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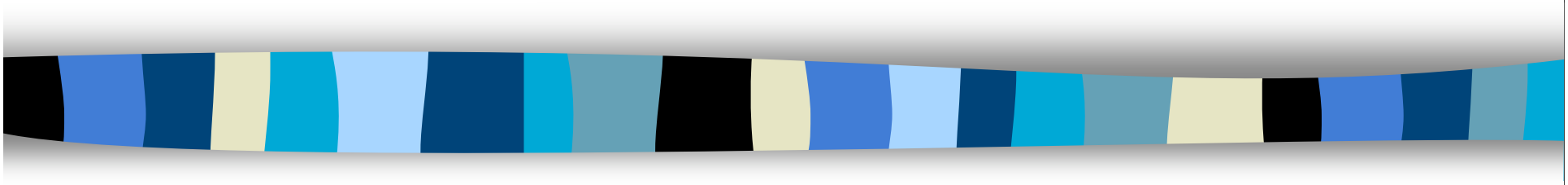
Curvelet-domain least-squares migration with sparseness constraints



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Objectives

- To introduce the Curvelet transform as a powerful tool in seismology
- To enhance the seismic images resulted from the migration process
- To introduce a new framework for migration as a geophysical inverse problem
- To find a significantly enhanced solution in presence of large amount of noise.

Related Works

- Candes (2002), Edge preserving image reconstruction using Curvelet transform.
- Candes (2003), Curvelet and Fourier Integral Operators.
- Rickett (2003), Illumination-based migration
- Trad (2003), Sparse Radon Transform
- Claerbout (1994), Spectral Preconditioning

Problem Formulation

- The linear system of equation needs to be solved is:

$$d = Km + n$$

- Conventionally there are two approaches for solving above equation:

1) Iterative solver (GMRES, PCG,…)
2) Approximating the normal operator:

$$\hat{m} = (approx.(K^{*}K))^{-1}K^{*}d$$

Inversion

- A conventional form of inversion is:

$$\hat{m}: \min_{m} \frac{1}{2}\|d - Km\|_2^2 + \lambda J(m)$$

- This can be solved using following iterative solver:

$$\delta m = (K^* K + A)^{-1}(K^* d + B)$$

- Where:

$$A = \nabla^2 \lambda J(m) \text{ and } B = \nabla \lambda J(m)$$

Basic Questions

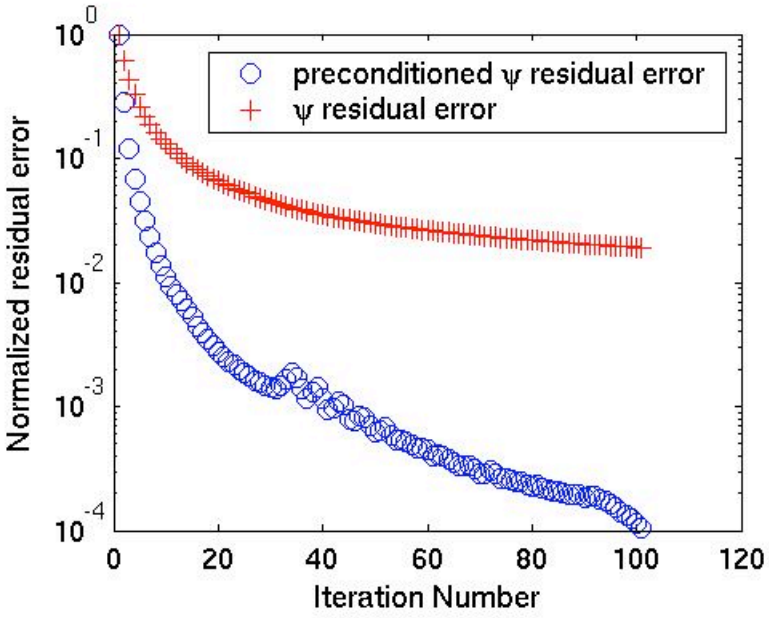
- How can we improve the structure of K?
- Which type of norm is better to use?
- How can we incorporate the noise information in solution as a typical inverse problem?
- Which solver is better to be used and how can we guarantee its convergence?

Preconditioning using Curvelet Transform

- We precondition migration and normal operator as:

$$K^* \Rightarrow \tilde{K}^* = CK^*C^* \qquad \psi = K^*K \Rightarrow \tilde{\psi} = CK^*KC^*$$

- The sparsity of both migration and normal operator increase after preconditioning.
- For preconditioned operator the singular values shifted away from zero and have tendency to concentrate in a point in spite of operator itself.
- The convergence rate for preconditioned normal operator faster than normal operator itself.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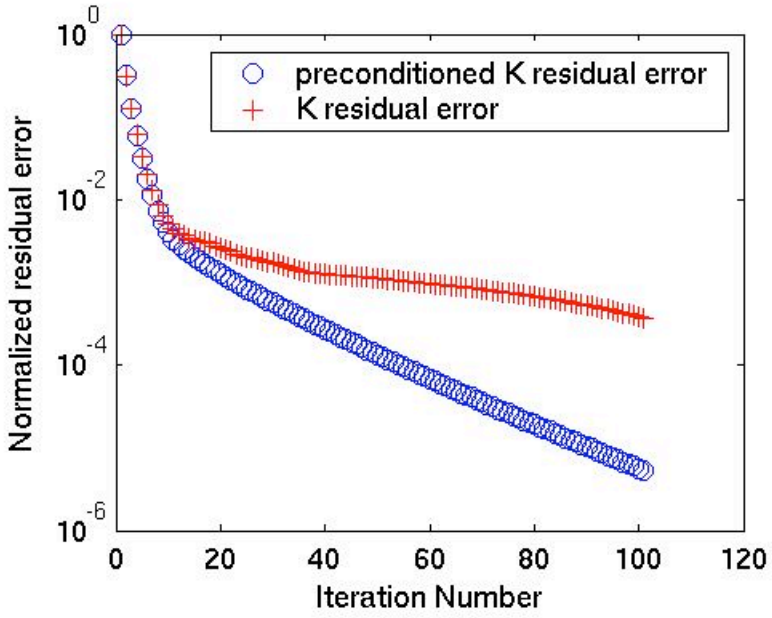
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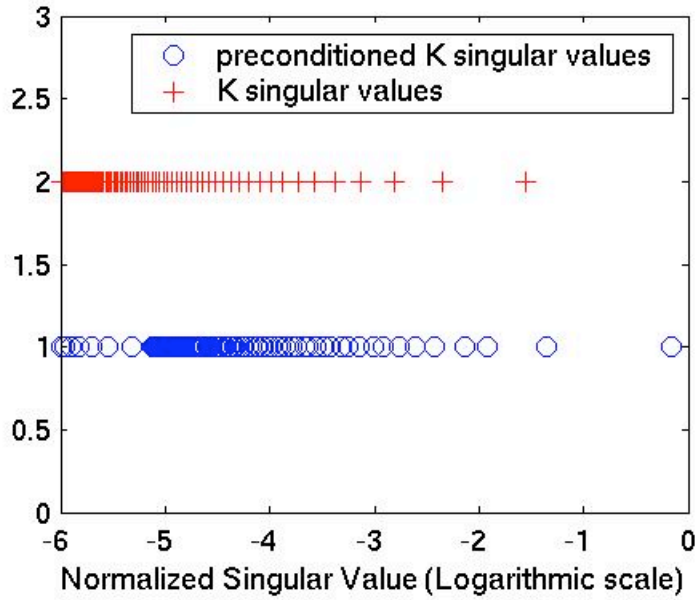
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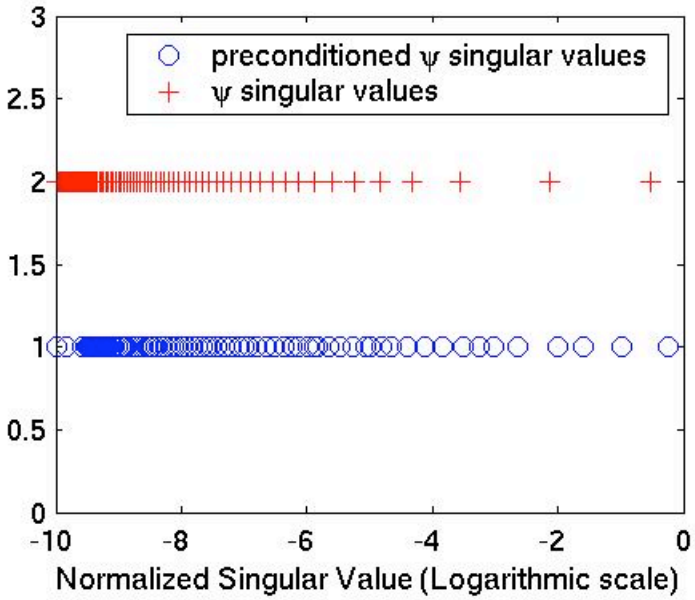
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Preconditioned System

- We map the original system of equations to preconditioned as:

$$CK^{*}d = CK^{*}KC^{*}Cm + CK^{*}n$$

- Or:

$$\tilde{u} = \tilde{\psi}\tilde{m} + \tilde{n}$$

- Maximum Likelihood Solution:

$$\tilde{\psi}\tilde{m}_{ML} = \tilde{u}$$

- In ML solution priori knowledge about the model is ignored
- We are looking for a solution which contains priori information about model

First Guess!

- Hard-Thresholding of migrated noisy data in Curvelet domain:

$$\hat{\tilde{u}} = \theta_T(\tilde{u}) = \theta_T(CK^* d)$$

Where: $T = \lambda\Gamma$ and $\Gamma = \sqrt{diag(\tilde{\psi})}$

- Curvelet domain Hard-Thresholding is a minimax denoising approach
- This process keeps only the events which are lying on the curves as a priori information

Constrained Optimization

- Optimization Problem (A Setting):

$$\hat{m}: \min_{m} J(m) \;\; s.t. \;\; \left|\tilde{\psi}\tilde{m} - \hat{\tilde{u}}\right|_{\mu} \le e_{\mu}$$

- Or approximately (B Setting):

$$\hat{m}: \min_{m} J(m) \;\; s.t. \;\; \left|diag(\tilde{\psi})\tilde{m} - \hat{\tilde{u}}\right|_{\mu} \le e_{\mu}$$

- and tolerance defined by:

$$e_{\mu} = \begin{cases} \Gamma_{\mu} & \tilde{u}_{\mu} \ge \lambda\Gamma_{\mu} \\ \lambda\Gamma_{\mu} & \tilde{u}_{\mu} \le \lambda\Gamma_{\mu} \end{cases}$$

- with e_{μ} threshold and noise-dependent *tolerance* on Curvelet coefficients
- with λ define the control parameter

Solution of Constrained Optimization

- An augmented Lagrangian method is implemented to solve optimization problem
- L1 norm is employed for J(m)
- For each subproblem a Steepest Decent method is employed
- Initial value for model is the solution of all-constraints-zero, which is the minimax denoising solution

Algorithm

$k = 0$

$m_0, \Lambda_0^{\pm}, \mu_0$ % Initial Values

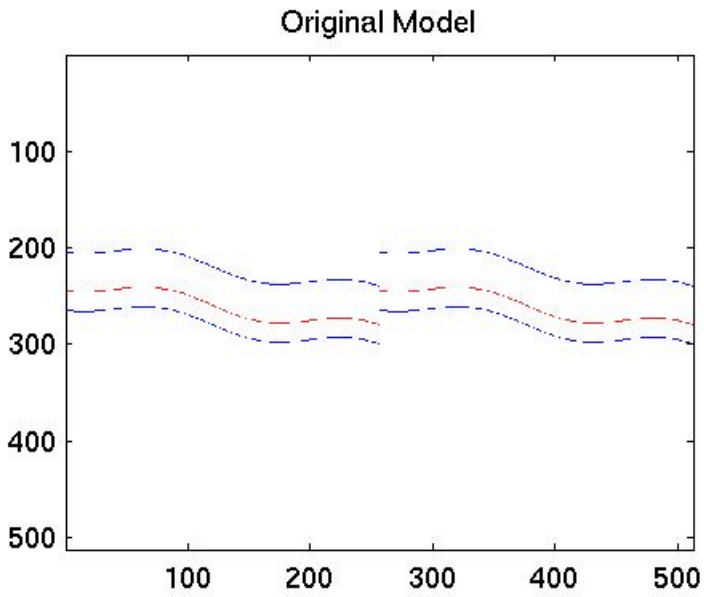
% Sub Optimum Loop

$g_k = \nabla_m \ell_A(m_k, \Lambda_k^{\pm}; \mu_k)$ % Gradient

$\tau_k = \arg\left[\min_{\tau>0} \ell_A(m_k - \tau g_k, \Lambda_k^{\pm}; \mu_k)\right]$ % Line Search

$m_{k+1} = m_k - \tau_k g_k$ % Update m

% *Update* Λ *and* μ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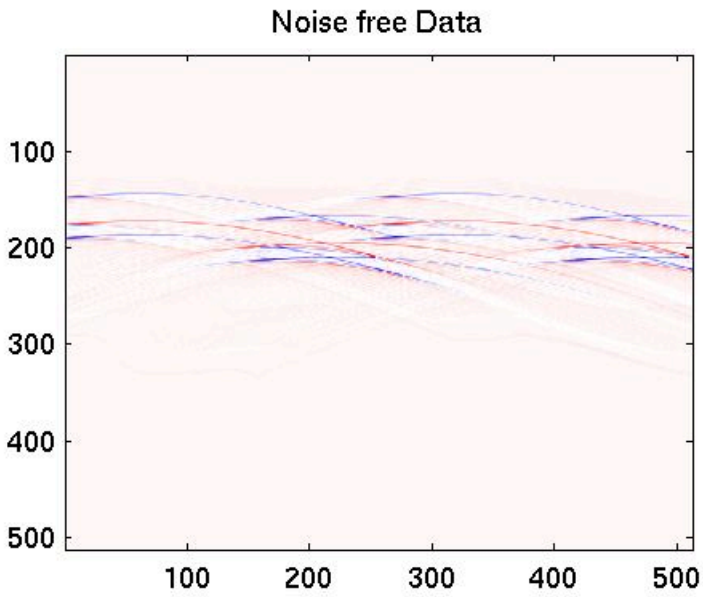
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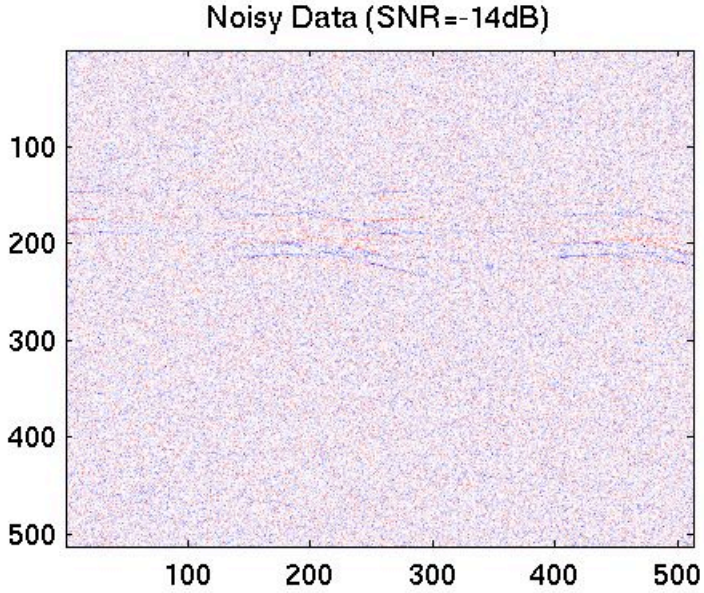
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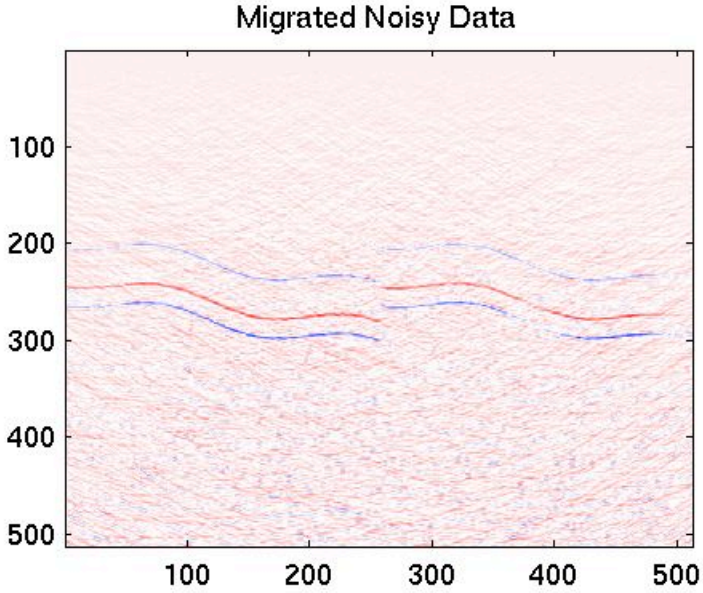
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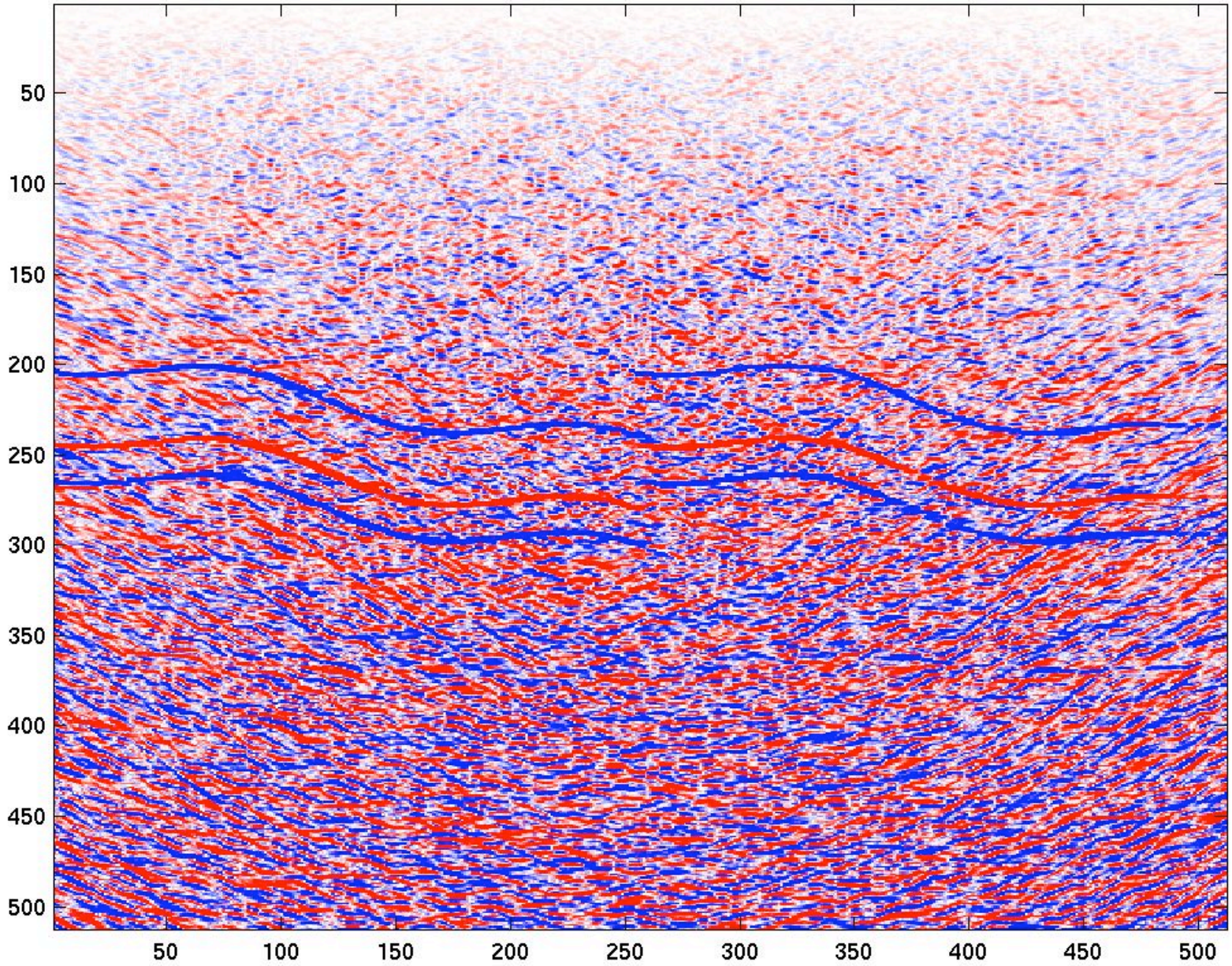
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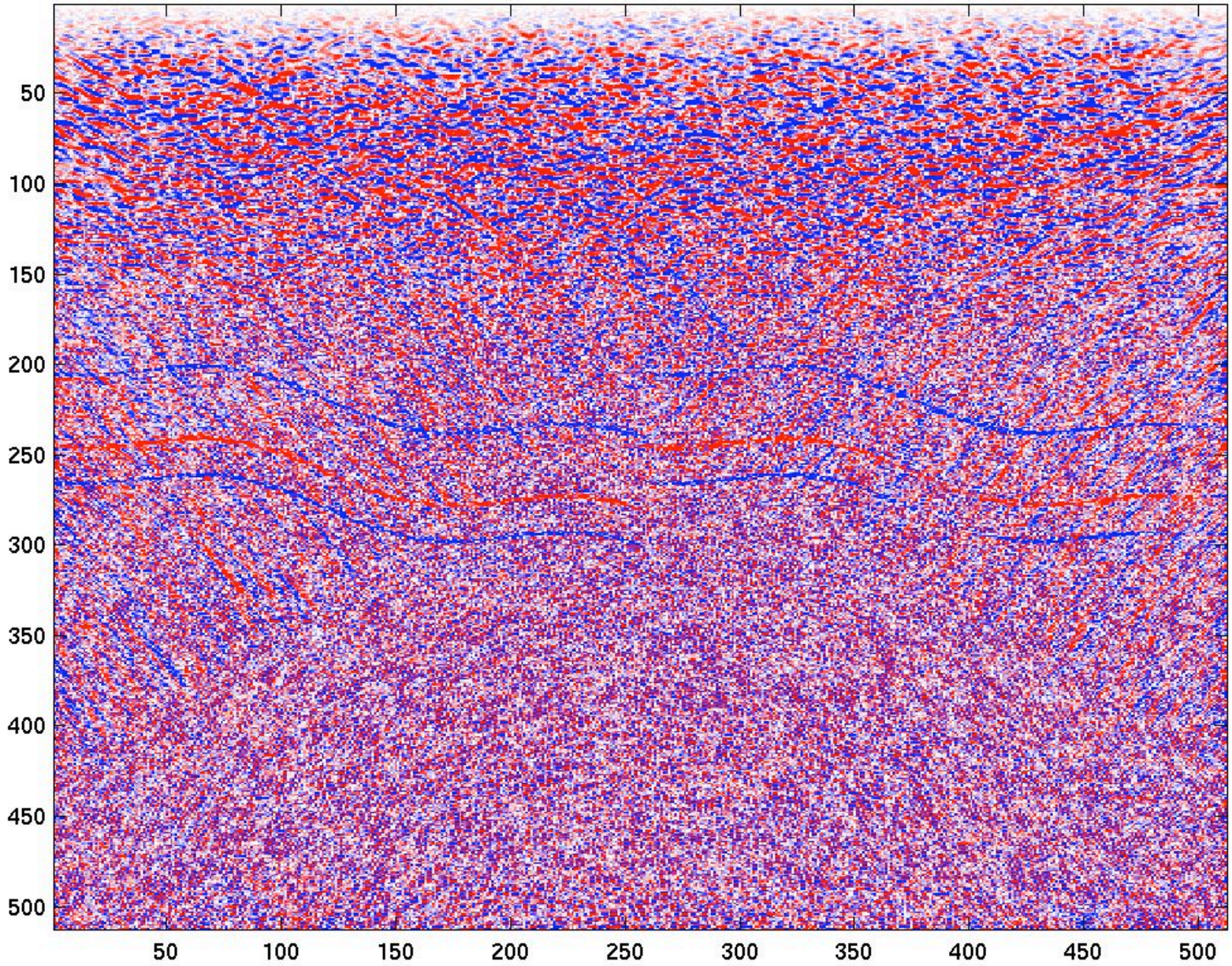
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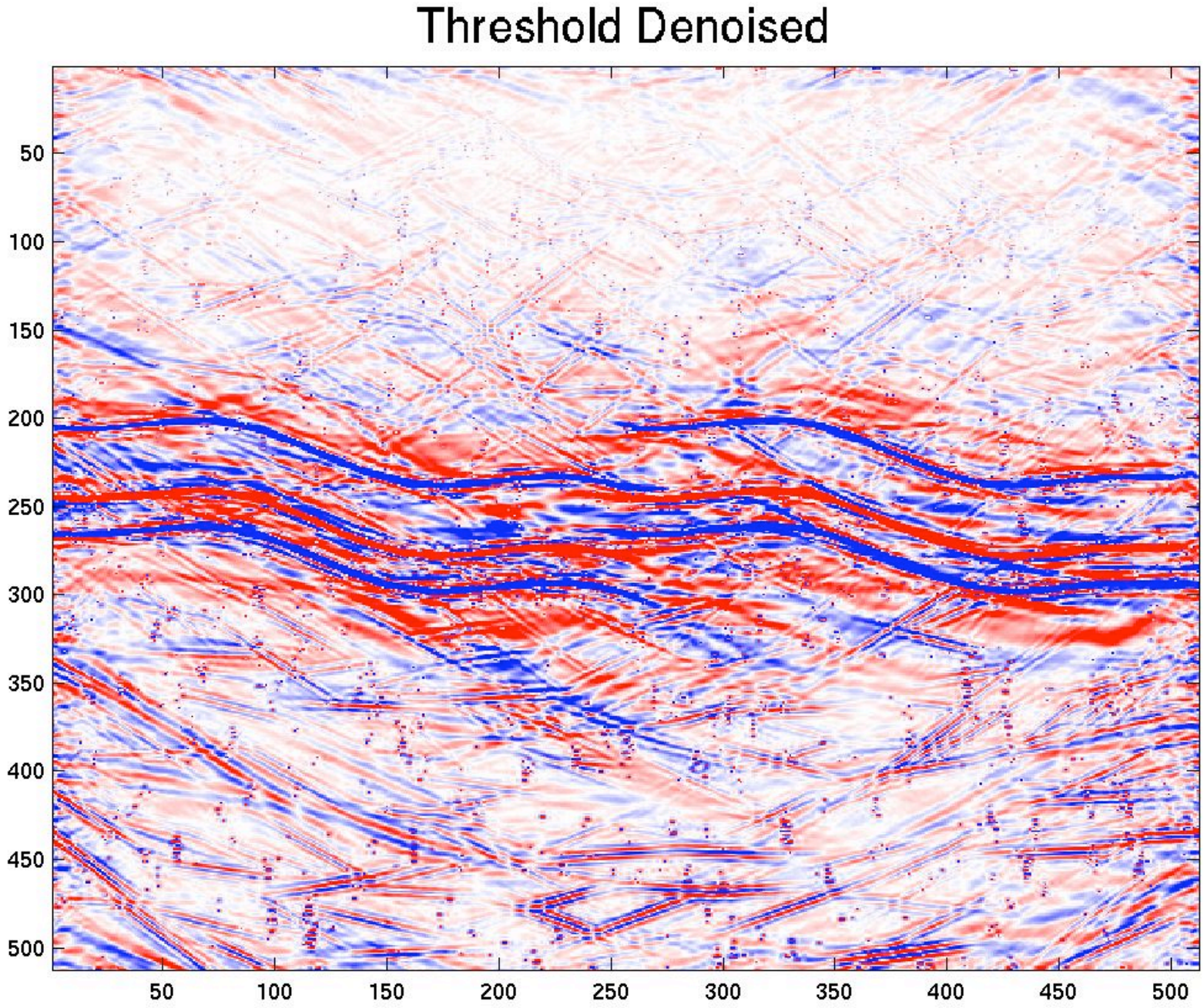
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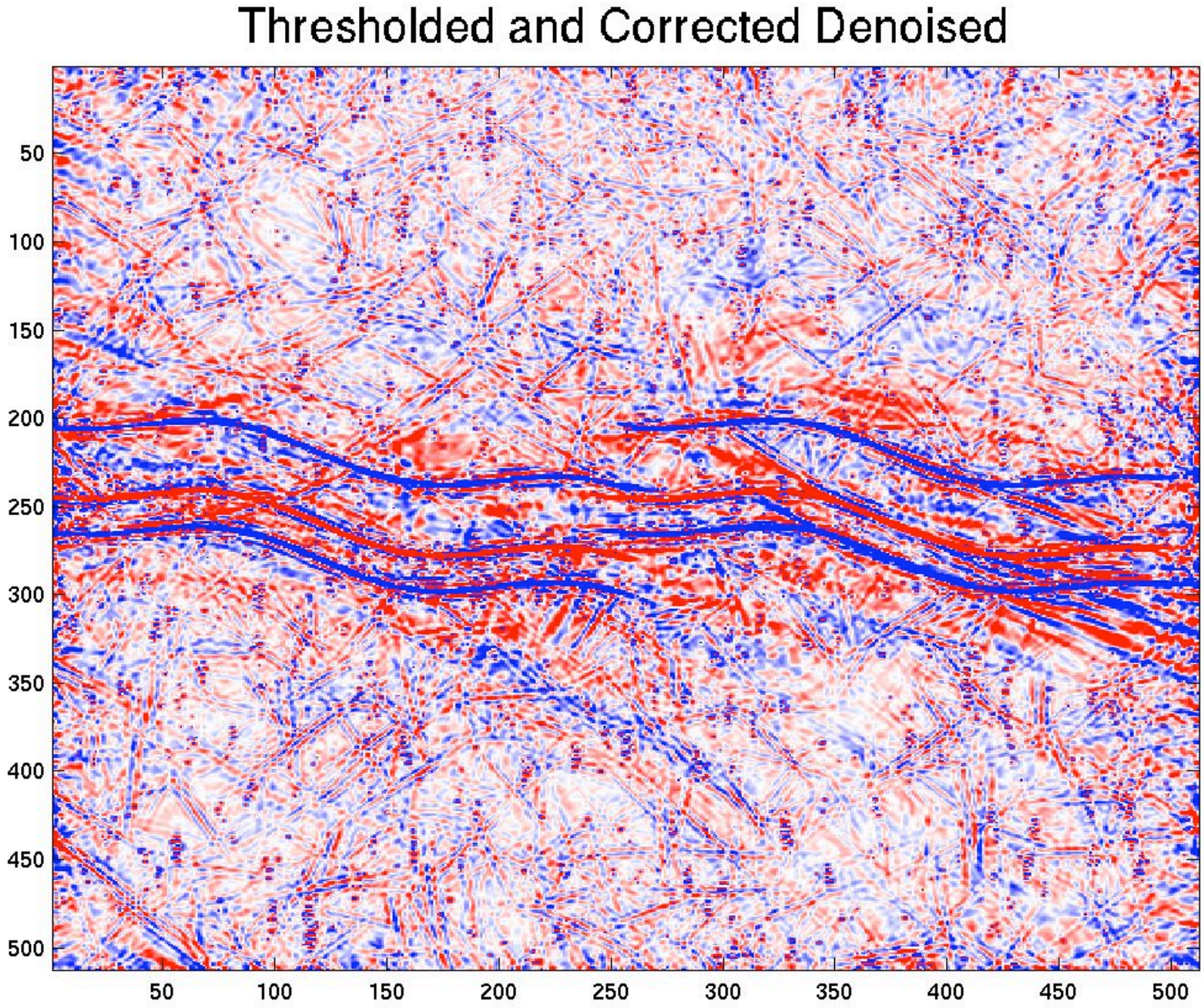
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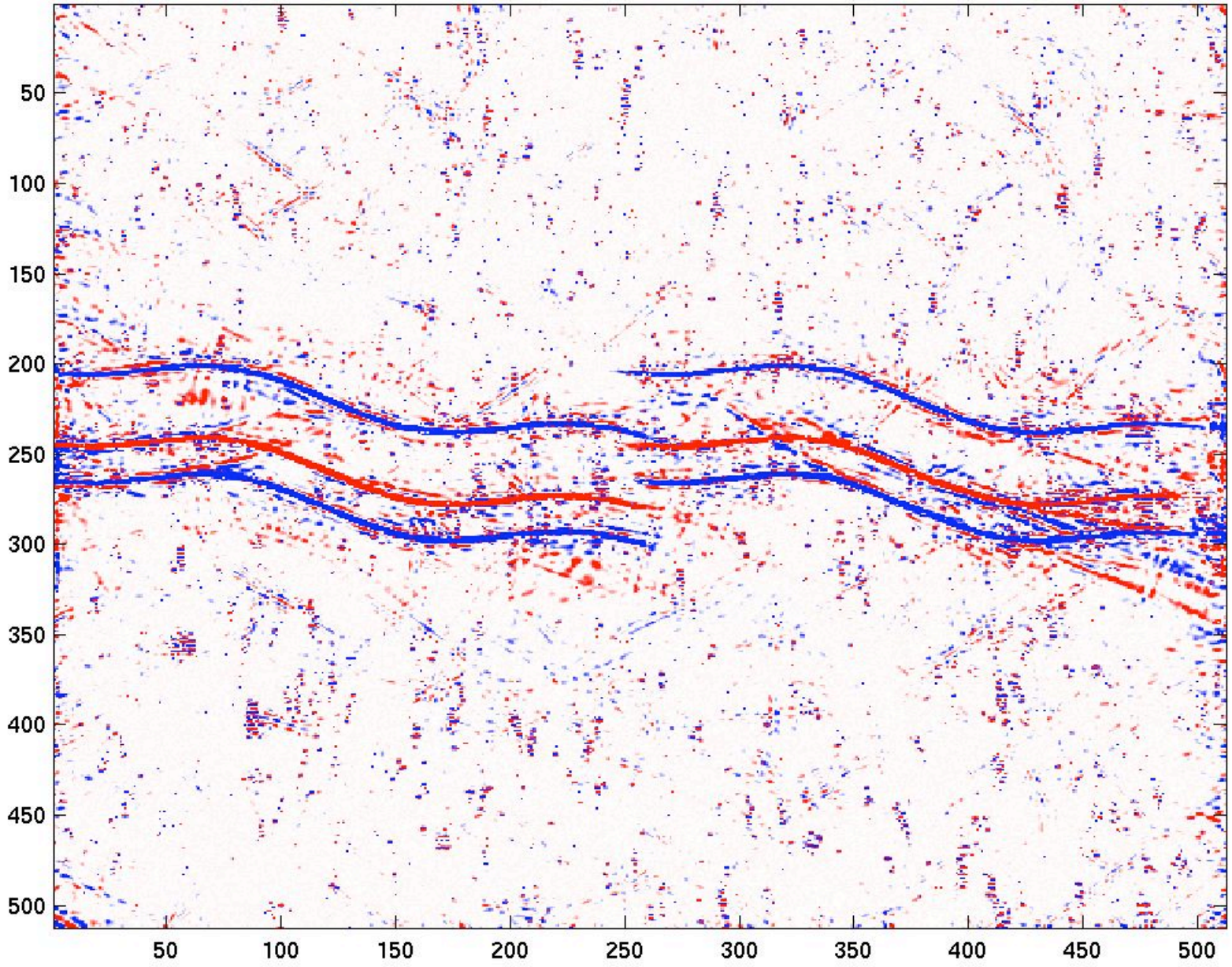
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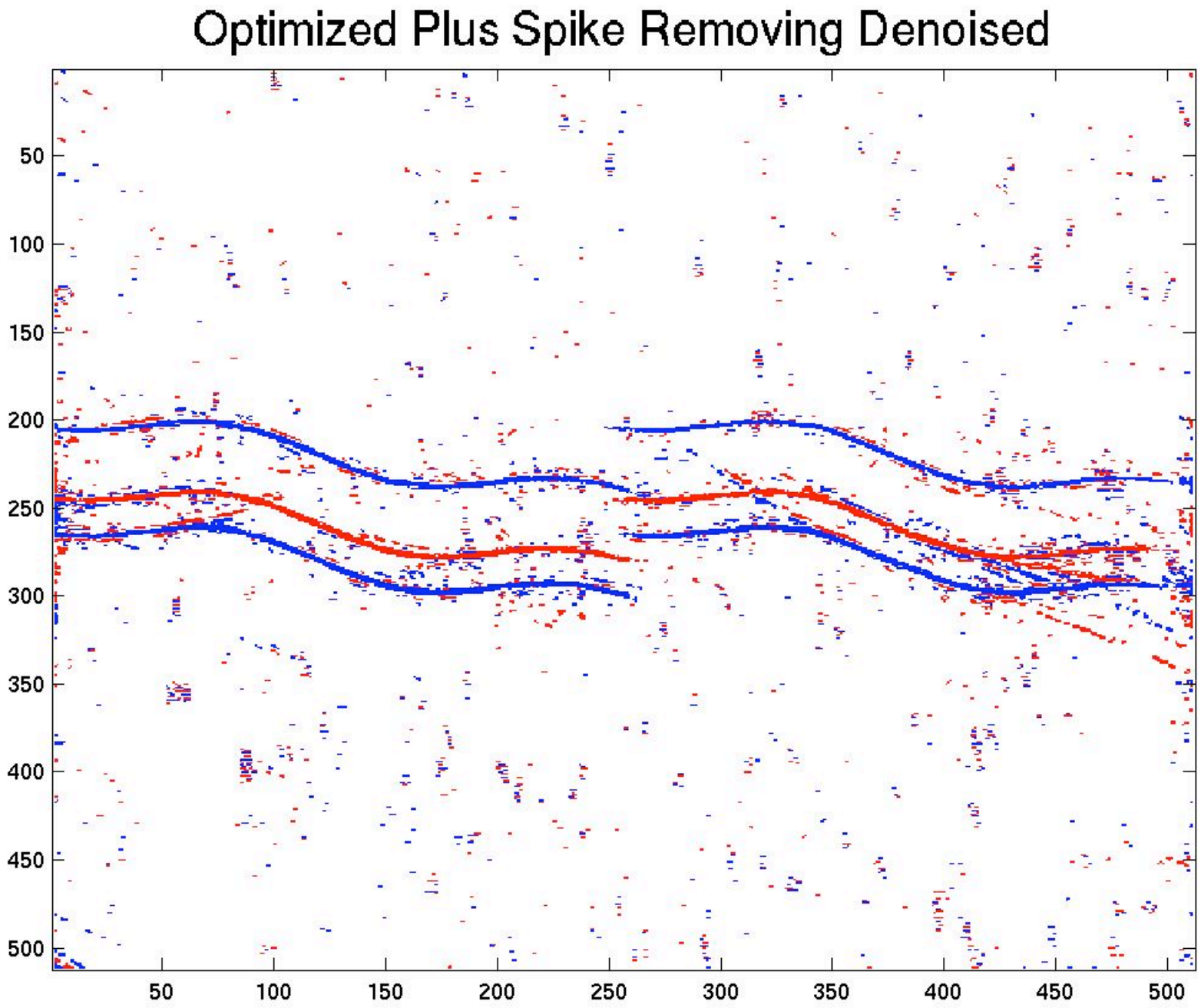
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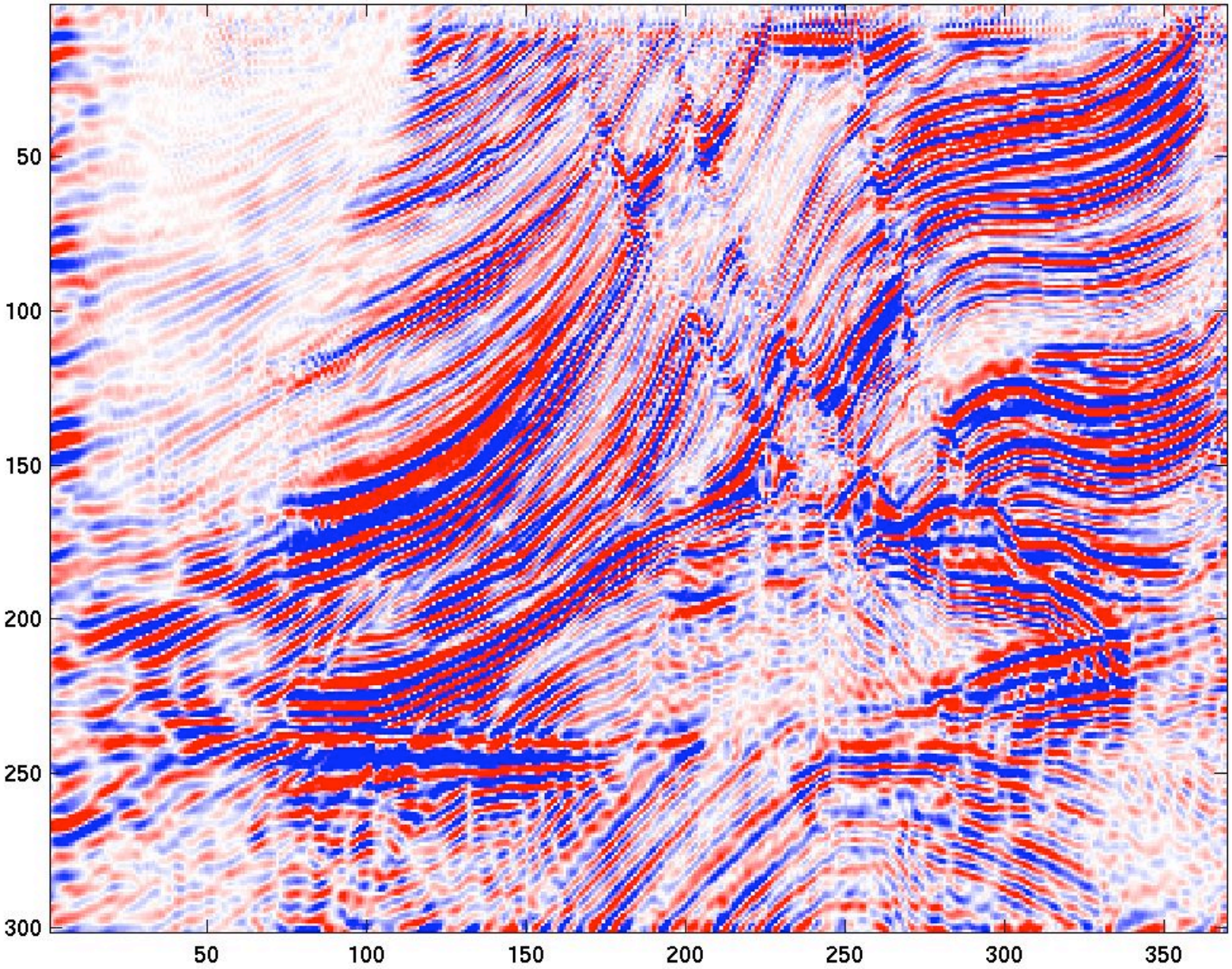

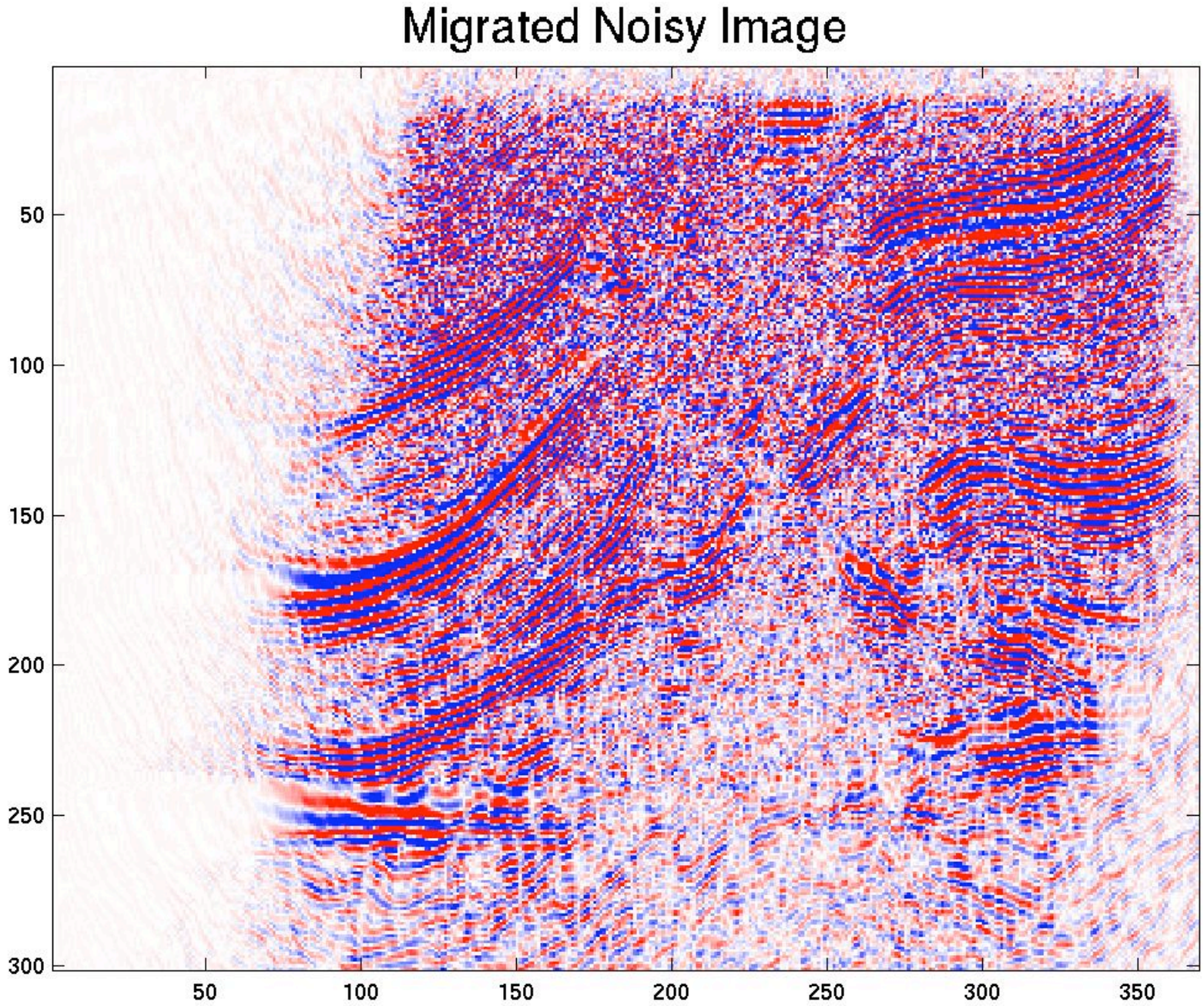
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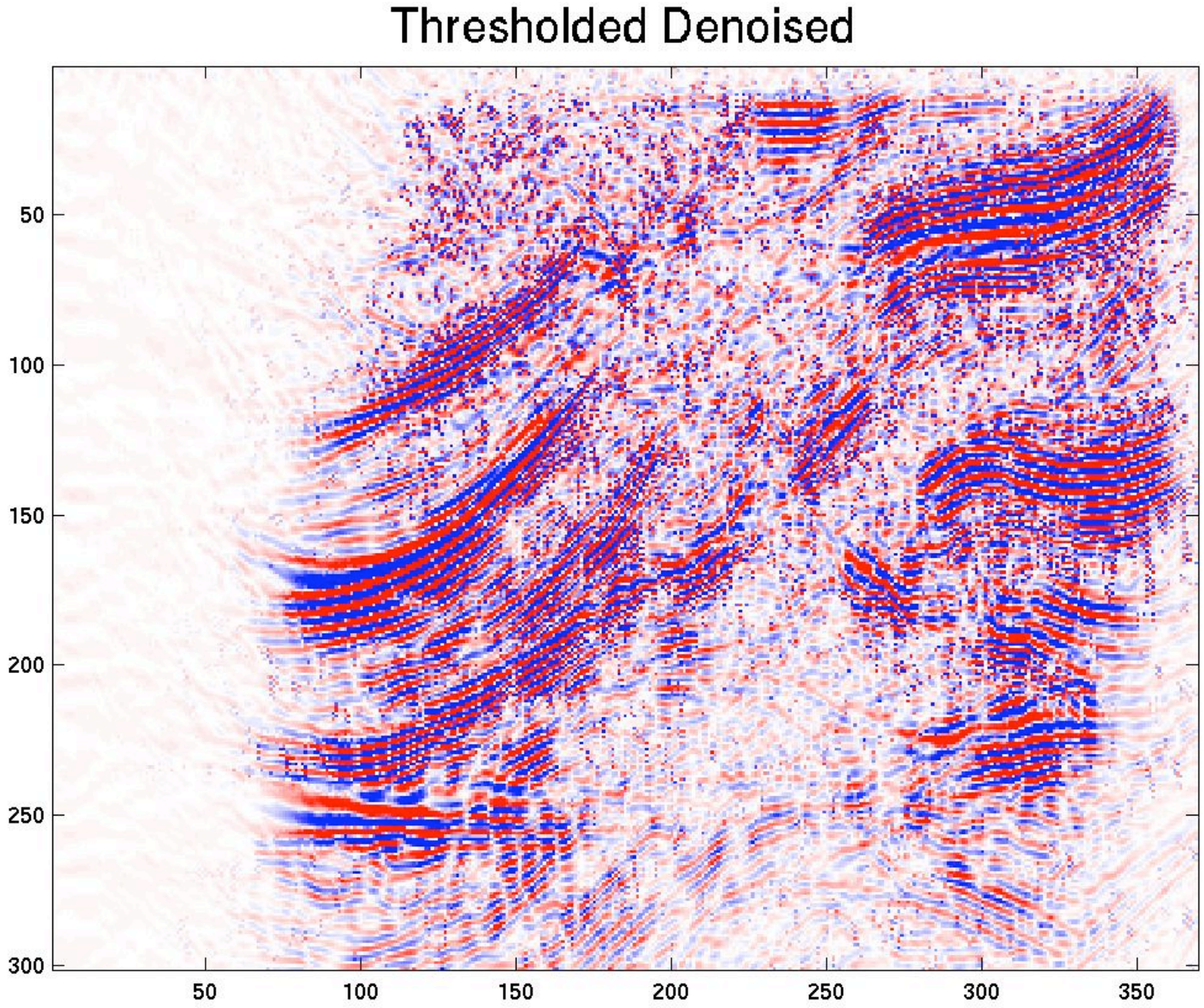
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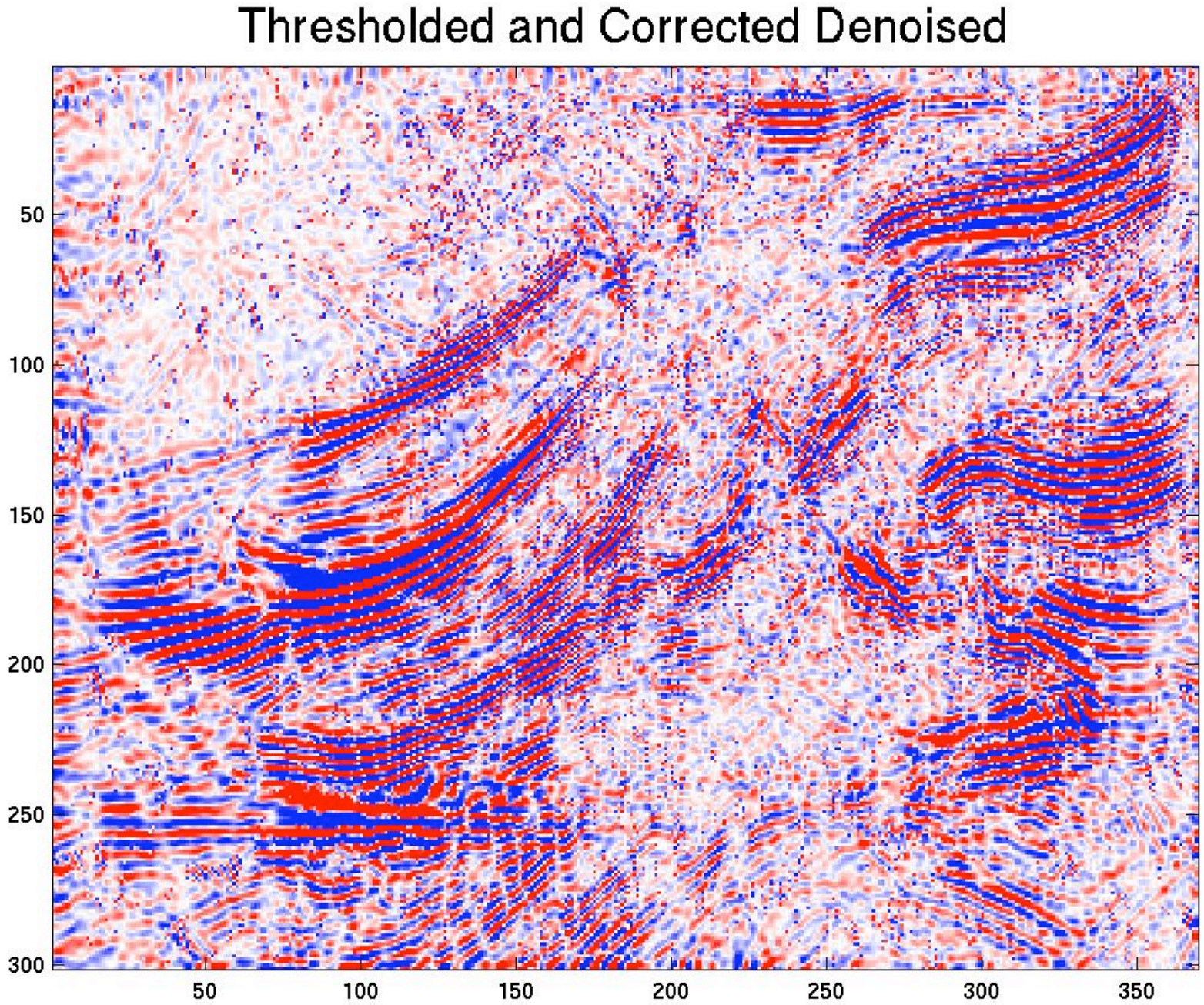
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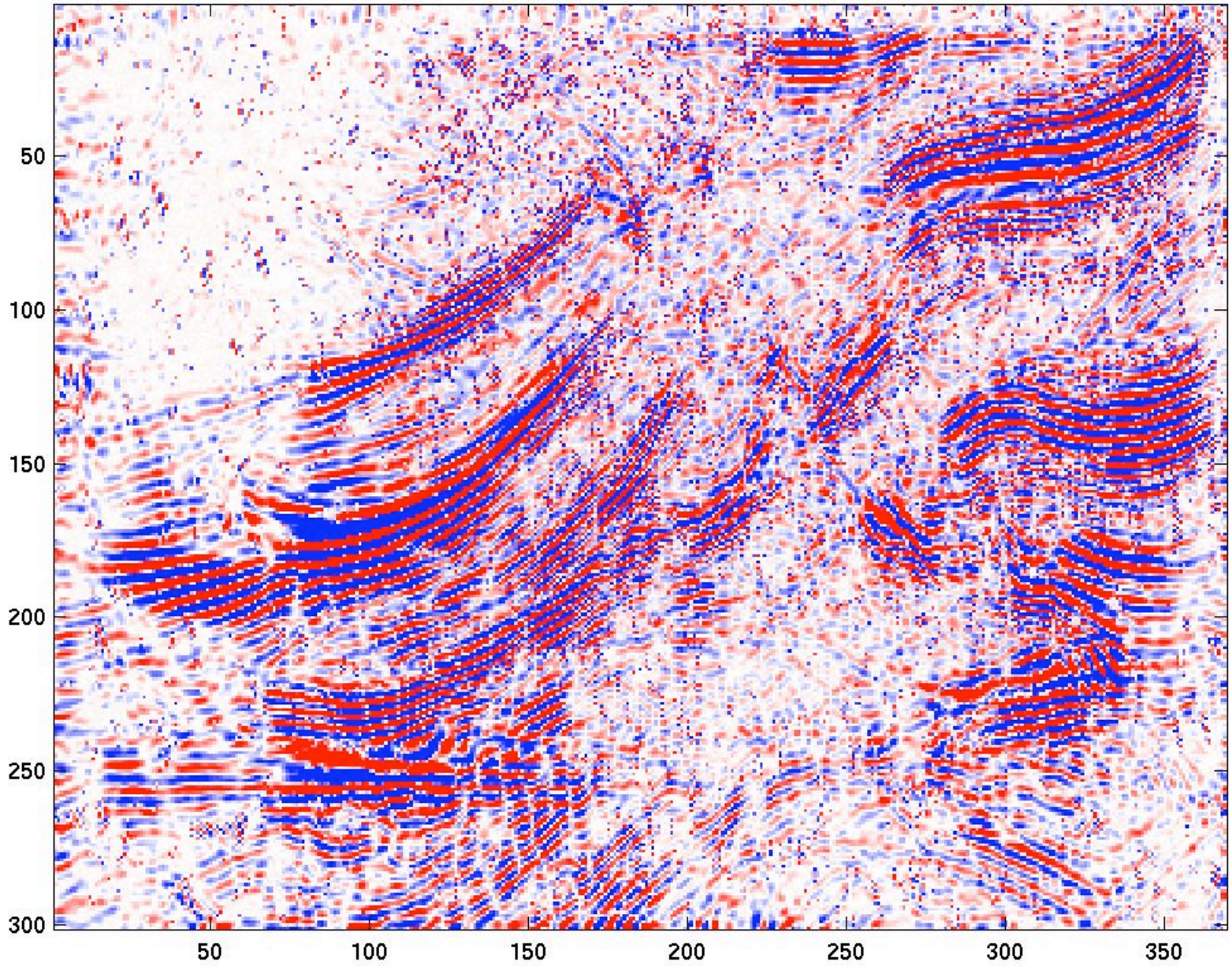
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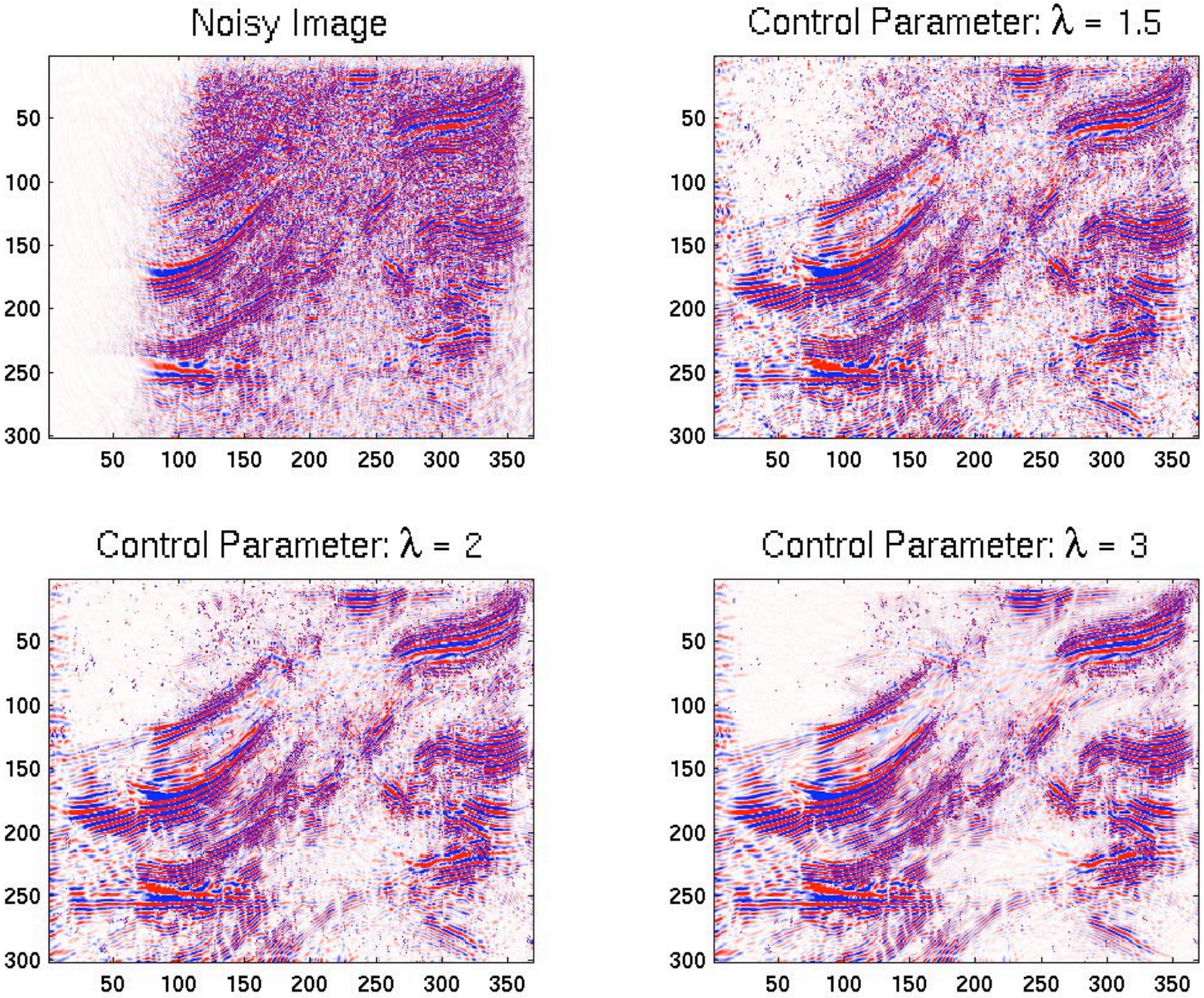
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Conclusion

- Preconditioning using Curvelet Transform introduced and it shows enhancement in the characteristics of migration and normal operators.
- A new constrained optimization is constructed by imposing sparsity on the model subject to bounded constraints defined by noise level
- An augmented-Lagrangian method to solve the optimization problem is implemented
- Results show Significant improvement rather than Least Square migration