

# Tomographic inversion with wavelets and $\ell_1$ -norm penalization

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## **Abstract**

We propose the use of  $\ell_1$  regularization in a wavelet basis for the solution of linearized seismic tomography problems  $Am = d$ , allowing for the possibility of sharp discontinuities superimposed on a smoothly varying background. An iterative method is used to find a sparse solution  $m$  that contains no more fine-scale structure than is necessary to fit the data  $d$  to within its assigned errors. We also discuss possible ways to accelerate the convergence of this algorithm.