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Motivation

Full-waveform inversion (FWI):

- hampered by poor data & parasitic local minima
- ill-posed <=> missing frequencies & finite aperture
- should benefit from bounds & structure-promoting priors (TV- or ℓ_1-norms)

Efforts met w/ limited success:

- unpredictable dependence on (unnecessary) hyper parameters
- poor conditioning of structure promoting regularization
- difficulties handling multiple pieces of prior information

FWI

Unconstrained optimization problem:

objective | modelling | data

$$\underset{\mathbf{m}\in\mathbb{R}^m}{\text{minimize}}\; f(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \|F(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{q}_i - \mathbf{d}_i\|_2^2$$

Local derivative information is used to update the model:

$$\mathbf{m}_{k+1} = \mathbf{m}_k - \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{m}} f(\mathbf{m}_k)$$

iterate | gradient

- no insurance model iterates remain (physically/geologically) feasible
- no mitigation of inversion artifacts by controlling model’s complexity

Stylized example

Forward model:

$$\mathbf{d} = F(\mathbf{c})\mathbf{q} \equiv \mathbf{c} * \mathbf{q}$$

Unconstrained inversion:

$$\underset{\mathbf{c}\in\mathbb{R}^m}{\text{minimize}} \frac{1}{2}\|F(\mathbf{c})\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2$$

- when source **q** misses low frequencies
- w/o regularization

Stylized example w/ constraints

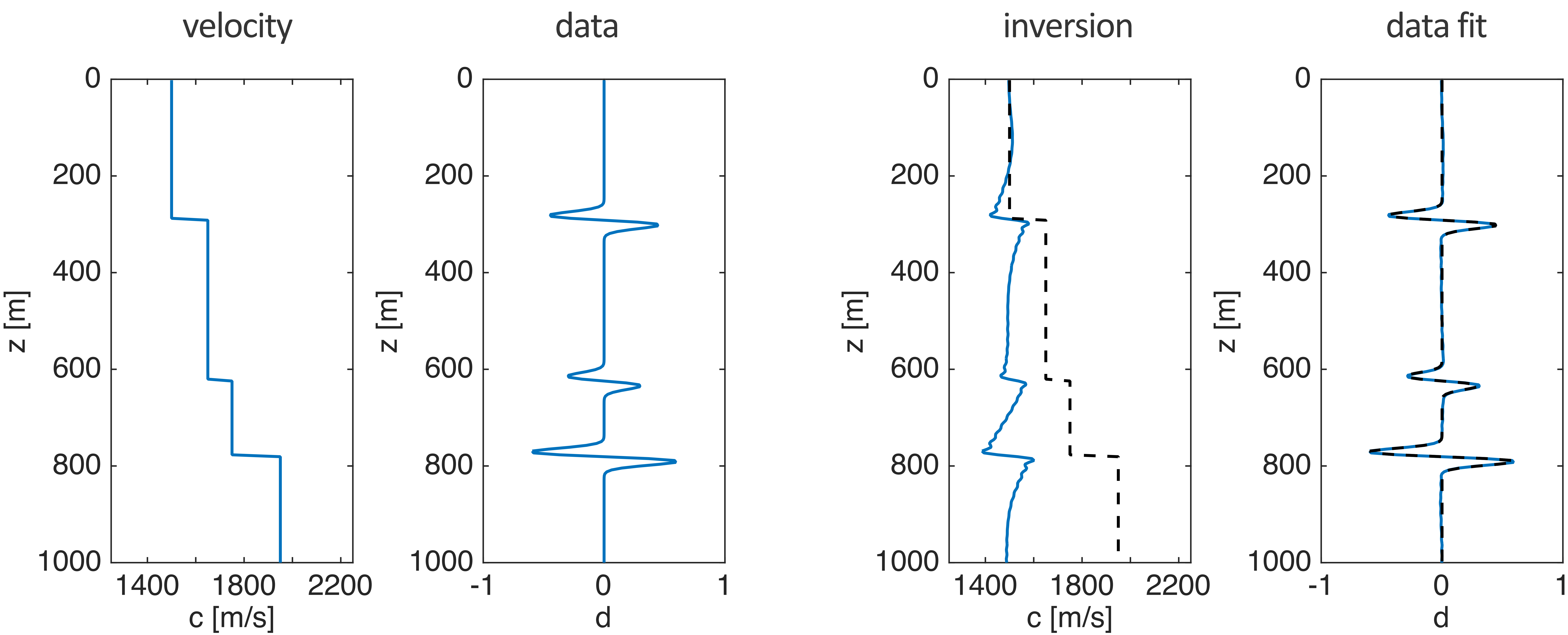
Regularization via constraints on model:

$$\underset{\mathbf{c}\geq\mathbf{c}_0}{\text{minimize}}\ \frac{1}{2}\|F(\mathbf{c})\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{d}\|_2^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{Dc}\geq\mathbf{0}$$

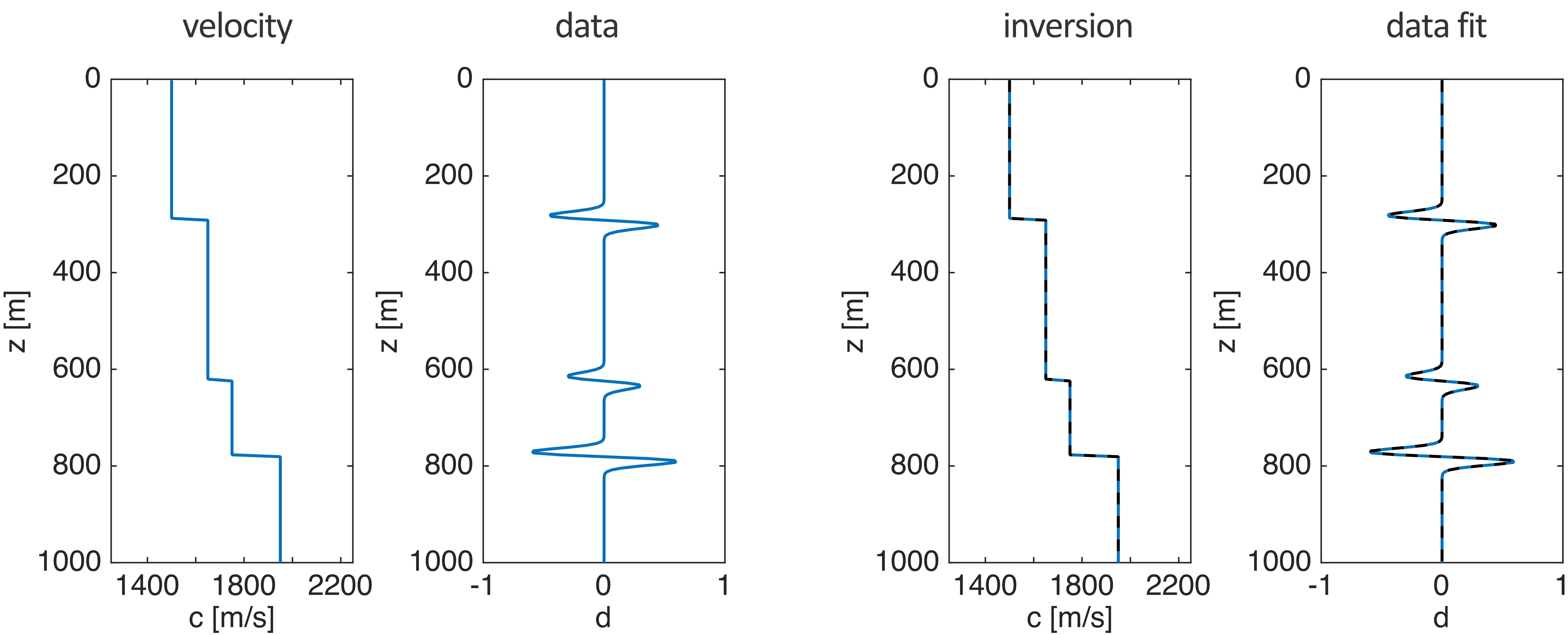
- minimal velocity
- monotonic increasing gradient of the velocity

Leads to successful recovery…

Inversion w/o constraints



Inversion w/ constraints

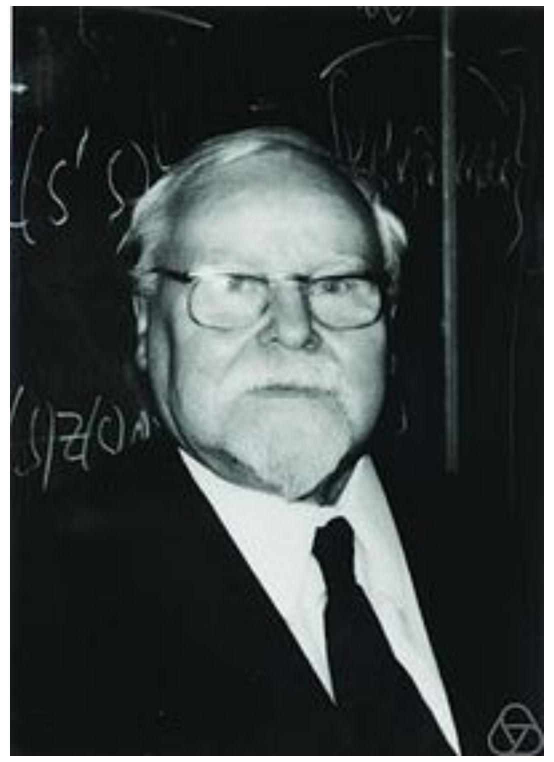


Tikhonov regularization

Add quadratic penalty terms:

$$\underset{\mathbf{m}}{\text{minimize}}\, f(\mathbf{m}) + \frac{\alpha}{2}\|R_1\mathbf{m}\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2}\|R_2\mathbf{m}\|^2$$

- well-known & successful technique
- is differentiable
- not an exact penalty
- regularization may adversely affect gradient & Hessian
- requires non-trivial choices for hyper parameters
- not easily extended to edge-preserving ℓ_1 - norms
- **no guarantees that all model iterates are regularized**



Andrey Tikhonov
1906–1993

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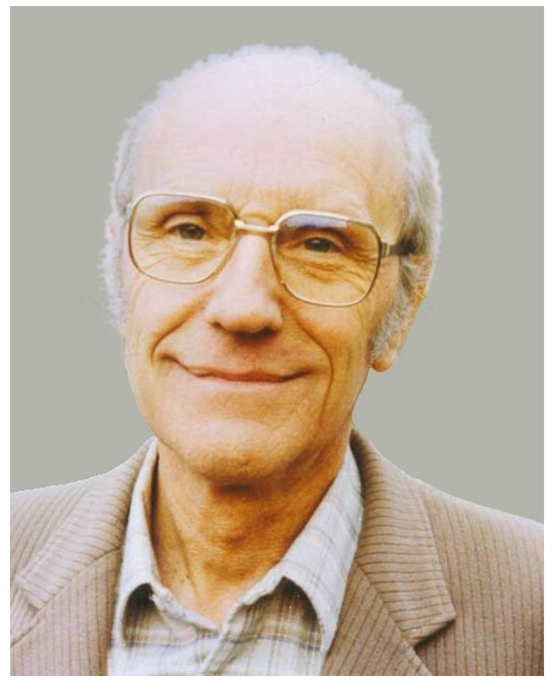
Regularization w/ constraints

Add multiple constraints:

$$\underset{\mathbf{m}}{\text{minimize}}\, f(\mathbf{m}) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{C}_1 \bigcap \mathcal{C}_2$$

- not well-known in our community
- requires understanding of latest optimization techniques
- does not affect gradient & Hessian
- easier parameterization
- able to uniquely project onto intersection of multiple constraint sets
- constraints do not need to be differentiable
- **constraints are satisfied at *every* model iterate**



Jean Jacques Moreau
1923–2014

POCS vs. best approximation

“Projection”-onto-convex-sets solves convex *feasibility* problems:

$$\text{find} \quad \mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{C}_1 \bigcap \mathcal{C}_2$$

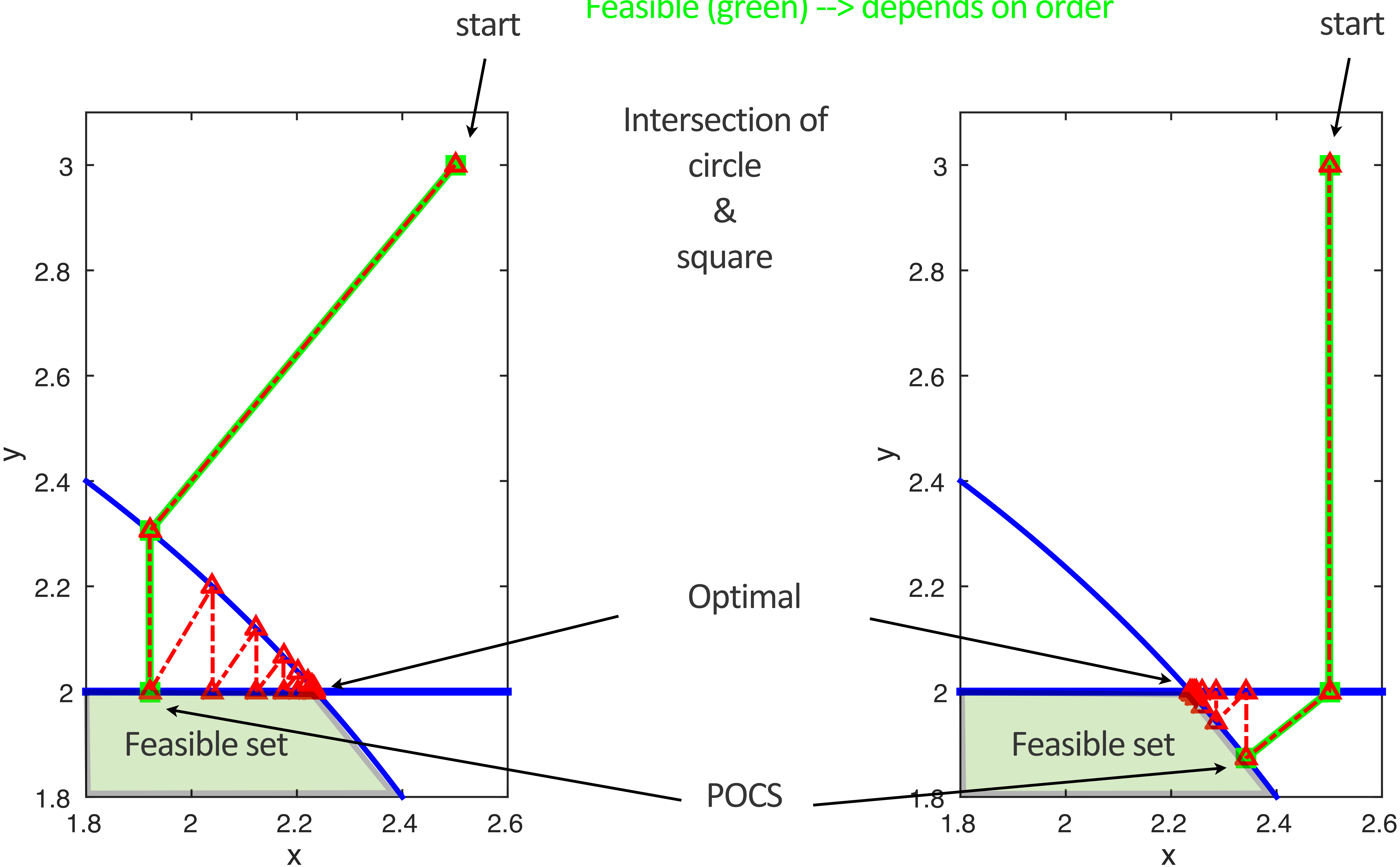
Instead, we solve convex *projection* problems:

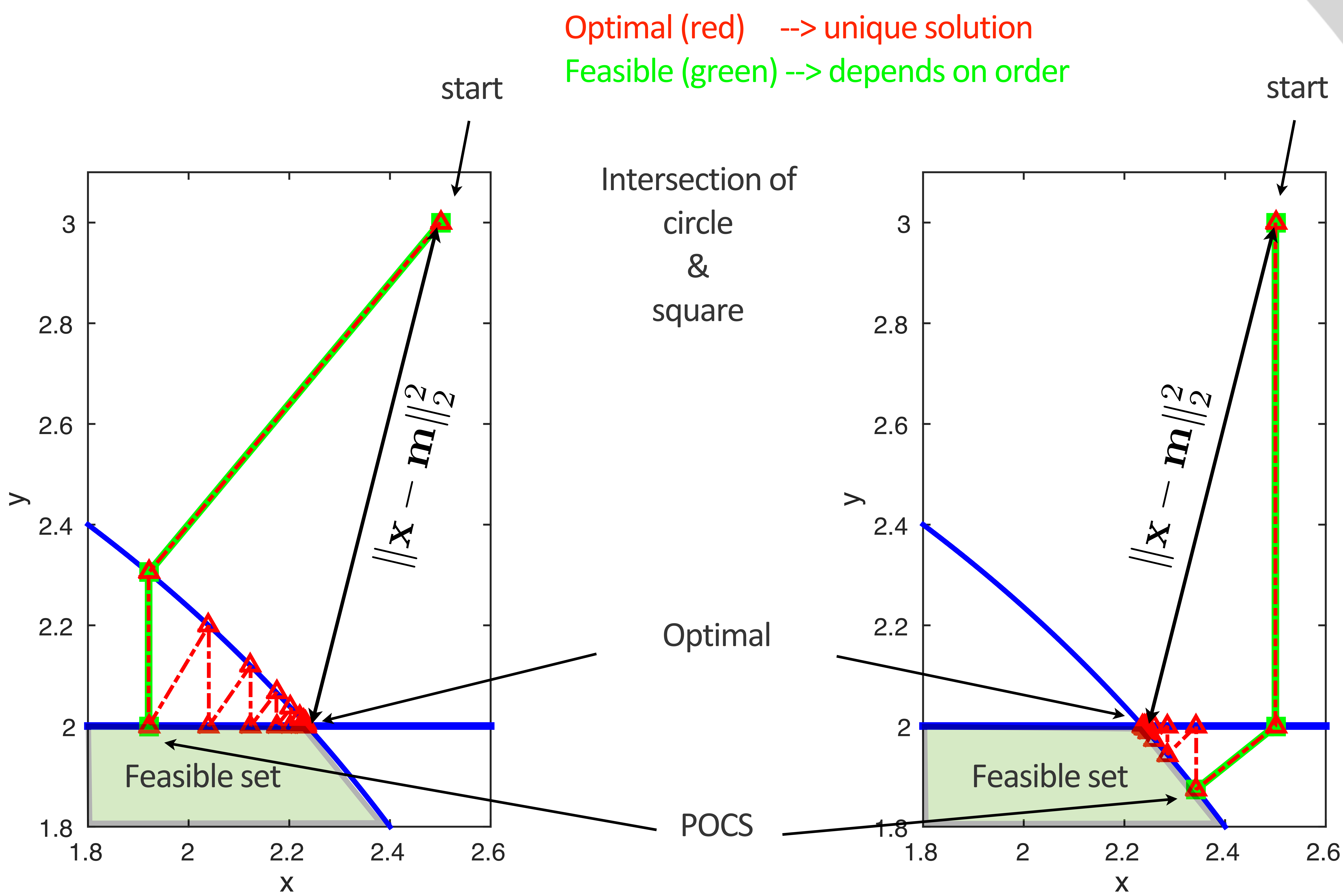
$$\underset{\mathbf{m}}{\text{minimize}} \, \|\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{C}_1 \bigcap \mathcal{C}_2$$

- obtain optimal (also feasible) approximations
- project *uniquely* w/ DYKSTRA onto intersections of convex sets

Feasibility vs optimal

Optimal (red) --> unique solution
Feasible (green) --> depends on order





Optimal (red) --> unique solution
Feasible (green) --> depends on order
start
start
Intersection of circle & square
Optimal
POCS
Feasible set
Feasible set
$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}\|_2^2$
$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}\|_2^2$
x
y
x
y
1.8
2
2.2
2.4
2.6
1.8
2
2.2
2.4
2.6
2.8
3

Our constraints

bounds: $\mathcal{C}_1 = \{\mathbf{m} : \mathbf{m} \in \mathrm{Box}\}$ where $\mathbf{m} \in \mathrm{Box}$ means

$$l_{i,j} \leq m_{i,j} \leq u_{i,j} \quad \forall i, j$$

total-variation norm ball: $\mathcal{C}_2 = \{\mathbf{m} : \mathrm{TV}(\mathbf{m}) \leq \tau\}$

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

Proximal projection

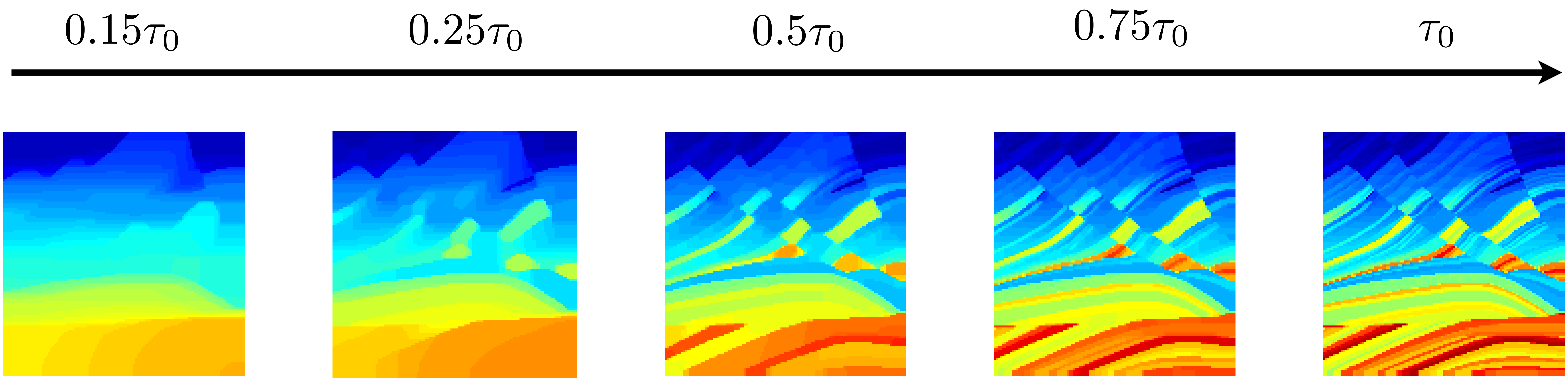
Find a model $\mathbf{m}$, closest to $\mathbf{x}$, such that it satisfies the constraints:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{m}} \|\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{C}_1 \bigcap \mathcal{C}_2$$

yields

- nonlinear "minimal complexity" best approximation of $\mathbf{m}$
- $\mathbf{m} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ when $\tau \rightarrow \tau_0 = \mathrm{TV}(\mathbf{x})$ and $\mathbf{m} \in \mathrm{Box}$
- edge preserving

Best approximations



FWI w/ non-differentiable penalties

Nonlinear least-squares objective for FWI w/ TV:

$$\underset{\mathbf{m}}{\text{minimize}} \, \|\mathbf{d}^{\text{obs}} - \mathbf{d}^{\text{sim}}(\mathbf{m})\|^2 + \alpha \text{TV}(\mathbf{m})$$

- $\text{TV}(\mathbf{m})$ is not differentiable so no access to $\nabla f(\mathbf{m})$ and $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{m})$
- gradient-descent/quasi-Newton/(Gauss-Newton) solvers need local derivative information

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FWI w/ non-differentiable constraints

Possible solution ϵ-smoothing of TV:

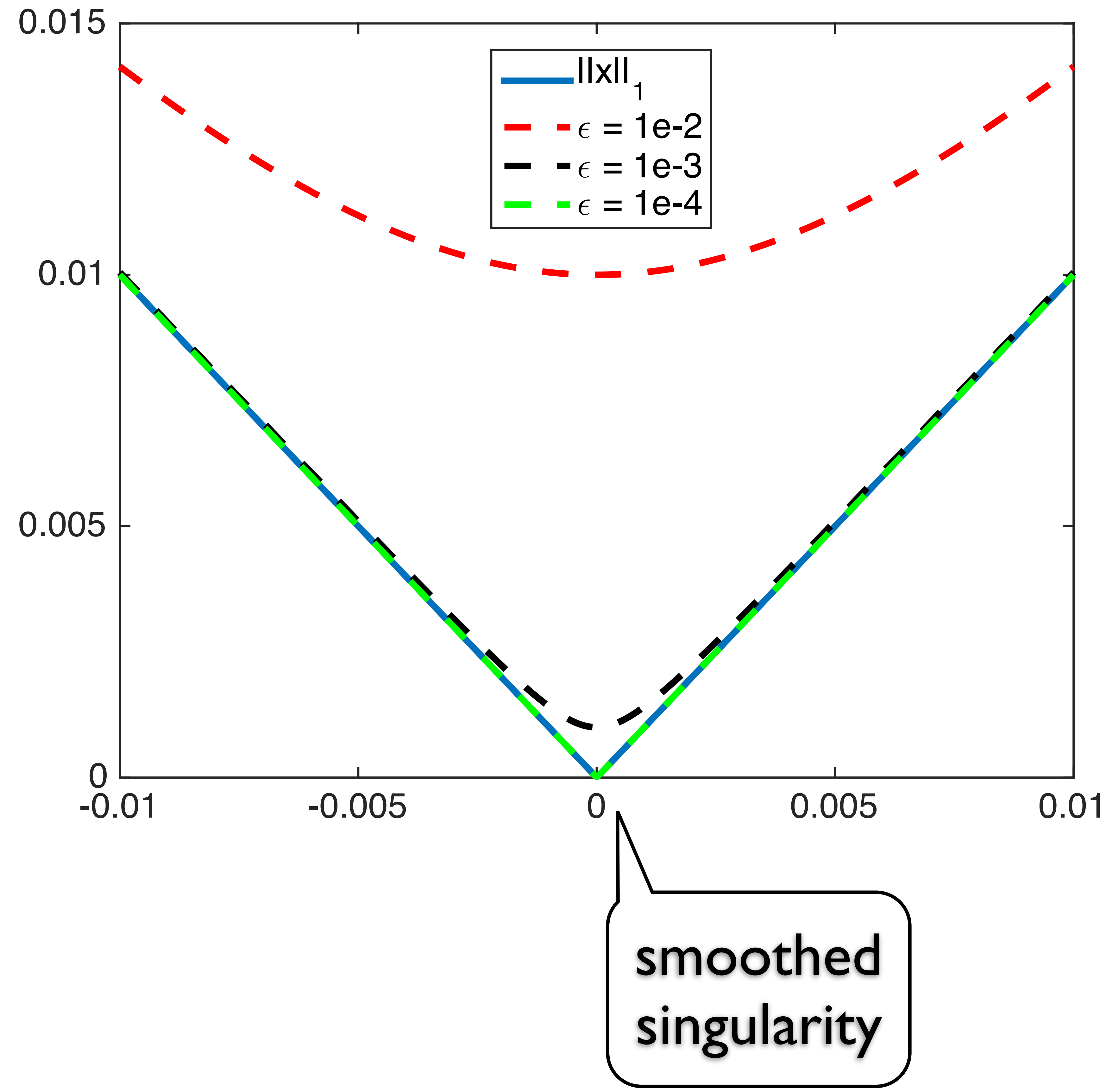
$$\mathrm{TV}_\epsilon(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{h}\sum_{ij}\sqrt{(m_{i+1,j}-m_{i,j})^2+(m_{i,j+1}-m_{i,j})^2+\epsilon^2}$$

Differentiable objective with penalty-parameter α:

$$\underset{\mathbf{m}}{\text{minimize}}\, f(\mathbf{m}) + \alpha \mathrm{TV}_\epsilon(\mathbf{m})$$

Problem: need to select 2 unintuitive hyper parameters

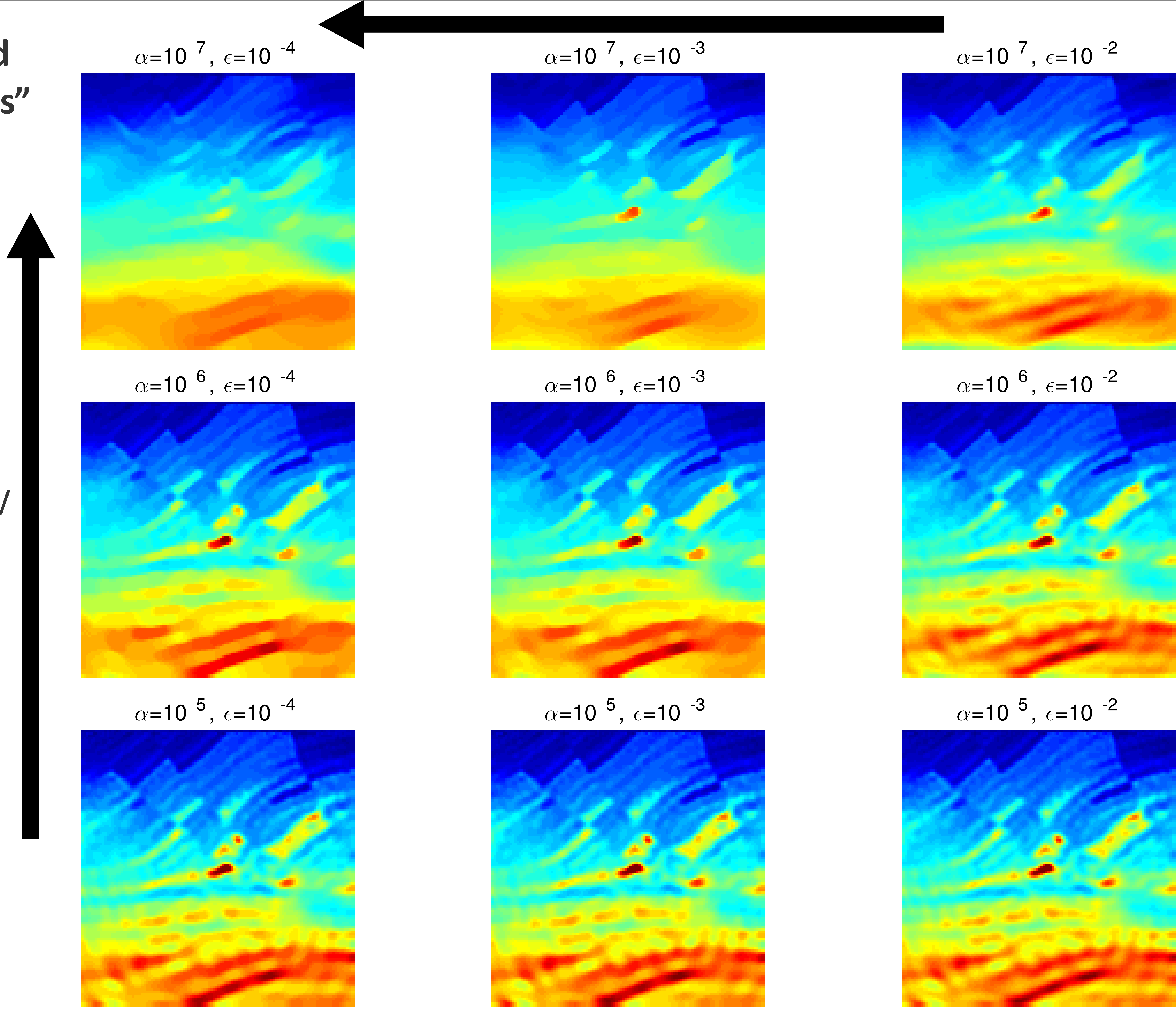
Numerical example 1



- FWI w/ smoothed TV-penalty & box constraints
- data w/ zero-mean random noise, $\|\text{noise}\|_2 / \|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.25$
- starting model = smoothed true model
- frequency batches from 3 Hz to 10 Hz

increased "blockiness"

FWI results using smoothed TV for various α, ϵ combinations



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Constrained formulation

Problem statement:

$$\underset{\mathbf{m}}{\text{minimize}}\, f(\mathbf{m}) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{m} \in \text{Box and } \text{TV}(\mathbf{m}) \leq \tau$$

Our approach: solve this problem directly.

There are many ways to solve it.

Algorithm design – wish list

- application of constraints should not require additional expensive gradient & objective calculations
- updated models need to satisfy all constraints after each iteration
- arbitrary number of constraints should be handled as long as their intersection is non-empty
- manual tuning of parameters should be limited to bare minimum
- constraints should work w/ black-box gradients & objectives

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Nested optimization strategy

Constrained optimization:

$$\underset{\mathbf{m}}{\text{minimize}}\, f(\mathbf{m}) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{C} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{p} \mathcal{C}_i$$

via 3 levels of nested optimization:

1. Projected gradients = expensive step
2. Dykstra's algorithm*
3. Projection onto each set separately (closed form or w/ ADMM)

* parameter free

Projected gradients

Algorithm:

$$\mathbf{m}_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{m}_k - \nabla_{\mathbf{m}} f(\mathbf{m}_k))$$

Constrained formulation

Algorithm:

$$\mathbf{m}_{k+1} = \underbrace{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}}_{\text{projection onto constraint set}}(\underbrace{\mathbf{m}_k - \nabla_{\mathbf{m}} f(\mathbf{m}_k)}_{\text{gradient step (proposed model)}})$$

projection onto constraint set ↓

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{m}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \underbrace{\bigcap_{i=1}^{p} \mathcal{C}_i}_{\text{intersection of constraint sets}}.$$

Constrained formulation

Projection onto intersection:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{m}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{p} \mathcal{C}_i.$$

Typically no closed-form solution -> use Dykstra's algorithm.

Requires:

- projections onto each set separately
- vector additions

Dykstra splitting

Toy example:
find projection onto intersection of circle & square

Algorithm 1 Dykstra.

$x_0 = \mathbf{m}$, $p_0 = 0$, $q_0 = 0$

For $k = 0, 1, \ldots$

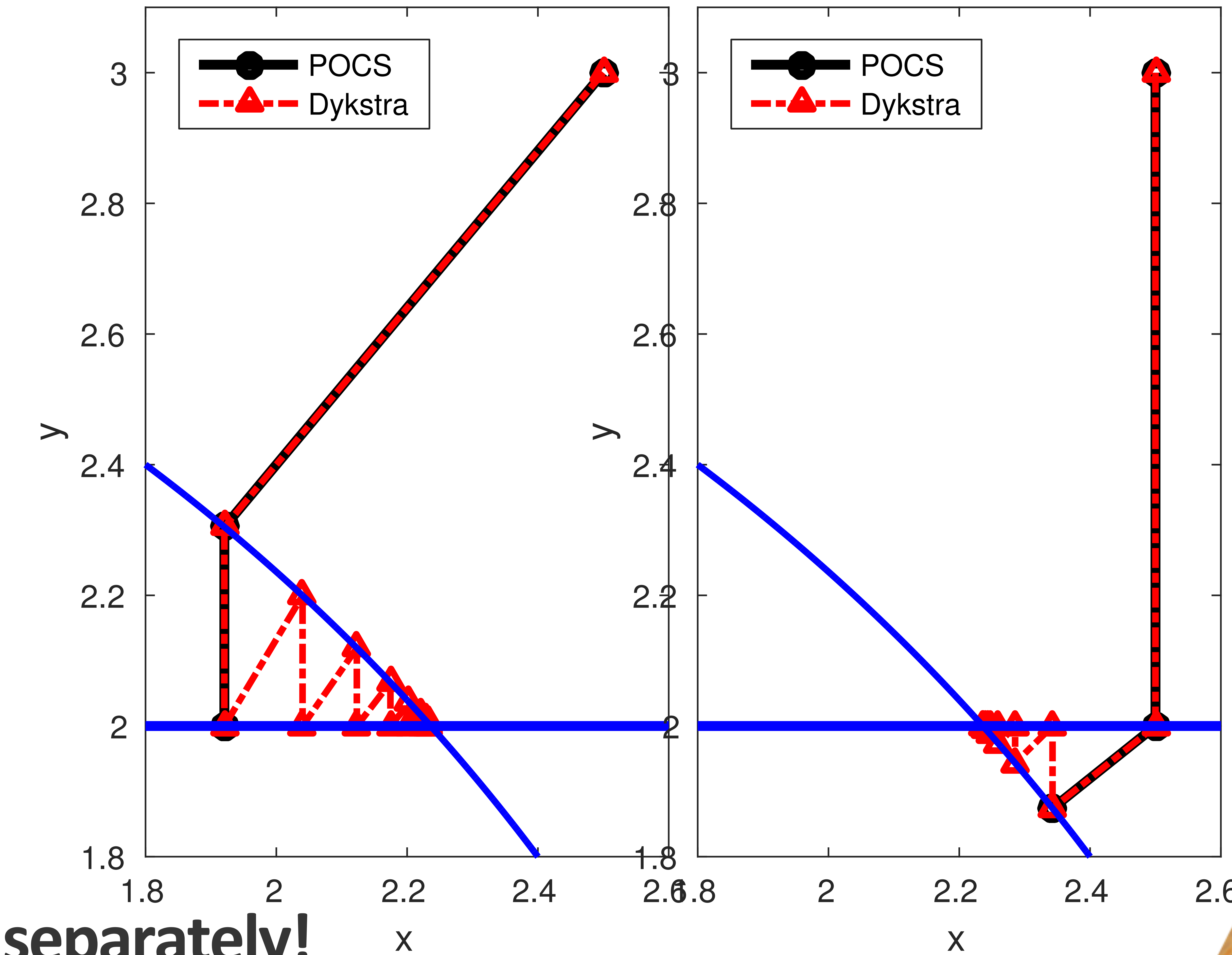
$\longrightarrow$ $y_k = \mathscr{P}_{C_1}(x_k + p_k)$

$p_{k+1} = x_k + p_k - y_k$

$\longrightarrow$ $x_{k+1} = \mathscr{P}_{C_2}(y_k + q_k)$

$q_{k+1} = y_k + q_k - x_{k+1}$

End



Only needs projections onto each set separately!

Boyd, S., Parikh, N., Chu, E., Peleato, B., and Eckstein, J., 2011, doi:10.1561/2200000016

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Individual projections

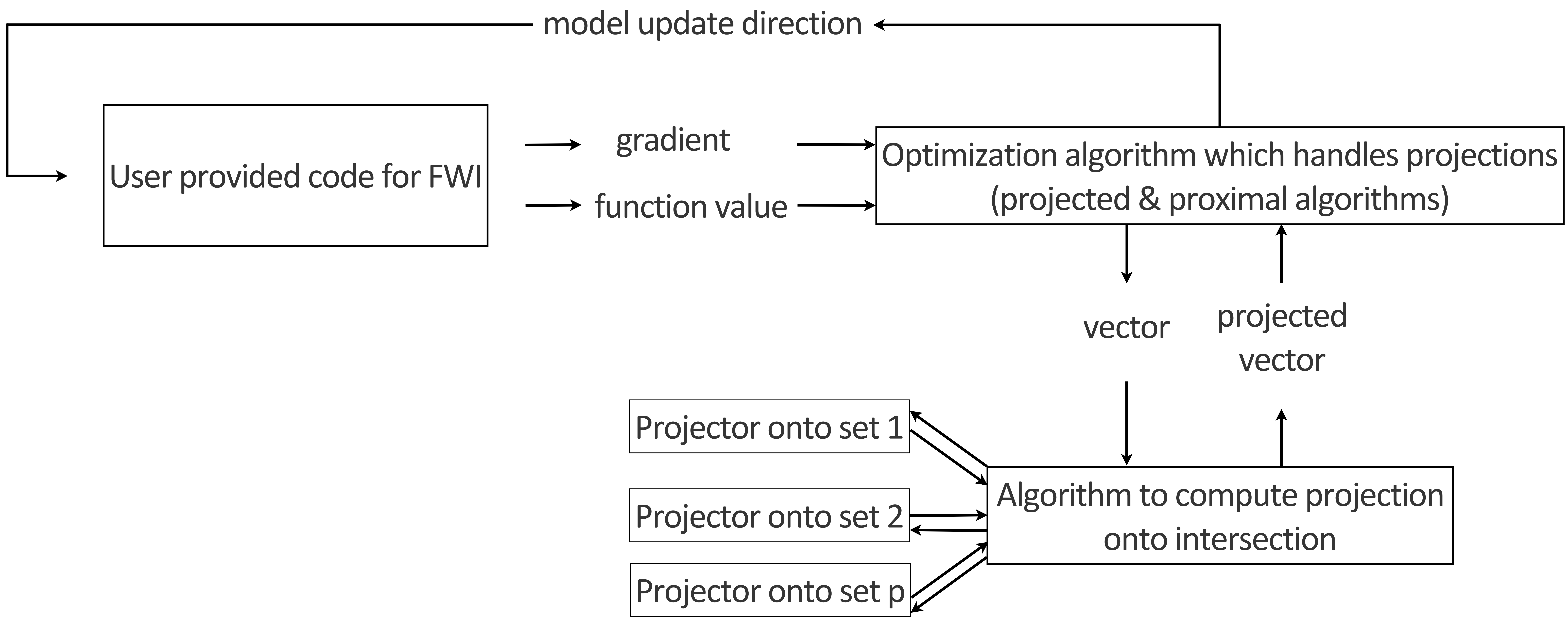
Projection onto bounds:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}_1}(m_i) = \text{median}\{l_i, m_i, u_i\} \quad \forall i$$

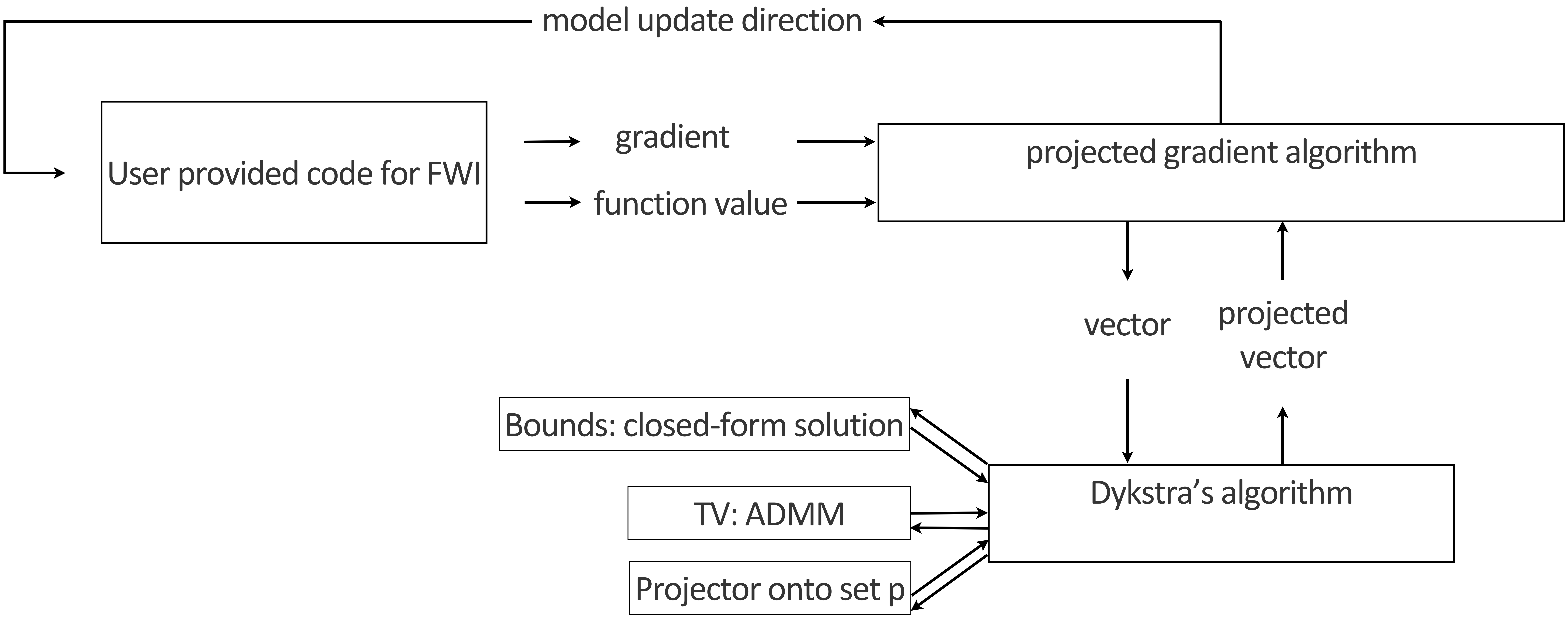
Projection onto TV-ball: split variables, then use ADMM for **x** & **z**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{m}) &= \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C} \\ &= \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t} \quad \|\nabla\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq \sigma \\ &= \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t} \quad \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 \leq \sigma \, , \; \nabla\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}\end{aligned}$$

Workflow


model update direction
User provided code for FWI
gradient
function value
Optimization algorithm which handles projections (projected & proximal algorithms)
vector
projected vector
Projector onto set 1
Projector onto set 2
Projector onto set p
Algorithm to compute projection onto intersection

Workflow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function value
projected gradient algorithm
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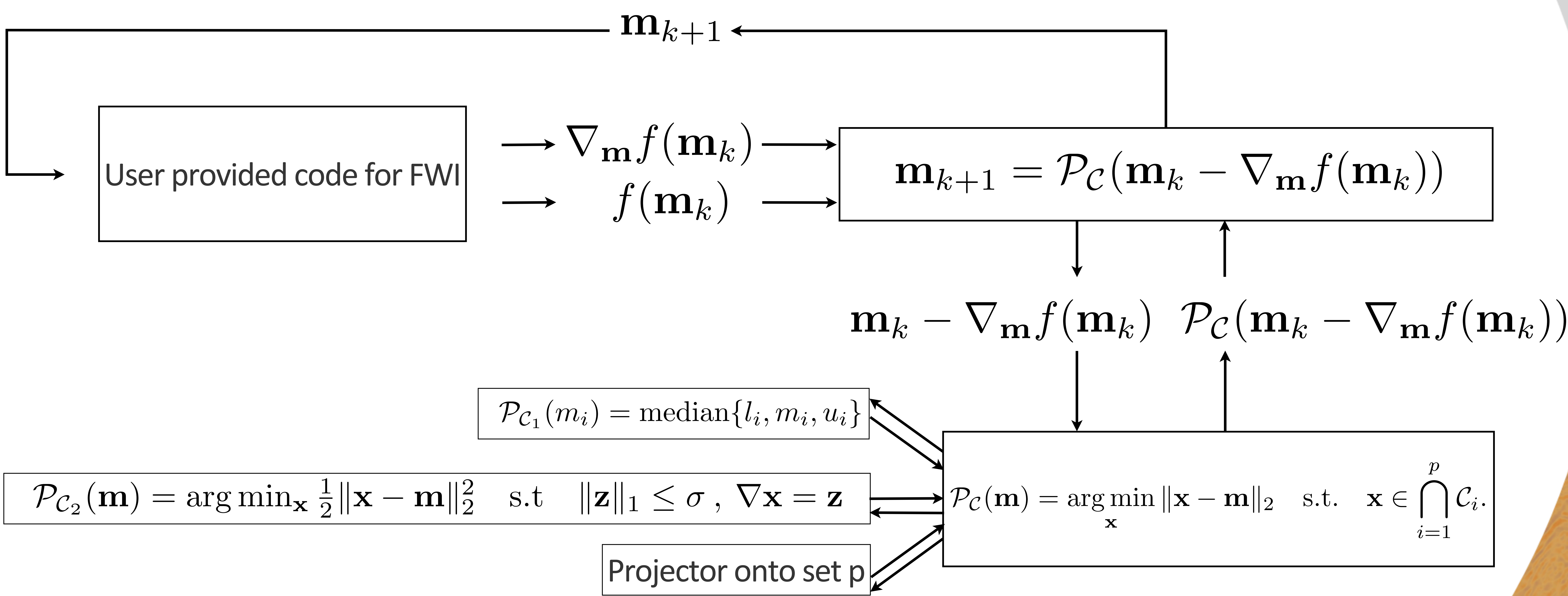
projected vector
Bounds: closed-form solution
TV: ADMM
Projector onto set p
Dykstra's algorithm

Workflow


$\mathbf{m}_{k+1}$
User provided code for FWI
$\nabla_{\mathbf{m}} f(\mathbf{m}_k)$
$f(\mathbf{m}_k)$
$\mathbf{m}_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{m}_k - \nabla_{\mathbf{m}} f(\mathbf{m}_k))$
$\mathbf{m}_k - \nabla_{\mathbf{m}} f(\mathbf{m}_k)$
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Projector onto set p
$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{m}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{p} \mathcal{C}_i .$

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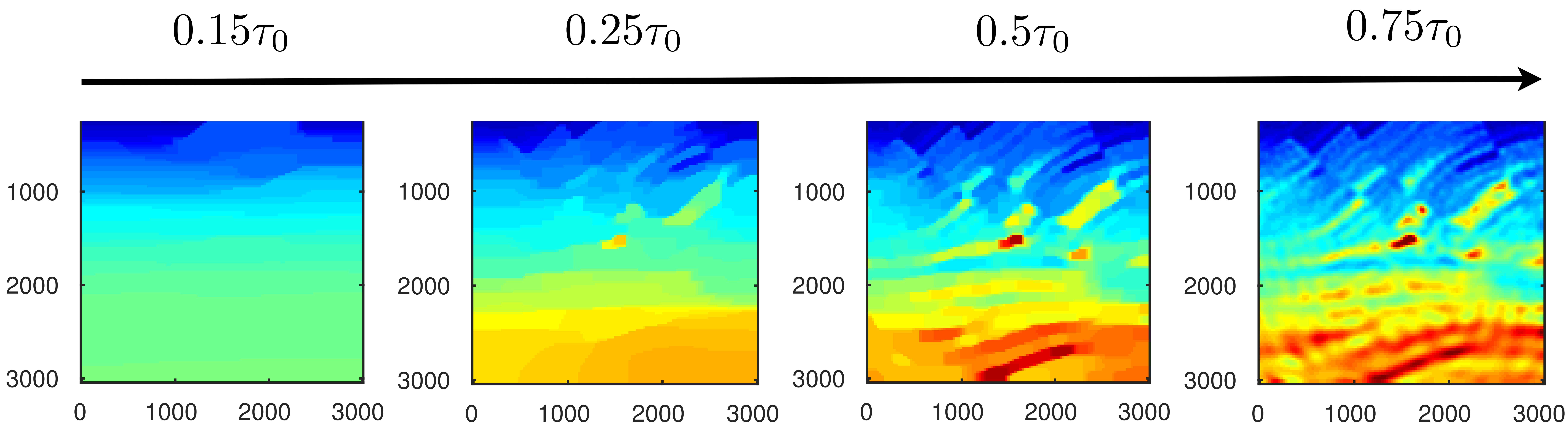
Numerical example 1 – revisited

- FWI w/ TV-norm & bound constraints
- data w/ zero-mean random noise, $\|\text{noise}\|_2/\|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.25$
- starting model = smoothed true model
- frequency batches from 3Hz to 10 Hz

FWI w/ constraints



Penalties vs. constraints

Regularization w/ penalties:

- inversion results for various α, ϵ combinations behave unpredictably
- challenges proper parameter settings
- offers no guarantees of feasibility for each model iterate

Regularization w/ constraints:

- inversion results behave predictably for increasing τ
- edges are preserved for not too large τ
- inversion artifacts appear for too large τ

Suggests cooling technique w/ warm starts where τ is increased slowly...

Case study. Improve delineation of salt for a good starting model but poor (6 dB) data...

Billette, F., and Brandsberg-Dahl, S., 2005

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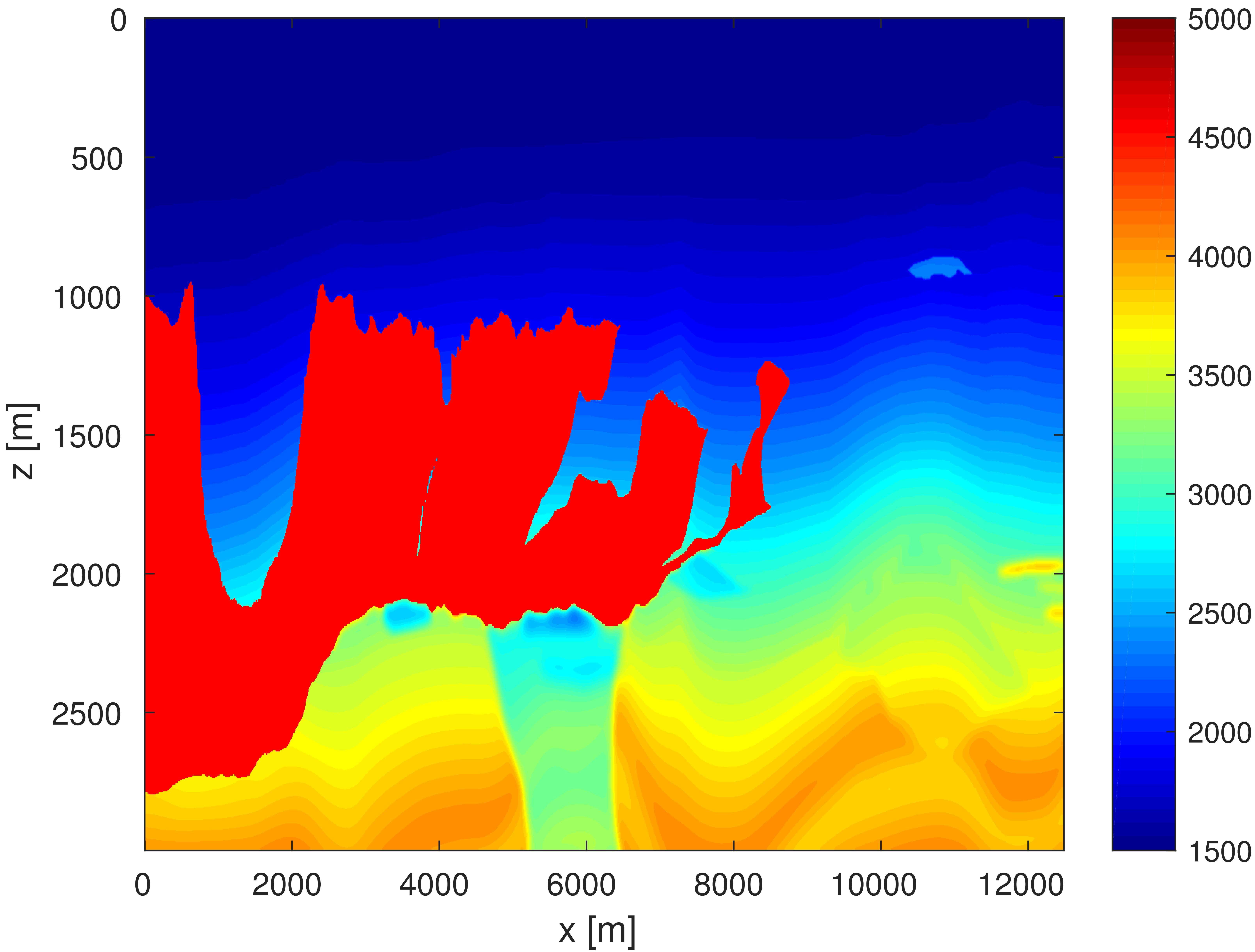
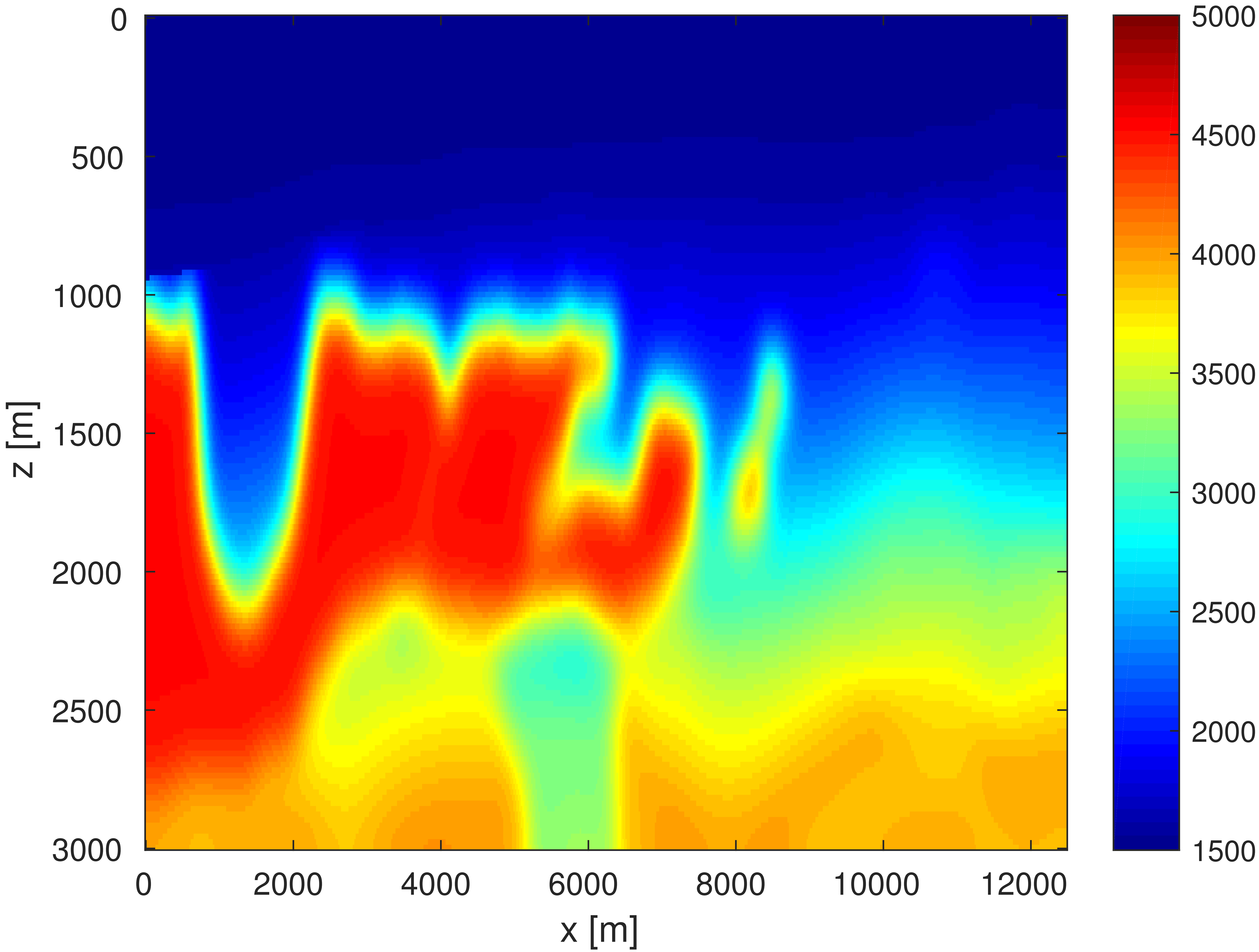
Reduced BP model – modelling parameters

- number of sources: 132; number of receivers: 311
- receiver spacing: 40m, source spacing: 80m, max offset 11.5 km
- grid size: 20 m
- known Ricker wavelet sources with 15Hz peak frequency
- data available starting at 3 Hz
- 8 simultaneous shots w/ Gaussian weights w/ redraws
- starting model = smoothed true model
- inversion crime but poor data $\|\text{noise}\|_2/\|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.5$

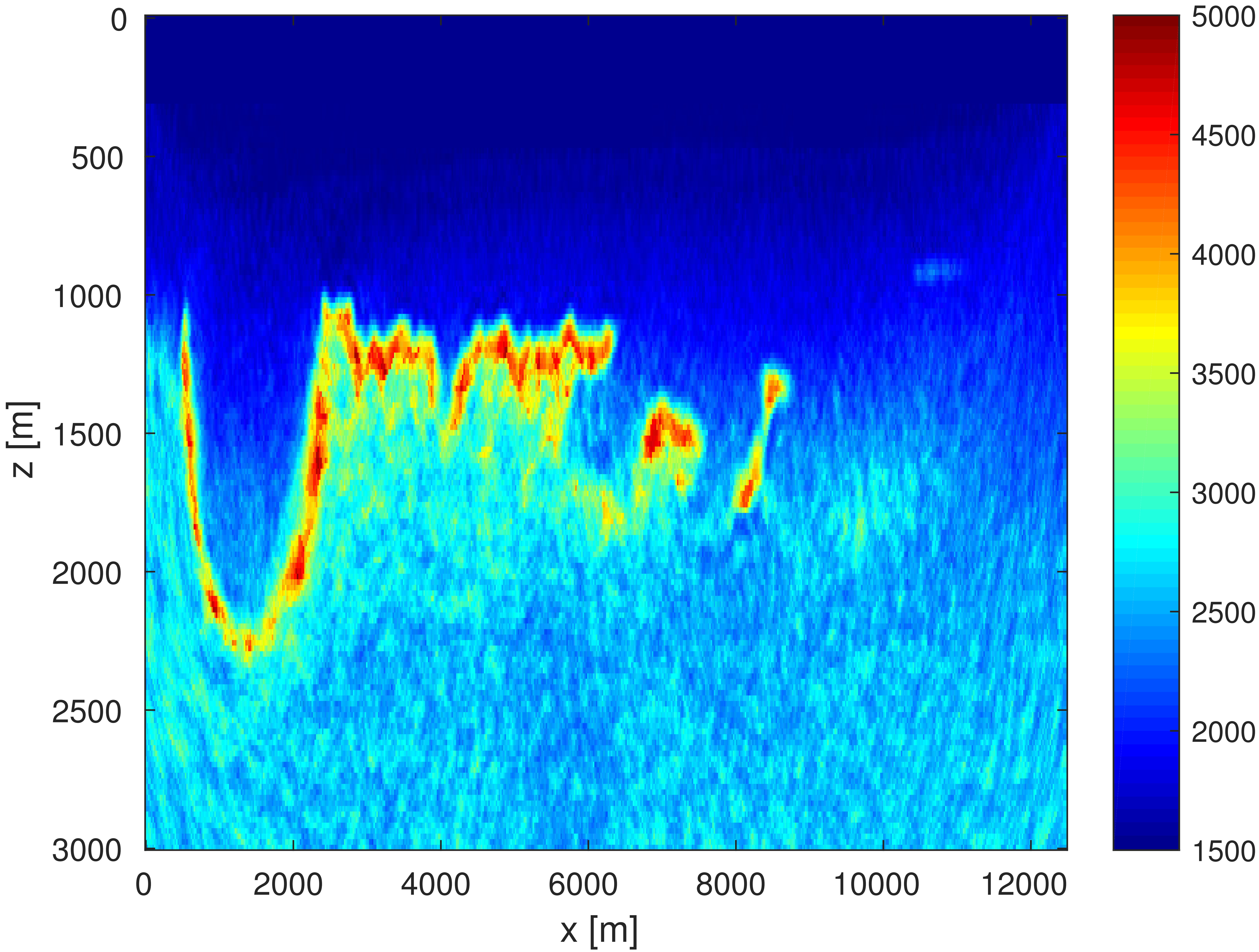
True velocity model – reduced by a factor of 2.5



Starting model

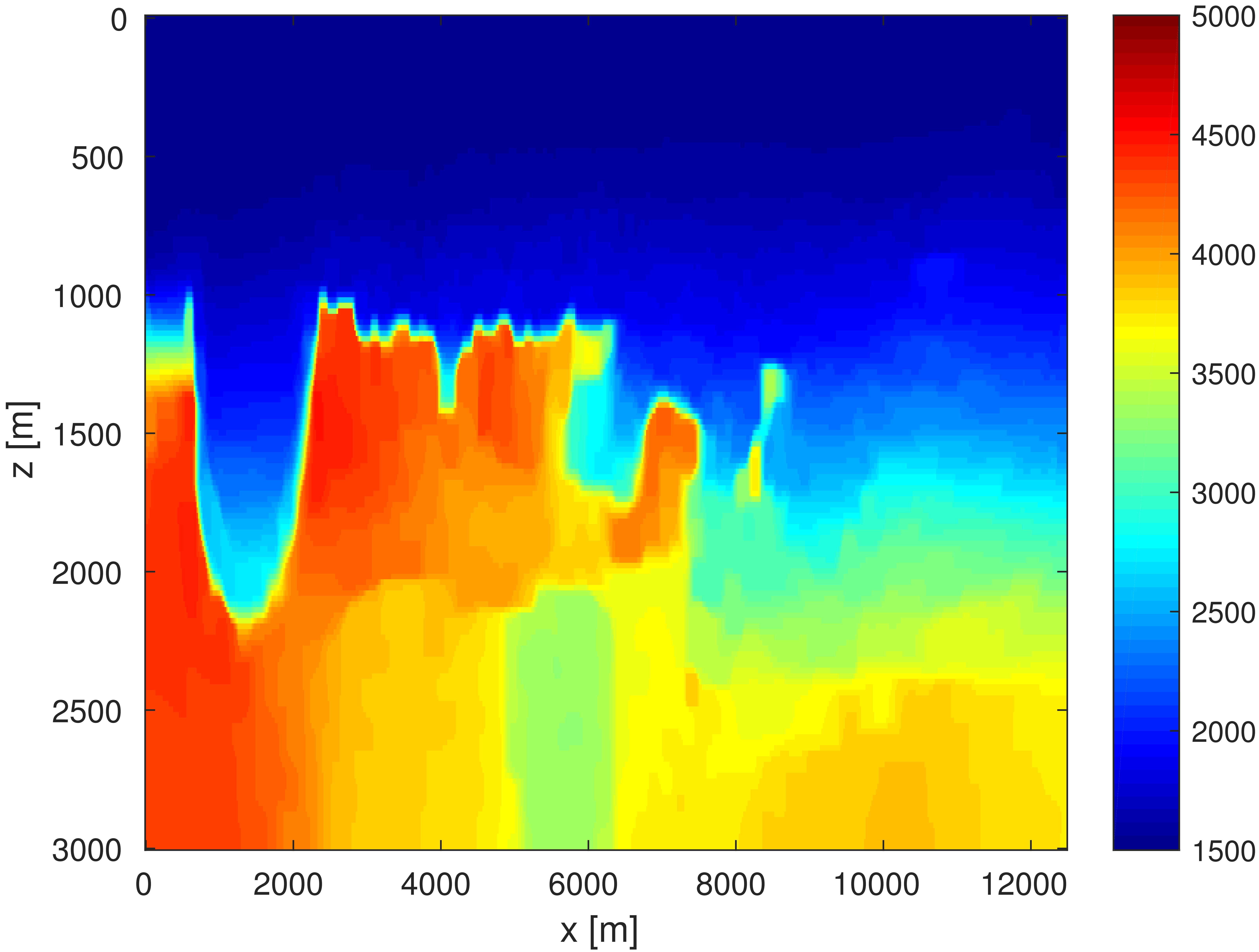


Adjoint-state w/ noisy data $\|\text{noise}\|_2 / \|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.5$



WRI /w TV-constraints

$$\|\text{noise}\|_2 / \|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.5$$



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Heuristic

Multiple frequency cycles:

- warm starts
- increasingly relaxed TV constraints & fixed bound constraints
- starts w/ relaxed TV-norm of starting model

Extend search space:

- make sure data is fitted
- optimize over model & (source) wavefields
- jointly fit data & wave equation (physics)
- use noise level to automatically select trade-off data & PDE (physics) fit

Wavefield Reconstruction Inversion – gradient

Tristan van Leeuwen and Felix J. Herrmann, "A penalty method for PDE-constrained optimization in inverse problems", *Inverse Problems*, vol. 32, p. 015007, 2015.
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WRI method:

for each source i

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

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

end

correlation proxy wavefield & PDE residual

Adjoint-state method:

for each source i

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

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

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

end

correlation wavefield & data residual

Patent application WO2014172787 – A PENALTY METHOD FOR PDE-CONSTRAINED OPTIMIZATION pending

BP model – inversion parameters

Optimization specs:

- spectral-projected gradients
- non-monotone linesearch w/ window size of 5
- max 8 DYKSTRA iterations

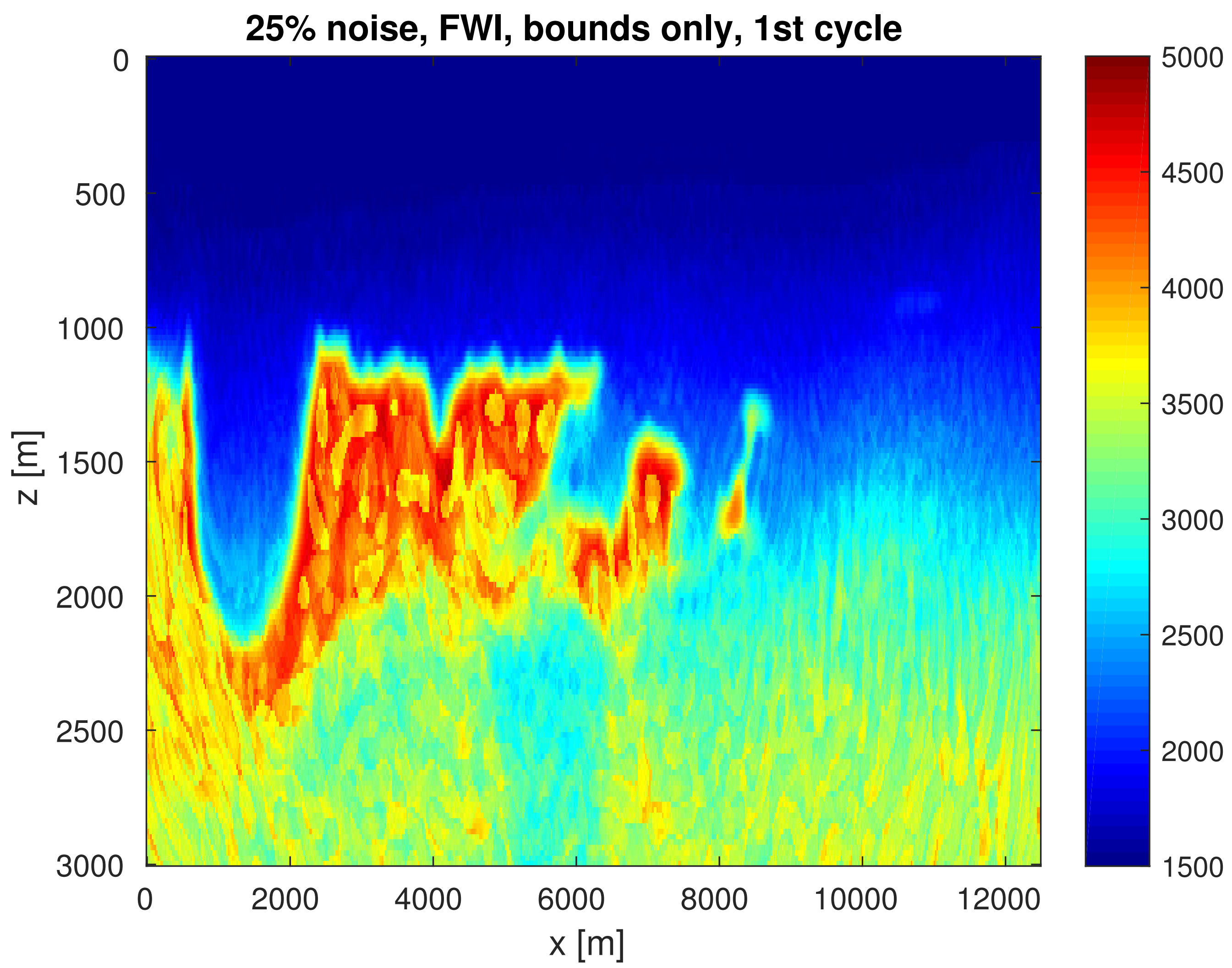
Constraint specs:

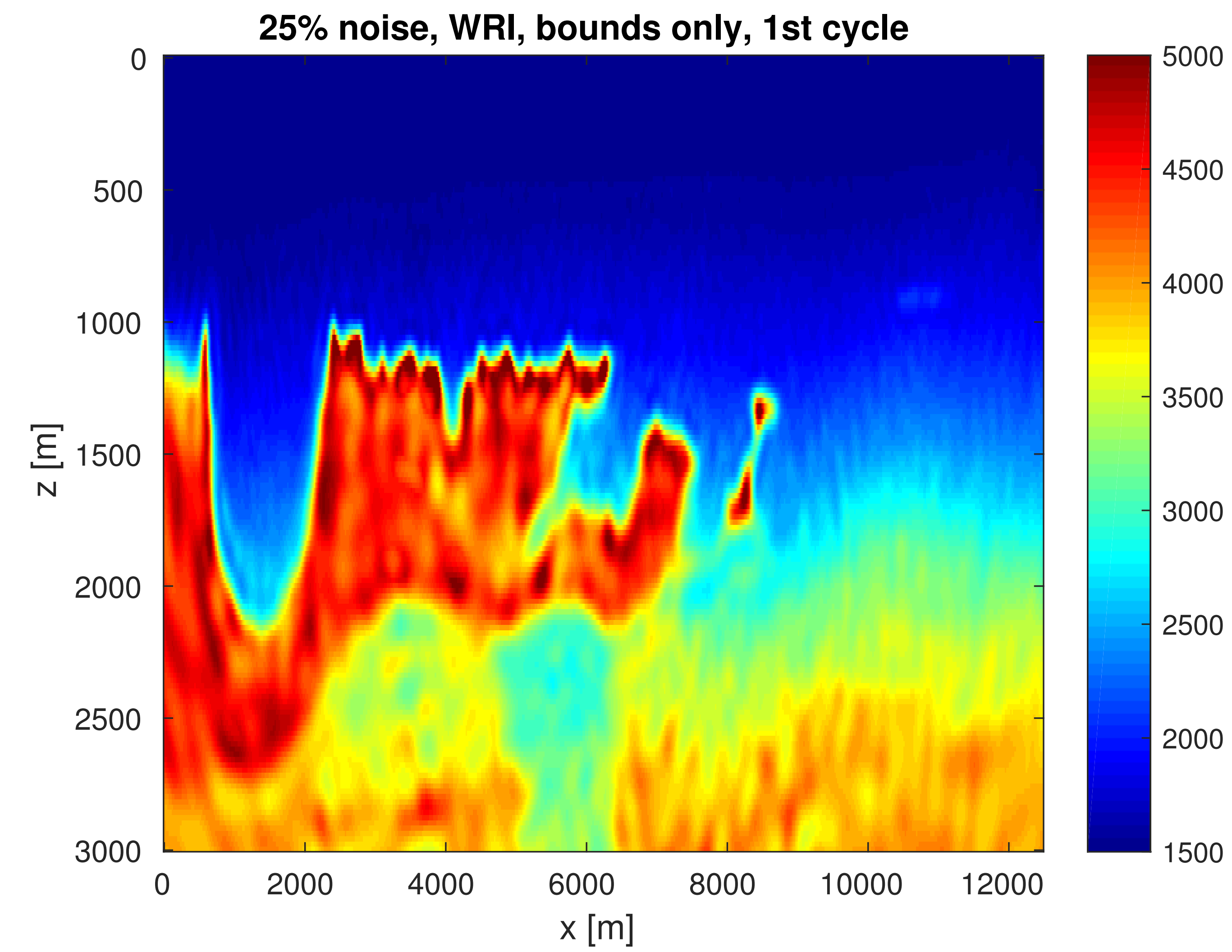
- frequency continuation 3–9 Hz in consecutive batches of 2
- 3 warm started frequency sweeps w/ $\tau^{l+1} = 1.25\tau^{l}$ & $\tau^{0} = 1.00 \times \mathrm{TV}(\mathbf{m}_0)$
- anisotropic TV

1st cycle cycle

$$\|\text{noise}\|_2 / \|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.25$$

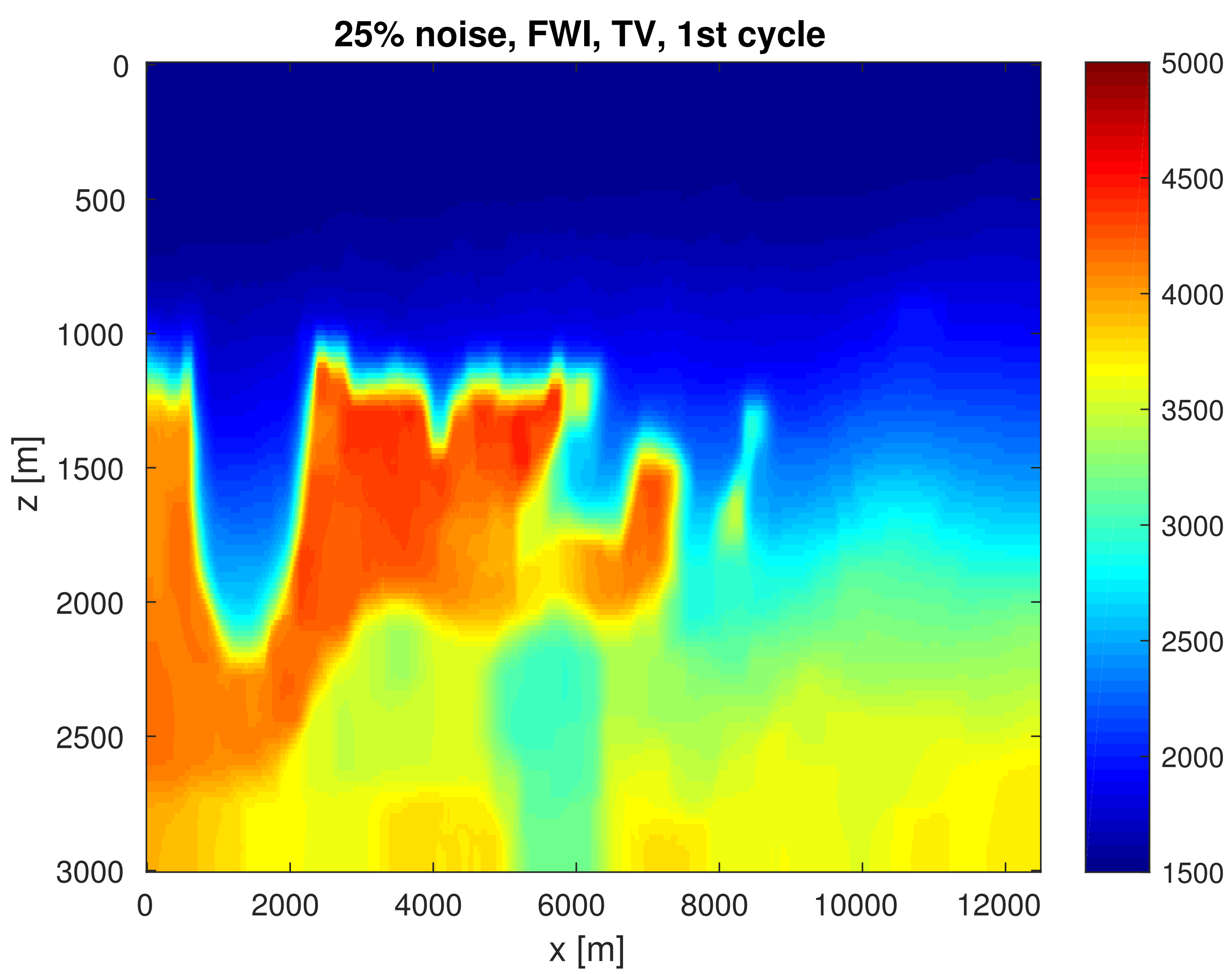
bounds only

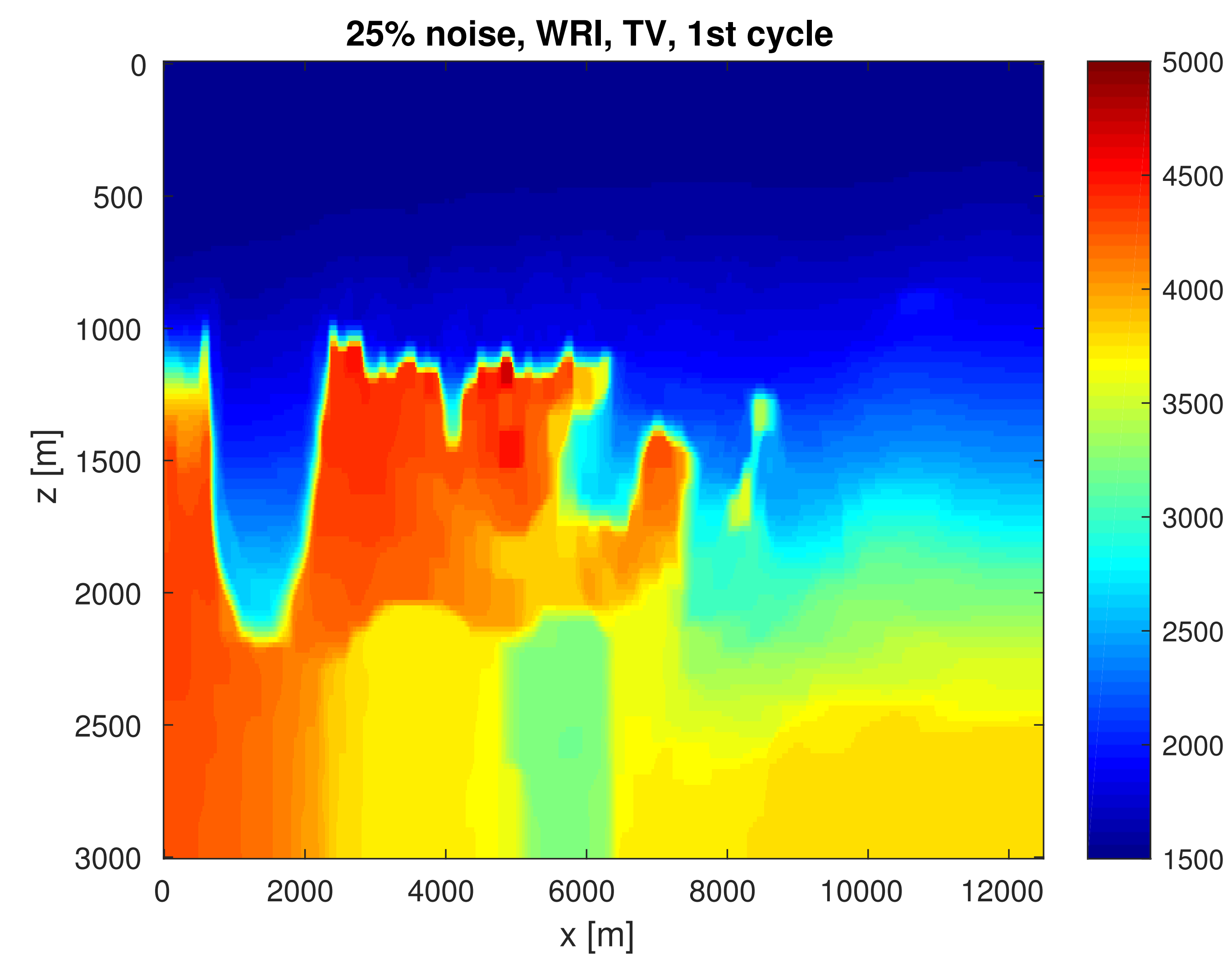




FWI **WRI**

bounds & TV

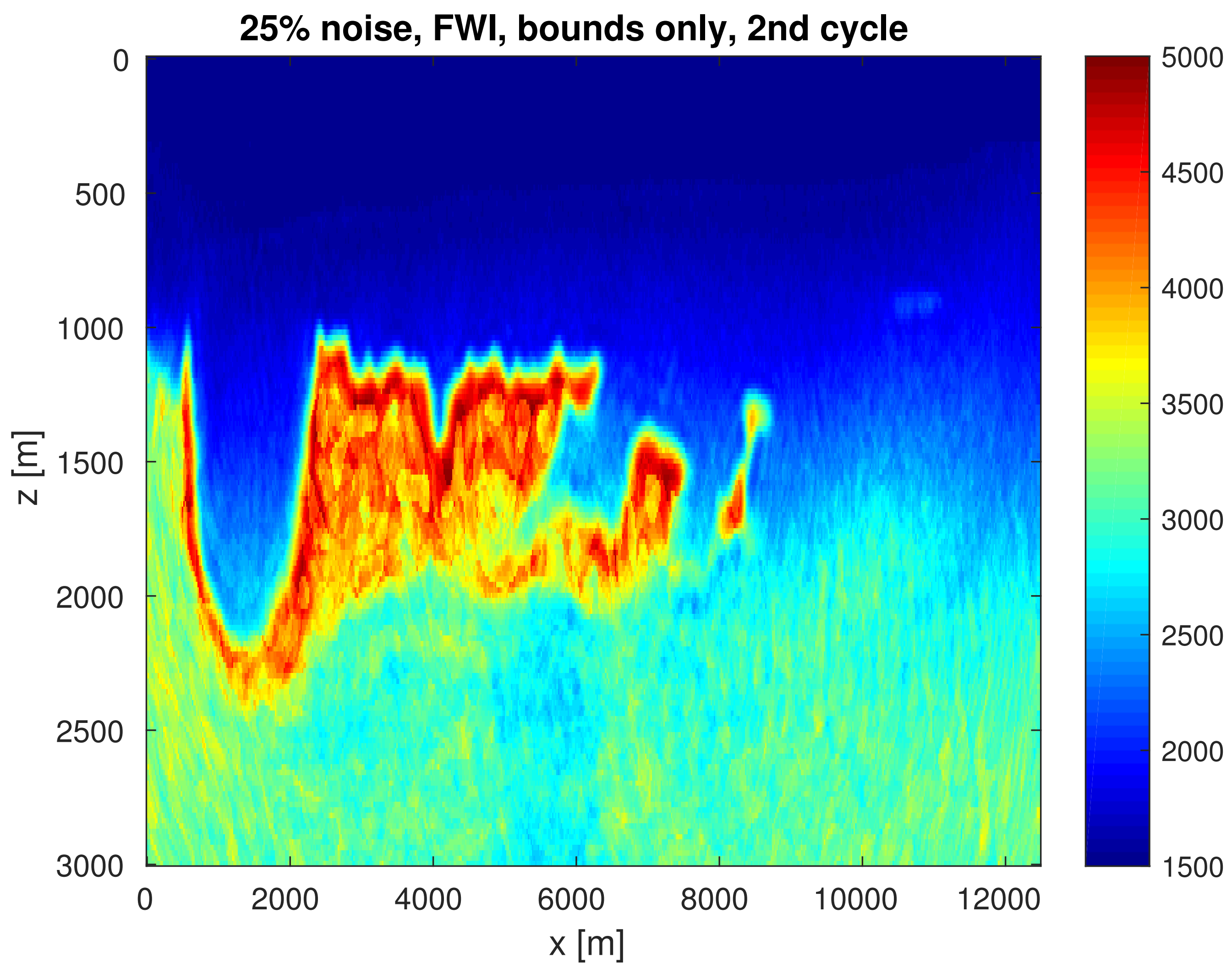


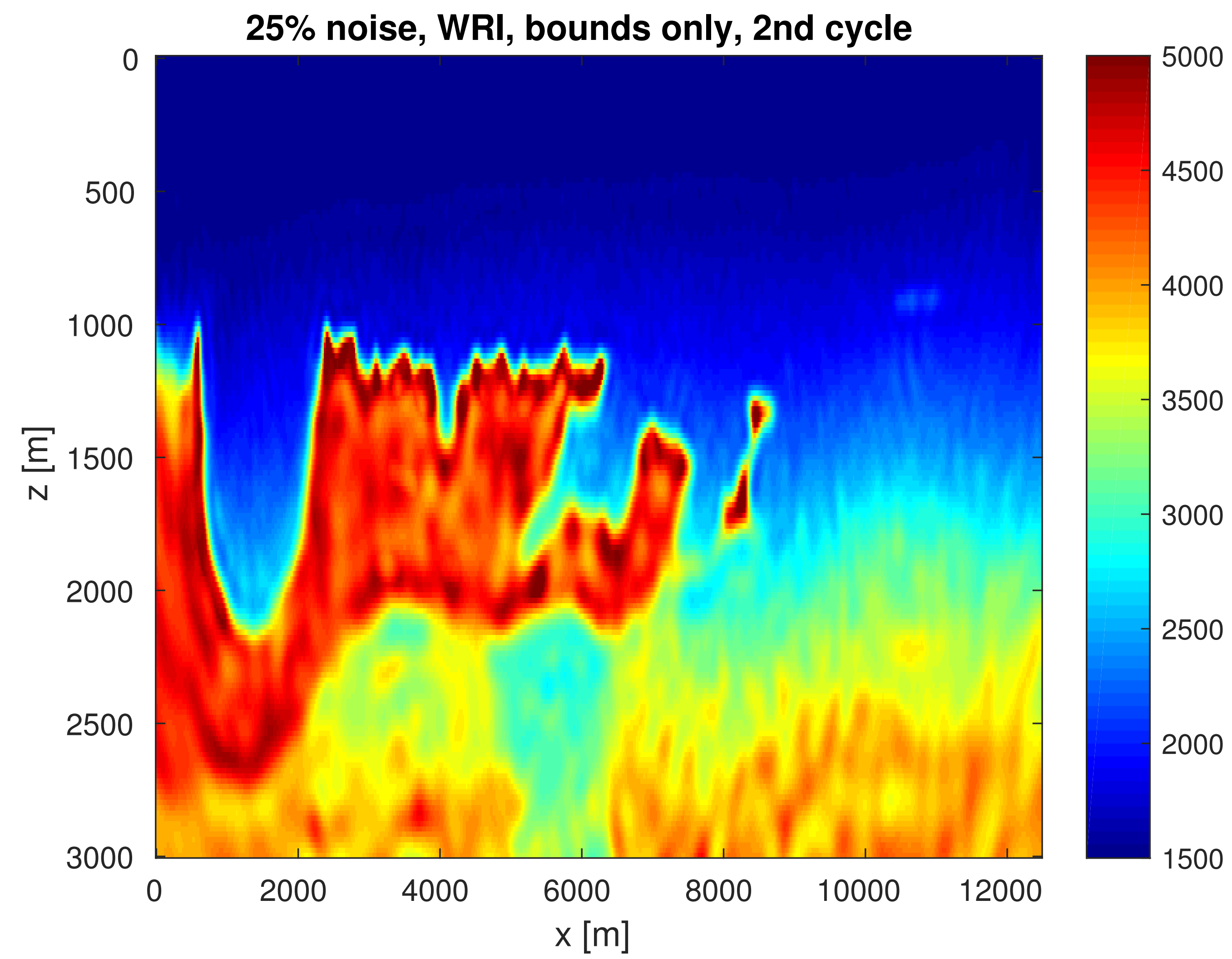


2nd cycle

$$\|\text{noise}\|_2/\|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.25$$

bounds only





FWI **WRI**

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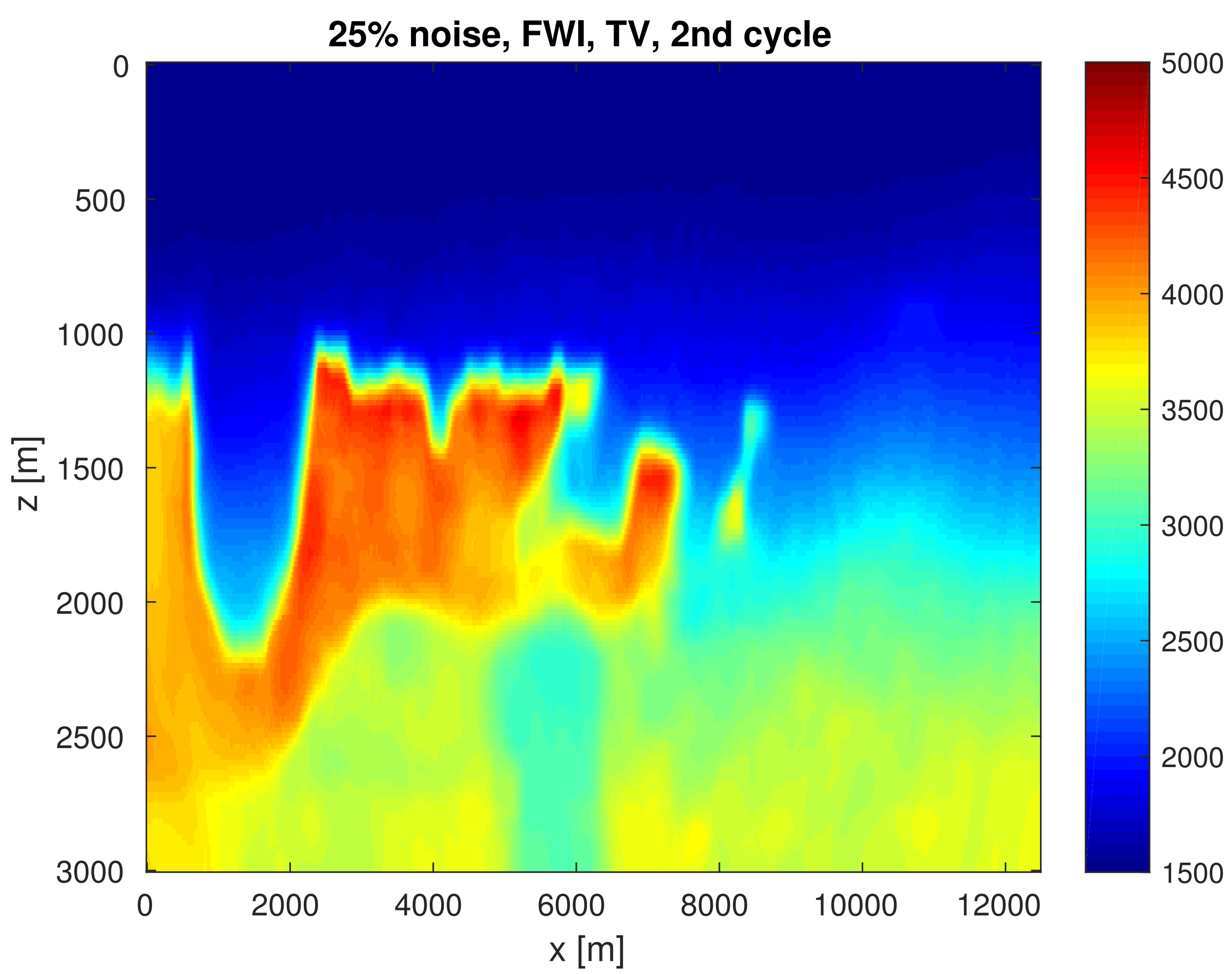
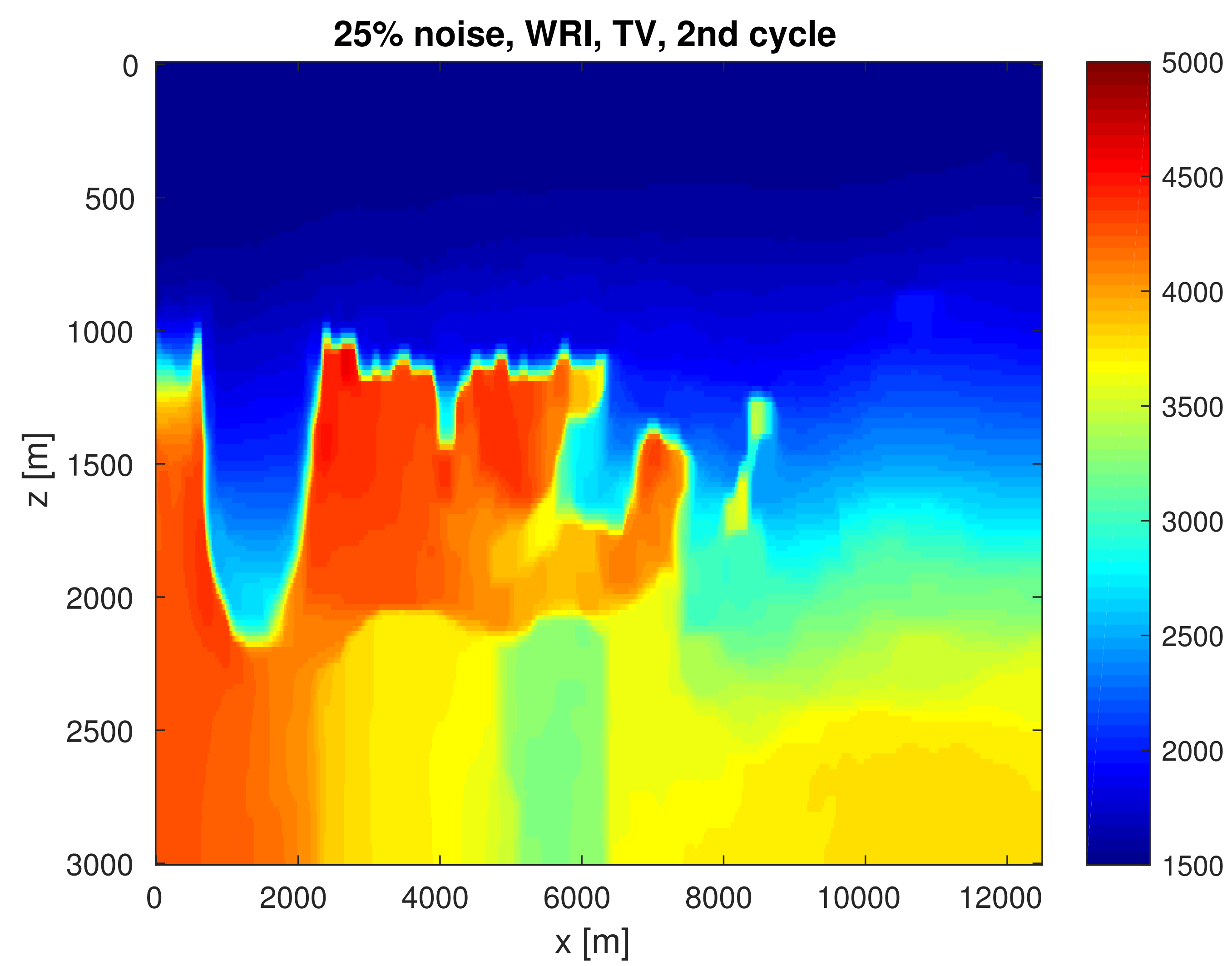


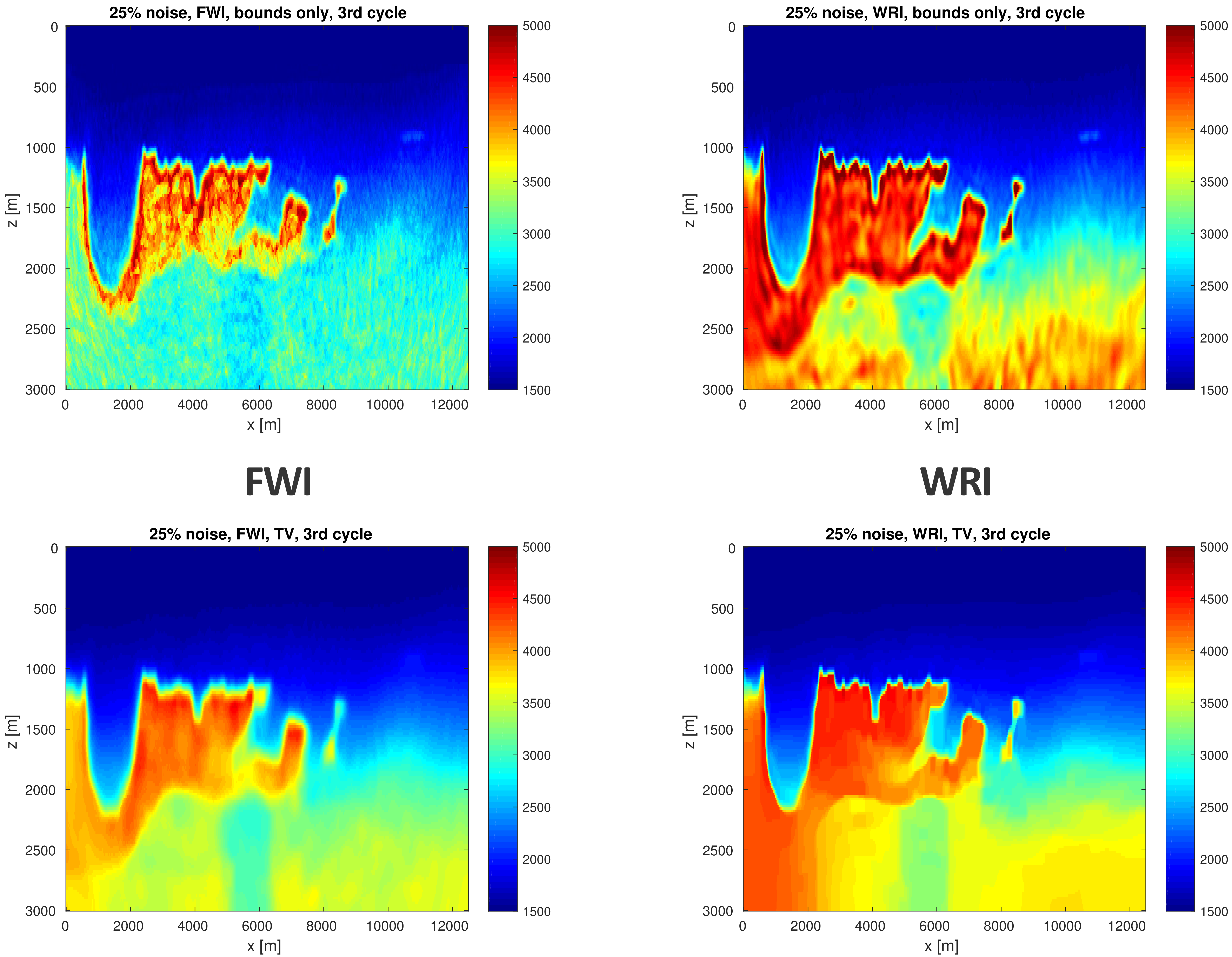


3rd cycle

$$\|\text{noise}\|_2 / \|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.25$$

bounds only

bounds & TV



1st cycle cycle

$$\|\text{noise}\|_2 / \|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.5$$

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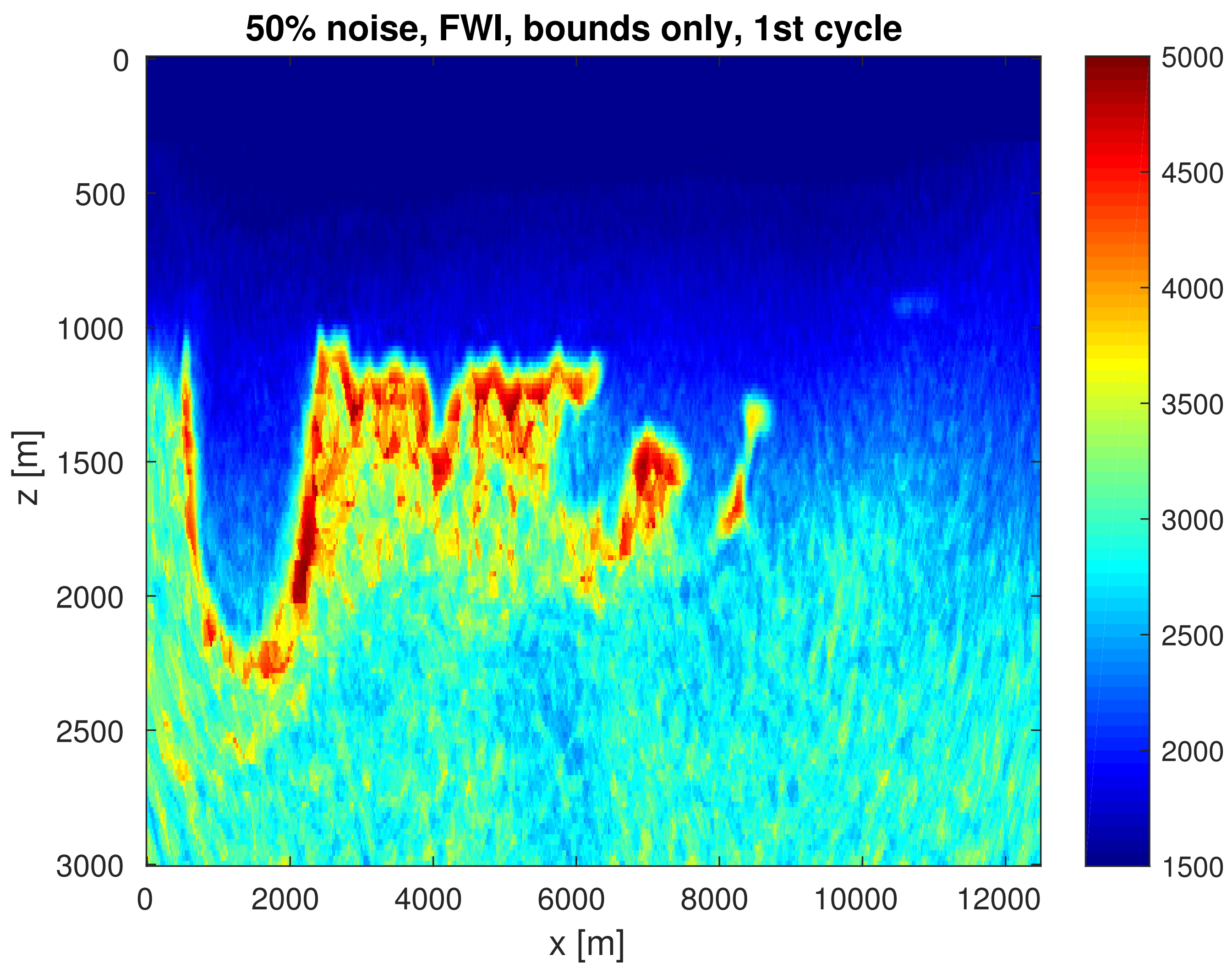

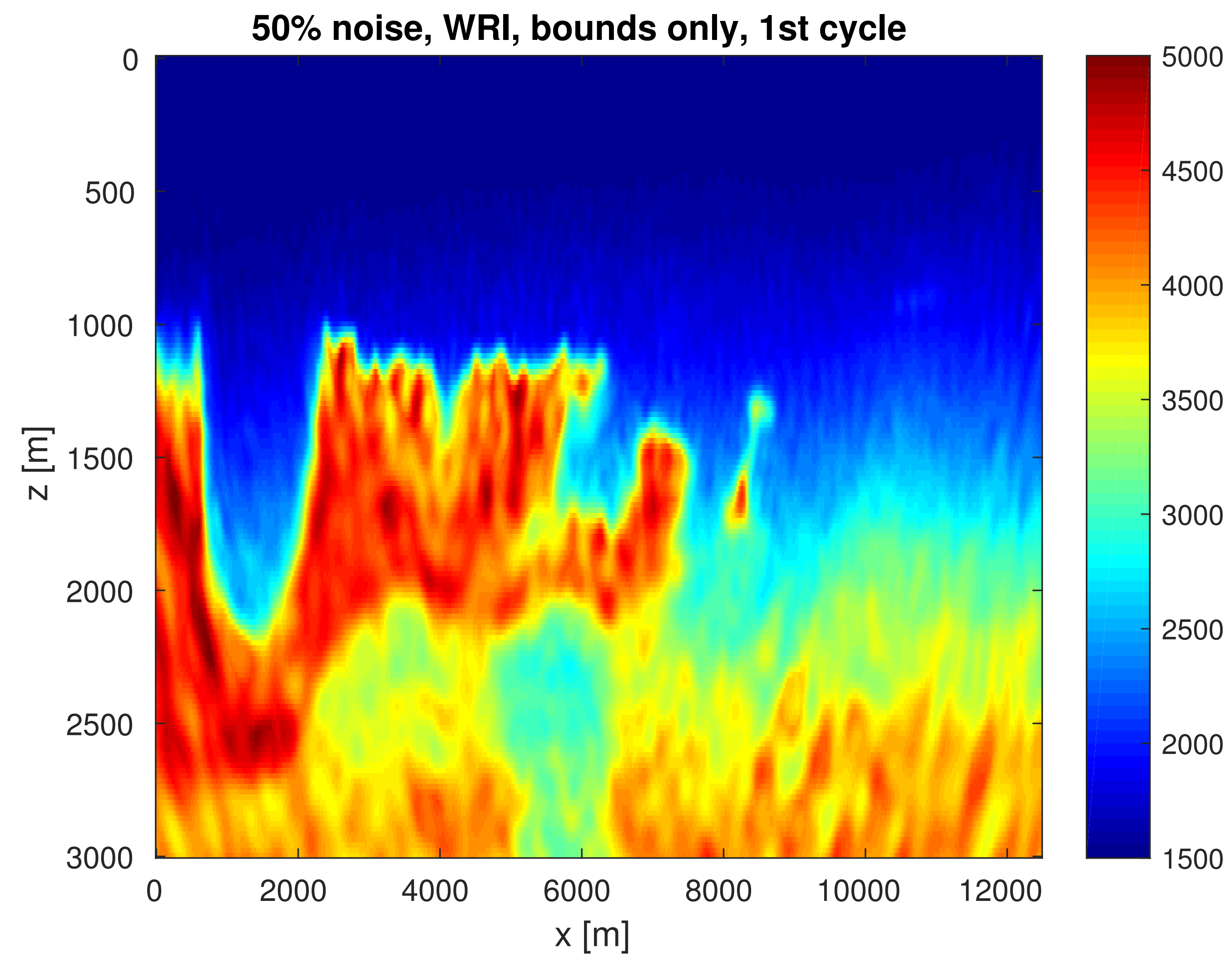

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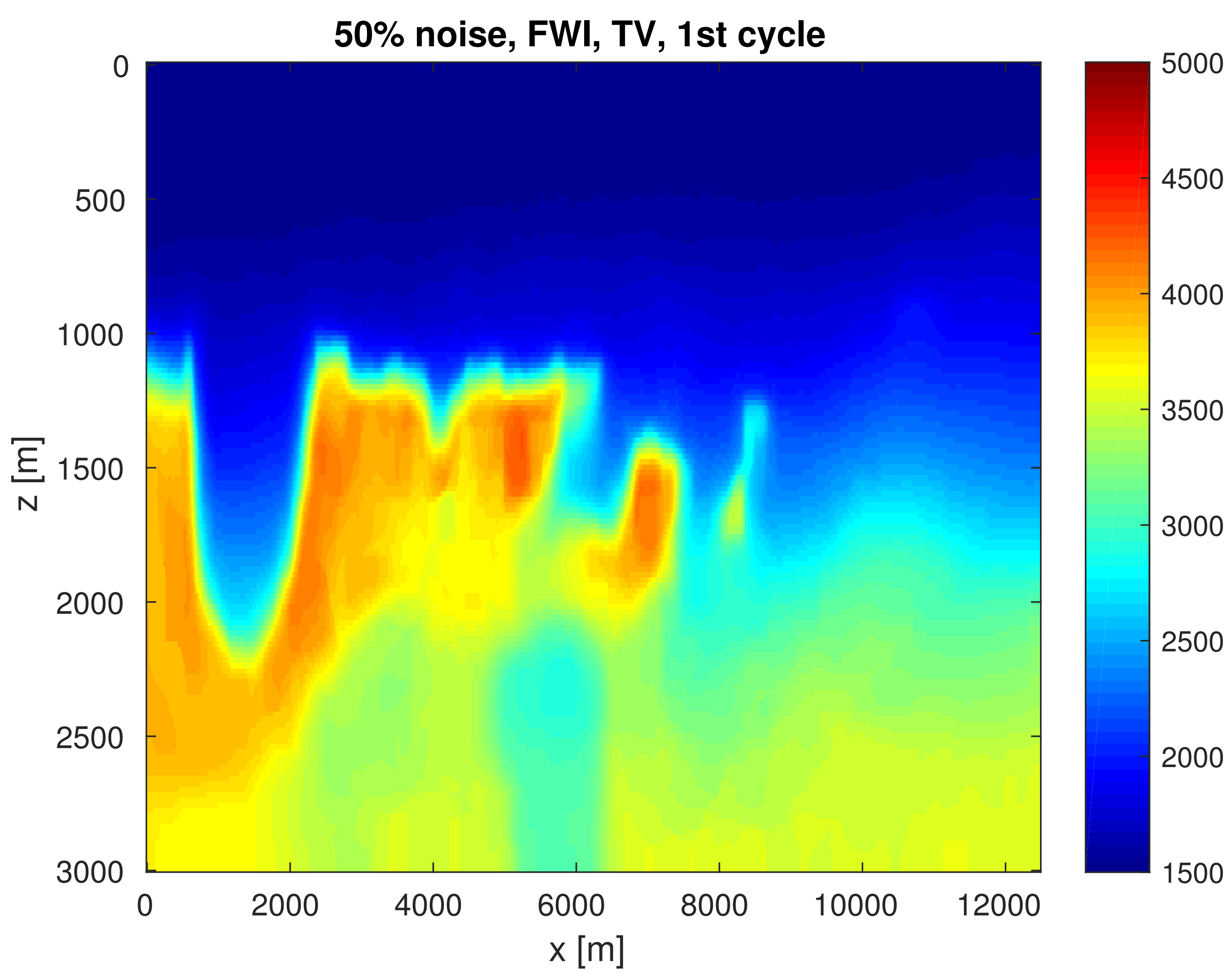

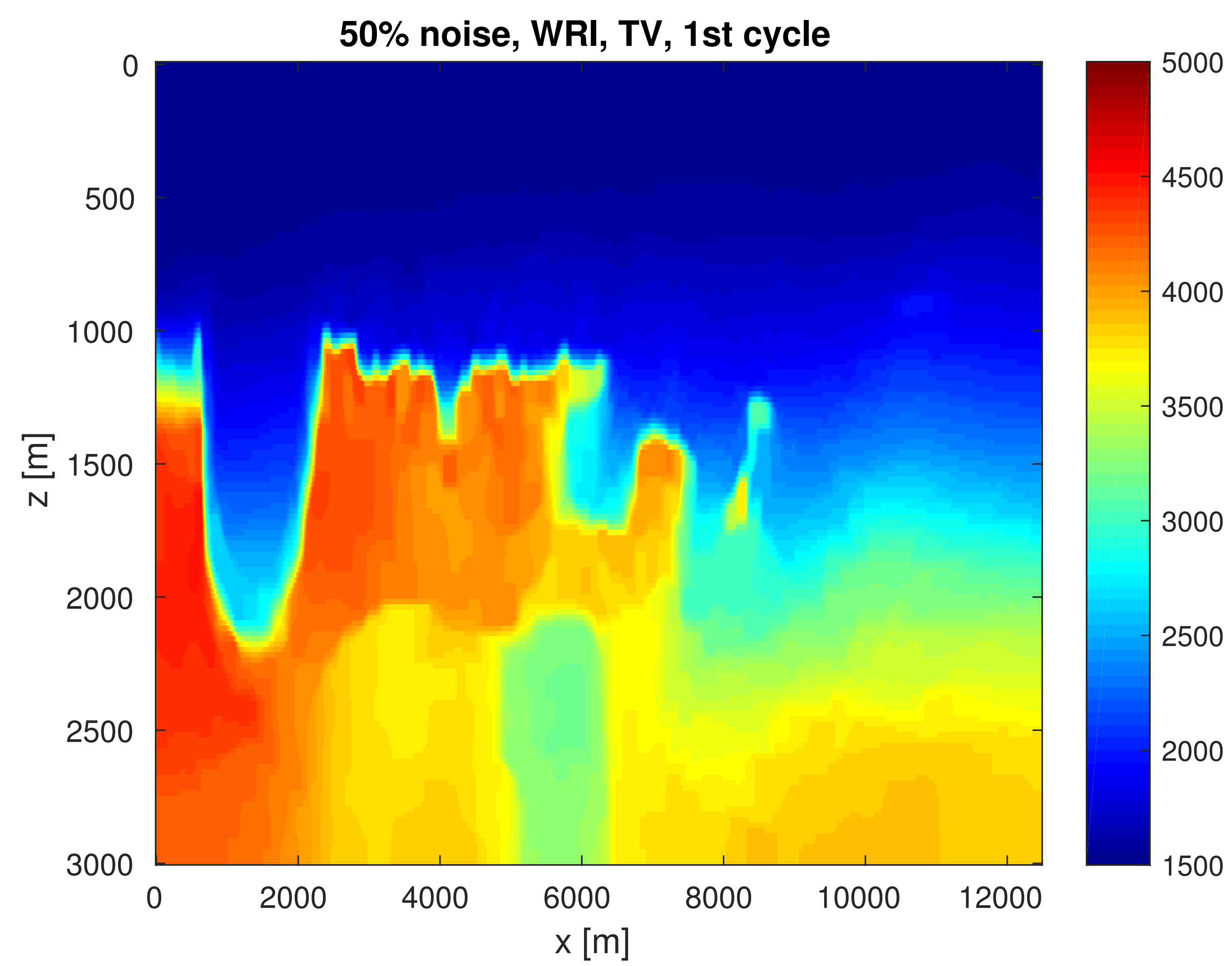

2nd cycle

$$\|\text{noise}\|_2 / \|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.5$$

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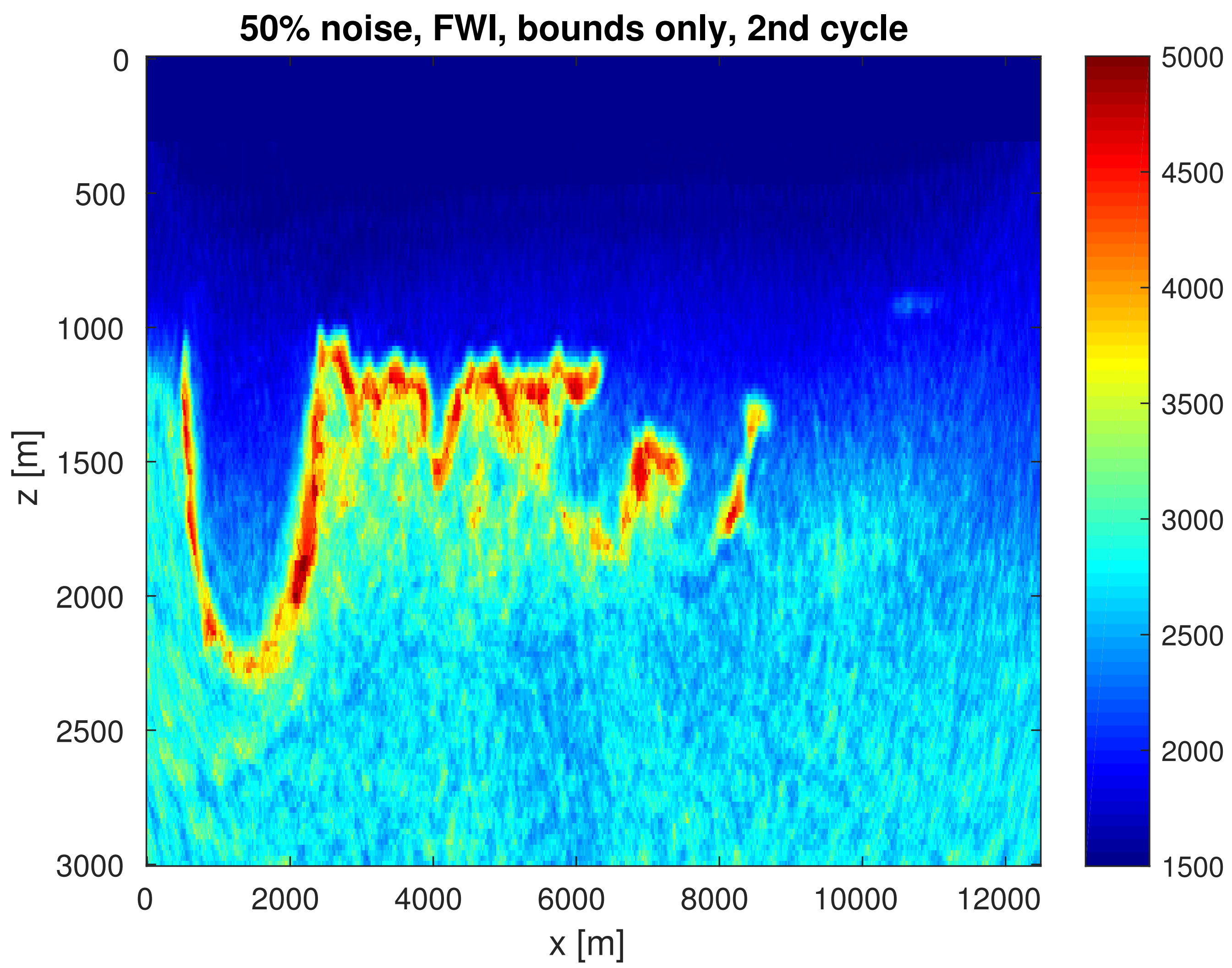

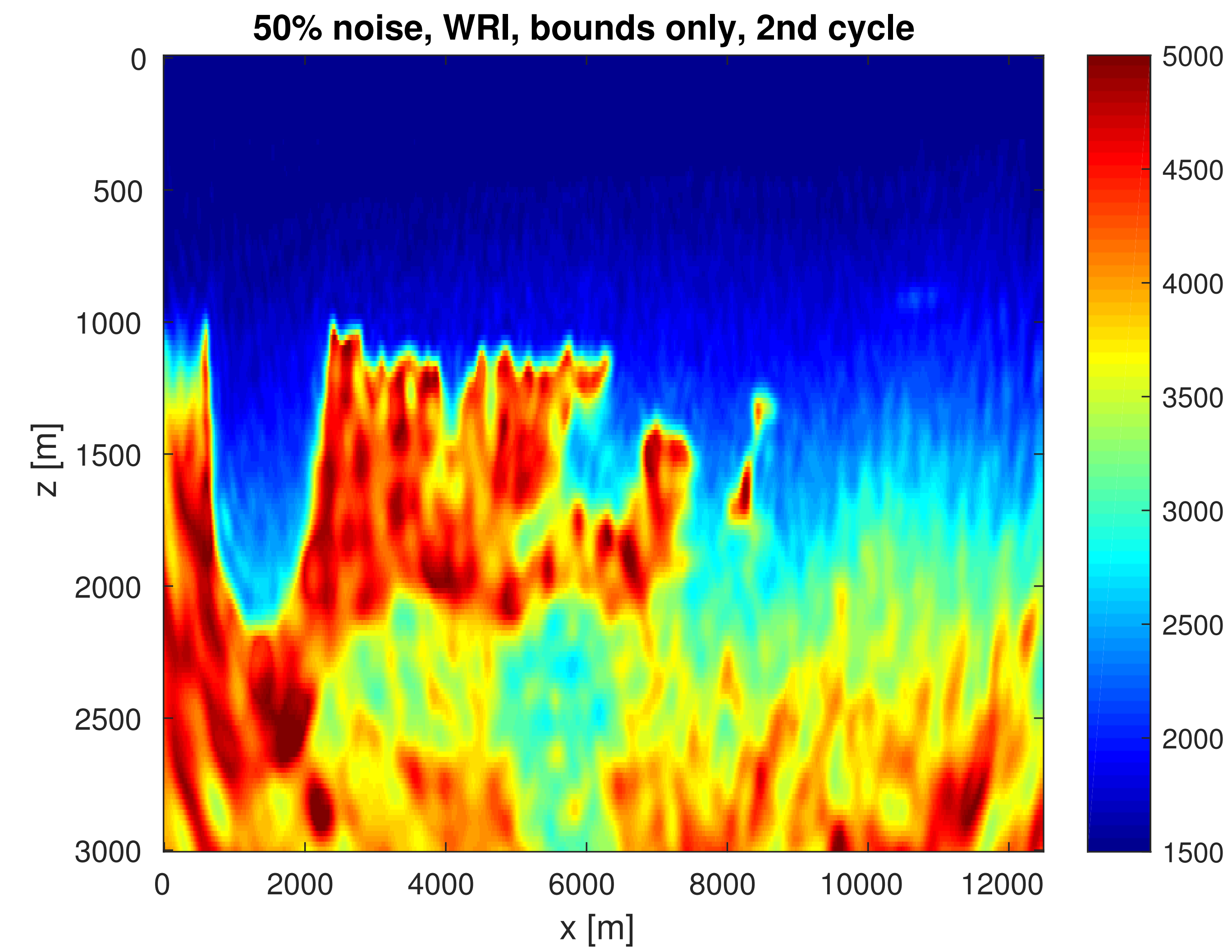

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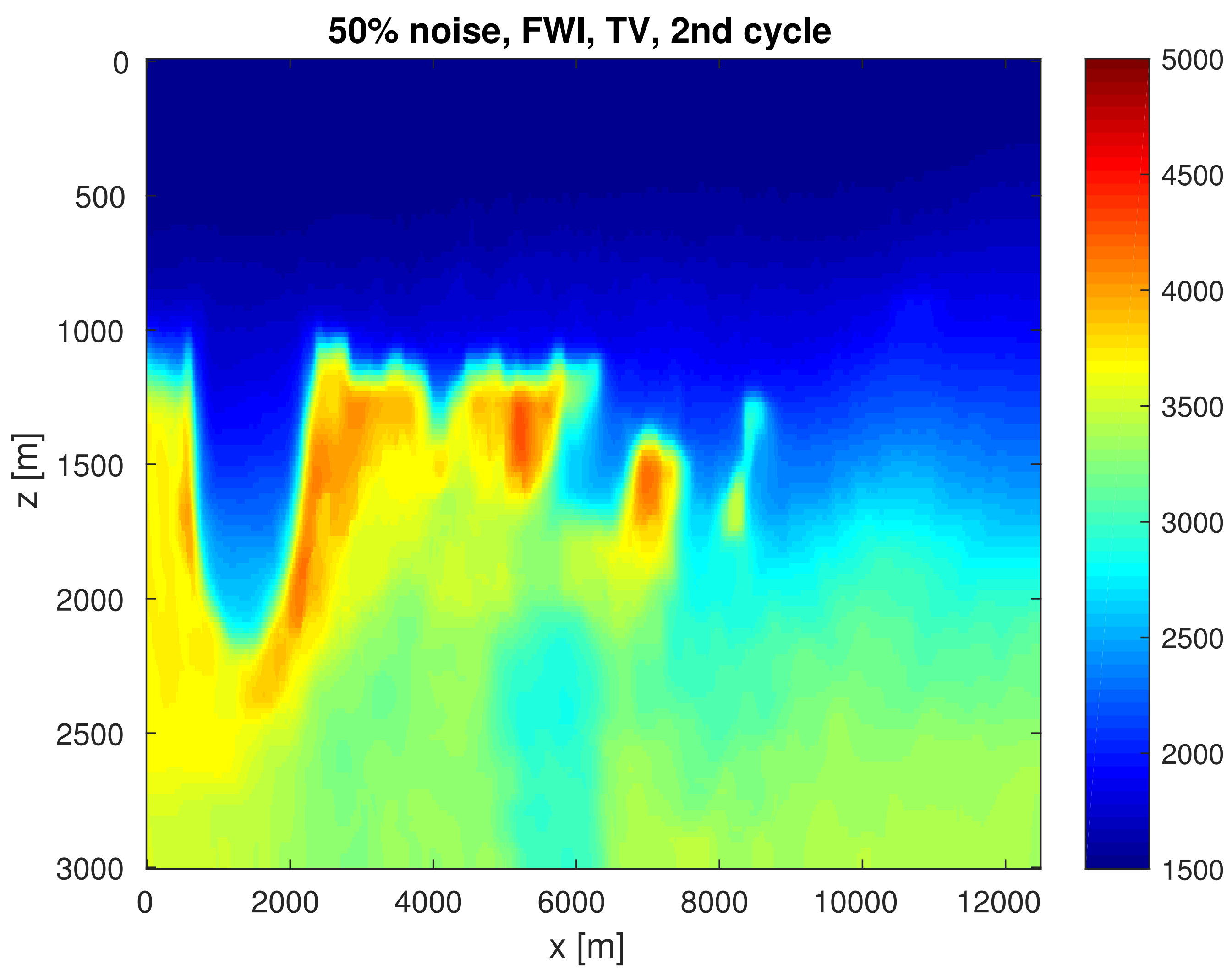

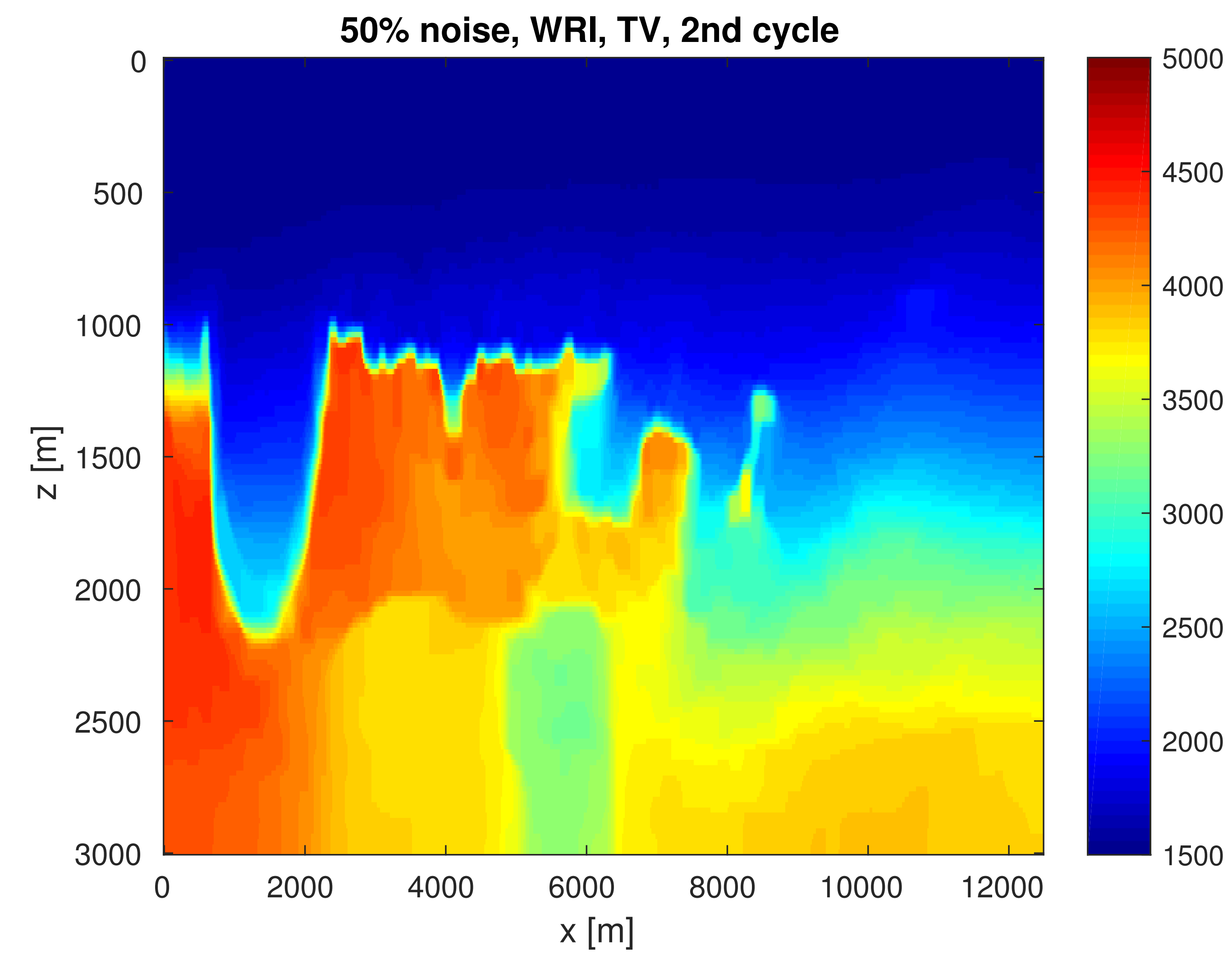

3rd cycle

$$\|\text{noise}\|_2 / \|\text{signal}\|_2 = 0.5$$

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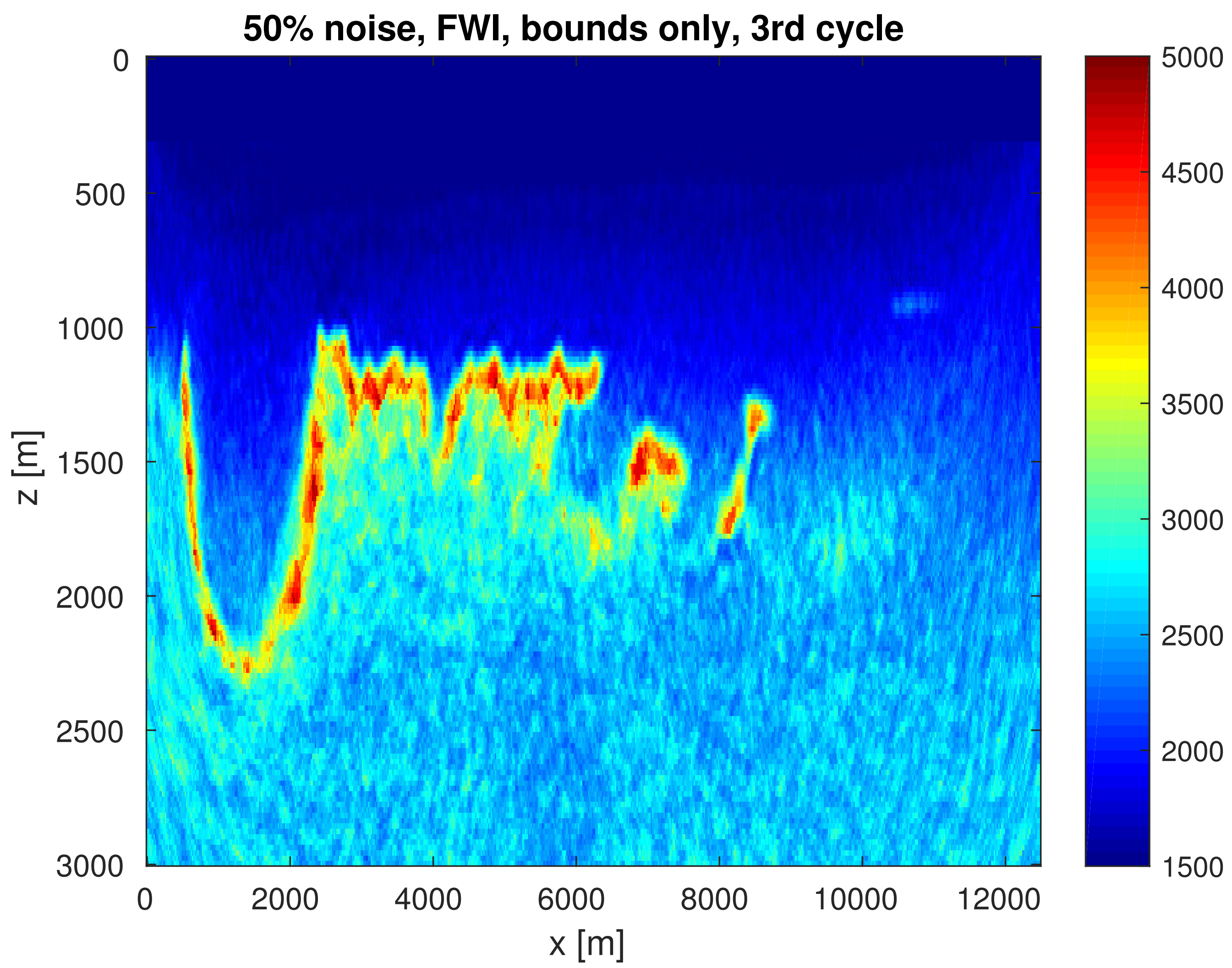

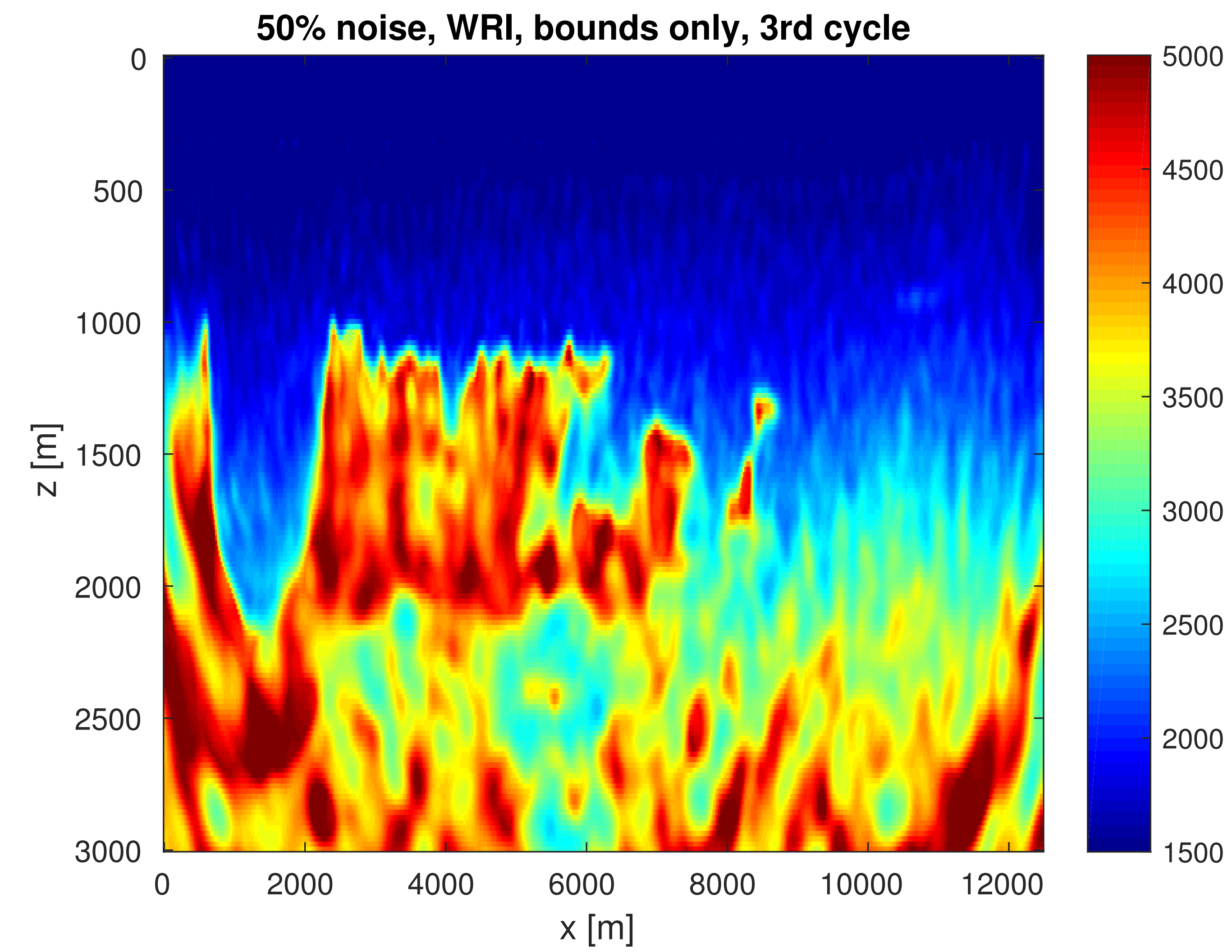

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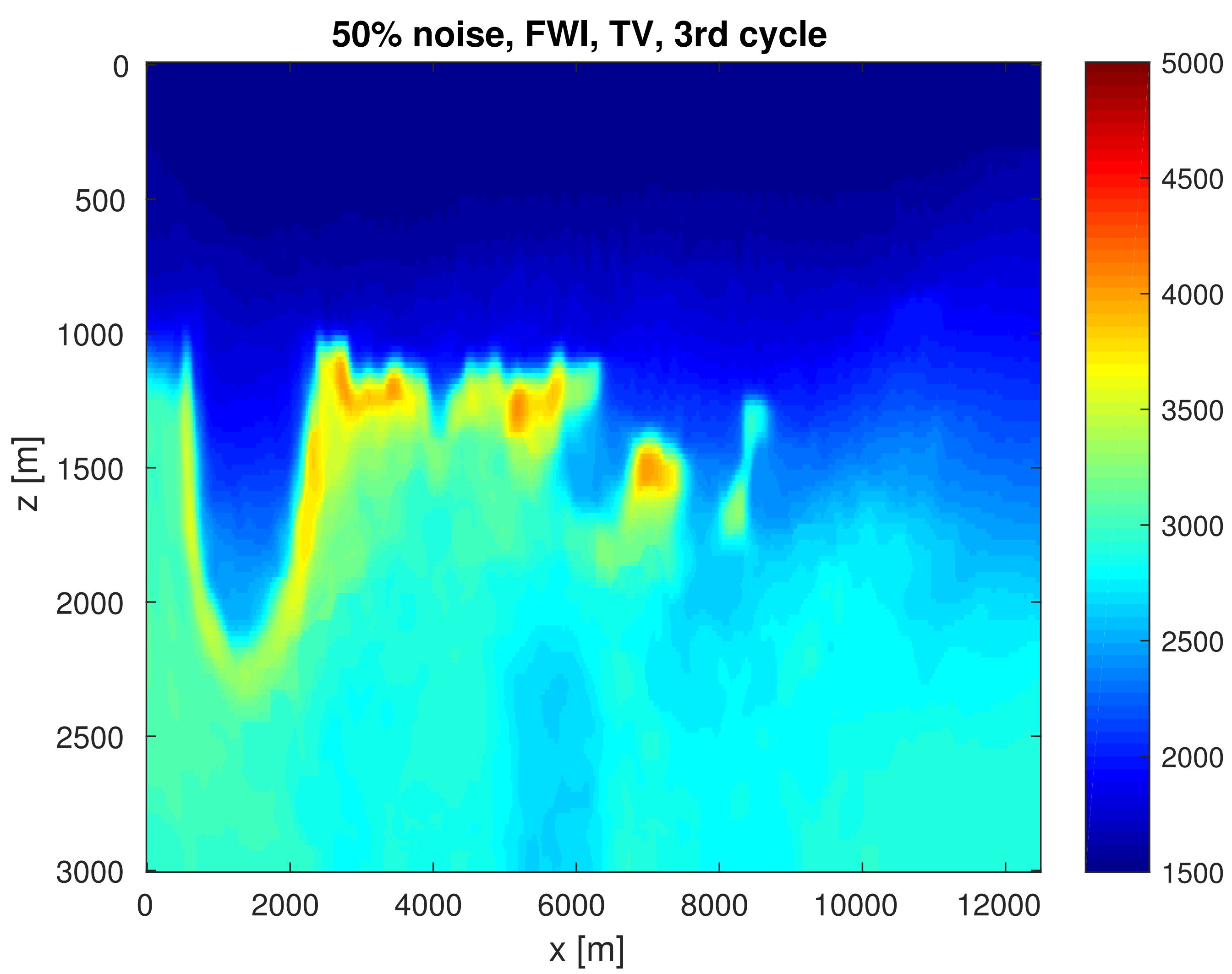

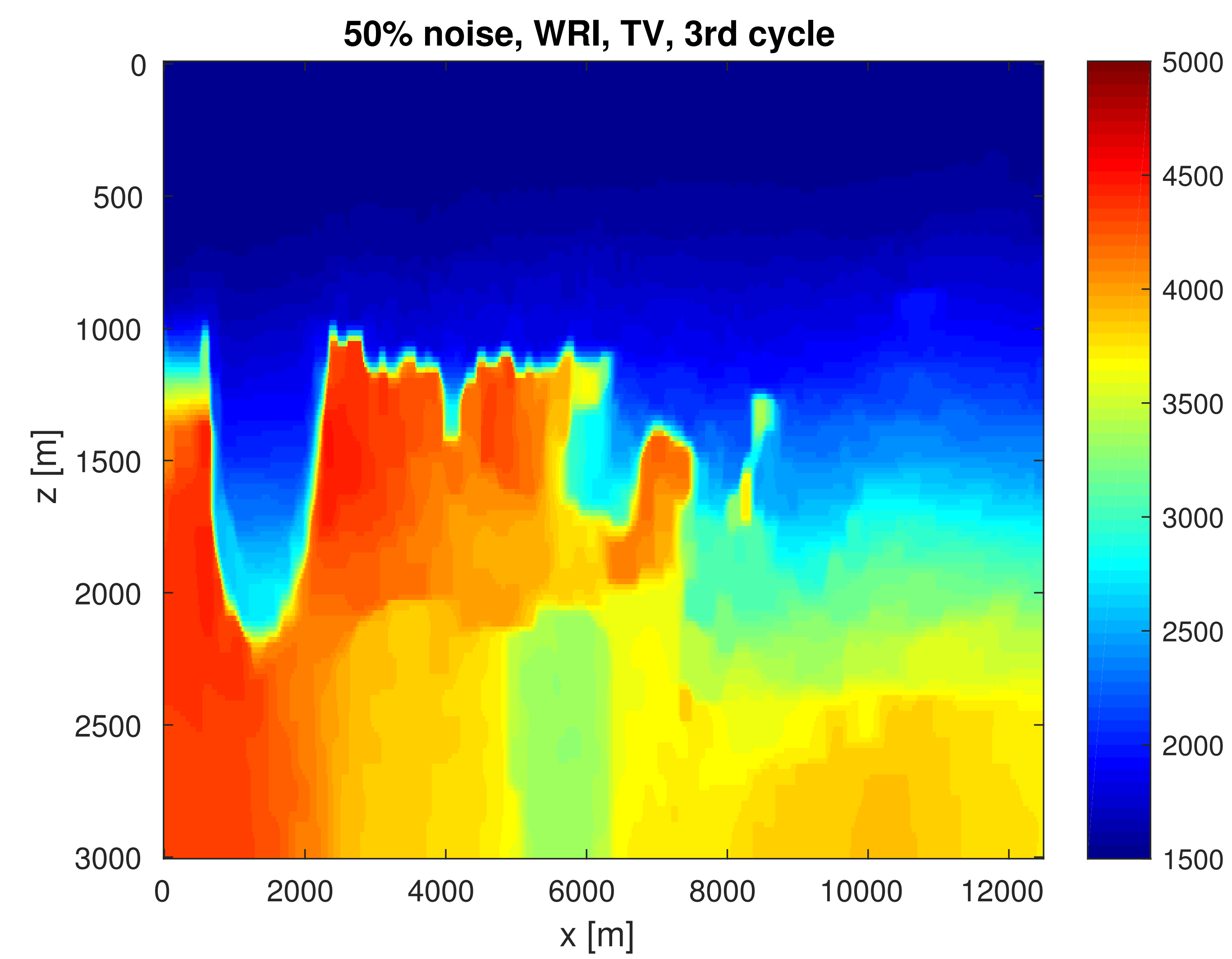

Conclusions & generalizations

Adding constraints to inversion:

- leaves gradient (and Hessian) untouched
- is robust & behaves predictably w/ model iterates that remain feasible
- intuitive parameterizations of prior information in >2 constraints
- can be accelerated w/ quasi-Newton & parallelized projections
- “black box” solution that works w/ any implementation for FWI/WRI

Extensions paired w/ constraints are a powerful combination!

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