Match filtering a time-lapse data set utilizing the surface-consistent method

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Surface-consistent hypothesis

The surface-consistent model:

the seismic trace can be modeled as

$$d_{ij}(t) \approx s_i(t) * r_j(t) * h_k(t) * y_l(t)$$
 (1)

where

o d_{ij} : seismic trace o s_i : source response at location *i* o r_j : receiver response at location *j* o h_k : offset response at location *k*; *k*=[*i*-*j*] o y_i : subsurface response at *l*; *l*=(*i*+*j*)/2

<u>FACT : the model is reasonable approximation</u> of the seismic trace that is easy to compute.

Forward modeling



Inverse modeling



<u>FACT</u> : Seismic data geometry matrix has <u>no unique inverse</u> due to singularity of the square matrix G^TG, where G contains the positions of four-components above.

Difference



NRMS vs. Time shift

$$D_{1}(t) = a \sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$D_{2}(t) = a \sin(2\pi f(t + \delta t))$$

$$\delta D(t) = D_{1}(t) - D_{2}(t) = a(2\pi f \,\delta t) \cos(2\pi ft)$$

$$NRMS = 200 \left[\frac{a(2\pi f \,\delta t)RMS[\cos(2\pi ft)]}{a.RMS[\sin(2\pi ft)] + a.RMS[\sin(2\pi f(t + \delta t))]} \right]$$

$$NRMS(\%) = 100[2\pi f \,\delta t]$$

F (Hz)	Time shift δt (ms)	NRMS (%)
50	0.001	31.4
50	0.002	62.8



NRMS vs. Amplitude

$$D_{1}(t) = \sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$D_{2}(t) = (1+b)\sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$\delta D(t) = D_{1}(t) - D_{2}(t) = b\sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$NRMS(\%) \approx 100 * b$$
Assuming amplitude change is small

а	b	NRMS (%)
1.0	0.1	9.5
1.0	0.6	46



Small amplitude difference Large amplitude difference

Surface-consistent matching filters (SCMF)

For two repeated data sets, their surface-consistent model is:

$$d\mathbf{1}_{ij}(t) \approx s\mathbf{1}_{i}(t)^{*}r\mathbf{1}_{j}(t)^{*}h\mathbf{1}_{k}(t)^{*}y\mathbf{1}_{l}(t)$$
(2)

$$d2_{ij}(t) \approx s2_i(t) * r2_j(t) * h2_k(t) * y2_l(t)$$
(3)

Q. Can we design a matching filter for these two data sets?

Matching filter concept:

Spectral ratio is an exact matching filter, but it is unstable in presence of noise.

Alternatively: solve the time-domain in LSQ & FT the solution which is a good approx to the spectral ratio.

Surface-consistent matching filters (cont')



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Two earth models



Other non-repeatable parameters



Raw shot: before match filtering



Difference = Baseline – monitor (before match filtering)

Raw shot: after match filtering



Difference = Baseline – monitor (after match filtering)

Raw stack: before match filtering



Stack: after match filtering



Stack: After match filtering & statics



Not: 3rd iteration of statics was not necessary. Match filtering was iterated 2 times.

NRMS values: GOM vs. MGM



(modified plot from Helgerud et al., TLE 2011)

Conclusions

- Surface-consistent matching filter is analogous to other surface-consistent methods (decon, statics, ...), except the data term is spectral ratio of 2 surveys.
- We compute MF in time in LSQ & FT the result which is an approx to spectral ratio.
- Spectral decomposition of trace-by-trace MF into surface-consistent operators; and
- small NRMS values → balanced amplitude, equalized phase & bandwidth, and small or no time-shifts
- → we have a SCMF that can significantly reduce the non-repeatability observed in TL data sets.

Future work







Walkway PP VSP data from the observation well (Alshuhail, et al., 2008)



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