



An Ensemble Kalman Filter Method for Uncertainty Quantification in Full Waveform Inversion

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Goal of seismic tomography: infer physical subsurface parameters from seismic wavefield data

Full Waveform Inversion (Lailly, 1983; Tarantola, 1984) is routinely applied...

... but uncertainty estimation of FWI outputs weakly tackled in the literature

- crucial for the industry (risk management, dry-well issues)
- major importance for geological and geodynamic interpretation of very deep targets (CMB for example)

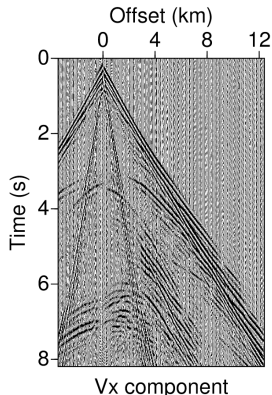


Figure 1: Example of recorded wavefield data.

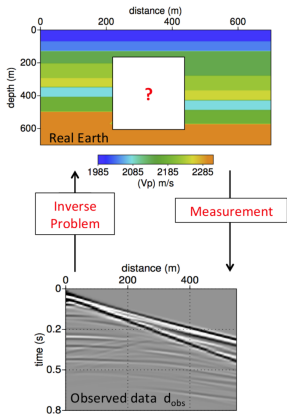
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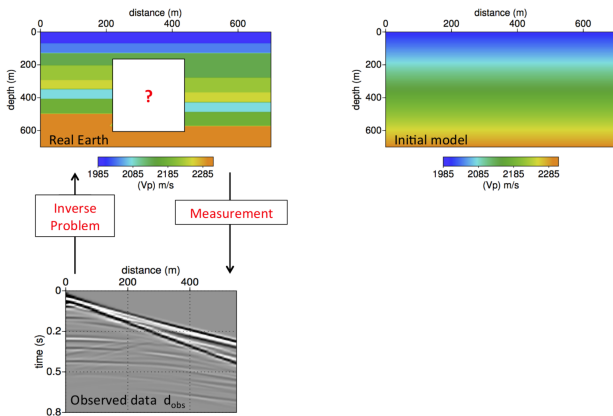
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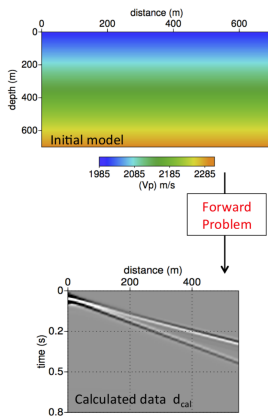
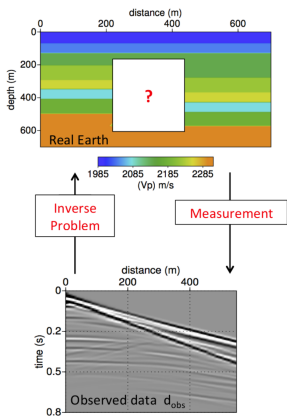
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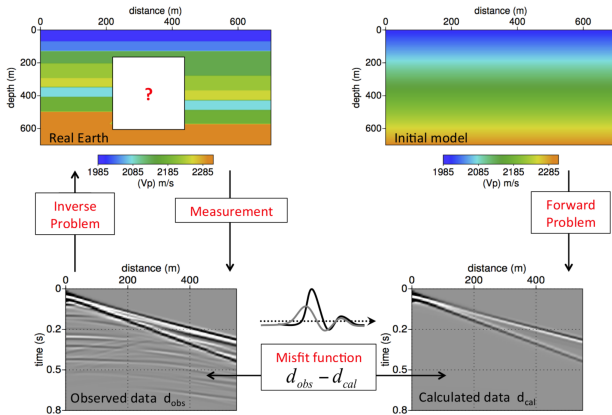
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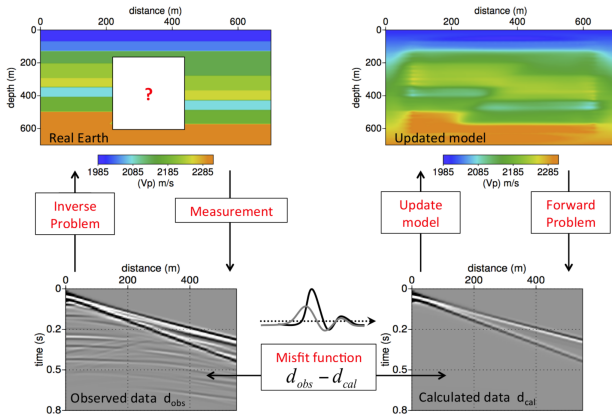


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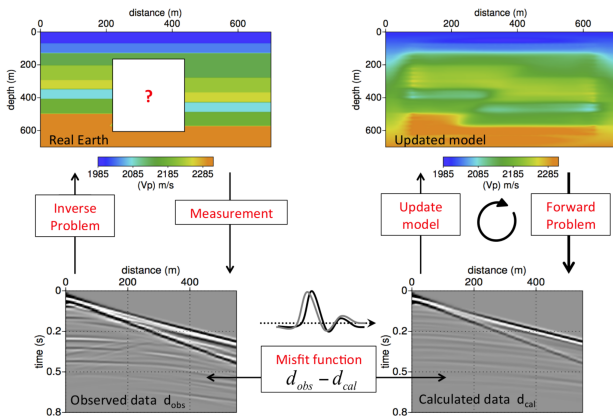


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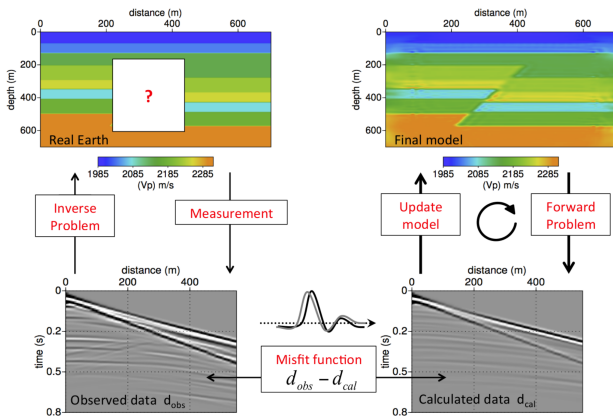
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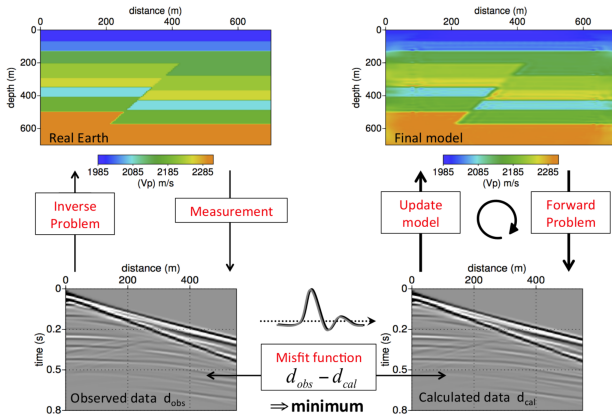
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Following FWI properties

- ill-posed deterministic process
- high number of degrees-of-freedom
- computationally expensive forward problem
- local optimization strategy (quasi-Newton)

→ challenging uncertainty estimation

Only a few recent papers propose to tackle the uncertainty problem in FWI : still no systematic applications (Fichtner and van Leeuwen, 2015; Fang et al., 2018)

But Ensemble Data Assimilation offer an interesting framework to address those challenges!

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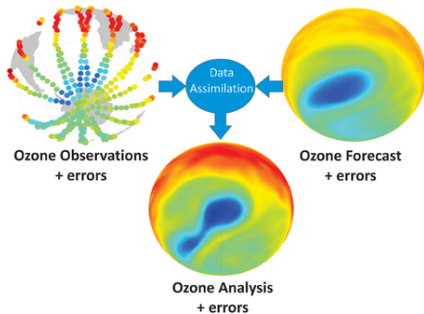
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- Generally used for large dynamic systems
- Combines sparse measurements with model to find the “best tradeoff”
- Yields state estimation of complex non-linear systems
- Uncertainty associated to state estimate



From Data Assimilation: Making Sense of Observations

The BLUE (Bayesian framework) \rightarrow MAP estimator (considering all the statistics associated to models and observations)

- $m^b = m + \eta^b$, with $\eta^b \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{P}^b)$
- $d_{obs} = \mathbf{H}m + \eta^0$, with $\eta^0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{R})$

The BLUE solution m^a for the true state m is given by :

$$m^a = m^b + \mathbf{K}(d_{obs} - \mathbf{H}m^b) \quad ; \quad \mathbf{P}^a = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{H})\mathbf{P}^b \quad (1)$$

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This solution is equivalent to solving the following linear optimization problem :

$$\mathcal{C}(m) = \frac{1}{2}(m - m^b)^T (\mathbf{P}^b)^{-1} (m - m^b) + \frac{1}{2}(d_{obs} - \mathbf{H}m)^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (d_{obs} - \mathbf{H}m) \quad (3)$$

Kalman Filter (Kalman, 1960) generalises BLUE to linear dynamic problems

Forecast step

$$m_k^f = \mathbf{F}m_{k-1}^a + \eta^q$$

$$\mathbf{P}_k^f = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{P}_{k-1}^a\mathbf{F}^T + \mathbf{Q}_{k-1}$$

- projects $\{m, P\}$ along k axis

Analysis step

$$m_k^a = m_k^f + \mathbf{K}_k(d_{obs,k} - \mathbf{H}m_k^f)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_k^a = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k\mathbf{H})\mathbf{P}_k^f$$

- corrects the forecast based on **data**

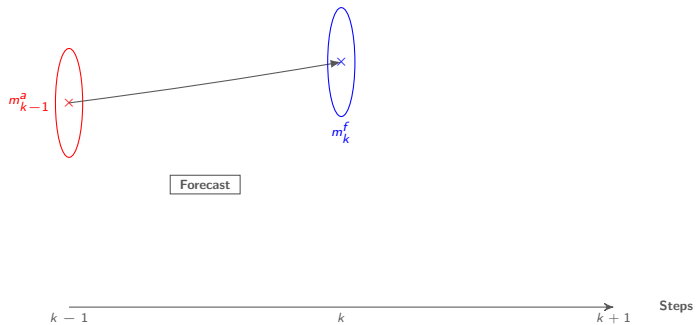
\mathbf{F} is the forecast operator (forward modeling), $\eta^q \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q})$ (forecast uncertainty). f denotes the forecast step, and a the analysis step.

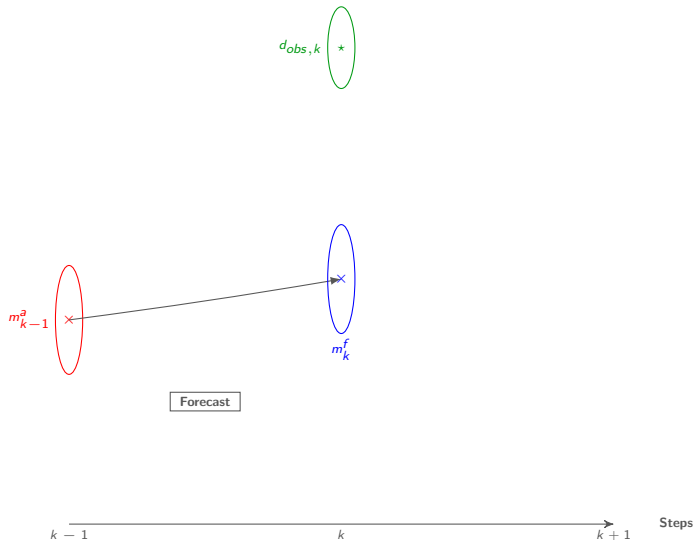
The Kalman gain is given by

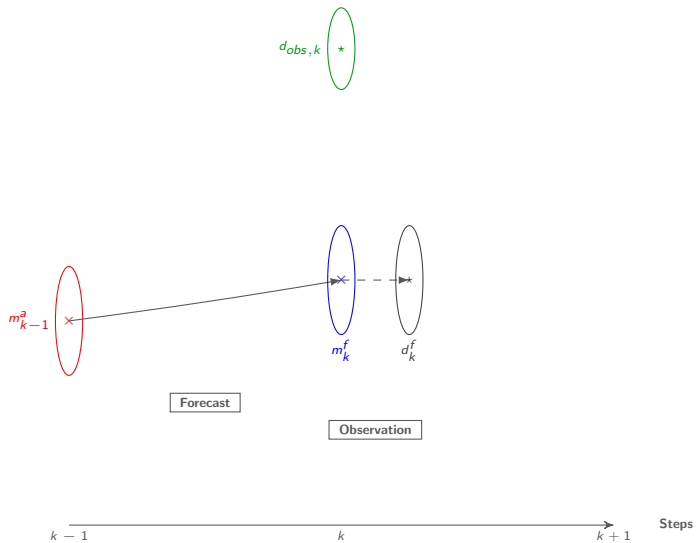
$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{P}^f\mathbf{H}^T(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}^f\mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1} \quad (4)$$

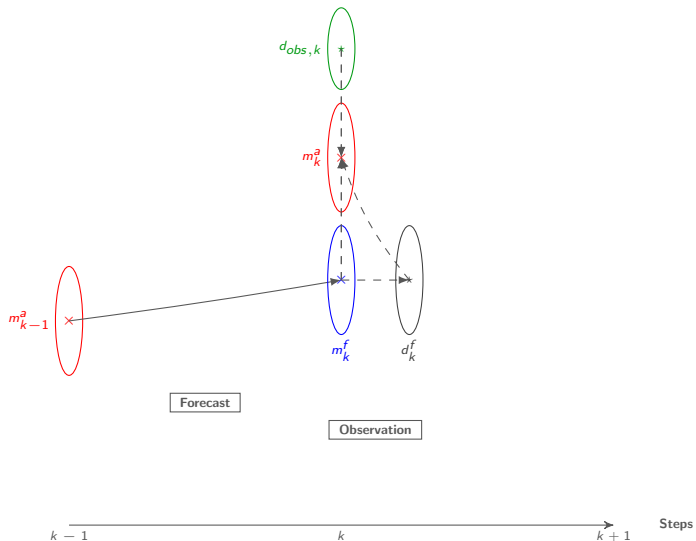
$$m_{k-1}^a \times$$

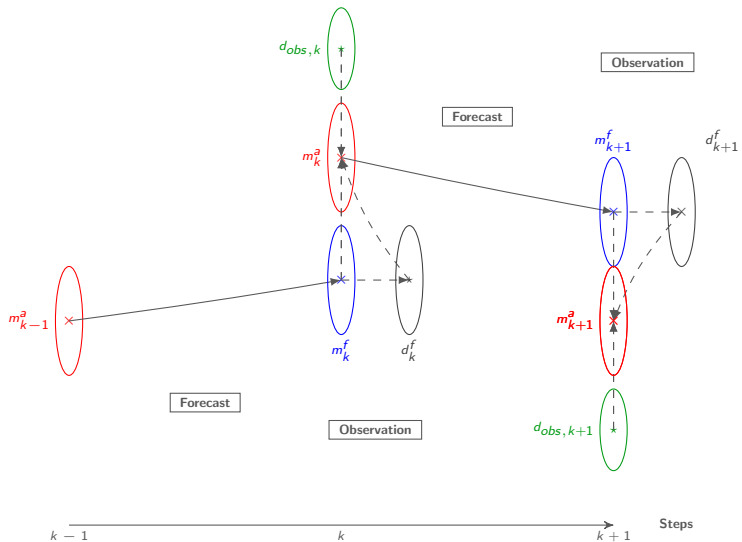












To go beyond small linear cases: Ensemble Kalman Filter (Evensen, 1994)

EnKF gives a low-rank approximation of the KF equations

Involves an ensemble of system states $\mathbf{m} = \{m^1, m^2, \dots, m^{N_e}\}$ that represent both the state estimate and that estimate uncertainty

The state estimate given by:

$$\bar{\mathbf{m}} = \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} m^i \quad (5)$$

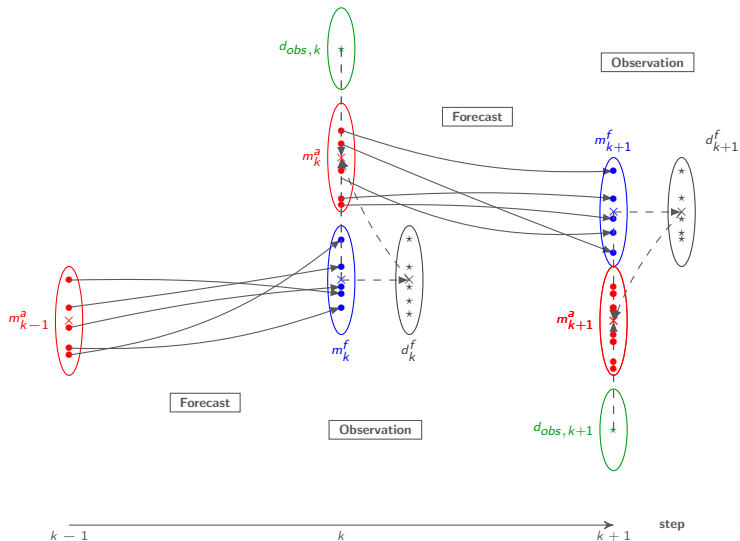
Defining the $n \times N_e$ perturbation matrix

$$M^i = m^i - \bar{\mathbf{m}} \quad (6)$$

\mathbf{M} columns contain ensemble members' deviation from the mean

The state estimate uncertainty given by the empirical covariance:

$$\mathbf{P}_e = \frac{1}{N_e - 1} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^T \quad (7)$$



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d_{obs} are wavefield data at receivers

Ensemble \mathbf{m} contains subsurface models $\{m^1, m^2, \dots, m^{N_e}\}$.

Defining FWI as a non-linear operator \mathcal{F}

$$\mathcal{F}(m, d_{obs}) = \min_m \frac{1}{2} \|d_{cal}(m) - d_{obs}\|^2 \quad (8)$$

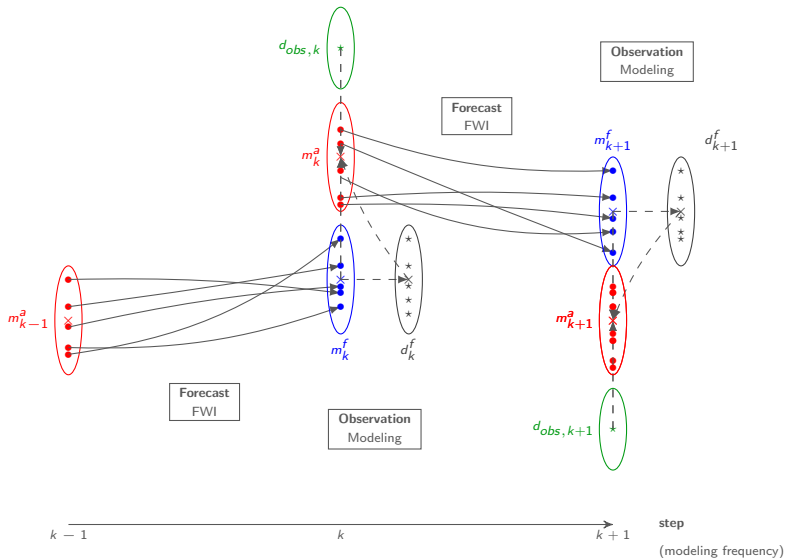
where m is the model containing the n physical parameters, $d_{cal}(m)$ is the synthetic wavefield data computed in m , d_{obs} is the observed data and $\|\cdot\|$ is the Euclidean distance in the data space.

Allows to define the forecast as

$$m_k^{f,i} = \mathcal{F}(m_{k-1}^{a,i}, d_{obs,k}) \quad (9)$$

Decomposing the data in K frequency groups, allows to consider a **dynamic axis in frequency**, with $k = 1, \dots, K$.

The K frequency bands are solved sequentially through consecutive ETKF-FWI cycles.



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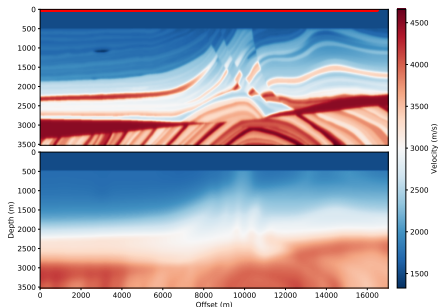
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Marmousi synthetic test settings

- 2D frequency-domain FWI
- Purely acoustic case
- fixed spreads surface acquisition (144 sources, 660 receivers)
- Modeling grid = Inversion grid = 141×681 grid points (96021 dof)
- 15 ETKF-FWI steps with 600 ensemble members
- 15 different monotonic data from 3.0 to 10.0Hz



We want ETKF-FWI to behave well according to standard FWI results

→ initial model population from a "correct" initial model \bar{m}_0

Generating an ensemble satisfying a covariance \mathbf{P} from $\mathbf{P}^{1/2}$ is out of reach for large scale problems.

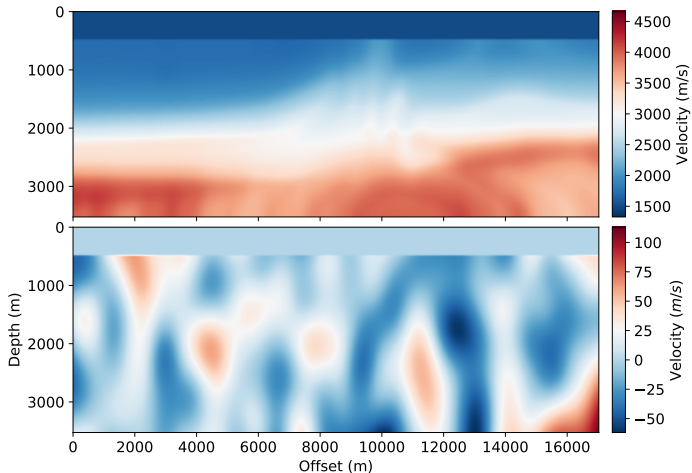
We build each ensemble member by considering N_e zero mean random vectors u_i (white noise), smoothed by a Gaussian filter

$$m_{0,i} = \bar{m}_0 + \mathcal{G}u_i, \quad (10)$$

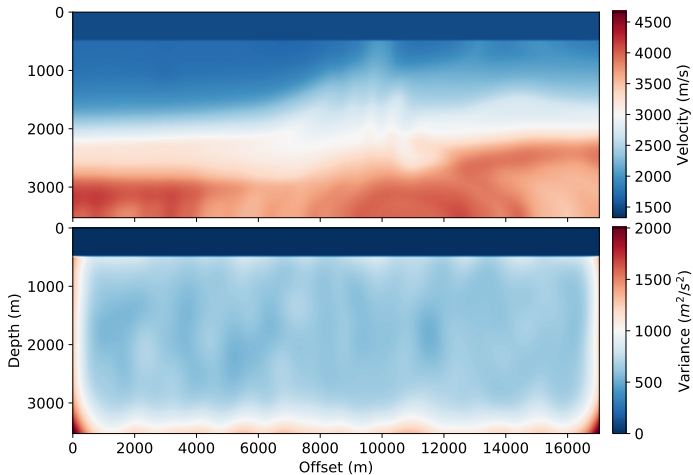
giving a prior covariance the shape of a Gaussian squared as

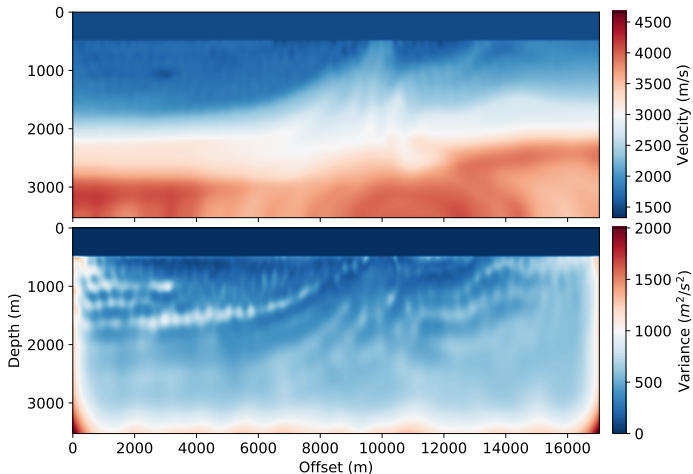
$$\mathbf{P} = \mathcal{G}\mathcal{G}^T. \quad (11)$$

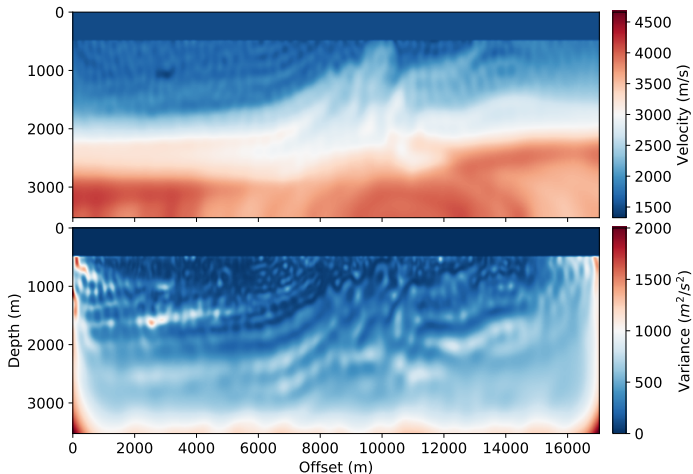
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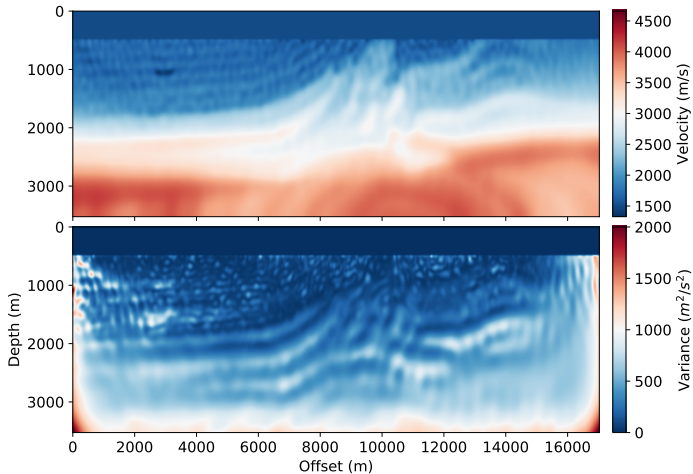


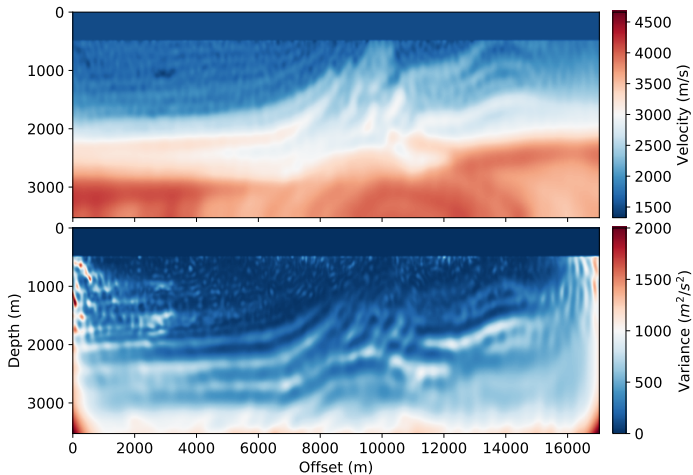
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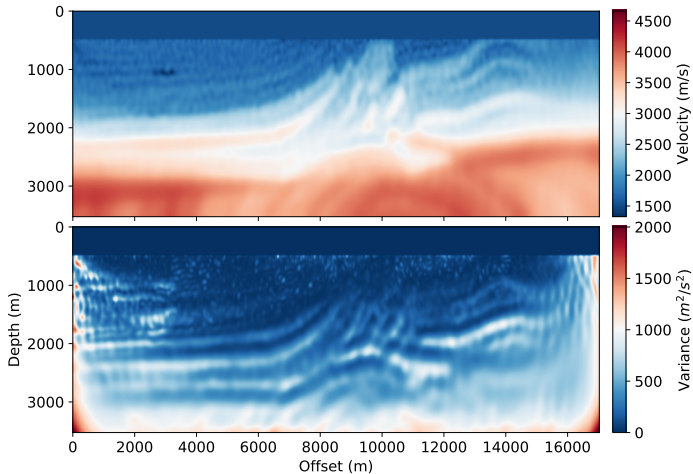


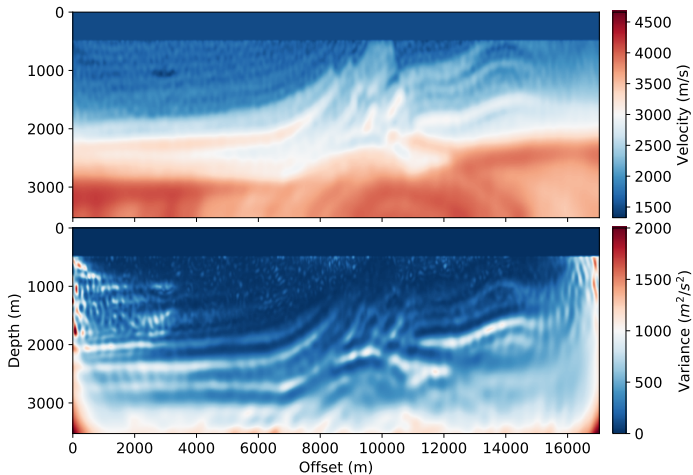
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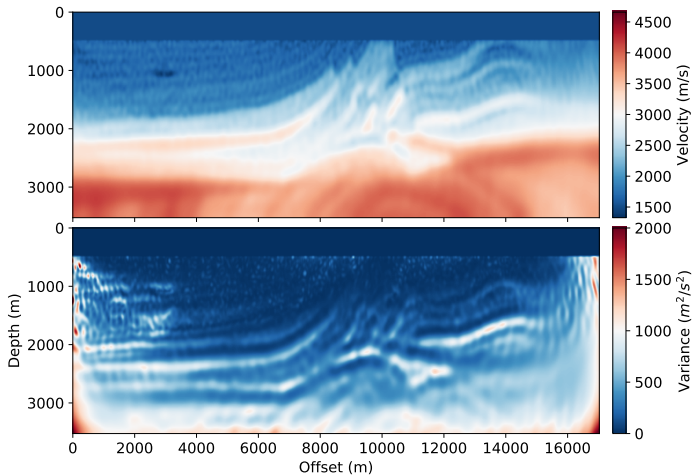
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$k = 3 : 4.0 \text{ Hz}$ 

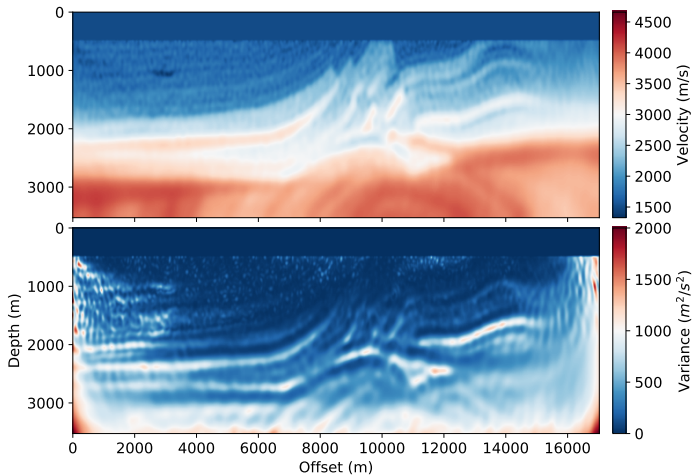
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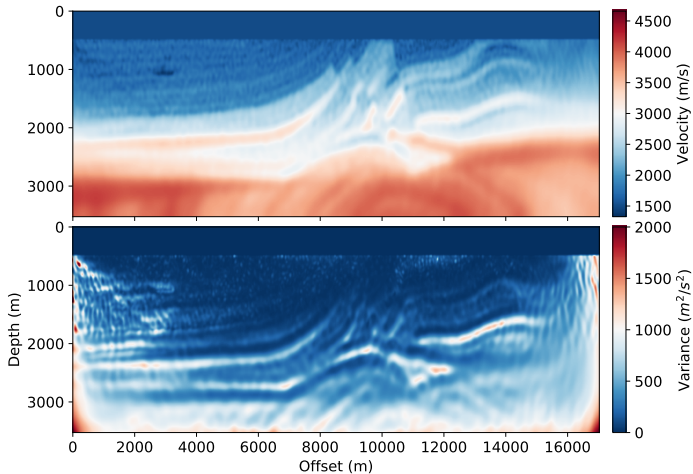
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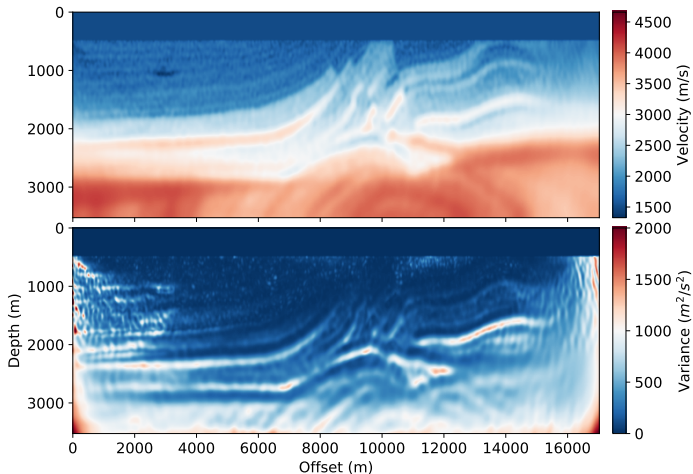
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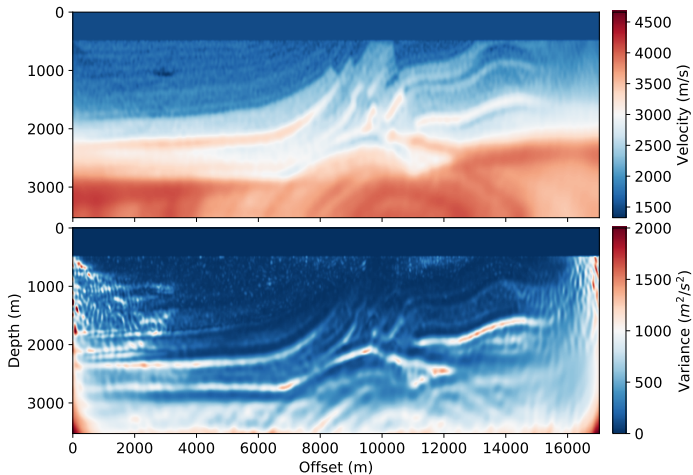
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$$k = 8 : 6.5 \text{ Hz}$$

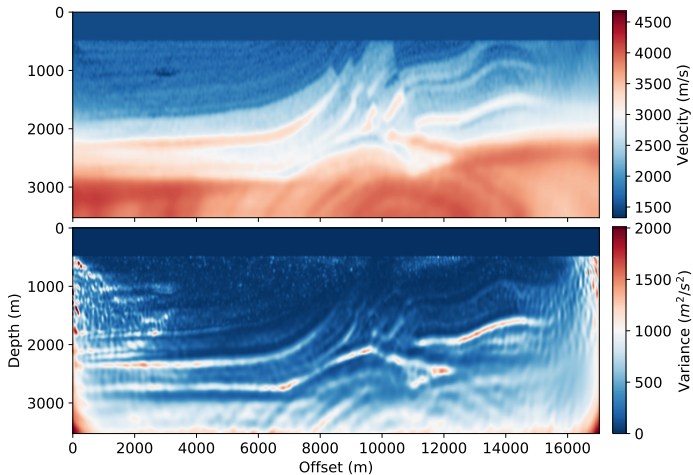


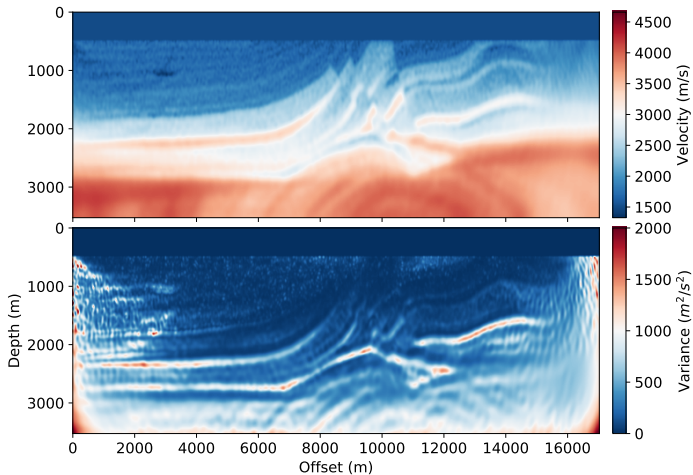
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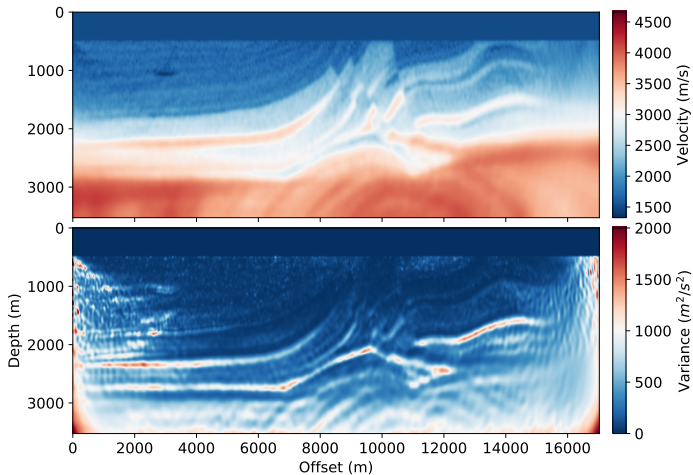
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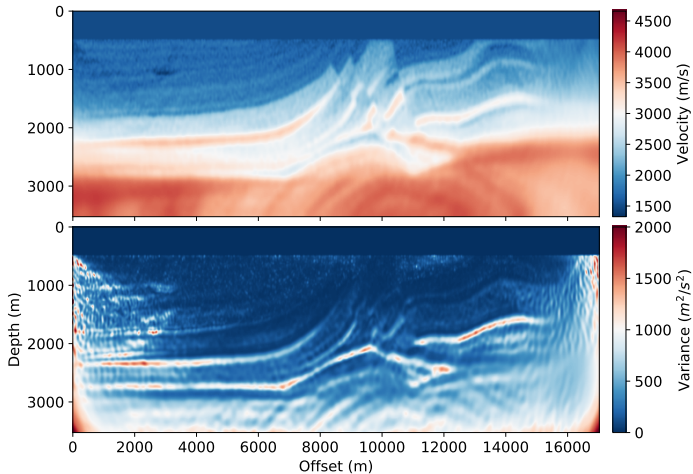
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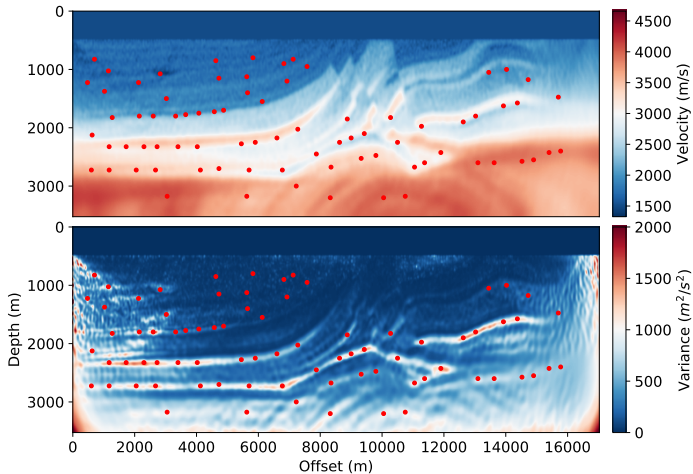


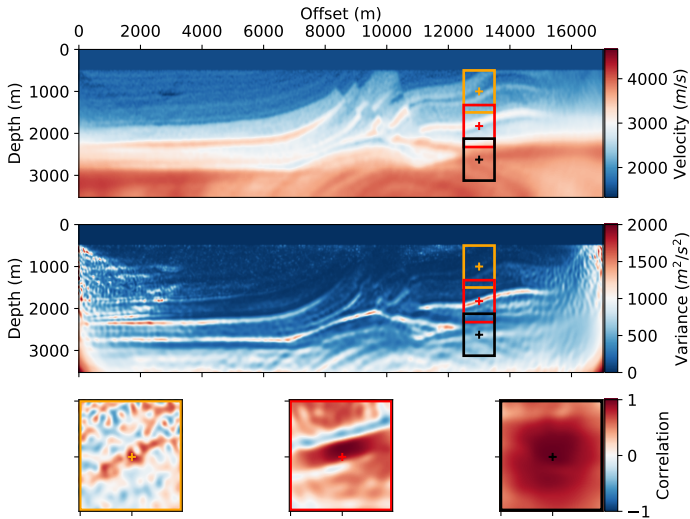
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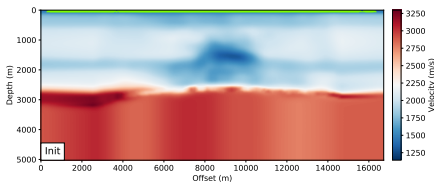
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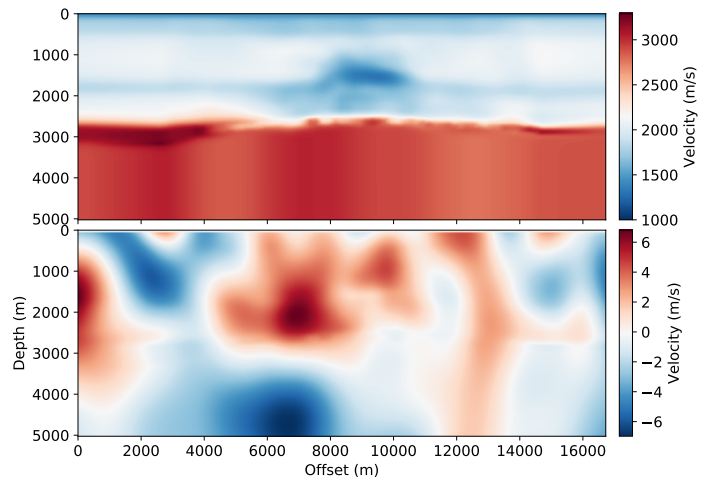
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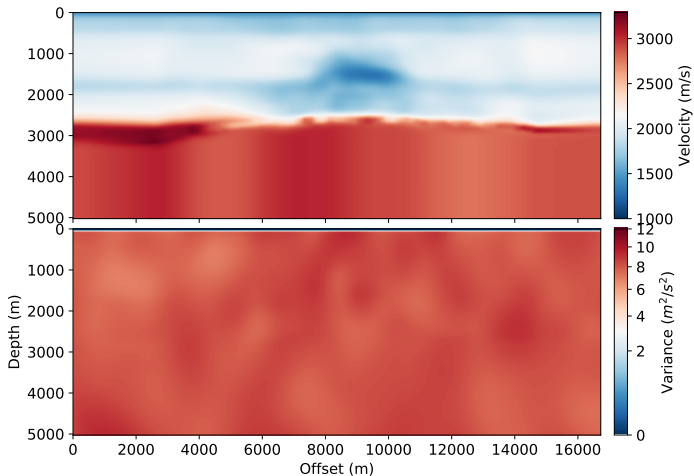
- 2D line extracted from OBC data from the Valhall field, provided by AkerBP
- 2D frequency-domain FWI
- Modeling done with FD visco-acoustic in VTI medium
- fixed spreads surface acquisition (192 sources, 315 receivers)
- Modeling grid = Inversion grid = 201×669 grid points (134469 dof)
- 6 ETKF-FWI cycles with 600 ensemble members
- 6 different frequency groups (3 to 4 frequencies) from 3.6 to 7.0Hz

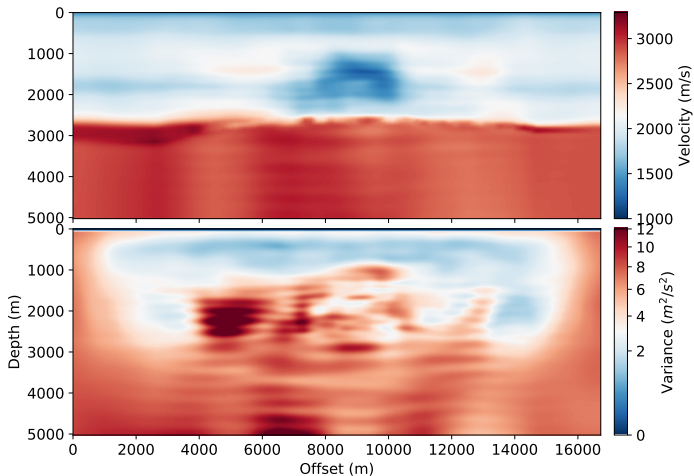


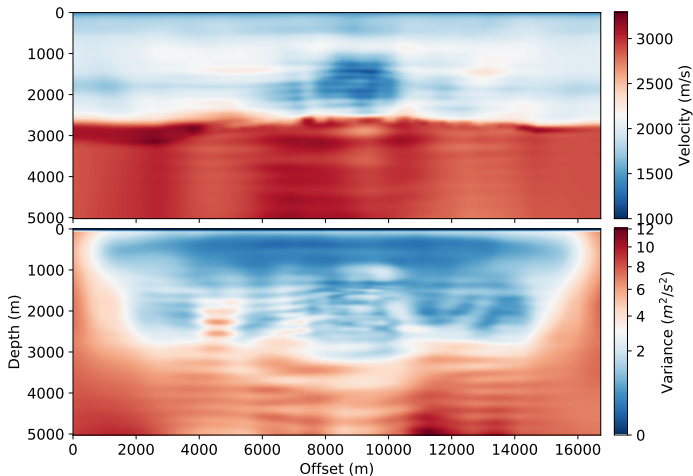
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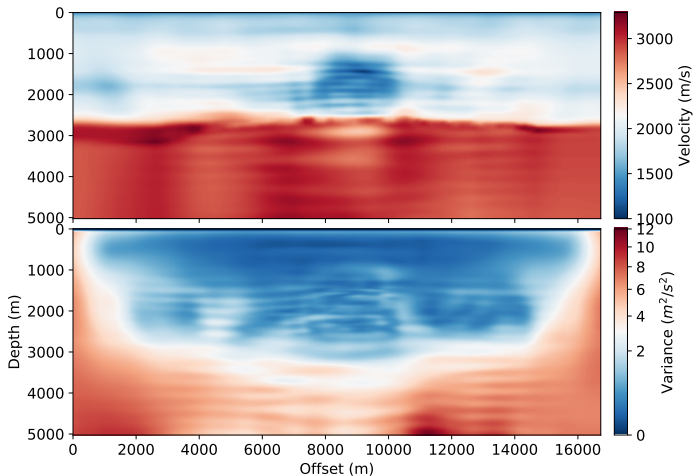


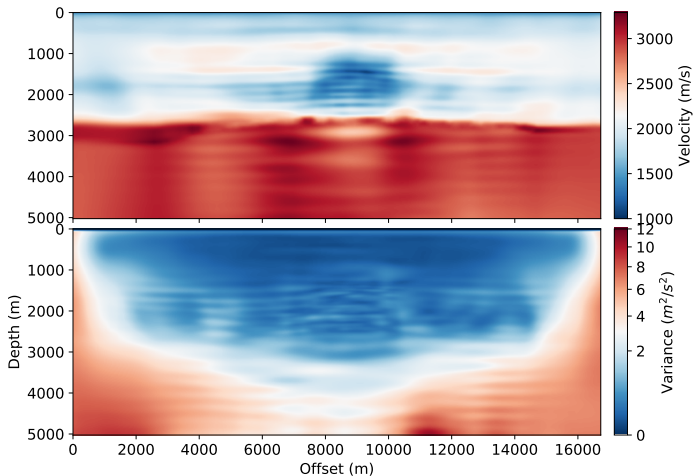
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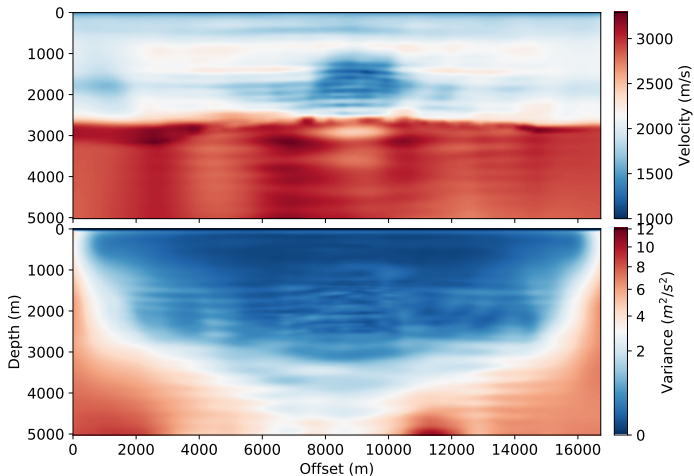


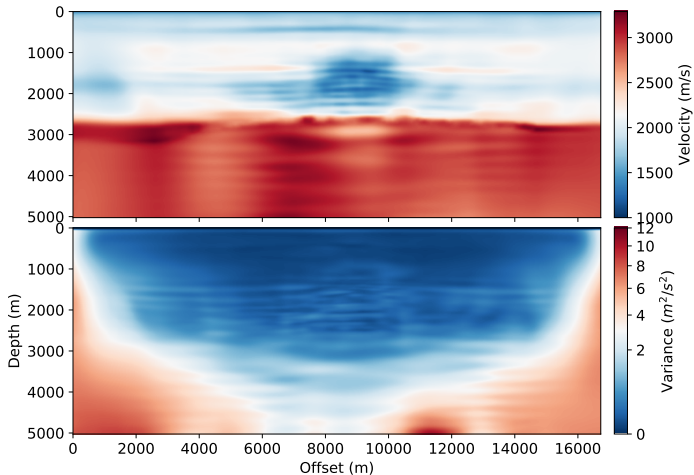
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$k = 5 : 5.5 - 5.9 - 6.3 \text{ Hz}$ 

$k = 6 : 5.5 - 5.9 - 6.4 - 7.0 \text{ Hz}$ 

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Uncertainty estimation with ETKF-FWI is possible on industrial field-data (2D).

This application shows:

- variance and correlation information consistent with theoretical intuitions
- local variance peaks located on interfaces
- parameter estimate converge toward typical FWI result
- uncertainty all along the inversion cycles

Reading of variance and correlation maps is straightforward

Current focus:

- multiparameter ETKF-FWI

Long term:

- alternative to the current dynamic axis
- ETKF-FWI on hyperparameters

Future work:

- multi-physics joint inversion
- time-lapse application
- test alternatives to the ETKF

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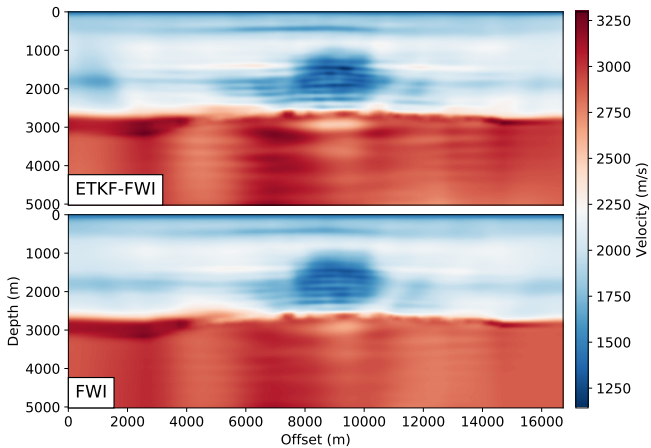
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ETKF-FWI vs FWI



The forecast ensemble is given by

$$m_{k+1}^f{}^{(i)} = \mathcal{F}_k(m_k^{(i)}) + \eta_k \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N_e, \quad (12)$$

where the forecast operator \mathcal{F} can be non-linear.

\mathbf{P}^f is approximated by empirical covariance

$$\mathbf{P}_e^f = \frac{1}{N_e - 1} \mathbf{M}^f \mathbf{M}^{fT} \quad (13)$$

avoiding explicit forecast of covariance matrix.

Instead carried through the ensemble trajectory and repartition!

Because analysis outputs are

$$\bar{\mathbf{m}}^a = \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \mathbf{m}_i^a, \quad \mathbf{P}^a = \frac{1}{N_e - 1} \mathbf{M}^a \mathbf{M}^{aT} \quad (14)$$

analysis can be performed by updating the whole ensemble

$$\{\mathbf{m}^f = \bar{\mathbf{m}}^f + \mathbf{M}^f\} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{m}^a = \bar{\mathbf{m}}^a + \mathbf{M}^f\} \quad (15)$$

Formalism proposed by Bishop et al. (2001): Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter (ETKF)

\mathbf{P}^f is rank limited but overdetermined on \mathcal{S} (arbitrary subspace spanned by \mathbf{M}^f)

Allowing to define the analysis error covariance on \mathcal{S} (Hunt et al., 2007)

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^a = \{ (N_e - 1) \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{M}^f T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{M}^f \mathbf{H} \}^{-1} \quad (16)$$

satisfying

$$\mathbf{P}^a = \frac{1}{N_e - 1} \mathbf{M}^f \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^a \mathbf{M}^{fT} \quad (17)$$

Analysis is completed by

$$\bar{m}^a = \bar{m}^f + \mathbf{M}^f \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^a \mathbf{M}^{fT} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (d_{obs} - \mathbf{H} \bar{m}) \quad (18)$$

and

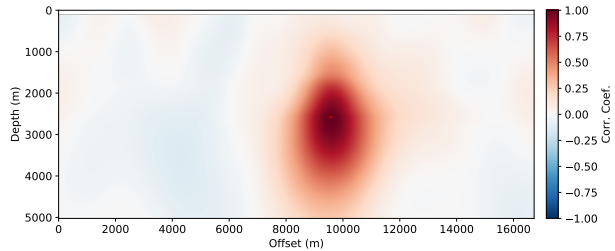
$$\mathbf{M}^a = \mathbf{M}^f \mathbf{W} \quad (19)$$

where \mathbf{W} is defined as symmetric square root of $(N_e - 1) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^a$; $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^T = (N_e - 1) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^a$

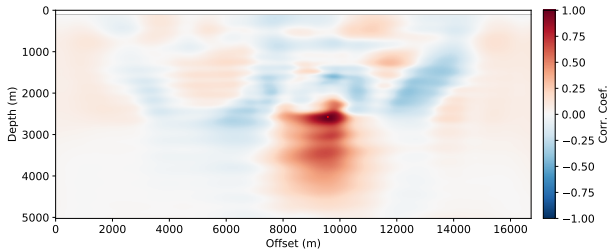
This allows to approximate

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}^f (\mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}^f \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1} \approx \mathbf{M}^f \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^a \mathbf{M}^{fT} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \quad (20)$$

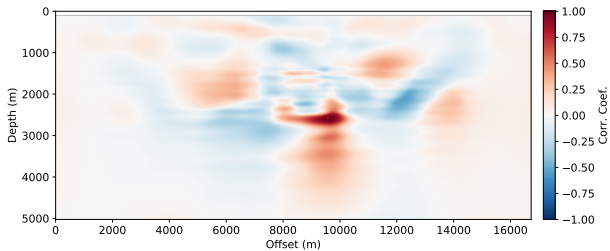
$$k = 0$$



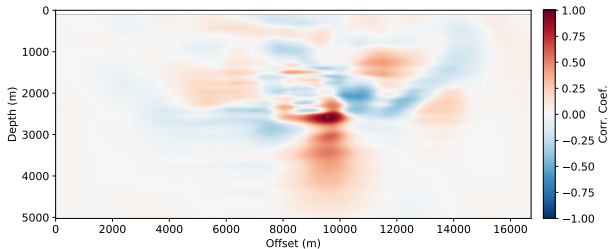
$k = 1 : 3.6 - 3.9 - 4.3 \text{ Hz}$



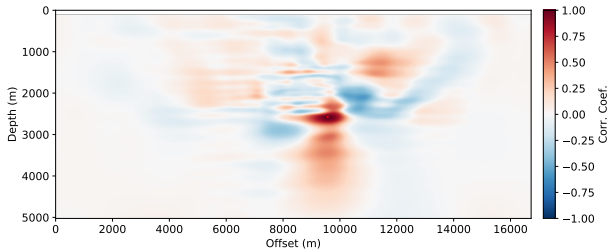
$k = 2 : 4.1 - 4.4 - 4.8 \text{ Hz}$



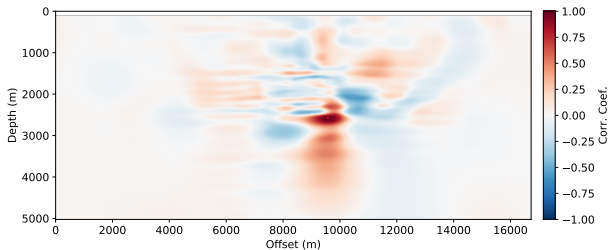
$k = 3 : 4.6 - 4.9 - 5.3$ Hz



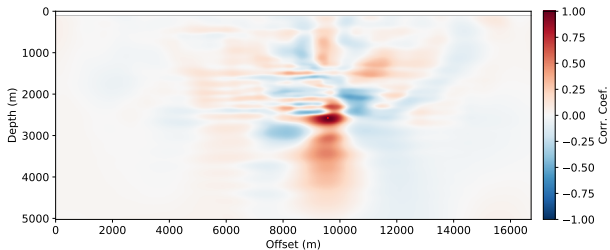
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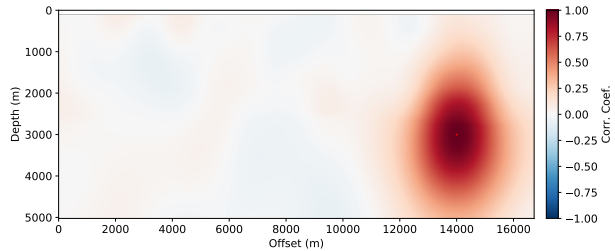
$k = 5 : 5.5 - 5.9 - 6.3$ Hz



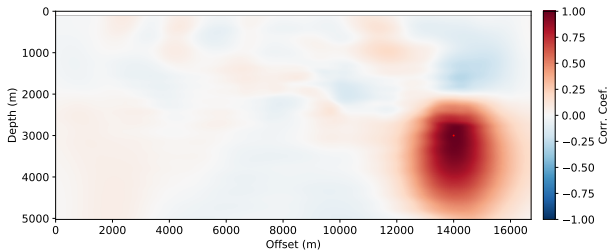
$k = 6 : 5.5 - 5.9 - 6.4 - 7.0$ Hz



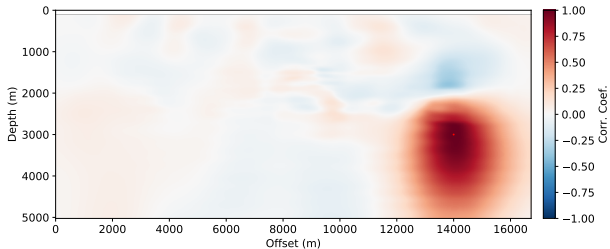
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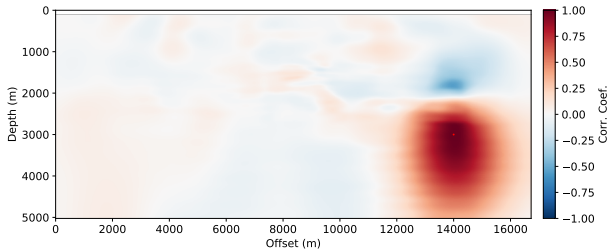
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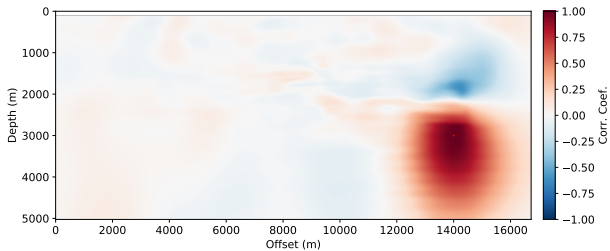
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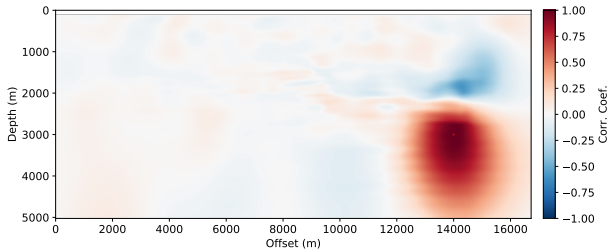
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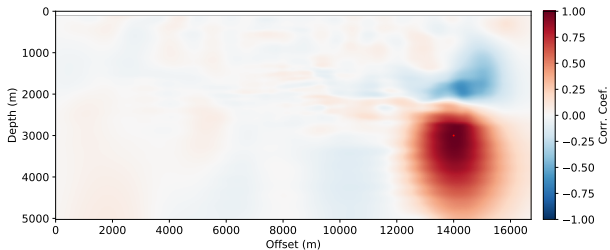
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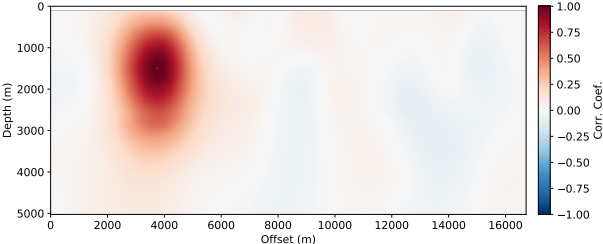
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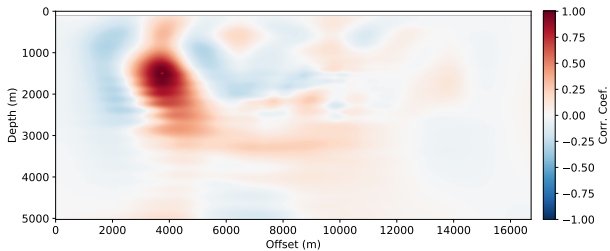
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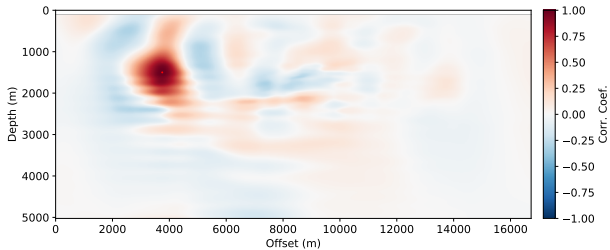
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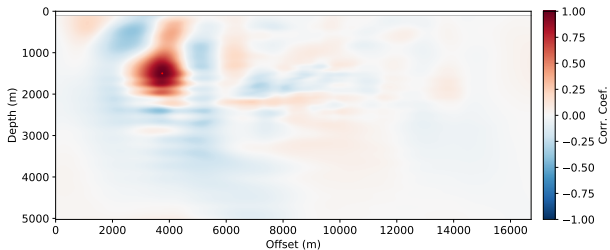
$k = 1 : 3.6 - 3.9 - 4.3$ Hz



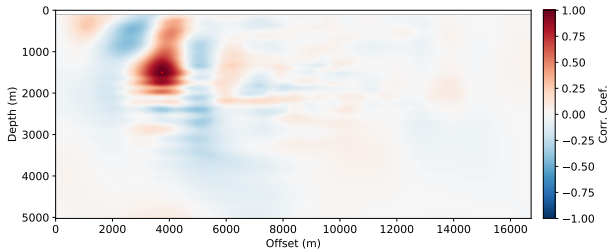
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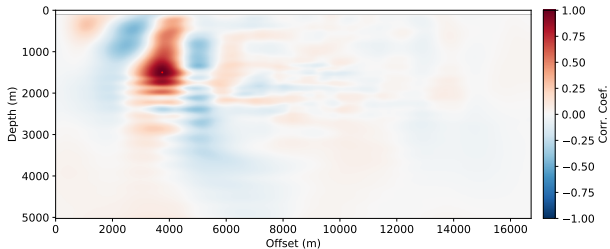
$k = 3 : 4.6 - 4.9 - 5.3$ Hz



$k = 4 : 5.0 - 5.4 - 5.8 \text{ Hz}$



$k = 5 : 5.5 - 5.9 - 6.3$ Hz



$k = 6 : 5.5 - 5.9 - 6.4 - 7.0$ Hz

