

Joint inversion of reflectivity and background subsurface components

Thesis defense

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Main task in seismic imaging: Estimate acoustic/elastic subsurface parameters!



First, we need to acquire seismic data, onshore...





... or offshore!





Next, we need to process the seismic data!



Velocity model building



Next, we need to process the seismic data!





Different scales of the subsurface parameters



m

Subsurface model



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Background component of subsurface model (lowwavenumber component) Reflectivity component of subsurface model (highwavenumber component)





- Predict data with the acoustic/elastic wave equation
- Nonlinear; presence of local minima
- We obtain a high-wavenumber version of **b**!





- Generally good for imaging purposes!
- FWI should be better, but it'd more prone to fall into local minima
- A good idea could be used WEMVA model as input for FWI!





- Also known as "Least-squares migration"
- Assumes accurate background subsurface model
- Effective, but requires lots of computations: 1 iteration costs \sim 2 migrations



Linearized waveform inversion (*image space*)



- The FWI's Gauss-Newton Hessian is defined as: $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{L}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{L}$
- It can be less precise than data-space LWI
- Once the Hessian is estimated, the inversion is fast (matrix-like multiplications)



<u>Thesis proposal</u>: Inverting for the reflectivity and background model simultaneously!



Reflectivity component of subsurface model

Background component of subsurface model



What motivated my research?







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Joint Inversion of Reflectivity and Background Components (JIRB)

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Theory
- Chapter 3: Random boundary condition
- Chapter 4: Application to synthetic 2D data
- Chapter 5: Application to 3D marine data



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Some bits of theory





THEORY

What you need to know to understand JIRB:



- 1) How to precompute the Hessian for LWI
- 2) Reverse-time migration (RTM)
- 3) How the WEMVA operator works



THEORY





















RTM: $\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{b})^{\mathrm{T}} \Delta \mathbf{d}$



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Conventional reverse-time migration (RTM):

- 1) Propagate the source wavefield (Fwd in time)
- 2) Propagate the receiver wavefield (Bwd in time)
- 3) Perform zero-lag crosscorrelation in time

$$\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{t} \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{x}, t) \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$


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- 3) Propagate the receiver wavefield (Bwd in time)
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5) Perform crosscorrelations:



$$\Delta \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{t} \left[\delta \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{x}, t) \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{x}, t) \delta \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}, t) \right] = \Delta \mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{S}}(\mathbf{x}) + \Delta \mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{R}}(\mathbf{x})$$







Joint inversion of reflectivity and background components Start with conventional LWI (image space):





Joint inversion of reflectivity and background components

Make of **b** another model parameter:





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Original idea: Linearizing

Substitute expanded image into objective function:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}, \Delta \mathbf{b}) = \|\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{b}_0 + \Delta \mathbf{b})\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{b}_0) - \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{b}_0)\Delta \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 - \lambda \|\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{b}_0) + \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{b}_0)\Delta \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$$



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This linearization scheme didn't work!!!



Solution: Set JIRB as a nonlinear problem



 $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{b})\mathbf{r} \approx \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{b}_0)\mathbf{r}$



Numerical Results





2D NUMERICAL TESTS





2D synthetic test: Preliminaries



Velocity model (sed. Section Sigsbee):

- Horizontal: 20,000 ft (6096 m)
- Vertical: 27,000 ft (8230 m)
- Spacing: 75 ft (22.86)

Acquisition geometry:

- 54 split-spread shots
- 651 receivers per shot
- Shot spacing: 500 ft (152.4 m)
- Receiver spacing: 75 ft (22.86)

Imaging:

• Inversions ran until line search failed



2D synthetic test: Preliminaries





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Born modeled data: **d**_{obs}=**L(b)r**



Point-spread functions: Hessian estimation														
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Depth (ft)



Reflectivity model: True reflectivity vs. LWI























Reflectivity model: LWI vs. JIRB



































True perturbation in the background




JIRB perturbation in the background ($\lambda = 25$)





Background model: WEMVA vs. JIRB



WEMVA perturbation in the background





JIRB perturbation in the background ($\lambda = 25$)













3D NUMERICAL TESTS





3D real data test: Ocean Bottom Node (OBN)





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• Geophone: Measures Displacement => Vector



Upgoing component





Downgoing component





Upgoing and downgoing components





Upgoing and downgoing components



We separate components using PZ-summation!



Shell 3D dataset (Gulf of Mexico)







Subsurface model and data

Subsurface model (slowness squared):

- Inline: 4000 m
- Crossline: 5050 m
- Vertical: 2500 m
- Spacing: 25 m
- Imaging aperture: 50 samples

Data:

km2

 $\frac{0.3}{s2}$

≈. 0

- 226 nodes in the computational area
- Sorted in common-receiver gathers
- Binned to 25x25 m grid
- 539x441=237699 traces (include aperture)
- CRGs span the computational area
- Ricker wavelet, ~10.5 Hz dom. Frequency

Imaging:

- Mirror imaging, using the downgoing component
- Inversions ran for 10 iterations (9 WEMVA)



Point-spread functions: Seeded every 15 gridpoints













JIRB reflectivity 51025 49025 49025 47025 Distance Y(m) 0 1000 Depth (m) 2000 $\Phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) = \|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{b})\|_2^2 - \lambda \|\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{b})\|_2^2$ 2.165e + 052.145e + 052.125e+05

Distance X(m)











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2.165e+05

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Distance X(m)

2.125e+05

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 $\Phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) = \|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{b})\|_2^2 - \lambda \|\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{b})\|_2^2$













Refined RTM tests

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0.3s2/km2

₹ 0 <u>Objective</u>: Improve stratigraphic features

- Refine model to 12.5x12.5x12.5 m
- Re-bin data to 12.5x12.5 m grid
- 877x681=597237 traces
- Imaging aperture: 50 samples
- Duplicate dom. frequency (~19 Hz)
- Run refined RTM tests for initial
- background model, WEMVA, and JIRB background models



Compare refined RTM images run with initial model vs. WEMVA model





Refined RTM using initial background





Refined RTM using WEMVA background



Compare refined RTM images run with WEMVA model vs. JIRB model





Refined RTM using WEMVA background









Refined RTM using WEMVA background





Refined RTM using JIRB background





Refined RTM using WEMVA background





Refined RTM using JIRB background





Refined RTM using WEMVA background


3D NUMERICAL RESULTS



Refined RTM using JIRB background



To conclude...



- The JIRB method can correct remaining inaccuracies in the background model, yielding more focused seismic events in the reflectivity image
- The JIRB method can also obtain a better background model for RTM or LWI
- The method could not be implemented in a linear fashion. A nonlinear scheme was the solution
- Synthetic and field data tests show improvement in seismic events' focusing. In particular, the 3D field data exhibited improvements in deep-water stratigraphic features



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