#### Imaging in random media

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## **Passive Array Imaging in Clutter**



- Array data:  $P(\mathbf{x}_r, t)$  for  $(\mathbf{x}_r, t)$  a set of receiver locations in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and time in  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .
- Object: continuous distribution of sources in  $\mathcal{D}$  with intensity  $\varrho(\mathbf{y})$ .

## **Passive Array Imaging in Clutter**



• Objective: recover  $\mathcal{D}$  from  $P(\mathbf{x}_r, t)$  when the background medium is cluttered.

## **Active Array Imaging in Clutter**



- ▲ Array data:  $P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, t)$  for  $(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, t)$  a set of source and receiver locations in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and time in  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .
- Object: scatterrer with support in  $\mathcal{D}$  and reflectivity  $\varrho(\mathbf{y})$ .

## **Active Array Imaging in Clutter**



- Objective: recover  $\mathcal{D}$  from  $P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, t)$  when the background medium is cluttered.
- Application: Imaging underground structures / Non-destructive testing (concrete imaging).

#### What is the clutter?

■ background velocity  $c(\mathbf{x})$  consists of a smooth part  $c_o(\mathbf{x})$ , that is known or can be estimated, and the inhomogeneities (clutter) that cannot be precisely estimated  $\Rightarrow$  model as random process.

$$c(\mathbf{x}) = c_0(\mathbf{x}) \left( 1 + \sigma \mu \left( \frac{x_1}{l_1}, \frac{x_2}{l_2} \right) \right)$$

- with  $\mu$  a random process
- I  $l_1, l_2$  the correlation lengths (scale of the inhomogeneities)

## Velocity profile in the earth

background velocity c(x) consists of a smooth part c<sub>o</sub>(x) (assumed known), and of the fluctuations, which cannot be estimated.



#### **Modeling the clutter**

We assume that the velocity is described by

$$c(\mathbf{x}) = c_0(\mathbf{x}) \left(1 + \sigma \mu(\mathbf{x})\right)$$

- with  $\mu$  a real valued random process with  $\langle \mu \rangle = 0$ and correlation function:  $R(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \langle \mu(\mathbf{x}_1)\mu(\mathbf{x}_2) \rangle$
- or by introducing  $\overline{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2}{2}, \widetilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_1$

$$R(\overline{\mathbf{x}}, \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \langle \mu(\overline{\mathbf{x}} - \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}/2)\mu(\overline{\mathbf{x}} + \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}/2) \rangle$$

We assume that  $\mu$  is stationary so that the correlation function depends only on the distance

$$R(\overline{\mathbf{x}}, \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}) = R(\widetilde{\mathbf{x}})$$

- on a rectangular grid we generate a filter  $F(\mathbf{x})$
- we compute the Fourier transform  $\hat{F}(\mathbf{k})$  of  $F(\mathbf{x})$
- we generate a white noise distribution  $\hat{W}(\mathbf{k})$ (<  $\hat{W} >= 0$ , std=1)
- we compute  $\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{W}\hat{F})$
- the correlation function of  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$  is  $(\langle \widehat{W}(\mathbf{k}_1) \widehat{W}(\mathbf{k}_2) \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2))$

$$R(\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int d\mathbf{k} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}} \overline{\hat{F}(\mathbf{k})} \hat{F}(\mathbf{k})$$

 $\blacksquare$  we chose F to obtain the desired R

- Examples of isotropic clutter correlation functions
- **•** Gaussian  $R(|\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2|) = e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2|^2}{2l^2}}$

• Power low 
$$R(|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2|) = (1 + \frac{|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2|}{l})e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2|}{l}}$$





here the correlation length l is the same in all directions of propagation ( $l_{cr} = l_r = l$ )



here the correlation length is infinite in the cross-range direction and finite in the range direction  $l_r = l$ 

#### The forward model

**Data:** 
$$\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega) = \hat{f}(\omega)\hat{G}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega)$$

 $\widehat{G}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y},\omega)$  satisfying the wave equation

$$\Delta \hat{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) + k^2 n^2(\mathbf{x}) \hat{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = -\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3$$

- $k = \omega/c_0$ : wavenumber
- $n(\mathbf{x}) = c_0/c(\mathbf{x})$ : index of refraction

$$n^{2}(\mathbf{x}) = n_{BG}^{2}(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\varrho}(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x})$$

•  $\mu$  = random part of the refractive index.

## The inverse problem

we can formulate the non-linear least squares problem:
Find  $\varrho(\mathbf{x})$  by minimizing,

$$J(\boldsymbol{\varrho}) = \int_0^T dt \sum_{\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r} |P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, t) - Q(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, t; \boldsymbol{\varrho})|^2$$

- with  $Q(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, t; \boldsymbol{\varrho})$  the data model.
- this is typically not solvable for large array data (as in seismic applications)

#### **Linearized inversion**

Introduce  $\hat{G}_B$  solution of

 $\Delta \hat{G}_B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) + k^2 (n_{BG}^2(\mathbf{x}) + \mu(\mathbf{x})) \hat{G}_B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = -\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3$ 

the pressure field is given by,

$$\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = \hat{f}(\omega)\hat{G}_B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) + \hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega)$$

• with  $\hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega)$  solution of,

$$\Delta + k^2 (n_{BG}^2(\mathbf{x}) + \mu(\mathbf{x})))\hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = -k^2 \varrho(\mathbf{x})(\hat{f}(\omega)\hat{G}_B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) + \hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega))$$

#### **Linearized inversion**

So that,

$$\hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = -k^2 \hat{f}(\omega) \int \varrho(\mathbf{z}) \hat{G}_B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) \hat{G}_B(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) d\mathbf{z}$$
$$-k^2 \int \varrho(\mathbf{z}) \hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) \hat{G}_B(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) d\mathbf{z}$$

Linearization consists in (Born approximation)

$$\hat{q}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = -k^2 \hat{f}(\omega) \int \varrho(\mathbf{z}) \hat{G}_B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) \hat{G}_B(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) d\mathbf{z}$$

- Let's assume that we know  $n_{BG}^2(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\mu(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ .
- The solution of the linearized least squares problem:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\varrho}) = \int d\omega \sum_{\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r} |\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega) - \hat{Q}_L(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega; \boldsymbol{\varrho})|^2$$

• with 
$$Q_L(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega; \boldsymbol{\varrho}) = \mathcal{A}\boldsymbol{\varrho}$$

$$\hat{Q}_L(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega; \boldsymbol{\varrho}) = -k^2 \hat{f}(\omega) \int \boldsymbol{\varrho}(\mathbf{z}) \hat{G}_B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) G_B(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) d\mathbf{z}$$

• is given by  $\rho = \mathcal{A}^* P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, t)$  because  $\mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{A}$  acts as an identity operator on the singularities of  $\rho$ .

assuming  $n_{BG}^2(\mathbf{x})$  is smooth and using HF assymptotics for the Green's function (neglecting amplitudes) we get that  $\mathcal{I}^{KM}(\mathbf{y}^s)$  gives a good estimate of  $\varrho(\mathbf{y}^s)$  (NOTE: we only recover the support - singularities of the function)

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{KM}}(\mathbf{y}^s) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r} \int d\omega \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega) e^{-i\omega(\tau(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s) + \tau(\mathbf{y}^s, \mathbf{x}_r))}$$

•  $\tau(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is the travel time  $\tau(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \min \int \frac{1}{c(X(s))} ds$ where the minimum is over all paths *X* that start at  $\mathbf{x}$ and end at  $\mathbf{y}$ .

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#### **Kirchhoff migration resolution**

• when 
$$a, B \to \infty \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{KM}}(\mathbf{y}^S) \approx \int_{\mathcal{D}} \delta(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^S) \boldsymbol{\varrho}(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

Bleinstein, Cohen, Stockwell (2001)

- **•** for finite a and  $B \Rightarrow$ 
  - range resolution (direction of propagation):  $\sigma_r = \frac{c_0}{B}$

• cross-range resolution: 
$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{\lambda_0 L}{a}$$

## The numerical setup



- the background velocity is  $c_0 = 3km/sec$
- f(t): is the derivative of a gaussian with central frequency  $f_0 = 100$ KHz and bandwidth 60 - 130kHz measured at 6dB.

### The numerical setup



- the central wavelength is  $\lambda_0 = 3cm$ .
- array: 185 elements  $\lambda_0/2$  apart,  $a = 92\lambda_0$
- the range is  $90\lambda_0$

### The numerical setup



- the distance between the objects (sources or targets) is  $d = 6\lambda_0$  (or  $3\lambda_0$ )
- the targets are disks with diameter  $\lambda_0$ .

#### **Data on the array: traces**



- the cross-range is measured in cm.
- the time is measured in msec.

- Passive array: imaging functional for KM at  $\mathbf{y}^{S}$  $\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{KM}}(\mathbf{y}^{s}) = \sum_{r} P(\mathbf{x}_{r}, \tau(\mathbf{x}_{r}, \mathbf{y}^{S})) = \sum_{r} \int_{B} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_{r}, \omega) e^{-i\omega\tau(\mathbf{x}_{r}, \mathbf{y}^{S})}$ 
  - with  $\tau(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}|/c_0$  travel time in the known smooth background (here homogeneous)
  - Active array: imaging functional for KM at  $y^S$

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{KM}}(\mathbf{y}^{s}) = \sum_{r=1}^{N_{r}} P(\mathbf{x}_{s}, \mathbf{x}_{r}, \tau(\mathbf{x}_{s}, \mathbf{y}^{s}) + \tau(\mathbf{x}_{r}, \mathbf{y}^{s}))$$
$$= \sum_{r=1}^{N_{r}} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_{s}, \mathbf{x}_{r}, \omega) \overline{G_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{s}, \mathbf{y}^{s}, \omega)G_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{r}, \mathbf{y}^{s}, \omega)}$$

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 with  $G_0(\mathbf{x}_s,\mathbf{y}^s,\omega)=e^{i\omega au(\mathbf{x}_s,\mathbf{y}^s)}$ 

## **Kirchhoff migration results**



length is scaled by  $\lambda_0$ 

- the search domain is a square  $20\lambda_0 \times 20\lambda_0$  centered at the objects
- the pixel size is  $\lambda_0/2$ .

## What happens in clutter?

 $\checkmark$  Length scaled by  $\lambda_0$ 



## What happens in clutter?



- Length scaled by  $\lambda_0$  and time by pulsewidth
- the clutter impedes the imaging process as the significant multipathing of the waves by the inhomogeneities results to noisy data traces (the noise is not simply additive)

### **Migration in clutter**

Classic migration is statisticaly unstable

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{KM}}(\mathbf{y}^s) = \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \tau(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s) + \tau(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{y}^s))$$



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- To make migration work we should remove the delay spread:
  - x trace denoising ? (noise is not additive)
  - ✓ we use time-reversal based techniques

## **Migration in frequency domain**

the migration functional

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{KM}}(\mathbf{y}^s) = \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} P(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \tau(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s) + \tau(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{y}^s))$$

can be written as

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{KM}}(\mathbf{y}^s) = \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \int d\omega \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega) \overline{G_0(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s, \omega) G_0(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{y}^s, \omega)}$$

• with 
$$G_0(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s, \omega) = e^{i\omega\tau(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s)}$$

# **Coherent interferometry (CINT)**

- an ideal way to image would be to backpropagate with the exact  $G(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s, \omega)$ . This is called time reversal and has two fundemental properties in clutter:
  - statistical stability
  - super-resolution
- But we do not know the clutter ! (  $G(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s, \omega)$  is unknow)

## **Coherent interferometry (CINT)**

- we cross-correlate the traces locally in space and time:
  - cross-correlation in space is limitted by the decoherence length  $X_d$
  - cross-correlation in time is limitted by the delay spread  $T_d$
- we call these local cross-corelations coherent interferograms
- CINT consists in migrating the coherent interferograms to the search point  $y^s$  using  $G_0(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^s, \omega)$

## **CINT imaging functional**

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{CINT}}(\mathbf{y}^{s};\Omega_{d},\kappa_{d})\sim\int_{\overline{\omega}\in B}d\overline{\omega}\int_{\overline{\mathbf{x}}\in a}d\overline{\mathbf{x}}\int d\tilde{\omega}\ \hat{\Psi}(\tilde{\omega};\Omega_{d})\int d\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}\ \hat{\Phi}\left(\frac{\overline{\omega}}{c_{0}}\widetilde{\mathbf{x}};\kappa_{d}^{-1}\right)$$
$$\hat{P}\left(\overline{\mathbf{x}}+\frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2},\mathbf{x}_{s},\overline{\omega}+\frac{\tilde{\omega}}{2}\right)\exp\left\{-i(\overline{\omega}+\frac{\tilde{\omega}}{2})\left[\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}}+\frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2},\mathbf{y}^{s})+\tau(\mathbf{x}_{s},\mathbf{y}^{s})\right]\right\}$$
$$\overline{\hat{P}\left(\overline{\mathbf{x}}-\frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2},\mathbf{x}_{s},\overline{\omega}-\frac{\tilde{\omega}}{2}\right)}\exp\left\{+i(\overline{\omega}-\frac{\tilde{\omega}}{2})\left[\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}}-\frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2},\mathbf{y}^{s})+\tau(\mathbf{x}_{s},\mathbf{y}^{s})\right]\right\}$$

using the midpoint and offset variables

$$\overline{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{x}_r'}{2}, \widetilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}_r - \mathbf{x}_r'; \ \overline{\omega} = \frac{\omega + \omega'}{2}, \widetilde{\omega} = \omega - \omega'$$

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- $\tilde{\omega}$  is restricted by window  $\hat{\Psi}$  to  $|\tilde{\omega}| \leq \Omega_d$ , with  $\Omega_d$  the decoherence frequency  $(\sim 1/T_d)$
- $\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}$  is restricted by window  $\hat{\Phi}$  to  $|\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}| \leq X_d(\overline{\omega})$ , with  $X_d(\overline{\omega})$ the decoherence length (the TR spot size at frequency  $\overline{\omega}$ ). The support of  $\hat{\Phi}$  is  $\kappa_d^{-1} = \overline{\omega} X_d(\overline{\omega})/c_0$

### **CINT and statistical smoothing**

 $\checkmark$  for small  $|\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}|$  we can linearize the phase

 $\exp\left\{-i\overline{\omega}\left[\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}}+\frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2},\mathbf{y}^s)-\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}}-\frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2},\mathbf{y}^s)\right]\right\}\approx\exp\left\{-i\overline{\omega}\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}\cdot\nabla_{\overline{\mathbf{x}}}\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{y}^s)\right\}$ 

 $\exp\left\{-i\tilde{\omega}\left[\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}}+\frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2},\mathbf{y}^s)+\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}}-\frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2},\mathbf{y}^s)\right]\right\}\approx\exp\left\{-i2\tilde{\omega}\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{y}^s)\right\}$ 

### **CINT and statistical smoothing**

the imaging functional becomes

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{CINT}}(\mathbf{y}^{S};\Omega_{d},\kappa_{d}) = \int dt \int d\mathbf{k} \Phi(c_{0}\nabla_{\overline{\mathbf{x}}}\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{y}^{s}) - \mathbf{k};\kappa_{d})$$
$$\Psi(\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{y}^{s}) + \tau(\mathbf{x}_{s},\mathbf{y}^{s}) - t;T_{d}) \int d\overline{\omega}W(\overline{\mathbf{x}},\frac{\overline{\omega}}{c_{0}}\mathbf{k},t),$$

• with  $W(\cdot)$  the Wigner distribution of the data

$$W(\overline{\mathbf{x}}, \frac{\overline{\omega}}{c_0} \mathbf{k}, t) = \int d\tilde{\omega} \int d\widetilde{\mathbf{x}} e^{-i\tilde{\omega}t - i\frac{\overline{\omega}}{c_0}\widetilde{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{k}} \hat{P}\left(\overline{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_s, \overline{\omega} + \frac{\widetilde{\omega}}{2}\right)$$
$$\frac{\hat{P}\left(\overline{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_s, \overline{\omega} - \frac{\widetilde{\omega}}{2}\right)}{\hat{P}\left(\overline{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_s, \overline{\omega} - \frac{\widetilde{\omega}}{2}\right)}$$

W(·) is highly fluctuating but decorrelates rapidly in 
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 → in CINT we have stability by smoothing

#### **CINT as smooth migration**

CINT can be also written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{CINT}}(\mathbf{y}^{S};\Omega_{d},\kappa_{d}) &= \int d\overline{\mathbf{x}} \int d\widetilde{\mathbf{x}} \left[ P\left(\overline{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{s}, t + \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2c_{0}}\right) \right. \\ & \left. P\left(\overline{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{s}, t - \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}}{2c_{0}}\right) \right] \\ & \left. \star_{\mathbf{k}} \left. \Phi(\mathbf{k};\kappa_{d}) \right|_{\mathbf{k}=c_{0}\nabla_{\overline{\mathbf{x}}}\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{y}^{s})} \star_{t} \left. \Psi(t;T_{d}) \right|_{t=\tau(\overline{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{y}^{s})+\tau(\mathbf{x}_{s},\mathbf{y}^{s})} \right. \end{aligned}$$

when  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  are  $\delta$  functions (no smoothing) we obtain

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{CINT}}(\mathbf{y}^{S};\Omega_{d},\kappa_{d}) = \left[\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{KM}}(\mathbf{y}^{s})\right]^{2}$$

CINT is a statistically stable smoothed migration method !

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- Smoothing over arrival time by convolution with  $\Psi(t; T_d)$ of support  $T_d \approx 1/\Omega_d$  affects range resolution  $c_0/\Omega_d$ .
- Smoothing in direction of arrival by convol. with  $\Phi(\mathbf{k}; \kappa_d)$  with supp. in ball of radius  $\kappa_d \rightsquigarrow$  cross range resolution  $L\kappa_d \approx \lambda_0 L/X_d(\omega_0)$ .

#### **Resolution summary**

- migration resolution in homogeneous media
  - in range :  $O\left(\frac{c_0}{B}\right)$
  - in cross-range :  $O\left(\lambda \frac{L}{a}\right) = O\left(\frac{c_0 L}{\omega_0 a}\right)$
- CINT resolution in clutter ( $\Omega_d < B \& X_d < a$ )

• in range :  $O\left(\frac{c_0}{\Omega_d}\right)$ 

• in cross-range : 
$$O(L\kappa_d) = O\left(\frac{c_0L}{\omega_0X_d(\omega_0)}\right)$$

• for  $\Omega_d \ll B \& X_d \ll a$ 

✓ incoherent imaging should be used (diffusion)

$$D = \frac{c_0 l^*}{3}$$

• CINT works for  $L < l^*$  (in numerics  $l^* = 75\lambda_0$ )

- $I e How can we find \Omega_d and \kappa_d ?$
- Solution We may derive (theoretical) formulae for  $\Omega_d$  and  $\kappa_d$ . But this will be model dependent.
- We can estimate the decoherence parameters using statistical data processing techniques, but this can be tricky.
- We found that a more efficient approach is to do an adaptive estimation of the smoothing parameters, during the image formation process.

- Solution View the imaging function as  $\mathcal{I}^{\mathsf{CINT}}(\mathbf{y}^s; \Omega_d, \kappa_d)$  and seek parameters  $\Omega_d$  and  $\kappa_d$  by achieving an optimal balance between statistical smoothing and resolution.
- Penalize the speckles (left image) by using a norm of the gradient. To obtain a tight image, we should also penalize the blur (see right image) by using a sparsity measure. The "optimal" result is given in the middle.



- $\Omega_d$  and  $\kappa_d$  are determined by minimizing  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{y}^s; \Omega_d, \kappa_d) =$  $\|\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}(\mathbf{y}^s; \Omega_d, \kappa_d)\|_{L^1(\mathcal{D})} + \alpha \|\nabla_{\mathbf{y}^s} \mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}(\mathbf{y}^s; \Omega_d, \kappa_d)\|_{L^1(\mathcal{D})},$
- with  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}(\mathbf{y}^s) = \sqrt{|\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{y}^s)|} / \sup_{\mathbf{y}^s \in \mathcal{D}_s} \sqrt{|\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{y}^s)|}$
- **•** for point targets we use  $\alpha = 1$

- $\Omega_d$  and  $\kappa_d$  are determined by minimizing  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{y}^s; \Omega_d, \kappa_d) =$  $\|\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}(\mathbf{y}^s; \Omega_d, \kappa_d)\|_{L^1(\mathcal{D})} + \alpha \|\nabla_{\mathbf{y}^s} \mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{N}}(\mathbf{y}^s; \Omega_d, \kappa_d)\|_{L^1(\mathcal{D})},$
- This is very different from usual denoising,  $\|\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}^s) - \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{y}^s)\|_{\text{prox}} + \alpha \|\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{y}^s)\|_{\text{reg}}$
- where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a given noisy image,  $\mathcal{I}$  is the desired denoised image,  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{prox}}$  is a proximity norm, usually  $L^2(D)$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_{reg}$  is a regularization norm, usually TV.
- We do not have an image N so there is no proximity norm part. We use instead the L<sup>1</sup> norm of the image which is small, when the image is sparse. We do have however the regularization term.

## **Adaptive CINT results I**



We use the NOMADm software package (C. Audet, J. Dennis, M. Abramson), that uses a mesh-adaptive direct search method for constrained, nonlinear, mixed variable problems.

## **Adaptive CINT Results II**



Top: mono-scale, Bottom: multi-scale random medium with standard deviation 3%.

## **Anisotropic clutter**



•  $c_0 = 3$ Km/s, B = 0.6 - 1.3 KHz,  $\lambda_0 = 3$ m

$$l = \lambda_0/10, L = 80\lambda_0 = 800l$$

- strong fluctuations std s = 30%,
- In this regime we have pulse stabilization (ODA) and in the limit  $\lambda_0/L = \epsilon \rightarrow 0$  KM is stable
- CINT here is obtained using only window  $\Psi(t; T_d)$ , i.e  $\Phi(\kappa; \kappa_d)$  is a  $\delta$  function

#### **Anisotropic clutter: traces**



• The ordinate in the pictures is time scaled by the pulse-width and the abscissa is the array element position in  $\lambda_0$ .

#### **Anisotropic clutter: KM vs CINT**



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Concrete structure to be imaged

x,z-Slice 1 at y: 0 m, max:58



- data provided by K. Mayer, University of Kassel, Germany.
- simulation in homog. medium:  $f_0 = 200$ KHz,  $c_0 = 4207$ m/s
- experimental data:  $f_0 = 150$ KHz,  $c_L = 4150$ m/s
- Transmitter and receiver: Krautgrämer G0,2R









Simulated data traces in homogeneous structure



#### The CINT functional

• We rewrite the CINT imaging functional  $\mathcal{I}^{\text{CINT}}(\mathbf{y}^S, \Omega_d, \kappa_d) = \int d\omega \int d\omega' \sum$ 

$$JB \qquad J|\omega - \omega'| \leq \Omega_d \qquad \mathbf{x}_m \in a \ |\mathbf{x}_m - \mathbf{x}_m'| \leq X_d(\omega)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{x}_m - \frac{d}{2}, \mathbf{x}_m + \frac{d}{2}, \omega, \mathbf{y}^s) \hat{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{x}_m' - \frac{d}{2}, \mathbf{x}_m' + \frac{d}{2}, \omega', \mathbf{y}^s)$$
$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega, \mathbf{y}^S) = \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_r, \omega) e^{-i\omega \left(\tau(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}^S) + \tau(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{y}^S)\right)}$$

with

- $\mathbf{x}_m$ : the midpoint moving on the array.
  - d: distance between transmitter and receiver (fixed).

• 
$$\mathbf{x}_s = \mathbf{x}_m - \frac{d}{2}, \, \mathbf{x}_r = \mathbf{x}_m + \frac{d}{2}$$

# Adaptive CINT results on real data



Kirchhoff migration results



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