

# Off-the-Grid Low-Rank Matrix Recovery: Seismic Data Reconstruction

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- **Outcome:** frugal interpolation procedure tailored for large data sets.

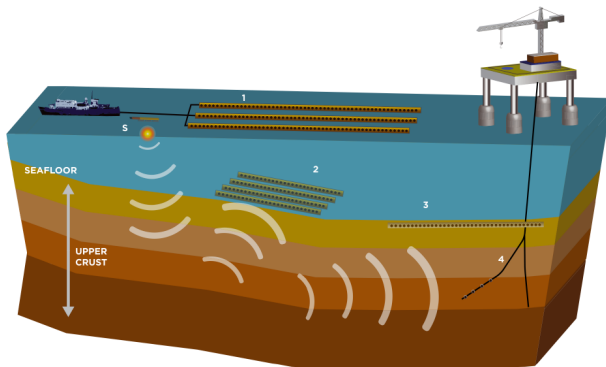
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# Seismic Data Interpolation

# Seismic Data Acquisition

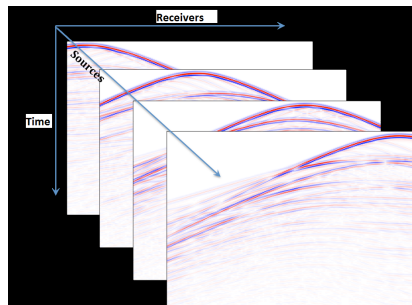
Sound waves are sent into the earth.  
Sensors record the strength and travel time of these waves through the layers in the earth's crust.



## 2D Seismic Data

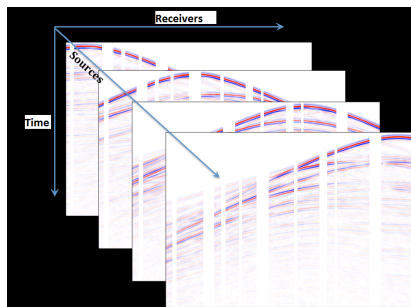
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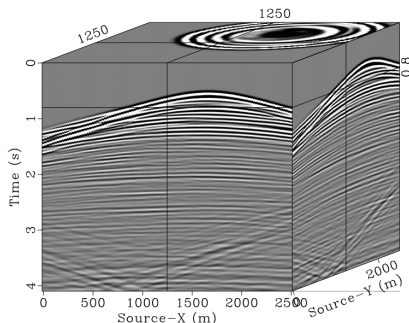
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# 3D Seismic Data

For a 3D image of the subsurface we obtain a 5D data set

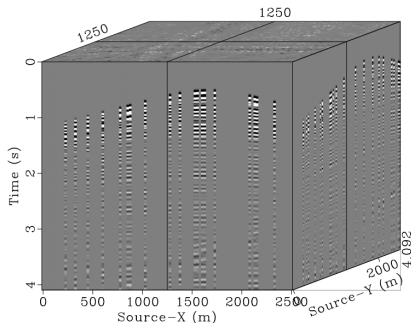
$$\mathcal{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_t \times n_{rx} \times n_{ry} \times n_{sx} \times n_{sy}}$$



Common Receiver Gather, fix (receiver-x, receiver-y)

## 3D Seismic Data

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Subsampled Common Receiver Gather



# Seismic Data Interpolation

Infer 3D velocity model from multi-experiment data:

- $\mathcal{O}(10^{15})$  datapoints
- Subsampled data needs to be interpolated for accurate results.
- Typical acquisition/sampling schemes reach a bottleneck in subsampling ratio.

**Need new methodology to lessen data deluge.**

# Low-Rank Matrix Recovery

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**Goal:** Recover matrix  $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  from  $k \ll nm$  noisy linear measurements

$$y_i = \langle M, \mathcal{A}_i \rangle + d_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

**measurement ensemble:**  $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \mapsto \mathbb{C}^k$

**noise model:**  $d \in \mathbb{C}^k, \|d\|_2 \leq \eta$

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**Key Assumption:**  $M$  has rank  $r \ll \min(n, m)$ , or can be well approximated by such a “low-rank” matrix.

# Low-Rank Matrix Recovery

Approximate matrix as  $M^\sharp$ , where

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This problem is NP-hard in general.

# Nuclear Norm Minimization

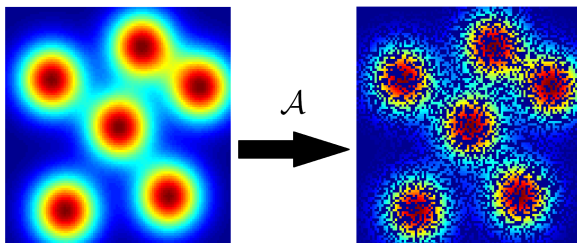
Instead, approximate rank by convex surrogate

$$M^\sharp := \arg \min_{X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}} \|X\|_* \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathcal{A}(X) - y\|_2 \leq \eta,$$

where  $\|X\|_* = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\min(n,m)} \sigma_\ell(X)$  denotes the nuclear norm of  $X$ .

## Example: Matrix Completion

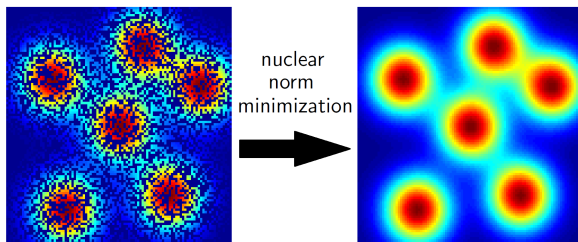
**Observations:** Subset of matrix entries





## Example: Matrix Completion

**Typical Results:** Can recover “incoherent” matrix from  $k \sim \mathcal{O}(nr \log^2(n))$  entries chosen randomly.



B. Recht [2011]. A Simpler Approach to Matrix Completion. *The Journal of Machine Learning Research*.

# Low-Rank Matrix Recovery

Can consider the seismic data interpolation problem as an instance of matrix completion.

Potential reduction in the number of measurements required in acquisition (proportional to rank  $r \ll \min(n_s, n_r)$ ).

# Challenges

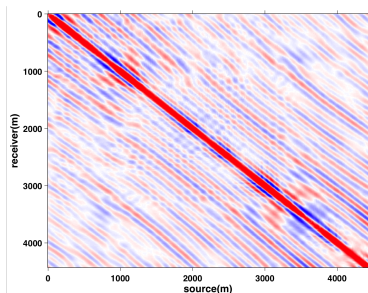
# Challenge 1 - Low-Rank Structure of Seismic Data

Simply considering standard seismic data volumes does not immediately yield low-rank structure.

Need to find transform domain where seismic data matrix exhibits quickly decaying singular values.

# Acquisition Domain

Apply Fourier transform along the time axis, consider a monochromatic frequency slice:  $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n_s \times n_r}$

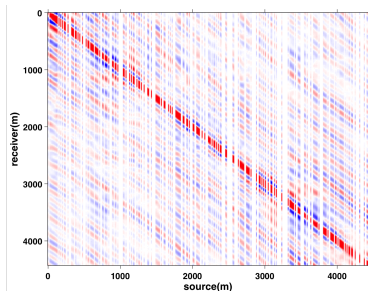


**Not “low-rank”** due to strong diagonal energy.

# Acquisition Domain

Subsampled data:

$$\mathcal{A}(M) \in \mathbb{C}^{n_s \times n_r}$$



Missing sources (and/or receivers) can only **decrease rank**.

# Midpoint-Offset Domain

**Midpoint-offset coordinates:**

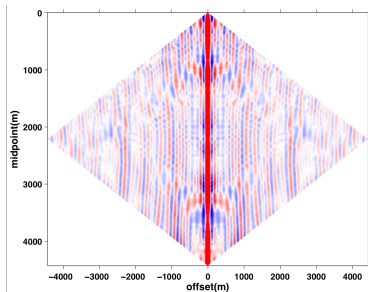
$$\text{midpt} = \frac{s+r}{2}, \text{offset} = \frac{s-r}{2}$$

**Midpoint-offset domain transform operator:**

$$\mathcal{M} : \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \mapsto \mathbb{C}^{n_{\text{mid}} \times m_{\text{off}}}$$

# Midpoint-Offset Domain

Matrix in transform domain:  $\mathcal{M}(M) \in \mathbb{C}^{n_{mid} \times m_{off}}$

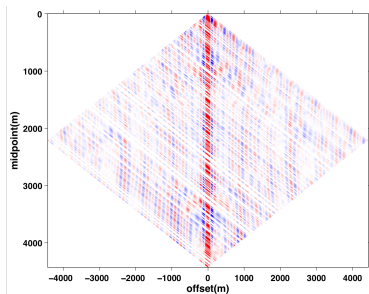


Exhibits **“low-rank” structure**, due to source-receiver reciprocity and vertical alignment of wavefronts.



# Acquisition Domain

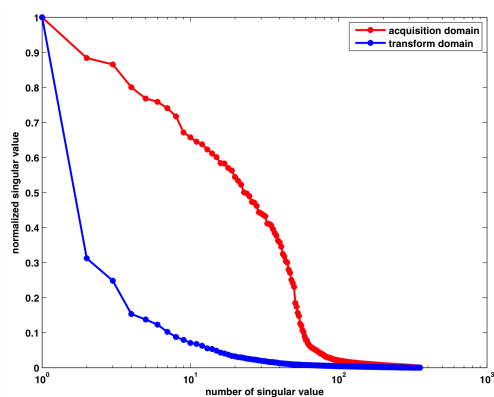
Subsampled matrix in transform domain:  $\mathcal{MA}(M) \in \mathbb{C}^{n_s \times n_r}$



Missing sources (and/or receivers) correspond to missing diagonals, which **do** affect the low-rank structure.

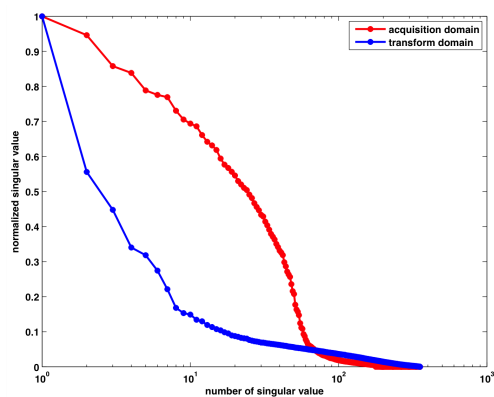
# Low-Rank Structure Of Seismic Data

Decay of singular values of **fully sampled** matrices



# Low-Rank Structure Of Seismic Data

Decay of singular values of **subsampled** matrices



# Low-Rank Structure of Seismic data

Quickly decaying singular values in transform domain (i.e., “low-rank structure”). Missing entries affect the low-rank structure.

Interpolate sequentially along the frequency axis in transform domain.

## Challenge 2 - Big Data

Methods for nuclear norm minimization require SVD computations at each iteration (e.g., singular value projection and singular value thresholding).

Such computations are prohibitively expensive for large matrices:

$$M \in \mathbb{C}^{4000 \times 4000}.$$

# Factorization Approach

The diagram shows the factorization of a matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  into the product of two matrices,  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  and  $R^* \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$ . The matrix  $M$  is represented by a large square box. The matrix  $L$  is represented by a tall, narrow rectangle. The matrix  $R^*$  is represented by a wide, short rectangle. The equation is shown as  $M = L \times R^*$ , with the matrices enclosed in their respective boxes and the multiplication symbol  $\times$  between them.

$$M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} = L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \times R^* \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$$

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# Factorization Approach

$$M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} = L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \times R^* \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$$

Choose factorization parameter  $r \ll \min(n, m)$

$$M = LR^*$$

# LR-BPDN

Since

$$\|M\|_* = \min_{M=LR^*} \frac{1}{2} (\|L\|_F^2 + \|R\|_F^2)$$

N. Srebro, et al. [2005]. Maximum-Margin Matrix Factorization. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*.

we can instead solve

$$\min_{L \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times r}, R \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}} \frac{1}{2} (\|L\|_F^2 + \|R\|_F^2) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathcal{A}(LR^*) - y\|_2 \leq \eta,$$



# LR-BPDN

- Reduced memory requirements from  $nm$  to  $nr + mr$ .
- No SVD computations.
- Many existing methods to handle bi-convex optimization.

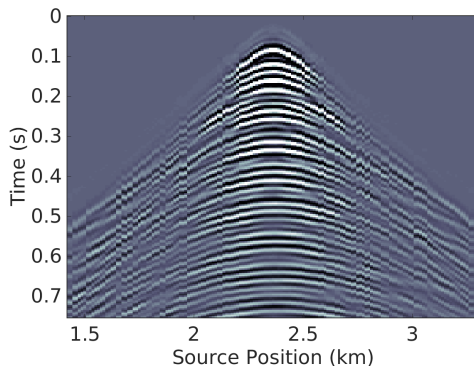
## Challenge 3 - Sampling Off-the-Grid

Due to fallible physical conditions in seismic surveys, sources and receivers are often deviated from a regularly spaced sampling grid.

Such irregular data matrices are less fit for the low-rank model, and therefore subject to degraded reconstruction.

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Irregular common receiver gather: deviated source positions



# Regularization Operator

Introduce regularization operator: simulates effect of unstructured grid

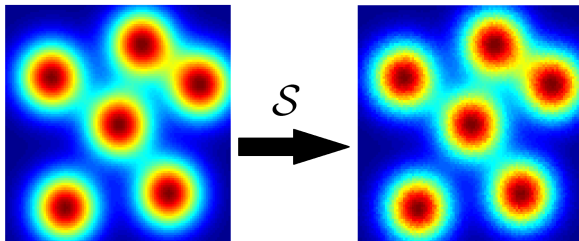
$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{N}\mathcal{F}^* : \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \mapsto \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$$

$\mathcal{F}$  is a 2D fast Fourier transform

$\mathcal{N}$  is 2D non-uniform fast Fourier transform, whose frequencies are chosen according to known sampling locations

# Regularization Operator

Regularization operator maps regular data to irregular data



Improved measurement model,  $y = \mathcal{A}\mathcal{S}(M)$

# Regularization Operator

- Accurate for Lipschitz continuous signals. Error bound,  $\epsilon$ , depends on Lipschitz constant,  $n, m$  and extent of grid deviations.
- $\mathcal{AS}$  preserves restricted isometry constant of subgaussian measurement operators,  $\mathcal{A}$ .

# Restricted Isometry Constant

## Definition

For a linear map  $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \mapsto \mathbb{C}^k$  and  $r \leq \min\{n, m\}$ , the rank- $r$  restricted isometry constant  $\delta_r(\mathcal{A})$  is defined to be the smallest  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that

$$(1 - \delta)\|X\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathcal{A}(X)\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \delta)\|X\|_F^2$$

for all  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  of rank at most  $r$ .

# Restricted Isometry Constant: $\mathcal{AS}$

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a normalized subgaussian measurement map with  $\max_{p,k,\ell} \|\mathcal{A}(p,k,\ell)\|_{\psi_2} = K$ . Define  $\mathcal{S}$  according to randomly perturbed sampling locations, i.i.d. with any distribution.

Then for any  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \gamma < \frac{1}{2}$  and rank  $r$  matrix,  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ ,

$$\left(1 - \frac{\delta}{1 - 2\gamma}\right) \|X\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathcal{AS}(X)\|_2^2 \leq \left(1 + \frac{\delta}{1 - 2\gamma}\right) \|X\|_F^2$$

with probability at least  $1 - \tau$  provided that

$$N \geq \frac{4K^4}{\bar{c}\delta^2} \left( r(m+n+1) \log \left( 1 + \frac{6}{\gamma} \right) + \log(2\tau^{-1}) \right),$$

where  $\bar{c} > 0$  is an absolute constant.



# Final Product

$$(L^\sharp, R^\sharp) := \arg \min_{L \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times r}, R \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}} \frac{1}{2} (\|L\|_F^2 + \|R\|_F^2)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \|\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M}^*(LR^*) - y\|_2 \leq \eta + \epsilon,$$

$$M^\sharp = \mathcal{M}^*(L^\sharp R^{\sharp*})$$

# Nuclear Norm Minimization

## Theorem

Let  $M^\#$  be the solution of the nuclear norm minimization problem.  
 If

$$\delta_{2r}(\mathcal{AS}) < \frac{4}{\sqrt{41}}$$

then we have

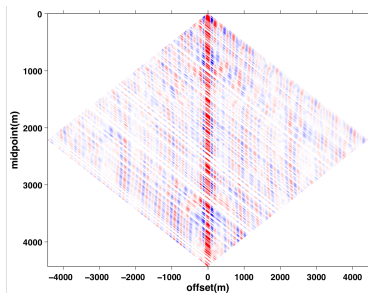
$$\|M - M^\#\|_F \leq \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{\ell=r+1}^{\min\{n,m\}} \sigma_\ell(\mathcal{M}(M)) + c_2\eta + c_3\epsilon,$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3 > 0$  are constants depending only on  $\delta_{2r}(\mathcal{A})$ .

# Experiments

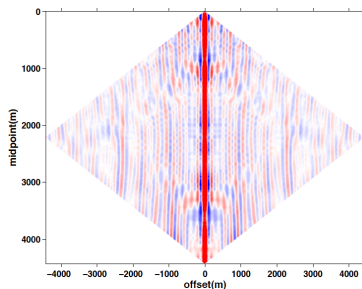
## 10 Hz frequency slice - $354 \times 354$ matrix

75% randomly missing sources  
subsampled data in transform domain



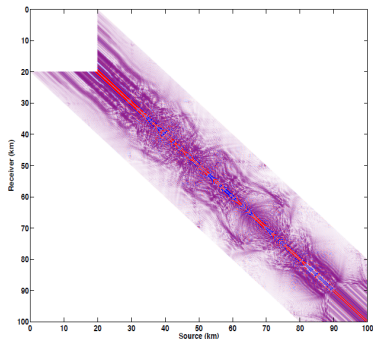
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transform domain recovery  
SNR = 18.5 dB



# Synthetic, Gulf of Mexico

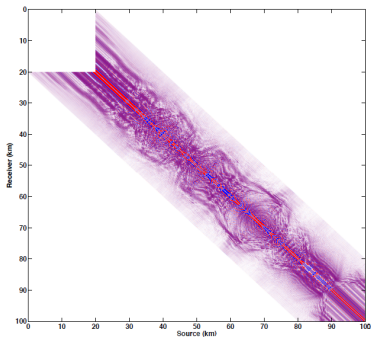
$4001 \times 4001$  matrix, at 7 Hz



Recover from 80% randomly missing sources

# Synthetic, Gulf of Mexico

Recovery, SNR = 14.2 dB

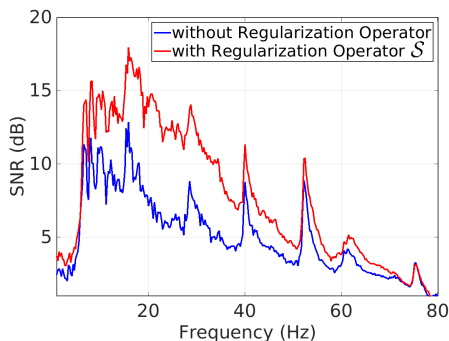


time = 20 minutes

# Gulf of Suez Irregular Data Cube

$$\mathcal{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{1024 \times 354 \times 354}$$

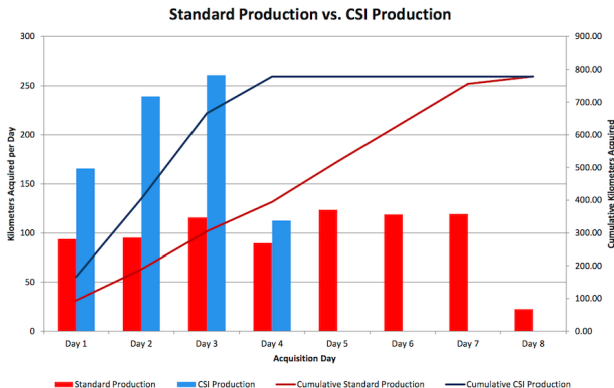
Compare recovery with vs without regularization operator,  $\mathcal{S}$ .





# Compressive Sensing in the field

ConocoPhilips successfully applied CS in land and marine settings



Thanks to Chuck Mosher.

## Conclusions and On-Going work

Seismic data exhibits low-rank structure that can be exploited.

Bi-convex optimization seems to get the job done.

### On-Going Work:

- How do we choose factorization parameter,  $r$ ?
- How should we subsample in a practical maner?
- 3D data. Matricize or deal with tensor?
- Alternate optimization over matrix factors.
- What if deviated source/receiver positions are not known?

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