

# Wavefield-reconstruction inversion

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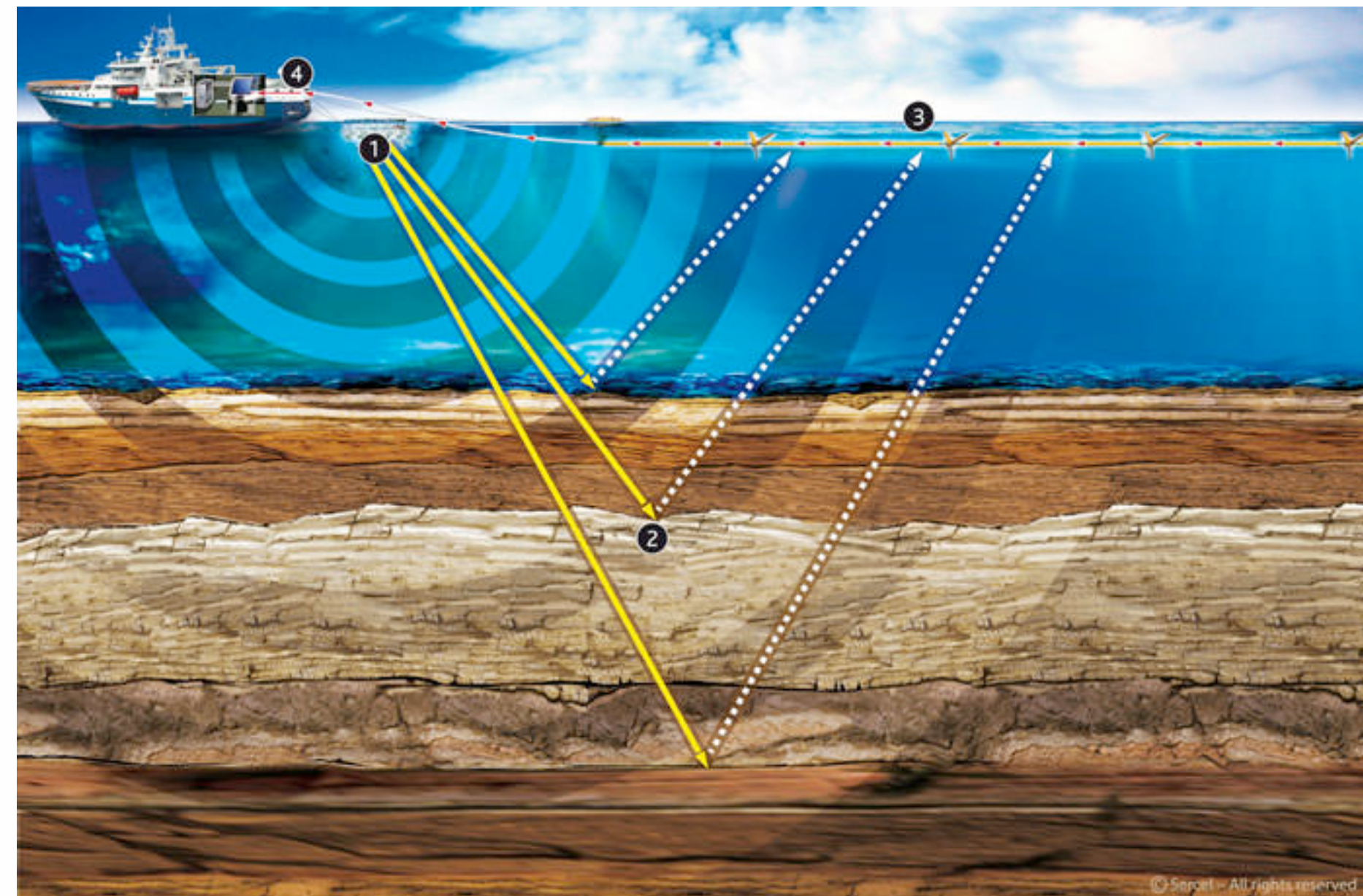
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# PDE-constrained optimization

This talk is about parameter estimation with wavefields.



[from:<http://www.sercel.com/about/Pages/what-is-geophysics.aspx>]

## PDE-constrained optimization

This talk is about parameter estimation with the Helmholtz equation.

Challenging because:

- data and predicted fields are both oscillatory
- non-convex
- local minimizers often unacceptable
- 1 PDE:  $\sim [1e6 - 1e9]$  grid points
- working with multiple  $[10 - 1000]$  PDE's simultaneously is very challenging

# PDE-constrained optimization

## known:

- source/receiver locations
- source function (sometimes)
- the PDE (usually simplified physics)

## unknown:

- PDE-coefficients (acoustic velocity)

## notation:

- fields ('state variables')
- medium parameters ('control variables')

## PDE-constrained optimization

Use the 'discretize-then-optimize' framework:

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{q}$$

$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{m}) \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$  discrete PDE

$\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  medium parameters

$\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$  selects field at receivers

$\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  field

$\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{C}^m$  observed data

$\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  source

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} \frac{1}{2} \|P\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad H(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}, \gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \|P\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \gamma^* (H(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{q})$$

eliminate field variables

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \frac{1}{2} \|PH(\mathbf{m})^{-1}\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2$$

## reduced space

[A Tarantola, 1984; E Haber et al., 2000;  
I Epanomeritakis et al., 2008]

- storage as low as two fields at a time
- highly nonlinear function value computation is
  - expensive
  - inexact when sub-problems are solved iteratively
- dense reduced-Hessian
- requires extra safeguards/accuracy control

[T. van Leeuwen & F.J. Herrmann, 2014]

# Reduced-space PDE-constrained optimization

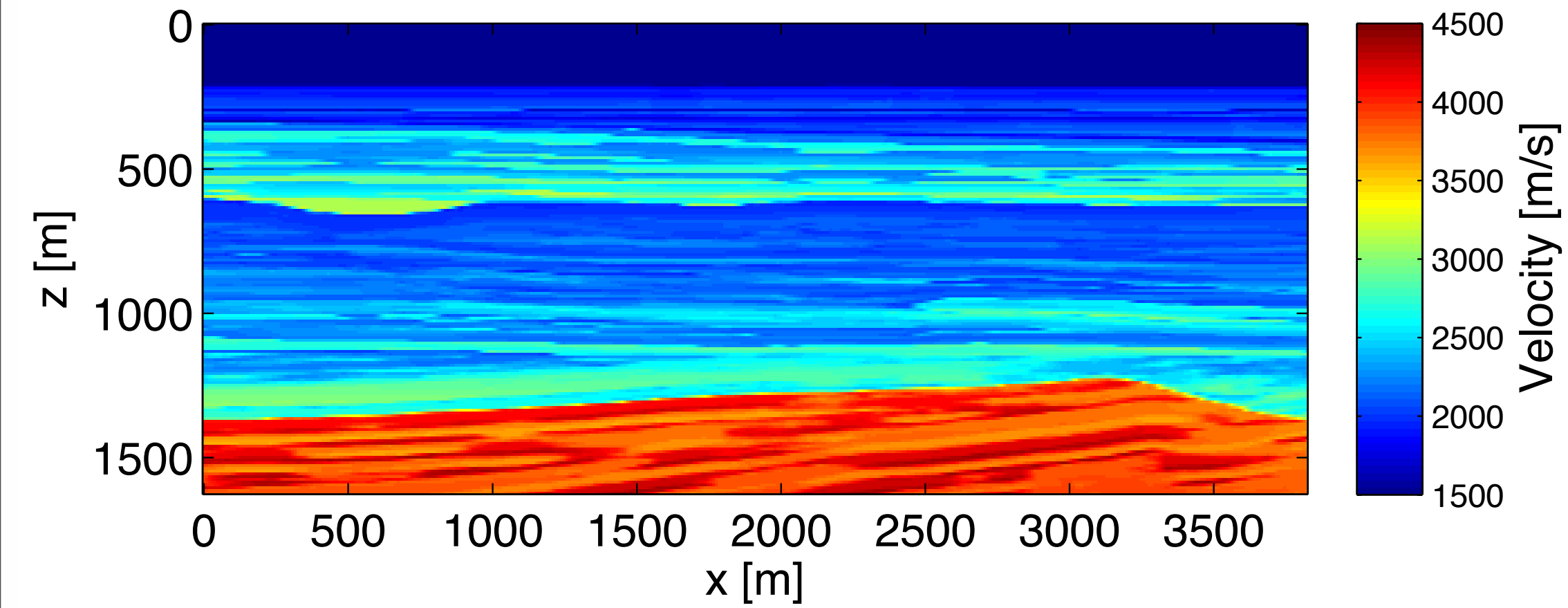
## Example 1 (easy):

- Two-metric-projection with L-BFGS Hessian and bound constraints
- 64 equally distributed sources and receivers near the surface
- 18 frequency batches: {2 3}, {3 4}, ..., {19 20} Hertz
- No noise
- No regularization

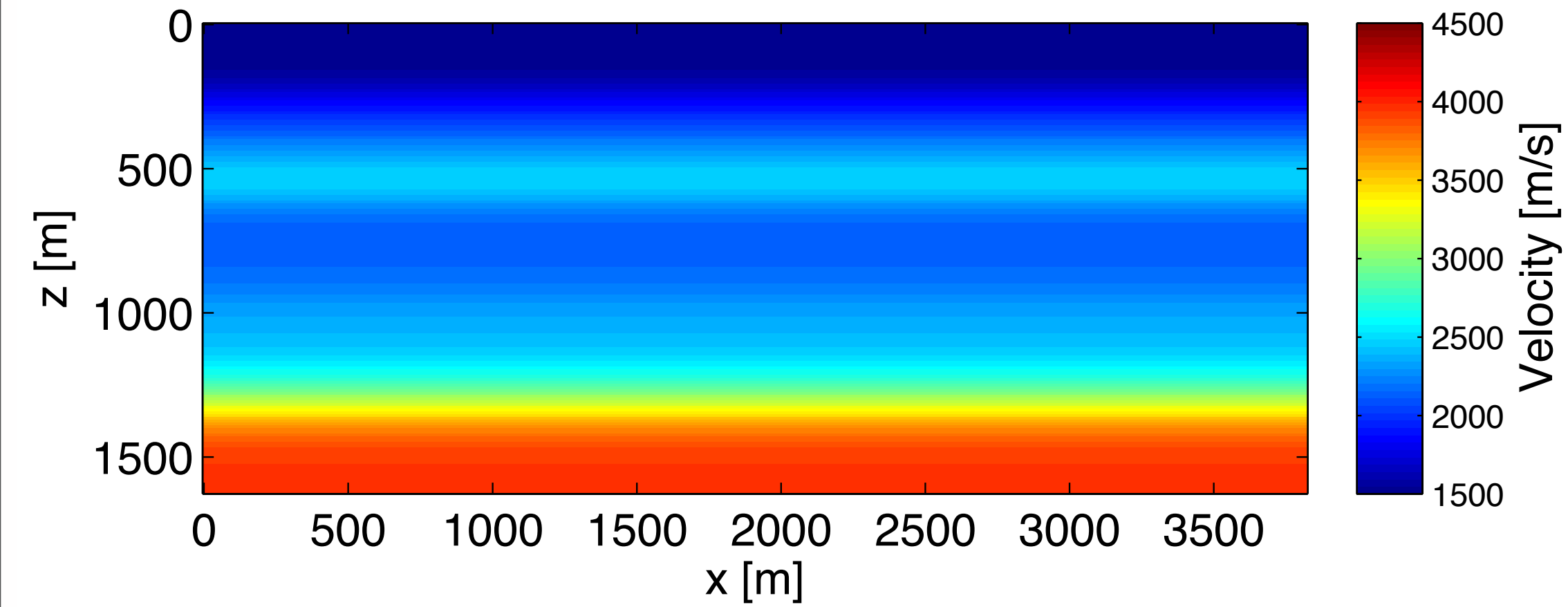
[M. Schmidt et. al., 2012]

# True, initial and final models

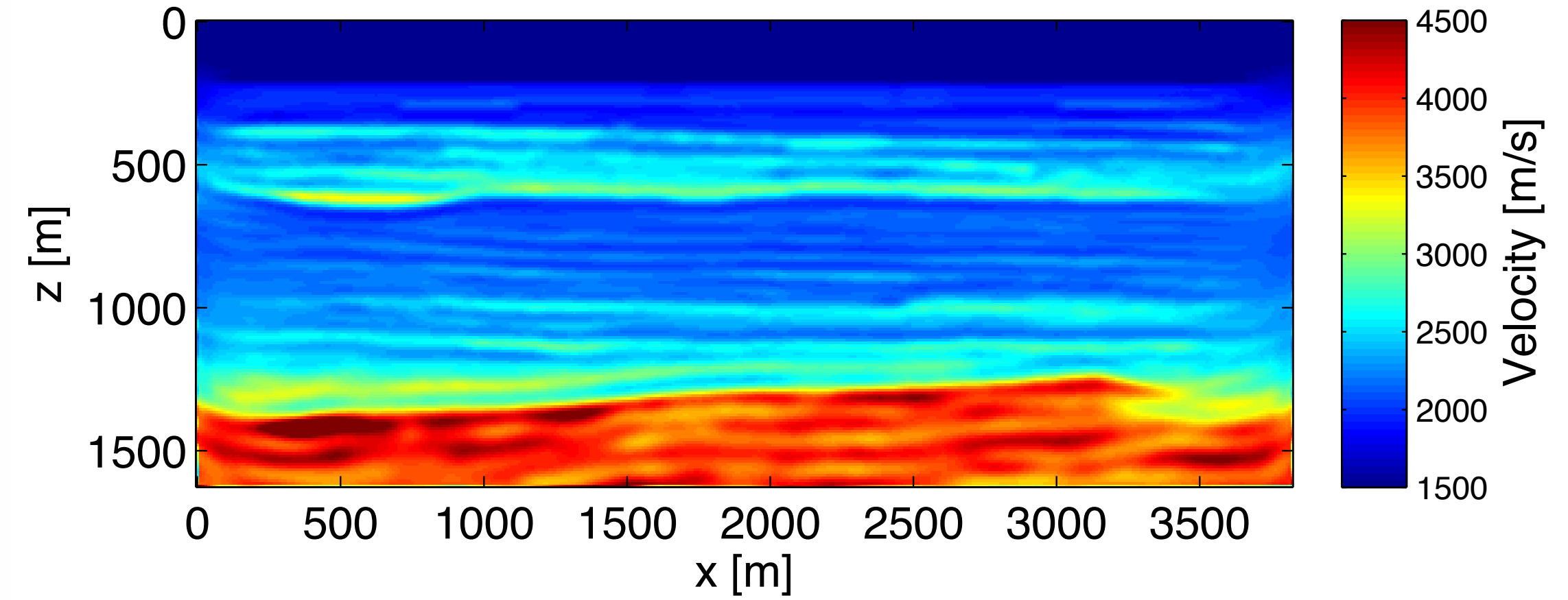
True model



Initial model



Result reduced Lagrangian



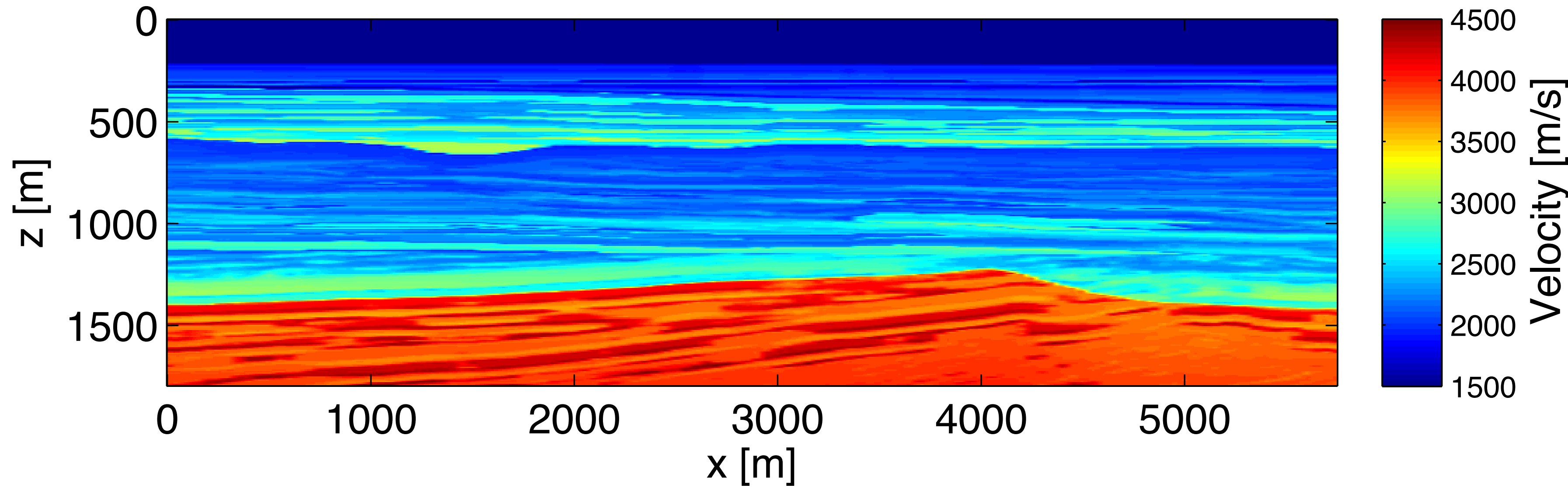


## Reduced-space PDE-constrained optimization

### Example 2 (difficult):

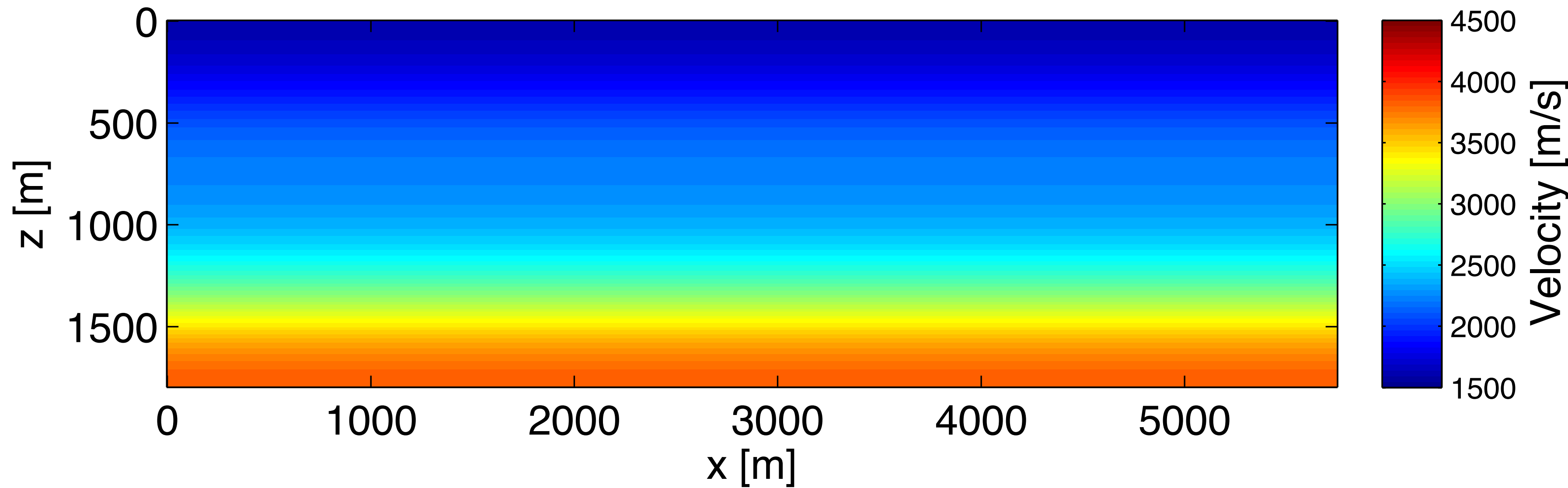
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- Less accurate initial model

True model

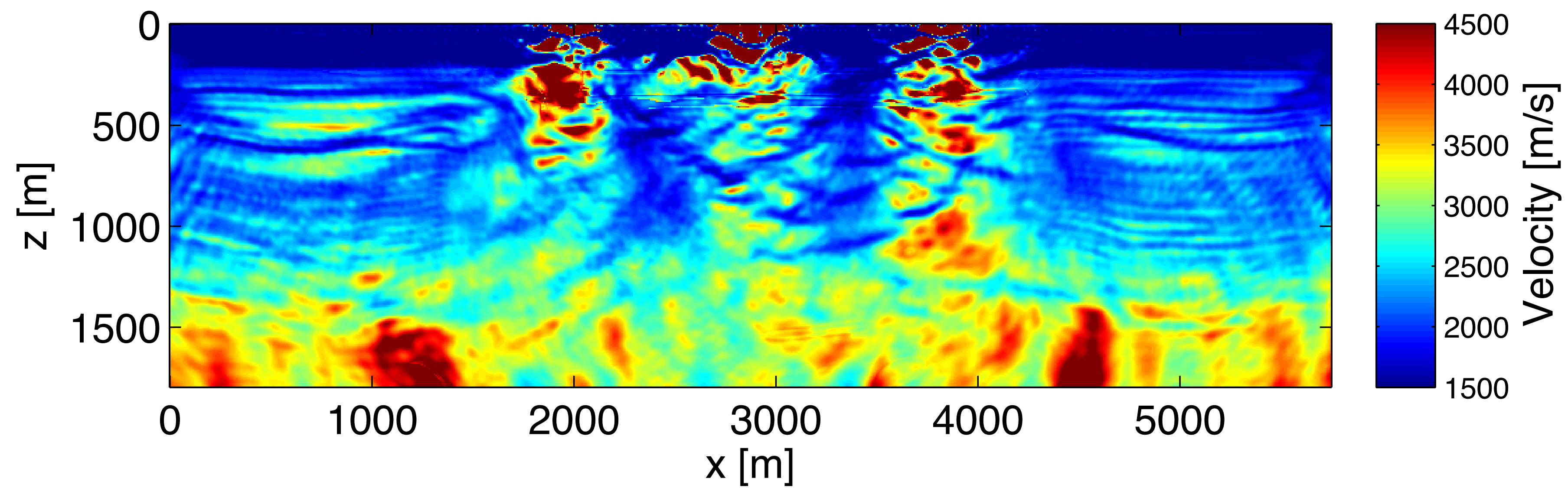


Example from [Peters et al. 2014]

Initial model



$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{PH}(\mathbf{m})^{-1} \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2$$



## Reduced-space PDE-constrained optimization

- Eliminating PDE-constraints implies PDE (with incorrect coefficients) is always satisfied.
- Minimizing the difference between oscillatory observed and predicted data only works if they are within a 'cycle' of each other.
- Known as the 'cycle-skipping' problem.
- This type of parameter estimation works well for accurate starting models.

## Flipping objective and constraints

If the observed and predicted data need to be close, why not solve:

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} \frac{1}{2} \|H(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad P\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{d}$$

instead of the common choice

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} \frac{1}{2} \|P\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad H(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{q}$$

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If the observed and predicted data need to be close, why not solve (with noise):

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} \|\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 \leq \sigma$$

Can solve this using a quadratic-penalty method:

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2$$

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eliminate field variables: solve  $\nabla_{\mathbf{u}}\phi(\mathbf{m}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \lambda) = 0$

[T. van Leeuwen & F.J. Herrmann, 2013]

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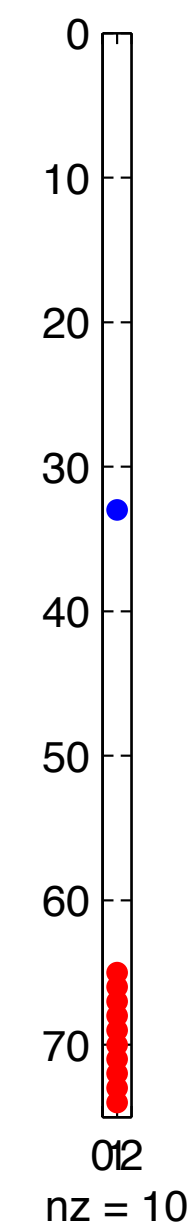
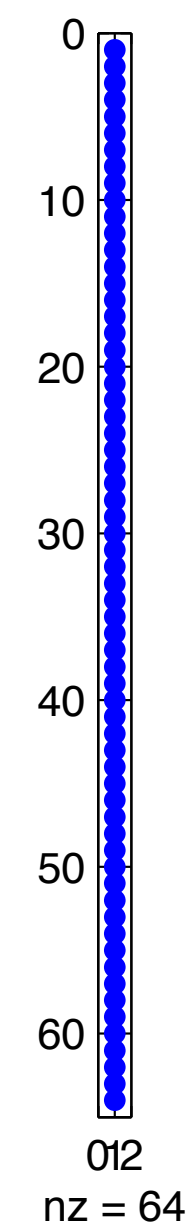
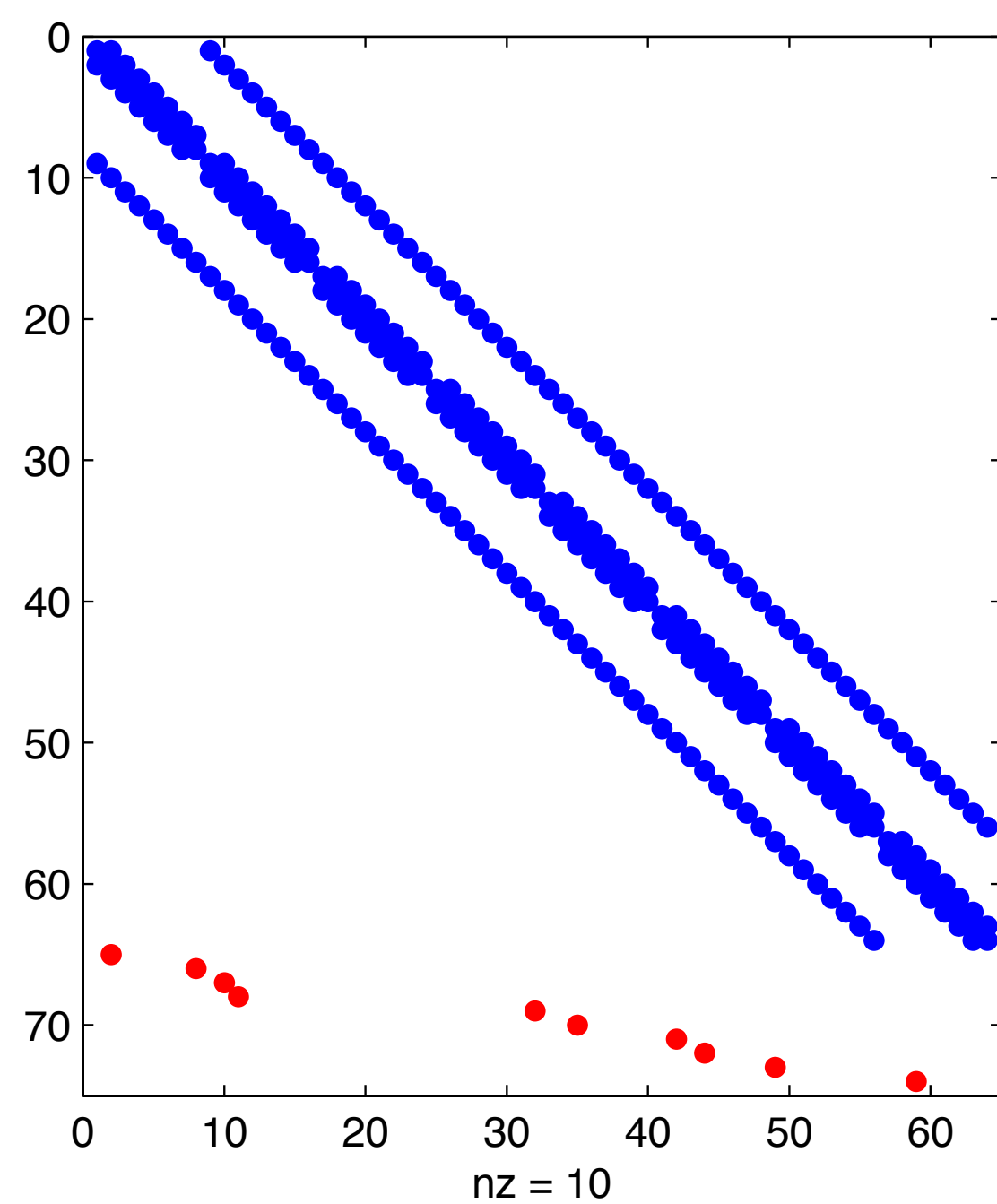
reduced quadratic-penalty

few algorithms are based on the quadratic-penalty form:

[R.E. Kleinman & P.M.van den Berg, 1992 ; T. van Leeuwen & F.J. Herrmann, 2013]

reduced quadratic-penalty:  $\bar{\phi}(\mathbf{m}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \|P\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|H(\mathbf{m})\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \phi(\mathbf{m}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \lambda) = 0 \iff \bar{\mathbf{u}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda H(\mathbf{m}) \\ P \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2$$





## Workflow

- choose  $\sigma$  in:  $\min_{\mathbf{u}} \|H(\mathbf{m}_0)\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|P\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 \leq \sigma$

- Find  $\lambda$  corresponding to  $\sigma$  for the initial model, based on a small data sample.
- keep  $\lambda$  fixed

[W. Gander, 1980;  
A. Bjork, 1996]

- solve:  $\min_{\mathbf{m}} \frac{1}{2} \|P\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|H(\mathbf{m})\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2$

[T. van Leeuwen &amp; F.J. Herrmann, 2013]

## A reduced-space quadratic-penalty method

To minimize:  $\bar{\phi}(\mathbf{m}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \|P\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|H(\mathbf{m})\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2$

at every iteration:

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- evaluate  $\bar{\phi}(\mathbf{m}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \lambda) \& \nabla_{\mathbf{m}} \bar{\phi}(\mathbf{m}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \lambda)$
- update  $\mathbf{m}$

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+ Trust-region / line-search

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for true fields:

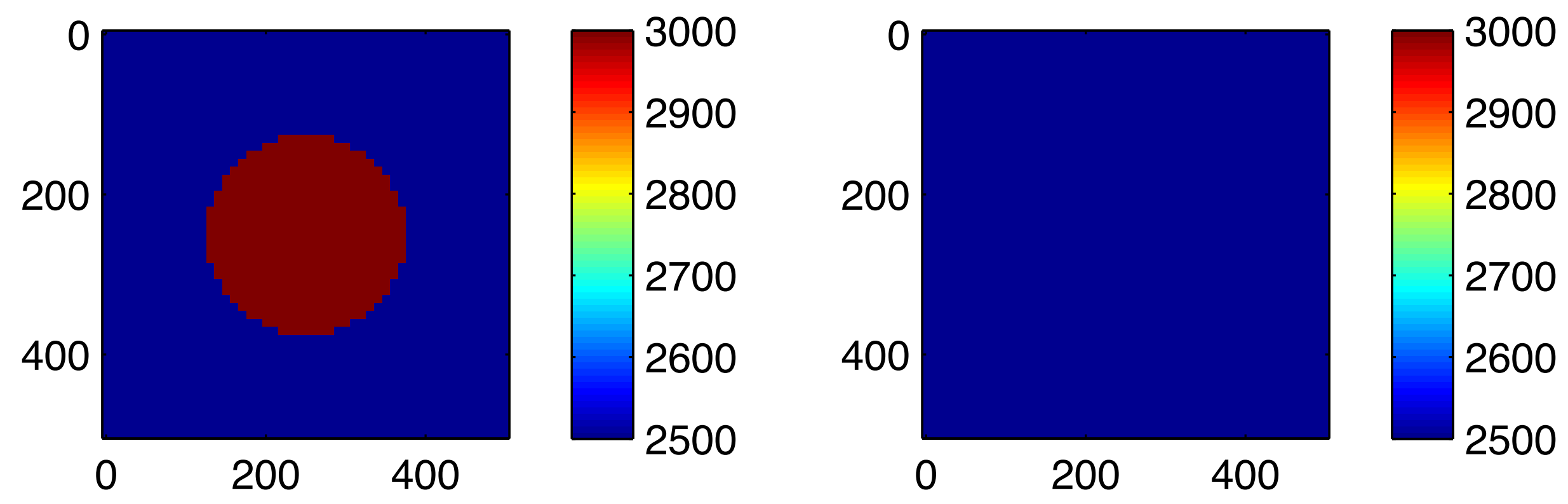
$$P\mathbf{u}_* = \mathbf{d}$$

for true medium parameters:  $H(\mathbf{m}_*)\mathbf{u}_* = \mathbf{q}$

→  $\bar{\phi}(\mathbf{m}_*, \mathbf{u}_*, \lambda) = 0$  for any  $\lambda$

Suggests no continuation strategy of  $\lambda$  is required in practice.

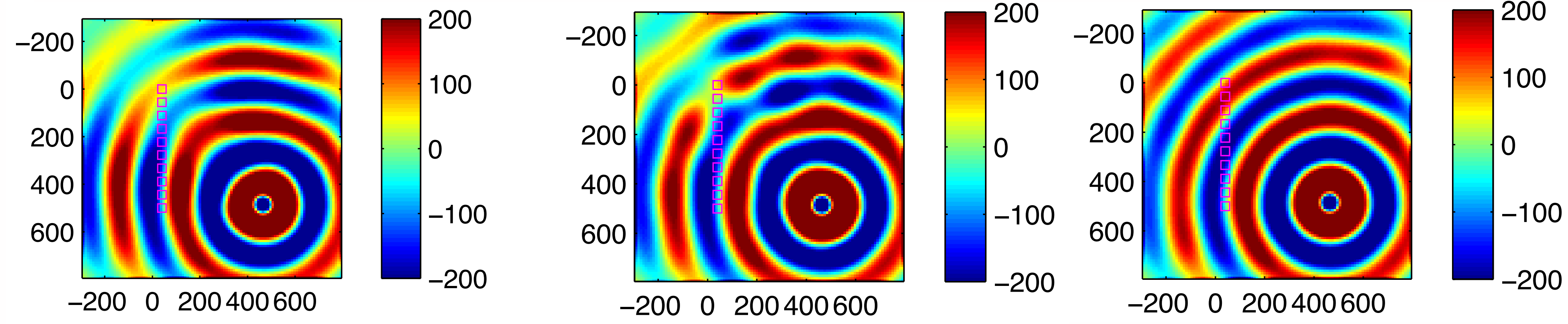
numerical tests support this



2D example

$$\mathbf{u} = H(\mathbf{m}_*)^{-1} \mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = H(\mathbf{m}_0)^{-1} \mathbf{q}$$



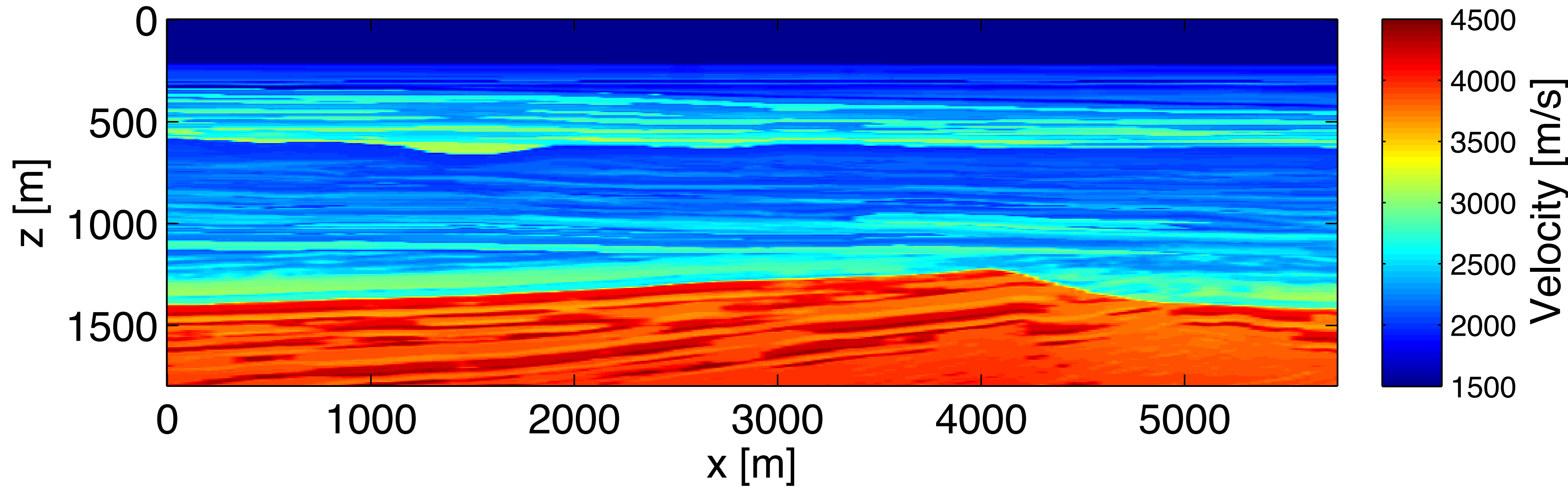
$$\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda H(\mathbf{m}_0) \\ P \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2$$

# Reduced-space PDE-constrained optimization

## Example 2, revisited:

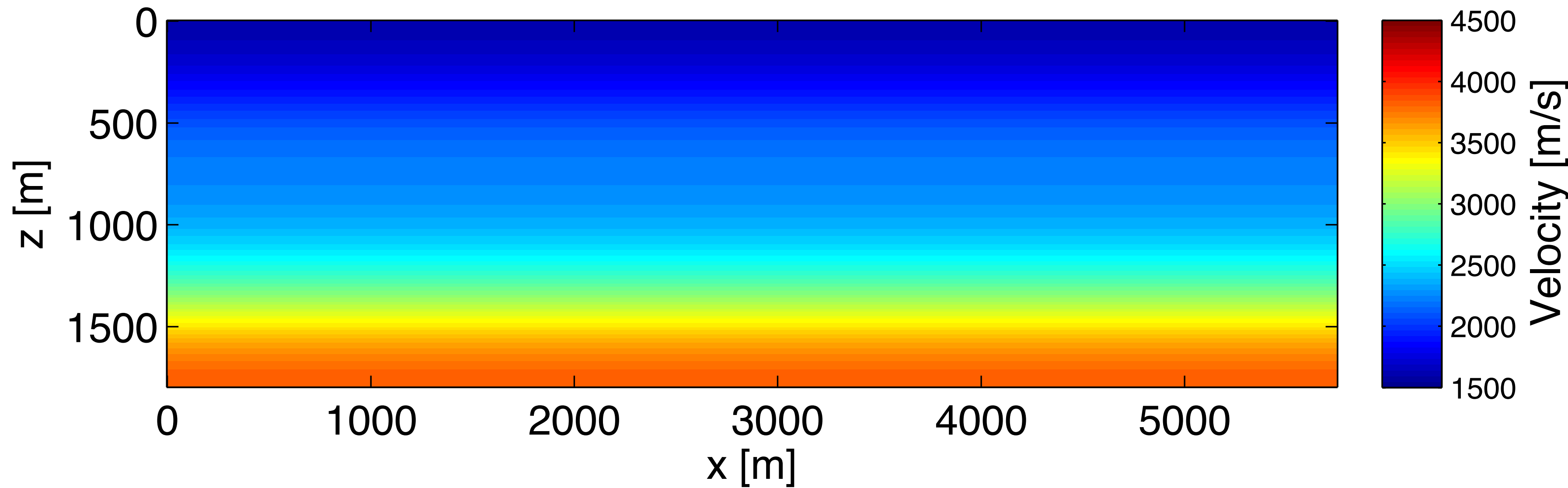
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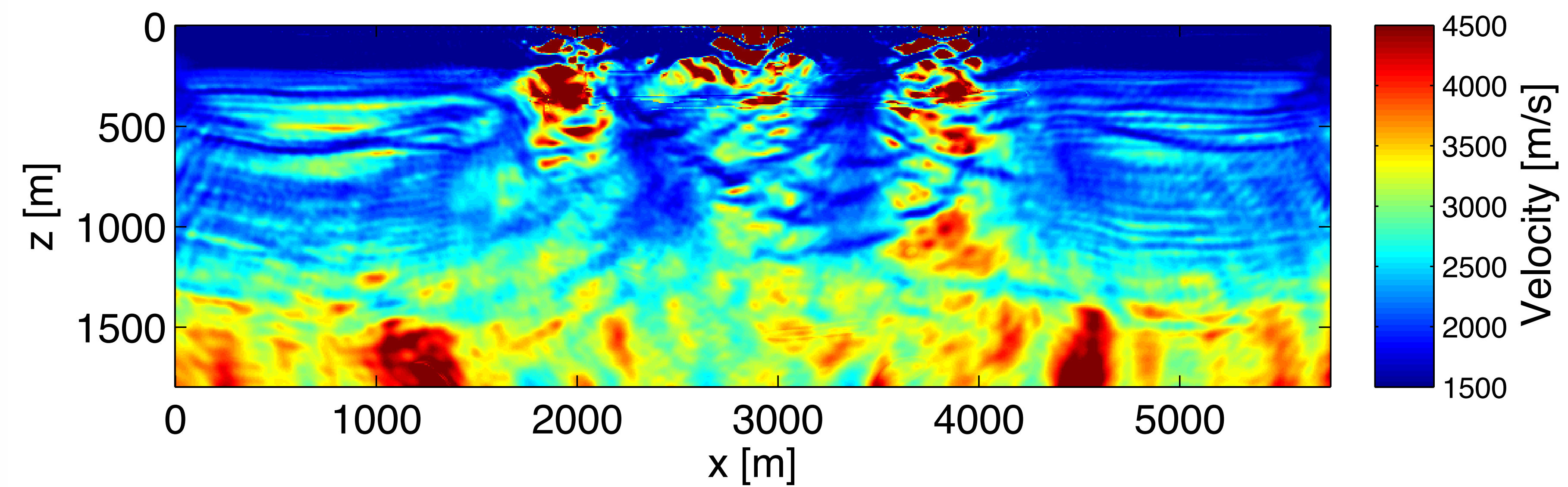


Example from [Peters et al. 2014]

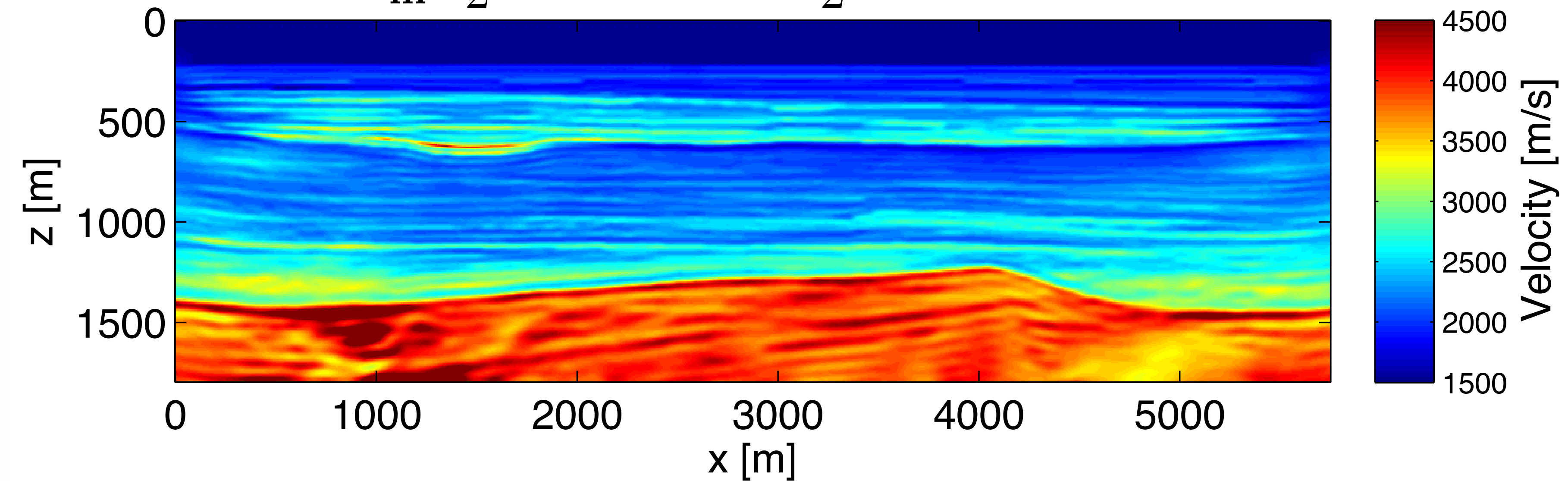
Initial model



$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \frac{1}{2} \|PH(\mathbf{m})^{-1}\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2$$



$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \frac{1}{2} \|P\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|H(\mathbf{m})\bar{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 \quad (\text{small } \lambda)$$

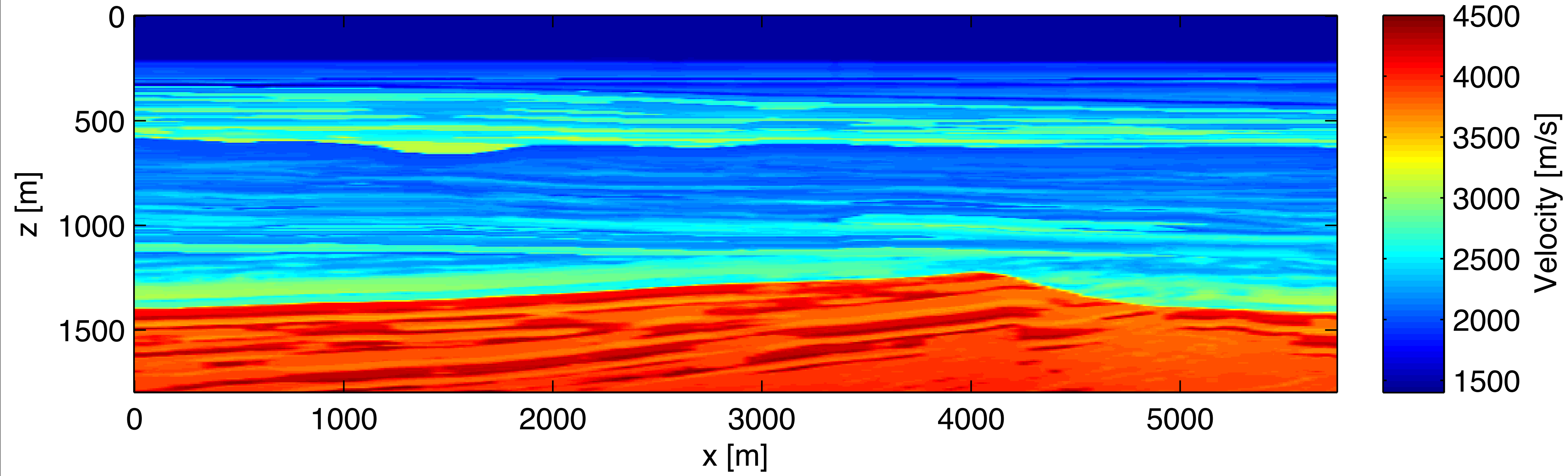




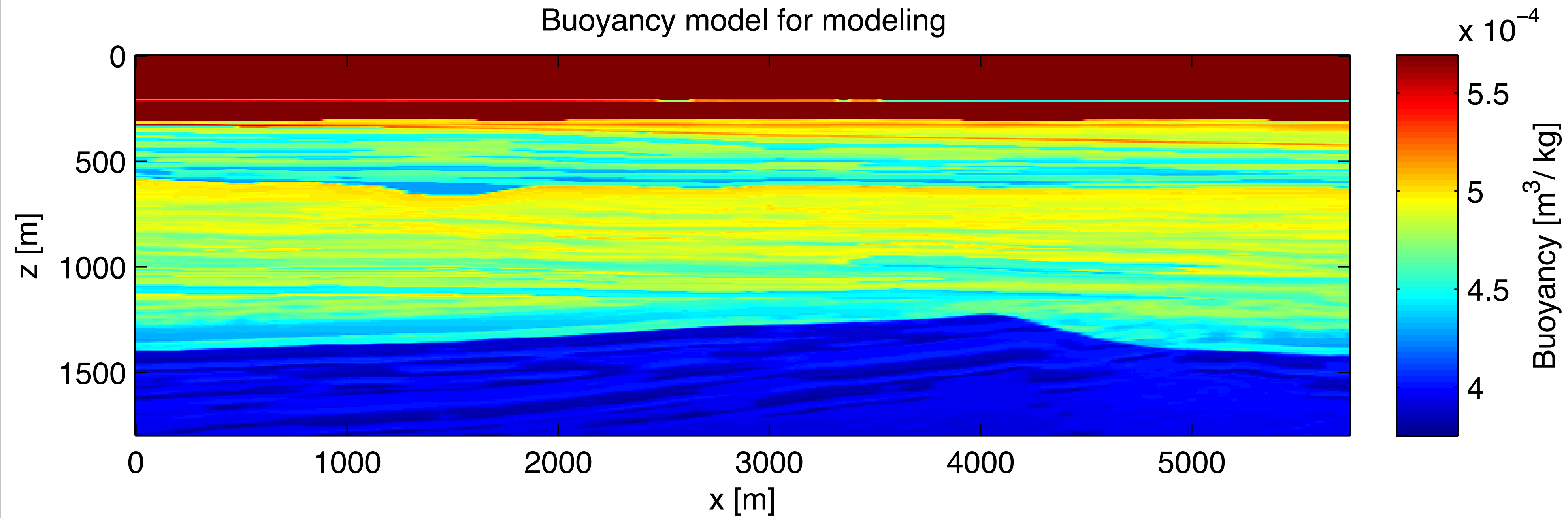
## Example – BG Compass model no inverse crime

- Generate ‘observed’ data using a compressibility and buoyancy model.
- Invert for compressibility, fixed and inaccurate buoyancy.
- Obtain velocity model from inverted compressibility and fixed inaccurate buoyancy.
- 15 frequency batches {5 6} ,{6 7},... ,{19 20} Hertz. Each interval contains 5 frequencies.

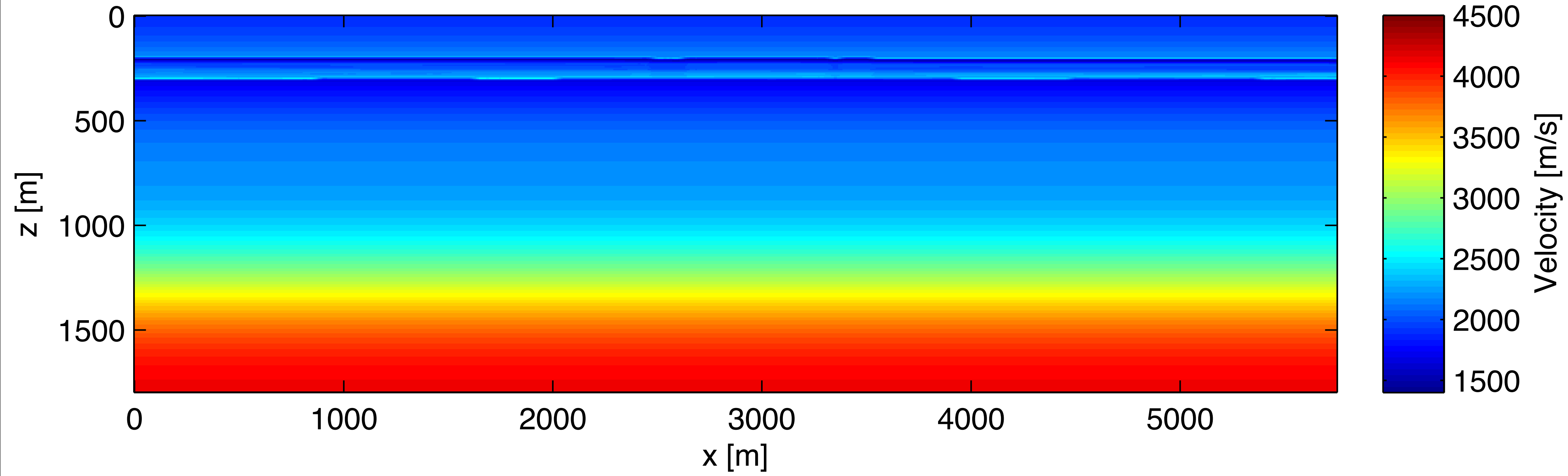
True velocity model



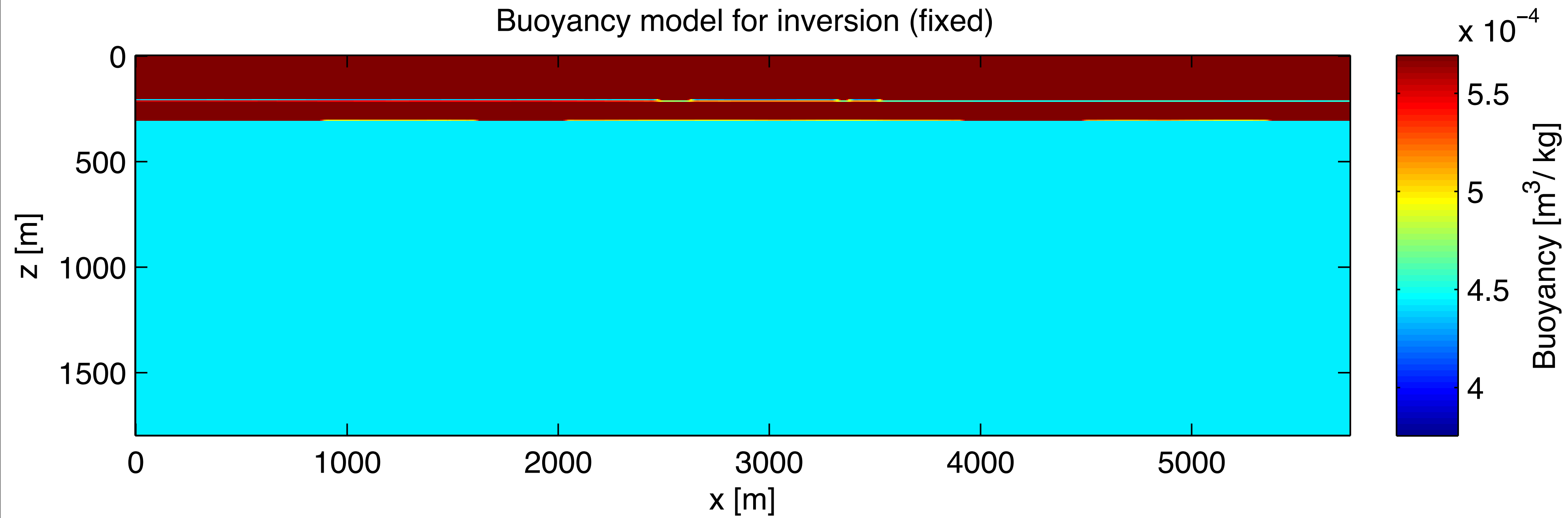
Buoyancy model for modeling



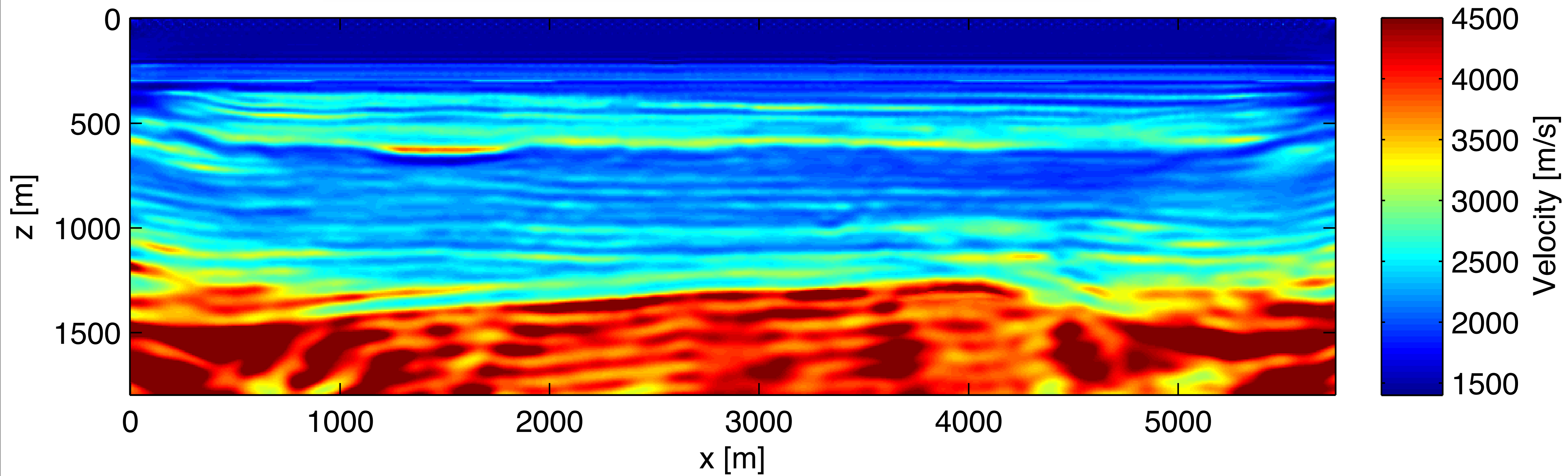
Initial velocity model



Buoyancy model for inversion (fixed)

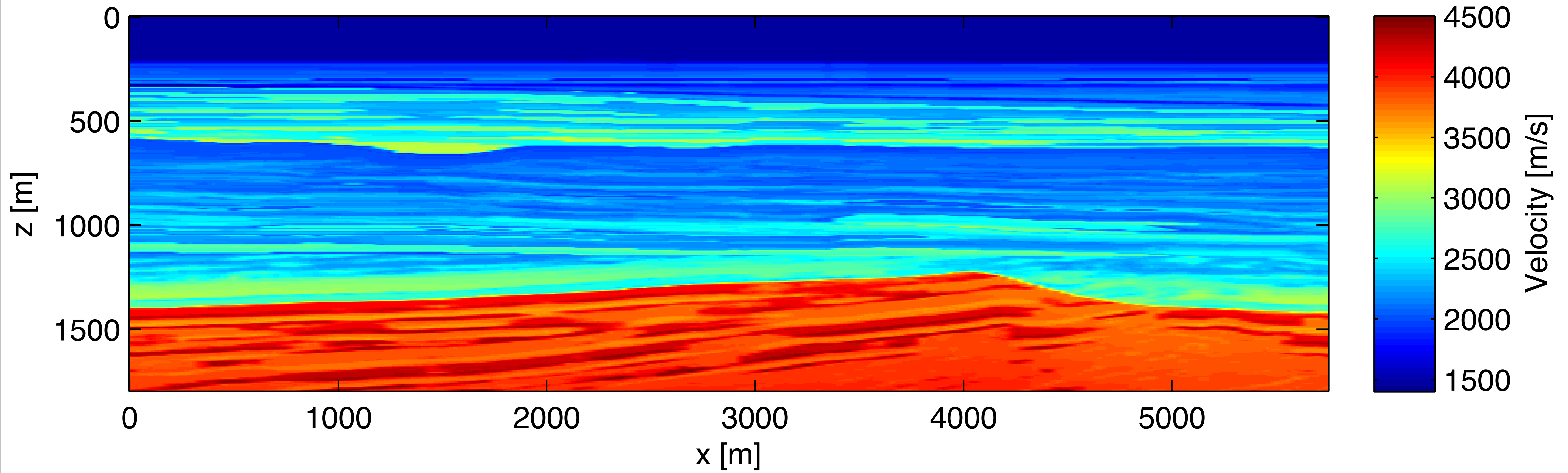


# Final velocity estimate

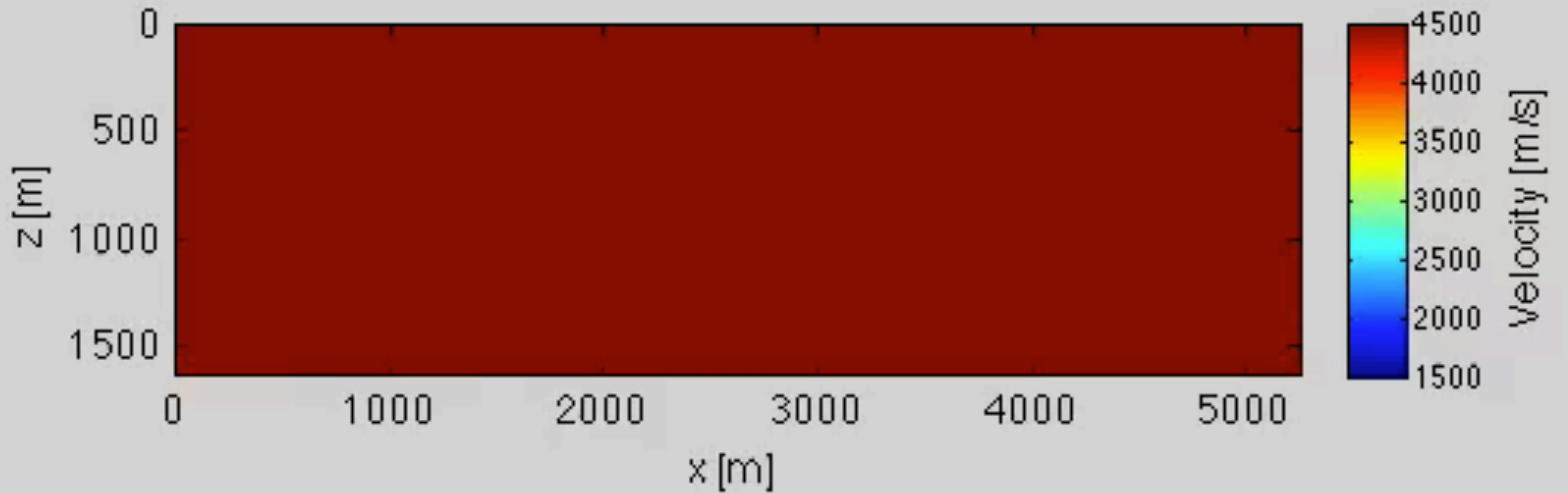


# True velocity

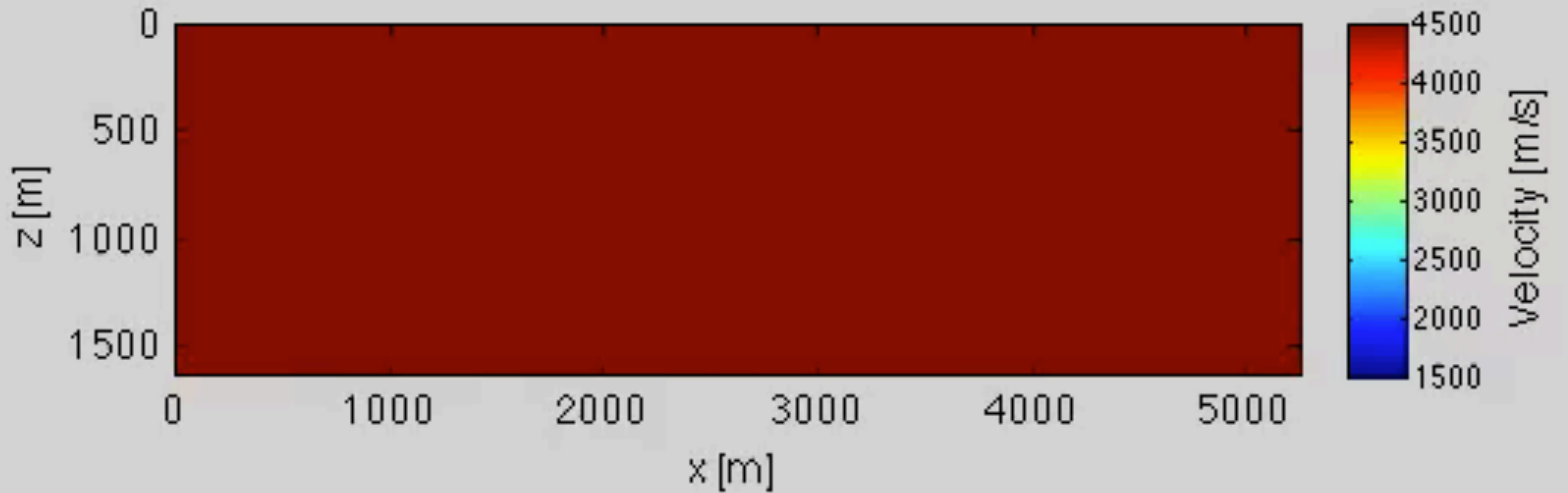
True velocity model

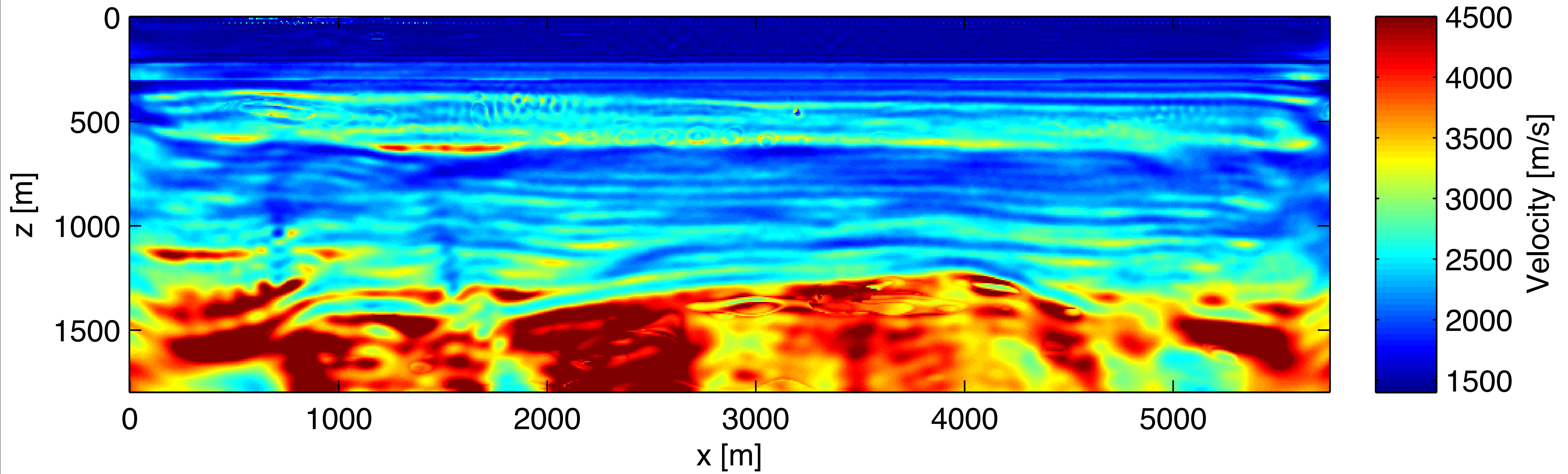


# Cycle 1



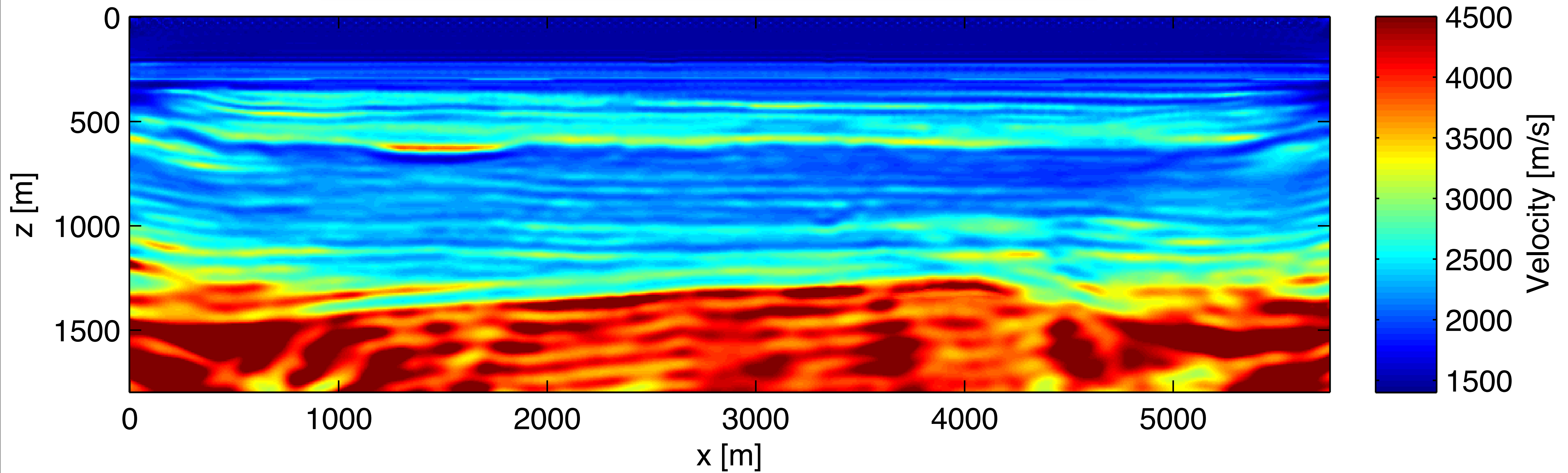
# Cycle 2





$\lambda$  large  $\rightarrow$  does not fit data at the start

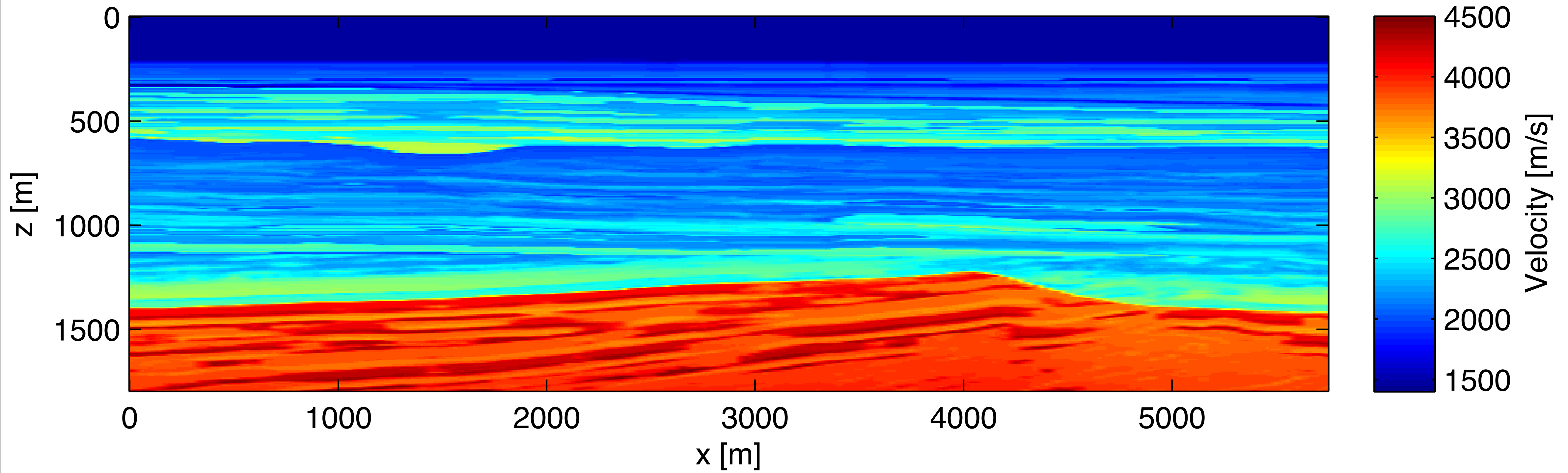




$\lambda$  small  $\rightarrow$  fits data approximately at the start

# True velocity

True velocity model



## Solution of the sub-problem

Main challenge: solve  $\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda H(\mathbf{m}) \\ P \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2$

- 2D: direct factorization [L. M. Delves & I. Barrodale, 1979 ; T. A. Davis, 2011]
- 3D: currently in development
- iteratively & matrix-free
- no QR or LU factorizations
- 1 PDE solve per source location + 1 PDE solve per receiver location

## Including prior information

Solve constrained problem:  $\min_{\mathbf{m}} f(\mathbf{m})$  s.t.  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2$

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examples of useful sets:

- bound constraints
- minimum smoothness

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Possible algorithms:

- Projected gradient
- Projected Quasi-Newton [M. Schmidt et. al., 2009]
- Projected Newton using a (easy to invert) Hessian approximation

assumption: projections are cheap compared to PDE-solves

## Conclusions

- Fitting the data at the start seems key.
- Minimizing the PDE-residual shows promising results in case of inaccurate initial models.
- Still limits on missing low-frequency data/inaccuracy of start model.
- Quadratic-penalty formulation leads to a low-memory reduced-space algorithm.
- Computational cost comparable with methods which eliminate the PDE-constraints.

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