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#### Full-waveform inversion with randomized L1 recovery for the model updates

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# Motivation

Curse of dimensionality for d>2

- Exponentially increasing data volumes
- Helmholtz requires iteratively solvers to address bandwidth

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- 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 iterations with all data
- removes the linearly increasing costs of implicit solvers for increasing numbers of frequencies & RHS's
- produces high-resolution inversion results

# Key technologies

[Beasley, '98, Berkhout, '08] Simultaneous sources & phase encoding [Morton, '98, Romero, '00]

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

Stochastic optimization & machine learning [Bertsekas, '96]

• stochastic gradient decent

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

• sparse recovery & randomized subsampling

[Wang & Sacchi, '07]

### Sparse recovery

#### Least-squares migration with sparsity promotion

$$\delta \widetilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \arg\min_{\delta \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\delta \mathbf{x}\|_{\boldsymbol{\ell}_1} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\boldsymbol{\delta} \underline{\mathbf{d}} - \nabla \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}[\mathbf{m}_0; \underline{\mathbf{Q}}] \mathbf{S}^* \delta \mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sigma$$

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 $\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Sparse}$  curvelet-coefficient vector

$$S^* = Curvelet$$
 synthesis

#### leads to significant speedup as long as

$$n_{PDE}^{\ell_1} \times K \ll n_{PDE}^{\ell_2} \times n_f \times n_s$$



### Experiment

Linearized sparsity promoting least-squares migration

- Marmousi model (128x384) with grid size 24 m
- 12 Hz ricker wavelet
- use different
  - # of simultaneous shots
  - # of frequencies

# Linearized sparse inversion

14 simultaneous shots 7 random frequencies

L2 recovery with all data

sparse recovery with curvelet

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# FWI formulation

*Multiexperiment* unconstrained optimization problem:

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

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

[Tarantola, 84; Pratt, '98; Plessix, 06] [Haber, Chung, and Herrmann, '10]

# Gauss-Newton

Algorithm 1: Gauss Newton

**Result**: Output estimate for the model **m**   $\mathbf{m} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}_0; k \leftarrow 0;$  // initial model while not converged **do**   $| \mathbf{p}^k \leftarrow \arg\min_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} || \delta \mathbf{d} - \nabla \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}^k; \mathbf{Q}] \mathbf{p} ||_2^2 + \lambda^k ||\mathbf{p}||_2^2;$  // search dir.  $\mathbf{m}^{k+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}^k + \gamma^k \mathbf{p}^k;$  // update with linesearch  $k \leftarrow k+1;$ end

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# FWI with phase encoding

Multiexperiment unconstrained optimization problem:

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

- 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; Herrmann et. al. '08-'10]

#### Renewals

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

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Requires fewer PDE solves for each GN subproblem...

- motivated by stochastic approximation [Nemirovski, '09]
- related to Kaczmarz ('37) method applied by Natterer, '01
- supersedes ad hoc approach by Krebs et.al., 2009

# Phase encoding

Algorithm 1: Gauss Newton with renewed phase encodings

**Result**: Output estimate for the model **m**   $\mathbf{m} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}_0; k \leftarrow 0;$  // initial model while not converged **do**   $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{p}^k \leftarrow \arg\min_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} \| \delta \mathbf{d}^k - \nabla \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}^k; \mathbf{Q}^k] \mathbf{p} \|_2^2 + \lambda^k \| \mathbf{p} \|_2^2;$  // search dir.  $\mathbf{m}^{k+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}^k + \gamma^k \mathbf{p}^k;$  // update with linesearch  $k \leftarrow k+1;$ end

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# Observations

#### Stochastic optimization

- introduces noisy search directions
- interferences go down slowly as batch size increases
- requires averaging over previous model updates

Formulation does not exploit sparsity on the model

[Bertsekas, '96] [Krebs et.al, '09]

# Our approach

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; Herrmann & Li, '08-'09]

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# Compressive updates

Algorithm 1: Gauss Newton with sparse updates

**Result**: Output estimate for the model **m**   $\mathbf{m} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}_0; k \leftarrow 0;$  // initial model while not converged **do**   $| \mathbf{p}^k \leftarrow \mathbf{S}^* \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} || \delta \underline{\mathbf{d}}^k - \nabla \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}^k; \underline{\mathbf{Q}}^k] \mathbf{S}^* \mathbf{x} ||_2^2 \text{ s.t. } || \mathbf{x} ||_1 \leq \tau^k$   $\mathbf{m}^{k+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}^k + \gamma^k \mathbf{p}^k;$  // update with linesearch  $k \leftarrow k+1;$ end

[van den Berg & Friedlander, '08]

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### Example

Marmousi model and BP model:

- 128x384 with a mesh size of 24 meters, 100m for BP
- 384 co-located shots and receivers with offset = 3 X depth
- 2.4s recording time for Marmousi, 12s for BP

Explicit Time-harmonic Helmholtz solver

- 9-point finite difference
- Absorbing boundary condition
- 12 Hz Ricker source wavelet and 7 Hz for BPmodel

## Example

FWI specs:

- Committed inversion crime
- Frequency continuation over 10 bands
- 15 simultaneous shots with 10 frequencies each

$$K = 10 \times 15 \ll 100 \times 384$$

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#### Source wavelet













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#### Source wavelet











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![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

5000

4000

#### Performance

Remember per subproblem

$$n_{PDE}^{\ell_1} \times K \ll n_{PDE}^{\ell_2} \times n_f \times n_s$$

$$n_{PDE}^{\ell_1} \approx 100$$
 versus  $n_{PDE}^{\ell_2} \approx 10$   
 $K = 24$   $K = 5800$ 

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## Conclusions

Because Compressive Sensing does not rely on averaging but on sparsity, our approach is a viable alternative to the stochastic approximation

Sparse recoveries offset random interferences due to source encoding

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Hight-quality & high-resolution inversions have been achieved with significant accelerations

No need for additional migration step

Improvements come from sparsity promotion & curvelets

Indications that the curse of dimensionality can be removed...

# Future plans

#### Investigate

- Noise sensitivity
- continuation with batch size
- explore multiscale structure of curvelets
- incomplete data
- extension to 3D

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#### Software release is soon!

# Further reading

#### **Compressive sensing**

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- Compressed Sensing by D. Donoho, '06
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- A new look at simultaneous sources by Beasley et. al., '98.
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- Neuro-Dynamic Programming by Bertsekas, '96
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