VISTA
Desktop seismic data processing software

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Comprehensive seismic processing and QC software

VISTA* desktop seismic data processing software provides data processing from early-stage acquisition QC to final processing and interpretation of 2D and 3D seismic data acquired on land or offshore or as a vertical seismic profile (VSP), in all industry and manufacturer data formats. With VISTA software, you can easily navigate workflows and seamlessly evaluate datasets using the interactive and interlinked displays. You can also add in your own algorithms through a C++ or MATLAB SDK interface. The software supports advanced processing capabilities including amplitude variation with offset (AVO) and angle of incidence (AVA) analysis, multicomponent processing, and 2D and 3D VSP processing.

Interactive velocity analysis.
Multiple applications

Support a wide variety of acquisitions and seismic survey data types

- Land
- Marine
- Ocean bottom cable (OBC)
- Transition zones
- VSP
- Multicomponent

VISTA software is suitable for in-field processing and QC of a wide range of marine and land seismic data and all seismic data types.

Packages

VISTA software is available in four packages to meet the specific needs of your project or operation.

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Continuous improvement

**Consistent product development cycle**
- Annual software release
- Regular product updates
- University consortium research membership

Easy-to-learn application

**Worldwide software training program**
- Public and private courses
- Technical and theory-based courses

**Desktop- and web-based user resources**
- Tutorials
- Videos
- New product features manuals
- Case studies and technical reports
- Industry articles
- Worldwide customer support from dedicated VISTA software specialists

System requirements

**Operating systems**
- 64-bit Microsoft® Windows® operating systems

**Minimum system requirements**
- Standard, off-the-shelf hardware
- Optimized for multicore hardware

**Data compatibility**
- All common file formats

Licensing options

**Versatile licensing options for individual or shared usage**
- Portable USB license key
- Networked USB license key

**Flexible license purchase or rental plans**
- Flexible purchase options and annual maintenance
- Annual lease
- Short-term rental
- University donation available

*Curvelet transform analysis.*
The VISTA software advantage

Benefits

User-oriented design
- Benefit from an icon-driven interface and easy-to-learn software functionality

Multiple QC tools
- Plot multiple header values on the same display or plot combined header values, mathematical operations, or results from seismic processes
- Create header values from mathematical operations and seismic processes such as statics or signal-to-noise ratio computations
- Display files in a similar fashion (e.g., statics, mute functions, velocities, or any value computed from the data)

Interlinked attribute and seismic display window
- Integrate all phases of processing: survey geometry, velocity picking, refraction and residual statics, surface-consistent attributes, and migration imaging picking
- Identify anomalies and display the relevant data for inspection using the data attribute window

Data loading
- Integrate with a large variety of supported data formats: SEG-B, SEG-Y, SEG-D, SEG-2, SAC, MIRF, ZGY, JavaSeis, LDF, LAS
- Merge poststack 2D and 3D surveys and repair SEG-Y files using flexible utility tools
- Overwrite incorrect or missing headers easily with powerful operation flows

Production optimization
- Load and apply processing flows to different input datasets easily
- Control and queue job flows on network or local machines interactively for computationally intensive flow runs
- Use the multistep flow capabilities of VISTA software to increase your efficiency

Complete prestack seismic processing
- Apply processes such as velocity analysis, residual moveout correction, residual statics, trim statics, noise attenuation, AVO angle decomposition, muting, and more
- Interpret poststack seismic data
- Test numerous poststack processes including deconvolution, noise attenuation, 2D and 3D poststack migration, and a powerful principal component decomposition signal enhancement program to enhance seismic data prior to and during interpretation

Open system
- Add your own algorithms to the existing suite of software using the MATLAB programming development interface
- Create ASCII files that you can edit with standard word processing or spreadsheet software
- Benefit from VISTA software using industry standard formats wherever they exist
Features

**Automatic data editing using threshold criteria**
- Apply thresholds for omitting traces from the processing sequence and edit thresholds to exclude a different set of traces

**Station position QC**
- Use interactive tools for station geometry prediction, verification, and QC
- Automatically detect geometry errors

**Multiple input and output processing flows**
- Leverage the ability to have multiple inputs and outputs within processing flows
- Enable simultaneous generation of alternative products that aid in process testing
- Manipulate fractions of the data according to a particular key (e.g., matching vibroseis data with dynamite data)

**Statistical analysis**
- Indicate signal-to-noise ratio, filter panels, amplitude spectra, and F-K analysis
- Use for trace editing, polarity reversals, and noise and dead trace detection

**Real-time velocity analysis and QC**
- Get on-the-fly interactive velocity and analysis using semblance, offset stack gathers, constant velocity stack (CVS), or multivelocity function stack (MVFS)
- Benefit from interactive displays of velocity data in cross-section and time slice views with an interactive base map
- Use simultaneous interactive picking of velocity and eta functions on gathers

**Flexible trace sorting**
- Achieve versatility in trace sorting with range selection on any trace header and sorting up to three keys deep

**Project history**
- Track history of input data, processing workflows, and the parameters used

**Montage plotting**
- Create sophisticated scaled plots that include side labels, seismic data, attributes, and log displays

**Documentation and help**
- Get online help for all interactive windows and modules
- Read step-by-step instructions and tutorials on the various data types (2D, 3D, and VSP) and the necessary files for processing the data
- Access online instructions with example screenshots and plots
- Watch instructional videos to learn more
VISTA Field QC
Premier tool for in-field processing and QC

- Disk and tape input from industry standard formats supported
- Wide variety of SCSI devices supported
- Instrumentation tests, recording parameter QC, and vibroseis testing
- Verification of position information using seismic data
  - Energy decay versus offset
  - First arrivals (actual versus predicted)
  - Field stacks
  - Time slices
  - Use of inline and crossline displays
  - Interactive shot and receiver location prediction
  - Interactive spreadsheets, ASCII imports and exports, and user-defined equations to manipulate headers
- Quality control indicators
  - Filter panels
  - Amplitude spectra
  - F-k spectra analysis
  - Deconvolution testing
  - Signal-to-noise indicators: build and display by shot, receiver, CMP, or offset
- Trace editing for automatic and semiautomatic detection of noise, dead traces, reverse polarity, and more
- Standard processing sequences
  - Scaling, filtering, and deconvolution
  - Multilayer and static analysis
  - Elevation and refraction statics with and without first-break picking
  - Powerful on-the-fly interactive velocity analysis and velocity field QC
- Linear moveout first-break picking
- Noise attenuation and signal enhancement techniques
- User-expandable headers to handle multicomponent passive seismic and other data
- Automatic building of sort indexes for field QC (e.g., common shot, receiver, CMP, offset, and component)
- Customer deliverables with full project history
- Interactivemontage plotting (easily create scaled plots including side labels, seismic data, attributes and log displays)
- No limitations on channel count or record length
- SDK supplied through MATLAB interface
VISTA Field Pro
Advanced field package, including full geometry QC and poststack migration

Includes all VISTA Field QC capabilities
- Field QC through to 2D and 3D poststack migration
- Standard processing sequences
  - Surface-consistent scaling and deconvolution
  - Time-variant spectral balancing
  - Several automatic and interactive techniques for residual statics
  - DMO processing
  - On-the-fly interactive velocity analysis using semblance, common offset gather stack, and CVS or MVFSs
  - Normal moveout (NMO) — second or fourth order — from fixed or floating datum or from true surface topography
- Several noise attenuation algorithms
  - f/Kx-Ky, f-x/f-xy, f-x
  - Tau-p, radon, and radial trace transforms
  - Interactive curvelet transform design and application
  - 3D ground roll for elimination of linear noise
  - Proprietary burst noise attenuation (e.g., swell noise, spikes)
  - 4D and 5D-DEC proprietary noise estimator including effects of structure, statics, and coherence
  - Rank reduction noise attenuation (e.g., Cadzow)
  - Adaptive subtraction algorithm to remove modeled noise, including linear noise, random noise, and multiples
- True amplitude processing sequence
- AVO and AVA processing capabilities
- Interactive poststack Q analysis
- Forward and inverse Q analyses
- Poststack time migration
  - F-k
  - Kirchhoff
  - Finite difference
VISTA Full Pro
The complete solution from QC to prestack migration and time-depth image analysis

Includes all VISTA Field QC and VISTA Field Pro, plus
- Full processing from demultiplex to prestack time or depth migrations
- Land, OBC, and marine processing
- Batch processing using any network node (and multiple CPUs) for true parallel processing
- Multiple attenuation by $f-k$, radon transform, or surface-related multiple elimination (SRME)
- Interactive 2D multiline tie and 3D multisurvey merger
- 2D and 3D automatic velocity estimation
- 3D poststack trace interpolation
- 5D prestack trace interpolation
- Prestack and poststack time migrations
- Interactive prestack time migration velocity analysis
- Interactive velocity model building for depth migration
- Prestack and poststack depth migrations
- Multicomponent and converted-wave QC and processing
  - Tilt correction and Alford rotations
  - True-surface NMO with converted-wave velocity ($V_c$)
  - Converted-wave receiver statics for stack power maximization
  - Conversions between primary wave velocity ($V_p$), $V_c$, and shear wave velocity ($V_s$)
  - Conversion between P-wave (PP) and S-wave (PS) two-way times—stretching and squeezing of stack sections
  - Asymptotic conversion-point (ACP) and true common conversion-point (CCP) stacking
VISTA 2D VSP Pro and VISTA 3D VSP Pro

Complete VSP QC and processing for 2D and 3D VSP data

VISTA 2D VSP Pro is available as a stand-alone package or as an add-on to VISTA Field QC, VISTA Field Pro, and VISTA Full Pro.

- 2D VSP from field to final image
- Full 2D VSP geometry QC
- Zero-offset and walkaway processing algorithms
- Single-component or multicomponent processing
- Automatic and interactive VSP first-break picking
- Noise attenuation and signal enhancement techniques
- Interactive hodogram analysis
- Automatic 3C rotation
- Vertical rotation for deviated wells
- Multiple wavefield separation techniques
- Multicomponent wavefield separation
- LAS log viewing and editing
- Synthetic generation using sonic and optional density log curves
- Sonic calibration and velocity profile analysis
- Interactive VSP Q analysis
- Interactive VSP look-ahead window
- Forward and inverse Q filtering
- 2D VSP common depth point (CDP) transform
- Interactive 2D VSP anisotropic model building and inversion
- 2D Kirchhoff depth migration

VISTA 3D VSP Pro is available as a stand-alone package or as an add-on to VISTA Full Pro.

- Includes all 2D VSP capabilities plus
  - Process 3D VSPs from field to final image
  - Full 3D VSP geometry QC
  - 3C–3D VSP first-break picking window
  - Interactive 3D VSP anisotropic model building and inversion
  - 3D VSP CDP transform
  - 3D Kirchhoff depth migration

3D VSP geometry QC and log display window.

Interactive VSP hodogram window.

Interactive VSP look-ahead window.

2D and 3D VSP model building and inversion.
Learn more at slb.com/VISTA