

Time-reversal - an efficient method for Bayesian inversion

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Probabilistic, often also called Bayesian inversion technique is superior to the classical optimization-based approach in all but one aspects. It requires quite exhaustive computations which prohibit its use in huge size inverse problems like global seismic tomography or waveform inversion to name a few. The advantage of the approach are, however, so appealing that there is an ongoing continuous afford to make the huge inverse task manageable with the probabilistic inverse approach. One the possibility to achieve this goal describe in this contribution is explore the internal symmetry of the seismological modelling problems in hand – a time reversal and reciprocity invariance. This two basic properties of the elastic wave equation when incorporating into the probabilistic inversion schemata open a new horizons for Bayesian inversion. In this presentation we discuss the time reversal symmetry property and discuss how to combine it with the probabilistic inverse theory.

We illustrate the with the newly developed location algorithm TRMLOC and discuss its efficiency when applied to mining induced seismic data.