

# Efficient Hessian computation in deterministic and Bayesian inverse problems

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# Introduction

- Forward problem



- Inverse problem



- Bayes's Theorem

$$P_{\text{post}}(m|\tilde{u}) \propto P_{\text{like}}(\tilde{u}|m)P_{\text{prior}}(m) \quad (1)$$

- Posterior probability is easy to evaluate but difficult to interpret.
- How do we characterize the posterior?

# Background

- Sampling full posterior (e.g. MCMC)
  - [Petra et al., 2014, Bardsley et al., 2020, Chen and Ghattas, 2020, Vigliotti et al., 2018, Zou et al., 2019]
- Laplace approximation:  $P_{\text{post}}(m) \approx N(\bar{m}, H^{-1}[\bar{m}])$ 
  - [Bui-Thanh et al., 2013, Saibaba et al., 2020, Chang et al., 2014, Fatehboroujeni et al., 2020, Cui et al., 2016]
- Approximating the Hessian
  - [Saibaba et al., 2020, Ambartsumyan et al., 2020, Flath et al., 2011]
- In this work we find the MAP through Newton-CG and approximate the Hessian by using the Krylov basis found in computing the MAP.
  - This gives us the Hessian “*for free.*”
  - Finding the MAP is a constrained optimization problem.

# Optimization formulation

- Cost = -Log posterior

$$\underbrace{C(m)}_{-\log(P_{\text{post}}(m|\tilde{u}))} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}||\tilde{u} - u(m)||_{\text{noise}}^2}_{-\log(P_{\text{like}}(\tilde{u}|m))} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}R(m,m)}_{-\log(P_{\text{prior}}(m))}. \quad (2)$$

- Constraint equation (weak form).

$$a(\hat{w}, u; m) = l(\hat{w}) \quad \forall \hat{w} \in \mathcal{W}. \quad (3)$$

- Laplace approximation

- Close to the MAP point

$$C(m) = C(\bar{m}) + \cancel{(G[\bar{m}], m - \bar{m})_m} + \frac{1}{2} H[\bar{m}](m - \bar{m}, m - \bar{m}) + O(||m - \bar{m}||^3). \quad (4)$$

$$P_{\text{post}}(m) \propto \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} H[\bar{m}](m - \bar{m}, m - \bar{m})\right) \sim N(\bar{m}, H^{-1}[\bar{m}]) \quad (5)$$

- We use a Newton-CG method to find the MAP point.
- Newton (outer) iterations
  - Tend to converge in few iterations
  - Consistent with Laplace approximation.
  - Explicit construction of full Hessian is prohibitive
- Preconditioned-CG (inner) iterations
  - Requires only the action of the Hessian in the search directions.
  - Constructs a Krylov space of H-conjugate search directions  $\{p\}$  and R-orthogonal gradients  $\{r\}$ .
  - Algorithm theoretically converges in  $K_d + 1$  steps, where  $K_d$  is the rank of the data part of the Hessian.

# Efficient Hessian evaluation

- Given preconditioned-CG products  $p_a$ ,  $r_a$  and  $q_a$  and  $s_a$ :

## Main result

$$H[m^n](\delta m_a, \delta m_b) = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{D_{jj}} (\delta m_a, q_j) (q_j, \delta m_b) - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{C_{jj}} (\delta m_a, s_j) (s_j, \delta m_b) + R(\delta m_a, \delta m_b) \quad (6)$$

- Where:

$$(v, q_a) = H[m^n](v, p_a) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{M} \quad (7)$$

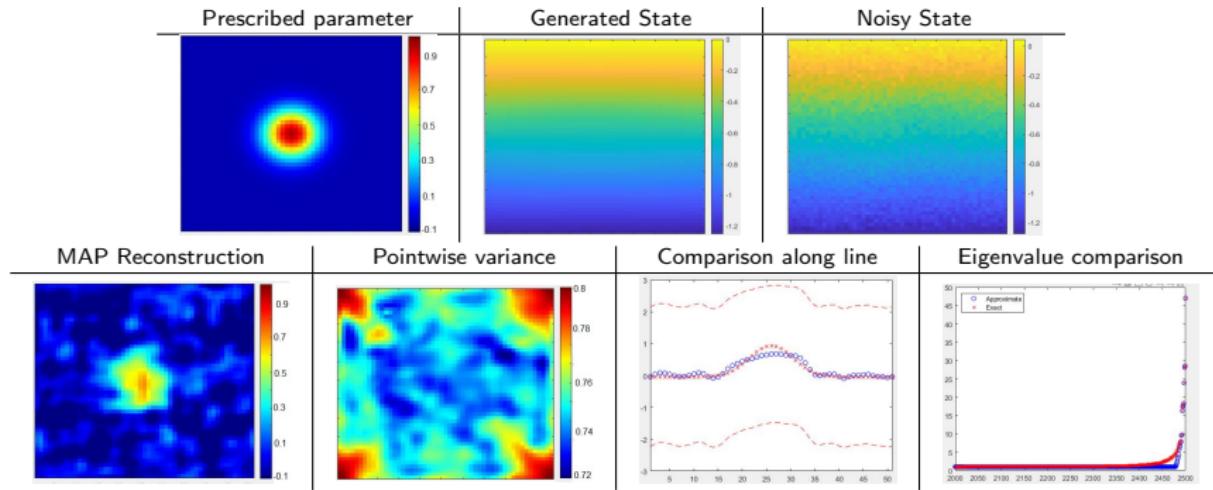
$$(v, s_a) = R(v, r_a) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{M} \quad (8)$$

$$D_{aa} = H[m^n](p_a, p_a) \quad (\text{no sum}) \quad \forall a \in \{1, \dots, k\} \quad (9)$$

$$C_{aa} = R(r_a, r_a) \quad (\text{no sum}) \quad \forall a \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}. \quad (10)$$

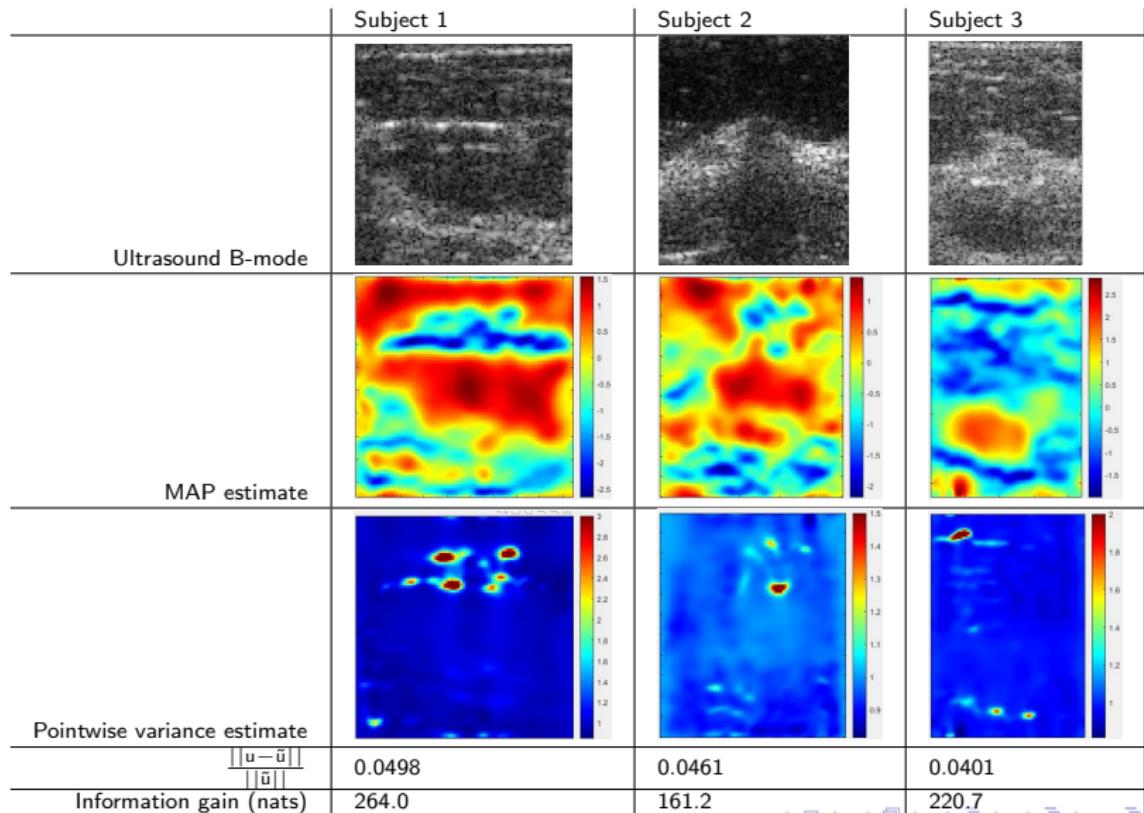
# Simulated data

- We consider the inverse elasticity problem where the state  $u$  is displacements and parameter  $m = \log(\text{Shear Modulus})$ .



# Elastic modulus maps of breast masses: UQ

Data courtesy of M. Fatemi at Mayo Clinic and T.J. Hall at University of Wisconsin



# Conclusions

- We develop a method to construct an approximation for the Hessian “for free” using components obtained during the process of optimization.
- Our method takes advantage of the conjugacies of the directions that comprise the Krylov space used to build the solution.
- The UFL interface in FEniCS facilitates easy implementation of our method.
- Thank you!

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