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Vintage Data Reprocessing – Sweetest Smoke May Come From Old Pipes – A 2D Onshore Case



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Case study background



Processing workflow



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Processing workflow - multifactor separation



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Principle:

•Introduce geophysicist skills and experience in a multi-loop flow

•Adopt a cycling approach to bring benefit of high-end technologies (e.g. Enhanced Coherency Processing, looking for coherency within the 1^{st} Fresnel zone to improve S/N) to converge to a cleaner dataset

•Increase geophysicist added-value through processing flow key-step reassessment (velocities-statics,etc)



Generalization of basic iterations: (VA – resid. stat.):

Separation of more factors:

- (v) velocities,
- (s) residual statics,
- (p) phase rotation,
- (c) static cycle skips,
- (n) noise elimination,
- (r) reinterpretation,
- (t) misties correction
- (m) migration

Advanced workflow is considered:

e.g.: v, s, p, v, s, c, r, t, v, s, r, n, t,...



Multifactor separation at work



Note: not all modules are applied to every line. Notation as defined in the previous slide.

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Processing workflow - ECP

Several wavefront attributes are automatically estimated locally, within defined percentage of the 1st Fresnel zone, to characterize wave front and ensure the best local stack: R_{NIP}, local dip, emergence angle, coherency. Then, interactive attributes' analysis follows. Coherency of attributes in space is steered via interpretive, interactive editing.





Processing workflow - multiline set



Stripe map of an attribute of 2D multiline project



Examination of seismic misties in ML 2D project

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Sample panel of the Interactive Residual Static Correction



Examin. and correction of velocity misties at intersections



Multiline set – more about IRSC



Two correlations are defined: **Blue line** (blue arrow) – present shape **Red line** (red arrow) - trial interpretation.

That procedure is repeated for two sections:

- CSP Common Shot Point stack,
- CRP Common Receiver Point stack
- Both, CSP and CRP are limited-offset, and usually band-limited stacks.

Sample panel of the Interactive Residual Static Correction (IRSC).

Geophysicist experience is essential. Order of shot – receiver statics separation is decided interactively, supported by QC CDP stack.

Several loops are possible, with application of fractions of estimated statics.



CMP stk

CSP stk

CRP stk

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Imagery enhancement

Reprocessing



Vintage processing







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Reprocessing

Messages (conclusion)

- To the contractors : do your best to maintain your knowledge and know-how in this difficult environment : push-button algo may not be the future...
- To decision-maker : do not engage in cost-intensive seismic surveys without extracting the maximum value of existing datasets
- To the audience : how much value is still hidden in the seismic archived databases ?...



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