

Intersections and sums of sets for the regularization of inverse problems

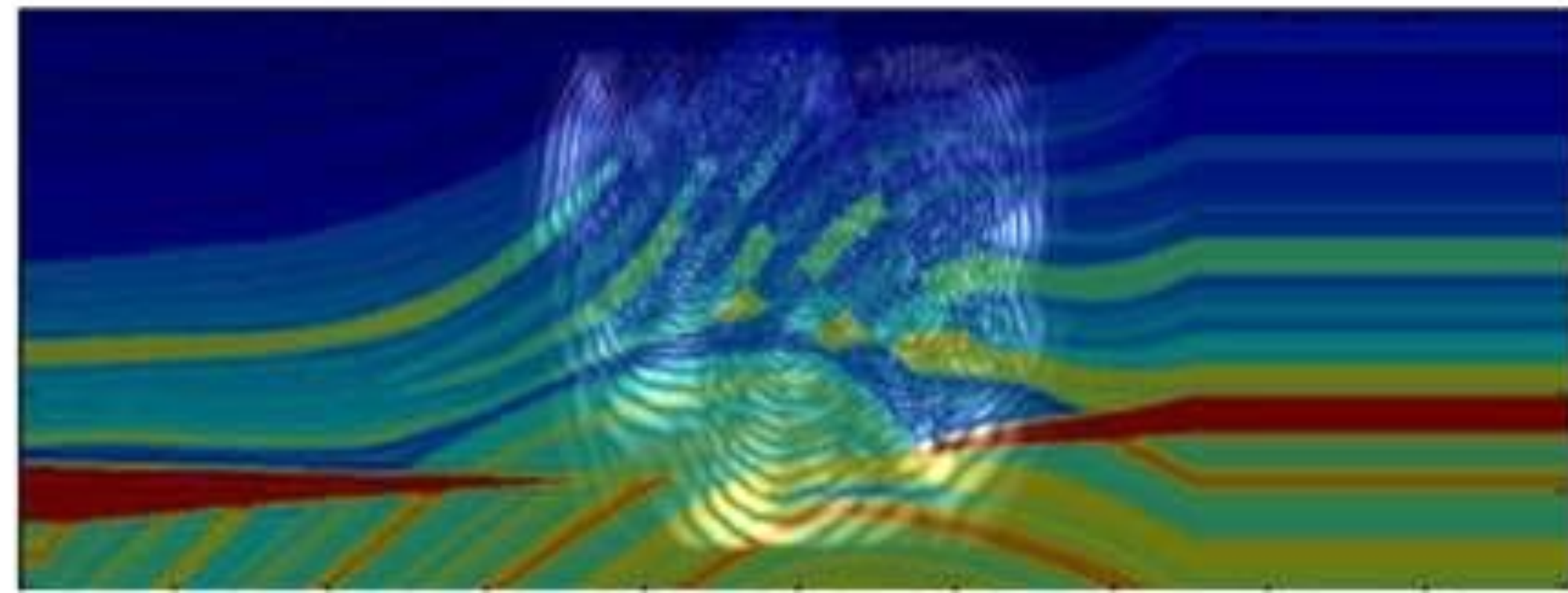
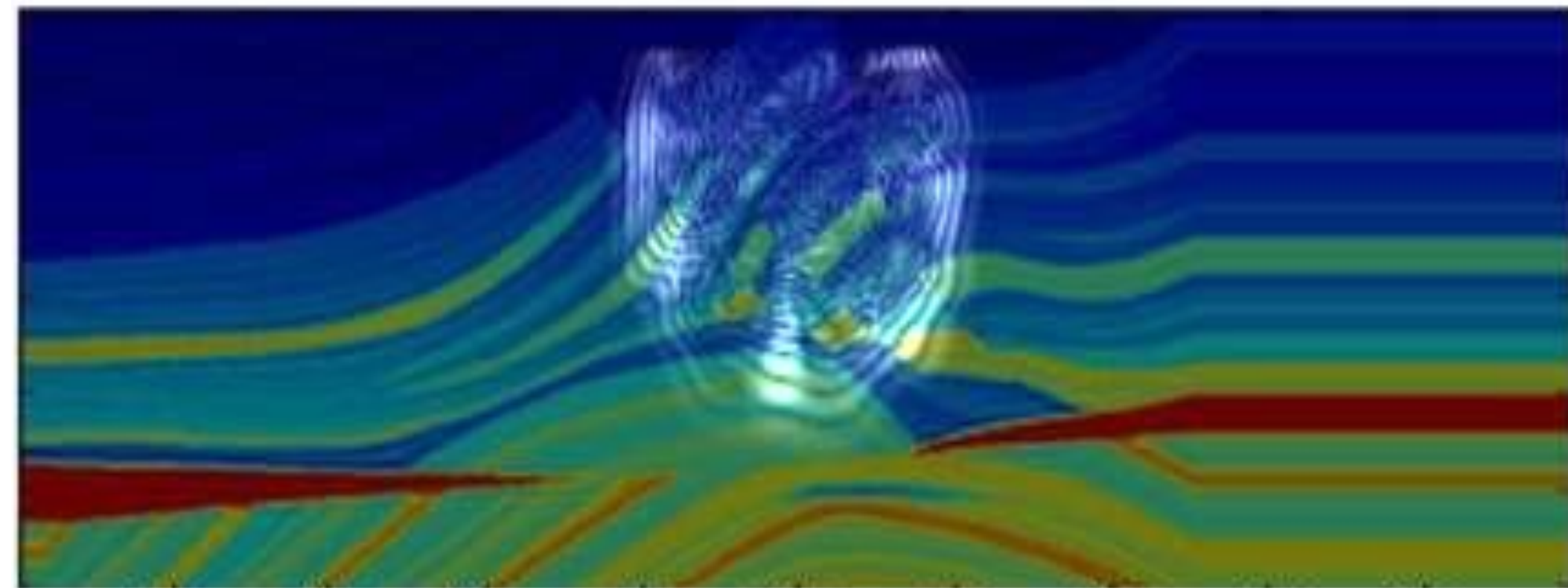
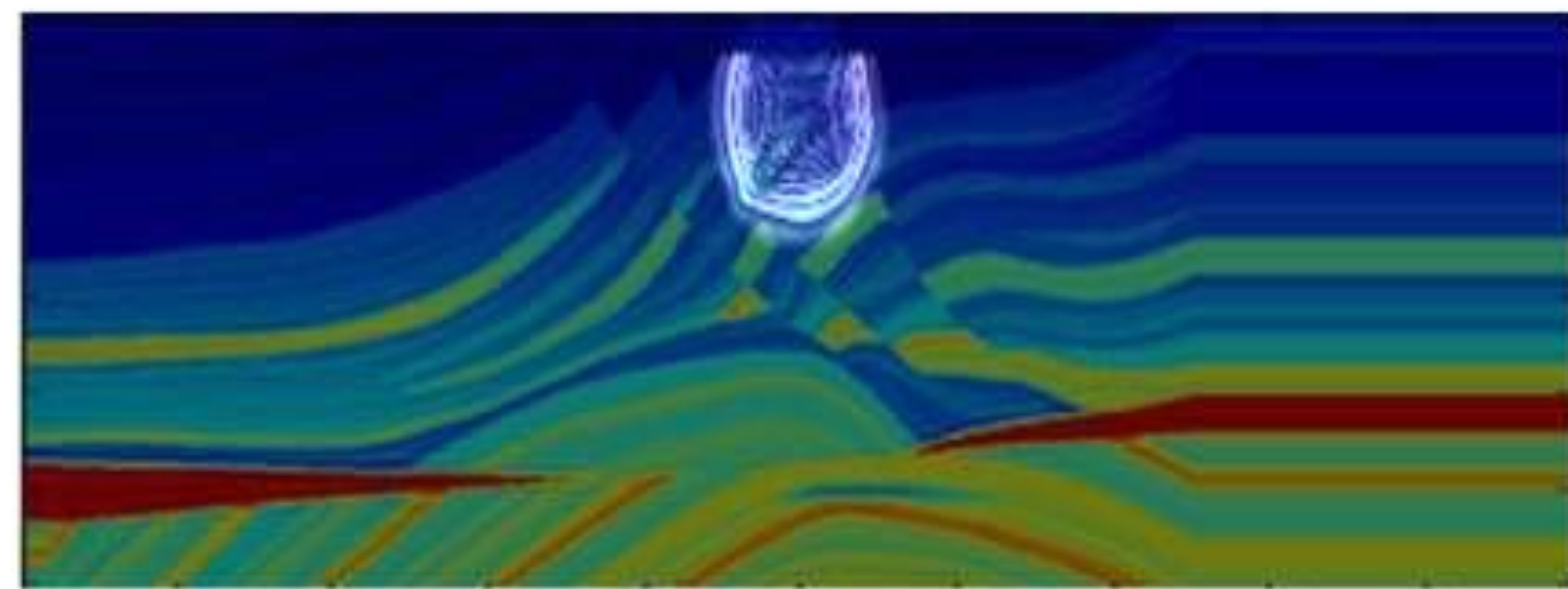
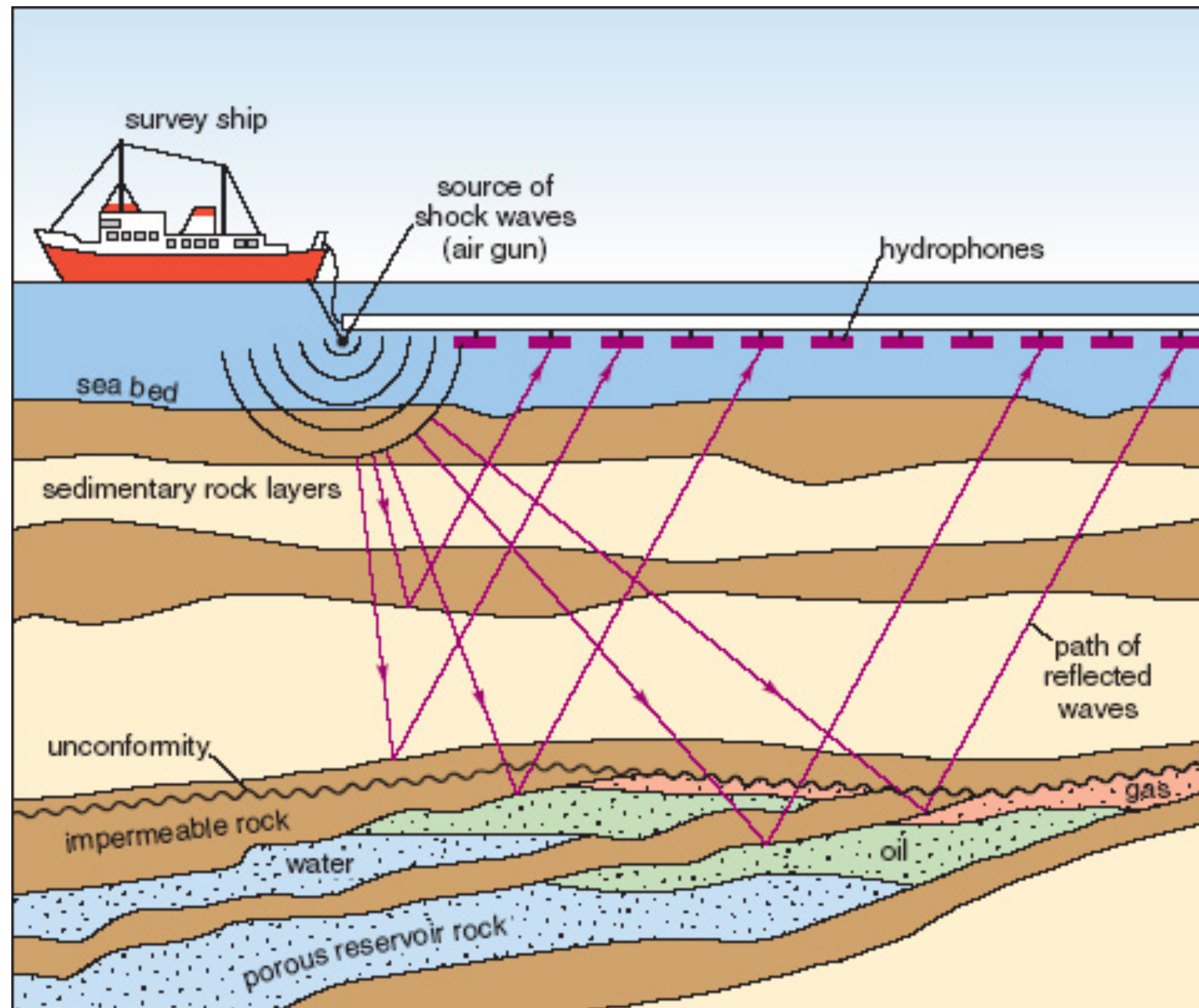
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Motivating problem: Seismic full-waveform inversion



Seismic full-waveform inversion (FWI)

matching observed data $d^{\text{obs}} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ to predicted data $\mathcal{F}(m) : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$

model parameters $m \in \mathbb{R}^N$ are often acoustic velocity

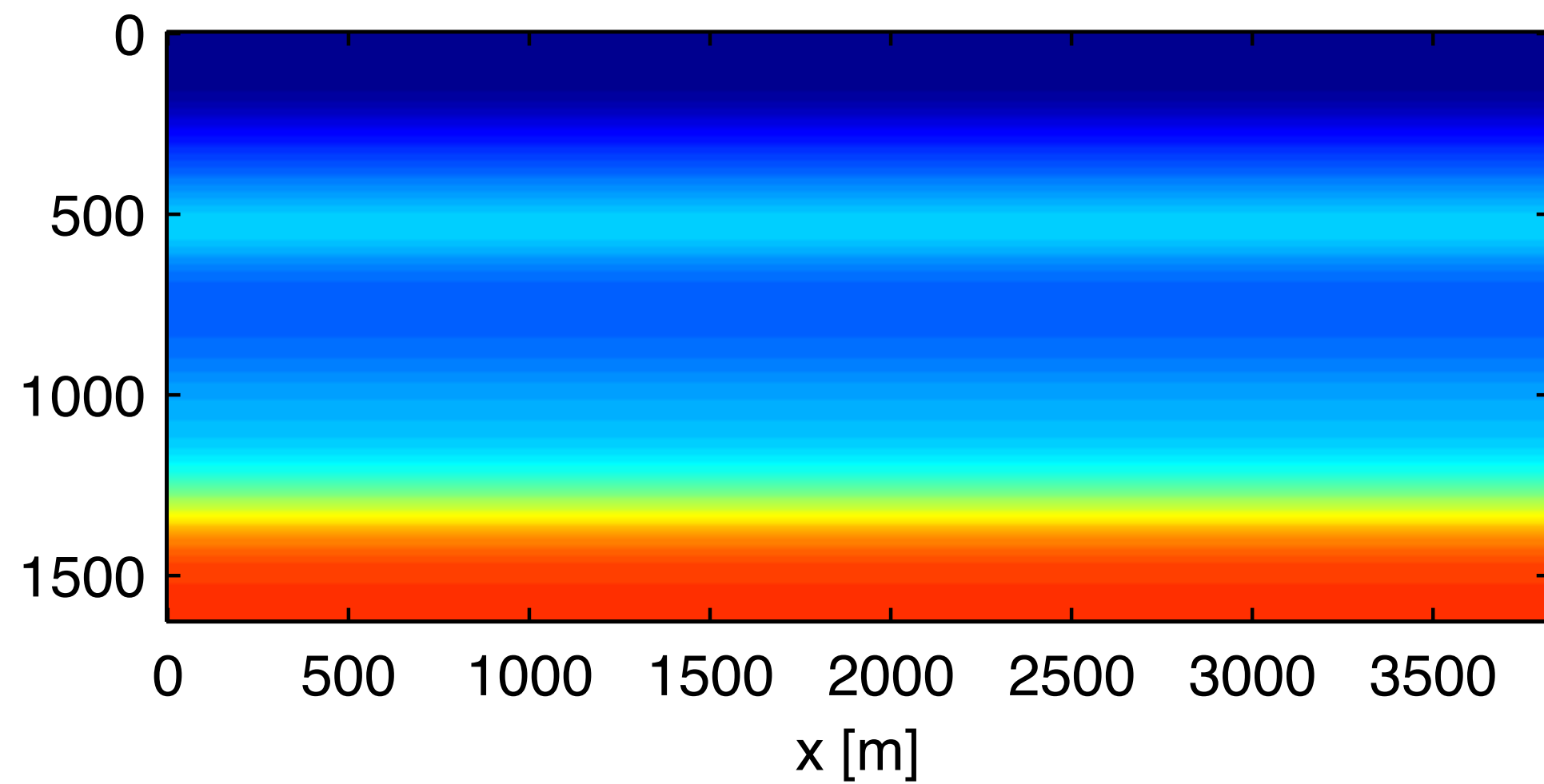
basic nonlinear inverse problem: $\min_m f(\mathcal{F}(m) - d^{\text{obs}})$

data-misfit : $f(m) : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

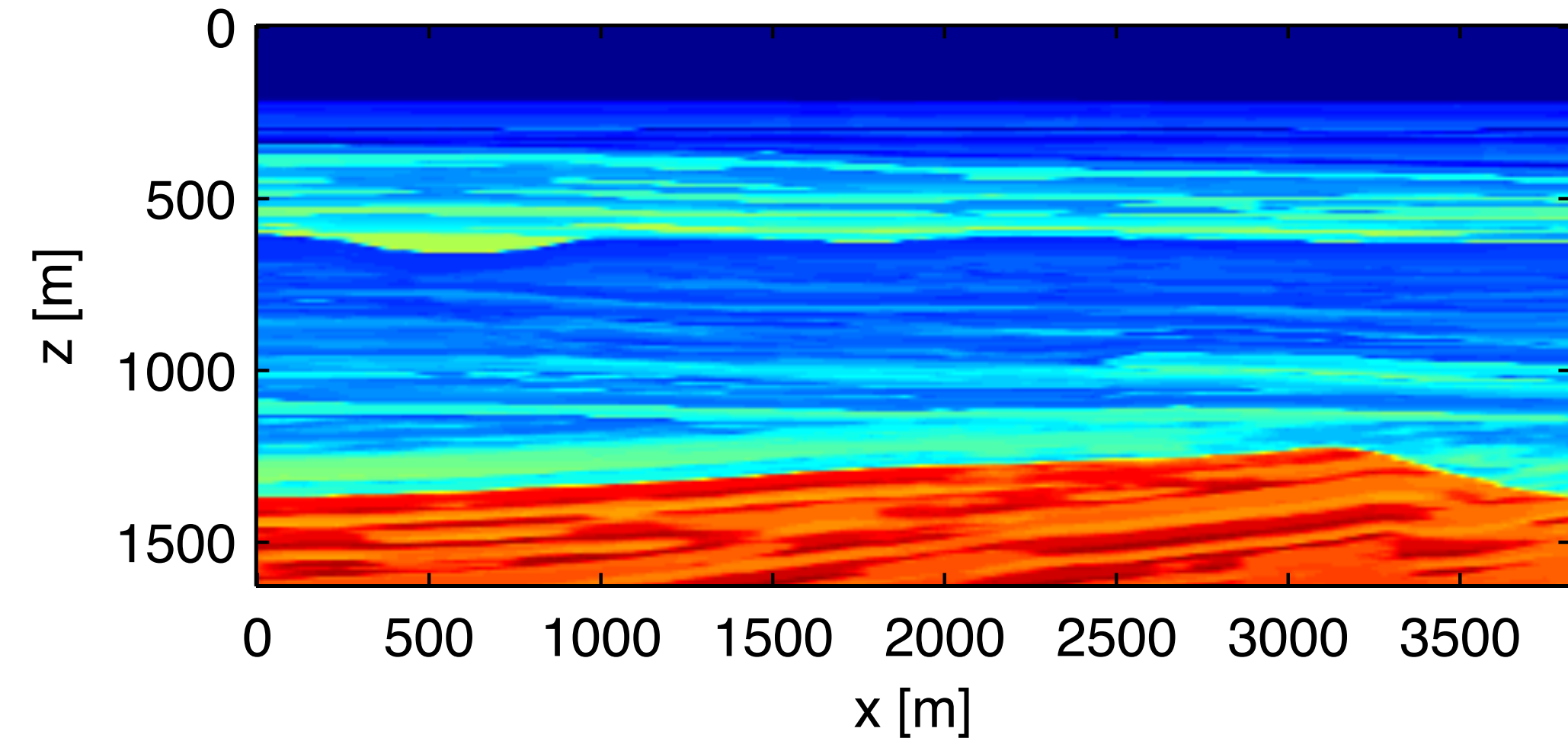
- non-convex
- often $f(\cdot) = \frac{1}{2} \|\cdot\|_2^2$

Seismic FWI - best case

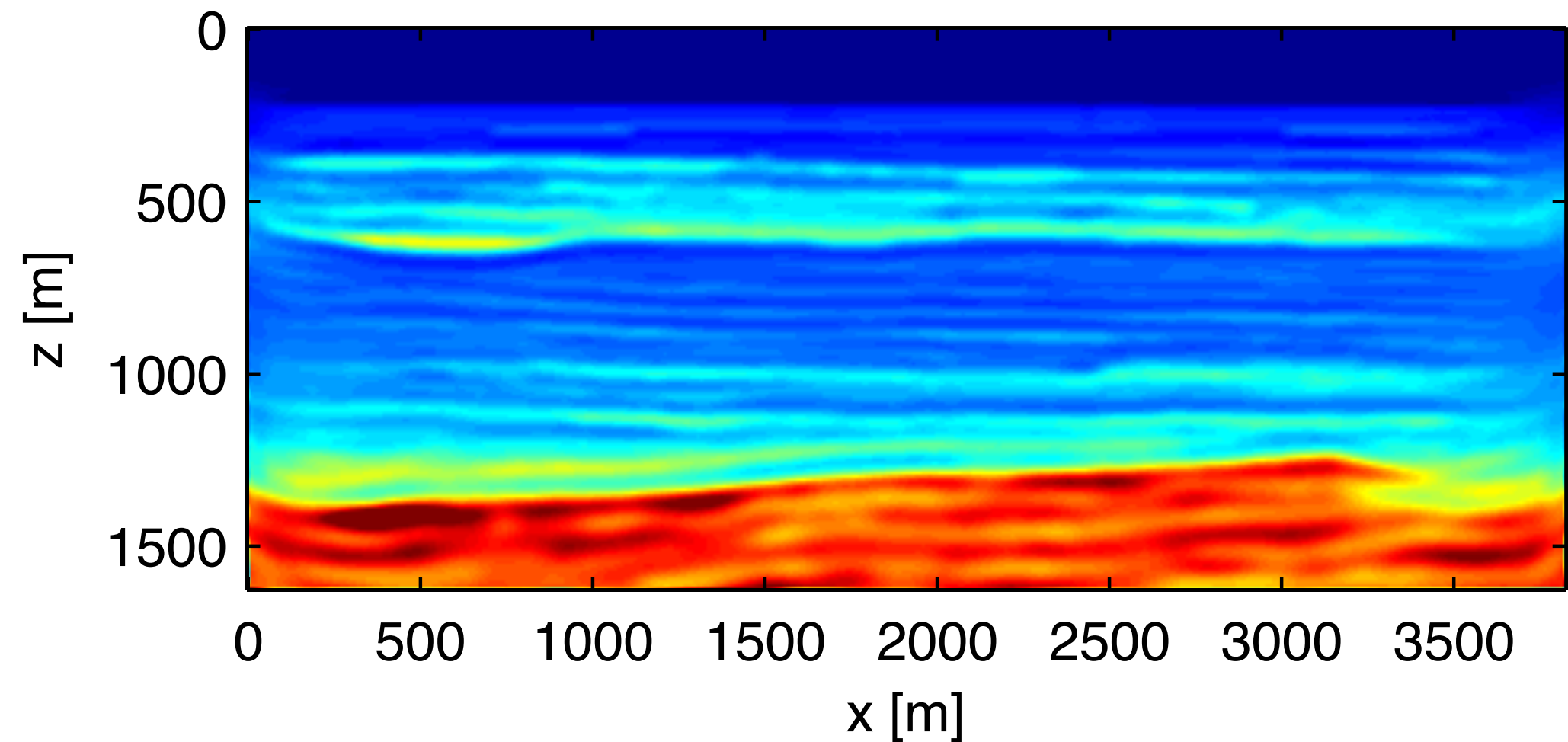
Initial velocity model



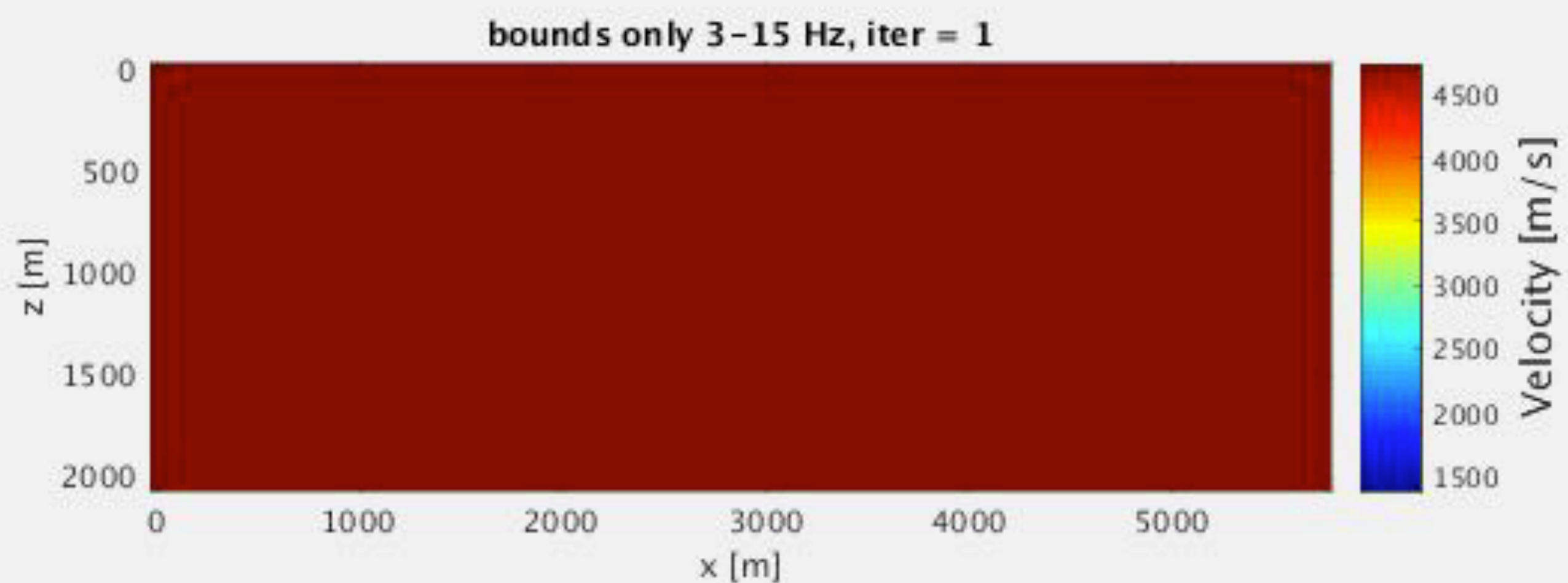
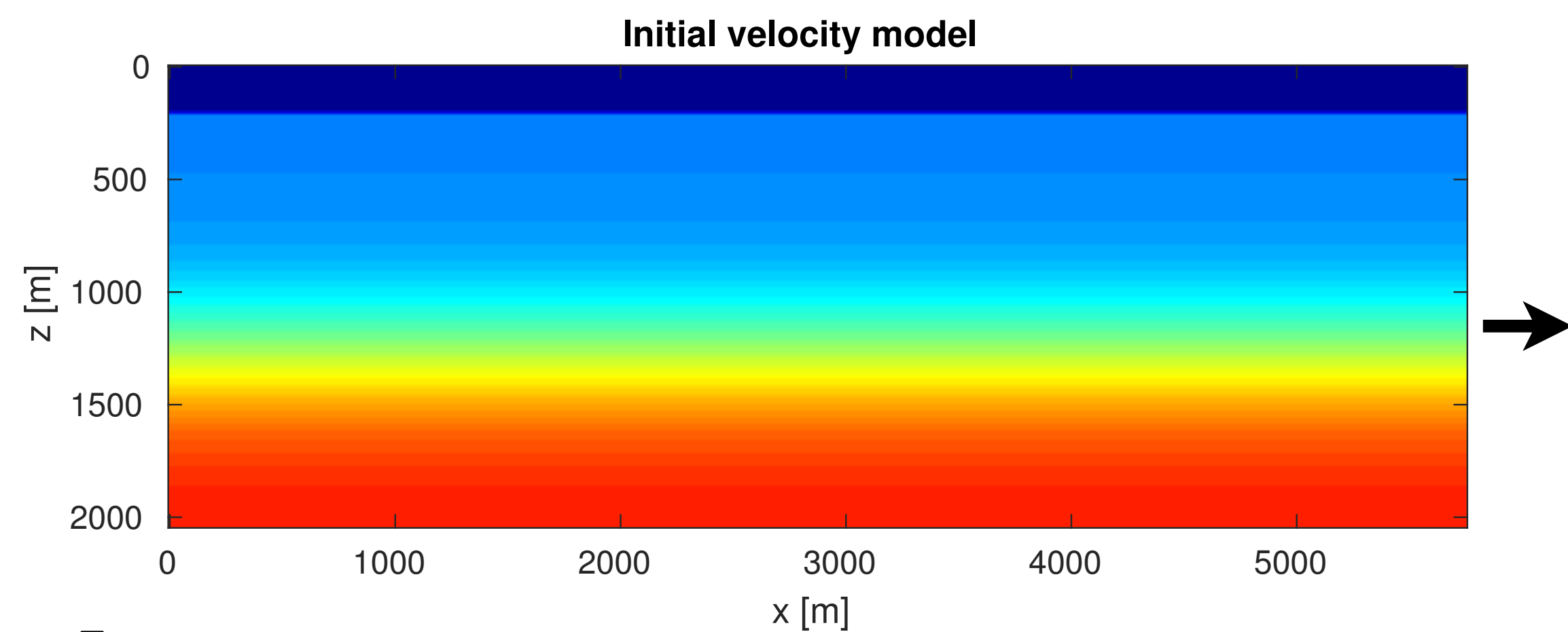
True velocity model



Result reduced Lagrangian



Seismic FWI - problem

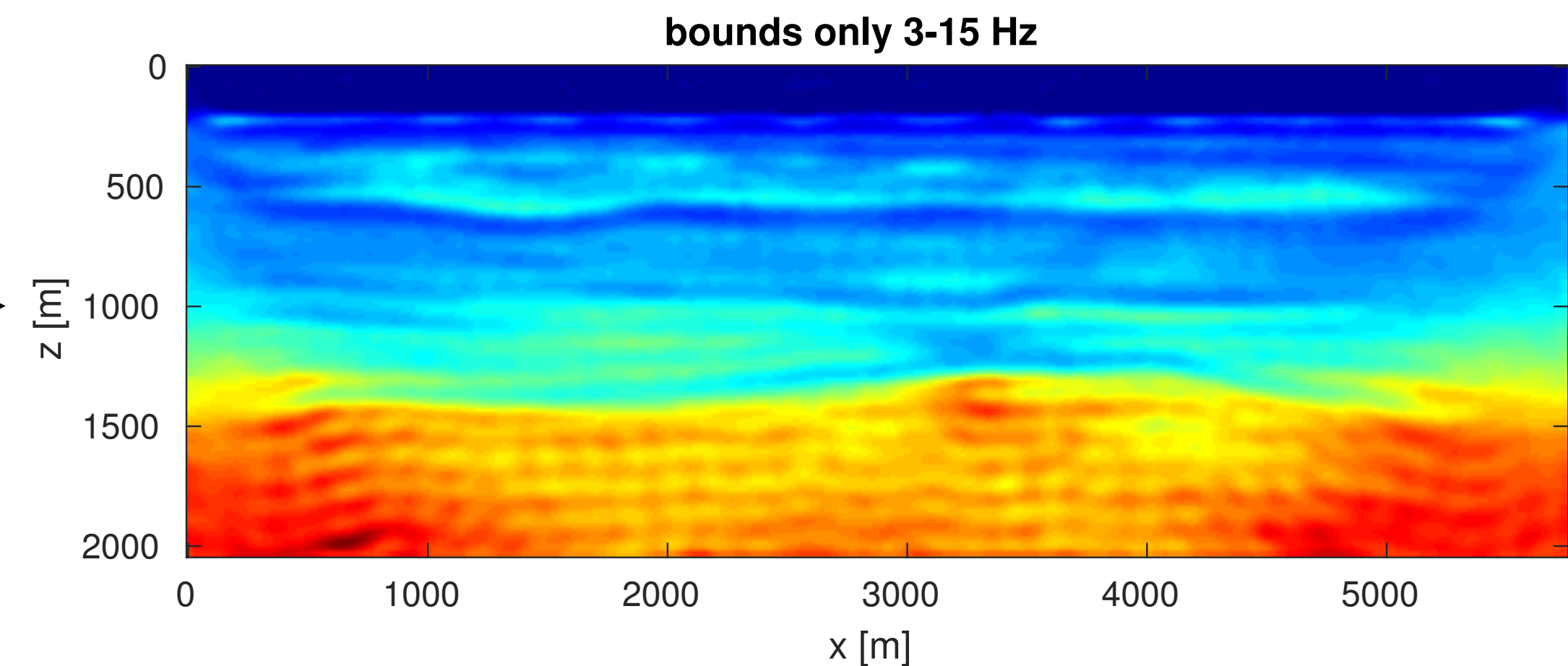
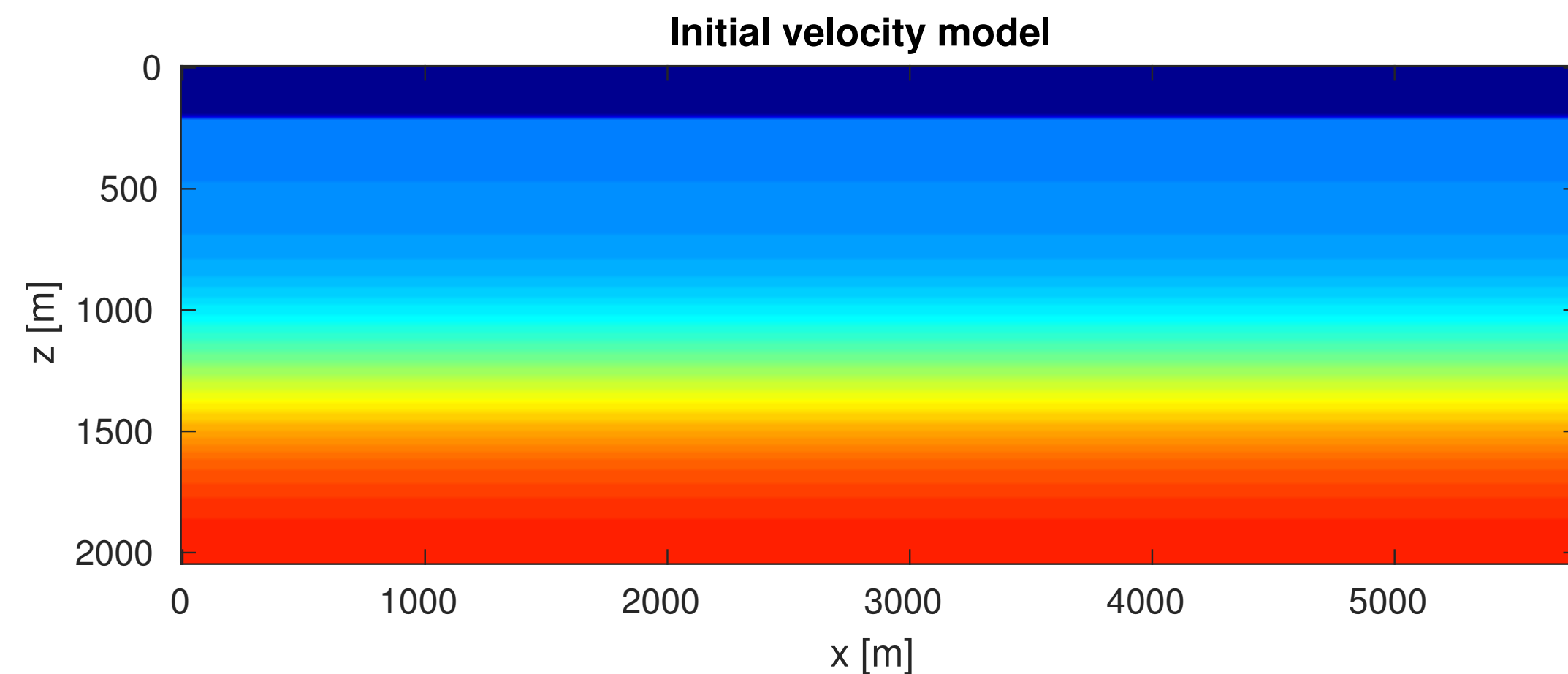


Seismic FWI - problem

problems if:

- initial guess is inaccurate
- low-frequency data is not available
- ***need regularization/prior knowledge***

Realistic, but warped and incorrect



Outline

- **constraints versus penalties (Chapter 2)**
- intersections of multiple constraint sets (Chapter 3)
- computational aspects (Chapter 4)
- sums of sets (Chapter 5)

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may be equivalent for specific cases

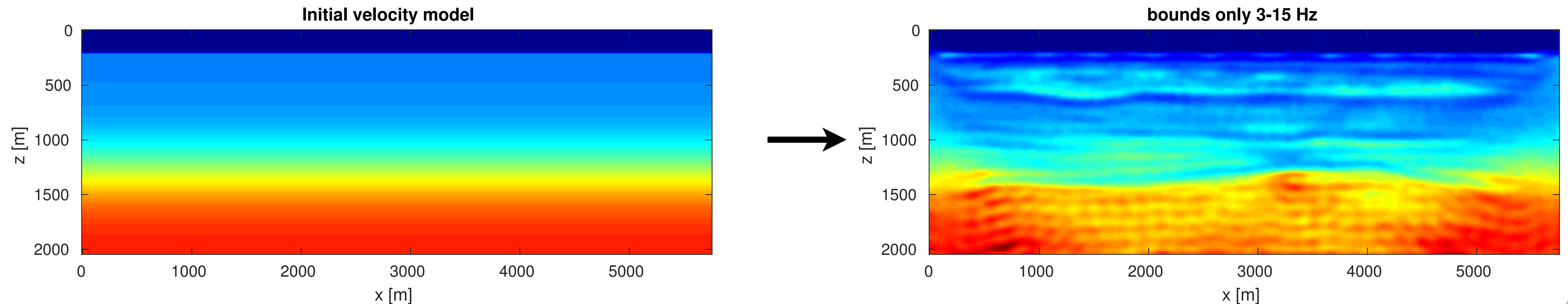
I select constraints for practical reasons.

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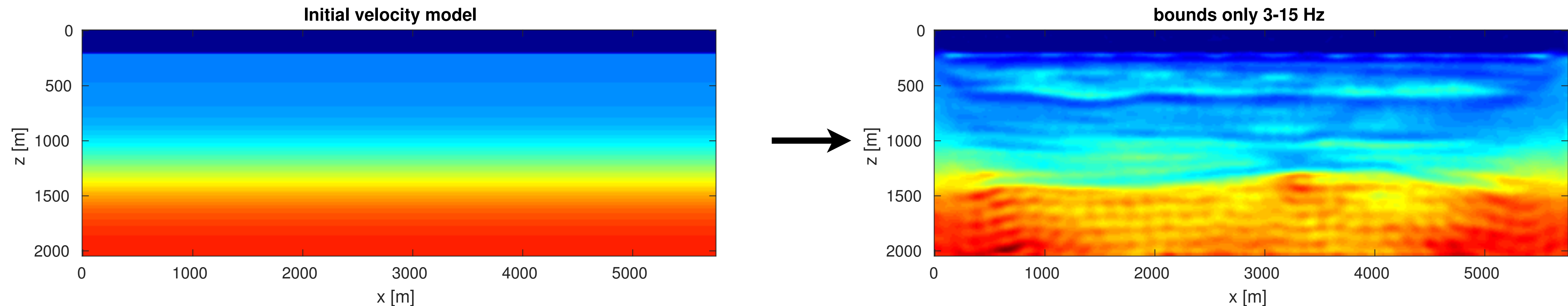


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- bounds
- smoothness in x, smoothness in y
- blockiness in depth

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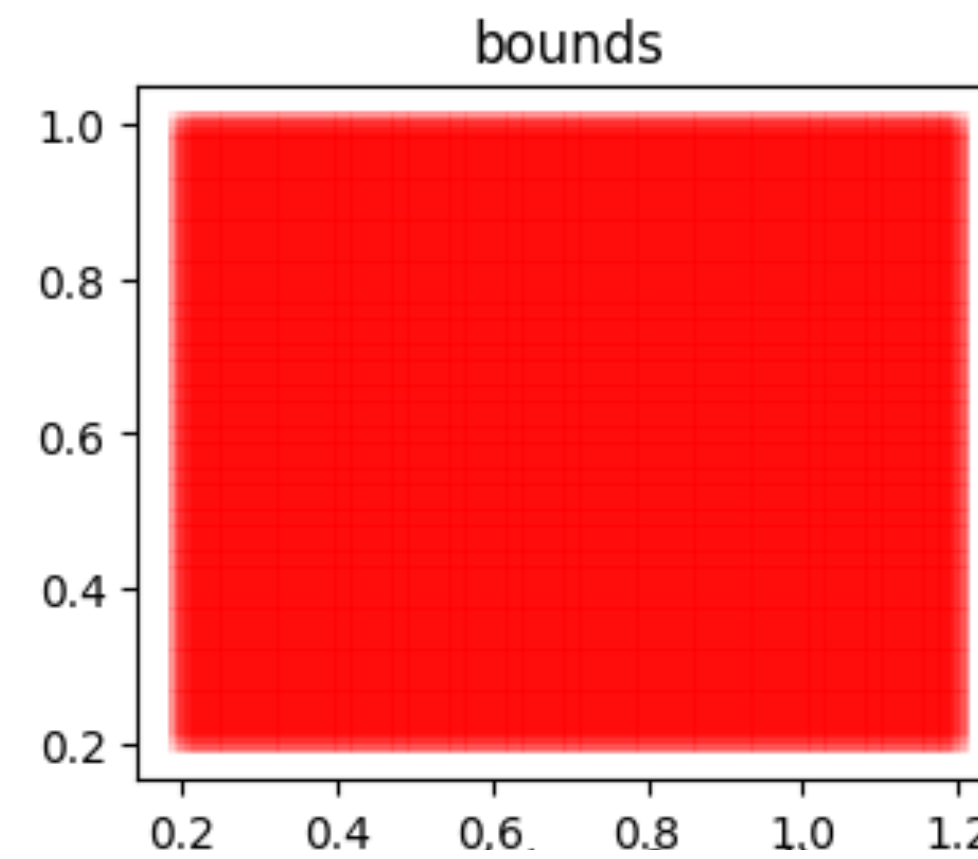
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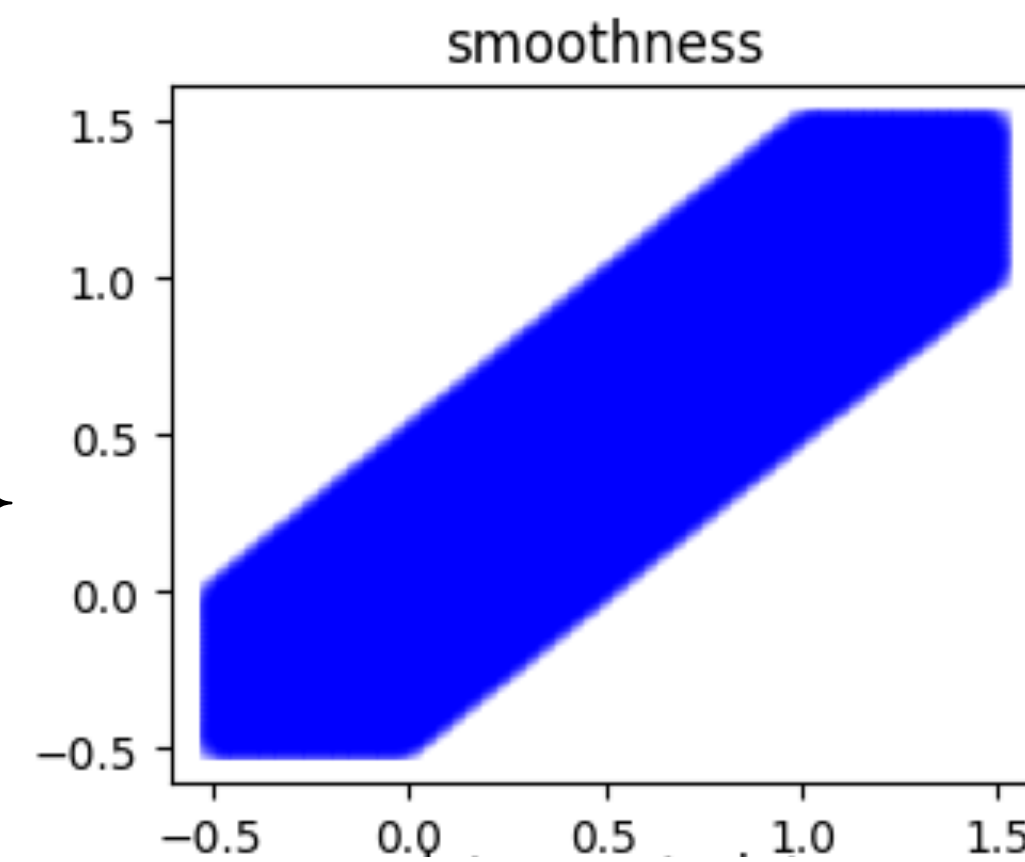
challenges:

- difficult > 2 sets and projectors not known in closed form
- not suitable to plug in arbitrary sets

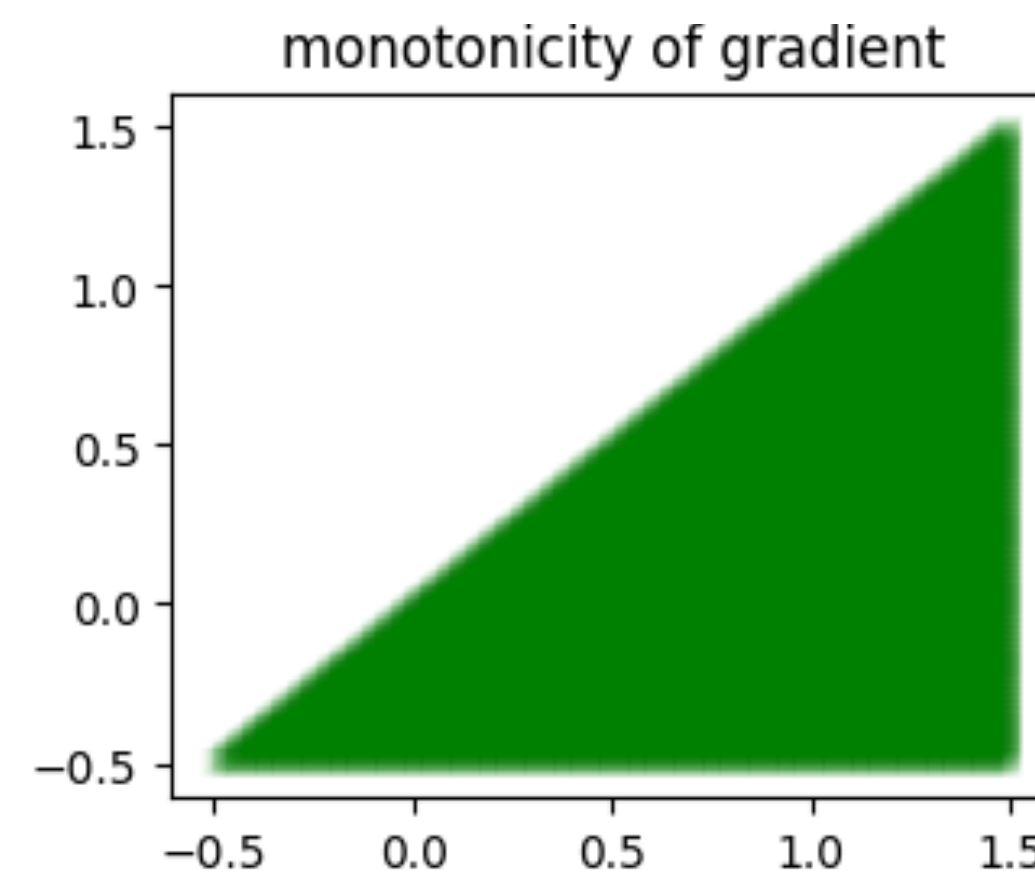
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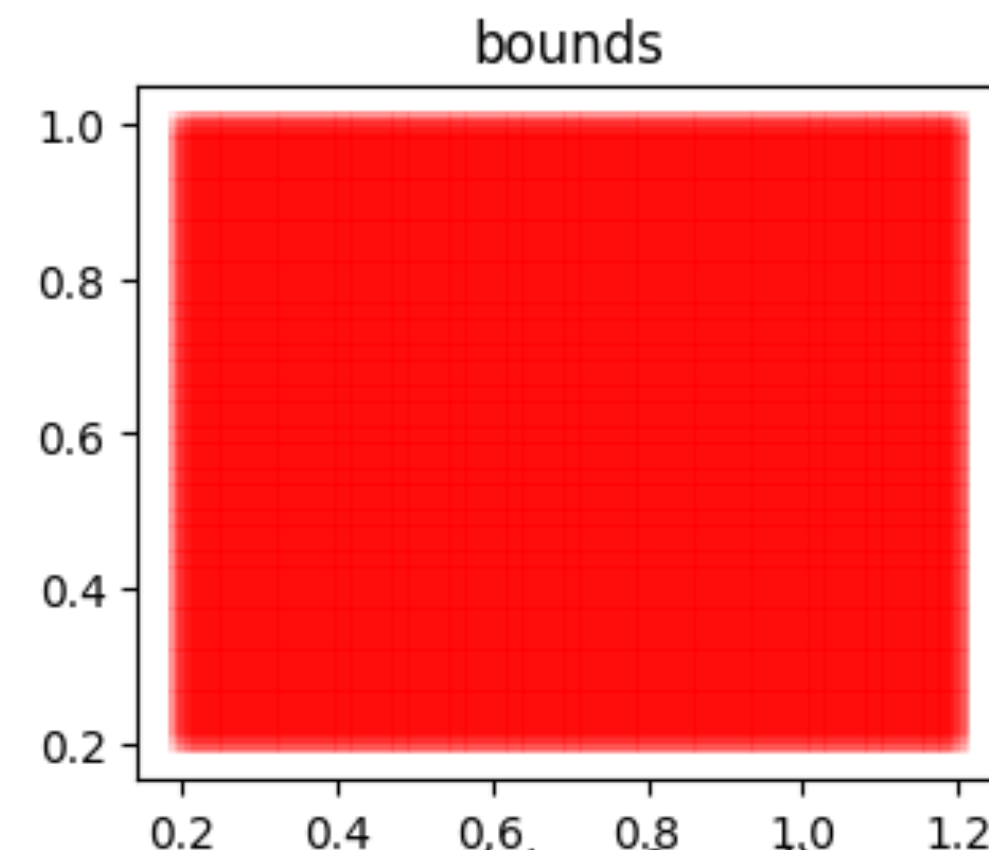


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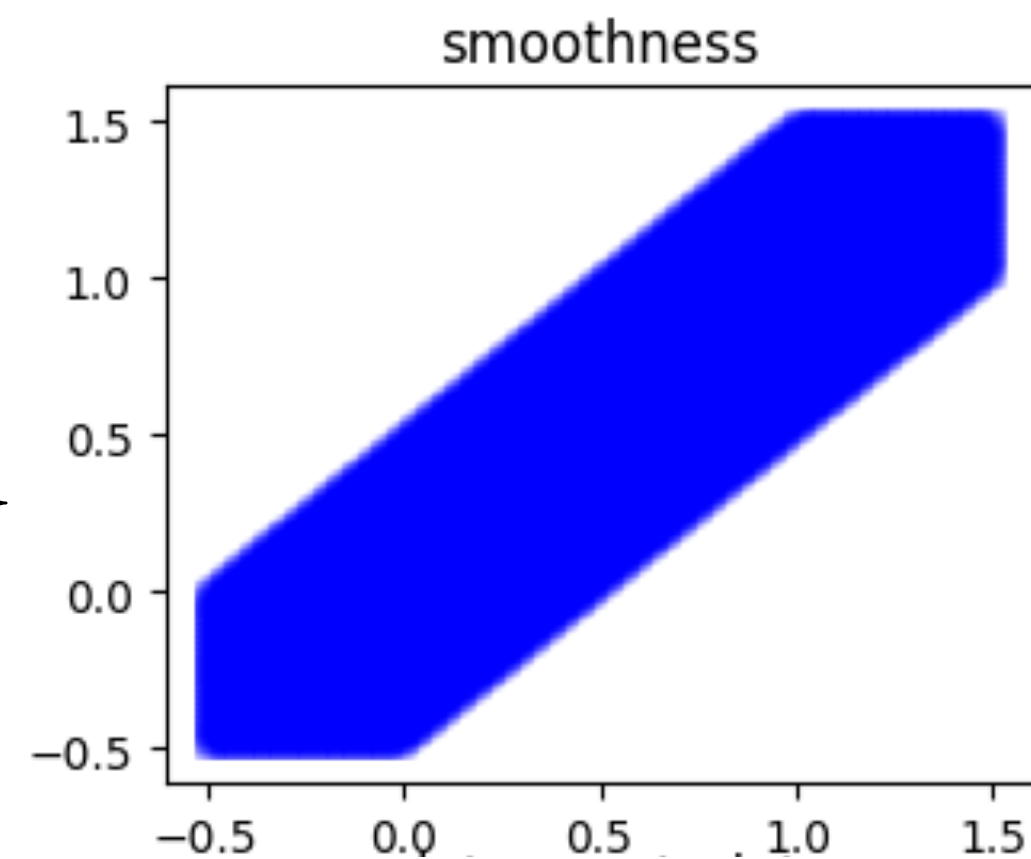


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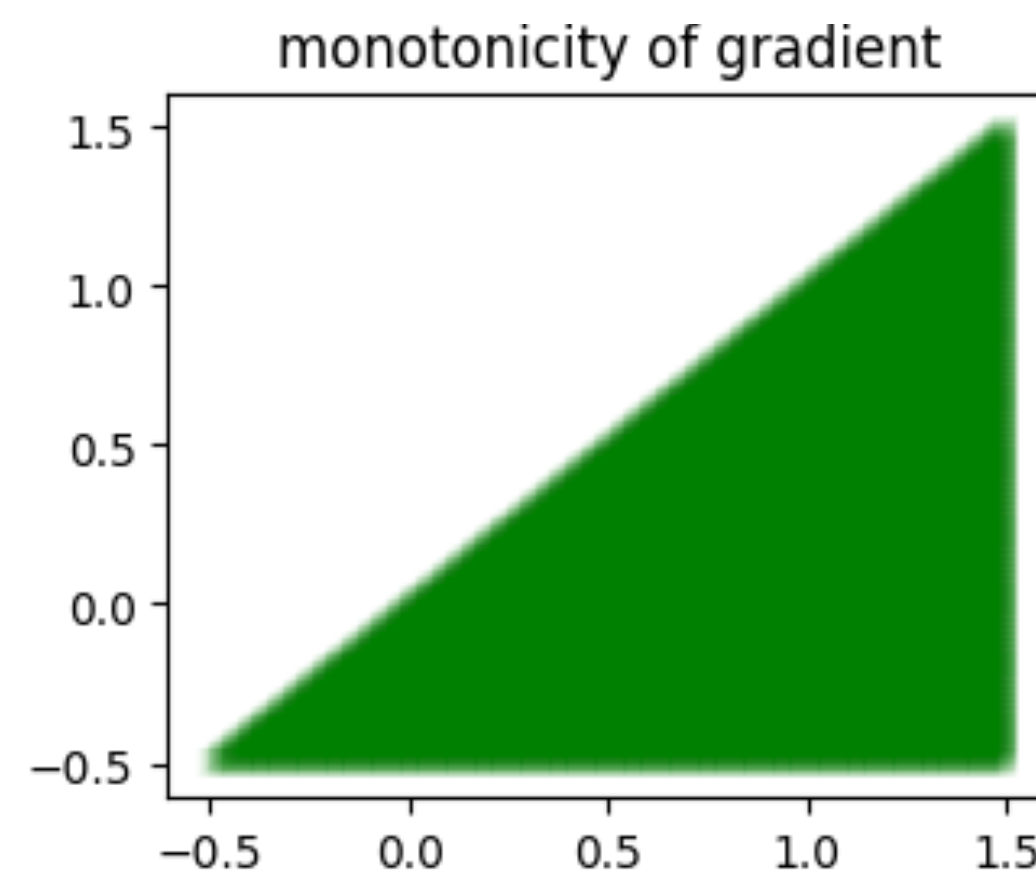
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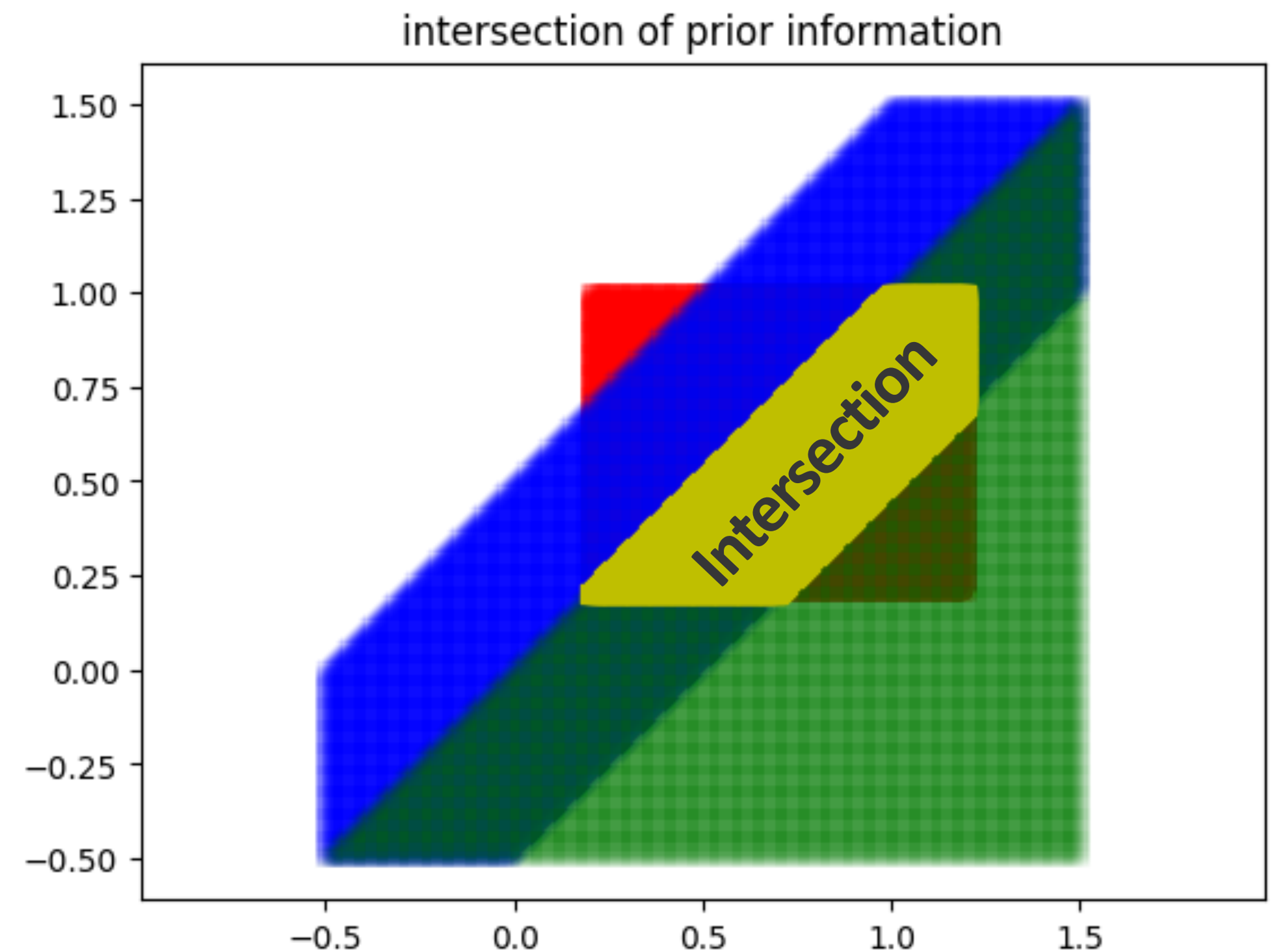
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Projection based algorithms:

- guarantee that m satisfies *all* constraints at *every* iteration.

[Birgin et. al. (1999); Schmidt et. al. (2009); Schmidt et. al. (2012)]

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Main iterations for gradient descent + projections (SPG):

$$m^{k+1} = (1 - \gamma)m^k - \gamma \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(m^k - \beta \nabla_m f(m^k))$$

β : Barzilai-Borwein scaling

γ : non-monotone line search step length

Projection onto an intersection

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(m) = \arg \min_x \|x - m\|_2$$

$$\text{s.t. } x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^p \mathcal{V}_i.$$

(parallel) black-box algorithms
e.g., Dykstra's algorithm

[Dykstra, 1983 ; Boyle & Dykstra, 1986 ;
Censor, 2006; Bauschke & Koch, 2015]

**one projection onto each set
separately per iteration**

input:

model to project: m

projectors onto sets $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}_1}, \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}_2}, \dots, \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}_p}$ sets
//initialize

0a. $x^0 = m, k = 1$

0b. $v_i^0 = x^0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$

0c. select weights ρ_i such that $\sum_{i=1}^p \rho_i = 1$

while stopping conditions not satisfied **do**

FOR $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$

1. $y_i^{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}_i}(v_i^k)$

END

2. $x^{k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^p \rho_i y_i^{k+1}$

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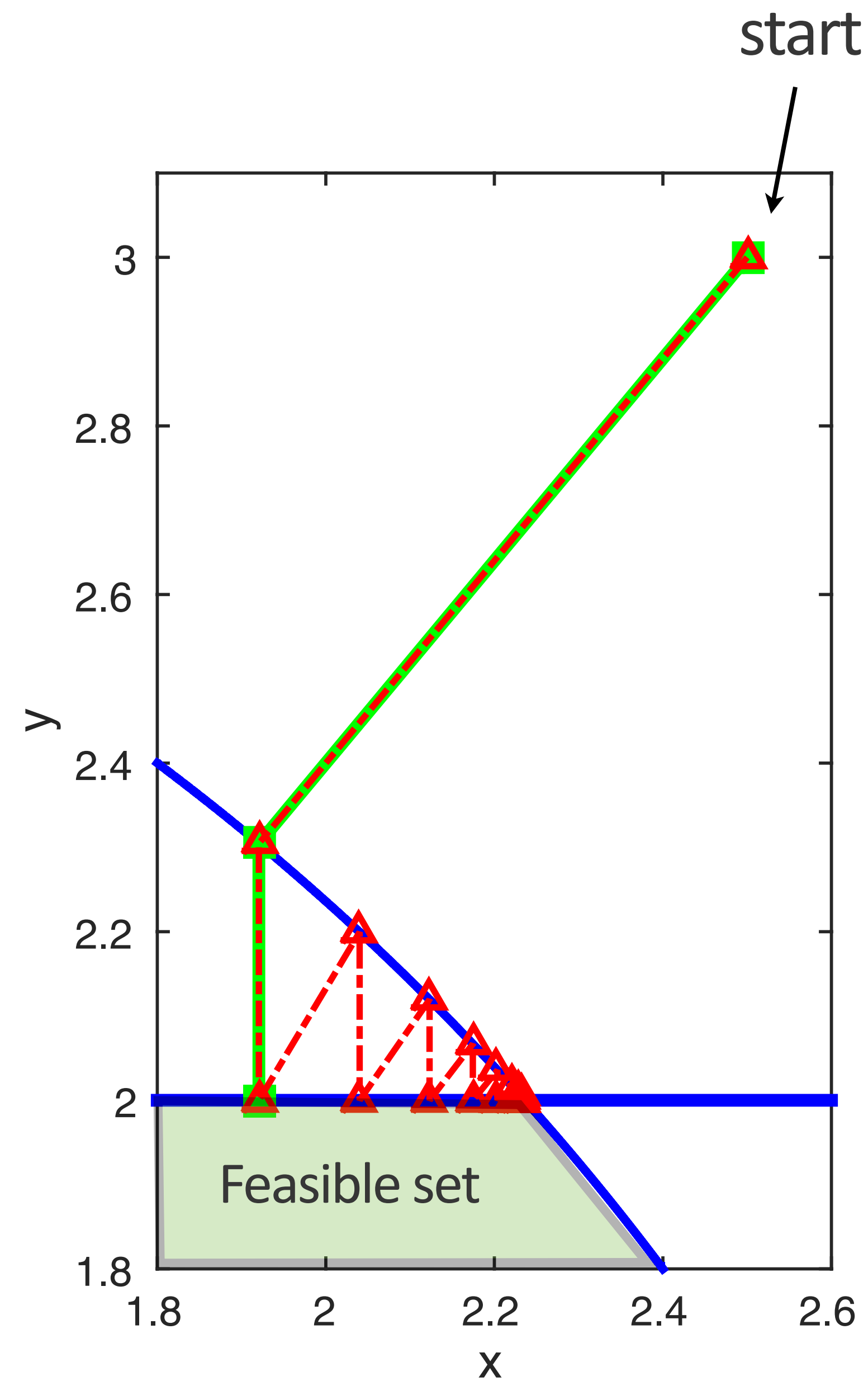
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END

4. $k \leftarrow k + 1$

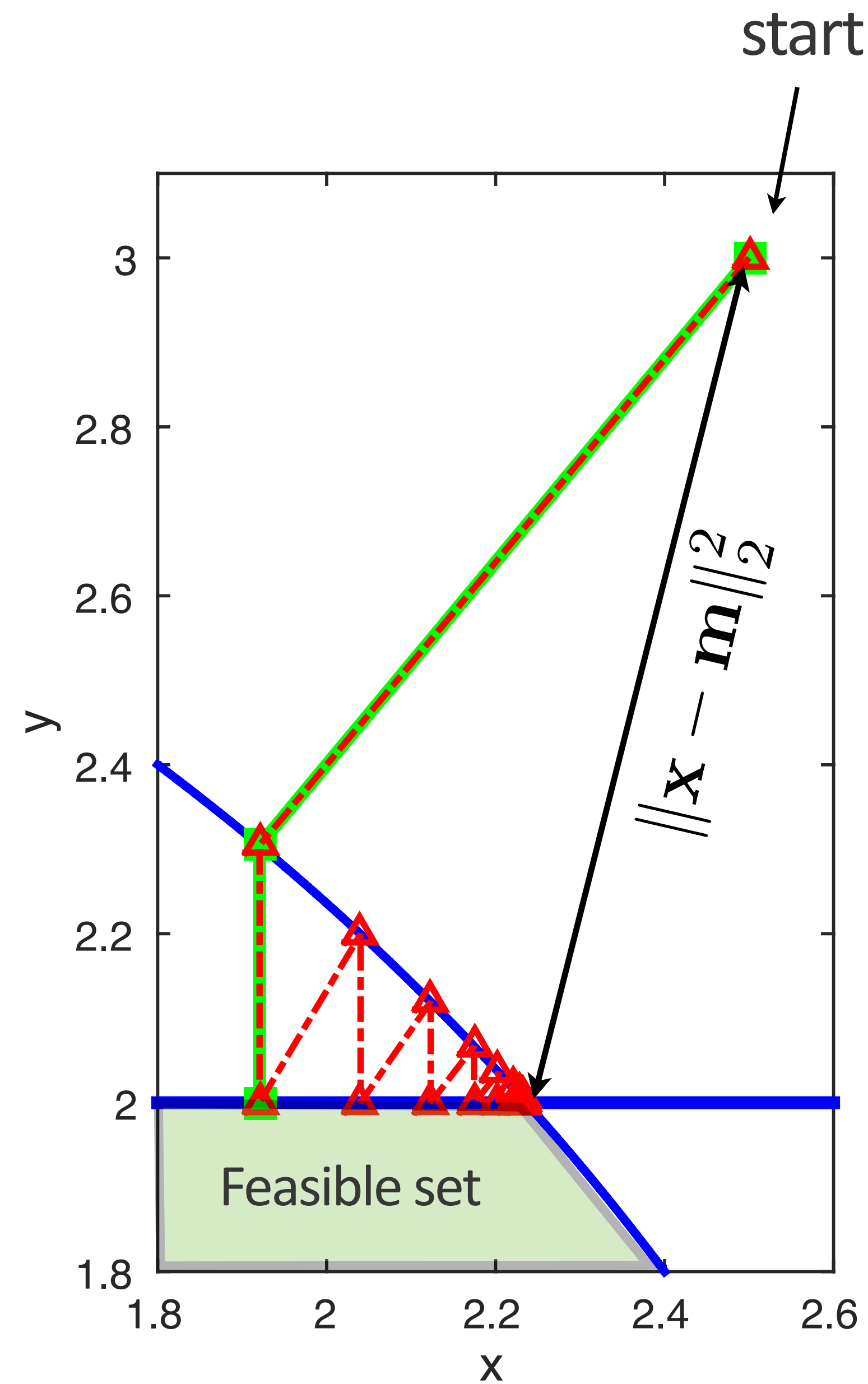
END

output: x



Intersection of
disk & plane

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Too many inner iterations for constraints on large 3D grids...

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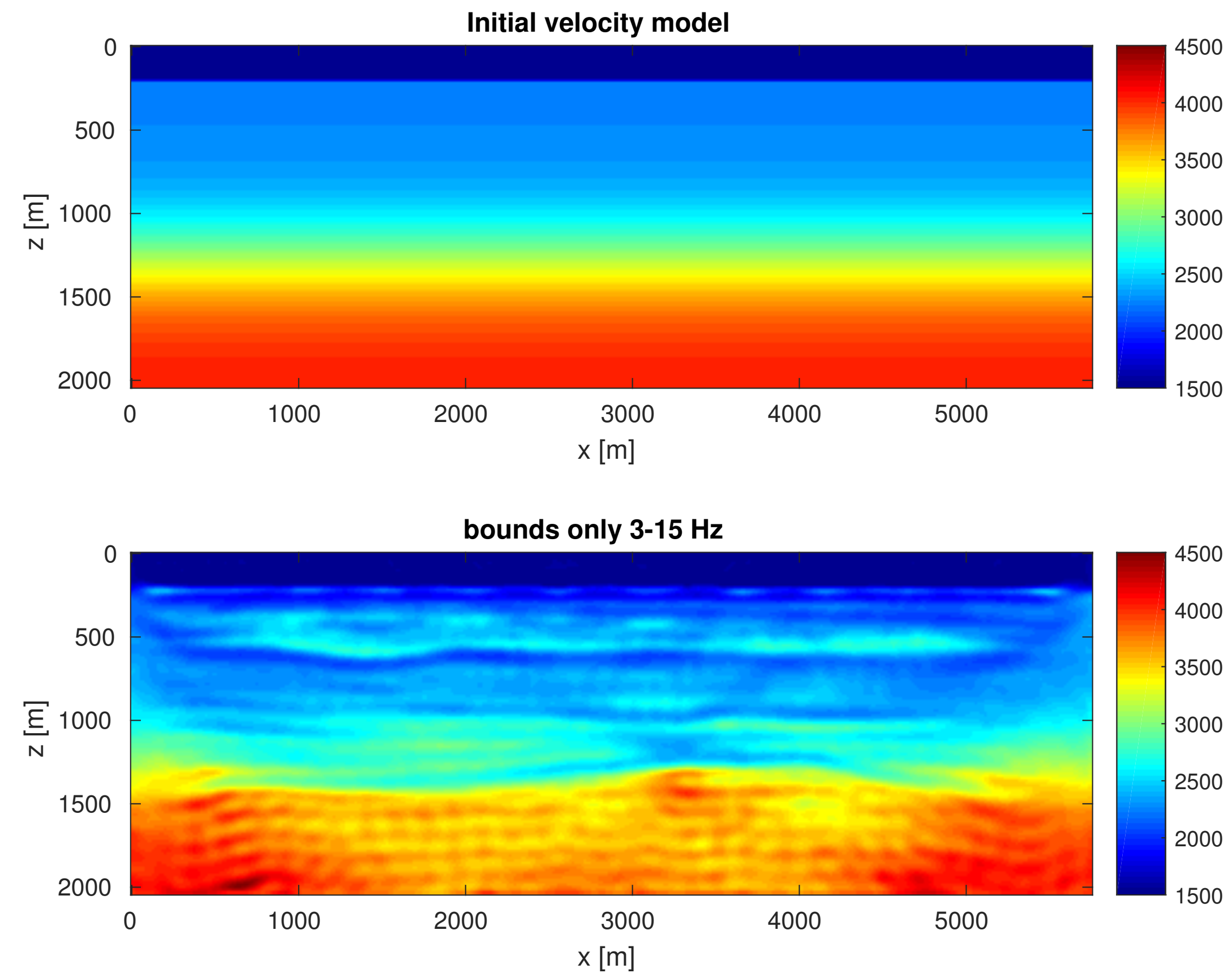
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Straightforward applications of operator splitting:

- also leads to black-box algorithm
- suffers from similar problems

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- bound constraints



Heuristics

Problem:

- directly estimating a model is challenging
- what if we do not have much prior knowledge?

Heuristics:

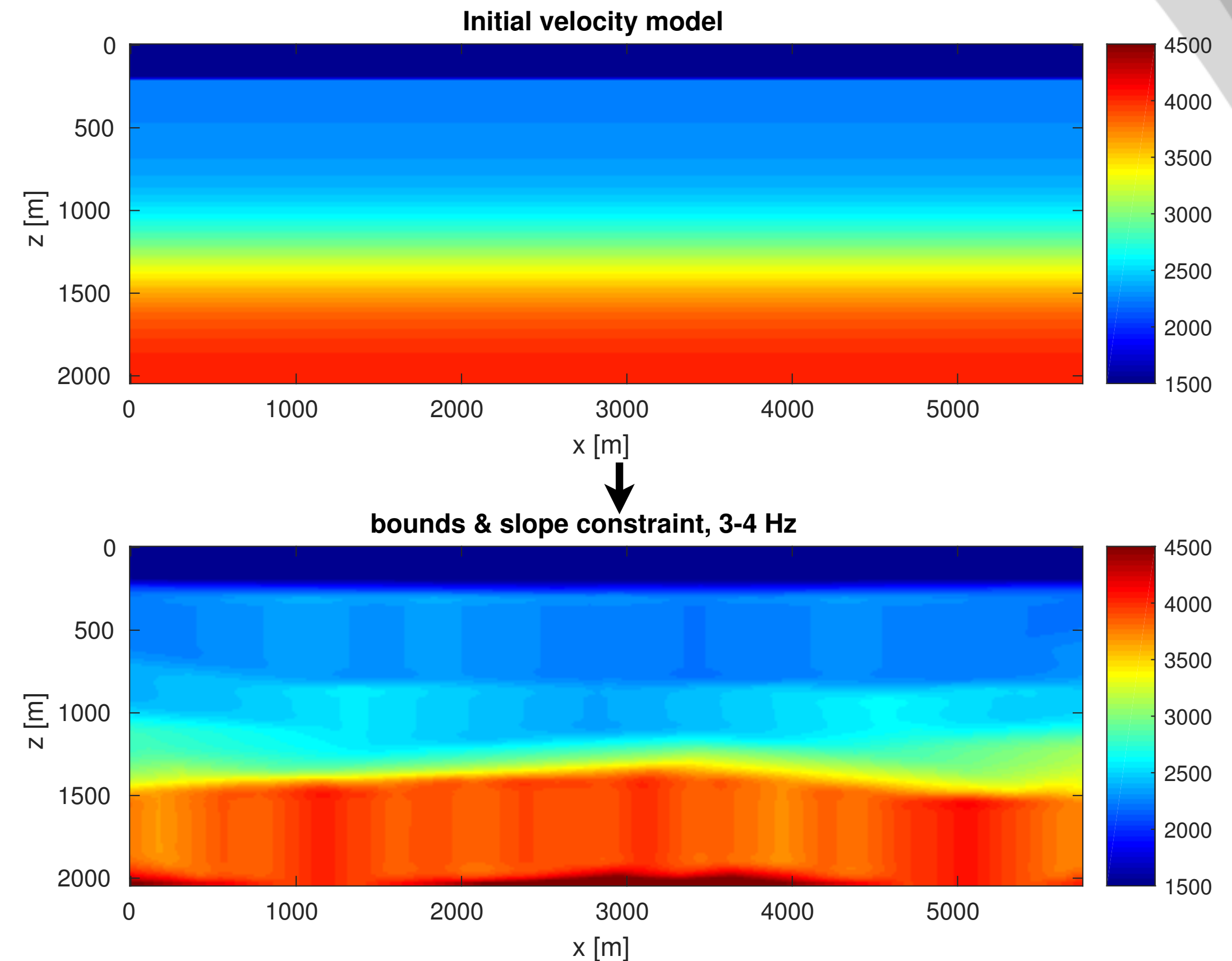
- run w/ 'tight' constraints
- solutions remain feasible
- start over w/ relaxed constraints

Selecting constraints:

- sedimentary geology, mainly layered, no big faults
- starting model should be laterally smooth & velocity increases with depth

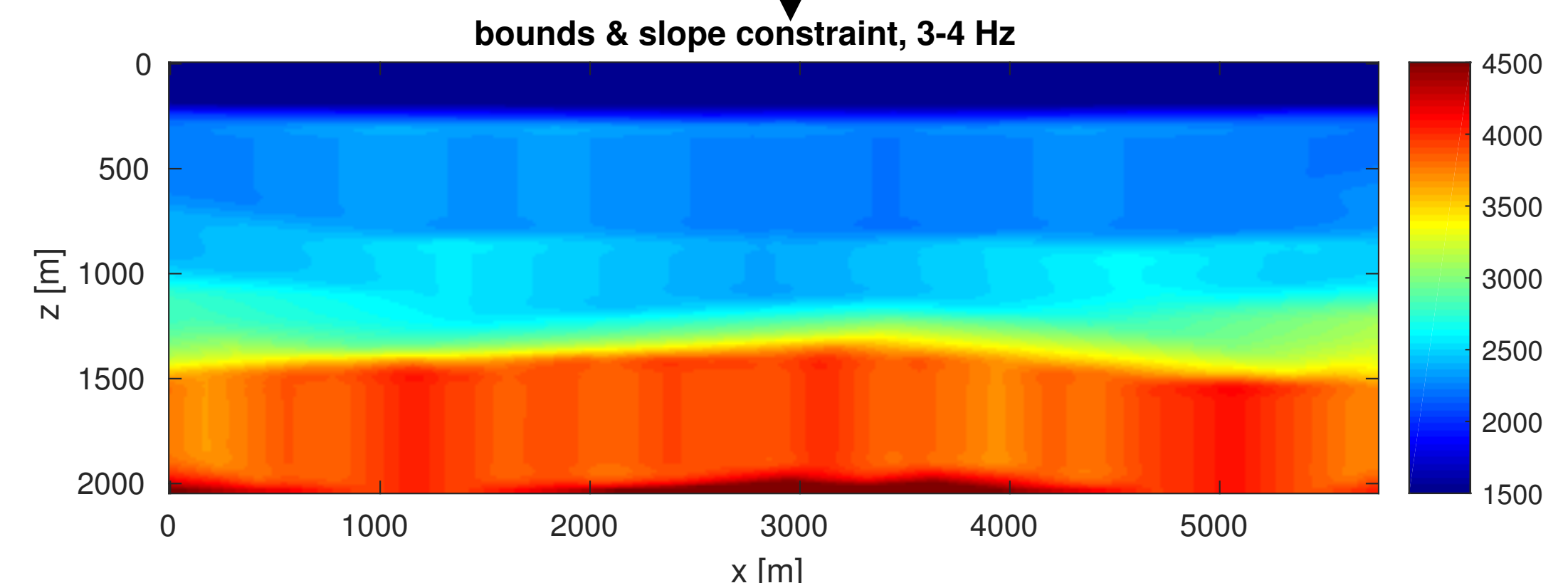
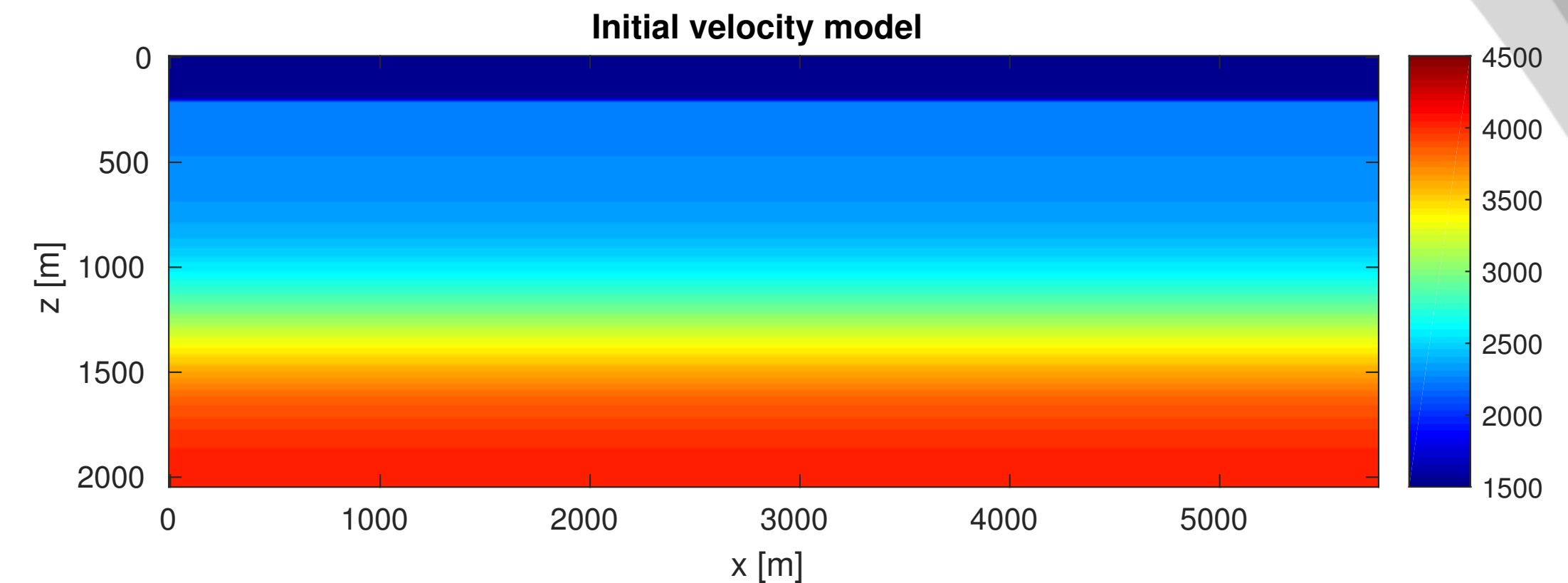
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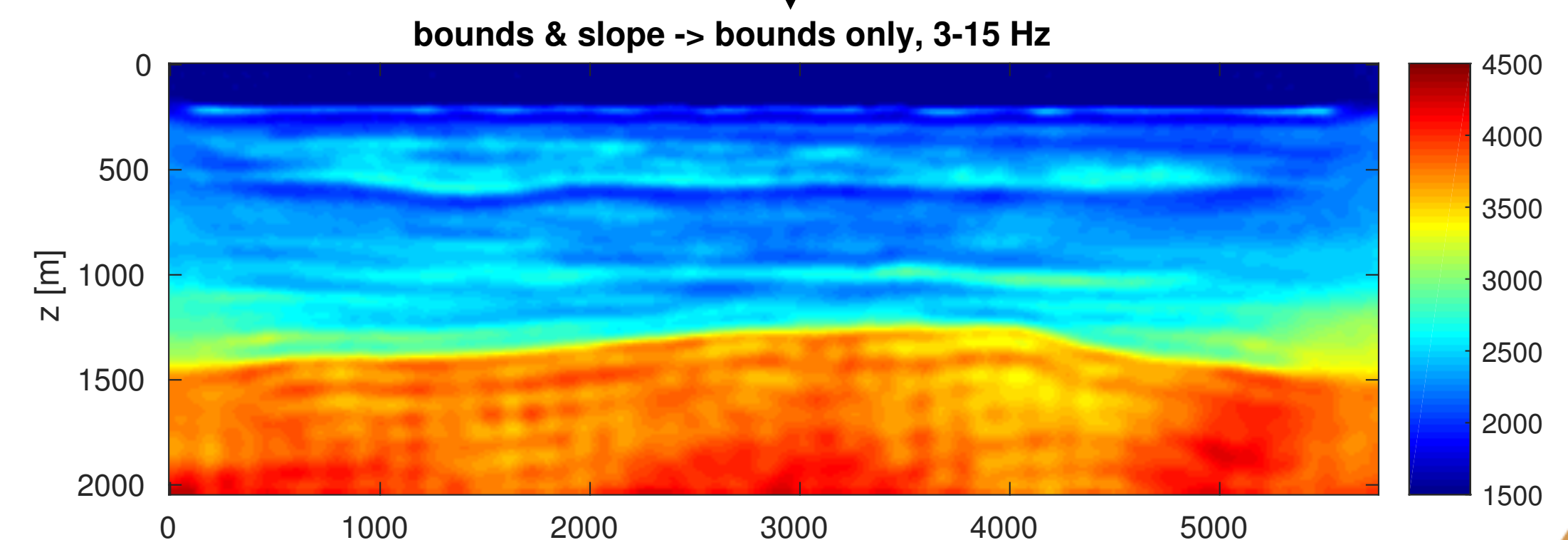
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2nd cycle:

- use 1st cycle result as new starting model
- invert all data with bound constraints



Observations - intersections of sets

each set defined independently of all other sets

use projection onto intersection as part of, e.g., projected gradient

intersections of constraint sets + constraint adaptation strategies enables full-waveform inversion in more challenging settings

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New algorithm

Goals:

Construct an algorithm to project onto an intersection

- allow non-orthogonal linear operators in set definitions
- exploit similarity between sets

New algorithm

[Afonso et. al., 2011],

[Combettes & Pesquet, 2011 ; Kitic et. al. 2016]

Iterations: equivalent to SDMM + over/under relaxation)

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we can decide on how many CG iterations we need for the sub-problem

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discrete derivatives matrices, DFT, Wavelet T,

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in parallel for every index i

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additional sets do not increase time per iteration (much)

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Iterations are just iterations...

For fast algorithms we also need:

- stopping conditions
- adaptive parameter selection [Xu et. al. ,2016a ; Xu et. al. ,2017]
- hybrid coarse-fine parallel implementation
- multilevel acceleration
- use multithreaded compressed diagonal MVPs for banded matrices
- couple more things...

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Example

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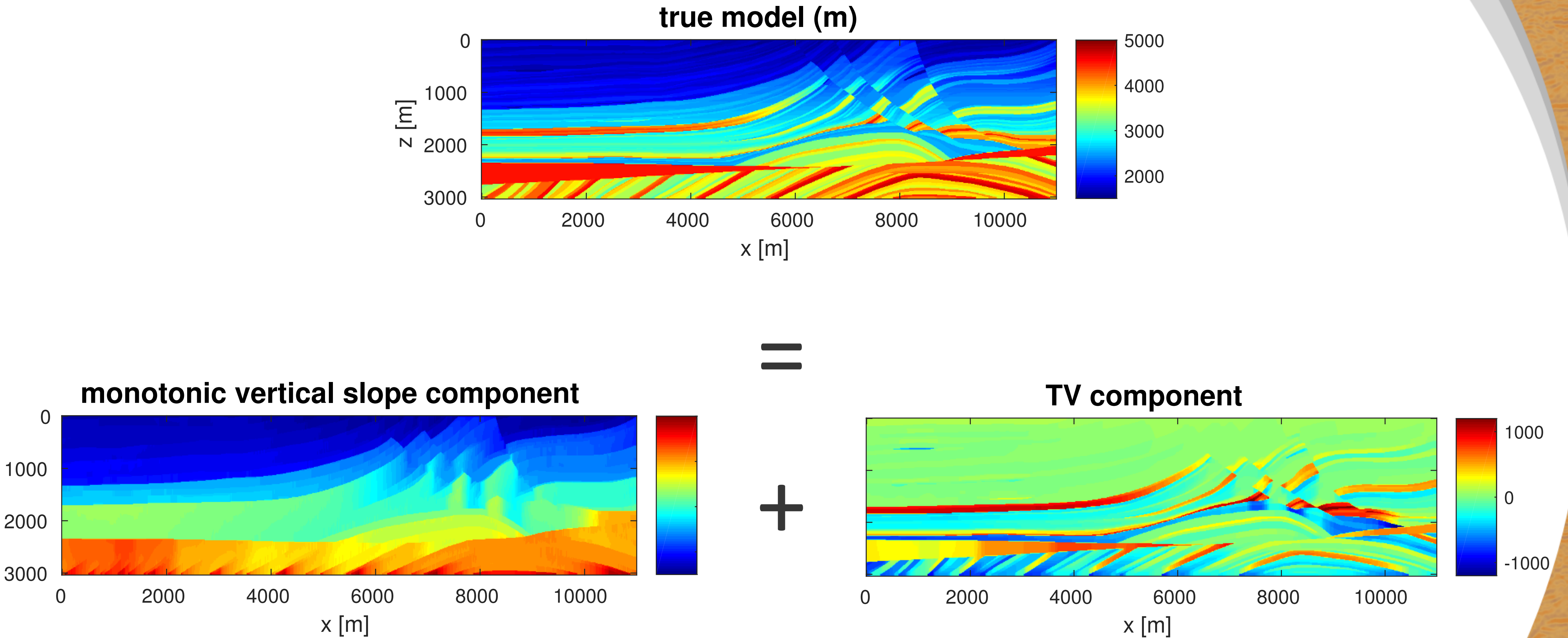
cartoon part



texture part

[Szolgay D, & Szirányi T., 2012]

Minkowski decomposition



Inspiration

cartoon-texture decomposition / morphological component analysis

[Osher et al. (2003); Starck et al. (2005); Schaeffer and Osher (2013); Ono et al. (2014)]

often stated as: $\min_{u,v} \|m - u - v\| + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|Au\| + \frac{\beta}{2} \|Bv\|.$

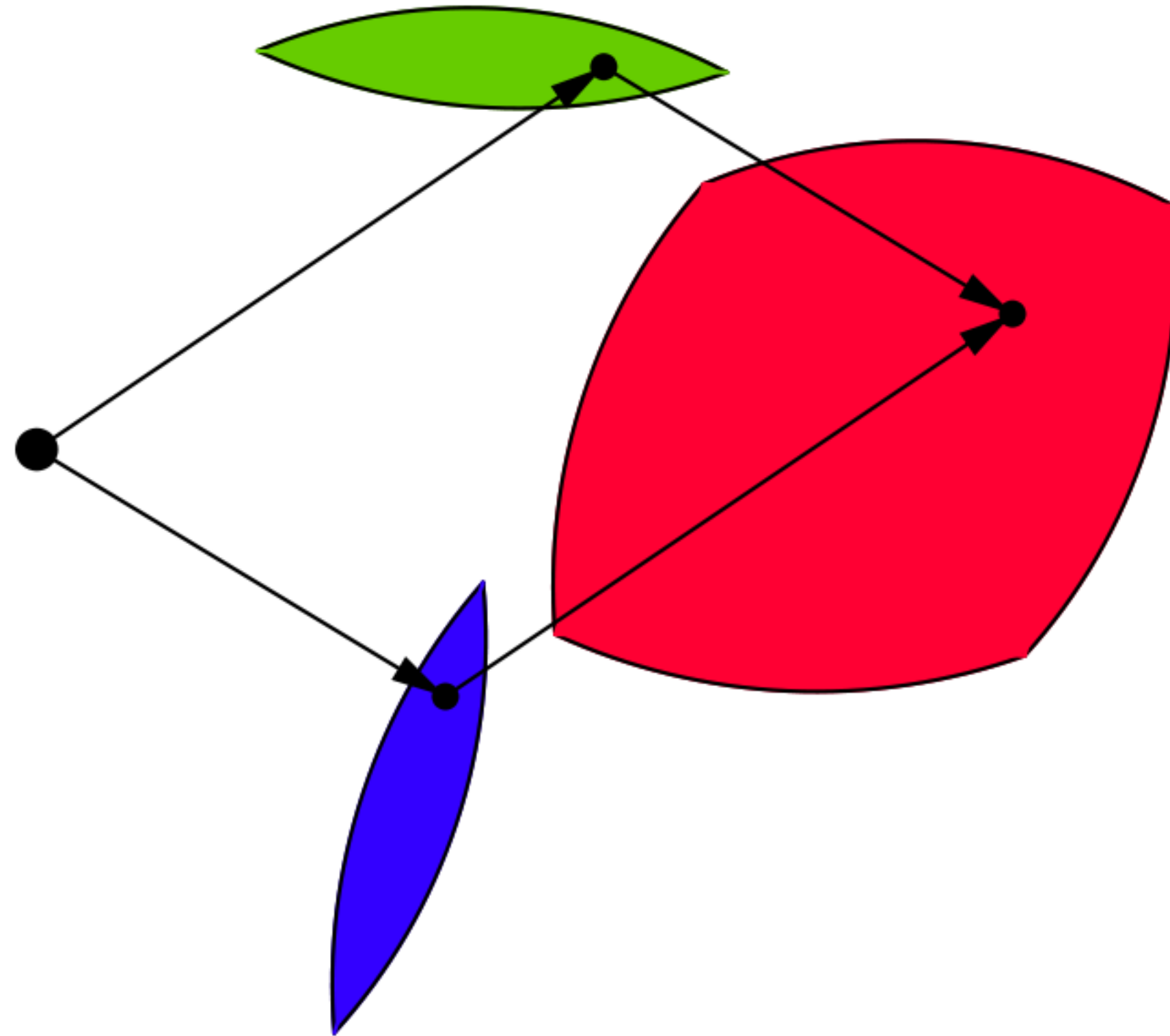
approximately decompose m into:

1. u : cartoon/background/piecewise-smooth or constant component
2. v : texture/details/pattern/oscillatory component

closely related to robust PCA and variants

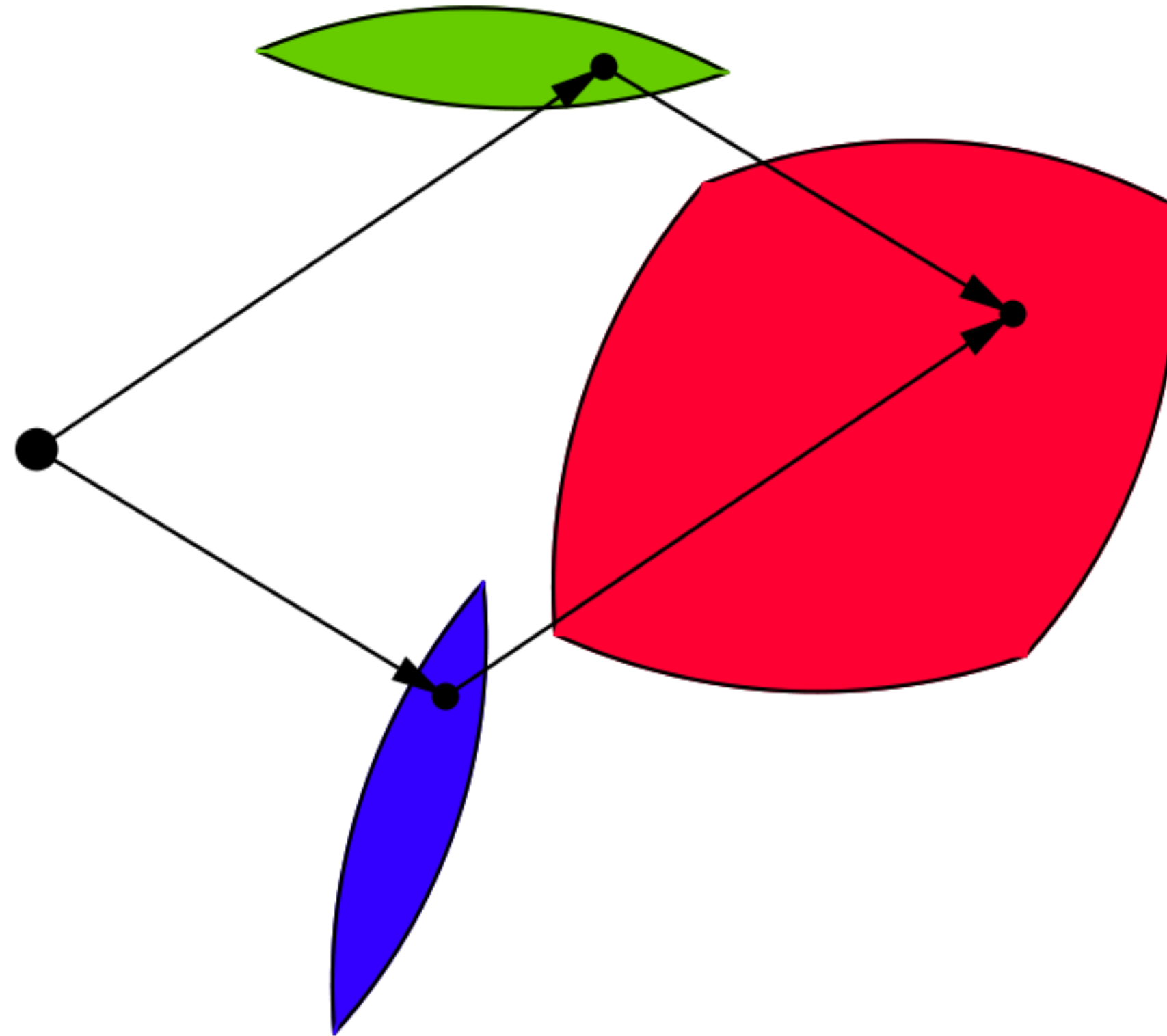
[Candes et al. (2011); Gao et al., 2011a ;
Gao et al., 2011b]

Minkowski sum



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minkowski_addition

Minkowski sum



construct 'complicated' sets from 'simple' sets

Minkowski sum constraint sets

$$\mathcal{V} \equiv \mathcal{C}_1 + \mathcal{C}_1 = \{m = u + v \mid u \in \mathcal{C}_1, v \in \mathcal{C}_2\}$$

Minkowski set not suitable by itself:

- need bound constraints and more on m
- would like more than one constraint on u and v

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Proposition 1. *The generalized Minkowski set is convex if \mathcal{D}_i , \mathcal{E}_j , and \mathcal{F}_k are convex sets for all i, j and k .*

Proof. It follows from the definition (almost)

Projections onto the generalized Minkowski set

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Projection:

$$\arg \min_{u,v,w} \frac{1}{2} \|w - m\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^p \iota_{\mathcal{D}_i}(A_i u) + \sum_{j=1}^q \iota_{\mathcal{E}_j}(B_j v) + \sum_{k=1}^r \iota_{\mathcal{F}_k}(C_k w) + \iota_{w=u+v}(w, u, v)$$

- follow same recipe as for intersections
- matrices \rightarrow block-structured linear systems
- same algorithm in the end, different inputs

Conclusions (1)

Intersections of sets are particularly suitable in case of many constraint sets.

Introduced the generalized Minkowski set.

Intersections and sums of sets allow for the inclusion of more prior info.

Solve inverse problems directly as a projection, or
include projection as part of projected gradient-type algorithm.

Developed new constraint relaxation strategies for seismic inverse problems.

Conclusions (2)

Developed a new algorithm for projecting onto an intersection, as well as the generalized Minkowski set.

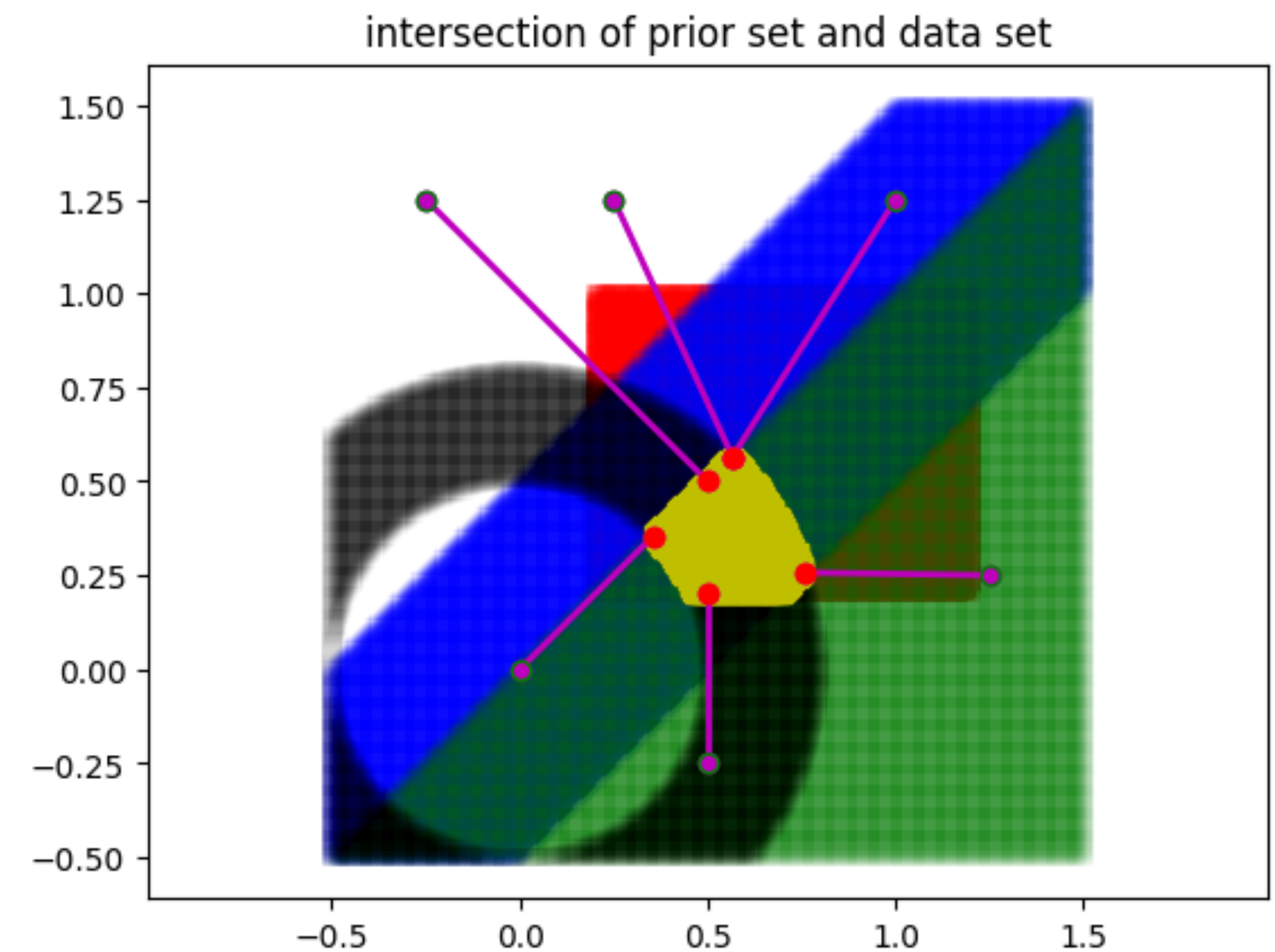
High performance implementation in Julia:

- hybrid worker-threading parallelism
- multilevel
- tested on inverse problems with up to 12 constraint sets
- tested on geophysical and video problems of up to 400^3 cube

Future research directions

set-theoretic uncertainty quantification

combine neural networks and
projections onto intersections of sets



Thank you!