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- examples from industry (ConocoPhilips)

Deliberate & natural randomness in acquisition

(thanks to Chuck Mosher)

$b = RBS^*TSu$







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- *New* compressive sampling paradigm:
 - cheap subsampled acquisition, e.g. via time-jittered marine *under*sampling
 - may offer *possibility* to *relax* insistence on *repeatability*
 - exploits insights from distributed compressive sensing

repeat expensive dense acquisitions & "independent" processing







Sparsity-promoting recovery

$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$ subject to $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

observed subsampled measurements



Framework in 4-D

- should $\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{A}_2$? what if $\mathbf{A}_1 \approx \mathbf{A}_2$?
- what if $\mathbf{A}_1 \neq \mathbf{A}_2$?

Question : To repeat survey design or not



Idealized synthetic time-lapse data





Structure - curvelet representation







Time-lapse data has structure - significant correlations

4-D signal has structure - increased sparsity

Can we exploit the structure in the vintages and the difference simultaneously ?



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- Key idea:
 - use the fact that *different* vintages share common information
 - components with *sparse* recovery

• invert for *common* components & *differences* w.r.t. the *common*



Sparsity-promoting recovery

Joint recovery model (JRM)

- $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} = \arg\min \|\mathbf{z}\|_1$ subject to $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$
- Independent reconstruction
 - \mathbf{X}_{i}

 $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \arg\min \|\mathbf{x}_i\|_1$ subject to $\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{b}_i$, for i = 1, 2



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 - no absolute *control* on *surveys*
 - calibration errors
 - hoise...

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Stylized Examples



Sparse baseline, monitor and time-lapse signals



Signal length N = 50



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$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}_1$$

- **Compute Probability of recovery**
- Run 2000 different experiments



Results: independent versus joint recovery



Recovery of vintages



Joint recovery is better than independent

Improved recovery of the vintages and the difference

Requires fewer samples

With exact repetition

Ν

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}_1$$

REPEAT EXPERIMENT AS BEFORE

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{A}_2$$

Ν $\mathbf{b}_2 = \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{x}_2$

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WITH Repetition

Recovery of vintages

WITHOUT Repetition

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Results: recovery and overlap dependency

Recovery of vintages

Interpretation from the stylized example

- Joint recovery model (JRM) is always superior to the independent or parallel method
- As the degree of overlap between the sampling increases, the recovery of the signals gets worse.
- Time-lapse signal recovery benefits from some overlap

Seismic example

Time-jittered source in marine

Method

- Velocity and density model provided by BG, taken as baseline
- High permeability zone identified at a depth of ~ 1300m
- Fluid substitution (gas/oil replaced with brine) simulated to derive monitor velocity model
- Wavefield simulation to generate synthetic time-lapse data

Simulated original data – time-domain finite differences

time samples: **512** receivers: **100** sources: **100**

sampling time: **4.0 ms** receiver: **12.5 m** source: **12.5 m**

Conventional vs. time-jittered sources – undersampling ratio = 2, 2 source arrays

shorter acquisition time geometry is not the same

Measurements - undersampled and blended

baseline

monitor

Stacked sections

Original baseline

Original 4-D signal

Stacked sections

Original 4-D signal

Original 4-D signal

Stacked sections - 50% overlap in acquisition matrices

Parallel (9.7 dB)

NRMS Plot

Seismic example

An extension to model space

Example : Stacking

M midpoint-offset

- **N** normal move-out
- **S** stacking
- C sparsifying operator
- H adjoint

Idealized synthetic time-lapse data

Method

Acquisition

randomly missing shots

Processing

- Joint processing (JRM)

Subsampled baseline and monitor data, with independent and

Independent processing of the observed data (Parallel)

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Compare *Parallel* versus *Joint* Repeat for a "*partial*" dependence in geometry

Independent processing of the observed data (Parallel)

Baseline recovery - 0% overlap in acquisition matrices

Parallel (9.62 dB)

Joint (10.08 dB)

Monitor recovery - 0% overlap in acquisition matrices

Parallel (10.08 dB)

Joint (10.02 dB)

4-D recovery - 0% overlap in acquisition matrices

Baseline recovery - 50% overlap in acquisition matrices

Parallel (9.62 dB)

Joint (9.79 dB)

Monitor recovery - 50% overlap in acquisition matrices

Parallel (9.69 dB)

Joint (9.80 dB)

4-D recovery - 50% overlap in acquisition matrices

Conclusions

Randomized sampling techniques can be extended to time-lapse seismic surveys and processing.

Process time-lapse data jointly, not independently, in order to exploit the *shared* information.

We can work with *subsampled* data, and recover densely sampled vintages **and** time-lapse differences.

Provided we understand the *physics* of our model, we can safely work with *subsampled* data from randomized sampling ideas.

TAKE HOME

Think randomized sampling in seismic surveys!! It saves cost!!!

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