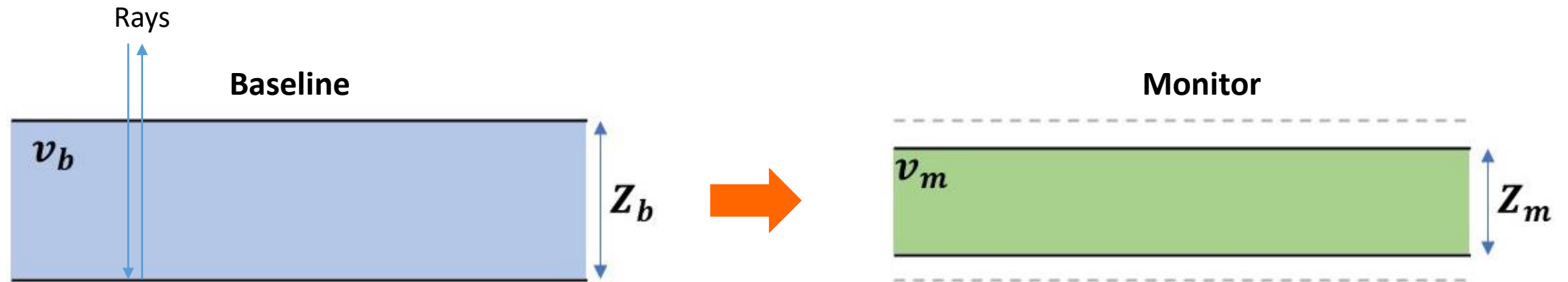
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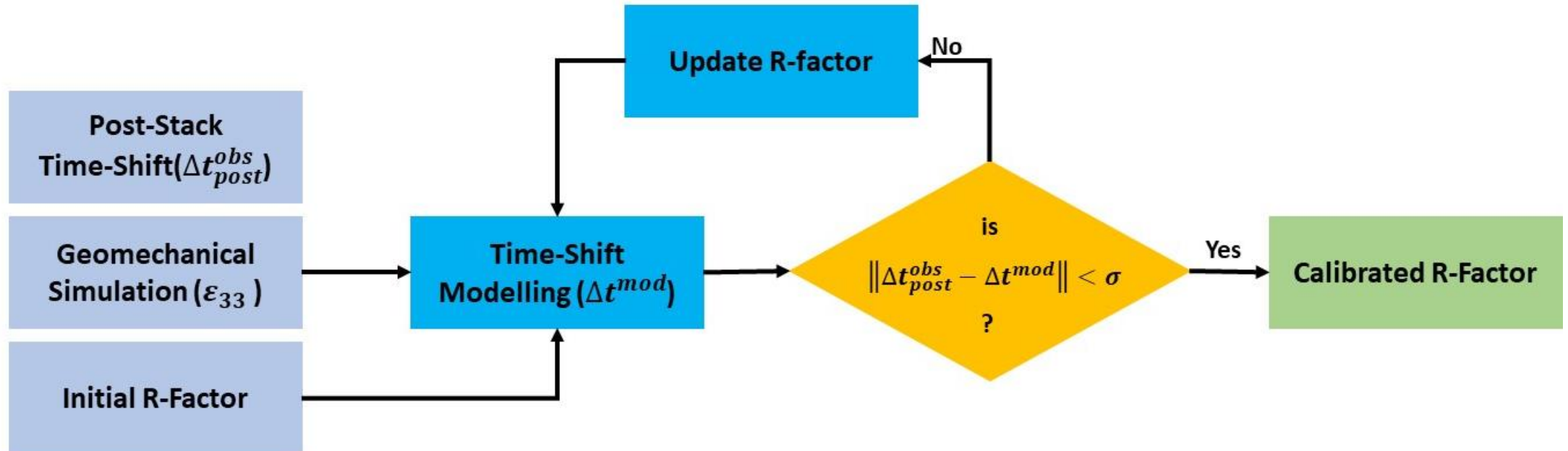
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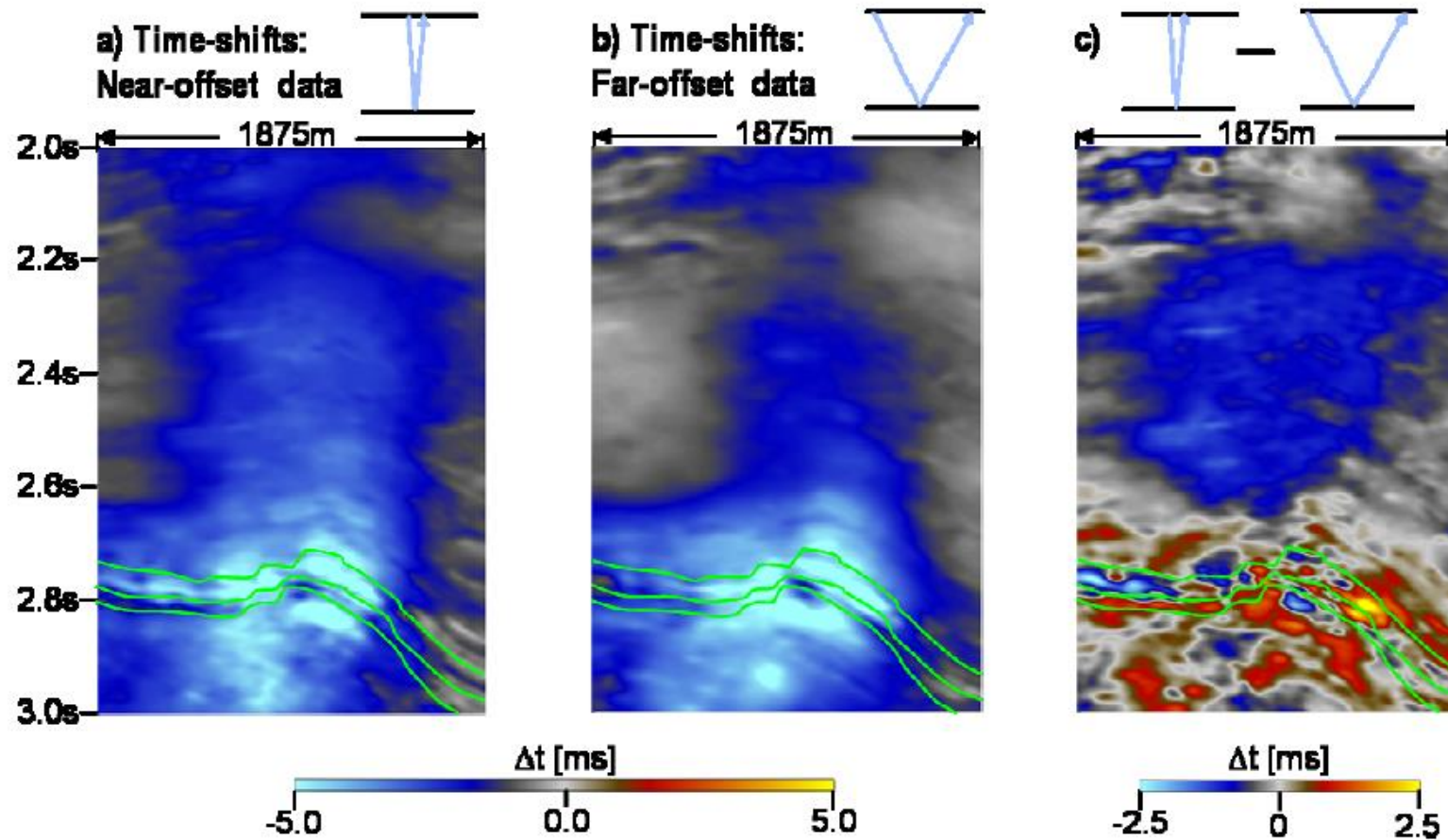
$$\frac{\Delta v}{v} = -R \epsilon_{zz}$$

- Vertical Rays
- Vertical Strain
- Isotropic

# Post-Stack 4D Geomechanics



# Why Pre-Stack Domain?



# Pre-Stack R-Factor Model



$$\frac{\Delta v}{v}(\theta) = [-(R_1 - R_2)\epsilon_{zz} - R_2\epsilon_{vol}] +$$

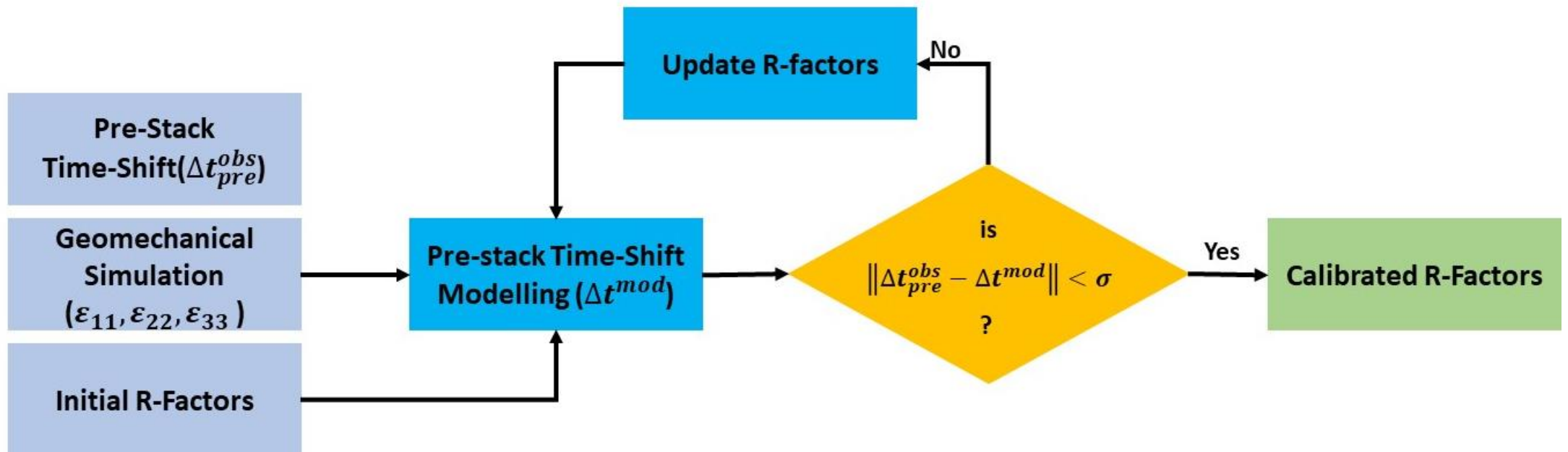
$$[(R_1 - R_2)(\epsilon_{zz} - \epsilon_h) + (R_1 - R_2)\epsilon_{vol}]\sin^2(\theta)\cos^2(\theta) +$$

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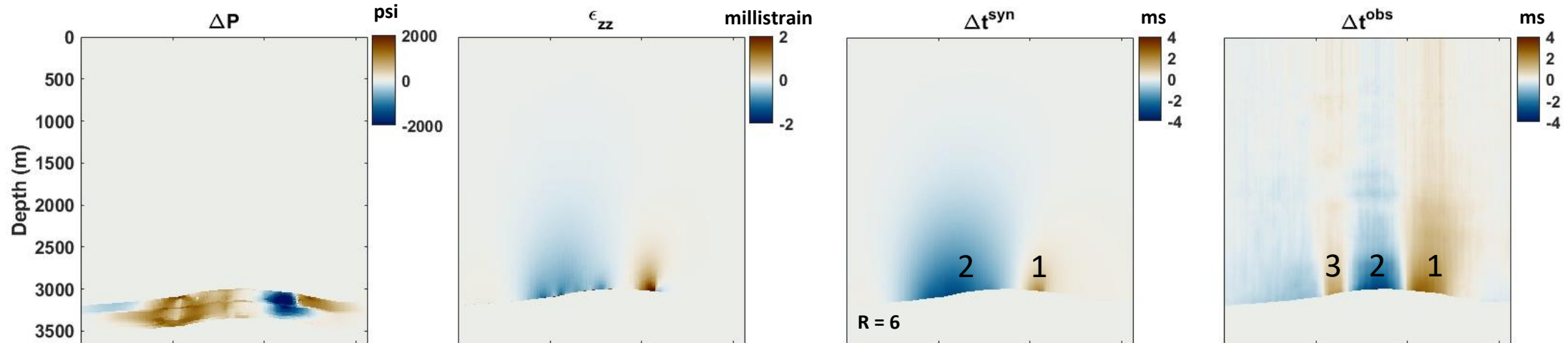
- Non-vertical Rays
- Lateral & Vertical Strain
- Anisotropic
- Two R-Factors

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# Pre-Stack 4D Geomechanics

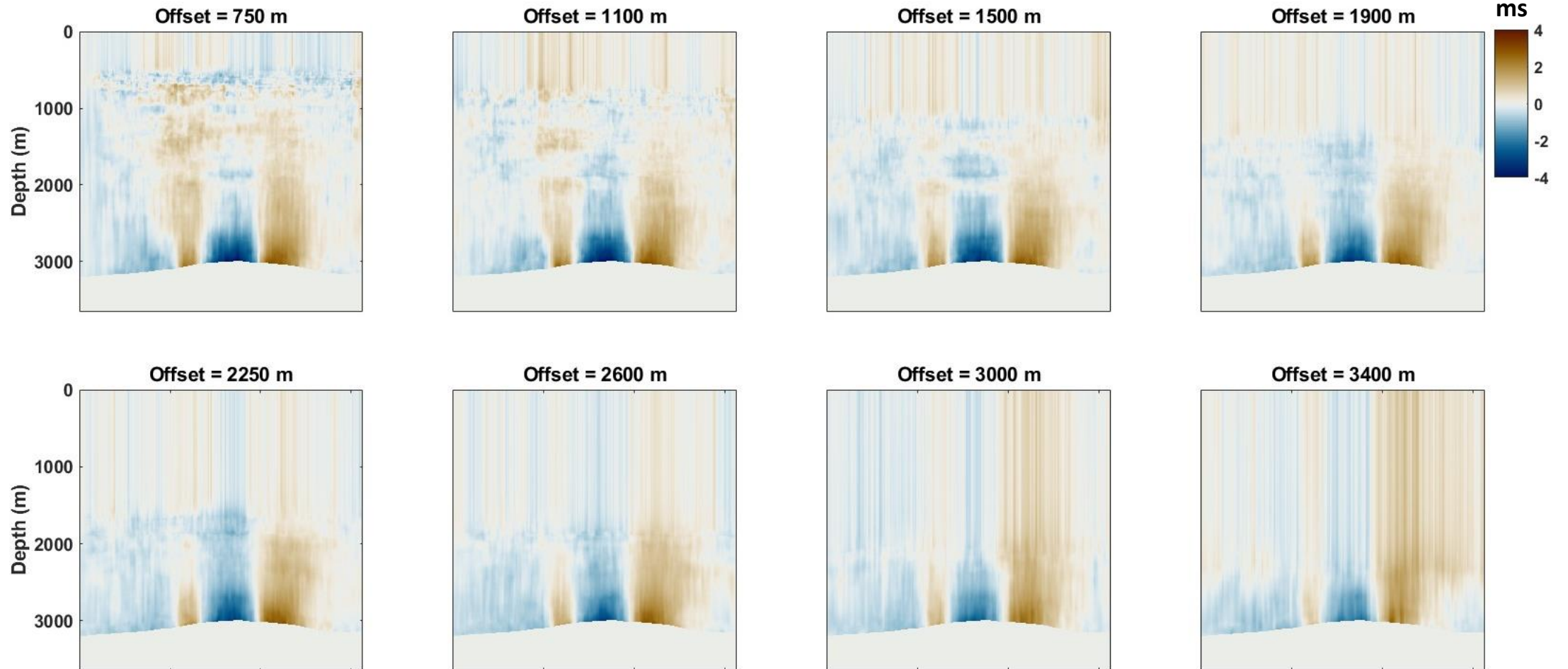


# Application to North Sea Data



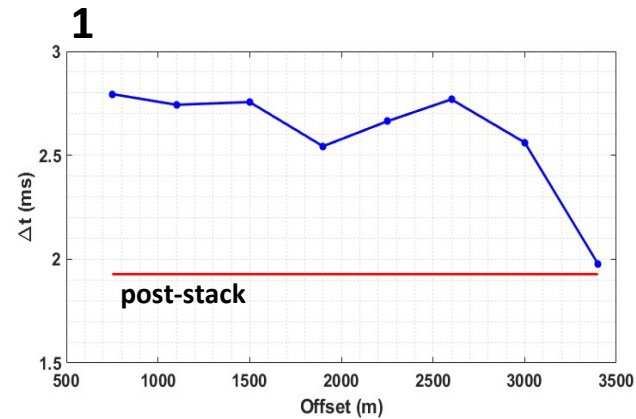
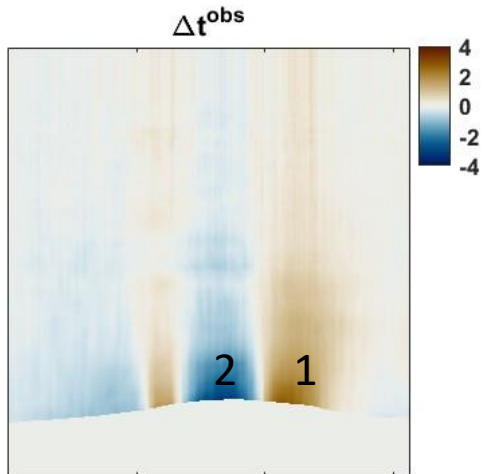
- Compacting reservoir.
- Pressure from flow simulation.
- Vertical strain from geomechanical simulation.
- Seismic and pressure may differ.
- R-factor measurement is semi-quantitative.

# Pre-Stack Time-Shifts

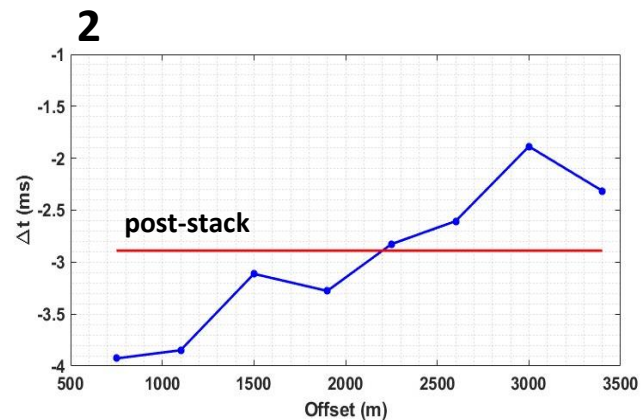
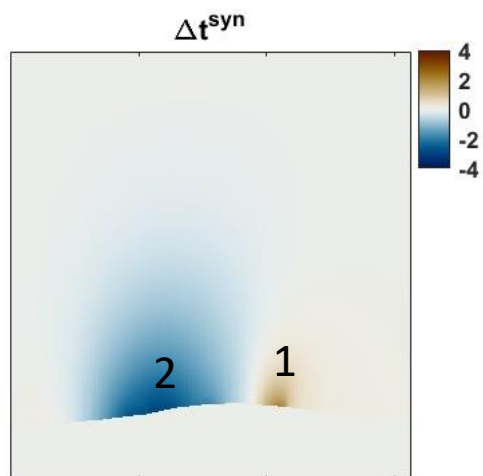




# Post-Stack Time-Shift vs Pre-Stack Time-Shift



- Massive drop in time-shift at far offsets (1.5 ms).
- Very non-linear behaviour.
- Post-stack time-shift is far from average.



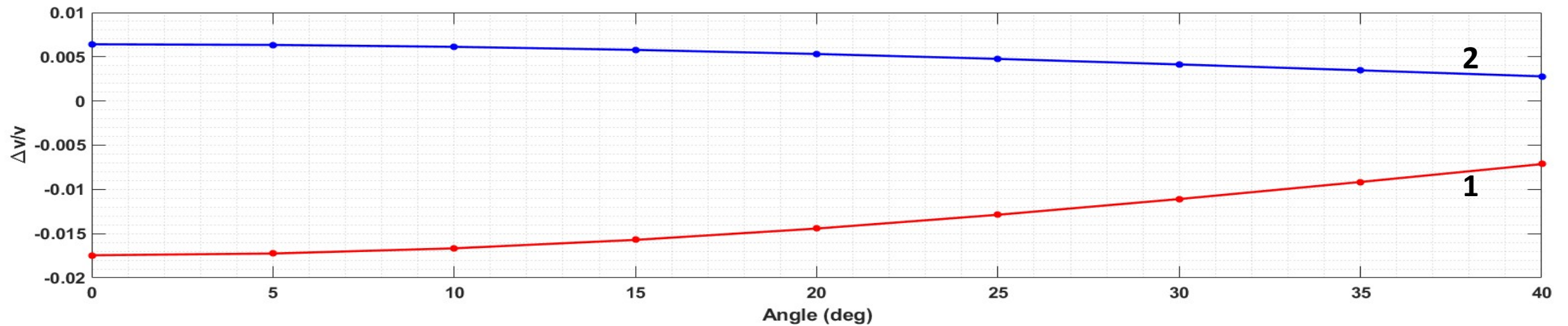
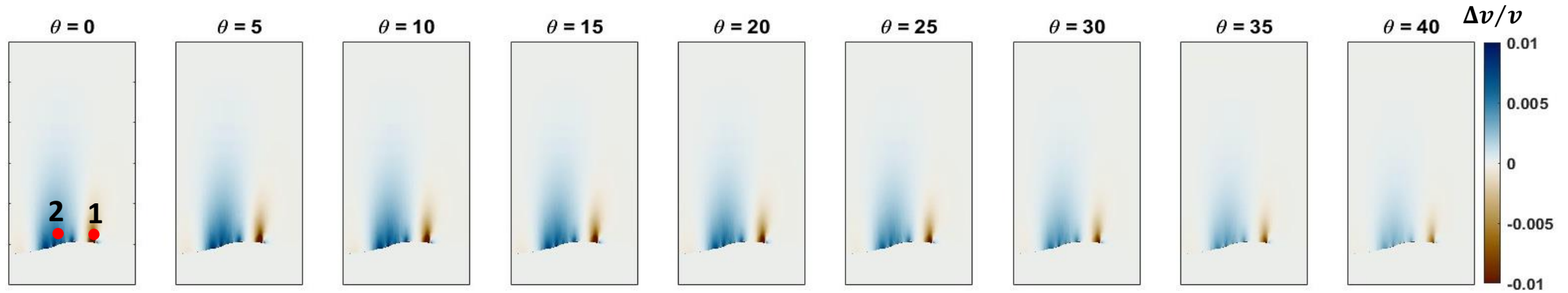
- Massive increase in time-shift (2 ms) from near to far offsets.
- Post-stack time-shift is close to average.
- Post-stack time-shift is controlled by mid offsets.

# Pre-Stack R-Factors

$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_1 : R_3$	$R_2 : R_3$	$\Delta\delta$	$\Delta\varepsilon$	Lithology	Reference
227	96	-116	-1.9	-0.8	0.1	0.1	North Sea Shale	<a href="#">Prioul et al. (2004)</a>
207	38	-16	-12.9	-2.4	0.2	0.2	Colton Sandstone	<a href="#">Prioul et al. (2004)</a>
626	-24	-21	-29.4	1.1	0.6	0.6	Berea Sandstone	<a href="#">Sarkar et al. (2003)</a>
363	53	-8	-46.0	-6.8	0.3	0.3	Buff Sandstone	<a href="#">Winkler and Liu (1996)</a>
465	144	55	8.5	2.6	0.3	0.3	Hanson Sandstone	<a href="#">Winkler and Liu (1996)</a>
2536	545	154	16.5	3.5	2.0	2.0	Massilon Sandstone	<a href="#">Winkler and Liu (1996)</a>
140	39	17	8.0	2.2	0.1	0.1	Portland Sandstone	<a href="#">Winkler and Liu (1996)</a>
1237	348	19	66.0	18.6	0.9	0.9	Westerly Sandstone	<a href="#">Winkler and Liu (1996)</a>
843	162	-156	-5.4	-1.0	0.7	0.7	Berea Sandstone (a)	<a href="#">Winkler and Liu (1996)</a>
1686	402	121	13.9	3.3	1.3	1.3	Berea Sandstone (b)	<a href="#">Winkler and Liu (1996)</a>

- Lab measurements can be orders of magnitude larger than field measurements.
- R2 is a fraction of R1.

# Anisotropic $\Delta v/v$



# 3 R-Factor Models

1) Post-Stack:

$$\frac{\Delta v}{v} = -R\varepsilon_{zz}$$

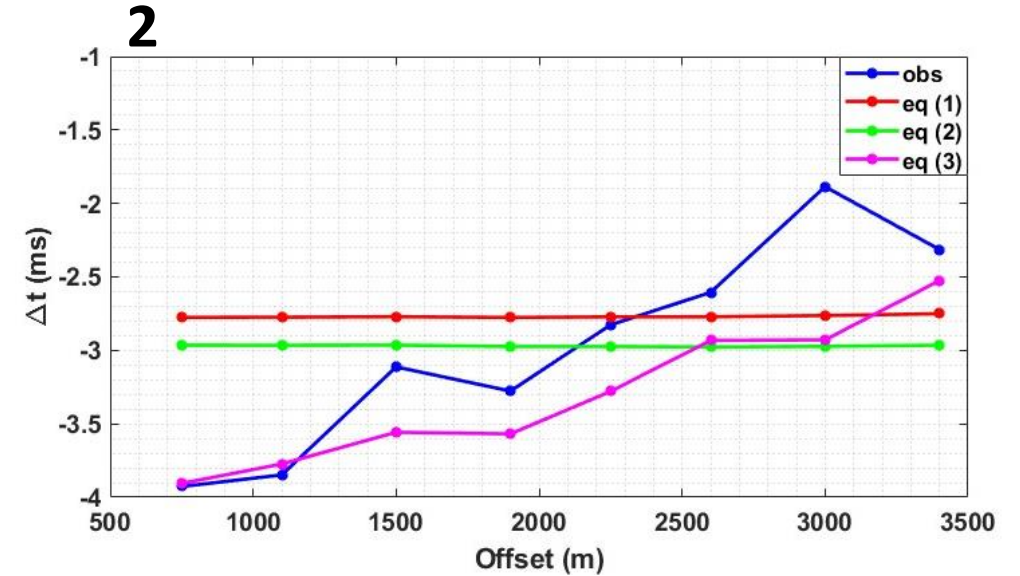
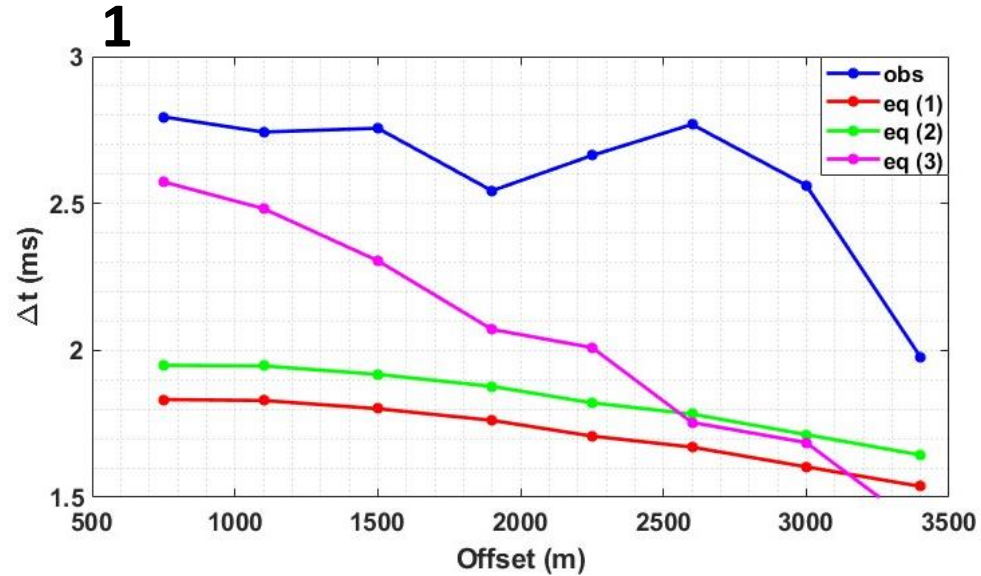
2) Pre-Stack, Isotropic:

$$\frac{\Delta v}{v} = - (R_1 - R_2)\varepsilon_{zz} - R_2\varepsilon_{vol}$$

3) Pre-Stack, Anisotropic:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta v}{v}(\theta) = & [- (R_1 - R_2)\varepsilon_{zz} - R_2\varepsilon_{vol}] + \\ & [(R_1 - R_2)(\varepsilon_{zz} - \varepsilon_h) + (R_1 - R_2)\varepsilon_{vol}]\sin^2(\theta)\cos^2(\theta) + \\ & [(R_1 - R_2)(\varepsilon_{zz} - \varepsilon_h)]\sin^4(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

# Pre-Stack R-Factor Measurement



	R1	R2	R
Post-Stack	-	-	6
Pre-Stack Isotropic	8	2	-
Pre-Stack Anisotropic	10.5	3.5	-

▪  $R_1 - R_2 \approx R$

▪ R2 is a fraction of R1.

# Conclusions

- Time-lapse changes are indeed anisotropic.
- Lateral strain changes affect the 4D velocity changes.
- The proposed R-factor model captures the anisotropy in 4D changes.

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