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We consider the inverse problem for the quantitative reconstruction of the material properties that characterize a viscoelastic medium from wave measurements. Waves in such media display loss of energy (attenuation), and their propagation is mathematically modeled with linear viscoelastic equations, [1]. The time-harmonic formulation of the wave problem is considered to facilitate the investigation of the different attenuation models which are frequency-dependent. For the numerical discretization of the viscoelastic wave equations composed of the equation of motion and constitutive law, the hybridizable discontinuous Galerkin (HDG, [2]) method is employed and allows to reduce the computational cost. For the stabilization of HDG numerical traces, we further construct a hybridized Godunov-upwind flux for anisotropic elasticity, [3]. Then, the nonlinear inversion follows a minimization algorithm to iteratively update the elastic moduli. We carry out reconstructions with attenuation model uncertainty ([4]), that is, using different models of attenuation between the modeling and inversion. We illustrate with ultrasound imaging experiment of synthetic breast sample reconstruction.

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