

# Randomized Algorithms in Exploration Seismology

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## Carry home messages

Randomization of field-data acquisition = Compressive Sensing leads to

- ▶ new insights how to acquire data economically w/ reduced environmental impact
- ▶ improved wavefield reconstructions via structure-promoting inversions
- ▶ has been employed & validated on field dataset trials and is in production

Randomization of wave-equation based inversion leads to

- ▶ new insights how to invert exceedingly large data volumes
- ▶ fast & therefore economically viable RTM & FWI
- ▶ has been employed, validated, and is in production

Relaxing the physics, randomization & structure promotion lead to

- ▶ new insights how to avoid local minima
- ▶ reduced reliance on accuracy starting models...

# Randomized acquisition

## Drivers:

- ▶ Wave-equation inversions call for dense, wide-azimuth & long-offset surveys
- ▶ control on environmental impact
- ▶ economics

## Solution:

- ▶ rethink sampling technologies for land & marine using insights from Compressive Sensing
- ▶ remove sub-sampling-related artifacts by carrying out structure-promoting inversions
- ▶ Compressive Sensing = increased acquisition productivity

# Compressive sensing in a nutshell



## Compressive sensing paradigm

### Find representations that reveal structure

- ▶ transform-domain sparsity (e.g., Fourier, curvelets, etc.)
- ▶ rank revealing transforms (e.g. midpoint-offset domain)

### Sample to break this structure

- ▶ randomized acquisition (e.g., jittered sampling, time dithering, source encoding, etc.)
- ▶ destroys sparsity or low-rank structure

### Recover this structure by promoting

- ▶ sparsity via one-norm minimization
- ▶ rank revealing nuclear-norm minimization (one-norm singular values)

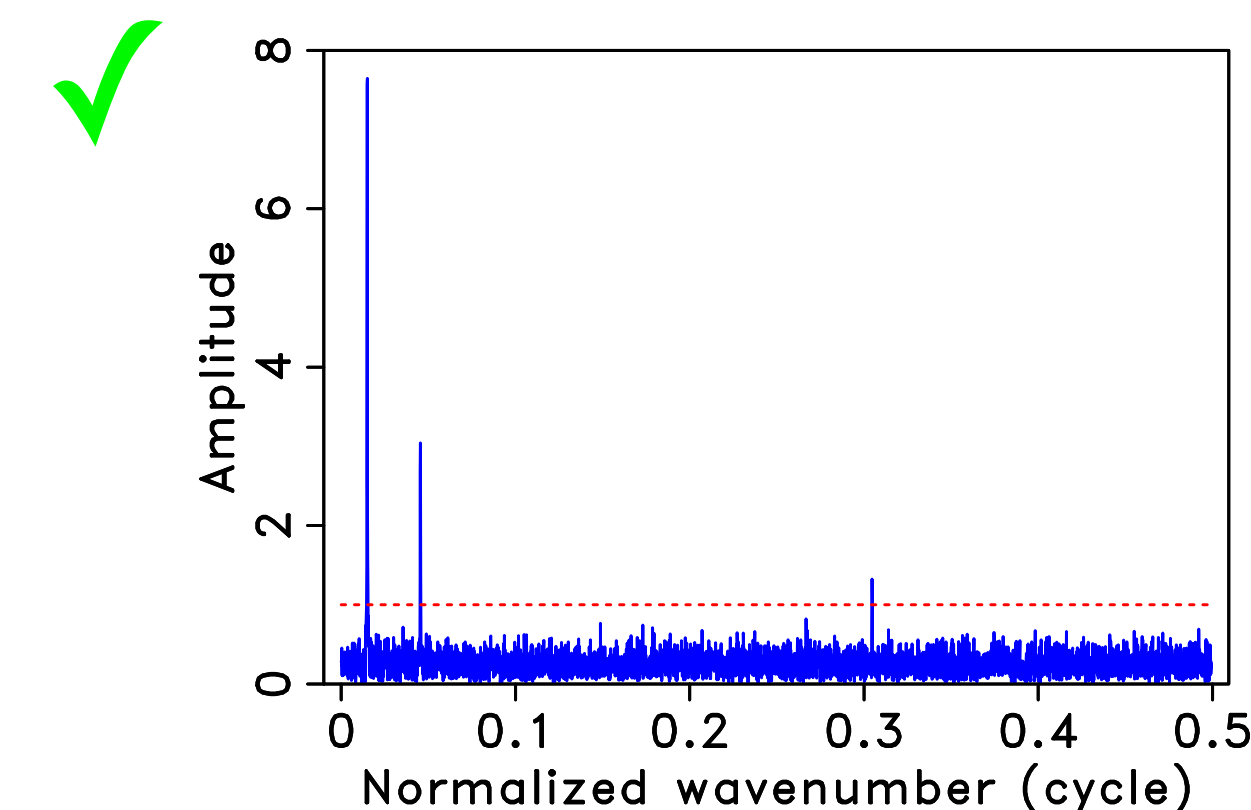
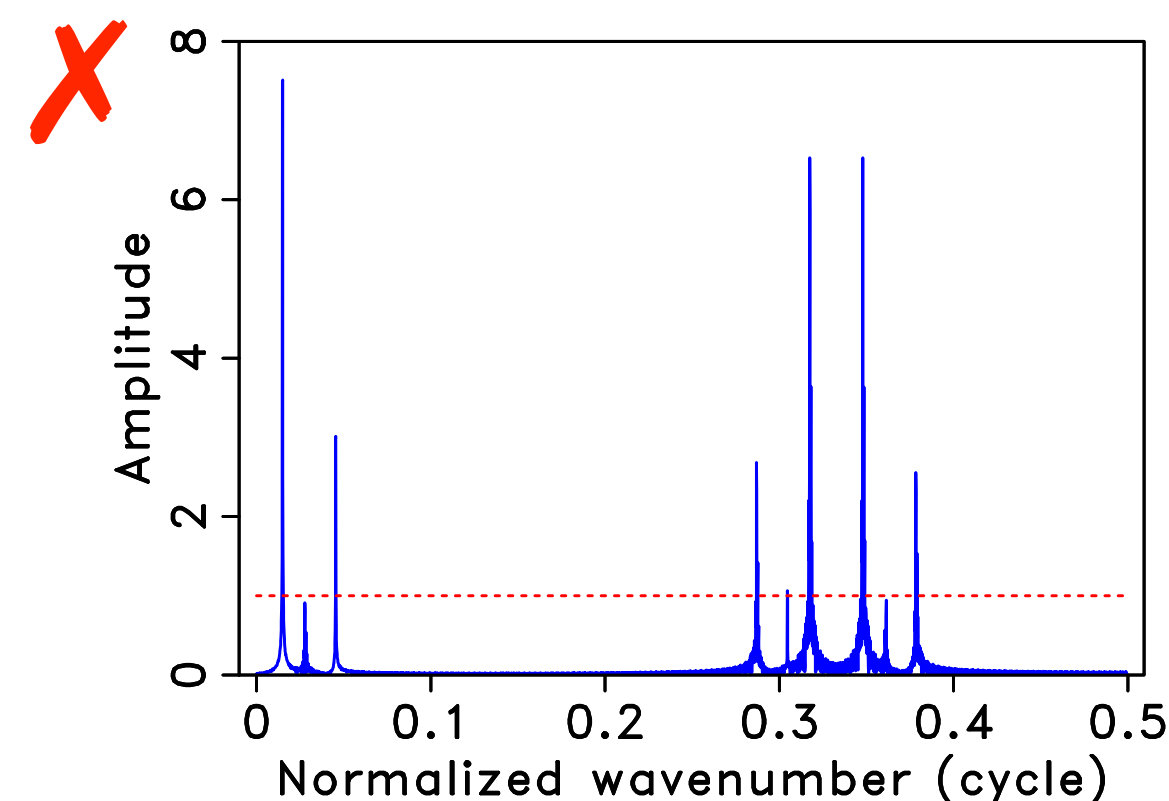
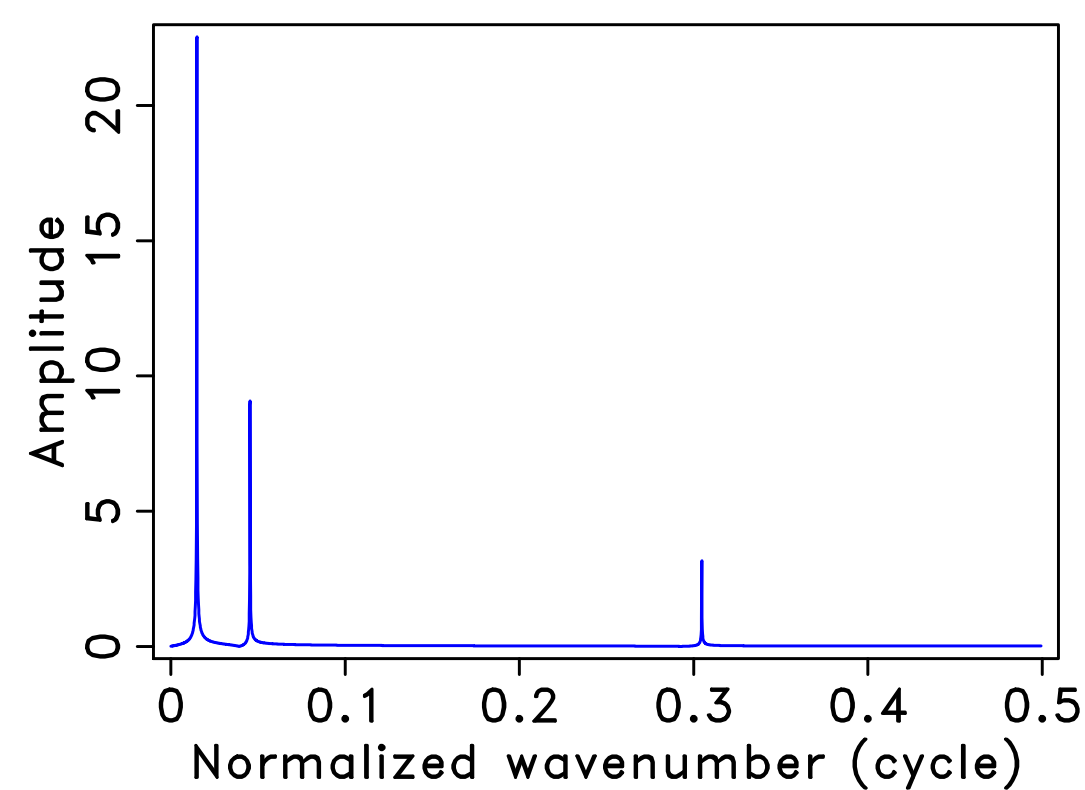
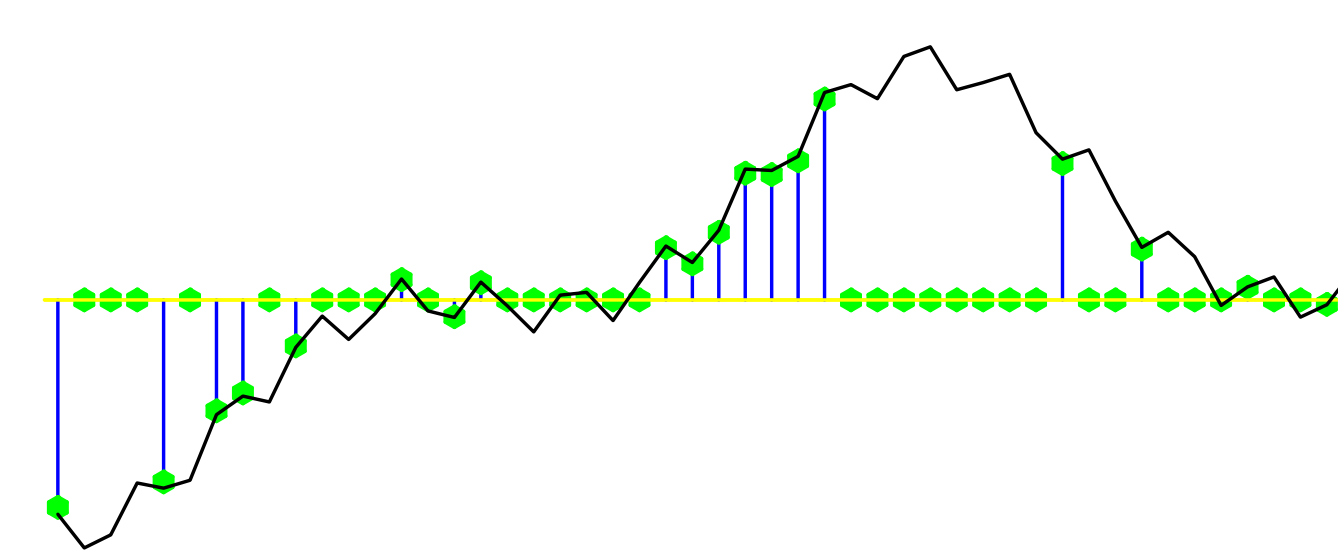
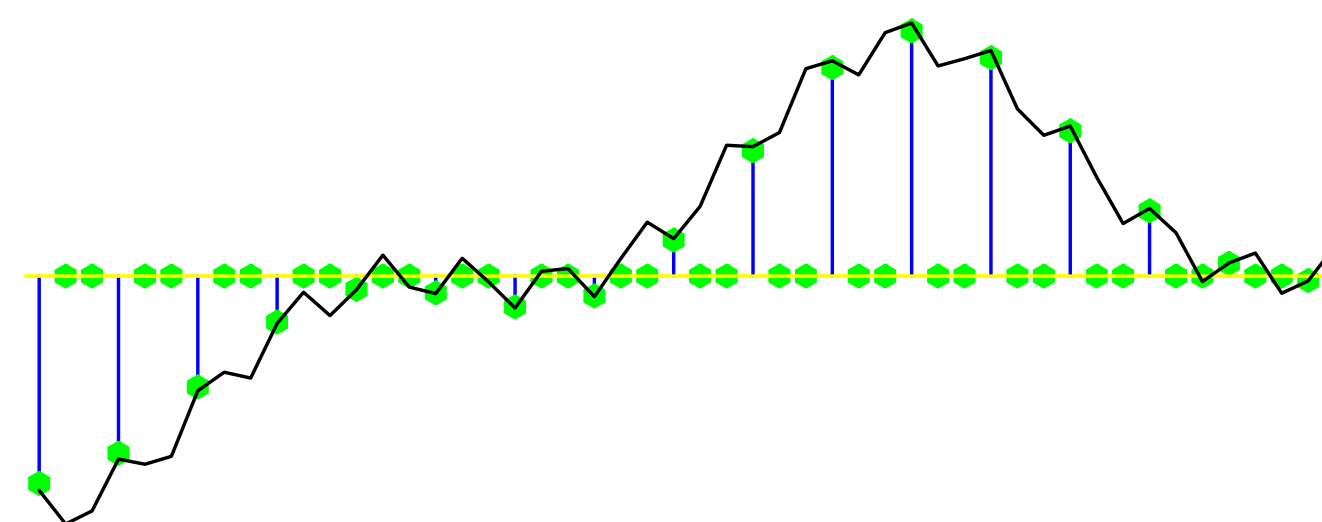
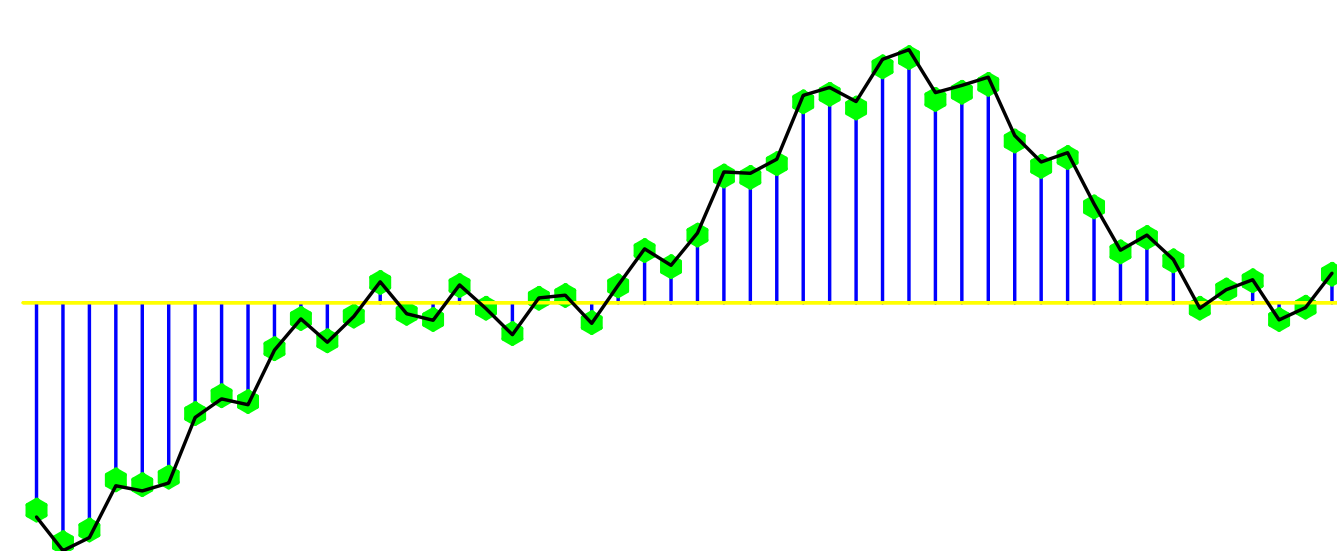
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# Periodic vs random subsampling

## – sparse time-harmonic signals



# Sparsity-promoting recovery

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{x}\|_1}_{\text{support detection}} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}}_{\text{data-consistent amplitude recovery}}$$

$$\text{recovered data: } \tilde{\mathbf{d}} = \mathbf{S}^H \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

$\mathbf{S}^H$

transform domain synthesis matrix

$\mathbf{A}$

measurement matrix :  $\mathbf{MS}^H$ ,  $\mathbf{M}$  is a measurement matrix

$\mathbf{b}$

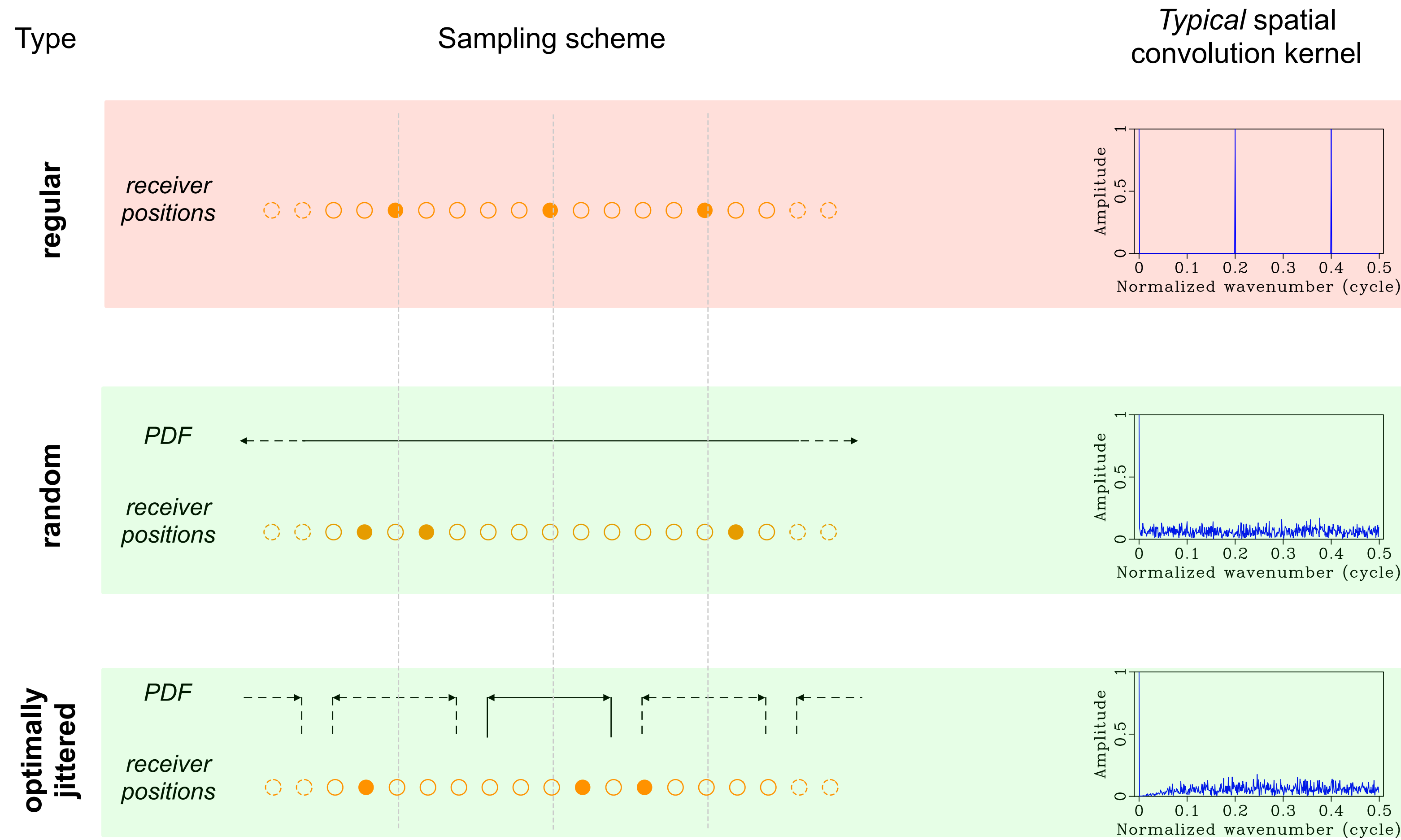
randomly sampled data

$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$

estimated (curvelet) coefficients for recovered wavefields

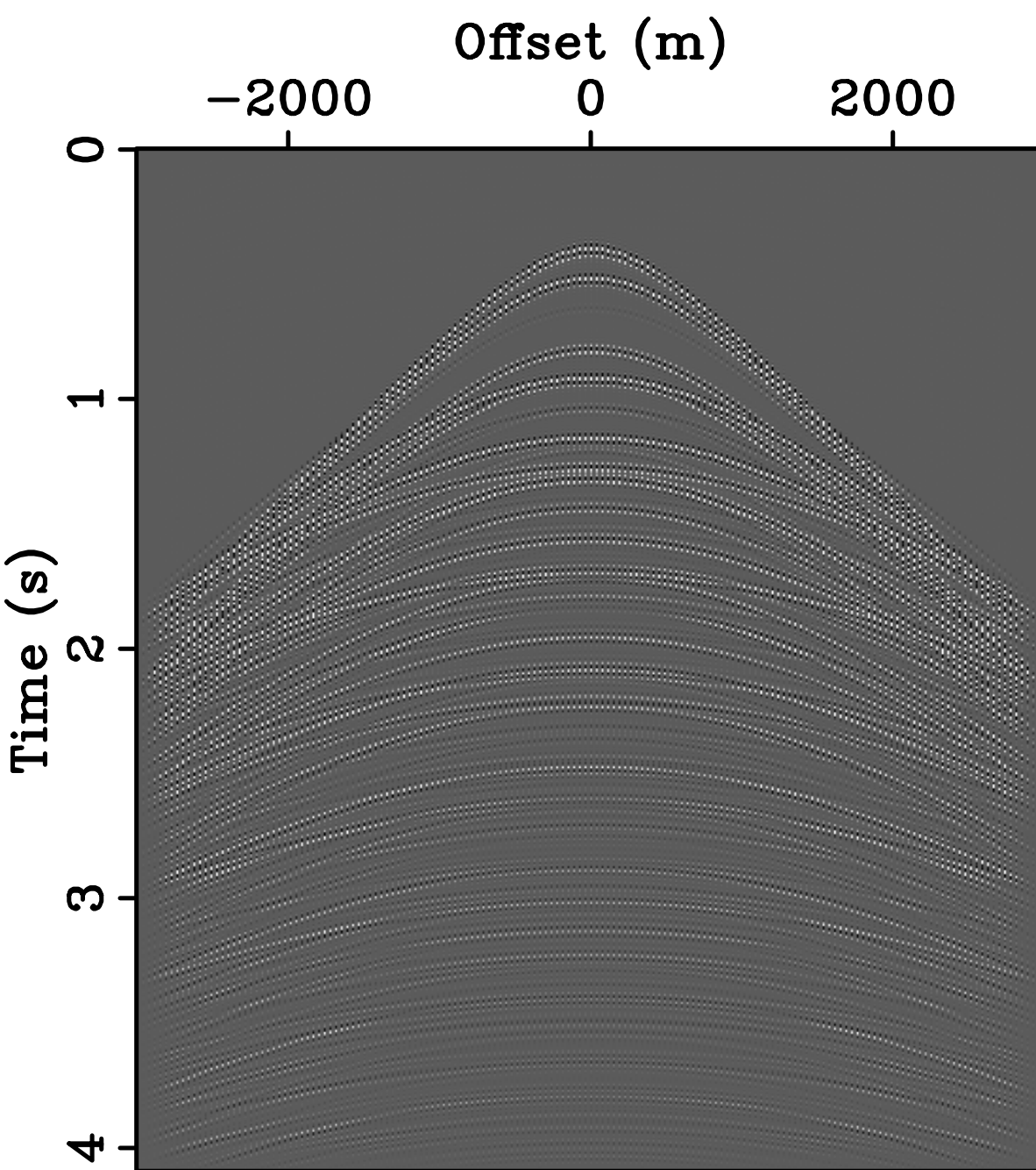


# Jittered sampling

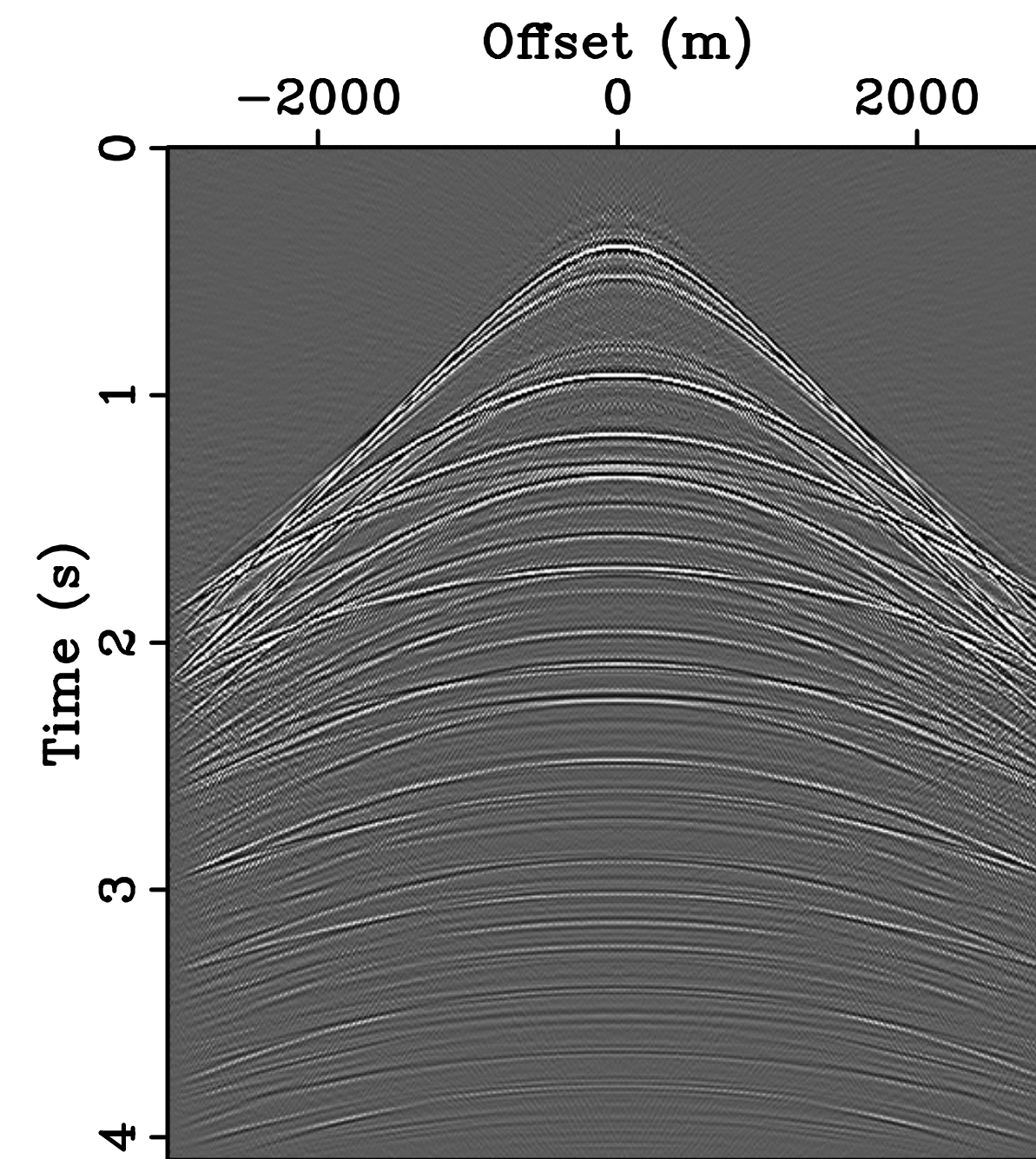
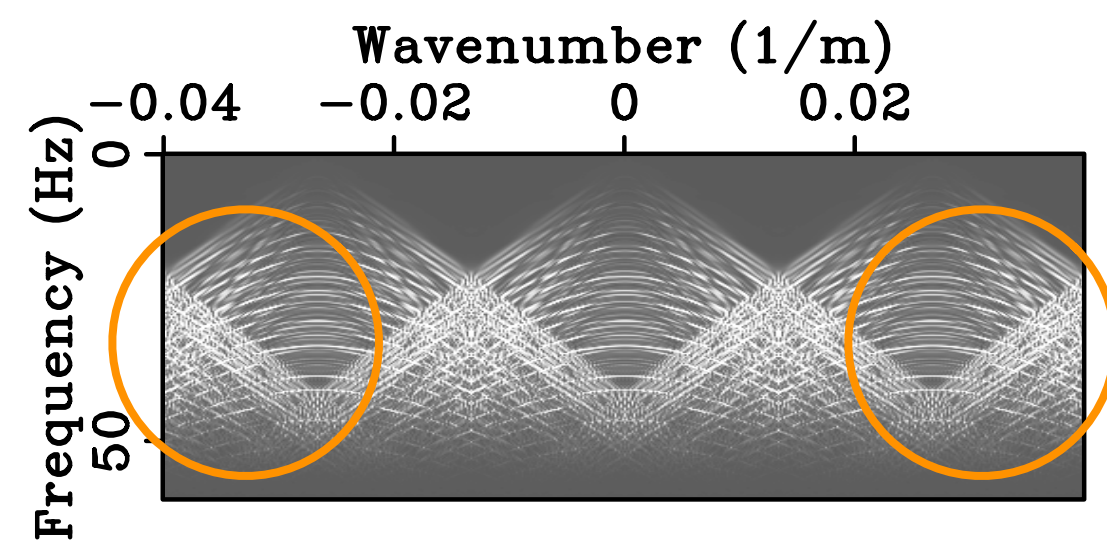




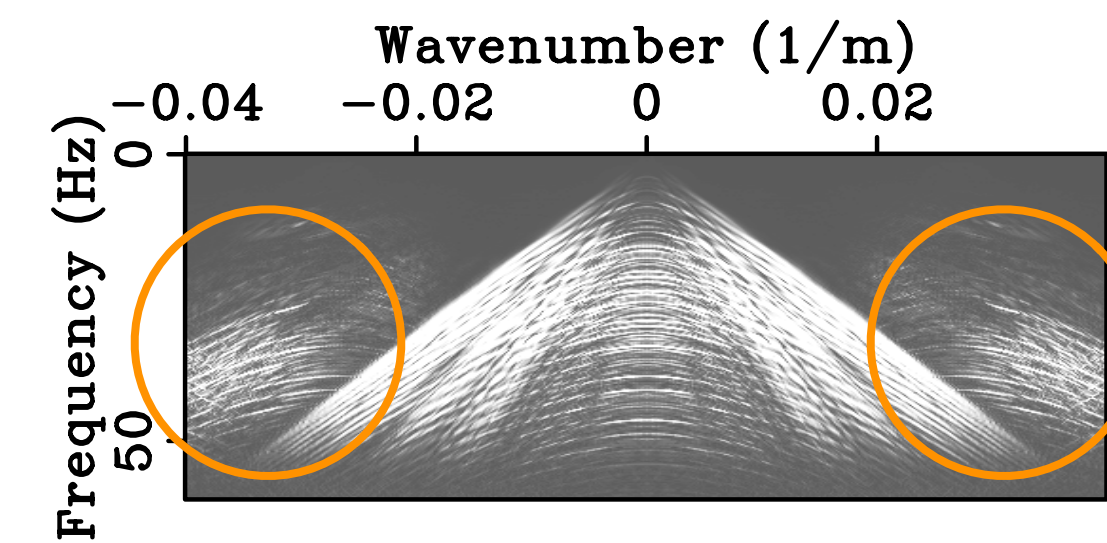
# Periodic sampling



3-fold undersampled



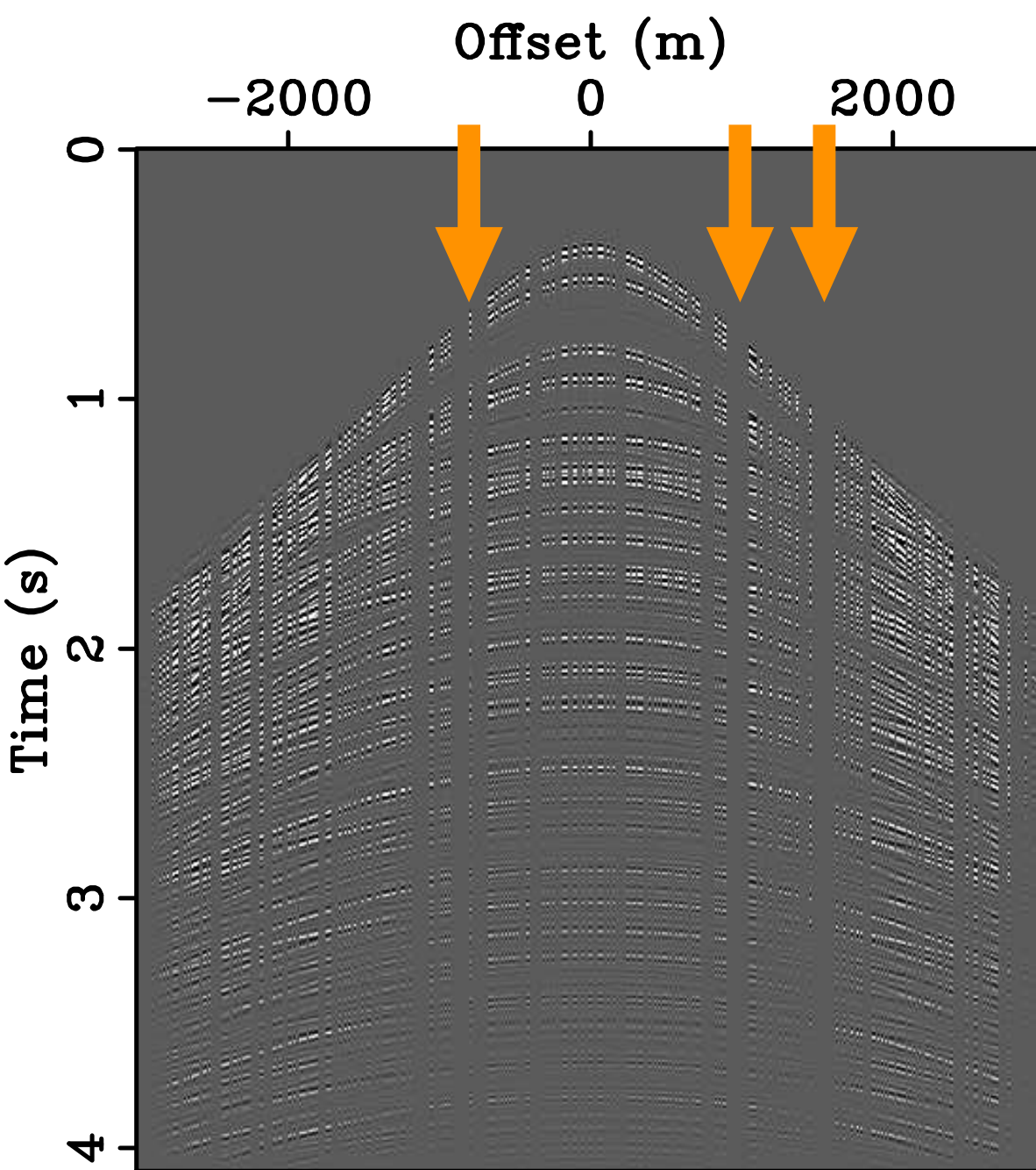
recovered



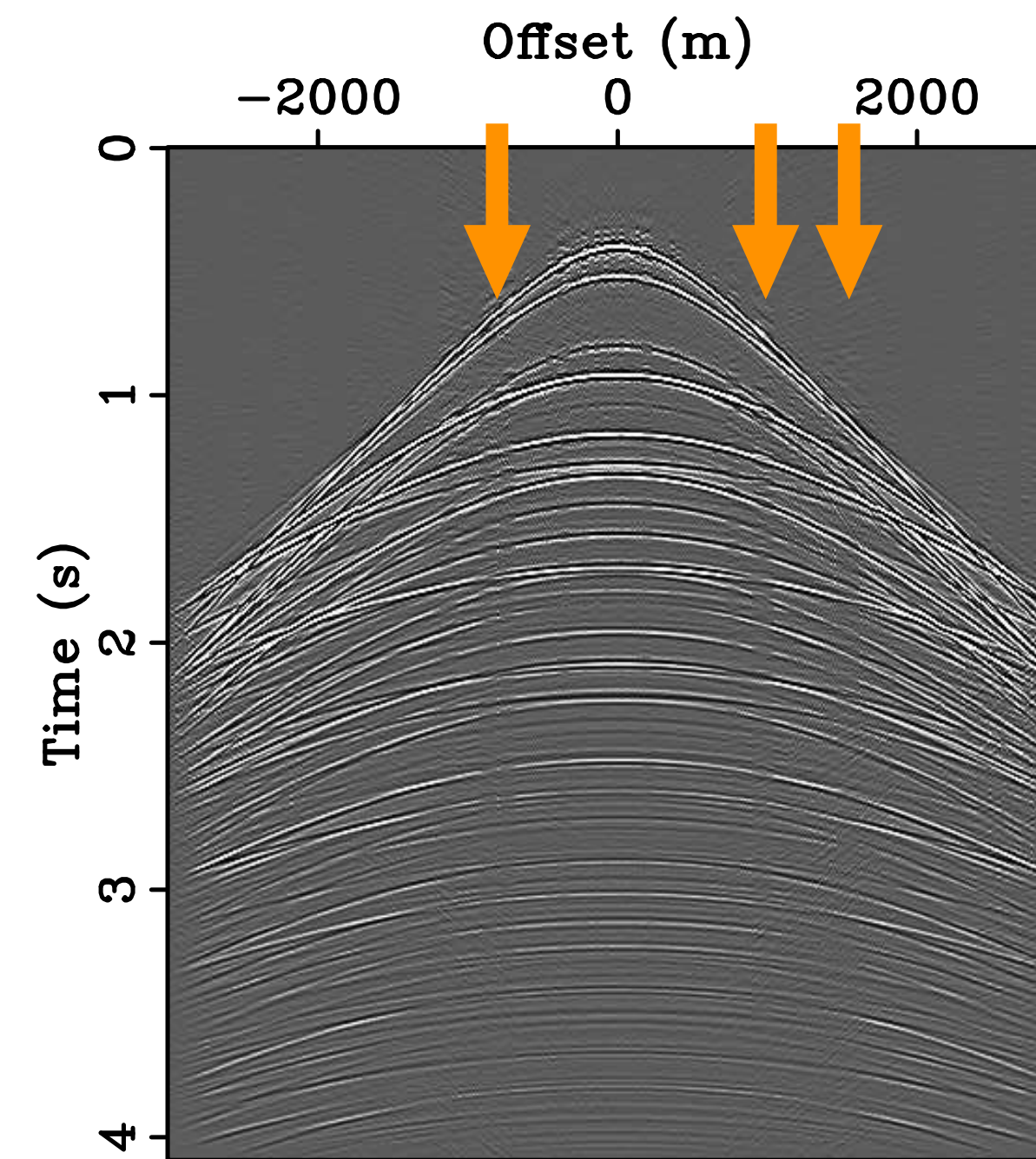
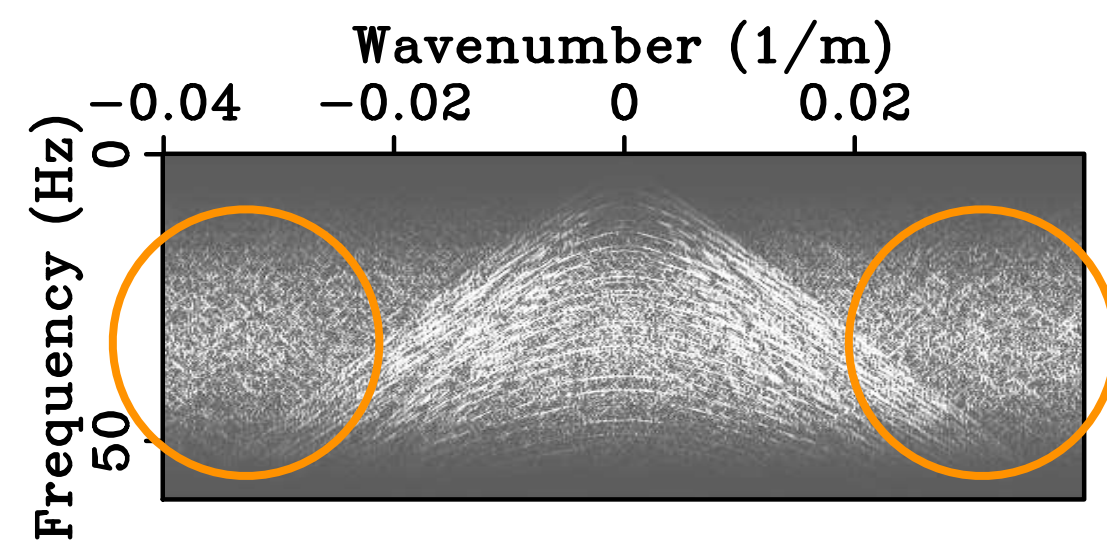
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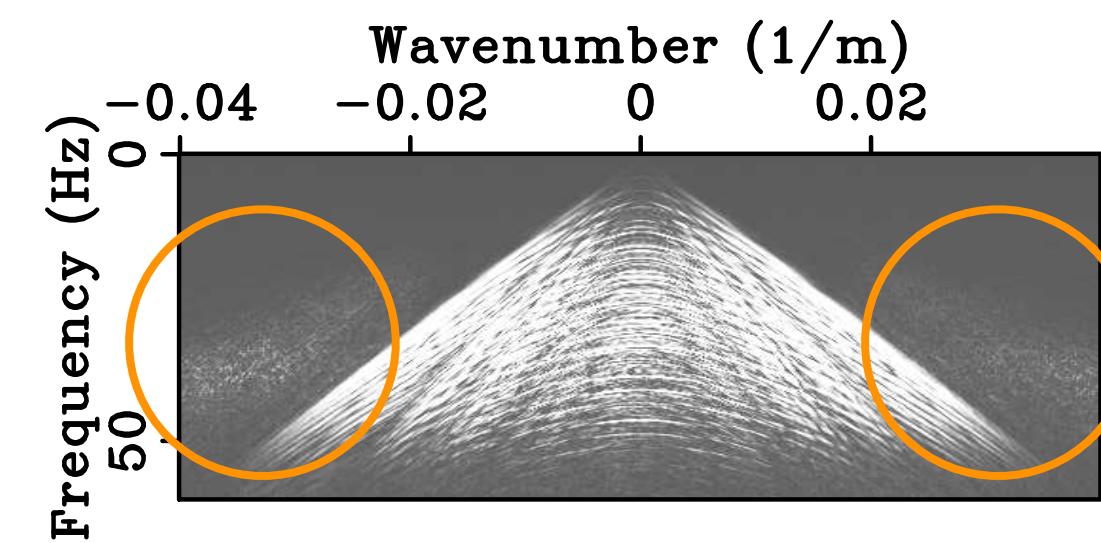
# Uniform random sampling



3-fold undersampled



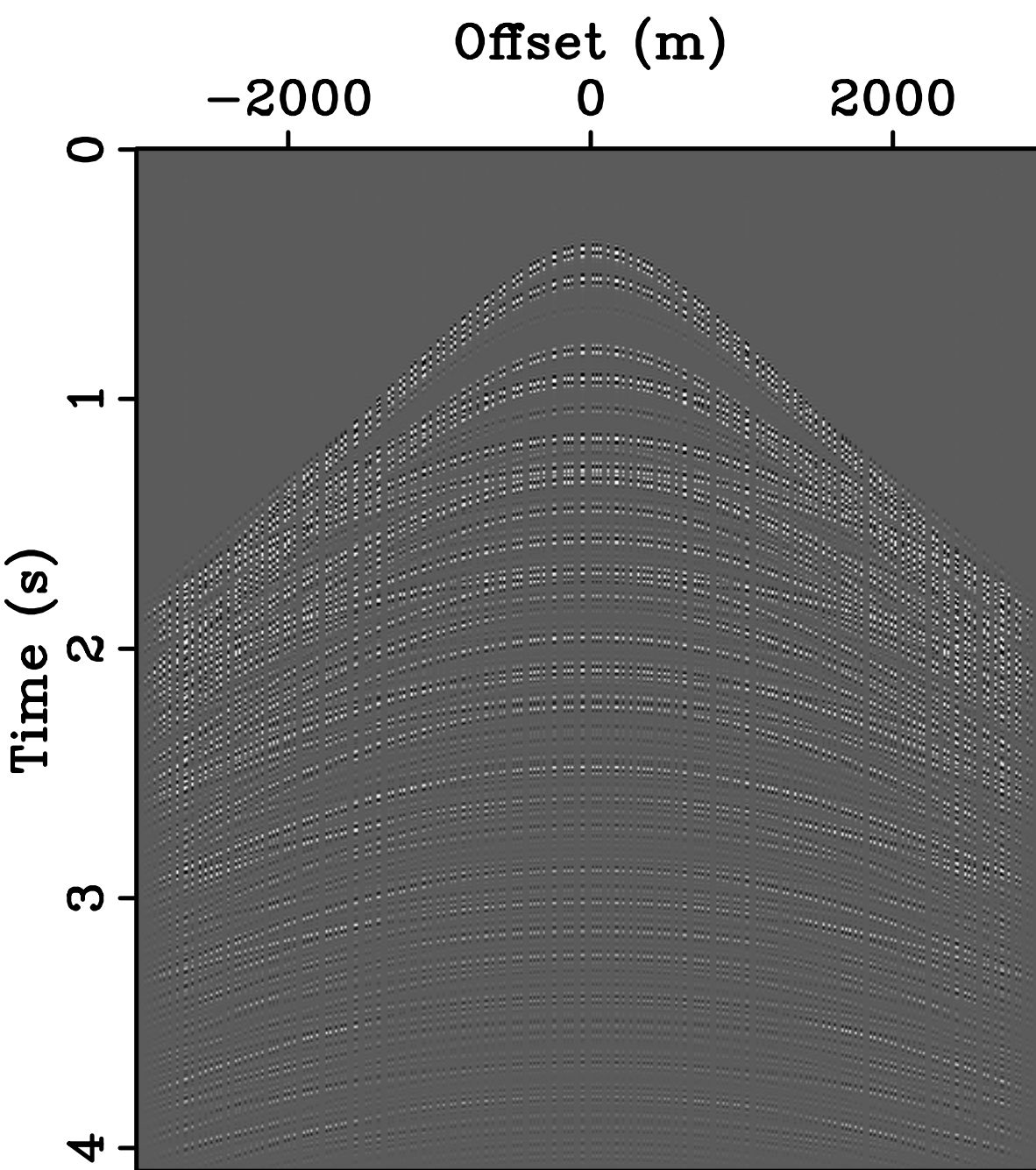
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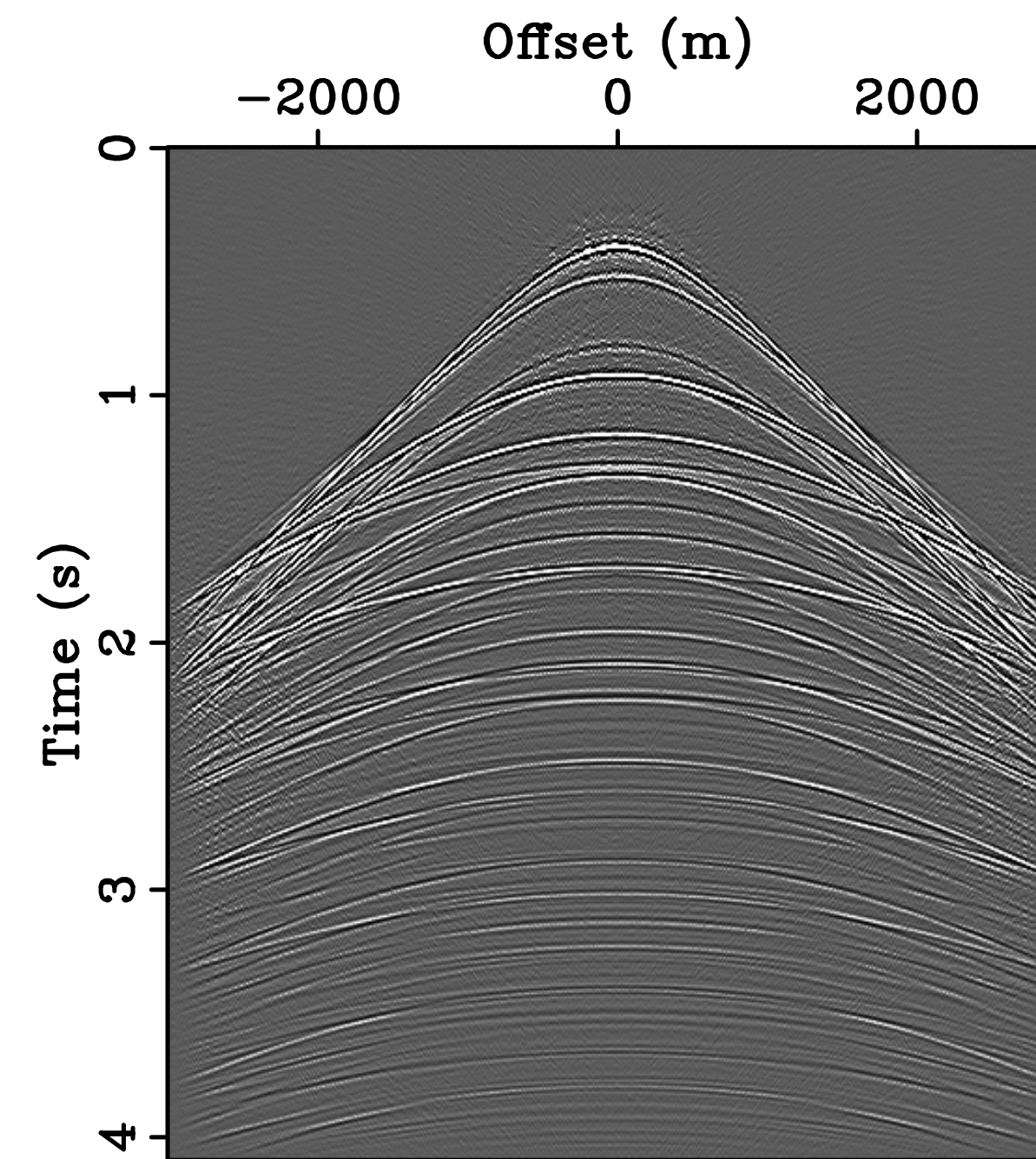
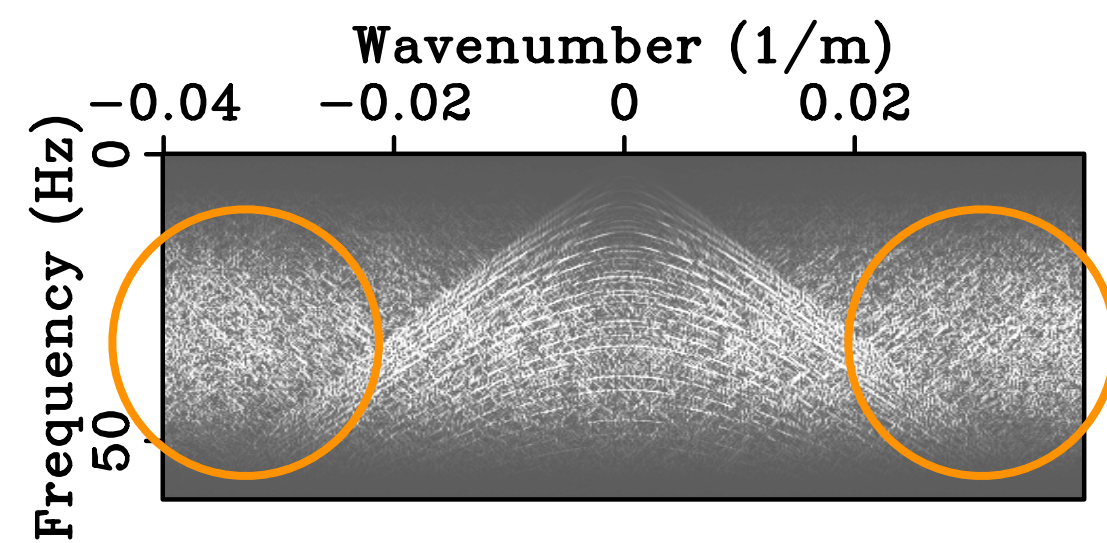
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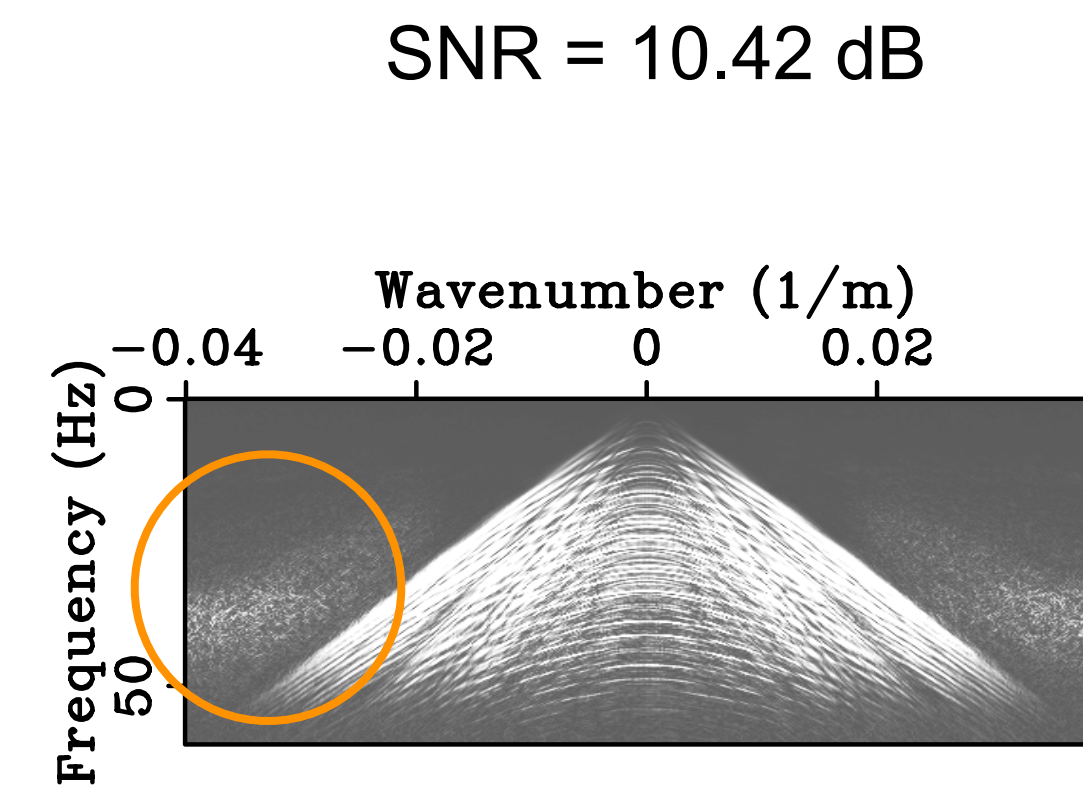
# Jittered sampling



3-fold undersampled



recovered





# Application to marine acquisition

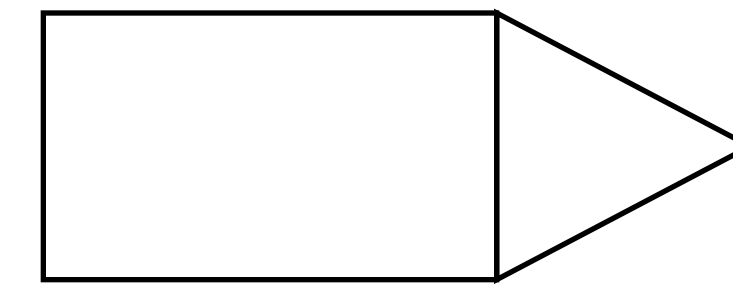
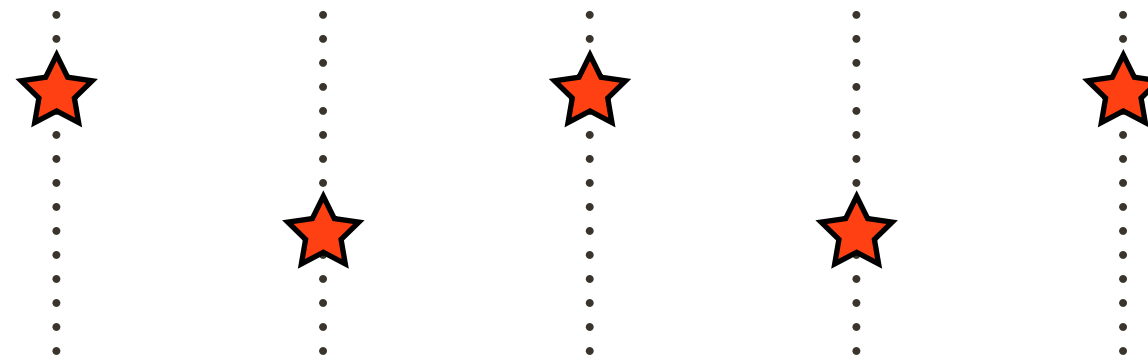
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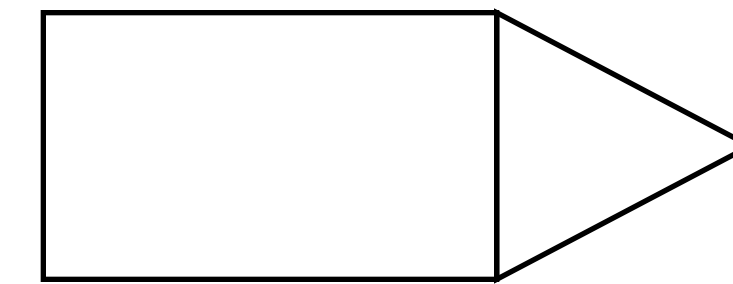
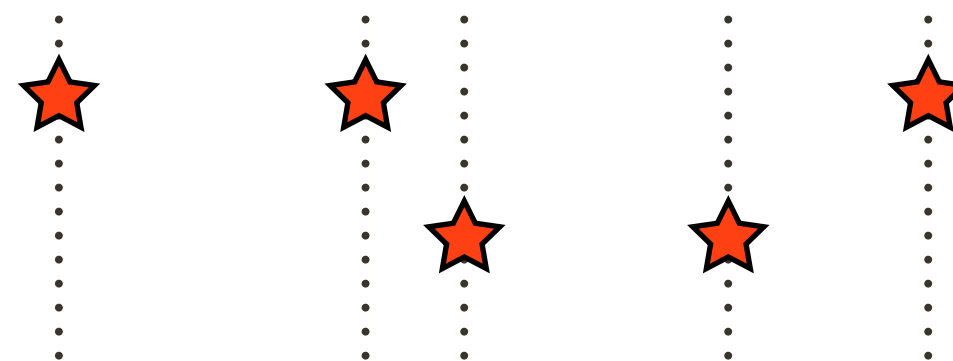
# Periodic vs. jittered in marine

– continuous recording w/ OBC/OBN

regular **periodically** sampled spatial grid



randomly jittered sampled spatial grid

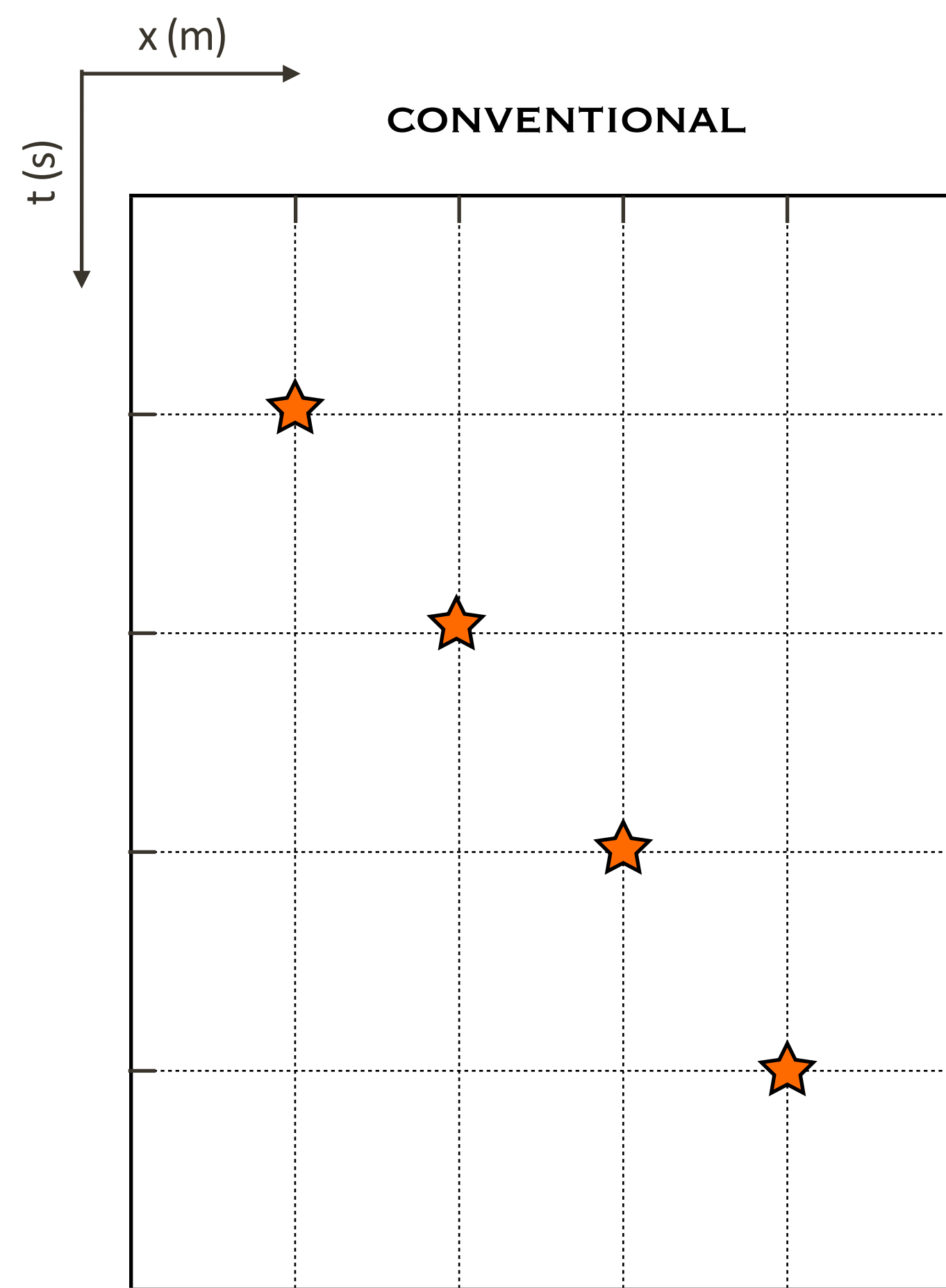


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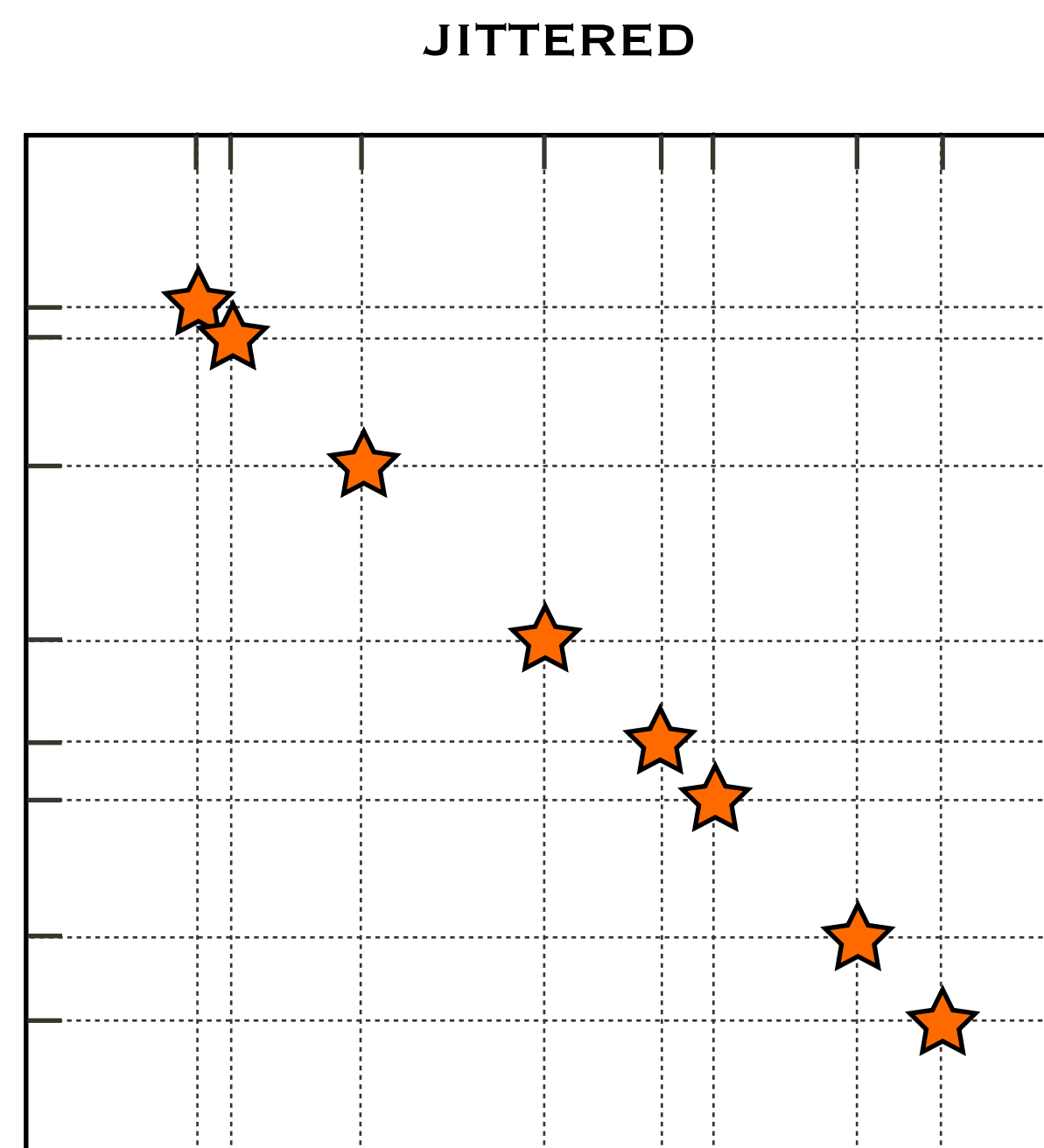
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# Randomized jitter sampling in marine

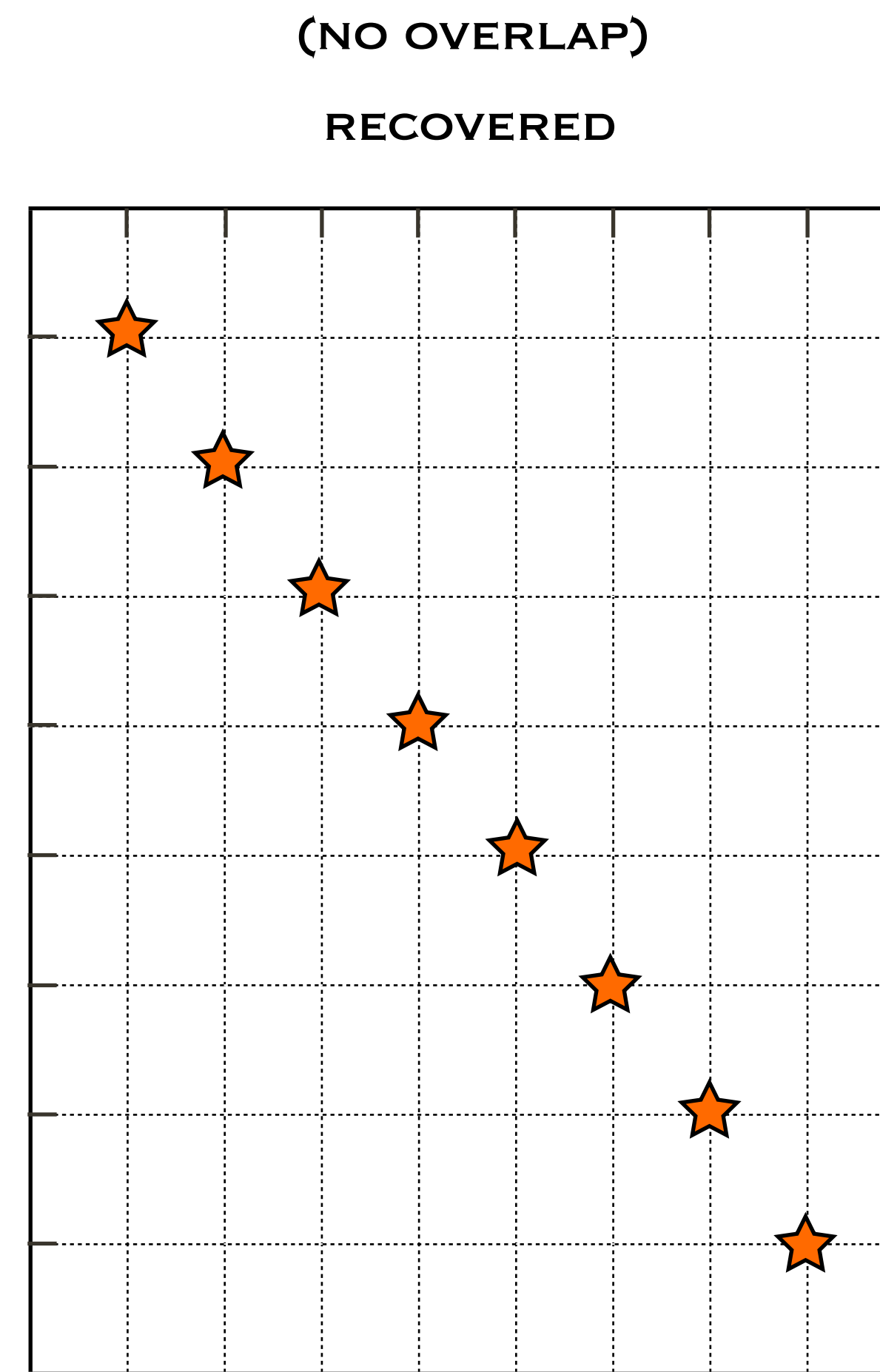
– continuous recording w/ OBC/OBN



PERIODIC–SPARSE–NO OVERLAP



APERIODIC  
COMPRESSED  
OVERLAPPING  
IRREGULAR

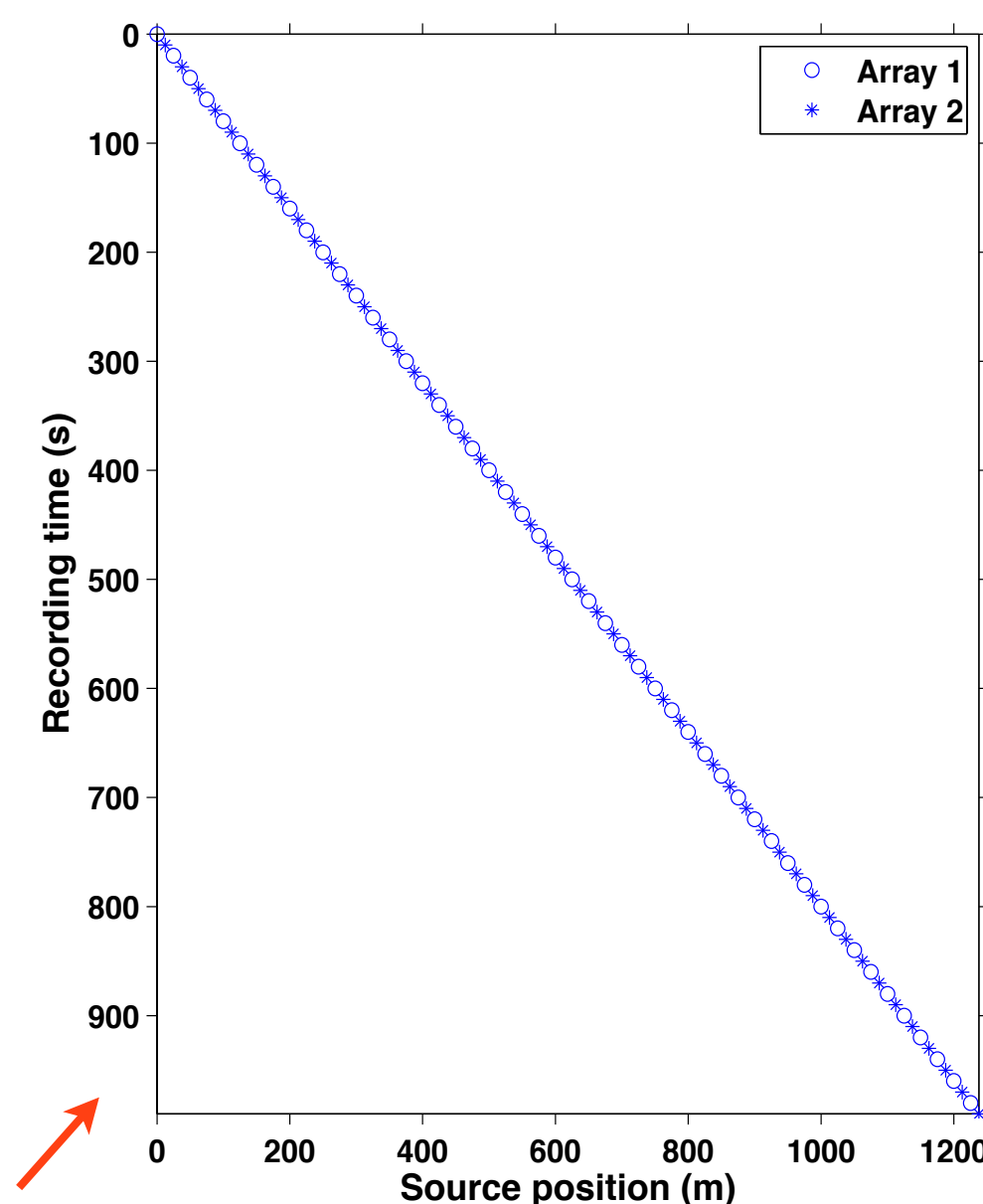


PERIODIC & DENSE

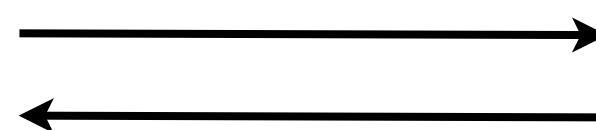
# Conventional vs. time-jittered sources

– subsampling ratio = 2, 2 source arrays

conventional

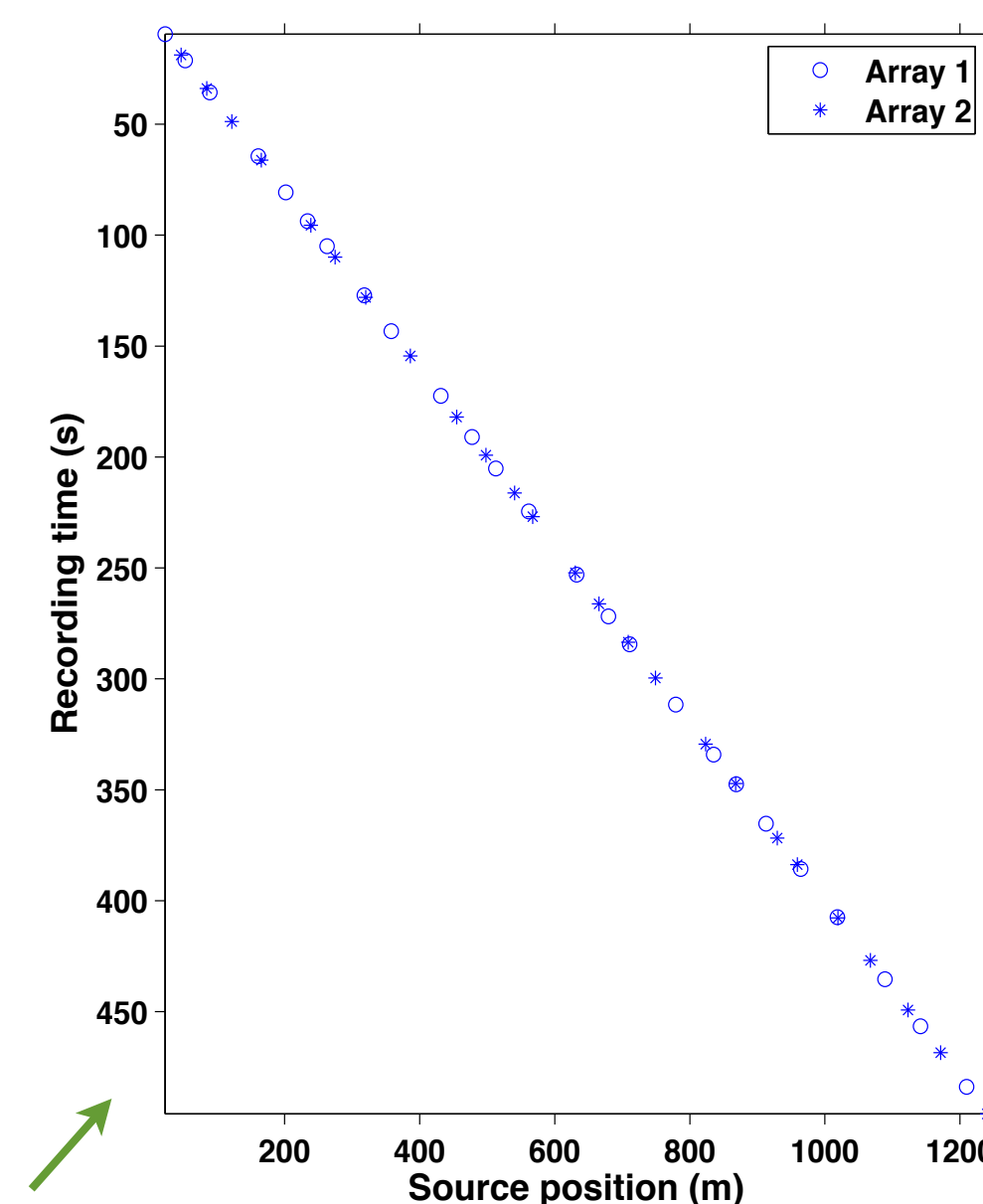


**[BLENDING & SUBSAMPLING]**  
spatial subsampling factor = 2



spatial sampling *increase* factor = 2  
**[DEBLENDING & INTERPOLATION]**

jittered acquisition



## “unblended” shot gathers

number of shots = **100** (per array)

shot record length: 10.0 s

spatial sampling: **12.5 m**

vessel speed: **1.25 m/s**

recording time =  $100 \times 10.0 = \mathbf{1000.0\ s}$

## “blended” shot gathers

number of shots =  $100/2 = \mathbf{50}$  (25 per array)

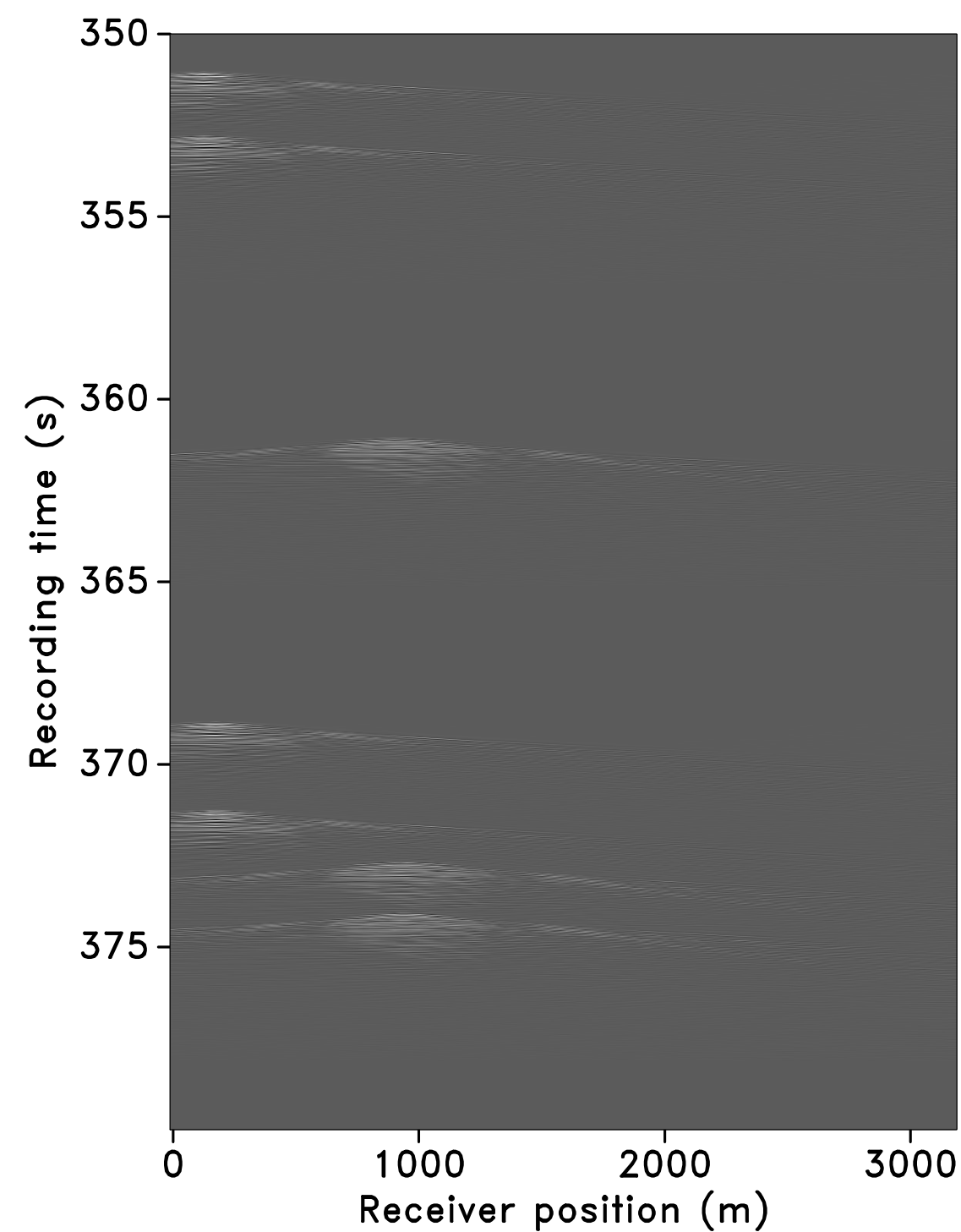
spatial sampling: **50.0 m (jittered)**

vessel speed: **2.50 m/s**

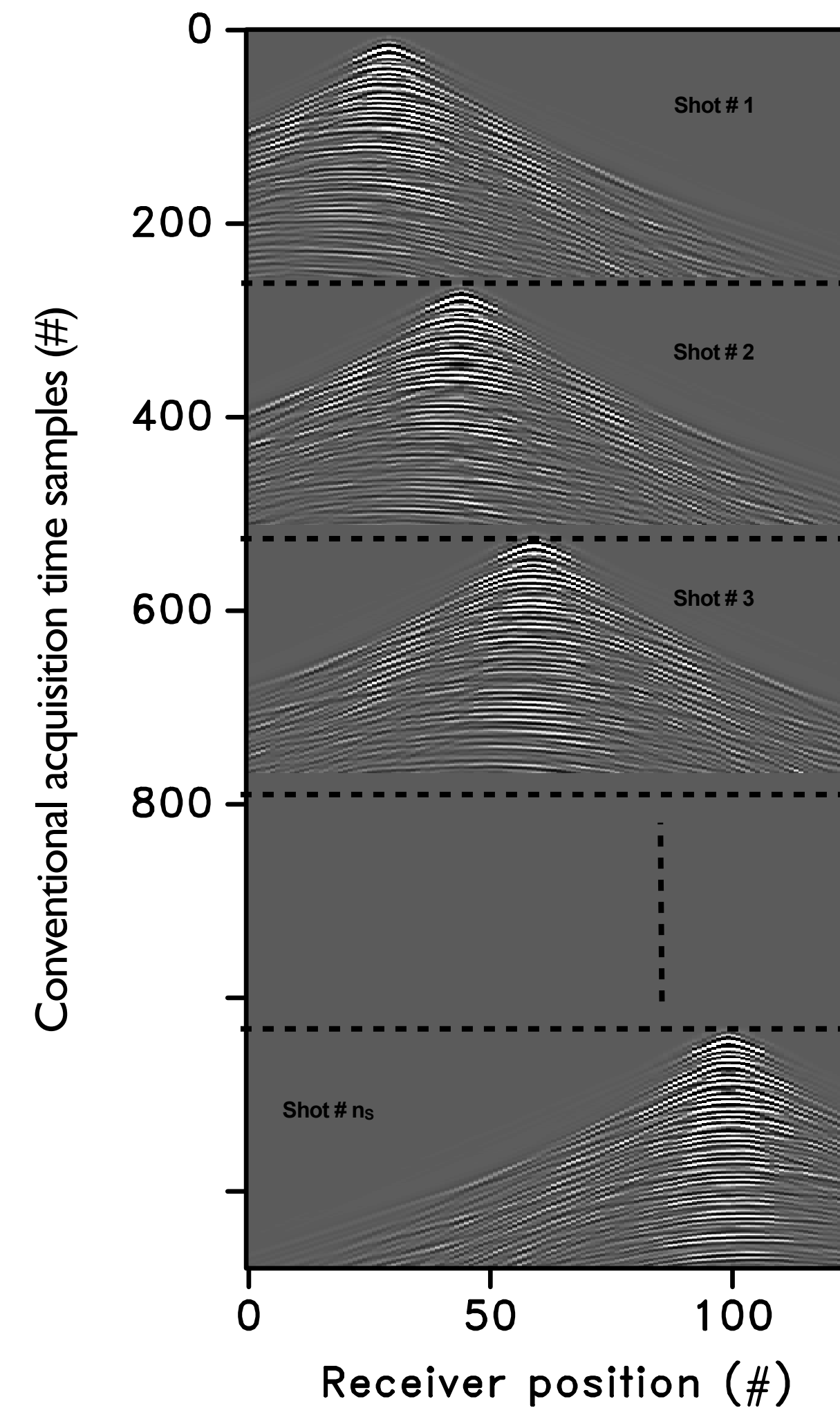
recording time  $\approx 1000.0\ \text{s}/2 = \mathbf{500.0\ s}$



acquire in the field on *irregular* grid  
(*subsampling* shots *w/ overlap*  
between shot records)

**b****=****M**

would like to have on *regular* grid  
(*all* shots *w/o overlaps* between  
shot records)

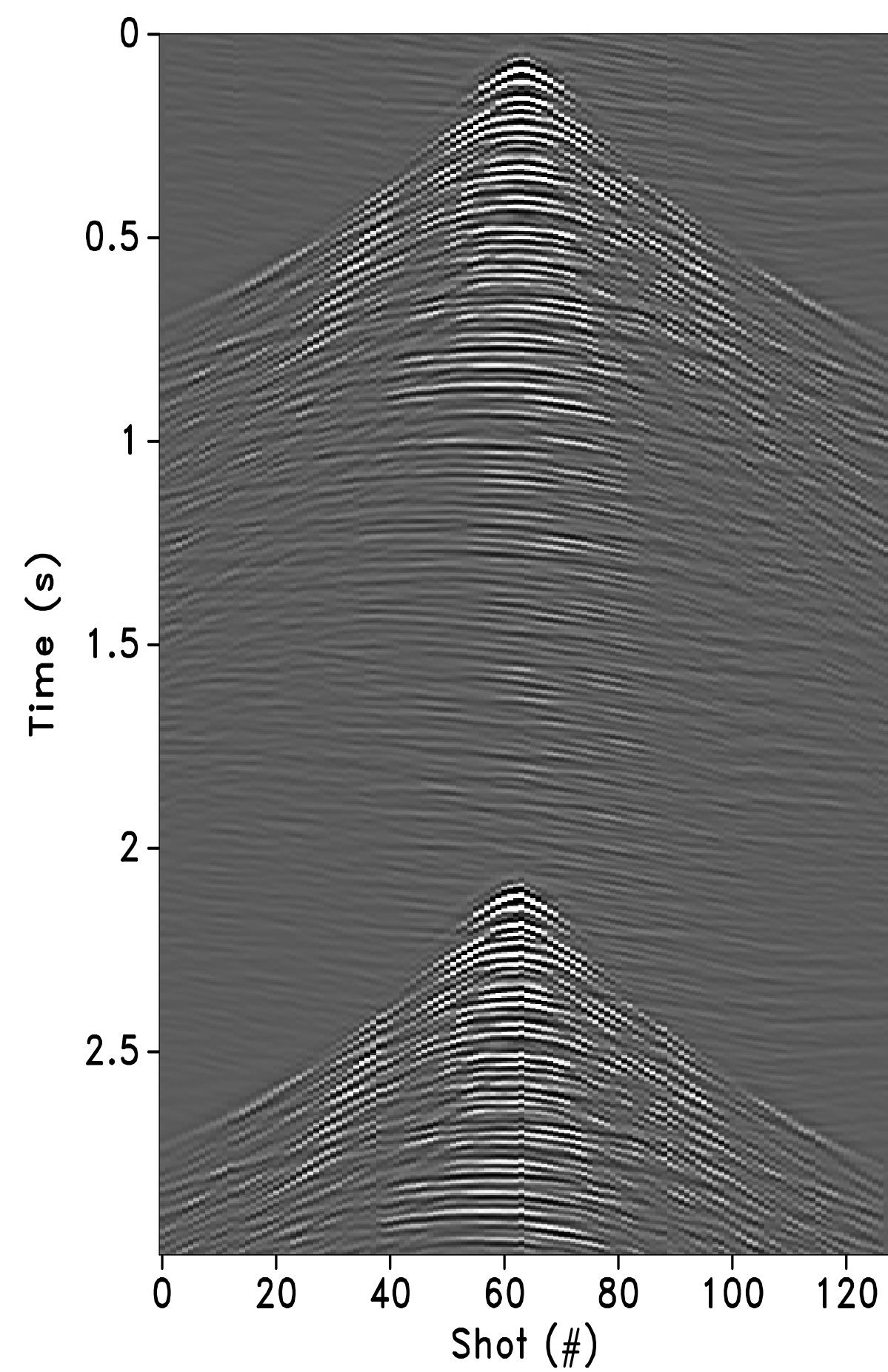
**d**



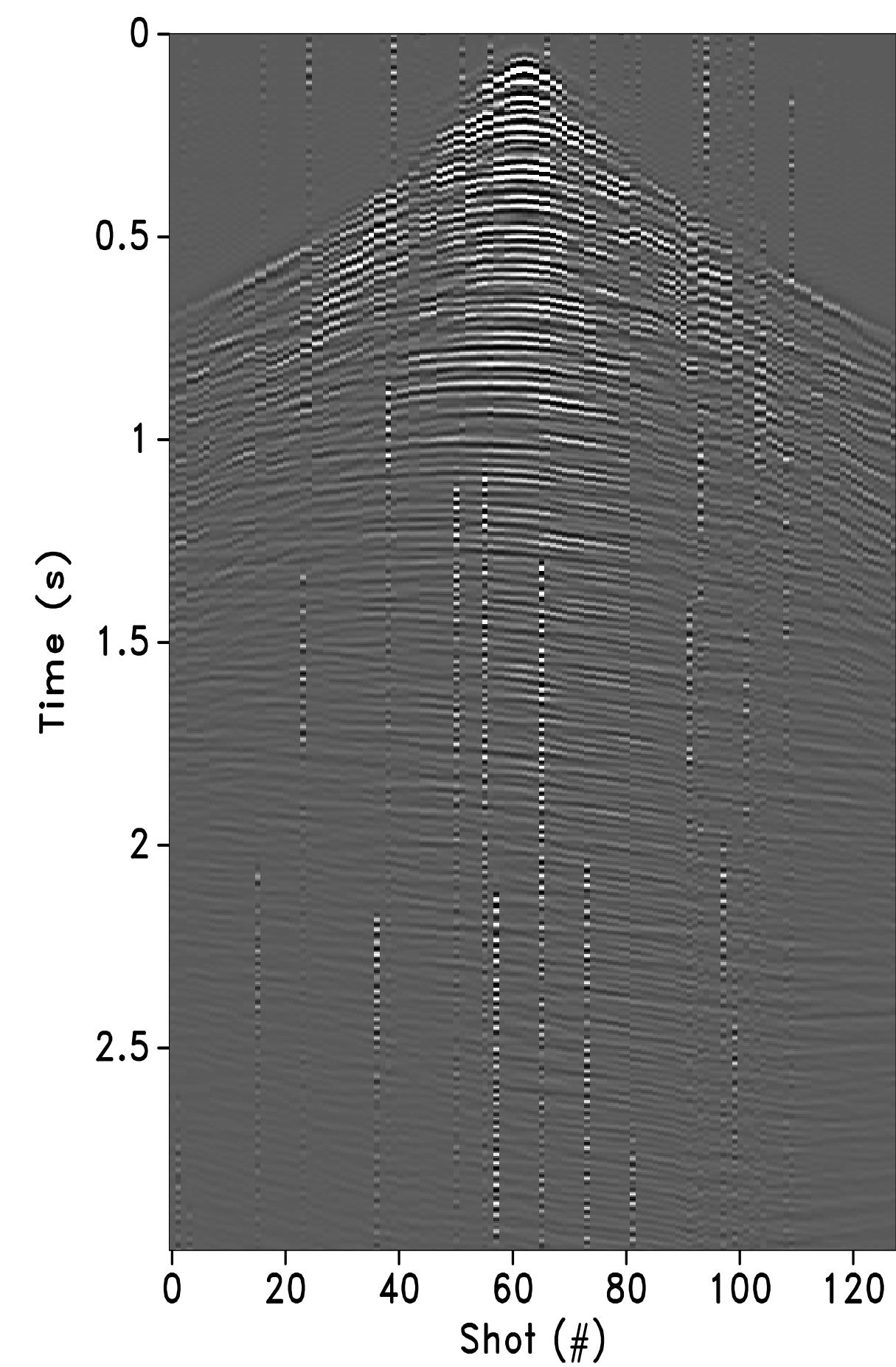
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– source-crosstalk for common receiver

**periodic**



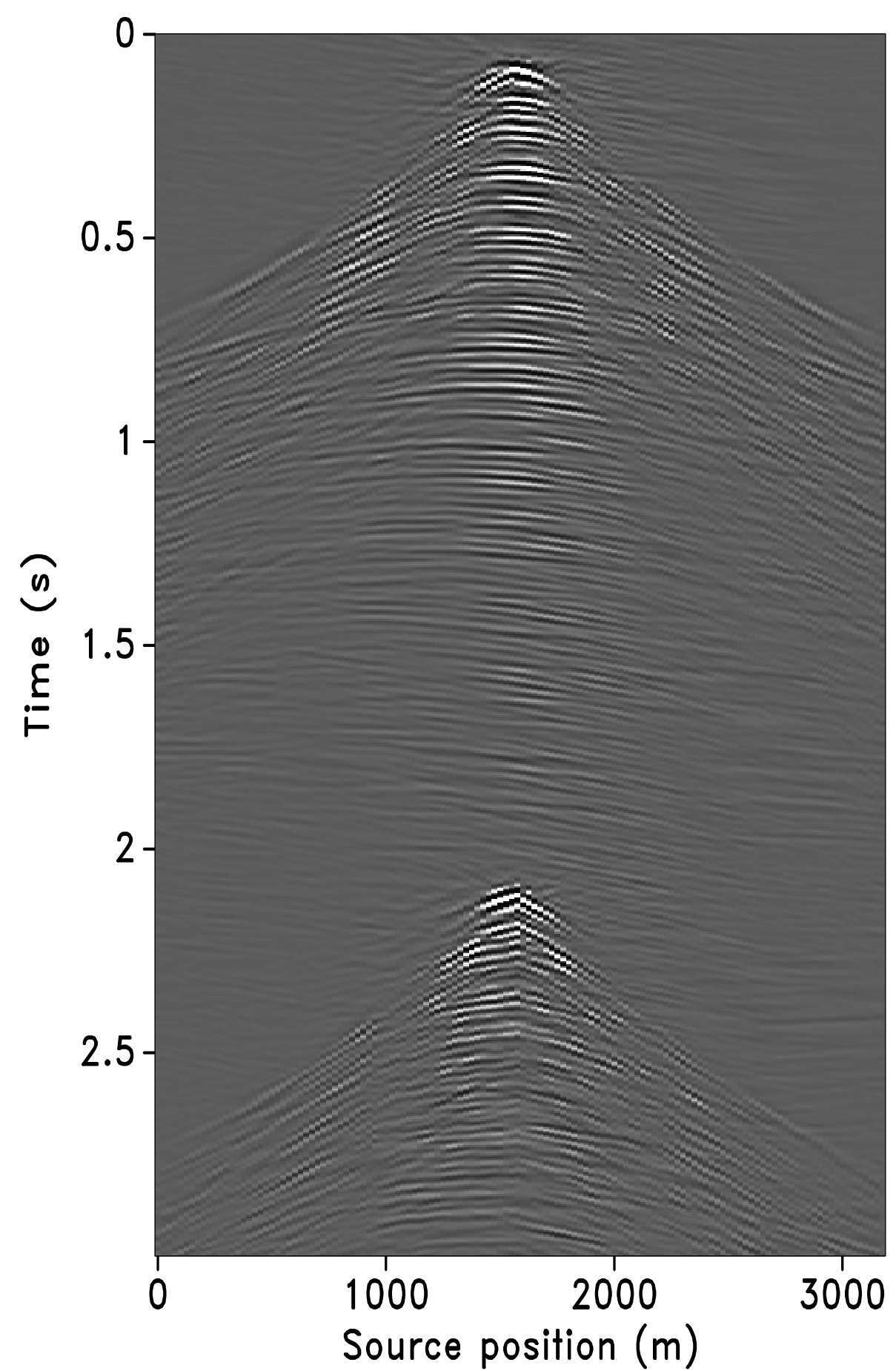
**jittered**



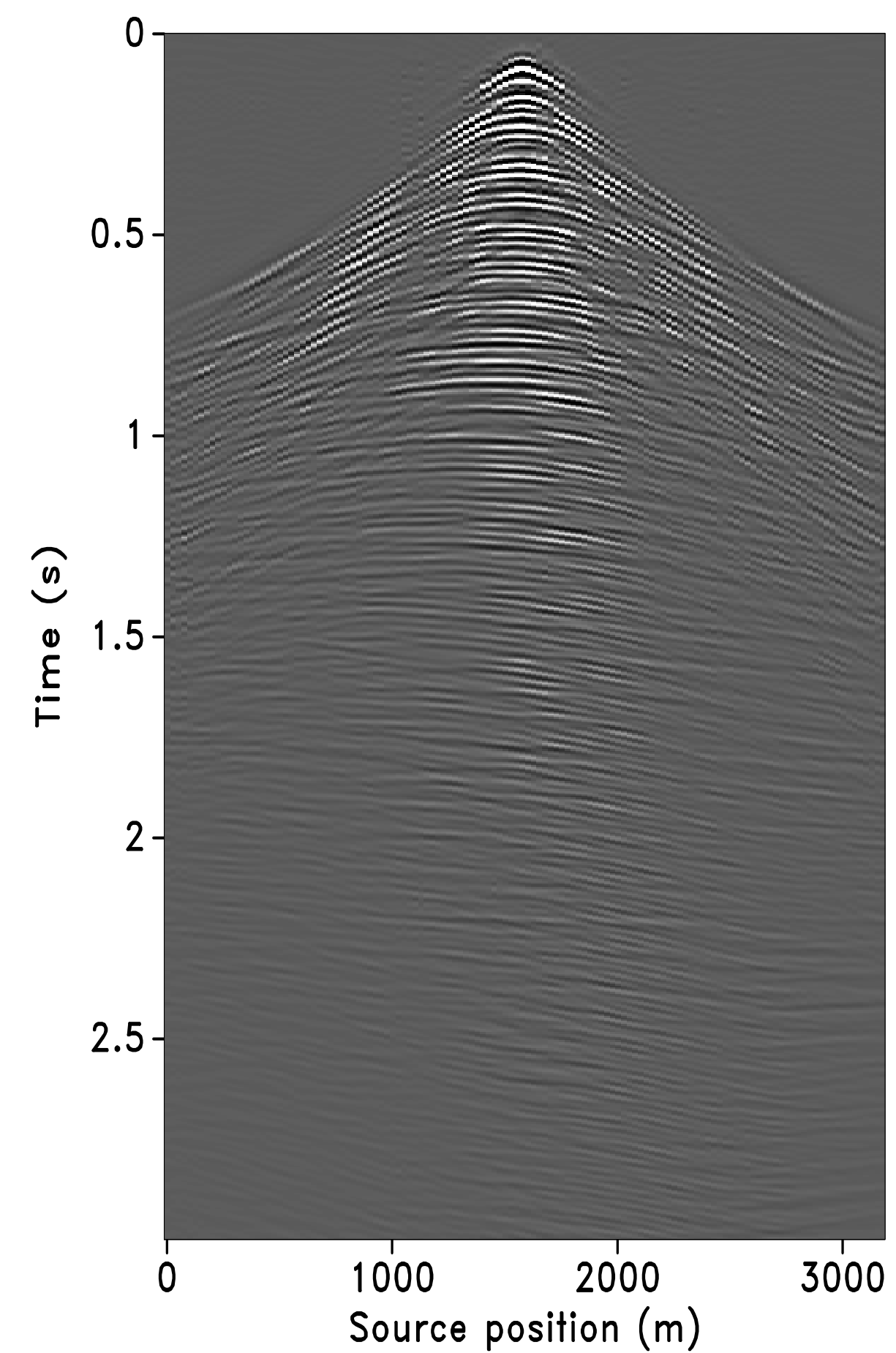
# Recovery

– via sparsity promotion

**periodic**  
**(3.6 dB)**

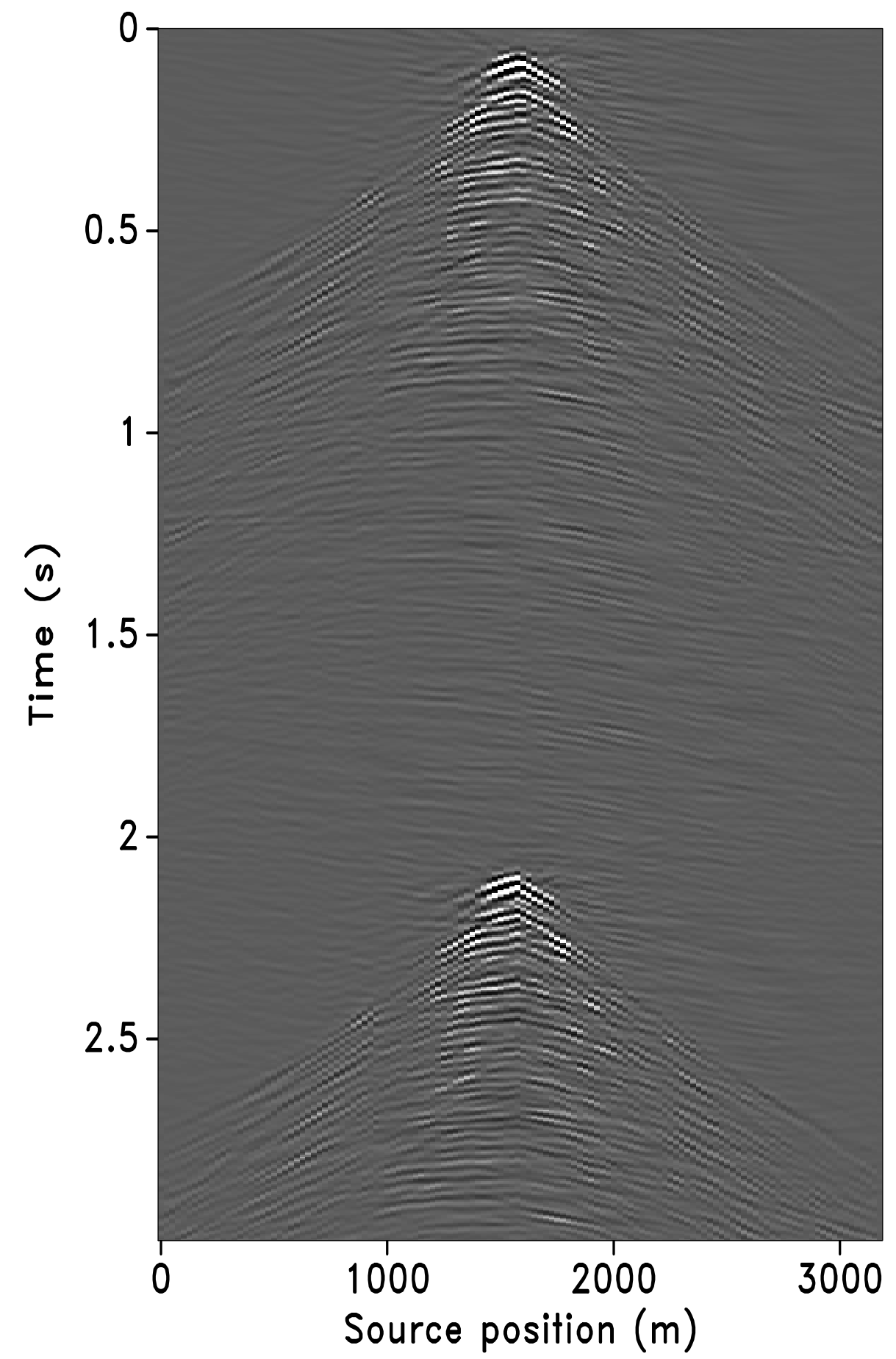


**jittered**  
**(16.5 dB)**

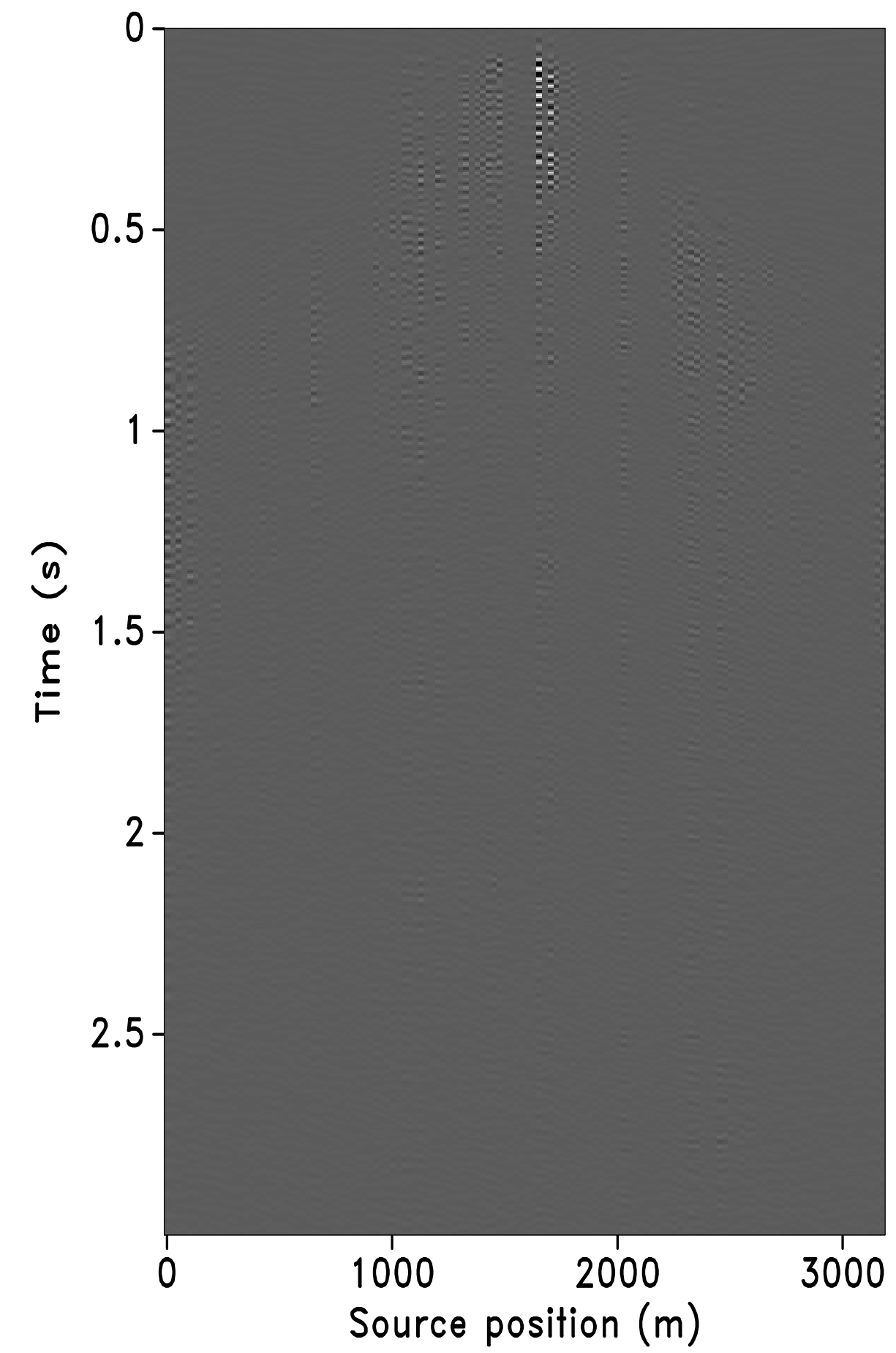


# Difference

**periodic**



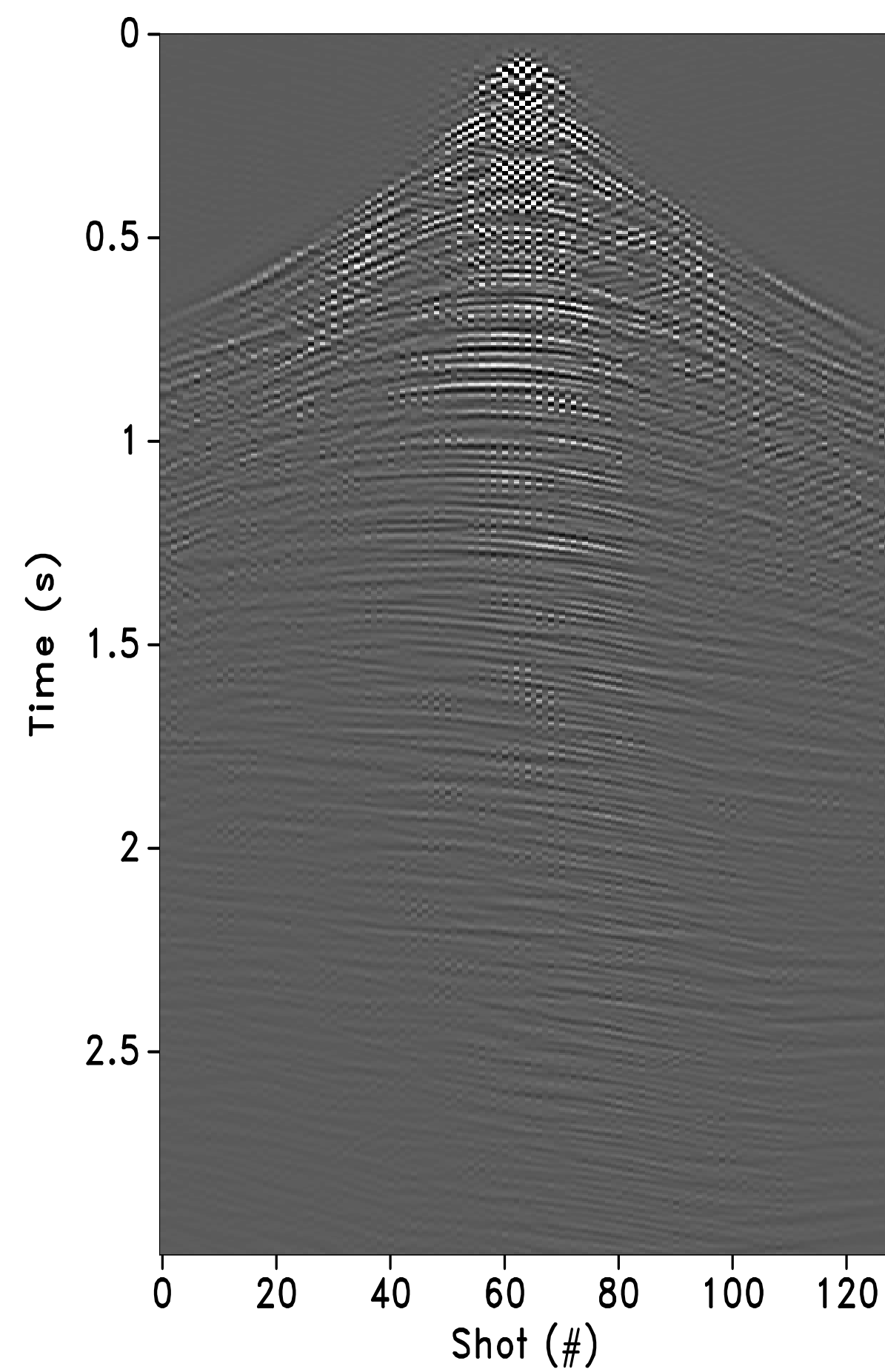
**jittered**



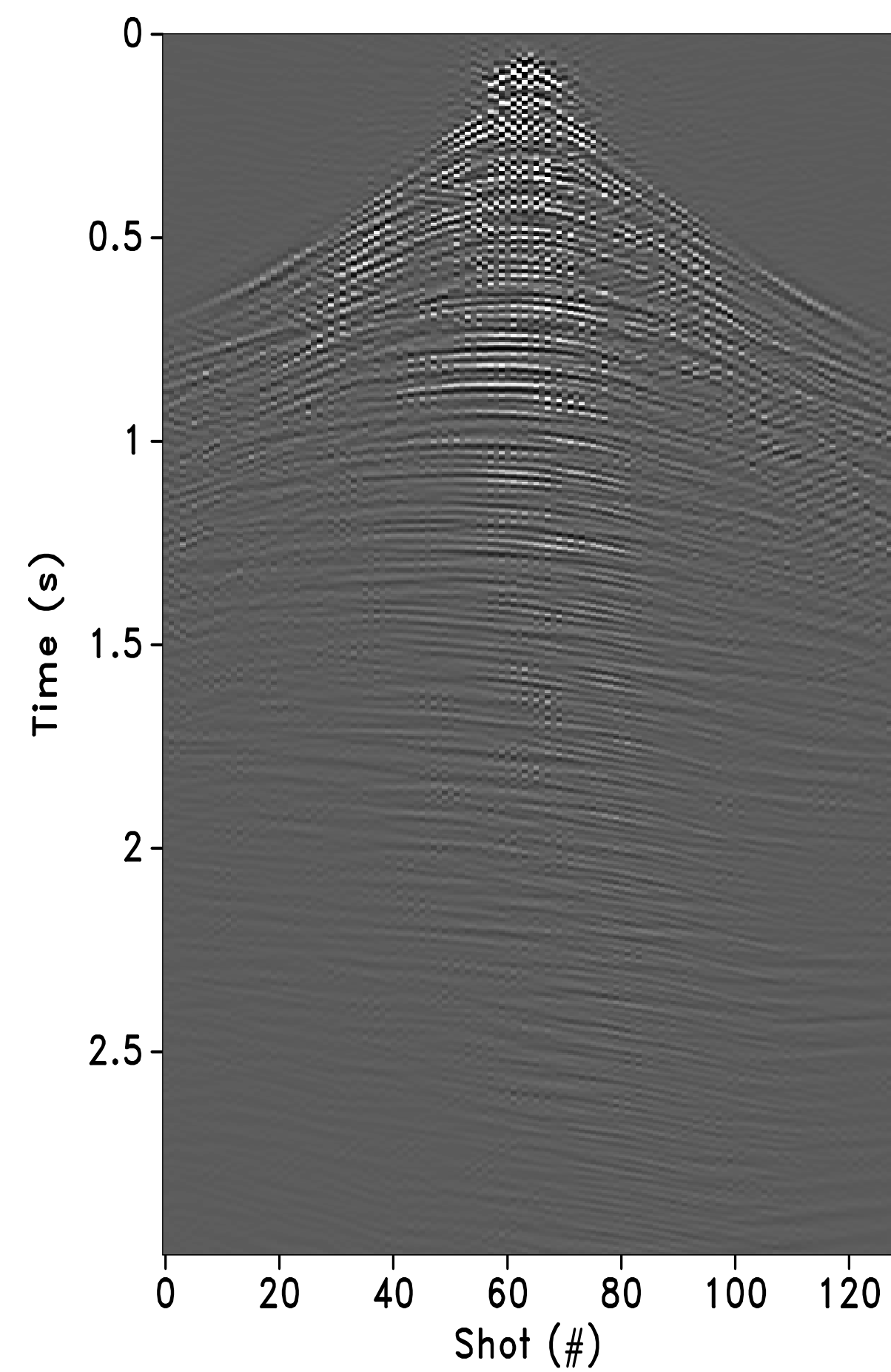


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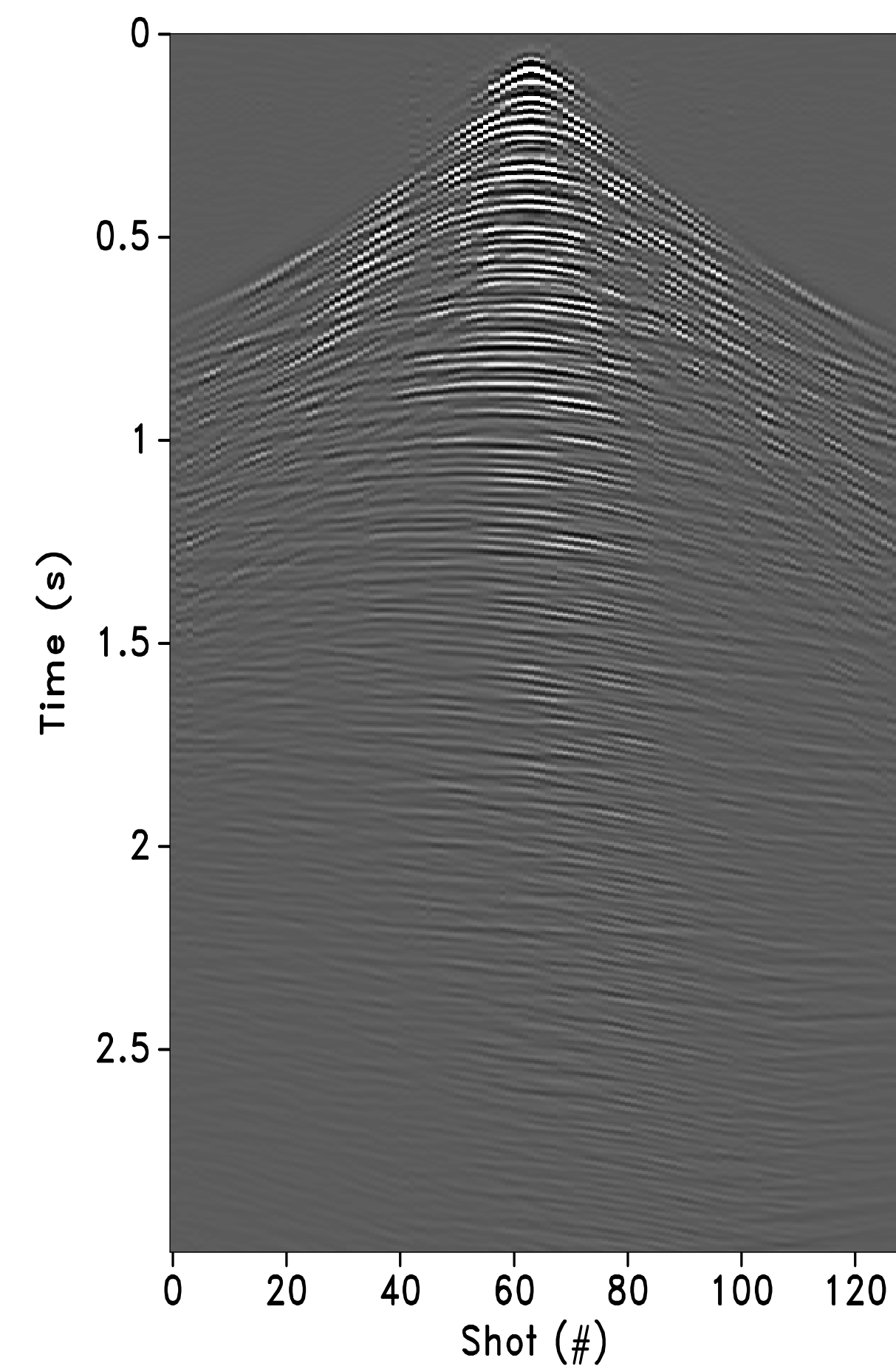
**periodic**



**low-jitter variability**



**high-jitter variability**



# Observations

Transform-based CS works well for large variability

- ▶ limited to static geometries such as OBC / OBN

Can we relax requirement of large variability?

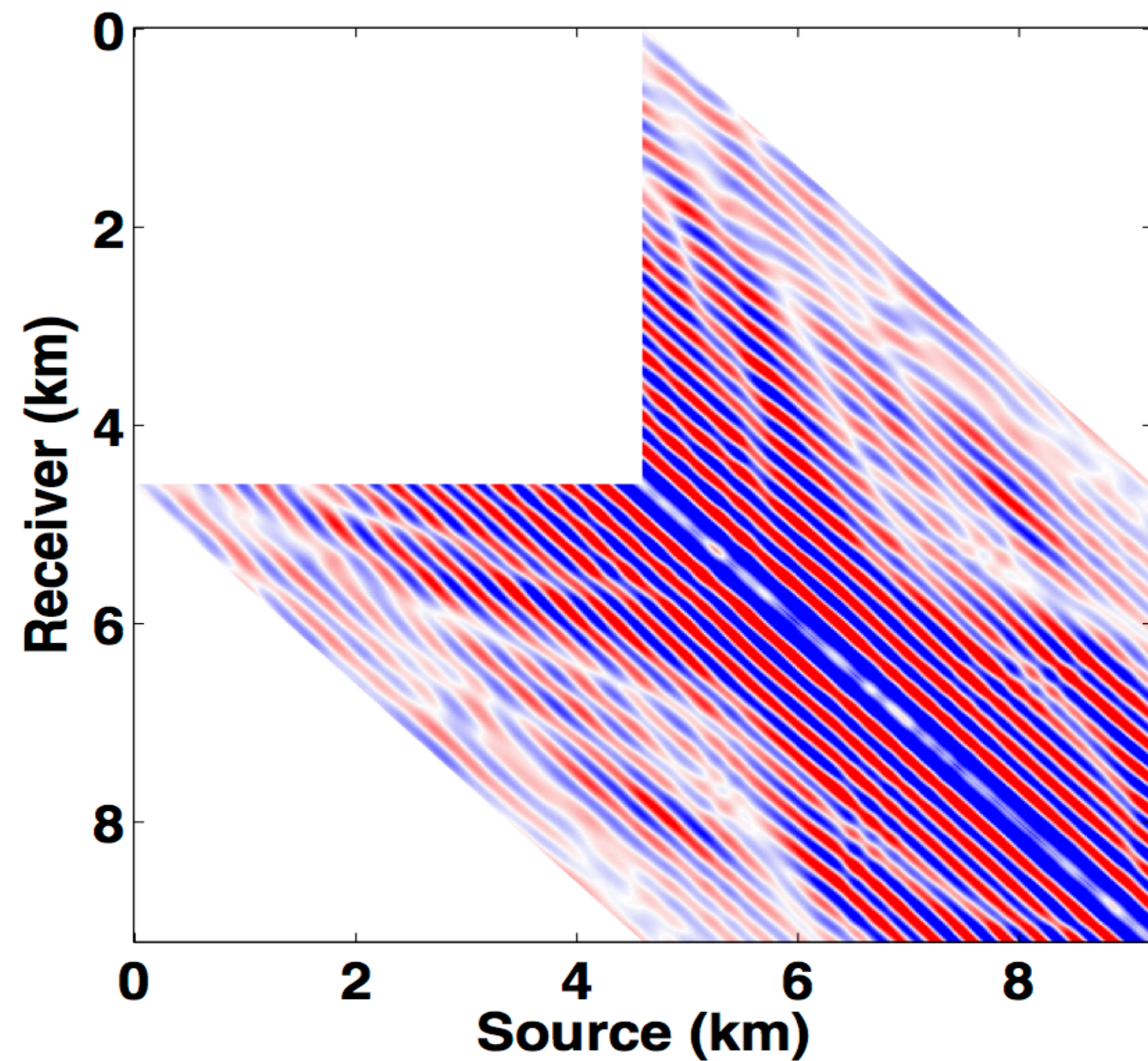
- ▶ enabler for dynamic geometries such as towed arrays
- ▶ over-under w/ random delays  $< 1S$
- ▶ shot-by-shot source-separation



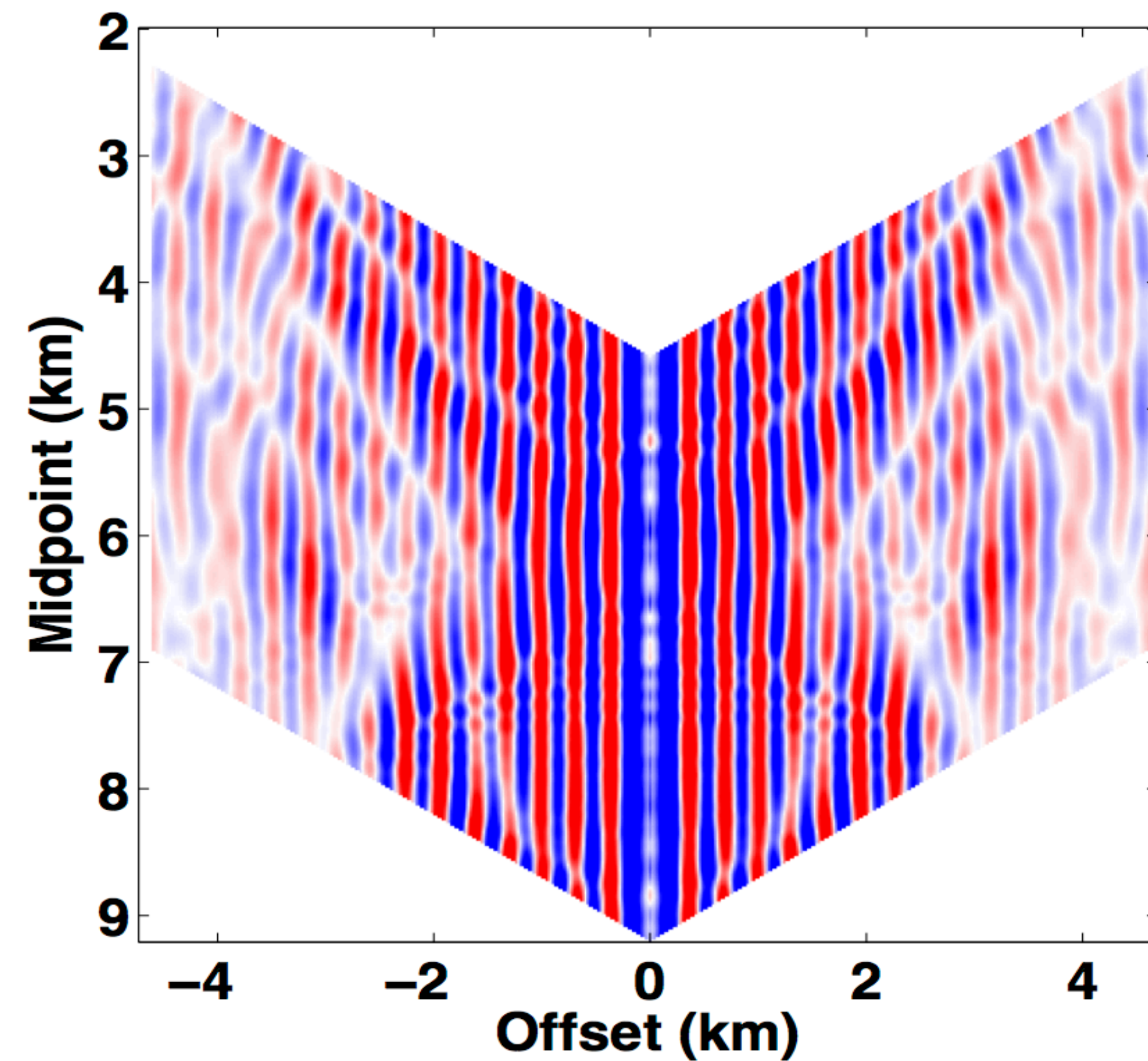
# Low-rank structure in which domain?

- frequency slice at 5 Hz / over-under acquisition

source-receiver domain  
(w/ reciprocity)



midpoint-offset domain  
(w/ reciprocity)

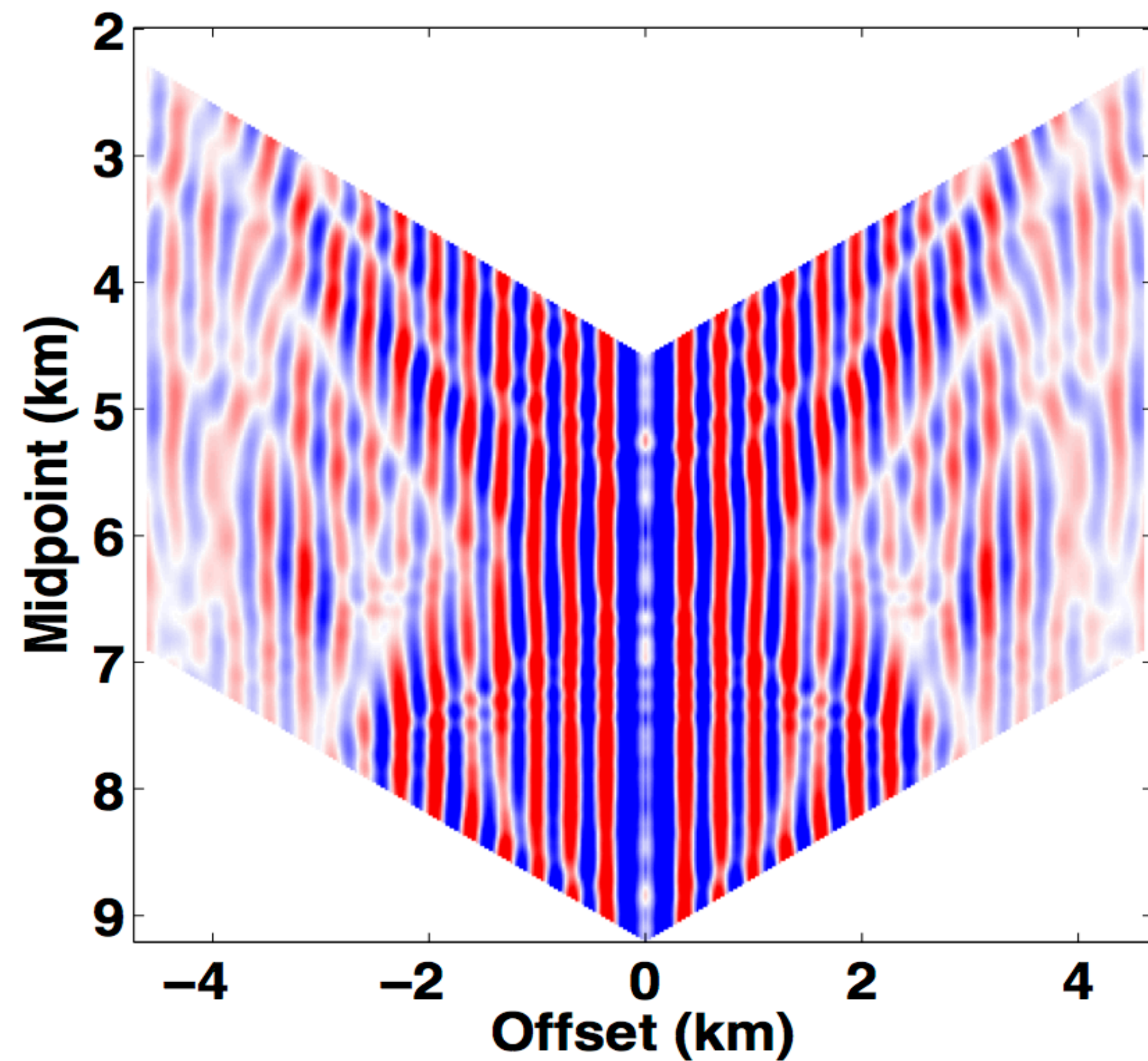




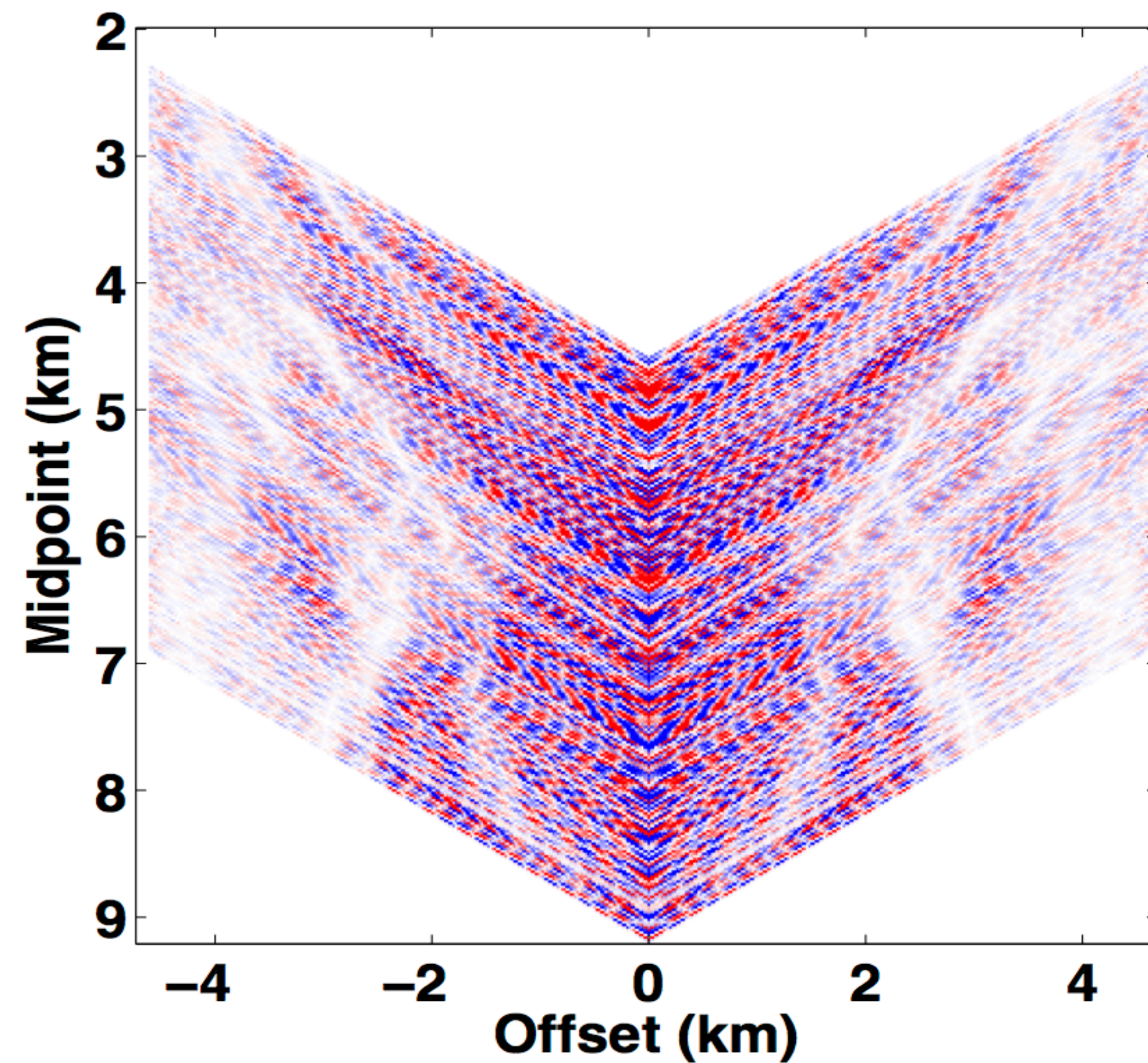
# How to destroy the structure?

- add random time delays (<1s)

periodic (4s) w/o delays



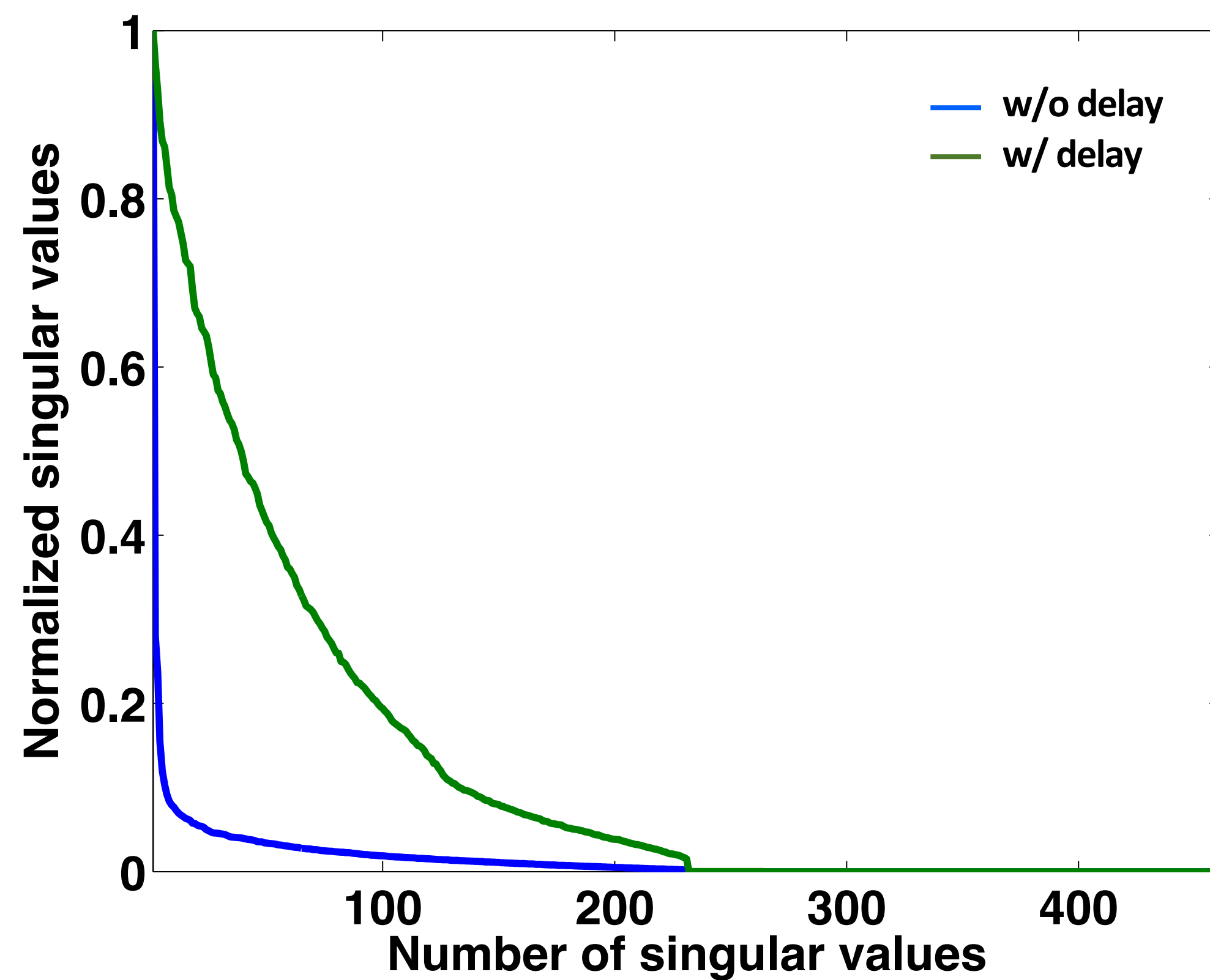
with random delays (<1s)



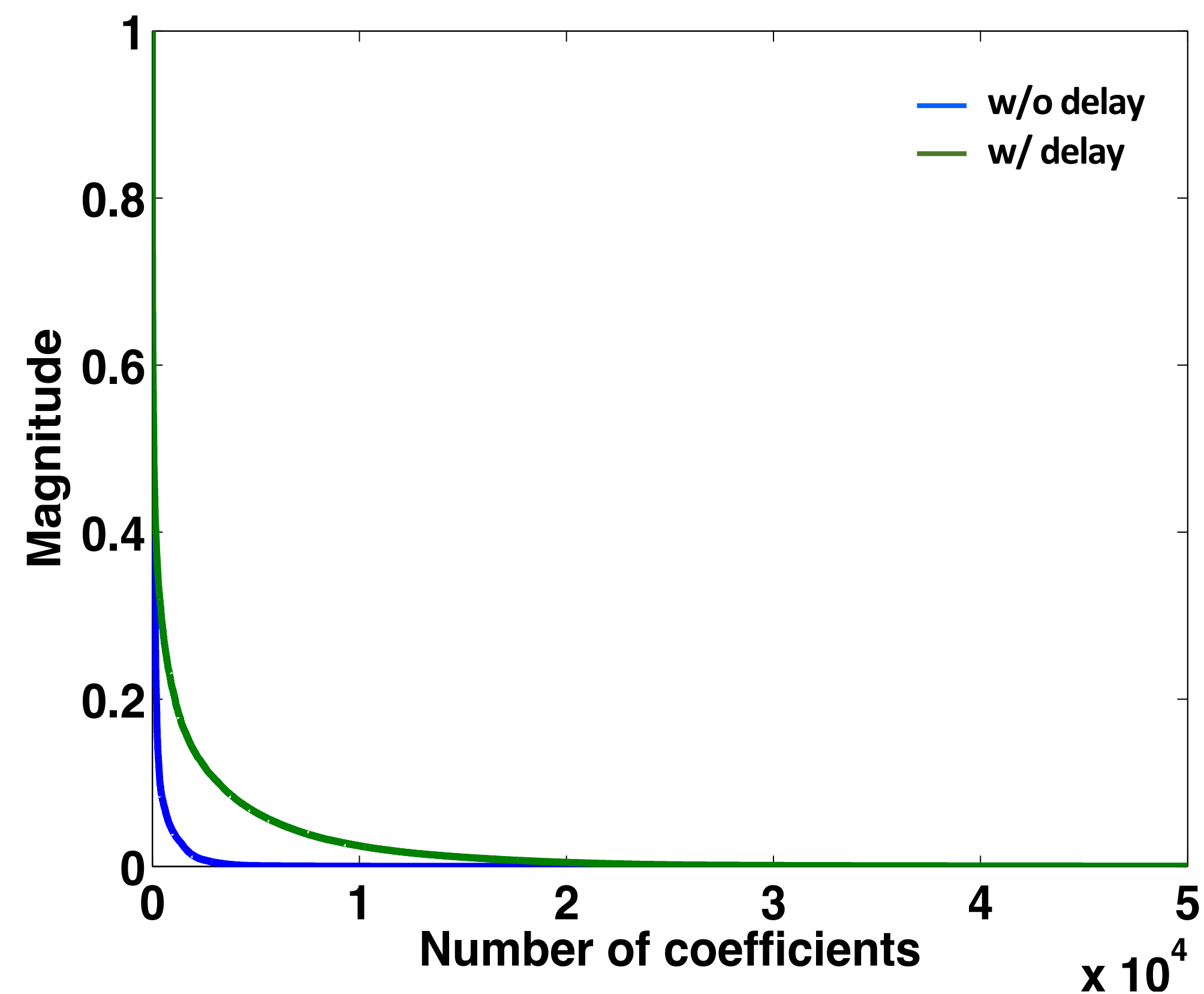


# Rank vs. sparsity

**rank**-minimization  
(midpoint-offset domain)



**sparsity**-promotion  
(source-receiver domain)



# Rank-minimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \underbrace{\text{rank}(\mathbf{X})}_{\text{number of singular values of } \mathbf{X}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{b}\|_2 \leq \epsilon$$

*number of singular values of  $\mathbf{X}$*

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for blended acquisition:

$\mathbf{b}$  : blended data

$$\mathcal{A} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}\mathbf{S}^H & \mathbf{M}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{S}^H \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
time delay matrix

unblended data matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \longleftarrow \text{source 1} \\ \longleftarrow \text{source 2} \end{array}$$

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*expensive*  
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# Nuclear norm-minimization

*convex relaxation of rank-minimization*

[Recht, et. al., 2010]

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{X}\|_*}_{\text{sum of singular values of } \mathbf{X}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{b}\|_2 \leq \epsilon$$

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# Blended data (w/ delay)

- random time delays (< 1 sec) applied to both sources

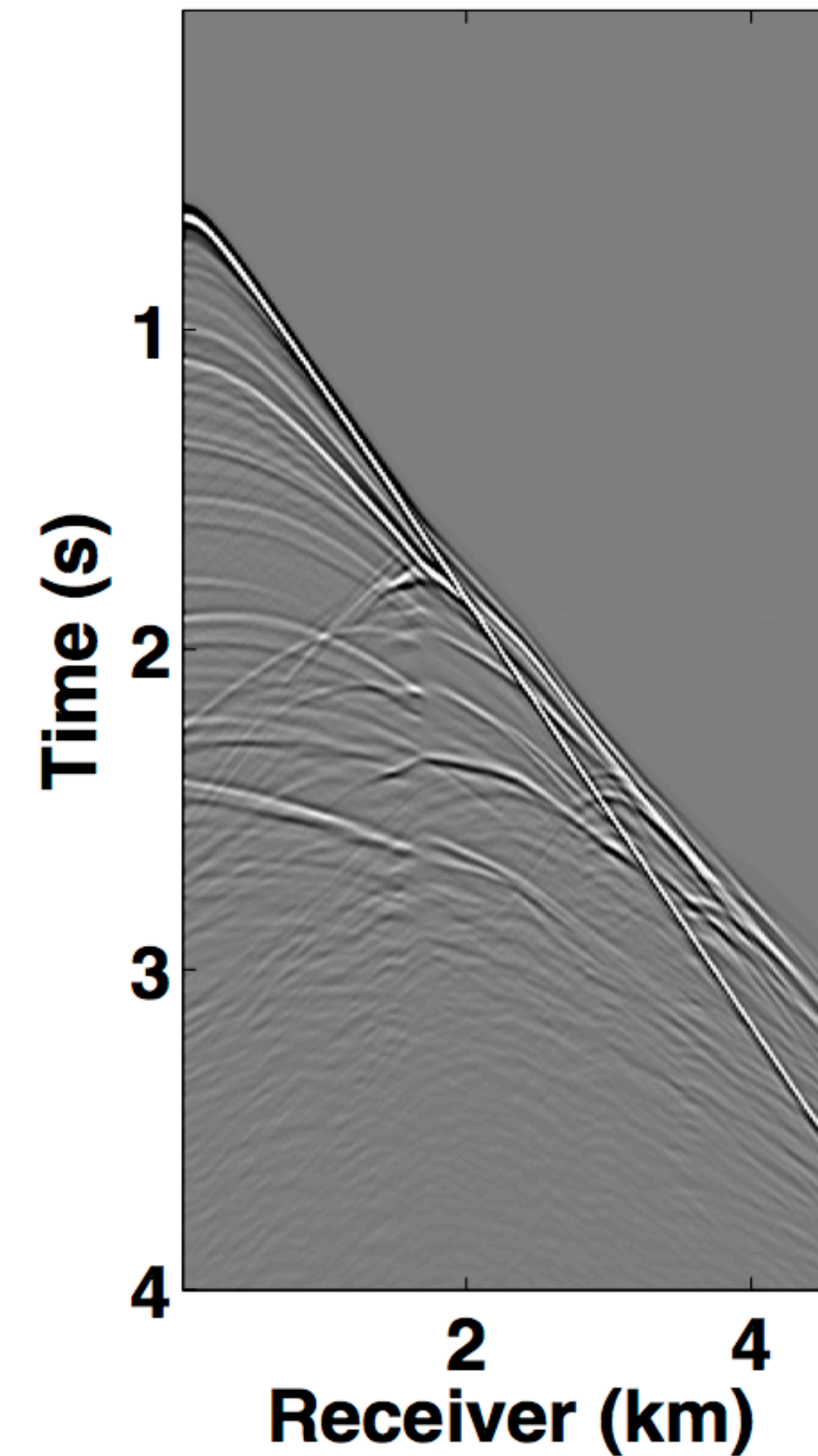
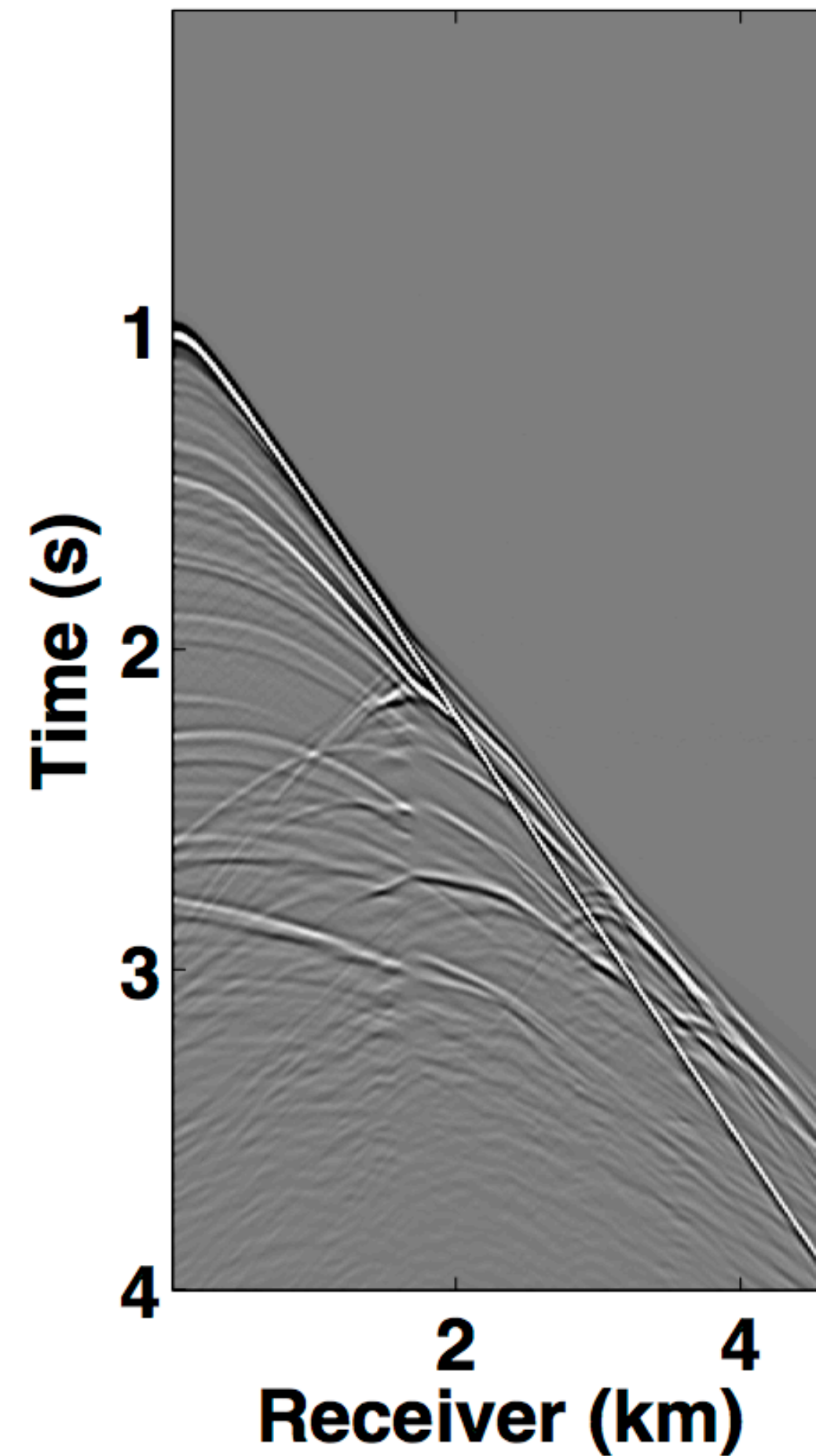
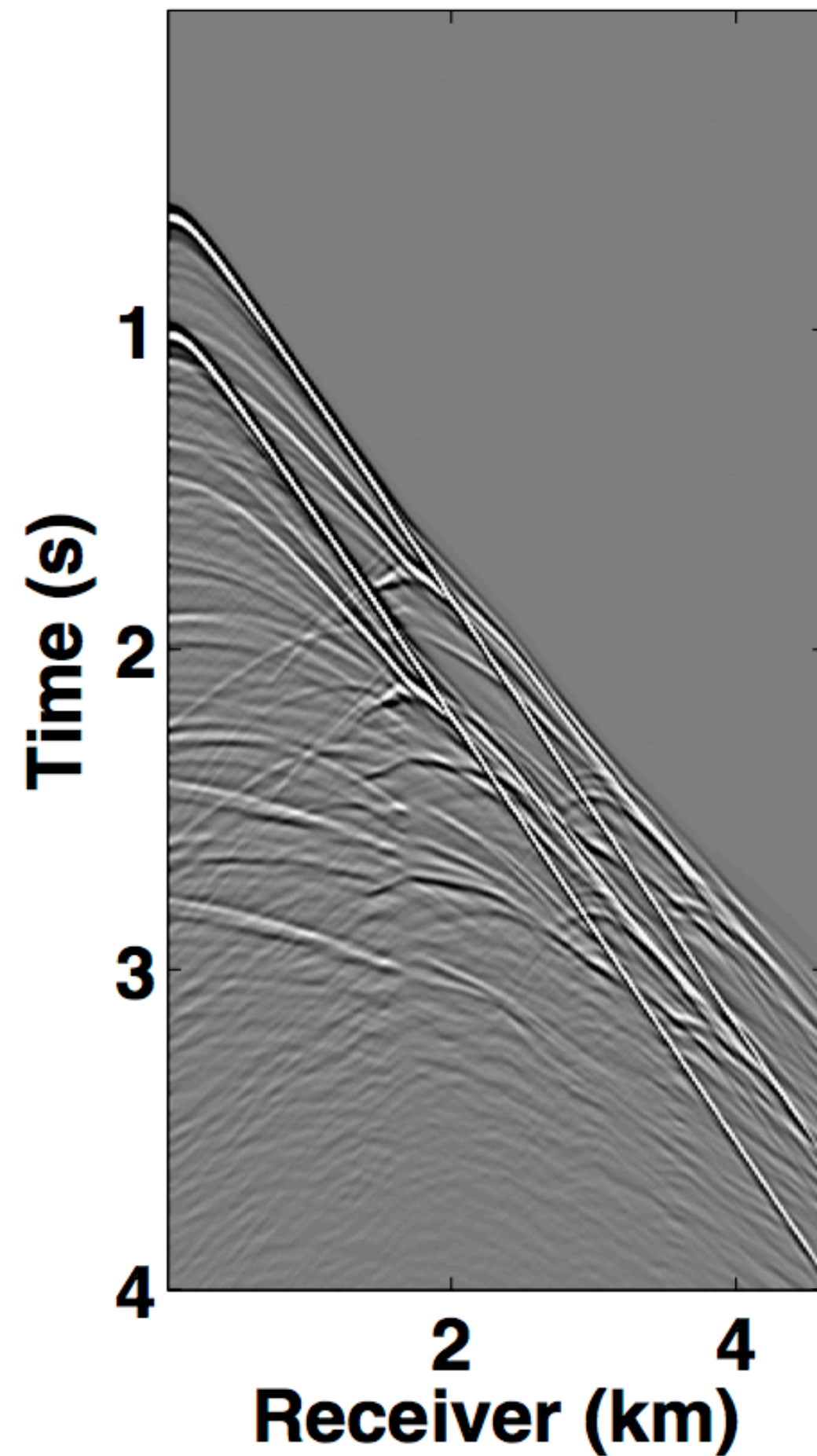
blended shot

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source 1

+

source 2





# Source separation - *rank vs. sparsity*

computation time = **5 vs. 62 hours**; memory usage = **2.8 vs. 7.0 GB**; average SNR = **15.7 dB** (for both)

source 1

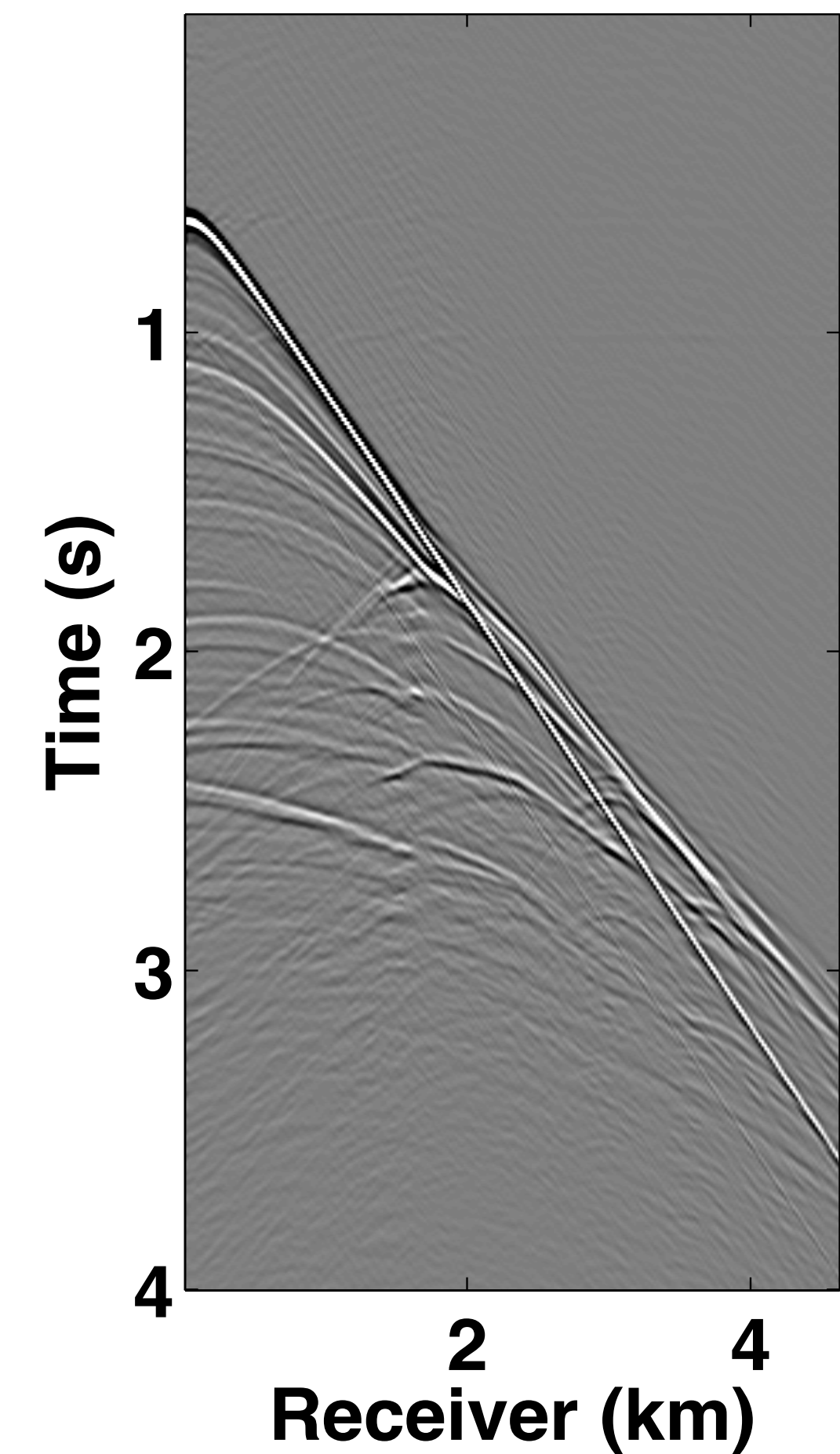
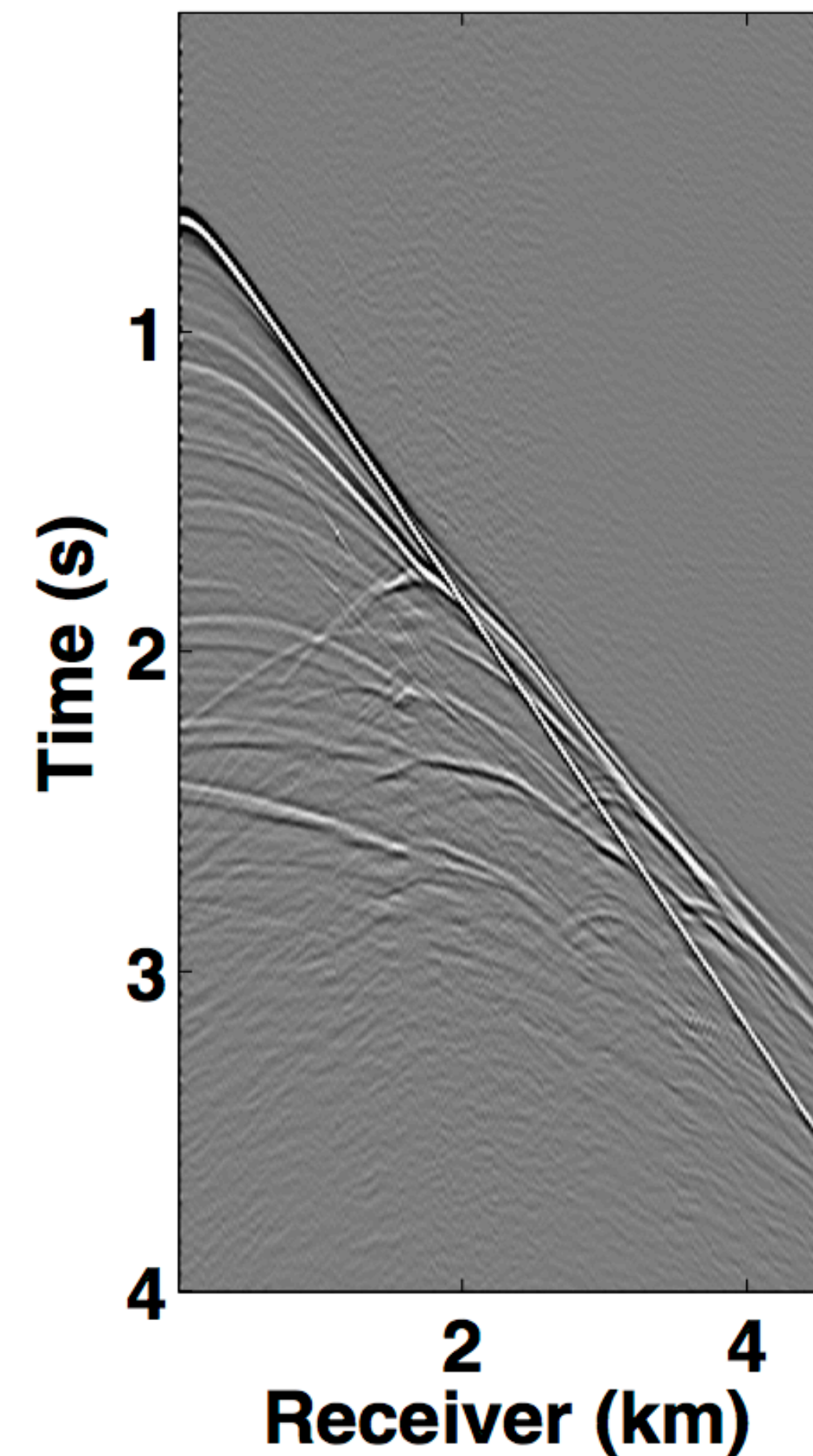
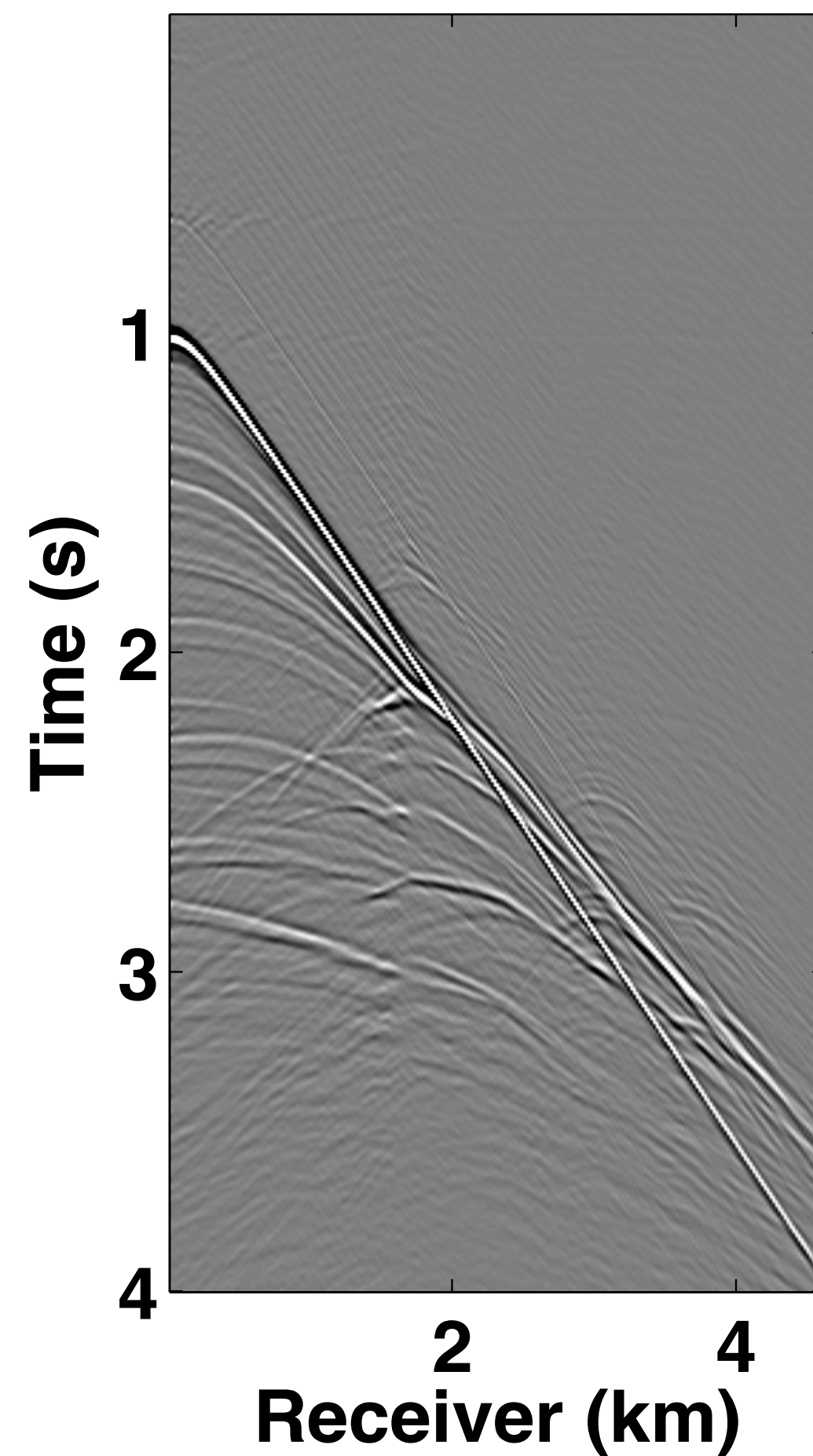
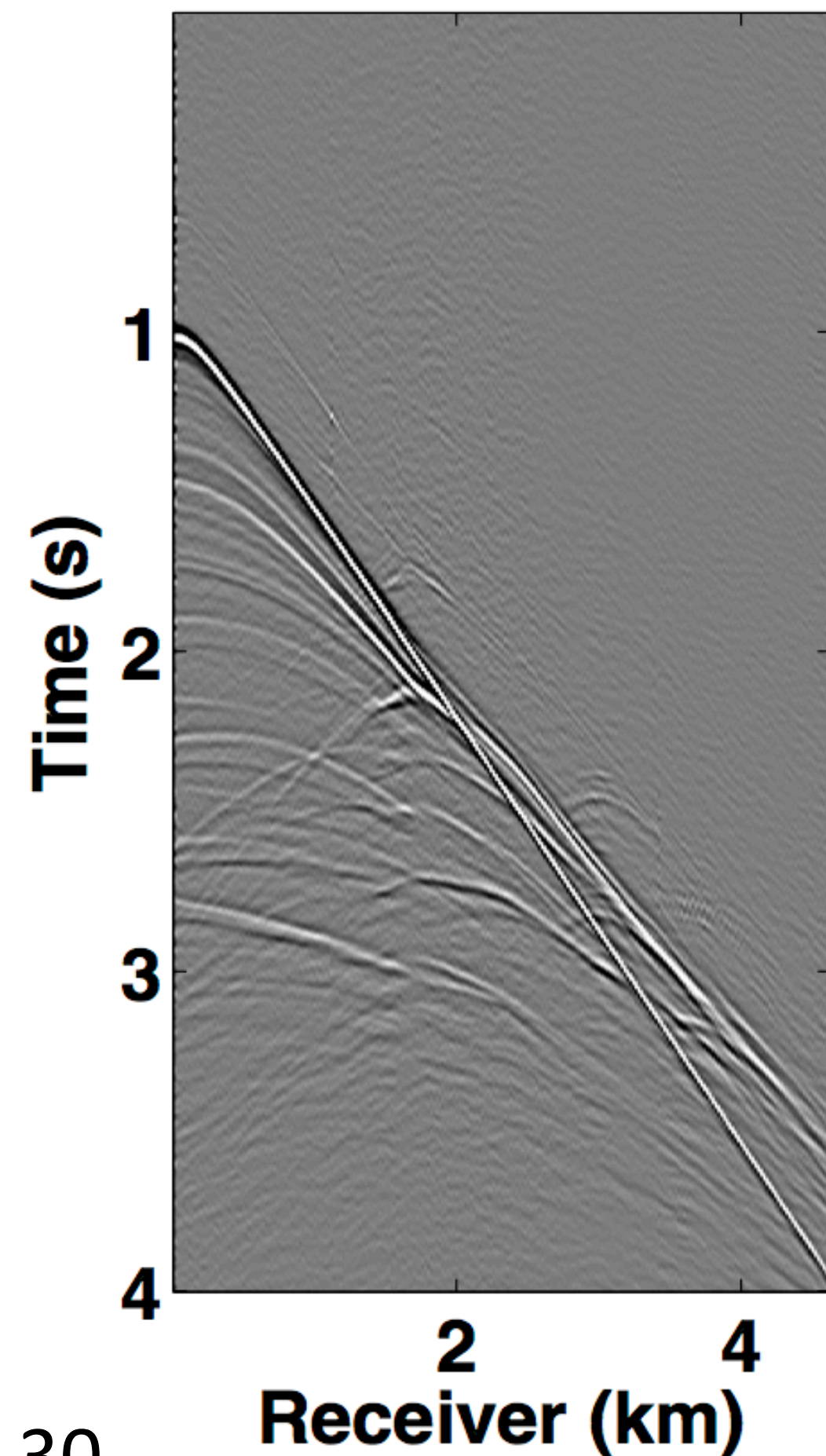
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rank

sparsity

rank

sparsity





# Randomized seismic-date acquisition by industry

thanks to Chuck Mosher & Nick Moldoveanu



# Randomized acquisition

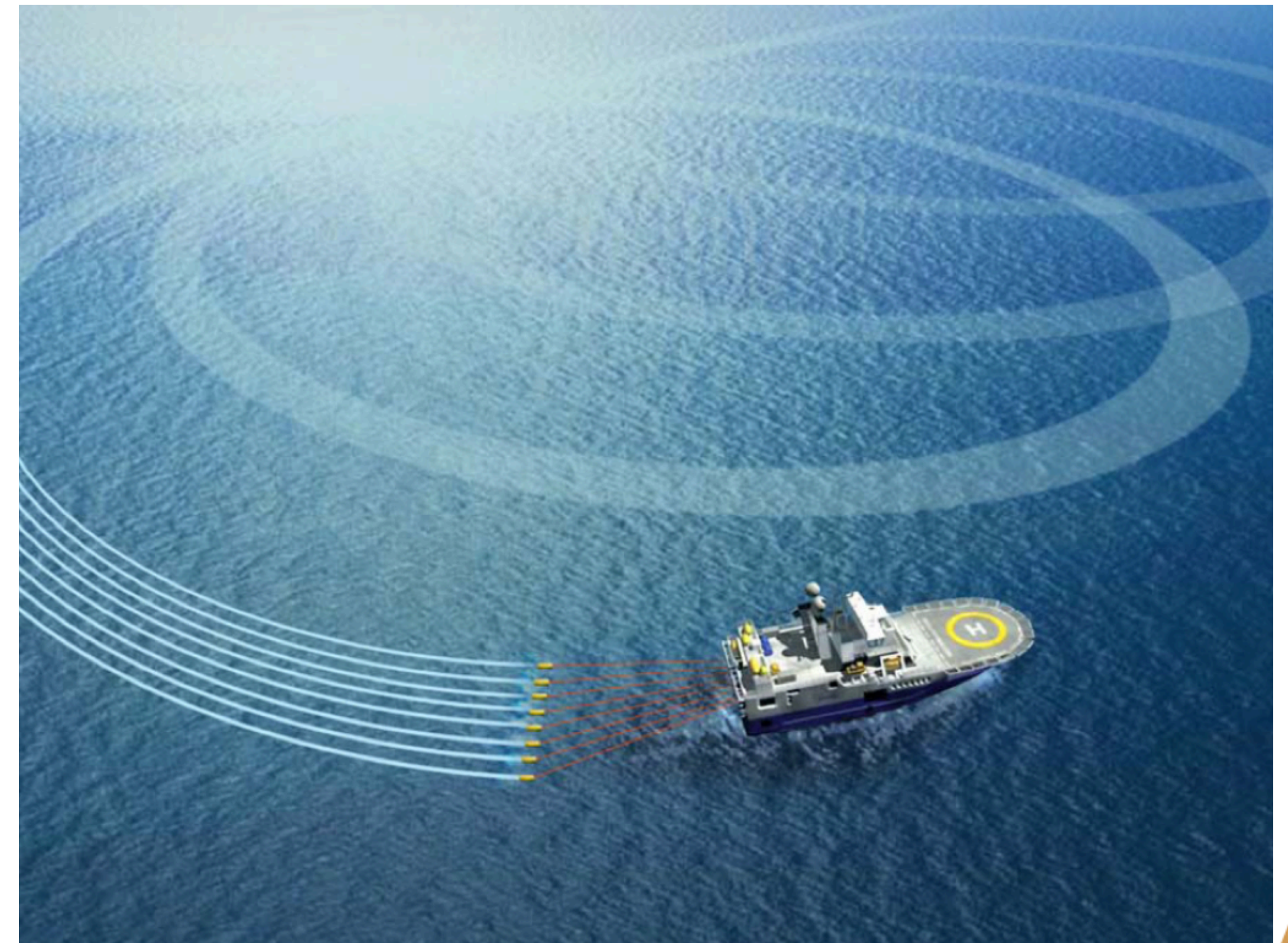
– examples from industry (WesternGeco)

## Randomized sim-source coil:

- ▶ long-offset wide azimuth
- ▶ incoherent (noisy) artifacts in image space
- ▶ high fold & diverse illumination stacks out imaging & sampling related artifacts

## Output:

- ▶ high-fi & high-resolution images





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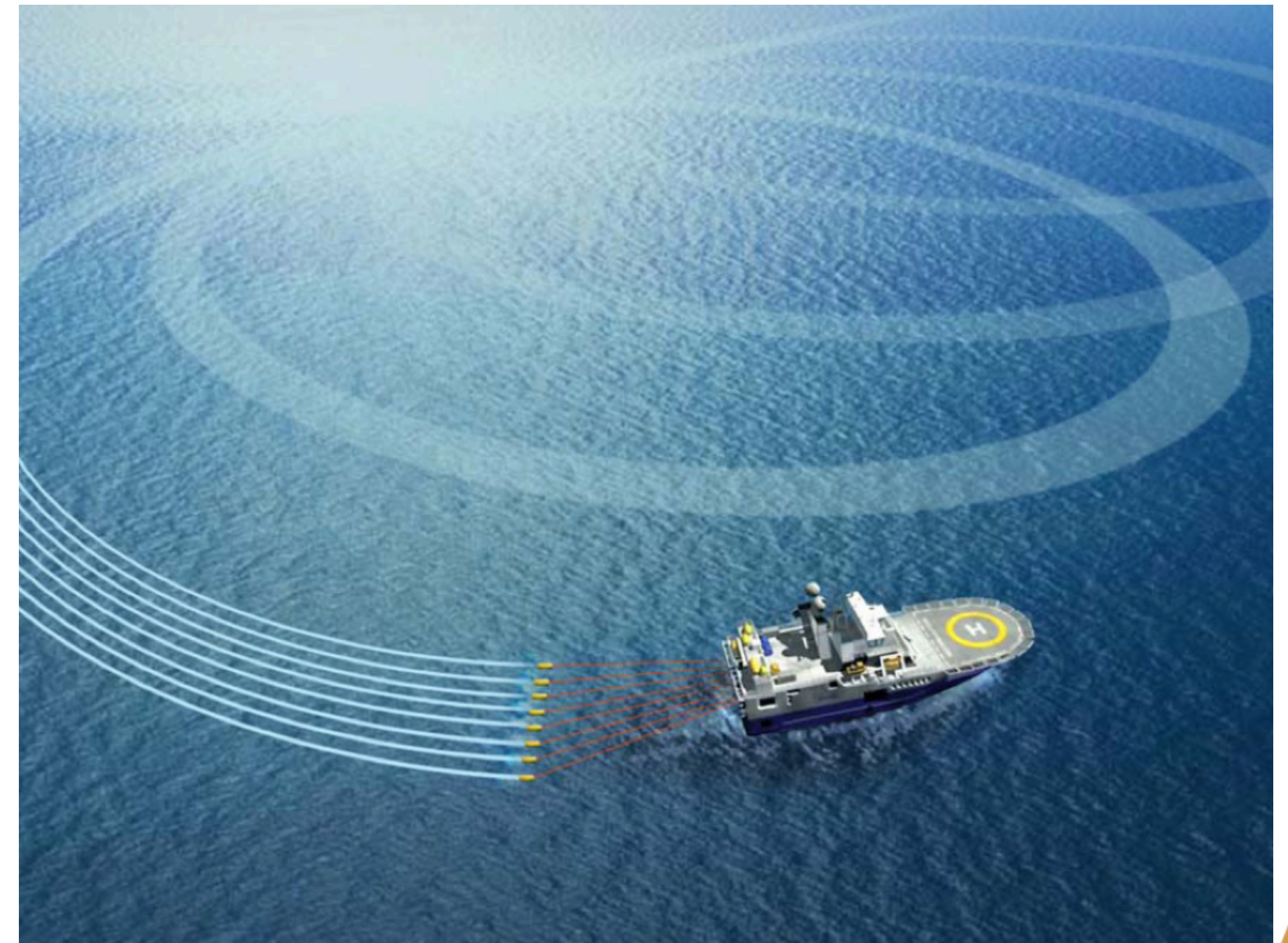
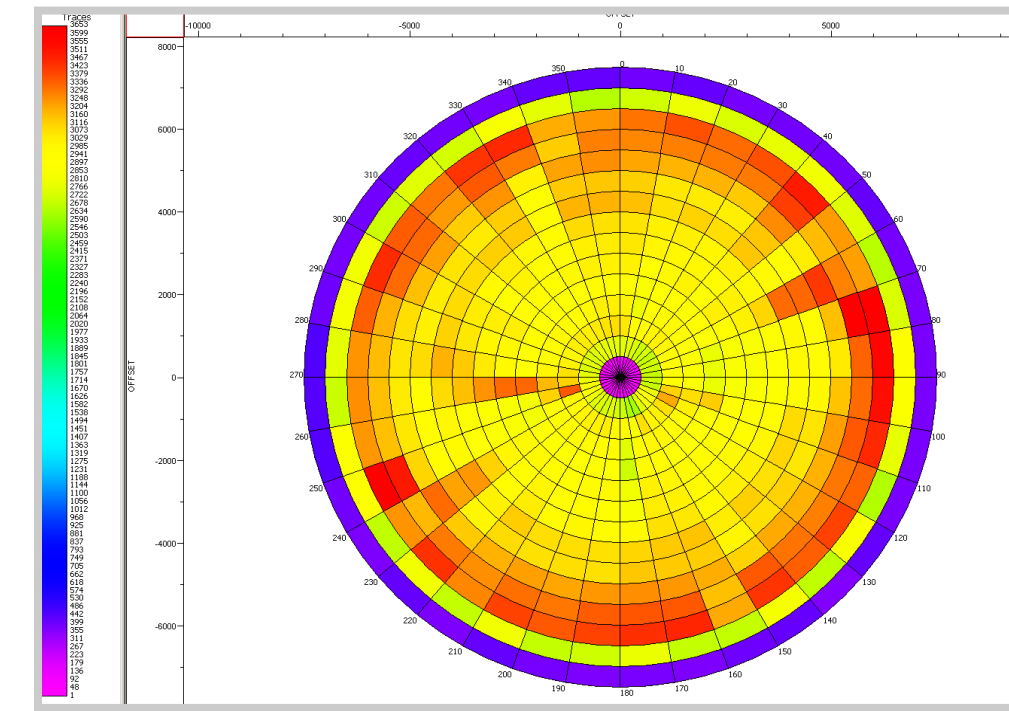
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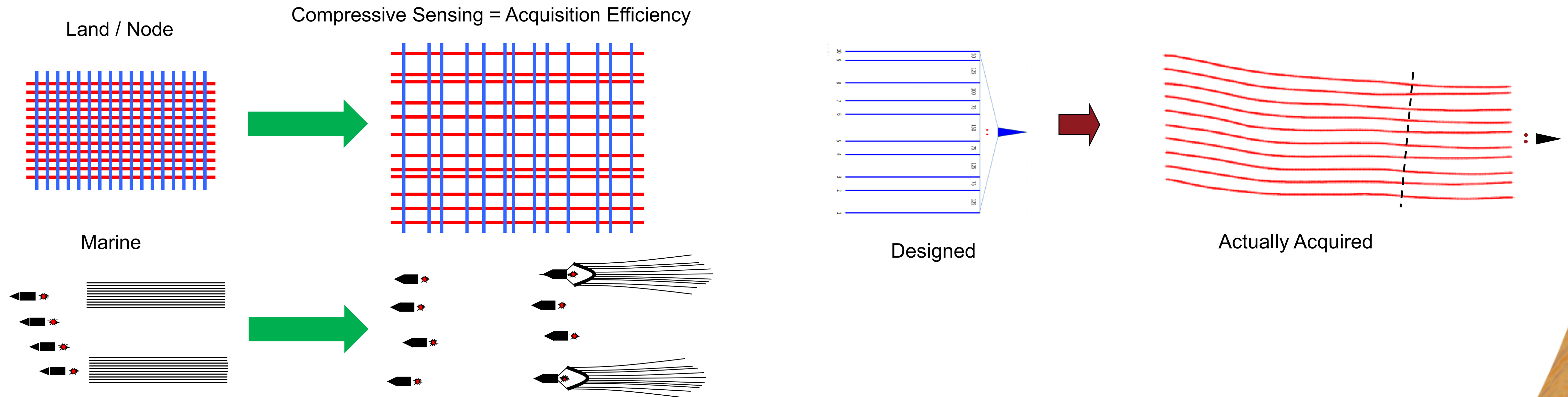
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# Randomized acquisition

– examples from industry (ConocoPhillips)

## Deliberate & natural randomness in acquisition

(thanks to Chuck Mosher)





# Bottom line

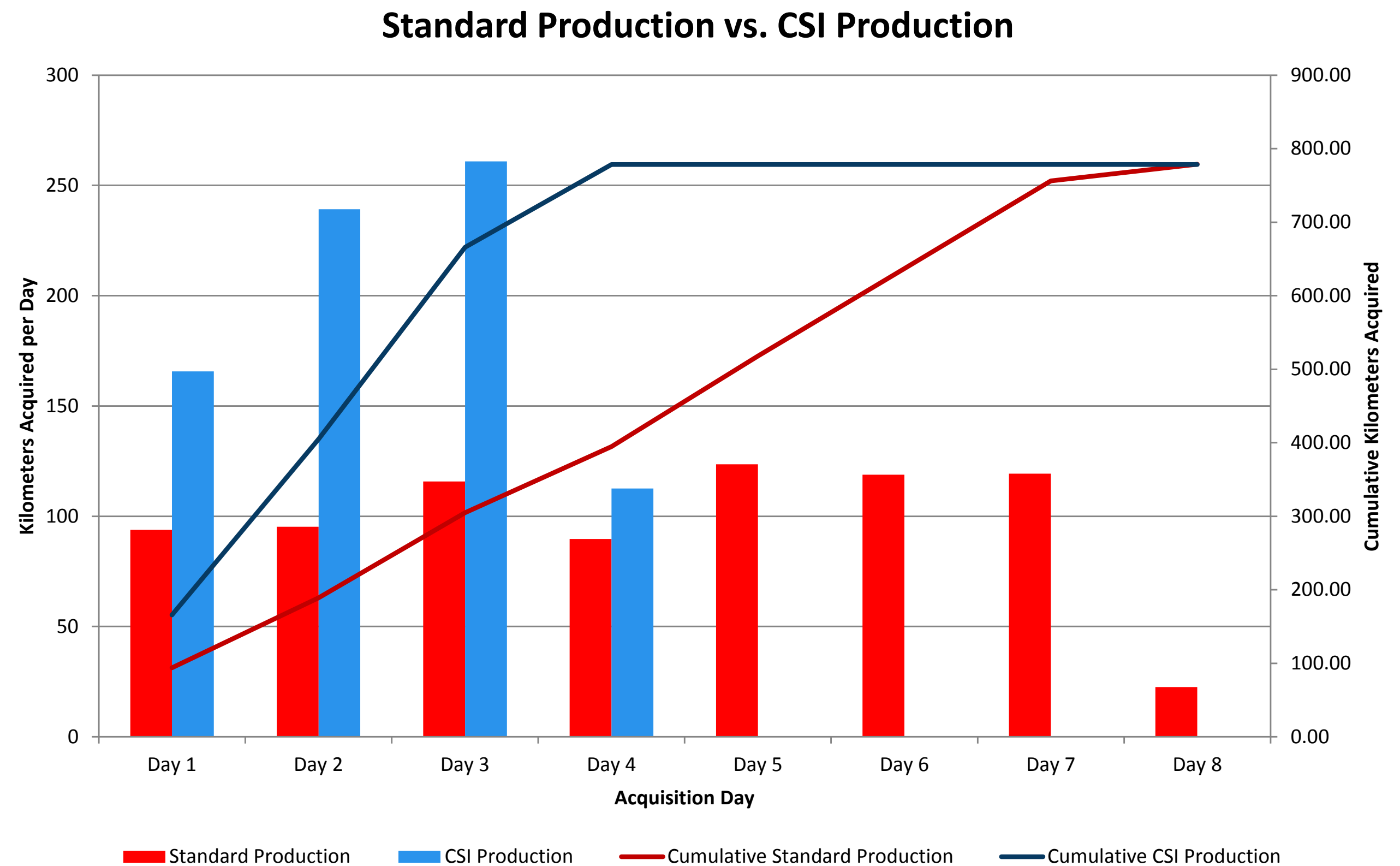
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## Randomized subsampling:

- ▶ exploits (natural) randomness & structure in seismic
- ▶ economic subsampled data
- ▶ recovers dense data via structure-promoting inversion

## Output:

- ▶ improved quality artifact-free long-offset wide azimuth data
- ▶ 5 X – 10 X cost & environmental impact reduction



## Observations

CS corresponds to an acquisition design problem

- ▶ validated in the field
- ▶ dense surveys (static & dynamic geometries) from economic randomly subsampled data

Creates a data deluge

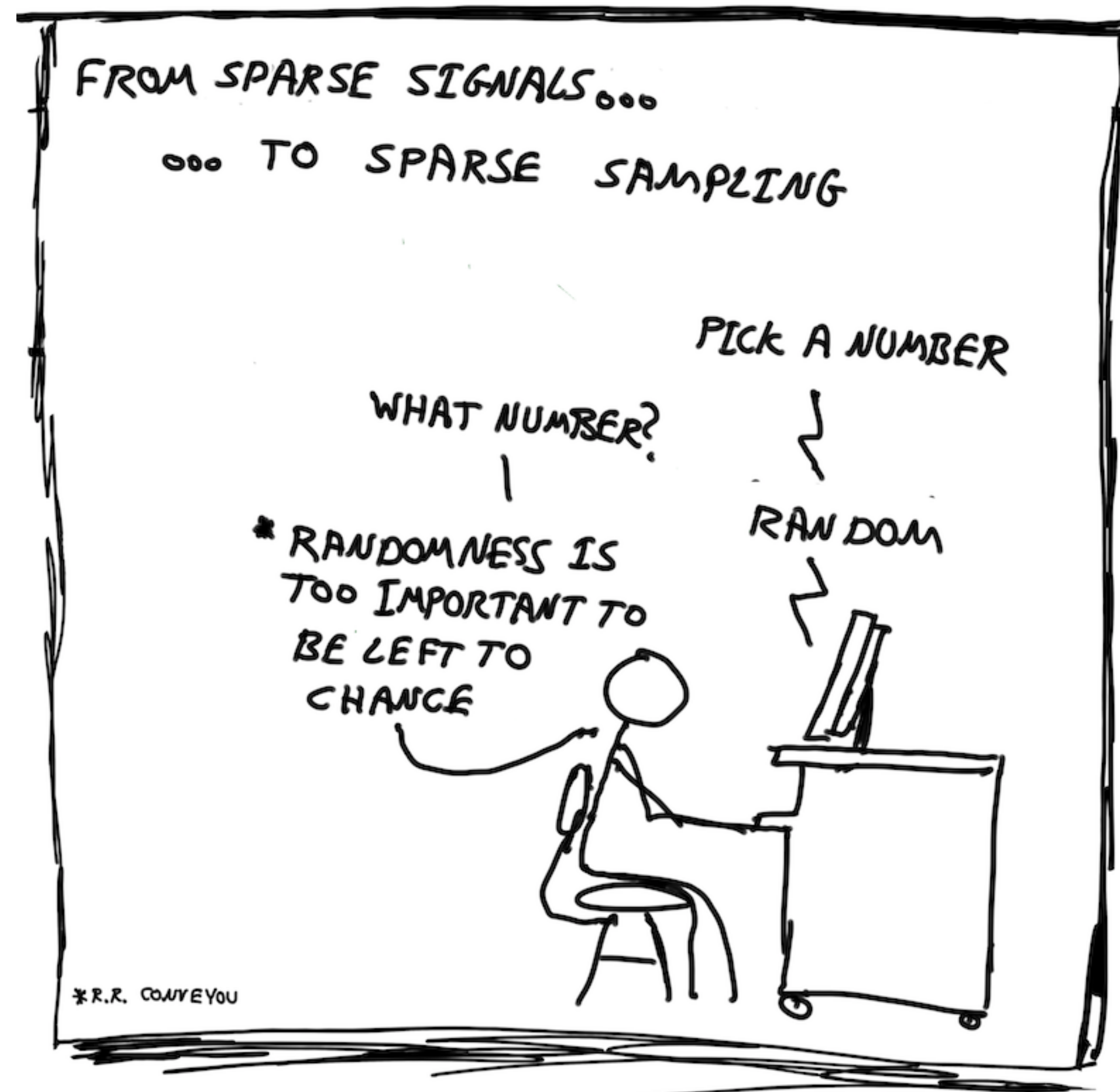
- ▶ leads to excessive demands on compute to image increased data volumes
- ▶ strains turn-around times wave-equation based inversions

**Bottom line:** Randomized sampling reduces

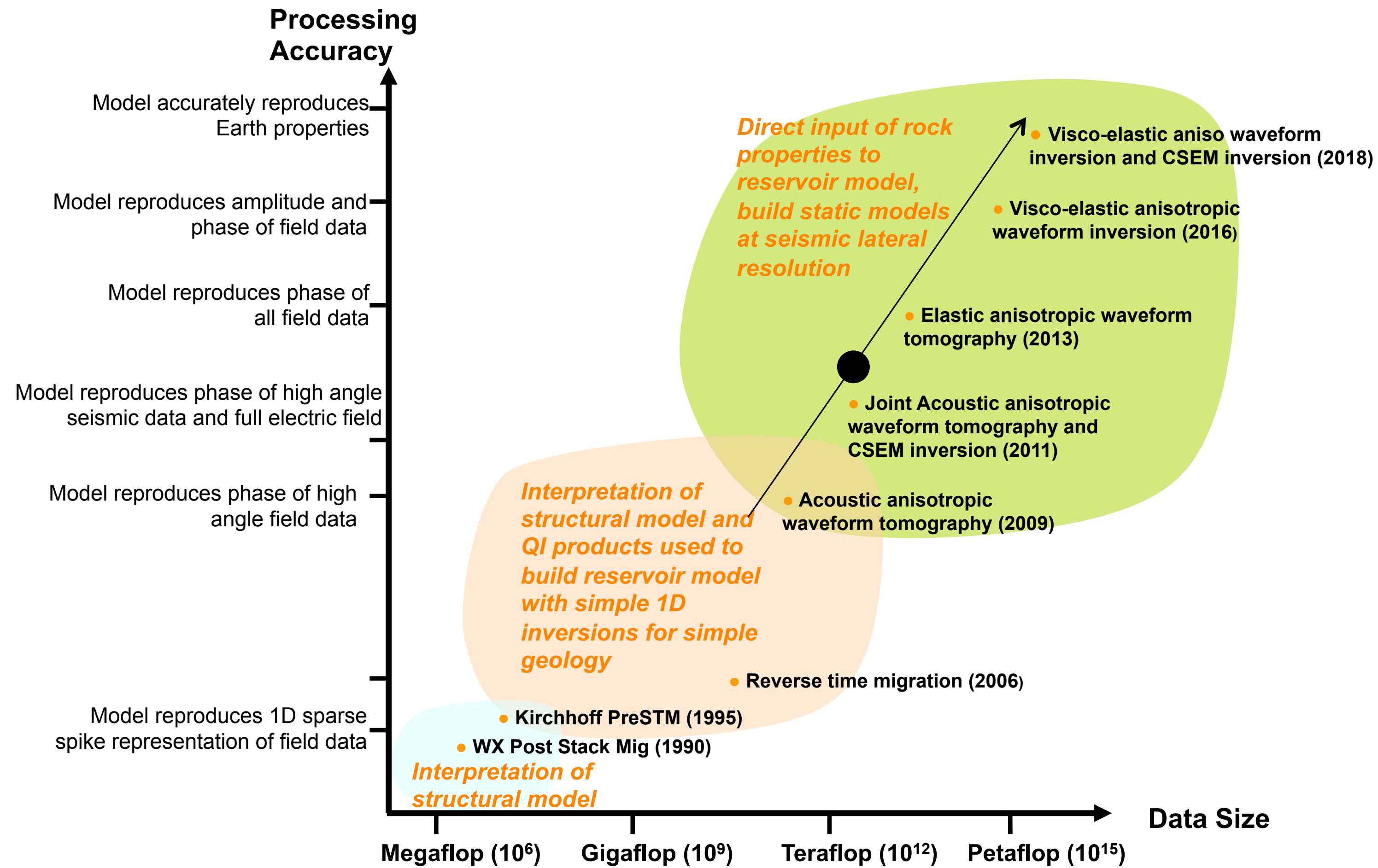
- ▶ acquisition costs (5 X – 10 X)
- ▶ environmental imprint
- ▶ improved data quality



From Michael Lustig



# Computational costs



courtesy. BG Group



# Randomized computations

## Drivers:

- ▶ wave-equation inversions are computationally prohibitively expensive
- ▶ withstands their widespread adaptation
- ▶ challenges development of resilient workflows, inclusion of more complex wave physics, and assessment of risk

## Solution:

- ▶ remove insistence of “touching all data” for each iteration while still leveraging the fold
- ▶ work on small randomized subsets of data  
(random batches of shots / randomized composite shots)
- ▶ control sub-sampling related artifacts via averaging or structure promotion
- ▶ randomized computations = increased imaging productivity

# Batched randomized computations

Tristan van Leeuwen, Sasha Aravkin, and Michael Friedlander





Tristan van Leeuwen and Felix J. Herrmann, "[3D frequency-domain seismic inversion with controlled sloppiness](#)", *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*, vol. 36, p. S192-S217, 2014

Felix J. Herrmann, Andrew J. Calvert, Ian Hanlon, Mostafa Javanmehri, Rajiv Kumar, Tristan van Leeuwen, Xiang Li, Brendan Smithyman, Eric Takam Takougang, and Haneet Wason, "[Frugal full-waveform inversion: from theory to a practical algorithm](#)", *The Leading Edge*, vol. 32, p. 1082-1092, 2013



## Frugal FWI

### Strategy:

- ▶ reduce costs by working w/ random subsets of sources
- ▶ allow for inaccurate physics (e.g., approximate PDE solves)
- ▶ convergence guarantees via dynamic accuracy control via dynamic increase size subsets & accuracy PDE solves

### Outcome:

- ▶ computationally affordable for 2-D & 3-D FWI



## Frugal FWI

– separable structure

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \Phi(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_i(\mathbf{m})$$

misfit per source

solution with *steepest descent*

$$\mathbf{m}_{k+1} = \mathbf{m}_k - \lambda_k \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{m}_k)$$

requires evaluation of *full* misfit and is very expensive.



## Frugal FWI

– with errors

Allow errors in gradients—i.e.,

$$\nabla \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{m}_k) = \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{m}_k) + \mathbf{e}_k$$

error in gradient

- ▶ draw independent source aggregates (supershots) or subsets of sources after each model update
- ▶ stochastic/incremental gradients

Leads to sublinear convergence & to instabilities due to noise.



Aleksandr Y. Aravkin, Tristan van Leeuwen and Felix J. Herrmann, “[3D frequency-domain seismic inversion with controlled sloppiness](#)”, *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*, vol. 36, p. S192-S217, 2014

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Michael P. Friedlander and Mark Schmidt, “[Hybrid deterministic-stochastic methods for data fitting](#)”, *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*, vol. 34, p. A1380-A1405, 2012.

## Frugal FWI

– with error control

Approximate gradients by sample averages—i.e.,

$$\nabla \Phi(\mathbf{m}_k) \approx \nabla \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{m}_k) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_k|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_k} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{m}_k), \quad \mathcal{I}_k \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, M\}, \quad |\mathcal{I}_k| = B_k$$

batch size

Guarantee convergence by bounding the errors  $e_k = \|\mathbf{e}_k\|_2^2$  by increasing the batch size to

$$B_k \sim \min\{(e_k + M^{-1})^{-1}, M\}$$

at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  iteration.

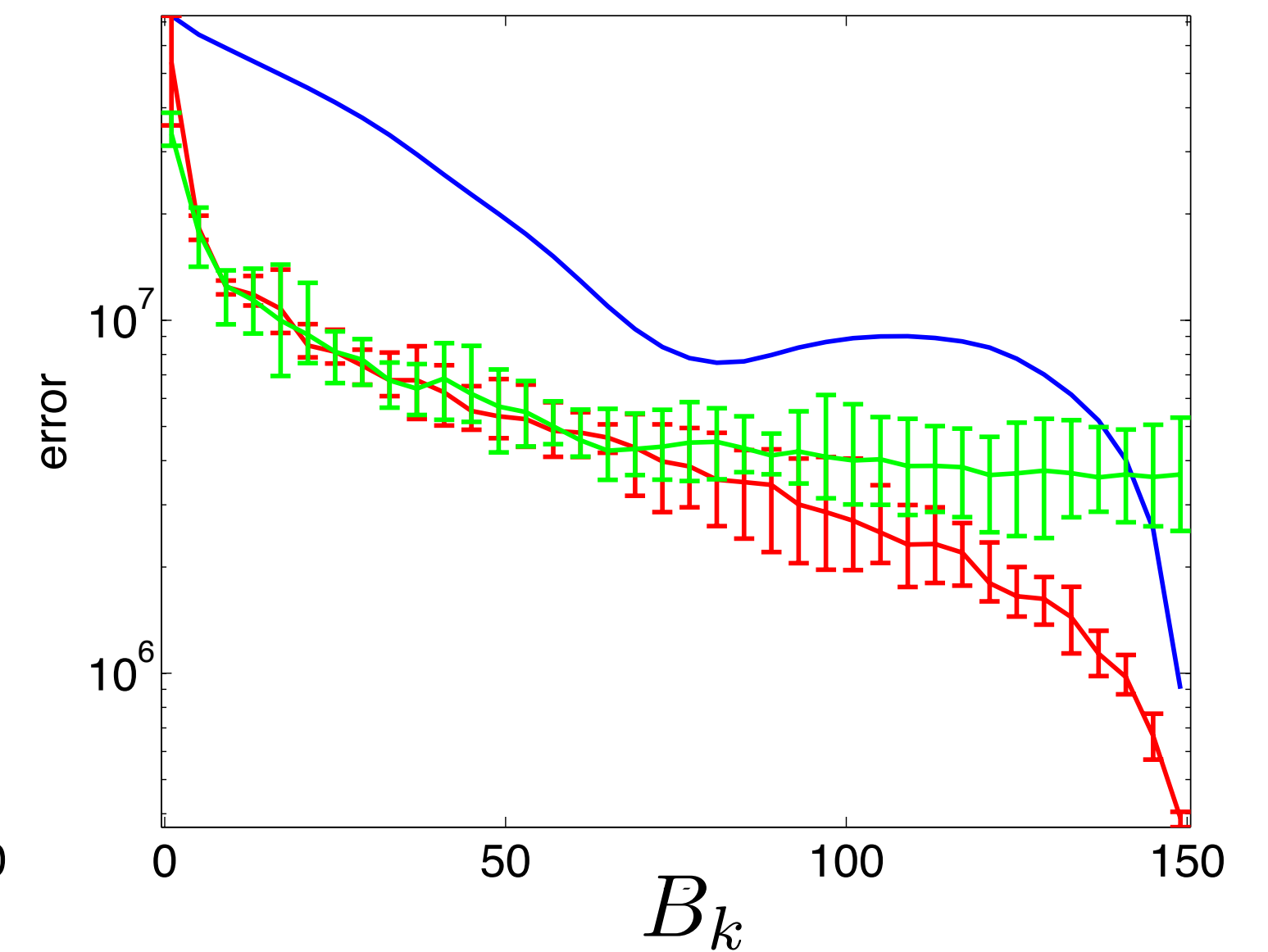
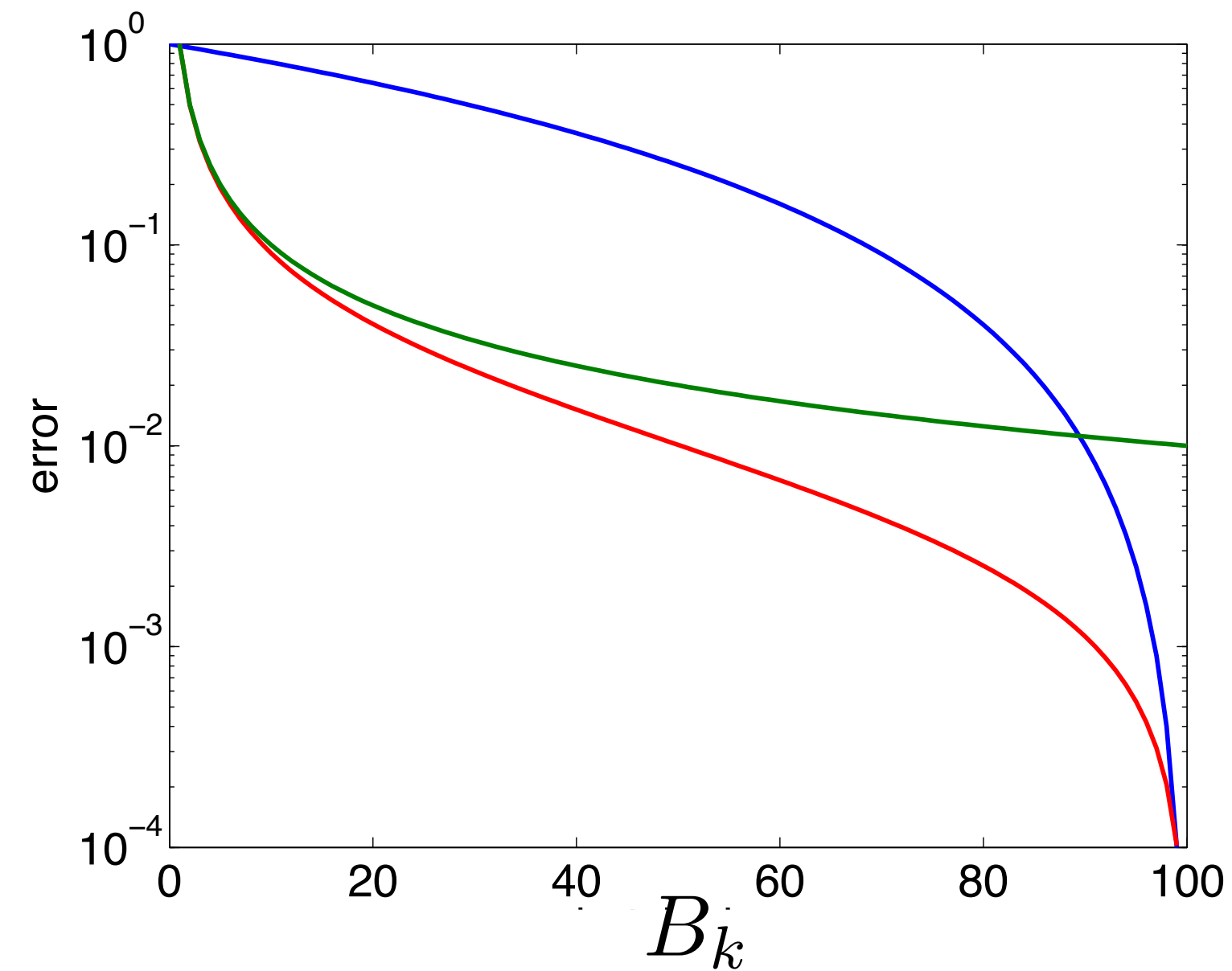


# Frugal FWI

– increasing the batch size

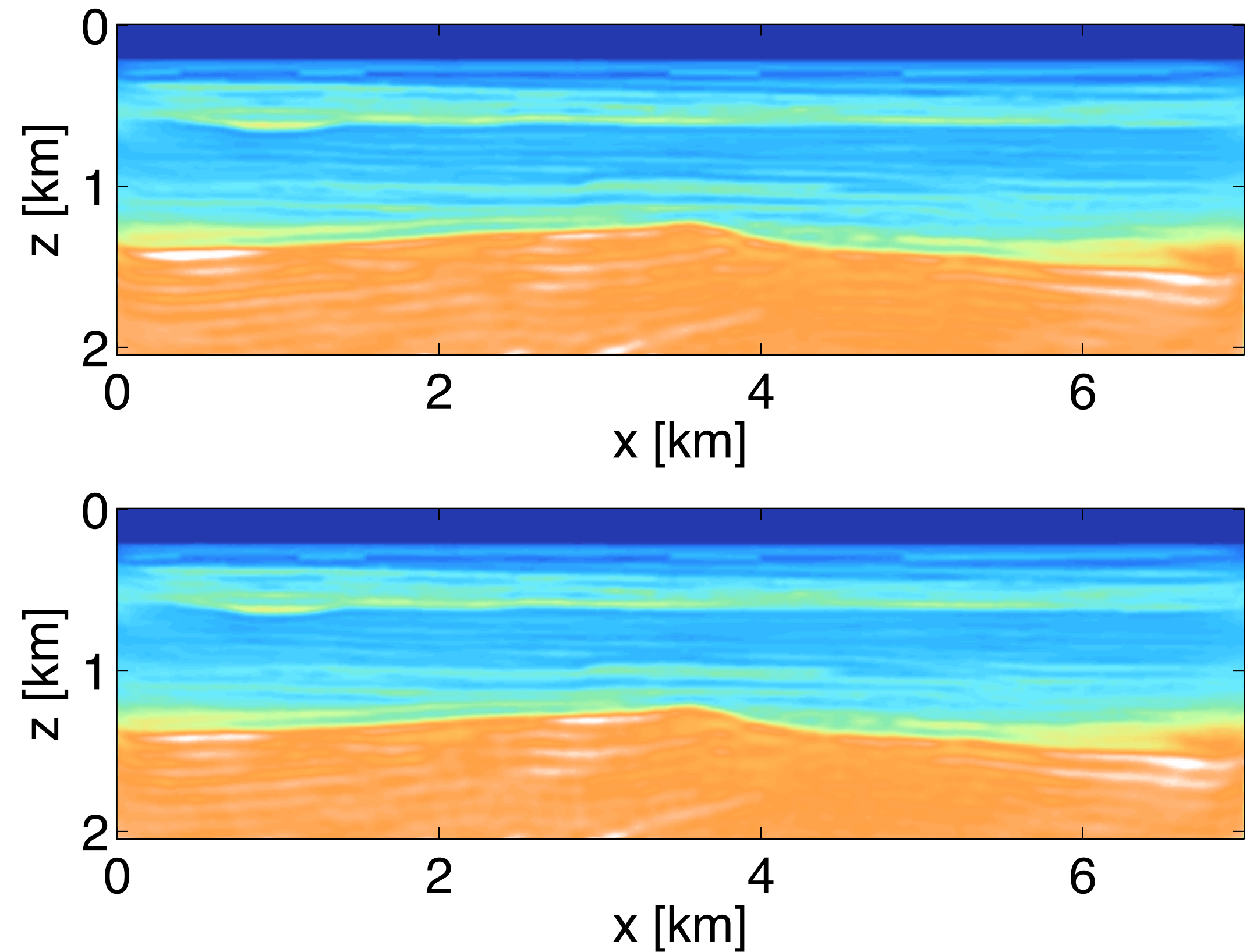
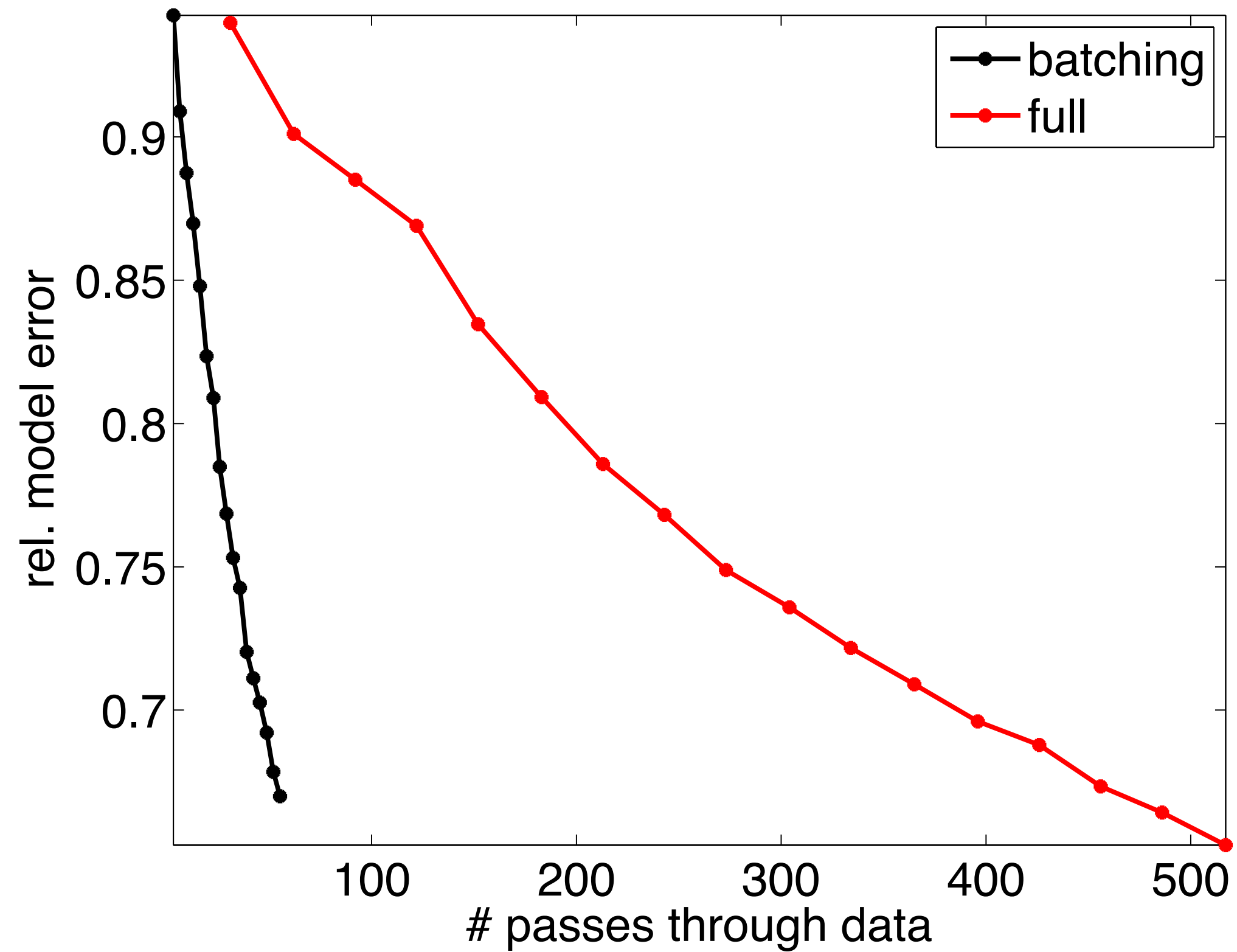
## Select sources

- in a pre-scribed order
- random *without* replacement
- random-*amplitude* source encoding



# Frugal FWI

– 10 X speedup





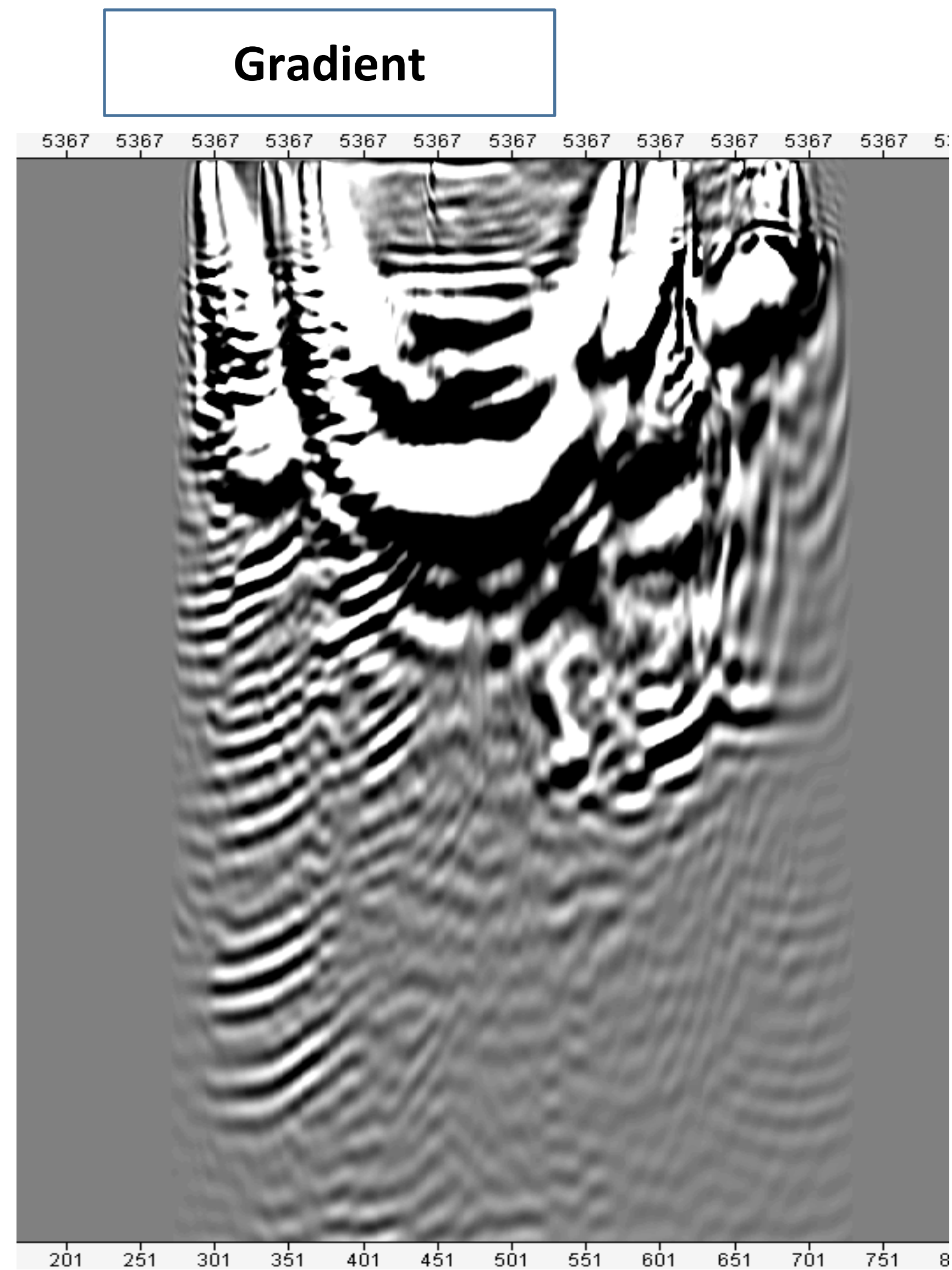
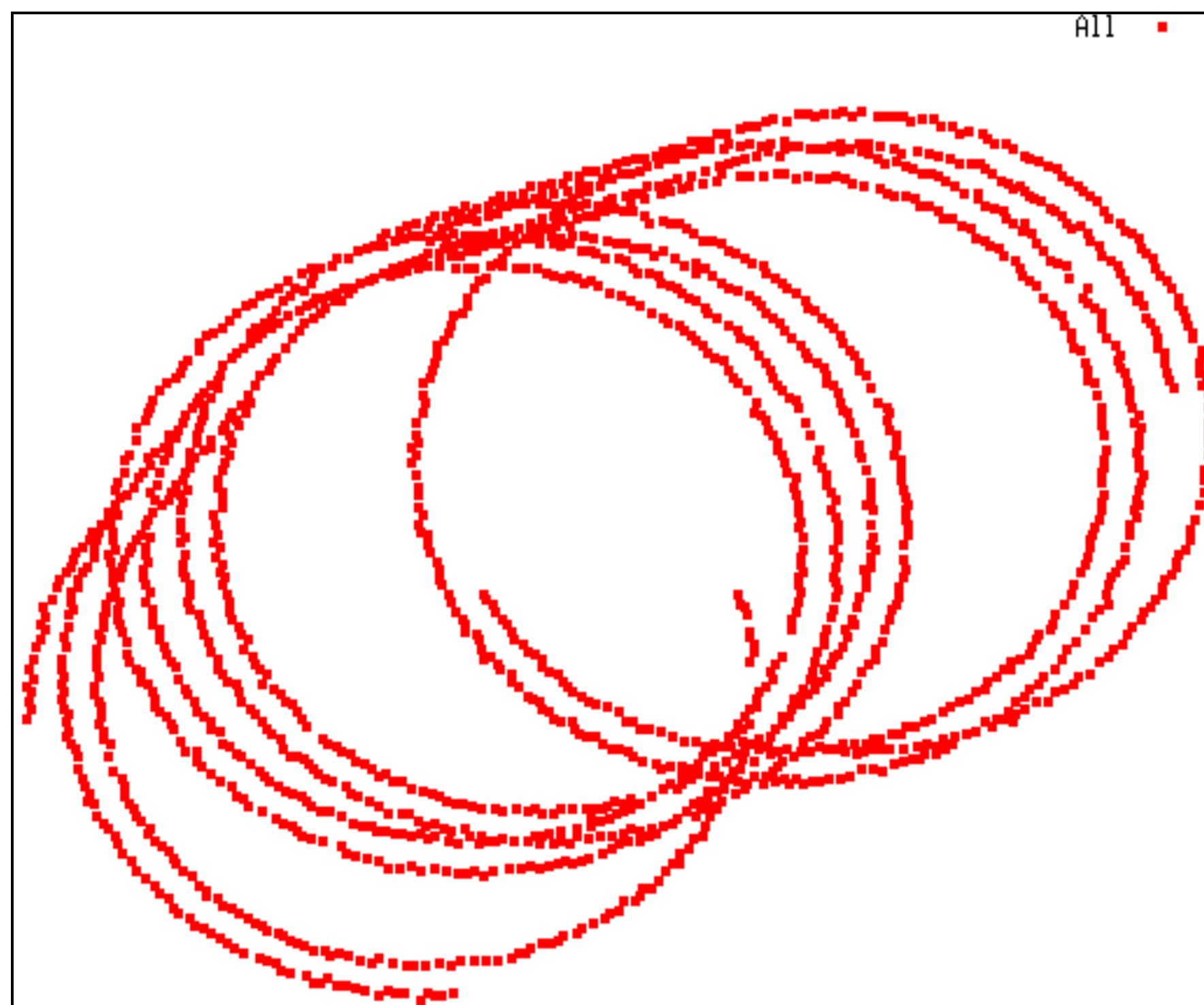
# Batched randomized computations by industry

thanks to Denes Vigh & Nick Moldoveanu

# All Shots

Total NO. Shots = 1749

All shots selected

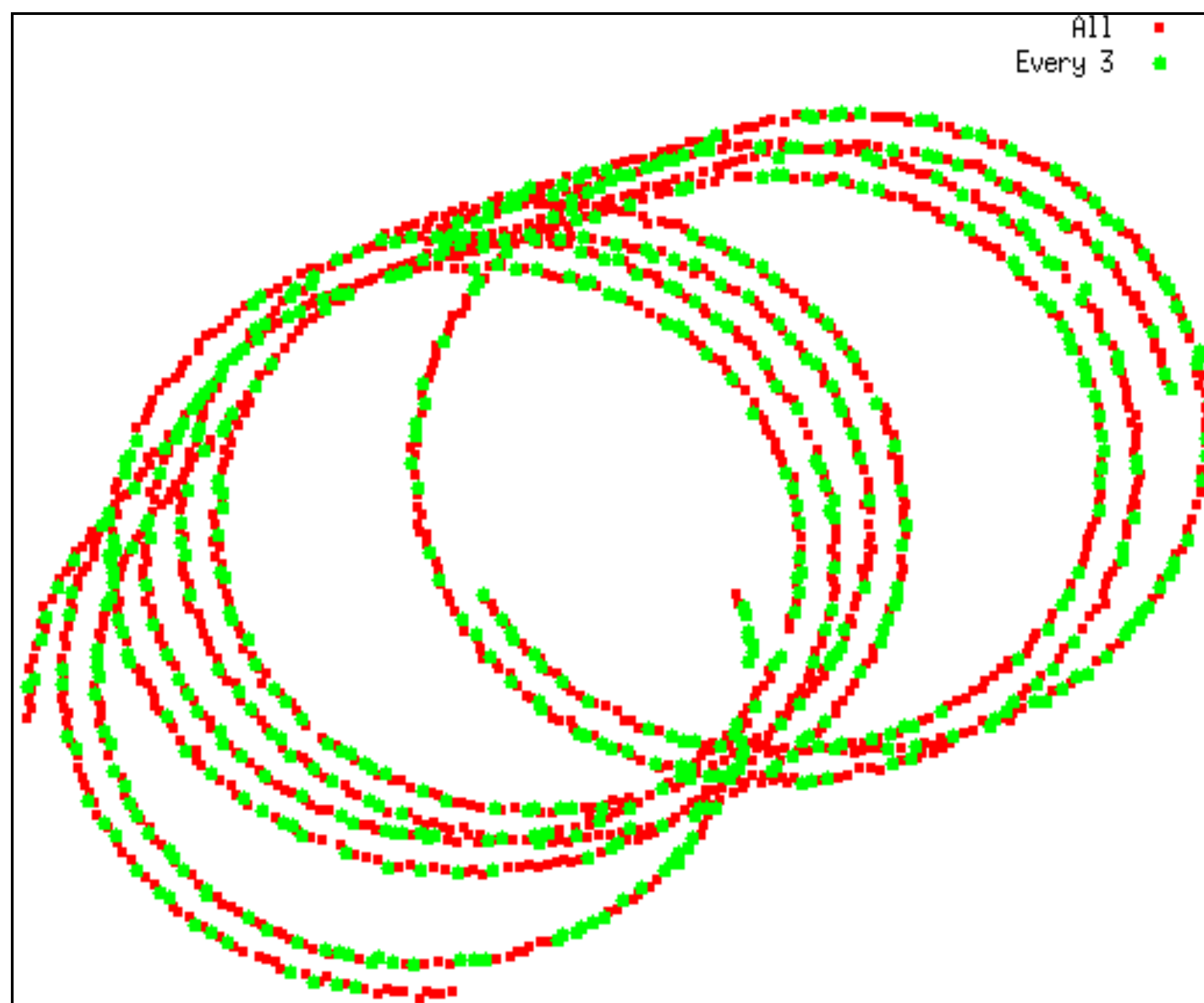




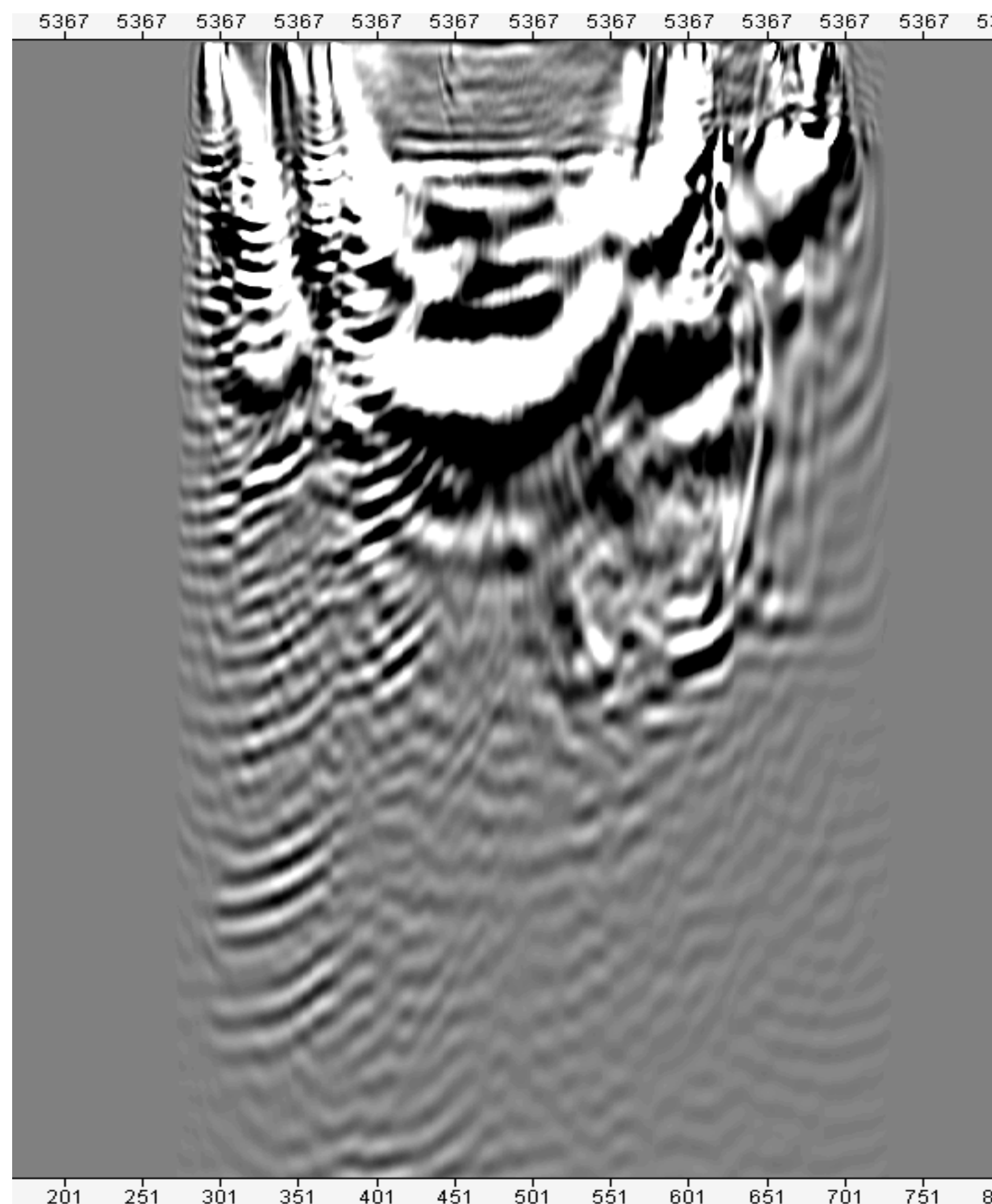
# Fixed-increment sampling

Total NO. Shots = 1749

Periodic w/ inc 3 NO. Shots = 584



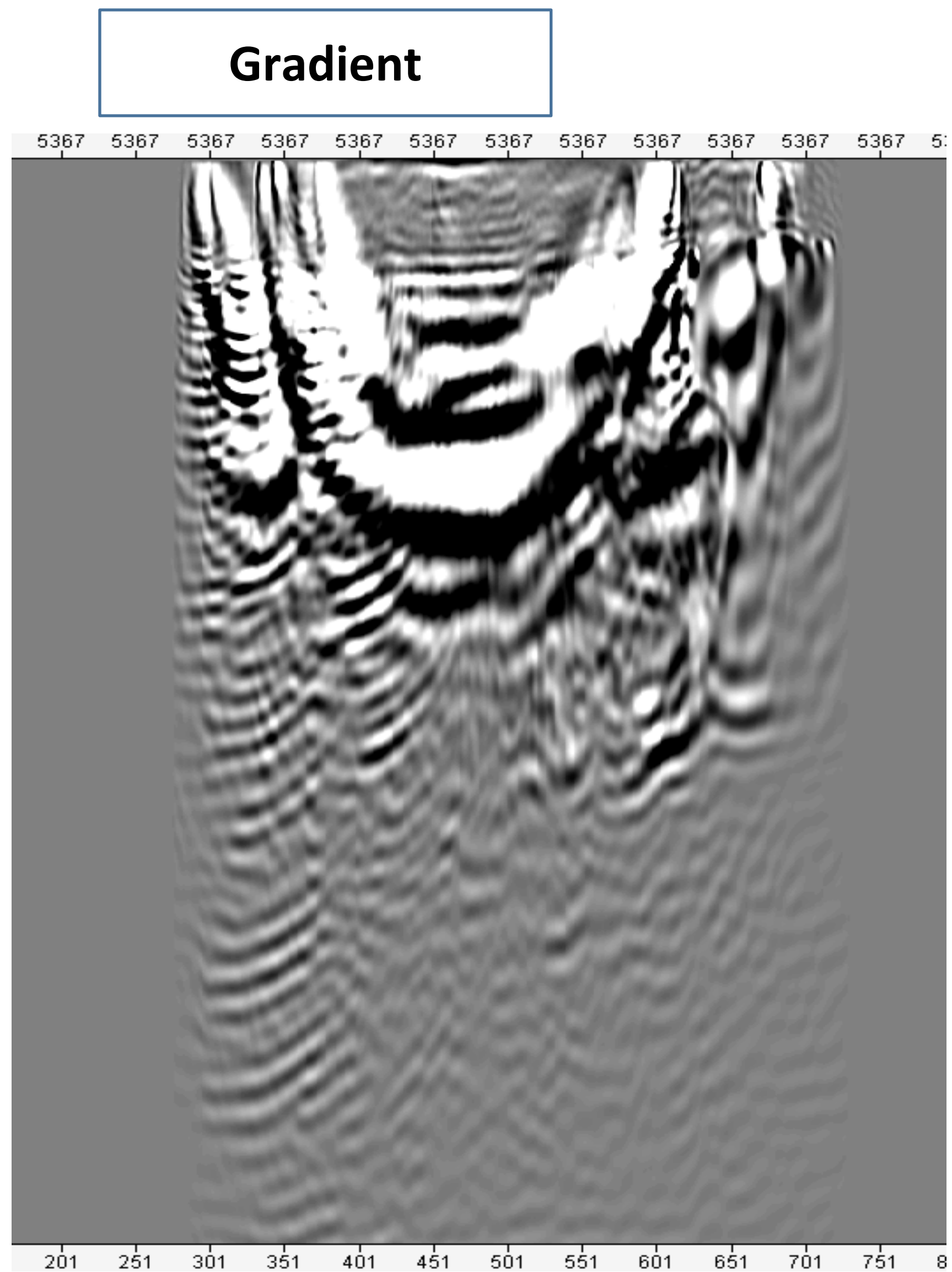
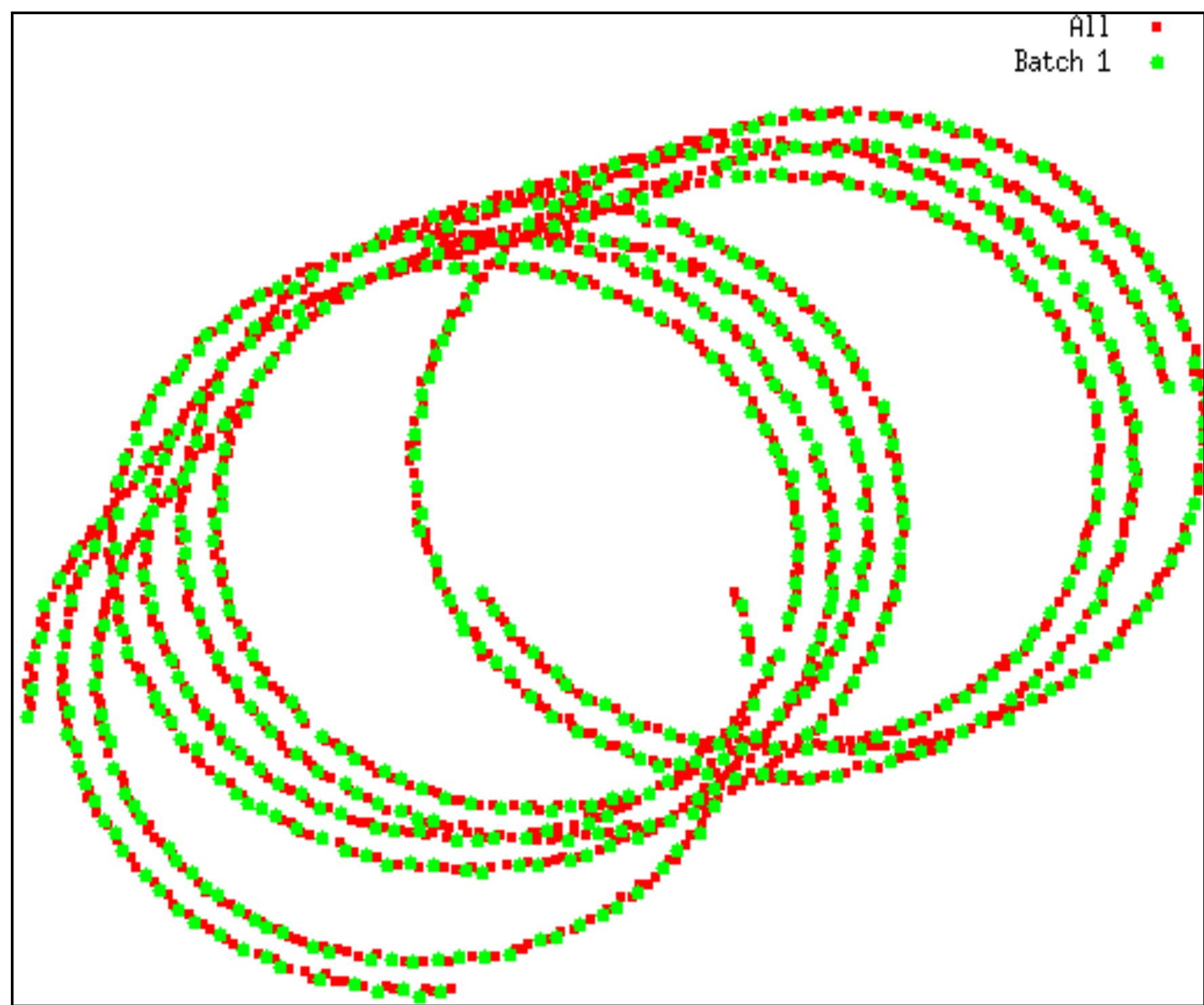
Gradient



# Random-batch sampling 1

Total NO. Shots = 1749

Batch 1 NO. Shots = 612

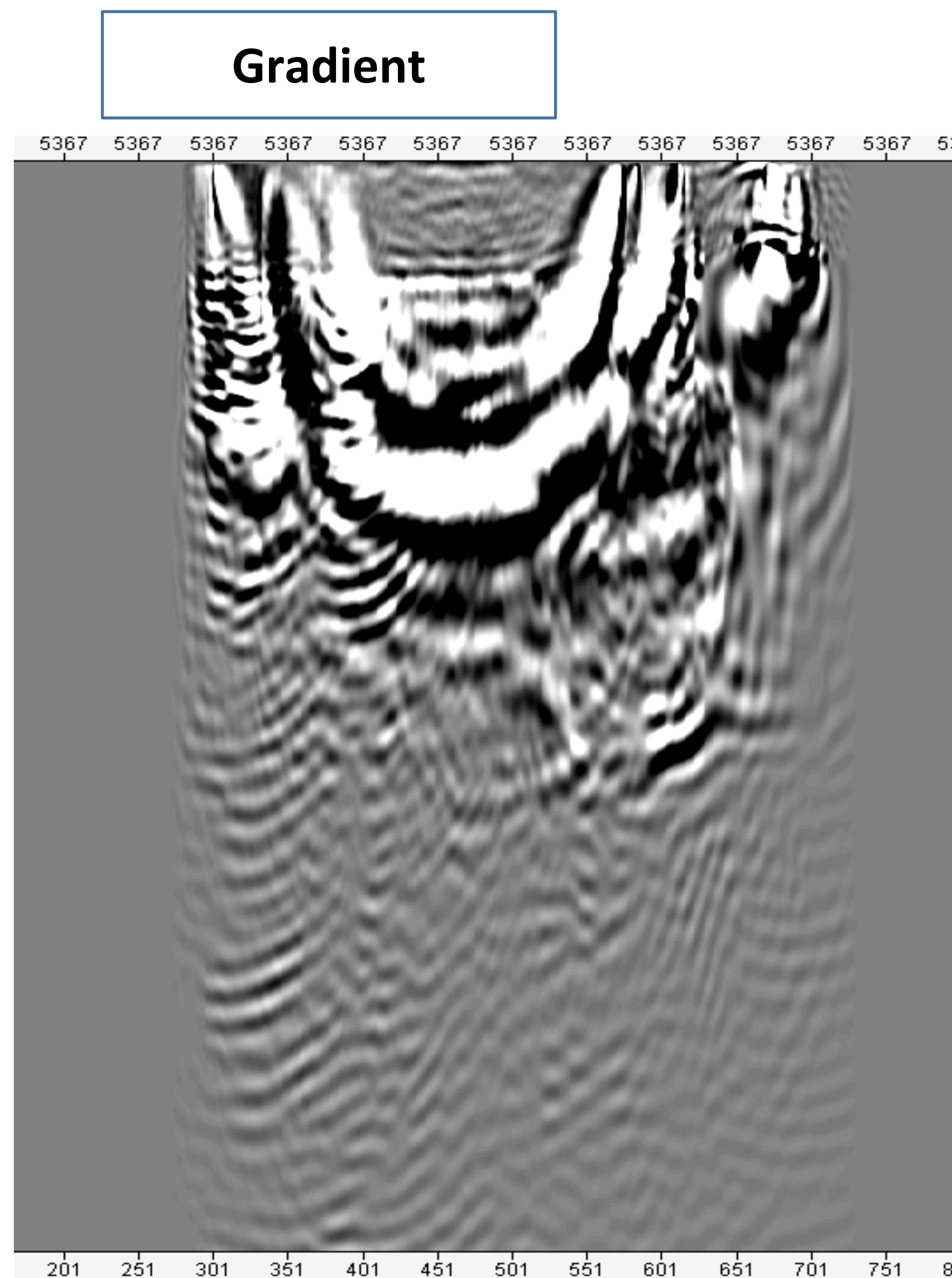
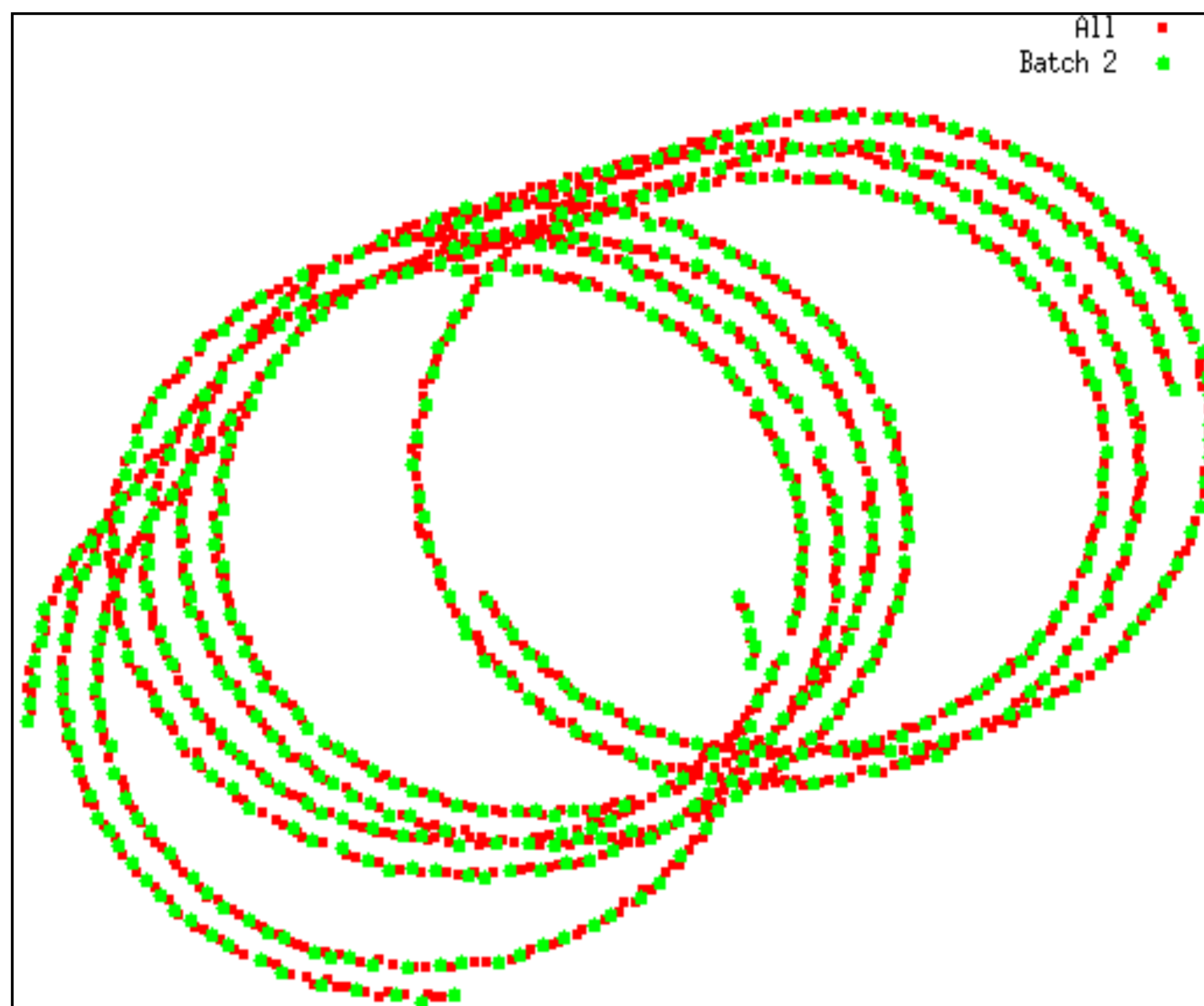




# Random-batch sampling 2

Total NO. Shots = 1749

Batch 2 NO. Shots = 604



## Observations

Working w/ random source aggregates or subsets leads to

- ▶ significant speedups & improved inversion results
- ▶ but can be prone to (noise-related) instabilities unless error is controlled
- ▶ e.g., by increasing the batch size

**Bottom line:** selection of random subsets of shots leads to

- ▶ 5 X – 7 X reduction in computational costs for FWI w/ coil shooting
- ▶ makes FWI economically viable while still using information from all data

Does this approach extend to high-frequency RTM?



# Compressive imaging

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## Strategy & challenges

Compressive Sensing = randomized dimensionality reduction

Exploit structure:

- ▶ e.g. via the curvelet transform

Break structure & reduce computations:

- ▶ e.g. via randomly selected sources / via randomized composite sources

Restore structure:

- ▶ e.g. via curvelet-domain  $\ell_1$  or via Total-variation norm minimization

**Challenges:**

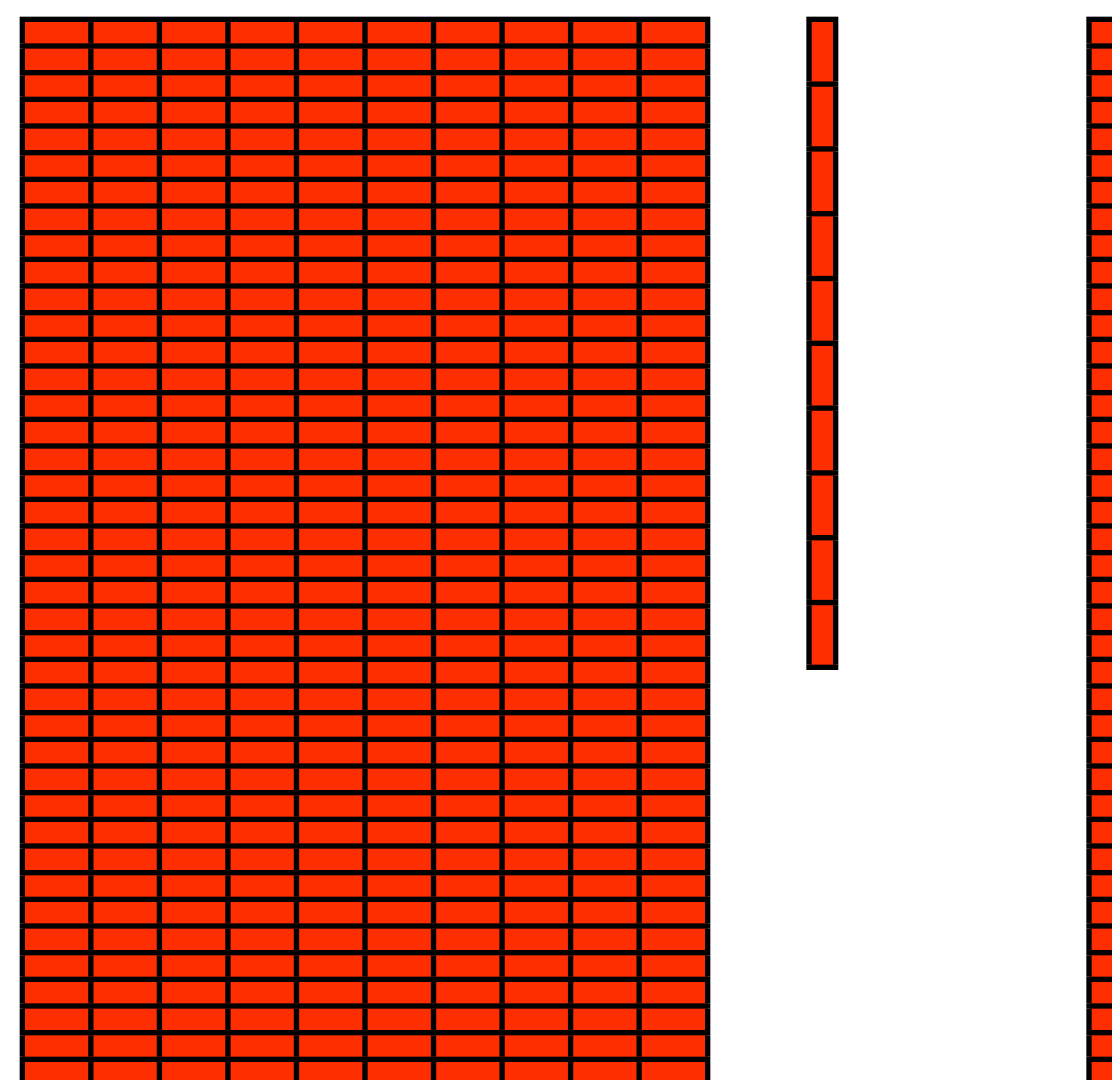
- ▶ algorithmic complexity
- ▶ ability to work w/ random subsets of data in parallel



# Current imaging paradigm

Linear forward model:  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

Tall matrix  
(all data)



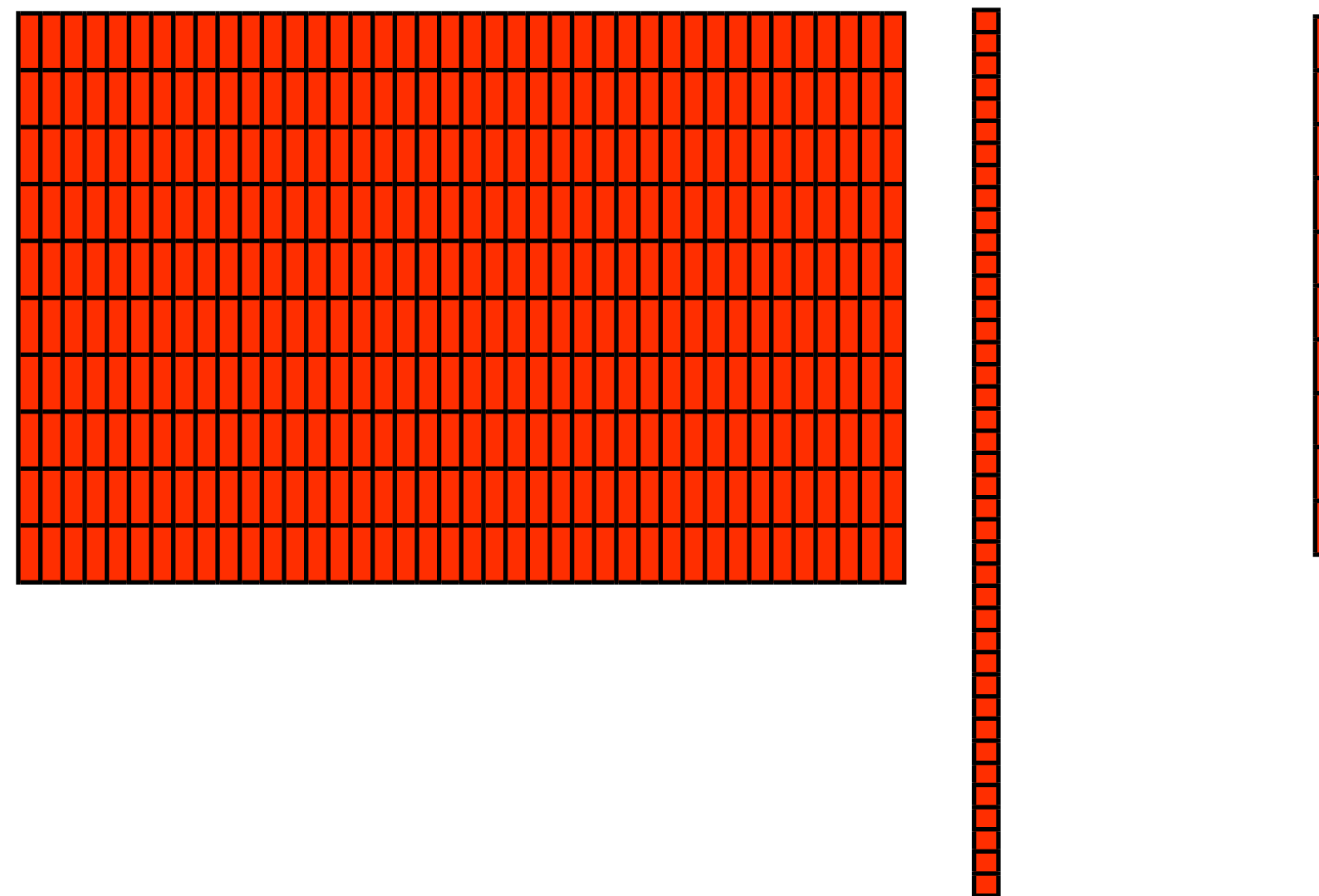
## Current imaging paradigm

Migration:

$\mathbf{A}^H$

$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{x}_{\text{migrated}}$

adjoint of tall matrix  
(all data)



Costs = # of PDE solves

Adjoint  $\neq$  Inverse

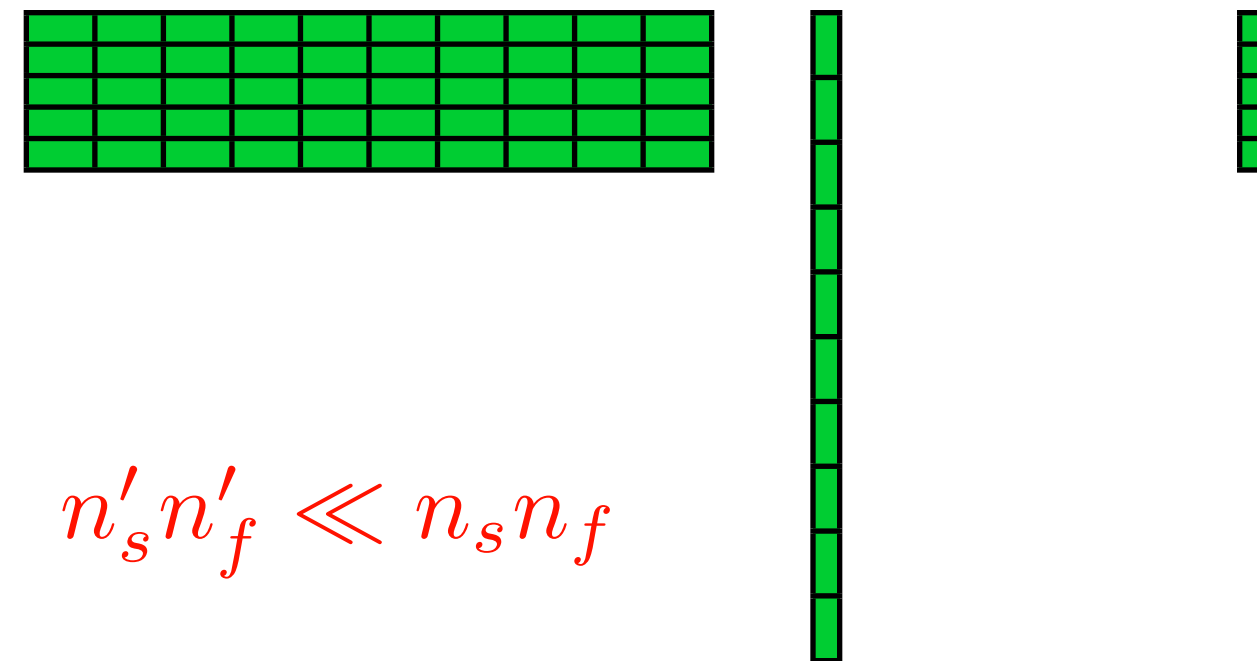


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## New CS paradigm

Invert underdetermined systems:  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

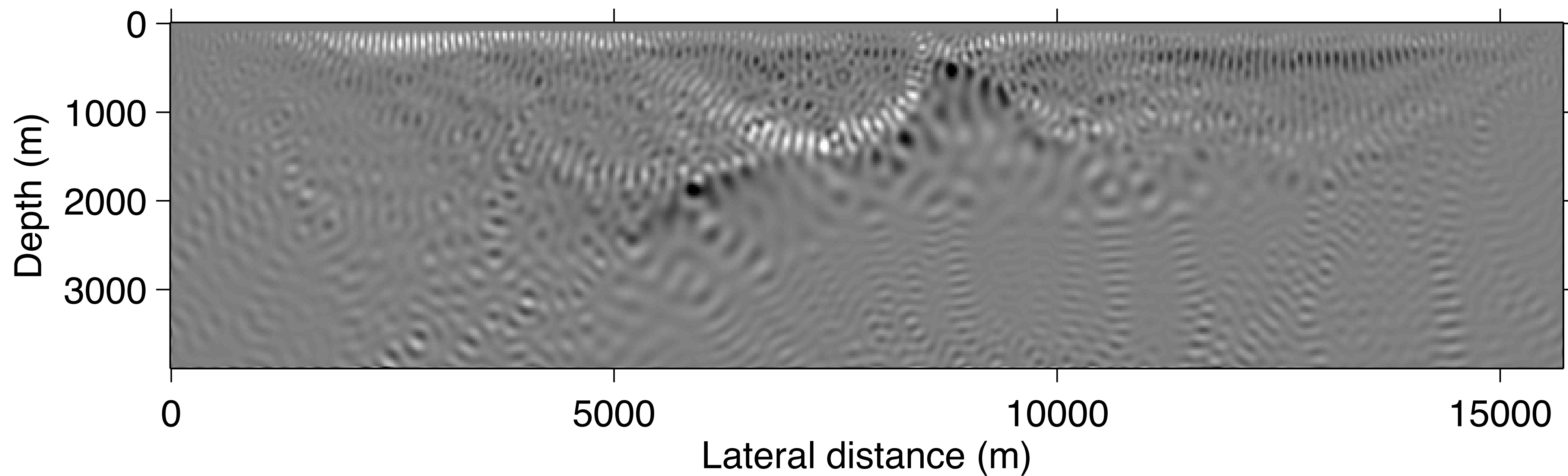
wide matrix  
(random subsets)



Subsets create artifacts...

# Migration

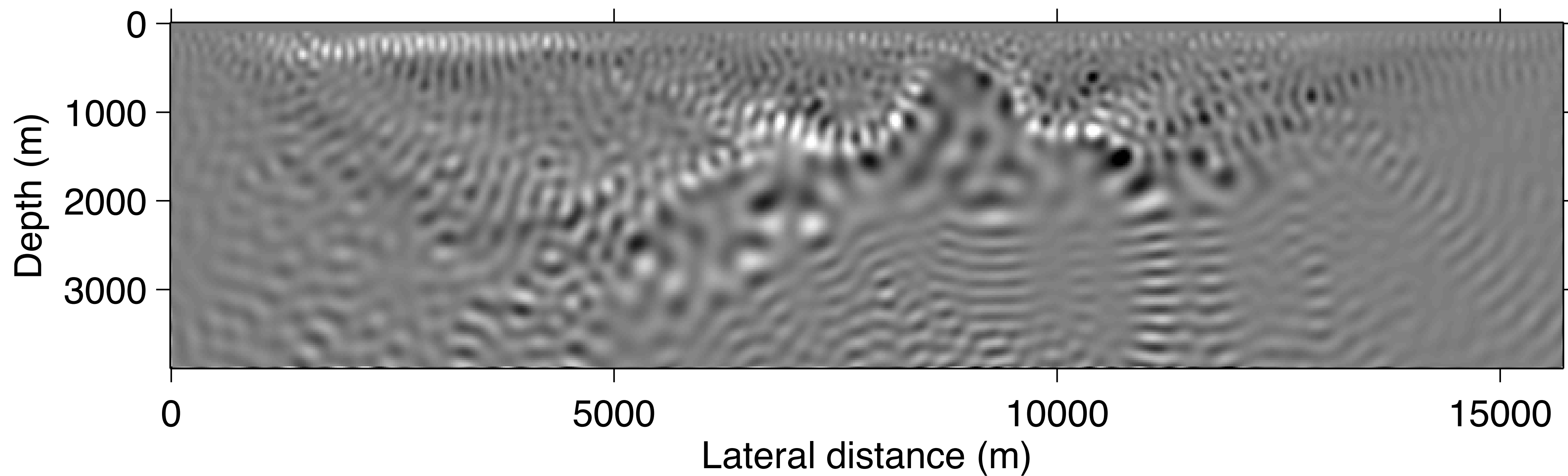
– 1 sim. shot & 1 frequencies





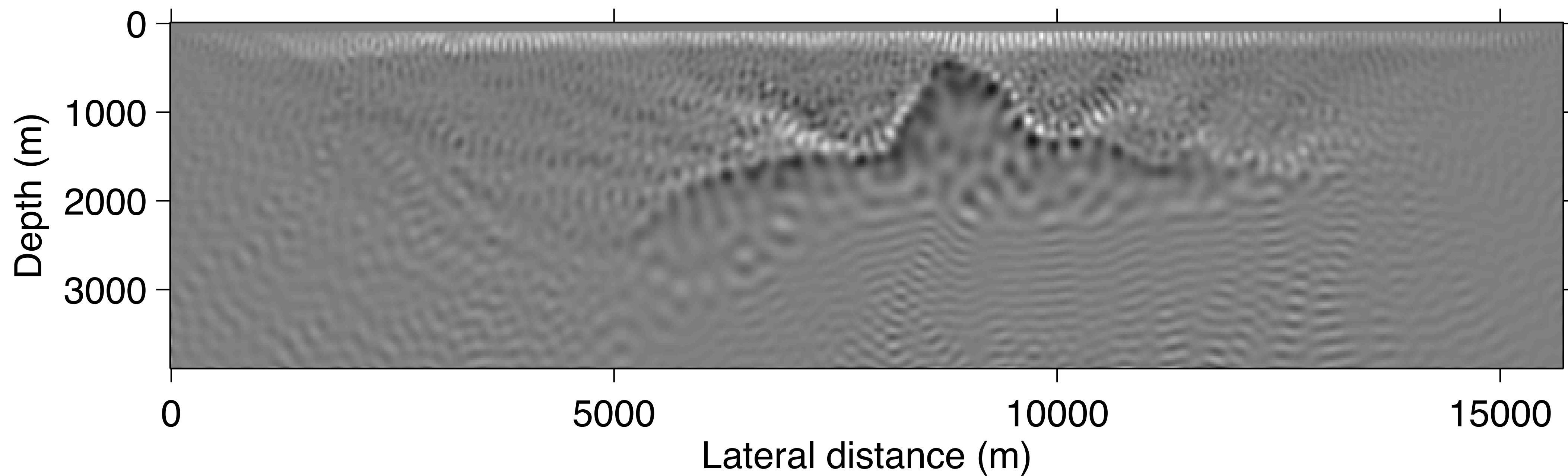
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– 2 sim. shots & 2 frequencies



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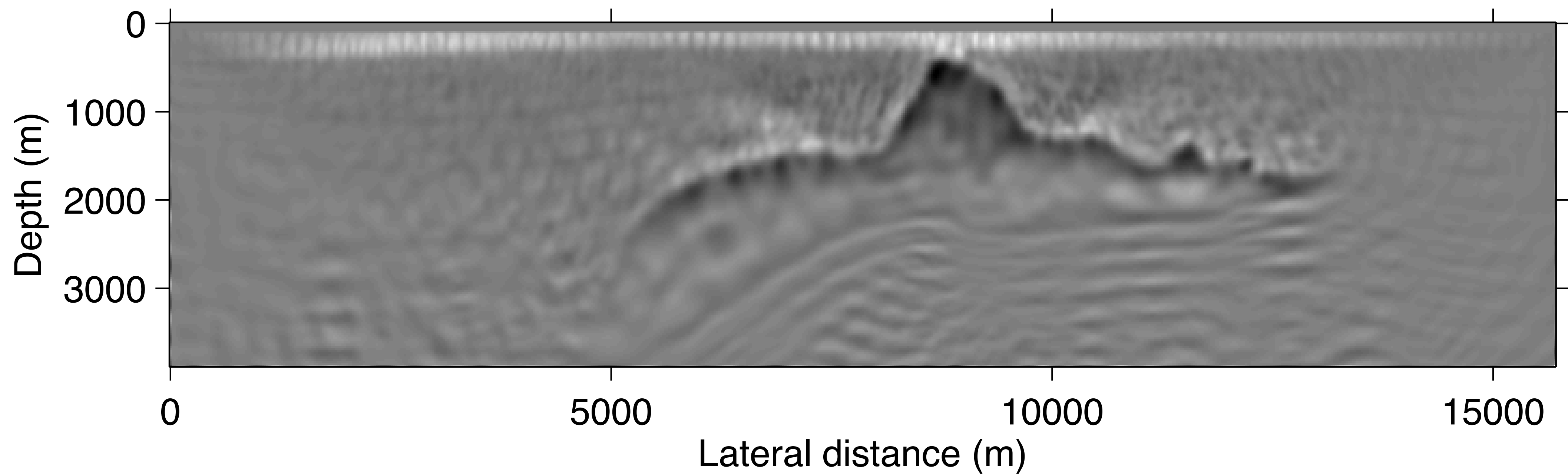
– 4 sim. shots & 4 frequencies





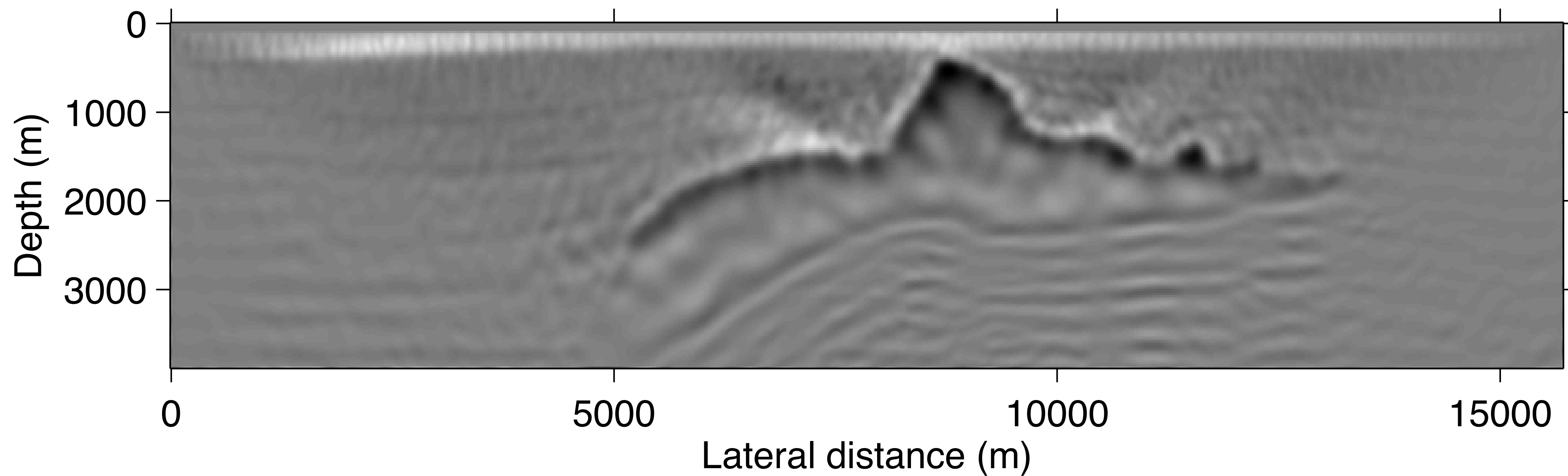
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– 8 sim. shots & 8 frequencies



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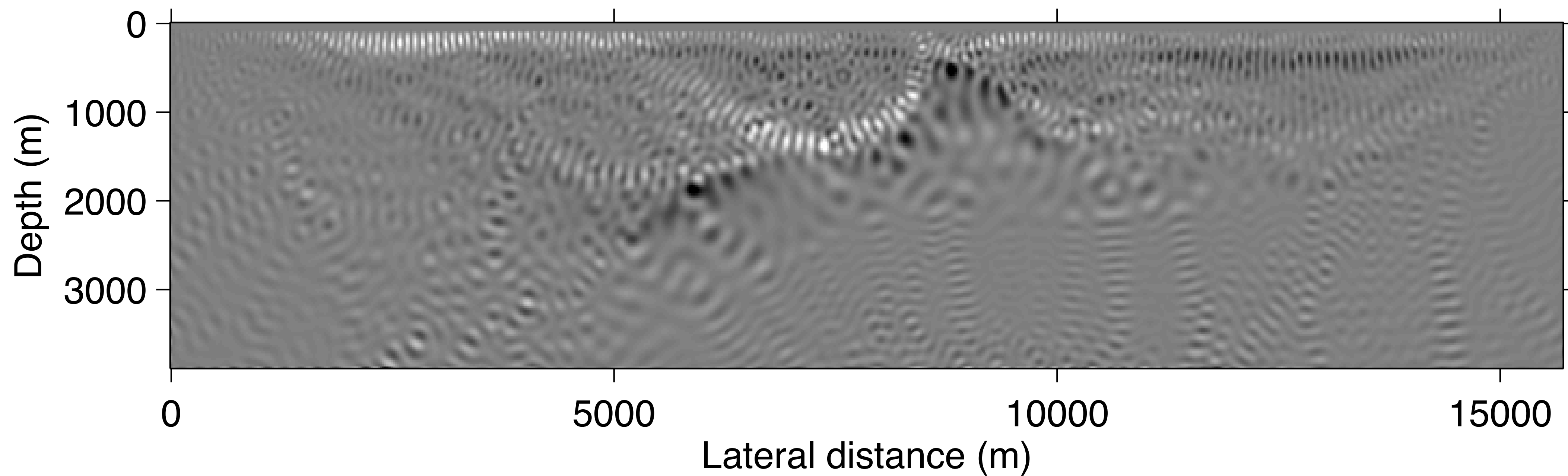
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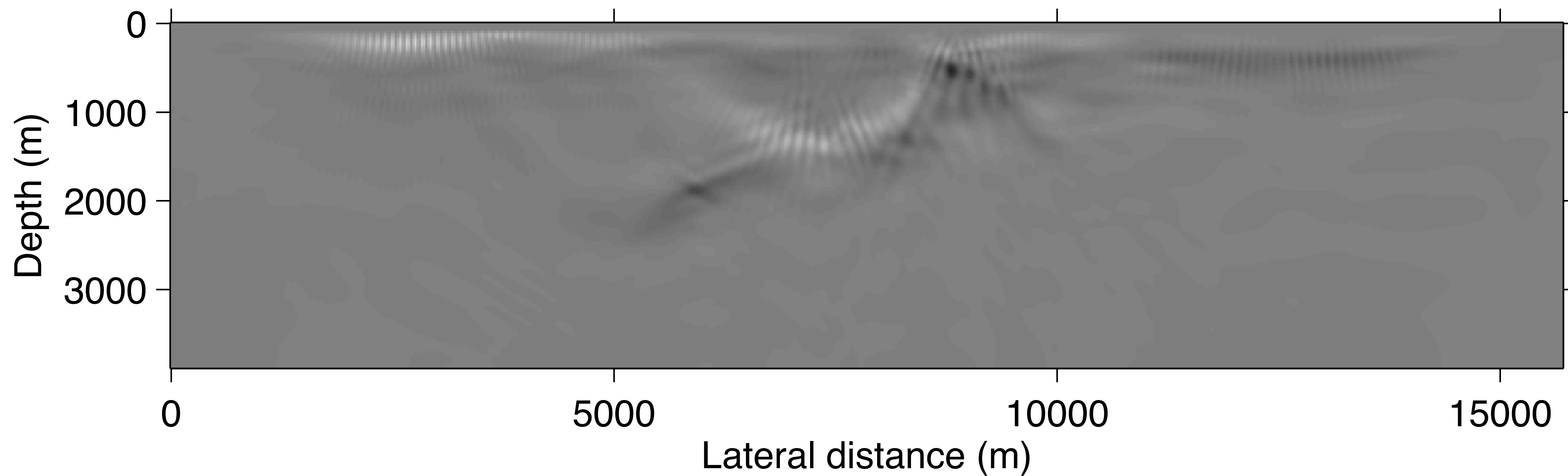
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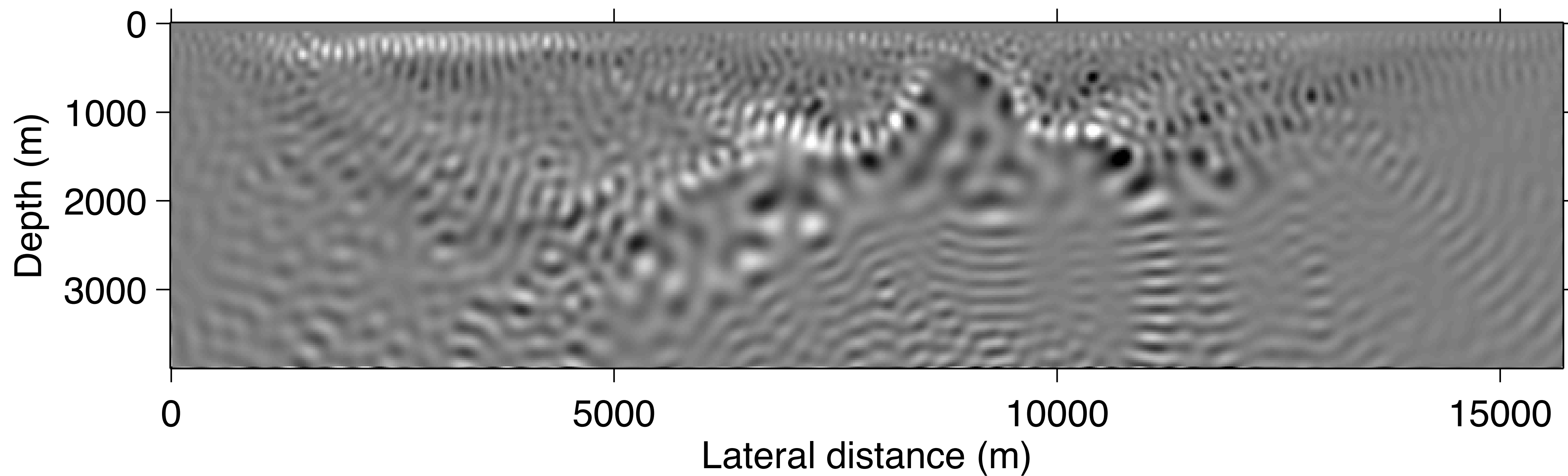
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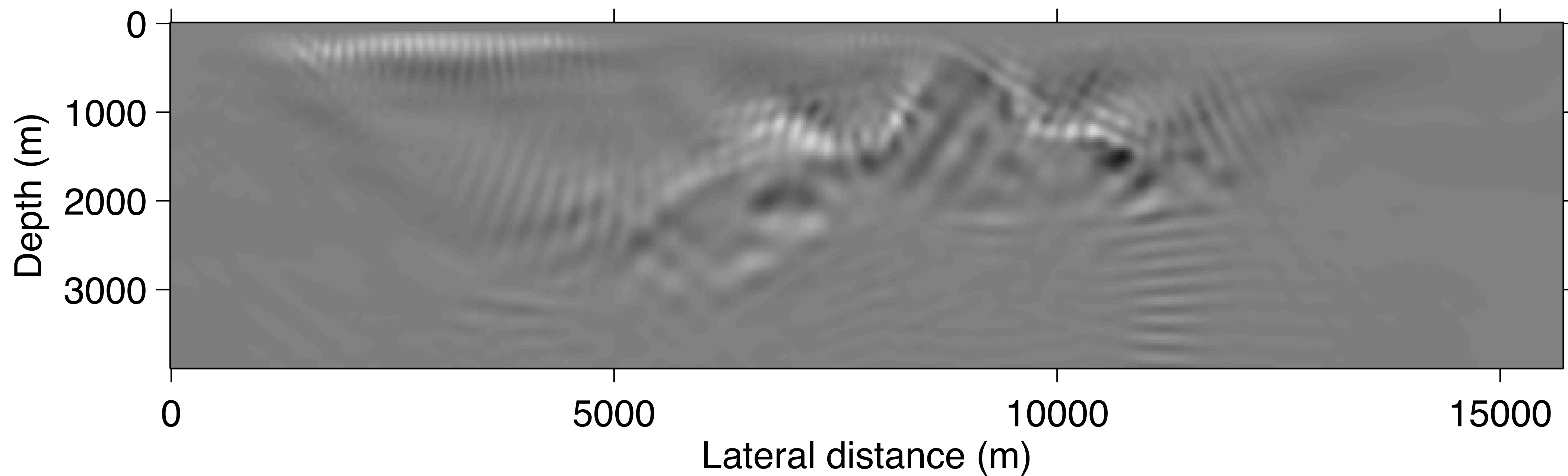
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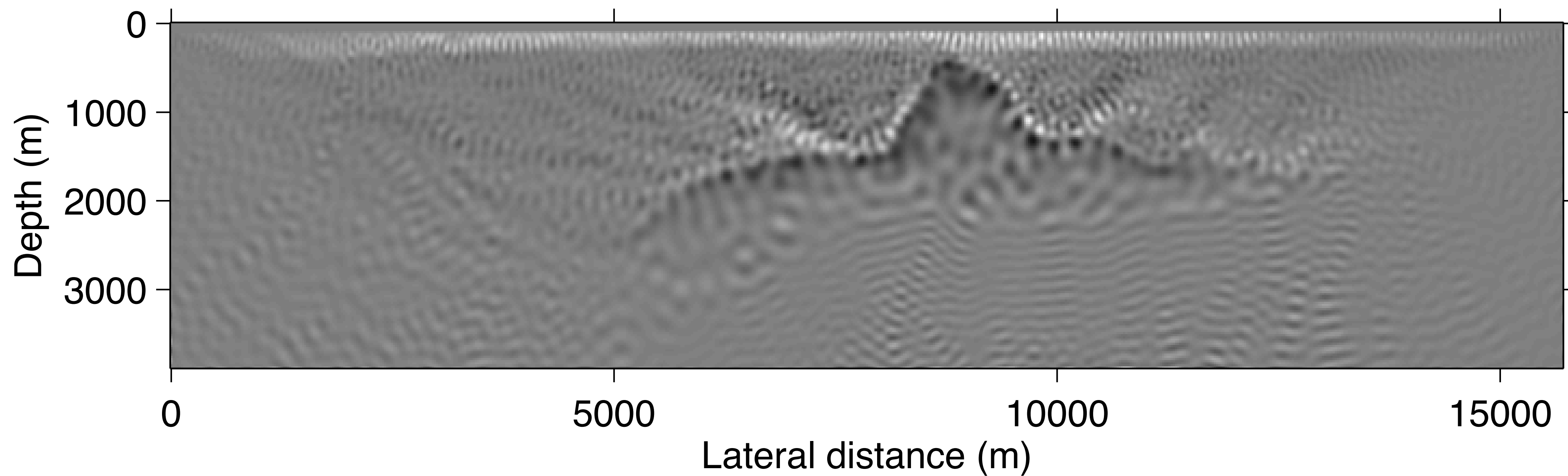
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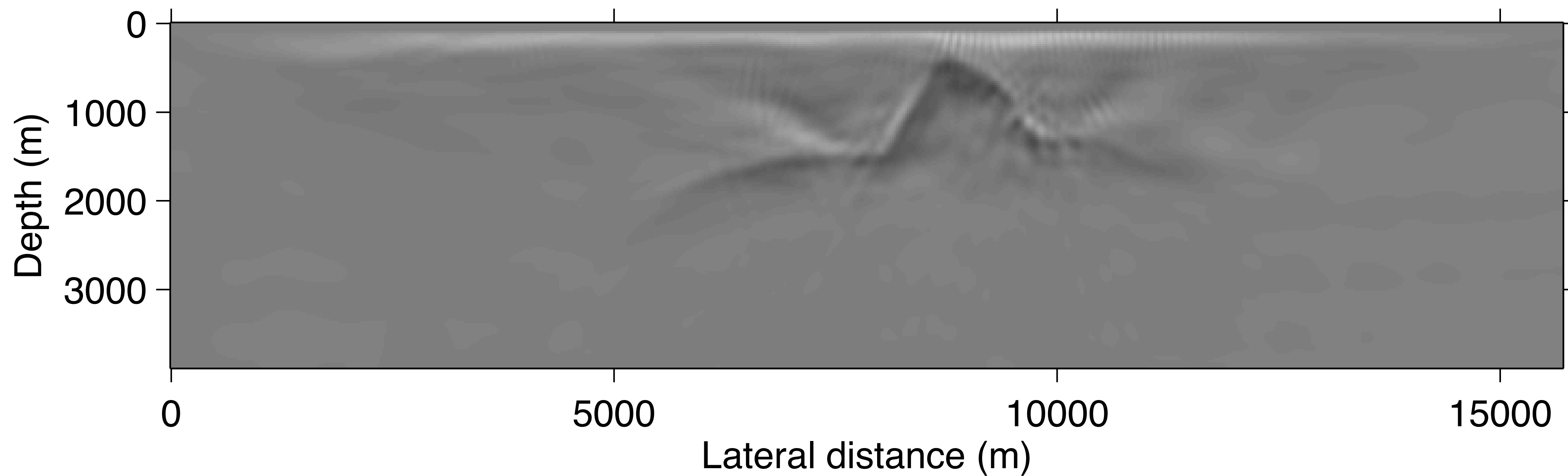
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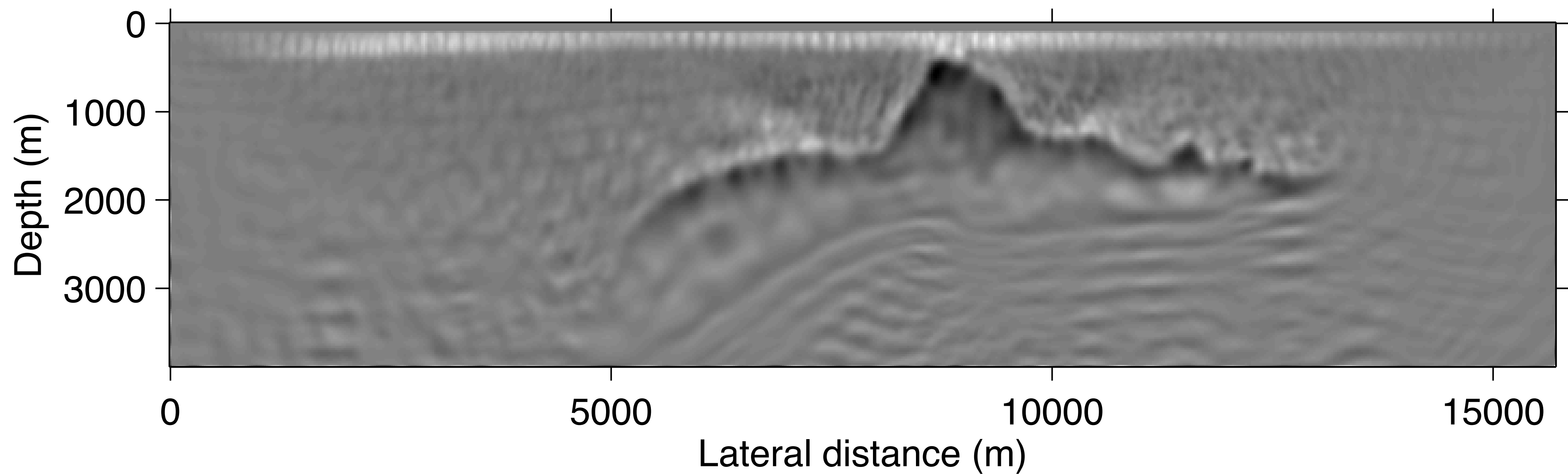
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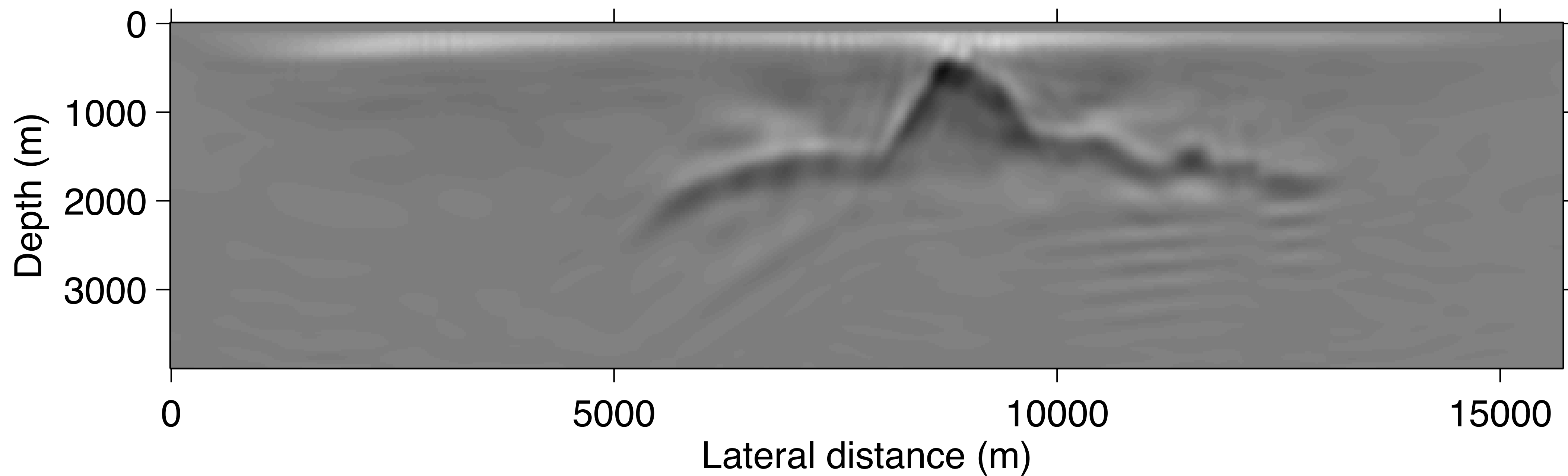
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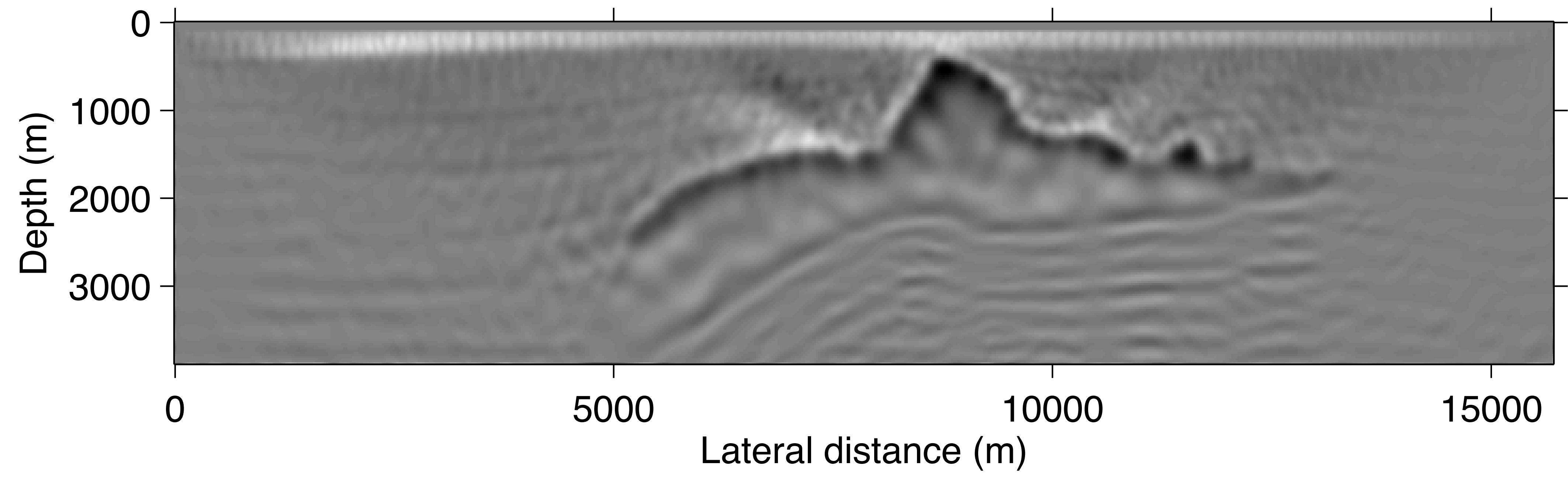
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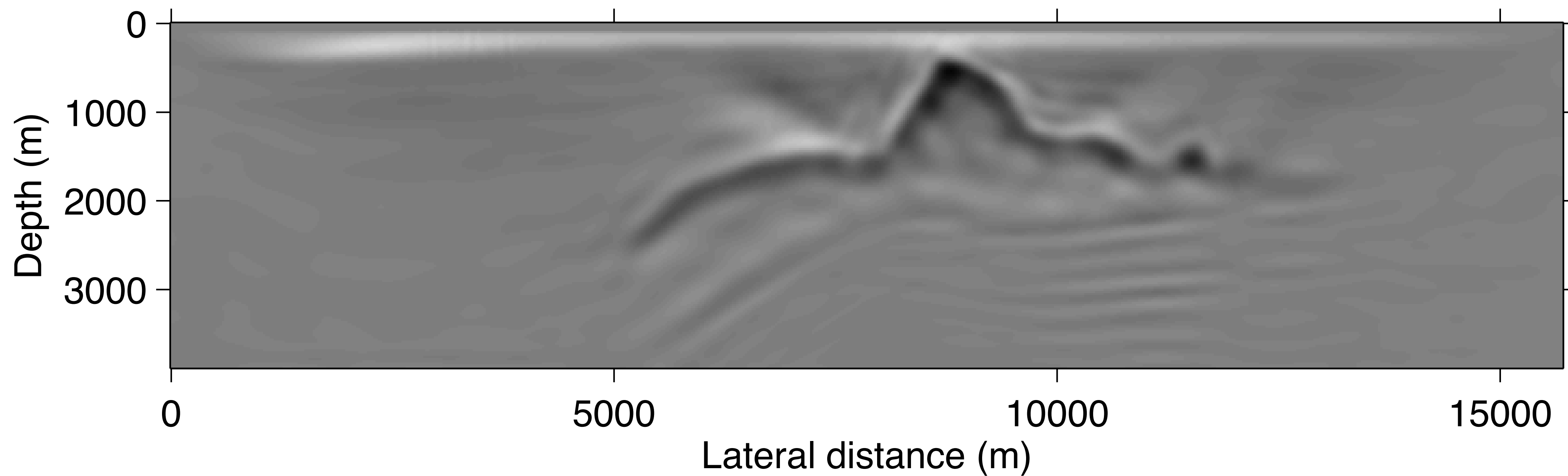
# Migration

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# Migration + threshold

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## Approach

Use linearized Bregman Projections (LBP) to solve

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} && \lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

For  $\lambda$  large enough,

- ▶ converges to the solution of the  $\ell_1$  problem
- ▶ amenable to working with small subsets  
(combine with randomized Kaczmarz)

## Fast compressive imaging

Leverage sparse randomized block-Kaczmarz solver:

obtain submatrix  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}^k$  and data  $\underline{\mathbf{b}}^k$  at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  iteration

compute residual of the previous step  $\mathbf{r}^k = \underline{\mathbf{A}}^k \mathbf{x}^k - \underline{\mathbf{b}}$

compute gradient  $\mathbf{g}^k = \underline{\mathbf{A}}^{k'} \mathbf{r}^k$

compute steplength  $t^k = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}^k\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{g}^k\|_2^2}$

gradient descent  $\mathbf{z}^{k+1} = \mathbf{z}^k - t^k \mathbf{g}^k$

soft thresholding  $\mathbf{x}^{k+1} = \mathcal{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{z}^{k+1})$

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## **LBP** vs. **SPGI1**: computer codes



## LBP vs. SPGL1: computer codes

```
r = b_sub - A_sub*x;  
g = A_sub'*r;  
rnorm = norm(r,2);  
gnorm = norm(g,2);  
sl = (rnorm/gnorm)^2;  
z = z+sl*g;  
x = sign(x).*max(0,abs(x)-lambda);
```

**LBP**

# LBP vs. SPGL1: computer codes

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## LBP

```

function [x,r,g,info] = spg1(A, b, tau, sigma, x, options)
m = length(b);

%-----
% Check arguments.
%-----
if ~exist('options','var'), options = []; end
if ~exist('x','var'), x = []; end
if ~exist('sigma','var'), sigma = []; end
if ~exist('tau','var'), tau = []; end

if nargin < 2 || isempty(b) || isempty(A)
    error('At least two arguments are required');
elseif isempty(tau) && isempty(sigma)
    tau = 0;
    sigma = 0;
    singleTau = false;
elseif isempty(sigma) % && ~isempty(tau) <-- implied
    singleTau = true;
else
    if isempty(tau)
        tau = 0;
    end
    singleTau = false;
end

%-----
% Grab input options and set defaults where needed.
%-----
defaultopts = spgSetParams(...
'fid' , 1, ... % File ID for output
'verbosity' , 2, ... % Verbosity level
'iterations' , 10*m, ... % Max number of iterations
'nPrevVals' , 3, ... % Number previous func values for linesearch
'bpTol' , 1e-06, ... % Tolerance for basis pursuit solution
'optTol' , 1e-04, ... % Optimality tolerance
'decTol' , 1e-04, ... % Req'd rel. change in primal obj. for Newton
'stepMin' , 1e-16, ... % Minimum spectral step
'stepMax' , 1e+05, ... % Maximum spectral step
'rootMethod' , 2, ... % Root finding method: 2=quad,1=linear (not used).
'activeSetIt' , Inf, ... % Exit with EXIT_ACTIVE_SET if nnz same for # its.
'subspaceMin' , 0, ... % Use subspace minimization
'iscomplex' , NaN, ... % Flag set to indicate complex problem
'maxMatvec' , Inf, ... % Maximum matrix-vector multiplies allowed
'weights' , 1, ... % Weights W in ||Wx||_1
'Kaczmarz' , 0, ... % Toggles whether Kaczmarz mode is on (experimental)
'KaczScale' , 1, ... % Scaling factor for Tau when using Kaczmarz-type submatrices
'quitPareto' , 0, ... % Exits when pareto curve is reached
'minPareto' , 3, ... % If quitPareto is on, the minimum number of iterations before checking for quitPareto conditions
'lineSrchIt' , 1, ... % Maximum number of line search iterations for spgLineCurv, originally 10 ...
'feasSrchIt' , 10000, ... % Maximum number of feasible direction line search iterations, originally 10 ...
'ignorePErr' , 0, ... % Ignores projections error by issuing a warning instead of an error ...
'project' , @NormL1_project, ...
'primal_norm' , @NormL1_primal, ...
'dual_norm' , @NormL1_dual, ...
);
options = spgSetParams(defaultopts, options);

fid = options.fid;
logLevel = options.verbosity;
maxIts = options.iterations;
nPrevVals = options.nPrevVals;
bpTol = options.bpTol;
optTol = options.optTol;
decTol = options.decTol;
stepMin = options.stepMin;
stepMax = options.stepMax;
activeSetIt = options.activeSetIt;
subspaceMin = options.subspaceMin;
maxMatvec = max(3,options.maxMatvec);
weights = options.weights;
quitPareto = options.quitPareto;
minPareto = options.minPareto;
Kaczmarz = options.Kaczmarz;
lineSrchIt = options.lineSrchIt;
feasSrchIt = options.feasSrchIt;
ignorePErr = options.ignorePErr;

% maxLineErrors TEMPORARILY DISABLED to prevent very large line search issues. If algorithm
maxLineErrors = Inf; % Maximum number of line-search failures.
pivTol = 1e-12; % Threshold for significant Newton step.

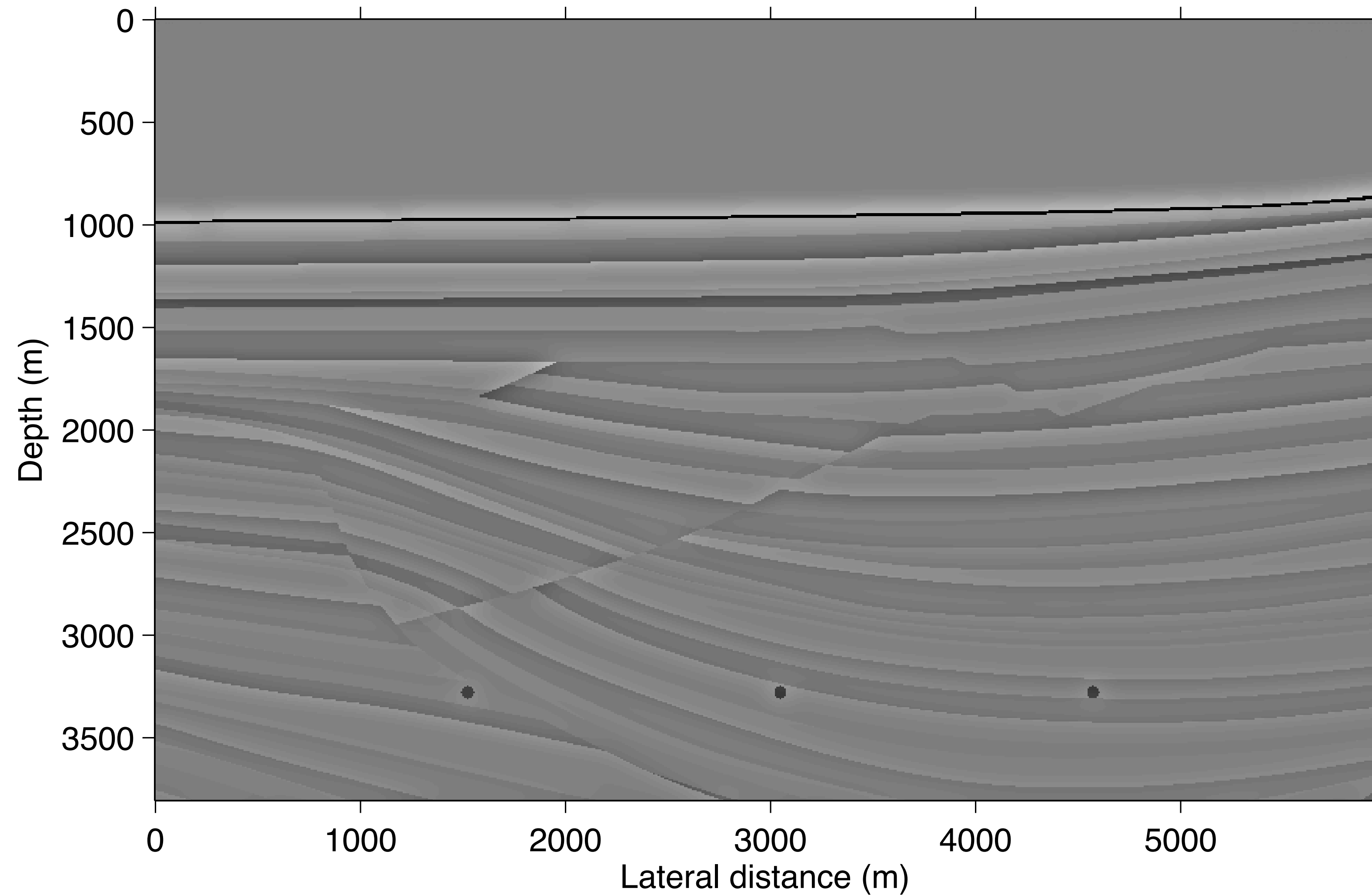
%-----
% Initialize local variables.
%-----
iter = 0; itnTotLSQR = 0; % Total SPGL1 and LSQR iterations.
nProdA = 0; nProdAt = 0;
lastFv = -inf(nPrevVals,1); % Last m function values.
nLineTot = 0; % Total no. of linesearch steps.
printTau = false;
nNewton = 0;
bNorm = norm(b,2);
stat = false;
timeProject = 0;
timeMatProd = 0;
nnzIter = 0; % No. of its with fixed pattern.
nnzIdx = []; % Active-set indicator.
subspace = false; % Flag if did subspace min in current itn.
stepG = 1; % Step length for projected gradient.
testUpdateTau = 0; % Previous step did not update tau

% Determine initial x, vector length n, and see if problem is complex
explicit = ~(isa(A,'function_handle'));
if isempty(x)

```

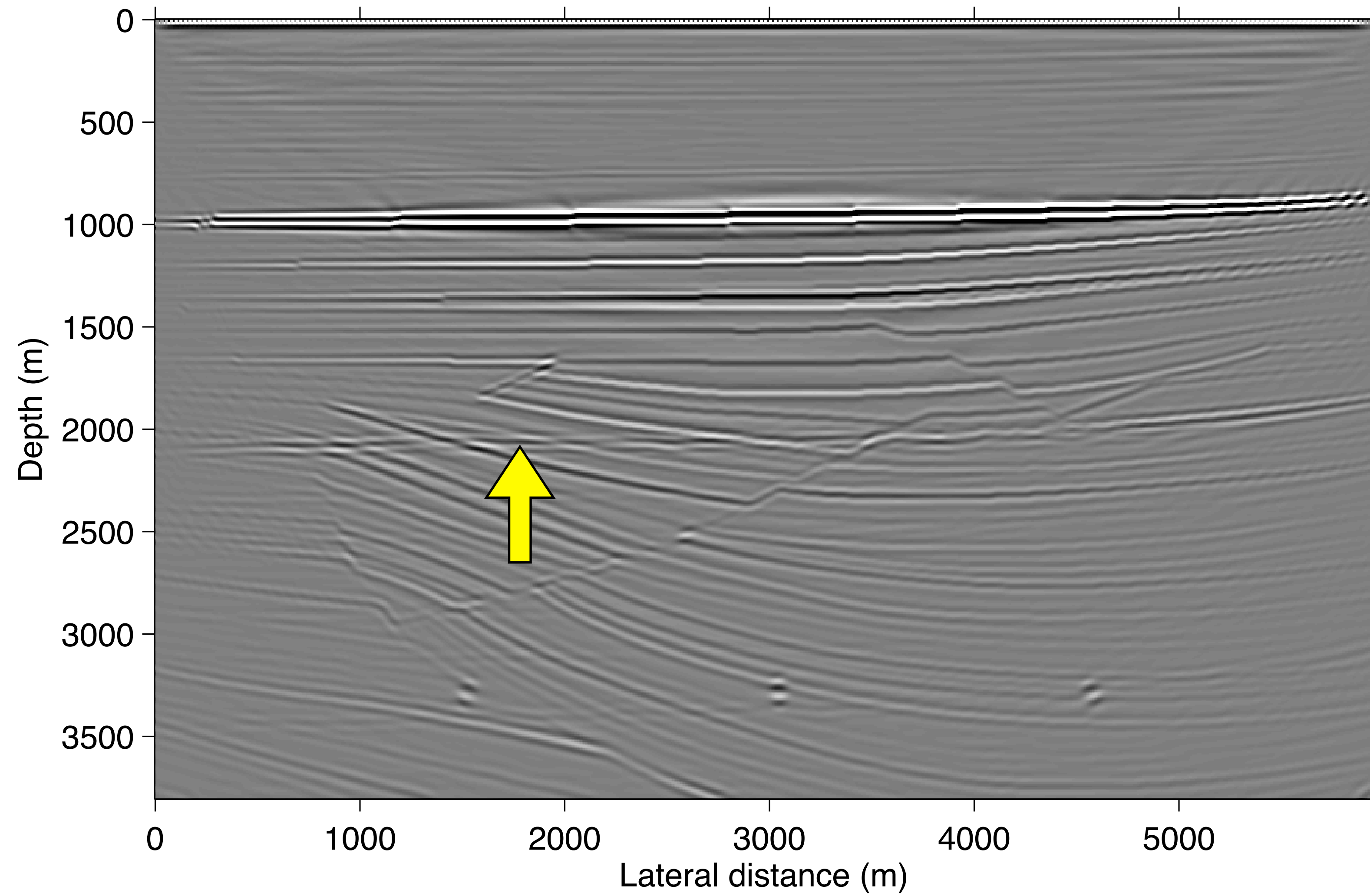
## SPGL1

# Fast imaging with multiples: true image

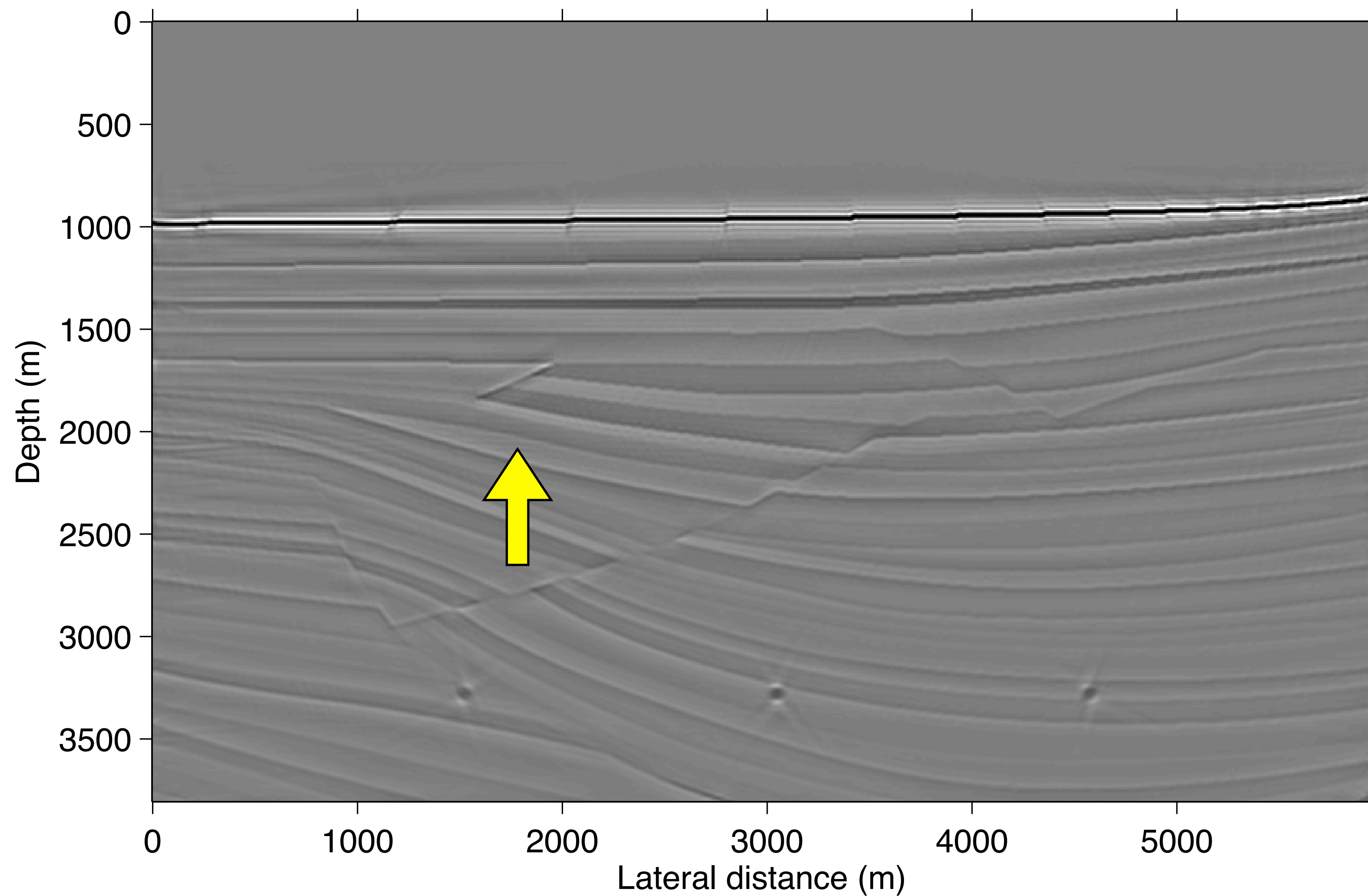




# RTM w/ multiples



# Fast imaging with multiples & **LBP**, final image



Simulation cost **~2 RTMs** w/ all data

## Observations

Compressive imaging leads to

- ▶ a simple parallel algorithm w/ flexible degree of parallelism
- ▶ hifi artifact-free images from data w/ multiples

Randomizations lead to fast & computationally affordable RTM

- ▶ touches data only once or twice

But, requires

- ▶ densely sampled data
- ▶ good velocity models...



## Motivation

Full-waveform inversion is plagued with local minima

Derive an alternative extended formulation

- ▶ less prone to local minima
- ▶ computationally feasible
- ▶ relaxes the physics while staying solidly grounded



# Wavefield Reconstruction Inversion

Tristan van Leeuwen, Bas Peters, and Ernie Esser



## Waveform inversion

### **Adjoint-state/reduced-space methods:**

- ▶ Optimize over earth models to minimize the misfit between observed and simulated data while solving the wave equation exactly for each earth model.

### **Full-space or all-at-once methods:**

- ▶ Optimize over earth models & wavefields jointly to minimize the misfit between observed and simulated data subject to wavefields that satisfy the wave equation.



## Waveform inversion

Both approaches assume flawless wave physics—i.e.,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{"known" physics} & \text{"known" source} & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ A(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{q}_i & & \\ \uparrow & & \\ \text{"unknown" wavefield} & & \end{array}$$

- ▶ holds exactly for each source  $i$
- ▶ differ on insisting wave equations to hold for each iteration
- ▶ different unknowns:  $\mathbf{m} \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{m} \ \& \ \mathbf{u}$

## Equation error approach

If we “know” the wavefields everywhere, we solve for  $\mathbf{m}$  from

$$A(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{q}_i$$

via

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \|A(\mathbf{m})P_i^{-1}\mathbf{d}_i - \mathbf{q}_i\|_2^2 \quad \left( \text{cf. } \min_{\mathbf{m}} \|P_i A(\mathbf{m})^{-1}\mathbf{q}_i - \mathbf{d}_i\|_2^2 \right)$$

The challenge is to reconstruct wavefields from partial measurements...

## WRI – Wavefield Reconstruction Inversion

For  $\mathbf{m}$  fixed, reconstruct wavefields by jointly fitting observed shots

$$P\mathbf{u}_i \approx \mathbf{d}_i$$

and wave-equations

$$A(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u}_i \approx \mathbf{q}_i$$

via least-squares solutions of the data-augmented wave-equation

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}_i} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} P_i \\ A(\mathbf{m}) \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_i - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}_i \\ \mathbf{q}_i \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2$$

followed by fixing  $\mathbf{u}_i$  and solving

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \|A(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{q}_i\|_2^2$$



wave-equation  $\times$  wavefield = source

*versus*

$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{wave-equation} \\ \text{-----} \\ \text{sampling operator} \end{array} \right) \times \text{wavefield} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{source} \\ \text{-----} \\ \text{data} \end{array} \right)$

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# Wavefield Reconstruction Inversion

## WRI method

for each source  $i$

$$\text{solve } \begin{pmatrix} P_i \\ \lambda A_i(\mathbf{m}) \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{\lambda,i} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}_i \\ \lambda \mathbf{q}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} + \lambda^2 \omega^2 \text{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i,\lambda})^* (A(\mathbf{m}) \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i,\lambda} - \mathbf{q}_i)$$

$$H_{GN} = H_{GN} + \lambda^2 \omega^4 \text{diag}(\mathbf{u}_i)^* \text{diag}(\mathbf{u}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} - \alpha H_{GN}^{-1} \mathbf{g}$$

end

diagonal Hessian  
=  
pseudo Hessian

## Conventional method

for each source  $i$

$$\text{solve } A(\mathbf{m}) \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{q}_i$$

$$\text{solve } A(\mathbf{m})^* \mathbf{v}_i = P_i^* (P_i \mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{d}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} + \omega^2 \text{diag}(\mathbf{u}_i)^* \mathbf{v}_i$$

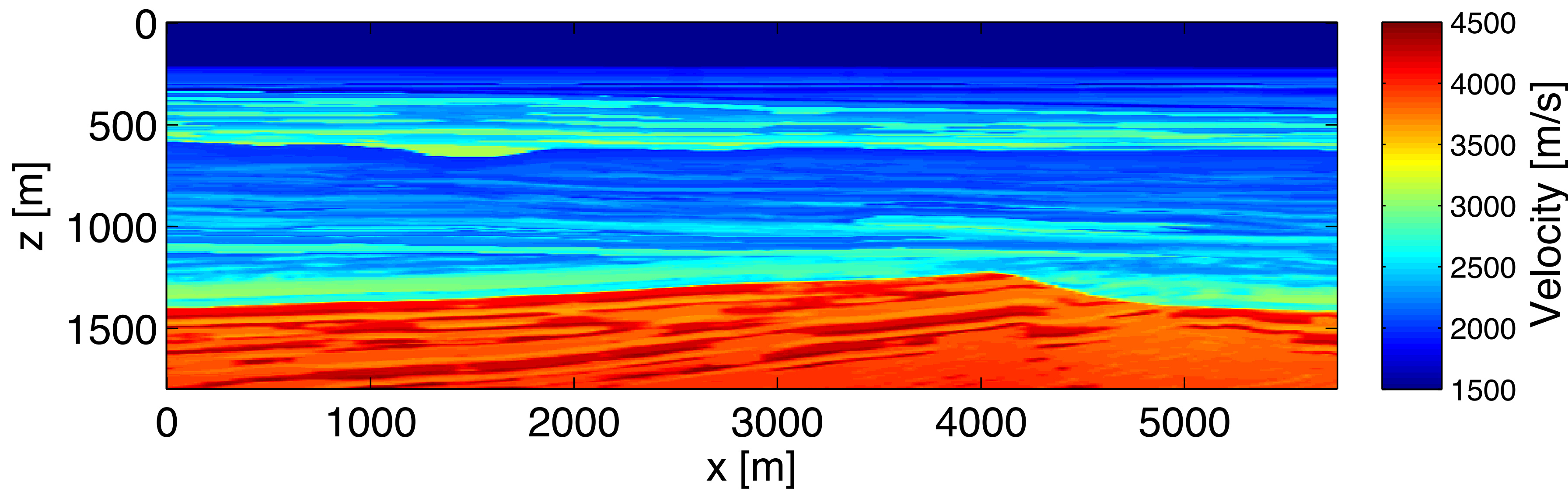
$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} - \alpha \mathbf{g}$$

end

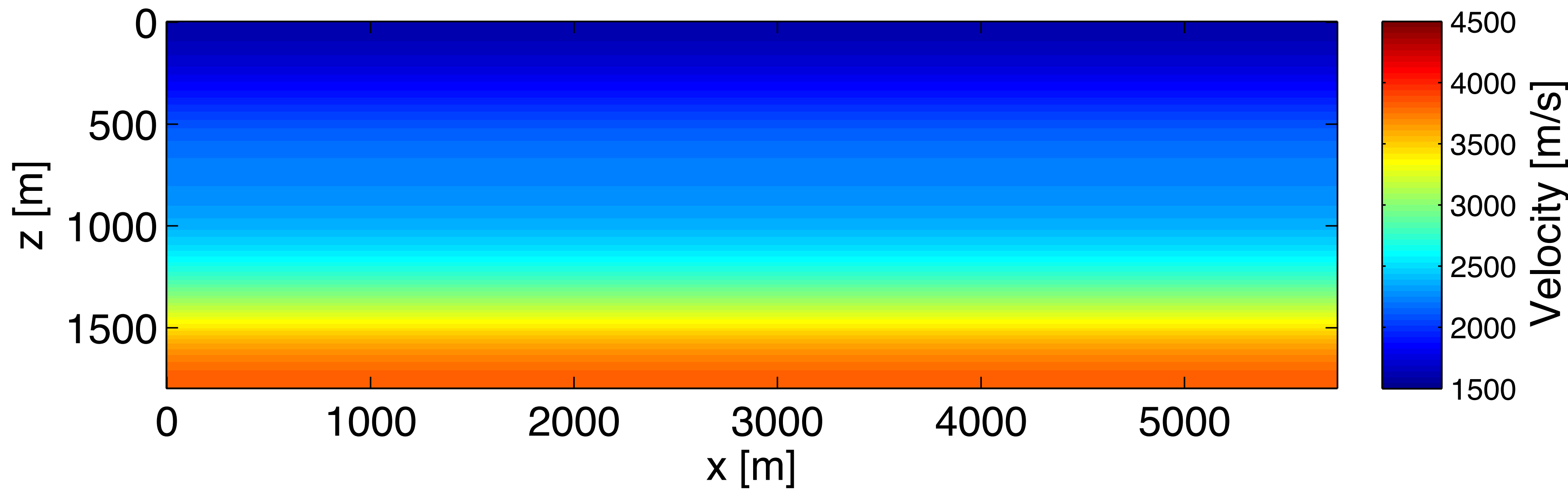
dense Hessian  
&  
too expensive

# True & initial model

## True model



## Initial model

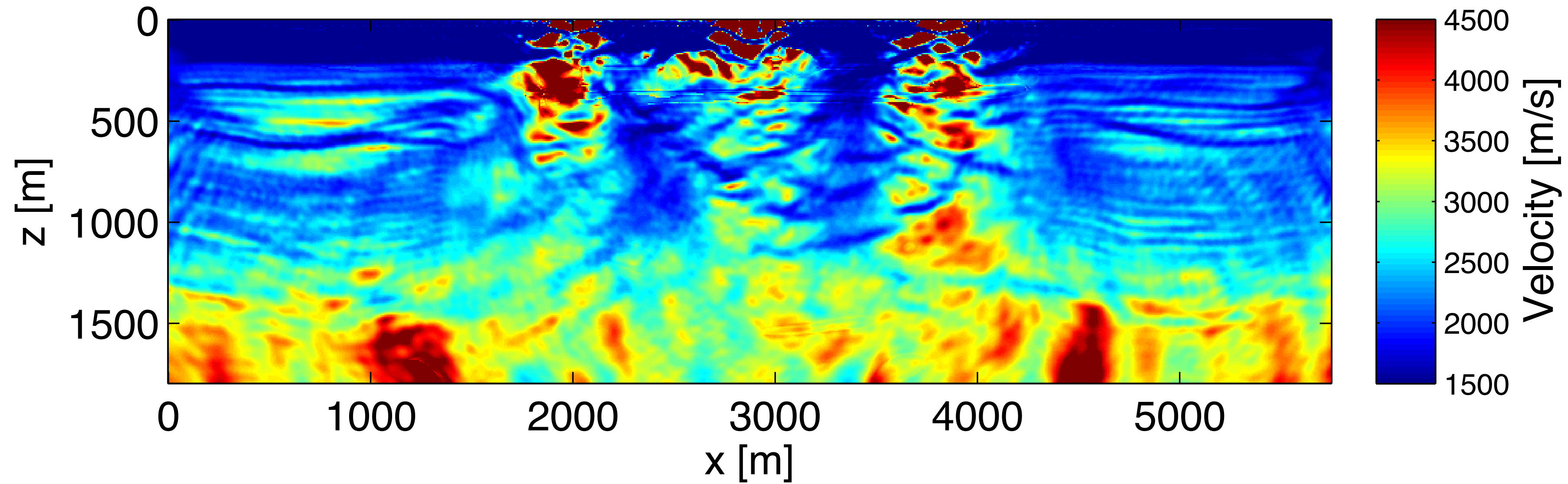




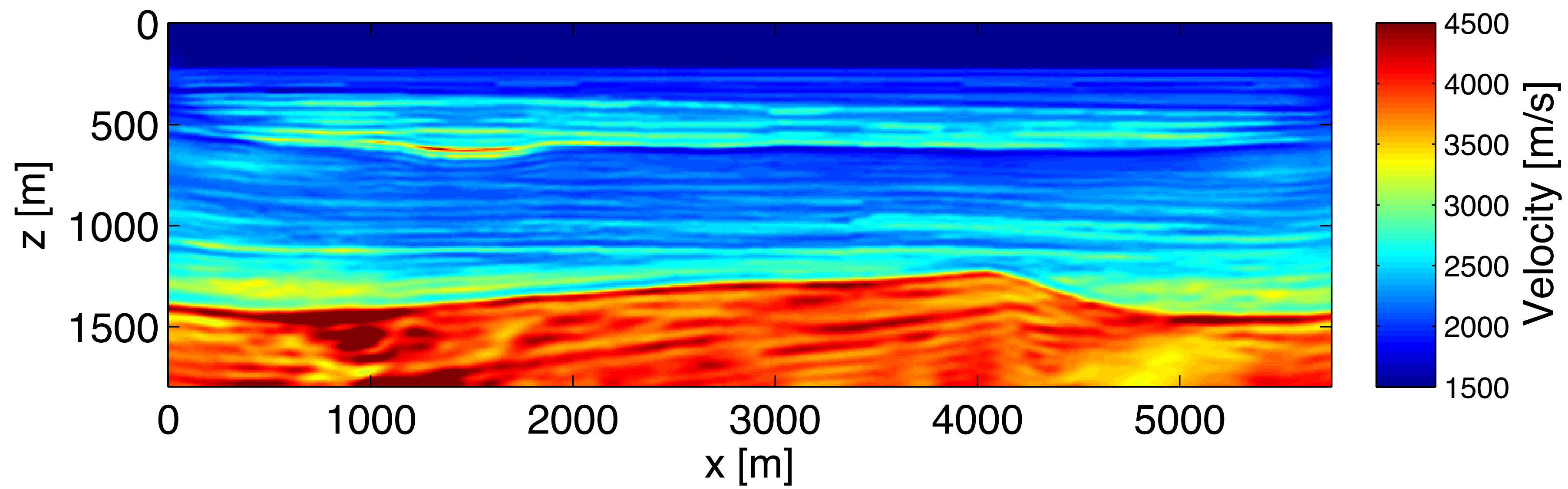
# FWI vs WRI

– start @ 5Hz

Result FWI

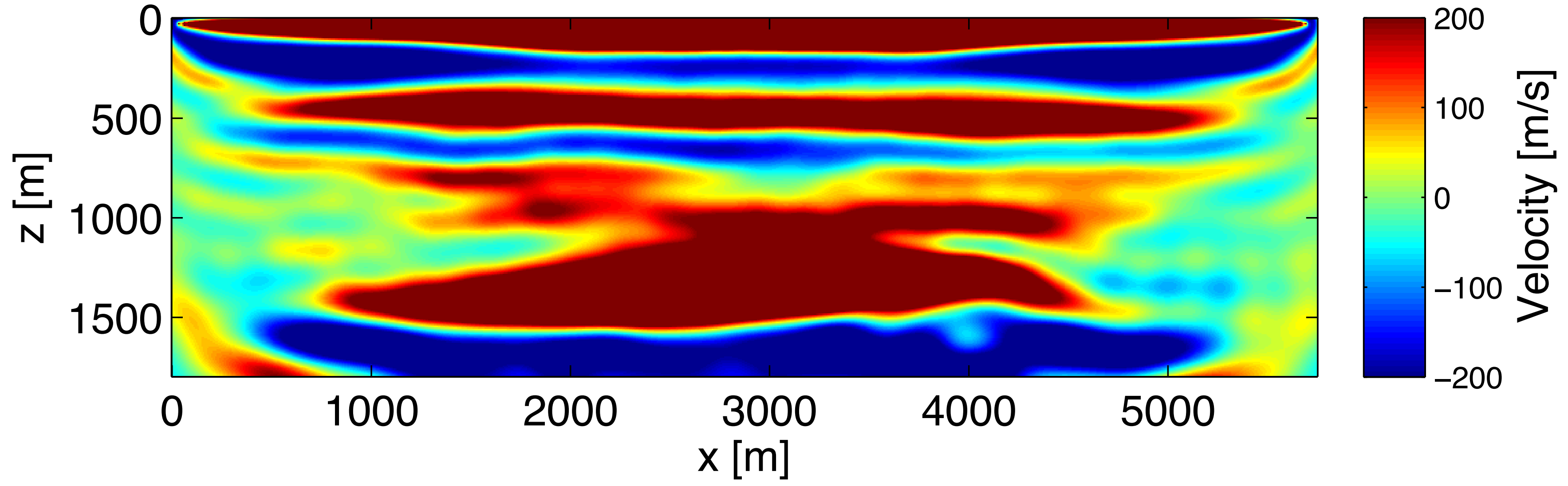


Result WRI,  $\lambda = 1$

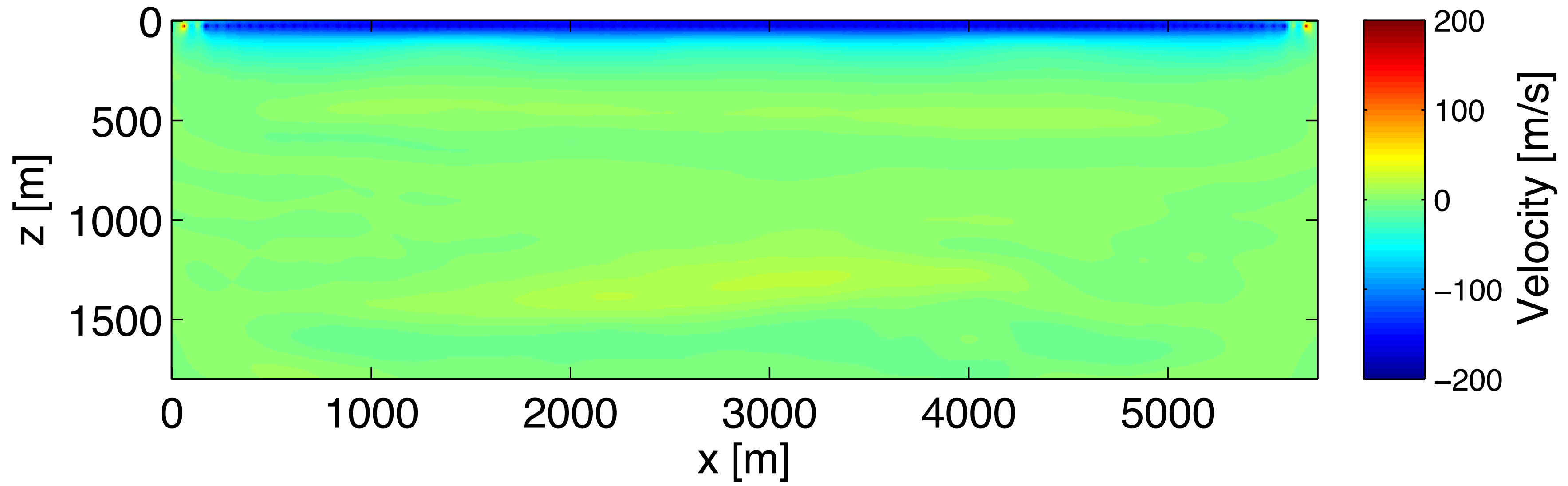


# Gradients

## First update FWI

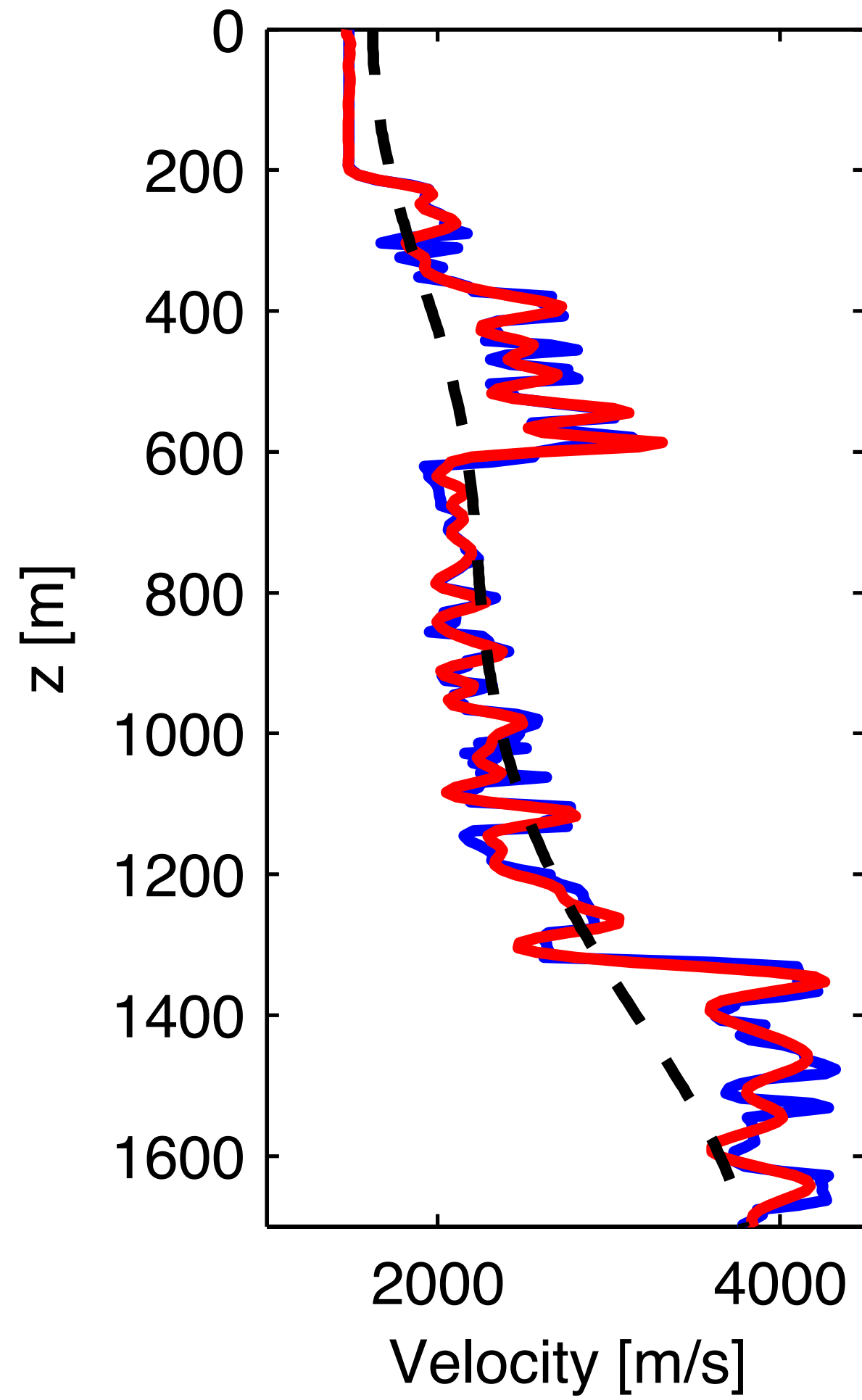


## First update WRI, $\lambda = 1$

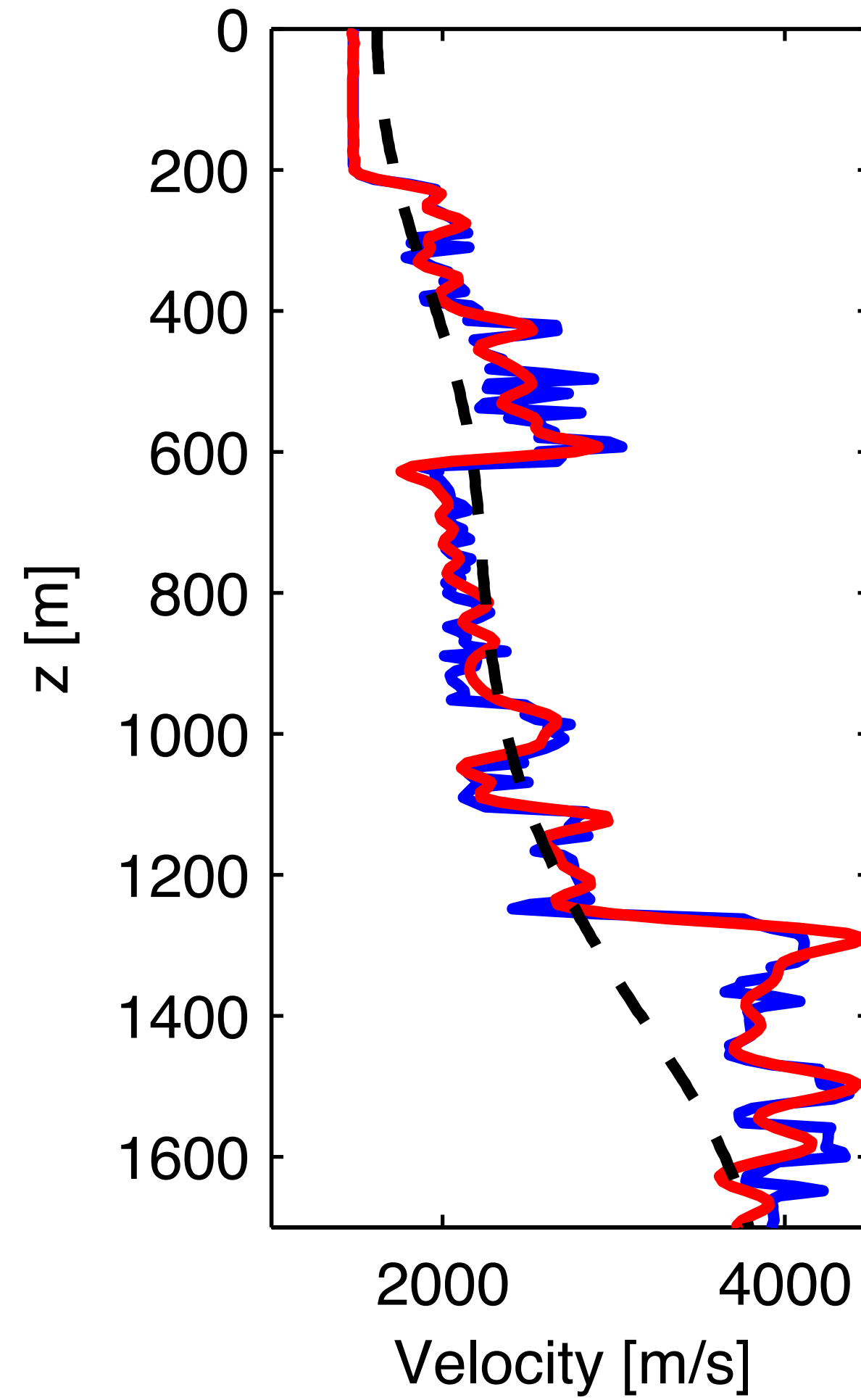


# Cross sections

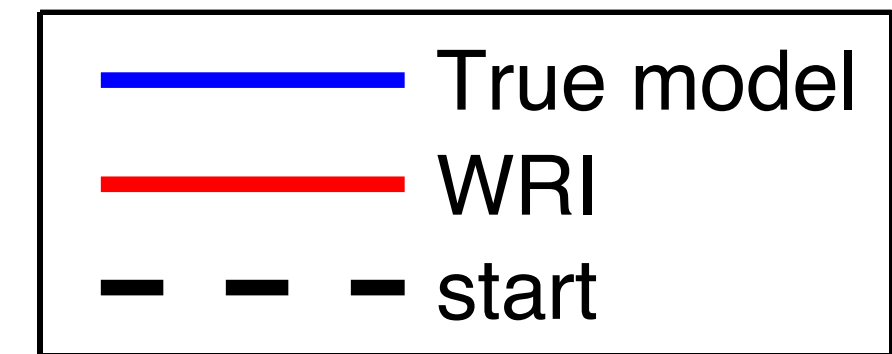
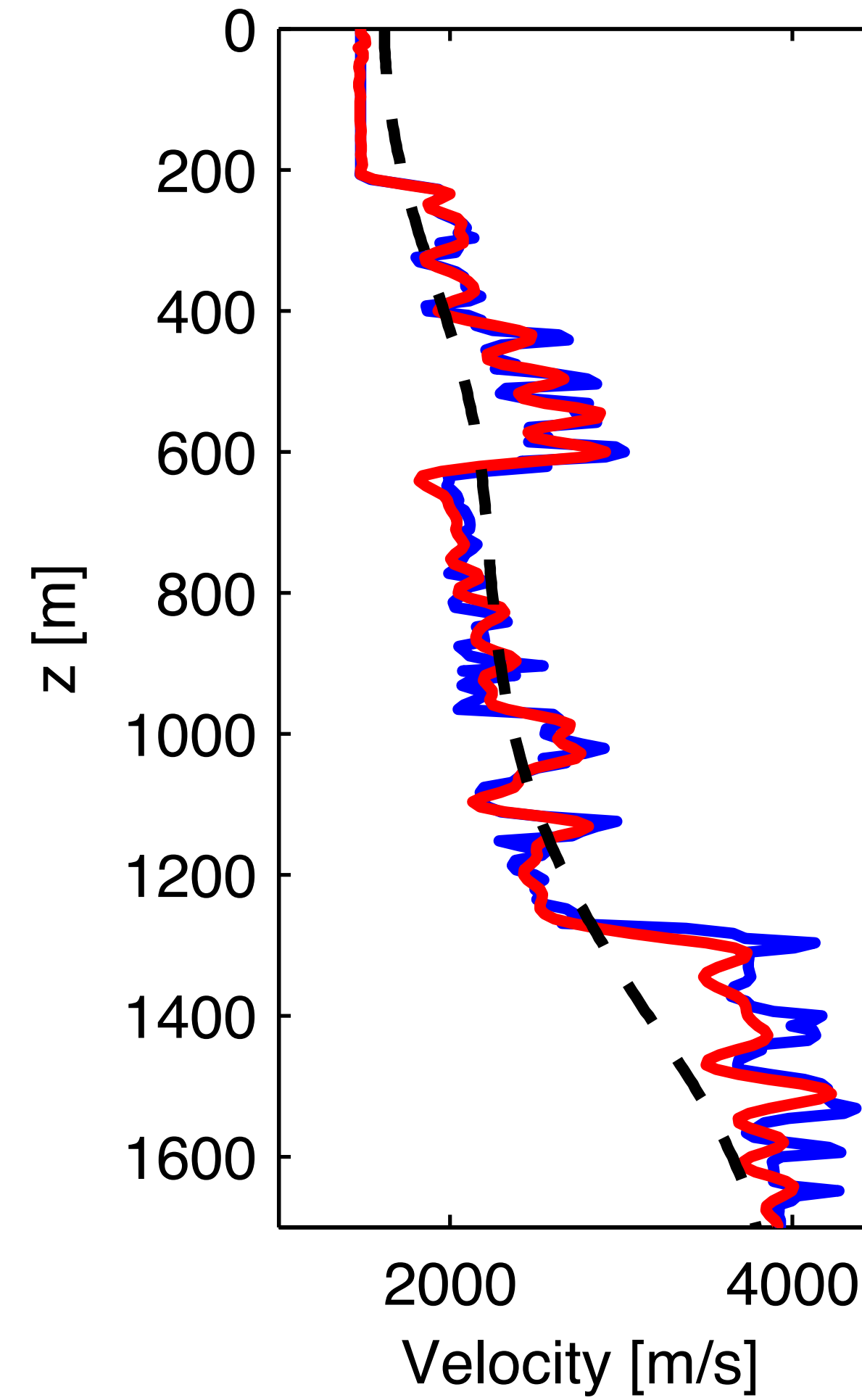
x = 2063.1[m]



x = 3443.1[m]



x = 4305.6[m]

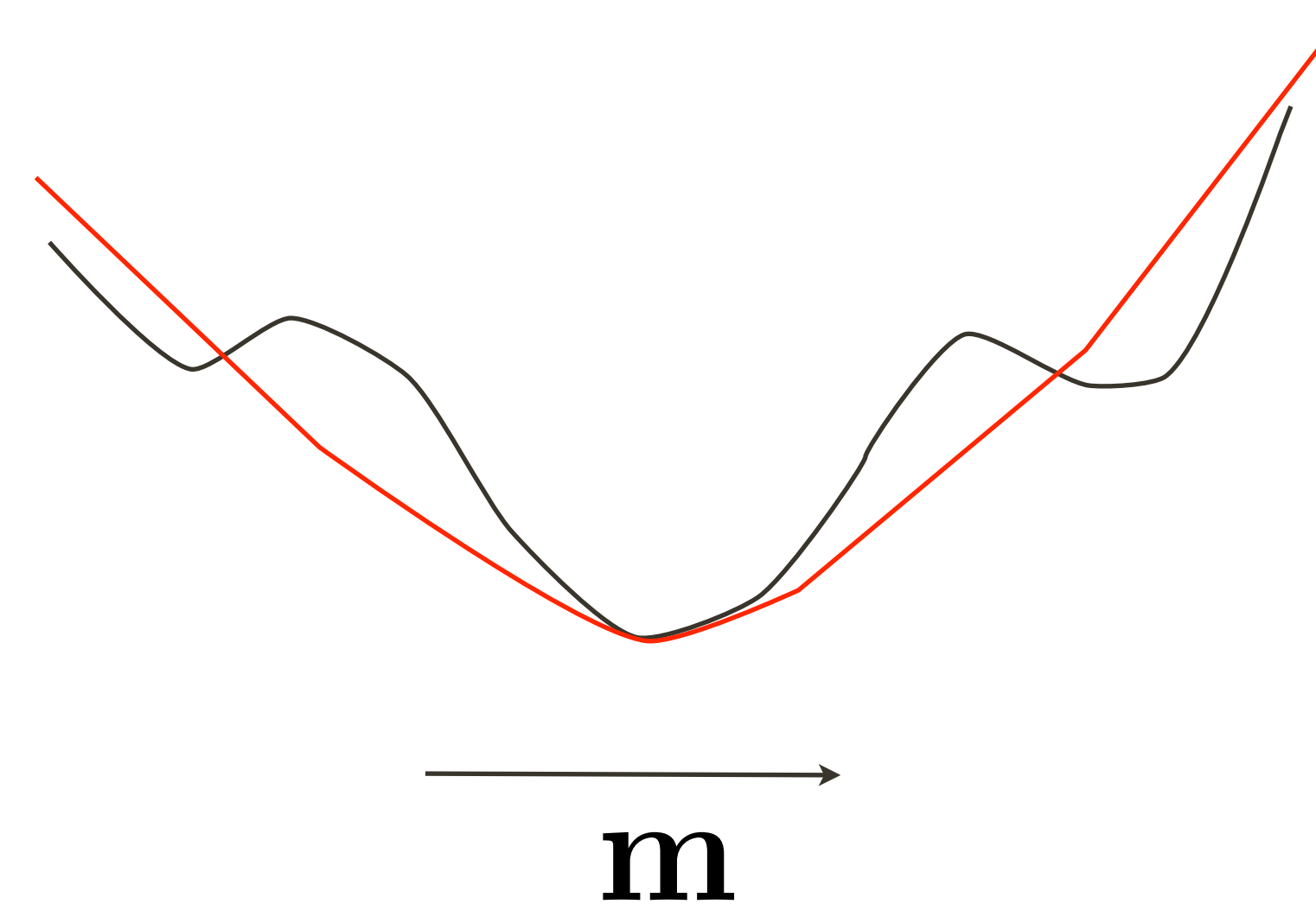
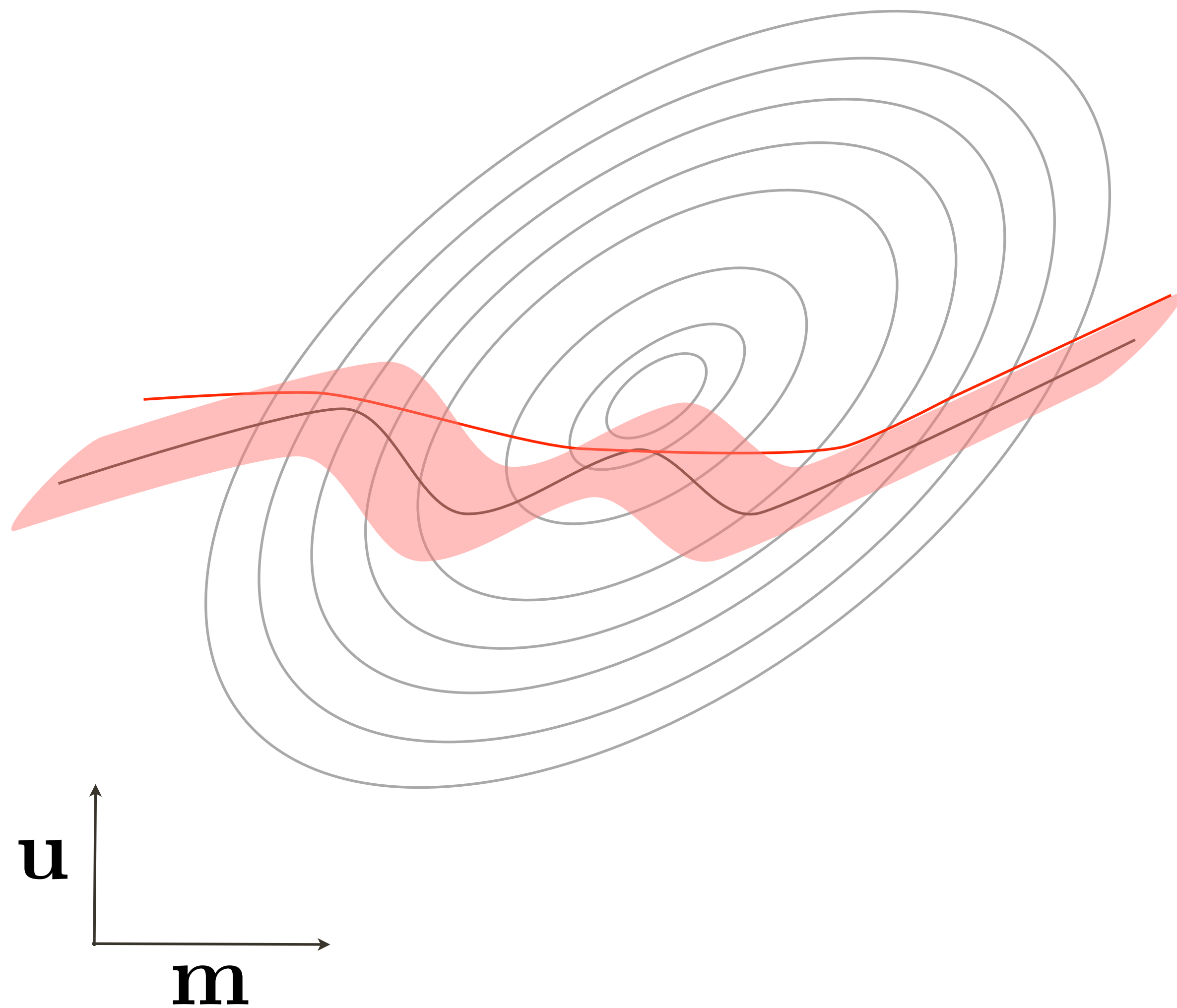




# WRI vs. FWI

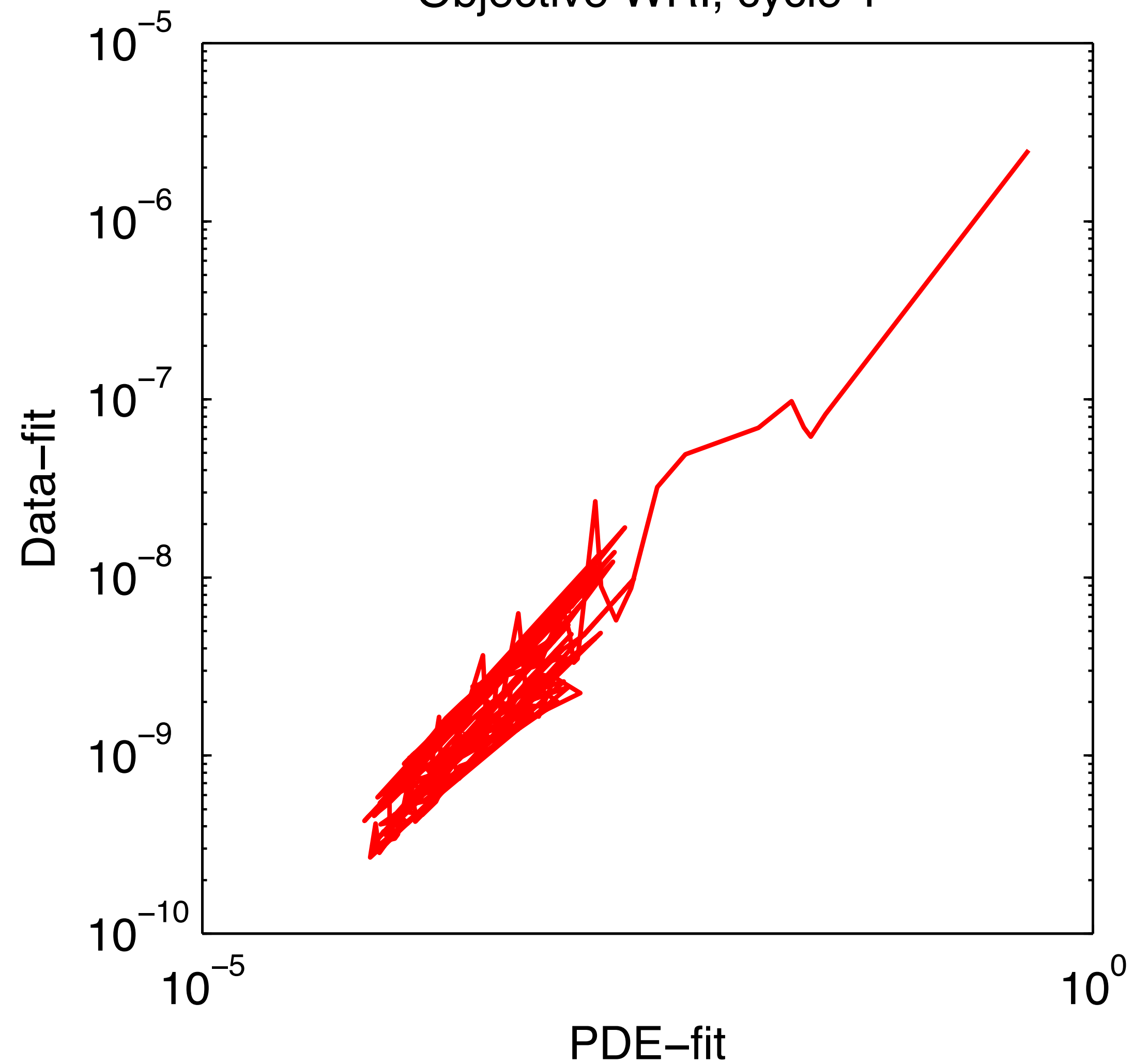
Larger # of degrees of freedom

“more convex”

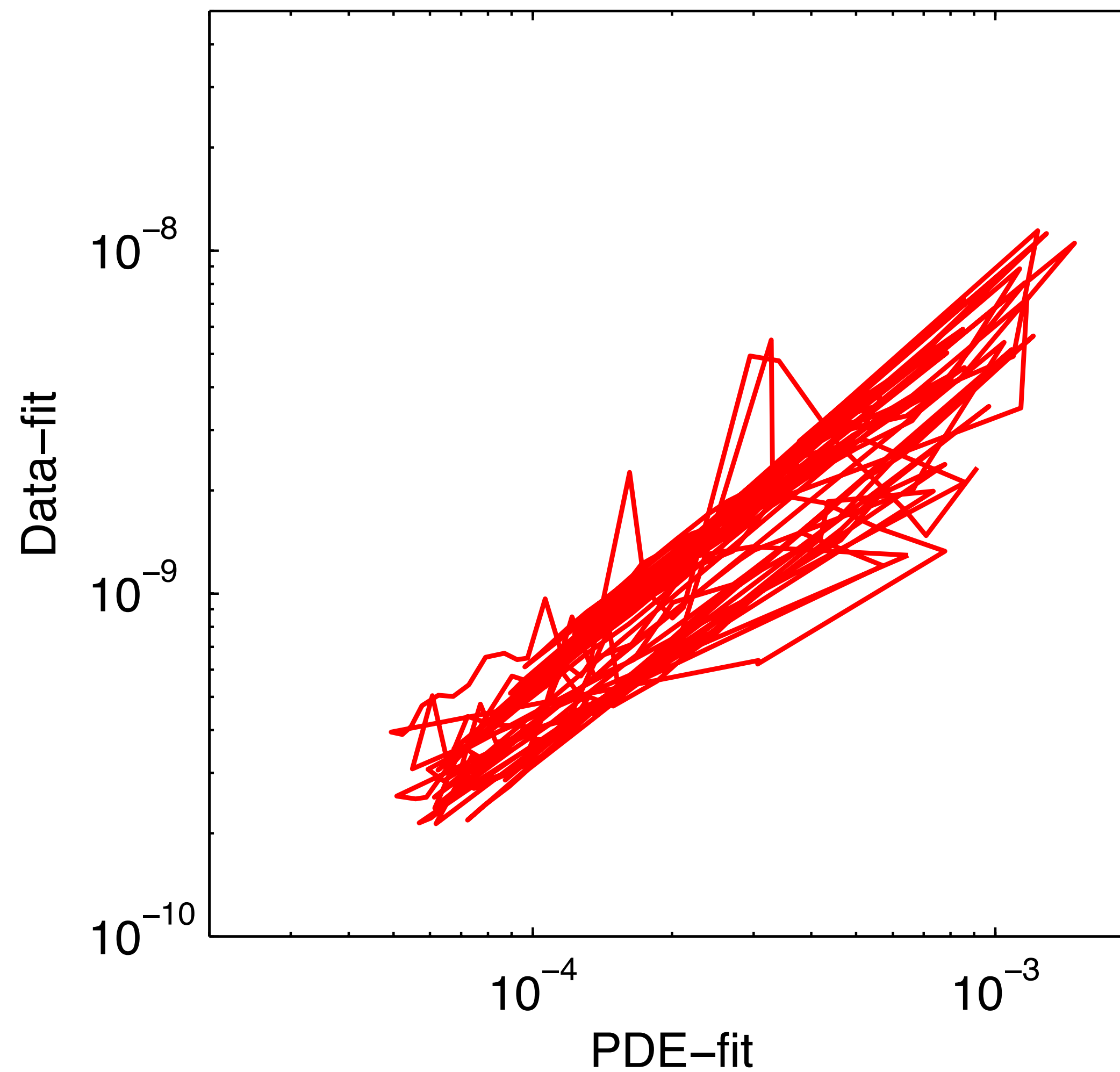


# Objective function value

Objective WRI, cycle 1



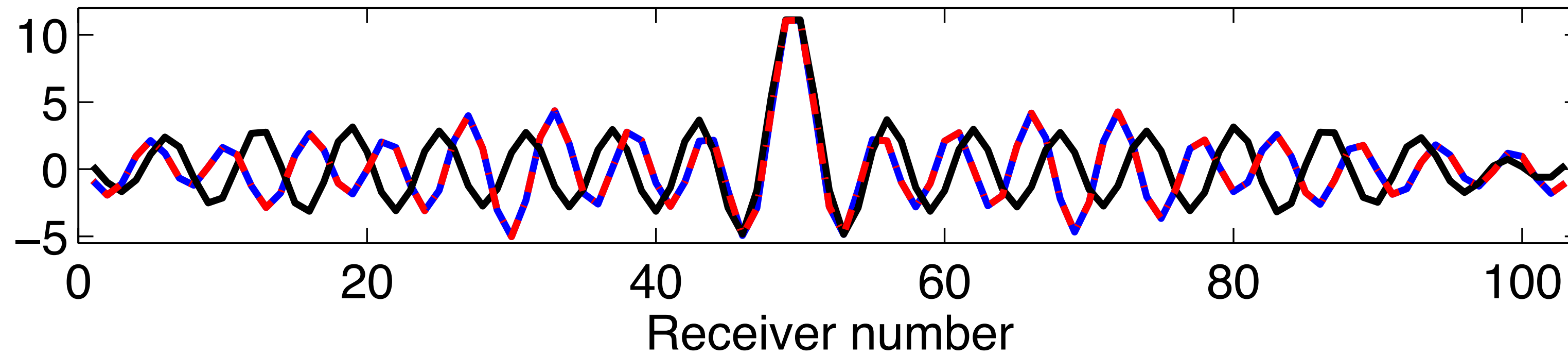
Objective WRI, cycle 2



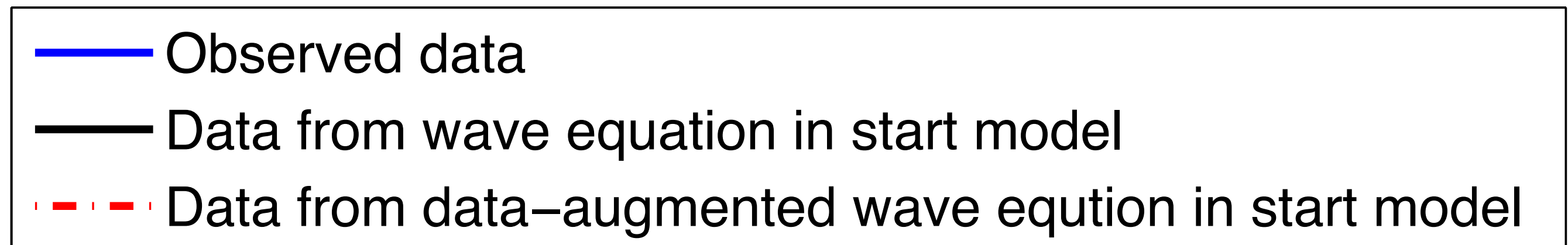
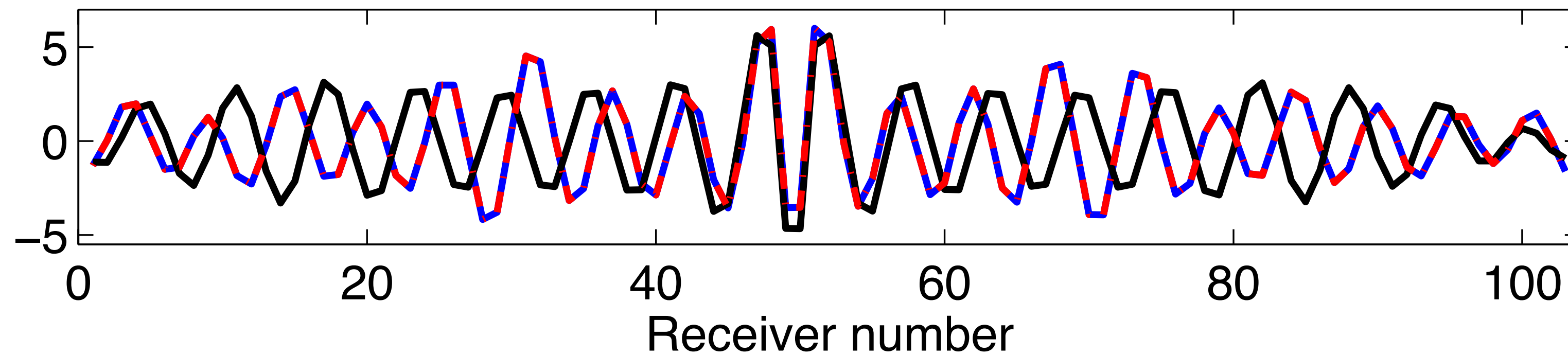
Data fit increases at some iterates

# Data fit

Imaginary part, source in middle of domain



Real part, source in middle of domain





# Scaled-gradient projections

– w/ Total Variation & Bound Constraints

Solve

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m}) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \begin{cases} m_i \in [B_1, B_2] \\ \|\mathbf{m}\|_{TV} \leq \tau \end{cases} \quad \text{with} \quad \|\mathbf{m}\|_{TV} = \sum_{ij} \frac{1}{h} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} (m_{i,j+1} - m_{i,j}) \\ (m_{i+1,j} - m_{i,j}) \end{bmatrix} \right\|$$

by iterating (*outer* loop)

diagonal

$$\Delta \mathbf{m} = \arg \min_{\Delta \mathbf{m}} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \nabla \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T H_{GN} \Delta \mathbf{m} + c \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \Delta \mathbf{m}$$

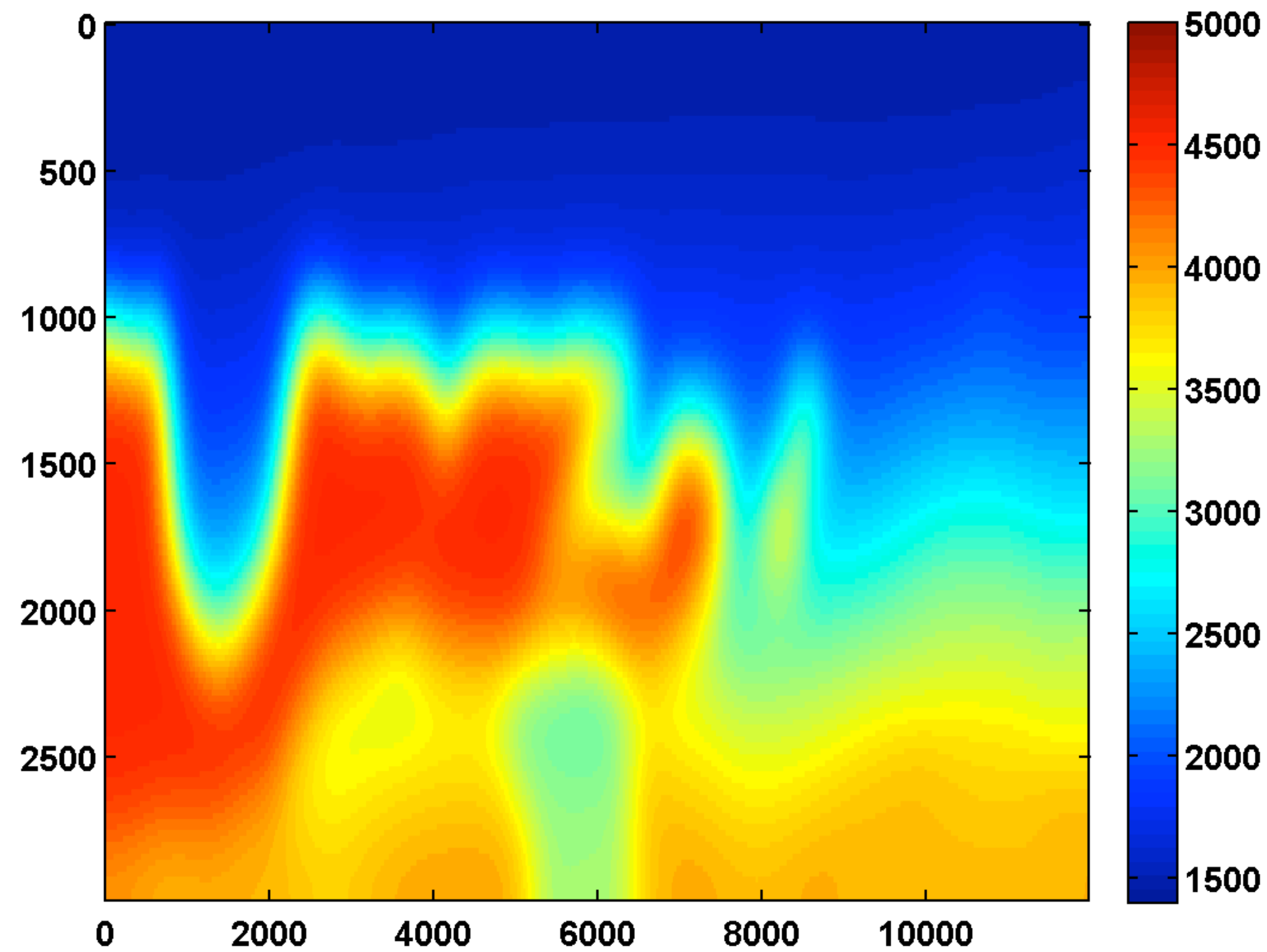
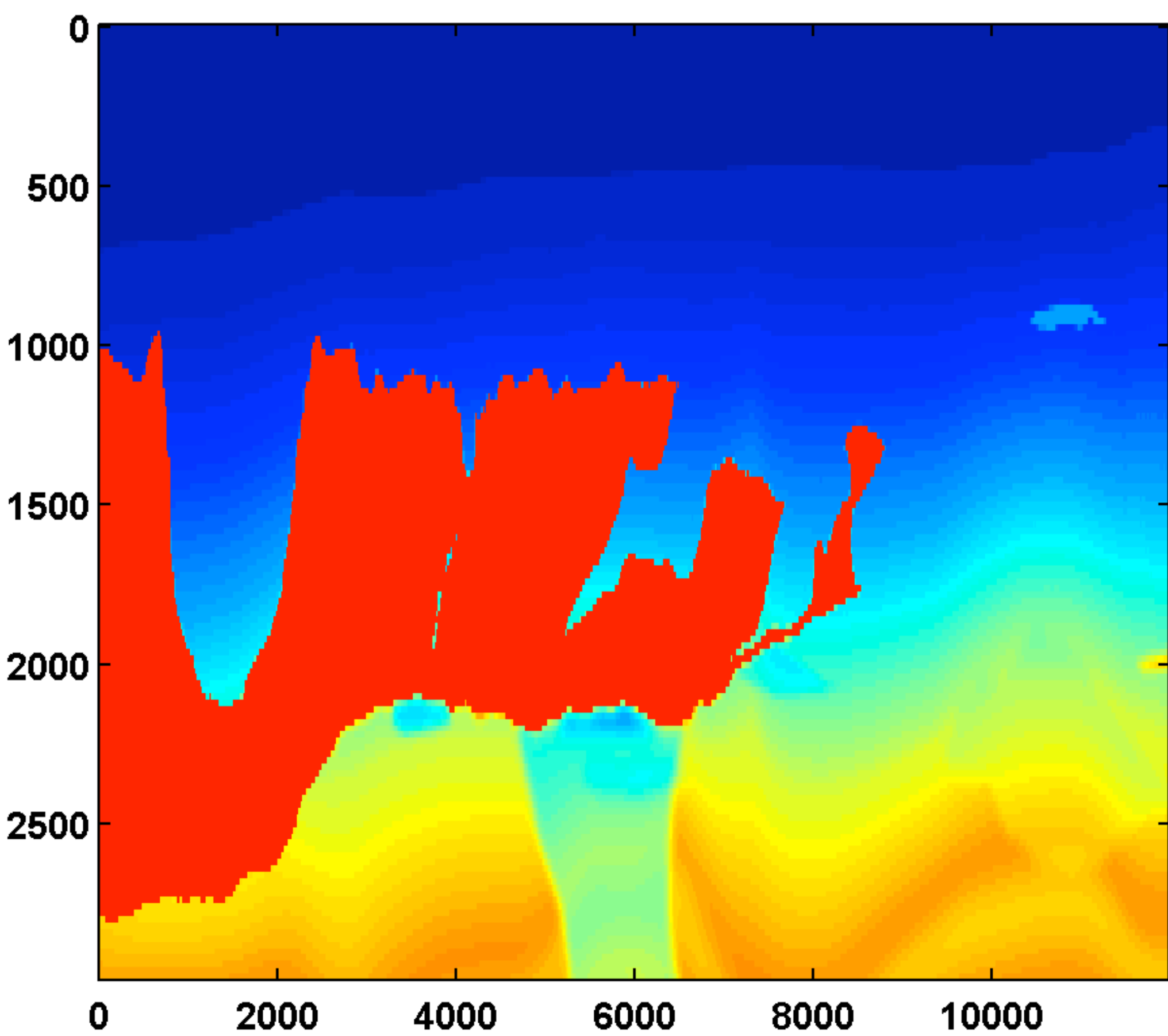
$$\text{subject to } \mathbf{m} + \Delta m_i \in [B_1, B_2] \text{ and } \|\mathbf{m} + \Delta \mathbf{m}\|_{TV} \leq \tau$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} + \Delta \mathbf{m}$$

## BP model

- number of sources: 126 (starting 1000m in from boundary)
- number of receivers: 299
- frequency range: 3-20Hz in overlapping batches of 2
- maximum number of outer iterations per frequency batch: 25
- maximum number of inner iterations for convex subproblems: 2000
- known Ricker wavelet sources with 15Hz peak frequency
- **two simultaneous shots with Gaussian weights w/ redraws**
- no added noise

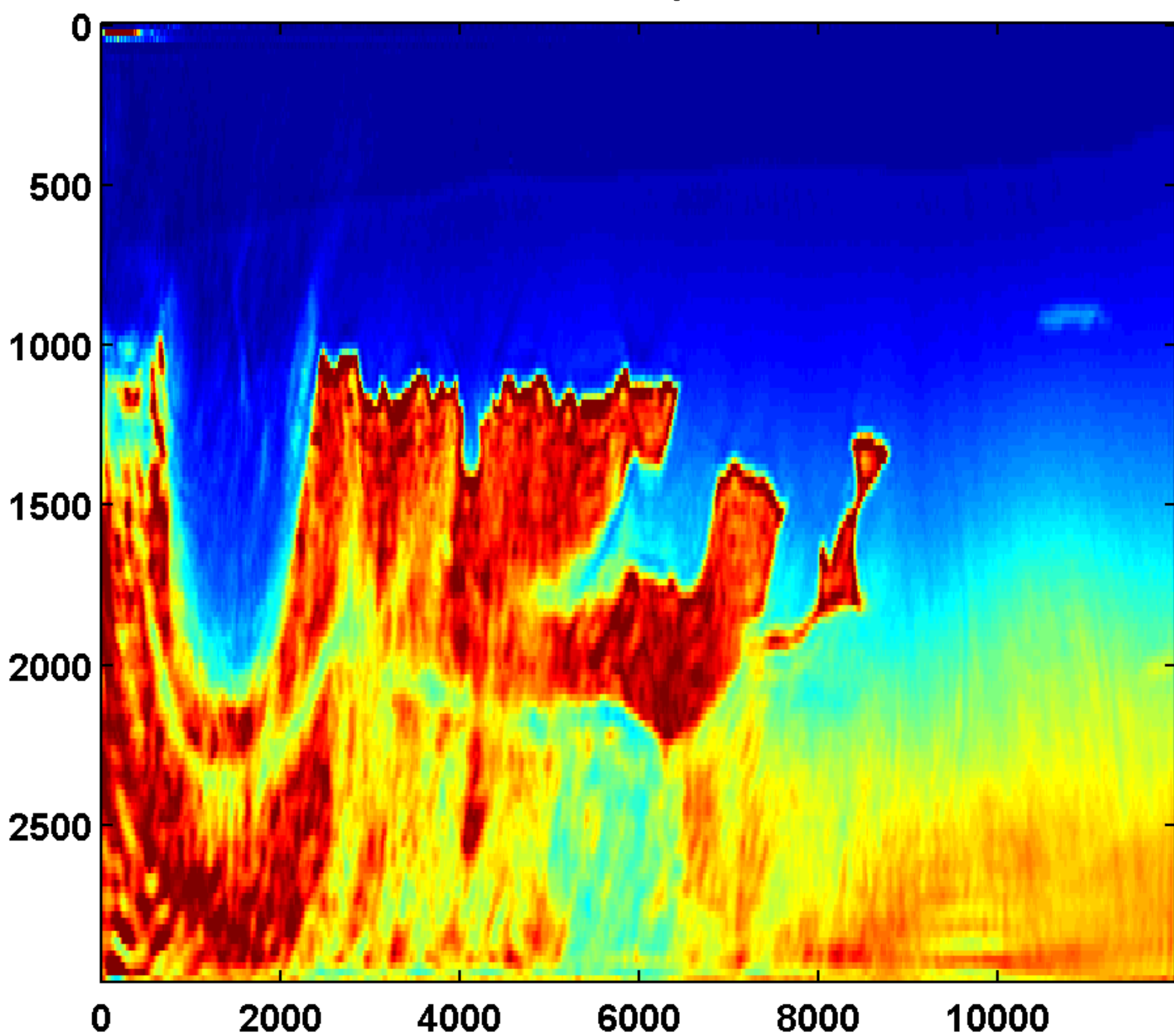
# True velocity & good starting model



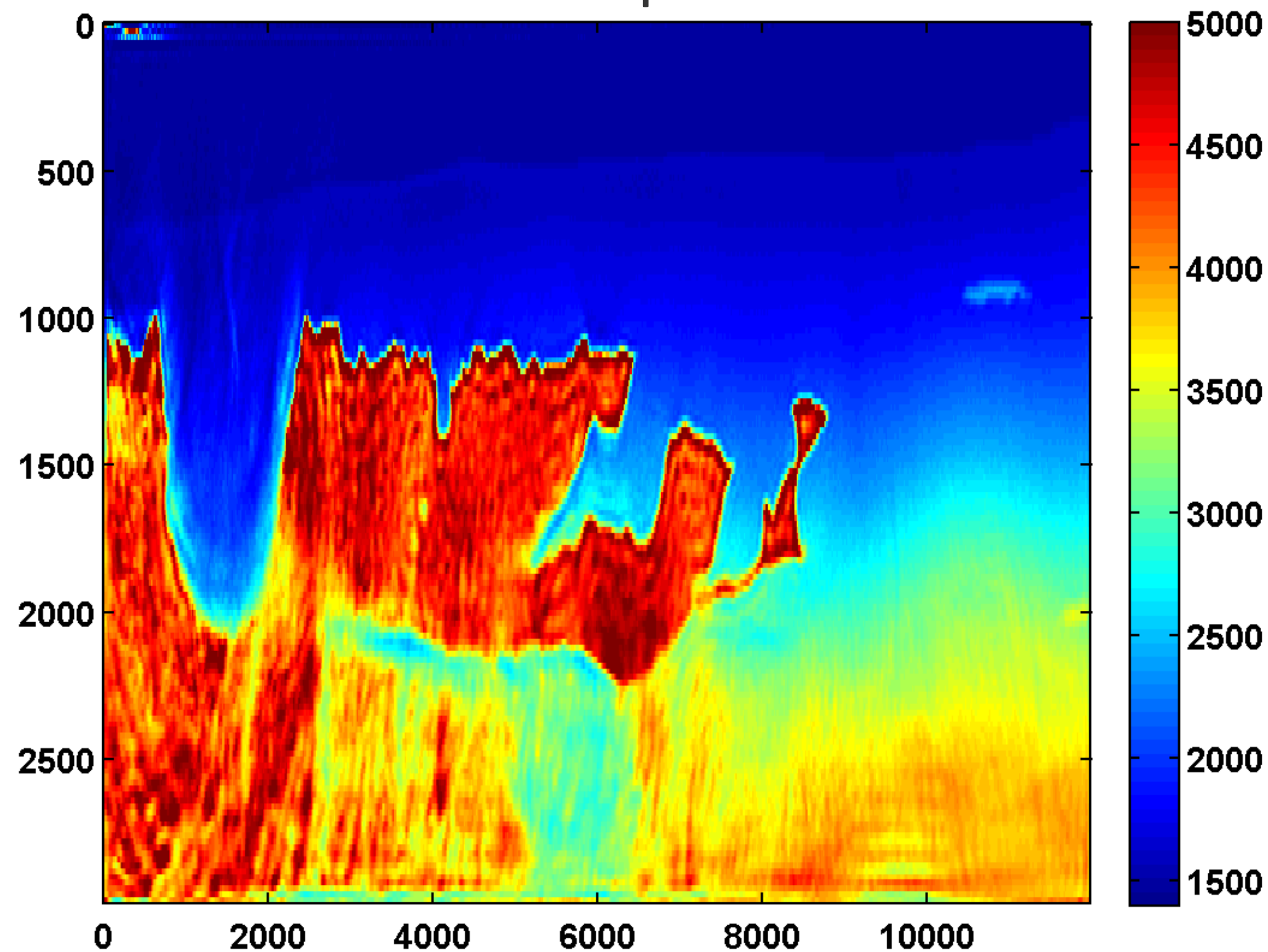


# Results w/o TV

After one cycle through the frequencies

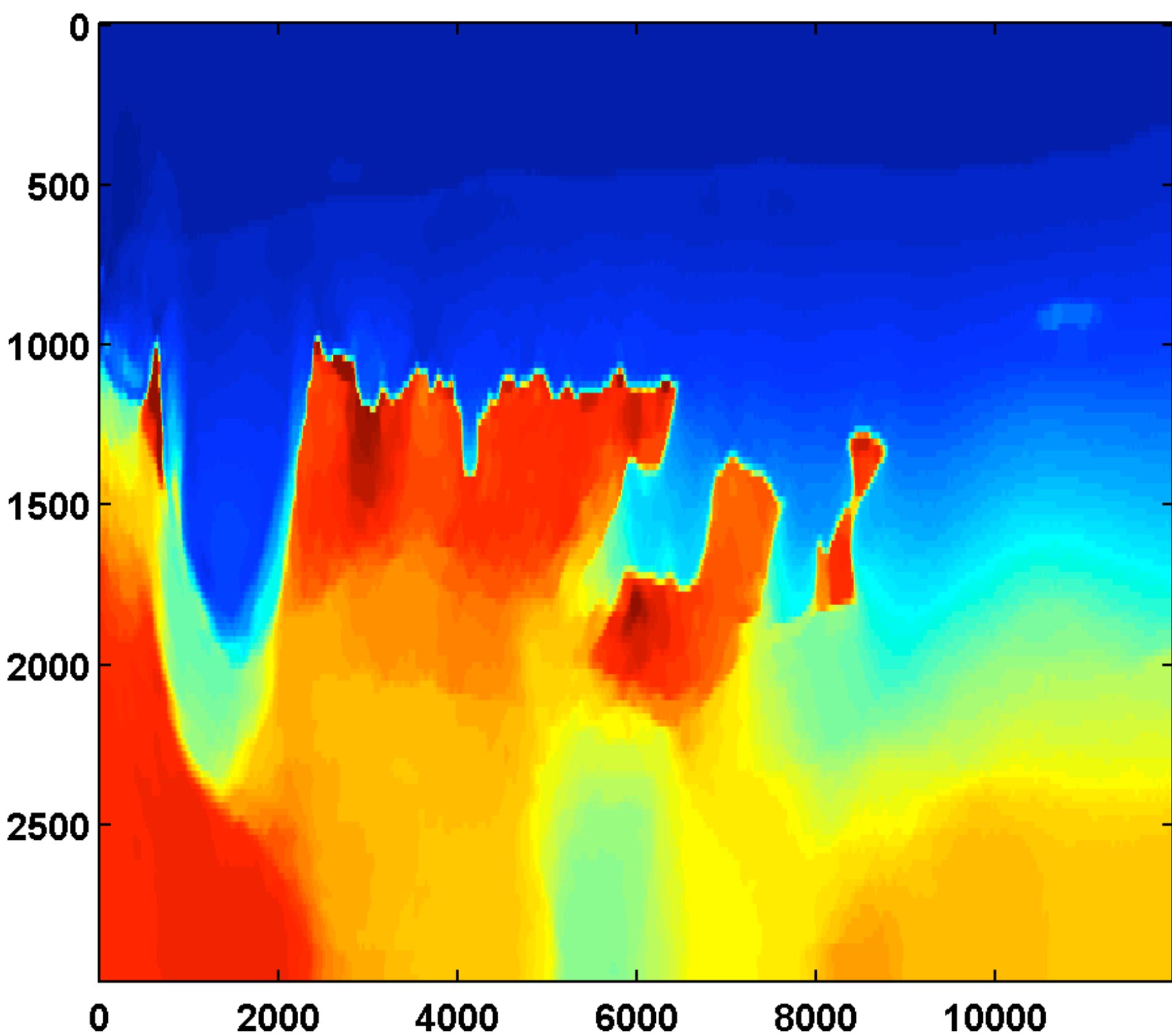


After two cycles through the frequencies

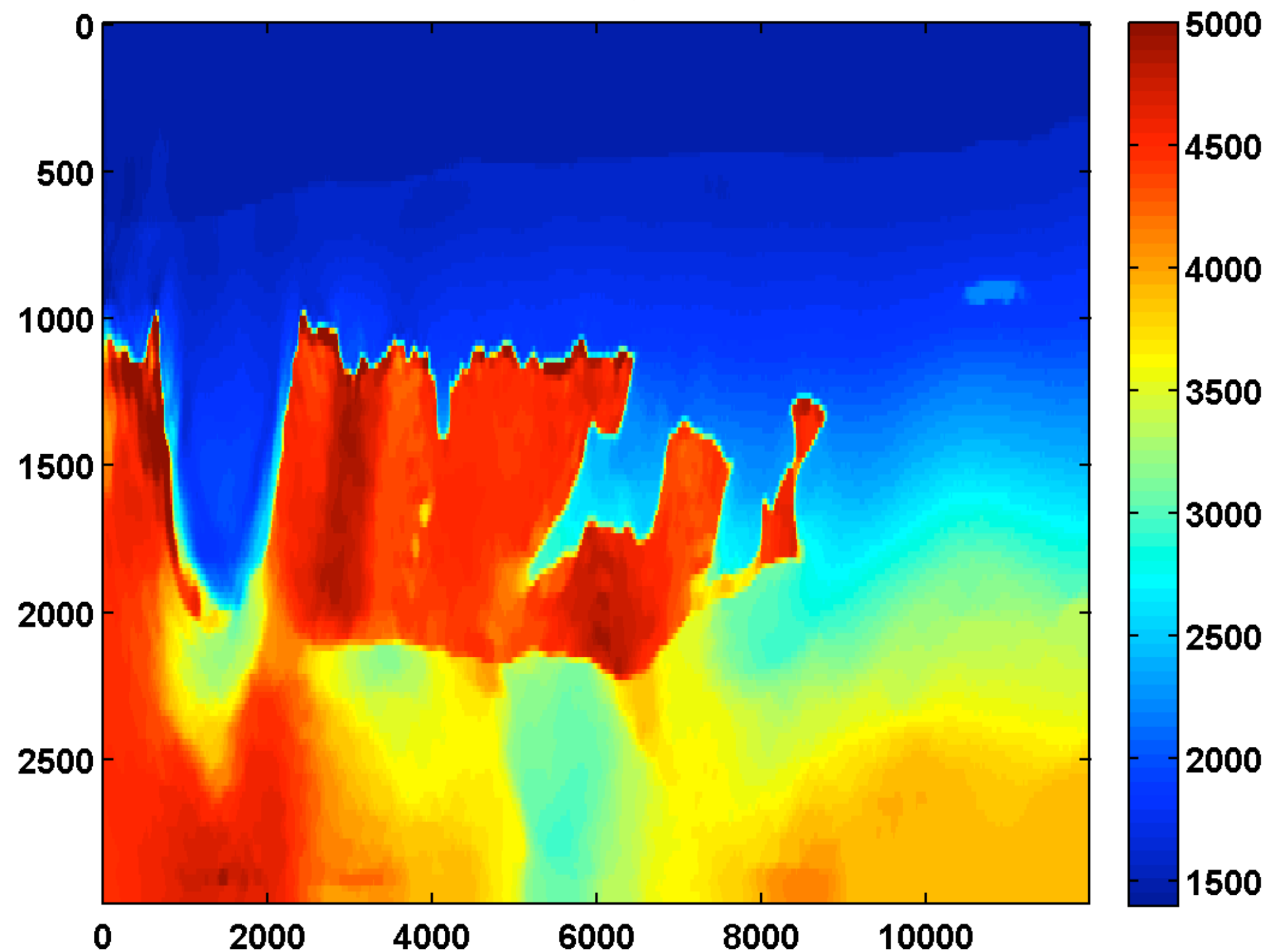


# Results w/ TV

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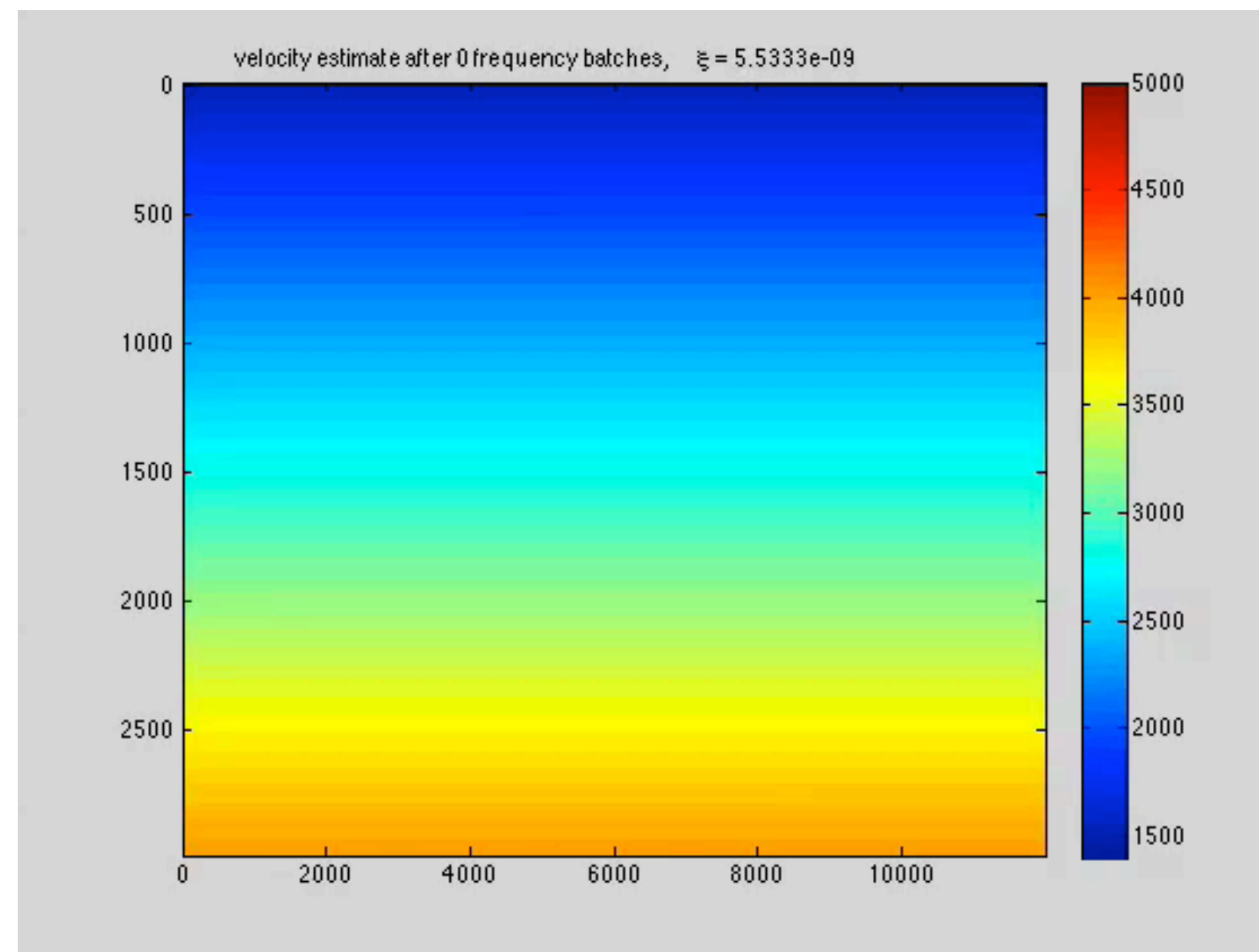
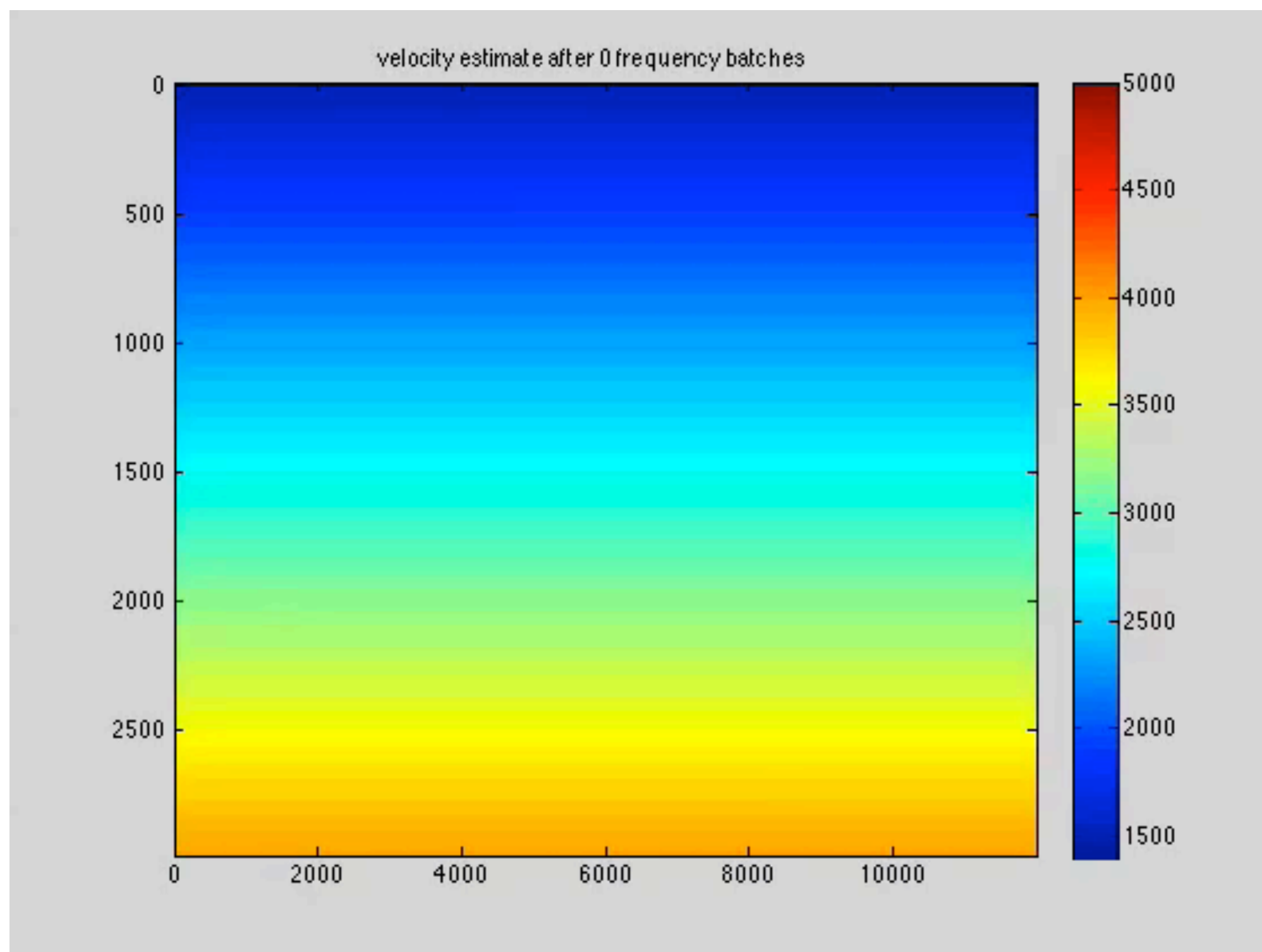


After two cycles through the frequencies



# WRI

w/ or w/o TV-norm projections & bad starting model





# Observations

## WRI

- ▶ removes (some) reliance accurate starting models by extending the search space
- ▶ Total-variation projections create reflectors that detect top & bottom of Salt
- ▶ automatic Salt flooding

## Randomization makes WRI

- ▶ computationally affordable

# Conclusions

Randomizations in acquisition make

- ▶ seismic surveys more economic
- ▶ reduces the environmental impact
- ▶ allows for recovery of fully-sampled data volumes

Randomization in computations make

- ▶ wave-equation based inversions more economic
- ▶ but still rely on underlying fold

Open problems

- ▶ combine randomized acquisition w/ wave-equation inversions to mitigate acquisition imprints
- ▶ build in adaptive sampling

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