

# A Topographic Kirchhoff Dynamic Focused Beam Migration Method Based on Compressed Sensing

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**ABSTRACT** Kirchhoff beam migration (KBM) is a ray-based seismic imaging method, which can handle multi-arrivals caused by model complexity. Apart from its high imaging precision, it also retains the merits of Kirchhoff migration, such as efficiency, stability, and flexibility. However, two issues should be taken into consideration when this method is expanded to the complicated surface conditions: first, the computational accuracy deficiency of the original local plane-wave decomposition method cannot suit for low signal-to-noise ratio seismic data; second, as the rays traveling, the beam width increases rapidly, which cannot guarantee the computational accuracy of the corresponding grid points' attribute information. In addition, the insufficient coverage of the beam in the shallow part of the model might affect the imaging quality of this region. Kirchhoff dynamic focused beam migration based on compressed sensing is proposed to resolve these two problems. For the first problem, the local plane-wave decomposition method based on compressed sensing is introduced into KBM to enhance its computational accuracy. To solve the second problem, this paper adopts the dynamic focused beam to replace the original simplified Gaussian beam in the migration method, control the divergence of beam, and increase the coverage of beam in the shallow part of the model. Both Marmousi model and Canadian Foothills model are employed in this paper to test the new migration imaging method.

**INDEX TERMS** Signal processing, compressive sensing (CS), seismic imaging method, Kirchhoff beam migration, dynamic focused beam.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Prestack depth migration is an important seismic imaging method [1], which has a wide application in seismic prospecting [2]–[9] and can mainly be divided into two types, including ray-based methods and finite-difference methods [10]. Beam migration is a ray-based methods, in which seismic data panels are decomposed into plane waves at beam centers and every plane wave will be migrated in the algorithm [11]. So beam migration is able to handle multi-arrival energy, which make it to be an imaging method boasting the advantages of high accuracy and high efficiency [12].

Hill [13] (1990) put forward poststack Gaussian beam migration (GBM), which laid the theoretical foundations

for beam migration. Several key issues were then discussed to improve the computational efficiency of poststack GBM [14], [15]. Even so, it is difficult to extend the method to the prestack case for its inefficiency. Hill [16] (2001) solved this problem by reducing the integration in the imaging formula with a saddle-point approximation approach and proposed the prestack depth Gaussian beam migration on common-offset gathers. To widen its application, prestack depth GBM was further adapted to a common-shot migration method by Nowack *et al.* [17] (2003) and Gray [18] (2005). Dip filtering was introduced into beam migration by Ting and Wang [19] (2009) and was successfully applied in Gulf of Mexico. Sherwood *et al.* (2009) proposed a beam

migration method based on wavelets, in which the recorded data is decomposed into a basic of wavelets and migrated by a “point to point mapping” approach. This method could easily be extended from a 2D case to a 3D case [20]. Gray and Bleistein (2009) proposed a true-amplitude GBM method [21], which introduced the true-amplitude theory into GBM [22], [23]. Popov *et al.* [24] (2010) presented the GBM summation method, which strictly follows the Kirchhoff migration principles. Compared with Hill’s (2001) GBM, this method has higher accuracy but much lower computational efficiency, so it is usually used in oriented region imaging. The GBM summation method could also be used in born modeling for heterogeneous media [25]. Focusing on obtaining kinematic accuracy and computational efficiency, Kirchhoff beam migration (KBM) was proposed [26]. The mechanics of KBM are analogs to GBM except for ignoring the dynamic information and employing the simplified Gaussian beam to control the beam coverage. Then KBM was further developed for accommodating the common-shot data sets [27]. Delta packet was also used for calculating the Green’s function, which is essential to beam migration [28], [29]. By adopting this method, GBM could be transformed into a time domain imaging method. In order to improve the traveltimes calculation accuracy in the seismic imaging method, Sun *et al.* (2017) combined Wavefront Construction (WFC) and Fast Marching Method (FFM) to achieve a new traveltimes calculation method [30]. Complex traveltimes was also obtained by solving the complex eikonal equation [31]-[33].

Seismic explorations are often conducted in rugged topography. Gray [18] (2005) corrected the elevations of the receivers according to the beam center’s elevation and proposed a common-shot topographic GBM. On the basis of this method, Yue *et al.* [34] (2010) also studied the topographic GBM. The local slant stacking formula in Yue’s method is modified to obtain more accurate plane waves under topography and the migration results verify that this method can improve the imaging quality in the shallow part of Canadian Foothills model compared with Gray’s method. Based on the same implementation strategy, true-amplitude GBM was adapted to suit for the rugged topography [35]. Wave field approximation in effective vicinity and Fresnel beam were also considered to combine with topographic true-amplitude GBM for improving its imaging quality [36].

Local plane wave decomposition is a critical step in beam migration, which has an important impact on beam migration methods’ imaging abilities. Hu and Stoffa (2009) presented a slowness-driven GBM to remove the migration swing artifacts, which were generated from low-fold seismic data imaging. In this method, the coherency of a locally coherent seismic event is employed for calculating the weighting function, which is added to the imaging formula of GBM [37]. Yang *et al.* (2015) also used the local similarity analysis in local plane wave decomposition of GBM and proved it effective for low-fold data sets [38]. Introducing the least square inversion fashion into local slant stacking operator,

Wu *et al.* (2014) proposed a high-resolution beam forming method for 3D common-offset KBM [39], which was also employed for velocity analysis [40]-[43]. Wu *et al.* [44] (2015) then applied the migration algorithm to image the SEAM model. Wang *et al.* [45] (2015) decomposed the plane waves under the framework of compressed sensing in the characteristic-wave imaging method. This decomposed method can sparsely express the seismic data [46]. Liu *et al.* [47] (2015) further studied this characteristic-wave prestack depth migration and extended it to be an anisotropic medium imaging method. Sun *et al.* [48] (2018) incorporated compressive sensing technique into KBM to improve its imaging ability.

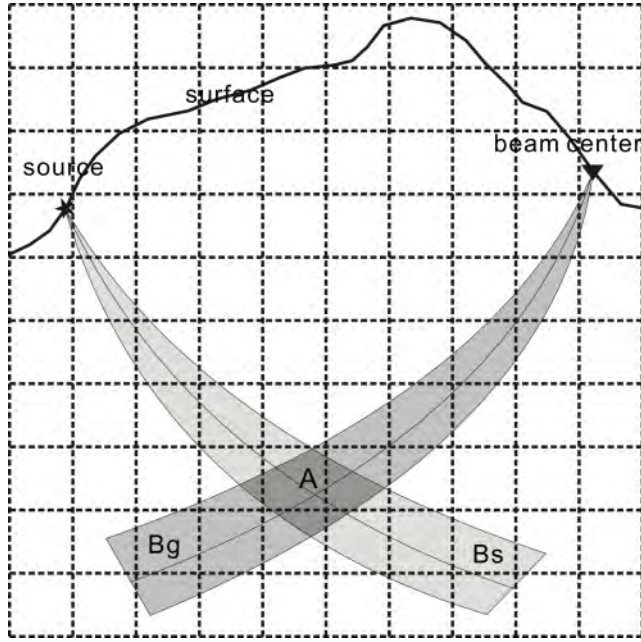
Beam propagator’s effect to the imaging method received more and more attention in recent years. Conventional GBM adopted Gaussian beam [49] as its propagator, whose geometry is determined by dynamic ray-tracing parameters. If the initial beam width is small, the beam width will increase rapidly along with ray propagation. Employing the stationary-phase approximation to integral of Kirchhoff migration’s imaging formula, Sun and Schuster [50] (2001) succeed in controlling the imaging region and obtaining more clearer migration images. Nowack [51] (2008) used focused Gaussian beam in GBM, which actually is a transformed Gaussian beam. Focused Gaussian beam can flexibly control the narrowest part of the beam to occur at the target location. Nowack [52] (2011) further studied the focused Gaussian beam and transformed it to a dynamic focused beam and proposed a dynamically focused Gaussian beam migration algorithm. The dynamic focused beam can control beam width along all the ray path. Yang *et al.* [53] (2015) introduced also studied the dynamically focused Gaussian beam migration and extended it to a true-amplitude seismic imaging method. Analogous to focused beam, laser beam also can control the geometry of the beam and was respectively applied to viscoelastic medium beam migration [54] and anisotropic medium beam migration [55]. Huang *et al.* [56] (2015) adopted Fresnel beam to control the shape of the beam by combining the concept of Fresnel zone with the wave field approximation theory. A common-shot Fresnel beam migration method was presented and extended to suit for the complex topography.

This paper studies the KBM under irregular topography. Two improvements are made to improve the imaging ability of KBM. Key steps of CS-KDFBM including imaging principle, local plane-wave decomposition method and dynamic focused beam propagator will be stated in the next part. Marmousi model and Canadian Foothills model will be employed to test the new method.

## II. METHODS

The common-shot migration formula of KBM can be summarized as [27]:

$$I_s(x) = \sum_{L_r} \int dp_s \int dp_r A \cdot D_s(L, p', \tau') \quad (1)$$



**FIGURE 1.** Schematic diagram of the imaging region, Bs represents the beam emitted from the source, Bg represents the beam emitted from beam center, the overlap region A is the computational area. Time shift calculation under complex topographic condition, asterisk represents beam center; inverted triangle represents receiver.

Where  $x$  is the imaging node;  $I_s$  is the migration result of single shot;  $L_r$  is the window;  $p_s$  is the slowness of rays emitted from the source;  $p_r$  is the slowness of rays emitted from the beam centers;  $A$  is the weight function;  $p'$  is the local plane waves decomposed from the original seismic data. The imaging conditions of the migration formula are:

$$\tau' = t_s + t_g \quad (2)$$

$$p' = p_r \quad (3)$$

Where  $t_s$  and  $t_g$  respectively denote traveltime from the target points to the source and beam center. The expression of the migration formula is an integral of the beams. Every pair of the beams will be migrated and only the overlap regions will be calculated (See Fig. 1).

### A. LOCAL PLANE WAVE DECOMPOSITION

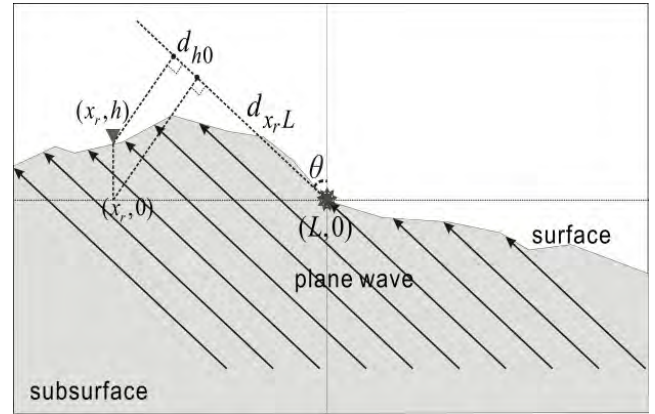
To image the subsurface nodes, it is required to decompose the seismic records into plane waves. Conventional beam migration methods employed linear radon transform (LRT) to finish this task.

The seismic records of every window need to be decomposed into plane waves in KBM. The expressions of seismic record  $D(\omega)$  and plane-wave result  $P(\omega)$  are:

$$D(\omega) = [x_1(\omega), x_2(\omega), \dots, x_{nx}(\omega)]^T \quad (4)$$

$$P(\omega) = [p_1(\omega), p_2(\omega), \dots, p_{np}(\omega)]^T \quad (5)$$

where,  $nx$  is the number of traces;  $np$  is the number of slowness samples;  $x_1(\omega) \sim x_{nx}(\omega)$  is the records;  $p_1(\omega) \sim p_{np}(\omega)$



**FIGURE 2.** Time shift calculation under complex topographic condition, asterisk represents beam center; inverted triangle represents receiver.

is the plane wave data. In CS-LRT, the minimized target function is established as:

$$J = \|D(\omega) - L(\omega)P(\omega)\|^2 + \|W_P(\omega)P(\omega)\|^2 \quad (6)$$

where,  $W_P(\omega)$  is the space weighted matrix,  $L(\omega)$  is the operator matrix. Set  $P(\omega)$  to 0 and we can obtain the solution:

$$P(\omega) = [L^H(\omega)L(\omega) + W_P^{-1}(\omega)]^{-1}L^H(\omega)D(\omega) \quad (7)$$

The plane-wave decomposition is expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \|P(\omega)\|_0^0, \\ S.T. & \|D(\omega) - L(\omega)P(\omega)\|_2^2 < \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where,  $\varepsilon$  is the noise of the target data. Then we can obtain the high-quality plane-wave data by employing the CS-LRT.

Decomposing the seismic data under irregular topography is different from that of horizontal surface. In this case, not only the horizontal distance between receiver and beam center but also their difference of height has effect on the time shift in CS-LRT. The way to calculate the time shift under irregular topography is shown below.

In Fig.2, the height of beam center is marked as 0 and the horizontal location of beam center is  $L$ . The receiver has a height of  $h$  and a horizontal location of  $x_r$ . The slowness of plane waves at beam center is  $p_L$ . Time shift of the receiver is described as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\tau &= \frac{d_{x_rL} + d_{h0}}{V_{(L,0)}} = \frac{(x_r - L) * \sin\theta + h * \cos\theta}{V_{(L,0)}} \\ &= p_{Lx}(x_r - L) + p_{Lz}h \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Where  $p_{Lx}$  and  $p_{Lz}$  are, respectively, the horizontal and vertical component of slowness.

### B. BEAM PROPAGATOR

The final image of KBM is acquired by adding the imaging result of all pairs of beams together. Beam propagator can influence the imaging ability of beam migration from the aspects of imaging accuracy and computational efficiency.

Dynamic focused beam is essentially the special form of Gaussian beam, whose theoretical basis is the high frequency approximate solution of the wave equation:

$$u(s, n, \omega) = \sqrt{\frac{V(s)}{Q(s)}} \exp \left\{ i\omega\tau(s) + \frac{i\omega}{2} \frac{P(s)}{Q(s)} n^2 \right\} \quad (10)$$

where,  $s$  and  $n$  are the ray-centered coordinates;  $\omega$  is the frequency;  $u$  is the value of wave field;  $V$  is the velocity;  $\tau(s)$  is the traveltime along the central ray;  $P(s)$  and  $Q(s)$  are dynamic ray parameters, which are obtained by solving the dynamic ray equations [57]:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{d\tau} \mathbf{Q} = v^2 \mathbf{P} \\ \frac{d}{d\tau} \mathbf{P} = v^{-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{Q} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

$\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are all  $2 \times 2$  matrices. To ensure (13) is the expression of Gaussian beam, two conditions need to be satisfied: one is that the value of dynamic ray parameters must be complex and another is  $\text{Im}(\mathbf{P}/\mathbf{Q})$  should be greater than zero. In this case, the solutions of wave equation can concentrate close to the central ray. Normally, two methods including the direct method and indirect methods were adopted to solve the dynamic ray tracing systems. The direct method solves the equations by using the appropriate complex initial value, which was adopted by conventional GBM [13], [16]. The indirect method first solves the equations to obtain real matrices, and then the real matrices are multiplied by the constant complex coefficient to acquire the complex results. Dynamic focused beam employs the indirect method to solve the dynamic ray tracing systems. The fundamental matrix of real solutions of (11) can be expressed as:

$$\pi(s) = \begin{pmatrix} q_1(s) & q_2(s) \\ p_1(s) & p_2(s) \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

The constant complex coefficients are  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ . Complex solutions of (11) are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} q(s) \\ p(s) \end{pmatrix} = \pi(s) \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 q_1(s) + z_2 q_2(s) \\ z_1 p_1(s) + z_2 p_2(s) \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

Introduce a new complex coefficient  $\varepsilon = z_1/z_2, p(s)/q(s)$  is

$$\frac{p(s)}{q(s)} = \frac{\varepsilon p_1(s) + p_2(s)}{\varepsilon q_1(s) + q_2(s)} \quad (14)$$

$\varepsilon$  is a constant in conventional Gaussian beam, while in dynamic focused beam,  $\varepsilon$  is a variable and can be expressed as:

$$\varepsilon(s) = \frac{-q_2(s) - i\omega_{ref} l^2(s) p_2(s)}{q_1(s) + i\omega_{ref} l^2(s) p_1(s)} \quad (15)$$

Where  $\omega_{ref}$  is the reference frequency. The expression of  $l(s)$  is

$$l(s) = \frac{2\pi v(s)}{\omega_{ref}} \quad (16)$$

Fig. 3 is the comparison diagram of beam geometry in Marmousi model. Fig. 3a and Fig. 3b are, respectively, the

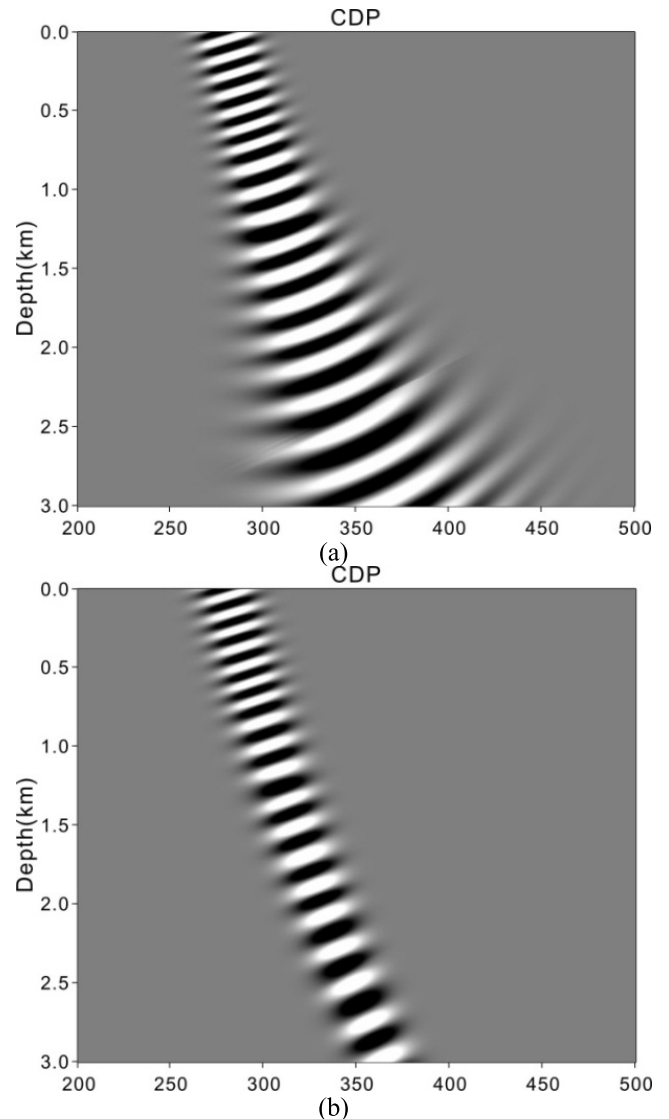


FIGURE 3. Comparison diagram of beam geometry in Marmousi model, (a) geometry of Gaussian beam, (b) geometry of dynamic focused beam.

geometry of Gaussian beam and dynamic focused beam. Both the two beams have the same start point at the location (3500 m, 4 m); the same launch direction of  $15^\circ$ ; the same frequency of 15 Hz; the same reference frequency of 10 Hz; and the same initial beam width of 200 m. It can be seen that the width of Gaussian beam increases rapidly with the ray propagating and the dynamic focused beam can control the beam width well. The reason is that Gaussian beam employed the constant  $\varepsilon$  in (14), as the beam travels, it will diverge and the beam width will also increase. Dynamic focused beam adopted a variable  $\varepsilon$  in (14), the amount of change in  $\varepsilon$  is to eliminate the change in beam width.

### C. TRAVELTIME CALCULATION

Traveltime is also an important seismic attribute information, which has great influence on migration imaging. The grid



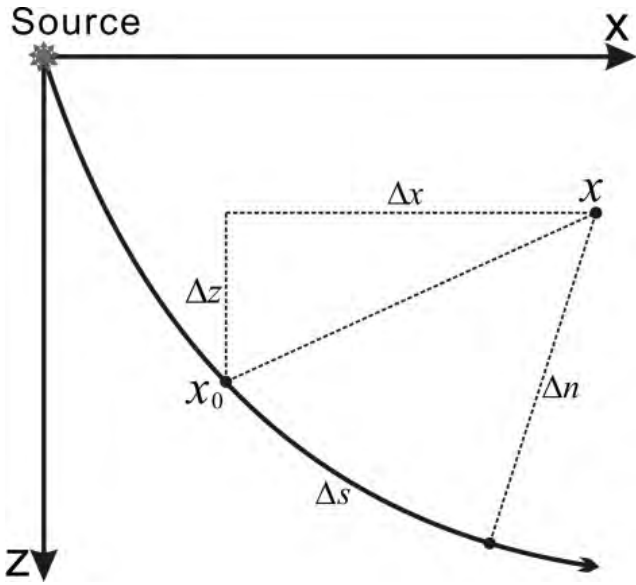


FIGURE 4. Schematic diagram of travelt ime extrapolation.

nodes' travelt ime within the beam is extrapolation from the information of their nearest discrete nodes in the central rays. Travelt ime calculation mainly consists of two main steps: central ray tracing and travel time extrapolation. These two steps are not affected by topographic surface during the calculation. So, this derivation is carried out under the horizontal surface.

As is shown in Fig. 4,  $x$  is the grid node within the beam;  $x_0$  is the discrete node, which is nearest to  $x$  in the central ray. The distance differences between the two points in Cartesian coordinates are  $\Delta x$  along the  $x$  direction and  $\Delta z$  along the  $z$  direction; in ray-centered coordinates are  $\Delta s$  along the ray path and  $\Delta n$  perpendicular from the ray path;  $T(x_0)$  and  $T(x)$  are, respectively, the travelt ime of  $x$  and  $x_0$ ; Taylor's approximation expression of  $T(x_0)$  is

$$T(x) \approx T(x_0) + T(x)' + \frac{1}{2}T(x)'' \quad (17)$$

The first and second derivatives of the  $T(x)$  in the ray-centered coordinates are respectively  $T(x)'$  and  $T(x)''$ . The expression of  $T(x)'$  is

$$\begin{aligned} T'(x) &= \left( \Delta x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \Delta z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) T \Big|_{T=T(s,n)} \\ &= \Delta x p_x + \Delta z p_z \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$p_x$  and  $p_z$  are the components of slowness in the  $x$  and  $z$  direction. The expression of  $T(x)''$  is

$$\begin{aligned} T''(x) &= \left( \Delta s \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \Delta n \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \right)^2 T \Big|_{T=T(s,n)} \\ &= \left\{ \Delta^2 s \left( -\frac{1}{v^2(s,n)} \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} \right) + 2\Delta s \Delta n \left( -\frac{1}{v^2(s,n)} \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Delta^2 n \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial n^2} \right\} \Big|_{T=T(s,n)} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Where  $v$  represents the velocity;  $\theta$  represents the ray direction; Consider the transformation between the Cartesian coordinates and the ray-centered coordinates

$$\begin{cases} \Delta s = \sin \theta \Delta x + \cos \theta \Delta z \\ \Delta n = \cos \theta \Delta x - \sin \theta \Delta z \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

(19) can be further expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} T''(x) &= \left\{ (\sin \theta \Delta x + \cos \theta \Delta z)^2 \right. \\ &\quad * \left( -\frac{1}{v^2(s,n)} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \sin \theta + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \cos \theta \right) \Big|_{v=v(s,n)} \right) \\ &\quad + 2(\sin \theta \Delta x + \cos \theta \Delta z)(\cos \theta \Delta x - \sin \theta \Delta z) \\ &\quad * \left( -\frac{1}{v^2(s,n)} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cos \theta - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \sin \theta \right) \Big|_{v=v(s,n)} \right) \\ &\quad \left. + (\cos \theta \Delta x - \sin \theta \Delta z)^2 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial n^2} \Big|_{T=T(s,n)} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Then, the travelt ime of  $x$  is

$$\begin{aligned} T(x) &= T(x + \Delta x, z + \Delta z) \\ &= T(x, z) + \Delta x p_x + \Delta z p_z \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 x \left( -p_x^2 \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \sin \theta + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \cos \theta \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2p_x p_z \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cos \theta - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \sin \theta \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + p_z^2 v^2(x, z) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial n^2} \right) \Big|_{T=T(x,z)} \\ &\quad + \Delta x \Delta z \left( p_x^2 \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cos \theta - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \sin \theta \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - p_x p_z \left( \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \sin \theta + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \cos \theta \right) + v^2(x, z) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial n^2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left( p_z^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cos \theta - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \sin \theta \right) \right) \Big|_{T=T(x,z)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 z \left( p_x^2 v^2(x, z) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial n^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2p_x p_z \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cos \theta - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \sin \theta \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - p_z^2 \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \sin \theta + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \cos \theta \right) \right) \Big|_{T=T(x,z)} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

#### D. AMPLITUDE CALCULATION

KBM is a beam prestack depth migration method focusing on obtaining high computational efficiency, whose requirements for amplitude information are not as accurate as other beam migration methods. The calculation principle of its weight function is relatively simple, namely, the closer to the central ray, the larger the weight function. The principle is selected based on two considerations. Firstly, the beam energy is attenuated from the central ray to the sides, and the closer to the central ray, the larger the amplitude; Second, grid nodes' travelt ime is calculated by the Taylor's approximation,

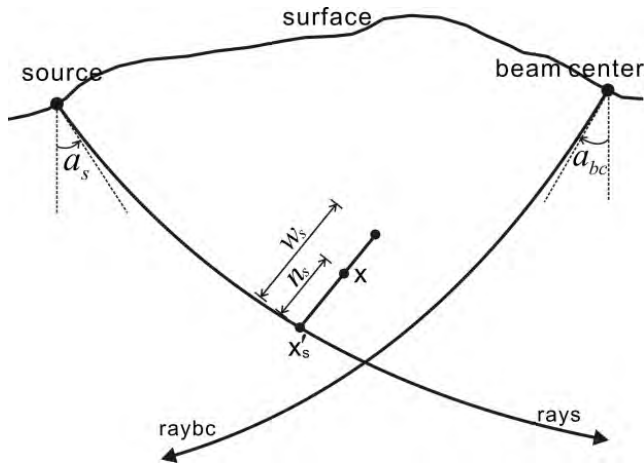


FIGURE 5. Schematic diagram of travelt ime extrapolation.

and the closer to the central ray, the smaller the relative error, the larger the weight function should be. In this paper, the weight function calculation method is based on the original method [26], which will be introduced first.

As is shown in Fig. 5, rays is the ray emitted from the source and the angle between its initial direction and the vertical direction is  $a_s$ ; raybc is the ray emitted from the beam center and the angle between its initial direction and the vertical direction is  $a_{bc}$ ; x is the imaging point and its projection point on rays is  $x'_s$ ; The distance between x and  $x'_s$  is  $n_s$ ; The width of rays at  $x'_s$  is  $w_s$ ; The distance between X and its projection point on raybc is  $n_{bc}$ ; The width of rays at the projection point of x is  $w_s$ ; The weight function of x can be described as:

$$A = \cos^2 \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} \left( n_s^2 w_s^{-2} + n_{bc}^2 w_{bc}^{-2} \right) \right] \cos [0.5 * (a_s - a_{bc})] \quad (23)$$

Adding the term  $\cos [0.5 * (a_s - a_{bc})]$  is to weaken the effect of wide-angle post-critical energy to the migration method.

In (23), the beam width corresponding to a certain point on the central ray can be calculated, which cannot be achieved in the calculation of dynamic focused beam. So this formula is not suitable for CS-KDFBM and we need to find new parameter to replace the distance parameter.

In the previous section, we introduce the travelt ime calculation method. The travelt ime obtained by using (22) is complex, whose imaginary part is related to the amplitude attenuation of the beam. The larger the absolute value of the imaginary part, the smaller the beam amplitude is. This parameter can also reflect the distance between the target and the central ray. We employ the imaginary part of travelt ime to replace the distance parameter in CS-KDFBM. Dynamic focused beam is realized by a recursive algorithm, in which a critical value of imaginary part of the travelt ime is defined. When the calculated value exceeds the critical value, the recursive operation will be stopped. This critical

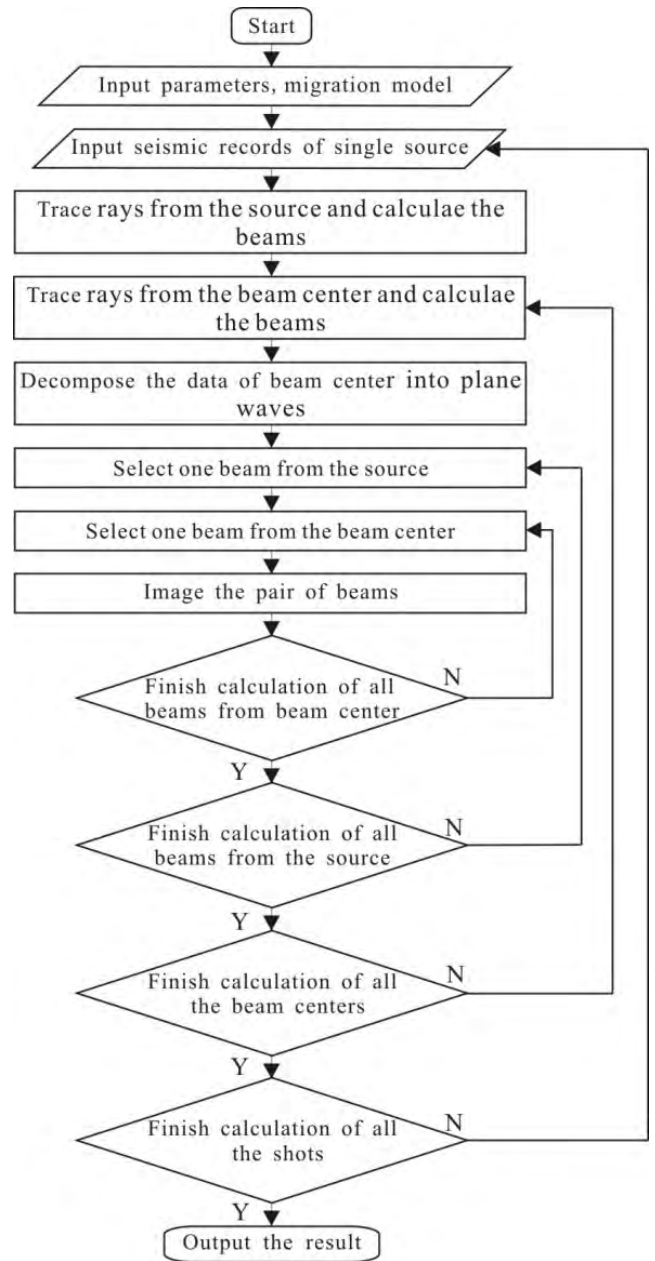


FIGURE 6. Implementing flow chart of CS-KDFBM.

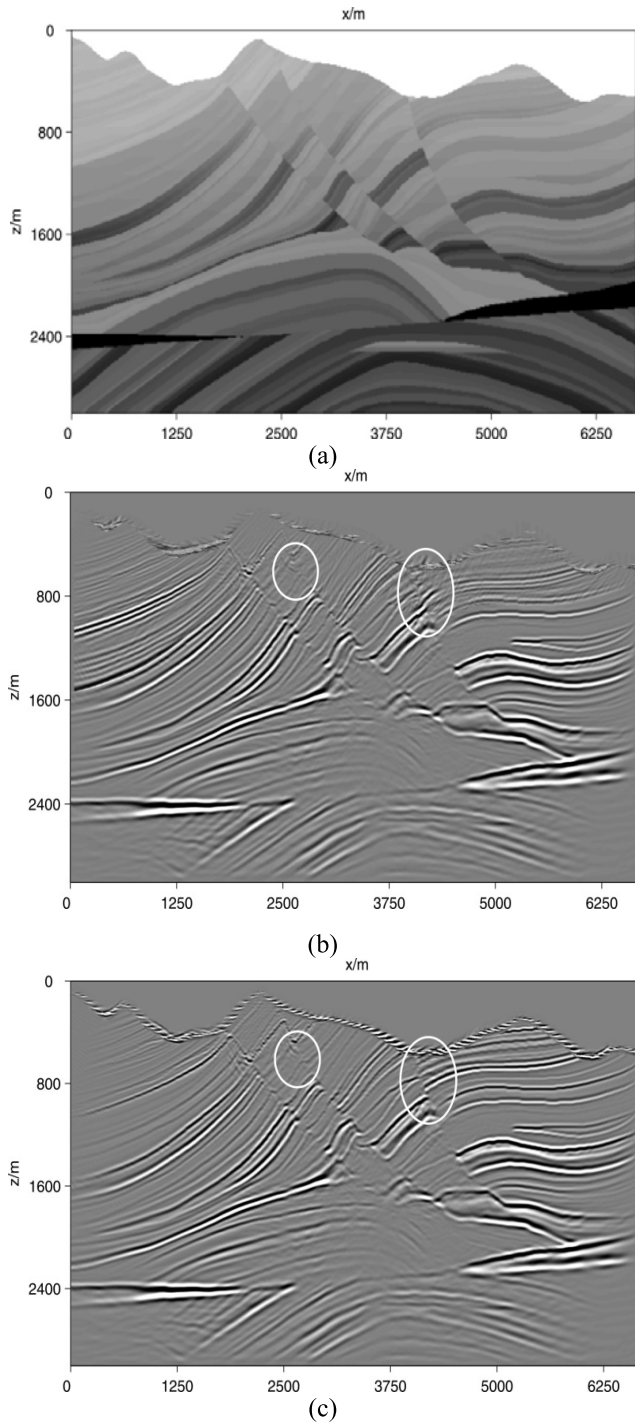
value is used to replace the beam width of the central ray. The new amplitude calculation formula in CS-KDFBM can be obtained by referring to (23)

$$A = \cos^2 \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \tau_{is}^2 \tau_{imax}^{-2} + \tau_{ibc}^2 \tau_{imax}^{-2} \right) \right] \cos [0.5 * (a_s - a_{bc})] \quad (24)$$

Where  $\tau_{is}$  is the imaginary part of travelt ime from rays;  $\tau_{ibc}$  is the imaginary part of travelt ime from raybc;  $\tau_{imax}$  is the defined critical value.

### E. PROCESSING FLOW

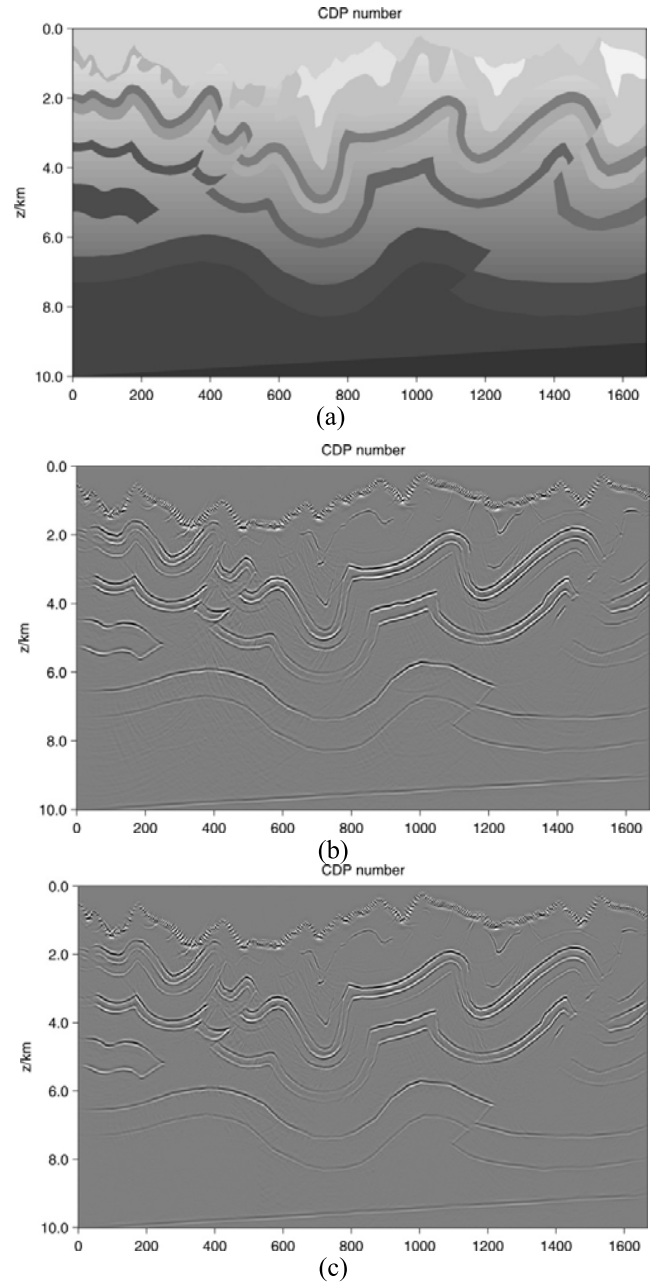
The calculation flow of CS-KDFBM is shown in Fig. 6:



**FIGURE 7.** Migration result of Marmousi model, (a) velocity of Marmousi model, (b) migration result of KBM, (c) migration result of CS-KDFBM.

**III. EXPERIMENTS AND ANALYSIS**

This part employs Marmousi model under topography and Canadian Foothills model to test the topographic CS-KDFBM. Marmousi model and Canadian Foothills model are both very complex models. They contain multiple faults, complex curved interfaces, and large anticlines. If the new method can get good experimental results on the two



**FIGURE 8.** Migration result of Canadian foothills model, (a) velocity of Canadian foothills model, (b) migration result of KBM, (c) migration result of CS-KDFBM.

model data sets, good experimental results also could be obtained for other simple models.

Fig. 7a is the Marmousi model under topography, whose model size is 737 in the x dimension and 750 in the z dimension; grid spacing is 12.5 m in the x dimension and 4 m in the z direction. The data set has 240 shots with a fixed shot interval of 90 m. Every shot consists of 101 traces and the receiver spacing is 25m. The sampling interval in the trace is 4 ms and the recording time is 3.2 s. The offset ranges from 0 m to 2500 m. Fig. 7b and Fig. 7c are respectively the imaging results of KBM and CS-KDFBM. The two methods



adopted the same migration parameters. The ray angles in beam migration could be chosen from  $-90^\circ$  to  $+90^\circ$ . However, it is not the larger the range of rays, the better. Too large the range of rays will bring more migration noise, which will affect the final imaging result. The ray angles in these two methods range from  $-50^\circ$  to  $+50^\circ$  [13], [26] with a ray quantity of 25 in every launch position.

It can be found that in the shallow part of the model, the image produced by CS-KDFBM has higher signal-noise ratio and reflects clearer geological structures, especially for the fault structures in the white circle. The reason for the differences is that dynamic focused beam can guarantee the coverage of the beam in the shallow part of the model.

Fig. 8a is the Canadian Foothills model, whose model size is 1668 in the x dimension and 1000 in the z dimension; grid spacing is 15 m in the x dimension and 10 m in the z direction. The data set has 277 shots with a fixed shot interval of 90 m. The number of traces of each shot ranges from 238 to 480 and the receiver spacing is 15 m. Every trace consists of 2000 sampling points with a sampling interval of 4 ms. The minimum and maximum offset are respectively 15 m and 3600 m. Fig. 8b and Fig. 8c are respectively the imaging results of KBM and CS-KDFBM. It can be found that CS-KDFBM produced a clearer image with less migration artifact. The reasons for the differences are that CS-LRT enhances the accuracy of the local plane decomposition and the dynamic focused beam propagator controls the beam width in the deep part of the model.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

This paper studies the Kirchhoff beam migration method under irregular topography. In order to solve the problems existing in local plane wave decomposition and beam propagator, CS-LRT and dynamic focused beam propagator are introduced into KBM. The new imaging method was successfully applied to complex models (Marmousi model and Canadian Foothills model), and could obtain better images compared to the original method. CS-LRT improves the accuracy of the acquired plane waves and the anti-noise ability of the imaging method. The dynamic focused beam propagator increases the coverage of the beam in the shallow layer of the model and helps to control the beam width.

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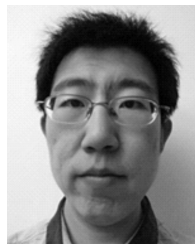
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