# Compressive sensing and sparse recovery in exploration seismology

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## Drivers

Our incessant

- demand for hydrocarbons while we are no longer finding oil...
- desire to understand the Earth's inner workings

Push for improved seismic inversion to

- create more high-resolution information
- from noisier and incomplete data

# Controversial statements

Size of our discretizations is dictated by

- a far too pessimistic Nyquist-sampling criterion compounded by the curse of dimensionality
- our insistence to sample periodically and/or sequentially

Our desire to work with all data

- leads to "over emphasis" on data collection & full-data processing
- prohibits inversion that requires multiple passes through data

## Wish list

Acquisition & inversion costs determined by structure of data & complexity of the subsurface

sampling criteria that are dictated by transform-domain sparsity and not by the size of the discretization

Controllable error that depends on

- degree of subsampling / dimensionality reduction
- available computational resources

## Main themes

- I. Randomized sampling and sparsifying transforms
- 2. Convex optimization
- 3. Randomized dimensionality reduction
- 4. Tutorials & Software

#### Theme I: Randomized sampling and sparsifying transforms

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Additional faculty Ozgur Yilmaz Associate professor Math



- M.A., Bogazici University, Turkey
- + Ph.D., Princeton
- Applied harmonic analysis
- Signal processing
- Information theory



## MSc. Student Haneet Wason



BSc Geophysics, University of Calgary
Shearlets, curvelets, and simultaneous-source data



## Postdoc Rayan Saab



- + M.A.Sc. in Electrical Eng., UBC
- B.E. in Computer and Communications Eng., American Univ. of Beirut
- Blind Source Separation
- Statistical Signal Processing
- Discrete Optimization
- Seismic and Biomedical Signal Processing



### Post Doctoral Fellow Hassan Mansour



- + Joined September 2009
- Ph.D. from Electrical Engineering, UBC, 2009 in video coding.
- Current research interests: L1-minimization and compressed sensing.



Consider the following (severely) underdetermined system of linear equations:

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Is it possible to recover  $\mathbf{x}_0$  accurately from **b**?

The new field of Compressive Sensing attempts to answer this.



#### **Coarse sampling schemes**



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#### Undersampling "noise"

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



Signal model

 $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0$  where  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

and  $\mathbf{x}_0$  k sparse

Sparse one-norm recovery

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} ||\mathbf{x}||_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^N |x[i]| \text{ subject to } \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

with  $n \ll N$  where N is the ambient dimension

Study recovery as a function of

- the subsampling ratio n/N
- "over sampling" ratio k/n

[Sacchi '98] [Candès et.al, Donoho, '06]

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## Case study I

Acquisition design according to Compressive Sensing

- Periodic subsampling vs randomized jittered sampling of sequential sources
- Subsampling with randomized jittered sequential sources vs randomized phase-encoded simultaneous sources







[Hennenfent & FJH, '08] [Gang et.al., '09]



## Jittered sampling









#### 1 & 2-D jittered samplings

#### [Tang et. al., '09-'10]

regular

uniform



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#### Spectra become increasingly "blue"

#### Recovery from 1-2D jittered samplings (25%)



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Case study II [Beasley et. al., '98 ] [Berkhout '08] [Herrmann '09-'10]

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# Unblending/ Demultiplexing





# Blending versus unblending ...

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## **Recent results**

Recovery of seismic lines based

• on "separable" sparsifying transform

 $\mathbf{S}=\mathbf{C}\otimes \mathbf{W}$ 

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• favorable simultaneous acquisition

Consider "Marine" case

#### Simultaneous sources Marine case



## Original data



#### **Recovered data** 40 % of shots in 20 % of recording time



Recovery is possible & stable as long as each subset S of k columns of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N}$  with  $k \leq N$  the # of nonzeros approximately behaves as an orthogonal basis.

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In that case, we have

$$(1 - \hat{\delta}_k) \|\mathbf{x}_S\|_{\ell_2}^2 \le \|\mathbf{A}_S \mathbf{x}_S\|_{\ell_2}^2 \le (1 + \hat{\delta}_k) \|\mathbf{x}_S\|_{\ell_2}^2,$$

where S runs over all sets with cardinality  $\leq k$ 

- the smaller the restricted isometry constant (RIP)  $\hat{\delta}_k$  the more energy is captured and the more stable the inversion of **A**
- determined by the *mutual coherence* of the cols in **A**
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### RIP constant is bounded by

$$\hat{\delta}_k \le (k-1)\mu$$

where

$$\mu = \max_{1 \le i \ne j \le N} |\mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{a}_j|$$

Matrices with small  $\hat{\delta}_k$  contain subsets of k incoherent columns.

Gaussian random matrices with *i.i.d.* entries have this property.

One-norm solvers recover  $\mathbf{x}_0$  as long it is k sparse and

$$k \le C \cdot \frac{n}{\log_2(N/n)},$$

yields an oversampling ratio of

$$n/k \approx C \cdot \log_2 N$$

### Key elements

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### **D** sparsifying transform

typically localized in the time-space domain to handle the complexity of seismic data

#### advantageous coarse randomized sampling

• generates incoherent random undersampling "noise" in the sparsifying domain

**Sparsity-promoting solver** 

• requires few matrix-vector multiplications

### **Fourier reconstruction**



#### 1 % of coefficients

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### **Wavelet reconstruction**



#### 1 % of coefficients

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### **Curvelet reconstruction**



#### 1 % of coefficients

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[Demanet et. al., '06]

Curvelets





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**Extension** 

Extend CS framework:



Expected to perform well when

$$\mu = \max_{1 \le i \ne j \le N} | \left( \mathbf{RMs}^i \right)^H \mathbf{RMs}^j$$

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Generalizes to redundant transforms for cases where

- max of RIP constants for **M**, **S** are small [Rauhut et.al, '06]
- or  $SS^Hx$  remains sparse for **x** sparse [Candès et.al, '10]

Open research topic...

# Empirical performance analysis

Selection of the appropriate sparsifying transform

nonlinear approximation error

$$SNR(\rho) = -20 \log \frac{\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_{\rho}\|}{\|\mathbf{f}\|} \quad \text{with} \quad \rho = k/P$$

recovery error

$$\operatorname{SNR}(\delta) = -20 \log \frac{\|\mathbf{f} - \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{\delta}\|}{\|\mathbf{f}\|}$$
 with  $\delta = n/N$ 

• oversampling ratio

 $\delta/\rho \quad \text{with} \quad \rho = \inf\{\tilde{\rho}: \quad \overline{\text{SNR}}(\delta) \leq \text{SNR}(\tilde{\rho})\}$ 

### Nonlinear approximation error





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Data







sim. shots

**Sparse recovery** 

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[FJH, '10]

### Multiple experiments





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[F]H, '10]

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### **Oversampling ratios**



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### **Reality check**

"When a traveler reaches a fork in the road, the  $I_1$ -norm tells him to take either one way or the other, but the  $I_2$  -norm instructs him to head off into the bushes."

### John F. Claerbout and Francis Muir, 1973



### **One-norm solver**



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### **DNOISE contributions**

### Application CS to

- seismic data regularization
- acquisition design that favors curvelet-based recovery
  - recovery from *jittered* sampling
  - demultiplexing simultaneous sources

### Observations

- Controllable error for reconstruction from randomized subsamplings
- Oversampling compared to conventional compression is small
- Combination of sampling & encoding into a single **linear** step has profound implications
  - acquisition costs **no** longer determined by resolution & size
  - but by transform-domain sparsity & recovery error
- 3-D Curvelets and simultaneous acquisition perform the best

Wed 10:00-10:40 AM Ozgur Yilmaz. Sparse approximations and compressive sensing: an overview

Wed 10:40-11:00 AM Haneet Wason. Sequential source data recovery from simultaneous acquisition through transform-domain sparsity promotion

Wed 11:00-11:30 AM Chuck Mosher (ConocoPhillips). Operator localization with Generalized Windowed Transforms

Wed 11:30-12:00 PM Rayan Saab. Compressed sensing using Kronecker products

Wed 12:00-12:30 PM Hassan Mansour. Recovering compressively sampled signals using partial support information

### **Theme II: Convex optimization**

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Additional faculty Michael Friedlaender Associate professor CS

Fellow Argonne



- + B.A., Cornell, MSc. & Ph.D., Stanford
- Numerical optimization
- Numerical linear algebra
- Design & implementation of constrained optimization
- Scientific computing



### M. Sc. Student Tim Lin



- Graduate in Hon. Physics, UBC
- Joined SLIM in 2006 as summer co-op student and now an M. Sc. student
- Compressive Wavefield Modeling and Migration
- Imaging with extensions by Symes



### PDF Aleksandr Aravkin



- PhD from University of Washington, Math
- + Joined SLIM in 2010
- Convex optimization
- Nonlinear inversion with sparsity promotion
- Huber and other norms



### Ph.D. Student Xiang Li



- M.Sc. in Geophysics from Jilin University (awarded 2009).
- Sparsity-promoting migration with phase encoding
- Dimensionality-reduced FWI with compressive updates



### M. Sc. Student Mufeed AlMatar



## Previously worked for Aramco in Saudi Arabia Curvelet-matched EPSI



### Ph.D. Student Tu Ning



- M.Sc. from Tsinghua University in 2009 with research related to seismic attenuation characterization.
- Current research interests: imaging with surfacerelated multiples, compressive sensing, sparse representations, and related applications in seismic exploration.



### **Convex optimization**

### Efficient solvers for problems of the type

$$ilde{\mathbf{x}} = rgmin_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$$
 subject to  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2 \leq \sigma$   
nd

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \underset{\mathbf{X}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \|\mathbf{X}\|_{1,2} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{B}\|_{2,2} \leq \sigma$$

are *instrumental* to the success of approach to seismic data processing, imaging, and inversion

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### Prerequisites

The solver needs to

- scale to extremely large problems
- be frugal with # of matrix-vector products
- be like 'black box'

### Solution strategy

Use continuation method to solve a series of one-norm problems

- use properties of the Pareto curve
- divide problem into several subproblems that offer control on the components that enter into the solution
- solution to the subproblem offer flexibility to
  - solve 'overdetermined' problems through subsampling
  - solve alternating optimization problems

### Solution strategy



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#### underdetermined

cheap



## Choose a new set of simultaneous sources after each subproblem is solved

## Linearized sparse inversion

8 simultaneous shots 3 random frequencies

sparse recovery with renewal

#### sparse recovery without renewal

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**Block-coordinate** descents  $\min_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{q}\in\mathcal{C}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{q}]\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sigma$  $\mathcal{C}$  the set of short wavelets with **A** and **q** articulating downgoing wavefield upgoing wavefield  $[\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P}]$ G  $\approx$ 

surface-free impulse response

 $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{q}$ 

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where



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## Sparsity vs L1



Gulf of Suez (one shot)



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## Sparsity vs L1



#### Gulf of Suez (zero-offset)





## Sparsity vs L1







## Sparsity vs L1

Data minus estimated primary (zero-offset)



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#### Migration of multiple-free data



# Sparse inversion of data with multiples



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# Sparse inversion with EPSI



#### **DNOISE contributions**

Fast solvers for large-scale convex optimization problems

(Bi-)Convex formulations for

- sparse linearized inversion
- source- & Green's function estimation by sparse inversion
- linearized inversion with surface-related multiples

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## Observations

Curvelet-domain sparsity promotion adds "robustness".

Incorporating more physics improves results.

First steps towards a new generation of processing and imaging technologies.

Dimensionality reduction, which allows us to do sparse inversions.

Wed 01:30-02:00 PM Michael Friendlander. Algorithms for Sparse Optimization

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Wed 02:00-02:40 PM Tim Lin. Sparse optimization and the LI norm

Wed 02:40-03:00 PM Aleksandr Aravkin. Introduction to convex composite optimization

Wed 03:30-03:55 PM Xiang Li. Compressive imaging

Wed 03:55-04:40 PM Tim Lin. Leveraging informed blind deconvolution techniques for the estimation ...

Wed 04:40-05:00 PM Mufeed Ak-Matar. Estimation of surface-free data by curvelet-domain ...

Wed 05:00-05:30 PM Ning Tu. Sparsity promoting migration with surface-related multiples

## Theme III: Randomized dimensionality reduction

## SLIM Seismic Laboratory for Imaging and Modeling the University of British Columbia

#### Post-doctoral Fellow Mark Schmidt



✦ PhD UBC, CS

- + Joined SLIM in 2010
- Machine learning
- Convex optimization



#### PhD Student Aleksandr Aravkin



PhD from University of Washington, Statistics

- Joined SLIM in 2010
- Convex optimization
- Nonlinear inversion with sparsity promotion
- Kalman filtering & smoothing
- Huber and other norms



#### Post-doctoral fellow Peyman Moghaddam



B.Sc. & M.Sc. in Electrical Eng., Tehran Polytechnic, Iran
Reverse-time migration
Migration preconditioning
Stochastic optimization & FWI



#### Post-doctoral fellow Tristan van Leeuwen



- \* B.Sc./MSc University of Utrecht
  \* PhD Delft University of Technology
  \* Joined SLIM in 2010
- Correlation-based migration velocity analysis
- Stochastic optimization & FWI



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# Confronting the 'data deluge'

Remove major impediment of 'data overload' through randomized dimensionality reduction

- artificial randomized simultaneous sources
- stochastic approximation
- compressive sensing

**Bottom line:** reduction of # PDE solves in FWI



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## Stochastic optimization

#### Stochastic average approximation:

- replace sequential sources by fewer # of simultaneous sources
- converges to full solution if # of random sources increases
- corresponds to Monte-Carlo sampling so error decays slowly

Stylized example

Search direction for batch size K:



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## Stochastic optimization

#### **Stochastic approximation:**

- replace deterministic gradients by stochastic gradients
- draw a new set of simultaneous sources for each gradient
- converges to solution after sufficient # of iterations
- becomes unstable when noise added



#### **Compressive sensing**

FWI with compressively recovered updates

- consider phase-encoded Gauss-Newton updates as separate compressive-sensing experiments
- remove interferences by curvelet-domain sparsity promotion
- exploit properties of Pareto curves in combination with stochastic optimization
- turn 'overdetermined' problems into 'undetermined' problems via random source encoding

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#### Xiang Li's examples

#### **DNOISE contributions**

Stochastic optimization formalizes ad hoc phase encodings proposed in the geophysical literature.

Combination of the stochastic approximation with compressive sensing leads to a dimensionality reduced formulation of Gauss Newton.

Formulation allows us to tap into convex solvers via convex-composite arguments.

Concrete prototypes for dimensionality reduced FWI.

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## Observations

Curvelet-domain sparsity promotion allows us to mitigate noise induced by

- source-cross talk
- renewals

Dimensionality reduction, which allows us to do sparse FWI.

Thu 09:00-09:30 AM Felix J. Herrmann. Dimensionality reduction for full-waveform inversion

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Thu 09:30-10:00 AM Mark Schmidt. Hybrid stochasticdeterministic methods

Thu 10:30-11:00 AM Peyman Moghaddam. Randomized full-waveform inversion

Thu II:00-II:30 AM Tristan van Leeuwen. Waveform inversion by stochastic optimization

Thu 11:30-12:00 PM Xiang Li. Full-waveform inversion with randomized L1 recovery for the model updates

Thu 12:00-12:30 PM Aleksandr Aravkin & Tristan van Leeuwen. Exploiting sparsity in full-waveform inversion: nonlinear basis pursuit denoise algorithm

#### **Tutorials & Software**

## SLIM Seismic Laboratory for Imaging and Modeling the University of British Columbia

#### Research Faculty Henryk Modzelewski (Ph.D.)



+ Ph.D. in Atmospheric Sciences, UBC

- Scientific programming
  - High-Performance Computing
  - Development: MPI and Python
- System administration



#### Nameet Kumar (undergraduate COOP)



Physics UBC
Scientific programmer for pSPOT



#### Sebastien Pacteau (undergraduate interm)



#### Geophysics

#### Scientific programmer for Kroneckers in pSPOT



## Recent developments

Purchase of Parallel matlab turned underutilized cluster into fully utilized problem solver.

OO programming allows us to

- seamlessly build in parallelization
- fast prototyping
- compartmentalize our applications into logical units, linear operators, solvers, etc.
- streamlines dissemination of our technology
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## Contributions

- Development of a parallel OO framework for linear operators
- Large-scale for convex optimization problems
- Software release for primary-estimation by sparse inversion
- Planned releases for linearized inversion (with multiples)

Thu 01:30-01:50 PM Henryk Modzeleweski. Software releases and architecture Thu 01:50-02:10 PM Michael Friedlander. Introduction to Spot – A Linear-Operator Toolbox SLIM 🕂

Thu 02:10-02:30 PM Nameet Kumar. Parallelizing operations with ease using Parallel SPOT

Thu 02:30-02:50 PM Sebastien Pactau. Parallel SPOT and Kronecker products

Thu 02:50-03:10 PM Tim Lin. Software release: Estimation of primaries by II inversion