

# Generalized Minkowski sets for the regularization of inverse problems

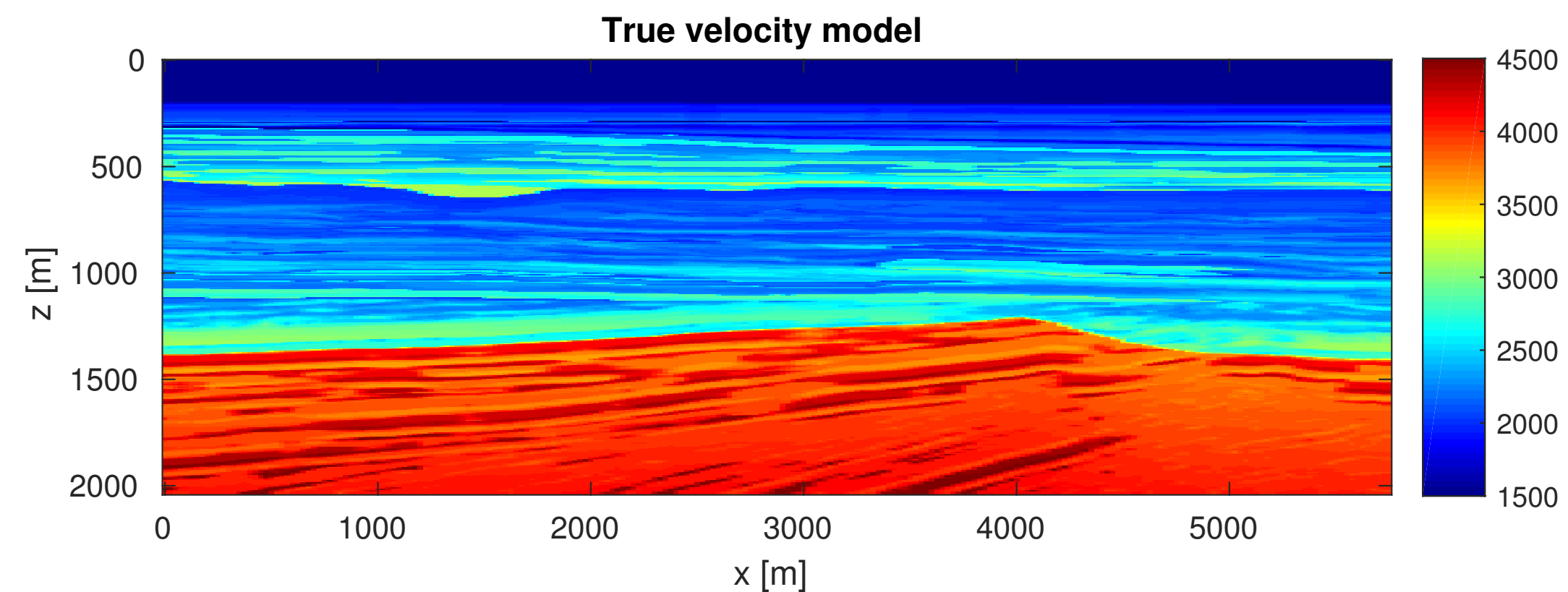
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# Prior information for geophysical models



- smoothness
- blockiness
- approximately layered media
- number of velocity jumps up or down
- maximum & minimum values, well-log information, reference models

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Geophysical applications:

- single  $\mathcal{V}$  (bounds) [Zeev et al. (2006) and Bello and Raydan (2007)]
- two sets [Lelièvre and Oldenburg (2009), Baumstein (2013), Smithyman et al. (2015), Esser et al. (2015ab, 2016ab), Peters and Herrmann (2017), Yong et al. (2018), Trinh et al. (2018), Peters and Herrmann (2019)]

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

$\beta$  : Barzilai-Borwein scaling

$\gamma$  : non-monotone line search step length

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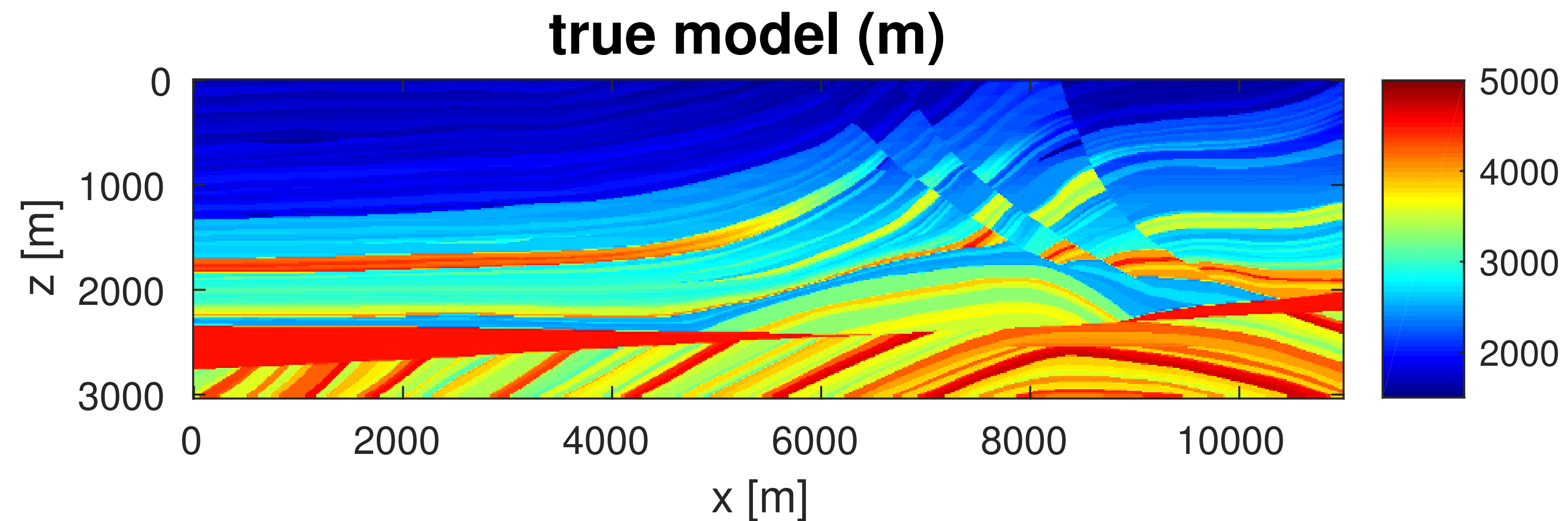
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Prior knowledge as constraint sets especially practical if we have many sets.

Each constraint set defined independently of all others.

## Complex models

Models with smooth, blocky and diagonal features do not fit any of the standard constraints (rank, total-variation, smoothness promoting).



Question:

How to construct (convex) sets suitable to regularize this type of models?

## 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

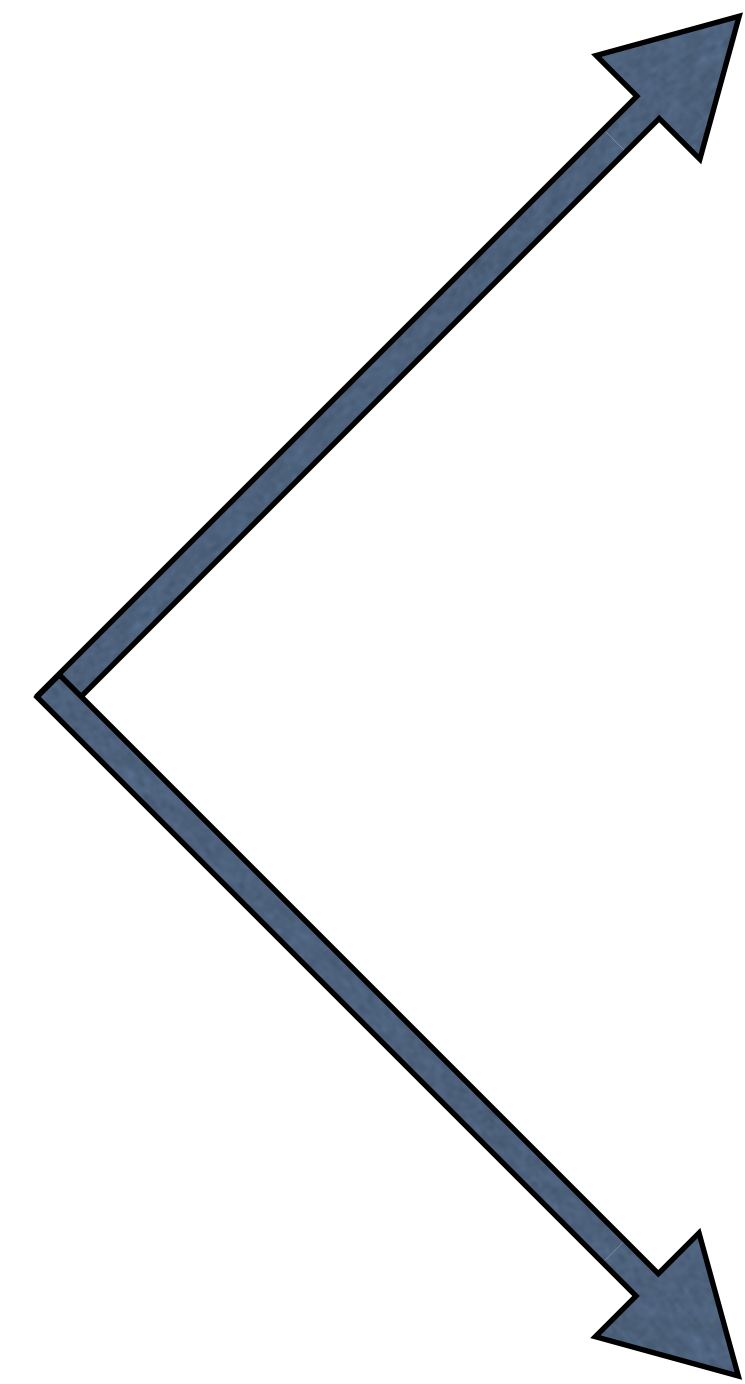
1.  $u$  : cartoon/background/piecewise-smooth or constant component
2.  $v$  : texture/details/pattern/oscillatory component

closely related to to robust PCA and variants [Candes et al. (2011); Gao et al., 2011a ; Gao et al., 2011b]



# Example

original image



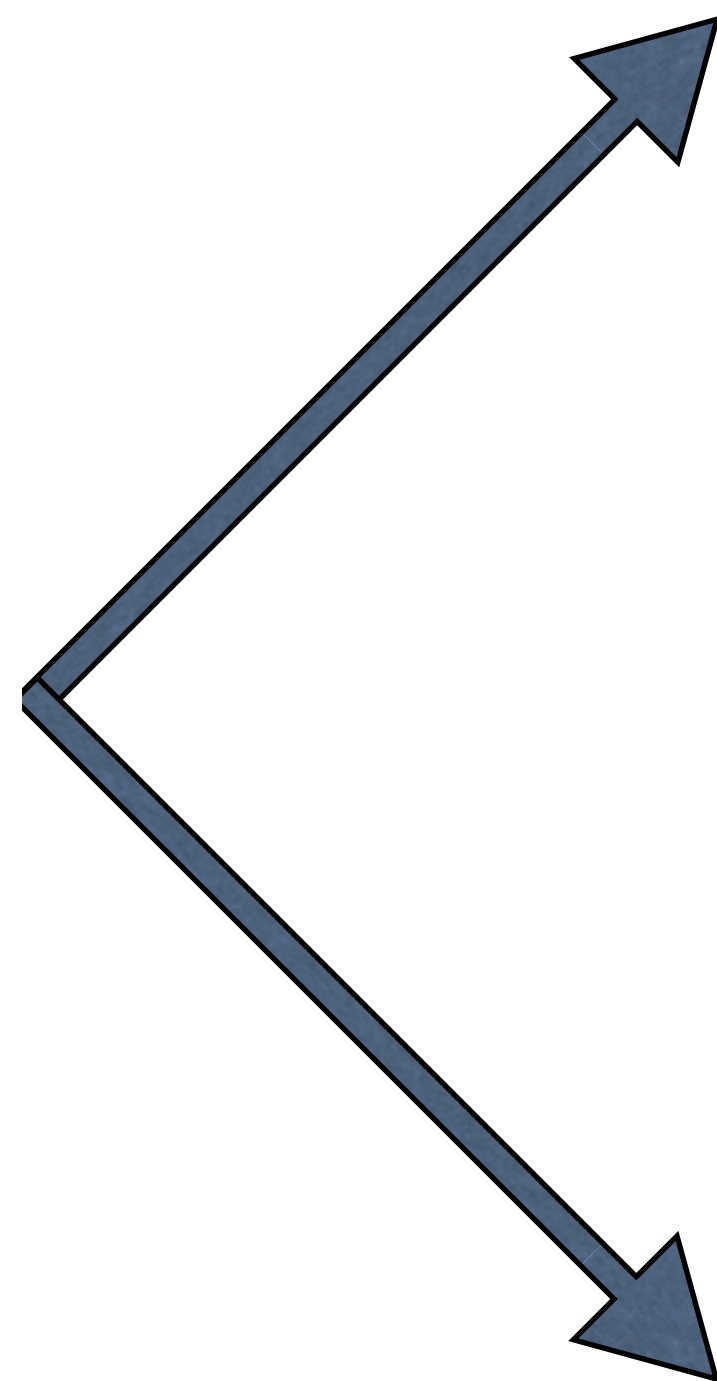
cartoon part



texture part

[Szolgay D, & Szirányi T., 2012]

# Example



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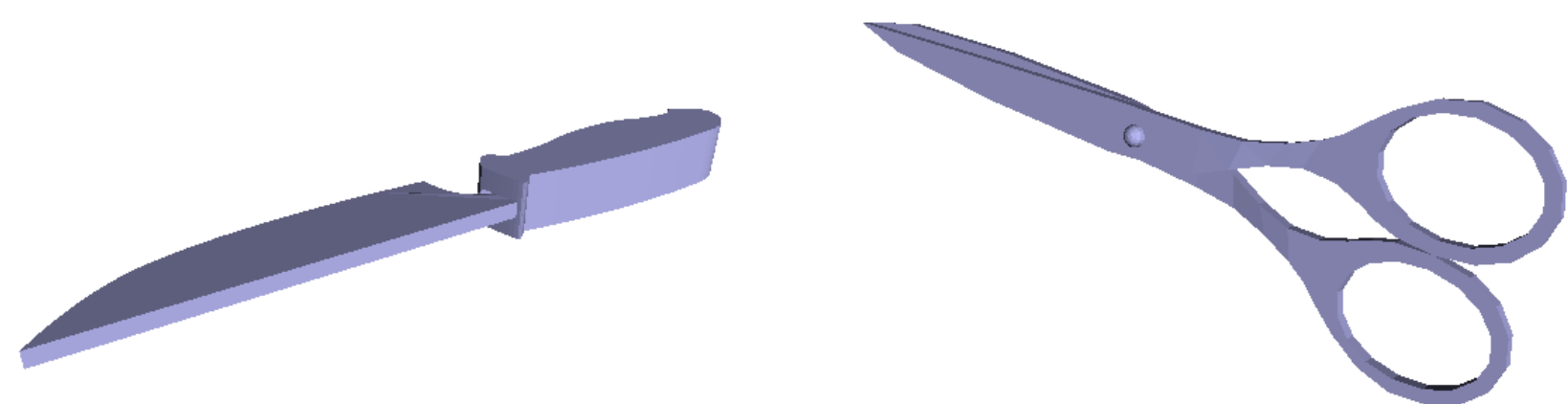
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The resulting model is an element of the Minkowski set (vector sum):

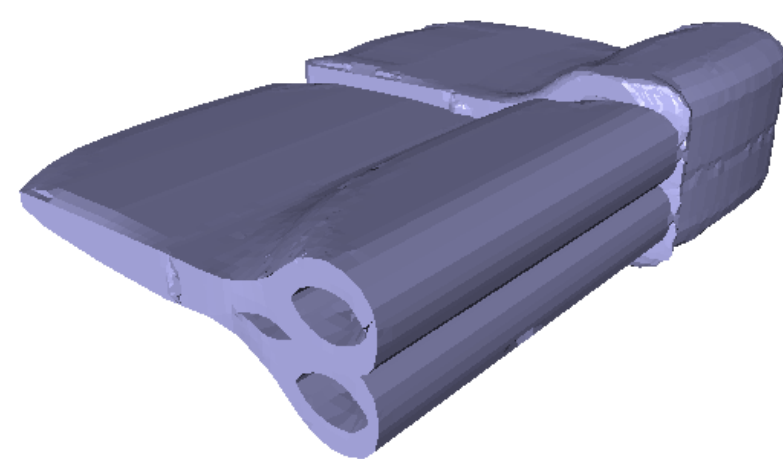
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convex if both sets are convex

# Minkowski sum



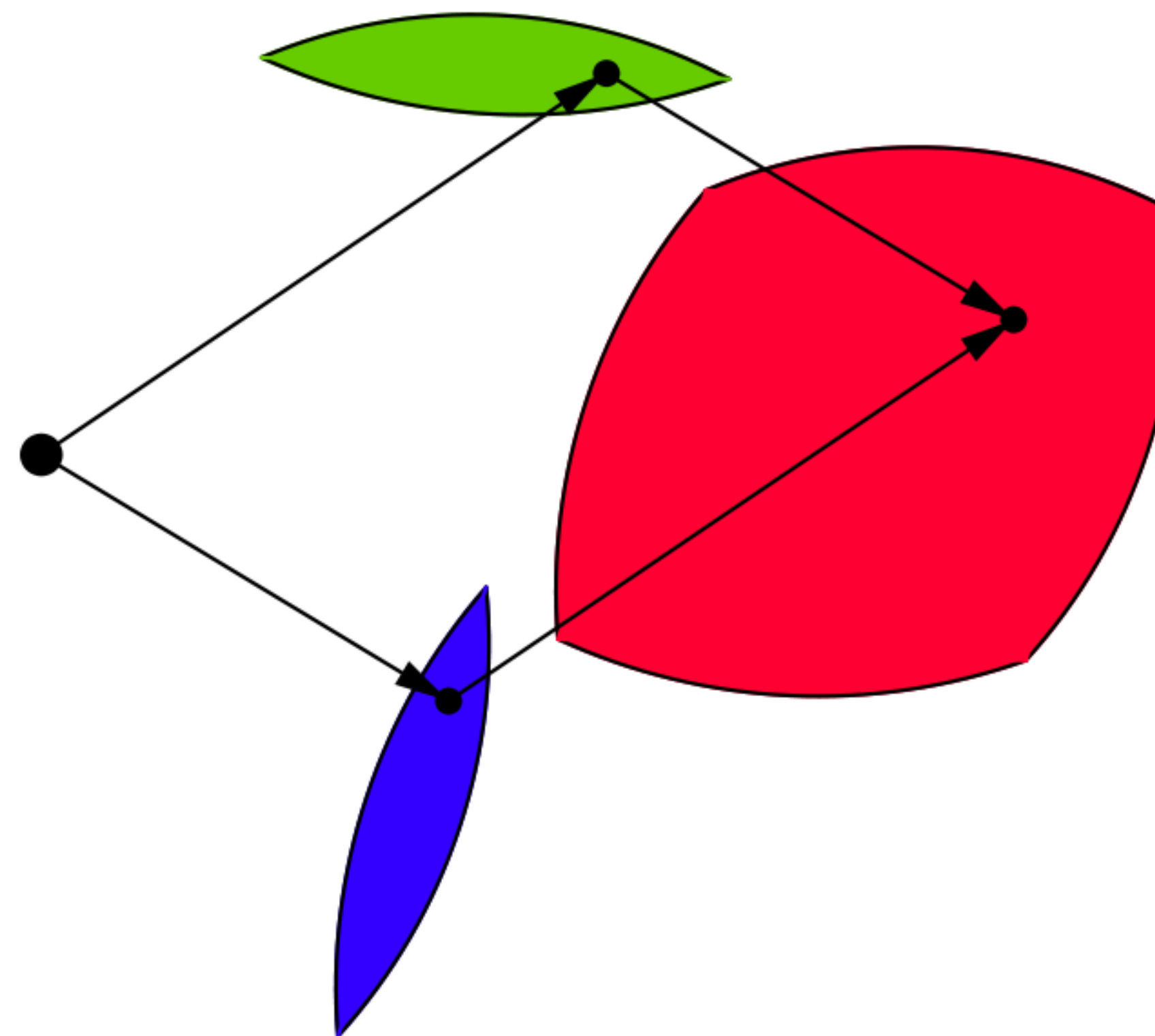
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Knife  $\oplus$  Scissors

Accurate Minkowski Sum Approximation of  
Polyhedral Models

Gokul Varadhan, Dinesh Manocha,  
Pacific Graphics, 2004



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minkowski\\_addition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minkowski_addition)

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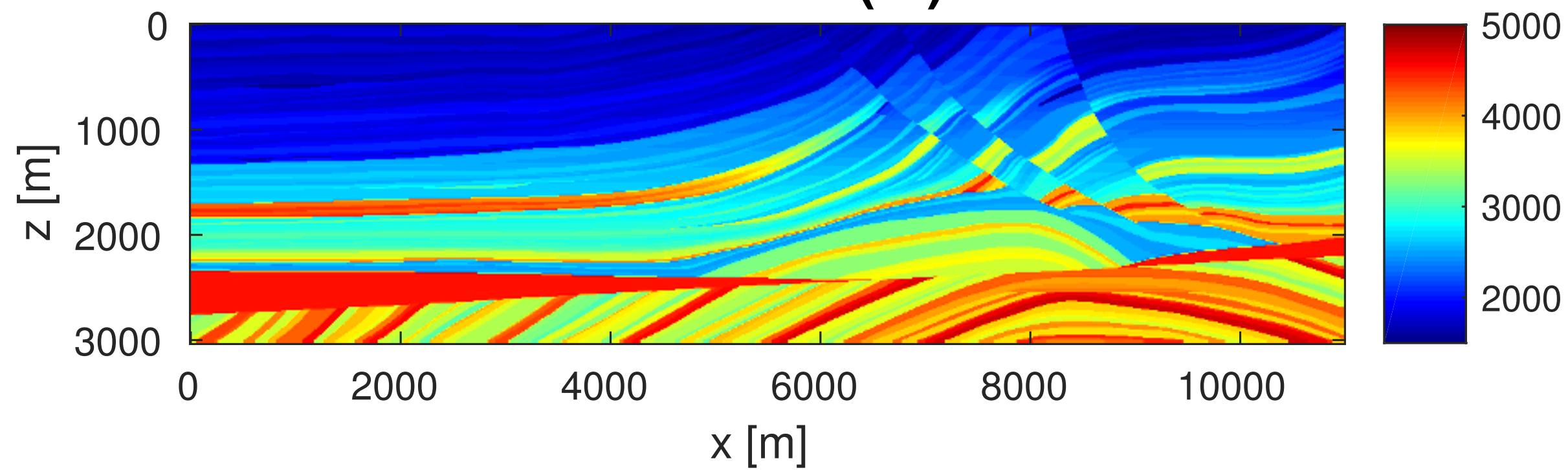
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Minkowski set not suitable by itself:

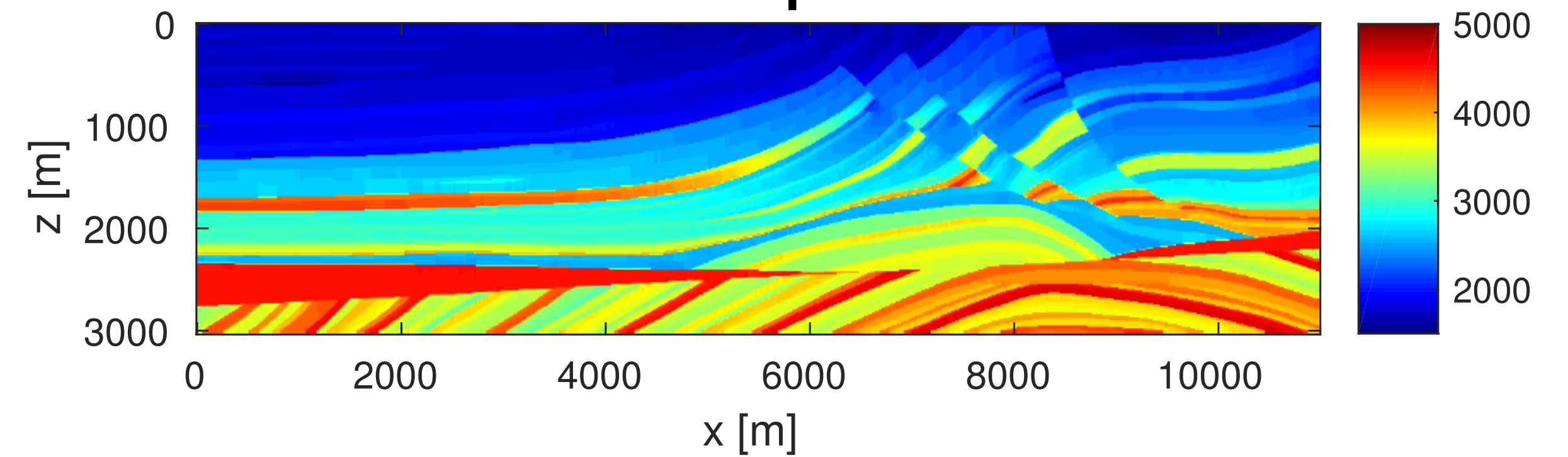
- need bound constraints and more on  $m$
- would like more than one constraint on  $u$  and  $v$

# Minkowski decomposition

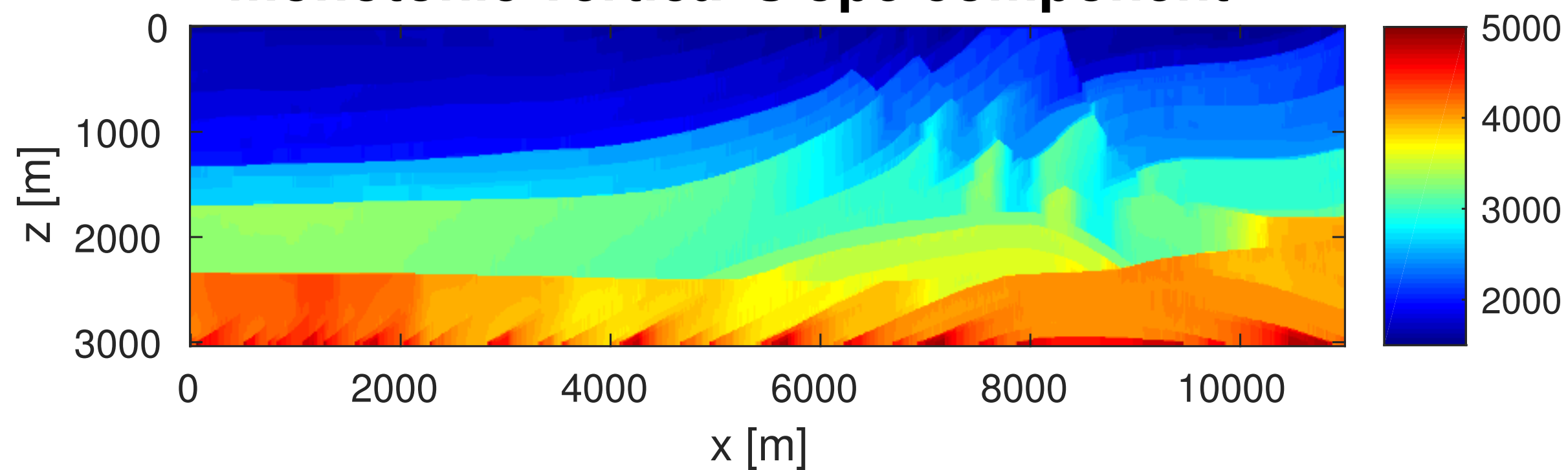
### true model (m)



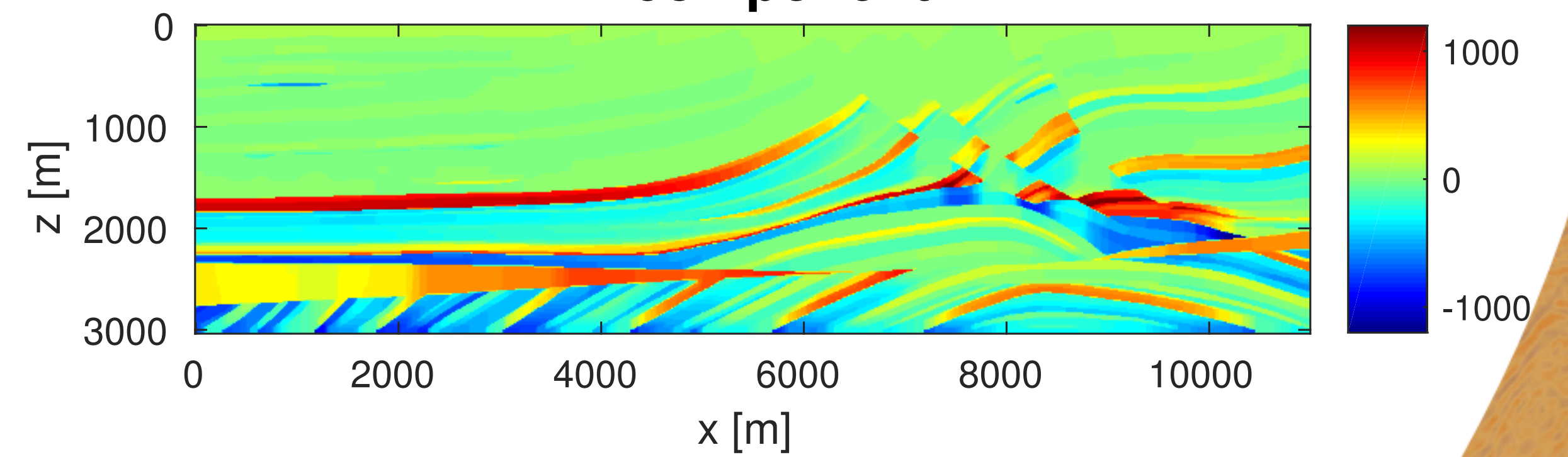
### sum of components



### monotonic vertical slope component



### TV component



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- $m$  is an element of the intersection of two sets, one is the Minkowski set (sum of two intersections), the other is another intersection.
- can extend to more than two components



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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)

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discrete derivatives matrices, DFT, Wavelet T, .....

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

Merge ideas from SALSA/SDMM and ARADMM

- recast as known algorithm for known problem  $\longrightarrow$  convergence guarantees
- automatic (acceleration) parameter selection [Xu et. al. ,2016a ; Xu et. al. ,2017]

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put smooth and non-smooth terms on same footing

$$\frac{1}{2} \|x - m\|_2^2 \equiv f(y_{p+1})$$

$$\tilde{f}(\tilde{y}) = f(y_{p+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \iota_{\mathcal{C}_i}(y_i)$$



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Augmented Lagrangian:  $L_{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_{p+1}}(x, y_1, \dots, y_{p+1}, v_1, \dots, v_{p+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} \left[ f_i(y_i) + v_i^\top (y_i - A_i x) + \frac{\rho_i}{2} \|y_i - A_i x\|_2^2 \right]$

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**Iterations for our problem:** (equivalent to SDMM + over/under relaxation)

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system-mat always pos-def,

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

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simple projection onto set:  
norm-ball/bounds/cardinality/rank  
(all closed-form solutions)

$i=p$ : prox for distance-squared  
(closed form)

## Iterations are just iterations...

For a fast algorithms we also need:

- stopping conditions
- adaptive parameter selection
- hybrid coarse-fine parallel implementation
- multilevel acceleration
- use multithreaded compressed diagonal MVPs for banded matrices
- couple more things...

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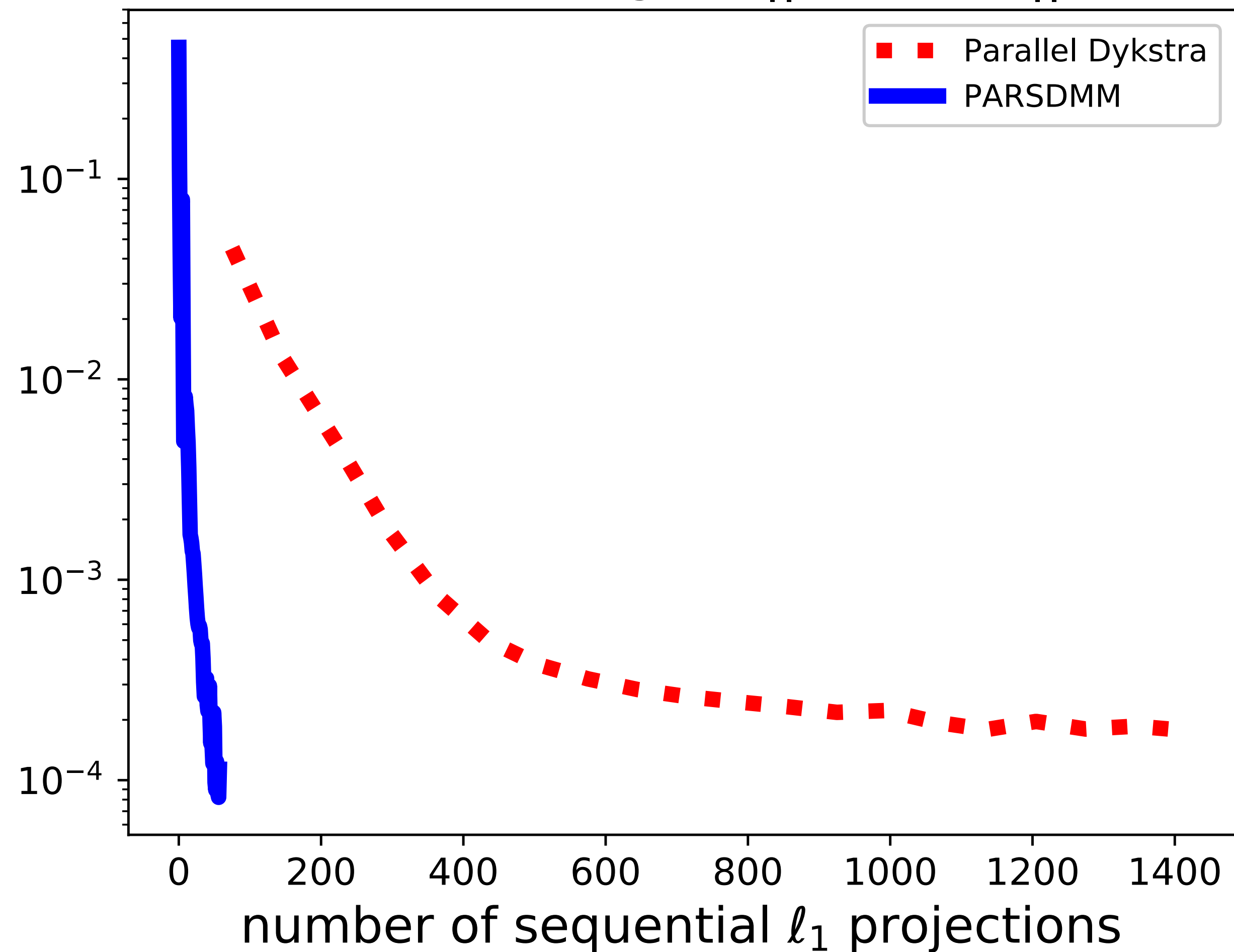
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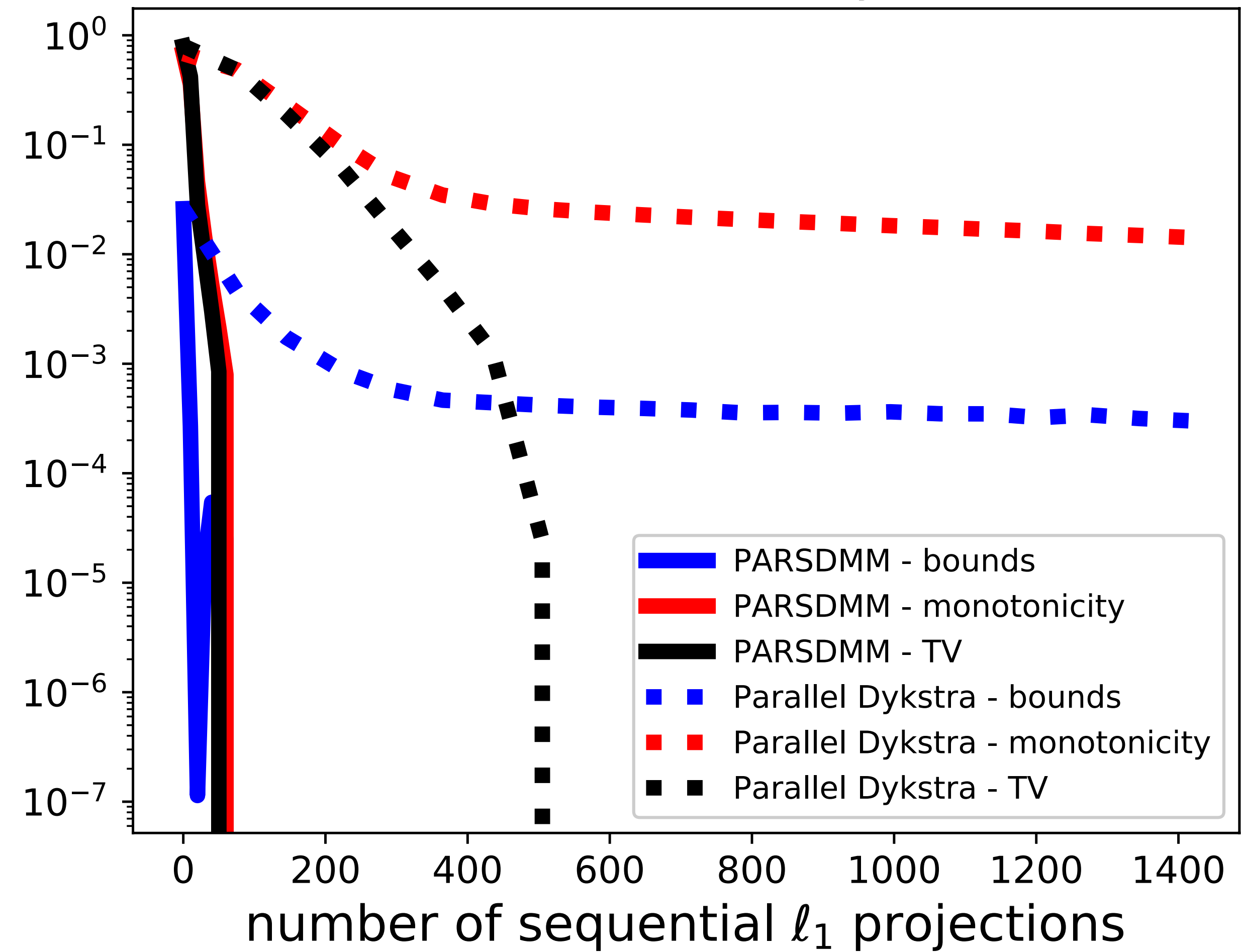
- follow same recipe as for intersections
- matrices  $\rightarrow$  block-structured linear systems
- same algorithm in the end, different inputs

# Parallel Dykstra-ADMM vs PARSDMM

relative change in  $\|x^k - x^{k-1}\|$

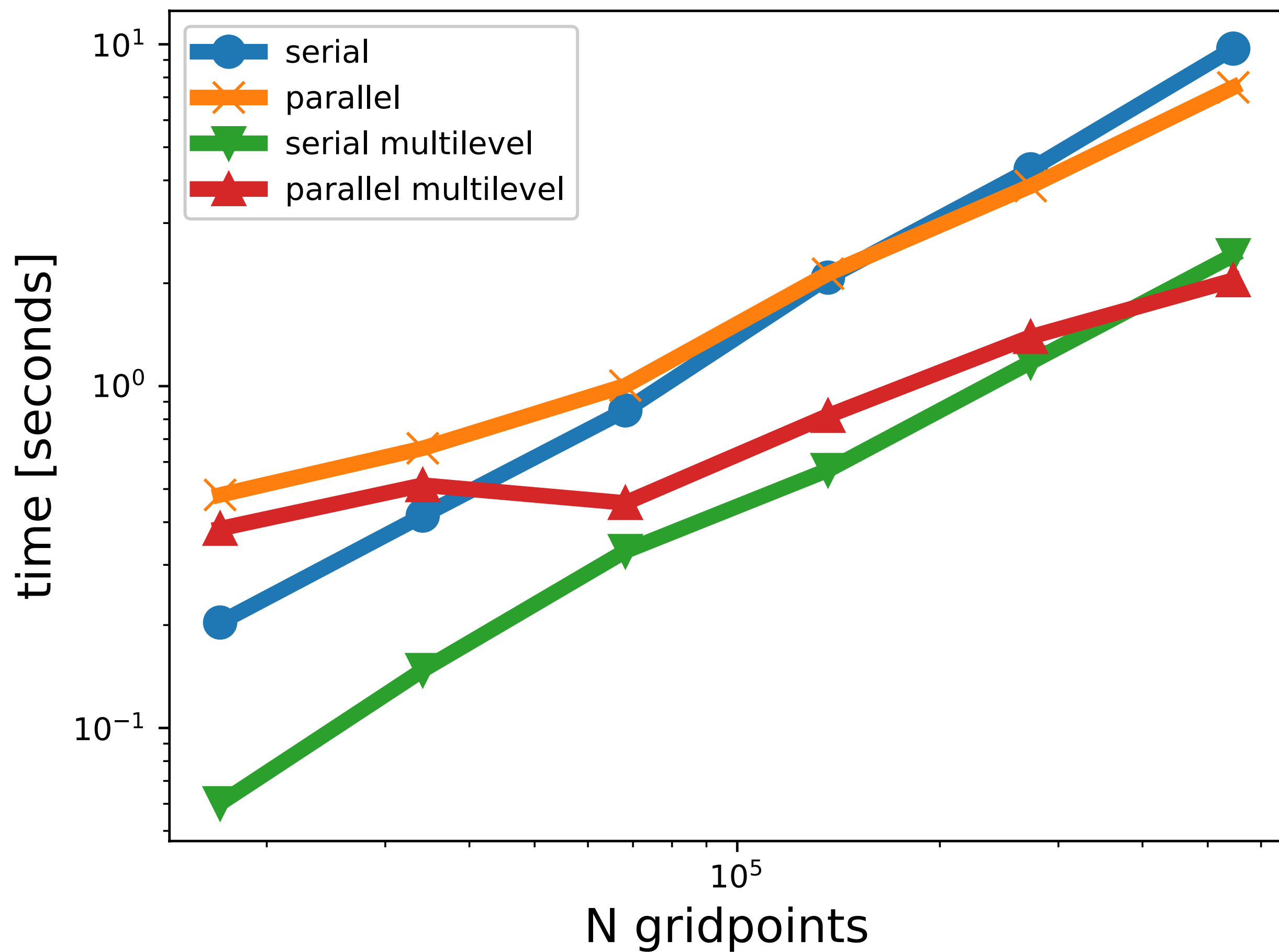


relative set feasibility error

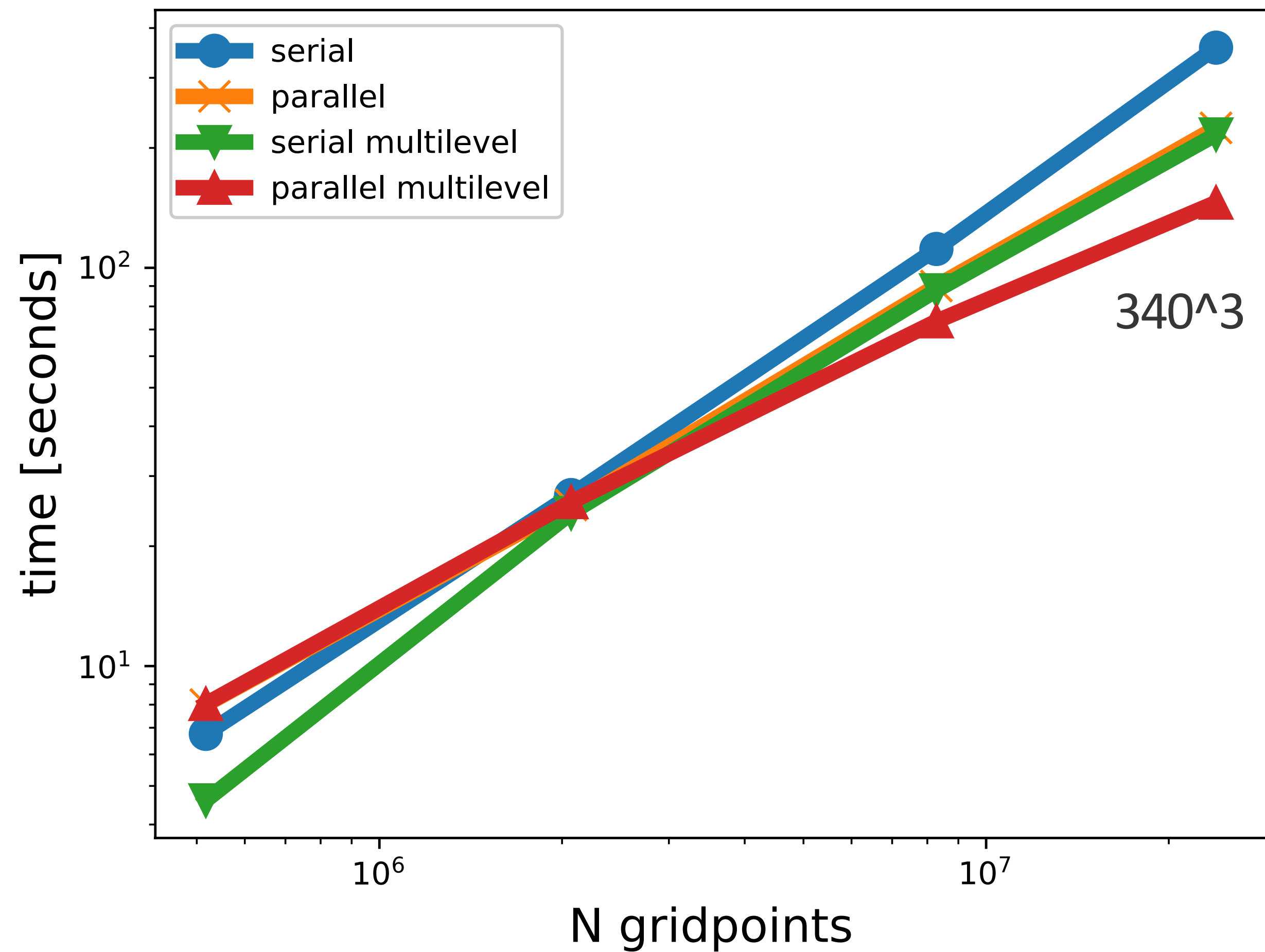


# Bounds & lateral smoothness & vertical monotonicity constraints

time 2D vs grid size, JuliaThreads=4, BLAS threads=2



time 3D vs grid size, JuliaThreads=4, BLAS threads=2



## Example: video segmentation

Decompose video  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times n_t}$  into background and anomaly

Proposed constrained formulation:

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} \|x - \text{vec}(T)\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x \in \mathcal{F}_1 \cap \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{D}_i + \bigcap_{j=1}^4 \mathcal{E}_j \right) \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

- constraints on tensor
- simultaneously apply constraints to time-frames
- simultaneously apply constraints to other tensor slices

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### Constraints on background ( $\mathcal{D}$ ):

- every time slice is an element of the subspace spanned by the last 20 frames (there are no people in those)
- bounds per fiber along time-axis

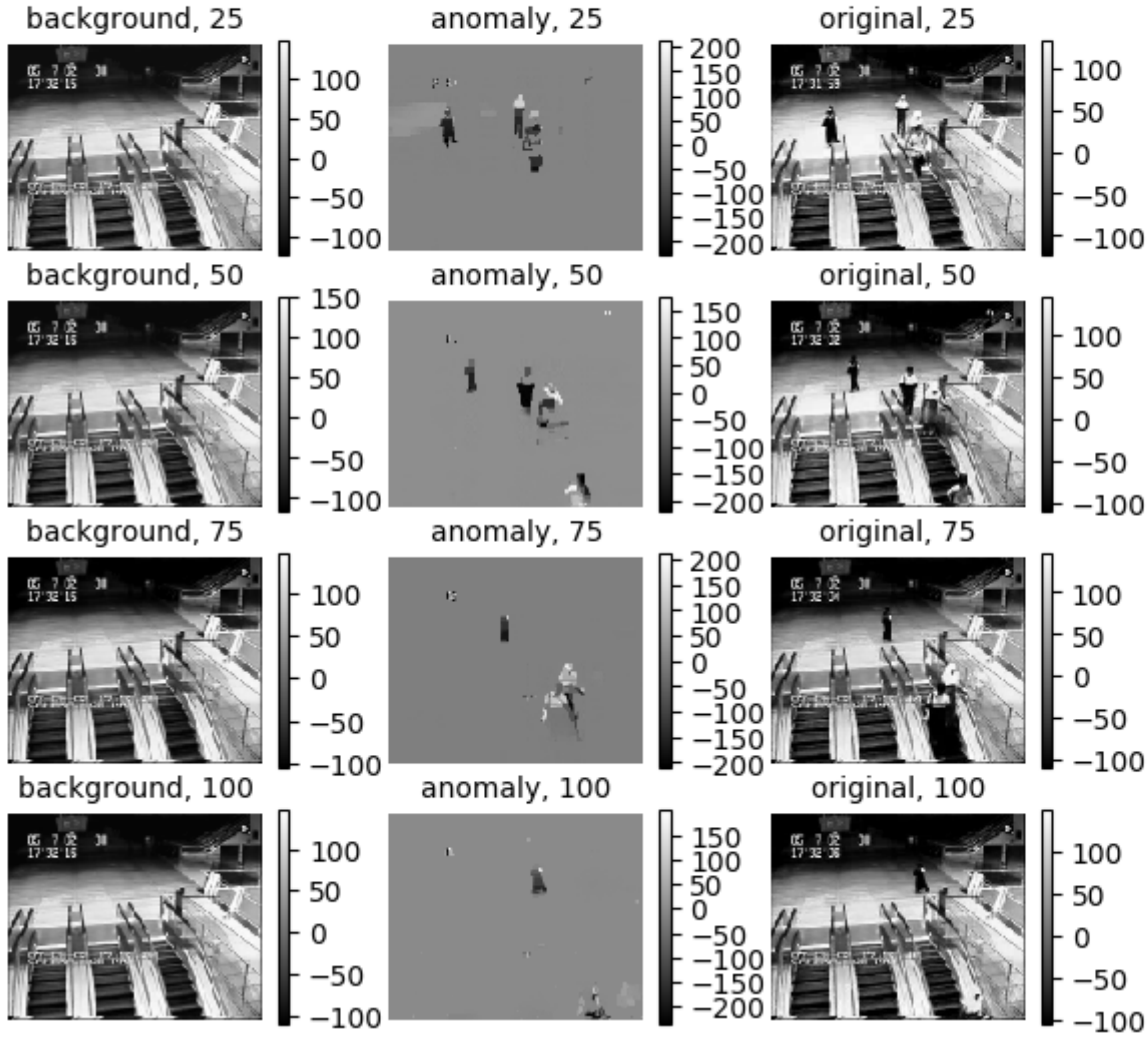
### Constraints on sum ( $\mathcal{F}$ ):

- bounds (grayscale)

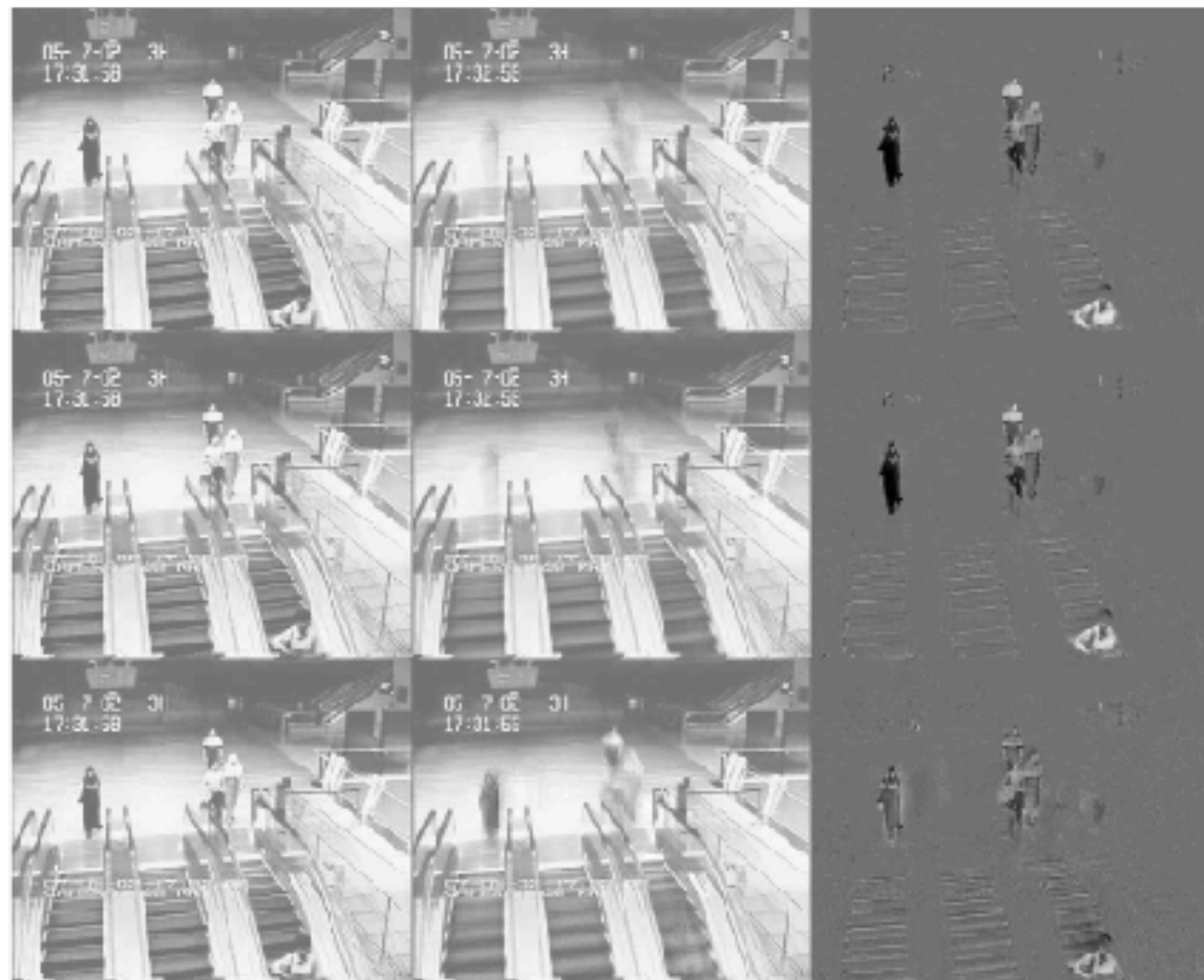
### Constraints on anomaly ( $\mathcal{E}$ ):

- bounds on sum minus bounds on background
- cardinality on each time-frame and on horizontal, vertical derivative

# Example:







(a) X,L, and S matrices found by (from top to bottom) Split-SPCP, LagQN, and GoDec.



(b) X,L, and S matrices found by (from top to bottom) FPCP, IALM, and LMaFit.

**[Comparison of RPCA algorithms by Driggs et al., 2017]**

## Conclusions

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

Generalized Minkowski sets allow for more convenient use of prior info.

Dedicated algorithm suitable for 2D and larger 3D videos and models.

A larger number of constraint sets does not increase computational cost much.

# Code: SetIntersectionProjection.jl

Software available for  **julia**

Algorithms and software for projections onto intersections of convex and non-convex sets with applications to inverse problems

[B. Peters & F.J. Herrmann (2019) , arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.09699]

<https://github.com/slingroup/SetIntersectionProjection.jl/>

Generalized Minkowski sets for the regularization of inverse problems

[B. Peters & F.J. Herrmann (2019) , arXiv preprint arXiv:1903.03942]

<https://petersbas.github.io/GeneralizedMinkowskiSetDocs/>