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Multiscale aspects of waveform tomography

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Overview

- Waveform tomography
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- Misfit criteria
- Numerical example
- Future work & Conclusions

Waveform tomography Model the data as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \end{bmatrix} u = w(t)\delta(x - s),$$
$$d(t, s, r) = u(t, x, s)|_{x=r} \equiv F[c].$$

Goal is to find the velocity given the data and source signature

Such inverse problems have been extensively studied. Major findings: - recovery via LS is problematic for bandlimited data - some form of traveltime fitting needed for `complete' reconstruction

Waveform Tomography Sensitivity of the data to velocity perturbations can be studied in high-frequency asymptotic regime $\hat{d}(\omega, s, r) \simeq A(\omega, s, r) \exp[\imath \omega T(s, r)]$ - amplitude $\widehat{\delta d} \simeq \int d\omega \int dx \, \hat{w}(\omega) \delta c(x) \exp[\imath \omega (T(s, x) - T(x, r))]$ - traveltime $\nabla \delta T \cdot \nabla T = \delta c$

Waveform tomography

Wavenumber coverage with limited aperture



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Full waveform inversion:

 $\min_{c} ||F[c] - \bar{d}||_2^2$

- need large aperture and low frequencies
- loopskipping if velocity error is too big, can be mitigated partly by `multiscale' FWI

[Tarantola 84; Bunks 98; Shin 09]

Wave-equation traveltime tomography



WE traveltime tomography:

- relies on detecting shift of singular support
- widely used criterion: maximum of the correlation

$$\min_{c} ||\tau[c]||_2^2, \quad \tau[c] = \operatorname{argmax}_t (d * \bar{d})(t)$$

[Cara 87; Luo 91; Dahlen 10; Hormann 02; de Hoop 05; Brytik 10]

Waveform tomography LS may be re-formulated as maximizing the normalized zerolag correlation

$$||d - \bar{d}||_2^2 = ||d||_2^2 + ||\bar{d}||_2^2 - 2 \underbrace{\langle d, \bar{d} \rangle}_{(\bar{d}*d)|_{t=0}}$$

`picking approach' is a clever extension of this

Wavefrontset detection Given a function of the form

$$f(x,t) = \int d\omega \, a(\omega, x, t) \exp[\imath \phi(\omega, x, t)]$$

the wavefrontset is given by $\mathbb{WF}(f) \subseteq \{x, t; \partial_x \phi, \partial_t \phi \mid \partial_\omega \phi = 0\}$

In particular: WF $(\bar{d} * d) \subseteq \{s, r, \bar{T} - T; \nabla(\bar{T} - T), \imath \omega\}$

Wavefrontset detection

• Multiscale WF detection via the FBI transform:

$$G[f](t,\omega,\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \int dt' f(t') W[(t-t')/\sigma] \exp[\imath \omega t']$$

• if $t \not\subset WF(f)$ then for fixed ω and any $N \in \mathbb{N}$

 $|G[f](t,\omega,\sigma)| \le \sigma^N$ as $\sigma \downarrow 0$

[Hormander 83; Hormann 02; de Hoop 05]

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Misfit criteria

τ[ω, σ] = argmax_t G[d̄ * d](t, ω, σ)
 converges to picking approach
 as σ↓ 0 and ω = 0



• **Maximize** $||G[\bar{d} * d](0, ., \sigma)||_2^2$

• Minimize $||\partial_t G[\bar{d} * d](0,.,\sigma)||_2^2$

Misfit criteria

Rewrite: $G[f](0, \omega, \sigma) = (\widehat{W_{\sigma} \cdot f})(\omega)$ $\partial_t G[f](0, \omega, \sigma) = (\widehat{W'_{\sigma} \cdot f})(\omega)$ where $W_{\sigma}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \exp[-(t/\sigma)^2]$

Misfit: $\phi = \frac{||W_{\sigma} \cdot (\bar{d} * d)||_{2}^{2}}{||d||_{2}^{2}}$

[TvL 08; TvL 10]

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Misfit criteria

Multiscale WF detection allows us to move from

- Traveltime fitting at large scale
 to
- `Stack power' at small scale



Numerical example



Future work

- Curvelet-based WF detection
- Reflection tomography
- Scale dependent regularization
 & study of sensitivity kernels

Conclusions

- Natural way to move from traveltime to amplitude fitting, and overcome loopskipping
- Multiscale WF detection might be extended to dispersion and stereo tomography

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