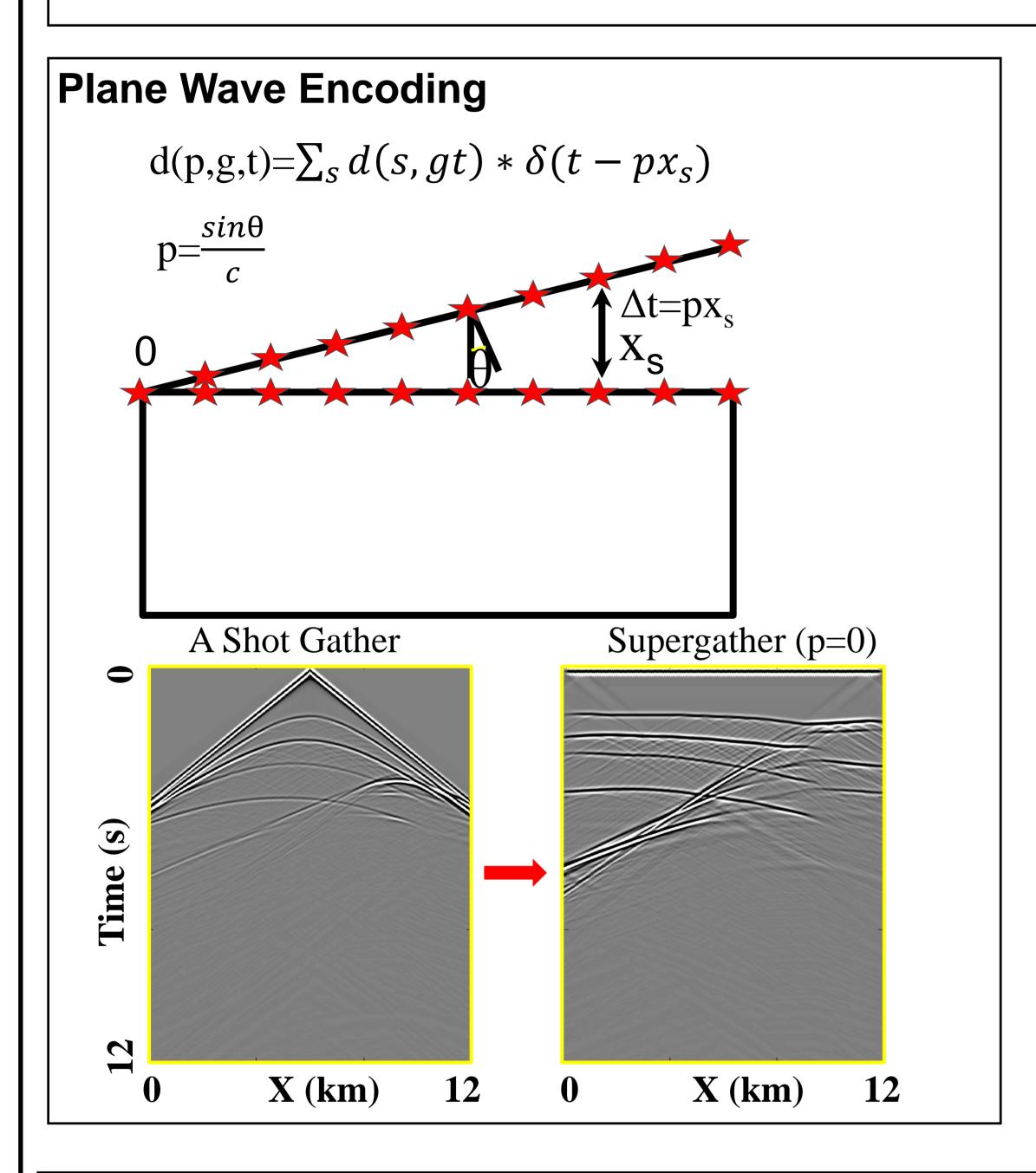


Plane-wave Least-squares Reverse Time Migration

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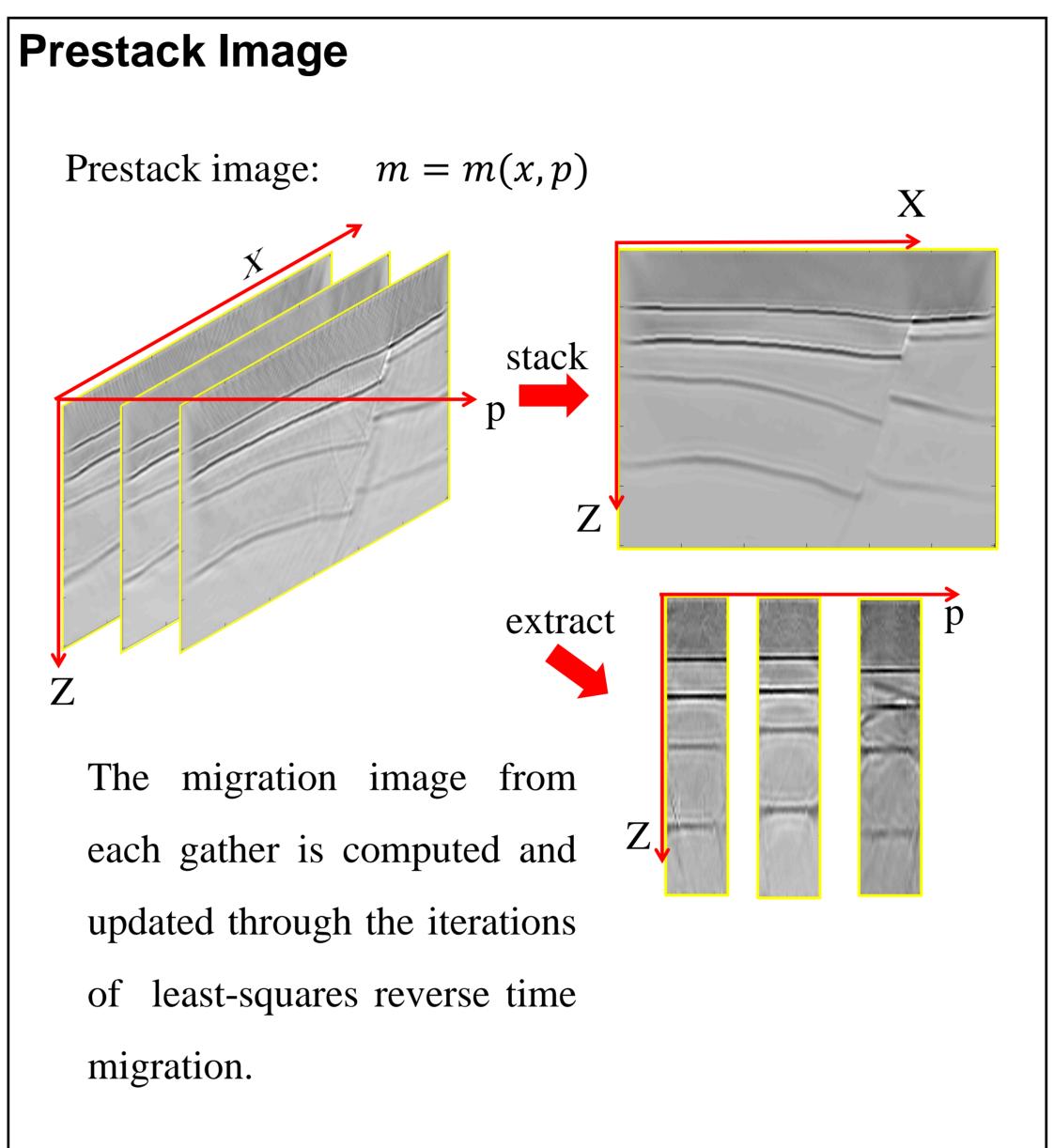


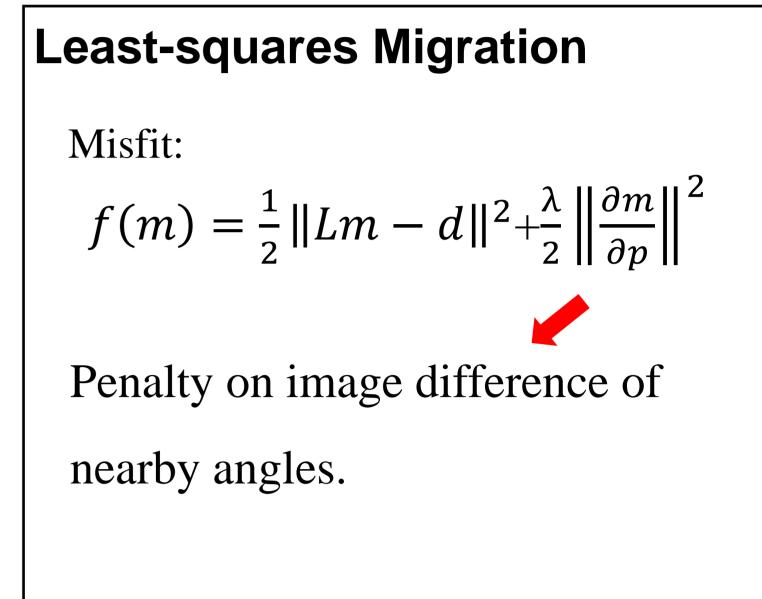
A plane-wave least-squares reverse time migration (LSRTM) is formulated with a new parameterization, where the migration image of each shot gather is updated separately and an ensemble of prestack images is produced along with common image gathers. The merits of planewave LSRTM are the following: (1) plane-wave prestack LSRTM can sometimes offer stable convergence even when the migration velocity has bulk errors of up to 5%; (2) to significantly reduce computation cost, linear phase-shift encoding is applied to hundreds of shot gathers to produce dozens of plane waves. Unlike phase-shift encoding with random time shifts applied to each shot gather, plane-wave encoding can be effectively applied to data with a marine streamer geometry; (3) plane-wave prestack LSRTM can provide higher quality images than standard RTM. Numerical tests on the Marmousi2 model and a marine field dataset are performed to illustrate the benefits of plane-wave least-squares reverse time migration. Empirical results show that LSRTM in the plane-wave domain, compared to standard reverse time migration, produces images efficiently with fewer artifacts and better spatial resolution. Moreover, the prestack image ensemble accommodates more unknowns to makes it more robust than conventional least-squares migration in the presence of migration velocity errors.

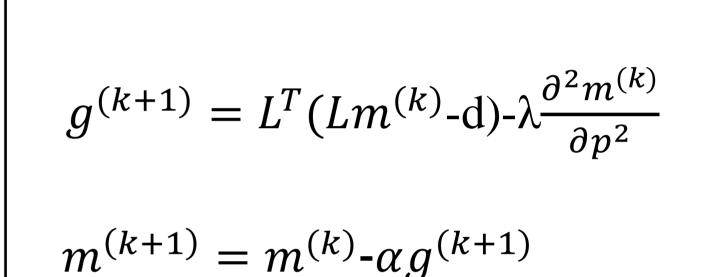


Plane-wave LSRTM Image

X (km)







—● LSM with Prestack Image

Numerical Scheme:

Results: Marmousi2 Model A Plane-wave Gather ($p=22.2\mu s/m$) Convergence Curves /w 5% Velocity Error **Geometry:** Model size: 801 x 351 Grid interval: 10 m Wavelet: Ricker **Shots: 801** Data Residual Receivers: 801 **** Freq: 20 Hz Plane waves: 31 ($-30 \le \theta \le 30$) km/s True Velocity 4.5 Normalized Conventional RTM Image **X** (km) Results: Velocity with 5% error Plane-wave RTM Image Plane-wave RTM Image

Plane-wave LSRTM Image

X (km)

