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*Fitting matrices from applications to random vectors*

What can be determined about the inverse  $A^{-1}$  of a matrix  $A$  from one application of  $A$  to a vector of random entries? If the  $n$ -by- $n$  inverse  $A^{-1}$  belongs to a specified linear subspace of dimension  $p$ , then come to the talk to hear which assumptions on this subspace,  $p$ , and  $n$ , guarantee an accurate recovery of  $A^{-1}$  with high probability. This randomized fitting method provides a compelling preconditioner for the wave-equation Hessian (normal operator) in seismic imaging. Joint work with Pierre-David Letourneau (Stanford) and Jiawei Chiu (MIT).