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Drivers

Recent technology push calls for collection

- high-quality broad-band data volumes (>100k channels)
- Iarger offsets & full azimuth

Exposes vulnerabilities in our ability to control

- acquisition costs / time
- processing costs / time

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Drivers cont'd

Complexity of inversion algorithms exposes the "curse of dimensionality" in

- sampling: exponential growth of # samples for high dimensions
- optimization: exponential growth of # parameter combinations that need to be evaluated to minimize our objective functions

Today's agenda

Overview of

- basics of exploration seismology
- type of problems we encounter

Examples of CS & convex optimization in seismic acquisition

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successes & challenges

Dimensionality reduction in wave-equation based inversion

• "poor man's" approximate message passing

Basics seismic acquisition [Marine]



http://geomaticsolutions.com/seismic-surveys/

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Dynamite



Dynamite



VibroSeis



Examples of records



On land: Vibroseis



At sea: airguns



What is in the subsurface?

Detail of seismic image containing faults



What is in the subsurface?



"Outcrop" with fault-blocks





3D interpretation of very inhomogeneous medium by slicing through image cube

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Common Shot Gather # 71: Rx = 600, Ry = 600 600 1200.0 NOTE: The shot gather # 1000.0corresponds to the # on Receiver (#) the data file. Example, shot gather # 71 comes from the 800.0 SOURCE_000071.sgy data file. 600.0 600 400.0-200.0-600 0.0 2.0-Time (s) 4.0-5 6.0 8.0 10.0 1000 0 1000 500 500 Receiver (#) Receiver (#)

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Problems

Seismic acquisition is "costly"

Difficult to acquire *complete* data volumes in 4 spatial dimensions

Physical constraints, noise, obstacles...

Inversion codes call for more and higher quality data

Seismic data volumes are becoming excessively large

Exposes vulnerabilities in our ability to compute our way out of this ...

Migration output 12.5 m x 30 m and 12.5 m x 15 m



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Migration output at 25 m x 30 m and 10 m x 10 m



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Narrow Azimuth vs. Wide Azimuth

NAZ



WAZ



Subsalt imaging improvements from 2005 to 2010: GSMP, FWI, RTM

2005 technologies NAZ/SRME/WEM

2010 technologies WAZ/GSMP/FWI/RTM





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Our contributions

Proposal to randomize acquisition

- random source/receiver locations
- jittered time dithering in (simultaneous) source marine acquisition

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recovery via curvelet-domain sparsity promotion or lowrank promotion



Coil shooting



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Shot distribution for single vessel coil shooting

Regular center distribution

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Random center distribution



Coil center grid design

Coil center grid design

Regular center distribution



Coil center grid design

Regular center distribution



Random center distribution



WAZ vs. coil shooting comparison: the same processing sequence was applied on both datasets Coil







Receiver spread

Courtesy Nick Moldoveanu

34 % of samples

Challenge

Starting SPGl1 recovery...

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Basis pursuit tol		: 1.00e-06	Maximum iterations		:	110		
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Input data



Interpolation with 2D Curvelet


Input data



Interpolation with 2D Curvelet

Open questions

Sparse recovery gives encouraging results

Able to scale sparse recovery to "large" problem sizes

true 3D remains a big challenge

Sparsity-promoting program far from reaching convergence

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- what are good criteria to measure performance
- how can we *improve* convergence & scale

Problem statement

Solve an underdetermined system of linear equations:



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Sampling matrix (RM)



Measurements (b)



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Sparse recovery

Solve the convex optimization problem (one-norm minimization):

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{\tilde{x}} &= \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{\tilde{x}} &= \mathbf{b} \\$$

Sparsity-promoting solver: $\mathbf{SPG}\ell_1$ [van den Berg and Friedlander, 2008]

Recover single-source prestack data volume: $\mathbf{\tilde{d}} = \mathbf{S^H}\mathbf{\tilde{x}}$

"Ideal" simultaneous acquisition Sparsity-promoting recovery : 10.5 dB

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RESIDUAL



Random time-dithering Sparsity-promoting recovery : 8.06 dB

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Periodic time-dithering Sparsity-promoting recovery : 4.80 dB

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Gram matrices



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Figure 3: Gram matrices of randomized and constant time shifting operators, top and bottom left, respectively, coupled with a curvelet transform. The top and bottom right plots show column 300 of the Gram matrices.

Different transforms



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Figure 4: Gram matrices of randomized and constant time shifting operators, top and bottom left, respectively, coupled with a Fourier transform. The top and bottom right plots show the center columns of the Gram matrices.

RIP constants



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Figure 5: Comparison between the histograms of $\hat{\delta}_{\Lambda}$ from 1000 realizations of \mathbf{A}_{Λ} , the random time-shift sampling matrices $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{RMS}^H$ restricted to a set Λ of size k, the size support of the largest transform coefficients of a real (Gulf of Suez) seismic image. The transform \mathbf{S} is (a) the curvelet transform and (b) the nonlocalized 2D Fourier transform. The histograms show that randomized time-shifting coupled with the curvelet transform has better behaved RIP constant ($\hat{\delta}_{\Lambda} = \max\{1 - \sigma_{\min}, \sigma_{\max} - 1\} < 1$) and therefore promotes better recovery.

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Random time-dithering

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Recovery : 8.06 dB







Recovery : 10.3 dB

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Challenges

Extension to 3D seismic (5-D data) exposes vulnerabilities

- redundancy of directional spasifying transforms
- cost of matvecs and # of matvecs for convex optimization
- Explore a different kind of structure
 - "low-rank" of matrix / tensor representations
 - seismic data may not be low-rank but we have seen encouraging results

Nuclear Norm

• Given any matrix $X = USV^T$,

the nuclear norm is $||X||_* = \sum (\operatorname{diag}(S))$.

Just like the 1-norm approximates the 0-norm, so the nuclear norm approximates the rank.

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• Therefore, to find a low rank solution, solve: $\min_{X} \|X\|_{*}$ such that $\|b - \mathcal{F}(X)\|_{2} \leq \sigma$.

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Bring on the Pareto! $\min_{X} \|X\|_{*}$ such that $\|b - \mathcal{F}(X)\|_{2} \leq \sigma$.

- We can use SPGL1 to solve such problems if
 - It is easy to project onto $\mathbb{B}^{\tau}_* := \{X : \|X\|_* \leq \tau\}$
 - It is easy to evaluate the *dual* norm.
- Dual norm is simply maximum singular value (op norm)
- But just computing the nuclear norm requires SVDs. Fortunately, we can use a clever trick...

Factorization Approach

- The Nuclear norm has a convenient property: $\|X\|_* = \inf_{X=LR^*} \frac{1}{2} \left(\|L\|_F^2 + \|R\|_F^2 \right)$
- We can work with L, R rather than X: $\min_{L,R} \frac{1}{2} \left(\|L\|_F^2 + \|R\|_F^2 \right)$

such that $||b - \mathcal{F}(LR^*)||_2 \leq \sigma$.



Advantages: no SVD required; trivial projection; potential to use factors L, R downstream.

Rank Optimization in Midpoint-Offset

- Seismic data have faster singular value decay in midpoint-offset domain
- We recover 50% missing data by solving the rank optimization problem for high (70) and low (20) frequencies.
- nr = ns = 354.



Complete data before and after transformation

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Work flow:

- Convert data with missing traces to M-O domain.
- Initialize L, R factors of pre-selected rank.
- Run rank optimization algorithm (SPGLI+).
- Form dense solution $X = LR^*$
- Convert solution back to source-receiver domain.

Gulf of Suez: Least Squares + Low Rank

Frequency Slice : 70 Hz, Rank : 20





Gulf of Suez: Least Squares + Low Rank

Frequency Slice : 70 Hz, Rank : 40





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Wave-equation based inversion

PDE constrained inversion

- Batching techniques that exploit separable structure & linearity in the sources
- CS techniques to reduce size of GN subproblems & linearity in the sources
- AMP techniques to speed up convergence by using redundancy in data

Full-waveform inversion

We model the data in the *acoustic* approximation $(\omega^2 \mathbf{m} + \nabla^2)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{q}$



Full-waveform inversion

Realistic scale (3D):

- $\mathbf{m} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^9)$ unknowns
- $\mathbf{d} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{15})$ measurements
- 3D Helmholtz equation is nontrivial to solve.

Batched optimization $\min_{\mathbf{m}} \Phi[\mathbf{m}] = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \phi_i[\mathbf{m}]$

Quasi-Newton approach

 $\mathbf{s}_k = -B_k \nabla \Phi[\mathbf{m}_k]$ $\mathbf{m}_{k+1} = \mathbf{m}_k + \lambda_k \mathbf{s}_k$

But: evaluation of *full* misfit and gradient is very expensive.

Full waveform inversion

The gradient can be calculated via the adjoint state method

$$\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial m_k} = \mathbf{u}_i^H \left(\frac{\partial A[\mathbf{m}]}{\partial m_k}\right)^H \mathbf{v}_i$$

$$A[\mathbf{m}]\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{q}_i$$
$$A[\mathbf{m}]^H \mathbf{v}_i = P^T (\mathbf{d}_i - F[\mathbf{m}]\mathbf{q}_i)$$

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Optimization

The gradient is the average $\nabla \Phi = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{K} \nabla \phi_i$

which we can approximate by

$$\nabla \Phi \approx \nabla \widetilde{\Phi} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \nabla \phi_i$$

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Optimization

Grow the sample by adding elements

- in a pre-scribed order
- chosen at random without replacement
- chosen at random with replacement

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Optimization

Error in the gradient



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Optimization





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FWI with compressive sensing

Work on *small* subsets of data and use *sparsity* promotion to control errors of Gauss-Newton updates

works for simultaneous & sequential (marine) data

Use separable structure of FWI and use techniques from

- stochastic optimization & compressive sensing [Bertsekas, '96, Nemirovsky, '08, Candes et.al., '06, Donoho, '06]
- *approximate* message passing [Donoho et. al. '09, Montanari, '12]
- phase encoding [Krebs et.al., '09, Operto et. al., '09, Herrmann et.al., '08-10']

Random sourceencoded imaging

Replace GN update with all data (overdetermined system)

 $\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{mig}} = \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{b}$ approximating minimize $\frac{1}{2K} \sum_{i=1}^K \|\mathbf{b}_i - \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{x}\|_2^2$

with K large by sparsity-promoting GN (underdetermined)

 $\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize }} \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \underline{\mathbf{b}}_i = \underline{\mathbf{A}}_i \mathbf{x}, \quad i = 1 \cdots K'$

with $K' \ll K$ and $\{\underline{\mathbf{b}}_i, \underline{\mathbf{A}}_i\}$ supershots & linearized Born scattering operators

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Continuation methods

Versatile large-scale sparsity-promoting solvers limit the number of matrix-vector multiplies by cooling, which

- slowly allows components to enter into the solution
- solves an intelligent series of LASSO subproblems for decreasing sparsity levels
- uses convexity & smoothness of Pareto curves with Newton root finding



Problems

One-norm solvers suffer from:

- first-order spectral-gradient methods need many iterations
- second-order quasi-Newton need to store multiple model vectors
- correlation buildup that slows down convergence

Can insights from AMP be used to accelerate current stateof-the art one-norm solvers?

Compressive imaging [with message passing]

Select independent random source encodings after each LASSO subproblem is solved

- calculate corresponding supershots
- redefine Jacobian operator (and its adjoint)
 (select independent simultaneous sources & supershots)

Promote sparsity in the curvelet domain

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Supercooling

Break correlations between the model iterate and matrix **A** by rerandomization

- draw new independent $\{\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{A}_t\}$ after each LASSO subproblem is solved
- brings in "extra" information without growing the system
- **minimal** extra computational & memory cost









Compressive imaging [with message passing]

Result: Estimate for the model \mathbf{x}^{t+1} \mathbf{x}^0 , $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ and $t, \tau^0 \leftarrow 0$; // Initialize 2 while $t \leq T$ do $| \mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times K'}$ with $W_{ij} \sim N(0, 1/\sqrt{K'})$; // Random encoding $\{\underline{\mathbf{b}}, \underline{\mathbf{q}}\} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{DW}, \mathbf{QW}\}$; // Draw sim sources and data $| \underline{\mathbf{A}} \leftarrow \nabla \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}_0; \underline{\mathbf{q}}]$; // New demigration operator $\mathbf{x}^{t+1} \leftarrow \operatorname{spgll}(\underline{\mathbf{A}}, \underline{\mathbf{b}}, \tau^t, \sigma = 0, \mathbf{x}^t)$; // Reach Pareto $\tau^t \leftarrow ||\mathbf{x}^{t+1}||_1$; // New initial τ value $| t \leftarrow t + \Delta T$; // Add # of iterations of spgl1 9 end

Algorithm 1: Supercooled sparsity-promoting migration.

Imaging results

Time-harmonic Helmholtz:

- 409 X 1401 with mesh size of 5m
- 9 point stencil [C. Jo et. al., '96]
- absorbing boundary condition with damping layer with thickness proportional to wavelength

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• solve wavefields on the fly with direct solver

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4000

3000 Velocity (m/s)

2000

Imaging results [background model]



Migration results [true perturbation]



Imaging results

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Split-spread surface-free 'land' acquisition:

- 350 sources with sampling interval 20m
- 701 receivers with sampling interval 10m
- maximal offset 7km (3.5 X depth of model)
- Ricker wavelet with central frequency of 30Hz
- recording time for each shot is 3.6s



Imaging results

Reduced setup:

- I0 random frequencies (versus 300 frequencies) (20Hz-50Hz)
- 3 random simultaneous shots (versus 350 sequential shots)

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Significant dimensionality reduction of

 $\frac{K'}{K} = 0.0003$



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 $\begin{aligned} & \text{Imaging results} \\ & \text{Least-squares migration with randomized supershots:} \\ \delta \widetilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \arg \min \|\delta \mathbf{x}\|_{\ell_2} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\delta \mathbf{d} - \nabla \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}_0; \mathbf{Q}] \, \mathbf{S}^* \delta \mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sigma \end{aligned}$

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

- $S^* = Curvelet$ synthesis
 - \mathbf{Q} = Simultaneous sources

$$\delta \underline{\mathbf{d}} = \mathbf{Super shots}$$

 $\delta \mathbf{x}$

Imaging results

Sparsity-promoting migration with *randomized* supershots:

$$\delta \widetilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{S}^* \arg\min_{\delta \mathbf{x}} \|\delta \mathbf{x}\|_{\ell_1} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\delta \mathbf{d} - \nabla \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{m}_0; \mathbf{Q}] \mathbf{S}^* \delta \mathbf{x}\|_2 \le \sigma$$

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 - \mathbf{Q} = Simultaneous sources
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Migration results [ℓ_2 without renewals]



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Imaging results [ℓ_1 without renewals]



Migration results [ℓ_2 with renewals]



Migration results [ℓ_1 with renewals]



Migration results [true perturbation]





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Migration results [solution paths ℓ_2]





without renewals

with renewals

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Migration results [solution paths ℓ_1]





without renewals

with renewals

Imaging results



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Migration results [model errors]



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Why does this work?

Physicist's perspective:

We are dealing with extremely large systems that mix for

- Iarge enough system sizes and long enough times
- Iarge enough complexity in the velocity model

Linear systems start to behave like 'Gaussian' matrices

- show 'phase-transitions' for simple recovery algorithms
- approximations become better when systems get larger

[Donoho et. al, '09-'12; Montanari, '10-'12, Rangan, '11]

Approximate message passing

Add a term to iterative soft thresholding, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{x}^{t+1} = \eta_t \left(\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{r}^t + \mathbf{x}^t \right)$$
$$\mathbf{r}^t = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}^t + \frac{\|\mathbf{x}^{t+1}\|_0}{n} \mathbf{r}^{t-1}$$

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Holds for

• normalized Gaussian matrices $A_{ij} \in n^{-1/2}N(0,1)$

Iarge-scale limit and for specific thresholding strategy

[Montanari, '12]

Approximate message passing

Statistically equivalent to

$$\mathbf{x}^{t+1} = \eta_t \left(\mathbf{A}_t^* \mathbf{r}^t + \mathbf{x}^t \right)$$
$$\mathbf{r}^t = \mathbf{b}_t - \mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{x}^t$$

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by drawing new independent pairs $\{\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{A}_t\}$ for each iteration

Changes the story completely

- breaks correlation buildup
- faster convergence



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Observations

Message-pass term has the same effect as drawing independent experiments $\{\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{A}_t\}$

- 'Gaussian' matrices
- delicate normalization and thresholding strategy
- renders proposed method impractical
- can lead to *dramatically* improved convergence


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Ideal 'Seismic' example [n/N=0.13;N=248759;T=500]



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Ideal 'Seismic' example [n/N=0.13;N=248759;T=500]

10 X



Ideal 'Seismic' example [n/N=0.13;N=248759;T=500]

10 X



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Solution paths



Independent redraws of $\{\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{A}_t\}$ lead to improved recovery

MCC experiments

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[Romero et. al., 2000; ]
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[Montanari, 2012]

[Herrmann & Li, 2012]

Observations

Independent redraws of $\{\mathbf{b}_t, \mathbf{A}_t\}$ get rid of small difficult to remove interferences

working only with subsets of the data
But, aren't we fooling ourselves since proposed method

defeats the premise of compressive sampling

Or, are there data-rich applications for this method?

• e.g. efficient imaging with random source encoding

Conclusions

Message passing improves image quality

computationally feasible one-norm regularization

Message passing via rerandomization

small system size with small IO and memory imprints

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Possibility to exploit new computer architectures that employ model space parallelism to speed up wavefield simulations...

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FWI results

FWI:

- I0 overlapping frequency bands with I0 frequencies (2.9Hz-25Hz)
- I0 Gauss-Newton steps for each frequency band (solved with max 20 spectral-projected gradient iterations)



True model



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3000 Velocity (m/s)

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Initial model



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Modified GN 7 sim. shots without renewals

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25 times speedup compared to full GN

Modified GN 7 sim. shots with renewals

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Modified GN 7 seq. shots without renewals

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