Reservoir Imaging with Surface Waves

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Part I

Parameterization of Global Models

Spherical harmonics, spherical harmonic splines, spherical wavelets



Part II

Mixed-norm Inversions at the Global Scale

Finite-frequency measurements, spatial wavelets, sparsity-seeking algorithms



Part III

Multiscale Inversions of Exploration Models

Waveform differences, time-domain wavelets, spectral-element adjoint algorithms





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- 6. Iterative inversions of this scheme need *some sort* of regularization to temper the non-linearity, stabilize the inversion, and speed up the convergence.
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Partial reconstruction = **projection** of seismogram onto **subspace** of scale j:

$$x_j[n] = \sum_n a_{J,n} \phi_{J,n} + \sum_{j'=j+1}^J \sum_n d_{j',n} \psi_{j',n}.$$
 (1)

A realistic synthetic model



Elastic data, with and without surface waves



original data (shot 20, X-comp)

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D12 scale 9

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Misfit gradient: Initial model, full resolution



Misfit gradient: Initial model, data at scale 9



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Target & Initial models



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- 5. Complicated target models can be fit starting from even poor initial models.

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