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## Motivation

**How to minimize costs of time-lapse seismic w/o impacting repeatability?**

**Solution:**

- ▶ sample w/ insights from Compressive Sensing to lower cost
- ▶ leverage information shared amongst vintages to improve data quality & repeatability w/o need to replicate surveys (e.g. w/ expensive OBC/OBN)

**New paradigm:**

- ▶ give up on dense & replicated acquisition
- ▶ sample coarsely at random
- ▶ works as long as we know where we were in the field

**Compressive Sensing = design method to increase acquisition productivity**

Felix J. Herrmann, Michael P. Friedlander, and Ozgur Yilmaz, “**Fighting the Curse of Dimensionality: Compressive Sensing in Exploration Seismology**”, *Signal Processing Magazine, IEEE*, vol. 29, p. 88-100, 2012.

Felix J. Herrmann, “**Randomized sampling and sparsity: Getting more information from fewer samples**”, *Geophysics*, vol. 75, p. WB173-WB187, 2010.

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## Compressive sensing paradigm

### **Sample to break structure = renders interference into incoherent noise**

- ▶ randomized acquisition (e.g., time-jittered, over/under, continuous recording etc.)
- ▶ destroys sparsity/low rank

### **Find representations that reveal structure = separate signal from “noise”**

- ▶ transform-domain sparsity (e.g., Fourier, curvelets, etc.)
- ▶ low-rank revealing matrix or tensor representations

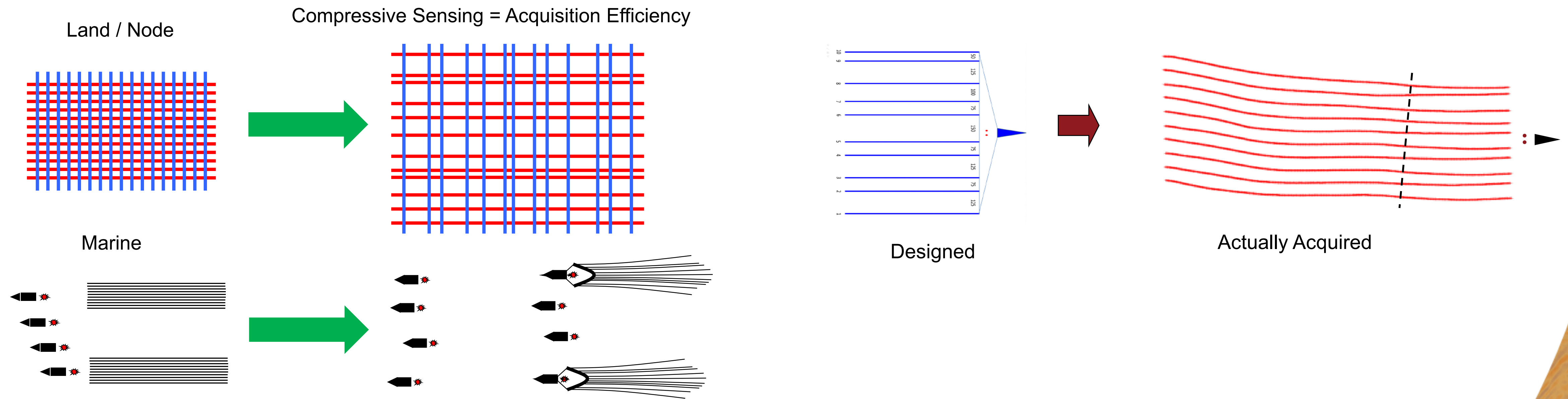
### **Recover by structure promotion = obtain artifact-free densely sampled data**

- ▶ sparsity via one-norm minimization, or
- ▶ nuclear-norm minimization

# Randomized acquisition

## examples from industry (ConocoPhillips)

Deliberate & natural randomness in acquisition  
(thanks to Chuck Mosher)



# Bottom line

examples from industry (ConocoPhillips)

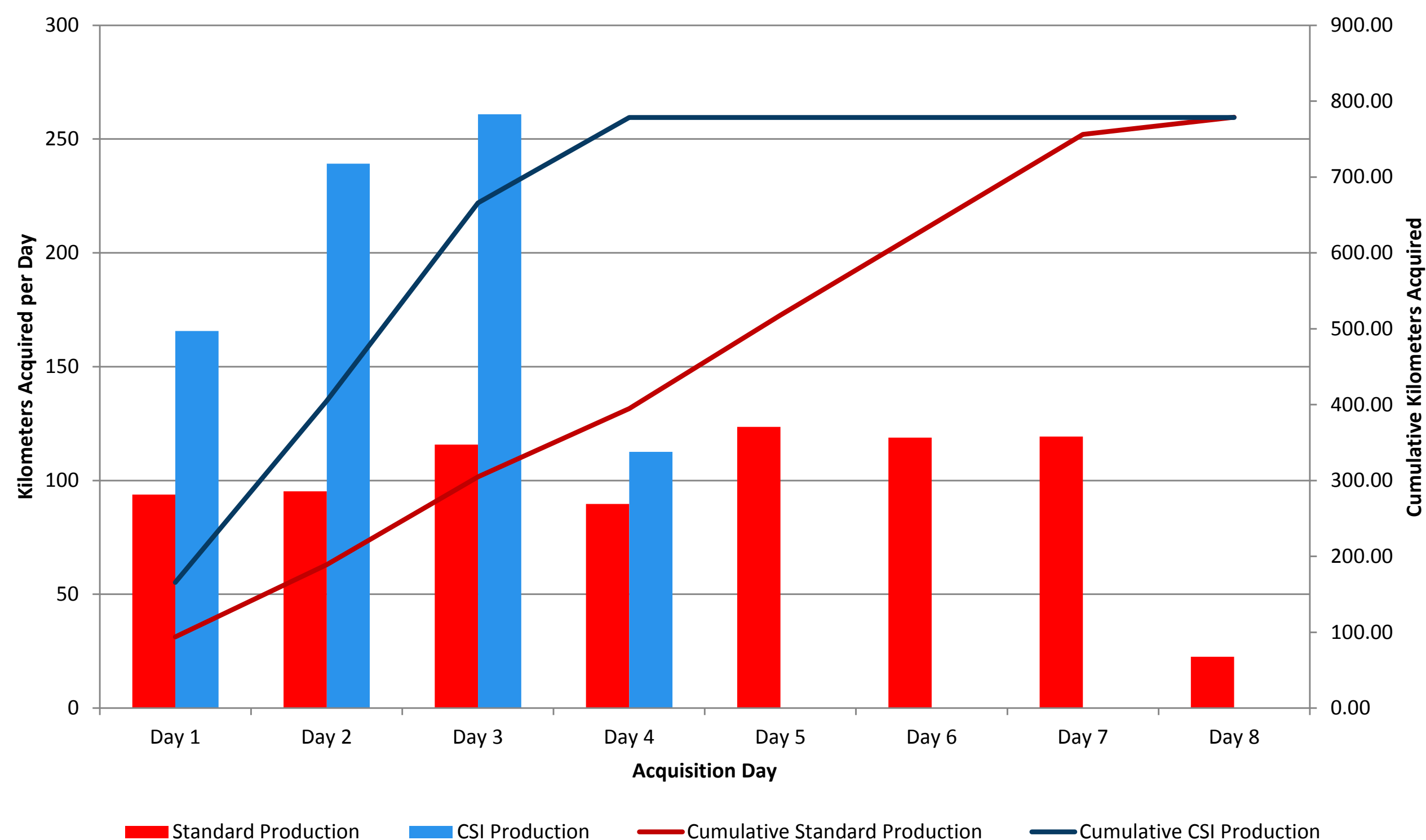
## Randomized subsampling:

- ▶ exploits (natural) randomness & structure in seismic
- ▶ 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

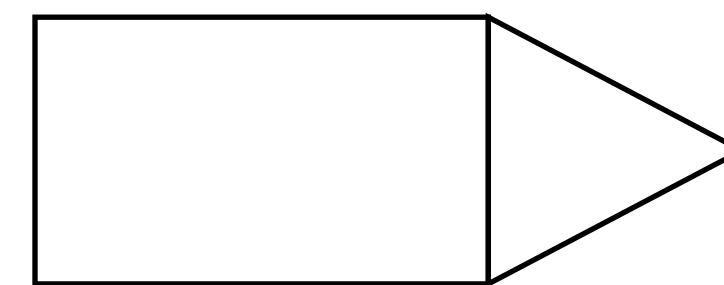
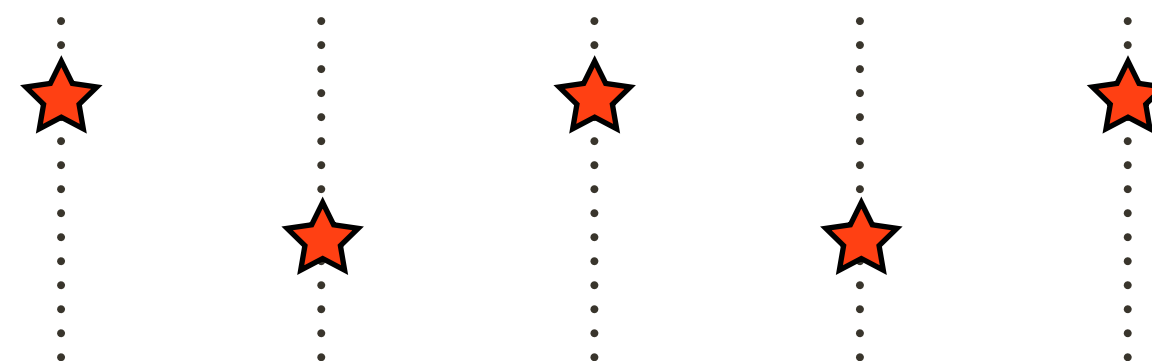
Standard Production vs. CSI Production



# Breaking structure



**periodically** sampled spatial grid

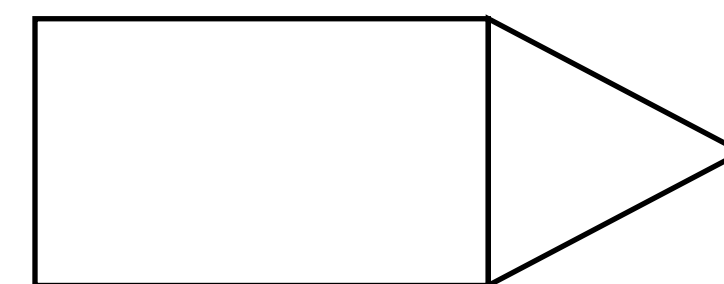
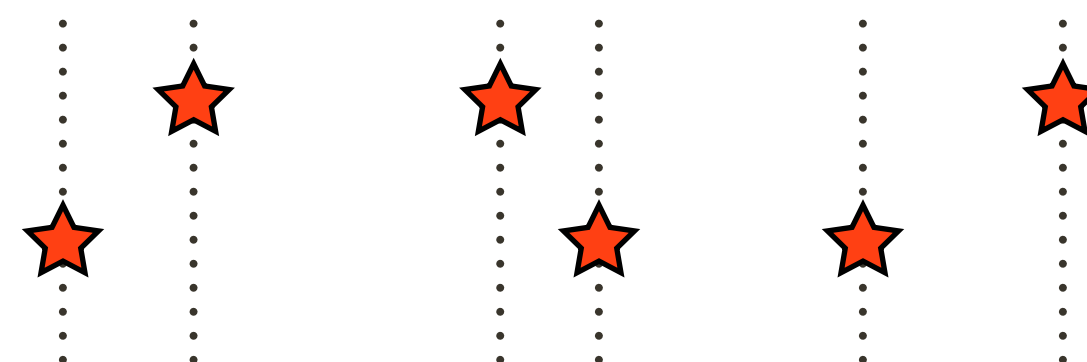


shot-time  
randomness

NONE



**randomly** jittered sampled spatial grid  
(time-jittered acquisition;  
static acquisition geometry: OBC/OBN)

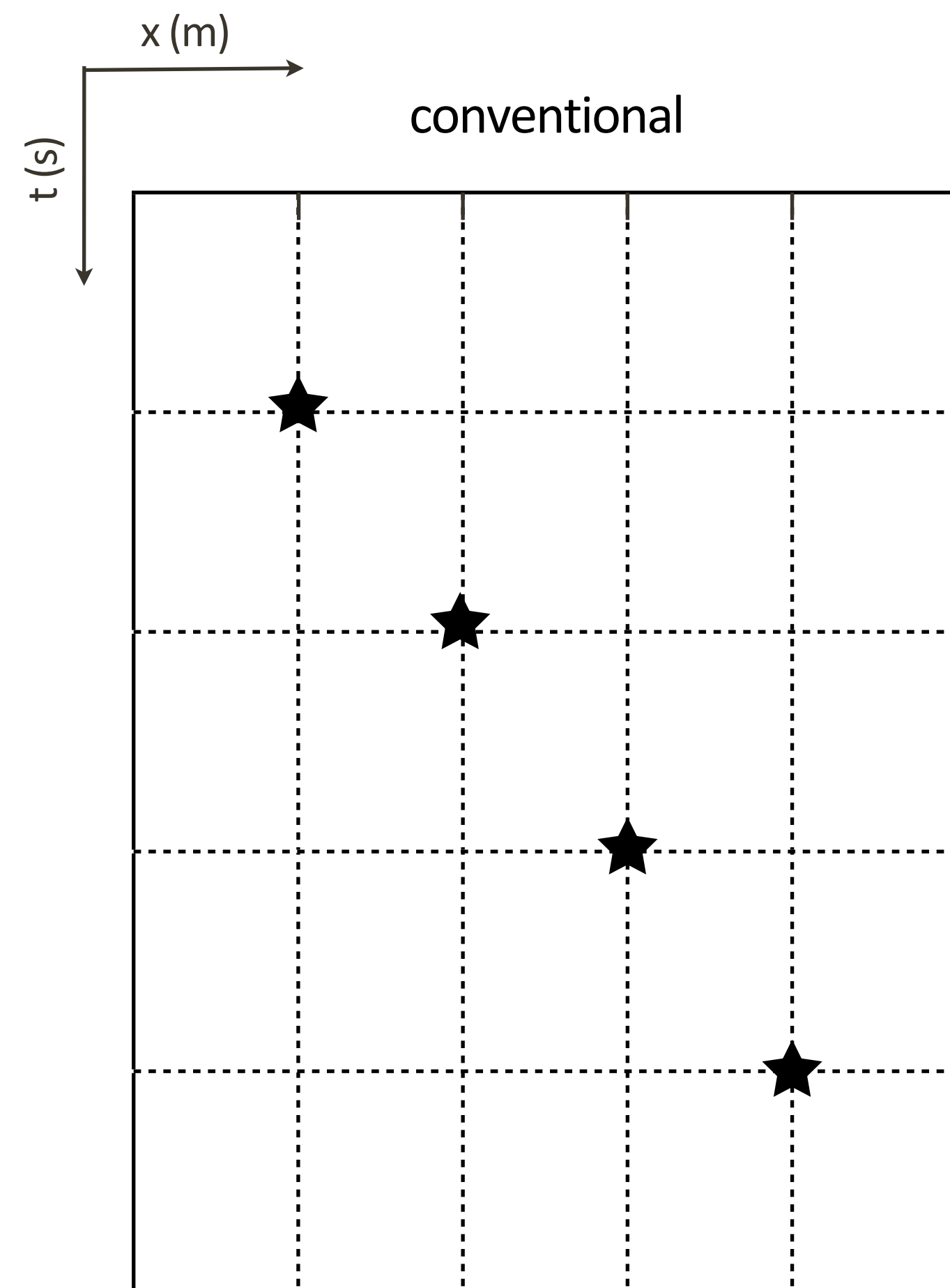


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[Wason and Herrmann, 2013]

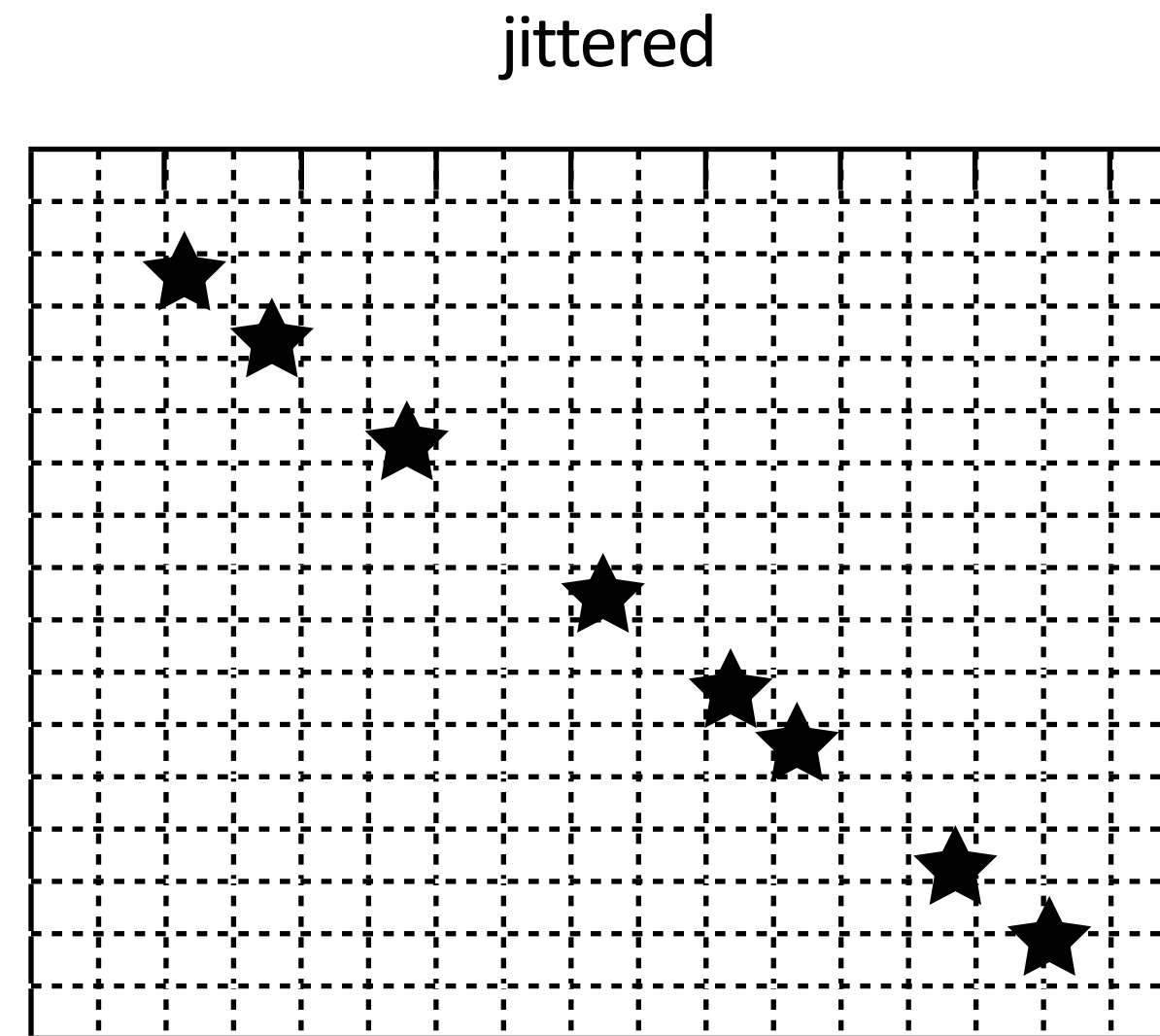
[Mansour et al., 2012]

# Time-jittered OBC/OBN acquisition



periodic-sparse-no overlap

source sampling : 25 m (flip-flop)

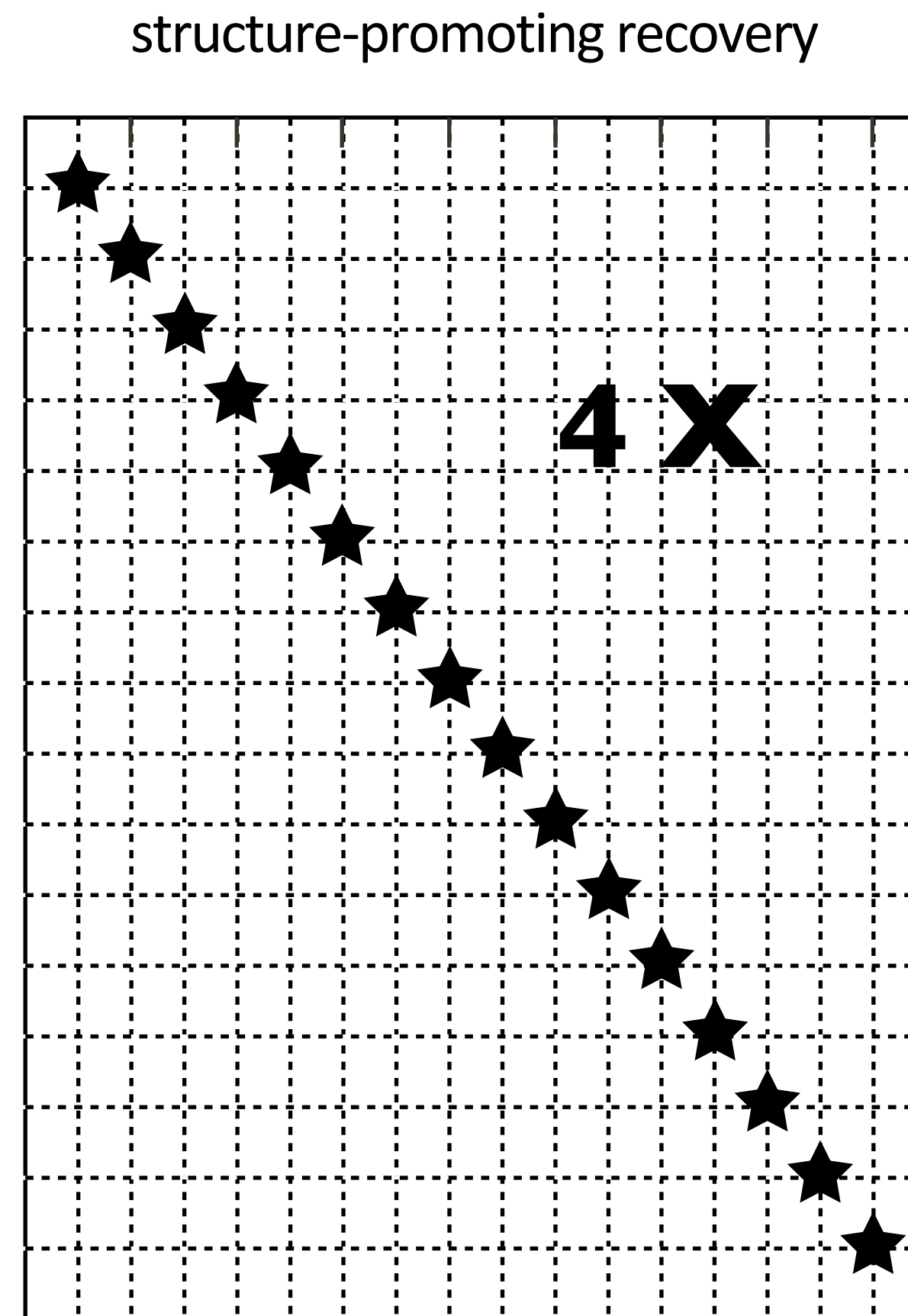


aperiodic  
compressed  
overlapping  
irregular



separation + regularization  
+ interpolation

25 m (flip-flop) jittered



periodic-dense-no overlap

6.25 m



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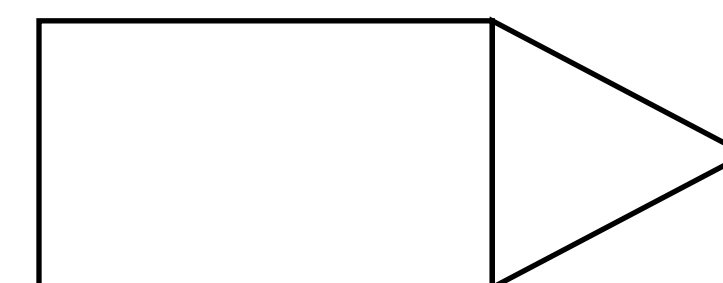
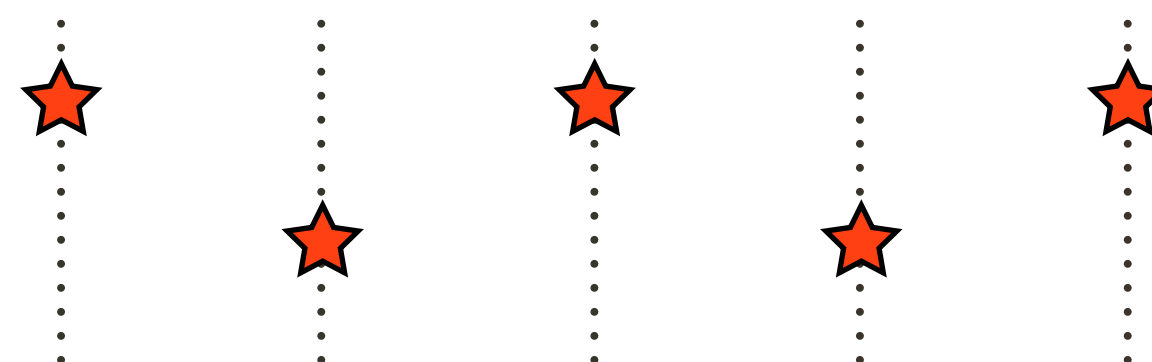
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***still want more economical .....***

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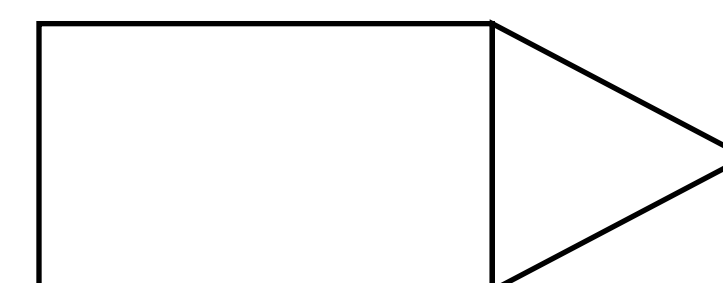
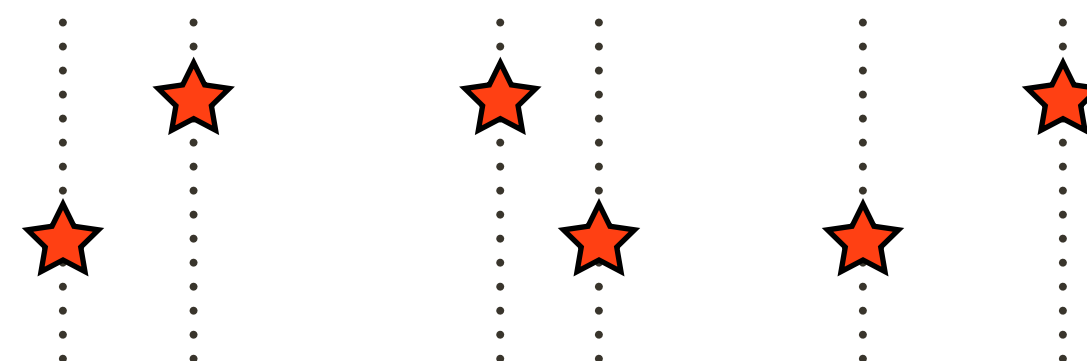


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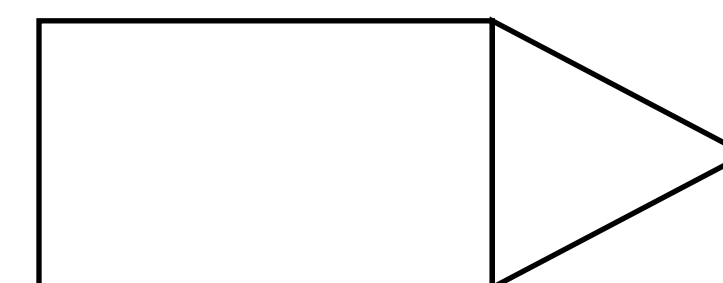
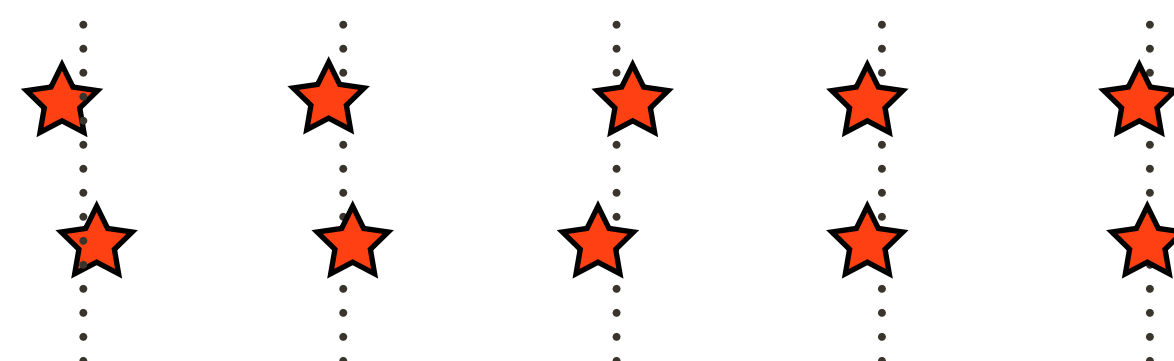


HIGH

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**almost periodically** sampled spatial  
grid  
(dynamic acquisition geometry:  
towed arrays)



LOW

## Goals

Design of economic dense multi-azimuth long-offset 3D time-lapse marine acquisition w/ high degree of repeatability

- ▶ w/o replication of source locations
- ▶ w/o expensive OBN/OBC
- ▶ w/o precise adherence to planned sail lines

**Use simulations to demonstrate the potential of cheap dynamic acquisition in 4D seismic for FWI**

## Acquisition parameters

### **Underlying grid:**

Source X, Source Y: 25 m

Receiver X, Receiver Y: 25 m

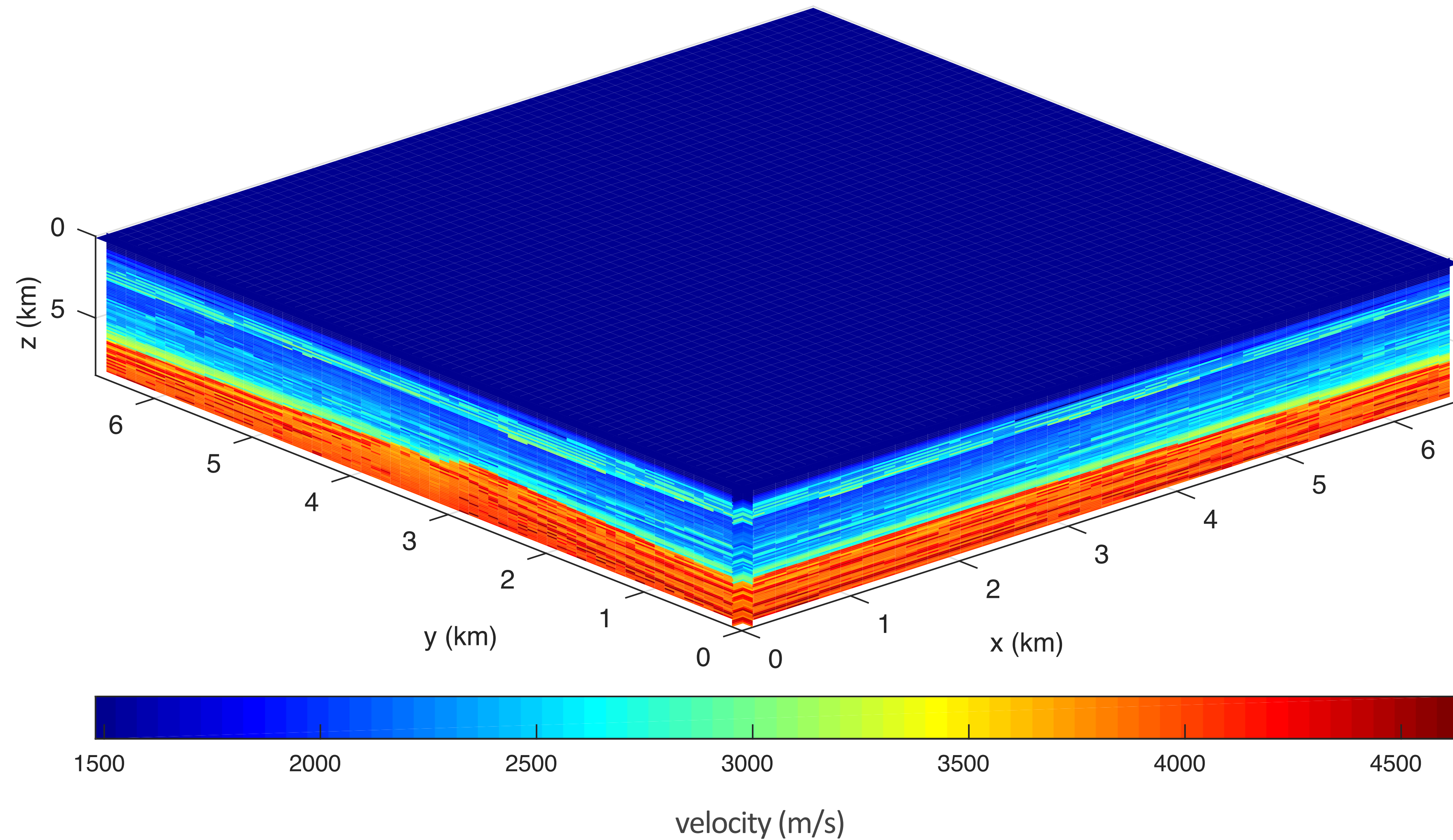
Maximum offset:  $4 + 4 = 8$  km

Number of streamers per source vessel: 12

Ricker wavelet with central frequency of 20 Hz

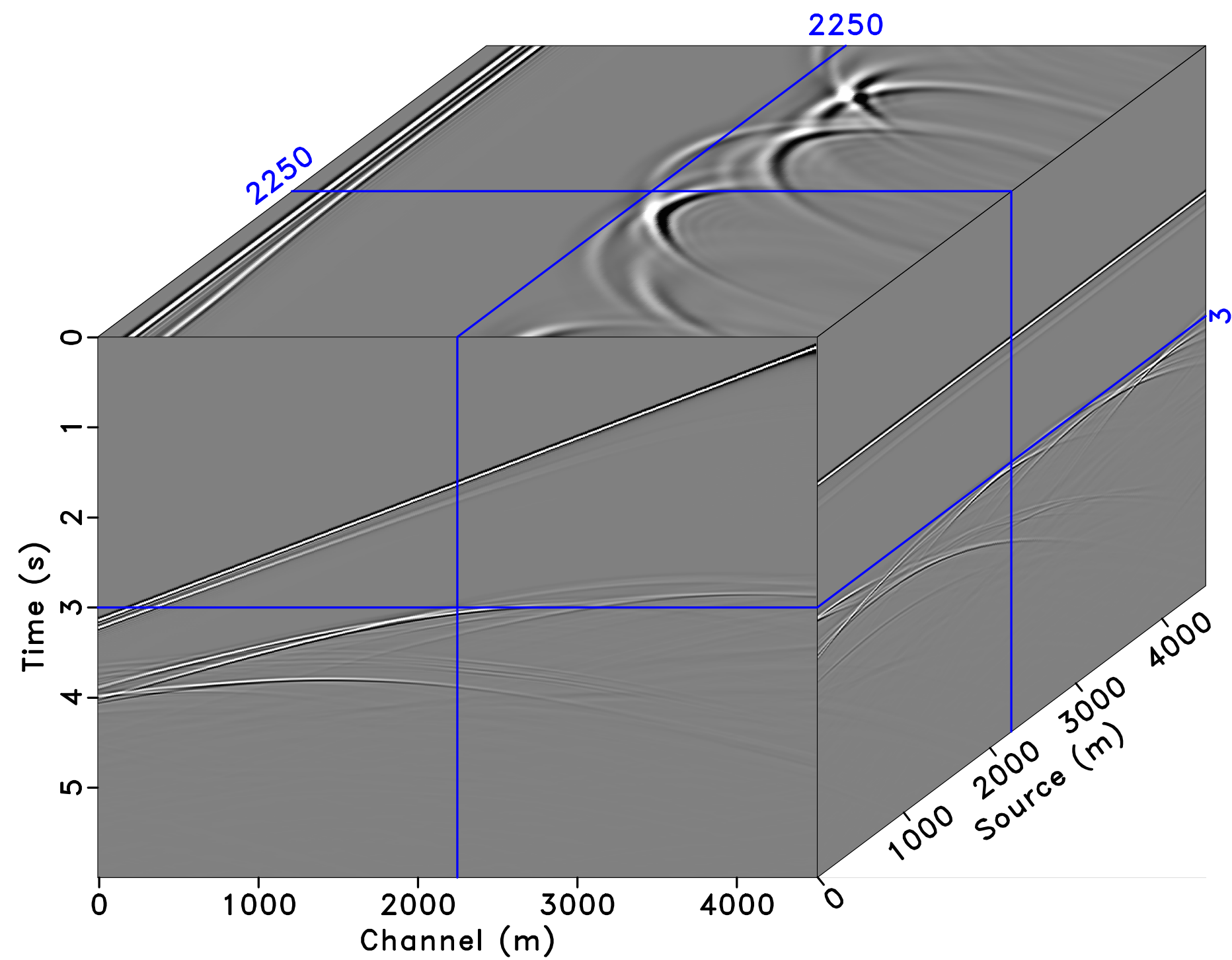
**Effective sampling: 25-100 m in X & Y  $\Rightarrow$  3 – 4 X cost reduction**

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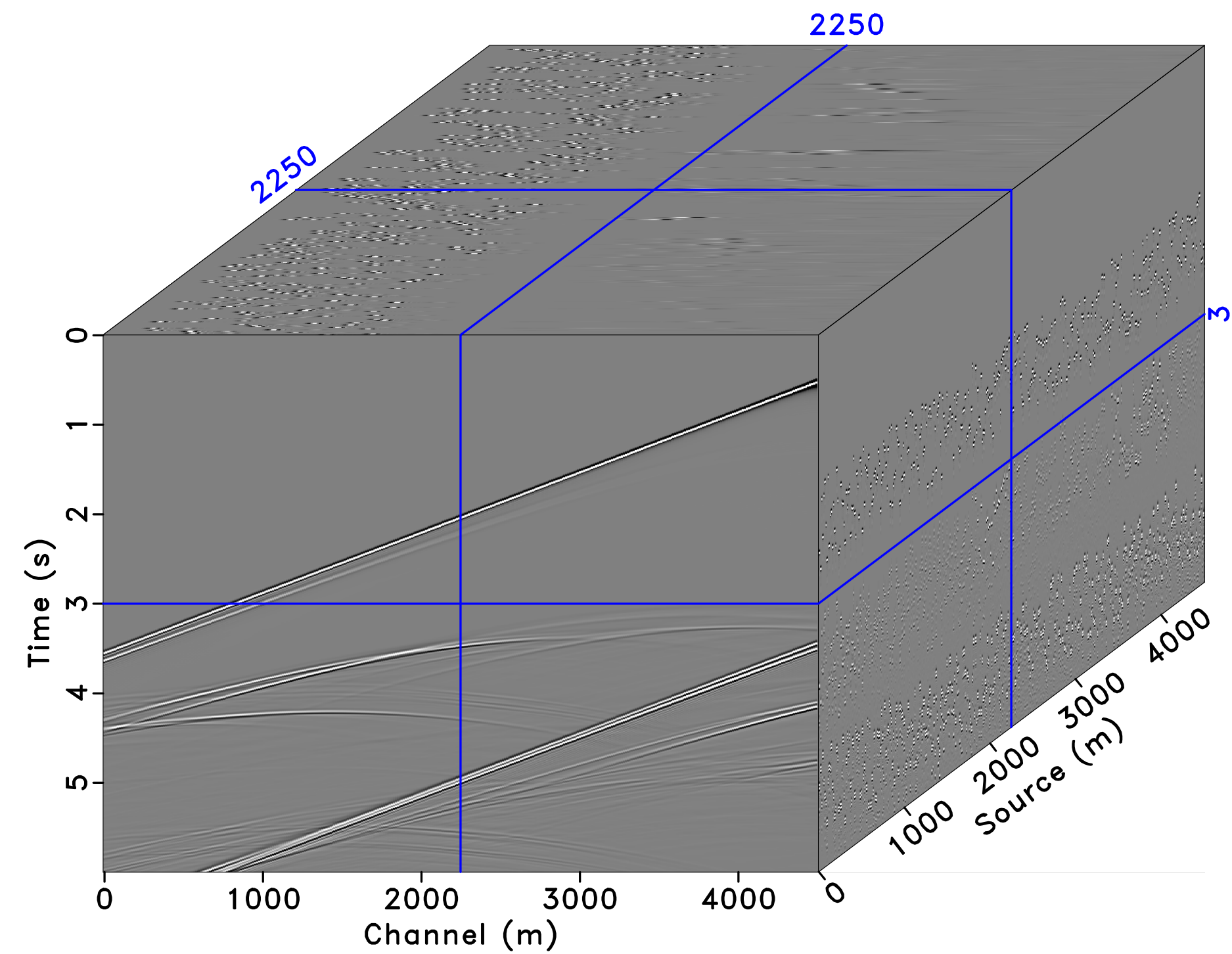
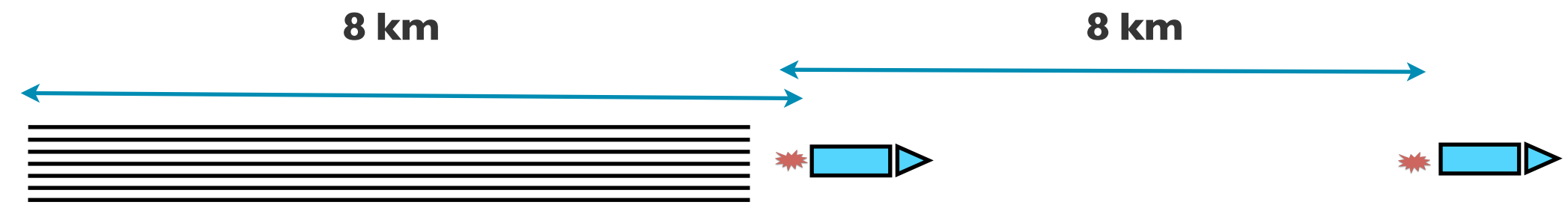


# Low-cost marine acquisition

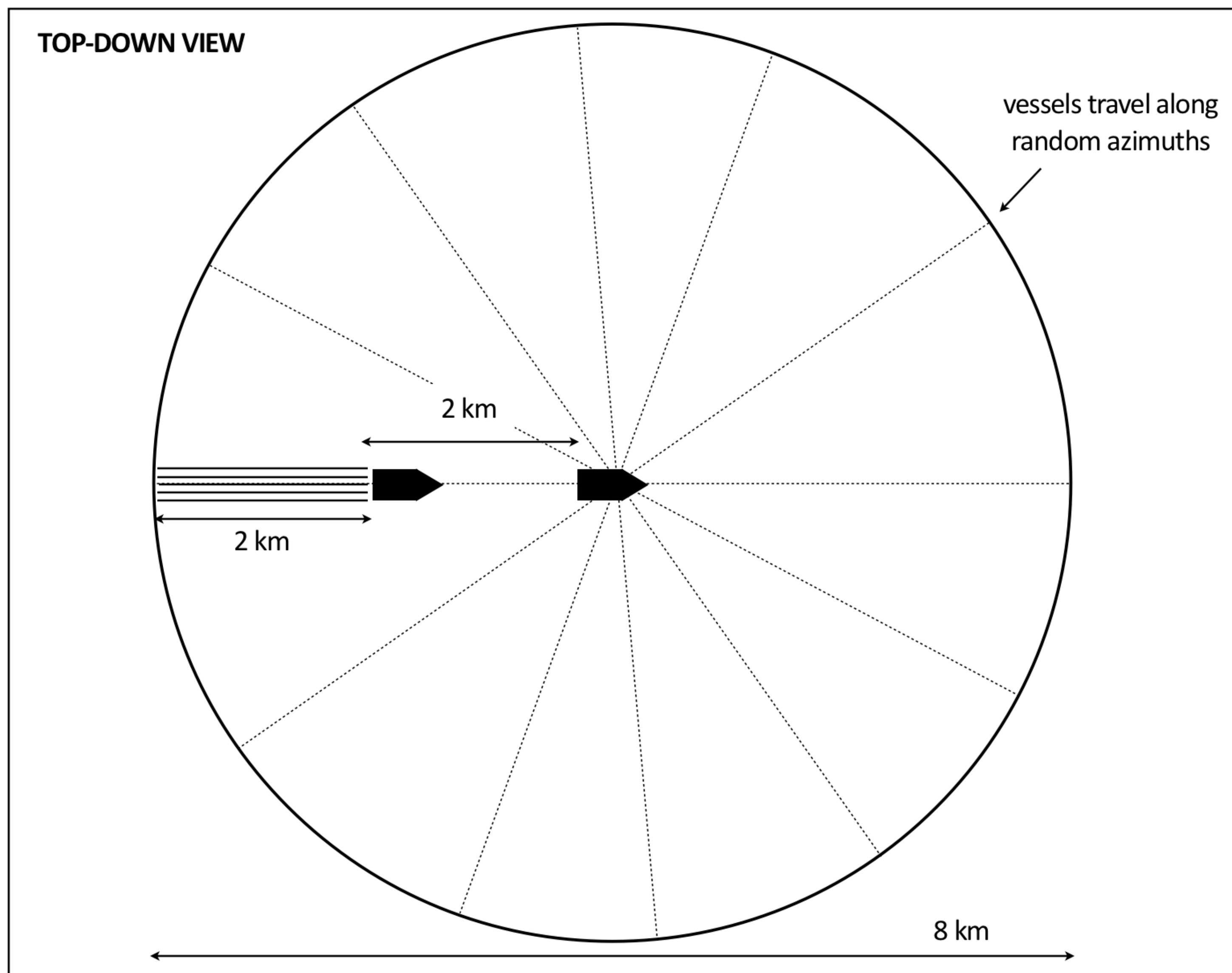
## Conventional acquisition



## SLO acquisition

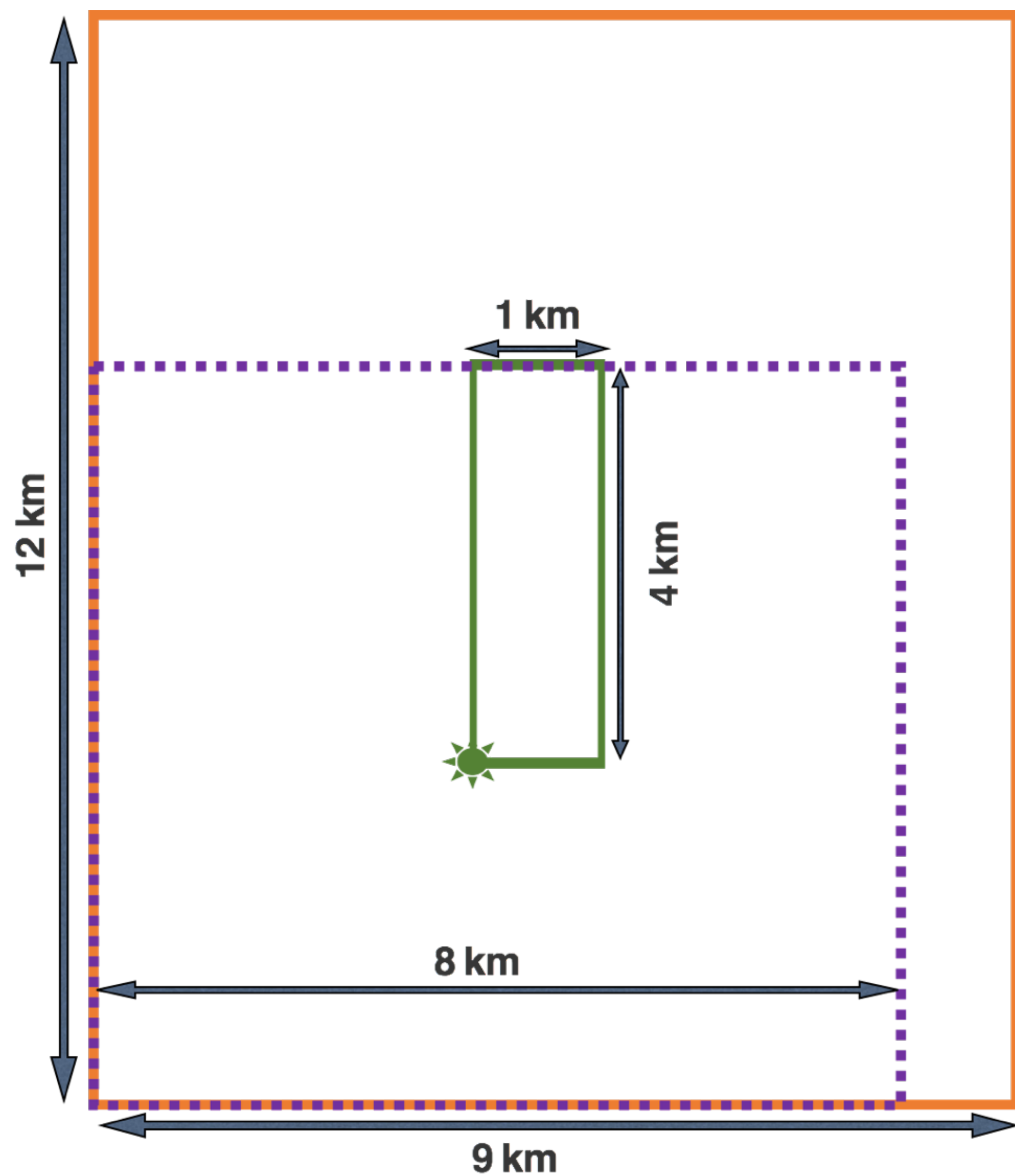


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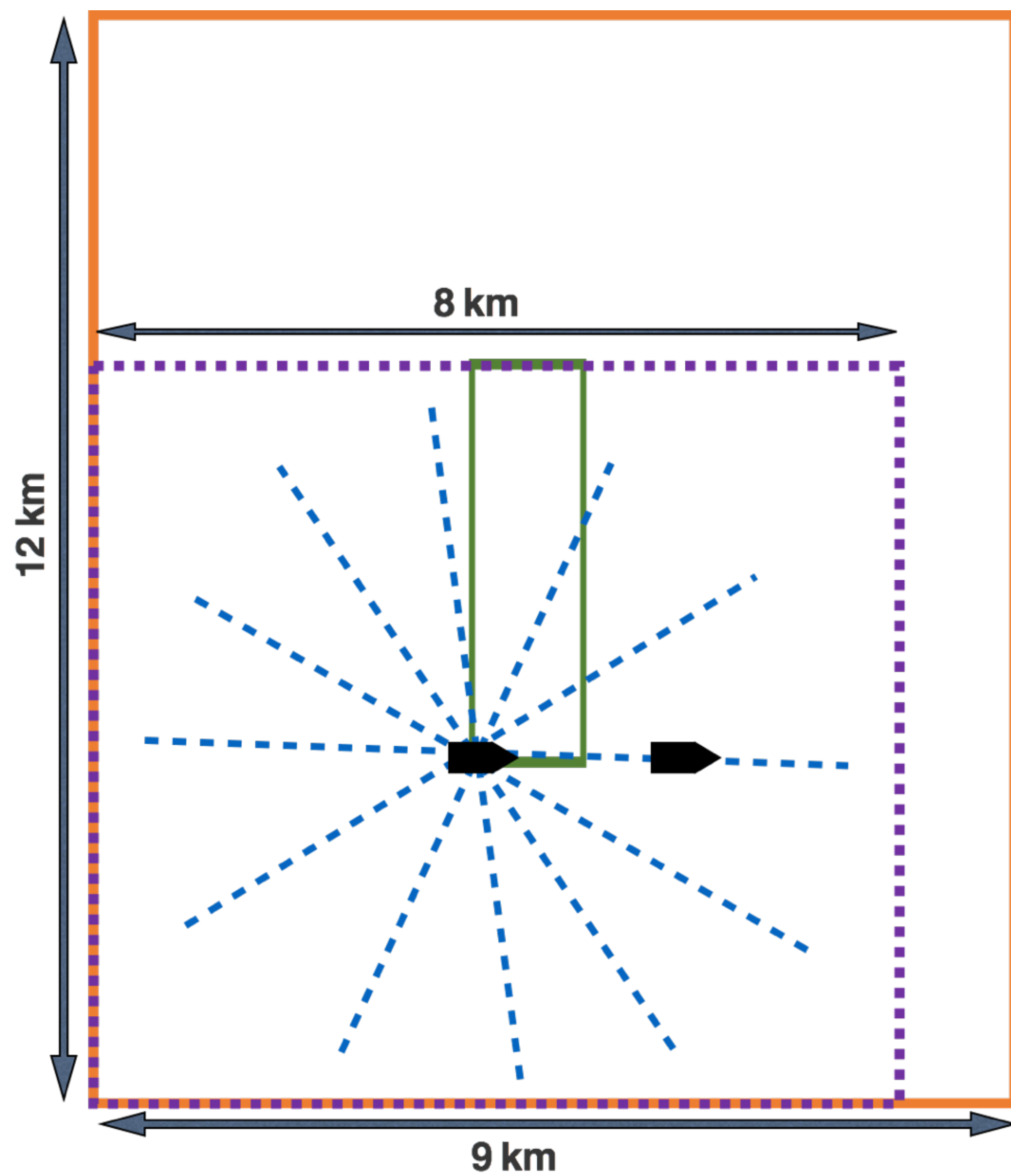
----- acquisition domain

— source domain

- - - receiver domain

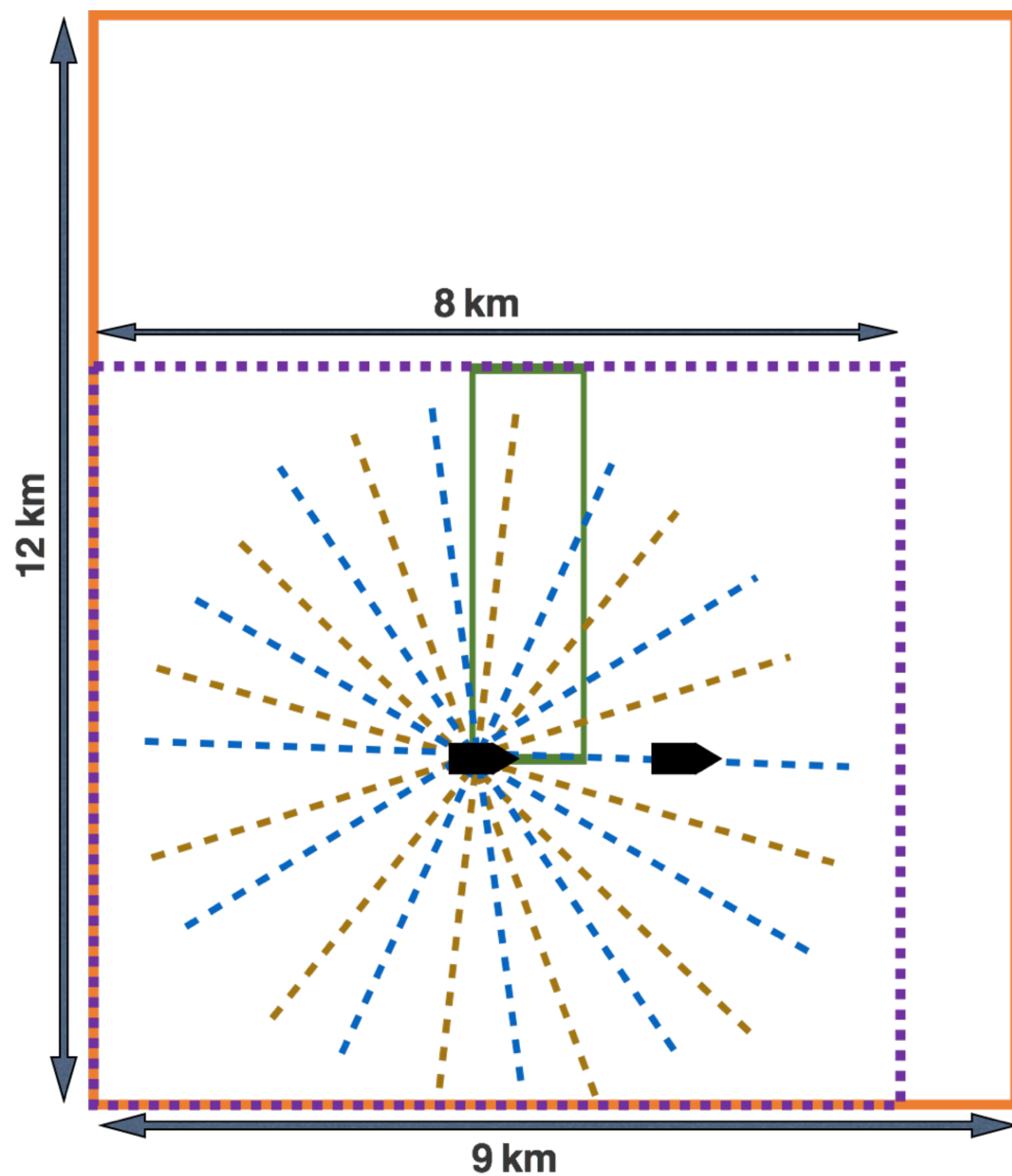
4 km streamer length  
 (“reduced” acquisition)

# “Reduced” multi-azimuth SLO acquisition



----- Sail lines for baseline survey

# “Reduced” multi-azimuth SLO acquisition

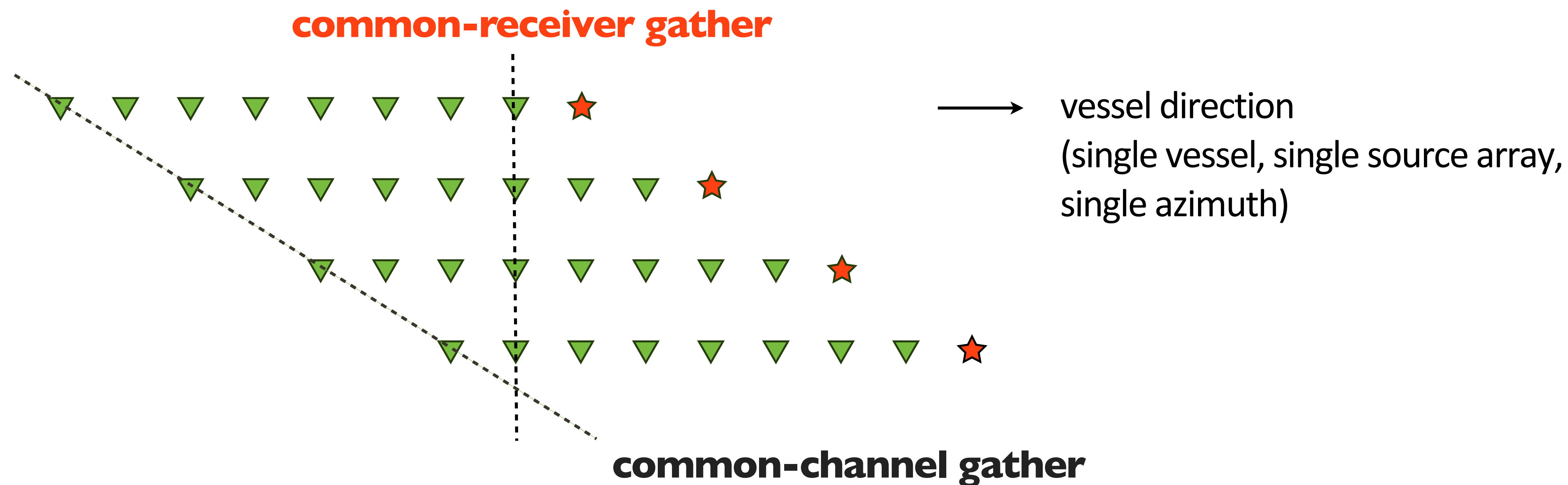


--- Sail lines for baseline survey

--- Sail lines for monitor survey

# Data organization

- our preferred domain for data reconstruction is the common-receiver domain as shown below



# Matrix completion

## Successful reconstruction scheme

- ▶ exploit *structure*
  - *low-rank / fast decay* of singular values
- ▶ sampling
  - randomness *increases* rank in “transform domain”
- ▶ optimization
  - via *rank minimization (nuclear-norm minimization)*

Curt Da Silva, and Felix J. Herrmann, “**Optimization on the Hierarchical Tucker manifold - applications to tensor completion**”, *Linear Algebra and its Applications*, vol. 481, p. 131-173, 2015.

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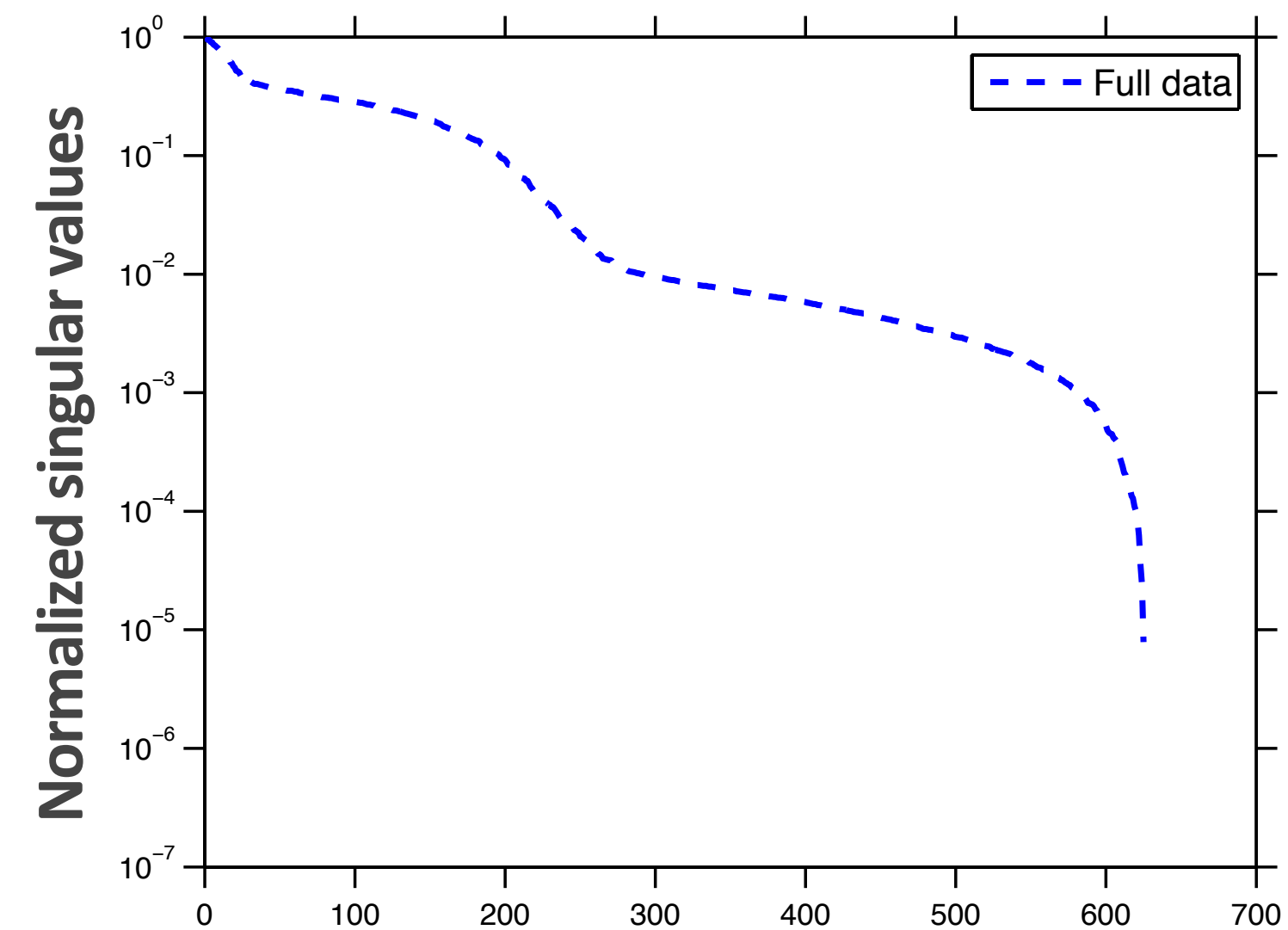
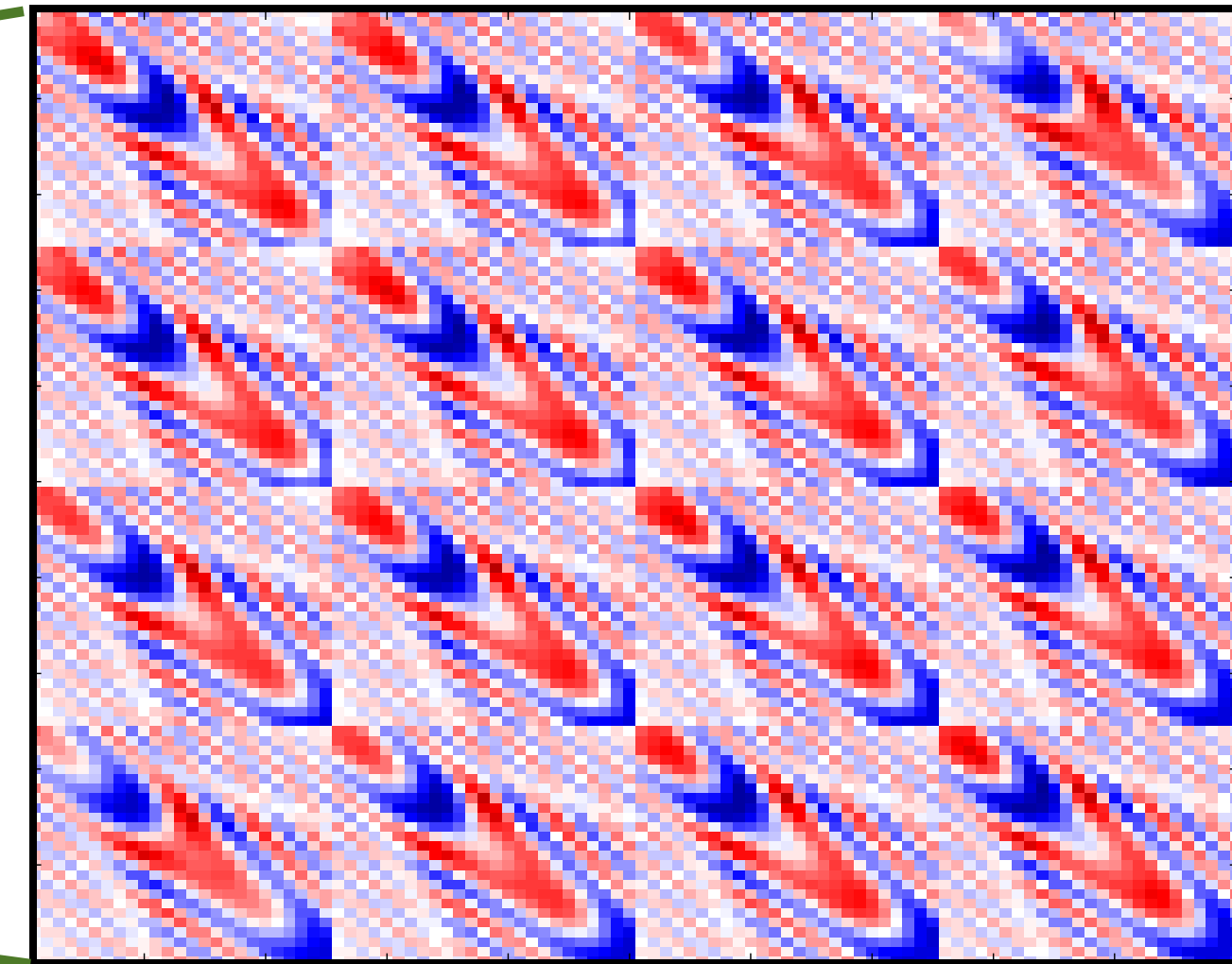
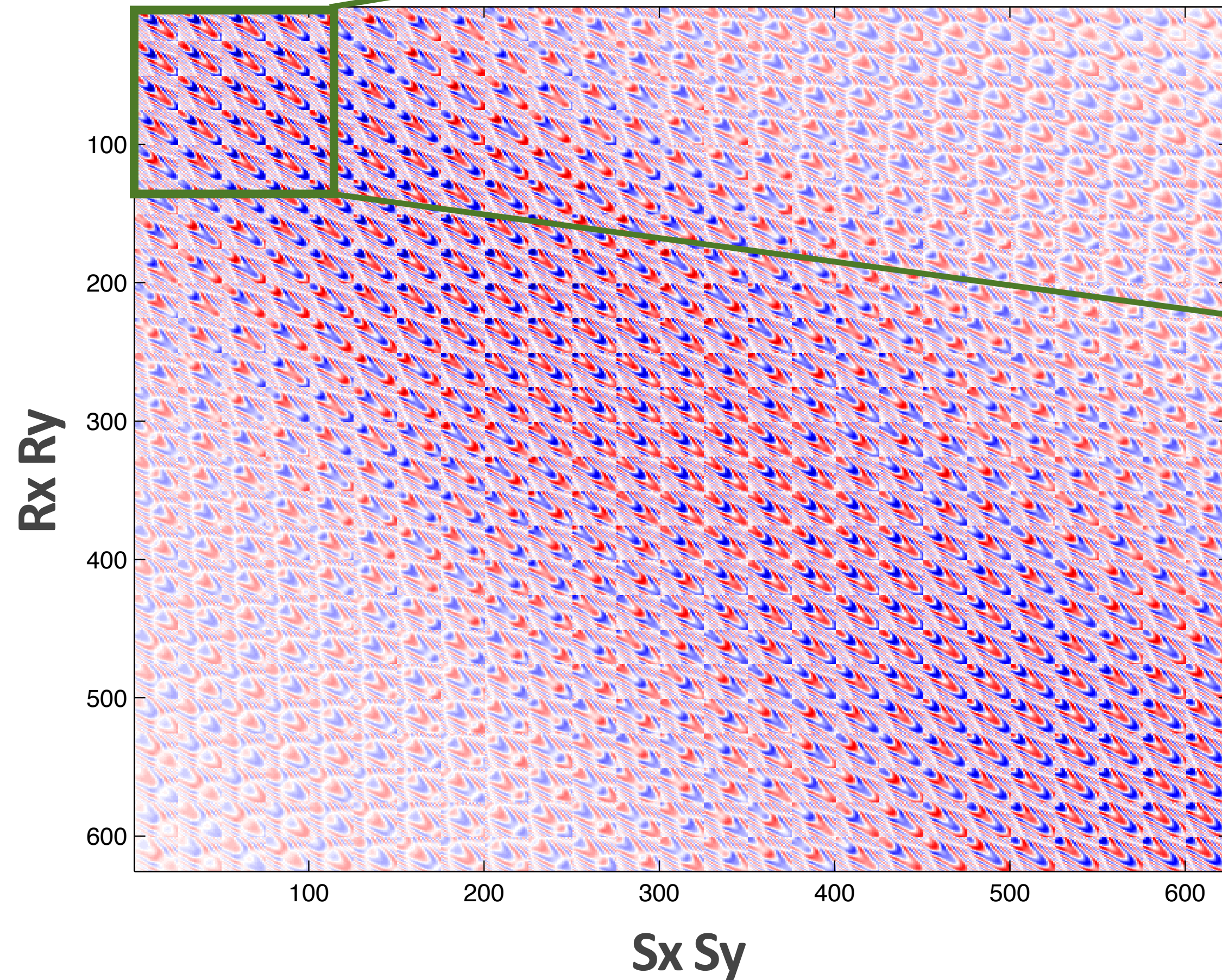
# Low-rank structure

In which domain?

*explore different matricizations*

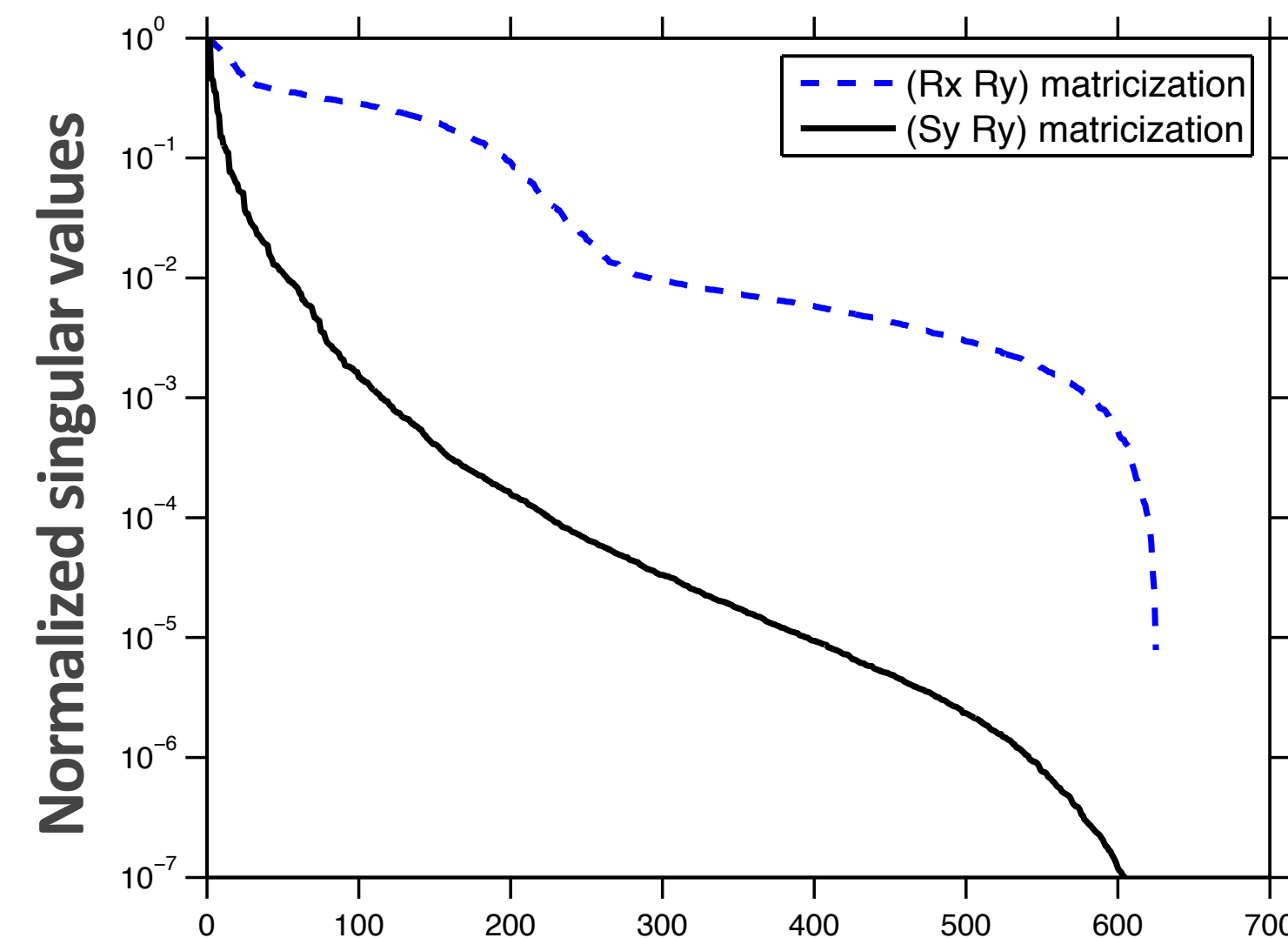
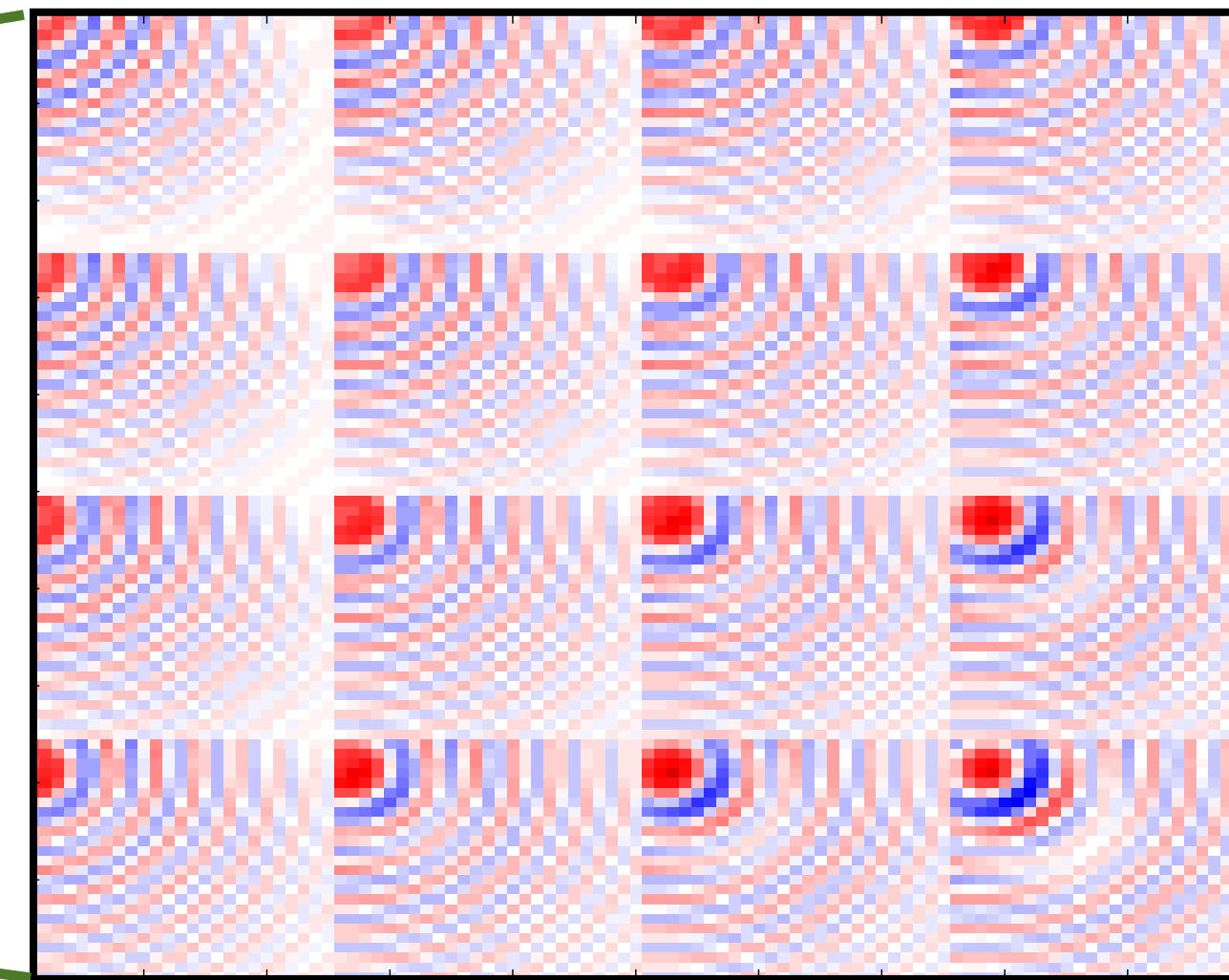
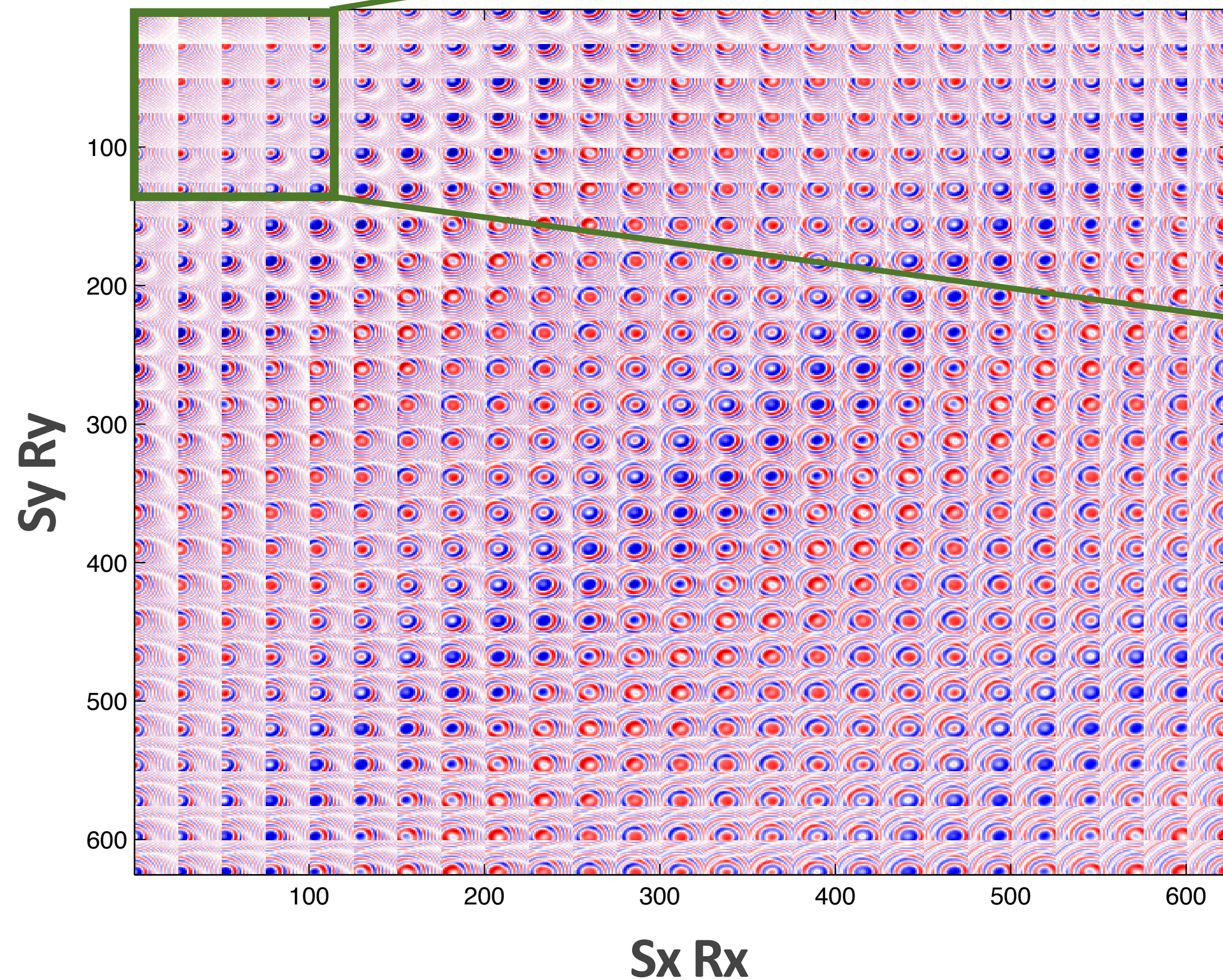
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conventional 5D data, monochromatic slice,  $S_x$ - $S_y$  matricization



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conventional 5D data, monochromatic slice, **Sx-Rx** matricization





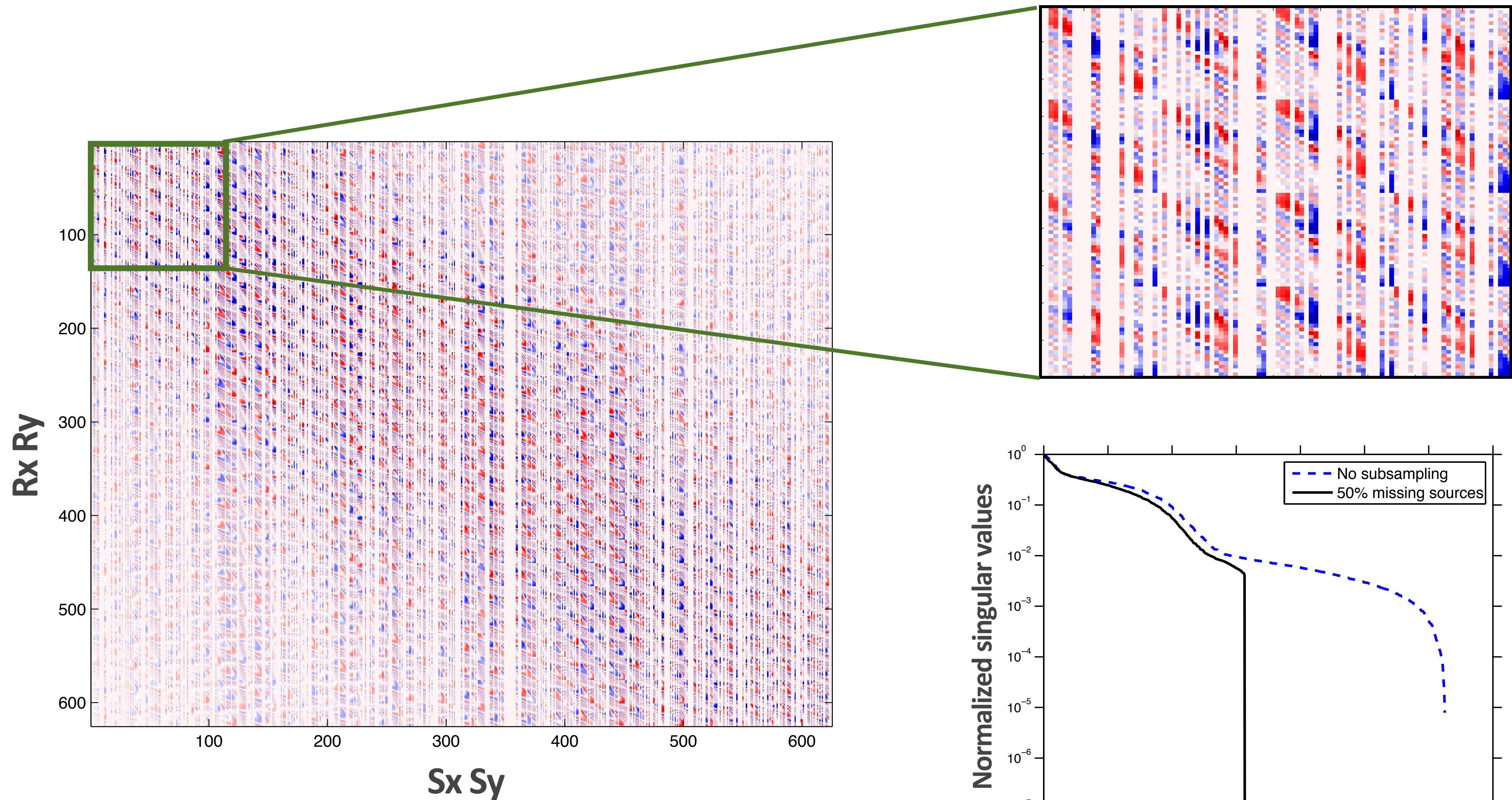
# Sampling scheme

sample to *break* the structure

*random missing entries* break the structure

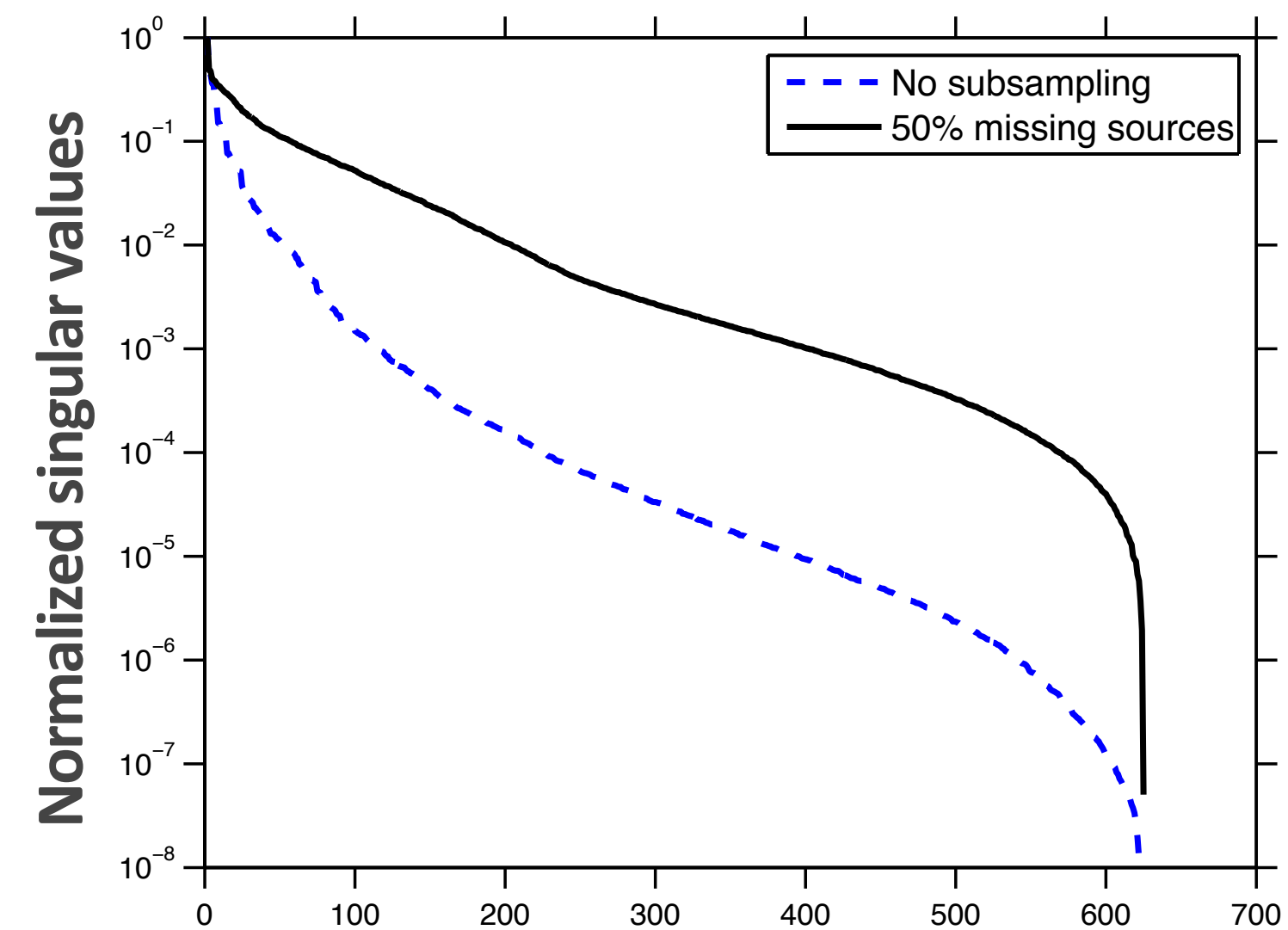
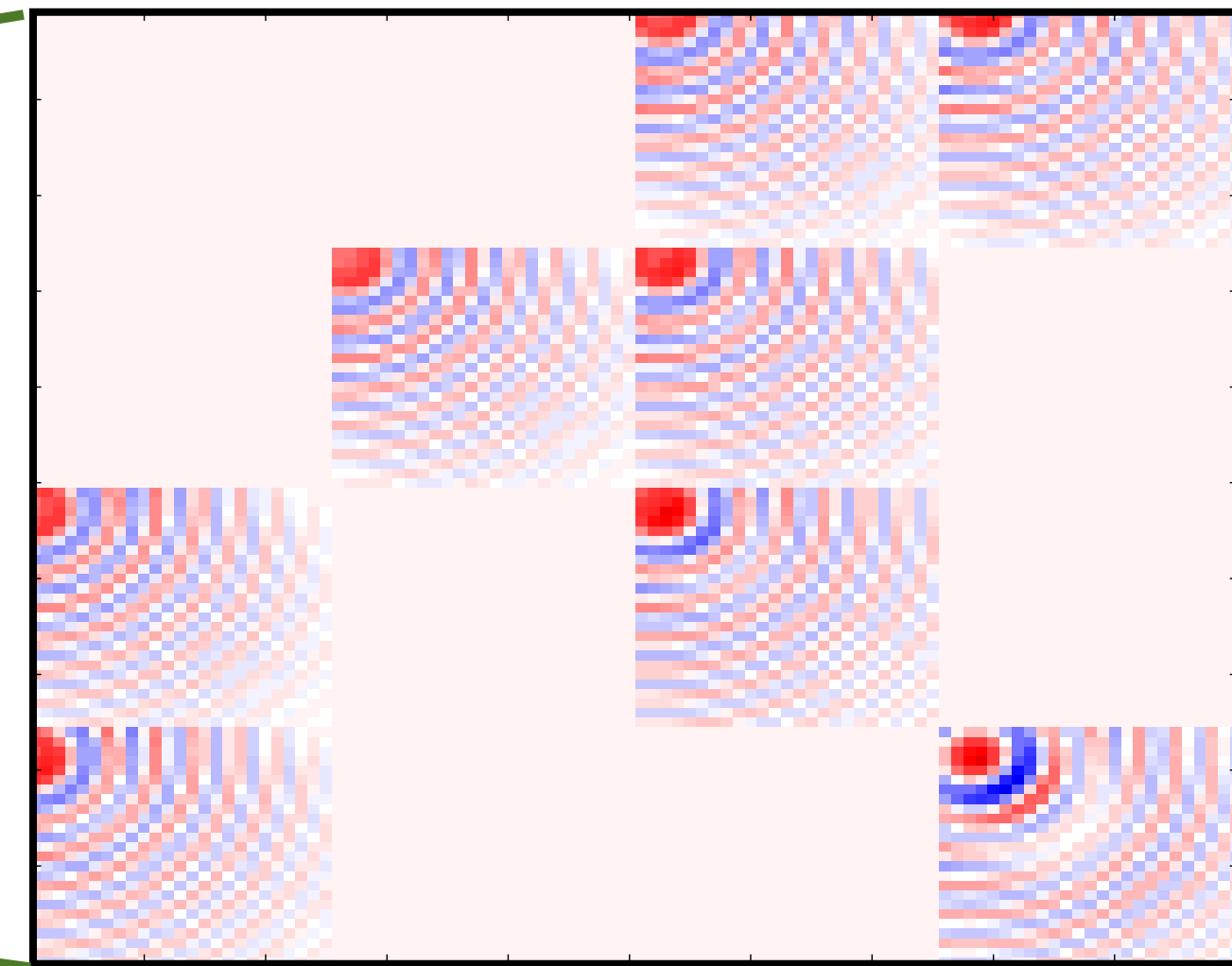
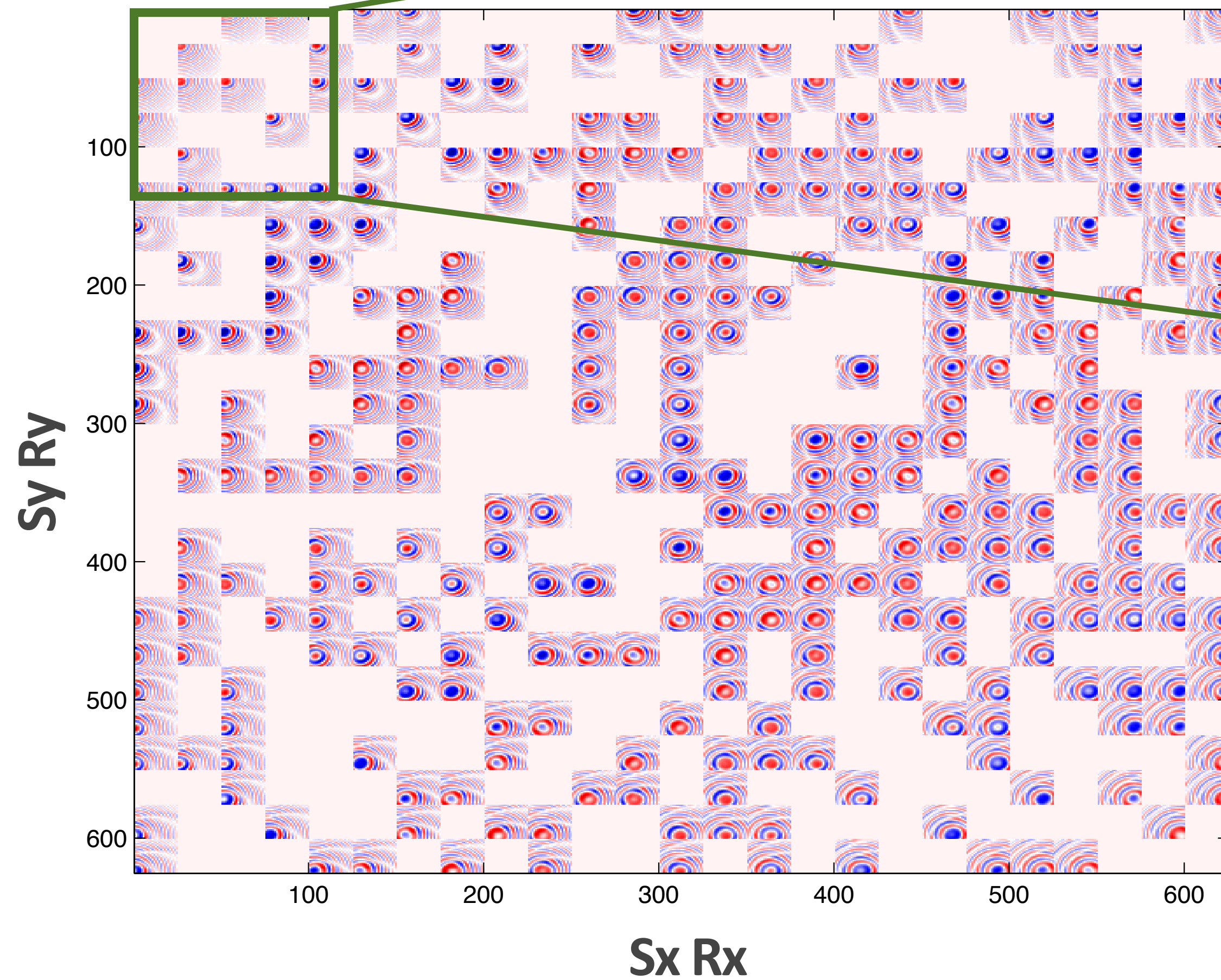
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## Data organization

### **(Sx, Sy) organization**

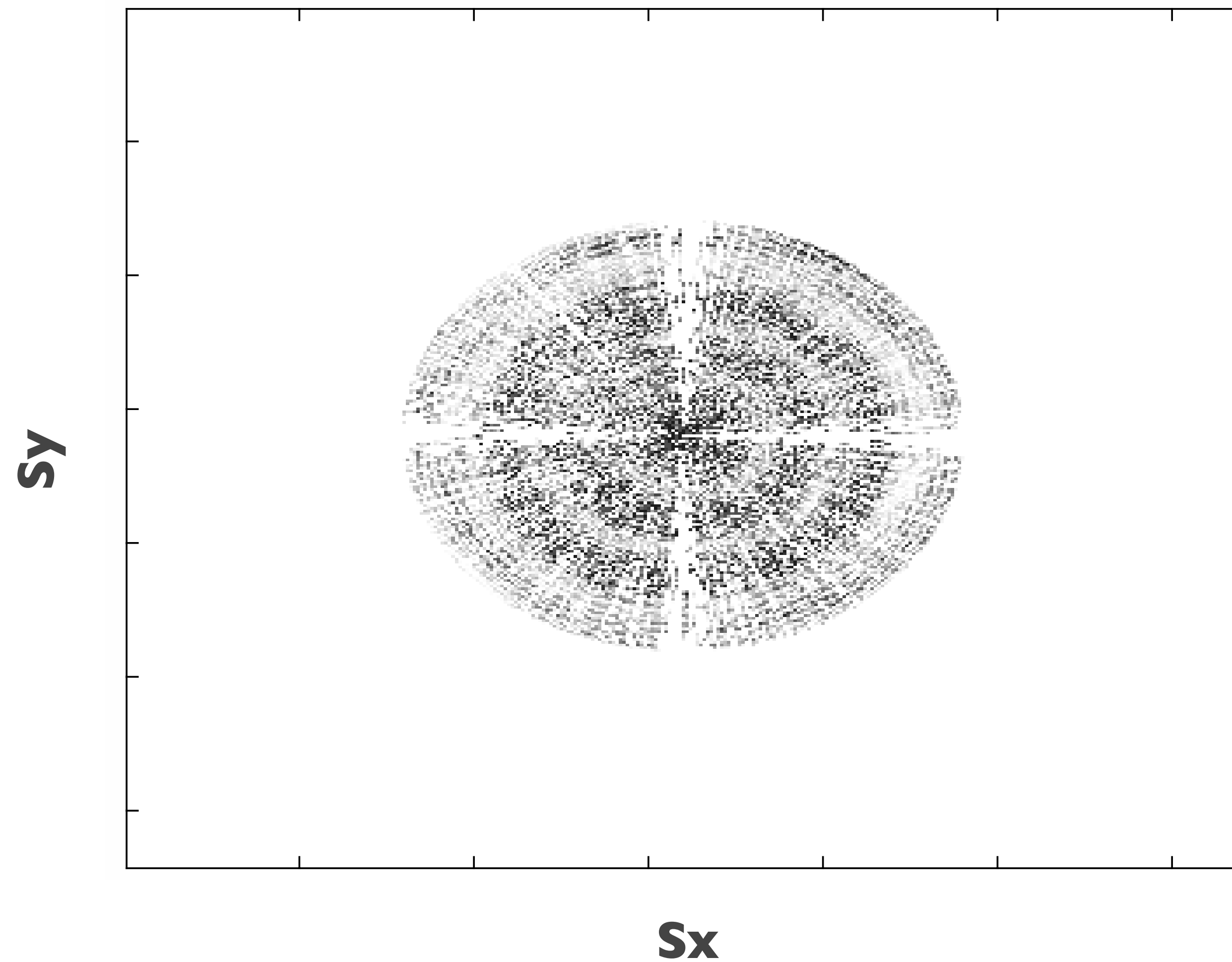
- high rank
- missing sources operator --- removes columns
- missing receivers operator --- removes rows
- **poor recovery** scenario

### **(Sx, Rx) organization**

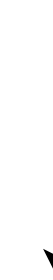
- low rank
- missing sources operator --- removes entries in each block
- missing receivers operator --- removes blocks
- closer to **ideal recovery** scenario

# Observed data – 30%

monochromatic slice, common-receiver domain



Near 4 km offset  
+  
Outer 4 km offset

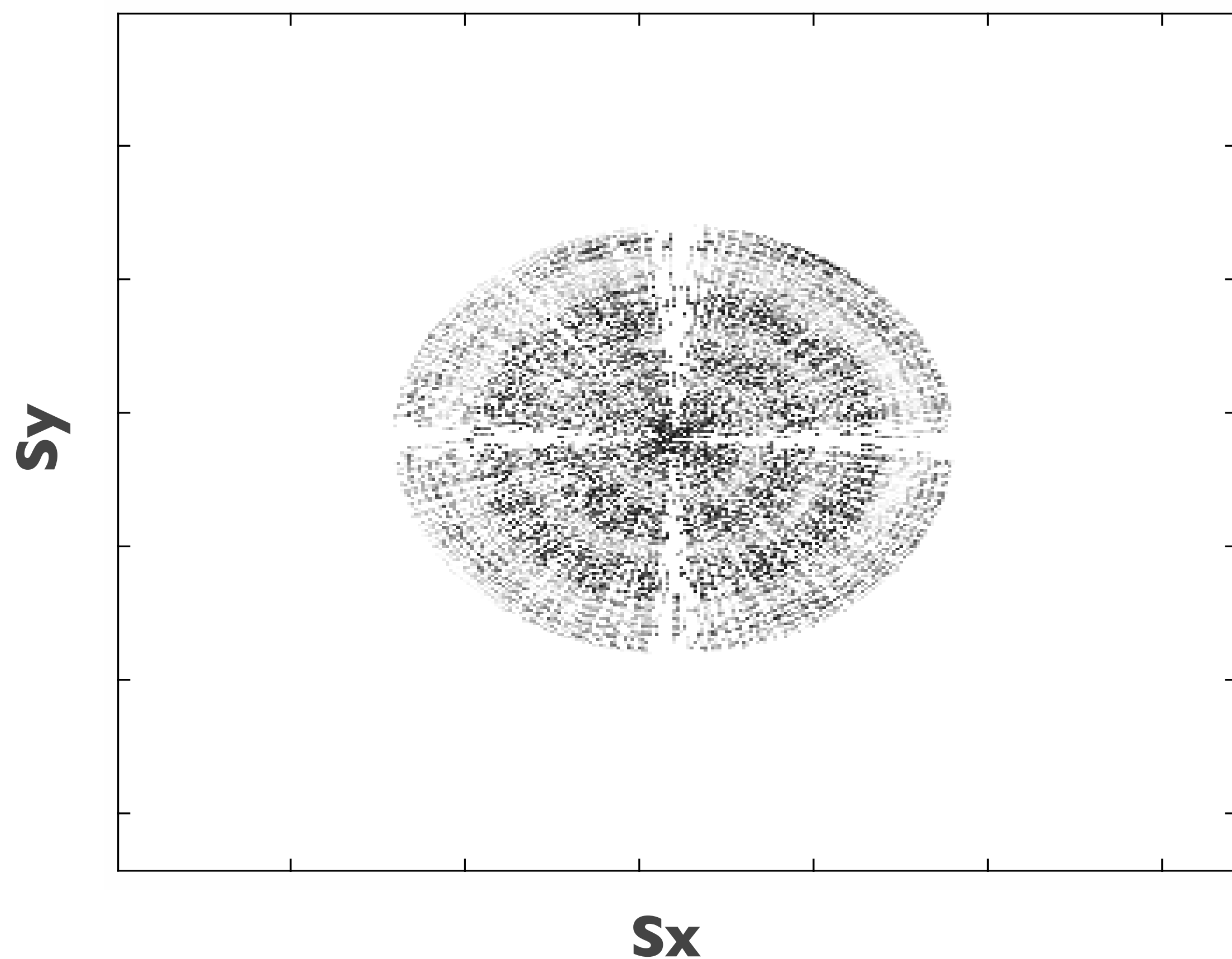


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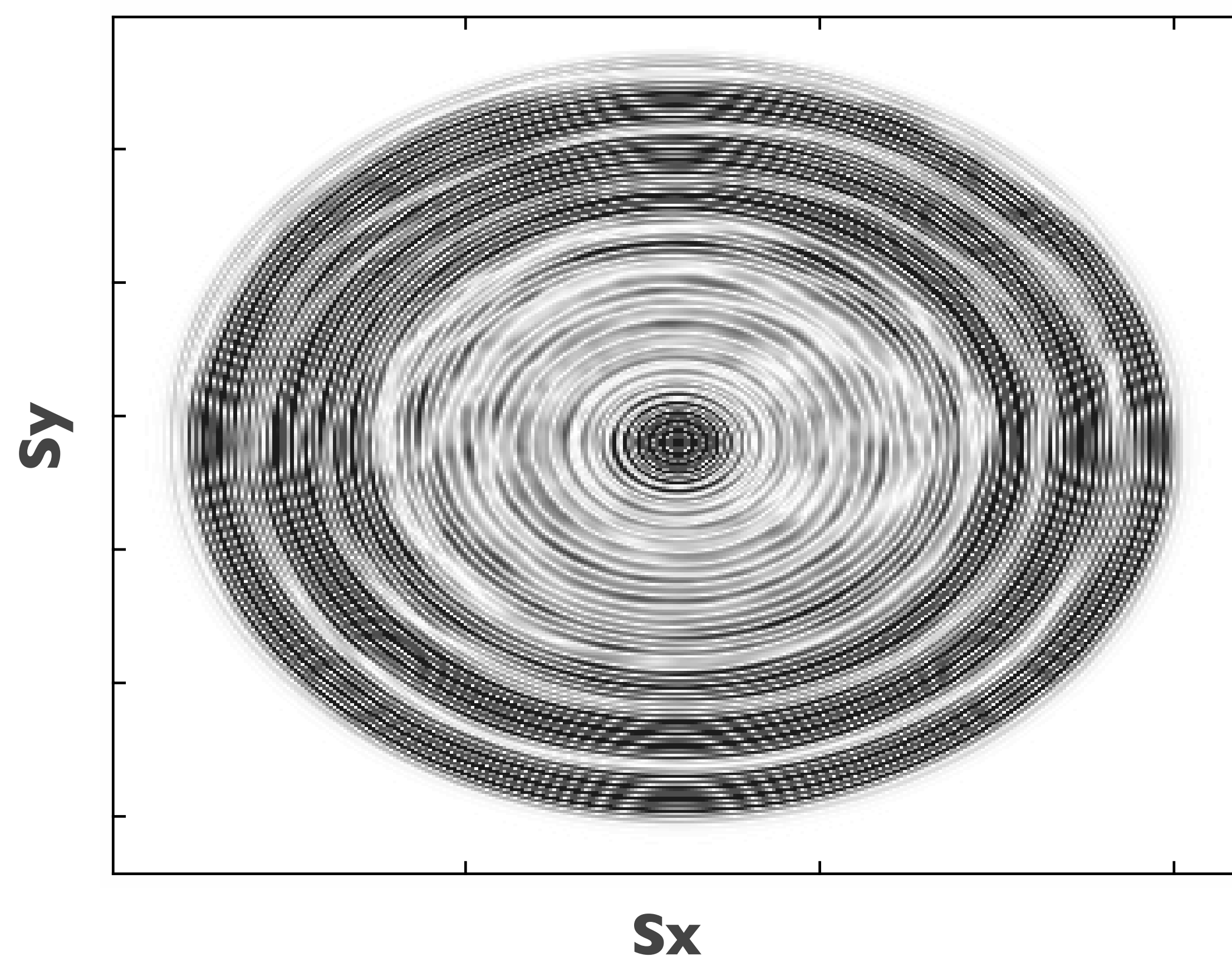
# Recover full-azimuth data

one common-receiver gather

Multi-azimuth SLO data  
(observed)



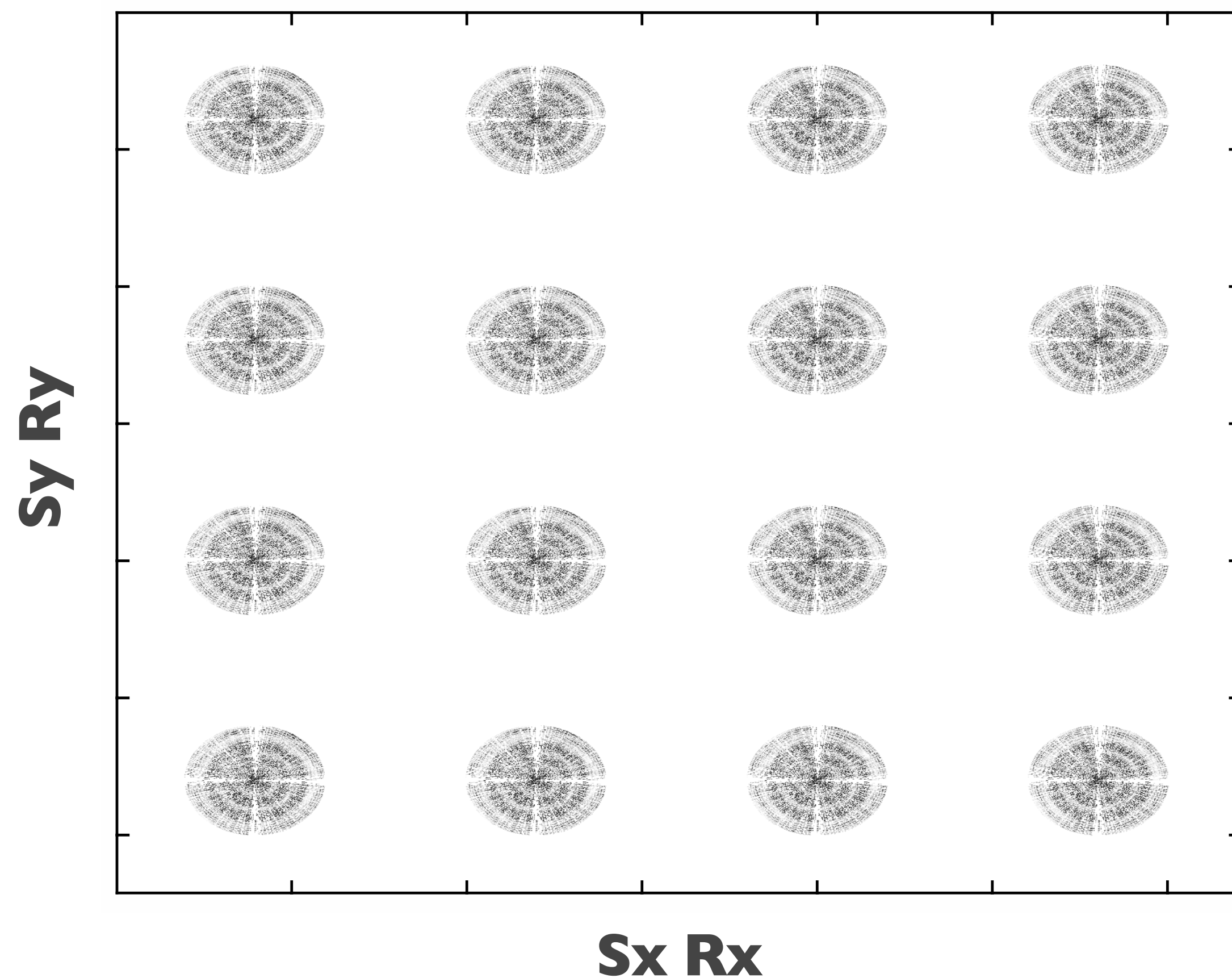
Full-azimuth data  
(deblended + interpolated)



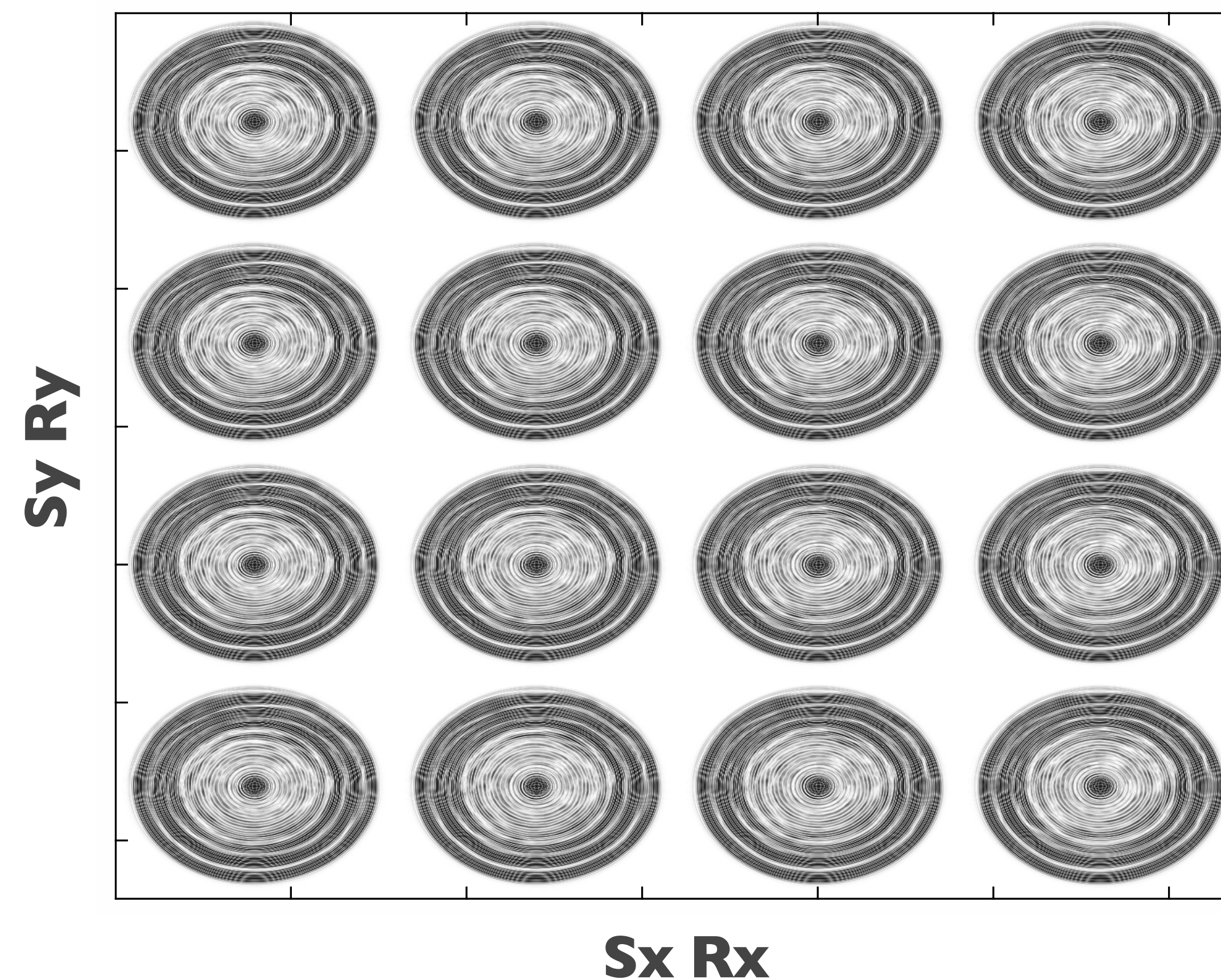
# Recover full-azimuth data

multiple common-receiver gathers

Multi-azimuth SLO data  
(observed)



Full-azimuth data  
(deblended + interpolated)



## Economical 3D time-lapse acquisition

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\* source sampling grid; can apply to receiver grid => increased economical gain



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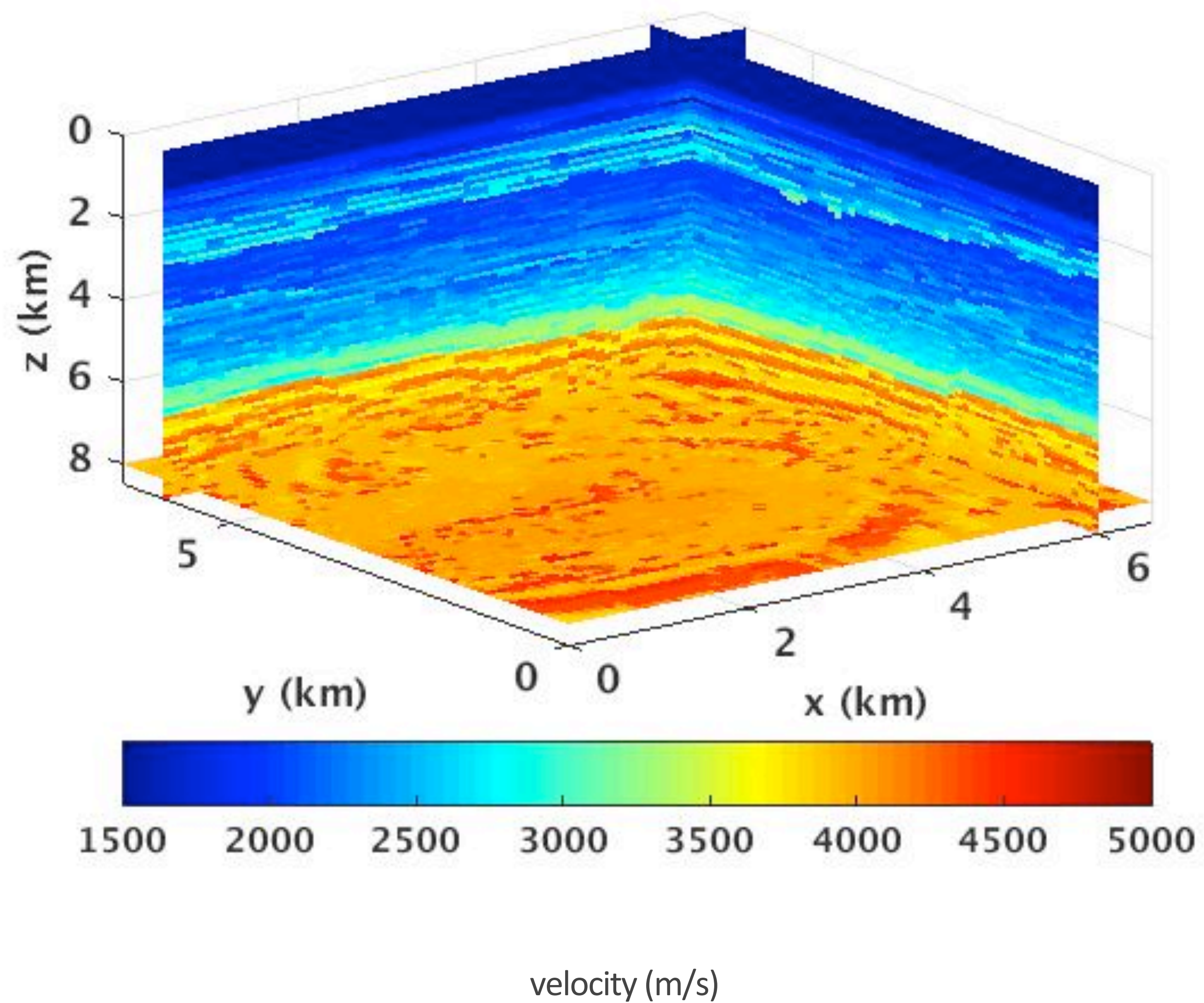
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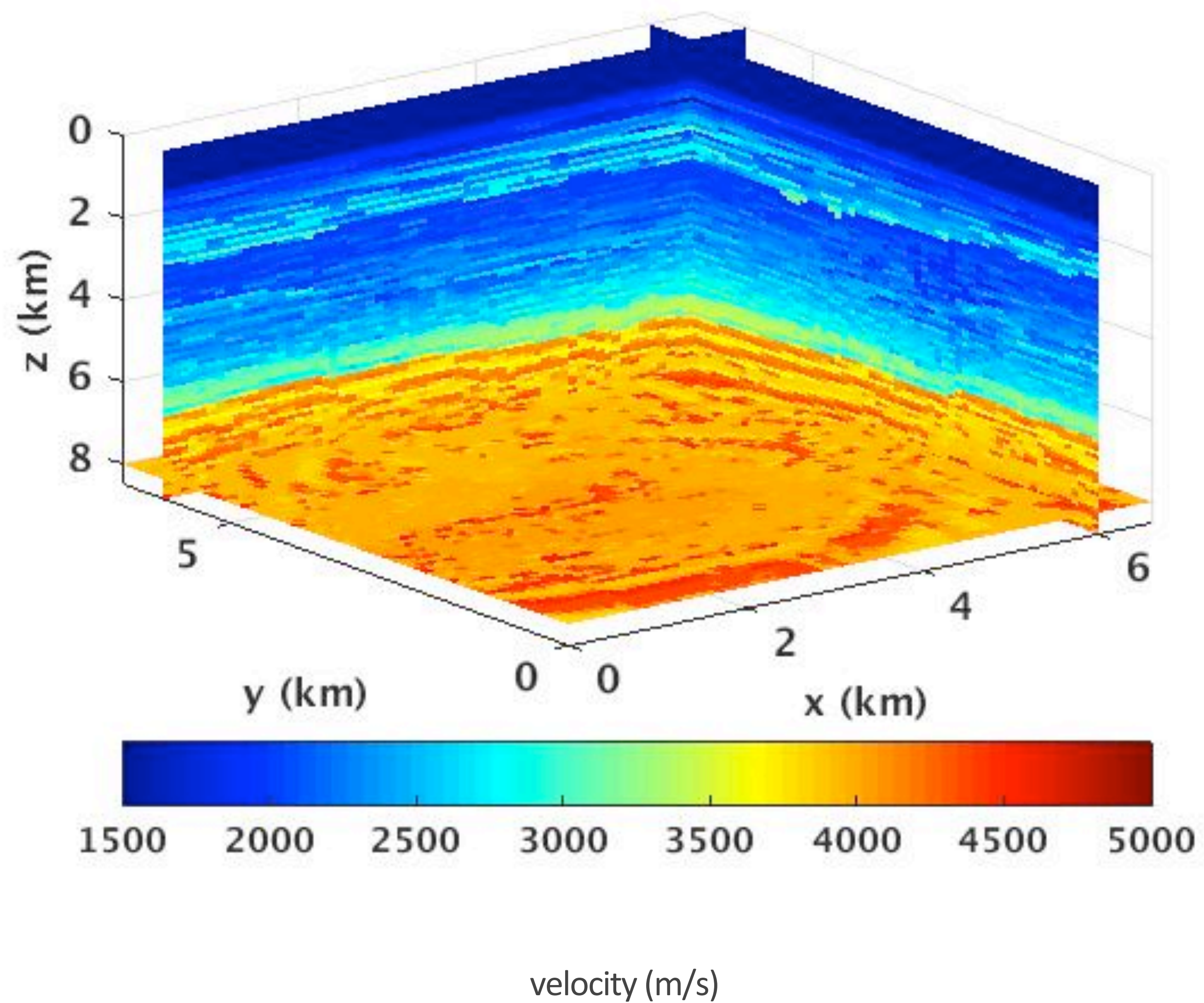
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## Extension to 3D time-lapse acquisition

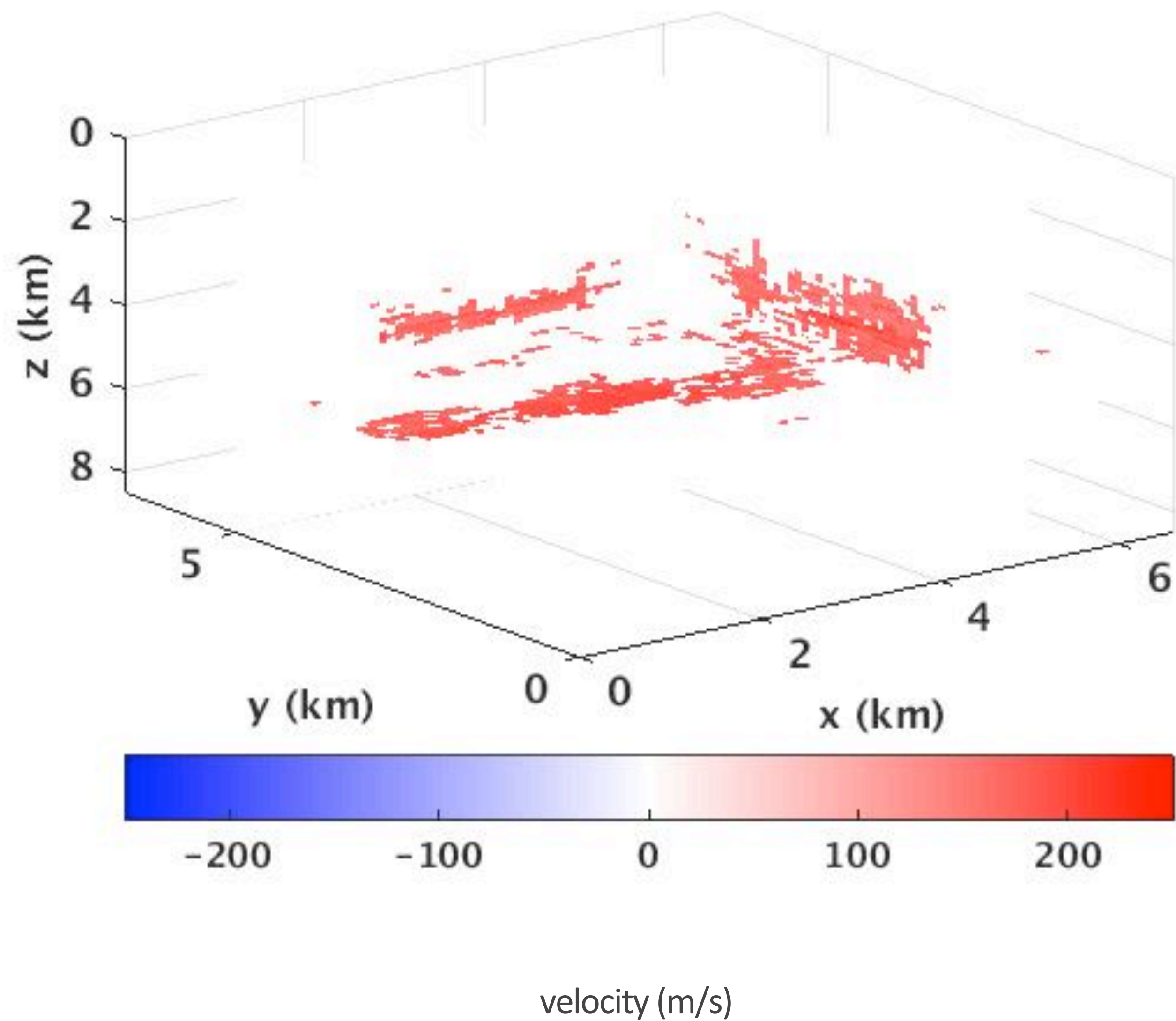
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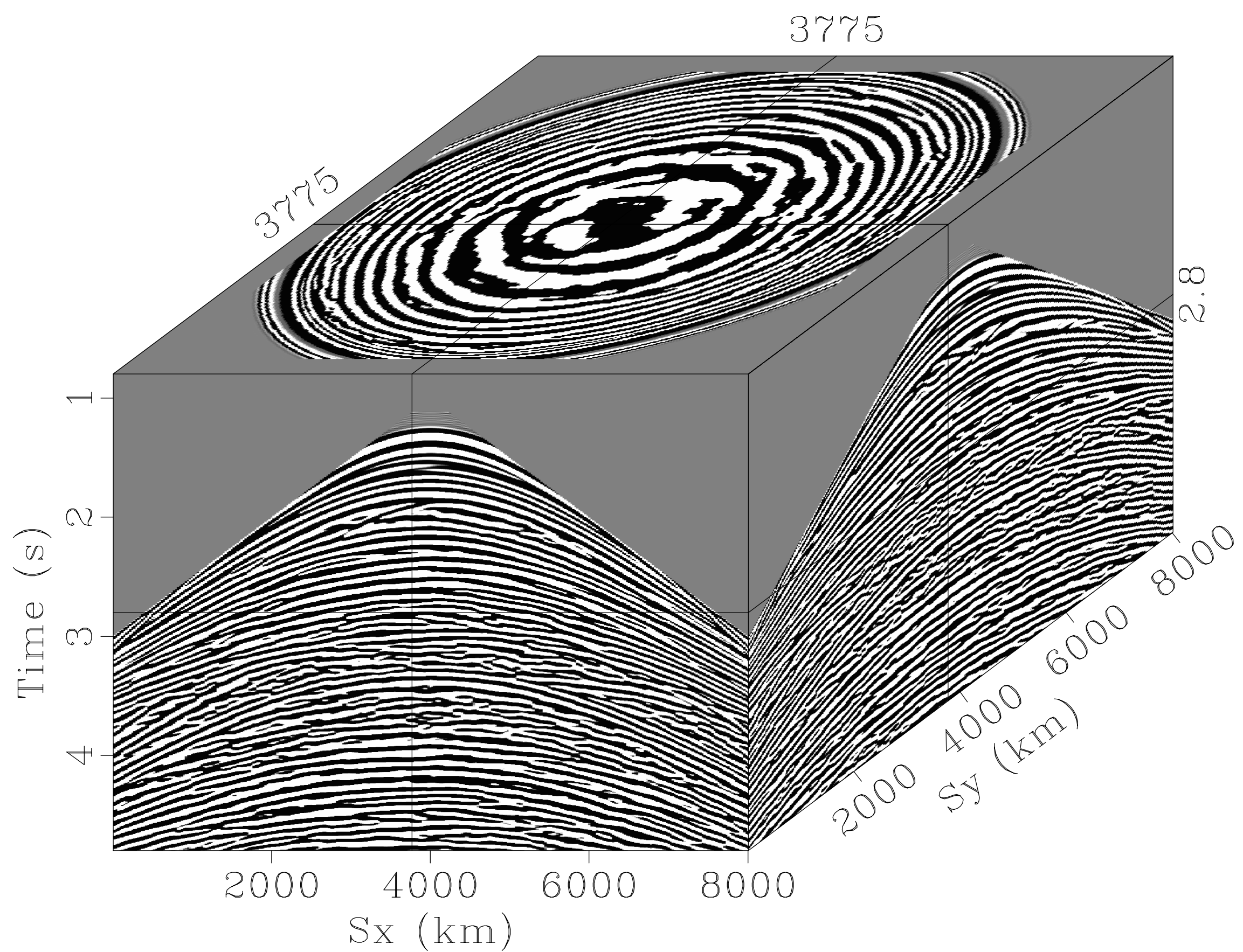


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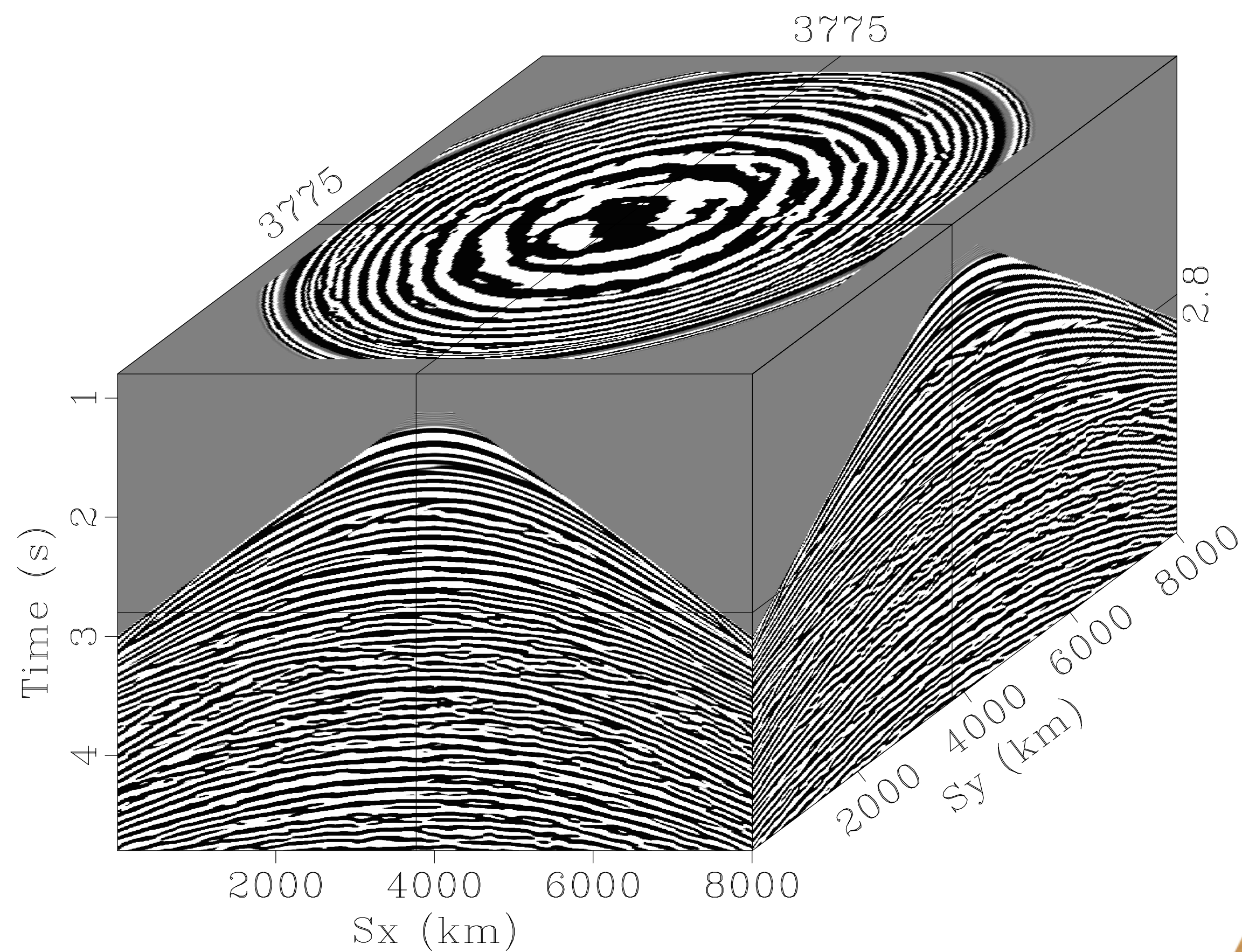


# Ideal dense receiver gathers

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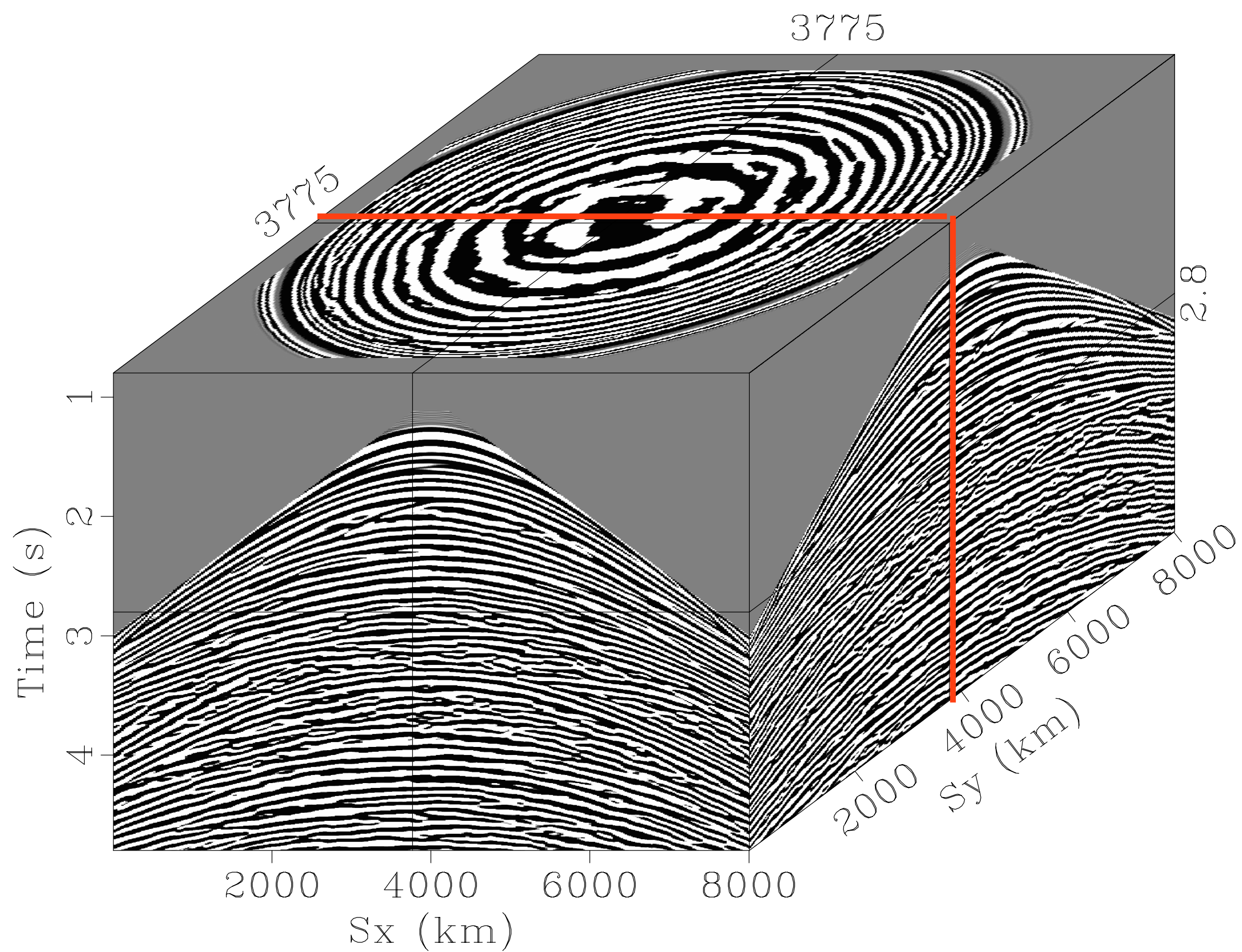


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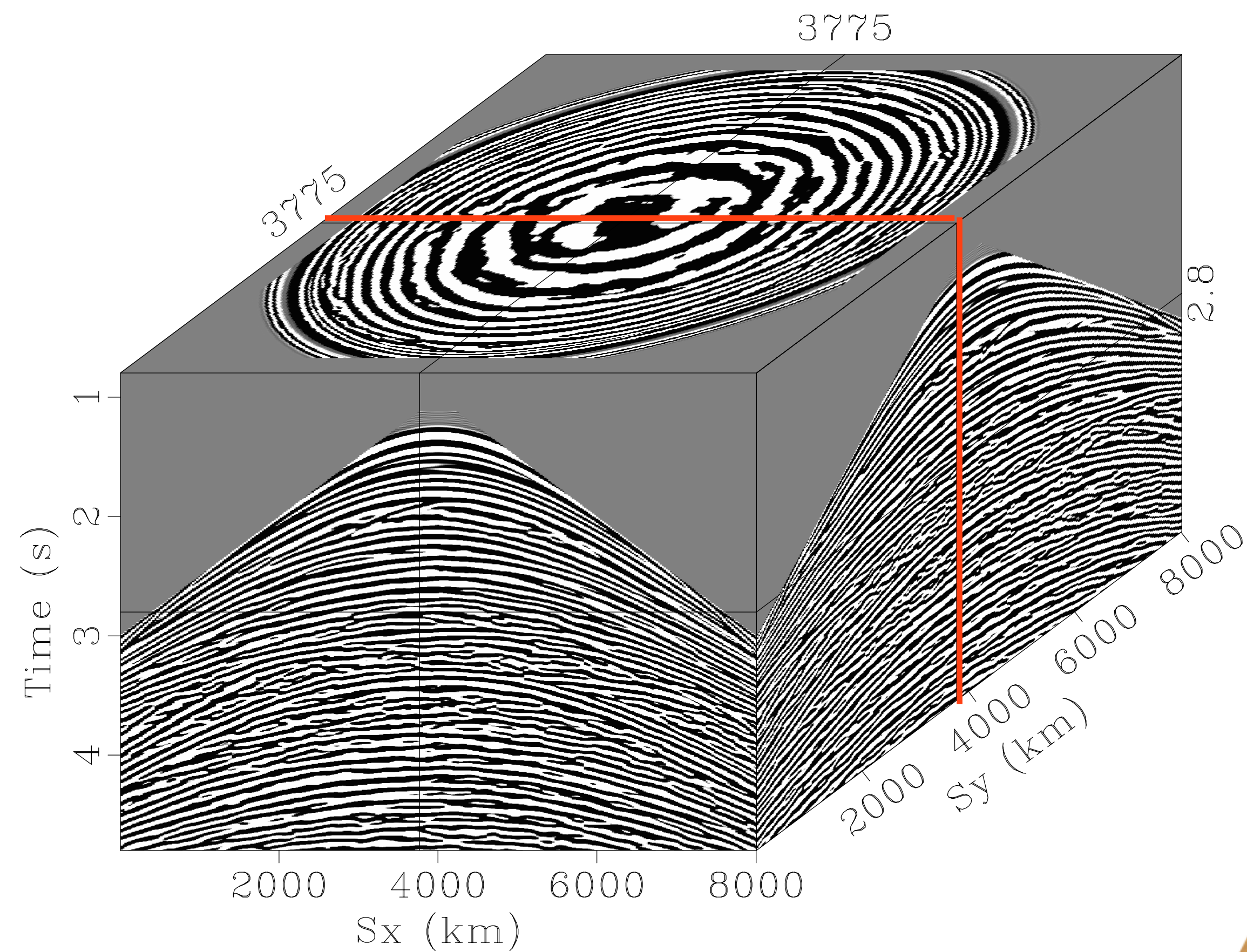


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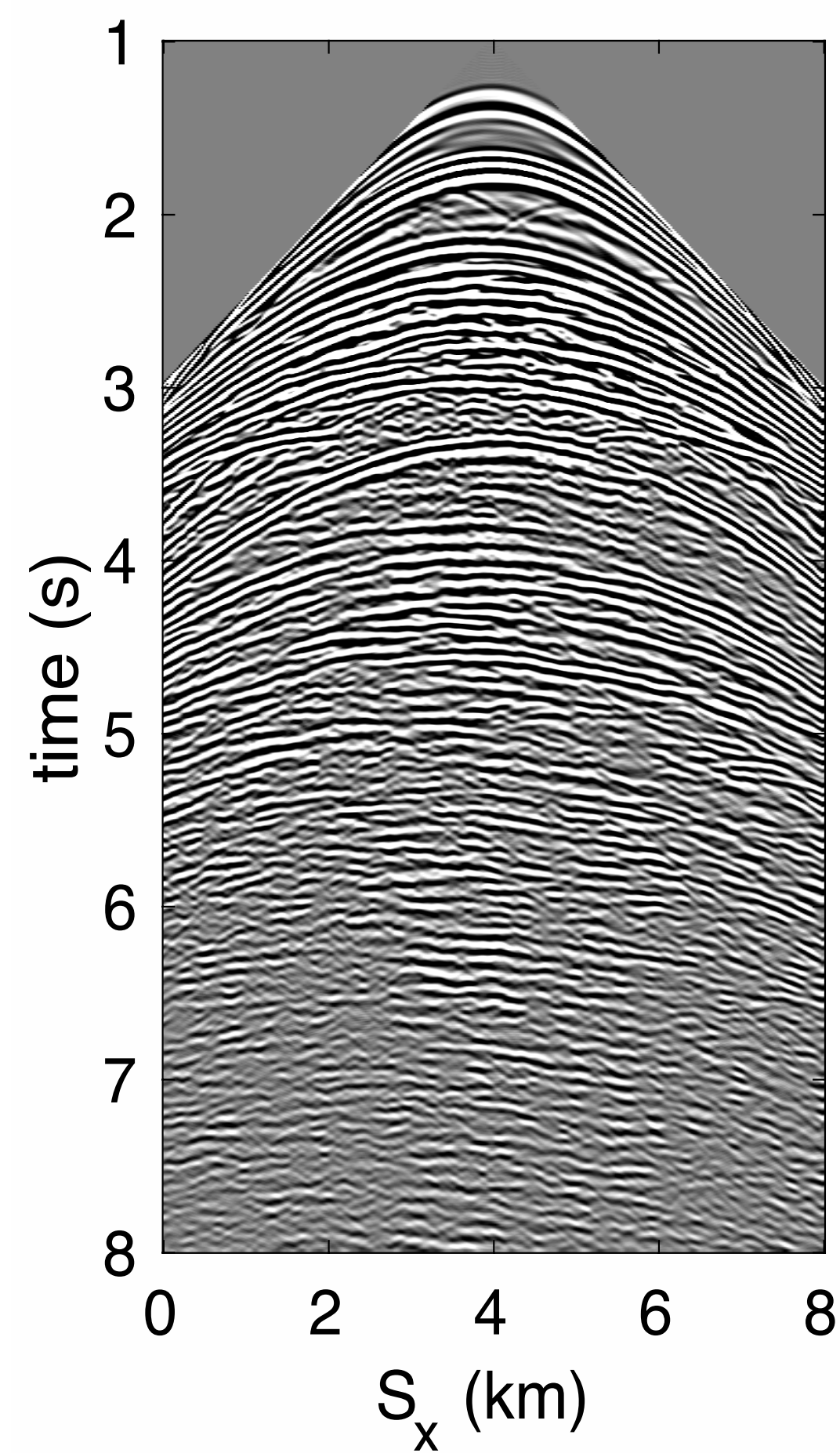


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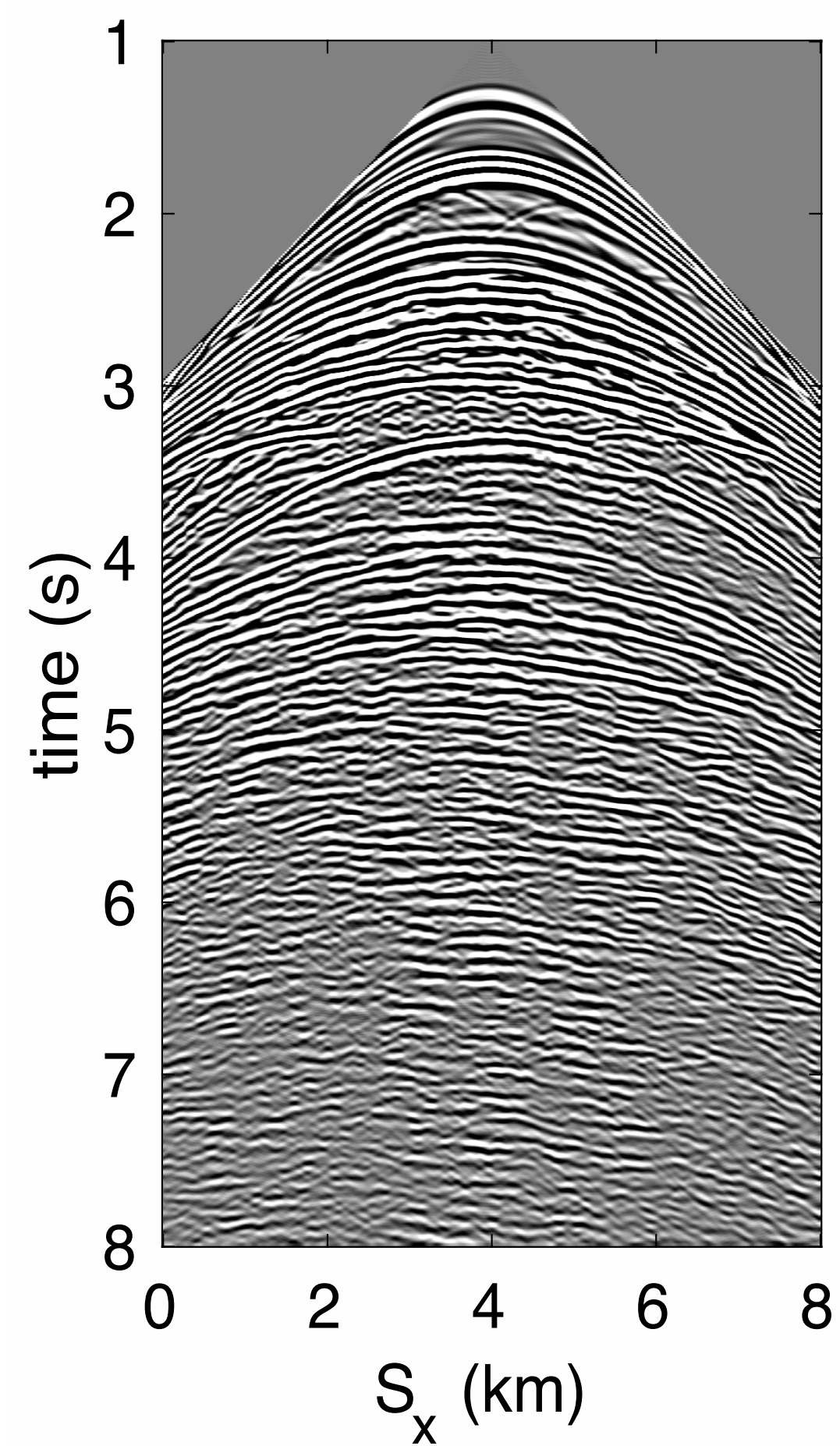


# Ideal dense receiver gathers & time lapse

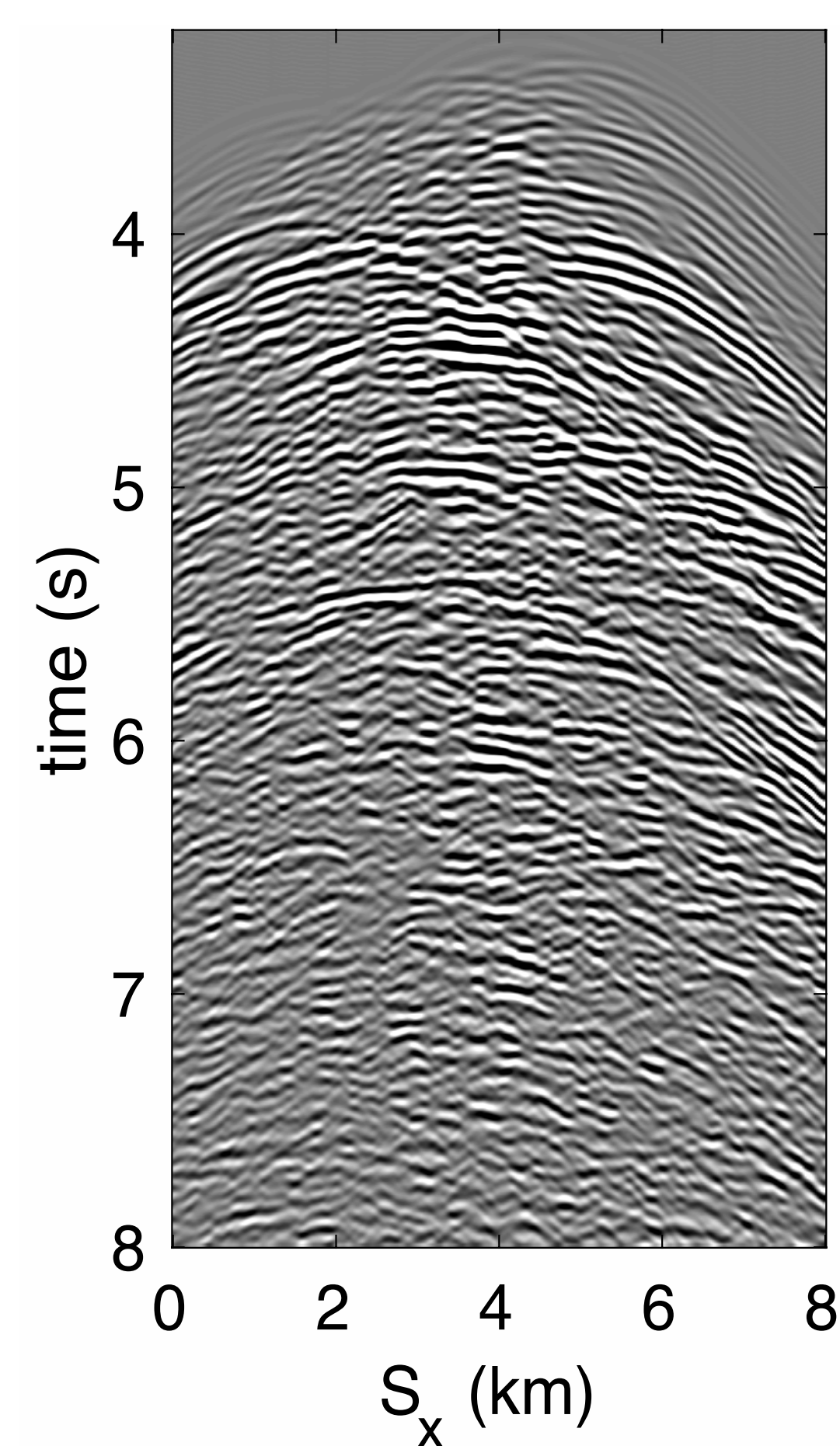
baseline



monitor

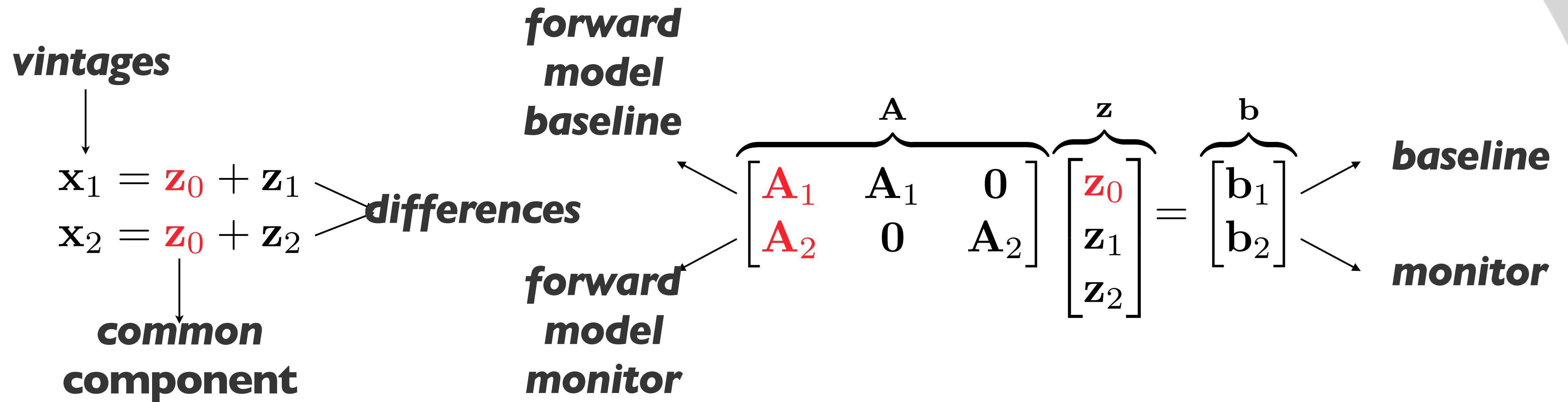


time lapse





# JRM – Joint Recovery Model



## Key idea:

- ▶ invert for common components & innovation w.r.t. common components with sparse recovery
- ▶ common component observed by all surveys

## Optimization information

Parallelized factorization framework over sources & receivers

Number of iterations: 400

Computational time: 3 hours per frequency slice

Separation & interpolation to 25 m grid

### **SENAI Yemoja cluster:**

30 nodes w/ 128 GB RAM each, 20-core processors

300 Parallel MATLAB workers (10 per node), multithread, full core utilization

# Baseline recovery

100% overlap

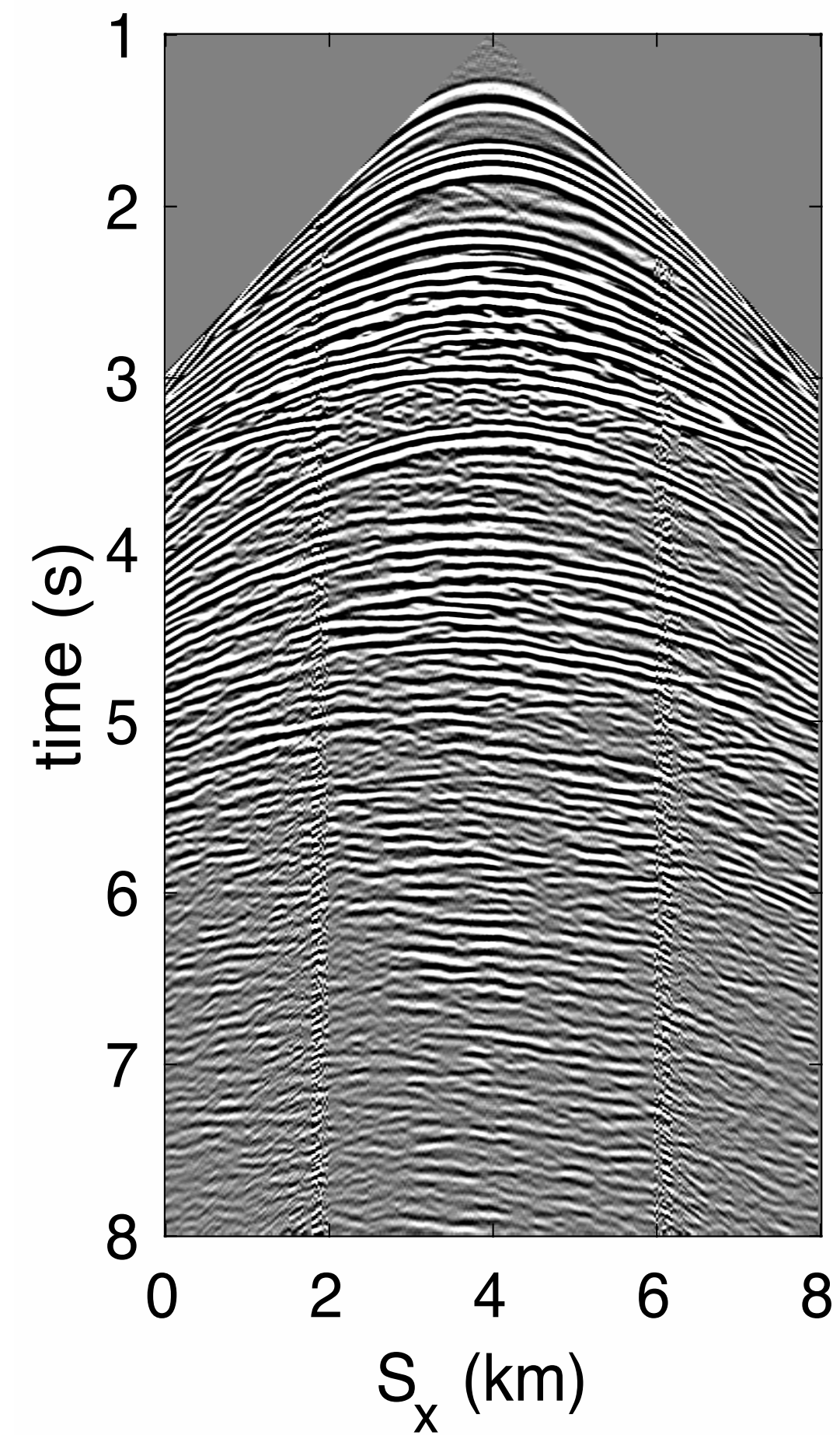
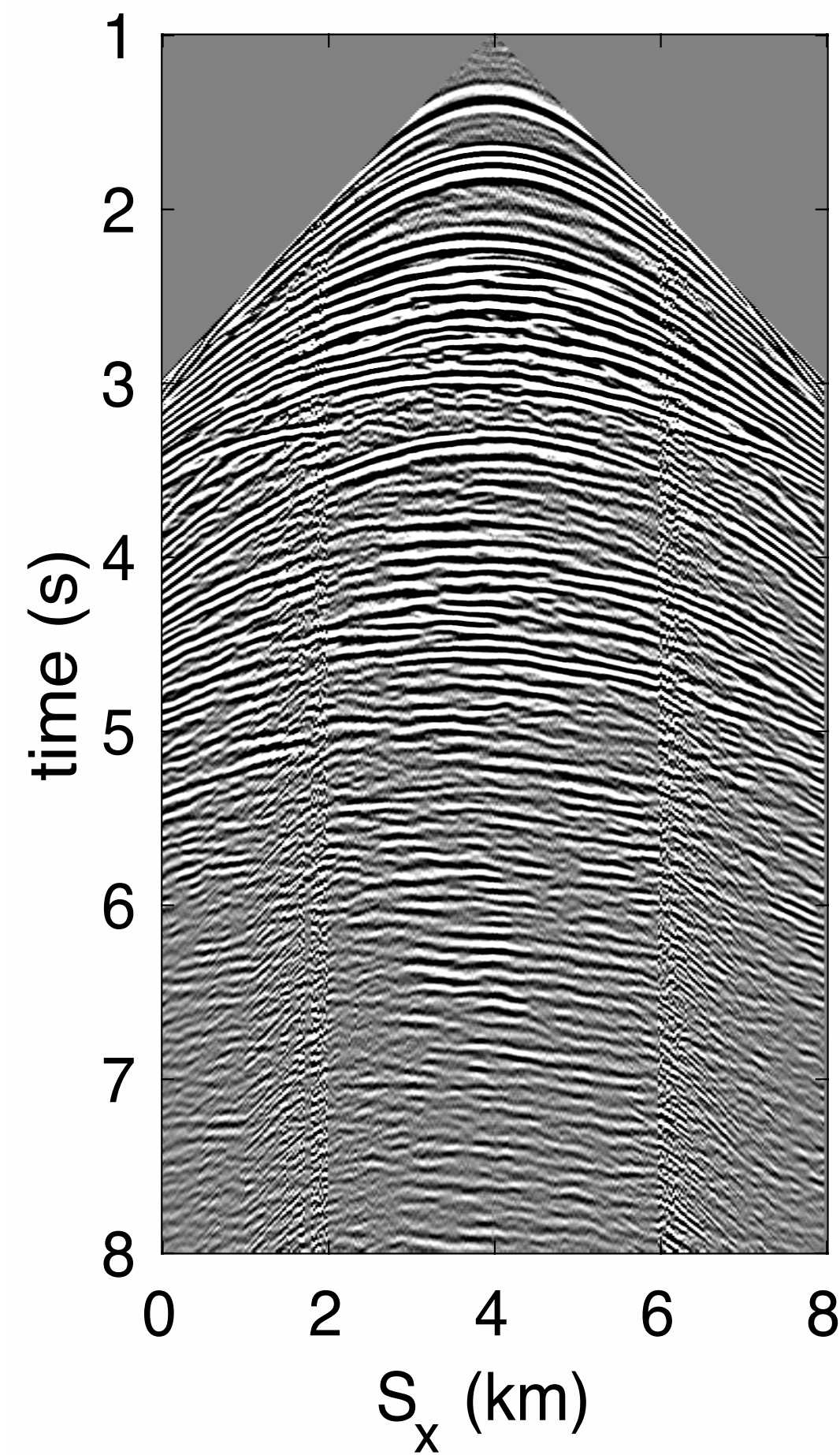
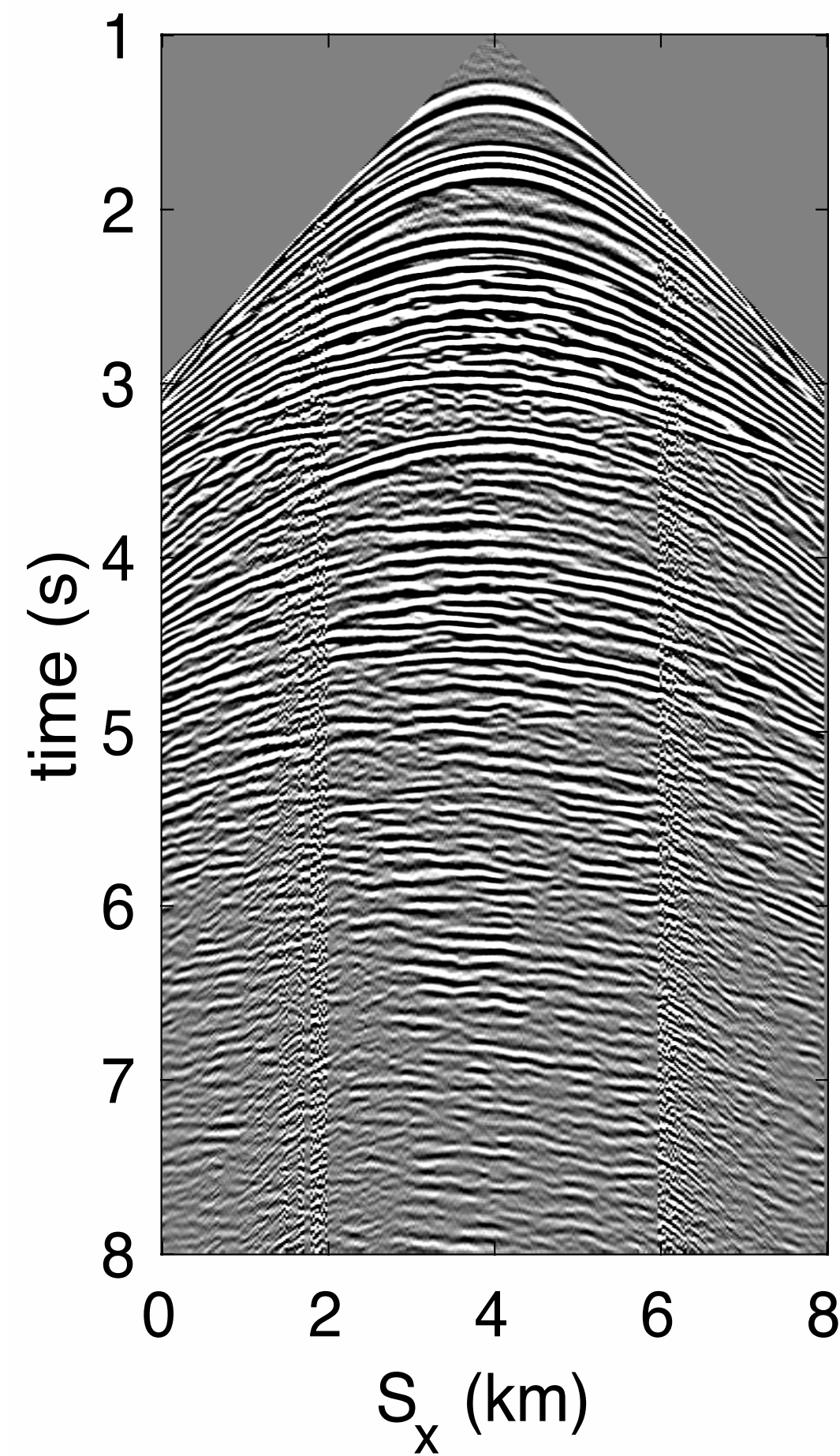
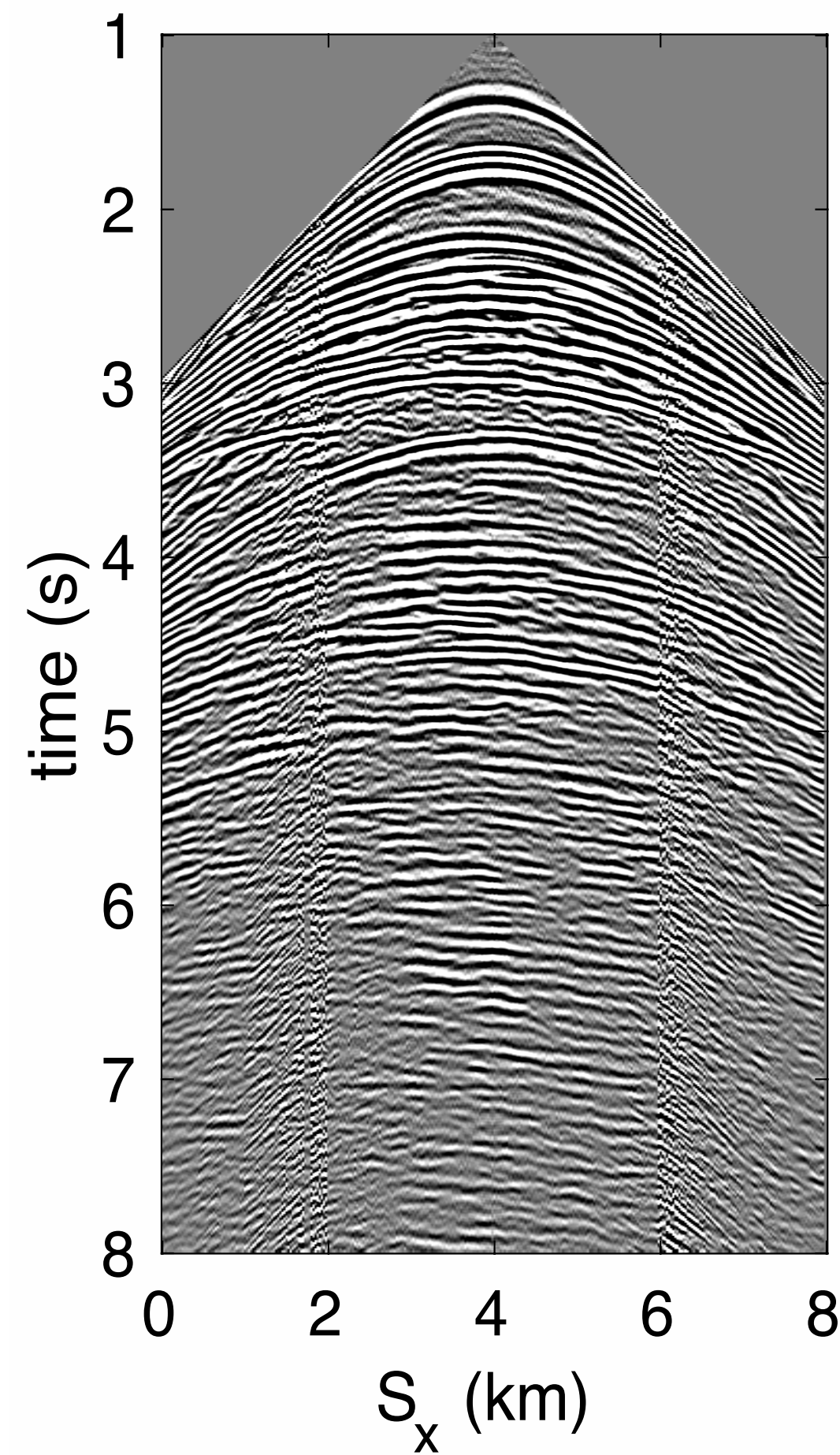
30% overlap

**IRS**  
(12.6 dB)

**JRM**  
(13.4 dB)

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(12.6 dB)

**JRM**  
(15.4 dB)



# Residual

100% overlap

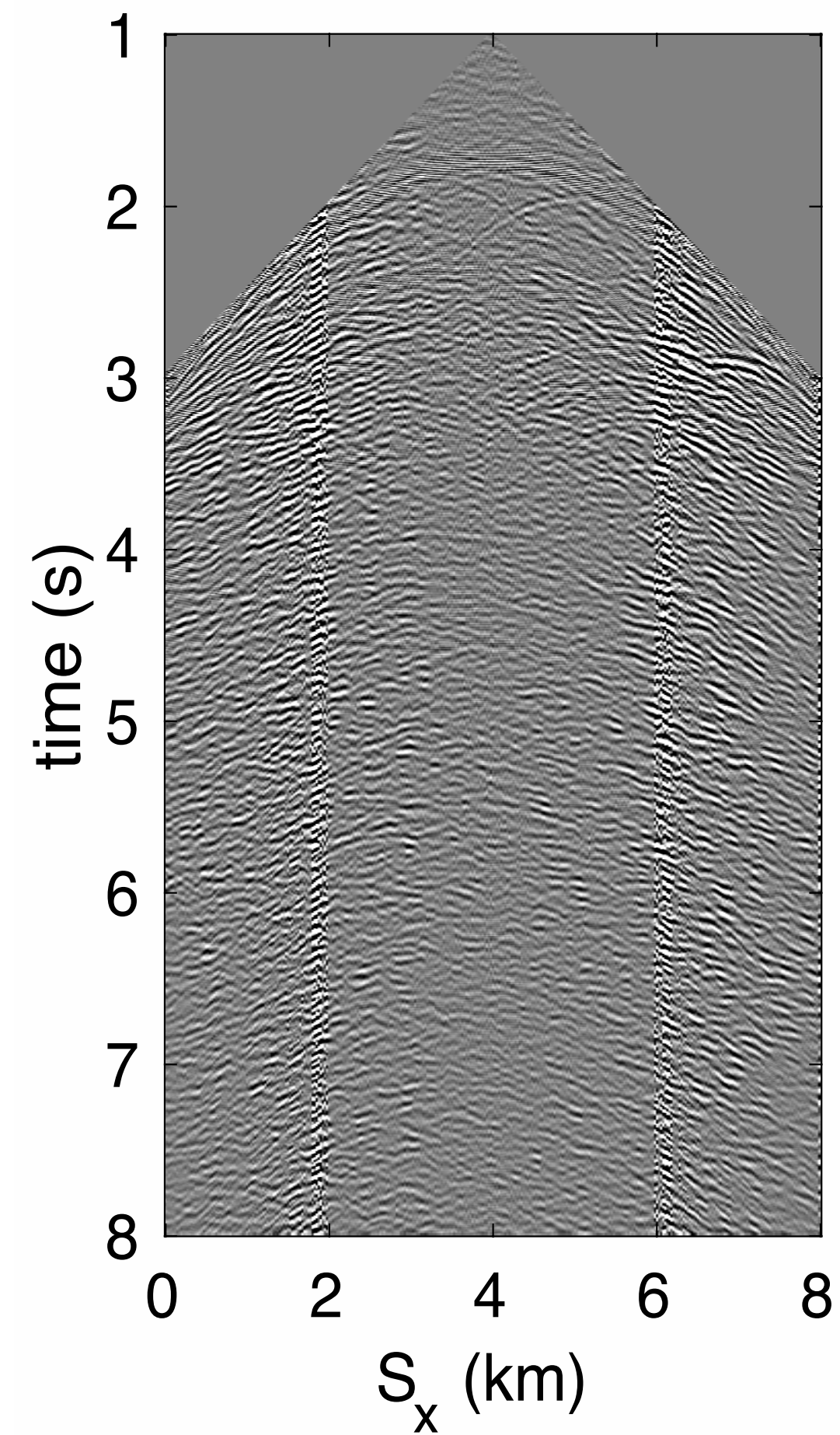
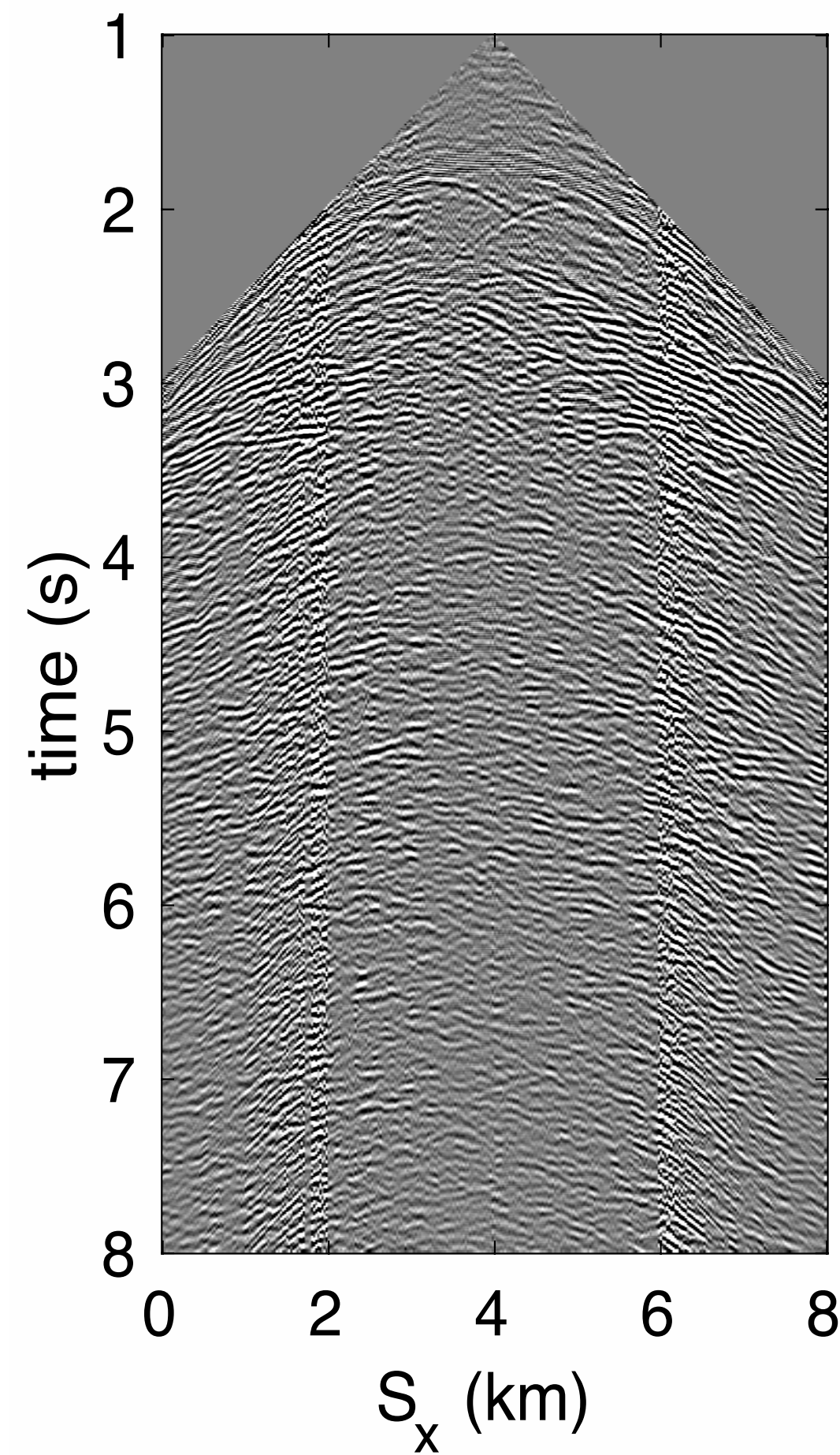
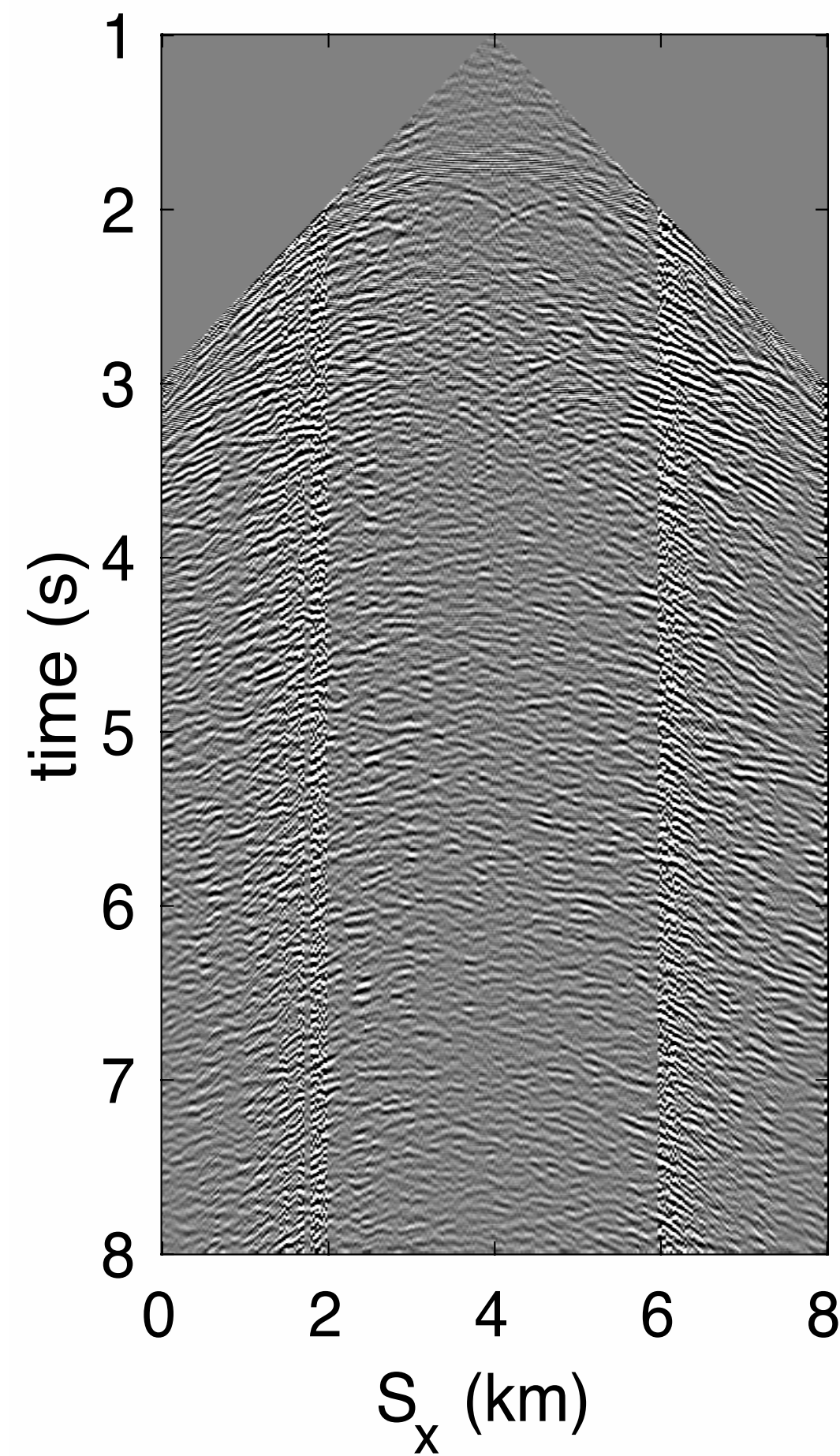
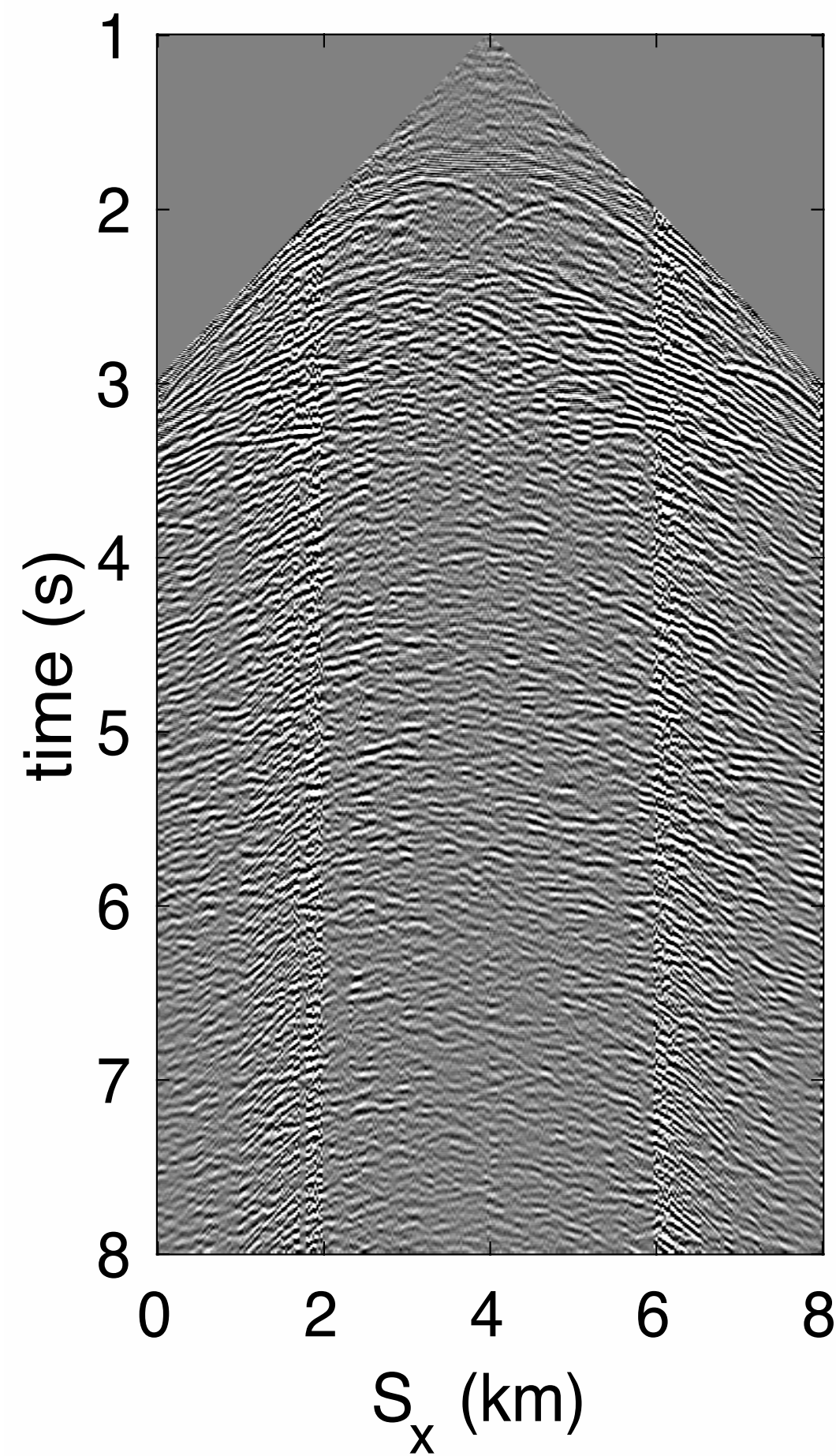
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**JRM**  
(15.4 dB)

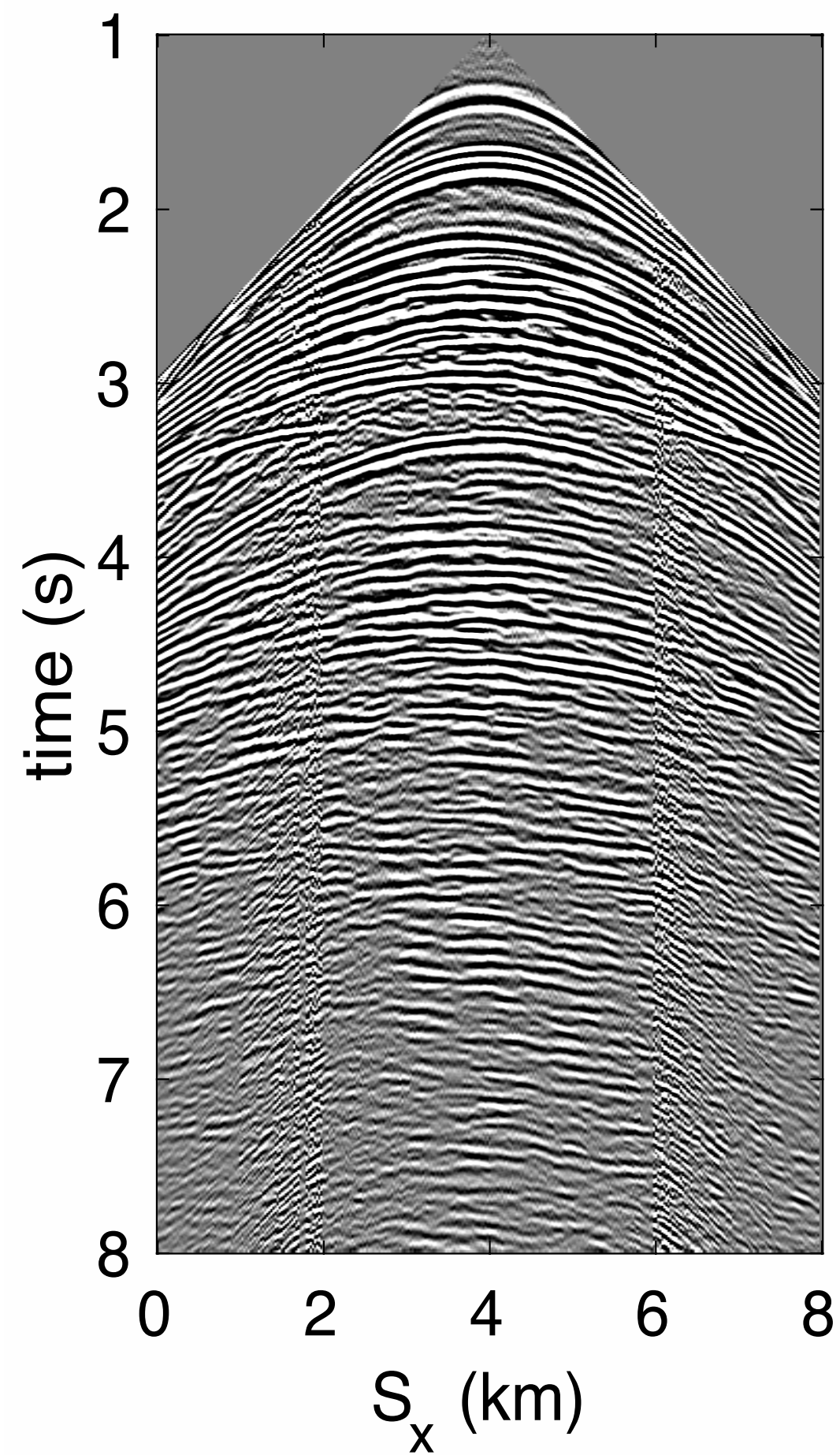


# Monitor recovery

100% overlap

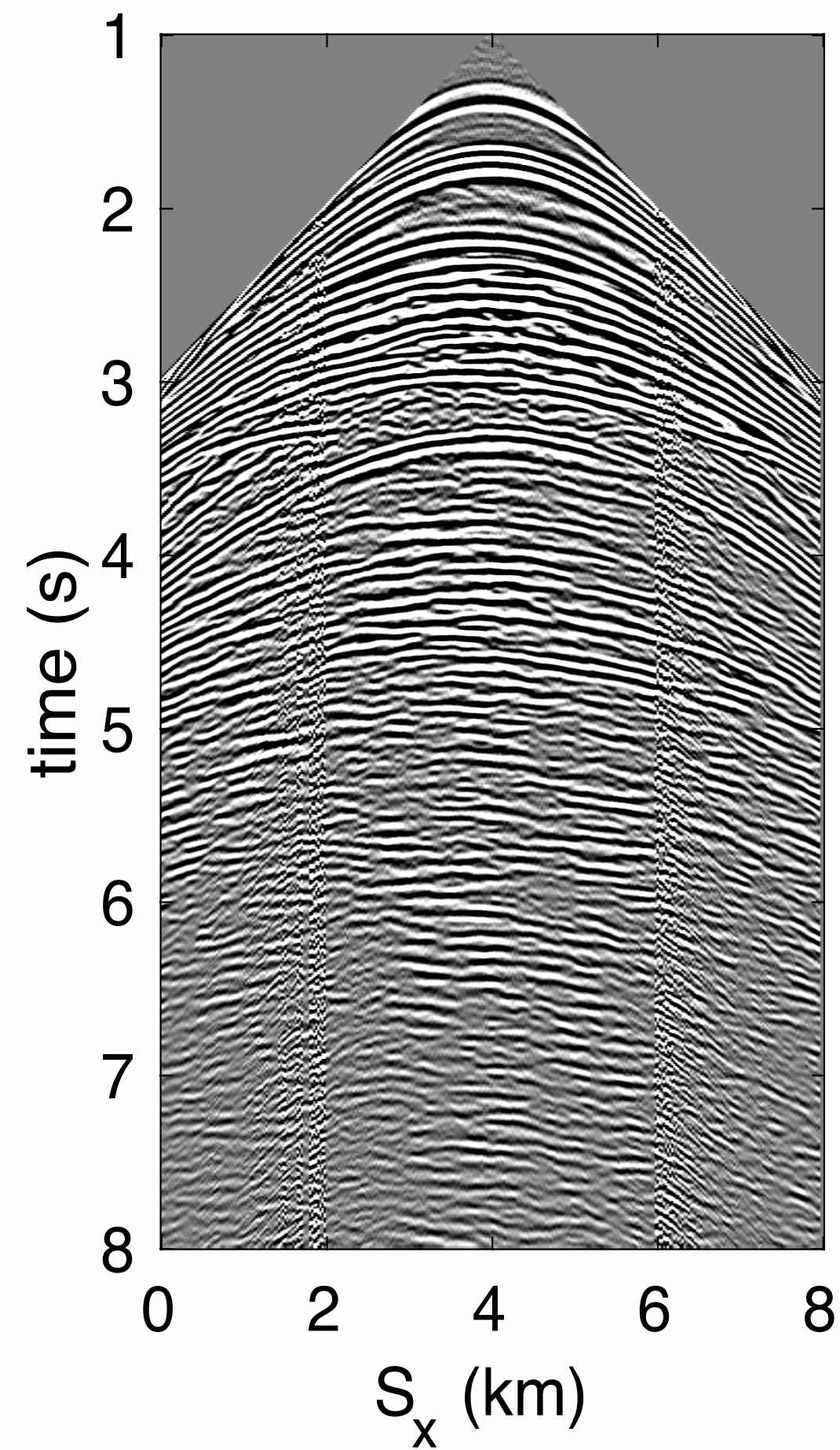
IRS

(12.5 dB)



JRM

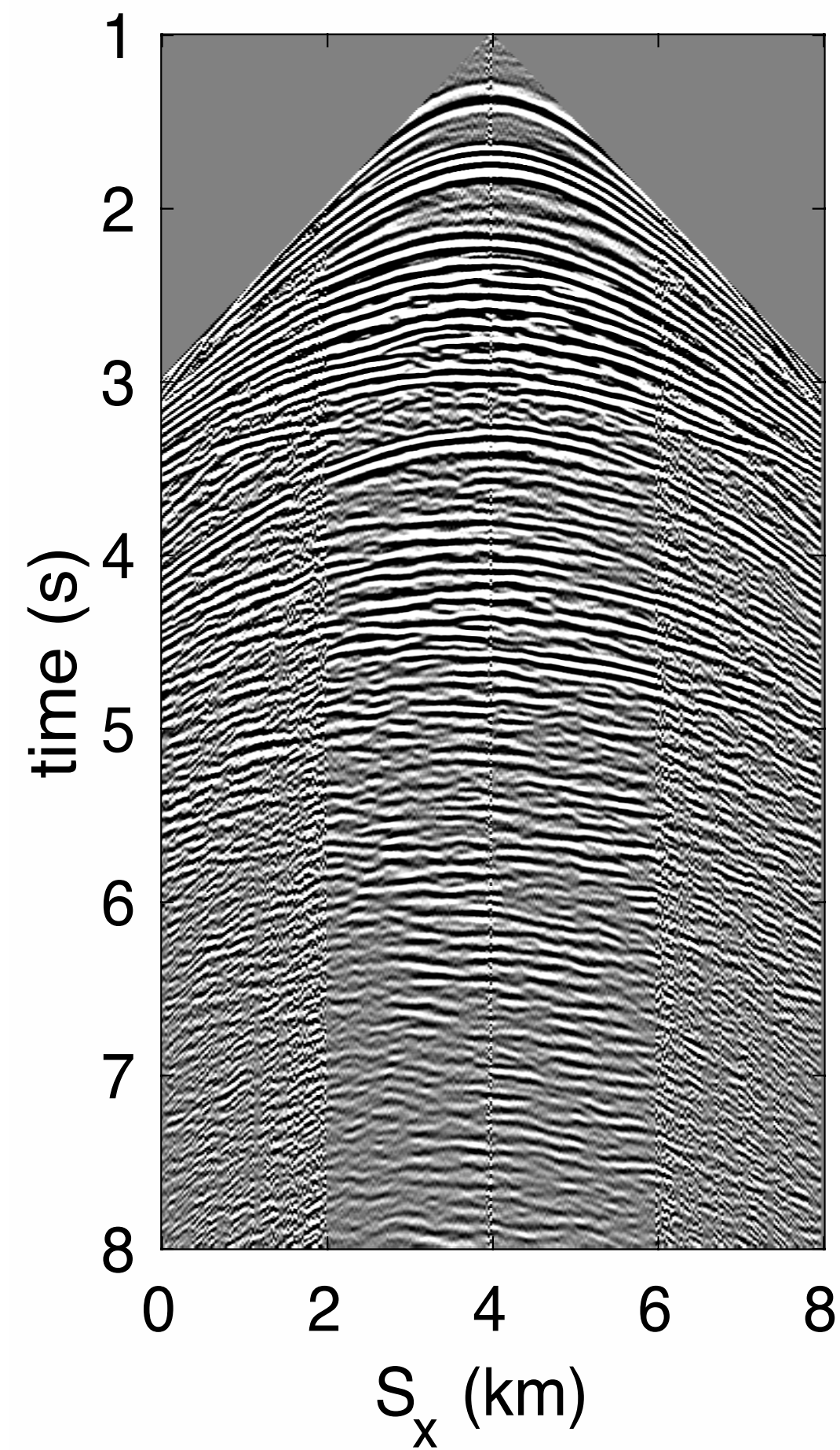
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30% overlap

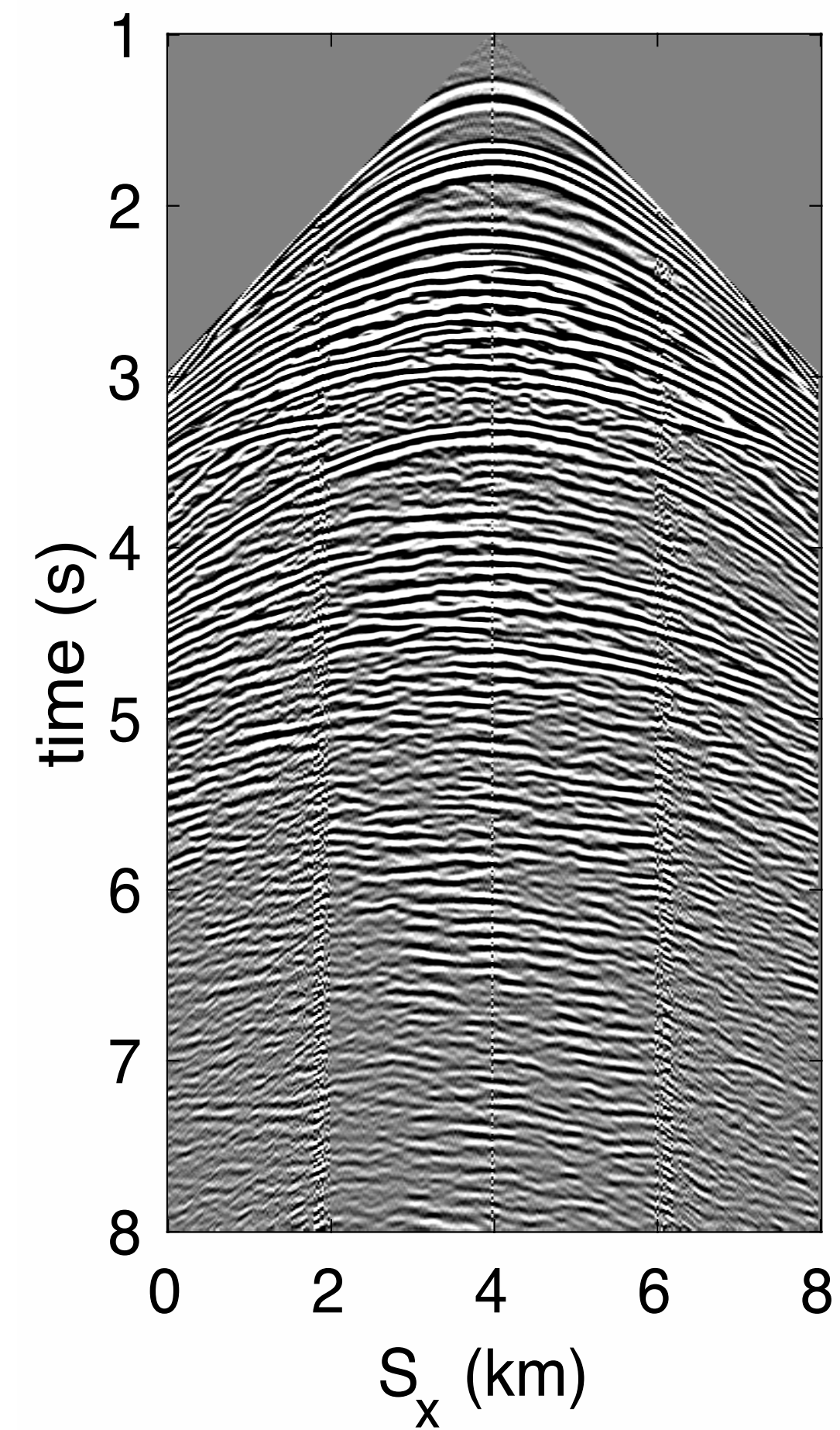
IRS

(10.5 dB)



JRM

(15.9 dB)



# Residual

100% overlap

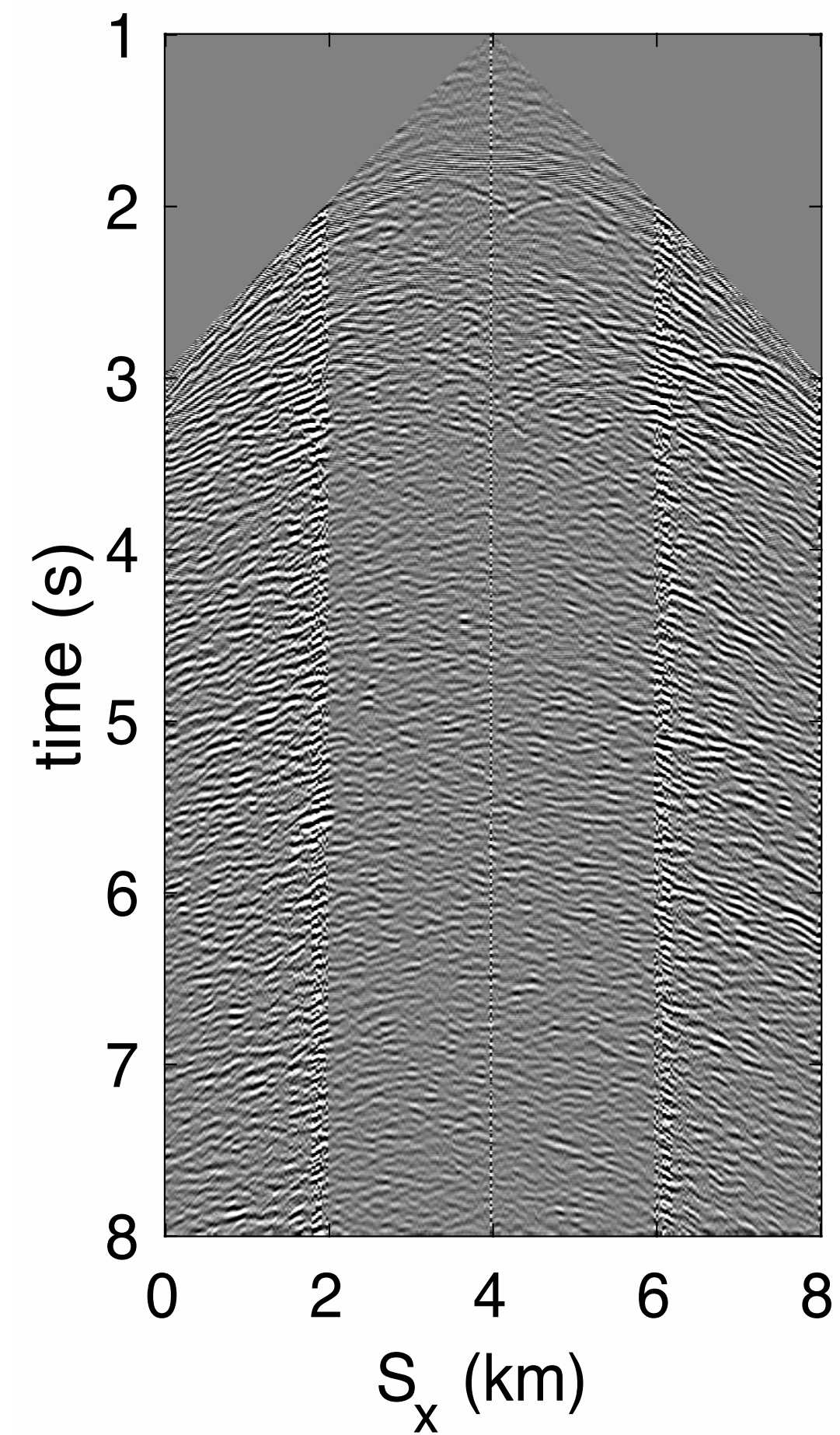
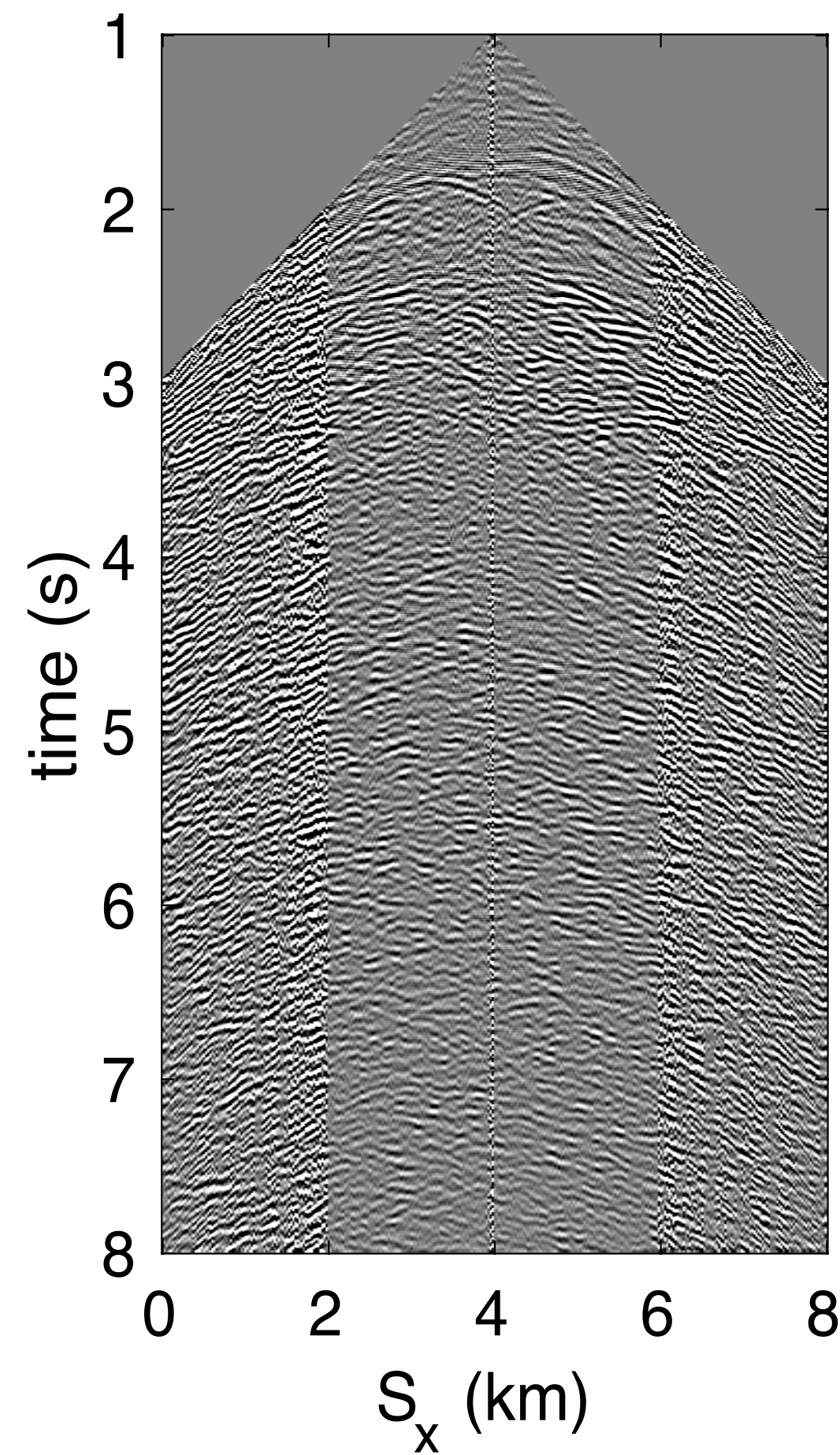
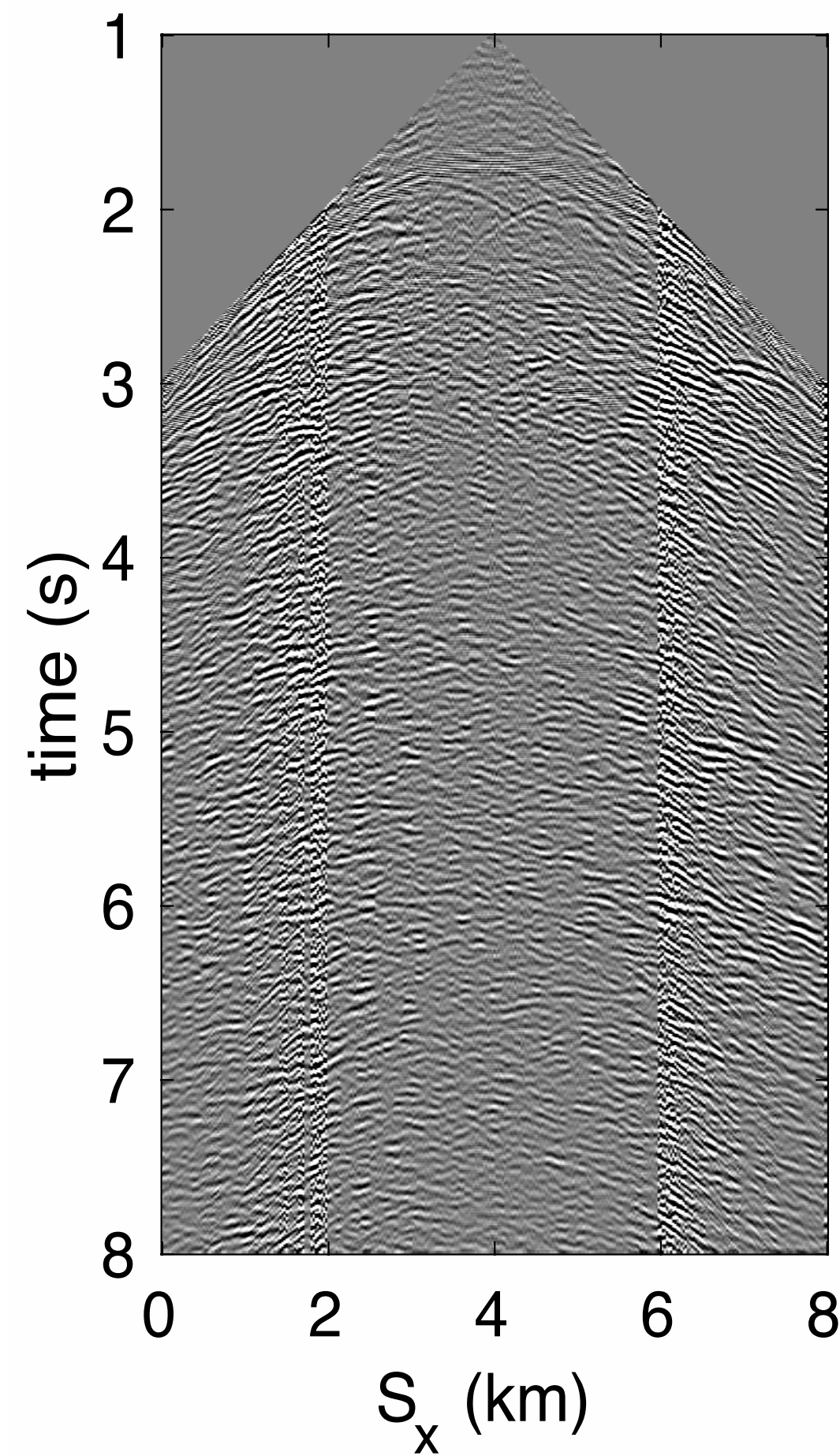
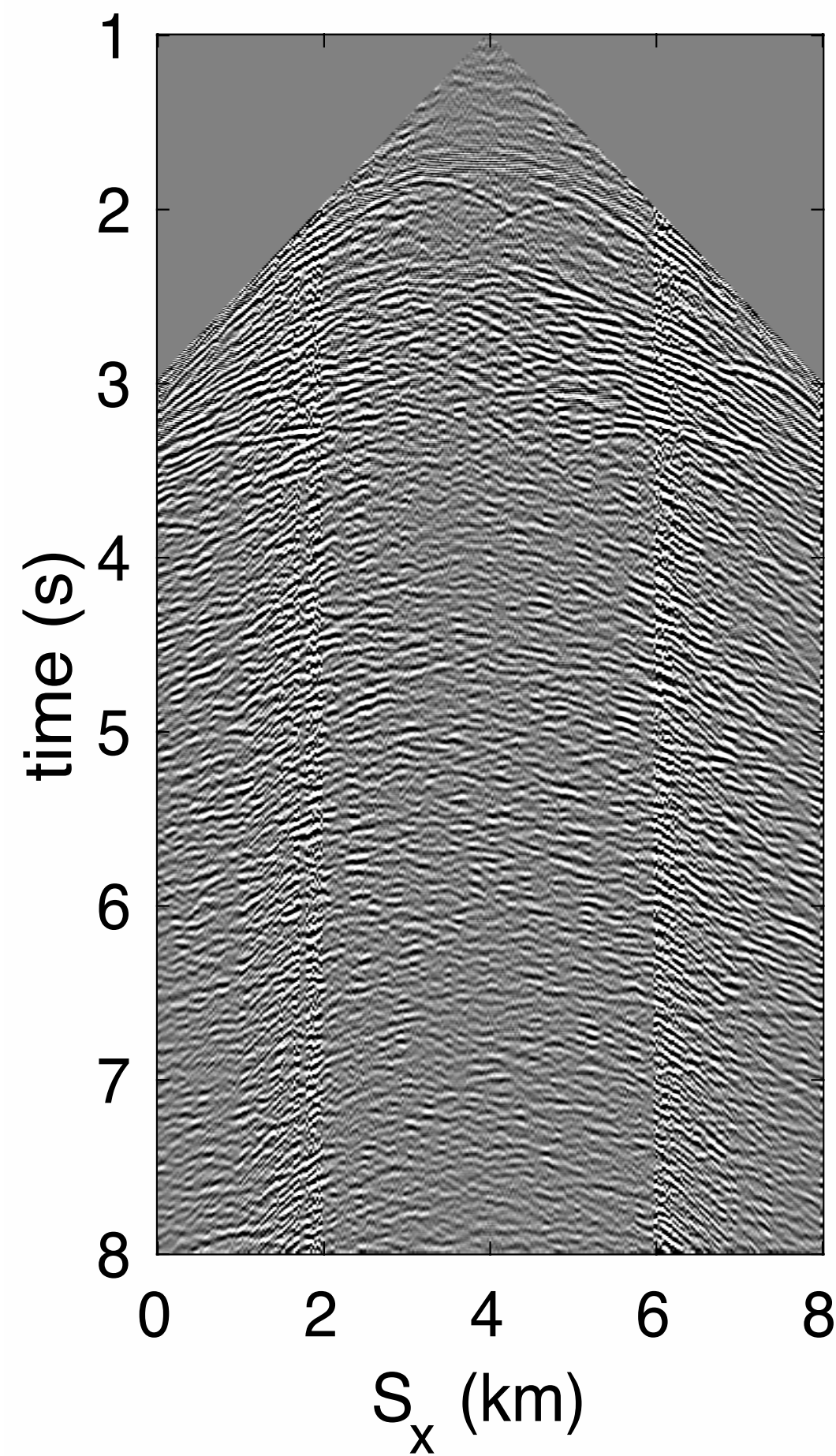
30% overlap

**IRS**  
(12.5 dB)

**JRM**  
(13.3 dB)

**IRS**  
(10.5 dB)

**JRM**  
(15.9 dB)



## Take-away message

### **Size of final recovered data volume: 800 GB**

- ▶ no need to save fully sampled seismic data volume

### **Save $L$ and $R^H$ factors**

- ▶ compression rate: **98.5%**
- ▶ size of final compressed 5D seismic volume: ~ **12 GB**

## Conclusions

### **Randomized sampling (joint) recovery leads to:**

- ▶ economic acquisition for both static & dynamic acquisitions
- ▶ surveys w/ high degree of repeatability w/o replicating the surveys

### **Preliminary randomized 4D survey design:**

- ▶ is feasible
- ▶ needs more randomness
- ▶ leads to at least cost reduction of 3 – 4 X

**As long as we know where we were all acquisitions will benefit from embracing randomness in the field..**



## Future work

Run more experiments including extensions to off-the-grid acquisition design and processing

Test with realistic noise

# Highly repeatable time-lapse seismic with distributed Compressive Sensing--mitigating effects of calibration errors

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## Observations

### Randomized acquisition:

- ▶ independent surveys bring extra information
- ▶ “exactly” repeated surveys do not add new information
- ▶ for independent surveys, independent processing leads to poor recovery quality of vintages & time-lapse difference
- ▶ w/ joint recovery, we observe improvements in recovery quality of the vintages for independent surveys

*Our joint recovery model exploits the shared information in time-lapse data, improving the **repeatability** of the vintages.*

“Exact” replicability of the surveys seems essential for good recovery of the time-lapse signal...

*What is the impact of calibration errors?*

$$(\mathbf{A}_p \neq \mathbf{A}_t)$$

*postplot*  
**acquisition**

*true field*  
**acquisition**

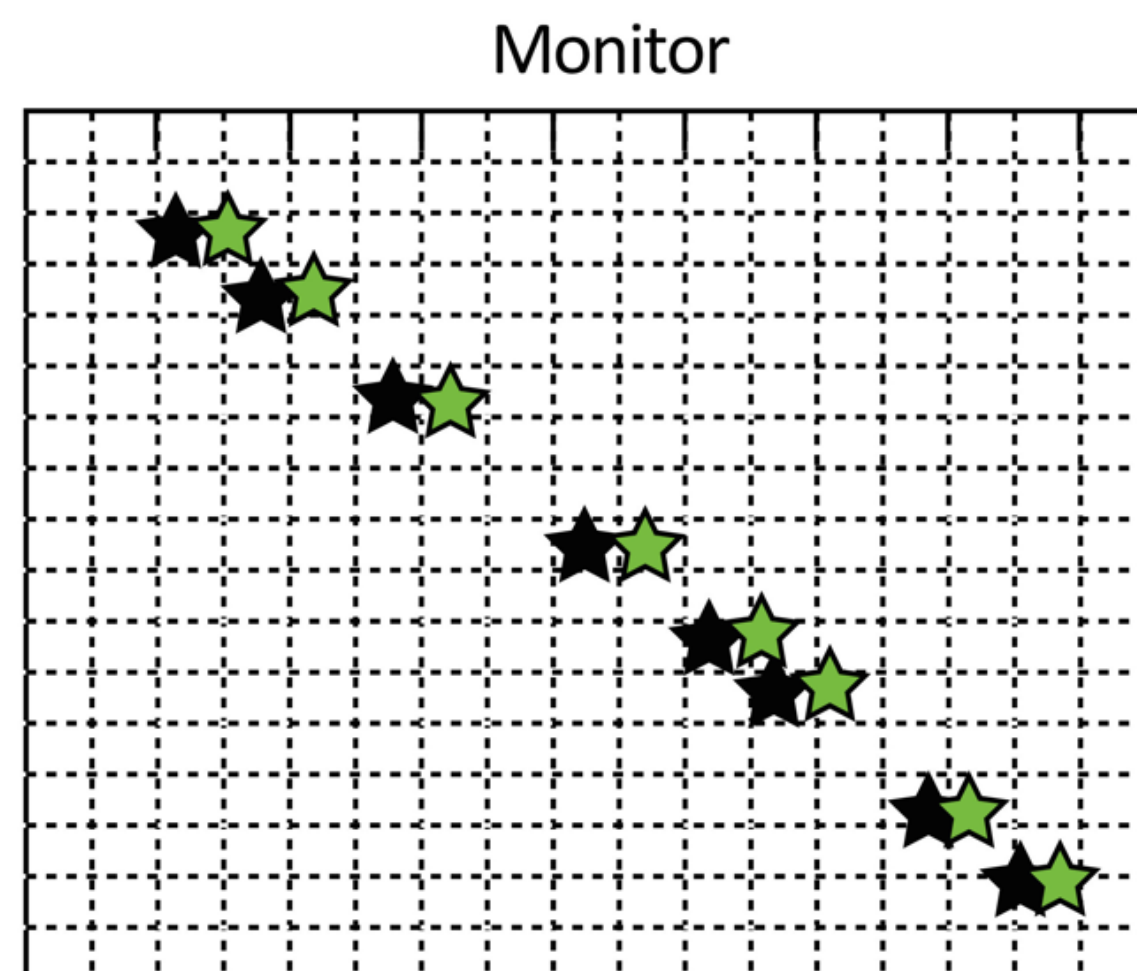
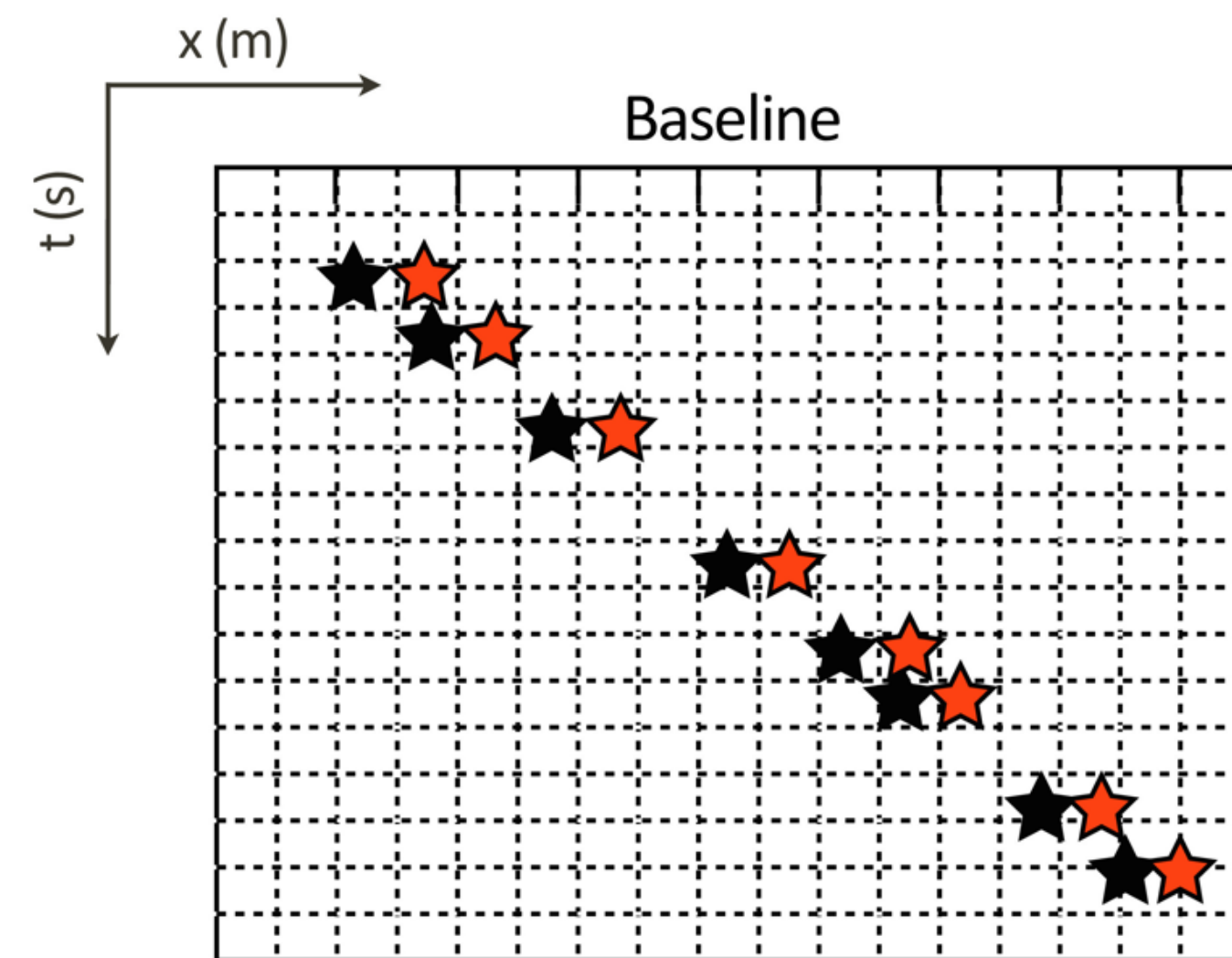
## Goal

Evaluate the impact of deviations between true & recorded post-plot on time-lapse repeatability & quality of the vintages

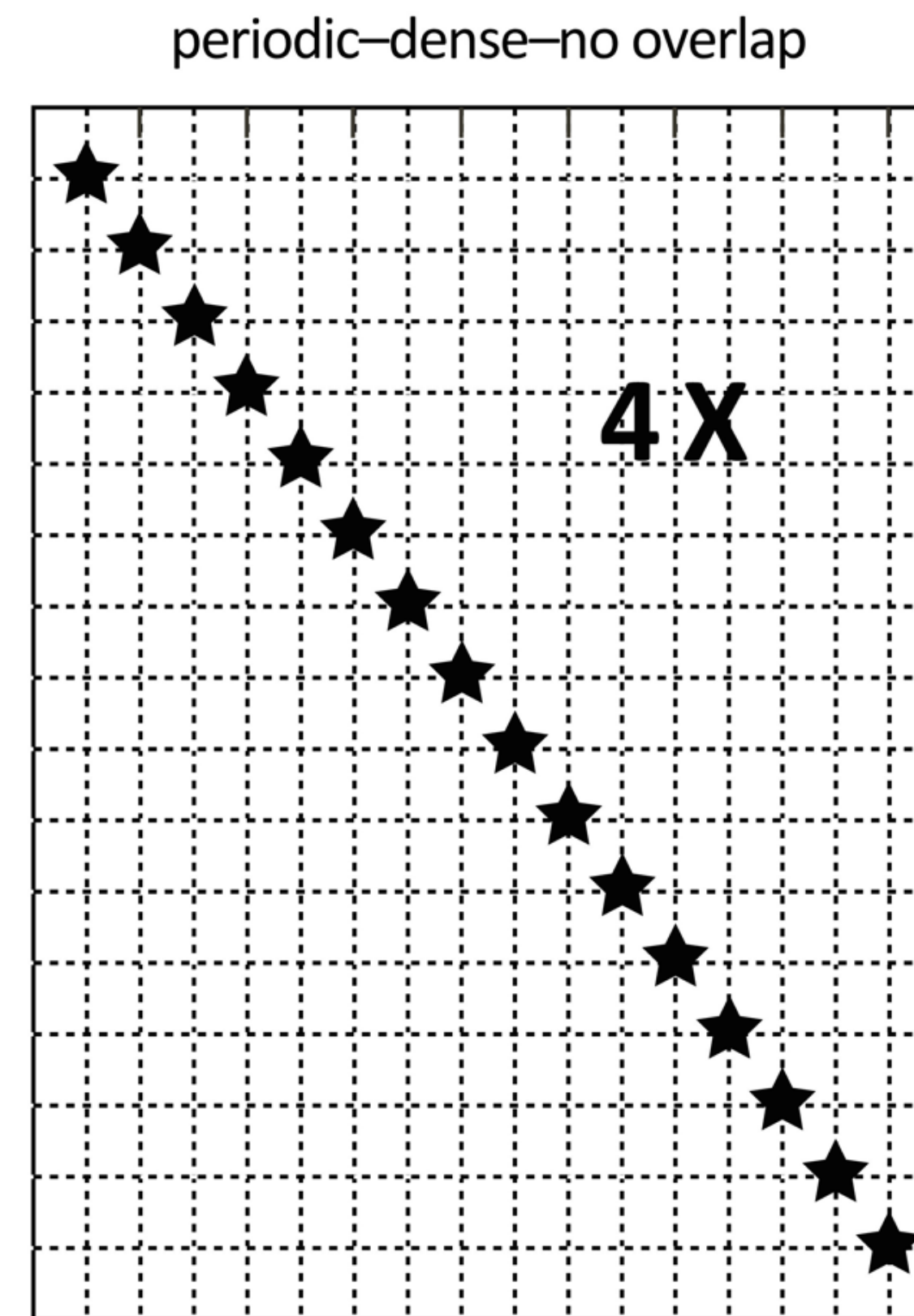
- ▶ w/ our low-cost marine acquisition (e.g. time-jittered sources in marine)
- ▶ w/o survey replication in the shot locations
- ▶ w/ our **joint recovery model**
- ▶ compared to conventional (non-replicated) dense surveys

**In the idealized setting where nothing changes in the earth but acquisition & unknown calibration errors differ.**

# 4-D time-jittered marine acquisition

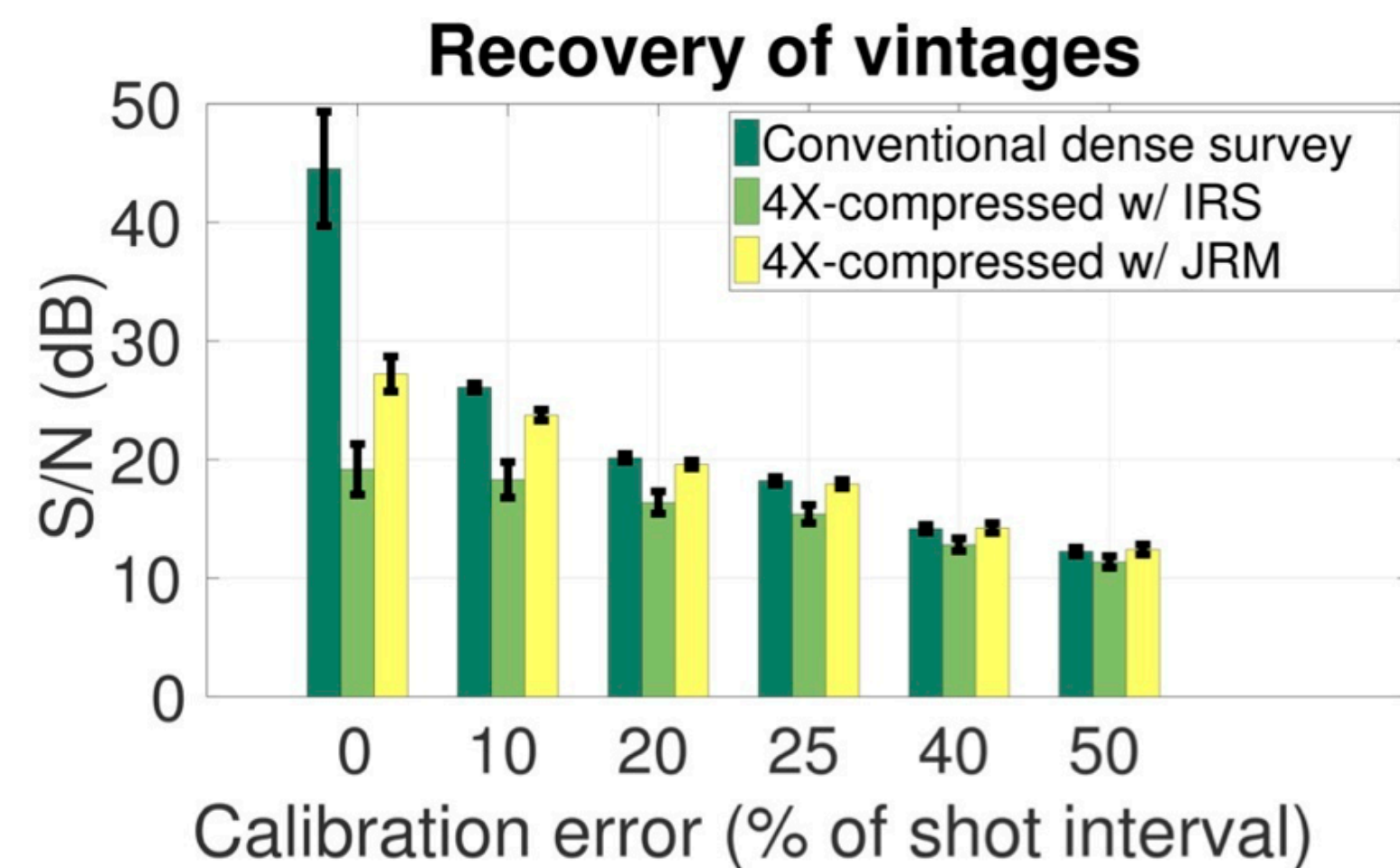


separation + regularization  
+ interpolation

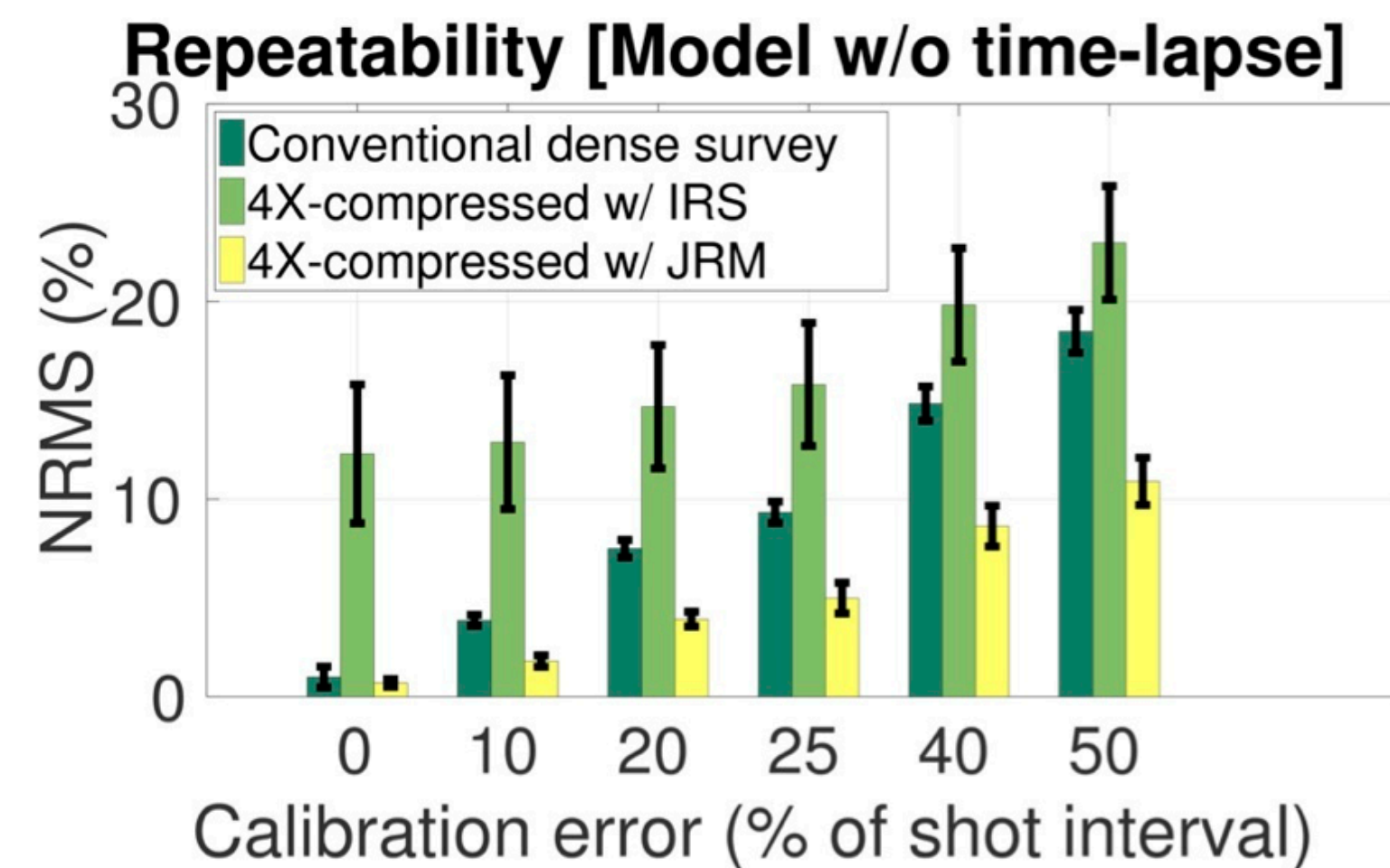


True ★ Baseline post-plot ★ Monitor post-plot ★

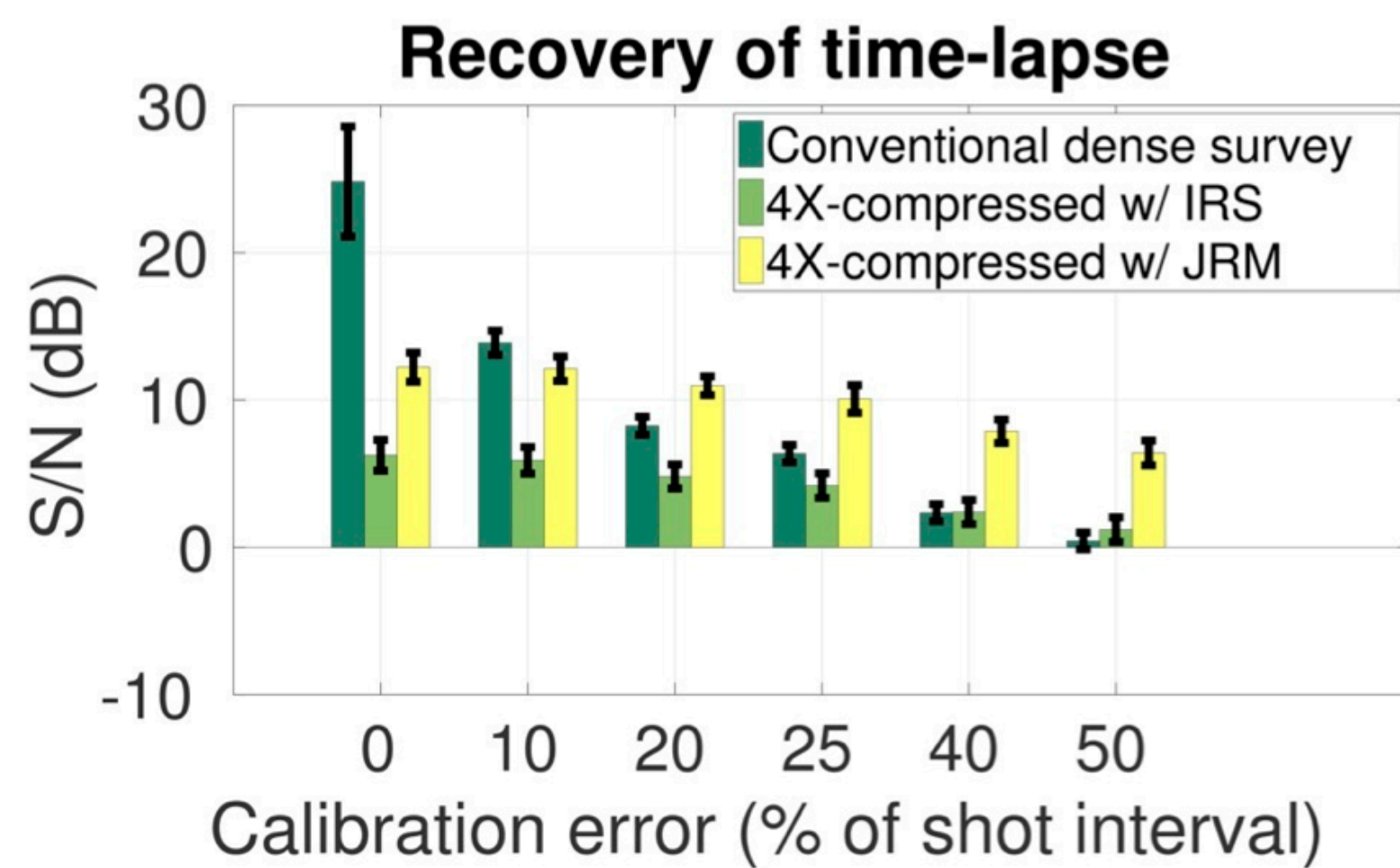
# Recovery & repeatability



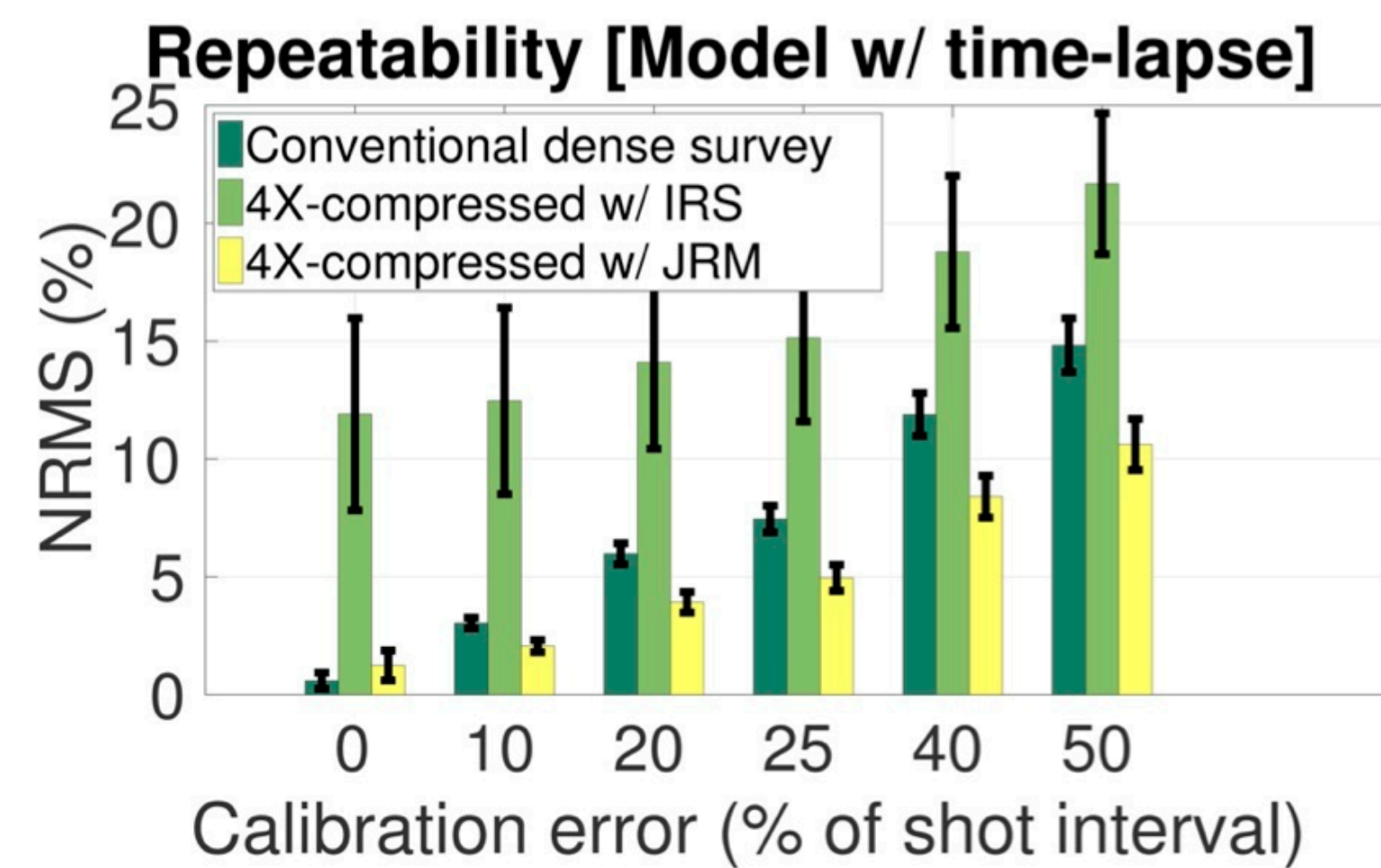
(a)



(b)



(c)

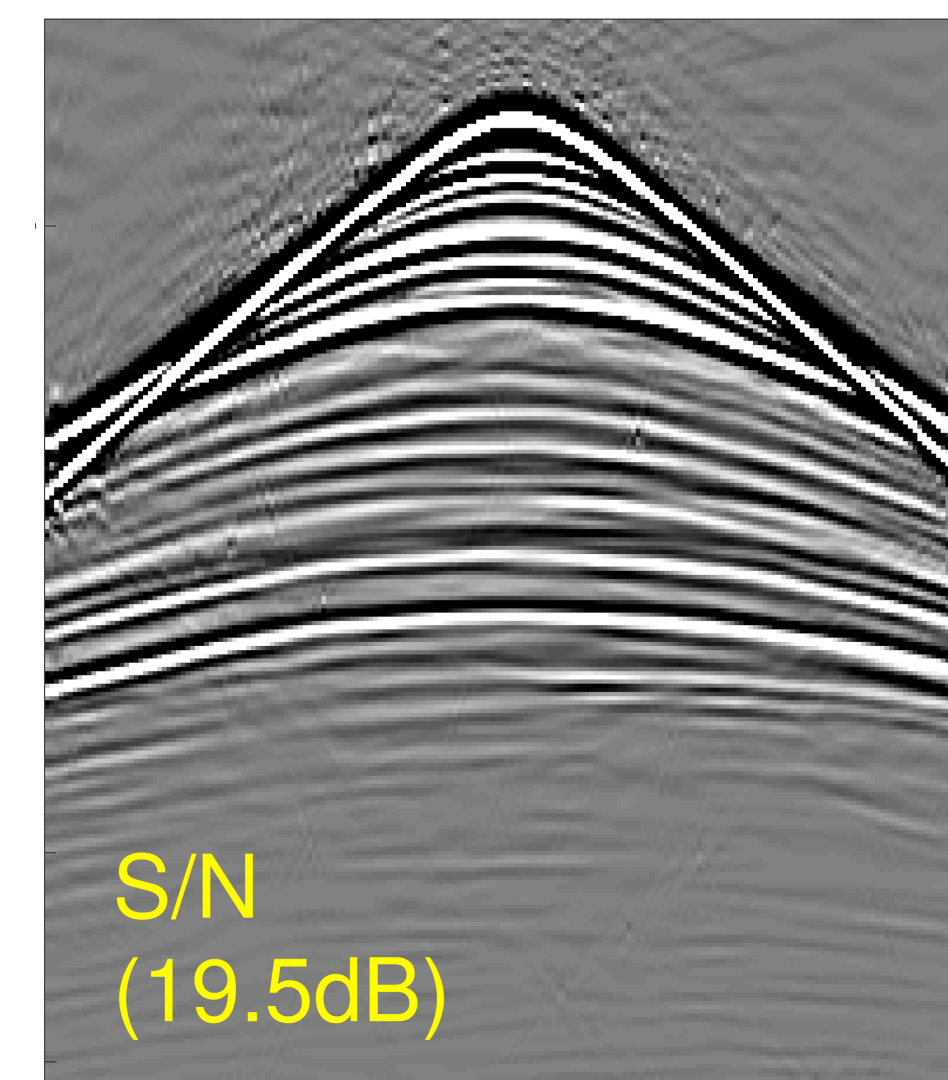
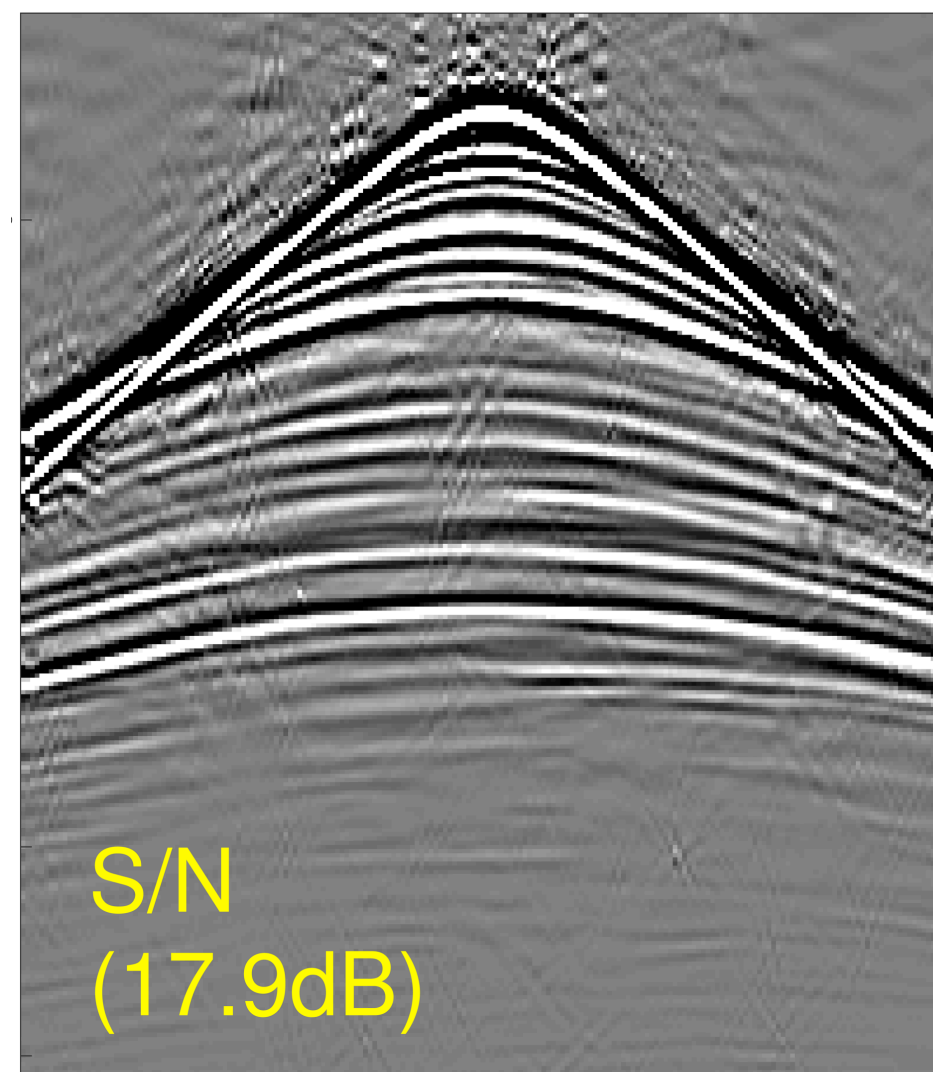
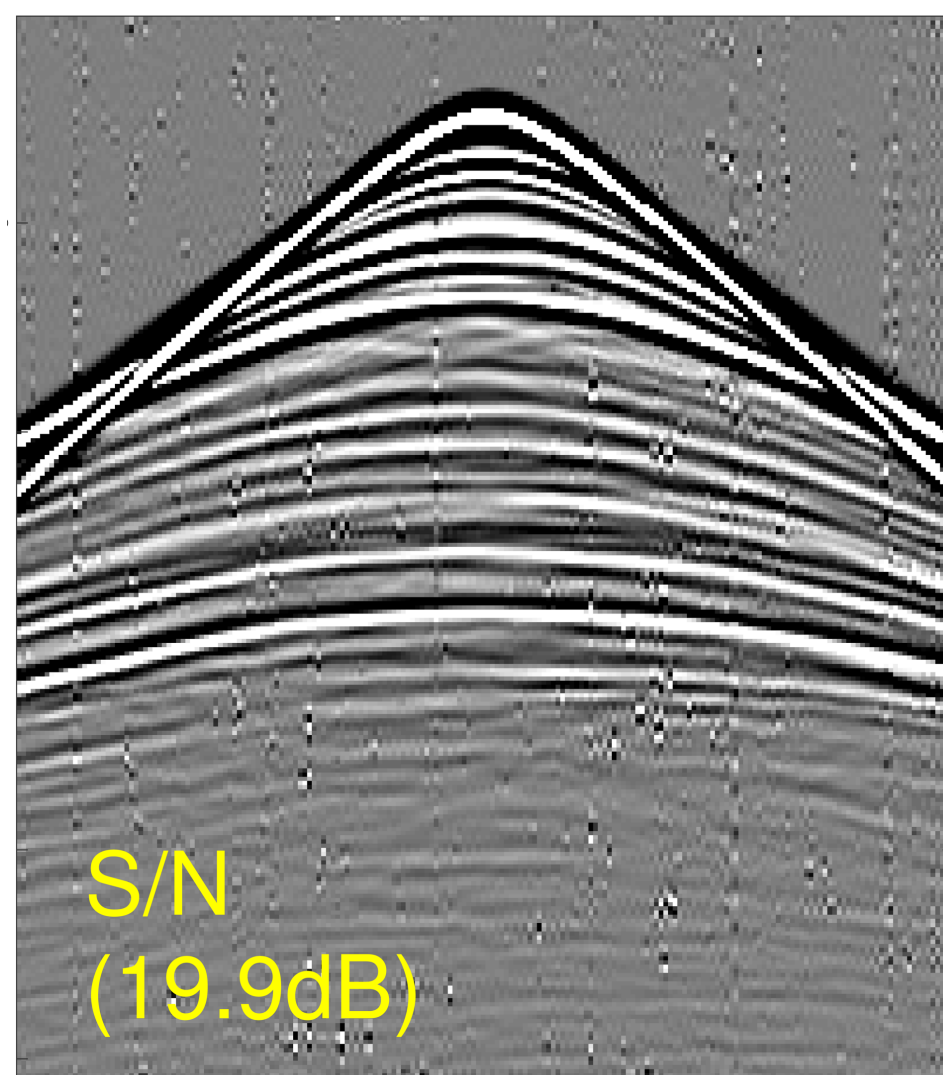


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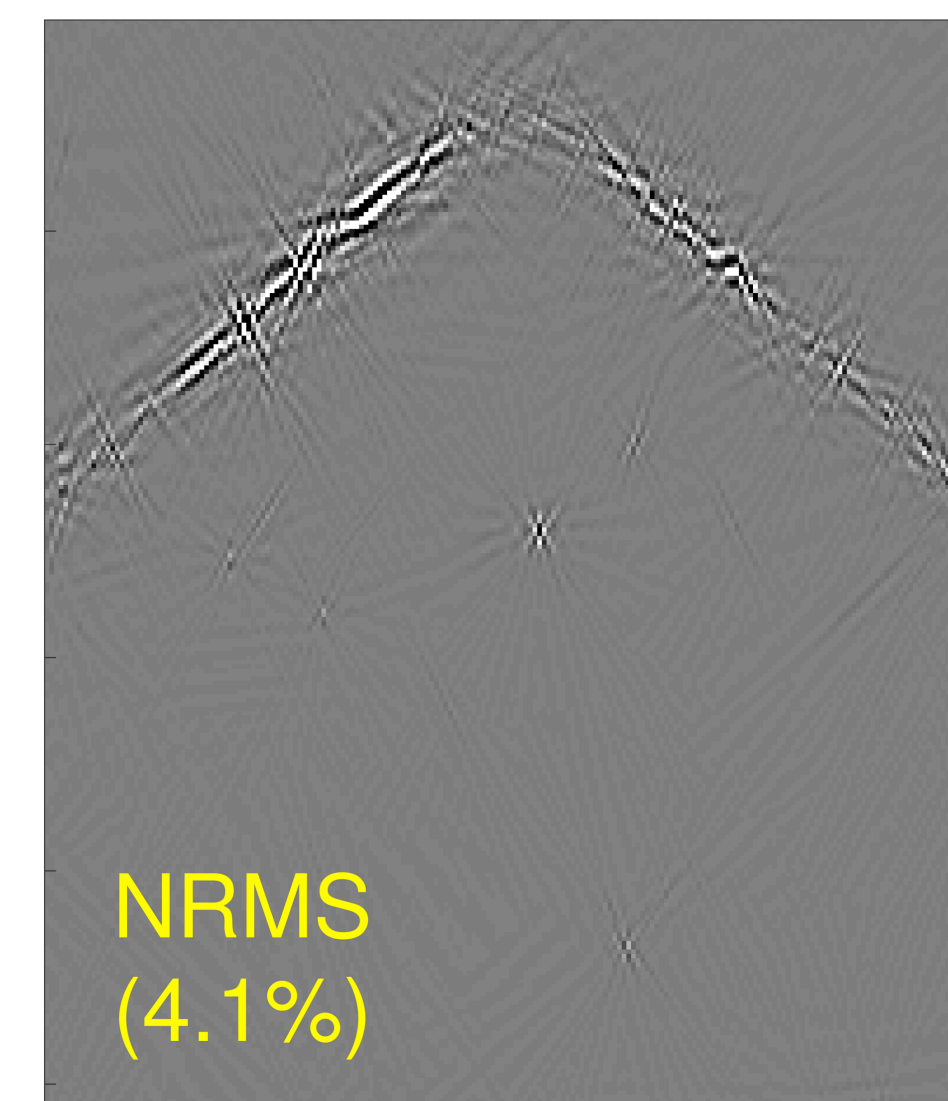
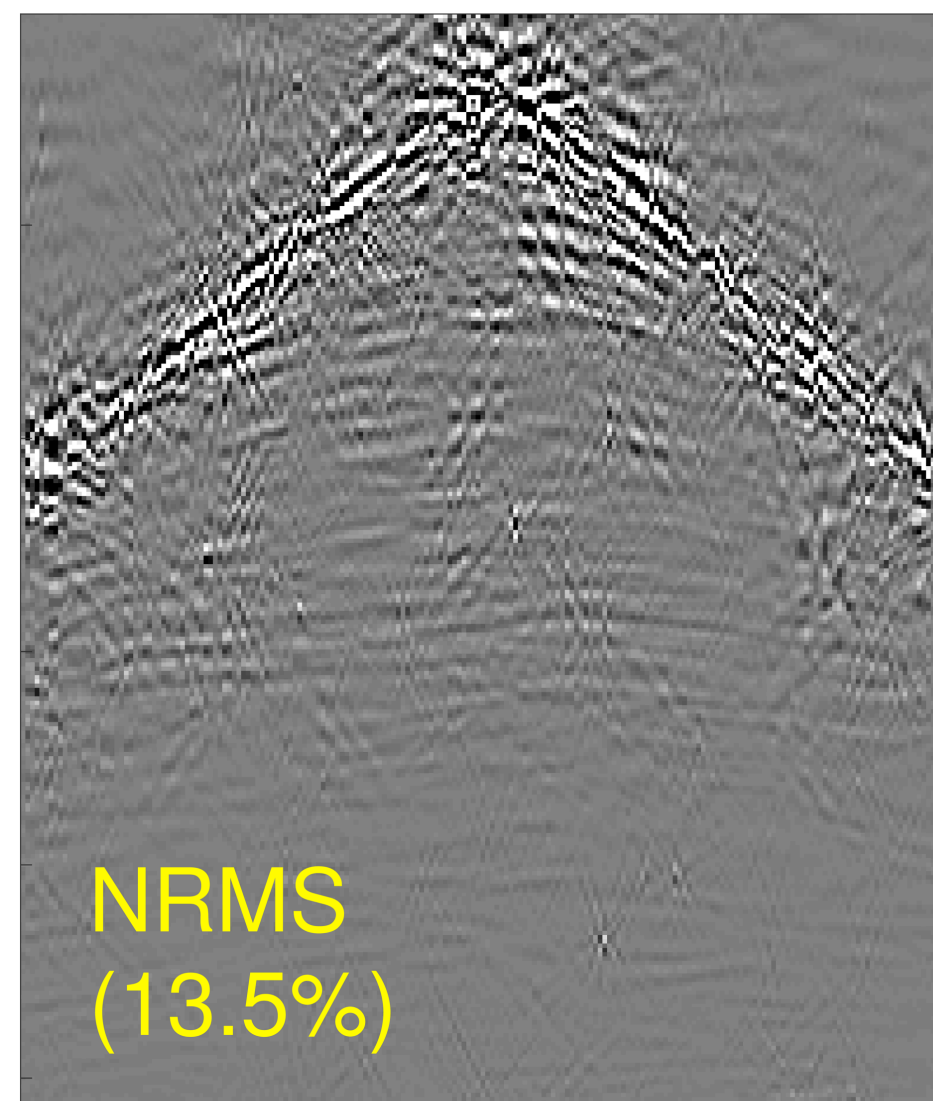
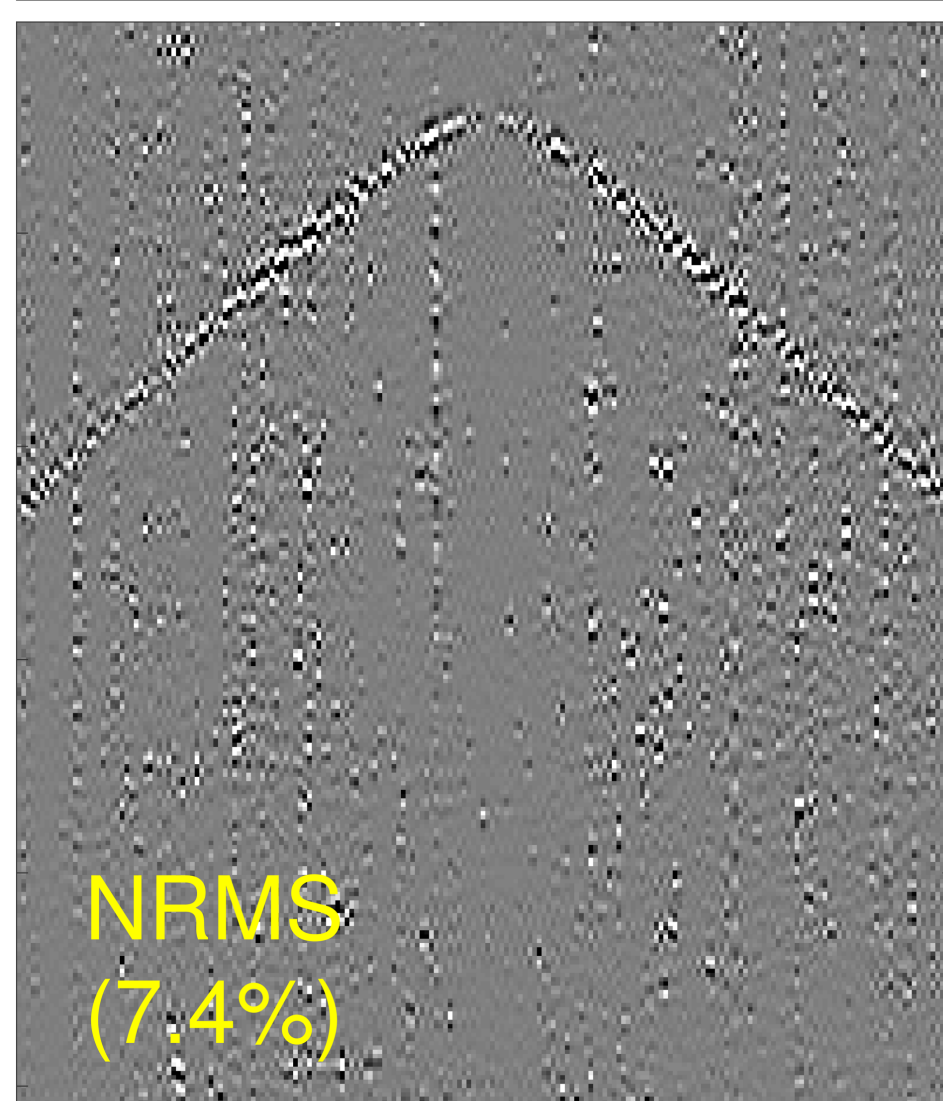
# Recovery

- w/ up to 20% error ( $\sim 2.5\text{m}$ ) in shot position

Recovery of  
2nd survey



Difference  
between  
pairs (1st & 2nd  
survey)



Conventional dense survey  
(after regularization)

Low-cost w/ Independent  
recovery (IRS)

Low-cost w/ Joint recovery  
model (JRM)



## Summary

- ▶ High-cost densely sampled surveys give best quality & repeatability in the absence of calibration errors
- ▶ Quality of dense surveys decay rapidly in presence of small errors
- ▶ Independently recovering the CS-based surveys leads to the worst recovery quality & repeatability
- ▶ Low-cost randomized surveys show modest decay in quality & repeatability when recovered with the joint recovery model

**Recovery with the JRM is stable with respect to calibration errors.**

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