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Linear Equivalent Sources and Stochastic Model Effects on Far-Field Moment Tensors

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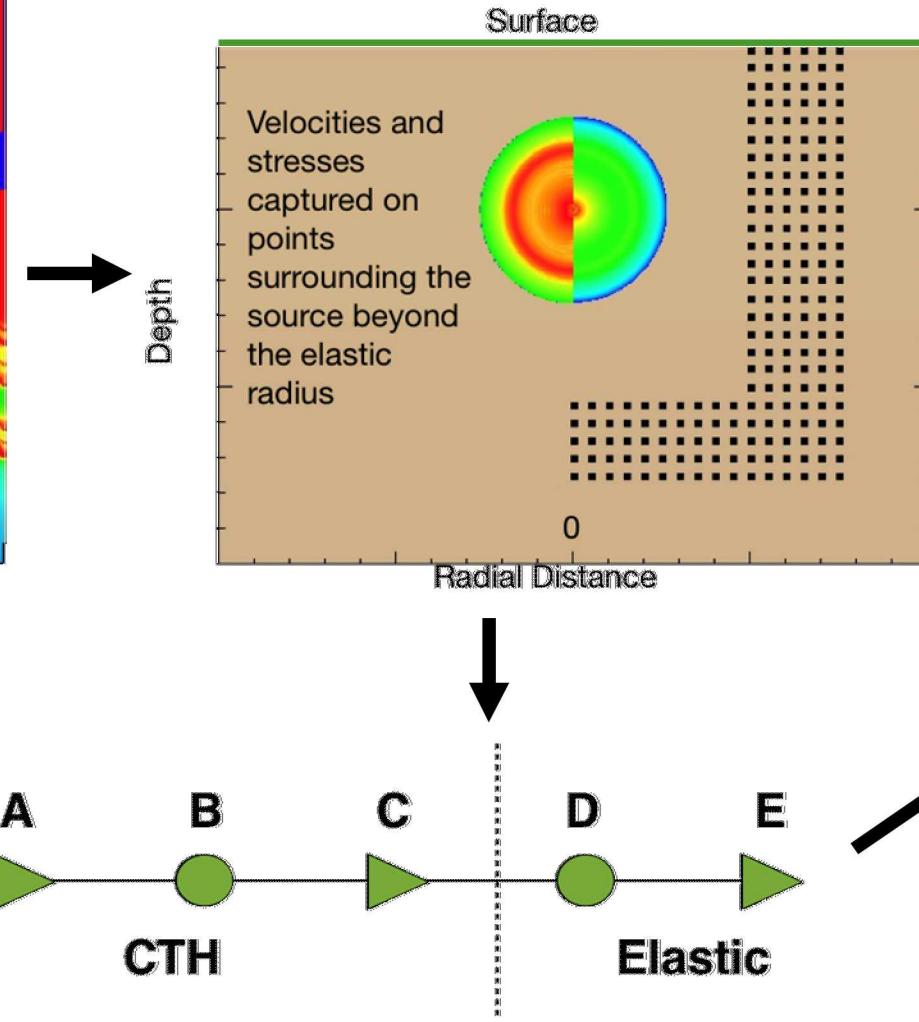
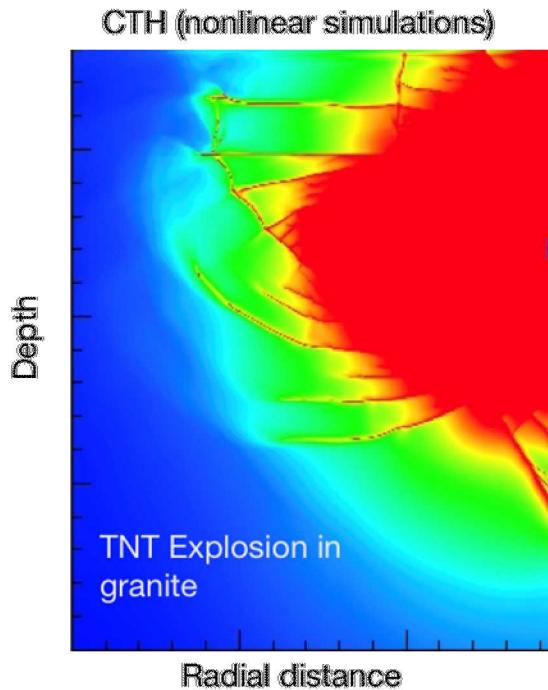
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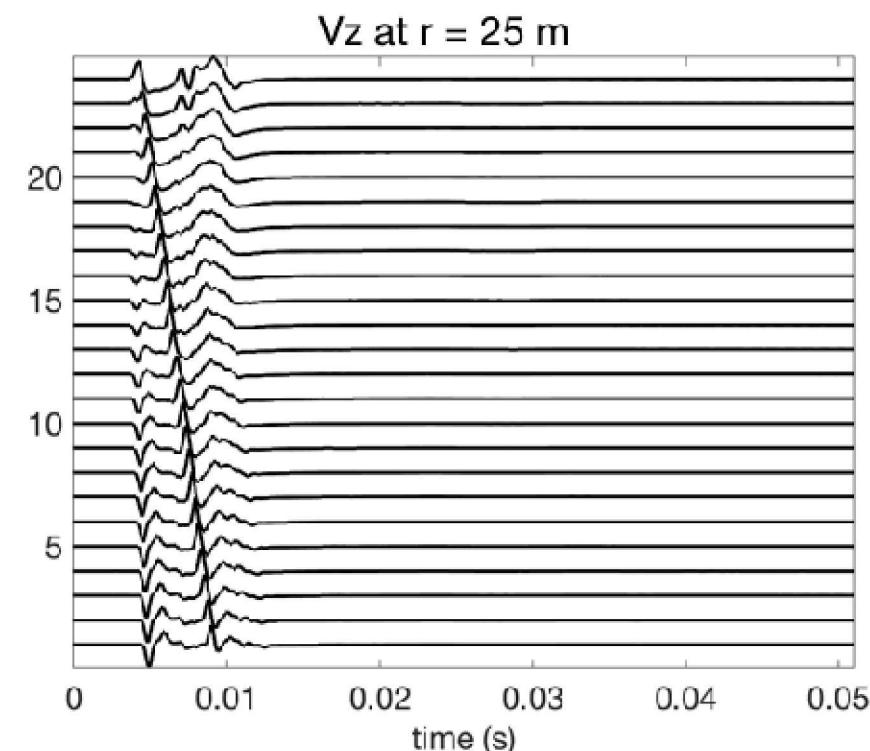
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- **Collaborators:** Working with LLNL and LANL to obtain improved and calibrated nonlinear material models
- **Overview and Goals**
 - Develop and improve end-to-end modeling capabilities through numerical simulation and comparison with lab and field experiments
 - Focusing on how nonlinear, near-source properties affect far-field seismic waveforms and our ability to extract source information from those waveform relevant to the non-proliferation monitoring community
- **FY19 Deliverable:** Peer review journal article submitted end of FY
- **Primary LYNM Science Questions:** 21, 27, and 28
 - Addressing uncertainty in seismic modeling due to stochastic variability in the earth and the physics and code coupling requirements for end-to-end modeling

Nonlinear to Linear Modeling



Far-Field waveforms from nonlinear model, i.e., “observed” data

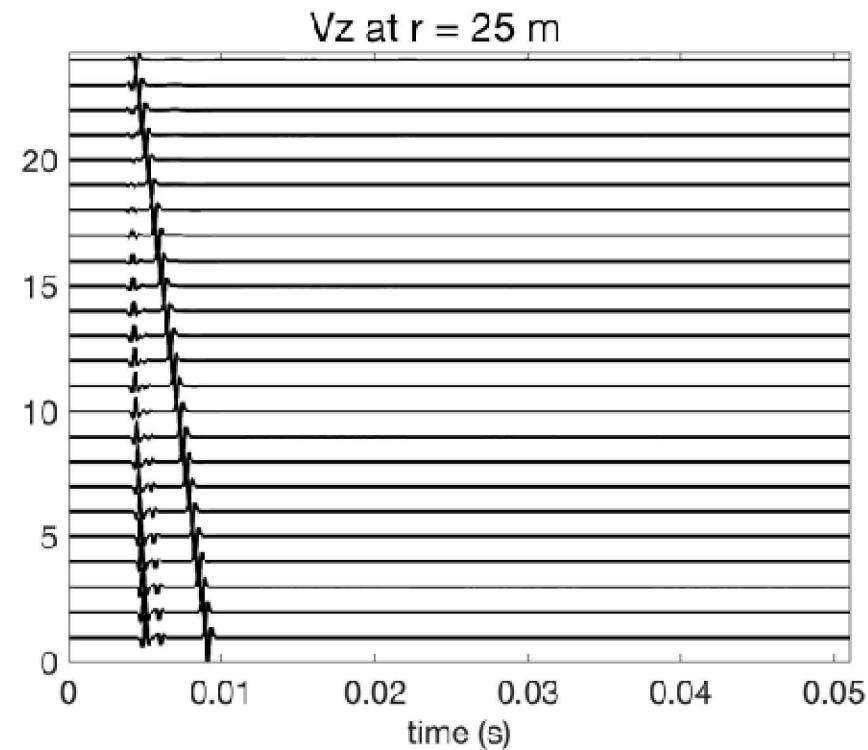


- Produce purely linear explosion (isotropic) Green's Functions using appropriate source depth
- Invert for Source Time Function (M) using nonlinear response as “observations” (u) and linear Green's function (G)

$$u_k(x', t') = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{V_0} G_{ki}(x', t'; x, t) M_i(x, t) dx^3 dt$$

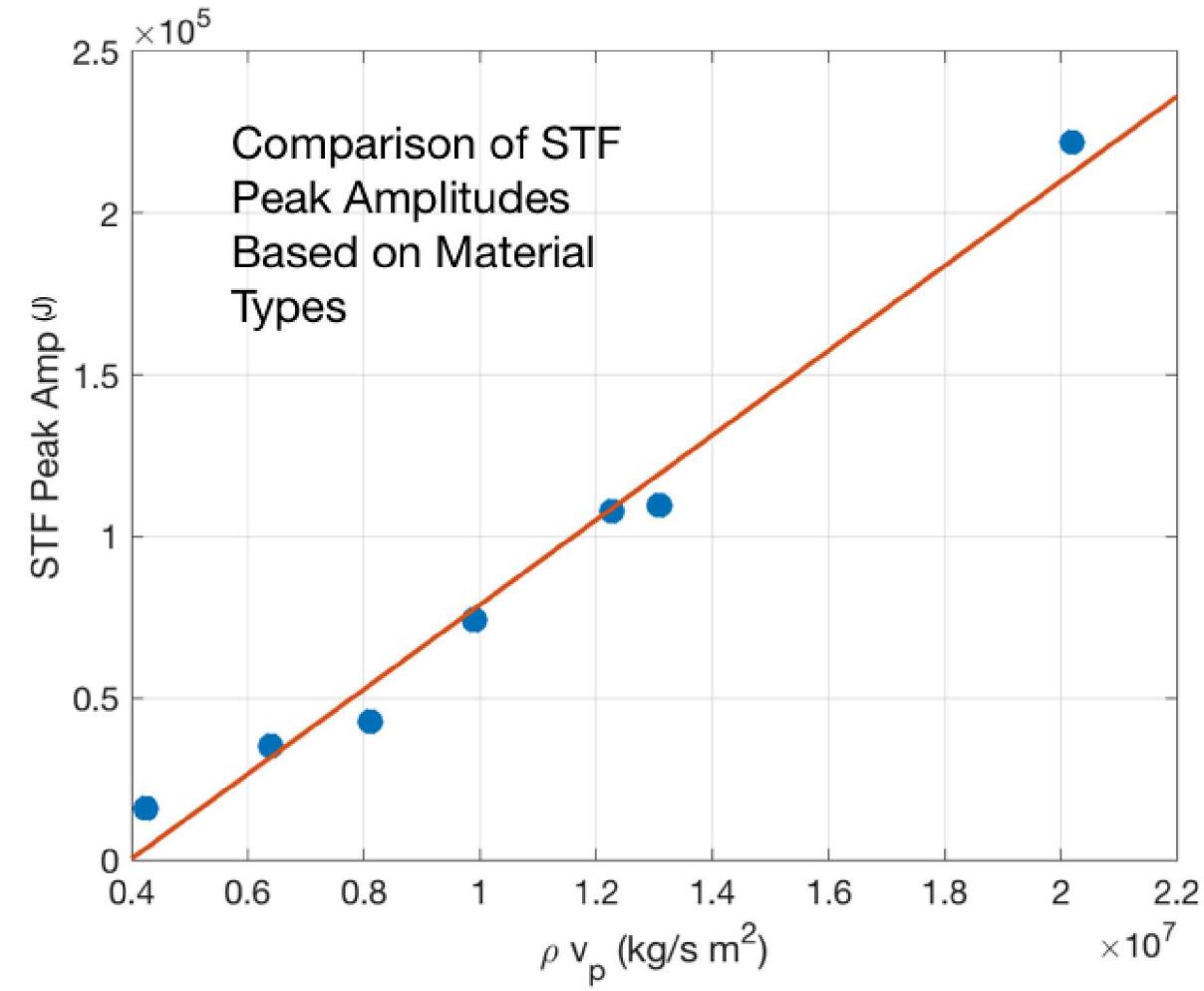
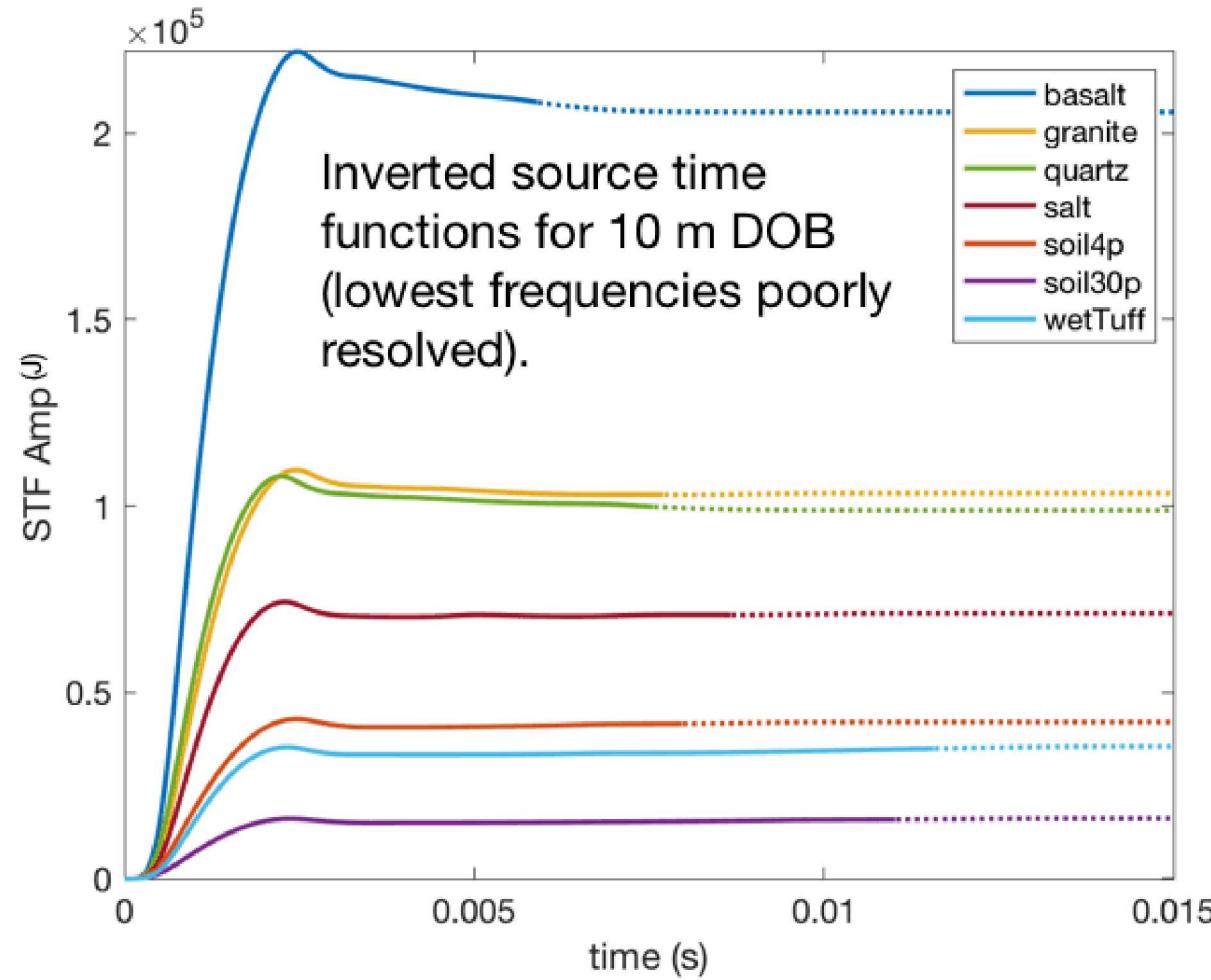
$$M(f) = \mathbf{G}(f)^+ \mathbf{u}(f)$$

Purely linear Green's Functions, convolved with 2000 Hz gaussian for visualization



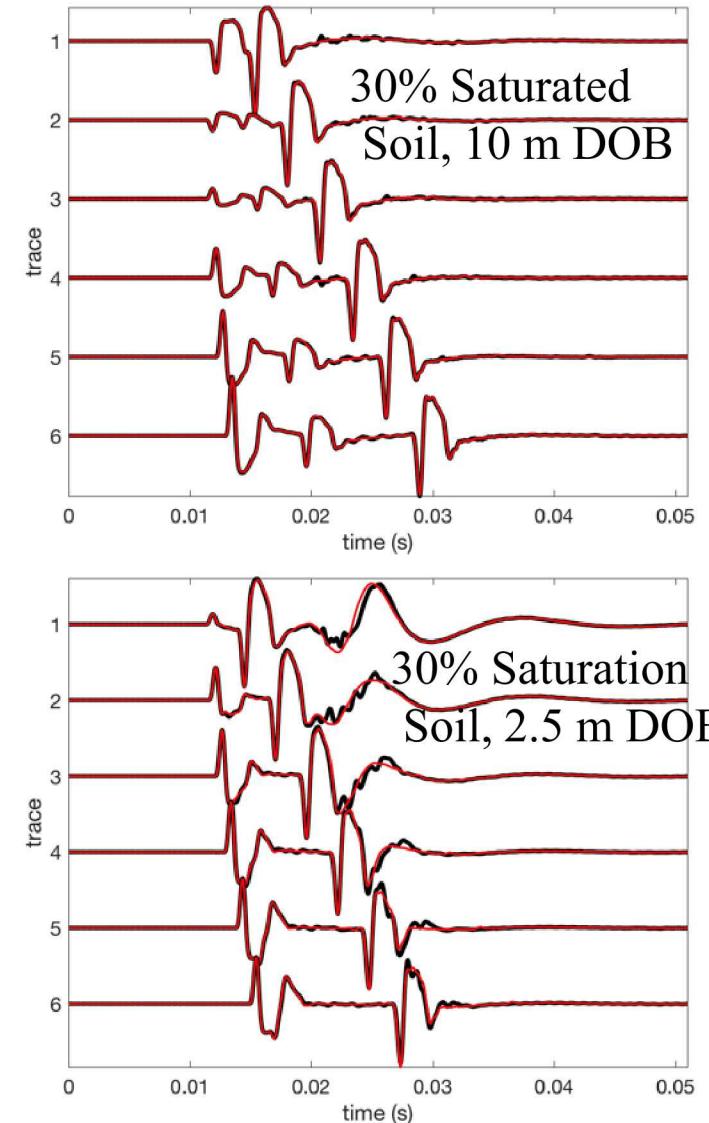
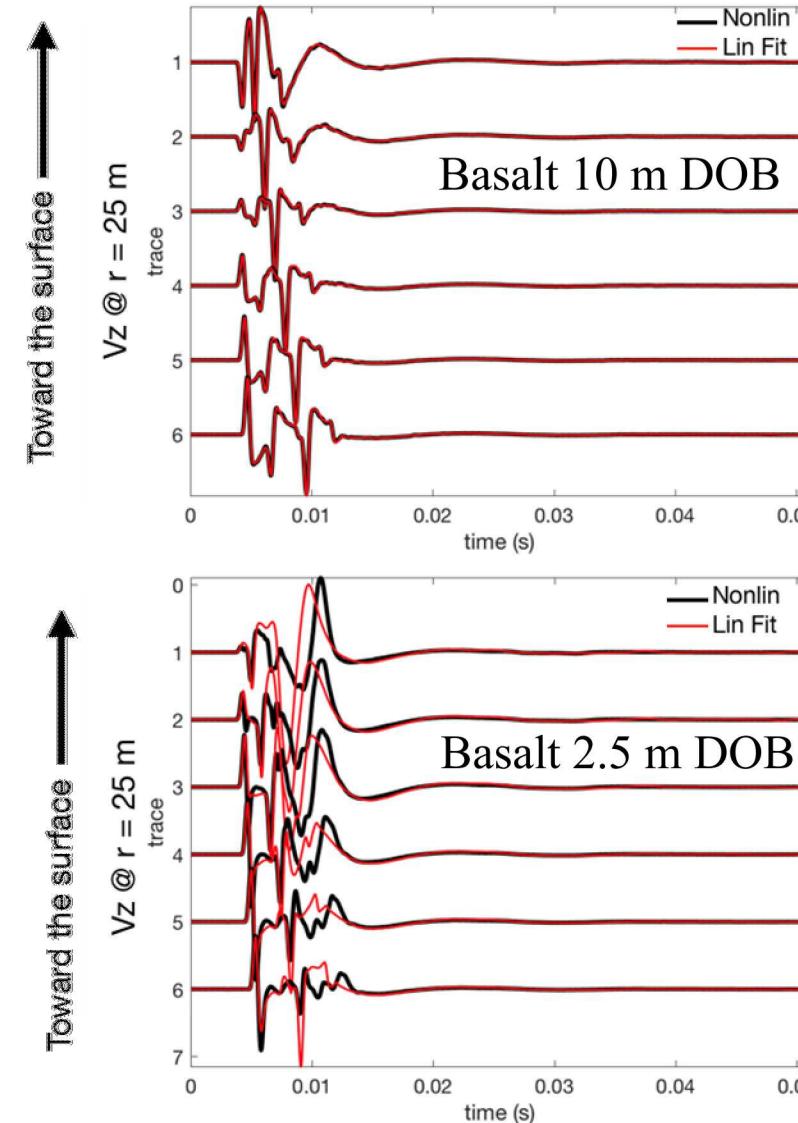
- 2.5 kg TNT buried 10 m depth used to invert for linear source time functions
- 7 homogeneous geomaterials tested with a range of strengths (basalt, granite, quartz, salt, 5% saturated soil, 30% saturated soil, and wet tuff)
- Nonlinear modeling currently uses uncalibrated material models, but in the process of obtaining calibrated models
- Nonlinear properties include physics capabilities of CTH including EOS, porosity crush, and strength models
- 2D cylindrical simulations; isotropic-only inversions
- Receivers surround source to cover wide variety of take-off angles
- Utilized radial and vertical components of each receiver
- Used the same source time functions from the 10 m depth case for 5 and 2.5 m depth of burial cases

Preliminary Results





How Well Does Purely Linear Source Model Fit Nonlinear Source Waveforms?



- **Linear source models for all materials match nonlinear waveforms for 10 m DOB**
- **Linear explosion source model does not fit strong materials as well at 5 m DOB, but weak materials still are well fit**
- **At 2.5 m DOB even weak materials are not fit as well by linear explosion source model**
- **Nonlinear surface effects (spall) is not replicated by linear codes**

$$M(f) = G(f)^+ u(f)$$

We need to know this!

- Seismic tomography/refraction
- Surface wave tomography
- etc.

Geophysical inversions are smooth models: We generally know this

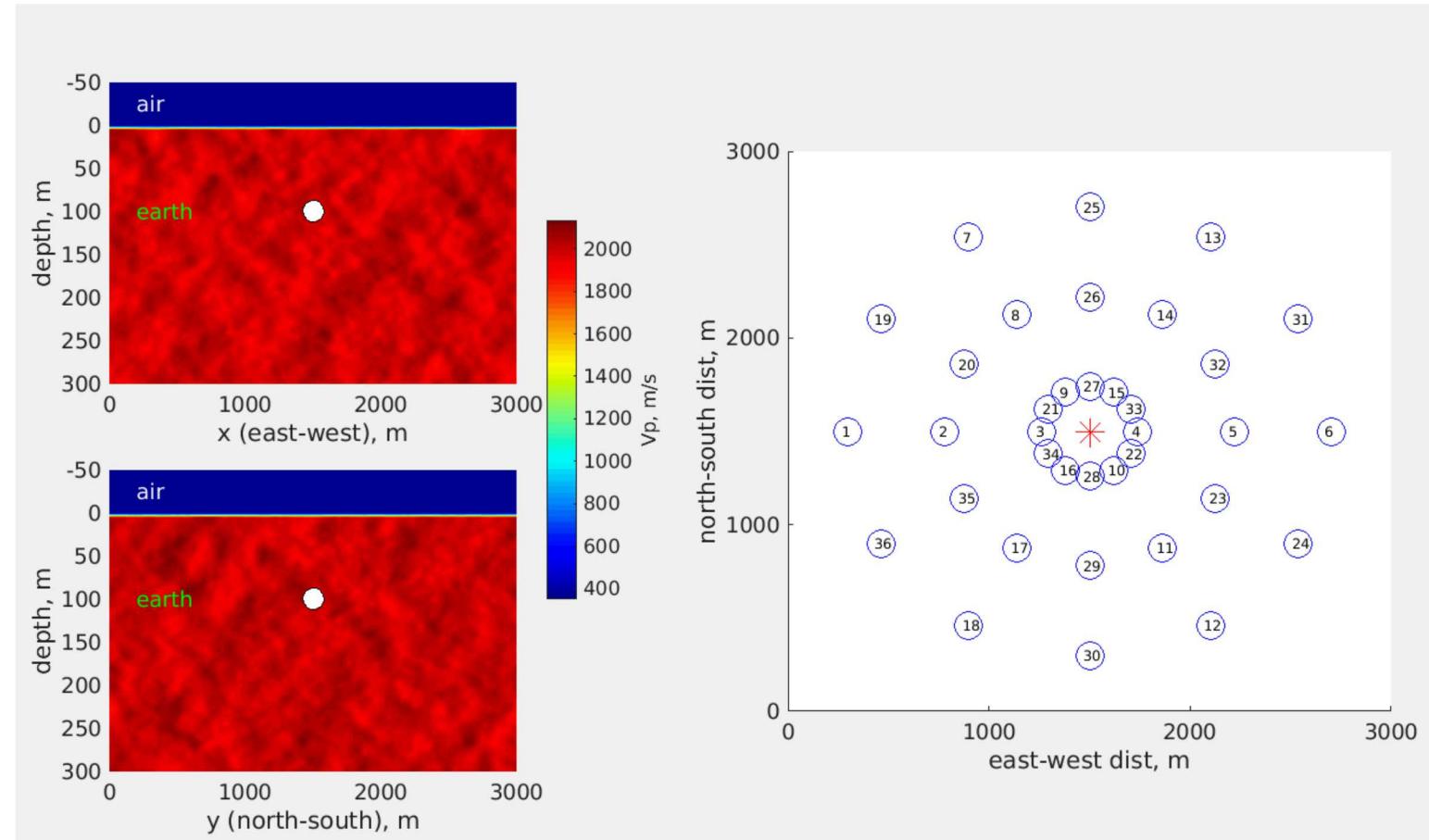
- Well log
- Geologic mapping

Observations = NOT smooth!
We generally can only know the statistics of this

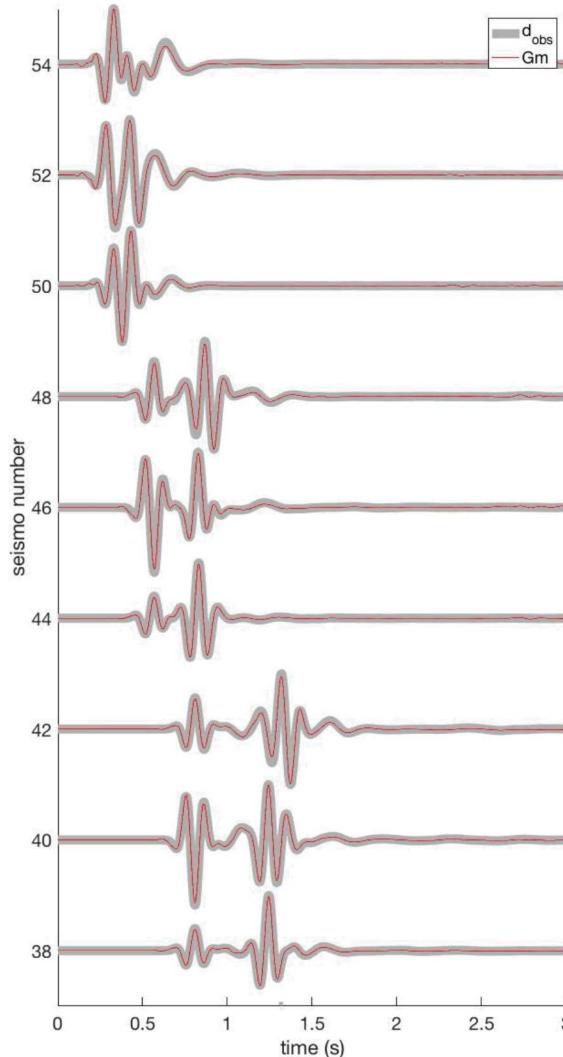
Explore this one



- **Question: if we only know the “smooth” structure, how can we resolve the seismic source?**
- **Generate a synthetic seismograms, using a heterogeneous model (von Karman)**
- **Correlation length = 300m**
- **Hurst exponent = 0.3**
- **Different seeds**

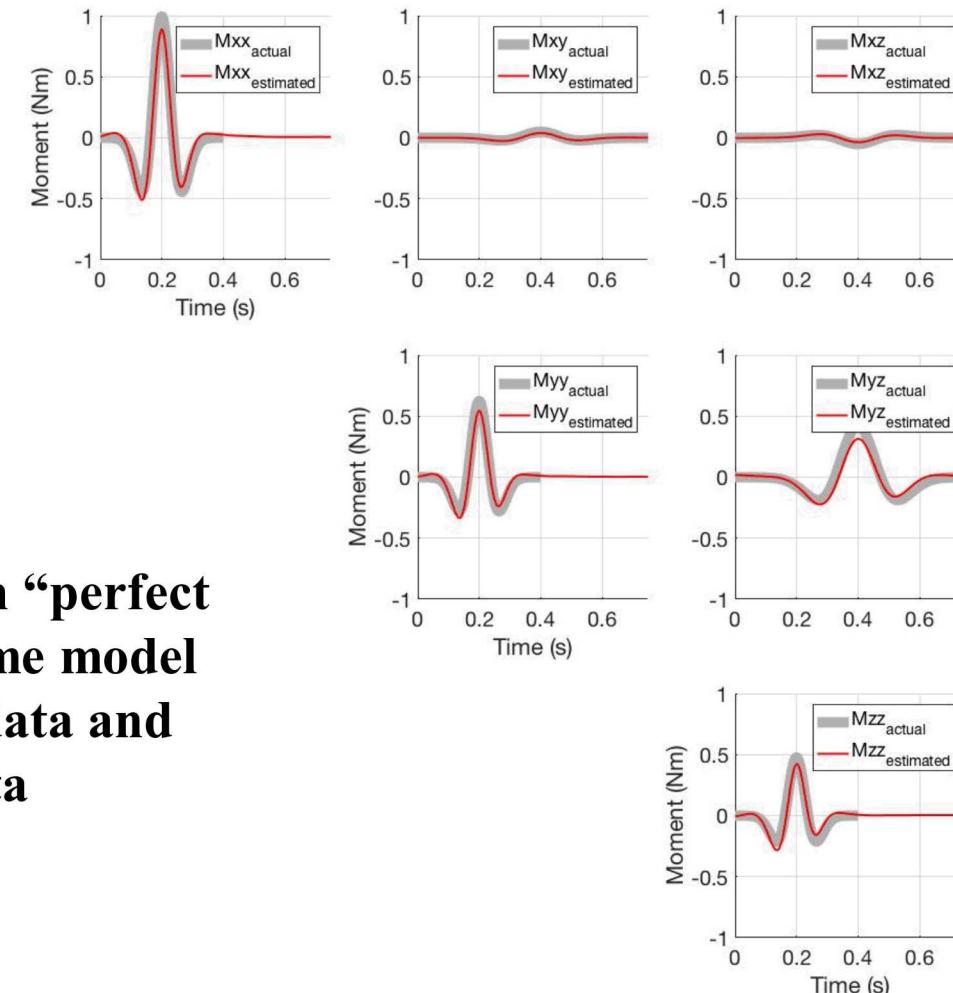


Numerical Experiment

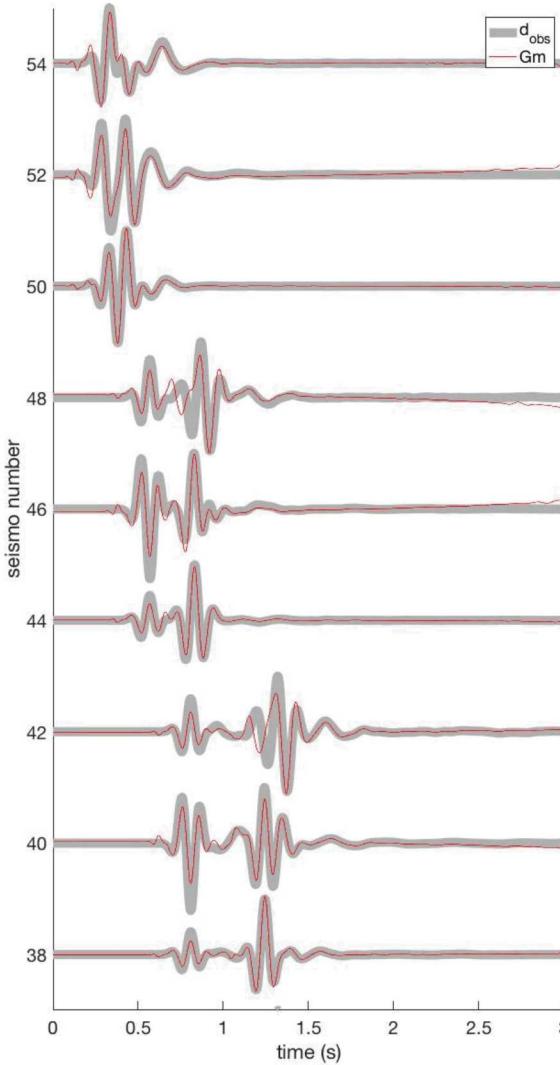


Example with “perfect data”: i.e. same model to make the data and invert the data

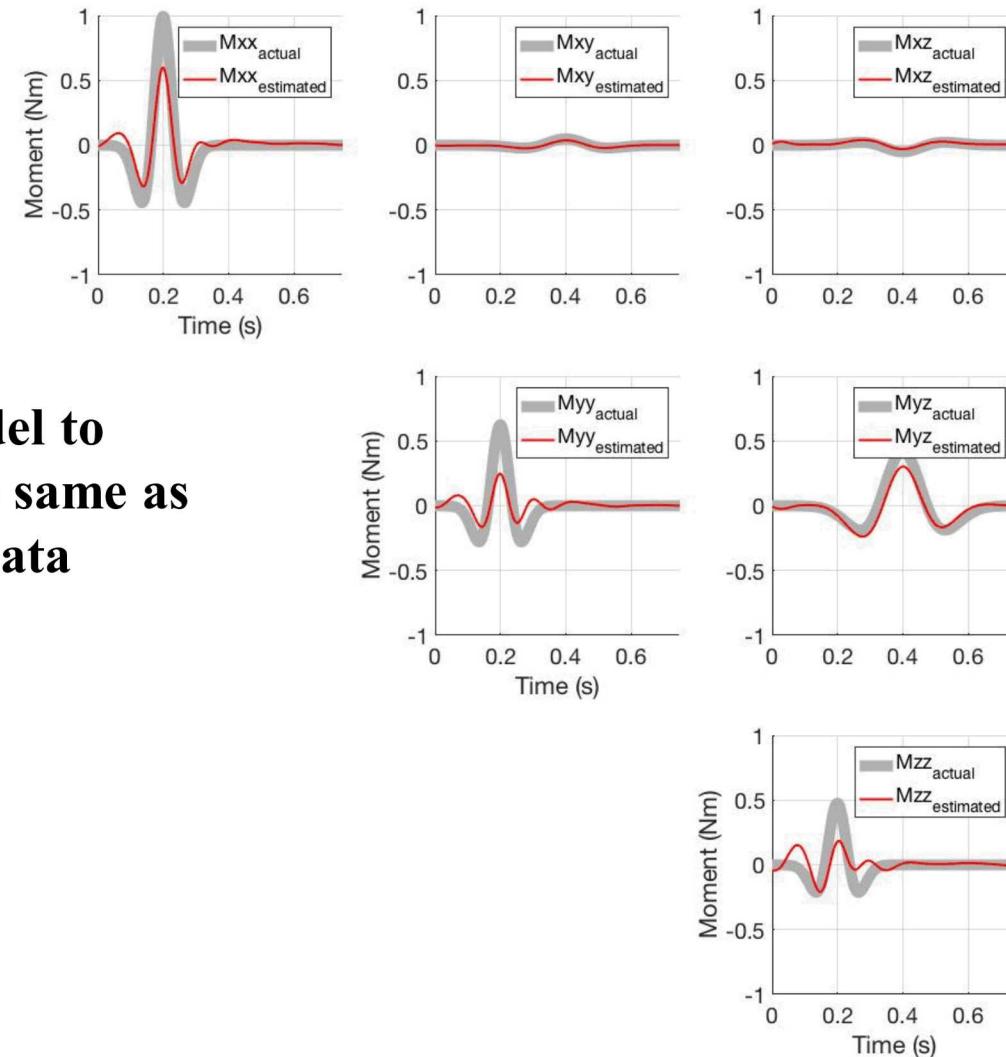
(only showing the 3C seismograms from three stations)

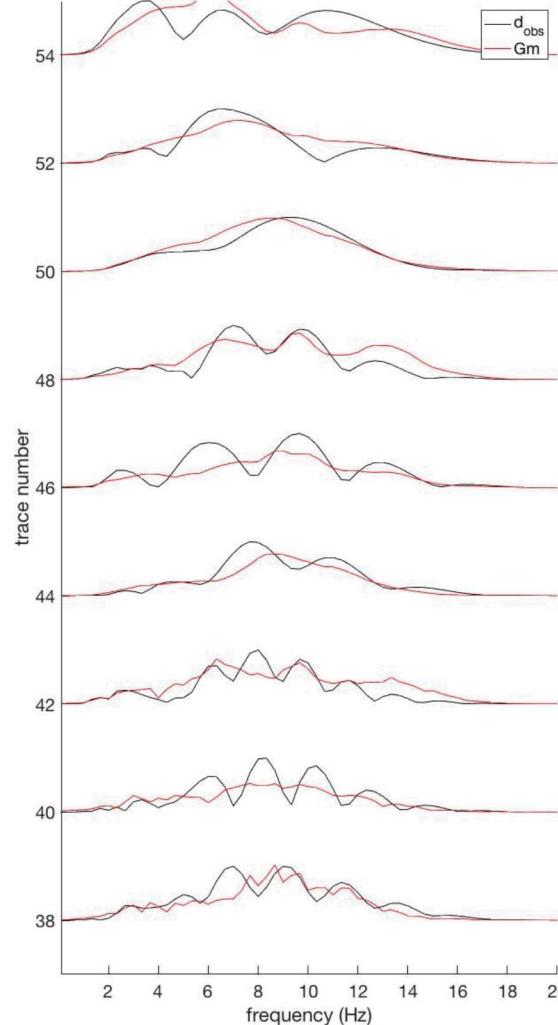


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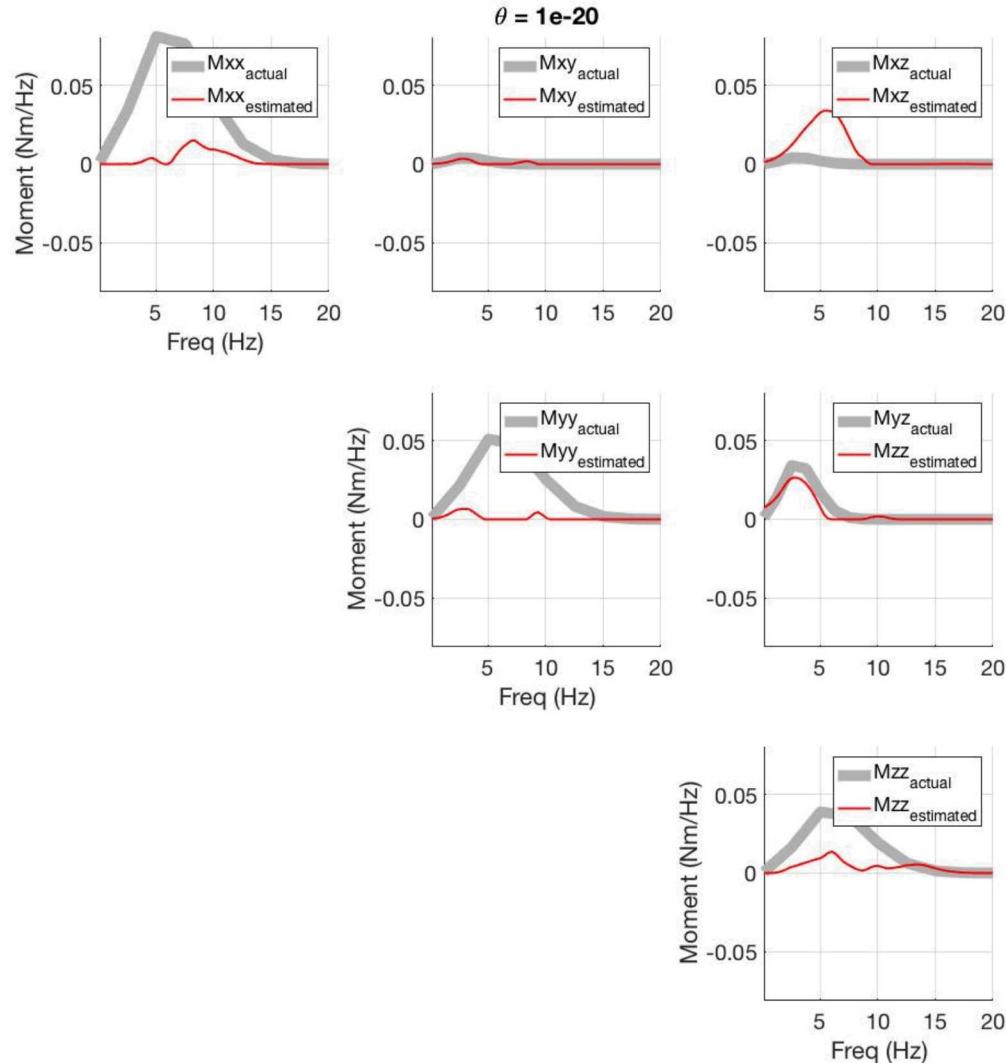
Example where the model to make the data is not the same as that used to invert the data

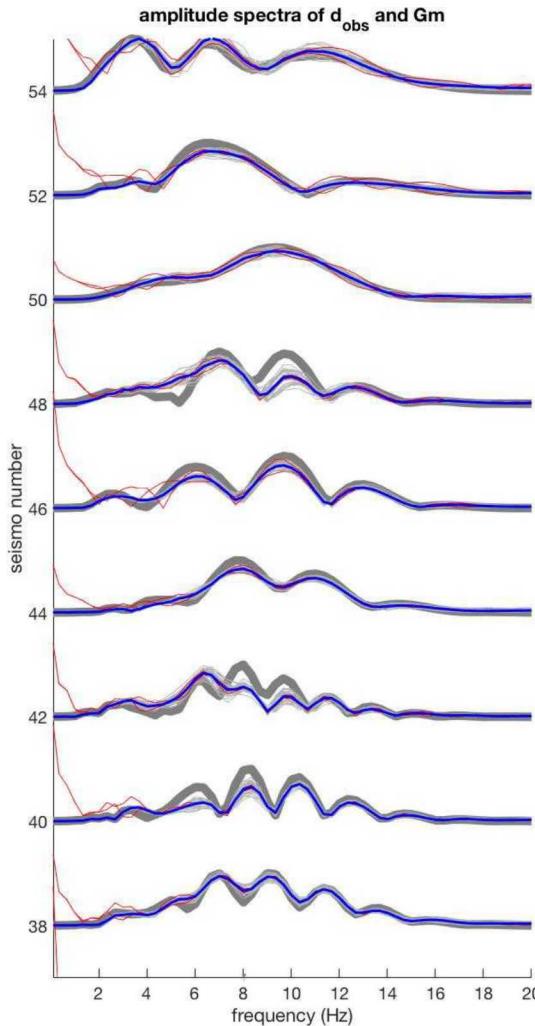




“Perfect” data

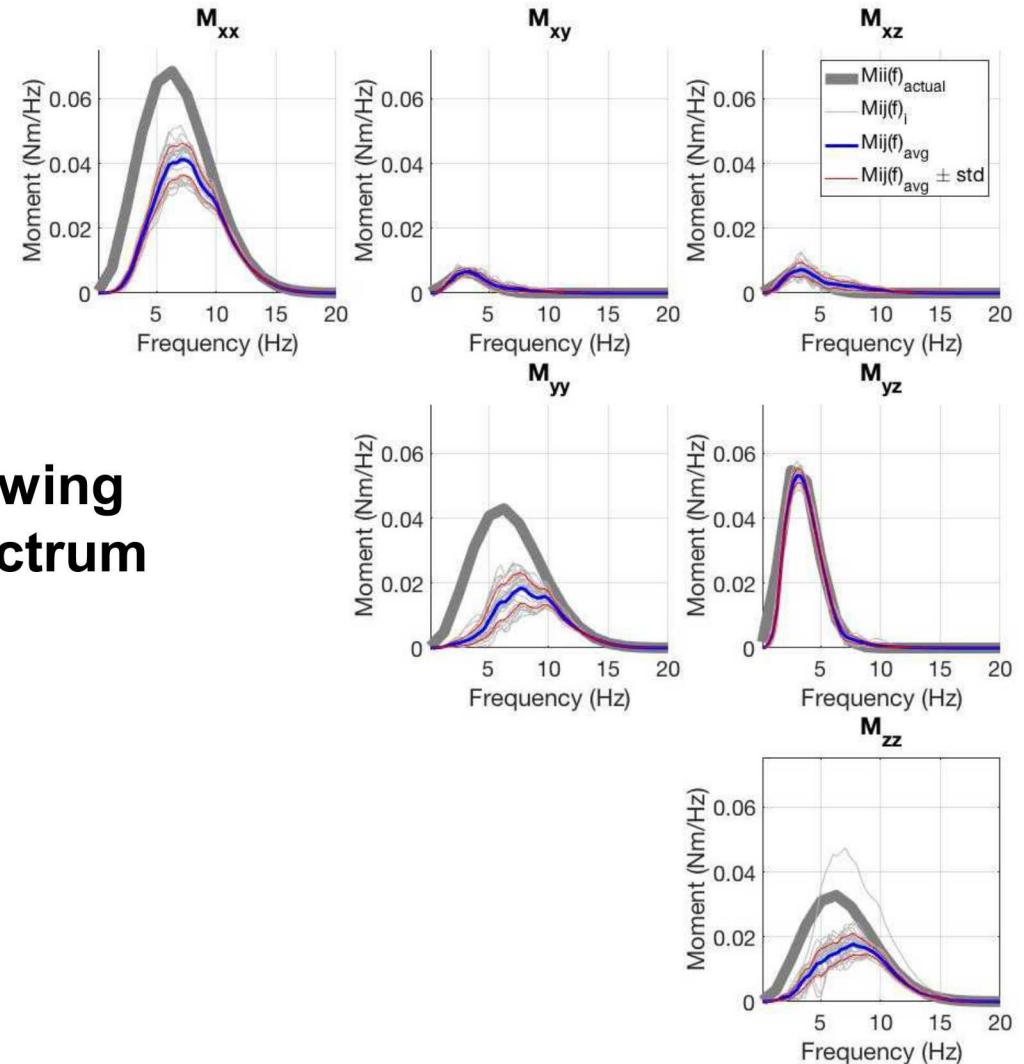
- Non-negative least squares
- Amplitude-only inversions don't appear to be a fruitful approach
- Null space/Non-uniqueness?



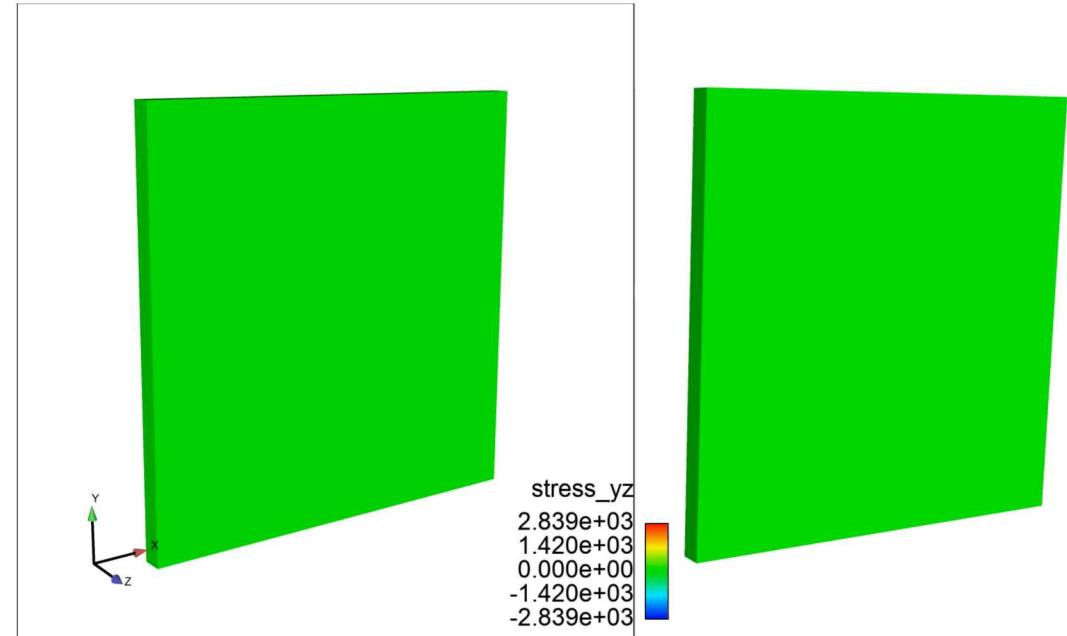


**Full spectrum
inversion, showing
amplitude spectrum**

30 Monte
Carlo
simulations



- **Different length scales in this problem have different characteristics**
 - **Near source: intense pressures and energies, massive deformation, material phase change**
 - **Mid-range: high pressures and energies, significant deformation, no phase change but interaction with material discontinuities (e.g. rock joints)**
 - **Far-field: elastic response**
- **Zapotec enables the analyst to use the best computational approach for different parts of multi-domain problems**



Sierra/SM Simulation of blast on plate; solid block on left, block with XFEM cohesive model on right

- Purely linear source models can match far-field waveforms from nonlinear sources and resemble Mueller-Murphy source function
- Amplitudes of the STF depend quasi-linearly on impedance of material
- Isotropic linear source models break down for strong materials near the free surface
- Material heterogeneity can introduce biases and errors into moment tensor inversions
- Inversions of only amplitude spectra have inferior performance relative to complete amplitude and phase inversions
- Monte Carlo simulations and inversions indicate biases especially in isotropic components, but off-diagonal components are less sensitive to random perturbations
- We will be pursuing better material models and modeling tools for near and mid-range distances and explore more complex earth models