

# A new numerical technique for simulating the coupled seismic and electromagnetic waves in layered porous media \*

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**Abstract** Chen's technique of computing synthetic seismograms, which decomposes every vector with a set of basis of orthogonality and completeness before applying the Luco-Apsel-Chen (LAC) generalized reflection and transmission coefficients method, is confirmed to be efficient in dealing with elastic waves in multi-layered media and accurate in any frequency range. In this article, we extend Chen's technique to the computation of coupled seismic and electromagnetic (EM) waves in layered porous media. Expanding the involved mechanical and electromagnetic fields by a set of scalar and vector wave-function basis, we obtain the fundamental equations which are subsequently solved by using a recently developed version of the LAC generalized reflection and transmission coefficients method. Our approach and corresponding program is validated by reciprocity tests. We also show a numerical example of a two-layer model with an explosion source. The P-to-EM conversion waves radiated from the interface may have potential application.

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## 1 Introduction

Blau and Statham (1936) and Thompson (1936) were the first to report experimental results on the seismoelectric phenomenon, which means the variation of Earth resistivity with elastic deformation, called the I-effect. Ivanov (1939) discovered another seismoelectric phenomenon, called the E-effect, by measuring electric fields generated by seismic waves without applying any external voltage to the ground. In order to explain the above phenomena, Frenkel (1944) used the concept of electric double layer to develop a complete set of equations describing the electrokinetic effect in isotropic porous media. Later, Biot (1962) derived the theory of elastic waves' propagation in porous media.

Martner and Sparks (1959) reported a systematic study of electroseismic coupling using explosive sources

placed at different depths. Their results were the first to show conversions of seismic to electromagnetic (EM) energy at depth, measured at the Earth's surface with antennas. Thompson and Gist (1993) conducted field experiments, demonstrating that seismic waves can induce EM disturbances in water-saturated near-surface sediments in the Earth, and that the induced EM disturbances can be recorded at the Earth's surface. Recent field tests by Thompson et al (2007) showed the possibility of detecting hydrocarbon reservoirs at depths even up to 1000 m using EM-to-seismic conversion. Besides field experiments, there are also some laboratory experimental studies on seismoelectric effects. Zhu et al (2000) experimentally confirmed that the coupling between the seismic wave and EM field in the kilohertz range is electrokinetic in nature. Zhu and Toksöz (1999, 2003) performed laboratory experiments in borehole models with fractures to investigate seismoelectric conversions and confirmed EM radiation at the fractures.

Pride (1994) derived a set of macroscopic equations governing the coupled seismic and EM waves in

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fluid-saturated porous media. The properties of the coupled seismic and EM field in a fluid-saturated porous medium were discussed (Pride and Haartsen, 1996). There are two kinds of coupling: SHTE and PSVTM. In the SHTE case, SH waves generate electrical currents in the SH particle motion plane that couple to the EM-wavefield components with transverse electric (TE) polarization. In the PSVTM case, the PSV waves generate electrical currents in the PSV particle motion plane coupling to the EM-wavefield components with transverse magnetic (TM) polarization. Based on the governing equations, Haartsen and Pride (1997) and Garambois and Dietrich (2002) introduced a numerical technique modeling the coupled seismic and EM wave propagation in a fluid-saturated stratified porous medium. Haartsen and Pride (1997) used the so-called global matrix method whereas Garambois and Dietrich (2002) proposed an extension of the generalized reflection and transmission coefficients method (abbreviated as generalized R/T coefficients method in the following context), which was originally developed by Kennett (1983). For well logging exploration case, some analytical and numerical methods were performed to describe the electroacoustic waves in borehole in porous media (Hu et al, 2003, 2007). The above algorithms were implemented in the frequency domain. There are also a few numerical simulations in the time domain, e.g., Han and Wang (2001) provided a finite element algorithm of modeling the seismo-electromagnetic field induced by SH waves, Haines and Pride (2006) presented a finite difference algorithm of modeling seismoelectric phenomena and provided a 2D implementation of this algorithm. Guan and Hu (2008) provided a finite-difference time-domain algorithm modeling the electroseismic logging in fluid-saturated porous media.

As mentioned above, the model of Pride (1994) has been widely adopted to investigate the coupling of seismic and EM waves in porous media. However, it should be also mentioned that Revil and Linde (2006) developed recently a new and alternative theory of the electrokinetic behavior of consolidated rocks at low frequencies. While this theory was first developed to study the electrokinetic properties of clay-rocks (Revil et al, 2003; Revil and Leroy, 2004), this model also works well for high porosity reservoir rocks, soils, and packs of glass beads (Bolève et al, 2007a, b).

Chen (1993) has developed the generalized R/T

coefficients method, which was originally introduced by Luco and Apsel (1983), to the study of computing normal modes for multilayered half-space. This developed method was adopted by Park (1996) and referred as LAC R/T scheme in the study of Martin and Thomson (1997) who compared this scheme with Kennett R/T scheme (Kennett, 1983) and affirmed the priority of LAC R/T scheme in numerical calculation stability. Chen (1999) developed a method to calculate synthetic seismograms for layered media, decomposing every vector by using a set of basis of orthogonality and completeness before applying the LAC generalized R/T coefficients method. Chen (2007) extended the LAC generalized R/T coefficients method to the study of generation and propagation of seismic SH waves in multi-layered media with irregular interfaces. Quite recently, Ge and Chen (2008) further developed the LAC generalized R/T coefficients method by introducing a more straightforward evaluation of the generalized R/T coefficients, which makes this approach more efficient.

In the present study, we extend the above method of calculating seismograms (Chen, 1993, 1999, 2007; Ge and Chen, 2008) to the numerical simulation of the coupled seismic and EM waves in layered porous media. We focus on the saturated porous case and adopt the model described by the macroscopic dynamic governing equations of Pride (1994). After decomposing each vector in a cylindrical coordinate system, we obtain the fundamental equation corresponding to both PSVTM and SHTE models, as well as two additional equations related to the vertical component of EM waves. Then we use the improved LAC generalized R/T coefficients method, in which the straightforward evaluation of the generalized R/T coefficients is adopted, to solve the fundamental equation. We show that the general reciprocity theorem of Green's tensor is satisfied for our program. Then we apply our new technique to a two-layer porous media with an explosion source. This work may provide an effective way to investigate seismo-electromagnetic effects in porous media, which is useful for monitoring the pumping of oil and gas reservoirs (Thompson and Gist, 1993; Thompson et al, 2007; Pride and Haartsen, 1996; Revil et al, 2003) and the possible EM disturbances associated with earthquakes and volcano eruptions (Park et al, 1993; Johnston, 1997; Huang, 2002; Huang and Liu, 2006; Nagao et al, 2002).

## 2 Methodology

### 2.1 Governing equations

Assuming a time dependence of  $e^{-i\omega t}$ , Pride (1994) derived the macroscopic governing equations in frequency domain, which control the propagation of coupled seismic and EM waves in porous media. We adopted the following governing equations in our numerical simulations based on the model of Pride (1994) and Haartsen and Pride (1997), while the first two equations were rewritten after taking into account the problem to be dealt with in this paper.

$$-\rho\omega^2\mathbf{u} - \rho_f\omega^2\mathbf{w} = \left(K_G + \frac{4}{3}G\right)\nabla(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u}) - G\nabla\times\nabla\times\mathbf{u} + C\nabla(\nabla\cdot\mathbf{w}) + \mathbf{F}, \quad (1)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \left[\left(K_G - \frac{2G}{3}\right)\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u} + C\nabla\cdot\mathbf{w}\right]\hat{\mathbf{z}} + G\left[2\frac{\partial\mathbf{u}}{\partial z} + \hat{\mathbf{z}}\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{u})\right] \quad (2)$$

$$-P = C\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u} + M\nabla\cdot\mathbf{w} \quad (3)$$

$$-i\omega\mathbf{w} = \frac{\kappa}{\eta}[-\nabla P + \rho_f\omega^2\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}] + L\mathbf{E} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{J} = L[-\nabla P + \rho_f\omega^2\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}] + \sigma\mathbf{E} \quad (5)$$

$$\nabla\times\mathbf{E} = i\omega\boldsymbol{\mu}\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{M} \quad (6)$$

$$\nabla\times\mathbf{H} = -i\omega\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{C} \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbf{E}$  is the electric field,  $\mathbf{H}$  the magnetic field,  $\mathbf{J}$  the electric current,  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  the traction acting on the horizontal plane at depth  $z$ ,  $P$  the pore-fluid pressure,  $\mathbf{u}$  the average displacement of solid,  $\mathbf{w}$  the average relative fluid-solid displacement multiplied by porosity,  $\rho$  the bulk density,  $\rho_f$  the fluid density,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  the electrical permittivity,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  the magnetic permeability,  $\omega$  the radial frequency,  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{f}$  the applied body-force densities acting on the bulk material and fluid phases respectively (here a minus sign is added to  $\mathbf{F}$  to let  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{f}$  have the consistent physical meanings),  $\mathbf{I}$  the identity matrix,  $\mathbf{C}$  the applied electric current source,  $\mathbf{M}$  the magnetic current sources,  $L$  the electrokinetic coupling coefficient,  $\kappa$  the dynamic permeability,  $\eta$  the fluid viscosity,  $K_G$  the Gassmann's bulk modulus,  $G$  the shear modulus of the solid frame,  $C$  and  $M$  related to the bulk modulus of the solid and fluid phases and the bulk modulus of the drained frame of the solid phase.

### 2.2 Layered media and general solutions

The model concerned in this paper is a layered porous media with  $N$  homogeneous layers over a half-space. The  $j$ -th layer is bounded by horizontal flat interfaces,  $z=z^{(j-1)}$  and  $z=z^{(j)}$ . The top layer can either be a half-space or have a free surface with  $z=z^{(0)}$ . The source is placed in the  $s$ -th layer, which is not a half-space, i.e.,  $s < N+1$  and  $s > 1$  while the top layer is a half-space.

The governing equations for the seismo-electromagnetic problem, as shown in equations (1) to (7), involve both scalar and vector functions. These functions are expanded by using a set of scalar and vector wave-function basis, whose detailed expressions are described in Appendix A. Thus, we obtained two sets of linear ordinary differential equations corresponding to the SHTE model and PSVTM model respectively. Both have the following form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\mathbf{y}^{(j)}(z) = \mathbf{A}^{(j)}\mathbf{y}^{(j)}(z) + \boldsymbol{\delta}_{j,s}\mathbf{F}(z), \quad \text{for } z^{(j-1)} < z < z^{(j)} \quad (8)$$

where  $j=1, 2, \dots, N$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\delta}_{j,s}$  is Kronecker delta function.

The  $\mathbf{y}$  vectors of the two models are written as

$$\mathbf{y}^{\text{SHTE}} = [u_{T,m} \quad \tau_{T,m} \quad H_{S,m} \quad E_{T,m}]^T, \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{\text{PSVTM}} = [u_{S,m} \quad u_{R,m} \quad w_{R,m} \quad \tau_{S,m} \quad \tau_{R,m} \quad \tilde{P} \quad H_{T,m} \quad E_{S,m}]^T, \quad (10)$$

where  $u_{T,m}$ ,  $u_{S,m}$ ,  $u_{R,m}$ ,  $w_{R,m}$ ,  $\tau_{T,m}$ ,  $\tau_{S,m}$ ,  $\tau_{R,m}$ ,  $H_{T,m}$ ,  $H_{S,m}$ ,  $H_{R,m}$  [equation (11)],  $E_{T,m}$ ,  $E_{S,m}$ ,  $E_{R,m}$  [equation (12)], and  $\tilde{P}$  are the corresponding expansion coefficients of unknown vector functions  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}$  and the unknown pore-fluid pressure  $P$ , respectively. The explicit expressions of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  are given in Appendix B.

Two extra equations corresponding to the vertical components of EM waves are

$$i\mu\omega H_{R,m} = -kE_{T,m} + M_{R,m} \quad (\text{for SHTE model}); \quad (11)$$

$$kE_{R,m} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z}E_{S,m} - i\mu\omega H_{T,m} + M_{T,m} \quad (\text{for PSVTM model}). \quad (12)$$

Once we have known  $H_{T,m}$ ,  $E_{T,m}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}E_{S,m}$ , we can calculate the vertical components of EM waves,  $E_{R,m}$  and  $H_{R,m}$ .

The general solution of the equation (8) can be written as

$$\mathbf{y}^{(j)}(z) = \boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(j)} \mathbf{A}^{(j)}(z) \cdot \left\{ \mathbf{a}^{(j)} + \delta_{j,s} \int_{z^{(s)}}^z [\mathbf{A}^{(s)}(\xi)]^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\xi) d\xi \right\} \quad (13)$$

where  $j=1, 2, \dots, N+1$ . The wave amplitude vector  $\mathbf{a}^{(j)}$  is an unknown constant vector to be determined by boundary conditions.  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(j)}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^{(j)}(z)$  are the matrices related to the eigen-vectors and eigen-values of  $\mathbf{A}^{(j)}$  as follows

$$\mathbf{A}^{(j)} \mathbf{e}_\nu = \gamma_\nu \mathbf{e}_\nu, \quad \text{for } \nu = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (14)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(j)} = [\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{e}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{e}_n], \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{(j)}(z) = \text{diag} \left\{ e^{-\gamma_1[z-z^{(j-1)}]}, e^{-\gamma_2[z-z^{(j-1)}]}, \dots, e^{-\gamma_n[z-z^{(j-1)}]}, e^{-\gamma_1[z^{(j)}-z]}, e^{-\gamma_2[z^{(j)}-z]}, \dots, e^{-\gamma_n[z^{(j)}-z]} \right\}. \quad (16)$$

For SHTE model,  $n=4$ , we get two pairs of eigen-values,  $\pm\gamma_i$  with  $\text{Re}\{\gamma_i\} > 0$  for  $i=1, 2$ ; For PSVTM model,  $n=8$ , we get four pairs of eigen-values,  $\pm\gamma_i$  with  $\text{Re}\{\gamma_i\} > 0$  for  $i=1, 2, 3, 4$ .

It should be stressed that a slight modification has been applied to solution (13), thus the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{(j)}(z)$  contains exponential decay terms only.

**2.3 LAC generalized R/T coefficients method**

The general solution can be written in matrix form as follows

$$\mathbf{y}^{(j)}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{(j)} & \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}^{(j)} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21}^{(j)} & \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_d^{(j)}(z) & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{A}_u^{(j)}(z) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_d^{(j)} + \delta_{j,s} \mathbf{b}_d(z) \\ \mathbf{a}_u^{(j)} + \delta_{j,s} \mathbf{b}_u(z) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (17)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{(j)}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}^{(j)}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21}^{(j)}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22}^{(j)}$  are four sub-matrices of  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(j)}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_d^{(j)}(z)$  and  $\mathbf{A}_u^{(j)}(z)$  represent the down-going and up-going waves respectively, while  $\mathbf{a}_d^{(j)}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_u^{(j)}$  are the corresponding amplitudes of these down-going and up-going waves, and  $\mathbf{b}_d(z)$  and  $\mathbf{b}_u(z)$  relate to the source as follows

$$\mathbf{b}_d(z) = \int_{z^{(s-1)}}^z [\mathbf{A}_d^{(s)}(\xi)]^{-1} \{ [(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}]_{11} \mathbf{F}_1(\xi) + [(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}]_{12} \mathbf{F}_2(\xi) \} d\xi, \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_u(z) = \int_{z^{(s)}}^z [\mathbf{A}_u^{(s)}(\xi)]^{-1} \{ [(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}]_{21} \mathbf{F}_1(\xi) + [(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}]_{22} \mathbf{F}_2(\xi) \} d\xi. \quad (19)$$

where  $[(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}]_{11}$ ,  $[(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}]_{12}$ ,  $[(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}]_{21}$ , and  $[(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}]_{22}$  are four sub-matrices of  $(\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(s)})^{-1}$ .

The case of  $j=1$  of equation (18) is correct when the top layer has a free surface. However, if the top layer is a half-space, there are no down-going waves, thus

$$\mathbf{a}_d^{(1)} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y}^{(1)}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}^{(1)} \mathbf{A}_u^{(1)}(z) \mathbf{a}_u^{(1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22}^{(1)} \mathbf{A}_u^{(1)}(z) \mathbf{a}_u^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

In the bottom half-space, there are no up-going waves, thus

$$\mathbf{a}_u^{(N+1)} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y}^{(N+1)}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{(N+1)} \mathbf{A}_d^{(N+1)}(z) \mathbf{a}_d^{(N+1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21}^{(N+1)} \mathbf{A}_d^{(N+1)}(z) \mathbf{a}_d^{(N+1)} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (21)$$

Now, in order to determine the unknown wave-amplitude vector  $\mathbf{a}^{(j)}$ , we introduce the LAC generalized R/T coefficients method.

**2.3.1 Straightforward evaluation of generalized R/T coefficients**

The generalized R/T coefficients are defined as follows

When the top layer is a half-space,  $\mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(0)} = 0$ ; and

$$\mathbf{a}_d^{(1)} = \mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(0)} [\mathbf{a}_u^{(1)} + \delta_{1,s} \mathbf{b}_u(z^{(0)})], \quad (22)$$

when the top layer has a free surface; and

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_u^{(j)} = \mathbf{T}_u^{(j)} [\mathbf{a}_u^{(j+1)} + \delta_{j+1,s} \mathbf{b}_u(z^{(j)})] \\ \mathbf{a}_d^{(j+1)} = \mathbf{T}_{ud}^{(j)} [\mathbf{a}_u^{(j+1)} + \delta_{j+1,s} \mathbf{b}_u(z^{(j)})] \end{cases} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, s-1), \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_u^{(j)} = \mathbf{T}_d^{(j)} [\mathbf{a}_d^{(j+1)} + \delta_{j,s} \mathbf{b}_d(z^{(j)})] \\ \mathbf{a}_u^{(j+1)} = \mathbf{T}_{du}^{(j)} [\mathbf{a}_d^{(j+1)} + \delta_{j+1,s} \mathbf{b}_d(z^{(j)})] \end{cases} \quad (j = s, s+1, \dots, N). \quad (24)$$

According to the continuity condition at the interface, we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_u^{(j)} \\ \mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{(j)} \mathbf{A}_d^{(j)}(z^{(j)}) \mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(j-1)} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}^{(j)} & -\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{(j+1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21}^{(j)} \mathbf{A}_d^{(j)}(z^{(j)}) \mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(j-1)} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22}^{(j)} & -\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21}^{(j+1)} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}^{(j+1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22}^{(j+1)} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_u^{(j+1)}(z^{(j)}), \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, s-1); \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_d^{(j)} \\ \mathbf{R}_{du}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{(j+1)} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}^{(j+1)} \mathbf{A}_u^{(j+1)}(z^{(j)}) \mathbf{R}_{du}^{(j+1)} & -\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}^{(j)} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21}^{(j+1)} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22}^{(j+1)} \mathbf{A}_u^{(j+1)}(z^{(j)}) \mathbf{R}_{du}^{(j+1)} & -\boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{(j)} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_d^{(j)}(z^{(j)}), \quad (j = s, s+1, \dots, N). \quad (26)$$

Obviously, in order to calculate the above coefficients, we have to get the values of  $\mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(0)}$  and  $\mathbf{R}_{du}^{(N+1)}$ , whose explicit expressions are obtained through two boundary conditions. The detailed equations are listed in Appendix C.

**2.3.2 Determination of unknown wave-amplitude vector**

Since we have now gotten the generalized R/T coefficients, we can determine the unknown wave-amplitude vector  $\mathbf{a}^{(j)}$ , which is divided into two sub-vectors  $\mathbf{a}_d^{(j)}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_u^{(j)}$  written as follows,

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_d^{(s)} + \mathbf{s}_d = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(s-1)} \mathbf{R}_{du}^{(s)}]^{-1} [\mathbf{s}_d + \mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(s-1)} \mathbf{s}_u] \\ \mathbf{a}_u^{(s)} + \mathbf{s}_u = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}_{du}^{(s)} \mathbf{R}_{ud}^{(s-1)}]^{-1} [\mathbf{s}_u + \mathbf{R}_{du}^{(s)} \mathbf{s}_d] \end{cases}, \quad (27)$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_u^{(j)} = \mathbf{T}_u^{(j)} \mathbf{T}_u^{(j+1)} \dots \mathbf{T}_u^{(s-1)} [\mathbf{a}_u^{(s)} + \mathbf{s}_u] \\ \mathbf{a}_d^{(j)} = \mathbf{T}_{ud}^{(j-1)} \mathbf{a}_u^{(j)} \end{cases} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, s-1), \quad (28)$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_d^{(j)} = \mathbf{T}_d^{(j-1)} \mathbf{T}_d^{(j-2)} \dots \mathbf{T}_d^{(s)} [\mathbf{a}_d^{(s)} + \mathbf{s}_d] \\ \mathbf{a}_u^{(j)} = \mathbf{R}_{du}^{(j)} \mathbf{a}_d^{(j)} \end{cases} \quad (j = s+1, s+2, \dots, N+1); \quad (29)$$

where  $\mathbf{s}_d = \mathbf{b}_d(z^{(s)})$  and  $\mathbf{s}_u = \mathbf{b}_u(z^{(s-1)})$  are source terms corresponding to the down-going and up-going waves respectively.

**2.3.3 Vertical components of EM waves**

According to equations (11) and (12), the vertical components of EM waves are relative to the horizontal components of EM waves and magnetic-current source. We can get  $E_{T,m}$  from equation (17) for SHTE model, so we can compute  $H_{R,m}$  according to equation (11). In order to get  $E_{R,m}$  according to equation (12), we have to know  $H_{T,m}$  which is given by equation (17) for PSVTM model and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_{S,m}$  which can be obtained from the derivative of equation (17) written as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{y}^{(j)}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{11}^{(j)} & \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{12}^{(j)} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{21}^{(j)} & \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{22}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Psi} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\boldsymbol{\Psi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_d^{(j)}(z) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{A}_u^{(j)}(z) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_d^{(j)} \\ \mathbf{a}_u^{(j)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (30)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Psi} = \text{diag}\{-\gamma_1^{(j)} \quad -\gamma_2^{(j)} \quad -\gamma_3^{(j)} \quad -\gamma_4^{(j)}\}$ . The vectors and matrices are those for PSVTM model, thus

$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_{S,m}^{(j)}$  is the eighth element of  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{y}^{(j)}(z)$  given by equation (30).

Having derived the components of every field vector in the coordinates system with vector basis given by equation (A-3), we can now get the components of every vector in cylindrical coordinates system according to equation (A-4).

**2.3.4 Back in the space-time domain**

Having obtained the displacement-stress-EM wave-fields in the frequency-wavenumber domain, we now consider the transformation back to the space-time domain, which can be performed by discrete wave number (DWN) method. Bouchon (2003) reviewed the DWN method, introduced by Bouchon and Aki (1977) and Bouchon (1981), which uses a spatial periodicity of sources to discretize the radiated wave fields and relies on the Fourier transform in the complex frequency domain.

The integral over the horizontal wave number  $k$  can be discretely evaluated by introducing an infinite set of concentric rings of secondary sources distributed periodically with an equal radial interval, which is required to be large enough to make sure that the waves generated by the additional sources do not enter the time window (Bouchon, 1981, 2003). In order to remove the singularities from the real  $k$  axis, a small constant imaginary part is added to the real frequency. The effect of the imaginary part frequency can be removed from the final time domain in the process of inverse Fourier transform (Bouchon and Aki, 1977).

**3 Reciprocity test and one numerical example**

In order to test our numerical simulation technique and our program, we performed the reciprocity test, which is a useful method for checking of numerical simulations program. The reciprocity theorem can be written as

$$\mathbf{G}_j^i(\mathbf{x}_r, t; \mathbf{x}_s, t_0) = \mathbf{G}_i^j(\mathbf{x}_s, t; \mathbf{x}_r, t_0), \quad (31)$$

where  $\mathbf{G}_j^i(\mathbf{x}_r, t; \mathbf{x}_s, t_0)$  ( $i = 1, 3; j = 1, 3$ ) represents the Green's tensor along direction  $i$ , recorded at  $(\mathbf{x}_r, t)$  which are generated by a point source oriented in direction  $j$ , located at  $\mathbf{x}_s$  and acting at time  $t_0$ .

For coupled seismic and EM waves in porous media, reciprocity can be verified for ① seismic waves generated by seismic point sources, ② electric waves

generated by current sources, and ③ elastic waves generated by current sources and electric waves generated by seismic point sources (Pride and Haartsen, 1996). We tested all the above kinds of reciprocity. However, for saving space, we only show the results of the third reciprocity test, which is the most interesting case.

This reciprocity test is carried out with a three-layer model, which has a 100-m-thick porous layer ( $l_2$ ) sandwiched between two identical half-spaces ( $l_1$ ). The properties of layers are listed in Table 1. Two reciprocal source-receiver configurations are used. One is the down-going configuration and the other is the up-going configuration. In the down-going configuration, the seismic source is located in the top half-space 100 m above first interface while the receiver is located at the bottom half-space 100 m below the second interface with lateral offsets of  $x=50$  m and  $y=100$  m. Thus, in the up-going configuration, the receiver is located in the top half-space while the source is located at the bottom half-space. The seismic source is a point single force  $F$  whose magnitude is 1 N. The current density source  $D$  is created by a 1-m-long dipole antenna carrying a 1-A current. The sources are chosen to be oriented in  $x$ ,  $y$ , or  $z$  directions. The applied source time function is a zero-phase Ricker wavelet with a dominant frequency of 100 Hz.

Table 1 Properties of the homogeneous layers used in the numerical calculation

Properties	layre			
	$l_1$	$l_2$	sand	sandstone
Porosity $\phi$	15%	30%	30%	20%
DC permeability $k_0/m^2$	$10^{-12}$	$10^{-11}$	$10^{-11}$	$10^{-12}$
Solid bulk modulus $k_s/GPa$	36	36	35	36
Fluid bulk modulus $k_f/GPa$	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Frame bulk modulus $k_{ff}/GPa$	9.0	7.0	0.4	5.0
Frame shear modulus $G_{ff}/GPa$	7.0	5.0	0.5	7.0
Fluid viscosity $\eta/Pa \cdot s$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$
Solid density $\rho_s/kg \cdot m^{-3}$	2700	2700	2600	2700
Fluid density $\rho_f/kg \cdot m^{-3}$	$10^3$	$10^3$	$10^3$	$10^3$
Salinity $C_0/mol \cdot L^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$
Temperature $T/K$	298	298	298	298
Fluid Permittivity $\kappa_f$	80	80	80	80
Solid Permittivity $\kappa_s$	4	4	4	4
Tortuosity $\alpha_\infty$	3	3	3	3

As shown in Figure 1, this reciprocity [deriving from Pride and Haartsen (1996)] is verified for different combinations of point sources and wave fields, because there are no significant differences for each pair of waves. We also verified the other two kinds of reciprocity for seismic waves generated by seismic point sources and electric waves generated by current sources. Thus we

conclude that our program satisfies the reciprocity test.

As an example, we applied our numerical technique to a two-layer model with an explosion source near the free surface. For this model, a sand-sandstone interface is located at 100 m depth. Receivers are located at the free surface. The source time function adopted here is Ricker wavelet with a dominant frequency of 100 Hz. We adopted the expression of Haartsen and Pride (1997) to calculate the moment  $M_0$  generated by an explosion. The properties of the sand and sandstone layers are given in Table 1.

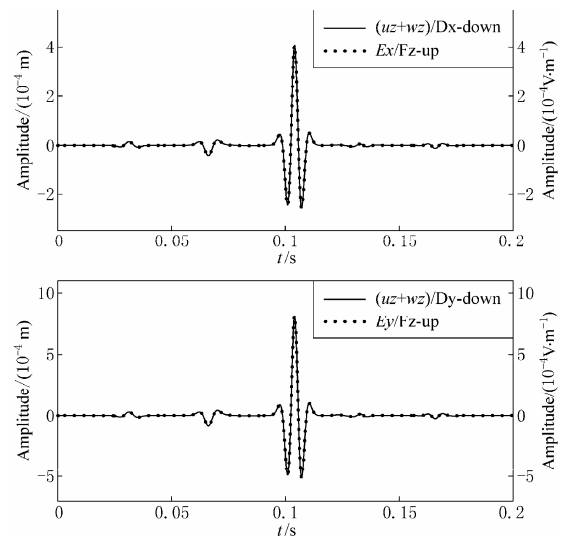
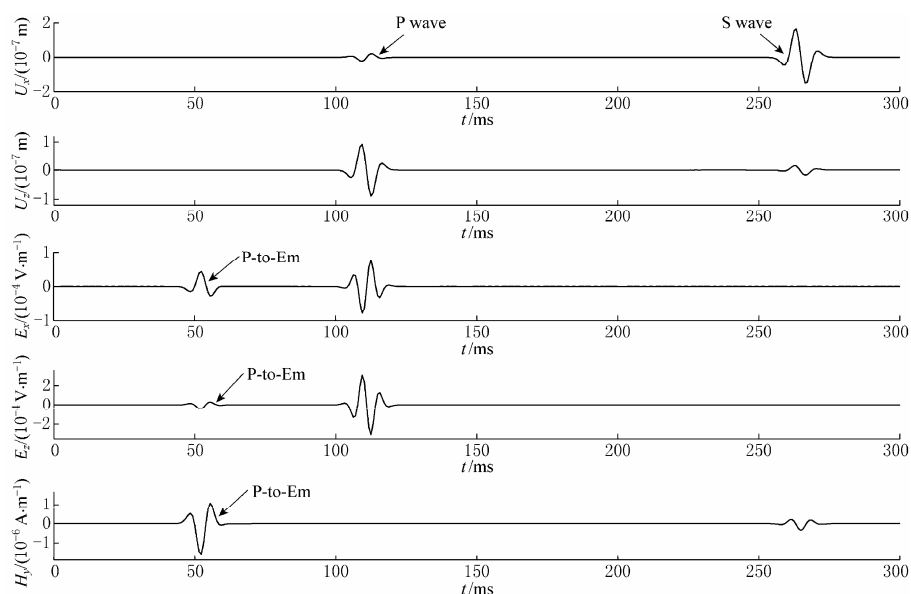


Figure 1 Reciprocity of coupled seismic and EM waves generated by different sources.

In order to show coupled waves clearly, we removed direct waves and free surface reflections, which are much more intense. Figure 2 shows non-zero field-component of displacement and EM waves at one receiver with a horizontal offset 50 m from the source. There are obvious electric signals accompanying P waves and magnetic signals accompanying S waves. Moreover, there are EM signals arriving earlier than P waves. They are activated when first P wave arrives at the interface and travel at EM wave velocity which is much faster than seismic velocity. However, such P-to-EM conversion waves are very weak. In Figure 2, they are amplified by a factor of 500 to improve the visibility. Since the P-to-EM conversion waves are radiated from the interface, if they can be detected in the field, they may have potential application in the monitoring of oil/gas reservoirs, and the development of earthquake early warning system.



**Figure 2** Seismograms and electroseismograms of the two-layer model with an explosion source near the free surface. A sand-sandstone interface is located at 100 m depth. The receiver is located at the free surface with a horizontal offset 50 m from the source. Direct waves and free surface reflections are omitted in order to show coupled waves clearly. The horizontal projection of source-receiver vector is in  $x$ -direction and  $z$ -direction is vertically downward. The P-to-EM conversions are amplified by a factor of 500 to improve the visibility.

## 4 Conclusions

Using a new straightforward evaluation of the generalized R/T coefficients, we have extended Chen's method of calculating synthetic seismogram to the numerical simulation of coupled seismic and EM waves in multi-layered porous media. We obtain the general solution of the full components of seismic and EM waves, including the vertical components of EM waves. After the reciprocity test, we conclude that the new numerical simulation technique developed here is reliable for investigating the coupling of seismic and EM waves in multi-layered porous media. We also perform a numerical example of a two-layer media with an explosion source. Besides EM signals accompanying with seismic waves, there are also weak P-to-EM conversion waves, which are radiated from the interface and travel at EM wave velocity. The P-to-EM conversion waves may have potential application in monitoring oil/gas reservoirs and early warning of earthquakes.

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## Appendix A: Scalar and vector wave-function basis

For scalar function, we take cylindrical harmonic function  $Y_k^m(r, \theta)$  as basis function with which an arbitrary scalar function  $F(r, \theta, z)$  can be expanded as follows

$$F(r, \theta, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_0^{+\infty} f_m(k, z) Y_k^m(r, \theta) k dk, \quad (\text{A-1})$$

where,  $f_m(k, z)$  is the expansion coefficient of  $F(r, \theta, z)$ , and the function basis  $Y_k^m(r, \theta)$  has following explicit form

$$Y_k^m(r, \theta) = J_m(kr) e^{im\theta} \quad \text{for } m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots; \quad (\text{A-2})$$

where  $J_m(kr)$  is a Bessel function of order  $m$ .

For vector function, we take the following set of vector functions as basis,

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{T}_k^m(r, \theta) = k^{-1} \nabla \times [\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z Y_k^m(r, \theta)] \\ \mathbf{S}_k^m(r, \theta) = k^{-1} \nabla Y_k^m(r, \theta) \\ \mathbf{R}_k^m(r, \theta) = -\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z Y_k^m(r, \theta) \end{cases}, \quad (\text{A-3})$$

It had been proven that this set of vector basis function is orthogonal (e.g. Aki and Richards, 1980) and complete (Chen, 1999). Therefore, an arbitrary vector function, say  $\mathbf{A}(r, \theta, z, \omega)$ , can be expanded with the above vector basis function as

$$\mathbf{A}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_0^{+\infty} \{ A_{T,m}(z, k, \omega) \mathbf{T}_k^m(r, \theta) + A_{S,m}(z, k, \omega) \mathbf{S}_k^m(r, \theta) + A_{R,m}(z, k, \omega) \mathbf{R}_k^m(r, \theta) \} k dk, \quad (\text{A-4})$$

where  $A_{T,m}$ ,  $A_{S,m}$  and  $A_{R,m}$  are the expansion coefficients of  $\mathbf{A}$  under the vector function basis  $\{ \mathbf{T}_k^m(r, \theta), \mathbf{S}_k^m(r, \theta), \mathbf{R}_k^m(r, \theta) \}$  given by equation (10). If the vector function  $\mathbf{A}$  is known, these expansion coefficients can be evaluated by the following formulae,

$$A_{T,m}(z, k, \omega) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \mathbf{A}(r, \theta, z, \omega) \mathbf{g}[\mathbf{T}_k^m(r, \theta)]^* r dr d\theta, \quad (\text{A-5})$$



$$A_{S,m}(z, k, \omega) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} A(r, \theta, z, \omega) g[S_k^m(r, \theta)]^* r dr d\theta, \quad (A-6)$$

$$A_{R,m}(z, k, \omega) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} A(r, \theta, z, \omega) g[R_k^m(r, \theta)]^* r dr d\theta, \quad (A-7)$$

where, the symbol \* indicates the complex conjugate.

### Appendix B: Expressions of *A* and *F*

$$A^{SHTE} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & G^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ Gk^2 - \rho\omega^2 - i\frac{\kappa}{\eta}\rho_f^2\omega^3 & 0 & 0 & -iL\rho_f\omega \\ -L\rho_f\omega^2 & 0 & 0 & -i\frac{k^2}{\mu\omega} - \sigma + i\varepsilon\omega \\ 0 & 0 & i\mu\omega & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (B-1)$$

$$F^{SHTE}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{SHTE}(z) \\ F_2^{SHTE}(z) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (B-2)$$

$$F_1^{SHTE}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} 0, & -F_{T,m}(z, k, \omega) - i\frac{\kappa}{\eta}\rho_f\omega f_{T,m}(z, k, \omega) \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad (B-3)$$

$$F_2^{SHTE}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} -Lf_{T,m}(z, k, \omega) + i\frac{k}{\mu\omega}M_{R,m}(z, k, \omega) - C_{T,m}(z, k, \omega), & -M_{S,m}(z, k, \omega) \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad (B-4)$$

$$A^{PSVTM} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 & a_{14} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{25} & a_{26} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{35} & a_{36} & 0 & a_{38} \\ a_{41} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{45} & a_{46} & 0 & a_{48} \\ 0 & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{62} & a_{63} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{67} & 0 \\ a_{71} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{76} & 0 & a_{78} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{83} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{87} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (B-5)$$

$$F^{PSVTM}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{PSVTM}(z) \\ F_2^{PSVTM}(z) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (B-6)$$

$$F_1^{PSVTM}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} 0, & 0, & -i\frac{\kappa k}{\eta\omega}f_{s,m}(z, k, \omega), \\ -F_{s,m}(z, k, \omega) - i\frac{\kappa}{\eta}\rho_f\omega f_{s,m}(z, k, \omega) \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad (B-7)$$

$$F_2^{PSVTM}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} -F_{R,m}(z, k, \omega) \\ -f_{R,m}(z, k, \omega) + L\chi C_{R,m}(z, k, \omega) \\ Lf_{s,m}(z, k, \omega) + C_{s,m}(z, k, \omega) \\ \chi\frac{\kappa}{\eta}kC_{R,m}(z, k, \omega) + M_{T,m}(z, k, \omega) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (B-8)$$

The elements of  $A^{PSVTM}$  has explicit expressions as follows

$$a_{12} = k, a_{14} = G^{-1}, a_{21} = \frac{(C^2 - \lambda M)k}{\Delta}, \\ a_{25} = \frac{M}{\Delta}, a_{26} = -\frac{C}{\Delta}; \quad (B-9)$$

$$a_{31} = -k\left(\frac{2GC}{\Delta} + i\frac{\kappa}{\eta}\rho_f\omega\right), a_{35} = -\frac{C}{\Delta}, \\ a_{36} = \frac{1}{M} + \frac{C^2}{\Delta M} + i\frac{\kappa k^2}{\eta\omega}, a_{38} = -i\frac{Lk}{\omega}; \quad (B-10)$$

$$a_{41} = \left(1 - \frac{GM}{\Delta}\right)4Gk^2 - \rho\omega^2 - i\frac{\kappa}{\eta}\rho_f^2\omega^3, \\ a_{45} = k\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{\Delta}\right); \quad (B-11)$$

$$a_{46} = \frac{2Gck}{\Delta} + i\frac{\kappa}{\eta}\rho_f\omega k, a_{48} = -iL\rho_f\omega, \tag{B-12}$$

$$a_{52} = -\rho\omega^2, a_{53} = -\rho_f\omega^2, a_{54} = -k;$$

$$a_{62} = -\rho_f\omega^2, a_{63} = -i(\sigma - i\varepsilon\omega)\chi\omega, \tag{B-13}$$

$$a_{67} = Lk\chi;$$

$$a_{71} = L\rho_f\omega^2, a_{76} = -Lk, a_{78} = \sigma - i\varepsilon\omega, \tag{B-14}$$

$$a_{83} = -iL\chi\omega k, a_{87} = \frac{\kappa}{\eta}\chi k^2 - i\mu\omega;$$

$$\lambda = K_G - \frac{2}{3}G, \Delta = (\lambda + 2G)M - C^2, \tag{B-15}$$

$$\chi = \left[ \frac{\kappa}{\eta}(\sigma - i\varepsilon\omega) - L^2 \right]^{-1};$$

and  $k$  is the horizontal wave-number;  $F_{T,m}, F_{S,m}, F_{R,m}, f_{T,m}, f_{S,m}, f_{R,m}, M_{T,m}, M_{S,m}, M_{R,m}, C_{T,m}, C_{S,m}$ , and  $C_{R,m}$  are the expansion coefficients of those known mechanical, magnetic and electric source vectors  $F, f, M$  and  $C$ , respectively.

where,

### Appendix C: Determination of $R_{ud}^{(0)}$ and $R_{du}^{(N+1)}$

In bottom layer, there are no up-going waves i.e.,  $a_u^{(N+1)} = 0$ . We obtain  $R_{du}^{(N+1)} = 0$ . If the top layer is a half-space, we have equation  $R_{ud}^{(0)} = 0$ ; if the top layer has a free surface, we have  $a_d^{(1)} = \hat{R}_{ud}^{(0)}[a_u^{(1)} + \delta_{1,s}b_u(z^{(0)})]$ , and two extra boundary conditions. One is the traction-free condition,  $\tau_{T,m}=0, \tau_{S,m}=0, \tau_{R,m}=0, \tilde{P}=0$ , for  $z=z^{(0)}$ . The other is the continuity of the horizontal components of the electric and magnetic fields (see Pride and Haartsen, 1996) at the free surface.

Finally, we obtain that, for SHTE model,

$$R_{ud}^{(0)} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \Theta_{21}^{(1)} & \Theta_{22}^{(1)} \\ \mu_0\Theta_{31}^{(1)} - q_0\Theta_{41}^{(1)} & \mu_0\Theta_{32}^{(1)} - q_0\Theta_{42}^{(1)} \end{array} \right]^{-1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} -\Theta_{23}^{(1)} & -\Theta_{24}^{(1)} \\ -\mu_0\Theta_{33}^{(1)} + q_0\Theta_{43}^{(1)} & -\mu_0\Theta_{34}^{(1)} + q_0\Theta_{44}^{(1)} \end{array} \right] A_u^{(1)}(z^{(0)}) \tag{C-1}$$

$$q_0^2 + p^2 = \mu_0\varepsilon_0, \quad p = k/\omega, \quad \text{Im}\{q_0\} > 0,$$

and for PSVTM model,

$$R_{ud}^{(0)} = -\Gamma \mathbf{E} A_u^{(1)}(z^{(0)}), \tag{C-2}$$

$$\Gamma = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \Theta_{41}^{(1)} & \Theta_{42}^{(1)} & \Theta_{43}^{(1)} & \Theta_{44}^{(1)} \\ \Theta_{51}^{(1)} & \Theta_{52}^{(1)} & \Theta_{53}^{(1)} & \Theta_{54}^{(1)} \\ \Theta_{61}^{(1)} & \Theta_{62}^{(1)} & \Theta_{63}^{(1)} & \Theta_{64}^{(1)} \\ q_0\Theta_{71}^{(1)} + \varepsilon_0\Theta_{81}^{(1)} & q_0\Theta_{72}^{(1)} + \varepsilon_0\Theta_{82}^{(1)} & q_0\Theta_{73}^{(1)} + \varepsilon_0\Theta_{83}^{(1)} & q_0\Theta_{74}^{(1)} + \varepsilon_0\Theta_{84}^{(1)} \end{array} \right]^{-1}, \tag{C-3}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \Theta_{45}^{(1)} & \Theta_{46}^{(1)} & \Theta_{47}^{(1)} & \Theta_{48}^{(1)} \\ \Theta_{55}^{(1)} & \Theta_{56}^{(1)} & \Theta_{57}^{(1)} & \Theta_{58}^{(1)} \\ \Theta_{65}^{(1)} & \Theta_{66}^{(1)} & \Theta_{67}^{(1)} & \Theta_{68}^{(1)} \\ q_0\Theta_{75}^{(1)} + \varepsilon_0\Theta_{85}^{(1)} & q_0\Theta_{76}^{(1)} + \varepsilon_0\Theta_{86}^{(1)} & q_0\Theta_{77}^{(1)} + \varepsilon_0\Theta_{87}^{(1)} & q_0\Theta_{78}^{(1)} + \varepsilon_0\Theta_{88}^{(1)} \end{array} \right], \tag{C-4}$$

$$q_0^2 + p^2 = \mu_0\varepsilon_0 \quad (p = k/\omega, \quad \text{Im}\{q_0\} > 0),$$

where  $\Theta_j^{(1)}$  are the elements of the matrix  $\Theta^{(1)}$ .