# The Rice Inversion Project 2012 Review

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## **Overview**

Linearized Modeling and Inversion

Extended modeling and MVA

**Extended Waveform Inversion** 



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## Goal

## contribute mathematical and computational innovations to development of waveform inversion for seismic exploration



# **Projects**

- Migration Velocity Analysis without picking (Yujin, Yin, Jie)
- Combining Full Waveform Inversion with MVA (Yujin, Yin, Lei, Papia)
- Fast modeling in heterogeneous media (Muhong, Mario)





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M = model space = mechanical parameter fields (bulk modulus, density,  $C_{ijkl}(\mathbf{x}),...$ )

$$D = \mathsf{data} \; \mathsf{space} = \{d(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}_s, t)\}$$

 $F: M \rightarrow D$  modeling operator = forward map = solve wave equations for pressure, displacement,..., sample at  $\mathbf{x}_r, t$  (RHS = function of  $\mathbf{x}_s$ )



Full Waveform Inversion problem:

given  $d \in D$  , find  $m \in M$  so that

 $F[m] \simeq d$ 

Least squares inversion = FWI: minimize

 $J_{LS}[m] = ||F[m] - d||^2 [+ \text{ regularizing terms}]$ 



Example: constant density acoustics  $M = {\kappa(\mathbf{x}) = \rho c^2(\mathbf{x})}$ , isotropic point radiator

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ight) p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s) w(t);$$

$$p \equiv 0, t \ll 0$$

 $F[c^2] = \{p(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}_s, t)\}$  (solve wave equation, sample pressure field)



Bandlimited source  $\Rightarrow$  derivative *DF* makes sense (aka linearized fwd map, Born modeling operator, etc. etc. - Stolk 00, Blazek et al 13)

Least squares inversion for linearized map: Given d find  $m, \delta m$  so that

$$\min_{m,\delta m} \|DF[m]\delta m - (d - F[m])\|^2 + \dots$$

When *m* is included as inversion target, no easier than non-linearized inverse problem!



Example: constant density acoustics: background  $c^2(\mathbf{x})$ , perturbation  $\delta c^2(\mathbf{x})$ 

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2(\mathbf{x})\nabla^2\right) p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s)w(t)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2(\mathbf{x})\nabla^2\right)\delta p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) = \delta c^2(\mathbf{x})\nabla^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t)$$

$$p, \delta p = 0, t \ll 0$$
  
 $DF[c^2]\delta c^2 = \{\delta p(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}_s, t)\}$ 















For noise-free data, correct m: recovery of correct  $\delta m$ , small data residual





Linearized inversion  $m = c_{\rm sm}^2$  ("100%"), from 60 shot records 100m spacing. Left: estimated  $\delta c^2$ , 50 CG its. Right: target  $\delta c^2$ 





Relative RMS residual = 0.2. Left: predicted data, Right, residual, shot position 6 km



However, small errors in  $m \Rightarrow$  large residual at optimal  $\delta m$ 

Away from optimum, small changes in *m* have little effect on data fit - *data fit does not encode m* 

If *m* is substantially incorrect, no  $\delta m$  is consistent with data





Linearized inversion  $m = 0.8c_{\rm sm}^2 + 0.2c_0^2$  ("80%"), from 60 shot records 100m spacing. Left: estimated  $\delta c^2$ , 50 CG its. Right: target  $\delta c^2$ 





Relative RMS residual = 0.8. Left: predicted data, Right, residual, shot position 6 km





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Empirical observation (eg. Taner & Koehler 69):

May fit data subsets with perturbation  $\delta m$ , even with erroneous background m

Example of "fitable" subsets: shot records (data for single  $\mathbf{x}_s$ )





Inversion of  $\delta m \ (= \delta c^2)$  for each shot record independently, "80%"  $m \ (= 0.8c_{\rm sm}^2 + 0.2c_0^2)$  - Relative RMS Error = 0.10



- M = physical model space
- $\bar{M} = bigger$  extended model space
- $\bar{F}: \bar{M} \rightarrow D$  extended modeling operator

Extension property: 
$$M \subset \overline{M}$$
,  
 $m \in M \Rightarrow \overline{F}[m] = F[m]$ 

Linearized extension: extended perturbation about physical background model:  $D\overline{F}[m]\overline{\delta m}$ 



Linearized acoustics, shot record extension:  $\bar{M} = \{c^2(\mathbf{x}), \overline{\delta c^2}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s)\}$ 

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2(\mathbf{x})\nabla^2\right) p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_s, t) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s)w(t)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2(\mathbf{x})\nabla^2\right)\overline{\delta p}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}_s,t) = \overline{\delta c^2}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}_s)\nabla^2 p(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{x}_s,t)$$

$$p, \overline{\delta p} = 0, t \ll 0$$

$$D\bar{F}[c^2]\overline{\delta c^2} = \{\overline{\delta p}(\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}_s, t)\}$$

 $D\bar{F}[c^2]^T = prestack RTM$  operator for shot record images



One way to deal with underdetermination of extended inversion, extract velocity information:

Semblance operator ("annihilator")  $A: \overline{M} \to Z$  s.t.

$$A\overline{\delta m} = 0 \iff \overline{\delta m} \in M$$

Expl: for acoustics, shot record extension, possible choice is  $A = P \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_s}$ ,  $P = any \ \Psi DO$ . Order P = -1 $\Rightarrow$  order A = 0



MVA by Semblance optimization: minimize over  $m, \overline{\delta m}$ 

$$J[m,\overline{\delta m}] = \frac{1}{2} \|D\bar{F}[m]\overline{\delta m} - \delta d\|^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|A\overline{\delta m}\|^2$$

- small \(\lambda\) limit: inversion velocity analysis = migration velocity analysis with LS migration
- ► large λ limit: least squares inversion for linearized modeling



Semblance optimization via shot record & similar acquisition gather extensions:

- Kern & Symes 94, Mulder & ten Kroode 02, Chauris & Noble 01, Brandsberg-Dahl et al 03
- extension to full nonlinear propagation: S. 08, Sun & S SEG 12, Sun thesis
- ▶ recent: Chauris, Perrone, Almomin,...



Semblance optimization via shot record & similar acquisition gather extensions:

- + computational cost essentially same as FWI
  - restrictive geometric conditions: effective only for mild lateral heterogeneity - no multipathing, caustics (Nolan & S. 97, Stolk & S. 04)

Today: Yin (1015), Papia (1050)



Semblance optimization via survey-sinking (or shot-geophone or space-shift or ...) extension

- Claerbout 85, Sava & Fomel
- semblance optimization: Shen et al 03, 05, Kabir et al. 06, Khoury et al. 06, Vyas et al 10, Fei & Wiliamson 10, Albertin 10, Almomin & Biondi 12, Weibull & Arntsen 12, Yang & Sava 12, Biondi & Zhang 12,...
- extension to full nonlinear propagation: S. 08, Biondi & Almomin 12



Semblance optimization via survey-sinking extension: compared to surface-gather extensions,

- + less restrictive ray geometric conditions: effective for strong lateral heterogeneity, some multipathing (de Hoop & Stolk 01, de Hoop et al 09, Biondi & S. 04)
  - straightforward implementation has high computational complexity

Today: Yujin (0945, 1500), Lei (1400, 1520), Jie (1420)



Beyond semblance optimization: Peng (1315)

- choose vector field V ("image residual") on extended model space M
   : limit points = physical models M
- given data d and background model m, compute  $\overline{\delta m}$  by migration (or inversion)
- ▶ pull back V(\(\overline{\delta m}\)) to background model update by least squares fit



Contraction vector field  $h\partial_h \Rightarrow (\text{modified})$ Fei-Williamson (SEG 10) update

Related to Biondi-Sava 04, other "warping" methods, but no picking

A whole new world of MVA algorithms, NOT optimizations (updates not gradients)!



Implementing MVA by Semblance optimization: minimize over  $m, \overline{\delta m}$ 

$$J[m,\overline{\delta m}] = \frac{1}{2} \|D\bar{F}[m]\overline{\delta m} - \delta d\|^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|A\overline{\delta m}\|^2$$

Not an improvement: in acoustic expl,  $w = \phi_{\epsilon} * \delta^{(\alpha)}$ 

 $\Rightarrow \|D_m J[m, \overline{\delta m}]\| = O(\epsilon^{-1}) \text{ (cf. Almomin-Biondi SEG 12)}$ 



Reduced objective (Yin, 1015):

$$\widetilde{J}[m] = \min_{\overline{\delta m}} J[m, \overline{\delta m}]$$

1st order condition:

$$N[m]\overline{\delta m} \equiv (D\bar{F}[m]^T D\bar{F}[m] + \lambda^2 A^T A)\overline{\delta m} = D\bar{F}[m]^T \delta d$$

Key Observation: under suitable ray-geometry conditions, N[m] invertible and smooth in m

 $\Rightarrow$  computable gradient approximation with controlled accuracy



Understanding least squares inversion and reduced objective - Normal operator = Hessian:

$$D\bar{F}[m]^T D\bar{F}[m]$$

Mapping properties understood for various sub cases of elasticity,

- ► *m* smooth
- minor geometric restrictions



ray-theoretic restrictions depending on extension:  $\Rightarrow D\bar{F}[m]^T D\bar{F}[m]$  is *pseudodifferential operator* (" $\Psi$ DO ")

Definition for singular sources, *order*, uniform approximation with band limited sources

Composition, inverses ("micro local" = local in phase space)

pseudo local  $\Rightarrow$  smooth in *m*, uniformly wrt band limited source approximation



Acoustics, shot record extension:

- rays from source, receivers to scattering points (supp dc<sup>2</sup>) may have no conjugate points ("no multipathing", no caustics) - fails otherwise (Nolan & S 97, Stolk & S 04)
- singular source w = δ<sup>(α)</sup>, α = −1/2 (2D) or = −1 (3D), then order (DF̄[c<sup>2</sup>]<sup>T</sup>DF̄[c<sup>2</sup>]) = zero (bounded op on L<sup>2</sup>)
- $\{\phi_{\epsilon}\}_{\epsilon>0}$  Dirac family,  $w = \phi_{\epsilon} * \delta^{(\alpha)} \Rightarrow L^2$ -bounded, uniformly in  $\epsilon \to 0$  0.5cm



Contributors:

Cohen and Bleistein 77, Beylkin 85, Rakesh 86, Bleistein 87, Beylkin & Burridge 88, Nolan & S 97, de Hoop & Bleistein 97, Burridge et al. 98, Smit et al 98, Stolk 00, de Hoop & Stolk 01, de Hoop, Stolk & S. 09,...





"100%":  $D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (left),  $D\overline{F}[m]^T D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (right)





"95%":  $D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (left),  $D\overline{F}[m]^T D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (right)





"90%":  $D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (left),  $D\overline{F}[m]^T D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (right)





"80%":  $D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (left),  $D\overline{F}[m]^T D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (right)





"70%":  $D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (left),  $D\overline{F}[m]^T D\overline{F}[m]\delta m$  (right)



$$N[m] = \text{invertible } \Psi \text{DO order } 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\tilde{J}[m] = \frac{1}{2} \| (D\bar{F}[m]N[m]^{-1}D\bar{F}[m]^{T} - I)\delta d \|^{2}$$

$$+\frac{\lambda^2}{2}\langle \delta d, D\bar{F}[m]N[m]^{-1}A^TAN[m]^{-1}D\bar{F}[m]^T\delta d\rangle$$

 $\Psi$ DO calculus  $\Rightarrow$  under extension-dependent ray-theoretic conditions operators in inner products are  $\Psi$ DOs, order 0, w symbols depending smoothly on *m*...



 $\Rightarrow \tilde{J}$  is smooth in *m*, uniformly in  $\epsilon$ :  $D_m \tilde{J} = O_\epsilon(1)$ provided that  $A^T A$  is a  $\Psi DO$  of order 0. In fact, if & only if (Stolk & S. 03)



Domain of convexity contains ball of radius  $O_{\epsilon}(1)$ 

Algorithms for function value, gradient (1) requiring only solutions of wave equations, (2) convergent uniformly in  $\epsilon$  with error controlled by normal residual (Kern & S. 94, Yin 1015)

Any computation requires iterative solution of normal equations. Preconditioning essential (Jie 1420)

and fast solution of wave equation (Muhong 1120, Mario 1140, Lei 1520)





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Extended nonlinear ("full") waveform inversion - sure why not -  $D\bar{F}$  is derivative of a full waveform modeling operator  $\bar{F}$ 

Shot-record & similar extensions: just let  $c^2$  depend on  $\mathbf{x}_s$  (S. 91, Sun & S. 12)

Survey-sinking:  $c^2$  becomes *operator* (action at a distance) - S. 08, Biondi & Almomin 12



## **FWI+MVA**

Semblance objective:

$$J[\bar{m}] = \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{F}[\bar{m}] - d\|^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|A\bar{m}\|^2$$

As for Born case, fewer local mins than FWI but very ill-conditioned (cf Biondi-Almomin SEG 12)

D. Sun thesis: how to formulate reduced objective

Current projects (Yin, Yujin, Lei, Papia): analyze, extend



## **FWI+MVA**

On the horizon: combine reduced objective construction for FWI+MVA with Peng's generalization of semblance



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