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Courtesy of Verschuur, 2009

## Motivation


a migrated section from data with multiples

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## Rethink multiples

## But wait a minute, are they really garbage?


amplitude spectrum: primaries @15Hz

## Rethink multiples


amplitude spectrum: multiples @15Hz

## Rethink multiples

Surface-related multiples:

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


## Rethink multiples

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

## Motivation

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


## Motivation

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:

$$
\underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{t}^{*} \mathrm{BlockDiag}_{\mathrm{f}}\left[(\hat{\mathbf{Q}}-\hat{\mathbf{P}})^{*} \otimes \mathbf{I}\right] \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{t}}}_{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{g}=\mathbf{p}
$$

## EPSI Formulation

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

$\tilde{g}$ : 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:

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

Nemeth, I999
Wang and Sacchi, 2007

# Regularized least-squares migration 

## Regularized least-squares migration:

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

# Sparsity promoting migration 

## Sparsity-promoting migration:

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

## Combine EPSI with migration

We formulate this linearized inversion process as
$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}}=\mathbf{S}^{*} \underset{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}}\|\delta \mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{1}}$ s.t. $\left\|\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{M K S}^{*} \delta \mathbf{x}\right\|_{\mathbf{2}} \leq \sigma$

## Numerical experiments

Make linearized data:

- multiple-free data

$$
\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{1}}=\mathbf{K} \delta \mathbf{m}
$$

- data with multiples

$$
\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{2}}=\mathbf{M K} \delta \mathbf{m}
$$

## 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:

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

## Three scenarios: mig-with multiples

Migration from data with multiples:

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

## Three scenarios: mig/EPSI-with multiples

Migration combined with EPSI from data with multiples:
$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}}=\mathbf{S}^{*} \underset{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}}\|\delta \mathbf{x}\|_{1}$ s.t. $\left\|\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{2}}-\operatorname{MKS}^{*} \delta \mathbf{x}\right\|_{\mathbf{2}} \leq \sigma$
Solver: spgl|

## 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: 128 , shot number: 65, SNR: 23 dB

Guitton, 2002

## 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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