

# ***Beating Nyquist by randomized sampling***

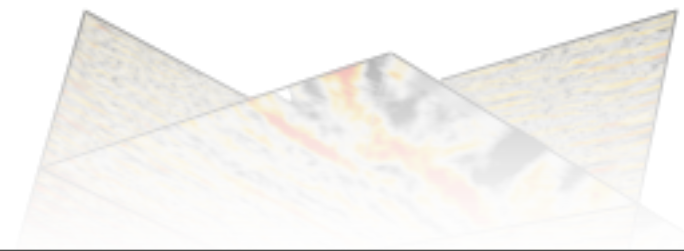
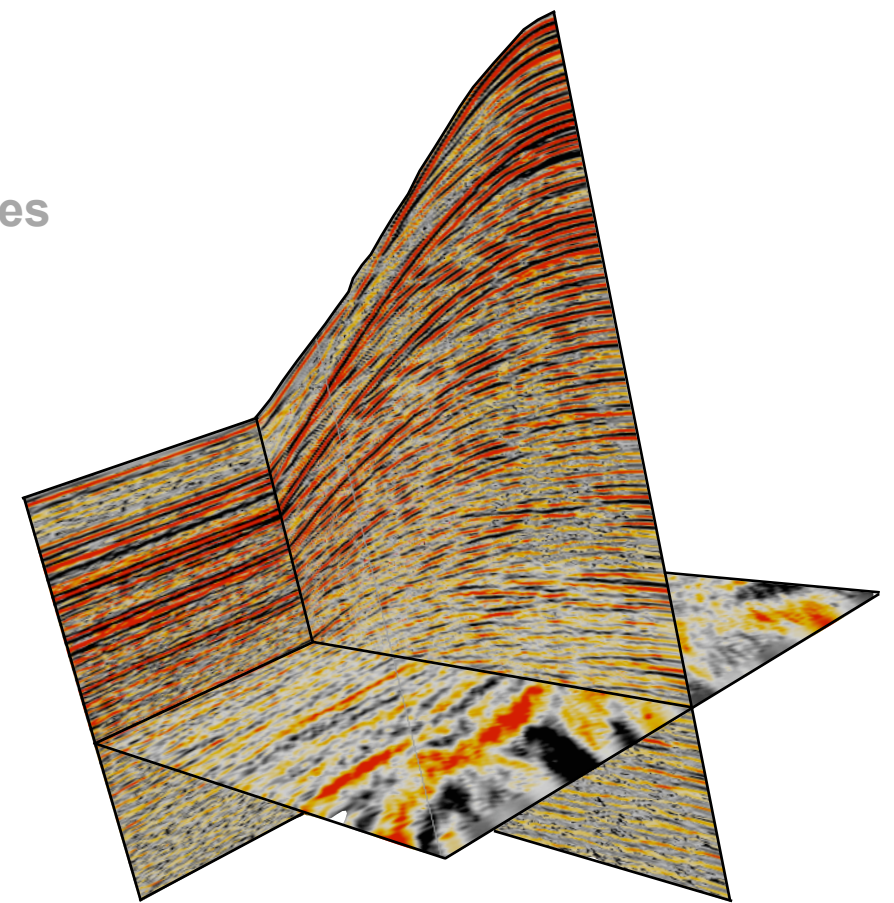
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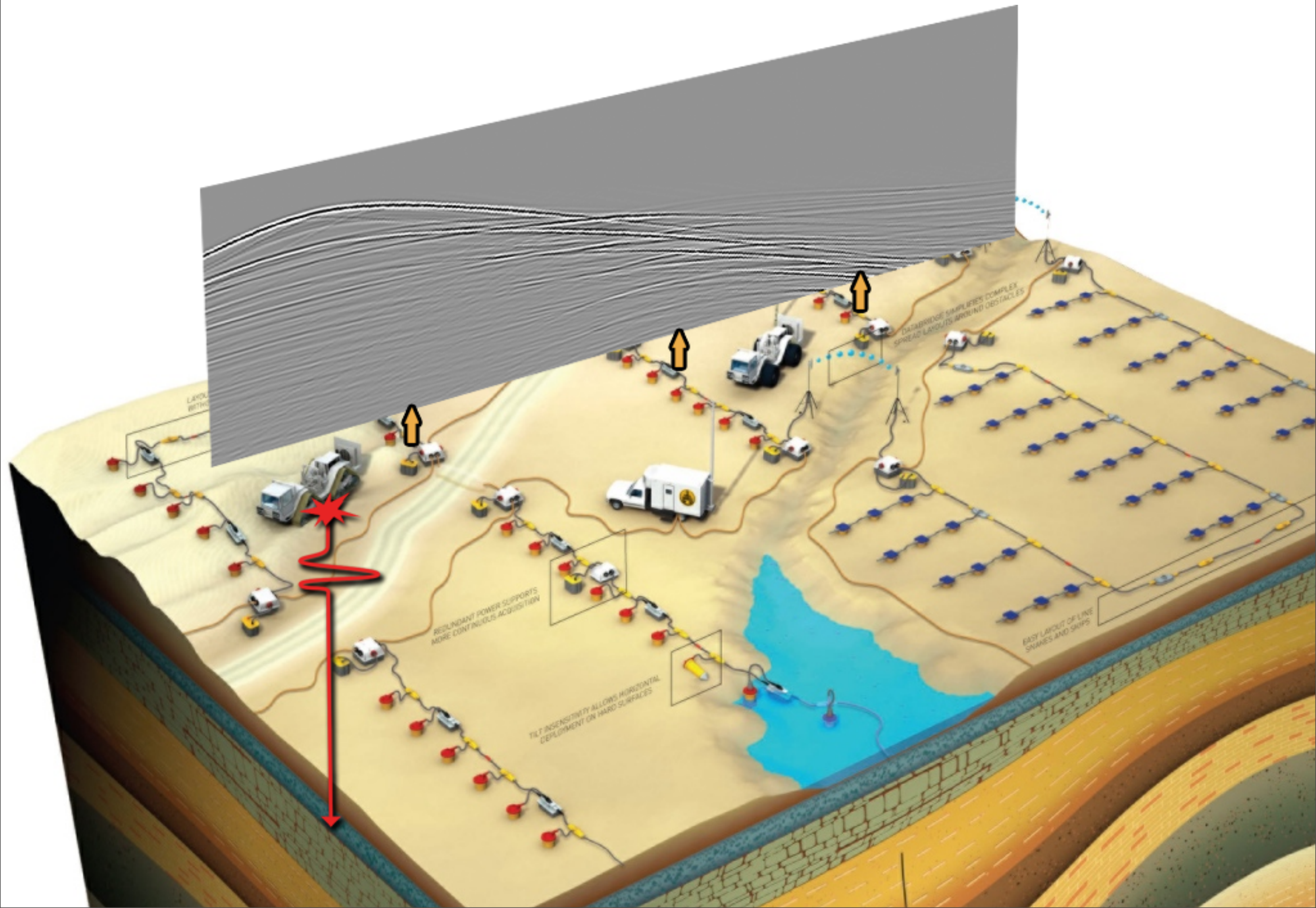


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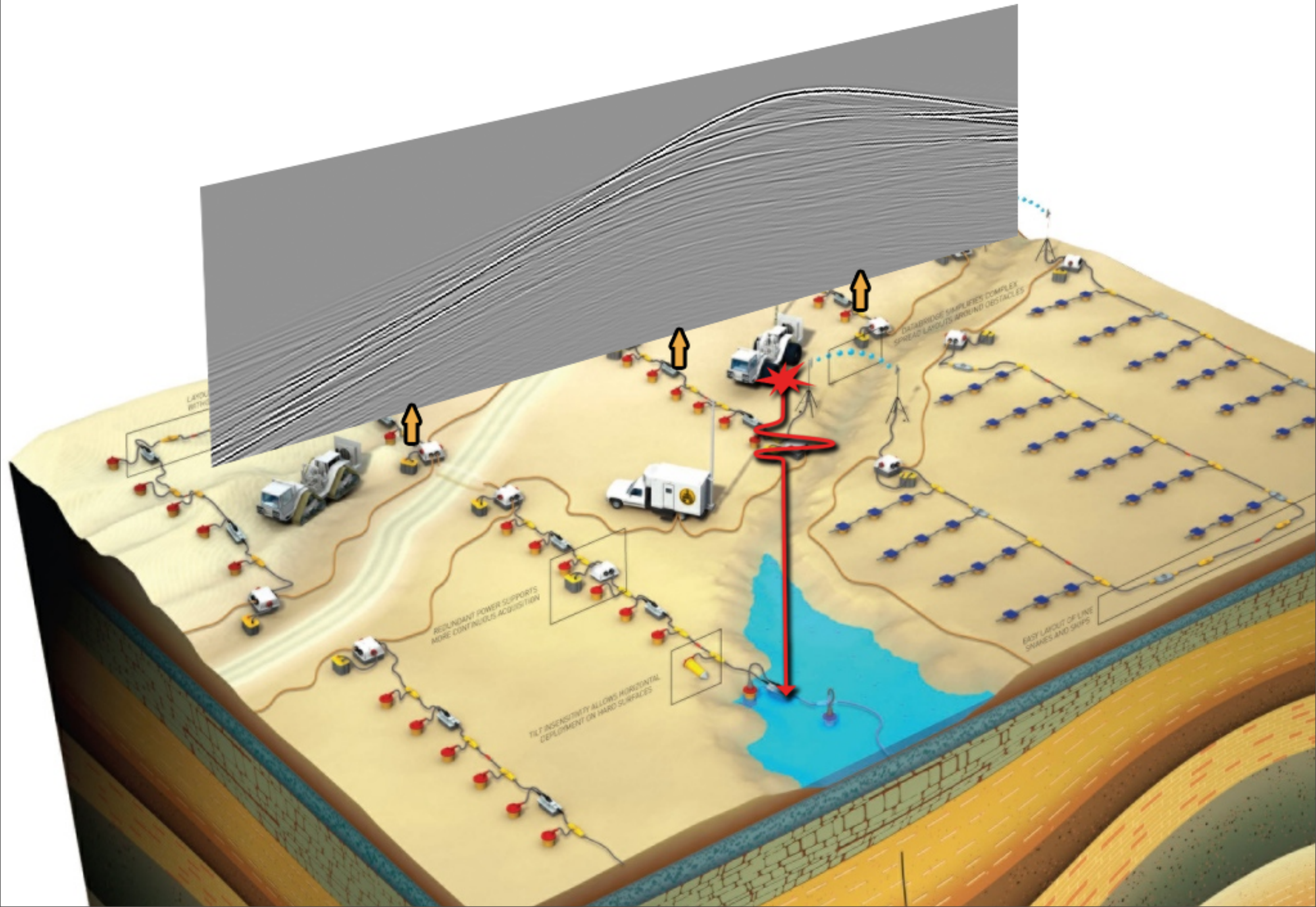


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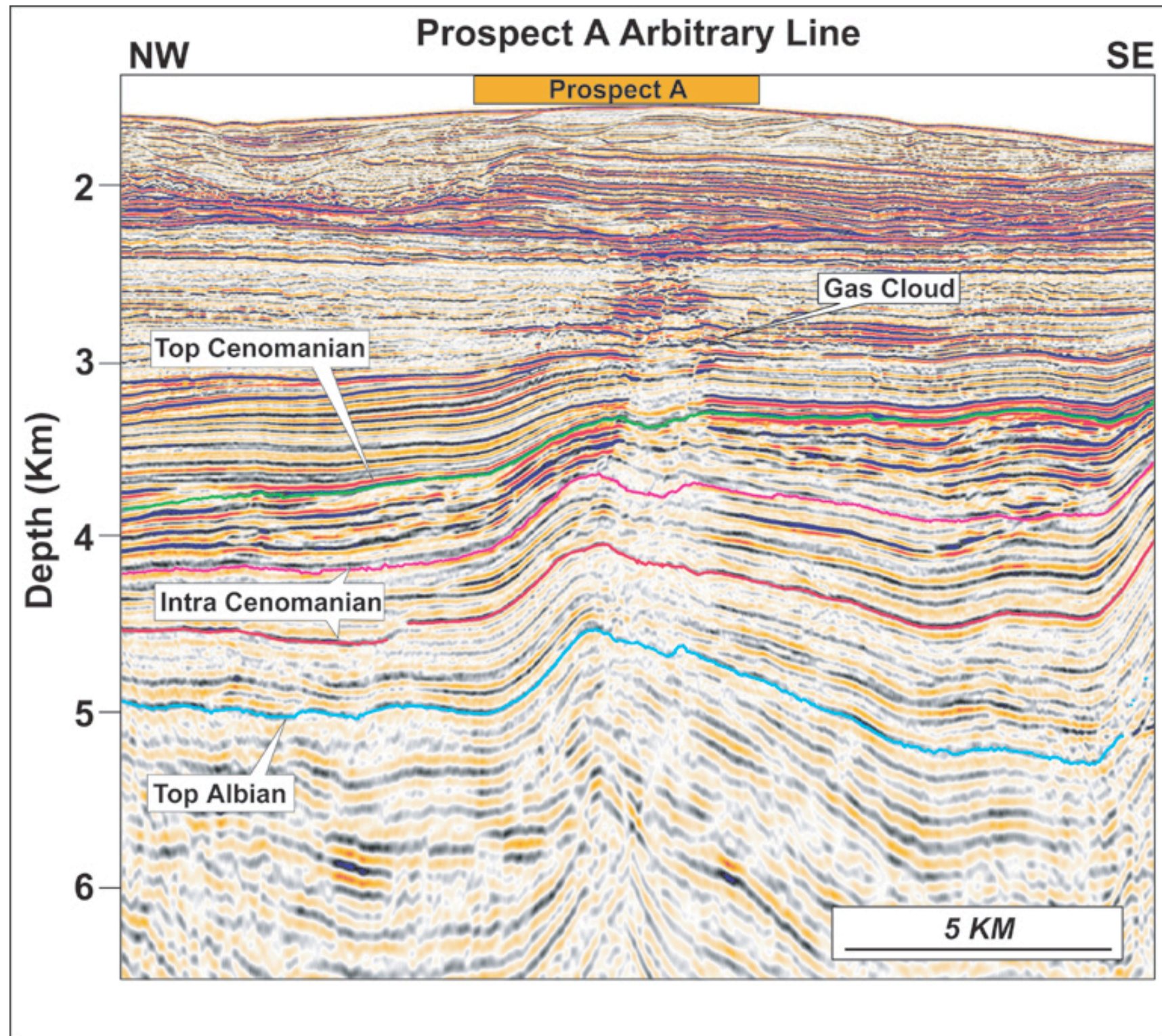


# Individual shots





# After imaging





# Motivation

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- **Seismic data processing, modeling & inversion:**

- firmly rooted in Nyquist's sampling paradigm for high-dimensional wavefields
- too *pessimistic* for signals with *structure*, i.e, there exists some sparsifying transform (e.g. Fourier, curvelets)

- **Recent theoretical & hardware developments**

- Alternative multiscale, localized & directional transform domains that compress seismic data
- New nonlinear sampling theory that supersedes the overly pessimistic Nyquist sampling criterion
- New autonomous data acquisition devices that allow for more flexibility during acquisition
- New simultaneous & continuous recording

- **Today's agenda:**

- Extensions of *jittered* sampling to higher-D through *randomized blue-noise* sampling
- Connections between *randomized simultaneous* acquisition and *compressive sampling*
- Incorporation of additional *physics*, e.g. include surface operator



# Motivation cont'd

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- **Solution strategy:**

- *leverage new paradigm of compressive sensing (CS)*
  - identify wavefield reconstruction from missing sources & receivers or from simultaneous acquisition as instances of CS
  - reduce acquisition, simulation, and inversion costs by **randomization** and deliberate **subsampling**
- recovery from sample **rates**  $\approx$  **acquisition & computational costs** *proportional to transform-domain sparsity of data or model*

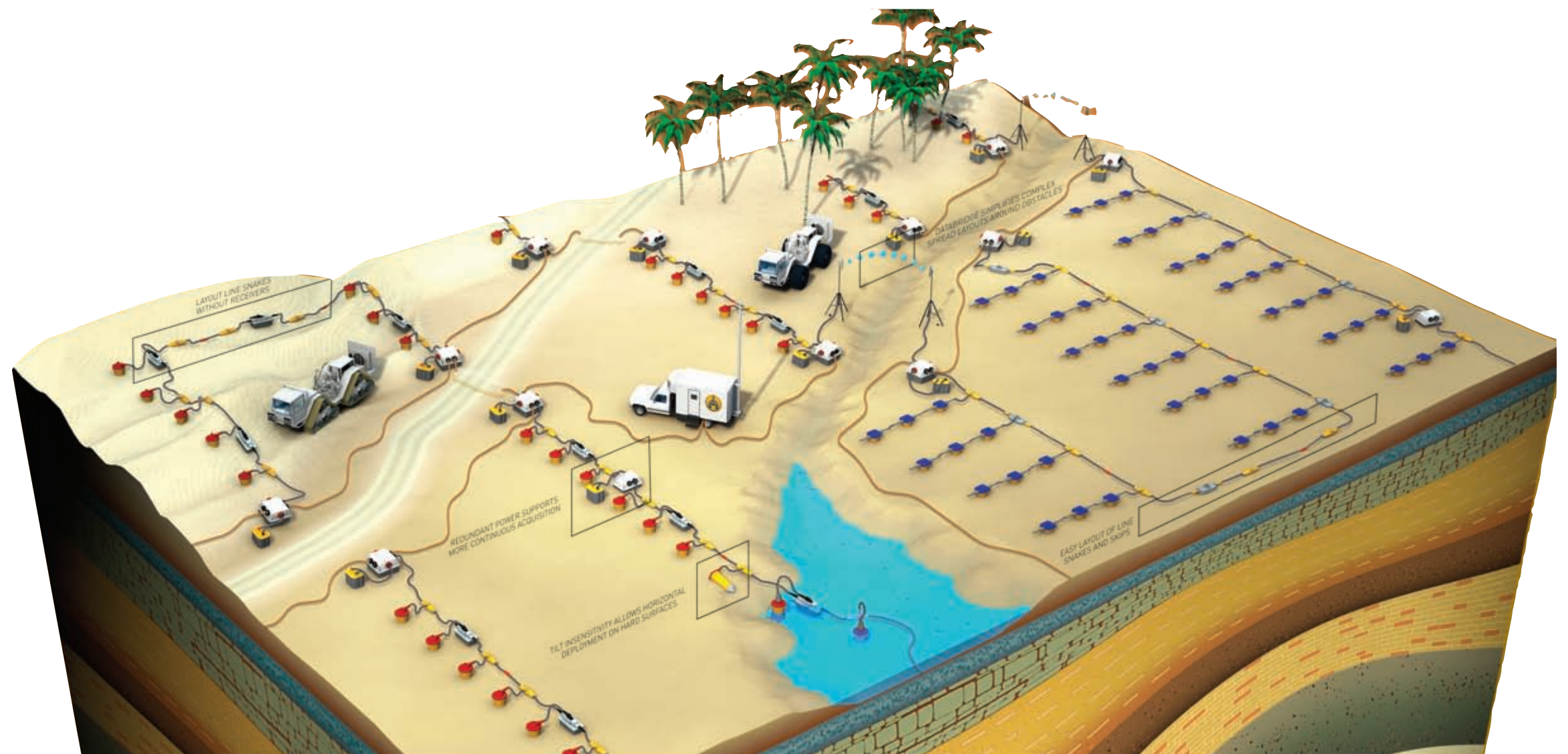
- **Remove the “curse of dimensionality” by removing constructive aliases/interferences**

- breaking the *periodicity of regular sampling*
- using **incoherent sources**

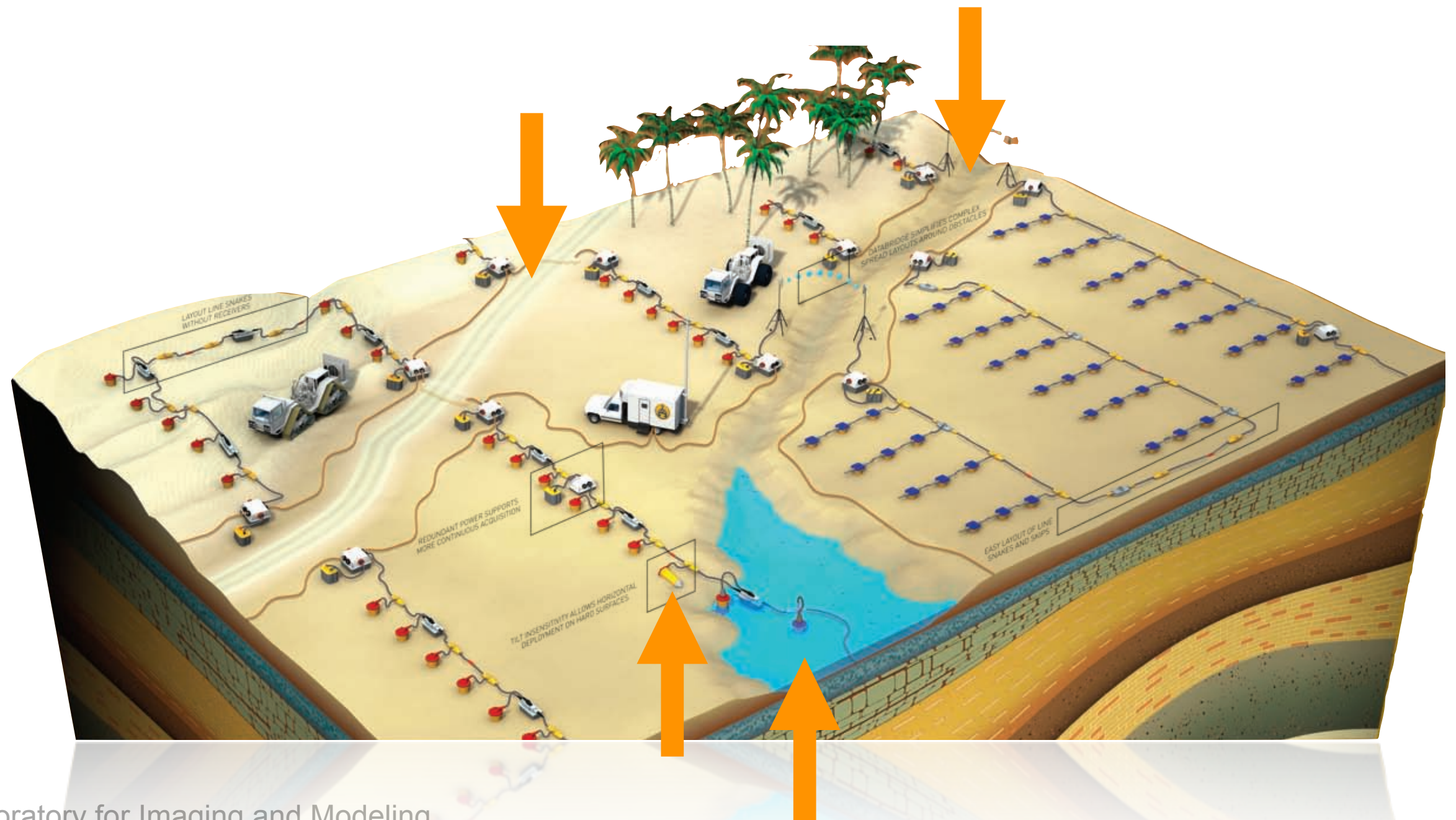
- **Turn problems into a “simple” denoising problems ....**

- use spatial blue-noise sampling techniques from computer graphics community
- use randomized phase encoding for simultaneous source-function design

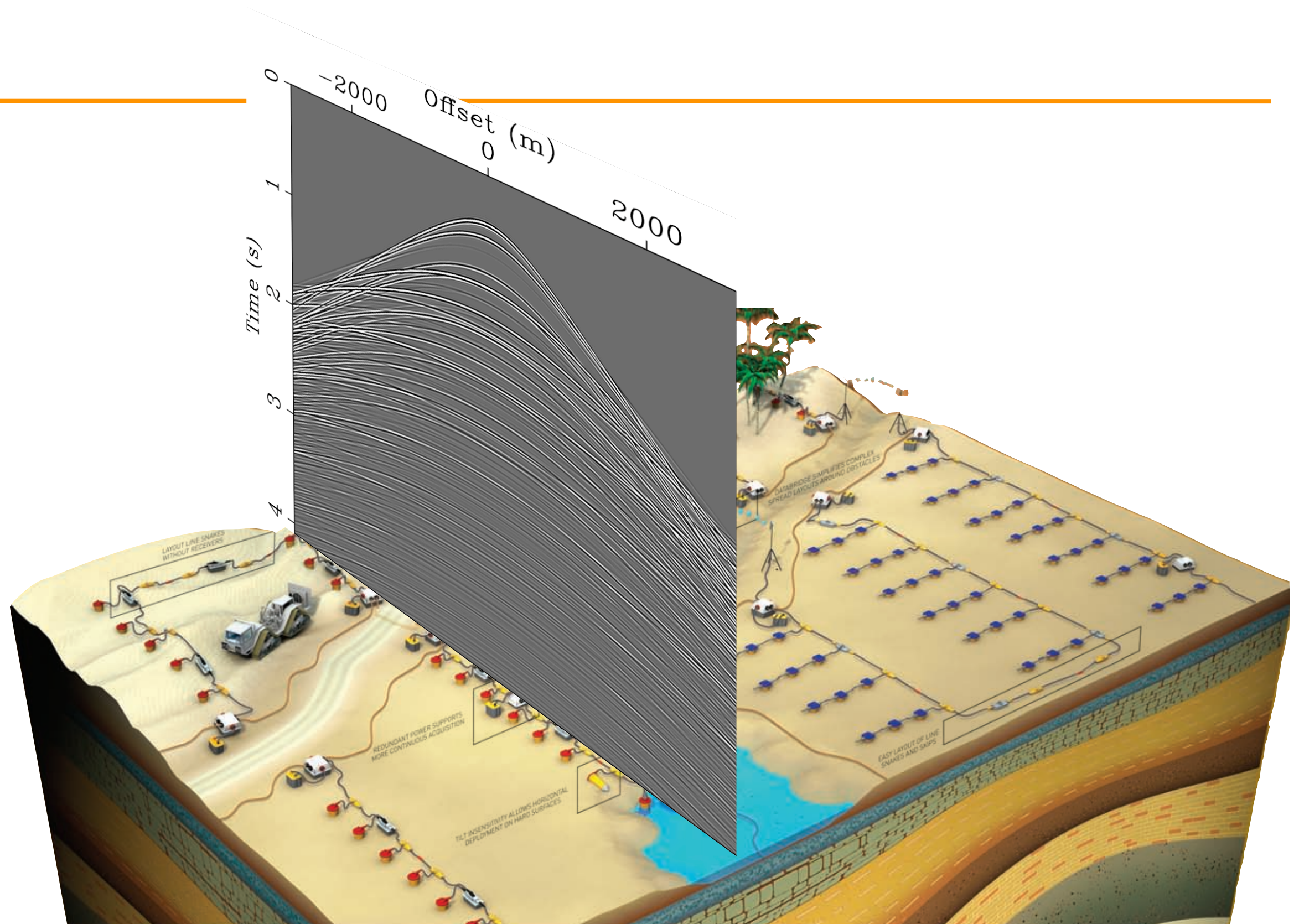




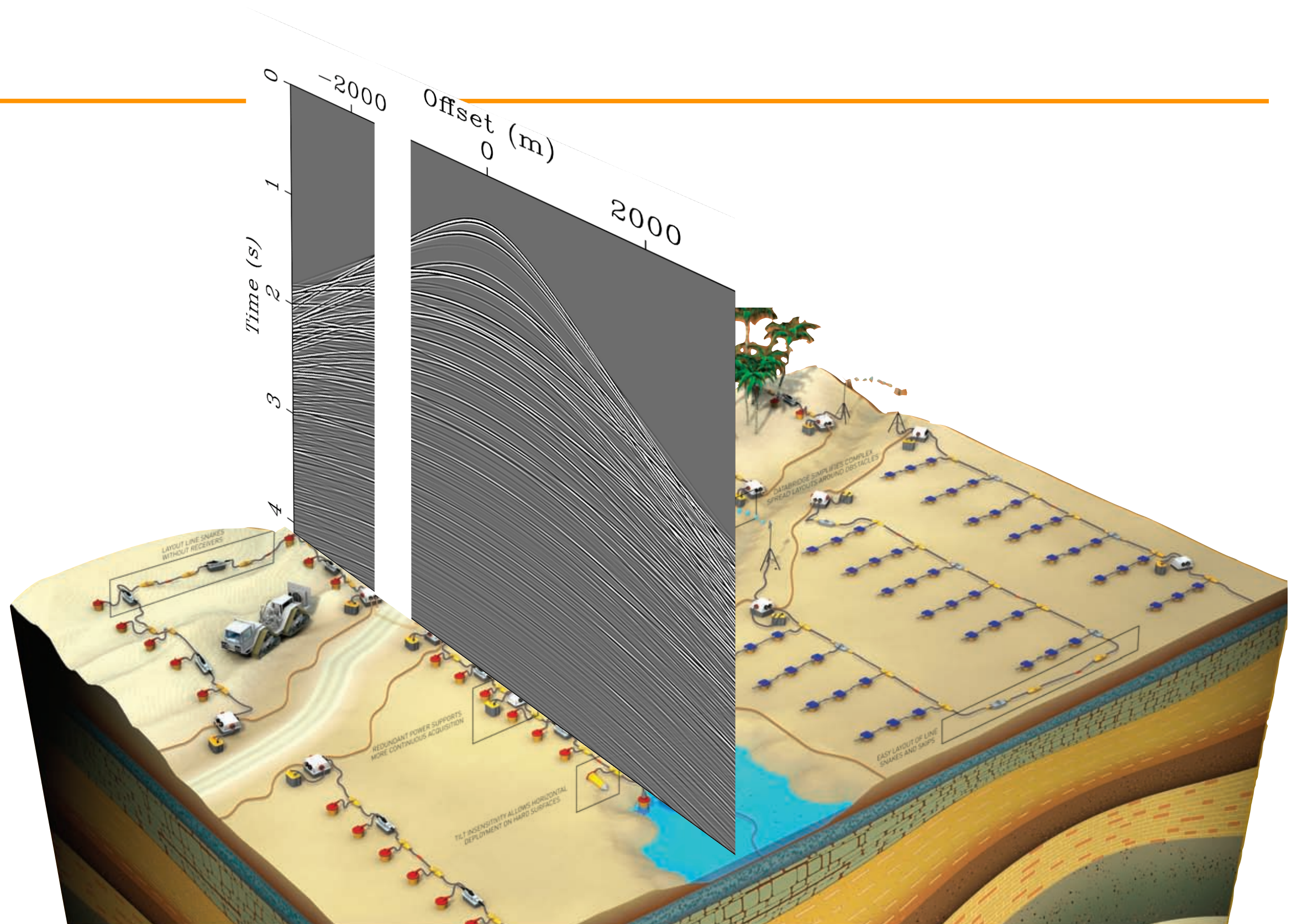




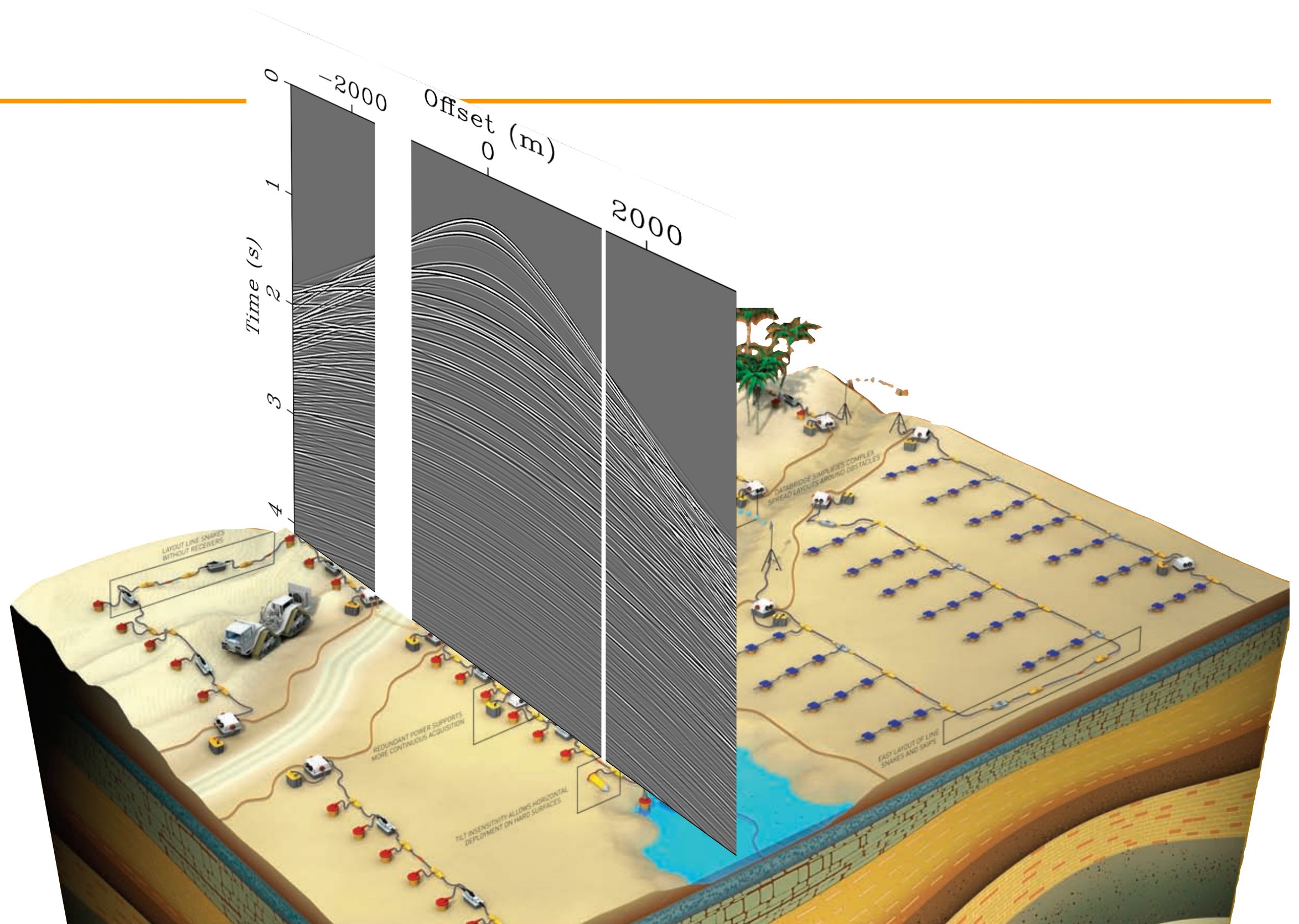




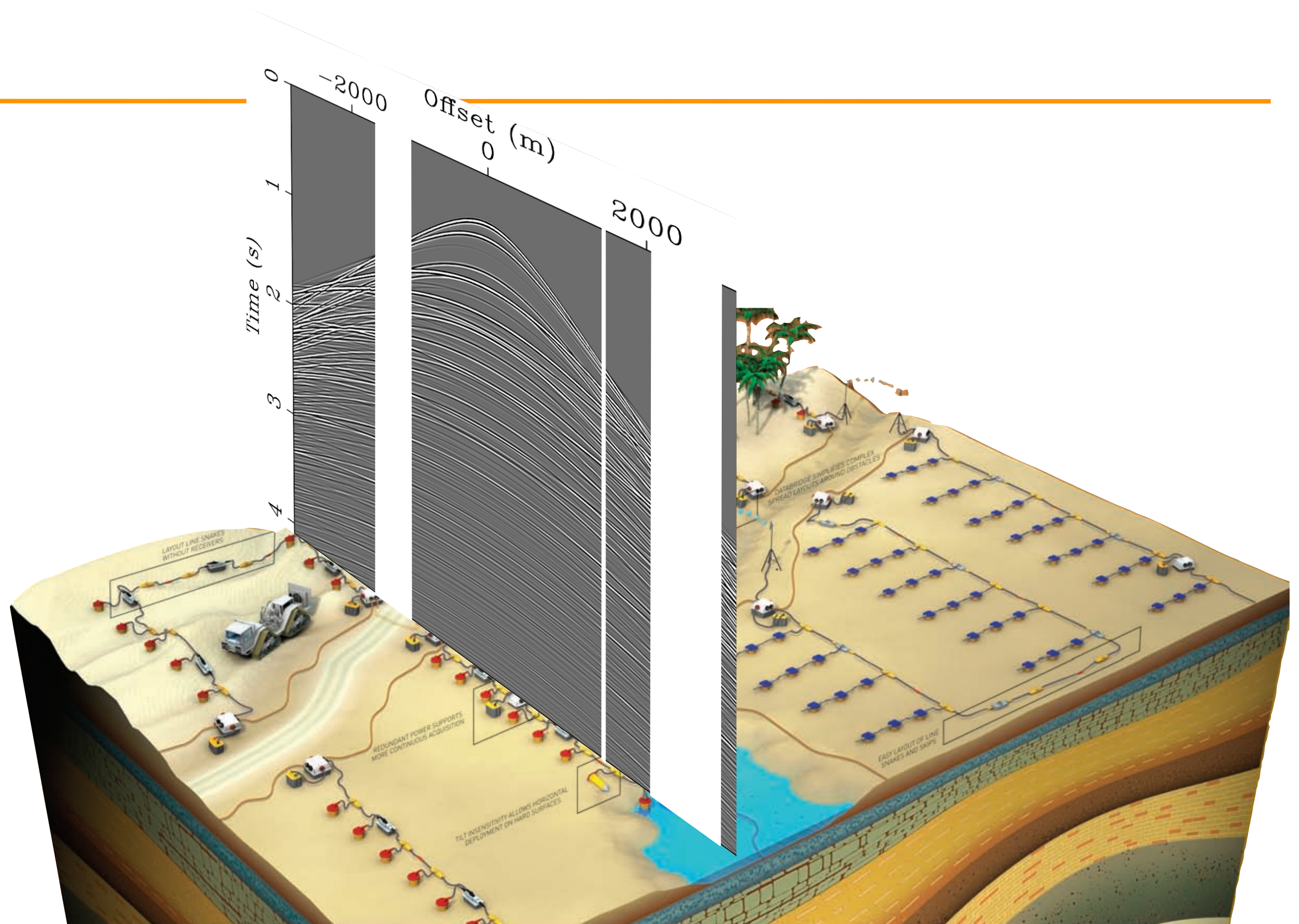




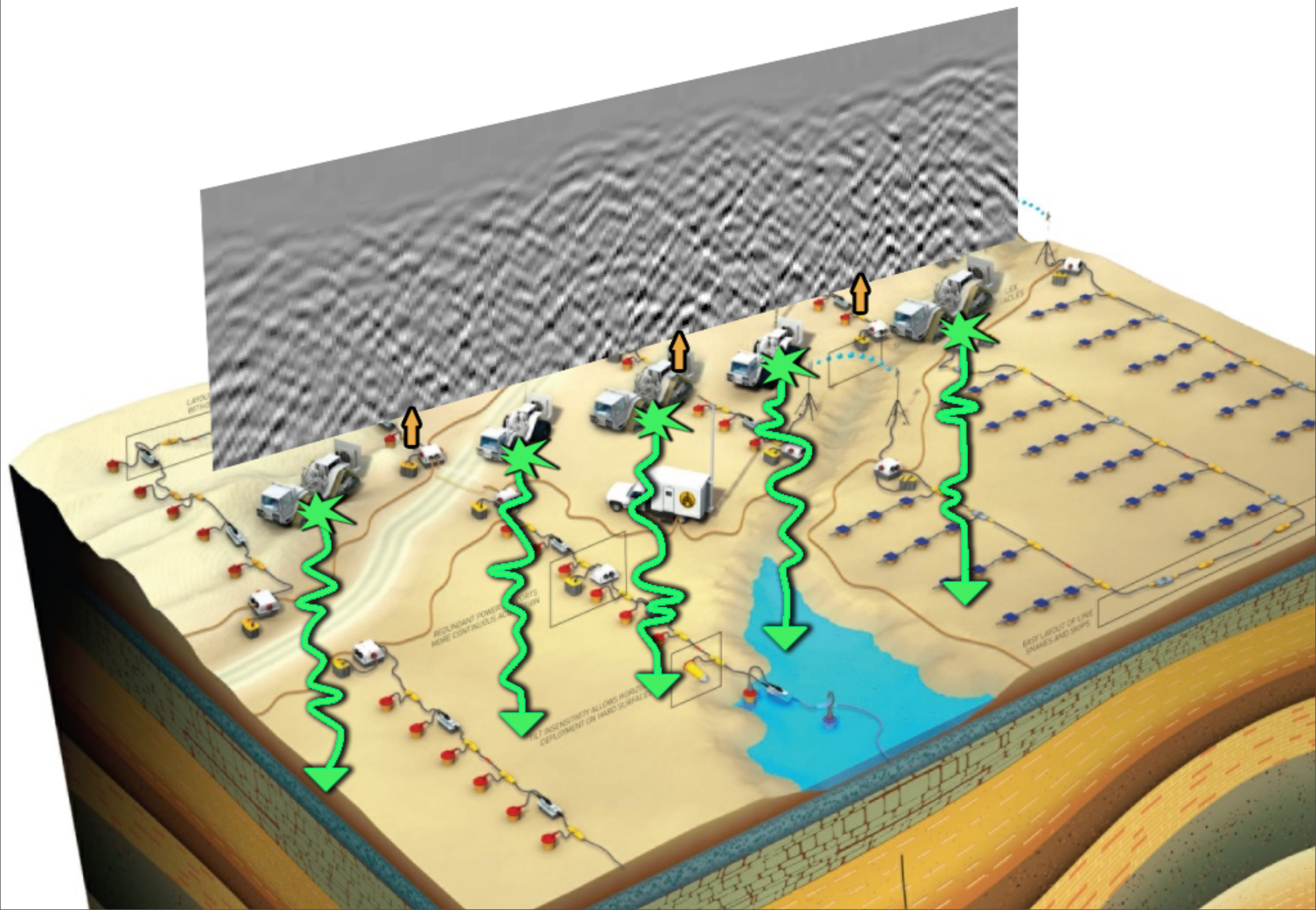












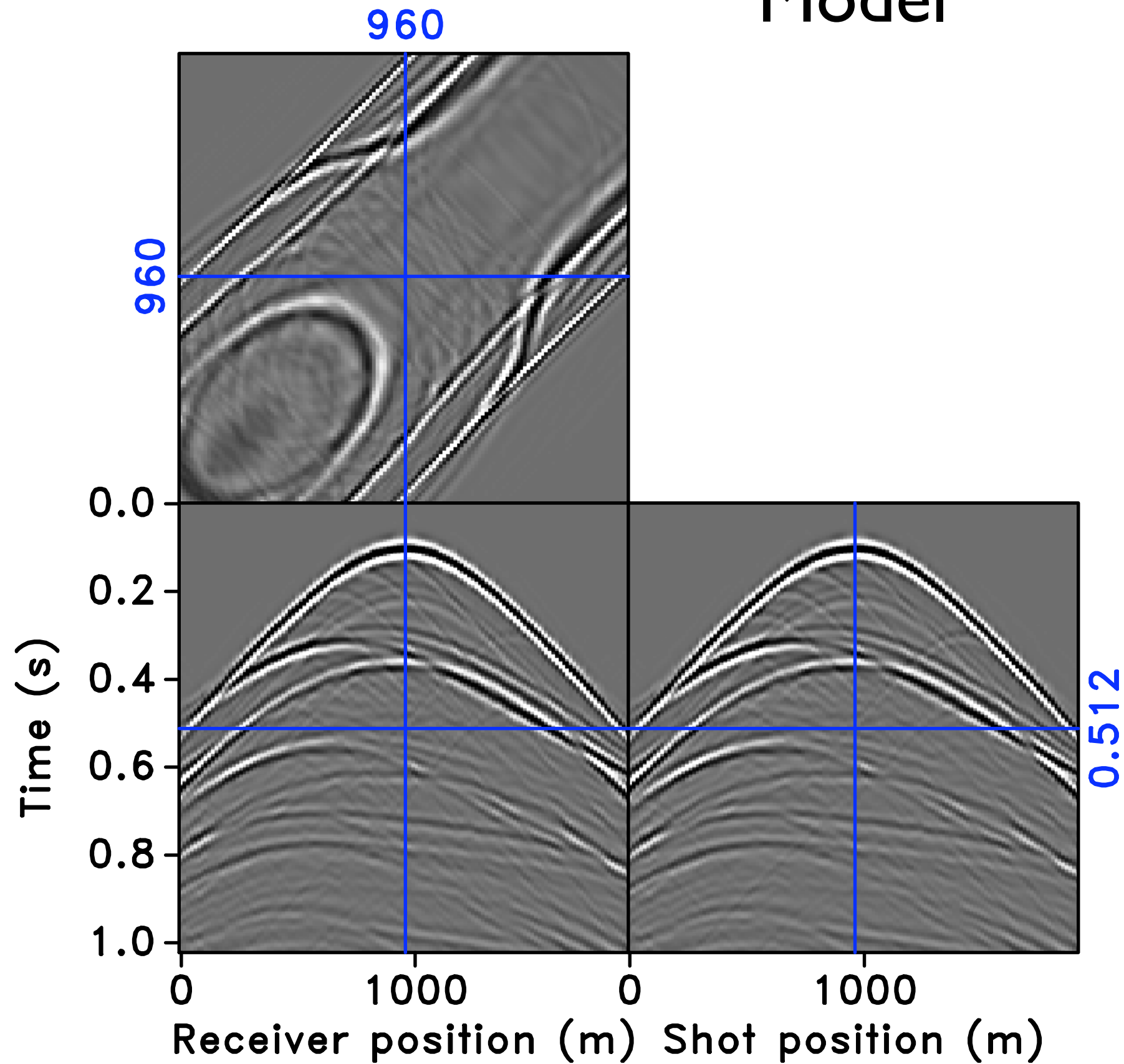


# Questions

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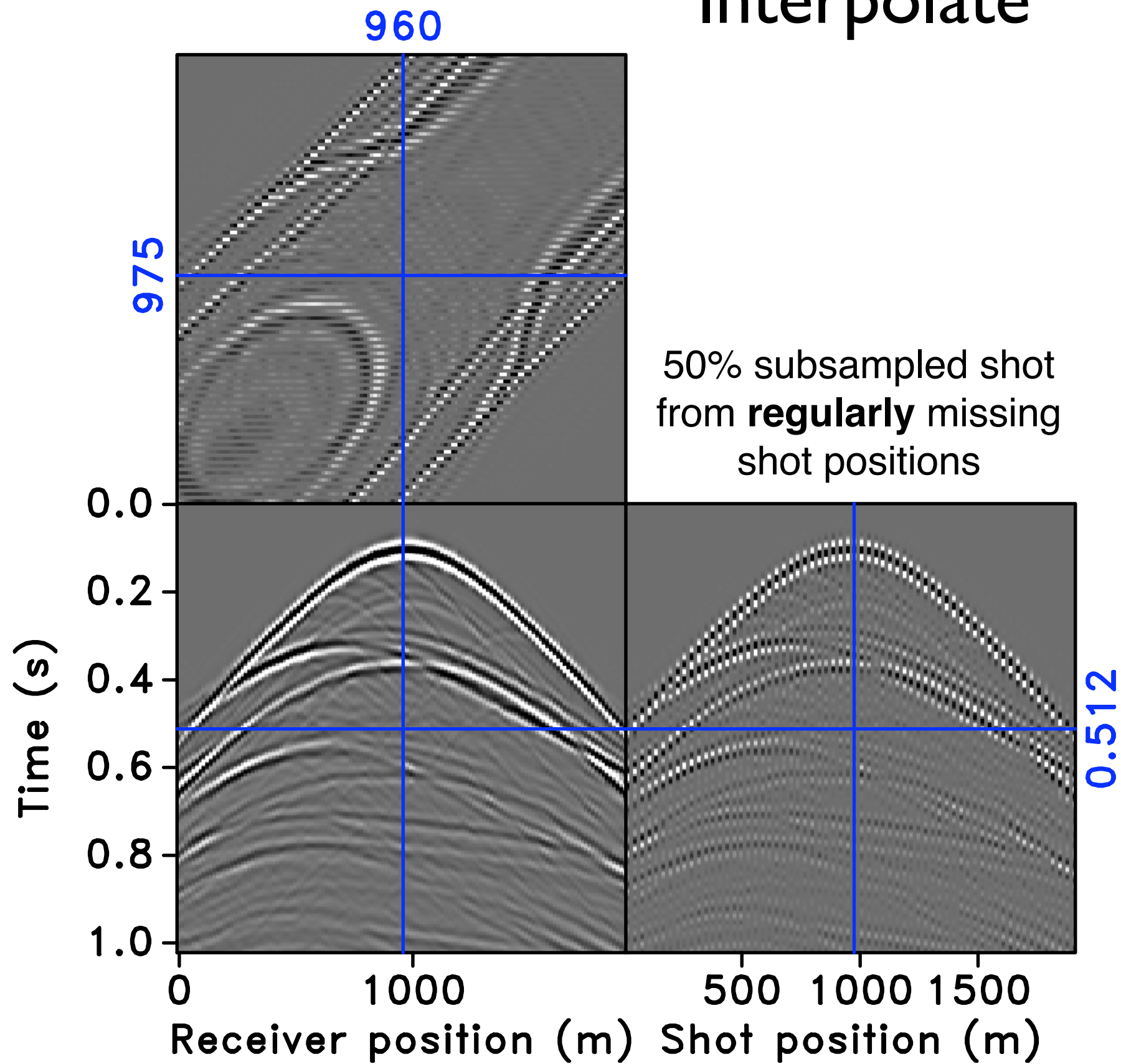
- What is better to *periodically* sample *sequential* impulsive sources or to sample at *randomized* positions?
- What is better? Having missing *single-source* or *missing randomized incoherent simultaneous* experiments?
- Comparison between different undersampling strategies for source experiments:
  - *Randomized* jittered shot positions
  - *Randomized* simultaneous shots

# Model

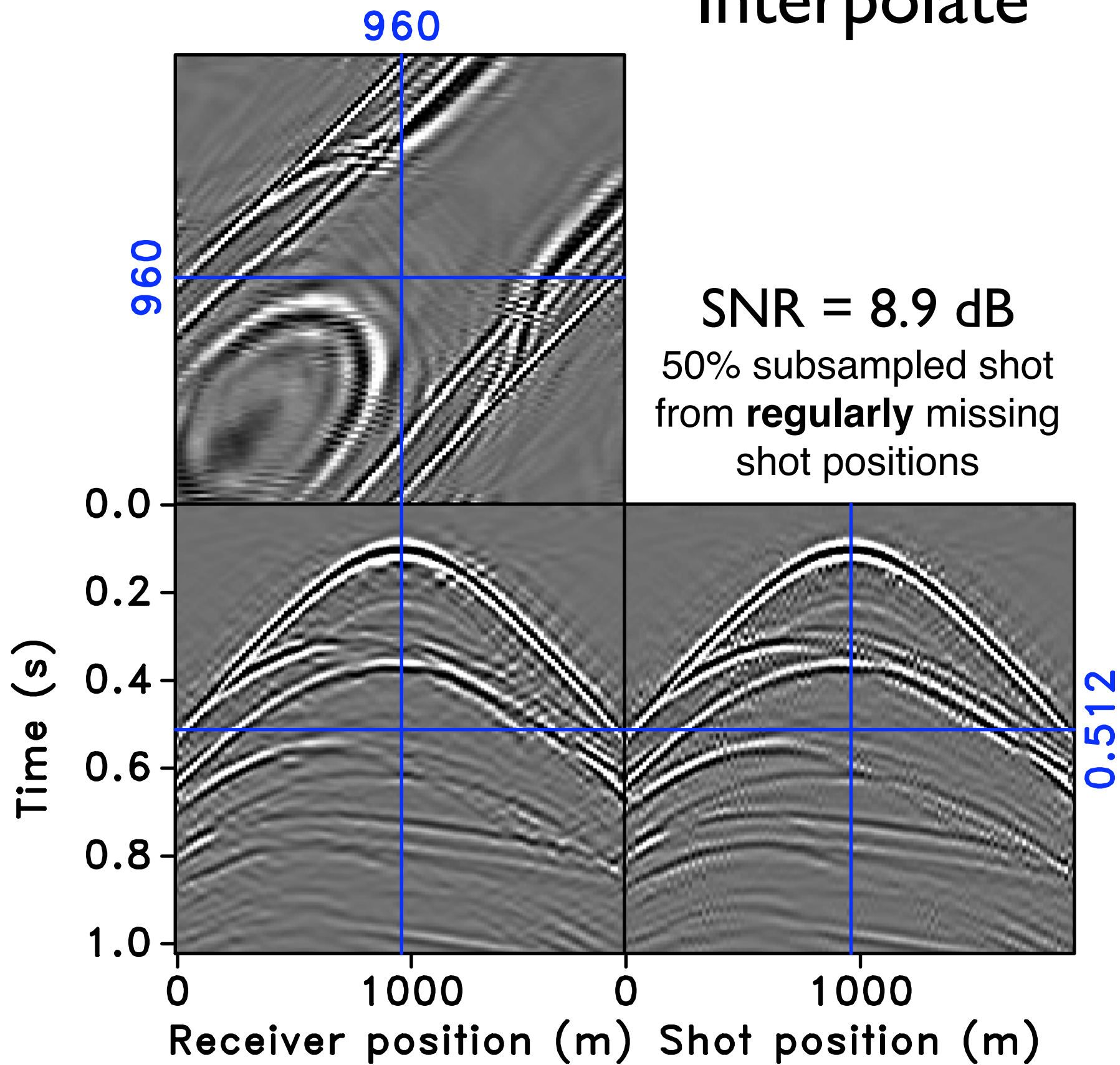




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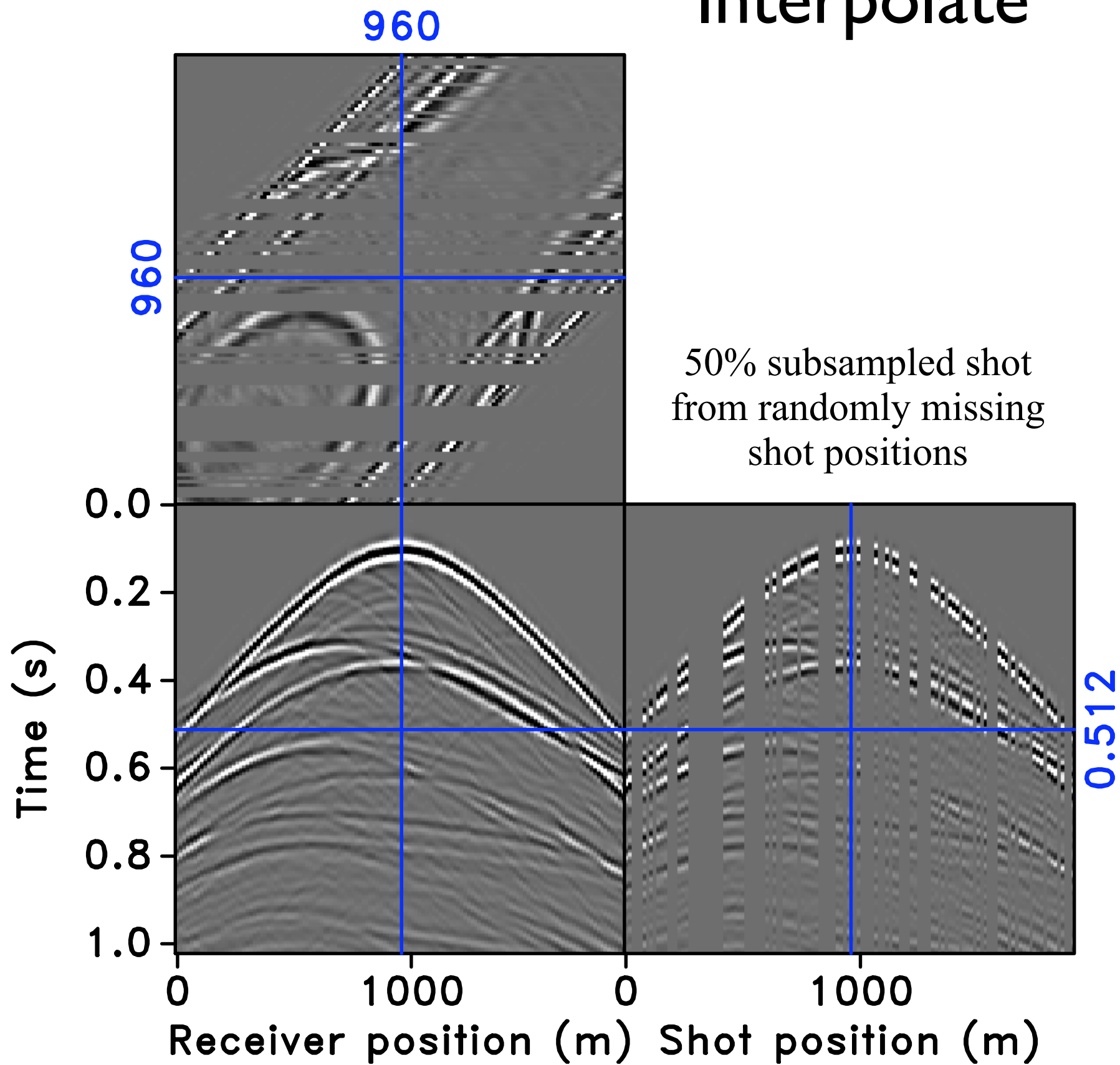


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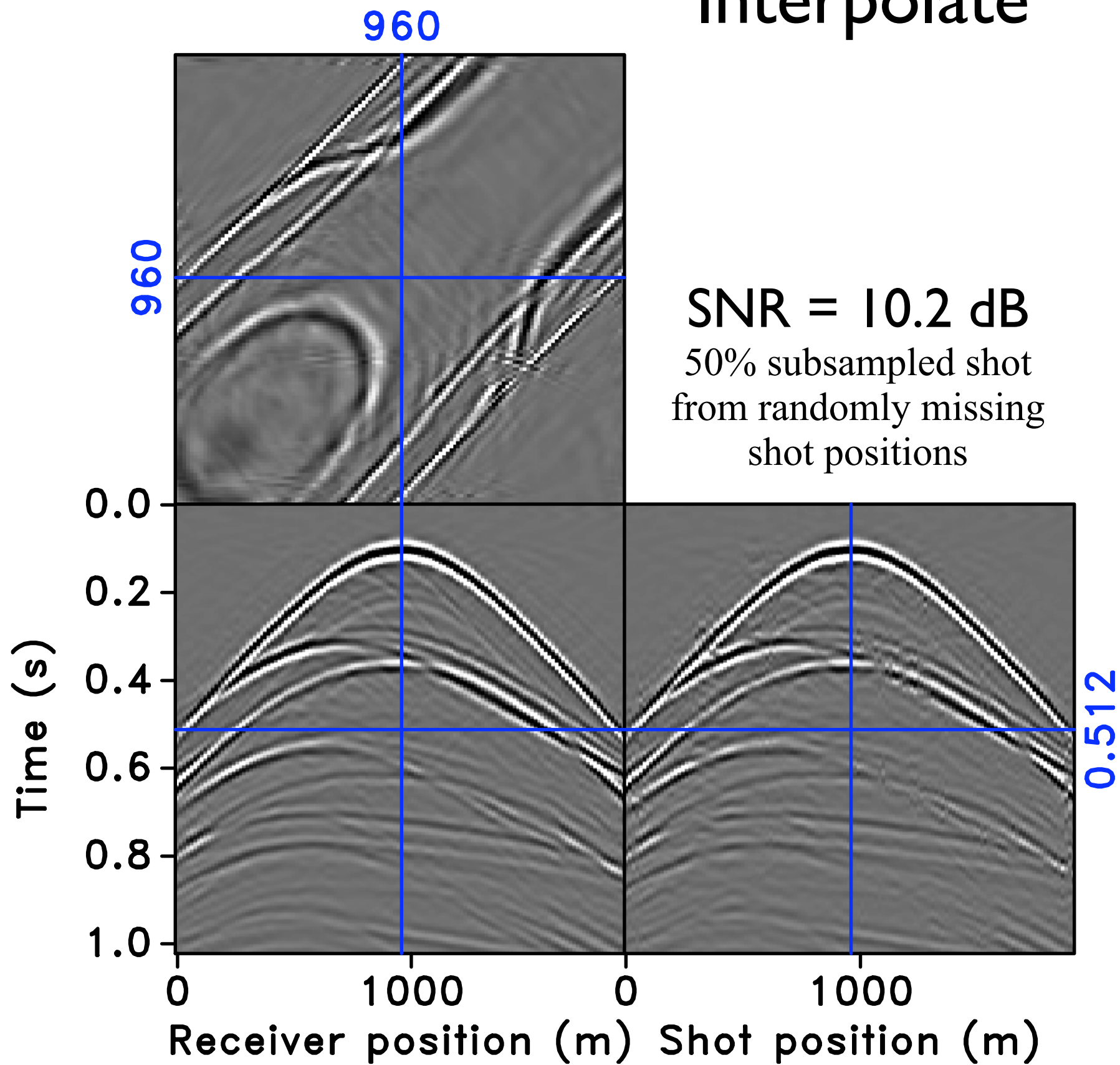




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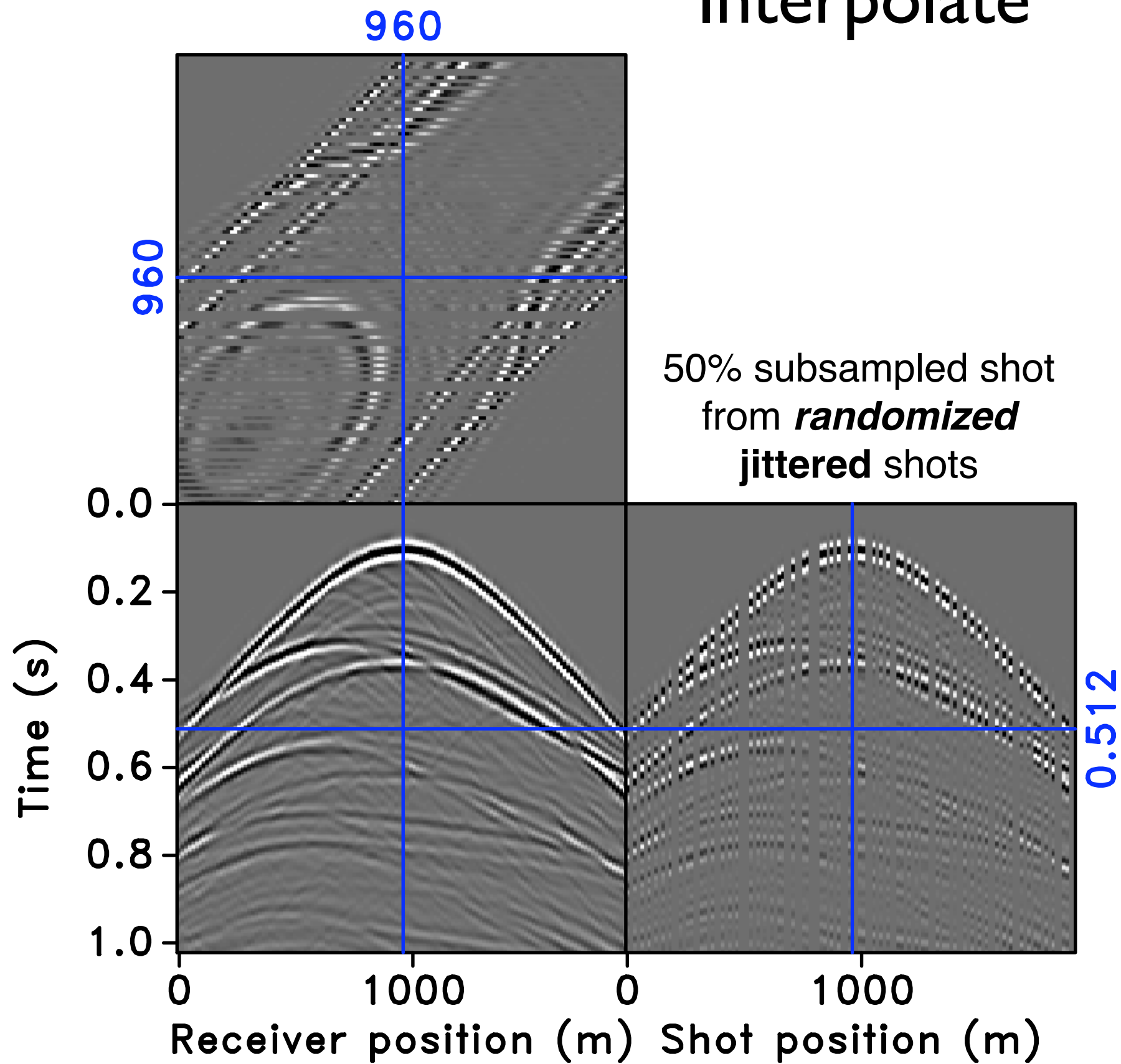


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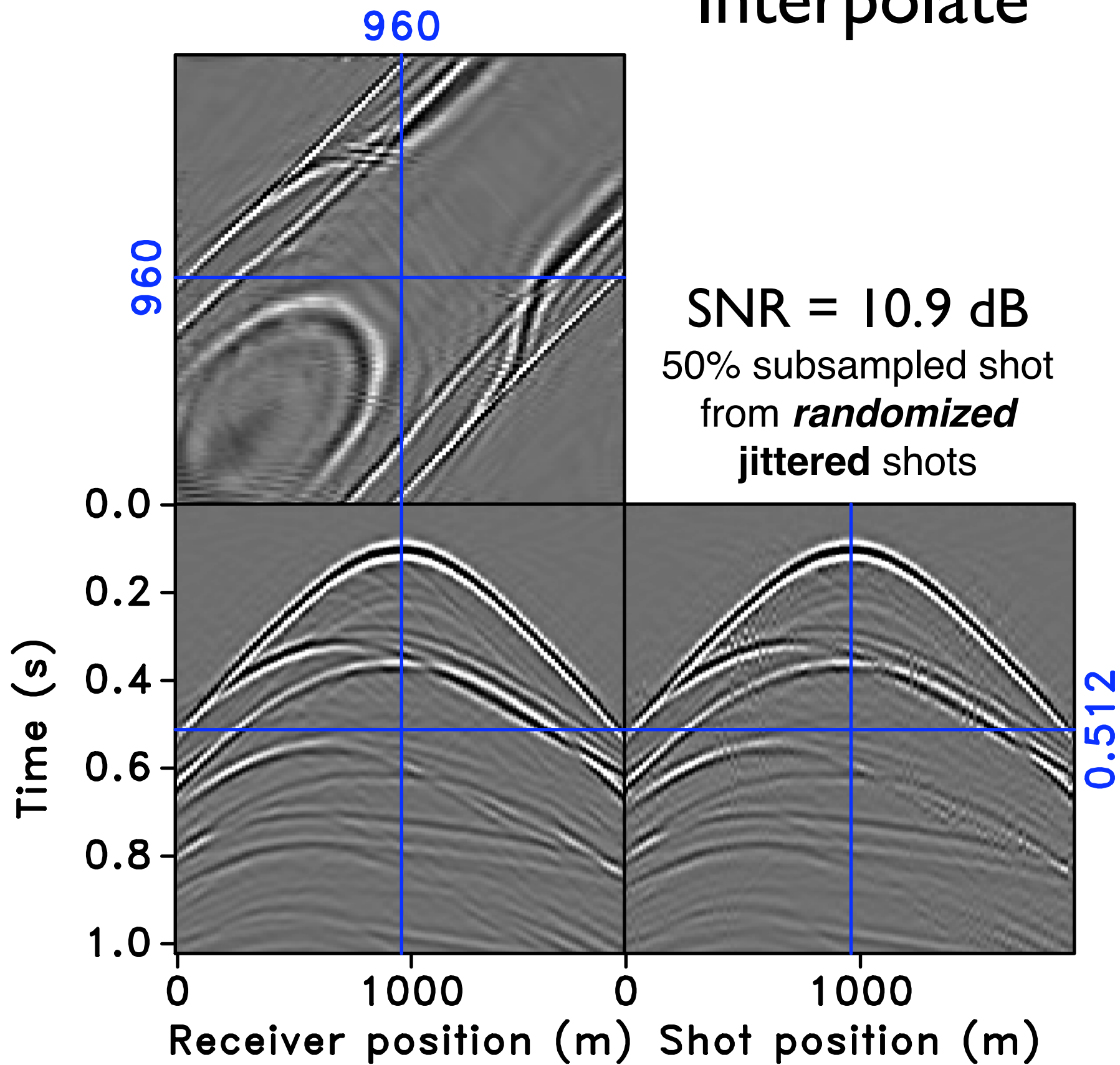




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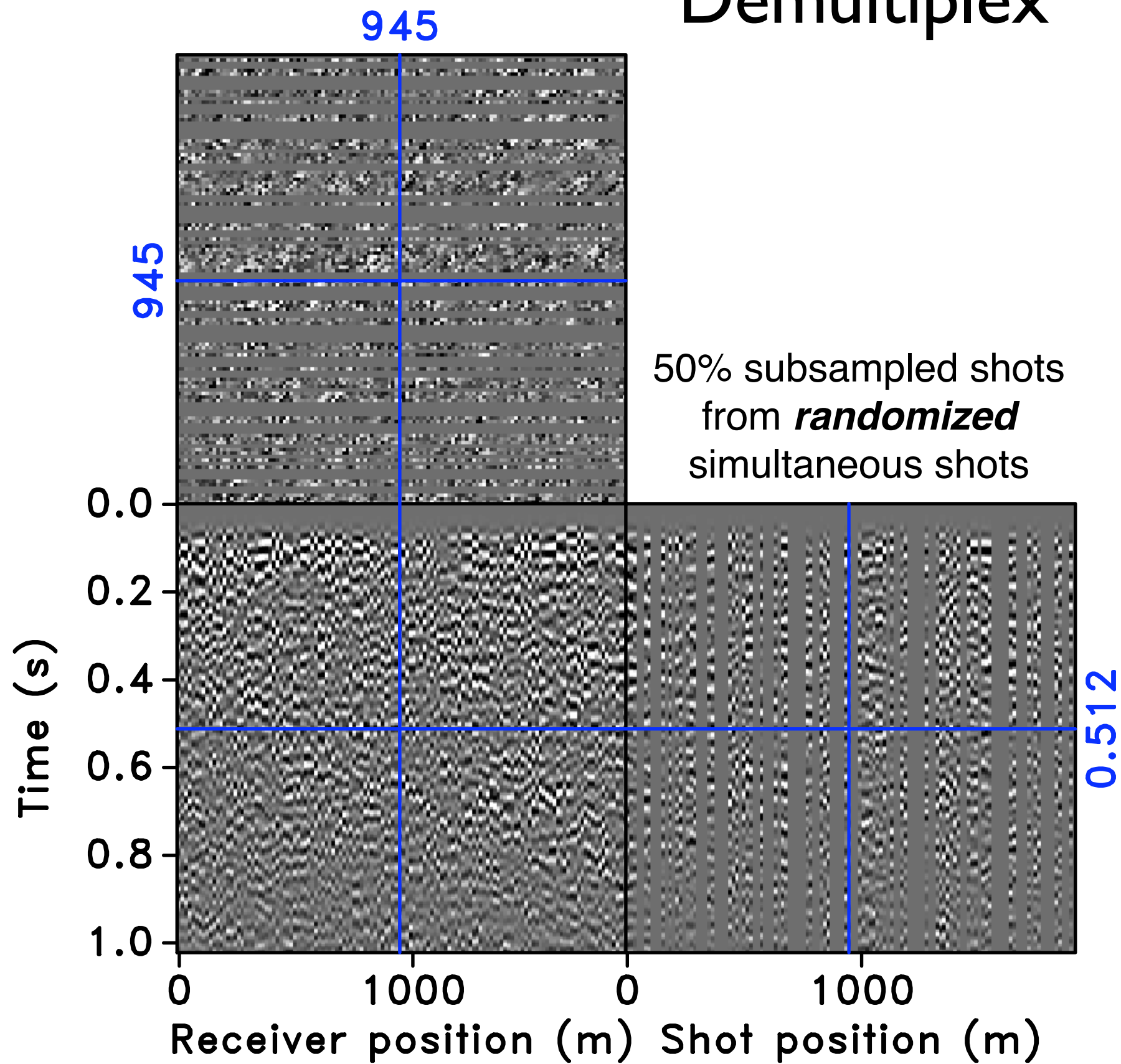


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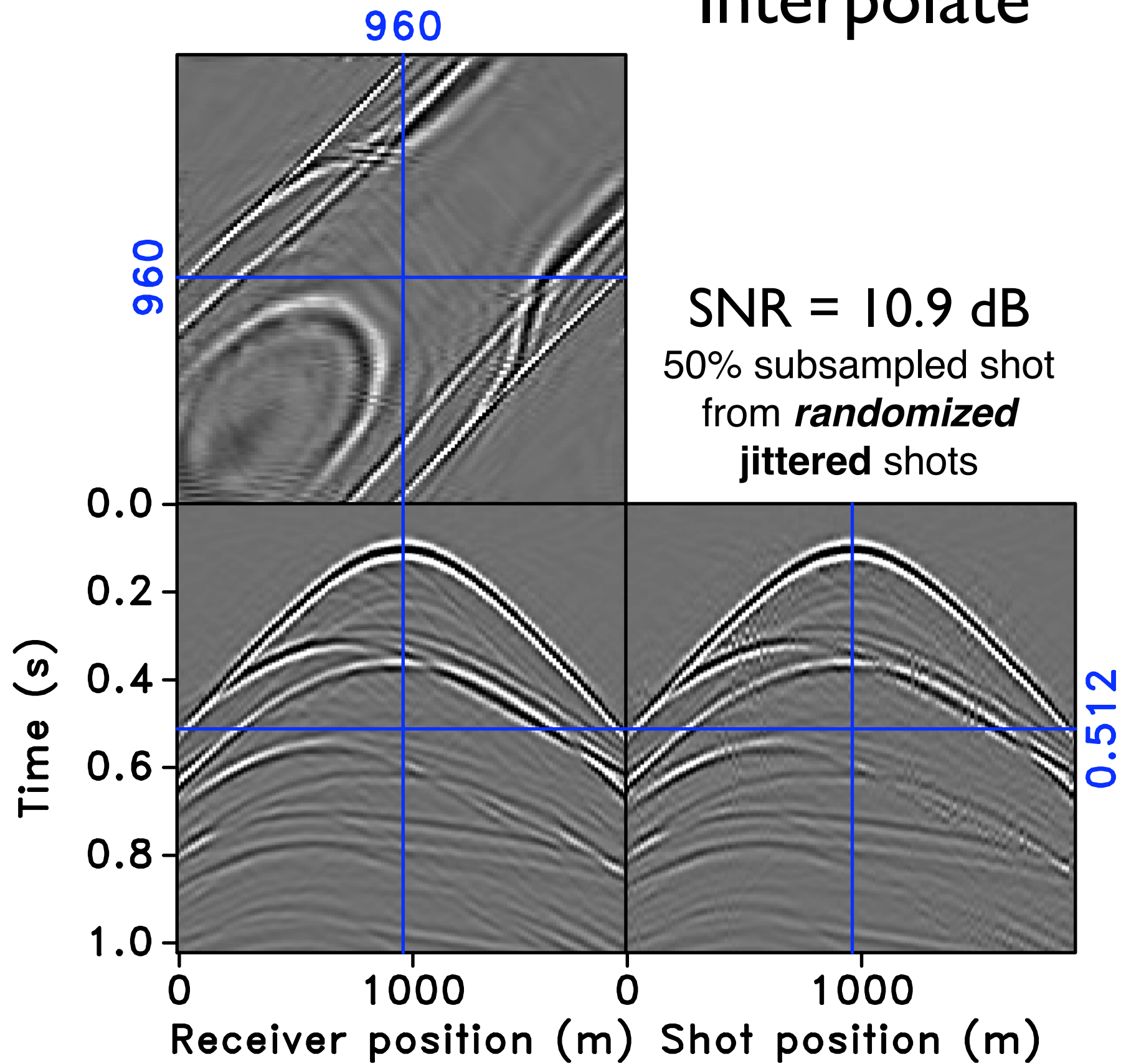


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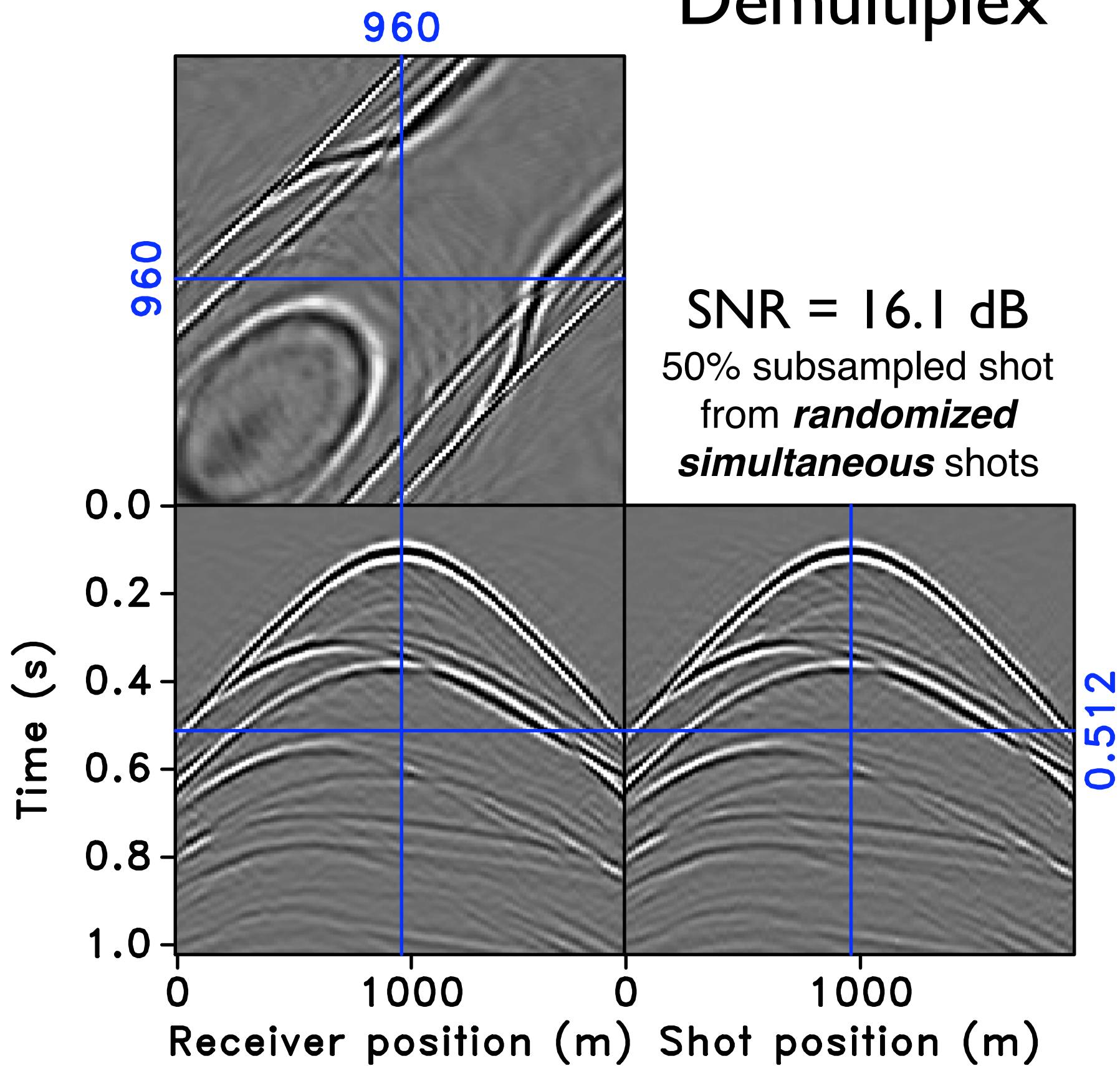




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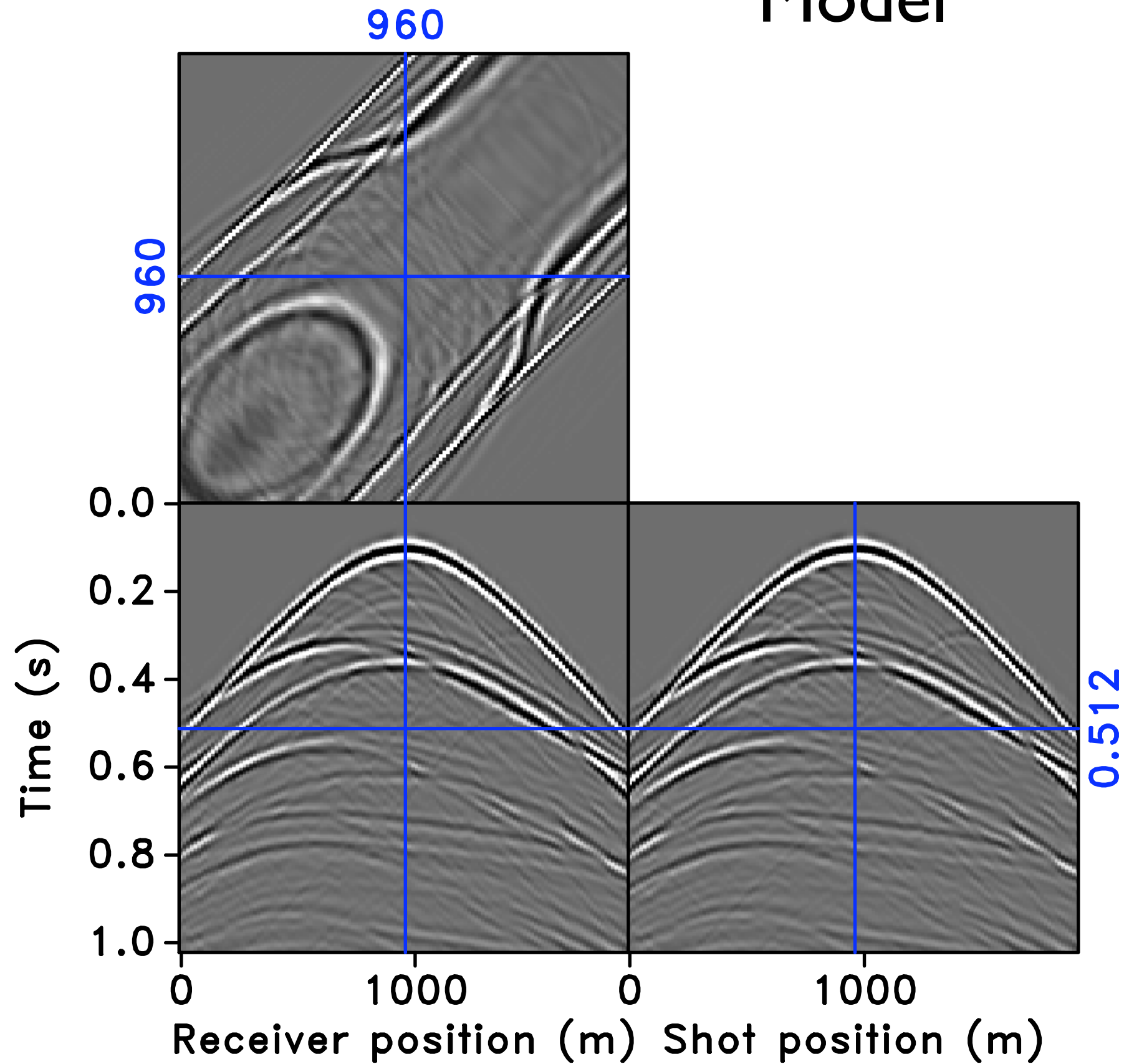


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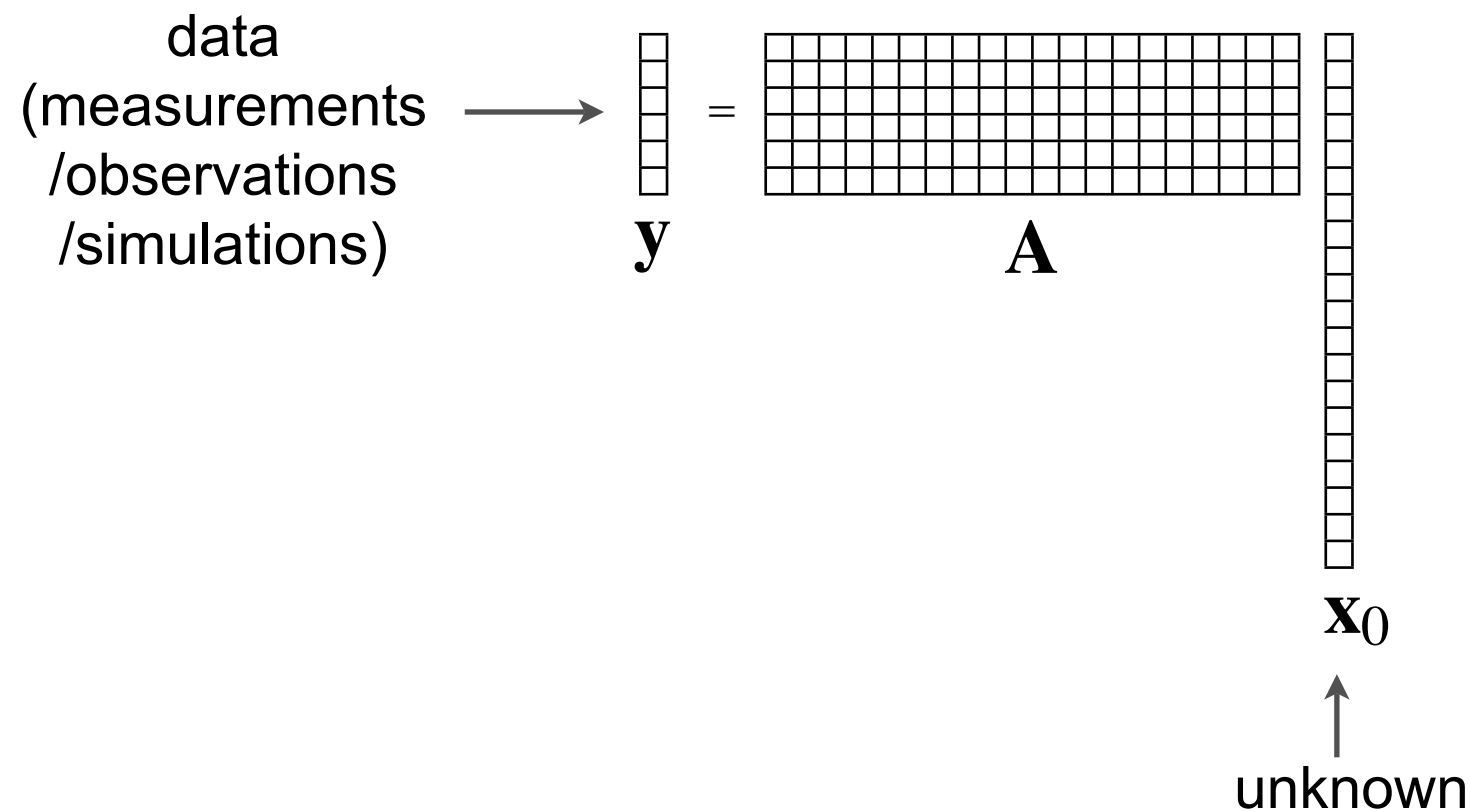
# Model



# Problem statement

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Consider the following (severely) underdetermined system of linear equations



Is it possible to recover  $\mathbf{x}_0$  accurately from  $\mathbf{y}$ ?



# Perfect recovery

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$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_0$$

- conditions

- $\mathbf{A}$  obeys the **uniform uncertainty principle**
- $\mathbf{x}_0$  is **sufficiently sparse**

- recovery procedure

$$\underbrace{\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\ell_1} = \sum_n |x_i|}_{\text{”sparsity”}} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}}_{\text{perfect reconstruction}}$$

- performance

- **$k$ -sparse vectors recovered from roughly on the order of  $k$  measurements** (to within constant and  $\log$  factors)

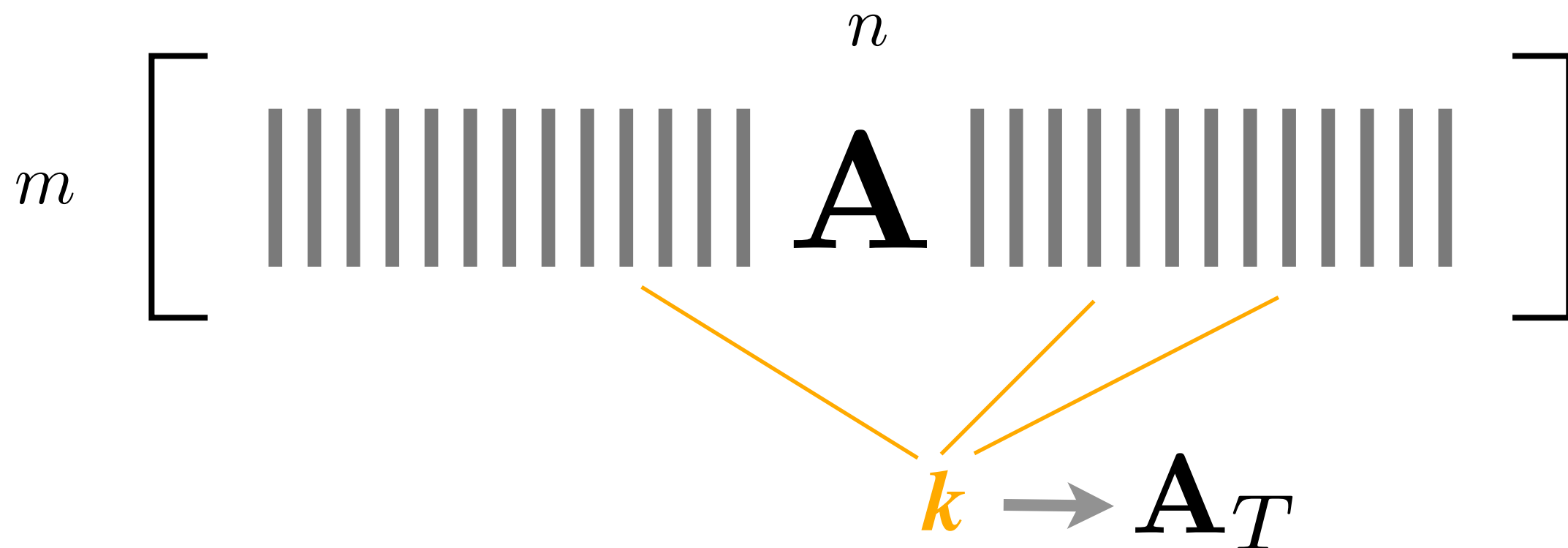
# Designing CS acquisition matrix

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- Restricted Isometry Property holds  $m \geq C \cdot k \log(n/k)$

$$(1 - \delta_k) \|\mathbf{x}_T\|_{\ell_2} \leq \|\mathbf{A}_T \mathbf{x}\|_{\ell_2} \leq (1 + \delta_k) \|\mathbf{x}_T\|_{\ell_2}$$

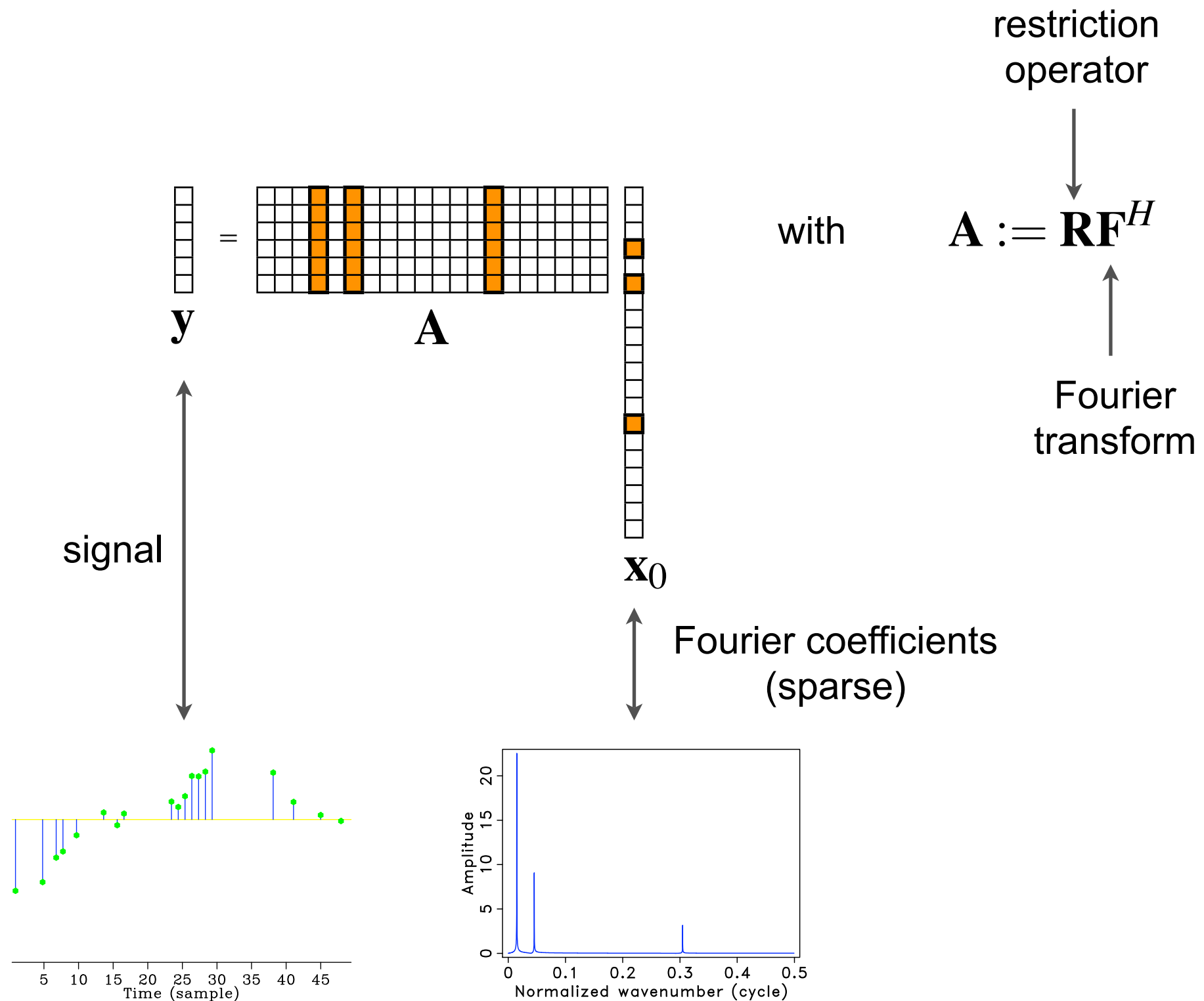
- Bounds singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$



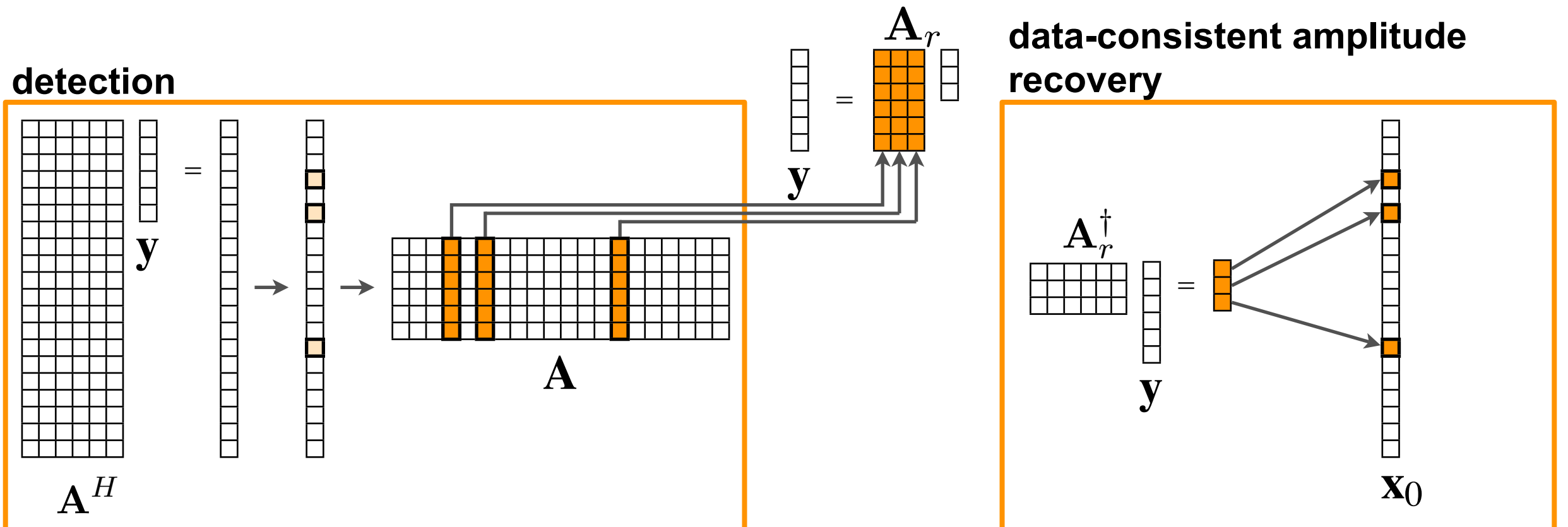
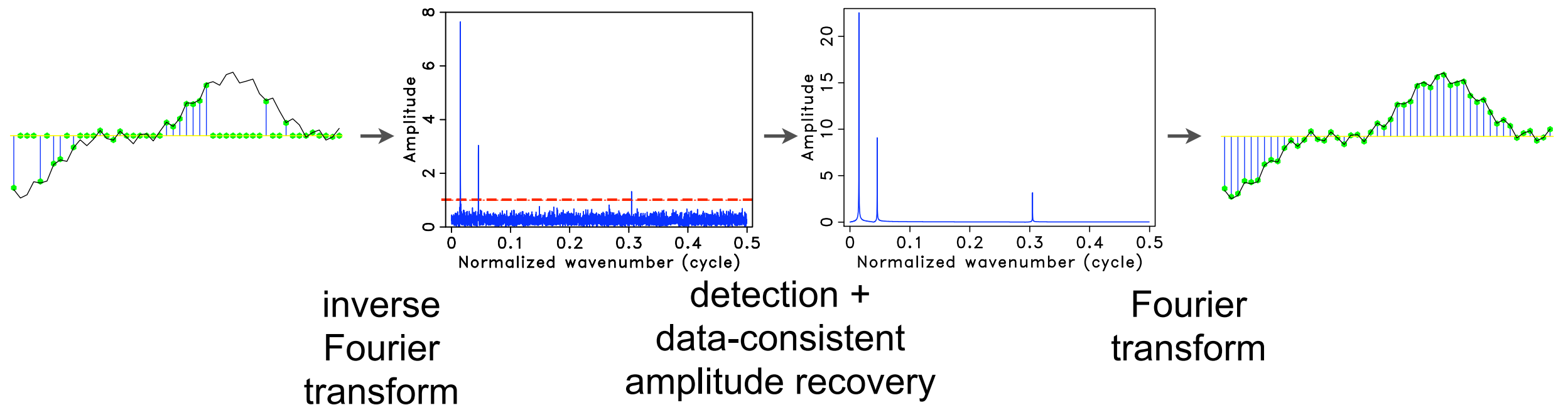
- Subsets  $T$  of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  behave approximately as an orthonormal basis  $\Rightarrow$  stable
- Construction of  $\mathbf{A}$  depends on **randomization**  $\Rightarrow$  spread of energy
- $\mathbf{A}$  like a matrix with iid zero-centered random Gaussian entries



# Simple example



# NAIVE sparsity-promoting recovery

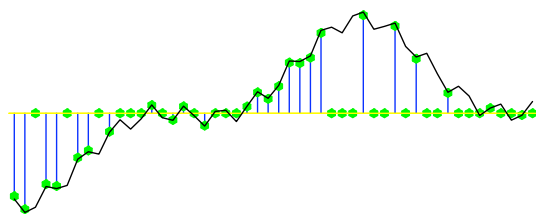




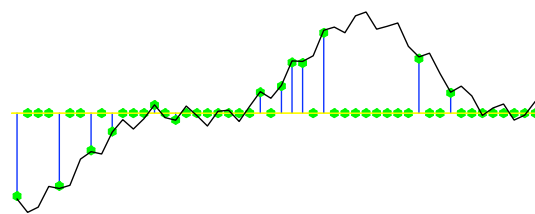
# Undersampling “noise”

- “noise”
  - due to  $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} \neq \mathbf{I}$
  - defined by  $\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_0 - \alpha \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{y} - \alpha \mathbf{x}_0$

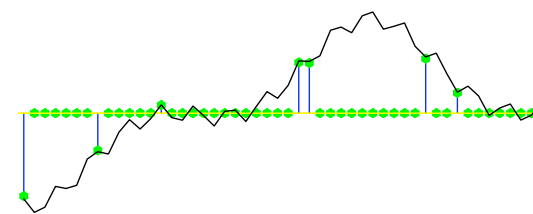
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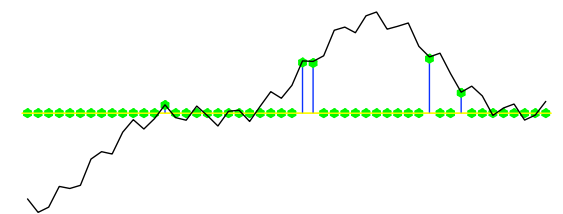
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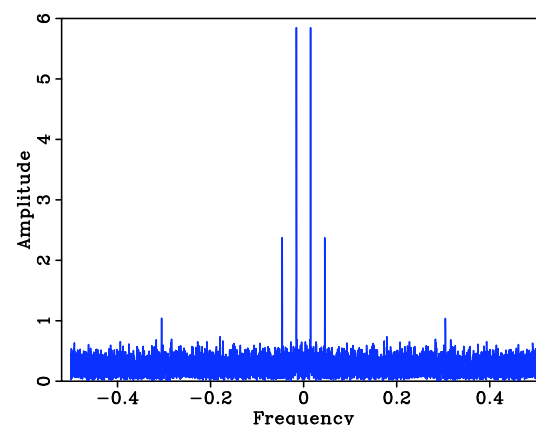
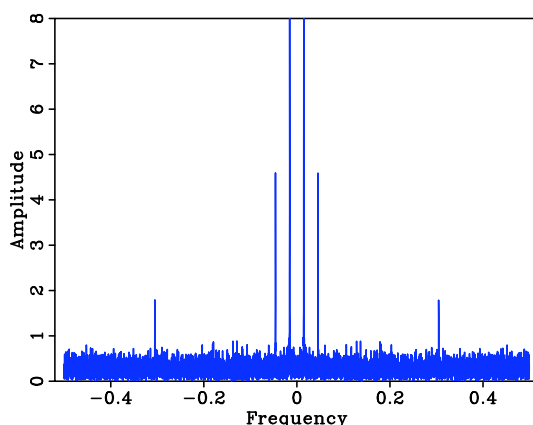
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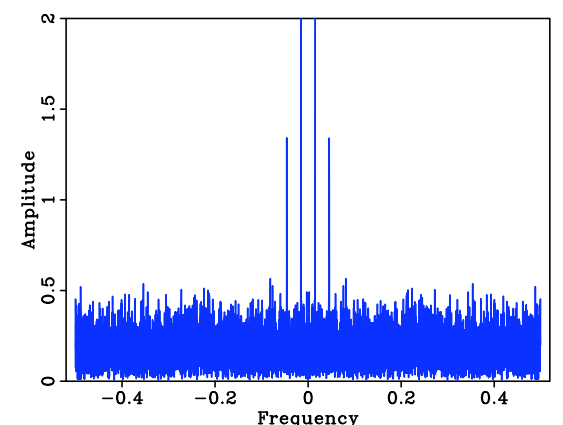
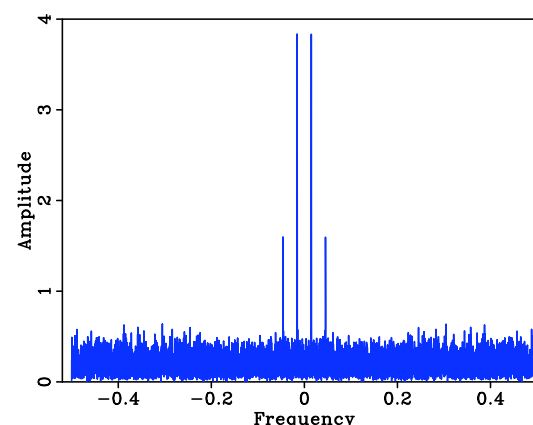
less acquired data



3 detectable Fourier modes



2 detectable Fourier modes



# Extensions

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- Use CS principles to select *physically* appropriate
  - **randomized** restriction matrix **R** = downsampler
  - *measurement* matrix either **I**, or **random** phase encoder, or **randomized physics**
  - sparsifying transform **S** (e.g. curvelets)
  - driven by signal type, physics, and type of acquisition (e.g. fMRI vs seismic)
- Sparse signal representation:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0$$

with

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{S}^H$$

restriction  
matrix

measurement  
matrix

sparsity  
matrix

Selection turns *aliases/coherent subsampling artifacts* into harmless **noise** ...

**Problem:** CS does not yet provide practical design principles ...



# Key elements

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## □ *sparsifying transform*

- typically *strictly* **localized** in the Fourier space
- rapid decay physical space to handle the complexity of seismic data
- mutual incoherence

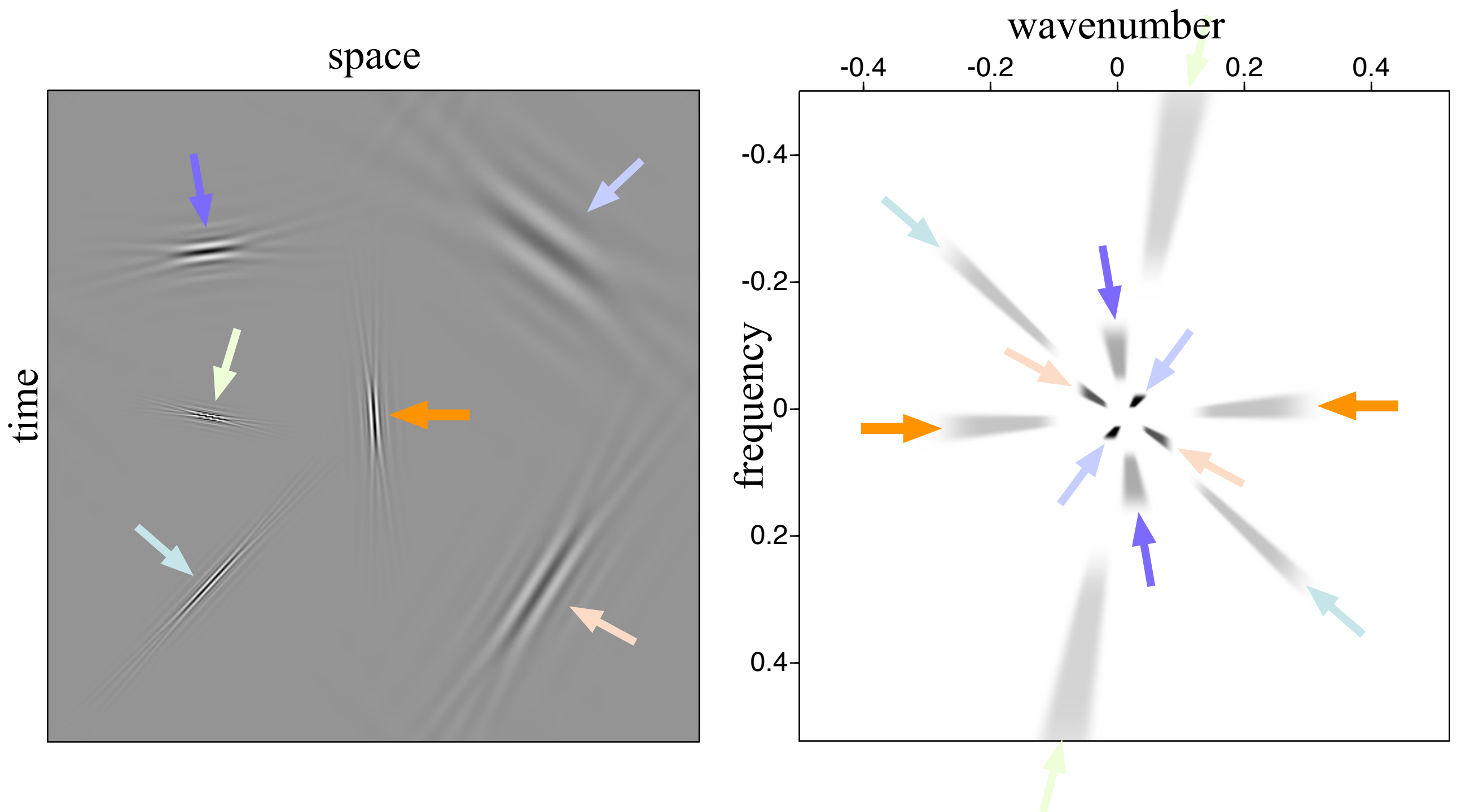
## □ *advantageous **randomized** coarse sampling*

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## □ *sparsity-promoting solver*

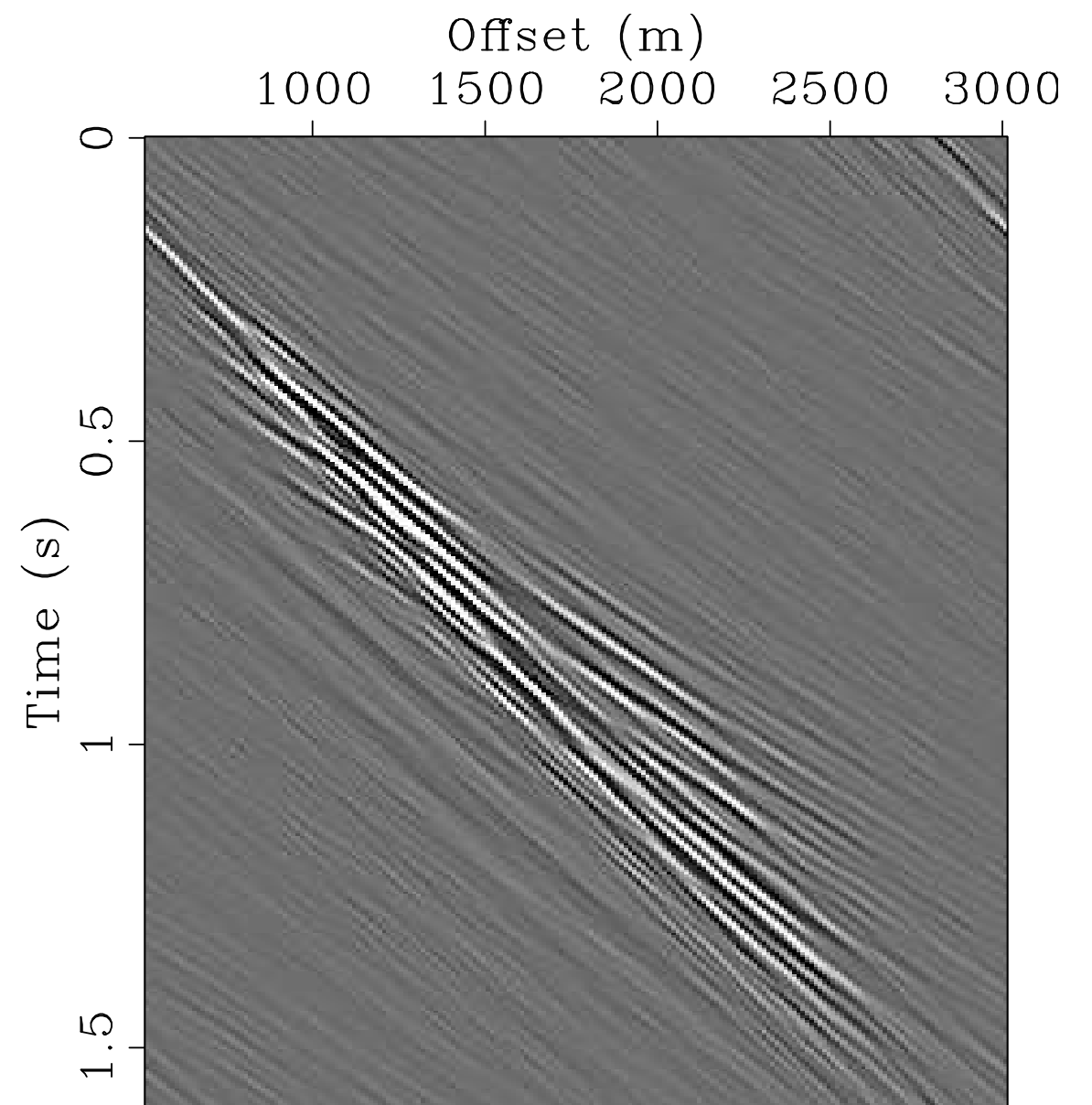
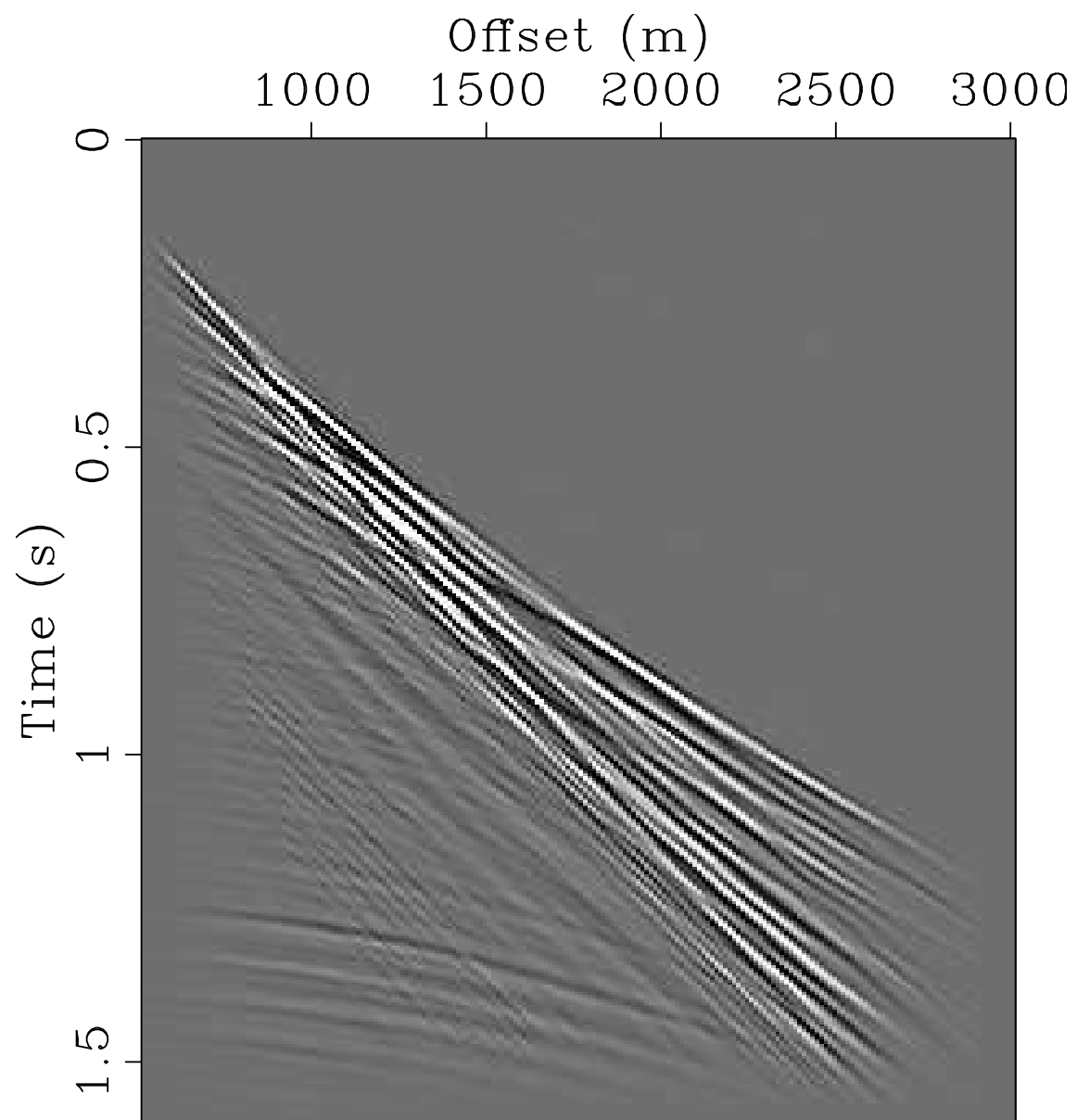
- requires few matrix-vector multiplications

# 2D discrete curvelets



# Fourier reconstruction

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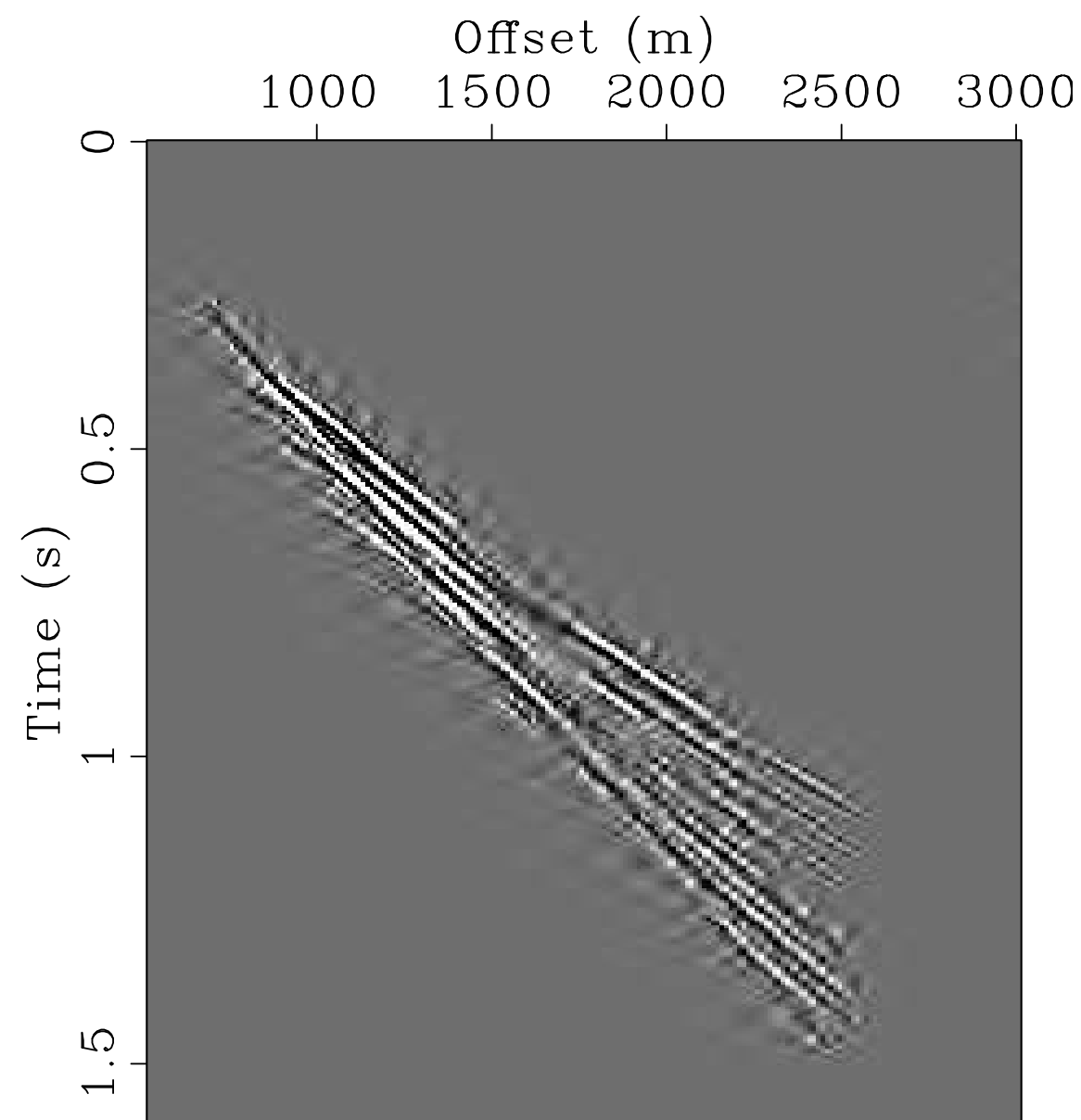
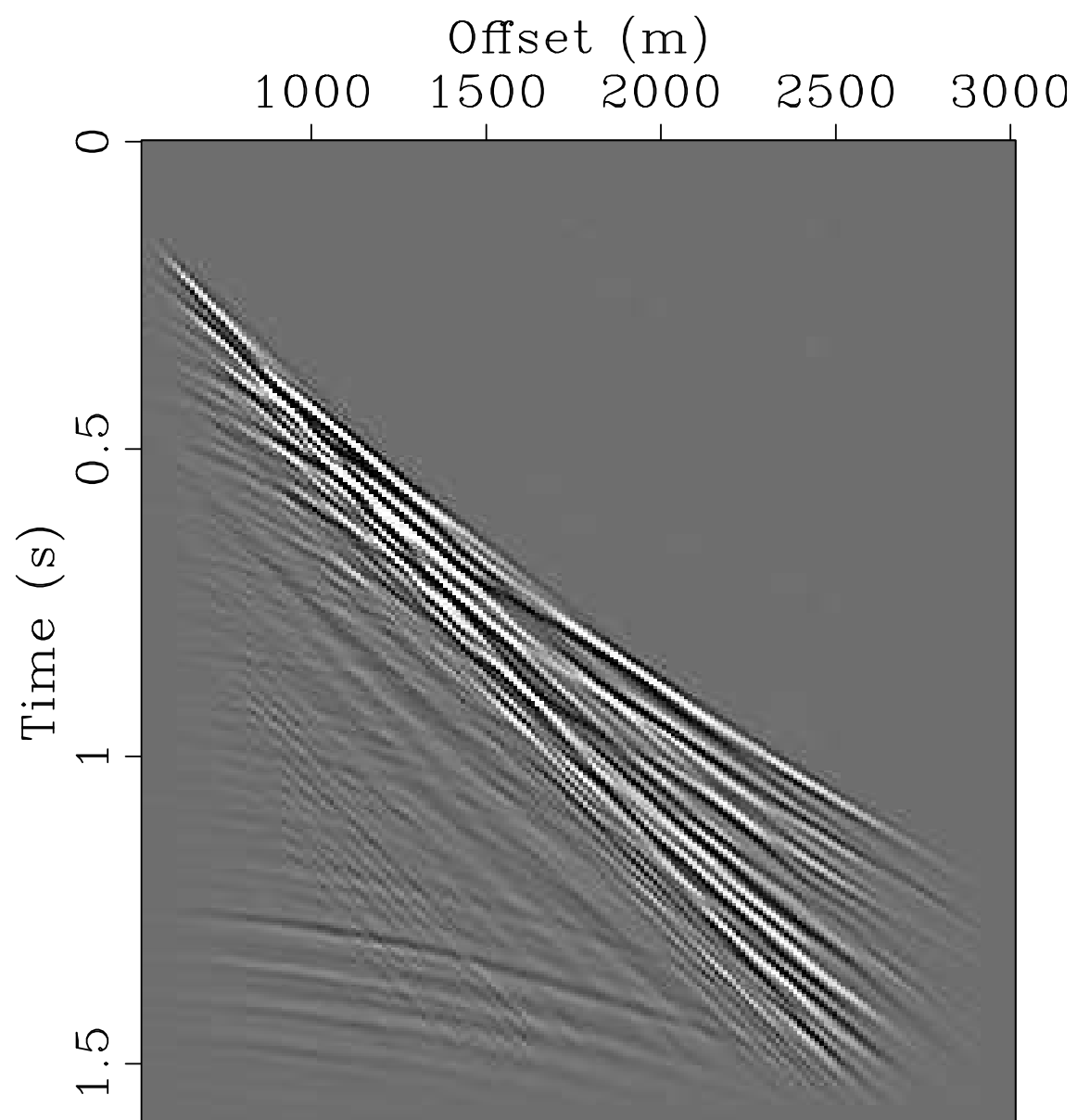


**1 % of coefficients**



# Wavelet reconstruction

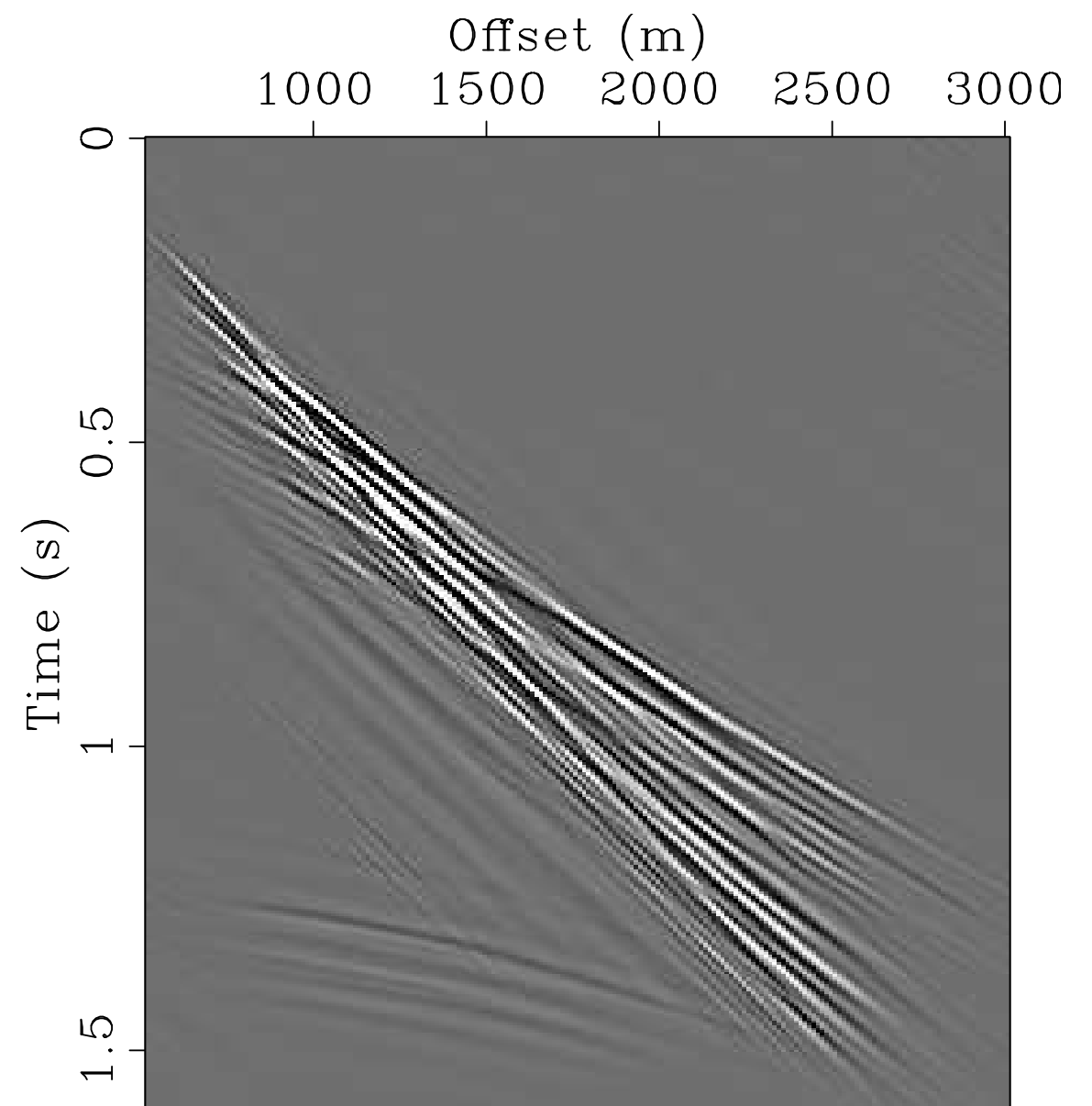
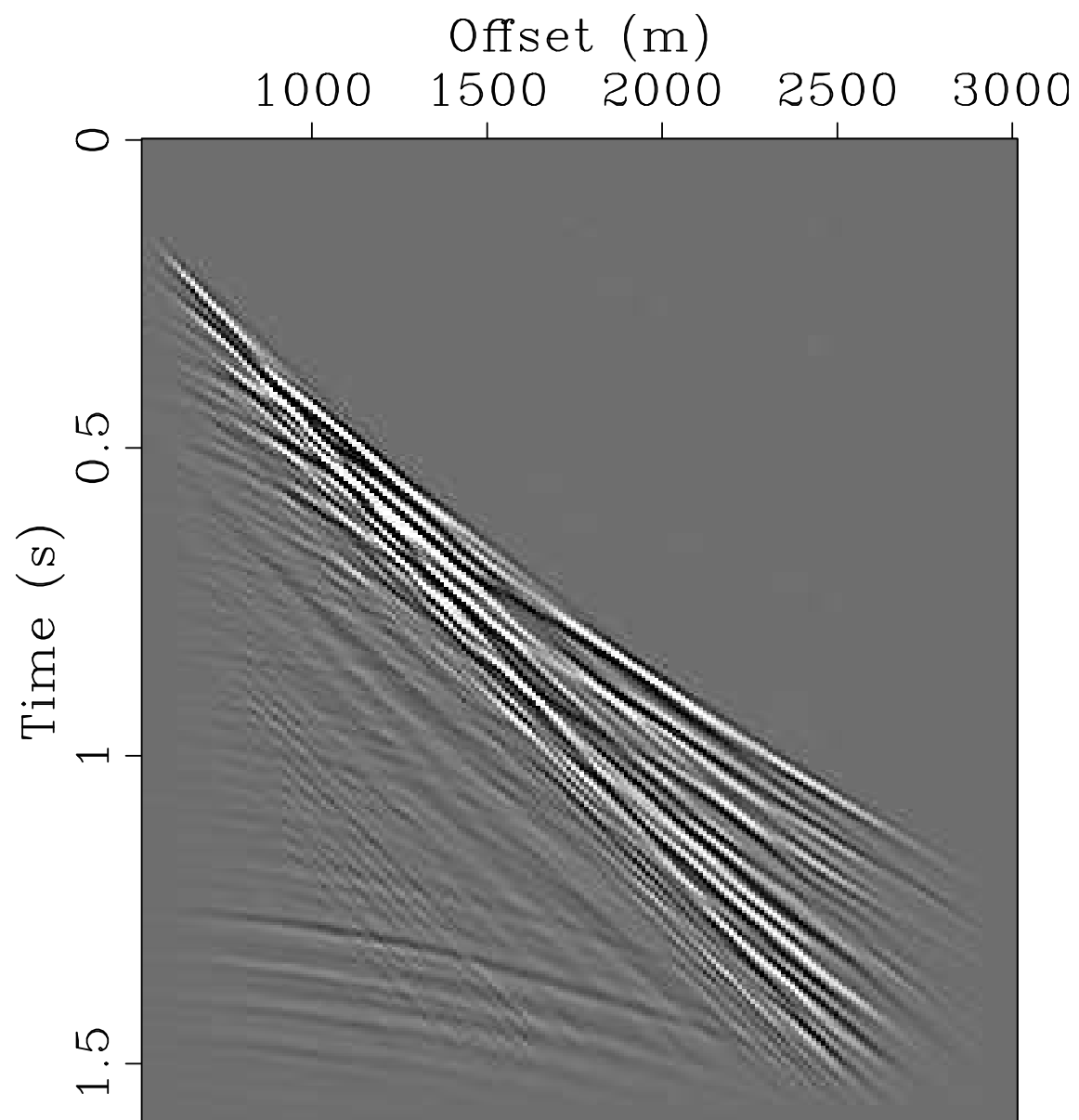
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**1 % of coefficients**

# Curvelet reconstruction

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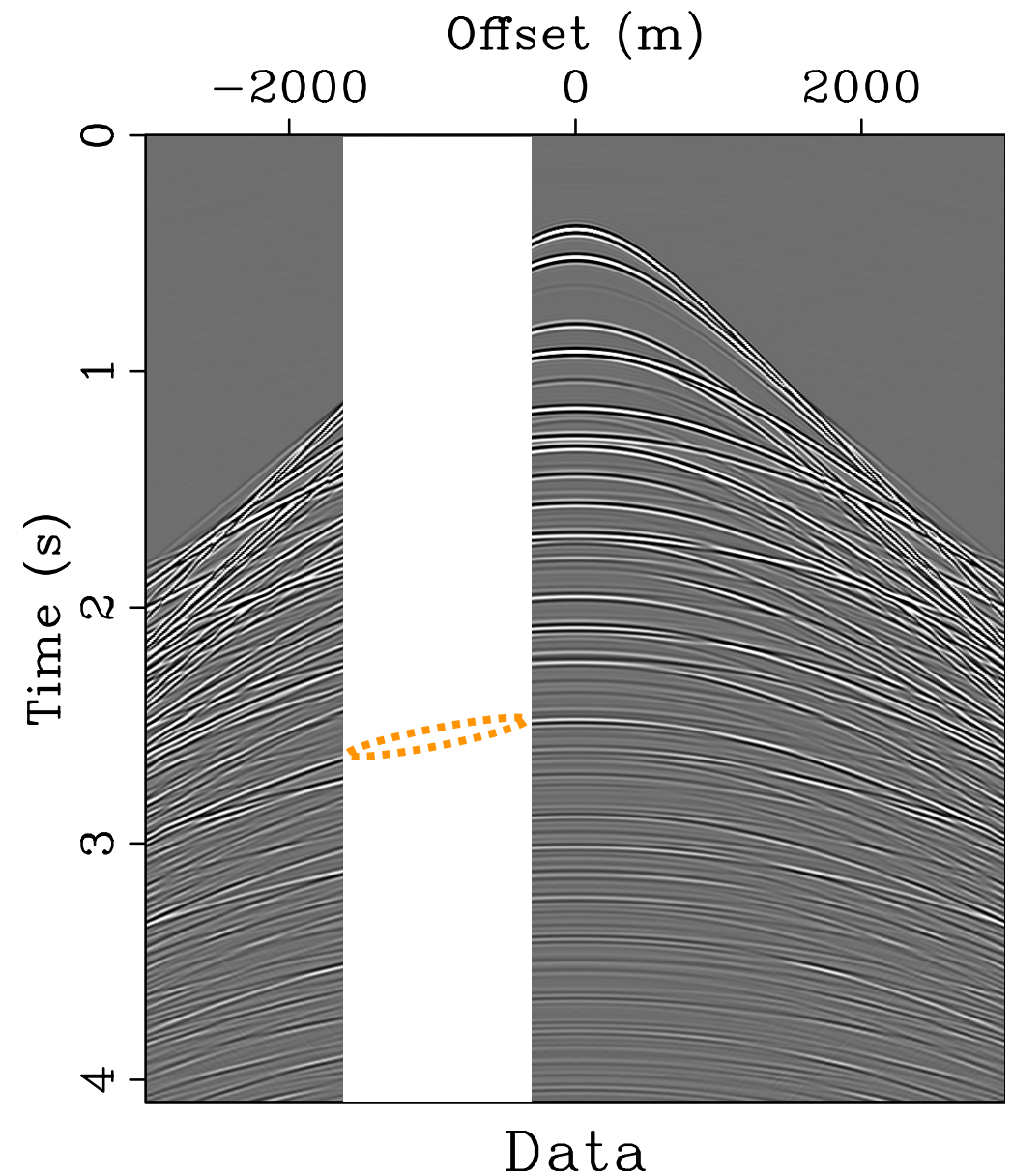
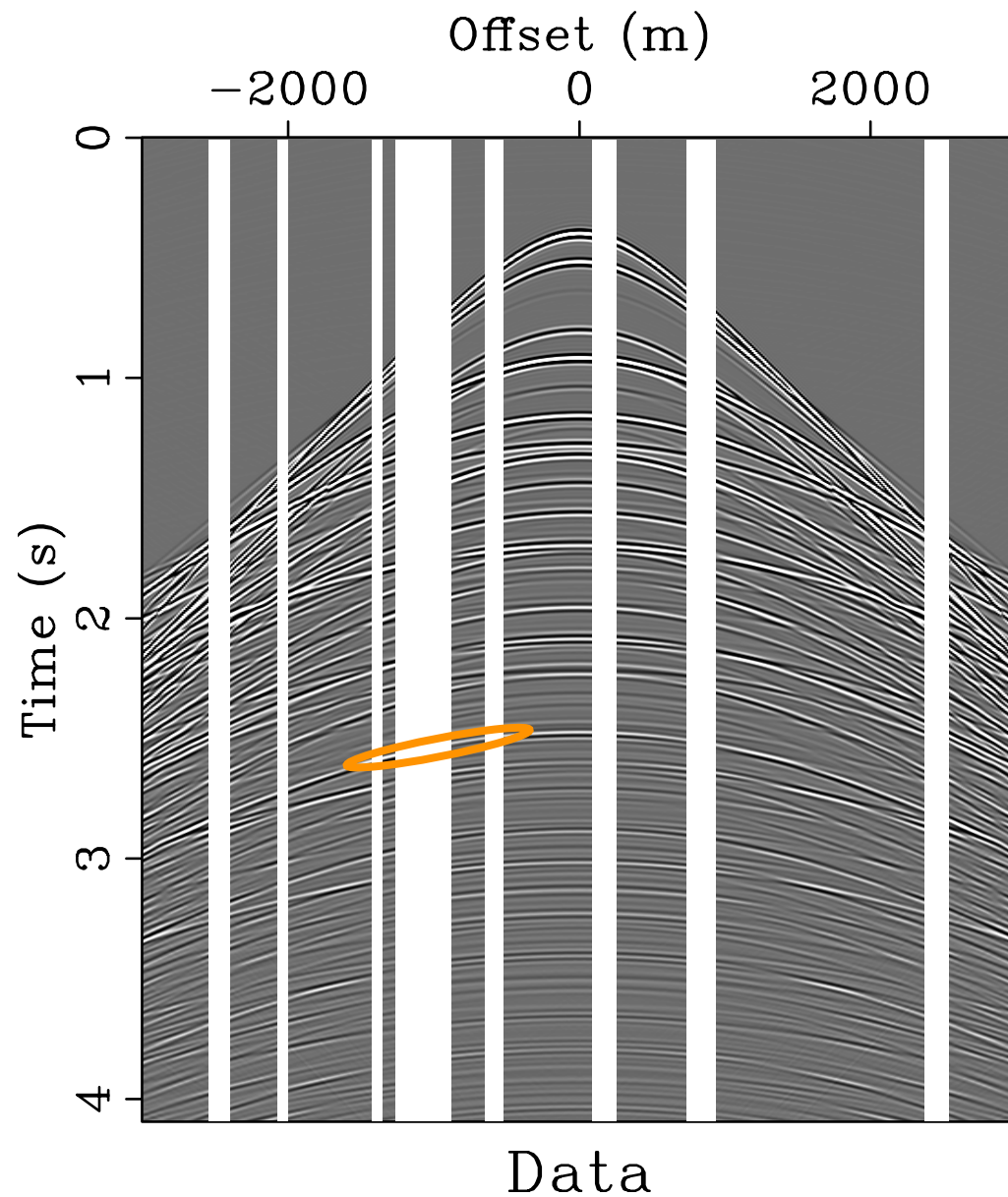
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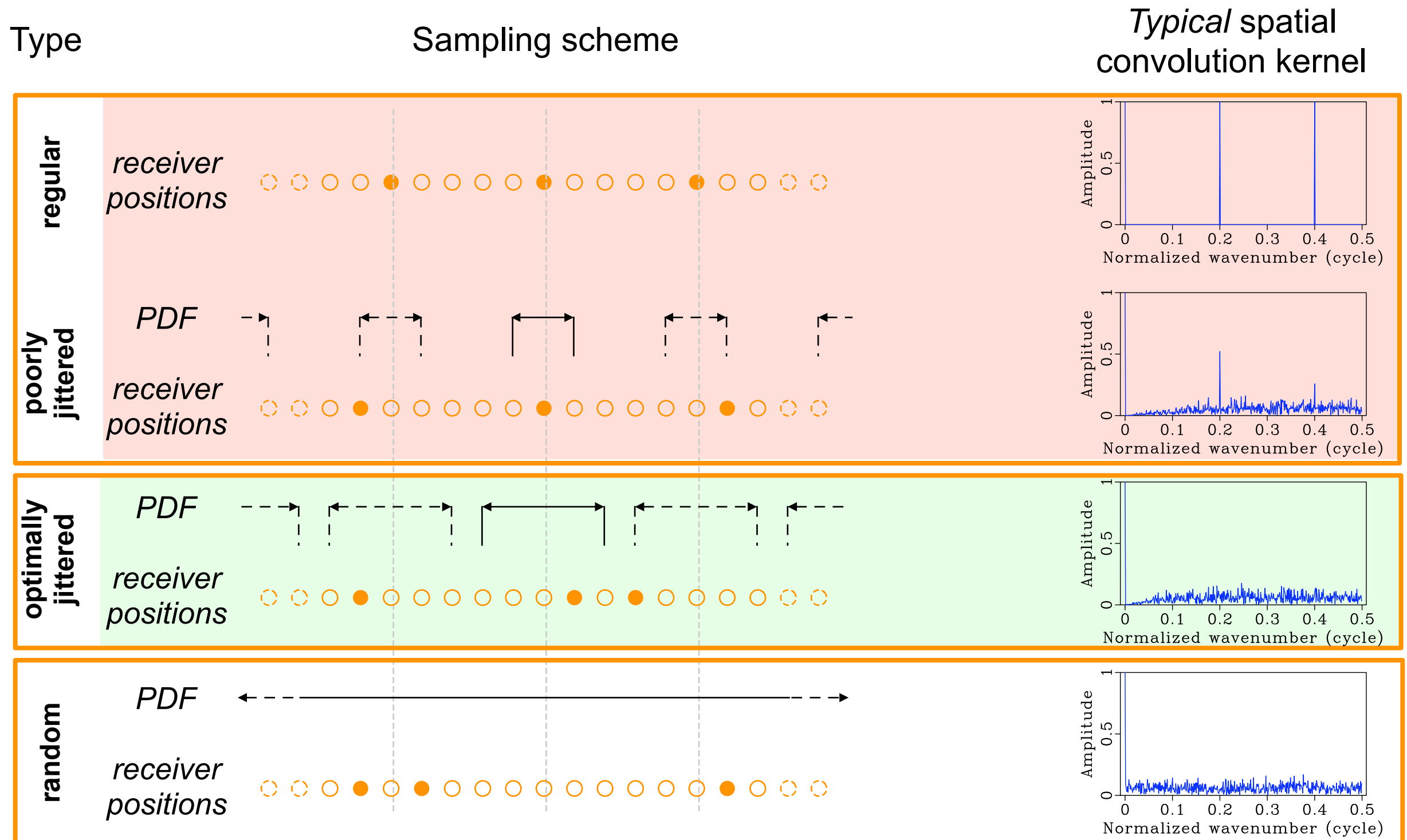


# Localized transform elements & gap size

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

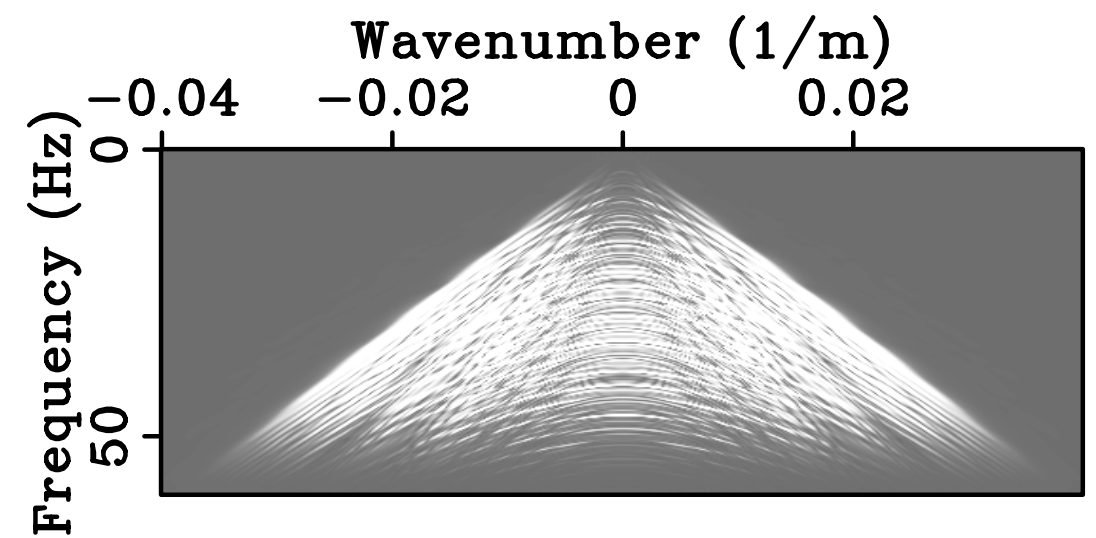
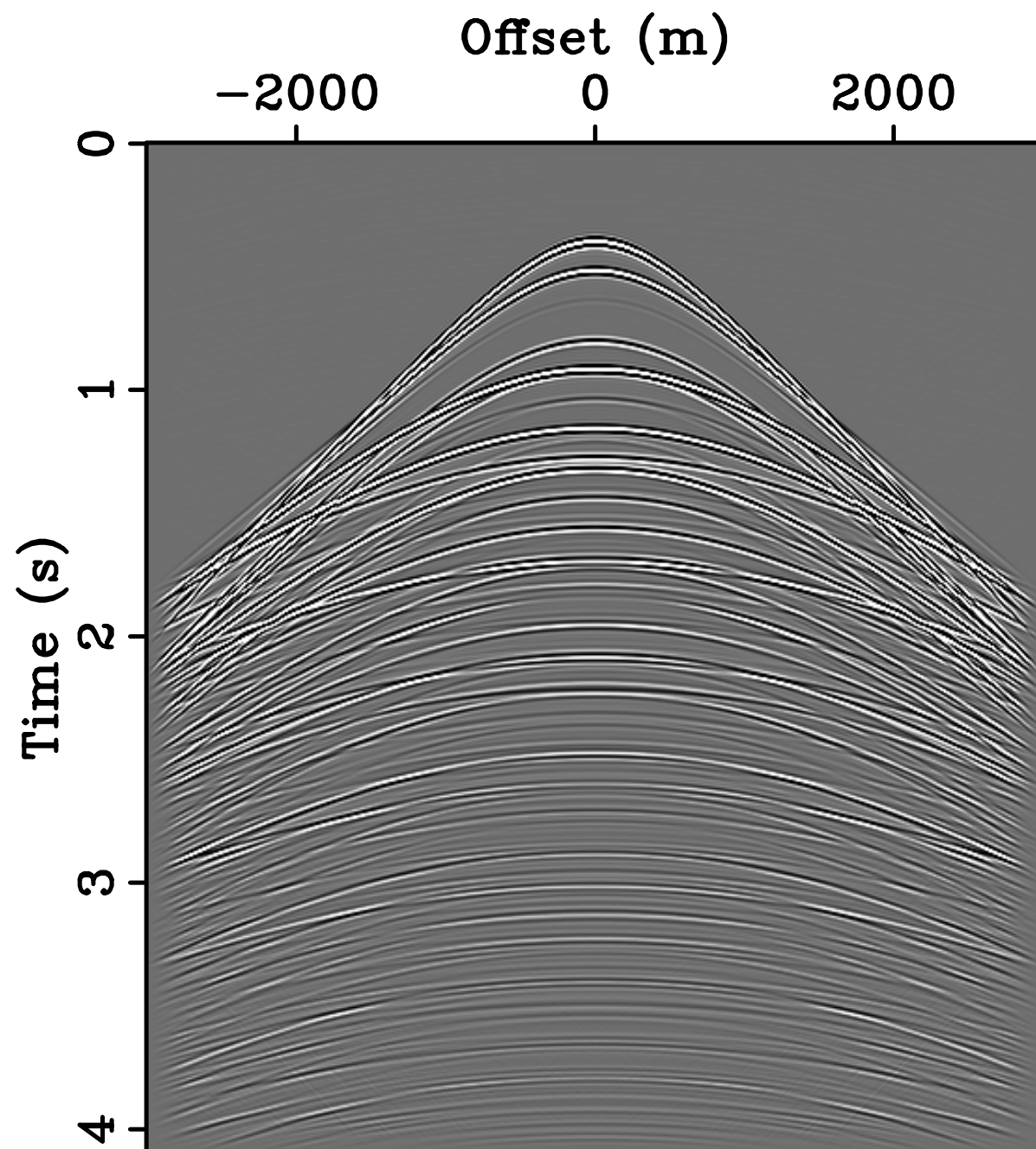


# Discrete *randomized* jittered undersampling



# Model

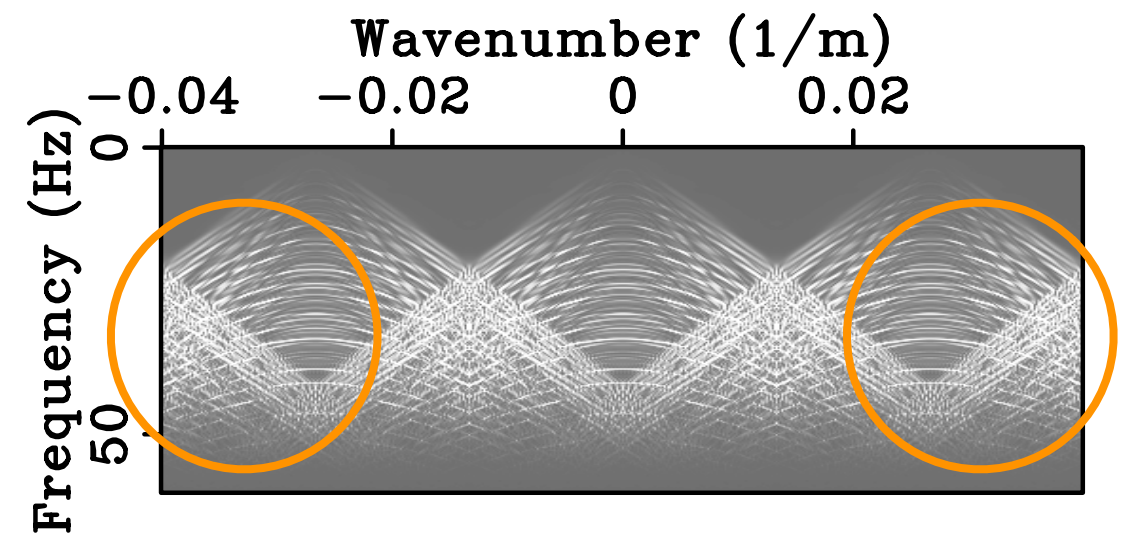
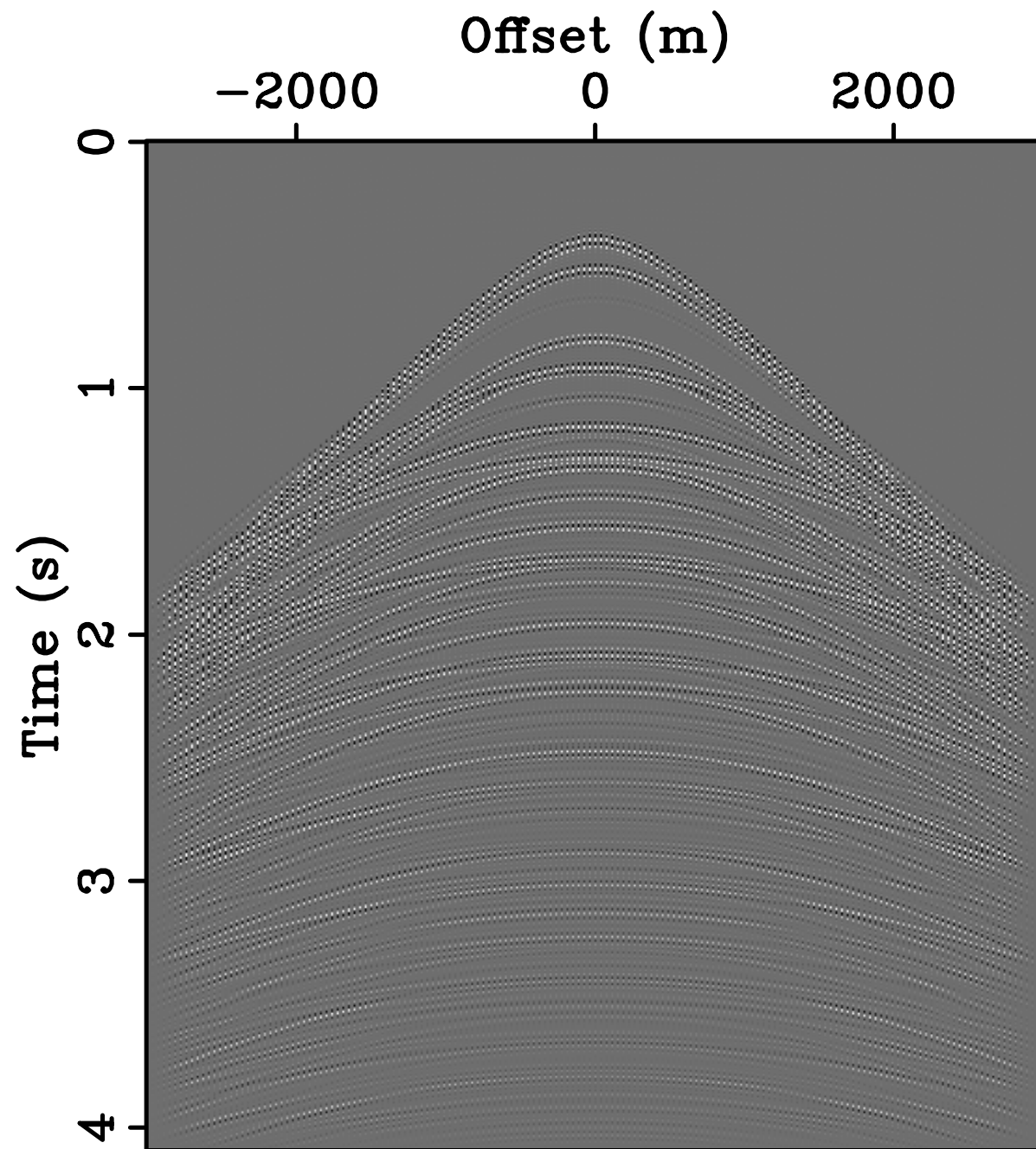
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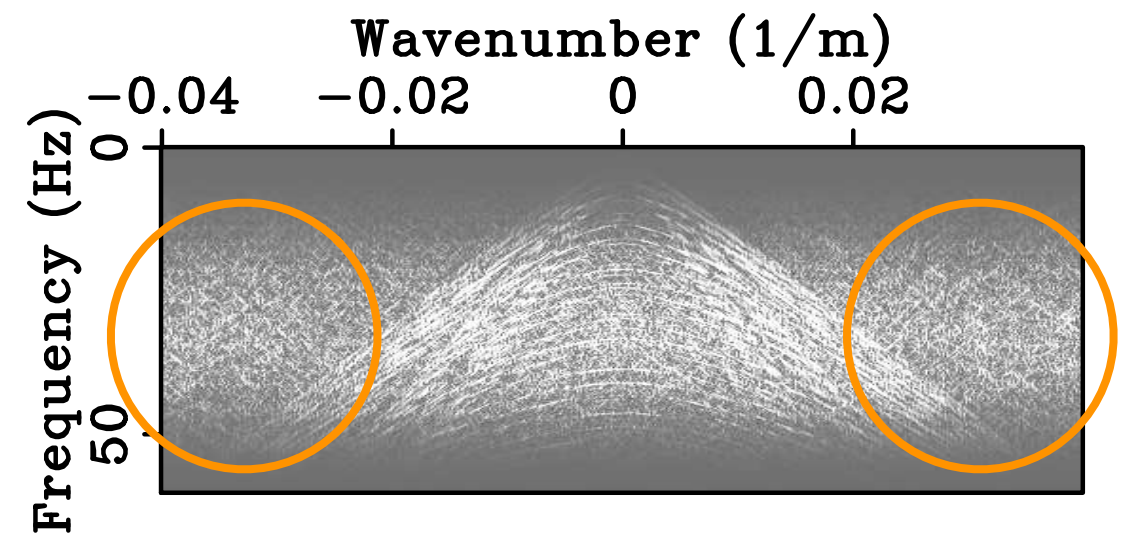
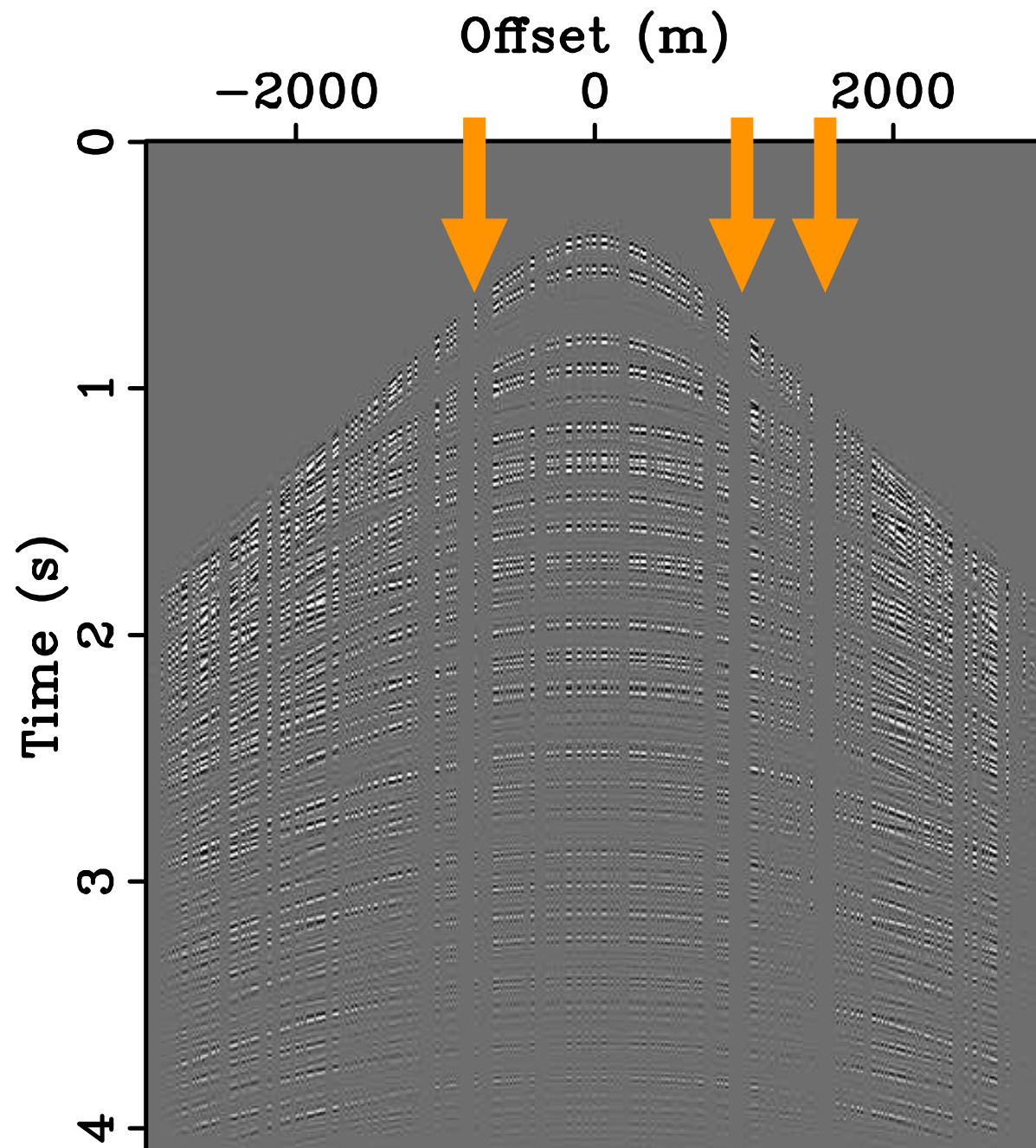


# Regular 3-fold undersampling

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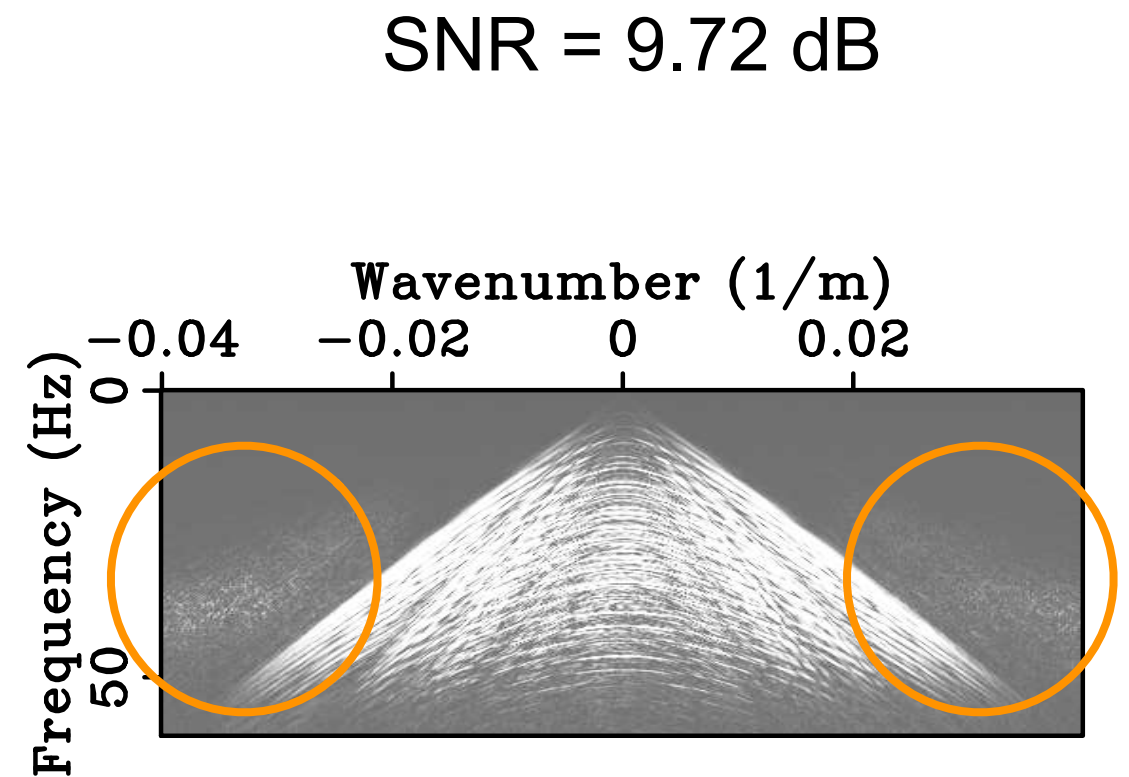
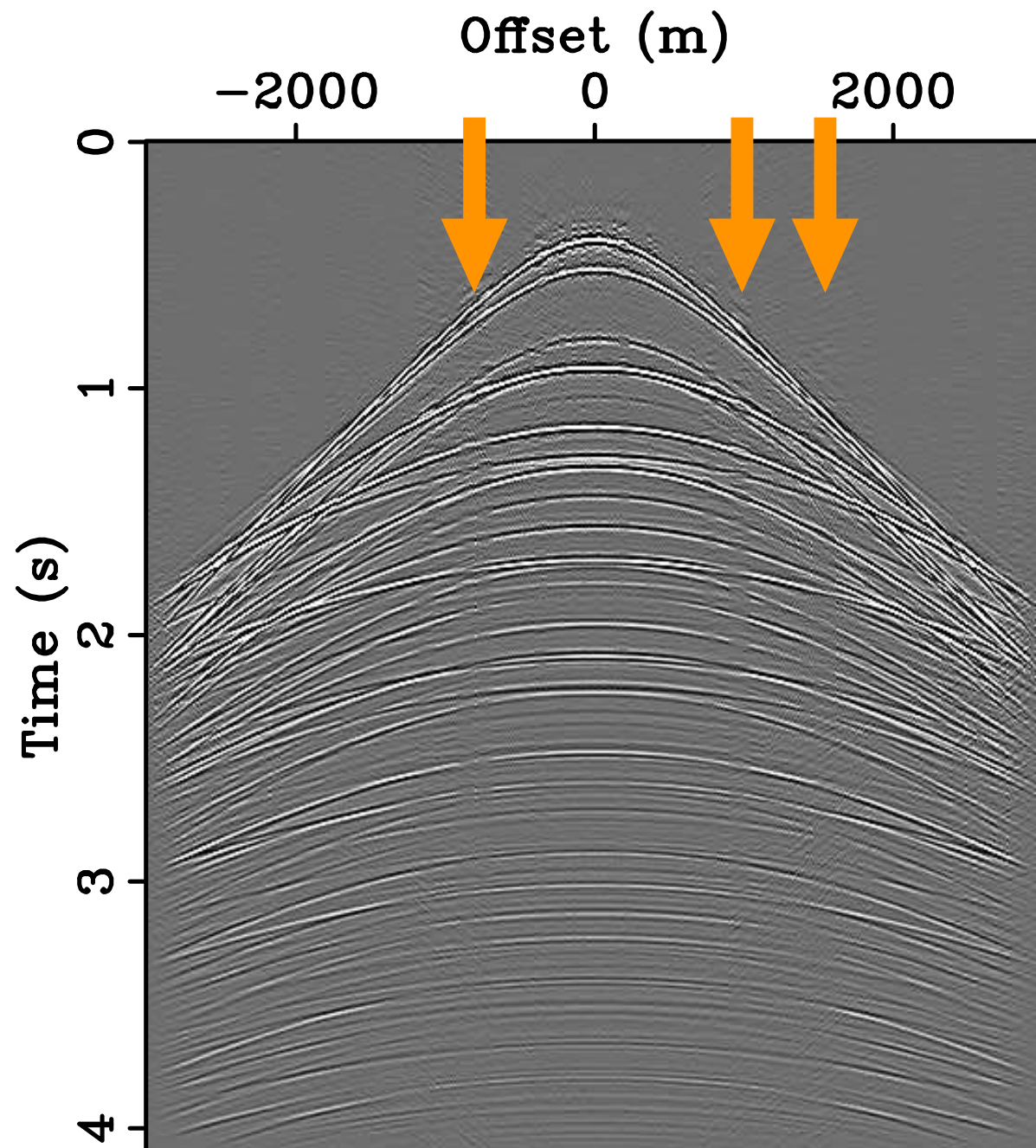


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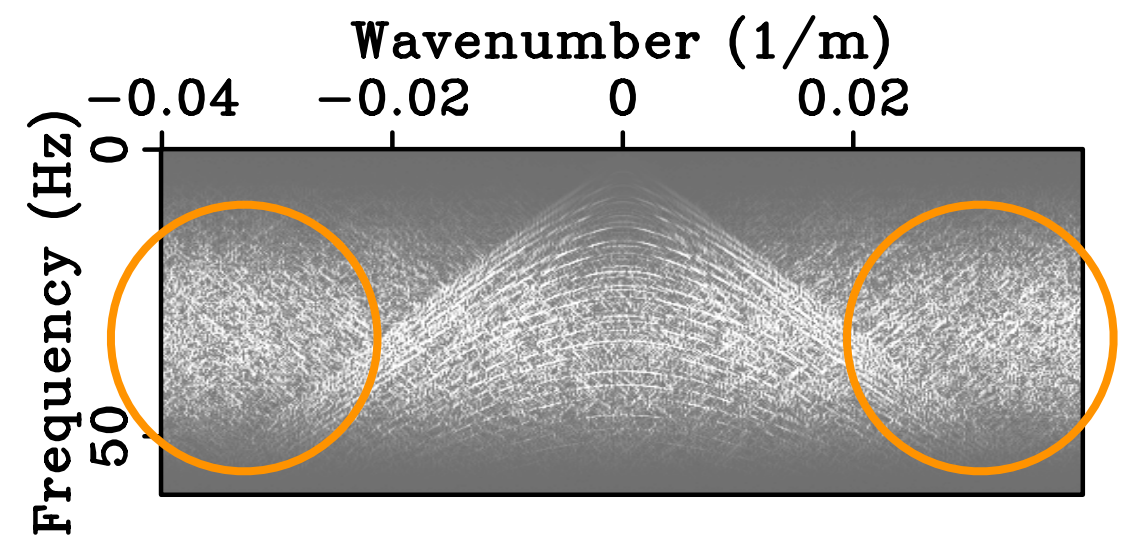
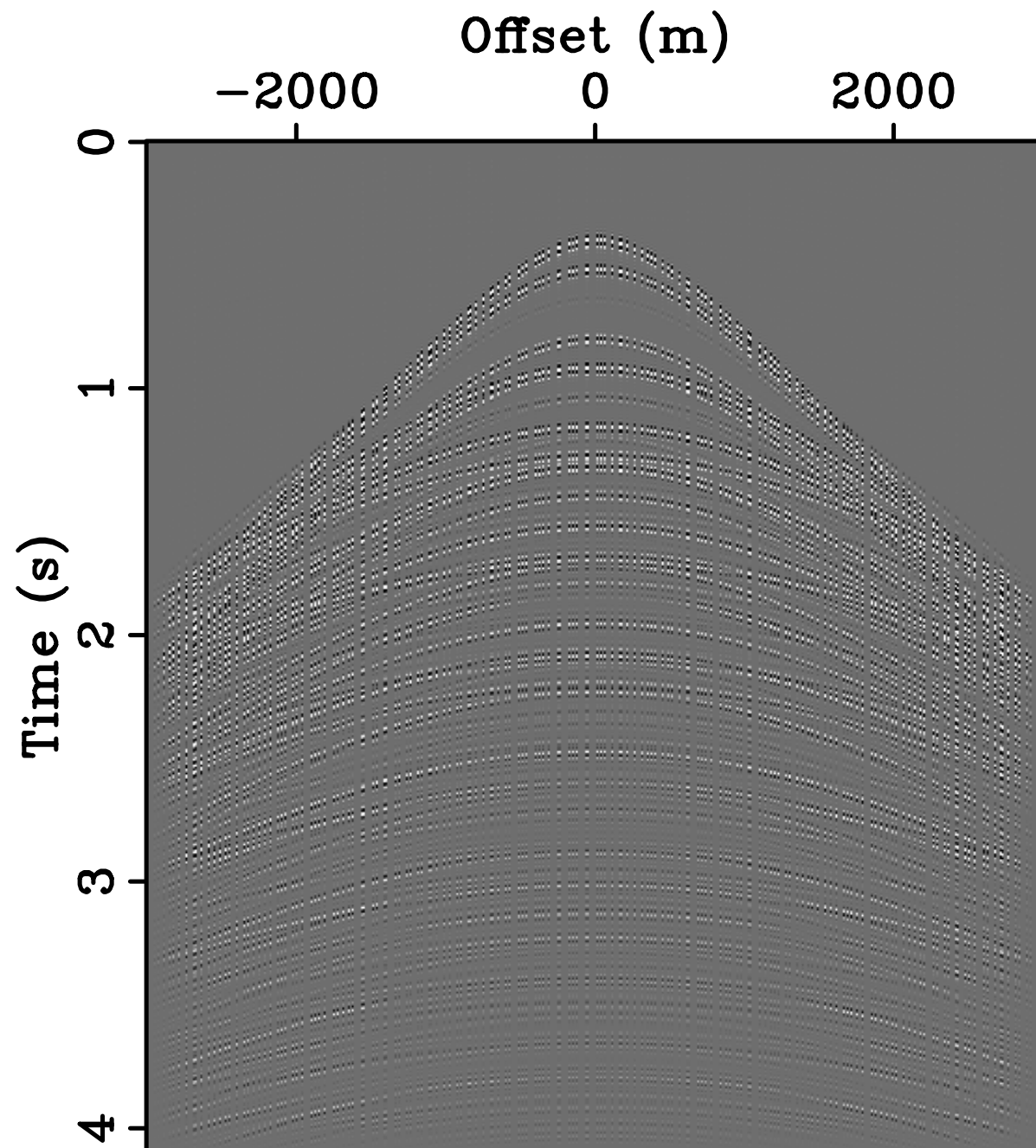
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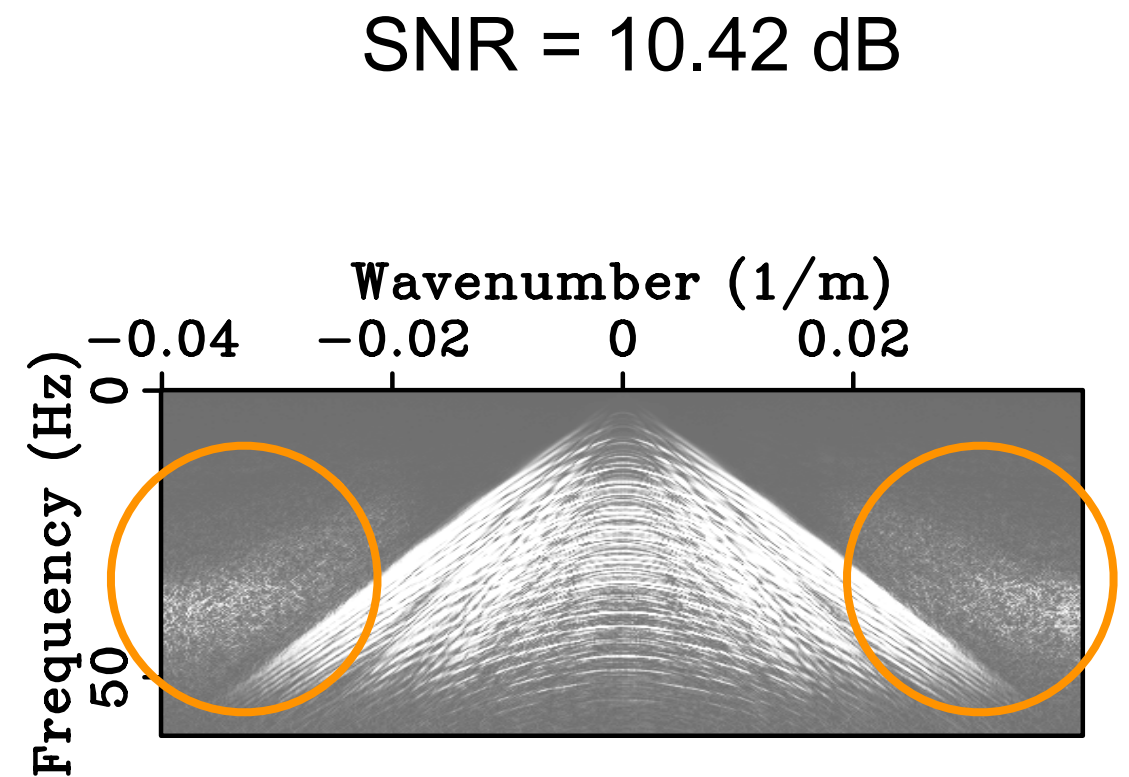
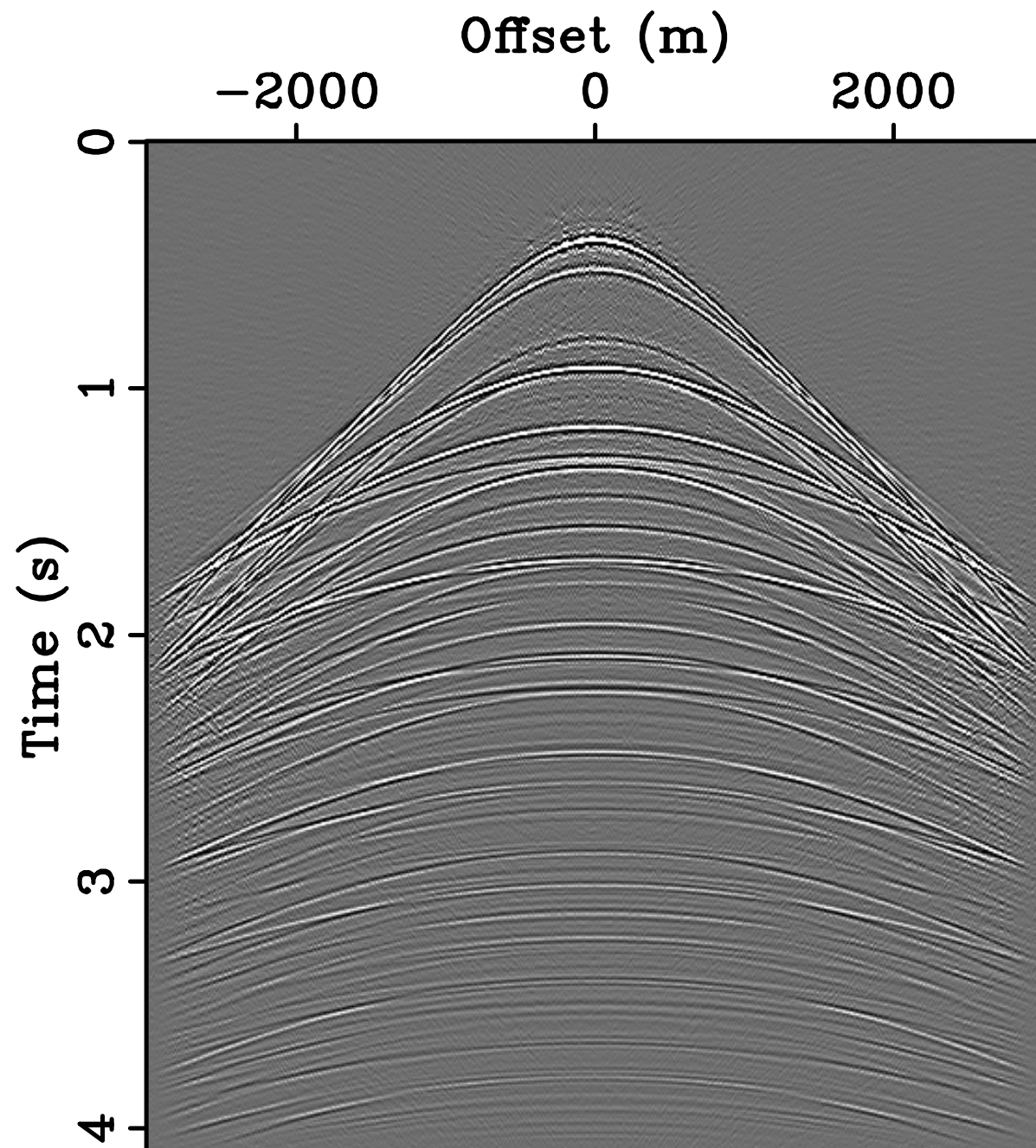
$$\text{SNR} = 20 \times \log_{10} \left( \frac{\|\text{model}\|_2}{\|\text{reconstruction error}\|_2} \right)$$



# Optimally-jittered 3-fold undersampling



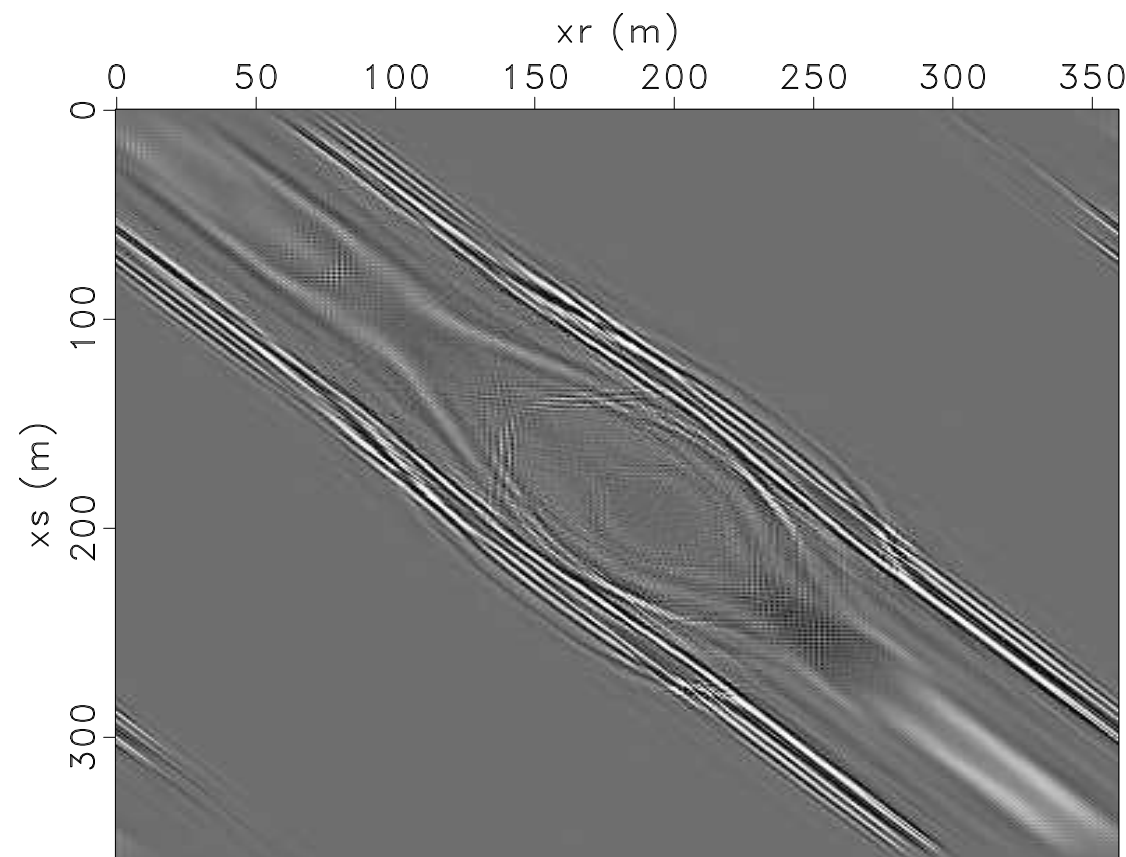
# CRSI from opt.-jittered 3-fold undersampling



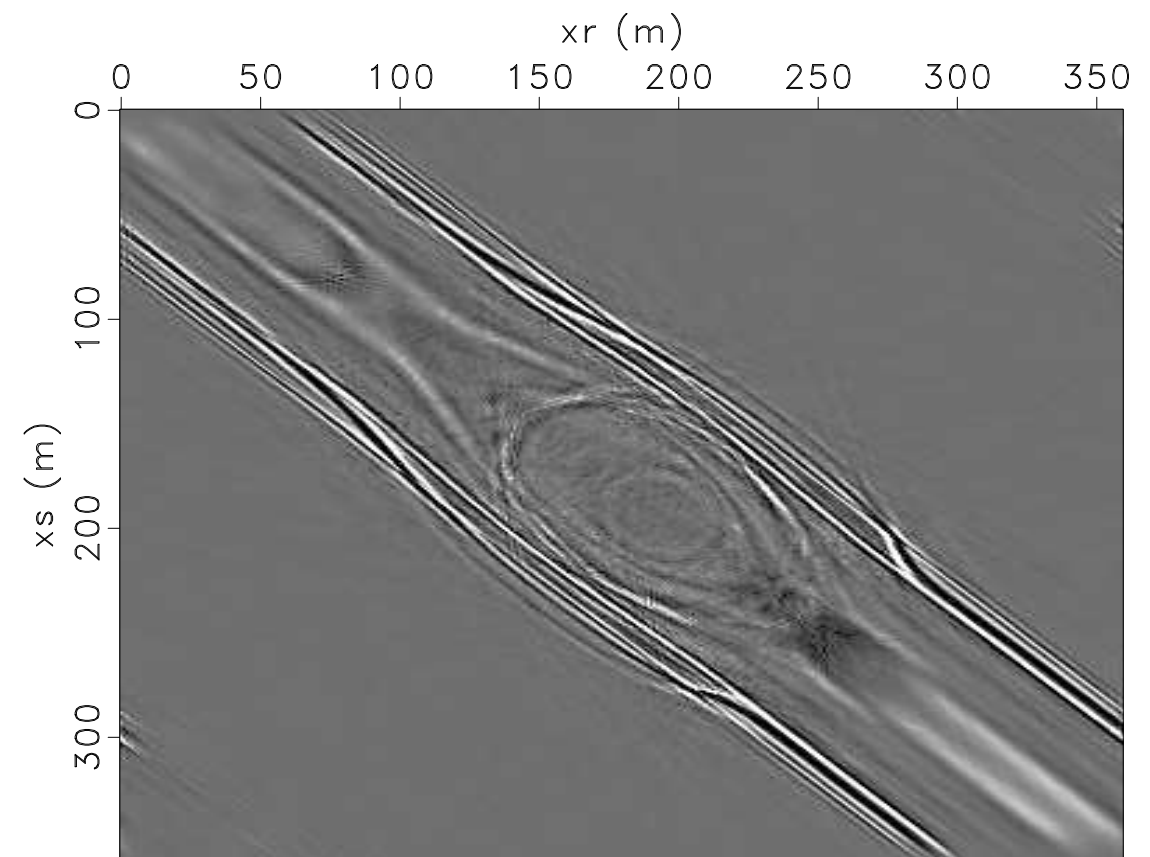


# Regular vs uniform randomized 2D sampling

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CRSI reconstruction from  
regular 2-D sampling  
(25% of data taken)  
SNR: 4.161 dB



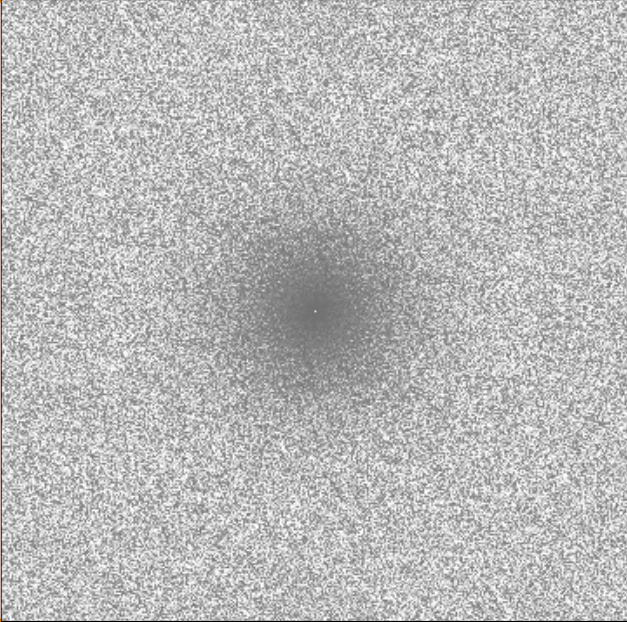
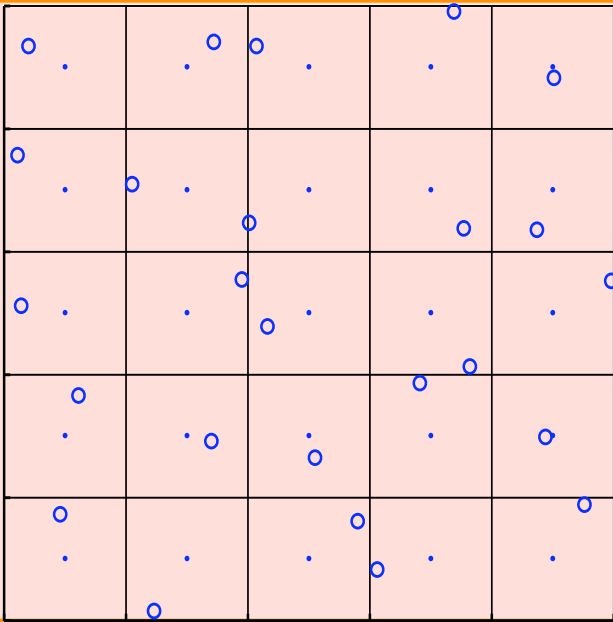
CRSI reconstruction from  
randomized 2-D sampling  
(25% of data taken)  
SNR: 9.979 dB



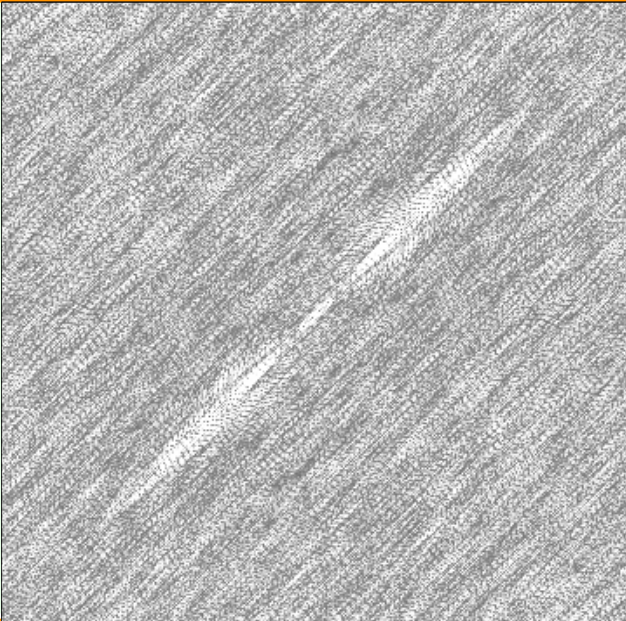
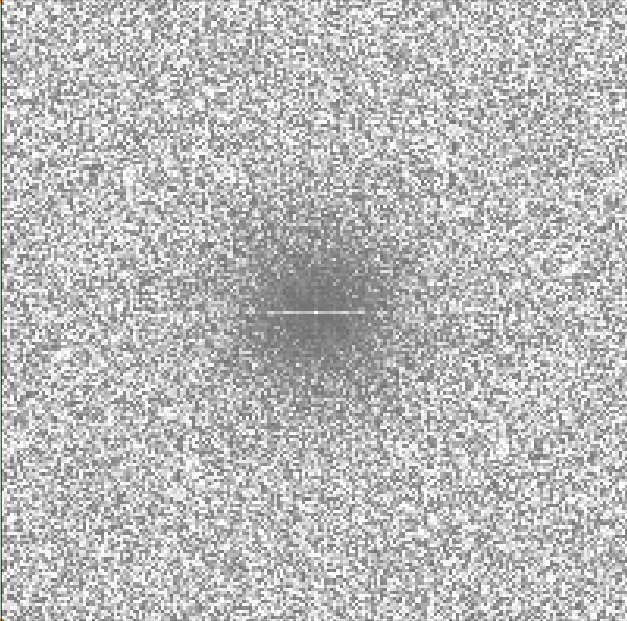
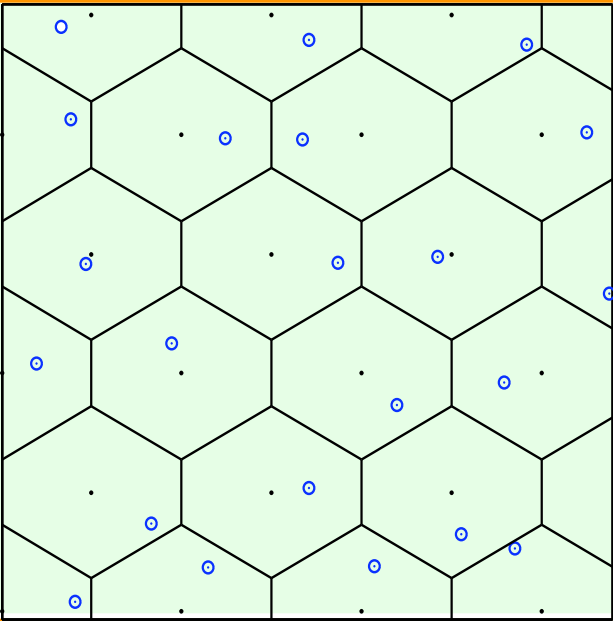
# 2-D discrete random *jittered* sampling

Type                      Sampling scheme                      Mask's spectra                      Samples' spectra

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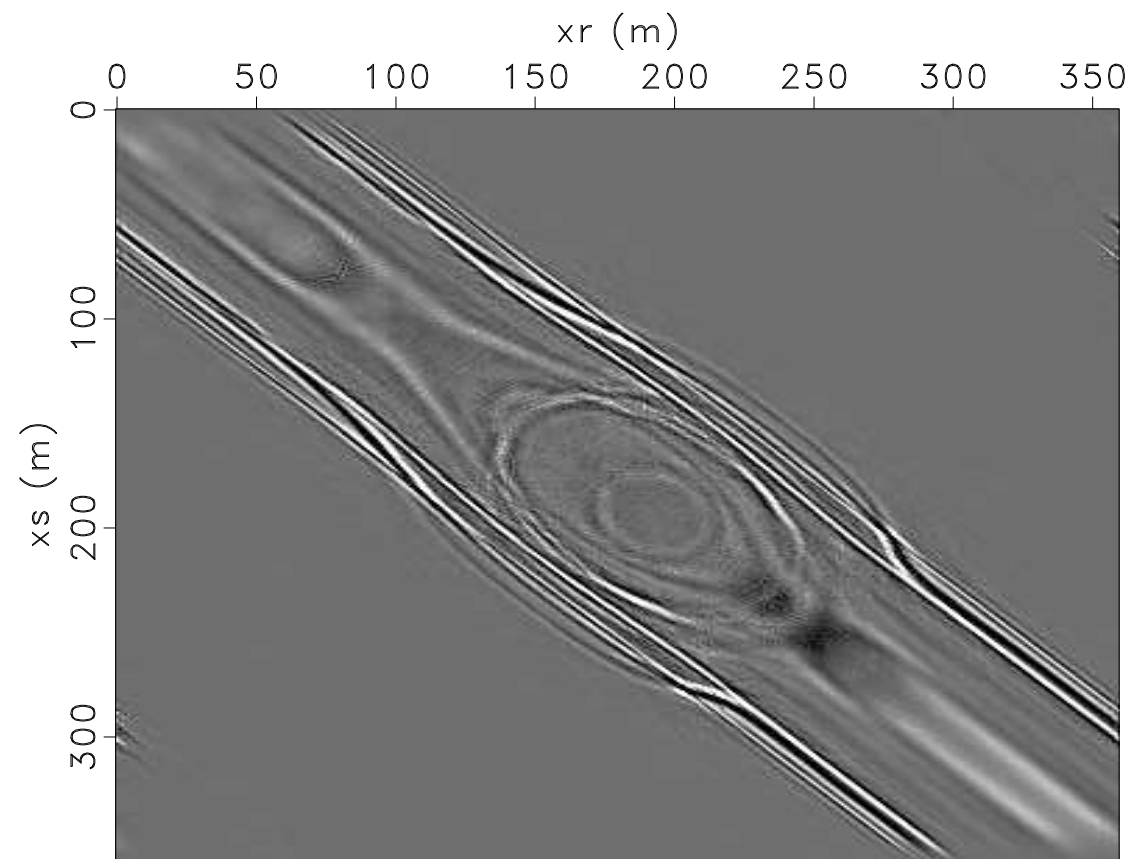
Hexagon



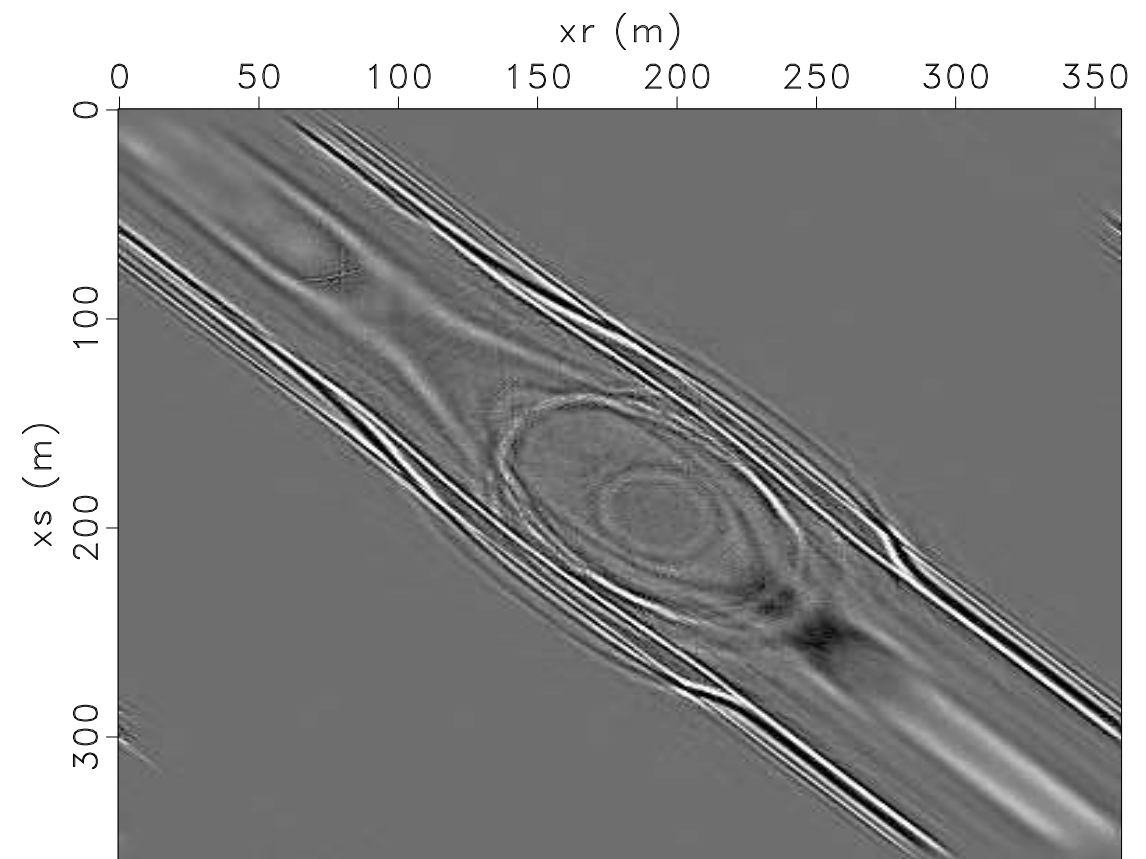
# 2-D discrete random jittered subsampling

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- Cartesian & hexagonal jittered reconstructions almost the same.



CRSI Recovery (Cartesian)  
SNR = 10.820

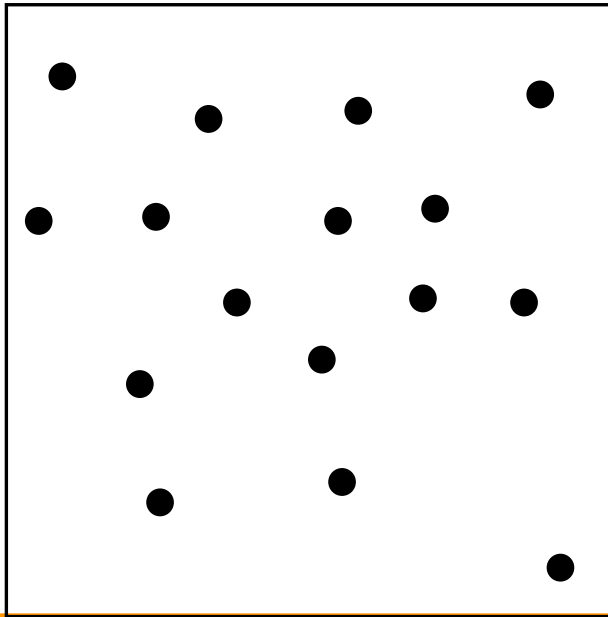


CRSI Recovery (Hexagonal)  
SNR = 10.904

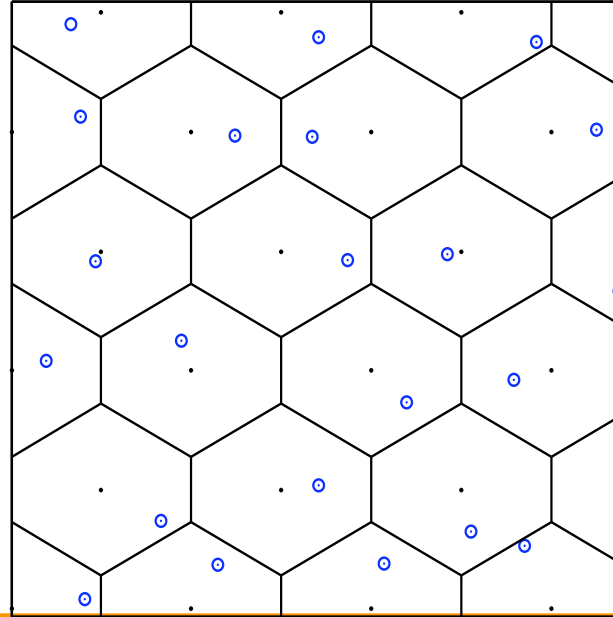


# Blue-noise spectra from 2D sampling methods

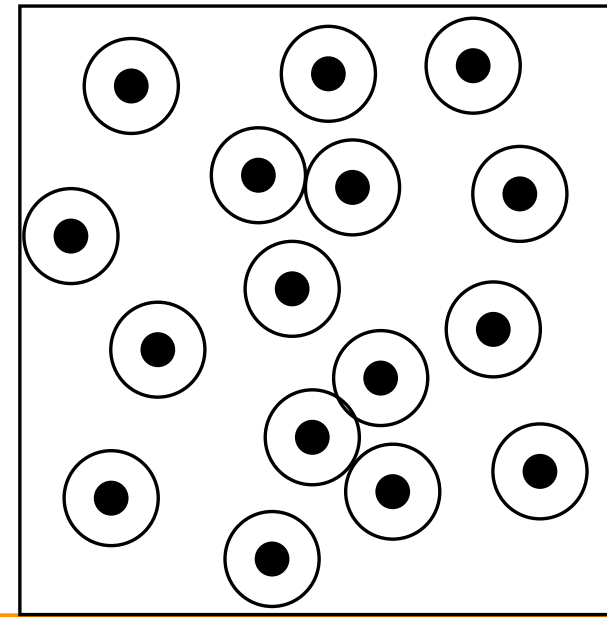
Uniform random



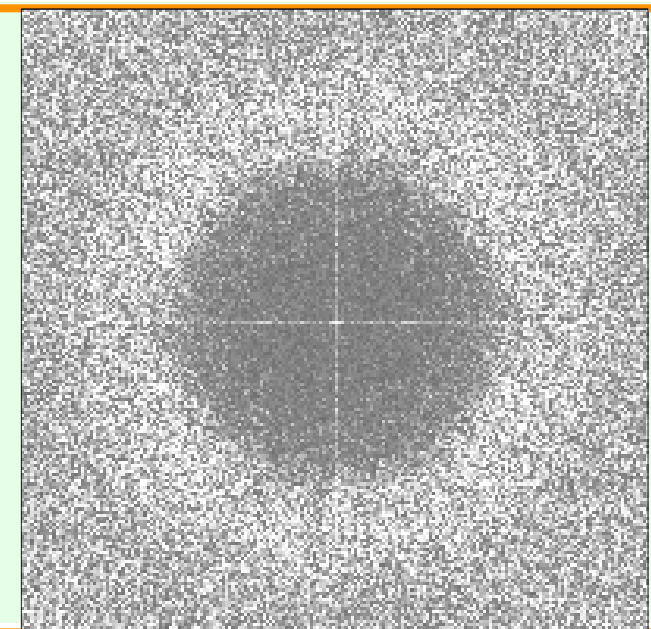
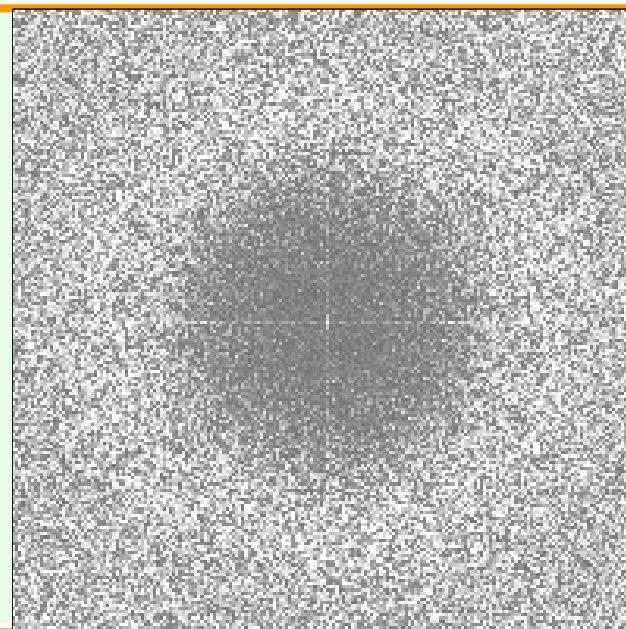
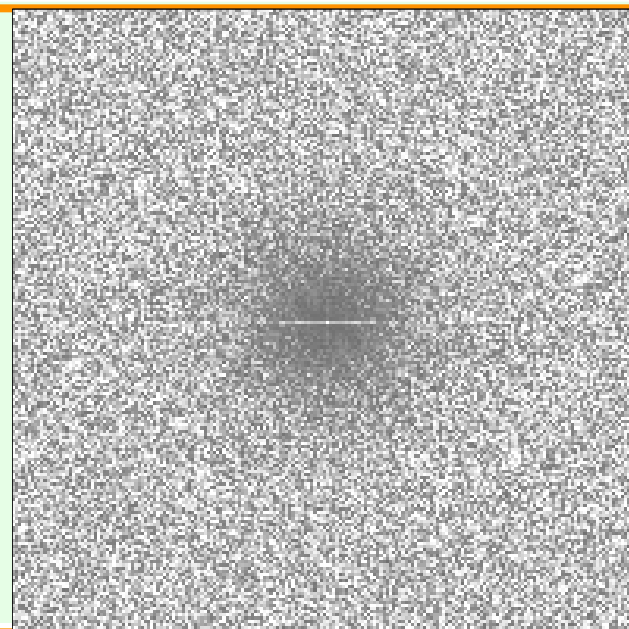
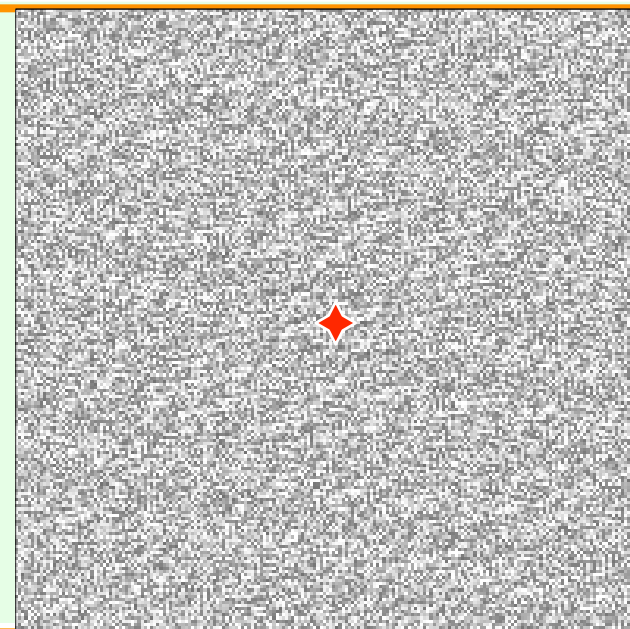
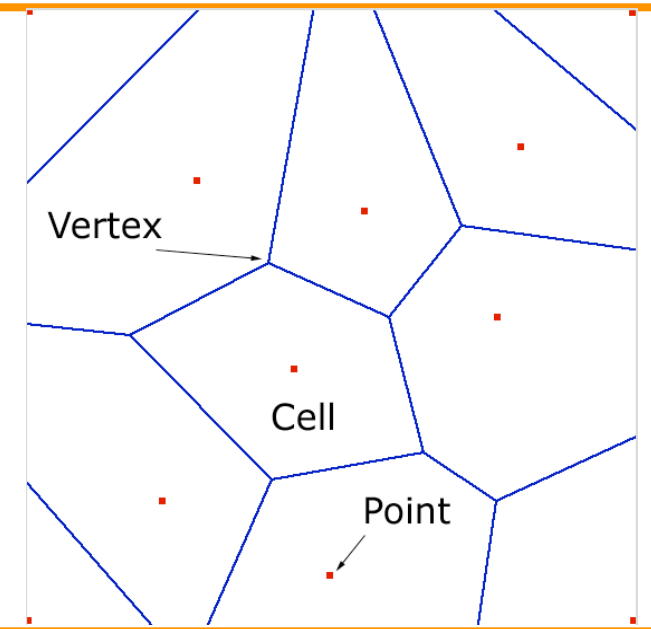
Jittered



*Poisson Disk*



*Farthest Point*

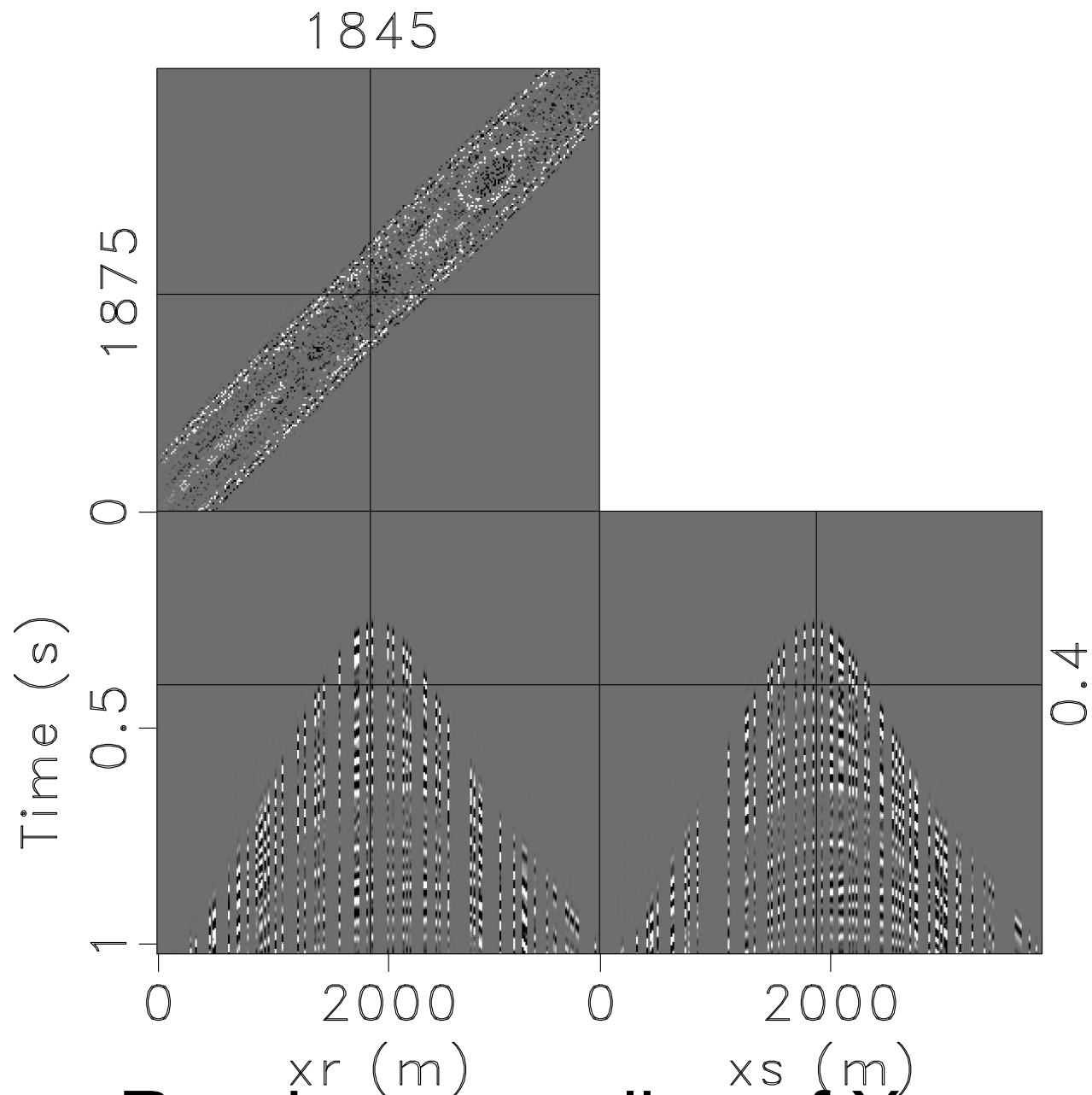


Spectra become increasingly “*blue*”

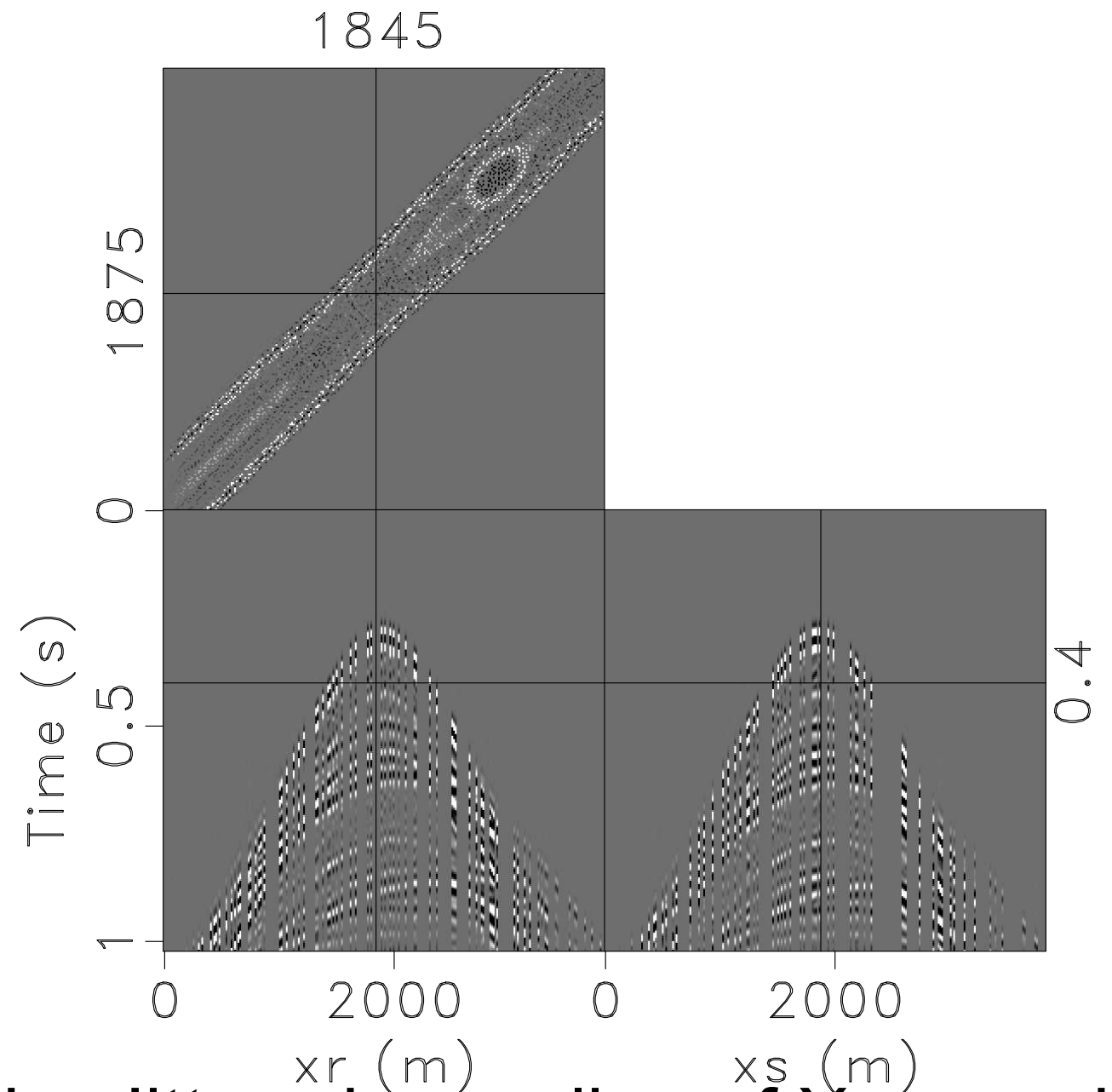


# Randomized 2D uniform vs jittered

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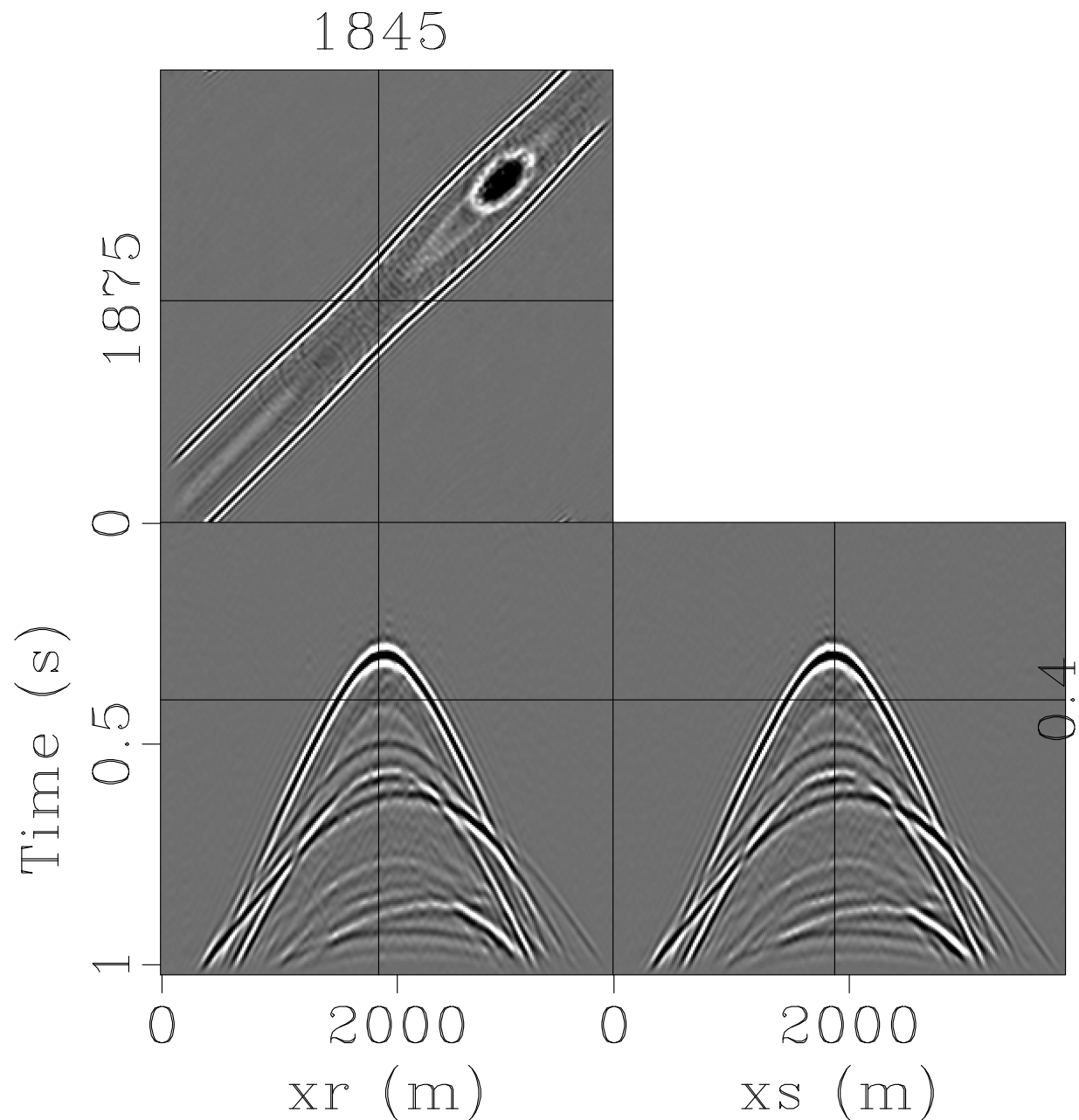


Random sampling of X-spread  
data (25% total data sampled)

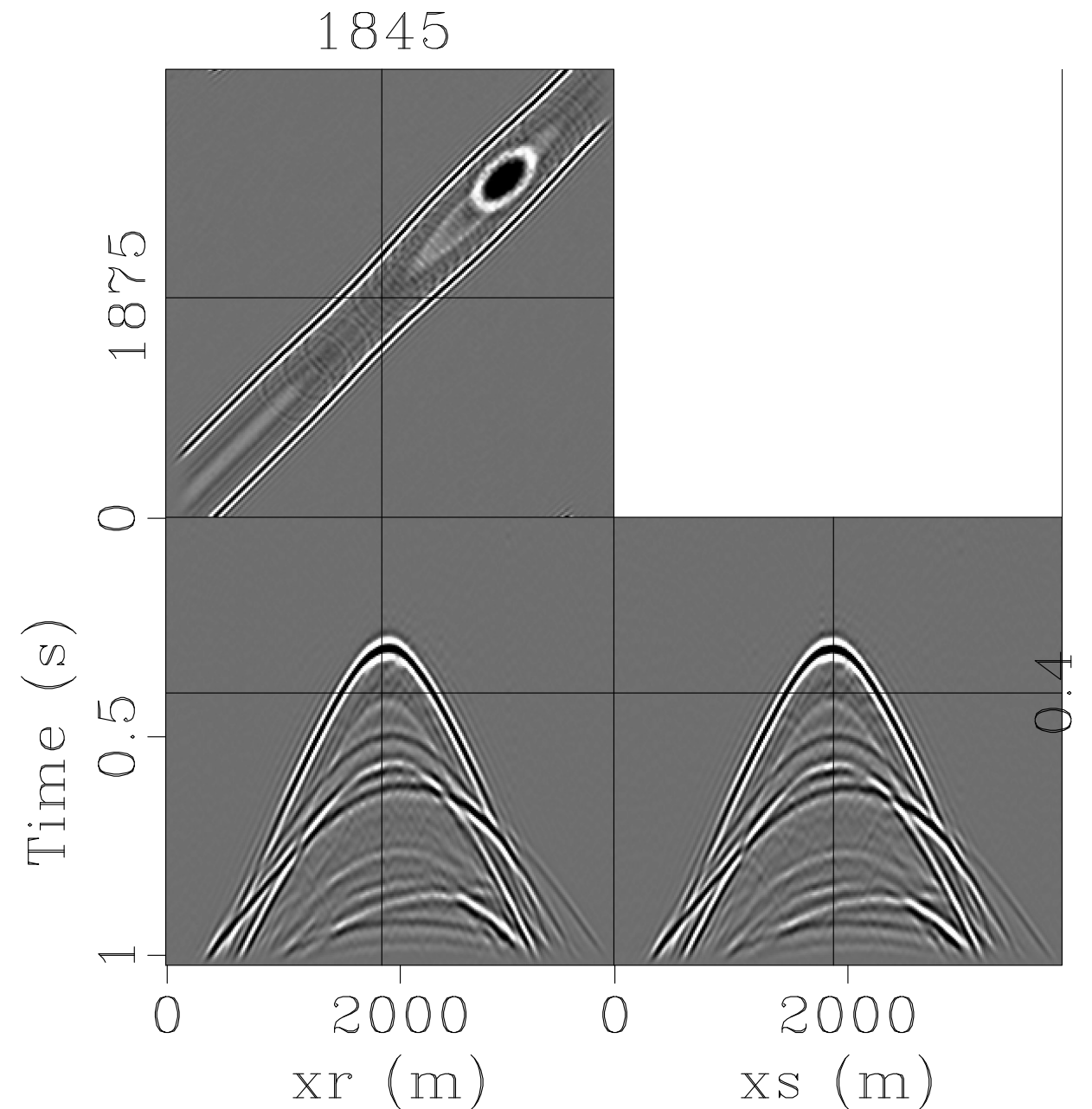


Jittered sampling of X-spread  
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# Randomized 2D uniform vs jittered - reconstruction



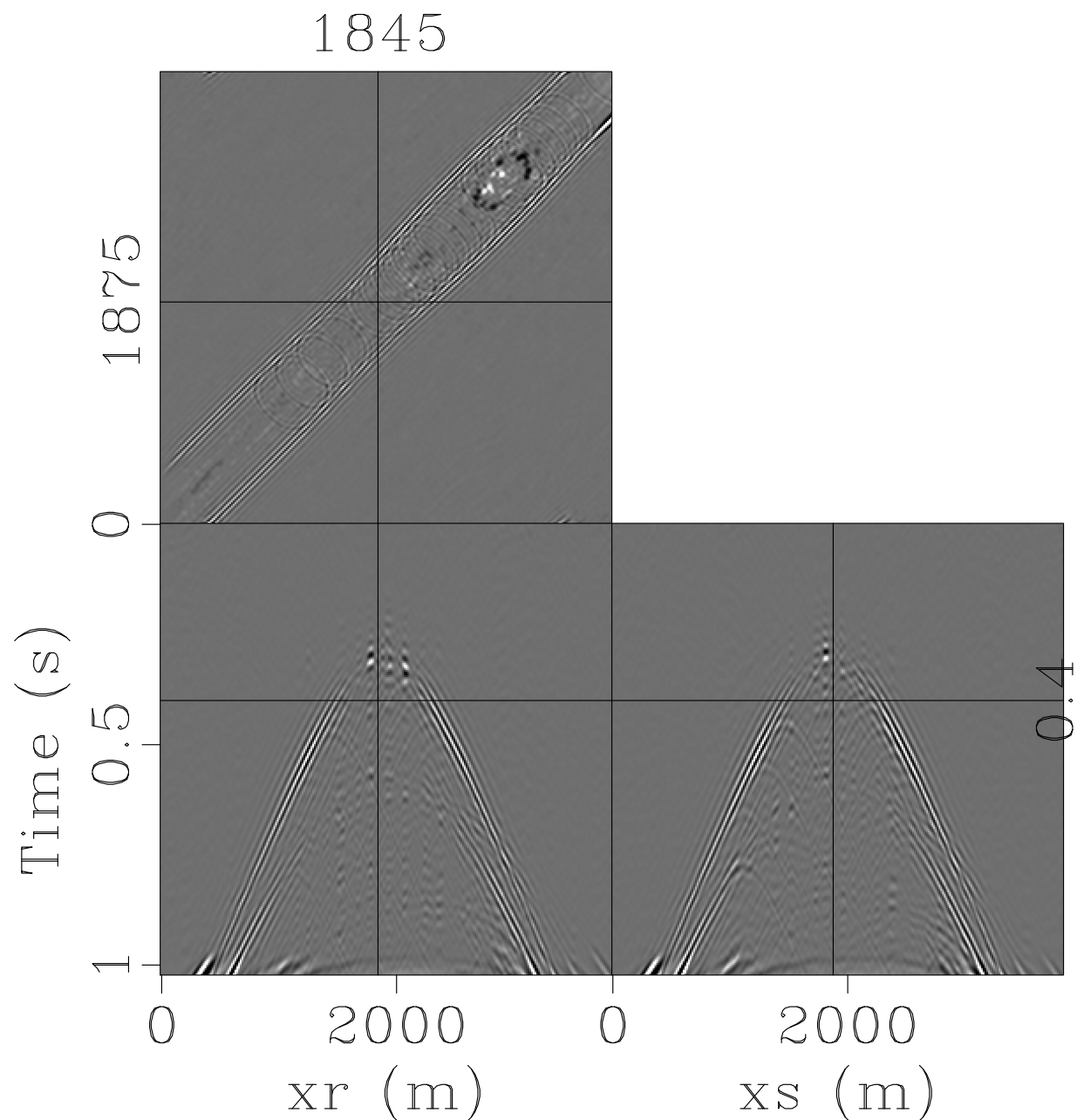
CRSI reconstruction from uniform samples  
SNR=8.134



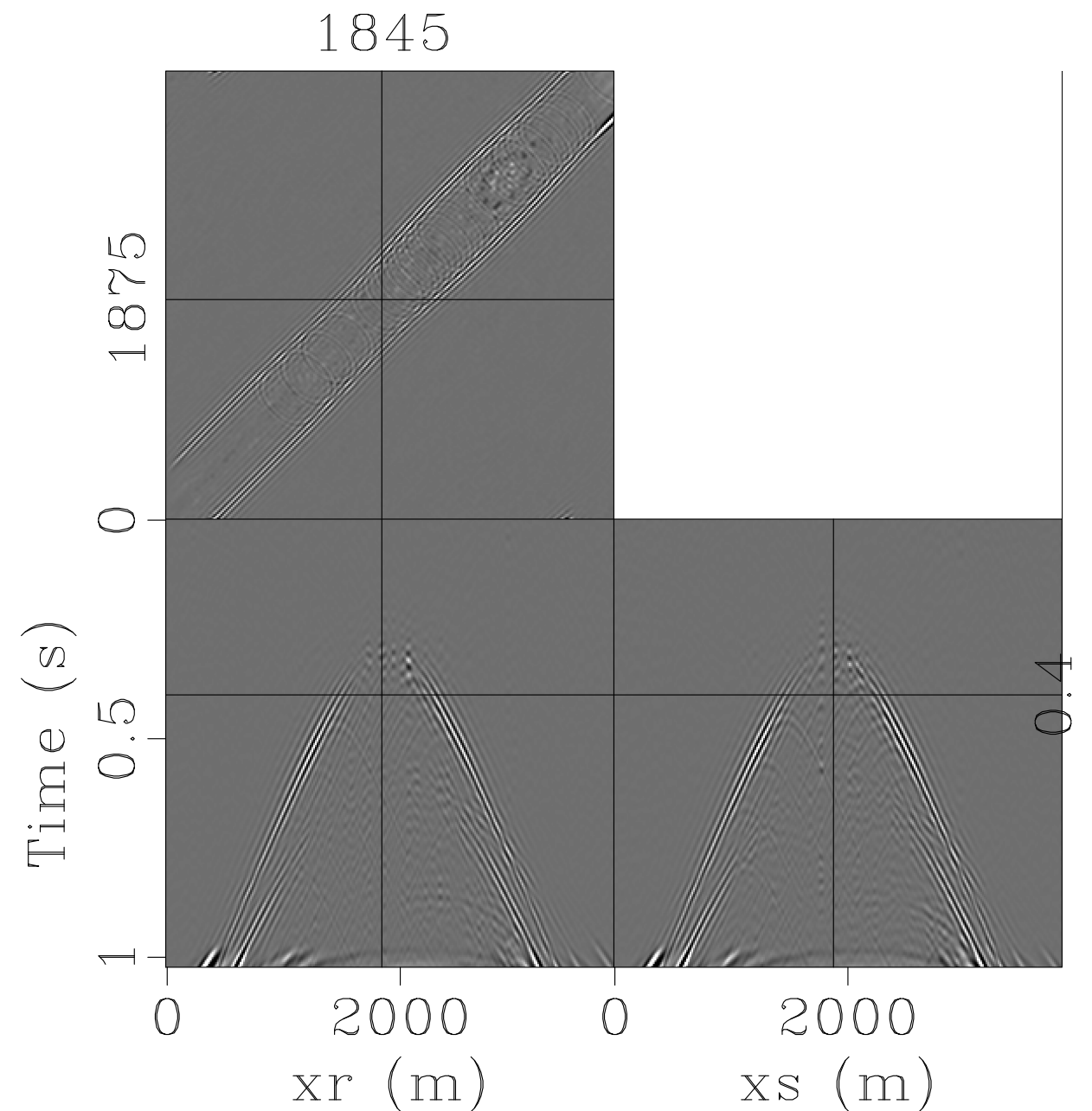
CRSI recon., 2D jittered (hexagonal) samples  
SNR=8.434

# Randomized 2D uniform vs jittered - residues

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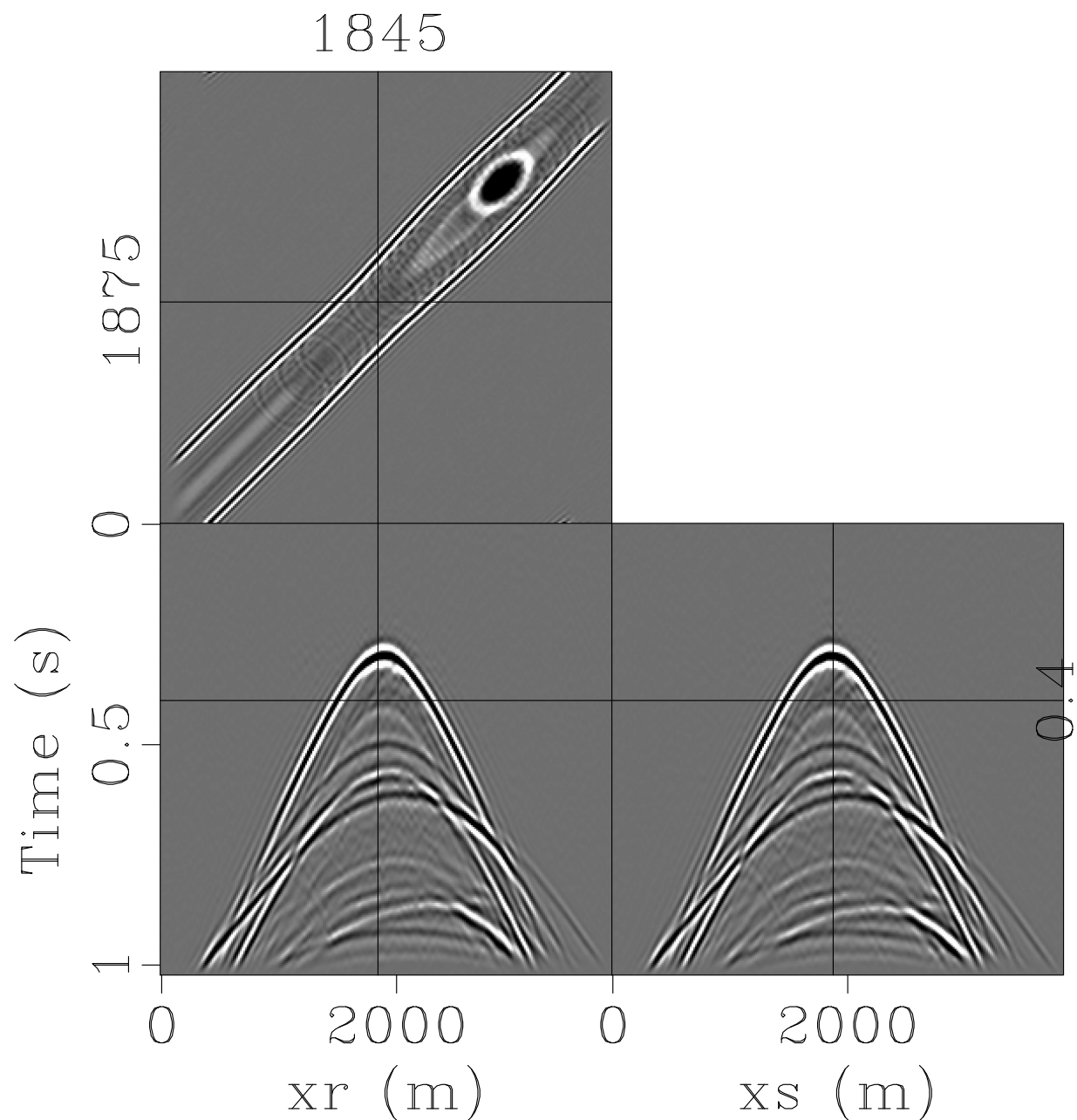
CRSI recon. residual from random samples



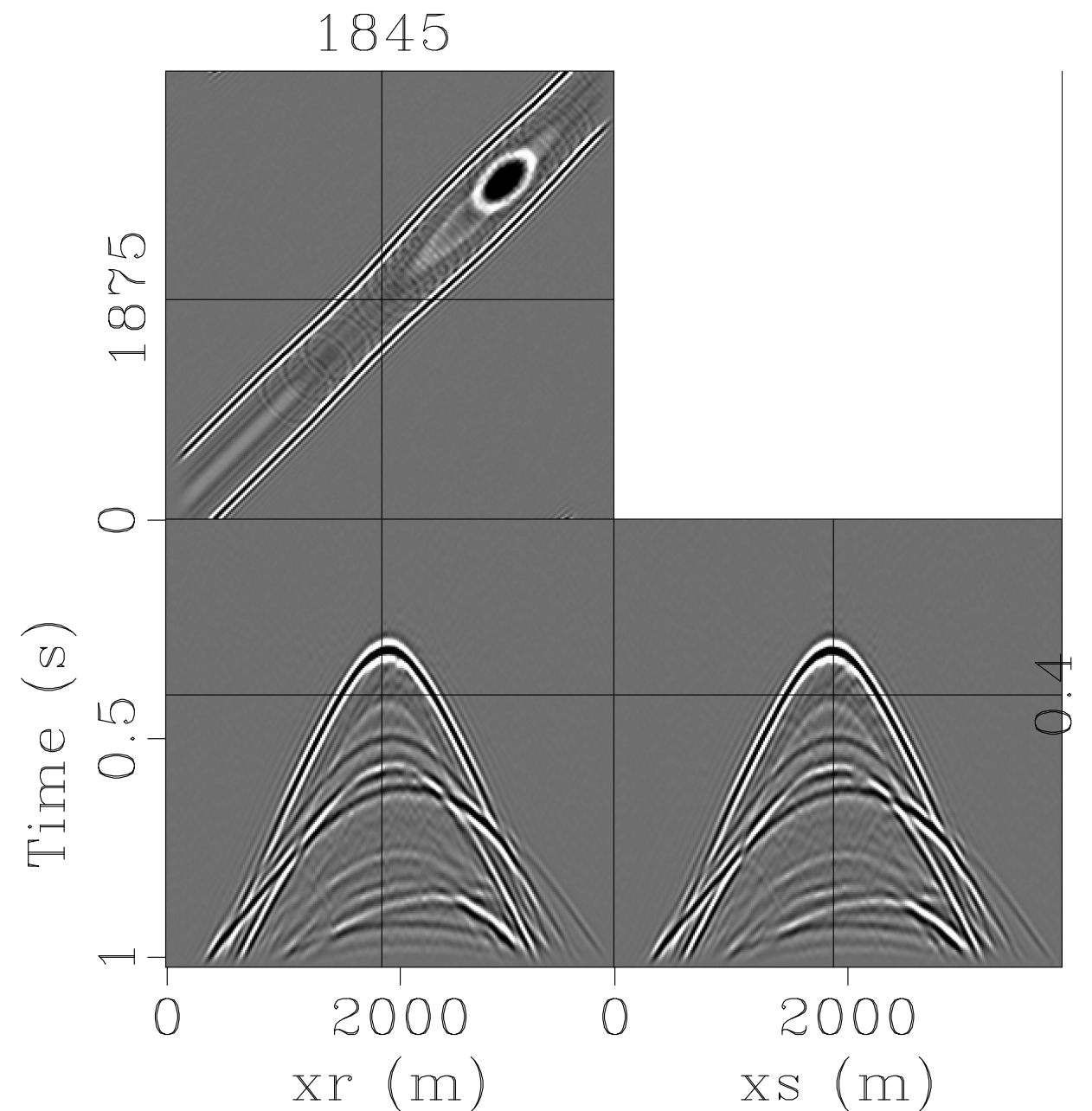
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(hexagonal) samples



# Farthest point vs Poisson disk - reconstruction



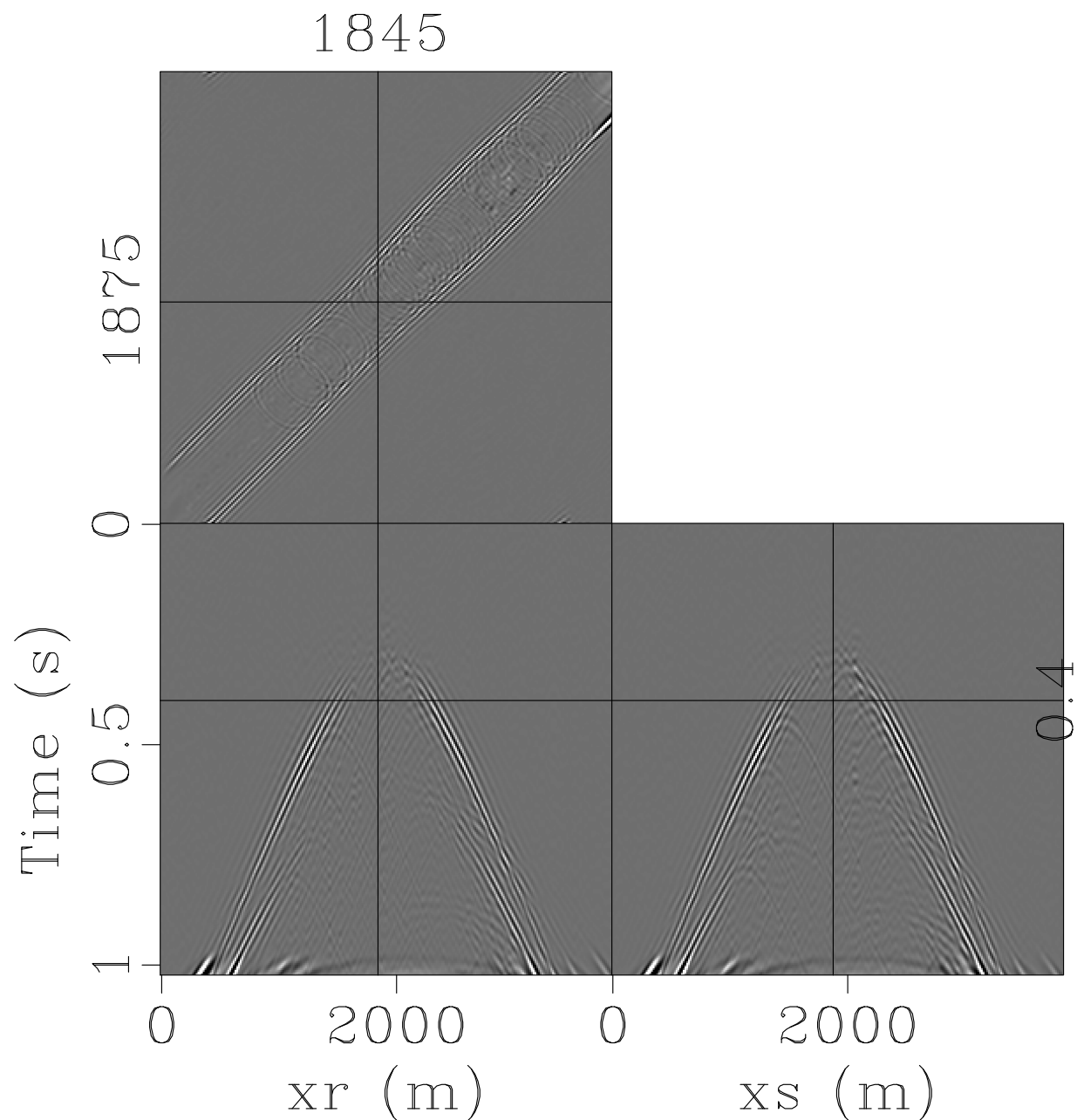
CRSI reconstruction from Farthest Point samples, SNR=8.496



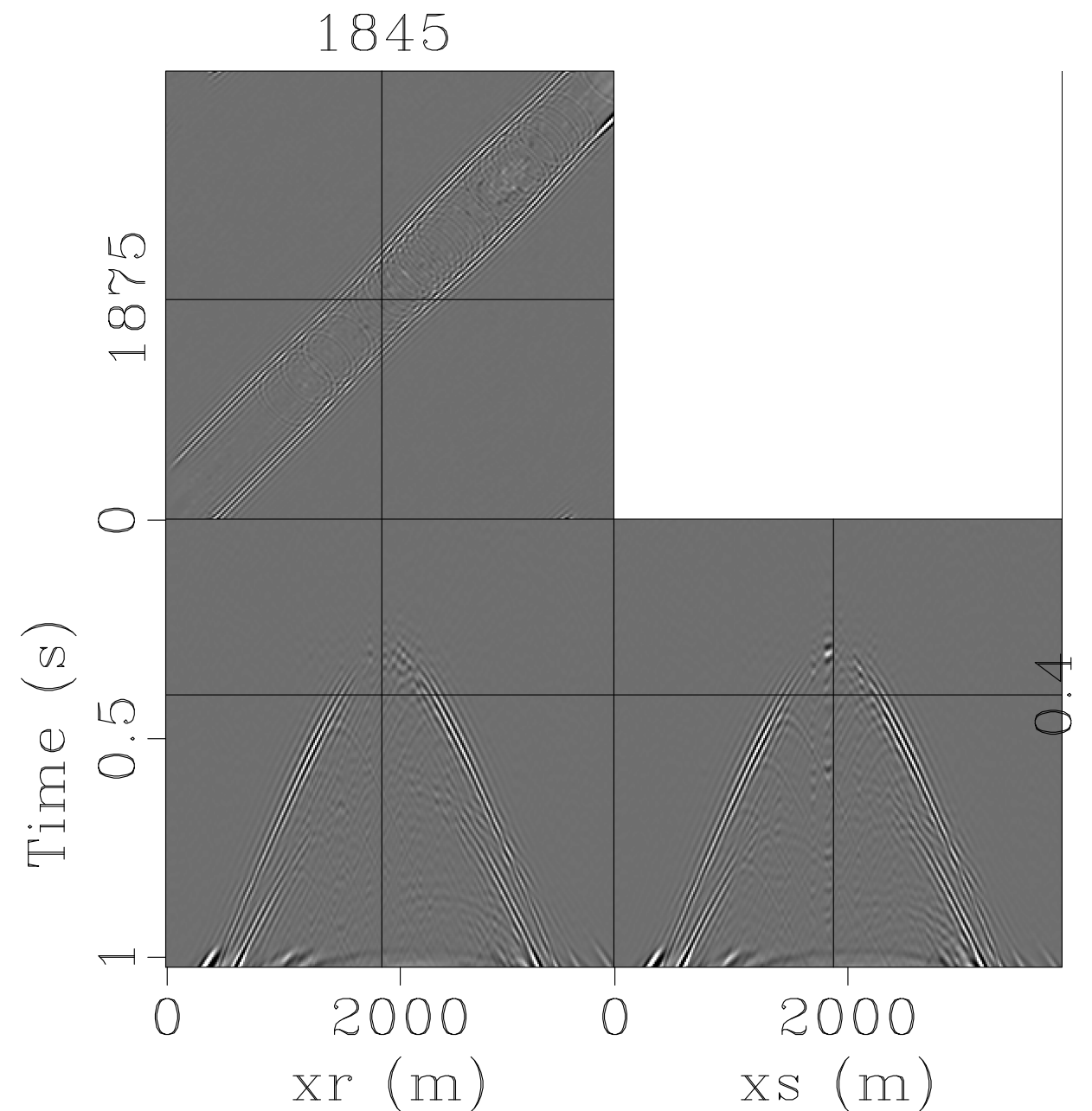
CRSI recon. from Poisson Disk samples SNR=8.483

# Farthest point vs Poisson disk - residual

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CRSI recon. residual from  
Farthest Point samples



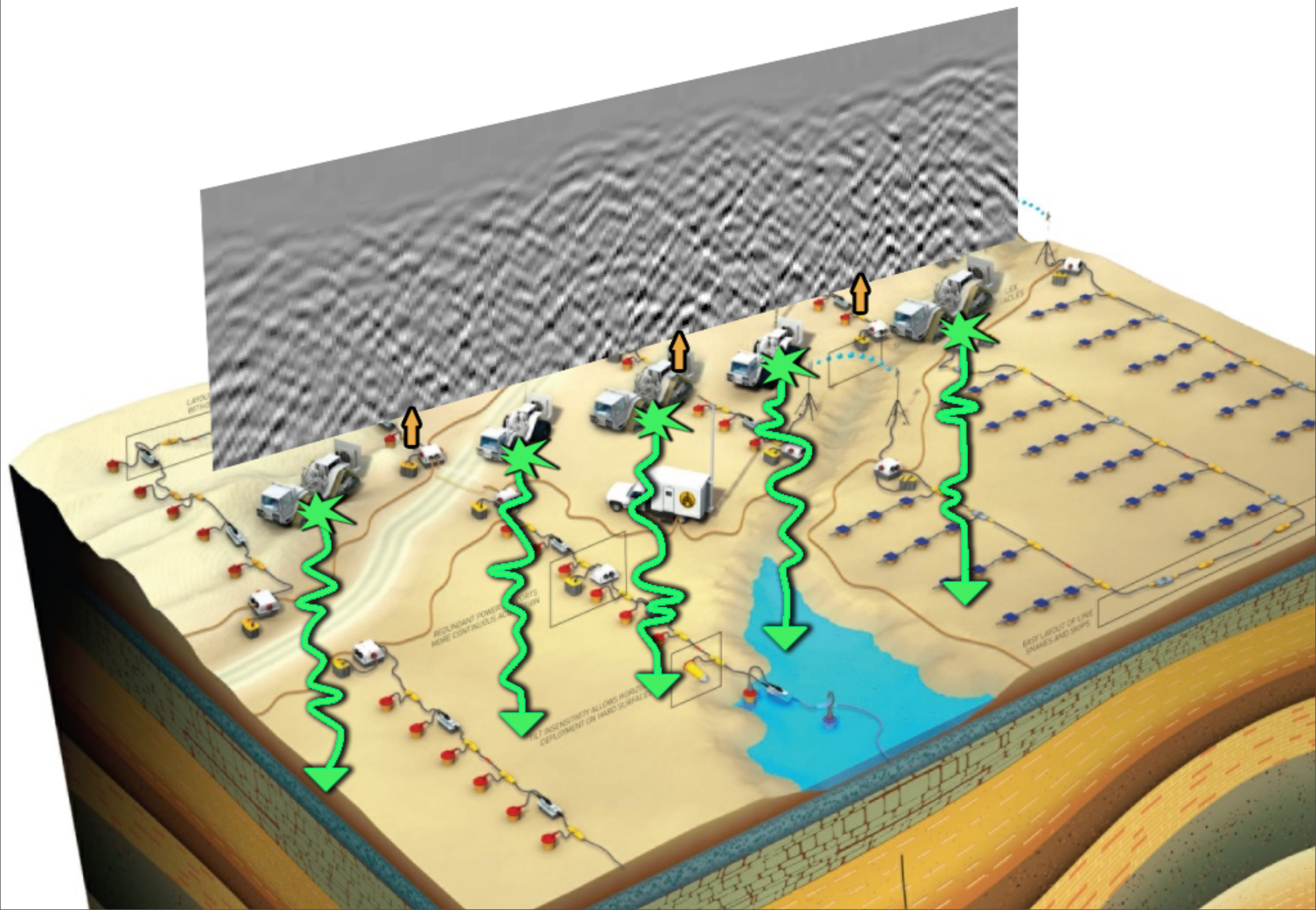
CRSI recon. residual from  
Poisson Disk samples

# Observation & extensions

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- Findings from 1D jittered sampling extend to higher dimensions
  - randomized is better than regular subsampling
  - Cartesian versus hexagonal sampling are equivalent for optimal jittered sampling
  - Furthest point and Poisson sampling lead to similar results
- Gap-size control
  - jittered sampling gives explicit control max distance between adjacent samples
  - farthest point and Poisson disk also have bounds but not explicit
- Future extensions
  - variable density sampling
  - ungridded
  - exploring symmetry (e.g. reciprocity)
- Open math. questions
  - extension of CS results to frames
  - practical design principles





# Relation to existing work

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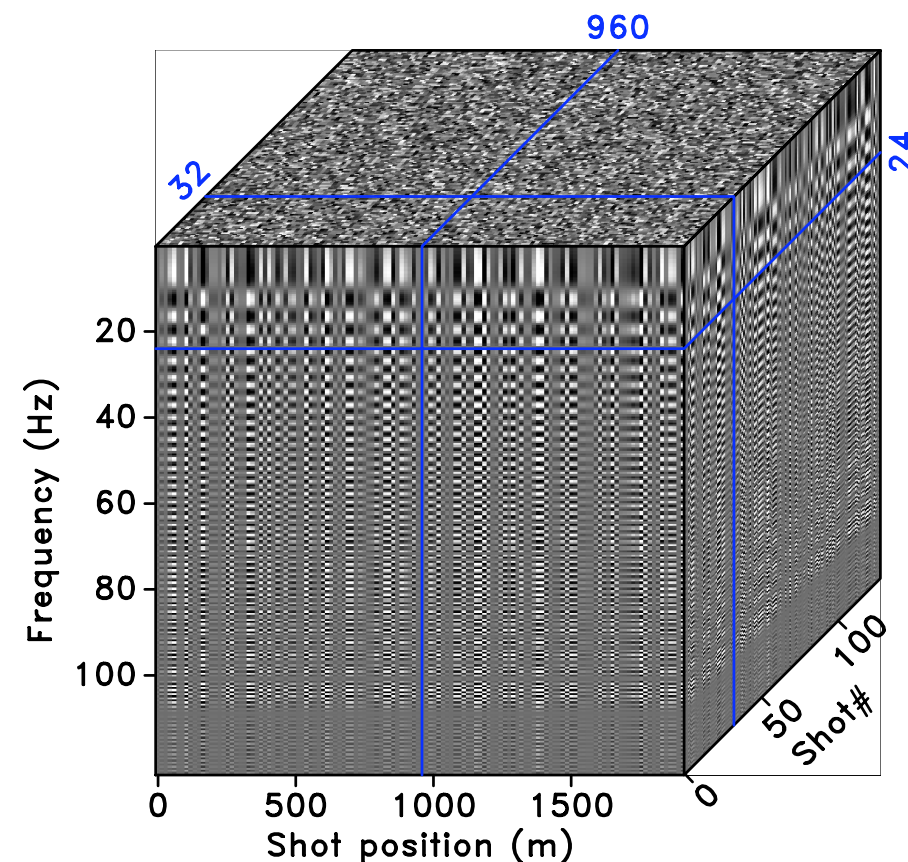
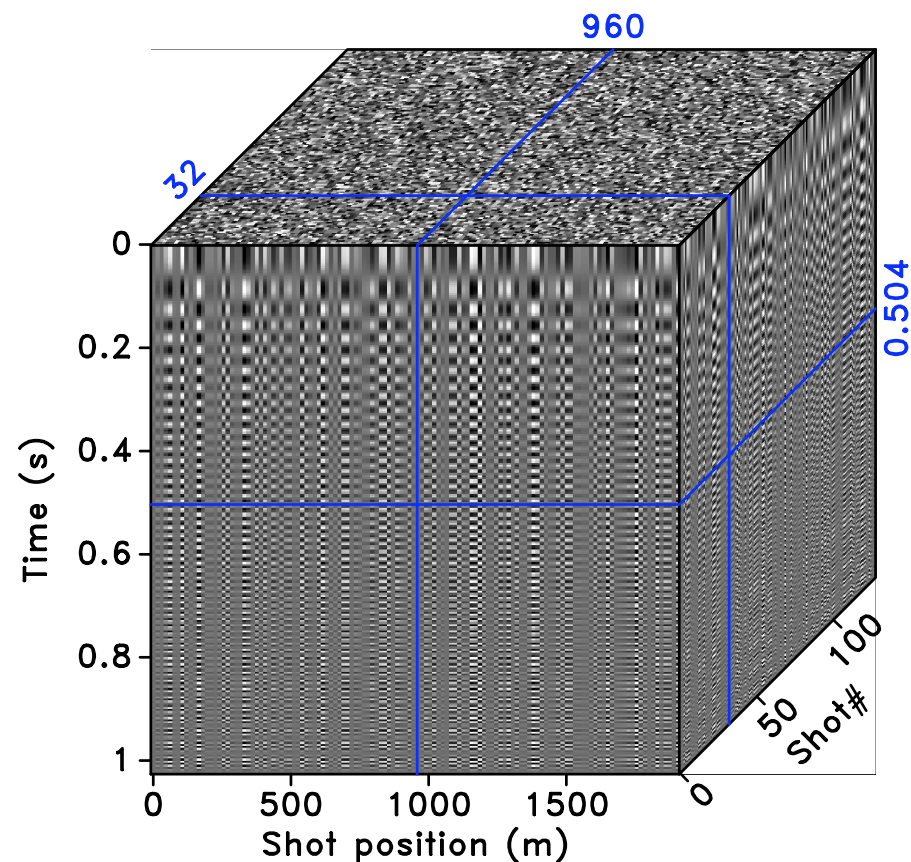
- **Simultaneous & continuous acquisition:**

- *A new look at marine simultaneous sources* by C. Beasley, '08
- *Simultaneous Sourcing without Compromise* by R. Neelamani & C.E. Krohn, '08.
- *Changing the mindset in seismic data acquisition* by A. Berkout, '08
- *Independent simultaneous sweeping - A method to increase the productivity of land seismic crews* by D. Howe, M. Foster, T. Allen, B. Taylor, and I. Jack, '08



# Recovery from simultaneous data

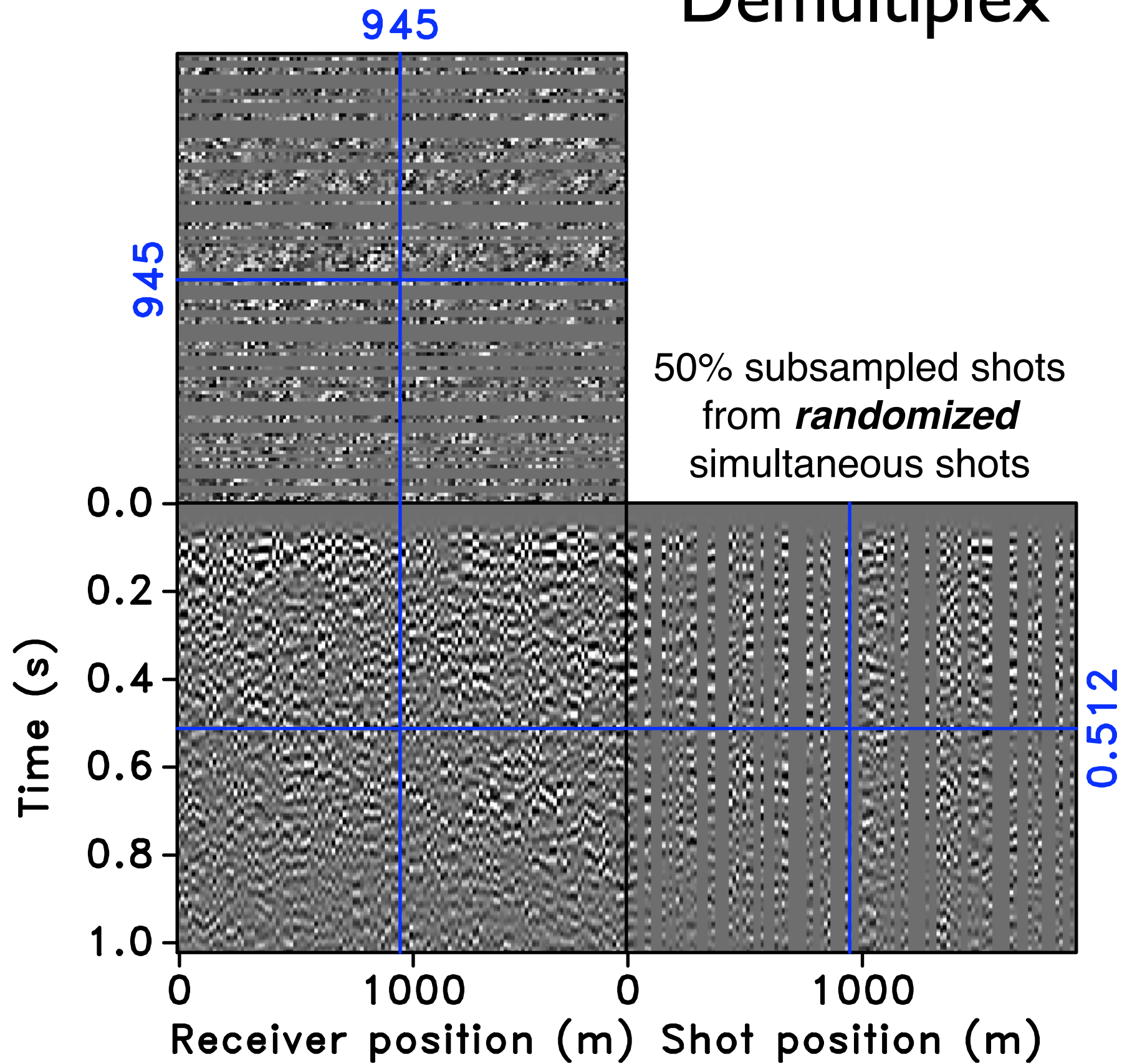
$$\mathbf{RM} = \overbrace{\left[ \mathbf{R}^\Sigma \otimes \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} \right]}^{\text{sub sampler}} \overbrace{\left( \mathbf{F}_s^* \text{diag} \left( e^{i\hat{\theta}} \right) \mathbf{F}_s \otimes \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} \right)}^{\text{random phase encoder}}$$



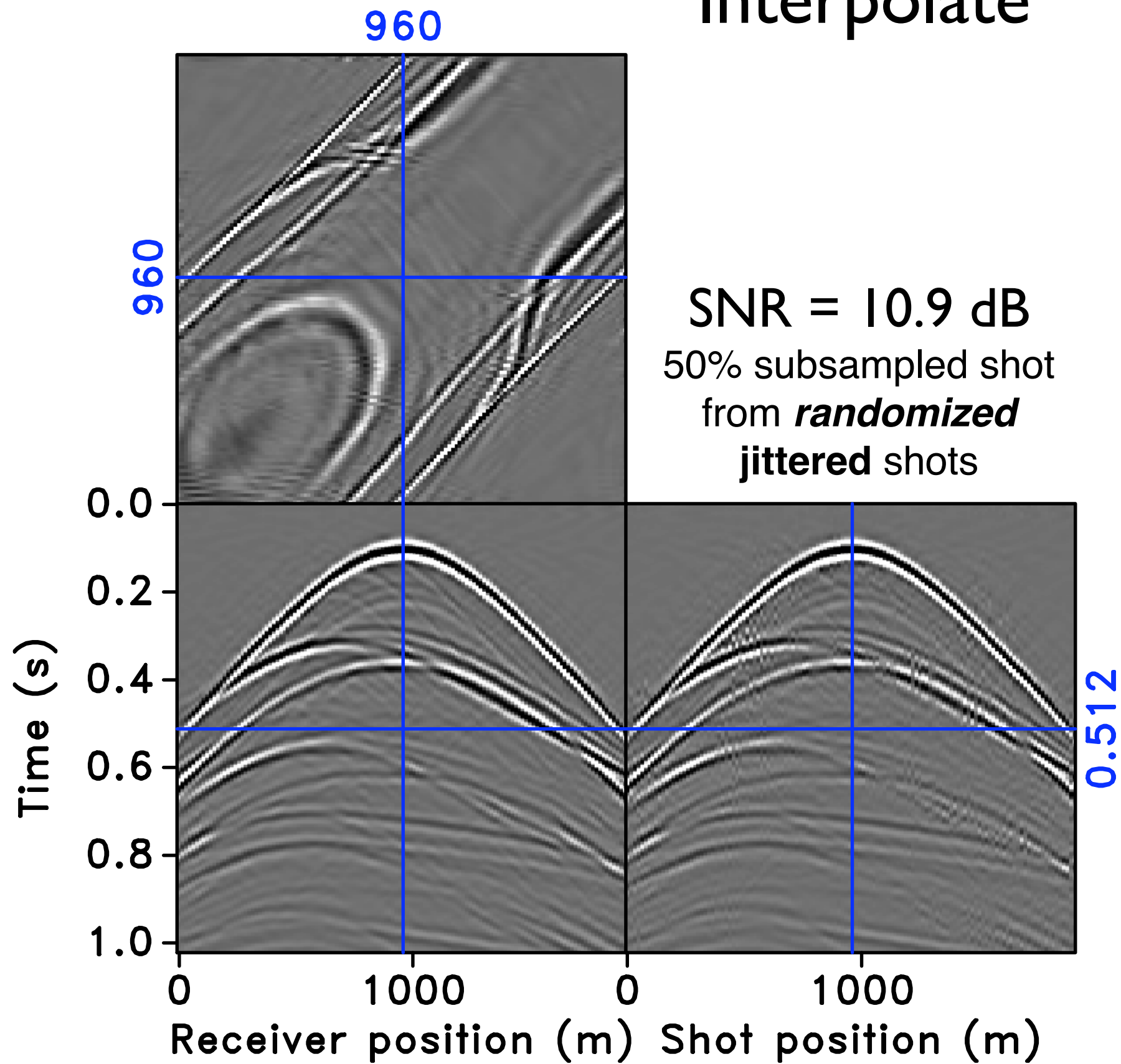
- Linearly ramping seismic sweep, 5 to 110 Hz
- Simultaneous source at all positions, each randomly phase encoded



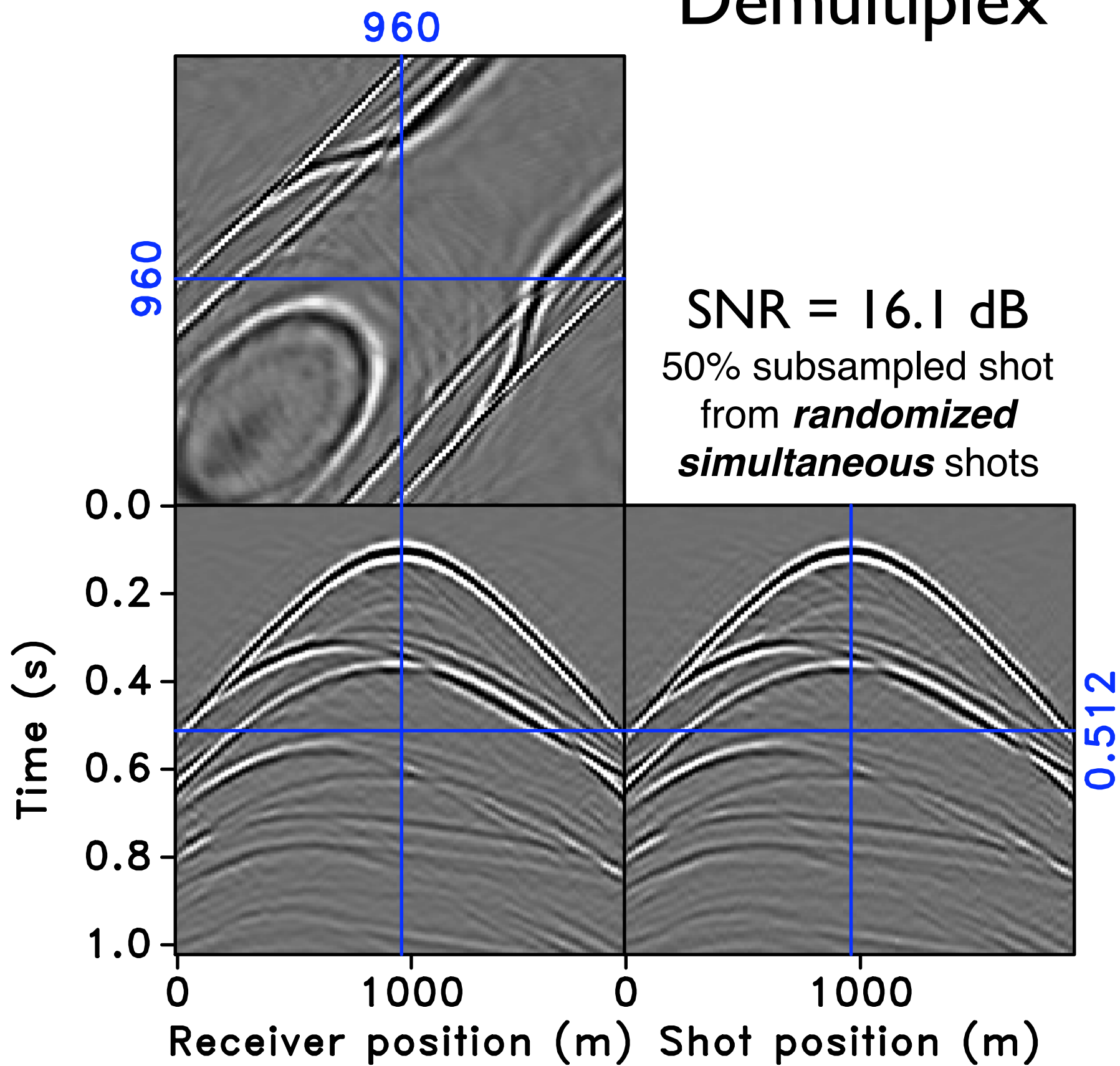
# Demultiplex



# Interpolate



# Demultiplex





# Key elements

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## ☒ *sparsifying transform*

- typically *strictly localized* in the Fourier space
- rapid decay physical space to handle the complexity of seismic data
- mutual incoherence

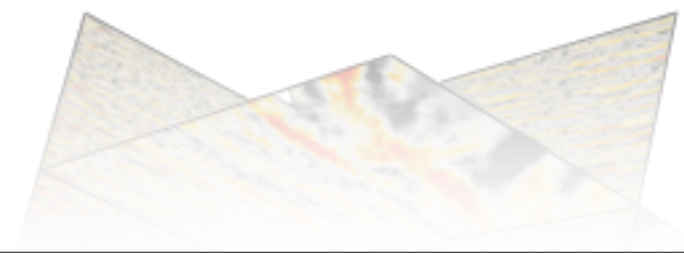
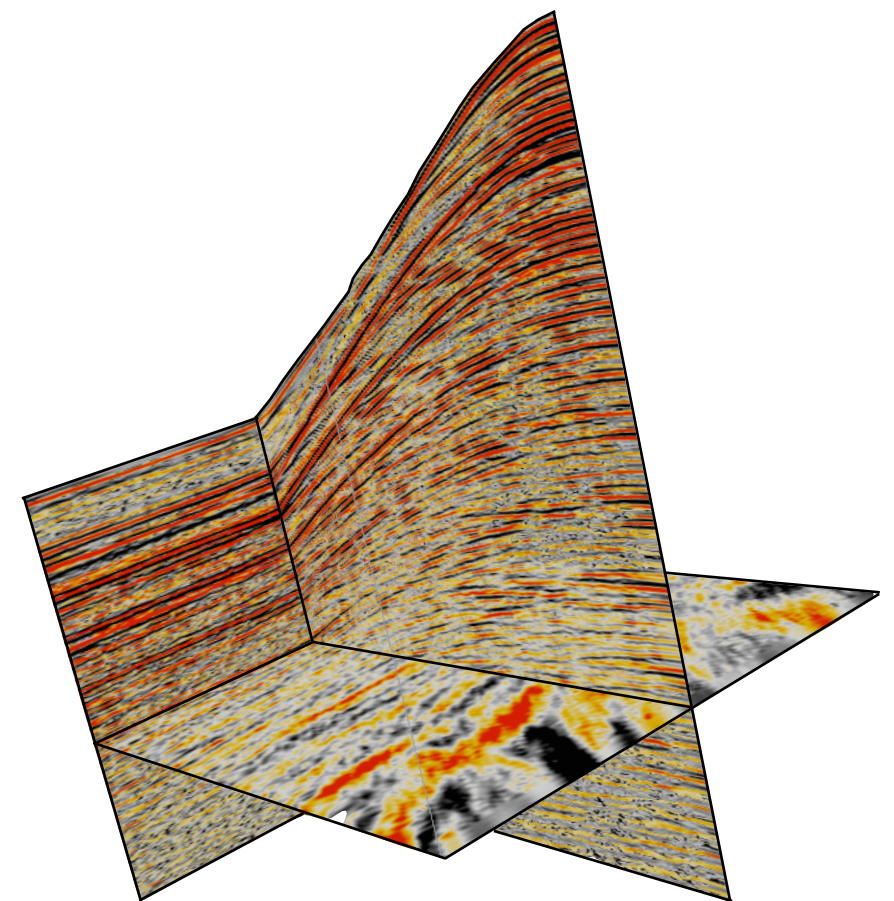
## ☒ *advantageous **randomized** coarse sampling*

- generates incoherent random undersampling “noise” in sparsifying domain
- ***spatial sampling*** that does not create large gaps
  - because of the limited spatiotemporal extent of transform elements used for the reconstruction
- ***randomized*** subsampling of ***simultaneous-source*** experiments
  - does not create large interferences
  - leads to compression of linear systems
    - reduction # right-hand-sides
    - spectral representation operators

## ☐ *sparsity-promoting solver*

- requires few matrix-vector multiplications

# ***Recent developments: recovery of surface-free data from simultaneous acquisition***



# Estimation of primaries from simultaneous data

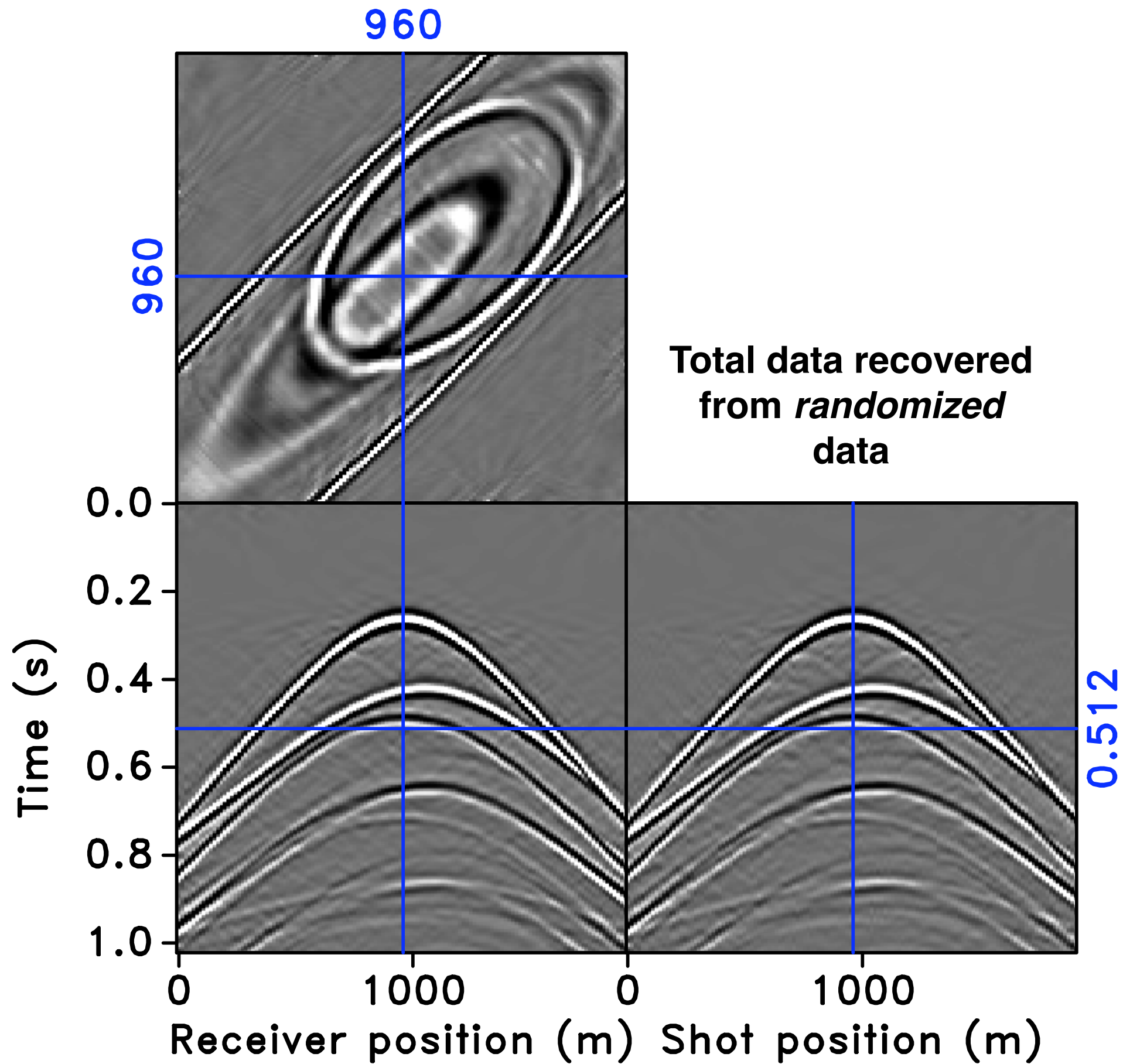
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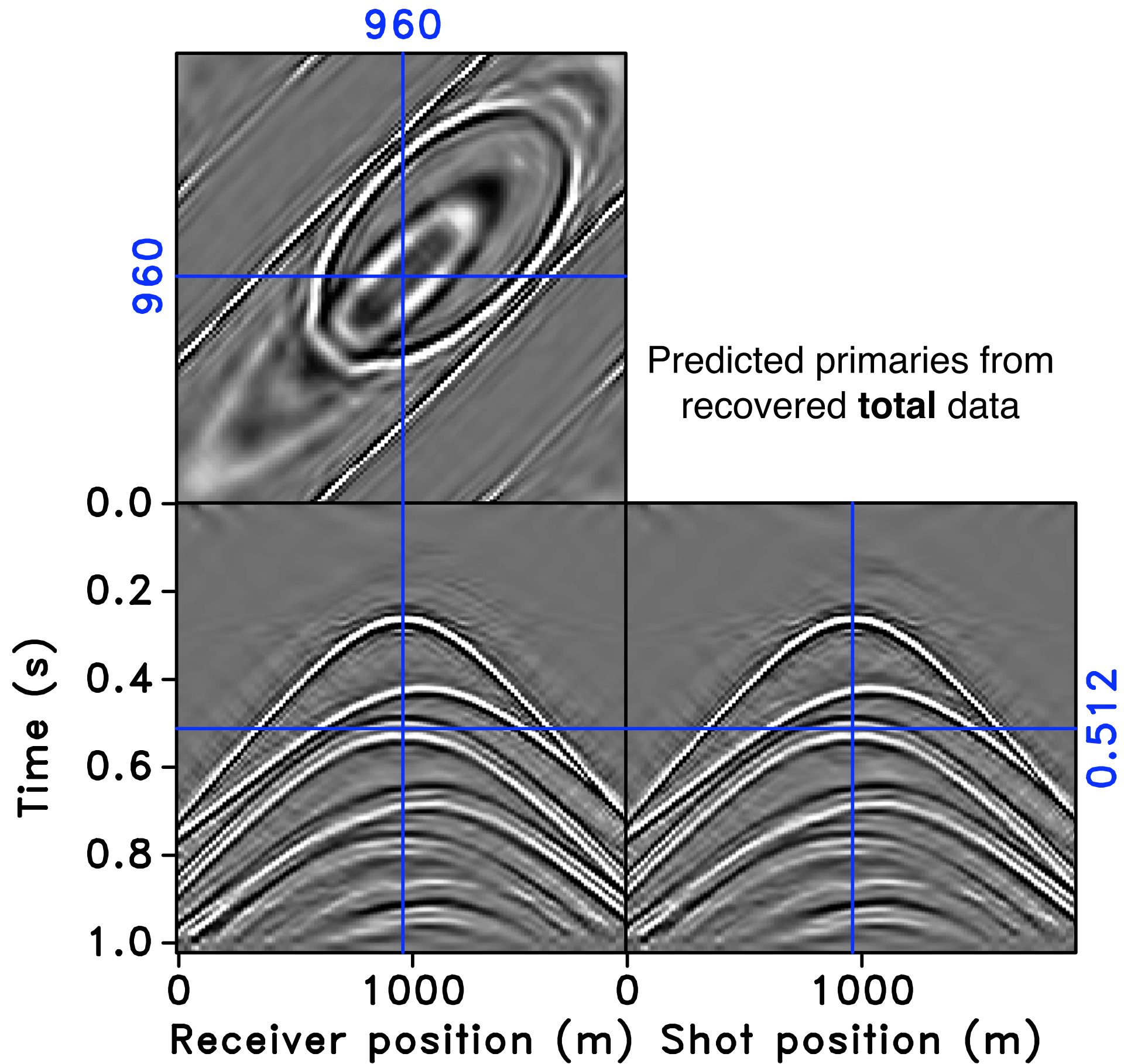
- Include multiple prediction operator
  - operator that generates all surface-related multiples
  - invert the operator as part of the sparsity-promoting recovery

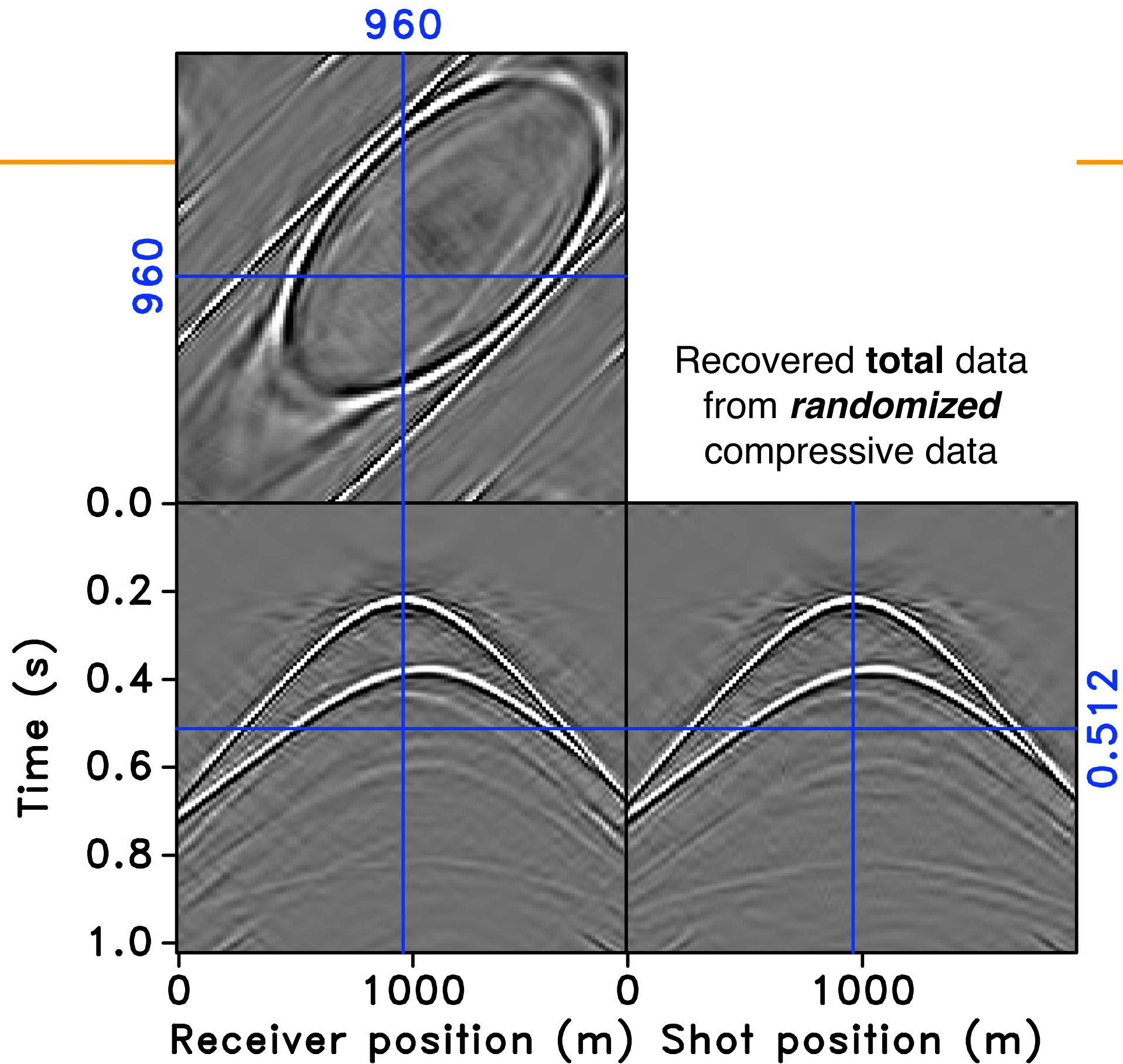
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- **Primary prediction through wavefield inversion:**
  - *Elimination of free-surface related multiples without need of the source wavelet* by L. Amundsen, '01
  - *Primary estimation by sparse inversion and its application to near offset reconstruction* by G. van Groenenstijn and D. Verschuur, '09





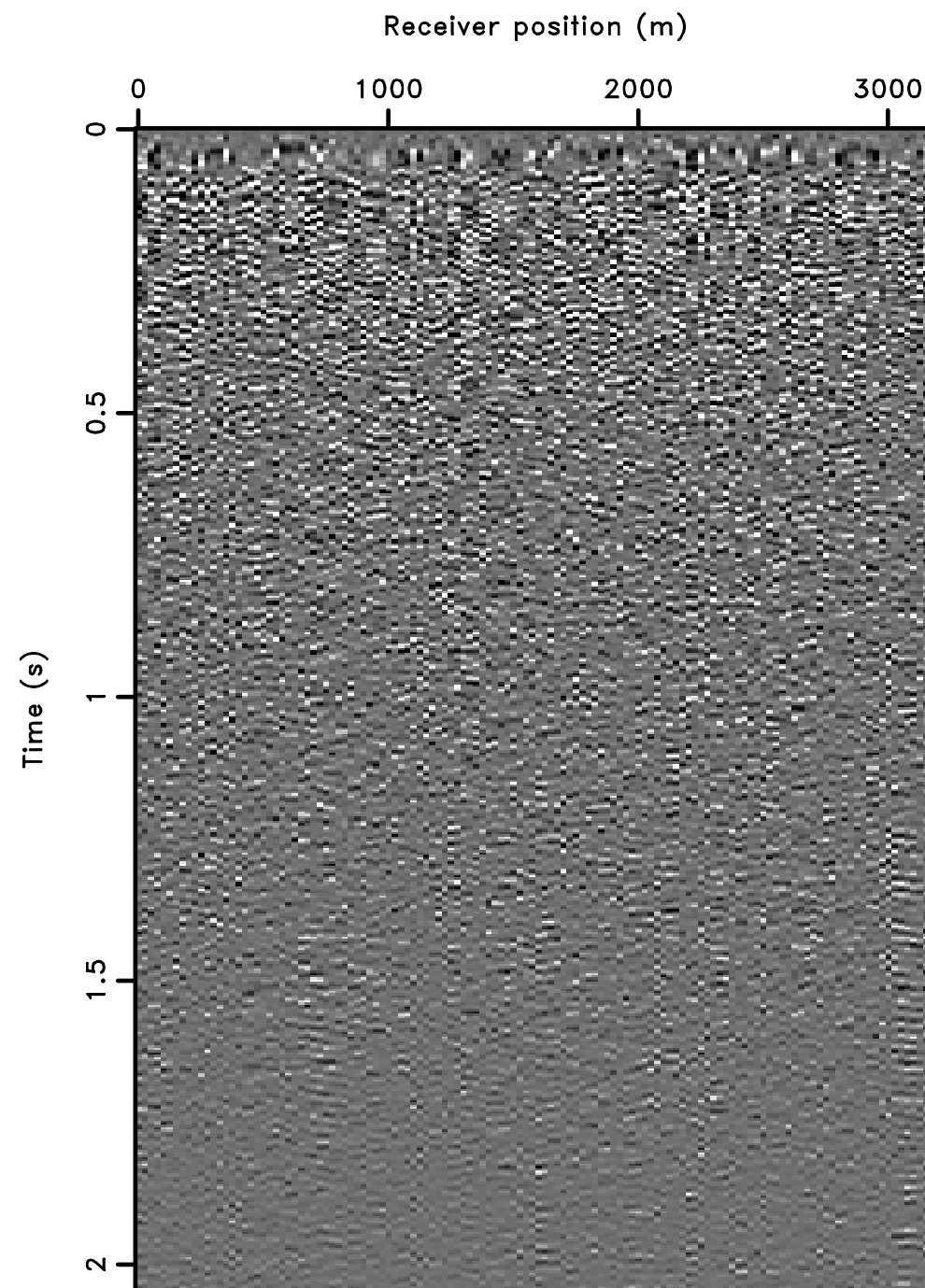
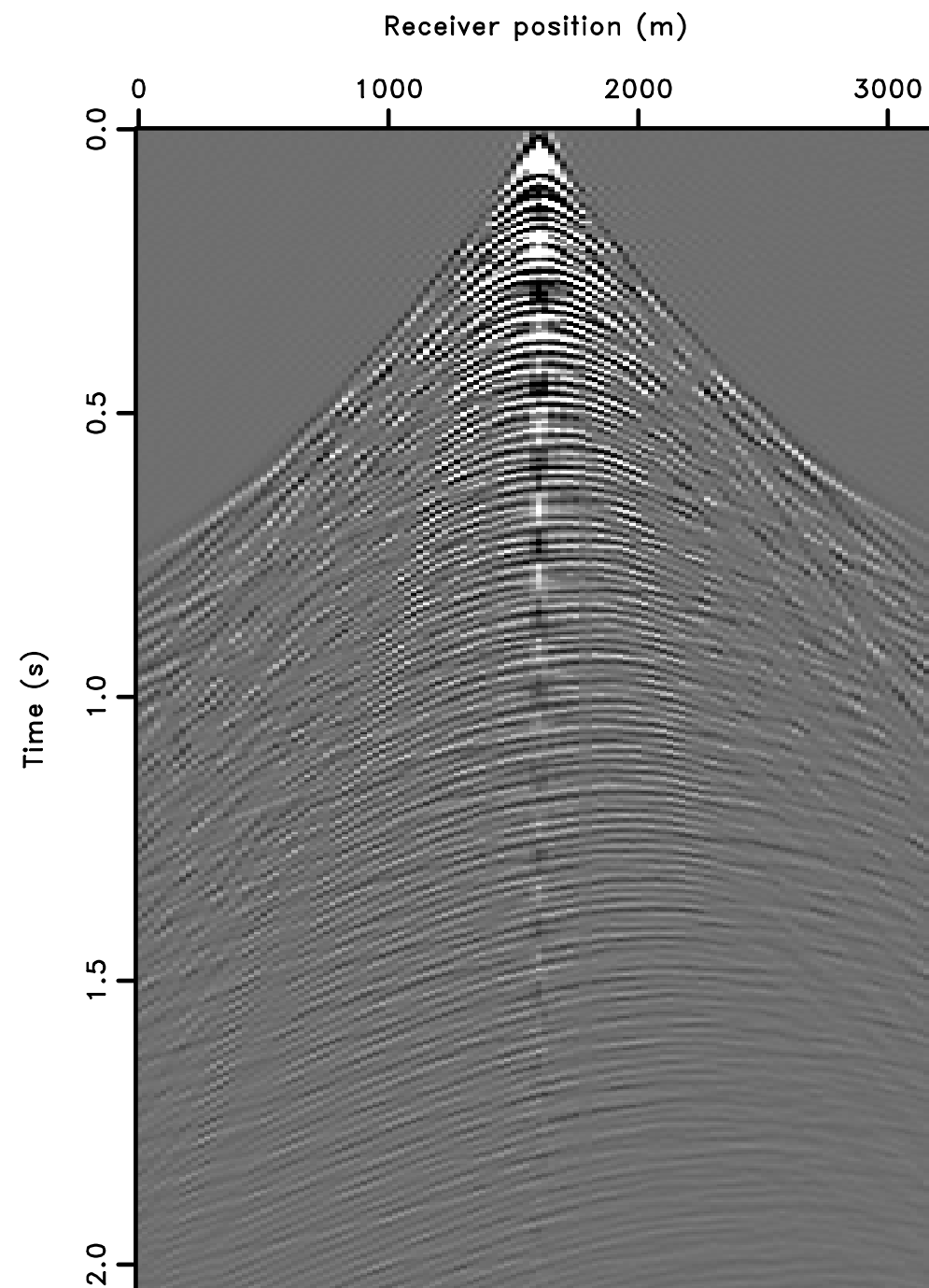






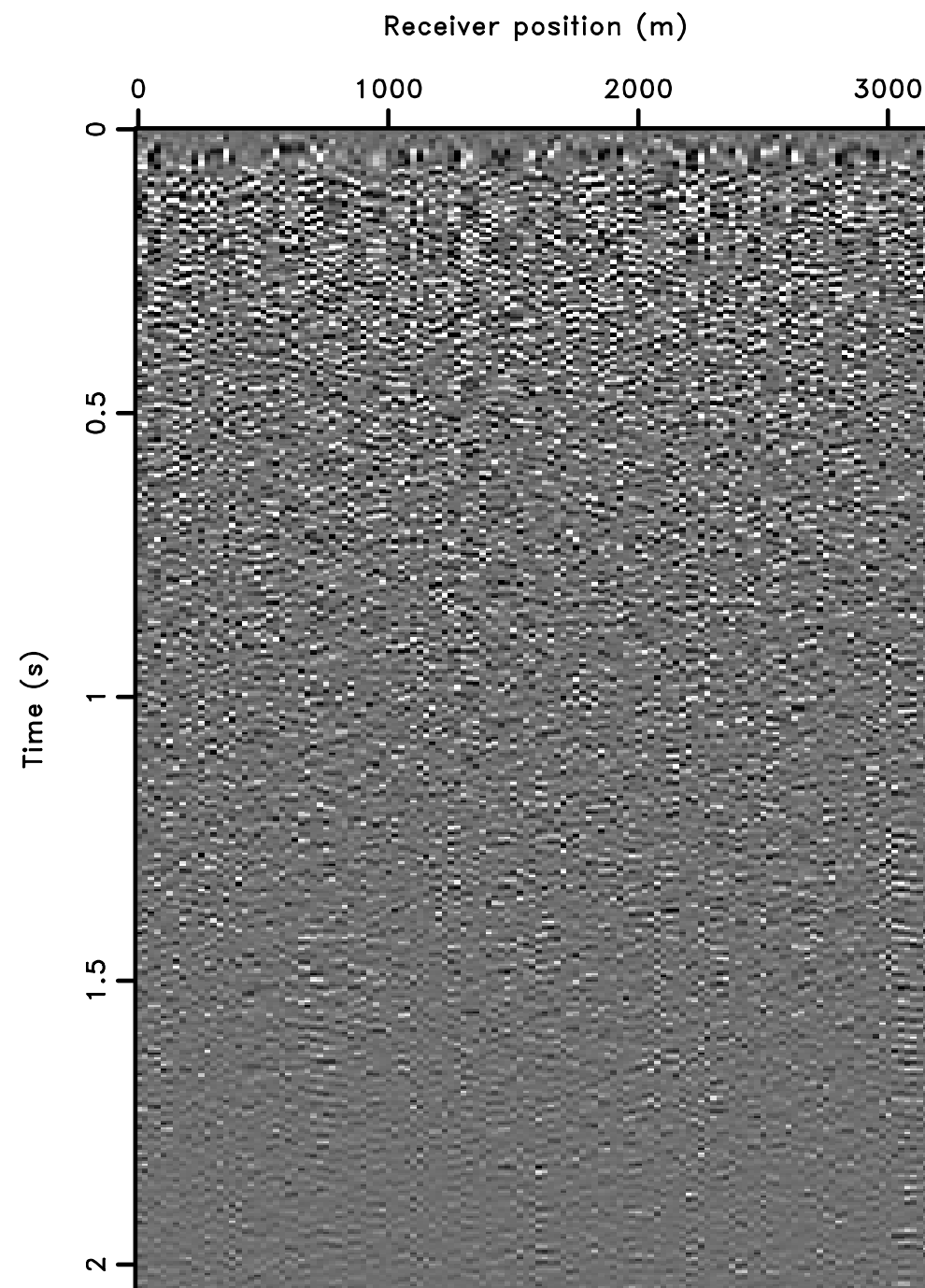
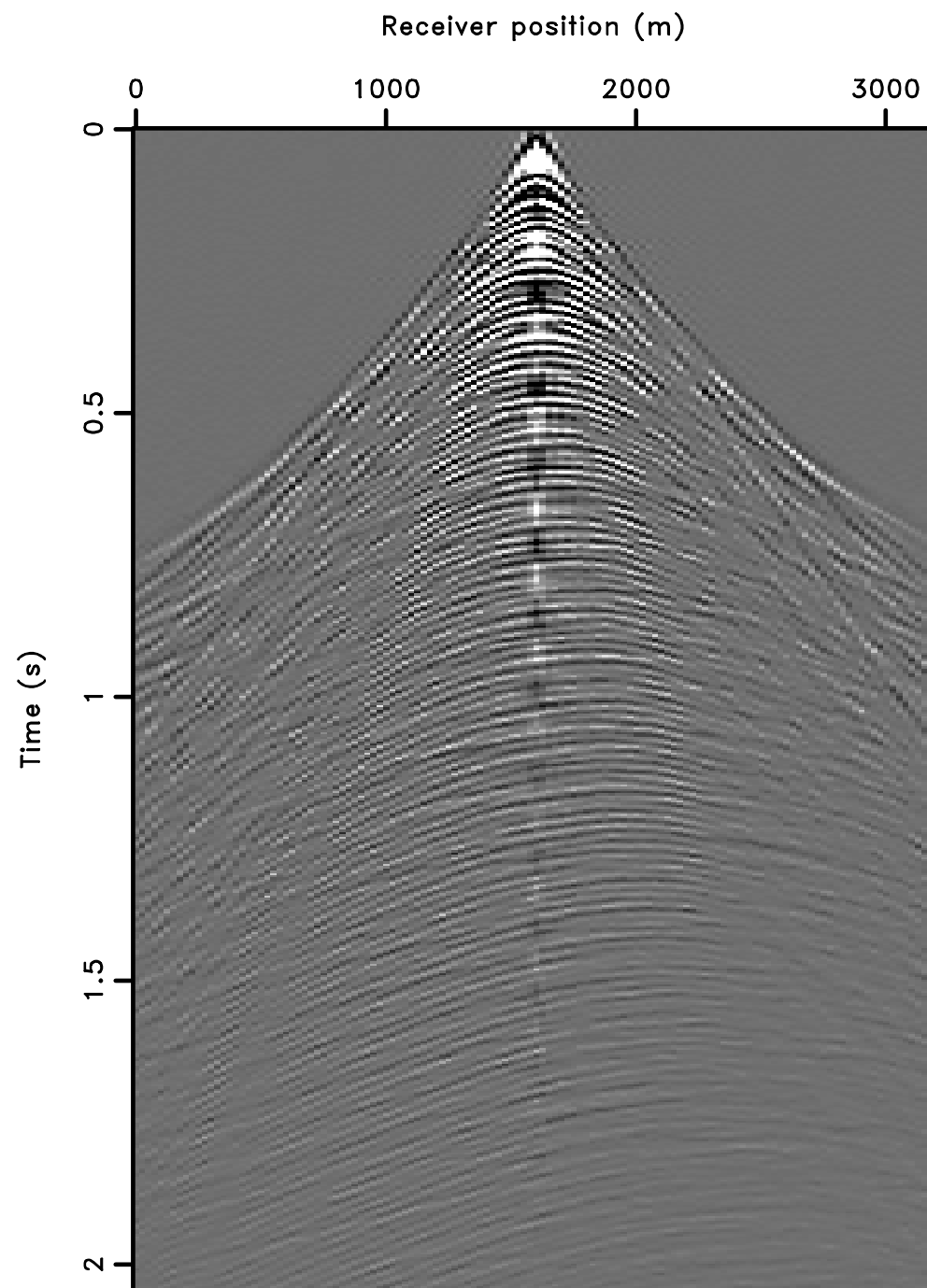
# Real Marine data

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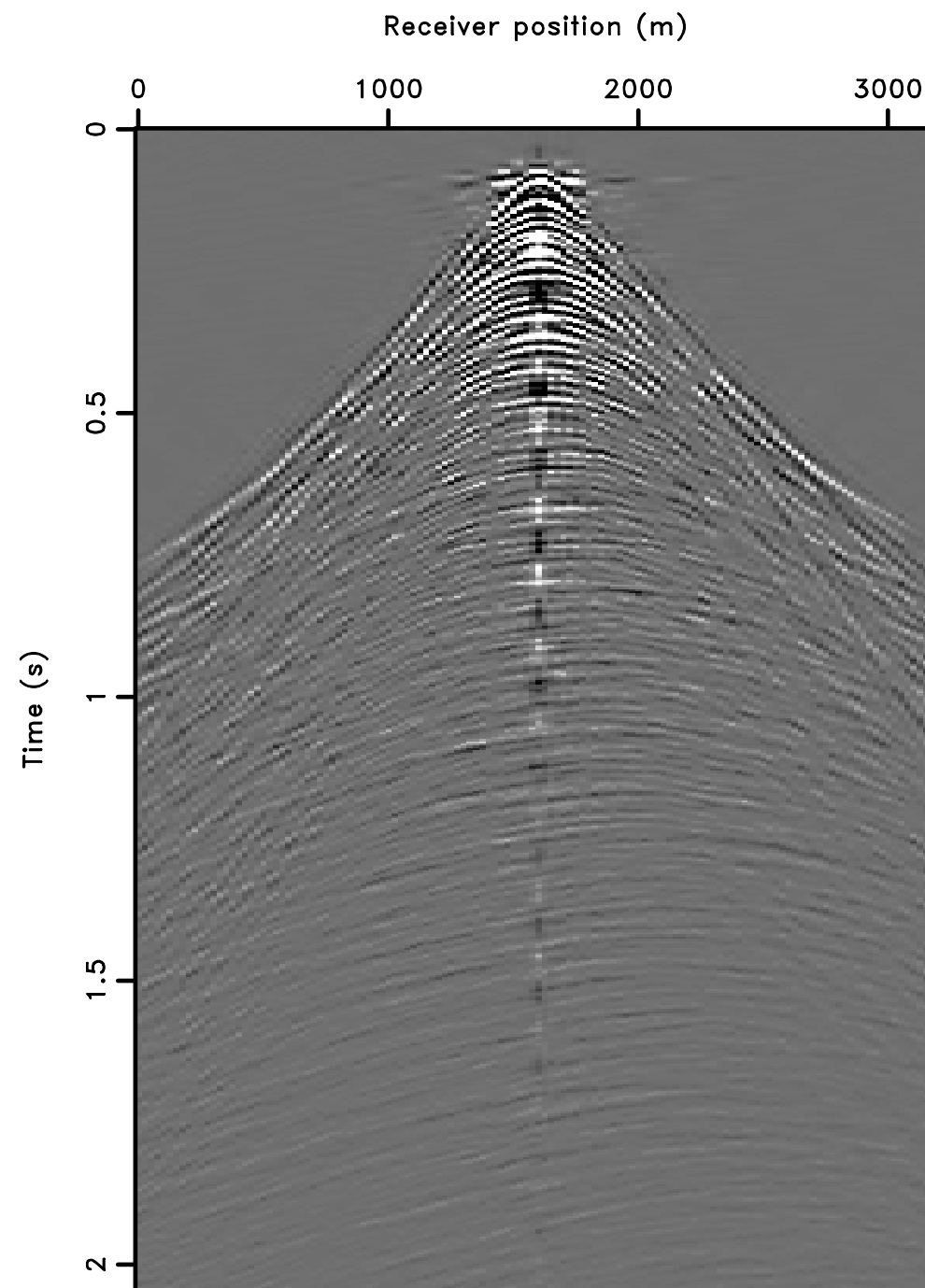
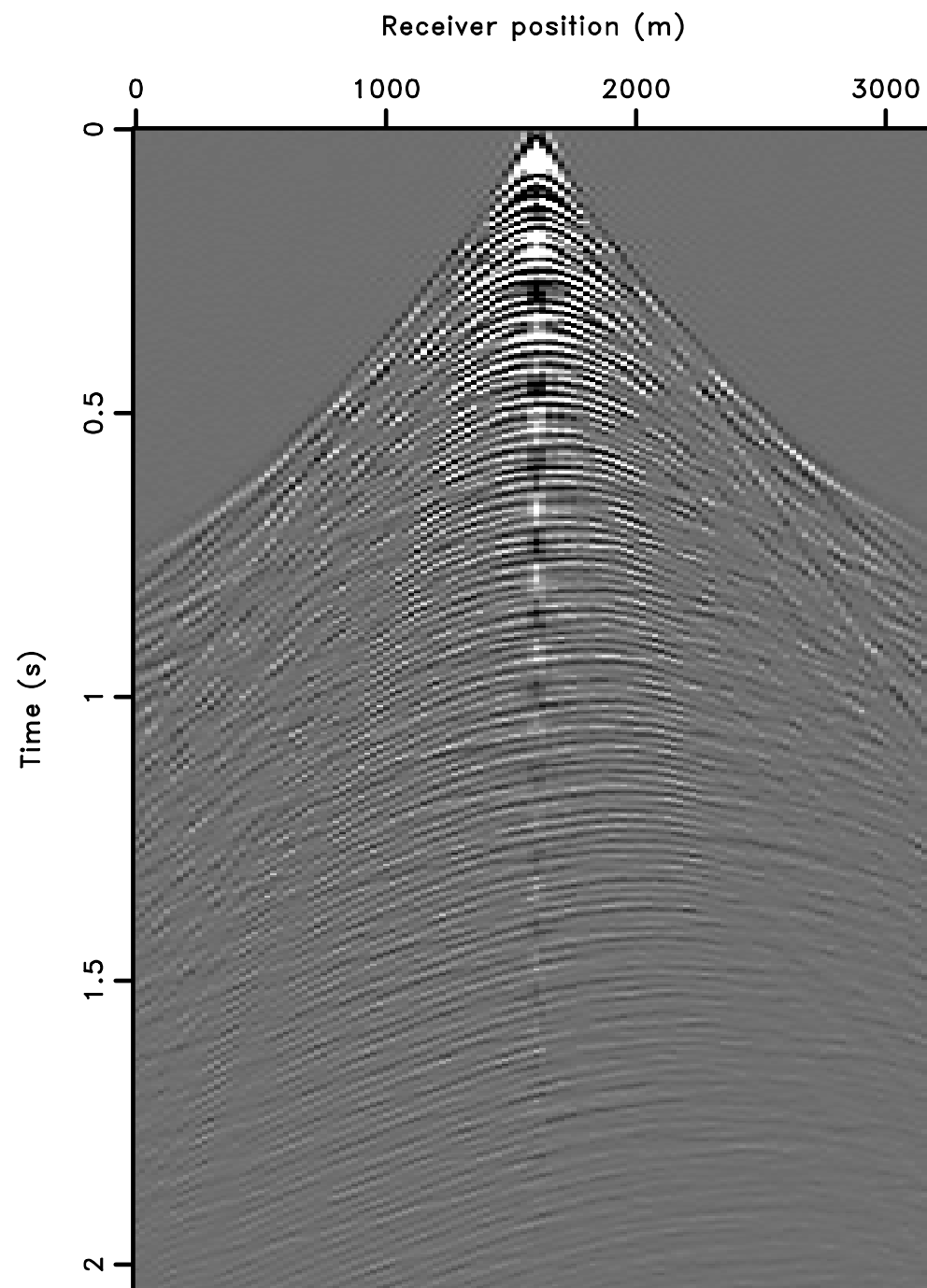
# Recovery Real Marine data

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# Primary prediction Real Marine data

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# Conclusions

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- **Randomization** is essential for recovery from incomplete data
- Good **randomized** sampling
  - with blue-noise characteristics give good curvelet recovery
  - with simultaneous sources gives excellent curvelet recovery
- **Randomization** leads to
  - “acquisition” of *smaller* data volumes that carry the **same** information or
  - to **improved** inferences from data using the *same* resources
- **Bottom line: acquisition costs** are no longer determined by the **size** of the **discretization** but by **transform-domain sparsity** of the sampled wavefield ...

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