



Lift and Relax for waveform inversion

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Motivation

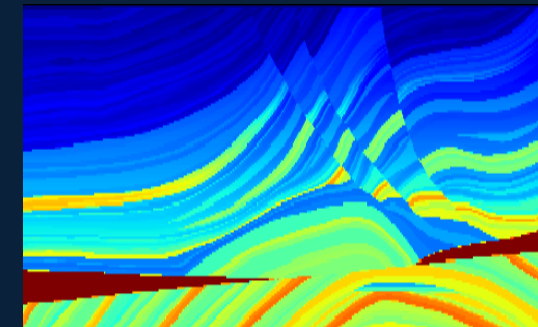
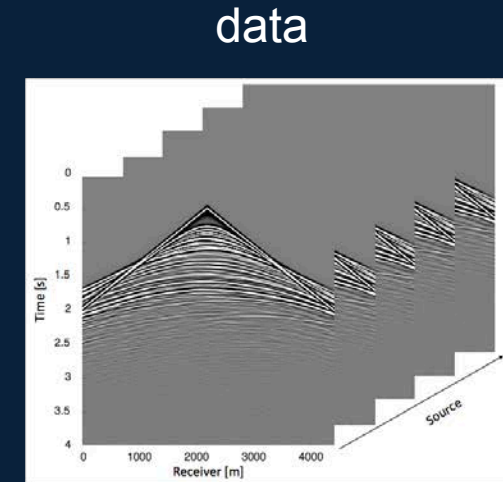
Full waveform inversion

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} f_f(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j}^{n_s, n_f} \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u}_{i,j} - \mathbf{d}_{i,j}\|_2^2,$$

↑ wavefield ↑ data

subject to $(\Delta + \omega_j^2 \mathbf{m})\mathbf{u}_{i,j} = \mathbf{q}_{i,j}$

↙ frequency ↘ squared slowness ↓ source



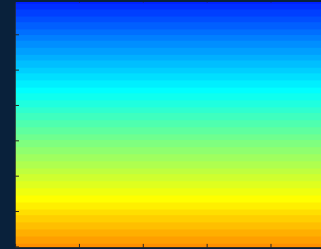
model

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Reduced approach

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} f_r(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j}^{n_s, n_f} \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}_j(\mathbf{m})^{-1} \mathbf{q}_{i,j} - \mathbf{d}_{i,j}\|_2^2,$$

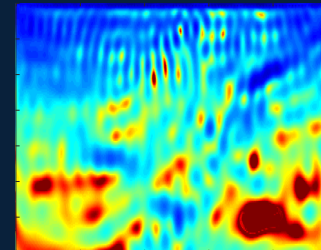
$$\text{with } \mathbf{A}_j(\mathbf{m}) = \Delta + \omega_j^2 \mathbf{m}$$



Lack of low frequency data

Lack of far offset data

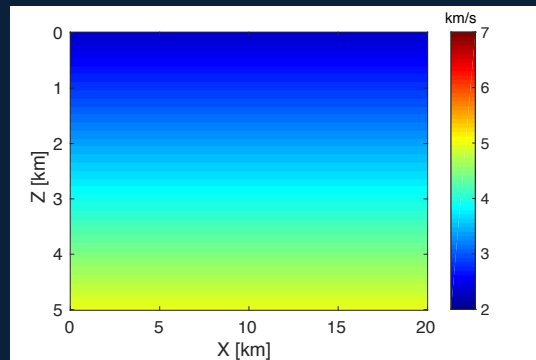
Lack of a good initial model



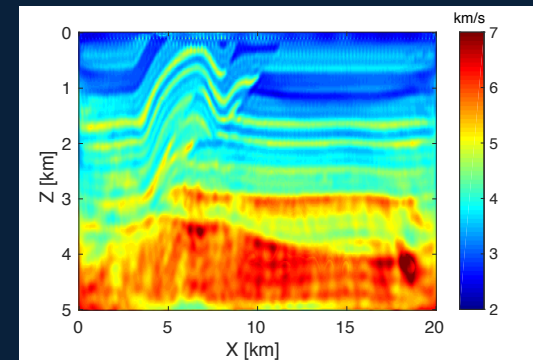
Poor inversion result

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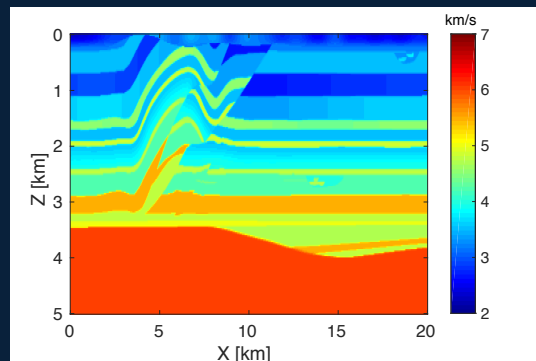
Goal: mitigate the local minima



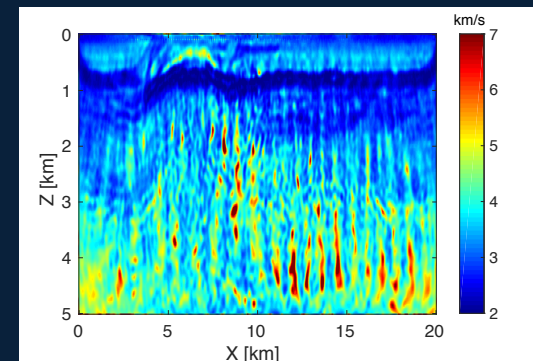
(a) Initial model



(c) Result of LRWI



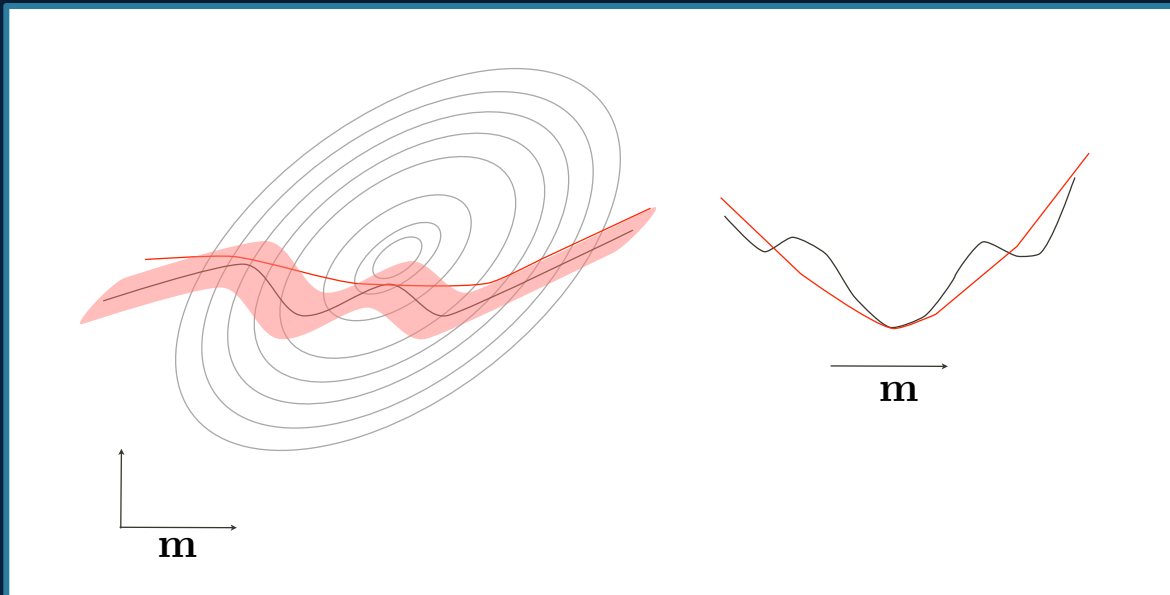
(b) True model



(d) Result of FWI

Motivation

Expand the search space



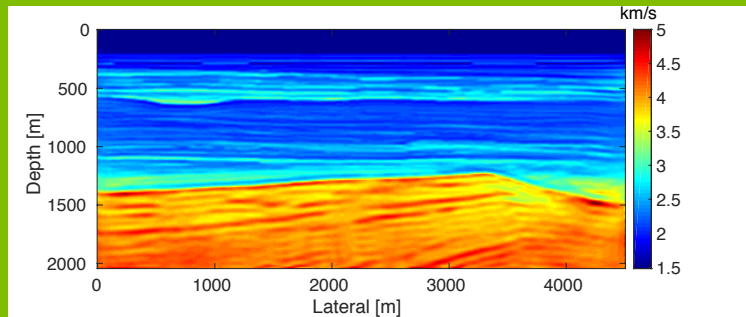
Approaches to expand the search space:

1. Relax the wave-equation constraint [van Leeuwen *et al* 2013]
2. Lift the unknown parameters [Cosse, Demanet 2015]

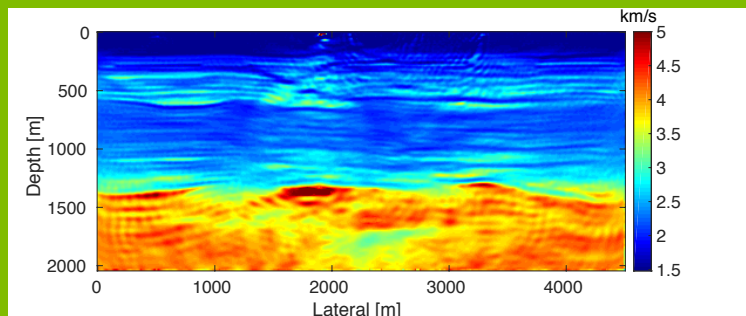
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**(a) Relax wave equation constraint
(wavefield reconstruction inversion (WRI))**

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}} f_p(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|(\Delta + \omega^2 \mathbf{m})\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2.$$



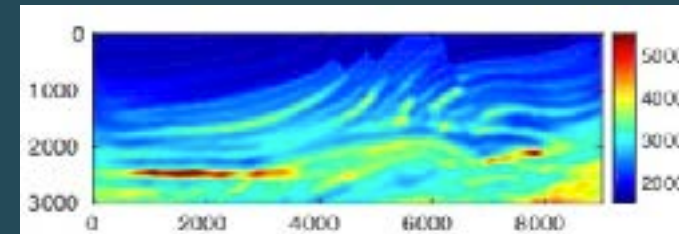
(a) WRI result



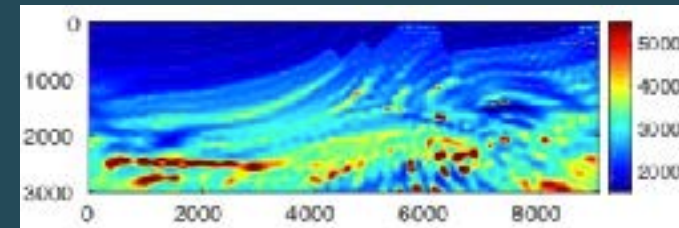
(b) FWI result

(b) Lift unknown parameters

$$[1, \mathbf{m}^\top, \mathbf{u}^\top]^\top [1, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{11} & \mathbf{X}_{12} & \mathbf{X}_{13} \\ \mathbf{X}_{21} & \mathbf{X}_{22} & \mathbf{X}_{23} \\ \mathbf{X}_{31} & \mathbf{X}_{32} & \mathbf{X}_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{X}$$



(c) Lifting result



(d) FWI result

Lift and Relax Waveform Inversion (LRWI)



LRWI

New objective function

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{X}} f_{\text{px}}(\mathbf{X}) &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_{31} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\Delta\mathbf{X}_{31} + \omega^2 \text{diag}(\mathbf{X}_{32}) - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2, \\ \text{subject to } \mathbf{X}_{11} &= 1, \\ \mathbf{X} &\succeq 0, \\ \text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathbf{X}_{31} = \mathbf{u}$$

$$\text{diag}(\mathbf{X}_{32}) = \mathbf{m} \odot \mathbf{u}$$

Search space is too large

LRWI

Rank-2 relaxation ($r = 2$)



$$\mathbf{m} = \alpha_1 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1 + \alpha_2 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2,$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \alpha_1 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 + \alpha_2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_2,$$

$$\mathbf{m} \odot \mathbf{u} = \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 + \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_2,$$

$$1 = \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2$$

Rank-2 objective function

$$\min_{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha} f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^2 \mathbf{P} \alpha_l \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_l - \mathbf{d} \right\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^2 \alpha_l \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_l \right\|_2^2 + \omega^2 \left\| \sum_{l=1}^2 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_l \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_l - \mathbf{q} \right\|_2^2$$



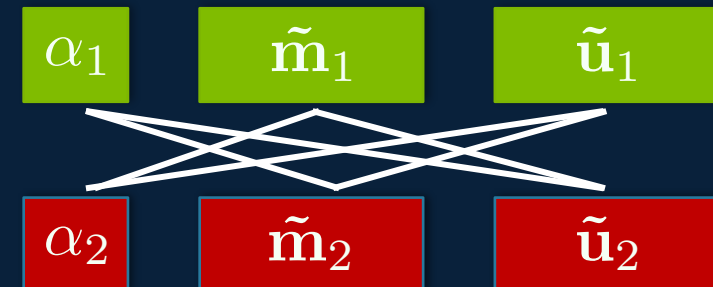
LRWI

Rank-2 objective function w/ rank-1 penalty

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha} f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^2 \mathbf{P} \alpha_l \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_l - \mathbf{d} \right\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^2 \alpha_l \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_l + \omega^2 \sum_{l=1}^2 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_l \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_l - \mathbf{q} \right\|_2^2 \\ &+ \frac{\gamma}{2} \left\| \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_2 - \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 \right\|_2^2, \\ &\text{subject to } \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Options for rank-1 penalties

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2 &= \alpha_2 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1, \\ \alpha_1 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_2 &= \alpha_2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_2 &= \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 \end{aligned}$$



Rank-2 objective function w/o constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \theta} f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \theta) &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{P}(\sin \theta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 + \cos \theta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_2) - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 \\ &+ \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\Delta(\sin \theta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 + \cos \theta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_2) + \omega^2 \sum_{l=1}^2 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_l \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_l - \mathbf{q}\|_2^2 \\ &+ \frac{\gamma}{2} \|\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_2 - \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\alpha_1 = \sin \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_2 = \cos \theta$$

Optimization algorithm

For fixed $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}$ and θ , there is an $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^*$ satisfying $\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}} f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha)|_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}=\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^*} = 0$ given by the following expression:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^* = (\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{S}})^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^\top \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d} \\ \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{q} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\tilde{\mathbf{S}} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \mathbf{P} & \cos \theta \mathbf{P} \\ \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1) & \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2) \\ \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2) & -\gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1) \end{bmatrix},$$

with $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1) = \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} (\sin \theta \Delta + \omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1)$, and $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2) = \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} (\cos \theta \Delta + \omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2)$.

LRWI

Gradients with respect to $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}$ and θ :

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}}\bar{f}_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \theta) &= \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}}f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^*(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \theta), \theta) = \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}}f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha)|_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}=\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^*} + \cancel{\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha)|_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}=\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^*} \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}, \\ \nabla_{\theta}\bar{f}_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \theta) &= \nabla_{\theta}f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^*(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \theta), \theta) = \nabla_{\theta}f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha)|_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}=\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^*} + \cancel{\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}f_{p_2}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \alpha)|_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}=\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^*} \nabla_{\theta}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}\end{aligned}$$



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Optimization algorithm

Algorithm 1 Rank-2 variable lifting approach

1. Initialization with $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1^{(0)}$, $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2^{(0)}$ and $\theta^{(0)}$
2. for $k = 1 \rightarrow n_{it}$
3. Compute $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{*(k)}$ by Equation 15
5. Compute $f_{p_2}^{(k)}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^{(k)}, \theta^{(k)})$, $\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}} f_{p_2}^{(k)}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^{(k)}, \theta^{(k)})$, and $\nabla_{\theta} f_{p_2}^{(k)}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^{(k)}, \theta^{(k)})$ by
6. LBFGS step in $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^{(k)}$
7. Gradient descent step in $\theta^{(k)}$
8. end
9. Obtain $\mathbf{m}^* = \sin \theta^* \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_1^* + \cos \theta^* \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_2^*$

Numerical experiment

Overthrust model

Model size: 5 km x 20 km

Frequency bands: 2-3Hz, 5-7Hz, 7-9Hz

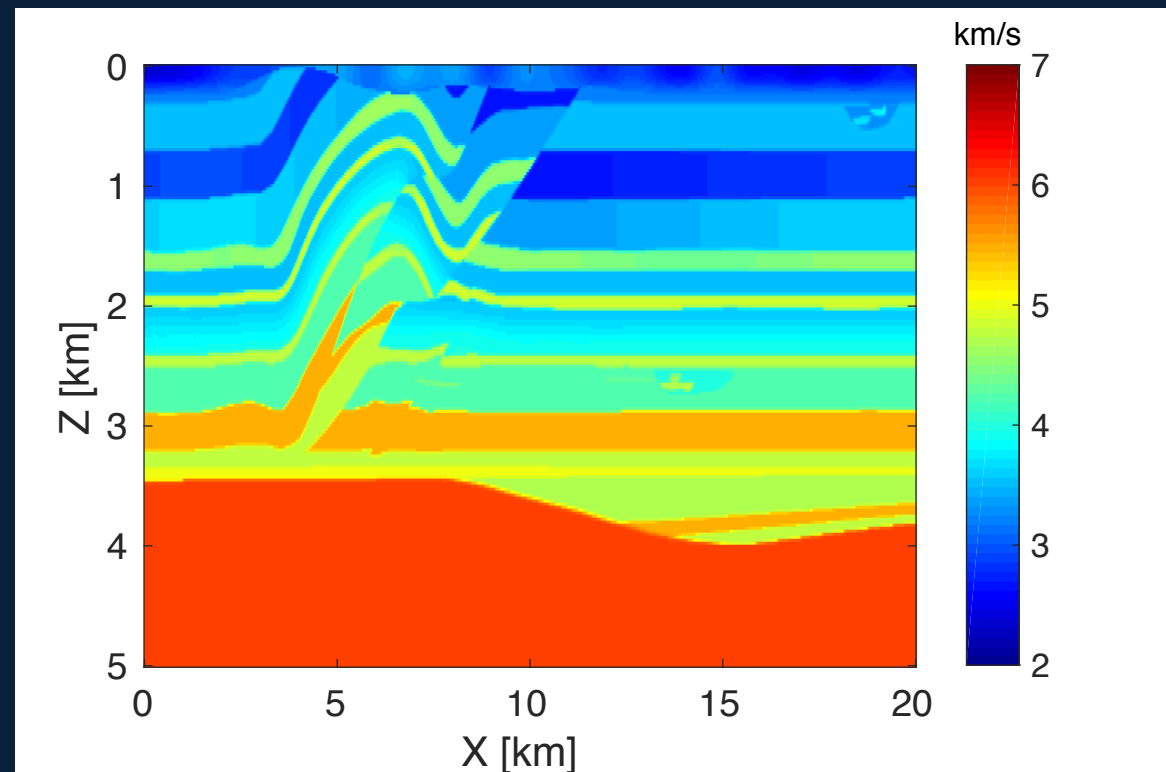
Number of shots: 50

Number of receivers: 50

Choices of λ : 1e-2, 1e0, 1e2

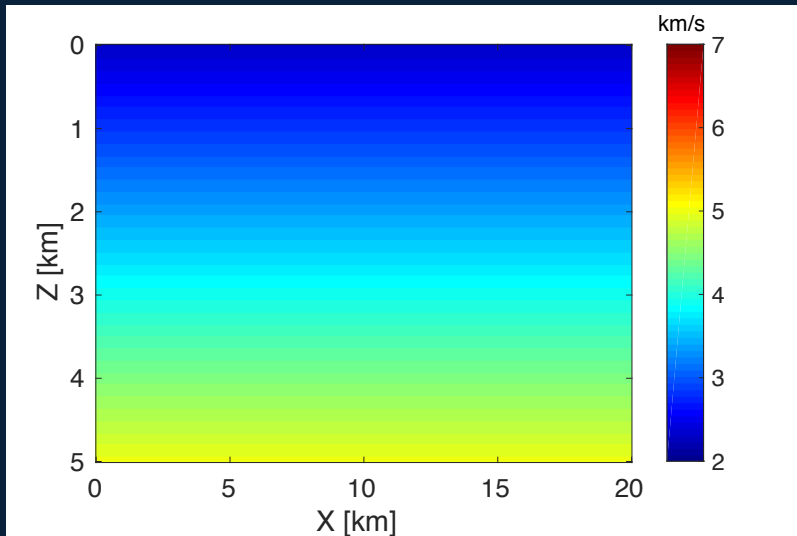
Choices of γ : 1e-1, 1e-3, 1e-5

Grid spacing: 25m

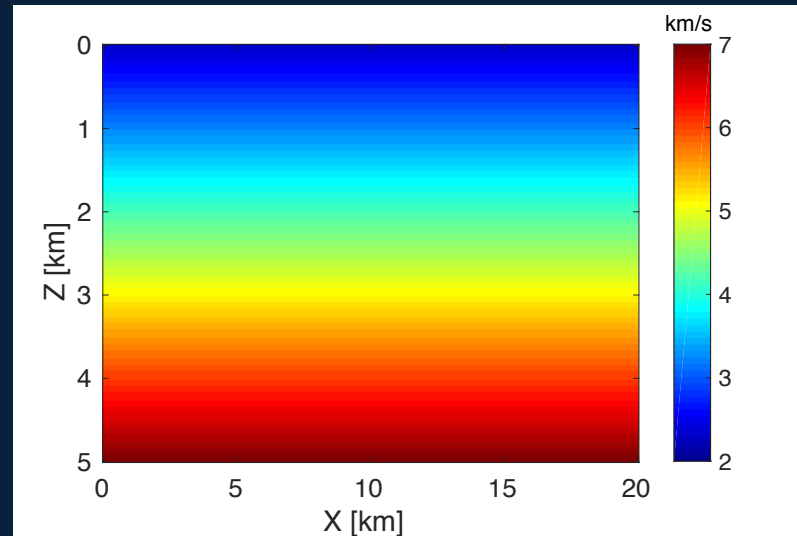


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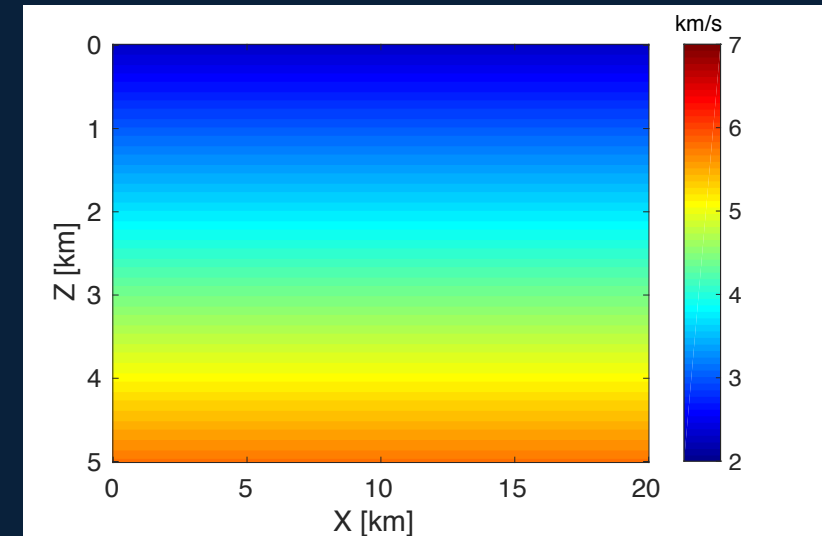
Initial models $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$



(a) Initial model $\mathbf{m}_1^{(0)}$



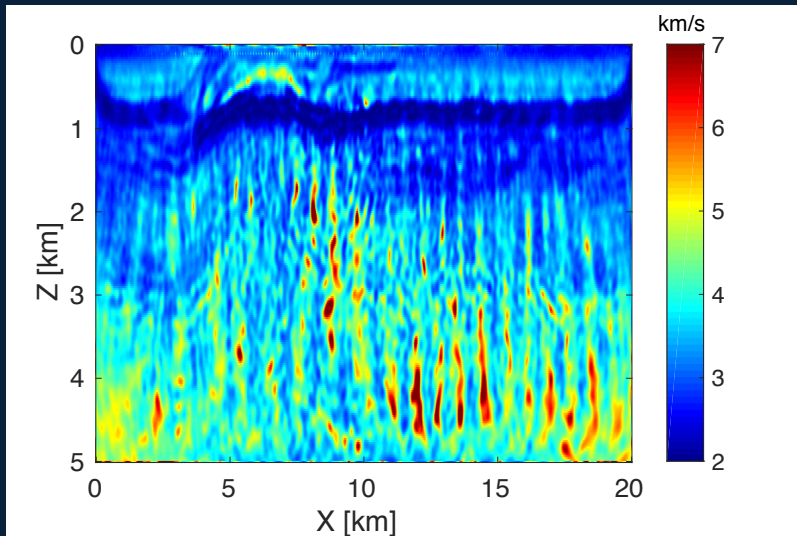
(b) Initial model $\mathbf{m}_2^{(0)}$



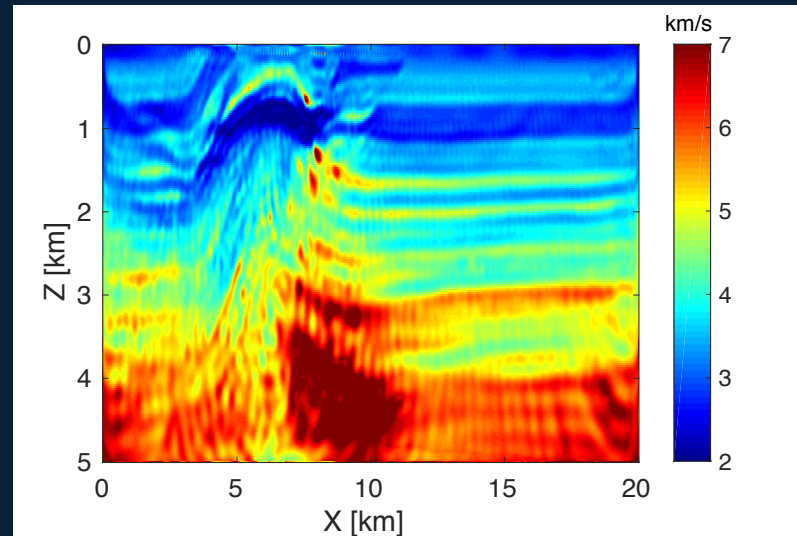
(c) Initial model $\mathbf{m}_3^{(0)} = \sin^2 \theta^{(0)} \mathbf{m}_1^{(0)} + \cos^2 \theta^{(0)} \mathbf{m}_2^{(0)}$

Numerical experiment

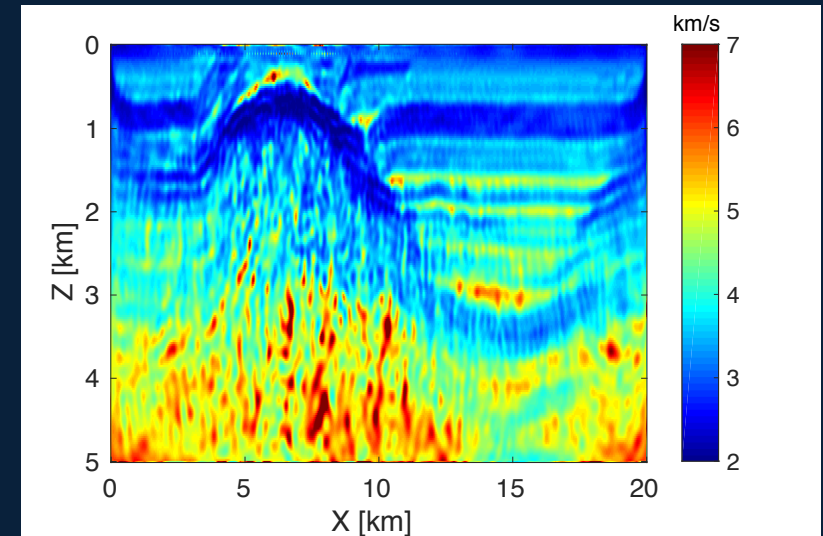
Results of FWI



(a) Result of $m_1^{(0)}$



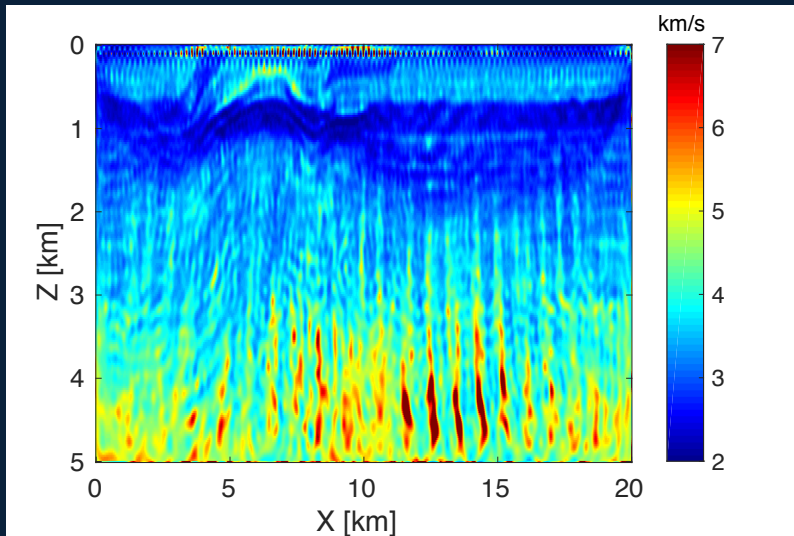
(b) Result of $m_2^{(0)}$



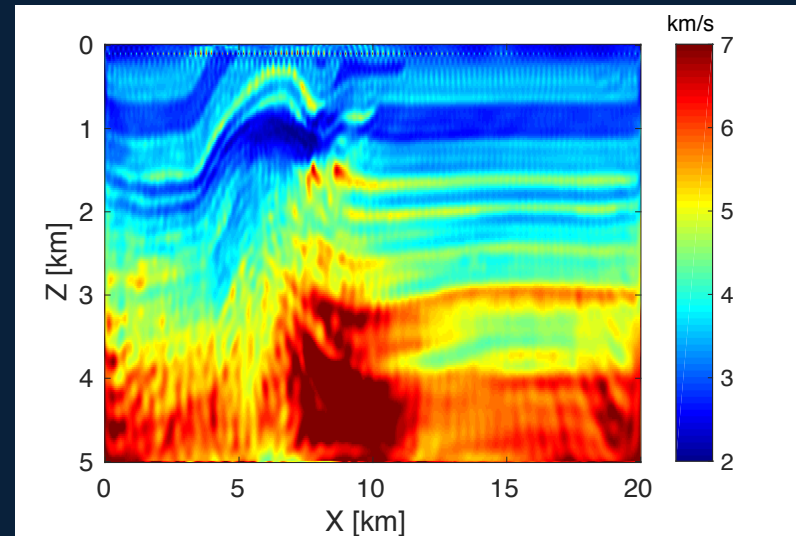
(c) Result of $m_3^{(0)}$

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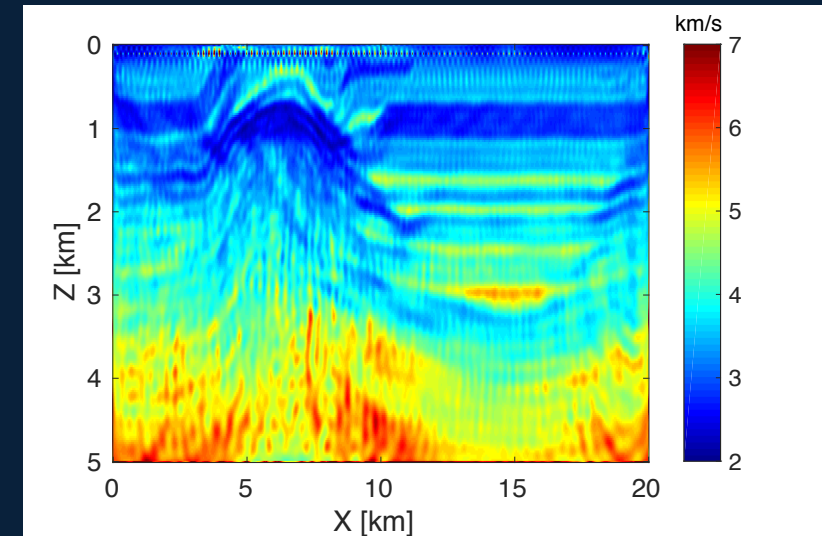
Results of WRI



(a) Result of $m_1^{(0)}$



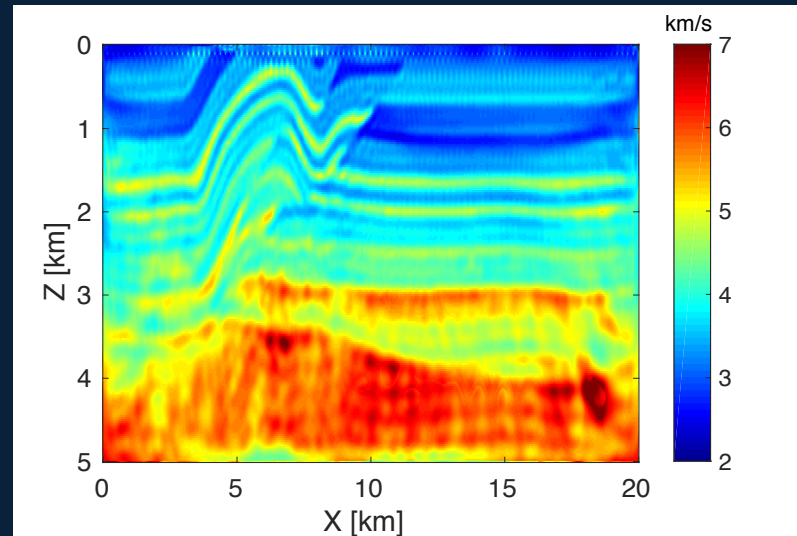
(b) Result of $m_2^{(0)}$



(c) Result of $m_3^{(0)}$

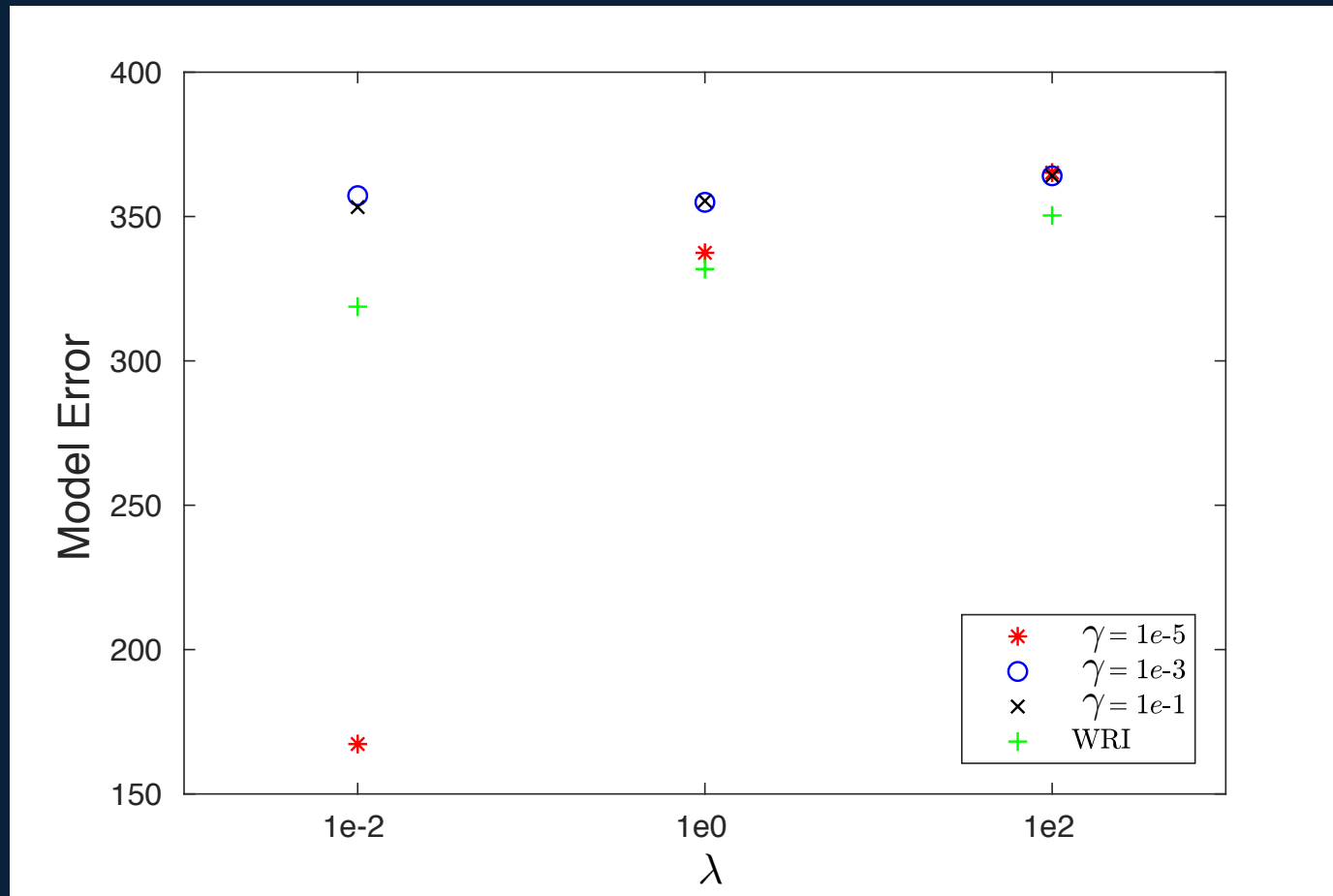
Numerical experiment

Results of LRWI



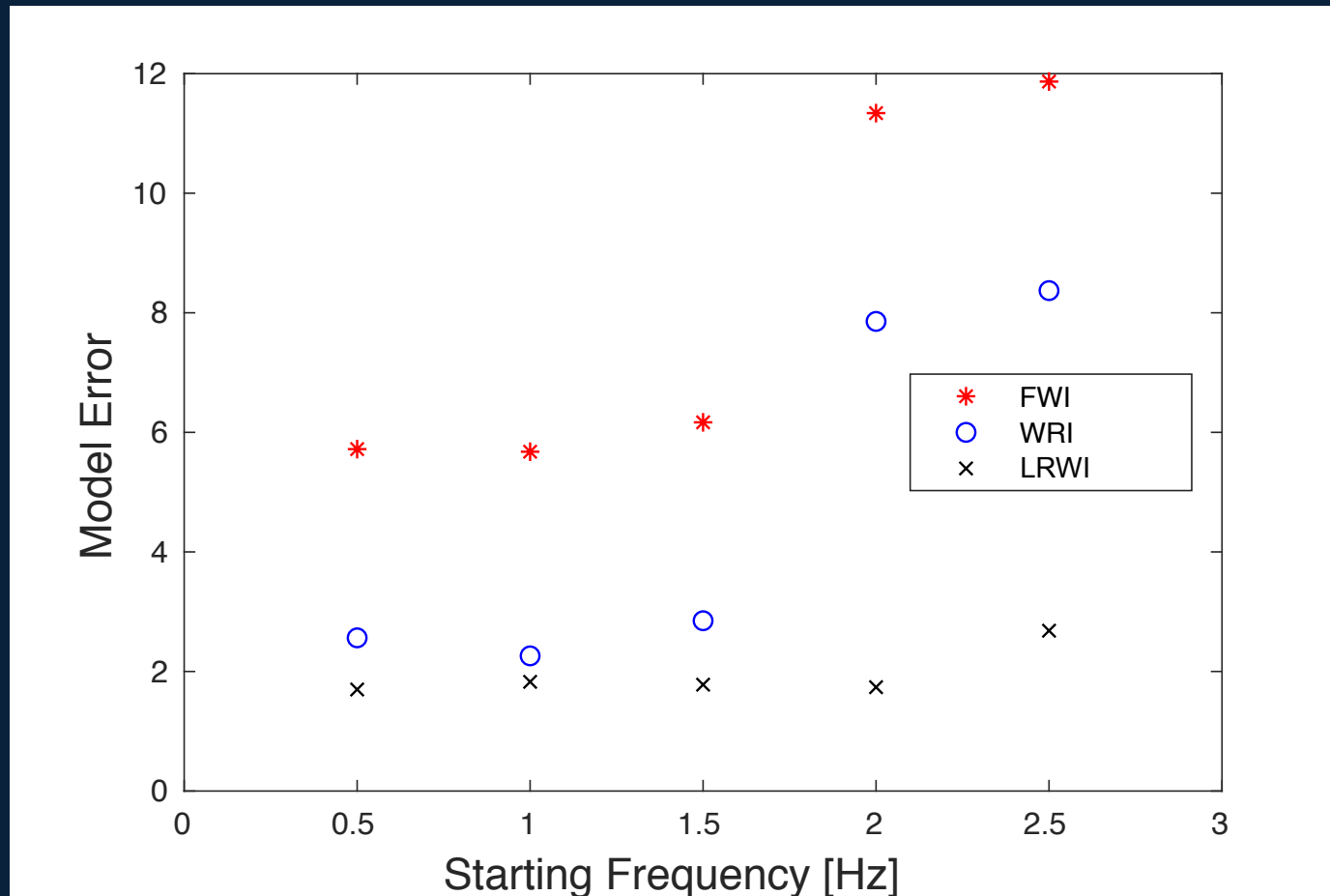
Numerical experiment

Influence of the penalty parameters



Numerical experiment

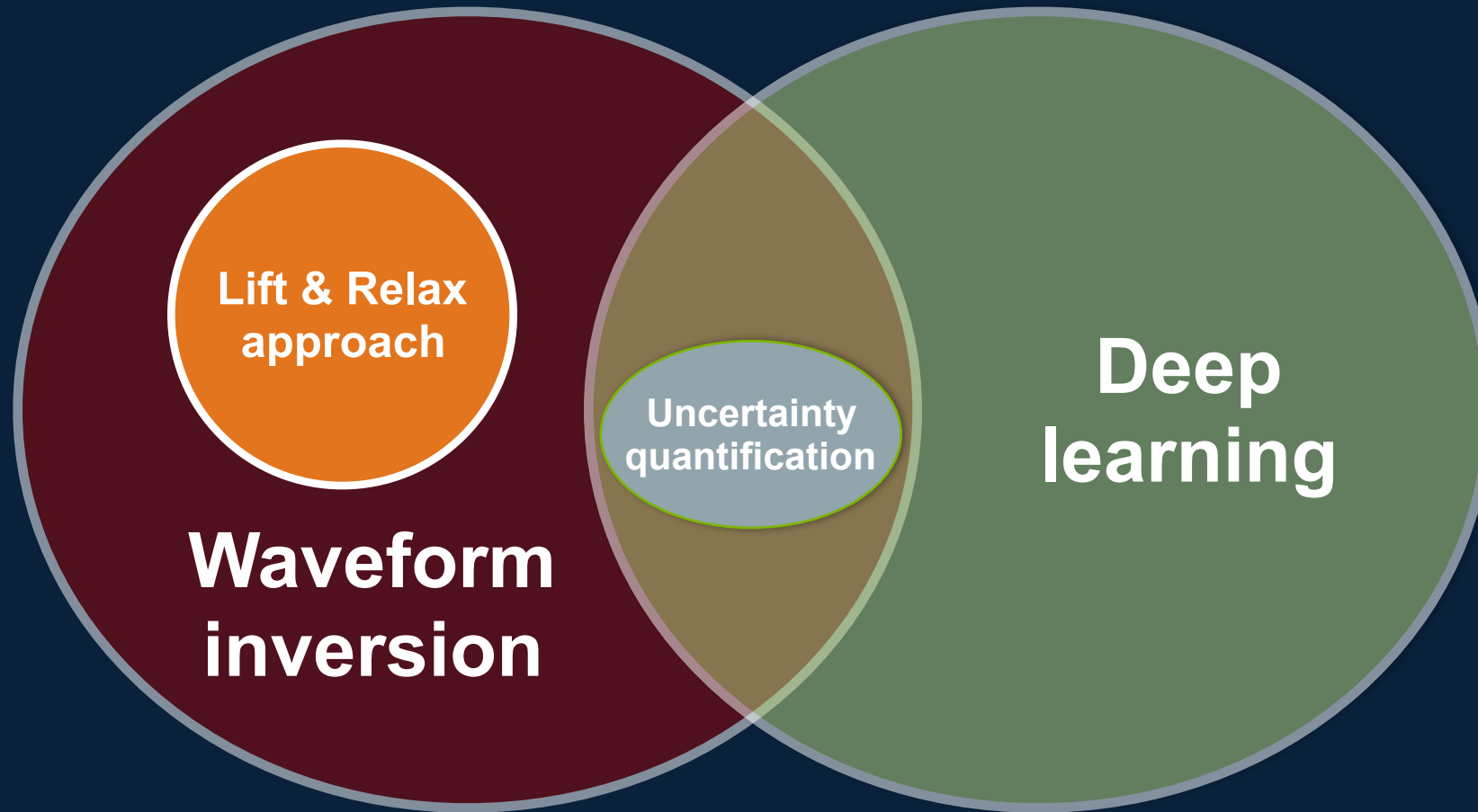
Comparisons of capability w.r.t the lowest frequency



Conclusions

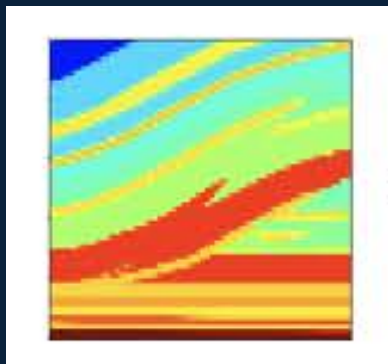
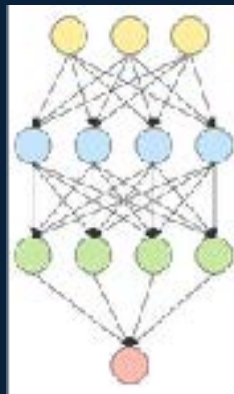
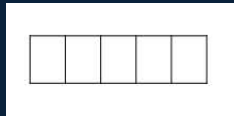
- 1. Through lifting the unknown parameters and relaxing the wave-equation constraint, we propose the LRWI method to mitigate the local minima that conventional FWI suffers from.**
- 2. LRWI can start with poorer initial models and lower starting frequency compared to the conventional FWI and WRI.**
- 3. The computational cost of LRWI is larger than the conventional FWI and WRI.**

Waveform inversion and deep learning



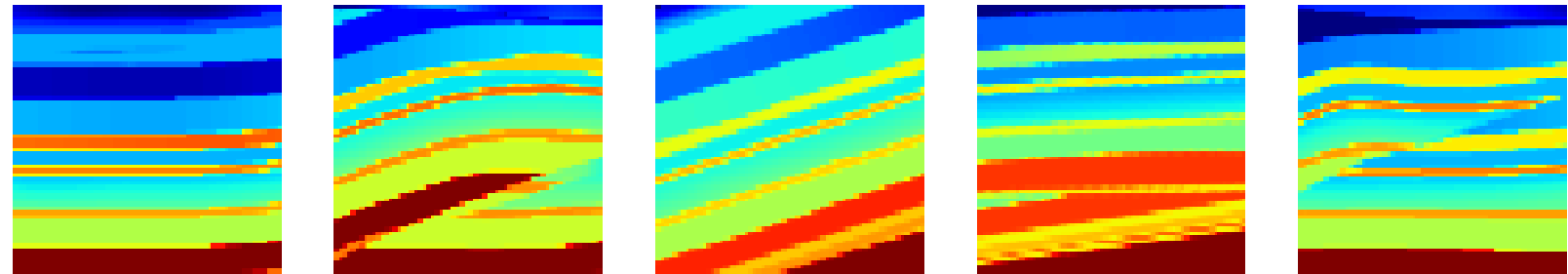
Deep prior generator

Input x

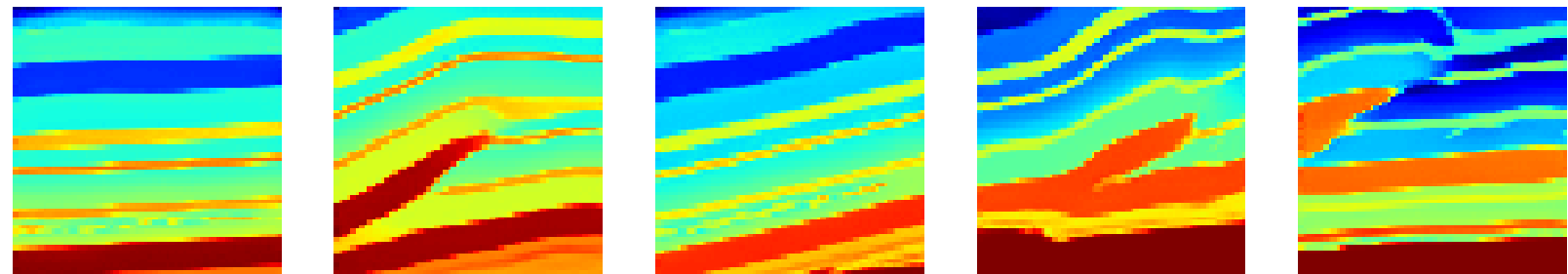


Output m

(a) Images from given models

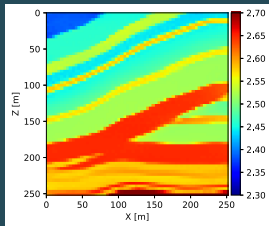


(b) Images generated by deep network

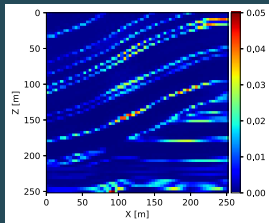


Research directions

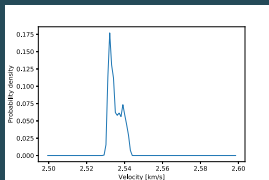
Applications to statistical seismic inversions



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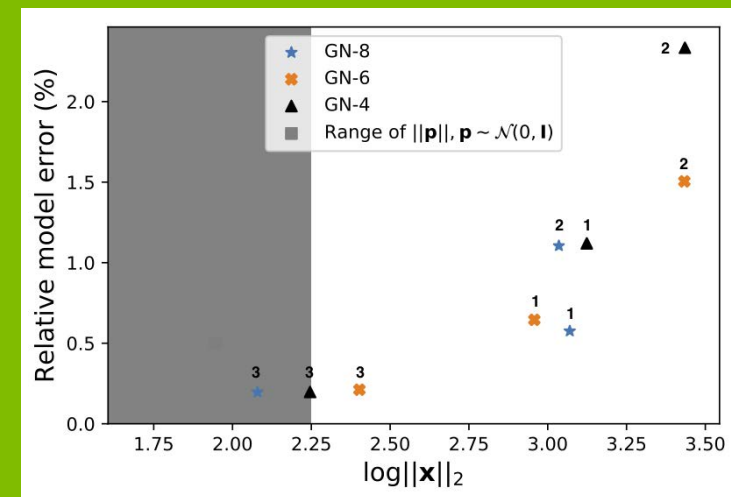


Standard deviation



Distribution

Quality control for the generative network



Visualizable and quantitative measure for the quality control of the deep generator