Simultaneous-source seismic data acquisition and processing with compressive sensing

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Introduction

Seismic data acquisition

- marine surveys
- static vs. dynamic geometries
- time-lapse surveys



Marine seismic surveys

S: seismic source (air-gun arrays)

• : receivers (hydrophones and/or geophones)

1: towed-streamer geometry (moving receivers => dynamic geometry)

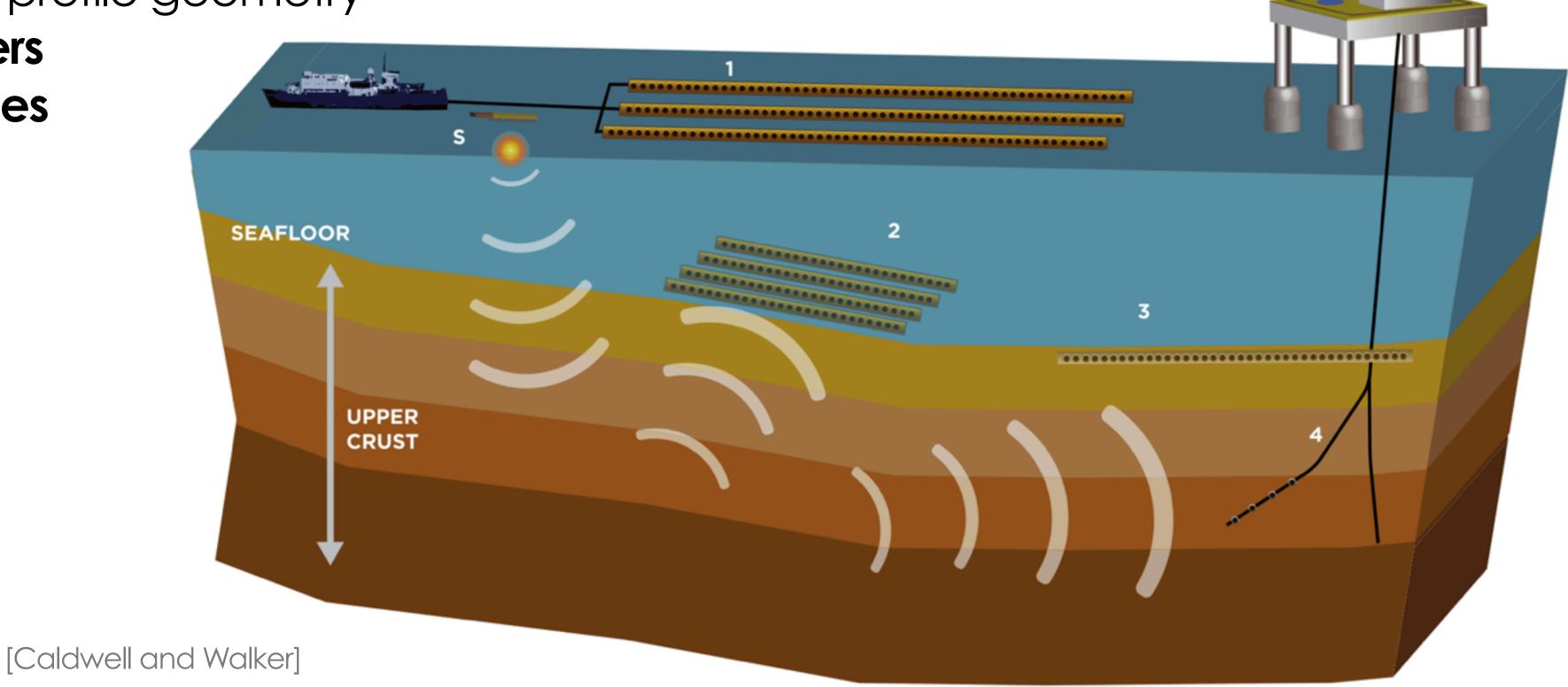
2: ocean-bottom geometry

3: buried seafloor array

4: vertical seismic profile geometry

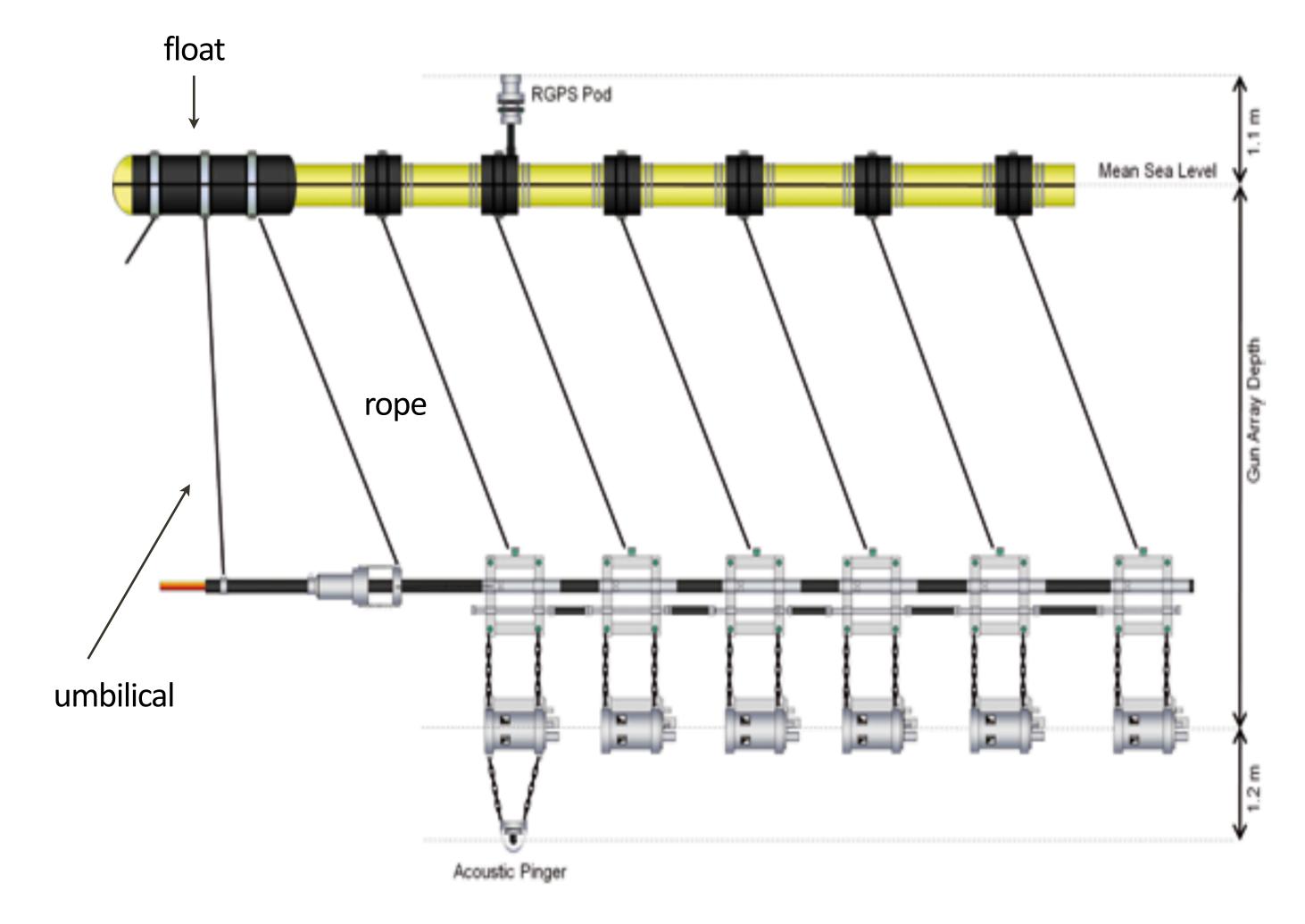
2 - 4: fixed receivers

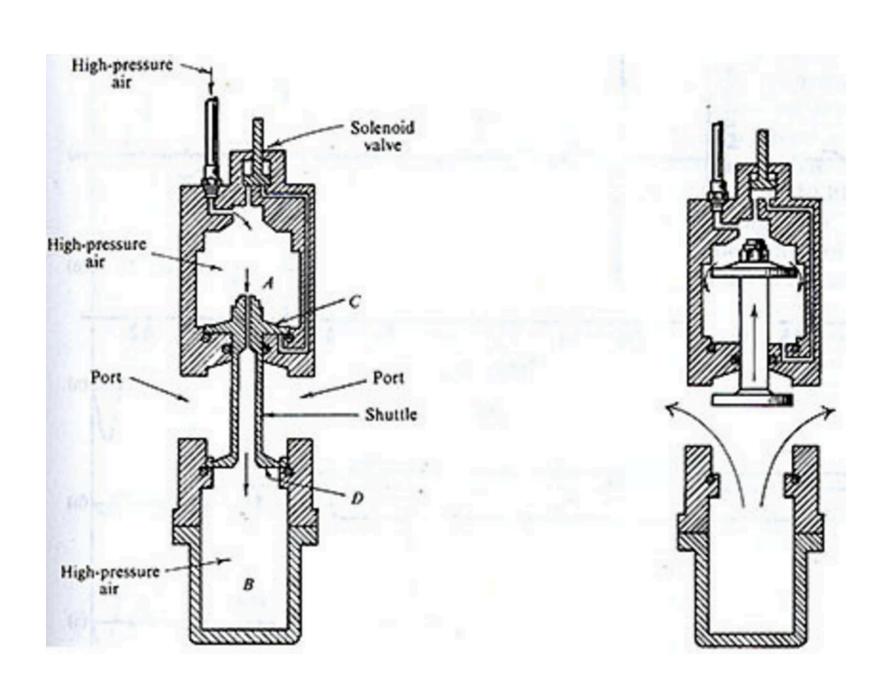
=> static geometries





Marine seismic source

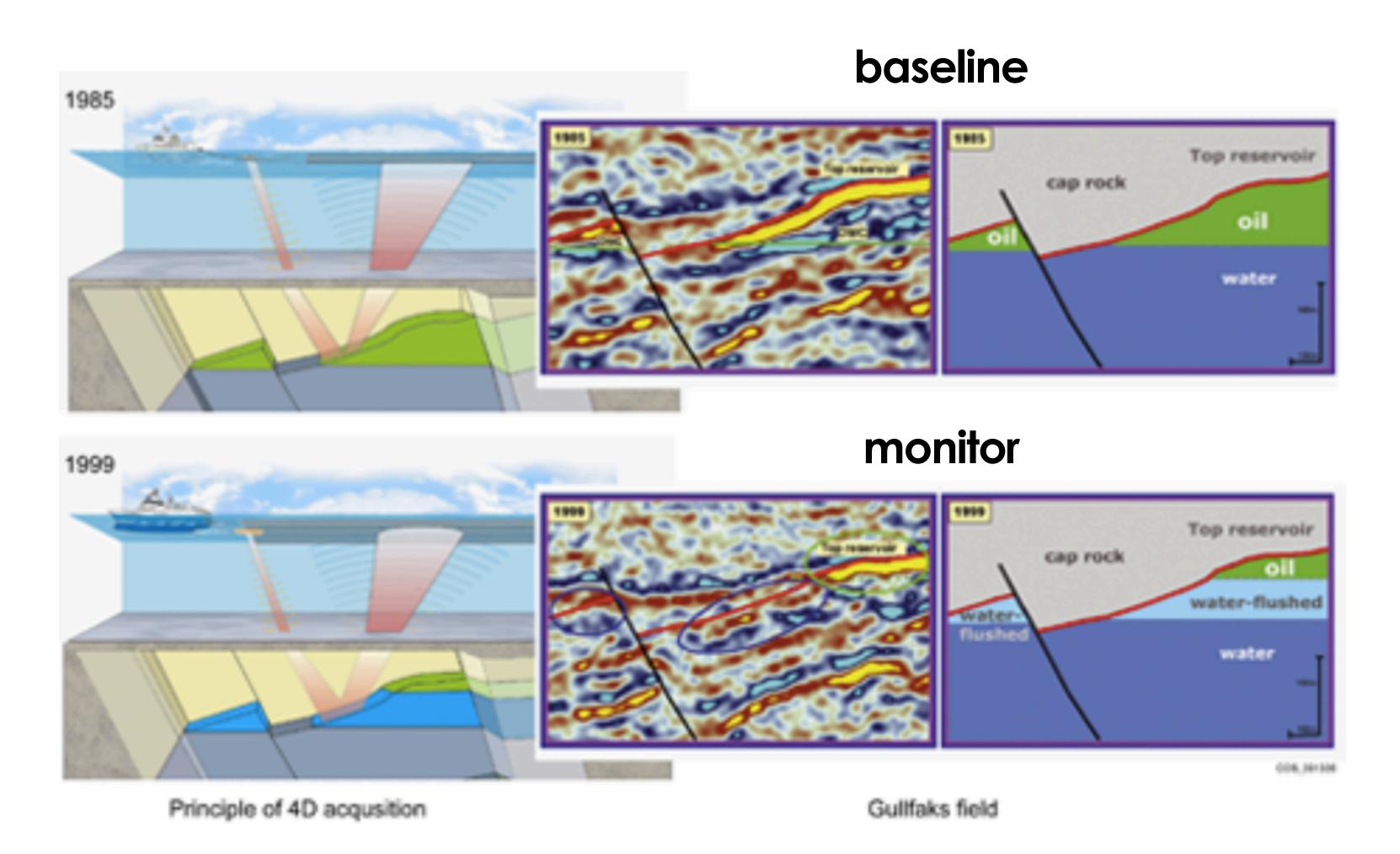




schematic of air gun primed (left) and firing (right)

side view of an air-gun array

Time-lapse (or 4D) surveys

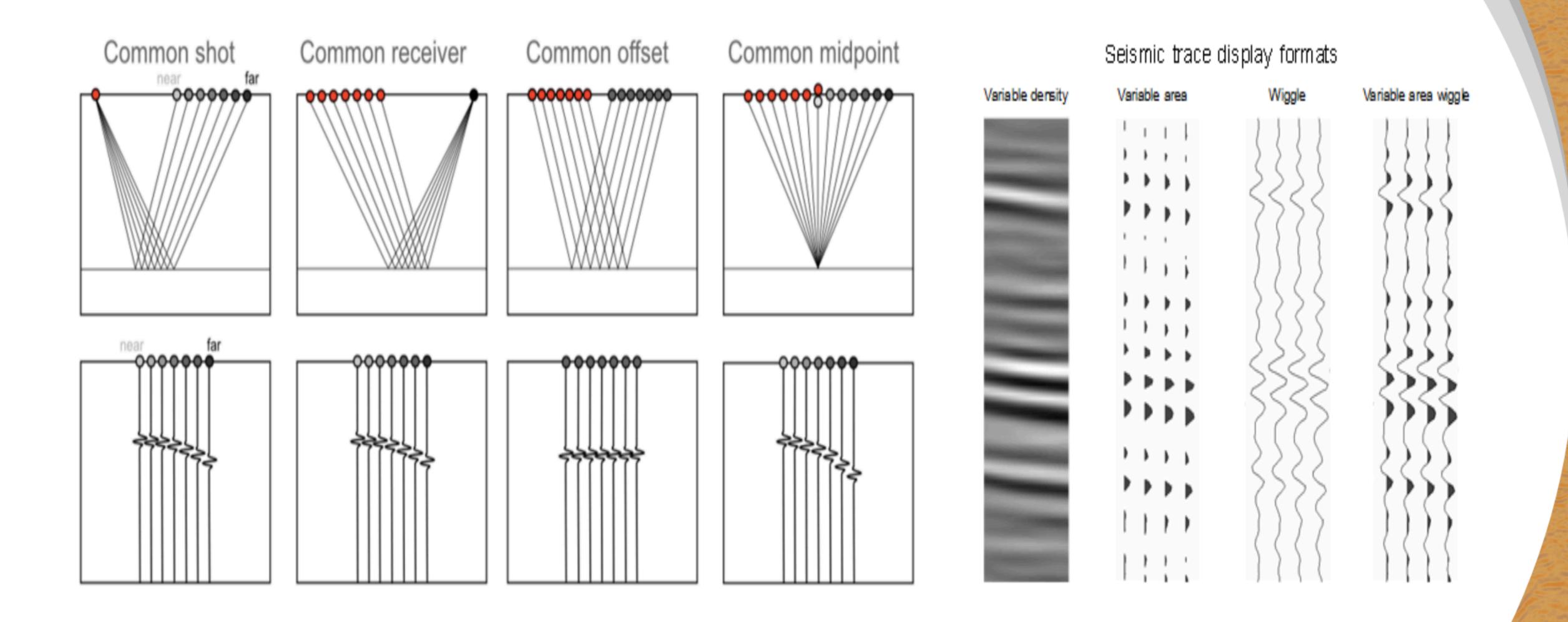


Seismic reservoir monitoring

- compare seismic surveys rerun some time apart (order of months or years) over the same area
- monitor changes in the reservoir over time due to production

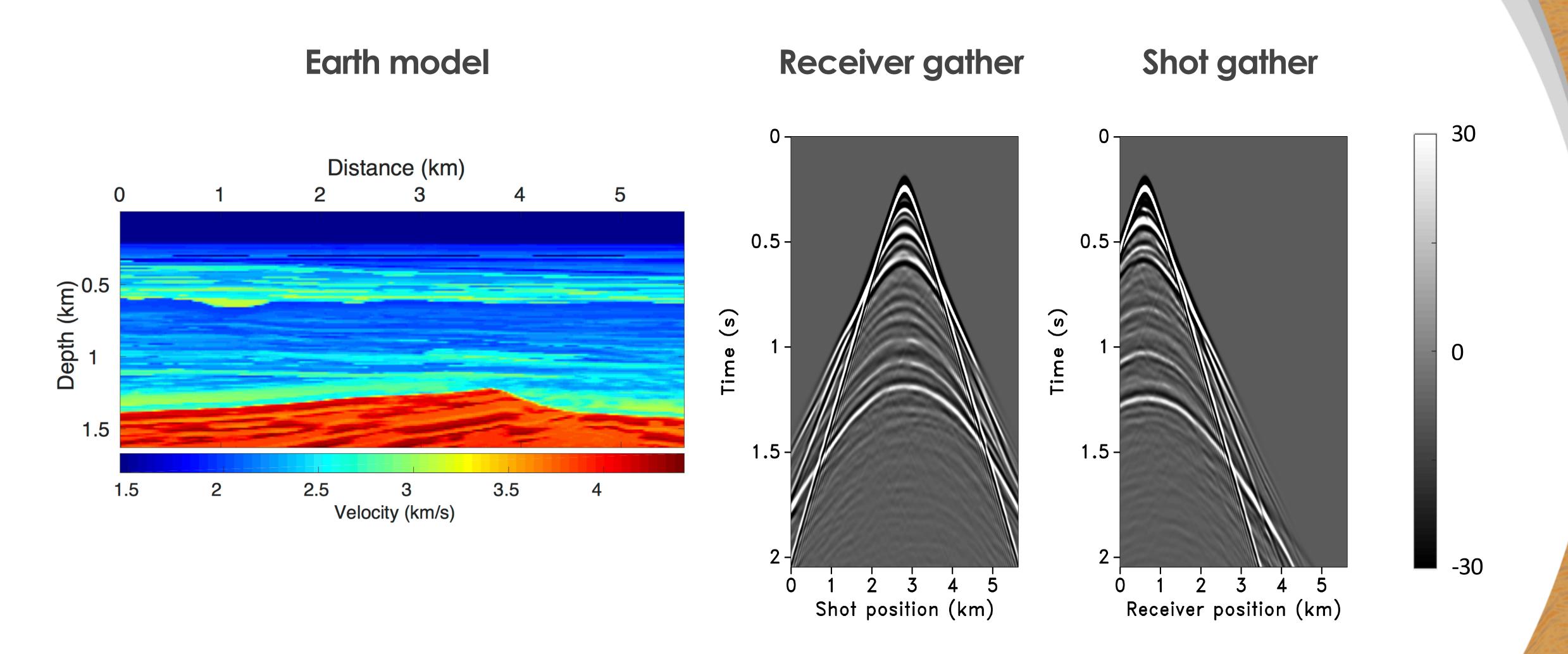


Types of gathers & trace display formats



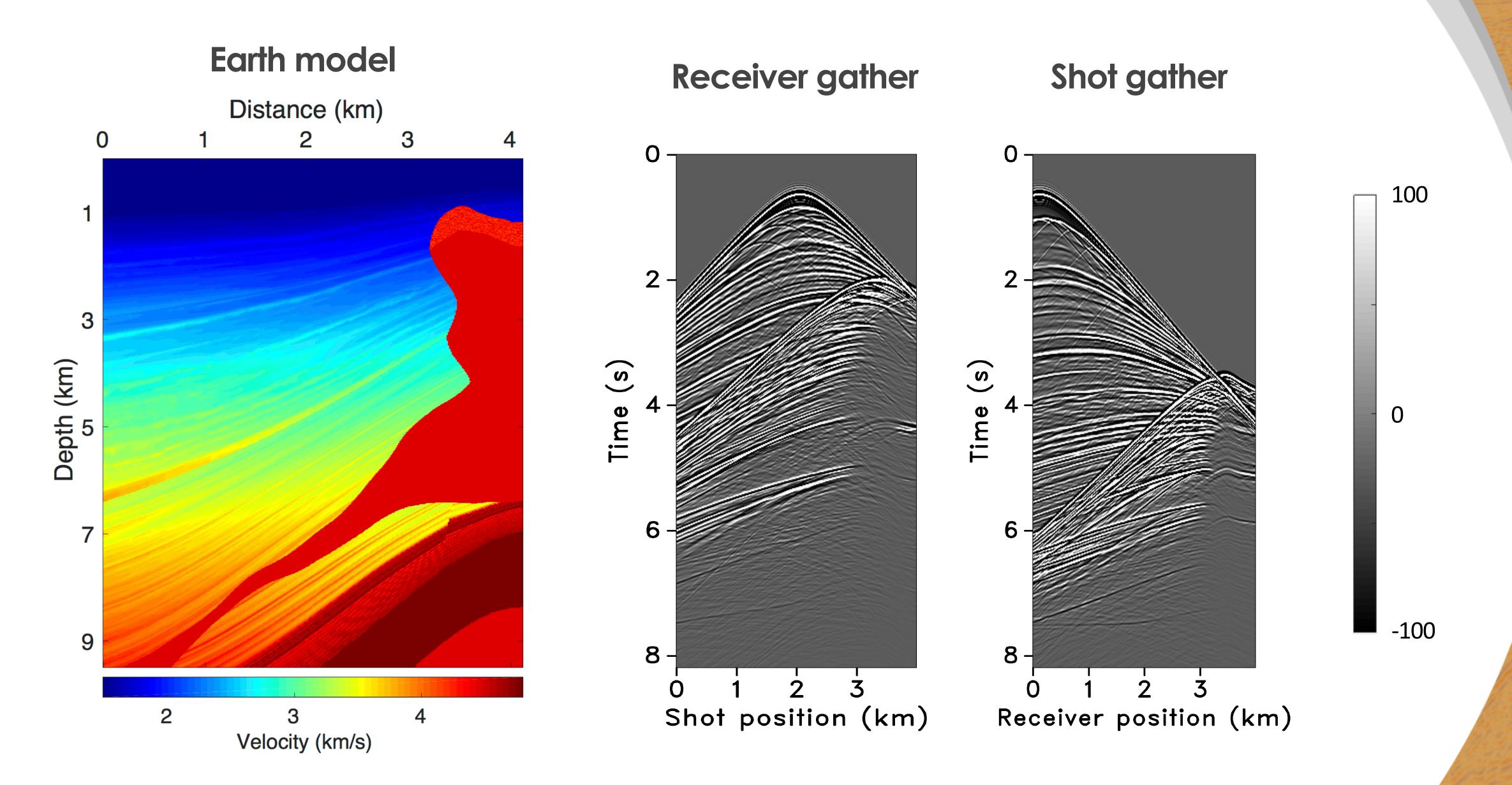


Types of gathers





Types of gathers





Challenges

Expensive dense and **full-azimuthal** sampling to produce high-resolution images of the subsurface

- deploy multiple source vessels for full azimuthal coverage
- simultaneous-source (or blended) acquisition; **problem:** source separation
- leads to uneven sampling: coarse source and dense receiver sampling or vice-versa

Time-lapse seismic acquisition

- repeat expensive dense acquisitions & "independent" processing
- hampered by practical challenges to ensure repetition



Our solutions

Adapt ideas from Compressive Sensing (CS)

- design economic (or low-cost), randomly subsampled acquisitions
- surveys acquired with small environmental imprint
- recover dense, periodically sampled data via structure promotion

Adapt ideas from Distributed Compressive Sensing (DCS)

- economic, randomly subsampled time-lapse acquisition
- offers possibility to relax insistence on survey replicability
- recover dense, periodically sampled time-lapse vintages and difference by exploiting common information among the vintages

The impact

Special Section: Impact of compressive sensing on seismic data acquisition and processing

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- **646** **Sparsity in compressive sensing,** J. Ma and S. Yu
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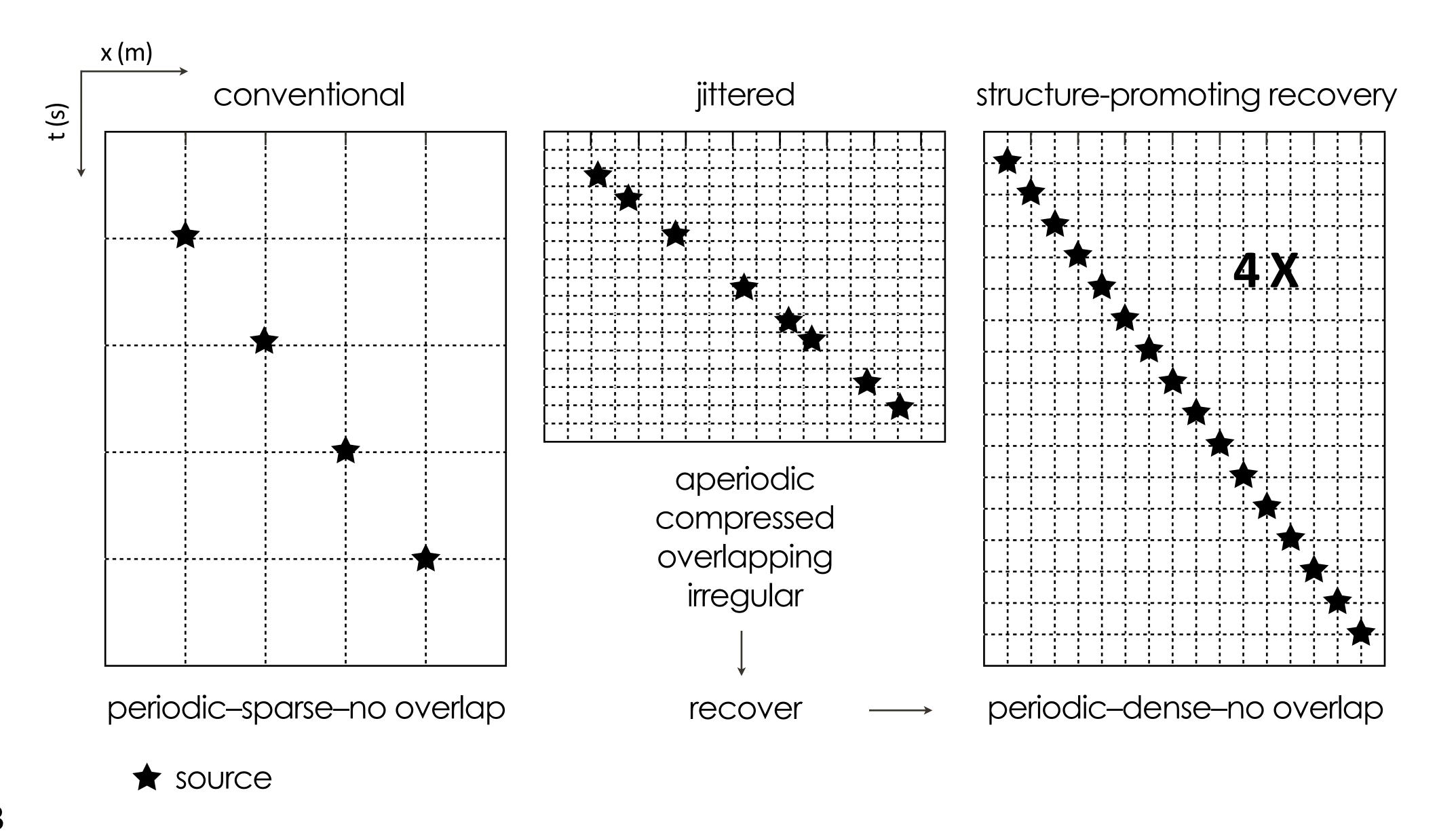
Chapters 2 & 3

Compressive sensing in seismic exploration

- simultaneous-source marine acquisition
- static acquisition geometry



Conventional vs. compressive acquisition





Compressive sensing

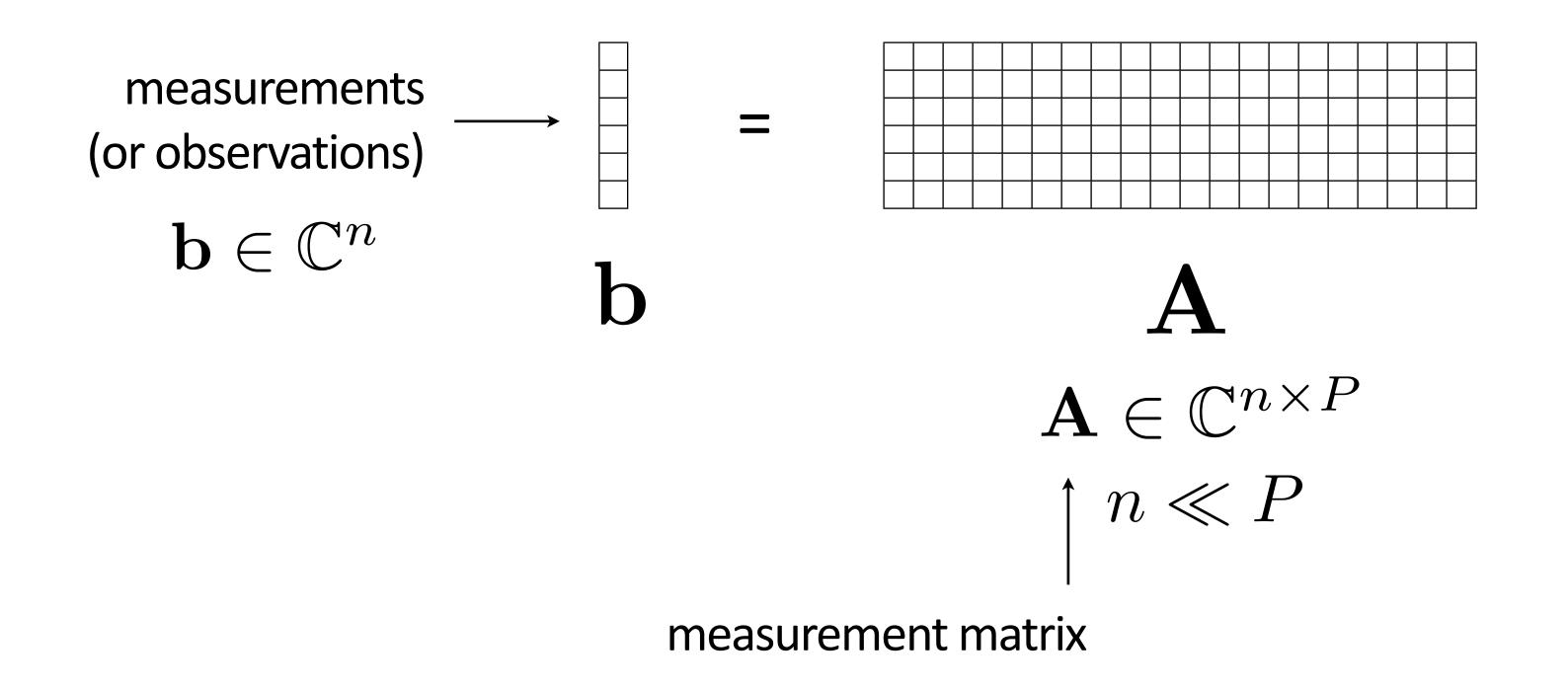
Powerful sensing paradigm

- ▶ find representations that reveal structure
 - transform-domain sparsity (e.g., Fourier, curvelets, etc.)
- sample to break structure
 - randomized acquisition (e.g., time-jittered, over/under, SLO, etc.)
 - destroys sparsity
- recover by structure promotion
 - sparsity via one-norm minimization



Compressive sensing

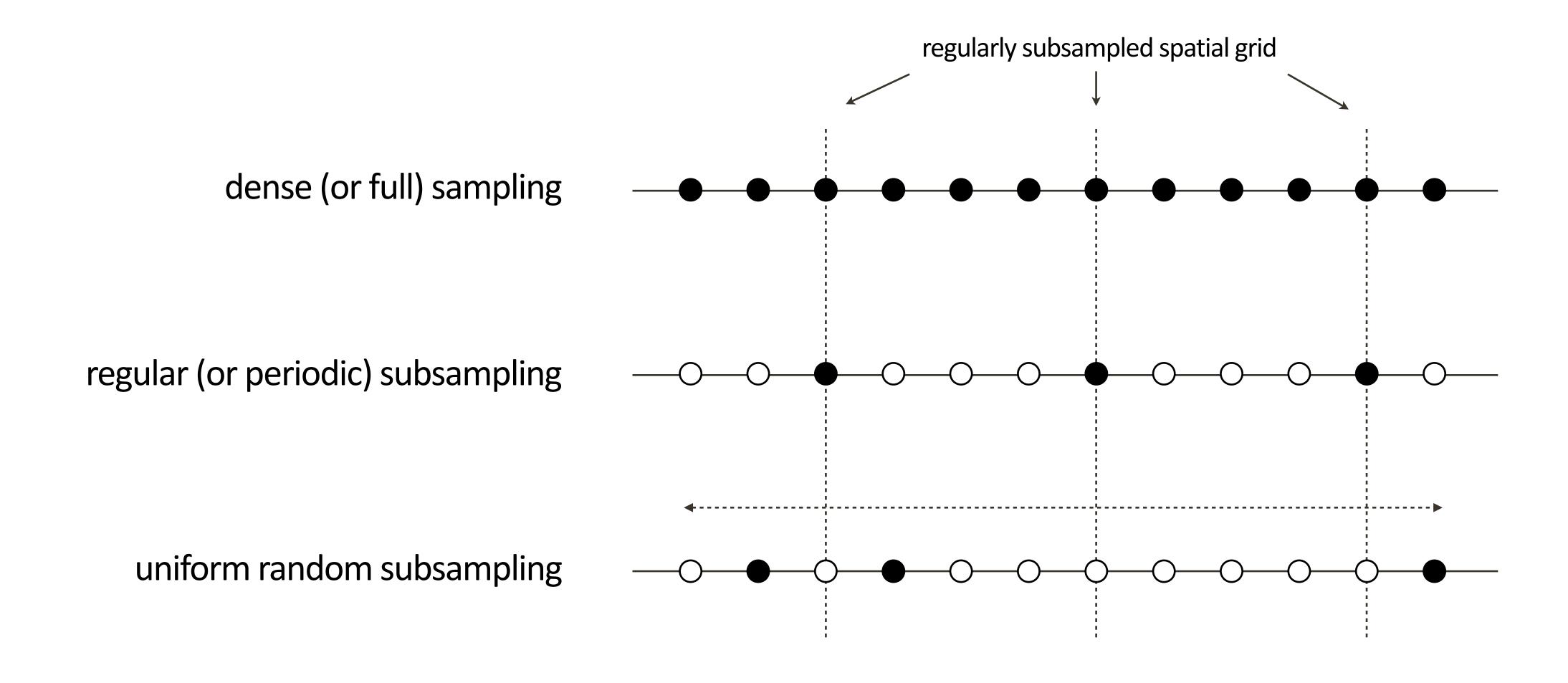
Solve an underdetermined system of linear equations:



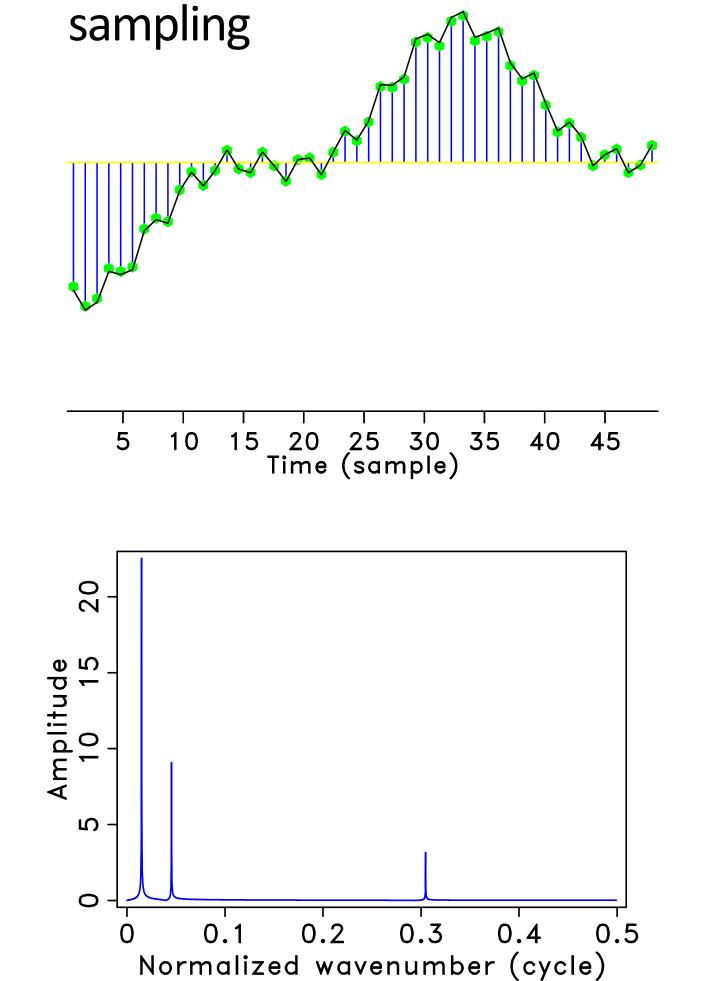
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 $\mathbf{x_0} \in \mathbb{C}^F$



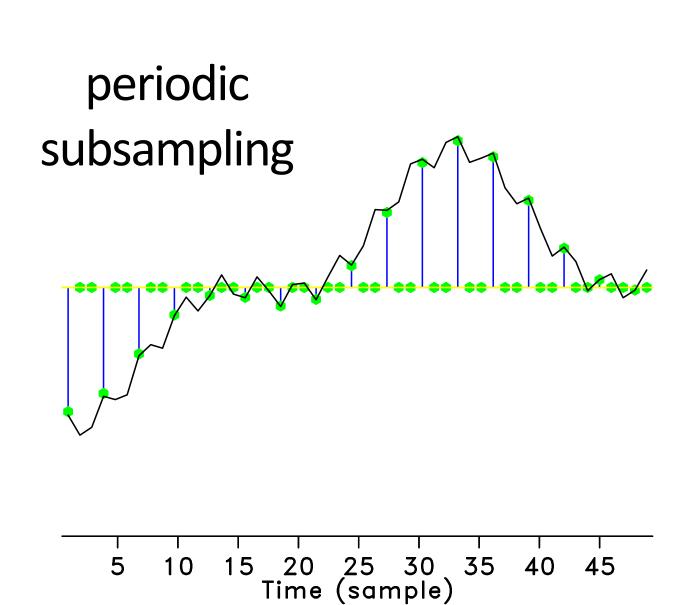
Sampling schemes

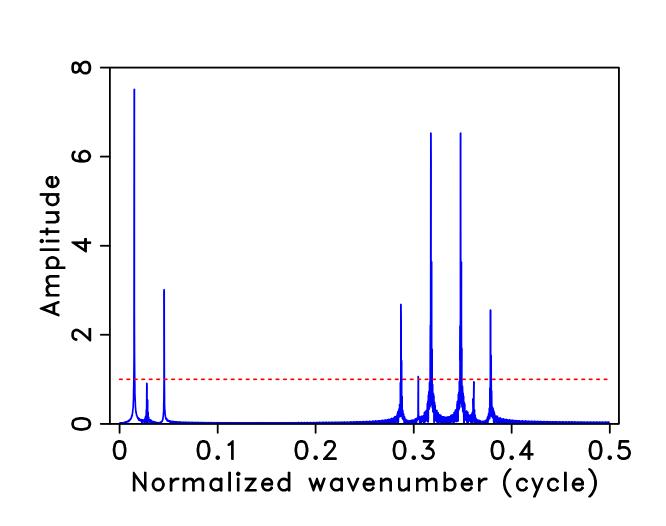


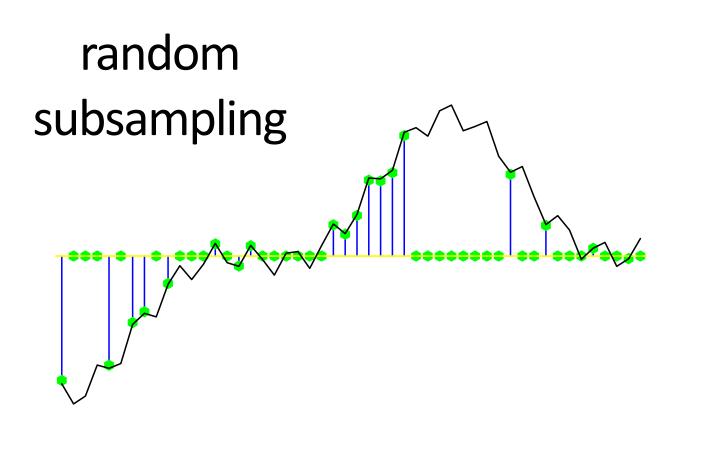
Random vs. periodic subsampling

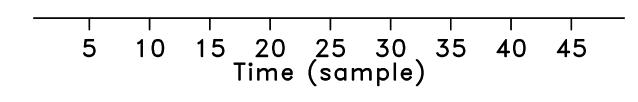


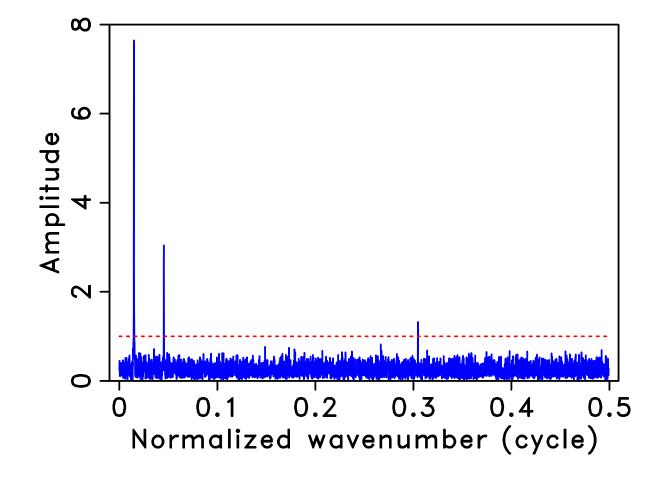
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Adapt CS ideas to seismic acquisition

- design simultaneous-source marine acquisition
- source separation via structure ("sparsity") promotion

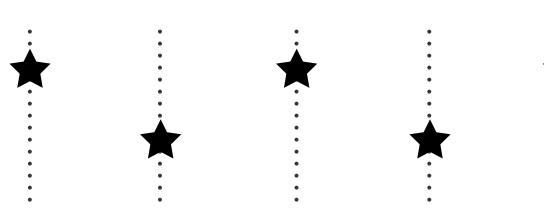


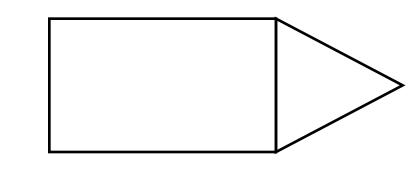
Simultaneous-source marine acquisition

random vs. periodic

shot-time randomness

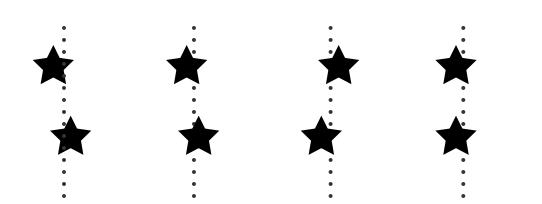
periodically sampled spatial grid (static/dynamic acquisition geometry: conventional acquisition)

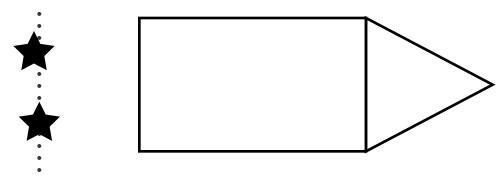




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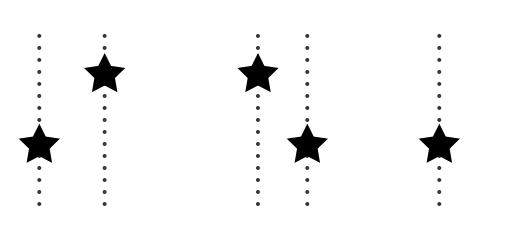
almost periodically sampled spatial grid (dynamic acquisition geometry: towed arrays)

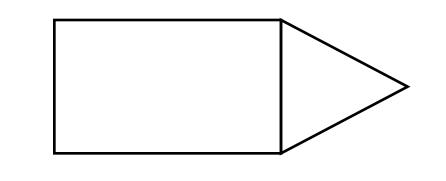




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randomly jittered sampled spatial grid (static acquisition geometry: OBC/OBN; "time-jittered" acquisition)



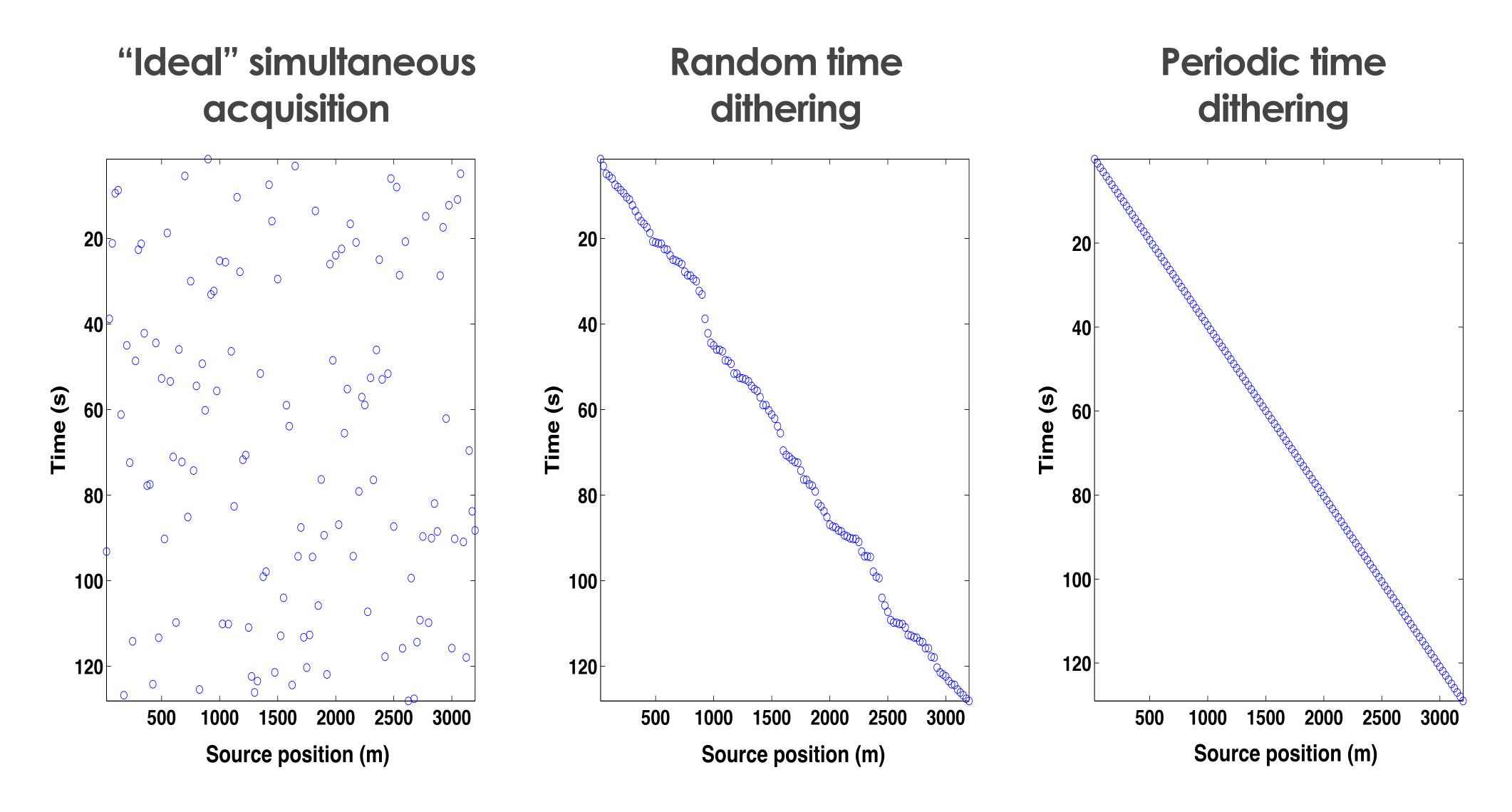


LARGE



Simultaneous-source marine acquisition

random vs. periodic

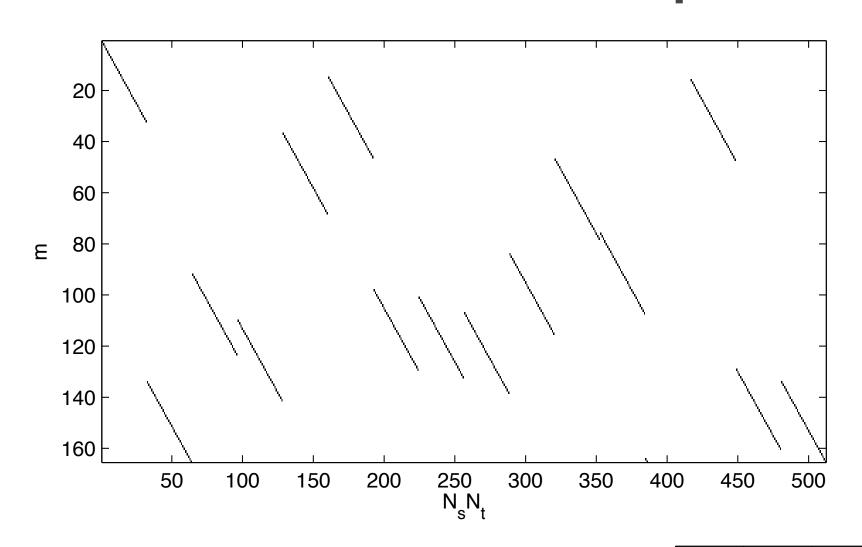




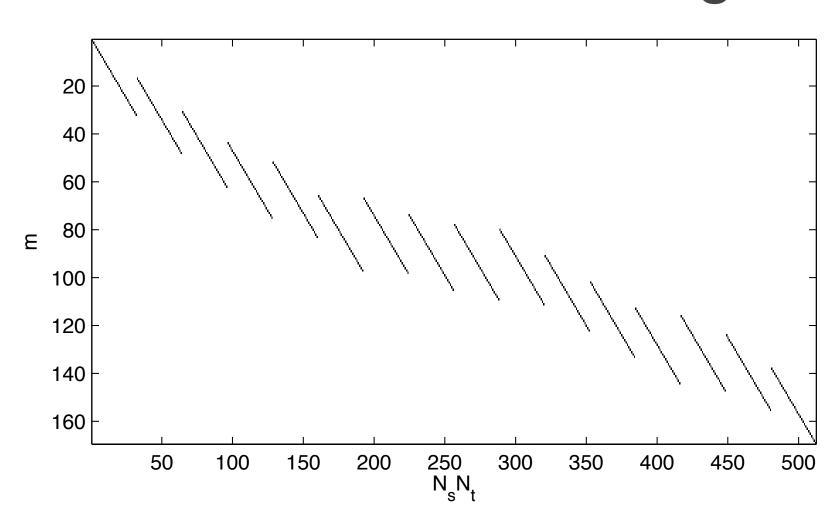
Simultaneous-source sampling operators

random vs. periodic

"Ideal" simultaneous acquisition

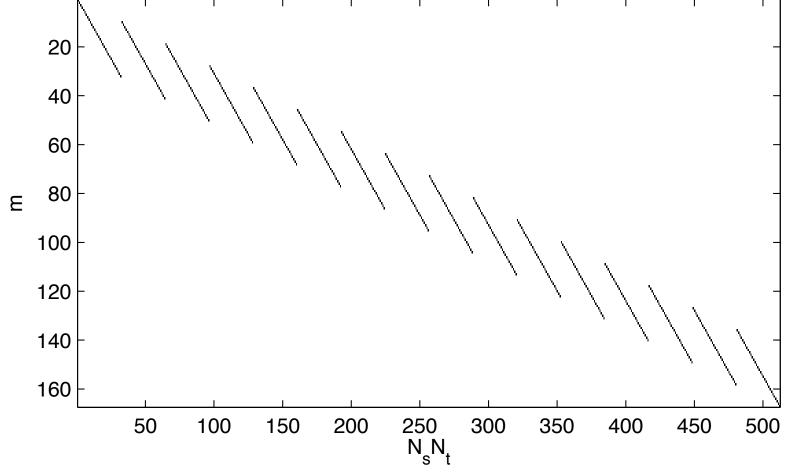


Random time dithering



Periodic time dithering

samples recorded at each receiver during simultaneous acquisition



samples recorded at each receiver during conventional acquisition

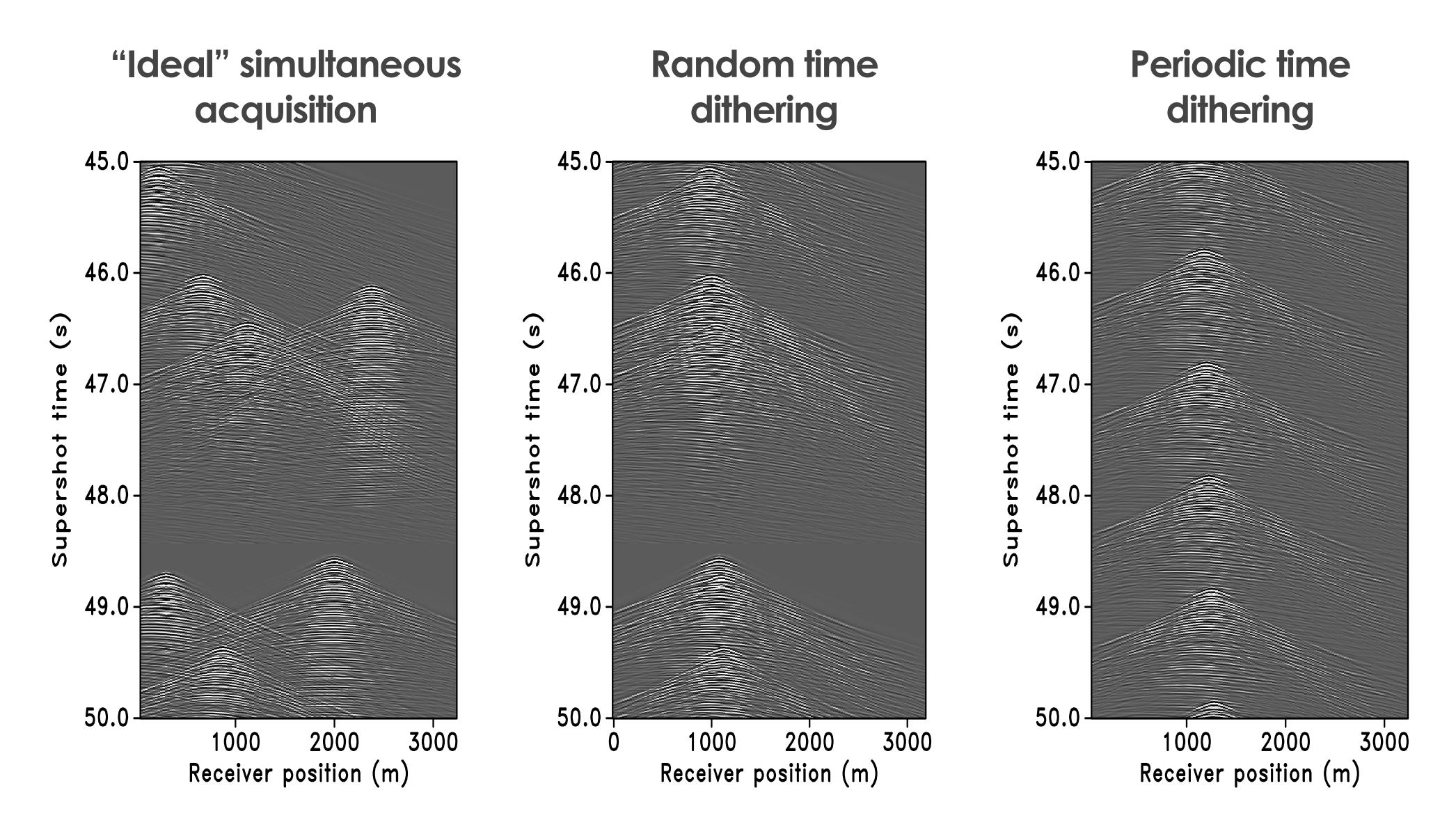
Ns: number of sources

Nt: number of time samples

Nr: number of receivers

Measurements

overlapping shots





Source separation via sparsity promotion

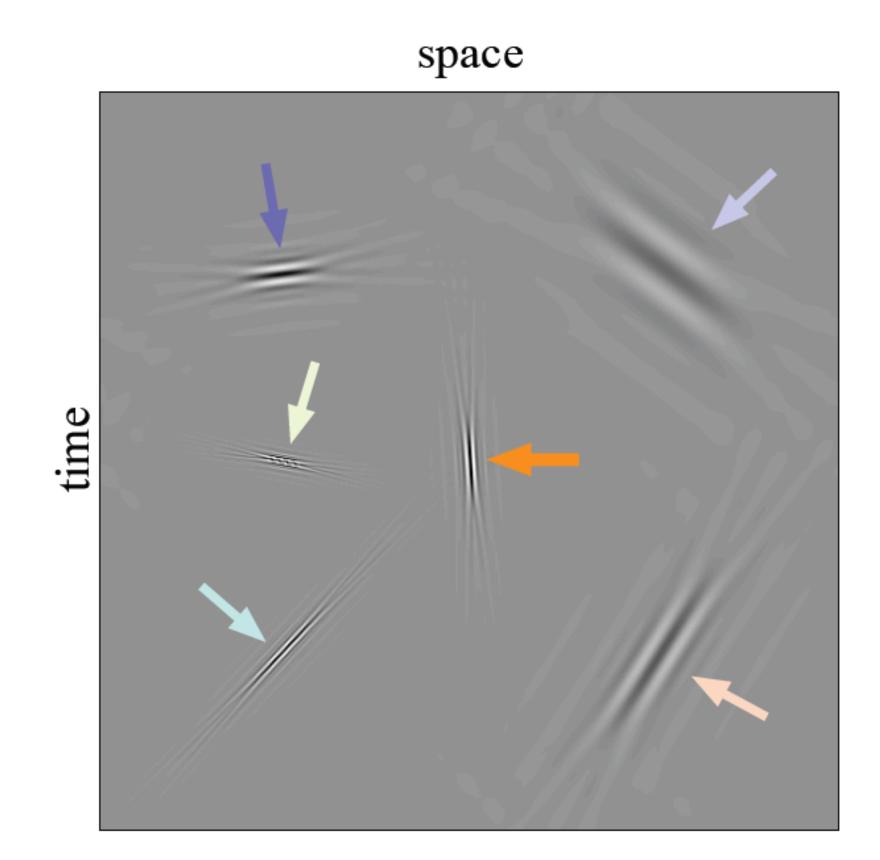
$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{x}$$

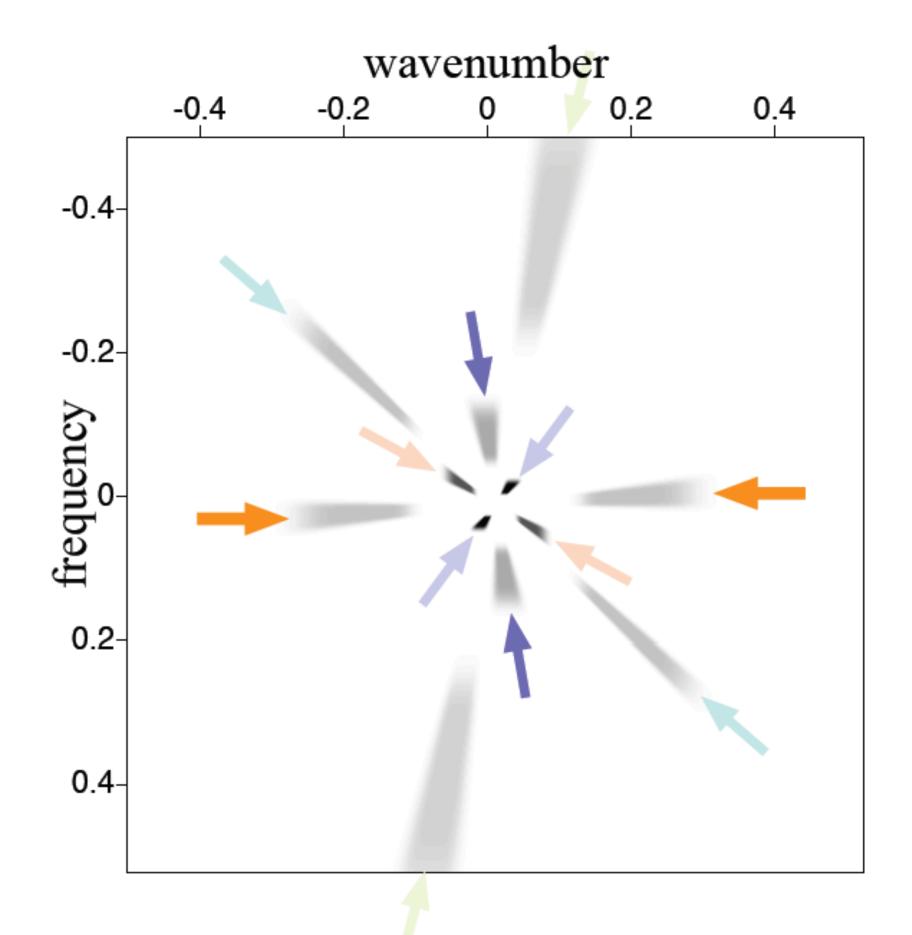
$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

- ${f x}$ a choice of curvelet coefficients for ${f d}$
- S^H a transform domain synthesis (curvelet)
- A measurement operator : $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{H}}$, \mathbf{M} : acquisition (or mixing) operator
- b simultaneous data
- $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ estimated curvelet coefficients for source separated wavefield
- $\mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{S^H \tilde{x}})$ estimated source separated wavefield



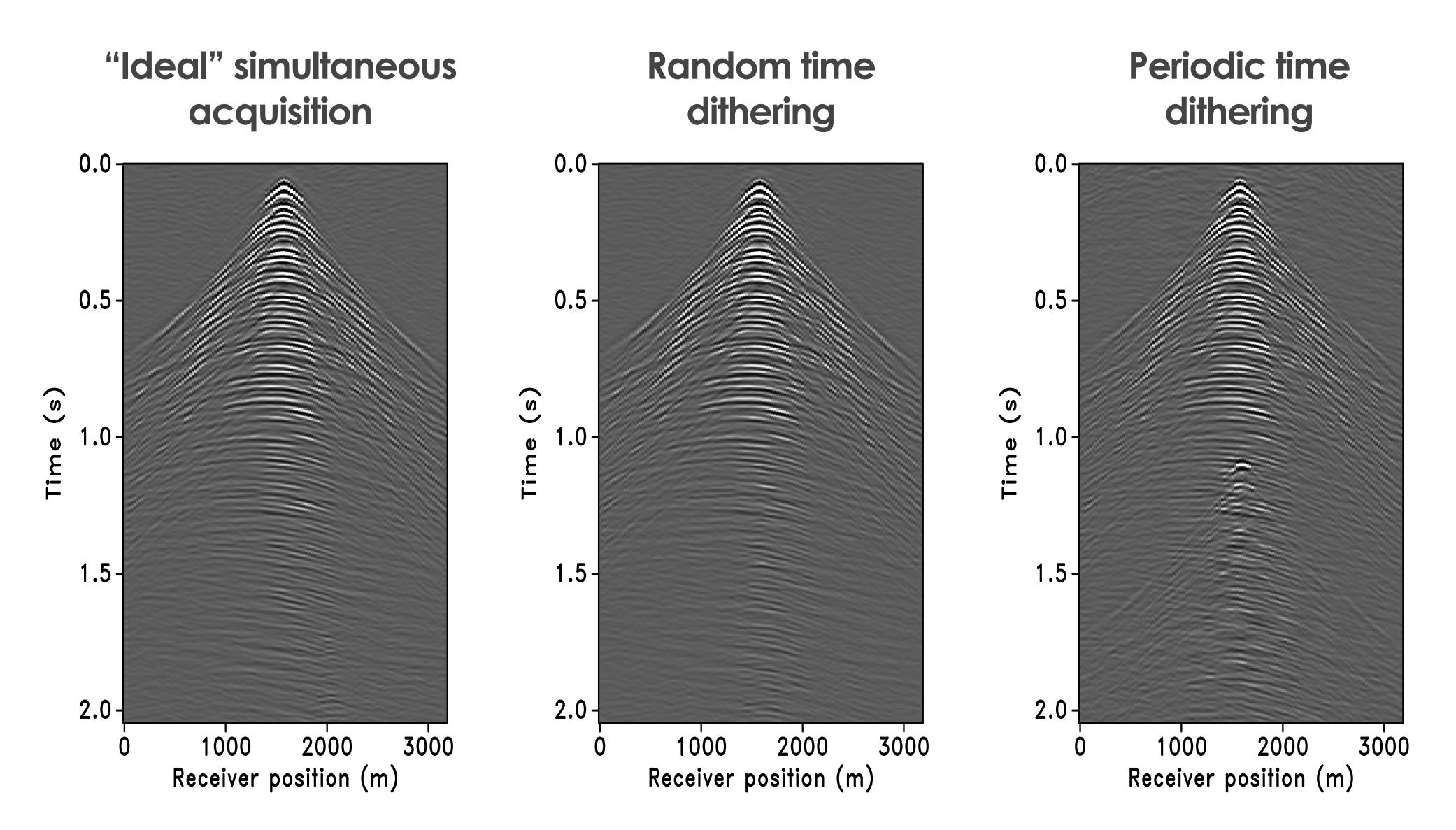
Curvelets





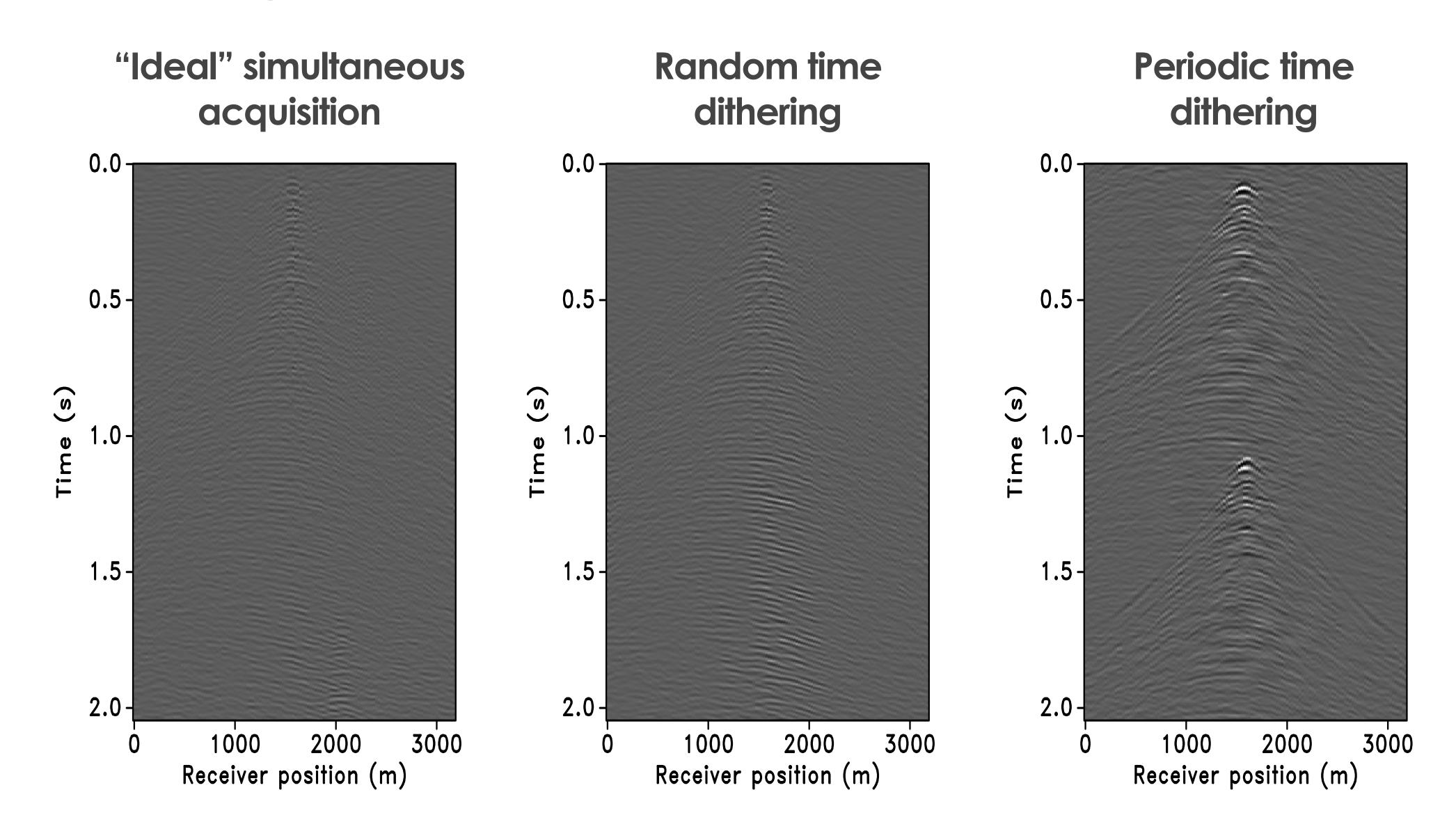
Source separation

- subsampling factor = 2



Residual

- subsampling factor = 2





Conclusions

CS ideas can be successfully adapted to seismic data acquisition

Three key components:

- find representations that reveal structure, e.g., transform-domain sparsity
- sample to break structure, e.g., randomized acquisitions
- recover by structure promotion, e.g., sparsity via one-norm minimization

Curvelets lead to compressible representation of seismic data

Simultaneous-source acquisition is an instance of compressive sensing

CS offers new design perspectives for seismic data acquisition schemes



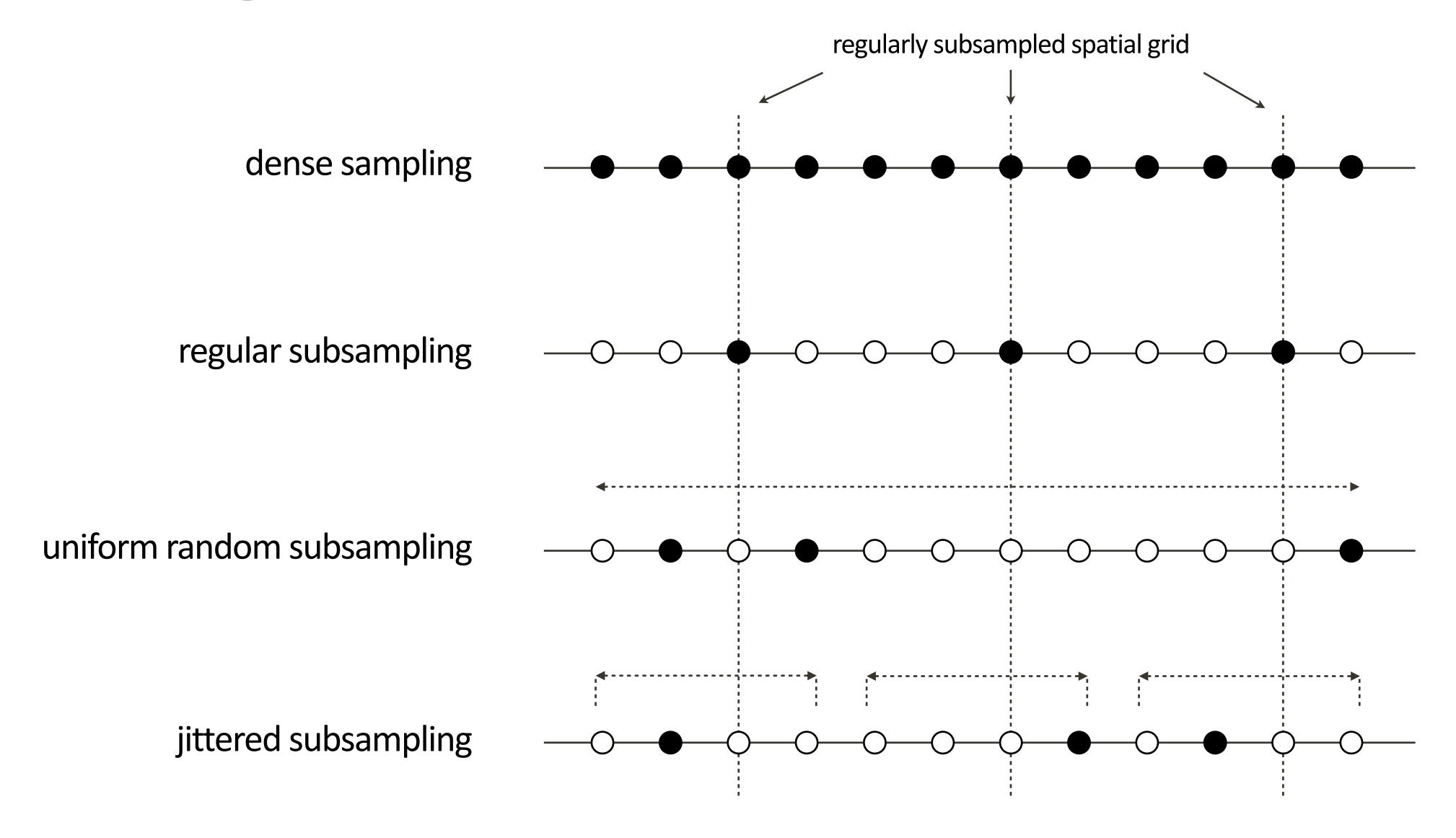
Chapter 4

Compressive marine seismic acquisition

- **pragmatic** simultaneous-source "time-jittered" marine
- static acquisition geometry



Sampling schemes

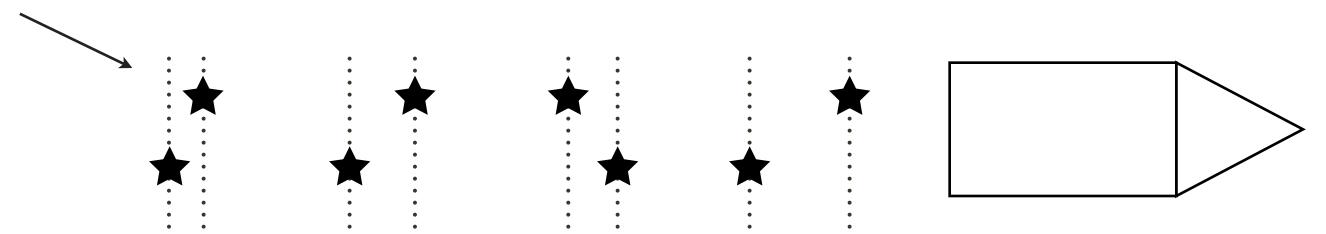




Time-jittered marine acquisition

shot-time randomness: LARGE

irregularly sampled spatial grid



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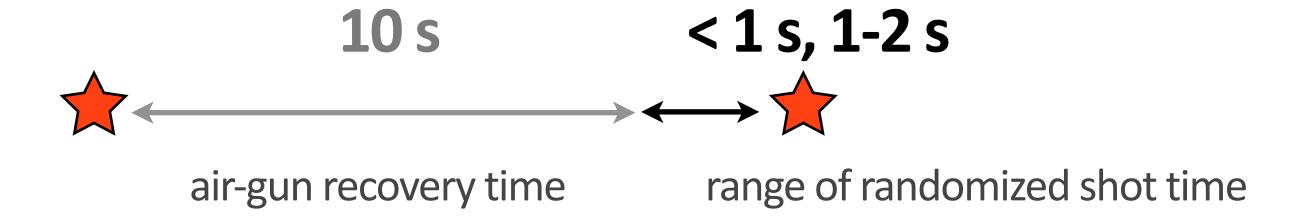
continuous recording *STOP*

ocean-bottom cable

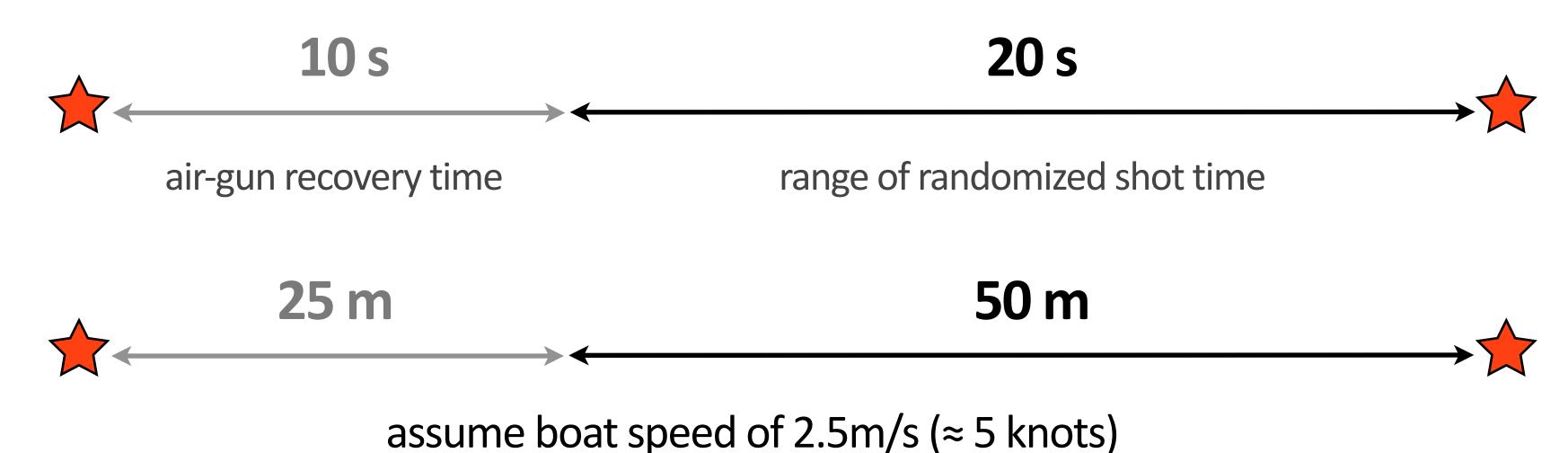


Design of time-jittered shots

Low variation



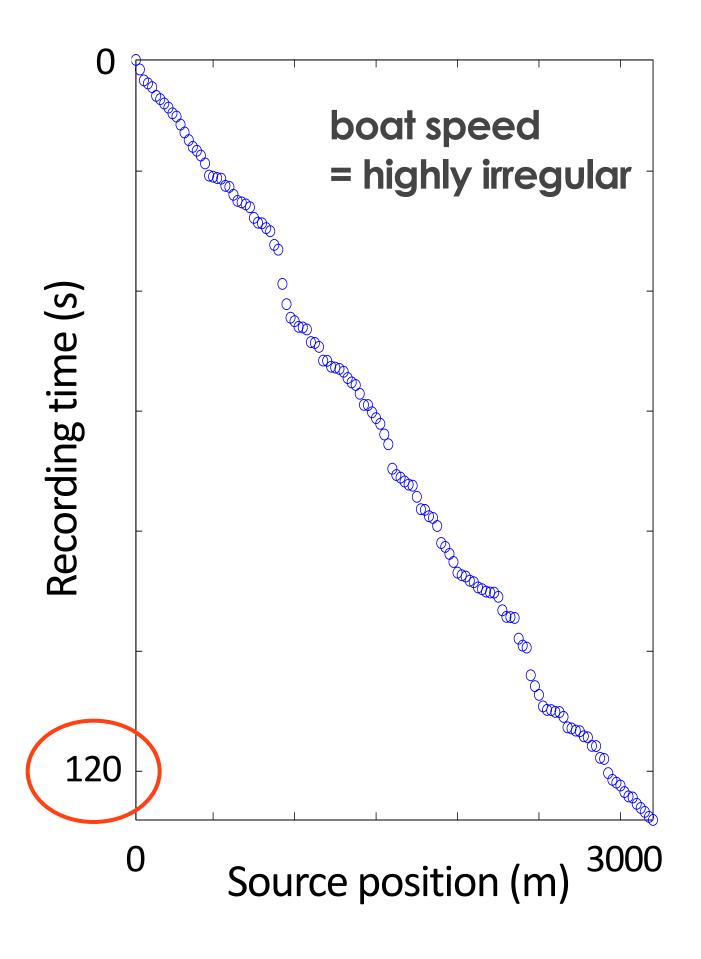
High variation



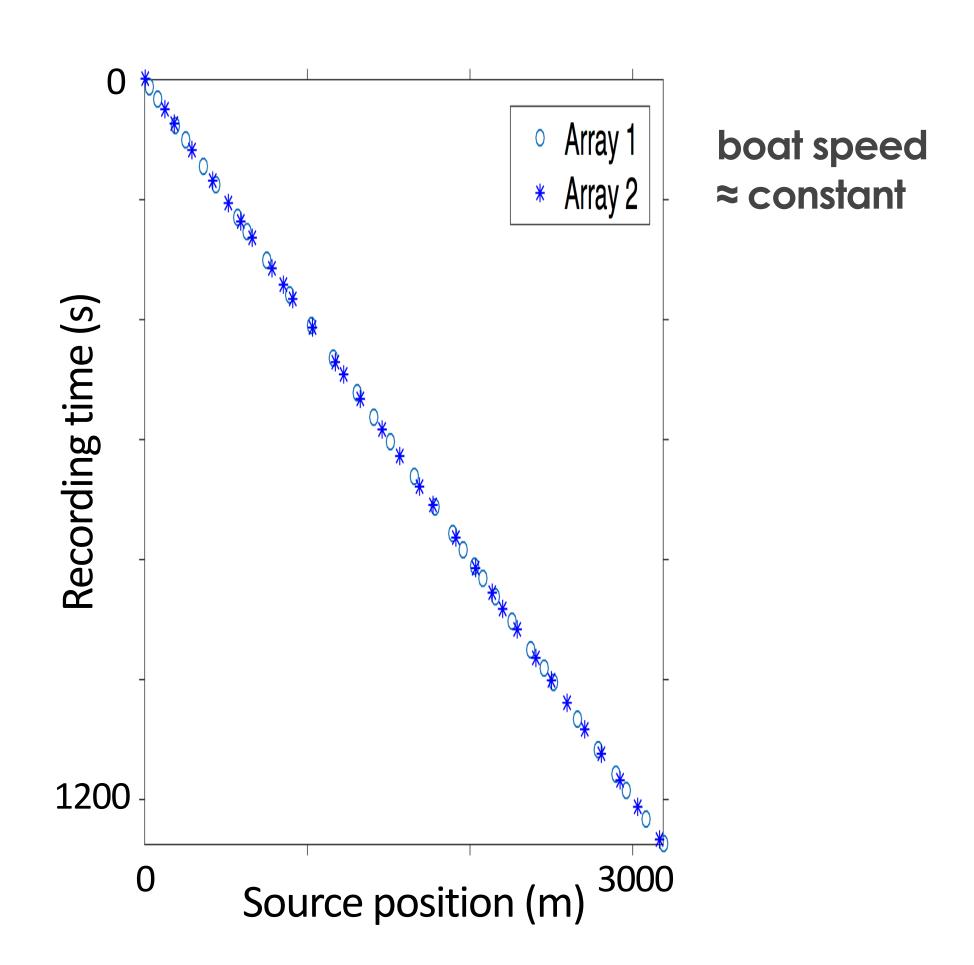


Pragmatic compressive simultaneous acquisition

Random time dithering (nonrealistic)



Time-jittered marine (realistic)

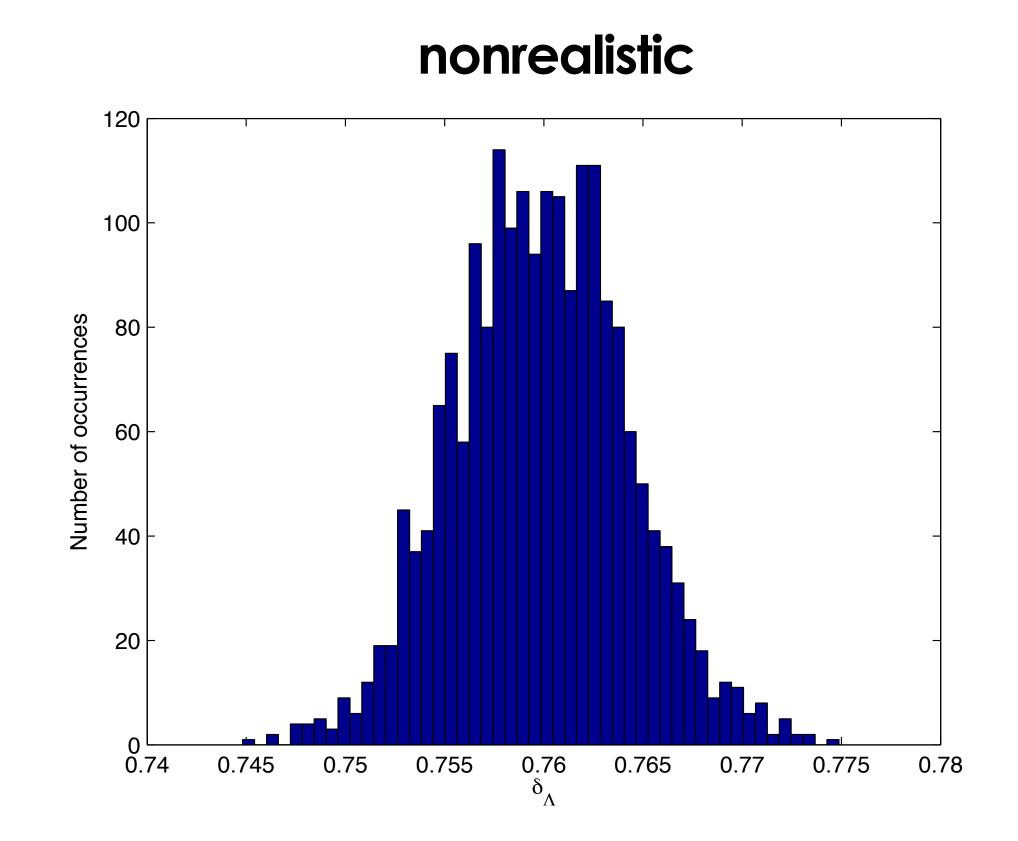


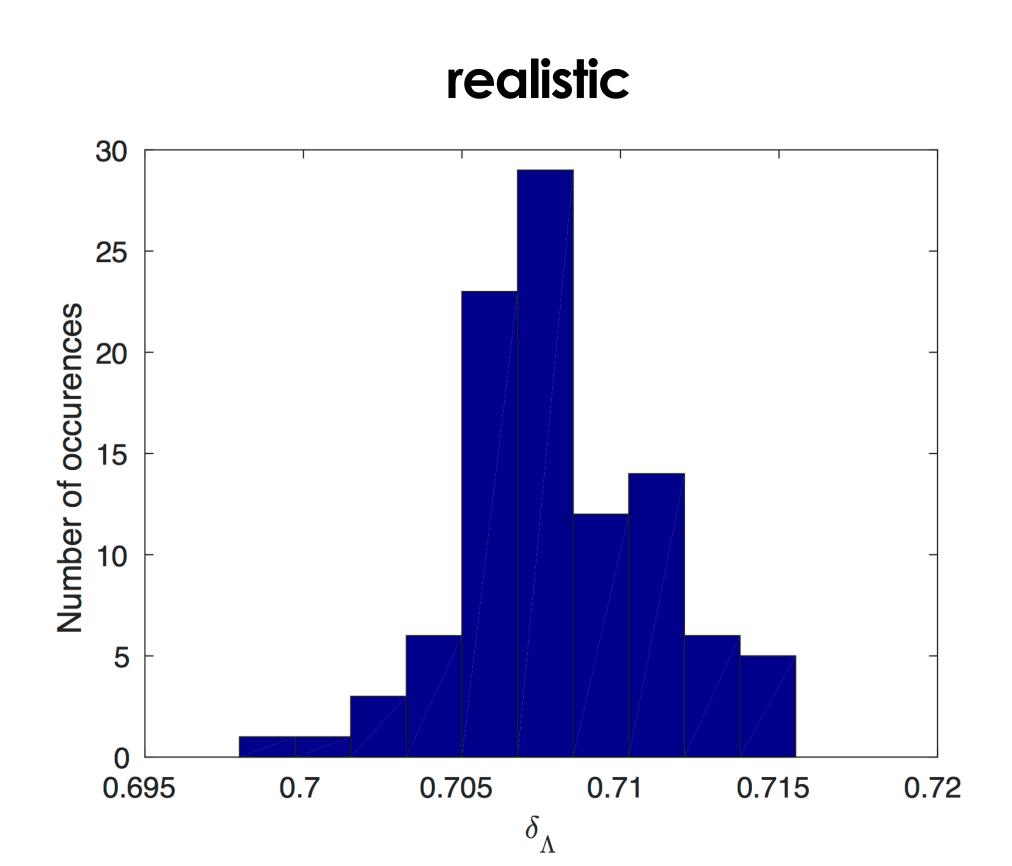


Restricted Isometry Property (RIP)

- indicates whether every group of k columns of ${f A}$ are nearly orthogonal
- restricted isometry constant $0 < \delta_k < 1$ for which

$$(1 - \delta_k) \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 \le \|\mathbf{A}_{\Lambda}\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 \le (1 + \delta_k) \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2$$

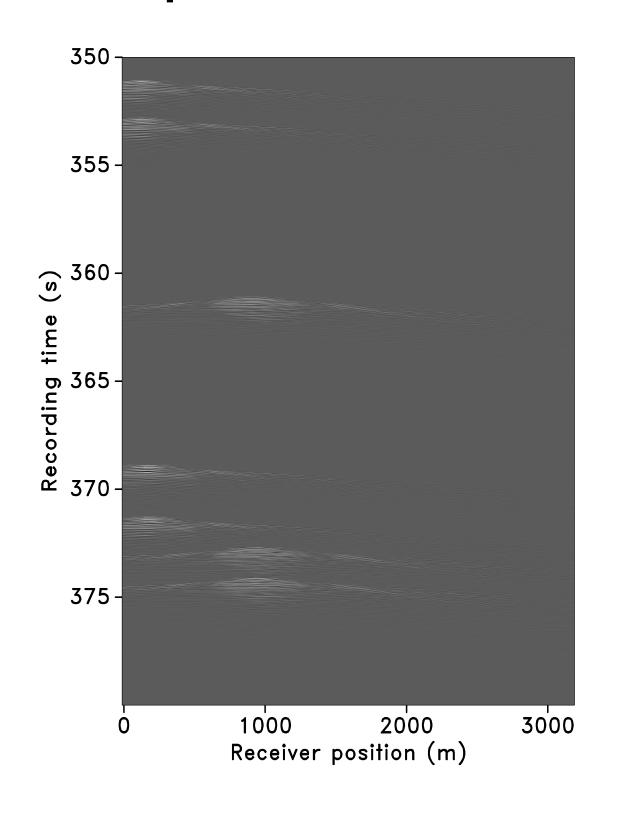






Time-jittered marine acquisition

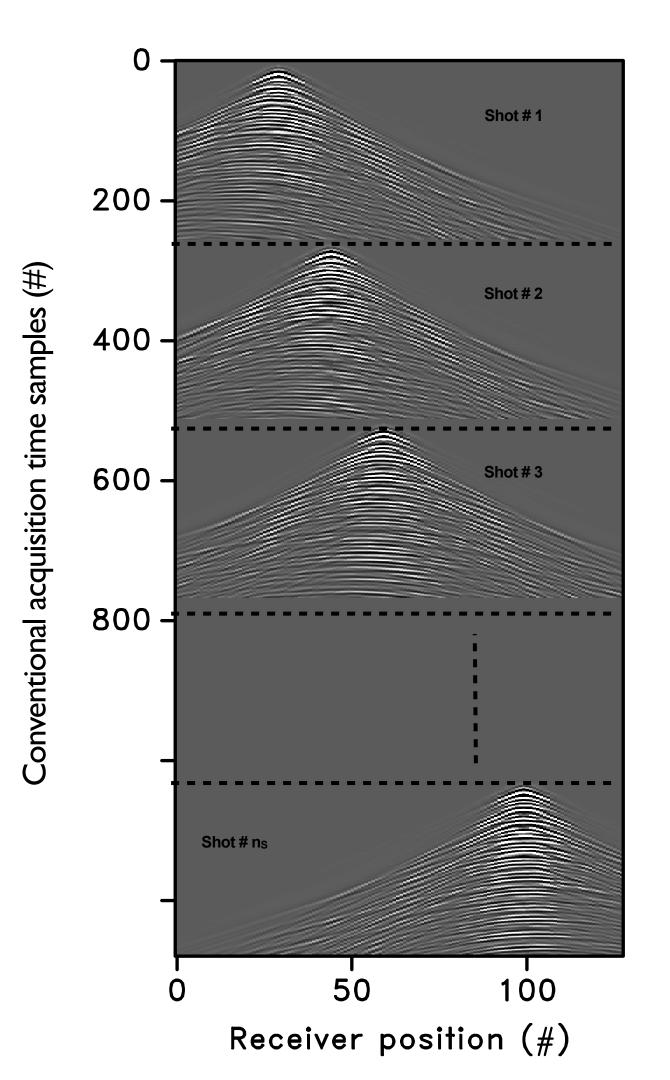
subsampled shots withoverlap between shot records



source fires at jittered times and jittered positions



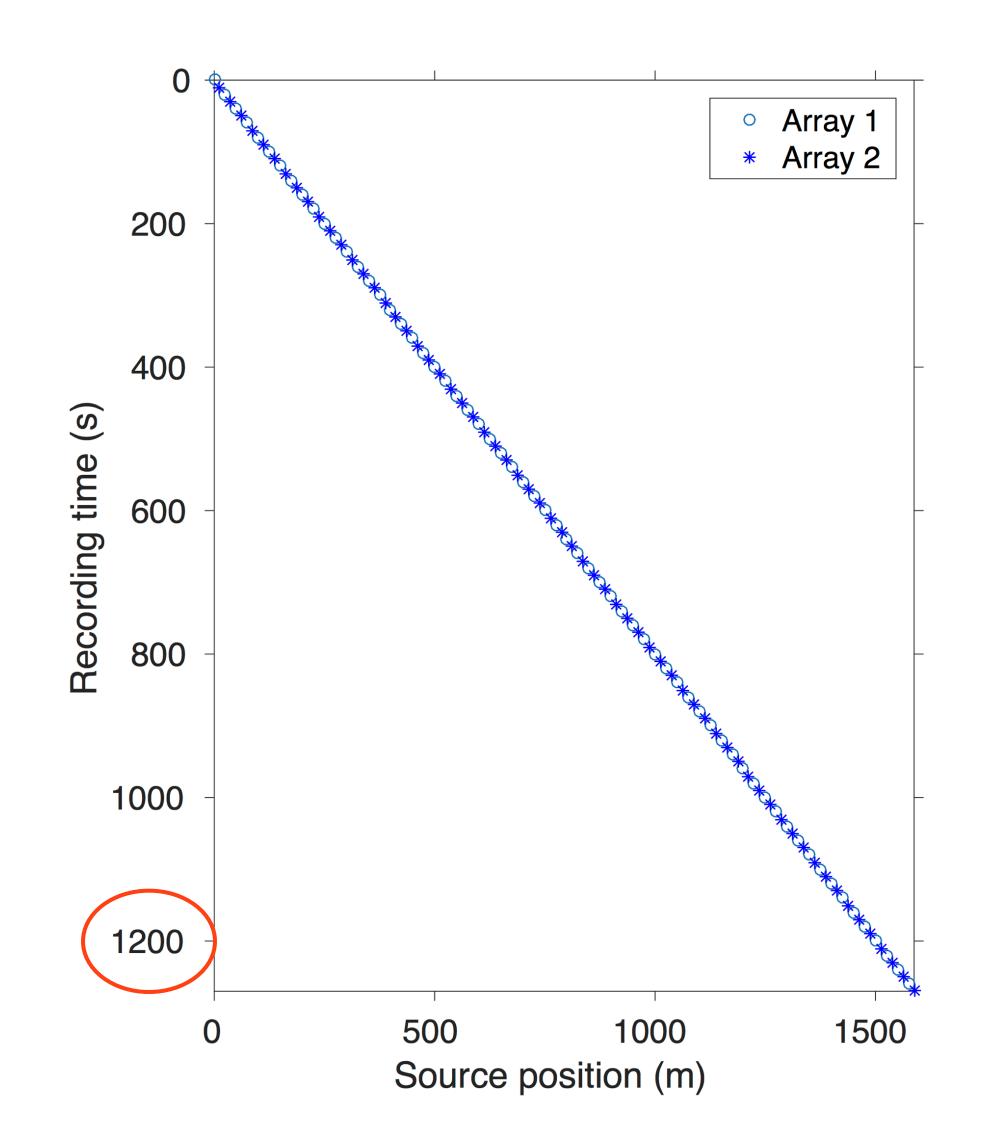
all shots without overlap between shot records

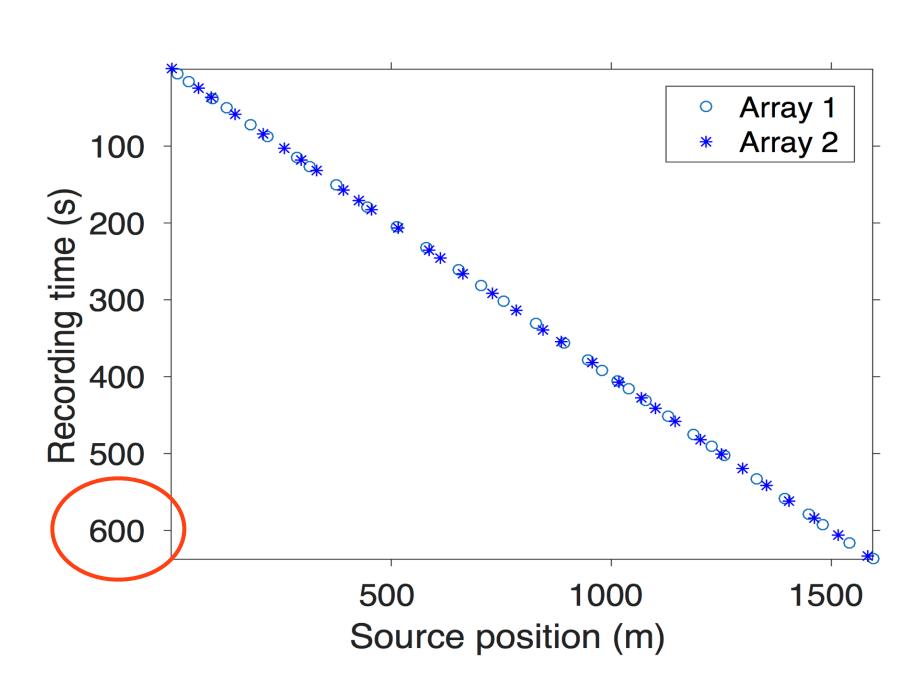




Conventional vs. time-jittered marine acquisition

- subsampling factor = 2

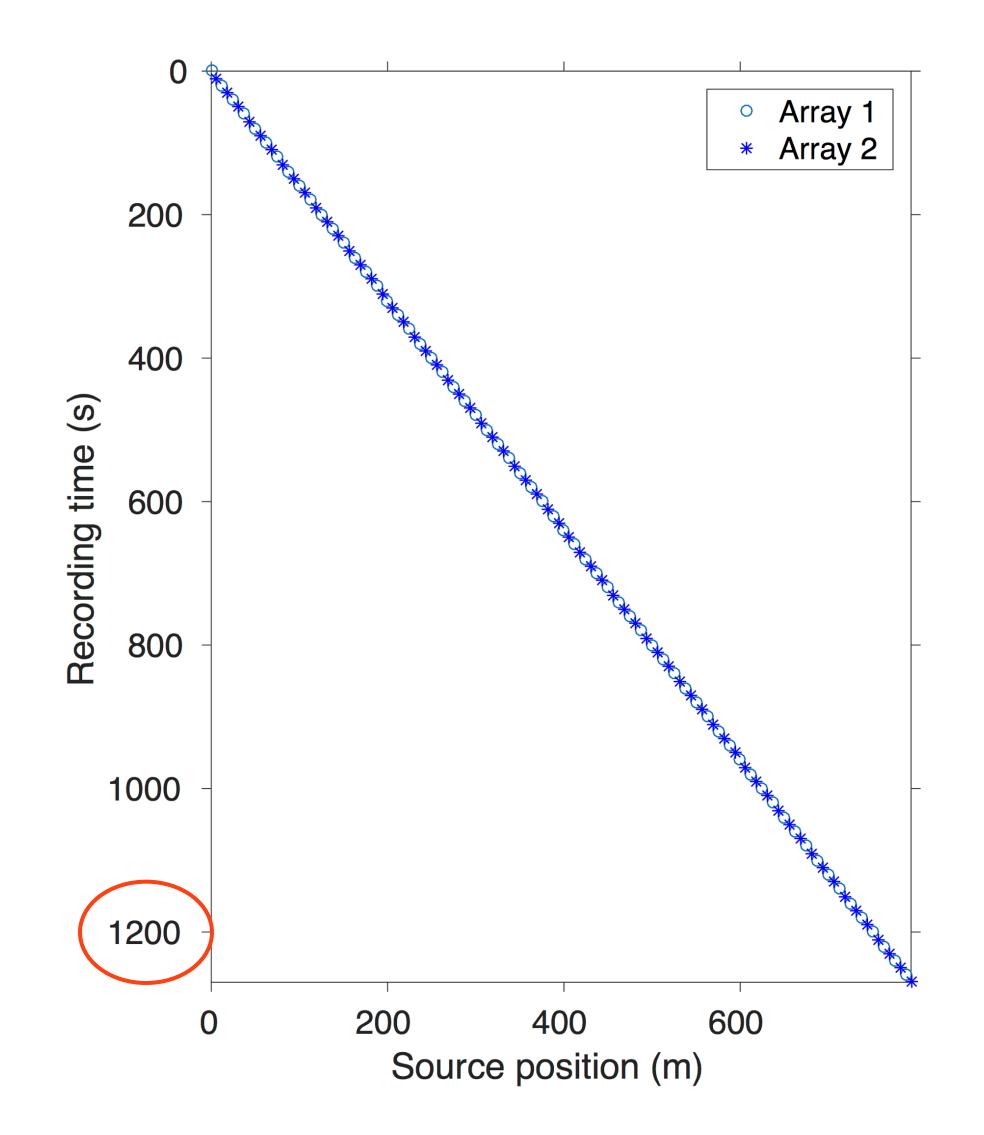


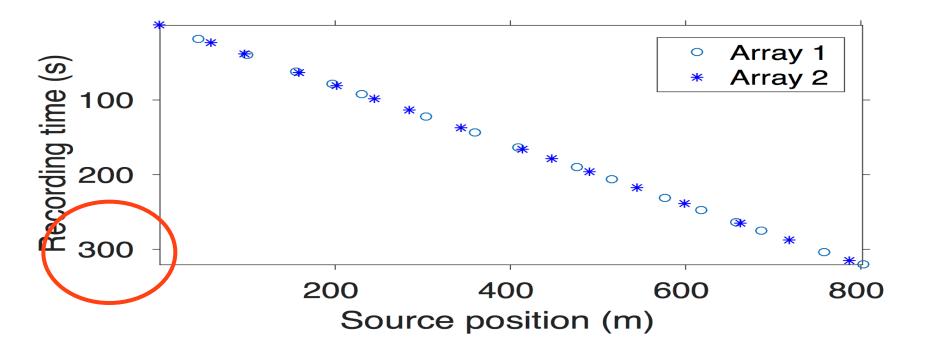




Conventional vs. time-jittered marine acquisition

- subsampling factor = 4





Compressive simultaneous acquisition

subsampling factor

$$\eta = \frac{1}{\text{number of air-gun arrays}} \times \frac{\text{jittered spatial grid interval}}{\text{conventional spatial grid interval}}$$

for spatial sampling = 12.5 m

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{50.0 \text{ m}}{12.5 \text{ m}} = 2$$

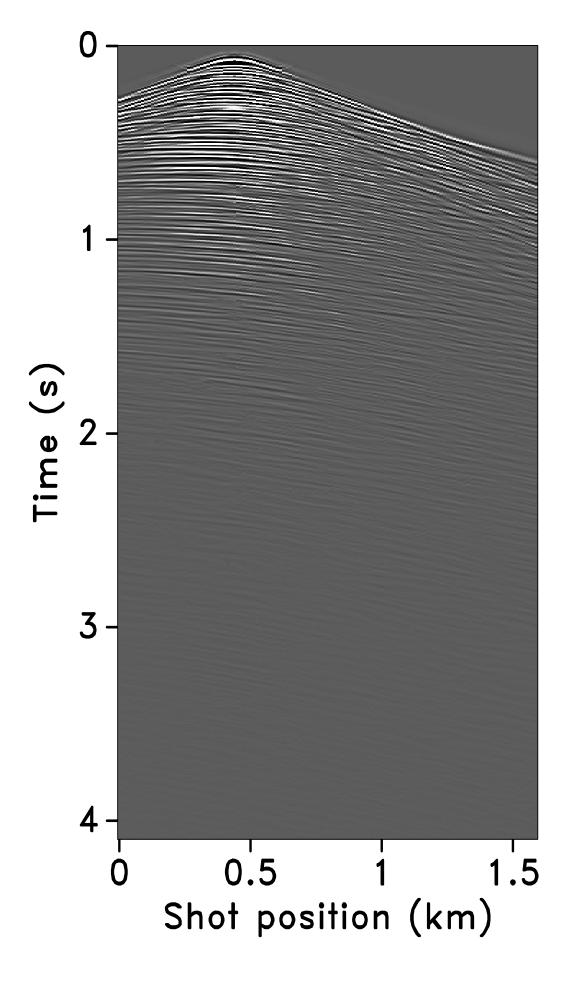
for spatial sampling = 6.25 m

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{50.0 \text{ m}}{6.25 \text{ m}} = 4$$

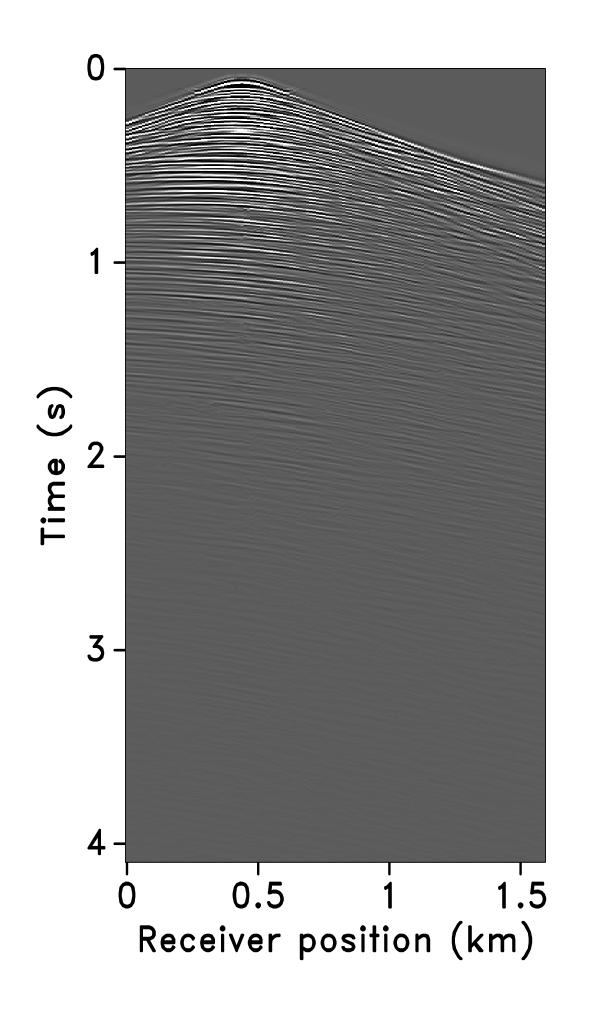


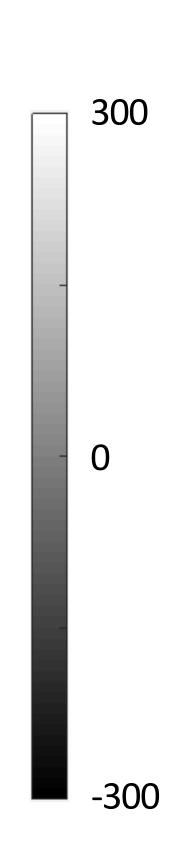
Conventional data

Receiver gather



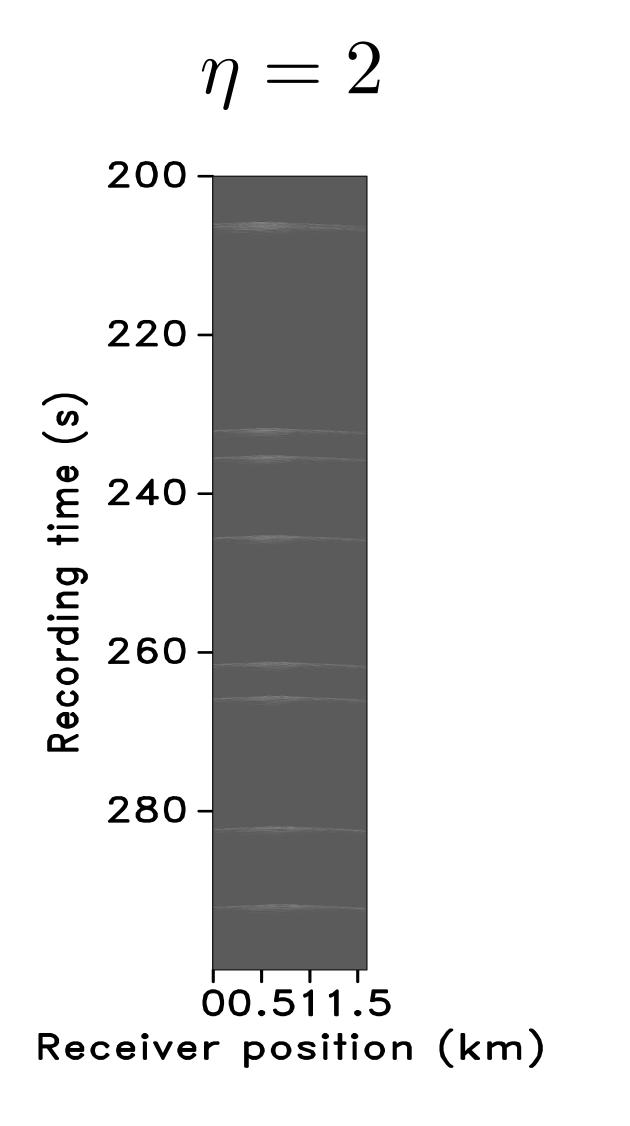
Shot gather

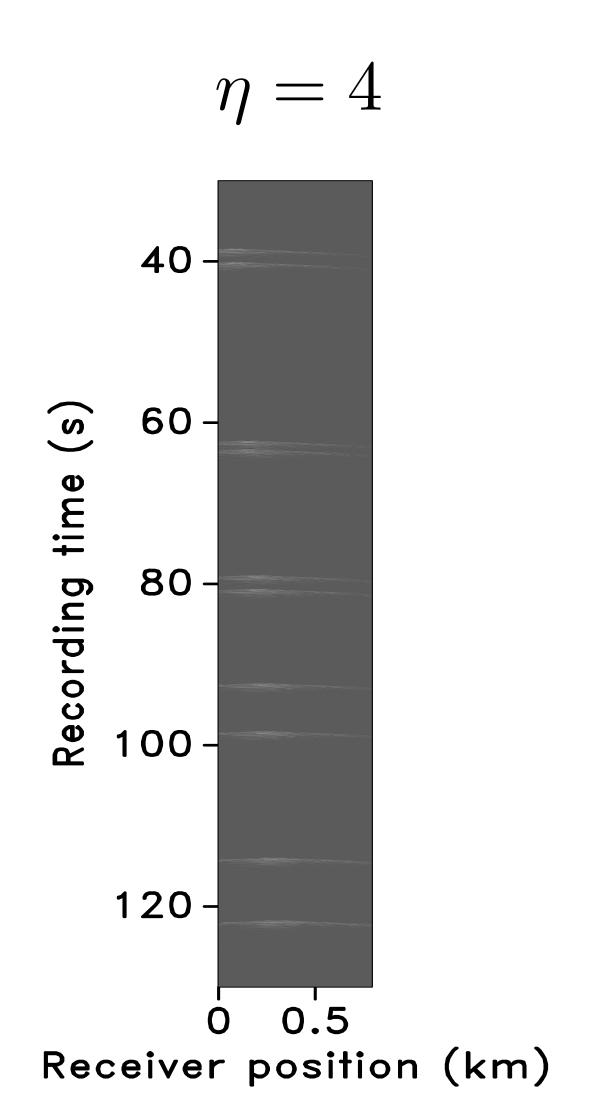




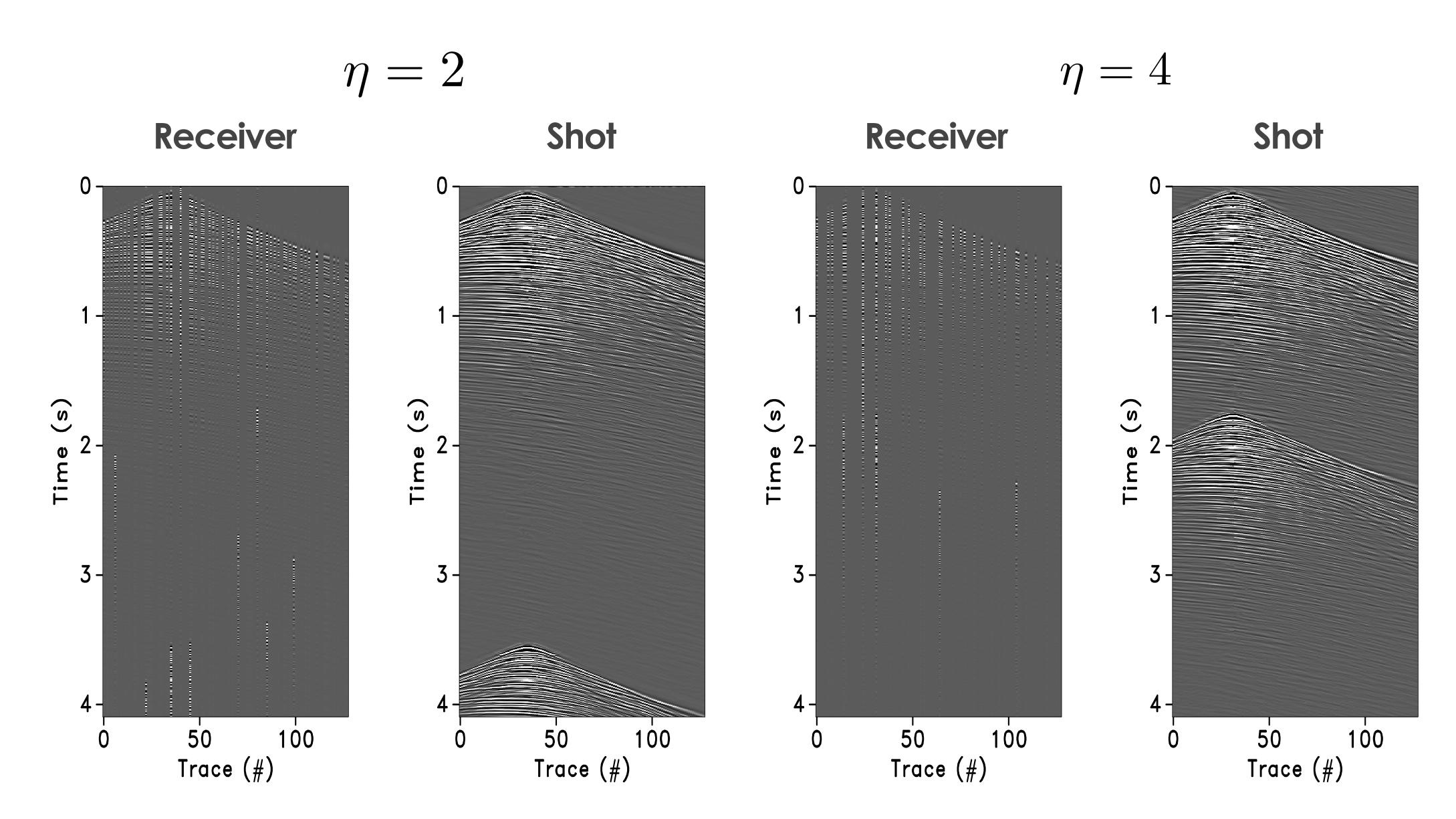
Measurements

- subsampled and overlapping shots



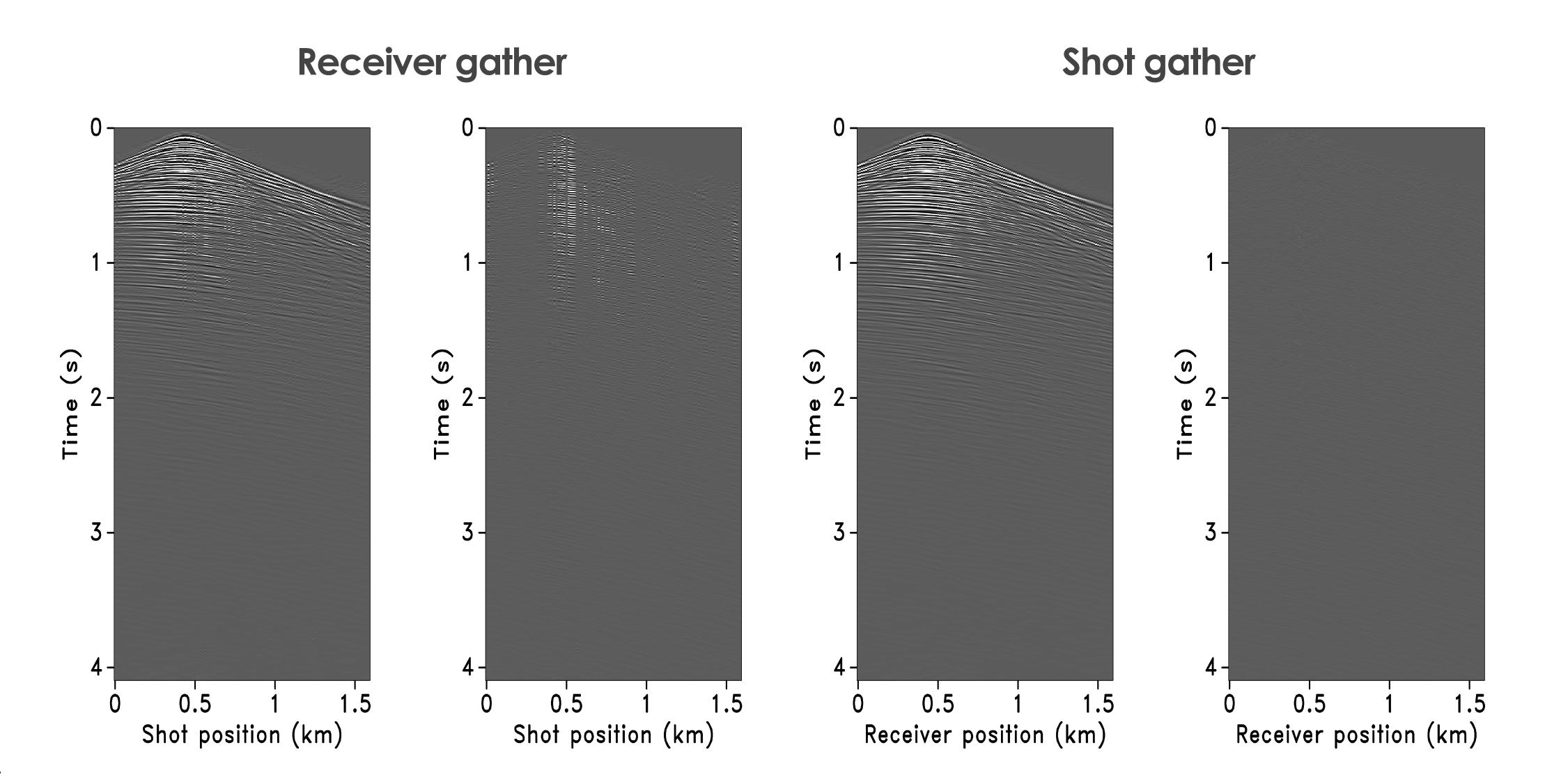


Adjoint of acquisition operator (MHb)



Sparsity-promoting recovery & residual

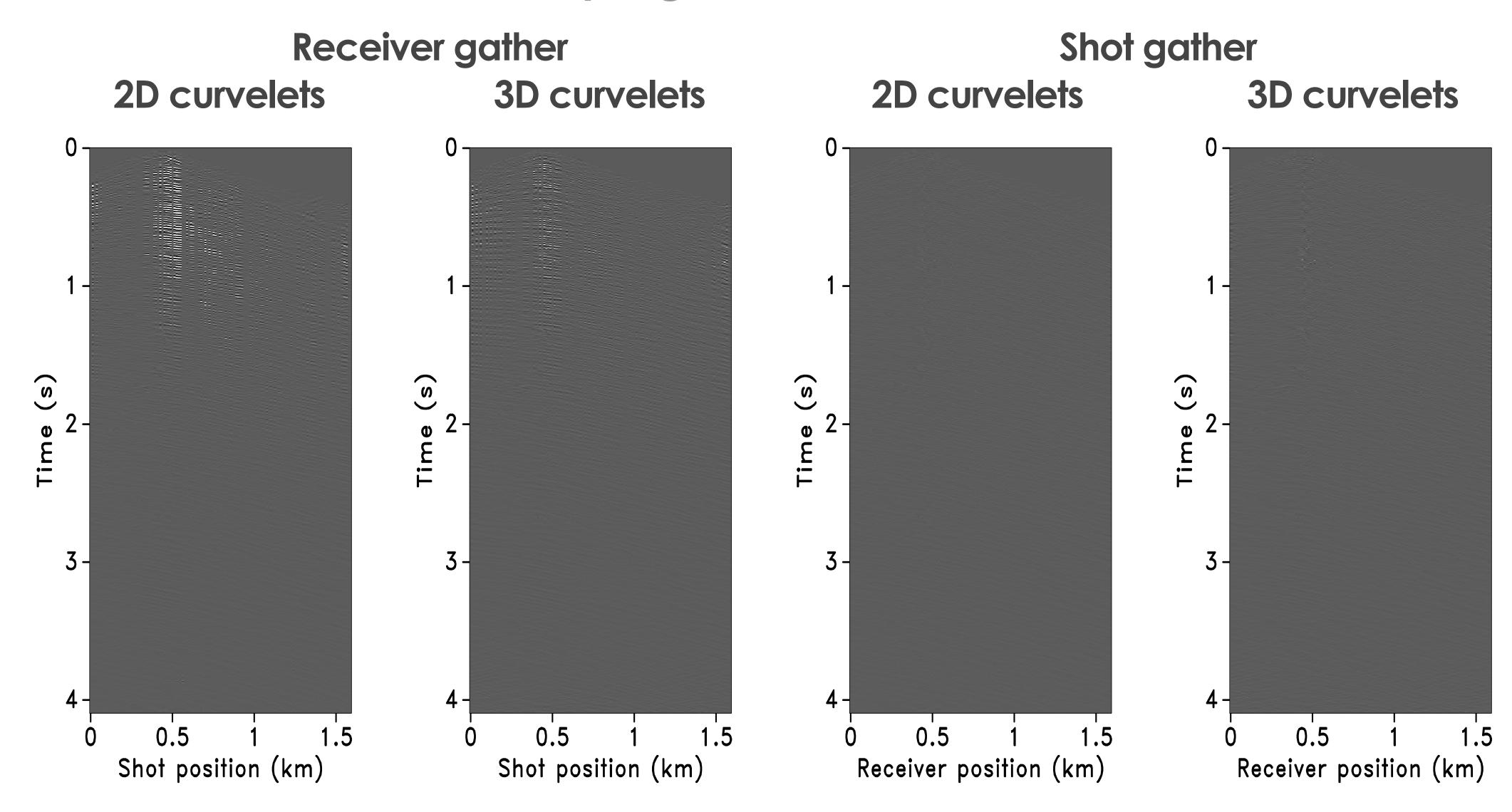
- 2D curvelets; subsampling factor = 2





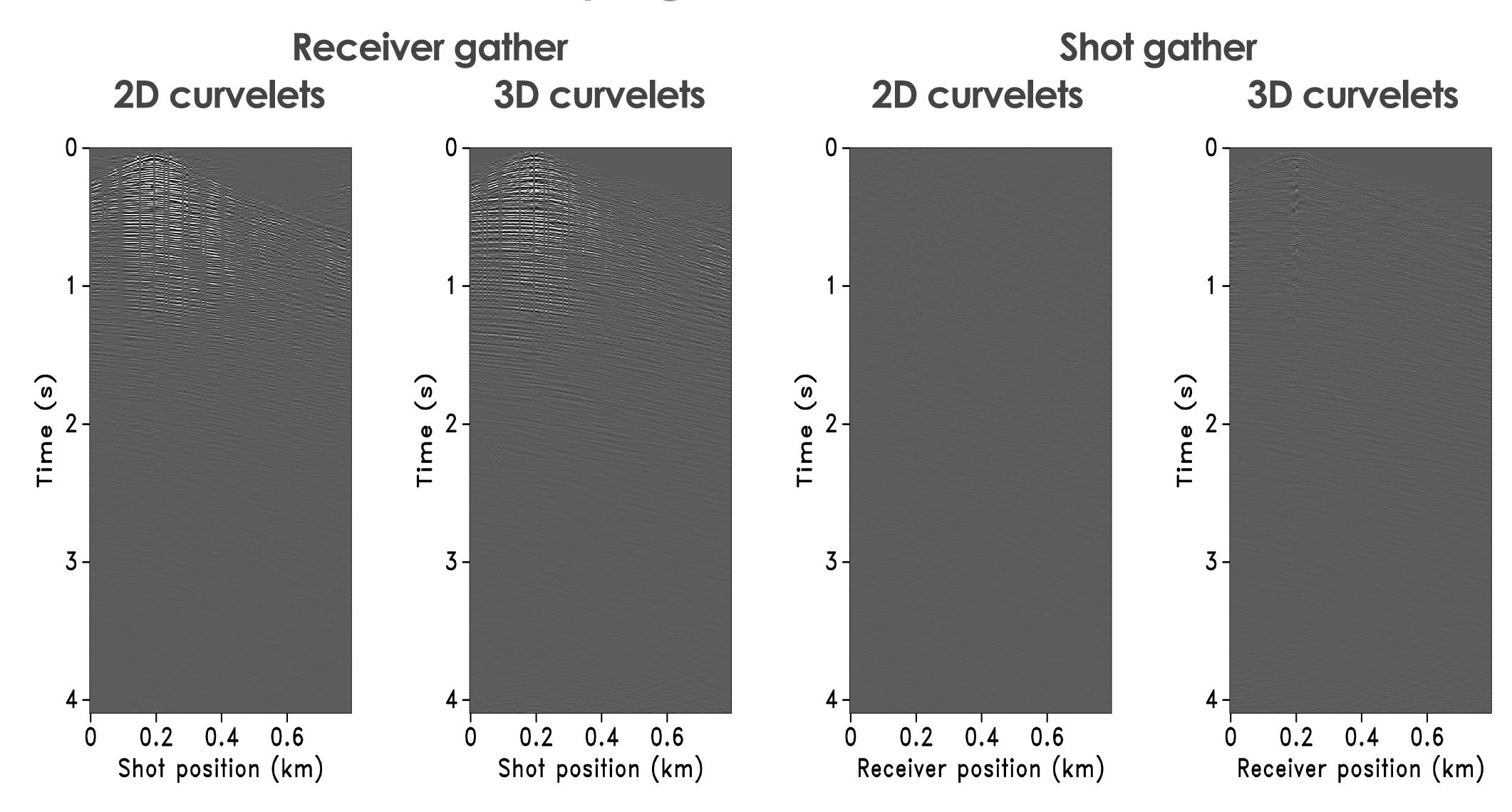
Residual

- 2D vs. 3D curvelets; subsampling factor = 2



Residual

- 2D vs. 3D curvelets; subsampling factor = 4





Summary (S/N (dB))

$$S/N(\mathbf{f}, \widetilde{\mathbf{f}}) = -20 \log_{10} \frac{\|\mathbf{f} - \widetilde{\mathbf{f}}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{f}\|_2}$$

	jittered to regular (m), subsampling (η)	recovery with 2D FDCT*	recovery with 3D FDCT*	
1 source vessel (2 air-gun arrays)	50 to 12.5, 2	11.5	12.4	
	50 to 6.25, 4	4.9	5.7	

^{*} FDCT: Fast Discrete Curvelet Transform



Economic performance indicators

Improved spatial-sampling ratio (ISSR):

ISSR = number of shots recovered via sparsity-promoting inversion number of shots in simultaneous-source acquisition

for η = 2, 4, etc., gain in spatial sampling by the same factor

Survey-time ratio (STR): [Berkhout, 2008]

$$STR = \frac{time\ of\ conventional\ acquisition}{time\ of\ simultaneous-source\ acquisition}$$

for
$$\eta$$
 = 2, 4, etc., reduction in survey time by $\frac{1}{\eta}$



Conclusions

Simultaneous-source time-jittered marine acquisition is an instance of compressive sensing

- economic acquisition with reduced environmental imprint

Jittered (sub)sampling shares the benefits of random sampling while offering control on maximum acquisition gap

3D FDCT slightly **improves** sparse recovery; however, its redundancy (about 24 x) renders large-scale processing extremely **memory intensive**, and hence **impractical**



Chapter 5

Compressive time-lapse seismic acquisition

- distributed compressive sensing
- static acquisition geometry
- on-the-grid marine surveys
- % overlap => exact replication of shot positions



Time-lapse seismic

Current acquisition paradigm:

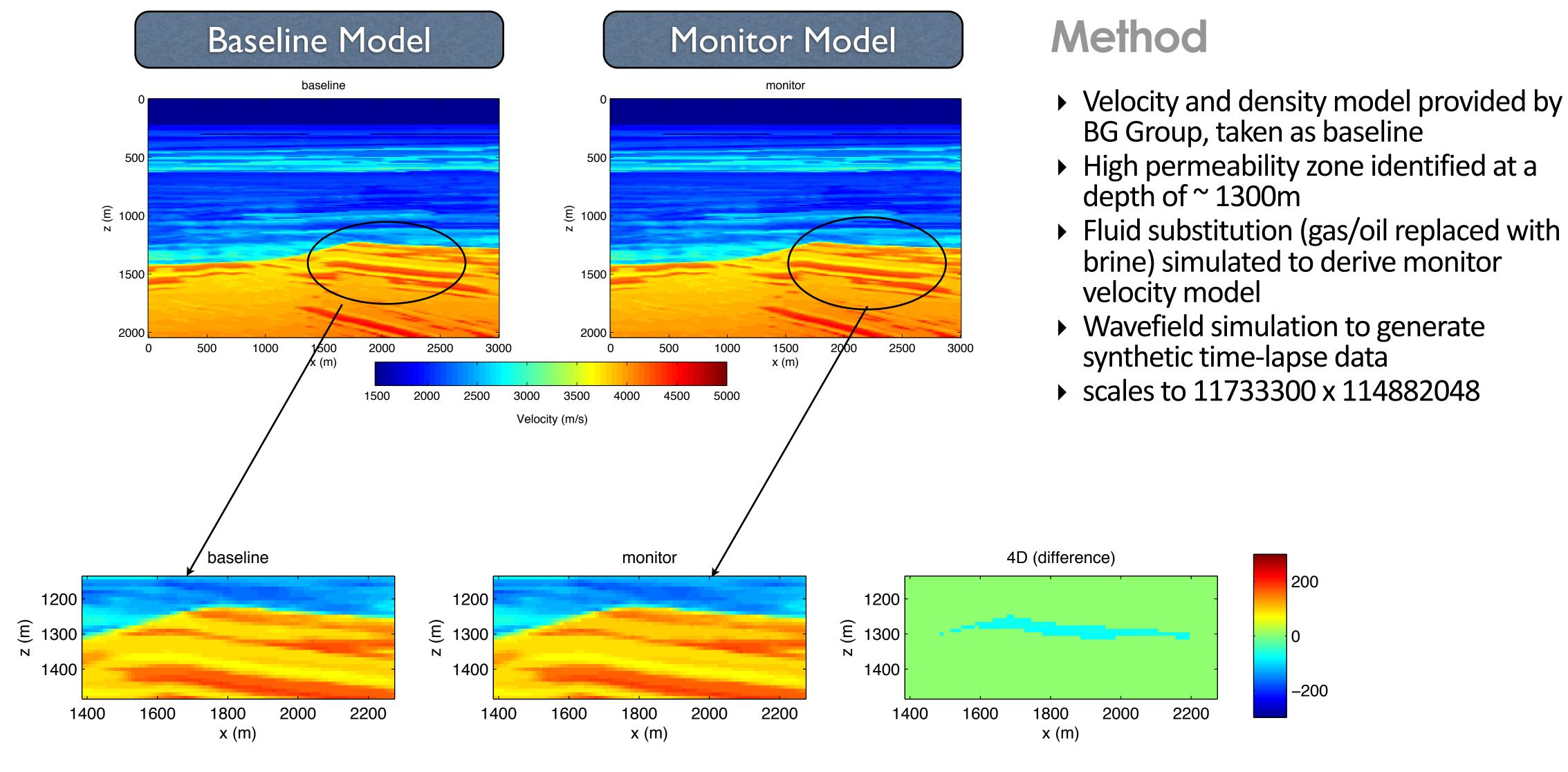
- repeat expensive dense acquisitions & "independent" processing
- compute differences between baseline & monitor survey(s)
- hampered by practical challenges to ensure repetition

New compressive sampling paradigm:

- cheap subsampled acquisition, e.g., via time-jittered marine subsampling
- offers possibility to relax insistence on replicability
- exploits insights from distributed compressive sensing

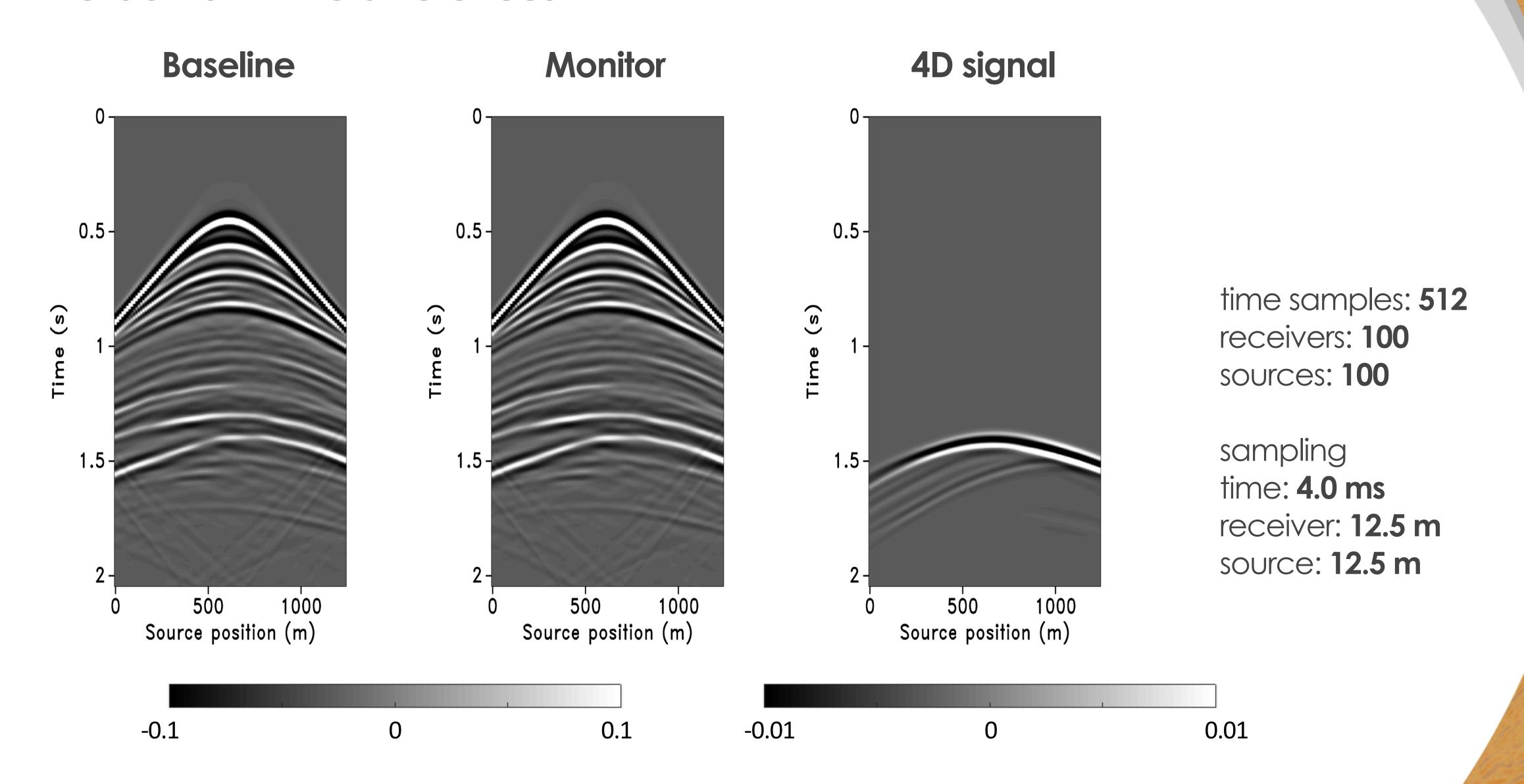


Time-lapse model



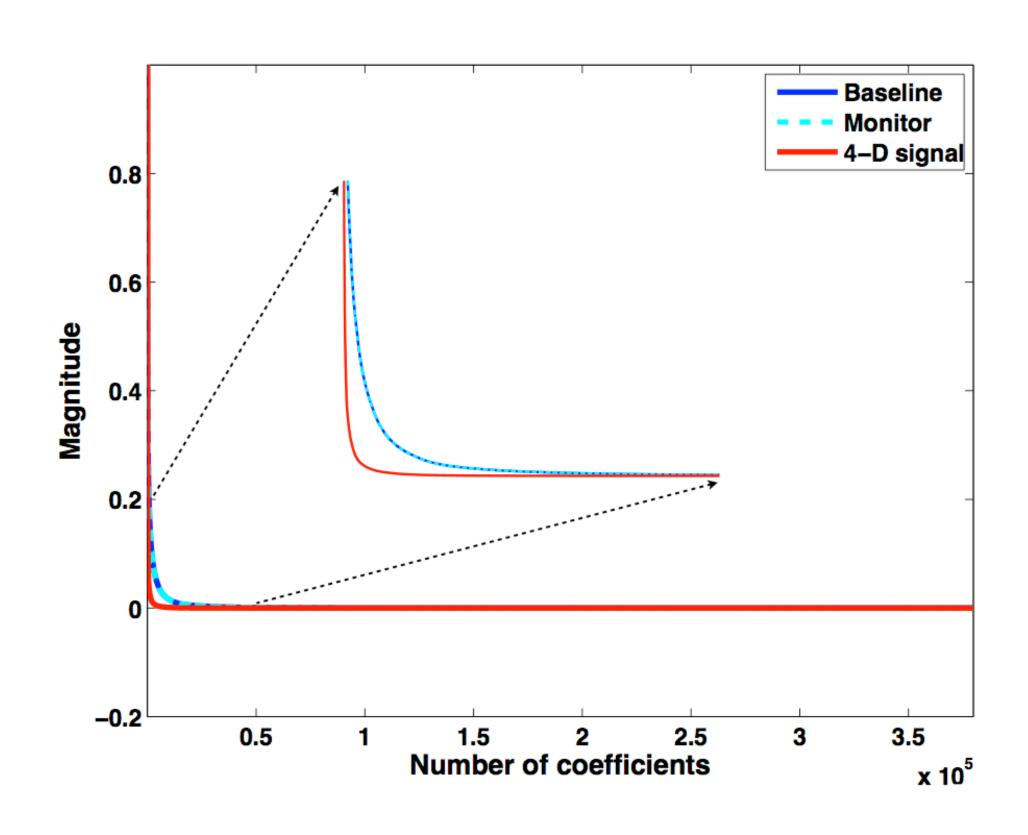
Simulated time-lapse data

- time-domain finite differences

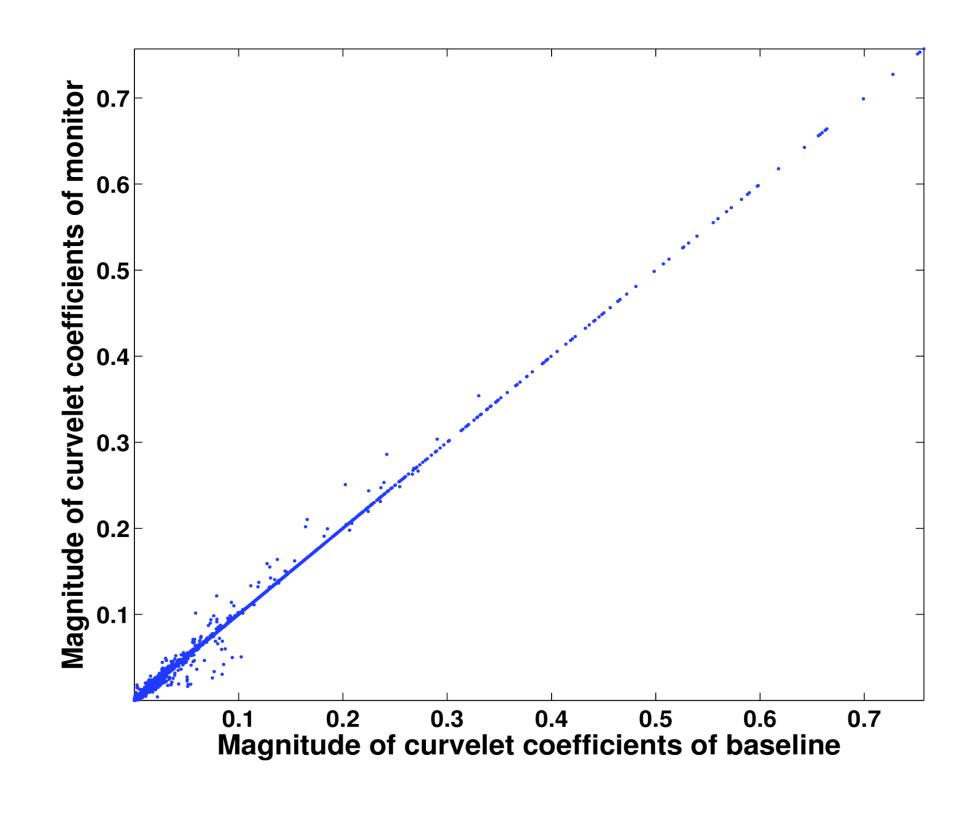




Sparse structure via curvelets

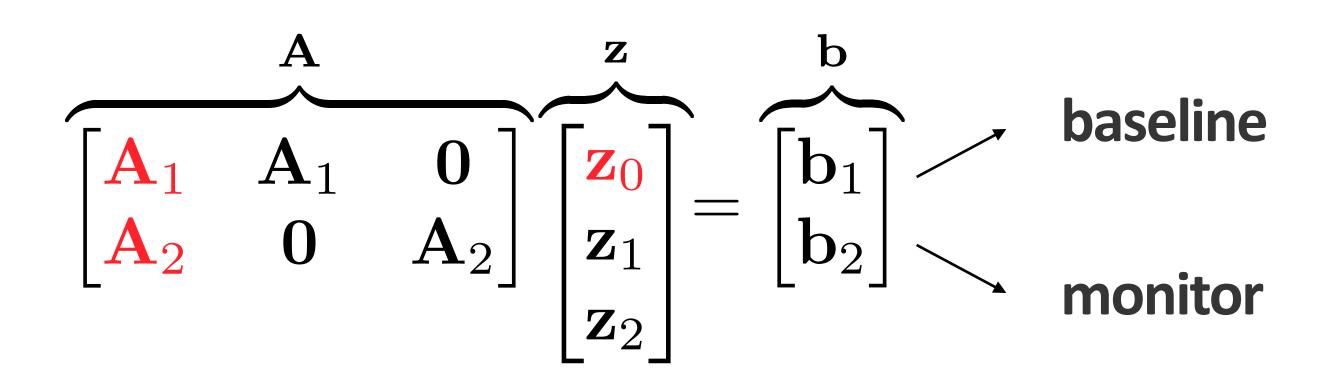


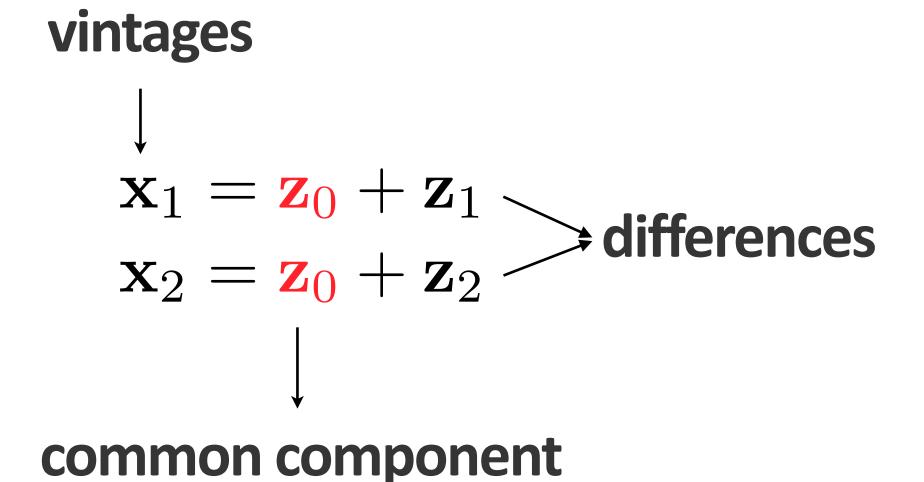
significant correlation between the vintages



Distributed compressive sensing

- joint recovery model (JRM)





- different vintages share common information
- common component observed by all surveys
- invert for common component & vintages w.r.t. common component with sparse recovery



Time-lapse seismic

- with & without replication

In an ideal world $(\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{A}_2)$

- JRM simplifies to $(\mathbf{b}_2 \mathbf{b}_1) = \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_1)$
- expect good recovery when difference is sparse
- but relies on "exact" replicability of surveys...

In the **real** world $(\mathbf{A}_1 \neq \mathbf{A}_2)$

- no absolute control on surveys
- deviations in shot/receiver positions
- noise...



Synthetic seismic case study

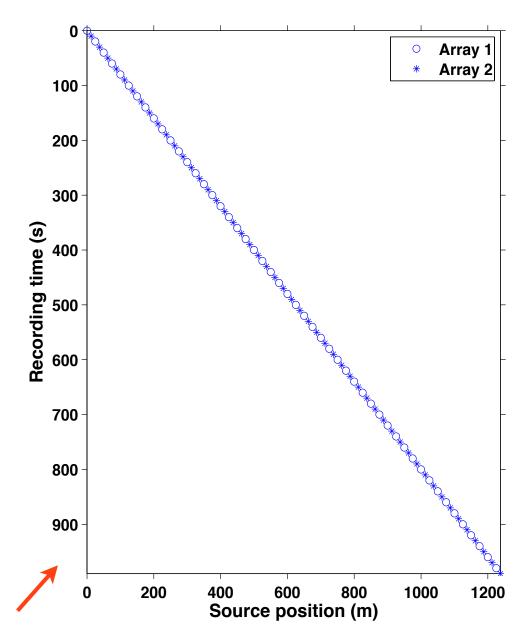
Time-jittered marine acquisition on the grid

- % overlap => exact replication of shot positions

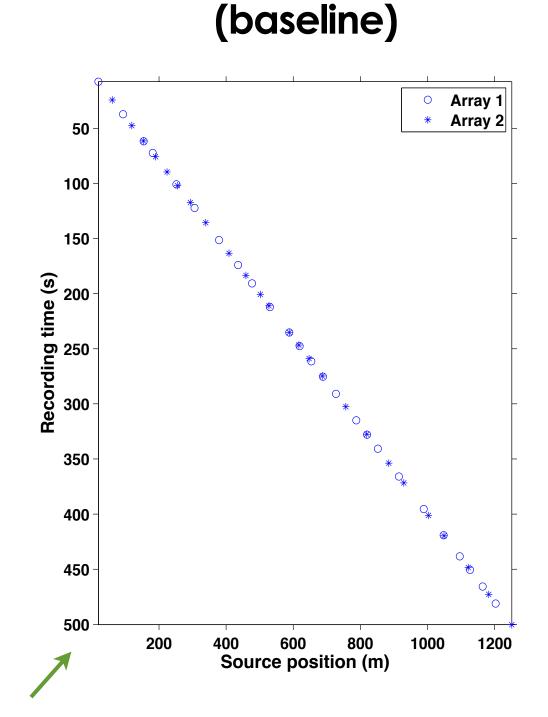
Conventional vs. time-jittered sources

- subsampling factor = 2 (2 source arrays)

conventional



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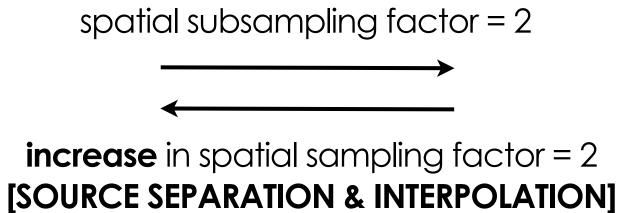


jittered acquisition 1

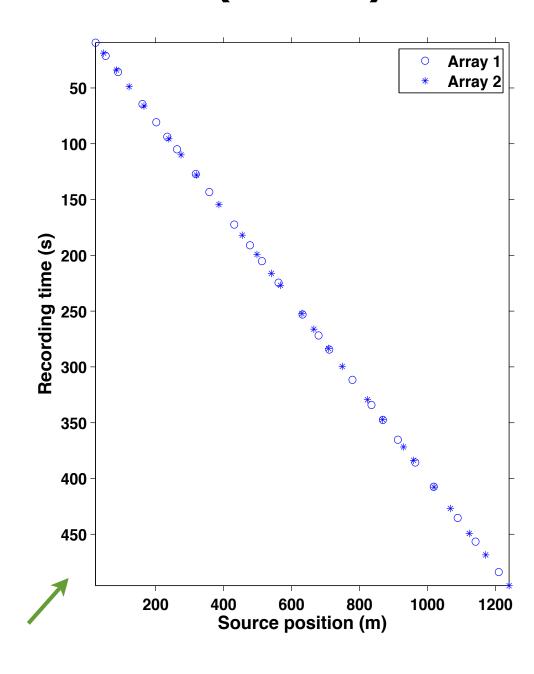
conventional shot gathers

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 x 10.0 = 1000.0 s

[MIXING & SUBSAMPLING]



jittered acquisition 2 (monitor)



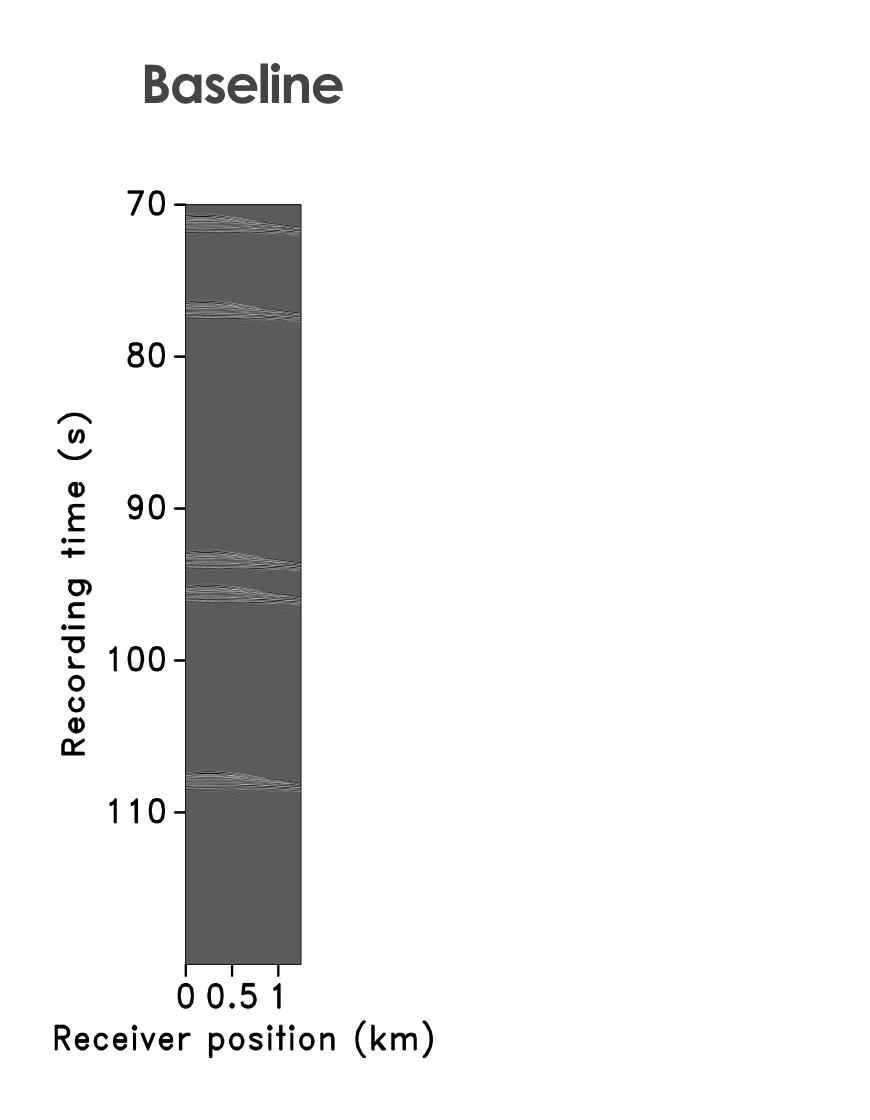
simultaneous shot gathers

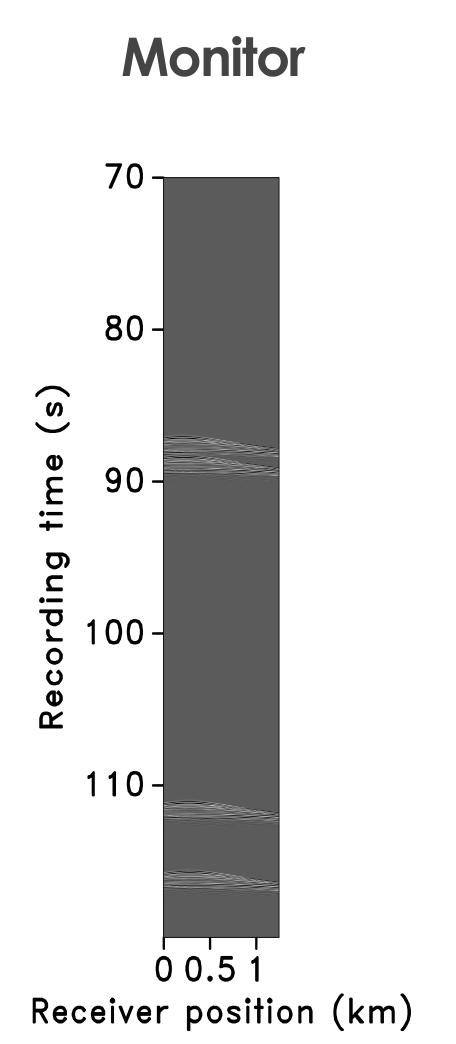
number of shots = 100/2 = 50 (25 per array) spatial sampling: 50.0 m (jittered) vessel speed: 2.50 m/s recording time $\approx 1000.0 \text{ s}/2 = 500.0 \text{ s}$



Measurements

- subsampled and overlapping shots

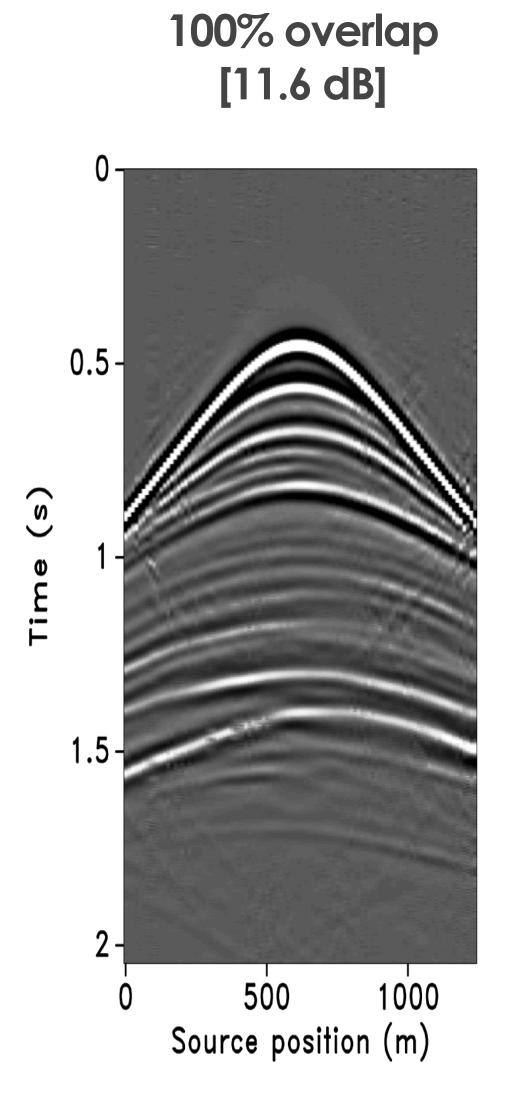


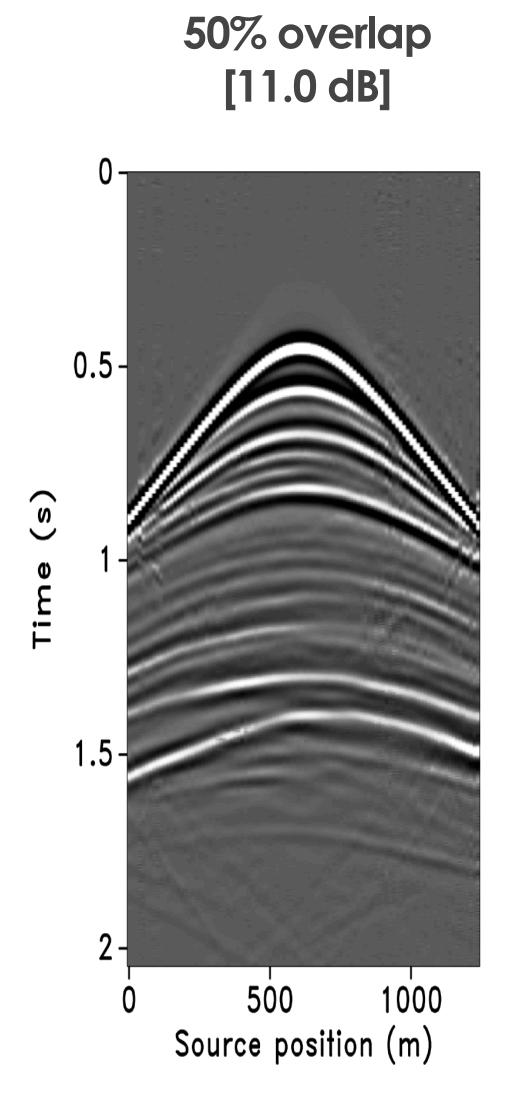


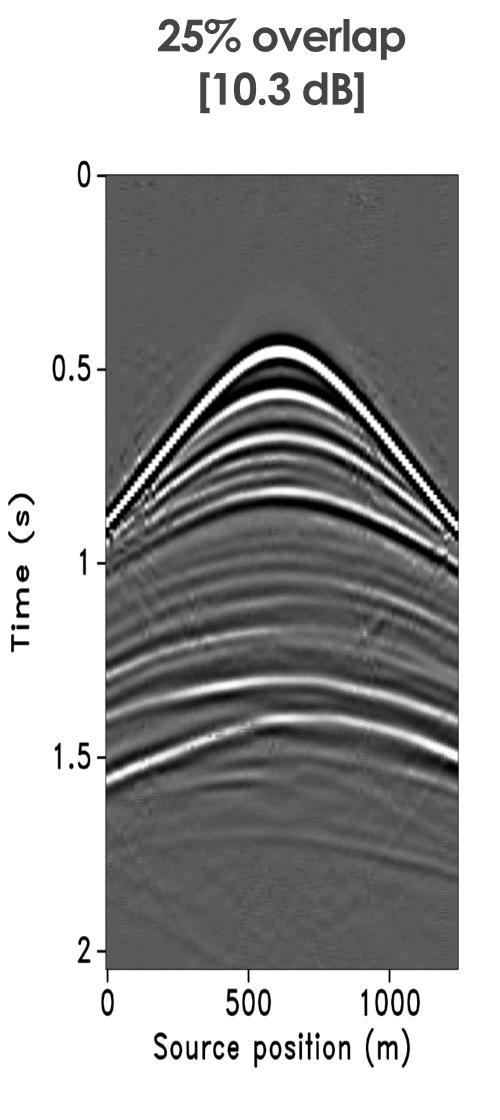
Monitor recovery

- Independent recovery

"on-the-grid" sampling
% overlap => "exact" replication of shot positions



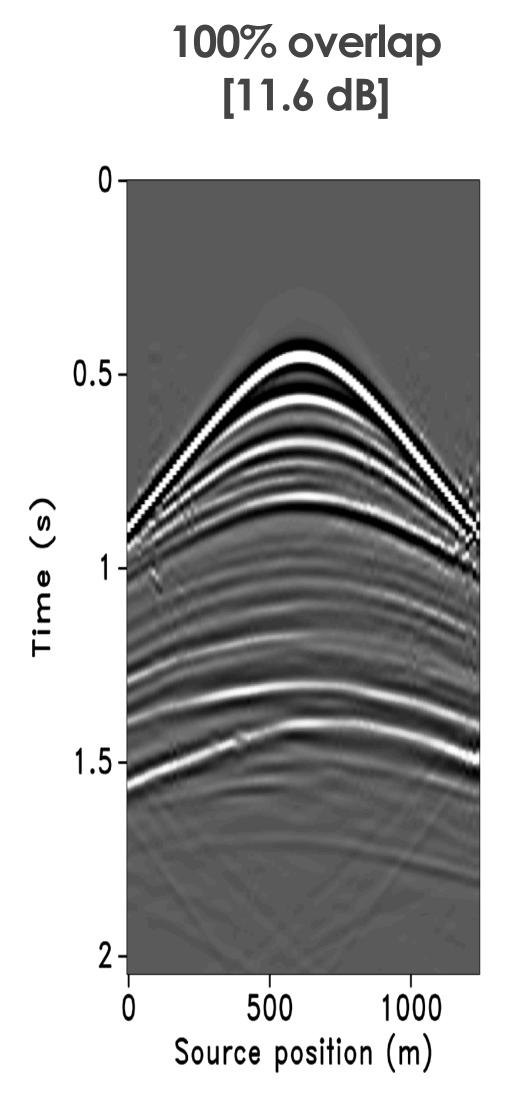


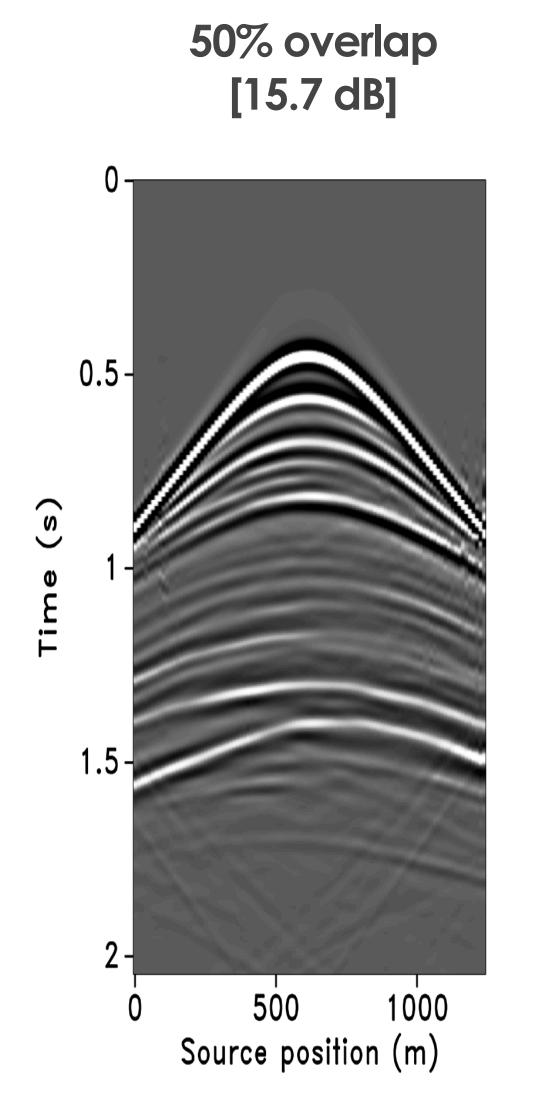


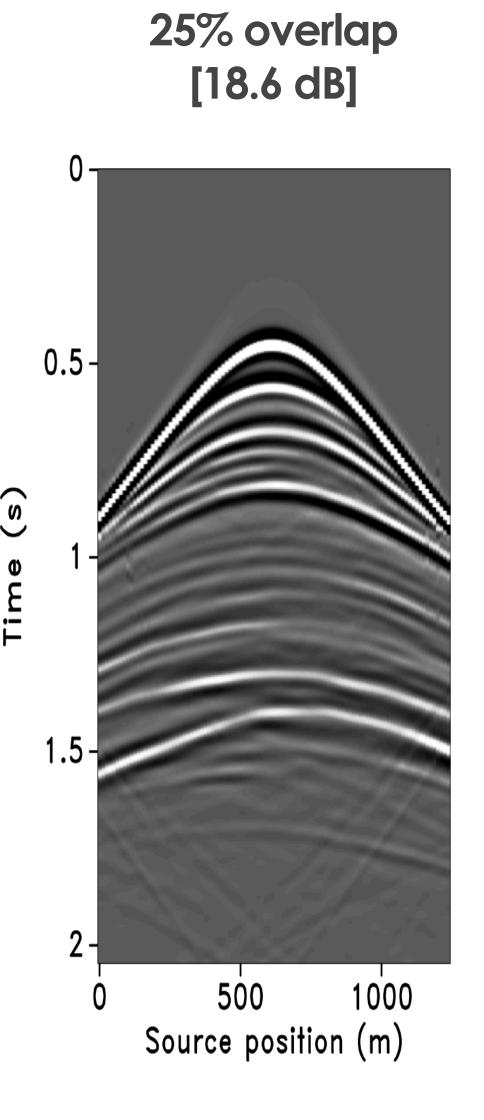
Monitor recovery

Joint recovery

"on-the-grid" sampling
% overlap => "exact" replication of shot positions

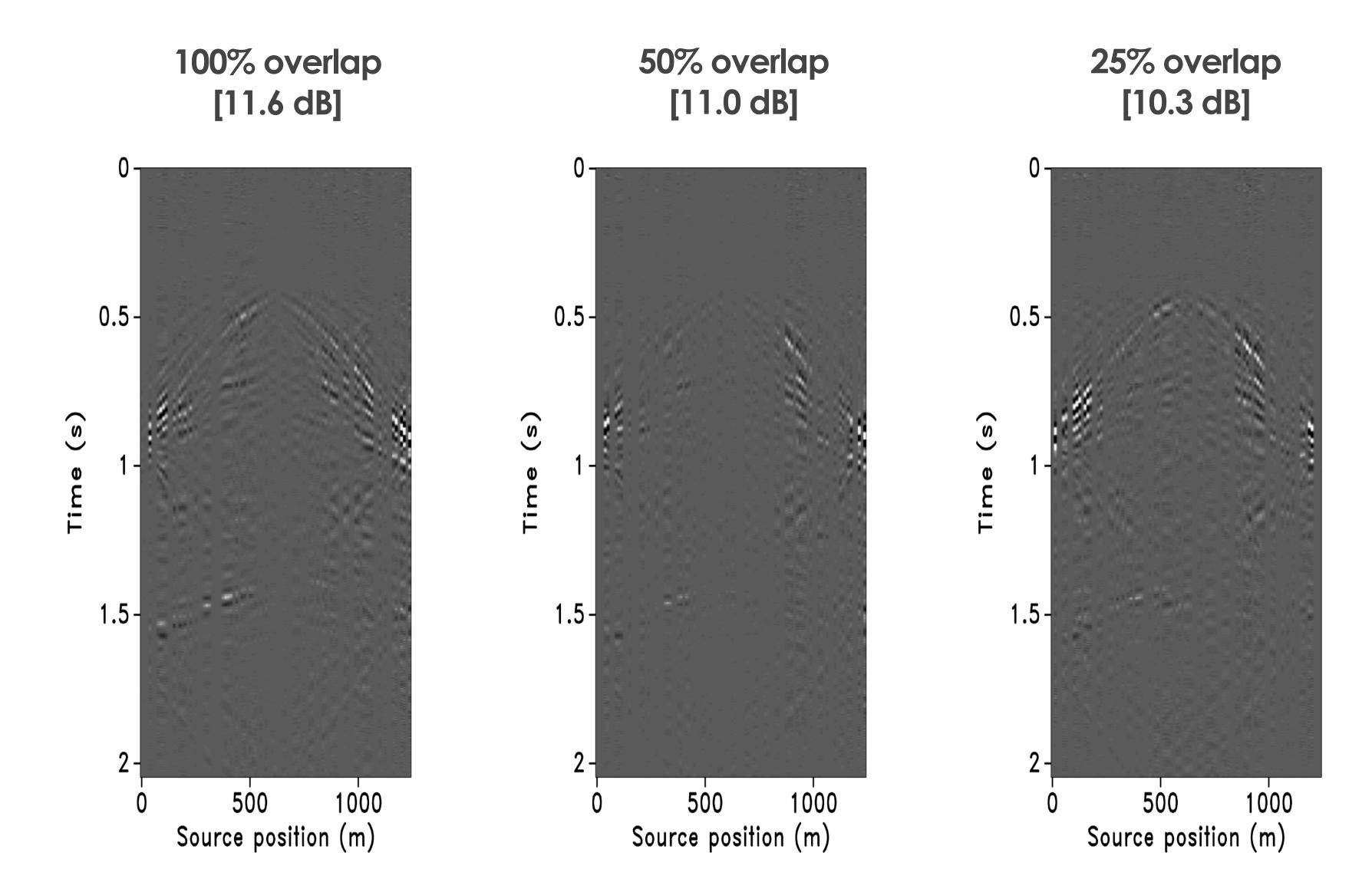






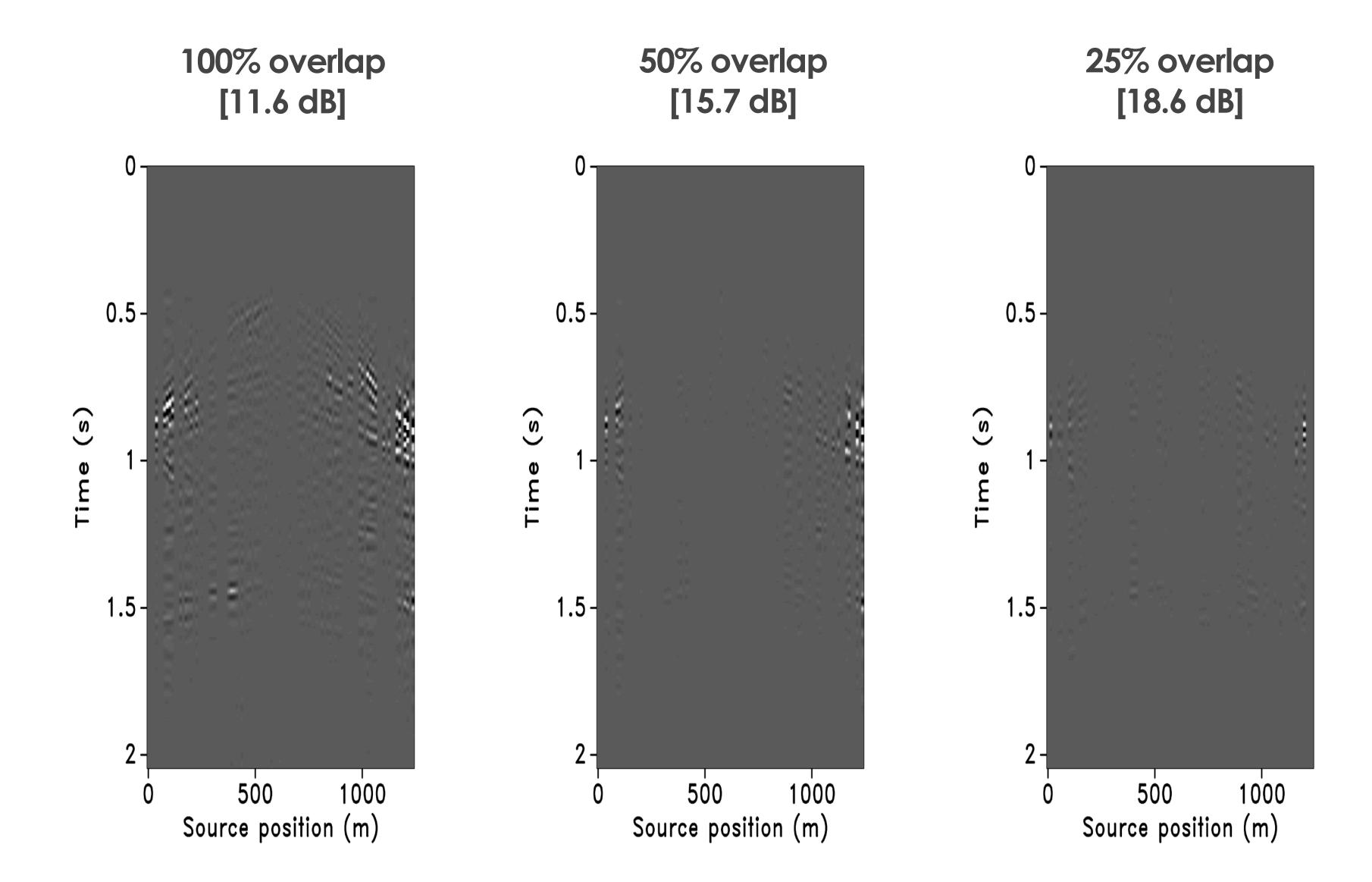
Monitor residual

Independent residual



Monitor residual

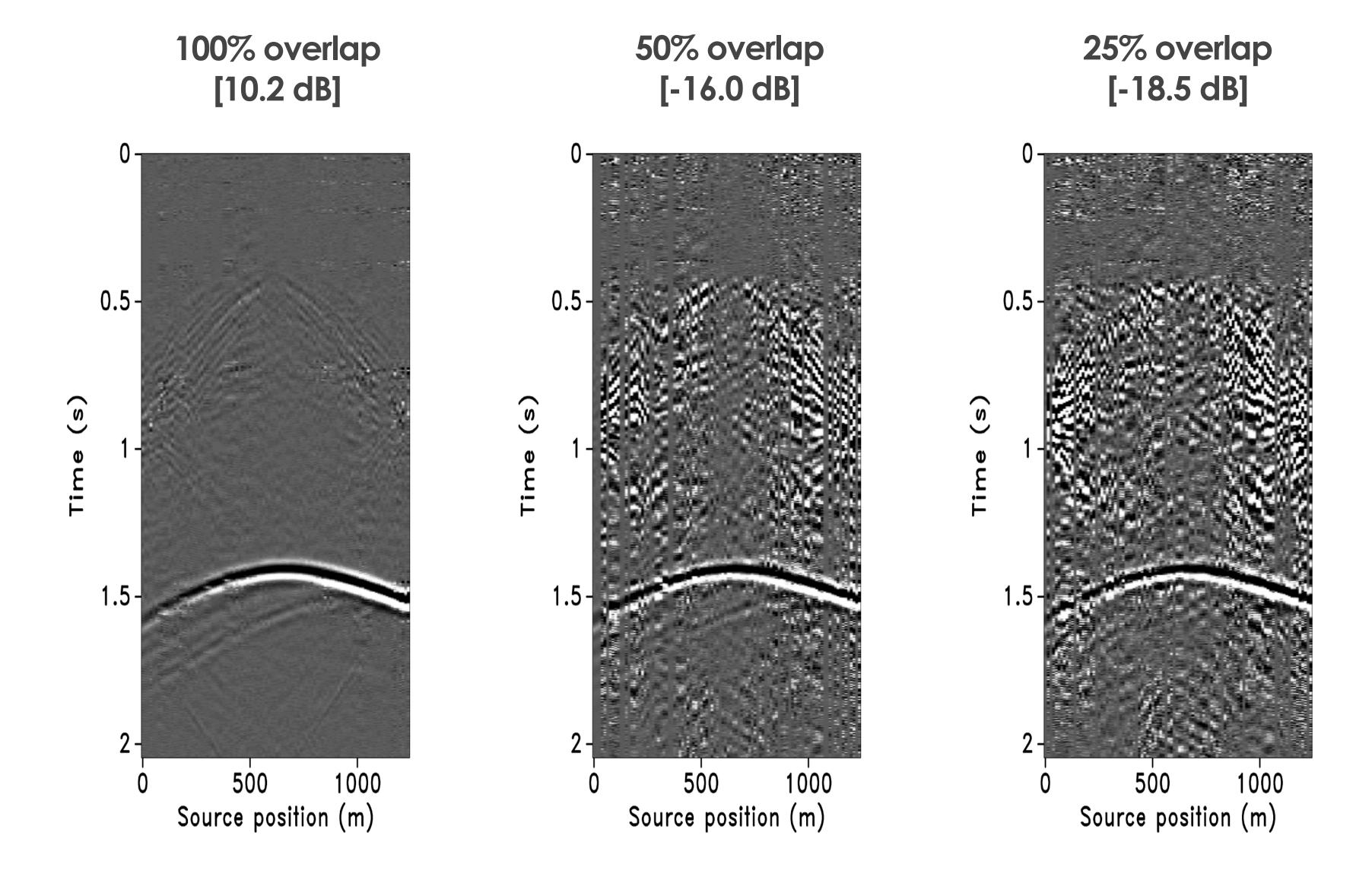
Joint residual



[colormap scale: 10 X]

4D recovery

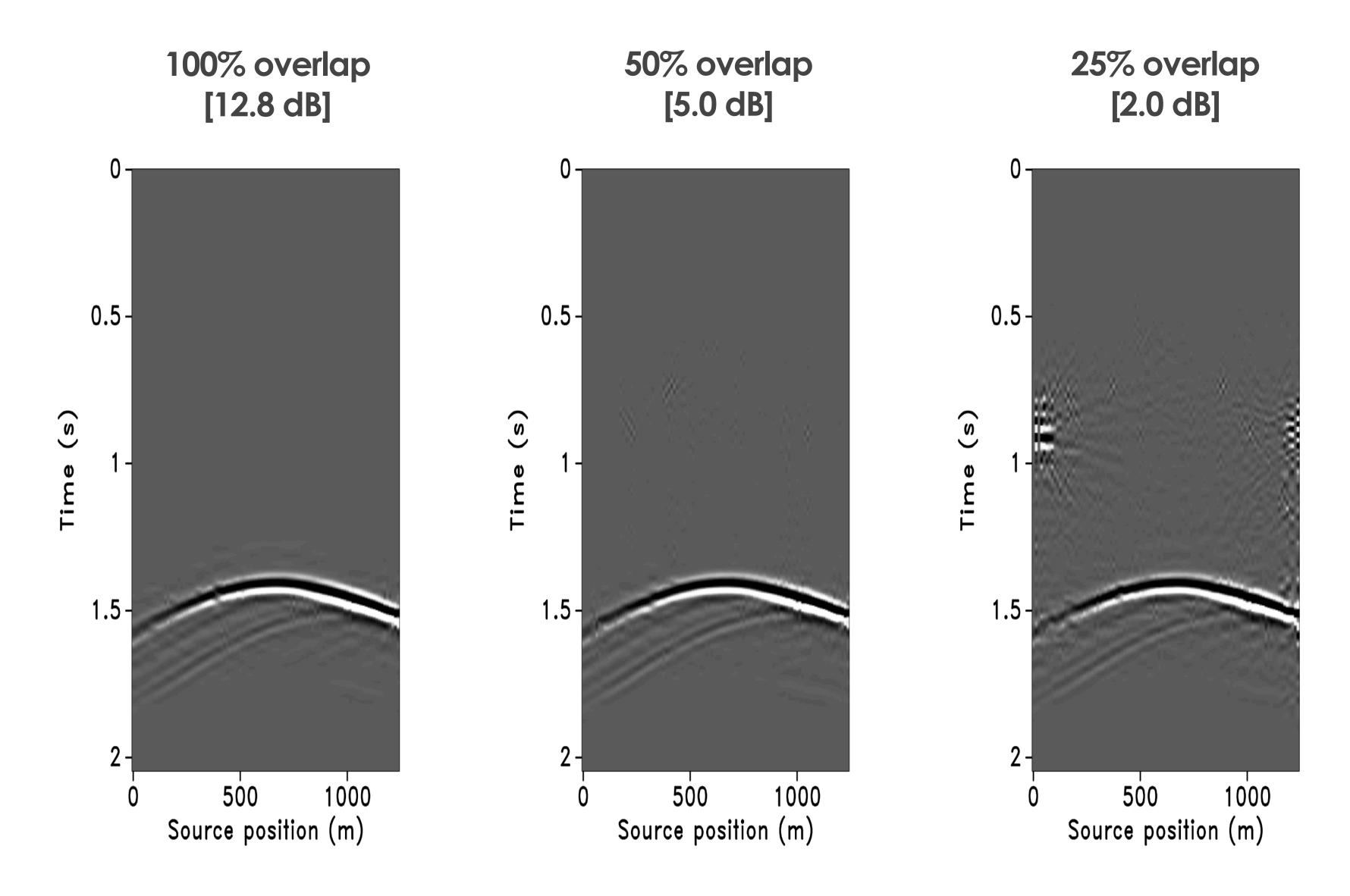
- Independent recovery

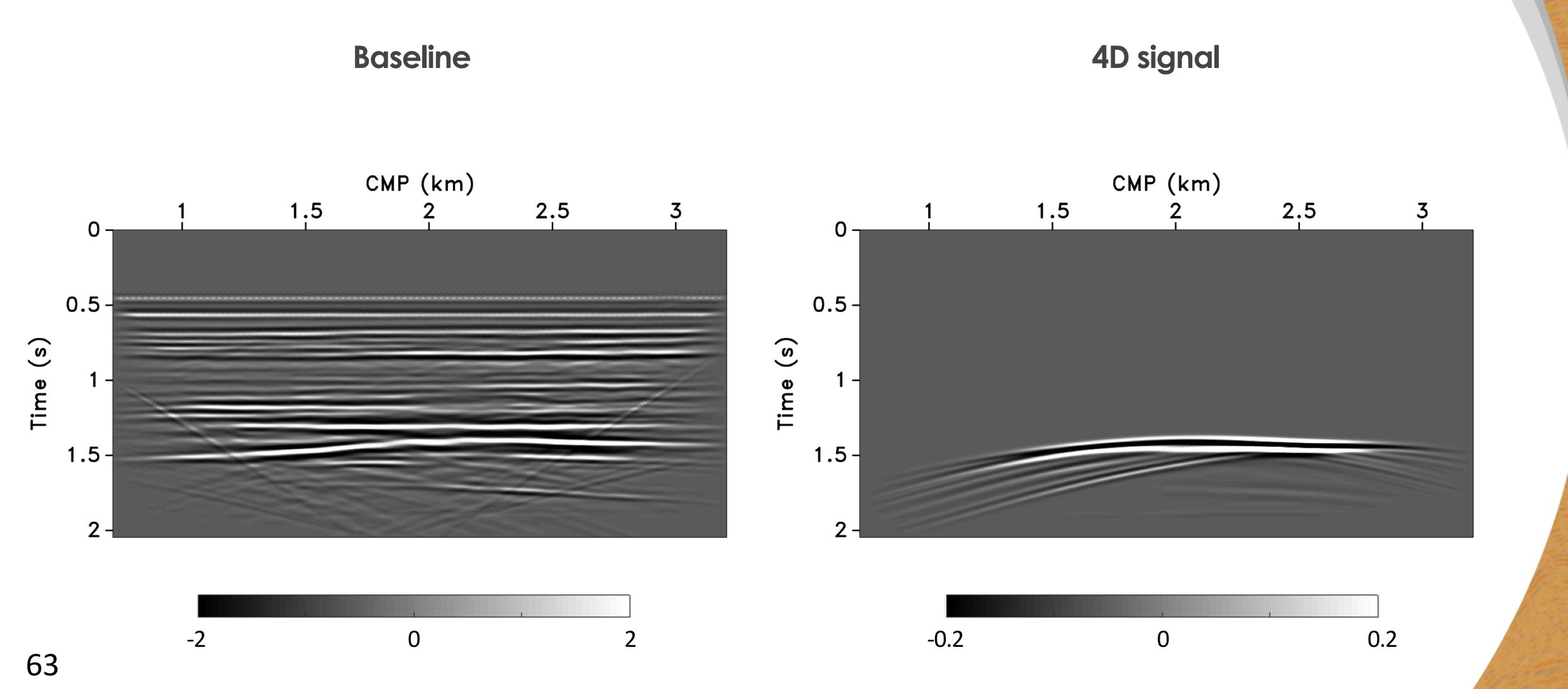


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4D recovery

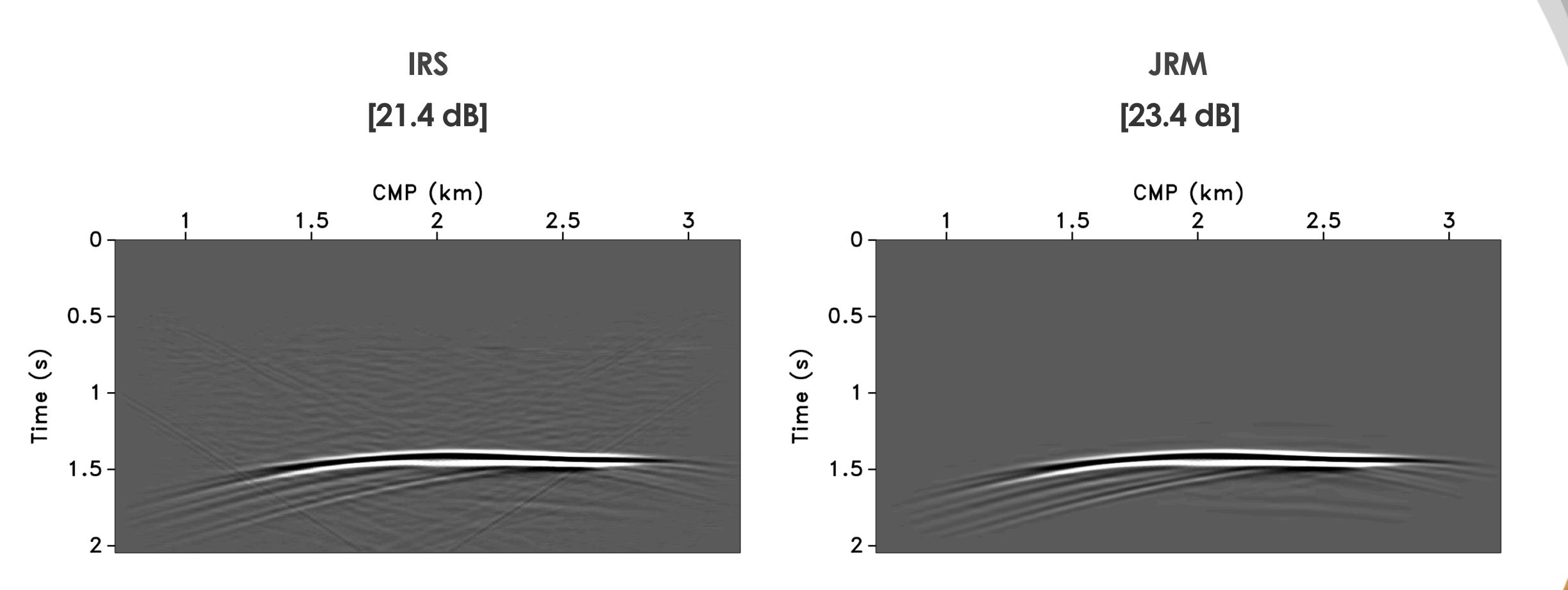
Joint recovery





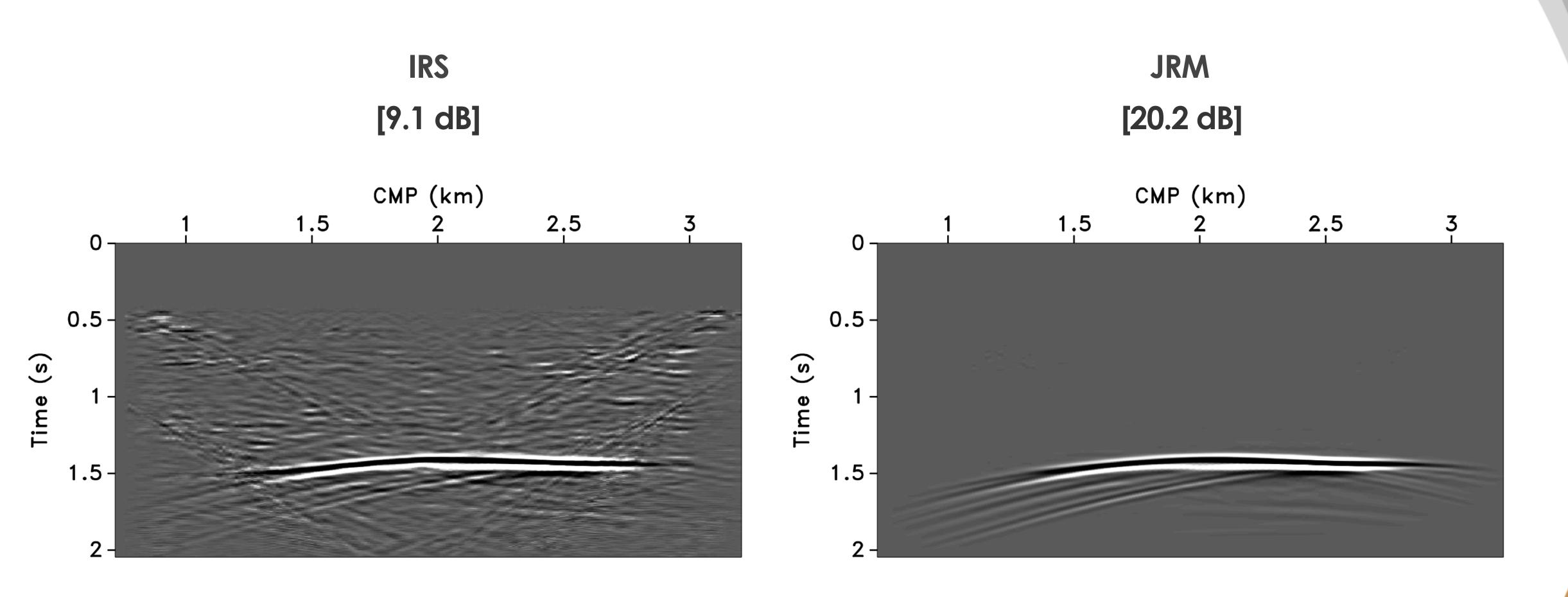


- 100% overlap in acquisition matrices



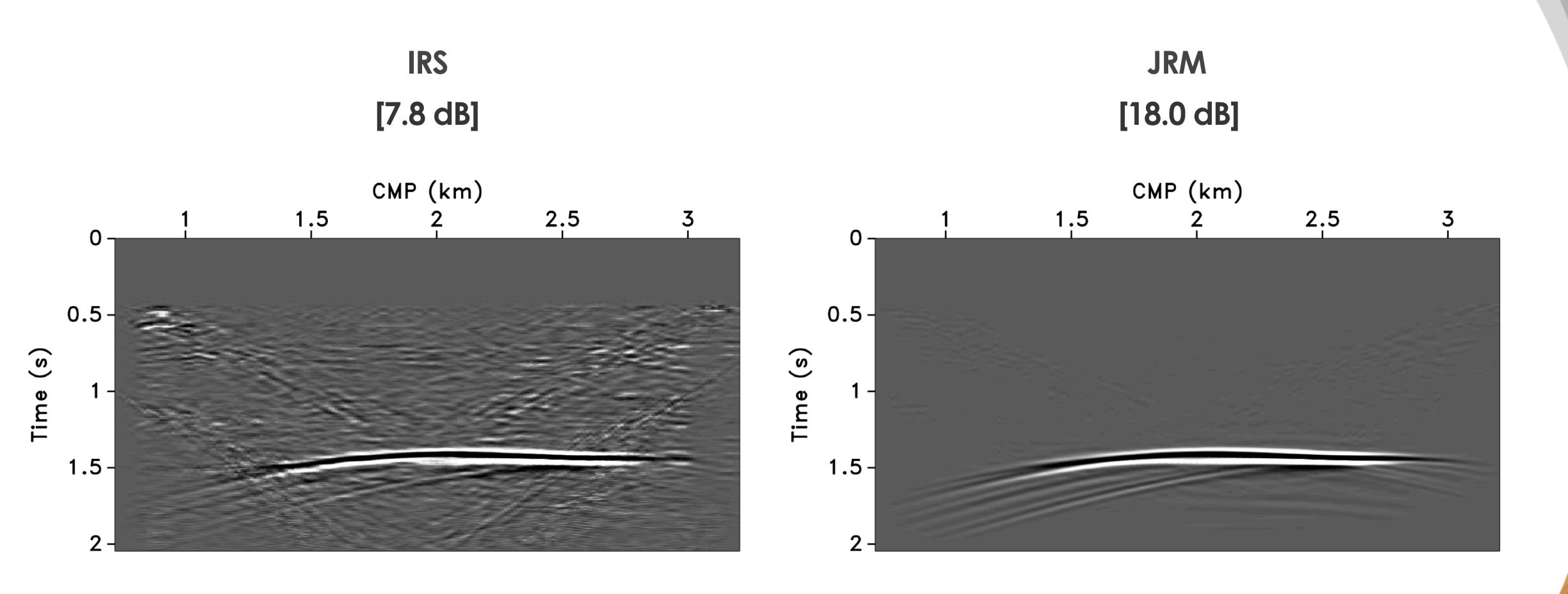


- 50% overlap in acquisition matrices





- 25% overlap in acquisition matrices





SNR (dB) for stacked sections

- average of 100 experiments

overlap	baseline		monitor		4D signal	
	IRS	JRM	IRS	JRM	IRS	JRM
100%	23.1 ± 1.2	24.8 ± 1.2	23.1 ± 1.3	24.8 ± 1.2	21.4 ± 1.8	23.4 ± 2.1
50%	23.1 ± 1.2	32.8 ± 1.6	23.4 ± 1.2	32.8 ± 1.6	9.1 ± 1.2	20.2 ± 1.3
25%	23.1 ± 1.2	35.3 ± 1.5	22.0 ± 1.1	35.0 ± 1.5	7.8 ± 1.3	18.0 ± 1.1



Conclusions

Seismic synthetics show that we do **not** necessarily have to insist on full replication of surveys depending on the recovery of the vintages

Processing time-lapse data **jointly** leads to improved recovery of the vintages with little variability in the time-lapse difference

Recall: we are still **on the grid** => exactly replicated (subsampled) shot locations **not realistic!**



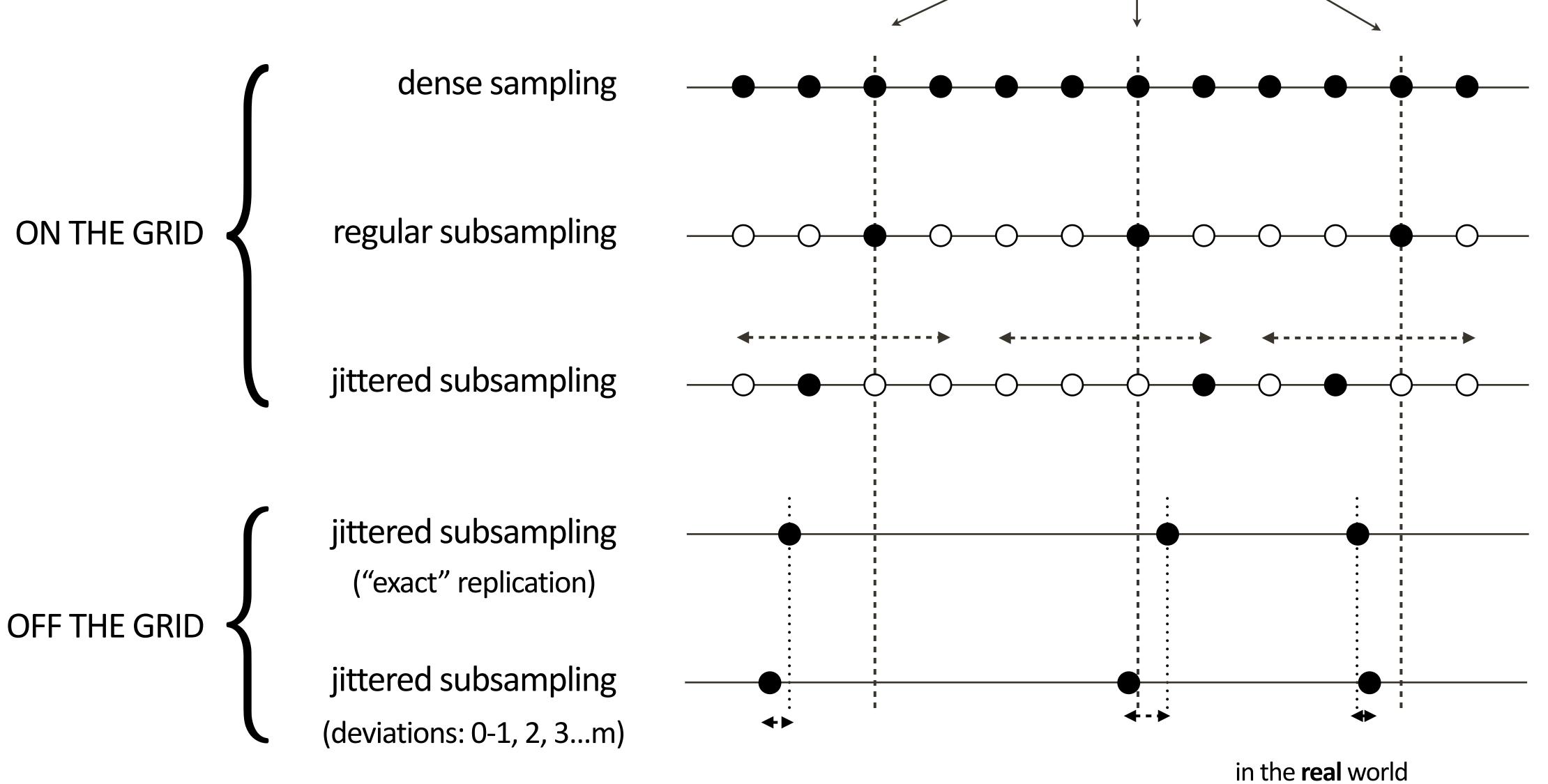
Chapter 6

Compressive time-lapse marine acquisition

- static acquisition geometry
- off-the-grid (or irregular) marine surveys
- with & without deviations in shot positions



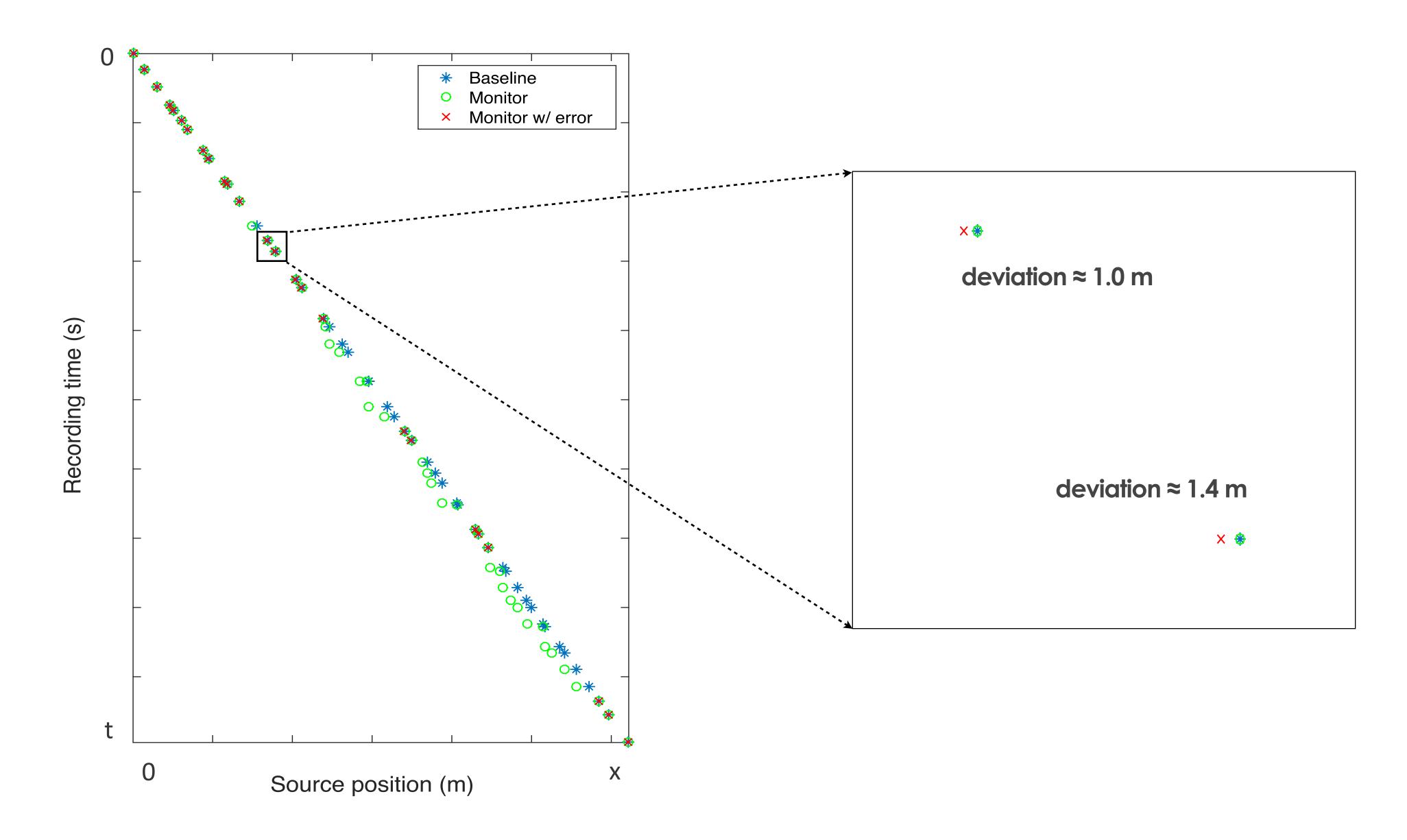
Sampling schemes



regularly subsampled spatial grid

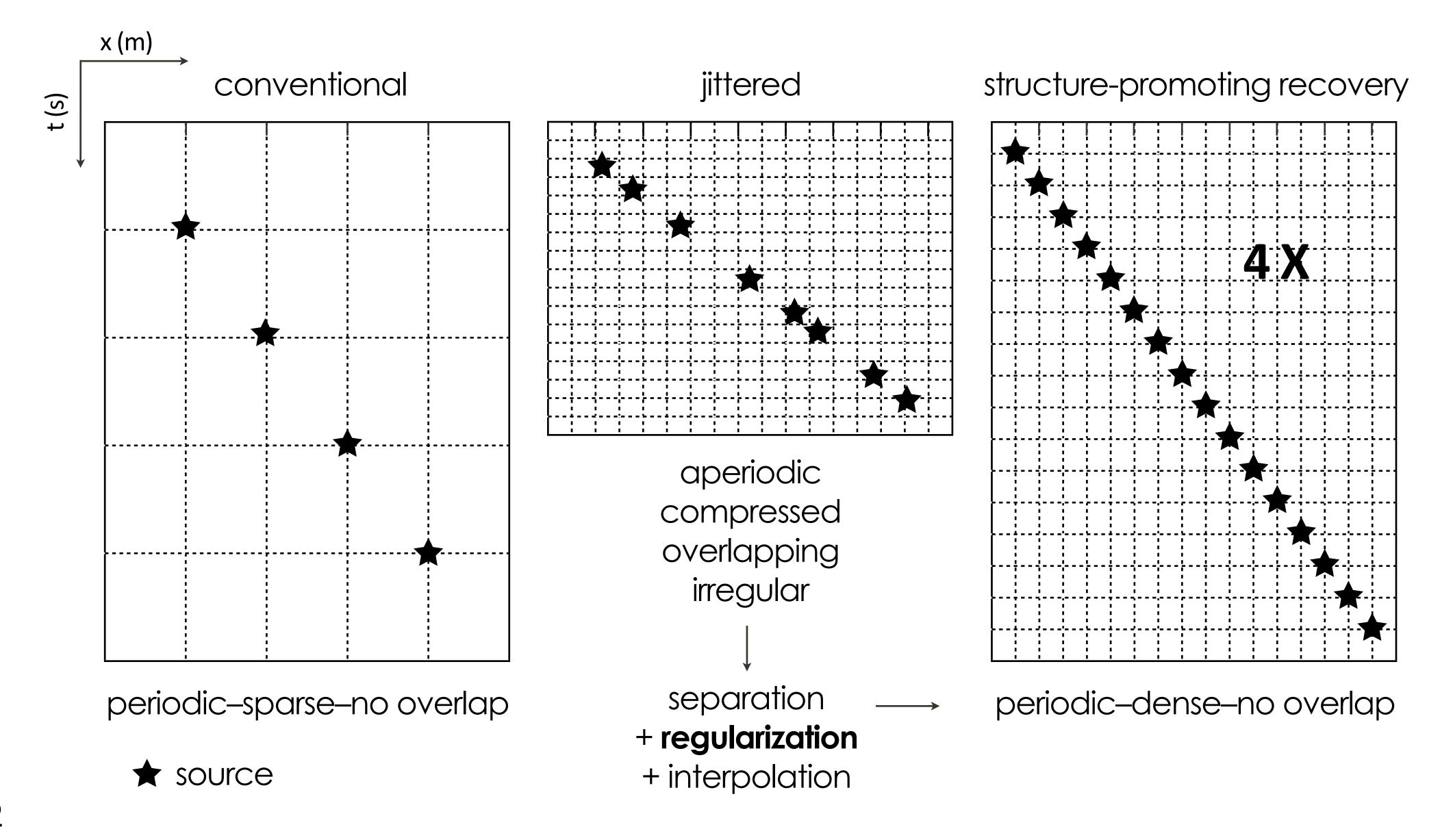


4D time-jittered marine acquisition





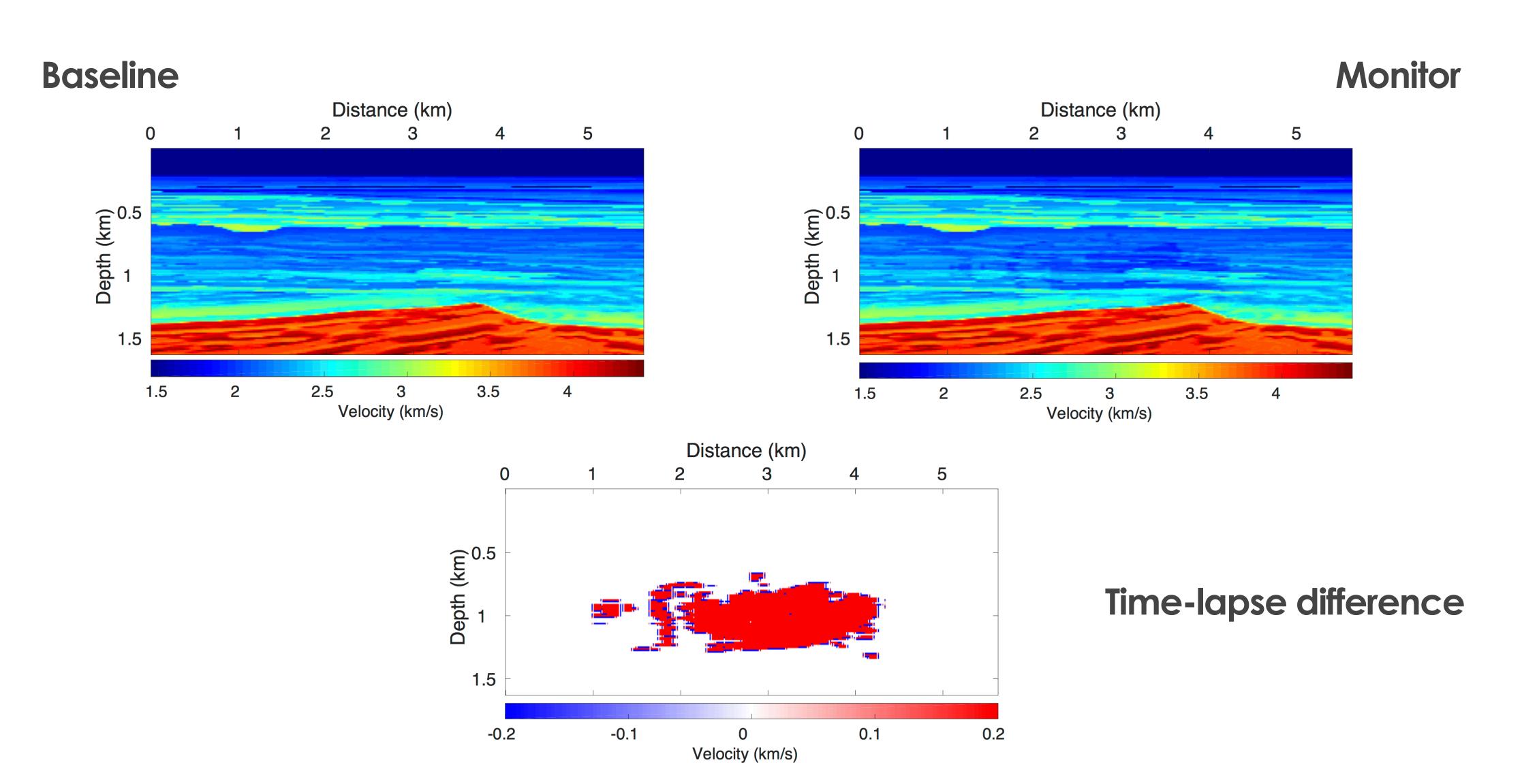
Conventional vs. compressive acquisition





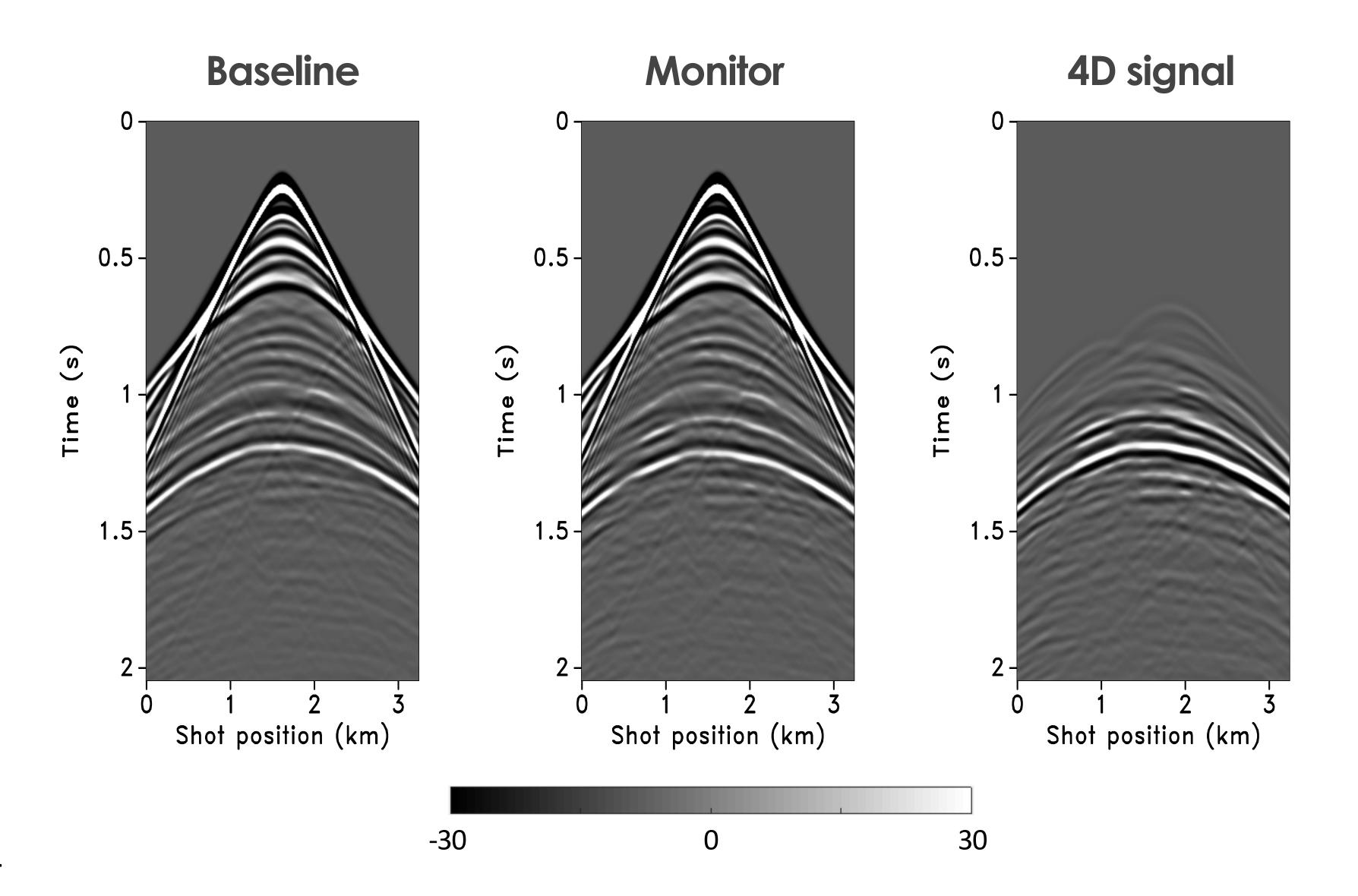
BG Compass model

- contains gas cloud



Simulated time-lapse data

- time-domain finite differences



time samples: 512

receivers: 260

sources: 260

sampling

time: **4.0** ms

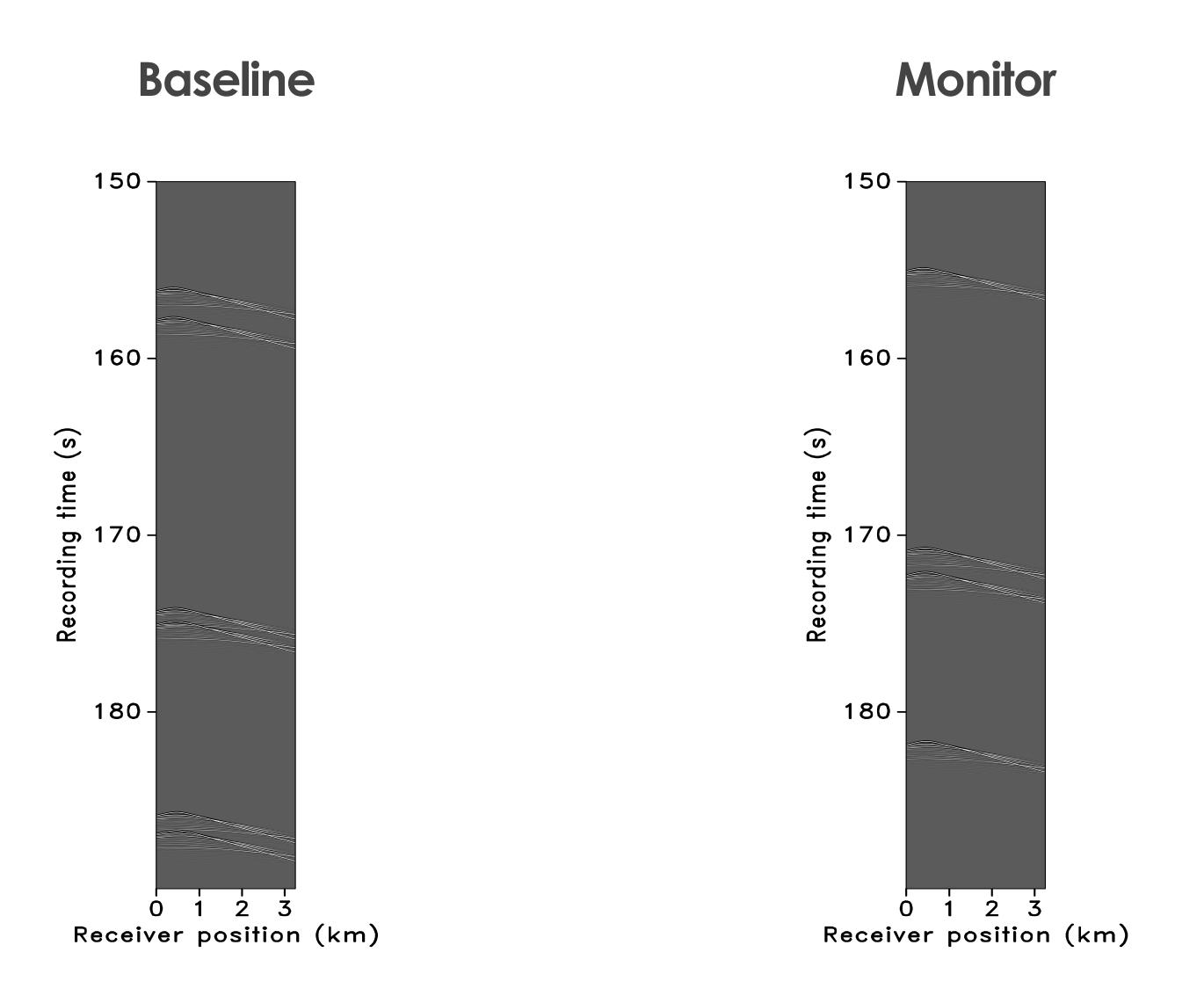
receiver: 12.5 m

source: **12.5** m



Measurements

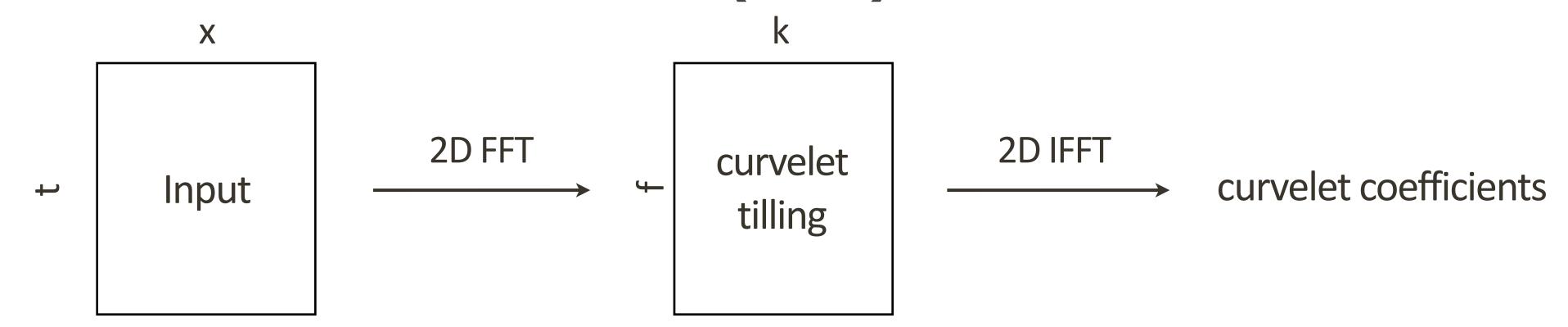
- subsampled, overlapping and irregular shots



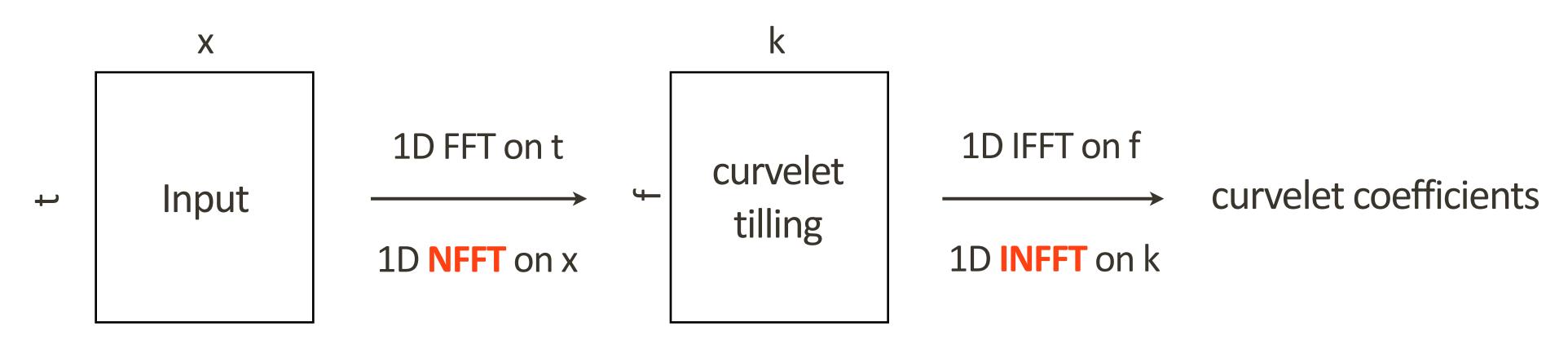


FDCT vs. NFDCT

Fast Discrete Curvelet Transform (FDCT)

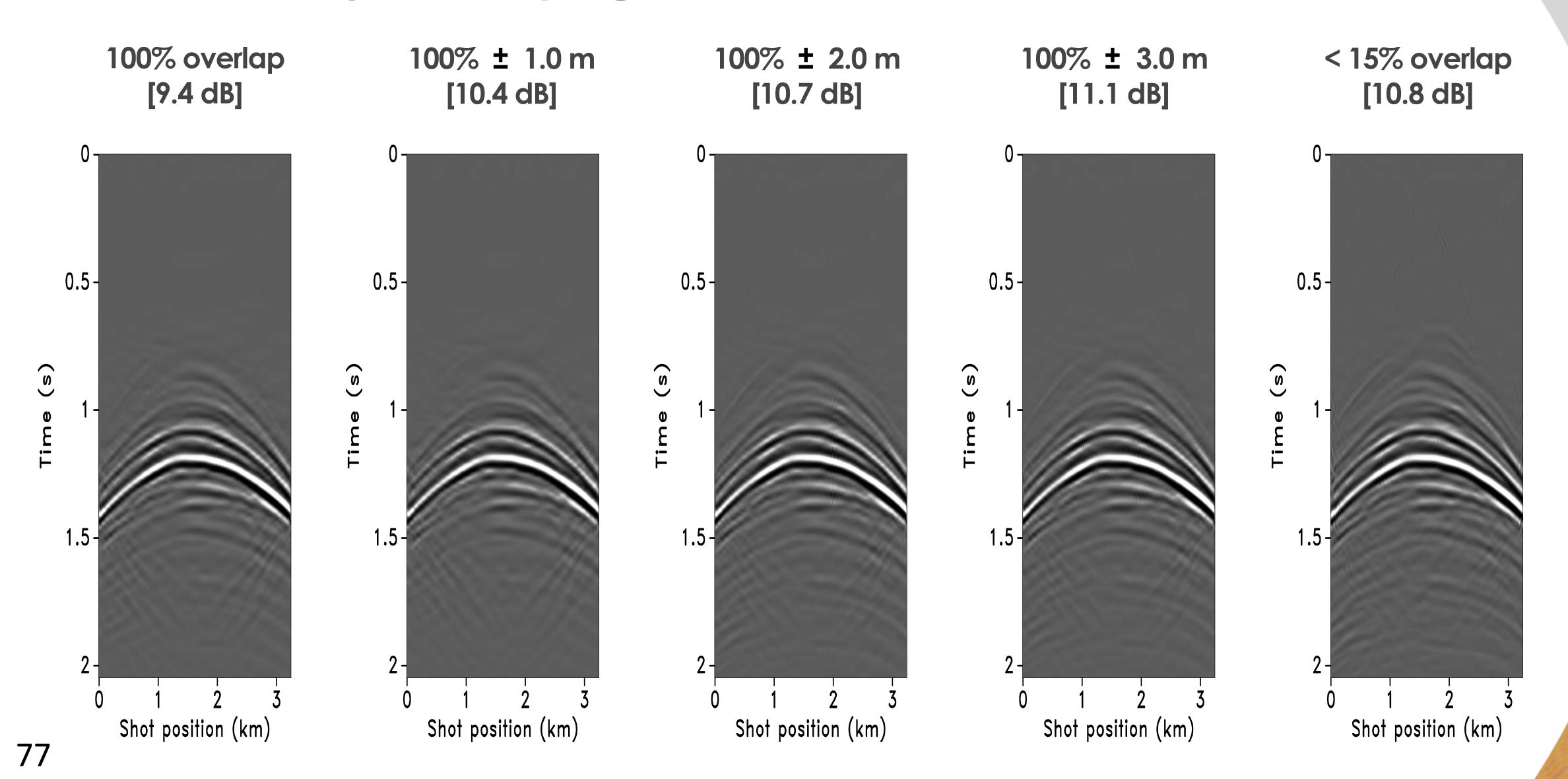


Nonequispaced Fast Discrete Curvelet Transform (NFDCT)



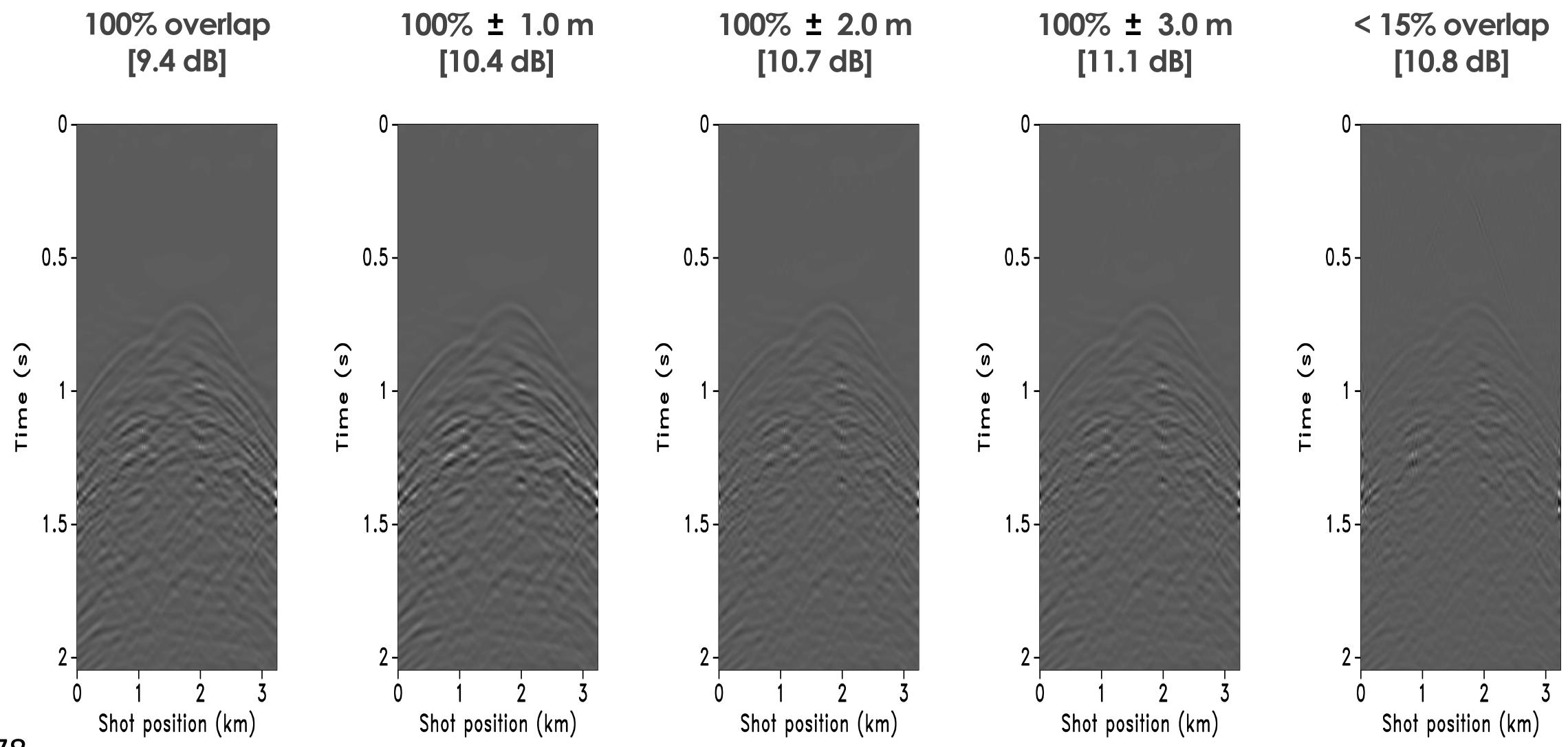
4D recovery

Joint recovery; subsampling factor = 2



4D residual

Joint recovery; subsampling factor = 2

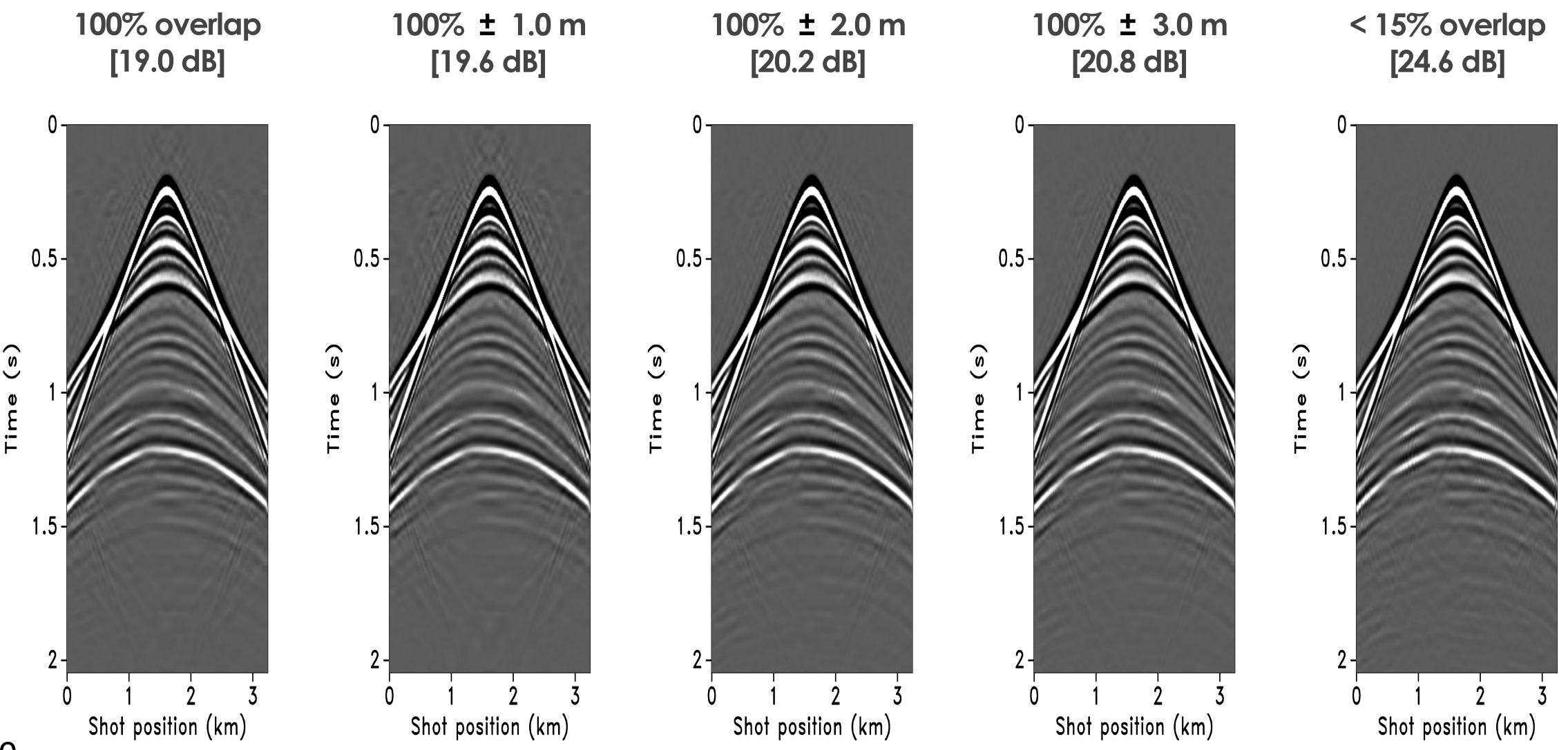




position deviations improve recovery of the vintages

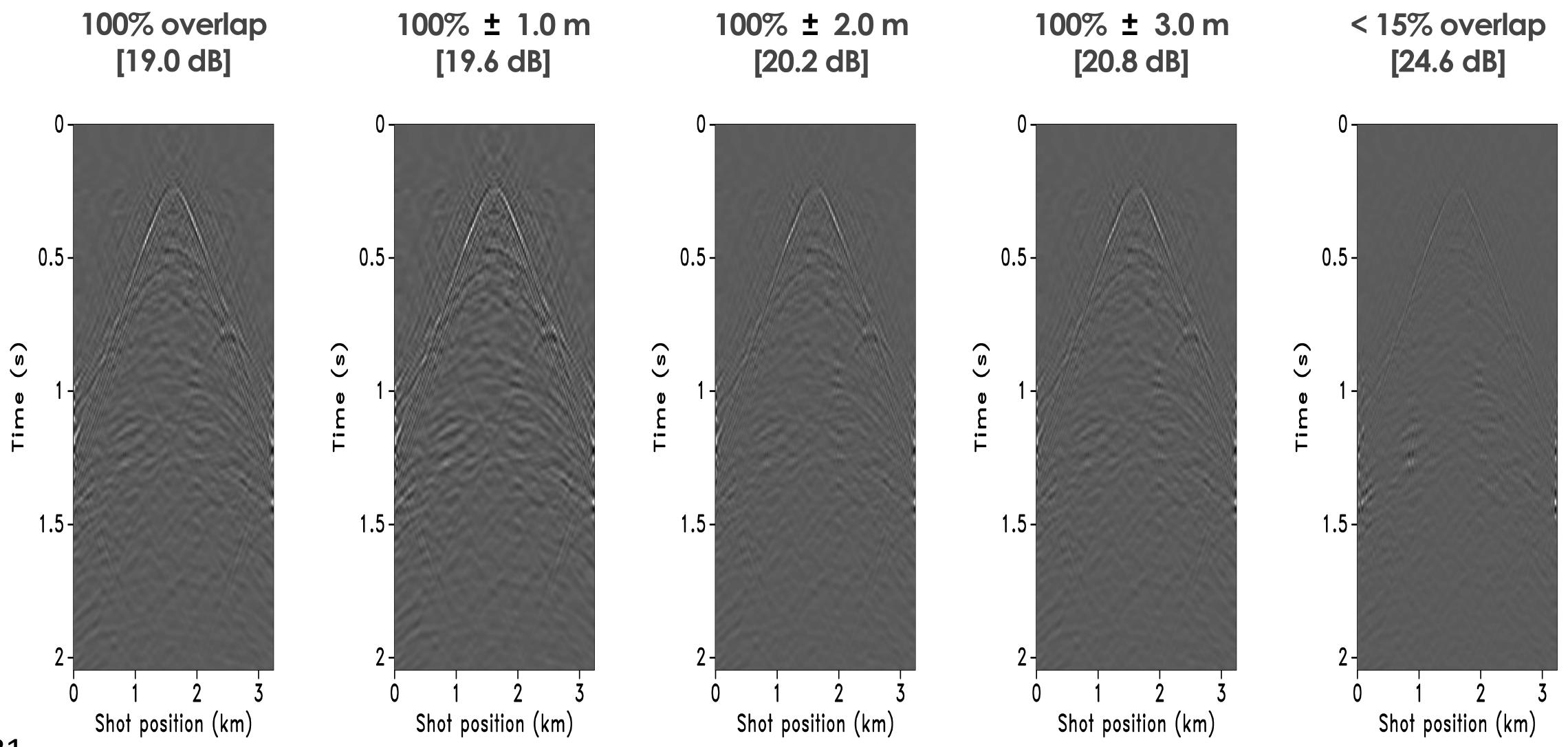
Monitor recovery

Joint recovery; subsampling factor = 2



Monitor residual

Joint recovery; subsampling factor = 2





SNR (dB) for data recovered via JRM

- average of 10 experiments; subsampling factor = 2

overlap ± deviation	Baseline	Monitor	4D signal
100%	19.1 ± 0.9	19.0 ± 0.9	9.4 ± 1.8
100% ± 1.0 m	19.7 ± 0.7	19.6 ± 0.7	10.4 ± 1.3
100% ± 2.0 m	20.3 ± 1.5	20.2 ± 1.5	10.7 ± 1.9
100% ± 3.0 m	21.0 ± 1.5	20.8 ± 1.5	11.1 ± 1.8
< 15 % *	24.8 ± 1.8	24.6 ± 1.7	10.8 ± 0.9

^{*} least possible overlap range > 0% and < 15% (depends on simultaneous acquisition design and subsampling factor)



SNR (dB) for data recovered via JRM

- average of 10 experiments; subsampling factor = 4

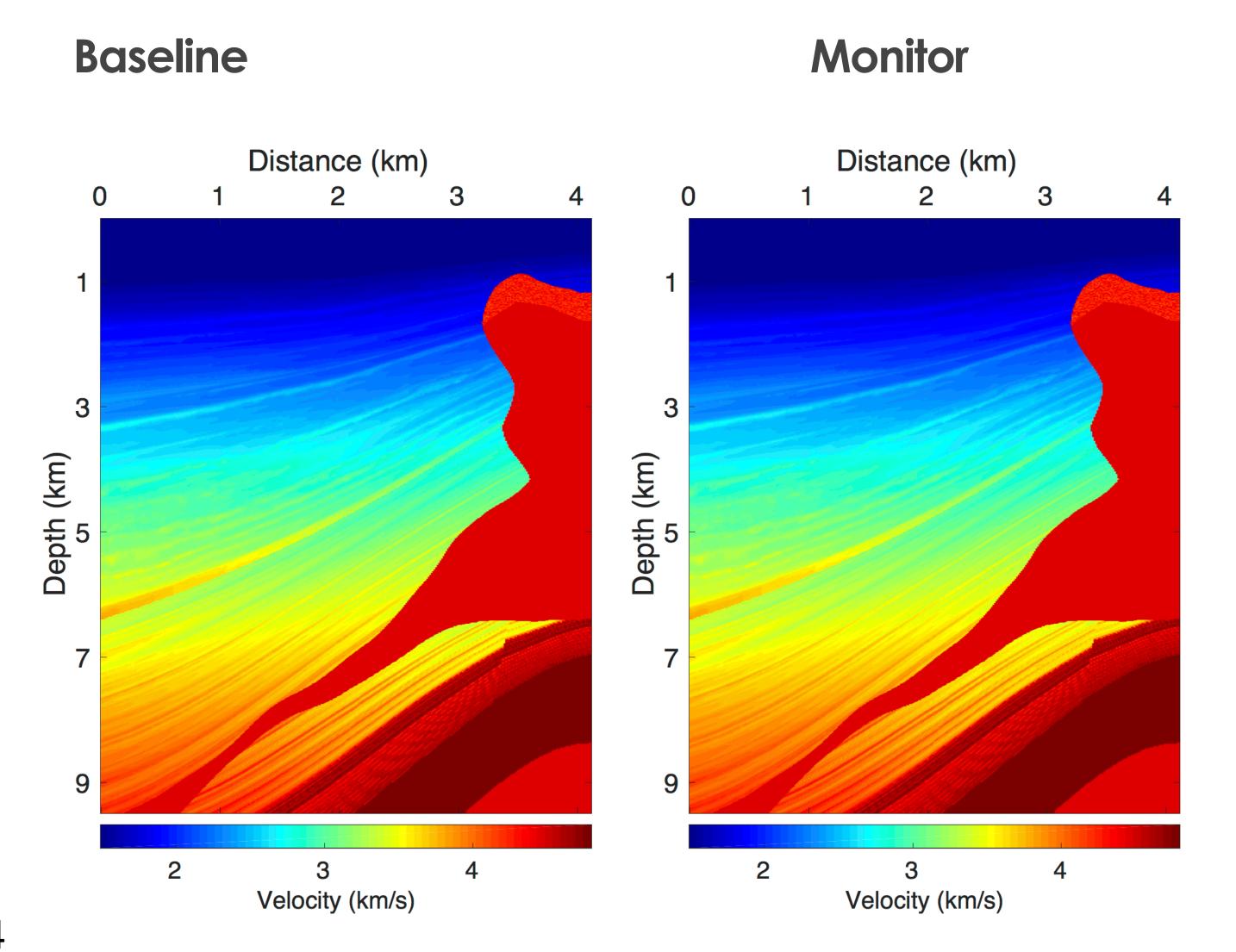
overlap ± deviation	Baseline	Monitor	4D signal
100%	14.1 ± 0.7	13.9 ± 0.7	6.1 ± 0.8
100% ± 1.0 m	14.5 ± 0.8	14.3 ± 0.8	5.6 ± 0.8
100% ± 2.0 m	15.6 ± 0.7	15.5 ± 0.7	6.4 ± 0.7
100% ± 3.0 m	16.2 ± 0.7	16.0 ± 0.7	6.0 ± 0.6
< 5 % *	18.0 ± 0.9	17.7 ± 0.8	5.2 ± 0.5

^{*} least possible overlap range > 0% and < 5% (depends on simultaneous acquisition design and subsampling factor)

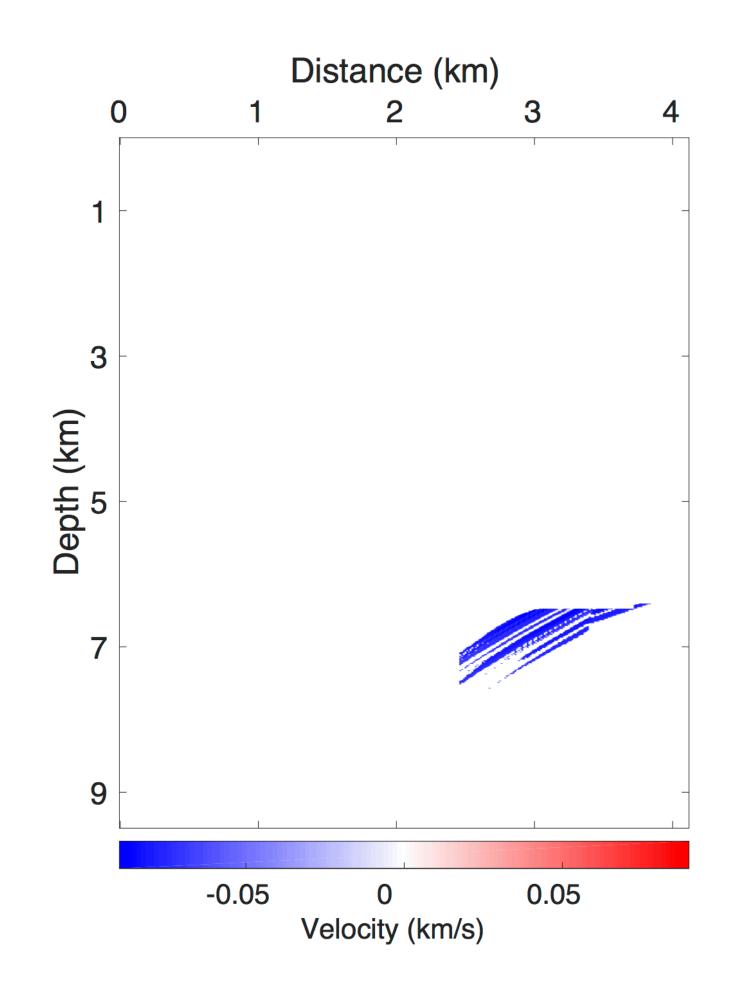


SEAM Phase 1 model

- time-lapse difference via fluid substitution

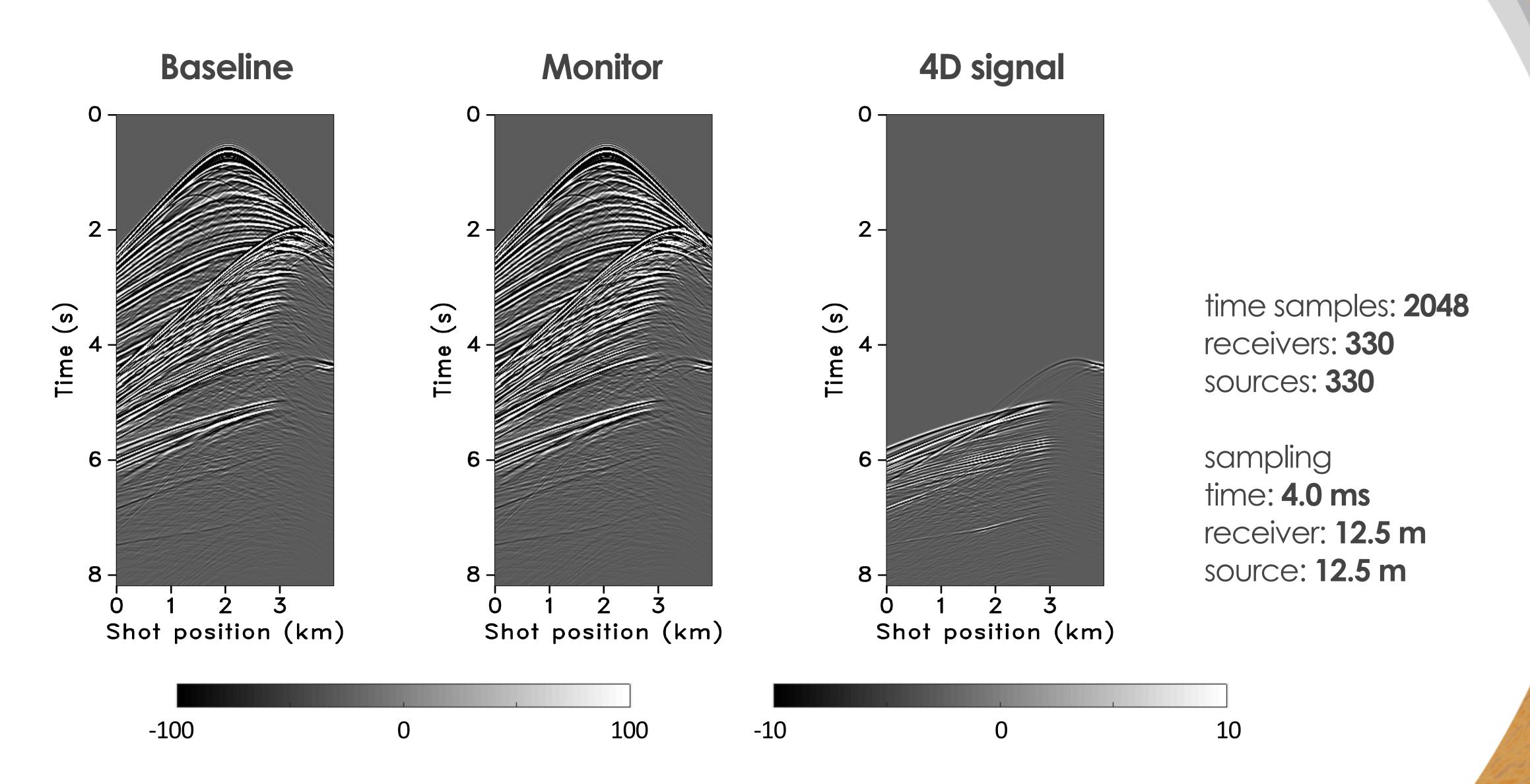


Time-lapse difference



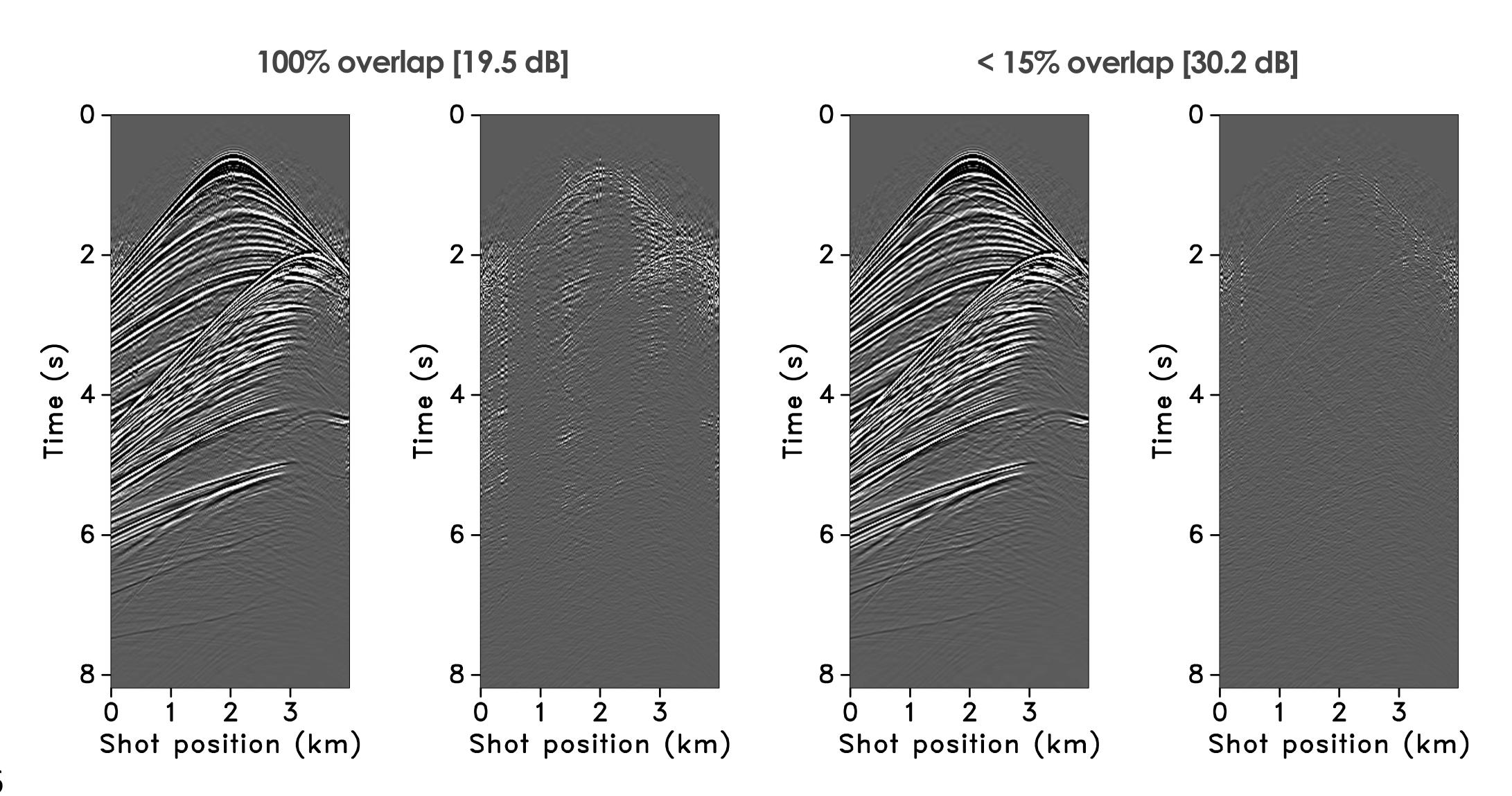
Simulated time-lapse data

- time-domain finite differences



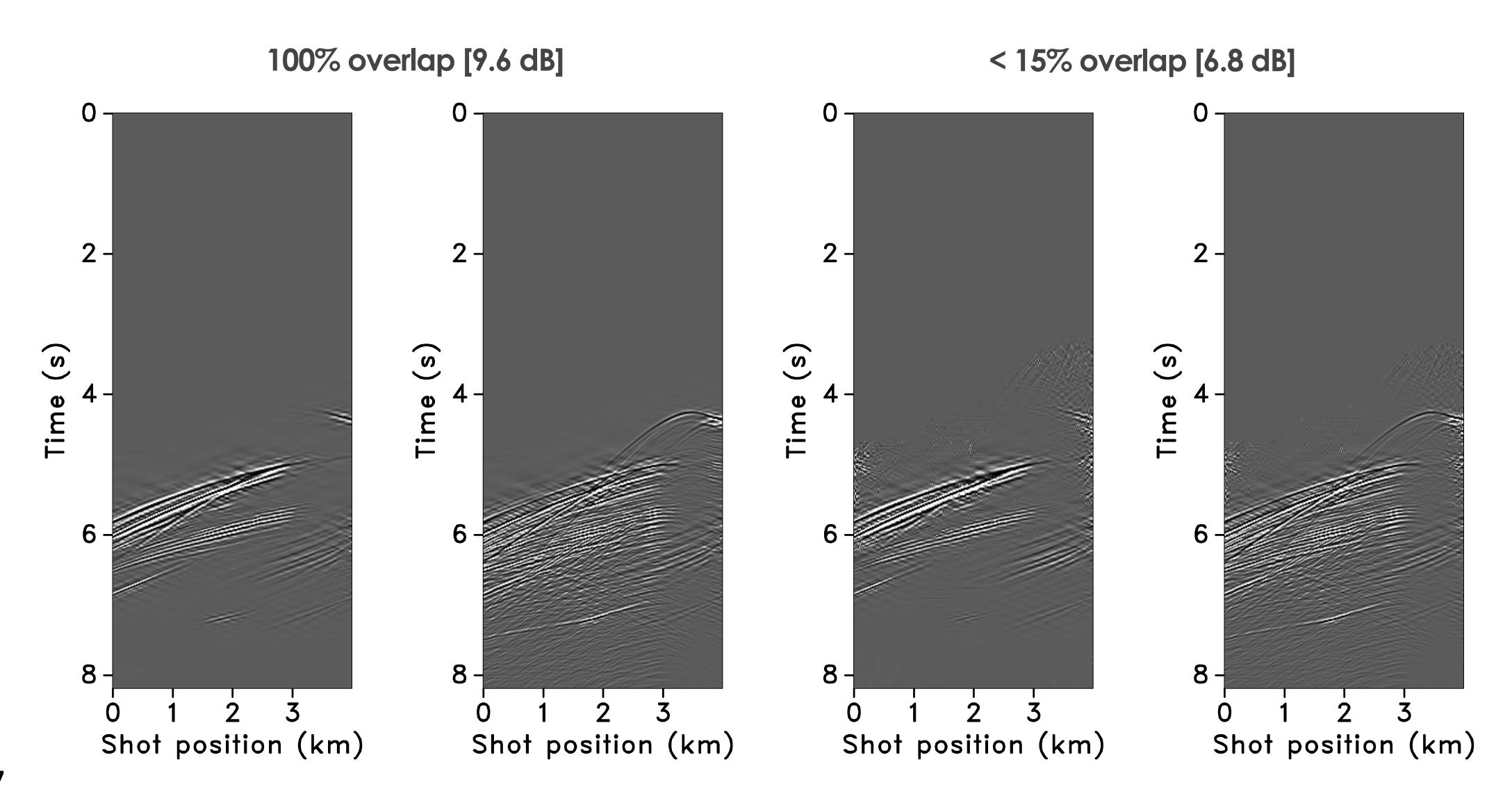
Monitor recovery & residual

- Joint recovery; subsampling factor = 2



4D recovery & residual

- Joint recovery; subsampling factor = 2





Conclusions

In the given context of randomized subsampling, position deviations

- have little variability on recovery of the time-lapse difference
- improve recovery of the vintages

Should we repeat compressive randomized time-lapse surveys?

- Irregular sampling is inevitable in the real world => "exact" replicability of surveys is naturally not possible
- Better to focus on knowing the shot positions post acquisition

Embrace natural **randomness** in the field or better purposefully randomize acquisitions to maximize collection of information



Main contributions

Design of **pragmatic** simultaneous-source **time-jittered marine** acquisition

Adaptation of **NFDCT** for simultaneous-source acquisition and source separation

Design of **pragmatic** simultaneous-source **time-jittered time-lapse marine** acquisition with different overlaps between baseline & monitor surveys



Main conclusions

CS ideas can be successfully adapted to seismic data acquisition

CS offers new **design** perspectives for seismic data acquisition schemes Three **key** components:

- find representations that reveal structure, e.g., transform-domain sparsity
- sample to break structure, e.g., randomized acquisitions
- recover by structure promotion, e.g., sparsity via one-norm minimization

Simultaneous-source acquisition is an instance of compressive sensing

- economic acquisitions with reduced environmental imprint



Main conclusions

Time-lapse seismic

- **processing** time-lapse data **jointly** leads to improved recovery of the vintages with little variability in the time-lapse difference
- **irregular** sampling is **inevitable** in the real world => better to focus on knowing the shot positions post acquisition

Embrace natural **randomness** in the field or better purposefully randomize acquisitions to maximize collection of information



Summary of publications

Journal papers

Low-cost time-lapse seismic with distributed compressive sensing --- Impact on repeatability, Haneet Wason, Felix Oghenekohwo, and Felix. J. Herrmann, Geophysics, 82, P15--P30.

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Summary of publications

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Future research directions

Develop a computationally faster and memory efficient implementation of 2D & 3D curvelet transforms

Improve recovery of weak late-arriving events with weighted one-norm minimization

Develop robust algorithms to use simultaneous-source data directly in imaging and inversion

Improve sparse time-lapse data recoveries with γ -weighted one-norm formulation for DCS:

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{z}} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{z}} \gamma_0 \|\mathbf{z_0}\|_1 + \gamma_1 \|\mathbf{z_1}\|_1 + \gamma_2 \|\mathbf{z_2}\|_1$$
 subject to $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Az}$



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