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Motivation

Curse of dimensionality for d>2

- Exponentially increasing data volumes
- Helmholtz requires implicit solvers to address bandwidth
- Computational complexity grows linearly with # RHS's
- Makes computation of the misfit functional & gradients prohibitively expensive



Wish list

An inversion technology that

- is based on a time-harmonic PDE solver, which is easily parallelizable, and scalable to 3D
- does not require multiple passes over all data
- removes the linearly increasing costs of implicit solvers for increasing numbers of frequencies & RHS's



Key technologies

Simultaneous sources & phase encoding

[Beasley, '98, Berkhout, '08]

[Morton, '98, Romero, '00]

supershots [Krebs et.al., '09, Operto et. al., '09, FJH et.al., '08-10']

Stochastic optimization & machine learning [Bertsekas, '96]

• stochastic gradient decent/stochastic approximation [Nemirovski, '09]

Compressive sensing [Candès et.al, Donoho, '06]

• sparse recovery & randomized subsampling

FWI formulation

Multiexperiment unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}\in\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{D} - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}; \mathbf{Q}]\|_{2,2}^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}; \mathbf{Q}] := \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^{-1}[\mathbf{m}]\mathbf{Q}$$

- requires large number of PDE solves
- linear in the sources
- apply randomized dimensionality reduction

Reduced FWI formulation

Multiexperiment unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}\in\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{\underline{D}} - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m};\mathbf{\underline{Q}}]\|_{2,2}^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m};\mathbf{\underline{Q}}] := \mathbf{P}\mathbf{\underline{H}}^{-1}\mathbf{\underline{Q}}$$

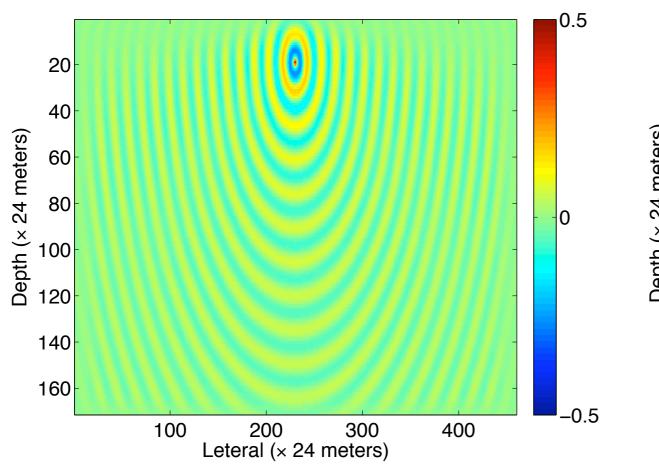
- requires smaller number of PDE solves
- explores linearity in the sources & block-diagonal structure of the Helmholtz system
- uses randomized frequency selection and phase encoding

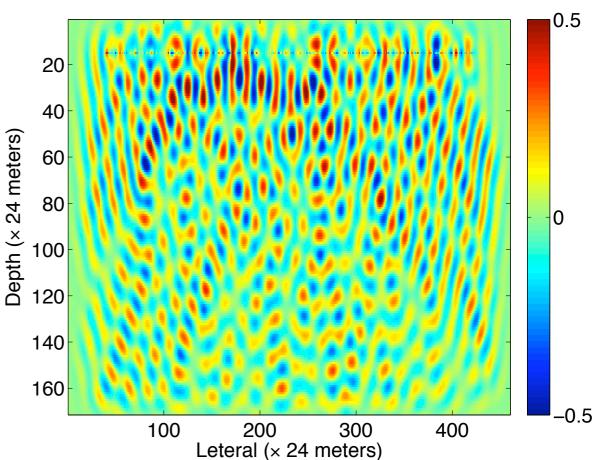


Simultaneous shot at 5 Hz

Sequential-source wavefield

Simultaneous-source wavefield





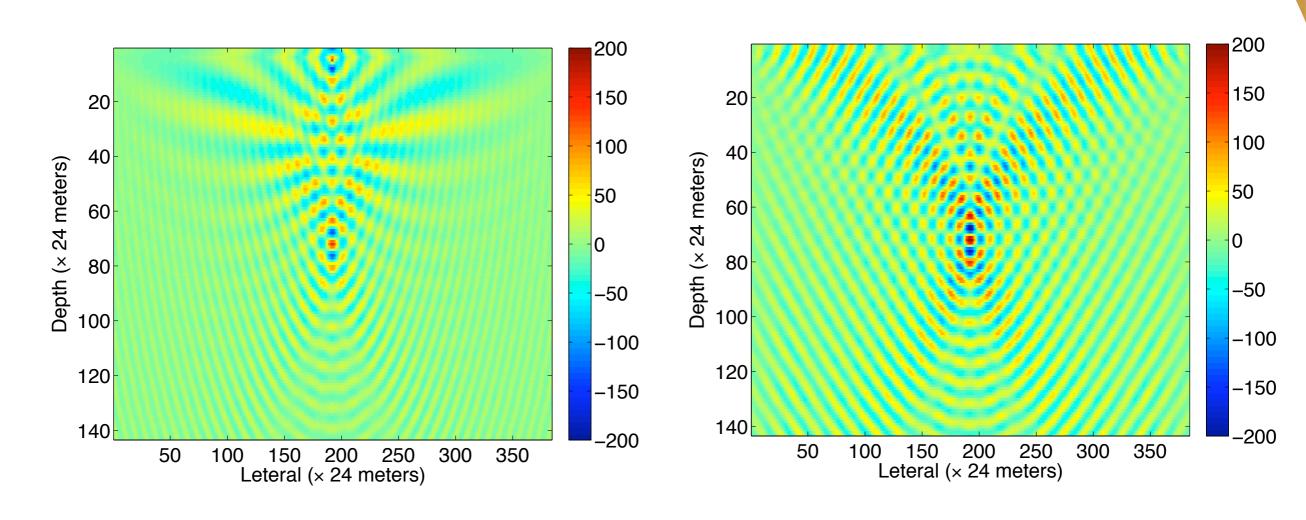
[Morton, '98, Romero, '00]



lmage at 5Hz

Sequential-source image

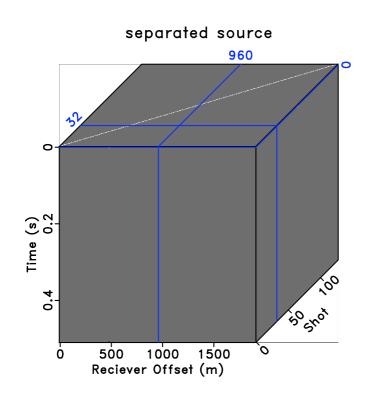


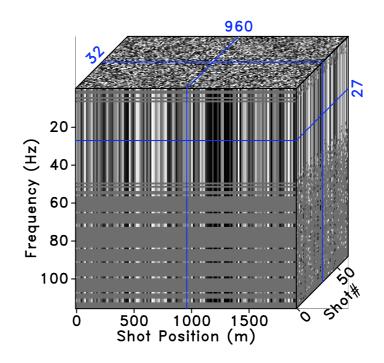


[Morton, '98, Romero, '00]

Batch/mini experiment

adapted from FJH et. al.,09





Q

$$Q = RMQ$$

Collection of K simultaneous-source experiments with batch size $K \ll n_f \times n_s$

Observations

Increased wavenumber content leads to improved image

Severe subsampling leads to interferences (source crosstalk and aliases)

Increasing the *number* of frequencies & simultaneous sources reduces *incoherent* interference *noise*

Is there something more we can say...



Interpretations

Consider randomized dimensionality reduction as instances of

- stochastic optimization & machine learning (today's talk)
- compressive sensing [FJH et. al, '08-'10] (tomorrow's talk by Xiang Li, 10:35 am, Room 405/406)

Stochastic optimization

Replace deterministic-optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{M}} f(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{d}_i - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}; \mathbf{q}_i]\|_2^2$$

with sum cycling over different sources & corresponding shot records (columns of D & Q)

[Natterer, '01]

Stochastic average approximation [Haber, Chung, and FJH, '10]

by a stochastic-optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{w}} \{ f(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \| \mathbf{D} \mathbf{w} - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}; \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{w}] \|_{2}^{2} \}
\approx \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^{K} \frac{1}{2} \| \underline{\mathbf{d}}_{j} - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}; \underline{\mathbf{q}}_{j}] \|_{2}^{2}$$

with
$$\mathbf{w} \in N(0,1)$$
 and $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{w}}\{\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^H\} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\underline{\mathbf{d}}_j = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{w}_j, \, \underline{\mathbf{q}}_j = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{w}_j$

FWI with phase encoding

Multiexperiment unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}\in\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{\underline{D}} - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m};\mathbf{\underline{Q}}]\|_{2,2}^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m};\mathbf{\underline{Q}}] := \mathbf{P}\underline{\mathbf{H}}^{-1}\mathbf{\underline{Q}}$$

- requires smaller number of PDE solves
- exploits linearity in the sources & block-diagonal structure of the Helmholtz system
- uses randomized frequency selection and phase encoding

[Krebs et.al., '09, Operto et. al., '09; FJH et. al. '08-'10]

Stochastic average approximation

In the limit $K \to \infty$, stochastic & deterministic formulations are identical

We gain as long as $K \ll N \dots$

Since the error in Monte-Carlo methods decays only slowly $(\mathcal{O}(K^{-1/2}))$

this approach may be problematic...

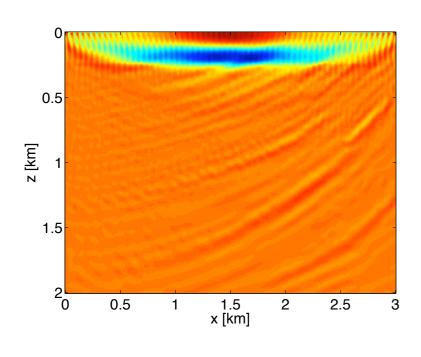
However, the location for the minimum of the misfit may be relatively robust...

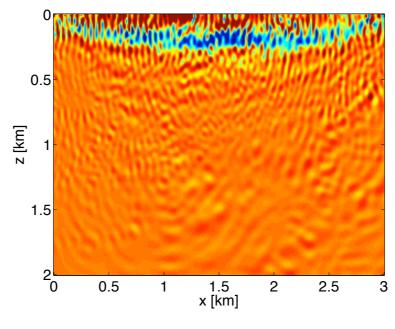


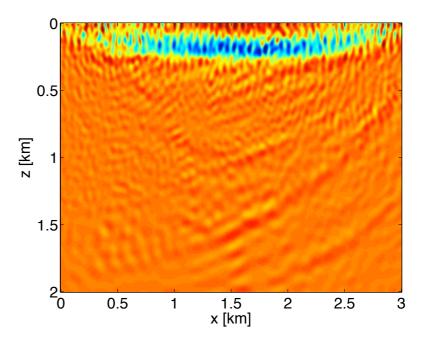
Stylized example

Search direction for batch size K:

$$\mathbf{g}_{K} pprox rac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^{K}
abla \mathcal{F}^{*}[\mathbf{m}; \mathbf{q}_{j}] \delta \mathbf{\underline{d}}_{j}$$







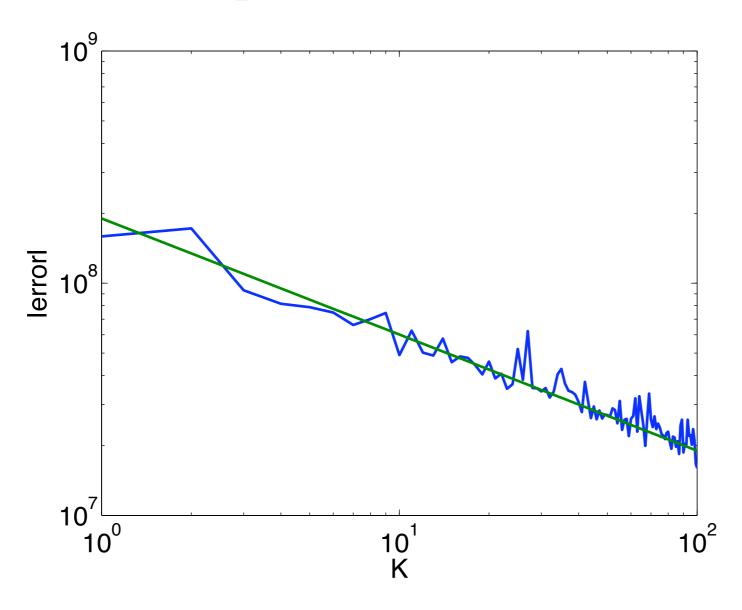
full

K=1

K=5



Decay

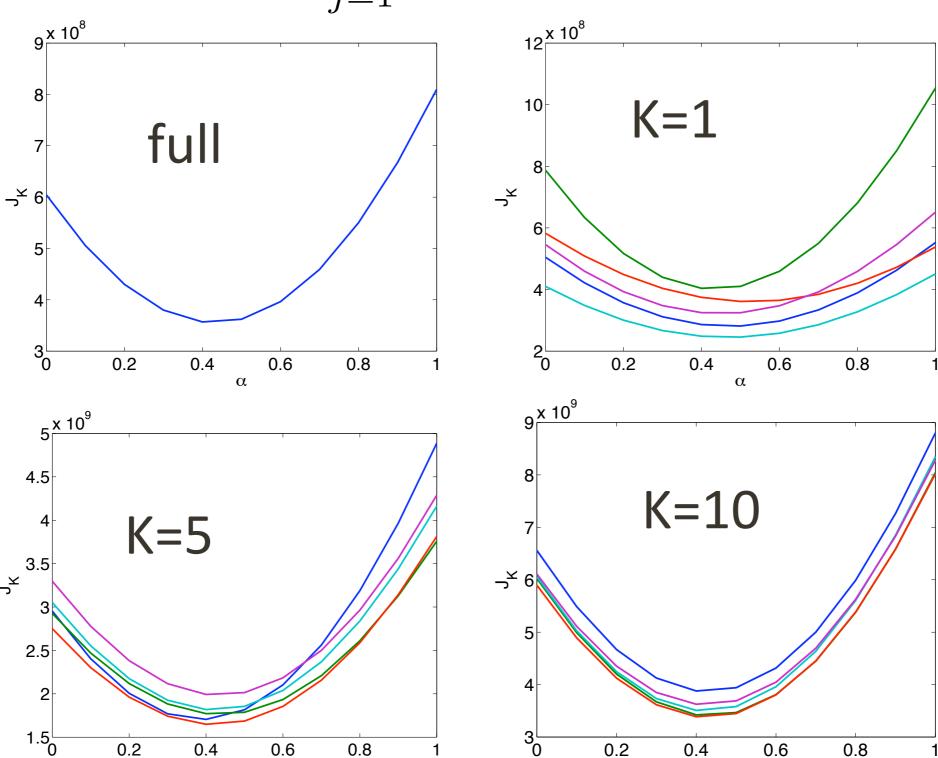


error between full and sampled gradient

Misfit functional

α

$$f_K(\mathbf{g}_K) = rac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K rac{1}{2} \| \underline{\mathbf{d}}_j - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m} + lpha \mathbf{g}_K; \underline{\mathbf{q}}_j] \|_2^2$$



α

Stochastic approximation [Bertsekas,' '96; Nemirovski, '09]

Use different simultaneous shots for each subproblem, i.e.,

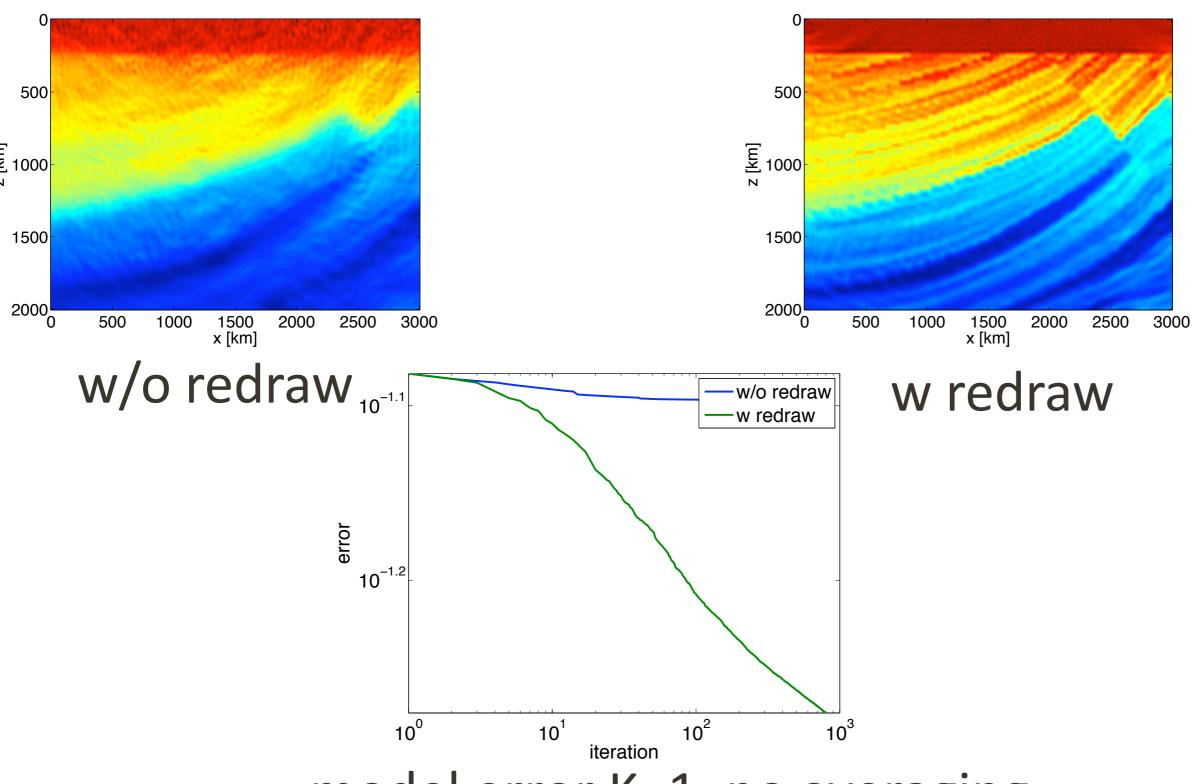
$$\underline{\mathbf{Q}} \qquad \longmapsto \qquad \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^k$$

Requires fewer PDE solves for each GN subproblem...

- corresponds to stochastic approximation [Nemirovski, '09]
- related to Kaczmarz ('37) method applied by Natterer, '01
- supersedes ad hoc approach by Krebs et.al., '09



K=1 w and w/o redraw [noise-free case]



model error K=1, no averaging



Known issues

Renewals introduce stochasticity in the gradients

May lead to

- lack of convergence
- sensitivity to noise in data [Krebs, '09-'10]

Solutions

- increase the batch size
- average over the past model updates

Stochastic approximation

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Algorithm 1: Stochastic gradient descent
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Result: Output estimate for the model \mathbf{m} \mathbf{m} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}_0; k \leftarrow 0;  // initial model while not converged \mathbf{do} \{\underline{\mathbf{d}}^k, \underline{\mathbf{q}}^k\} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{Dw}^k, \mathbf{Qw}^k\} with \mathbf{w}^k \in N(0,1);  // draw sim. exp. \mathbf{g}^k \leftarrow \nabla \mathcal{F}^*[\mathbf{m}^{k-1}, \underline{\mathbf{q}}^k](\underline{\mathbf{d}}^k - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}^{k-1}, \underline{\mathbf{q}}^k]);  // gradient \underline{\mathbf{m}}^{k+1} \leftarrow \underline{\mathbf{m}}^k - \gamma^k \mathbf{g}^k;  // update with linesearch \underline{\mathbf{m}}^{k+1} = \frac{1}{k+1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{m}^i + \underline{\mathbf{m}}^{k+1}\right);  // average k \leftarrow k+1;
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[Bertsekas, '96; Haber, Chung, and FJH, '10]

end





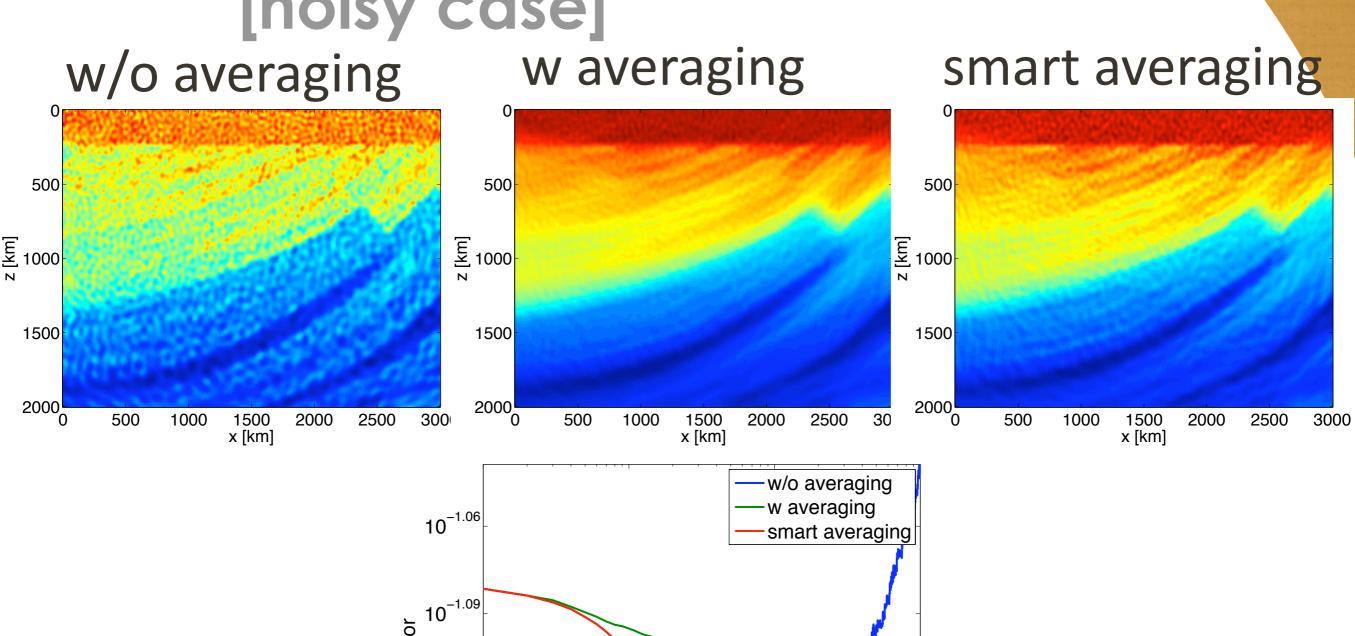
10^{-1.12}

10^{-1.15}

10⁰

10¹

iteration

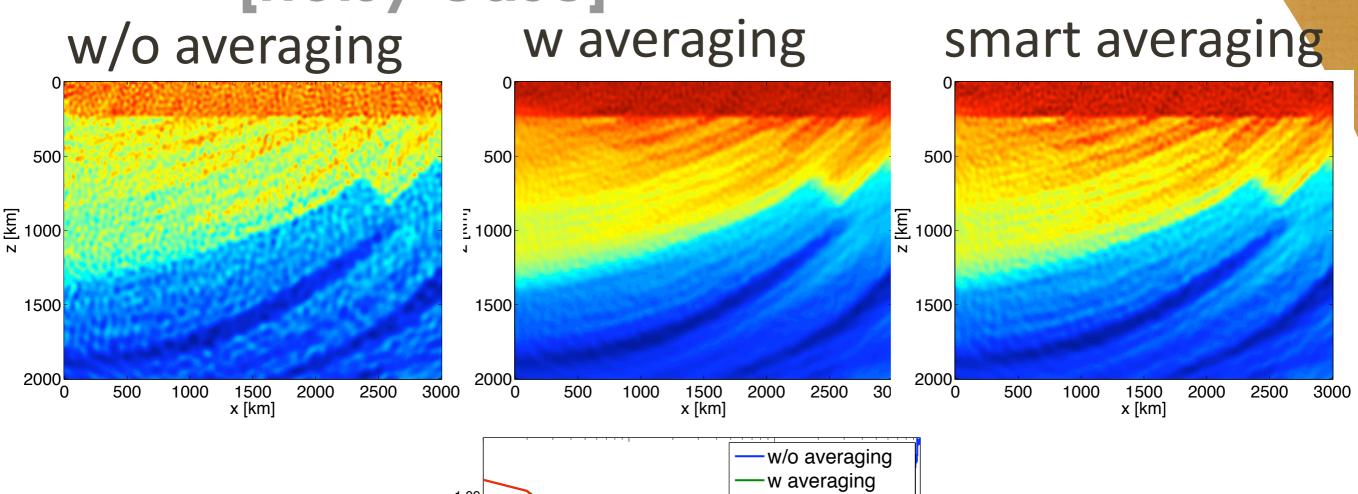


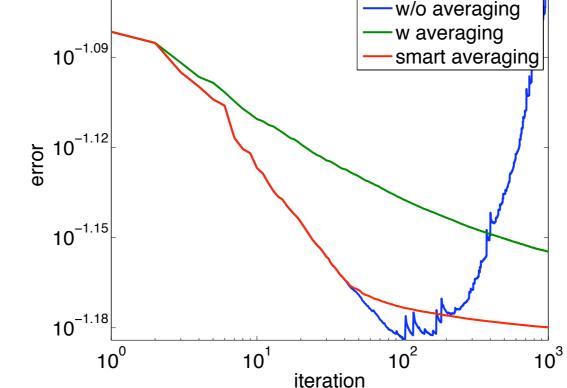
10²

10³











Sources of noise

Noise contributions

- Noisy data
- Interference noise (source cross talk & aliases)
- Inter gradient noise (renewals)

can lead to a noise level that is too high

leads to divergence



Observations

Renewals improve convergence significantly

Averaging removes noise instability but is detrimental to the convergence

Smart averaging over limited history improves convergence

Increasing the batch size in combination with smart averaging leads to superior convergence

Alternative I

[integrated stochastic gradient descend]

Average the gradients instead, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{m}_{k+1} = \mathbf{m}_k - \eta_k \overline{\nabla \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{m}_k)}$$

with

$$\frac{\nabla \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{m}_k)}{\nabla \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{m}_k)} = \frac{\sum_{i=k-m}^k e^{\alpha[i-k-m]} \nabla \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{m}_i)}{\sum_{i=k-m}^k e^{\alpha[i-k-m]}}$$

over last m iterations.



Case study I

- I. Measure performance of I-BFGS with renewals as function of the batch size K
- 2. Compare I-BFGS on complete data with integrated stochastic gradient descend (iSGD)



Experimental setup

Marmousi model:

- 10 m grid spacing (3000 X 5000 m)
- I I 3 shots with 40m spacing and offsets 250-4749m
- 249 receivers with 20m spacing and offsets 20-4980m
- Ricker wavelet with central frequency of I0Hz
- 3.6s recording time with 0.009s sample interval



FWI setup

I-BFGS (reference):

- 50 frequencies between 5-33Hz
- 18 iterations

integrated Stochastic Gradient Descend

- randomized simultaneous shots
- randomly selected frequencies between 5-33Hz



Performance [I-BFGS w renewals]

Subsample ratio	0.0113	0.0028	0.0007			
n_f'/n_s'	recovery error (dB)					
.25	6.46	3.31	0.78			
1	3.22	2.17	0.74			
4	3.66	3.10	$\boldsymbol{0.45}$			
Speed up (×)	88	352	1410			

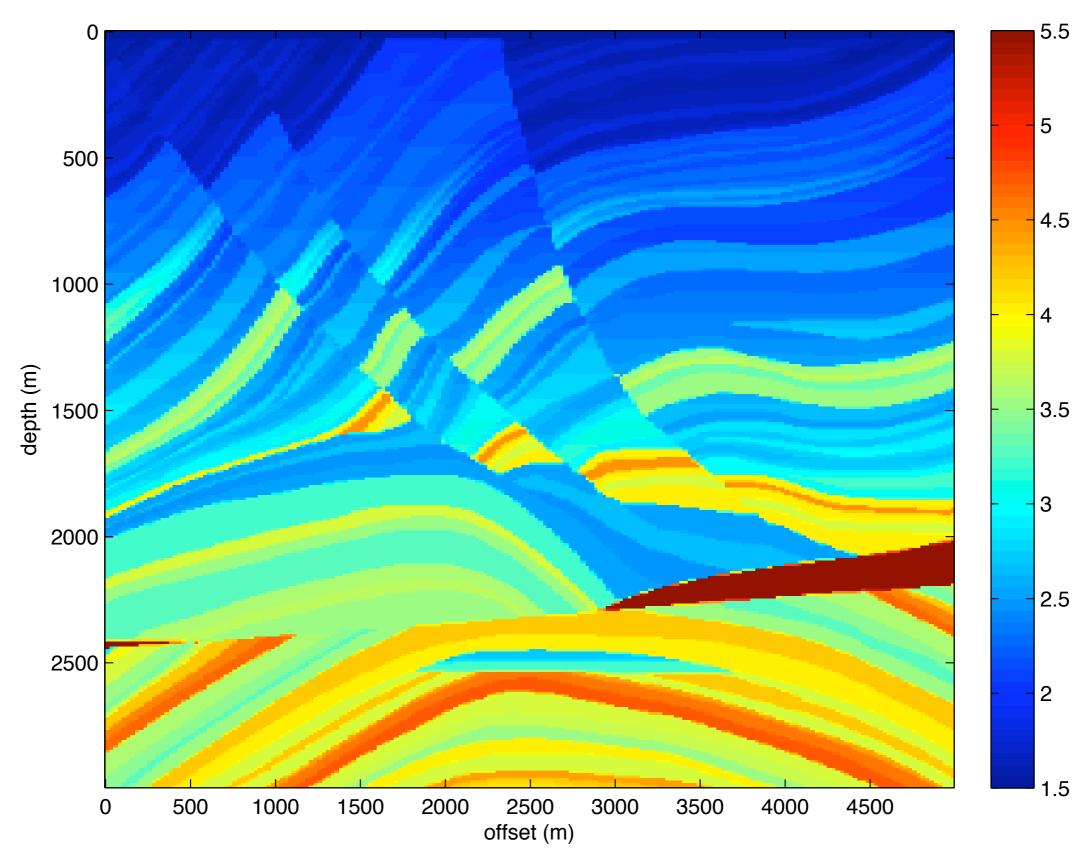


Exhaustive search

α	2	1	0	.1	.2	.3	.4
$\overline{\mathbf{SNR}(\mathbf{dB})}$	1.7712	2.0776	2.0199	2.9072	5.2496	7.0717	7.2719
α	.5	.6	.7	.8	.9	1	
$\overline{\mathbf{SNR}(\mathbf{dB})}$	7.8315	6.5770	6.7162	7.4953	5.8569	5.9605	

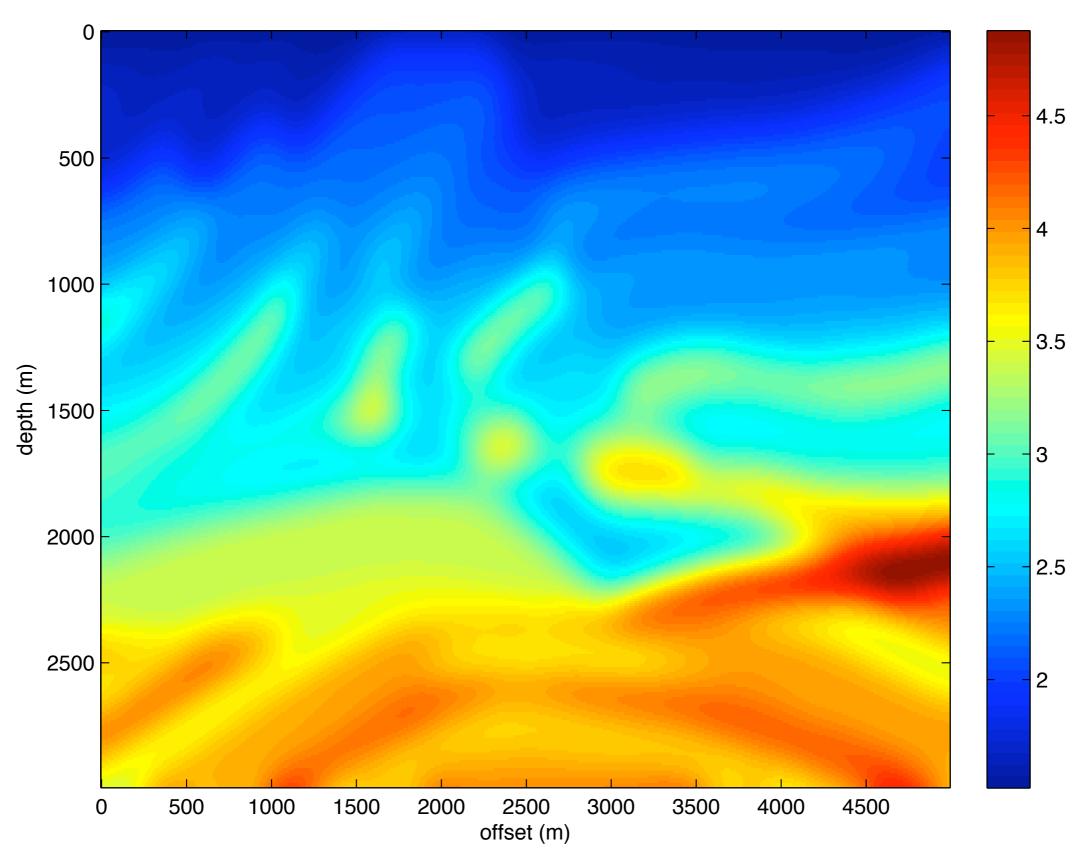


True model



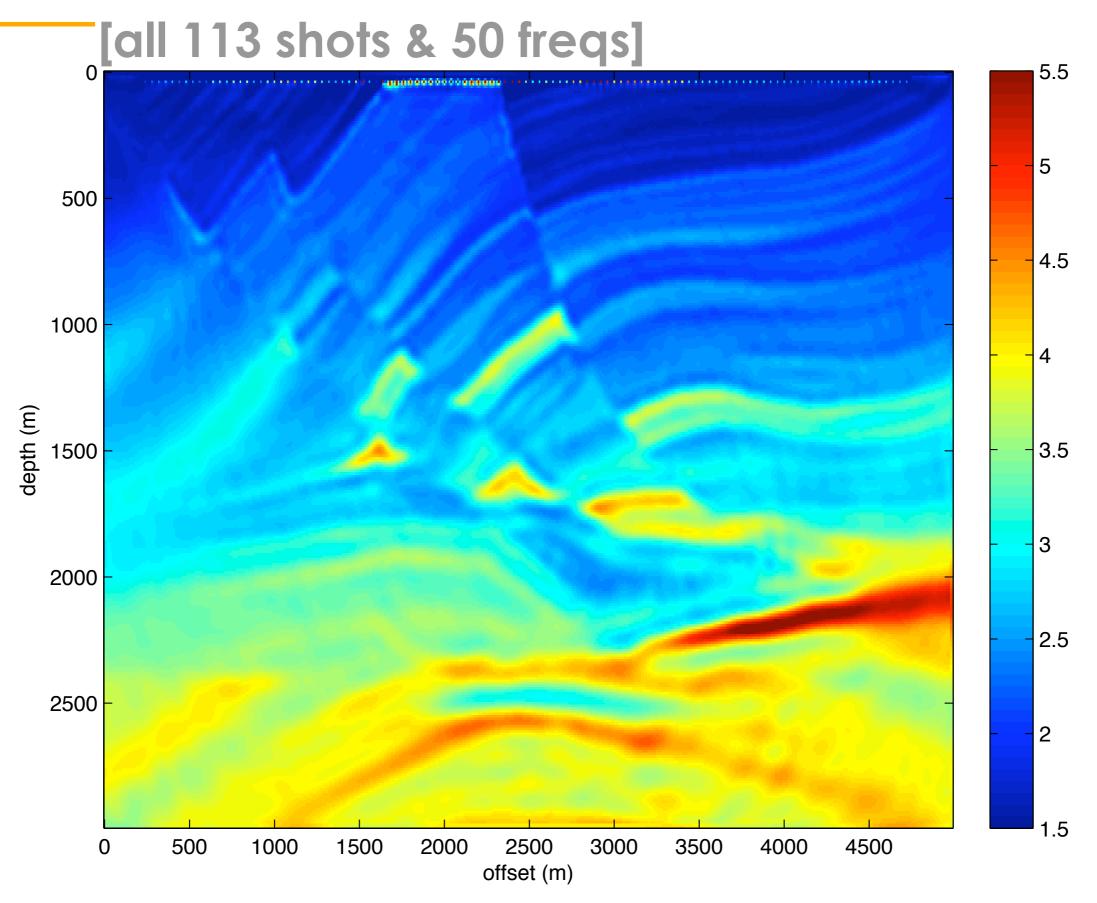


Initial model





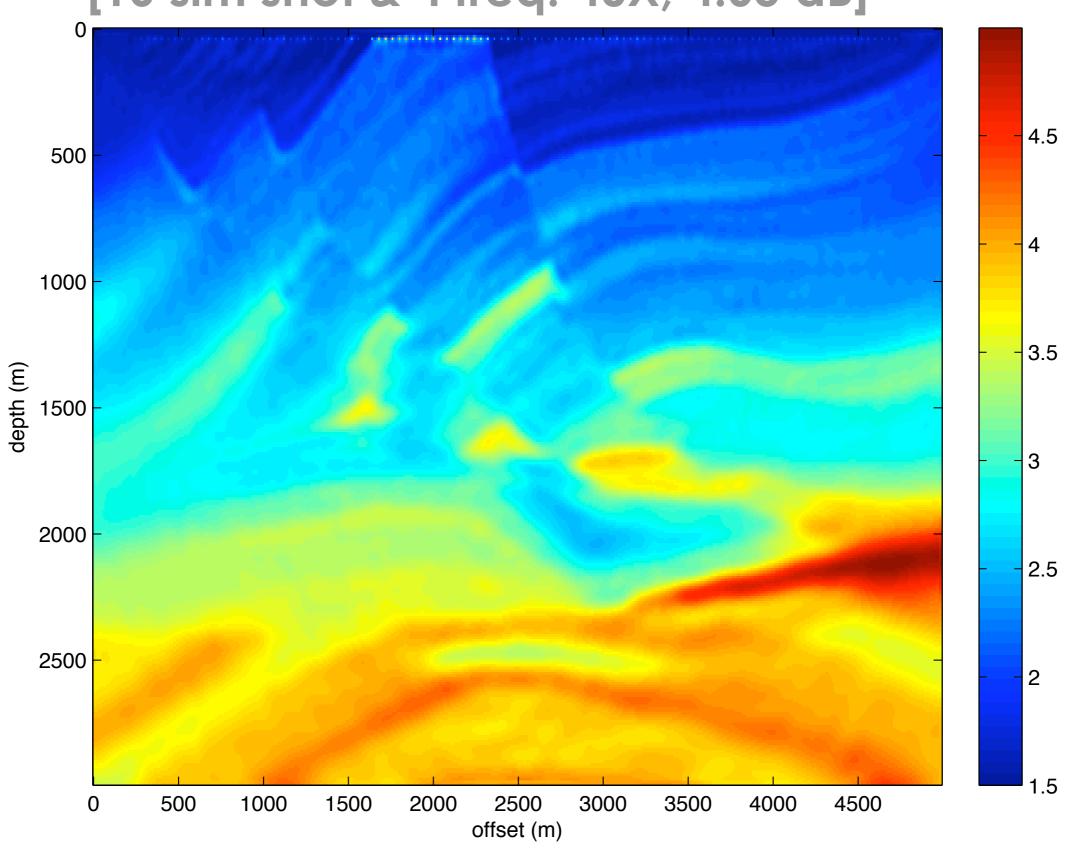
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SGD

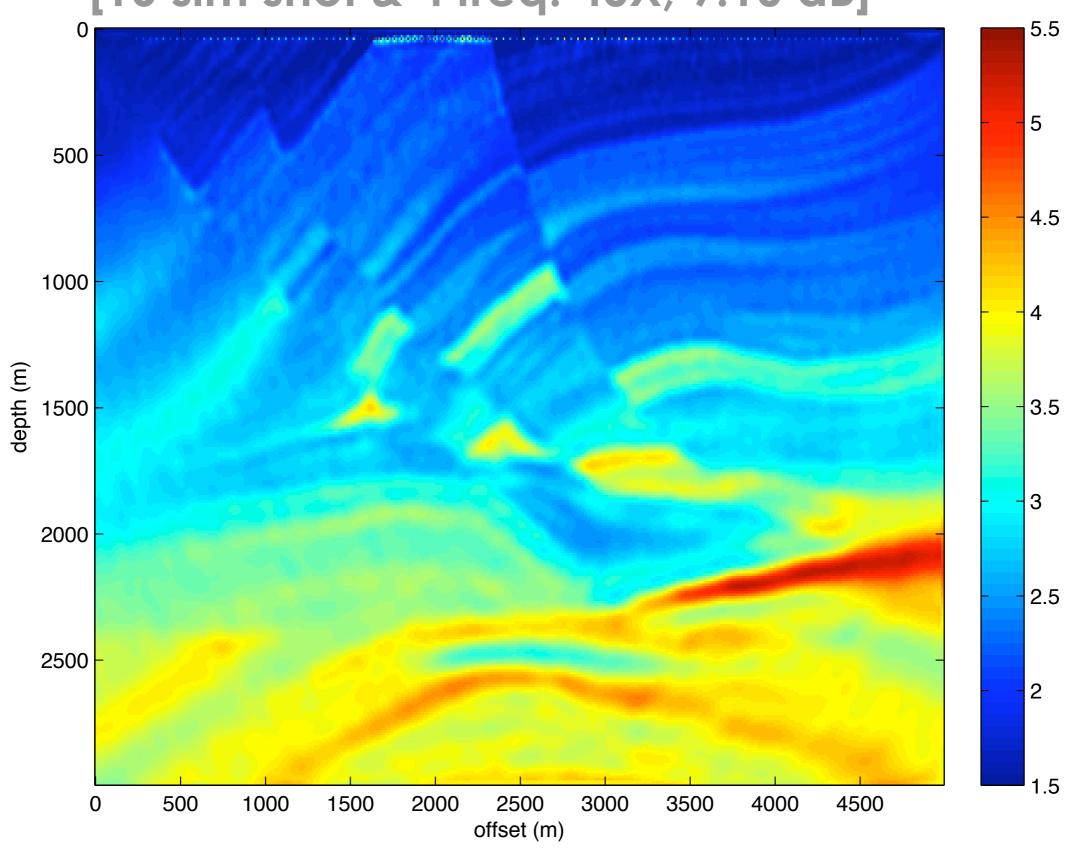






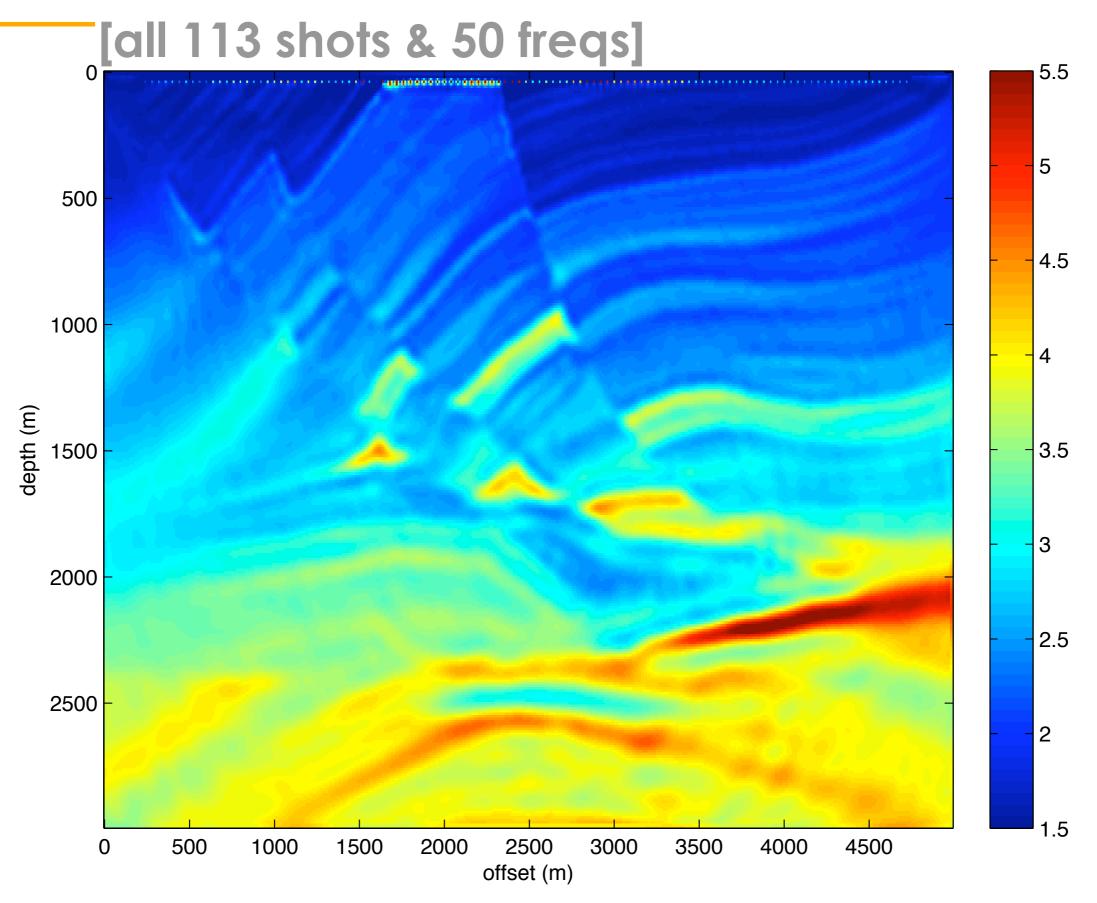
iSGD







Reference





Observations

Averaging of gradients damps stochasticity

'Ad hoc' weighted averaging of iSGD leads to a significant acceleration

Consistent with asymptotic theory for first-order SGD [Bertsekas, '96]

Formulation is amenable to incomplete acquisition [Haber, Chung, and FJH, '10]

Results remain noisy, and lack sharp edges



Alternative II

Leverage findings from sparse recovery & compressive sensing

- consider each phase-encoded Gauss-Newton update as separate compressive-sensing experiment
- remove interferences by curvelet-domain sparsity promotion
- exploit properties of the Pareto curve

[Candes et al., '06; Donoho, '06] [Demanet et. al. '07; FJH & Li, '08-'09]

Gauss-Newton

Algorithm 1: Vanilla Gauss Newton

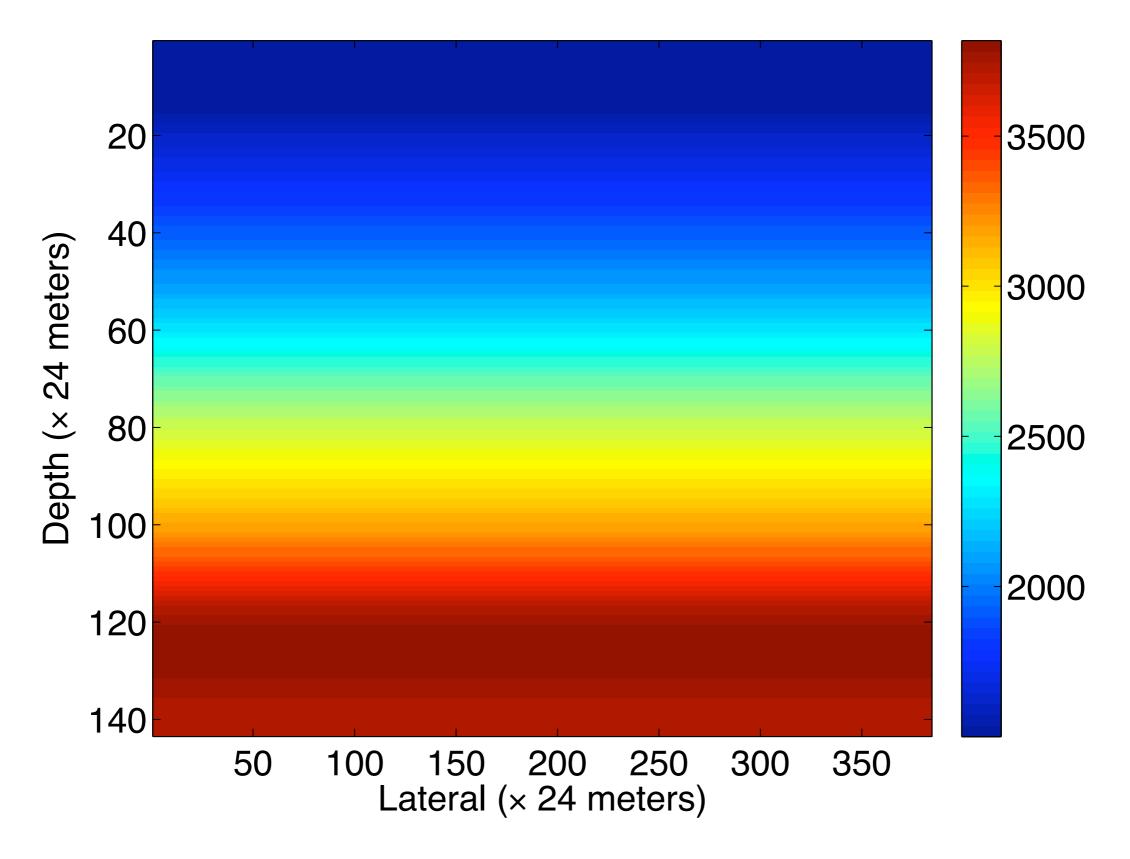
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Compressive updates

Algorithm 1: Gauss Newton with sparse updates

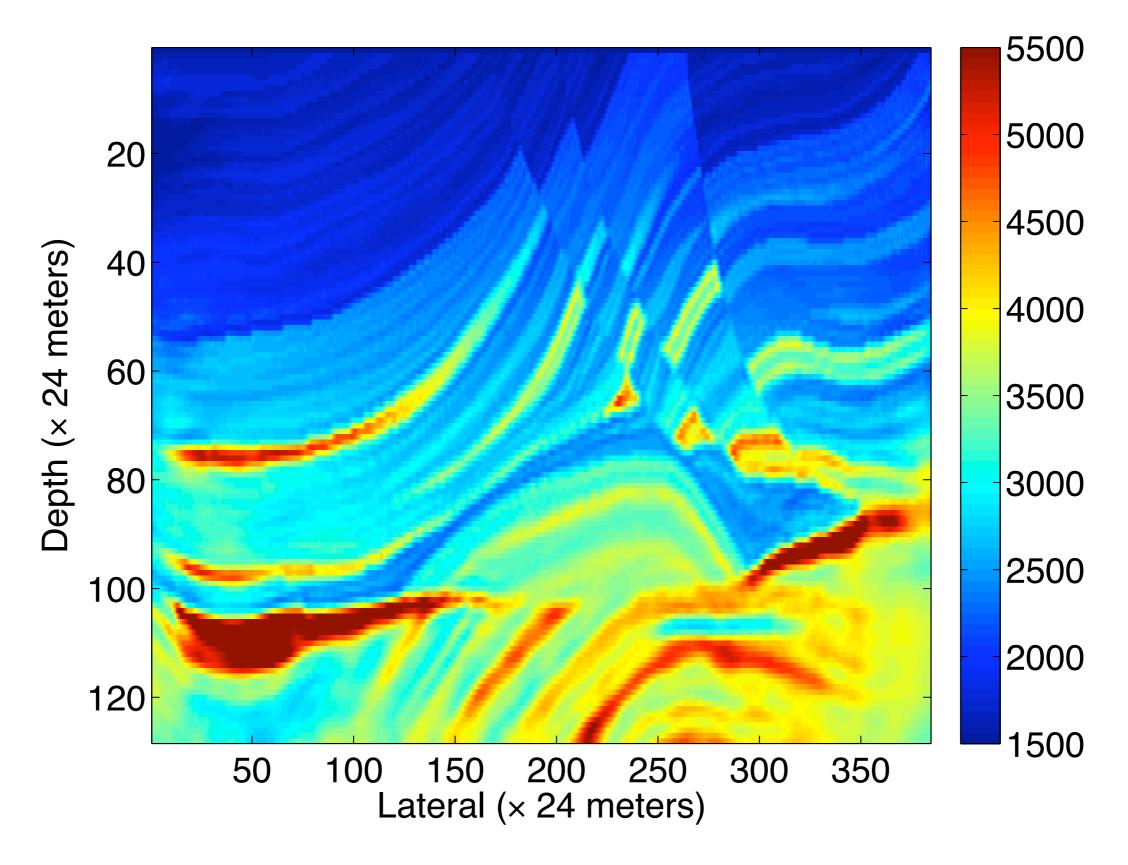


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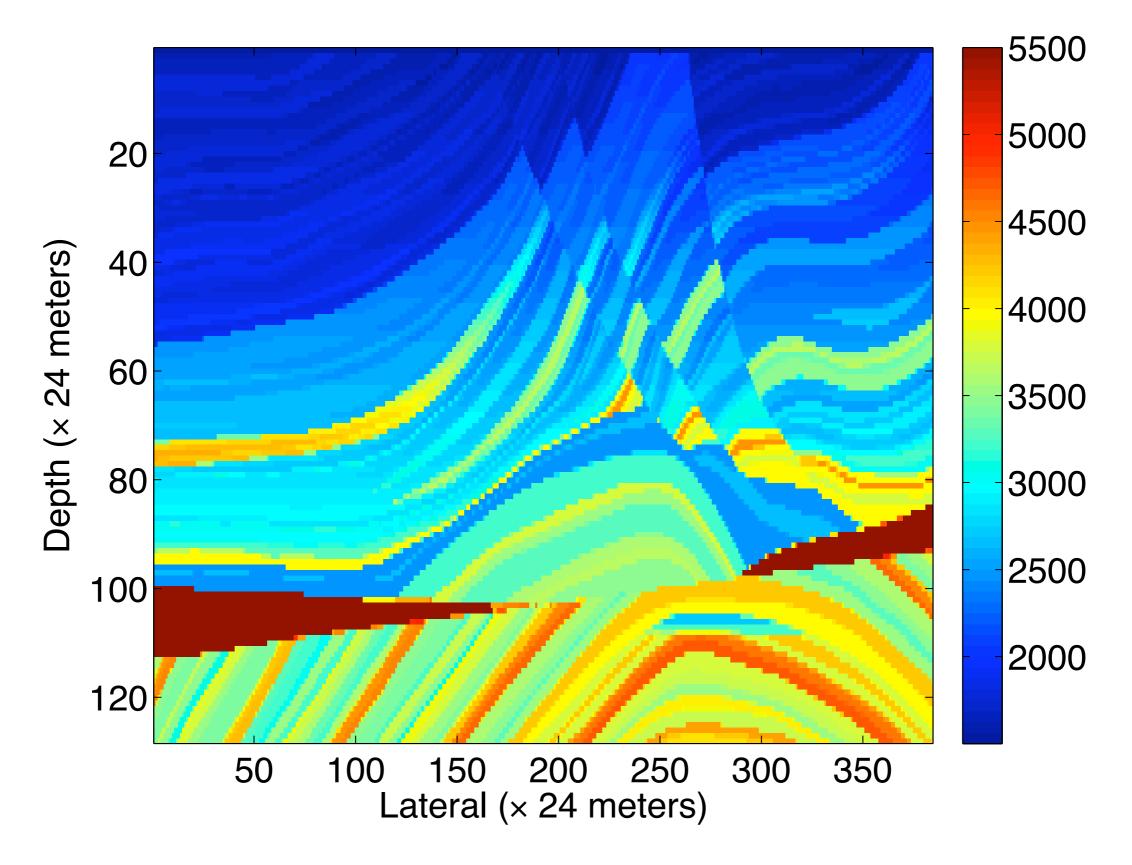


Inverted model





True model



Conclusions

We established phase-encoded FWI with renewals as an instance stochastic approximation

- understand factors that contribute to noise sensitivity
- factors that stabilize

Identified shortcoming of slow decay for the error as batch size increases

Indications that compressive sensing supersedes the stochastic approximation by sparse recovery of dimensionality reduced subproblems

See tomorrow's talk by Xiang Li, 10:35 am, Room 405/406

Further reading

Compressive sensing

- Robust uncertainty principles: Exact signal reconstruction from highly incomplete frequency information by Candes, 06.
- Compressed Sensing by D. Donoho, '06

Simultaneous acquisition

- A new look at simultaneous sources by Beasley et. al., '98.
- Changing the mindset in seismic data acquisition by Berkhout '08.

Simultaneous simulations, imaging, and full-wave inversion:

- Faster shot-record depth migrations using phase encoding by Morton & Ober, '98.
- Phase encoding of shot records in prestack migration by Romero et. al., '00.
- High-resolution wave-equation amplitude-variation-with-ray-parameter (AVP) imaging with sparseness constraints by Wang & Sacchi, '07
- Efficient Seismic Forward Modeling using Simultaneous Random Sources and Sparsity by N. Neelamani et. al., '08.
- Compressive simultaneous full-waveform simulation by FJH et. al., '09.
- Fast full-wavefield seismic inversion using encoded sources by Krebs et. al., '09
- Randomized dimensionality reduction for full-waveform inversion by FJH & X. Li, '10

Stochastic optimization and machine learning:

- A Stochastic Approximation Method by Robbins and Monro, 1951
- Neuro-Dynamic Programming by Bertsekas, '96
- Robust stochastic approximation approach to stochastic programming by Nemirovski et. al., '09
- Stochastic Approximation and Recursive Algorithms and Applications by Kushner and Lin
- Stochastic Approximation approach to Stochastic Programming by Nemirovski
- An effective method for parameter estimation with PDE constraints with multiple right hand sides. by Eldad Haber, Matthias Chung, and Felix J. Herrmann. '10



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