Regularization as Constrained Inversion

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Outline

- Near subsurface imaging of the Earth
- Electrical Resistivity Tomography using Tikhonov regularization
  - Regularization informed by data constraints
- Assessing effectiveness of combining different data types
- Results from combining Electrical Resistivity and Ground Penetrating Radar data

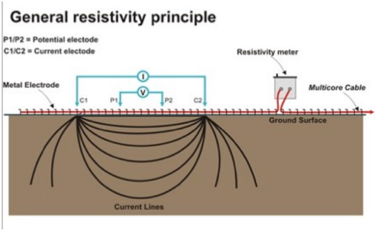
Near subsurface imaging

Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site (BHRS)

- Field laboratory on a gravel bar adjacent to the Boise River, 15 km southeast of downtown Boise.
- Consists of coarse cobble and sand. Braided stream fluvial deposits overlie a clay layer at about 20 m depth.

Difference in retention properties in a lenticular sand feature yields significantly different geophysical properties.

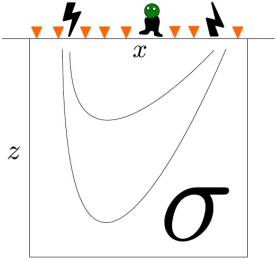
Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT)



- 2D grid of observations provides a 2.5-D inverted model that emphasizes the sand lenticular feature.
- BHRS survey consisted of 12 electrodes spaced 1 meter apart acquired with a dipole-dipole configuration.

BHRS survey acquired at surface when subsurface achieved saturation.

Electrical Resistivity Model



$$-\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla \varphi = \mathbf{i}(\delta(x - s_+) - \delta(x - s_-))^1$$

φ - electric potential

$\mathbf{i}$ - current intensity

$s_\pm$ - source-sink position.

Model parameters: conductivity σ or resistivity $\rho = 1/\sigma$

Observed data: apparent resitivity $\frac{2\pi \triangle \varphi}{i}\kappa$

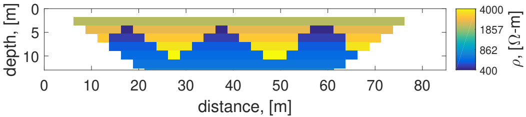
[1] Pidlisecky and Knight, 2008

Tikhonov Regularization

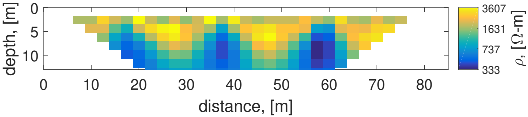
$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \left\{ \|\mathbf{d} - F(\boldsymbol{\sigma})\|_2^2 + \alpha^2 \|L_p \boldsymbol{\sigma}\|_2^2 \right\}$$

α- regularization parameter, L_p - 0th, 1st or 2nd derivative operator

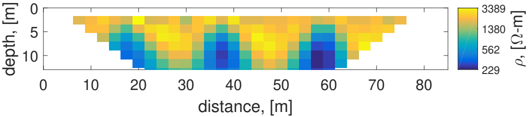
True resistivity



Inverted resistivity with L_1



Inverted resistivity with L_2

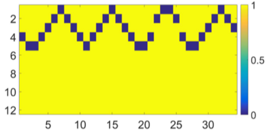


Relaxing the Constraint

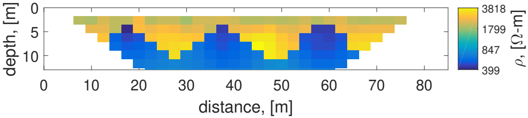
$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \left\{ \|\mathbf{d} - F(\boldsymbol{\sigma})\|_2^2 + \alpha^2 \|R L_p \boldsymbol{\sigma}\|_2^2 \right\}$$

$$R = \text{diag}(r_1, \ldots, r_n), \;\; r_i = 0 \text{ or } 1$$ [2]

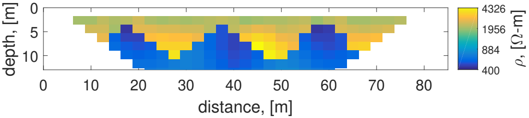
R



Inverted resistivity with RL_1

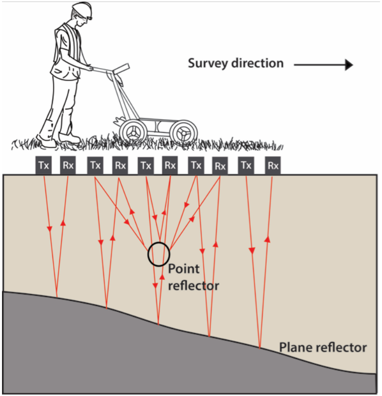


Inverted resistivity with RL_2



[2] Hetrick and M., 2018

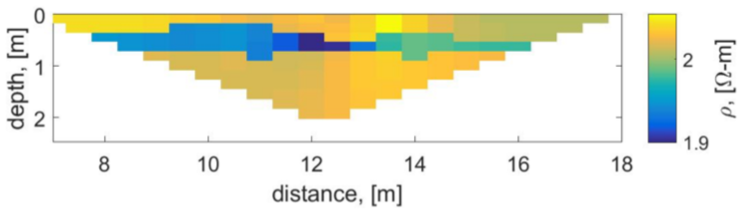
Constraint - Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)



- GPR survey at BHRS acquired across center of gridded ER survey.
- GPR sampled line collinear with ER survey.
- GPR derived boundary gives constraint for inverting the ER dataset.

Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site Results

- ER data inverted for resistivity
- Regularization in the form of subsurface boundary constraint inferred from GPR data



Summary - Constraints as Tikhonov regularization

- Additional data can be used to inform the regularization operator
  - Initial parameter estimates, or their first or second derivatives, can always produce a well-posed problem.
  - Adding derivative information only requires knowledge of where parameter values change, rather than parameter values.
  - May rely on secondary data processing or practitioner interpretation of data.

Assessing Effectiveness of Constraints - Singular Value Expansion

$$\min_x \|d - Ax\|_2^2$$

with solution

$$x = A^\dagger b = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle \psi_k, b \rangle}{\sigma_k} \phi_k$$

ψ_k, ϕ_k orthonormal singular functions

$\sigma_k \to 0$ as $k \to \infty$

- Conditioning measured by decay rate of singular values
  - e.g. decay rate $q \Rightarrow \sigma_k$ decays like k^{-q}

Singular Values of Tikhonov Operator

$$\min_x \|d - Ax\|_2^2 + \alpha^2 \|x\|_2^2$$

with solution

$$x = A_\alpha^\dagger b = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_k}{\sigma_k^2 + \alpha^2} \langle \psi_k, b \rangle \phi_k$$

so that

$$\frac{\sigma_k}{\sigma_k^2 + \alpha^2} \to 0, \text{ as } k \to \infty$$

and α restricts the solution space[3].

[3] Gockenbach, 2015

Additional Data as Constraints

$$\|d_1 - Ax\|_2^2 + \|d_2 - Bx\|_2^2$$

Singular values satisfy

$$A^* A\phi + B^* B\phi = \sigma^2 \phi \quad \text{or} \quad C^* C\phi = \sigma^2\phi$$

and can be approximated with a Galerkin method e.g. $A^{(n)}$, $a_{ij}^{(n)} = \langle q_i, Ap_j \rangle$, where $\{q_i(s)\}_{i=1}^n$ and $\{p_j(t)\}_{j=1}^n$ are orthonormal bases so that

$$A^{(n)} = U^{(n)} \Sigma^{(n)} \left(V^{(n)}\right)^T, \quad \Sigma^{(n)} = \text{diag}\left(\sigma_1^{(n)}, \sigma_2^{(n)}, \ldots \sigma_n^{(n)}\right)$$

Define

$$C^{(n)} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{(n)} \\ B^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Special case: Self-Adjoint Operators

Use singular functions in Galerkin method

$$a_{ij}^{(n)} = \langle \phi_j, A\phi_i \rangle = \langle \phi_j, \sigma_i \phi_i \rangle = \begin{cases} \sigma_i & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

then

$$A^{(n)} = \Sigma_A^{(n)} \quad \text{and} \quad B^{(n)} = \Sigma_B^{(n)}$$

so that

$$\left(C^{(n)}\right)^T \left(C^{(n)}\right) = \left(\Sigma_A^{(n)}\right)^2 + \left(\Sigma_B^{(n)}\right)^2$$

and

$$\sigma_i\left(C^{(n)}\right) = \sqrt{\sigma_i\left(A^{(n)}\right)^2 + \sigma_i\left(B^{(n)}\right)^2}$$

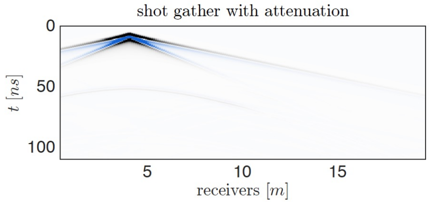
Summary - Additional Data as Constraints

- Data as constraints will reduce the amount of regularization necessary to resolve ill-posedness.
  - However, adding data may not improve decay rate in individual inversions.
- Singular values from theoretical models indicate properties and or situations where different data types effectively regularize each other.

Complementary data in Subsurface Imaging

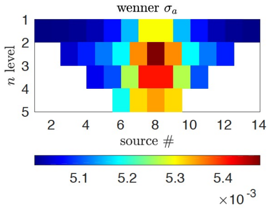
Ground Penetrating Radar

- High frequency
- Conductivity through attenuation and reflection

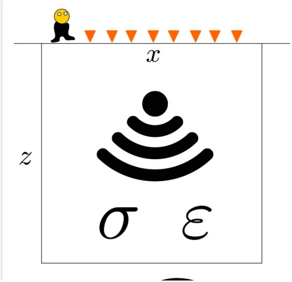


Electrical Resistivity

- Low frequency
- Directly sensitive to conductivity



GPR Model



$$\varepsilon \ddot{u} + \sigma \dot{u} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla^2 u + s_w{}^4$$

u-electric field, ε-permittvity

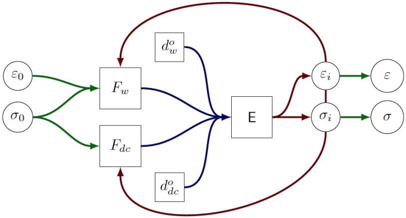
μ-constant permeability

s_w-source wavelet

Model parameters: conductivity σ and permitivity ϵ

Observed data: electric current Mu

Inverting ER and GPR jointly - full physics

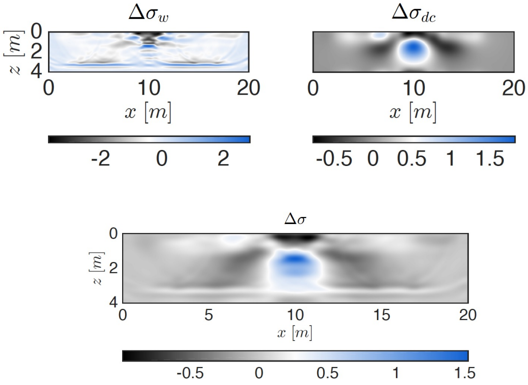


$$\boxed{\mathsf{E} = \mathsf{E}_w + \mathsf{E}_{dc}}$$

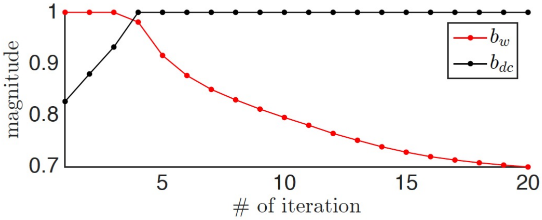
$$\varepsilon \leftarrow \varepsilon + \Delta\varepsilon$$

$$\sigma \leftarrow \sigma + \alpha\left(b_w \Delta\sigma_w + b_{dc}\Delta\sigma_{dc}\right)$$

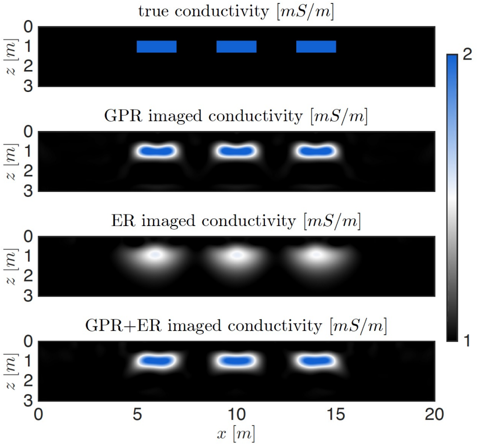
Combining updates



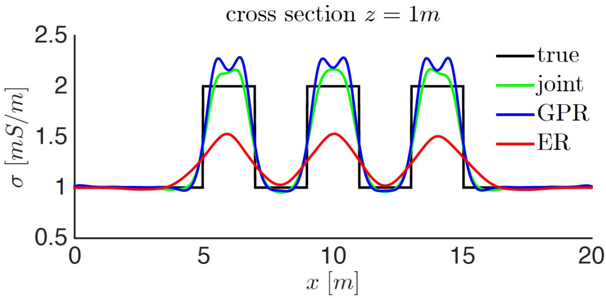
Data weights



Inverted images - full physics



Inverted cross section - full physics



Summary -
Jointly inverting two different data types with full physics

- We have developed a joint inversion algorithm to solve for both permittivity ϵ and conductivity σ using complementary GPR and ER data.
- Features were recovered that neither GPR or ER can individually resolve.
- Future work will quantify the effectiveness of combining these data types
  - Calculate decay rate of singular values of individual and joint operators

Thank you!

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