



# SHAPING REGULARIZATION

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REGULARIZATION

S. Fomel, 2007, Shaping regularization in geophysical-estimation problems: Geophysics.



General  
framework for  
inversion



Connection  
with sparsity



Triangle shaping  
by fast explicit  
diffusion



## MOST POPULAR PROGRAMS

- sfmath
- sfwindow
- sfput
- sfdd
- sfspike
- sfcats
- sfadd
- sftransp
- sfyscale
- sfsmooth
- sfspray
- sfricker1
- sfstack
- sfpad
- sfnoise
- sfsegypread
- sfcut
- sfcmplx
- sfdip
- sfrtoc
- sfmutter
- sfenvelope
- sfpick
- sfclip2
- sfreverse
- sfpow
- sfintbin

GENERAL  
FRAMEWORK

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{m}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{d}$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{n+1} = \mathbf{m}_n + \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{D F} \mathbf{m}_n = \mathbf{m} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D F}) \mathbf{m}_n$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{n+1} = \mathbf{S} [\tilde{\mathbf{m}} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{B F}) \mathbf{m}_n]$$

## SHAPING ITERATION

- Different from optimization
- Two goals: fitting data and having shape




# CONNECTION WITH OPTIMIZATION

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left( \|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{d}\|^2 + \epsilon^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{x}\|^2 \right)$$

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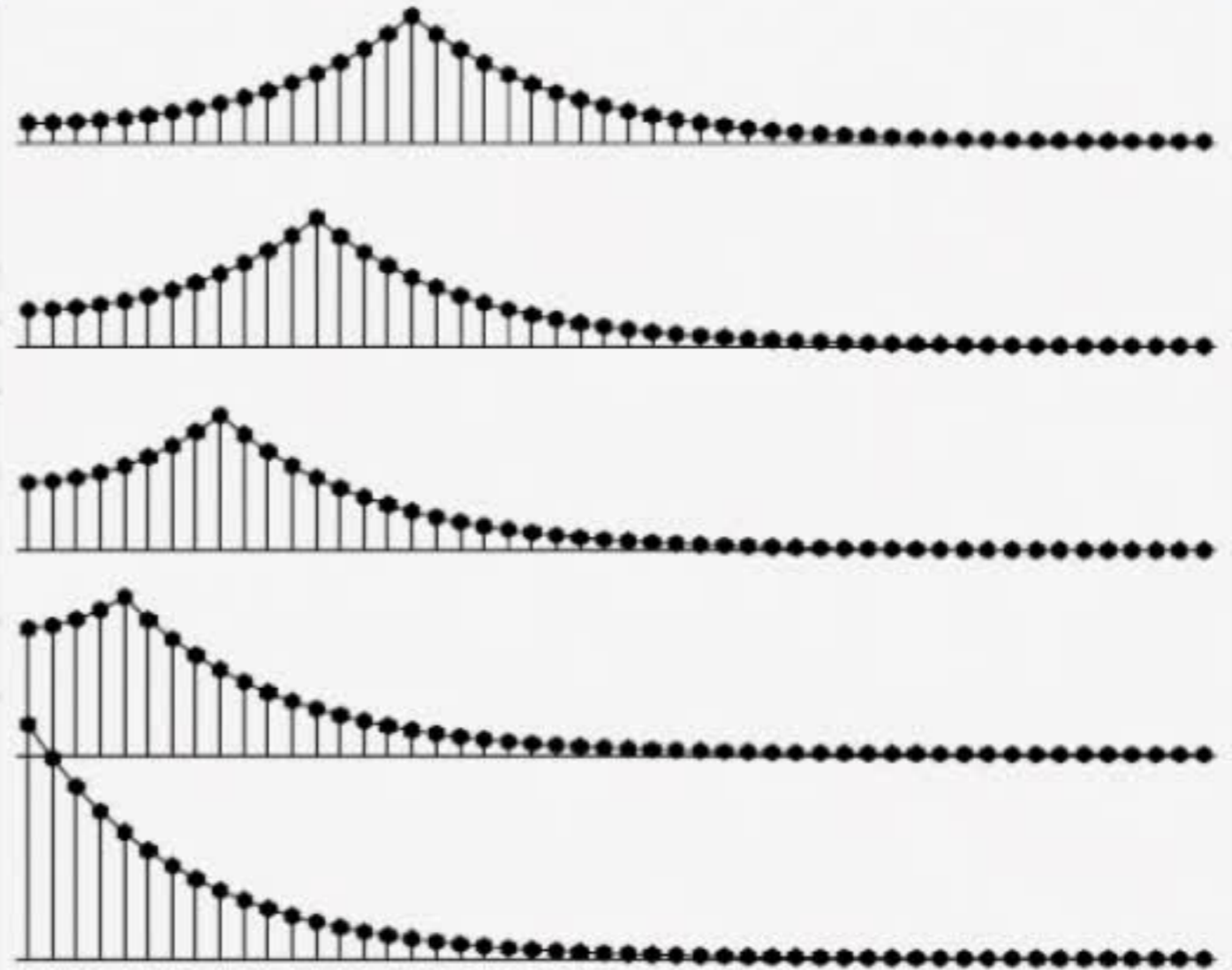
$$P[\mathbf{x}] = \epsilon^2 \|\nabla \mathbf{x}\|^2$$


$$D[\mathbf{x}] = (\mathbf{I} - t \mathbf{D})^{-1}$$

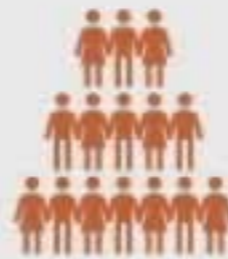


# CLAERBOUT (1992)

- “I habitually smoothed with damped exponentials, but I switched to triangles after I encountered several examples where the exponential tails decreased too slowly.”



SHAPING WITH TRIANGLE SMOOTHING  
VS.  
PENALIZING GRADIENTS



Significantly  
faster iterative  
convergence

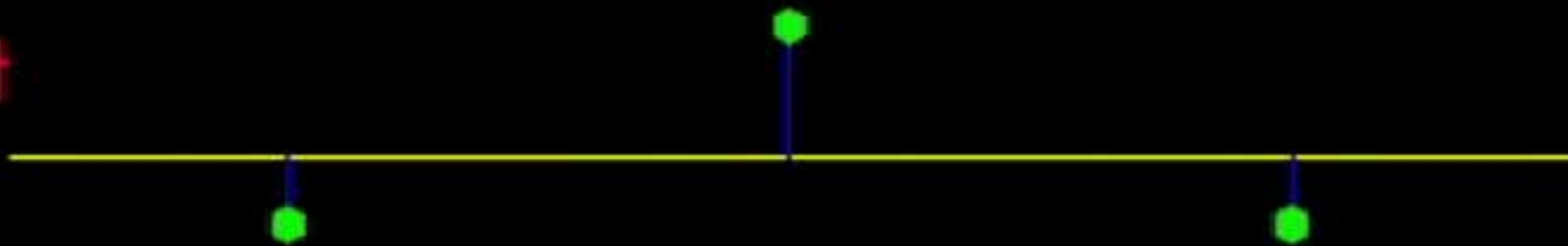
~~Intuitive~~  
selection of  
parameters

Stronger  
regularization  
leads to faster  
convergence

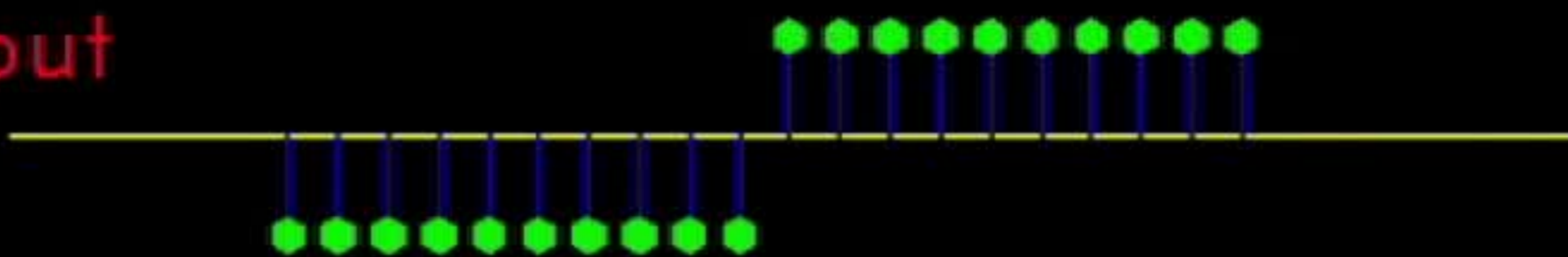
**FROM TRIANGLE SMOOTHING  
TO FAST EXPLICIT DIFFUSION**

# TRIANGLE SMOOTHING (CLAERBOUT, 1992)

input



C input



$C^T C$  input



$$B_N(Z) = \frac{1}{N} (1 + Z + Z^2 + \dots + Z^{N-1}) = \frac{1 - Z^N}{N(1 - Z)}$$

$$T_N(Z) = B_N(Z) B_N(1/Z) = \frac{(1 - Z^N)(1 - Z^{-N})}{N^2(1 - Z)(1 - 1/Z)}$$

## BOX TO TRIANGLE Z-TRANSFORM

- Recursive implementation
- Minimal cost independent of the filter size

$$B_N(Z) = \frac{1 - Z^N}{N(1 - Z)}$$

$$1 - Z^N = \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} \left( 1 - \frac{Z}{Z_n} \right)$$
$$Z_n = \exp \left( i \frac{2\pi n}{N} \right)$$

## FACTORING BOX FILTER

- Non-recursive implementation
- Cascade of elementary filters

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \prod_{n=1}^{N+1} (z - z_n) \prod_{n=1}^N (z - z_n^*) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2N+1} \prod_{n=1}^N (1 - 2\gamma_n z + z^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma_n = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{2N+1}\right)$$

## FACTORED BOX

- Polynomial roots come in conjugate pairs
- Cascade of elementary three-point filters

## FACTORED TRIANGLE

$$T_N(Z) = \frac{1}{N^2} \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} (Z + 1/Z - 2\gamma_n)$$



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# CONNECTION WITH DIFFUSION

$$F_B(\omega) = \frac{1}{2b} \int_{-b}^b e^{-i\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{2i\omega b} (e^{i\omega b} - e^{-i\omega b}) = \frac{\sin(\omega b)}{\omega b} = \text{sinc}(\omega b)$$

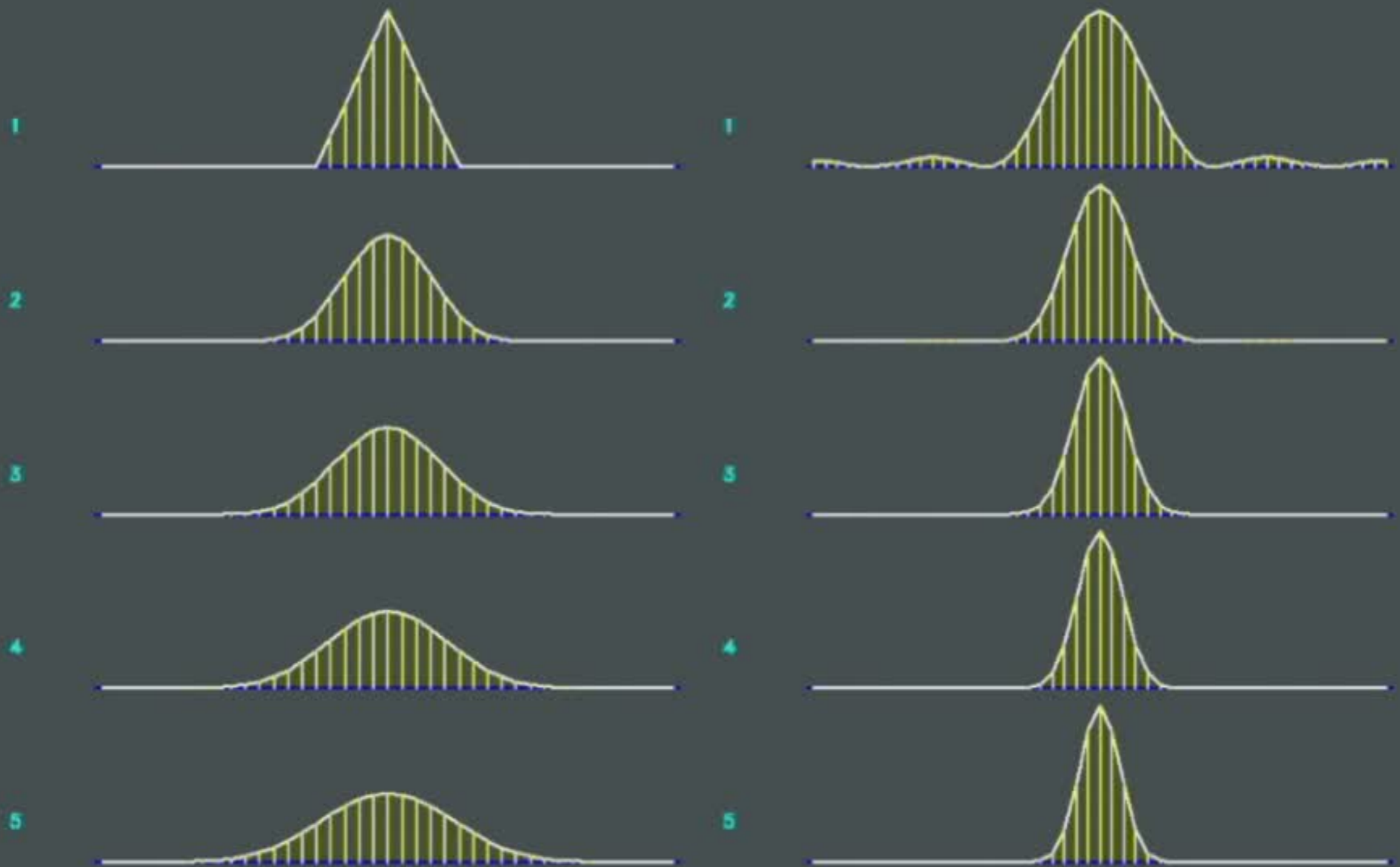
$$F_T(\omega) = |F_B(\omega)|^2 = \text{sinc}^2(\omega b)$$

$$\text{sinc}^n(\omega b) \approx e^{-\omega^2 b^2 n/6}$$

## WHY TRIANGLE?

- Converges to a Gaussian (ideal smoother)
- As follows from the central limit theorem

# Convergence to a Gaussian



Time

Frequency

$$U(k, t) = U(k, 0) \exp(-a^2 t k^2)$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a^2 t}} \int u_0(x_0) \exp\left(-\frac{|x - x_0|^2}{4a^2 t}\right) dx_0$$

## DIFFUSION PROCESS

- Physical process
- Leads to Gaussian smoothing

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = a^2 \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_n}{\Delta t} = a^2 \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}$$

## NUMERICAL DIFFUSION

- Discretize in space
- Discretize in time

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = (\mathbf{I} + a^2 \Delta t \mathbf{D}) \mathbf{u}_n$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = (\mathbf{I} - a^2 \Delta t \mathbf{D})^{-1} \mathbf{u}_n$$

## EXPLICIT VS. IMPLICIT

- Explicit: requires tiny steps for stability
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$$G_{\alpha}(Z) = \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} [1 + \alpha (Z + 1/Z - 2)]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{a^2 \Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

## EXPLICIT DIFFUSION FILTER

- Three-point Laplacian discretization
- Cascade of elementary three-point filters

## FACTORED TRIANGLE

$$\begin{aligned} T_N(Z) &= \frac{1}{N^2} \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} (Z + 1/Z - 2\gamma_n) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} \left( 1 + \frac{Z + 1/Z - 2}{\alpha_n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

## GENERALIZED DIFFUSION

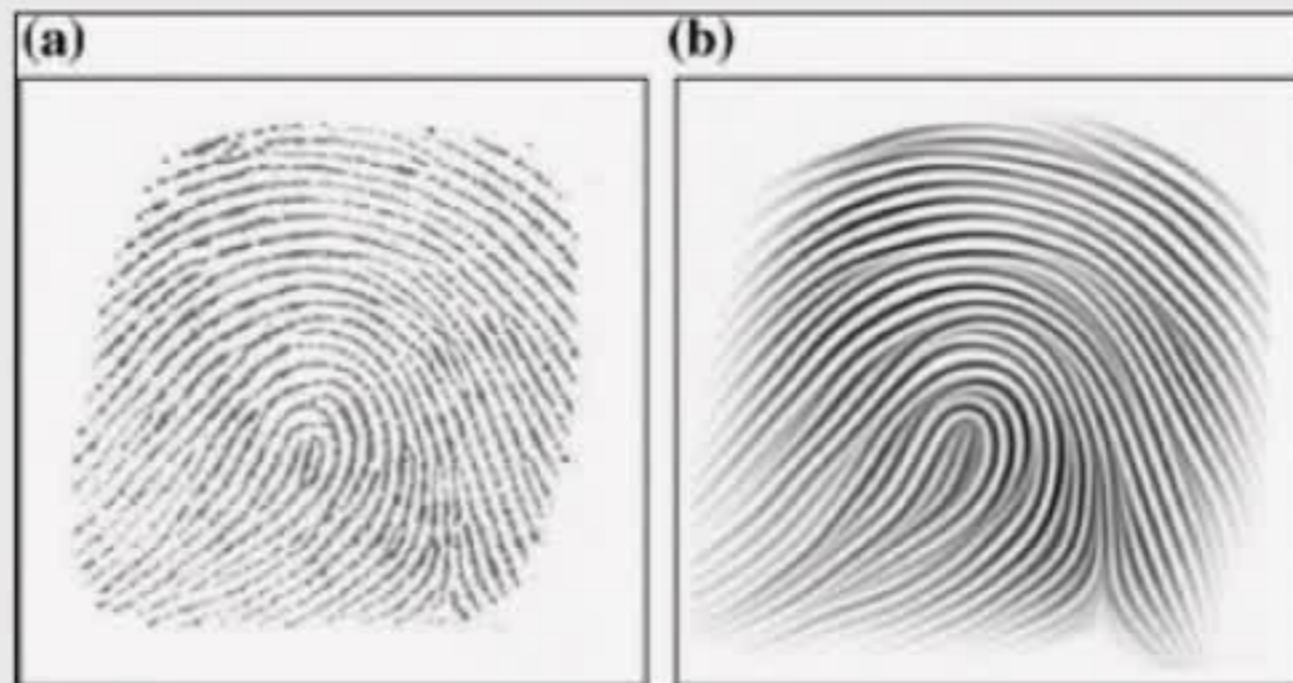
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = a^2 \mathbf{D} \mathbf{u}$$



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{G}[\mathbf{u}]$$

## FED (FAST EXPLICIT DIFFUSION)

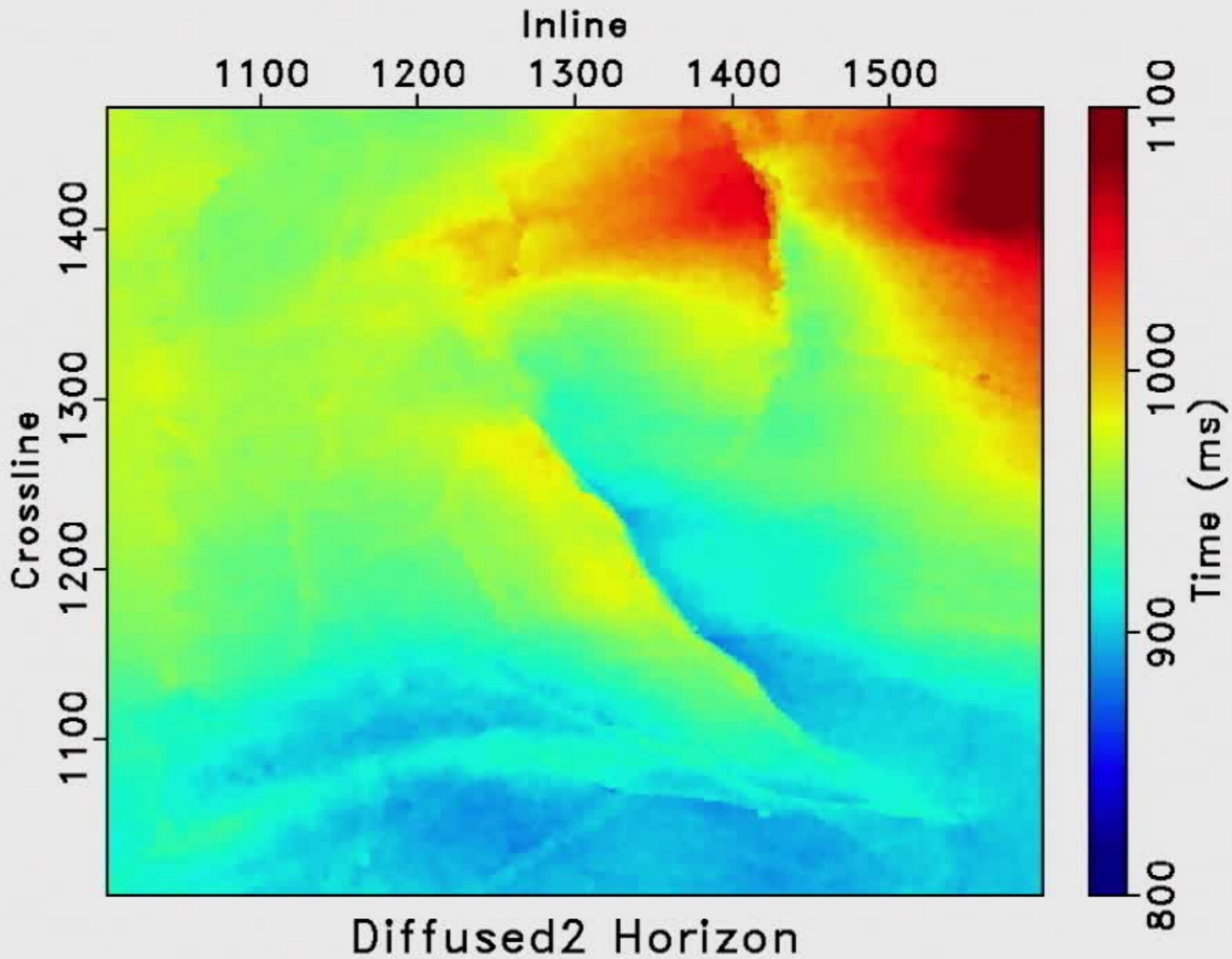
$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = (\mathbf{I} + \Delta t_n \mathbf{G}) \mathbf{u}_n$$

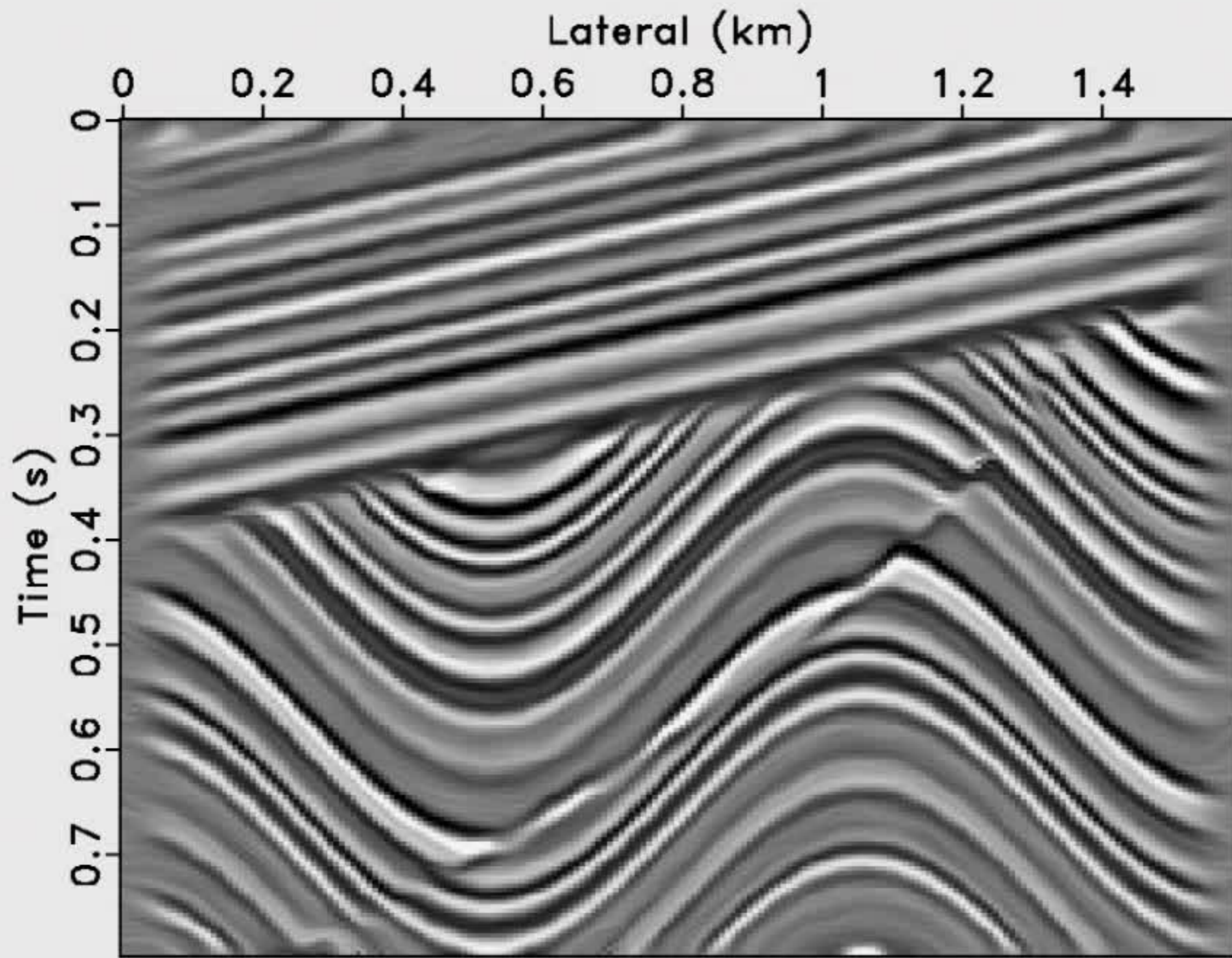


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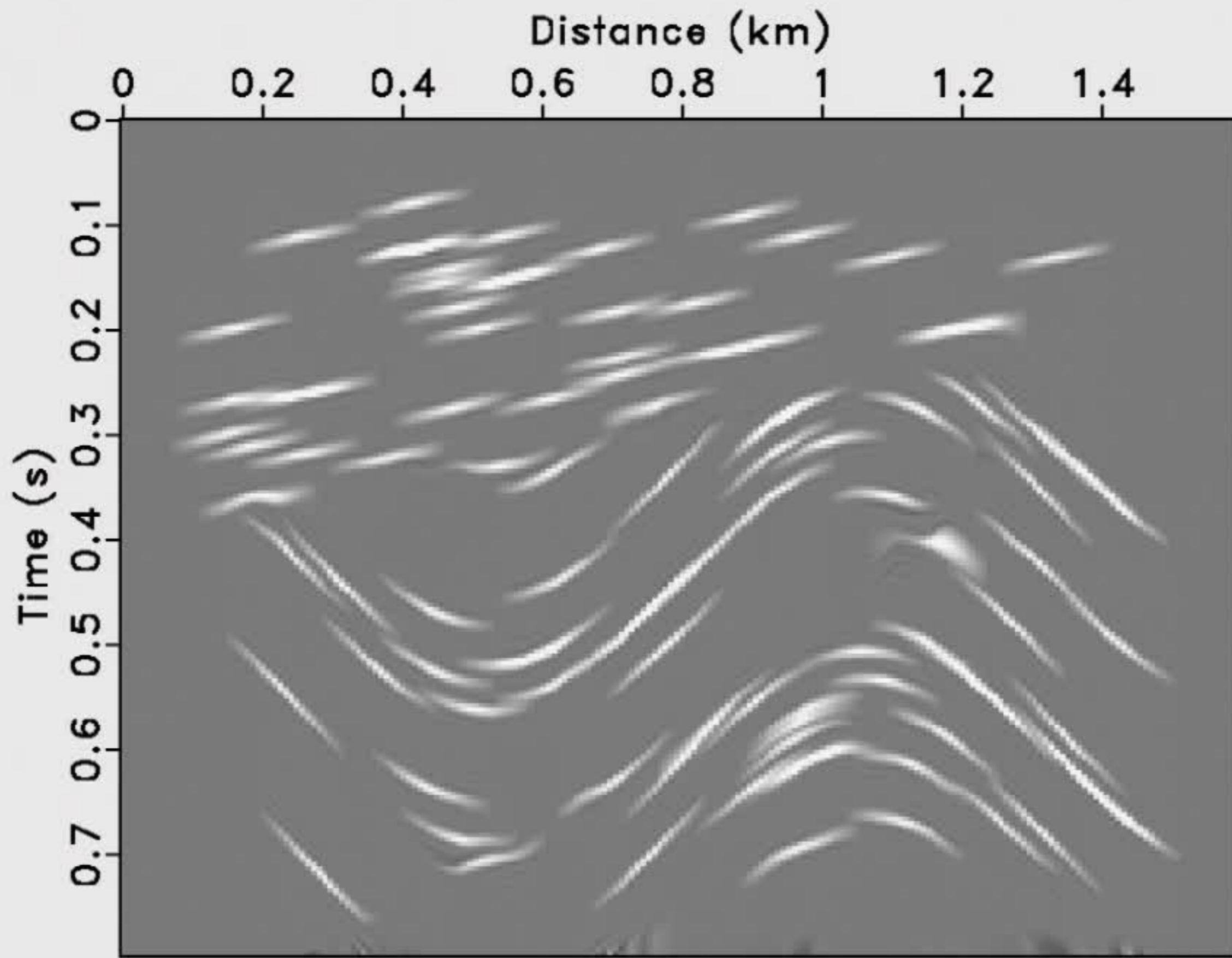








Smoothed



Structure-Oriented Smoothing