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Beating Nyquist by randomized sampling

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Relation to existing work

- filter-based methods [Spitz'91, Fomel'00]
 - convolve the incomplete data with a data-adaptive interpolating filter
- wavefield-operator-based methods [Canning and Gardner'96, Biondi et al.'98, Stolt'02]
 - explicitly include wave propagation
 - require knowledge of velocity model
 - computationally intensive
- transform-based methods [Sacchi et al.'98, Trad et al.'03, Zwartjes and Sacchi'07]
 - non-adaptive and fast
 - no explicit link with wave propagation
 - related to recent developments in Compressive Sensing (CS)

Motivation

• Seismic data processing, modeling & inversion:

- firmly rooted in Nyquist's sampling paradigm for high-dimensional wavefields
- too pessimistic for signals with structure, i.e, there exists some sparsifying transform (e.g. Fourier, curvelets)

Recent theoretical & hardware developments

- Alternative multiscale, localized & directional transform domains that compress seismic data
- New nonlinear sampling theory that supersedes the overly pessimistic Nyquist sampling criterion
- New autonomous data acquisition devices that allow for more flexibility during acquisition
- New simultaneous & continuous recording

Extensions to higher-D through blue-noise sampling

Motivation cont'd

• Solution strategy:

- leverage new paradigm of compressive sensing (CS)
 - identify wavefield reconstruction from missing sources & receivers or from simultaneous acquisition as instances of CS
 - reduce acquisition, simulation, and inversion costs by *randomization* and deliberate *subsampling*
- recovery from sample rates ≈ computational cost proportional to transformdomain sparsity of data or model
- Remove the "curse of dimensionality" by removing constructive aliases/interferences
 - breaking the *periodicity of regular sampling*
 - using *incoherent sources*
- Turn problem into a "simple" denoising problem
 - use blue-noise sampling techniques from computer graphics community

Problem statement

Consider the following (severely) underdetermined system of linear equations



Is it possible to recover \mathbf{x}_0 accurately from \mathbf{y} ?

Perfect recovery



- conditions
 - A obeys the uniform uncertainty principle
 - randomized A <=> mutual incoherence
 - **x**₀ is **sufficiently sparse**
- *nonlinear* recovery procedure:



- performance
 - S-sparse vectors recovered from roughly on the order of S measurements (to within constant and log factors)

[Candès et al. '06] [Donoho'06]

Simple example



NAIVE sparsity-promoting recovery



Undersampling "noise"

- "noise"
 - due to $\mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{A} \neq \mathbf{I}$
 - defined by $\mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{0}$ - $\alpha\mathbf{x}_{0} = \mathbf{A}^{H}\mathbf{y}$ - $\alpha\mathbf{x}_{0}$



Wavefield sampling and nonlinear recovery

sparsifying transform

- typically localized in the time-space domain to handle the complexity of seismic data
 - curvelet transform (dyadic-parabolic partition of the f-k domain)
 - [windowed Fourier transform]

sampling scheme

- generates incoherent random undersampling "noise" in the sparsifying domain
- do not create large gaps
 - because of the limited spatiotemporal extend of transform elements used for the reconstruction
- sparsity-promoting solver
 - requires few matrix-vector multiplications

2D discrete curvelets



Fourier reconstruction



1 % of coefficients

Wavelet reconstruction



1 % of coefficients

Curvelet reconstruction



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Localized transform elements & gap size



Discrete randomized jittered undersampling



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[Hennenfent and FJH '08]

Model



Random 3-fold undersampling



CRSI from random 3-fold undersampling



 $\frac{\|\text{model}\|_2}{|\text{reconstruction error}\|_2}$

 $SNR = 20 \times \log_{10}$

Optimally-jittered 3-fold undersampling



CRSI from opt.-jittered 3-fold undersampling



Question

- Question: What is better? Having missing single-source or missing randomized simultaneous experiments?
- Comparison between different undersampling strategies for source experiments:
 - Randomized jittered shot positions
 - *Randomized* simultaneous shots

















Regular vs uniform randomized 2D sampling



CRSI reconstruction from regular 2-D sampling (25% of data taken) SNR: 4.161 dB CRSI reconstruction from randomized 2-D sampling (25% of data taken) SNR: 9.979 dB



Regular vs randomized sampling - residuals



Regular vs. irregular sampling - freq. domain



Original model





Original model spectrum



Reg. undersampled spectrum Irreg. undersampled spectrum Seismic Laboratory for Imaging and Modeling

2-D discrete random *jittered* sampling



2-D discrete random jittered subsampling

• Cartesian & hexagonal jittered reconstructions almost the same.



CRSI Recovery (Cartesian) SNR = 10.820 CRSI Recovery (Hexagonal) SNR = 10.904

2-D discrete jittered subsampling



CRSI Residual (Cartesian) SNR = 10.820

CRSI Residual (Hexagonal) SNR = 10.904

Blue-noise spectra from 2D sampling methods



Spectra become increasingly "blue"

Randomized 2D uniform vs jittered



Randomized 2D uniform vs jittered - reconstruction



Randomized 2D uniform vs jittered - residues



Farthest point vs Poisson disk - reconstruction



Farthest point vs Poisson disk - residual



Observation & extensions

- Findings from 1D jittered sampling extend to higher dimensions
 - randomized is better than regular subsampling
 - Cartesian versus hexagonal sampling are equivalent for optimal jittered sampling
 - Furthest point and Poisson sampling lead to similar results
- Gap-size control
 - jittered sampling gives explicit control max distance between adjacent samples
 - farthest point and Poisson disk also have bounds but not explicit

• Future extensions

- variable density sampling
- ungridded
- exploring symmetry (e.g. reciprocity)

Conclusions

• **Randomization** is essential for recovery from incomplete data

Good randomized sampling

- with blue-noise characteristics give good curvelet recovery
- with simultaneous sources gives excellent curvelet recovery

Randomization leads to

- "acquisition" of *smaller* data volumes that carry the *same information* or
- to *improved* inferences from data using the same resources

Bottom line: acquisition costs are no longer determined by the size of the discretization but by transform-domain sparsity of the sampled wavefield ...

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