

# Cosparse seismic data interpolation

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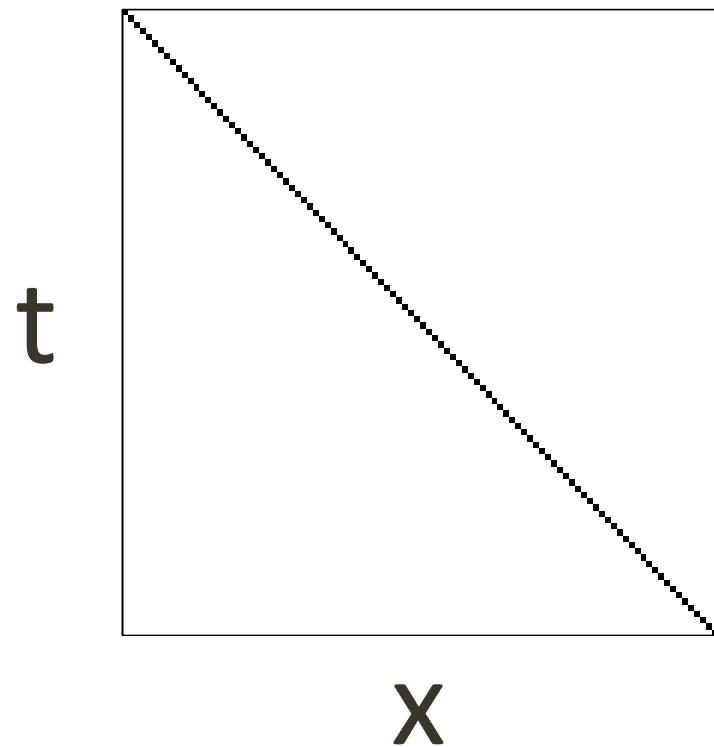
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# What is meant by “sparsity”?

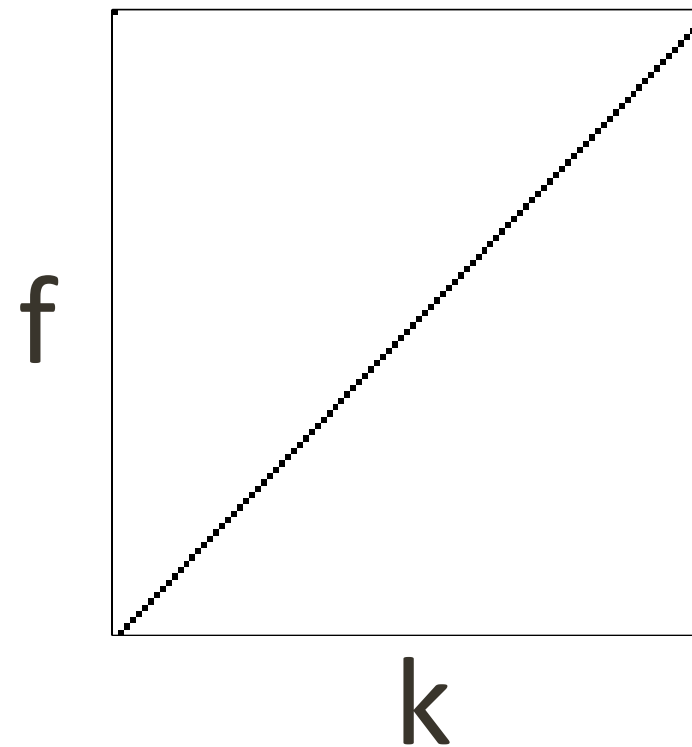
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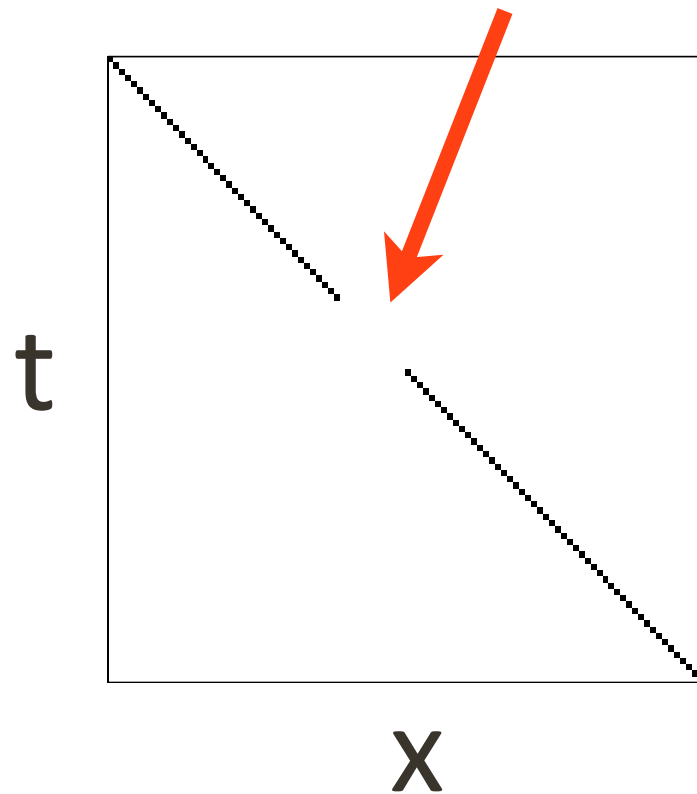
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# Sparsity/structure resolves ambiguity

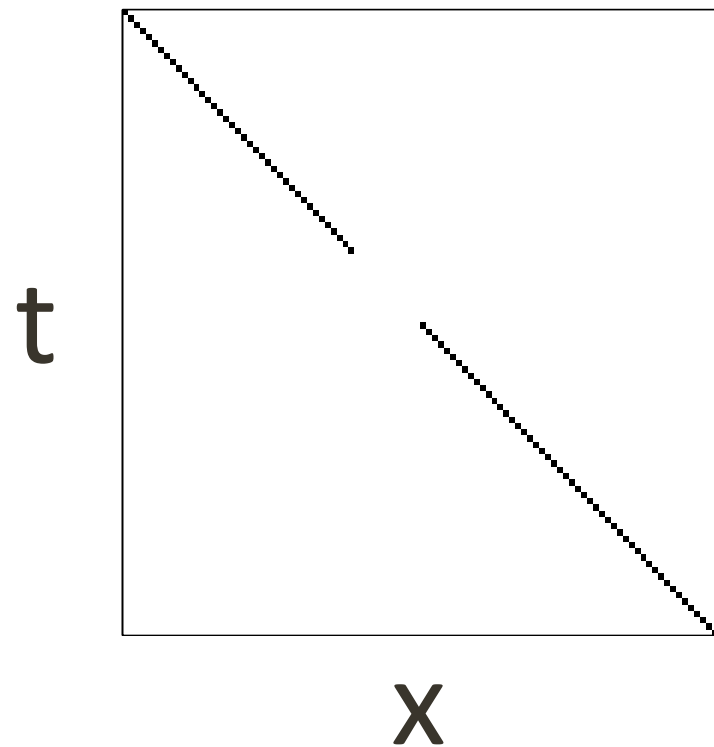
what should go here?



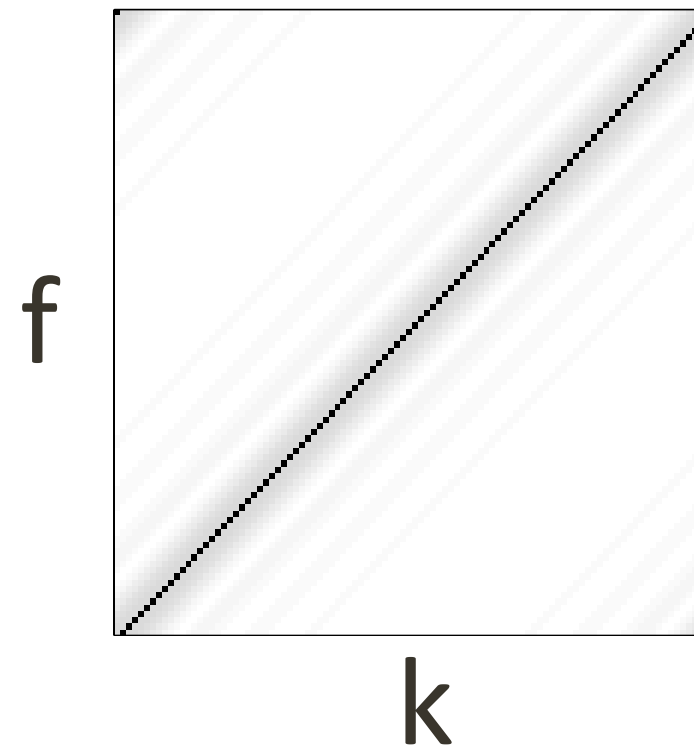


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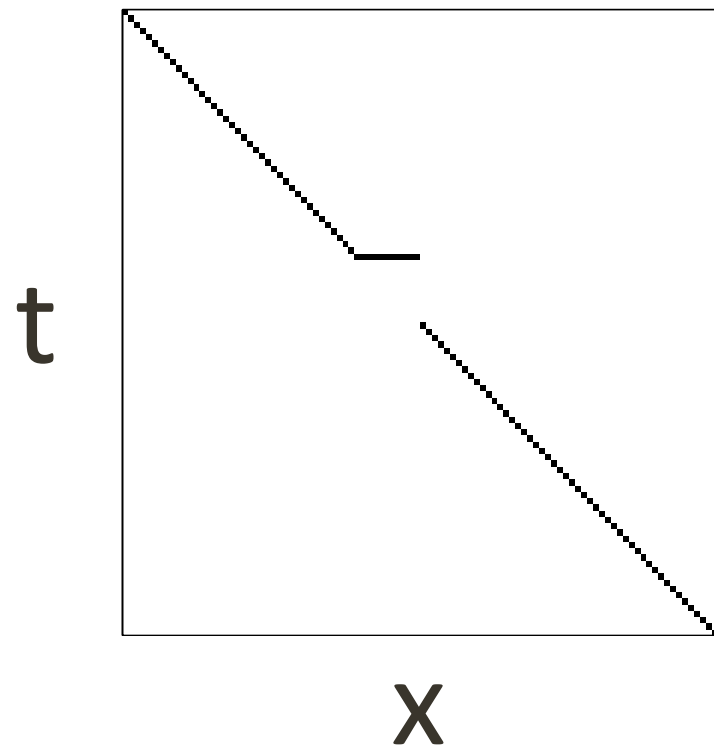


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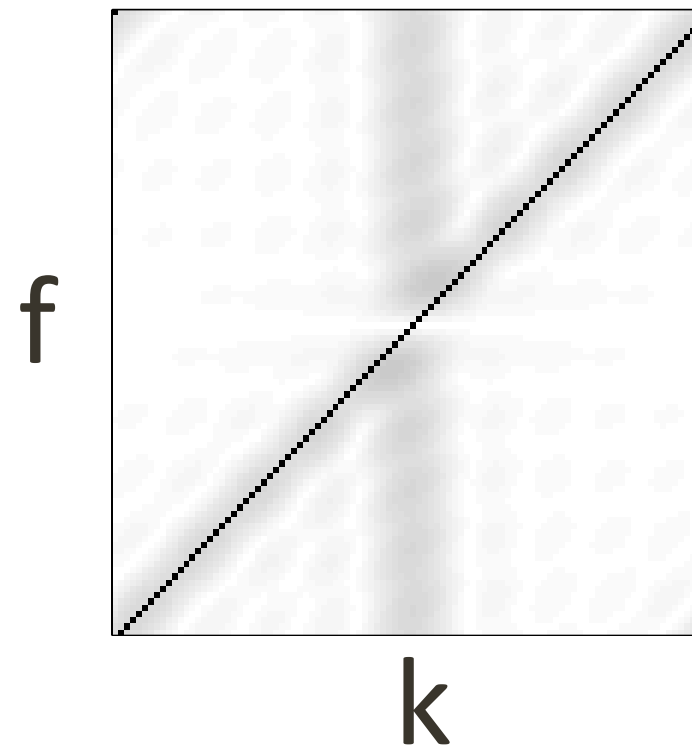


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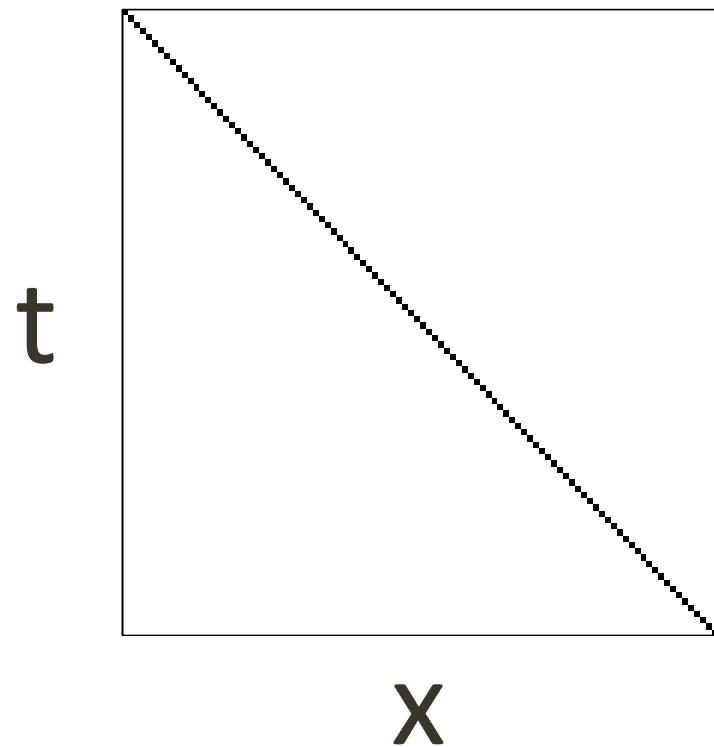


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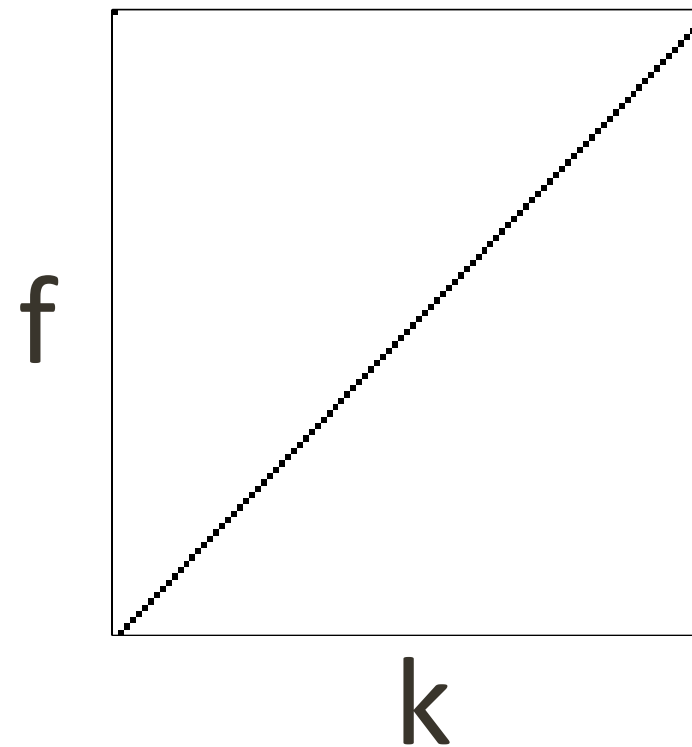


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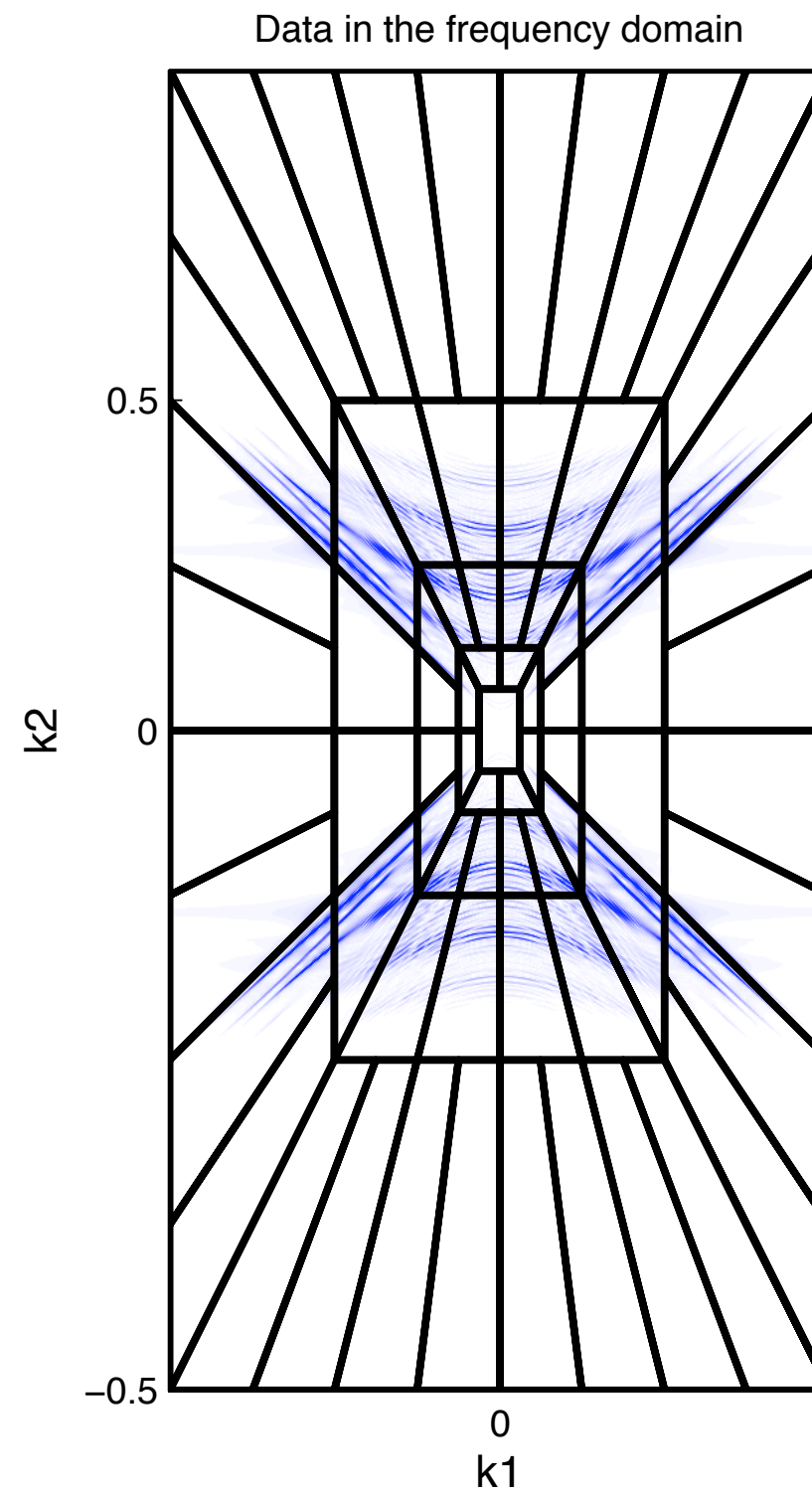
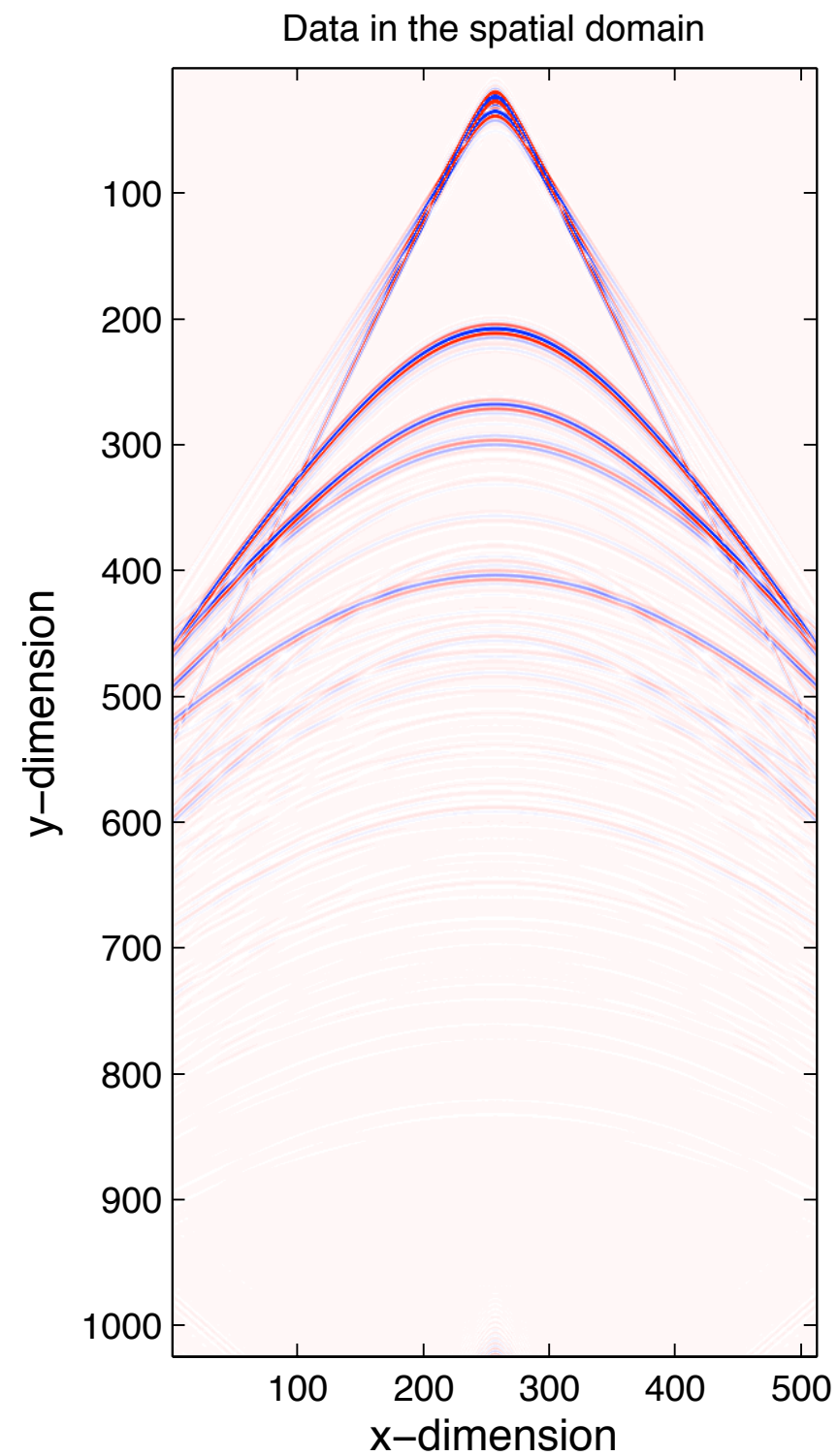


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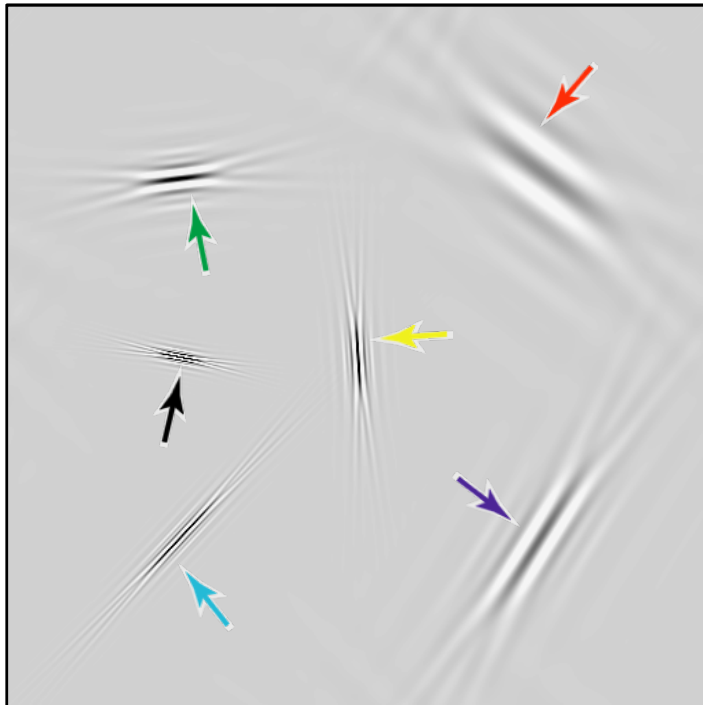


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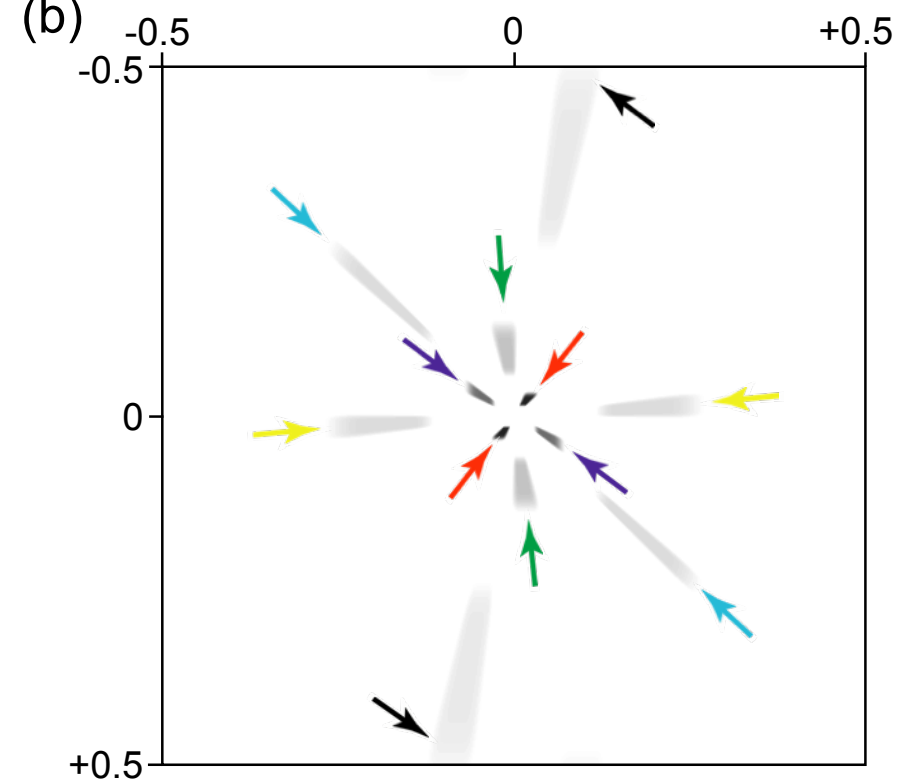


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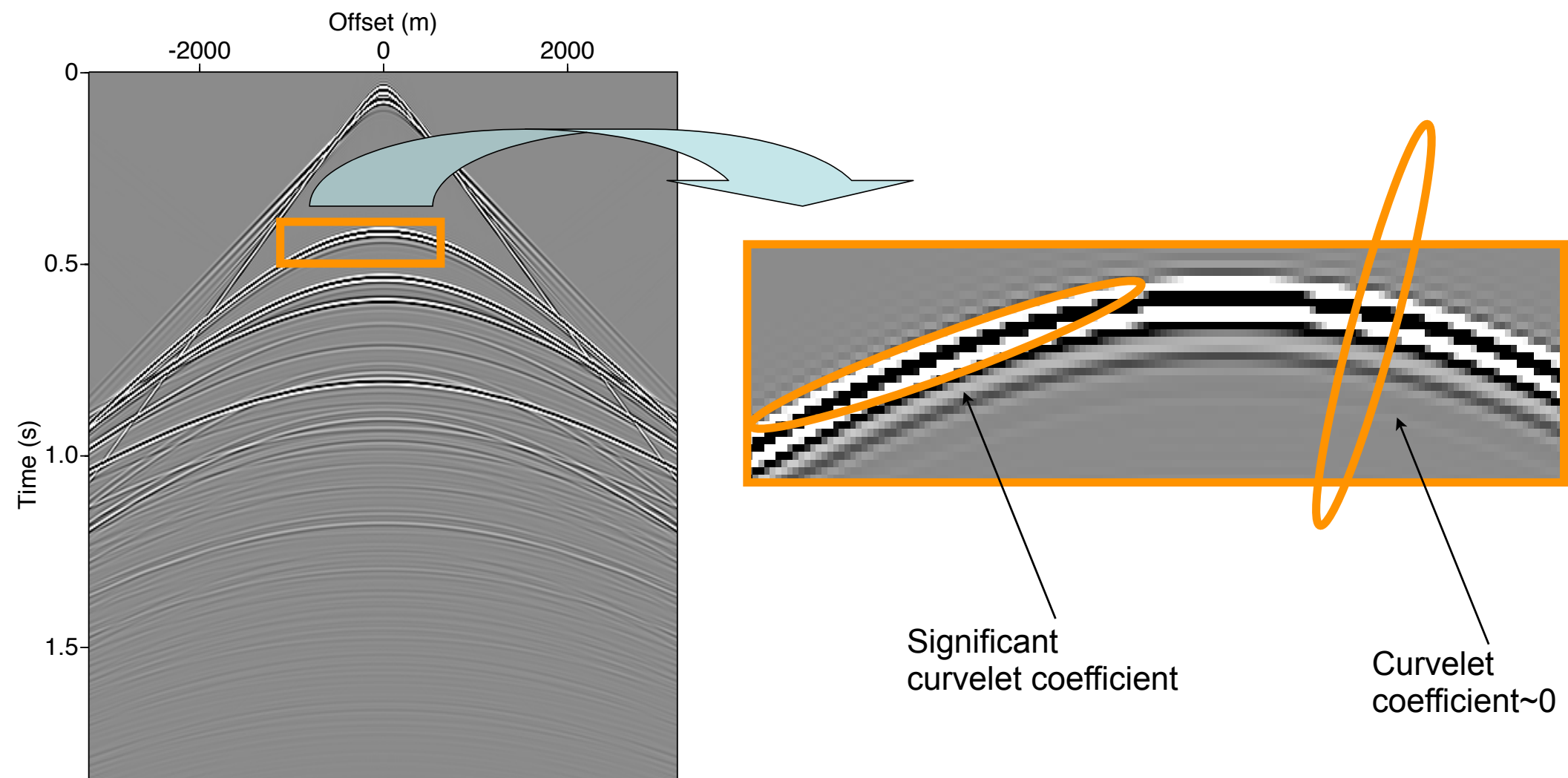
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(b) Curvelet in the Fourier domain



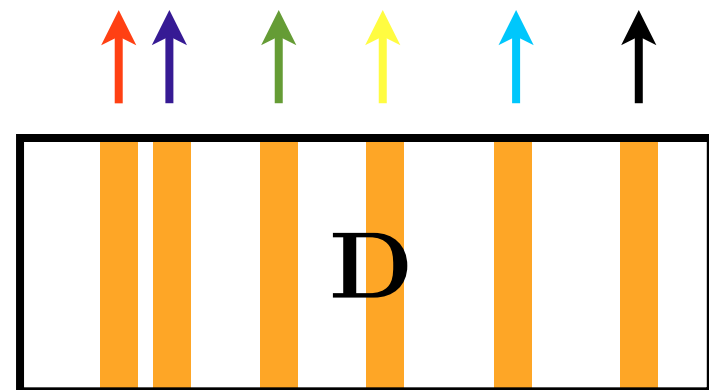
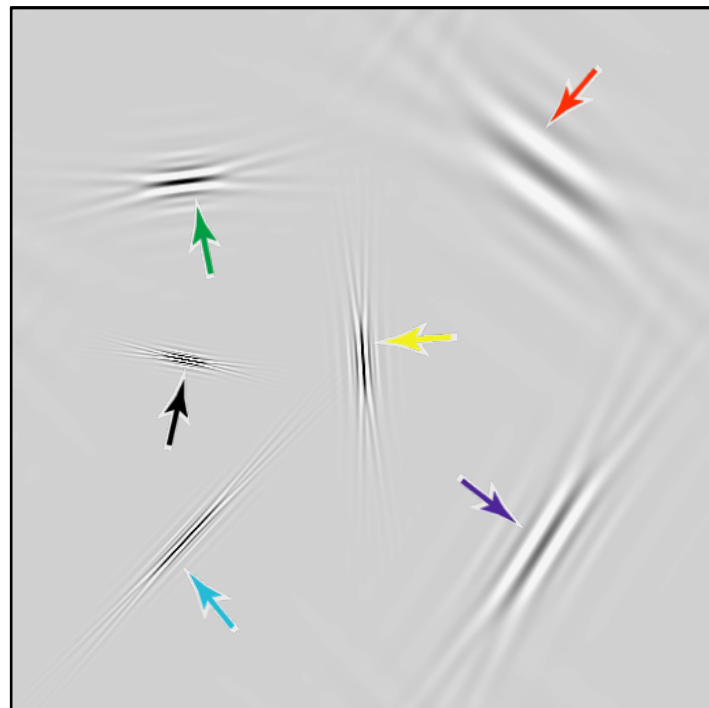
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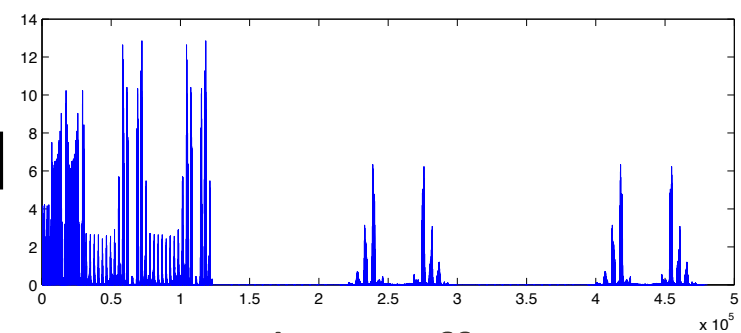
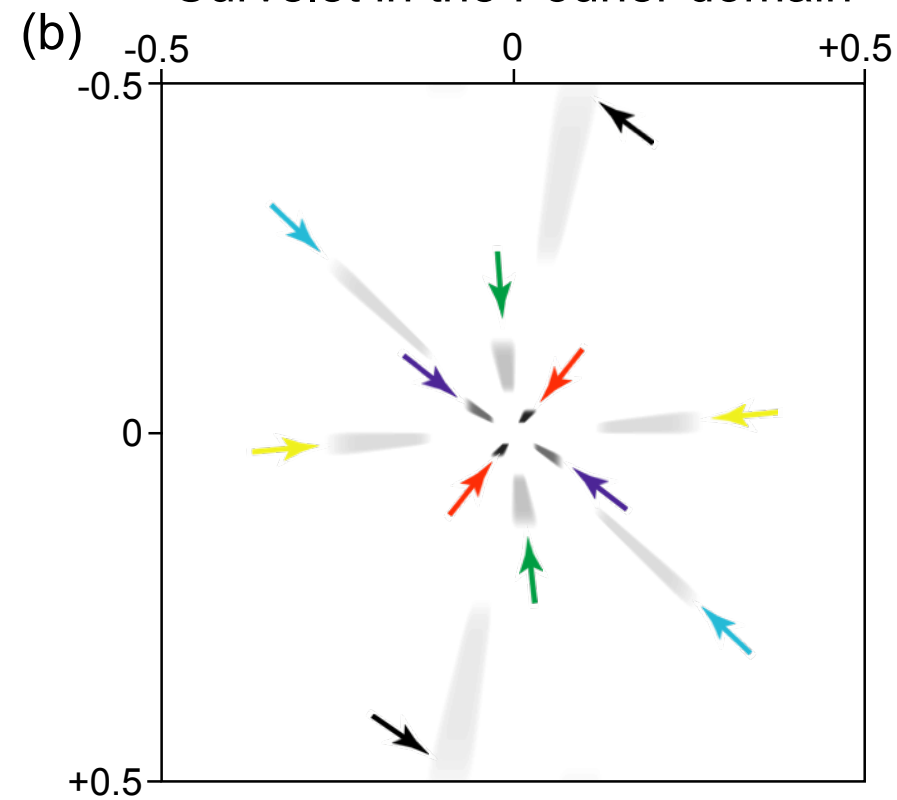
# Curvelet synthesis

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curvelet "dictionary"

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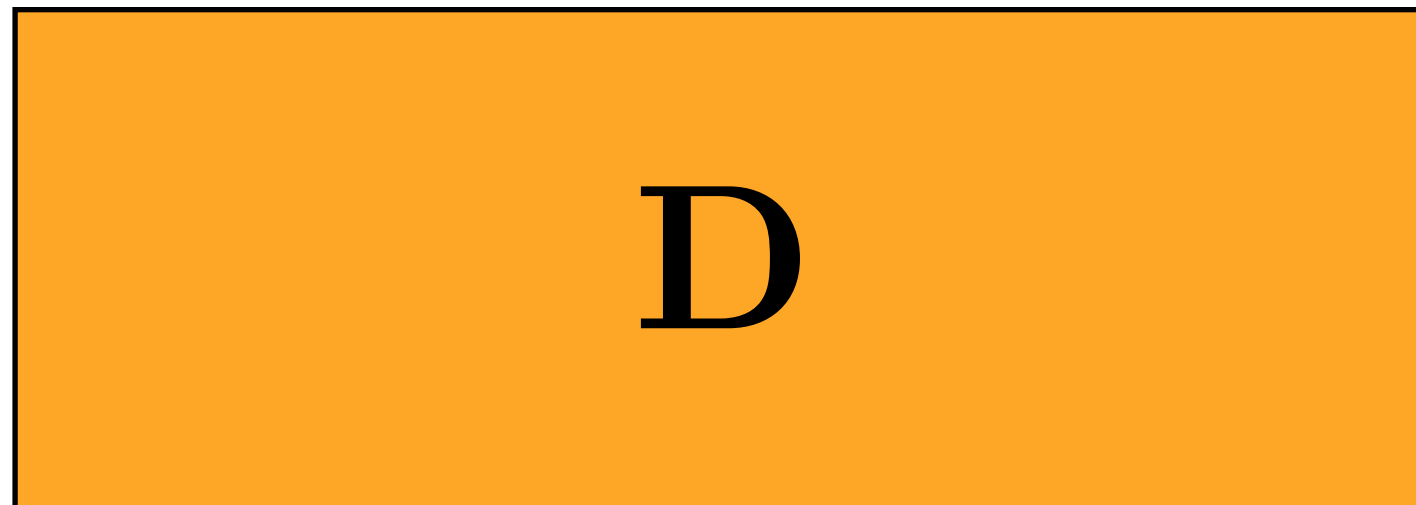


curvelet coefficients

# Curvelet dictionary is redundant

$$m < n$$

Size of  
physical  
image  $m$



Number of coefficients  $n$

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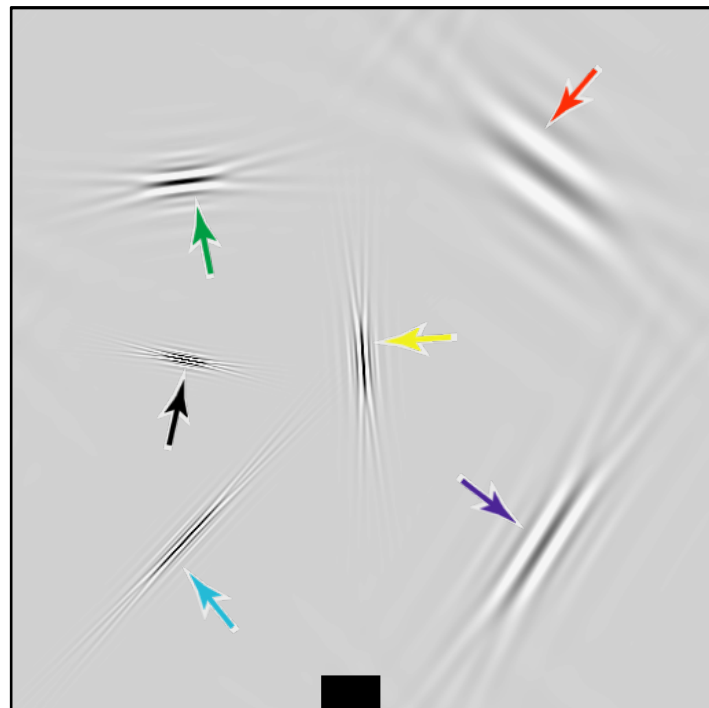
*Many useful ones also:*

- Stationary wavelet
- Windowed Fourier/Cosine
- Ridgelets
- Wave atoms
- Radon
- *many more...*

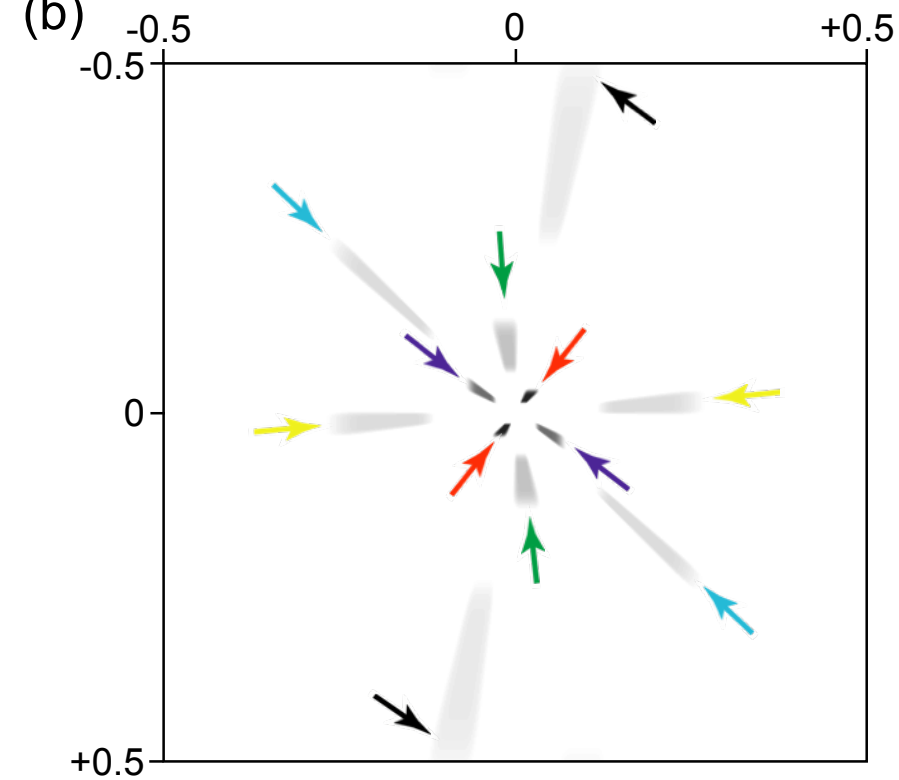


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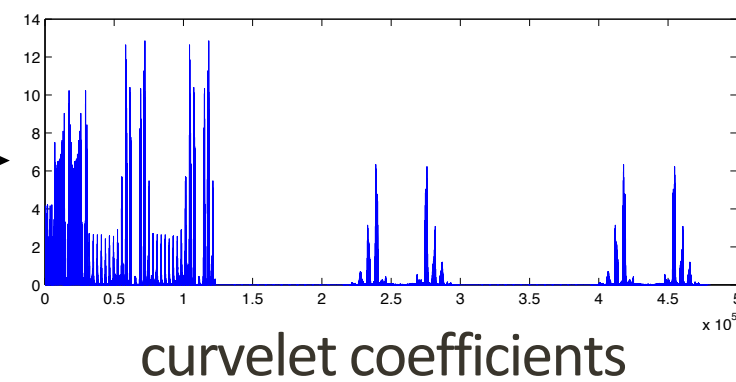
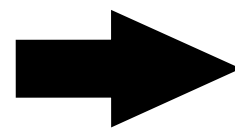
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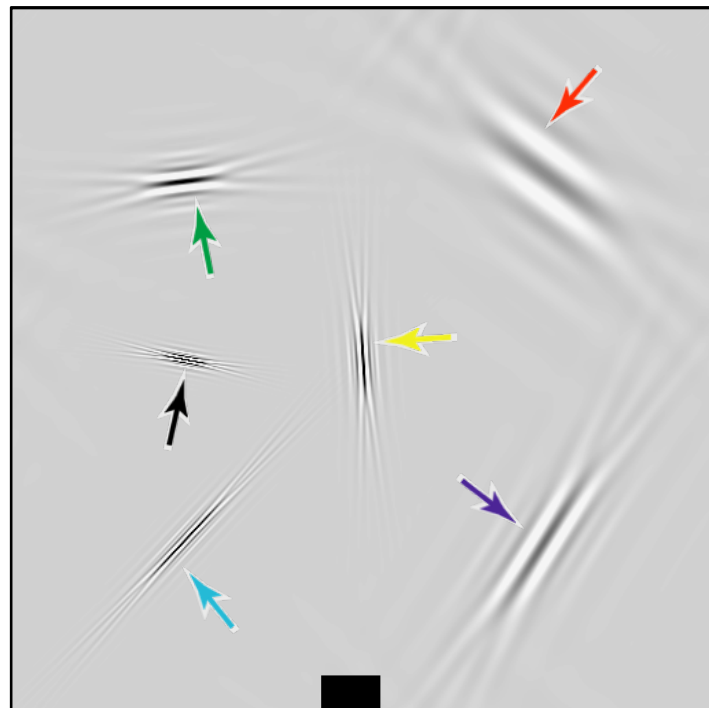


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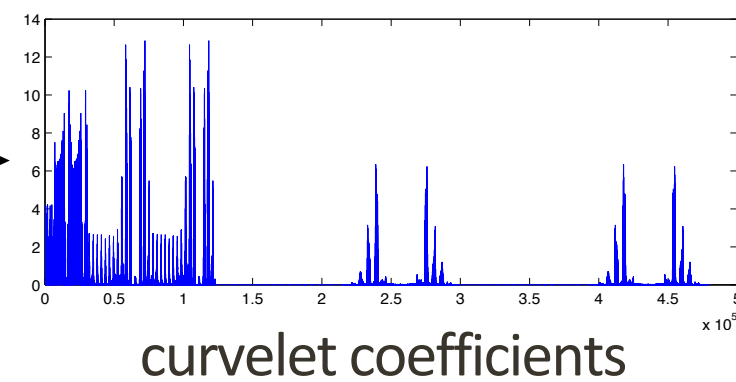
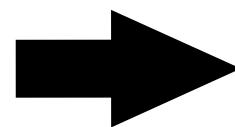
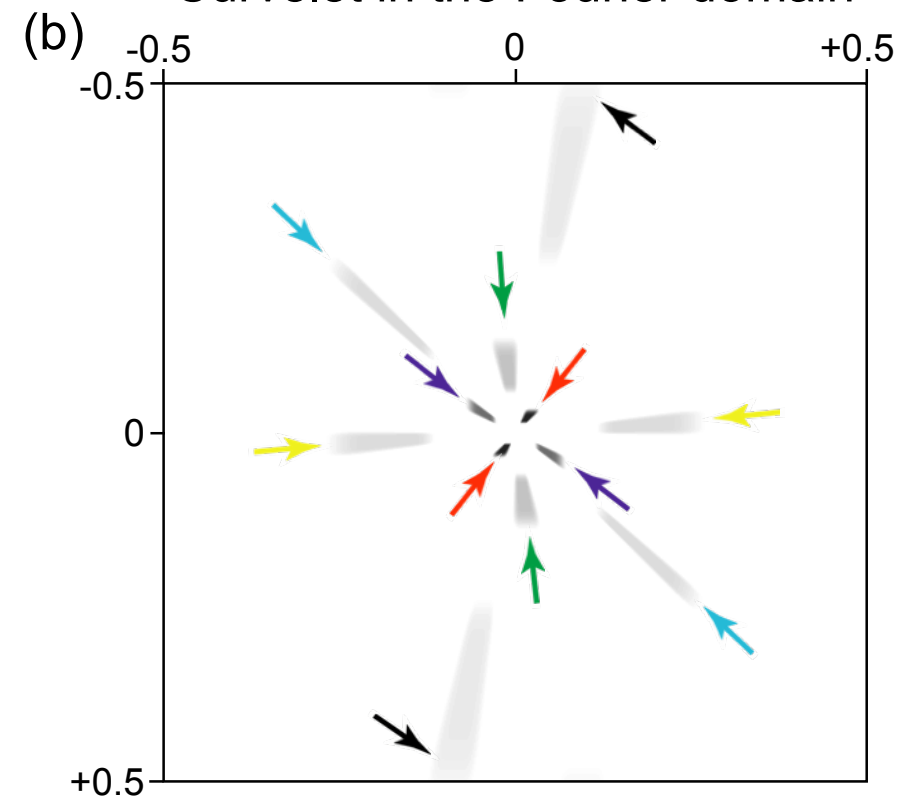


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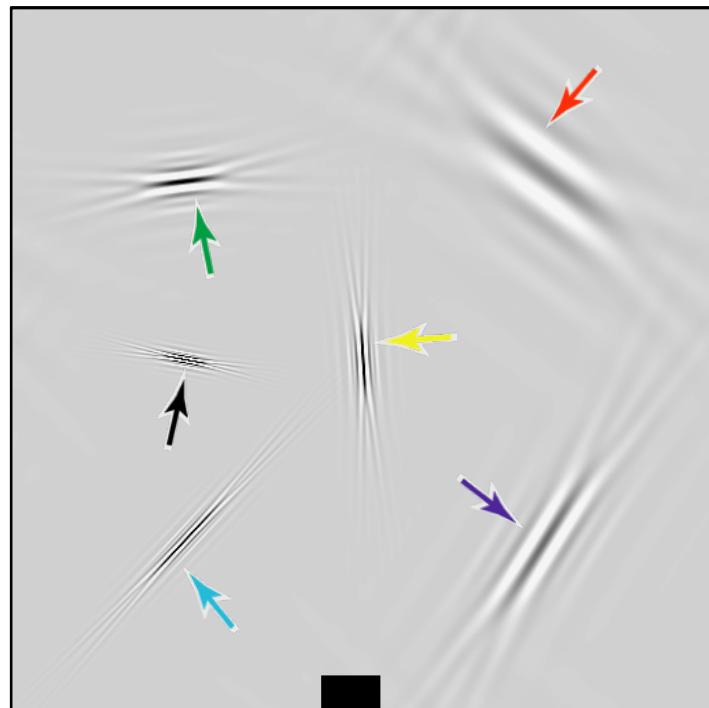


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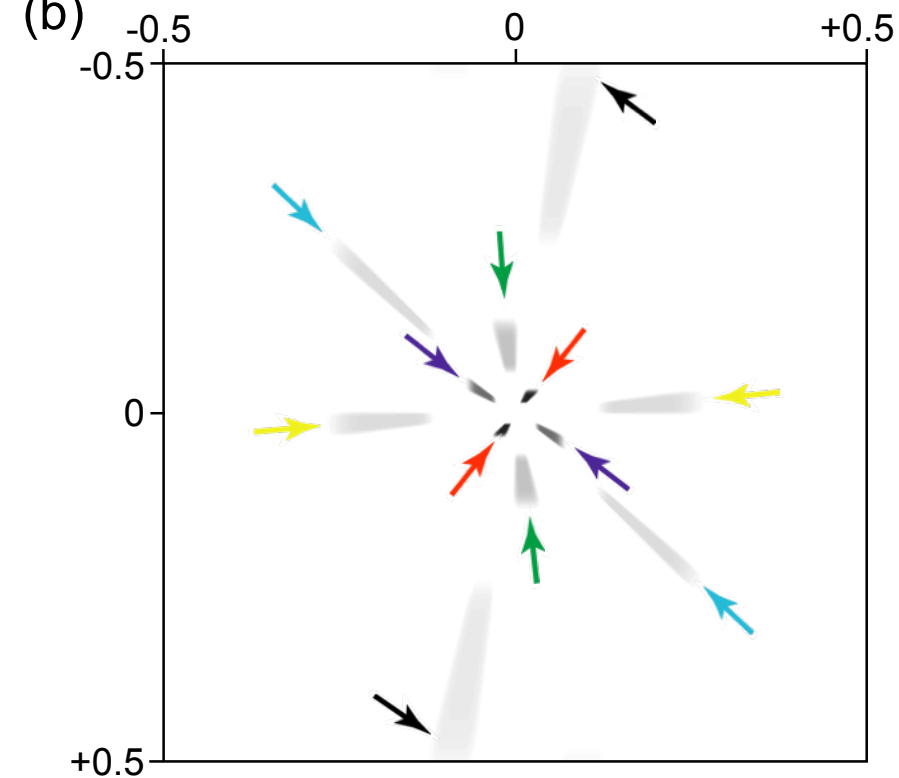


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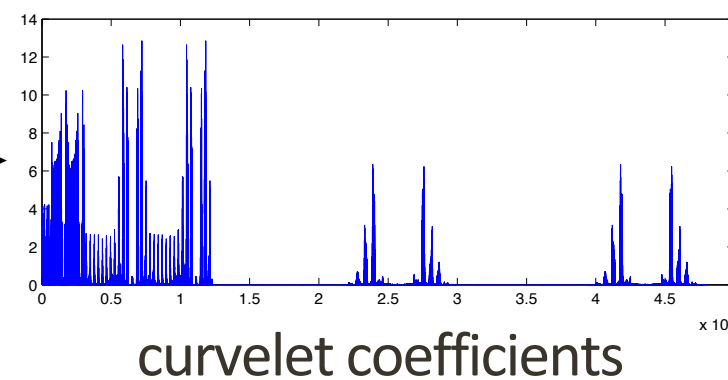
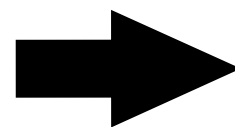


Generally,

$$\Omega = \mathbf{D}^\dagger$$

but for curvelet,

$$\Omega = \mathbf{D}^H$$





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 *convexify*

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# Constructing signals with...



Sparsity

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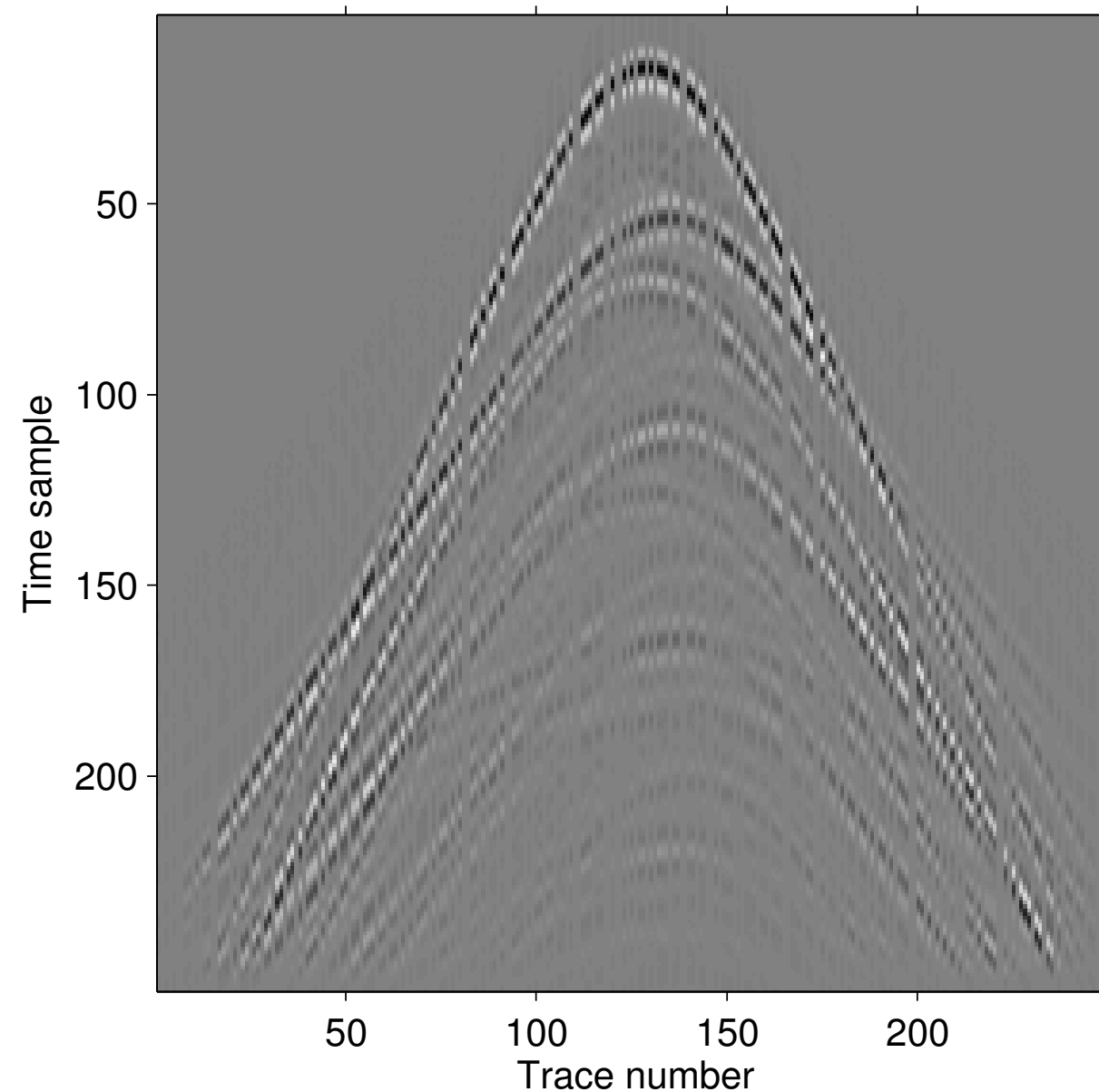
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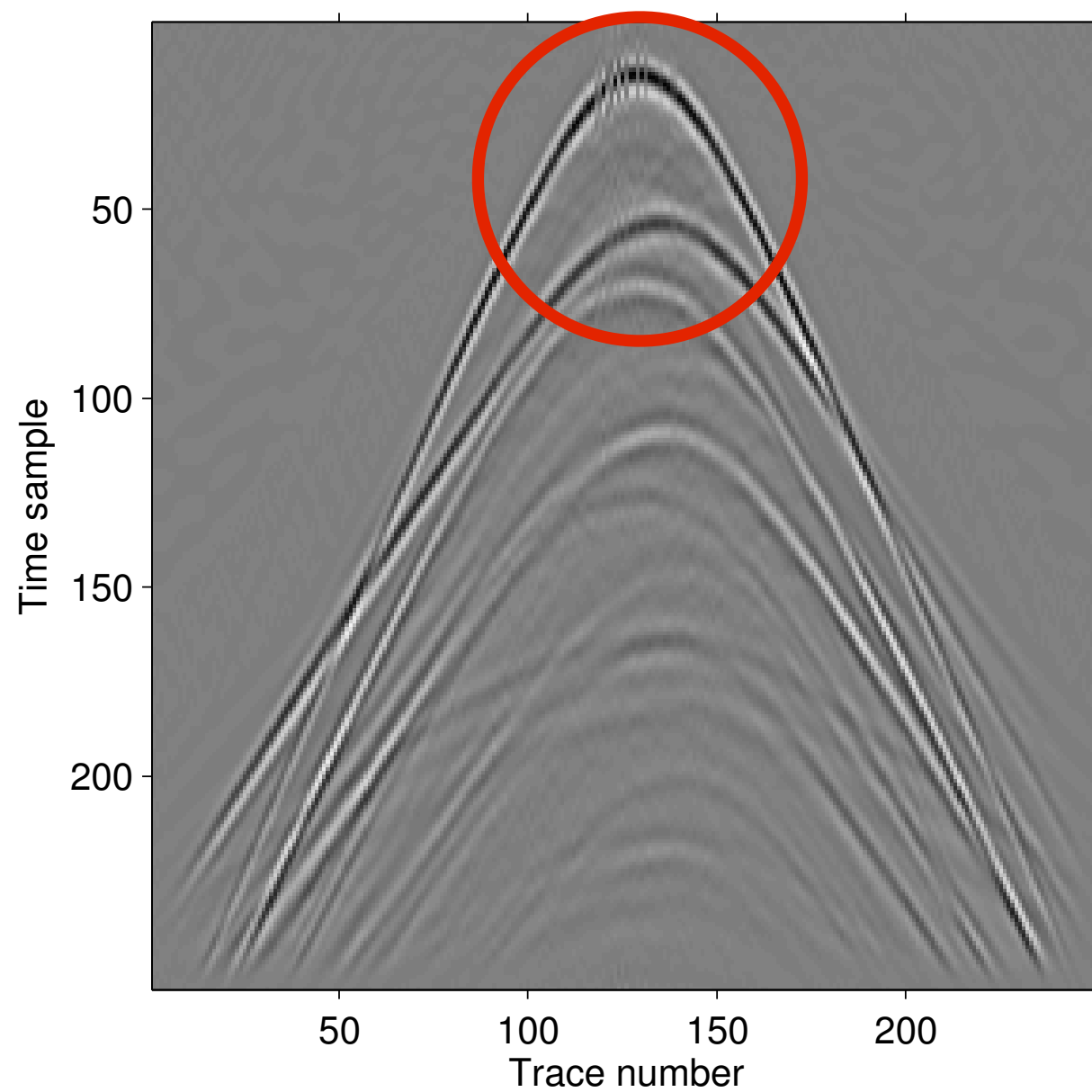
40% random missing traces



**observed data**

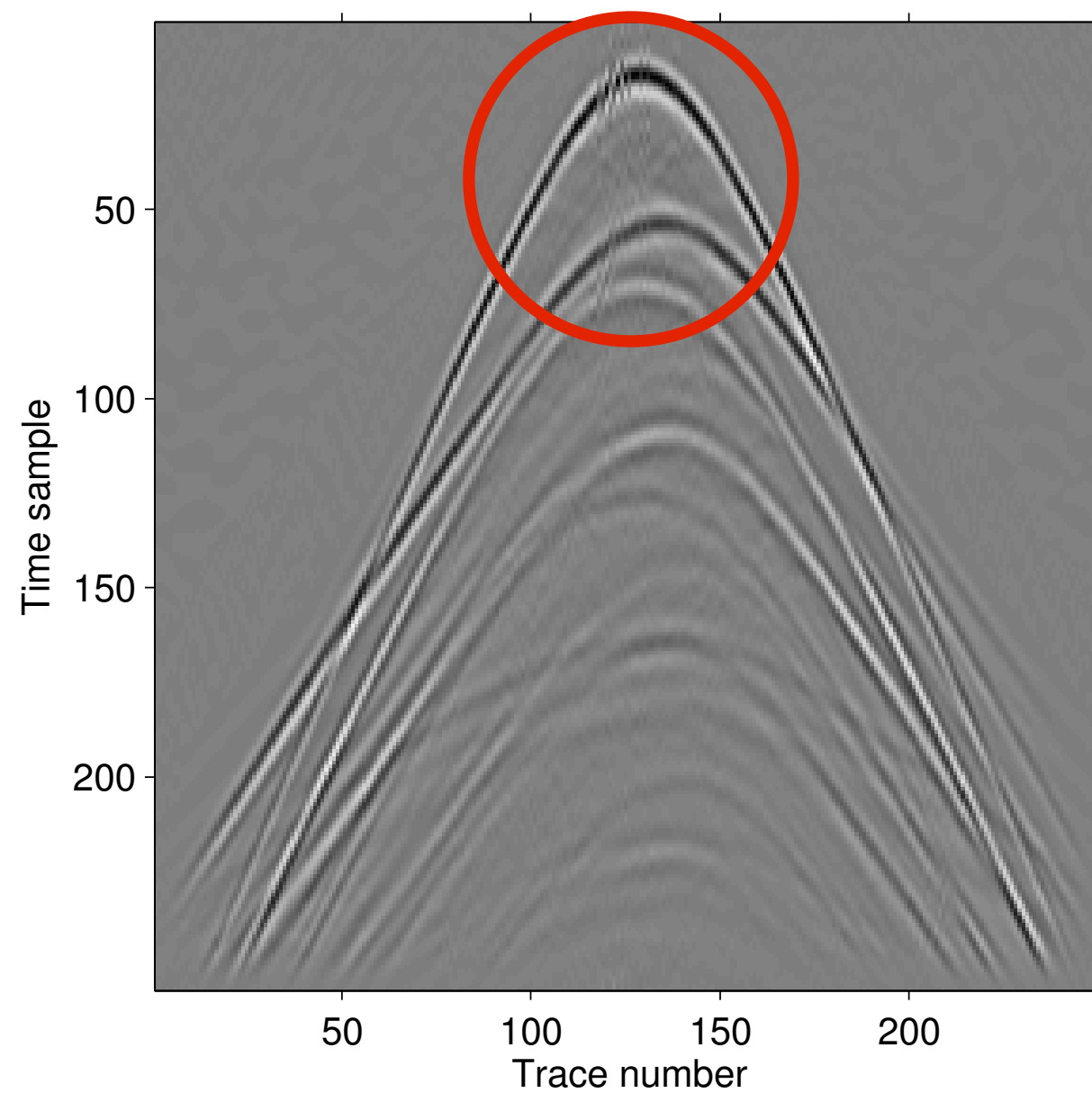
**Recover** complete shot-record using synthesis/analysis problem

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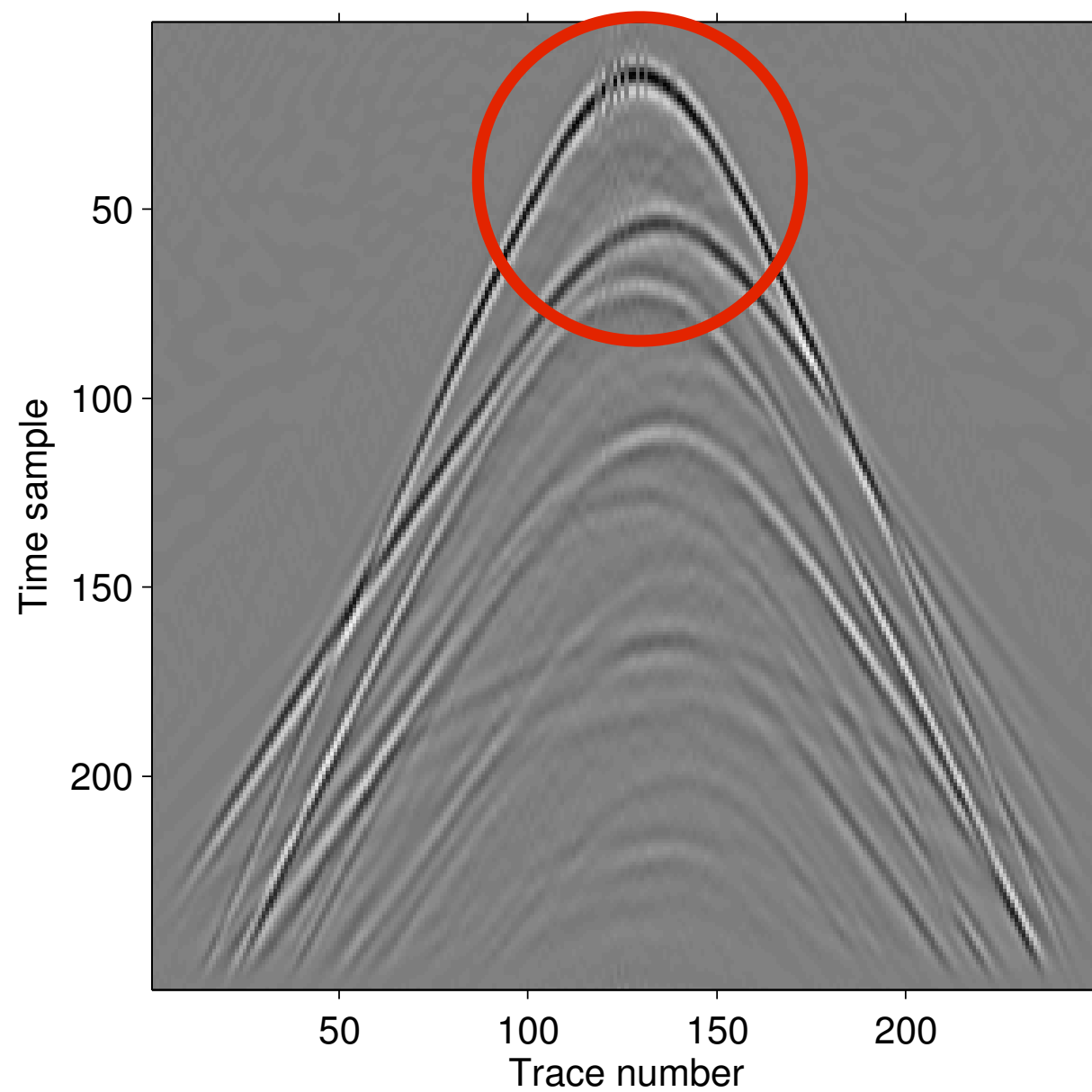
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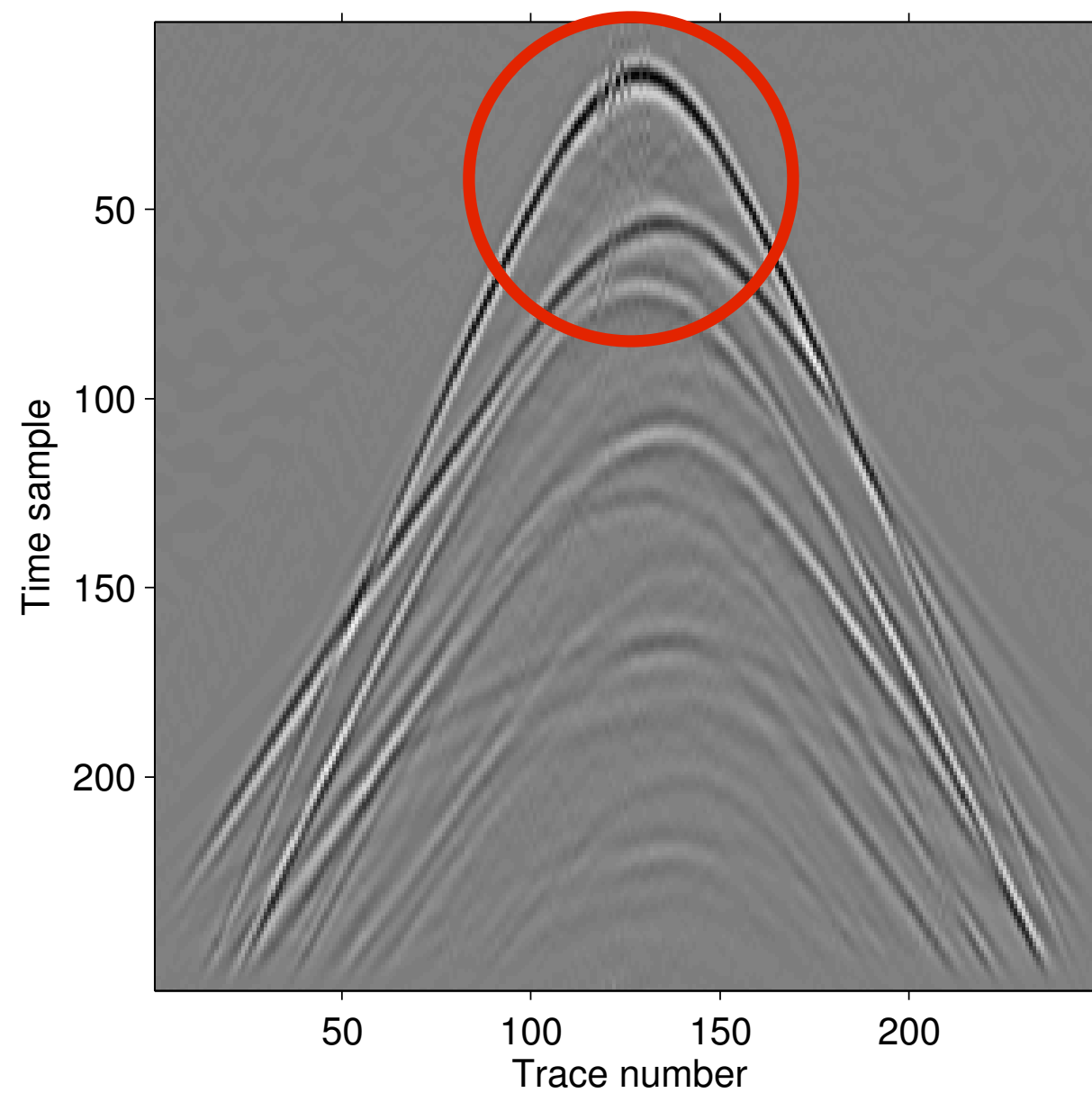
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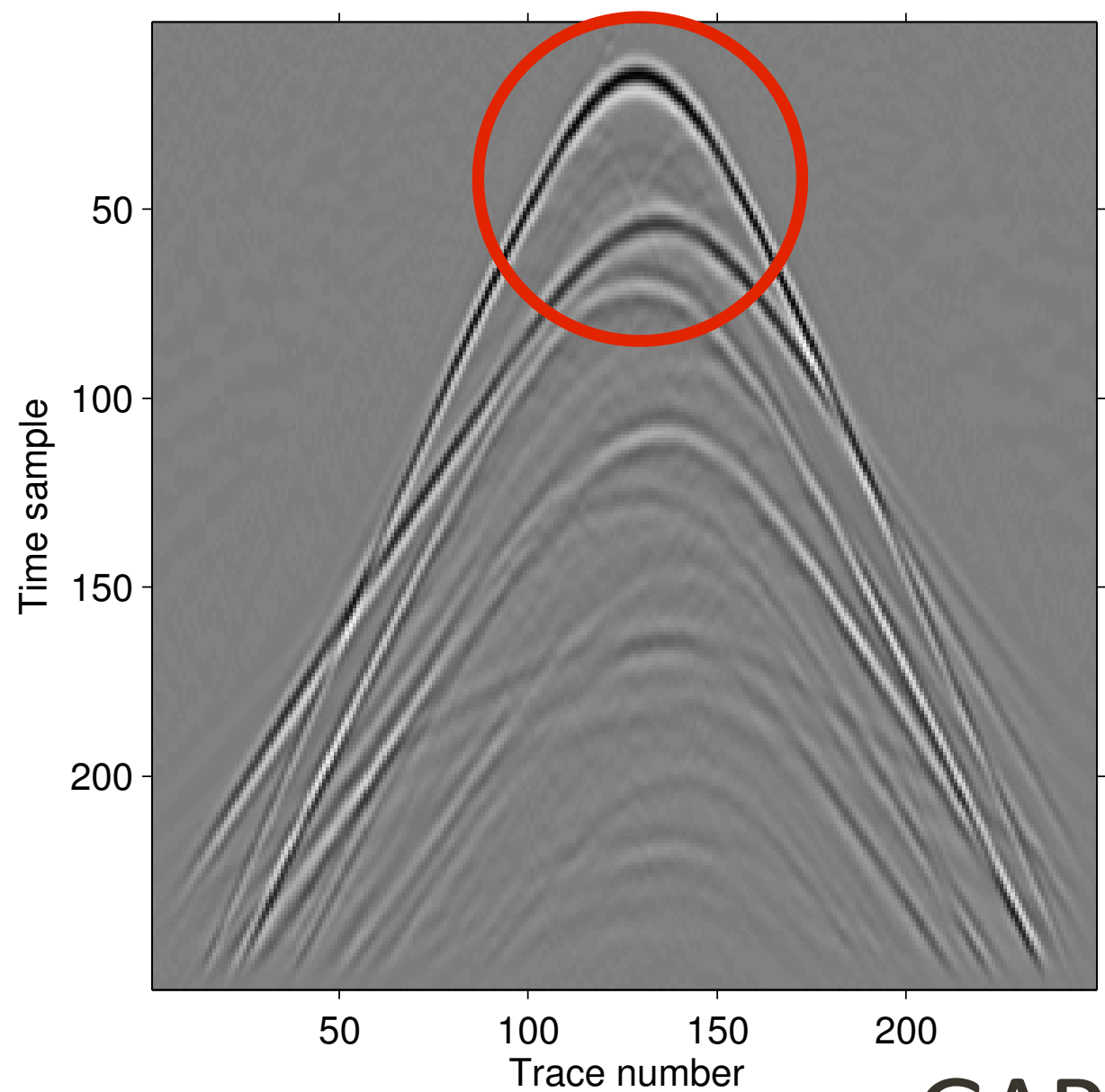
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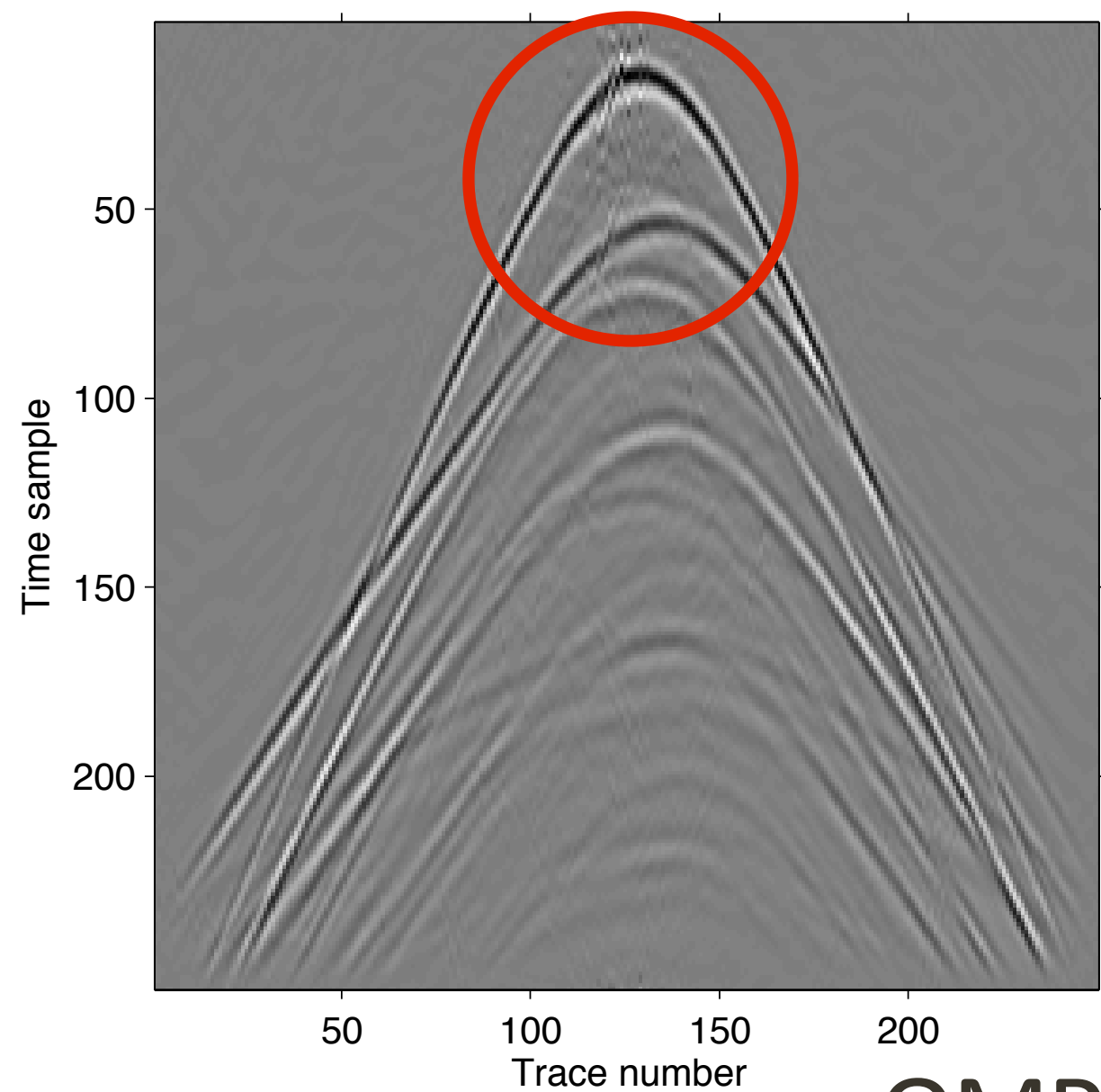
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GAP

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OMP

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$$\mathbf{D}$$

$$\mathbf{D}^{-1}$$

If  $\mathbf{D}$  is square and invertible, then synthesis = analysis

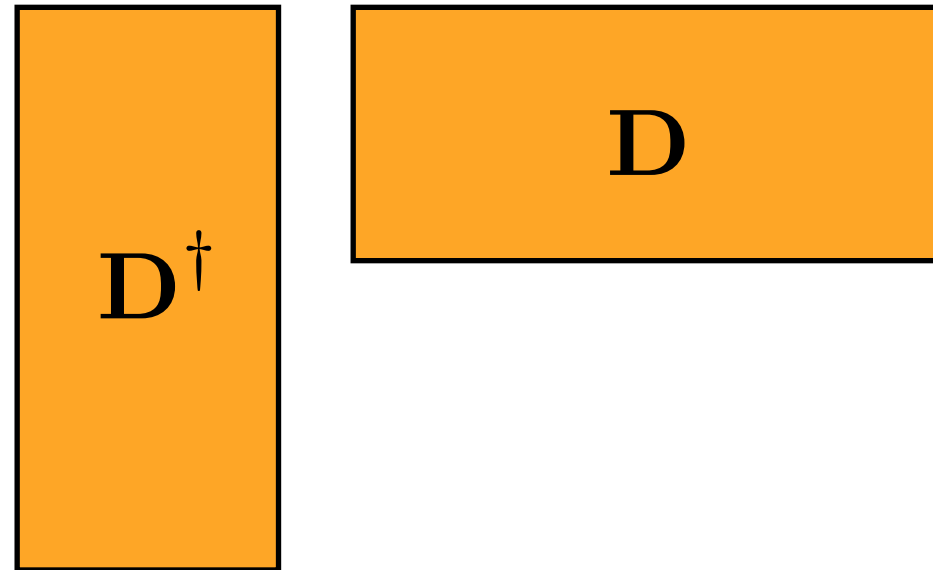
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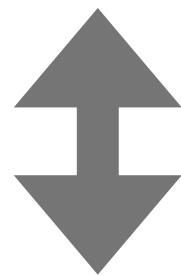
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Analysis-sparsity is a **stronger** condition than Synthesis-sparsity



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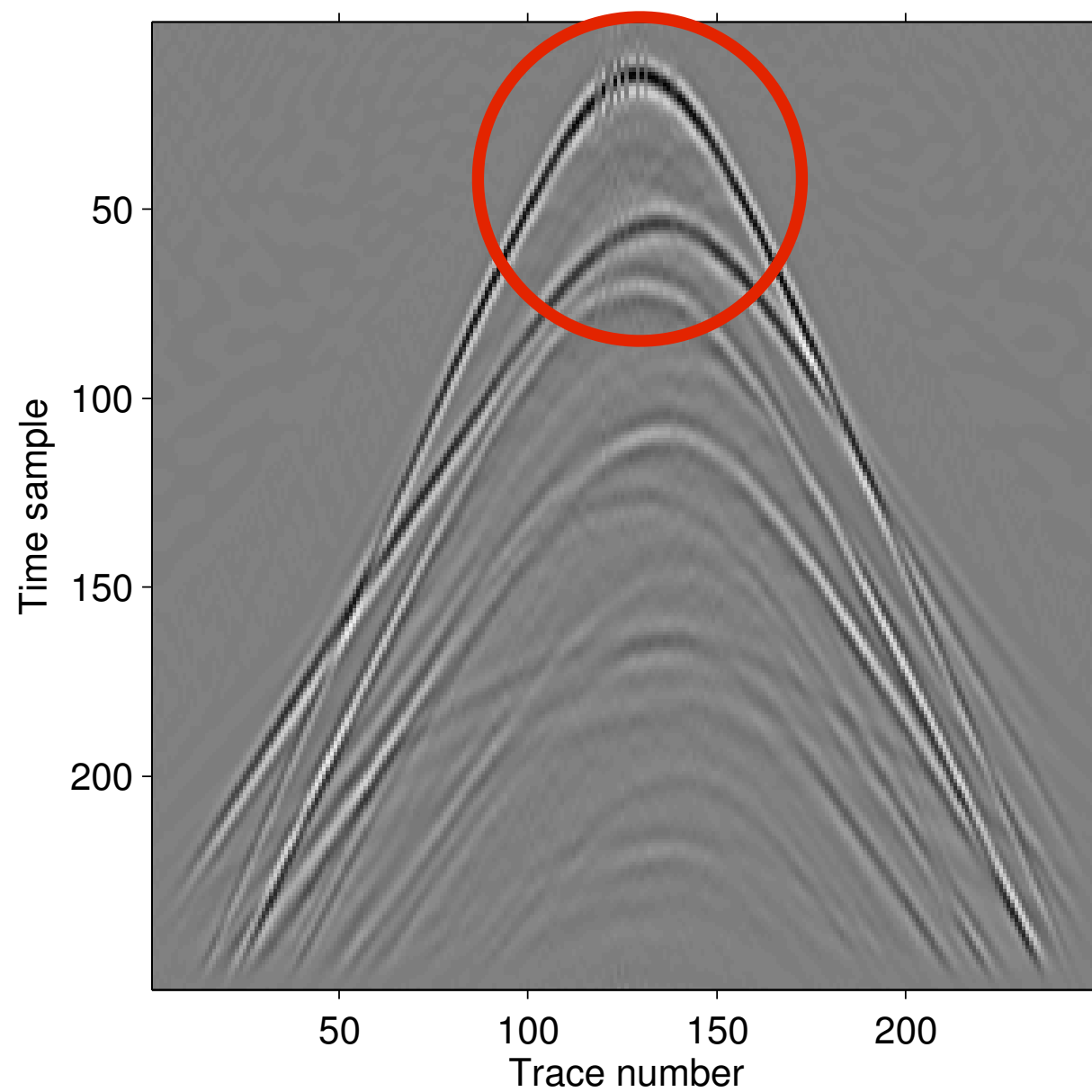
- Many ways to choose

$$\mathbf{z} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{z}$$

- But there is only one

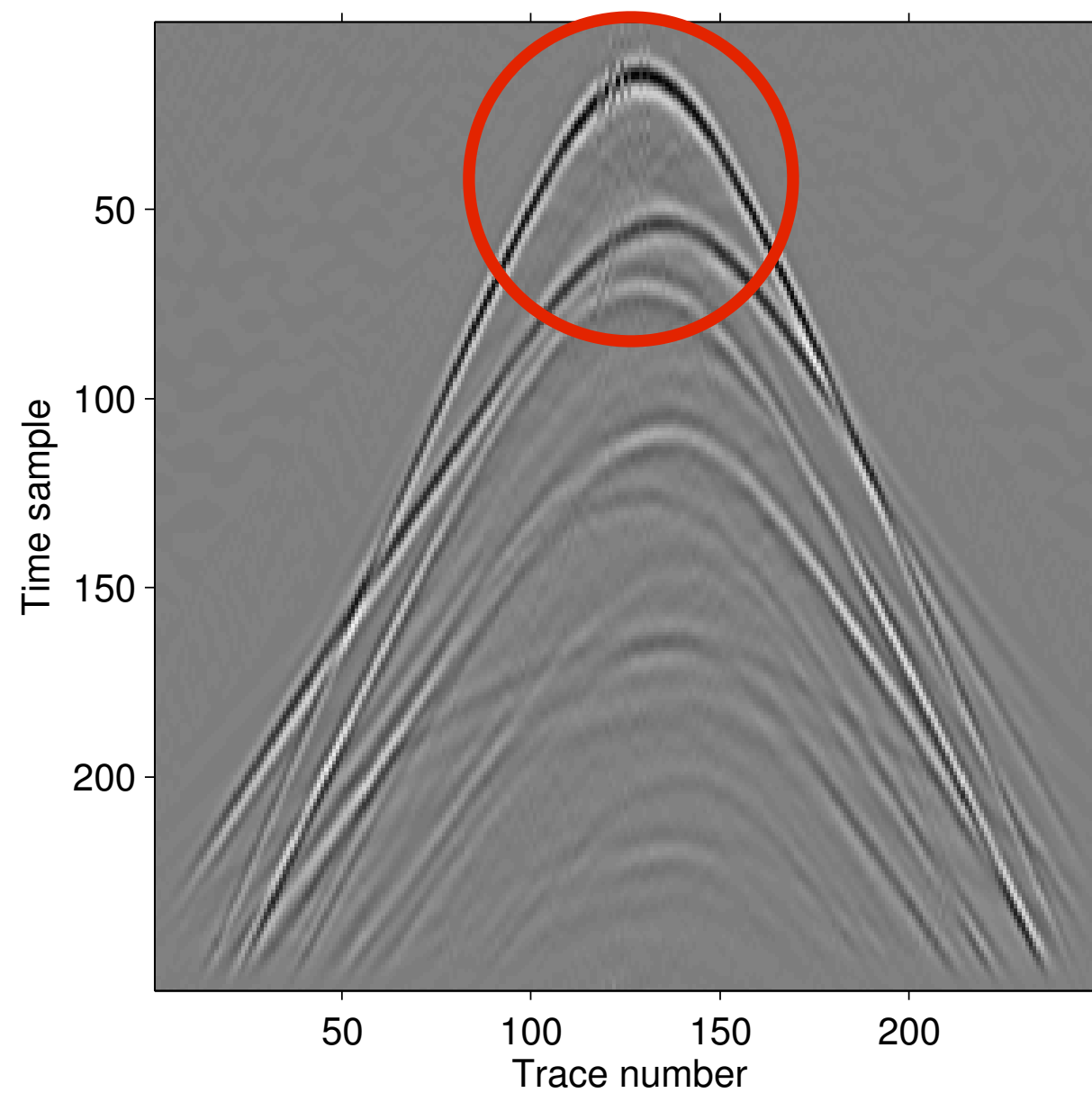
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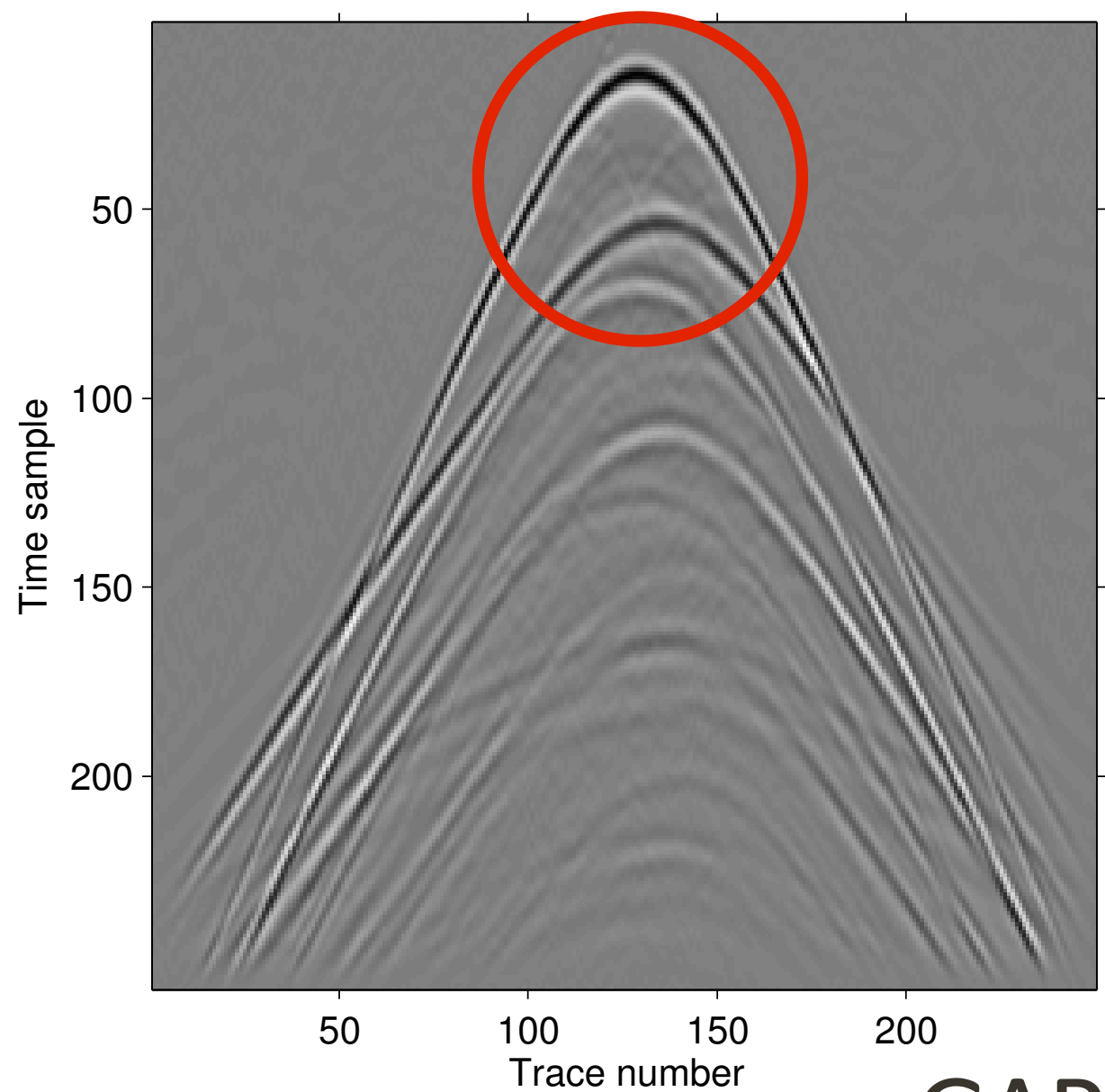
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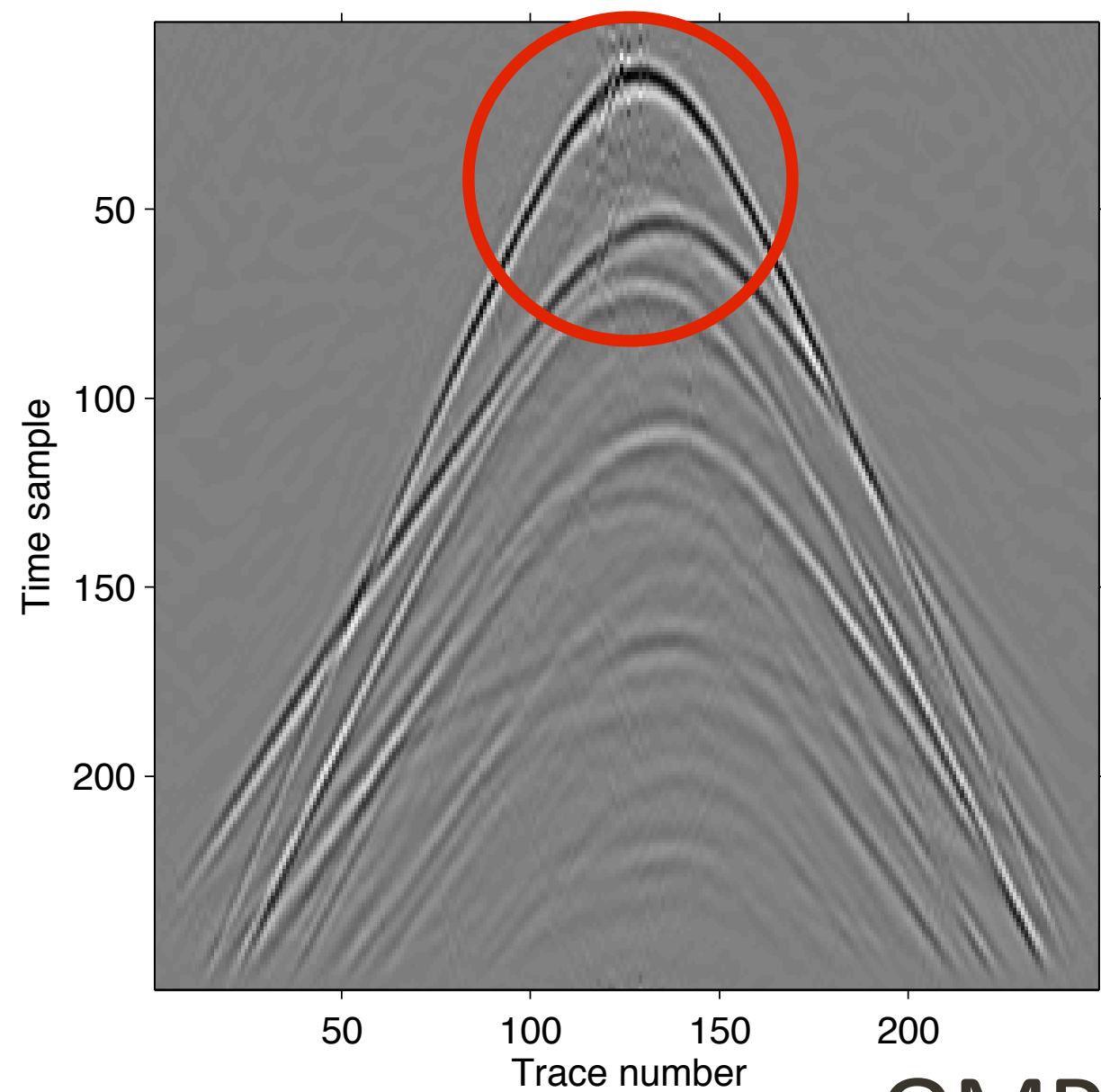
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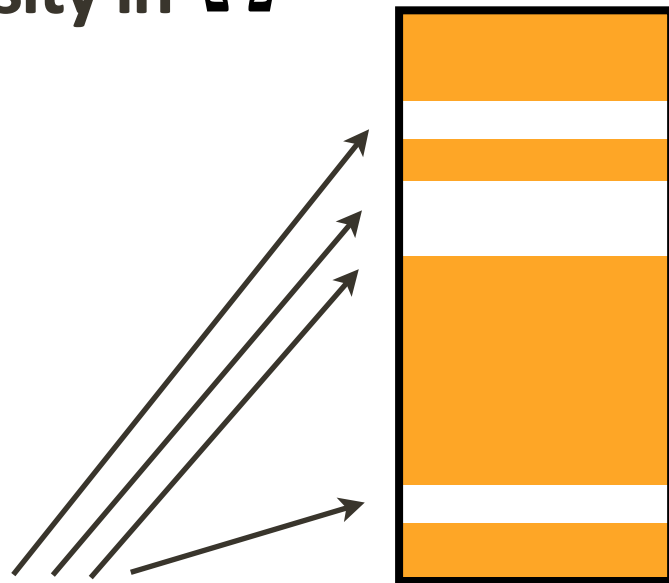


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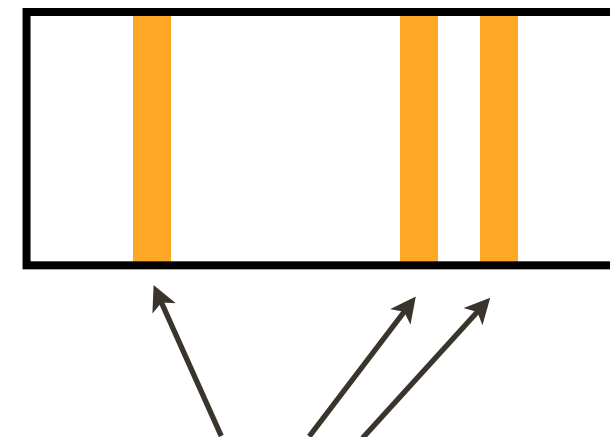
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Constrains signal to be orthogonal to some number of rows

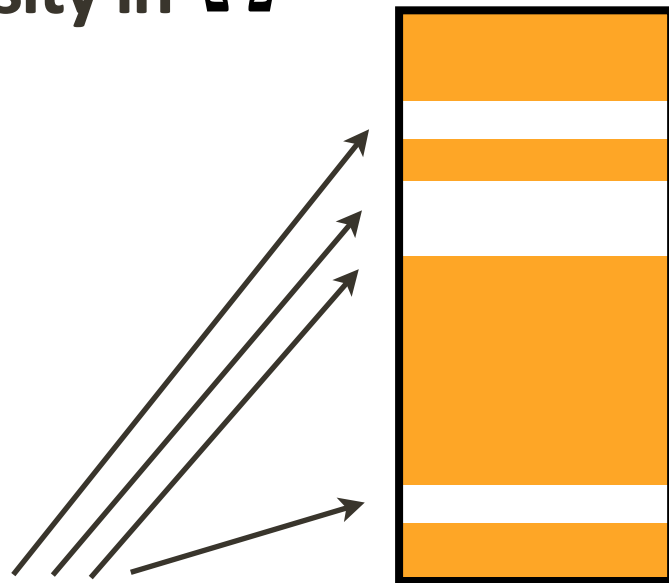
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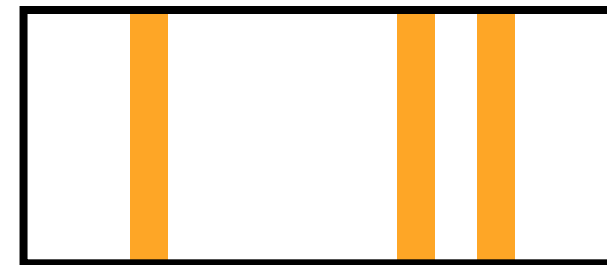
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**cosparsity**  $\ell$

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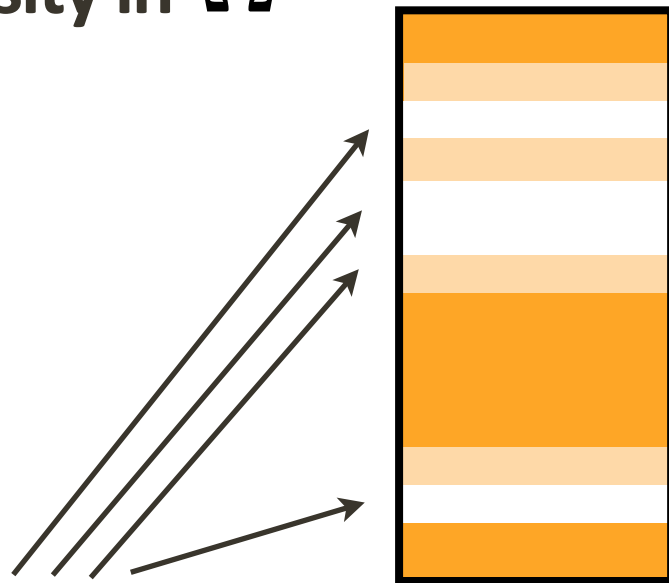


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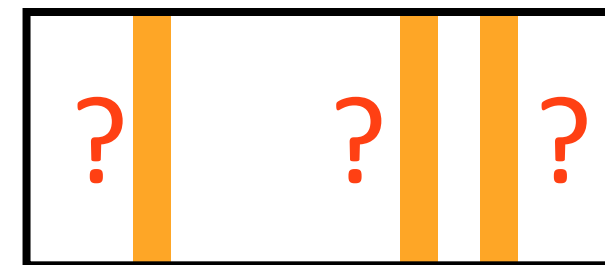
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Constrains signal to also be nearly-orthogonal to rows that are lin. dep. with the zero rows

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# Example: PDE solving

Monochromatic Helmholtz system

$$\min \|s - \mathbf{H}_{x \in x_s} \mathbf{u}\|_2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{H}_{x \notin x_s} \mathbf{u} = 0$$

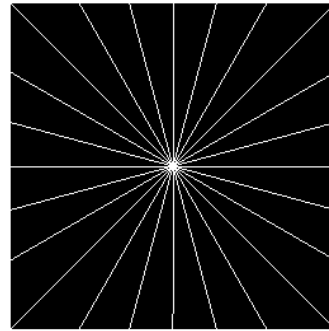
enforcing non-source  
position to be zero

# Cosparsity results

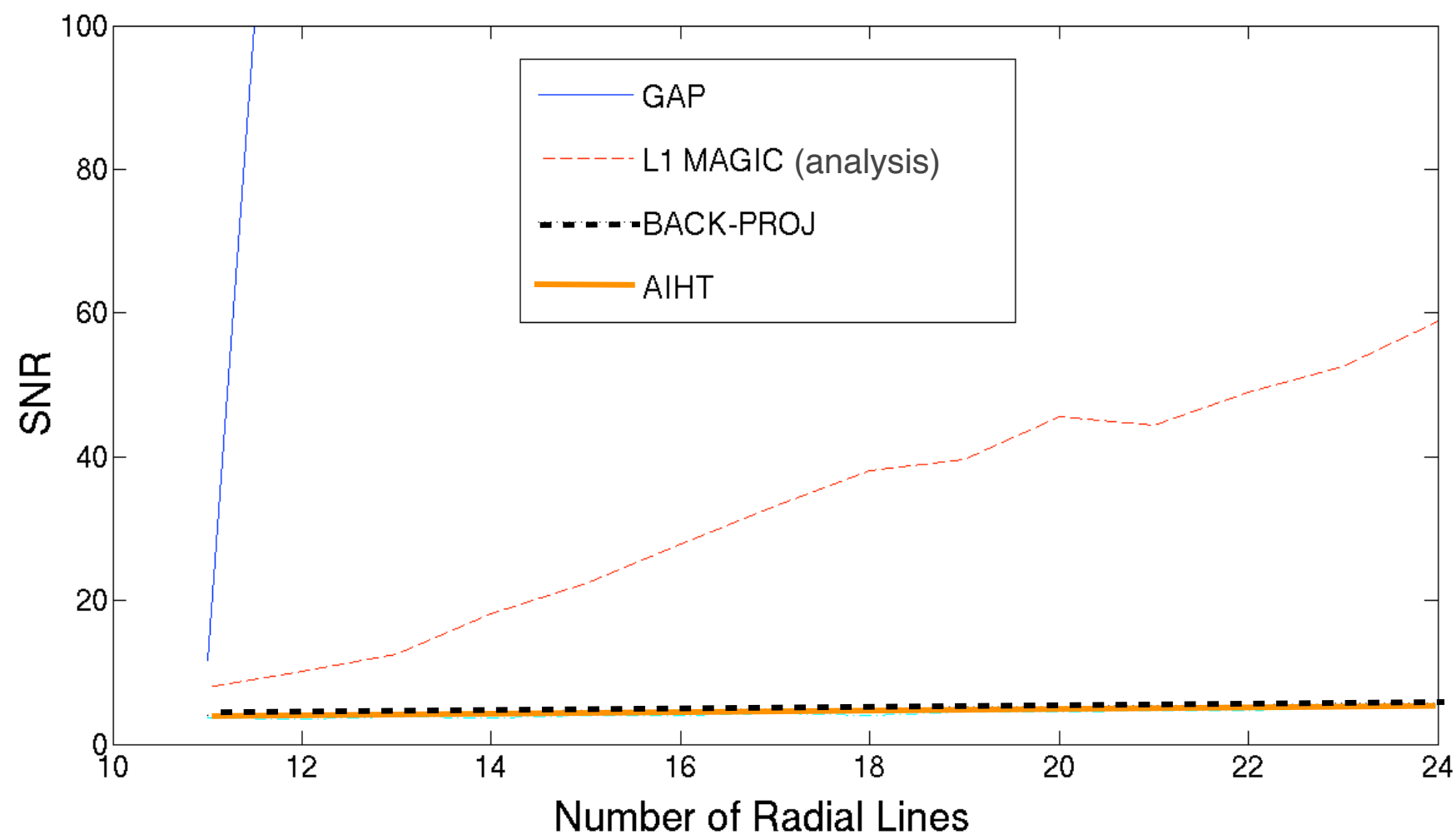
- uniqueness of solution when recovering from undersampled cosparse signals
- sufficient condition (“ERC-like”) for success of L1-Analysis and GAP in reconstructing the above

# Cosparsity in MRI

**Observe** radial lines in spatial frequency domain



**Recover** piecewise-constant image using “TV”



from S. Nam et al., The cosparsity analysis model and algorithms, 2012

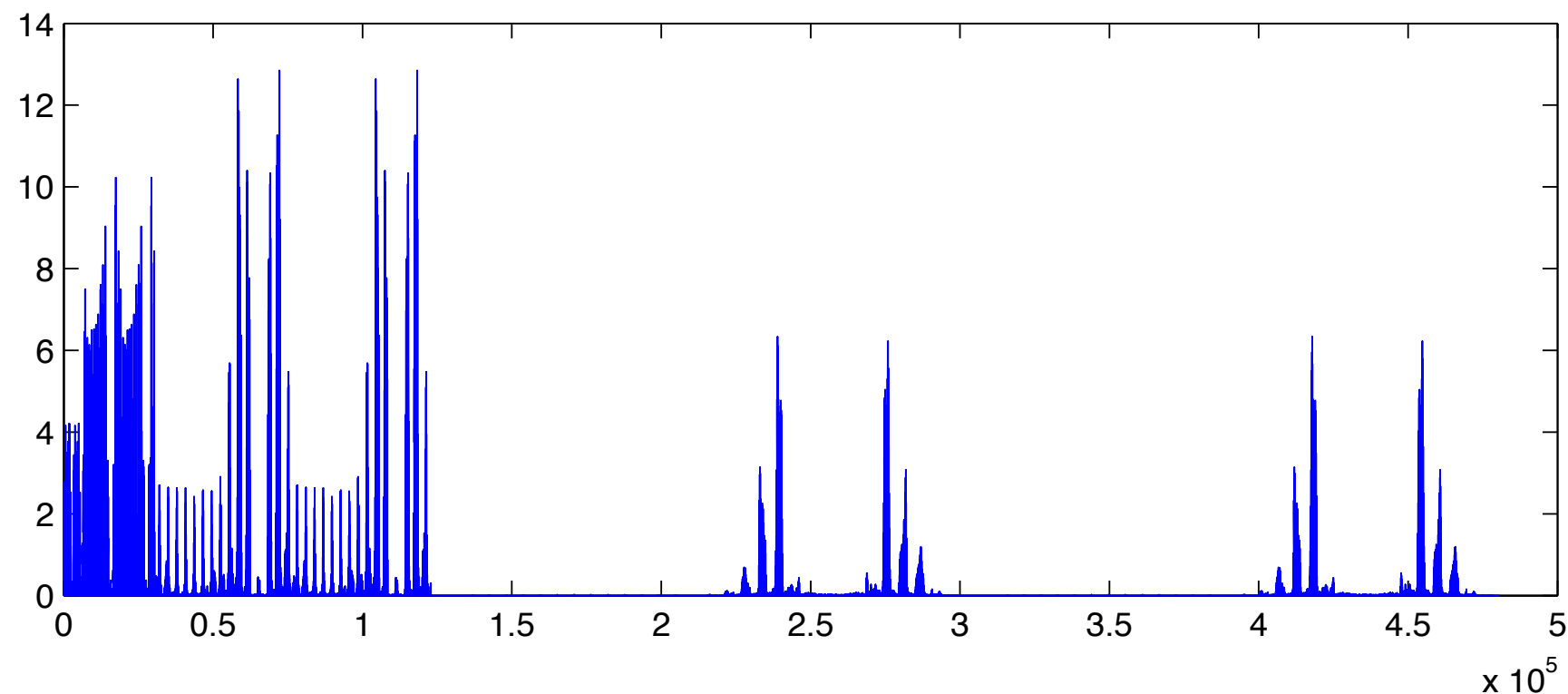
# GAP does not detect “support”

Out of 480617 coefficients:

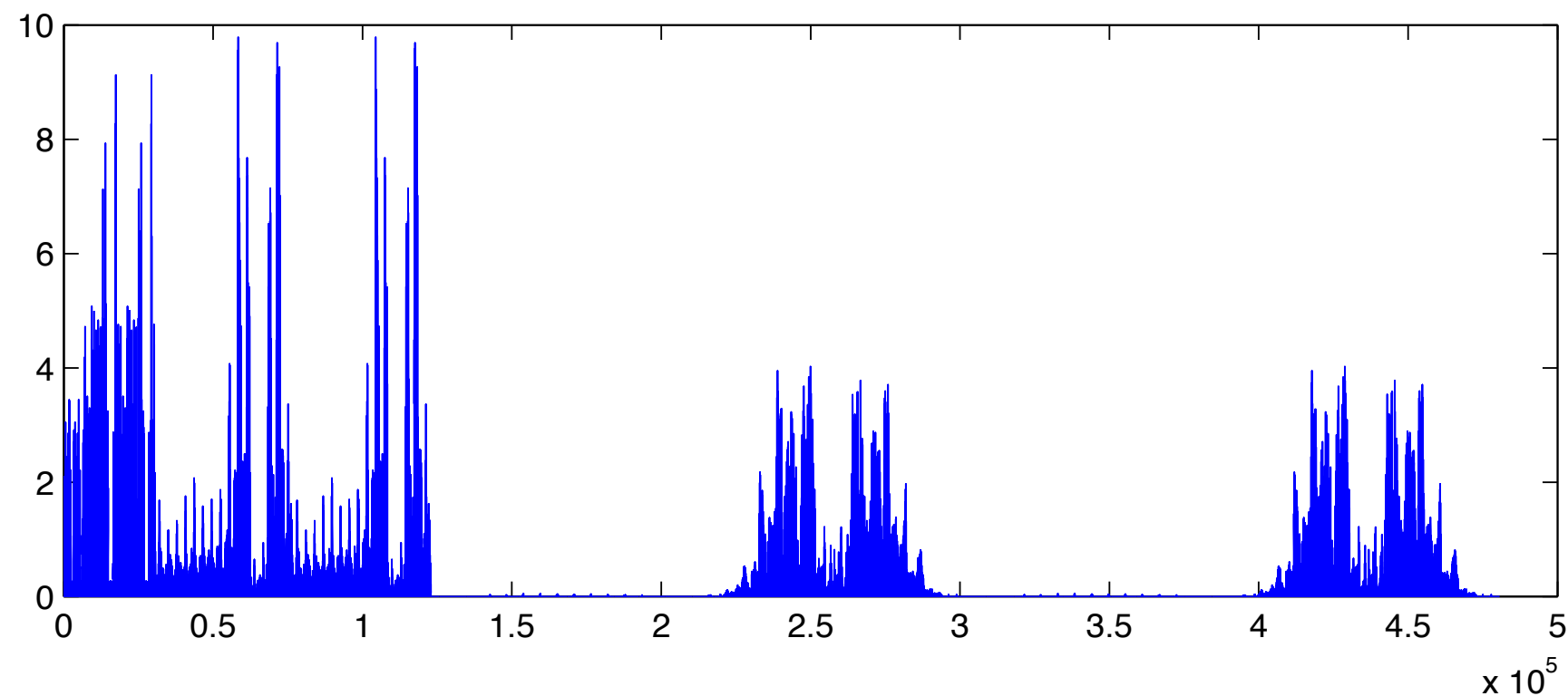
GAP kept 150951 (**31.4%**)

L1-Synthesis kept 49519 (**10.3%**)

(signal size > 0.5% of largest)

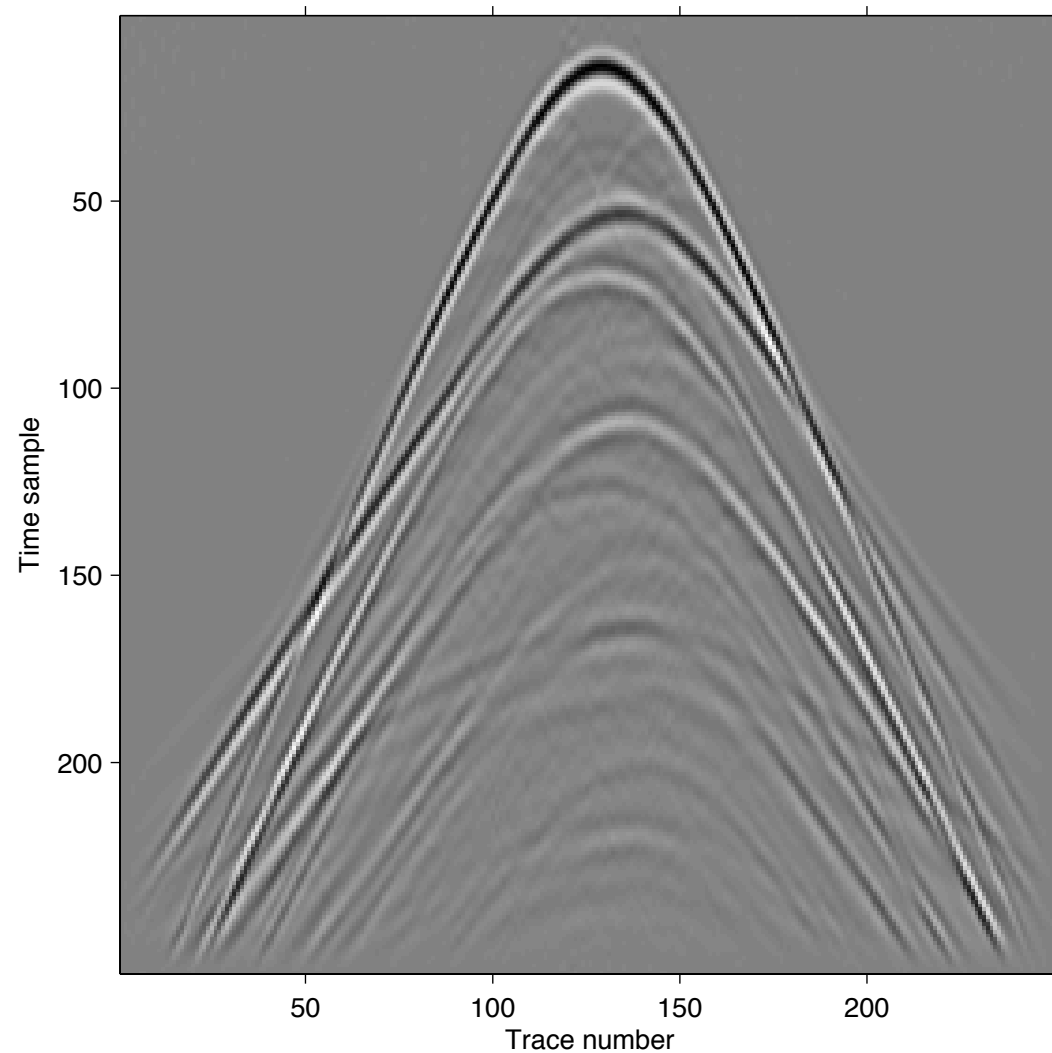


$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{C}_{\Lambda} \mathbf{x}\|_2$  subject to  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  GAP solution

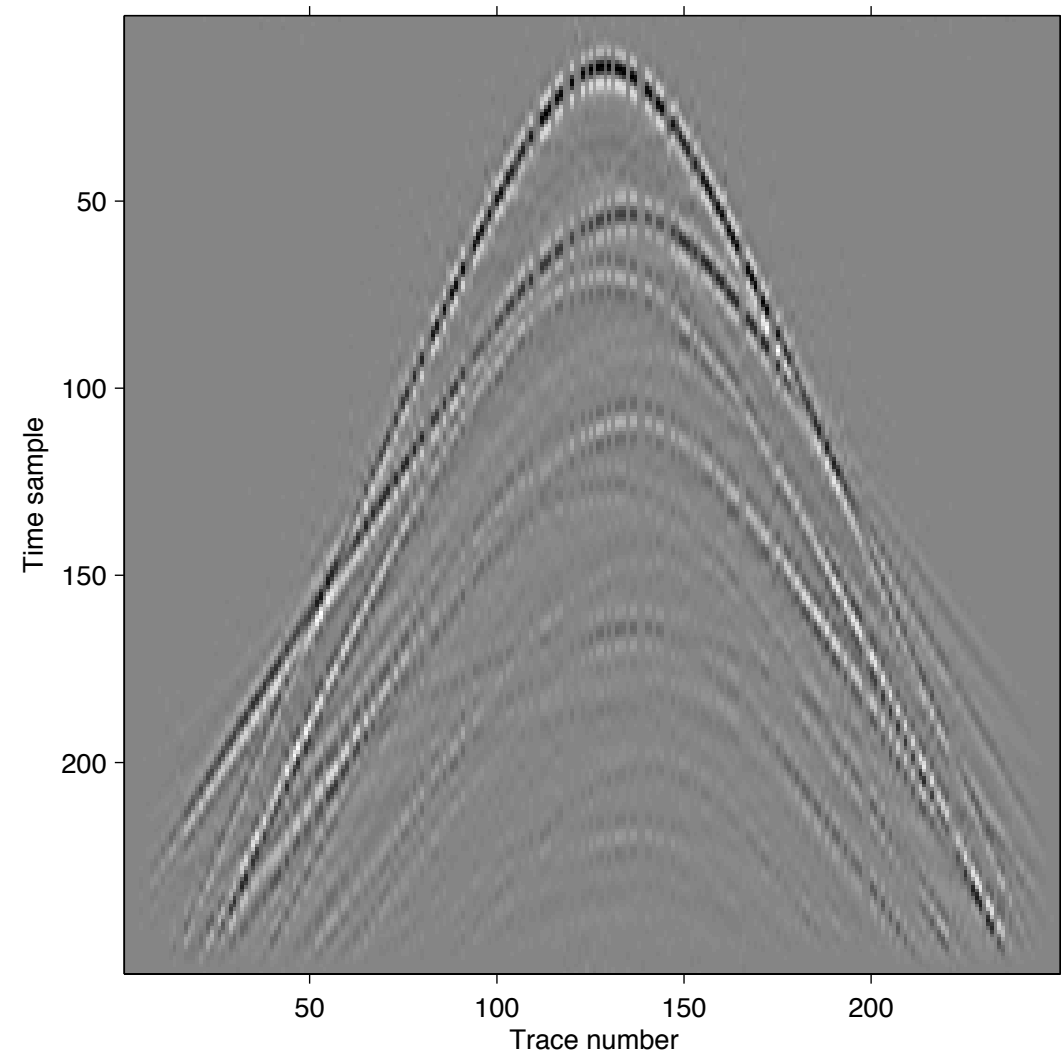


$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{C}_{\Lambda^c}^H \mathbf{x}\|_2$  treating GAP solution as “support”

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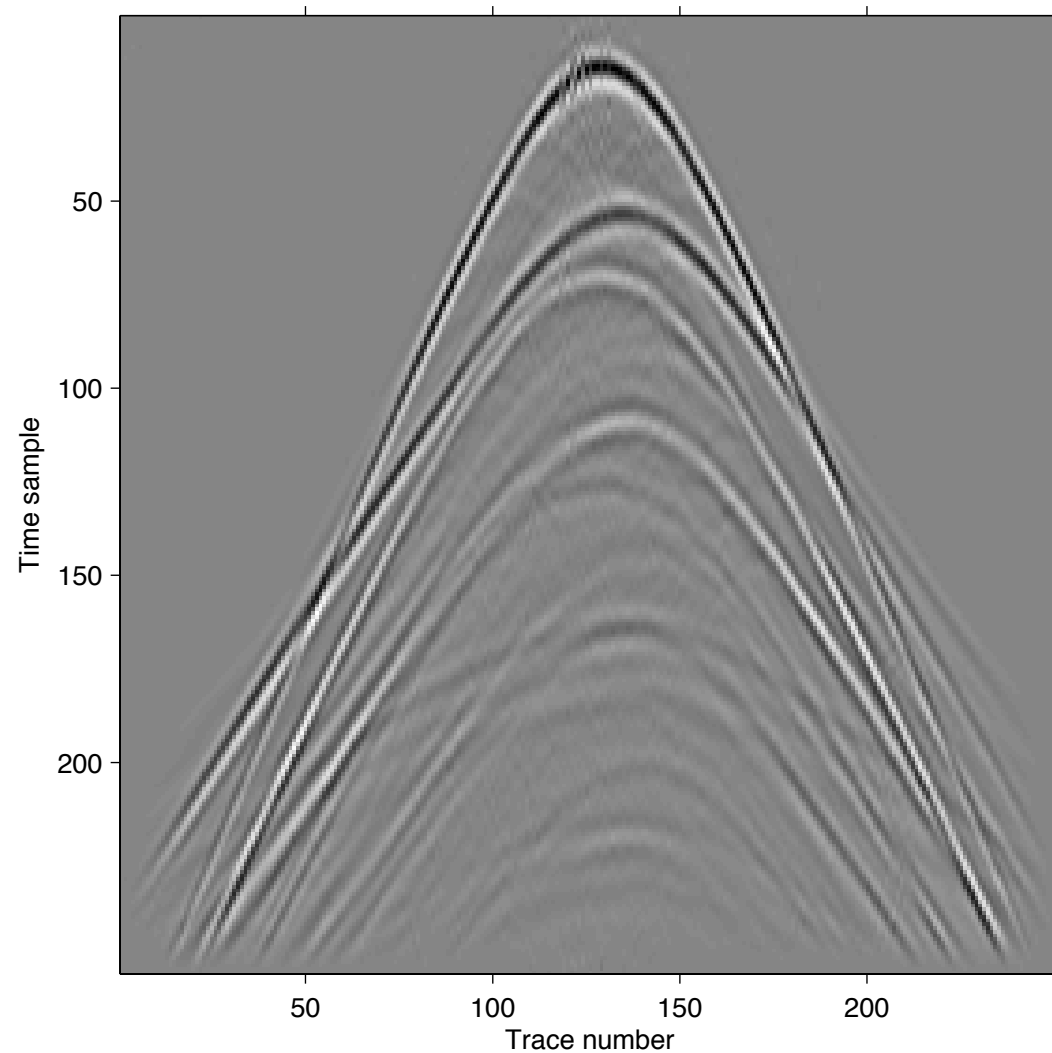


GAP solution

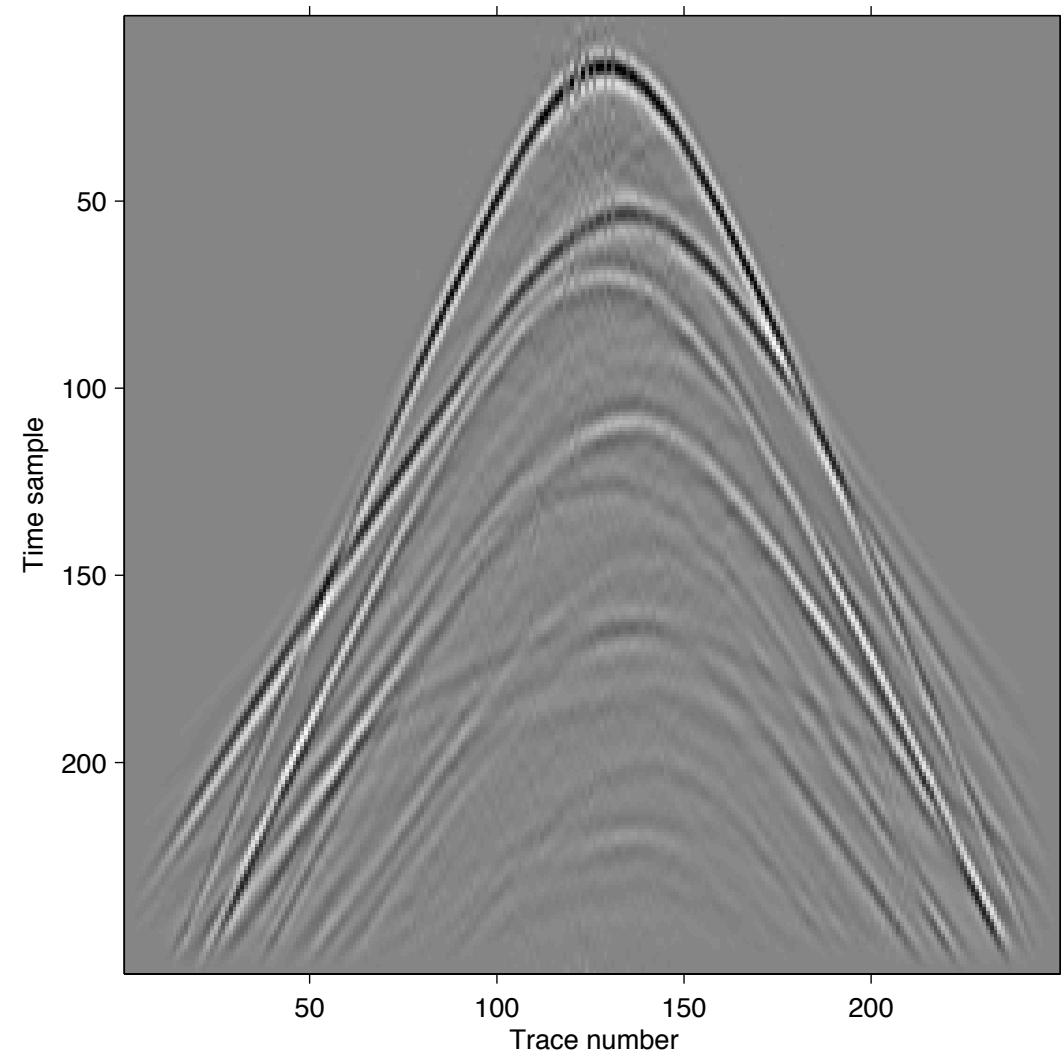


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# GAP does not detect “support”



L1-Synth solution



L1-Synth “debiased” solution



# Cosparse algorithm

Goal is to pick out the rows of  $\Omega$  that should be orthogonal to the solution (as many as possible)

*Greedy Analysis Pursuit (GAP)*

# GAP basic outline

**Start** with full index set of rows of  $\Omega \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times d}$

$$\Lambda = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

1. **Projection:** compute  $\mathbf{z} = \Omega \mathbf{x}_k$
2. **Find largest** element(s) of  $\mathbf{z}$
3. **Remove** the corresponding row(s) from  $\Lambda$
4. **Update solution** estimate

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obtained by solving least-squares problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \lambda \mathbf{\Omega} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \right\|_2$$

(adjust  $\lambda$  dynamically based on residual and expected noise level in the data)

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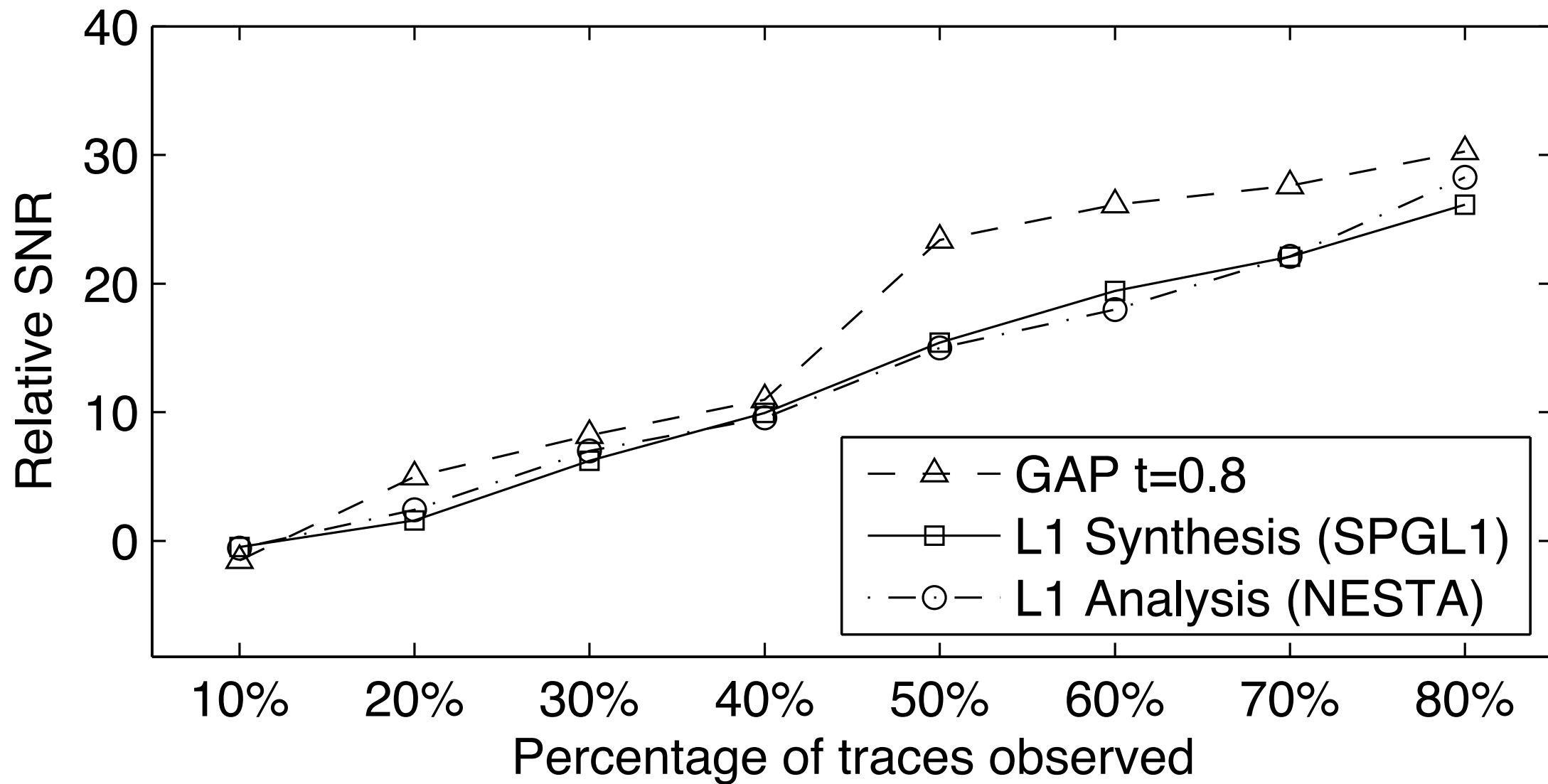
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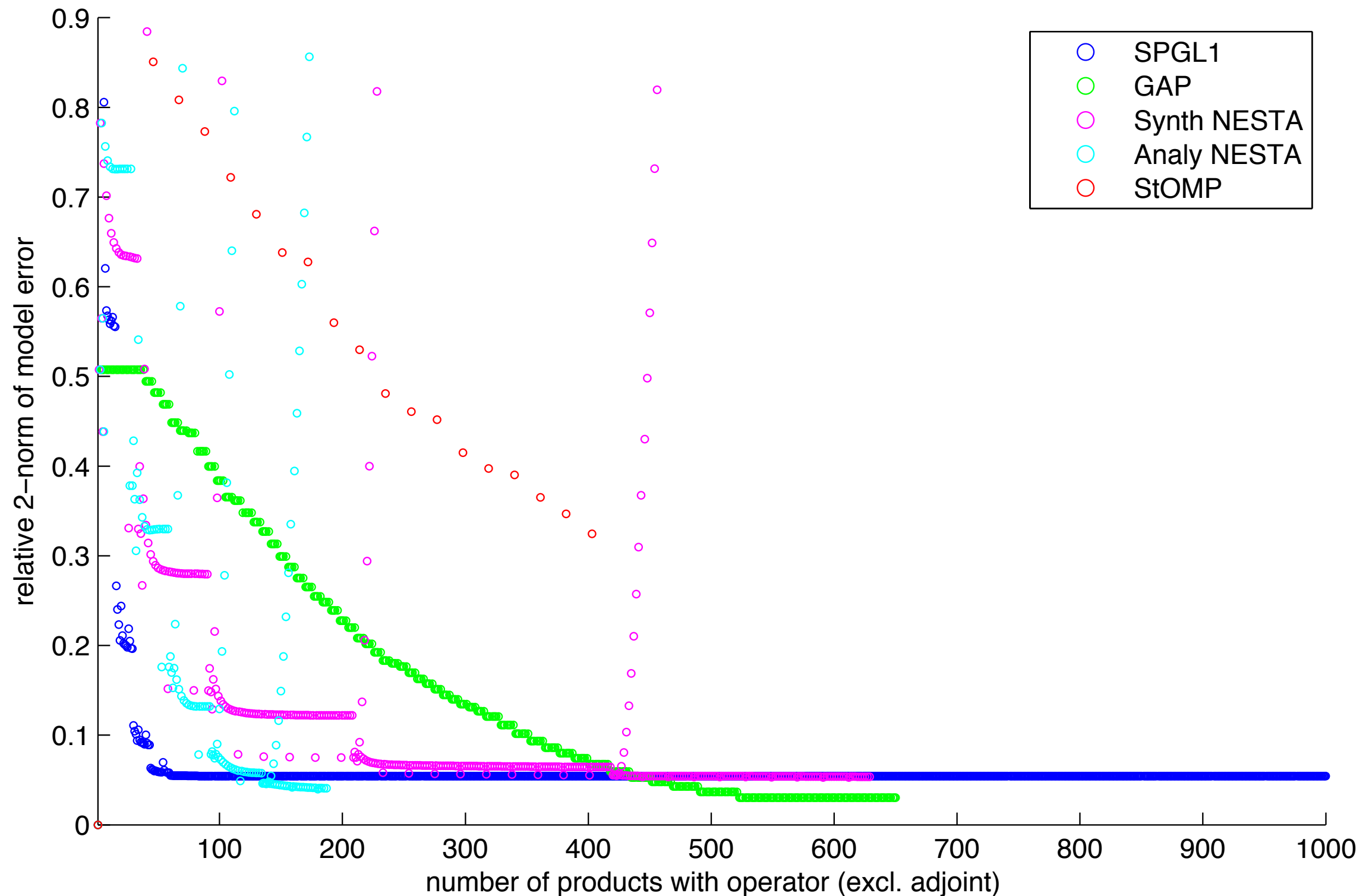
# Recovery performance





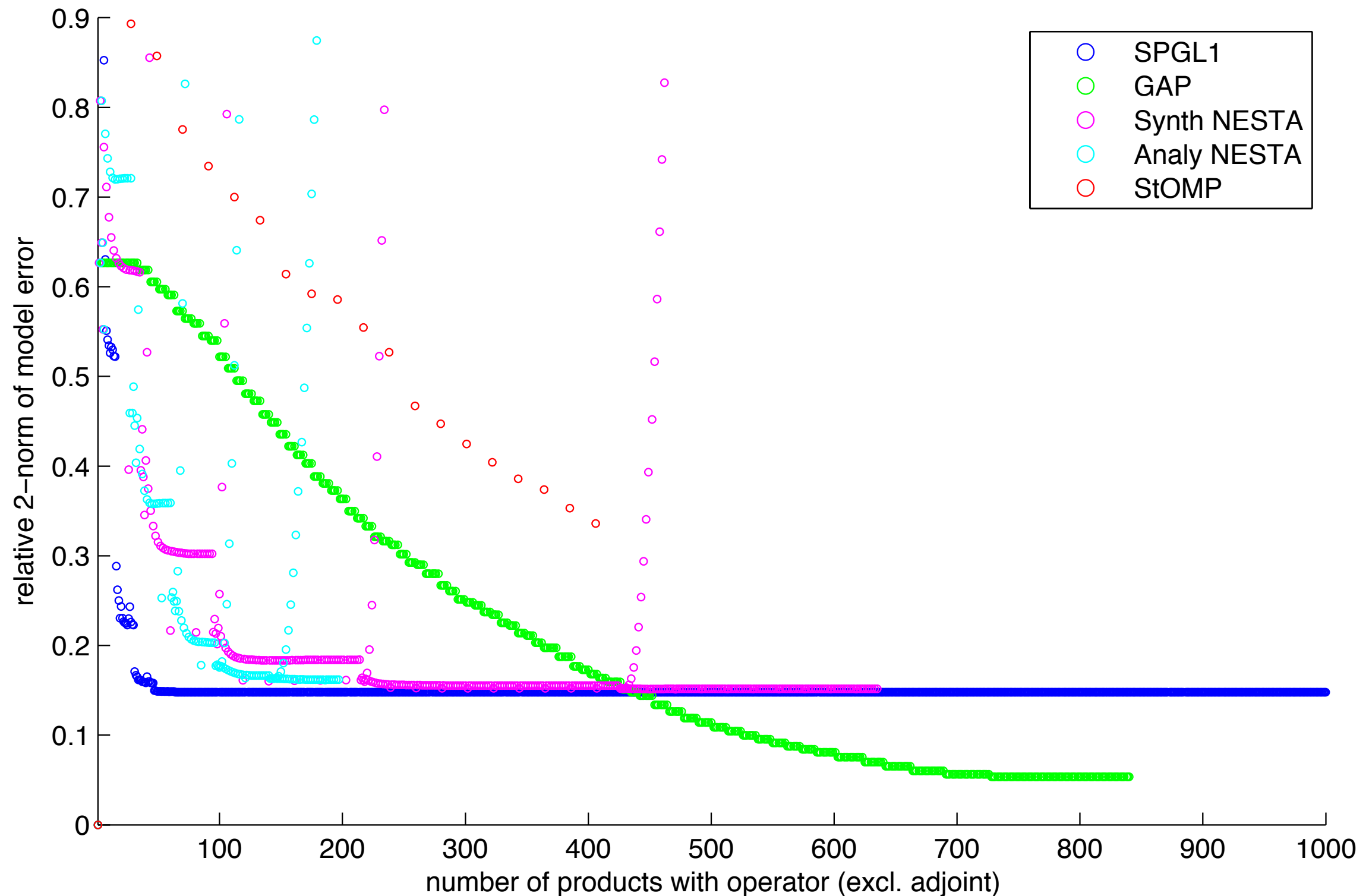
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## 75% observed traces



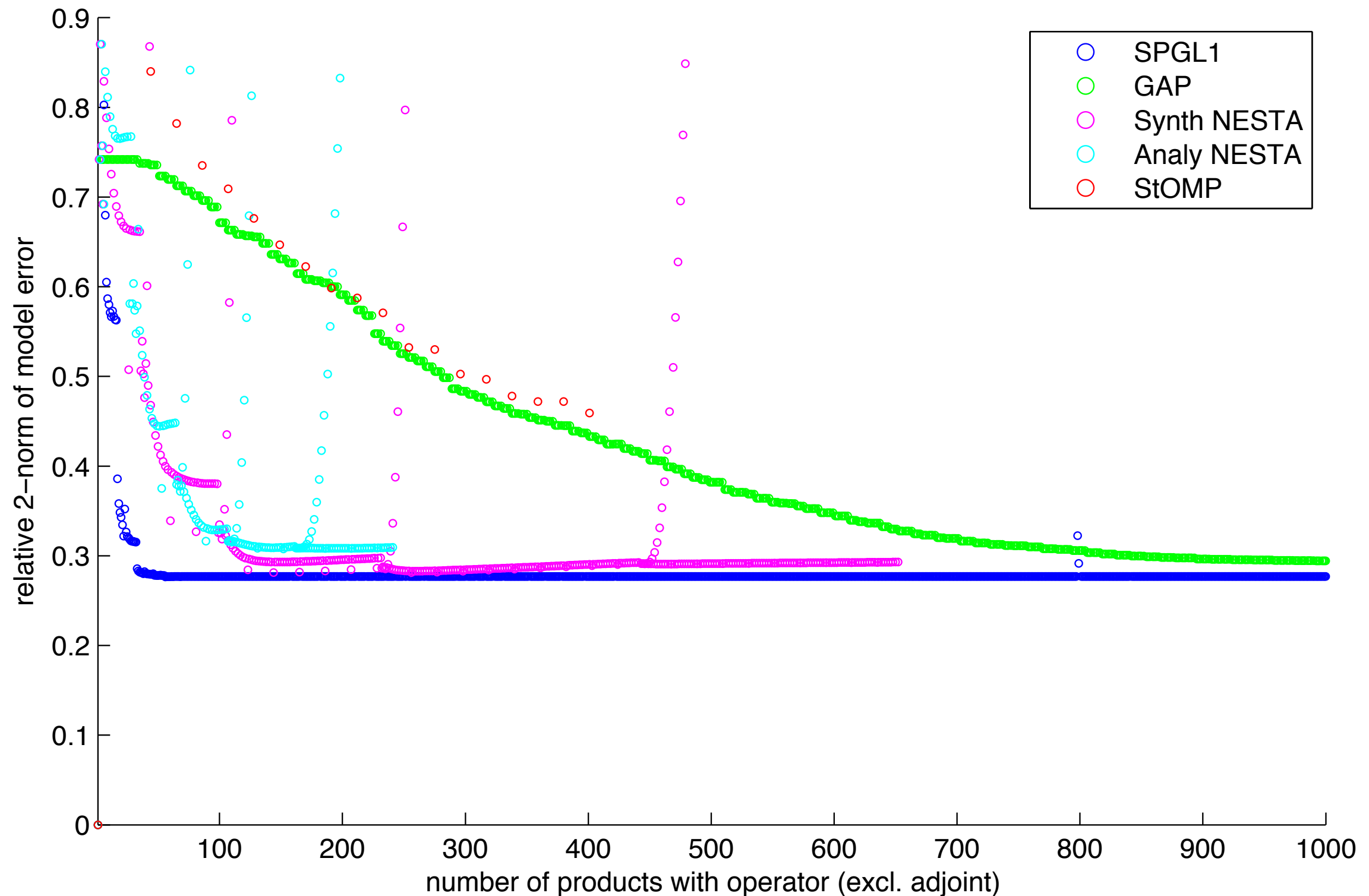
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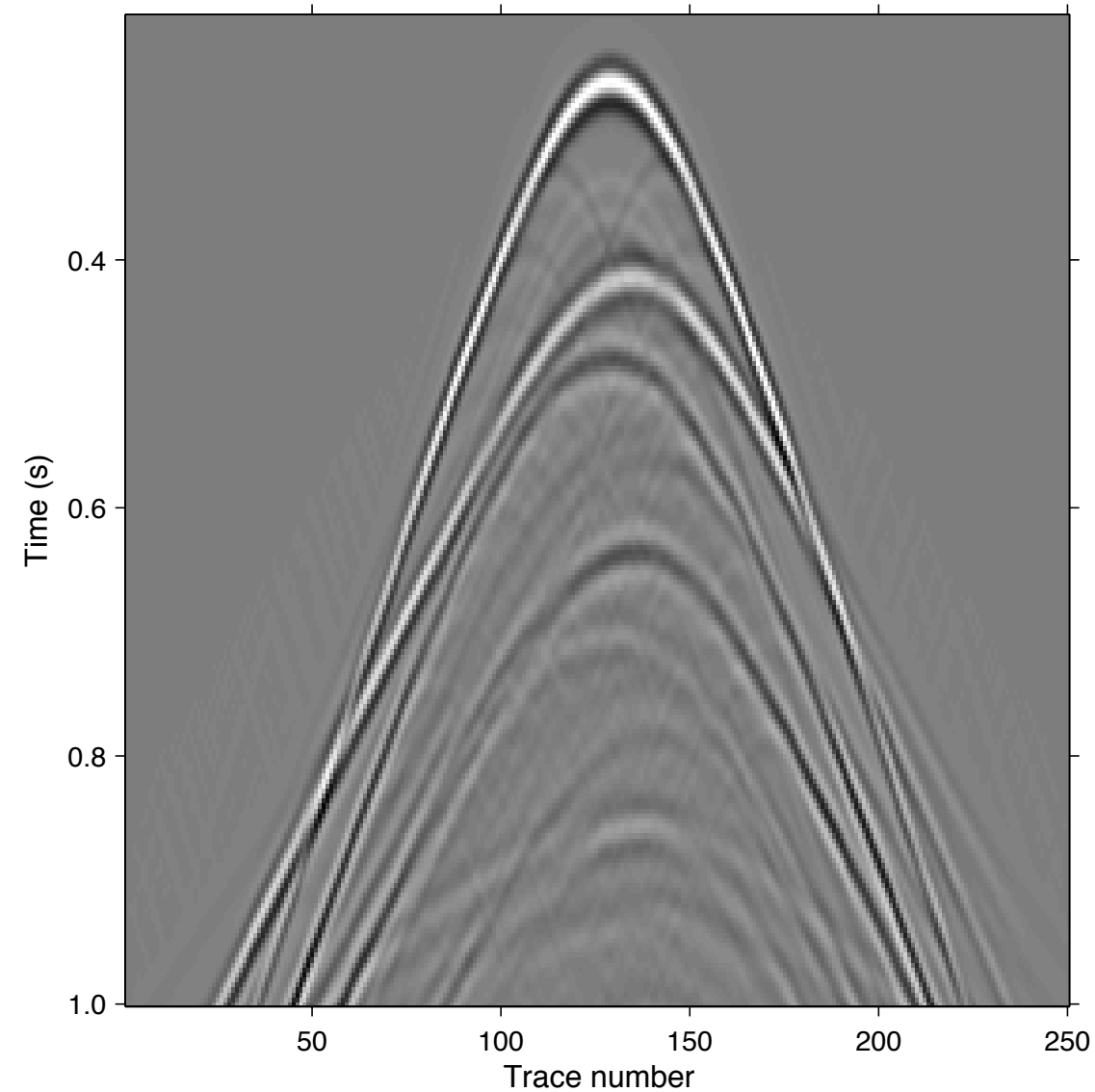


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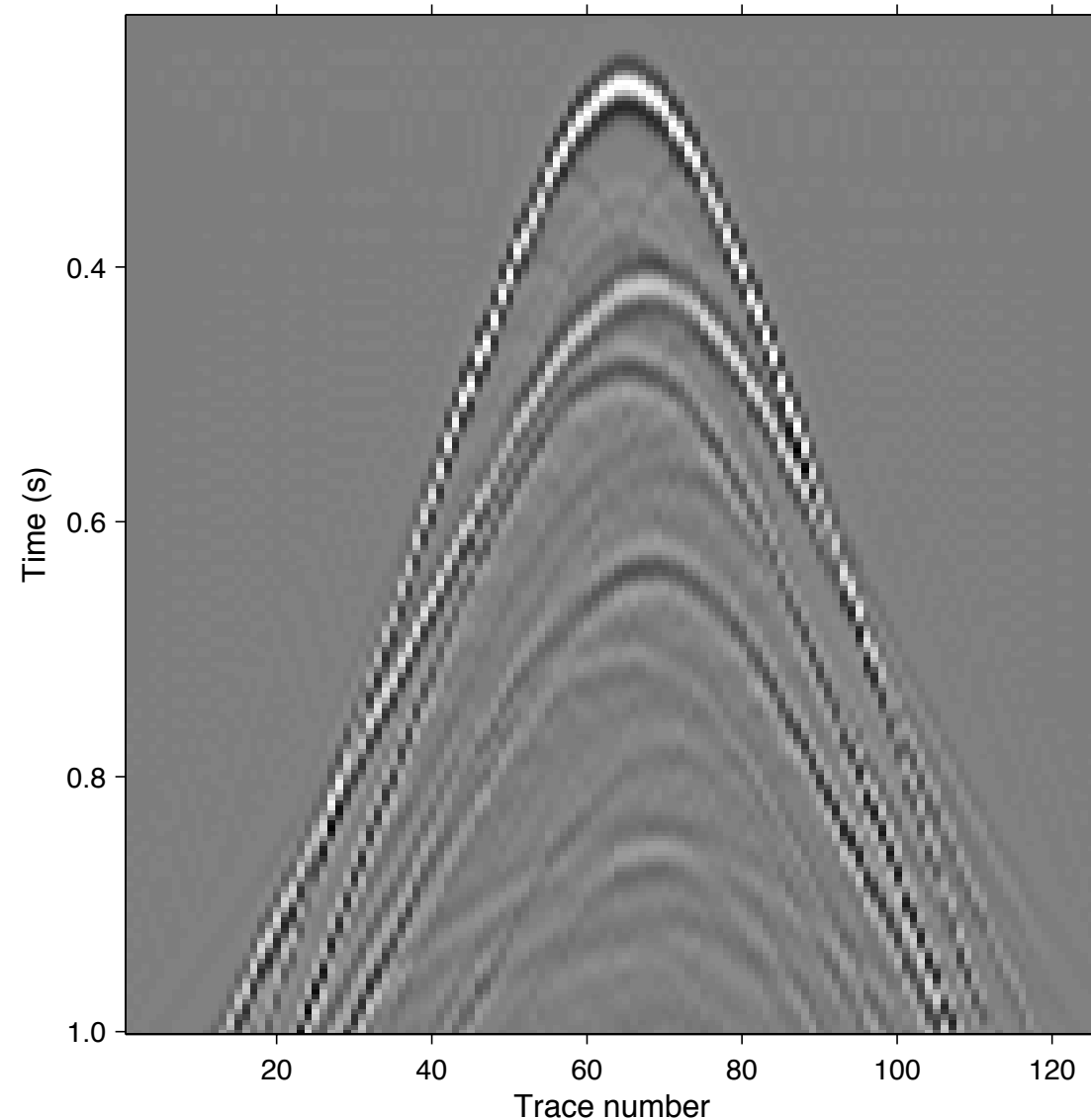


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Original data

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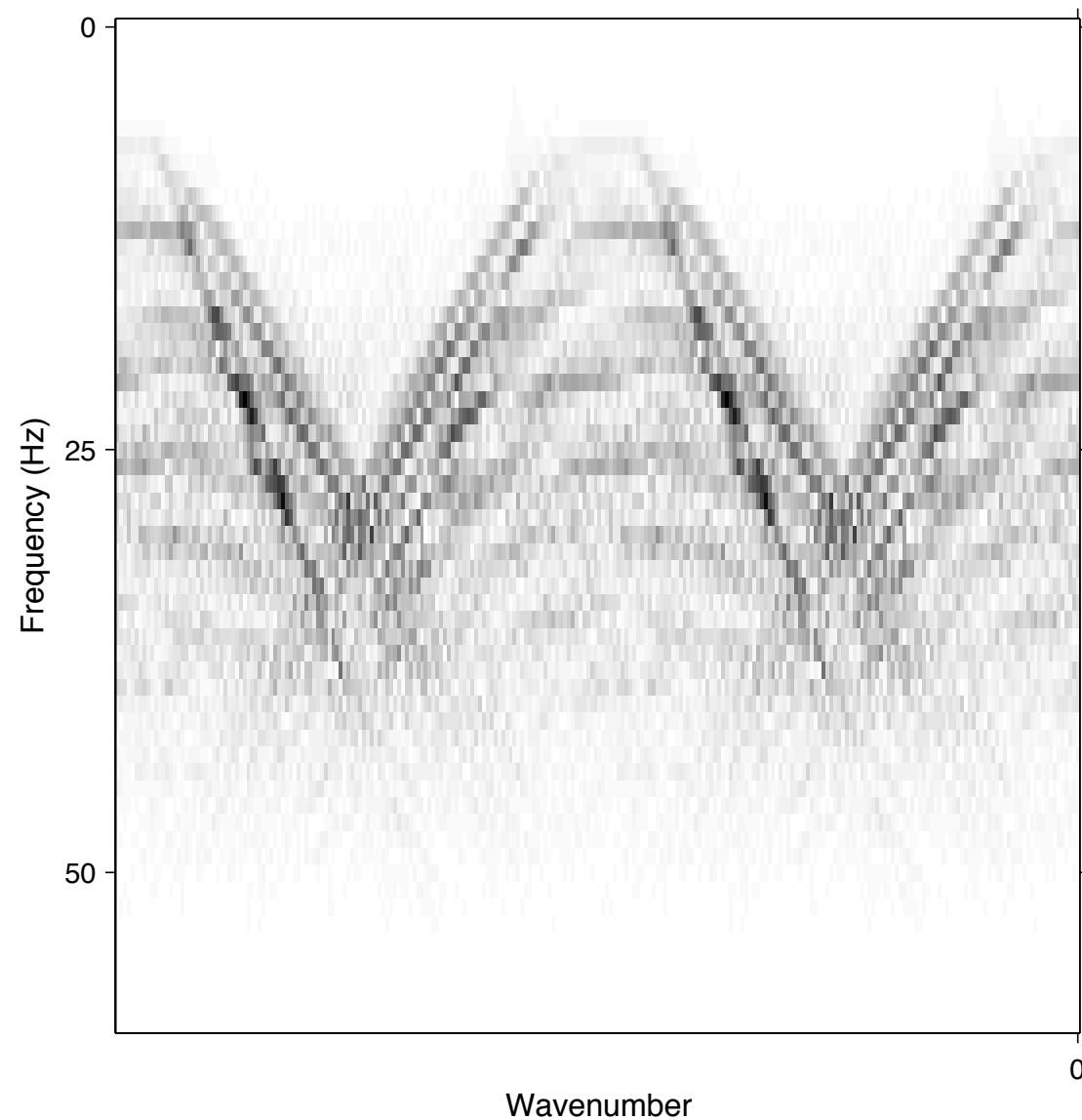
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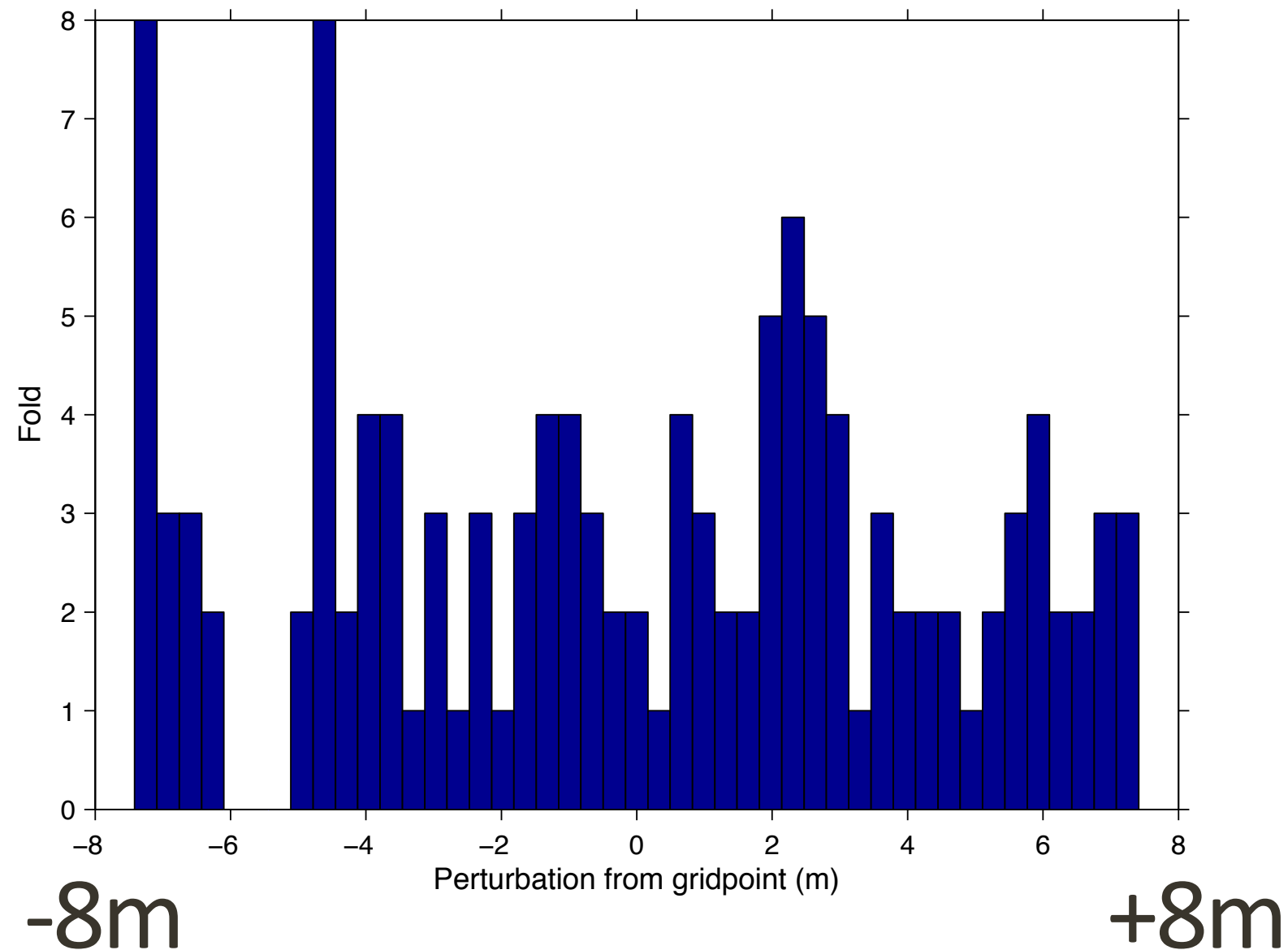
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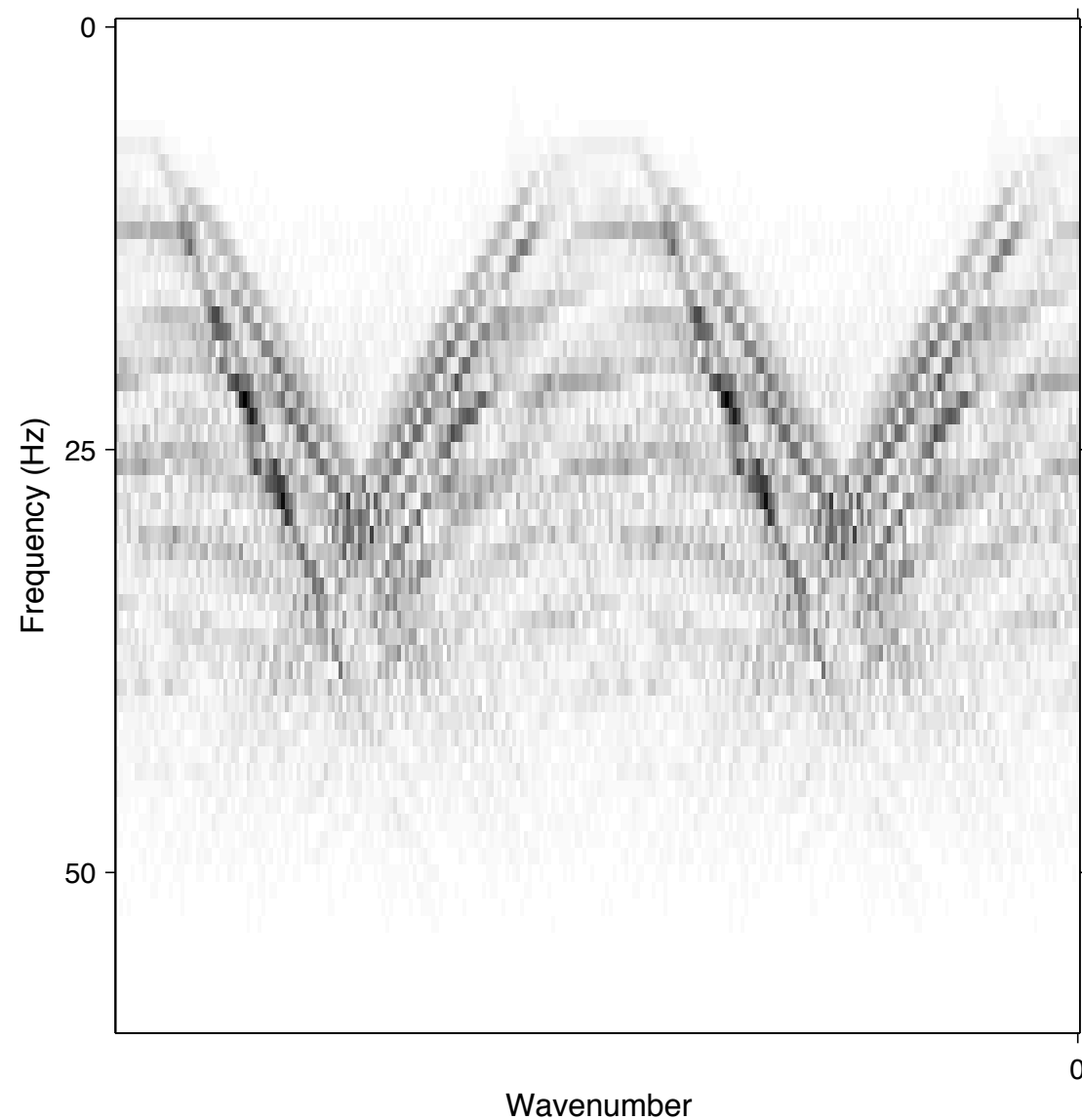
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## Histogram of trace irregularity



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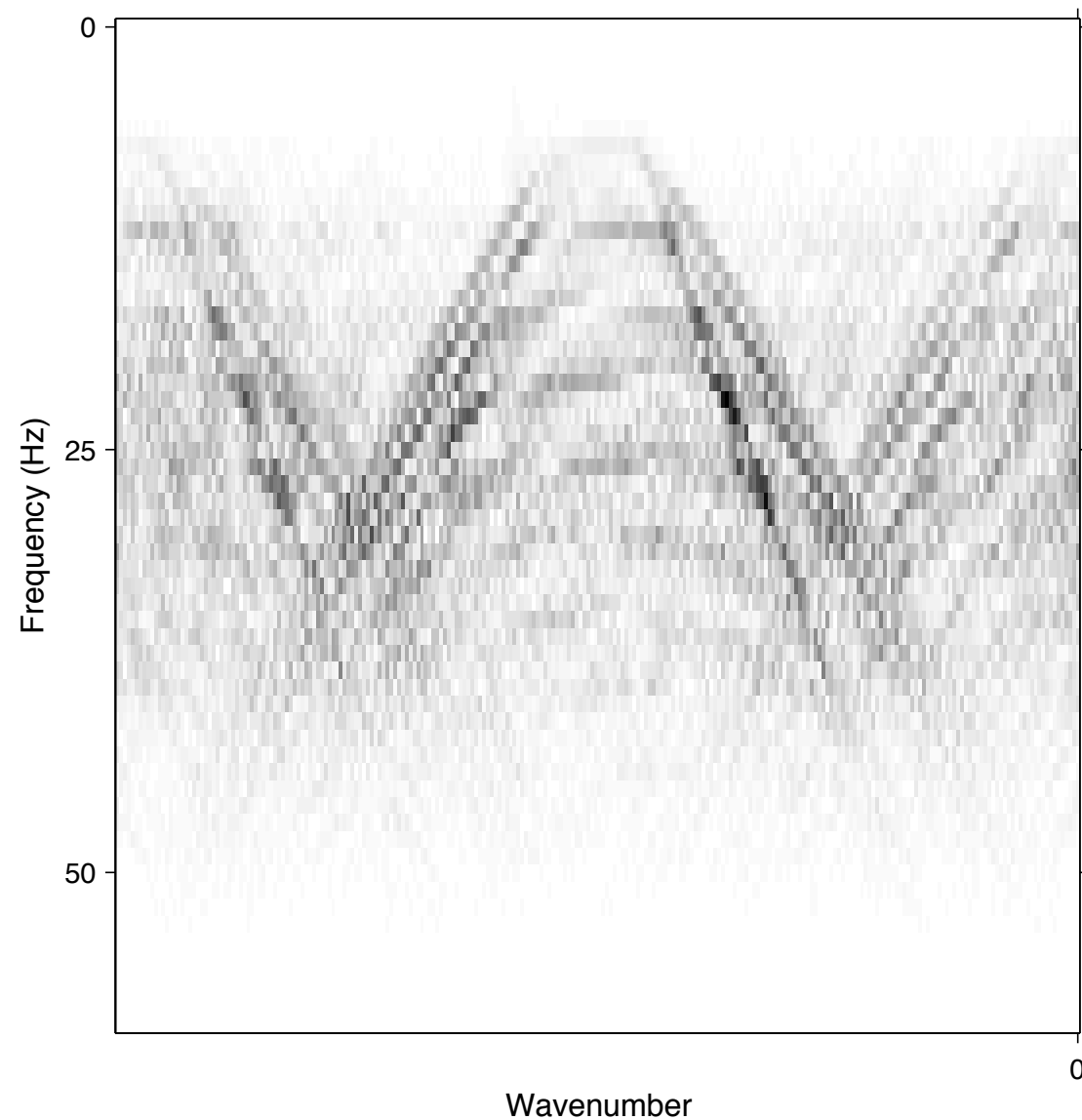
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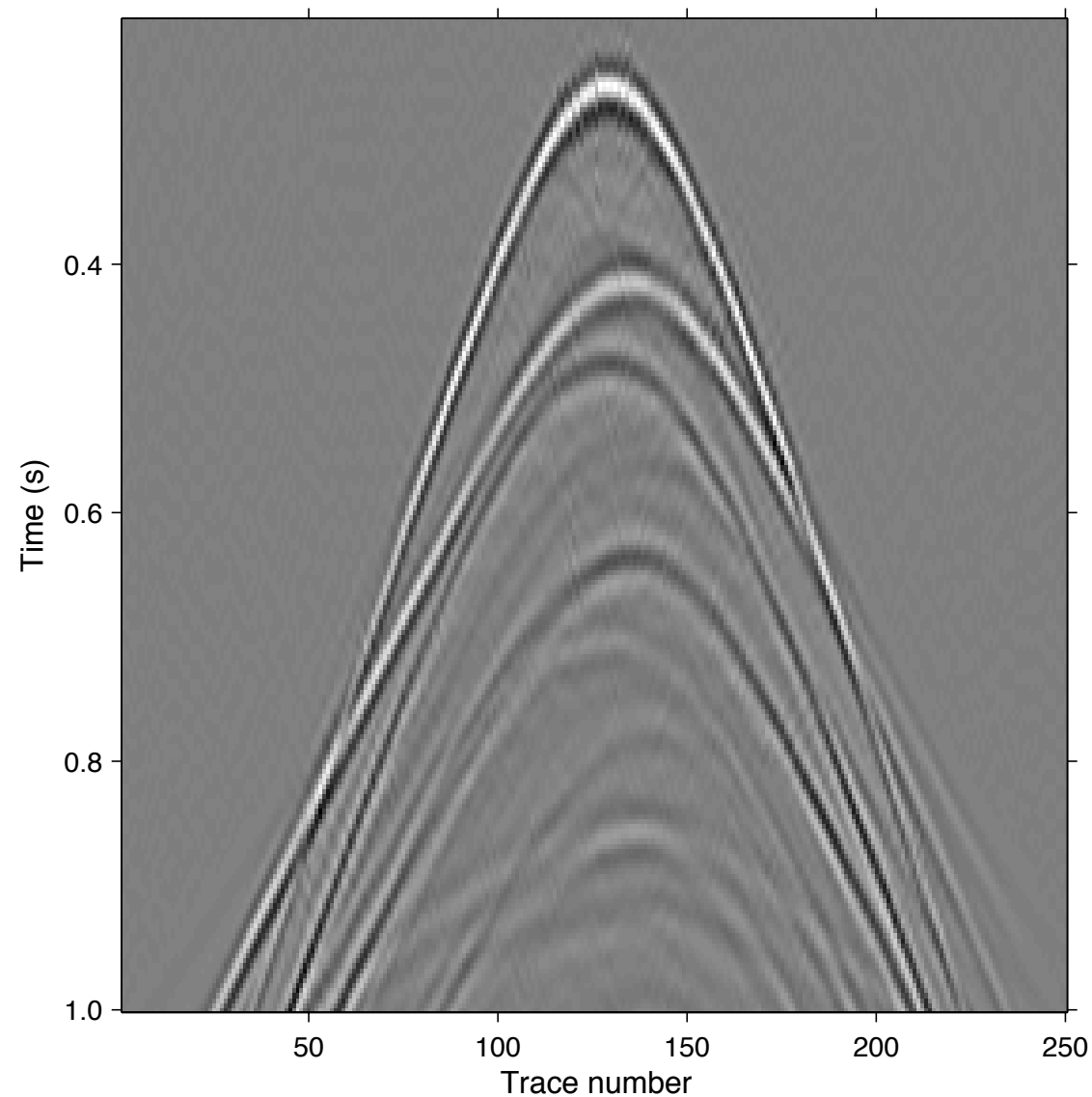
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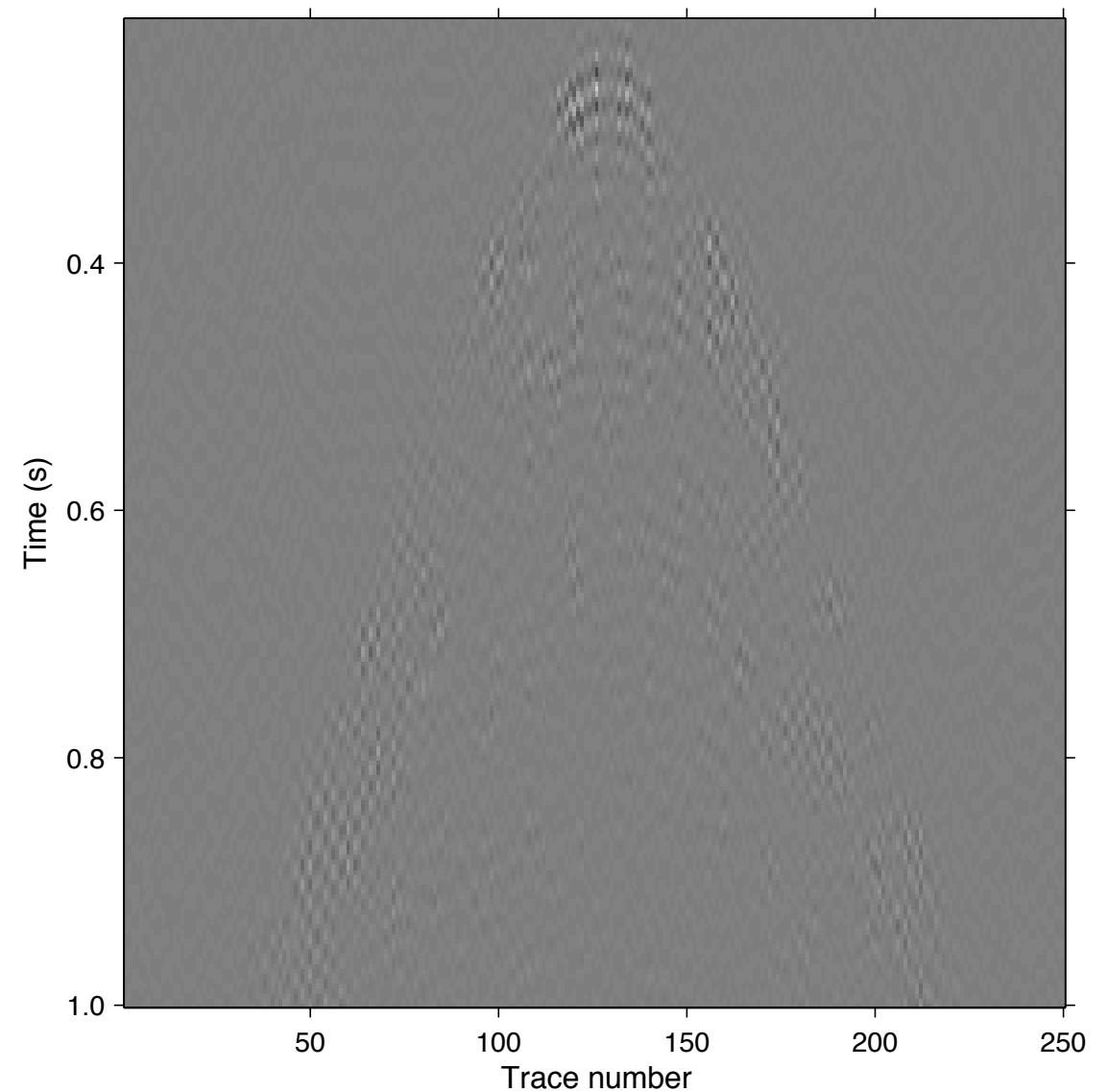
- Using non-uniform FFT as measurement operator  $\mathbf{A}$   
(*non-uniform* physical grid  $\rightarrow$  *uniformly* spaced FK coefficient)
- Curvelet dictionary  $\mathbf{D}$  constructed from FK domain instead of TX

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Synthesis (L1) solution using SPGL1

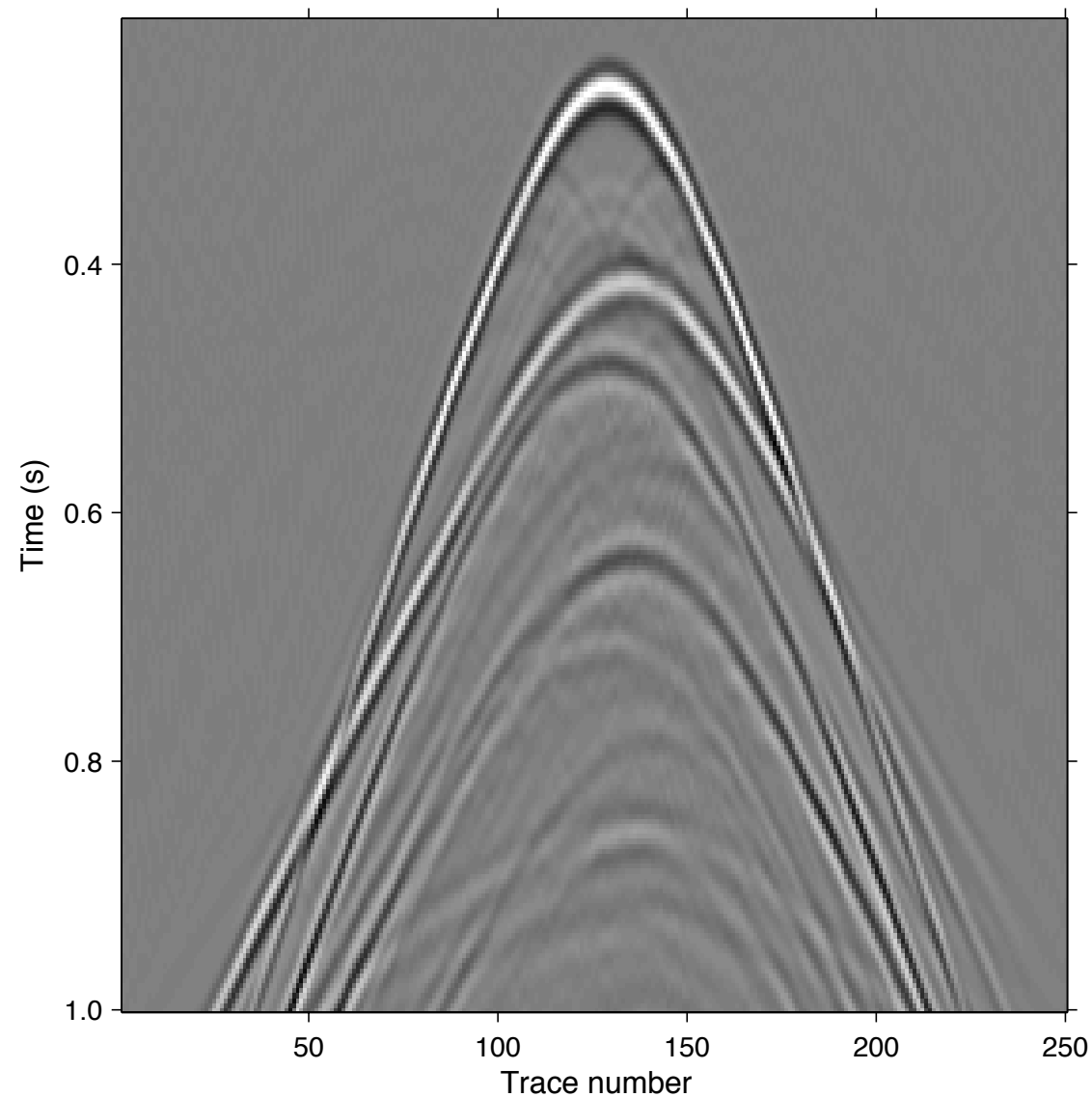


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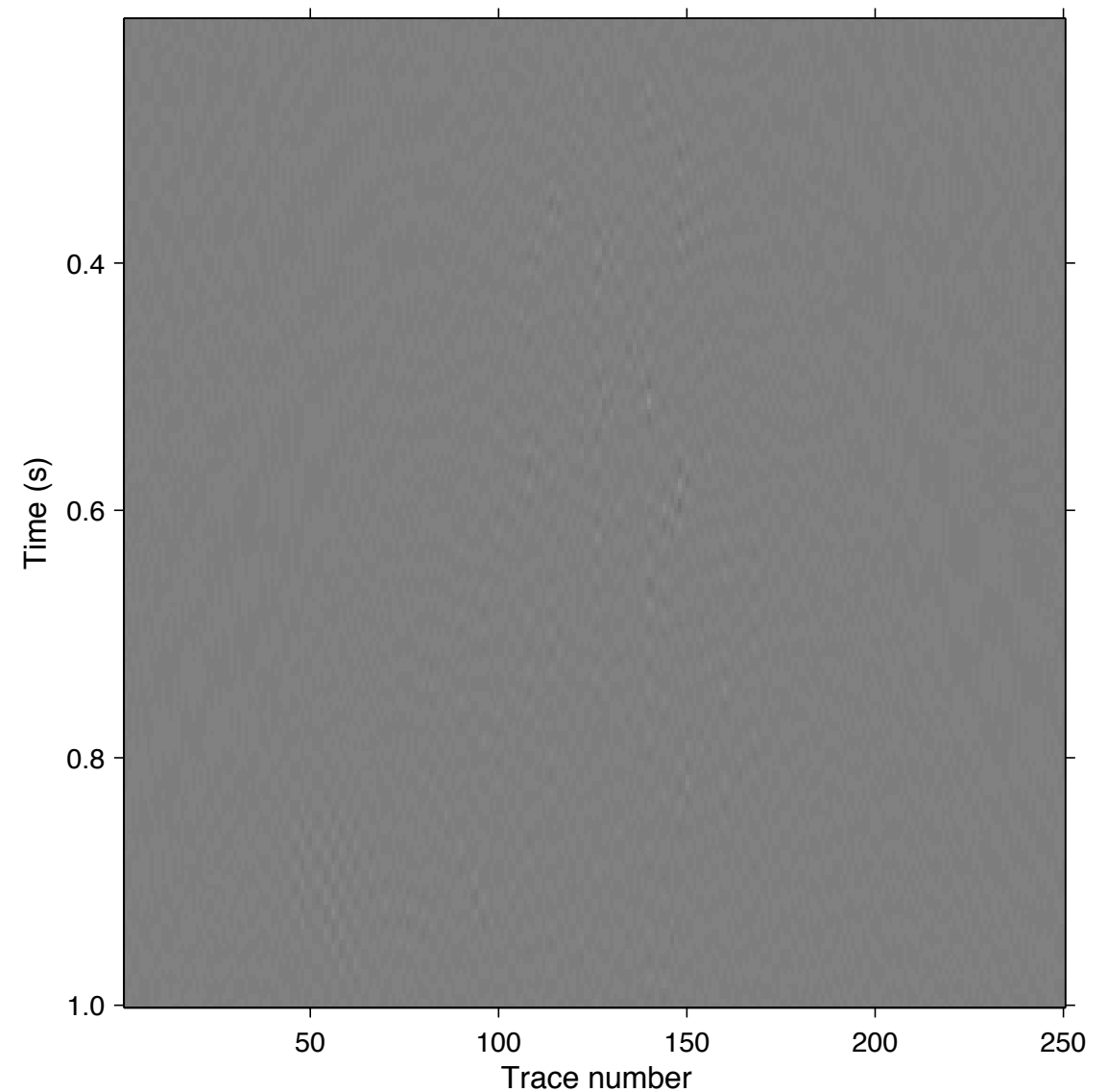


# Regularization + Interpolation

Analysis (L0) “solution” using GAP

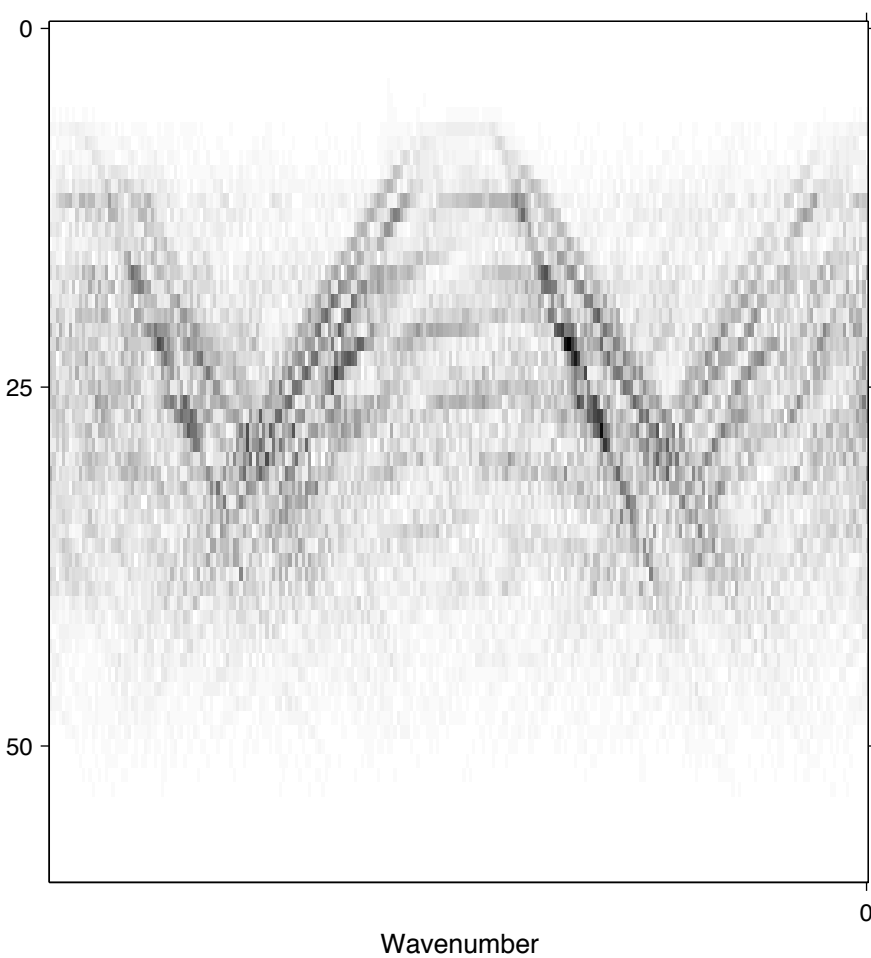


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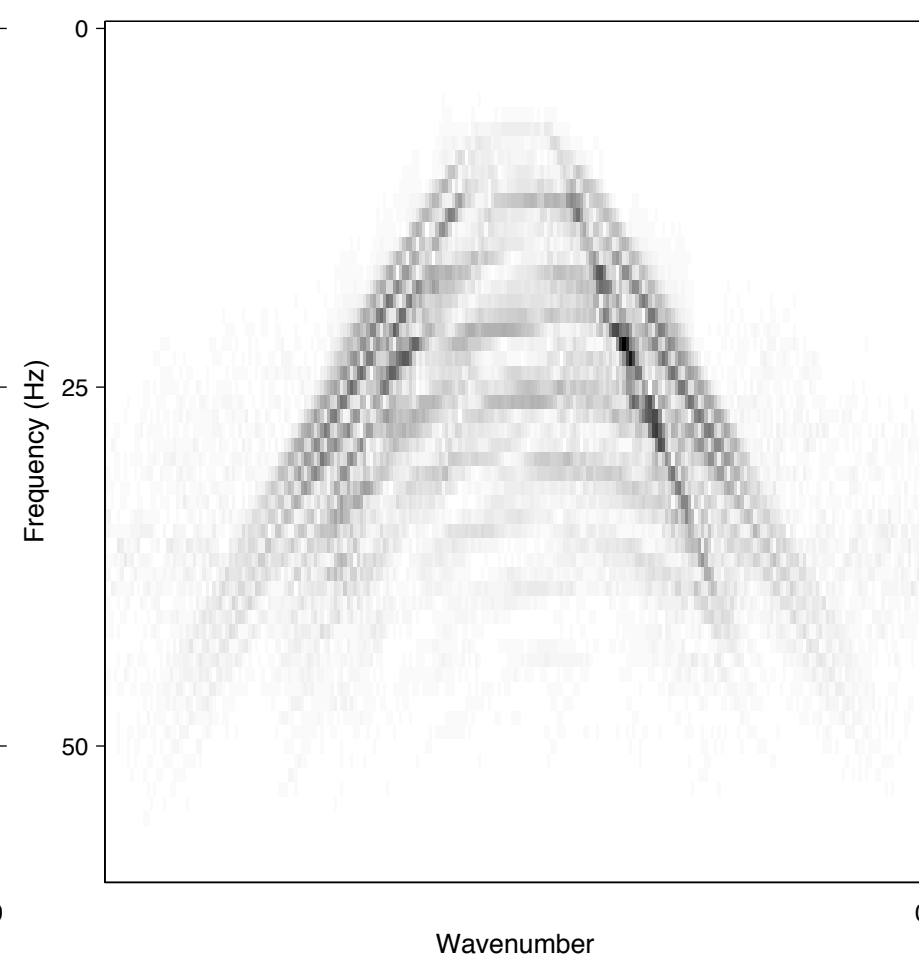


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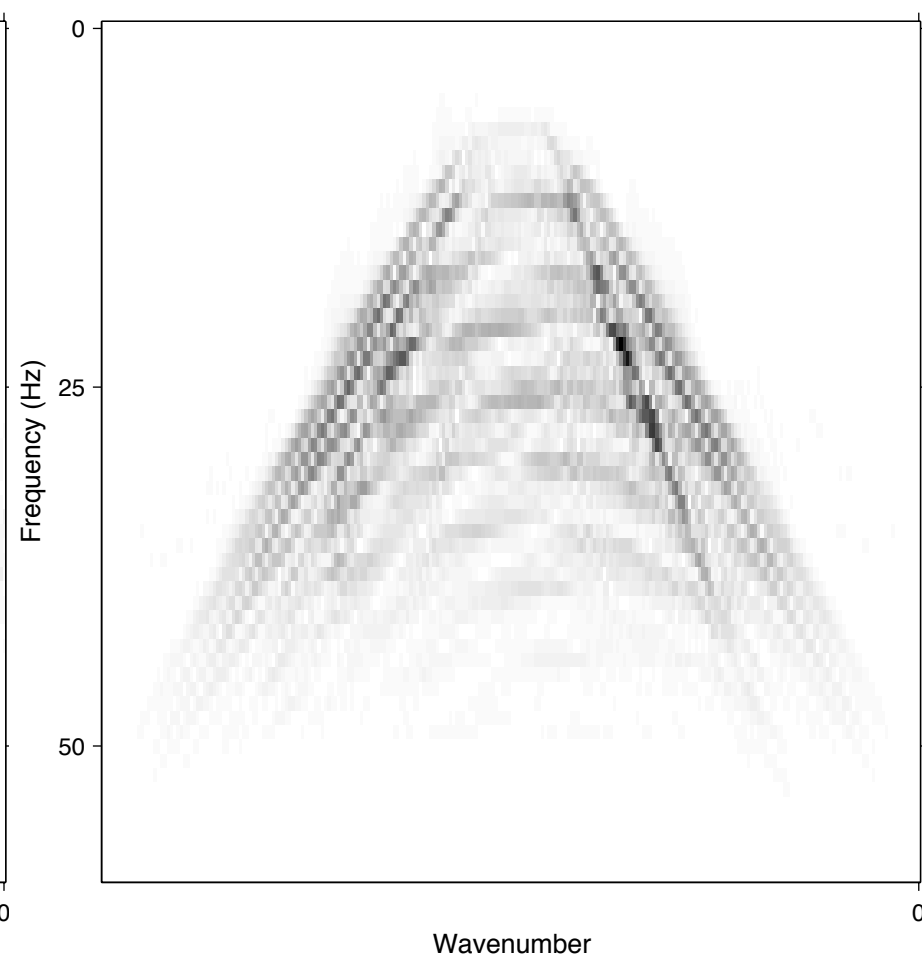
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Synthesis (L1) SPGL1



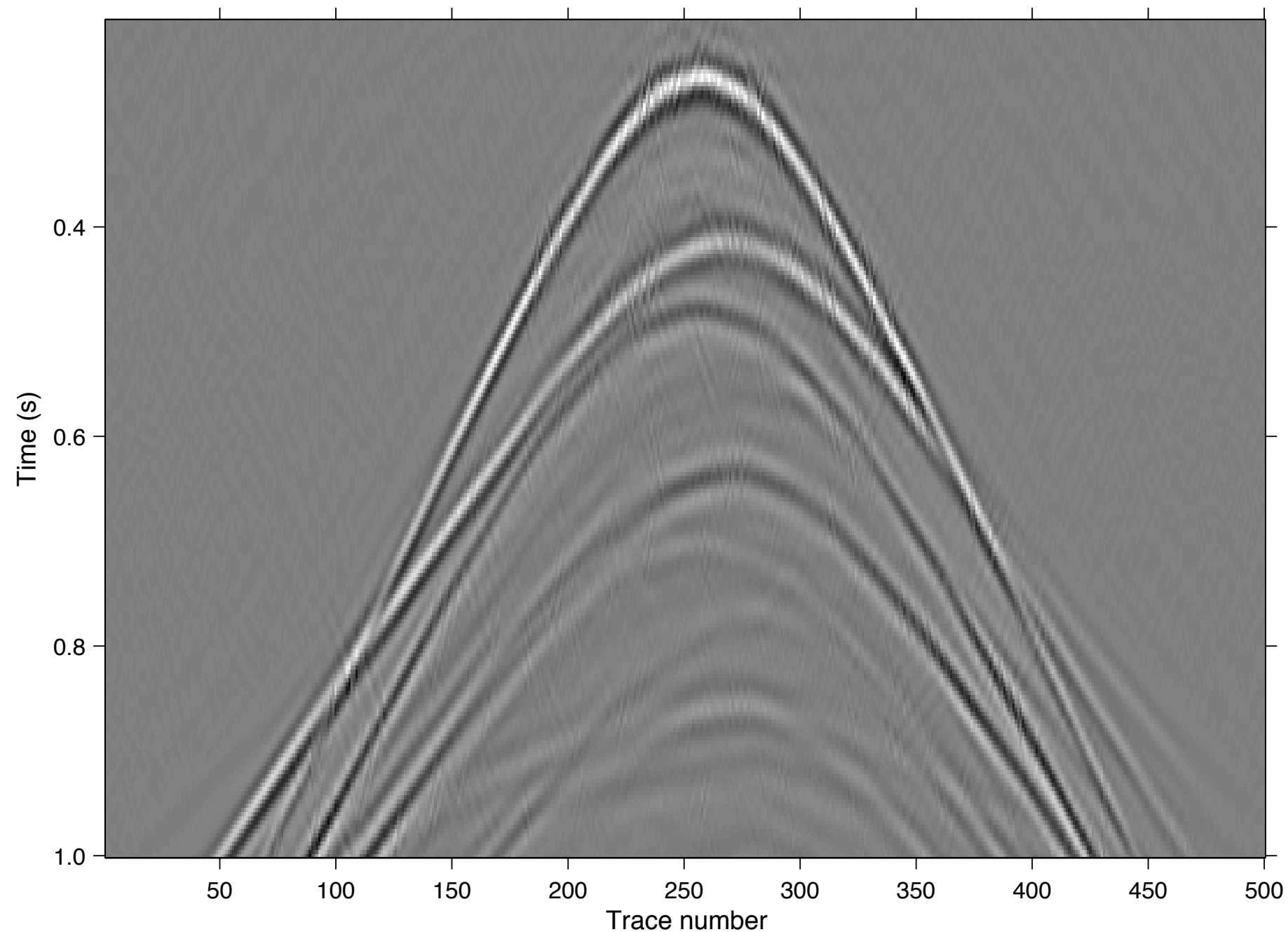
Analysis (L0) GAP



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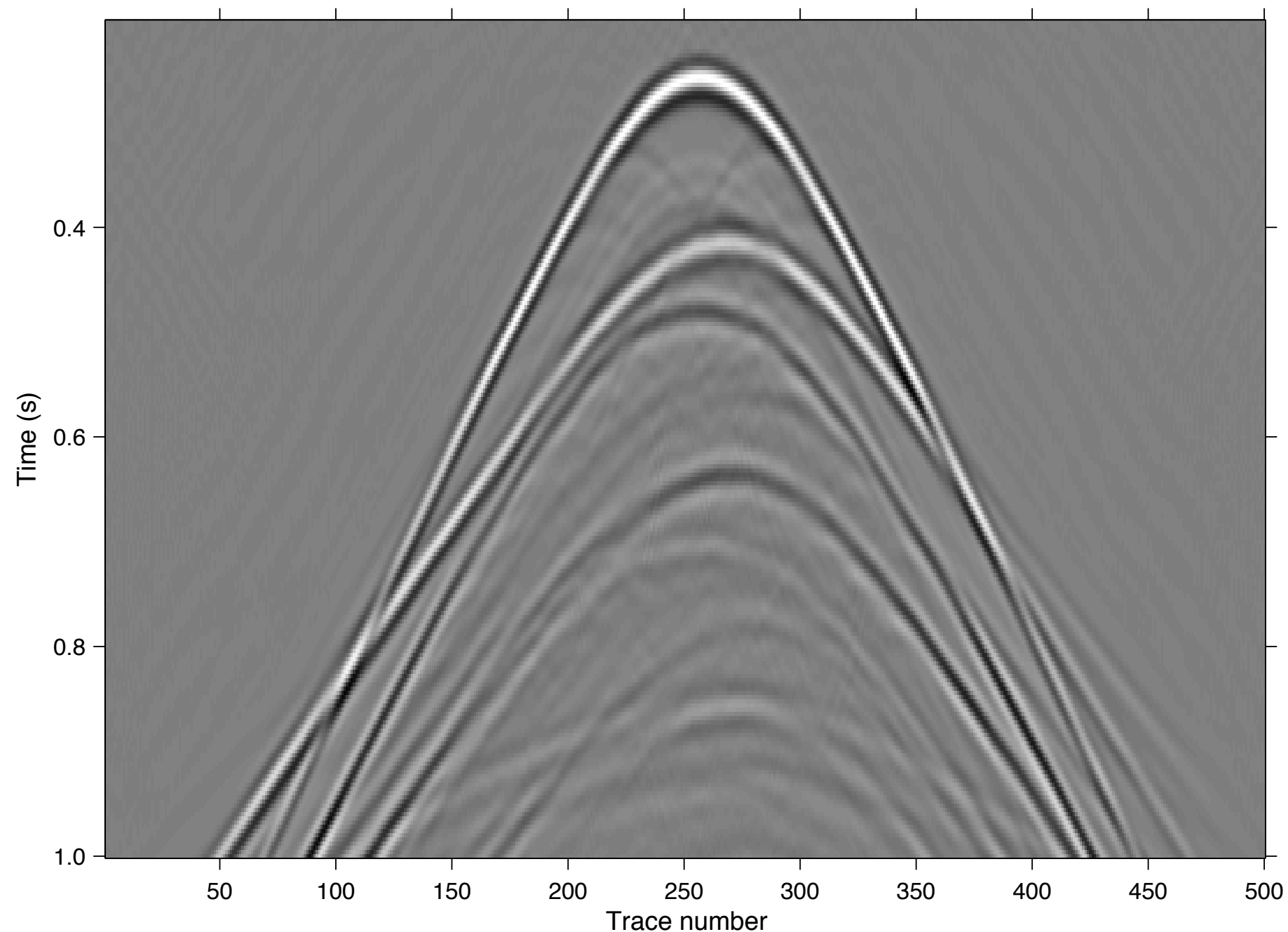
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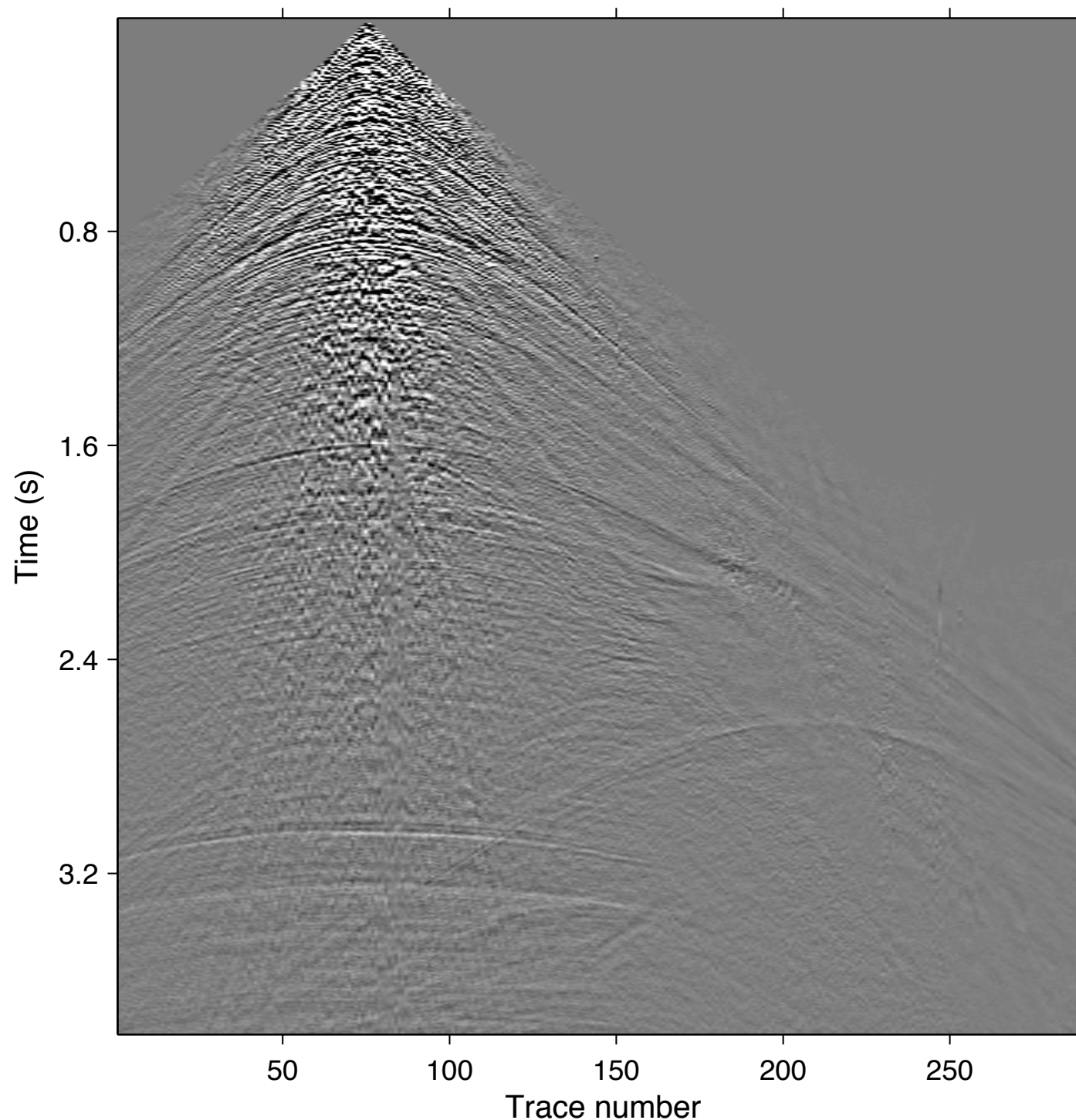
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25m receiver grid

OBC

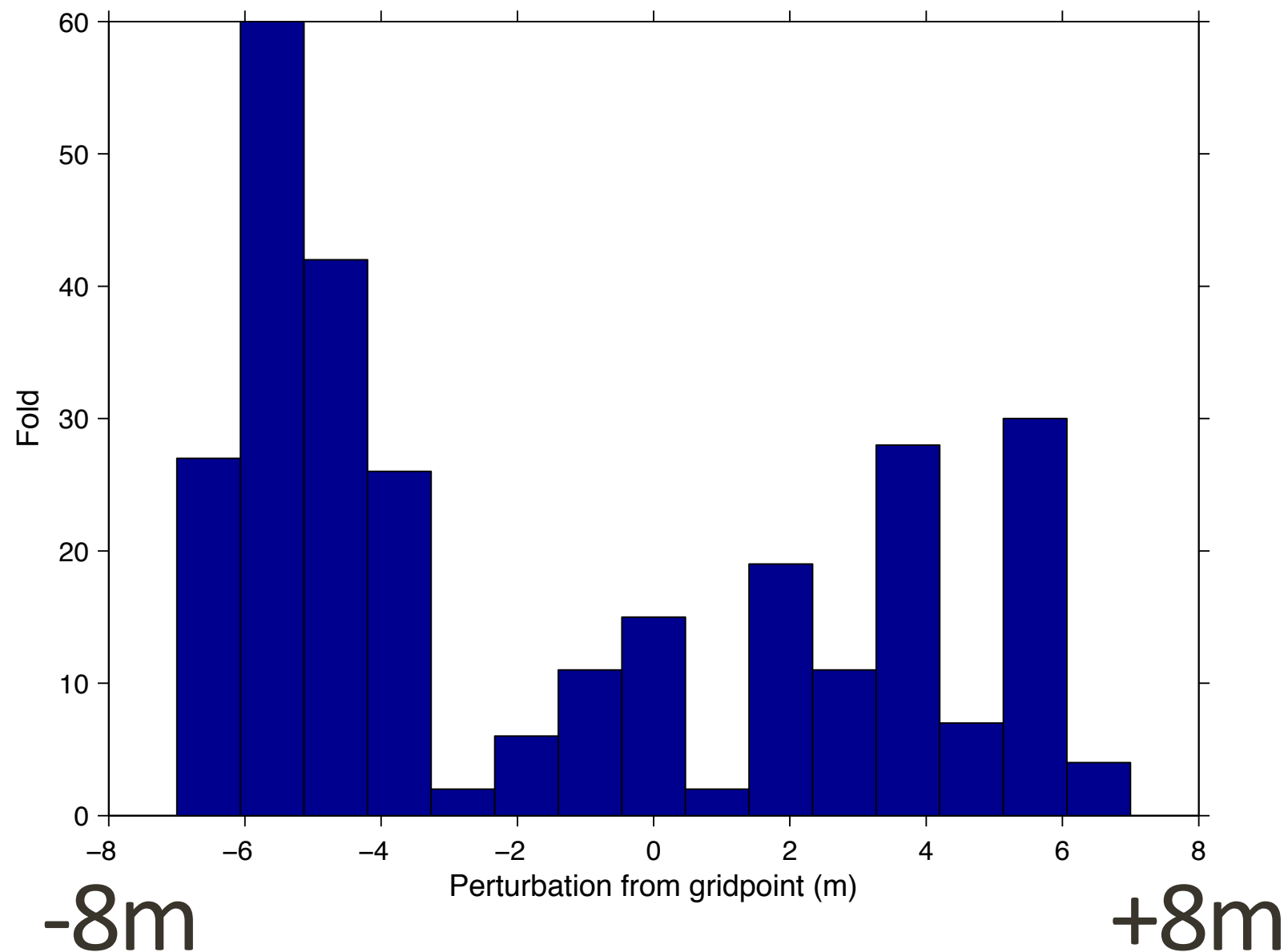
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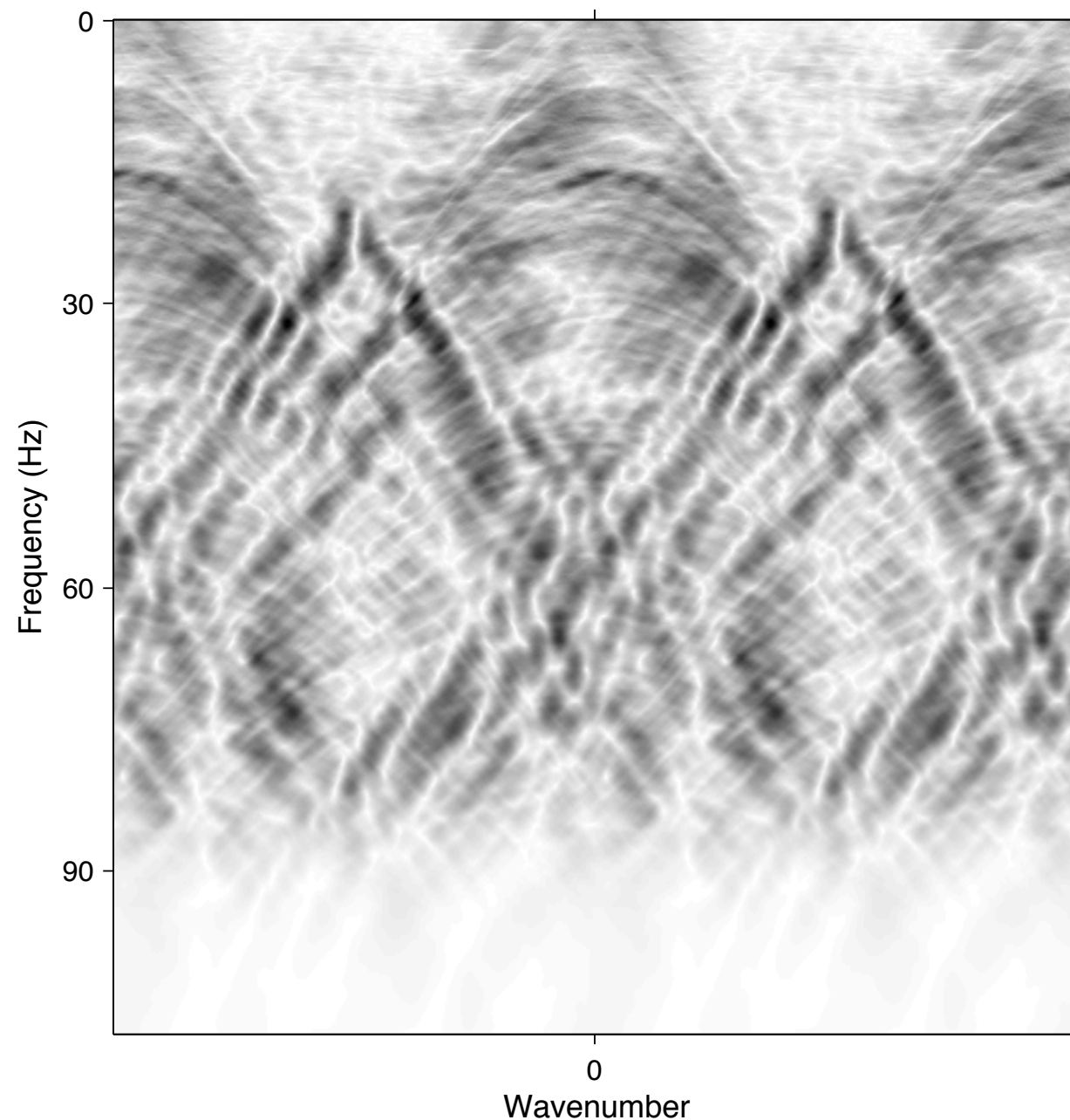


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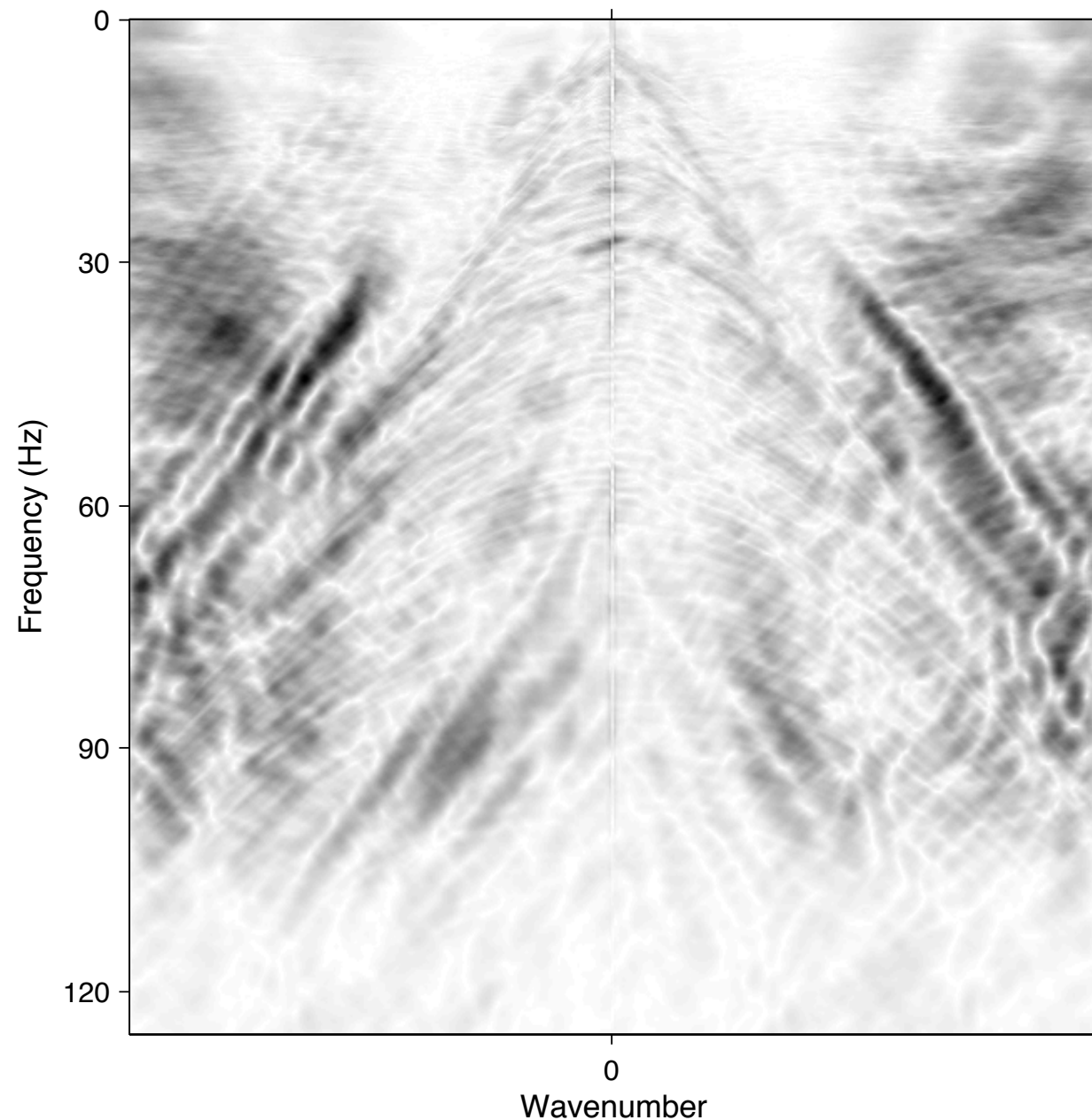
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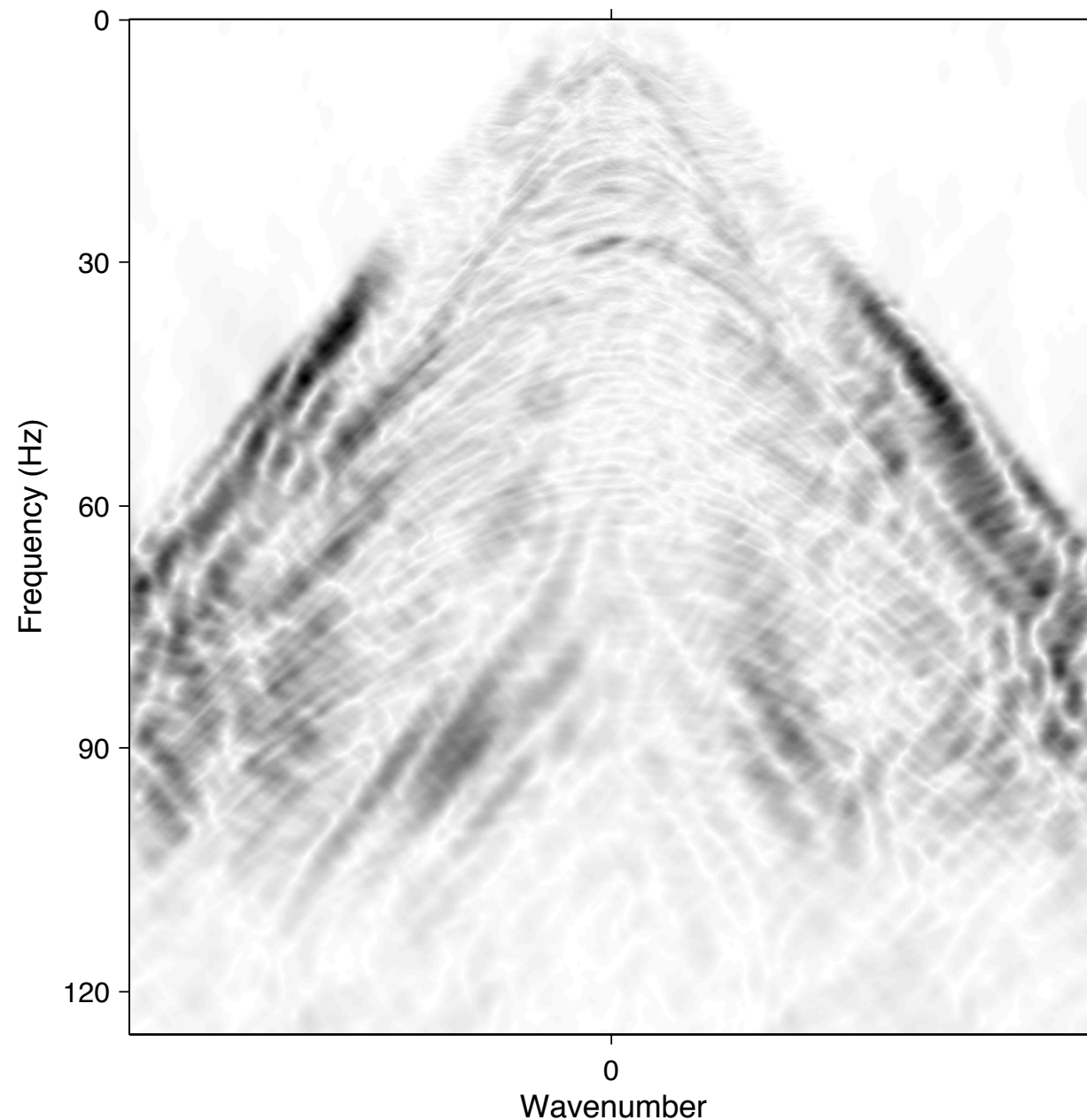
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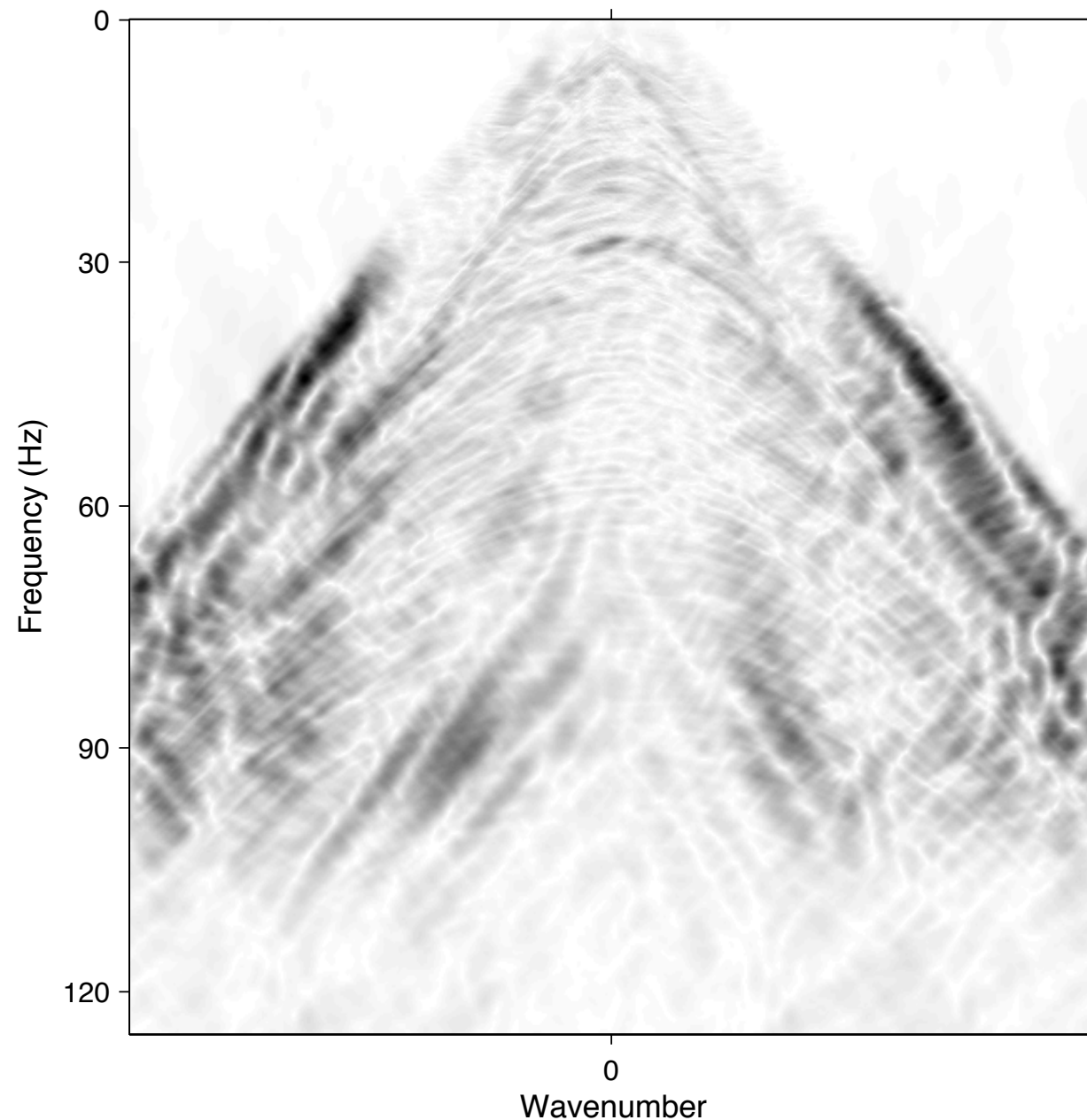
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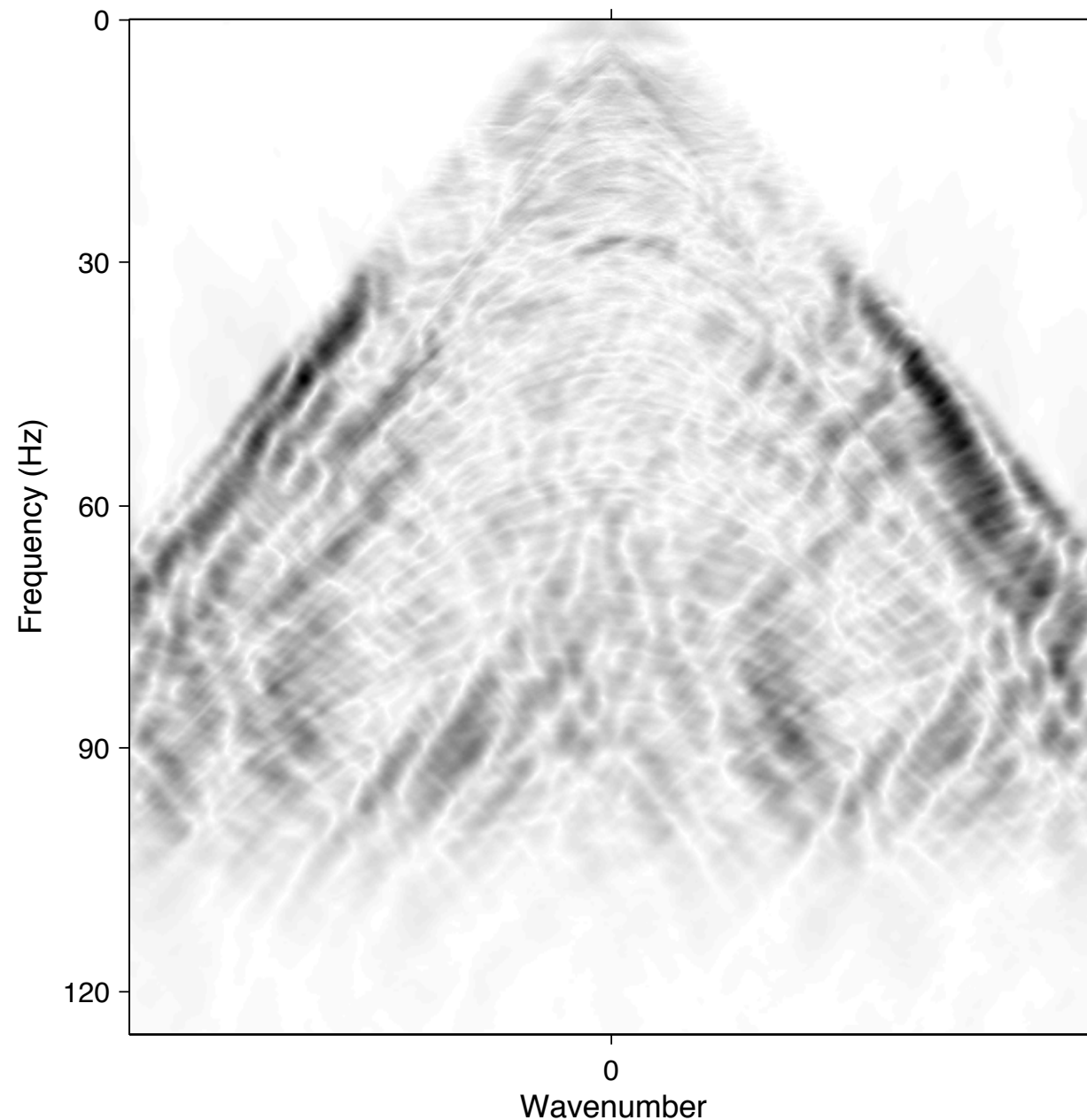
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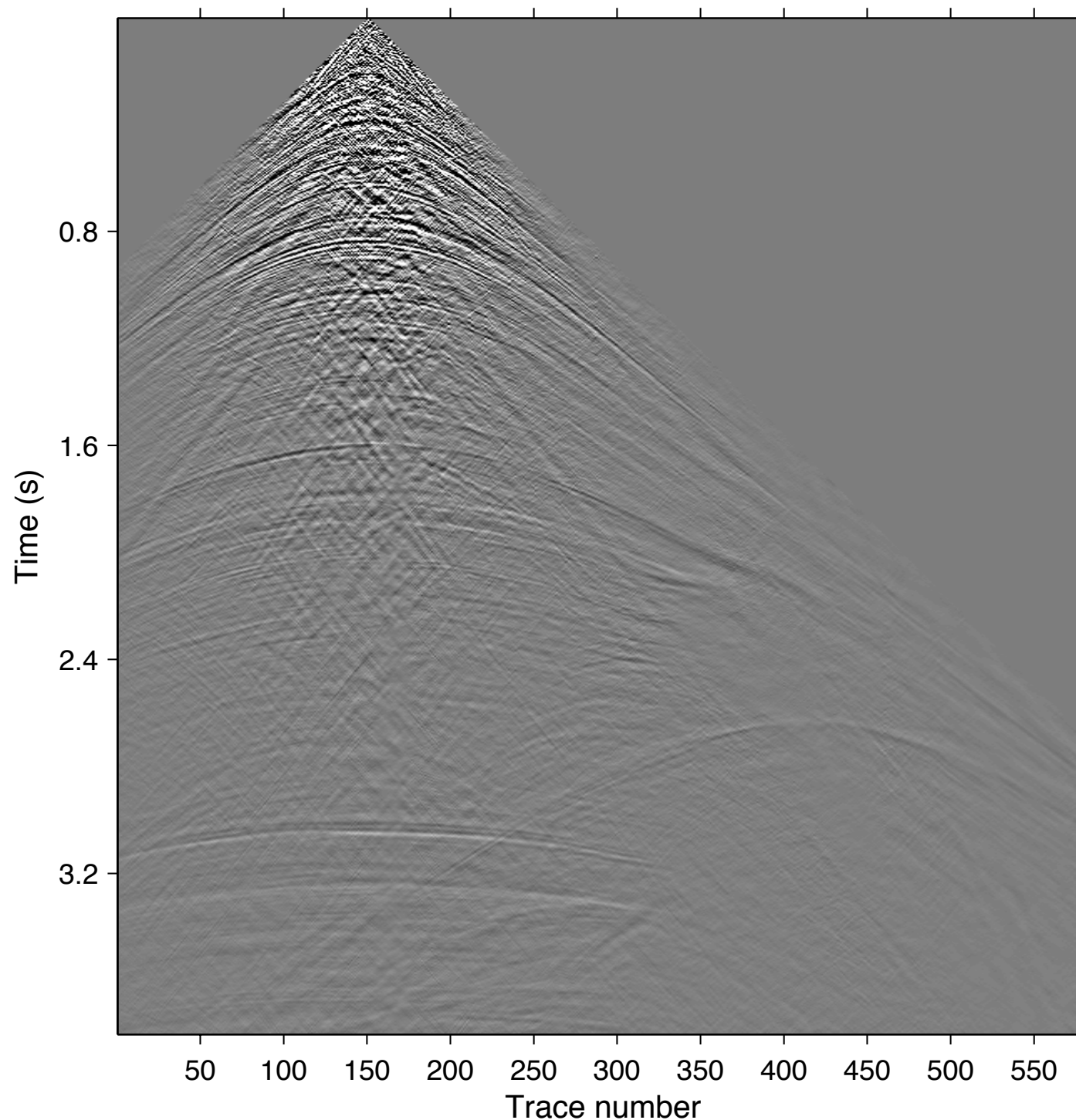
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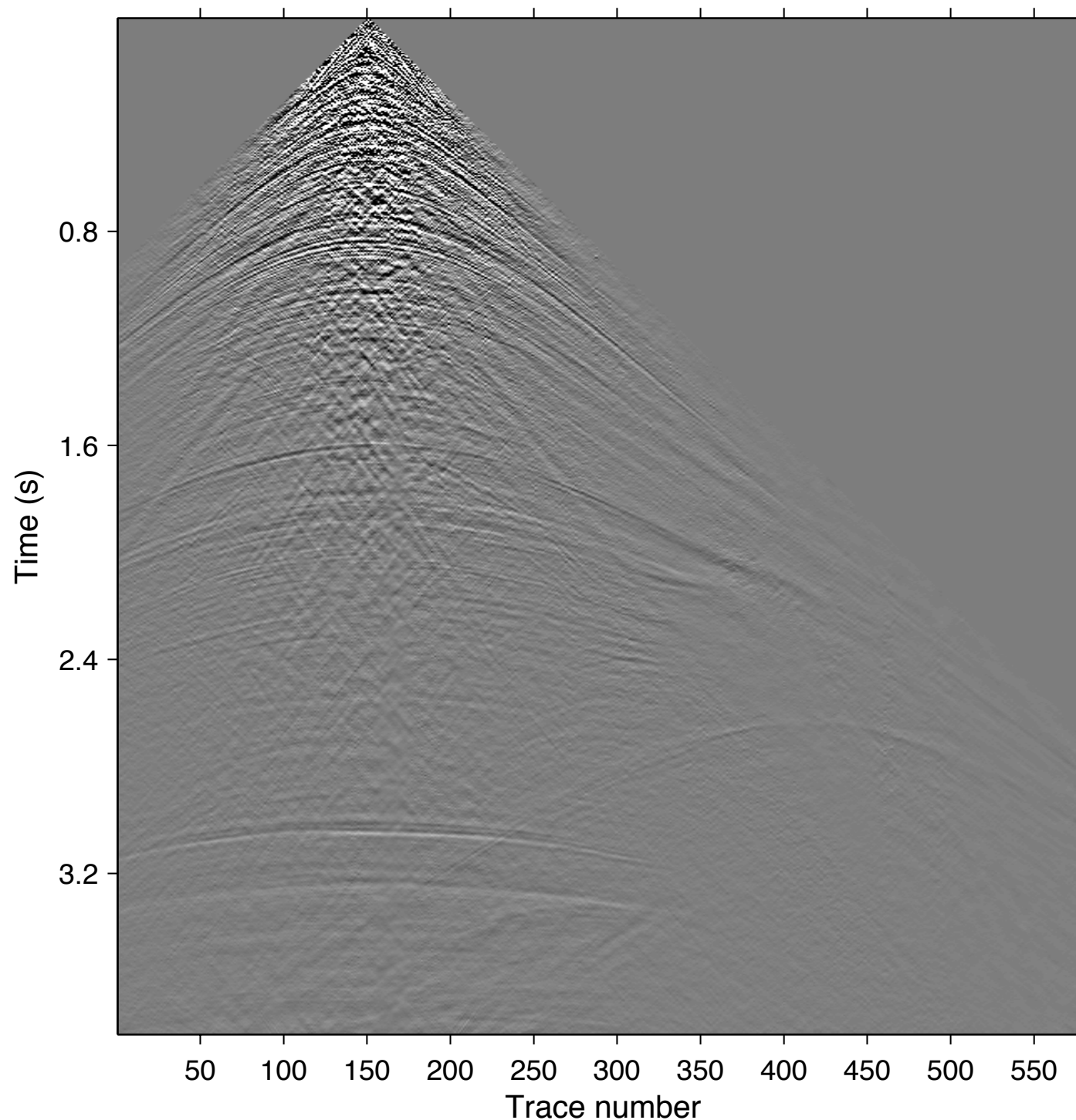
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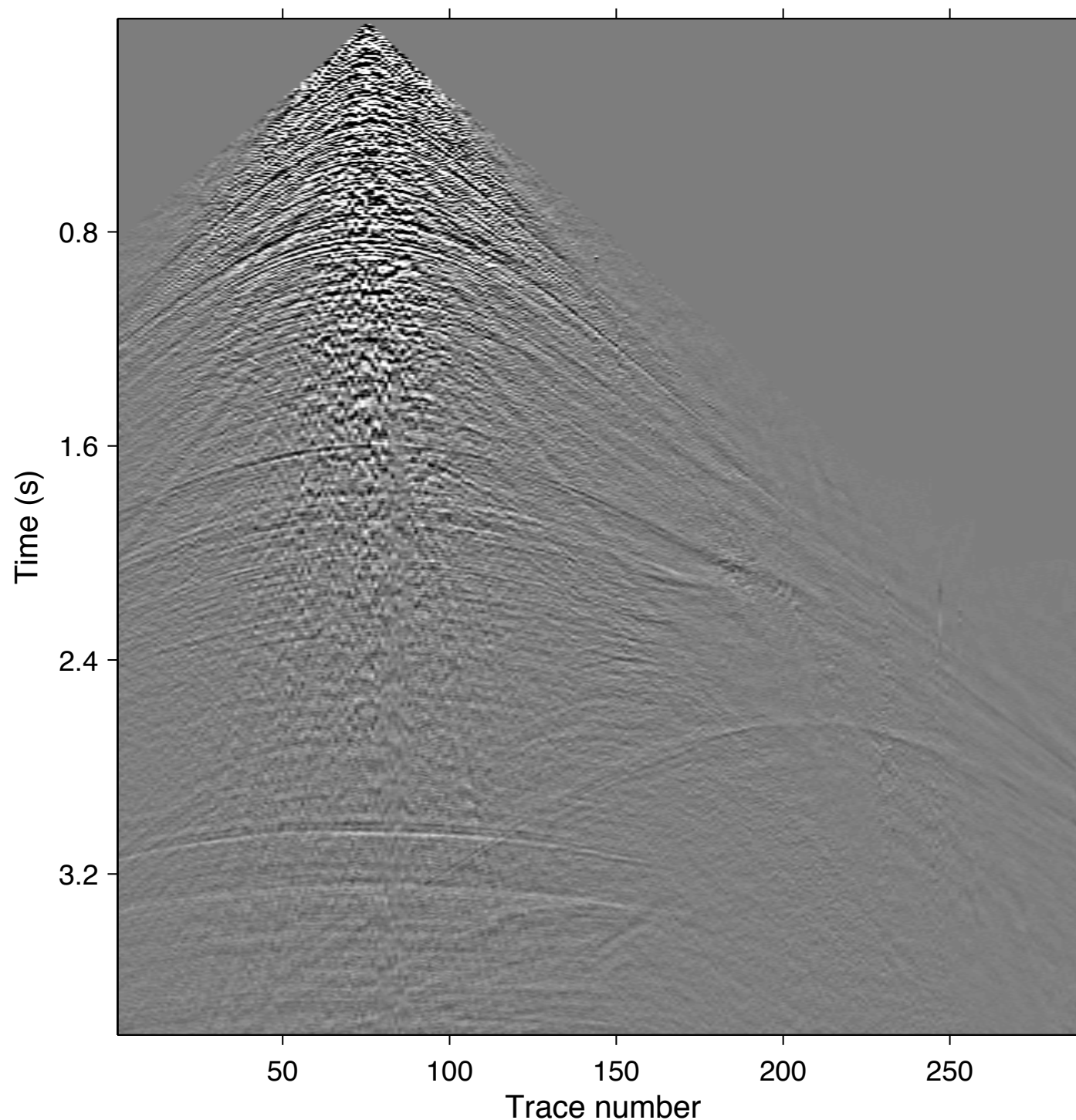
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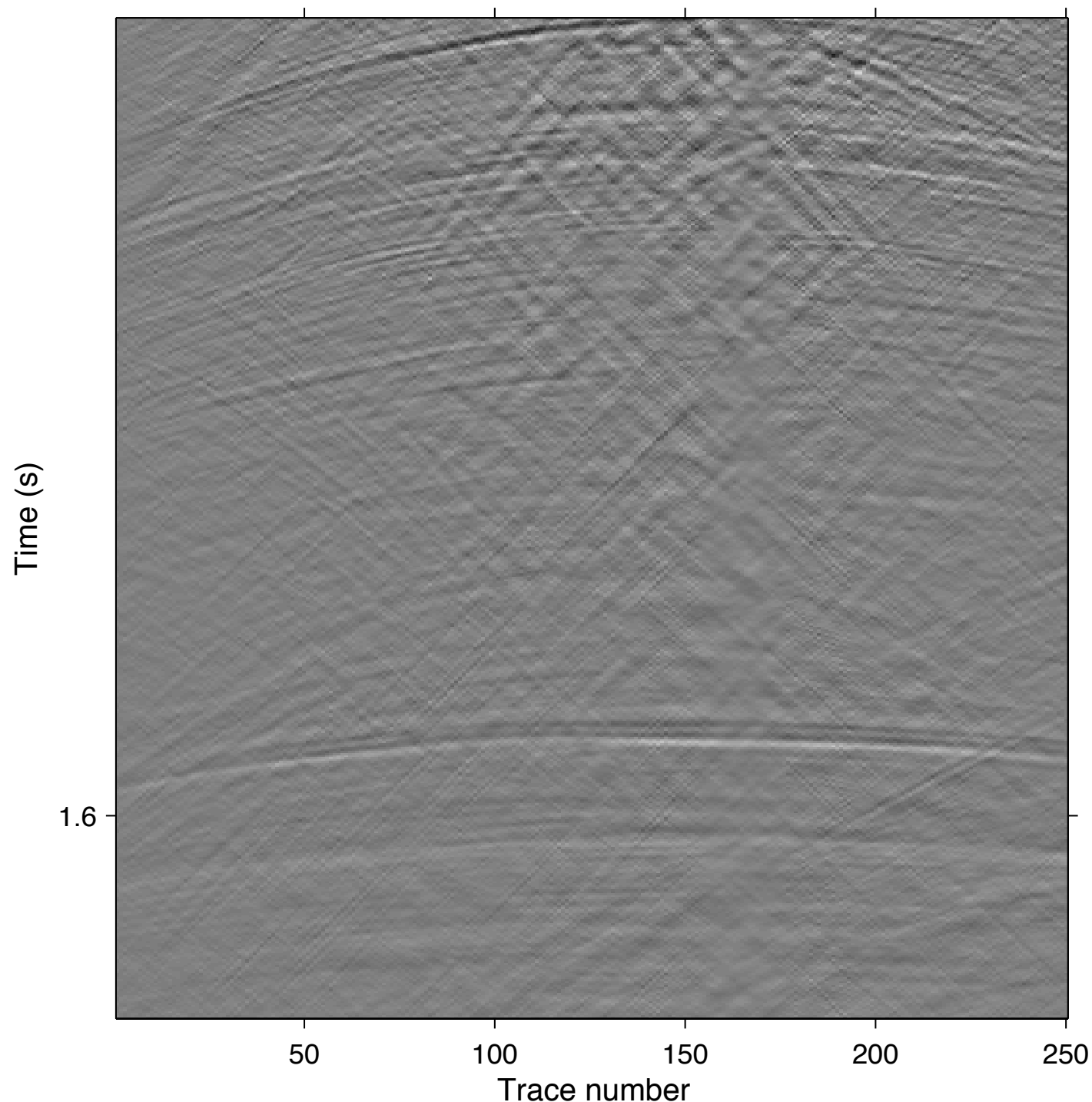
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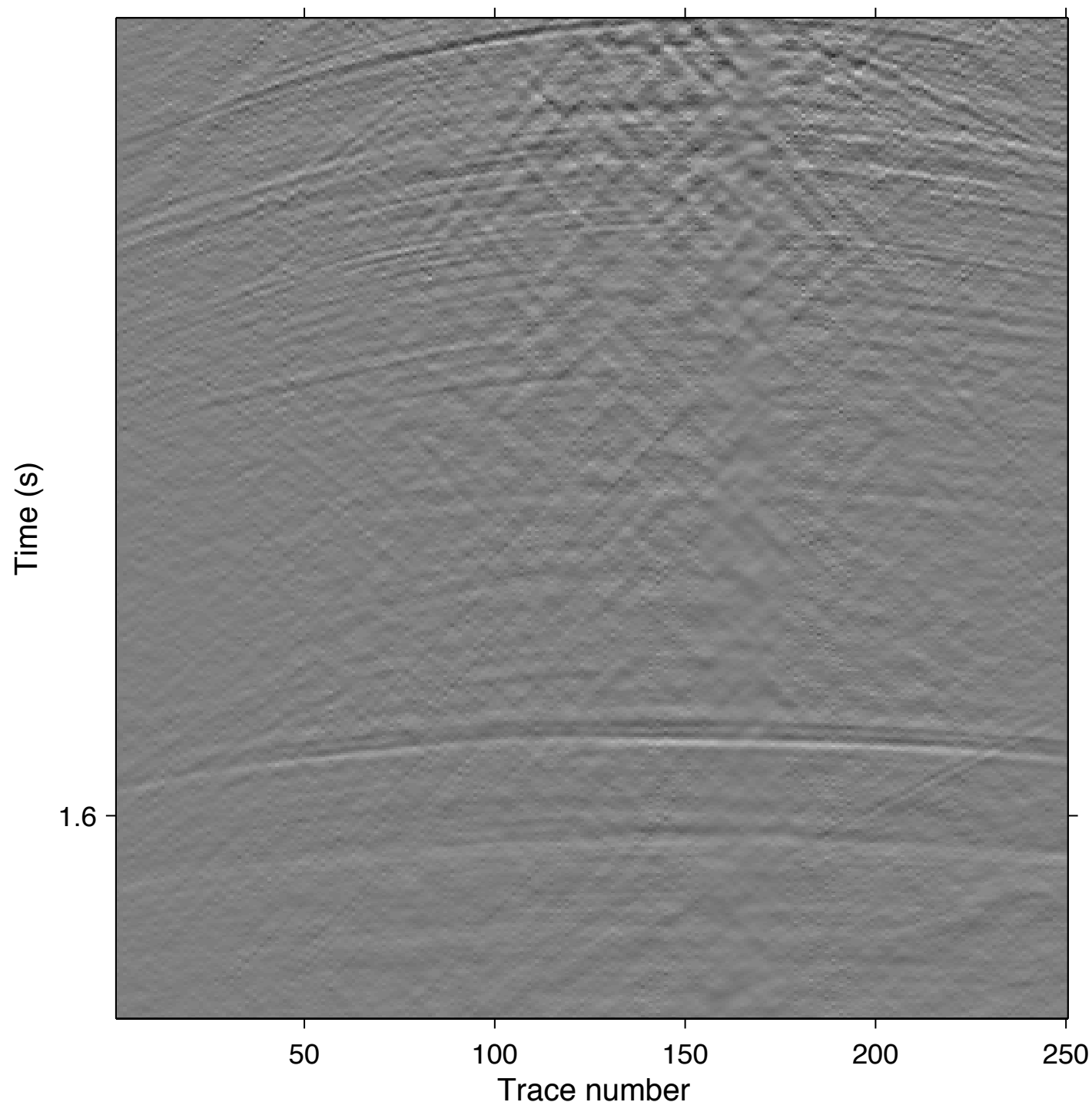
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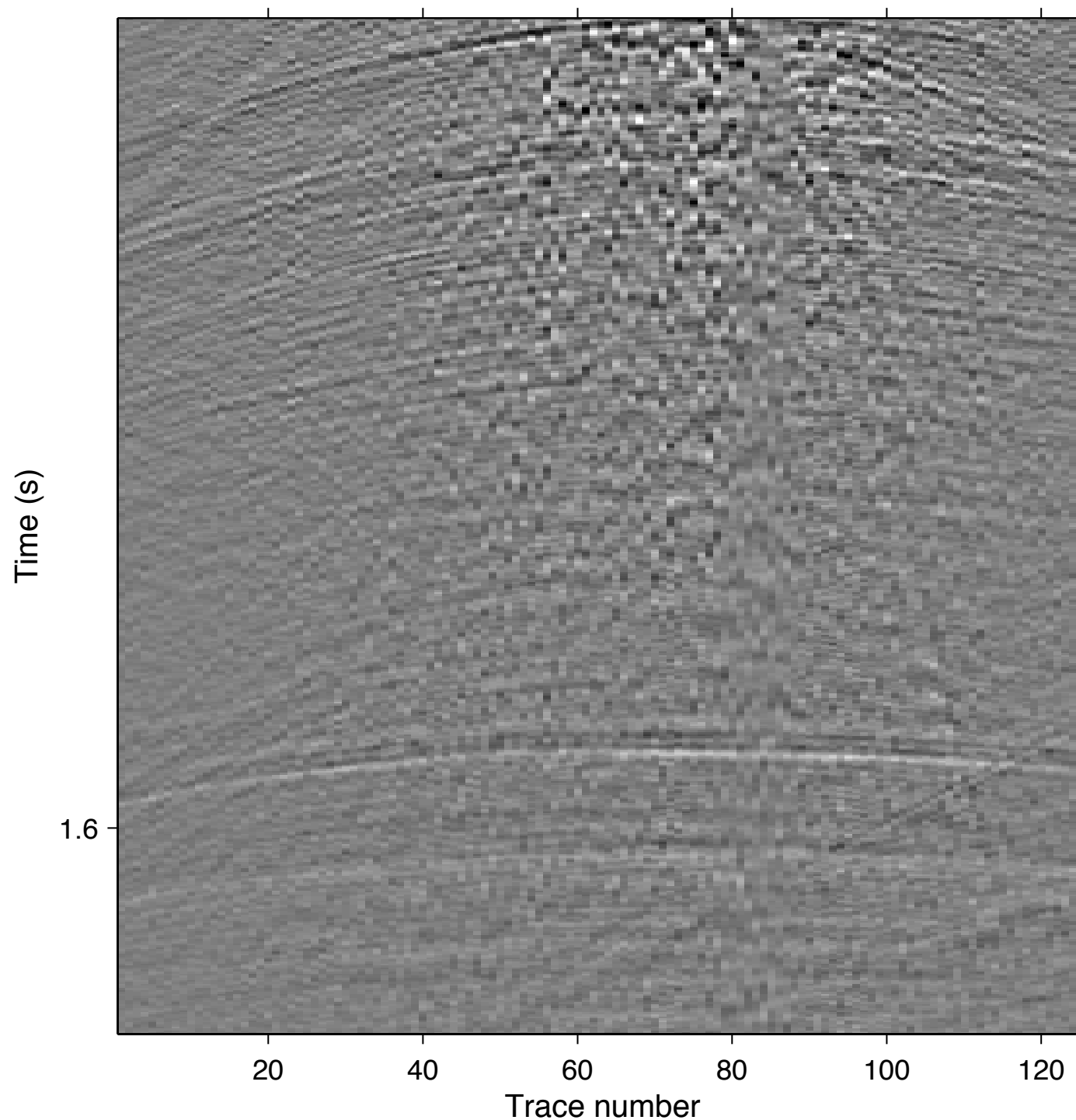
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# Summary

- choice of “sparsifying” algorithm is important
- Synthesis problem is not analysis problem
- the *zeroes* of a signal under transforms can be important in regularization
- $\text{cosparsity} > \text{sparsity}$  for curvelet-domain seismic regularization/interpolation



# Constructing signals with...



Sparsity



Cosparsity

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