Inversion Methods for Determining Tsunami Source Amplitudes from DART Buoy Data

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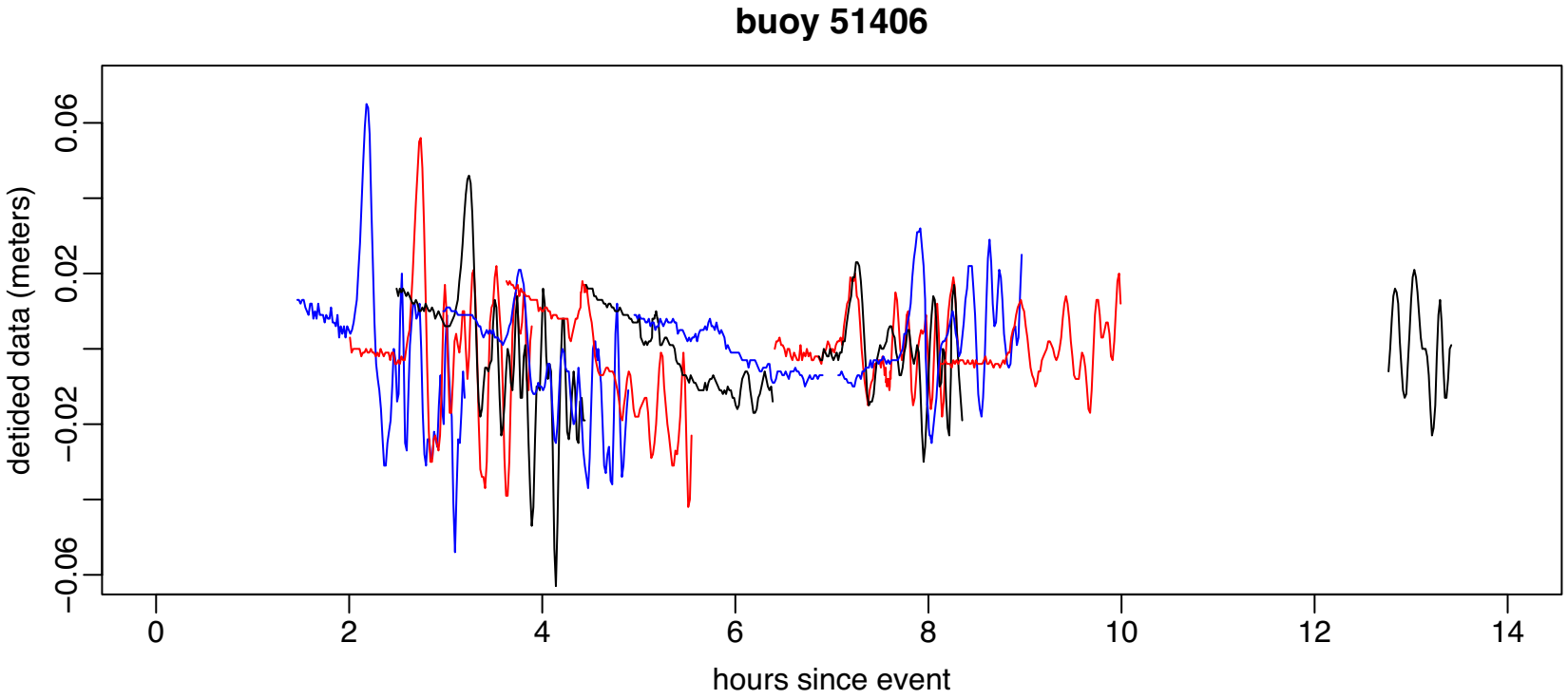
Overview: I

- scientific problem: given data from DART buoys and models for unit magnitude earthquakes from various tsunami source locations, determine actual magnitudes (slips) and location(s) of actual earthquake
- will describe elements of basic inversion algorithm
- start with detided DART buoy data, noting need for detrending
- look at model for single buoy, noting need for interpolation
- introduce least squares criterion by looking at estimation of slip for single source model based upon data from one buoy
- consider assessing statistical variability in estimated slip
- look at effect of using varying amounts of buoy data
- considering adding data from a second DART buoy

Overview: II

- look at using more than one source
- discussion of various 'bells and whistles' currently implemented
  - imposing constraints on slips
  - allowing shifting and stretching of source models
- discussion of work in progress
  - use of statistical tests to select sources
- demo of R implementation of algorithm (if time permits)
- will motivate basic ideas behind algorithm using the Kuril Island event of Nov 2006

Detided DART Buoy Data for Kuril Island Event



Detrending

- inversion procedure assumes data have been successfully detided, which is not the case here
- data subjected to simple detrending procedure
  - identify region before start of first wave
  - fit line to this data using least squares procedure
  - extend fitted line through all the data
  - subtract extended line from data, yielding detrended data
- detrended data used as input to inversion procedure

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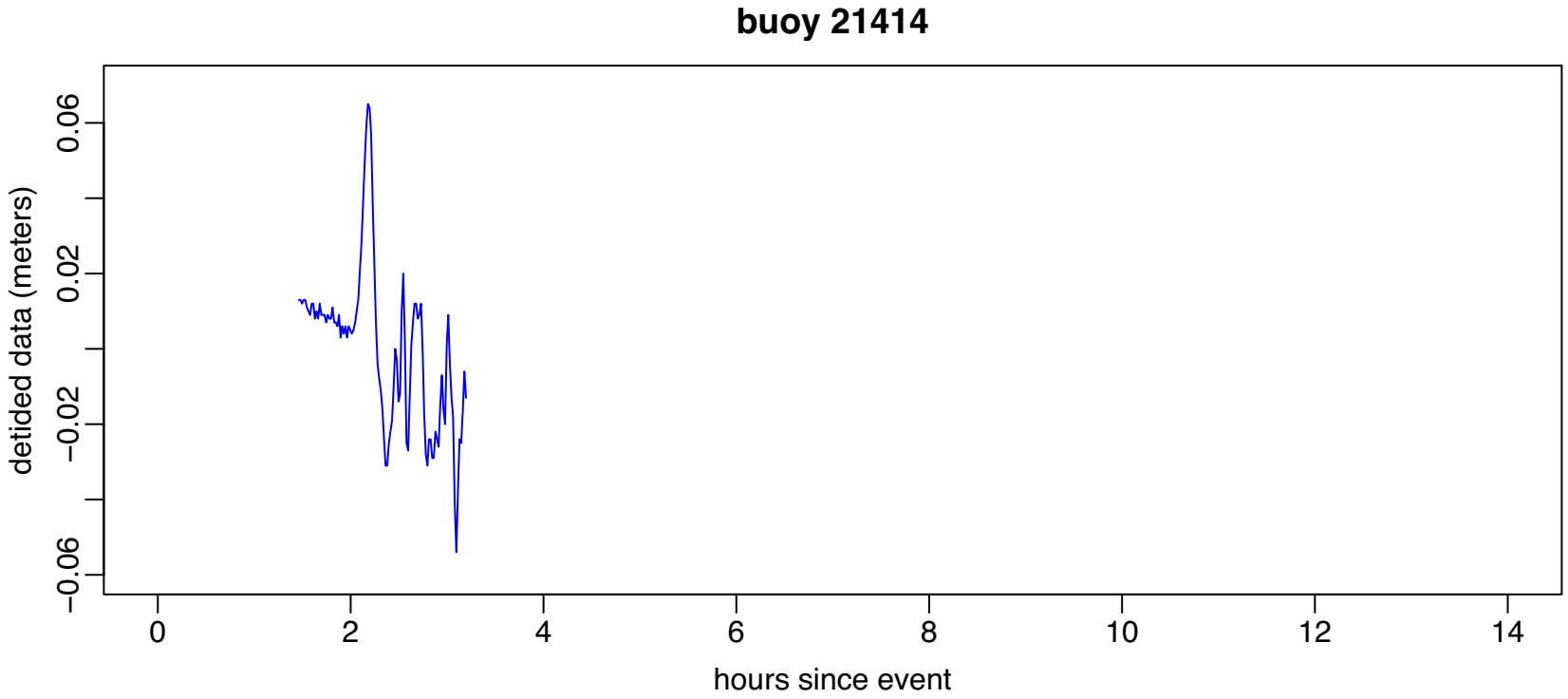
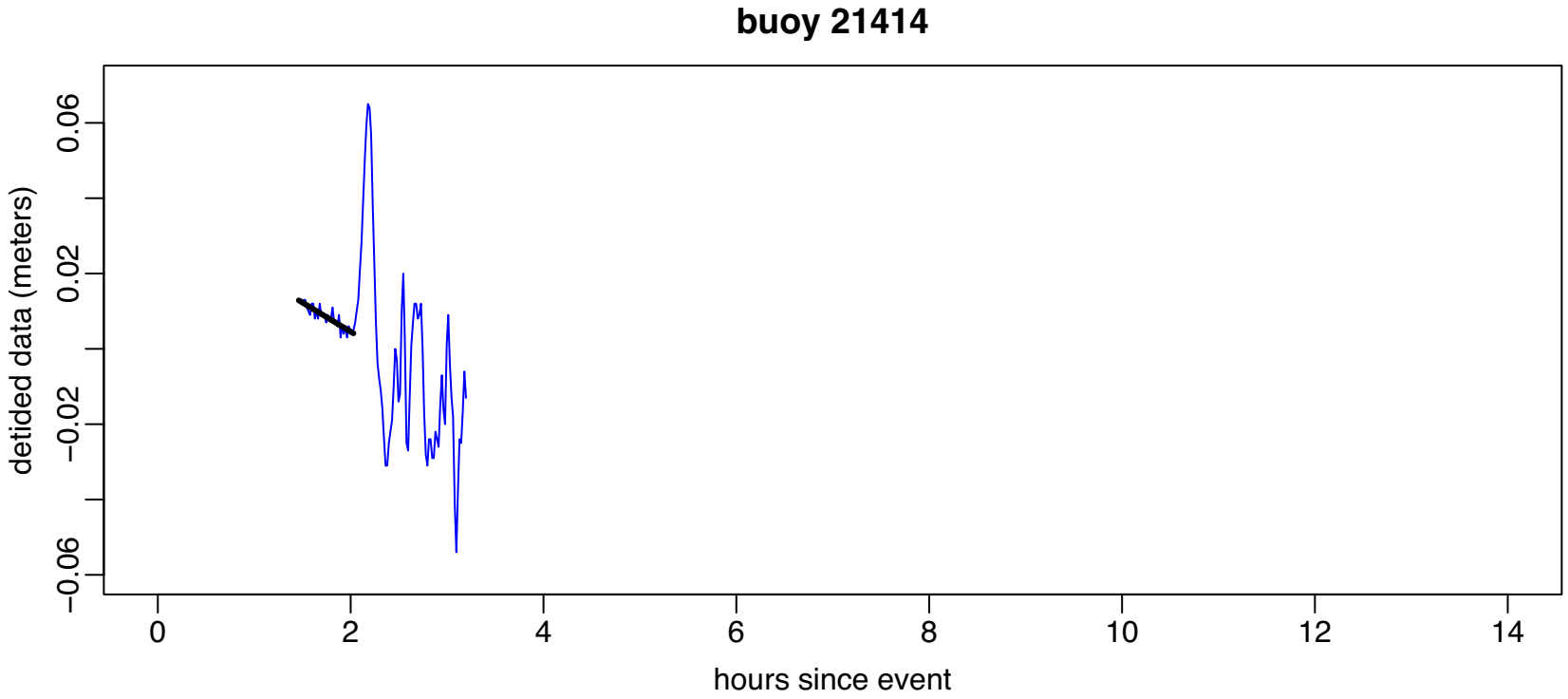
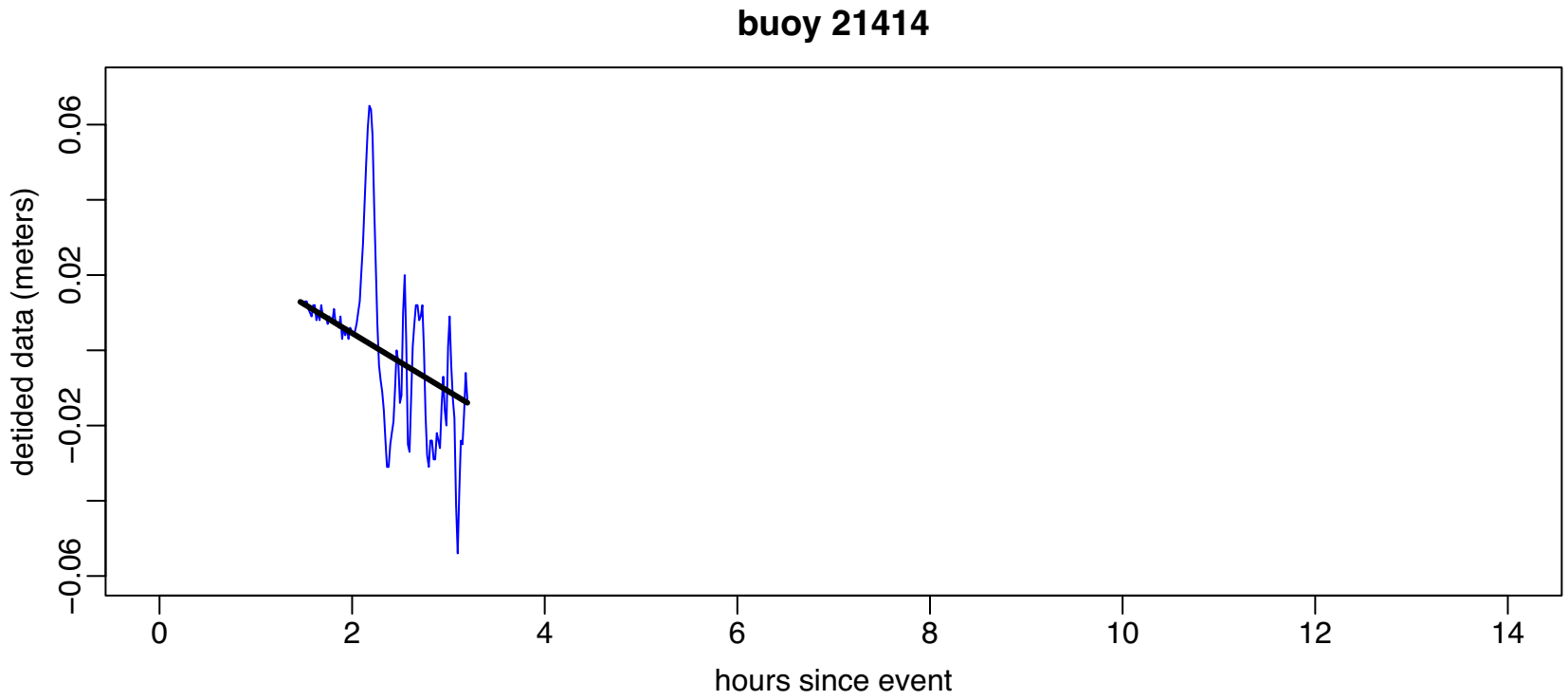


Line Fitted to Bouy Data Before First Wave



Extending Fitted Line Through All Data



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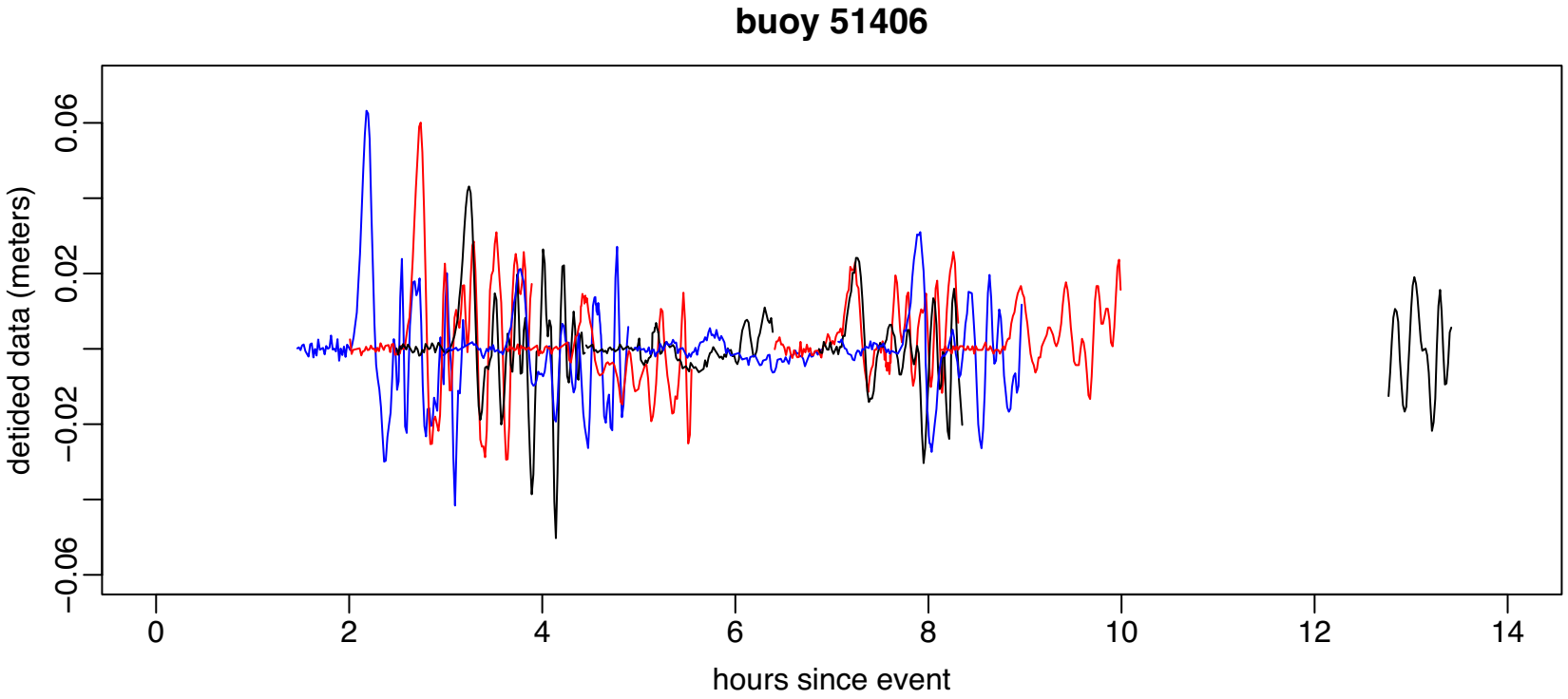
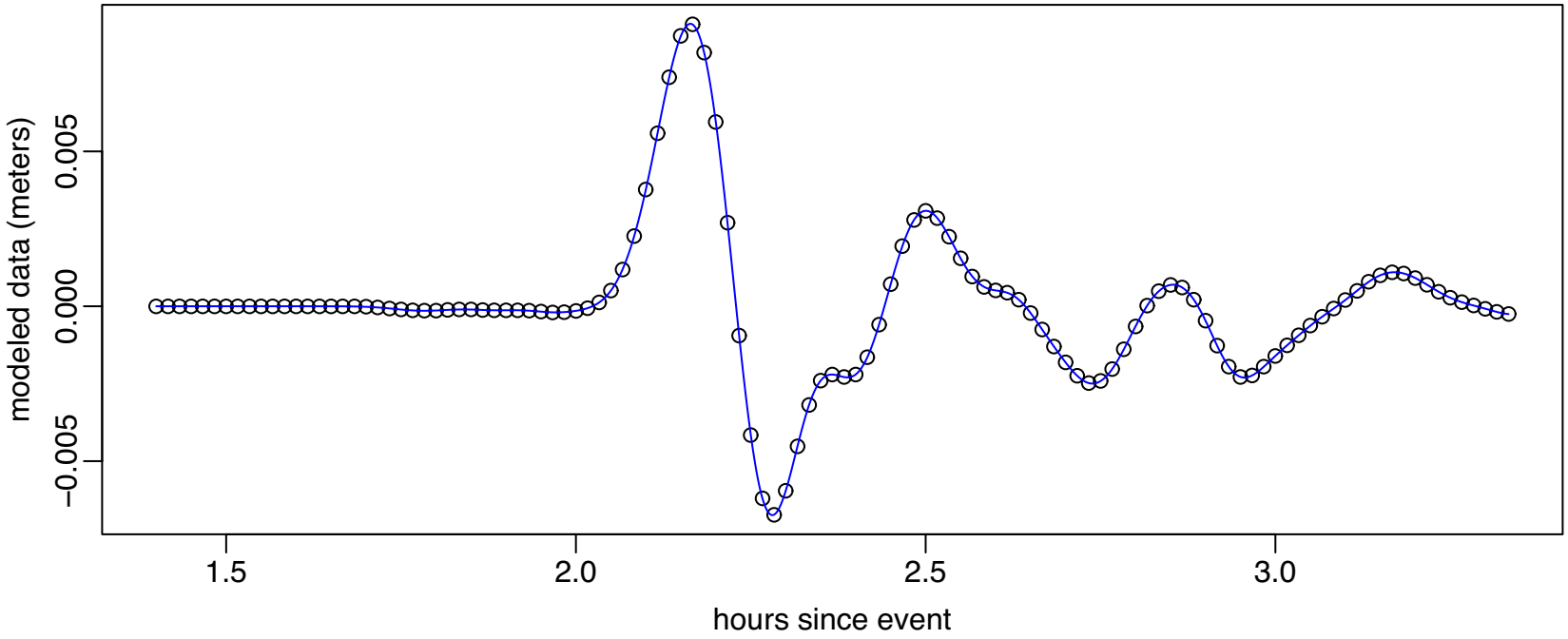


Models for DART Buoys

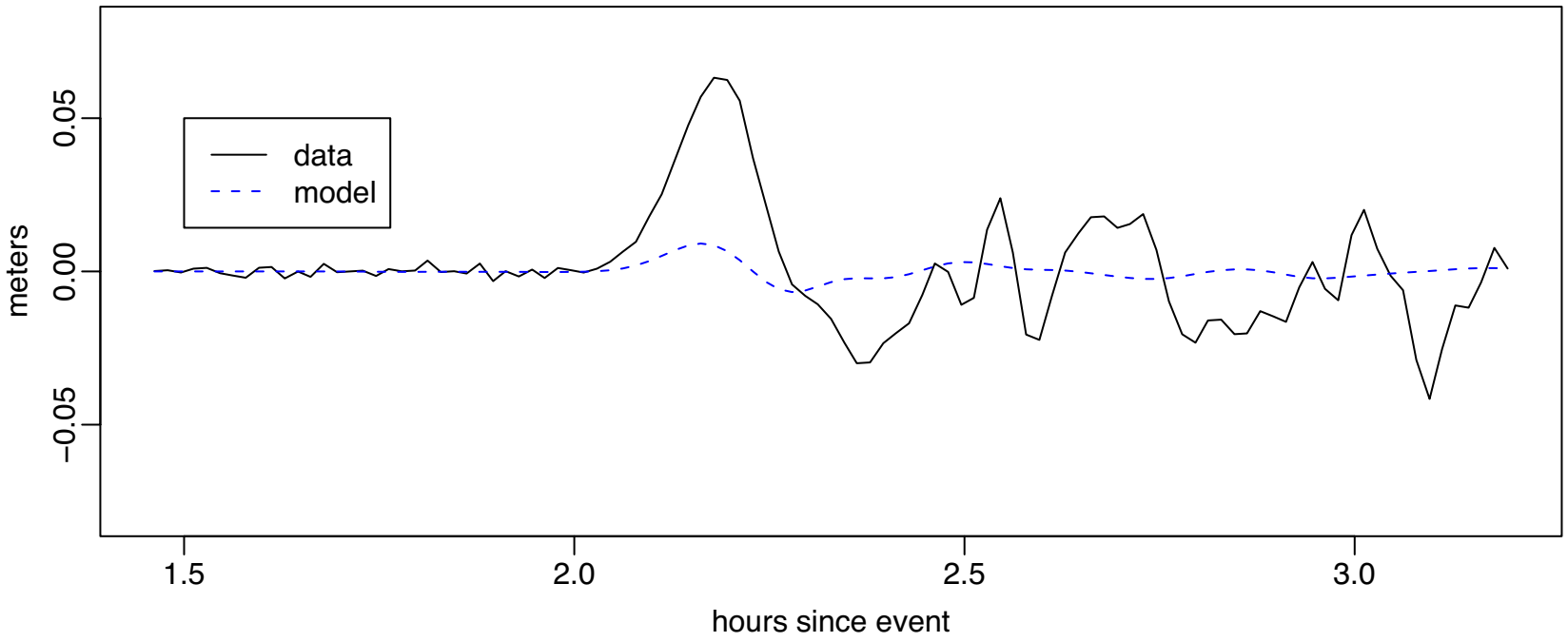
- consider source locations for Kuril Island event
- for a given source location (e.g., a12), can generate a model of what we would expect to see at each bouy if the earthquake came from just that source
- each model is generated over a grid of discrete times, which might or might not correspond to the times at which DART buoy data are collected
- use cubic spline to interpolate model, so can regard model $g(t)$ and its first derivative $g'(t)$ as being defined for all times t
- as an example, consider model from a12 source for buoy 21414

a12 Source Model for Buoy 21414



Fitting Models to DART Buoy Data: I

- model from a12 source for buoy 21414 generated under assumption of a unit magnitude for the earthquake



- poor match, so multiple model $g(t)$ by A to get a better fit, where A is interpreted as earthquake magnitude (the 'slip')

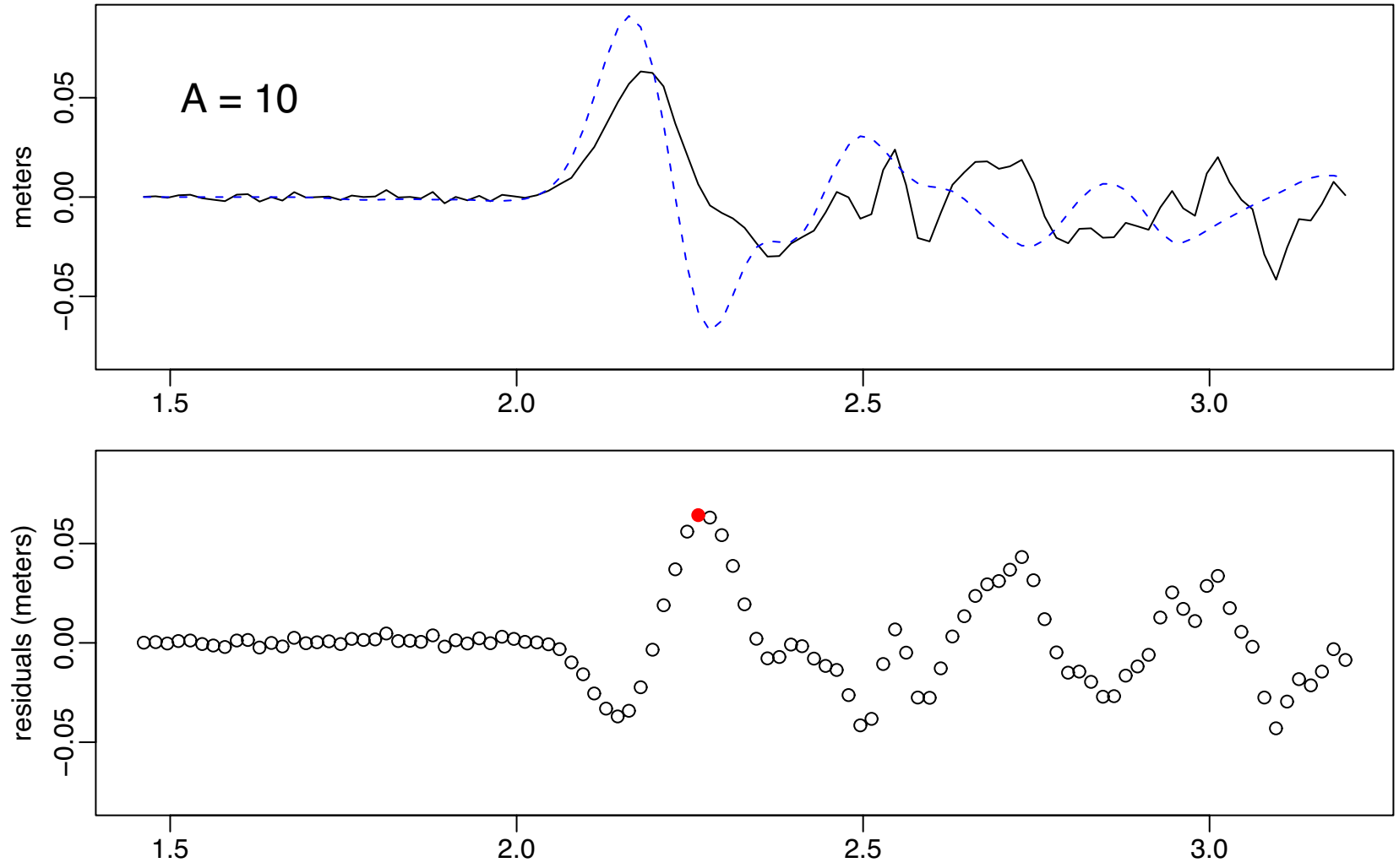
Fitting Models to DART Buoy Data: II

- let x_t represent the DART buoy data at time t
- we entertain the model

$$x_t = A \cdot g(t) + e_t,$$

  where e_t is a residual term (mismatch between data and model)
- if we let A range over a grid of values, then we can compute corresponding residuals $e_t = x_t - A \cdot g(t)$ for any given A
- as an example, let's compute residuals from fit of a12 source to buoy 21414 data for $A = 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, \ldots, 10.0$, marking residual with largest absolute value with a red dot (for discussion later on)

Matching a12 Model to 21414 Data by Varying Slip



Fitting Models to DART Buoy Data: III

- Q: what is the 'best' choice for A?
- set A such that residuals e_t are 'small' by some measure
- many measures are possible – here are three common ones:
  - make sum of squared residuals as small as possible:

$$\sum_t e_t^2 = \sum_t [x_t - A \cdot g(t)]^2 \equiv f_2(A)$$

  - make sum of magnitudes of residuals as small as possible:

$$\sum_t |e_t| = \sum_t |x_t - A \cdot g(t)| \equiv f_1(A)$$

  - make largest magnitude of residuals as small as possible:

$$\max_t |e_t| = \max_t |x_t - A \cdot g(t)| \equiv f_\infty(A)$$

Fitting Models to DART Buoy Data: IV

- here is a specialized one:
  - make sum of squared residuals at peak and trough as small as possible:

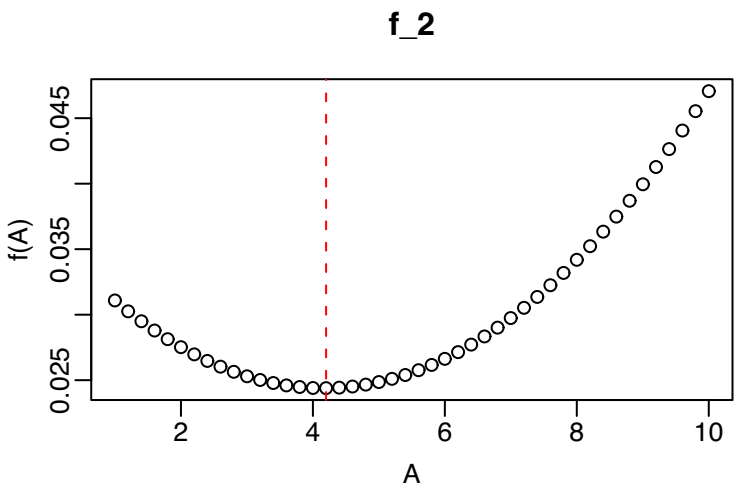
$$e_{t_0}^2 + e_{t_1}^2 = \left[x_{t_0} - A \cdot g(t_0)\right]^2 + \left[x_{t_1} - A \cdot g(t_1)\right]^2 \equiv f_{pt}(A),$$

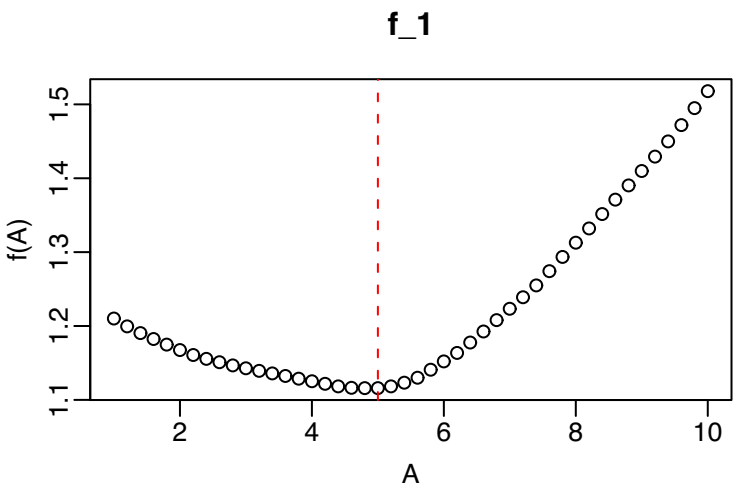
  where t_0 and t_1 are such that

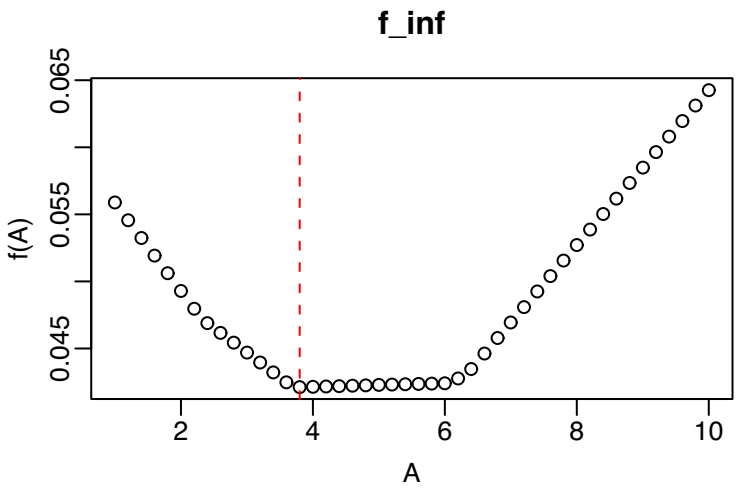
$$g(t_0) = \max_t \{g(t)\} \text{ and } g(t_1) = \min_t \{g(t)\}$$

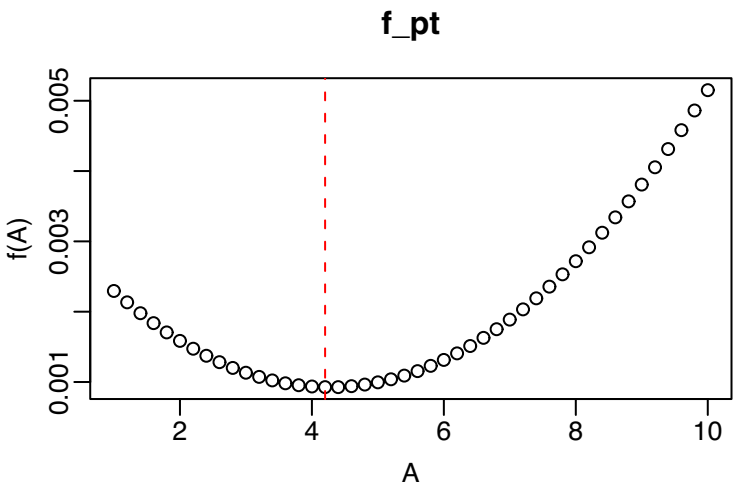
- let's look at plots of $f(A)$ versus A for the four measures, where, as before, $A = 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, \ldots, 10.0$ (for explanation of 'bath-tub' appearance of $f_\infty(A)$ vs. A, study evolution of red dots on plots of residuals)

Four Residual Measures $f(A)$ versus Slip A









Fitting Models to DART Buoy Data: V

- estimated slips are $\hat{A}_2 = 4.2$, $\hat{A}_1 = 5$, $\hat{A}_\infty = 3.8$ and $\hat{A}_{pt} = 4.2$
- two measures based on least squares, i.e., $f_2(A)$ and $f_{pt}(A)$, have certain advantages, including:
  - no need to do grid search because location of minimum of

$$f(A) \equiv \sum_t [x_t - A \cdot g(t)]^2$$

    is given by a simple formula:

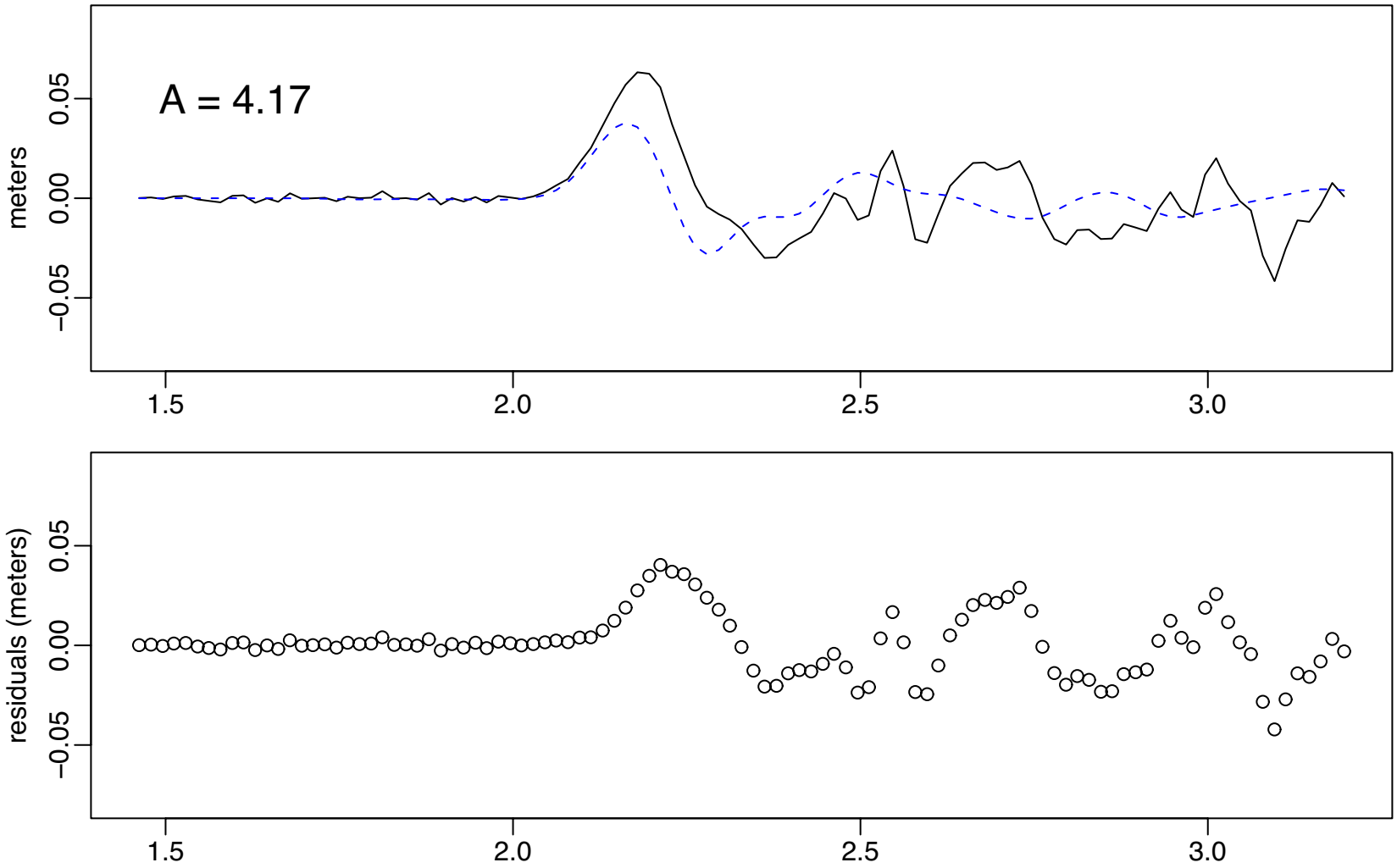
$$\hat{A}_{ls} = \frac{\sum_t x_t g(t)}{\sum_t [g(t)]^2}, \text{ here yielding } \hat{A}_2 \doteq 4.17 \text{ and } \hat{A}_{pt} \doteq 4.26$$

    (follows from taking equation $f'(A) = 0$ and solving for A)
  - statistical variation in $\hat{A}_{ls}$ easy to quantify

Assessing Variability in $\hat{A}_{ls}$: I

- reformulate model $x_t = A \cdot g(t) + e_t$ in vector notation as $\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{e}$, where $\mathbf{x}$ is column vector containing the x_t's etc.
- least squares estimate of A is $\hat{A}_{ls} = \mathbf{g}^T\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{g}^T\mathbf{g}$
- need to consider statistical properties of residuals e_t
- if residuals were Gaussian (normally) distributed and uncorrelated with a common variance σ_e^2, then $\hat{A}_{ls}$ is Gaussian distributed with mean A and variance $\sigma_e^2/\mathbf{g}^T\mathbf{g}$
- allows us to compute standard deviations (SDs) and to write $\hat{A}_2 = 4.17 \pm 0.59$ and $\hat{A}_{pt} = 4.26 \pm 2.69$ (note size of SDs)
- assumptions of uncorrelatedness and common variance are dicey, as can be seen from plot of residuals associated with $\hat{A}_2$

Least Squares Estimate $\hat{A}_2$ of Slip for a12 & 21414



Assessing Variability in $\hat{A}_{ls}$: II

- assumption of common variance of e_t's not viable for data before first wave, but, because $g(t) = 0$ there, these data have no effect on estimate $\hat{A}_{ls} = \sum_t x_t g(t) / \sum_t [g(t)]^2$
- while assumption of common variance reasonable for data beginning at first wave, assumption of uncorrelatedness is not
- can model correlation using a first order autoregressive process:

$$e_t = \phi e_{t-1} + w_t,$$

  where w_t is Gaussian white noise
- implies that correlation between e_t and $e_{t+\tau}$ given by $\phi^{|\tau|}$
- estimate of ϕ via correlation between e_t & e_{t+1} yields $\hat{\phi} \doteq 0.86$

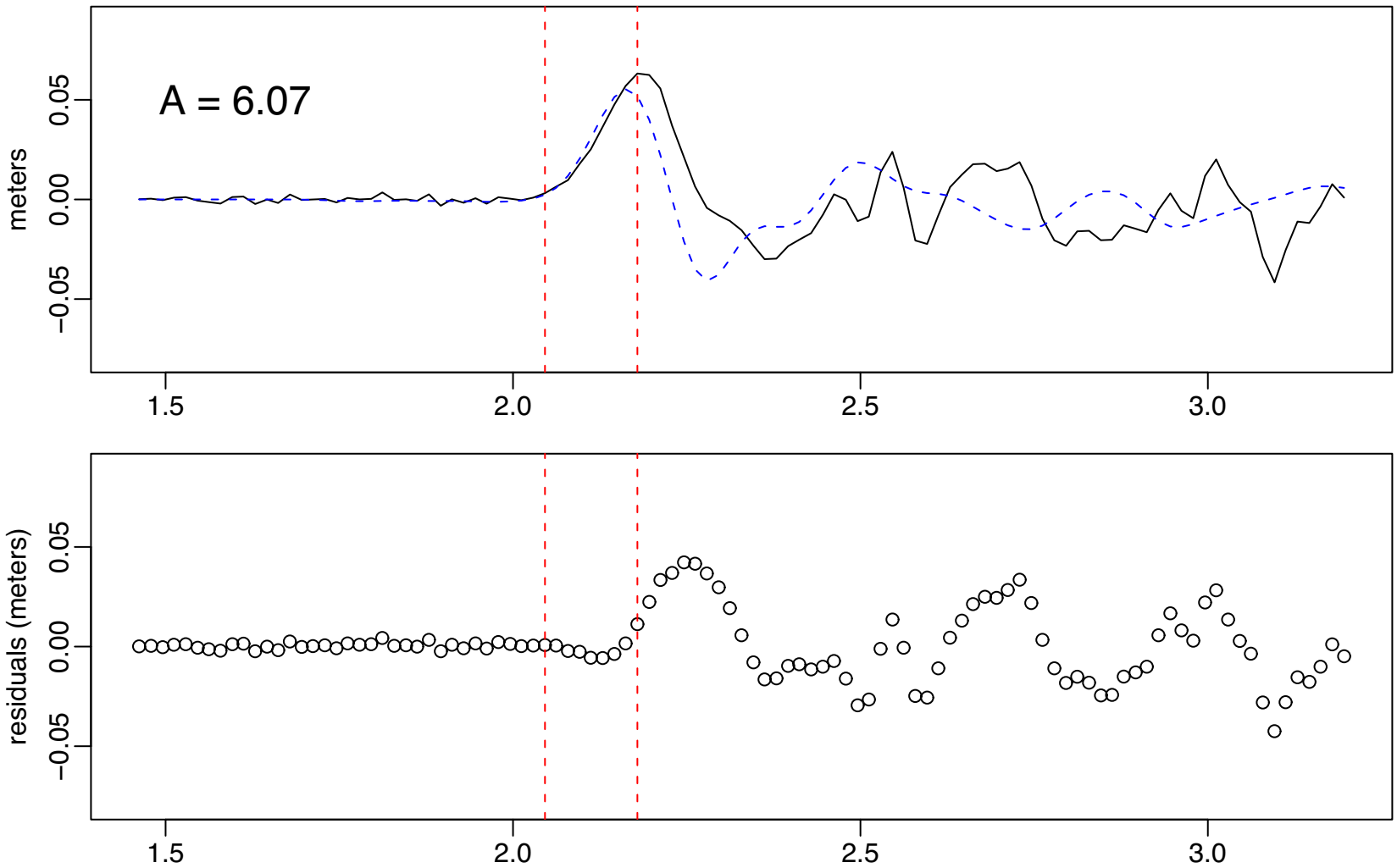
Assessing Variability in $\hat{A}_{ls}$: III

- theory says $\hat{A}_{ls}$ is Gaussian distributed with mean A and variance $\sigma_e^2 \cdot \mathbf{g}^T V \mathbf{g}/(\mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{g})^2$, where V is matrix whose (j,k)th element is $\phi^{|j-k|}$
- yields $\hat{A}_2 = 4.17 \pm 1.33$, which has larger SD than what was obtained under questionable assumptions ($\hat{A}_2 = 4.17 \pm 0.59$)

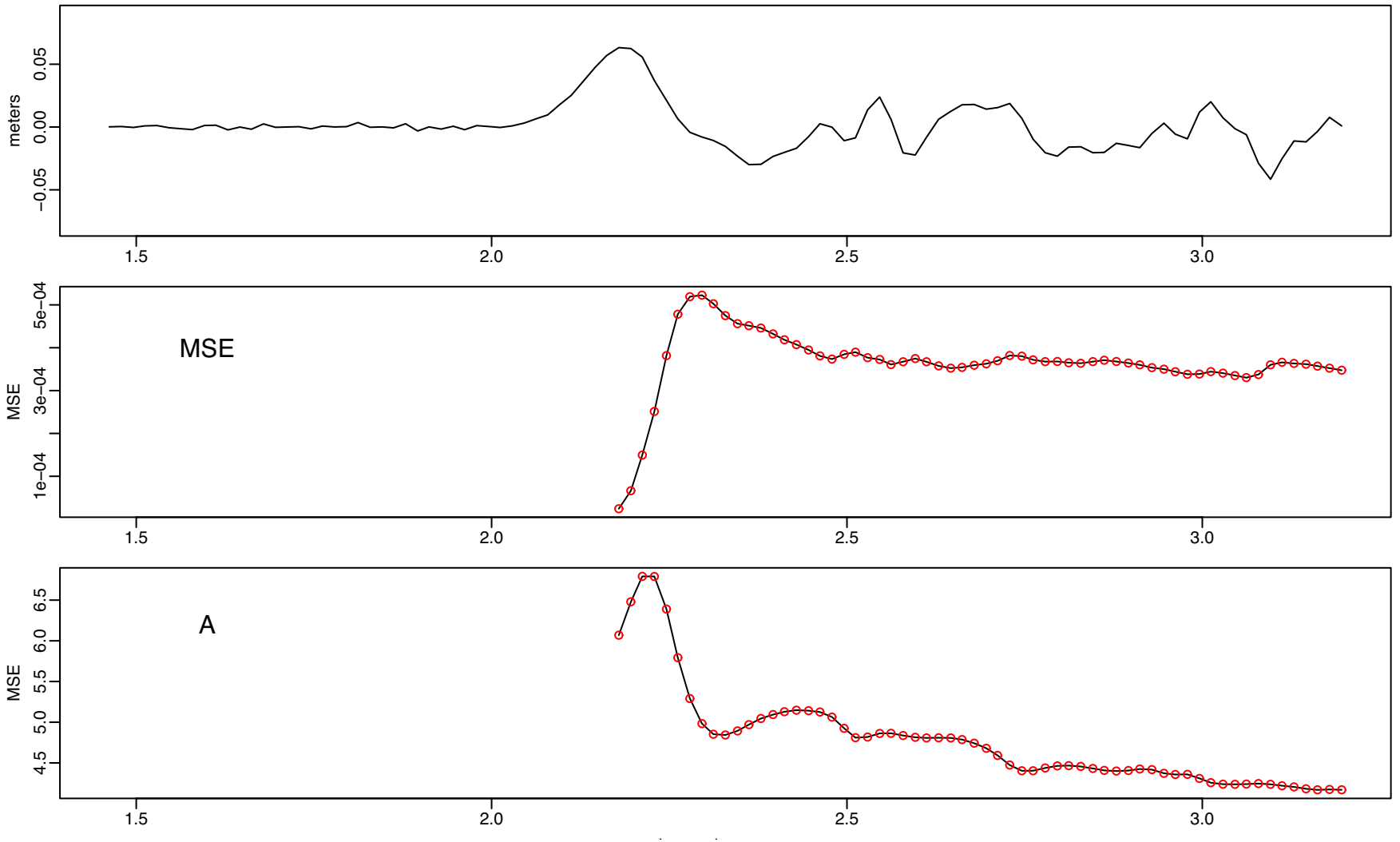
Least Squares (LS) as Criterion for Estimating Slips

- inversion algorithm uses LS as criterion for estimating slip A
- user must decide amount of DART data to use
- two extremes: all available data or just two data points
- use of more data should yield estimator $\hat{A}$ with smaller variance *if* model is valid over entire range of data
- if model decreases in validity as time increases, should limit data to, say, first quarter wave or first full wave
- real-time constraints also dictate interest in use of limited amount of data
- starting with a quarter wave of data, let's look at LS fits involving varying amounts of data

LS Fit of a12 Model to Selected 21414 Data



Mean Squared Errors and $\hat{A}$ for Selected 21414 Data



Incorporating Data from a Second Buoy: I

- so far, have modeled data from buoy 21414 in terms of an earthquake coming from source a12
- in vector notation, we have $\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{e}$
- in preparation for looking at additional buoys and additional sources, let's rewrite model as $\mathbf{x}_1 = A_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{1,a12} + \mathbf{e}_1$, where
  - $\mathbf{x}_1$ is a vector containing data from first buoy (here 21414)
  - A_{a12} is a scalar representing slip associated with source a12
  - $\mathbf{g}_{1,a12}$ is a vector containing unit slip model for what first buoy should see from earthquake originating at source a12
  - $\mathbf{e}_1$ is a vector of residuals (represents combination of measurements errors and model inaccuracies)

Incorporating Data from a Second Buoy: II

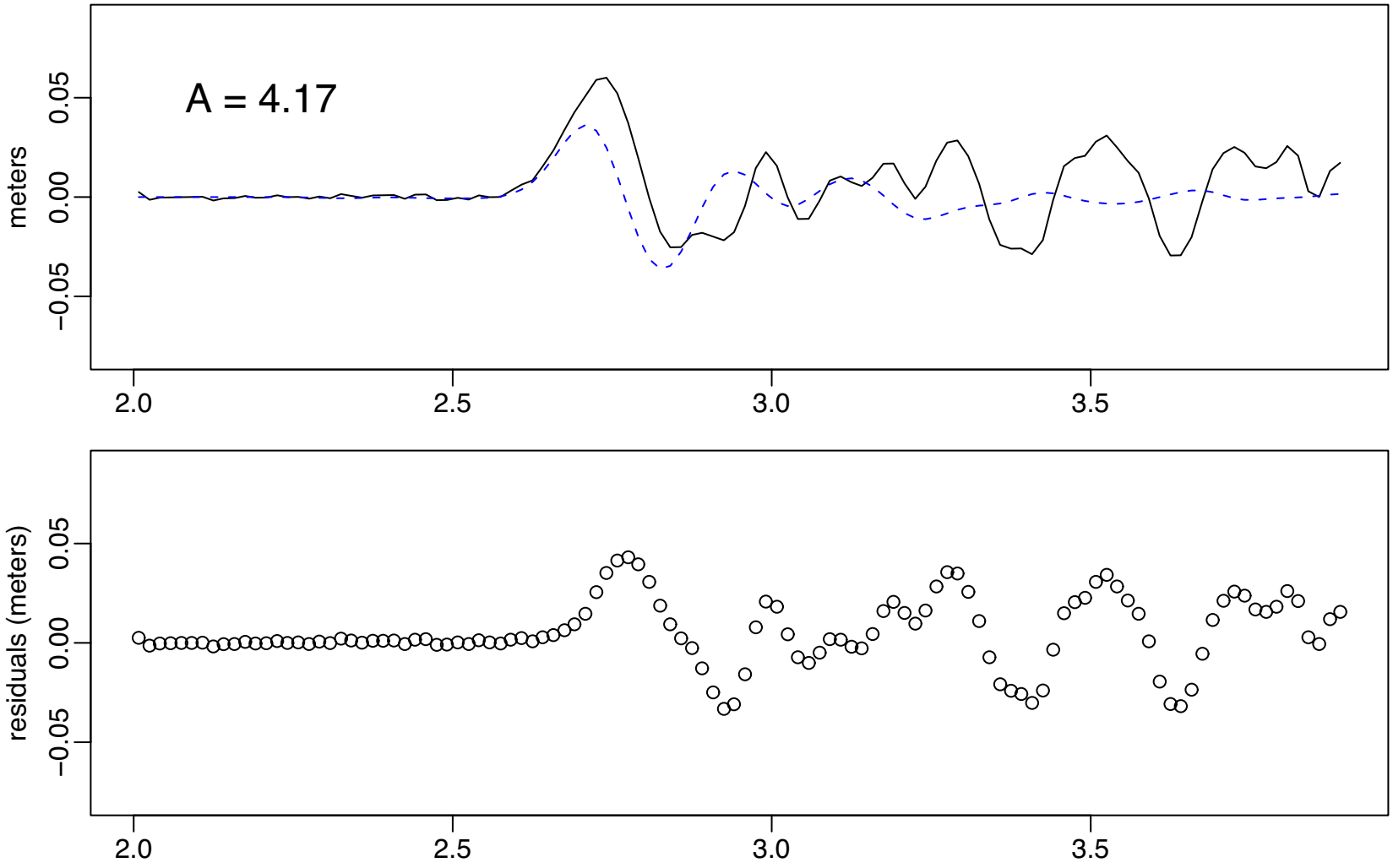
- in this notation, LS estimator of A_{a12} is given by

$$\hat{A}_{a12} = \mathbf{g}_{1,a12}^T \mathbf{x}_1 / \mathbf{g}_{1,a12}^T \mathbf{g}_{1,a12} = \left(\mathbf{g}_{1,a12}^T \mathbf{g}_{1,a12} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{g}_{1,a12}^T \mathbf{x}_1$$

  (last expression of interest for generalizations to come)

- now consider data $\mathbf{x}_2$ from a second buoy (46413)
- model this data as $\mathbf{x}_2 = A_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{2,a12} + \mathbf{e}_2$
- note that, while $\mathbf{g}_{2,a12}$ for buoy 46413 is different from $\mathbf{g}_{1,a12}$ for buoy 21414, both models have the same slip A_{a12}
- given our estimate $\hat{A}_{a12} \doteq 4.17$ based upon just $\mathbf{x}_1$, let's see how well $\mathbf{x}_2$ and $\hat{A}_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{2,a12}$ match up ('cross-validation')

a12 Slip from 21414 Data Applied to 46413 Data



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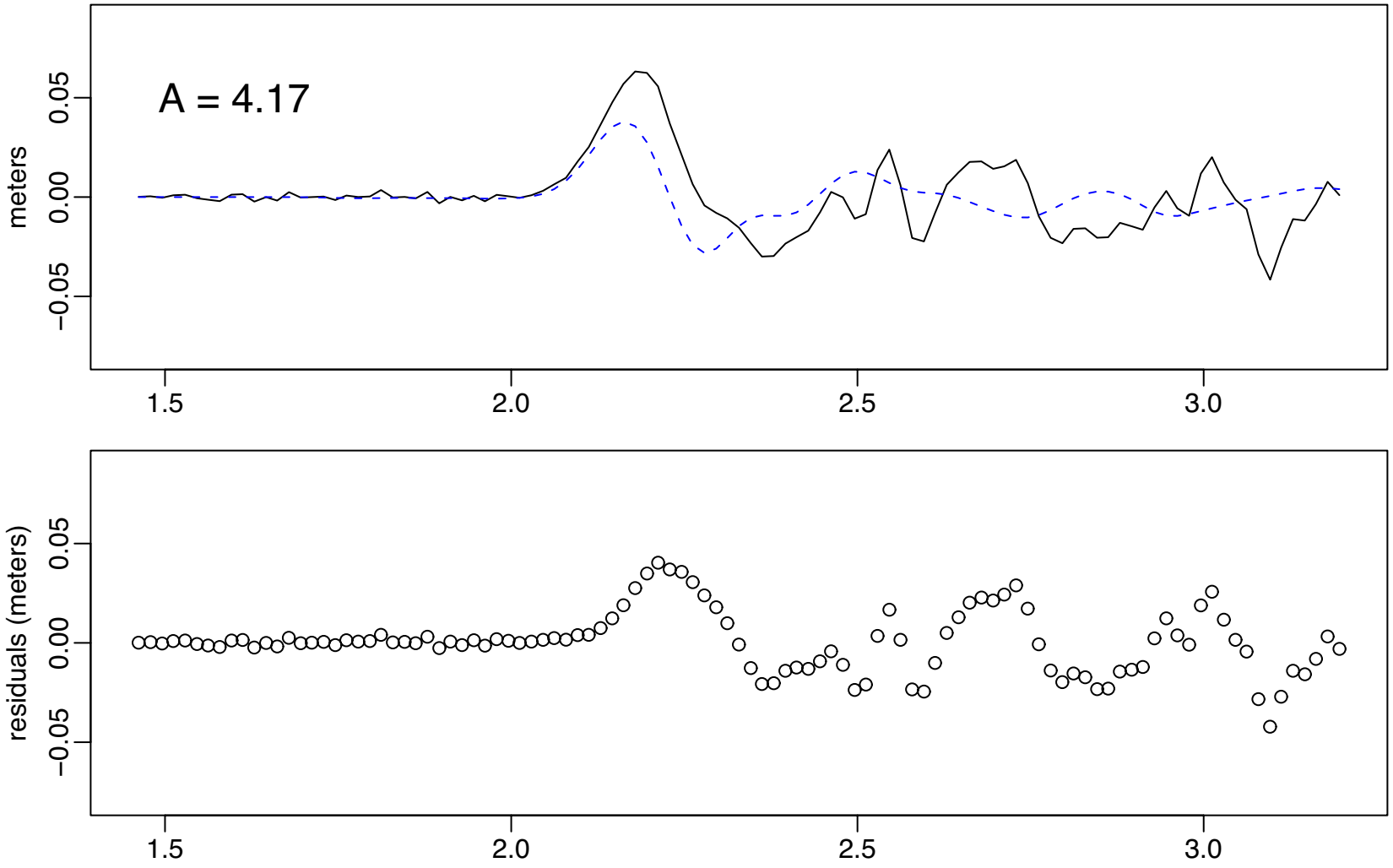


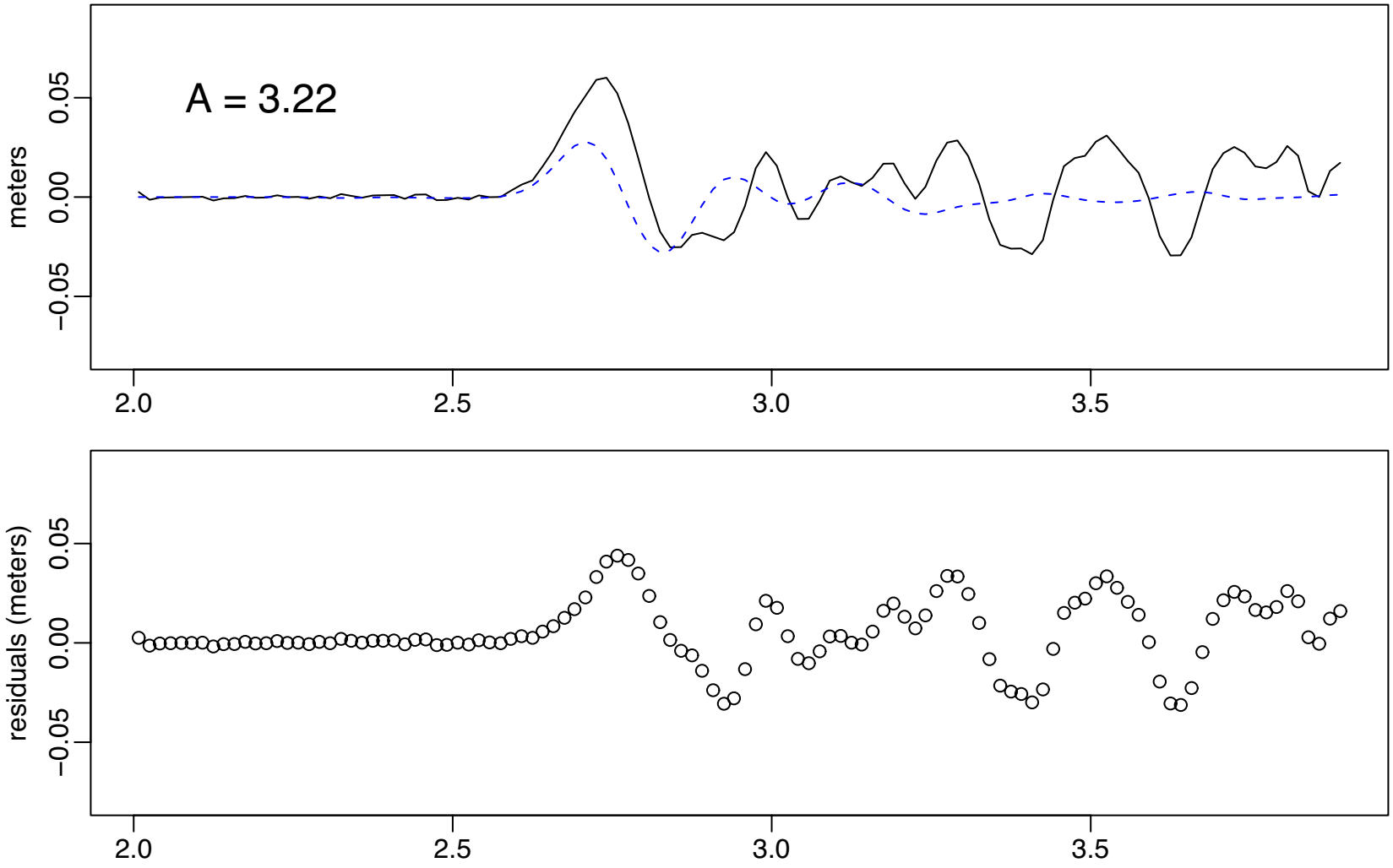
Incorporating Data from a Second Buoy: III

- can also estimate A_{a12} using just data from 46413:

$$\hat{A}_{a12} = \left(\mathbf{g}_{2,a12}^T \mathbf{g}_{2,a12} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{g}_{2,a12}^T \mathbf{x}_2$$

- yields $\hat{A}_{a12} \doteq 3.22$, whereas we had $\hat{A}_{a12} \doteq 4.17$ from 21414
- can look at plots corresponding to the ones we had before

a12 Slip from 46413 Data Applied to 46413 Data



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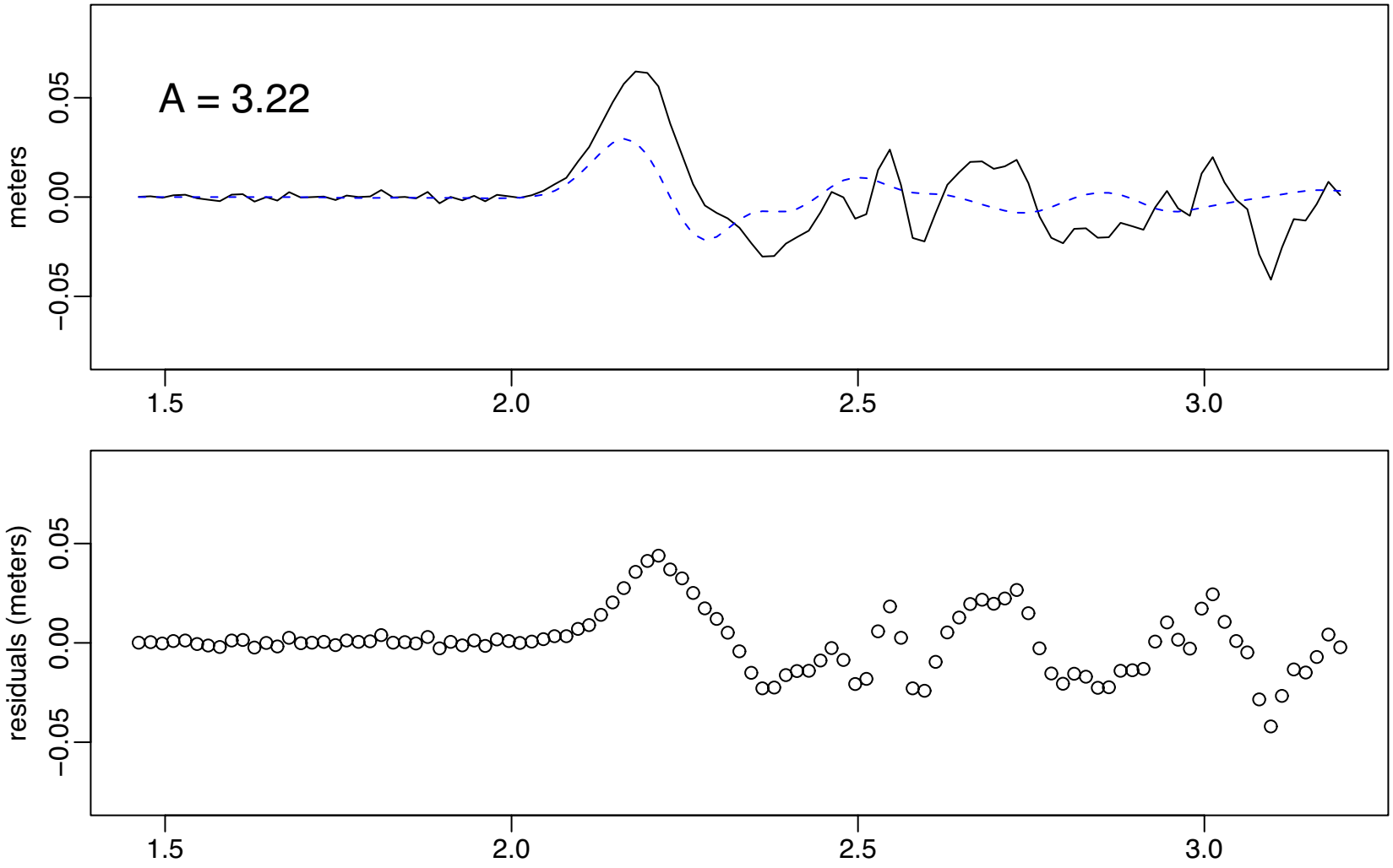


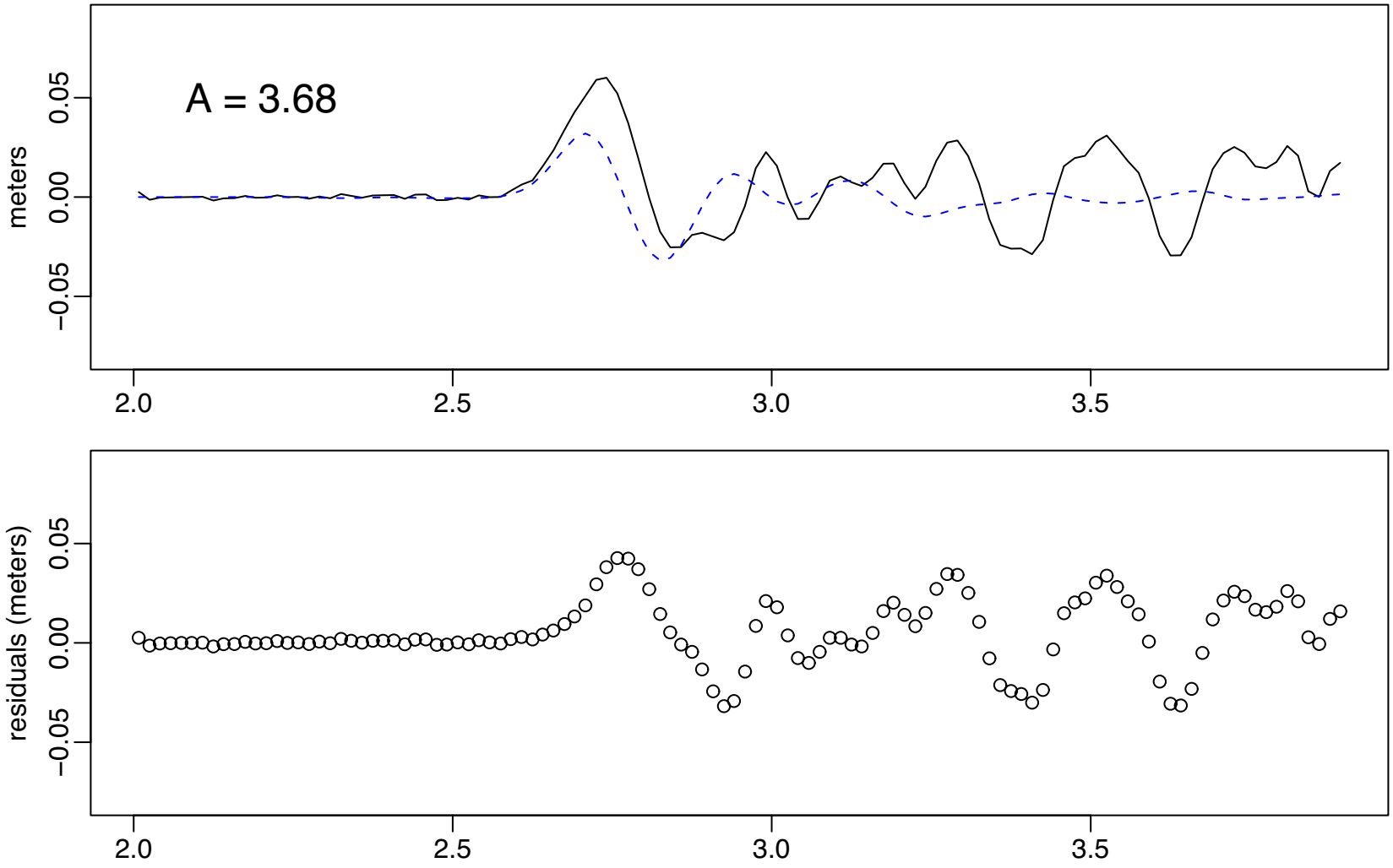
Incorporating Data from a Second Buoy: IV

- another approach is to use data from both buoys to get a joint estimate for A_{a12}
- joint model is $\mathbf{x}_{1:2} = A_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12} + \mathbf{e}_{1:2}$, where
  - $\mathbf{x}_{1:2}$ is a vector formed by stacking $\mathbf{x}_1$ on top of $\mathbf{x}_2$
  - A_{a12} is a scalar representing slip associated with source a12
  - $\mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12}$ is a vector formed by stacking $\mathbf{g}_{1,a12}$ on top of $\mathbf{g}_{2,a12}$
  - $\mathbf{e}_{1:2}$ is a vector of residuals
- LS estimator of A_{a12} now takes the form

$$\hat{A}_{a12} = \left(\mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12}^T \mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12}^T \mathbf{x}_{1:2}$$

- yields $\hat{A}_{a12} \doteq 3.68$ (cf. 4.17 from 21414 and 3.22 from 46413)
- can look at plots corresponding to the ones we had before

a12 Slip from Both Buoys Applied to 46413 Data



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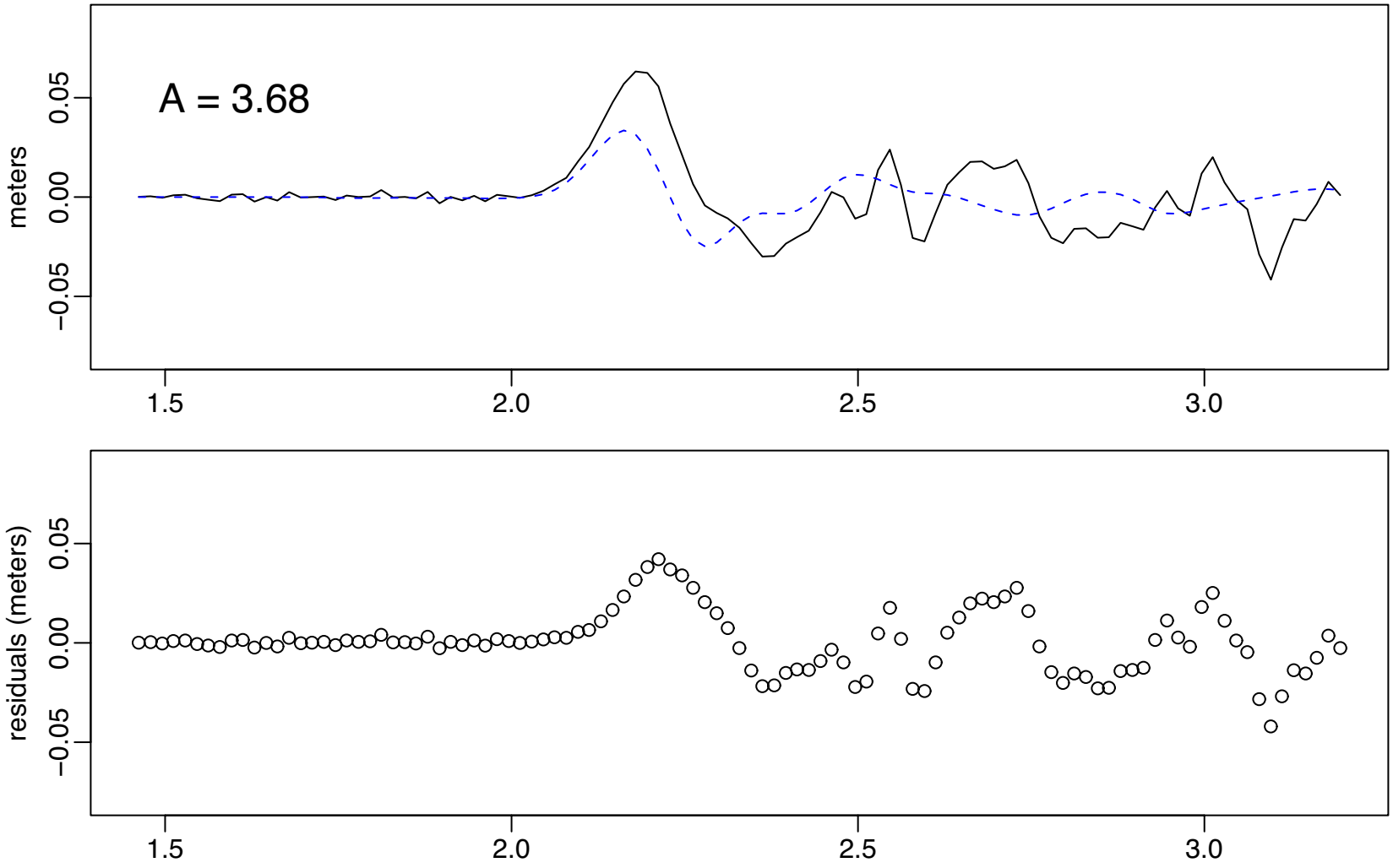


Using Linear Combinations of Sources: I

- so far, have modeled data in terms of a single source (a12)
- in vector notation, our model is $\mathbf{x}_{1:2} = A_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12} + \mathbf{e}_{1:2}$
- suppose earthquake is actually a linear combination of two sources, namely, a12 and b13
- our model is now $\mathbf{x}_{1:2} = A_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12} + A_{b13} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{1:2,b13} + \mathbf{e}_{1:2}$
- can reexpress this model as $\mathbf{x}_{1:2} = G\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{e}_{1:2}$, where
  - G is a matrix with two columns, namely, $\mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12}$ and $\mathbf{g}_{1:2,b13}$
  - $\mathbf{A}$ is a vector with two elements, namely, A_{a12} and A_{b13}
- LS estimator of $\mathbf{A}$ is given by $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = (G^T G)^{-1} G^T \mathbf{x}_{1:2}$, which is similar in form to

$$\hat{A}_{a12} = \left(\mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12}^T \mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12}^T \mathbf{x}_{1:2}$$

Using Linear Combinations of Sources: II

- complication: models from two sources can be very similar!
- in worse case scenario, have $\mathbf{g}_{1:2,b13} = \alpha \mathbf{g}_{1:2,a12} \equiv \alpha \mathbf{g}$
- in this case, $G = [\mathbf{g}, \alpha \mathbf{g}]$ and

$$G^T G = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{g} & \alpha \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{g} \\ \alpha \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{g} & \alpha^2 \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{g} \end{bmatrix},$$

  which has a determinant of zero, so $(G^T G)^{-1}$ does not exist
- instead of using $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = (G^T G)^{-1} G^T \mathbf{x}_{1:2}$, can handle this case by solving equation $G^T G \hat{\mathbf{A}} = G^T \mathbf{x}_{1:2}$ with help of a singular value decomposition (SVD) of the matrix $G^T G$
- in general, use of SVD yields protection against problems of numerical stability in computing $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$

Using Linear Combinations of Sources: III

- using sources a12 and b13 to model data from buoys 21414 and 46413, LS estimates of slips are

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}} \equiv [\hat{A}_{a12}, \hat{A}_{b13}]^T \doteq [2.61, 3.81]^T$$

- fitted model and residuals for 21414 are given by

$$\mathbf{f}_1 \equiv \hat{A}_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{1,a12} + \hat{A}_{b13} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{1,b13} \text{ and } \mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{f}_1$$

likewise, fitted model and residuals for 46413 are given by

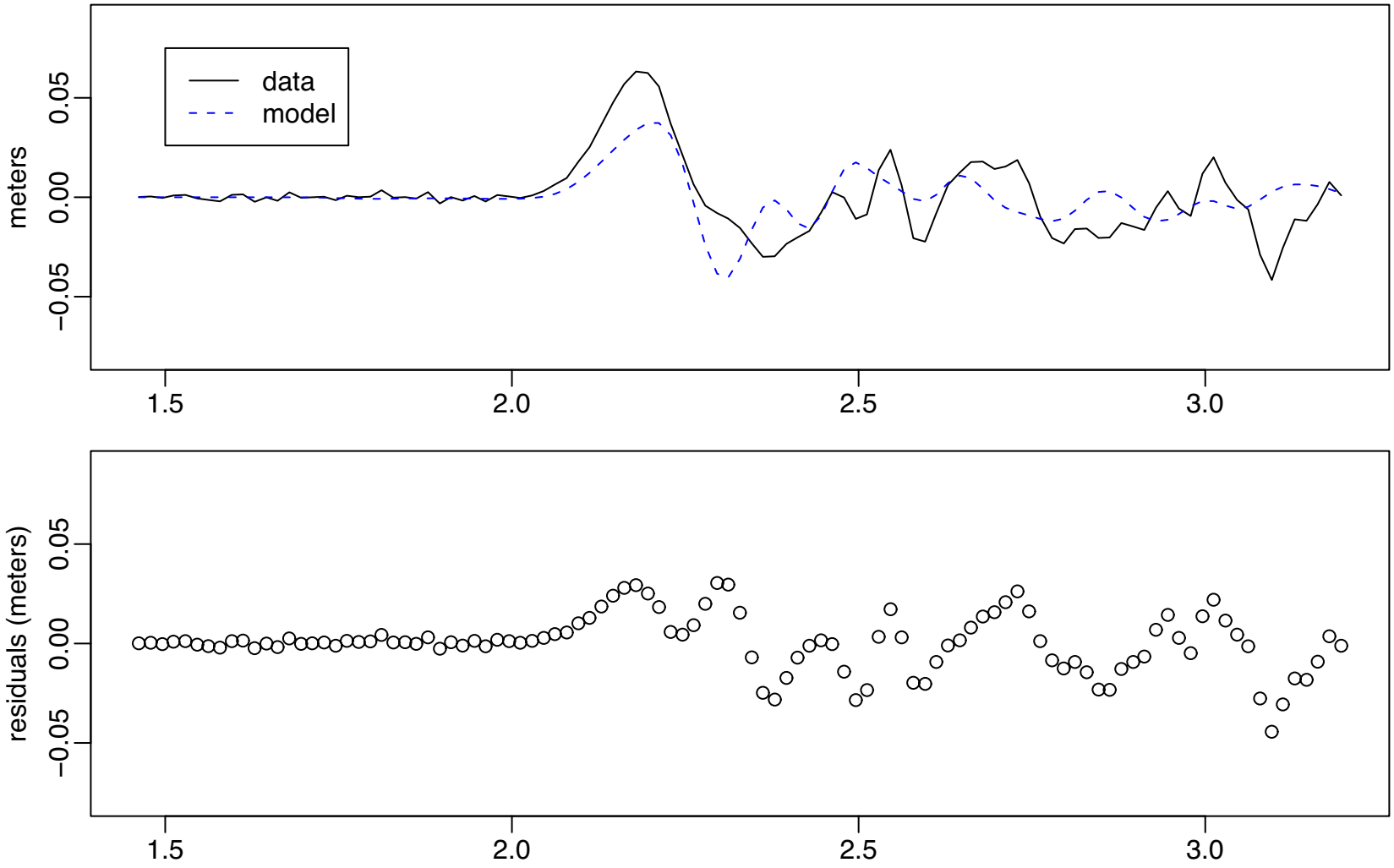
$$\mathbf{f}_2 \equiv \hat{A}_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{2,a12} + \hat{A}_{b13} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{2,b13} \text{ and } \mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{f}_2$$

- can use this model to predict what a third buoy should see:

$$\mathbf{f}_3 \equiv \hat{A}_{a12} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{3,a12} + \hat{A}_{b13} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{3,b13}$$

('cross-validation')

Data, Fitted Model and Residuals for 21414



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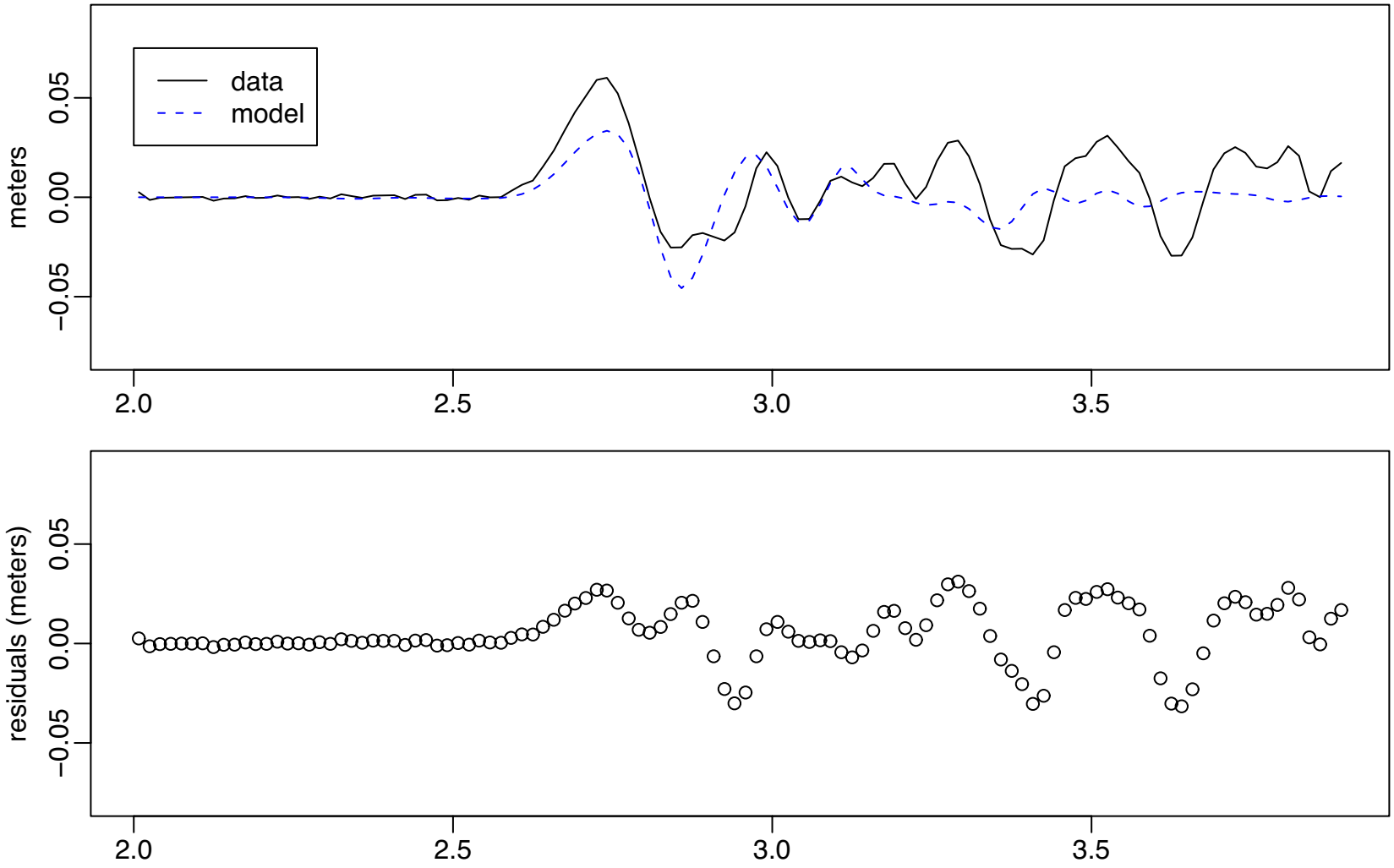

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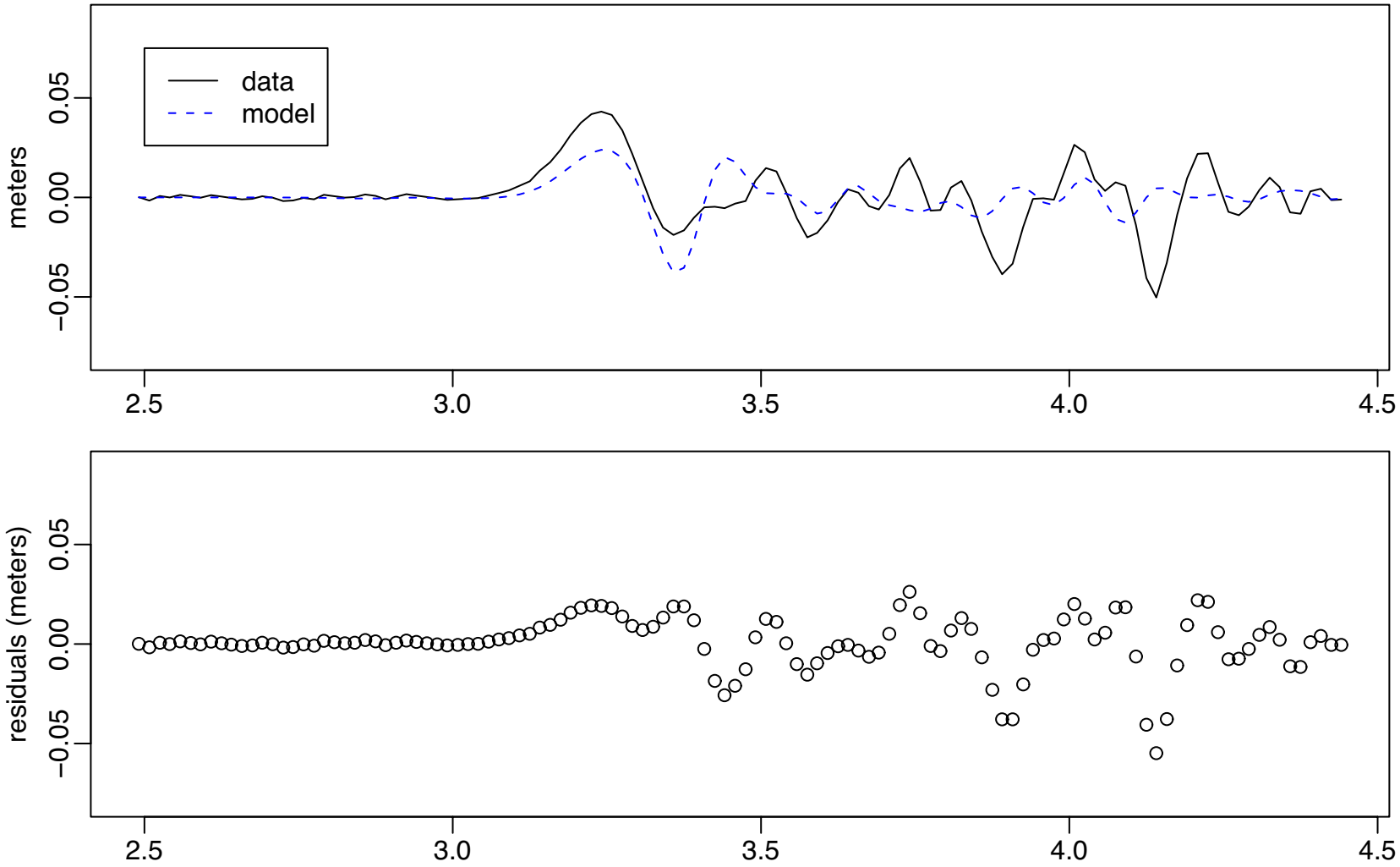

Bells & Whistles

- current implementation of inversion algorithm allows for
  - constraints on slips (either $A \geq 0$ or $A \leq 0$)
  - shifting of source models, i.e., use of

    $$\tilde{g}(t) = g(t - a),$$

    where a is a shift that can be constrained to interval $[a_l, a_u]$
  - stretching/shrinking of source models, i.e., use of

    $$\tilde{g}(t) = g(t/b),$$

    where b is a stretch/shrink factor that can be constrained to interval $[b_l, b_u]$
  - shifting and stretching/shrinking together, i.e., use of

    $$\tilde{g}(t) = g([t - a]/b)$$

    with constraints on both a and b

Future Directions

- inversion algorithm requires choice of sources as part of input
- seismic information might suggest, say, eight sources
- currently user can do a joint fit and then manually select sources
- want to investigate use of statistical tests to select sources
- two approaches: step-up and step-down
- step-up approach starts with one source and uses statistical tests to add other sources one at a time
- step-down approach starts with, say, eight sources and uses statistical tests to remove sources one at a time
- idea is that these approaches might provide guidance on source selection for users

Demo of R Implementation

- R is an interpretive statistical language freely available from

  `http://www.r-project.org/`

  under the General Public License (GPL)
- R is popular in the statistical community for
  - testing out new ideas in statistics,
  - performing statistical analysis and
  - creating graphics
- inversion algorithm has been bread-boarded in R