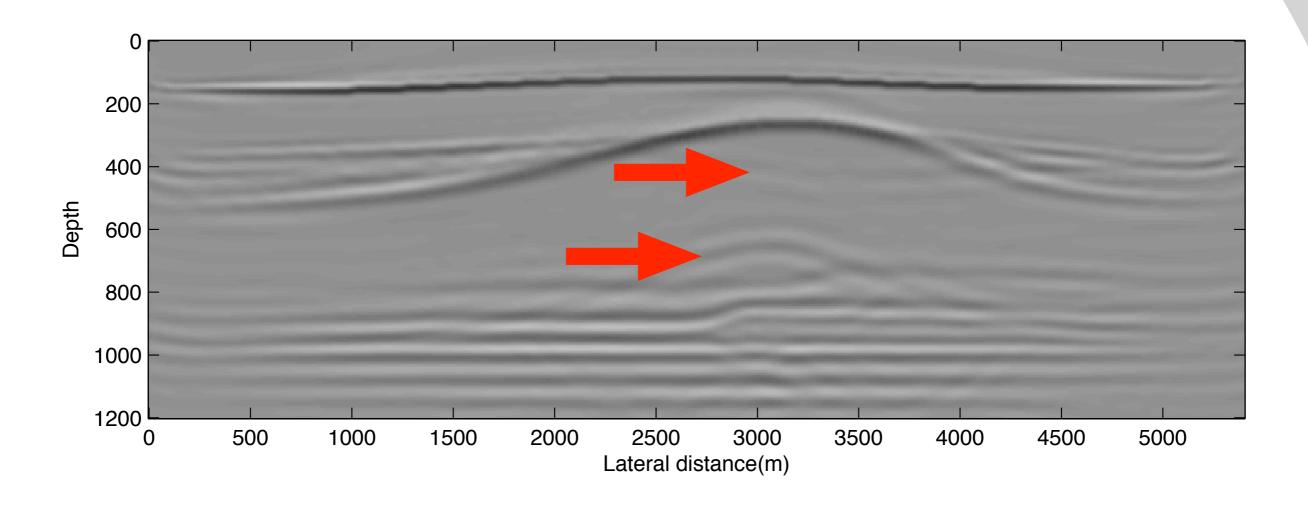
Sparsity-promoting migration with multiples

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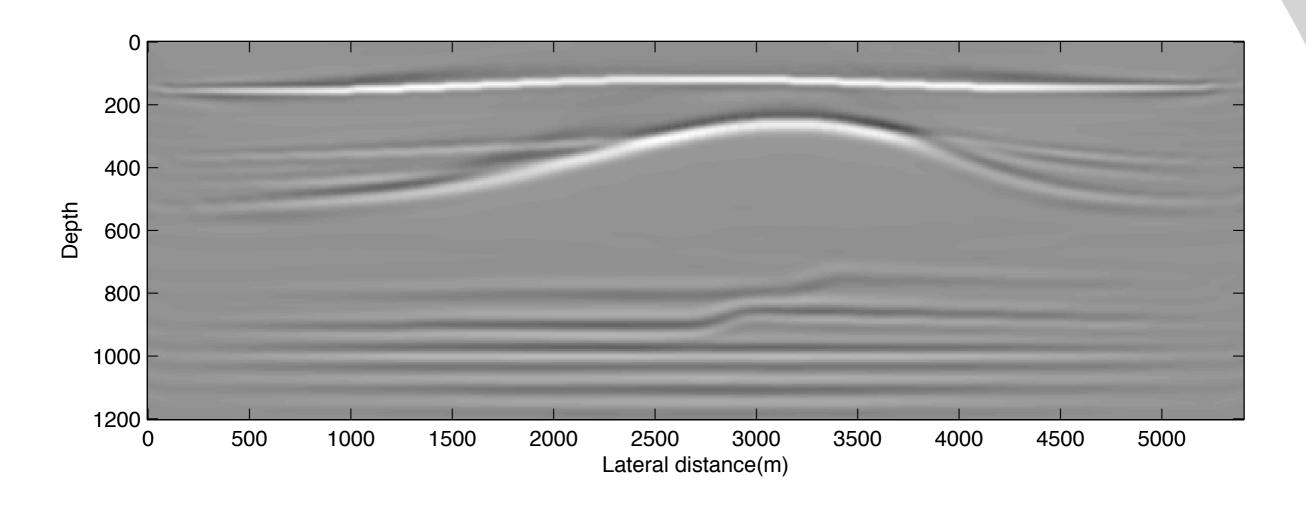
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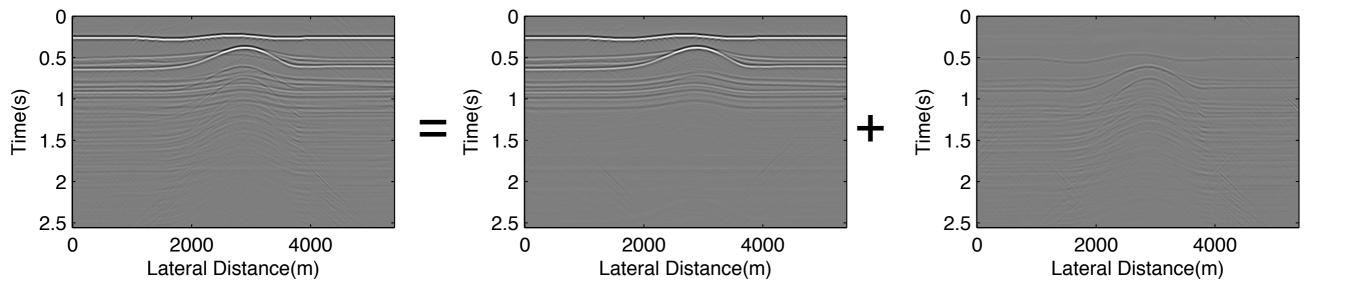
a migrated section from data with multiples





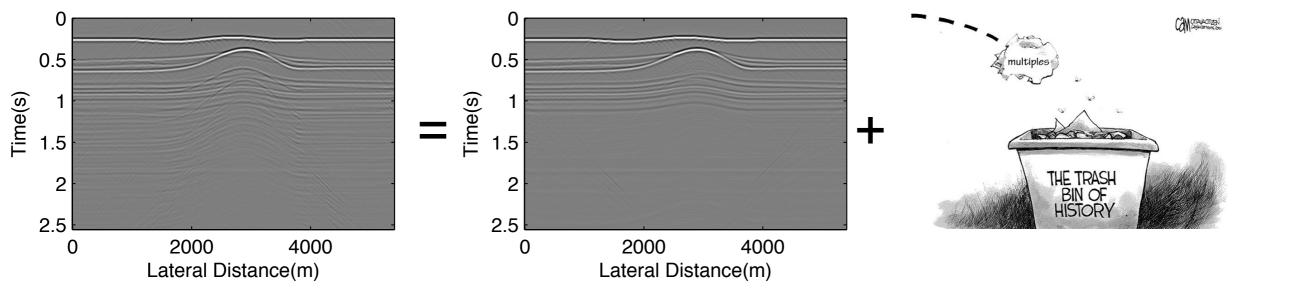
a migrated section from multiple free data

So...



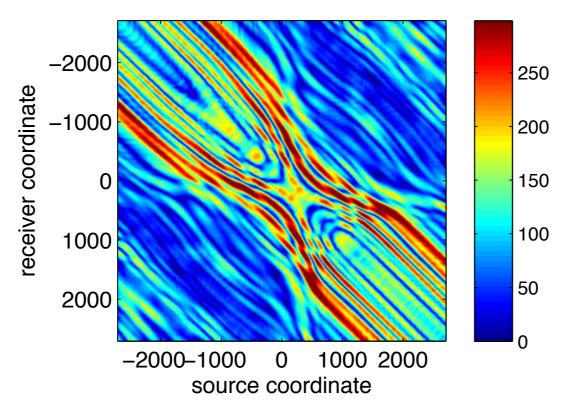


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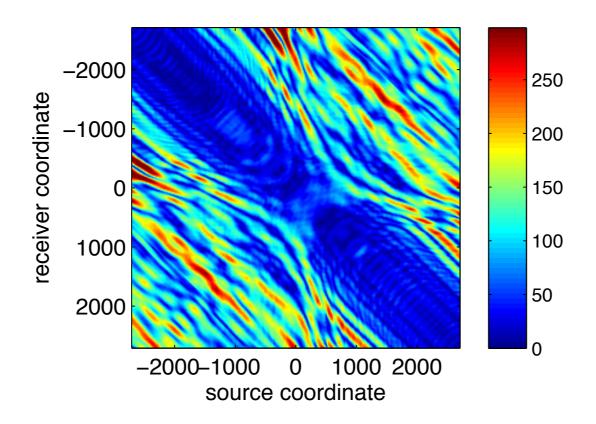


But wait a minute, are they really garbage?



amplitude spectrum: primaries @15Hz





amplitude spectrum: multiples @15Hz



Surface-related multiples:

- provide wider illumination angles
- contain more higher spatial wave number contents
- more sensitive to velocity changes



They may help to deduce subsurface structure...but how?

EPSI (Estimation of Primaries via Sparse Inversion) exploits the sparsity of the up-going Green's function

- EPSI tries to derive the up-going Green's function
- velocity model is a lot sparser than Green's function



There seems to be some interaction between EPSI and imaging...what about let them get married, and how?

Multiples in imaging

Introduce free surface to the 'smooth' background velocity model

- violates the Born approximation assumptions
- more requirements on the exactness of the velocity model

Multiples in imaging

Full-waveform inversion

- "de-multiple" before inversion
- consists of several migration based updates

Multiples in imaging

Focal transform

- first multiples mapped to primaries
- needs the estimate of the primaries as the operator
- de-multiple followed by migration



Our approach

We combine EPSI with migration

- EPSI models primaries as well as multiples
- combine EPSI with sparsity promoting migration



Lin and Herrmann, 2010

Herrmann, 2008

EPSI Formulation

EPSI reveals the relationship:

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}} = \hat{\mathbf{G}}(\hat{\mathbf{Q}} - \hat{\mathbf{P}})$$

Formulating the EPSI operator:

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{F}_t^* \operatorname{BlockDiag}_f[(\hat{\mathbf{Q}} - \hat{\mathbf{P}})^* \otimes \mathbf{I}] \mathcal{F}_t}_{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{p}$$

EPSI Formulation

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = \underset{\mathbf{g}}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{Mg}||_{\mathbf{2}} \text{ s.t.} ||\mathbf{g}||_{\mathbf{0}} \leq \mathbf{k}\tau$$

 $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$: estimate of the up-going Green's function

p: the up-going wavefield

Robust EPSI

Replace the computationally prohibitive l_0 norm with l_1 norm.

Robust EPSI:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = \underset{\mathbf{g}}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\mathbf{g}||_{\mathbf{1}} \text{ s.t.} ||\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{g}||_{\mathbf{2}} \le \sigma$$

Regularized least-squares migration

Regularized least-squares migration:

$$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \underset{\delta \mathbf{m}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{K} \delta \mathbf{m}||_{\mathbf{2}}^{2} + \lambda ||\delta \mathbf{m}||_{\mathbf{2}}^{2}$$

Sparsity promoting migration

Sparsity-promoting migration:

$$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \underset{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\delta \mathbf{x}||_{\mathbf{1}} \text{ s.t.} ||\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{K} \mathbf{S}^* \delta \mathbf{x}||_{\mathbf{2}} \le \sigma$$

Combine EPSI with migration

We formulate this linearized inversion process as

$$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \underset{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\delta \mathbf{x}||_{\mathbf{1}} \text{ s.t.} ||\hat{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbf{MK} \mathbf{S}^* \delta \mathbf{x}||_{\mathbf{2}} \le \sigma$$

Numerical experiments

Make linearized data:

multiple-free data

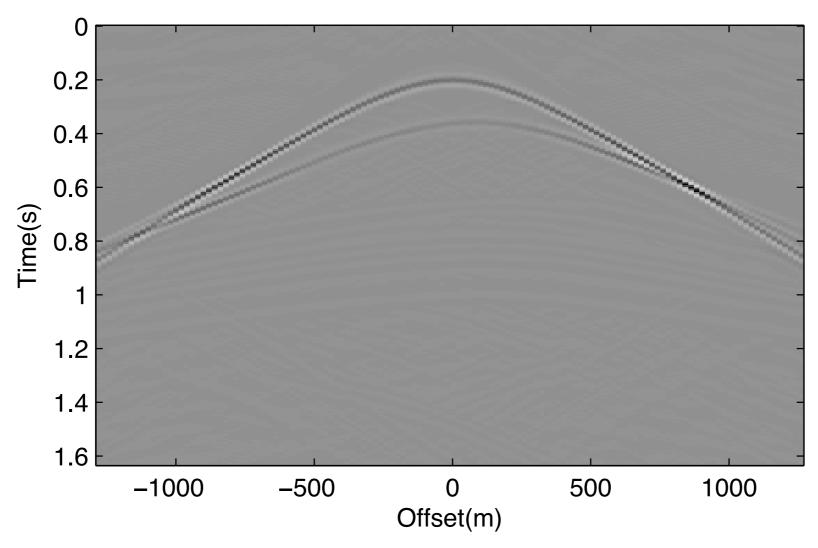
$$\mathbf{p_1} = \mathbf{K}\delta\mathbf{m}$$

data with multiples

$$\mathbf{p_2} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{K}\delta\mathbf{m}$$



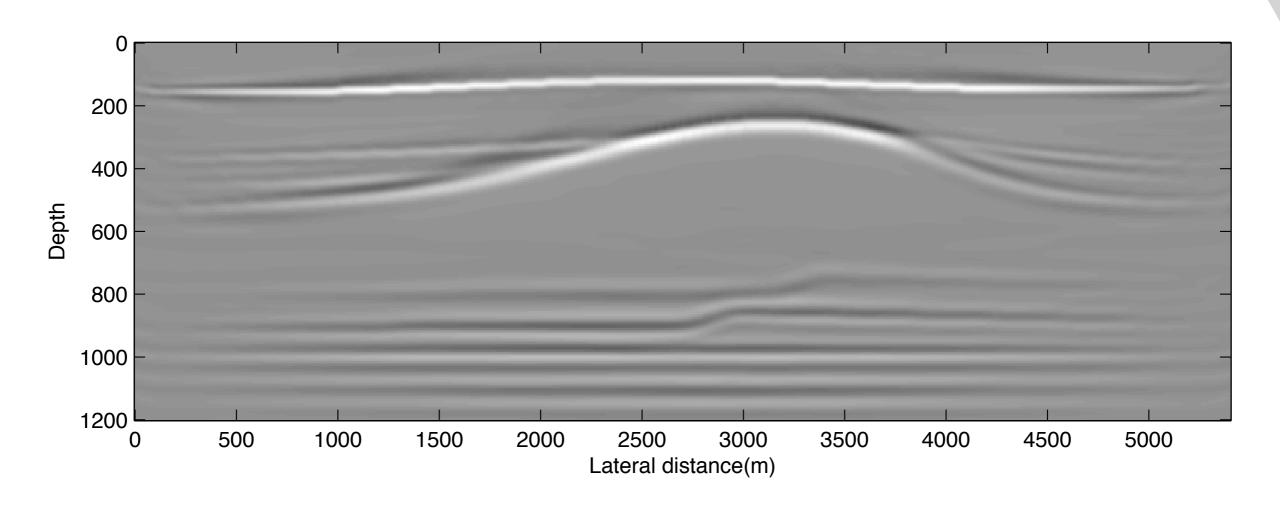
Data preview: multiple free



total shots: 128, shot number: 65



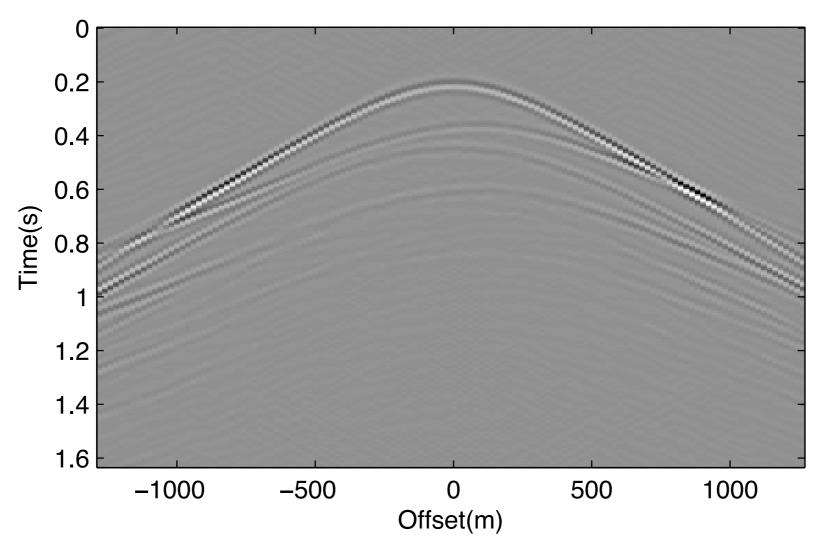
Image preview: multiple free



migrated section: time-weighted



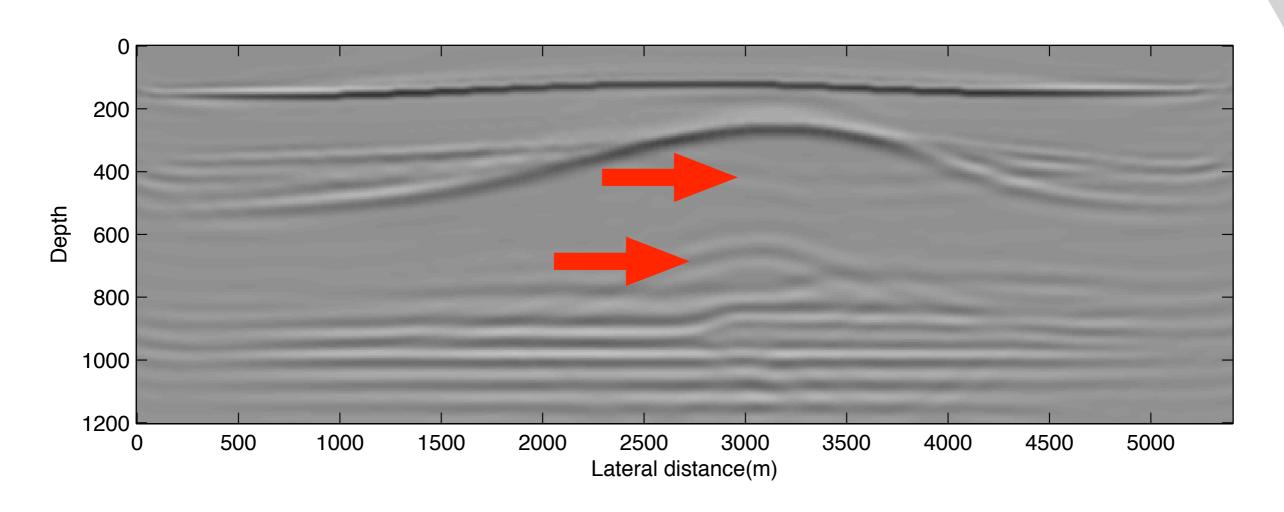
Data preview: with multiples



total shots: 128, shot number: 65



Image preview: with multiples



migrated section: time weighted

Three scenarios: mig-multiple free

Migration from multiple free data:

$$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \underset{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\delta \mathbf{x}||_{\mathbf{1}} \text{ s.t.} ||\mathbf{p_1} - \mathbf{K} \mathbf{S}^* \delta \mathbf{x}||_{\mathbf{2}} \le \sigma$$

Three scenarios: mig-with multiples

Migration from data with multiples:

$$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \underset{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\delta \mathbf{x}||_{\mathbf{1}} \text{ s.t.} ||\mathbf{p_2}| - \mathbf{K} \mathbf{S}^* \delta \mathbf{x}||_{\mathbf{2}} \le \sigma$$

Three scenarios: mig/EPSI-with multiples

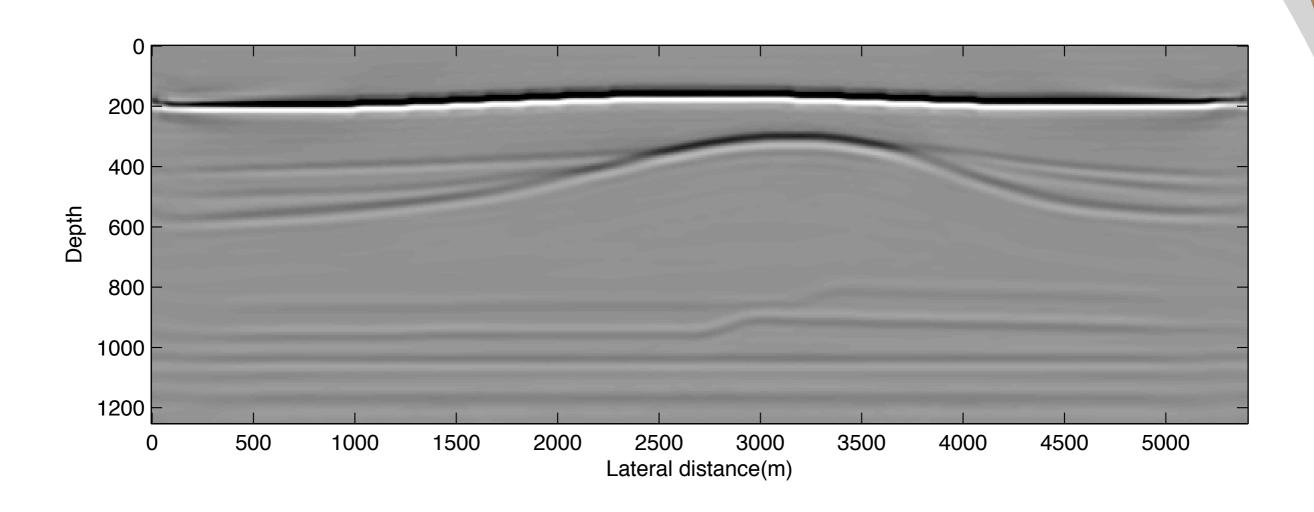
Migration combined with EPSI from data with multiples:

$$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \underset{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} ||\delta \mathbf{x}||_1 \text{ s.t.} ||\mathbf{p_2} - \mathbf{MKS}^* \delta \mathbf{x}||_2 \le \sigma$$

Solver: spgl I

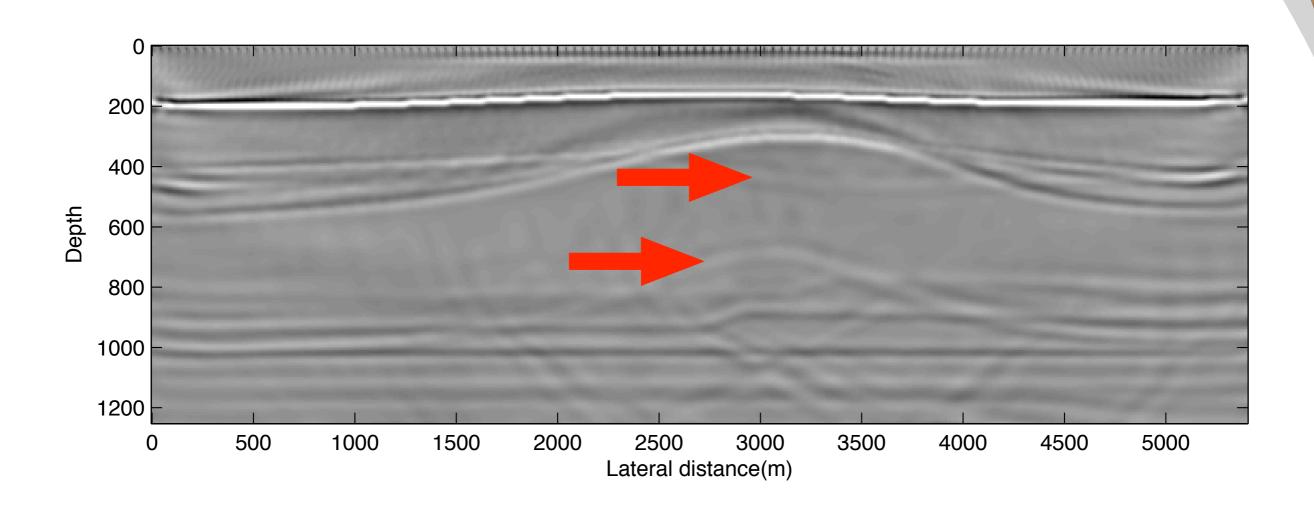


Mig-multiple free



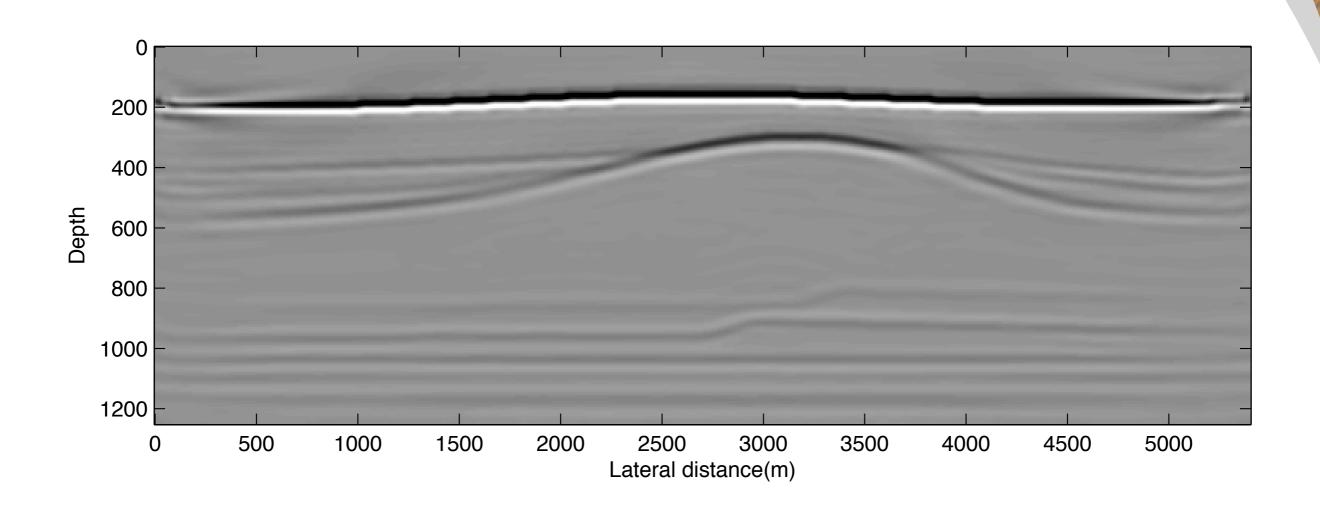


Mig-with multiples



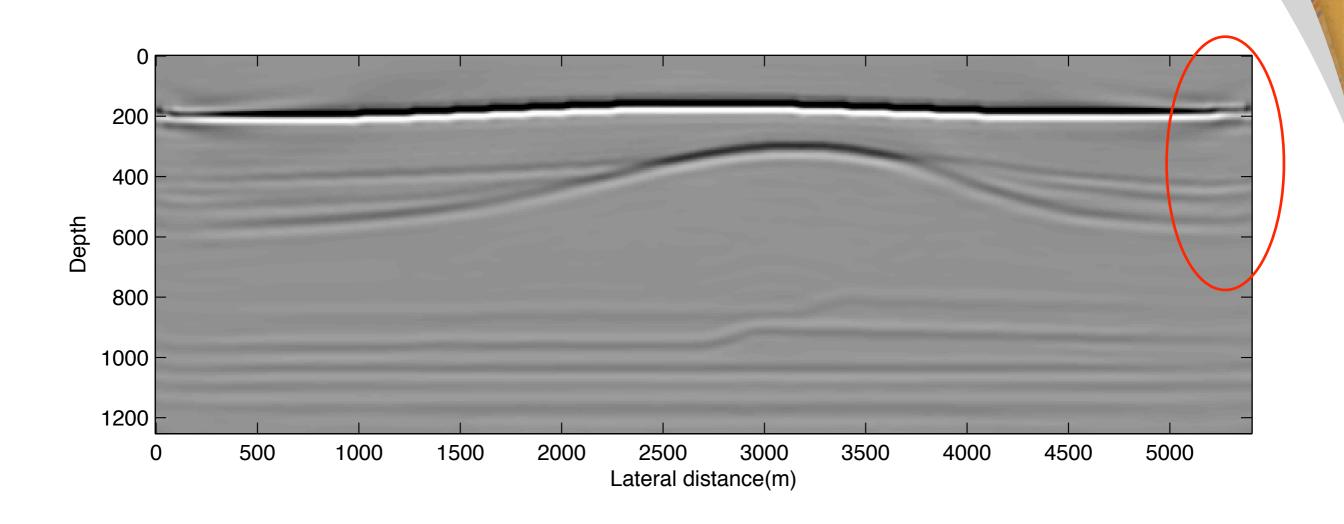


Mig/EPSI-with multiples



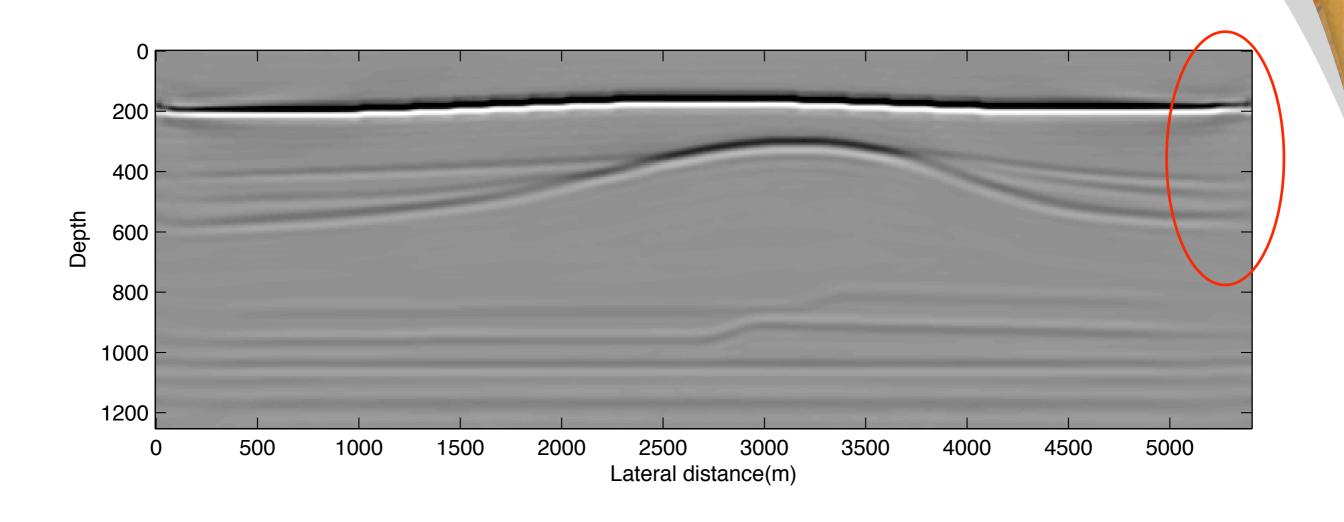


Mig/EPSI-with multiples



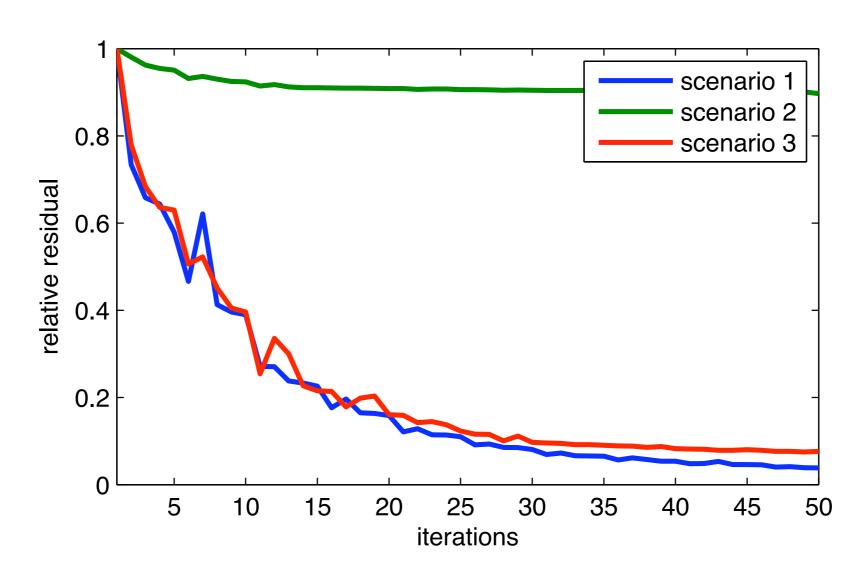


Mig-multiple free



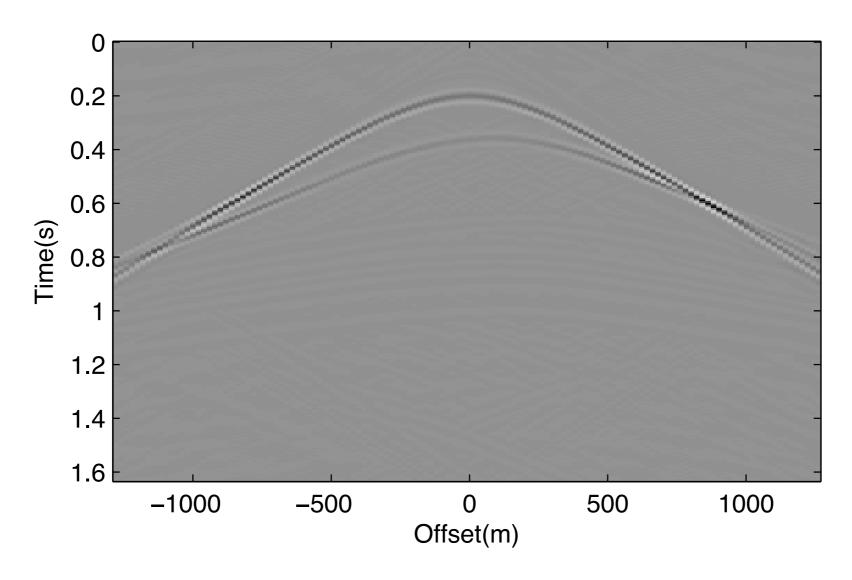


Convergence rate with/without EPSI





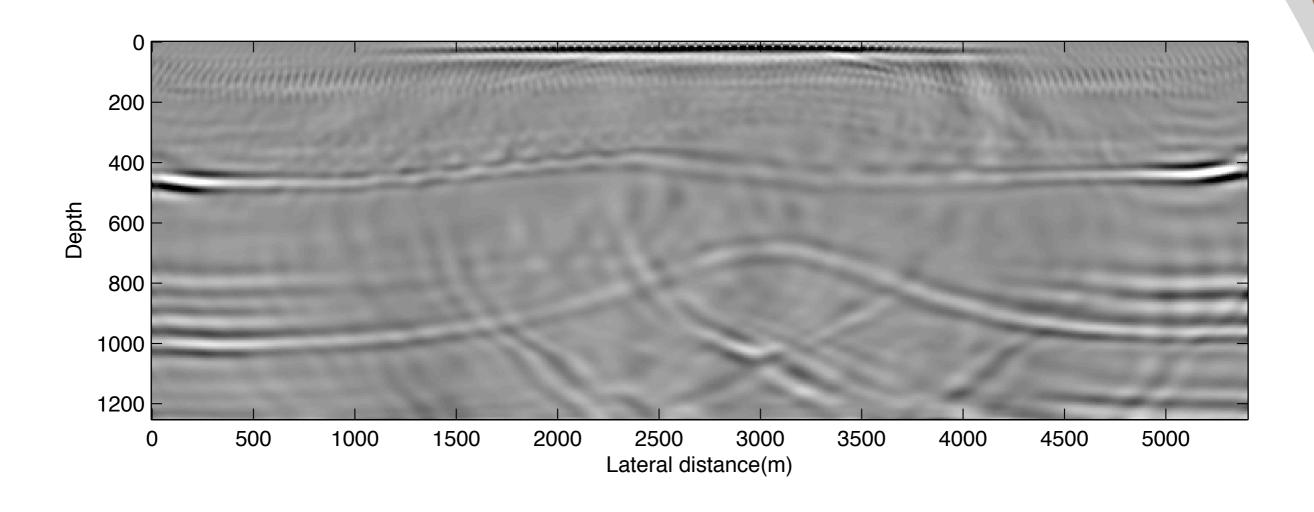
De-migrated section



total shots: I28, shot number: 65, SNR: 23dB

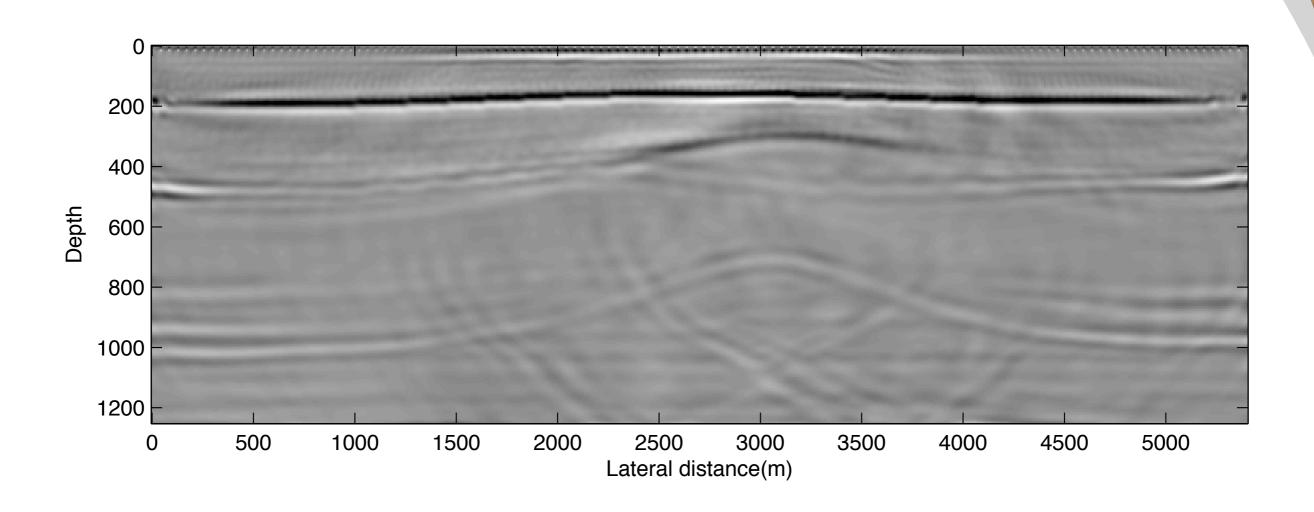


Mig-multiples





Mig/EPSI-multiples





Conclusions

By combing EPSI with migration:

- multiples are well handled
- multiples actually help imaging



Future plans

Alternating optimization

- now EPSI operator is built using a precalculated wavelet
- wavelet will be estimated during the imaging process

Incorporate into full-waveform inversion

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