Detection of Sinkholes or Anomalies Using Full Seismic Wave Fields: Phase II FDOT BDV31-977-29



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## Outline of presentation

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- FWI Improvements
  - Computer time reduction
  - Data analysis automation
- Synthetic study
  - 3-D effects of offline voids
- GUI development
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## Need of site investigation

- Problems and disputations during and after construction
- Structural damage/collapse
- Long-term affects on structures

#### Goals of site investigation

- Soil/rock stratigraphy
- Embedded Sinkholes/Anomalies



Sinkhole claims cost **\$1.4 billion** in Florida from 2006-2009 (FL Office of Insurance Regulation, 2010)

## Seismic techniques

**1) Imaging:** localisation of interfaces (migration)

#### 2) Material parameter (tomography)

P-wave velocity S-wave velocity Poisson's ratio Density Attenuation Anisotropy



## Full waveform inversion (FWI) motivation

- Most conventional seismic inverse methods analyse travel times of specific wave types only, e.g.
  - travel time tomography
  - inversion of surface wave dispersion
  - migration
- FWI is <u>wave-equation based</u> and has the potential to
  - use full information content (waveforms)
  - consider all elastic wave-phenomena
  - infer multi-parameter images with high resolution





## **Overview of FWI**



## Data Acquisition and Analysis

- Data Acquisition
- Multiple geophones at 1 to 3 m spacing
- Multiple sources (strikes of hammer) at 1 to 3 m spacing
- Analysis
- Use all measured waveforms (Rayleigh, S and P waves)





## Phase I results



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- Take 3 hours of computer time
- Need Matlab expertise for data analysis

## Goals of Phase II research

- Improve the FWI technique to allow for greater accuracy and reduced computational time for insitu solution
- Investigate 3-D effect of off-line voids in 2-D waveform analysis
- Develop FWI software to allow users interacting through computer graphics

## Forward Modelling

 Required to reduce reflections of waves off the boundary



- Free surface condition at top boundary
- Perfectly Matched Layer at all other boundaries

## Perfectly Matched Layer (PML)

Adds grid points (padding) to the necessary boundaries
Padding gradually reduces the amplitude of the wave

$$\psi_x^n = b_x \psi_x^{n-1} + a_x (\partial_x)^{n+1/2}$$
$$\partial_{\tilde{x}} = \frac{1}{\kappa_x} \partial_x + \psi_x$$
$$b_x = e^{-\left(\frac{d_x}{\kappa_x} + \alpha_x\right)\Delta t}$$
$$a_x = \frac{d_x}{\kappa_x (d_x + \kappa_x \alpha_x)} (b_x - 1)$$



PML at boundary (Kallivokas, et al., 2013)

## Perfectly Matched Layer (PML)



No PML

- Benefits of PML
- Reduce modeled domain
- Improve convergence rate and accuracy of inversion



## Other improvements

- Source signature estimation
- Grid reduction
- Merging cells into bigger inversion blocks for lowfrequency analysis
- Parallelization of computations

$$\mathbf{F}(f, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}) = \mathbf{G}(f, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}) \cdot \mathbf{W}(f),$$

Frequency domain source estimation



## Synthetic Study

- Study the effects of off- line voids
- Generate data using 3D forward model





## **3-D Forward Model**

- Similar to 2-D forward model with added dimension along the surface of the medium
- First order elastic wave equations converted into finite difference equations
- Free surface and PML boundary conditions



## Example of 3-D Wave Propagation



## **Model Implementation**

- Dual layer model with a void of 5 x 5 x 3 m at center
- Receiver/shot arrays run along the x-axis



## Line 1: Centered over void





#### Wavefield comparison

## Line 2: At the edge of the void



## Line 3: One diameter from center of void





#### Wavefield comparison

# Graphical User Interface (GUI)

- Users can interact through computer graphics
- Allow technician to collect and analyze data
- Software GUI
- Input parameters
- Import and condition data
- Generate an initial model
- Invert imported data
- View results
- Current version runs on C# (sharp) and Matlab dll
- Run time for 25 shots ≈ 70 mins
- 85% complete with version using C++ dll to reduce time

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### Import and condition data



### Import shot files

Condition data

Current version running on Matlab dll

## Conditioned data



## Unfiltered data

## Filtered data Receivers removed

## Generate an initial model



**Spectral Imaging Page** 

Initial model of S-wave velocity

## Analysis and results Kanapaha



#### **Inversion Results**

## Conclusion

- A fast and nearly automatic algorithm of the full waveform inversion (FWI) has been developed for a field solution.
- Convolutional perfectly matched layers, parallelizing computations, temporal windowing, and grid reduction have been implemented to reduce required computer time. Visualized data conditioning, automated initial model, and automated analysis have also been implemented to reduce manual efforts during the analysis.
- The improved FWI algorithm can produce the field solution to obtain general information of the medium being tested within 30 minutes. More detailed information can be achieved by further analysis at higher frequencies after field testing.
- Synthetic study indicated that off line voids have minimal effect on results
- GUI software will free users from learning complex command languages, and allow them interacting through computer graphics.



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