Velocity evaluation using Least Squares Prestack Migration (LSPSM)

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   a) image resolution
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LSPSM:

• Modelling: \( Gm = d \)
  
  \( d \): Real data,
  
  \( m \): Reflectivity,

• Migration: \( G^T d = \hat{m} \)

  \( \hat{m} \): Migration,
  
  \( G \): Kirchhoff forward operator.

• Inversion: \( G^{-1} d = m \)

  \( G \) is not square and is too large.
LSPSM:

\[ Gm = d \]

\[ G^T G m = G^T d \]

\[ m = (G^T G)^{-1} G^T d \]
LSPSM:

\[ Gm = d \]
\[ G^T G m = G^T d \]
\[ m = (G^T G)^{-1} G^T d \]

• Minimizing a general cost function:

\[ J(m) = \|Gm - d\|^2 + \mu^2 \mathcal{R}(m) \]

\( \mathcal{R} \): Regularization term,

\( \mu \): Trade-off parameter
LSPSM:

\[ Gm = d \]
\[ G^T G \, m = G^T \, d \]
\[ m = (G^T G)^{-1} \, G^T \, d \]

- Minimizing a general cost function:
  \[ J(m) = \| Gm - d \|^2 + \mu^2 \, \mathcal{R}(m) \]

Damped: \[ m_{DLS} = (G^T G + \mu^2 I)^{-1} \, G^T \, d \]

Smooth: \[ m_{SLS} = (G^T G + \mu^2 D_h^T D_h)^{-1} \, G^T \, d \]
Replacing Migration with LSPSM:

- Remove migration artifacts. Attenuate acquisition footprints; Provide high resolution images*.
- Compute images that can reproduce data. Data interpolation*.
- A tool to evaluate the accuracy of the estimated velocity model.

*Nemeth et. al. (1999, 2000) and Duquet et. al. (2000).
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Quantifying velocity accuracy:

• Velocity that makes flat events on a CMP gather: NMO/Stacking velocity.
• Velocity that makes flat events on a CIG gather: Migration velocity.
• Velocity that LSPSM requires for
  – Improving image resolution,
  – in a few LSCG iterations,
  – Give good data reconstruction:
    Imaging Velocity.
Synthetic data; Acquisition geometry:

- 16 sources, 250m interval
- 200 receivers, 5m interval
Synthetic data; Velocity model:

- Velocity 1600-4160 m/s
Synthetic data; Migration:

- Exact velocity
Synthetic data; LSPSM:

- Exact velocity
Synthetic data; Migration:

- 5% higher velocity
Synthetic data; LSPSM:

- 5% higher velocity
Synthetic data; Migration shot domain CIG:

![Graph showing CIG 100 BIN Migration for Exact velocity and 5% higher velocity.](image)

- **Exact velocity**
- **5% higher velocity**
Synthetic data; LSPSM shot domain CIG:

Exact velocity

5% higher velocity
Velocity evaluation:

• Inaccurate velocity introduces artifacts into the LSPSM more than migration image.
Synthetic data; Data Reconstruction:

- Exact velocity
Synthetic data; Data Reconstruction:

- 5% higher velocity
Synthetic data; LSCG Convergence:
Velocity evaluation

• LSPSM is more sensitive to the accuracy of the velocity model.

• One can define an imaging velocity is accurate enough when:
  – Provide higher image resolution,
  – in less iterations,
  – Provide acceptable data reconstruction.
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Velocity evaluation:

- Real data NE-BC
- 65000 trace, 10 m interval
- 220 source
- 50% of regularly selected data
Real data; Migration:
Real data; Migration (AGC):
Real data; LSPSM:

Inversion LSCG

Distance (m)

Time (s)

Distance (m)
Real data; LSPSM (AGC):

Inversion LSCG-AGCed

Time(s) vs. Distance(m)
Real data; Result from processing company:
Velocity evaluation:

- Velocity semblances show interbed multiples.
- Parabolic Radon Transform for de-multiplication.
- Real data after de-multiplication:
Demultipled real data; Migration (AGC):

- Only 5% of data
Demultipled real data; LSPSM (AGC):

- Only 5% of data
Demultipled real data; LSPSM (AGC):

- only 5% of data & 5% higher velocity
Demultipled real data; LSCG Convergence:

![Graph showing LSCG Convergence with different velocities: Extracted Velocity, 5% Higher, 10% Higher, 15% Higher. The graph plots Iteration Number on the x-axis and Normalized Convergence % on the y-axis. The Extracted Velocity line shows a steep decline, while the higher velocities show a gradual decline.]
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Summary:

- Kirchhoff LSPSM provide high resolution image and attenuate migration artifacts.
- It requires a good knowledge of velocity.
- Velocity is accurate when LSPSM:
  - Provide higher image resolution,
  - in less iterations,
  - Provide a good data reconstruction.
Summary:

• LSPSM may be used for evaluation of estimated velocity.
• Cost can be reduced if highly decimated data (5%) used.
• Data should be multiple-free.
Future work (before Sponsors' meeting):

- Changing multiple attenuation method, parameters, or software.
- Adding regularization term.

  – Suggestions
  – Recommendations
  – Questions