

Release notes Rayfract® versions 3.35 to 5.03 :

Version 5.03 released in Mar 2026 :

- Mar 24, 2026 : digitize 1D vertical grid slice graph with 4 decimal digits instead of 2 digits in updated AUTOTOMO.BAS script so the Poisson's ratio graph is plotted more smoothly. Test this with our [updated free trial](#) and our updated [tutorial Poisson_Surfer23](#) .
- Mar 23, 2026 : in our **Grid|Surfer plot Limits** dialog we now allow setting *Max. velocity* to 0.5 m/s or larger for plotting of Poisson's ratio as per our updated [tutorial Poisson_Surfer23](#) .
- Mar 21, 2026 : we updated our [Order page](#) to state that we do support import of recording geometry from SEG-Y and SEG-2 files. Also we support import of roll-along recorded land and marine refraction spreads. We recommend using our .HDR batch import as described in our [.pdf manual](#) chapter **.HDR Batch file** on page 303.
- Mar 20, 2026 : updated chapter *File formats* and chapter *Receiver spread types* in our [.pdf manual](#) .
- Mar 20, 2026 : further improved description of menus *File|Import Data Settings, File|SEG-2 import settings and Commands, File|SEG-Y import settings* in our [.pdf manual](#) .
- Mar 18, 2026 : improved description of menus *File|Import Data Settings, File|SEG-2 import settings and Commands, File|SEG-Y import settings* in our [.pdf manual](#) .
- Mar 18, 2026 : further updated instructions in our [tutorial Poisson_Surfer23](#) . Added page header and footer.
- Mar 17, 2026 : we updated our [tutorial Poisson_Surfer23](#) and show extracting of the 1D vertical grid slice from the Poisson's ratio grid file to an ASCII .TXT file. Next we show how to plot the extracted ASCII .TXT file as a graph in Surfer 11 using our latest version 5.03 software. For a summary of the required steps see below bullet.
- Mar 17, 2026 : to plot a 1D vertical grid slice of the Poisson's ratio grid in `C:\RAY32\WAVE_SH\GRADTOMO\POISSON.GRD` as determined in our [tutorial Poisson_Surfer23](#) you need to do these steps / see [.pdf manual](#) chapter **Convert Surfer .GRD to ASCII .TXT with x/y/z/velocity for each grid cell** on page 306 :

1. in Windows Explorer navigate into folder `C:\RAY32\WAVE_SH\GRADTOMO`
2. copy file `VELOIT50.PAR` to `POISSON.PAR` in the same folder
3. select **Grid|Export grid file to ASCII .TXT**
4. click topmost button *Select grid file* and select `C:\RAY32\WAVE_SH\GRADTOMO\POISSON.GRD`
5. click radio button *Export velocities for central grid column only for downhole VSP plot*
6. click button *Export to .TXT*
7. check new 5.03 option **Grid|Plot downhole VSP interval velocity only without tomogram**
8. select **Grid|Surfer plot Limits**
9. set *Min. velocity* to 0 m/s and *Max. velocity* to 10 m/s
10. set *X Scale length* to 2 inches and set *Y Scale length* to 3 inches
11. click button *Redisplay grid* and select `C:\RAY32\WAVE_SH\GRADTOMO\POISSON.GRD`
12. format the Poisson's ratio vs. elevation plot in Surfer as in our [SH27_Test](#) tutorial on page 12
13. in *Surfer Object Manager* click on *Map* label at top left
14. in *Surfer Property Manager* click on *Limits* tab at bottom left
15. set *xMin* to 0.3 and set *xMax* to 0.6
16. in *Surfer Property Manager* click on *Scale* tab at bottom left
17. uncheck box *Proportional XY scaling*
18. in *X Scale* section set *Map units per in.* to 0.4 and set *Length (page units)* to 0.750 in
19. edit axis labels as shown in our [SH27_Test](#) tutorial on page 12

- Mar 15, 2026 : we updated our [.pdf manual](#) chapter **.HDR Batch file** on page 303
- Mar 15, 2026 : we updated [.pdf manual](#) chapter **Convert Surfer .GRD to ASCII .TXT with x/y/z/velocity for each grid cell** on page 306. We show our extended dialog. We now allow export of a 1D vertical grid slice to .TXT column format. See also our [SH27_Test](#) tutorial where we also describe plotting the downhole VSP velocity vs. elevation graph in a new Surfer plot type.

- Mar 14, 2026 : we are testing our latest version 5.03 software in latest [Windows 11 25H2 Insider Preview OS Build 26300.8068 \(Dev Channel\)](#) with latest Surfer 31 Beta. No issues found so far.
- Mar 11, 2026 : updated *Discussion* section in [SH27 Test](#) S-wave downhole VSP tutorial.
- Mar 8, 2026 : [McClymont et al.](#) describe Improved Correlations of Geophysical Models with Sparse Borehole Data Using Geostatistical Algorithms (Geo-Congress 2026) matching P-wave velocity obtained with our SRT via probability density functions to lithology intervals or to lithology contacts determined from geotechnical boreholes.
- Mar 8, 2026 : [Barrick et al.](#) describe Geotechnical Engineering and Near-Surface Geophysics-Correlations of Parameters Using Machine Learning (Geo-Congress 2026) mapping our SRT and other geophysical inputs to geotechnical parameters and geology types using Machine Learning.
- Mar 8, 2026 : we updated our [Order web page](#) to state that we now allow [plotting multiple WET runs \(8 runs\) on one page](#) also with our Standard license not just with our Pro license.
- Feb 27, 2026 : we are testing our latest version 5.03 software in latest [Windows 11 25H2 Insider Preview OS Build 26300.7939 \(Dev Channel\)](#) with latest Surfer 31 Beta. No issues found so far.
- Feb 23, 2026 : [Tunc et al.](#) describe Linear Regression and Spearman Rank Correlation Analyses of P-wave Velocity (Vp) and Rock Quality Designation (RQD) of Karacadağ Volcanics, Southeast Türkiye (International Journal of Environment and Geoinformatics 2025).
- Feb 21, 2026 : [Krishna et al.](#) describe Importance of Geophysical Investigations in Underground Urban Metro Tunnel Projects (Engineering Headway Feb 2026) matching our SRT to geotechnical boreholes.
- Feb 20, 2026 : we retested our latest version 5.03 in latest released [Windows 11 25H2 64-bit Pro OS Build 26200.7840](#) on GEEKOM A5 mini PC with AMD Ryzen 7 5825U CPU with latest [CodeMeter runtime](#) version 8.40d installed. No issues found.
- Feb 17, 2026 : [Shitu et al.](#) describe Utilizing the Taguchi Method to Optimize Slope Stability and Analyse Parameter Sensitivity in Road Cuts: Insights from Southern Ethiopia (Science Discovery Environment, Feb 2026) detecting fault zones using our SRT and matching our SRT to geotechnical boreholes and laboratory testing.
- Feb 15, 2026 : tested latest version 5.03 network license in latest released Windows 11 ARM 25H2 OS Build 26200.7840 VM in Parallels Desktop Pro 26.2.2 on 2022 Apple M2 MBA with latest CodeMeter 8.40d runtime installed both in the VM and in macOS. No issues found.
- Feb 15, 2026 : recheck for memory leaks in BoundsChecker in Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 debug build running in Windows XP Pro 32-bit. No new memory leaks or memory array boundary overwrites found.
- Feb 12, 2026 : [Watson et al.](#) describe Coupling geophysical, geological, geochemical and mineralogical assessments to examine preferential contaminant transport pathways in interbedded fractured bedrock (Journal of Hazardous Materials, March 2026) matching our SRT to borehole logging and confirmatory coring.
- Feb 12, 2026 : [Dombrowski et al.](#) describe Landslide Identification and Proposed Remediation for Castaic Power Plant South Portal Access Road (Geo-Extreme 2025) matching our SRT to MASW.
- Feb 2, 2026 : when the user checks *Grid|Plot downhole VSP interval velocity only without tomogram* we now don't regard a checked option *Grid|Surfer plot Limits|Proportional XY Scaling* when the user exports a grid column via *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII .TXT* and then selects *Grid|Image and contour velocity and coverage grids* and the `..\VELOITXY.GRD` grid file in `..\HOLETOMO` or `..\GRADTOMO` or `..\LAYRTOMO` folder. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- Feb 1, 2026 : polyline picking for far-offset shots works again in *Trace|Shot gather* as for builds released before Sep 2025.
- Feb 1, 2026 : don't prompt user about invalid branch points when repicking first breaks in *Trace|Shot gather* with *Refractor|Shot breaks* opened.

- Feb 1, 2026 : fixed an issue where clicking button *Export to .TXT* in dialog *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII .TXT* repicked the trace underlying this button in opened *Trace|Shot gather* display. Fixed the same issue for all other dialogs opened on top of *Trace|Shot gather* display. Test this with our [updated free trial](#). For older builds first close *Trace|Shot gather* display.
- Jan 31, 2026 : we added instructions in our [1_1D tutorial](#) on how to obtain Fig. 17, Fig. 19 and Fig. 20. Also we added more references at the end of the tutorial.
- Jan 31, 2026 : we tested gathering SEG-2 formatted receiver channels recorded with [Geostuff BHG-2](#) 3-axial borehole geophone using our SEG2_HoleMerge program as described in our [SH27_Test tutorial](#) . This works just fine.
- Jan 31, 2026 : Geostuff also offers their [BHG-3](#) 3-axial borehole geophone. Quote : “The BHG-3 (center) includes three geophone elements, plus a fluxgate compass and a servo mechanism which automatically rotates the horizontal geophones to the azimuth of your choice so that you can **align the horizontal sensors with the energy source**”.
- Jan 27, 2026 : improved *Discussion* section in our [SH7_Test tutorial](#). Also added links to archives containing source files and project files for our [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program and for our modified [SEG2_EDIT](#) program build.
- Jan 27, 2026 : improved layout of controls in *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII.TXT* dialog. Field *Export column [grid column no.]* now is enabled if option *Export velocities for selected grid column only for downhole VSP plot* is checked only.
- Jan 24, 2026 : we updated the caption for Fig. 19 in our [1_1D tutorial](#) and now refer to Fig. 7 for the WET multirun schedule.
- Jan 24, 2026 : in *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII.TXT* dialog we added a new option **Export velocities for central grid column only for downhole VSP plot**. Check this option and click button *Export to .TXT* to export .GRD grid velocities for the central grid column only to your .TXT file. Next proceed as described on page 12 in our [SH7_Test tutorial](#) showing how to plot and edit the VSP velocity vs. elevation graph in Golden Software Surfer 11. Test this with our [updated free trial](#) for your current refraction profile.
- Jan 21, 2026 : we are testing our latest version 5.03 software in latest [Windows 11 25H2 OS Insider Preview Build 26220.7535](#) running under latest Parallels Desktop 26.2.1 on 2022 Apple M2 MBA and on 2017 Intel macMini against latest [CodeMeter runtime 8.40c](#). No issues found so far. We are continuously testing both the single-user and the [network license](#) versions of our software with previous and new client’s profiles.
- Jan 10, 2026 : we have added more figures and instructions to our [SH7_Test tutorial](#) showing how to plot and edit the VSP velocity vs. elevation graph in Golden Software Surfer 11.
- Jan 3, 2026 : our [updated free trial](#) now enables our *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII .TXT* dialog. Also we have added two menu items to our *Grid* menu to allow VSP style velocity plots (bullets dated Dec 27th 2025) for refraction velocity grid .GRD columns exported to .TXT file via this dialog.
- Jan 2, 2026 : we now support opening profile folders on Windows desktop in latest Windows 11 25H2 running in Parallels Desktop 26.2.0 for Mac on 2017 Intel macMini. In Parallels Desktop for Mac the Windows desktop is the same as the macOS desktop. We now preserve the case of user-selected and program-opened filenames and don’t force folder names to upper case any longer so this works on macOS desktop in Windows 11 25H2.
- Dec 29, 2025 : *File|Update header data|Update Station Coordinates* now prompts you to skip bad lines in your selected .COR file and continue with the coordinate update. Click *No* button to end the .COR import when encountering a bad line. Station coordinates at bad station numbers are interpolated after the coordinate update.
- Dec 27, 2025 : **Grid|Plot multiple WET runs on one page** is now available with our Standard version 5.03 not just our Pro version 5.03.
- Dec 27, 2025 : we added a new frame **Export grid velocities for one column** in our *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII .TXT* dialog. This new frame contains 4 radio buttons named
 - Export ALL grid columns / NOT for downhole VSP velocity plot
 - Export velocities for leftmost grid column only for downhole VSP plot
 - Export velocities for rightmost grid column only for downhole VSP plot

- Export velocities for selected grid column only for downhole VSP plot

Also we added a new edit field named **Export column** at the bottom of this new frame. This lets you specify the grid column number to export.

- Dec 27, 2025 : use our new command **Grid|Select VELOITXY .TXT for downhole VSP interval velocity plot** to select the exported .TXT file containing grid velocities for one grid column as generated in above bullet.
- Dec 27, 2025 : check our new option **Grid|Plot downhole VSP interval velocity only without tomogram** and next select **Grid|Image and contour velocity and coverage grids** and your `..\GRADTOMO\VELOIT20.GRD` or `..\HOLETOMO\VELOIT20.GRD` to plot the exported grid velocities for one column of your grid file in a new VSP plot.
- Dec 27, 2025 : use our **Grid|Surfer plot Limits** dialog to specify the *min. velocity* and *max. velocity* displayed in this new VSP plot / see above bullets.

Version 5.02 released in Dec 2025 :

- Dec 25, 2025 : [Seitone et al.](#) describe Correlation of geomorphological features, geomechanical properties, and clustering of passive seismic recordings for translational rock block slide zoning (Landslides 2025) matching our SRT to MASW and an HVSR clustering approach. See [alternative link](#) at unito.it .
- Dec 20, 2025 : further improved error prompt shown in **File|Import Data** dialog when you select the same .HDR batch filename for .HDR batch import and for .HDR file writing. Show the selected .HDR batch filename including file path in the error prompt. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- Dec 20, 2025 : improved error prompt shown in **File|Import Data** dialog when you select the same .HDR batch filename for batch import and for .HDR file writing. Also show this prompt only if both controls **Batch import** and **Import shots and write .HDR** are selected at the same time. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- Dec 19, 2025 : added new checkbox **Export velocities for leftmost grid column only for downhole VSP** to **Grid|Export grid file to ASCII.TXT** dialog. Use this new option for export of downhole VSP interval velocities from the final WET tomogram .GRD file in `..\HOLETOMO` folder. E.g. `c:\RAY32\SH27_TEST\HOLETOMO\VELOIT999.GRD` for our [SH27_TEST tutorial](#).
- Dec 16, 2025 : we updated paragraph *Aggregate AMBROGEO or PASI or Geotomographie 3-component borehole geophone channels into SEG-2 borehole spread files* in our [pdf manual](#) on page 115. We now describe the latest version of our SEG2_HoleMerge program.
- Dec 15, 2025 : in our updated **Help|About** dialog we explain that our software uses a modified version of the [SEG2_EDIT program](#) with permission given by its author Karl J. Ellefsen at USGS in his email dated Sep 8, 2025 to distribute this [modified SEG2_EDIT build](#) including Visual Studio 2005 project files and C++ source files to our Rayfract® software clients.
- Dec 15, 2025 : see [rar archive](#) with Free Pascal source code and [Lazarus](#) project files for our SEG2_HoleMerge program. Unzip in `C:\Lazarus\Examples` folder to generate the SEG2_HoleMerge subdirectory in `C:\Lazarus\Examples` folder.
- Dec 14, 2025 : we updated our [manual](#) on page 123 describing our **File|Import Data** dialog : optionally click **button Output .HDR** to specify the .HDR filename to be written listing all shots found in matching input files in your selected *Input directory* . Click **Save** button to confirm the specified .HDR filename. Click **Cancel** button to reset the .HDR filename to empty.
- Dec 14, 2025 : we built an updated [5.02 base installer](#) with the latest SEG-2 programs as listed in below bullets. Be sure to rerun your 5.02 or 5.01 update installer as emailed earlier after running this updated 5.02 base installer on your PC. See also our earlier base installer [installation instructions](#).

- Dec 10, 2025 : we are testing our latest version 5.02 build against latest [CodeMeter 8.40b runtime](#) in Windows 10 22H2 64-bit and in latest Windows 11 25H2 64-bit Pro on 2017 Intel macMini in Parallels Desktop version 26.1.2. No issues found so far.
- Dec 6, 2025 : we updated the two linked .RAR archives in our [SH27 Test tutorial](#) showing VSP S-wave processing and interpretation.
- Dec 6, 2025 : [Padovan et al.](#) describe Multi-Geophysical Characterization of Karst Landfills in Croatia: Mapping the Waste–Bedrock Interface and Assessing Waste Volume (Sustainability Dec 2025) matching our SRT (using a DeltatV starting model) to ERT and geotechnical borehole data.
- Dec 6, 2025 : [Tassis et al.](#) describe Testing the performance of Fuzzy C-means data clustering approach in the detection of weak zones in bedrock for the case of Knappe tunnel (NGU report 2023) matching our SRT to ERT using cluster analysis method and to geotechnical tunneling data.
- Dec 4, 2025 : in our updated *Help|About* dialog we mention that we still have permission given by Golden Software support in their email dated Sep 8th, 2025 to distribute the Surfer 11 free demo version to our Rayfract® software clients.
- Dec 3, 2025 : we added more figures and instructions to our [SH27 Test tutorial](#) showing VSP S-wave processing and interpretation. We use our previous WET tomogram (Fig. 21) as the starting model for a 2nd interactive WET run (Fig. 22) and obtain an improved WET tomogram (Fig. 23) with an apparently higher vertical resolution of horizontal layers and with a smaller RMS error.
- Dec 2, 2025 : we added more figures and instructions to our [SH27 Test tutorial](#) showing VSP S-wave processing and interpretation. We improve the S-wave first break picks in Fig. 19 and show optimized interactive WET inversion based on these improved first break picks in Fig. 20 and Fig. 21. Fig. 21 is more realistic than Fig. 18 and better matches the annotated geotechnical core stratigraphy (Fig. 24).
- Nov 30, 2025 : we added more figures and instructions to our [SH27 Test tutorial](#) showing VSP S-wave processing and interpretation. We obtain an apparently better vertical resolution in the final WET tomogram in Fig. 18 compared to our earlier Fig. 13.
- Nov 30, 2025 : we show using our updated [SEG2 HoleMerge](#) program in our [SH27 Test tutorial](#) showing gathering of receiver channels into receiver spreads.
- Nov 22, 2025 : we added more instructions and references to our [marine refraction tutorial MARINE_L03](#) . We now describe how to obtain the DeltatV+XTV pseudo-2D starting model. Also we show the *DeltatV Settings* menu with recommended options to suppress DeltatV artefacts in the starting model.
- Nov 21, 2025 : we added more figures and instructions to our [marine refraction tutorial MARINE_L03](#) . We now show multiscale Steepest-Descent WET inversion in Fig. 25 using our pseudo-2D DeltatV starting model.
- Nov 21, 2025 : for instructions on how to add exclusions for folder C:\Ray32 and for executable C:\Ray32\bin\Rayfract32.exe in Kaspersky Anti-Virus see <https://support.kaspersky.com/help/kaspersky/win21.5/en-us/227390.htm> .
- Nov 19, 2025 : we added more figures and instructions to our new [Test_1 tutorial](#) showing optimized WET inversion of S-wave shear-wave first breaks. We obtain a lower RMS error than with our default Smooth inversion.
- Nov 16, 2025 : review our new [Test_1 tutorial](#) showing crosshole WET inversion of S-wave shear-wave first breaks using our default Smooth inversion. The objective of the survey was to detect possible cavities below a concrete cap.
- Nov 16, 2025 : we are testing our latest version 5.02 software using CodeMeter runtime 8.40a in latest [Windows 11 25H2 Insider Preview Build 26220.7070](#) running in Parallels Desktop 26 for Mac Pro Edition version 26.1.2 on 2017 Intel macMini. No issues found so far.
- Nov 14, 2025 : when running our DeltatV inversion via *DeltatV|Automatic DeltatV and WET inversion* or via *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV* we now prompt you to optionally check *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Suppress velocity artefacts* and redo the DeltatV inversion if the DeltatV starting model shows too much noisy artefacts. Enabling this option may suppress realistic velocity inversions (locally decreasing velocity with depth) in the DeltatV starting

model. This option is also regarded for the 1D-gradient starting model obtained with *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model*.

- Nov 12, 2025 : added option ***File|Update data Settings|Recenter receiver station coordinates after update with 'Update Receiver Coordinates' command*** . Check this option to force re-centering of your profile's receiver station coordinates after updating individual receiver coordinates with your edited BREAKS.LST with updated columns `recvr_x[m]`/`recvr_y[m]`/`recvr_z[m]` in columns 6/7/8. Do NOT edit any other columns of the BREAKS.LST. For earlier builds the receiver stations are always re-centered.
- Nov 11, 2025 : we now limit the SOURCE_STATION_NUMBER to the range of active RECEIVER_STATION_NUMBER values for the aggregated SEG-2 receiver spread file generated by our updated [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program .
- Nov 11, 2025 : for missing SEG-2 receiver channel files we now insert zero-signal dummy channels into the aggregated SEG-2 receiver spread file in our updated [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program.
- Nov 9, 2025 : we have improved the error prompt shown when our [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program is not able to aggregate SEG-2 borehole receiver channel files due to invalid channel filenames not following the <receiver depth><wave type ID>.DAT format or due to an invalid channel number selection.
- Nov 9, 2025 : our updated [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program now always writes SOURCE_STATION_NUMBER and RECEIVER_STATION_NUMBER trace headers to the aggregated SEG-2 receiver spread files. These station numbers are regarded during SEG-2 import of the receiver spreads via our *File|Import Data* dialog.
- Nov 9, 2025 : when running our 5.02 Pro software on AMD Ryzen 9 9950X3D CPU make sure that you force the *grid cell size* in *Header|Profile* to a large enough value such that resulting `..\GRADTOMO\VELOITXY.GRD` files do not exceed 2 or max. 3 Mbytes in size. This ensures that all 32 CPU cores have fast enough read access to the traveltime grid cache stored in AWE memory. E.g. force the *grid cell size* to 1.5m or 2.0m or larger for long and densely recorded refraction profiles. Also in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET|Select* dialog optionally check option *Skip every second shot for forward modeling* to make WET run twice as fast.
- Nov 9, 2025 : we have improved the robustness of read access to the traveltime grid cache in AWE memory when running WET inversion in our 5.02 Pro software using up to 32 logical processors in parallel.
- Nov 3, 2025 : [Trbovic et al.](#) show Slope protection on the island of Vis (Proceedings of the 29th EYGEC, Rijeka, 2025) matching our DeltatV method to rock mass samples and geotechnical data.
- Oct 27, 2025 : we rebuilt our [5.01 base installer](#) to include the latest and updated SEG-2 programs as listed in below bullets. Be sure to rerun your 5.02 or 5.01 update installer as emailed earlier, after running this updated 5.01 base installer on your PC.
- Oct 25, 2025 : we now support input and output folders with space characters in the folder name for our [SEG2_Update program](#) for updating SEG-2 trace headers with SOURCE_LOCATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION coordinates in [3D.TXT response file](#).
- Oct 25, 2025 : we now support input and output folders with space characters in the folder name for our [SEG2_Sort program](#) for flipping over SEG-2 receiver channel spread files or to flip a trace range in your selected SEG-2 file.
- Oct 25, 2025 : we now support input and output folders with space characters in the folder name for our [SEG2_HoleMerge program](#) for aggregating channels from borehole receiver SEG-2 files into receiver spread SEG-2 files.
- Oct 24, 2025 : we now use our default 1D-gradient starting model for multiscale WET shown in Fig. 1 of our [marine refraction tutorial MARINE_L03](#). We use ***Cosine-Squared WET update weighting*** across the wavpath / ***Ricker differentiation*** set to -2 for better lateral resolution in the basement. We added more figures at the end of the tutorial and a new paragraph *Multiscale WET using default 1D-gradient starting model and manual WET smoothing* on page 10 with step-by-step instructions on how to obtain Fig. 1 and 2. Also we

updated the figure captions. We updated the *Grid|Surfer plot limits* in Fig. 19 to *Max. offset* 1050m to suppress display of artefacts at end of profile where there are no shot points.

- Oct 24, 2025 : more robust termination of polyline picking in *Trace|Shot gather*. When the user causes a refresh of the shot gather display e.g. with ALT+Y or with F7/F8 or F1/F2 function keys we now automatically terminate any current polyline picking session and update the help text in the status bar. Test this with our updated [free trial](#).
- Oct 23, 2025 : we added menu items *Save settings to .ini file* and *Restore settings from .ini file* to our [SEG2_Merge](#) program.
- Oct 22, 2025 : we now support input and output folders with space characters in the folder name for our [SEG2_Merge program](#) for vertically stacking and horizontally merging SEG-2 receiver spread files.
- Oct 22, 2025 : for our other SEG-2 programs offered in menu *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands* we strongly recommend using underscore ‘_’ characters instead of space characters in the folder name. We don’t support space characters in the folder name for these SEG-2 programs at this time.
- Oct 18, 2025 : polyline picking in *Trace|Shot gather* display now always works directly besides the shot point even with non-zero shot inline offset as showing in *Header|Shot*.
- Oct 18, 2025 : update the status bar help display when user ends polyline picking in *Trace|Shot gather* display with space bar.
- Oct 18, 2025 : SHIFT+Left Mouse Click deletes the first break picks for all traces under the mouse cursor in *Trace|Shot point gather* display.
- Oct 18, 2025 : always refresh *Trace|Shot point gather* display when user picks or deletes first breaks. This improves the user experience with [downhole VSP shear-wave picking](#).
- Oct 14, 2025 : added command *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Export all shots to SEG-2* for 5.02 Pro version. We don’t prompt for the SEG-2 output filename and we don’t show the success prompt as shown with command *Export shot to SEG-2...*
- Oct 14, 2025 : added option *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Export to SEG-2 using original filename*. Check to use original input filename to name SEG-2 files written to `..INPUT2` folder. If left unchecked as per default we name exported SEG-2 files as `<shot number>.DAT` e.g. `201.DAT`. Test this with our updated [free trial](#).
- Oct 12, 2025 : we now write your first break picks to SEG-2 trace header `FIRST_BREAK_(SECONDS)` when selecting *Processing|Export shot to SEG-2* in *Trace|Shot gather* display. First breaks are updated in the profile database from `FIRST_BREAK_(SECONDS)` SEG-2 trace headers when re-importing the exported SEG-2 shots via *File|Import Data*.
- Oct 12, 2025 : before exporting your shots to SEG-2 formatted files in *Trace|Shot gather* (see above bullet) we recommend to first check options *File|Export data Settings|Export station numbers to SEG-2 files* and *Export source and receiver coordinates to SEG-2*.
- Oct 10, 2025 : SHIFT+Left Mouse Click deletes again the first break pick for the trace under the mouse cursor in *Trace|Shot gather* display. Alternatively use ALT+Z keyboard shortcut after selecting the trace with left/right cursor key. Test this with our updated [free trial](#).
- Oct 4, 2025 : updated labeling of radio buttons in frame *Determine geophone channel number to be merged into receiver spread file* in [SEG2 HoleMerge](#) program.
- Oct 4, 2025 : updated naming of aggregated SEG-2 receiver spread files in [SEG2 HoleMerge](#) program. These spread files now end with ‘...Spread<channelNo>.SEG2’ e.g. `HFLeft_ch3_Spread3.SEG2`.
- Oct 3, 2025 : in *Trace|Shot gather* display optionally check new *Processing* menu item *End polyline picking with left mouse click* to enable previous polyline picking logic : terminate polyline picking session with left mouse button click instead of translating the left click into a right click. Test this with our updated [free trial](#). Or use space bar to end polyline picking.
- Oct 3, 2025 : updated error handling in [SEG2 HoleMerge](#) program. If your specified input channel number is not contained in an SEG-2 receiver channel file we now prompt you to skip this bad file and continue with aggregating channels. Click *No button* to exit from the loop. Next select the correct channel number in frame *Determine geophone channel number to be merged into receiver spread file*. Next restart gathering channels with button *Aggregate SEG-2 files*.

- Oct 2, 2025 : our updated [SEG2 HoleMerge](#) program now supports gathering SEG-2 channels recorded with [Geotomographie GmbH BGK5 borehole geophone](#). The borehole geophone BGK5 records with four horizontal sensors separated by 45° intervals and one vertical sensor. The vertical sensor is assumed to be recorded with channel 1. The four horizontal sensors are assumed to be recorded with channels 2 to 5.
- Oct 2, 2025 : for polyline picking of noisy traces in *Trace|Shot gather* we recommend to first decrease the *Search window width* to 1ms with ALT+B in *Trace|Shot gather*.
- Oct 1, 2025 : Farinango describes [Identificación superficial de movimientos en masa en zonas susceptibles a su ocurrencia o reactivación, provincia del Azuay](#) : análisis geológico-geomorfológico del deslizamiento en el barrio Rosas, Nabón, mediante modelos digitales de elevación (DEM) y sistemas de información geográfica (SIG). 64 páginas (Thesis Quito, EPN 2025) matching our SRT to geotechnical data obtained from boreholes.
- Sep 28, 2025 : during polyline picking in *Trace|Shot gather* started with right mouse button we now translate left button clicks to right button clicks. End the polyline picking session with space bar. This should make the polyline picking easier to use with touch pad etc. Test this with our updated [free trial](#).
- Sep 25, 2025 : during polyline picking with right mouse button (two fingers on touch pad) we now also show *Shot station, First channel station, Last channel station, Polyline picking direction, Previously picked station* and *Mouse cursor station* at bottom of screen in the status bar, besides the ***Velocity of current polyline segment***.
- Sep 24, 2025 : more robust polyline picking in *Trace|Shot gather* window. We don't regard left mouse button clicks any longer. Use right mouse button clicks to pick the polyline segments for semi-automatic first break picking. End the current polyline picking session with space bar or Return key or Escape key. Test this with our updated [free trial](#).
- Sep 20, 2025 : view our new [MARINE_L03 shallow marine refraction](#) tutorial. We compare WET using the default 1D-gradient starting model vs. a pseudo-2D DeltatV+layered XTV starting model. Also we show our new WET multiplot feature in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2.
- Sep 20, 2025 : we are testing our version 5.02 software in [Windows 11 25H2 Insider Preview Build 26220.6690 \(KB5065786\) \(Dev Channel\)](#) under Parallels Desktop 26 for Mac latest version 26.0.1 on 2017 Intel macMini. No issues found so far.
- Sep 18, 2025 : we added DropBox download links for the LAYRTOMO folder archive and for the profile database archive to our [SR6 multiplot.pdf](#).
- Sep 17, 2025 : improved error prompt *Stations without weathering velocity* shown during time-to-depth conversion using *Depth* menu items. We now prompt you to check option *Mapping|Automated updating of station V0*. Next remap traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks* or in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks*. Test this with our updated [free trial](#).
- Sep 16, 2025 : we added Fig. 3 in our [1_1D multiplot.pdf](#) showing the error prompt displayed when you select a VELOITXY.GRD which is not located in ..\WETRUN1 folder with our *Grid|Plot multiple WET runs on one page* command available with our 5.02 Pro version.
- Sep 14, 2025 : view our new [multirun WET plot](#) for marine refraction profile SR6_1000 generated with our 5.02 Pro version with *Grid|Plot multiple WET runs on one page*.
- Sep 14, 2025 : in our updated *Help|About* dialog we now mention that we still have permission given by Golden Software support in their email dated Sep 8th, 2025 to distribute the Surfer 11 free demo version to our Rayfract® software clients.
- Sep 13, 2025 : in our updated *Help|About* dialog we now explain that our software uses a modified version of the [SEG2_EDIT program](#) with permission given by its author Karl J. Ellefsen at USGS in email dated Sep 8, 2025 to distribute this modified SEG2_EDIT build to our Rayfract® software clients.
- Sep 13, 2025 : when during mapping of traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks* with ALT+L shortcut a bad branch point is detected we now automatically update the branch point pick bar position to the shot direction of the bad branch point.
- Sep 13, 2025 : we added 3 commands to *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands* menu : ***Flip trace range in SEG-2 file(s), Gather SEG2-2 borehole receiver channels*** and ***Gather Geotomographie DDS borehole channels***. These commands call into SEG-2 programs as described in our updated [2025 .pdf manual](#) chapter Seismic and header data import.

- Sep 9, 2025 : write new DeltatV export parameter *Min. traces for extrapolation [% of max.]* to .PAR file and restore from .PAR file. Don't write blank line before "XTV parameters :"
line so older builds of our software can read the new .PAR file format.
- Sep 7, 2025 : added parameter *Min. traces for extrapolation [% of max.]* in *DeltatV\DeltatV Export options* dialog in frame *Min. traces in % of max. traces per CMP gather for extrapolation*. When you enable extrapolation of tomograms in *Header\Profile* we regard this new parameter to determine the first/last CMP station used for extrapolation of *DeltatV inversion* results to profile start/to profile end.
- Sep 5, 2025 : we rebuilt our version 5.02 software in latest Visual Studio 2022 version 17.14.13 in latest Windows 11 25H2 preview.
- Sep 5, 2025 : improve error prompt to increase *Basement crossover* in *DeltatV\DeltatV Static corrections* dialog and to check box *Keep above settings for Automatic DeltatV* and to next reselect *Smooth invert\WET with 1D-gradient initial model* or *DeltatV\Automatic DeltatV and WET inversion*. This error prompt can show during DeltatV inversion of streamer-recorded marine refraction profiles with a small *Station spacing* specified in *Header\Profile*. Increase *Basement crossover* from default value 10 to 20 or 30 stations. Uncheck *File\Import Data Settings\Adjust profile station spacing* before importing your streamer-recorded shots.
- Sep 5, 2025 : regard *Grid\Vertical plot title* with new *Grid menu* command *Plot multiple WET runs on one page* available with our 5.02 Pro version.
- Sep 2, 2025 : in our 5.02 Pro version we offer a new *Grid menu* command [Plot multiple WET runs on one page](#) for easy quality control when using our multiscale WET inversion. We prompt you to select a VELOITXY.GRD file in a ..\WETRUN1 folder for the first WET run.
- Sep 2, 2025 : optionally check *Grid\Show WET run in title for multiple WET runs plot* in our 5.02 Pro version before selecting above *Grid\Plot multiple WET runs on one page*.
- Sep 2, 2025 : when opening an existing or creating a new profile we now always check setting *DeltatV\DeltatV Settings\Write new DeltatV and Model menu settings to .PAR file* . .PAR files written by our software with this setting checked are not readable with version 3.36 from 2022 and even earlier versions of our software.
- Aug 29, 2025 : when you create a new profile via *File\New Profile* we now per default check setting *Trace\Shot gather\Display\Show picks on time axis* .
- Aug 27, 2025 : we updated our [one-page flyer and brochure](#) with latest information.
- Aug 22, 2025 : we tested the latest [CodeMeter runtime version 8.40](#) in Windows 10 22H2 and in [Windows 11 25H2 Insider Preview](#) under Parallels Desktop 20 for Mac latest version 20.4.1 on 2017 Intel macMini and on 2022 Apple M2 macMini with our latest software version 5.02. No issues found.
- Aug 21, 2025 : we rebuilt our [5.01 base installer](#) to include the latest and updated help file version. Be sure to rerun your 5.02 or 5.01 update installer as emailed earlier, after running this updated 5.01 base installer on your PC.
- Aug 19, 2025 : [Vergnano et al.](#) describe Clustering and Petrophysics of Combined Resistivity and Seismic Measurements for River Embankments Screening (EAGE NSG Napoli 2025) matching our P-wave SRT to S-wave velocity obtained via surface-wave inversion and to ERT.
- Aug 19, 2025 : we are testing our version 5.02 software in [Windows 11 25H2 Insider Preview Build 26200.5751 \(Dev Channel\)](#) under Parallels Desktop 20 for Mac latest version 20.4.1 on 2017 Intel macMini. No issues found so far.
- Aug 19, 2025 : retested our latest version 5.02 in latest released [Windows 11 24H2 64-bit Pro OS Build 26100.4946](#) on GEEKOM A5 mini PC with AMD Ryzen 7 5825U CPU with latest [CodeMeter runtime](#) version 8.30a installed. No issues found.
- Aug 19, 2025 : we further updated help chapter *Seismic and header data import*, chapters *Commands*, *SEG-2 import settings and commands* and *SEG-Y import settings* and help chapter *Downhole VSP interpretation*. Download and run our [WinHelp.exe](#) installer on your PC to update your help file installation. Or view our updated [.pdf manual](#) chapters.
- Aug 17, 2025 : we updated our [TUTORIAL.ZIP](#) with new and updated tutorials.

- Aug 8, 2025 : we updated help chapter *Seismic and header data import* with new paragraphs describing our [SEG2_Sort](#) and our [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) programs. Download and run our [WinHelp.exe](#) installer on your PC to update your help file installation.
- Aug 2, 2025 : our updated [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program now offers two menu items at the top of the main dialog : *Save settings to .ini file* and *Restore settings from .ini file*. If you did not yet select a valid SEG-2 file in your ..\INPUT folder in the topmost control of this dialog then we prompt you to do so first.
- Aug 1, 2025 : we have updated the title and Fig. 1. and the embedded [RAR download link](#) in our new [BOATSH26 tutorial](#) .
- July 30, 2025 : we are testing our version 5.02 software against [green WibuKey runtime/dongle driver 6.51](#) in [Windows 11 25H2 Insider Preview Build 26200.5722 \(Dev Channel\)](#). No issues found so far.
- July 29, 2025 : our updated [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program now saves user-selected settings during shutdown to file `SEG2_HoleMerge.ini` in same folder where the `SEG2_HoleMerge.exe` is located. When the user reopens the `SEG2_HoleMerge` program these user settings are restored from the .ini file.
- July 24, 2025 : we now per default check option *Trace|Shot point gather|Processing|Pick all shots, in shot point gather* when the user opens an existing profile or creates a new profile database.
- July 23, 2025 : we updated instructions and figures in our new [BOATSH26 tutorial](#) .
- July 21, 2025 : we improved the S-wave first break picking for our [BOATSH26 tutorial](#) and updated Fig. 1 and Fig. 13. Also we fixed the <https://rayfract.com/tutorials/BOATSH26.zip> archive with the updated BREAKS.LST in ..\INPUT folder.
- July 20, 2025 : view our new [BOATSH26 tutorial](#) showing gathering of shear-wave SEG-2 receiver channels recorded with AMBROGEO 3D twin/double borehole geophone in our updated [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program. Next we show import of the two resulting SEG-2 receiver spread files, frequency filtering, first break picking and optimized WET inversion of this shear-wave downhole VSP survey in our version 5.02 software.
- July 17, 2025 : we are testing our version 5.02 software against latest Golden Software Surfer Beta 30.0.188 64-bit dated July 1, 2025 in [Windows 11 25H2 OS build 26200.5702 dev channel preview](#) . No issues found so far.
- July 15, 2025 : we are testing our latest version 5.02 software in [Windows 11 25H2 OS build 26200.5702 dev channel preview](#). No issues found so far.
- July 14, 2025 : we tested our latest version 5.02 software in [Windows 11 24H2 OS build 26100.4762 release preview](#). No issues found.
- July 8, 2025 : we have updated our new [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program to optionally extract 2nd receiver channels recorded with a double/joined PASI borehole geophone to separate SEG-2 channel files in an intermediate pass. This channel extraction is done before gathering channels for all receiver channel files into one receiver spread file. Check new option *Do extract 3 channels for 2nd receiver into separate SEG-2 channel file*. Edit new control *Double geophone receiver separation [m]* to the separation of the two joined geophones.
- July 8, 2025 : we added a frame named *Receiver filenames with depth or elevation* to our [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program. Check radio button *Receiver depth below borehole top* or radio button *Receiver elevation. Borehole top at 0*.
- July 4, 2025 : we rebuilt our [5.01 base installer](#) to include the latest/updated builds of our SEG-2 programs as described below. Be sure to rerun your 5.02 or 5.01 update installer as emailed earlier, after running this updated 5.01 base installer on your PC.
- June 28, 2025 : our updated [SEG2_HoleMerge](#) program now names the gathered SEG-2 .sg2 borehole receiver spread files for horizontal shear-wave in the x/y direction as `Horz_SHX_Spread1.SG2 / Horz_SHY_Spread2.SG2` .
- June 28, 2025 : updated [SH27_TEST tutorial](#) steps 26. and 27 so works with version 5.01. Edit *Shot Number* to 1 or 2 during import of the two aggregated .SG2 receiver spread files.
- June 26, 2025 : updated Surfer plots and instructions in our [PW27 Test tutorial](#).

- June 23, 2025 : better error handling if our SEG-2 import detects a corrupted SEG-2 disk file descriptor. The file is skipped instead of shutting down our program. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- June 23, 2025 : we updated instructions, figures and figure captions in our new [SH27 TEST tutorial](#) . Also we updated the .ZIP and .RAR archives linked to from this tutorial.
- June 22, 2025 : view our new [SH27 TEST tutorial](#) showing gathering of shear-wave SEG-2 receiver channels recorded with AMBROGEO 3-component borehole geophone using our new [SEG2 HoleMerge](#) program. Next we show import of the two resulting SEG-2 receiver spread files, frequency filtering, first break picking and optimized WET inversion of this shear-wave VSP survey in our version 5.02 software.
- June 20, 2025 : better error prompt if RAM memory allocation for SEG-2 string block or trace pointer block fails during SEG-2 import due to a corrupted SEG-2 disk file descriptor. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- June 17, 2025 : we added Fig. 15 and Fig. 16 showing the annotated geotechnical core stratigraphy for the downhole VSP survey to our new [PW27 Test tutorial](#).
- June 14, 2025 : to update your Windows 11 OS installed in a Parallels Virtual Machine to latest Windows 11 24H2 (OS Build 26100.4351) we recommend using the [in-place Windows upgrade method](#). Once you downloaded the Windows 11 24H2 ISO disk file to your Windows desktop or to your Download folder : next right-click the .ISO file in Windows Explorer and select command **Open With** and **WinRAR**. Click **Extract To** icon on top and click button OK to extract the .ISO files into a subdirectory. Open the subdirectory in Windows Explorer and run the **setup.exe** and follow instructions for [in-place Windows upgrade](#). Next enter **windows update** in search box at bottom of Windows 11 screen to download and install the latest updates.
- June 13, 2025 : we tested our older versions 4.05 and 4.06 in latest Windows 11 24H2 (OS Build 26100.4351) with latest [CodeMeter runtime 8.30a](#) and this now works just fine / no more crashes due to CodeMeter copy protection/dongle driver issues. These issues are fixed.
- June 13, 2025 : view our new [PW27 Test tutorial](#) showing gathering of SEG-2 receiver channels recorded with AMBROGEO 3-component borehole geophone using our new [SEG2 HoleMerge](#) program. Next we show import of the resulting SEG-2 receiver spread file, frequency filtering, first break picking and optimized WET inversion of this P-Wave VSP survey in our version 5.02 software.
- June 8, 2025 : Barla describes [Numerical modeling of deep-seated landslides interacting with man-made structures](#) (Journal of Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering Oct 2018) showing an SRT (Seismic Refraction Tomography) tomogram matched to geotechnical cores.
- June 8, 2025 : check our new option *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands|Reverted SEG-2 receiver spread layout/towed streamer* before importing your SEG-2 shots recorded with reverted receiver spread for shallow marine refraction with our *File|Import Data* dialog. Also check options *Turn around spread during import* and *Reverted spread layout* in that dialog. Alternatively use our new [SEG2 Sort program](#) to flip over all matching SEG-2 trace files in the selected input folder before importing these already turned around files via our *File|Import Data* dialog from `..\INPUT2` folder of your profile folder. See below/bullet dated May 31, 2025.

Version 5.01 released in June 2025 :

- June 4, 2025 : we offer a new program [SEG2 HoleMerge](#) which allows gathering of SEG-2 channels recorded with a 3-component borehole receiver into VSP spread files. The resulting spread files are imported as one SEG-2 shot record into a profile with *Header|Profile|Line type* set to **Borehole spread/line** using our latest Rayfract® software version 5.01. The program lets you select the recorded wave type and channel number 1/2/3 and names the resulting SEG-2 borehole receiver spread file as `PWave_Spread.SG2 / Horz_SHX_Spread.SG2 / Horz_SHY_Spread.SG2` . We assume that the 3-channel trace files are named `<receiver_elevation>.DAT / .SG2 / .SEG2. -1.DAT` means the borehole receiver

was located at elevation -1m with the borehole top at elevation 0m. -30.DAT means the borehole receiver was positioned at elevation -30m. See our new tutorial [PW27 Test.pdf](#) .

- June 2, 2025 : more robust handling of invalid SEG-2 files in our new [SEG2 Sort program](#) . These are now skipped during processing of matching SEG-2 files.
- June 1, 2025 : we retested our latest version 5.01 software on 2022 Apple Silicon M2 MBA in latest Parallels Desktop for Mac 20.3.1 running in latest Windows 11 ARM 24H2 VM with latest [CodeMeter runtime 8.30a](#). Works fine. Be sure to always update the CodeMeter runtime to the latest version when running our software in Windows 11 24H2 or 25H2 Preview.
- June 1, 2025 : we added buttons *Flip traces in selected file* and *Flip all SEG-2 files* to our new [SEG2 Sort program](#) .
- May 31, 2025 : we fixed .HDR batch generation in *File|Import Data* dialog with control *Take shot number from* set to File number or Job number. In .HDR batch file column Shot No. the database shot number now increases sequentially starting at 1 if SEG-2 trace headers SHOT_SEQUENCE_NUMBER (File number) or JOB_ID (Job number) are missing or don't contain a valid integer number ≥ 0 . Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- May 31, 2025 : we updated our new [SEG2 Sort program](#) to flip (or flip the specified trace range for) all matching SEG-2 trace files in the selected input folder.
- May 31, 2025 : we recommend using our new [SEG2 Sort program](#) to flip SEG-2 trace files recorded with shallow marine refraction streamer with channel no. 1 closest to the towing boat. Then import these flipped-over SEG-2 trace files into our earlier version 5.01 without checking the two options in *File|Import data* dialog to turn around the reverted spread layout since we flipped these files already. See below bullet.
- May 30, 2025 : when checking control *File|Import data|Turn spread around during import* and control *Reverted spread layout* we now flip over the receiver spread during SEG-2 import again as in version 4.06 and earlier. This is useful for shallow marine refraction with boat-towed hydrophone streamer and channel number one closest to the boat. For earlier 5.01 builds import your *boat-towed streamer-recorded marine refraction* SEG-2 trace files without checking these two controls. Then pick the first breaks and run our *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model*. Next flip over the C:\Ray32\<your profile name>\GRADTOMO\VELOIT20.GRD final WET tomogram grid using our *Grid|Turn around grid file by 180 degrees*. Next select *Grid|Image and contour velocity and coverage grids* with above VELOIT20.GRD to image the flipped-over tomogram.
- May 28, 2025 : fix .HDR batch generation in *File|Import Data* dialog for SEG-2 format import when user first checks our new option *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands|Determine shot number from SmartSolo filename*.
- May 28, 2025 : we retested import of [MOHO SoilSpy Rosina](#) SEG-2 formatted .SG2 files. This still works fine with our latest version 5.01 software.
- May 28, 2025 : we updated our [one-page flyer](#) and brochure.
- May 25, 2025 : more robust detection of SEG-2 file header UNITS if set to value FEET when importing SEG-2 files via *File|Import Data* dialog. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- May 24, 2025 : we tested our latest version 5.01 software in latest Windows 11 24H2 OS Build 26100.4061 running under Parallels Desktop latest version 20.3.1 on 2017 Intel Apple Mac Mini with latest [CodeMeter 8.30a runtime](#). No issues found.
- May 24, 2025 : [Suranna et al.](#) describe Innovative Approaches to Fault Detection: Integrating Geophones and DAS in the Budoia-Aviano Thrust Case Study (EGU 2025 Poster) showing our SRT comparing a profile recorded with geophones and 5m spacing with a coincident profile recorded with DAS (Distributed Acoustic Sensing) with 1 m spacing.
- May 24, 2025 : [Dehghannejad et al.](#) describe Offshore geophysical investigations for designing a new subway in Central Stockholm, Sweden (Book Tunnelling into a Sustainable Future – Methods and Technologies, CRC Press 2025) matching our SRT to ERT and [geotechnical soundings](#).
- May 15, 2025 : we tested our latest version 5.01 against latest released Surfer version 29.2.289 64-bit in latest Windows 11 24H2. This works fine.
- May 3, 2025 : decrease *Model|WDVS Smoothing|WDVS frequency* to 200Hz/100Hz/50Hz in Fig. 19 in [Line23 tutorial](#) to better image the velocity inversion in the overburden when using

our WET inversion e.g. via *WET Tomo* menu items. For DeltatV starting model optionally check radio button *discard WET smoothing and WDVS smoothing after modeling*. For Wavefront layered refraction method starting model leave radio button *restore WET smoothing and discard WDVS smoothing only* checked.

- Apr 23, 2025 : added new option *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands|Determine shot number from SmartSolo filename* . Check this option to determine the imported shot number for SmartSolo 3C .SEG2 trace files from the filename. E.g. importing filename 00000001.00000015.00000001.00000000.Z.SEG2 results in imported shot number 15. Use this option with *File|Import Data|Take shot record number from* set to **DOS file name**.
- Apr 21, 2025 : added new option *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands|Ignore SEG-2 shot sequence number in trace headers*. Check with bad SHOT_SEQUENCE_NUMBER in SEG-2 traces headers when setting *File|Import Data|Take shot record number from* to **File number** to number imported shots sequentially starting at number 1.
- Apr 21, 2025 : we now support setting *File|Import Data|Take shot record number from* to **Job number** to number imported shots sequentially starting at number 1 with missing JOB_ID in SEG-2 trace headers.
- Apr 21, 2025 : more robust conversion of SEG-2 trace header fields FIXED_GAIN and STACK from string format to a positive integer number. Correctly handle too large values.
- Apr 19, 2025 : retested our version 5.01 Standard build released Feb 10, 2025 and our version 5.01 Pro build released Feb 11 2025 in latest Windows 11 24H2 64-bit Pro OS Build 26100.3775 both on 2017 Intel macMini under latest Parallels Desktop version 20.3.0 and on GEEKOM A5 mini PC with AMD Ryzen 7 5825U CPU with latest [CodeMeter runtime](#) version 8.30 installed. No issues found.
- Apr 19, 2025 : rebuilt our [free trial installer](#) with updated SEG-2 programs as described below.
- Apr 19, 2025 : [Bouchedda et al.](#) describe Detection of near-surface gas pockets using geophysical investigations (GeoMontréal 2024) matching our SRT to ERT and geotechnical drilling to detect possible gas pockets at the construction site of a large building in northern Quebec.
- Apr 16, 2025 : when running our latest version 5.01 software in latest Windows 11 24H2 64-bit Pro Virtual Machine under Parallels for Mac be sure to also install the [latest CodeMeter runtime](#) in macOS on your client Mac. This ensures that communication between a Rayfract® network license and the remote CodeMeter server PC works without issues.
- Apr 10, 2025 : we tested our latest version 5.01 software in latest Windows 11 24H2 64-bit Pro on GEEKOM A5 mini PC with AMD Ryzen 7 5825U CPU with 8 cores and 16 threads. Our 5.01 Pro version can use up to 16 threads / logical processors on this CPU and works fine when protected with the latest AxProtector 11.60 CodeMeter tool released Mar 28th, 2025. You have to add Windows Defender and Anti-Virus exclusions as described in bullets dated Mar 26, 202 and Mar 15, 2025.
- Apr 6, 2025 : [O'Neill et al.](#) describe Utilising frequency-time analysis (FTAN) of surface waves for geotechnical and dam investigations (Journal of Applied Geophysics July 2025) matching our SRT to their FTAN method and to MASW.
- Apr 5, 2025 : we now allow a maximum **Minimum receiver separation** of 30 *Station spacings* instead of previous 20 *Station spacings*. This helps with marine refraction hydrophone streamers where the receivers are separated by 3.125m with shots at every half a meter along the line. Define a new receiver spread type in *File|New Spread type* with *Spread type name* "25: 24 every 25th", *Receiver count* 24 and *Receiver separations* string 23*25. Press ENTER key to close the dialog and export your spread types automatically to file c:\Ray32\Ref\MYSPREAD.SPR . Set *Header|Profile|Station spacing* to 0.125m and use this new spread type to import your marine refraction streamer shots.
- Apr 5, 2025 : we have rebuilt our [5.01 base installer](#) to include the latest/updated builds of our SEG-2 programs as described below. Be sure to rerun your 5.01 update installer after running this updated 5.01 base installer on your PC.

- Apr 5, 2025 : be sure to install the Microsoft March 2025 non-security preview update in Windows 11 24H2 in Windows Update to fix issues with CodeMeter copy protection envelope in Windows 11 24H2.
- Apr 5, 2025 : when running our software in Windows 11 be sure to always install the latest [CodeMeter runtime](#)/dongle driver software (currently version 8.30) for best compatibility with any Anti-Virus software interfering with the CodeMeter copy protection envelope used by our software.
- Mar 30, 2025 : our [SEG-2 Aggregate](#) program now works with space characters in any selected INPUT folder. Use underscore characters ‘_’ instead for older versions of our software. Test our updated SEG-2 Aggregate with our [TTBM6 borehole VSP](#) tutorial.
- Mar 29, 2025 : our command *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands|Update SEG-2 files with coordinates* now works with space characters in any selected INPUT folder. Use our updated [SEG-2 Update installer](#) to install. Use underscore characters ‘_’ instead for older versions of our software.
- Mar 26, 2025 : we rebuilt our [free trial](#) with latest Visual Studio 2022 version 17.13.4.
- Mar 26, 2025 : we strongly recommend adding exclusions in [Windows Defender](#) and in your 3rd party Anti-Virus software such as ThreatDown for files `C:\Ray32\bin\rayfract32.exe` and `C:\Program Files\CodeMeter\Runtime\bin\CodeMeter.exe` and for folders `C:\Ray32` and `C:\Ray32\bin` and `C:\Program Files\CodeMeter\Runtime\bin` and `C:\ProgramData\CodeMeter` . This should help to prevent sudden shutdown of our software e.g. during WET inversion due to detection of the intrusive Anti-Virus software by the CodeMeter copy protection envelope.
- Mar 26, 2025 : when creating a new profile via our *File|New Profile* command be sure to create the new profile in C:\Ray32 root folder as per default. Don’t create the new profile directly in C: drive root. Otherwise above Anti-Virus exclusion for folder C:\Ray32 does not cover any such new profile created directly in C: drive root.
- Mar 26, 2025 : we now support using space characters in profile folders created with above *File|New Profile* command. Our command *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands|Merge or stack two SEG-2 files into one file* now works with space characters in any selected INPUT folder. Use our updated [SEG-2 Merge installer](#) to install. Use underscore characters ‘_’ instead for older versions of our software.
- Mar 23, 2025 : always unblock keyboard shortcuts in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* once crossover smoothing with ALT+G is done.
- Mar 23, 2025 : [Handoyo](#) describes Shear Waves Characterization of the Subsurface: Imaging Active Fault and Critical Zone along the Eastern Betic Shear Zone, SE Iberian Peninsula (Thesis Univ. Barcelona Feb 2023) matching our DeltatV refraction to MASW, ERT, drill-core analysis and trenching.
- Mar 19, 2025 : [Amidžić](#) describes Road slopes stability investigation using seismic methods (Thesis Univ. Zagreb 2021) matching our SRT and DeltatV refraction to MASW.
- Mar 19, 2025 : block keyboard shortcuts during mapping of traces to refractors with ALT+M in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* display and during subsequent crossover smoothing with ALT+G. This prevents crashing when user accidentally reselects ALT+G while currently smoothing crossover distances.
- Mar 15, 2025 : we strongly recommend adding exclusions in [Windows Defender](#) and in any Anti-Virus software e.g. ESET Endpoint Security for files `C:\Ray32\bin\rayfract32.exe` and `C:\Program Files\CodeMeter\Runtime\bin\CodeMeter.exe` and for folders `C:\Ray32` and `C:\Ray32\bin` and `C:\Program Files\CodeMeter\Runtime\bin` and `C:\ProgramData\CodeMeter` . This should help preventing sudden shutdown of our software e.g. during WET inversion due to detection of the intrusive Anti-Virus software by the CodeMeter copy protection envelope.
- Mar 14, 2025 : view our [accepted abstract](#) Multiscale SRT of NGU synthetic fault zone model using a laterally averaged 1D-gradient starting model (GeoConvention 2025, Calgary).
- Mar 13, 2025 : [Schattauer et al.](#) describe Ergänzende Drohnen- und Bodengeophysik und geologische Interpretation zur 3D- Prospektivitätsanalyse von Lagerstätten (GeoSphere Austria 2024) matching our SRT to ERT.

- Mar 10, 2025 : [Sumanovac et al.](#) describe Assessment of Near-Surface Geophysical Methods Used to Discover Karst Bauxite Deposits in the Dinarides Using the Example of Posušje Area, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Minerals 2024) matching our SRT to ERT.
- Mar 8, 2025 : we now allow space characters in the INPUT folder path with our new [SEG2_Sort](#) program. Use this program to flip a trace range in your selected SEG-2 file to correct for field recording errors such as for an inverted cable. Flip all traces to invert the whole receiver spread.
- Mar 5, 2025 : we redid profile-guided optimization PGO in Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 17.13.2 in Windows 11 24H2 64-bit Pro with profiles [1_ID](#), [TRA9002](#) and [GEOXMERC](#).
- Mar 3, 2025 : we rebuilt our version 5.01 using latest Visual Studio 2022 version 17.13.2 in Windows 11 24H2 64-bit Pro. We tested the resulting .EXE in Windows 7, Windows 10 22H2 and Windows 11 24H2 64-bit Pro.
- Mar 1, 2025 : allow moving the *branch point pick bar* with left mouse button click in *Refractor|Shot CMP breaks* in addition to using left/right arrow keys.
- Feb 26, 2025 : don't allow repositioning of the *branch point pick bar* with left mouse button click for shots without any picked traces in *Refractor|Shot breaks*.
- Feb 23, 2025 : we now allow repositioning of the *branch point pick bar* with left mouse button click in *Refractor|Shot breaks* in addition to using left/right arrow keys. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- Feb 7, 2025 : we recommend disabling Windows Search in Windows 11 for improved robustness of our WET inversion. Search for "services.msc" and press **ENTER** key. Scroll down to **Windows Search** entry. Right-click this entry and select *Properties* and set *Startup type* to *Disabled*. Click OK and reboot your PC.
- Feb 1, 2025 : we added more figures to our [Line23 tutorial](#). We now show our Automatic DeltatV pseudo-2D starting model in Fig. 32 and use this for optimized interactive WET tomography in Fig. 33 to obtain Fig. 34 and Fig. 35.
- Jan 30, 2025 : we now support running our latest version 5.01 software in Windows 11 24H2. Since we updated the copy protection envelope so it works reliably in Windows 11 24H2 (bullet dated Jan 21, 2025) we are not seeing any hangs/crashes any longer when running our version 5.01 software in Windows 11 24H2.
- Jan 29, 2025 : test our [updated free trial](#). We rebuilt our trial with latest Visual Studio 2022 C++ compiler version 17.12.3 and tested our trial in Windows 10 22H2 and in Windows 11 24H2 under Parallels Desktop for Mac versions 17 and 20.
- Jan 23, 2025 : we fixed a bug with automatic first break picking with ALT+B in *Trace|Shot gather*.
- Jan 22, 2025 : our SEG2 import now regards option *File|Import Data Settings|Get distance unit from user*. We copied this menu item from *File|SEG-2 import settings* menu to *File|Import Data Settings* menu. With this option checked we override the distance unit specified in the seismic data input file with the current setting of option *File|Import Data Settings|Default unit is meter*.
- Jan 22, 2025 : [Villani et al.](#) describe Subsurface Characterization of Crystalline Rocks at the Einstein Telescope Candidate Site (Italy): Insights from Seismic Tomography, Geoelectrical and Morphostructural Surveys (Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia INGV Dec 2024) using our SRT for VSP downhole survey interpretation.
- Jan 21, 2025 : improved compatibility of our latest version 5.01 with Windows 11 24H2. We updated the copy protection envelope so it works reliably in Windows 11 24H2. For earlier builds of our software we still recommend downgrading to Windows 11 23H2.
- Jan 21, 2025 : *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* ALT+M trace mapping and following ALT+G crossover smoothing now actually does laterally smooth the crossover distances for the following Time-to-Depth conversion using *Depth menu* commands.
- Jan 21, 2025 : [Lovro Ovničević](#) compares SRT interpretation using our software with Refrapy software in his 2024 thesis (Univ. of Zagreb 2024).
- Jan 16, 2025 : [Robitaille](#) describes Seismic Reflection Survey of the Kentland Impact Structure (Thesis Purdue University 2025) matching our SRT to a seismic reflection survey and to borehole and gravity data.

- Jan 8, 2025 : [Simms et al.](#) describe Geophysical Investigation to Assess Condition of Grouted Scour Hole (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ERDC, Sep 2021) matching our SRT to ERT and available borehole data.
- Jan 8, 2025 : per default check new option *Refractor|Midpoint breaks|Mapping|Don't show processing details in status bar* when running in Windows 7. This prevents accidental selection of another command via the menu bar while the current mapping command is still being processed. This option is unchecked per default in Windows 10/11 to prevent premature shutdown during mapping of traces in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks*.
- Jan 8, 2025 : added option *Refractor|Midpoint breaks|Mapping|Force wait cursor during mapping*. Check to show wait cursor during *Mapping* menu command processing in *Shot breaks* and *Midpoint breaks* displays. In Windows 11 24H2 we recommend to leave this option unchecked to prevent premature shutdown of our software by Windows 11 24H2 when mapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* display.
- Jan 6, 2025 : gray out new option *Refractor|Midpoint breaks|Mapping|Disable menu bar during mapping* when running our latest version 5.01 in Windows 7.
- Jan 4, 2025 : added option *Refractor|Midpoint breaks|Mapping|Disable menu bar during mapping*. Check to disable the menu bar during mapping of traces in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* display. This prevents accidental selection of another command via the menu bar while the current mapping command is still being processed. This option is checked per default when opening a profile database.
- Jan 4, 2025 : added option *Refractor|Midpoint breaks|Mapping|Don't show processing details in status bar*. Leave unchecked in Windows 11 24H2 to prevent hangs and premature shutdowns of our software when 24H2 judges our app to be unresponsive.
- Jan 4, 2025 : we still recommend [downgrading from Windows 11 24H2 to 23H2](#) for more robust processing using our software.
- Dec 17, 2024 : check *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Don't show progress bar dialog* to suppress the display of the *WET progress dialog* during WET inversion. This may help with hangs or early shutdowns on certain CPU types such as AMD Ryzen 7 7800X3D under Windows 11 24H2. For earlier builds of our software downgrade to Windows 23H2.
- Dec 15, 2024 : we have improved the compatibility of our *Header|Station dialog* with Windows 11 24H2. The dialog is now closed early when updating the weathering velocity. This prevents unresponsive app prompts and unexpected shutdowns in Windows 11 24H2 when smoothing the crossover distance in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* after mapping traces to refractors.
- Dec 15, 2024 : [McClymont et al.](#) describe Geophysical Applications to Construction Engineering Projects (CSEG Recorder April 2016) matching our SRT to ERT, MASW and geotechnical boreholes.
- Dec 13, 2024 : [Tutolo et al.](#) describe Groundwater-Driven Evolution of Prebiotic Alkaline Lake Environments (Life Dec 2024) matching our SRT to ERT.
- Dec 13, 2024 : [Kouamelan et al.](#) describe Subsurface Mass Rippability Assessment in Basement Environment Using Seismic Refraction Survey (International Journal of Geosciences Dec 2024) matching our SRT to geotechnical borehole cores.
- Dec 10, 2024 : we tested our latest version 5.01 software in Windows 11 24H2 on Intel 2017 macMini under Parallels Desktop 20.1.2 running on Intel Core i5 CPU. We recommend downgrading to Windows 11 23H2 and waiting a few months until 24H2 is more robust especially regarding handling of unresponsive apps. In 23H2 you are prompted to continue the app but in 24H2 the unresponsive app/our app may be shut down without prompting you.
- Dec 9, 2022 : we rebuilt our version 5.01 software with latest Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 version 17.12.3. This ensures improved compatibility with latest Windows 11 24H2 and prevents hangs during WET inversion running on AMD Ryzen 7 7800X3D CPU when using our updated [4.03 base installer](#) in Windows 11 23H2. See next bullet. Downgrade to Windows 11 23H2 if required and wait a few months until 24H2 is more robust.
- Dec 9, 2022 : we have updated our [4.03 base installer](#) to include and call the latest [Visual C++ 2022 runtime installer](#) at the end. The [old 4.03 base installer](#) with Visual C++ 2017 runtime installer is still available. See also our https://rayfract.com/help/403base_2023.pdf.

- Dec 3, 2024 : we recommend adding exclusions in [Windows Defender](#) or in your Anti-Virus software such as ESET Endpoint Security for file `c:\RAY32\BIN\RAYFRACT32.EXE` and for folder `c:\RAY32` . This should prevent sudden shutdown of our software e.g. during WET inversion by the Anti-Virus software.
- Nov 30, 2024 : we added button **Flip all traces in file** to our new [SEG2_Sort program](#). When you click this button we set control *Flip traces from trace number* to 1 and set control *To trace number* to number of traces stored in the selected SEG-2 file. This will turn around the whole receiver spread. Next click button **Flip traces in SEG-2 file** to do the trace swapping in the selected SEG-2 disk file.
- Nov 24, 2024 : we now show mapping traces to refractors in our *Midpoint breaks* display in our [L-230 VS tutorial](#) . Next we determine the *CMP Intercept-Time* layered refraction starting model and use this for interactive WET inversion. We compare the WET tomograms obtained using *DeltatV* starting model and *CMP Intercept-Time* starting model.
- Nov 23, 2024 : we now also show our pseudo-2D *DeltatV* starting model and interactive WET using this starting model in our new [L-230 VS tutorial](#) .
- Nov 21, 2024 : we have edited a new [L-230 VS tutorial](#) showing **shallow marine refraction interpretation**. We import first breaks and the recording geometry from one Geometrics SeisImager Plotrefa .VS file. Next we automatically remove the trigger jitter (trigger delay) from all shots and then run our fail-safe *Smooth invert*. The shots were recorded with a 24-channel streamer towed by boat, with just one on-end shot per streamer location.
- Nov 20, 2024 : more robust import of Geometrics Plotrefa .VS files. We now allow for fewer actual shots stored in the .VS file than specified on 2nd header line of the .VS file. Test this with our [updated free trial](#). For older builds of our software use Microsoft Notepad editor to fix the 2nd header line of the .VS file : decrease the specified number of shots by one in column 2 of the 2nd header line.
- Nov 18, 2024 : improved error prompt if our forward modeling routine encounters an invalid grid cell velocity in the final VELOIT20.GRD WET tomogram. Prompt user to enable option **Extrapolate tomograms in Header|Profile** with **Extrapolate [station spacings]** set to 30 and to next rerun our *Smooth invert*.
- Nov 18, 2024 : more robust scanning of the SEIS32.CHK file generated with command *File|Check Profile*. Handle special case when exactly one error is reported in SEIS32.CHK.
- Nov 10, 2024 : we added more figures to our [new SH_60M tutorial](#) showing **multiscale WET inversion**. We use our **fail-safe 1D-gradient starting model**. We obtain a WET tomogram with improved resolution and a lower RMS error.
- Nov 9, 2024 : we have written a new [program SEG2_Sort](#) to flip a trace range in your selected SEG-2 file to correct for field recording errors such as for an inverted cable. Flip all traces to invert the whole receiver spread.
- Nov 3, 2024 : we added more figures to our [new SH_60M tutorial](#) showing our *Automatic DeltatV and WET inversion* using our pseudo-2D DeltatV starting model. We *discard WET smoothing after forward modeling* to obtain a better resolution in the WET tomogram.
- Oct 28, 2024 : added new import option **File|Import Data Settings|Import vertically bent refraction line over vertical cliffs**. Check this option to correctly determine *Layout start* and *Shot pos.* in station numbers during import of SEG-2 files based on RECEIVER_LOCATION and SOURCE_LOCATION SEG-2 trace headers, even with extreme topography including vertical cliffs.
- Oct 27, 2024 : command **Smooth invert|WET with constant-velocity initial model** is now always enabled for refraction profiles. For earlier builds this option is enabled after importing uphole shots into your refraction profile or when adding a **Borehole spread/line** profile in *Header|Profile* only. Use our *WET Tomo|Interactive WET* for long profiles : lower *WET wavepath frequency* to 20Hz and increase *WET wavepath width* to 10/20/50 percent to reach deep enough WET imaging in final WET tomogram. The generated constant-velocity starting model is written to file `c:\RAY32\\HOLETOMO\CONSTVEL.GRD` .
- Oct 23, 2024 : [Capa Camacho et al.](#) describe Geophysical Methods for Mining Tailings Deposits Closure. A Case Study at the Lirio Mining Deposit (Se Spain) (EAGE NSG 2024 Helsinki) matching our SRT to ERT, MASW and HVSR.

- Oct 23, 2024 : updated our [clients page](#) with new clients gained in Q2 and Q3 2024.
- Oct 18, 2024 : added more figures to our [new SH 60M tutorial](#) again showing our *Smooth invert* but now with option *Model|WDVS Smoothing|Discard WET smoothing* enabled.
- Oct 13, 2024 : we added more figures to our [new SH 60M tutorial](#) showing interactive WET tomography using 50 *WET iterations* and a *Ricker wavelet* for weighting of the WET velocity update across the wavepath. We leave WET smoothing at default *Full smoothing*.
- Oct 8, 2024 : see our [new SH 60M tutorial](#) showing how to import SEG-2 .SG2 shear wave trace files recorded for inverted source polarity and how to pick shear wave S-wave first breaks in our *Trace|Shotpoint gather* display and how to run our Smooth invert to obtain an S-wave velocity tomogram.
- Oct 6, 2024 : [Abay et al.](#) describe Engineering-geological properties of carbonates and shale: their implications for dam construction in Mekelle, Northern Ethiopia (Momona Ethiopian Journal of Science, May 2015) matching our SRT to core drilling.
- Oct 4, 2024 : added Fig. 31 to updated [Line23 tutorial](#) . Added paragraph *Results*.
- Oct 3, 2024 : fixed validation of forced grid limits in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* dialog if *Header|Profile|Profile start offset [m]* is changed from default 0.0 before running the Smooth invert.
- Oct 1, 2024 : updated [Line23 tutorial](#) : added instruction to check option *Refractor|Shot breaks|Mapping|Delete branchpoint 2 if velocity inversion* before mapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* with ALT+M for our Wavefront method starting model.
- Sep 29, 2024 : we have reformatted our [1_ID tutorial](#) in macOS Pages app for better compatibility of the resulting Adobe .pdf with Apple macOS.
- Sep 29, 2024 : we have added more figures and instructions to our [new tutorial](#) showing using our Wavefront method layered refraction starting model for optimized WET inversion.
- Sep 26, 2024 : view our [new tutorial](#) showing optimized WET inversion of densely recorded long profile imaging deep overburden with velocity inversion over a faulted basement.
- Sep 23, 2024 : improved prompt when a shot number listed in column 1 of your selected .SHO file is missing in your profile database when updating shot points with command *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates*.
- Sep 19, 2024 : added paragraph Discussion in [TTBM4](#) and [TTBM6](#) tutorials.
- Sep 17, 2024 : reformatted last few pages in [TTBM4](#) and [TTBM6](#) tutorials. Improved formatting of Reference section.
- Sep 16, 2024 : tested our latest version 5.01 software with Golden Software Surfer 28 in Windows 10 64-bit Pro 22H2 and in Windows 11 64-bit Pro 23H2. No issues found.
- Sep 14, 2024 : [Dehghannejad et al.](#) describe Geophysical Investigations of a New Subway in the City of Stockholm, Sweden (EAGE NSG 2024 Helsinki) matching our SRT to ERT and geotechnical drilling.
- Sep 14, 2024 : when we prompt you to select a Surfer .GRD file we now initially show the profile folder not the ..\INPUT subdirectory folder.
- Sep 11, 2024 : new keyboard shortcuts SHIFT+F1 / SHIFT+F2 zoom/unzoom vertical time axis in *Refractor|Shot breaks* traveltime curve display. Test this with our updated [free trial](#).
- Sep 10, 2024 : added Fig. 14 and Fig. 15 to [TTBM4](#) and [TTBM6](#) tutorials. Updated comments on last page.
- Sep 9, 2024 : updated [pdf manual](#) chapters *Seismic and header data import* paragraph on SEG2_Aggregate program. Updated help chapter *Downhole VSP interpretation*.
- Sep 8, 2024 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Seismic and header data import* paragraph on SEG2_Aggregate program. Updated help chapter *Downhole VSP interpretation*.
- Sep 8, 2024 : added more comments and links on last page of [TTBM4](#) and [TTBM6](#) tutorials.
- Sep 7, 2024 : review our [new tutorial](#) showing another borehole VSP survey interpretation. We use manual WET smoothing to obtain horizontal layering in the WET tomogram.
- Sep 3, 2024 : added more controls to [SEG2_Aggregate program](#) to specify *Source x offset from top-of-hole [m]* and *Source depth below top-of-hole [m]*. See our updated [VSP tutorial](#). We now write SEG-2 trace header SOURCE_LOCATION to aggregated SEG-2 files.

- Sep 2 2024 : [Capizzi et al.](#) describe Subsoil Investigation through Geophysical Surveys on the Shores of the “Bagno Dell’Acqua” lake in Pantelleria, Italy (EAGE NSG 2024 Helsinki) matching our SRT to ERT and MASW.
- Sep 1, 2024 : review our [new tutorial](#) showing borehole VSP survey interpretation. We show aggregation of Geotomographic GmbH DDS recorded SEG-2 channels into SEG-2 .SG2 receiver spread files. Next we show SEG-2 import and optimized WET inversion of the VSP first breaks with our version 5.01 software.
- Aug 31, 2024 : fixed an issue with our [SEG2 Aggregate program](#). We now write the correct receiver elevation to SEG-2 trace header RECEIVER_LOCATION in the aggregated SEG-2 files including for the last channel written. We assume that you set field **Receiver spacing** to 1m for option **Pull up from hole bottom by 1m then 3m then 1m then 3m** and to 2m for option **Pull up from hole bottom by 2m then 2m etc. Skip RX2 channels**.
- Aug 31, 2024 : fixed a new issue with our SEG-2 import when no RECEIVER_LOCATION or RECEIVER_STATION_NUMBER SEG-2 traces header fields are included in your SEG-2 seismograph files. Test our fixed SEG-2 import with our [updated free trial](#).
- Aug 29, 2024 : [Big Sky Geophysics](#) shows our SRT matched to MASW along the same 3D line grid and to well logs.
- Aug 29, 2024 : [O’Neill et al.](#) describe Utilising frequency-time analysis (FTAN) of surface waves for geotechnical and dam investigations (Queensland University of Technology Aug 2024) matching our SRT to depth-velocity sections obtained by inverting dispersion curves picked on FTAN maps and to MASW.
- Aug 26, 2024 : we are an official Sponsor of [EAGE NSG 2024 Helsinki Ice breaker](#) reception.
- Aug 26, 2024 : we added two more options in menu *File|More import Settings* : **Force major X coordinate** and **Force major Y coordinate**. These settings are regarded during *File|Import Data* of SEG-2, SEGY and GeoTomCG .3DD input files. We recommend leaving these new options unchecked so our import routine for above file formats will determine the major coordinate automatically. *Layout start* and *Shot. pos.* in station numbers are determined for all imported shots based on the major coordinate.
- Aug 26, 2024 : when importing file formats SEG-2, SEGY and GeoTomCG .3DD we now check if the major coordinate for all shots in your selected .\INPUT folder is either X coordinate for all shots or Y coordinate for all shots. If the major coordinate is X for some shots and Y for other shots then we prompt you to force the major coordinate (see above bullet) and to restart the import via *File|Import Data*.
- Aug 19, 2024 : our SEG-2 import into *Line type Borehole spread/line* now regards trace headers SOURCE_LOCATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION for the first channel to determine *Layout start* and *Shot pos.* in station numbers. Also we determine **Source x [m]** and **Source z [m]** from SOURCE_LOCATION if option *File|SEG-2 import settings|Receiver coordinates specified in SEG-2 trace headers* is checked.
- Aug 17, 2024 : we now always regard user edits to *Source x [m]* and *Source z [m]* in **Import shot** dialog independent of import settings when writing imported SEG-2 shots to your profile database with *Line type Borehole spread/line*. Check in *Header|Shot* after import.
- Aug 17, 2024 : we now regard *Source X / Source Y / Source Z* coordinates in .HDR batch file when batch-importing shots into a profile with *Line type Borehole spread/line*. See sample file [batch_vsp.hdr](#). *Source Y* is reset to 0.0 during import into *Borehole spread/line*.
- Aug 16, 2024 : we have added more options in our [SEG2 Aggregate program](#). We added a radio button group frame *Determine DDS geophone positions starting recording at hole bottom* with two radio buttons : **Pull up from hole bottom by 1m then 3m then 1m then 3m etc.** and **Pull up from hole bottom by 2m then 2m etc. Skip RX2 channels**.

Version 4.06 released in Aug 2024 :

- Aug 11, 2024 : regard setting of option *File|Export data Settings|Export coordinates in feet* when exporting a shot to SEG-2 with *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Export shot to SEG-2* . For earlier builds of 4.06 we regard setting of *Header|Profile|Units* instead.
- Aug 11, 2024 : we now show the apparent CMP velocity in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* status bar in feet/second with *Header|Profile|Units* set to *feet*.
- Aug 11, 2024 : we now always read the first channel in each SEG-2 input file for determination of SEG-2 trace header SOURCE_LOCATION.
- Aug 8, 2024 : with *Header|Profile|Units* set to *feet* we now always update frame *Offset Coordinates [ft]* in *Header|Shot* when you edit the *shot inline offset* in frame *Offset from Shot Station [ft]* and press the TAB key. Also we now update frame *Offset Coordinates [ft]* when you reset the *shot inline offset* to 0 in frame *Offset from Shot Station [ft]* and press TAB key.
- Aug 8, 2024 : when *Plus-Minus* or *Wavefront* time-to-depth conversion via *Depth menu* commands fails with error prompt “refractor coverage may be too low or too short” we now automatically decrease the basement smoothing to 5 stations and prompt you to retry the time-to-depth conversion.
- Aug 6, 2024 : updated [help chapter](#) *Wibu dongle setup* with new paragraph *WibuKey runtime installation*.
- Aug 6, 2024 : [Hinojosa et al.](#) describe Applied Shallow Geophysics (Seismic and Electrical Resistivity Imaging) to Geotechnical Foundation Design (Central Texas, USA) in (EAGE First Break, Aug 2024).
- Aug 5, 2024 : we have added a paragraph in help chapter *Editing header data*, paragraph ***Elevation specification***. We describe how to interpolate station coordinates via export to .COR file, editing the .COR file and updating the profile with the edited .COR file containing the edited station x/y/z coordinates at exported station numbers. Install the updated help file using installer <https://rayfract.com/help/winhelp.exe> . See also our [updated .pdf manual](#).
- Aug 5, 2024 : updated help chapter *Commands, File menu, SEG-2 import settings and commands*. We describe the new option to merge or vertically stack two SEG-2 files.
- Aug 4, 2024 : set initial folder for .HDR batch file selection in *File|Import Data* dialog to folder which the user selected with *Select* button when selecting an input shot file.
- Aug 3, 2024 : always regard *Header|Profile* options *Force first receiver* and *First receiver [station number]* when importing SEG-Y .SGY files in *File|Import Data*.
- Aug 2, 2024 : updated instructions on how to uninstall & [reinstall WibuKey 6.51](#) runtime for your green WibuKey dongle under Windows 7 64-bit Pro. First uninstall CodeMeter runtime.
- Aug 1, 2024 : added *DeltatV|DeltatV Static corrections...* command to directly edit the *DeltatV static corrections dialog* without having to go through *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV* dialog.
- Aug 1, 2024 : added check box ***Keep above settings for Automatic DeltatV in DeltatV|DeltatV Static corrections...*** dialog. If this new option is left unchecked as per default then we reset DeltatV static corrections parameters to their defaults when user selects *DeltatV* menu item *Automatic DeltatV and WET inversion*.
- July 27, 2024 : updated raywn403.exe [base installer](#) with latest [SEG2 Merge.exe](#) which allows merging and vertical stacking of SEG-2 trace records.
- July 26, 2024 : added option *Refractor|Shot breaks|Mapping|Delete branchpoint 2 if velocity inversion*. Check this option so the first refractor is extended in case of velocity inversion to cover all traces from first branch point to end of receiver spread for forward shots or to start of receiver spread for reverse shots. If you leave this option unchecked as per default then we move up branch point 2 to coincide with branch point 1 in case of velocity inversion between first and second refractor. Tested with profile [OT0608](#) *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* ALT+M trace-to-refractor mapping with option ***Update branch points with Plus-Minus*** checked.
- July 23, 2024 : tested our latest version 4.06 Standard and Pro software in Windows 11 23H2 Pro on 2017 Intel Mac mini in Parallels Desktop 19.4.1 virtual machine. No issues found.
- July 23, 2024 : retested our [Annual Standard Network license one seat](#) in Windows 11 23H2.

- July 23, 2024 : [Navarro Serna](#) describes Estado de conocimiento en el diseno y construccion de micropilotes (Thesis Universidad de Antioquia, Medellin 2024) showing our WET SRT on page 50.
- July 21, 2024 : see our updated instructions on how to [uninstall & reinstall WibuKey 6.60](#) runtime for your green WibuKey dongle. You first need to uninstall the CodeMeter runtime.
- July 19, 2024 : with *Header|Profile|Units* set to *feet* we now display the apparent velocity shown in status bar in feet per second instead of meters per second when polyline-picking first breaks in *Trace|Shot gather* with your mouse.
- July 19, 2024 : with option *File|Export data Settings|Export coordinates in feet* checked we now write x/y/z coordinates in feet into SEG-2 trace headers SOURCE_LOCATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION with *File|Export data Settings|Export source and receiver coordinates to SEG-2* checked. The user can write SEG-2 shot trace files in *Trace|Shot gather* with command *Processing|Export shot to SEG-2*.
- July 19, 2024 : when the user toggles *Header|Profile|Units* to *feet* or *meters* we now update option *File|Import Data Settings|Default distance unit is meter* accordingly.
- July 17, 2024 : when user selects *Default spread type* “12 : 24 refract.” in *File|Import Data* dialog we now ask the user to confirm the selection of this refraction spread type with irregular receiver spacing and recommend selecting *Default spread type* “10 : 360 channels” with equidistant receiver spacing instead. See also our [.pdf manual](#) chapter *Receiver spread types*.
- July 17, 2024 : tested [CodeMeter runtime version 6.90b](#) and latest [version 8.10a](#) under Windows 11 23H2 for ARM running in Parallels 19.4.1 VM on 2023 Apple M2 macMini. Both runtime versions work fine with our latest version 4.06 software.
- July 16, 2024 : tested [CodeMeter runtime version 6.90b](#) and latest [version 8.10a](#) in Windows 11 22H2 Parallels 19.4.1 VM on 2017 Intel iMac. Both runtime versions work fine with our latest version 4.06 software.
- July 15, 2024 : [Abdulkadir et al.](#) describe Assessing Foundation Characteristics at the War Dam Site, Lake Tana Basin, Ethiopia: A Geophysical and Geotechnical Perspective (Quaternary Science Advances, July 2024) matching our WET SRT using our [fail-safe 1D-gradient starting model](#) to RQD borehole data and magnetic survey data.
- July 10, 2024 : we have added a paragraph *Aggregate Geotomographie DDS borehole geophone traces into SEG-2 borehole spread files* in help chapter *Seismic and header data import*. Install the updated help file using installer <https://rayfract.com/help/winhelp.exe> . View the updated [.pdf manual](#).
- July 10, 2024 : improved recommendations in help popup topics *WET wavepath frequency* and *wavepath width* shown in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET* with F1 function key.
- July 8, 2024 : when you toggle *Header|Profile|Units* control to *feet* or *meters* we now automatically update options *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet* and *File|Export data Settings|Export coordinates in feet*. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- July 7, 2024 : note that when you change *Header|Profile|Units* from *meters* to *feet* we display all distance parameters shown in dialog controls in feet but the inversion output is still plotted in meters and m/s in Surfer. To generate Surfer plots in feet check option *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet*.
- July 7, 2024 : [Ciurleo et al.](#) describe A quantitative approach for debris flow inception and propagation analysis in the lead up to risk management (Landslides Feb 2021) matching our SRT to borehole cores and geotechnical data.
- July 4, 2024 : we wrote a new [SEG2 Aggregate](#) program which lets you aggregate Geotomographie GmbH [DDS 3-component borehole geophone](#) recorded [SEG-2 files](#). See [.rar archive](#) with Free Pascal source code and Lazarus project files. See [.pdf](#) for SEG-2 file set format description showing the VSP recording geometry.
- July 4, 2024 : for Smooth inversion and interactive WET inversion of a VSP survey see our [2016 tutorial](#). Increase the WET wavepath width and/or decrease the WET wavepath frequency to 20Hz to obtain quasi-horizontal layering in the WET tomogram after 50 or 100 iterations.

- June 27, 2024 : tested our latest version 4.06 together with Golden Software Surfer 27 and 28 Beta in Windows 11 23H2 ARM Virtual Machine under Parallels Desktop 19.4.0 on 2023 Apple M2 Mac mini. Works fine with CodeMeter USB dongle. Does not work with green WibuKey USB dongle. Ask us for a quote for 2nd USB dongle license.
- June 25, 2024 : prompt to install Surfer version 10 to 27 if calling Surfer fails when imaging the final WET tomogram.
- June 23, 2024 : [Bernardie et al.](#) describe Caractérisation structurale et géomécanique des versants du Lac Pavin : résultats préliminaires (JAG 2008, Nov 2008) matching our SRT to borehole data and MASW and ERT.
- June 23, 2024 : [Mota et al.](#) describe Geophysical methods applied to the assessment of the geological and geotechnical conditions of dam sites: the case study of Pedrógão Dam (Portugal) (Dam World 2015, Lisbon) combining our SRT with ERT to determine water content and porosity.
- June 23, 2024 : [Mazzoni et al.](#) describe Indagini Geofisiche Integrate Di Analisi Di Risposta Sismica Locale (Comune di Firenze & ENKI srl 2015) showing our SRT and layered refraction plus MASW and HVSR interpretations.
- June 22, 2024 : run *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model* at least once to enable *Model|Forward modeling Settings* after importing shots and picking first breaks for a new refraction profile.
- June 20, 2024 : updated tutorials [Line3](#) & [Gasch23](#) & [MDW2011_23](#) : deleted step to check option *Model|Forward modeling Settings|Normalize RMS error with maximum picked time*. This option is checked per default when creating a new profile via *File|New Profile*.
- June 19, 2024 : we have added new clients won in period Apr 2021 to Mar 2024 to our [client page](#) on our website. Each client listed purchased at least one Standard or Pro license to our Rayfract® software. Some clients purchased multiple licenses.
- June 15, 2024 : [Whiteley and Stewart](#) describe Applying surface and borehole seismic methods to trenchless construction problems (ASEG Extended Abstracts, 2013) matching our WET inversion to geotechnical borehole data.
- June 12, 2024 : [Adam Peake](#) describes Back to Basics – Seismic Refraction Survey Design (GeoConvention 2023, Calgary) showing our SRT and Plus-Minus interpretation.
- June 10, 2024 : remove accelerator shortcut from *Model* menu so this does not conflict with *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* ALT+M keyboard shortcut to map traces to refractors.
- June 10, 2024 : suppress bogus assert when remapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks* with synthetic extrapolated shots imported earlier.
- June 9, 2024 : improved error prompt if not enough RAM memory is available for caching of shot or receiver traveltimes during WET inversion.
- June 2, 2024 : when running our [base installer](#) version 4.03 we now validate your edited destination location (root-level app directory) in *Select destination location* dialog when you click the *Next* button. This is to ensure that you do not by mistake install our software into C:\Program Files folder which is not supported by us. See also our base installer [installation instructions](#).
- May 27, 2024 : [Watts et al.](#) describe The sensitivity of seismic refraction velocity models to survey geometry errors, assessed using Monte Carlo analysis (Journal of Applied Geophysics, January 2023) to evaluate the uncertainty of Plus-Minus method refraction interpretation.
- May 25, 2024 : reenable keyboard shortcuts in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* after mapping traces to refractors with ALT+M and next smoothing crossover distances with ALT+G keyboard shortcut when other windows are open at the same time.
- May 25, 2024 : increase max. valid value for parameter *DeltatV|Common-offset dip estimation|Offset half-range to search for best curve* to maximum of 10 offsets. This dialog is available with our Pro license only and can help to suppress DeltatV artefacts in basement.
- May 22, 2024 : our [base installer](#) version 4.03 now always shows destination location C:\RAY32 independent of previous destination locations. This is to ensure that you do not by mistake install our software into C:\Program Files folder which is not supported by us. See also our base installer [installation instructions](#).

- May 22, 2024 : when automatically importing extrapolated shots during *Depth|Plus-Minus* interpretation we now automatically uncheck option *File|Import data|Reverted spread layout* in addition to unchecking option *Turn around spread during import*.
- May 20, 2024 : [Bravo Flores](#) describes Tomografía eléctrica y sísmica como apoyo para la estabilidad de un talud (Thesis Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Feb 2024) comparing ERT with our SRT.
- May 18, 2024 : when automatically importing extrapolated shots during *Depth|Plus-Minus* interpretation we now don't reset *Header|Receiver x/y/z* receiver coordinates any longer for real shots imported earlier.
- May 18, 2024 : we now build our version 4.06 Standard and Pro .EXE with [linker option](#) /MANIFESTUAC:"level='highestAvailable' uiAccess='false'". This means that our app runs at the highest permission level that it can. We strongly recommend always running our app in an Administrator account.
- May 14, 2024 : we have added a paragraph on last page of our [Configure CodeMeter server and clients guide](#) saying : the CodeMeter USB network license dongle containing the Annual Standard Network license also works as a single-user local license when directly plugged into your laptop or PC without requiring a network connection to the CodeMeter server PC.
- May 14, 2024 : use our new controls in *Header|Profile* dialog to force the first receiver station number when importing shots recorded for multiple and overlapping profiles into a common profile. Determine the **first receiver station number** by matching x/y/z coordinates of the first receiver of the 2nd profile to station numbers in *Header|Station* for the profile to which you want to merge the 2nd profile. Turn around receiver spreads during import with *File|Import Data* dialog controls if required e.g. for merging of marine refraction lines.
- May 11, 2024 : allow importing SEGY .SGY files containing more than 360 channels with our Standard license and our [free trial](#) license : import up to 360 channels only for these license types.
- May 8, 2024 : fix printing *Refractor|Shot breaks* section to .pdf with CutePDF Writer selected in *File|Print Setup* and with new display options for first break picks and synthesized traveltimes selected in *Display* menu.
- May 6, 2024 : test our updated [free trial](#) now including our latest help file version.
- May 3, 2024 : tested our latest version 4.06 in Windows 11 Pro 23H2 for ARM under Parallels Desktop 19.3.1 running on Apple 2023 Mac mini with Apple M2 ARM architecture processor using up to 8 CPU cores with our Pro version and using CodeMeter CmStick USB dongle. Works fine. Green WibuKey dongles don't work in this setup.
- May 3, 2024 : tested Surfer 11 free demo version in Windows 11 Pro 23H2 for ARM under Parallels Desktop 19.3.1 running on Apple 2023 Mac mini with Apple M2 ARM chip. Works fine.
- Apr 30, 2024 : updated chapter *Crosshole survey interpretation* in our [.pdf manual](#) .
- Apr 30, 2024 : show high-resolution slides from [SAGEEP 2021 presentation](#) in [.pdf manual](#) .
- Apr 29, 2024 : tested our app with [Microsoft Application Verifier](#) under Windows 10 64-bit Pro 22H2. We ran a debug build of our app in Visual Studio 2005 after enabling the application verifier. No issues found.
- Apr 29, 2024 : [Martinez-Segura et al.](#) describe Seismic characterisation of the subsoil under a historic building: Cathedral Church of Saint Mary in Murcia case study (Engineering Geology April 2024) matching our SRT, 2D MASW and HVSr with borehole data.
- Apr 27, 2024 : added [.pdf manual](#) chapter **Fail-safe 1D-gradient starting model**.
- Apr 26, 2024 : added help chapter *Fail-safe 1D-gradient starting model*. Run our updated [winhelp.exe](#) installer on your PC to update your help file to latest version.
- Apr 26, 2024 : review [USGS report](#) Evaluation of 2-D Shear-Wave Velocity Models and VS30 at Six Strong-Motion Recording Stations in Southern California using Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves and Refraction Tomography (Chan et al. 2024 USGS) comparing S-wave SRT with MASW along coincident profiles.
- Apr 24, 2024 : updated paragraph *Band-pass or Notch (band-reject) filter* in [.pdf manual](#) chapter *Filtering traces*. Improved text in chapter *Picking first breaks*.

- Apr 23, 2024 : updated screen shots showing menus for trace processing and display in our [.pdf manual](#) . Improve formatting of text in added paragraphs.
- Apr 21, 2024 : added paragraph *Trace polarity reversal* in [.pdf manual](#) chapter *Filtering traces* describing our new dialog to edit the polarity reversal of traces.
- Apr 21, 2023 : updated paragraph *Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* in [.pdf manual](#) chapter *Smooth inversion* describing new controls for topography smoothing.
- Apr 21, 2024 : added reference to [Caielli et al.](#) Tectonophysics 2023 in [.pdf manual](#) chapter Introduction.
- Apr 19, 2024 : added slides to more help chapters in [.pdf manual](#). Added *Overview* paragraphs at start of chapters *WET wavepath eikonal traveltime tomography* and *Pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion*.
- Apr 18, 2024 : updated [.pdf manual](#) chapters *Introduction* and *Data processing sequence overview* and *Seismic and header data import*.
- Apr 16, 2024 : added more slides from of our [SAGEEP 2021 presentation](#) in help chapters *Data processing sequence overview*, *Smooth inversion* and *WET tomography processing*. Run our updated [winhelp.exe](#) installer on your PC to update your help file to latest version.
- Apr 11, 2024 : added slides from of our [SAGEEP 2021 presentation](#) in help chapters *Smooth inversion* and *WET tomography processing*.
- Apr 8, 2024 : [Capizzi et al.](#) describe Coastal Groundwater Bodies Modelling Using Geophysical Surveys: The Reconstruction of the Geometry of Alluvial Plains in the North-Eastern Sicily (Italy) (Water April 2024) using VES and our SRT and HVSR.
- Apr 8, 2024 : [Benjumea et al.](#) describe Application of geophysical techniques to support geological mapping projects (First Break Aug 2016) using ERT and our SRT matched with reflection seismics and HVSR interpretation.
- Apr 8, 2024 : added paragraph *Overview of WET inversion* at top of help file chapter on *WET tomography processing*. Run our updated [winhelp.exe](#) installer on your PC to update your help file to latest version.
- Apr 8, 2024 : added paragraph *Overview of DeltatV inversion* at top of help file chapter on *Pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion*.
- Apr 6, 2024 : [Sambolian et al.](#) describe Mitigating the ill-posedness of first-arrival traveltime tomography using slopes: application to the eastern Nankai Trough (Japan) OBS data set (Geophysical Journal International Nov 2021) using a 1D-gradient starting model.
- Apr 5, 2024 : view a [report](#) on Seismic Refraction Survey for Bedrock Investigation (Advanced Geoscience Inc. 2020) matching our 2D SRT to 1D MASW interpretation using Kansas Geological Survey SurfSeis software.
- Apr 3, 2024 : view a [report](#) on Seismic Refraction Survey for Landslide Investigation (Advanced Geoscience Inc. 2018) using our SRT with 1D-gradient initial model.
- Apr 2, 2024 : we have updated our [raywn403.exe base installer](#) with latest help file. This now also installs `SEG2_Merge.EXE` into your `c:\RAY32\BIN` folder. See [instructions for version 4.03 base](#) installer. After running the base installer next run our custom `rayup405.exe` or `rayup406.exe` update installer coded to match the license number in your dongle. See our earlier installation email for download and installation instructions.
- Mar 20, 2024 : updated [Jenny13 tutorial](#) with improved instructions using our latest version 4.06. Updated some dialog screen shots. Show instructions as bulleted items. Show page number in page header and footer. Added Fig. 19, Fig. 20 and Fig. 21.
- Mar 17, 2024 : added Fig. 25 to [1 1D tutorial](#) showing extrapolation of starting models and tomograms over 32 stations forced in *Header|Profile*. Updated Fig. 17 to Fig. 20.
- Mar 16, 2024 : [Barbero et al.](#) describe Geotechnical and Geophysical Investigations for a Foundation Underpinning Solution in a Residential Building with Differential Settlements in Asti Province (Central Piedmont), NW Italy (Journal of Geotechnical Engineering 2023) matching our SRT to geotechnical data including in situ Dynamic Penetration tests and laboratory soil tests. See also [Barbero et al. 2018](#) matching our SRT to MASW and cores.
- Mar 16, 2024 : [Amtmann et al.](#) describe Dreidimensionale Modellierung von Massenbewegungen aus geophysikalischen Daten (Gschlifgraben, Österreich) (COG Fachtagung, Salzburg Austria 2009) using our SRT. See also our [GS0801 tutorial](#) from 2008.

- Mar 16, 2024 : test our updated [free trial](#) now including our latest help file version.
- Mar 13, 2024 : added paragraph **Trace polarity reversal** in help chapter *Filtering traces*. Updated help file chapter *Introduction* adding release notes for version 4.04. Run our updated [winhelp.exe](#) installer on your PC to update your help file to latest version.
- Mar 13, 2024 : updated **Trace Processing** menu in help chapter *Commands*.
- Mar 11, 2024 : added paragraph **Merge or stack two SEG-2 files into one file** in help file chapter *Seismic and header data import*.
- Mar 9, 2024 : updated description of *File|Import data* dialog in help file chapter *Seismic and header data import*. Updated description of *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* in help file chapter *Smooth inversion*.
- Mar 6, 2024 : improved error prompt when an invalid velocity is encountered during forward modeling in our Eikonal Solver. Display bad velocity value in exponential/scientific format instead of as a fixed-format value.
- Mar 6, 2024 : review paper by [Marta Woodward](#) on Wave-Equation Tomography (Stanford University 1988). This method is referred to in the WET inversion paper ([Schuster 1993](#)). See also ([Woodward 1992](#)).
- Mar 5, 2024 : review a [report](#) entitled A Preliminary Investigation into the Water Sources of Iron Fens in Mineral Creek Basin, San Juan County, Colorado (Basin Hydrology Inc. 2017) matching our SRT to MASW results and well and borehole information.
- Mar 2, 2024 : [Villani et al.](#) describe Geophysical characterization of the shallow subsurface in sites P2 and P3 from high-resolution active-source seismic profiling and downhole data (Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia 2022) comparing our SRT with proprietary INVDFE code.
- Feb 25, 2024 : [Pastor et al.](#) describe Multi-Source Data Integration to Investigate a Deep-Seated Landslide Affecting a Bridge (Remote Sensing 2019) using our SRT.
- Feb 20, 2024 : tested our latest version 4.06 software against new Golden Software Surfer version 27. Works fine.
- Feb 20, 2024 : to import Geogiga Refractor .TX files select **Import data type** *Geogiga DWTom* .**TTX** in *File|Import Data* dialog. Next click on button *Select* and set **Files of type** to **Refractor files (*.TX)**. Now navigate into your input directory and select one .TX file. Optionally set combo box *Take shot record number from* to **File number** so we number shots imported with button *Import shots* sequentially starting at shot number 1. Test this with our latest [free trial](#).
- Feb 15, 2024 : view [Behm et. al](#) Application of stacking techniques to 3D wide-angle reflection and refraction seismic data of the Eastern Alps (Geophysical Journal International July 2007). They bin 3D refraction traces by CMP and invert 1D CMP refraction traveltimes curves obtained for each CMP bin.
- Feb 15, 2024 : view our new post added to thread on refraction software in detection.com Geophysics forum at <https://detection.com/forum/viewtopic.php?p=14020#p14020> .
- Feb 14 2024 : improved DeltatV extrapolation to all off-end shot points.
- Feb 13, 2024 : updated references sections in our [Line3 tutorial](#) .
- Feb 10, 2024 : added check box **Force sample rate** to *File|Import Data* dialog. Check to use your edited **Default sample rate** during following import of SEG-2, SEG-Y and ABEM Terraloc Mark 3 shots when clicking button *Import shots*.
- Feb 10, 2024 : added check box **Force sample count** to *File|Import Data* dialog. Check to use your edited **Default sample count** during following import of SEG-2, SEG-Y and ABEM Terraloc Mark 3 shots when clicking button *Import shots*.
- Feb 10, 2024 : we now show multiscale Conjugate-Gradient WET using our default fail-safe **1D-gradient starting model** for NGU synthetic data over 1_1D fault zone model in our [1_1D tutorial](#) Fig. 17 to Fig. 20. The modeled 3 fault zones are detected. We smooth the topography over 2 stations for the 1D-gradient starting model. Added more figures and references.
- Feb 8, 2024 : fixed assertion failure with *Depth|CMP Intercept-Time Refraction* method if no on-end or off-end shots have been imported and picked. Click *Ignore* button for earlier builds.

- Feb 7, 2024 : added option *File|SEGY import settings|Sample interval in nanoseconds in .SGY file*. Use for non-standard SEGY files generated by DAQLink 4 seismograph.
- Feb 5, 2024 : for parameter *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Static Corrections|Topography filter* we now allow a minimum value of 2 stations instead of former 5 stations.
- Feb 3, 2024 : added check box **Force topography smoothing** and edit field **Forced filter width [stations]** to *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* dialog. Minimum filter width is 2 stations. Use with strong topography e.g. synthetic NGU [profile 1 1D](#).
- Feb 3, 2024 : correctly write large x/y/z receiver coordinates to SEG-2 trace header RECEIVER_LOCATION. Don't write coordinates in exponential format so no digits are lost. Test this with our [updated free trial](#).
- Feb 1, 2024 : [Link et al.](#) describe Seismic Refraction Tomography using a Landstreamer for Estimating Void Volume in a Reclamation Project (SAGEEP Apr 2011) using our SRT.
- Jan 30, 2024 : improved extrapolation of the starting model obtained with Plus-Minus method below off-end shot points. We assume that *File|Export Data Settings|Extrapolate receiver line coordinates* was unchecked when importing the data and updating the header data.
- Jan 30, 2024 : review a [report by GEOCON Consultants Inc.](#) describing SRT and trenching results used for a geotechnical site characterization.
- Jan 25, 2024 : [Henderson](#) describes Groundwater Assessment on Small Islands using Geophysical and other Geoscience Methods to Assist in Water Resource Management and Planning (Thesis Univ. Calgary 2009) showing WET SRT sections and ERT sections.
- Jan 20, 2024 : [Testa et al.](#) describe Probabilistic Fault Displacement Hazard Analysis in Extensional Settings: Application to a Strategic Dam and Methodological Implications (SSRN Jan 2024) using our SRT to obtain a shallow near-surface velocity model for reflection seismic processing.
- Jan 15, 2024 : more robust database navigation of traces in *Trace menu* gather displays. Should help to prevent the database from getting corrupted.
- Jan 15, 2024 : more robust *WET Tomo|Interactive WET|Edit velocity smoothing* dialog when user selects controls using keyboard shortcuts. Prevent the app from crashing when user switches between controls or activates controls too fast.

Version 4.05 released in Jan 2024 :

- Jan 13, 2024 : improved SEG-2 format import via *File|Import Data* dialog. We now regard SOURCE_LOCATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION x/y/z coordinates in SEG-2 trace headers if you check option *File|SEG-2 settings|Receiver Coordinates specified in SEG-2 trace headers* with SOURCE_STATION_NUMBER and RECEIVER_STATION_NUMBER also specified in the same SEG-2 trace headers and without having to check option *File|SEG2 settings|Ignore SEG-2 station numbers in trace headers*.
- Jan 13, 2024 : improved *File|Update header data|Update First Breaks from .CSV* . We now prompt you to continue with update from .CSV file if a shot number specified in the first column of the .CSV file is missing in your profile database.
- Jan 12, 2024 : if a GeoTomCG .3DD file contains the word feet in the first header line then our .3DD import routine assumes that x/y/z coordinates in the .3DD file are specified in feet. See our sample file [IGTA13_FEET.3DD](#). For .3DD import and WET inversion of this crosshole survey see our [tutorial igta13.pdf](#) .
- Jan 9, 2024 : check new option *File|Export data Settings|Export station numbers to SEG-2 files* to write SOURCE_STATION_NUMBER and RECEIVER_STATION_NUMBER values to trace headers exported with *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Export shot to SEG-2*.
- Jan 9, 2024 : check new option *File|Export data Settings|Export source and receiver coordinates to SEG-2* to write SOURCE_LOCATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION values to trace headers exported with *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Export shot to SEG-2*. With this option unchecked we still write RECEIVER_LOCATION coordinates for all traces exported to SEG-2.

- Jan 8, 2024 : [Almholt et al.](#) describe Imaging very Shallow Sand Deposits with High Resolution SH Wave Reflection Seismic (EAGE NSG 2011 meeting) matching our SRT to borehole data and reflection seismic interpretation.
- Jan 8, 2024 : if a SEG-2 .DAT file specifies both RECEIVER_STATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION in the trace headers then check *File|SEG-2 import settings|Receiver Coordinates specified in SEG-2 trace headers* and check *Ignore SEG-2 station numbers in trace headers* before importing the SEG-2 .DAT with our *File|Import Data* dialog. See our [3016 tutorial](#) Fig. 17. Our new SEG-2 export (see next bullet) writes both RECEIVER_STATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION values to exported trace headers.
- Jan 3, 2024 : added new command *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Export shot to SEG-2*. Test this with our [updated trial](#). Stack shot traces in *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Stack shots* dialog and export the stacked shots to SEG-2 with this new command.
- Dec 23, 2023 : [Guireli Netto et al.](#) describe Investigation of fractured rock beneath a uranium-tailing storage dam through UAV digital photogrammetry and seismic refraction tomography (Front. Earth Sci., 15 December 2023) using our SRT to detect fault zones.
- Dec 23, 2023 : added command *File|SEG-2 import settings and commands|Merge two SEG-2 files into one file*. The **SEG-2 Merge dialog** lets you select two SEG-2 trace files on disk. Next edit the output directory and click button **Merge two SEG-2 files** to append traces from 2nd SEG-2 file to first SEG-2 file and write the merged SEG-2 file into the output directory.
- Dec 23, 2023 : to install our SEG2_Merge.exe into your C:\RAY32\BIN folder run our separate installer [SEG2Merge.exe](#) .
- Dec 20, 2023 : [Kumar et al.](#) describe usage of our software in their book article published in 2020.
- Dec 16, 2023 : [Ortiz-Palacio et al.](#) describe Correlations between p-wave velocity and SPT-N for saturated and unsaturated alluvial clays using dimensional analysis (Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering Feb 2024) correlating P-wave velocity obtained with our *WET inversion* with Standard Penetration Test blow count (*SPT-N*).
- Dec 12, 2023 : in our [new tutorial](#) showing landslide imaging we now use a better CMP Intercept-Time refraction starting model and use full WET smoothing for multiscale WET inversion shown in Fig. 20. This gives a better fit with multiscale WET using 1D-gradient starting model. See Fig. 22.
- Dec 9, 2023 : view our [updated tutorial](#) showing import and processing of MDW2011 crosshole profile. We enable WDVS at 200Hz to improve the contrast in the WET tomogram. Also we plot your reciprocal picks on shot gather traces for easier quality control.
- Dec 8, 2023 : added DropBox download link for .RAR archive with profile database used for Fig. 21 in our [new tutorial](#). Added comments regarding non-uniqueness of refraction interpretation with strong velocity inversions.
- Dec 6, 2023 : we now also show how to determine the CMP Intercept-Time refraction layered starting model and use this for multiscale WET inversion with WDVS enabled at 300Hz in our [new tutorial](#). We don't discard WET smoothing for the layered starting model.
- Dec 3, 2023 : view our [new tutorial](#) showing multiscale WET imaging of a landslide. You can see the sliding plane and the related velocity inversion.
- Nov 22, 2023 : rebuilt and tested our version 4.05 builds with Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 latest update 17.8.1. Redid the profile-guided optimization using our [1D profile](#).
- Nov 19, 2023 : updated [pdf manual](#) chapter *Picking first breaks* with new paragraph *Plot your reciprocal traveltimes on shot-sorted trace gathers* and new figure.
- Nov 19, 2023 : [Huayllazo et al.](#) describe Using Electrical Resistivity Tomography Method to Determine the Inner 3D Geometry and the Main Runoff Directions of the Large Active Landslide of Pie de Cuesta in the Vitor Valley (Peru) (Geosciences Nov 2023) comparing ERT with our SRT.
- Nov 19, 2023 : [Villani et al.](#) describe Investigating the architecture of the Paganica Fault (2009 Mw 6.1 earthquake, central Italy) by integrating high-resolution multiscale refraction tomography and detailed geological mapping (GJI Jan 2017).
- Nov 18, 2023 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Picking first breaks* : added new paragraph *How to plot your reciprocal traveltimes on shot-sorted trace gathers*. Refer our [Line3 tutorial](#) .

- Nov 17, 2023 : updated [.pdf manual](#) chapters *Picking first breaks* and *Pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion*.
- Nov 13, 2023 : updated text for radio button in *Interactive DeltatV|Static Corrections* dialog : renamed to *No statics/regard shot offset and 3D offsets for all traces*. Also check *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Regard 3D source-receiver offset for all traces* for improved support of crooked line interpretation using our pseudo-2D DeltatV method. With *Surface-consistent* or *CMP Gather Datum specific* static corrections this setting has no effect. Our 2D WET inversion does not support crooked line interpretation and assumes a straight 2D profile.
- Nov 13, 2023 : updated [help file](#) chapters *Picking first breaks* and *Pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion* to cover above two DeltatV options for crooked line interpretation.
- Nov 13, 2023 : [Sultan Awad et al.](#) describe Geophysical investigation for shallow subsurface geotechnical problems of Mokattam area, Cairo, Egypt (Environmental Earth Sciences, March 2010) using our WET inversion.
- Nov 8, 2023 : with *Refractor|Shot breaks|Display|Display picked first breaks* checked we now always show your first break pick for first channel of each shot on the traveltime curves.
- Nov 7, 2023 : more robust *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* display. Handle special case of invalid MIDBRKS.IMF file with invalid size 0.
- Nov 4, 2023 : in prompt ***Force first receiver at station number 1 ?*** the *No button* is now pre-selected per default. This ensures compatibility with older profiles and older .COR files if the user does not take the time to read the text of the prompt and just hits the ENTER key to dismiss the prompt.
- Nov 3, 2023 : added more text, instructions and links to our [WebAdmin configuration guide](#). Better describe how to configure the port forwarding on your router in Fig. 6. Explain that port forwarding is essential for TCP communication between CodeMeter client and server processes to work.
- Nov 2, 2023 : [Nurhandoko et al.](#) describe Land seismic refraction tomography using homogeneous velocity as initial model (SEG 1999 Expanded Abstract) showing multiscale wavepath tomography as offered by our software.
- Oct 31, 2023 : tested our latest version 4.05 under Windows 11 64-bit preview of 23H2. No issues found.
- Oct 28 2023 : we recommend adding an exclusion for your C:\RAY32 root directory in [Windows Defender anti-virus](#). If your profile folders are in a different root directory then just add an exception for that directory. This exclusion prevents Windows anti-virus from blocking access to profile database files in our software.
- Oct 26, 2023 : we now share the Oct 2023 version of [CodeMeter Administration Guide](#) on our website. Open this with Microsoft Edge browser for optimal viewing.
- Oct 26, 2023 : added more text, instructions and links to our [WebAdmin configuration guide](#). Better describe how to configure the port forwarding on your router in Fig. 6.
- Oct 24, 2023 : we have added more figures showing how to configure your CodeMeter server PC and client PC and your server router in our [WebAdmin configuration guide](#). Be sure to configure the [port forwarding](#) on your server router as shown in Fig. 6 and to enable Remote Read Access in WebAdmin on your server PC (Fig. 3). Determine the server WAN IP address or server modem IP address for your server router (Fig. 9). Enter the server modem / WAN IP address in WebAdmin on client PC (Fig. 10).
- Oct 20, 2023 : we redid the WET tomograms shown in our [Line3 tutorial](#) with option *Model|Forward modeling Settings|Normalize RMS error with maximum picked time* checked. This results in exactly the same WET tomograms as previously. But now the RMS error after 20 WET iterations shows as 3 percent instead of 6 percent in the tomogram titles. The RMS error in ms remains unchanged.
- Oct 12, 2023 : check your hard disk and C: drive with Windows CHKDSK program. See <https://woshub.com/view-check-disk-chkdsk-results-in-windows-10/> . Also check your currently opened profile database for errors with our *File|Check Profile* command.
- Oct 5, 2023 : when you create a new profile or when you open an existing profile created with an older version of our software we now check *Model|Forward modeling Settings|Normalize RMS error with maximum picked time*. This results in smaller RMS error in percent.

- Oct 2, 2023 : updated [.pdf manual](#) chapter *Commands* showing menus and describing commands for displaying and processing/mapping traces/refractors.
- Oct 2, 2023 : [Caielli et al.](#) describe Fucino Basin structure revealed by the tomography and the reusing of the CROP11 seismic data (Tectonophysics Sep 2023).
- Oct 1, 2023 : updated/added screen shots and description of *Mapping* and *Refractor display* menus in [help chapter](#) *Commands*.
- Sep 29, 2023 : updated screen shots and description of *Processing* and *Display* menus in [help chapter](#) *Commands*.
- Sep 28, 2023 : updated [.pdf manual](#) chapters *Seismic and header data import, File formats*.
- Sep 28, 2023 : [Hiltunen et al.](#) describe Ground Proving Three Seismic Refraction Tomography Programs (Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board, Dec 2007).
- Sep 27, 2023 : describe in [help chapter](#) *Seismic and header data import* how *Layout start* and *Shot position* determined from SEG-2 trace headers SOURCE_LOCATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION are updated during SEG-2 import with *Header|Profile|Force first receiver* checked and using your edited *Header|Profile|First receiver [station number]*.
- Sep 25, 2023 : updated paragraphs in [help chapters](#) *Seismic and header data import* and *File formats* describing updating of SEG-2 trace headers with source coordinates and SHOTPTS.SHO file format. We assume that the source/shot point elevation is at same elevation as interpolated receiver coordinates elevation at source x/y coordinates. Specify vertical offset above/below receiver line with negative/positive shot hole depth, for marine refraction/land seismic lines.
- Sep 21, 2023 : added instructions on page 18 of our [NGU G1 tutorial](#) describing how to obtain the WET tomogram shown in Fig. 43 with *WET Tomo|Automatic WET* inversion using the Plus-Minus method starting model from Fig. 10 and default WET parameters.
- Sep 20, 2023 : added Fig. 39 to Fig. 42 in [NGU G4 tutorial](#) showing *WET Tomo|Automatic WET* inversion using the Plus-Minus method starting model from Fig. 10.
- Sep 18, 2023 : added Fig. 42 to Fig. 45 in [NGU G1 tutorial](#) showing *WET Tomo|Automatic WET* inversion using the Plus-Minus method starting model from Fig. 10.
- Sep 17, 2023 : link to our synthetic [basement step tutorial](#) in our new [Line3 tutorial](#).
- Sep 15, 2023 : updated [help file](#) and [.pdf manual](#) chapter *Seismic and header data import* with new paragraph *Update SEG-2 source and receiver coordinates* with true x/y/z coordinates specified in 3D.TXT response files.
- Sep 14, 2023 : we updated our latest [color ad](#).
- Sep 14, 2023 : redid figures 5 to 7 in our new [Line3 tutorial](#). Plot Plus-Minus refractors on these. Don't blank below envelope after last WET iteration. Updated instructions.
- Sep 12, 2023 : [Ghose et al.](#) describe High-resolution P- and S-wave reflection studies of an intraplate structure: The Azambuja fault, Portugal (Tectonophysics July 2023). They use our SRT to help detect near-surface fault zones.
- Sep 12, 2023 : added references to our new [Line3 tutorial](#) on last page.
- Sep 7, 2023 : updated [help chapter](#) *Mapping traces to refractors*. Also updated this chapter in our [.pdf manual](#).
- Sep 5, 2023 : [Balasubramaniam et al.](#) describe Influence of geophysical judgment and software parameters on interpretation of seismic section (RARE 2016 / NIRM). They compare conventional layered refraction interpretation with WET SRT interpretation.
- Sep 3, 2023 : [Barrick et al.](#) describe Correlation of Near Surface Geotechnical and Geophysical Parameters for Six Bridge Sites in Central Montana (56TH US ROCK MECHANICS / GEOMECHANICS SYMPOSIUM, June 2022) correlating SRT, MASW, ERT, induced polarization tomography and geotechnical borehole data using a Feedforward Neural network (FNN).
- Sep 3, 2023 : [Cascone et al.](#) describe Velocity gradients choice affecting seismic site response in deep alluvial basins: Application to the Venetian Plain (Northern Italy) (Journal of Geophysics and Engineering, February 2022).

- Sep 1, 2023 : tested latest version 4.05 on Intel i5 2018 macMini under macOS Ventura in BootCamp disk partition running Windows 10 21H2 64-bit Pro. Also tested under Parallels Desktop 1.8.2 on same 2018 Intel i5 macMini running macOS Ventura.
- Aug 31, 2023 : [updated help](#) chapter *Starting up and profile management*, paragraph *Defining a new profile*. Updated help chapter *Dialog box control and function keys*.
- Aug 30, 2023 : improved prompt to force first receiver station at 1 when creating a new profile with *File|New Profile* or when reinitializing a profile with *File|Reinitialize Profile*. Ask user to click *No* button for import of a multi-spread profile and to use our .HDR batch options in *File|Import Data* instead. Ask the user to generate the .HDR file, edit it with fixed station numbers for *Layout start* and *Shot pos.* for all shots using Notepad editor and use the edited .HDR file for batch import of all shots. Test this with our [updated free trial](#). See our updated [Line3 tutorial](#) Fig. 4 for the updated prompt.
- Aug 29, 2023 : updated help chapter *Editing header data*. Improved description of *Header|Profile|Force first receiver* option. Install the latest help file version with our [winhelp.exe](#) installer. See also our [updated manual](#) chapter *Editing header data*.
- Aug 28, 2023 : show additional help hint “F1/F2 Zoom/Unzoom Shot” in status bar for *Refractor|Shot breaks*.
- Aug 26, 2023 : we updated our one-page [brochure](#).
- Aug 26, 2023 : plot direct wave traveltime curve segments in blue in our [Line3 tutorial](#) Fig. 1 and Fig. 14. Add borehole data from two boreholes at end of tutorial.
- Aug 23, 2023 : added more figures to our new [Line3 tutorial](#). Updated instructions and figure captions. Show an alternative Plus-Minus starting model and WET tomogram based on this.
- Aug 22, 2023 : we have added more figures and instructions to our new [Line3 tutorial](#). We now show mapping of traces to refractors, the Plus-Minus refraction method starting model and layered WET inversion using this Plus-Minus starting model. Also we show using WDVS (Wavelength-Dependent Velocity Smoothing; [Zelt and Chen 2016](#)) for a more robust WET inversion and improved contrast between overburden and basement velocities.
- Aug 15, 2023 : [Gioia et al.](#) describe Multi-temporal morphological analysis coupled to seismic survey of a mass movement from southern Italy: a combined tool to unravel the history of complex slow-moving landslides (CNR 2023) matching SRT to MASW and HVSR interpretations. They also describe and compare field logistics and interpretation uncertainties of these methods.
- Aug 13, 2023 : improved coloring of refractor curves at branch points in *Refractor|Shot breaks* display when user maps traces to refractors with ALT+L.
- Aug 13, 2023 : when user limits the maximum basement velocity in *Depth|CMP Intercept-time refraction|ALT+M* we now use this limit to reset the basement velocity instead of disregarding any CMP station where the apparent CMP basement velocity exceeds this limit.
- Aug 9, 2023 : updated tutorials [Line3](#), [poisson](#), [Surfer23](#), [3016](#), [Test21](#), [NGU_G1](#), [NGU_G4](#) and [P6](#) to show new prompt to optionally force first receiver station to 1.
- Aug 9, 2023 : when user clicks *Yes* button in new prompt *Force first receiver at station number 1* we now force the first receiver station to 1.0 in *Header|Profile* instead of checking option *File|Import Data Settings|Profile start is default layout start*. This option works for single-spread profiles only where all shots start recording at receiver station no. 1.
- Aug 7, 2023 : more robust extrapolation of starting model to off-end shotpoints. For older builds force starting model limits in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile*.
- Aug 7, 2023 : when creating a new profile via *File|New Profile* we recommend in ***Force first receiver at station number 1*** dialog to click *No* button for compatibility with older profiles and tutorials and old COORDS.COR files which assume first profile receiver at station number 0. Click *Yes* button to force first receiver at station number 1.
- Aug 7, 2023 : Fig. 4 in [Line3 tutorial](#) shows updated *Force first receiver at station number 1* dialog.
- July 31, 2023 : tested our latest version 4.05 with Surfer 26 Beta. No Surfer issues found.
- July 30, 2023 : if popup help display with F1 function key in our dialogs e.g. *Header|Profile* dialog stops working under Windows 10 after a Windows update : just rerun our [winhelp.exe](#) help installer.

- July 27, 2023 : our [latest tutorial](#) shows P-wave SRT imaging of a dry river bed in Italy.
- July 20, 2023 : updated links in our guide on how to [configure CodeMeter client and server PC's](#).
- July 19, 2023 : review [Reichhardt et al.](#) showing An Assessment of Seismic and Thermal Imaging Techniques for Archaeological Applications ([SAGEEP 2004](#)).
- July 9, 2023 : we now support opening profile databases in Microsoft [shared network folders](#) named according to UNC (Universal Naming Convention) \\host-name\share-name\file-path .
- July 9, 2023 : improved robustness of error handling and prompting during WET inversion.
- July 5, 2023 : fixed a corner case for our *Plus-Minus* method so the automatic conversion of the .CSV model file to PLUSMODL.GRD Surfer grid file works when the refraction profile goes over a vertical cliff.
- July 4, 2023 : we recommend leaving *Refractor|Shot breaks|Mapping|Pick branch points between Receivers* unchecked as per default. This results in more robust export of branch points to .BRN and update from .BRN.
- July 4, 2023 : update opened *Trace|Shot gather* display after any branch point error prompt when mapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks* display with **ALT+L**.
- July 3, 2023 : added menu items **Zoom at shot** and **Unzoom at shot** in *Refractor|Shot breaks|Display* menu. Use to focus on current shot with invalid branch points.
- July 3, 2023 : added menu item **Show whole profile** in *Refractor|Shot breaks|Display* menu. Use to zoom out to whole profile length after zooming in on a shot.
- July 3, 2023 : prompt to zoom in at current shot when prompting about invalid branch points.
- June 28, 2023 : improved error prompt indicating invalid branch points during mapping of traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks* with **ALT+L**. Prompt to lookup *Shot station* of current shot in *Header|Shot*. Press **ALT+P** and set *Minimum station* to *Shot station -30* stations. Set *Maximum station* to *Shot station +30* stations. Press **ENTER** to redisplay.
- June 24, 2023 : handle special case during automatic updating of branch points when traces adjacent to the shot point are not picked. Test profile TRA9002 shots 243 and 285.
- June 22, 2023 : handle special case during automatic updating of branch points when first breaks are picked in either forward or reverse shot direction only and shot traces in the other direction are not picked.
- June 20, 2023 : catch corner case when mapping *Midpoint breaks* to refractors and then running our *Plus-Minus* method with automatic updating of the branch points activated.
- June 16, 2023 : improved error prompt during .HDR batch import if a shot file listed in the first column of the .HDR file is missing in the folder containing the selected .HDR batch file.
- June 14, 2023 : improved error prompt if the 'Shot No. in file' does not exist in the input file listed in your .HDR batch file selected in *File|Import Data* dialog. Check if the input file listed contains one shot only and prompt to set 'Shot no. in file' to 1 in .HDR batch file.
- June 14, 2023 : improved error prompt if your selected .HDR batch file is not in the input directory selected in *File|Import Data* dialog. Prompt to copy your .HDR batch file into the selected input directory and reselect with *.HDR batch* button.
- June 13, 2023 : avoid unnecessary redisplay of *Shot breaks* or *Shot CMP breaks* window opened together with *Trace|Shot gather* when user toggles trace display options.
- June 13, 2023 : when user selects *Trace|Shot gather|Processing* commands which loop over all imported shots such as *Remove gun jitter for all shots*, *Automatic picking of first breaks* with **ALT+B** and *Reverse trace polarity for all shots* (Pro only) we now first close any opened *Shot breaks* or *Shot CMP breaks* window. This speeds up the processing.
- June 13, 2023 : [Jabrane et al.](#) describe Integration of Electrical Resistivity Tomography and Seismic Refraction Tomography to Investigate Subsiding Sinkholes in Karst Areas (Water 2023).
- June 13, 2023 : [Ozaki et al.](#) describe First-arrival travelttime tomography for monitoring the excavation damaged zone in the Horonobe Underground Research Laboratory (Rock Mechanics Bulletin 2023).
- June 13, 2023 : [Williams et al.](#) describe Evolution of excavation damaged zones in Opalinus Clay shale inferred from seismic investigations ([ETH Zurich 2022](#)).

Version 4.04 released in June 2023 :

- June 10, 2023 : check new option *Refractor|Shot breaks|Display|Display picked first breaks* to plot your picked first breaks as small dots on solid traveltimes curves.
- June 10, 2023 : check new option *Refractor|Shot breaks|Display|Display raytraced traveltimes as dots on synth. curves* to plot forward-modeled first breaks as small dots on dashed synthetic traveltimes curves if option *Display synthesized traveltimes curves* is checked.
- June 10, 2023 : option *Refractor|Shot breaks|Display raytraced traveltimes* plots forward-modeled first breaks as colored crosses when option *Color picked traveltimes curves* is checked. Display crosses in color of assigned/mapped refractor otherwise.
- June 10, 2023 : split *Refractor|Shot breaks|Mapping* menu into *Mapping* and *Display* menus.
- June 10, 2023 : moved option **Show reciprocal picks on Shot Gather** from *Trace* menu to *Trace|Shot gather|Display* menu. Changed keyboard shortcut from ALT+G to SHIFT+G.
- June 10, 2023 : changed keyboard shortcut for *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Remove gun jitter for all shots* from ALT+G to ALT+J.
- June 5, 2023 : our [updated tutorial](#) showing dynamic Poisson's ratio imaging with Surfer 23 now also shows how to plot your reciprocal traveltimes picks on shot trace gathers. This lets you quality-control your first break picks and validates your specified recording geometry.
- June 5, 2023 : tested latest version 4.04 debug build under Windows XP in Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0 with NuMega BoundsChecker 6.6 and MicroQuill Software HeapAgent for WIN32 version 10.01. No issues found.
- June 3, 2023 : we recommend leaving option *File|Import data Settings|Round shot station to nearest whole station number* unchecked when using option **Trace|Show reciprocal picks on Shot Gather**.
- June 3, 2023 : you need to re-update reciprocal trace pairs in database with *Trace|Export reciprocal errors and update database* after importing more shots or after updating trace header data with first breaks, recording geometry etc. with *File|Update header data* menu.
- June 2, 2023 : more robust updating of reciprocal trace pairs in database with *Trace|Export reciprocal errors and update database*. Use database transactions.
- June 1, 2023 : [Burgio et al.](#) describe Halaesa Arconidea (Tusa, Messina). Primi risultati dagli scavi delle fortificazioni, settore nord-est (Univ. Palermo 2023) correlating ERT and GPR with SRT for detecting buried parts of an ancient city wall.
- May 28, 2023 : test display of reciprocal picks on shot gathers (bullets dated May 16, 2023) with our latest [free trial](#).
- May 26, 2023 : more robust *Depth|Plus-Minus* menu item. Always correctly determine if traces have been mapped to refractors. For older builds first select *Depth|Wavefront* item so *Plus-Minus* item works after (re)mapping traces to refractors.
- May 26, 2023 : more robust mapping of traces to refractors via mapping dialog displayed in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* with ALT+M.
- May 26, 2023 : more robust dialogs for trace signal processing and frequency filtering in *Trace|Shot gather|Processing* menu.
- May 21, 2023 : show reciprocal Shot/Channel and reciprocal Offset[m]/CMP station in status bar if the current trace has a reciprocal trace in *Trace|Shot gather* window. Navigate traces with arrow-left and arrow-right keys as usual.
- May 19, 2023 : when user opens output file selection dialog with a selection button in any dialog : run the file selection/Save As dialog as a modal dialog. This disables all controls in the parent dialog until the selection dialog is closed by user.
- May 16, 2023 : export reciprocal trace pairs via *Trace|Export reciprocal errors and update database* and select new option **Trace|Show reciprocal picks on Shot Gather** to display reciprocal traveltimes picks with green dots on *Trace|Shot gather* traces.
- May 16, 2023 : check new option *Trace|Shot gather|Display|Blue circle for modeled first breaks* to show forward-modeled traveltimes with small blue circles instead of blue crosses.
- May 8, 2023 : added new display type **Refractor|Shot CMP breaks**. First breaks for shot-sorted traces are displayed at their CMP position = (shot pos. + trace pos.)/2 ([Brueckl 1987](#)). This makes it easier to recognize reciprocal traveltimes picking errors. Also the subsurface

geology can be recognized more easily on the traveltimes curves than in *Refractor|Shot breaks* display. We fully support picking and deleting of refractor branch points in *Refractor|Shot CMP breaks* display. Test this e.g. with our [SAGEEP 11](#) synthetic fault zone tutorial.

- May 8, 2023 : check new *Trace menu* option *Open Refractor|Shot CMP breaks with Trace|Shot gather* to open *Refractor|Shot CMP breaks* instead of *Refractor|Shot breaks* window when user selects *Trace|Shot gather*.
- Mar 8, 2023 : our updated [free trial](#) comes with our latest help file and above *Refractor|Shot CMP breaks* display type.
- May 4, 2023 : updated [.pdf manual](#) chapter *WET tomography processing*, paragraphs on *WET velocity constraints* dialog and *Surfer plot Limits* dialog.
- May 4, 2023 : updated [.pdf manual](#) chapter *File formats*, paragraph on *First break files*. When updating trace headers with *File|Update header data|Update First Breaks* we regard the first four data columns in the *.LST* only. Columns 5 to 12 are optional with this update command.
- May 4, 2023 : your *BREAKS.LST* must specify first breaks for all traces of all shots in column no. 4. Specify a time[ms] of -1 to signal "trace not picked".
- May 3, 2023 : updated help chapter *WET tomography processing*, paragraph on *WET velocity constraints* dialog. Add popup help topics for new blanking controls in this dialog. Download & run our updated [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- May 1, 2023 : [Sarkar et al.](#) describe Soil Characterization and Stratification using Seismic Refraction Test (Indian Geotechnical Conference 2017 GeoNEst, IIT Guwahati, India).
- Apr 24, 2023 : added more figures to our [new tutorial](#) showing dialog settings. Updated instructions to refer to these figures. Show wavepath coverage plots. Add links to *.RAR* archives with profile folders.
- Apr 22, 2023 : view our [new tutorial](#) showing imaging of dynamic Poisson's ratio using Golden Software Surfer 23 and our version 4.04 software. Compare with [original tutorial](#).
- Apr 21, 2023 : for improved WET tomogram resolution for shear-wave refraction surveys you may want to disable *WDVS* (uncheck option *use WDVS*) and check option *discard WET smoothing and WDVS smoothing after modeling* in *Model|WDVS Smoothing* dialog. Tested with *WAVE_SH* line in our [Poisson ratio tutorial](#). This assumes that your first break picks are consistent and don't violate the [traveltimes reciprocity principle](#) as checked in *Trace|Offset gather* displays for all offsets.
- Apr 15, 2023 : [Duffek et al.](#) describe Origin of block accumulations based on the near-surface geophysics (Open Geosciences, De Gruyter Apr 2023) correlating ERT with SRT.
- Apr 13, 2023 : in chapter *File formats* in our updated [.pdf manual](#) we describe all data columns exported to *BREAKS.LST* file format when using command *File|Export header data|Export First Breaks to .LST*. With command *File|Update header data|Update First Breaks* we regard the first four data columns only : shot no., trace (channel no.), pos. (station no.) and time (ms).
- Apr 13, 2023 : use our *.HDR* batch file format and options to automatically generate this *.HDR* batch file in *File|Import Data* dialog. Edit *shot position* and *layout start* in the *.HDR* file for all listed shots in station numbers using Microsoft Notepad text editor. See our [P6 tutorial](#).
- Apr 12, 2023 : added option *Pick all shots (Pro license only)* to automatic picking parameters dialog shown with **ALT+B** in *Trace|Shot gather* display.
- Apr 10, 2023 : redo profile-guided optimization for latest version 4.04 builds in Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 Pro version 17.5.3. Make sure multiscale *WET inversion* for [profile 1_1D](#) with *WDVS@1200Hz* is not slower than with previous builds.
- Apr 10, 2023 : optimize WET and *WDVS* settings for [1_1D](#) : disable *WDVS / discard WET smoothing* after forward modeling / *Width of Gaussian* 10 SD for WET smoothing / *Smooth nth update* only. Faster multiscale WET convergence to RMS error 1.3ms after just 4 Conjugate-Gradient WET runs. Test in Windows 10 22H2 64-bit Pro VM running under Parallels Desktop Pro 17 on 2017 Apple Intel iMac.
- Apr 9, 2023 : [Paul et al.](#) describe Subsurface Soil Characterization by Correlating P-wave velocity with engineering properties of soil (16th Symposium on Earthquake Engineering, IIT Roorkee, 2018) correlating SRT P-wave velocity with [SPT N-value](#).

- Apr 9, 2023 : [Zhi](#) describes Geophysical Characterizations of the Paskapoo Formation (Univ. Calgary Master's Thesis 2013) comparing two SRT methods.
- Apr 1, 2023 : [Heng et al.](#) describe Reservoir Dam Safety Study – A Multidisciplinary Approach using ERT, SRT, GPR and FEM correlated with geotechnical borehole cores (EAGE 5th Asia Pacific meeting Taiwan March 2023).
- Mar 31, 2023 : our new dialog *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Edit trace polarity reversal* allows editing the channel range for which the trace polarity is reversed.
- Mar 31, 2023 : reverse all shots imported into the profile using above channel range settings with *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Reverse trace polarity for all shots* with our Pro version.
- Mar 30, 2023 : fixed *Grid|Reset DeltatV and WET and WDVS settings to .PAR file*. This has not been working since early March 2023.
- Mar 27, 2023 : added edit fields *Blanking velocity* and *Blanking percentage* to *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints* dialog plus check boxes to force using these edited values instead of values specified in the selected **.BLN** blanking file during WET inversion.
- Mar 27, 2023 : added button *Save edited blanking file* to *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints* dialog. This allows you to save the edited **.BLN** once you have selected an existing **.BLN** file.
- Mar 26, 2023 : our new [NGU_G4](#) tutorial shows how to improve resolution in the basement using synthetic traveltimes data and multiscale WET tomography combined with WDVS @500Hz (Wavelength-Dependent Velocity Smoothing; Zelt and Chen 2016).
- Mar 22, 2023 : enforce selection of equidistant *Default spread type* with all receivers separated by one station spacing in *File|Import Data* with *Header|Profile|Line type* set to **Borehole spread/line**.
- Mar 22, 2023 : improved error prompt if WET inversion terminates early due to too low/missing coverage in intermediate WET **VELOITXY.GRD** tomogram. Ask user to specify *blanking percentage* of 10 or 25 or 50 percent in first line/header line of **.BLN** blanking file selected in *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints* dialog. Increasing the blanking percentage from default 0 percent allows the modeled WET velocity to deviate from the constraining blanking velocity and helps to avoid low-velocity artefacts below the blanked layer when blanking the water overburden layer with 1,500 m/s in marine refraction surveys.
- Mar 18, 2023 : when you select *File|Reinitialize Profile* we now also prompt you to confirm if this is a one-spread refraction profile just as with *File|New Profile*. See bullet dated Mar 15.
- Mar 17, 2023 : we now per default enable/activate bandpass frequency filtering in gather displays opened with *Trace menu* commands. Edit filter parameters with **SHIFT+Q** in trace gather display.
- Mar 17, 2023 : when you check *Header|Profile|Force first receiver* option and confirm toggling this option we now reset *File|Import Data Settings|Profile start is default layout start* option.
- Mar 15, 2023 : when you create a new profile with *File|New Profile* command we now prompt you to confirm if this is a one-spread refraction profile. Click *No* button if you will import shots recorded with multiple overlapping receiver spreads into this new profile. If you confirm with *Yes* button then we will check import option *File|Import Data Settings|Profile start is default layout start*. For multi-spread profiles and for borehole spread profiles you can force the first receiver station in *Header|Profile*.
- Mar 12, 2023 : improved visual layout of controls in *Header|Profile* dialog.
- Mar 12, 2023 : don't require valid contents of x/y/z limits fields in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* dialog if user does not check box *Plot limits active*. Check new option *Use data limits* in the same dialog and leave x/y/z limits fields empty.
- Mar 12, 2023 : we now always use *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* parameters *X scale length / Y scale length* when imaging grids even if user does not check option *Plot limits active*.
- Mar 12, 2023 : [Nelliat et al.](#) describe Rock mass characterization and delineation of weak zones in a foundation regime using integrated geophysical methods: a case study from Mangalore, India (Indian Geotechnical Conference 2022, Kochi).

- Mar 10, 2023 : if SEG-2 files contain invalid receiver coordinates we now set **Layout start** during SEG-2 import with *File|Import Data...* to default layout start of station no. 1 or station no. 0, depending on setting of option **File|Import Data Settings|Default layout start is 1**.

Version 4.03 released in Mar 2023 :

- Mar 8, 2023 : don't force first receiver station if SEG-2 fields **SOURCE_STATION_NUMBER** and **RECEIVER_STATION_NUMBER** are both specified in SEG-2 trace headers.
- Mar 7, 2023 : when prompting for missing **.PAR** file after selection of **.GRD** file with *Grid menu* commands, we now set the initial directory to **GRADTOMO** subdirectory of your current profile folder which should always contain a valid **.PAR** file. Copy the **.PAR** file in file selection dialog and then select the copied **.PAR** file to avoid invalidating the original **.PAR** file.
- Mar 6, 2023 : added Grid menu command *Grid|Image Surfer .GRD file without .PAR file* . Use this new command to image **WDVSTIME.GRD** and **WDVSVELO.GRD** in **DEBUG** folder of your profile directory and to image **POISSON.GRD** obtained as in [poisson.pdf](#) tutorial. Check new box *Use data limits* in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* dialog. Uncheck box *Interpolate pixels* in Surfer when imaging **WDVSTIME.GRD** files.
- Mar 6, 2023 : added option *Use data limits* in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* dialog. With this option checked we ignore edited fields *Min. velocity* and *Max. velocity* in this dialog and use the selected grid **.GRD** data limits instead when imaging the **.GRD** in Surfer via our updated **\RAY32\DAT\AUTOTOMO.BAS** script called via *Grid menu Image...* commands.
- Mar 3, 2023 : add link to updated [SR6 blanking.rar](#) in [SR6 tutorial](#).
- Mar 2, 2023 : updated figures and figure captions in [SR6 tutorial](#). Added links to **.RAR** archives for WET tomogram shown in Fig. 48.
- Mar 2, 2023 : our updated [free trial](#) comes with our latest help file.
- Mar 1, 2023 : fixed file **XYFLIPPED_NOOFFSETS_1400m.BLN** to extrapolate water overburden layer over whole extrapolated offset range. Update [SR6 blanking.rar](#) .
- Feb 28, 2023 : updated [SR6 tutorial](#) with more figures. Updated figure captions. Added links to **.RAR** archives for WET tomograms shown in Fig. 34 and Fig. 36.
- Feb 27, 2023 : updated [SR6 tutorial](#) with Fig. 33 to Fig. 42 showing reinterpretation using extrapolated tomograms & **WDVS@5Hz** using 20 Steepest-Descent WET iterations.
- Feb 27, 2023 : added file **XYFLIPPED_NOOFFSETS_1400m.BLN** with extrapolated water overburden layer to [SR6 blanking.rar](#). Select this blanking file in *WET Tomo|WET Velocity constraints* dialog for [SR6 profile](#). Check box *Extrapolate tomograms* in *Header|Profile* and set *Extrapolate [station spacings]* to 60. Now regenerate the initial model e.g. with *DeltatV|Automatic DeltatV* and rerun *WET inversion*.
- Feb 21, 2023 : updated chapter *Receiver spread types* in [help file](#) and [manual](#).
- Feb 18, 2023 : more robust re-opening of profile database after aborted import of shots.
- Feb 18, 2023 : updated error prompts when calling Surfer via Scriptor fails.
- Feb 18, 2023 : updated chapter *File formats|First break files* in [help file](#) and [manual](#).
- Feb 17, 2023 : we have uploaded our latest [raywn403.exe base installer](#) with latest help file. This now also installs **SEG2_Update.EXE** into your **c:\RAY32\BIN** folder. See [instructions for version 4.03 base](#) installer. After running the base installer next run our custom **rayup403.exe** update installer coded to match the license number in your dongle. See our earlier installation email for download and installation instructions.
- Feb 16, 2023 : updated chapter *Time-to-depth conversion menu* in [help file](#) and [manual](#).
- Feb 14, 2023 : updated chapter *Commands|Depth Conversion menu* in [help file](#) and [manual](#).
- Feb 13, 2023 : updated chapter *Data processing sequence overview* in [help file](#) and [manual](#).
- Feb 11, 2023 : updated chapter *Mapping traces to refractors* in [help file](#) and [manual](#).
- Feb 10, 2023 : updated chapter *DeltatV inversion|DeltatV Settings menu* and chapter *Forward model traveltimes* in [help file](#) and [manual](#).
- Feb 8, 2023 : updated chapters *Introduction* and *Optimize Windows* in [help file](#) and [manual](#).

- Feb 6, 2023 : updated our [.pdf manual](#) based on latest help file version.
- Feb 6, 2023 : updated more [help file](#) chapters. Updated chapters on *DeltatV inversion* and *XTV inversion*. Updated chapters *Calling Surfer* and *WET inversion*.
- Feb 4, 2023 : [Dangeard et al.](#) describe Expanded stream-aquifer interface model constrained by time-lapse seismic (Univ. Sorbonne 2022).
- Feb 4, 2023 : redo profile-guided optimization for latest version 4.03 builds in Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 Pro version 17.4.4. Make sure multiscale *WET inversion* for [profile 1_1D](#) with `WDVS@1200Hz` is not slower than with previous builds.
- Feb 3, 2023 : our updated [free trial](#) comes with our latest help file.
- Feb 1, 2023 : correctly handle rare case with no traces mapped to a common midpoint database record, during *Smooth inversion* and during *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* display.
- Jan 30, 2023 : refresh *Refractor|Shot breaks* display once only not twice with branch point error prompt “Refractor 0 not defined” when mapping traces to refractors with **ALT+L**.
- Jan 26, 2023 : [Benjumea et al.](#) describe Geomechanical parameters assessment and geological characterization using fuzzy c means clustering of electrical resistivity and seismic data (EAGE NSG Jan 2023).
- Jan 26, 2023 : updated more [help file](#) chapters. Updated description of *Grid menu* in chapter *Commands*. Added description of *Shot point labeling parameters* dialog in *WET* chapter.
- Jan 23, 2023 : updated more [help file](#) chapters. Show updated dialog and menu screen shots. Describe new dialog controls and menu options.
- Jan 22, 2023 : updated [help file](#) chapters *Editing header data* and *Mapping traces to refractors* describe new dialog controls.
- Jan 21, 2023 : review our help chapter [Calling Surfer](#) and Surfer FAQ on [Surfer Automation errors](#) if calling into Surfer fails with error prompt in Scripiter. Don’t install multiple Surfer versions on the same PC to avoid these issues.
- Jan 21, 2023 : we recommend [disabling Windows 11 automatic updates](#) to prevent having to reinstall a corrupted Windows 11 completely.
- Jan 20, 2023 : [Benjumea et al.](#) describe Geological Characterization and Geomechanical Parameters Assessment Using Electrical Resistivity Tomography and Seismic Methods (EAGE 1st conference on Geophysics for Infrastructure Planning Monitoring and BIM 2019).
- Jan 20, 2023 : [Florentine et al.](#) describe Geophysical analysis of transverse ridges and internal structure at Lone Peak Rock Glacier, Big Sky, Montana, USA (Journal of Glaciology 2017).
- Jan 20, 2023 : [Darrow et al.](#) describe Monitoring and Analysis of Frozen Debris Lobes (Alaska University Transportation Center, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 2012).
- Jan 15, 2023 : [Butchibabu et al.](#) describe Seismic refraction tomography using underwater and land based seismic data for evaluation of foundation of civil structures (JAG Jan 2023).
- Jan 11, 2023 : our [latest tutorial](#) shows optimized DeltatV+XTV and WET interpretation of NGU G4 synthetic fault zone model.
- Jan 11, 2023 : fixed description of data import in our [NGU G1 tutorial](#) on first page.
- Jan 7, 2023 : [Mohamed et al.](#) describe Oman Strong Motion Network (OSMN) and Site-specific Characterization for the Entire Strong Motion Stations in Muscat Region (Research Square 2022).
- Jan 7, 2023 : [Heidenreich et al.](#) use GPR, ERT, FDEM and SRT for tunnel detection (Univ. Bamberg 2021).
- Jan 7, 2023 : tested Surfer Beta 25.0.201 64-bit in Windows 11 22H2 64-bit Pro running under Parallels Desktop 17 for Mac on Apple Intel 2017 iMac with our latest version 4.03. No issues.
- Dec 29, 2022 : compile C++ modules for *Refractor|Shot breaks* display with lower optimization to minimize Windows display issues e.g. in Window 10 64-bit Pro VM running under Parallels Desktop on Apple Intel MacBook Air.
- Dec 28, 2022 : check new option *Refractor|Mapping|Don't refresh display after branch point error prompt* to skip refresh of *Shot breaks* after display of a branch point error prompt. Leave this option unchecked to fix Windows display issues.

- Dec 27, 2022 : new *Refractor|Mapping* option *Don't refresh branch points during remapping of traces*. With this option unchecked as per default we now again refresh branch points in *Refractor|Shot breaks* during remapping of traces to refractors with **ALT+L**.
- Dec 26, 2022 : [A. Verweerd](#) describes MASW-Refraction on railway embankments correlated with CPT (EAGE NSG Belgrade, 2022).
- Dec 26, 2022 : [Capizzi et al.](#) describe Cluster Analysis for Cavity Detection Using Seismic Refraction and Electrical Resistivity Tomography (EAGE NSG 2017).
- Dec 26, 2022 : [Himi et al.](#) describe Application of Resistivity and Seismic Refraction Tomography for Landslide Stability Assessment in Vallcebre, Spanish Pyrenees (Remote Sensing, 2022).
- Dec 23, 2022 : [Colin Zelt](#) mentions our software in his chapter on *Seismic refraction methods* in the new book *Engineering Geophysics* (Anna Bondo Medhus, Lone Klinkby, CRC Press 2022).
- Dec 23, 2022 : we tested our improved *Refractor|Shot breaks* display and mapping of traces to refractors with branch points automatically updated during *Plus-Minus* using *Midpoint breaks mapping* with our [OT0608 tutorial](#) line, [TRA9002 tutorial](#) line and many other lines.
- Dec 18, 2022 : more robust mapping of traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks* with **ALT+L** when switching to another window or app during the mapping and for dense and long lines.
- Dec 18, 2022 : suppress error prompt about `asin(1)` argument domain error when determining overburden model for *Depth|Plus-Minus* method using intercept-time method for [step tutorial](#) profile. We define a 3-layer case using *Midpoint breaks mapping*.
- Dec 10, 2022 : [Puzzilli et al.](#) describe Integrated geophysical methods for the seismic site characterization of Arquata del Tronto (AP) (Associazione Geotecnica Italiana 2019).
- Dec 9, 2022 : more robust `.HDR` batch import. We now handle an empty last line in the `.HDR` file.
- Dec 8, 2022 : for a long profile with close shot spacing uncheck option *Grid|Edit shot labeling parameters|Label shots on Surfer plot* so all shot points are marked with red triangle on Surfer plot. For latest build this works again as for version 4.02.
- Dec 7, 2022 : refresh *Shot breaks* display when during trace-to-refractor mapping with **ALT+L** an error prompt is shown with text "Refractor not defined forward/backward 0".
- Dec 6, 2022 : [Drupka et al.](#) describe Application of Near-Surface Geophysical methods for imaging of Active Faults in the Himalaya (Geosciences and Mining Journal 2022, Department of Geology and Mines Bhutan).
- Dec 4, 2022 : added option **Mapping|Don't fix velocity inversion**. Check this option before mapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks* with **ALT+L** so we don't automatically fix refractor 2 velocity inversions after prompting the user for these inversions.
- Dec 2, 2022 : automatically delete branch point 2 for velocity inversions on shot-sorted travelttime curves if refractor 2 coverage is just over 2 or 3 channels, when mapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks* with **ALT+L**. For higher coverage of refractor 2 move up branch point 2 to coincide with branch point 1 to fix the velocity inversion.
- Dec 1, 2022 : consistently handle velocity inversions during *Plus-Minus* and *Wavefront* method interpretation when using *Midpoint breaks* refractor mapping, independent of user option *Update branch points with Plus-Minus* in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* **ALT+M** refractor mapping dialog.
- Nov 30, 2022 : retested WibuKey runtime/driver [version 6.60](#) and [version 6.51](#) in Window 11 22H2 64-bit Pro. Both work just fine. Version 6.51 driver also still works in Window 7 64-bit Pro.
- Nov 29, 2022 : don't automatically fix refractor velocity inversions during *Plus-Minus* and *Wavefront* method interpretation using *Shot breaks* refractor mapping.
- Nov 29, 2022 : automatically fix velocity inversions when updating *Shot breaks* branch points using *Midpoint breaks* **ALT+M** refractor mapping if refractors are covered sufficiently only.
- Nov 26, 2022 : improved updating of branch points in *Shot breaks* with pinching out weathering layer during *Depth|Plus-Minus* using *Midpoint breaks mapping* with shot station

at same receiver station as for first/last spread channel mapped to weathering layer for forward/reverse shot direction.

- Nov 24, 2022 : improved branch point updating during Plus-Minus using *Midpoint breaks* **ALT+M** mapping for on-end shots with shot station at receiver station for first/last spread channel recorded.
- Nov 22, 2022 : improved error prompt when validating branch points in *Refractor|Shot breaks* during mapping with **ALT+L**. Prompt to delete branch points for current shot with **SHIFT+Z**.
- Nov 19, 2022 : enable option **Update branch points with Plus-Minus** in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* **ALT+M** mapping dialog for Standard version 4.03 of our software.
- Nov 18, 2022 : improved error prompt when DeltatV terminates early because the weathering velocity can't be determined. Prompt to increase value of *Basement crossover* parameter in *DeltatV Static Corrections* dialog.
- Nov 16, 2022 : let user force extrapolation of tomograms and starting models in *Header|Profile* with check box *Extrapolate tomograms* and edit field *Extrapolate [Station spacings]*. Shot points inside the extrapolated starting model/tomogram are regarded for *WET inversion*. Test this with our updated [free trial](#).
- Nov 10, 2022 : improved updating of branch points in *Shot breaks* with pinching out weathering layer / with outcropping refractors below topography during *Depth|Plus-Minus* using *Midpoint breaks* mapping with our Pro version.
- Nov 5, 2022 : allow negative *Min. velocity* in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits dialog*.
- Nov 5, 2022 : improved error prompt if *WET inversion* terminates early due to too low wavepath coverage in subsurface with strong velocity inversion etc. Prompt to repick first breaks and to repick branch points or to remap traces in *Midpoint breaks* for layered refraction starting model.
- Nov 4, 2022 : regard parameter **Max. basement velocity** specified by user with **ALT+M** in *Depth|Wavefront* depth section with option *Depth|Depth conversion Settings|Prefer Geometric basement velocity for Wavefront* unchecked.
- Nov 2, 2022 : if you have a **COORDS.COR** file with x/y/z coordinates for a x.5 station number at which you did not yet import a shot into your profile database :
 - select *File|Import Data* and reimport one shot for an adjacent shot station number
 - edit **Shot Number** to shot number not yet used for the profile in *Import Shot* dialog
 - edit **Shot pos. [station no.]** to x.5 in *Import Shot* dialog. Click **Read** button.
 - click **Skip** button in *Import Shot* dialog for all other shots
 - select *File|Update header data|Update Station Coordinates* and select your **COORDS.COR** file to update station coordinates in the profile database at all stations listed in the **.COR** file and interpolate between/extrapolate beyond stations listed in the **.COR** file.
 - don't pick first breaks for above copied shot so this dummy shot is disregarded during inversion of first breaks.
- Oct 31, 2022 : automatically fix velocity inversions between refractor 1 and refractor 2 for 3-layer case when mapping first breaks to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks*.
- Oct 31, 2022 : improved updating of branch points in *Shot breaks* for 3-layer case with pinching out overburden refractor during Plus-Minus using *Midpoint breaks* mapping with our Pro version.
- Oct 30, 2022 : tested our latest version 4.03 with Golden Software Surfer 11 & [WibuKey Runtime 6.60](#) under Windows 11 22H2 64-bit Pro. No issues found.
- Oct 28, 2022 : improved error prompts with invalid branch points when mapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Shot breaks*. Show shot number in title and text of prompts.
- Oct 28, 2022 : [Bonasera et al.](#) describe A multidisciplinary approach to detect the seismogenic source of the Tortona 1828 earthquake (Piedmont, Northwest Italy) (Italian Journal of Geosciences, 2022).
- Oct 24, 2022 : automatically correct shot station outside receiver spread to the nearest active receiver station used to record the shot, during import into *Line type* Borehole spread/line. Ask user to confirm correction of the shot station during import of the shot.

- Oct 14, 2022 : Bernal et al. describe Geophysical Analysis of Soils and its Contribution to Disaster Risk Reduction for [Millhuish area](#) and for [Challhuayaco area](#), San Marcos District, Huari Province in Peru (Instituto Geofísico del Perú 2022, in Spanish).
- Oct 12, 2022 : added more figures and updated figure captions in [new checkerboard test tutorial](#).
- Oct 9, 2022 : updated Surfer plot titles and figure captions in our [new checkerboard test tutorial](#). Added more figures showing DeltatV, XTV and WET dialogs and settings menus.
- Oct 9, 2022 : added links to DropBox .RAR archives in our [new checkerboard test tutorial](#).
- Oct 5, 2022 : review our [new tutorial](#) showing **checkerboard resolution test** for our sample profile TRA9002 using multiscale Conjugate-Gradient WET inversion with WDVS@250Hz (Wavelength-Dependent Velocity Smoothing, [Zelt and Chen 2016](#)).
- Sep 30, 2022 : renamed parameter **Weathering crossover** in *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Static Corrections* dialog to **Basement crossover** to discourage user from decreasing this parameter too much below default value of 10 stations. Updated status bar prompts and error messages.
- Sep 29, 2022 : [Handoyo et al.](#) show Characterization of the shallow subsurface structure across the Carrasco Fault System (SE Iberian Peninsula) using P-wave tomography and Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (Geologica Acta, Sep 2022). See also [Handoyo et al.](#) Geophysical Imaging of the Critical Zone along the Eastern Betic Shear Zone (EBSZ), SE Iberian Peninsula (Applied Sciences, March 2022).
- Sep 28, 2022 : improved error prompt “Degenerated starting model grid !” when long refraction line starting model grid has too few rows. Show column and row counts in prompt.
- Sep 26, 2022 : regard Golden Software Surfer limit of max. 32,767 grid columns and max. 32,767 grid rows when generating .GRD grid file for initial/starting model for Pro license and with long lines e.g. with marine refraction lines.
- Sep 26, 2022 : improved prompt “Needed to increase forced grid cell size” now showing adjusted grid column and row counts. Force the grid cell size in *Header|Profile*. See [3016 tutorial](#) Fig. 2.
- Sep 26, 2022 : [Hogan and Margrave](#) describe frequency-dependent Gaussian velocity smoothing (Crewes Research Report, Vol. 19/2007). This relates to our *WDVS smoothing* (Wavelength-Dependent Velocity Smoothing, [Zelt and Chen 2016](#)) using a Cosine-Squared smoothing function.
- Sep 17, 2022 : we added a slide to our [2018 Sinalunga work shop PowerPoint file](#) showing Multiscale Conjugate-Gradient WET inversion of TRA9002 profile using DeltatV starting model & WDVS@250Hz. Here is the [pdf version](#).
- Sep 17, 2022 : added more figures to [NGU G1 tutorial](#). In Fig. 36 we show multiscale WET inversion using our earlier optimized DeltaV+layered XTV starting model (Fig. 25). We enable WDVS (Wavelength-Dependent Velocity Smoothing; Zelt and Chen 2016) for sharper imaging of known fault zones in the basement.
- Sep 16, 2022 : select new option **File|Update data Settings|Don't apply shot delay and trigger delay to imported traces with 'Update Shotpoint coordinates' command** when updating traces imported from ASCII.ASC with .SHO file listing shot delay and trigger delay for SEG-2 or SEG-Y traces for same profile. When exporting to ASCII.ASC the shot delay and trigger delay is already included in the exported first break traveltimes.
- Sep 12, 2022 : always regard *Min. elevation* specified in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* during multirun WET inversion.
- Sep 9, 2022 : our SEG-2 import now supports 64-bit floating point sample format. Tested with ABEM Terraloc Pro 2 .SG2 files. All sample formats are converted to 32-bit floating point format when storing imported traces in the profile database.
- Sep 9, 2022 : improved display of wait cursor with new *WET progress dialog*.
- Sep 9, 2022 : show cancelled WET inversion during *WDVS smoothing* in status bar.
- Sep 7, 2022 : keep *WET progress dialog* with *Cancel* button alive during *WDVS smoothing*.
- Sep 7, 2022 : tested latest 4.03 and 4.03 Pro in Windows 10 Pro 32-bit 21H2 under Parallels with Surfer 11 free demo.

- Sep 4, 2022 : tested latest Golden Software Surfer Beta version 24 in Windows 7 64-bit & Windows 10 64-bit Pro with our latest version 4.03.
- Sep 4, 2022 : [Trebsche et al.](#) describe Combining geophysical prospection and core drilling: Reconstruction of a Late Bronze Age copper mine at Priggwitz-Gasteil in the Eastern Alps (Austria) (Archeological Prospection, Aug 2022).
- Sep 4, 2022 : [Censini et al.](#) describe Seismic tomography: A Vital Tool in the Preliminary Investigation Stage of any Hydropower Plant. Examples of Two Large Projects in Ethiopia: the Gibe III and the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam Projects (Georisorse Italia Sas, 2013).
- Aug 27, 2022 : [Justin Anning](#) describes Comparing Sub Bottom Profiling and Seismic Refraction Tomography Results and Interpretations for Coastal Marine Geotechnical Projects (EEGS FastTIMES, Aug 2022).
- Aug 19, 2022 : recheck for heap leaks in Compuware HeapAgent for Win32 version 10.01 in Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 debug build. No new leaks or memory array boundary overwrites found.
- Aug 18, 2022 : terminate multirun WET inversion early if user clicks *Cancel* button in new *WET progress dialog*.
- Aug 13, 2022 : tested our latest Pro version 4.03 in Windows 10 21H2 running under VMWare Fusion 12.1.0 on Apple Intel 2018 macMini with WET option **Enable AWE physical memory page caching** checked. Run as Admin as shown in our [AWE configuration .pdf](#).
- Aug 12, 2022 : show progress of WET inversion in **new WET dialog with progress bar**. Allow early termination of WET with *Cancel* button. The last WET iteration completed is plotted in Surfer.
- Aug 12, 2022 : we now refresh *Refractor|Shot breaks display* when semi-automatic/polyline picking shot gather trace segments with option **Processing|Refresh shot breaks when picking traces** checked.
- Aug 11, 2022 : tested our latest version 4.03 in Windows 10 21H2 running under VMWare Fusion 12.1.0 on Apple Intel 2018 macMini.
- Aug 9, 2022 : faster invocation of Golden Software Scriptor for plotting of tomograms and wavepath coverage plots. Helps with multirun WET inversion under Windows 10/11 64-bit.
- Aug 9, 2022 : we now refresh the opened *Refractor|Shot breaks display* after automatic picking with **ALT+B** in *Trace|Shot gather* with option **Processing|Refresh shot breaks when picking traces** checked.
- Aug 9, 2022 : our new dialog **Grid|Edit shot labeling parameters** allows forcing of the vertical offset between shot labels for shots positioned at same offset.
- Aug 6, 2022 : review an updated description of [Microsoft Address Windowing Extensions](#) supported with our Pro version. This allows accessing all installed RAM memory on your PC above 4GB limit. See our instructions on [how to enable AWE](#) for our Pro version software.
- July 31, 2022 : updated paragraph *Conclusions* in [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#) on last page.
- July 30, 2022 : view our updated [help chapter on DeltatV inversion](#) describing renamed control *Basement crossover* in *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Static Corrections* dialog.
- July 29, 2022 : further [updated help](#) chapter on *Pseudo-2D DeltatV / Static corrections* dialog.
- July 29, 2022 : review [Flinchum](#) on What Do P-Wave Velocities Tell Us About the Critical Zone ? (Frontiers in Water, Jan 2022).
- July 28, 2022 : [Shams](#) describes The use of Surface Wave methods in terrain susceptible to shallow land slides in the city of Campos do Jordao, Brazil (thesis Univ. Sao Paulo, 2016).
- July 28, 2022 : [Camacho](#) describes Caracterización geofísica del sistema de fallas Alhama Murcia (FAM). Transepto la Torrecilla. Lorca, España (thesis Univ. de Granada, 2016).
- July 28, 2022 : improved WET error handling in connection with new WET progress dialog.
- July 23, 2022 : renamed DeltatV parameter *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Static Corrections|Weathering crossover* to **Basement crossover**. This emphasizes that this parameter must not be decreased (from default 10 stations) to avoid over-correction of basement-refracted arrivals to floating datum using too low *overburden velocity* obtained

from this crossover value especially with strongly undulating topography and with too wide *Topography filter* parameter. See our [NGU_G1](#) tutorial Fig. 30.

- July 23, 2022 : retest 4.03 in updated Windows 11 21H2. As fast as in Windows 7 64-bit Pro now.
- July 23, 2022 : redo profile-guided optimization for latest version 4.03 builds in Visual Studio 2022 Pro. Make sure new progress dialog display does not slow down WET inversion.
- July 22, 2022 : rebuilt our latest version 4.03 in Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 Pro version 17.2.6. Tested in Windows 10 21H1 and Windows 7 64-bit Pro.
- July 21, 2022 : review our updated .pdf help chapter [Picking first breaks](#). We describe how to pick shear-waves on the last two pages, using our *Trace|Shotpoint gather* display.
- July 20, 2022 : write new *DeltatV settings* to .PAR file and restore from .PAR file.
- July 19, 2022 : added step-by-step instructions to [NGU_G1](#) and [Aaknes-1](#) tutorials on how to obtain NGU pessimized DeltatV interpretations using bad **DELTA TV**.PAR files made available by NGU on July 4th, 2022. Compare against NGU_G1 DeltatV with default static corrections & layered XTV inversion and compare with default Aaknes-1 DeltatV.
- July 16, 2022 : updated figure captions and text on last page in [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#).
- July 15, 2022 : view our latest [help chapter on XTV inversion](#) and parameters. We used the free [CutePDF writer](#) driver in Windows help viewer with *File|Print Topic* command to generate the .pdf.
- July 14, 2022 : view our latest [help chapter on DeltatV inversion](#).
- July 14, 2022 : our updated [free trial](#) allows using *DeltatV|XTV parameters* dialog settings with *DeltatV|Automatic DeltatV* and comes with latest help file.
- July 14, 2022 : added *DeltatV|DeltatV Export options* dialog to edit export options without having to go through *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV* main dialog. Use with *DeltatV|Automatic DeltatV*.
- July 14, 2022 : review .png showing latest help on [DeltatV|DeltatV Settings](#) menu items
- July 13, 2022 : review .jpg showing latest [help on DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV](#) main dialog
- July 13, 2022 : review latest help on [DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Static corrections](#) dialog
- July 13, 2022 : review latest help on [DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Export options](#) dialog
- July 11, 2022 : further [updated help](#) chapter on *Pseudo-2D DeltatV / Static corrections* dialog.
- July 10, 2022 : show *DeltatV inversion* with pessimized NGU DeltatV settings & parameters (Fig. 28) vs. our *Automatic DeltatV* (Fig. 29) in [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#). Compare DeltatV .PAR files in Fig. 31.
- July 7, 2022 : further [updated help](#) chapter on *Pseudo-2D DeltatV / Static corrections* dialog. The *DeltatV weathering velocity* needs to represent the whole weathered overburden and not just the topmost "weathering layer" used in layered refraction interpretation with *Plus-Minus* method. So the DeltatV weathering velocity typically needs to be much higher than the layered refraction "weathering velocity". Otherwise *DeltatV static correction* will over-correct first breaks to floating datum especially with strongly undulating topography and strong topography curvature and with too wide *Topography filter* used for *Surface consistent* static corrections. The weathering/overburden velocity is estimated based on parameter *Weathering crossover*.
- July 6, 2022 : regard new *DeltatV|XTV parameters|Use above XTV settings for Automatic DeltatV* with *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Limit DeltatV velocity exported to maximum 1D-gradient velocity* checked.
- July 5, 2022 : added more figures to our latest tutorial [NGU_G1](#) showing interactive DeltatV with pessimized DeltatV settings used by NGU for their 2020_044 report. Compare DeltatV settings.
- July 3, 2022 : updated help chapters *XTV inversion*, *Mapping traces to refractors* and *Pseudo-2D DeltatV / Static corrections* dialog options. Download & run our updated [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- July 1, 2022 : added checkbox *Use above XTV settings for Automatic DeltatV* in *DeltatV|XTV parameters* dialog. Leave unchecked to force *Gradient model* XTV settings for *Automatic DeltatV*. See Fig. 27 in updated tutorial [NGU_G1](#) .

- June 30, 2022 : added more figures to our latest tutorial [NGU_G1](#) showing interactive DeltatV with layered XTV settings. Describe step-by-step how to obtain these figures.
- June 29, 2022 : you may want to configure your Parallels VM with **Optimization, Resource usage** set to **Low** to prevent spurious/bogus error prompts “Refractor not defined forward 0” e.g. with [SAGEEP11](#) profile when mapping traces to refractors with ALT+L in *Refractor|Shot breaks*. These prompts can occur when running on 2011 MacBook Air with RAM memory issues or SSD issues and dead battery.
- June 28, 2022 : [Garcia-Ocampo](#) shows Resolution study of tomographic P-wave velocity models and geological interpretation at the Empordà basin (Thesis Univ. Barcelona 2017).
- June 28, 2022 : [Marie Tungka](#) shows Determining subsurface geology with seismic refraction tomography survey (2022 IOP Conf. Ser.: Earth Environ. Sci. 1003 012037).
- June 28, 2022 : added more figures to our latest tutorial [NGU_G1](#) showing multiscale WET settings.
- June 27, 2022 : improved *File|Update header data|Update refractor branches from .BRN*
- June 27, 2022 : faster *Mapping|Delete branch points for all shots* in *Refractor|Shot breaks* display
- June 27, 2022 : our updated [free trial](#) allows export to .BRN and update with .BRN branch point files.
- June 26, 2022 : added more figures to our latest tutorial [NGU_G1](#) with *Smooth inversion* output shown in Fig. 16 with RMS error 0.9%/0.55ms.
- June 25, 2022 : optimize DeltatV inversion in Fig. 4 in our [short tutorial](#).
- June 23, 2022 : don't reset *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Export Options|Max. velocity exported* to 5,000 m/s with option *DeltatV|DeltatV settings|Limit DeltatV velocity exported to maximum 1D-gradient velocity* checked.
- June 23, 2022 : don't enable *DeltatV|DeltatV settings|Limit DeltatV velocity exported to maximum 1D-gradient velocity* for short profiles when resetting *DeltatV settings* to defaults. Disable per default.
- June 22, 2022 : optimize DeltatV interpretation shown in latest tutorial [NGU_G1](#). Add links to archives on DropBox.
- June 21, 2022 : we have added more figures to our latest tutorial [NGU_G1](#) and now show layered refraction interpretation with *Plus-Minus* method in Fig. 10 with RMS error 2.8%/1.7ms.
- June 20, 2022 : added *OK/Cancel/Reset* buttons to ALT+M *model parameters* dialog in depth sections shown with *Depth|Plus-Minus* etc.
- June 20, 2022 : added controls **limit maximum basement velocity** and **Max. basement velocity [m/sec]** in *Depth|Plus-Minus* and *Depth|Wavefront* sections. Press ALT+M to bring up the *model parameters* dialog.
- June 17, 2022 : use *File|Export header data|Export refractor branches to .BRN* to export branch points for all shots to ASCII .BRN file.
- June 17, 2022 : use *File|Update header data|Update refractor branches from .BRN* to import branch points for all shots from ASCII .BRN file.
- June 16, 2022 : our latest tutorial shows import of [NGU model G1](#) data and update of header data plus pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion.
- June 15, 2022 : new checkbox **Update branch points with Plus-Minus (Pro only)** in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* mapping dialog displayed with ALT+M. With this option checked our Pro version will update branch points in *Refractor|Shot breaks* display once you click button *Map Traces* and next select *Depth|Plus-Minus* or *Depth|Wavefront* layered refraction method.
- June 15, 2022 : added new command *Mapping|Delete branch points for all shots* in *Refractor|Shot breaks* display.
- June 14, 2022 : updated text in new [short tutorial](#) and included fixed coordinate file G1.SHOTS.COR in archive [input_ngu_g1.zip](#) . Use fixed G1.SHOTS.COR instead of bad G1.COORDS.COR with version 4.02 of our software, with *File|Update header data|Update Station Coordinates*.

- June 13, 2022 : reset *Mapping|Gray picked traveltimes* curves when user remaps traces to refractors in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* display with ALT+M.
- June 12, 2022 : fixed .RAR archives referenced from our [short tutorial](#).
- June 10, 2022 : view our [short tutorial](#) showing *Automatic DeltatV* inversion with default DeltatV settings of synthetic traveltimes for NGU report 2020_044 Fig. 11 model G1 (leftmost column).
- June 9, 2022 : add new option ***Extrapolate tomogram over 30 stations*** to *DeltatV|DeltatV settings* menu and to *Depth|Depth conversion Settings* menu.
- June 7, 2022 : check new option ***Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Extrapolate tomogram over 30 stations*** before running *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model* so WET inversion will regard off-end shots with shot points up to 30 station spacings away from first/last profile receiver.
- June 7, 2022 : ask user to confirm warning prompt about velocity artefacts below off-end shot points due to missing receivers when user checks above new option.
- June 4, 2022 : update profile's off-end topography after *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates* with *File|Import Data Settings|Extrapolate receiver line coordinates* unchecked.
- June 4, 2022 : for version 4.02 builds export shotpoint-updated station coordinates with *File|Export header data|Export Station Coordinates*. Now *File|Update header data|Update Station Coordinates* with just exported COORDS.COR & *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates* with previous SHOTPTS.SHO.
- June 2, 2022 : we have rebuilt our [raywn402.exe base installer](#) with latest help file. This now also installs SEG2_Update.EXE into your c:\RAY32\BIN folder. See [instructions for version 4.01 base](#) installer. After running the base installer next run our custom rayup402.exe or rayup403.exe installer coded to match the license number in your dongle. See our installation email for instructions.
- June 1, 2022 : ask user to open correct profile with *File|Open Profile* if user selects .GRD file in different profile directory than currently opened profile directory with *Grid menu* items.

Version 4.02 released in May 2022 :

- May 30, 2022 : write debug grids & mask grids & WDVS grids to **DEBUG** subdirectory in your currently opened profile database folder instead of writing to c:\RAY32\DAT with option *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Write|Write blanked and mask grids and WDVS debug grids* checked.
- May 30, 2022 : ask user to open correct profile with *File|Open Profile* if user selects .GRD in different directory than currently opened profile directory with *Grid menu* item ***Export grid file to ASCII.TXT***
- May 30, 2022 : use our *Grid menu* item ***Export grid file to ASCII.TXT*** for WET tomogram .GRD files obtained for currently opened profile database only, to ensure consistent x/y/z coordinates in the exported .TXT file. See our [pdf reference](#) on page 197.
- May 21, 2022 : updated introduction to help chapter *Pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion* in [help file](#).
- May 21, 2022 : test our updated [free trial](#) now with latest help file included.
- May 20, 2022 : added paragraph ***Add correct x/y/z coordinates to SEG-2 trace headers*** to [help file](#) chapter *Seismic and header data import*. Describe usage of our new SEG2_Update utility.
- May 20, 2022 : updated paragraph ***WDVS velocity smoothing*** in [help file](#) chapter *Forward model traveltimes*. Describe new WDVS option.
- May 19, 2022 : added paragraph ***Shear wave picking*** at end of chapter *Picking first breaks* in updated [help file](#). Show how to configure trace processing and display options for easy shear wave picking.
- May 18, 2022 : updated comments on DeltatV inversion in our [3016 tutorial](#) on page 12. As shown in Fig. 4 in our [synthetic thrust fault zone tutorial](#), our pseudo-2D *DeltatV inversion*

can image local velocity inversions, with close enough shot and receiver spacing and favorable subsurface geology.

- May 15, 2022 : updated instructions and comments in our [Line14_WDVS](#) tutorial.
- May 14, 2022 : [O'Sullivan](#) describes Engineering geological investigation of earthquake-induced ground damage and tensile characteristics of loess-colluvium soils, Eastern Hillsborough Valley, Christchurch (Univ. of Canterbury thesis, 2015) correlating SRT profile over fault zone with borehole stratigraphy.
- May 13, 2022 : [Mebrahtu](#) describes Failure mechanisms and stability analysis of deep-seated landslides in the northwestern Rift escarpment, Ethiopia (Ruhr-Universität Bochum thesis, 2020) using SRT.
- May 13, 2022 : [Himi et al.](#) describe The Use of Geophysical Data in the Evaluation of Landslide Stability, correlating SRT with ERT and lithological log data (Universitat de Barcelona 2022).
- May 13, 2022 : add Fig. 39 and Fig. 40 to [3016 tutorial](#) showing more samples of WDVSTIME.GRD imaging in Surfer. Explain asymmetric shape of WDVS area.
- May 12, 2022 : show multiscale WET with Plus-Minus layered refraction starting model in [3016 tutorial](#). Show how to obtain Plus-Minus method starting model.
- May 10, 2022 : show multiscale WET in [3016 tutorial](#) for even better resolution of overburden layering and sharper contrast between overburden and basement.
- May 9, 2022 : further expanded text in [3016 tutorial](#) on last few pages.
- May 8, 2022 : add Fig. 29 to [3016 tutorial](#) showing interactive WET using DeltatV starting model : same as Fig. 23 but using WET *wavepath frequency* of 30Hz instead of default 50Hz.
- May 7, 2022 : correctly handle *Cancel* button in file selection dialog shown with *File|Update header data|Update Receiver Coordinates*. Test with [3016 tutorial](#).
- May 7, 2022 : show DeltatV artefacts warning prompt in [3016 tutorial](#). Reformat figures.
- May 6, 2022 : show interactive WET inversion using DeltatV starting model in [3016 tutorial](#) with minimal WET smoothing. Use *Ricker wavelet* for back-projection of velocity update across wavepath.
- May 5, 2022 : updated archive [3016_SEG2.zip](#) with fixed .SEG2 files so SEG-2 import works with *File|SEG-2 import settings|Receiver coordinates specified* checked as in Fig. 17 in [3016 tutorial](#).
- May 1, 2022 : added two more figures to [latest tutorial](#). Describe how to generate Fig. 19 Surfer plot showing image map of WDVSTIME.GRD in Golden Software Surfer version 23.
- Apr 29, 2022 : added two more figures to [latest tutorial](#). In Fig. 19 we show Surfer plot of WDVSTIME.GRD showing delay time along scan lines from central grid node, using WET grid velocity.
- Apr 28, 2022 : added Fig. 17 to [latest tutorial](#) showing how to configure *SEG-2 import settings*. Expanded text comparing Fig. 7 with Fig. 14.
- Apr 27, 2022 : added more figures to [latest tutorial](#) and described near-surface layering from borehole drilled at station 101. Added download links for .RAR archives. Updated text and captions.
- Apr 26, 2022 : our [latest tutorial](#) shows *Smooth inversion* (discarding *WET smoothing* after forward modeling) for refraction profile recorded over strongly weathered sandstone in Australia
- Apr 25, 2022 : review our [updated brochure](#). We now use up to 32 CPU cores with Pro version for even faster parallelized WET inversion of large data sets recorded with long lines or land/marine streamer.
- Apr 23, 2022 : [Burton et al.](#) describe Hydrogeophysical Investigations of Earthen Dams-Two California Case Studies (CSEG Recorder, Dec 2017)
- Apr 23, 2022 : [Hunter et al.](#) describe Seismic site characterization with shear wave (SH) reflection and refraction methods (Journal of Seismology 2022)
- Apr 23, 2022 : [Hunter et al.](#) describe Shear wave velocity measurement guidelines for Canadian seismic site characterization in soil and rock (Natural Resources Canada 2012)

- Apr 14, 2022 : we recommend [disabling Google Chrome software reporting tool](#) for performance and privacy reasons.
- Apr 12, 2022 : [Amanti et al.](#) describe Le attività del Servizio Geologico d'Italia (Ispra) a seguito della sequenza sismica del 2016-2017 in Italia Centrale and correlate MASW with SRT and HVSR for seismic microzonation (Geological Survey of Italy).v
- Apr 9, 2022 : more robust SEG Y import. Stop scanning shots in current SEG Y file once 1000 shots have been scanned.
- Apr 8, 2022 : fixed broken/outdated links to publications listed at <https://rayfract.com/modeling.htm>
- Apr 7, 2022 : fixed broken/outdated links to publications listed at <https://rayfract.com> main page
- Apr 7, 2022 : [Eulilli et al.](#) describe Integrated geophysical surveys supporting shallow subsurface faults detection and characterization : two case studies in the Central Appennines (6th International INQUA Meeting on Paleoseismology, Active Tectonics and Archaeoseismology, Italy 2015)
- Apr 6, 2022 : [Watts et al.](#) published An Assessment of Geophysical Survey Techniques for Characterising the Subsurface Around Glacier Margins, and Recommendations for Future Applications (Frontiers in Earth Science, Feb 2022)
- Apr 3, 2022 : updated comments in our [new tutorial](#) on page 7
- Apr 1, 2022 : [Samad et al.](#) describe Detection of Soil Pipes using Refraction Seismics (SAGEEP 2022 conference abstract, Denver Colorado Mar 2022)
- Mar 30, 2022 : our Pro version can now use up to 32 CPU cores and OpenMP threads for parallelized *WET inversion* instead of maximum of 16 CPU cores with previous build.
- Mar 26, 2022 : [Koley et al.](#) describe Surface and underground seismic characterization at Terziet in Limburg—the Euregio Meuse–Rhine candidate site for Einstein Telescope (Classical and Quantum Gravity, Jan 2022)
- Mar 24, 2022 : tested latest 4.02 Standard build in Windows 11 Pro 21H2 with latest Surfer 23 version Feb 1, 2022. No issues found.
- Mar 22, 2022 : show *Band-Pass* and *High-Pass* frequency filters in our [new tutorial](#) (Fig. 26 and 27)
- Mar 21, 2022 : show how to sharpen *WET wavepath coverage plot* in our [new tutorial](#) (Fig. 25) and update figure captions and instructions
- Mar 19, 2022 : show alternative interpretation in our [new tutorial](#) using *Plus-Minus layered refraction* starting model
- Mar 17, 2022 : write new *DeltatV|DeltatV settings* and new *Model|Forward modeling Settings* to .PAR file with *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Write new DeltatV settings to .PAR file* checked.
- Mar 17, 2022 : prompt user to confirm when enabling *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Write new DeltatV settings to .PAR file*. Warn that resulting .PAR files are not downward compatible with earlier builds of our software.
- Mar 15, 2022 : view our [updated brochure](#) for latest specifications and capabilities
- Mar 14, 2022 : regard option *File|Import Data Settings|Default time unit is seconds* for import of GeoTomCG .3DD files. This option is unchecked when user selects GeoTomCG format in *Import Data* dialog or when user opens existing database with GeoTomCG format selected in this dialog.
- Mar 14, 2022 : show alternative interpretation in our [new tutorial](#) using *1D-gradient starting model*
- Mar 12, 2022 : write new WDVS parameters to .PAR file & restore from .PAR file
- Mar 12, 2022 : per default activate WDVS setting *Add nodes once only with overlapping scan lines*
- Mar 11, 2022 : updated text on page <https://rayfract.com/pricing.htm> to make it more clear that your Standard license is a permanent license and does NOT expire when paid support period expires. See also our [Standard licensing agreement](#).
- Mar 11, 2022 : updated/expanded text in [new tutorial](#) and updated figure captions

- Mar 10, 2022 : view our [new tutorial](#) showing multiscale WET inversion of our Line14 sample profile made available by our Spanish reseller IGT/Medios Geofísicos S.L. We show improved lateral resolution in basement using multiscale WET inversion and WDVS velocity smoothing.
- Mar 7, 2022 : [Soejono et al.](#) show Interdisciplinary geoscientific approach to radioactive waste repository site selection (Journal of Maps, Dec 2021)
- Mar 7, 2022 : [Polcino](#) correlates downhole seismic with SRT and MASW (Studio Geologico Dott.ssa Sara Polcino 2008)
- Feb 27, 2022 : [Flechsigt et al.](#) show Integrated geophysical and geological methods to investigate the inner and outer structures of the Quaternary Mýtina maar (W-Bohemia, Czech Republic) in (International Journal of Earth Sciences, Jan 2015)
- Feb 27, 2022 : [Lindvall and Larsson](#) show Combined tunneling site investigations with resistivity and refraction seismic in urban underwater environments (Lund University 2016 thesis)
- Feb 27, 2022 : [Cho et al.](#) describe Crossplot Interpretation of Electrical Resistivity and Seismic Velocity Values for Mapping Weak Zones in Levees (The Journal of Engineering Geology, Dec 2021)
- Feb 27, 2022 : [Arndt et al.](#) show P- and S-Wave Hybridseismics: Non-Destructive Geotechnical Site Characterizations Using State-Of-Science Surface Geophysics (6th International Conference on Geotechnical and Geophysical Site Characterization, Budapest, Sep 2021)
- Feb 23, 2022 : for easy instructions on how to copy or move files between Windows directories see <https://www.howtogeek.com/667029/how-to-copy-or-move-files-and-folders-in-windows-10/>
- Feb 23, 2022 : updated our [Getting started instructions](#) with above link
- Feb 22, 2022 : with *Grid|Plot topography on tomogram* checked edit the polyline colour for topo :
 - go into Surfer 22/23 velocity tomogram plot and check *View, Contents*
 - in Surfer *Contents tab* click plus symbol left of item Base(Vector)-WAVEMODL.BLN
 - click on bottom-most *Polyline* label
 - in tab *Line properties* at bottom-left change colour from white to e.g. Forest Green or Pink
- Feb 18, 2022 : view our updated [Canadian trademark registration](#)
- Feb 15, 2022 : to enable *Model|Forward model traveltimes* command you first need to run our *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model* command and confirm prompts to obtain WET output.
- Feb 14, 2022 : to edit lateral refractor smoothing for *Plus-Minus, Wavefront and CMP intercept-time refraction* methods click *No button* in *WET continuation prompt*. Click on depth section title bar and press ALT+M to show the model parameters dialog. See help chapter *WET inversion with layered refraction starting model* on page 245 of our [.pdf reference](#).
- Feb 11, 2022 : *DeltatV|XTV Parameters dialog* settings are not regarded for *DeltatV|Automatic DeltatV and WET inversion*. Instead we use XTV settings obtained by clicking *Gradient model* button in the XTV Parameters dialog, for *Automatic DeltatV inversion*.
- Feb 11, 2022 : *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV inversion* does regard *DeltatV|XTV Parameters* settings.
- Feb 10, 2022 : [Granja-Bruña et al.](#) correlate ERT, SRT, Refraction Microtremor (ReMi), Magnetic Resonance sounding (MRS) and Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) with sediment cores for infill geometry and reconstruction of former glacial formations (Journal of Applied Geophysics Dec 2021)
- Feb 10, 2022 : [Simms et al.](#) correlate ERT with SRT for identification of anomalous zones which could be sand boils along dam (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/ERDC report Sep 2021)
- Feb 10, 2022 : [Di Mauro et al.](#) correlate P-wave velocity obtained with SRT with lithological log obtained from borehole

- Feb 10, 2022 : [Ospina and Andrés](#) use SRT and MASW to model velocity and determine lithology on top of salt mine (Univ. de los Andes thesis 2020)
- Feb 10, 2022 : [Sandoval](#) uses core drilling, SRT, Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) techniques, petrographic tests, X-ray diffraction tests and X-ray fluorescence for qualitative and quantitative description of the micro-macro structure of slates (UPC Barcelona thesis 2021)
- Feb 10, 2022 : [Benboudiaf et al.](#) use clustering of P-wave vs. S-wave velocity to differentiate geological layers based on seismic velocity (SEG Geophysics Oct 2021)
- Feb 7, 2022 : added more instructions for configuration of CodeMeter server via WebAdmin running under Windows 10 or 11 in our [WebAdmin .pdf](#) on page 3
- Feb 5, 2022 : when specifying a .BLN *blanking file* in *WET Tomo|WET Velocity constraints dialog* you may see a low-velocity artefact/layer below the blanked region with *blanking velocity* of 1,500m/s for water overburden. Specify a *blanking percentage* of 20% in column 4 of the .BLN header line and decrease the blanking velocity in column 3 by 20% to 1,300m/s to avoid this artefact.
- Feb 5, 2022 : updated Fig. 6/7/8 and instructions in [WebAdmin .pdf](#)
- Feb 2, 2022 : updated [WebAdmin .pdf](#) with Fig. 6/7/8 showing how to configure your router and server PC for public Internet access to CodeMeter server. Add WAN IP address for your router on client PC using WebAdmin (Fig. 4).
- Feb 2, 2022 : new DeltatV setting *Regard 3D source-receiver offset for all traces*. Uncheck to regard 3D source-receiver offset for traces max. 5 station spacings from shot station only. This option is unchecked per default. Checking this option may help with lines which are bent in xy plane.
- Feb 1, 2022 : view our updated 2022 [color ad](#)
- Jan 29, 2022 : we now host the [CodeMeter 7.30a runtime installer for macOS 10.13 High Sierra](#).
- Jan 28, 2022 : renamed *interactive DeltatV static* options to *No statics/regard shot offset for all traces* and *No statics/regard shot offset for near traces*. Per default regard shot offset for all traces for determination of weathering velocity used to correct first breaks for shotpoint offsets from line.
- Jan 27, 2022 : added Fig. 5 to [CodeMeter client/server configuration guide](#) showing how to display active Rayfract® sessions in WebAdmin Dashboard, License Monitoring, Sessions tab. Updated text.
- Jan 26, 2022 : we now show in our [CodeMeter client/server configuration guide](#) *how to enable remote WebAdmin read access for all clients* in WebAdmin server configuration in Fig. 3. Without enabling this server option the client/server communication will not work.
- Jan 24, 2022 : updated [Configure CodeMeter client and server via WebAdmin.pdf](#) explicitly lists all steps mentioned in figure captions.
- Jan 24, 2022 : here is the current [download link for CmAdmin_en.pdf](#) CodeMeter Administrator Guide
- Jan 23, 2022 : new *DeltatV* and *refractor mapping* option *Regard true receiver coordinates for shot offset correction* is listed below option *Regard mapping for shot offset correction*
- Jan 23, 2022 : improved correction of first breaks for offset of shot point (including shot depth) from receiver line and correction for offset of receivers from receiver stations
- Jan 16, 2022 : tested Surfer 23 and CodeMeter 7.40 in Windows 11 21H2 with latest 4.02
- Jan 16, 2022 : redid profile-guided optimization using latest Visual Studio 2019 in Windows 10 21H1
- Jan 15, 2022 : tested latest Golden Software Surfer 23 released Jan 3, 2022 under Windows 7 64-bit Pro and Windows 10 version 21H1.
- Jan 14, 2022 : tested latest CodeMeter version 7.40 under Windows 10 21H1
- Jan 12, 2022 : reset weight of WDVS velocity grid nodes to zero outside WDVS area / with time above one WDVS period. Helps to suppress WDVS artefacts in WET tomograms.

- Jan 12, 2022 : fixed our new WDVS option *add all velocity nodes within WDVS area with radius of one wavelength*. Correctly determine time for velocity grid nodes inside WDVS area (Zelt and Chen 2016).
- Jan 6, 2022 : added radio button *No statics with true offsets incl. shot offsets* to *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Static Corrections* dialog. Source-receiver offset is determined by Cartesian distance in 3D.
- Jan 6, 2022 : renamed former radio button *No static corrections applied* to *No static corrections with offset along topo*. Source-receiver offset is determined by station number difference. For station number difference smaller than or equal to 5 station spacings we use Cartesian distance in 3D instead.
- Jan 5, 2022 : edit the Contour Level method in Surfer Object Manager (named Contents in Surfer 22) :
 - on top of Surfer version 22 window check box *Contents*
 - in *Contents* window at left top left-click on *Contours map symbol*
 - in *Levels* tab set *Level method* to **simple**. This is initialized to **advanced** per default.
- Dec 29, 2021 : increase maximum allowed value for WDVS parameter *Angle increment between scan lines* to 20 degrees from former 10 degrees. A larger increment results in faster WDVS smoothing.
- Dec 27, 2021 : improved accuracy of *Model|WDS smoothing* when checking new option *add all velocity nodes within WDVS area*. Regard all velocity grid nodes on interpolated boundary of WDVS area. Also improved speed of WDVS smoothing with this option checked.
- Dec 27, 2021 : write *WDVSMASK.GRD* and *WDVSTIME.GRD* for each 10th velocity grid node to *C:\RAY32\DAT* with option *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Write|Write blanked and mask grids and WDVS debug grids* checked.
- Dec 22, 2021 : we offer two more options in our *Model|WDVS Smoothing* dialog :
 - check *add all velocity nodes within WDVS area with radius of one wavelength* to determine WDVS velocity as described by (Zelt and Chen 2016). Increase the *WDVS frequency* with this option checked to avoid WET artefacts and too high RMS errors.
 - check *pad wdvs area border with one grid cell* to avoid ragged tomogram bottom
 - these two options are not enabled for our free trial
 - enabling option *add all velocity nodes within WDVS area with radius of one wavelength* will substantially increase the WET runtime especially for small grid cell size.
 - we recommend leaving these new options unchecked for faster WET inversion
 - alternatively check our new WDVS option *add nodes once only with overlapping scan lines for velocity averaging* for a good and much faster approximation of full WDVS smoothing (Zelt and Chen 2016).
- Dec 18, 2021 : for shallow marine refraction surveys with sources located above the receiver spread we assume that shotpoint z in column no. 4 in the *SHOTPT.SHO* is at same level as the receiver spread, at shot station no. listed in 3rd-last column in the *SHOTPTS.SHO* obtained via *File|Export header data* :
 - lookup the interpolated shot station coordinates in the *COORDS.COR* also obtained via *File|Export header data* submenu
 - copy shot station z from *COORDS.COR* column no. 4 into column no. 4 in the *SHOTPTS.SHO*
 - set *shot depth* in *SHOTPTS.SHO* column no. 5 to difference between inline shot station z just copied from *COORDS.COR* and true source elevation above the receiver spread.
 - this will give you a *negative shot hole depth*
- Dec 18, 2021 : with negative shot hole depths check *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank* option *Regard negative shot depth*. Also check option *Don't blank above topography* and specify a *blanking file* in *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints* as in our [SR6 tutorial](#).

- Dec 17, 2021 : test latest [4.02 free trial](#) with updated *WDVS Smoothing* dialog, see bullet Dec 13, 2021.f
- Dec 16, 2021 : write line entry “Grid disk file name” with .TXT extension to .PAR file for DeltatV .TXT file.
- Dec 13, 2021 : new *Model|WDVS Smoothing* option ***add nodes once only with overlapping scan lines for velocity averaging***. This option can help to suppress WDVS artefacts and to speed up WDVS with small *Angle increment between scan lines*. With this option enabled you need to increase the *WDVS frequency* to prevent too large RMS errors.
- Dec 13, 2021 : increased default *WDVS frequency* from 200Hz to 300Hz.
- Dec 9, 2021 : our [KING17](#) joint hole WET inversion works well with WDVS@250Hz and 100 Steepest-Descent WET iterations. *Discard WET smoothing* after forward modeling. Specify *Manual WET smoothing* with *half-width 10 & half-height 1*. Set *Max. velocity* to 3,200m/s. Set *Ricker differentiation* to -2 [Cosine-Squared]. Force *grid cell size* to 0.5m.
- Dec 7, 2021 : new menu item *File|SEG-2 import settings|Update SEG-2 files with coordinates* calls into our new SEG2_Update.EXE app. See below.
- Dec 4, 2021 : here is an archive with the [Free Pascal project](#) files including .PAS source for above SEG2_Update. We used Lazarus development environment version 2.2.0RC2 released Oct 31/2021.
- Dec 2, 2021 : when you check option *Model|Model each receiver* for joint WET inversion with borehole profiles added in *Header|Profile* we now regard this option selected for the main/currently opened profile database for all added borehole profiles. For earlier builds you need to check this option for each of the added borehole profiles, after opening the borehole profile with *File|Open Profile*. We tested this with our [KING17](#) joint WET inversion tutorial.
- Nov 30, 2021 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Calling Surfer* with more screen shots and improved text. Also updated paragraph ***Import GeoTomCG .3DD trace files*** in chapter *Seismic and header data import*.
- Nov 30, 2021 : how to pick a .BLN blanking file in Surfer 11 : display a WET tomogram with our *Grid menu* item *Image and contour*. Click on Map symbol in Object Manager at top-left. Now select item *Digitize* in *Map menu*. Once you have picked the closed polygon on the tomogram plot select *File menu* item *Save As* at top-left of window with polygon coordinates. Save to .BLN file e.g. digitized.blm .
- Nov 29, 2021 : updated logic for extrapolation of initial refraction method models for ***joint WET inversion*** with borehole profiles added in *Header|Profile*. Our [joint WET inversion](#) now works with ***boreholes which are outside the refraction spread*** i.e. laterally offset from first/last refraction receiver.
- Nov 23, 2021 : updated our one-page [brochure](#) and flyer showing support for latest Windows 11 and Surfer 22 versions. Advertise automatic mapping of traces to refractors for layered refraction methods.
- Nov 22, 2021 : updated comments and links in our [P6 tutorial](#) showing multiple/alternative starting models for WET inversion
- Nov 17, 2021 : retest 4.02 in Visual Studio 2005 with GDIView : no GDI resource leaks
- Nov 13, 2021 : retested 4.02 in Visual Studio 2005 with Heap Agent 10 : no memory leaks/overwrites
- Nov 12, 2021 : retested latest version 4.02 in latest Visual Studio 2019 with address sanitizer enabled
- Nov 11, 2021 : with a current 4.01 or 4.02 installation you need to clear your browser cache and download & run latest rayup402.exe or rayup402pro.exe update installer only. No need to first rerun the base installer raywn401.exe or raywn402.exe. Update help file with [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Nov 10, 2021 : for easy instructions on how to clear your web browser’s cache see
 - <https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-to-clear-your-cache-on-any-browser>
 - Under Windows use key combination **Ctrl+Shift+Del** in your web browser to bring up dialog to clear browser cache. Under macOSX use key combination **Command+Shift+Delete** .

We always recommend clearing your web browser's cache before downloading updated installers as described in our email. Otherwise you may end up with an outdated or even broken installer. We don't always change the version numbers included in the installer's filename when updating installers.

- Nov 10, 2021 : we have rebuilt and uploaded an improved [raywn402.exe](#) base installer. See our email for instructions on how to install our latest version 4.02 software.
- Nov 10, 2021 : be sure to first clear your web browser cache before downloading our fixed [raywn402.exe](#) base installer. Or download and run [raywn401.exe](#) base installer. Next run your custom rayup402.exe or rayup402pro.exe update installer as described in our email.
- Nov 5, 2021 : we renewed the SSL certificate for <https://rayfract.com> . Also we now display the SSL trust logo at bottom of web page.
- Nov 1, 2021 : we now fully support generation of layered refraction starting models for joint WET inversion with borehole line/spread. Tested with our [11REFR tutorial](#).
- Oct 30, 2021 : updated first page of our [11REFR tutorial](#) and first page of [1611HOLE tutorial](#)
- Oct 30, 2021 : improved robustness of our joint borehole inversion as shown in [11REFR tutorial](#)
- Oct 27, 2021 : *File|Update header data|Update Receiver Coordinates* from .LST file resets receiver station coordinates to averaged coordinates of receivers linked to that station.
- Oct 26, 2021 : don't delete first break picks with *File|Update header data|Update Receiver Coordinates* from .LST file. Use *Update First Breaks* to update first breaks from .LST .
- Oct 26, 2021 : check *File|Export data settings|Export receiver coordinates* before selecting *File|Export header data|Export First Breaks to .LST* to export receiver coordinates instead of station coordinates.
- Oct 26, 2021 : don't reset receiver coordinates to linked/updated station coordinates with *File|Update header data|Update Station Coordinates*. Use button **Reset Receiver Coordinates** in *Header|Receiver* instead.
- Oct 24, 2021 : more robust import error handling if option **Allow missing traces** is unchecked and there are missing channels in input files. Tested with [SAPRI12 tutorial](#) and [updated free trial](#).
- Oct 23, 2021 : further improved text and Table of Contents in [updated .pdf reference](#)
- Oct 23, 2021 : rebuild [free trial installer](#) with latest help file
- Oct 22, 2021 : further [updated help file](#) chapters *Introduction, Installation, WibuKey setup, Data processing sequence overview* etc.
- Oct 19, 2021 : we now host [WibuKey 6.51 runtime installer](#) from April 2019 on our website. Tested under Windows 7 64-bit Pro up to Windows 11 64-bit Pro.
- Oct 19, 2021 : also we host 32-bit [WibuKey 5.20b runtime installer](#) from 2007 on our website. Use with Rayfract® version 3.15 and earlier under Windows XP SP3 32-bit. We do not support these ancient versions from 2009 and earlier any longer.
- Oct 17, 2021 : tested 4.02 Standard with WibuKey runtime 6.51 and 6.60 in Windows 11 Pro 21H2
- Oct 16, 2021 : tested 4.02 Pro in Windows 11 Pro version 21H2 running in Parallels Desktop 17.1.0 VM. Tested with CodeMeter runtime version 7.30a and Surfer 11 free demo. This works just fine.
- Oct 10, 2021 : further updated [help file](#) chapters *Introduction* etc.
- Oct 9, 2021 : [Herlambang and Riyanto](#) use WET inversion with Plus-Minus and 1D-gradient starting model and Soil Penetration Test (SPT) for determination of depth of bedrock (IOP 2021).
- Oct 9, 2021 : [Amanti et al.](#) use MASW, SRT and HVSR for seismic microzonation (GNGTS 2017).
- Oct 9, 2021 : [Awad et al.](#) use ERT, SRT and MASW for dam safety review (GeoVirtual 2020).

- Oct 9, 2021 : [Ronning et al.](#) use multirun Conjugate-Gradient WET inversion with Plus-Minus and DeltatV starting model and compare with Geogiga DWTomo refraction inversion and borehole data (NGU Trondheim 2021).
- Oct 7, 2021 : further improved text and formatting in [updated .pdf reference](#)
- Oct 5, 2021 : [updated .pdf reference](#) re-generated from latest help file version
- Oct 5, 2021 : our [2017 .pdf reference](#) is still available too
- Oct 2, 2021 : updated new documentation shows [how to configure CodeMeter client and server](#)
- Sep 29, 2021 : new documentation shows [how to configure CodeMeter client and server](#) in WebAdmin running on different PC's connected via WiFi. Ask us for a quote for a network license dongle.
- Sep 26, 2021 : added more screen shots of menus in [updated help](#) chapter *Commands*. Reformatted Bibliography paragraph at end of chapter *Introduction*.
- Sep 25, 2021 : restored [raywn401.exe base installer](#) with 4.01 reference database. This got updated by mistake to include 4.02 reference database in early September 2021. So running raywn401.exe and rayup401.exe update installer resulted in a bad installation with our import routine not working any longer. Running raywn401.exe and rayup402.exe update always worked fine. Now both installation sequences are working again.
- Sep 23, 2021 : [updated help](#) popup topic *Allow missing traces* in menu *File|Import Data Settings*.
- Sep 20, 2021 : [updated help file](#) chapter *Pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion*. Describe all controls for dialog *DeltatV|Common offset dip estimation*.
- Sep 18, 2021 : tested 4.02 with new Golden Software Surfer version 22.1.151 Sep 7, 2021 build.
- Sep 18, 2021 : added paragraph *Import GeoTomCG .3DD trace files* in [updated help](#) chapter *Seismic and header data import* . Updated popup help topic *Station spacing* shown with F1 in *Header|Profile*.
- Sep 16, 2021 : [updated help file](#) chapter *Seismic and header data import*
- Sep 15, 2021 : [updated help file](#) chapter *WET tomography processing*
- Sep 14, 2021 : further [updated help file](#) chapter *Seismic and header data import*
- Sep 14, 2021 : [Nisio et al.](#) show Preliminary study of hidden underground cavities under the Centocelle Park in the Rome urban area (Memorie della Societa Astronomica Italiana 108:353-372, Aug 2021). They nicely correlate ERT with SRT.
- Sep 14, 2021 : [Benjumea et al.](#) show Undercover karst imaging using a Fuzzy c-means data clustering approach (Costa Brava, NE Spain; Engineering Geology Volume 293, November 2021).
- Sep 13, 2021 : [Ramiro Camacho](#) uses SRT and passive ReMI for Reconstruction of Quaternary paleo-reliefs in the Olduvai Gorge (Tanzania) (Thesis at Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 2016).
- Sep 13, 2021 : review Siart C. (2018) Merging the Views: Highlights on the Fusion of Surface and Subsurface Geodata and Their Potentials for Digital Geoarchaeology. In: Siart C., Forbriger M., Bubenzer O. (eds) Digital Geoarchaeology. Natural Science in Archaeology. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-25316-9_16 .
- Sep 12, 2021 : improved [help chapters](#) *Editing header data* and *Seismic and header data import*
- Sep 11, 2021 : updated description of menu *More import Settings* in chapter *Commands* in [help file](#)
- Sep 10, 2021 : updated section *Release history* in [help file](#) chapter *Introduction* with release notes for version 4.02. Rebuilt [free trial installer](#) with latest help file.
- Sep 8, 2021 : added paragraph *Export Surfer grid to ASCII* at end of chapter *WET tomography processing* in updated [help file](#).
- Sep 8, 2021 : improved description of *Beydoun weighting* in help chapter *Crosshole survey interpretation*. Added more references at end of chapter *Introduction*.

- Sep 7, 2021 : [Yang et al.](#) describe First-arrival traveltimes inversion of seismic diving waves observed on undulating surface. They apply gradient layer stripping equations described by [Gibson et al. 1979](#) and used with our [DeltatV method](#) and estimate source and receiver specific velocity gradients to account for strongly undulating topography (GJI 2021). [Shi et al.](#) describe the same layer stripping method for 3D refraction interpretation (Journal of Earth Science 2015).
- Sep 3, 2021 : tested version 4.02 calling Surfer 21 July 2021 update/version 21.2.192 64-bit under Windows 10 64-bit Pro version 21H1.
- Aug 30, 2021 : further [updated help file](#) chapter *Smooth inversion*.
- Aug 27, 2021 : further [updated help file](#) chapter *Commands* and other chapters.
- Aug 24, 2021 : further [updated help file](#) chapter *Commands* and chapter *Mapping traces to refractors*.
- Aug 22, 2021 : updated *File menu* description in help chapter *Commands* in [updated help file](#).
- Aug 19, 2021 : add shortcut descriptions for controls in chapter *Filtering traces* in [updated help file](#).
- Aug 18, 2021 : add shortcut descriptions for *DeltatV* controls in [updated help file](#).
- Aug 18, 2021 : improved shortcut descriptions of *WET* controls in [updated help file](#).
- Aug 14, 2021 : added more short descriptions of *WET* controls in [updated help file](#).
- Aug 14, 2021 : [Raul et al.](#) show multi-method geophysical investigation on a very large, slow-moving landslide (EAGE First Break, Aug 2021 issue).
- Aug 14, 2021 : updated one-page [brochure and flyer](#) .
- Aug 11, 2021 : our [free trial](#) now allows automatic first break picking and polyline guided picking.
- Aug 11, 2021 : update your current version 4.02 installation with our [updated help file](#).
- Aug 10, 2021 : we now offer our *trigger jitter removal* dialog and menu items also for our Standard license and free trial, not just with our Pro license.
- Aug 10, 2021 : added button *Backup times* to *trigger jitter removal* dialog. Click to backup station coordinates, shot point coordinates including trigger delay and delay time and first breaks to **COORDS . COR**, **SHOTPTS . SHO** and **BREAKS . LST** in **Backup** subdirectory of currently opened profile.
- Aug 8, 2021 : prompt user to confirm activation of option *Model|Model each receiver not receiver stations* . Ask user to ensure correct receiver coordinates in *Header|Receiver* dialog.
- Aug 8, 2021 : added button *Reset receiver coordinates* in *Header|Receiver* dialog to reset coordinates for all receivers to their linked receiver stations.
- Aug 7, 2021 : added more options to *Edit trigger jitter removal* dialog in *Processing menu* shown with *Trace|Shot gather* opened. This dialog is available with our Pro version only.
- Aug 5, 2021 : review [The Effect of Aspect and Elevation on Critical Zone Architecture](#) in the Reynolds Creek Critical Zone Observatory: A Seismic Refraction Study (Travis Nielson et al. Front. Water, 19 July 2021)
- Aug 2, 2021 : tested version 4.02 of our software with Microsoft Windows 10 May 2021 21H1 update
- Aug 2, 2021 : rebuilt version 4.02 with Visual Studio 2019 Version 16.10.4 for improved conformance with Windows 10 Pro 64-bit
- July 31, 2021 : added popup help topics for all controls in *WET Tomo|Coverage plot setup* dialog. Updated paragraph on *WDVS Smoothing* in chapter *Forward model traveltimes*. Use our updated [help installer](#) to update your installation of our software.
- July 31, 2021 : updated [Test21 tutorial](#) with *WDVS Smoothing settings* recommendations
- July 31, 2021 : updated [mdw2011 crosshole survey tutorial](#) describes how to
 - determine station numbers for *Shot pos.* and *Layout start* for *Line type Borehole spread/line*
 - how to generate, edit and apply **COORDS.COR** and **SHOTPTS.SHO** files once you imported your SEG-2 shots into the profile

- see also our [.pdf reference](#) chapter *Crosshole survey interpretation* on page 113 and following
- July 30, 2021 : [Ross et al.](#) show Seismic refraction investigation of the Strengbach watershed (Vosges Mountains, France) using P and S-wave first-arrival tomography (EOST at Univ. Strasbourg 2017).
- July 29, 2021 : Fabien-Ouellet shows an integrated approach to shallow seismic interpretation in his [2014 thesis](#) (Univ. Laval). Also see <https://gfabiengo.github.io/bib/Fabien-Ouellet-2014.pdf>.
- July 24, 2021 : [Jaramillo Lopez](#) shows correlation between geomechanical properties, number of blows and geophysical data (Thesis Jaramillo Lopez, Universidad Politécnica Salesiana Sede Quito, 2021)
- July 24, 2021 : added references section to our latest tutorial [DIP2NO24.pdf](#)
- July 23, 2021 : added more figures to latest tutorial [DIP2NO24.pdf](#) and updated text. Enable `WDVS@600Hz` and sharpen wavepath coverage plot to visualize low-velocity region.
- July 21, 2021 : our [latest tutorial](#) shows improved imaging of constructed low-velocity zones in Stillwater model dam ([Thesis Leti Wodajo](#) Univ. of Mississippi 2018)
- July 15, 2021 : updated instructions in [Sapri12 tutorial](#) showing SeisImager PlotRefa .VS import
- July 14, 2021 : renamed option in *Modeling|WDVS Smoothing* dialog to easier to understand text *restore WET smoothing and discard WDVS smoothing only*.
- July 13, 2021 : allow toggling import option *File|Import Data|Reverted spread layout* for all import data types. This option is regarded if option *Turn around spread during import* is checked only.
- July 7, 2021 : view new .pdf explaining [how to download seismic data files and header files needed for our tutorials](#). Also we give recommendations on how to learn about Rayfract® functionality.
- July 5, 2021 : Dr. Hector Hinojosa shows [using body wave SRT for geotechnical engineering](#) in Karst terrains (Linkedin Nov 2020). Shows usage of Poisson's Ratio plots to detect water-saturated zones at top-of-bedrock.
- July 4, 2021 : review new documentation showing [installation of CodeMeter runtime](#) and [generation of license request file](#) and [import of license update file](#).
- July 4, 2021 : updated text in our new [Test21 tutorial](#). Use our [our updated free trial](#) for this tutorial.
- July 3, 2021 : [Parsa Bakhtiari Rad](#) compares near-surface reflection with SRT for imaging of soft soil subsurface (SAGEEP 2021; Univ. of Mississippi)
- June 30, 2021 : we now prompt to check *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|No shot position checking* if shot points apparently are not located at travelttime curve minimum during WET inversion.
- June 30, 2021 : we now support importing `Geogiga DWTomo .TTX` travelttime files with recording geometry via our *File|Import Data* dialog. Test this with [our updated free trial](#). Email us your .TTX if you encounter any issues.
- June 26, 2021 : added Fig. 22 to [Test21 tutorial](#) showing selection of DMT .SEG2 files during import
- June 25, 2021 : show pseudo-2D DeltatV starting model in our [Test21 tutorial](#)
- June 23, 2021 : our [new tutorial](#) shows imaging of a highly weathered granitic basement in Australia with thick overburden. Also we show import of DMT SUMMIT X .SEG2 files.
- June 22, 2021 : added SEG-2 import option *File|SEG-2 import settings|Set SEG-2 import settings for DMT SUMMIT X .SEG2 import*. Test this with [our updated free trial](#).

Version 4.01 released in June 2021 :

- June 19, 2021 : check *File|SEG-2 import settings|Ignore SEG-2 station numbers in trace headers* to determine source and receiver locations from SEG-2 trace header entries

SOURCE_LOCATION and RECEIVER_LOCATION. Use for import of DMT SUMMIT X .SEG2 files.

- June 19, 2021 : to import DMT SUMMIT X .SEG2 files check *File|SEG-2 import settings* options
 - **Receiver Coordinates specified**
 - **Ignore SEG-2 station numbers .**

Next select *File|Import Data* and

- click on **Select** button
 - navigate into your input directory or directory where you copied the .SEG2 trace files
 - set **Files of type** drop box to **DMT (*.SEG2)** entry
 - select one of your .SEG2 files and click *Open* button
 - click **Import shots** button. Click *Read* button to import each shot displayed.
- June 19, 2021 : don't show outdated SEG-2 import options to determine trace data start any longer.
 - June 18, 2021 : fixed joint inversion with *Borehole lines* added to main profile in *Header|Profile* when main profile has fewer receiver stations than in added borehole lines.
 - June 17, 2021 : recompiled our app with latest Microsoft Visual Studio 2019 version 16.10.2 for improved performance and improved compatibility with Microsoft Windows 10 64-bit Pro
 - June 17, 2021 : prompt to check *File|Import Data Settings|Allow shot inline offset from shot station larger than two spacings* if required when importing shots with *File|Import Data* or with *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates*.
 - June 16, 2021 : updated method to compute receiver inline offset from receiver station
 - June 16, 2021 : match GeoTomCG .3DD traces to selected *Default spread type* channels and prompt to import matched traces only if the spread type is too short / has too few channels.
 - June 11, 2021 : improved GeoTomCG .3DD import with irregular receiver spacing. Prompt to select *Default spread type* with more channels or increase *Station spacing* if appropriate.
 - June 9, 2021 : check *Model|Forward modeling Settings|Model each receiver not receiver stations* to forward model at each receiver's location and not at averaged receiver station locations. This can improve the accuracy of WET inversion with irregular receiver spacing but will slow down WET and requires more RAM memory for caching of modeled receiver grids.
 - June 5, 2021 : [Hartl et al.](#) show tunnel based SRT (University of Leoben, Austria 2019)
 - May 30, 2021 : updated Conclusions paragraph in [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#)
 - May 20, 2021 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Picking first breaks* with paragraph on new dialog *Trace|Export reciprocal errors*. This dialog is enabled for our [free trial](#) as well.
 - May 20, 2021 : our latest software version 4.01 works fine with latest Golden Software Surfer 21.
 - May 16, 2021 : [Andrea Gomez Casalta](#) compares separate ERT & SRT interpretation with RES2DINV® and Rayfract® with joint inversion using Zond Software ERT & SRT and correlates results with borehole data (Thesis Andrea Gomez Casalta, Institut Cartografic i Geologic de Catalunya 2019).
 - May 8, 2021 : write additional columns to .ERR file with shot and receiver station numbers for matched reciprocal trace pairs.
 - May 6, 2021 : separate words in .ERR file column headers with underscore '_' characters instead of space characters for easier import into Microsoft Excel spreadsheet
 - May 5, 2021 : our new dialog *Model|Export reciprocal errors* lets you specify and generate an ASCII .ERR file with columns listing absolute reciprocal error, relative reciprocal error ([Jim Whiteley 2020](#)) and forward shot&channel and reverse shot&channel used to computer these reciprocal errors. Sort this .ERR file in MS Excel by any column to identify bad shots or receivers. .ERR lines are sorted by offset (m) and CMP station as in our *Trace|Offset gather* display. Any trace pair with relative reciprocal picking error above 5 percent or absolute error exceeding 5ms or 10ms needs to be repicked.

- May 4, 2021 : updated [free trial installer](#) allows exporting reciprocal errors (see above bullet) and [WDVS smoothing](#). We now enable *Trace|Offset gather* and *Refractor|Offset breaks* for free trial.
- Apr 28, 2021 : view our [EGU 2021 abstract](#) entitled Improved interpretation of SAGEEP 2011 blind refraction data using Frequency-Dependent Traveltime Tomography.
- Apr 24, 2021 : [Koley S.](#) describes in detail both theory and application of DeltatV and WET inversion to characterize a dipping fault zone (Koley, Vrije Univ. Amsterdam, 2020), correlated with borehole drilling information.
- Apr 22, 2021 : check *DeltatV|Common-offset dip estimation|Reject true velocity lower than overburden velocity* and redo *DeltatV inversion* to prevent too slow DeltatV velocity sections e.g. with our [THRUST tutorial](#).
- Apr 21, 2021 : in the special case where both option *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet* and option *Model|WDVS Smoothing|Discard WET smoothing* are checked our *WET inversion* now works correctly. For older builds uncheck *Output inversion results in Feet*, redo the WET inversion in meters and then convert your ...\\VELOIT20.GRD into feet with *Grid menu*.
- Apr 19, 2021 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion* with paragraph on new dialog *DeltatV|Common-offset dip estimation*. This dialog is enabled for our Pro software version only.
- Apr 19, 2021 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Installation and licensing* recommends installing CodeMeter runtime version 6.90b in Windows 7 64-bit Pro virtual machine running in Parallels Desktop on macOS instead of installing latest CodeMeter version 7.20 which crashes in Windows 7 64-bit virtual machine.
- Apr 17, 2021 : we now share our [SAGEEP2021 WDVS presentation](#) annotated slides on YouTube.
- Apr 16, 2021 : download [CodeMeterRuntime.exe](#) version 6.90 installer for Windows 7 64-bit Pro compatibility when running under Parallels Desktop version 16 on macOS. The latest CodeMeter runtime version 7.20 crashes after installation in Windows 7 64-bit Pro running under Parallels.
- Apr 10, 2021 : new dialog *DeltatV|Common-offset dip estimation* lets you edit parameters for ***estimation of dip of common-offset sorted traveltimes curves***, and for ***better estimation of true refractor velocity based on apparent CMP velocity and this estimated offset curve dip during DeltatV inversion*** in case of strong refractor dip (Gebrande and Miller 1985; Gebrande 1986). This dialog is available with our Pro version only and is disabled for our Standard software version.
- Apr 10, 2021 : we now flip refractors when imaging a turned-around .GRD tomogram in *Grid menu*.
- Apr 9, 2021 : [Barbero and Naldi \(2018\)](#) show good match between MASW, SRT and ERT in landslide area.
- Mar 30, 2021 : average first breaks in *Refractor|Offset breaks* for adjacent traces with CMP position difference smaller than 0.5 station numbers. This results in a more regular display.
- Mar 29, 2021 : Alvaro Polin Tornero shows synthetic modeling of cavity in dam in his [thesis](#) (Univ. Uppsala 2018). View [synthetic modeling of air-filled cavity](#) (Parsa Bakhtiari Rad, NCPA 2021) using our *WDVS-enabled WET inversion* in latest version 4.01 of our software released in March 2021.
- Mar 29, 2021 : updated [free trial installer](#) allows [WDVS smoothing](#), can call into Surfer 9 to 21 Beta and comes with latest help file.
- Mar 26, 2021 : updated [OT0608 tutorial](#) with runtime info using our Pro version on 2020 macMini.
- Mar 26, 2021 : version 4.01 completes 10 WET runs for [1_1D tutorial](#) in 90 seconds on 2020 macMini with 3.0 GHz Intel Core i5 processor using all 6 cores in native Windows 10 64-bit Pro installation via Boot Camp Assistant using our Pro version. This takes 2 minutes using 4 cores in Parallels Desktop 14 on the same 2020 macMini and 3 minutes on 2017 iMac with 2.3 GHz Intel Core i5 processor using 4 cores, in Windows 7 64-bit Pro virtual machine running under Parallels Desktop 16.

- Mar 24, 2021 : added Conclusions paragraph to [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#)
- Mar 22, 2021 : view our [SAGEEP 2021 expanded abstract](#) demonstrating our new WDVS option
- Mar 21, 2021 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Forward model traveltimes* with section on *Model|Create Checkerboard grid dialog*. Updated references in chapter *Introduction*.
- Mar 19, 2021 : updated *Model|Create Checkerboard grid* lets you edit the *Anomaly magnitude* in percent of the background velocity ([Zelt Geophys. J. Int. 1998](#)). Each anomaly (checker) is determined by multiplying this percentage with local grid velocity and weighting with $\sin(x \text{ offset})\sin(y \text{ offset})$ functional and then adding this velocity delta to or subtracting from local grid velocity in a checker pattern. This dialog is available with our Pro version only.
- Mar 19, 2021 : our [SAGEEP 2021 presentation slides](#) are now available.
- Mar 17, 2021 : updated *DeltatV* help popup topics and *Pseudo-2D DeltatV* chapter in [help file](#).
- Mar 15, 2021 : improved accuracy of SEG-2 import for marine refraction surveys with towed hydrophone streamer.
- Mar 13, 2021 : fixed *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model* when enabling AWE for our Pro version with *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Enable AWE physical memory page caching* and checking option *Cache AWE receiver grids in local memory*
- Mar 13, 2021 : we rebuilt and extensively tested our software with latest [MSVC Address Sanitizer](#).
- Mar 11, 2021 : updated help topics *Conjugate Gradient* in *WET Tomo main* dialog and *Damping* in *Edit velocity smoothing* dialog in [help file](#).
- Mar 9, 2021 : run [Ray336 Scripts.exe](#) on PC where you installed our version 3.36 or 4.01 software. The updated scripts in `c:\RAY32\DAT` folder work with Surfer 9 to 21 Beta.
- Mar 9, 2021 : updated `AUTOTOMO.BAS` Surfer script to setup the color scale for velocity tomogram with *Min. velocity* and *Max. velocity* limits if *Adapt color scale* checked in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits*.
- Mar 9, 2021 : updated `AUTOTOMO.BAS` Surfer script to set the contour map velocity interval for velocity tomogram to *Velocity interval* if *Adapt color scale* checked in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits*.
- Mar 8, 2021 : show WET output using *WDVS frequency* of 200Hz and 300Hz in [PALMFIG4 tutorial](#).
- Mar 7, 2021 : view our latest [PALMFIG4 tutorial](#) showing WDVS-enabled *WET inversion* of Dr. Derecke Palmer 1980 Fig. 4 synthetic data. We fixed the shot positions to obtain lower RMS error.
- Mar 6, 2021 : allow *WET inversion* and forward modeling with just two shots in profile instead of 3.
- Mar 3, 2021 : updated [help chapter](#) *Filtering traces* describes new *Trace|Shot gather|Processing|Edit Trigger Jitter Removal* dialog fields. This dialog is available with our Pro software version only.
- Mar 1, 2021 : view [synthetic modeling of air-filled cavity](#) (Parsa Bakhtiari Rad, NCPA 2021) using our *WDVS-enabled WET inversion*. Travel times were forward-modeled with WDVS enabled at 200Hz.
- Mar 1, 2021 : we show *WDVS-enabled WET inversion* with pseudo-2D DeltatV starting model in our updated [SR6 marine refraction tutorial](#). We discard WET smoothing after forward modeling for higher resolution. Also we show *trigger jitter removal* to decrease the RMS error and increase resolution.
- Feb 27, 2021 : check *Model|WDVS Smoothing|use WDVS for forward modeling* to better remove artefacts from pseudo-2D DeltatV starting model with *DeltatV|Automatic DeltatV and WET inversion*. Tune *WDVS frequency* as described in [help file](#) chapter *Forward model traveltimes*.

- Feb 27, 2021 : *Grid|Reset DeltatV and WET settings to .PAR file* now also restores WDVVS settings stored in .PAR file. With older .PAR files without WDVVS settings we leave WDVVS at current settings.
- Feb 27, 2021 : we store WDVVS settings to .PAR file when writing .PAR files during WET inversion.
- Feb 25, 2021 : we have updated our [OT0608 tutorial](#) showing layered refraction interpretation with Wavefront method in Fig. 25.
- Feb 25, 2021 : updated [free trial installer](#) allows [WDVVS smoothing](#), can call into Surfer 9 to 21 Beta and comes with latest help file.
- Feb 23, 2021 : view our [SAGEEP 2021 presentation](#) in session Seismic Body Waves Methods II
- Feb 21, 2021 : don't discard WET smoothing in *Model|WDVVS Smoothing with Conjugate-Gradient* search method specified in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET*, to ensure that WET inversion converges.
- Feb 21, 2021 : use default *Steepest-Descent* search method in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET* when enabling WDVVS smoothing in *Model|WDVVS Smoothing* dialog, for more robust WET inversion. Use default full WET smoothing or minimal WET smoothing, in *Edit velocity smoothing* dialog.
- Feb 20, 2021 : use more descriptive names for controls in *Model|WDVVS Smoothing* dialog. Add radio button *discard WDVVS smoothing only and restore WET smoothing*. Update [help file](#) chapter *Forward model traveltimes* with help on updated WDVVS Smoothing dialog.
- Feb 17, 2021 : we have updated our [OT0608 tutorial](#) with traveltime curve displays on last page. Note the high degree of consistency of first break picks and good fit with modeled times.
- Feb 17, 2021 : we now also show traveltime curve displays in our [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#) on last page. Note the inconsistent first break picks compared to above [OT0608 tutorial](#).
- Feb 16, 2021 : updated [help chapter](#) *Forward modeling* showing new *Model|WDVVS Smoothing* dialog fields.
- Feb 16, 2021 : we moved *Model|Fast WDVVS* option into *Model|WDVVS Smoothing* dialog. We will copy your current setting of *Model|Fast WDVVS* option into your *Model|WDVVS Smoothing* dialog when you open an existing profile database.
- Feb 11, 2021 : we show WDVVS-enabled WET inversion with default 1D-gradient starting model in our updated [OT0608 tutorial](#). We discard WET smoothing after forward modeling for higher resolution.
- Feb 11, 2021 : we describe the geological setting in updated [RJJ9TO10 tutorial](#)
- Feb 11, 2021 : allow *WET wavepath frequency* and *WDVVS frequency* range 0.01Hz to 10⁰⁰⁰Hz
- Feb 9, 2021 : view our latest [GSA Today color ad](#) in Feb 2021 issue
- Feb 8, 2021 : option *WDVVS Smoothing|discard WET smoothing after forward modeling* can help to improve the WET resolution if the starting model is close to the final/true model already e.g. for lines [OT0608](#) and [GEOXMERC](#) with homogeneous overburden. Use WDVVS frequency of 100Hz and wavepath width of 8 percent. But in other situations such as for [Broad Epikarst model](#) we recommend not discarding WET smoothing to avoid engraving of the wavepaths into the WET tomogram.
- Feb 7, 2021 : [Oyan 2019](#) shows determination of rock mass anisotropy and lists detailed processing steps including data import and calling into Surfer and Voxler
- Feb 6, 2021 : [Chen and Zelt 2017](#) show Comparison of Full Wavefield Synthetics with Frequency-Dependent Traveltimes Calculated Using Wavelength-Dependent Velocity Smoothing
- Feb 6, 2021 : option *WDVVS Smoothing|discard WET smoothing after forward modeling* can help to improve the WET resolution for crosshole surveys such as [IGTA13](#). Use WDVVS frequency of 125Hz and force cell size to 0.5m. Leave wavepath width at default 1.6 percent.
- Feb 4, 2021 : added box *discard WET smoothing after forward modeling* in *Model|WDVVS Smoothing* dialog. With this box checked we restore the unsmoothed WET velocity grid after

forward modeling during WET inversion, discarding the WDVS smoothed grid at this time ([Zelt and Chen 2016](#)).

- Feb 2, 2021 : [Chen et al. 2017](#) show detection of a known near-surface target through application of frequency-dependent traveltimes tomography (FDTT) and full-waveform inversion to P- and SH-wave seismic refraction data. Our combination of [WET inversion](#) with [WDVS smoothing](#) can be considered as a form of FDTT.
- Jan 29, 2021 : we now can offer **network licenses** to our software. Share your USB dongle license between multiple PC's connected to the same WiFi network. The user limit is one per dongle per default but can be increased to two or higher. Ask us for a quote. You may also [share a network license via VPN](#). You may need to add a [NAT address translation rule on your router](#).
- Jan 24, 2021 : view the [Olson Engineering refraction webinar](#) on YouTube showing field usage of our software with a theoretical background.
- Jan 21, 2021 : [Davarpanah et al. 2020](#) obtain dynamic modulus of elasticity (Young's modulus) directly from P-wave velocity, S-wave velocity and density rho in equation (1). Estimate density rho from P-wave velocity with [Gardner's relationship](#) $\rho = 0.23 V_p^{0.25}$.
- Jan 19, 2021 : updated Surfer .BAS scripts to work with Surfer 21 Beta. Run [Ray336 Scripts.exe](#) on PC where you installed our version 3.36 or 4.01 software. These updated scripts in c:\RAY32\DAT folder work with Surfer 9 to 21 Beta.
- Jan 19, 2021 : more robust Surfer version handling in Surfer .BAS scripts
- Jan 16, 2021 : updated [CAMP1 tutorial](#) with description of geological setting on last page
- Jan 14, 2021 : our earlier [POISSON tutorial](#) shows imaging of Poisson's ratio based on P-wave and S-wave velocity. Pick S-wave shots in *Trace\Shot point gather* with pairs of shots with opposite trace polarity recorded at same shot point.
- Jan 14, 2021 : [Enrione and Naldi 2014](#) compare SRT and MASW for same profile
- Jan 12, 2021 : [Terzic et al. 2017](#) show seismic hazard analysis for dam site with adjacent fault zone
- Jan 6, 2021 : updated [RJJ9TO10 tutorial](#) with WDVS-enabled WET inversion using Plus-Minus method layered refraction starting model and using default 1D-gradient starting model.
- Jan 3, 2021 : view our [updated color ad](#)
- Jan 3, 2021 : tested our latest version 4.01 under Windows 10 64-bit Oct 2020 update
- Jan 1, 2021 : updated [free trial installer](#) comes with latest [help file](#) and works with Surfer 9 to 20 Beta
- Dec 30, 2020 : skip plotting refractors on tomogram if ...\LAYRTOMO\PLUSMODL.CSV layer model .CSV file is missing. To install updated .BAS Surfer scripts download & run [Ray336 Scripts.exe](#) on PC where you installed our version 3.36 or 4.01 software. These scripts work with Surfer 9 to 20 Beta.
- Dec 28, 2020 : updated [SAGEEP11_16 tutorial](#) with more figures and sections Conclusions & References. Added more download links to .RAR archives with profile database & Surfer files.
- Dec 26, 2020 : updated [SAGEEP11_16 tutorial](#) with Fig. 28 to 32 demonstrating the improvement in WET tomogram resolution when decreasing the *WDVS frequency* compared with Fig. 24
- Dec 25, 2020 : updated [SAGEEP11_16 tutorial](#) comparing Conjugate-Gradient multiscale WET inversion using WDVS and minimized WET smoothing vs. same WET inversion without WDVS
- Dec 24, 2020 : review our updated [black-and-white ad](#)
- Dec 23, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#) comes with latest [help file](#) and works with Surfer 9 to 19
- Dec 20, 2020 : updated [help file](#) chapters *Introduction* and *Forward model traveltimes*. Updated description of *WDVS parameters* and how to tune them for your current profile. Refer to tutorials.
- Dec 19, 2020 : updated [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#) with instructions on how to vary *WDVS frequency* and WDVS parameter *Regard nth node* on last page.

- Dec 17, 2020 : updated [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#) comparing WET inversion using WDVVS and minimal WET smoothing vs. WET inversion without WDVVS and using full WET smoothing.
- Dec 11, 2020 : updated [CAMP1 tutorial](#) comparing WET inversion with and without WDVVS using same WET inversion settings with minimized WET smoothing in Fig. 10a and Fig. 10b.
- Dec 9, 2020 : updated [NORCAL14 tutorial](#) with WET+WDVVS using minimized WET smoothing. Show WET with 1D-gradient starting model from 2014 with WDVVS. Disable WDVVS and compare.
- Dec 8, 2020 : updated [NORCAL14 tutorial](#) with WDVVS-enabled WET inversion using Plus-Minus method layered refraction starting model.
- Dec 7, 2020 : updated [EPIKINV tutorial](#) with WDVVS-enabled WET inversion using Plus-Minus method starting model. We also show 100 Steepest-Descent WET iterations without WDVVS.
- Dec 6, 2020 : updated [JENNY13 tutorial](#) with WDVVS-enabled Automatic WET using Plus-Minus starting model. Added heuristics for tuning WET and WDVVS parameters on last page.
- Dec 5, 2020 : updated [JENNY13 tutorial](#) shows WDVVS-enabled Smooth inversion and compares with 2013 interpretation without WDVVS. Enabling WDVVS gives sharper image of basement top.
- Dec 1, 2020 : our [website](#) uses [secure https](#) transfer protocol showing the lock symbol in address bar
- Nov 27, 2020 : decreased default *WDVVS frequency* from 300Hz to 200Hz
- Nov 24, 2020 : download [CodeMeterRuntime.exe](#) version 6.90 installer for Windows 7 compatibility
- Nov 23, 2020 : updated [CAMP1 tutorial](#) shows WDVVS enabled WET with 1D-gradient & Plus-Minus layered refraction starting models. Enabling WDVVS dramatically improves WET resolution.
- Nov 17, 2020 : added WET blanking option *Pad boundary polygon for borehole tomogram blanking*
- Nov 15, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#) comes with latest [help file](#) and works with Surfer 9 to 19
- Nov 15, 2020 : disable WDVVS per default when user opens an old profile with *File|Open Profile...*
- Nov 15, 2020 : pad blanking polygon when user selects *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank|Blank outside borehole tomogram*. Alternatively blank via *WET Tomo|WET Velocity constraints* using your own blanking file.
- Nov 12, 2020 : new option *Model|Fast WDVVS Smoothing*. Check for faster but less accurate WDVVS smoothing. Was enabled per default before Nov 10, 2020. See bullet for Nov 10, 2020.
- Nov 11 2020 : disable WDVVS per default when user creates new profile with *File|New Profile...*
- Nov 11, 2020 : when user forces *grid cell size* increase row and column count by one if required so all shot point and receiver symbols are plotted in Surfer on tomogram. Test with [IGTA13 tutorial](#).
- Nov 11, 2020 : increased default *WDVVS frequency* from 200Hz to 300Hz
- Nov 11, 2020 : increased default *WDVVS angle increment* from 4 degrees to 7 degrees
- Nov 11, 2020 : increased default *WDVVS Regard nth node* from 2 to 3
- Nov 10, 2020 : more accurately map scan line nodes to velocity grid nodes during WDVVS smoothing
- Nov 8, 2020 : expanded our [EPIKINV tutorial](#) with more figures, links and comments
- Nov 6, 2020 : we updated our [EPIKINV tutorial](#) ([Sheehan et al. 2005](#)) showing WET output obtained with WDVVS (Zelt and Chen 2016) enabled. See [Zelt, C. A. and J. Chen, Frequency-dependent traveltimes tomography for near-surface seismic refraction data, Geophys. J. Int., 207, 72-88, 2016](#) .

- Nov 5, 2020 : added paragraph *WDVS velocity smoothing* to [help](#) chapter *Forward model traveltimes*. Nov 4, 2020 : updated base [install .pdf](#) showing how to run our raywn401.exe base installer
- Nov 3, 2020 : fixed download links for .RAR archives in [SR6 tutorial](#)
- Oct 31, 2020 : updated [11REFR tutorial](#) shows WET with WDVS enabled and minimized smoothing.
- Oct 28, 2020 : check *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Write|Write blanked and mask grids and WDVS debug grids* to write WDVSTIME.GRD and WDVSELO.GRD to C:\RAY32\DAT with WDVS smoothing enabled in *Model|WDVS Smoothing* dialog.
- Oct 28, 2020 : our [updated free trial](#) now allows editing *Model|WDVS Smoothing*. See next bullet.
- Oct 26, 2020 : new dialog *Model|WDVS Smoothing...* lets you edit parameters for Wavelength-Dependent Velocity Smoothing ([Zelt and Chen 2016](#)). You can edit these WDVS parameters :
 - *Use WDVS for forward modeling of traveltimes*. If checked we do WDVS velocity smoothing before running our Eikonal solver to forward-model traveltimes over current velocity grid.
 - *WDVS frequency* in Hz (1Hz to 10*000 Hz). Used to determine the duration of one wavelength i.e. one period in time. Is set to 200Hz per default. Should be two to four or eight times the *Wavepath frequency* specified in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography...* . See ([Zelt and Chen 2016](#)). Increase to decrease WDVS smoothing and to speed up WDVS.
 - *Angle increment* in degrees (values 1 to 10). This determines the angular separation between straight scan lines radiating outwards from the current grid node when determining the WDVS averaged velocity at that node. Increase this parameter to speed up WDVS. Default is 4 degrees.
 - *Regard nth node* (values 1 to 5). Regard each nth node along current angle and scan line when determining WDVS velocity at current grid node via weighted average. Increase to speed up WDVS. Default is 2.
- Oct 24, 2020 : use multiple CPU cores in parallel for WDVS velocity smoothing.
- Oct 21, 2020 : new option *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Wavelength-dependent velocity smoothing*. See [Zelt & Chen 2016](#) paper. Tested with lines ZONDDATA and LINE14 and TRA9002.
- Oct 16, 2020 : new base [install .pdf](#) showing how to run our raywn401.exe base installer
- Oct 15, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#) comes with latest [help file](#) and works with Surfer 9 to 19
- Oct 15, 2020 : show travelttime misfit prompt asking you to improve your first break picks in [help file](#) chapters *Smooth inversion* and *WET Tomography Processing*. Refer to [slope1.pdf tutorial](#) showing how to identify traces with inconsistent picks regarding reciprocity principle in *Trace|Offset gather* display.
- Oct 13, 2020 : in <http://rayfract.com/samples/SAGEEP2011shootout.pdf> Prof. Bob Whiteley compares the GRM interpretation (Stoyer, 2012) of the SAGEEP2011 blind refraction session synthetic data with our published blind WET interpretation (Rohdewald, 2011) and the true model (Zelt et al. 2013).
- Oct 8, 2020 : review [Mebrahtu et al.](#) Tectonic conditioning revealed by seismic refraction facilitates deep-seated landslides in the western escarpment of the Main Ethiopian Rift (Geomorphology 2020)
- Oct 6, 2020 : updated [help file](#) chapters *Editing header data* and *Seismic and header data import* describing new fields in *Header|Profile* and *File|Import Data* dialogues. Updated chapter *Introduction*.
- Oct 5, 2020 : added Fig. 18 to [Aaknes-1 tutorial](#) showing prompt to improve your first break picks regarding the travelttime reciprocity principle if RMS error exceeds 5 percent

- Oct 3, 2020 : allow toggling of *File|Import Data|Reverted spread layout* checkbox for import data types SEG-2 and SEG-Y only. For all other data type selections this checkbox is disabled and reset.
- Oct 2, 2020 : added ***File|Import Data|Reverted spread layout*** checkbox. For previous 4.01 build use *File|More import Settings|Reverted receiver spread layout* option instead. See below in Sep 24 bullet.
- Sep 30, 2020 : use free [SciSee software](#) for viewing of SEG-Y trace headers
- Sep 29, 2020 : always update shot point coordinates with true coordinates stored in SEG-2 trace header when batch-importing with .HDR batch file. Don't interpolate between receiver coordinates.
- Sep 28, 2020 : don't show irrelevant geometry warning prompts for shot stations outside first/last profile receiver station.
- Sep 27, 2020 : do not check *File|Import data Settings|Extrapolate receiver line coordinates* every time user selects a profile in *File menu*. Uncheck this setting when user creates a new profile and when resetting import settings to defaults.
- Sep 26, 2020 : support import of SEG-Y .SGY with missing traces for [free trial](#) with *File|SEG-Y import Settings|No receiver coordinates specified in .SGY file* unchecked
- Sep 26, 2020 : ask user to confirm warning prompt when resetting DeltatV & WET parameters to .PAR file belonging to .GRD selected in different profile.
- Sep 25, 2020 : updated our [SR6 tutorial](#). Uncheck *File|Import data Settings|Extrapolate receiver line coordinates* before importing the SEG-2 .DAT files so off-end shotpoints get absolute coordinates specified in the .DAT. Otherwise the following update with SHOTPTS.SHO does not work.
- Sep 24, 2020 : check ***File|More import Settings|Reverted receiver spread layout/towed streamer*** if spread channel no. decreases with inline offset along profile. Check for towed streamer with channel no. 1 closest to towing device and recorder. Also check *File|Import Data|Turn around spread* to unflip reverted spread for display and processing. Use with SEG-2 and SEG-Y formats.
- Sep 20, 2020 : determine *Layout start* and *Shot pos.* in station numbers for SEG-Y import as for SEG-2 import with ***Import Data|Turn around spread*** checked. Use for marine refraction with towed spread.
- Sep 20, 2020 : regard *Import Data|Take shot record number from selection DOS file name* when importing SEG-Y files with just one shot per .SGY file. Select option **Record number** to determine SEG-Y shot number from SEG-Y header field **Field Record No.** We allow a shot number range 0...999. The imported shot number is set to SEG-Y shot number modulo 1000.
- Sep 19, 2020 : support importing SEG-Y .SGY files with missing traces with import option *Allow missing traces* checked and with SEG-Y option *No receiver coordinates specified in .SGY* unchecked.
- Sep 17, 2020 : added new field ***First receiver [station number]*** to *Header|Profile* dialog. Check box *Force first receiver* to enforce *First receiver [station number]* during import with *File|Import Data...*
- Sep 17, 2020 : *First receiver [station number]* is not forced during import with .HDR batch import enabled or with *File|Import Data Settings|Profile start is default layout start* checked or when importing ASCII.ASC files which specify fixed station numbers already.
- Sep 15, 2020 : ***Copying minimized WET smoothing settings optimized for one profile to another profile is not recommended and not supported.*** Default full WET smoothing filter size and default wavepath width are determined automatically based on grid dimensions (grid cell size, number of columns & rows), velocity distribution in the starting model and maximum picked time. Since these parameters are specific to each profile and starting model you need to always start with our [Smooth inversion](#). Next you can optionally try step-wise decreasing of [WET smoothing](#), for consistently picked traveltimes and correctly specified recording geometry.
- Sep 14, 2020 : updated [install3.36 tutorial](#) : you need to run your custom rayup336.exe installer (matching your license number programmed into your USB dongle) after running the

base installer raywn336.exe. Or run rayup401.exe after raywn401.exe for version 4.01. See our email with detailed installation/update instructions.

- Sep 10, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#) comes with latest [help file](#) and works with Surfer 19 Beta
- Sep 9, 2020 : regard **Grid|GS CENTERED font** option when plotting source symbols (as red circles instead of red triangles). To install updated .BAS Surfer scripts download & run [Ray336_Scripts.exe](#) on PC where you installed our version 3.36 or 4.01 software.
- Sep 9, 2020 : plot source and receiver symbols at correct horizontal offset when imaging turned-around grid with *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* activated.
- Sep 7, 2020 : version 4.01 completes 10 WET runs for our [1_1D tutorial](#) in about two minutes on 2020 macMini with 3.0 GHz 6-Core Intel Core i5 processor, using 4 cores in Parallels Desktop 16. This takes about 3 minutes on 2017 iMac with 2.3 GHz Intel Core i5 processor using 4 cores, in Windows 7 64-bit Pro virtual machine running under Parallels Desktop 16.
- Sep 4, 2020 : added more links and recommendations to our [tutorial AAKNES-1](#) on last two pages.
- Sep 1, 2020 : added link to [Sheehan et al. 2005](#) in [tutorial AAKNES-1](#). Sheehan et al. objectively compare our fail-safe default Smooth inversion method using 1D-gradient starting model with other commercially available seismic refraction tomography software.
- Aug 30, 2020 : added option *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Cache AWE receiver grids in local memory*. Can be enabled for our Pro version only. This helps to speed up WET inversion when using more than 4 logical CPU cores with option *Enable AWE physical memory page caching* checked. Tested with 6 CPU cores on Apple 2020 macMini. However WET still runs faster when using 4 CPU cores only instead of all 6 cores.
- Aug 23, 2020 : added more figures to new [tutorial AAKNES-1](#)
- Aug 18, 2020 : updated figures in new [tutorial AAKNES-1](#) : increase *WET wavepath width* from default 6.5% to 12% for more robust inversion with uncertain recording geometry & first break picks. Show good correlation of *Refractor|Offset breaks* display with WET tomogram. Updated text.
- Aug 13, 2020 : [Carollo et al.](#) describe Joint interpretation of seismic refraction tomography and electrical resistivity tomography by cluster analysis to detect buried cavities (JAG July 2020). See also [Capizzi et al.](#) (Univ. Palermo 2017).
- Aug 13, 2020 : [Colombo et al.](#) nicely explain the 3D CMP refraction recording geometry and apparent velocity processing using CMP bins (SEG Geophysics 2016). This has been described earlier e.g. by [Thomas Ruehl 1995](#) : Determination of shallow refractor properties by 3D-CMP refraction seismic techniques. EAGE First Break 1995, volume 13, pp. 69-77.
- Aug 13, 2020 : our latest [tutorial AAKNES-1](#) shows smooth WET interpretation of dense refraction survey with uncertain picks due to low signal-to-noise ratio. We show WET inversion using both the default 1D-gradient starting model and Plus-Minus method layered refraction starting model.
- Aug 10, 2020 : we don't yet have permission from NGU to publish our new NGU21 tutorial so we had to delete this again from our website.
- Aug 10, 2020 : in our new tutorial NGU21 we now also show *Conjugate-Gradient WET inversion* using Plus-Minus starting model and minimal WET smoothing. This seems to improve the resolution.
- Aug 8, 2020 : our new tutorial NGU21 shows *Smooth inversion using 1D-gradient and Plus-Minus method starting models*. After 100 WET iterations the WET output is almost identical.
- July 31, 2020 : version 3.16 of our software released in 2010 and earlier versions do not work with WibuKey Win32 / Win64 driver 6.00a and later driver versions. The dongle manufacturer changed the encryption method and communication protocol with the dongle for driver 6.00a and later in 2010.
- July 31, 2020 : [Ortega Perez et al.](#) use SRT and OSL (Optically Stimulated Luminescence) to determine evolution of water storage capacity for the four Melque reservoirs in central Spain during the period A.D. 600–1900 (Geoarcheology 2017). Refraction profile sediment depths were cross-checked by manual augering.

- July 30, 2020 : [Capizzi et al.](#) use ERT & SRT & cluster analysis for imaging of cavities validated with synthetic data (Univ. Palermo 2017)
- July 30, 2020 : [Carollo et al.](#) show joint interpretation of seismic refraction tomography and electrical resistivity tomography by cluster analysis to detect buried cavities (JAG July 2020)
- July 29, 2020 : [Hutchinson et al.](#) show Stratigraphic Analysis with Refraction Tomography (GSA 2019)
- July 23, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#) comes with latest [help file](#) and works with Surfer 19 Beta
- July 22, 2020 : updated `.BAS` Surfer scripts work with latest Surfer 19 Beta. Download & run [Ray336_Scripts.exe](#) on PC where you installed our version 3.36 or 4.01 software.
- July 20, 2020 : after updating to Windows 10 May 2020 Update you need to rerun our [help installer](#).
- July 15, 2020 : show fewer status bar messages when back-projecting residuals during WET inversion
- July 13, 2020 : show fewer status bar messages when forward modeling traveltimes over velocity grids
- July 13, 2020 : limit size of buffer allocated for reading or writing Surfer format `.GRD` files to actual size of the data before reading or writing the data section. Earlier builds allocate maximum size allowed in `.GRD` data section.
- July 11, 2020 : before importing SEG-2/SEG-Y/GeoTomCG `.3DD` trace files with irregular receiver spacing check *File|Customize spread types* items *Customize Default spread type&One spread per shot*. This allows more accurate modeling of recording geometry and receiver positions as shown in *Header|Receiver*. Please note that you cannot open such a profile database with older version 3.36 or 3.35 builds of our software, once you import shots with these *Customize spread types* items checked.
- July 7, 2020 : we have ported our Pro version to Intel C++ 19 compiler. Our recompiled version 4.01 Pro software now runs up to 10 percent faster, both in Windows 7 64-bit and Windows 10 64-bit.
- July 1, 2020 : recompiled our app with latest Microsoft Visual Studio 2019 for improved conformance with Windows 10 64-bit. We still fully support Windows 7 64-bit as well.
- June 25, 2020 : don't plot receiver station labels on top axis for Borehole spread/line
- June 25, 2020 : reset receiver station labeling in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* when user opens profile database with older app version and then reopens with version 4.01.
- June 25, 2020 : automatically update profile database with `IMPESHOTS.SHO` at end of import into *Line type* Borehole spread/line as for Refraction spread/line. This ensures that shot coordinates are always stored correctly in the database. Use *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates* with `...\INPUT\IMPESHOTS.SHO` for version 3.36 builds after import into Borehole spread/line.
- June 22, 2020 : for *Line type* Borehole spread/line write shot station without inline offset into *Shot station* and *Shot pos.* columns in exported `ASCII.ASC` & `BREAKS.LST` files.
- June 22, 2020 : uncheck *File|Import Data Settings|Assume regular/equidistant receiver spacing* to better support import of irregularly spaced receivers e.g. with GeoTomCG `.3DD` import into Borehole spread/line. Uncheck to minimize the offset between receiver coordinates and receiver stations as shown in *Header|Receiver*. Check if all receiver spacings are multiples of *Header|Profile|Station spacing*. This option is unchecked per default. Check to restore import behaviour as with older builds.
- June 22, 2020 : moved some options from *File|Import Data Settings* into new menu *File|More import Settings*.
- June 17, 2020 : improved import of GeoTomCG `.3DD`. Import shots with just one receiver trace.
- June 16, 2020 : we reprocessed [OT0608](#) profile with *Conjugate-Gradient WET using Cosine-Squared update weighting and optimized WET smoothing* to obtain a sharper tomogram.
- June 15, 2020 : we have redone multiscale WET inversion of [SAGEEP 11 blind refraction](#) session [synthetic data](#) with version 4.01 of our software. We forced the *grid cell size* to 1.0m in *Header|Profile*. See Fig. 21 on last page of our [updated tutorial](#).

- June 13, 2020 : Geophysical investigations of pyroclastic density current processes and deposit properties at Mount St. Helens, Washington ([Cleveland Gase Thesis](#) Boise State Univ. 2016)
- June 13, 2020 : [Nielson](#) shows hydrogeophysical imaging of critical zone with ERT and SRT (Master Thesis, Boise State Univ. 2017)
- June 12, 2020 : updated description of import settings and DeltatV settings in [help file](#) . Also updated chapter on WET tomography processing, paragraph *Decrease WET velocity smoothing*.
- June 12, 2020 : improve error prompt when not enough RAM available for fast WET inversion. Prompt user to force larger *grid cell size* in *Header|Profile* or to install more RAM. Display how much KB of RAM are needed to cache all shot or receiver traveltimes grids. Our [Pro license](#) can use up to 1TB of RAM under Windows 10 Pro 64-bit for caching of traveltimes grids. Our Standard license can use up to 4GB of RAM.
- June 9, 2020 : check *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Write new DeltatV settings to .PAR file* to write new setting *Regard mapping for shot offset correction* to .PAR file. Uncheck so older version 3.36 builds of our software can still read newly generated .PAR files.
- June 7, 2020 : moved some commands from *Processing menu* shown with *Trace menu* gather displays, to new *Display menu*.
- June 7, 2020 : updated paragraph *System Requirements* in [help file](#) chapter *Introduction*

Version 3.36 released in June 2020 :

- June 6, 2020 : update *Grid|Surfer plot Limits|First station & Station interval* fields when user imports (additional) shots into profile database. Set *Station interval* to (profile length)/10 in station numbers. These parameters are used with option *Grid|Receiver station ticks on top axis* checked.
- June 6, 2020 : [Liu et al.](#) show Constraints on the shallow deformation around the Main Frontal Thrust in central Nepal from refraction velocities (Tectonophysics 2020).
- June 4, 2020 : *Processing|Edit trigger jitter removal* lets you edit parameters for removal of trigger jitter with *Processing|Remove gun jitter for shot/for all shots* in *Trace|Shot gather* with our [Pro version](#).
- May 30, 2020 : [Rodriguez-Pradilla](#) uses P-wave SRT for rock-mass classification and for structural tunnel-reinforcement design (SEG TLE Feb 2015).
- May 26, 2020 : in *Trace|Shot gather display* we now offer ***Processing|Remove gun jitter for shot*** and ***Remove gun jitter for all shots*** commands with our [Annual Pro & Permanent Pro](#) software versions. Use with marine refraction surveys to correct trigger delay of shot(s) based on assumed P-wave velocity of 1,500 m/s in water and known distance between source and closest receiver channel. We tested this with our [SR6 tutorial](#) data.
- May 26, 2020 : [Mattsson et al.](#) compare WET interpretation with conventional refraction processing for imaging of [granitic bedrock](#) in Sweden with thin overburden and mapped [deformation zones](#). Mattsson shows deep weathering and diving waves due to gradual increase of velocity with depth in overburden and below top-of-basement. These results are contrary to unrealistic [NGU synthetic model 1_1D](#) which shows no increase of velocity with depth inside basement and abrupt velocity increase to over 4,000 m/s below thin weathering layer or even directly below topography. These extremely sharp velocity increases at layer boundaries with no layer-internal velocity gradients prevent reliable interpretation with our DeltatV method. [DeltatV assumes diving waves](#) due to gradual increase of velocity with depth. This assumption is realistic for most field surveys we have ever seen. See our tutorials in archives [TUTORIAL.ZIP](#) and [OLDTUTOR.ZIP](#) for interpretation of client's field survey data.
- May 26, 2020 : our [Plus-Minus starting model](#) works fine for WET inversion of NGU model 1_1 synthetic traveltimes data.

- May 26, 2020 : our default Smooth inversion method is able to determine a good 1D-gradient starting model for WET inversion of NGU [P1_6-7D](#) synthetic model data. This NGU model is more realistic than [model 1_1D](#) and shows deep weathering with a wide low-velocity fault zone, allowing for diving waves.
- May 22, 2020 : plot overburden refractor over whole profile length for *Wavefront method* depth and velocity sections. Tested with our [GEOXMERC tutorial](#).
- May 21, 2020 : DeltatV apparent velocity pseudo-sections can be compared to ER apparent resistivity pseudo-sections. See e.g. <https://pages.mtu.edu/~ctyoung/LOKENOTE.PDF> chapter 2.3 on page 8. Quote : "The pseudosection is useful as a means to present the measured apparent resistivity values in a pictorial form, and as an initial guide for further quantitative interpretation. One common mistake made is to try to use the pseudosection as a final picture of the true subsurface resistivity."
- May 21, 2020 : write *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Regard mapping for shot offset correction* to .PAR file & restore from .PAR file
- May 21, 2020 : use larger font size for printing of axis legends and labels. Tested with HP OfficeJet Pro 8720 & Adobe PDF & CutePDF Writer printer drivers.
- May 21, 2020 : fixed printing Plus-Minus depth and velocity sections
- May 18, 2020 : new option *Mapping|Smooth CMP curves in Refractor|Midpoint Breaks*. Earlier builds regard *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Smooth CMP travelttime curves for Refractor|Midpoint breaks*.
- May 18, 2020 : initialize Surfer grid size same way as before Feb 27, 2020. This results in finer grids. You can always force the *grid cell size* in *Header|Profile*.
- May 18, 2020 : update *Grid|Surfer plot Limits|First station & Station interval* fields when user opens existing profile database with this latest version.
- May 18, 2020 : update *Grid|Surfer plot Limits|First station* after user imports (additional) shots.
- May 17, 2020 : as shown in our [SAGEEP10 short course tutorials](#) and our [short manual](#) we always recommend running our [Smooth inversion](#) as a first step during interpretation. Next you can try to improve the resolution by increasing the number of WET iterations and decreasing WET smoothing.
- May 17, 2020 : for typical field surveys with travelttime curves showing deep weathering and reciprocal travelttime picking errors and recording geometry errors always first use **default Full WET smoothing**.
- May 17, 2020 : **copying minimized WET smoothing settings optimized for one profile to another profile is not recommended and not supported**. Default full WET smoothing is determined automatically based on grid dimensions and velocity distribution in the starting model. Since these parameters are specific to each profile and starting model you need to always start with our [Smooth inversion](#). Then you can try step-wise decreasing of [WET smoothing](#).
- May 17, 2020 : **if you decrease WET smoothing too much then you effectively prevent WET inversion from improving on the starting model**. This is true for any starting model : Plus-Minus, pseudo-2D DeltatV or 1D-gradient obtained with our *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model*.
- May 17, 2020 : you need to **interactively adapt WET smoothing to your profile data** (first breaks and recording geometry). Don't force some arbitrary smoothing copied from another profile and assume that this should just work with your current data. This is not supported.
- May 17, 2020 : for multi-run WET inversion of synthetic data as shown in [SAGEEP11_16](#) tutorial you can decrease **WET smoothing** more than for single-run WET inversion of field surveys as shown e.g. in our new [P6 tutorial](#). For P6 we leave WET smoothing at default *Full smoothing* and increase the *WET iteration count* only, from default 20 to 100. But we keep using default *Ricker differentiation -1 [Gaussian]*, default *Steepest Descent search method* and default *Full smoothing*.
- May 8, 2020 : select which CPU cores are used for our application in [Windows Task Manager](#)

- May 8, 2020 : or specify CPU affinity with [start /AFFINITY command](#) in Windows Command Prompt. Determine the [AFFINITY mask value](#) in Windows Calculator in Programmer mode.
- May 8, 2020 : our Standard license can use up to 4 CPU cores for WET inversion. Our [Pro license](#) can use up to 16 CPU cores in parallel for faster WET inversion.
- May 8, 2020 : our Standard license can use up to 4 GB RAM under Windows 7/8/10 64-bit. Our Pro license can use up to 1 TB RAM under Windows 10 Pro 64-bit.
- May 6, 2020 : we have updated our [brochure](#) with latest specifications.
- May 3, 2020 : [Díaz-Curiel et al.](#) use WET inversion and [dynamic probing super-heavy tests](#) to determine dynamic moduli, stress-strain moduli relationships and bearing capacity for helipad construction (JAG Apr 2020)
- May 2, 2020 : Macklin et al. show Strain-dependent Stiffness of the Weathered Melbourne Formation (15th Australasian Tunnelling Conference 2014, Sydney) with [downhole VSP](#) and [pressuremeter tests](#)
- Apr 30, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#) comes with latest [help file](#) and works with Surfer 18
- Apr 29, 2020 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Introduction*. Add popup help topics for new import options and Grid menu options. Refer to new tutorials.
- Apr 29, 2020 : for inspection of SEGY trace headers use [SciSee software](#). Also supports bandpass filter and flexible trace display.
- Apr 27, 2020 : our [P6 tutorial](#) shows fault zone imaging in Norway. Traveltime curves and results show gradual increase of velocity with depth below topography and deep weathering along fracture zone. This contrasts with the strictly Plus-Minus layered refraction assumption used by [NGU](#) for their modeling, with [unrealistic abrupt velocity increase to over 4,000 m/s directly below thin weathering layer or topography](#). We have asked NGU to use more realistic models of weathered subsurface in future, with deep weathering. The modeled velocity should increase gradually with depth both in overburden [and in basement](#). Of course the Plus-Minus method works best for synthetic data obtained by forward modeling over such [strongly layered models](#).
- the [SAGEEP 11 blind refraction model](#) uses more realistic velocity gradients and deep weathering including a dipping fault zone, all of which are better modeled with diving waves and [seismic refraction tomography](#) than with strictly critically refracted rays used with classical refraction methods.
- ([Hagedoorn 1959](#)) already shows Fresnel volumes (seismic transmission volume) and gradual increase of velocity with depth both in basement and in overburden, resulting in curved rays and diving waves in Fig. 1 of his classical Plus-Minus refraction method paper.
- Apr 26, 2020 : describe how to obtain the .BLN file used for water layer blanking in our [SR6 tutorial](#)
- Apr 24, 2020 : new option *File|Import Data Settings|Use bent line inline offset for shot pos. and layout start*. Check to use accumulated inline offset along bent line (regarding receiver x/y/z) to determine *Shot Pos. & Layout Start* in station numbers during SEG-2 & SEGY import. Check this option for our [SR6 tutorial](#). This option is unchecked per default.
- Apr 21, 2020 : more accurately determine *shot pos.* and *layout start* in station numbers during SEGY import for slightly crooked lines as for SEG-2 import, with *File|SEGY import Settings|No receiver coordinates specified in .SGY file* unchecked or with *File|SEG-2 import Settings|Receiver Coordinates specified in .DAT or .SG2 file* checked
- Apr 20, 2020 : improved SEGY import now regards options *File|Import data Settings|Flip sign of X coordinate for all sources and receivers & Flip sign of Y coordinate for all sources and receivers*
- Apr 15, 2020 : updated **.BAS** Surfer scripts work with latest Surfer 18. Download & run [Ray336 Scripts.exe](#) on PC where you installed our version 3.36 software.
- Apr 15, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#) works with Surfer 18
- Apr 15, 2020 : improved ***DeltatV static corrections***. *Surface-consistent corrections* per default instead of *CMP gather datum corrections*. Decreased default width of ***Topography filter*** used for surface-consistent corrections, from previous 100 to new 15 stations. This prevents over-correction of traveltimes in case of strongly undulating topography. Try

disabling static corrections completely with option *No static corrections* in *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Static Corrections* dialog.

- Apr 11, 2020 : show in [SR6 tutorial](#) how to map traces to refractor, determine *Plus-Minus method* layered refraction starting model and run WET inversion using this layered starting model
- Apr 7, 2020 : show in [SR6 tutorial](#) how to suppress velocity inversion artefact in WET tomogram by disabling scaling of WET *wavepath width & filter height*
- Apr 5, 2020 : our new [SR6 tutorial](#) shows WET inversion of shallow marine refraction data using multiple starting models. We show water layer blanking with sources above the refraction spread.
- Apr 5, 2020 : enable *WET Tomo|WET Velocity constraints dialog* even before running any inversion
- Mar 30, 2020 : added field *Use station index or station no. offset* to *Grid|Surfer plot limits* dialog. Check in case of irregular receiver spacing with *Grid|Receiver station ticks on top axis*, see below.
- Mar 28, 2020 : new Grid menu option *Receiver station ticks on top axis*. Shows station numbers on top axis. Configure as in next bullet. On bottom axis we still always show horizontal inline offset.
- Mar 27, 2020 : added fields *First station & Station interval* to *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* dialog. Use these to specify first receiver station to be labeled, and the station interval to determine following stations to be labeled with *Grid|Label receiver stations* checked.
- Mar 25, 2020 : our Pro version now allows writing & reading Surfer .GRD files with up to 100,000,000 grid cells. Force the grid cell size in *Header|Profile* dialog.
- Mar 23, 2020 : added DeltatV starting model & WET inversion to [Mt. Bulga tutorial](#). Show how to recognize dipping fault zone in common offset sorted raw traveltimes plot before any inversion.
- Mar 20, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#)
- Mar 18, 2020 : added DeltatV starting model & WET inversion to [SAGEEP11](#) blind refraction tutorial. Show how WET inversion improves lateral offset errors in DeltatV. Also show how to visualize basement fault zone in CMP sorted raw traveltimes data plot before running any inversion.
- Mar 14, 2020 : added DeltatV method interpretation to [latest P6 tutorial](#). DeltatV based WET gives better match to raw traveltimes plots than Plus-Minus & 1D-gradient based WET. Improved figure captions.
- Mar 14, 2020 : improve prompt if referenced spread type is missing from reference database. Prompt to import spread types from *MYSREAD*. *SPR* in your profile directory.
- Mar 14, 2020 : improve prompt during time-to-depth conversion for layered refraction methods if basement refractor coverage is too short
- Mar 10, 2020 : our [latest P6 tutorial](#) shows fracture zone detection in bedrock. Also we show .HDR batch import of *SEG-2* .SG2 files with bad recording geometry in *SOURCE_LOCATION/RECEIVER_LOCATION* trace header fields. Also we show how to create your *COORDS*.*COR* with elevations.
- Mar 9, 2020 : check *File|Import data Settings|Database transaction for whole import* to use one database transaction covering the whole import routine including import of shot traces & updating of trace headers. This option is unchecked per default.
- Feb 29, 2020 : added button *Reset top elevation* to *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* dialog. Resets field *Grid top elevation* to highest elevation of any source/receiver along profile.
- Feb 29, 2020 : support blanking of water layer with WET blanking option *Regard negative shot depth* checked and *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet* checked.
- Feb 25, 2020 : *Smooth invert* now blanks the initial *GRADIENT*.*GRD* model with .BLN blanking file selected in *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints* dialog with option *Blank initial model* checked

- Feb 25, 2020 : added option **Pad outside border** in *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints* dialog. This option is regarded if option *Pad polygon border* is checked only. Tested with [TUNNEL16](#) tutorial. Uncheck *Pad outside border* to pad inside polygon border with *Pad polygon border* checked.
- Feb 23, 2020 : updated [free trial installer](#)
- Feb 23, 2020 : prompt to specify valid *weathering velocity v0* in *Header|Station* when user clicks button **Correct breaks** with *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Regard mapping for shot offset correction* checked or prompt to uncheck this option. *Refractor|Shot breaks|Mapping menu* shares the same option.
- Feb 19, 2020 : added button **Redisplay Grid** to *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* dialog. For older builds use *Grid|Image and contour velocity and coverage grids* instead.
- Feb 19, 2020 : *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* settings are not regarded when displaying the initial 1D-gradient or DeltatV starting model. To redisplay the starting model use above *Redisplay Grid* button and select ...\- Feb 19, 2020 : force the grid limits for the starting model using our *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* dialog.
- Feb 18, 2020 : use *Surfer Grid Info* command (in *Surfer 11 Grid menu*) to display the grid cell size for ...\force the grid cell size in our *Header|Profile* .
- Feb 16, 2020 : fixed using option **depth below topo** in *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Export Options*
- Feb 16, 2020 : alternatively use command **Grid|Convert elevation to Depth below topography**. Image the converted .GRD with *File|Image and contour velocity and coverage grids*.
- Feb 10, 2020 : retry deleting flag files used for communication with Golden Software Scripser when plotting starting models & WET tomograms. These files may be locked by anti-virus scanner.
- Feb 10, 2020 : don't crash with *Trace gather* window(s) open when user confirms to continue with *WET inversion* using the layered refraction starting model obtained with Plus-Minus method etc.
- Feb 9, 2020 : uncheck *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Weigh picks in CMP curves* for short or low-coverage lines to avoid over-interpretation and artefacts. This helps for [1_1D](#) DeltatV inversion & [CLUD1](#) Smooth inversion with more realistic 1D-gradient starting model.
- Feb 9, 2020 : for long and high-coverage lines check *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Smooth CMP travelttime curves & Suppress velocity artefacts*. These options are not recommended for short/low-coverage lines.
- Feb 9, 2020 : [add exceptions for Windows Defender](#) in Windows 10 Security Center, for root folder `c:\RAY32` and file `c:\RAY32\BIN\RAYFRACT32.EXE` to improve robustness of our app when plotting models in *Surfer* and when running WET inversion
- Feb 3, 2020 : updated tutorial [NGU1_1](#). In *Refractor|Shot breaks* check *Mapping|Pick branch points between receivers* & uncheck *Automated updating of station V0* before picking the branch points adjacent to shot positions.
- Jan 26, 2020 : *File|Import data Settings|Extrapolate receiver line coordinates* is checked whenever you (re)open a profile database. Uncheck to force *shot station* coordinates for offend shots to *shot point* coordinates listed in `SHOTPTS.SHO` .
- Jan 26, 2020 : restored *DeltatV* resolution when inverting [NGU 1_1D](#) synthetic data
- Jan 26, 2020 : show error prompt and exit our app when starting up under Microsoft Windows XP. Prompt to run under Windows 7/8/10 .
- Jan 16, 2020 : redetermine shot dx/dy/dz offset from *shot station* for not reimported shots, at end of import after automatic updating with `IMPSHOTS.SHO` . Next we redetermine *inline* and *lateral offset* from shot station for all shots in profile database.
- Jan 15, 2020 : adapt `.HDR` batch import so works with absolute shot point coordinates in shot records

- Jan 13, 2020 : store absolute shot point coordinates x/y/z in shot record in database. Previously we stored relative dx/dy/dz offset from *shot station* x/y/z in shot record only.
- Jan 7, 2020 : updated [SAPRI12 tutorial](#) : check **Smooth invert**|**Smooth inversion Settings**|**No shot position checking** if shot positions don't exactly match traveltimes curve minima in *Refractor*|*Shot breaks* display to avoid error prompts. Use this option as a last resort only to avoid bad interpretations.
- Jan 7, 2020 : regard lateral offset from extrapolated receiver line for shot points just outside first/last receiver station when determining SEG-2 shot station number
- Jan 2, 2019 : faster trace display in *Trace*|*Shot gather*
- Jan 2, 2019 : faster mapping of traces to refractors in *Refractor*|*Midpoint breaks* display
- Jan 2, 2019 : determine SEG-2 *Shot pos. [station no.]* more consistently regarding accumulated inline offset along receiver line
- Jan 2, 2019 : speed up caching of receiver geometry over all shot files contained in input directory selected in *File*|*Import Data*
- Dec 30, 2019 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Introduction*
- Dec 27, 2019 : [Gaines et al.](#) detect perched water bodies using surface-seismic time-lapse traveltimes tomography (SEG 2010)
- Dec 25, 2019 : write new *WET Tomography Settings*|*Blank & Write* submenu flags to **.PAR** file
- Dec 24, 2019 : updated [help file](#) chapter *Seismic and header data import* : describe **File**|**Import Data**|**Take shot record number from** choices for *Import data type* SEG-2 .
- Dec 19, 2019 : to import SARA srl SEG-2 shot files which are named by time stamp : **set File**|**Import Data**|**Take shot record number from** to choice **File Number**. Our latest 3.36 build will then sequentially number the imported shots, starting at *Shot no.* 1 as shown in *Header*|*Shot*.
- Dec 19, 2019 : with SEG-2 keyword SHOT_SEQUENCE_NUMBER specified in SEG-2 trace headers our import routine will use these values to number imported shots, with **File**|**Import Data**|**Take shot record number from** set to choice **File Number**. Otherwise we number imported shots sequentially.
- Dec 19, 2019 : write a **.HDR** batch file in *File*|*Import Data* and edit the **Shot no. in db** in column 3 as you like. Then select the edited **.HDR** with button *.HDR batch & click Batch import & Import shots*.
- Dec 18, 2019 : make **.HDR** batch import more robust. Detect too long shot filenames in **.HDR** file when resulting in full file paths (including drive and directory) exceeding Windows limit of 260 characters.
- Dec 16, 2019 : we now quote *shot filenames* in **.HDR** batch files generated in *File*|*Import Data* with enclosing ""'. Special filename characters including space chars. and column separators ',; are preserved when running the **.HDR** batch.
- Dec 16, 2019 : we still support running old **.HDR** batch files with unquoted filenames in *File*|*Import Data*. But for these unquoted shot filenames we don't allow space chars. and column separators.
- Dec 12, 2019 : more robust determination of *Shot no.* during **SEG-2** import : number shots sequentially if shot no. can't be determined from *DOS file name* or SEG-2 *File number* or *Record number*.
- Dec 10, 2019 : write new *WET smoothing parameters* to **.PAR** file & restore from **.PAR** .
- Dec 9, 2019 : check *WET Tomo*|*WET velocity constraints*|*Blank initial model* to blank the starting model **.GRD** with *blanking file* selected in same dialog. Also check *Polygon blanking active*.
- Dec 7, 2019 : limit time zoom with **CTRL+F1** in *Refractor*|*Midpoint breaks* to 8 levels as previously.
- Dec 2, 2019 : our latest 3.36 build works fine under Windows 10 64-bit Pro, Nov 2019 update.
- Dec 2, 2019 : improved error prompt if bad velocity in grid during WET, with negative shot depth.

- Dec 1, 2019 : [Storniolo](#) shows Wetting Front Geometry and Fluid Migration in the Vadose Zone Using Surface Time-Lapse Seismic First-Arrival Tomography (Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville 2012).
- Dec 1, 2019 : [Frydenlund](#) correlates SRT with ERT & borehole data (NTNU Trondheim 2017).
- Nov 27, 2019 : smooth weathering velocity for *Plus-Minus/Wavefront/CMP intercept-time refraction* using smoothing filter width *Overburden filter [station nos.]* specified using **ALT+M** in depth section.
- Nov 27, 2019 : check *Depth|Depth conversion Settings|Don't smooth weathering velocity* to skip smoothing of v0 during layered refraction interpretation with *Plus-Minus/Wavefront/CMP refraction*.
- Nov 23, 2019 : [Zhang](#) describes how to determine RQD from visual core inspection and from P-wave velocity measurement on intact core (in laboratory) & in-situ rock mass (in field).
- Nov 22, 2019 : updated [free trial installer](#)
- Nov 21, 2019 : *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Force RAM allocation* now runs WET with *traveltime grid caching* enabled for even less available memory than for previous builds.
- Nov 20, 2019 : regard current setting of option *Conjugate Gradient* in main WET dialog when resetting *WET velocity smoothing* via *Reset* button. Set *Damping* to 0.9 and *Maximum velocity update* to 15% for *Conjugate Gradient* method. Set to 0.0 & 25% for *Steepest Descent* method.
- Nov 20, 2019 : don't assert with *WET wavepath scaling* and negative shot depth when re-selecting starting model. For earlier builds uncheck *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Scale wavepath width*.
- Nov 17, 2019 : [Toto et al.](#) show fault characterization using ERT & SRT & seismic reflection & impressive geological evidence
- Nov 16, 2019 : if you start data import with *Import Shots* button in *File|Import Data...* but then don't import any shots using *End* or *Skip* buttons, the station coordinates in *Header|Station* will remain empty. See next bullet.
- Nov 16, 2019 : reimport automatically backed up coordinates with *File|Update header data|Update Station Coordinates & C:\RAY32\<your profile name>\BACKUP\COORDS.COR*
- Nov 15, 2019 : don't check geometry after generating .HDR batch file in *File|Import Data ...*
- Nov 15, 2019 : *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Static Corrections|Copy v0 from Station editor* works again, after using button *Correct breaks* in *Header|Station*. This is faster than *DeltatV* option *Automatically estimate v0* for long & densely recorded profiles. Map traces to refractors in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks*.
- Nov 13, 2019 : after mapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* press button **Correct breaks** in *Header|Station* to correct picks for shot hole depth and shot point lateral offset. Now reopen *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* and remap traces, based on corrected picks. Now select *Depth|Plus-Minus*.
- Nov 13, 2019 : [Terzic et al.](#) show Fault Characterization and Dam Seismic Hazard Assessment (Terzic et al. 2019 GHD). See also their [slide show](#) showing combination of SRT with trenching.
- Nov 10, 2019 : *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Regard mapping for shot offset correction* with negative or positive *Shot depth* and layered subsurface for improved correction of your first break picks during *DeltatV inversion* and when computing the 1D-gradient starting model with *Smooth invert*.
- Nov 10, 2019 : improved checking of maximum allowed *CMP stack width* for *DeltatV inversion* and *Refractor|Midpoint breaks display*. Regard available RAM/virtual memory.
- Nov 10, 2019 : select *Refractor|Reset Midpoint breaks CMP stack width to default* if you increased the *CMP stack width* too much in **ALT+M** mapping dialog & the display does not open any longer.
- Nov 8, 2019 : we strongly recommend to use our **1D-gradient starting model** for WET inversion to avoid artefacts in the *DeltatV starting model*. See [Nurul Nida et al. 2019](#) and [Sheehan et al. 2005](#) and our [pdf reference](#) chapters *DeltatV inversion & Smooth inversion & WET tomography*

- Nov 8, 2019 : for *DeltatV inversion* theory & usage recommendations see our [2011 paper](#).
- Nov 8, 2019 : faster validation of *DeltatV CMP stack width*. Automatically decrease stack width if not enough RAM available, for *Automatic DeltatV&WET inversion*.
- Nov 5, 2019 : [Mapping sand and clay-filled depressions on a coastal chalk cliff top](#) using gravity, SRT and borehole data for landslide hazard assessment in Normandy, France (Jacob et al. BRGM 2018)
- Nov 5, 2019 : improved contour level setup in *.BAS* Surfer scripts and tested with latest Surfer 17 Beta. Download & run [Ray336 Scripts.exe](#) on PC where you installed our version 3.36 software.
- Nov 2, 2019 : in *Refractor|Shot breaks* check **Mapping|Regard mapping for shot offset correction** for better correction of first breaks for negative shot depth for marine refraction surveys using our *DeltatV & Smooth inversion*.
- Nov 2, 2019 : the CmStick USB dongle driver / **CodeMeter runtime version 6.90** is not supported any longer under Microsoft Windows XP. See [link](#) for supported Windows versions.
- Nov 2, 2019 : if you need to run our latest software version 3.36 under Windows XP 32-bit we can build a custom version for you using CodeMeter runtime version 6.81.
- Nov 2, 2019 : *Grid|Blank polygon area in grid* works with both *.GRD* and blanking file *.BLN* specified in feet & *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet* checked .
- Nov 2, 2019 : increased default **CMP stack width** to max. 300 for *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV* and max. 40 for *Refractor|Midpoint breaks*. Formula : stack width [in CMP's] = (profile length in stations)/5 .
- Nov 2, 2019 : more robust error handling when RAM memory allocation fails. Display prompt with clear message. Then shut down our app once the user clicks OK button.
- Oct 25, 2019 : check **WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank|Regard negative shot depth** for marine refraction surveys with sources above the receiver spread. See bullets dated Sep 22.
- Oct 25, 2019 : for marine refraction survey set *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Min. velocity* to e.g. 1,300 m/s to force the minimum velocity obtained in WET tomograms.
- Oct 25, 2019 : for marine refraction surveys blank the starting model with *Grid|Blank polygon area in grid* and the blanking file obtained with *Grid|Generate blanking file between sources and receivers*.
- Oct 25, 2019 : *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints|Pad polygon border* is now unchecked per default.
- Oct 25, 2019 : to zoom traveltimes curves in *Refractor|Shot breaks* press ALT+P. Edit *Minimum&Maximum station number & Maximum time*. Hit ENTER key to accept changes.
- Oct 19, 2019 : see new [help .pdf](#) for screen shots showing installation of Visual C++ 2017 runtime with *raywn336.exe* base installer used for installation of latest version 3.36 of our software
- Oct 19, 2019 : [Ostrowski & Lasocki](#) show landslide characterization using SRT and ERT (Porto 2018)
- Oct 16, 2019 : improved *SEG-2* & Geometrics PlotRefa *.vs* import with import options *Allow missing traces & Adjust Receiver station coordinates* both checked & when not re-importing all shots.
- Oct 16, 2019 : don't allow toggling import options in *File|Import data Settings* submenu when shots have been imported already. Prompt the user to export and backup header data & select *File|Reinitialize Profile & reenter Header|Profile* info & then adjust import options from their defaults. This is required to **prevent corruption of the profile database & recording geometry**.
- Oct 16, 2019 : more robust *WET inversion* with *Ricker differentiation* set to -2 [*Cosine-Squared*]. Prevent *math exception prompts* with pow function. Dismiss these with *OK button* for older builds.

- Oct 9, 2019 : as a rule of thumb set *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|CMP curve stack width [CMPs]* to **(line length in station numbers)/5**. E.g. with line length of 500m assuming a *Station spacing* of 2m set *CMP curve stack width* to 50. For line length of 2km set to 200. With a station spacing of 4m set to (line length in meters)/20. But set to at least 20, especially for short receiver spreads.
- Oct 7, 2019 : updated topic *Edit velocity smoothing* in help file chapter *WET tomography processing*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer. Also updated chapters *Commands & Seismic and header data import & Pseudo-2D DeltatV inversion* : improved description of interactive DeltatV parameters.
- Oct 7, 2019 : updated [SAPRI12 tutorial](#) showing import of *SeisImager PlotRefa .vs* . In *Trace|Shot gather check Processing|Show dead traces* so you can repick shot no. 8 as described in the tutorial.
- Oct 7, 2019 : our [CLUD1 tutorial](#) shows import & Smooth invert of Optim® *SeisOpt @2D* data files
- Oct 6, 2019 : [Zelt et al. 2013](#) compare refraction tomography software using synthetic data for a known fault model.
- Oct 6, 2019 : [Jacob et al.](#) use gravity, SRT and borehole data to map sand and clay-filled depressions on a coastal chalk cliff top for landslide hazard assessment (BRGM 2018)
- Oct 6, 2019 : added check box **No smoothing** in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Edit velocity smoothing dialog*. Click this button to completely disable *WET smoothing*. See next bullet.
- Oct 6, 2019 : for older 3.36 builds **completely disable WET smoothing** as follows : set *Smooth nth iteration* : $n =$ to 100 and uncheck both *Smooth velocity update* & *Smooth last iteration*.
- Oct 6, 2019 : updated [TUNNEL16 HoleTomo Mar14.RAR](#) archive with latest version 3.36 .GRD & .PAR files. This archive is referenced from our updated [TUNNEL16](#) tutorial.
- Oct 5, 2019 : for [theory of WET](#) inversion see Schuster 1993 paper .
- Oct 1, 2019 : renamed WET smoothing option *Smooth velocity update* to *Smooth update*. Check to smooth velocity update for every WET iteration. Added option *Smooth nth* to smooth velocity update for each nth iteration only. Renamed option *Smooth last iteration* to *Smooth last*. *Smooth velocity update* is per default enabled & *Smooth nth* per default disabled.
- Sep 29, 2019 : improved robustness of *SEG-2* import. Commas “,” in number strings read from *SEG-2* trace headers are converted to decimal points “.”.
- Sep 29, 2019 : *WET velocity update* now is smoothed for each nth iteration only. This can improve the lateral resolution in WET tomograms e.g. for our [1_ID tutorial](#) with *Smooth nth iteration* set to 35.
- Sep 28, 2019 : when toggling *File|Import data Settings|Default Layout start is 1* with *Allow missing traces* checked you need to *File|Reinitialize Profile* before reimporting shots to avoid shot point geometry errors
- Sep 25, 2019 : improved *WET velocity constraints* polygon blanking
- Sep 25, 2019 : improved *WET smoothing* when *WET velocity constraints* polygon blanking is activated
- Sep 25, 2019 : *Grid|Blank polygon area in grid* now regards the blanking flag in 2nd column of .BLN header line. Set to 1 to blank inside & 0 to blank outside. Edit blanking velocity in 3rd column. Our earlier software builds regards *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints|Blank outside polygon* instead.
- Sep 22, 2019 : *Grid|Generate blanking file between sources and receivers* writes Surfer format .BLN blanking file to disk with polygon of area between sources and receivers. The **blanking velocity** in header column no. 3 is set to 1,500 m/s. Use for water layer blanking for marine surveys with sources positioned above the receiver spread. Specify negative shot hole depths in *Header|Shot* or in *SHOTPTS .SHO* to move sources above receiver spread.
- Sep 22, 2019 : in *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints* dialog click button *Select blanking file* & select above .BLN and check box *Polygon blanking active*. Click button OK to confirm.

- Sep 22, 2019 : *Grid|Generate blanking file between sources and receivers* writes coordinates to the `.BLN` blanking file in feet with *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet* checked
- Sep 22, 2019 : when writing `GRADIENT.GRD` and `DELTATV.GRD` starting model grids we automatically extend these grids upwards to include all sources with negative shot hole depths
- Sep 14, 2019 : [Himi et al.](#) image landslides with ERT and SRT to determine sliding surfaces and internal landslide structure (EAGE NSG Porto 2018)
- Sep 14, 2019 : *File|Update header data|Delete all first breaks for all shots* deletes all first break picks from your profile database
- Sep 14, 2019 : *File|Update header data|Update First Breaks* deletes shot picks for all shots listed in your selected `BREAKS.LST` before updating shot traces with picks as listed in your `BREAK.LST`
- Sep 14, 2019 : our `SEG-2` import now determines *Layout start* and *Shot pos.* in station numbers based on 3D inline offsets instead of offset along major coordinate. This helps with curved lines.
- Sep 14, 2019 : more robust `SEG-2` import truncates field `ACQUISITION_TIME` to 15 characters before writing to profile database. All other string type `SEG-2` header values are also truncated if too long.
- Sep 9, 2019 : in *Trace|Shot gather display check Processing|Show dead traces* to display dead/missing traces. These are always shown with earlier builds of our software. Reimport your `SEG-2` shots with *File|Import data Settings|Allow missing traces & File|SEG-2 import settings|Receiver Coordinates specified in .DAT or .SG2 file* checked to suppress display of dead traces.
- Sep 9, 2019 : if *Processing|Show dead traces* is unchecked in *Trace|Shot gather* etc. then we do not allow picking of dead traces, neither with left mouse button click nor with polyline picking
- Sep 3, 2019 : we now support import of x/y/z coordinates specified in `SEG-2` trace headers for `SOURCE_LOCATION` and `RECEIVER_LOCATION` keywords. Separate x, y and z coordinates by one or more space characters. Check *File|SEG-2 import settings|Receiver Coordinates specified in .DAT or .SG2 file* and *File|Import data Settings|Allow missing traces* to enable this x/y/z coordinate import.
- Sep 3, 2019 : *File|Update header data|Update Receiver Coordinates* lets you update profile database trace headers with receiver x/y/z specified in columns 6/7/8 of `BREAKS.LST` file. Also we will re-determine receiver station x/y/z coordinates by averaging receiver coordinates linked to that station by common *station number*.
- Sep 3, 2019 : export receiver x/y/z coordinates into columns 6/7/8 of `BREAKS.LST` with *File|Export header data|Export First Breaks* with option *File|Export data Settings|Export receiver coordinates to .3DD and .LST* checked
- Aug 16, 2019 : better diagnose *too short basement refractor coverage* with *Plus-Minus* method
- Aug 16, 2019 : don't allow *WET Tomo|Interactive WET Tomo|Ricker differentiation of 1 [once differentiated Ricker wavelet]* if user activates multirun WET with *Iterate* button
- Aug 15, 2019 : *Header|Receiver* dialog now shows both *Station coordinates x/y/z* and *Receiver coordinates x/y/z*. Station coordinates are copied from *Header|Station* for same *Station number* while Receiver coordinates are the x/y/z imported from *shot file*.
- Aug 12, 2019 : we have uploaded [input files](#) for our sinkhole tutorial [Tyler Line1](#) . Also we have [reprocessed this data](#) with our latest 3.36 Standard software.
- Aug 12, 2019 : our Rayfract® software offers multiple [interpretation methods and parameters](#) to explore the non-uniqueness of the solution space. It is the user's job to sufficiently explore the solution space with our methods and varying parameters, and to find an appropriate combination of methods and parameters for each individual data set. This choice may be guided by a-priori information e.g. from boreholes or other geophysical methods. For good parameter combinations see our [tutorials](#), our [short manual](#) and our [SAGEEP 2010 short course](#). We recommend to always first run our *Smooth inversion* method with *1D-gradient*

starting model. Next you can increase the *WET iteration count* to 100 in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET*.

- Aug 10, 2019 : [Grelle and Guadagno](#) determine WSI Water Seismic Index from P-wave and S-wave surveys along the same line to better map the groundwater table (Journal of Applied Geophysics 2009)
- Aug 5, 2019 : better regard *forced grid cell size* specified in *Header|Profile* for initial model
- Aug 2, 2019 : [Manning](#) shows karst imaging over igneous basement correlated with GPR interpretation in his AGU 2019 poster & [Youtube video](#) (Texas A&M University 2019)
- Aug 1, 2019 : we per default check again option ***Blank below envelope after last iteration*** in menu *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank* for more reliable imaging at bottom of tomogram
- July 28, 2019 : [Mendieta](#) shows Seismic Refraction and Electrical Resistivity Tests for Fracture Induced Anisotropy in a Mountain Watershed (Mendieta Master Thesis 2017 Boise State Univ.)
- July 28, 2019 : [Benjumea et al.](#) use our *WET inversion* to reconstruct 3D image of the Emporda Basin (Benjumea et al. EUREGEO 2015 Proceedings pp. 29-31)
- July 26, 2019 : updated tutorial [CFE15.pdf](#) : check *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank|Blank outside borehole tomogram* before running *Smooth invert* and *WET Tomo|Interactive WET*
- July 26, 2019 : updated our latest [Walkaway19](#) tutorial : show forcing of *grid cell size* to 0.2m and describe how to pick the topography *blanking file* in Surfer
- July 25, 2019 : as shown by ([Watanabe 1999](#), Fig. 4) for crosshole surveys, it is not possible to reliably image seismic subsurface velocity at a resolution much smaller than one wavelength of dominant frequency of the first break pulse. E.g. with 100 Hz and basement velocity of 4,000 m/s, one wavelength is $4000/100 = 40\text{m}$. In case of bad or noisy picks and recording geometry errors, resolution may not be better than two wavelengths. For refraction surveys, resolution at bottom and edges of tomogram is further reduced, because here rays and wavepaths are aligned predominantly parallel to each other ([White 1989](#)). In our [1_1D](#) tutorial we are imaging fault zones not wider than 10m @ 4,000 m/s. This is far below one wavelength of 40m, see above.
- July 25, 2019 : the minimum-structure **smooth 1D starting model is recommended for robust WET inversion of lines shorter than 0.5 km**, to prevent artefacts caused by the starting model ([Sheehan et al. 2005](#), Fig. 1) and to prevent our WET inversion getting stuck in a local minimum of the traveltimes misfit function ([Schuster 1993](#), Equation 1). See our [SAGEEP11 presentation](#), [thrust12](#), [epikiny](#), [mtbulga](#) tutorials etc.
- July 25, 2019 : disable *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Suppress velocity artefacts* per default. This gives better vertically resolved 1D-gradient starting model when trying to image LVL Low-Velocity-Layers e.g. for our [GS0801](#) and [COFFEY04](#) tutorials. See bullets dated July 1 & July 6th, 2019.
- July 24, 2019 : our latest 3.36 software works fine under Windows 10 64-bit Pro May 2019 update
- July 18, 2019 : don't cache *initial model .GRD* any longer & always re-read initial model *.GRD* from disk to (re)determine the width and height of *WET smoothing filter* for *full/minimal smoothing*
- July 15, 2019 : check *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Write|Keep WET smoothing record in database* to keep WET smoothing settings when user changes *grid cell size*. The *WET smoothing filter size* is updated based on the initial model's cell size during next WET inversion except if the user selected *Edit velocity smoothing|Manual smoothing* earlier.
- July 14, 2019 : update *WET velocity smoothing filter size* in database when user (re)selects initial model grid in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography* except if she selected *Edit velocity smoothing|Manual smoothing* earlier
- July 14, 2019 : compare stored *weathering velocity v0* with edited v0 in *Header|Station* with two decimal digits precision to prevent spurious prompts about 'Changed station coordinates'
- July 9, 2019 : reset *WET velocity smoothing* and delete starting model grids when user imports shots or updates header data with station coordinates or shot point coordinates.

- July 8, 2019 : delete ...\[HOLETOMO\CONSTVEL.GRD](#) starting model when user changes/forces *grid cell size* in *Header|Profile*.
- July 8, 2019 : reset *WET smoothing* to defaults and force re-determination of *WET smoothing* when user changes/forces *grid cell size* in *Header|Profile*.
- July 8, 2019 : for earlier builds of our software : after you change/force the *grid cell size* in *Header|Profile* determine a new starting model with *Smooth invert*. Now review and accept *WET smoothing* in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Edit velocity smoothing*. Edit the smoothing as required and click *Accept parameters button*.
- July 6, 2019 : for our [COFFEY04](#) tutorial decrease *WET wavepath width* to 2% or 2.5% from default 3.5%. Uncheck *Disable wavepath scaling for short profile*. Don't *suppress DeltatV velocity artefacts* for 1D-gradient starting model obtained with *Smooth inversion*. These settings give better vertical resolution and show low-velocity layers LVL as in above tutorial in Fig. 1.
- July 5, 2019 : our latest tutorial shows [reprocessing of Walkaway VSP](#) data with version 3.36
- July 2, 2019 : *File|Import data Settings|Reset all Import Data settings to default value* resets new import options and *File|Import Data* dialog controls
- July 1, 2019 : we tested our new *GeoTomCG .3DD* import into *Line type Refraction spread/line* with our tutorial data [OT0608](#), [GEOXMERC](#) and [GS0801](#) after export to *.3DD*. Set *Ricker differentiation* to 1, decrease *WET wavepath width* to 2% from default 4% and uncheck *Adapt filter shape* in *Edit velocity smoothing* for GS0801 to better image the low-velocity layer LVL in the landslide.
- July 1, 2019 : check new options *File|Customize spread types|Customize Default spread type* and ***One spread per shot*** when receiver coordinates vary over time in the same spread layout between shots such as in marine streamer surveys
- July 1, 2019 : use new options *File|Import data Settings|Flip sign of X coordinate for all sources and receivers* and *Flip sign of Y coordinate for all sources and receivers* with import of *GeoTomCG .3DD* if you want to turn around the line during import. We automatically determine the major coordinate as X or Y coordinate depending on which increases faster along the line.
- June 28, 2019 : we increased the default value for parameter ***Maximum tolerance*** to 70 percent in *File|Update header data|Update Station coordinates* dialog. This helps with import of *GeoTomCG .3DD* files into profiles with *Header|Profile|Line type Refraction spread/line* profiles.
- June 27, 2019 : we now allow *GeoTomCG .3DD* import into profile with *Line type Refraction spread/line* and regard y coordinates for refraction lines
- June 27, 2019 : check *File|Import data Settings|Y coordinate is zero 0.0* to reset y coordinates to zero when importing *GeoTomCG .3DD* files
- June 27, 2019 : check ***File|Import data Settings|Customize Default spread type*** to automatically customize selected *Default spread type* to match irregular receiver layout with missing traces. Enabling this option will cause database revision to fail when opening this profile with earlier 3.36 or earlier version of our software. Enabling this allows more accurate modeling of recording geometry and receiver positions.
- June 19, 2019 : updated [Walkaway tutorial](#) with download link for input data
- June 18, 2019 : fixed assertion failure when importing SEG-2 shots into *Line type Borehole spread/line* without coordinates specified in SEG-2 files. Click *Ignore button* to skip these prompts.
- June 16, 2019 : we now show the ***Ray Id*** in *Header|Receiver* after import of *GeoTomCG .3DD* shots
- June 16, 2019 : [Petronis et al.](#) image a volcanic cone with SRT and ERT
- June 14, 2019 : enable *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Suppress velocity artefacts* per default
- June 14, 2019 : disable *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank|Blank below envelope after last iteration* per default when creating a new profile or when resetting *WET tomography* settings

- June 13, 2019 : updated recommendations on last page of [P1 6-7DGrad](#) tutorial. We recommend to always first run our [Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model](#) method. Next you can increase the **WET iteration count** and decrease **WET smoothing** in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography*. Try both **Steepest Descent** and **Conjugate-Gradient** methods.
- June 13, 2019 : we now correctly re-determine the *Shot station no.* with **File|Import Data|Turn around spread** checked. This helps with import of SEG-2 streamer data.
- June 10, 2019 : Advisian et al. show [groundwater exploration](#) with ERT and SRT (Advisian 2016)
- June 7, 2019 : delete ...\\GRADTOMO\GRADIENT.GRD & DLTAGRAD.GRD starting models when importing shots, except when importing synthesized/extrapolated far-offset shots during layered refraction interpretation with Plus-Minus and Wavefront methods
- June 5, 2019 : added Fig. 16 to our [1_1D tutorial](#) showing our new option **No smoothing**. This option makes it easier to completely disable WET smoothing. Enabled **No smoothing** option overrides all other parameters in *Edit velocity smoothing* dialog except **Maximum velocity update** and **Damping**.
- June 3, 2019 : if *File|Import data Settings|Adjust Receiver station coordinates* is not checked we prompt the user to confirm re-centering receiver stations if one or more receivers are offset from their receiver station, at end of import
- May 30, 2019 : check *File|Import data Settings|Adjust Receiver station coordinates* to **re-center all receiver stations at average of coordinates for all receivers linked to each station** at end of import. This helps with importing irregularly spaced streamer data. Tested with SEG-2 streamer shots.
- May 30, 2019 : *File|Reinitialize profile* resets profile to initial state. All imported data, first break picks, recording geometry and results are permanently deleted from the profile.
- May 29, 2019 : check *File|Import data Settings|Check all shots for station spacing* to check all shot files in input directory if they suggest adjustment of the profile's *Station spacing*. Uncheck to check first shot file only.
- May 27, 2019 : support again importing multiple **PlotRefa .vs** and **GeoTomCG .3DD** files into same profile and in same *File|Import Data* session
- May 26, 2019 : check *File|Export data Settings|Export receiver coordinates to .3DD and .LST* to export receiver coordinates specific to each trace. Uncheck to export *receiver station coordinates* which are averaged over all receivers linked to this station.
- May 26, 2019 : our *File|Import Data* now scans all shot files with same *file format* as the selected file in input directory and caches the receiver geometry for all shots. We then map receiver coordinates to station numbers. In a 2nd pass these shots are actually imported into the profile using these station numbers. Tested for **SEG-2 & GeoTomCG .3DD & PlotRefa .vs** file formats.
- May 23, 2019 : we now display *weathering velocity v0* with 4 decimal digits in *Header|Station*
- May 20, 2019 : for detailed help with Golden Software Surfer Automation error messages see <https://support.goldensoftware.com/hc/en-us/articles/360006089653-Surfer-Automation-Errors>
- May 20, 2019 : also see our [pdf reference on page 208](#) and our *Help|Contents|Calling Surfer*
- May 20, 2019 : prompt once only during import/for first input file to adjust profile's *Station spacing*
- May 20, 2019 : to not prompt at all to adjust the *station spacing* : uncheck *File|Import data Settings|Adjust profile station spacing* before selecting *File|Import Data*
- May 19, 2019 : we now show imported receiver x/y/z coordinates and receiver offset from receiver station dx/dy/dz in **Header|Receiver** dialog
- May 19, 2019 : at end of our import routine we now **re-center receiver stations** at average of all actual *receivers* linked to that station. We update receiver dx/dy/dz to offset from repositioned station.

- May 19, 2019 : use *File|SEG-2 import settings|Flip sign of x coordinate for all sources and receivers* if `SOURCE_LOCATION` and `RECEIVER_LOCATION` SEG-2 trace header fields don't increase with increasing `CHANNEL_NUMBER` field
- May 19, 2019 : use *Grid|Turn around grid file by 180 degrees* to flip back resulting tomograms
- May 19, 2019 : updated [free trial installer](#)
- May 19, 2019 : fixed `Interpex Gremix` .GRM import for free trial with *Allow missing traces* checked
- May 16, 2019 : we have improved our SEG-2 and GeoTomCG .3DD import routines and now better support import of irregular receiver spreads with import option *Allow missing traces* and SEG-2 option *Receiver geometry specified* checked
- May 16, 2019 : we tested our improved SEG-2 import with a marine hydrophone streamer survey recorded using *Geometrics GeoEel* streamer
- May 3, 2019 : we support import of GeoTomCG .3DD files picked & exported from REFLEXW
- May 3, 2019 : to import GeoTomCG .3DD into *Line type Refraction spread/line* first check *File|Import data Settings|Import horizontal borehole survey or .3DD refraction survey*. We assume that all y coords. in .3DD files are 0.0 .
- Apr 28, 2019 : when you change the *Shot pos. [station no.]* interactively or via .HDR batch file during import with *File|Import Data...* we now automatically update the shot x/y/z coordinates in the `IMPSHOTS.SHO` file after interpolating coordinates for all profile stations at end of import
- Apr 28, 2019 : if you want to edit `IMPSHOT.SHO` first copy it to e.g. `MYSHOTS.SHO` and then edit `MYSHOTS.SHO` and apply with *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates*. Our import routine called via *File|Import Data...* overwrites `IMPSHOTS.SHO` each time again.
- Apr 21, 2019 : [Savelli et al.](#) investigate landslide with SRT and sediment core
- Apr 21, 2019 : try running our software under Windows 7 64-bit. While our software also works fine under Windows 10 64-bit our *WET inversion* runs about 20% faster under Windows 7 64-bit.
- Apr 21, 2019 : fixed `RECEIVER_LOCATION` values in [jenny13.zip](#) SEG-2 .DAT files. Deleted extra channels 25 to 48. The fixed .DAT files can be [imported](#) without issues with our version 3.35 and 3.36.
- Apr 18, 2019 : *File|Import data Settings|Allow missing traces* now is regarded for SEG-2 import if *File|SEG-2 import settings|Receiver Coordinates specified in .DAT or .SG2 file* is checked only
- Apr 18, 2019 : updated [free trial installer](#)
- Apr 17, 2019 : *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates* accepts again abbreviated `SHOTPTS.SHO` files with last column `upholeTime` as with version 3.35. See `\RAY32\DOC\SHORTPTS.SHO`.
- Apr 16, 2019 : before SEG-2 import into profile [jenny13](#) uncheck *File|Import data Settings|Allow missing traces*. Set *Default spread type* to `01: 24 channels`. Otherwise *Smooth inversion* etc. will not work for this profile due to invalid/extra receiver positions and channels in the .sg2 trace files.
- Apr 10, 2019 : [Bottari et al.](#) map fault zone with ERT, SRT, GPR, magnetic data and cluster analysis
- Apr 10, 2019 : [Bottari et al.](#) investigate landslides with ERT and SRT
- Apr 10, 2019 : updated [P1_6-7DGrad](#) tutorial. Fig. 15 shows *Smooth inversion Settings*.
- Mar 27, 2019 : write *Conjugate Gradient* iteration no. & *Line Search* iteration no. to .STX file
- Mar 26, 2019 : updated [1_1D](#) tutorial; added Fig. 9 showing true model as built by [NGU](#) in Fig. 3.1.1
- Mar 26, 2019 : updated [P1_6-7DGrad](#) tutorial. Fig. 9 shows true model used by [NGU](#) in Fig. 3.1.1 .
- Mar 22, 2019 : our [latest tutorial](#) shows *Conjugate-Gradient WET inversion using 1D-gradient starting model* for [NGU 2018 P1_6-7D](#) synthetic fault zone model.

- Mar 12, 2019 : we now normalize the absolute RMS error with average picked time instead of maximum picked time, over all traces modeled. This results in larger normalized RMS errors.
- Mar 12, 2019 : check *Model|Forward modeling Settings|Normalize RMS error with maximum picked time* to normalize RMS error with maximum picked time
- Mar 12, 2019 : *File|Update header data|Update Geometry* supports again .PRN files with 3 columns : station no, z coordinate, x coordinate. See your \RAY32\DOC\5.PRN sample survey geometry file.
- Mar 12, 2019 : allow for missing shot depth in Interpex Gremix .GRM file
- Mar 11, 2019 : [Skenderija](#) investigates mass movement in quarry using ERT and SRT (Zagreb 2018)
- Mar 11, 2019 : [Hauck & Hilbich](#) estimate ice content in rock slide using ERT and SRT (Fribourg 2018)
- Mar 6, 2019 : latest CodeMeter & WibuKey drivers are available at this [updated URL](#)
- Mar 4, 2019 : changed *Midpoint breaks mapping* parameters *Regression Receiver Count*, *Direct Wave Delta*, *Refracted Wave Offset Delta* from defaults 2/2/3 back to 3.35 defaults 3/3/5. This makes estimation of weathering velocity less susceptible to bad picks or geometry errors at source.
- Mar 4, 2019 : above parameter *Regression Receiver Count* is regarded to determine the weathering velocity used during *DeltatV+XTV* inversion for static correction of first breaks
- Mar 4, 2019 : deleted an unnecessary reference to Visual C++ 2005 runtime from our app rebuilt in Visual Studio 2017. Now our updated app can run without Visual C++ 2005 redistributable installed.
- Mar 3, 2019 : our [latest tutorial](#) shows *Conjugate-Gradient WET inversion using DeltatV+XTV starting model* for [NGU 2018 P1_6-7D](#) synthetic fault zone model. We optimized DeltatV+XTV and WET inversion settings to more clearly image overburden and double fault zone and minimize artefacts.
- Feb 20, 2019 : [Valois et al.](#) assess sinkhole geometry using ERT and SRT
- Feb 20, 2019 : [Avalos et al.](#) image a buried bedrock valley with SRT using cores and wells
- Feb 18, 2019 : [Tomás et al.](#) investigate a landslide with LiDAR, boreholes, GPR and SRT (2018)
- Feb 18, 2019 : [Ostrowski & Lasocki](#) show landslide characterization using SRT and ERT (Porto 2018)
- Feb 18, 2019 : [Ostrowski et al.](#) show fault zone imaging using SRT (EAGE NSG Barcelona 2016)
- Feb 14, 2019 : fixed extrapolation of basement refractor elevation below first profile receiver with our *CMP Intercept-time* layered refraction method. First map traces to refractors in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* display to enable this *Depth menu* item. See our [help chapter Mapping traces to refractors](#).
- Feb 9, 2019 : clear error message if *Trace|Shot gather* fails to load traces from a corrupt database. Ask user to reimport shots into a new profile database. This will happen if you open a profile database with version 3.26 or later of our software and next open the database with version 3.25 or earlier. We changed the sample format from 16-bit integer to 32-bit floating point for version 3.26.
- Feb 6, 2019 : ported our Standard and Pro software to *Visual Studio 2017 & Visual C++ 14*. WET inversion now runs up to 25% faster than in version 3.35 also thanks to [Profile-Guided Optimization](#).
- Feb 6, 2019 : to run our latest version 3.36 under Windows 7 64-bit Pro & Windows XP SP3 download & install [Visual C++ 2017 redistributable](#). This is not needed for Windows 10.
- Feb 6, 2019 : fixed a bug which caused our *Refractor|Shot breaks* display to crash occasionally. For earlier builds of our software press **ALT+Y** to refresh this display.
- Jan 28, 2019 : access our extensively hyper-linked help file via our Help menu. Use *Help menu Contents item* to browse our help file chapters with embedded links to *DeltatV* and *WET parameters*. Or use *Help menu item Search for Help On* to search our help file for a parameter name and description.

- Jan 28, 2019 : for popup help describing interactive *DeltatV/XTV/WET parameters* use TAB key to navigate to interesting parameter field e.g. in *WET main dialog* & in *WET smoothing dialog*. Next press **F1 key** to obtain **popup help window** describing this parameter
- Jan 25, 2019 : see our new documentation [ConfigureAWEforPro.pdf](#) for how to enable use of memory above 4 GB limit for our Annual or Permanent Pro license
- Jan 23, 2019 : when working through our latest tutorials in [TUTORIAL.ZIP](#) be sure to force the **grid cell size** in *Header|Profile* e.g. to 0.4m as in [1_1D](#) tutorial. **WET smoothing filter dimensions half-width and half-height** are specified in grid columns&rows having the extent of one grid cell.
- Jan 23, 2019 : when you activate **Conjugate Gradient** method in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography* the total number of *WET iterations* is determined with the two Conjugate-Gradient specific controls **CG Iterations** (outer loop) : 10 per default and **Line Search iters.** (inner loop) : 2 per default. This results in 32 *WET iterations* total per default. Field *Number of WET iterations* is ignored for Conjugate Gradient. See also <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~quake-papers/painless-conjugate-gradient.pdf> on page 53 : algorithm B5 (Shewchuk 1994). One $f'(x)$ evaluation is done with one WET iteration.
- Jan 9, 2019 : run our [BasConvrt.exe](#) installer to update your old Surfer script versions of **AUTOTOMO.BAS** & **DELTATV.BAS** e.g. coming with our version 3.21 so these can work with Golden Software Surfer 11
- Jan 3, 2019 : prompt if **SEGY** .SGY file has bad fields **NS** (number of samples) or **DT** (sample interval) in binary file header. Use **DT** value specified in first trace header if bad **DT** value in file header.
- Dec 31, 2018 : speed up resetting temporary grids to zero or blank value during *WET inversion*
- Dec 30, 2018 : speed up *WET inversion* during iterations with no smoothing
- Dec 28, 2018 : for help on calling Surfer via Scripter see [goldensoftware.com](#) tips
- Dec 27, 2018 : added radio button **No smoothing** in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Edit velocity smoothing dialog*. Click this button to completely disable *WET smoothing*. See next bullet.
- Dec 23, 2018 : to **completely disable WET smoothing** set *Smooth nth iteration* : $n =$ to 100 and uncheck *Smooth last iteration* in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Edit velocity smoothing*. We showed this in our tutorial [sageep11_16.pdf](#) in Fig. 14 in 2016 already for *Conjugate-Gradient multiscale WET inversion*. This also works for our tutorial [1_1D](#) .
- Dec 19, 2018 : updated instructions on how to uninstall and reinstall green [WibuKey driver](#)
- Dec 18, 2018 : review [install3.36.pdf](#) showing installation of our version 3.36 software under Windows 10 64-bit. Be sure to first disable all of your antivirus software including Windows Defender.
- Dec 16, 2018 : [Himi et al.](#) use ERT, SRT and EMT to image seepage and mortar injection zones in an earthen dam (Univ. Barcelona 2018)
- Dec 14, 2018 : limit *WET envelope width* to *WET wavepath width* during **multirun WET**
- Dec 8, 2018 : [Jacob et al.](#) use gravity, SRT and borehole data to map sand and clay-filled depressions on a coastal chalk cliff top for landslide hazard assessment (BRGM 2018)
- Dec 8, 2018 : prompt user if **SEG-2 UNIT** field specifies **FEET** and *Header|Profile|Units* says meter. Ask user to check *File|SEG-2 import settings|Get distance unit from user* and to check *File|Import Data Settings|Default distance unit is meter*.
- Dec 7, 2018 : fixed forcing of *Grid cell size* in *Units feet* in *Header|Profile*
- Dec 7, 2018 : added buttons **OK/Cancel/Reset** to *WET Tomo|Coverage plot setup dialog*
- Dec 3, 2018 : added two controls to *WET Tomo|Coverage plot setup dialog* to **sharpen wavepaths in coverage plot** : edit *Raise wavepath weight to power* to any value between 0.0 and 100.0. Check box *Sharpen wavepaths active* to enable sharpening of wavepaths. With *Sharpen wavepaths active* unchecked we plot wavepaths as in previous versions of our software.
- Dec 3, 2018 : added two controls to *WET Tomo|WET Update weighting* to **decrease WET velocity update in high-coverage areas** of tomogram to **reduce horizontal smearing artefacts**

: edit **Velocity update power** to any value between 0.0..1.0 with default 0.5. With box *Decrease update active* checked we determine the average hit count (wavepaths per pixel) over all tomogram pixels. Next we determine the difference between actual hit count and average hit count for each tomogram pixel. If the actual hit count exceeds the average hit count we then update the pixel's hit count to average hit count plus this difference raised to **Velocity update power**. We then determine the ratio between updated hit count and original hit count. Finally the velocity update is multiplied by this ratio for each tomogram pixel.

- Nov 30, 2018 : updated [1_ID](#) tutorial and added Fig. 14 showing **WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings menu**. Uncheck option **Scale wavepath width** to prevent velocity artefacts just below topography (at strong topography curvature) and for less horizontal smearing at bottom of tomogram.
- Nov 28, 2018 : **SHIFT+z** now deletes first break picks in all *Trace menu* gather types. Use e.g. to model gap in profile coverage when forward modeling shots. Delete picks for all traces recorded at receiver station number in gap, with **SHIFT+z** in *Trace|Receiver station gather*.
- Nov 22, 2018 : tested our latest Standard version 3.36 with Golden Software Surfer version 16.0.330 released on Nov 7, 2018.
- Nov 21, 2018 : show Rayfract® version as v. 3.36 instead of Vers. 3.36 in Surfer plot title
- Nov 21, 2018 : our [latest tutorial](#) shows **multiscale Conjugate-Gradient WET inversion using DeltatV+XTV starting model** for [NGU 2018 P1-1D](#) synthetic fault zone model. We optimized WET inversion settings to more clearly image the 3 vertical fault zones.
- Nov 15, 2018 : check **WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Weight velocity update** to decrease velocity update in high-coverage areas of WET tomogram. Can help to avoid lateral smearing artefacts at bottom of tomogram.
- Nov 12, 2018 : [Tassis et al.](#) use **DeltatV+layered XTV & Plus-Minus & Wavefront** refraction methods to obtain an initial model for **WET inversion** of synthetic data modeled for layered subsurface with vertical fault zones (NGU Trondheim, 2018)
- Nov 12, 2018 : don't convert user-selected filenames to all-upercase
- Nov 9, 2018 : completely read from **.PAR** file filenames with spaces
- Nov 9, 2018 : correctly display initial model filename in Surfer plot for filenames with spaces
- Nov 8, 2018 : to reduce Surfer Kriging artefacts try increasing the grid cell size in *Header|Profile*
- Nov 8, 2018 : we now allow creating and opening profiles using filenames up to 130 characters long, including drive character and directory plus **SEIS32.DBD** database filename
- Nov 8, 2018 : in *File|New Profile...* optionally click on the yellow folder icon at right-top to create a subdirectory. Hit **ENTER** key to enter this subdirectory. Set *File name* to your profile's name.
- Nov 8, 2018 : in *File|New Profile...* we now allow using spaces in *File name &* subdirectory names. Also *File name* can now be longer than 8 characters.
- Nov 6, 2018 : regard *File|Import data Settings|Select file in Profile directory & Keep current directory when selecting files* when selecting files in *Grid menu*, **WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography** etc.
- Nov 6, 2018 : moved directory selection options *Select file in Profile directory & Keep current directory when selecting files* into *File|Import data Settings* submenu
- Nov 3, 2018 : fixed **.BAS** Surfer scripts so they work again with Scripeter 9 coming with Surfer 9 up to Scripeter 16 coming with Surfer 16 Beta. Download & run updated [Ray335 Scripts.exe](#) installer on your PC where you installed our version 3.35 or 3.36 software.
- Oct 24, 2018 : decreased lower limit for **DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Regression over offset stations** from 3 to 2. Allows better resolved imaging of layered velocity variation with DeltatV+XTV.
- Oct 21, 2018 : decreased smallest allowed values in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks|ALT+M mapping dialog* from 3 to 2, for *Regression Receiver Count*, *Direct Wave Delta [stations]* & *Refracted Wave Offset Delta*. Allows better resolved imaging of overburden layers with layered refraction methods.

- Oct 21, 2018 : [Dangeard et al.](#) use ERT, SRT, surface waves and Poisson's ratio for time-lapse imaging of water content in river banks (UPMC Paris, 2017)
- [Wodajo et al.](#) correlate SRT and ERT with borehole data to investigate and predict causes of sand boil formations including water seepage at an earthen dam (EEGS FastTIMES Vol 23, Number 3, 2018)
- Oct 20, 2018 : check *Model|Forward modeling Settings|Improved modeling at source* for alternative initialization of travelttime grid at source. May be more accurate but may slow down modeling.
- Oct 13, 2018 : for hard-rock basement such as granite try increasing *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Max. valid velocity* to 6,200 m/s and increase *Export Options|Max. velocity exported* to 5,500 m/s
- apparent CMP velocity may exceed true velocity considerably in case of strong topography or strong refractor curvature. Check this in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* : browse CMP curves with F7/F8. Browse offset within current curve with arrow down/arrow up cursor keys. Apparent velocity is shown at bottom in status bar, together with offset (Delta) and CMP (Midpoint).
- Oct 8, 2018 : *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Allow regression over two CMP traces* helps with *Reduced offset 0.0 is valid trace with time 0.0* unchecked for sample profile **LINE14**. Also check *Process every CMP offset* for improved vertical resolution.
- Oct 7, 2018 : improved prompt warning about *DeltatV* artefacts in case of strong refractor curvature and strong topography curvature and for lines shorter than 500m. Recommend using *Smooth inversion*.
- Oct 7, 2018 : *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Allow regression over two CMP traces* allows linear regression over just two CMP-stacked first breaks for velocity determination. Uncheck for regression over at least three CMP traces resulting in less detailed overburden imaging and less artefacts.
- Oct 5, 2018 : pick branch points at receivers in *Refractor|Shot breaks*. The first break at the branch point is used for both refractors. Improves overburden layer resolution.
- Oct 5, 2018 : check *Mapping|Pick branch points between Receivers* in *Refractor|Shot breaks* to pick branch points between receivers as in version 3.35 of our software.

Version 3.35 released in Sep 2018 :

- Sep 29, 2018 : rebuilt [free trial installer](#) with latest help file and updated **.BAS** Surfer scripts
- Sep 28, 2018 : updated **AUTOTOMO.BAS&DELTATV.BAS** scripts work with Surfer 16 beta. Download&run updated [Ray335 Scripts.exe](#) installer on your PC where you installed our version 3.35 software.
- Sep 23, 2018 : updated PowerPoint slide show [TRA9002.PPT](#) shows how to generate layered refraction starting model with Plus-Minus refraction method&run 2D WET with **PLUSMODL.GRD** starting model
- Sep 23, 2018 : updated PowerPoint slide show [TRA9002.PPT](#) shows how to generate pseudo-2D starting model with DeltatV+XTV refraction method&run 2D WET inversion with **DELTATVXTV.GRD** starting model. See [tra9002.pdf](#) for Adobe Acrobat .pdf version of the slide show.
- Sep 5, 2018 : fixed bug in latest **AUTOTOMO.BAS** script. Download & run updated [Ray335 Scripts.exe](#) installer on your PC where you installed our version 3.35 software.
- Aug 25, 2018 : fixed assert in *DeltatV export*. Click *Ignore* button to skip Ass. **CMPHELPR.CPP** line #146.
- Aug 23, 2018 : *File|Update header data|Update Station Coordinates...* updates v0 in *Header|Station* if listed in the selected **COORDS.COR**
- Aug 23, 2018 : check *File|Export data Settings|Export horizontal inline offset and v0* to **.COR** to export v0 from *Header|Station* to **COORDS.COR** with *File|Export header data|Export Station Coordinates*

- Aug 22, 2018 : [Ray335 Scripts.exe](#) installs updated .BAS scripts into C:\RAY32\DAT . We now always position the Surfer plot title correctly.
- Aug 22, 2018 : with new option *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Force RAM allocation* checked we now cache traveltimes grids even in low-memory situations. This may result in apps swapping to disk including our own app and temporarily freeze your Windows PC especially during *WET processing* startup phase.
- Aug 19, 2018 : accept minimum velocity of 0.1 m/s in *WET starting model .GRD* instead of 10.0 m/s
- Aug 19, 2018 : updated help file chapter *WET tomography processing*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Aug 3, 2018 : if both *File|Import Data Settings|Allow missing traces for SEG-2* and *File|SEG-2 import settings|Receiver Coordinates specified in .DAT or .SG2 file* are checked and the SEG-2 files are missing `RECEIVER_STATION_NUMBER` or `RECEIVER_LOCATION` in the trace headers : prompt user about this, reset *File|Import Data Settings|Allow missing traces for SEG-2* and restart import
- Aug 2, 2018 : check *File|SEG-2 import settings|Receiver Coordinates specified in .DAT or .SG2 file* to enable import setting *File|Import Data Settings|Allow missing traces for SEG-2*
- Aug 1, 2018 : uncheck *File|Import Data Settings|Allow missing traces for SEG-2* so our SEG-2 import can deal with Seismic Source DAQLink .sg2 files which do not specify `RECEIVER_STATION_NUMBER` or `RECEIVER_LOCATION` in the SEG-2 trace headers
- July 29, 2018 : support calling Surfer 8 and Surfer 9 again with our latest version 3.35. Unzip updated scripts in [Surfer15 scripts for 3 35.zip](#) in your \RAY32\DAT directory. These updated .BAS scripts do not work with 3.34 or earlier versions of our software.
- July 29, 2018 : if *CodeMeter service fails to start* in *CodeMeter Control Center* with *Process|Start CodeMeter service* : try repairing *CodeMeter Runtime Kit* in *Windows Control Panel|Programs and Features*. If this does not help : run `regedit.exe` via *Windows Start menu*. Delete registry key `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WIBU-SYSTEMS\CodeMeter`. Leave *Registry Editor* via *File|Exit*.
- July 21, 2018 : *File|Export header data|Export refractor branches* writes refractor start/end in channel nos. to ...\`LAYRTOMO\BRANCHES.BRN` ASCII file for all shots
- July 18, 2018 : for better vertical resolution check *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Taper velocity steps at layer interfaces*. This writes twice as many *CMP offset-elevation-velocity triples* to ...\`TOMO\DELTATV.TXT` file and results in less artefacts when kriging in Surfer. Or use alternative *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Export|Gridding Method Nearest Neighbor*. See our tutorials [OT0608.pdf](#) & [jenny10.pdf](#) .
- July 18, 2018 : write *station no.* to extra column in file written by *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII.TXT*
- July 17, 2018 : check *Depth|Depth conversion Settings|Smooth Wavefronts* with noisy first break picks. Uncheck for better resolution with *Wavefront method*, with exact first break picks.
- July 17, 2018 : improved *Wavefront method* interpretation with strong topography and strong refractor curvature. Allow for rays which emerge at an angle greater than 90 degrees to line topography.
- July 12, 2018 : prompt to smooth `DELTATV.GRD` starting model in Surfer if *WET inversion* fails due to invalid grid velocity
- July 12, 2018 : improve prompt when shots have been extrapolated during time-to-depth conversion with *Depth|Wavefront* or *Depth|Plus-Minus* commands.
- July 12, 2018 : update forced grid cell size if changed in first three (3) decimal digits only. This happens if the grid cell count of 640,000 for Standard license or 1,280,000 for Pro license is exceeded.
- July 9, 2018 : export Plus-Minus characteristics determined during *Depth|Plus-Minus* computation, to ...\`LAYRTOMO\PLUSMODL.FRN` ASCII file
- July 9, 2018 : export Plus-Minus times determined during *Depth|Plus-Minus* computation, to ...\`LAYRTOMO\PLUSMODL.TMS` ASCII file

- July 7, 2018 : reduce size of Rayfract® .EXE executable by factoring out assert's into helper method
- July 7, 2018 : check *Depth|Depth conversion Settings|Keep extrapolated shots* to keep extrapolated .ASC shots in ...\EXTRAPOL subdirectory instead of deleting them. Leave unchecked to avoid importing stale extrapolated shots during time-to-depth conversion with *Depth* menu commands.
- July 6, 2018 : when you select *Header|Profile* we now check that all added **Borehole spread/line** databases still exist on disk. If not we prompt you to restore the database from backup or reselect it.
- July 2, 2018 : more accurate, robust and repeatable *Wavefront method* computation. Don't regard previous depth interpretation for new interpretation : reset previous results in profile database.
- July 2, 2018 : export basement refractor wavefronts when running *Depth|Wavefront*, to ...**LAYRTOMO\WAVEFRONT.FRN** ASCII file
- July 2, 2018 : export overburden points determined during *Depth|Wavefront* computation, to ...**LAYRTOMO\WAVEFRNT.OVR** ASCII file
- June 18, 2018 : improved error prompt during *WET inversion* if too high or too low velocity in ...**LAYRTOMO\WAVEMODL.GRD** starting model. Recommend to increase lateral refractor smoothing in depth section window with **ALT+M** .
- June 15, 2018 : updated help file chapter *Time-to-depth conversion*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- June 12, 2018 : improved error prompt if forward modeling detects invalid grid velocity due to invalid source/receiver coordinates and elevations. Prompt to fix elevations or force starting model grid limits.
- June 3, 2018 : updated help file chapter *Calling Surfer*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- June 2, 2018 : updated search logic for finding **Scripter.EXE** now works with Surfer 15 and earlier Surfer versions 9 to Surfer 14. With Surfer 15 the **Scripter.EXE** is installed into Surfer 15 main directory. With earlier Surfer versions **Scripter.EXE** is installed into Scripter subdirectory.
- June 2, 2018 : for Surfer 15 select **Scripter.EXE** with *Grid|Surfer invocation* dialog. Press *Select &* navigate into C:\Program Files\Golden Software\Surfer 15 & select **Scripter.EXE**. Click *Open & OK* buttons. Now our software can invoke Surfer 15 through our .BAS scripts and Scripter.
- May 26, 2018 : in *Refractor|Offset breaks display* regard line style settings in *Mapping menu* when plotting offset-sorted curves. Map traces to refractors with **ALT+M** in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks*.
- May 26, 2018 : when unmapping traces in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* with **ALT+U** we now regard line style settings in *Mapping menu* : gray curves, force solid curves
- May 22, 2018 : if after opening an old profile database with our version 3.35 the trace signal does not display in *Trace|Shot gather* : press **ALT+M** and increase *Trace clip* from 0.0 to 1.0 or higher. Click *Filter button* to redisplay traces.
- May 19, 2018 : don't regard receiver x/y/z in SEG-2 .DAT or .SG2 file if *File|Import Data Settings|Allow missing traces* is unchecked. Get x from *Default spread type*, *Header|Profile|Station spacing* and *Layout start [station no.]* instead, as previously in version 3.34 and earlier.
- May 17, 2018 : we now regard *File|Import Data Settings|Allow missing traces* when importing SEG-2 files. Tested with our sample **LINE14** profile with *Default spread type* 10 : 360 channels and *Header|Profile|Station spacing* of 2.5m.
- May 17, 2018 : we prompt you when the *forced grid cell size* needed to be increased to stay below limit of 640,000 grid nodes for Standard license and 1,280,000 nodes for Pro license when generating the starting model
- May 16, 2018 : in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks display* we now regard the line style settings in *Mapping menu* when plotting CMP sorted curves before/after mapping traces to refractors with **ALT+M**

- May 16, 2018 : when you install multiple versions of Golden Software Surfer® on the same Windows PC then this may corrupt the previously installed Surfer version. To fix the previous installation select *Windows Control Panel|Programs and Features|Surfer ...* . Click *Repair radio button* and *Next button*.
- May 13, 2018 : more robust scanning of string format subblocks when importing SEG-2 files. Helps with non-standard `OYO CORPORATION INSTRUMENT PICKWIN95 .DAT` files.
- May 10, 2018 : ***Trace clip [traces]*** shown in *Trace processing parameters dialog* displayed with `ALT+M` in *Trace|Shot gather* etc. lets you specify over how many traces the current trace is plotted with ***Clip amplitude peaks*** checked. This helps with irregular *receiver spreads* e.g. for sample `LINE14` profile.
- May 7, 2018 : when adding `Borehole spread/line` profiles to main `Refraction spread/line` profile in *Header|Profile* : adjust *Profile start offset [m]* of main profile until the x axis coordinates shown on resulting starting model and tomogram plots match the x coordinates used for added `Borehole spread/line` profiles. Keep adjusting until shot point elevation for downhole shots or receiver elevation for uphole shots matches topography of main `Refraction spread/line` profile as shown in plots. See our tutorial [11REFR](#).
- May 5, 2018 : enable running *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV* and mapping of traces in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* with `ALT+M` for uphole refraction survey with just one borehole. Test with [SUBS19](#).
- May 4, 2018 : our new tutorial [SUBS19](#) shows import and processing of uphole refraction shots
- Apr 16, 2018 : if you recorded a profile with varying receiver spacing : set *Header|Profile|Station spacing* to Greatest Common Divisor GCD of your spacings used. E.g. if you planted some spreads with spacing of 5m and other spreads with 3m : set *Station spacing* to 1m. Now import your `Geometrics Plotrefa .VS` OR `OPTIM LLC SeisOpt` OR `Interpex GREMIX .GRM` OR `GeoTomCG .3DD` with *File|Import Data...* and ***Default spread type*** `10: 360 channels` OR `999: 999 channels` (available with Pro license only) as usual.
- Apr 16, 2018 : to download latest drivers for green WibuKey and silver/metallic CodeMeter USB dongle go to <http://www.wibu.com/downloads-user-software.html>
- Apr 6, 2018 : ***Grid|Convert .CSV layer model to Surfer .GRD*** now allows for maximum of 7 layers : 6 overburden layers & one basement half-space layer when converting the `.csv` to `.GRD` format
- Apr 6, 2018 : better error prompt if *Smooth invert* fails for *Header|Profile|Line type Refraction spread/line* and all shots marked as *Header|Shot|Type Uphole shot*
- Mar 31, 2018 : more robust search for valid velocity grid cell at tomogram boundary. Search radius of 10 cells instead of just 5. Helps with extreme topography and activated *WET blanking* options.
- Mar 31, 2018 : check *Refractor|Mapping|Force solid picked curves* to always draw picked curves with a solid pen. Uncheck to use a dotted pen at gaps in curve (unpicked traces).
- Mar 27, 2018 : *File|Import Data...* writing of `.HDR` batch file : correct *Shot pos. [station no.]* for *Inline offset [m]* for *Header|Profile|Line type Refraction spread/line* only
- Mar 26, 2018 : more robust updating of shotpoints with *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates...* and your `.SHO` file in case adjacent stations have the same x/y/z coordinates
- Feb 28, 2018 : for help regarding Surfer issues see our [.pdf reference](#) chapter ***Calling Surfer***
- Feb 28, 2018 : to automatically update your old `.BAS` scripts as described in next two bullets and as installed with earlier versions of our software into `c:\RAY32\DAT` directory : download our new [.BAS updater](#) and backup to permanent storage. Next run `BasConvrt.EXE` on your PC where you installed these earlier versions of our software. We tested this with version 3.15 and later versions and Surfer 11/13/14/15. The updated `.BAS` scripts will continue to work with older Surfer versions.
- Feb 27, 2018 : to update `.BAS` scripts coming with version 3.21 or earlier versions of our software : replace `Overlays ("Image Map")`, `Overlays ("Contours")` and `Overlays ("Classed`

- Post") with **Overlays(1)** in Windows Notepad editor. Also replace **IDocument** etc. with **Object**, see next bullet.
- Feb 25, 2018 : to make older **.BAS** scripts compatible with newer Scriptor and Surfer versions : open the **.BAS** scripts in **c:\RAY32\DAT** in your favorite text editor e.g. Notepad and replace all occurrences of **IDocument**, **IWindow**, **IMapFrame**, **IColorMap**, **IContinuousColorScale**, **ILevels**, **ILevel**, **ILineFormat**, etc. with **Object**. This will not work with **.BAS** scripts for versions older than version 3.22 of our software.
 - Feb 20, 2018 : Surfer 11 was released by Golden Software in 2012 and works fine under Window 7 64-bit. If Surfer 11 crashes under Windows 8 or Windows 10 when called from our app via **.BAS** script and Scriptor : please install and use latest Surfer 15 free trial or full version instead. Select the Scriptor **.EXE** in our **Grid|Surfer invocation...** dialog.
 - Feb 13, 2018 : with opened *Refractor|Midpoint breaks display* we show a new option **Mapping|Weigh CMP binned picks for mapping**. This option is unchecked per default, to cope with noisy traveltimes picks or recording geometry errors. In earlier builds of our software we regard *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Weigh picks in CMP curves* instead. See below in Jan 29 bullet.
 - Feb 2, 2018 : rebuilt [winhelp.exe](#) installer so it installs on non-U.S. English Windows versions
 - Jan 31, 2018 : prompt user to delete or merge duplicate **.3DD** traces. Show duplicate rayID's in prompt.
 - Jan 30, 2018 : before you import GeoTomCG **.3DD** files with *File|Import Data...* you need to merge or delete duplicate **.3DD** traces (consecutive lines with same source and same receiver coordinates). Otherwise our import routine has to assume that a new shot starts at the duplicate trace line since the **.3DD** format does not include the shot number.
 - Jan 30, 2018 : when writing **.HDR** batch file in *File|Import Data...* we now add *shot inline offset* from *shot station* to *shot pos.* so our *Import Shot dialog* does not complain when running the **.HDR** batch file
 - Jan 29, 2018 : export horizontal inline offset from first profile receiver to ASCII **.TXT** with *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII .TXT...* in additional column no. 5.
 - Jan 29, 2018 : to get more robust traveltimes field regression and better *Wavefront method & Plus-Minus method* output for tutorials [GEOXMERC](#), [OT0608](#), Val de Travers [TRA02ASC](#) and most other profiles :
 - check *File|Import data Settings|Round shot station to nearest whole station number*
 - reimport the **.ASC** shots with *File|Import Data...*
 - reapply **.COR** station coordinate file with *File|Update header data|Update station coordinates...*
 - uncheck *DeltatV|DeltatV Settings|Weigh picks in CMP curves*
 - remap traces to refractors in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* with **ALT+M** mapping dialog
 - select *Depth|Wavefront* to rerun Wavefront refraction method
 - Jan 27, 2018 : force using *spread type* with 999 channels with [Pro license](#) if required when importing extrapolated shots in *Depth|Plus-Minus* or *Depth|Wavefront* time-to-depth conversion. This helps with long lines e.g. with our [GEOXMERC](#) tutorial.
 - Jan 23, 2018 : make *Header|Profile* fields *Job ID* and *Instrument* optional so you can leave them empty
 - Jan 21, 2018 : instructions on how to [uninstall&reinstall WibuKey driver](#) for your green WibuKey USB dongle include screen shots with possible error messages and captions describing how to proceed
 - Jan 21, 2018 : if you see error prompt **Code Integrity check failed -> Application is terminated!** e.g. with transparent green WibuKey USB dongle under Windows 10 64-bit with USB 3.0 port :
 - add exclusion in Windows Defender for file **c:\RAY32\BIN\RAYFRACT32.EXE**
 - add exclusion in Windows Defender for folder **c:\RAY32**
 - see our updated [.pdf reference](#) chapter *Installation and licensing*

- Jan 7, 2018 : updated paragraph *Elevation specification* in help chapter *Editing header data*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Jan 4, 2018 : don't delete ...**GRADTOMO\GRADIENT.GRD,DLTAGRAD.GRD** when importing extrapolated shots in *Depth|Plus-Minus* or *Depth|Wavefront* time-to-depth conversion
- Jan 1, 2018 : fix automated updating of *Header|Station|v0* when mapping traces to refractors in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* display with option *Direct wave first breaks recorded* unchecked
- Dec 31, 2017 : keep shotpoint dx/dy/dz offset from *shot station* in *Header|Shot* unchanged when interpolating v0 in *Header|Station* & when importing extrapolated shots with *Plus-Minus&Wavefront*
- Dec 31, 2017 : always reset shotpoint dx/dy/dz offset in *Header|Shot* for extrapolated shots
- Dec 31, 2017 : new option *File|Update header data|Keep current directory when selecting files*
- Dec 31, 2017 : new option *File|Update header data|Select file in Profile directory*
- Dec 26, 2017 : set starting directory for file selection to **\RAY32*<your profile name>*\INPUT** when updating headers with **.COR/ .SHO/ .LST/ .OYO/ .GRM** files & when selecting **.HDR** batch file
- Dec 25, 2017 : always initialize *Header|Shot|Source elevation* for automatically imported extrapolated shots generated during *Depth|Plus-Minus* or *Depth|Wavefront* time-to-depth conversion
- Dec 25, 2017 : *Header|Station button Force interpolate coordinates* interpolates station coordinates and shotpoint dx/dy/dz offsets&*Source elevation* even when not changing any coordinate in *Header|Station*
- Dec 25, 2017 : to force interpolation of *Source elevation* for earlier builds : select *File|Export header data|Export Station Coordinates...* and *File|Update header data|Update Station coordinates* with **COORDS .COR** just exported
- Dec 22, 2017 : *Header|Station button Reset v0* does not reset shotpoint offsets as long as you did not change station x/y/z coordinates in same station editor session
- Dec 21, 2017 : prompt user that shotpoint offsets will be reset when user first edits station x/y/z coordinates in *Header|Station* and then clicks button *Interpolate v0 only*
- Dec 18, 2017 : added button *Interpolate v0 only* in *Header|Station*. Use to interpolate edited v0 without recomputing shot dx/dy/dz from inline&lateral offset from *shot station* shown in *Header|Shot*.
- Dec 16, 2017 : rebuilt [free trial installer](#) with latest help file
- Dec 16, 2017 : don't force WET setting *Limit WET velocity to maximum velocity in initial model* when user clicks radio button *Conjugate Gradient* in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography* main dialog
- Dec 12, 2017 : improved description of **.sho** file format in help chapter *File formats*. *UpholeTime[ms]* is listed in column 6. *Correction[ms]* is listed in column 7. These are two separate columns.
- Dec 11, 2017 : clarify in help chapter *File formats* that shot point is source position vertically projected to topography along receiver spread. Use **.sho file** column 5 to specify *shot hole depth* or edit *Header|Shot|Depth* after updating shotpoints with edited **.sho** file. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Dec 7, 2017 : update shotpoint dx/dy/dz with *File|Update header data|Update Shotpoint coordinates* and selected **.SHO** file or when user edits inline&lateral offset from *shot station* in *Header|Shot* or when user imports data files or updates geometry with *File|Update header data* submenu commands
- Dec 7, 2017 : recompute shot dx/dy/dz from inline&lateral shotpoint offset (offset from shot station shown in *Header|Shot*) when user edits *Station spacing* in *Header|Profile*
- Dec 4, 2017 : don't reset shotpoint dx/dy/dz (offset from shot station shown in *Header|Shot*) when interpolating station coordinates & v0 in *Header|Station*

- Dec 4, 2017 : don't reset shotpoint dx/dy/dz when automatically importing extrapolated shots generated during time-to-depth conversion with *Plus-Minus* or *Wavefront* method layered refraction
- Dec 2, 2017 : updated help chapters *Seismic and header data import* and *Crosshole survey interpretation*. Added subtitles to structure text. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Dec 1, 2017 : removed references to outdated import option *Keep same Layout start for consecutive shot trace files* in help file.
- Dec 1, 2017 : add links to Bibliography section in help chapter *Introduction*
- Nov 28, 2017 : added more sub-titles and bookmarks to [.pdf help](#). Expanded Table of Contents.
- Nov 26, 2017 : updated [.pdf help](#). Added bookmarks for all chapters and important topics.
- Nov 25, 2017 : updated [free trial installer](#) with latest help file
- Nov 25, 2017 : more robust detection of end of free-format string section in SEG-2 trace descriptor block. Helps with import of **MoHo SoilSpy Rosina** seismograph .SG2 trace files.
- Nov 22, 2017 : updated help chapter *Installation and licensing*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Nov 13, 2017 : layered refraction smoothing parameter *Base filter width [station nos.]* has again default value 10. We changed the default to 8 on Apr 15, 2017; see below. *Smoothing filter width* of 10 stations can give more robust imaging of basement fault zones with *Depth|Plus-Minus* and *Wavefront* refraction methods in case of **strong undulation of refractor elevation**. Edit with ALT+M in *depth section window*.
- Nov 12, 2017 : more robust determination of trace data start during import of Geometrics SeisModules .DAT SEG-2 trace files
- Nov 6, 2017 : regard forced grid limits in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* when generating SEIS32.BLN blanking file for *Grid|Grid and image DeltatV.TXT* file
- Nov 4, 2017 : regard forced starting model grid limits specified in dialog *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* for constant-velocity starting model
- Nov 1, 2017 : reset internal status flags after displaying inversion output in Golden Software Surfer and when reopening the profile database
- Oct 31, 2017 : always write .FIT file for starting model even with *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Write|Store modeled picks after last iteration only* checked
- Oct 23, 2017 : forward model traveltimes over *layered refraction starting model* before imaging .GRD file in Surfer so RMS error in plot title is up-to-date
- Oct 23, 2017 : more robust error handling when *WET inversion* fails to complete due to bad .GRD etc.
- Oct 21, 2017 : more robust *DeltatV* processing with bad recording geometry or bad first break picks
- Oct 20, 2017 : our latest [free trial installer](#) and [help installer](#) install our help file correctly under foreign language Windows installations. Tested on Italian language Windows 7 64-bit system.
- Oct 19, 2017 : fixed topography blanking for *DeltatV* starting model when forcing grid limits in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile...*
- Oct 19, 2017 : regard forced *Grid top elevation* in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile...* when determining and plotting *1D-gradient* and *DeltatV* starting model
- Oct 16, 2017 : fixed Ass. failure for narrow *CMP curve stack width = 3* in *DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV*
- Oct 15, 2017 : to install our free trial under latest **Windows 10 with Creators update** you need to
 - disable *Real-time protection* in **Windows Defender|Virus and threat protection settings**
 - download and run our [free trial installer](#)
 - add *Exclusion* in Windows Defender for file C:\RAY32\BIN\RAYFRACT32.EXE
 - add *Exclusion* in Windows Defender for folder C:\RAY32
 - reenable *Real-time protection* in Windows Defender
 - now test starting our free trial via Windows desktop link

- you may need to do above routine multiple times, also after restarting Windows 10
- Oct 14, 2017 : updated [free trial installer](#) with latest help file
- Oct 14, 2017 : improved description of starting model in Surfer plot title. Warn about *DeltatV* artefacts.
- Oct 14, 2017 : tested under *Windows 10 Creators update* with *Surfer 15 Beta*. Works fine.
- Sep 29, 2017 : write *WET update weighting* parameters a&b to .PAR & restore from .PAR file
- Sep 29, 2017 : our latest [tutorial NGUP1_1](#) shows *multiscale tomography* of NGU synthetic data using *Steepest Descent* method and *Cosine-Squared* WET update weighting across the wavepath
- Sep 29, 2017 : improved error prompts if *WET inversion* fails e.g. due to bad geometry specification
- Sep 27, 2017 : [Georgios Tassis et al.](#) show detection of fracture zones in bedrock using both modeled data and field refraction data
- Sep 25, 2017 : changed default *WET wavepath width* schedule for *multirun WET*
- Sep 25, 2017 : updated help chapter *Optimize Windows*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Sep 22, 2017 : recommend to decrease *WET velocity smoothing* in *traveltime misfit prompt*
- Sep 22, 2017 : updated help chapter *Uphole shots and uphole picks*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Sep 21, 2017 : [Robert Illnar](#) shows mapping of alpine permafrost with refraction seismic interpretation using weighted ground surface temperatures (wGST)
- Sep 16, 2017 : updated help chapter *WET tomography processing*. Use latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Sep 15, 2017 : [Georgios Tassis et al.](#) show *WET inversion* of refraction data using *Plus-Minus starting model* vs. *1D-Gradient starting model*. See also our [Norcall4](#) tutorial.
- Sep 12, 2017 : updated help chapters *Starting up Rayfract® and profile management & Editing header data* paragraph *Elevation specification*. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Sep 6, 2017 : to rename a tomogram subdirectory in your C:\RAY32\`<profile name>` profile directory :
 - close the profile database with *File|Exit*
 - open Windows Explorer and navigate into your profile directory C:\RAY32\`<profile name>`
 - right-click subdirectory GRADTOMO, TOMO, LAYRTOMO or HOLETOMO and select *Rename*
 - type in new subdirectory name e.g. GRAD335 and press ENTER/RETURN key
 - when you reopen profile C:\RAY32\`<profile name>` with *File|Open Profile...* we will recreate all of these subdirectories GRADTOMO, TOMO, LAYRTOMO and HOLETOMO if you renamed them as above
- Aug 30, 2017 : write all flags in submenu *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Write to .PAR file*
- Aug 29, 2017 : to import GeoTomCG .3DD files into Refraction spread/line profiles :
 - check *File|Import data Settings|Import horizontal borehole survey or .3DD refraction survey*
 - check *File|Import data Settings|X coordinate is corrected for topography already*
 - select *File|Import Data...* and set *Import data type* to GeoTomCG .3DD
 - .3DD import into Refraction spread/line or Borehole spread/line resets y coordinates to 0.0
- Aug 28, 2017 : we support calling into Golden Software Surfer 15 beta version
- Aug 18, 2017 : support import of ASCII.ASC with *shot/receiver elevation in feet*. If any header line of ASCII.ASC contains string “feet” or “(ft)” or “[ft]” without enclosing “” then shot/receiver elevation is converted from feet to meters during import with *File|Import Data...*
- Aug 17, 2017 : more robust calling into Surfer for tomogram plotting. Delete .RUN files & .OK files once the DELTATV.BAS or AUTOTOMO.BAS script doing the plotting has completed.

- Aug 14, 2017 : write new *WET settings* to .PAR file for corresponding VELOITXY.GRD file. Restore settings from .PAR file with **Grid|Reset DeltatV and WET settings to .PAR file** .
- Aug 10, 2017 : to force use of the correct shot point elevation for offset shots positioned outside your profile's receiver range :
 - *File|Export header data|Export Station Coordinates...* and save to COORDS.COR
 - *File|Export header data|Export Shot Point Coordinates...* and save to SHOTPTS.SHO
 - edit `elevation[m]` column of COORDS.COR for offset shot station(s) outside profile's receiver range
 - *File|Update header data|Update Station Coordinates...* with your edited COORDS.COR
 - edit `shotZ[m]` and `holeDepth[m]` columns in SHOTPTS.SHO for offset shot station(s)
 - *File|Update header data|Update Shot Point Coordinates...* with above SHOTPTS.SHO
- Aug 6, 2017 : *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Enable multi-core heap* does not leak memory any longer. Don't enable this for earlier versions.
- July 23, 2017 : updated [free trial](#) and included latest Surfer 14 scripts in installer
- July 22, 2017 : always show color scale in Surfer 14 plots with our latest version 3.35. Unzip updated scripts in [Surfer14 scripts for3.35.zip](#) in your \RAY32\DAT directory. These updated scripts do not work with 3.34 or earlier versions of our software.
- July 12, 2017 : reset added borehole line database name when user clicks *Cancel button* in `seis32.dbd` selection dialog shown with *Select buttons in Header|Profile*
- July 12, 2017 : clear status bar at end of creation of new profile with *File|New Profile...*
- July 11, 2017 : new tutorial [KING17](#) shows interpretation of first breaks recorded with receivers located in three boreholes. This tutorial requires our [Pro license](#).
- June 30, 2017 : added paragraph **Installation of CodeMeter runtime/driver software** in help file chapter *Installation and licensing*. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- June 30, 2017 : check *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank|Blank no coverage on top of borehole tomogram* in addition to blanking options *Blank no coverage after each iteration* or *Blank no coverage after last iteration* to blank on top of borehole tomogram. See updated [TUNNEL16](#) tutorial.
- June 28, 2017 : stop inversion early with clear error message if the starting model can't be generated due to conflict between forced grid limits and topography specified in *Header|Station*
- June 27, 2017 : don't accept *grid limits* in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* if these limits do not contain topography (station z coordinates) over whole profile
- June 19, 2017 : flags for **WET blanking after last iteration** (of current WET run) in *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank submenu* are regarded during **multirun WET inversion** if *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Iterate|Blank checkbox* for respective *WET run no.* is checked only.
- June 16, 2017 : improved recovery and prompts if traces are not mapped to refractors correctly during time-to-depth conversion with *Depth menu* commands
- June 10, 2017 : in case of steep topography at line start/end you may want to configure WET blanking :
 - uncheck *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank|Blank below envelope after last iteration*
 - optionally check or uncheck *Blank no coverage after last iteration* in same submenu
 - uncheck all other blanking options in same *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank submenu*
 - above blanking settings may be required so shots positioned one station spacing outside first/last profile receiver are used for WET inversion
- June 10, 2017 : **DeltatV|Interactive DeltatV|Regression over offset stations** has new minimum value of 3 instead of former 5. A value of 3 can show more details or more noise in DeltatV inversion output in case of bad picks and geometry errors.

- June 9, 2017 : ALT+B shortcut in *Trace|Shot gather* shows *Automatic first break picking parameters dialog* with option *Processing|Solid color pick display* checked. For earlier builds uncheck this option.
- May 27, 2017 : describe use of SEGY trace header fields during import of .SGY files in new paragraph ***Use of SEGY trace header fields during import*** in help topic *Seismic and header data import*. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- May 26, 2017 : use option *File|SEGY import settings|Force determine station numbers* if SEGY import with unchecked SEGY option *No receiver coordinates specified in .SGY file* fails due to inconsistent geometry specified in SEGY headers : e.g. varying elevation specified for same x/y coordinate pair.
- May 21, 2017 : determine *Layout start [station no.]* and *Shot pos. [station no.]* correctly when importing multiple SEGY .SGY trace files recorded with overlapping receiver spreads with option *File|SEGY import settings|No receiver coordinates specified in .SGY file* unchecked
- Apr 26, 2017 : *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank|Blank no coverage after last iteration* is now checked per default
- Apr 25, 2017 : *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Edit velocity smoothing|Used width of Gaussian* has new range 0.1 .. 20.0 instead of 0.1 .. 6.0. Increase from default 1.0 for sharper filter.
- Apr 15, 2017 : layered refraction smoothing parameter *Base filter width [station nos.]* has new default value 8 instead of former 10. This can improve lateral resolution when detecting basement fault zones with *Depth|Plus-Minus* and *Wavefront* refraction methods. Edit with ALT+M in *depth section window*.
- Apr 8, 2017 : describe *Cosine-Squared WET update weighting* in help topic *WET tomography processing*. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Apr 3, 2017 : our new *WET Tomo|WET Update weighting dialog* lets you edit parameters a&b for ***Cosine-Squared weighting function***. See [Chen and Zelt AGU 2012 poster](#) Fig. 5 (a) .
- Apr 3, 2017 : set *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Ricker differentiation* to -2 to ***weight WET velocity updates with Cosine-Squared function*** instead of default -1 meaning *Gaussian weighting*
- Apr 1, 2017 : detect missing 2nd header line in GeoTomCG .3DD files
- Mar 31, 2017 : show *rayId* in error prompt when importing GeoTomCG .3DD file with bad geometry
- Mar 30, 2017 : a [2016 report](#) by NGU (Geological Survey of Norway) compares using our *Plus-Minus method layered refraction starting model* vs. *1D-gradient starting model* for *WET inversion*.
- Mar 30, 2017 : ***vary/decrease basement refractor smoothing for our Plus-Minus method*** by 1. clicking *No button* in our *Continue with WET tomography prompt* and 2. pressing ALT+M in *Plus-Minus Depth Section window* to display our *Plus-Minus Model Parameters dialog*.
- Mar 30, 2017 : ***adapt our 1D-gradient starting model to layered subsurface*** by checking options *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Allow XTV inversion for 1D initial model* and *Optimize XTV for layered starting model* before selecting *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model*
- Mar 30, 2017 : before importing a GeoTomCG .3DD survey file involving multiple boreholes (with all y coordinates = 0.0) you need to split the .3DD such that all traces contained in one .3DD are recorded with receivers located in the same *Borehole spread/line* or along the same *Refraction line* . See e.g. our tutorial [11REFR](#) plus [1611HOLE](#) tutorial.
- Mar 30, 2017 : *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|Edit velocity smoothing|Maximum velocity update* now has valid range 0.01% to 30% instead of former 1% to 30%
- Mar 28, 2017 : ***WET Tomo|WET Velocity constraints|Pad polygon border*** extends the polygon border by one pixel (grid cell) in each direction when blanking velocity tomogram during *WET inversion* . This option is enabled per default to make it easier to pick the *.BLN blanking polygon* in Surfer.
- Mar 23, 2017 : added more figures to tutorial [tunne116](#) and improved instructions

- Mar 22, 2017 : updated [free trial](#) and included latest help file in installer
- Mar 18, 2017 : describe new controls in *WET velocity constraints* and *Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* dialogs. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Mar 15, 2017 : focus on *Select button* in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography dialog* if no or invalid *starting model* (initial velocity model) specified
- Mar 14, 2017 : tutorial [tunnel16](#) shows **imaging of tunnel excavation disturbed zone** (EDZ) with version 3.35 of our software
- Mar 13, 2017 : unmapping traces in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks display* with ALT+U shortcut does not reset *CMP Stack Width* edited with ALT+M to default width any longer
- Mar 13, 2017 : we have changed defaults for display of first break picks in *Trace|Shot gather*. Change display settings in *Processing menu*.
- Mar 13, 2017 : obtain **smoother DeltatV starting models with less noise/artefacts** with non-default *DeltatV settings* as described in tutorials [OT0608](#) on page 3 and [GEOXMERC](#) on page 1. These non-default *DeltatV settings* work best for long refraction spreads/lines and dense shot spacing.
- Mar 10, 2017 : **Depth|Depth conversion Settings|Prefer geometric velocity for Wavefront** computes the basement refractor velocity as described by ([Jones and Jovanovich, 1985](#)). Uncheck to set basement velocity to average of forward and reverse velocity obtained from traveltimes reduced to basement refractor level ([E. Brueckl, 1987](#)). This new option is checked per default. Uncheck for lines with steep topography for more robust velocity determination.
- Mar 8, 2017 : **WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints|Smooth polygon border** smooths over blanking polygon border during *WET inversion*. Uncheck to strictly enforce the blanking polygon border.
- Mar 6, 2017 : more robust determination of velocity at source/receiver during *WET inversion*
- Mar 3, 2017 : *File|Export header data|Export Traces to GeoTomCG .3DD* with *File|Export data Settings|Gather traces by common receiver station* checked : regard *File|Import Data Settings|Import horizontal borehole survey or .3DD refraction survey & Import circular borehole survey* settings to determine .3DD trace sort
- Mar 3, 2017 : more robust determination of *Shot pos.[station no.]* during import of *GeotomCG .3DD* with *File|Import Data Settings|Import circular borehole survey* checked
- Feb 27, 2017 : extrapolate velocity to polygon boundary from outside when blanking inside polygon as specified in *WET Tomo|WET Velocity constraints dialog*
- Feb 26, 2017 : *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blanking|Blank no coverage after each iteration & Blank no coverage after last iteration* blank below covered tomogram area for *Line type Refraction spread/line*. For *Line type Borehole spread/line* we also blank above covered area.
- Feb 25, 2017 : don't plot source symbol (red triangle) on tomogram if no traces picked for that shot
- Feb 24, 2017 : SHIFT+Z in *Trace|Shot gather* deletes first break picks & modeled picks for current shot
- Feb 24, 2017 : ALT+Z in *Trace|Shot gather* deletes first break pick & modeled pick for current trace
- Feb 23, 2017 : *File|Import Data .HDR* file creation : write *Delay Time* and *Sample Interval* with 6 digits precision to .HDR . Write actual number of samples in input file to .HDR column *Sample Count*.
- Feb 22, 2017 : if *WET inversion* can't allocate enough RAM memory to cache all source and receiver station traveltimes grids we now prompt you to install more RAM and use our Pro version
- Feb 22, 2017 : ALT+M in *Trace|Shot gather* etc. brings up *Trace processing parameters dialog*. Box **Remove systematic dc offset from traces** is now unchecked per default.
- Feb 21, 2017 : *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet* now prompts you to confirm toggling this setting and deletes ... \GRADTOMO GRADIENT . GRD&DLTAGRAD . GRD

- Feb 21, 2017 : display shotpoint and receiver coordinates with 4 digits after decimal point instead of 3. Also write coordinates to SHOTPTS.SHO and GeoTomCG .3DD with 4 digits past decimal point.
- Feb 20, 2017 : check *File|Import Data Settings|.3DD shot traces sorted by receiver offset* to improve detection of shots when importing GeoTomCG .3DD with multiple shots recorded at same shot point but with shifted receiver spread. Otherwise such shots are merged into one shot during .3DD import.
- Feb 15, 2017 : ***File|Import data Settings|Import circular borehole survey*** disables receiver spread geometry checks and does not make any assumption regarding shape of borehole spread. Use when borehole spread line loops back on itself. Check source&receiver positions on tomogram plots. Update source&receiver coordinates via *File|Update header data|Update Station coordinates* and *Update Shotpoint coordinates*. See ***Help|Contents|File formats***.
- Feb 15, 2017 : for WET inversion of data recorded with circular spread (see above bullet) you need to digitize the tunnel void boundary on our starting model plot in Surfer to generate a .BLN blanking file. Now select this .BLN in our *WET Tomo|WET Velocity constraints dialog*. Now run Smooth inversion with constant-velocity starting model. Next run *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography* and vary WET parameters. See ***Help|Contents|WET tomography processing***.
- Feb 15, 2017 : *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography|CG iterations* has new default of 10 instead of 15. *Line Search iters.* has new default of 2 instead of 3. This may make *Conjgate Gradient* more robust.
- Feb 15, 2017 : regard all databases added in *Header|Profile* when determining max. picked time needed to determine RMS error in percent
- Feb 15, 2017 : more robust import of GeoTomCG .3DD traces when receivers are sorted by decreasing x coordinate (horizontal hole) or decreasing z coordinate (vertical hole) in the .3DD file
- Feb 14, 2017 : *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile|Forced velocity* allows editing of initial velocity for constant-velocity starting model. Check box *Force constant velocity* to enforce this.
- Feb 13, 2017 : correctly display *Header|Shot|Source elevation* for *Line type Borehole spread/line*
- Feb 13, 2017 : allow forcing of left grid limit in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile*
- Feb 13, 2017 : write forced grid limits to .PAR file when creating starting model
- Feb 10, 2017 : *Grid|Vertical plot title* plots the tomogram title vertically on tomogram. Uncheck to plot title horizontally on top of tomogram.
- Feb 9, 2017 : *File|Open Profile...* checks all borehole SEIS32.DBD added in *Header|Profile* if they are up-to-date. We prompt you to open any added out-of-date borehole line database with *File|Open Profile...* to revise the database.
- Feb 6, 2017 : regard for *DeltatV starting model grid* the grid limits forced in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile*
- Feb 6, 2017 : prompt user to run Rayfract® Pro as Admin if AWE memory allocation fails
- Jan 30, 2017 : *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII.TXT...* now terminate lines in .TXT with `<cr><lf>`
- Jan 28, 2017 : ***File|Shorten stored trace length...|New trace length stored in db [ms]*** lets you specify a shorter trace length for an existing profile to reduce disk size of the database. Click *button Update traces* to revise the database. This new dialog is available for our [Pro license](#) only. *Shot delay* and *Trigger delay* are not regarded when shortening the database traces on disk.
- Jan 27, 2017 : our [PowerPoint slide show](#) shows how to interactively improve your first break picks
- Jan 27, 2017 : fixed issue with forcing grid limits in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile*
- Jan 23, 2017 : updated help chapters *Introduction* and *Calling Surfer*. Install updated help file with our latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer .

- Jan 4, 2017 : support main profile *Line type* Borehole spread/line when adding borehole(s) with *Select button(s)* in *Header|Profile* . All profiles selected are regarded to determine tomogram limits.
- Jan 4, 2017 : regard for *Line type* Borehole spread/line the grid limits forced in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile*
- Jan 4, 2017 : convert grid limits forced in *Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* to feet with *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet* checked
- Jan 4, 2017 : the *Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile* selected is used for *Line type* Refraction spread/line only at this time
- Jan 4, 2017 : support joint inversion of main profile shots with borehole profile(s) shots added in *Header|Profile* with *Output inversion results in Feet* checked
- Dec 28, 2016 : *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile|Grid bottom elevation* can be increased to at least 40% of depth range of *DeltatV 1D-gradient starting model*
- Dec 28, 2016 : *WET inversion* shows better error message in status bar if starting model too shallow
- Dec 27, 2016 : describe **how to obtain elastic constants** based on P-wave & S-wave surveys along same line in help chapter *Dynamic Poisson's ratio imaging*. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) .
- Dec 27, 2016 : don't allow selection of 1DVELO.TXT & 1DUSER.TXT files in *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model*. Prompt to copy 1DVELO.TXT to MYVELO.TXT and to select MYVELO.TXT .
- Dec 26, 2016 : don't overwrite 1DVELO.TXT and 1DUSER.TXT files in *Smooth invert|WET with 1D-gradient initial model* if user selected these in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile dialog*
- Dec 26, 2016 : let user click *OK/Cancel/Reset etc. buttons* in *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile dialog*, *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography dialog* and *Grid|Surfer plot Limits dialog* even if numeric field with current focus has invalid/empty value
- Dec 22, 2016 : new help file chapter **Calling Surfer** lists steps to try if Golden Software Scripiter can't find Surfer. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Dec 19, 2016 : *interpolate x coordinate at stations without any picked traces* when importing Geometrics PlotRefa, Optim SeisOpt, Interpex Gremix and GeoTomCG .3DD shots
- Dec 14, 2016 : more accurate interpolation of forward modeled traveltimes at receivers. Helps especially with large cell size.
- Dec 10, 2016 : Joana Santos uses [SRT to obtain initial model for MASW](#) (Univ. Lisboa, 2016)
- Dec 10, 2016 : decrease **Refractor count** from 2 to 1 for short lines (24 channels) in *Refractor|Midpoint breaks* with ALT+M to map basement with *Depth|Plus-Minus* or *Wavefront* layered refraction
- Dec 10, 2016 : decrease **Base filter width** from default 10 to 5 stations for short lines in *Depth|Plus-Minus* or *Wavefront* depth sections with ALT+M so the basement refractor can be mapped
- Dec 10, 2016 : check *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Allow XTV inversion for 1D initial model & Optimize XTV for layered starting model* for compromise between deeper diving waves & more shallow layered refraction starting model. See our tutorial [jenny10.pdf](#) .
- Dec 5, 2016 : make error message prompts modal to dialogs so you have to confirm prompts before you can continue working with the dialog
- Nov 30, 2016 : regard *File|Export data Settings|Export coordinates in feet* when writing .HDR batch file in *File|Import Data...* . Unit [m] or [ft] is written to 2nd header line of .HDR batch file.
- Nov 30, 2016 : *File|Import Data...* regards unit [m] or [ft] in 2nd header line of .HDR when importing shots listed in .HDR batch file

- Nov 24, 2016 : improved description of *Conjugate Gradient method controls* in help file chapter **WET tomography processing**. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Nov 19, 2016 : help file chapter **Seismic and header data import** describes our new *File|Import Data dialog*. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Nov 18, 2016 : disallow forcing of grid cell size for free trial in *Header|Profile* & disable option *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Edit cell size* for free trial
- Nov 17, 2016 : fixed [free trial](#). *Header|Profile dialog* is working again. Adding *borehole lines* to main profile is not possible in our limited functionality free trial version.
- Nov 16, 2016 : *File|Import Data...* offers new controls to **generate a .HDR batch file for all matching input files in selected input directory**. Review and edit this .HDR batch and use for batch import.
- Nov 11, 2016 : help file chapter **File formats** describes our new *File|Export grid file to ASCII .TXT dialog*. Install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer.
- Nov 10, 2016 : *File|New Profile...* & *File|Open Profile...* both reset fields in *Grid|Surfer plot Limits dialog* if plot limits have not yet been saved to disk with *OK button* for this profile
- Nov 10, 2016 : reset *Grid|Export grid file dialog to ASCII .TXT dialog* as in above bullet
- Nov 10, 2016 : reset *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile dialog* as above
- Nov 9, 2016 : *Smooth invert|Smooth inversion Settings|Output inversion results in Feet* now correctly determines the **grid cell size in feet** (same as *Surfer X spacing & Y spacing*) with checked option *Header|Profile|Force grid cell size* and using field *Header|Profile|Cell size*
- Nov 8, 2016 : *Grid|Export grid file to ASCII .TXT...* opens a new dialog which lets you select the .GRD input file, .TXT output file and optionally **export x/y/z/velocity for cells with velocities in a specified velocity range**. This lets you easily **build a basement contour map** from multiple crossing 2D profiles showing elevation of “basement” with velocities in this range. Just paste all exported .TXT files into one .TXT and grid and contour with Golden Software Surfer.
- Nov 6, 2016 : added *checkbox Proportional XY Scaling* to *Grid|Surfer plot Limits dialog*. If this is checked we do not regard *X Scale & Y Scale* values. Edit these in *Surfer Map|Scale tab* instead.
- Nov 6, 2016 : regard *Grid|Surfer plot Limits* for *Line type Borehole spread/line*
- Nov 3, 2016 : install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer. Added topics for new controls in *WET velocity constraints dialog*, *Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile dialog* and *Header|Profile* .
- Nov 2, 2016 : our [updated ad](#) will be printed in EAGE NSG Dec 2016 issue
- Oct 27, 2016 : *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints|Blank outside polygon* checkbox forces blanking outside polygon specified in selected *Surfer .BLN blanking file* overriding the *blanking flag* in header line (2nd column) of the .BLN . Also check box *Polygon blanking active*.
- Oct 27, 2016 : *WET Tomo|WET velocity constraints dialog* offers 4 new checkboxes for extrapolation of velocity to *.BLN blanking file* boundary when blanking outside polygon : *Extrapolate to top&bottom*, *Extrapolate to left&right*. Use with low velocity at shots or receivers to avoid gaps in coverage.
- Oct 21, 2016 : *File|Export header data|Export First Breaks...* writes value of -1.0 into columns *synthetic, residual[ms]* and *abs(residual)* if the trace has not been modeled with WET inversion
- Oct 12, 2016 : **borehole-recorded shots can be positioned outside the receiver spread**. But the *Shot pos.[station no.]* specified during import into profile with *Line type Borehole spread/line* has to match an active receiver station no. used to record this shot. Once all shots have been imported go into *Header|Shot* and review&optionally edit fields *dx* and *dz* in frame *Offset from Shot Station* . Tab through dialog controls until absolute coordinate fields *x* and *z* in frame *Source Coords* . are updated. See e.g. our new [1611HOLE](#) tutorial. Walkaway VSP shots are recorded with 3 spreads in one borehole.

- Oct 12, 2016 : upper *File|Import Data|Select button* now shows contents of `INPUT` subdirectory of *profile directory* for current profile database.
- Oct 6, 2016 : *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile|Grid bottom elevation[m]* lets you specify the lower limit of the starting model grid. Check *Force grid limits* & click *OK* to activate this.
- Oct 6, 2016 : *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile|Left limit of grid[m]* & *Right limit of grid[m]* fields are enabled for our [Pro license](#) only. Check *Force grid limits box* & click *OK* to activate.
- Oct 6, 2016 : *Smooth invert|Custom 1D-gradient velocity profile|Reset limits to grid* lets you select a `VELOITXY.GRD` velocity tomogram in directories `...\LAYRTOMO` or `...\GRADTOMO` and reset above grid limits
- Sep 28, 2016 : to edit limits and scale of **Surfer plots**
 - select our *Grid|Surfer plot Limits*
 - click *button Reset to grid* and select your final `VELOIT20.GRD` tomogram in `...\GRADTOMO` or `...\HOLETOMO` subdirectories
 - edit plot limits, min./max. velocity and x/y scale as desired
 - check box *Plot limits active* and click *OK button*
 - select *Grid|Image and contour velocity and coverage grids...* and above `VELOIT20.GRD`
- Sep 23, 2016 : our new tutorial [11REFR](#) shows how to easily **constrain surface-refraction tomography with VSP shots**. [1611HOLE](#) shows *WET inversion* of the VSP shots only without refraction shots.
- Sep 23, 2016 : tutorial [11REFR](#) compares [multiscale tomography](#) with single-run *WET inversion*.
- Sep 19, 2016 : our [Pro license](#) allows easy adding of up to four (4) *Borehole line* profiles to main profile in *Header|Profile*. The main profile can have either *Line type Refraction spread/line* or *Borehole spread/line*. First breaks picked for main and added profiles are used for **joint WET inversion**.
- Sep 19, 2016 : Added *Ok/Cancel/Reset buttons* to *Header|Profile dialog*.
- Sep 16, 2016 : when adding *Borehole spread(s)* to your main profile with *Header|Profile|Select button(s)* as described below in Sep 15, 2016 bullets you may want to uncheck *WET Tomo|WET tomography Settings|Blank outside borehole tomogram*. Instead pick blanking polygon (*tomogram boundary*) in Surfer as below and use our *WET velocity constraints* option.
- Sep 16, 2016 : create the Surfer `.BLN` blanking file needed for above bullet as described in <http://www.goldensoftware.com/knowledge-base/surfer/1095-how-can-i-create-a-bln-file> : digitize the boundary on velocity tomogram with *Map|Digitize* and save to a `.BLN` file. Optionally first draw the polygon on the tomogram in an empty base layer with Surfer *Draw|Polygon command*. See above link.
- Sep 16, 2016 : toggle the *blanking flag* in the saved `.BLN` file e.g. with Microsoft WordPad. E.g. first line `31,1` in `.BLN` means polygon with 31 points (corners), blank inside polygon. Change this to `31,0` to blank outside polygon after each WET iteration.
- Sep 16, 2016 : *WET Tomo|WET Velocity constraints...|Select blanking file* lets you select above Surfer `.BLN` blanking file after editing the `.BLN` and toggling the *blanking flag* as above.
- Sep 15, 2016 : *Header|Profile|Select button* lets you easily **add one Borehole spread/line profile** to main profile. Our [Pro license](#) allows adding up to four (4) *Borehole spread/line* profiles to main profile.
- Sep 15, 2016 : adding *Borehole spread/line* profile(s) to main profile as in above bullet is possible for true 2D profile databases where y coordinates are all zero 0.0 only.
- Sep 15, 2016 : when adding *Borehole spread/line* profile(s) adjust *Header|Profile|Profile start offset[m]* for main refraction profile so the horizontal X axis shown with starting model and WET tomograms matches the X axis shown for borehole tomograms.

- Sep 15, 2016 : *WET inversion* uses first breaks picked for main and all added *Borehole spread* profiles. *DeltatV* and layered refraction methods use first breaks picked for the main refraction profile only.
- Sep 15, 2016 : Smooth inversion with *constant-velocity starting model* uses first breaks picked for main profile and for added *Borehole spreads* profile(s).
- Sep 15, 2016 : plot shot and receiver symbols for added *Borehole spreads* on WET tomograms
- Sep 15, 2016 : better error prompt during *WET inversion* if velocity grid has invalid velocity values.
- Sep 15, 2016 : more robust extrapolation of velocity at top/bottom of tomogram during *WET inversion*.
- Aug 31, 2016 : write residuals to `BREAKS.LST` with *File|Export header data|Export First Breaks*
- Aug 31, 2016 : *File|Export data Settings|Write empty line to .LST after each shot* option writes blank line separating shots into `BREAKS.LST` with *File|Export header data|Export First Breaks*
- Aug 31, 2016 : *File|Update header data|Update First Breaks* skips blank lines between shots in `.LST`
- Aug 31, 2016 : complete the transaction when importing shots even if update with `IMPSHOTS.SHO` fails
- Aug 31, 2016 : updated tutorial [coffey04](#) : how to import reversed VSP shots into refraction profile
- Aug 21, 2016 : limit WET parameter *Width of Gaussian for one period [sigma]* to max. 100.0
- Aug 19, 2016 : *File|Export data Settings|Export horizontal inline offset to .COR* optionally exports *horizontal inline offset* (from first profile receiver station) to `COORDS.COR`. Also export *weathering velocity* (`v0` in *Header|Station*) and *DeltatV v0* at topography if available.
- Aug 19, 2016 : do not reset interactive WET parameters *Ricker differentiation* and *Width of Gaussian for one period [sigma]* when reopening a profile database with *Line type Borehole spread/line*
- Aug 18, 2016 : export *horizontal inline offset* (from first profile receiver station) to `COORDS.COR`.
- Aug 18, 2016 : extrapolate *custom velocity profile* to top/bottom of `GRADIENT.GRD`
- Aug 12, 2016 : install updated help file with latest [winhelp.exe](#) installer. Added a paragraph at end of chapter *Smooth inversion* explaining our new *Custom ID-gradient velocity profile dialog*.
- Aug 10, 2016 : [multirun WET inversion](#) now works with *Wavepath frequency* above 200 Hz and *Wavepath width[ms]* smaller than 0.1 ms
- Aug 10, 2016 : when you click *Conjugate Gradient radio button* in *WET Tomo|Interactive WET tomography* we now prompt you to confirm or keep using the safer *Steepest Descent* search method
- Aug 10, 2016 : *Smooth invert|WET with ID-gradient initial model* writes the averaged velocity vs. depth profile to `C:\Ray32\\GRADTOMO\1DVELO.TXT`
- Aug 10, 2016 : *Smooth invert|Custom ID-gradient velocity profile* dialog lets you select a **custom velocity profile** in `.TXT` file with two columns : depth below topography and velocity. Copy above `1DVELO.TXT` to `MYVELO.TXT` and edit with Microsoft WordPad. Now select the `.TXT` file in this dialog.
Check box *Replace velocity active* and select *Smooth invert|WET with ID-gradient initial model* to
 - write the averaged DeltatV velocity vs. depth profile to file `...\GRADTOMO\1DVELO.TXT`
 - read in your custom `.TXT` velocity profile specified above
 - interpolate your velocity profile to all depths & use this to compute the `GRADIENT.GRD` with topography
 - write the interpolated custom velocity vs. depth profile to file `...\GRADTOMO\1DUSER.TXT`

➤ plot the generated GRADIENT.GRD in Surfer as usual

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