

# Adaptive filtering in wavelet frames for echo (multiple reflections) suppression in geophysics

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# In just one slide: on echoes and morphing

Wavelet frame coefficients: data and model

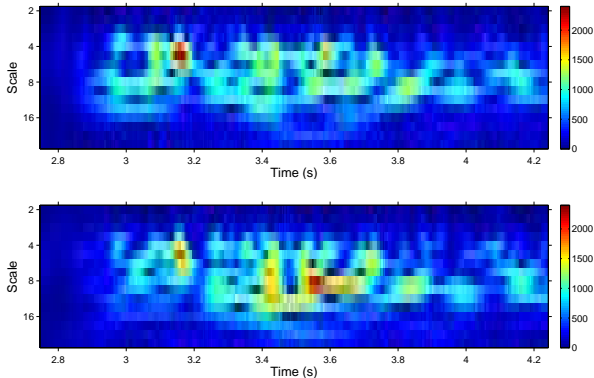


Figure 1: Morphing and adaptive subtraction required

# Agenda

1. Issues in geophysical signal processing
2. Problem: multiple reflections (**echoes**)
  - adaptive filtering with approximate templates
3. (complex) wavelet frames
  - how they (may) simplify adaptive filtering
  - and how they are discretized (back to the discrete world)
4. Adaptive filtering (**morphing**)
  - without constraint: unary filters (on analytic signals)
  - with constraints: proximal tools
5. Conclusions

## Issues in geophysical signal processing

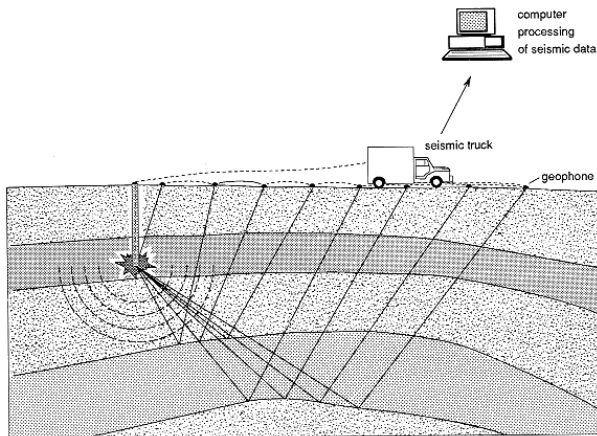


Figure 2: Seismic data acquisition and wave fields

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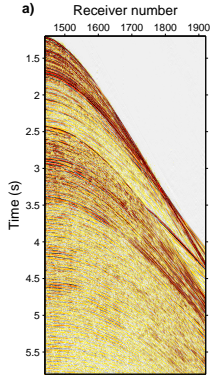


Figure 3: Seismic data: aspect & dimensions (time, offset)

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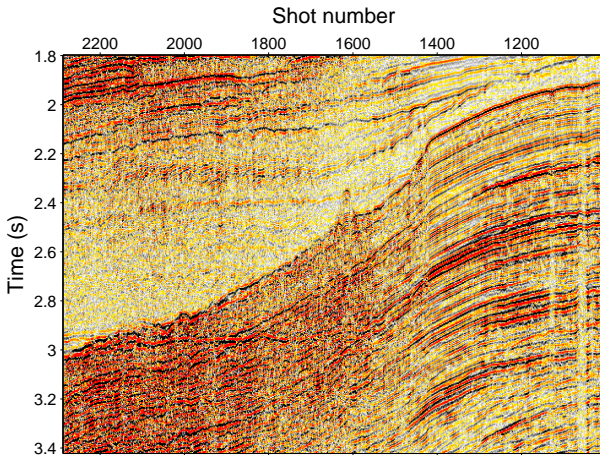


Figure 4: Seismic data: aspect & dimensions (time, receiver)

## Issues in geophysical signal processing

### Reflection seismology:

- seismic waves propagate through the subsurface medium
- seismic traces: seismic wave fields recorded at the surface
  - primary reflections: geological interfaces
  - many types of distortions/disturbances
- processing goal: extract relevant information for seismic data
- led to important signal processing tools:
  - $\ell_1$ -promoted deconvolution (Claerbout, 1973)
  - wavelets (Morlet, 1975)
- exabytes ( $10^6$  gigabytes) of incoming data
  - need for fast, scalable (and robust) algorithms

## Multiple reflections and templates

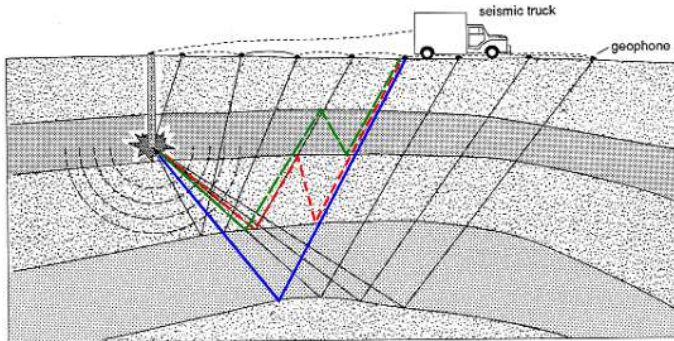


Figure 5: Seismic data acquisition: focus on multiple reflections



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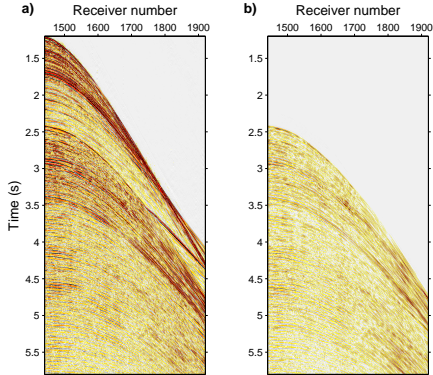


Figure 5: Reflection data: shot gather and template

## Multiple reflections and templates

### Multiple reflections:

- seismic waves bouncing between layers
- one of the most severe types of interferences
- obscure deep reflection layers
- high cross-correlation between primaries ( $p$ ) and multiples ( $m$ )
- additional incoherent noise ( $n$ )
- $d(t) = p(t) + m(t) + n(t)$ 
  - with approximate templates:  $r_1(t), r_2(t), \dots, r_J(t)$
- **Issue:** how to adapt and subtract approximate templates?

## Multiple reflections and templates

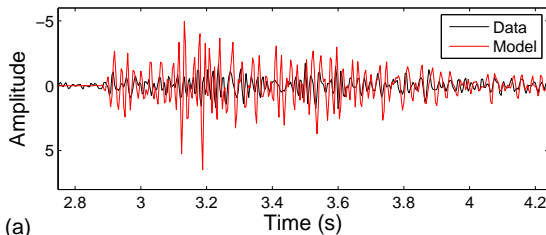


Figure 6: Multiple reflections: data trace  $d$  and template  $r_1$

## Multiple reflections and templates

### Multiple filtering:

- multiple prediction (correlation, wave equation) has limitations
- templates are not accurate
  - $m(t) \approx \sum_j h_j * r_j$ ?
  - standard: identify, apply a matching filter, subtract

$$\mathbf{h}_{\text{opt}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^l} \|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{r}\|^2$$

- primaries and multiples are not (fully) uncorrelated
  - same (seismic) source
  - similarities/dissimilarities in time/frequency
- variations in amplitude, waveform, delay
- issues in matching filter length:
  - short filters and windows: local details
  - long filters and windows: large scale effects

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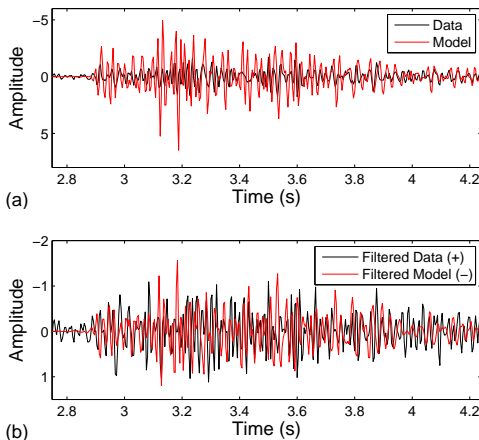


Figure 7: Multiple reflections: data trace, template and adaptation

## Multiple reflections and templates

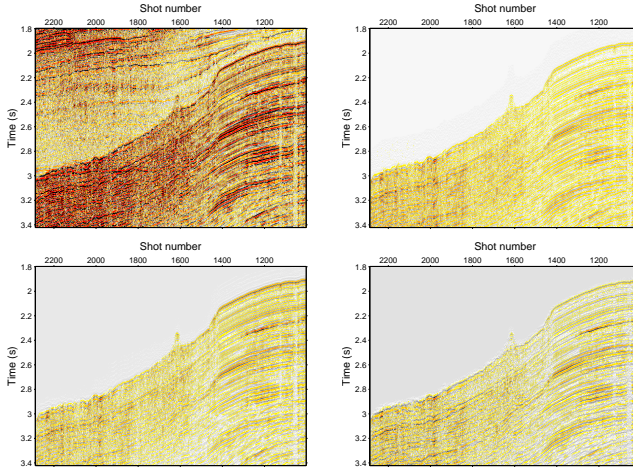


Figure 8: Multiple reflections: data trace and templates, 2D version

## Multiple reflections and templates

- A long history of multiple filtering methods
  - general idea: combine adaptive filtering and transforms
    - data transforms: Fourier, Radon
    - enhance the differences between primaries, multiples and noise
    - reinforce the adaptive filtering capacity
  - intrication with adaptive filtering?
    - might be complicated (think about inverse transform)
- First simple approach:
  - exploit the non-stationary in the data
  - naturally allow both large scale & local detail matching

⇒ Redundant complex wavelet frames

- intermediate complexity in the transform
- simplicity in the (unary/FIR) adaptive filtering

## Hilbert transform and pairs

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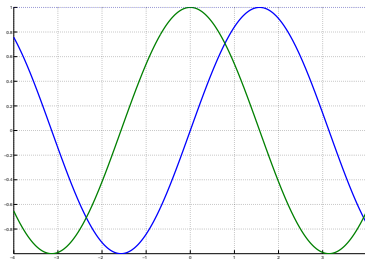


Figure 9: Hilbert pair 1



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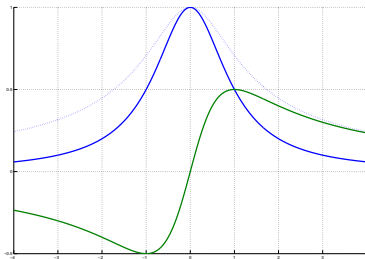


Figure 9: Hilbert pair 2

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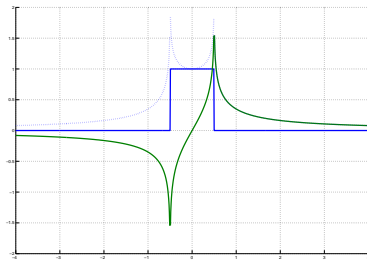


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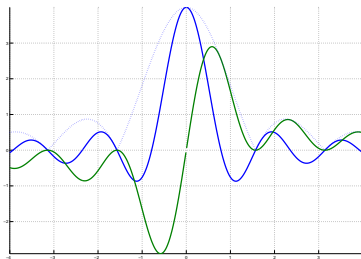


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## Continuous & complex wavelets

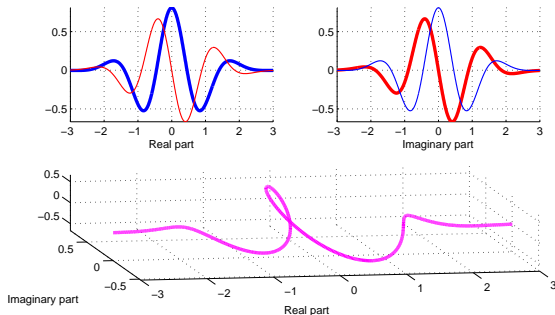


Figure 10: Complex wavelets at two different scales — 1

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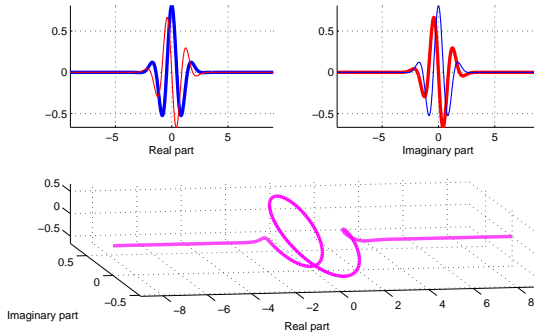


Figure 11: Complex wavelets at two different scales — 2

## Continuous wavelets

- Transformation group:  
affine = translation ( $\tau$ ) + dilation ( $a$ )
- Basis functions:

$$\psi_{\tau,a}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \psi\left(\frac{t - \tau}{a}\right)$$

- $a > 1$ : dilation
- $a < 1$ : contraction
- $1/\sqrt{a}$ : energy normalization
- multiresolution (vs monoresolution in STFT/Gabor)

$$\psi_{\tau,a}(t) \xrightarrow{\text{FT}} \sqrt{a} \Psi(af) e^{-i2\pi f\tau}$$

## Continuous wavelets

- Definition

$$C_s(\tau, a) = \int s(t) \psi_{\tau,a}^*(t) dt$$

- Vector interpretation

$$C_s(\tau, a) = \langle s(t), \psi_{\tau,a}(t) \rangle$$

projection onto time-scale atoms (vs STFT time-frequency)

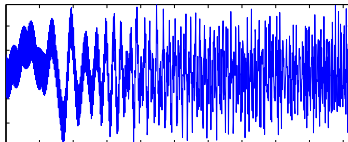
- Redundant transform:  $\tau \rightarrow \tau \times a$  “samples”
- Parseval-like formula

$$C_s(\tau, a) = \langle S(f), \Psi_{\tau,a}(f) \rangle$$

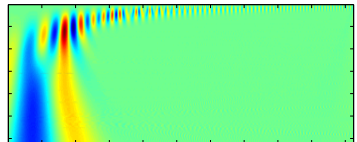
⇒ sounder time-scale domain operations! (cf. Fourier)

# Continuous wavelets

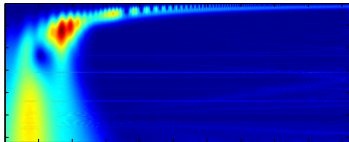
## Introductory example



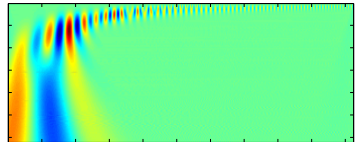
Data



Real part



Modulus



Imaginary part

Figure 12: Noisy chirp mixture in time-scale & sampling



## Continuous wavelets

Noise spread & feature simplification (signal vs wiggle)

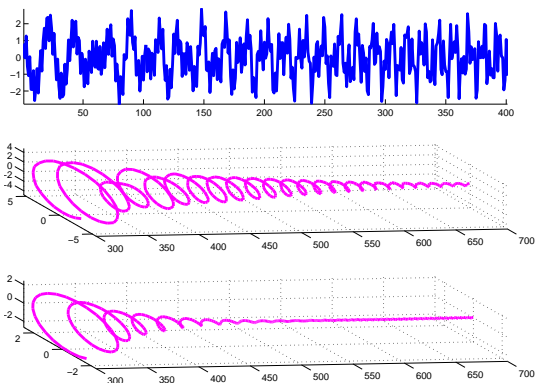


Figure 13: Noisy chirp mixture in time-scale: zoomed scaled wiggles

## Continuous wavelets

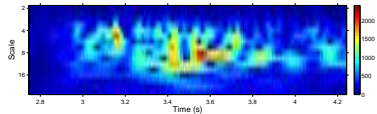
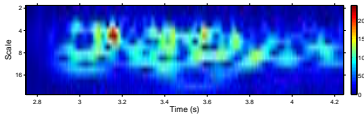
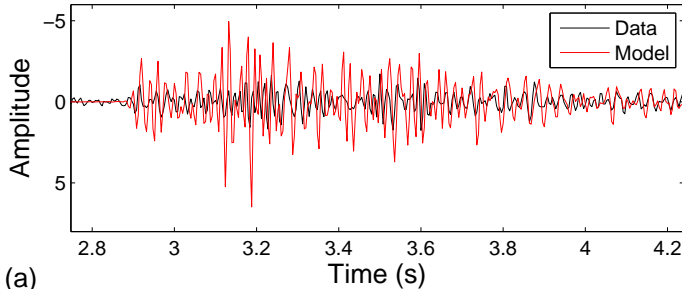


Figure 14: Which morphing is easier: time or time-scale?

## Continuous wavelets

- Inversion with another wavelet  $\phi$

$$s(t) = \iint C_s(u, a) \phi_{u,a}(t) \frac{dud a}{a^2}$$

⇒ time-scale domain processing! (back to the trace signal)

- Scalogram

$$|C_s(t, a)|^2$$

- Energy conversation

$$E = \iint |C_s(t, a)|^2 \frac{dt da}{a^2}$$

- Parseval-like formula

$$\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle = \iint C_{s_1}(t, a) C_{s_2}^*(t, a) \frac{dt da}{a^2}$$

## Continuous wavelets

- Wavelet existence: admissibility criterion

$$0 < A_h = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\hat{\Phi}^*(\nu)\Psi(\nu)}{\nu} d\nu = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\hat{\Phi}^*(\nu)\Psi(\nu)}{\nu} d\nu < \infty$$

generally normalized to 1

- Easy to satisfy (common freq. support midway 0 &  $\infty$ )
- With  $\psi = \phi$ , induces band-pass property:
  - necessary condition:  $|\Phi(0)| = 0$ , or zero-average shape
  - amplitude spectrum neglectable w.r.t.  $|\nu|$  at infinity
- Example: Morlet-Gabor (not truly admissible)

$$\psi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{-i2\pi f_0 t}$$

## Discretization and redundancy

Being practical again: dealing with discrete signals

- Can one sample in time-scale (CWT) domain:

$$C_s(\tau, a) = \int s(t) \psi_{\tau, a}^*(t) dt, \quad \psi_{\tau, a}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \psi\left(\frac{t - \tau}{a}\right)$$

with  $c_{j,k} = C_s(kb_0a_0^j, a_0^j)$ ,  $(j, k) \in \mathbb{Z}$  and still be able to recover  $s(t)$ ?

- Result 1 (Daubechies, 1984): there exists a wavelet frame if  $a_0b_0 < C$ , (depending on  $\psi$ ). A frame is generally redundant
- Result 2 (Meyer, 1985): there exist an orthonormal basis for a specific  $\psi$  (non trivial, Meyer wavelet) and  $a_0 = 2$   $b_0 = 1$

Now: how to choose the practical level of redundancy?

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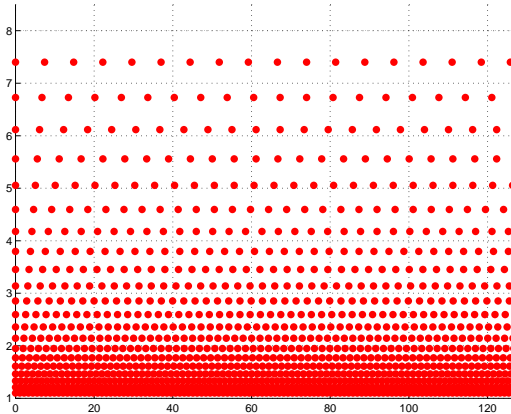


Figure 15: Wavelet frame sampling:  $J = 21$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $a_0 = 1.1$

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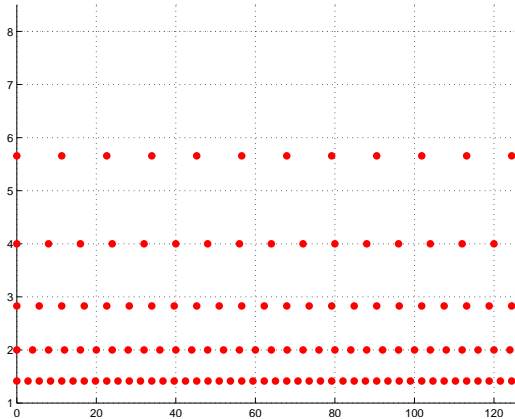


Figure 15: Wavelet frame sampling:  $J = 5$ ,  $b_0 = 2$ ,  $a_0 = \sqrt{2}$

## Discretization and redundancy

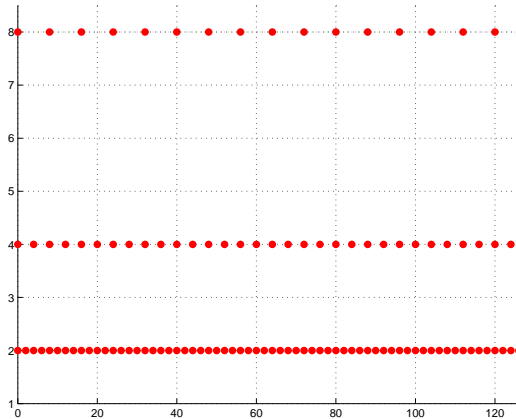


Figure 15: Wavelet frame sampling:  $J = 3$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $a_0 = 2$



# Discretization and redundancy

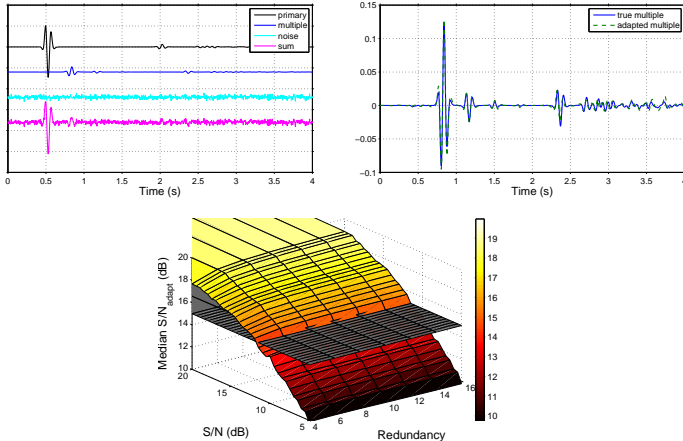


Figure 16: Redundancy selection with variable noise experiments

## Discretization and redundancy

- Complex Morlet wavelet:

$$\psi(t) = \pi^{-1/4} e^{-i\omega_0 t} e^{-t^2/2}, \quad \omega_0: \text{central frequency}$$

- Discretized time  $r$ , octave  $j$ , voice  $v$ :

$$\psi_{r,j}^v[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{j+v/V}}} \psi\left(\frac{nT - r2^j b_0}{2^{j+v/V}}\right), \quad b_0: \text{sampling at scale zero}$$

- Time-scale analysis:

$$\mathbf{d} = d_{r,j}^v = \langle d[n], \psi_{r,j}^v[n] \rangle = \sum_n d[n] \overline{\psi_{r,j}^v[n]}$$

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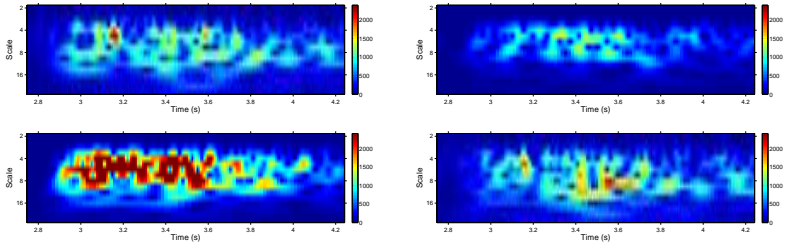


Figure 17: Morlet wavelet scalograms, data and templates

Take advantage from the closest similarity/dissimilarity:

- remember wiggles: on sliding windows, at each scale, a single complex coefficient compensates amplitude and phase

## Unary filters

- Windowed unary adaptation: complex unary filter  $\mathbf{h}$  ( $\mathbf{a}_{\text{opt}}$ ) compensates delay/amplitude mismatches:

$$\mathbf{a}_{\text{opt}} = \arg \min_{\{a_j\}(j \in J)} \left\| \mathbf{d} - \sum_j a_j \mathbf{r}_j \right\|^2$$

- Vector Wiener equations for complex signals:

$$\langle \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{r}_m \rangle = \sum_j a_j \langle \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_m \rangle$$

- Time-scale synthesis:

$$\hat{d}[n] = \sum_r \sum_{j,v} \hat{d}_{r,j}^v \tilde{\psi}_{r,j}^v[n]$$

## Results

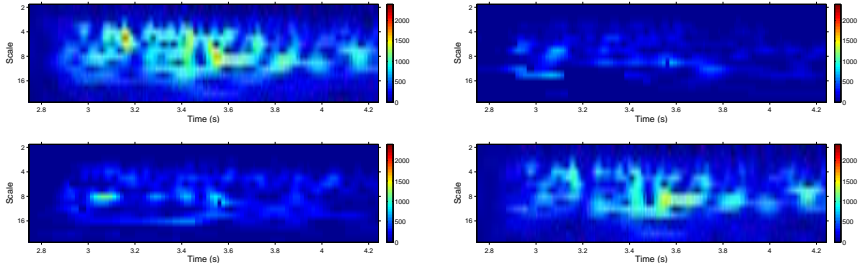


Figure 18: Wavelet scalograms, data and templates, after unary adaptation

## Results (reminders)

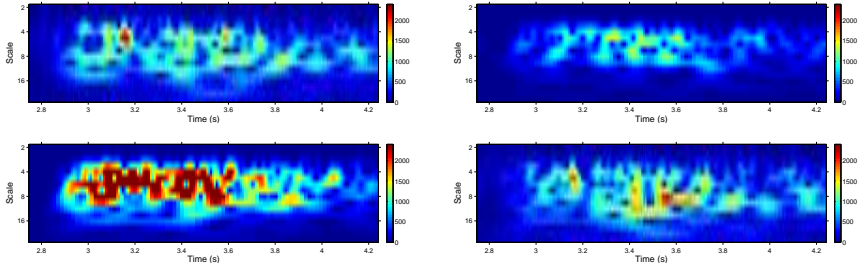


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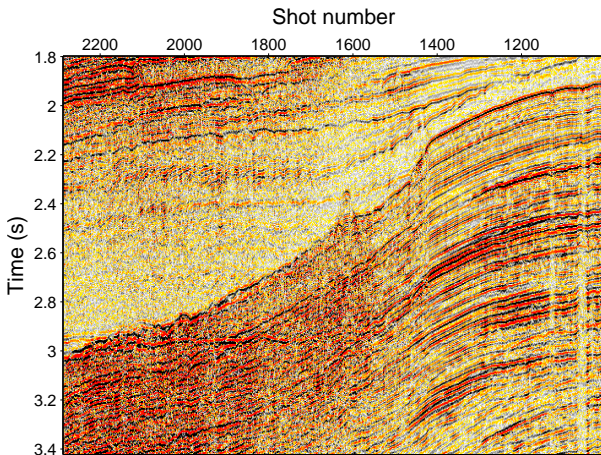


Figure 20: Original data

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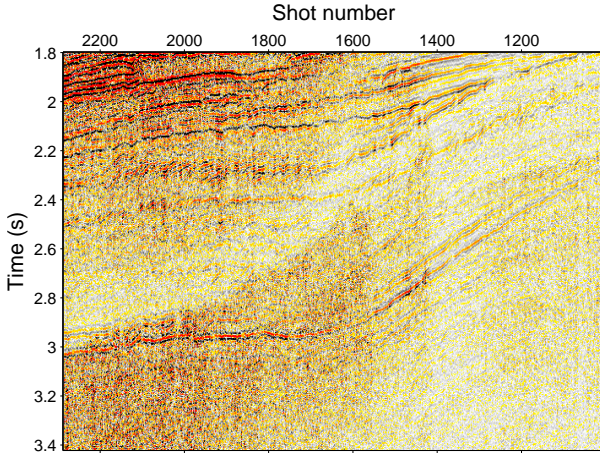


Figure 21: Filtered data, “best” template



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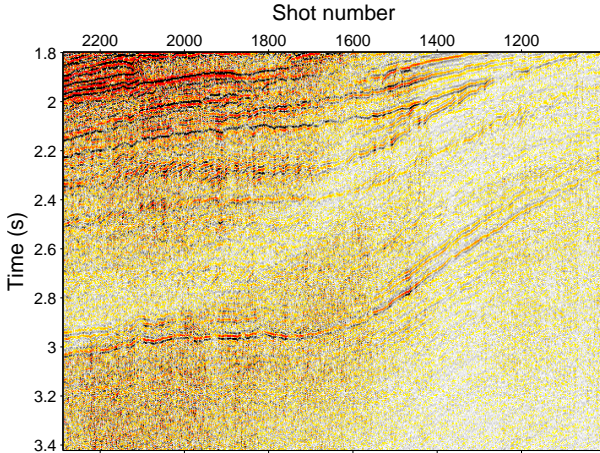
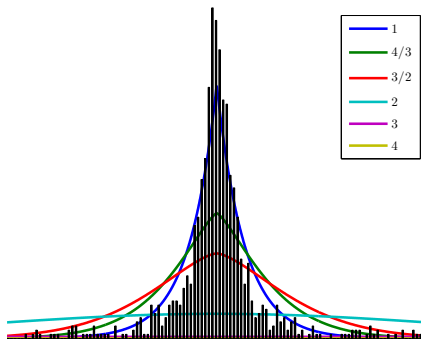


Figure 22: Filtered data, three templates

## Going a little further

Impose geophysical data related assumptions: e.g. sparsity



**Figure 23:** Generalized Gaussian modeling of seismic data wavelet frame decomposition with different power laws.

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## Problem re-formulation

$$\underbrace{d^{(k)}}_{\text{observed signal}} = \underbrace{\bar{p}^{(k)}}_{\text{primary}} + \underbrace{\bar{m}^{(k)}}_{\text{multiple}} + \underbrace{n^{(k)}}_{\text{noise}}$$

Assumption: templates linked to  $\bar{m}^{(k)}$  throughout time-varying (FIR) filters:

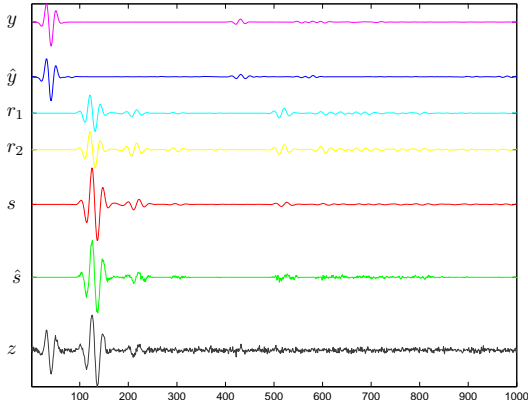
$$\bar{m}^{(k)} = \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} \sum_p \bar{h}_j^{(p)}(k) r_j^{(k-p)}$$

where

- $\bar{h}_j^{(k)}$ : **unknown** impulse response of the filter corresponding to template  $j$  and time  $k$ , then:

$$\underbrace{d}_{\text{observed signal}} = \underbrace{\bar{p}}_{\text{primary}} + \mathbf{R} \underbrace{\bar{\mathbf{h}}}_{\text{filter}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{noise}}$$

## Results: synthetics (noise: $\sigma = 0.08$ )



Original signal  $y$

Estimated signal  $\hat{y}$

Model  $r_1$

Model  $r_2$

Original multiple  $s$

Estimated multiple  $\hat{s}$

Observed signal  $z$

## Assumptions

- $F$  is a frame,  $\bar{p}$  is a realization of a random vector  $P$ :

$$f_P(p) \propto \exp(-\varphi(Fp)),$$

- $\bar{\mathbf{h}}$  is a realization of a random vector  $H$ :

$$f_H(\mathbf{h}) \propto \exp(-\rho(\mathbf{h})),$$

- $n$  is a realization of a random vector  $N$ , of probability density:

$$f_N(n) \propto \exp(-\psi(n)),$$

- slow variations along time and concentration of the filters

$$|h_j^{(n+1)}(p) - h_j^{(n)}(p)| \leq \varepsilon_{j,p} ; \quad \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} \tilde{\rho}_j(h_j) \leq \tau$$

## Results: synthetics

$$\underset{y \in \mathbb{R}^N, \mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{NP}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \underbrace{\psi(z - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{h} - y)}_{\text{fidelity: noise-realized}} + \underbrace{\varphi(Fy)}_{\text{a priori on signal}} + \underbrace{\rho(\mathbf{h})}_{\text{a priori on filters}}$$

- $\varphi_k = \kappa_k |\cdot|$  ( $\ell_1$ -norm) where  $\kappa_k > 0$
- $\tilde{\rho}_j(h_j)$ :  $\|h_j\|_{\ell_1}$ ,  $\|h_j\|_{\ell_2}^2$  or  $\|h_j\|_{\ell_{1,2}}$
- $\psi(z - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{h} - y)$ : quadratic (Gaussian noise)

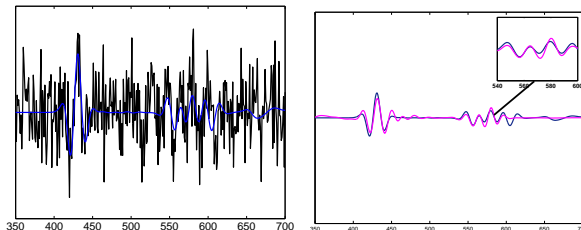


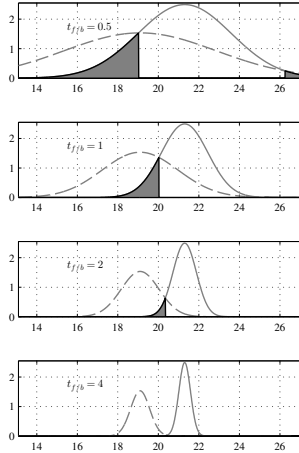
Figure 24: Simulated results with heavy noise.

## Results: synthetics

$\sigma \setminus \tilde{\rho}$	SNR <sub>y</sub>			SNR <sub>s</sub>		
	$\ell_1$	$\ell_2$	$\ell_{1,2}$	$\ell_1$	$\ell_2$	$\ell_{1,2}$
0.01	20.90	21.23	<b>23.57</b>	24.36	24.68	<b>26.74</b>
0.02	20.89	21.16	<b>23.51</b>	22.53	23.02	<b>23.76</b>
0.04	19.00	19.90	<b>20.67</b>	<b>20.15</b>	20.14	19.84
0.08	<b>17.55</b>	16.81	17.34	<b>16.96</b>	16.56	15.96

Signal-to-noise ratios (SNR, averaged over 100 noise realizations)

## Results: synthetics, w/ a significance index



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		$t_{f/b}$ for primaries								
		Haar			Daubechies			Symmlet		
$\tilde{\rho}$		$\ell_1$	$\ell_2$	$\ell_{1,2}$	$\ell_1$	$\ell_2$	$\ell_{1,2}$	$\ell_1$	$\ell_2$	$\ell_{1,2}$
$\sigma$	$\mathcal{L}$	$f/b$	$f/b$	$f/b$	$f/b$	$f/b$	$f/b$	$f/b$	$f/b$	$f/b$
0.01	3	7.3	4.3	<b>7.7</b>	2.6	3.0	<b>4.9</b>	5.6	2.6	<b>7.2</b>
	4	4.2	2.8	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	1.9	3.3	<b>5.3</b>	1.3	5.1
0.02	3	3.0	2.7	<b>3.4</b>	1.5	<b>2.1</b>	1.6	2.8	2.1	<b>3.1</b>
	4	<b>2.6</b>	2.3	2.5	<b>3.0</b>	2.9	2.7	3.0	1.7	<b>4.3</b>
0.04	3	3.4	<b>3.5</b>	3.2	3.0	<b>3.9</b>	2.7	3.2	<b>3.8</b>	3.2
	4	3.5	<b>3.7</b>	3.3	3.2	<b>3.8</b>	2.8	3.3	<b>3.7</b>	3.3
0.08	3	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	3.5	<b>3.9</b>	3.3	3.8	<b>4.2</b>	3.7
	4	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	3.7	3.4	<b>3.6</b>	3.2	3.8	4.1	<b>4.2</b>



## Results: potential on real data

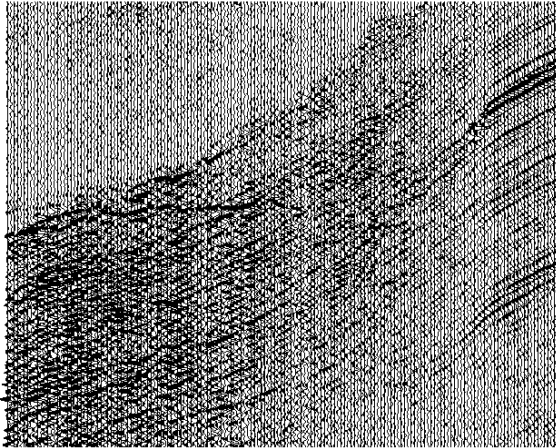


Figure 25: Portion of a receiver gather: recorded data.

## Results: potential on real data

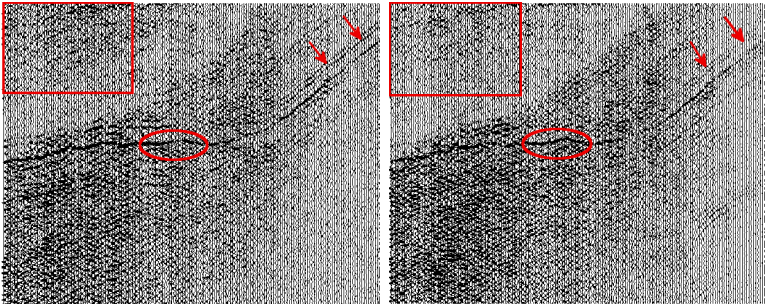


Figure 25: Low noise: (a) Unary filters (b) Proximal FIR filters.

## Results: potential on real data

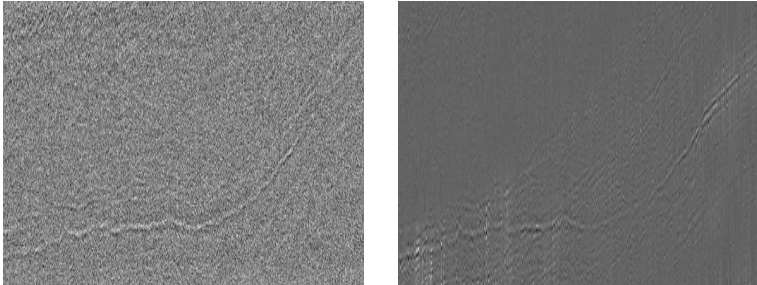


Figure 25: High noise: (a) Unary filters (b) Proximal FIR filters.

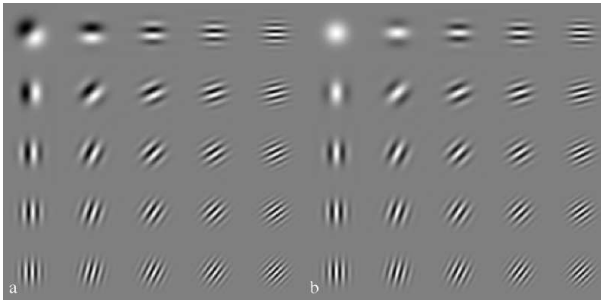
## Conclusions

Take-away messages:

- Practical side
  - Competitive with more standard 2D processing
  - Very fast (unary part): industrial integration
- Technical side
  - Non-stationary, wavelet-based, adaptive multiple filtering
  - Take good care in cascaded processing
- Present work
  - Other applications: (image) pattern matching, (voice) echo cancellation, (speech) exemplar search, ultrasonic/acoustic emissions
  - Going 2D: crucial choices on \*-lets: redundancy, directionality
  - Better “sparsity” penalizations:  $\ell_1$  or  $\frac{\ell_1}{\ell_2}$ ?

## Conclusions

Now what's next: curvelets, shearlets, dual-tree complex wavelets?



**Figure 26:** From T. Lee (TPAMI-1996): 2D Gabor filters (odd and even) or Weyl-Heisenberg coherent states

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