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# Sparsity decon in the log domain with variable gain

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**OLD NEWS:** We seek sparse deconvolutions by imposing a hyperbolic penalty function.

**NEW:** Although FT based, we find theory for arbitrary  $\text{gain}(t)$  and  $\text{mute}(t,x)$   
AFTER decon.

**NEW:** Results confirm benefit of “gain after decon”

**NEW:** We have identified a long-needed regularization.

# Sparseness goals

The  $\ell_2$ -norm decon forces a whiteness assumption and forces a “minimum phase” assumption. Both bad.

The sparseness goal should yield a “best” spectrum and (hopefully) the most appropriate phase.

Enhance low frequency only when it aids sparsity.

Seek to integrate reflectivity to obtain log impedance.

# Logarithmic parameterization

$$r_t = \text{FT}^{-1} D(\omega) \exp \left( \sum_{\tau \neq 0} u_\tau Z^\tau \right)$$

$D(\omega)$  is the FT of the data.


$r_t$  is reflectivity (and residual)

$u_\tau$  are the free parameters.

•  $u_0 = 0$  is mean log spectrum.

*Lag-log space.  
Strange!*

# Gain and sparsity


$$q_t = g_t r_t$$

where:

$r_t$  is the physical output of the filter

$g_t$  is the given gain function, often  $t^2$

$q_t$  is the gained output, also called the “statistical signal” to be sparsified.

$$q_t = g_t r_t$$

$$H(q_t) = \sqrt{q_t^2 + 1} - 1$$

$$\frac{dH}{dq} = H'(q) = \frac{q}{\sqrt{q^2 + 1}} = \text{softclip}(q)$$

softly clipped residual

$r_t$  is the physical output of the filter

$g_t$  is the given gain function

$q_t$  is the gained output,

$H(q)$  is the hyperbolic penalty function.

Choose  $g_t$  so that  $q_t \approx 1$ . What percentile?

“Sparsity” is  $1 / \sum_t H(q_t)$



$$r_t = \text{FT}^{-1} D(Z) e^{\dots + u_2 Z^2 + u_3 Z^3 + u_4 Z^4 + \dots}$$

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You think you have seen this before....?

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Residual orthogonal to fitting function  
 becomes  
 Residual orthogonal to itself



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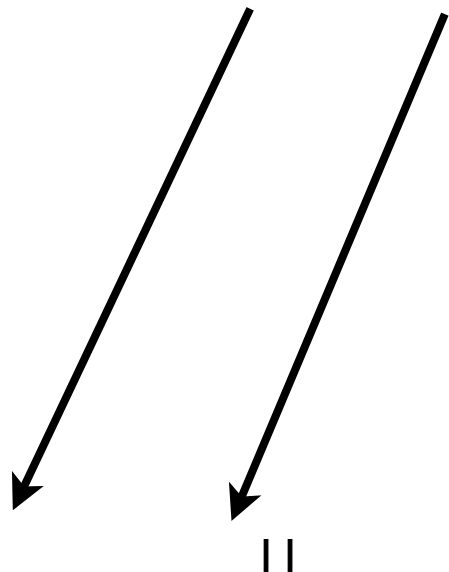
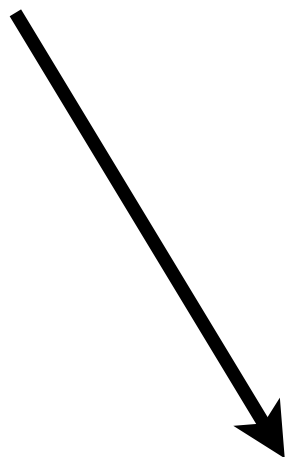
$$\frac{dr_t}{du_\tau} = r_{t+\tau}$$

**Physical output gradient  
w.r.t. lag-log variable**

$$q_t = r_t g_t$$

$$\frac{dq_t}{du_\tau} = \frac{dr_t}{du_\tau} g_t = r_{t+\tau} g_t$$

**Statistical gradient**



amazing result coming





the step

$$\Delta u_\tau$$

=

$$\sum_t \frac{dH(q_t)}{du_\tau}$$

$$\tau \neq 0$$

=

$$\sum_t \frac{dq_t}{du_\tau} \frac{dH(q_t)}{dq_t}$$

$$\Delta u_\tau$$

=

$$\sum_t (r_{t+\tau}) (g_t H'(q_t))$$

$$\tau \neq 0$$

A crosscorrelation: Compute it in the Fourier domain.

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*the softly clipped residual*

A crosscorrelation: Compute it in the Fourier domain.

At convergence this is a delta function.

Special case: stationary L2 then  $r(t)$  is white.

Amazing generalization to

(1) non-causal, (2) gain, and (3) sparsity!

Jon's favorite theory slide.



# From $\Delta \mathbf{u}$ to $\Delta \mathbf{r}$

Skipping lots of algebra

(including a linearization)

given the gradient step  $\Delta \mathbf{u} = (\Delta u_\tau)$

and the residual  $\mathbf{r} = (r_t)$ ,

the residual perturbation is  $\Delta \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r} * \Delta \mathbf{u}$ .

(“\*” is convolution)

and the sparsity perturbation is

$$\Delta q_t = g_t \Delta r_t.$$

# Minimizing $H(\mathbf{q} + \alpha\Delta\mathbf{q})$

At each  $q_t$  fit hyperbola to parabola (Taylor series).  
A sum of parabolas is a parabola. Easy getting  $\alpha$ .

$$\alpha = - \frac{\sum_t \Delta q_t H'_t}{\sum_t (\Delta q_t)^2 H''_t}$$

Update the residual  $\mathbf{q}$  and unknowns  $\mathbf{u}$ .  
Form new Taylor series and iterate.

Recall stationary  $\ell_2$ :  $\alpha = - (\Delta\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}) / (\Delta\mathbf{r} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r})$

Newton's method.

# Quick peek at the algorithm: math to code key

Lower case letters for variables in time and space  
like  $\mathbf{d} = d(t, x)$ ,  $\mathbf{dq} = \Delta q(t, x)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = u_\tau$ .

Upper case for frequency domain like  
 $\mathbf{R} = R(\omega, x)$ , and  $\mathbf{dU} = \Delta U(\omega)$ .

Asterisk  $*$  means multiply within an implied loop  
on  $t$  or  $\omega$ .



$D = \text{FT}(d)$

$U = 0.$

Remove the mean from  $U(\omega)$ .

Iteration {

$dU = 0$

For all  $x$

$r = \text{iFT}( D * \exp(U) )$

$q = g * r$

$dU = dU + \text{conjg}(\text{FT}(r)) * \text{FT}(g * \text{softclip}(q))$

Remove the mean from  $dU(\omega)$

For all  $x$

$dR = \text{FT}(r) * dU$

$dq = g * \text{iFT}(dR)$

Newton iteration for finding  $\alpha$  {

$H' = \text{softclip}( q )$

$H'' = 1 / (1 + q^2)^{1.5}$

$\alpha = - \text{Sum}( dq * H' ) / \text{Sum}( dq^2 * H'' )$

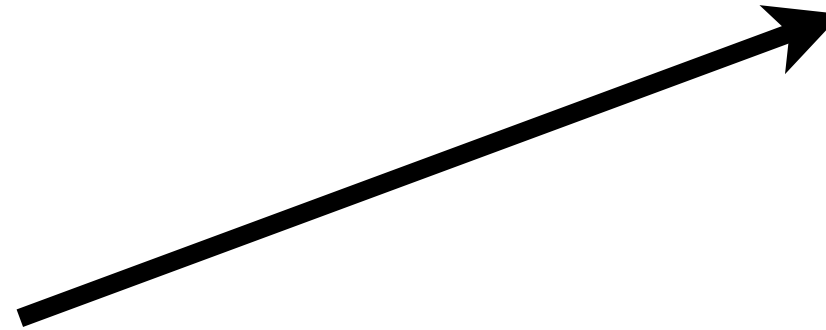
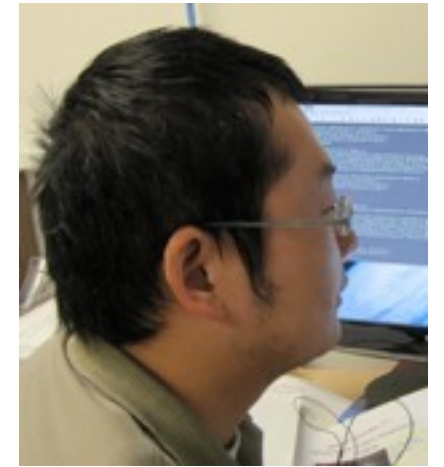
$q = q + \alpha * dq$

$U = U + \alpha * dU$

}

}

# The algorithm is brief.



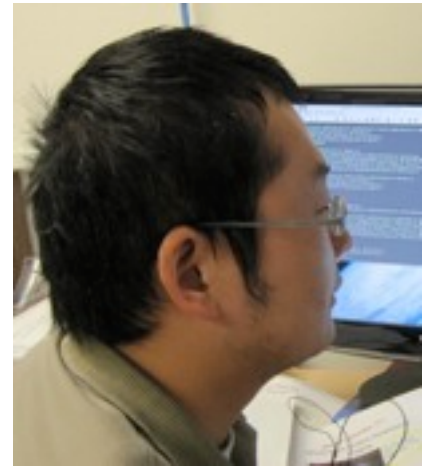
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Sometimes there are time shifts.  
Sometimes the polarity is wrong.  
I'm going to work on velocity instead.

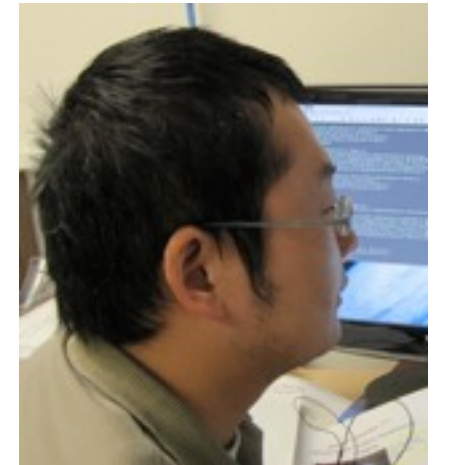
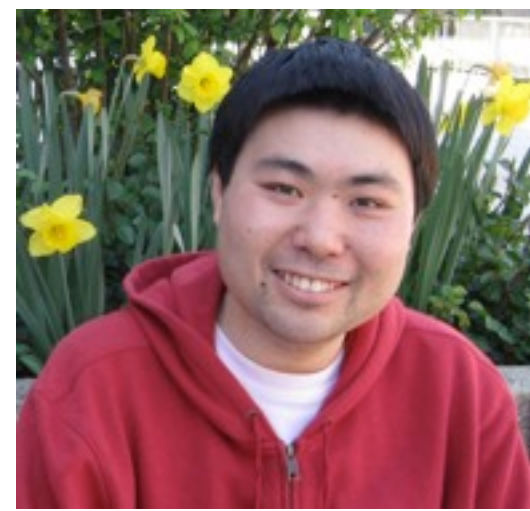
# Instability! Yikes!

Try preconditioning.  
Try regularization.

I tried them.  
I'd rather do  $Q$  tomography.







# Instability! Yikes!

Masking the gradient fails.  
Here are the sample histories  
you asked for.

I'm going to Houston.





**Instability! Yikes!**



**Antoine! Help!**

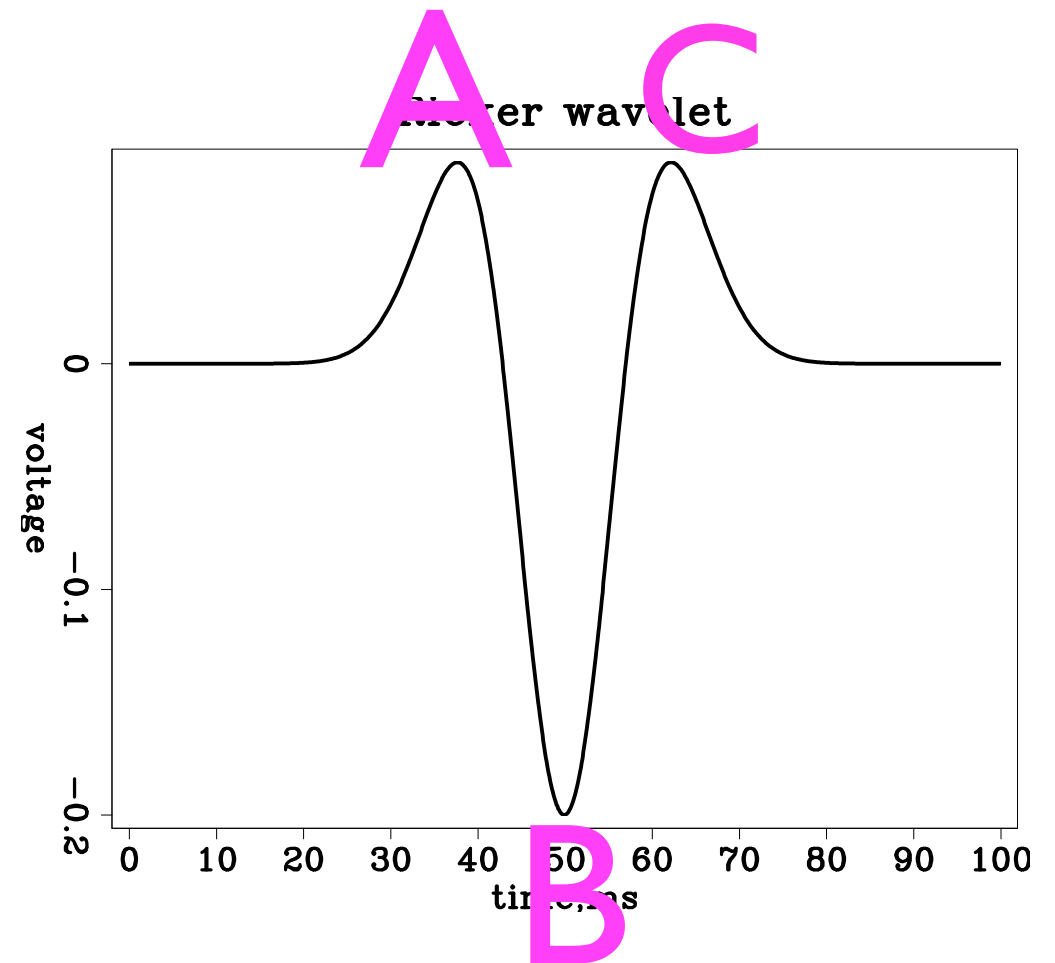


# Instability. Yikes!

Antoine: I changed the gain by 10% and the spike jumped from B to C.

Jon: Awful! I thought I had a great starting solution at B

Jon: Make me a movie as a function of iteration.

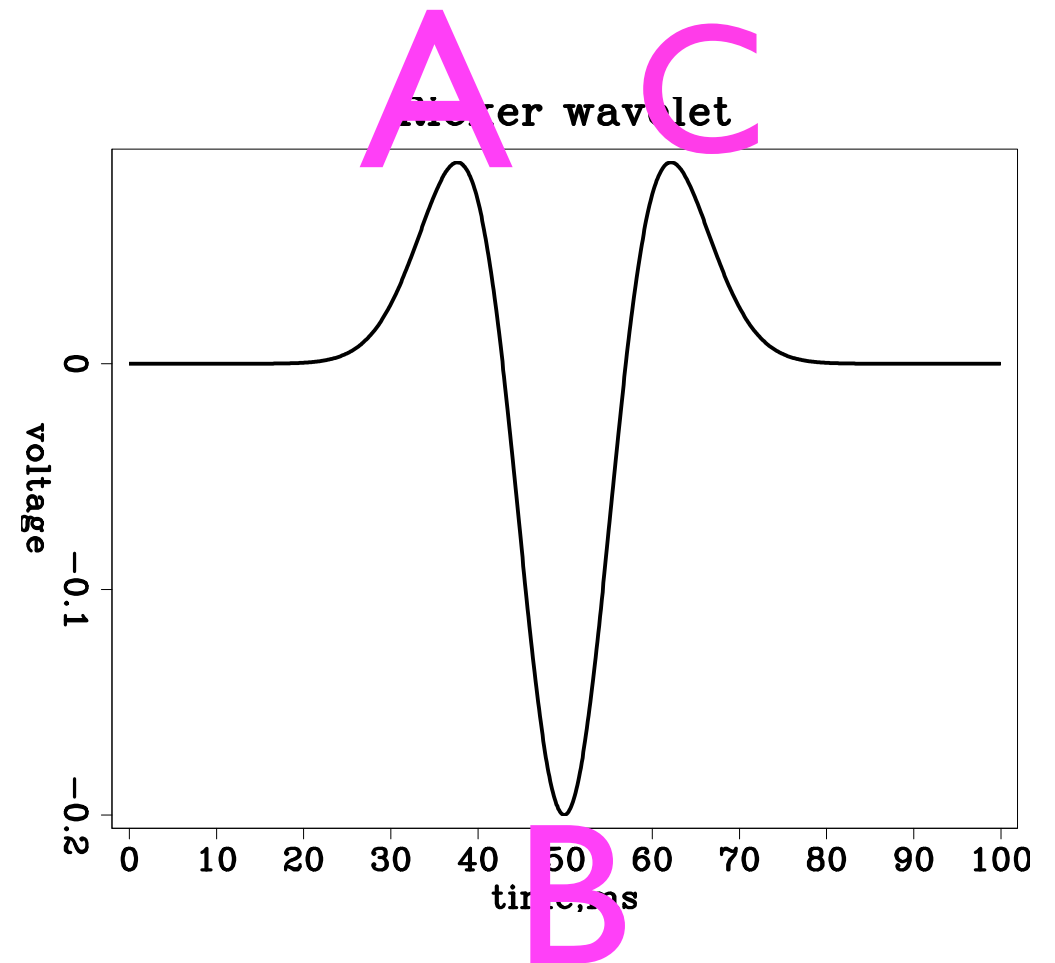


# Instability. Yikes!

with Antoine and Qiang Fu

10 iterations:  
good spike at B,  
A&C small

200 iterations:  
maybe spikes at A  
maybe spikes at B  
maybe spikes at C  
others small



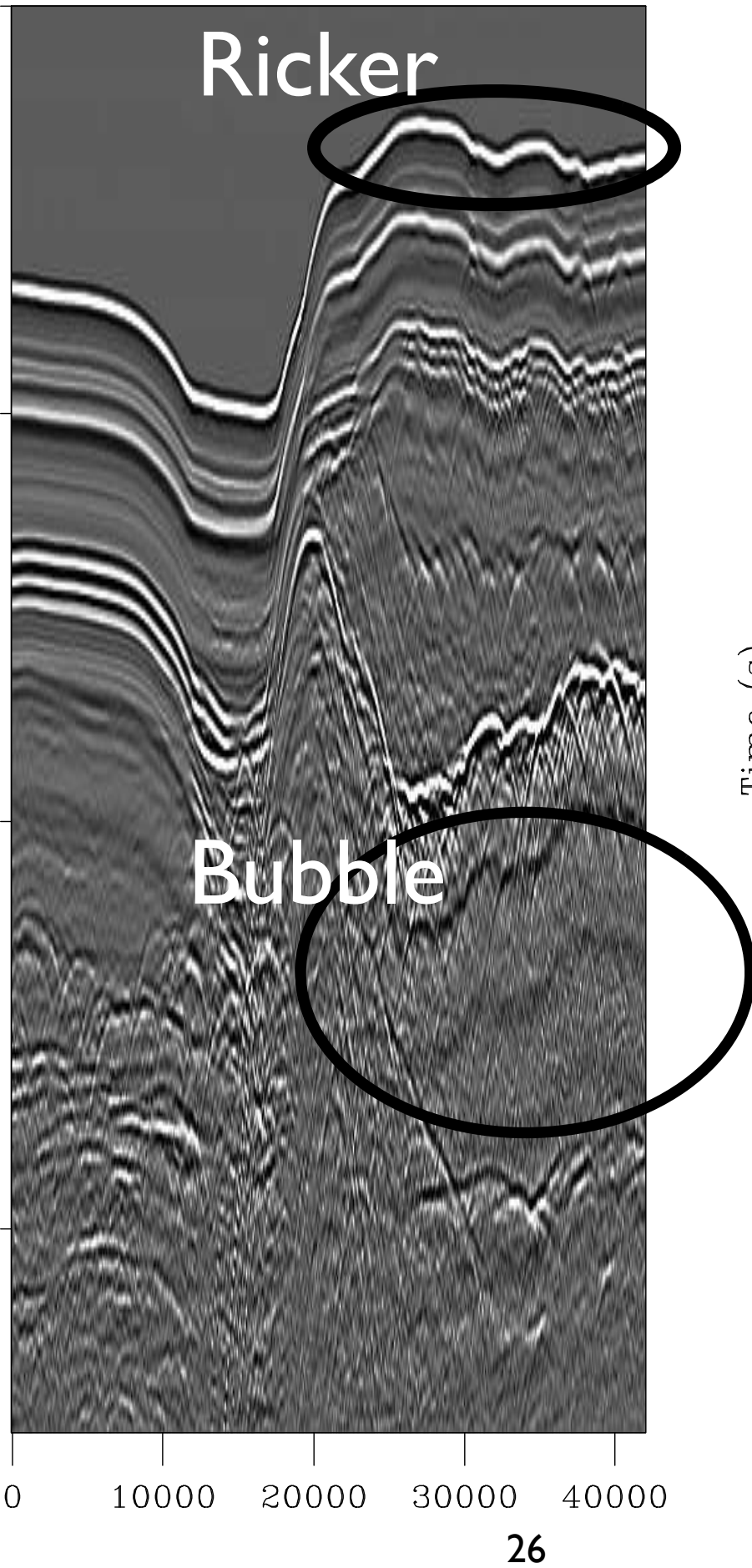
**“But when it’s good, it’s really good!  
Let’s look at some of the results.”**



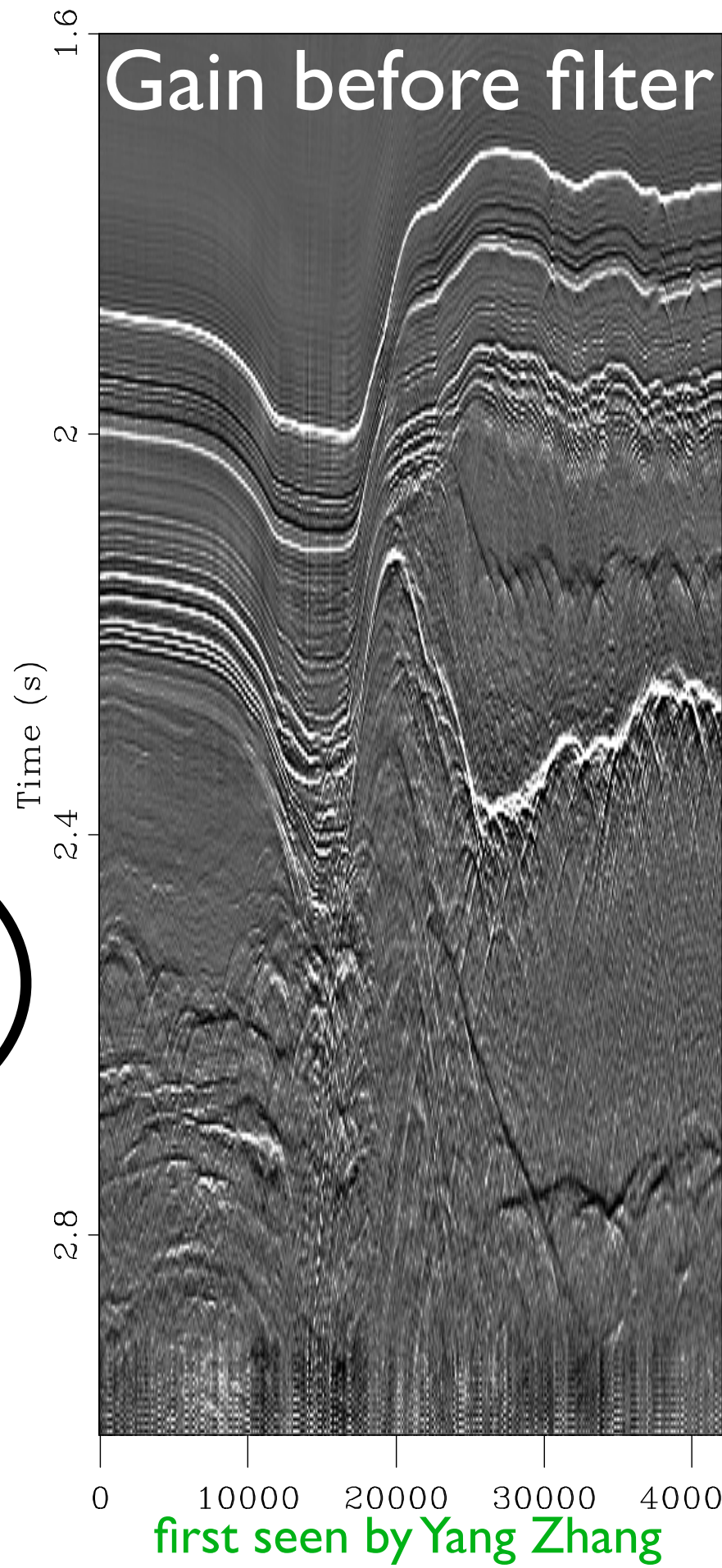
**We’ll return to the stability problem later.**



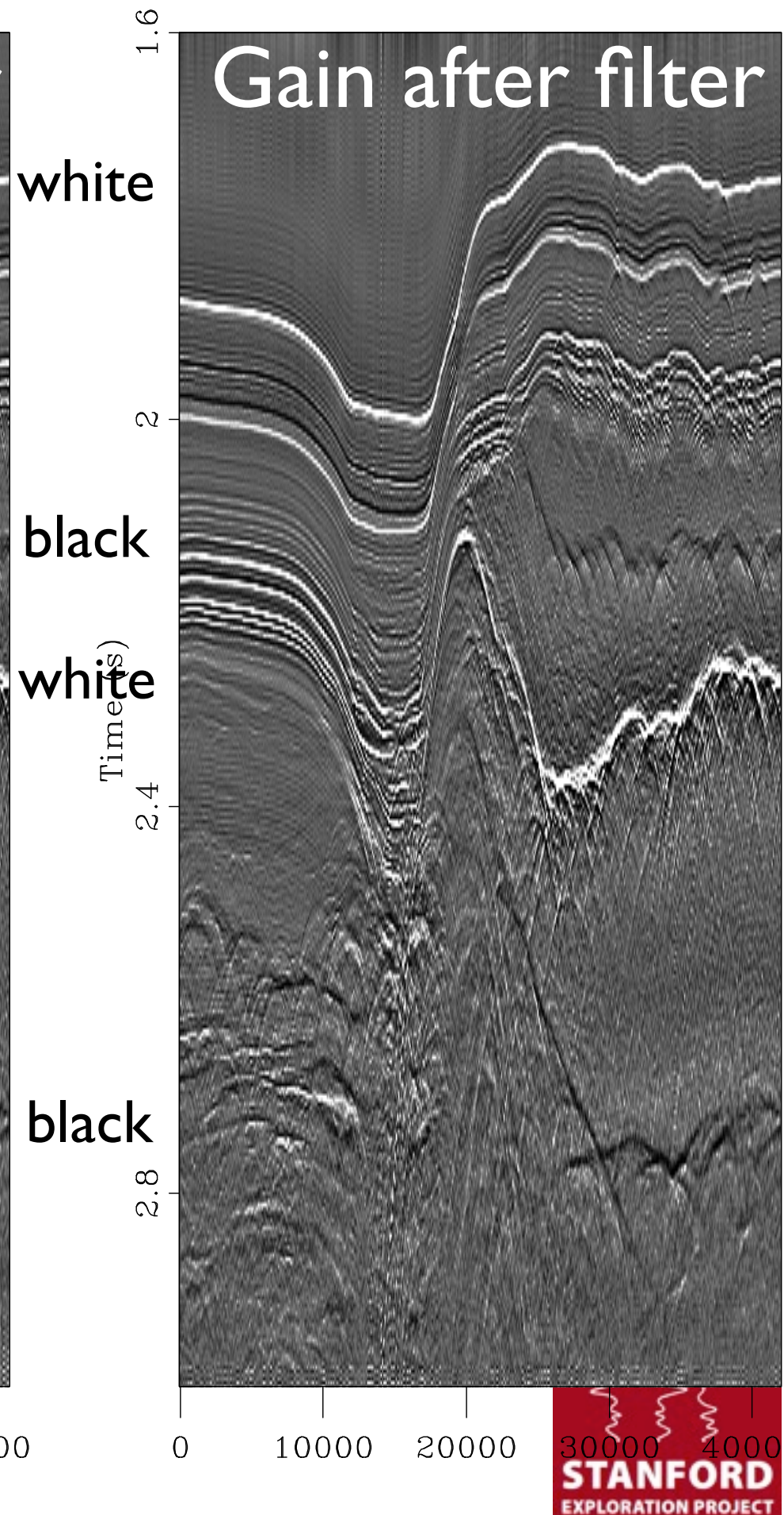
Input data



Gained input deconvolved data



Gained output deconvolved data





# Prepare to compare gain before with gain after

data  $\longrightarrow$  t-squared gain  $\longrightarrow$  decon

data  $\longrightarrow$  new decon  $\longrightarrow$  t-squared gain

$r_t$

$q_t$

Estimated shot waveform

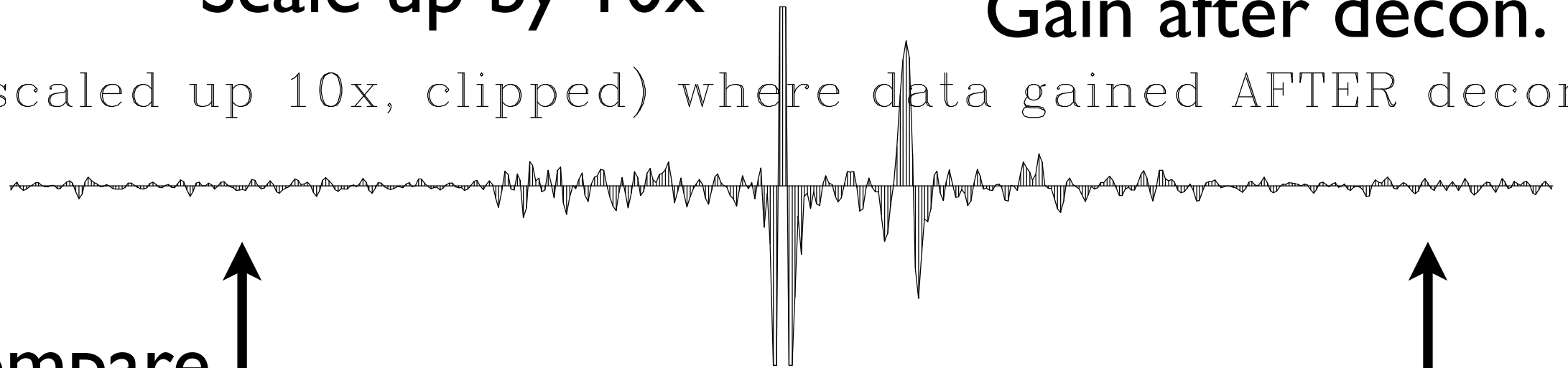
Estimated shot



Scale up by 10x

Gain after decon.

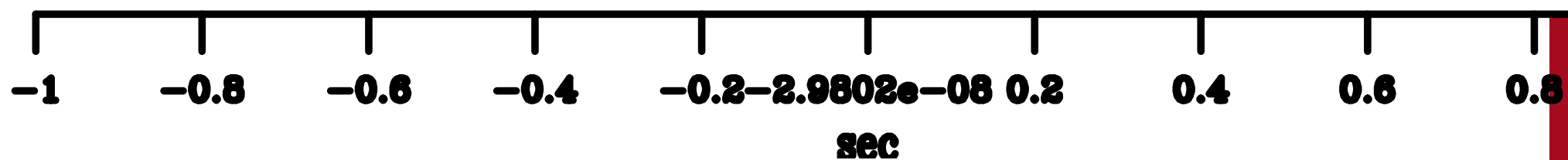
Same (scaled up 10x, clipped) where data gained AFTER decon



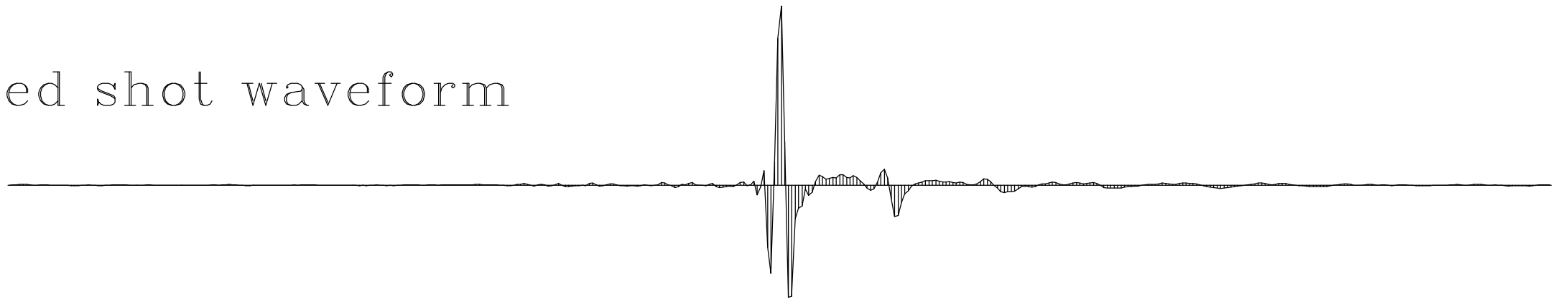
Compare

Gain before decon.

Same (same scale and clip) where data gained BEFORE decon



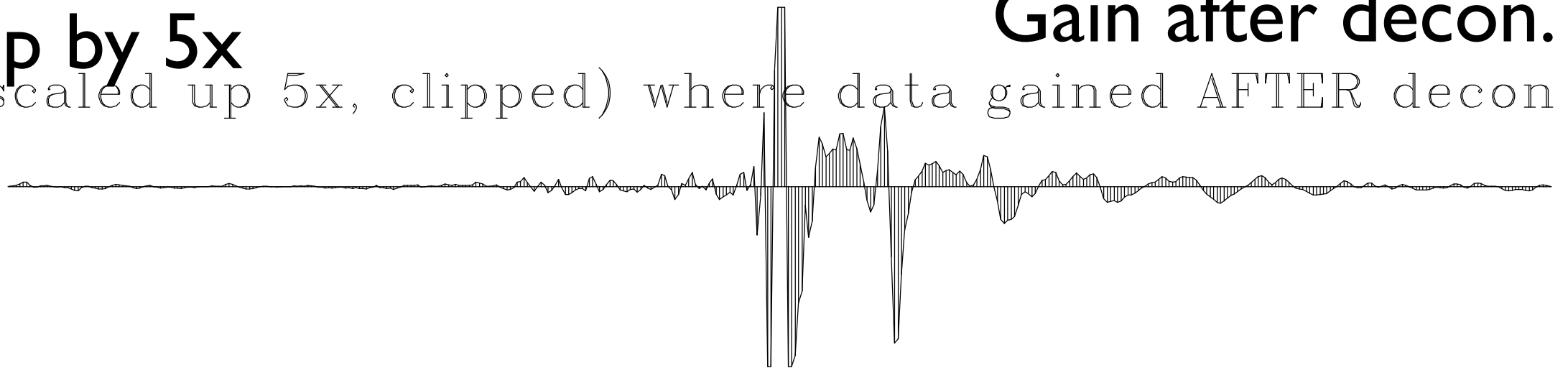
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**Scale up by 5x**

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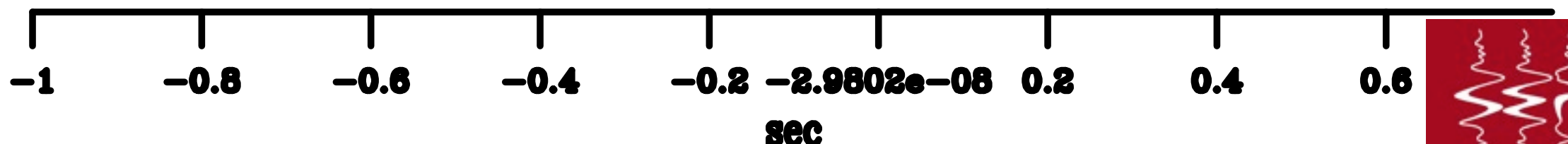
**Gain after decon.**



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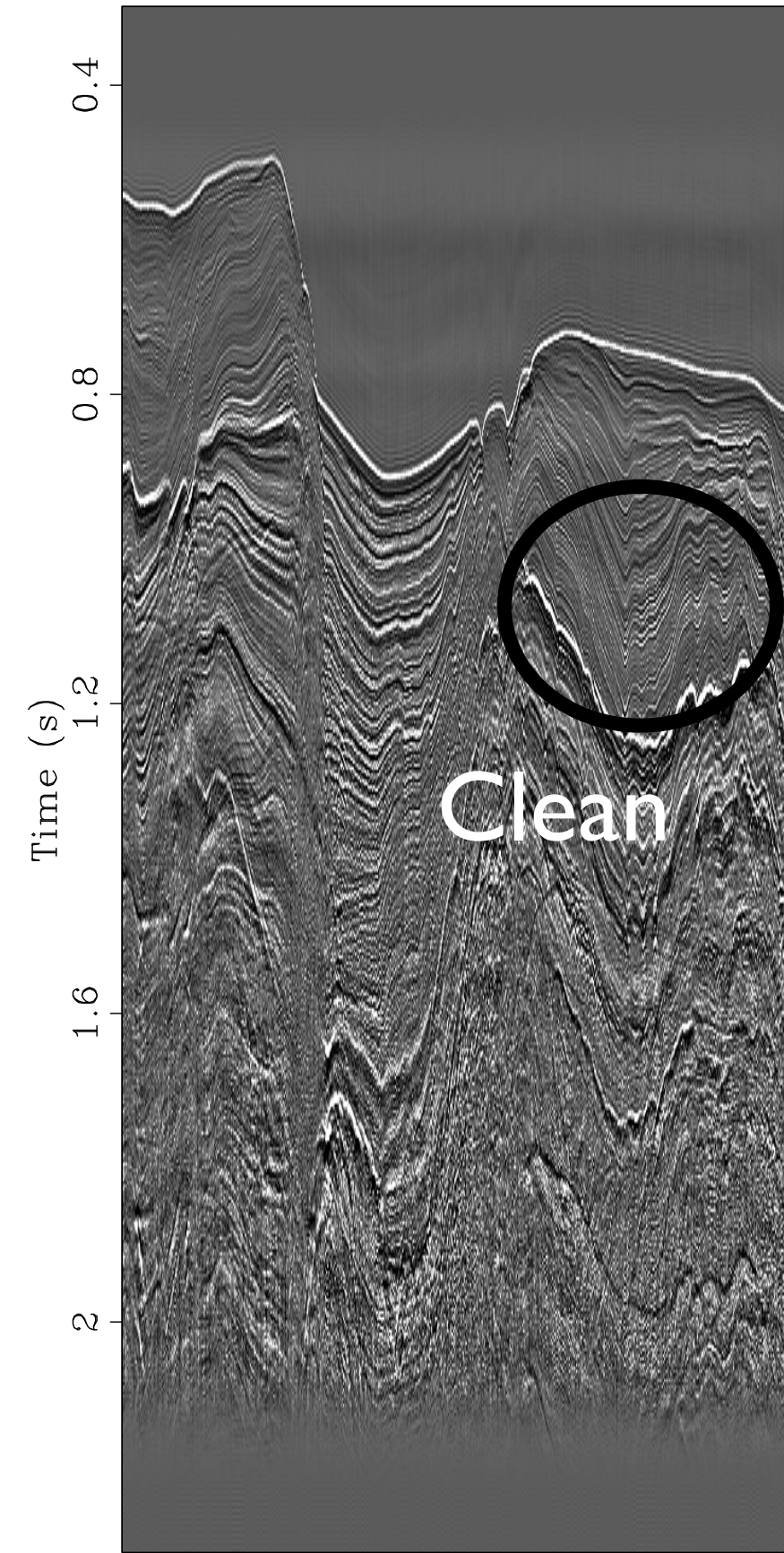
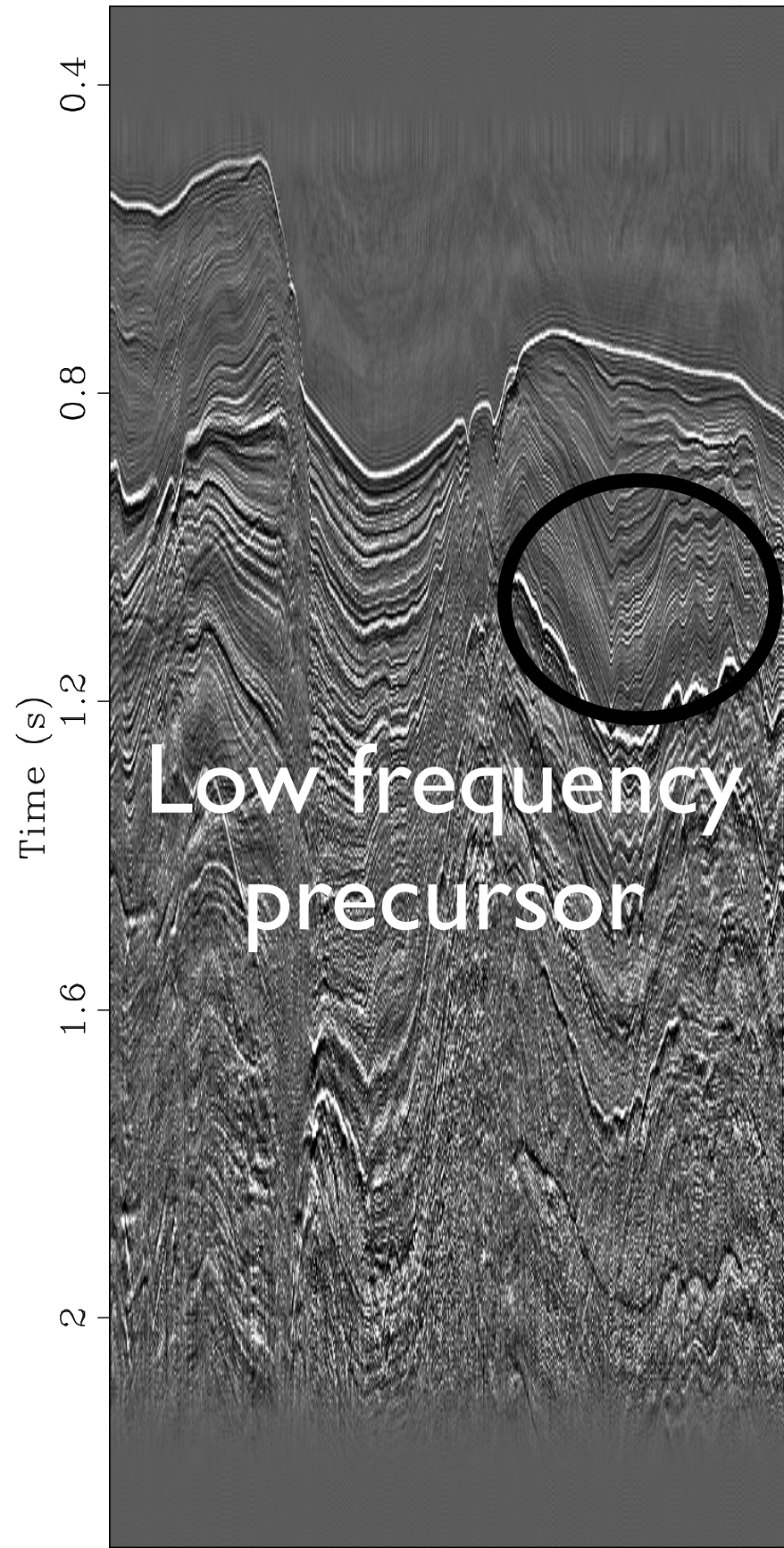
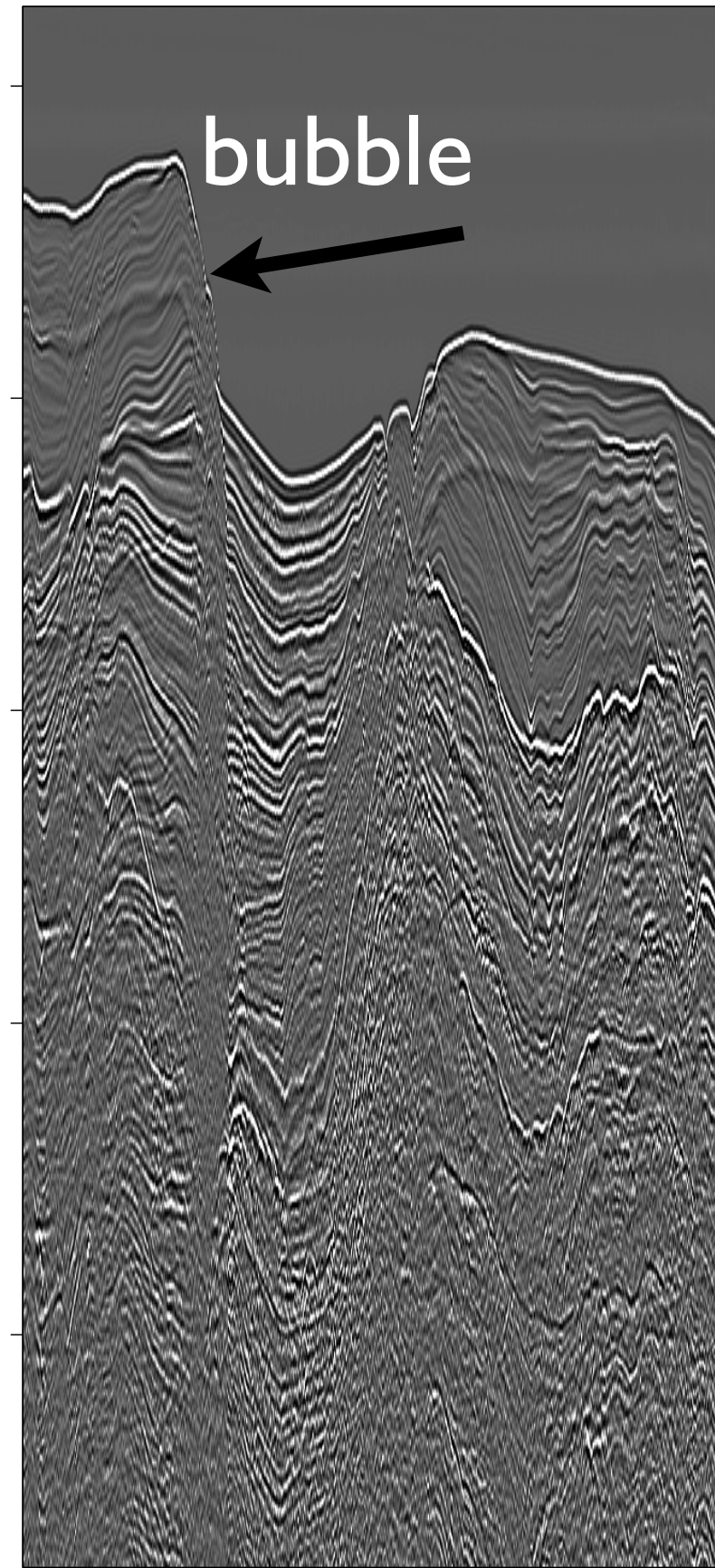




Input data

Gained input deconvolved data

Gained output deconvolved data



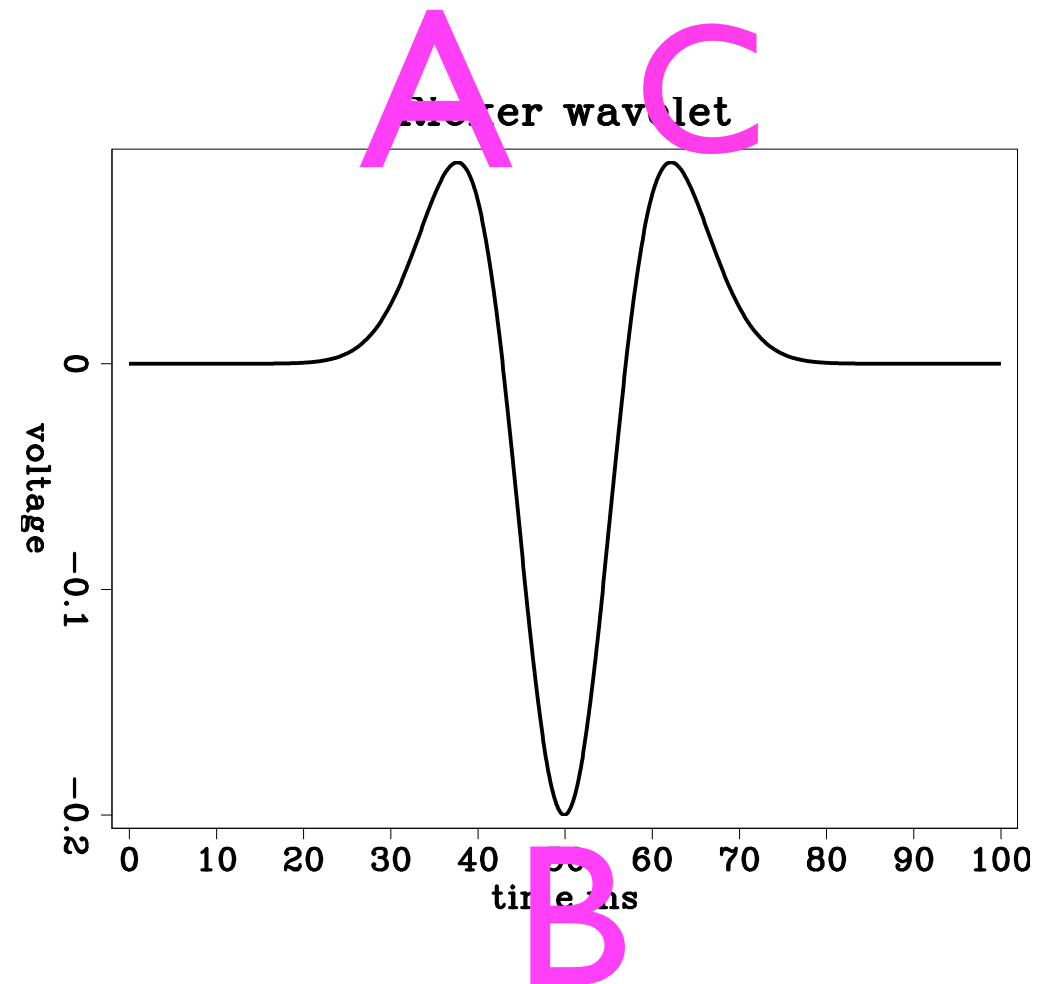


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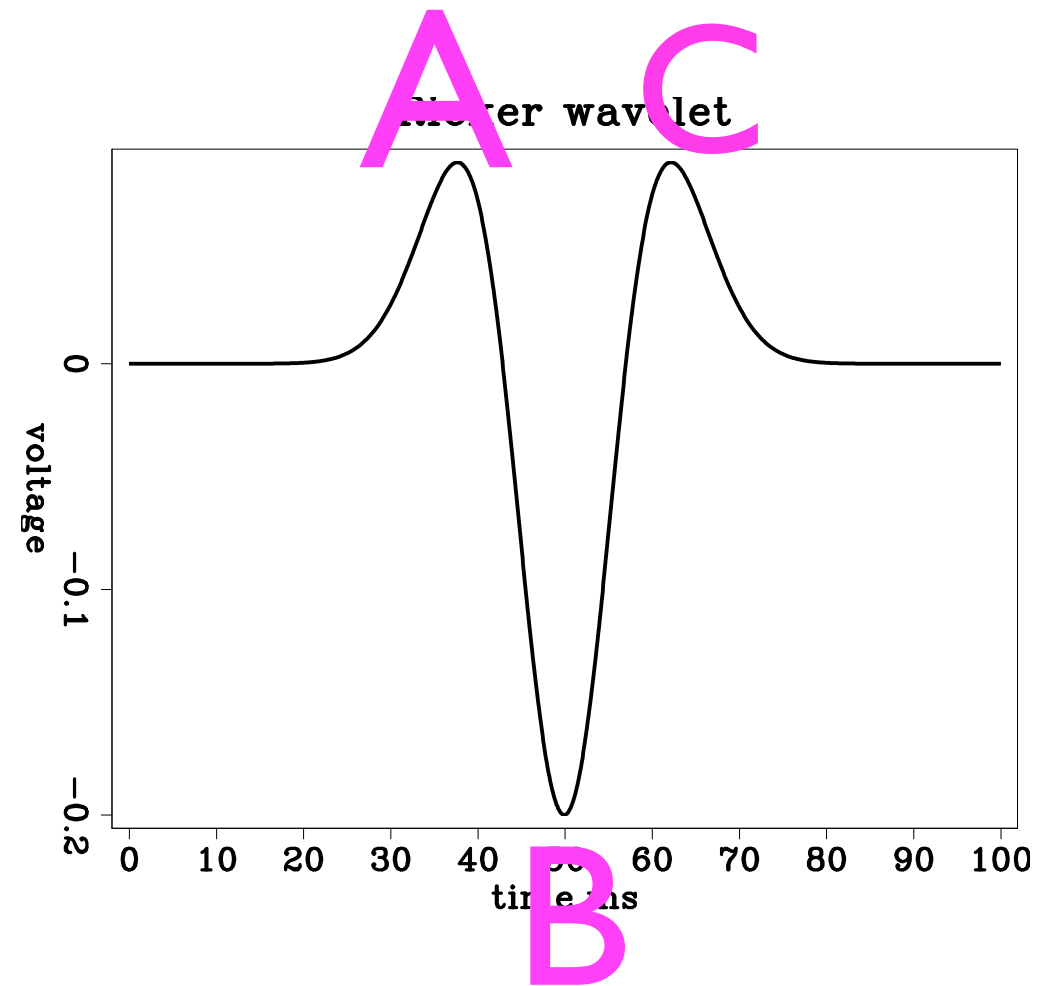
Nonlinearity?

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Nonlinearity?  
Null space!!

Nobody has proven it is a null space problem.

But I think it is,

so I must come up with a regularization.

# Basic Regularization

$$0 \approx w_{\tau} (u_{\tau} - \bar{u}_{\tau})$$

weights                      Prior model

But how to choose them?

# Fancier Regularization

$$0 \approx \sum_t \sum_k w_{k,\tau} (u_\tau - \bar{u}_\tau)$$

$$0 \approx \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{u}})$$

but what to choose for  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$  ?

*unknown matrix*



# Intuitive Regularization

$$0 \approx w_\tau (u_\tau - u_{-\tau})$$

Choose big  $w_\tau$  where  $|\tau \approx 0|$ .

Reduces the phase near  $t=0$ ,  
more like Ricker there.

# Regularization

FFT notation in matrix,  
Fortran notation in vectors.

$$\mathbf{0} \approx \begin{bmatrix} r_m(1) \\ r_m(2) \\ r_m(3) \\ r_m(4) \\ r_m(5) \\ r_m(6) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{W} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & +1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(1) \\ u(2) \\ u(3) \\ u(4) \\ u(5) \\ u(6) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{WJ}\mathbf{u}$$

# Report deadline

Only Antoine has seen the results

(if he hasn't been too busy at work).

Any student had too much synthetic data?

# Theory innovations

- Two-sided filters escape minimum phase.
- Use sparsity goal instead of whiteness.
- Apply gain and mute AFTER filtering.

# Conclusions from testing

- Value of gain theory confirmed by two examples.
- Sparsity is not powerful enough to ensure a “best” phase. Regularization is needed.
- A long-needed regularization is identified.



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