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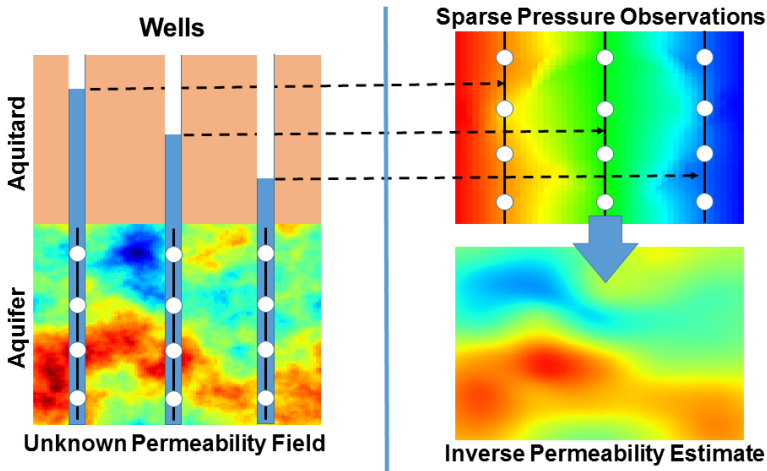
# Introduction

- Inverse modeling in hydrogeology seeks the characterization of spatially distributed parameters defined over a model domain based on observations of state variables.
- We employ a gradient-based numerical optimization method, Levenberg-Marquardt method, to solve the hydrogeologic inverse modeling problem.
- The core of the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm involves the selection of the damping parameter and the linear solve for the search direction at every iteration.
- The linear solve can be computationally intensive, which hinders the applications of LM-algorithm based inverse modeling methods to large-scale or even moderate hydrogeology models.
- We apply computationally efficient Krylov-subspace-recycled iterative linear solvers to solve the linear system at every iteration.

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# Hydrogeologic Inverse Modeling - Illustration



- **Input:** Measured values (hydraulic heads) at  $N$  observation wells.
- **Output:** Model parameter values (conductivity or transmissivity) at every grid node of the model.



# Forward Problem

The forward problem of hydrogeologic inverse modeling is governed by the groundwater flow equation,

## Groundwater Flow Equation

$$\nabla \cdot (T \nabla h) = g$$

$$g(x, y) = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right|_{a,y} = \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right|_{b,y} = 0$$

$$h(x, c) = 0, h(x, d) = 1$$

where  $h$  is the hydraulic head,  $T$  is the transmissivity and  $g$  is a source/sink (here, set to zero).

# Forward Problem

Using the operator, the forward modeling problem of the hydrogeologic inverse modeling can be simplified as,

## Groundwater Flow Equation - Operator Form

$$\mathbf{h} = f(\mathbf{T}),$$

where  $f(\cdot)$  is the forward operator mapping from the model parameter space to the measurement space.

# Inverse Problem

Correspondingly, the problem of model calibration can be posed as a damped least-squares problem,

## Hydrogeologic Inverse Modeling

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \{f(\mathbf{x})\}, \\ &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \|\mathbf{d} - f(\mathbf{x})\|_R^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\|_Q^2 \right\},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{d}$  represents a recorded hydraulic head dataset,  $\mathbf{x}$  is the calibrated model parameter,  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is the prior model parameters,  $\|\mathbf{d} - f(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$  measures the data misfit,  $\|\cdot\|_2$  stands for the  $L_2$  norm, and  $R$  is the covariance matrix for the data error and  $Q$  is the covariance matrix for the model parameters.

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# Numerical Optimization Methods - Fundamental

- Line search optimization is an iterative method usually posed as,

## Line search optimization

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \alpha^{(k)} \mathbf{p}^{(k)},$$

where  $k$  is the iteration index, the vector  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$  is the search direction and  $\alpha^{(k)}$  is the step length.

- Different optimization methods are developed according to the selection of the descent direction,  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$ .
  - First-Order Method: Steepest Descent Method
  - Second-Order Method: Newton-Type Methods and **Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) Method**.

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- Search direction of Steepest Descent Method, Newton-Type Methods and Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) Method:
  - Steepest Descent Method:  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)} = -\nabla f^{(k)}$ .
  - Newton-Type Methods:  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)} = -((\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} + \mathbf{S}^{(k)})^{-1} \nabla f^{(k)}$ , where  $\mathbf{J}^{(k)} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$  is the Jacobian matrix for the model parameter  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  and  $\mathbf{S}^{(k)}$  is the higher-order term in Hessian.
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  - LM method can be more stable than either steepest descent method or Newton-type method in the cases when the inverse problem becomes ill-posed.



# Conventional Levenberg-Marquardt Method

- The LM method can be seen as a combination of the steepest descent method and Newton-type methods.
- The damping parameter of  $\mu$  plays an important role in ensuring the search direction in the parameter space provides an optimal balance between first-order and second-order optimization steps.
- The heuristic to update the damping parameter,  $\mu^{(k)}$ ,

$$\mu^{(k+1)} = \begin{cases} \beta \cdot \mu^{(k)} & \text{if } \rho < \rho_1 \\ \frac{\mu^{(k)}}{\gamma} & \text{if } \rho > \rho_2 \\ \mu^{(k)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

and the gain factor,  $\rho$ , can be defined as,

$$\rho = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h})}{L(\mathbf{0}) - L(\mathbf{h})}.$$

# Conventional Levenberg-Marquardt Method

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## Algorithm 1 Conventional Levenberg-Marquardt Method - Major Steps

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- 1: **if** {Jacobian needs updated} **then**
  - 2:     Calculate the new Jacobian matrix;
  - 3: **end if**
  - 4: **Solve for the search direction  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$ ;**
  - 5: **if** {Stopping criterion are satisfied} **then**
  - 6:     Return with solution  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$ ;
  - 7: **else**
  - 8:     Obtain the current solution,  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{p}^{(k)}$ ;
  - 9:     **if** {Damping parameter is appropriate} **then**
  - 10:         Update the iteration,  $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}_{\text{new}}$ ;
  - 11:     **else**
  - 12:         Update the damping parameter  $\mu$ ;
  - 13:     **end if**
  - 14: **end if**
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# Conventional Levenberg-Marquardt Method

- In most existing hydrogeologic inverse modeling, direct solvers such as QR decomposition or singular value decomposition (SVD) based methods are used to solve for  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$ .
- These existing hydrogeologic inverse modeling methods can be rather computationally expensive for two reasons:
  - The Jacobian matrix can be large and sparse, therefore the direct methods will not appropriate.
  - The re-calculation of  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$  can be expensive when searching for the optimal damping parameter.
- **How can we improve the computational efficiency?**

# LM Method Revisit - Exploring the Matrix Structure

- The **Levenberg version** of the LM Method:

$\mathbf{p}^{(k)} = -[(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} + \mu \mathbf{I}]^{-1} \nabla f^{(k)}$  can be posed equivalently as a matrix form,

## Levenberg-Marquardt Method in Matrix Form

$$\mathbf{p}^{(k)} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{p}^k} \left\{ \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}^{(k)} \\ \sqrt{\mu} \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}^{(k)} - \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{r}^{(k)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \right\},$$

- We observe that,
  - The system matrices consist of two parts: the Jacobian matrix  $\mathbf{J}^{(k)}$  and the diagonal matrix and both of them can be large and sparse when the measurements and model increases.
  - At any iteration, the Jacobian matrix remains the same while the damping parameter  $\mu$  can vary.

# Efficient LM Method - Krylov Subspace Solvers

- Definition of Krylov Subspace,

$$\mathcal{K}_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}_0) = \text{span} \left\{ \mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{A} \mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \mathbf{r}_0, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(n-1)} \mathbf{r}_0 \right\}$$

- The basic idea of a Krylov solver is to construct a sequence of approximations getting closer to the exact solution  $\mathbf{x}$ , such that

$$\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathcal{K}_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}_0)$$

- We select the LSQR method, a type of Krylov Subspace Method, considering its superior performance of accuracy and efficiency in solving large-scale ill-posed problems.

# Efficient LM Method - LSQR Iterative Method

- The Krylov subspace generated at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  step using LSQR method,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{K}_n\{(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} + \mu \mathbf{I}, -(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)}\}, \\ &= \text{span}\{-(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)}, -((\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} + \mu \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)} \\ & \quad - ((\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} + \mu \mathbf{I})^2 (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)}, \dots\}, \\ &= \text{span}\{-(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)}, -(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)} - \mu (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)} \\ & \quad ((\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)})^2 (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)} + 2\mu (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)} \\ & \quad + \mu^2 (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)}, \dots\}, \\ &= \text{span}\{-(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)}, -(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)} \\ & \quad ((\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)})^2 (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)}, \dots\}. \end{aligned}$$

# Efficient LM Method - LSQR Iterative Method

- The Krylov subspace for the damped least-squares problem is independent of the damping parameter  $\mu$  [**Lin-2016-WRR**],

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{K}_k &= \text{span} \left\{ (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)} + \mu \mathbf{I}, -(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)} \right\}, \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ (\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)}, -(\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{r}^{(k)} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

- This gives us the hint to generate a common subspace using a initial damping parameter and project the remaining damping down-to the generated subspace.

# Efficient LM Method - Recycled LSQR Method

- Krylov Subspace Generate Step
  - The Golub-Kahan-Lanczos (GKL) bidiagonalization technique

$$\beta^{(1)} U^{(k+1)} \mathbf{e}^{(1)} = \mathbf{b},$$

$$A V^{(k)} = U^{(k+1)} B^{(k)},$$

$$A' U^{(k+1)} = V^{(k)} (B')^{(k)} + \alpha^{(k+1)} V^{(k+1)} \mathbf{e}'^{(k+1)},$$

where the unit vector  $\mathbf{e}^{(i)}$  has value 1 at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  location and zeros elsewhere, i.e.,  $\mathbf{e}^{(i)} = [0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0]$ .

- The GKL bidiagonalization procedure also generates a subspace, which is spanned by the column vectors in  $V_k$ , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{K}_k = \text{span}(V^{(k)}) = \mathcal{K}_k(A' A, A' \mathbf{b}).$$



# Efficient LM Method - Recycled LSQR Method

- Subspace Projection and Recycling Step
  - A three-term-recursion to update the solution  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  at each iteration step can be obtained,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} &= \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + \phi^{(k)} \mathbf{z}^{(k)}, \\ \mathbf{z}^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{\rho^{(k)}} (\mathbf{v}^{(k)} - \theta^{(k-1)} \mathbf{z}^{(k-1)}).\end{aligned}$$

- The major computational cost is the GKL recursion procedure in generating the Krylov subspace. The three-term-recursion procedure to update the solution by projection is computationally efficient in comparison.

# Efficient LM Method - Summary

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**Algorithm 2** Efficient Levenberg-Marquardt Method - Solution of Search Direction

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- 1: **if** {Initial damping parameter} **then**
  - 2:   Generate the Krylov subspace;
  - 3: **else**
  - 4:   Recycle the subspace generated previously;
  - 5: **end if**
  - 6: Solve the search direction  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$  by projection;
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# Efficient LM Method - Marquardt's Version

- Extension to **Marquardt's version** of the LM method - Variable Substitution

$$\bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)} = \arg \min_{\bar{\mathbf{p}}^k} \left\{ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{J}}^{(k)} \bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)} - (-\mathbf{r}^{(k)}) \right\|_2^2 + \mu \|\bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)}\|_2^2 \right\},$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{J}}^{(k)} = \mathbf{J}^{(k)} \mathbf{D}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag} ((\mathbf{J}^{(k)})' \mathbf{J}^{(k)})$ .

- Benefits
  - Transform Marquardt's formulation to Levenberg's.
  - Computationally efficient

# Computational Cost Analysis - Setup

- Assume that the number of model parameter is  $\tilde{m}$ , the number of observations is  $\tilde{n}$ , hence the size of the Jacobian matrix  $\tilde{n} \times \tilde{m}$ .
- As a reference method, we choose the linear solver via the most often used QR decomposition to solve the LM search directions, denoted as “**LM-QR**”.
- We denote our new LM method as “**LM-RLSQR**” and “**R**” stands for “recycled”.
- We report both the computational costs using the initial damping parameter as well as using the rest of the damping parameters.

# Computational Cost Analysis - LM-QR Method

- Given an initial guess of the damping parameter, the associated computational costs are

$$\text{COST}_{LM-QR-Initial} \approx \mathcal{O}(\tilde{n} \times \tilde{m}^2) + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{m}^3) + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{n} \times \tilde{m}) + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{m}^2),$$

where the first term is associated with forming the normal equation, the second term associating with the QR factorization, the third term associating with forming the right hand-hand side, and the fourth term associating with the back-substitution for the solution.

- Once the damping parameter is updated, some of the calculation can be saved and reused. However, the expensive QR factorization and the back-substitution cannot be avoided, therefore the costs for the updated damping parameter will be,

$$\text{COST}_{LM-QR-Rest} \approx \mathcal{O}(\tilde{m}^3) + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{n} \times \tilde{m}) + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{m}^2).$$

# Computational Cost Analysis - Efficient LM Method

- Assuming the dimension of the Krylov subspace to be  $k_1$ , the cost associated using the initial damping parameter is,

$$\text{COST}_{LM-RLSQR-Initial} \approx k_1 \cdot \mathcal{O}(\tilde{m} \times \tilde{n}),$$

- The computational cost for solving for the search directions of the rest of the damping parameters is,

$$\text{COST}_{LM-RLSQR-Rest} \approx k_1(n-1) \cdot \mathcal{O}(\tilde{m}).$$

where  $n$  is the number of  $\mu$  values that are being used.

- To compare the total computational costs associated with the **LM-QR** and **LM-RLSQR**, we conclude that the cost associated with **LM-QR** is much more expensive than the one with **LM-RLSQR**.

# Computational Cost Analysis - Conventional Marquardt's Formulation

- Conventional Marquardt's Formulation

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{p}^{(k)}} \left\{ \left\| \mathbf{J}^{(k)} \mathbf{p}^{(k)} - (-\mathbf{r}^{(k)}) \right\|_2^2 + \mu \left\| \mathbf{D} \mathbf{p}^{(k)} \right\|_2^2 \right\} \\ \rightarrow & \min_{\mathbf{y}^{(k)}} \left\{ \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}^{(k)} \\ \sqrt{\mu} \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}^{(k)} - \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{r}^{(k)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

- A direct employment of the GKL bidiagonalization to the classical Marquardt's formulation costs,

$$\text{COST}_{\text{classical}} \approx k_2 \cdot \mathcal{O}(\tilde{m} \times (\tilde{n} + \tilde{l})),$$

where  $k_2$  is the dimension of the Krylov subspace.

# Performance on Benchmark Testing Functions

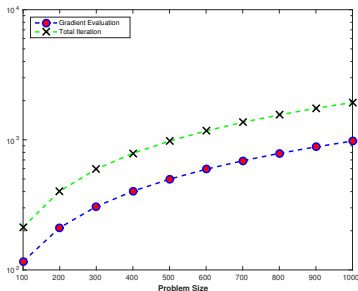
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3	Powell	Powell, 1964
4	Rosenbrock	Dixon and Szego, 1978
5	Rotated Hyper-Ellipsoid	Molga and Smutnicki, 2005
6	Sphere	Picheny et al., 2013
7	Sum Squares	Hedar, 2013

**Table:** Set of benchmark testing functions

- The results of the following are reported [*Lin-2016-IP*],
  - **Linear Solver Time V.S. Total Time**
  - **Number of Gradient Evaluation V.S. Number of Total Iteration**



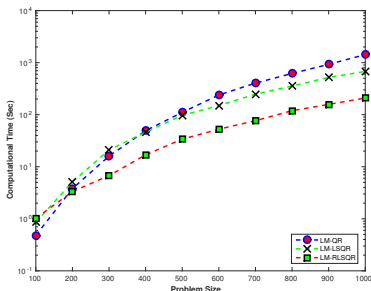
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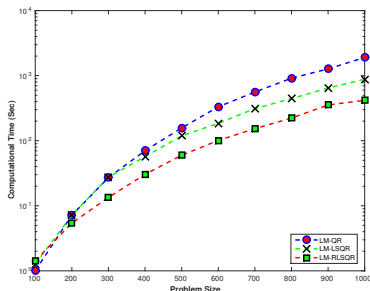
## Gradient Evaluation V.S. Total Iteration on Rosenbrock function

- Significant amount of trials are needed for the optimal damping parameters at every LM iteration.

# Performance on Benchmark Testing Functions



Linear System

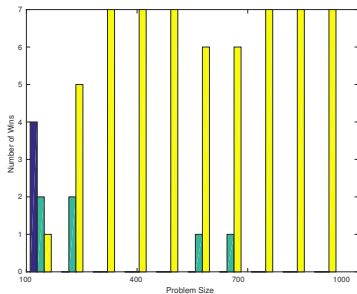


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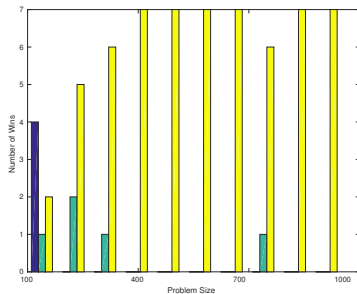
## Time Profiles on the Rosenbrock function

- The “LM-QR” (red circle) wins the most when problem size is small.
- The “LM-RLSQR” (green box) dominates for most of the testing cases.

# Performance on Benchmark Testing Functions



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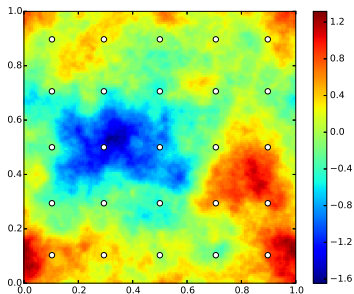


Overall

## Counts of Wins on the Computational Time Costs

- The “LM-QR” (in blue) wins the most when problem size is small.
- As the size of the problem increases, “LM-LSQR” (in cyan) wins occasionally and “LM-RLSQR” (in yellow) wins most of times.
- When the size of the problem becomes large, “LM-RLSQR” dominates the other two methods.

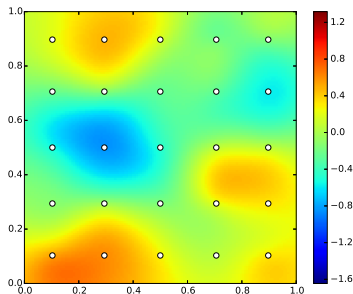
# Model Calibration in Hydrology - True Model



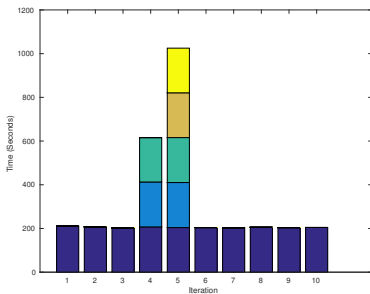
True Model

- Synthetic transmissivity field.
- Hydraulic conductivity and hydraulic head observation locations are indicated with circles.
- Model dimension,  $69 \times 69$ , (a total of 9660 model parameters)

# Model Calibration in Hydrology - Inversion Results



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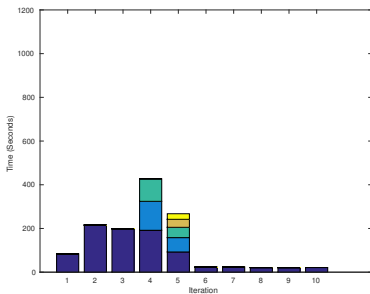
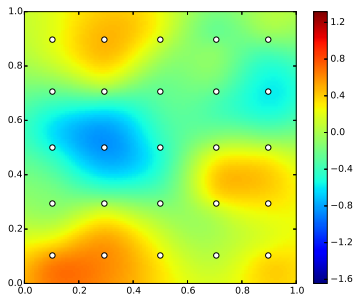


Time Profile

## Results of LM-QR Method

- A total number of 10 iteration steps are needed before a full convergence.
- At iteration step of 4 and 5, there are multiple trials needed to search for the damping parameter.

# Model Calibration in Hydrology - Inversion Results



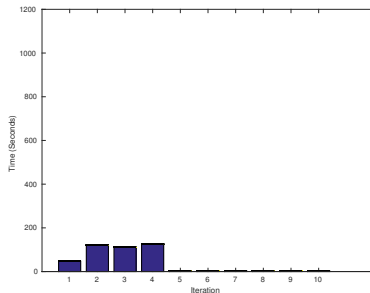
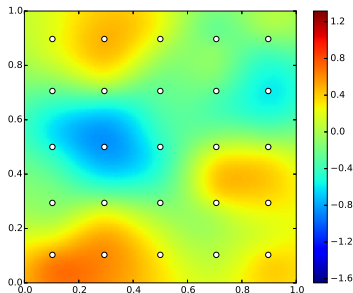
Inversion

Time Profile

Results of LM-LSQR Method

- At every iteration step, the length of the blocks at the first trial are mostly shorter than those obtained using LS-QR method.
- Each extra trial for an acceptable LM descent direction yields less computational time by comparing to LS-QR method.

# Model Calibration in Hydrology - Inversion Results



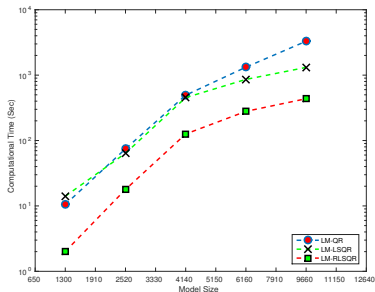
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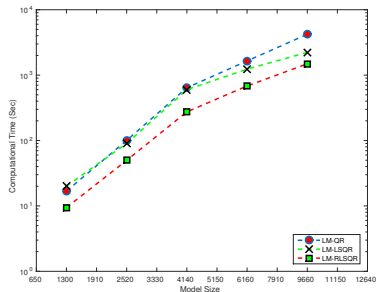
Results of LM-RLSQR Method

- At iteration steps 4 and 5, the same number of trials for an acceptable LM damping parameter are needed.
- The time costs are significantly saved, even though they are hard to visualize because of the small time costs associated.

# Model Calibration in Hydrology - Time Costs



Linear System



Overall

- Five different model sizes including 1300, 2520, 4140, 6160, and 9660 are tested.
- Both time costs on linear solver and the total time using our LM-RLSQR method are always less than the time costs of the other two methods for these problems.

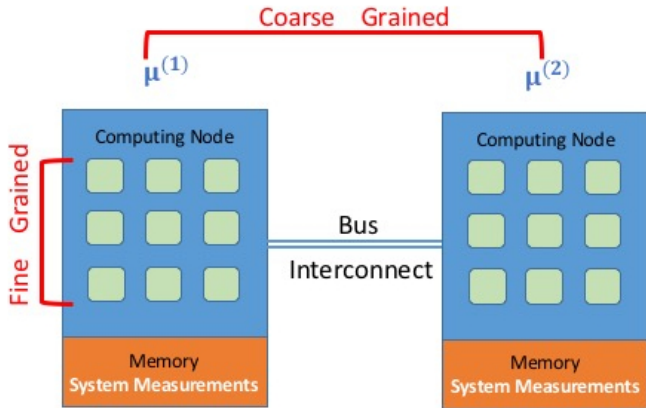


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# A Parallel Levenberg-Marquardt Method

- We employ both **coarse-** and **fine-grained** parallelism to the LM algorithm.



Parallelism Illustration

# A Parallel Levenberg-Marquardt Method

- The **coarse-grained** level is implemented by using multiple damping parameter at each iteration.

## Coarse-grained parallelism

$$\mu = \mu_0 \times 10^y,$$

where  $y = -n/2, -n/2 + 1, \dots, n/2 - 1, n/2$  and  $n$  is the number of the damping parameters which are being used.

- The **fine-grained** level is implemented by employing parallelism to the local BLAS routines.

# A Parallel Levenberg-Marquardt Method

- Jobs on **master node** - “Coarse-Grained Parallelism”
  - Generation of the Krylov subspace
  - Obtain the potential solutions with different damping parameters
- Jobs on **slave nodes** - “Fine-Grained Parallelism”
  - All the BLAS (Basic Linear Algebra Subprograms)

# Efficient Parallel LM Method - Summary

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## Algorithm 3 Efficient Parallel LM Method (Search Direction)

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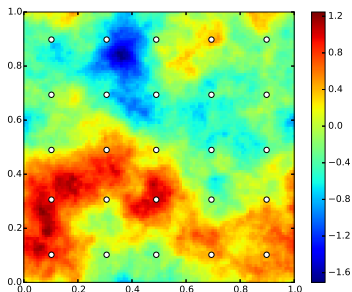
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1: for i=0 TO n-1 do
2:   %This is a parallel-for loop in a multi-core computing environment
3:   Generate the  $i^{\text{th}}$  damping parameter,  $\mu_i^{(k)}$ ;
4:   if { i = 0 } then
5:     Calculate the new Jacobian matrix;
6:     Generate the Krylov subspace;
7:     Solve for  $\bar{\mathbf{p}}$  using the first damping parameter of  $\mu_0^{(k)}$ ;
8:   else
9:     Solve for  $\bar{\mathbf{p}}$  by recycling the subspace;
10:  end if
11: end for
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# Model Calibration in Hydrology - Setup

- Test Setup [*Lin-2016-WRR*]
  - **Test 1:** test on the efficiency of linear solvers
  - **Test 2:** test on the scalability and heterogeneity of model parameters
  - **Test 3:** a 3D problem from the real setting
- Methods
  - **Our method:** denoted as “**LM-RLSQR**” and “**R**” stands for “recycled”.
  - **Reference methods:** Parallel LM method with QR-based linear solver (“**LM-QR**”) and SVD-based linear solver (“**LM-SVD**”)
- Computing Environment
  - A Linux desktop with 40 cores of 2.3 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2650 CPUs, and 64.0 GB memory

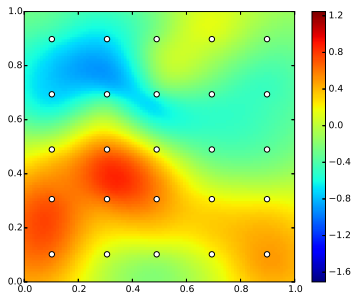
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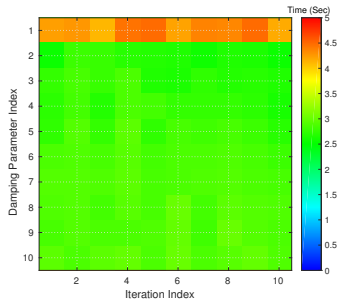
True Model

- Hydraulic conductivity and head observation locations are indicated with “o”.
- A total of 5100 model parameters ( $50 \times 51$  log-transmissivities along X-axis,  $51 \times 50$  log-transmissivities along Y-axis)

# Test 1: Efficiency Test on the Linear Solver



Inversion



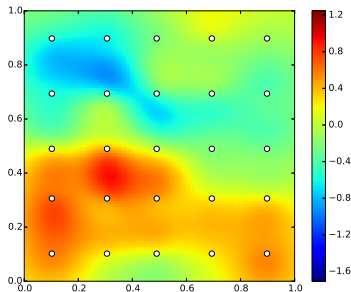
Time Profile

## Results of LM-QR Method

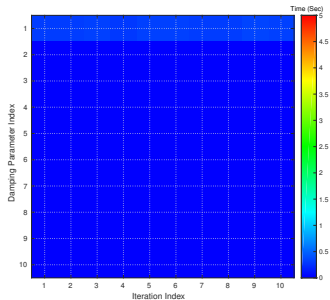
- **Right Plot:** The X-axis represents the LM iteration step. The Y-axis represents index of the damping parameter.
- The color-bar stands for the computational time.



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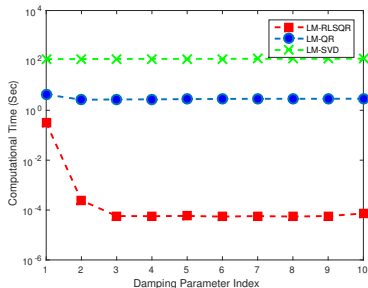


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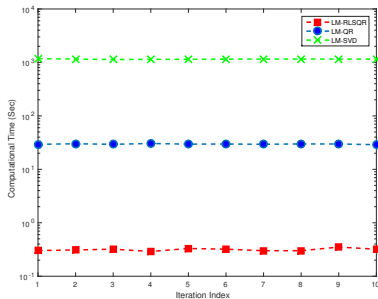
## Results of LM-RLSQR Method

- Our method obtains a good result, representing both the high- and low-permeability regions.
- Our new method is more efficient in solving the linear system than the “LM-QR” method.

# Test 1: Efficiency Test on the Linear Solver



Average Time Cost



Total Time Cost

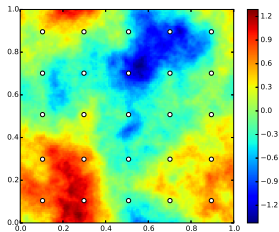
Average and Total Time Cost

- **Left Plot:** The average time cost in solving the linear systems of every damping parameter for three methods
- **Right Plot:** The total computational time in solving the linear systems of all three methods at each iteration step

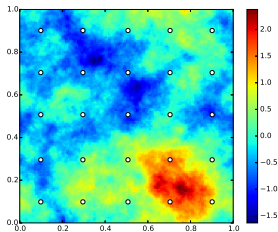
## Test 2: Scalability and Heterogeneity Test

- Two variables of variance  $\sigma_{\mathbf{m}}^2$  and fractal field  $\beta_{\mathbf{m}}$  to characterize the heterogeneity of the model
  - The larger the variance of  $\sigma_{\mathbf{m}}^2$ , the more divergent the value of the model parameter
  - The larger the value of  $\beta_{\mathbf{m}}$ , the more heterogeneous the model becomes.
- The sizes of the testing problem: 364, 1300, 2964, 5100, 9384, 10512 and 12324
  - The heterogeneities of three largest model parameter:  
 $(\sigma_{\mathbf{m}}^2, \beta_{\mathbf{m}}) = (0.25, -3.5), (0.4, -3.2), \text{ and } (1.6, -2.9)$

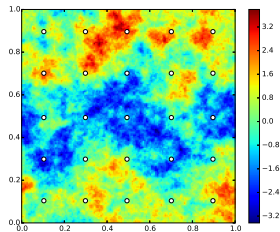
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Model 1



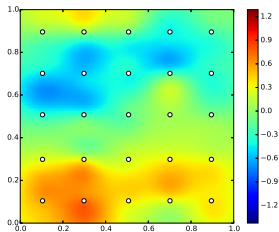
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True Models



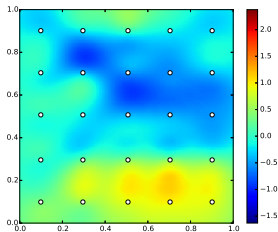
Model 3

- **Model 1:** 9384 model parameters and  $(\sigma_{\mathbf{m}}^2, \beta_{\mathbf{m}}) = (0.25, -3.5)$
- **Model 2:** 10512 model parameters and  $(\sigma_{\mathbf{m}}^2, \beta_{\mathbf{m}}) = (0.4, -3.2)$
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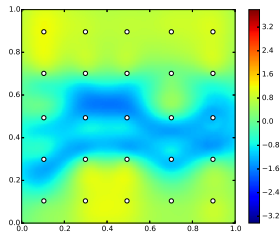
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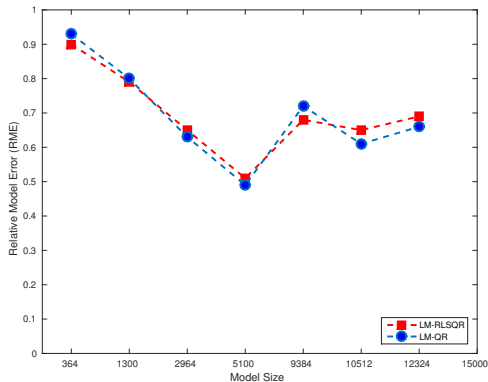
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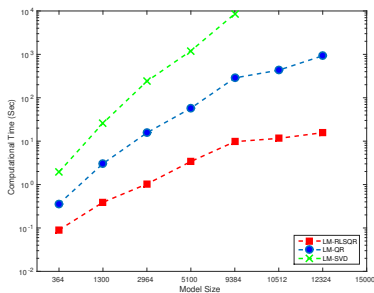
### Accuracy Comparison

- The relative-model-error (RME) of the inversion,

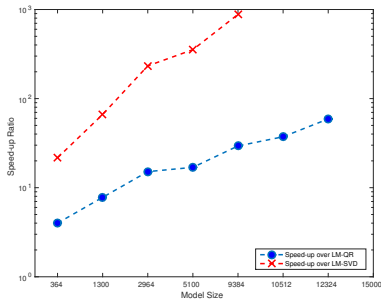
$$\text{RME}(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{\|\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{\text{ref}}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{m}_{\text{ref}}\|_2},$$

where  $\mathbf{m}$  is the inversion and  $\mathbf{m}_{\text{ref}}$  is the ground truth.

# Test 2: Scalability and Heterogeneity Test



Time on Linear Solver



Speed-up Ratio

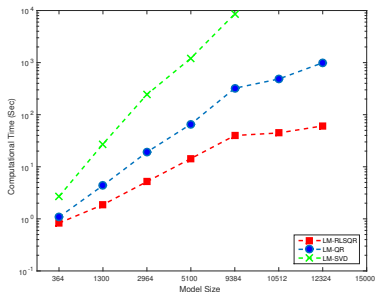
Time Cost on Linear Solver

- Speed-up ratio,

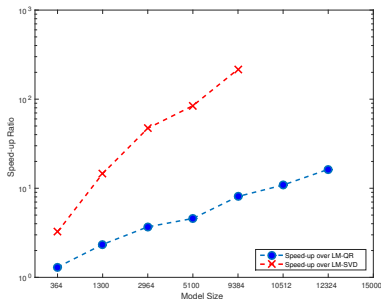
$$r = \frac{\text{Time}_1}{\text{Time}_2},$$

where  $\text{Time}_1$  corresponds to the computational time of the reference method and  $\text{Time}_2$  corresponds to the computational time of our method.

# Test 2: Scalability and Heterogeneity Test



Overall Time



Overall Speed-Up Ratio

Time Cost on Inversion

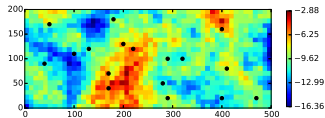
- The largest speed-up ratio in inversion is about 16 times opposed to “LM-QR” method and 216 times opposed to the “LM-SVD” method.



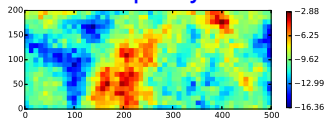
## Test 3: 3D Problem from the Real Setting

- The steady-state groundwater equation on a domain of  $500 [m] \times 200 [m] \times 10 [m]$
- 10 gallons per minute of groundwater extracted from a well near the middle of the domain
- The inverse analysis concerns 11,052 parameters, 10,926 of which are hydraulic conductivities and 126 of which correspond to the fixed head boundary conditions on the east and west boundaries
- The observations were taken from 17 wells distributed throughout the domain

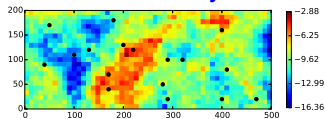
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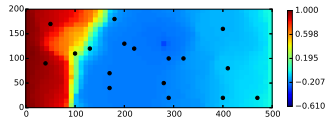


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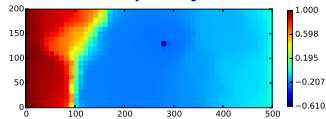


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True 3D Model

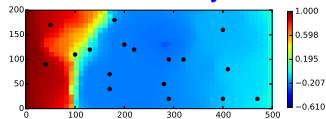
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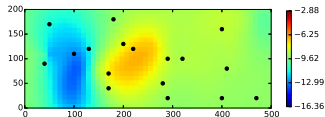


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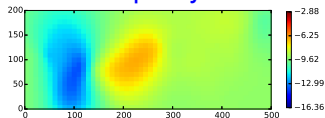


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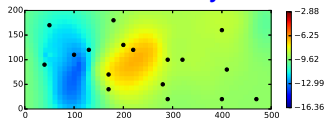
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# Conclusions

- We have developed two approaches to hydrogeologic inverse modeling employing our new computationally efficient Levenberg-Marquardt algorithms.
- we recycle the Krylov subspace in-between linear systems sharing the same Jacobian matrix, but different damping parameters.
- Through our numerical results, we show that our new LM methods yields an improved computational efficiency in both sequential and parallel computing environment.

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