

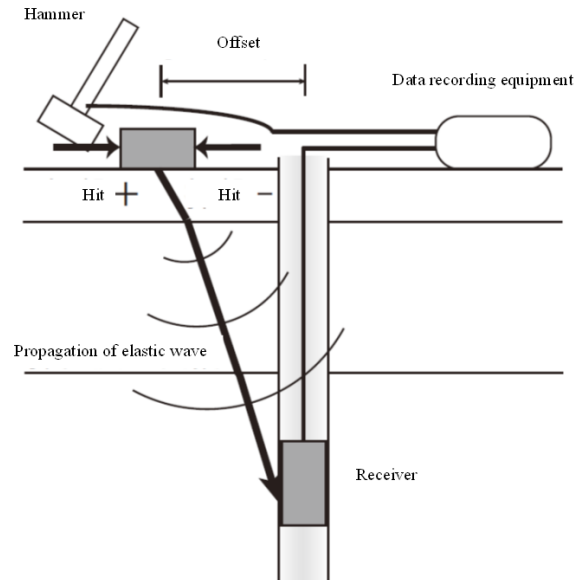
Downhole Seismic Velocity Logging Test

Objective

In this experiment, Velocity Logging Test (Downhole method) is done to find the physical properties of the soil ground from site investigation. Velocity logging test includes the measurement of travel time, i.e., the time from generating the elastic wave which propagates through the ground till it is observed by the receiver and to predict the propagating velocities required by elastic waves generated; P-wave (primary wave) and S-wave (shear wave) to propagate through the soil ground concerned.

Testing Method and Procedure

1. A wooden board or a metal plate which is fixed on the ground surface is hit to generate elastic waves (P-waves and S-waves). Observation of both waves is done by the receivers set up inside the borehole.
2. From the observed waveform data, readings for the initial point at which the waves were generated are made and then the time required by each of P-wave and S-wave to reach the position at which receivers are placed is determined. Travel time required by the waves for the different changed positions (depths) of receivers is measured.
3. Travel time data thus obtained is then arranged in the form of receiver's position (depth) and travel time relationship. Measured travel time data is then corrected for the case where the generation of wave is done within the borehole itself. Plot a graph taking vertical axis for depth and horizontal axis for the corrected travel time.
4. Considering the measurement error, "travel~time curve" is plotted from the relationship of depth and travel time. From the slope (gradient) of the travel~time curve, P-wave and S-wave velocity profiles are predicted.



Report

The report should contain the following items:

1. The objective, principle, method and procedure of the downhole seismic velocity logging test.
2. Analyze the test data following the procedure and obtain the velocity profiles for S-wave.

Note the followings:

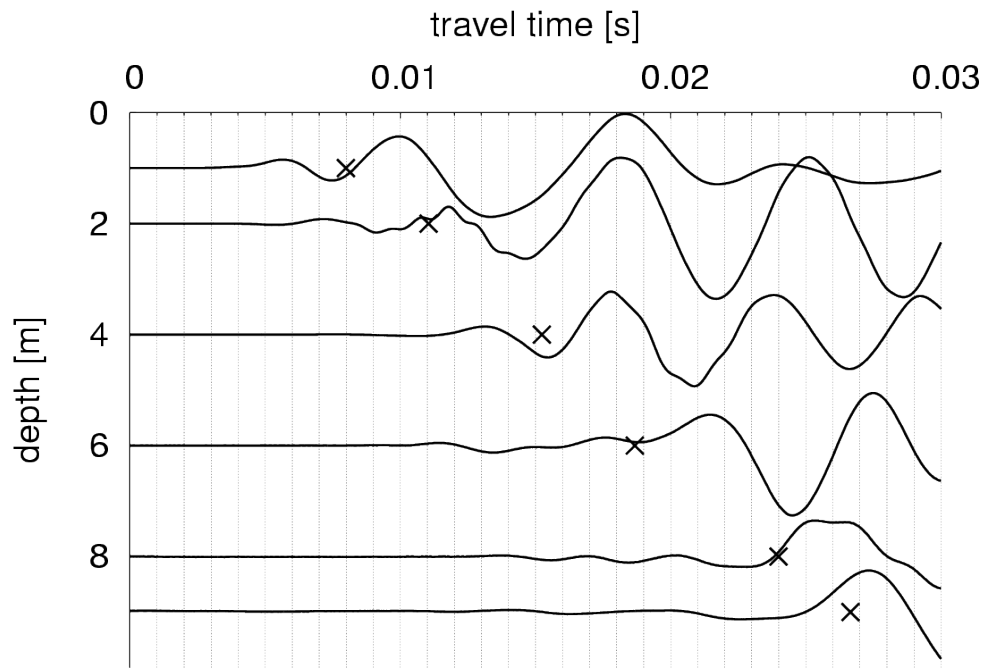
1. Soil ground is assumed to be three horizontally stratified layers. For the depths of these soil layer boundaries, refer to the data sheet/s distributed on the experimental day.
2. Consider the offset as 50 cm and ignore the effect of wave refraction.
3. Comment on the relationship between N-value, results of velocity profile and hardness of the ground, etc., by referring to descriptions such as soil classification (rough classification of soil), report items (description of soil condition), N-value, etc. given on the data sheet provided.
4. Note your impressions about the test.

***Submit the reports of Standard Cone Penetration test, Centrifuge Modeling test, and Velocity Logging test, separately.

- Record of horizontal movement (after Reverse Stacking)

Recording for 3m, 5m and 7m are done on the experimental day. Data of each group will be uploaded on the site given below.

<http://wwwcatfish.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~goto/lecture.html>



Practice on Velocity Logging Test

Objective:

From the view point of velocity logging practices and problems, following items are learnt:

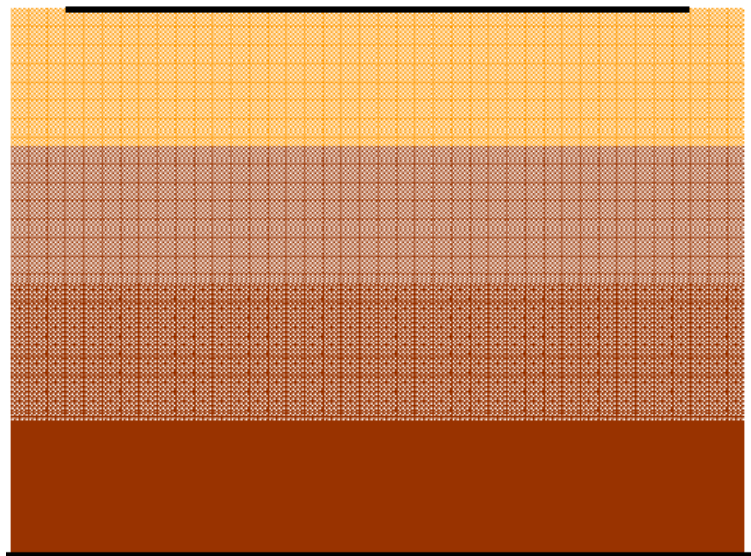
1. Method of knowing the internal condition of the ground.
2. One can understand meaning of “dynamic behavior of the ground”.
3. Importance of knowing the behavior of ground.

From the velocity logging test, following things are predicted:

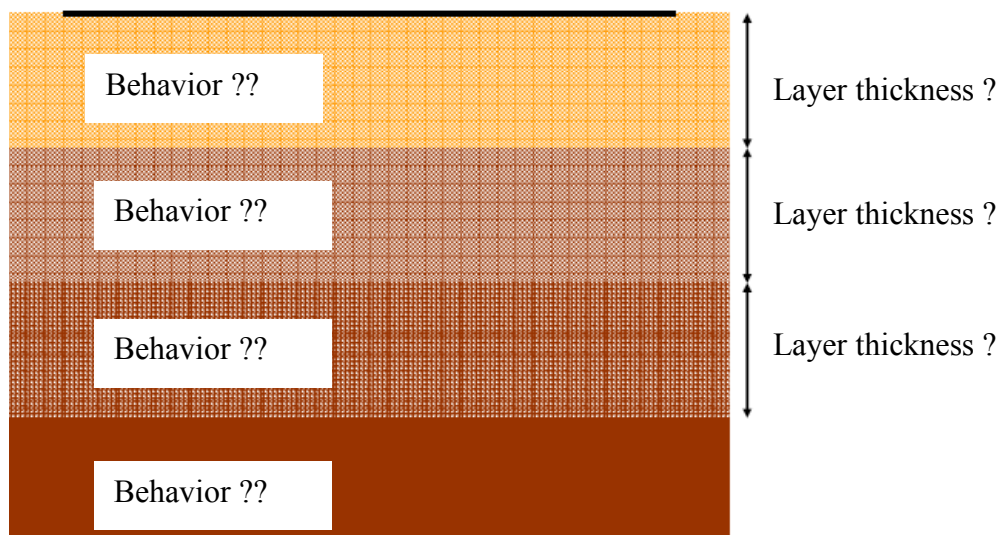
1. Thickness of the ground layer.
2. P-wave and S-wave velocity of ground layer.

What is Velocity logging?

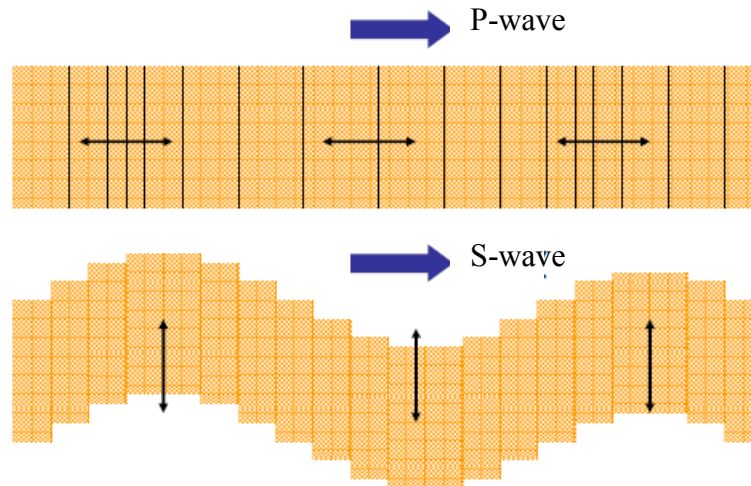
Assume the ground is made up following layers (stratification).



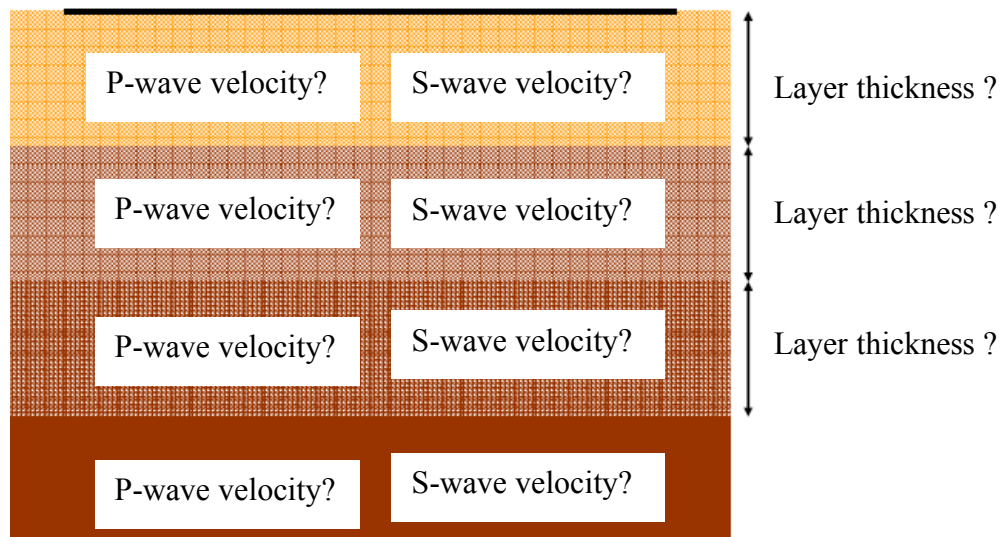
In this condition, it is difficult to know the thickness as well as behavior of the each ground layers.



By saying behavior of the ground, there are different things to consider. Here, consider the behavior of the ground as how fast the wave can propagate through that ground.

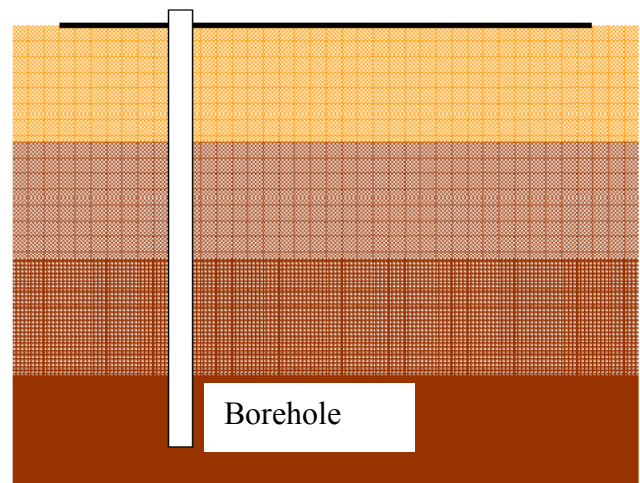


Let's try to find the thickness, S-wave and P-wave of each layer.

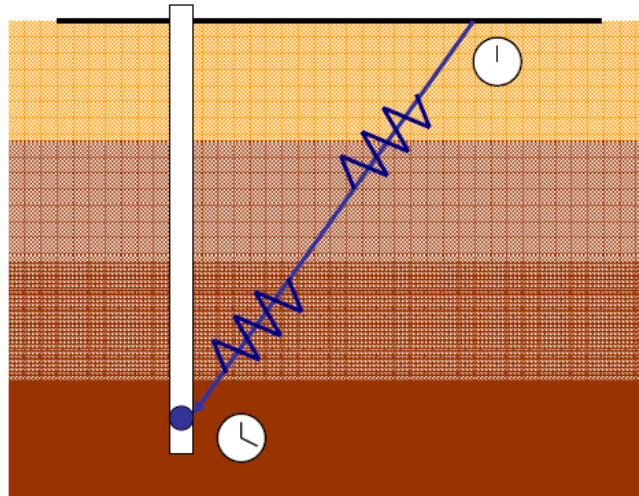


Structure of Velocity Logging

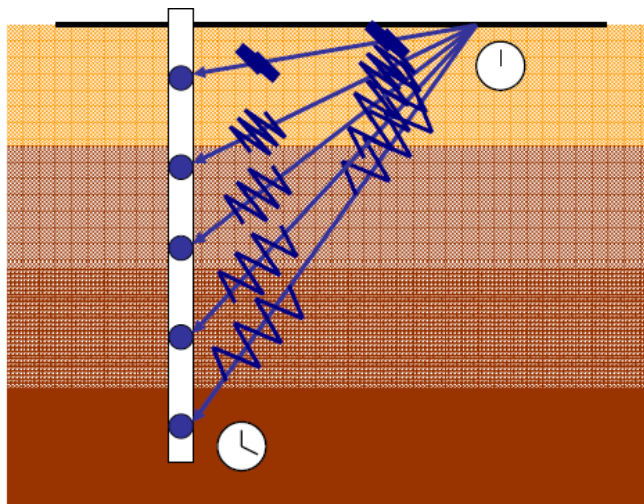
How about using the borehole?



Measure the time required for propagating the waves.

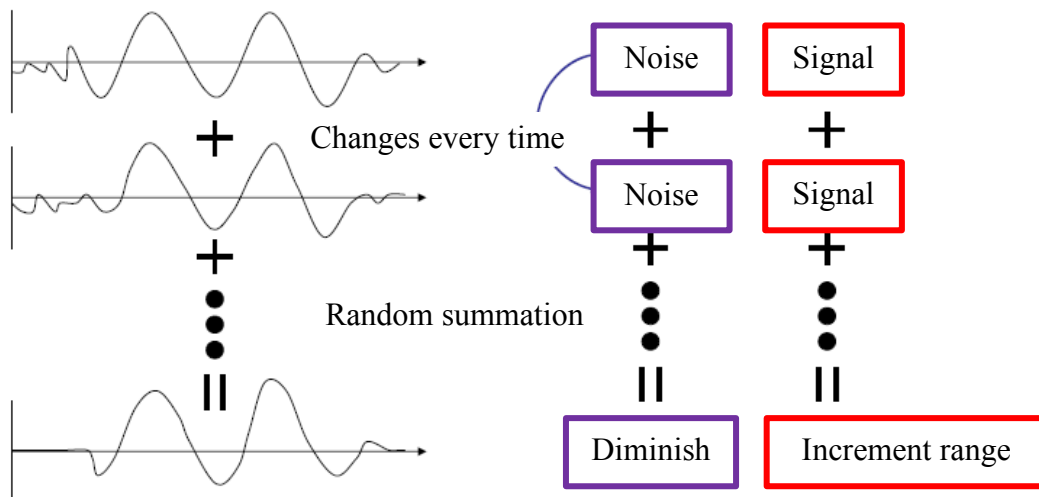


Measurement is made at different depths.

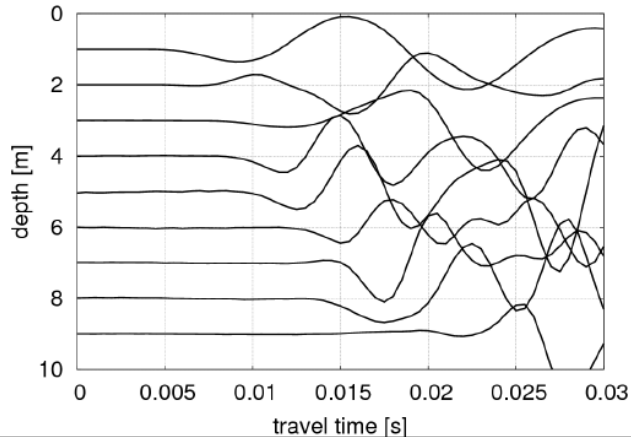


Stacking

Methods of selecting the signal structure by piling up the waveforms recorded.



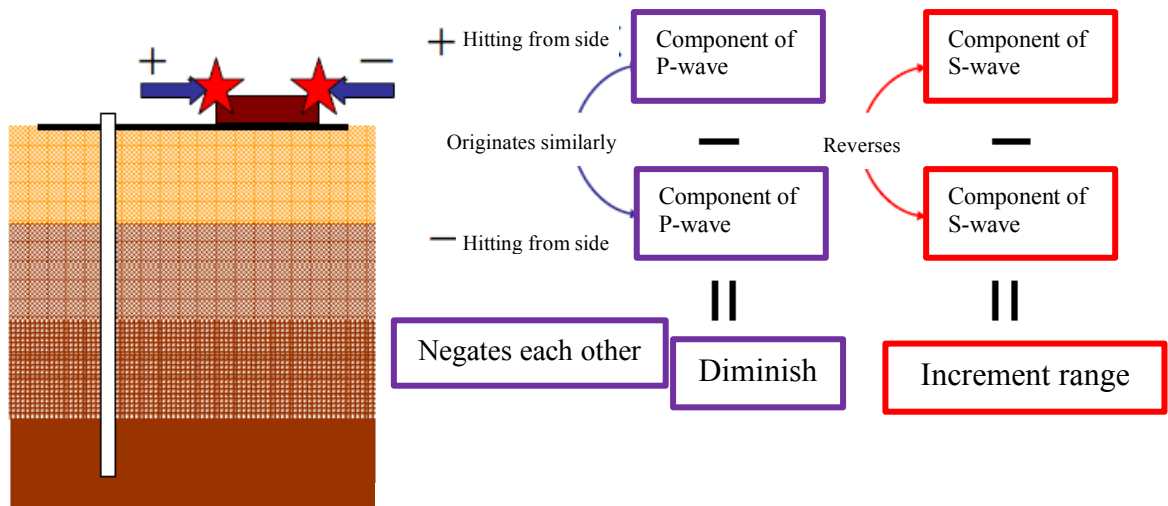
Records of vertical movement



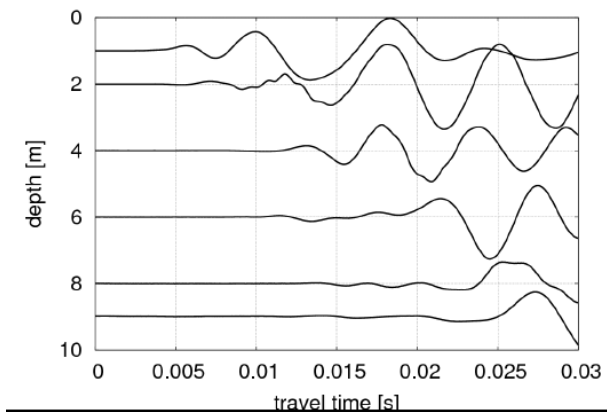
Reverse Stacking

Records obtained by hitting from different directions are piled up

Method of selecting the components of S-wave



Records of horizontal moment



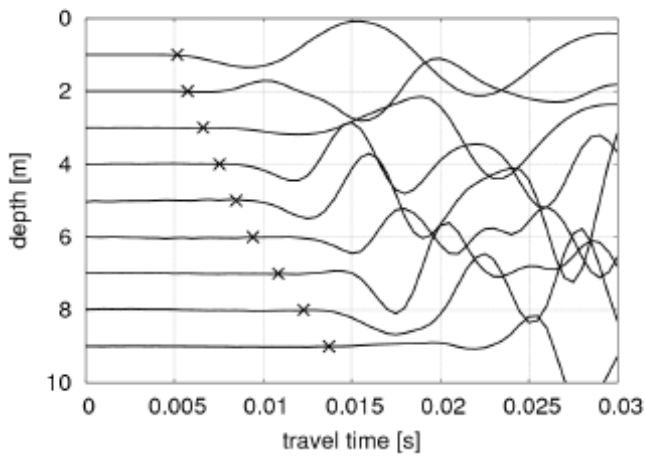
Reading of arrival time of wave

Reading of arrival time of wave for each depth is read.

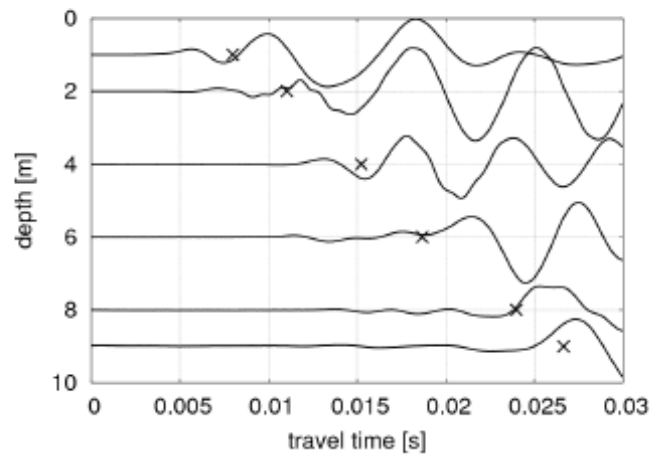
P-wave is obtained from the record of vertical movement

S-wave is obtained from the record of horizontal movement

Records of vertical movement

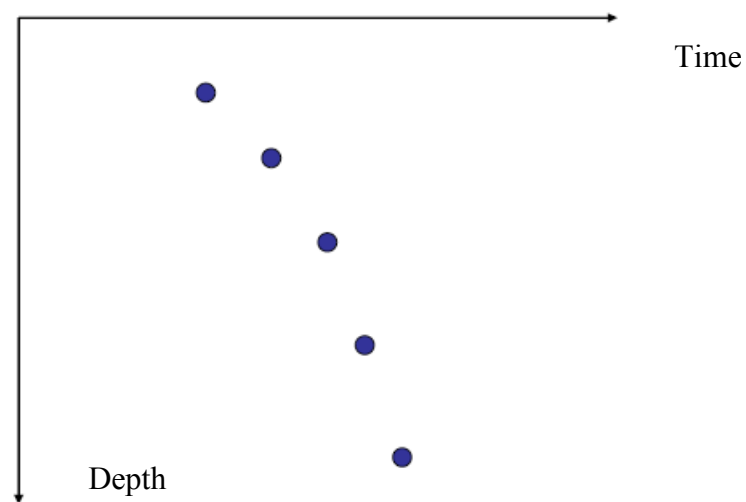


Records of horizontal movement

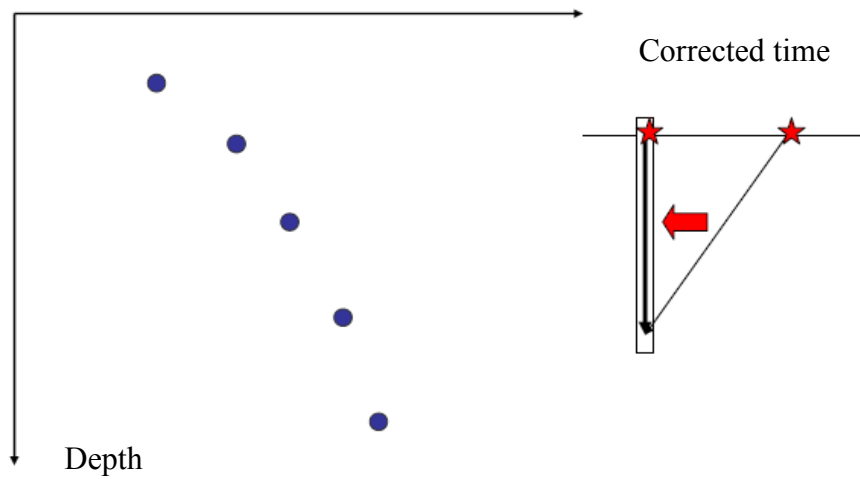


Way of finding velocity of ground layer

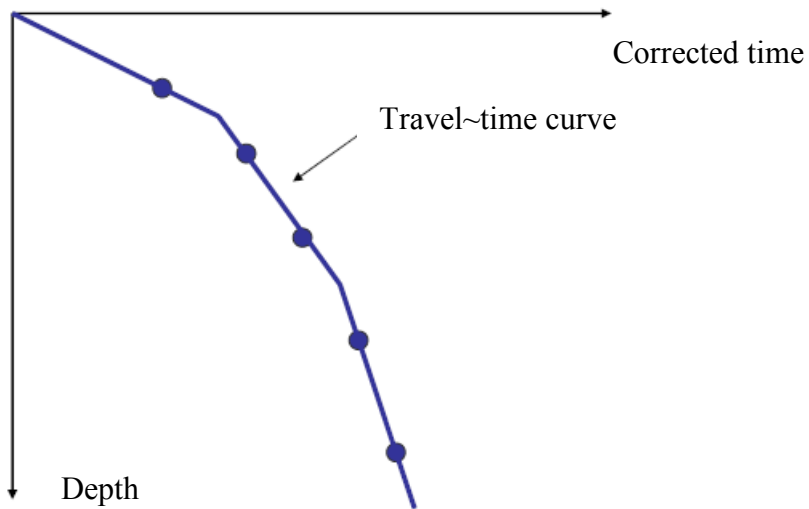
Relationship between the propagation of time and depth can be obtained.



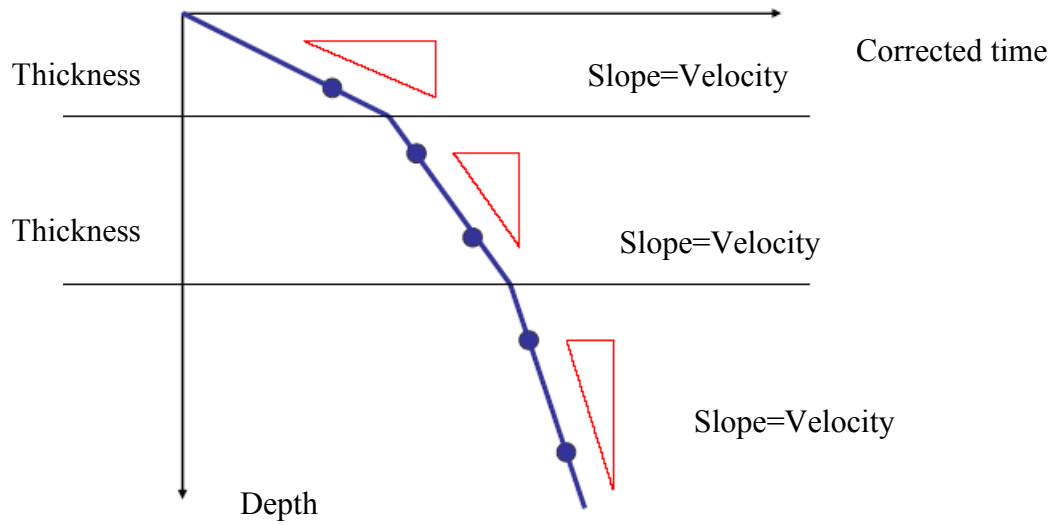
If the arrival time calculated is for the case as shown below (the top of the borehole), then correction for the time is necessary to make.



An appropriate travel~time curve is plotted.



Slope (gradient) of the travel-time curve represents the velocity.



A model of velocity structure is made.

