

# Time-lapse FWI prediction of CO<sub>2</sub> saturation and pore pressure

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## Background

- Quantitative estimation of saturation and pressure is important for conformance verification of CO<sub>2</sub> storage.
- Pressure-saturation discrimination from seismic amplitude.  
Landrø (2001), Meadows (2001), Trani et al. (2011), Grana and Mukerji (2019)...
- FWI prediction of time-dependent CO<sub>2</sub> saturation.  
Queißer and Singh (2012), Dupuy et al. (2021), Hu et al. (2022)



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# Definition of different pressures

- Overburden pressure:

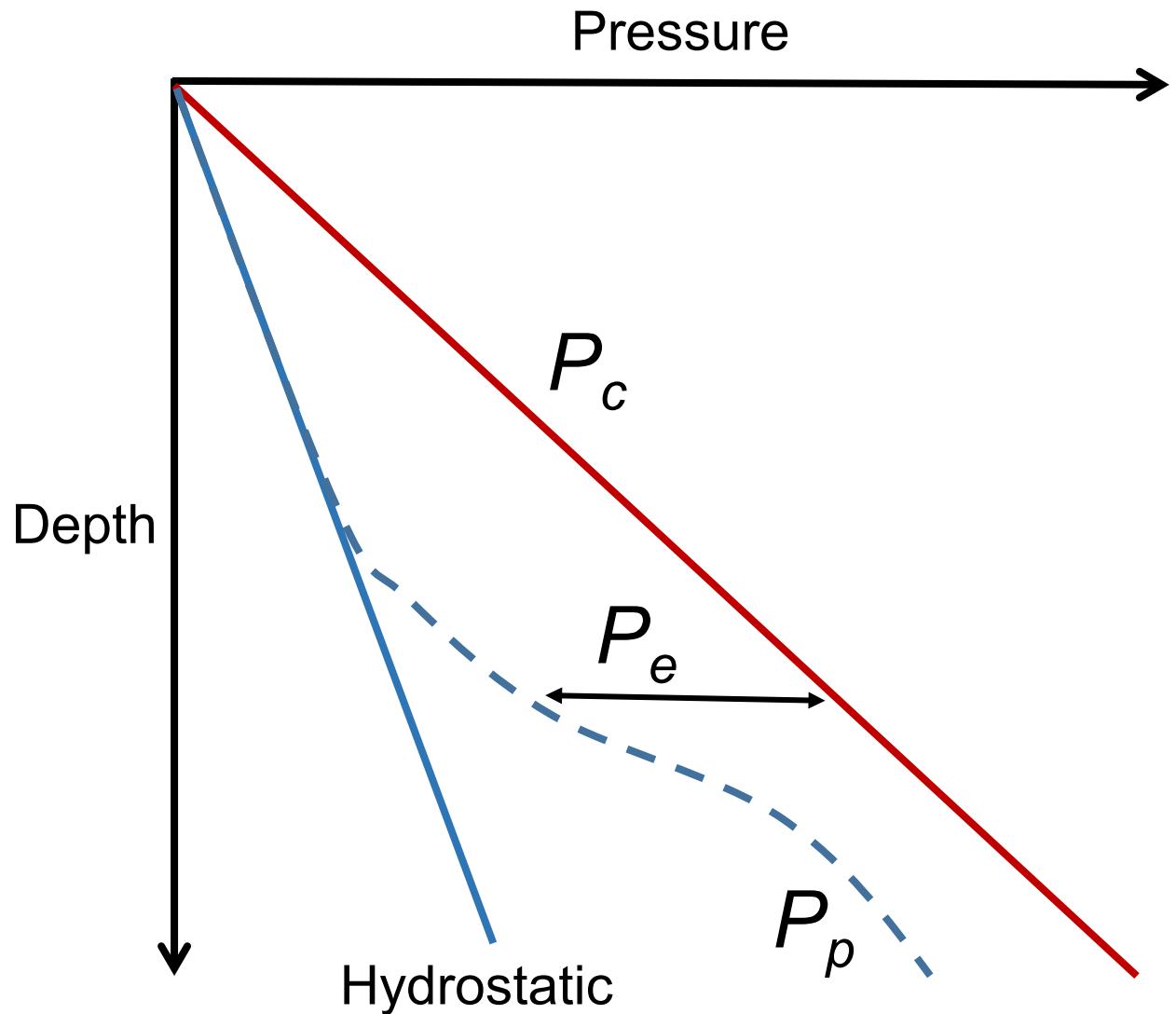
$$P_c = g \int_0^z \rho(z') dz',$$

- Pore pressure (if hydrostatic):

$$P_p = \rho_w g z$$

- Effective pressure:

$$P_e = P_c - \lambda P_p,$$





Landrø (2001)

$$\frac{\Delta V_P}{\bar{V}_P} = a\Delta S + b\Delta P_e^2 + c\Delta P_e$$

Eberhart-Phillips (1989)

$$V_P = a + b\phi + c\sqrt{V_{\text{clay}}} + d(P_e - \exp(-kP_e))$$

Hertz–Mindlin (1949)

$$K_{\text{dry}} = \sqrt[3]{X(\phi, V_{\text{clay}})P_e},$$

Macbeth (2004)

$$K_{\text{dry}} = \frac{K^\infty}{1 + A_K e^{-\frac{P_e}{P_K}}},$$



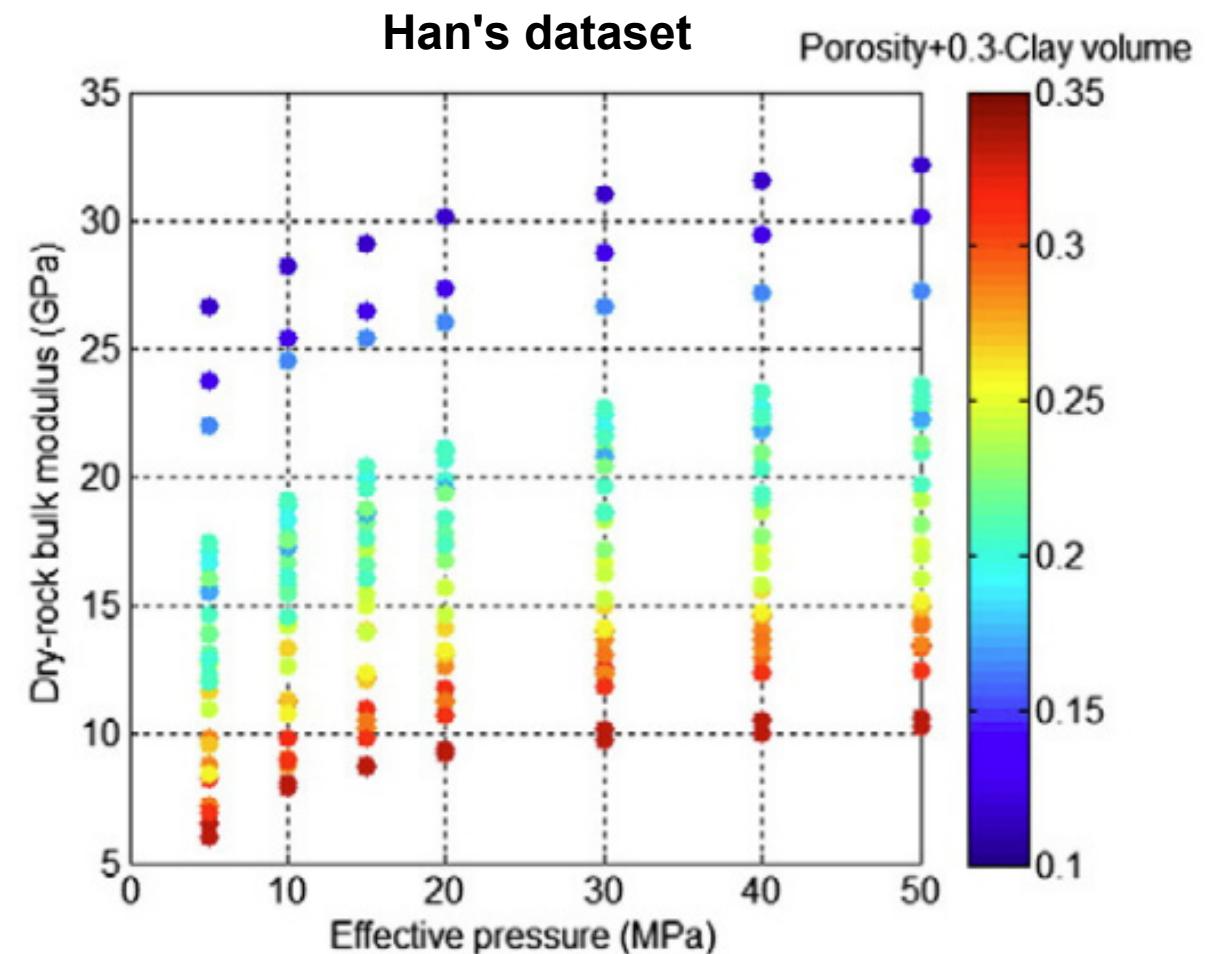
## Modified Macbeth model (Grana, 2016)

$$K_{\text{dry}}(P_e) = \frac{K^\infty}{1 + \frac{K^\infty - K_0}{K_0} e^{-\frac{P_e - P_0}{P_K}}};$$

$$K^\infty = \lambda_1(\phi + aV_{\text{clay}}) + \lambda_2,$$



self-similarity





Gassmann's equation:

$$K_{\text{sat}}(S_{\text{CO}_2}, P_p) = K_{\text{dry}}(P_p) + \frac{[1 - K_{\text{dry}}(P_p)/K_m]^2}{\phi/K_f(S_{\text{CO}_2}, P_p) + (1 - \phi)/K_m - K_{\text{dry}}(P_p)/K_m^2}$$

$$G_{\text{sat}}(P_p) = G_{\text{dry}}(P_p)$$

$$\rho_{\text{sat}}(S_{\text{CO}_2}, P_p) = (1 - \phi)\rho_m + \phi\rho_f(S_{\text{CO}_2}, P_p)$$



## Steps of rock physics modeling

**Solid phase:**  $K_m = f(K_q, K_c, V_{\text{clay}})$  **Voigt-Reuss-Hill**

**Fluid phase:**  $K_{\text{co}2,w} = f(T, P_p)$  **Baztle-Wang**  
 $K_f = f(K_{\text{co}2}, K_w, S_{\text{co}2})$  **Brie**

**Dry rock:**  $K_0 = f(K_m, \phi, P_0)$  **Hertz-Mindlin**  
 $K_{\text{dry}}(P_e) = f(K_0, P_0, P_e)$  **Modified MacBeth**

**Saturated rock:**  $K_{\text{sat}} = f(K_m, K_f, K_{\text{dry}}, \phi)$  **Gassmann**

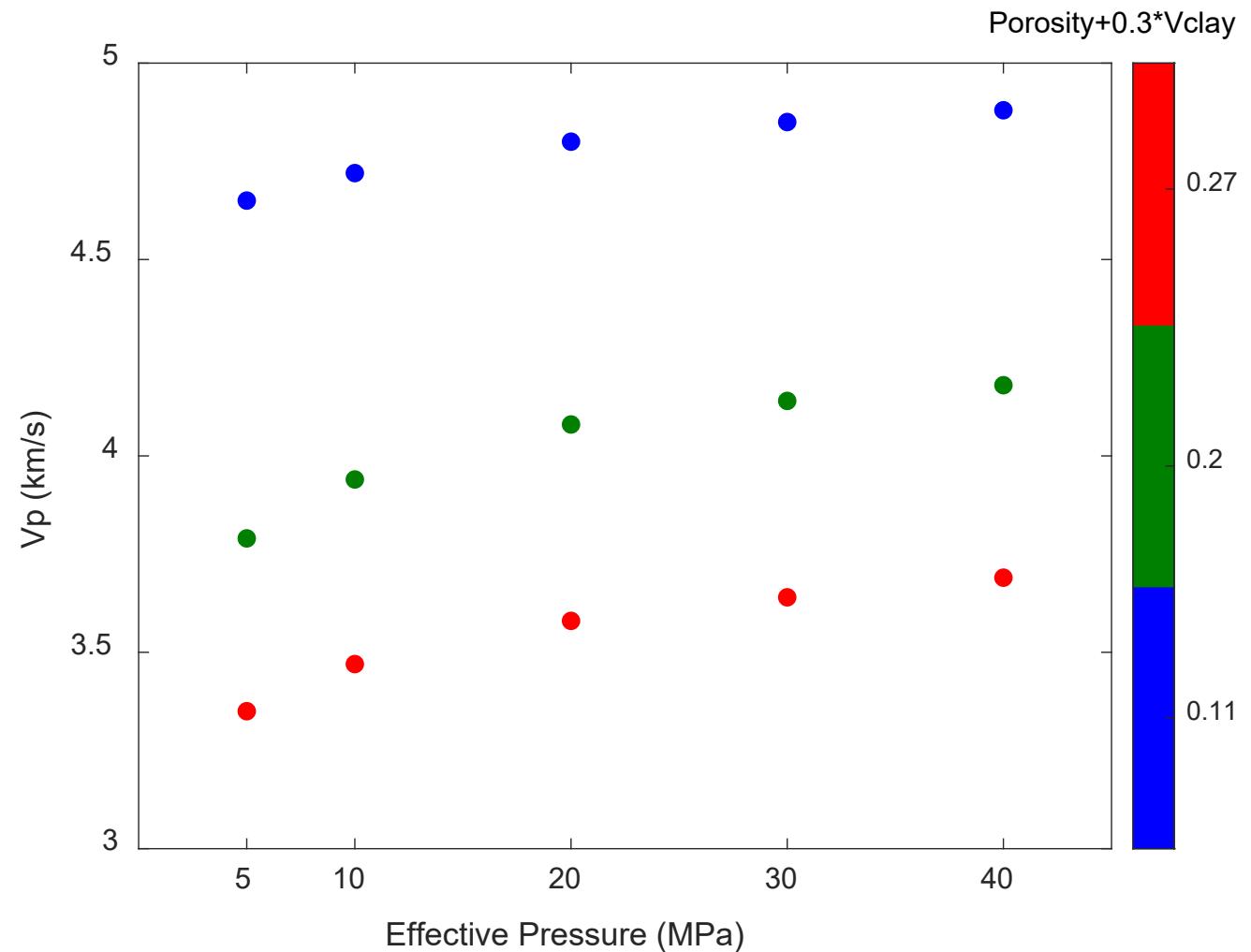


$$(V_P, V_S, \rho) = f(\phi, V_{\text{clay}}, S_{\text{co}2}, P_p)$$



# Model calibration

Three samples

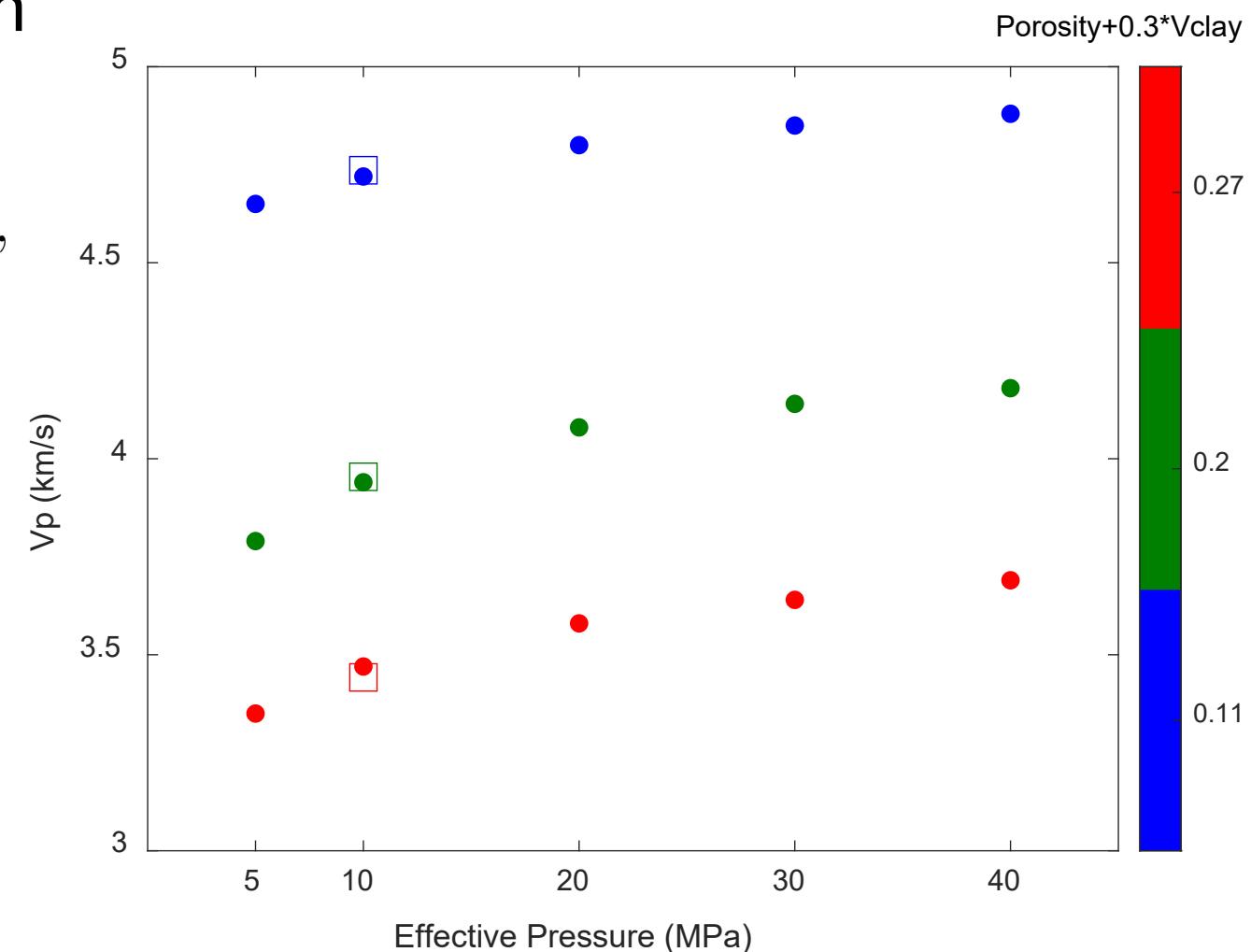




# Model calibration

## Baseline prediction (Hertz-Mindlin)

$$K_{\text{dry}} = \sqrt[3]{X(\phi, V_{\text{clay}}) P_e},$$

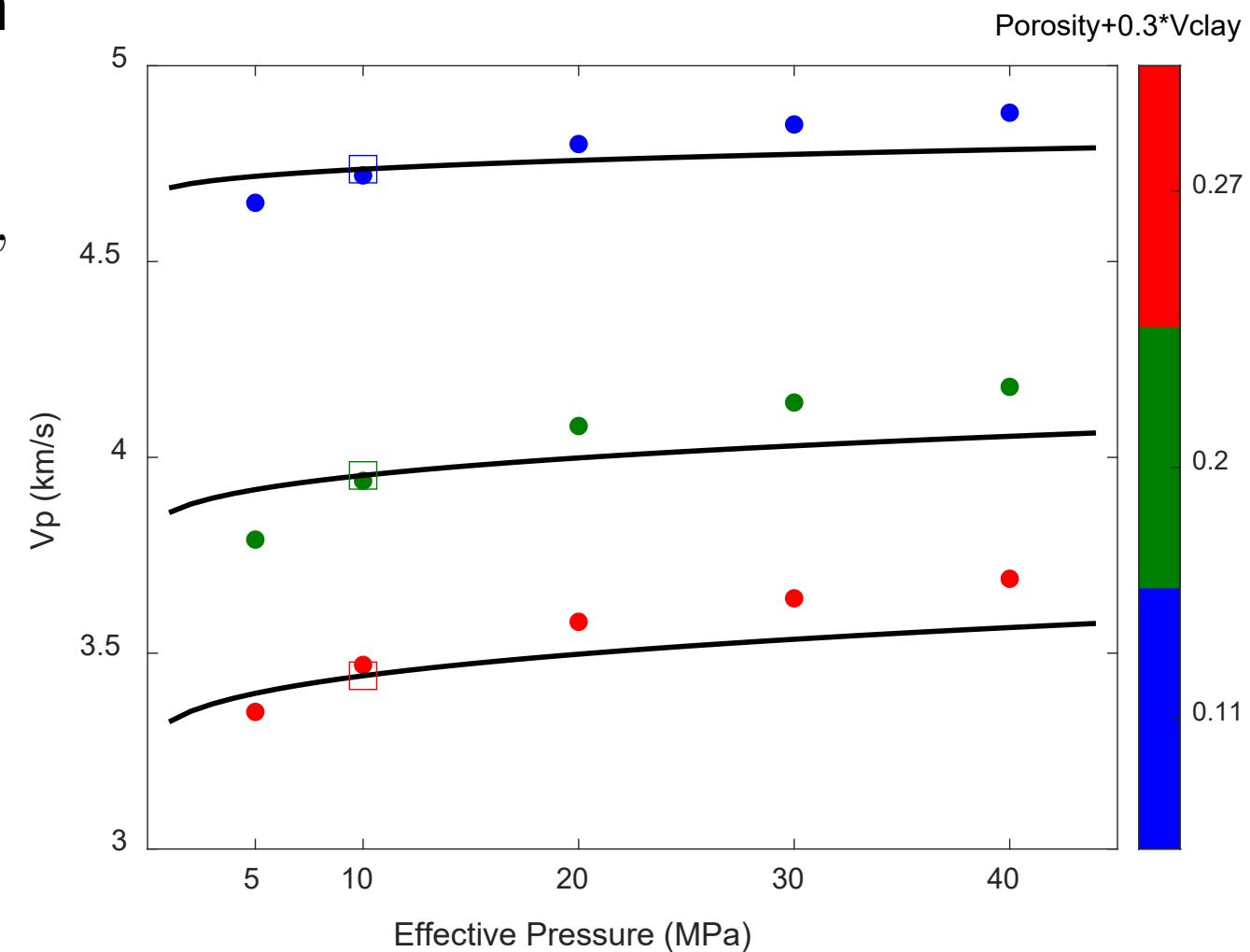




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## Monitor prediction (Hertz-Mindlin)

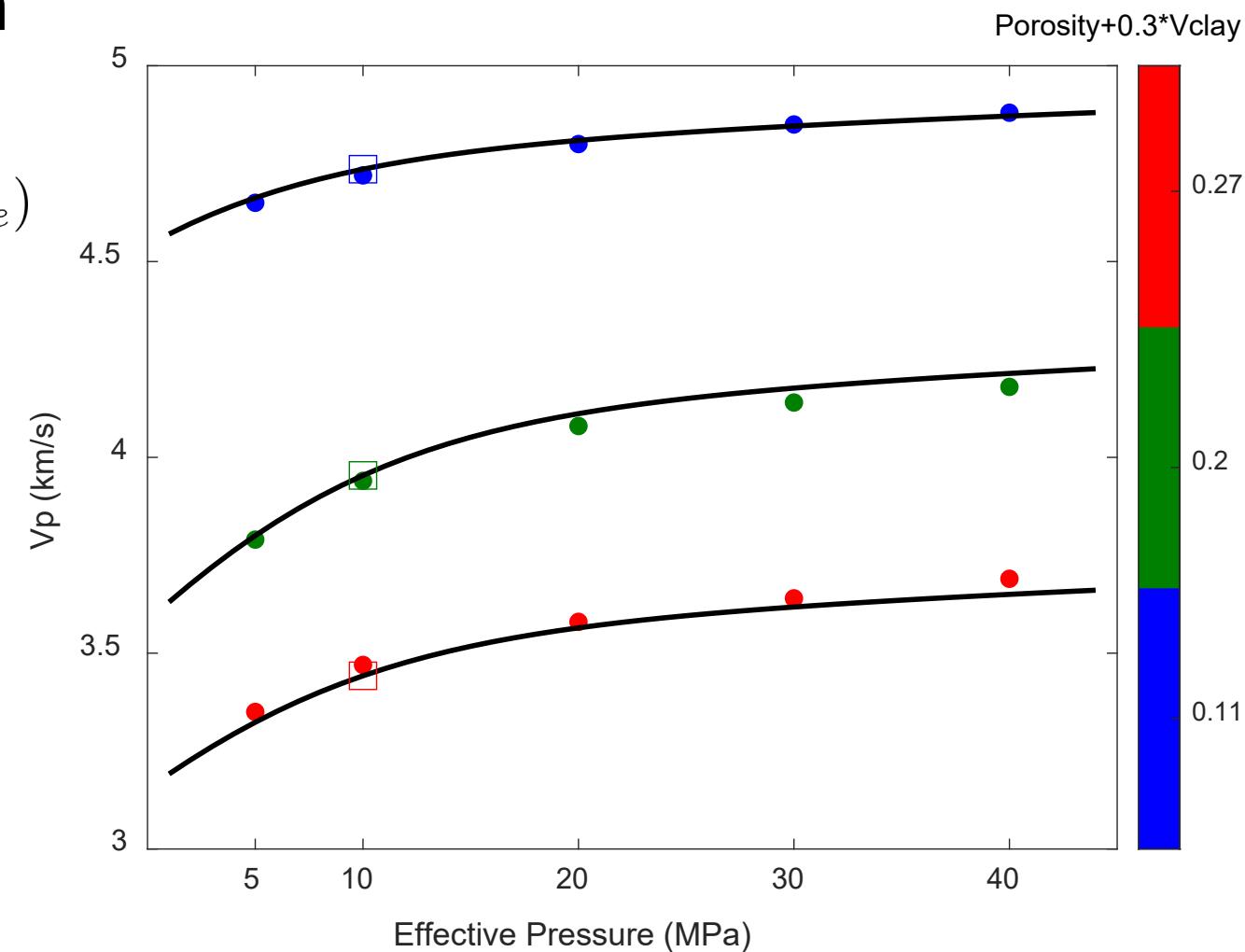
$$K_{\text{dry}} = \sqrt[3]{X(\phi, V_{\text{clay}}) P_e},$$





## Monitor prediction (Macbeth)

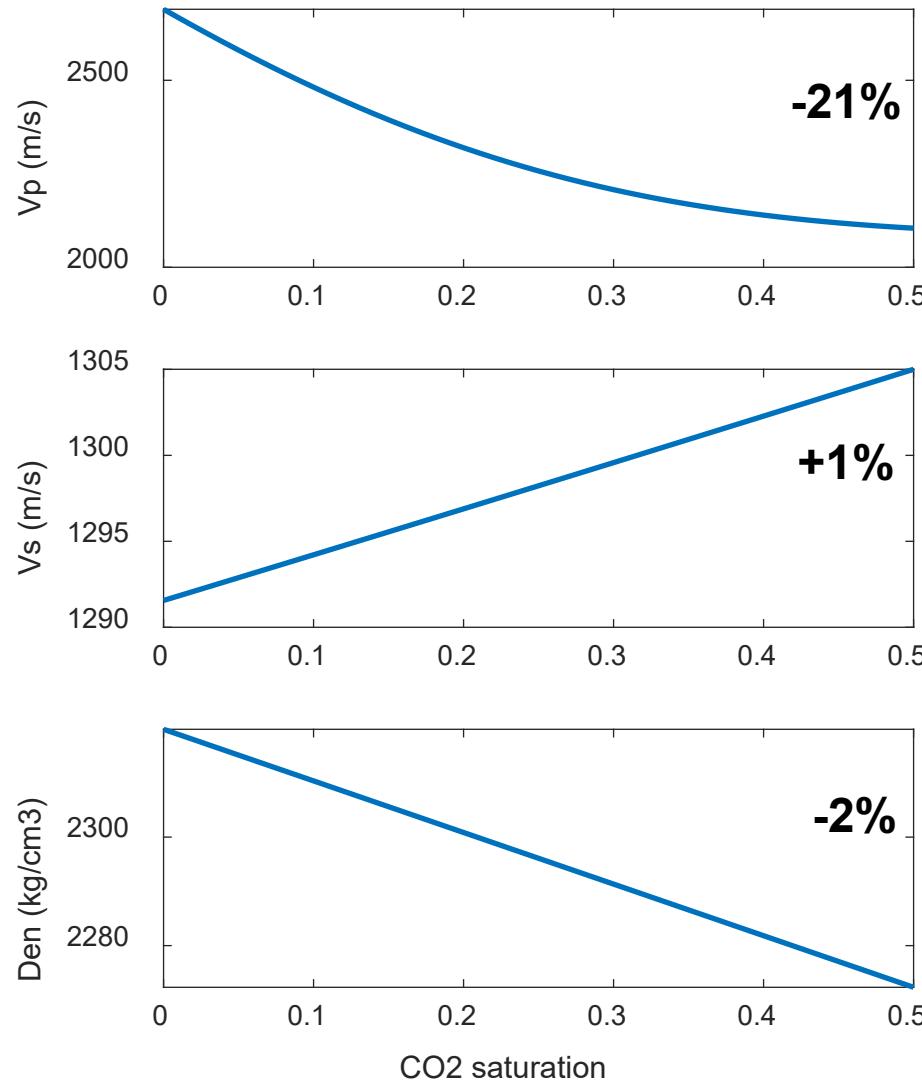
$$K_{\text{dry}}(P_e) = f(K_0, P_0, P_e)$$



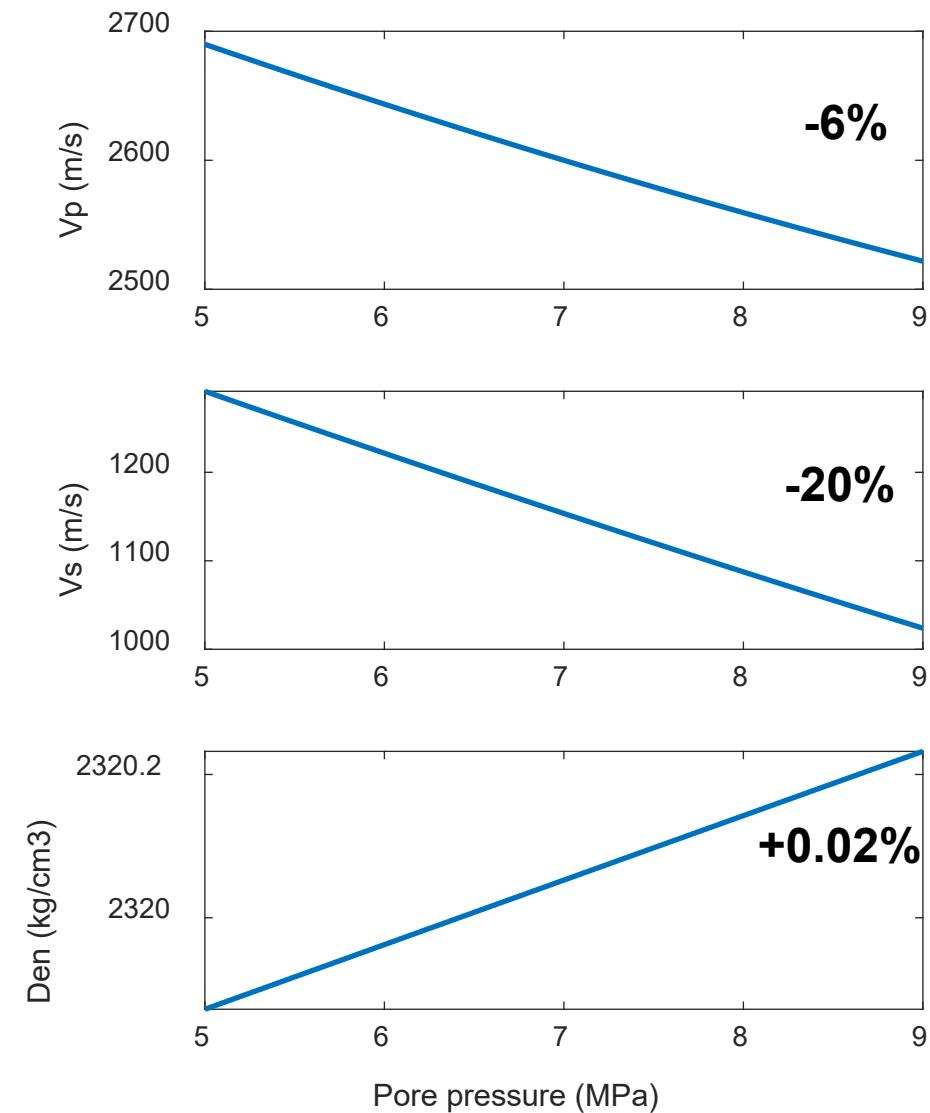


# Sensitivity analysis

$$(V_P, V_S, \rho) = f(S_{CO_2}, P_p = 5)$$



$$(V_P, V_S, \rho) = f(S_{CO_2} = 0, P_p)$$





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- **General problem**

$f$ : Wave propagation model

$g$ : rock-physics model

$$\mathbf{d} = f(\mathbf{m}_e) + \mathbf{n} = f(g(\mathbf{m}_r)) + \mathbf{n}$$

$\mathbf{m}_e$ : Elastic properties       $\mathbf{m}_r$ : Reservoir properties

- **FWI incorporating rock physics model**

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial r_i} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial e_1} \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial r_i} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial e_2} \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial r_i} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial e_3} \frac{\partial e_3}{\partial r_i},$$

(Hu et al, 2021)

$$(e_1, e_2, e_3) = g(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N)$$



## 1. Baseline model reconstruction ( $\phi$ , $V_{\text{clay}}$ )

$$E_b = \|\mathbf{d}_{\text{obs\_b}}(\phi^t, V_{\text{clay}}^t) - \mathbf{d}_{\text{syn\_b}}(\phi, V_{\text{clay}})\|_2,$$

## 2. Monitor model reconstruction ( $S_{\text{co2}}$ , $P_p$ )

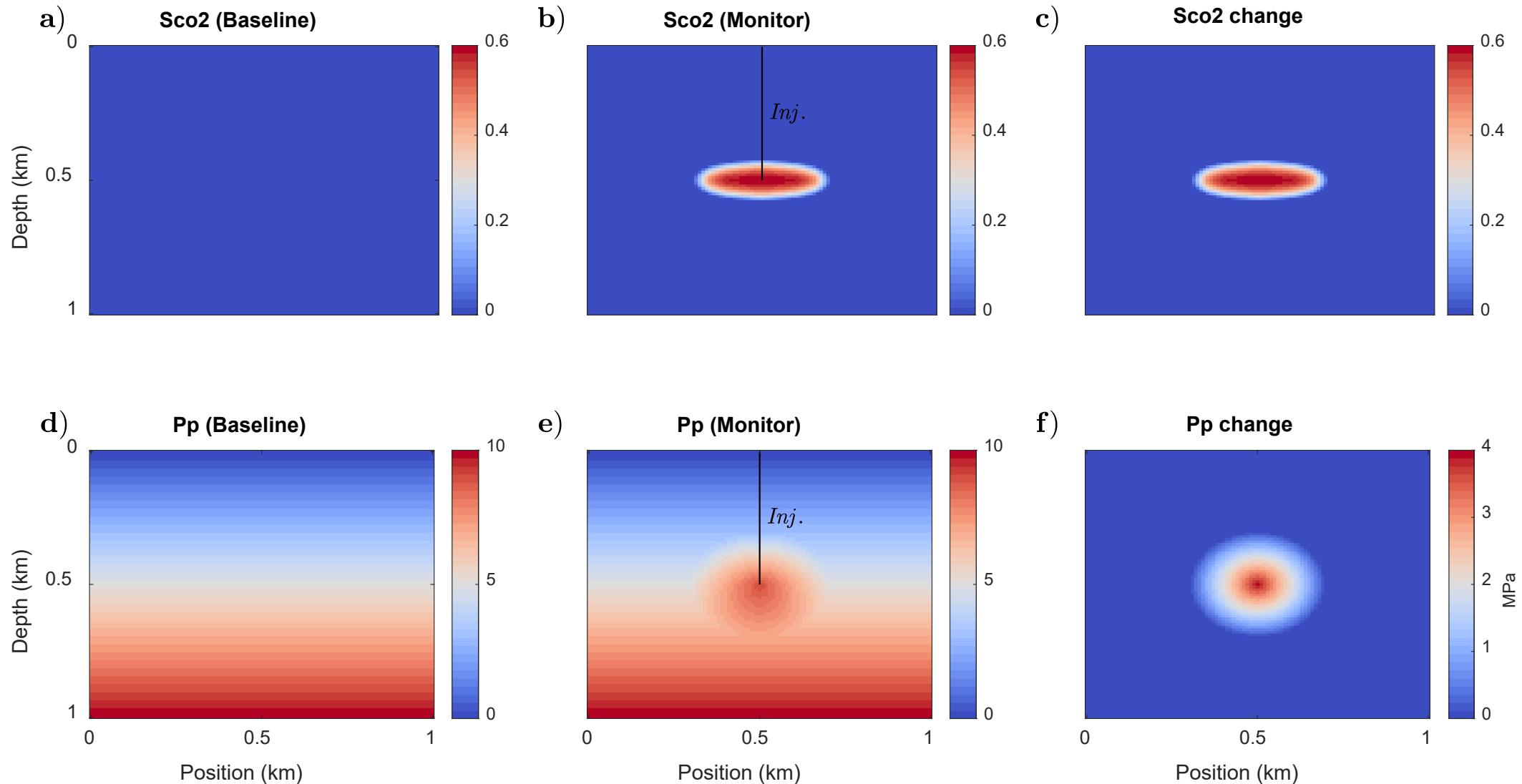
$$E_m = \|\mathbf{d}_{\text{obs\_m}}(\phi^t, V_{\text{clay}}^t, S_{\text{co2}}^t, P_p^t) - \mathbf{d}_{\text{syn\_m}}(\phi, V_{\text{clay}}, S_{\text{co2}}, P_p)\|_2,$$



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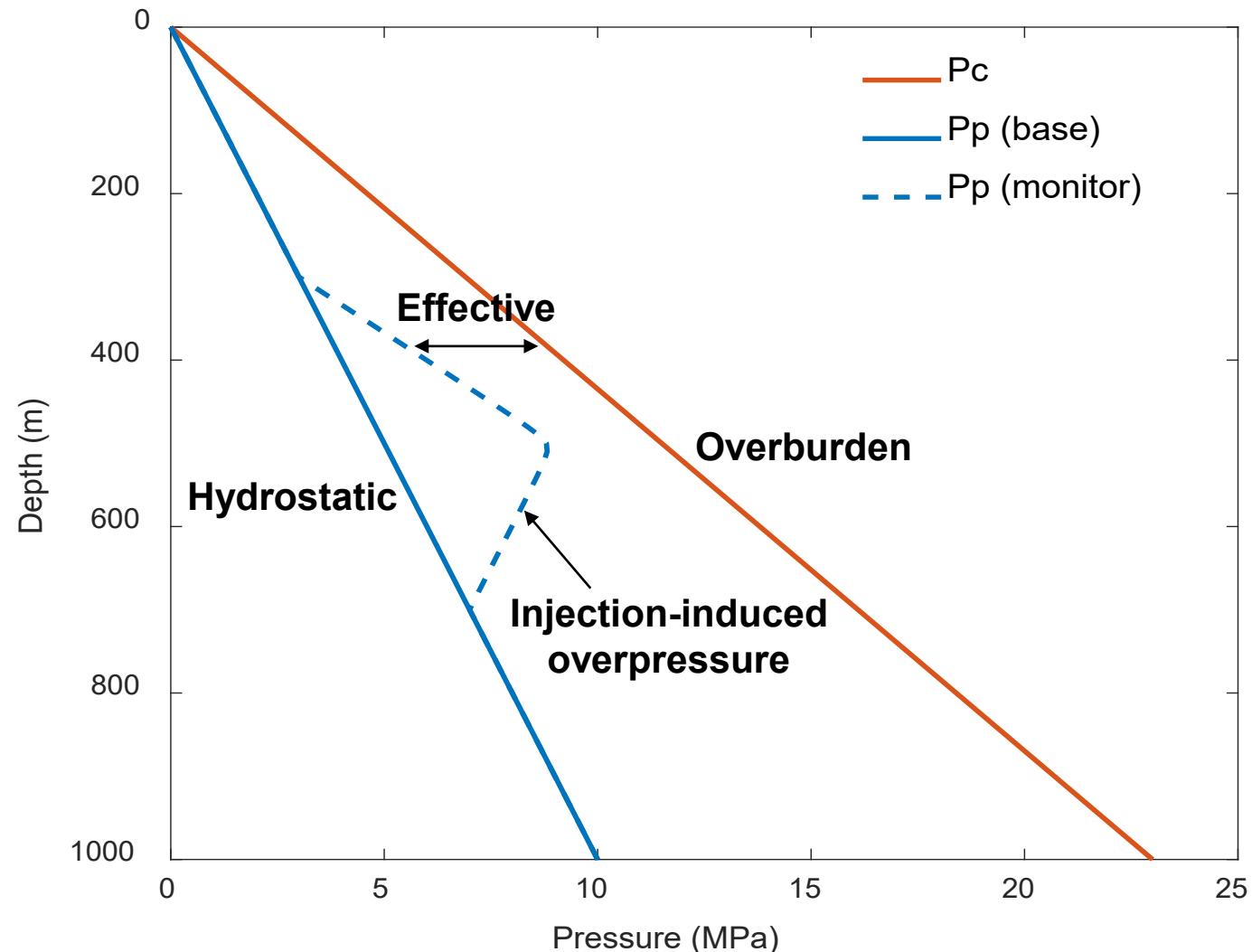


# True reservoir model



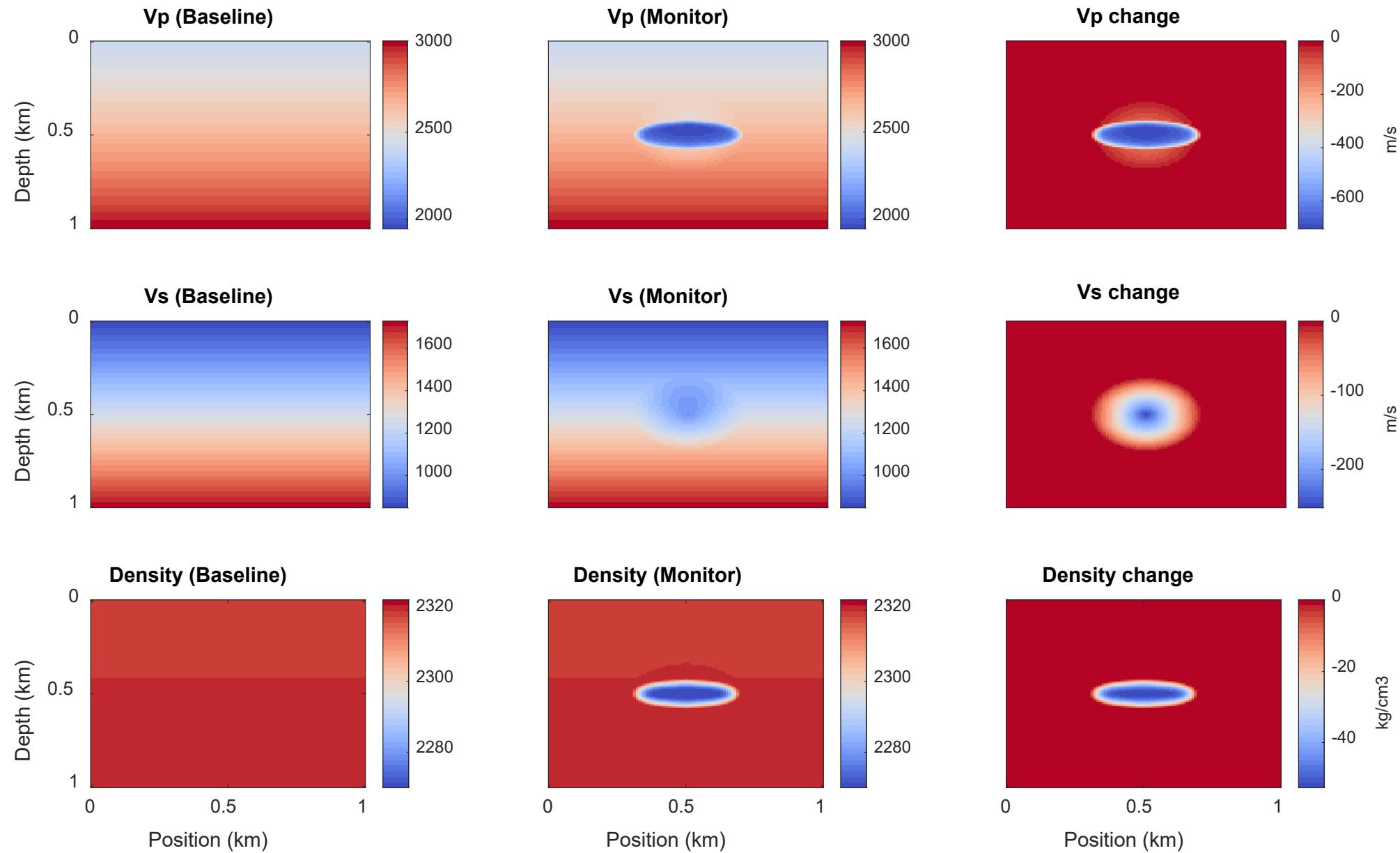


# Details of the pressure model



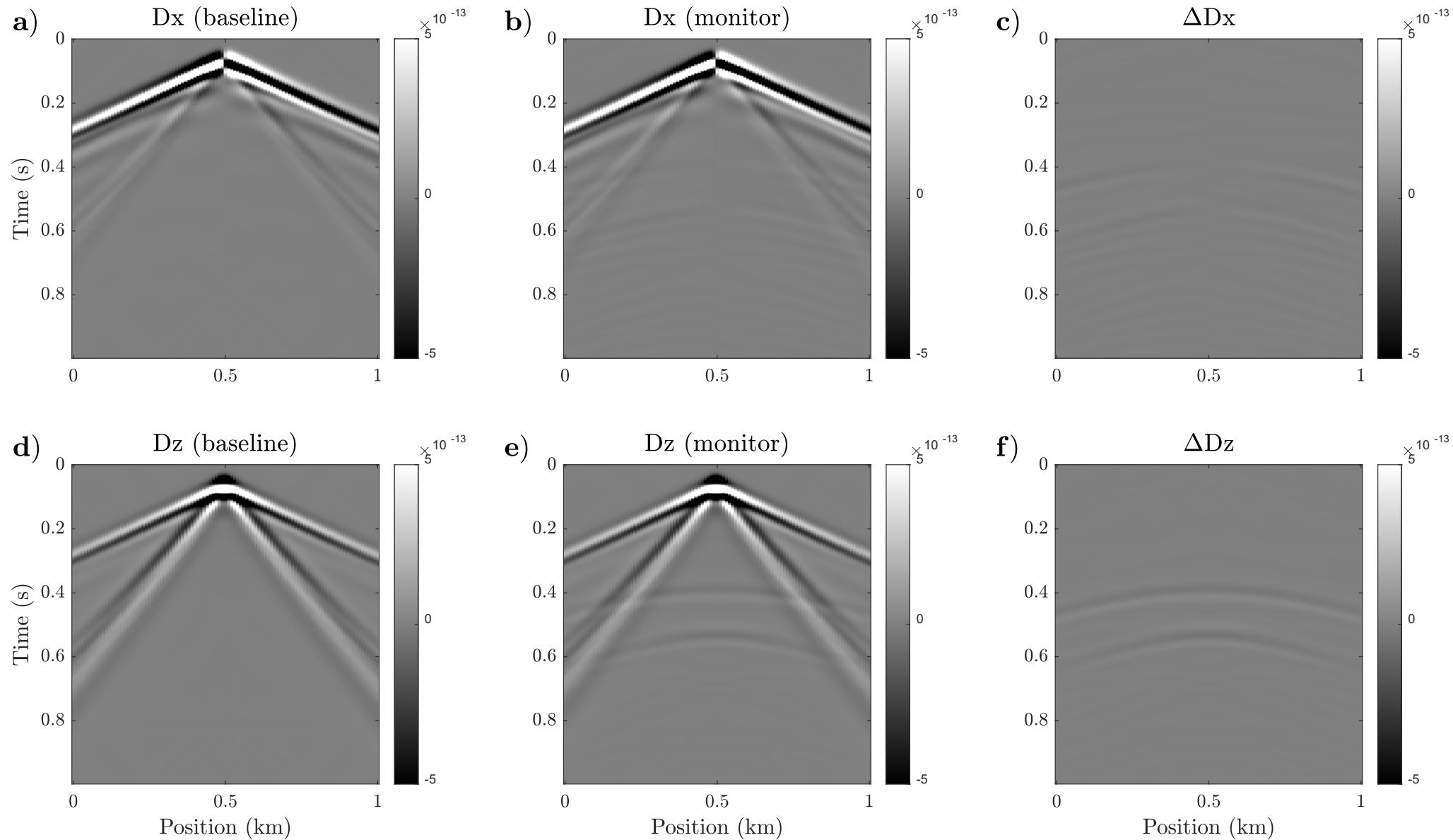


# Elastic model



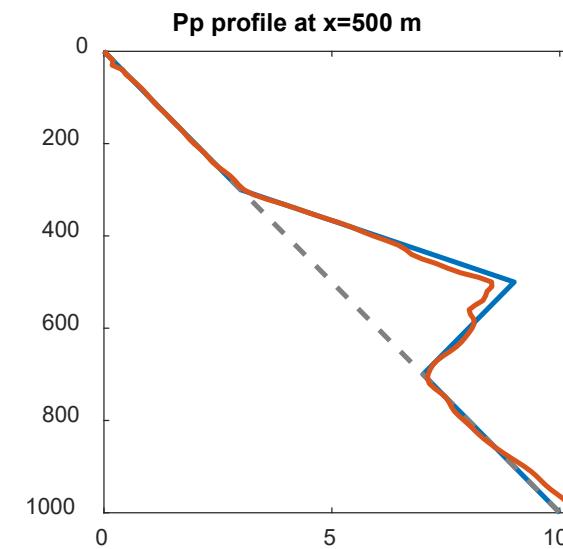
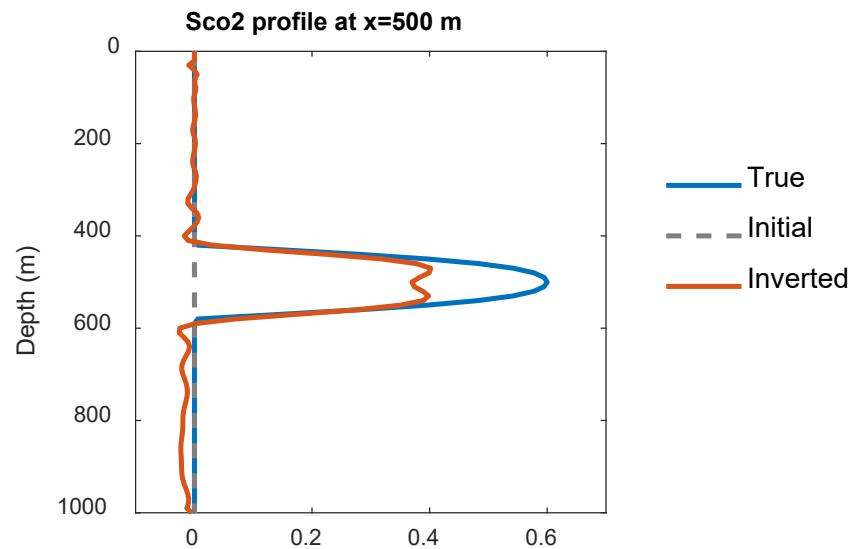
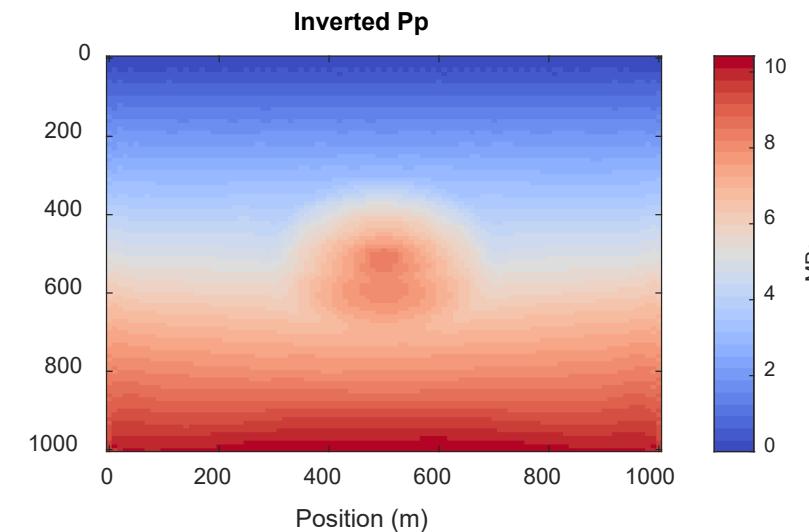
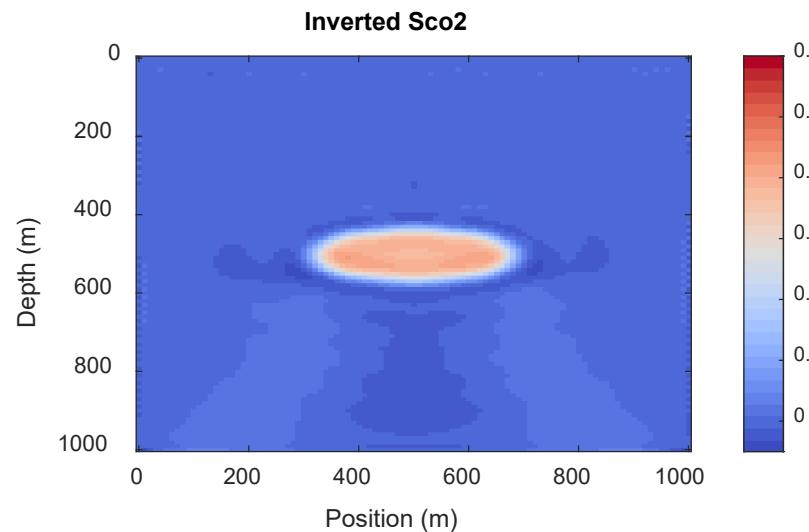


# Synthetic data



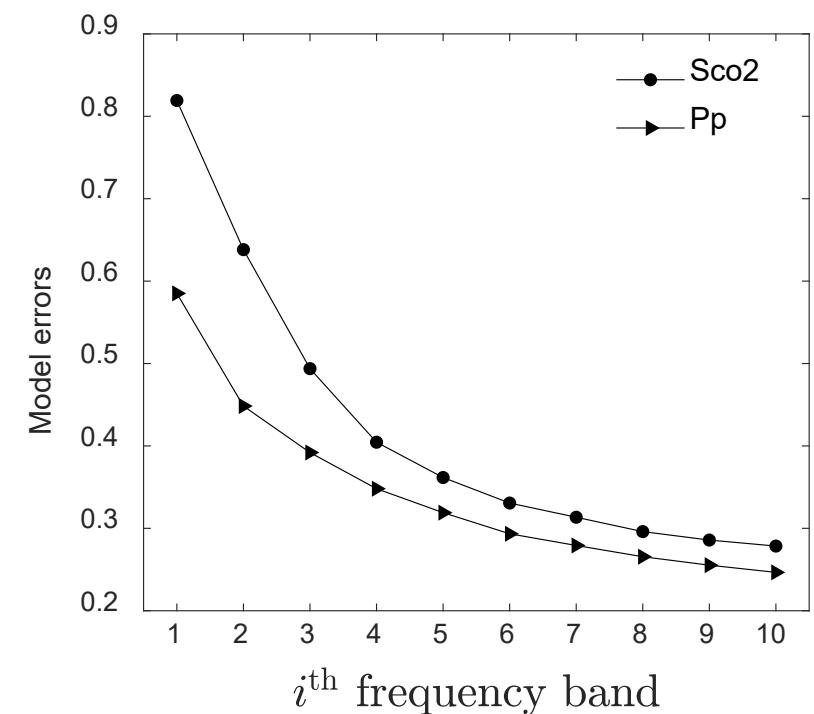
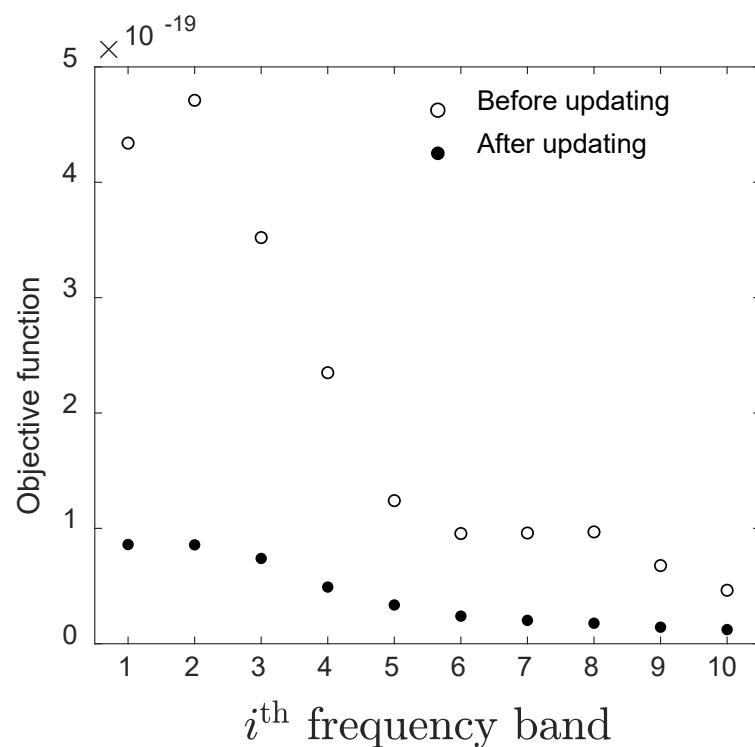
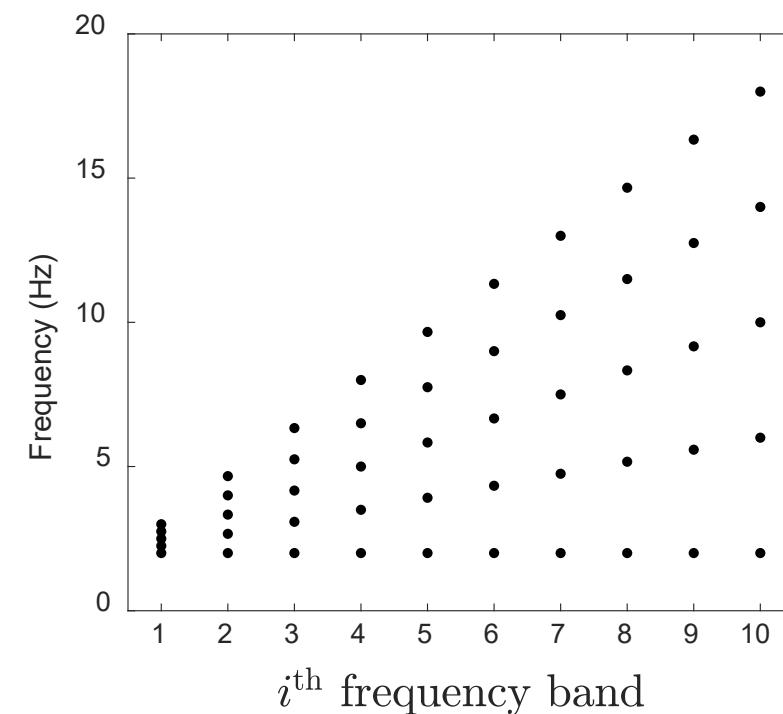


# Inversion result





# Convergence properties





- Outcomes
  - A rock physics model linking porosity, lithology, saturation, and pressure to seismic attributes.
  - An FWI framework for the prediction of dynamic reservoir properties from time-lapse seismic data.
- Challenges
  - Uncertainties in the rock physics relations, baseline estimates, and monitor data.
- Next steps
  - More comprehensive numerical analysis
  - Potential application: CREWES & CMC rapid-repeat surveys.



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