

# Sparsity-promoting migration with surface-related multiples

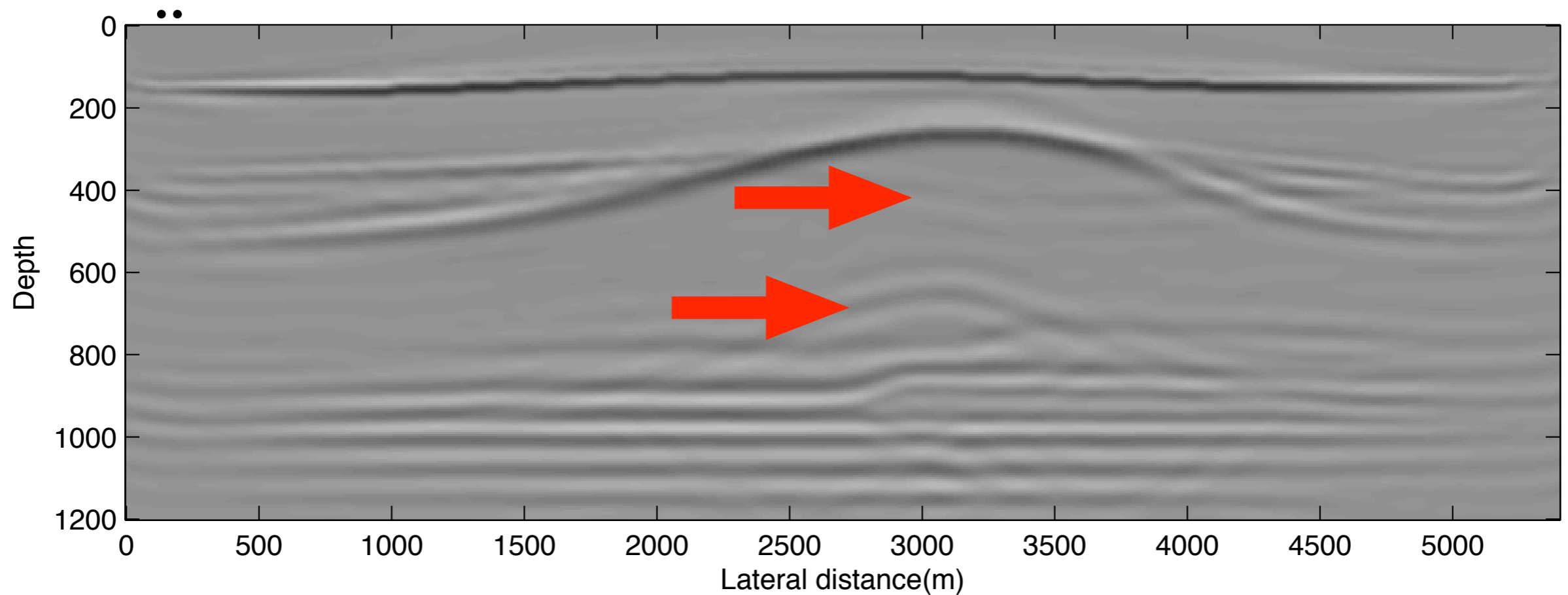
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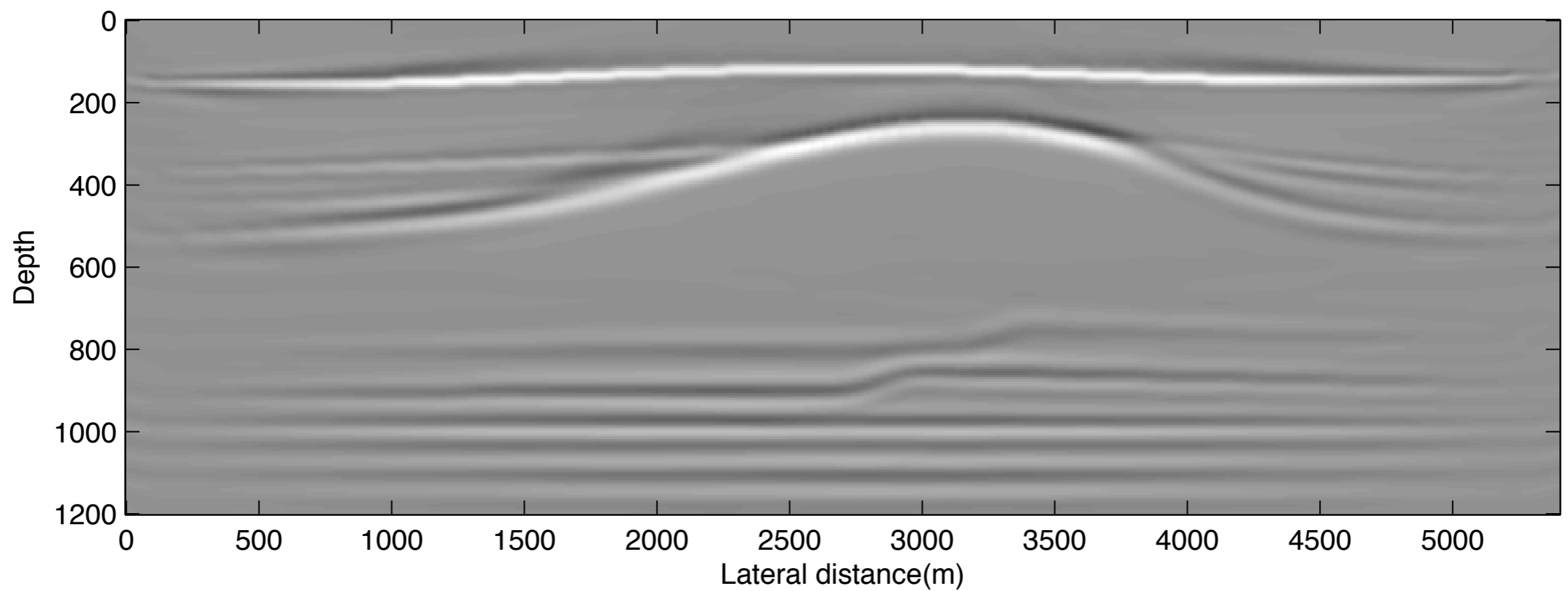
Courtesy of Verschuur, 2009

# Motivation



a migrated section from data with multiples

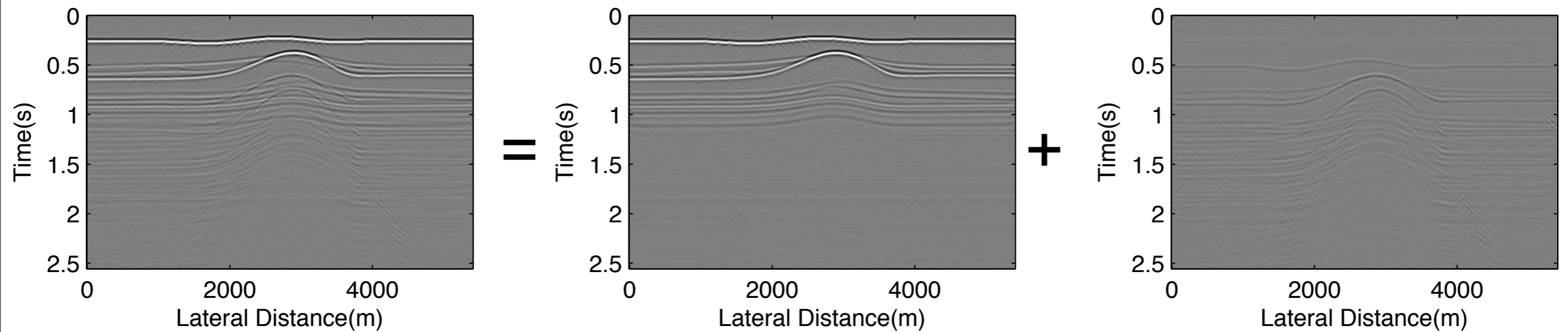
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a migrated section from multiple free data

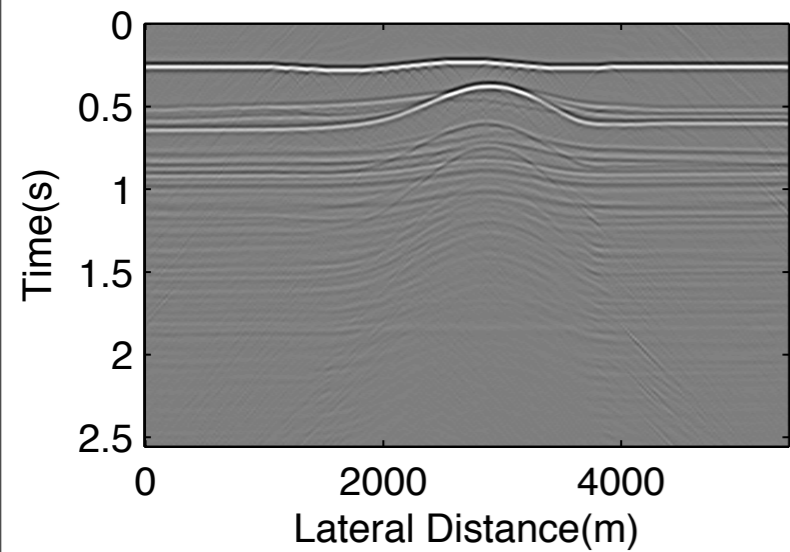
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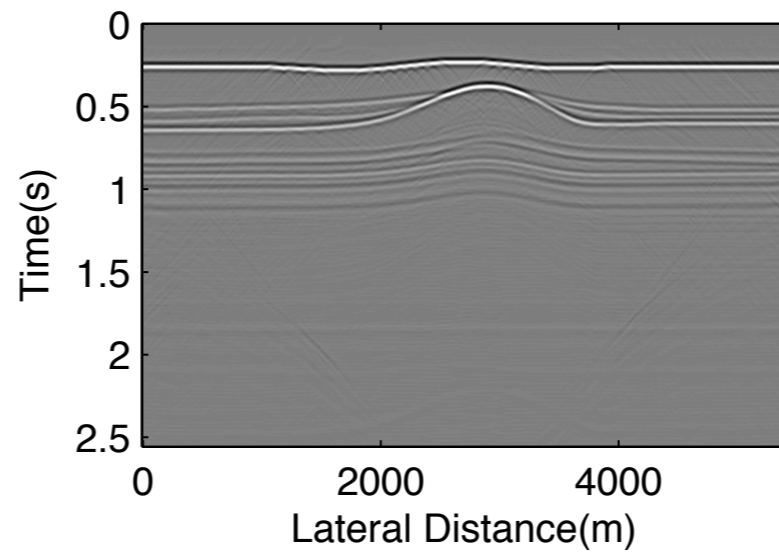


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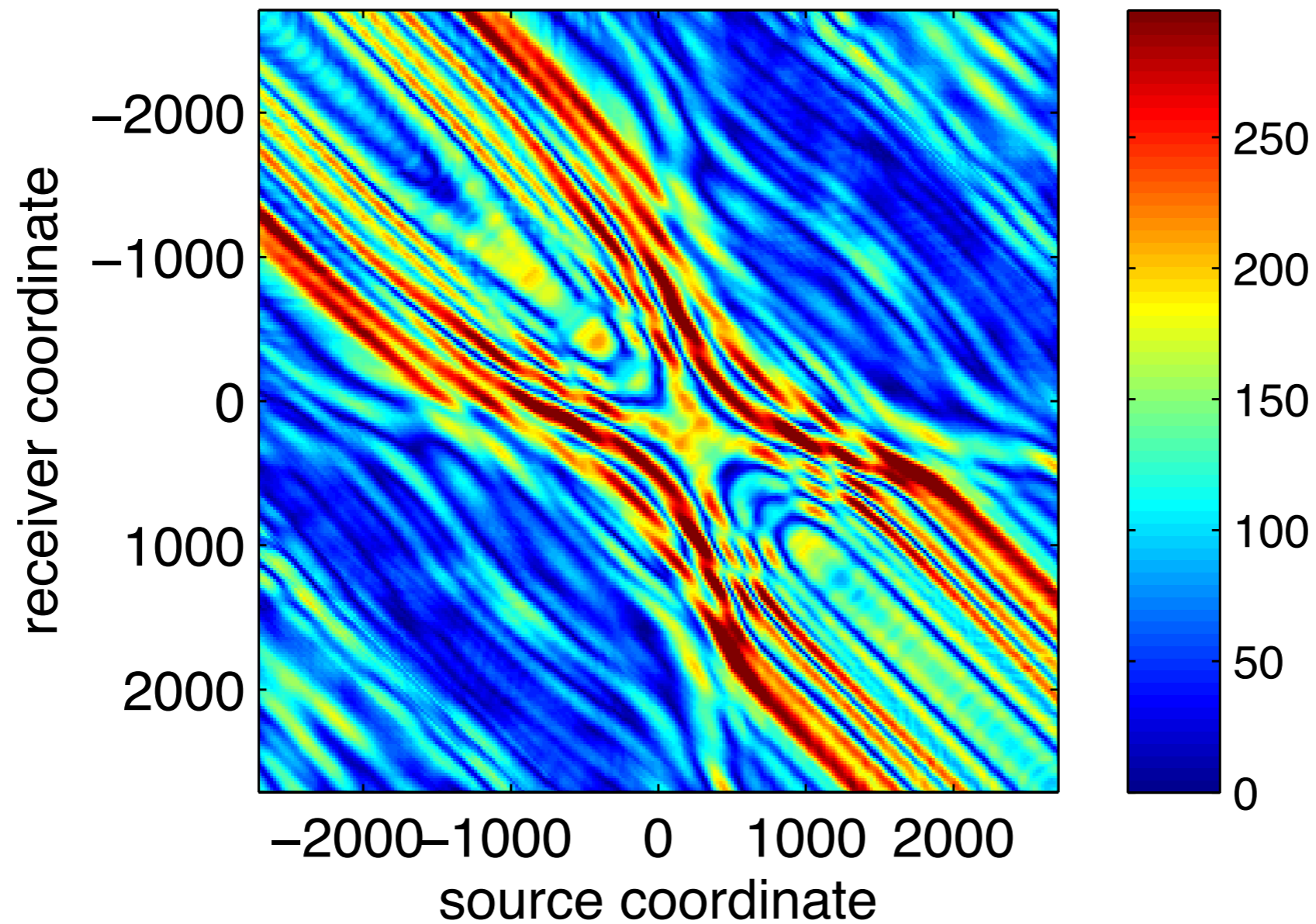
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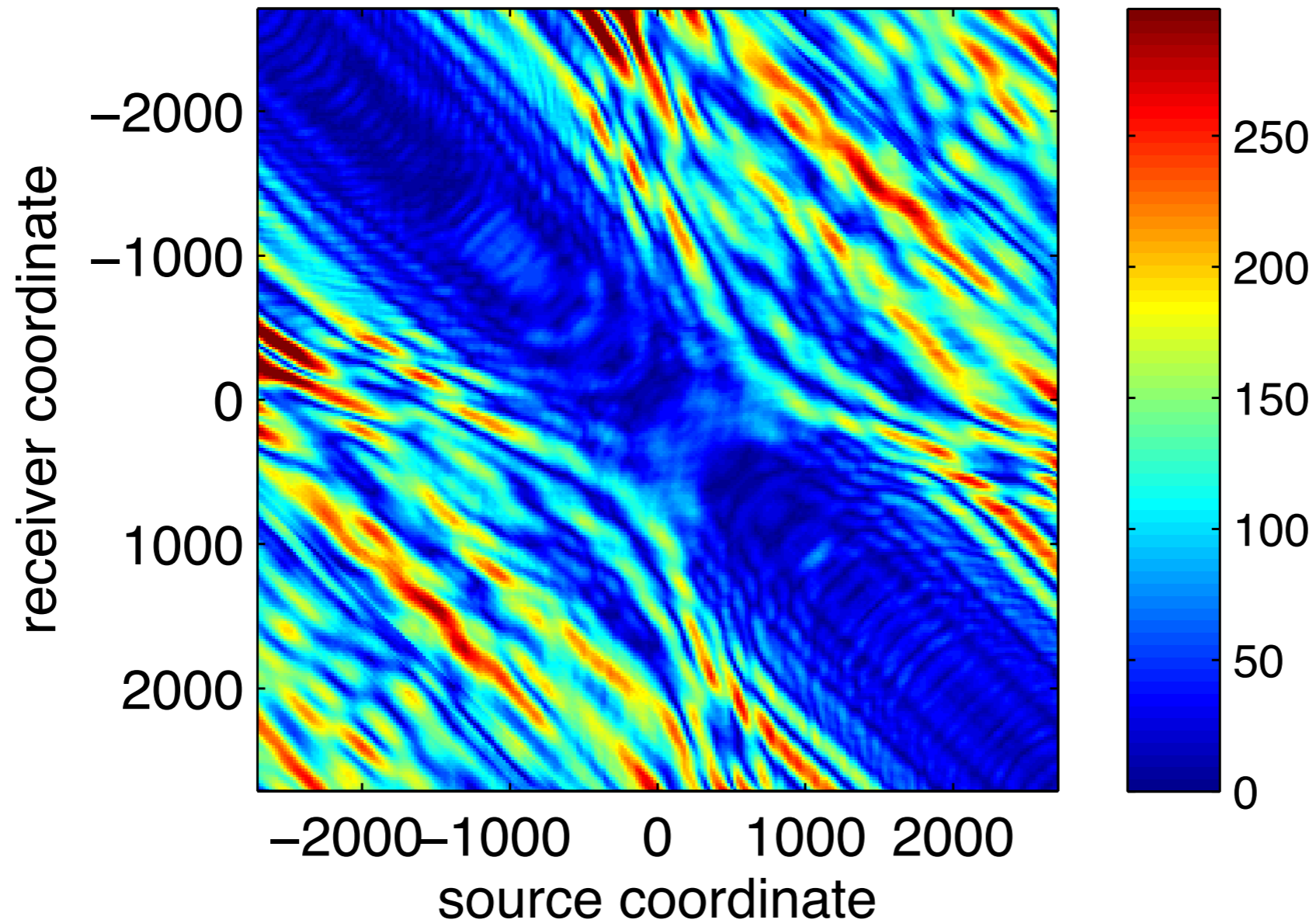
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# Rethink multiples



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amplitude spectrum: multiples @15Hz

# Rethink multiples

Surface-related multiples:

- provide wider illumination angles
- contain more higher spatial wavenumber 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 Green's function
- velocity perturbation 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

# EPSI Formulation

EPSI reveals the relationship:

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

Formulating the EPSI operator:

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



# EPSI Formulation

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = \underset{\mathbf{g}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{E}\mathbf{g}\|_2 \text{ s.t. } \|\mathbf{g}\|_0 \leq \mathbf{k}\tau$$

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

$\mathbf{p}$ : the up-going wavefield

# Robust EPSI

Replace the computationally prohibitive  $L_0$  norm with  $L_1$  norm.

Robust EPSI:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = \underset{\mathbf{g}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{g}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{E}\mathbf{g}\|_2 \leq \sigma$$

Nemeth, 1999

Wang and Sacchi, 2007

# Regularized least-squares migration

Regularized least-squares migration:

$$\delta\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\delta\mathbf{m}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{K}\delta\mathbf{m}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\delta\mathbf{m}\|_2^2$$

# Sparsity promoting migration

Sparsity-promoting migration:

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

# Combine EPSI with migration

We formulate this linearized inversion process as

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

# Numerical experiments

Make linearized data:

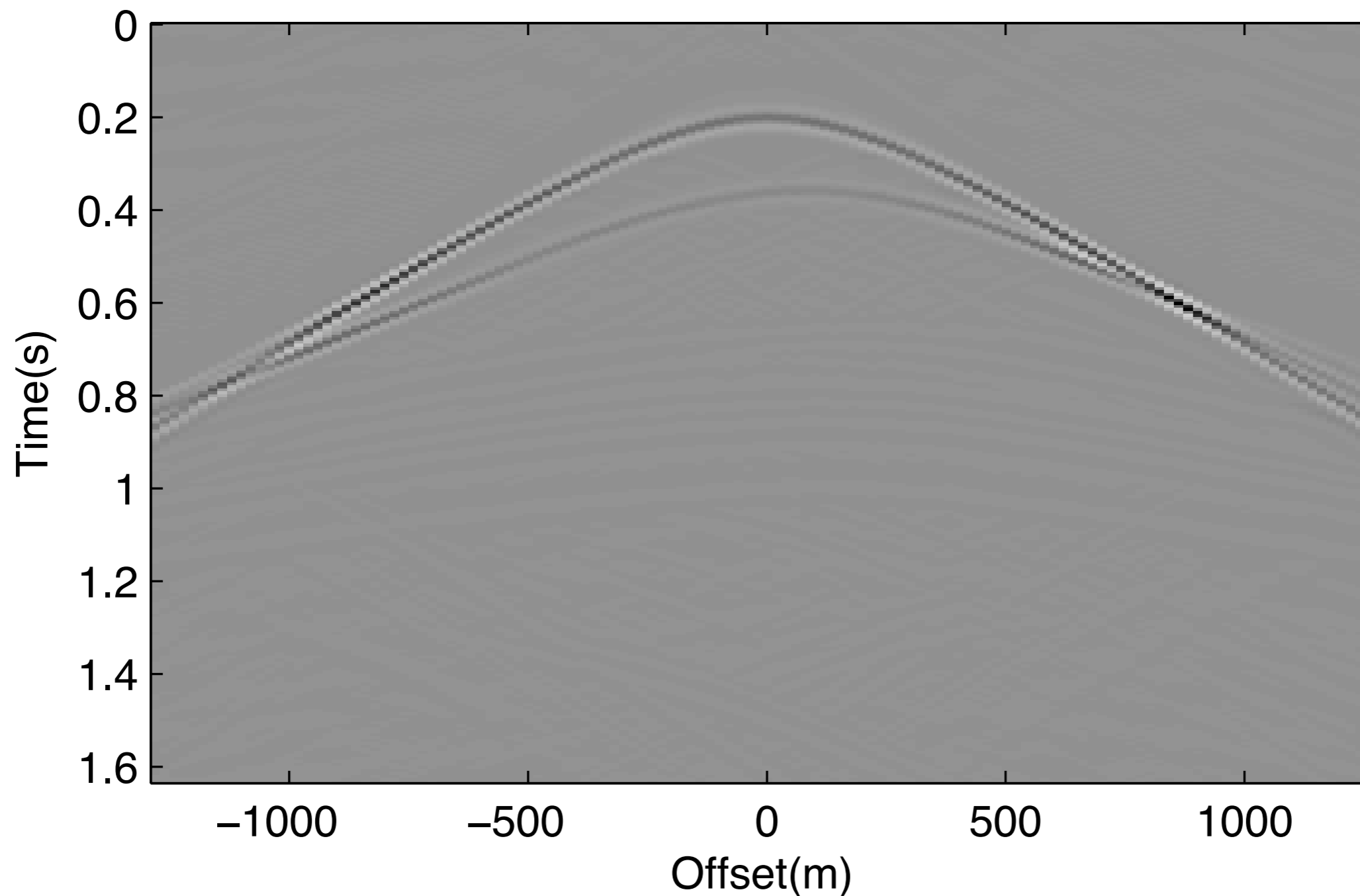
- multiple-free data

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \mathbf{K}\delta\mathbf{m}$$

- data with multiples

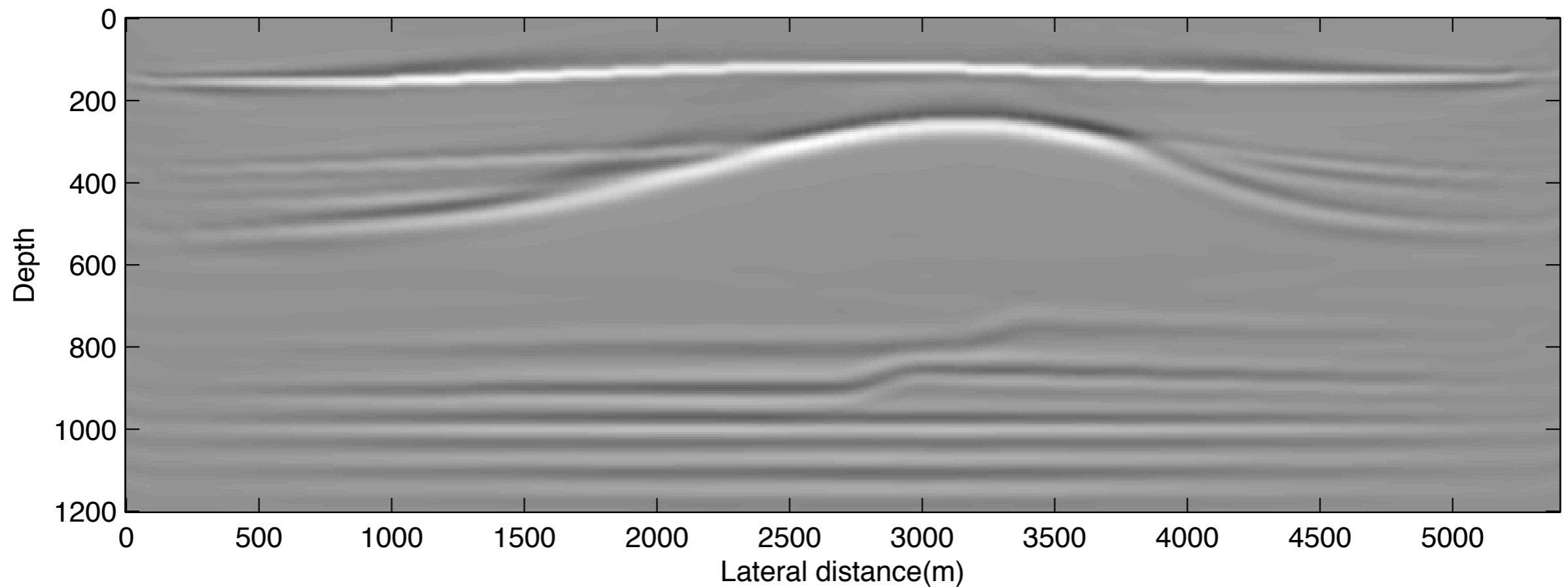
$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{EK}\delta\mathbf{m}$$

# Data preview: multiple free



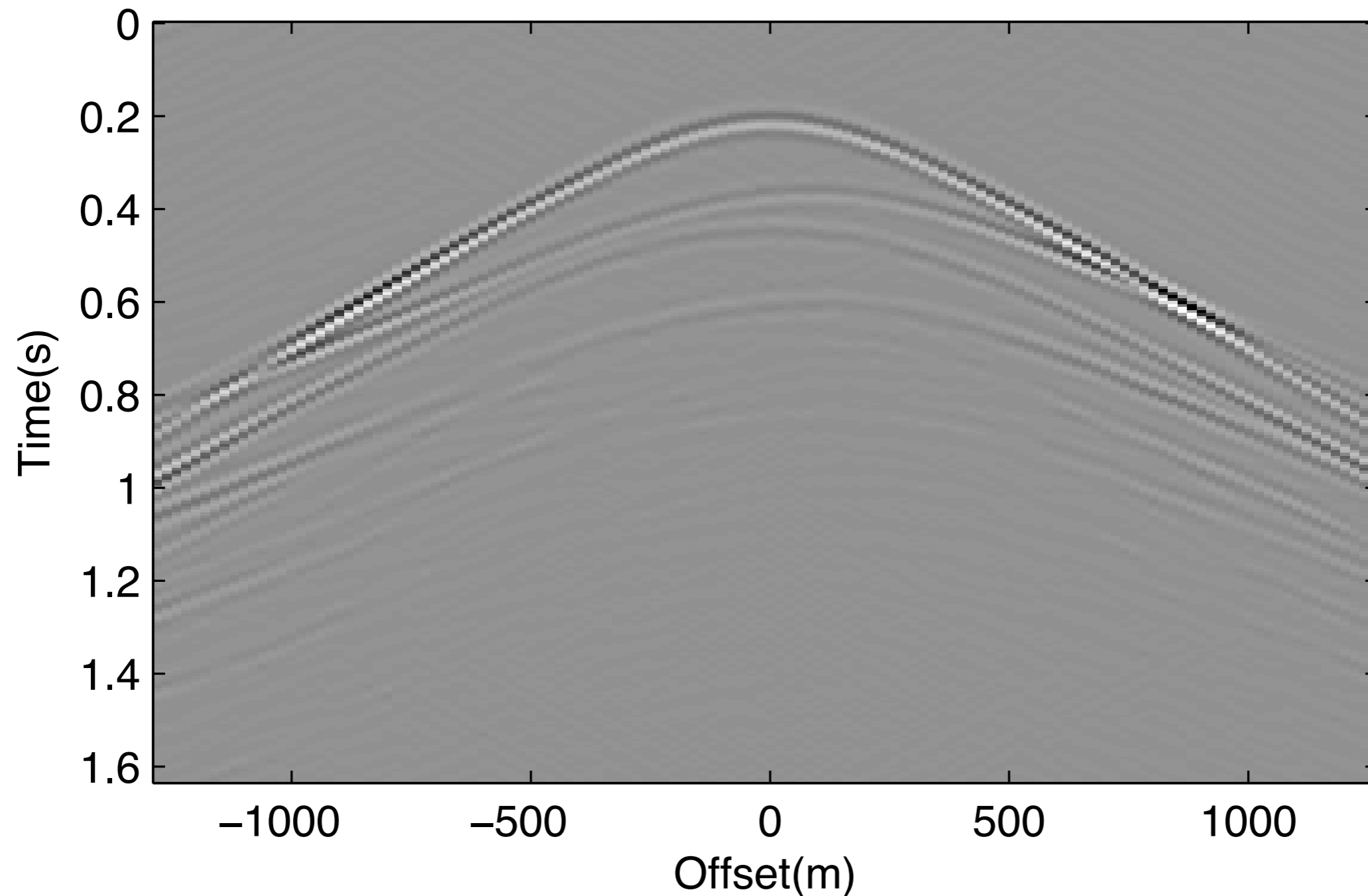
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# Image preview: multiple free



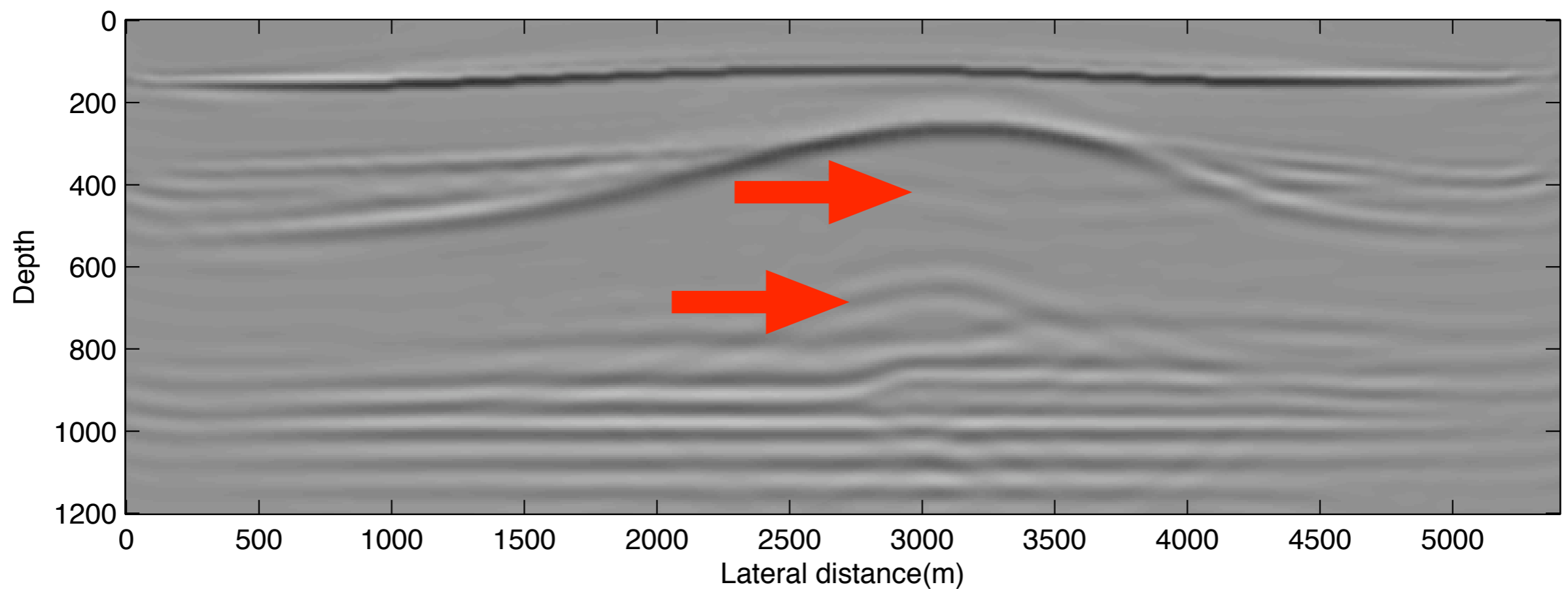


# Data preview: with multiples



total shots: 128, shot number: 65

# Image preview: with multiples



# Scenario 1

Sparse inversion from multiple free data:

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

## Scenario 2

Sparse inversion from data with multiples:

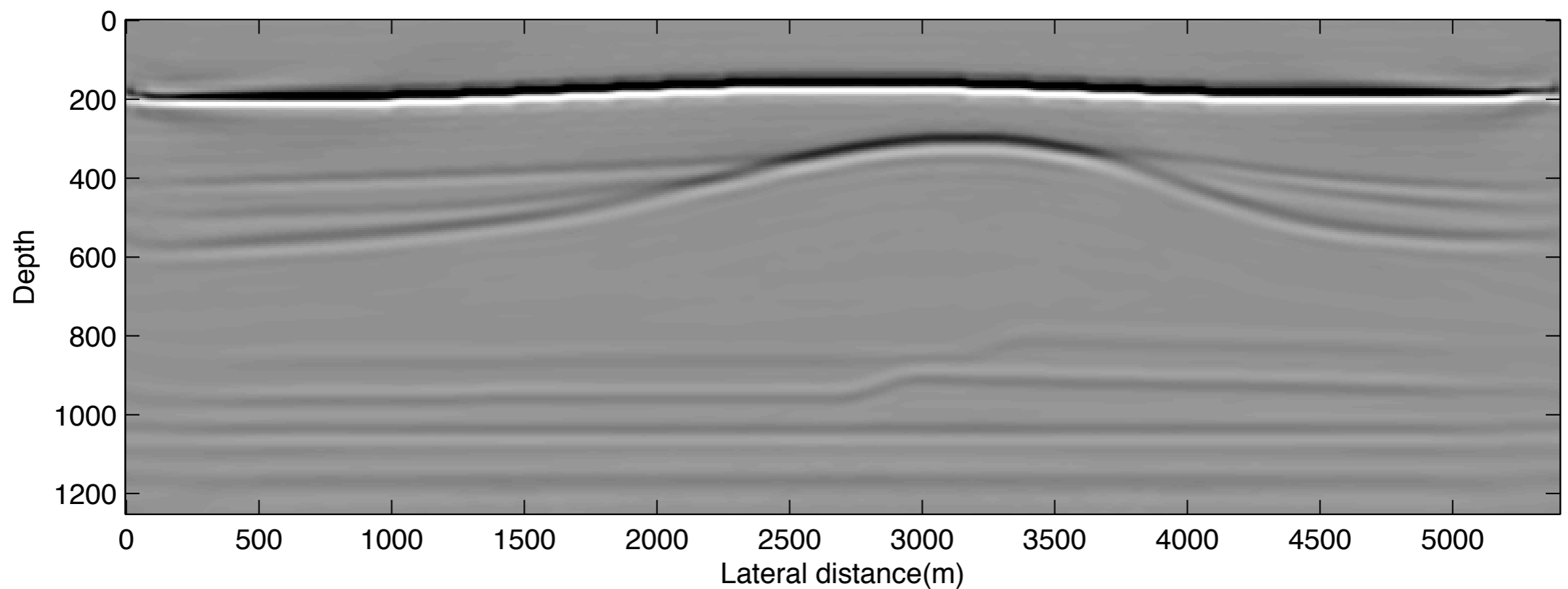
$$\delta \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \underset{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\delta \mathbf{x}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } \|\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{KS}^* \delta \mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sigma$$

## Scenario 3

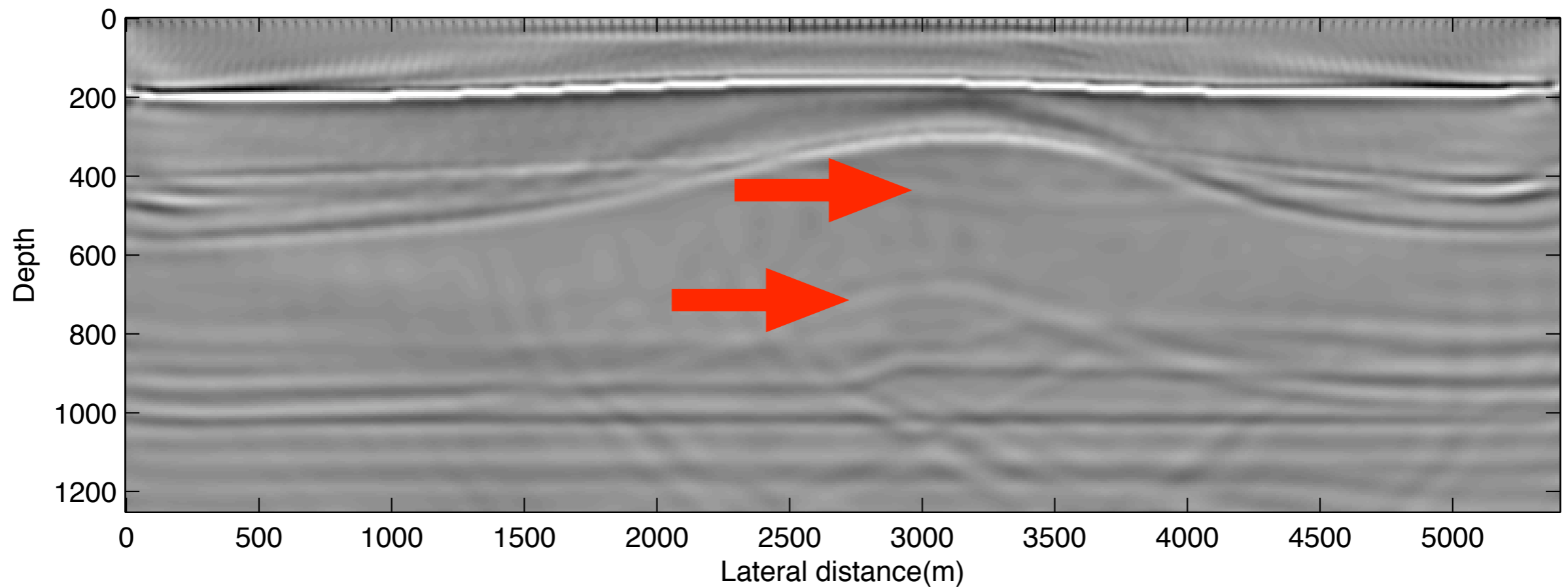
Sparse inversion with EPSI from data with multiples:

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

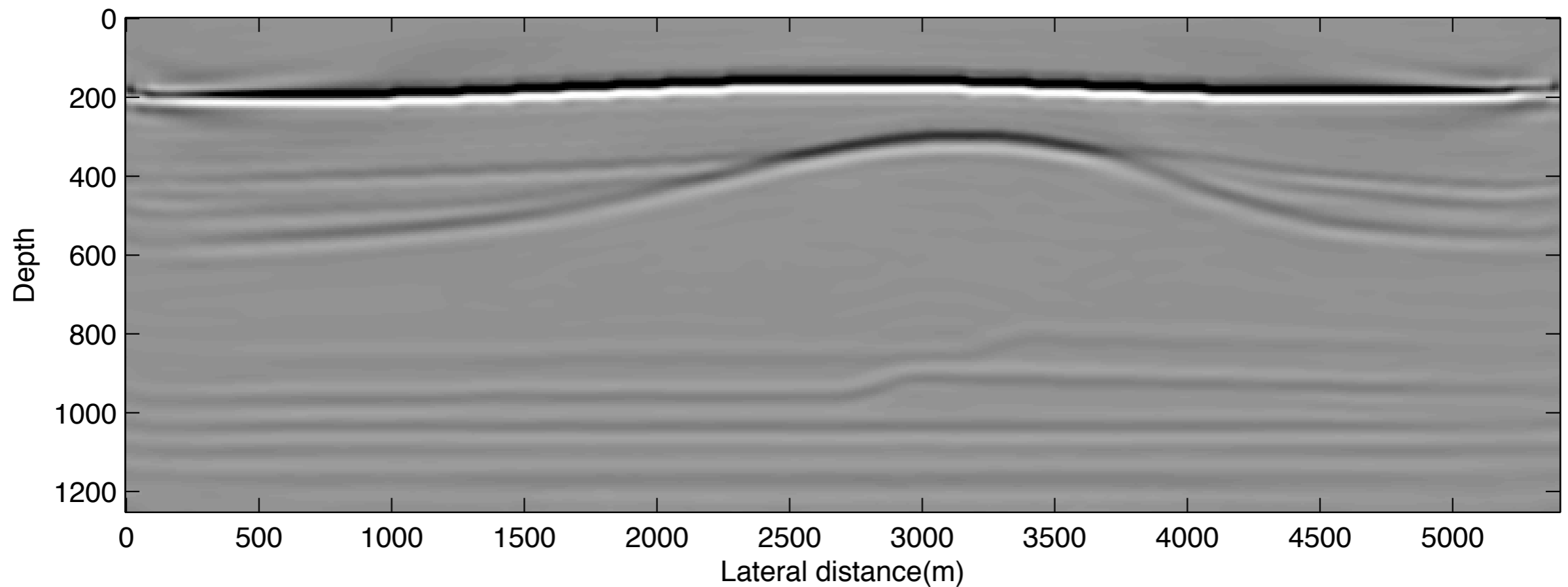
# Sparse inversion of multiple-free data



# Sparse inversion of data with multiples

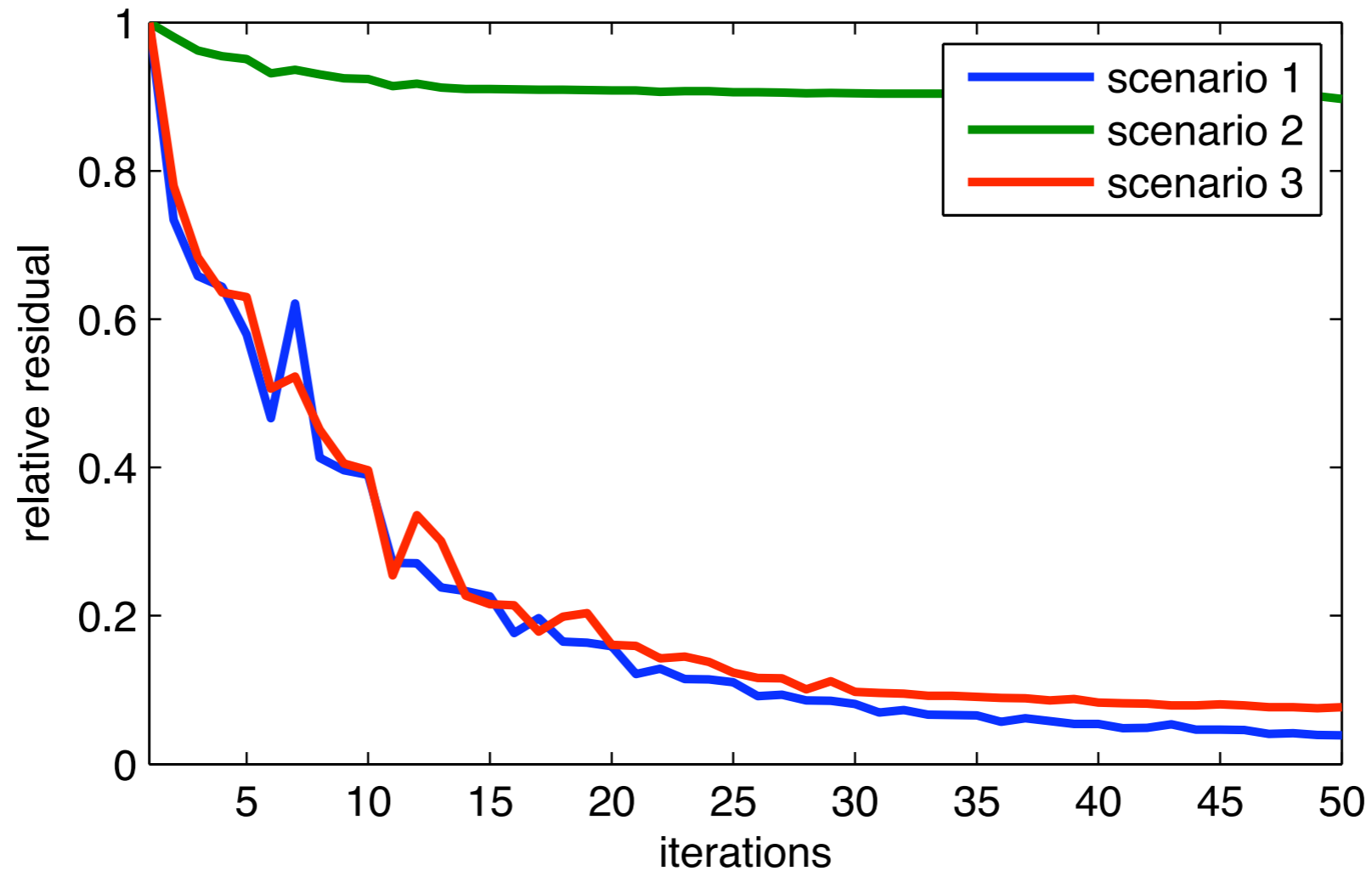


# Sparse inversion of data with multiples with EPSI

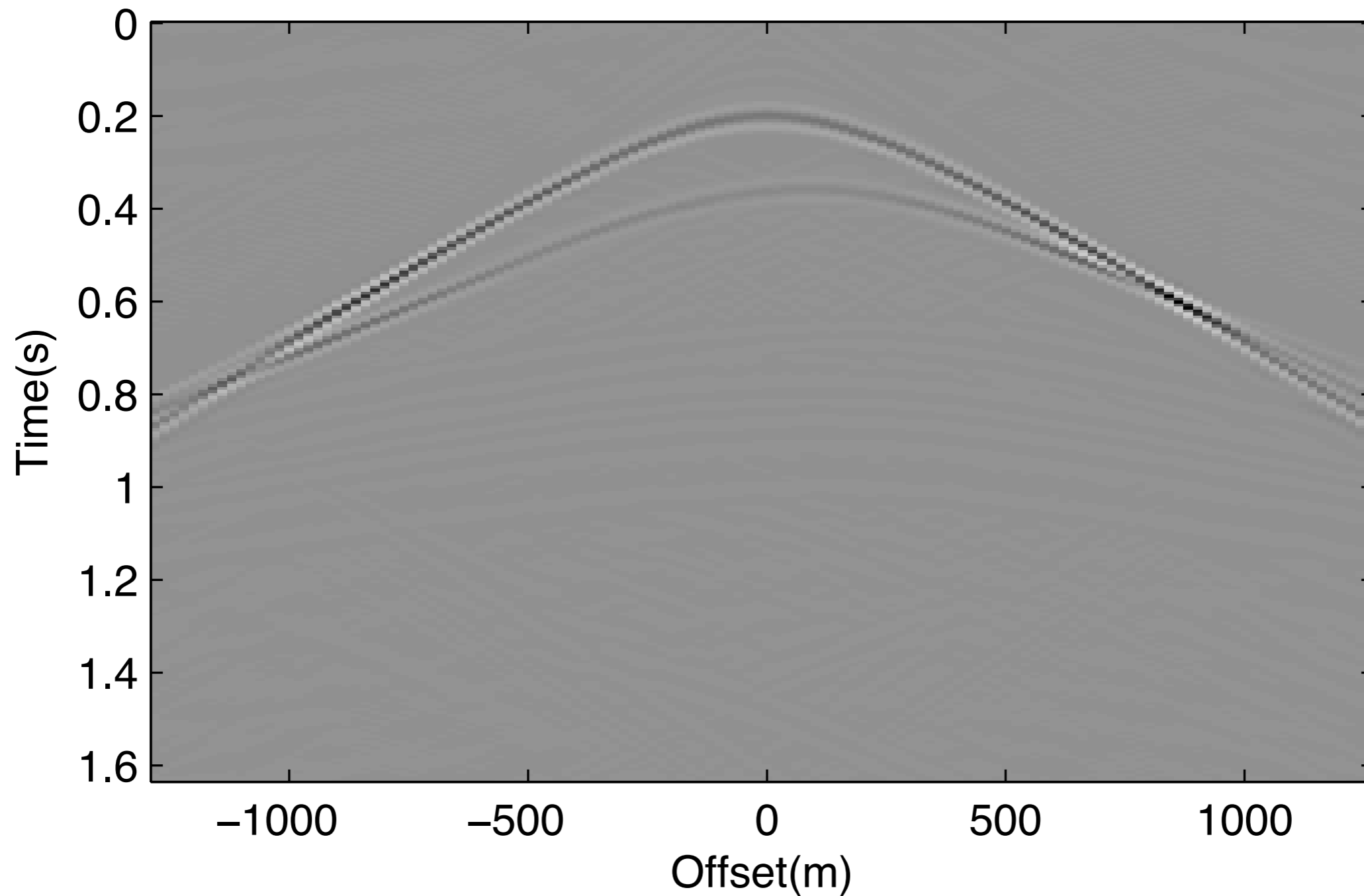




# Convergence rate with/ without EPSI

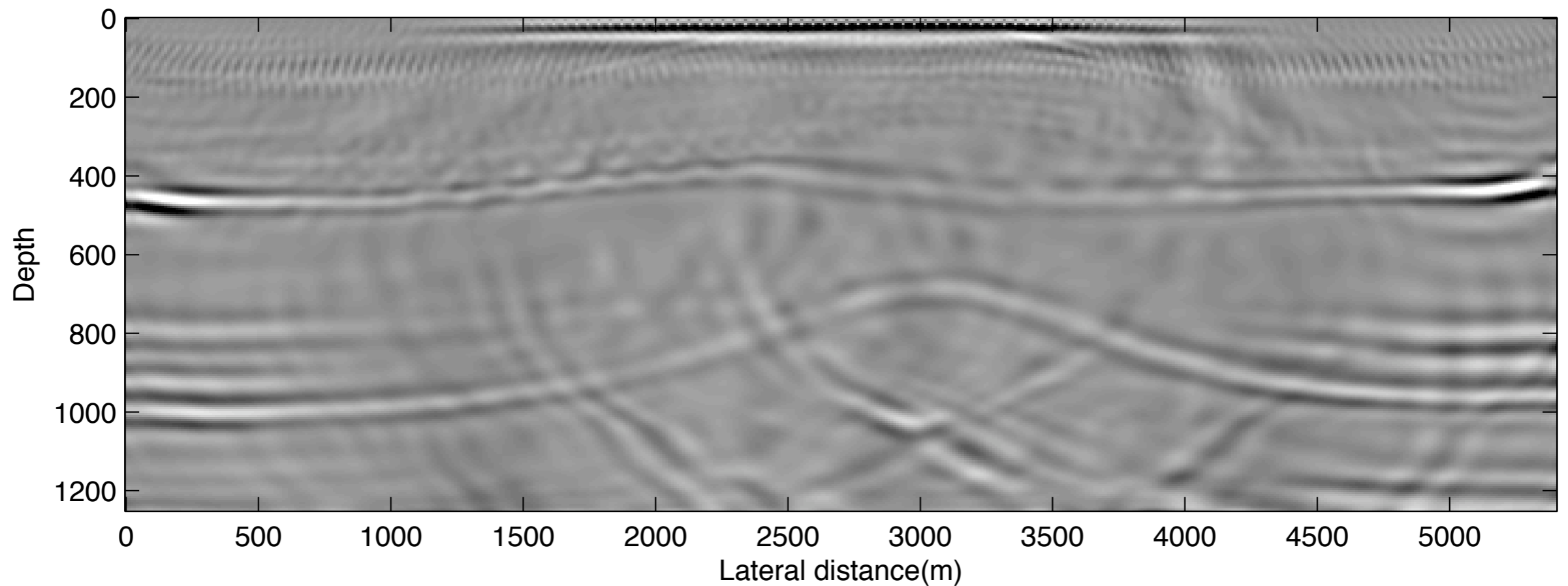


# De-migrated section

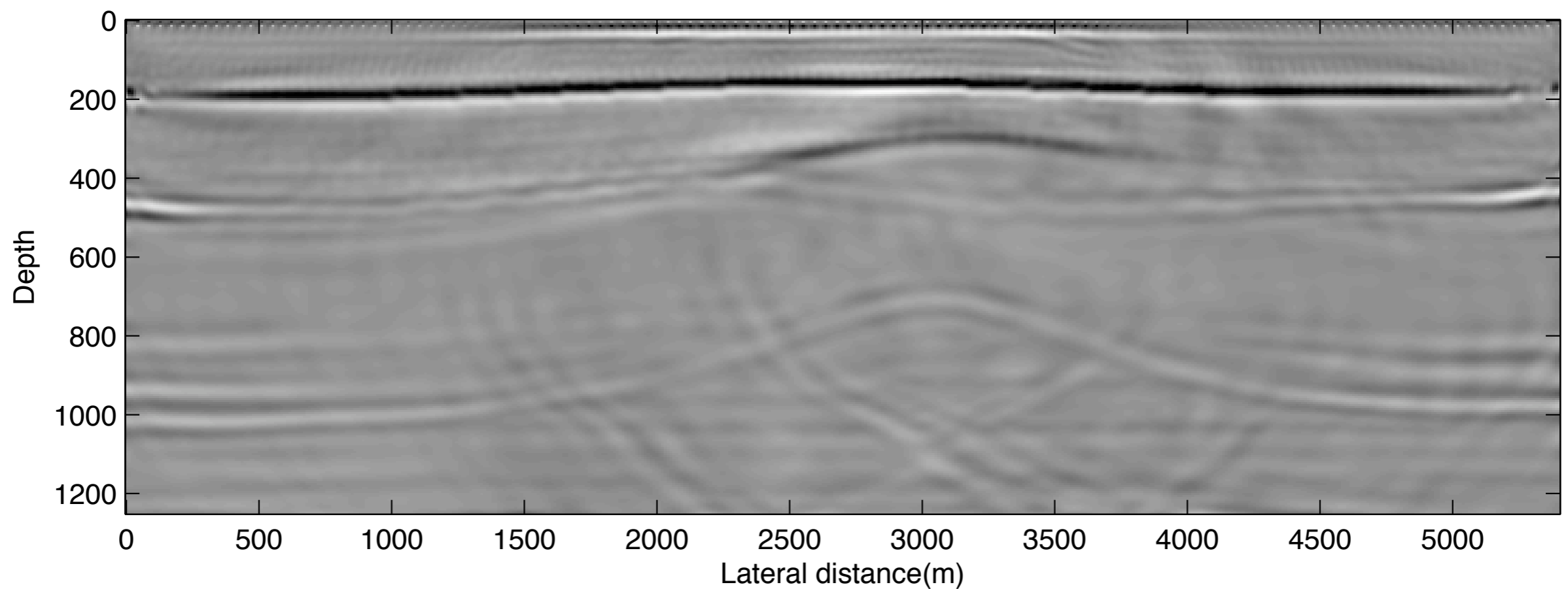


total shots: 128, shot number: 65, SNR: 23dB

# Sparse inversion of multiples



# Sparse inversion of multiples with EPSI



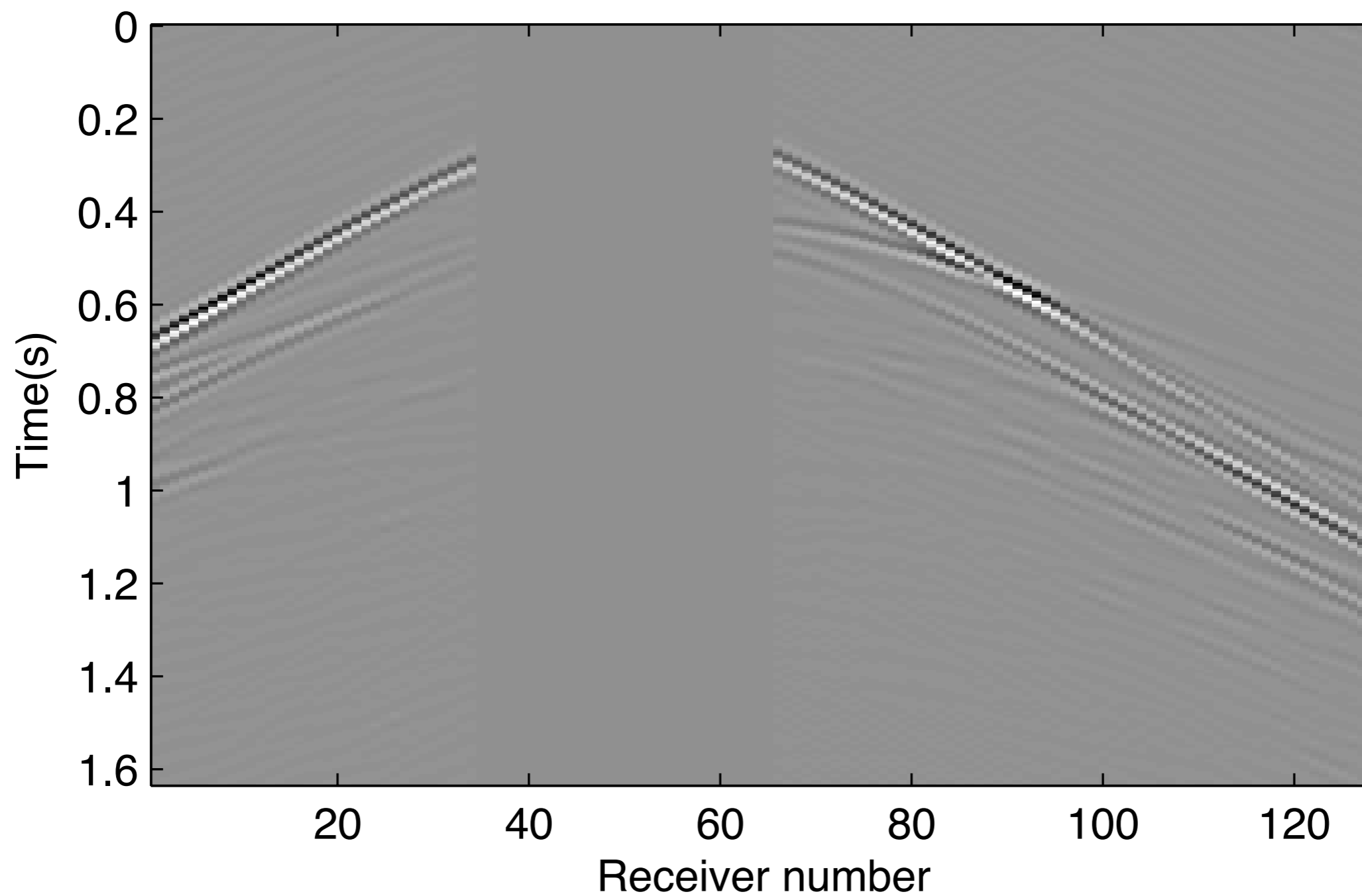
# Do multiples really help ?

Both scenario 1 and scenario 3 give good results...How about when only incomplete data is available?

# Incomplete dataset

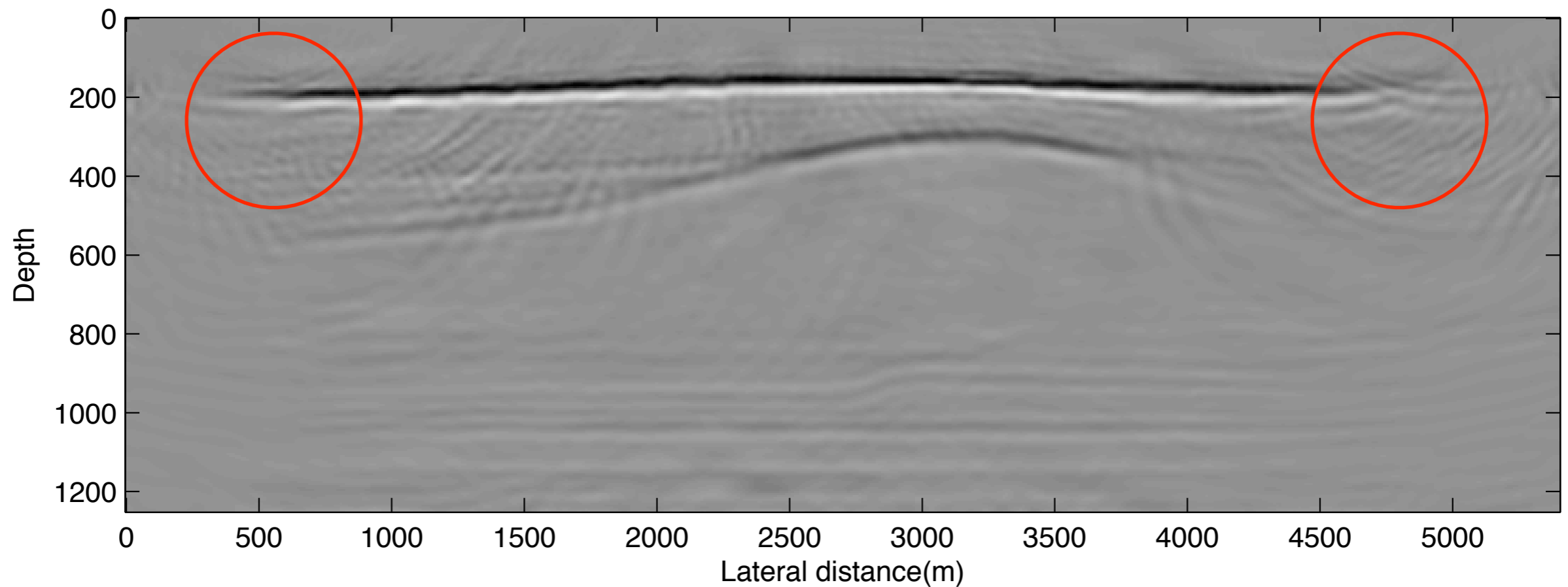
- 16 sequential shots
- 300m missing near-offset
- 7 frequencies

# Data preview



total shots: 16

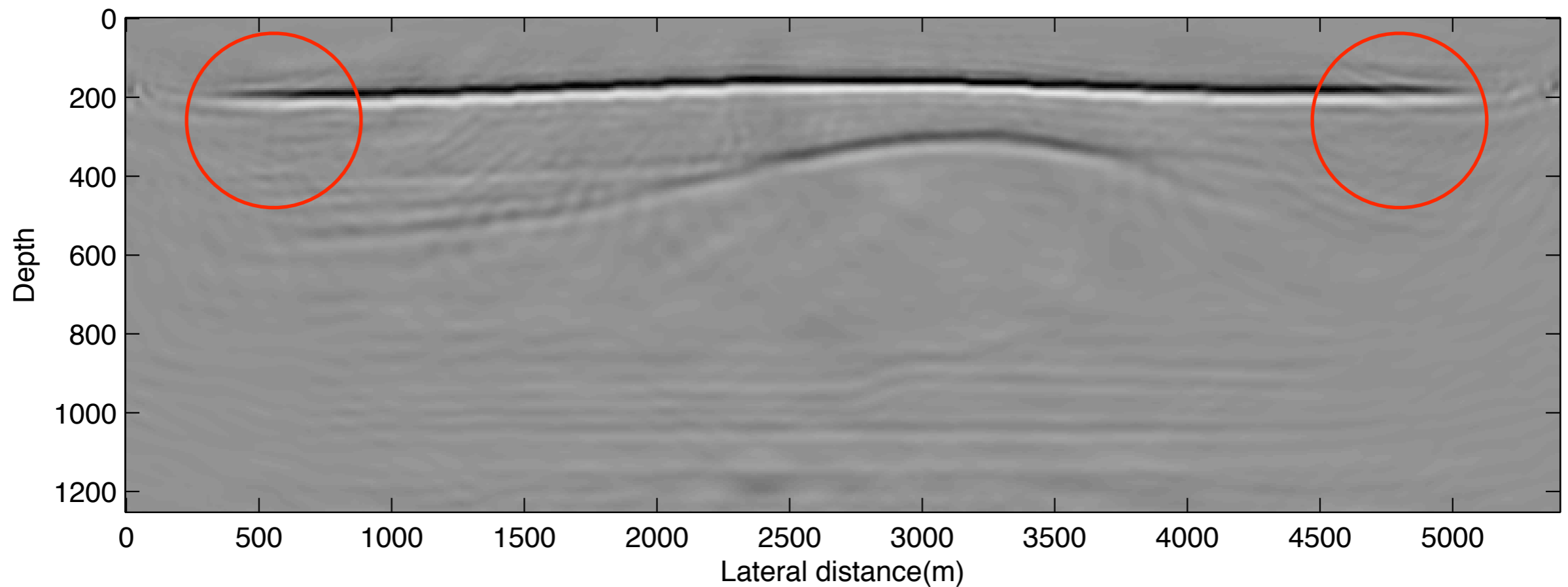
# Sparse inversion from multiple-free data



SNR: 3.08dB (compared to true dm)

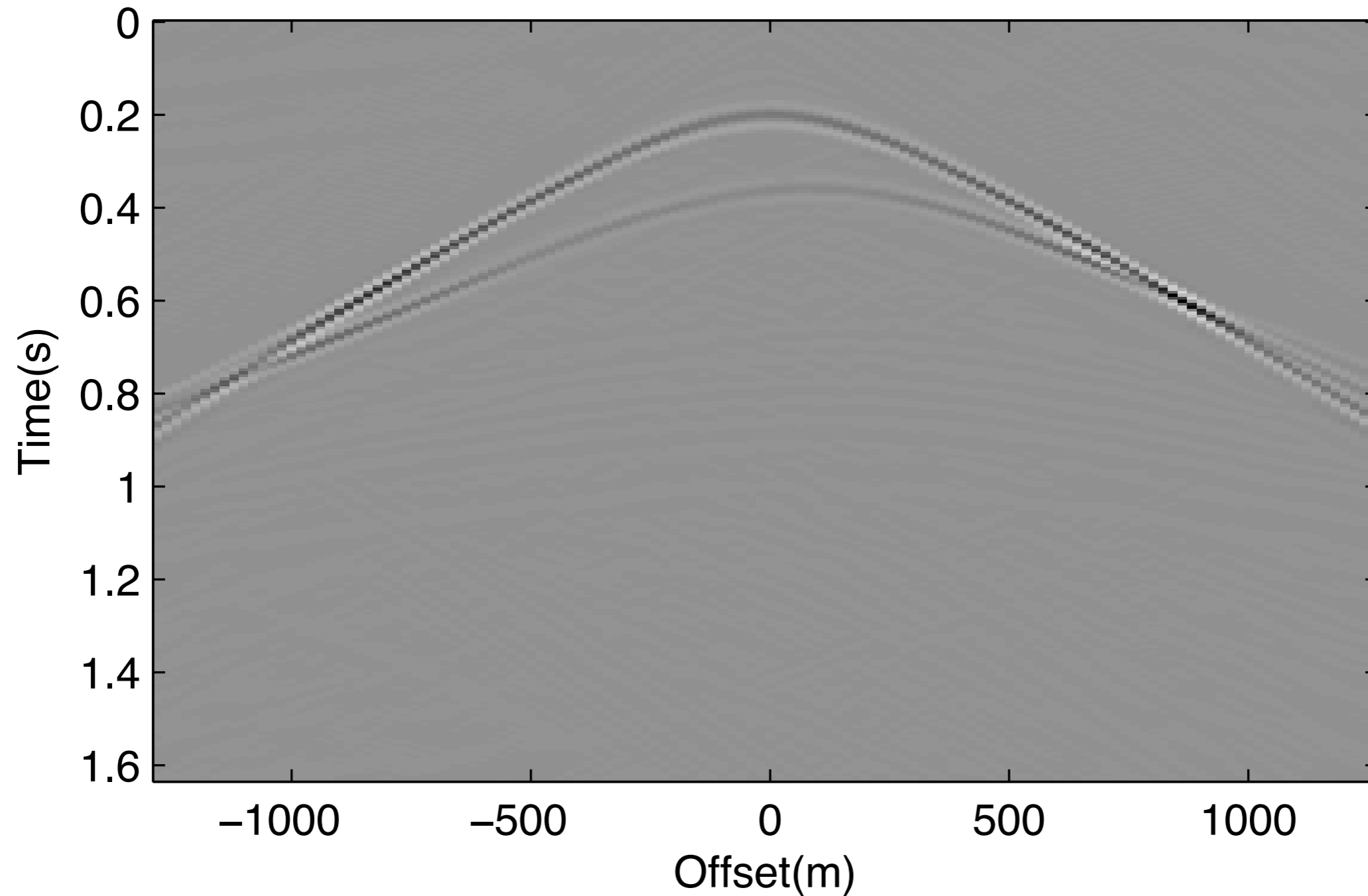


# Sparse inversion of data with multiples with EPSI



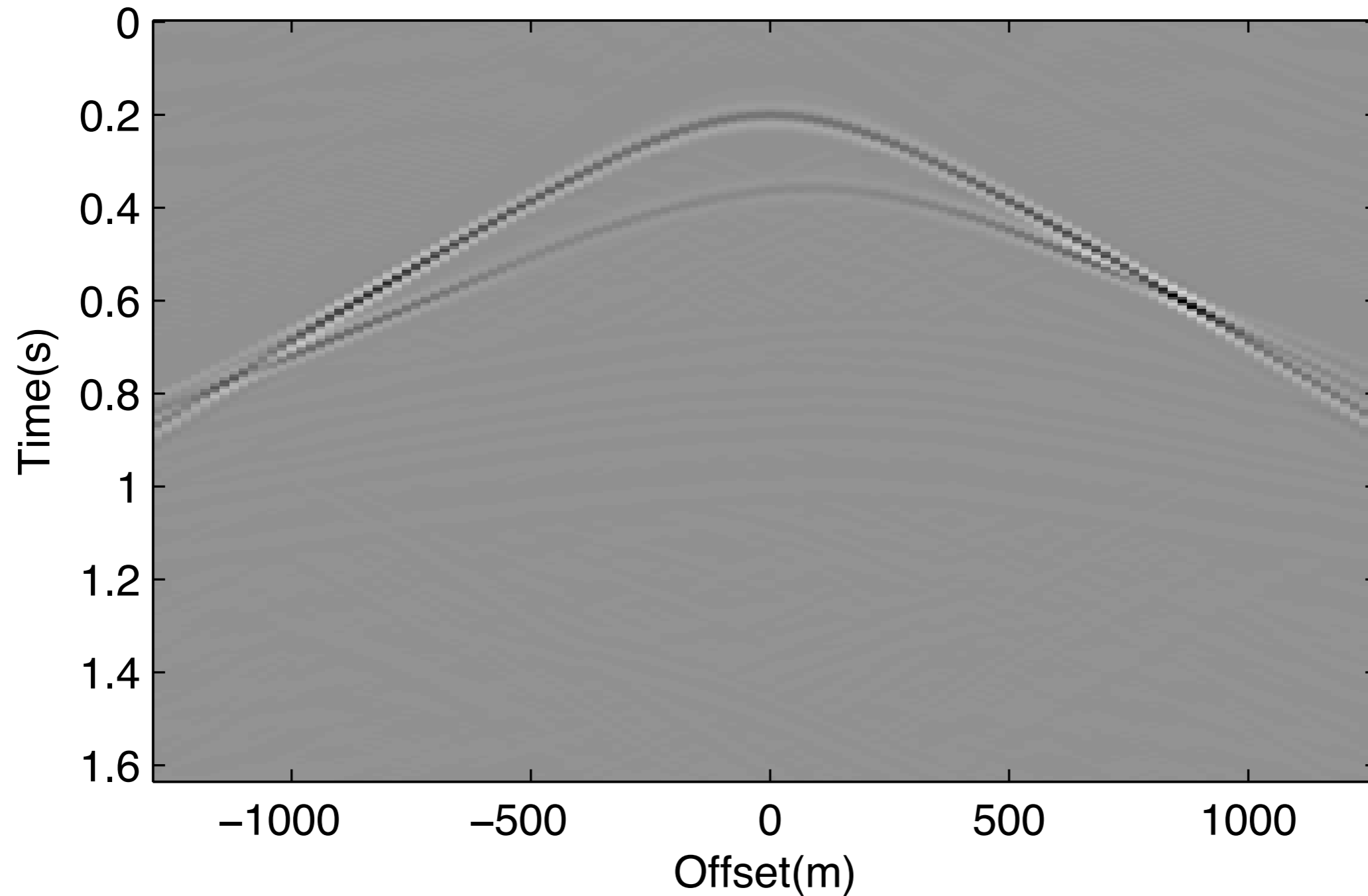
SNR: 3.72dB (compared to true dm)

# Recovered Green's function



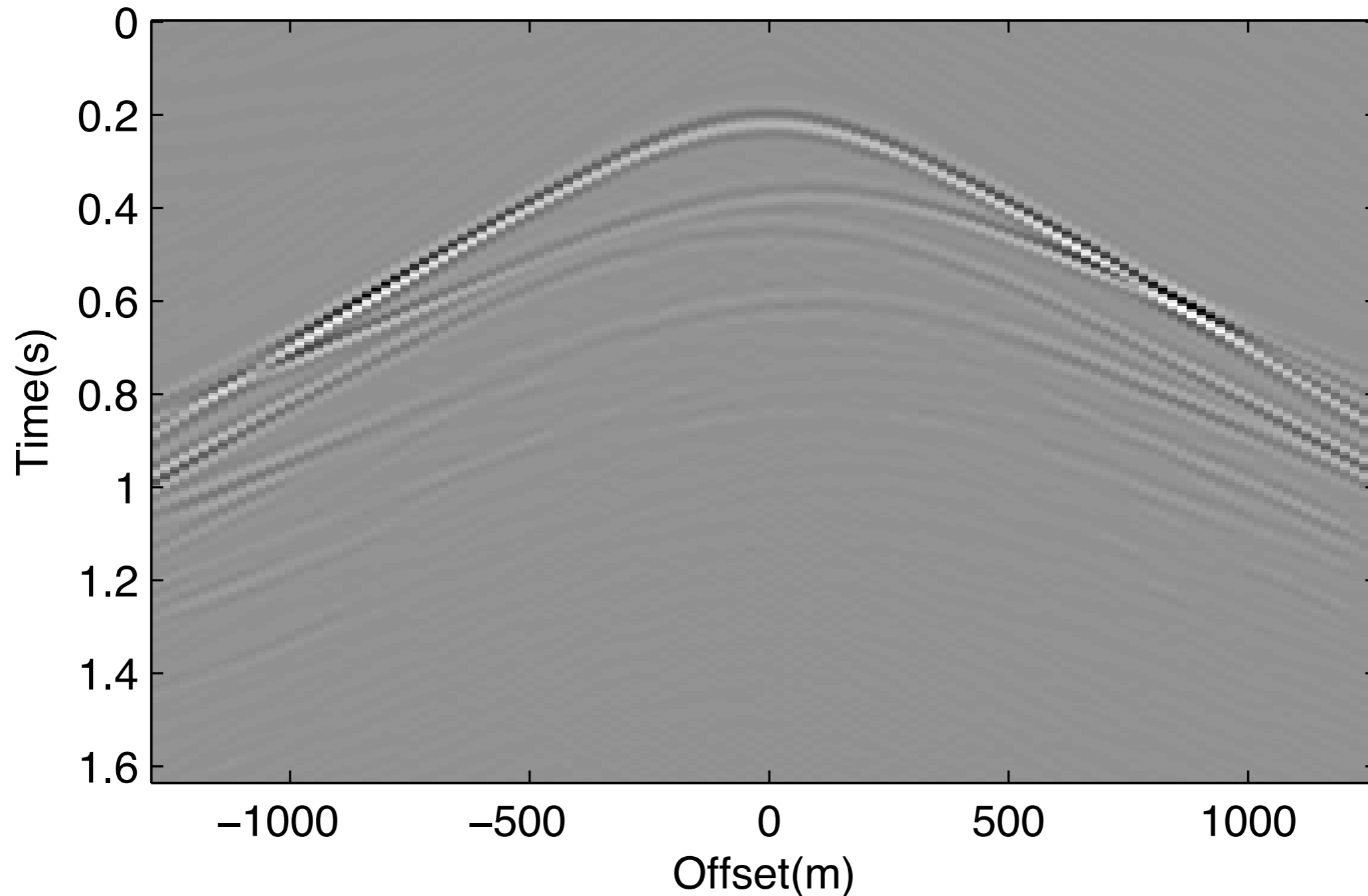
total shots: 128, shot number: 65, SNR: 15.4dB

# Multiple free data



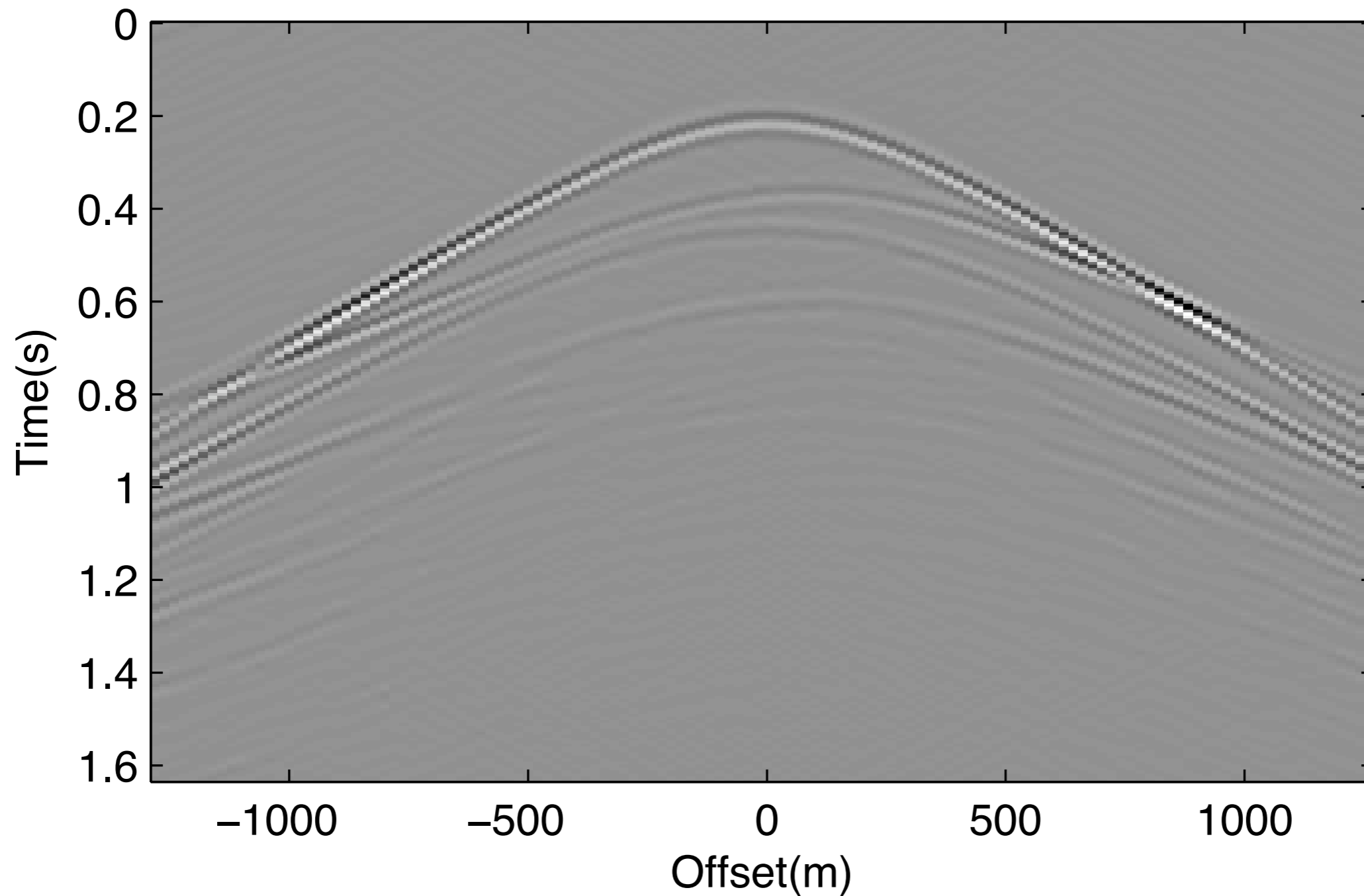
total shots: 128, shot number: 65

# Recovered full wavefield



total shots: 128, shot number: 65, SNR: 13.9dB

# Data with multiples



total shots: 128, shot number: 65

## In EPSI's point of view

- Velocity perturbation is sparser than Green's function
- So one joint inversion could perform better than two separate inversions

# Two schemes

- scheme 1: joint inversion

$$\delta\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \operatorname{argmin}_{\delta\mathbf{x}} \|\delta\mathbf{x}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } \|\tilde{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbf{RMEKS}^* \delta\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sigma$$

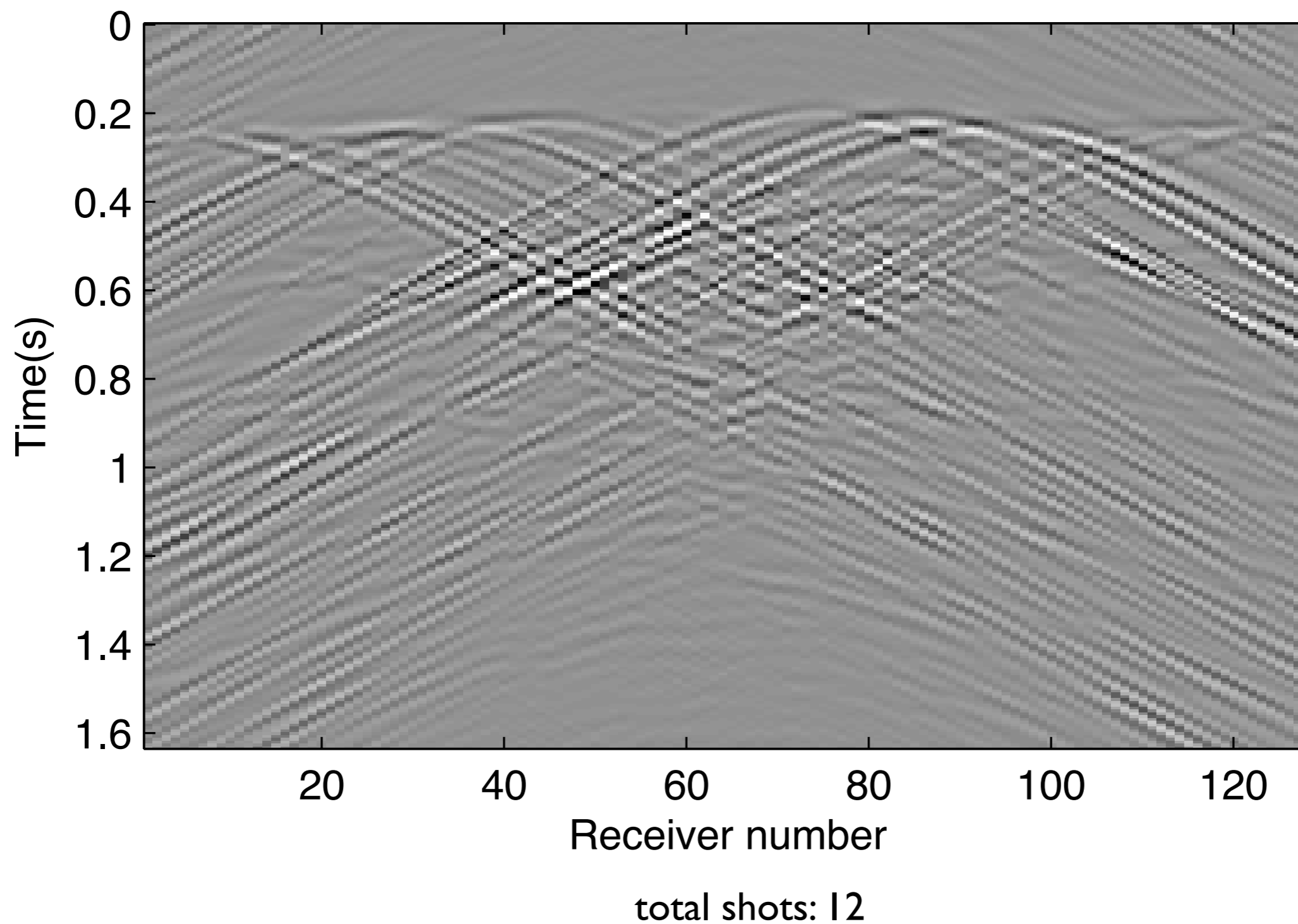
- scheme 2: two separate inversions

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = \mathbf{S}^* \operatorname{argmin}_{\delta\mathbf{x}} \|\delta\mathbf{x}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } \|\tilde{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbf{RMES}^* \delta\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sigma$$

$$\delta\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \operatorname{argmin}_{\delta\mathbf{x}} \|\delta\mathbf{x}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } \|\tilde{\mathbf{g}} - \mathbf{KS}^* \delta\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sigma$$

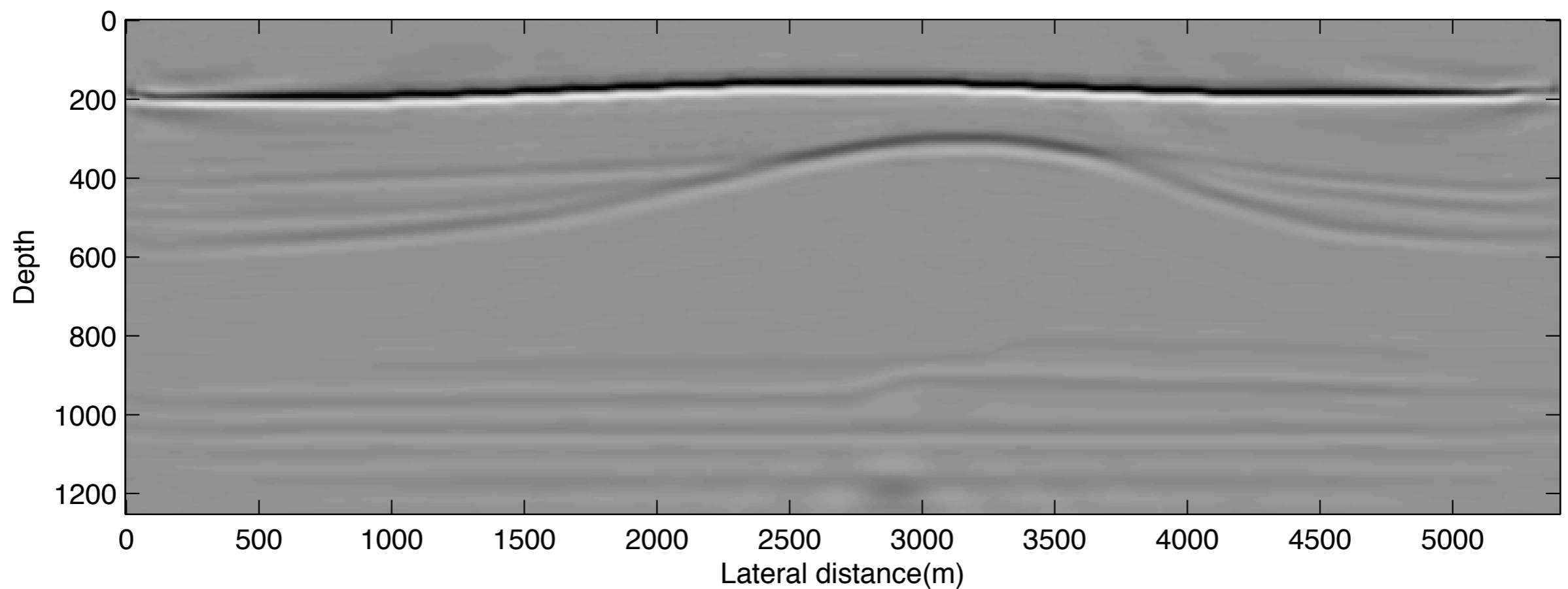
- 12 simultaneous shots in both schemes

# Data preview



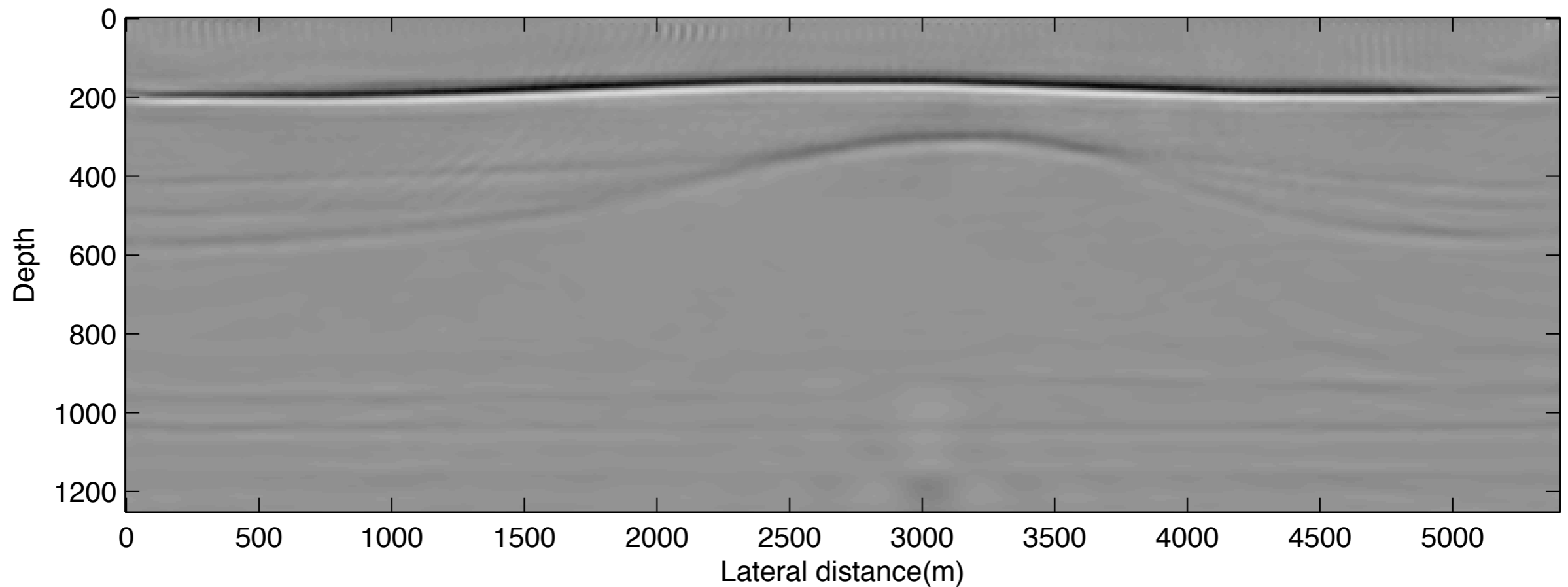


# Joint inversion



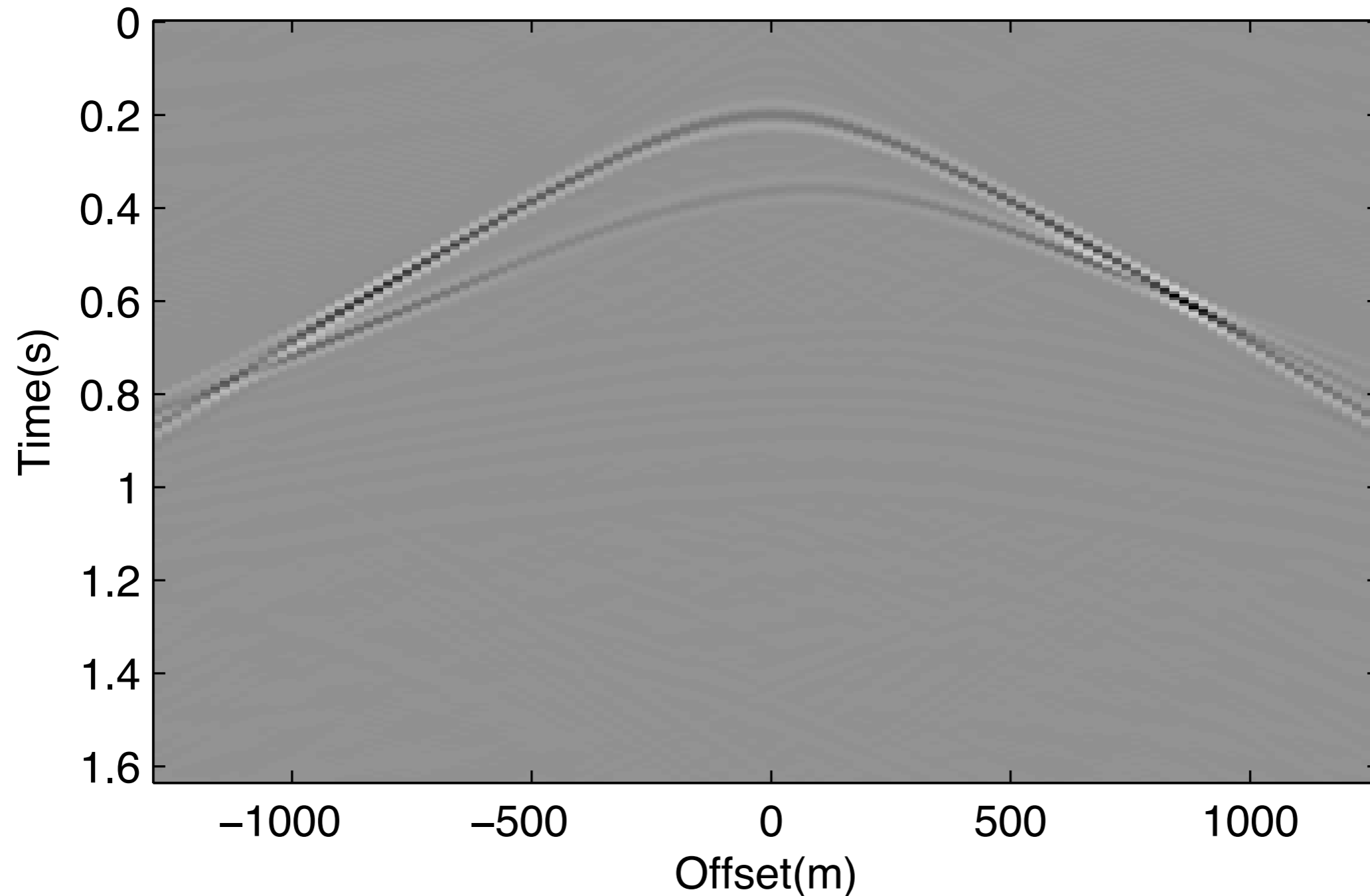
SNR: 5.30dB (compared to true dm)

# Two separate inversions



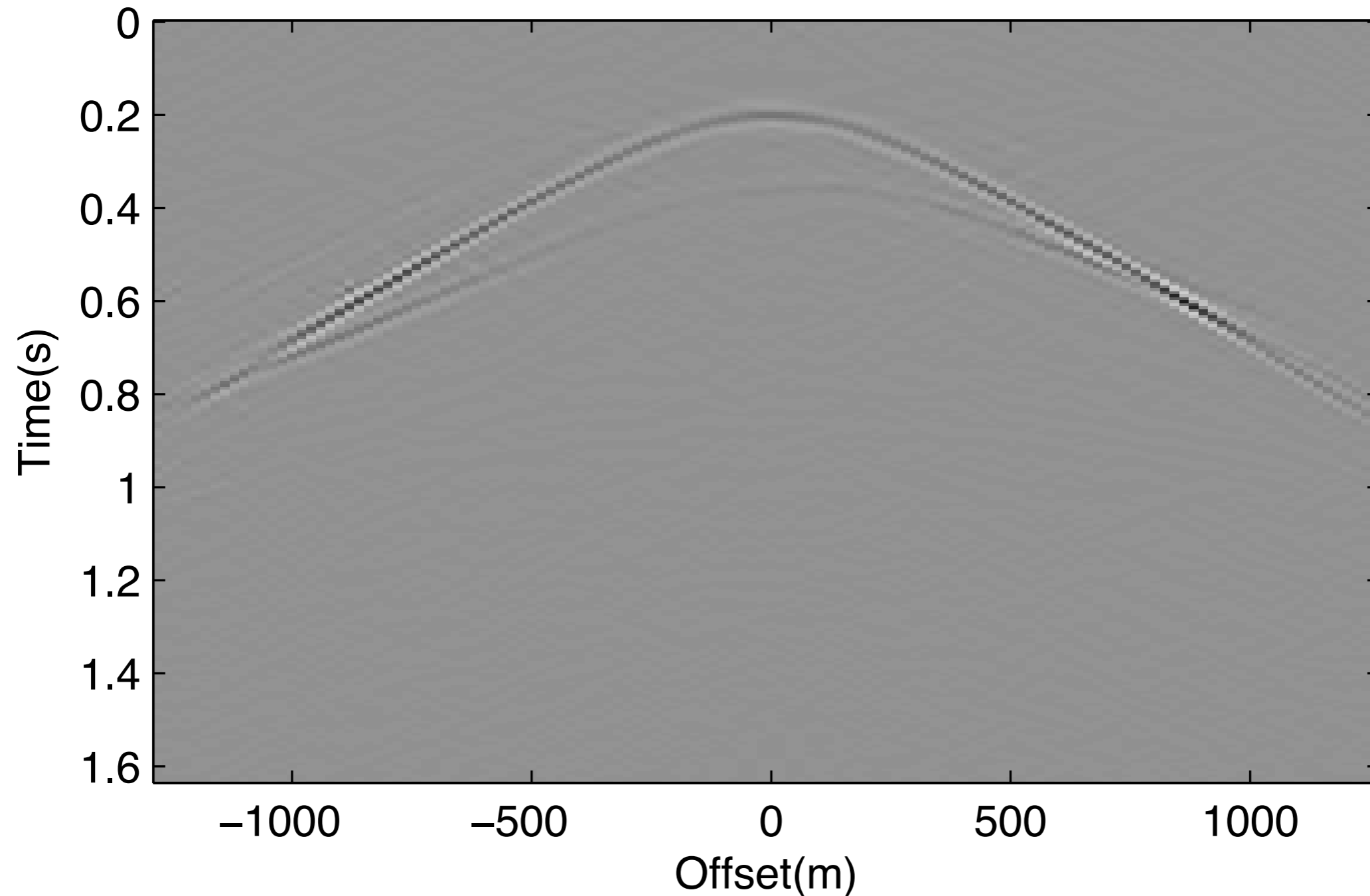
SNR: 4.52dB (compared to true dm)

# Recovered Green's function in joint inversion



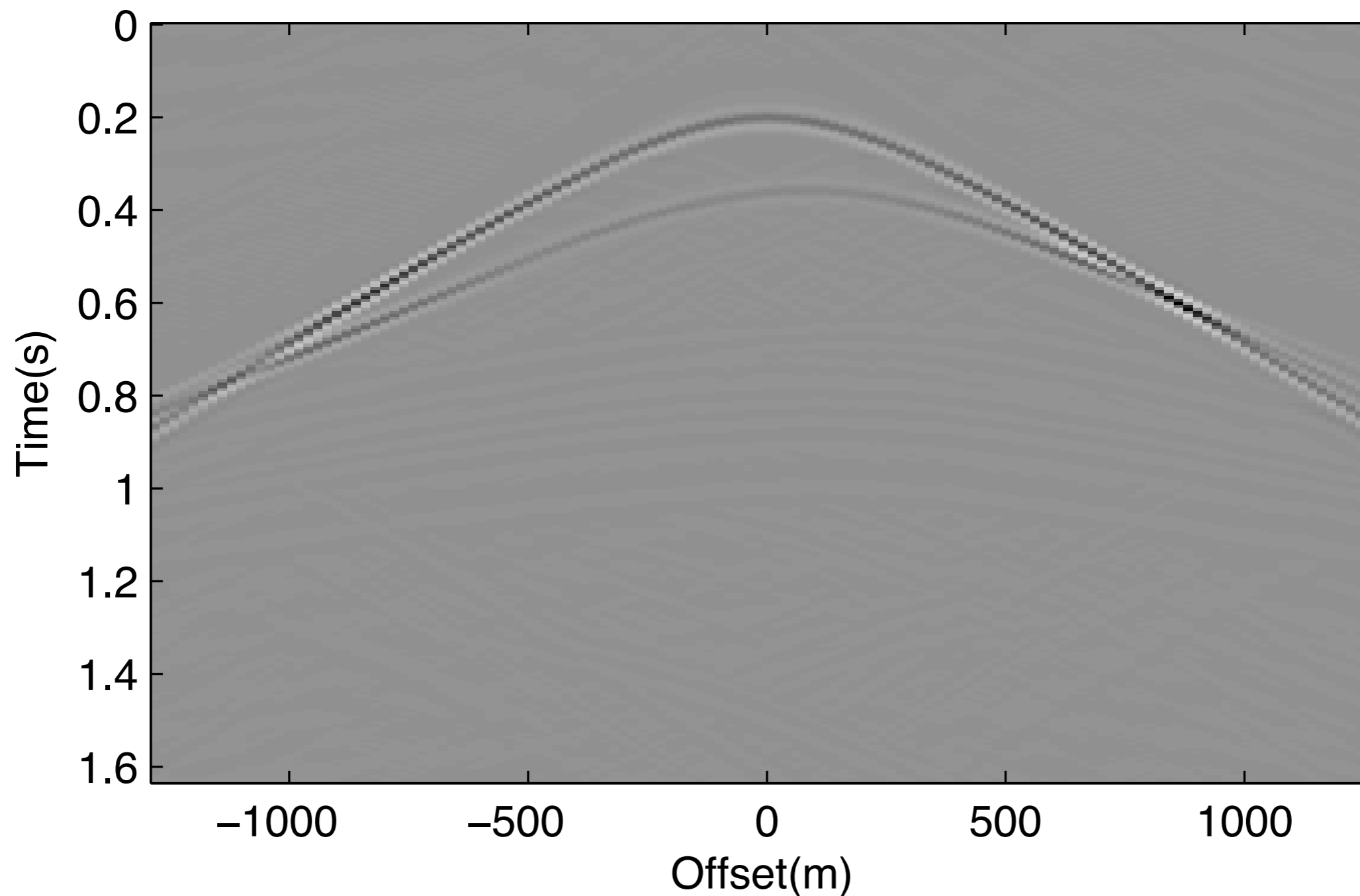
total shots: 128, shot number: 65, SNR: 22.4dB

# Recovered Green's function in separate inversions



total shots: 128, shot number: 65, SNR: 5.4dB

# Data preview: multiple free



total shots: 128, shot number: 65

# Conclusions

By combining EPSI with migration:

- multiples are well handled
- multiples help imaging
- better primary estimation results

## Future plans

### Alternating optimization

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

Work on real-data

Incorporate into full-waveform inversion

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