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Motivation

Wave-equation based inversions are non-convex & suffer from local minima (cycle skips)

- for poor starting models
- especially detrimental for high-contrast & high-velocity unconformities (salt & basalt)

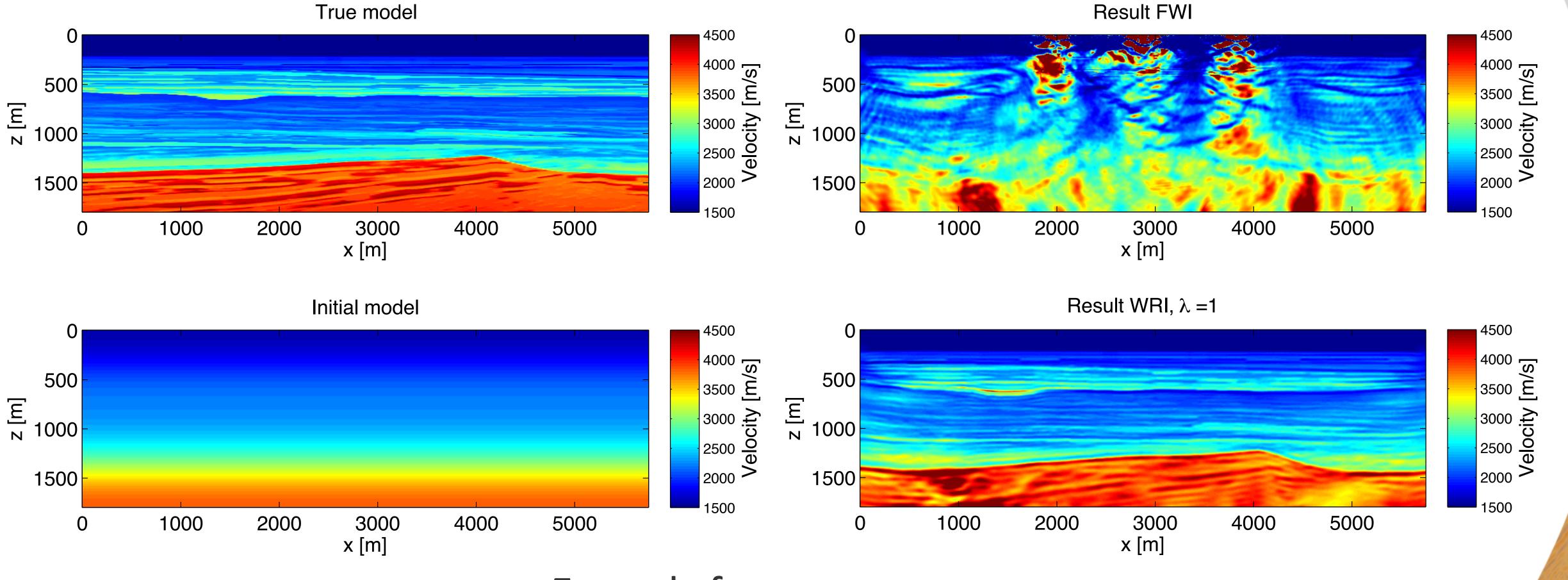
Borrow ideas from

- wave-equation based inversions w/ extensions
- edge-preserving regularization in image processing & compressive sensing
- hinge-loss functions in machine learning
- continuation strategies from (convex) constrained optimization



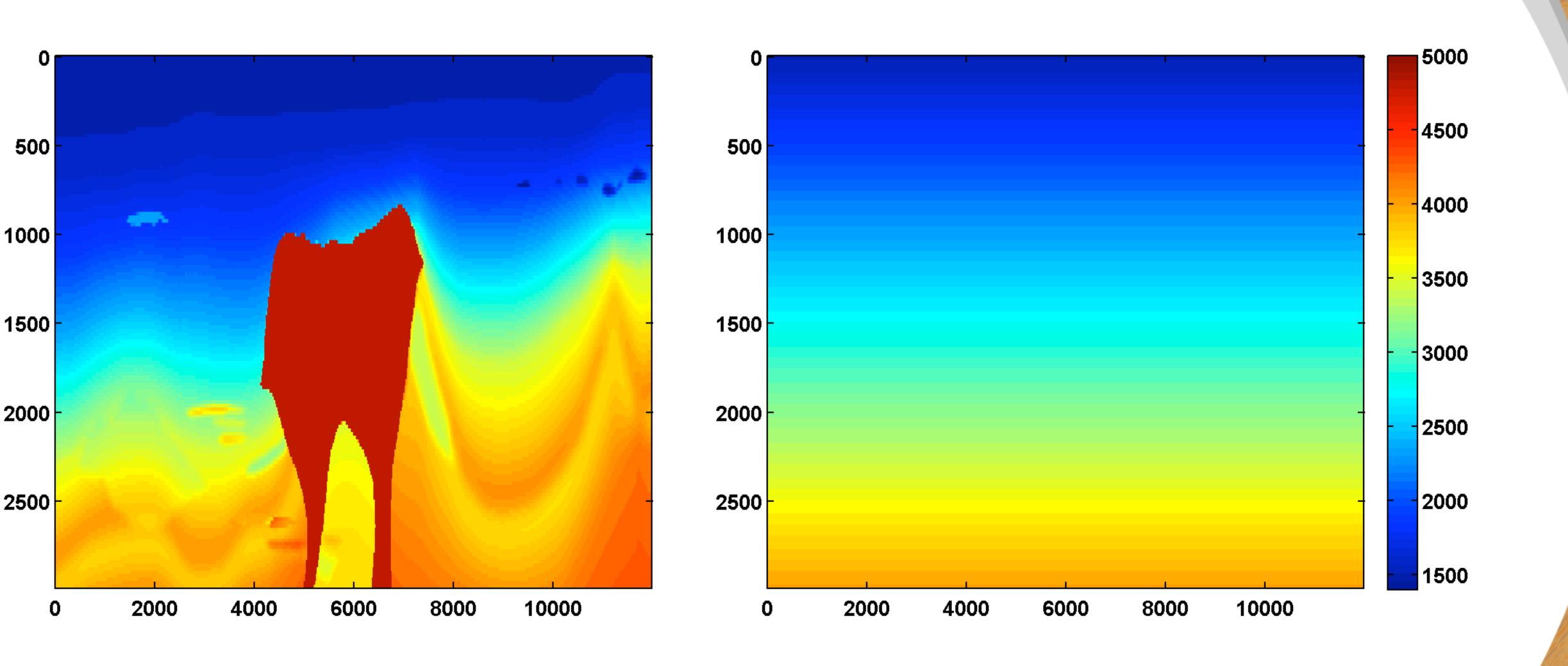
Wavefield Reconstruction Inversion (WRI)

poor starting model



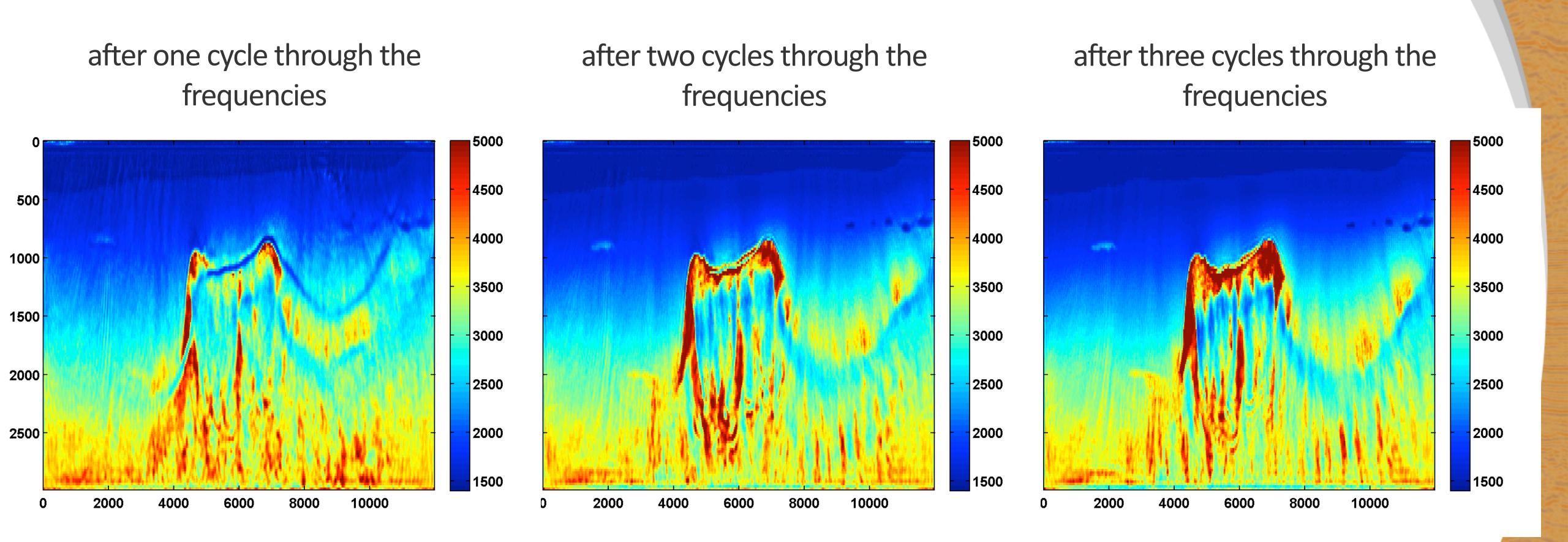
Example from [Peters et al. 2013]

Waveform inversion – poor starting model

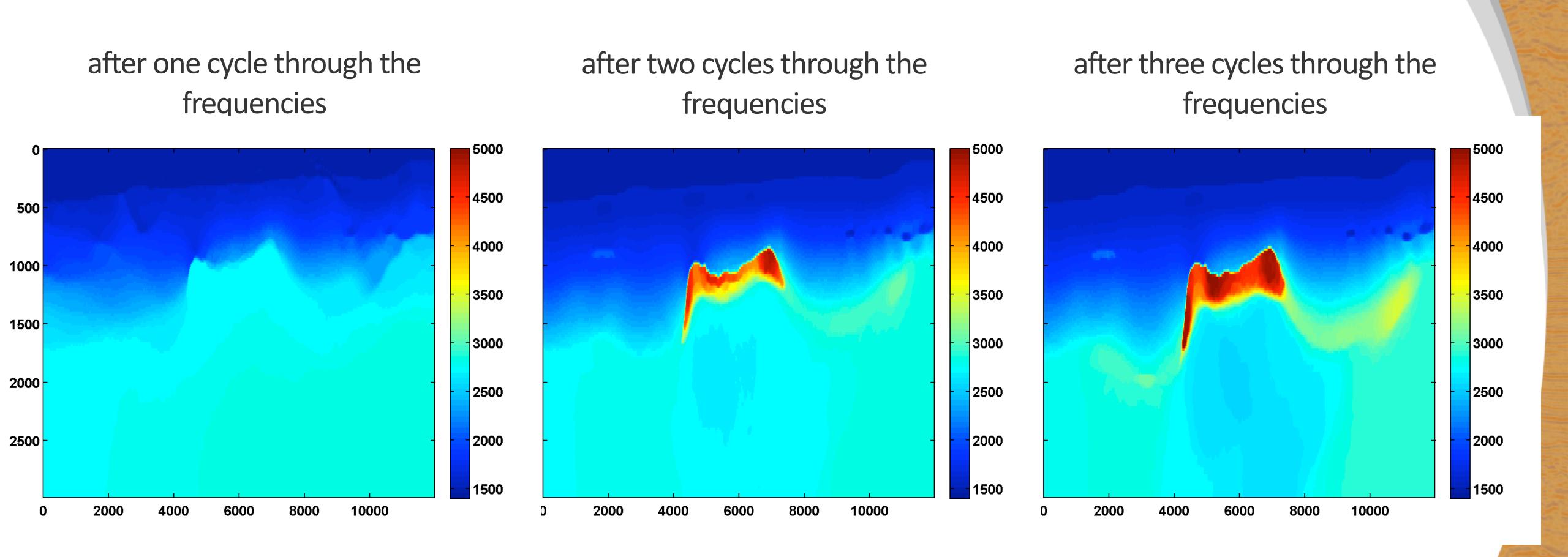




WRI results w/o TV



Results w/ TV





Strategy

Extend the search space

- "less" nonlinear (bi-convex)
- ensures data fit & avoids cycle skips

"Squeeze" the extension by

- enforcing the wave equation to compute model updates
- imposing asymmetric convex constraints that encode "rudimentary" properties of the geology
- relaxing the convex constraints starts while stressing wave physics

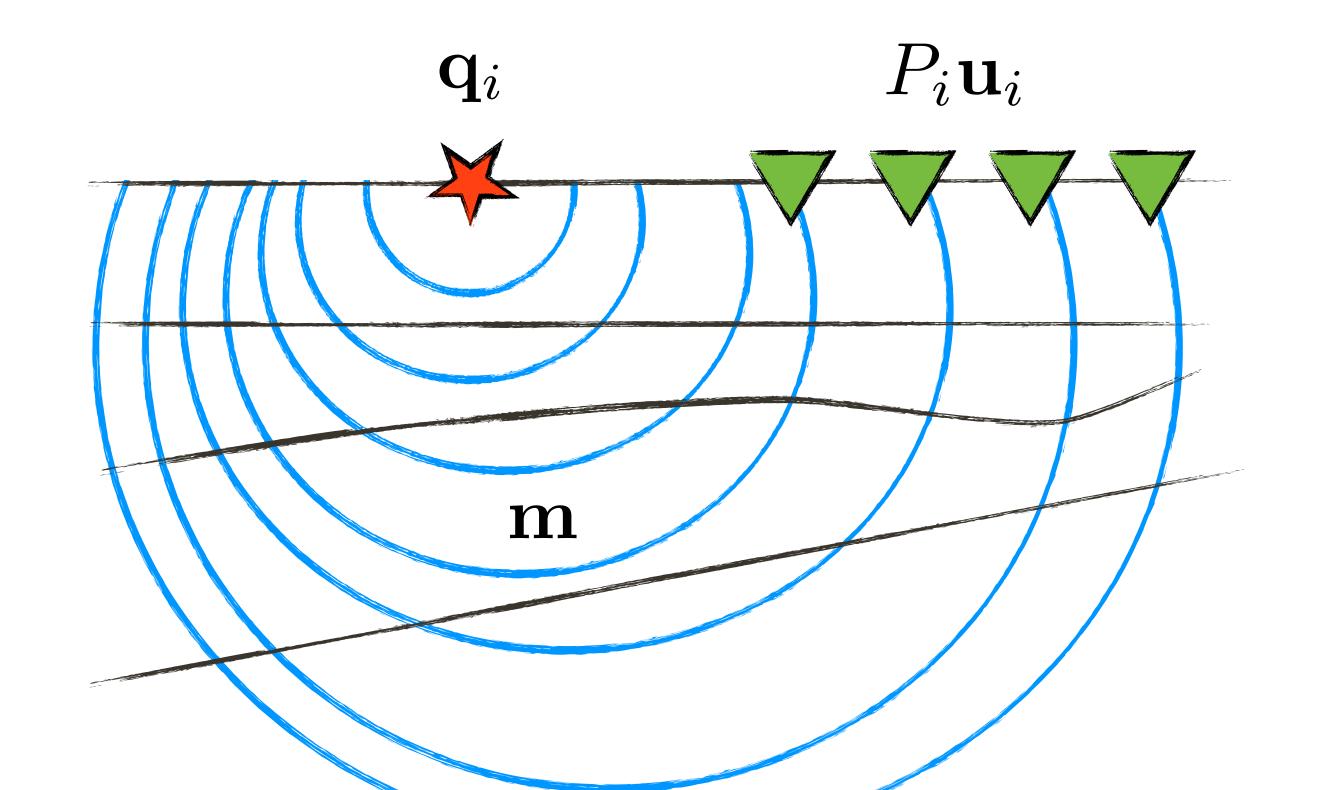
Leverage frequency continuation & warm starts where

- sparsity-promoting asymmetric convex constraints limit adverse affects of local minima
- there is hope as long progress towards the solution is made in each sweep



Waveform inversion

Retrieve the medium parameters from partial measurements of the solution of the wave-equation: $A(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{q}_i$



wave-equation

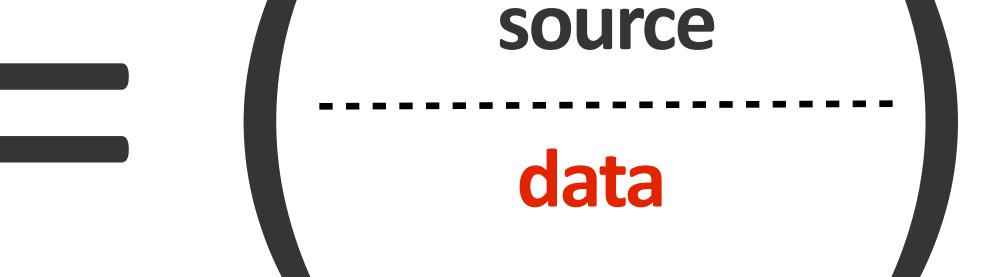
X wavefield

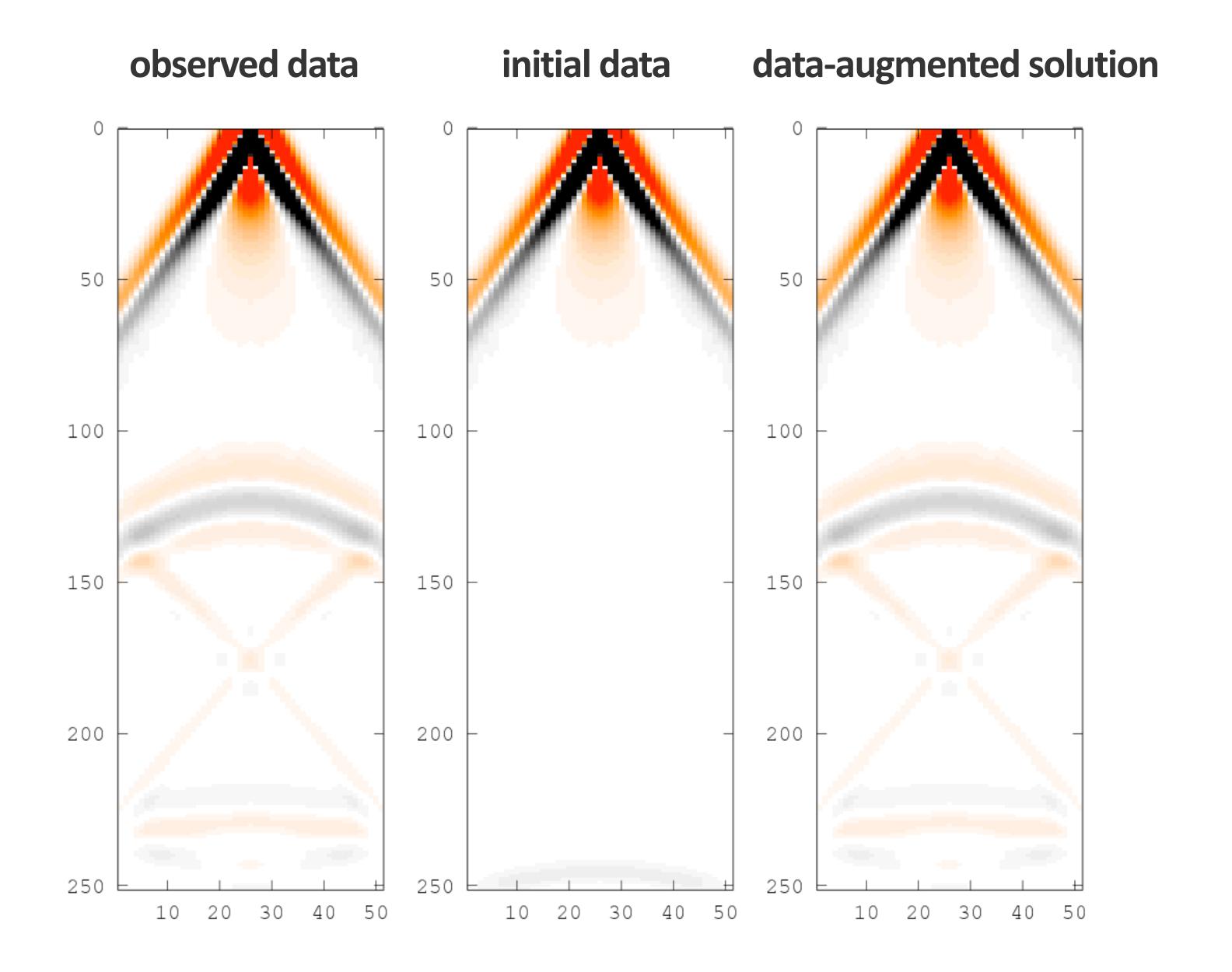
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versus

wave-equation sampling operator

X wavefield







WRI – Wavefield Reconstruction Inversion

For 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

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

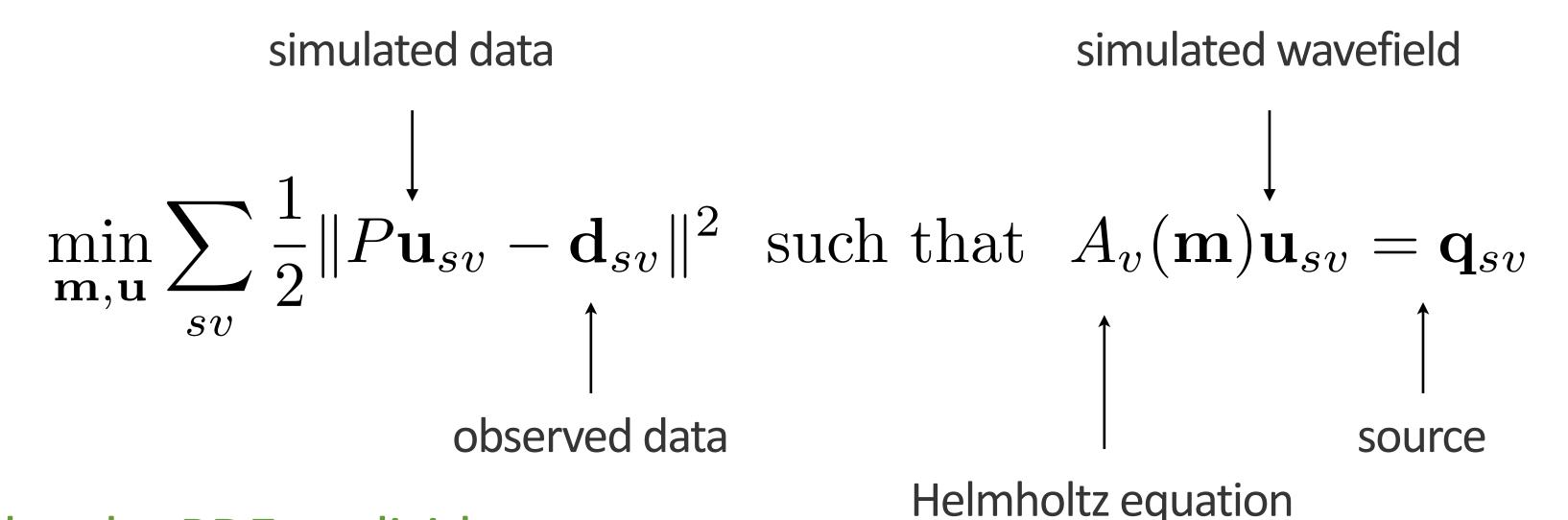
followed by fixing \mathbf{u}_i and solving

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



Wavefield-reconstruction Inversion – WRI

Replace PDE-constrained formulation for FWI:



- avoids having to solve the PDE explicitly
- sparse (GN) Hessian
- requires storing all variables (m,u)
- does not scale to industry-scale seismic problems



Adjoint-state/reduced-space formulation

by eliminating the constraint

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \phi_{\text{red}}(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \|P_i A_i(\mathbf{m})^{-1} \mathbf{q}_i - \mathbf{d}_i\|_2^2$$

- no need to store all wavefields (block-elimination)
- suitable for black-box optimization (e.g., I-BFGS)
- need to solve forward & adjoint PDEs
- very non-linear dependence on earth model (m)
- dense (GN) Hessian, involves additional PDE solves
- reliance on accurate starting models to avoid cycle skipping

WRI

or by a penalty formulation

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} \sum_{sv} \frac{1}{2} ||P\mathbf{u}_{sv} - \mathbf{d}_{sv}||^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} ||A_v(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{u}_{sv} - \mathbf{q}_{sv}||^2$$

and solve at the n^{th} iteration for proxy wavefields (for fixed \mathbf{m}^n)

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{sv} = \underset{\mathbf{u}_{sv}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \frac{1}{2} \|P\mathbf{u}_{sv} - \mathbf{d}_{sv}\|^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \|A_v(\mathbf{m}^n)\mathbf{u}_{sv} - \mathbf{q}_{sv}\|^2$$

followed by computing the gradient for the model

$$\mathbf{g}^{n} = \sum_{sv} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \lambda^{2} \omega_{v}^{2} \operatorname{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{sv})^{*} \left(A_{v}(\mathbf{m}^{n}) \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{sv} - \mathbf{q}_{sv} \right) \right\}$$

WRI

and reduced diagonal Gauss-Newton Hessian

$$H_{sv}^n \approx \sum_{sv} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \lambda^2 \omega_v^4 \operatorname{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{sv}(\mathbf{m}^n))^* \operatorname{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{sv}(\mathbf{m}^n) \right\}$$

to minimize the reduced objective

$$\Phi(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_{sv} \frac{1}{2} ||P\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{sv}(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}_{sv}||^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} ||A_v(\mathbf{m})\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{sv}(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{q}_{sv}||^2$$

via scaled gradient descents [Bertsekas '99]

$$\Delta \mathbf{m} = \underset{\Delta \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^N}{\arg \min} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{g}^n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T H^n \Delta \mathbf{m} + c_n \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \Delta \mathbf{m}$$

$$\mathbf{m}^{n+1} = \mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m} \text{ with } c_n \ge 0$$

WRI — outer iterations

WRI method

for each source i

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

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

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

end

diagonal Hessian $-\mathbf{m} - \alpha H^{-1} \mathbf{r}$

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

pseudo Hessian

replace by inner loop that imposes convex constraints

Conventional method

for each source i

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

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

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

end

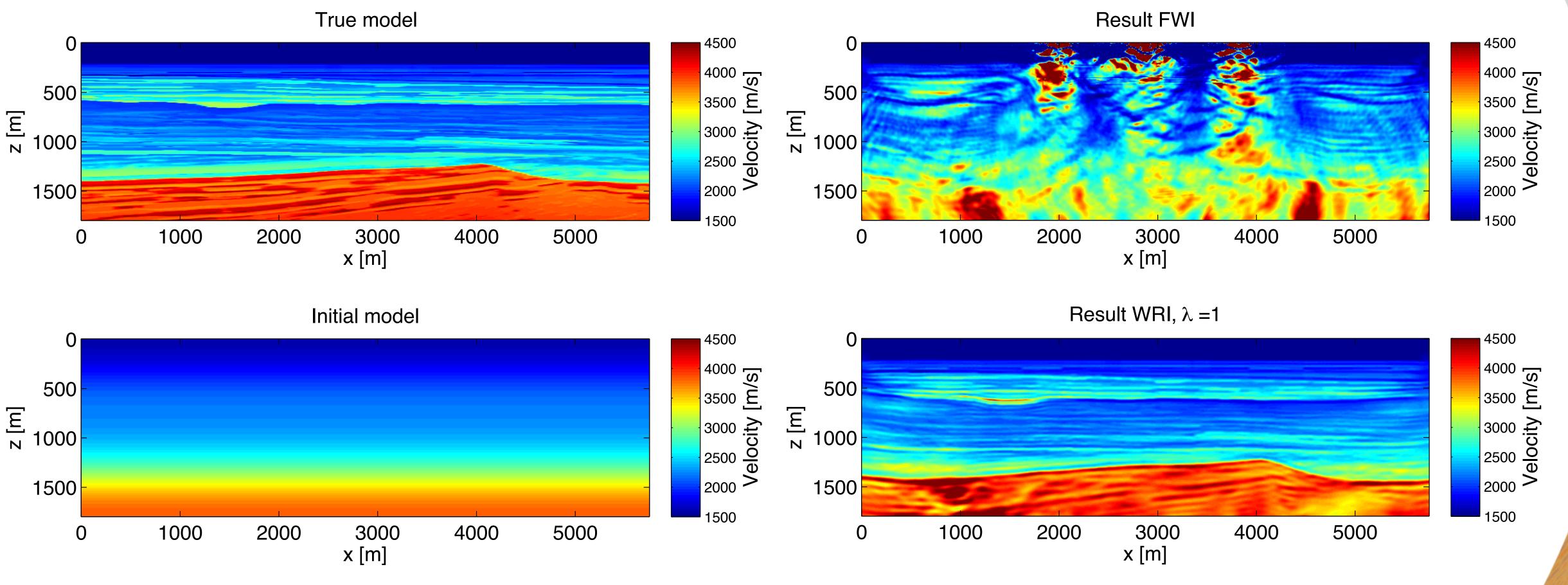
$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} - \alpha \mathbf{g}$$

dense Hessian &

too expensive



Waveform inversion – poor starting model



Example from [Peters et al. 2013]



A note on choosing λ

Low-noise case:

$$\lambda \sim \mu_1(A^{-*}P^*PA^{-1})$$

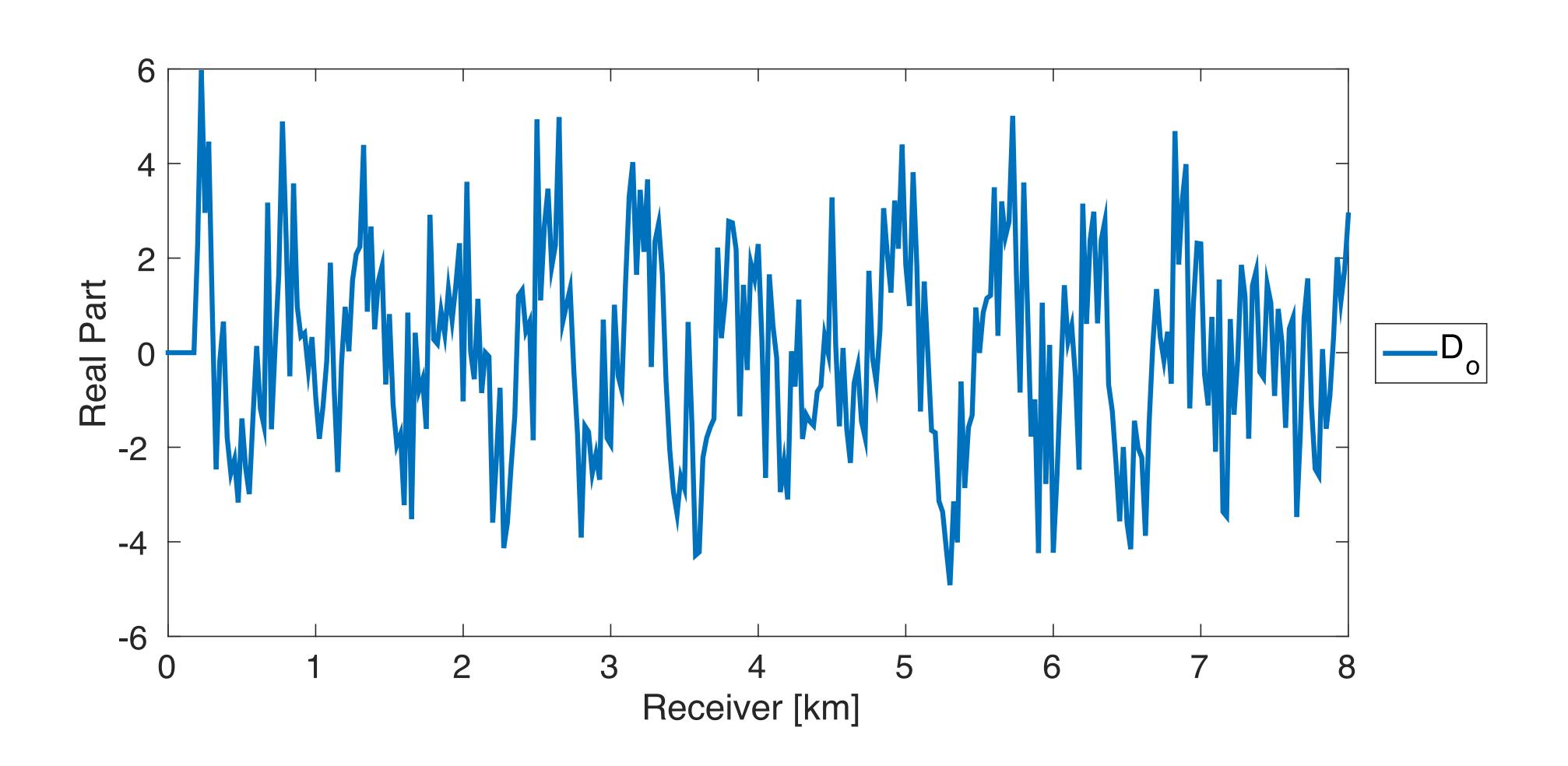
High-noise case:

Select by striking a balance between

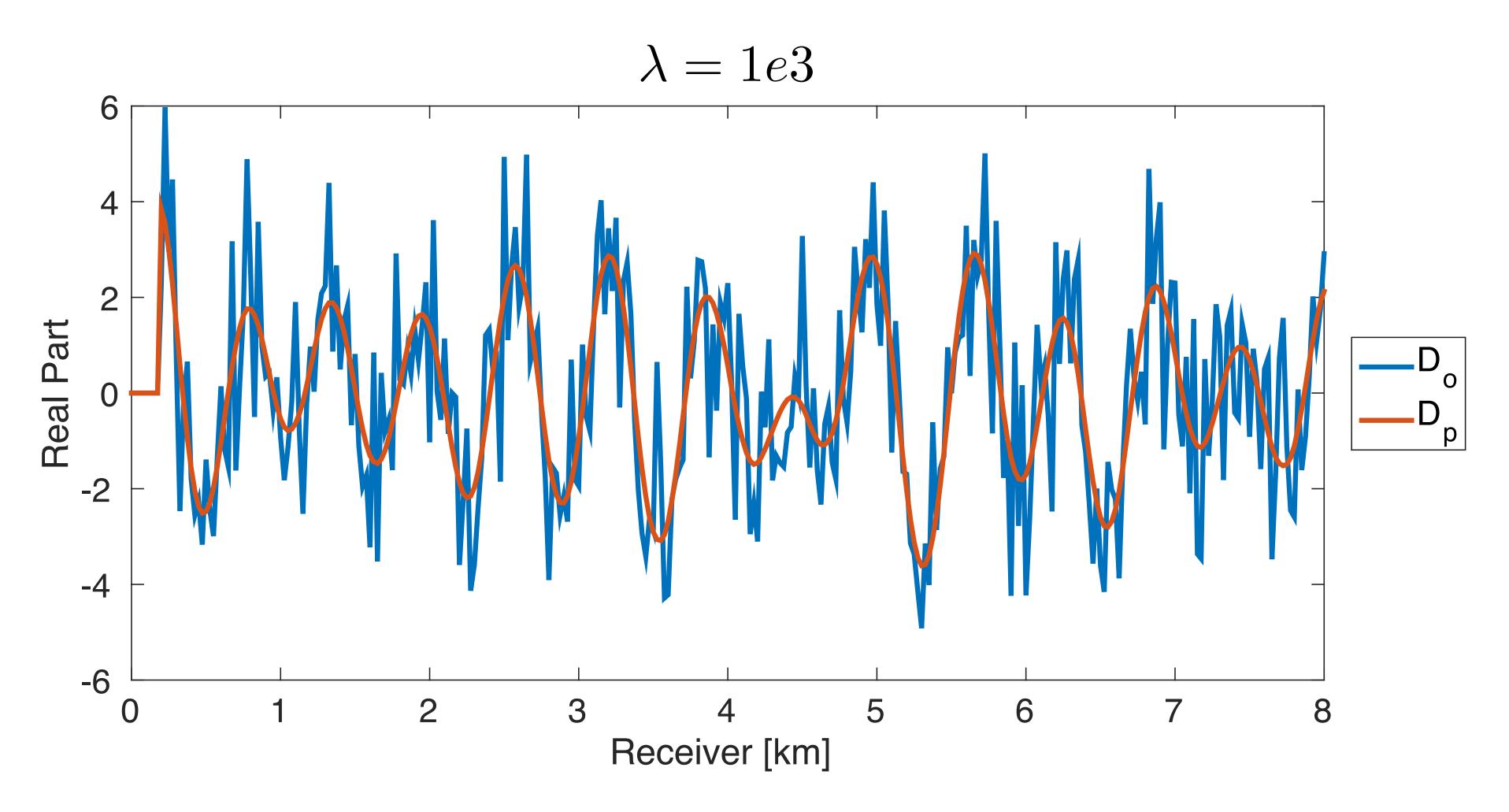
- sufficient data fit to avoid cycle skipping
- sufficient "smoothing" to avoid fitting the noise

WRI's penalty formulation can be interpreted as a "denoiser"...

Noisy data —3 Hz



Noisy data + fit — 3 Hz



Including convex constraints

Wave-equation based inversions call for regularization, e.g. via convex constraints

$$\Delta \mathbf{m} = \underset{\Delta \mathbf{m} \in R^N}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{g}^n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T H^n \Delta \mathbf{m} + c_n \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \Delta \mathbf{m}$$
such that $\mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m} \in C$

- guarantees $\mathbf{m}^{n+1} \in C$
- more difficult to compute
- feasible if it is easy to project onto
- ▶ naive projections $\mathbf{m}^{m+1} = \Pi_C \left(\mathbf{m}^n (H^n)^{-1} \mathbf{g}^n \right)$ are not guaranteed to converge [Bertsekas '99]

Scaled Gradient Projections

Algorithm 1 A Scaled Gradient Projection Algorithm

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n = 0; m^0 \in C; \rho > 0; \epsilon > 0; \sigma \in (0, 1];
H symmetric with eigenvalues between \lambda_H^{\min} and \lambda_H^{\max};
\xi_1 > 1; \, \xi_2 > 1; \, c_0 > \max(0, \rho - \lambda_H^{\min});
while n = 0 or \frac{\|m^n - m^{n-1}\|}{\|m^n\|} > \epsilon
     \Delta m = \arg\min_{\Delta m \in C - m^n} \Delta m^T \nabla F(m^n) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta m^T (H^n + c_n I) \Delta m
     if F(m^n + \Delta m) - F(m^n) > \sigma(\Delta m^T \nabla F(\bar{m}^n) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta m^T (H^n + c_n I)\Delta m)
          c_n = \xi_2 c_n
     else
          m^{n+1} = m^n + \Delta m
         c_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \frac{c_n}{\xi_1} & \text{if } \frac{c_n}{\xi_1} > \max(0, \rho - \lambda_H^{\min}) \\ c_n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
          Define H^{n+1} to be symmetric Hessian approximation
               with eigenvalues between \lambda_H^{\min} and \lambda_H^{\max}
          n = n + 1
     end if
end while
```

Bound constraints

- via scaled gradient projections

For strictly positive diagonal Gauss-Newton Hessians:

$$\Delta \mathbf{m} = \arg\min_{\Delta \mathbf{m}} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{g}^n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T (H^n + c_n \mathbf{I}) \Delta \mathbf{m}$$

subject to $\mathbf{m}_i^n + \Delta \mathbf{m}_i \in [B_i^l, B_i^u], \ i = 1 \cdots N$

for which there exists a closed form solution

$$\Delta \mathbf{m}_i = \max \left(B_i^l - \mathbf{m}_i^n, \min \left(B_i^u - \mathbf{m}_i^n, -[(H^n + c_n I)^{-1} \mathbf{g}^n]_i \right) \right)$$

that is computationally affordable.



Total-variation regularization

-w/bound constraints

Promote models w/ sharp boundaries via

$$\mathbf{m}^{n+1} = \mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m}$$
 subject to $\mathbf{m}^{n+1} \in C_{\text{box}} \cap C_{\text{TV}}$

where $C_{\mathrm{TV}} = \{\mathbf{m} : \|\mathbf{m}\|_{\mathrm{TV}} \leq \tau\}$ and

$$\|\mathbf{m}\|_{TV} = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{ij} \sqrt{(m_{i+1,j} - m_{i,j})^2 + (m_{i,j+1} - m_{i,j})^2}$$

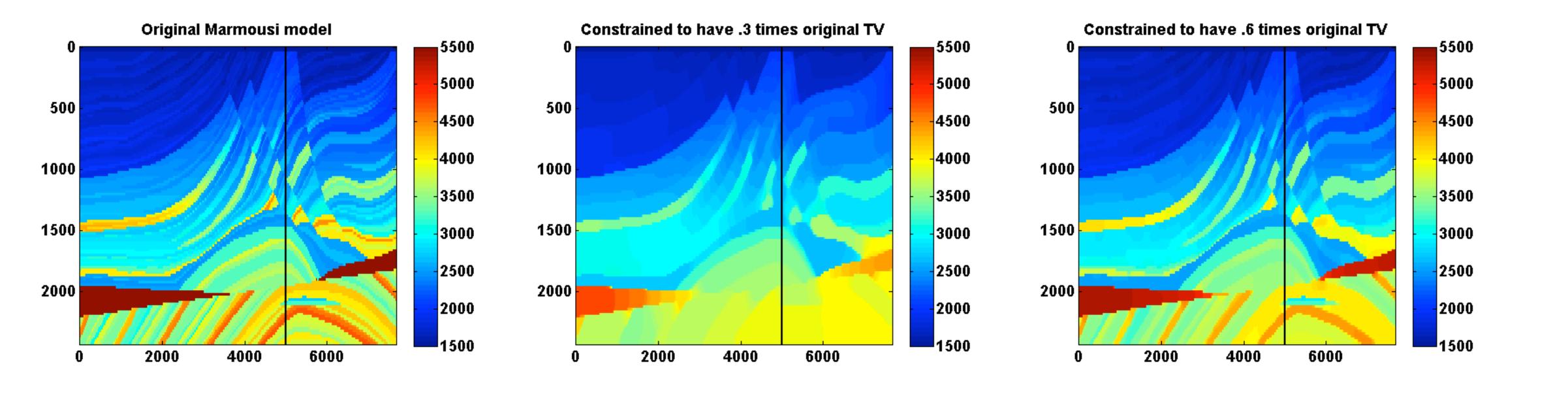
$$= \sum_{ij} \frac{1}{h} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} (m_{i,j+1} - m_{i,j}) \\ (m_{i+1,j} - m_{i,j}) \end{bmatrix} \right\|$$

$$= \|D\mathbf{m}\|_{1,2} := \sum_{l=1}^{N} \|(D\mathbf{m})_l\|.$$

Projections onto convex sets

 $v_{\min} = 1500$, $v_{\max} = 5500$, and $\tau = \{0.3\tau_0, 0.6\tau_0\}$

$$\Pi_C(\mathbf{m}_0) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{m}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_0\|^2$$
 subject to $\mathbf{m}_i \in [B_i^l, B_i^u]$ and $\|\mathbf{m}\|_{TV} \le \tau$



Proposed algorithm

Solve

minimize
$$\Phi(\mathbf{m})$$
 subject to $\mathbf{m}^{n+1} \in C_{\text{box}} \cap C_{\text{TV}}$

by iterating

$$\Delta \mathbf{m} = \arg\min_{\Delta \mathbf{m}} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{g}^n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T (H^n + c_n \mathbf{I}) \Delta \mathbf{m}$$

subject to
$$\mathbf{m}_i^n + \Delta \mathbf{m}_i \in [B_i^l, B_i^u] \text{ and } \|\mathbf{m}^n \Delta \mathbf{m}\|_{TV} \leq \tau$$

$$\mathbf{m}^{n+1} = \mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m}$$

Solving the convex subproblems

Find saddle point of

$$\mathcal{L}(\Delta \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p}) = \Delta \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{g}^n + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{m}^T (H^n + c_n \mathbf{I}) \Delta \mathbf{m} + g_B (\mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m})$$
$$+ \mathbf{p}^T D(\mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m}) - \tau ||\mathbf{p}||_{\infty, 2}$$

with indicator functions for

Bound constraint

$$g_B(\mathbf{m}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m_i \in [B_i^l, B_i^u] \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

TV-norm constraint

$$\sup_{\mathbf{p}} + \mathbf{p}^T D(\mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m}) - \tau ||\mathbf{p}||_{\infty,2}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } ||D(\mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m})||_{1,2} \le \tau \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Iterations

- primal dual hybrid gradient (PDHG)

projection onto TV ball

$$\mathbf{p}^{k+1} = \mathbf{p}^k + \delta D(\mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m}^k) - \prod_{\|\cdot\|_{1,2} \le \tau \delta} (\mathbf{p}^k + \delta D(\mathbf{m}^n + \Delta \mathbf{m}^k))$$

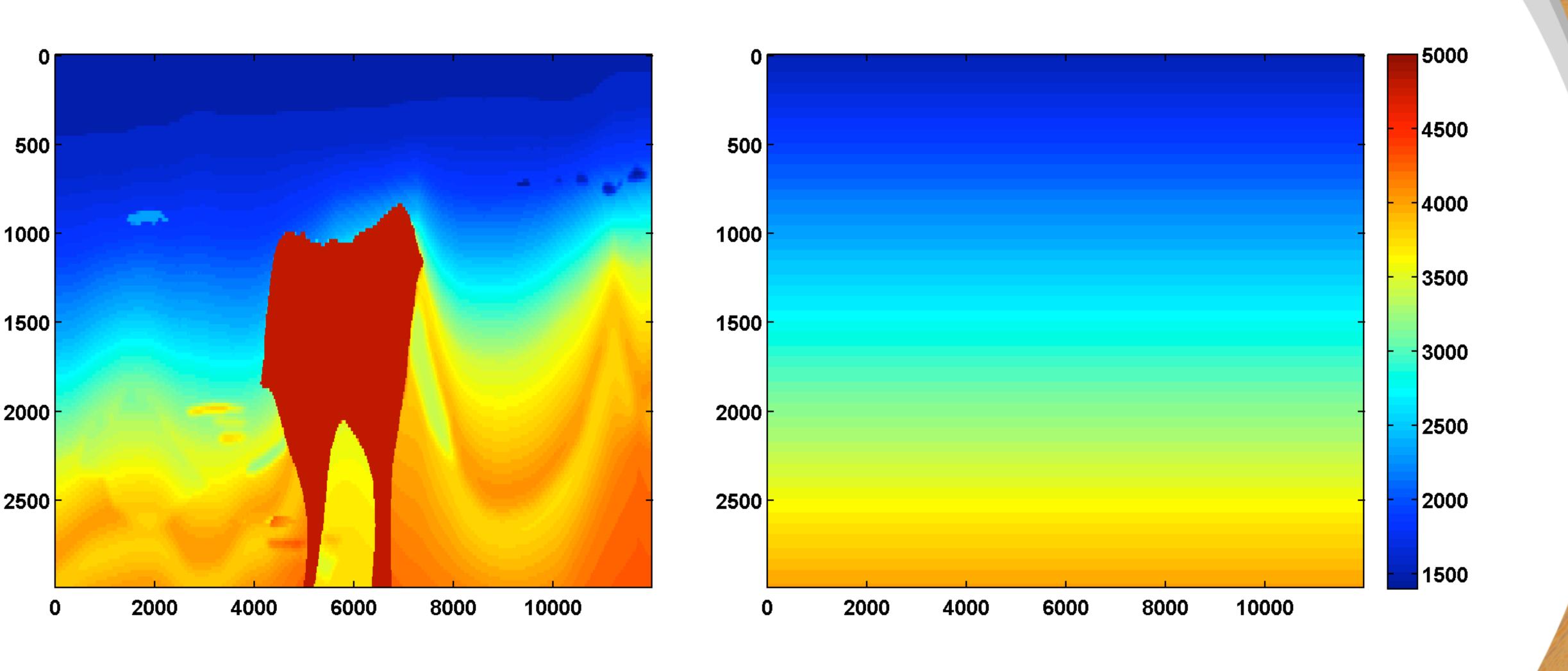
$$\Delta \mathbf{m}_i^{k+1} = \max \left((B_i^l - \mathbf{m}_i^n), B_i \right)$$

$$B_i = \min \left((B_i^u - \mathbf{m}_i^n), [(H^n + (c_n + \frac{1}{\alpha})\mathbf{I})^{-1}(-\mathbf{g}^n + \frac{\Delta \mathbf{m}^k}{\alpha} - D^T(2\mathbf{p}^{k+1} - \mathbf{p}^k))]_i \right)$$

for steplengths
$$\alpha \delta \leq \frac{1}{\|D^T D\|}$$
 and $\alpha = \frac{1}{\max(H^n + c_n I)}$

- do not involve solutions of (data-augmented) wave equations
- allows for data-dependent stepsizes

True velocity & poor starting model



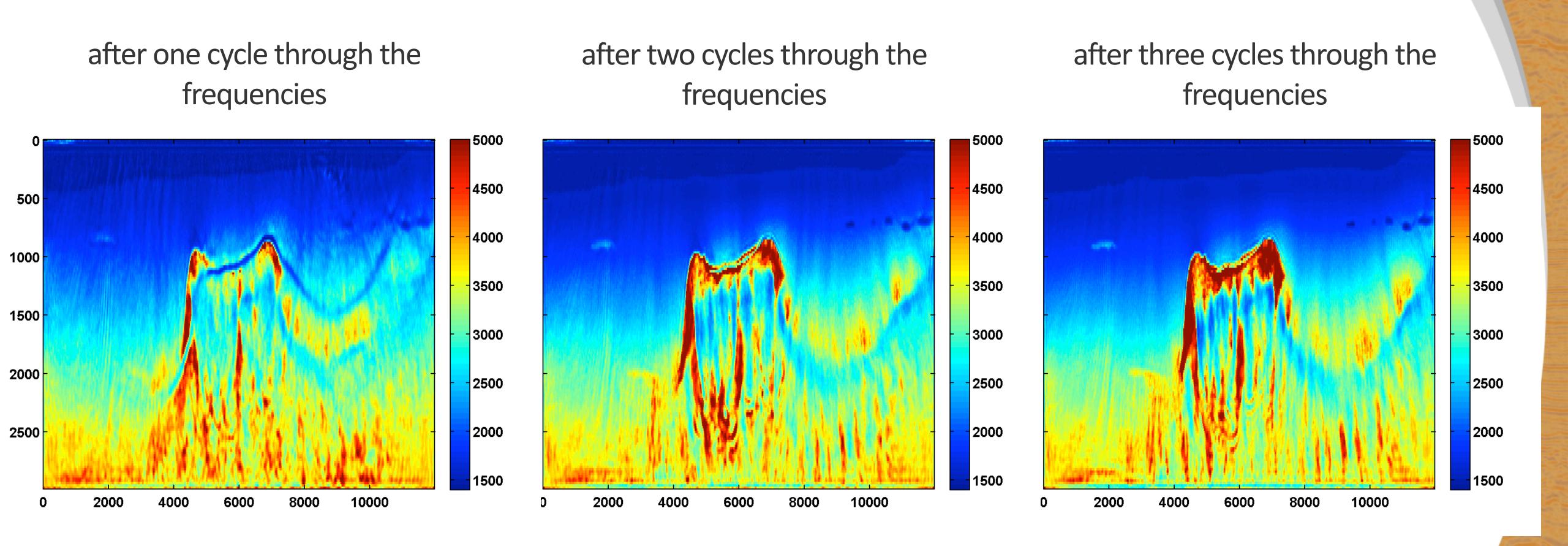


BP model

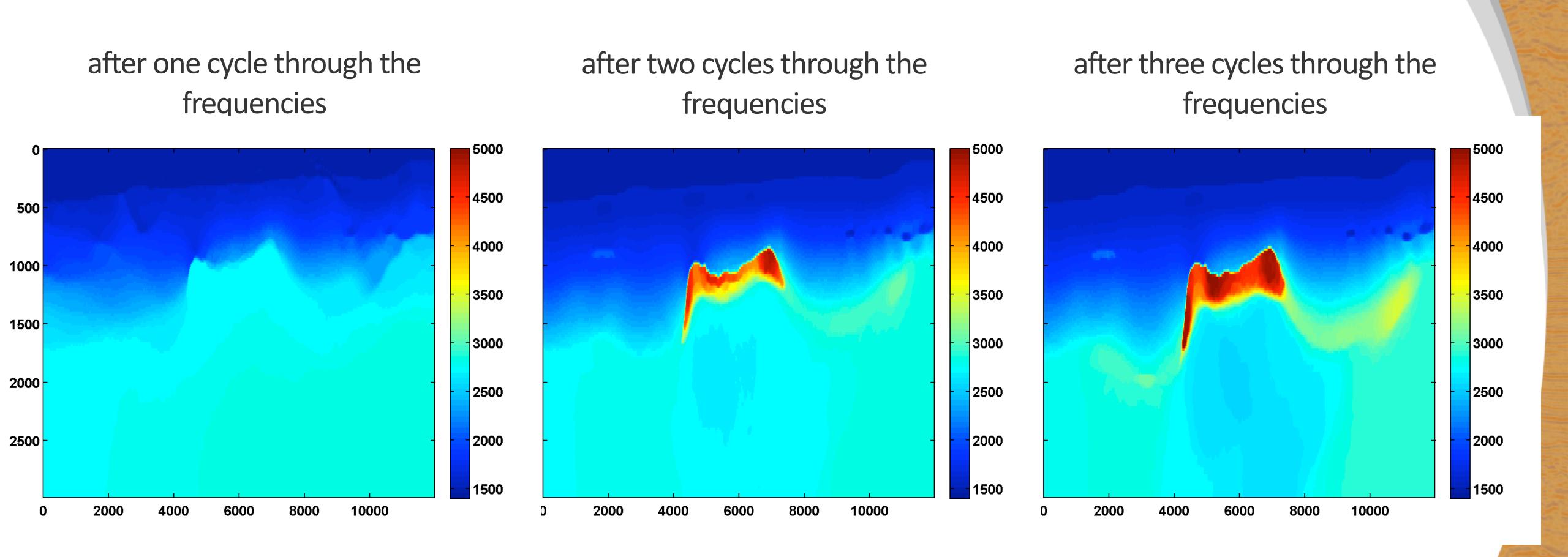
- number of sources: 126
- number of receivers: 299
- frequency continuation over 3-20Hz in overlapping batches of 2
- maximum number of outer iterations per frequency batch: 25
- maximum number of inner iterations for convex subproblems: 2000
- known Ricker wavelet sources with 15Hz peak frequency
-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



Results w/o TV



Results w/ TV





Hinge loss

- one-sided TV constraint

Mitigate erroneous velocity model updates by using the fact that

- vertical slowness profiles tend to decrease w/ depth
- makes it less probable that velocities jump down along the vertical

Mathematically expressed as the one-norm of a hinge-loss function

$$\|\max(0, D_z\mathbf{m})\|_1 \le \xi$$

- for ξ small slowness is unlikely to step up
- extended to a weighted directional gradient
- combined w/ omni-directional TV and bound constraints

Scaled-gradient projections – w/ convex total-variation, box, & hinge-loss constraints

Solve for given $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{\lambda}$

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \phi(\mathbf{m}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{\lambda})$$
 subject to

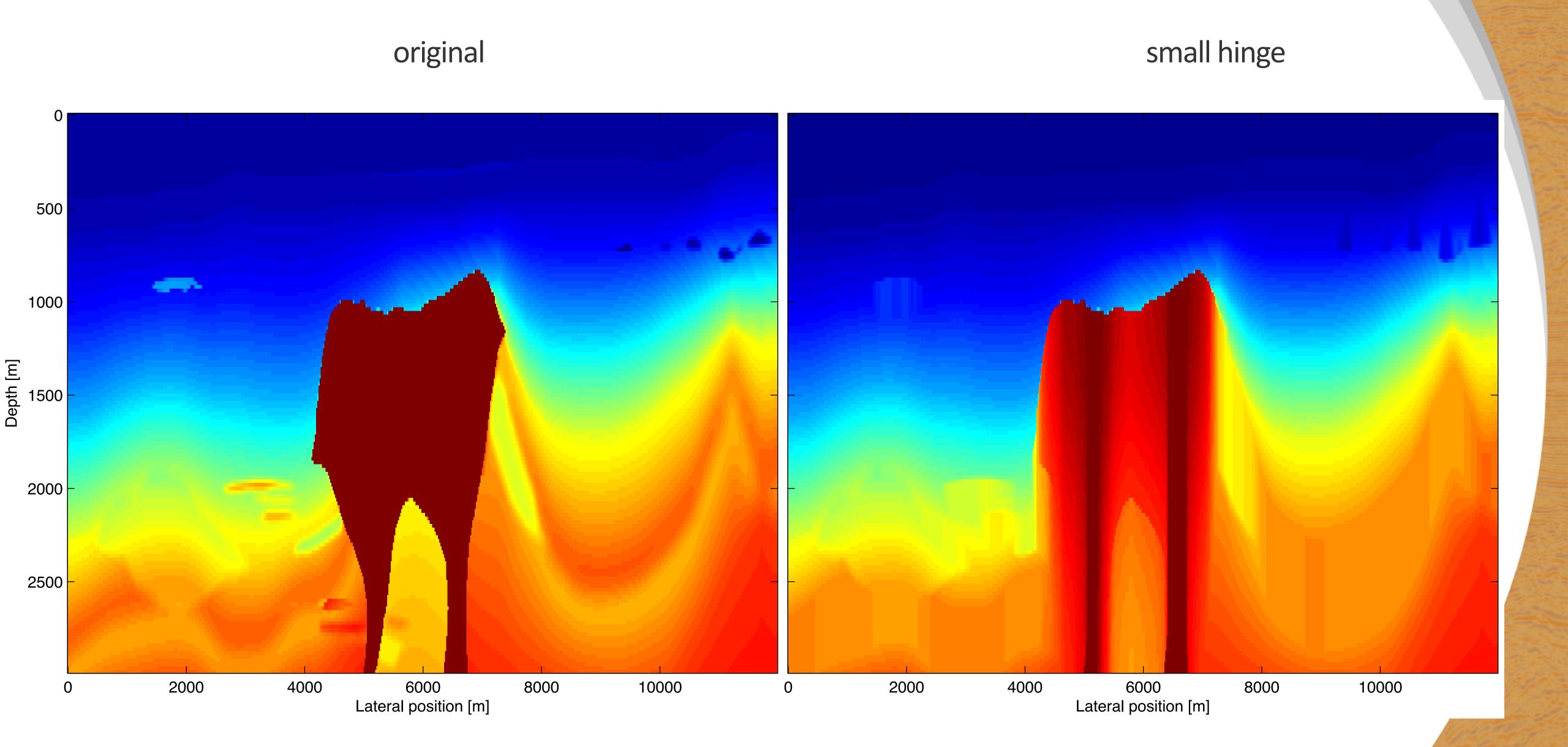
$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \phi(\mathbf{m}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{\lambda}) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \begin{cases}
m_i \in [B_1, B_2] \\
\|\mathbf{m}\|_{\text{TV}} \leq \tau \\
\|\mathbf{m}\|_{\text{Hinge}} \leq \xi
\end{cases}$$

with

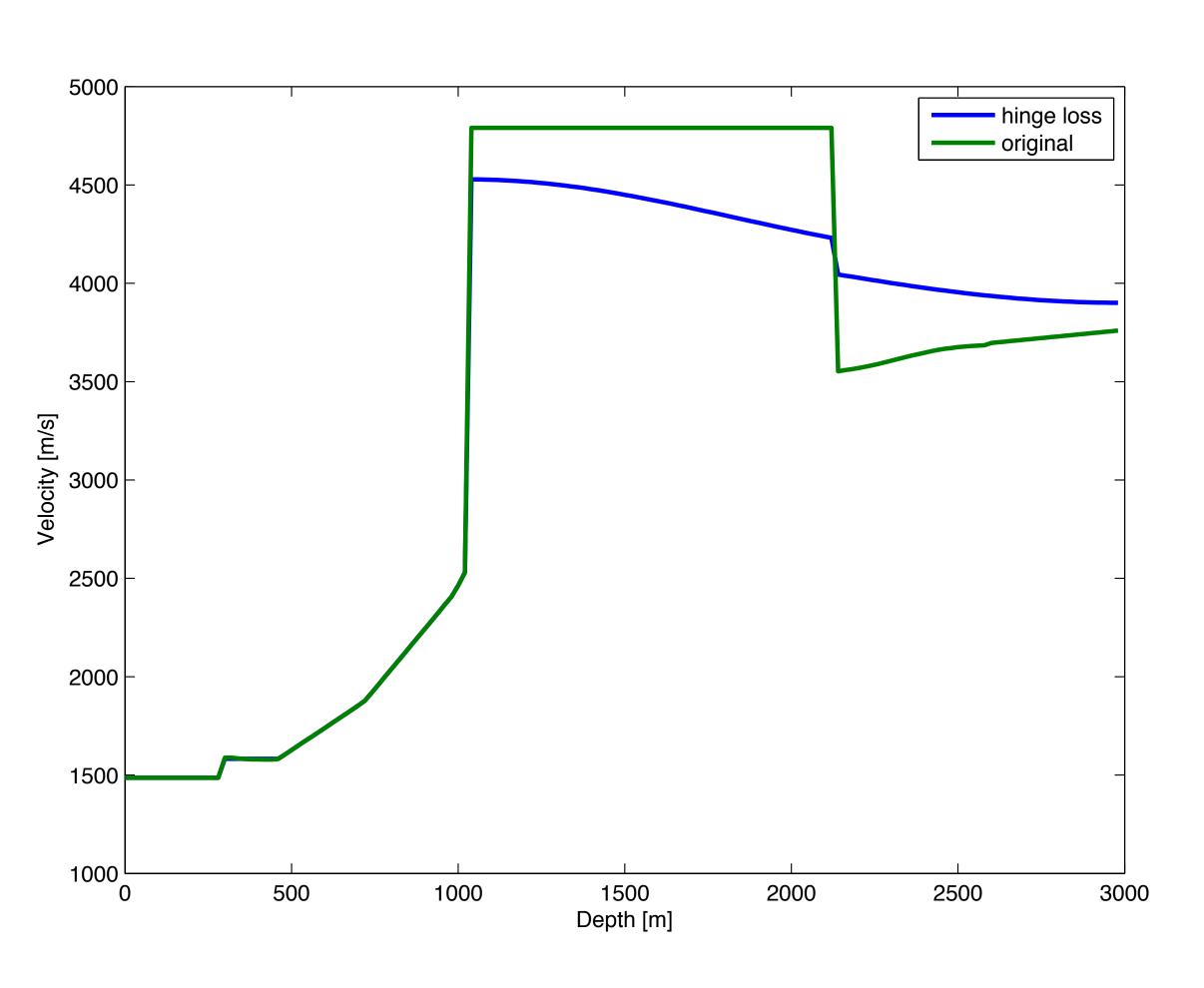
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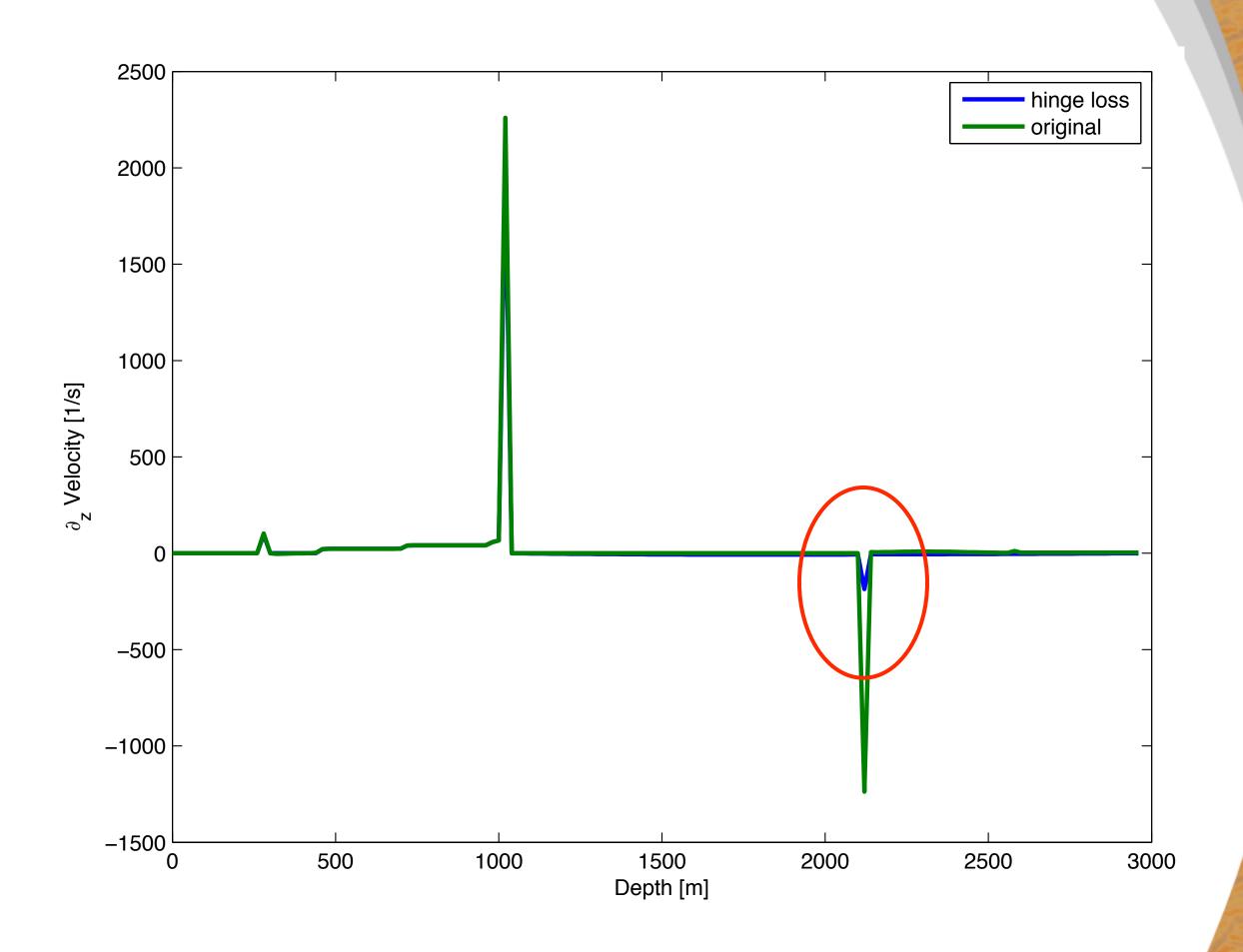
$$\|\mathbf{m}\|_{\text{Hinge}} = \|\max(0, D_z\mathbf{m})\|_1$$

Hinge loss



Hinge loss







Proposed algorithm

Solve

minimize
$$\Phi(\mathbf{m})$$
 subject to $\mathbf{m}^{n+1} \in C_{\text{box}} \cap C_{\text{TV}} \cap C_{\text{Hinge}}$

by iterating

$$\mathbf{p}_{1}^{k+1} = \mathbf{p}_{1}^{k} + \delta D(\mathbf{m}^{n} + \Delta \mathbf{m}^{k}) - \Pi_{\|\cdot\|_{1,2} \leq \tau \delta}(\mathbf{p}_{1}^{k} + \delta D(\mathbf{m}^{n} + \Delta \mathbf{m}^{k}))$$

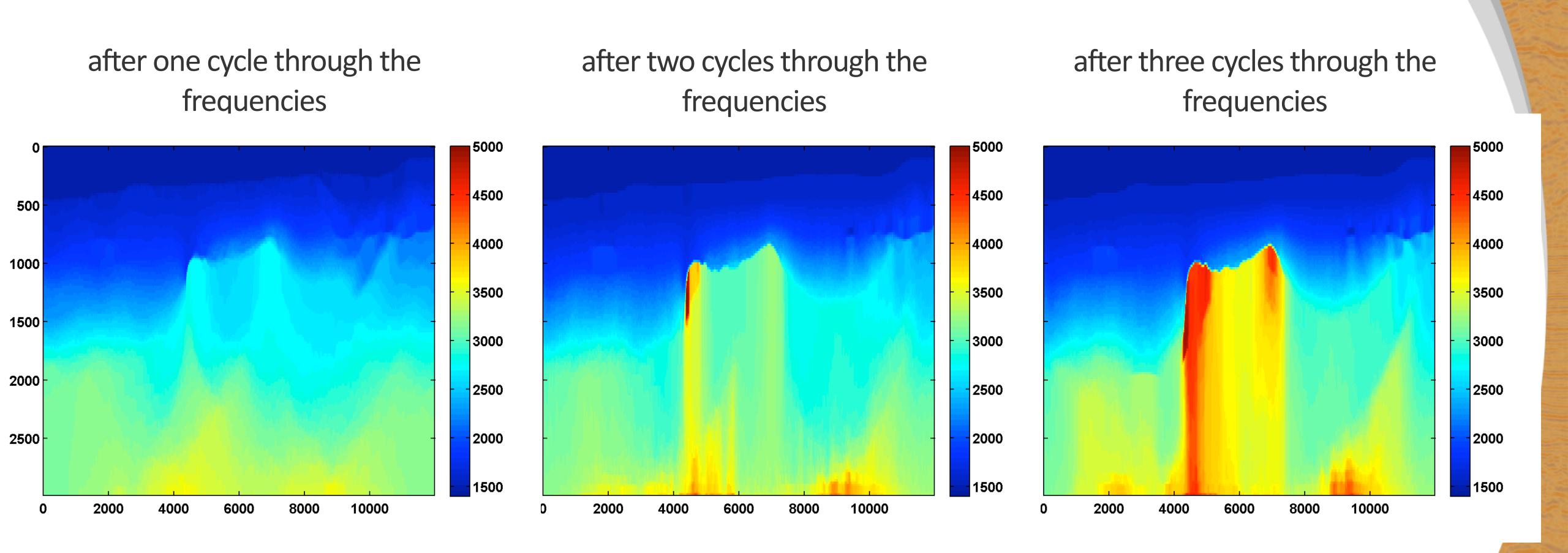
$$\mathbf{p}_{2}^{k+1} = \mathbf{p}_{2}^{k} + \delta D_{z}(\mathbf{m}^{n} + \Delta \mathbf{m}^{k}) - \Pi_{\|\max(0,\cdot)\|_{1} \leq \xi \delta}(\mathbf{p}_{2}^{k} + \delta D_{z}(\mathbf{m}^{n} + \Delta \mathbf{m}^{k}))$$

$$B_{i} = \min\left((B_{i}^{u} - \mathbf{m}_{i}^{n}), [(H^{n} + (c_{n} + \frac{1}{\alpha})\mathbf{I})^{-1}(-\mathbf{g}^{n} + \frac{\Delta \mathbf{m}^{k}}{\alpha} - D^{T}(2\mathbf{p}_{1}^{k+1} - \mathbf{p}_{1}^{k}) - D_{z}^{T}(2\mathbf{p}_{2}^{k+1} - \mathbf{p}_{2}^{k}))]_{i}\right)$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{m}_{i}^{k+1} = \max\left((B_{i}^{l} - \mathbf{m}_{i}^{n}), B_{i}\right)$$

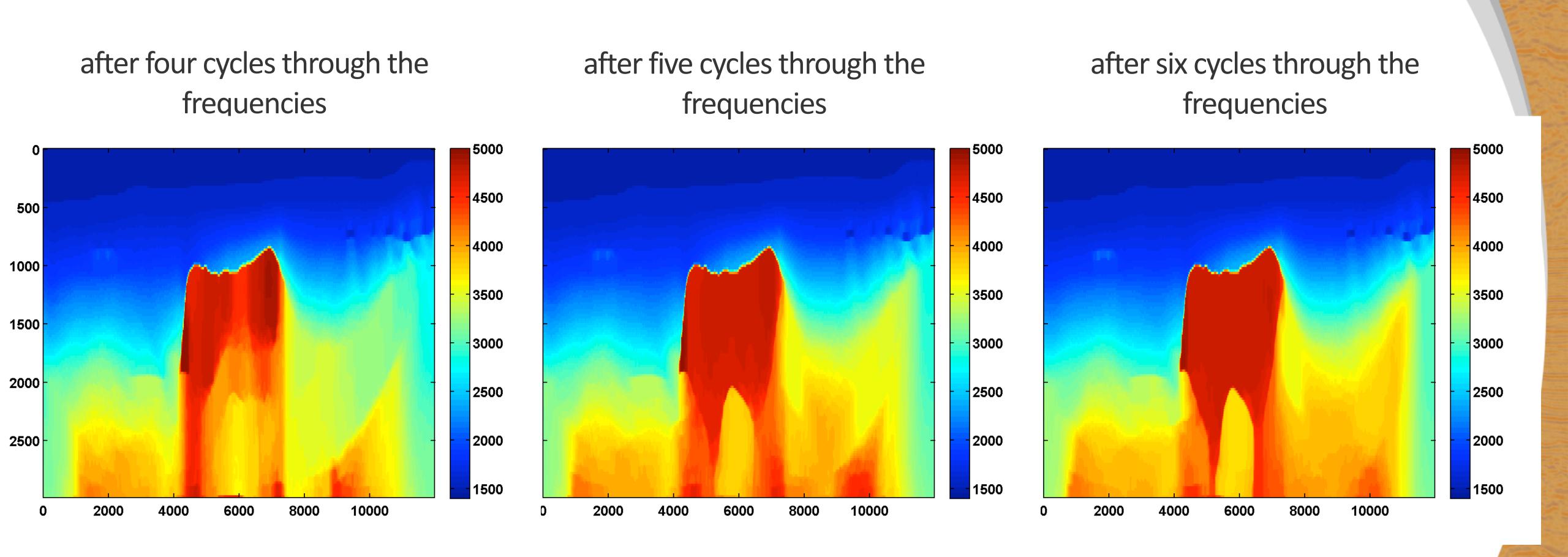
Results w/ hinge loss continuation

$$\frac{\xi}{\xi_{\text{true}}} = \{.01, .05, .10\}$$

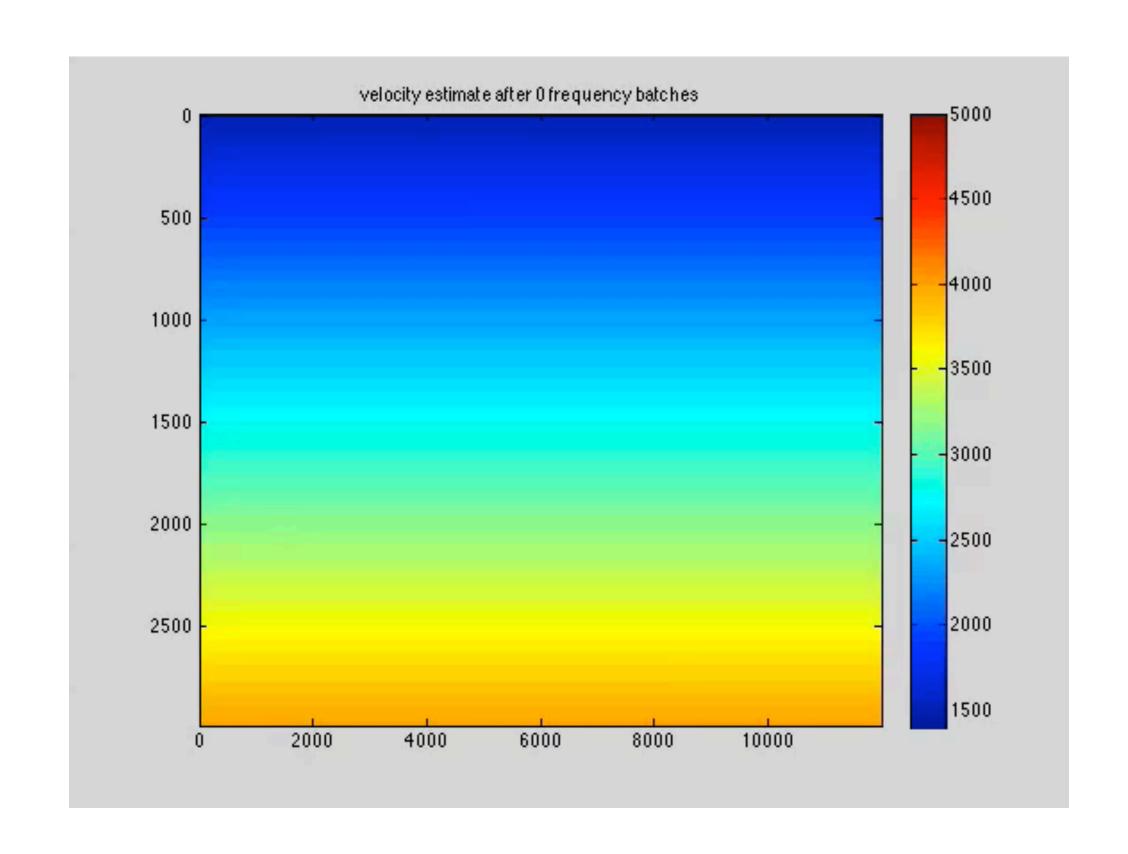


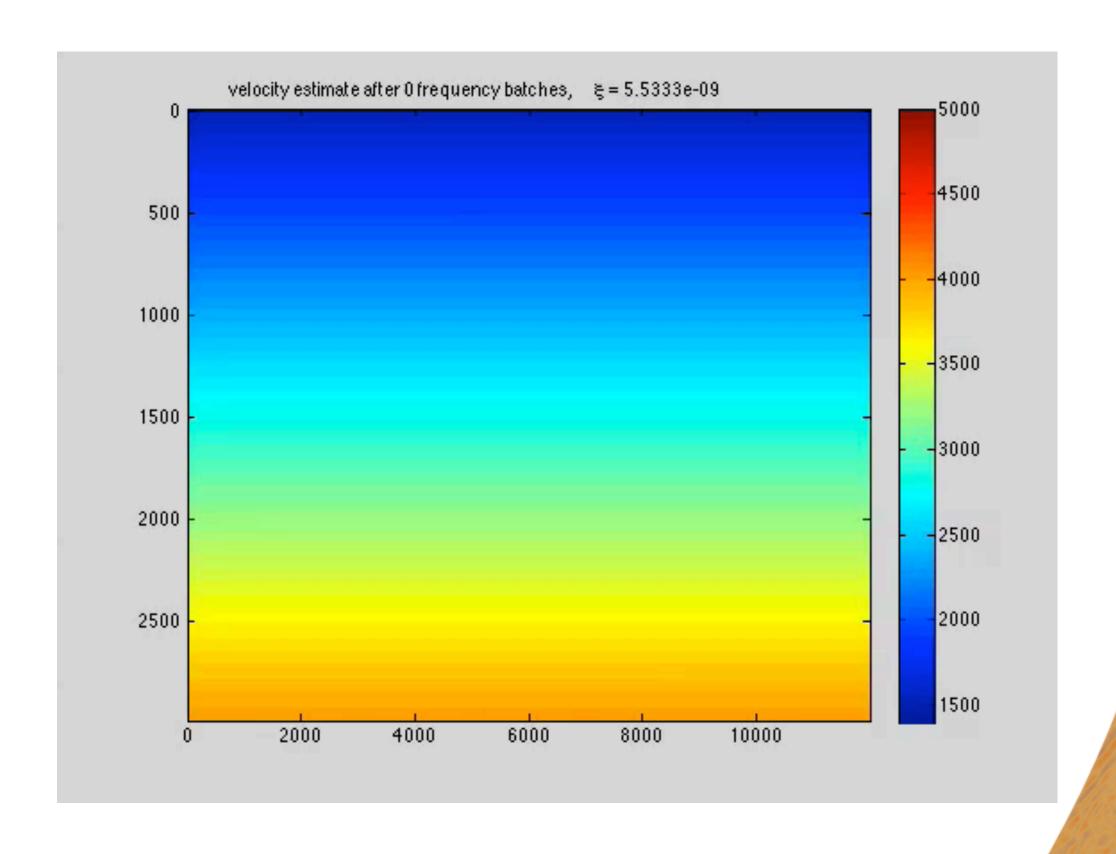
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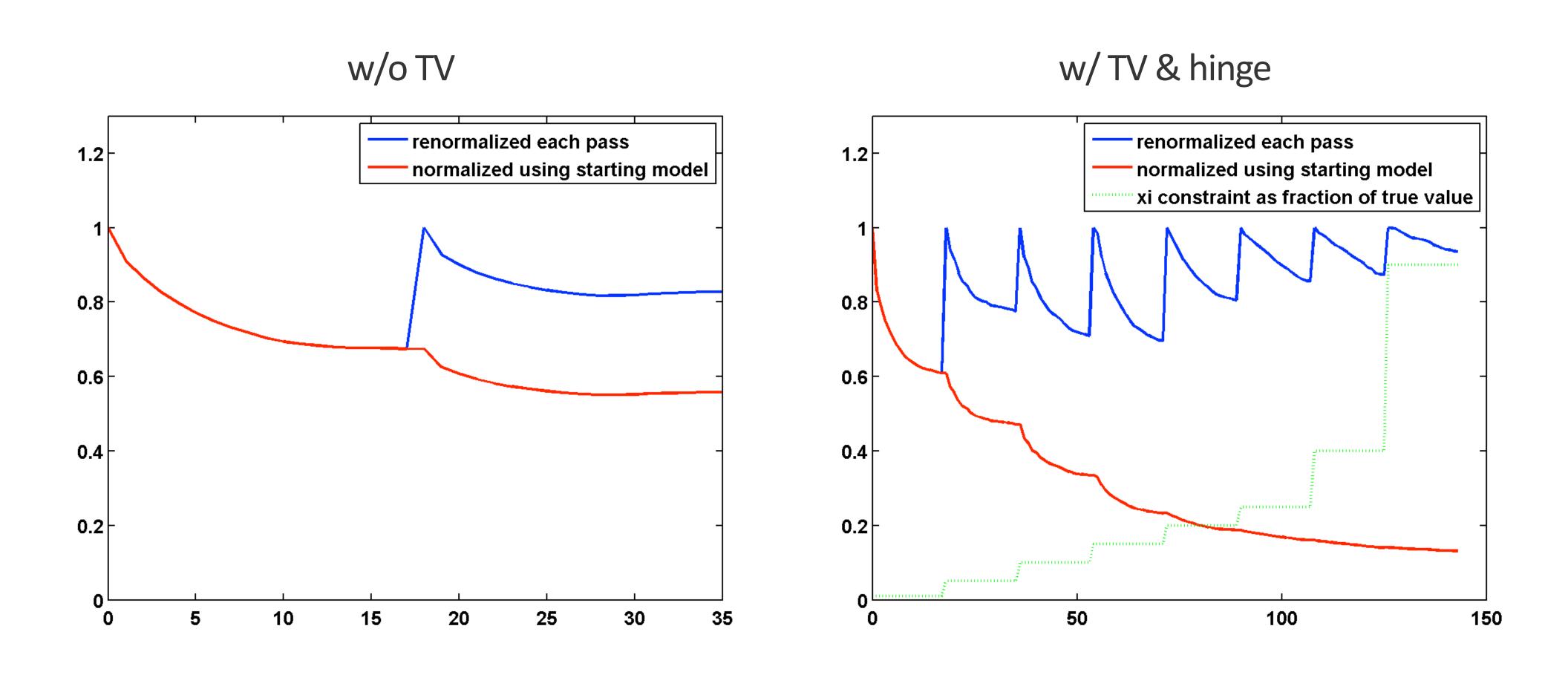
WRI
w/ or w/o TV-norm & hinge-loss projections & poor starting model





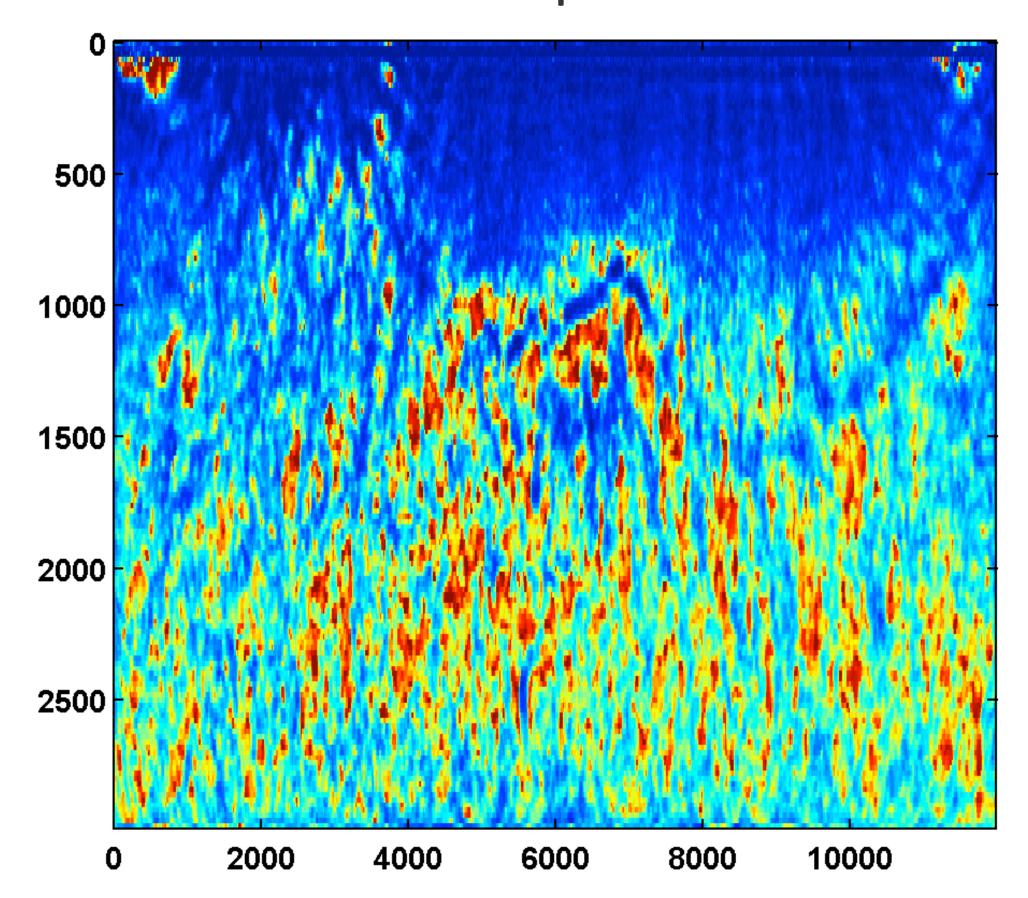


Relative model errors

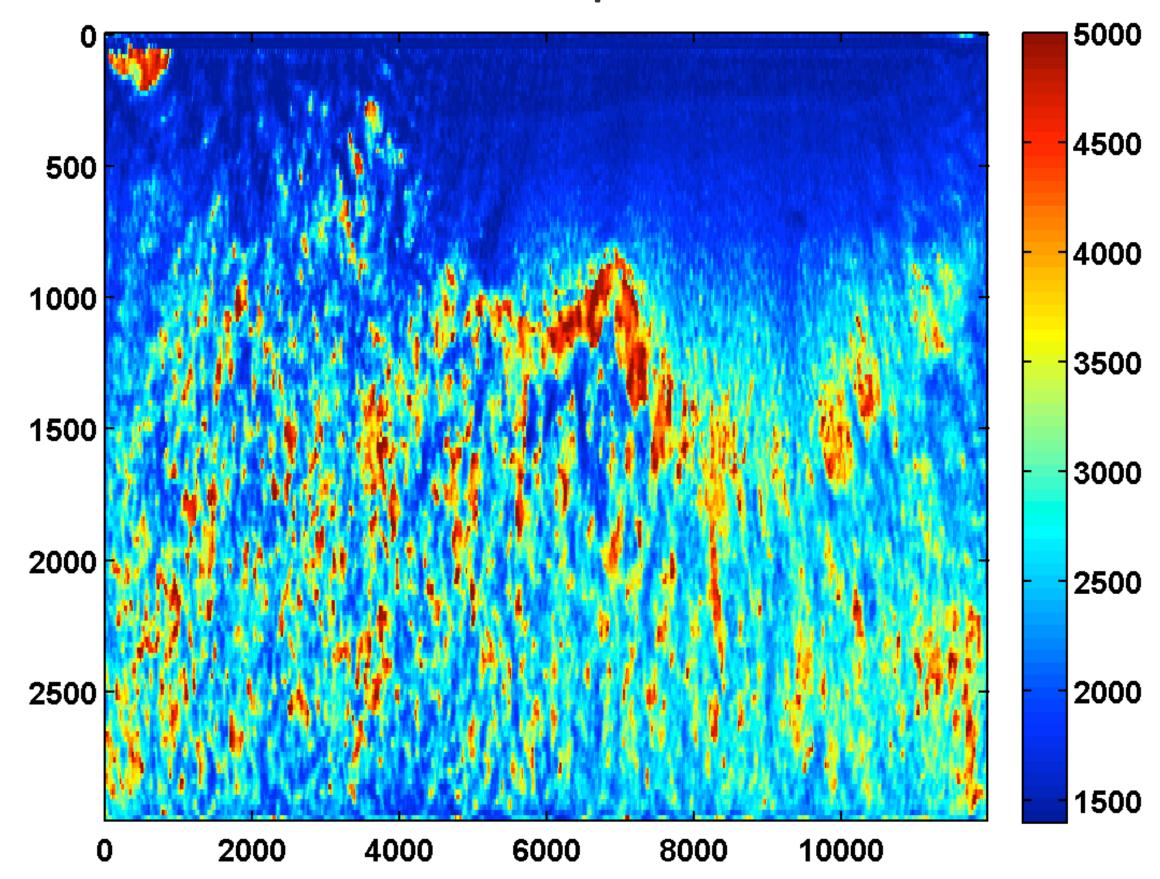


Adjoint-state w/o TV

After one cycle through the frequencies

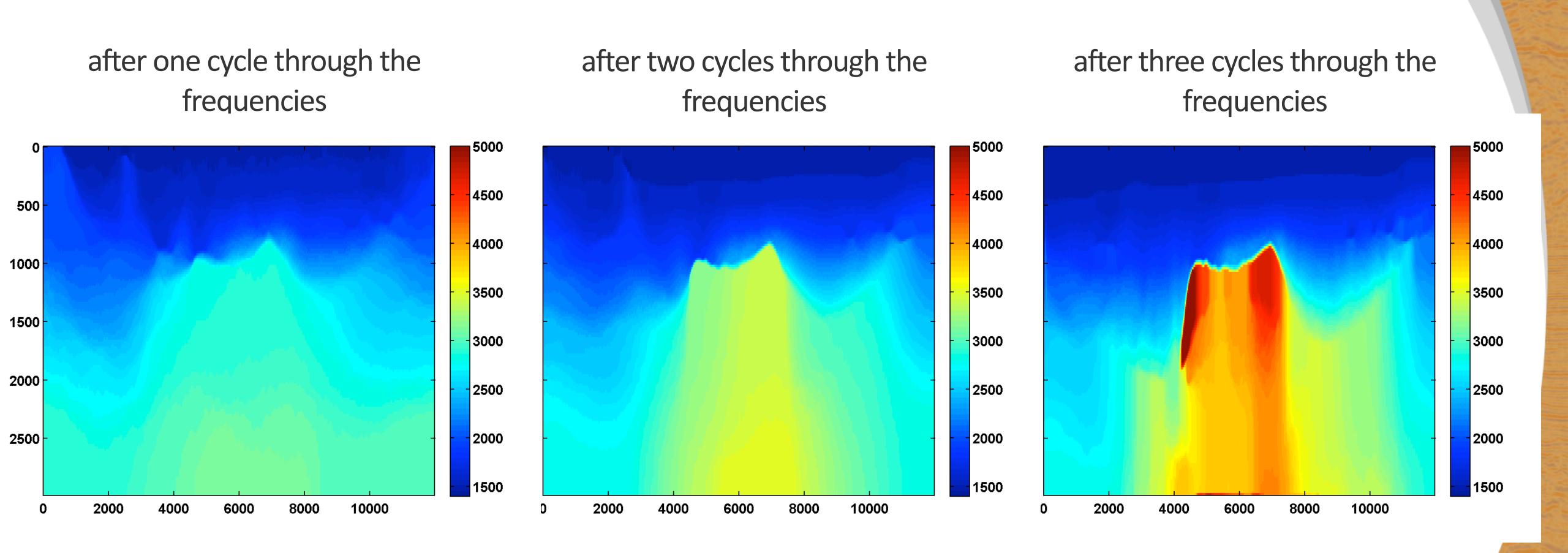


After two cycles through the frequencies



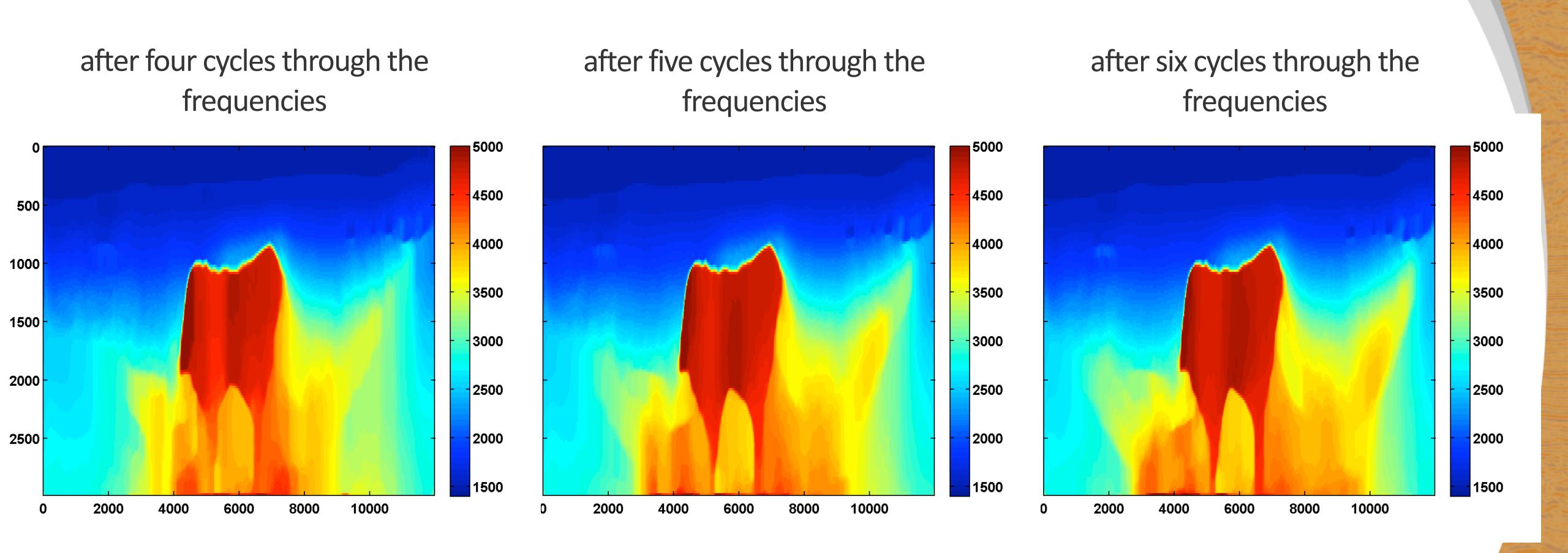
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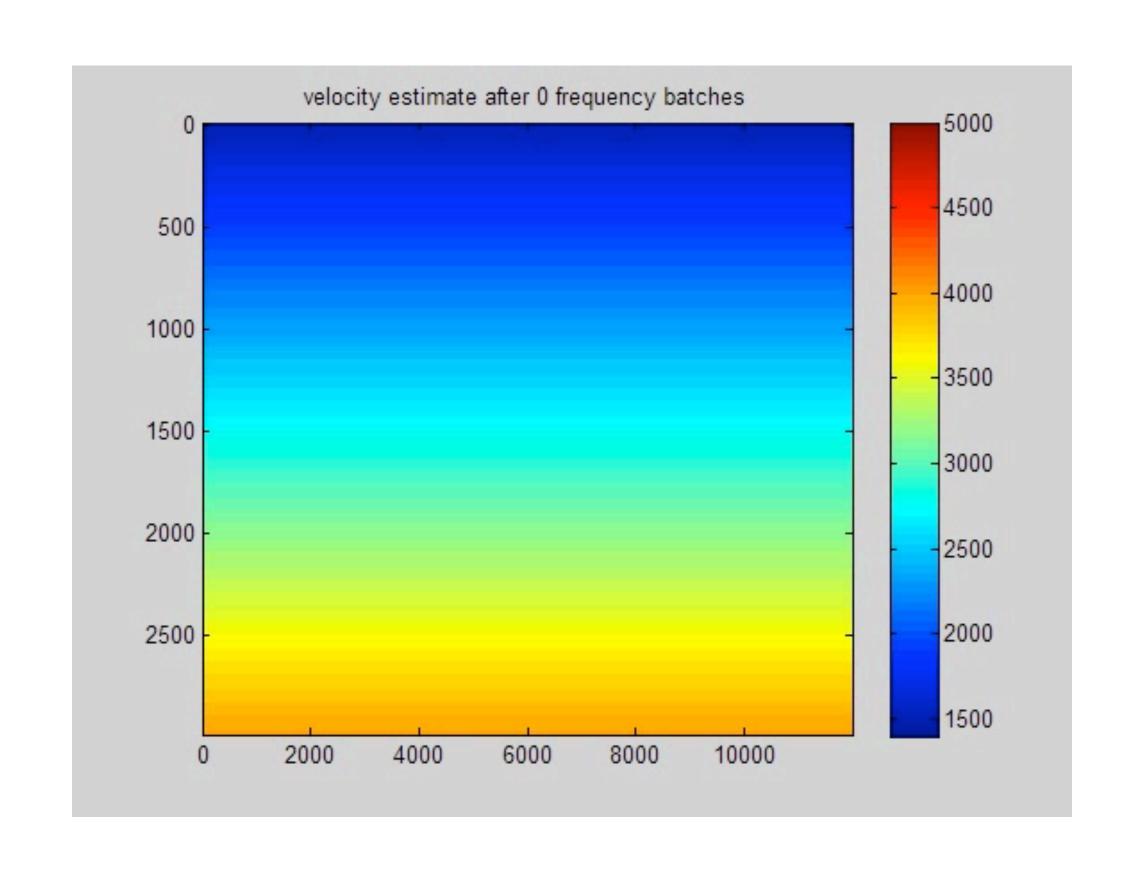
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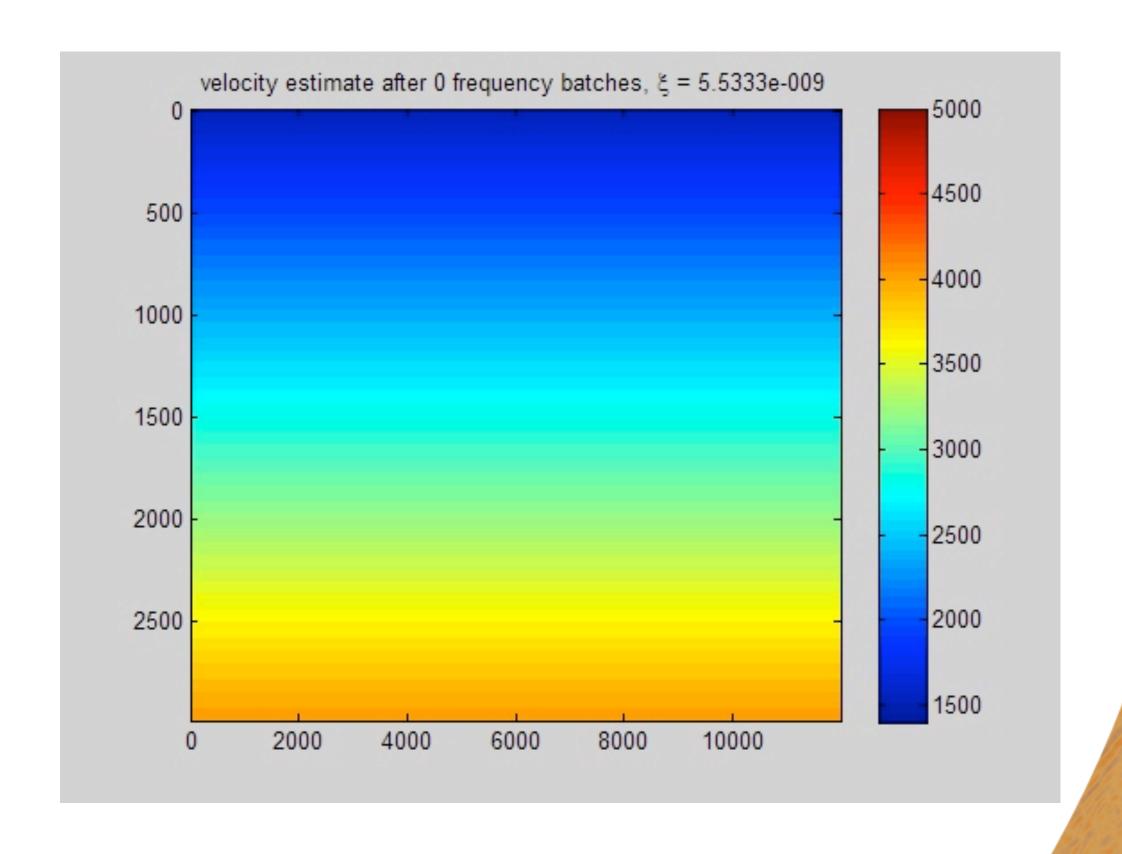




Adjoint-state FWI

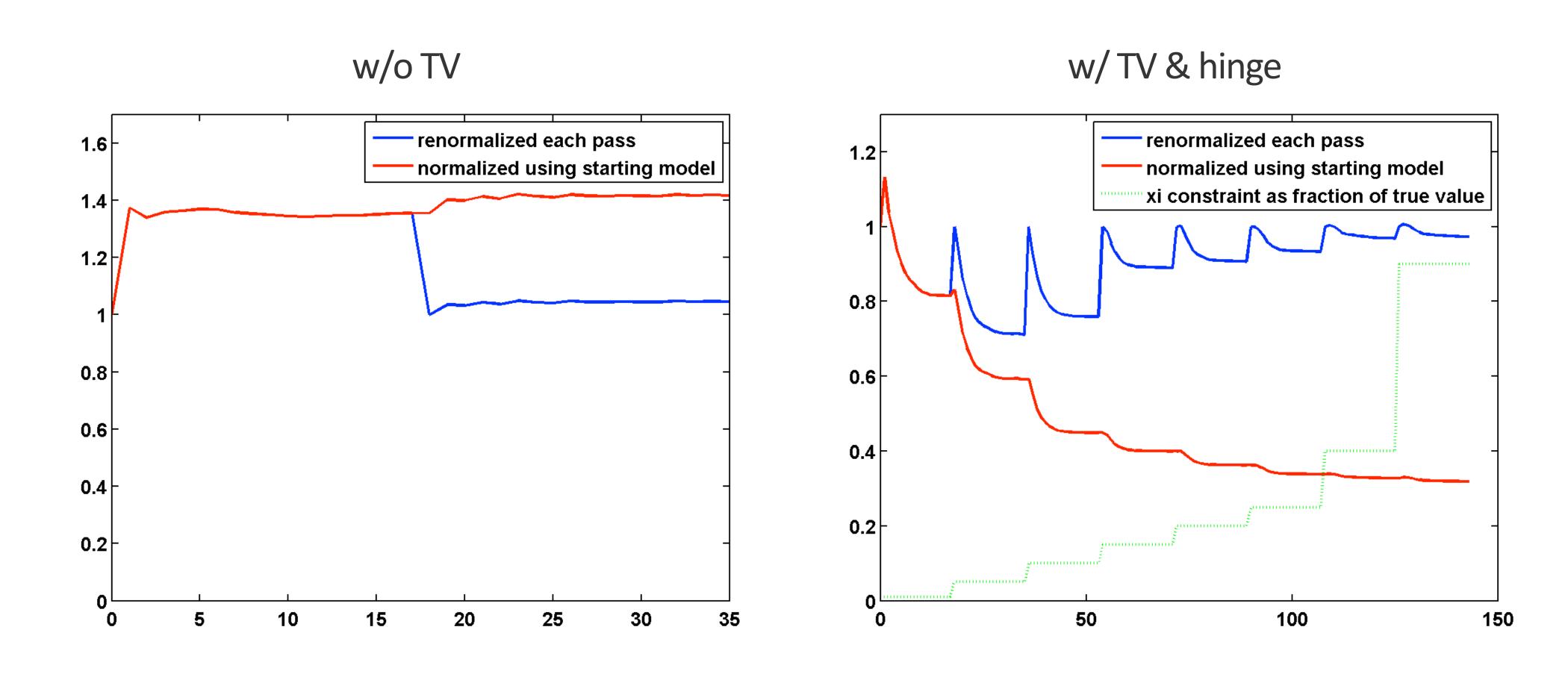
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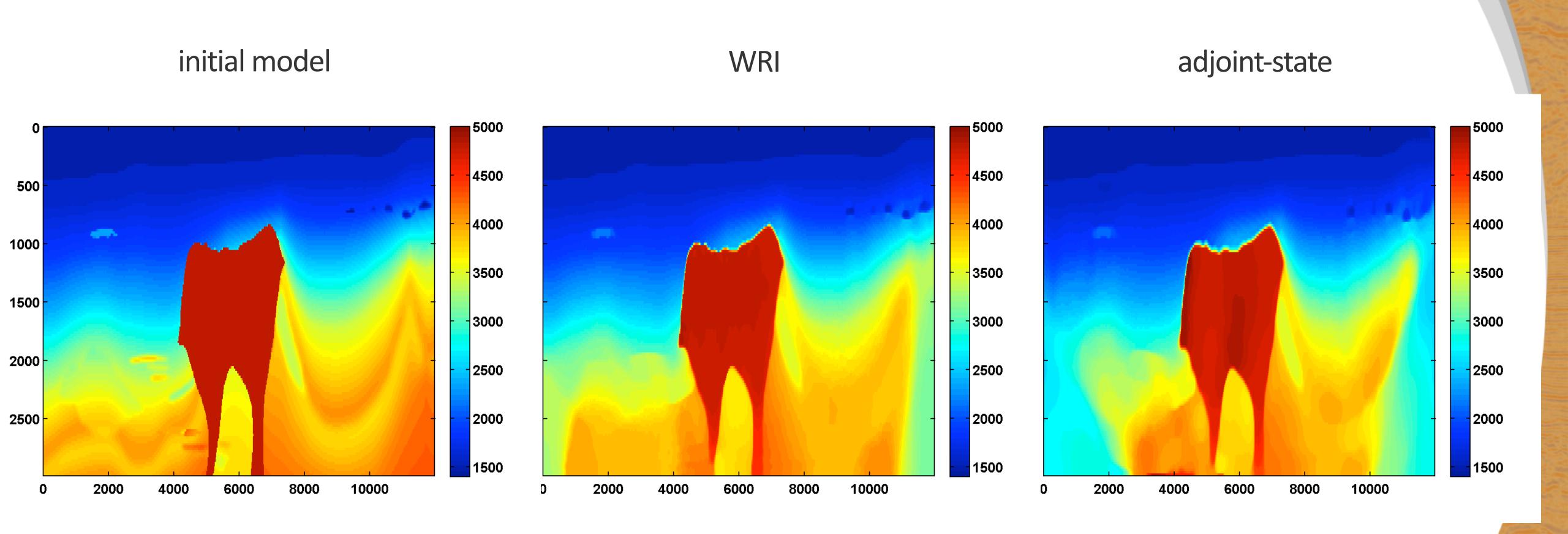




Relative model errors



WRI vs adjoint-state





Why may this work?

Combination of

- multiscale frequency sweeps
- relaxation of the (asymmetric) convex constraints

work when

- progress is made during previous sweep
- adverse affects local minima are controlled by convex constraints
- "fine-scales" contribute to "coarse-scales" of the next sweep

Sounds like multi-level optimization...



Conclusions

New method for regularizing wave-equation based inversion benefits from

- combination of convex constraints
- multiple frequency sweeps w/ warm starts & relaxing of the constraints
- a hinge-loss function, which plays a critical role

Works for both WRI & adjoint-state FWI

Development of automatic continuation strategies for relaxing the constraints is ongoing.

Candidate for "automatic" salt flooding...



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