Seismology: Multiple-Scale Imaging

Long range goal is multiple-scale high resolution broadband waveform tomography: Imaging Science Range of applications is enormous:

- Energy,
- CO₂ sequestration, and other waste exploration and monitoring,
- solid earth structure,
- eq source inversion.

See the Long Range Science Plan for Seismology for specifics.

Overall: Focus on Imaging

- Support imaging science developments in cooperation with the European Quest project, with IRIS, SCEC and anyone else willing (AFGL, National Labs)
- Add focus on regional seismology (USArray, CD, Margins, PASSCAL, OBSIP): How do you do that? Get a few codes that are high profile
- Conversion of geodynamic outputs to seismological inputs for models at all scales
 - Make an effort at the regional scale
- Provide engineering support for code optimization and meshing, distribution of binaries for different platforms
- Promote a community benchmark for evaluating imaging codes (? If you build it will they come?)

Imaging Science Research themes

- 1. Waveform inversion of high frequency data including anisotropy and attenuation
- 2. Embedded scale inversion of disparate seismic datasets: global, regional, local, (i.e., BB and various high frequency datasets)
- 3. Joint inversion of seismic and other geophysical datasets
- 4. Quantification of uncertainty in inversions: Assess challenges resulting from ill-posed inverse problems with multiple minima

Regional Geodynamics

- Regional geodynamic models should be final scientific results of a large fraction of structural seismic investigations, e.g., USArray, CD projects, PASSCAL & OBSIP experiments
 - 1. Translation of outputs of regional scale geodynamics model (GALE or magma or similar code) outputs to seismic properties for regional scale synthetic seismogram calculations.
 - 2. Adapt CUBIT or equivalent for meshing regional sesimic models
 - 3. Adapt SPECFM for regional seismology problems (include body wave inputs)

Specifics

- Continue the CIG Seismology Portal experiment: add regional seismology capabilities
- Continue and refine conversion of outputs from convection codes for input to seismic codes
- Take opportunity to make more forward and imaging codes available through CIG
 - Requires code champions or money
- Provide engineering support to keep up with hardware developments
 - Identify codes for optimization
 - Maintain binaries of mature codes for different machines to facilitate adoption by community
 - Someone has to pay for this

Broader Community Involvement

- Close interaction with QUEST
- Hold research workshops with QUEST and participate in CIDER and other research workshop venues
- Hold user workshops for students/post-docs coupled to IRIS, EarthScope and similar meetings
- Develop 2D and 3D community synthetic datasets for testing imaging algorithms with different levels of complexity: basic structures, anisotropy, Q structure, etc
 - Someone will have to pay for this development