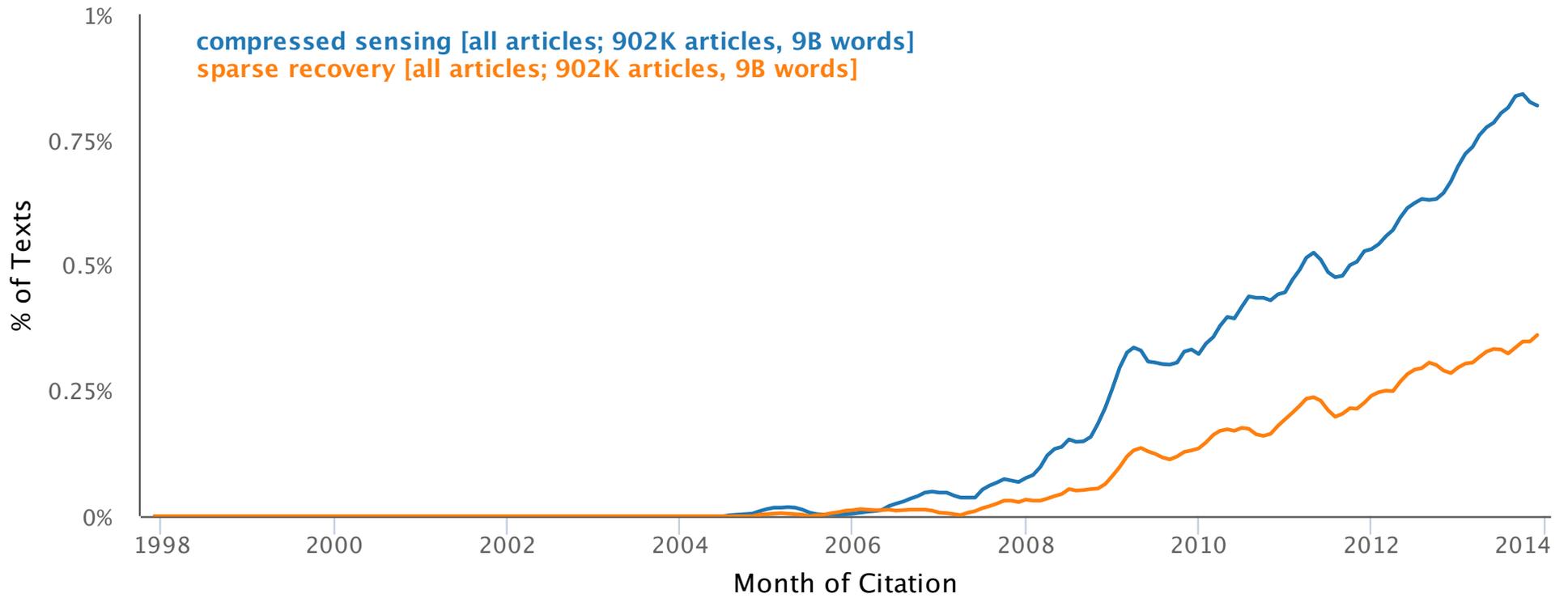


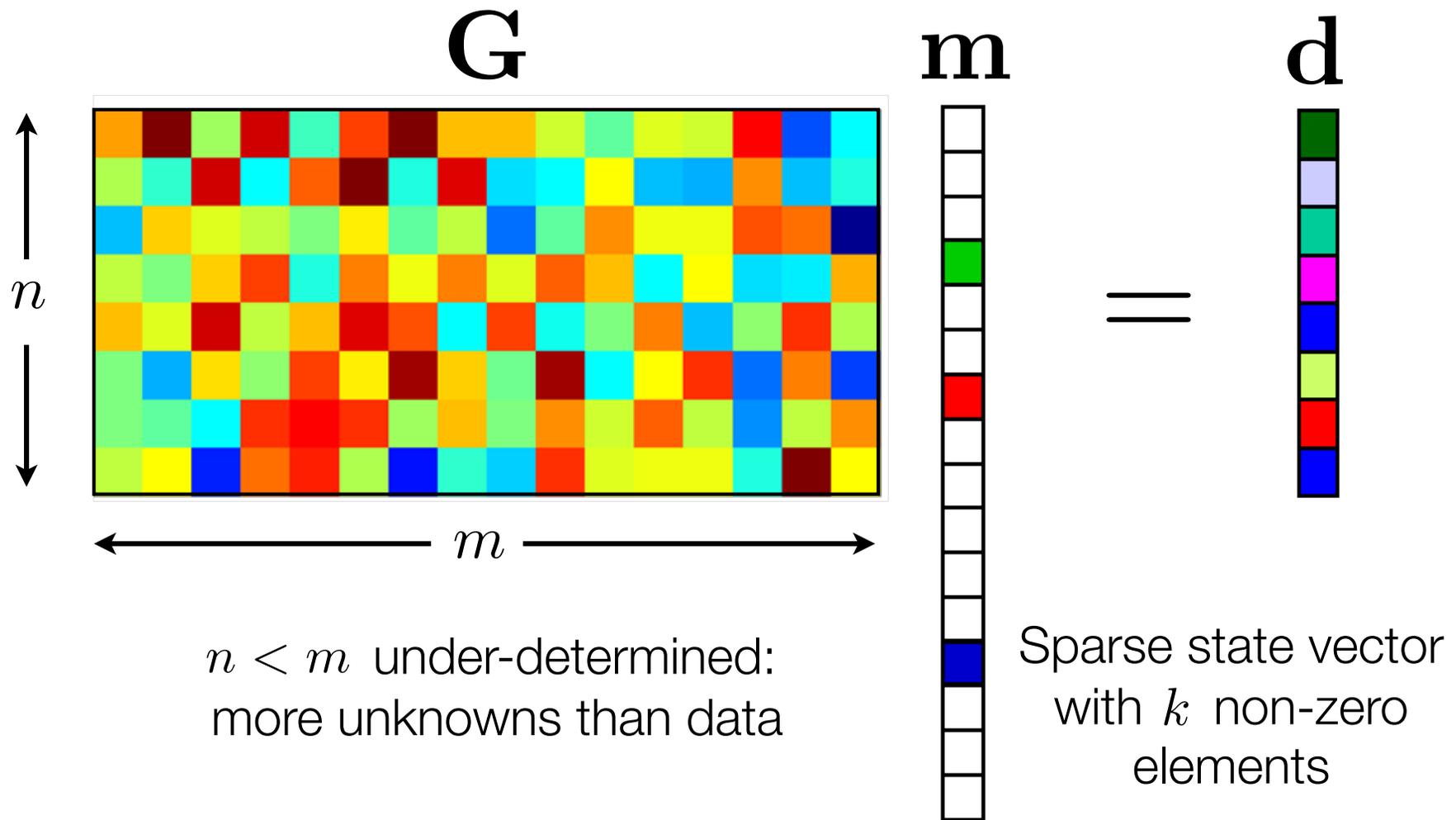
# arXiv.org N-gram



# Note to self (delete before presentation):

Don't talk about earthquakes

# Sparse signal recovery (compressed sensing)



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This is combinatorial and seemingly unfeasible to solve in reasonable time (<years) for any large system (>100 elements)

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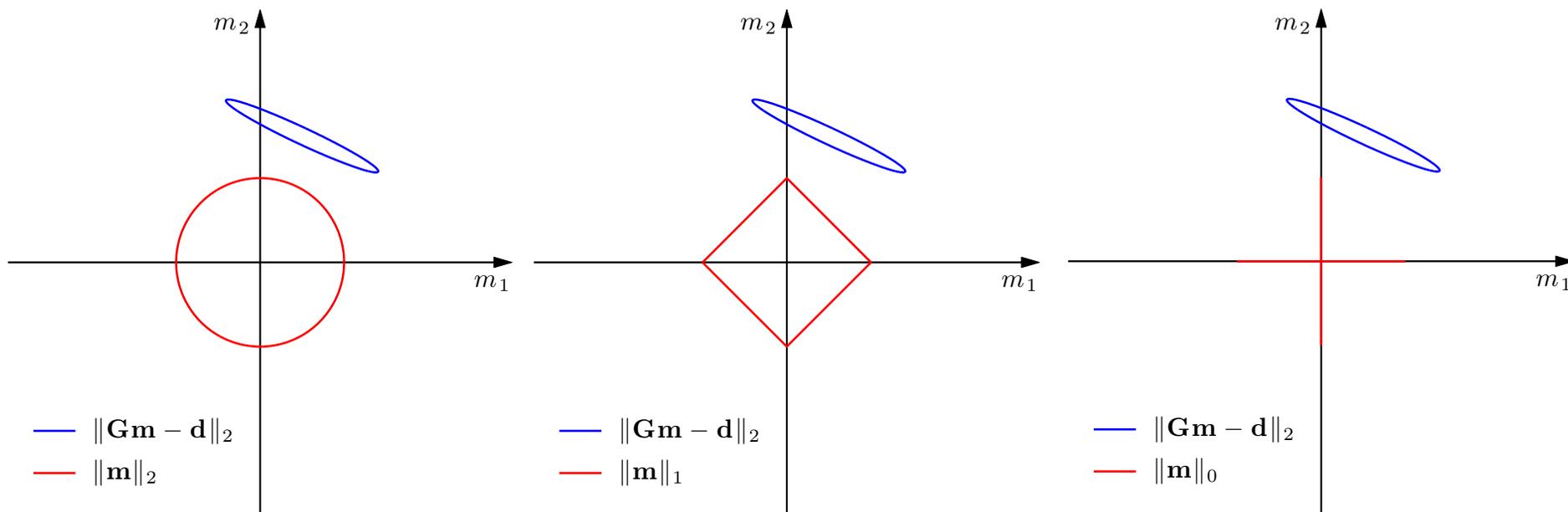
The  $L_1$  norm can often be used to recover the  $L_0$  pseudo-norm solution

Global minimum can be found by convex optimization (e.g., quadratic programming) and many new algorithms

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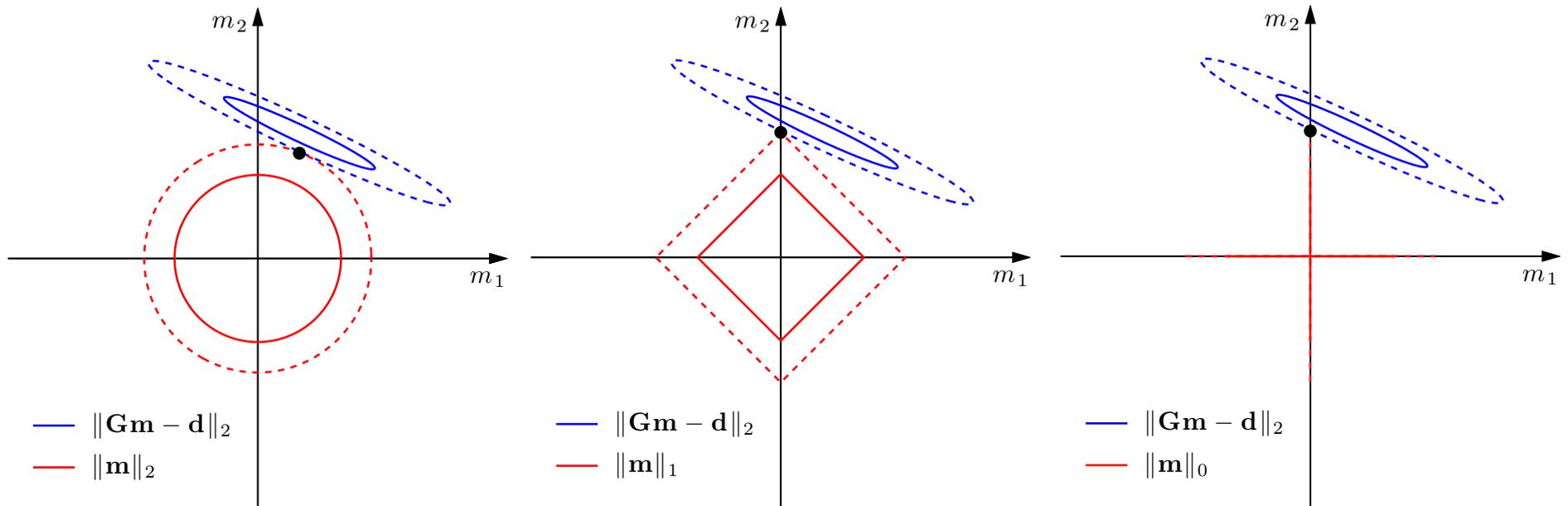
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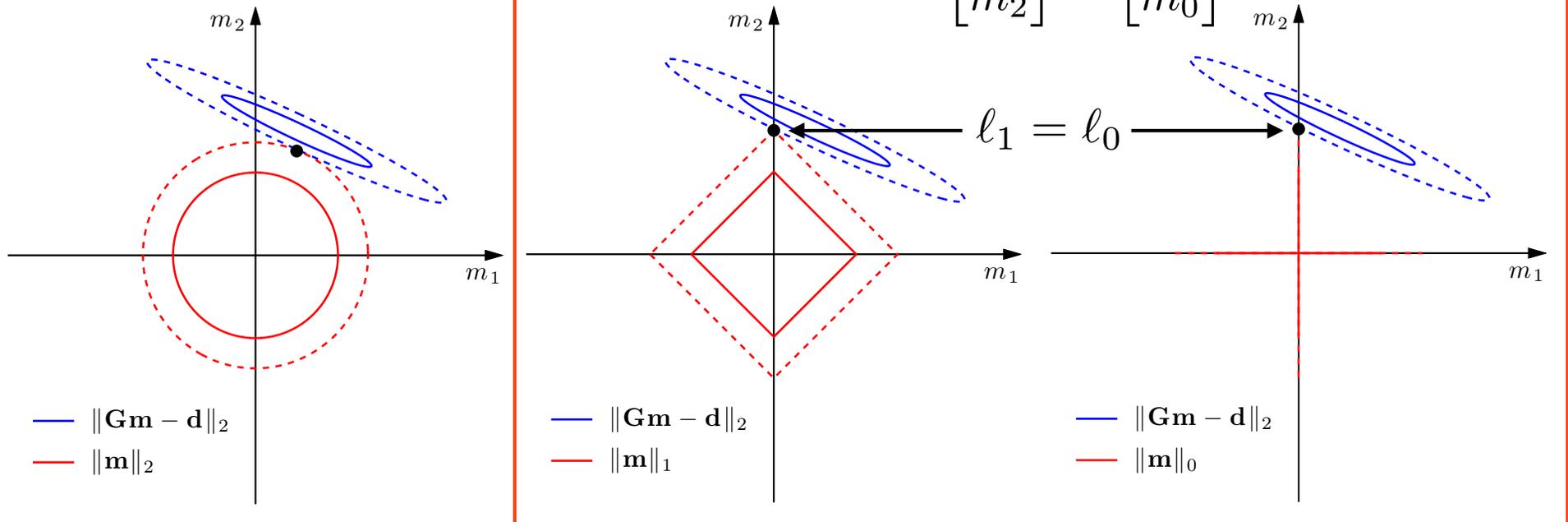
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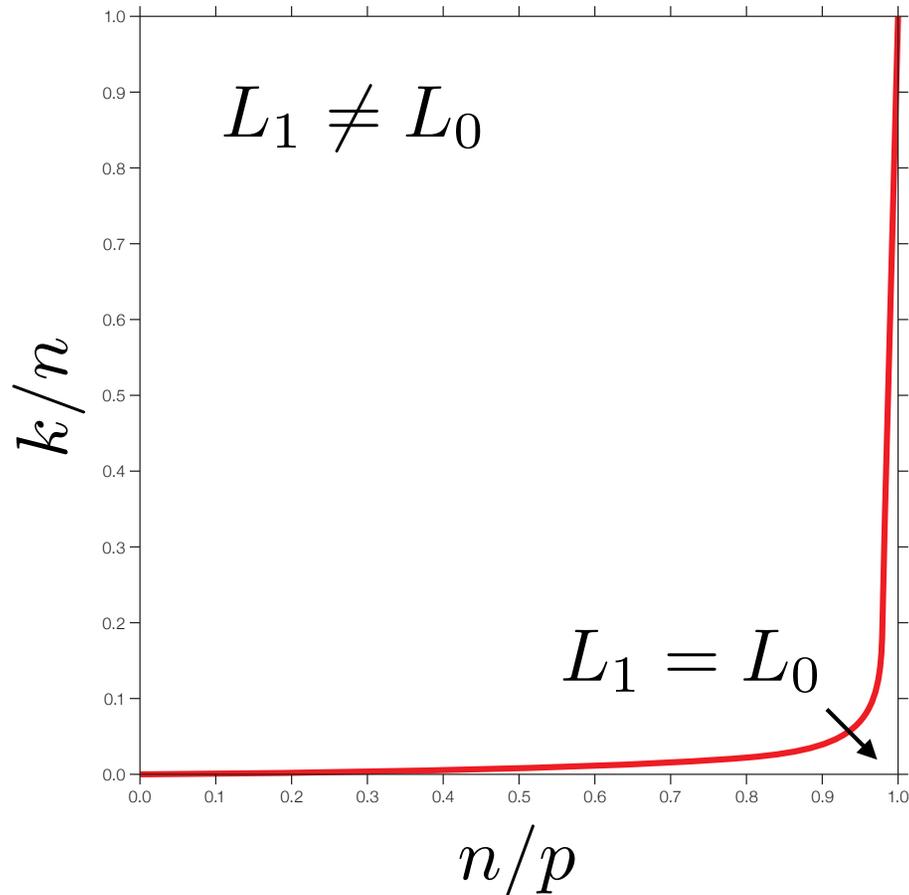
Same solution for  $p=1, p=0$



# When does this work?

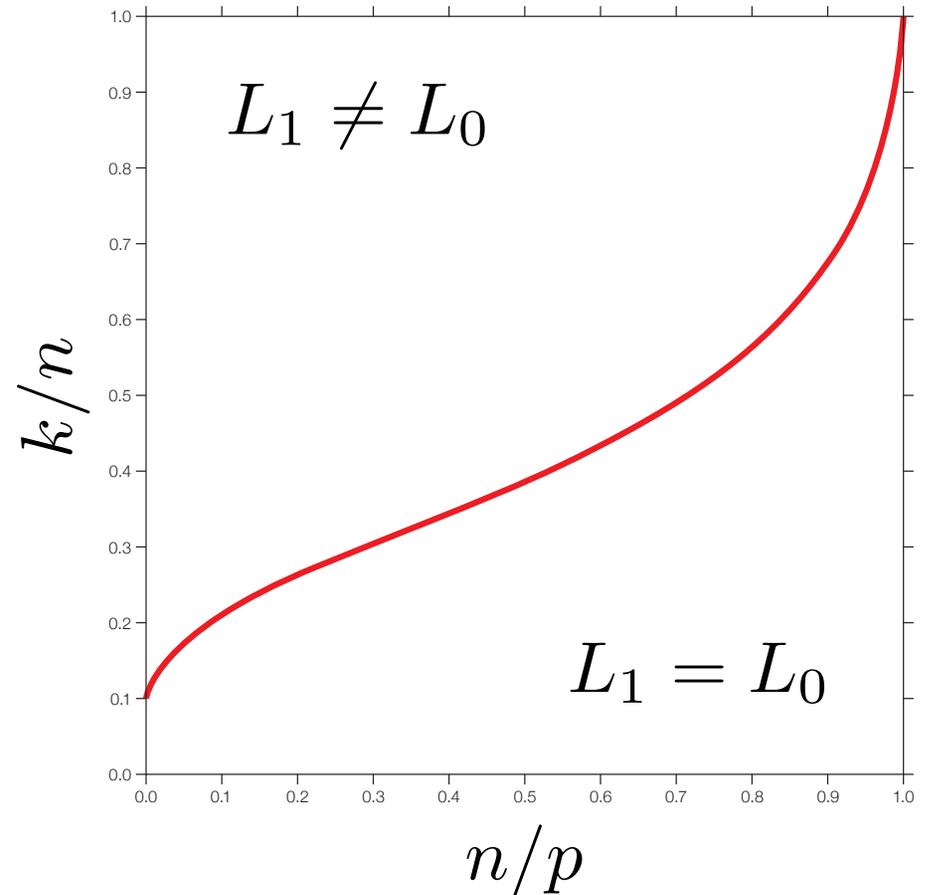
## Theory

*Candes, Romberg, and Tao (2006)*



## Empirical evidence

*Donoho and Tanner (2009)*



Frequency distribution of operator elements (*Davenport et al., 2011*)

Good: Power-law, Gaussian, ...

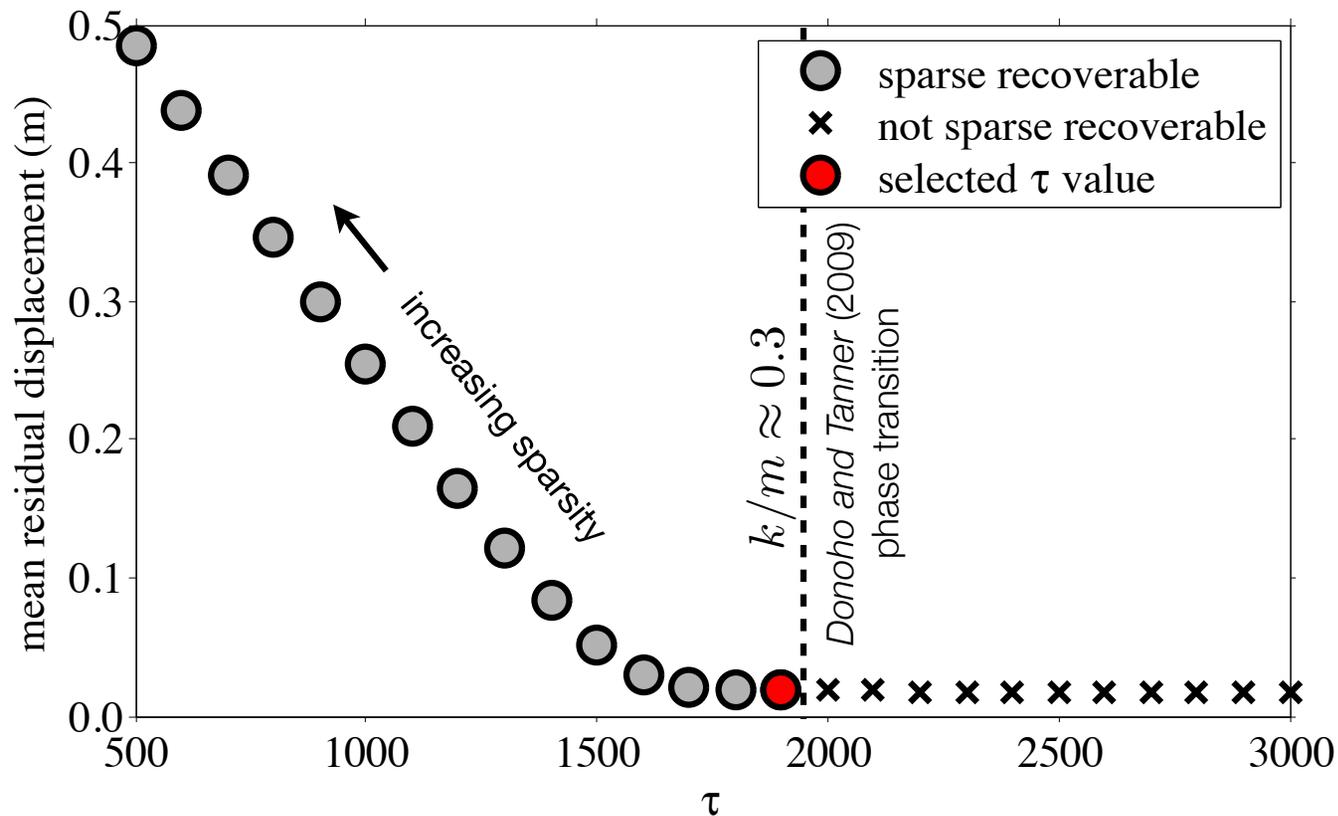
Bad: Uniform, anything with any negative eigenvalues

# How sparse?

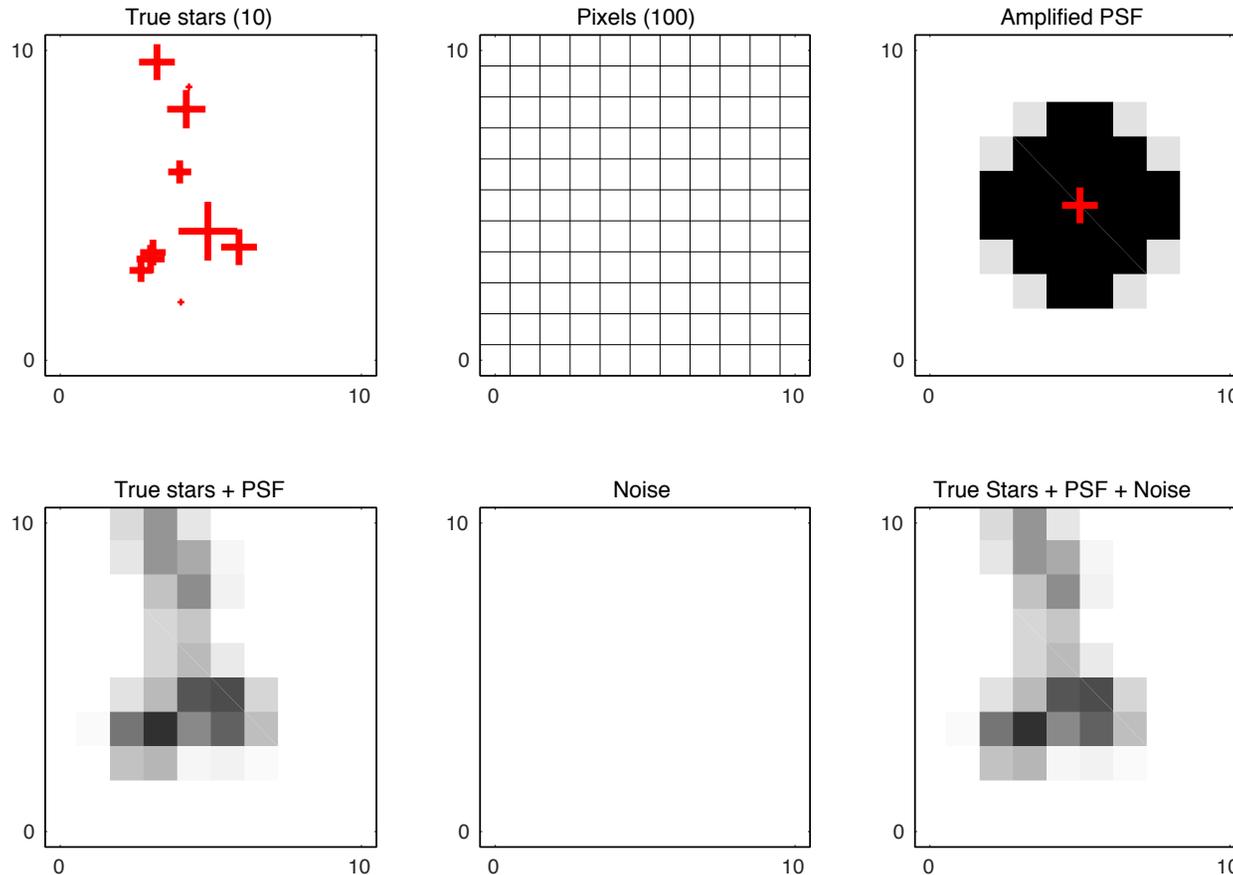
Replace unconstrained problem with an equivalent constrained problem (*Tibshirani, 1996*):

$$\min \|\mathbf{G}\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{d}\|_2 \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{m}\|_1 \leq \tau$$

$\tau$ -selection: How sparse?

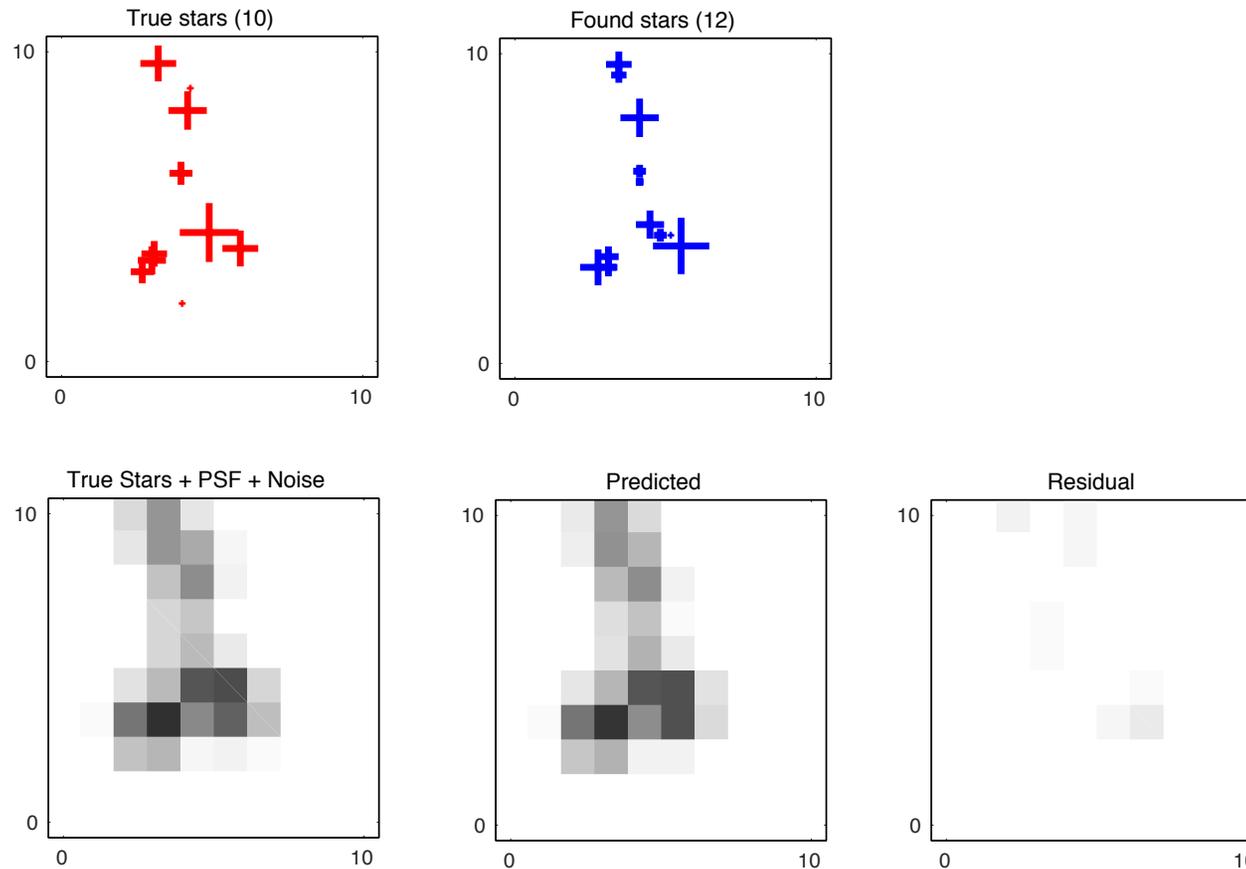


# Some stuff Doug made me do



Over parameterize geometry (100 grid points per pixel)  
- 100 x 10,000 linear flux & quantized position operator  
Gaussian point spread function  
Solve in < 0.2 seconds (*van den Berg and Friedlander, 2008*)

# More stuff that Doug made me do



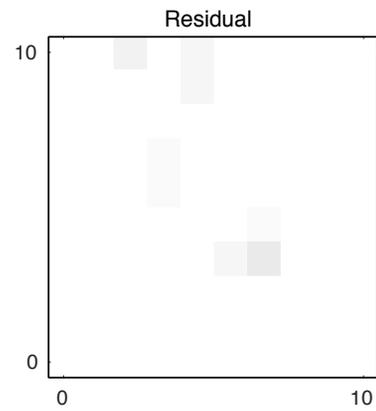
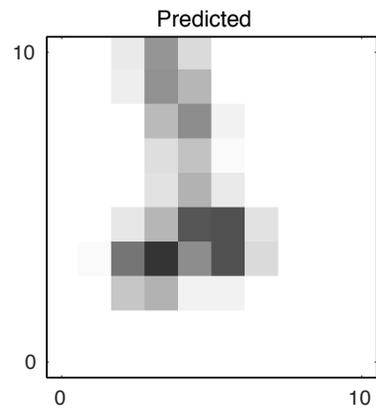
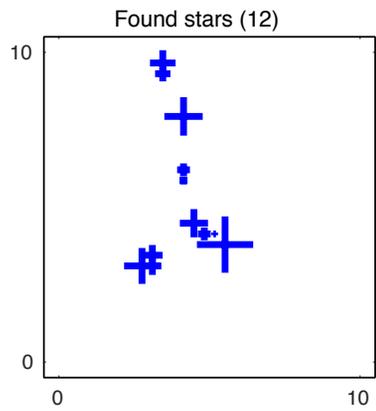
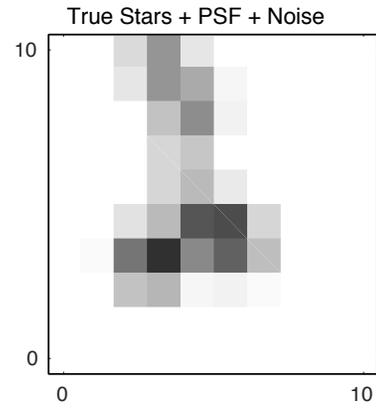
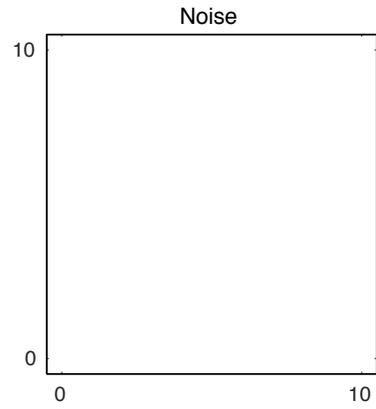
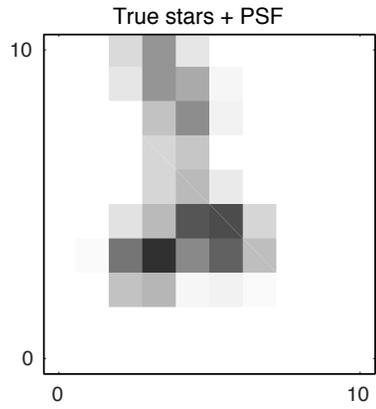
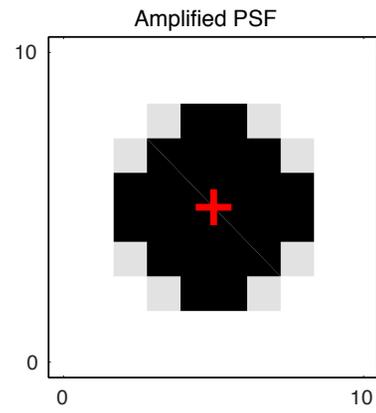
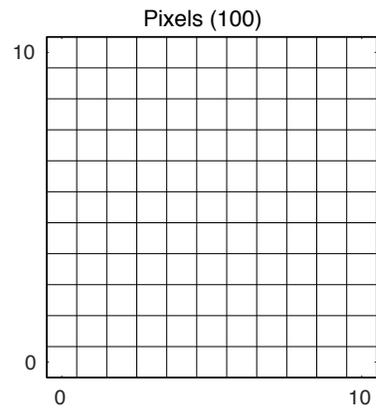
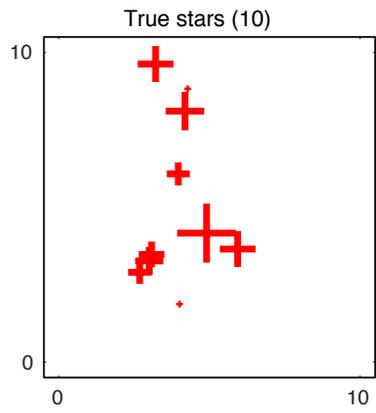
To do:

Constrain flux distributions

How many stars can we recover? vs. How many are there?

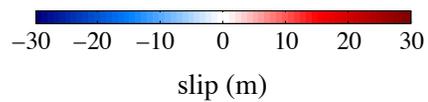
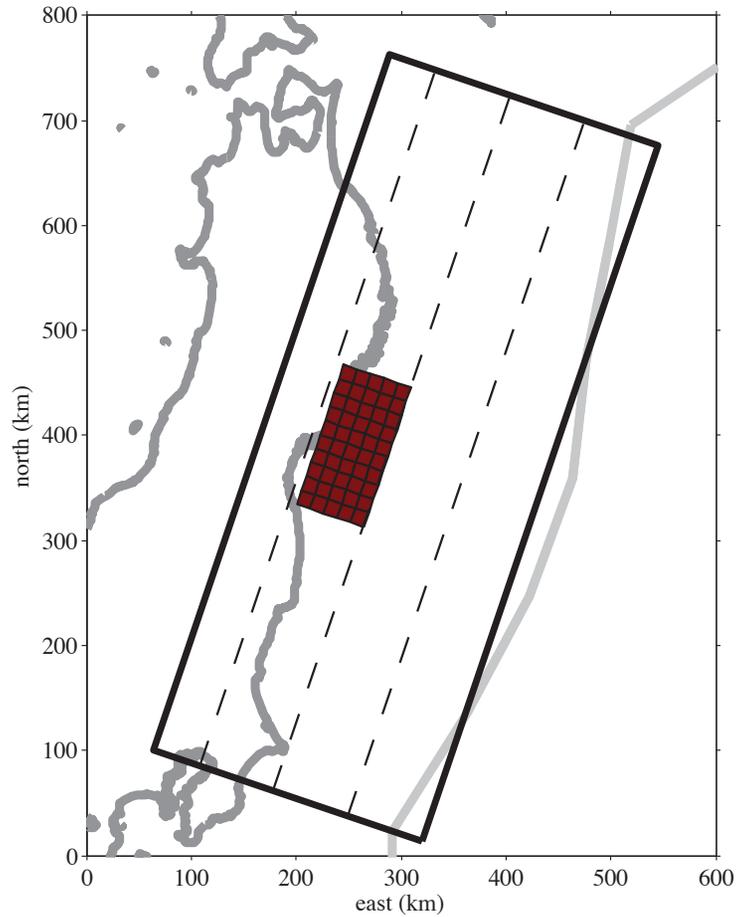
If PSFs are localized in space we can go very fast



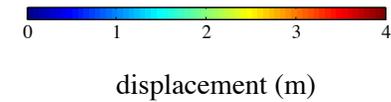
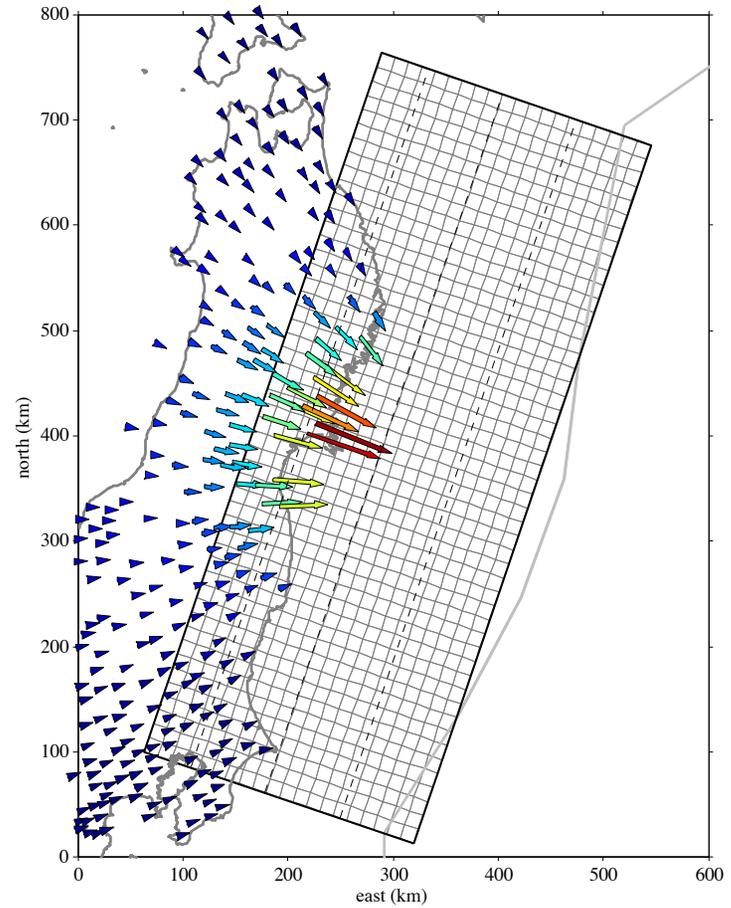


# Imaging fault behavior...how well can we do?

## Synthetic slip

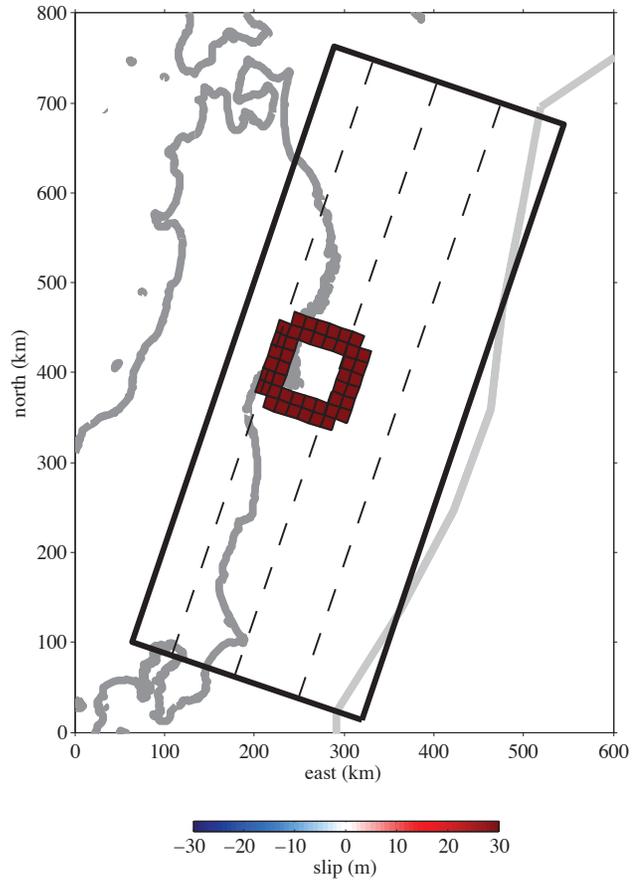


## Synthetic observations



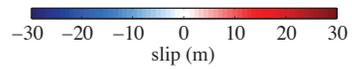
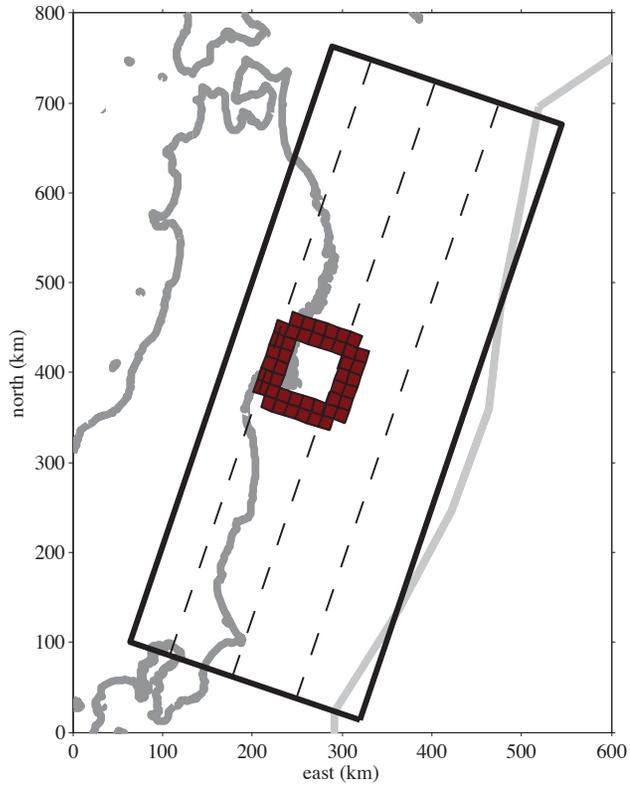
# Resolution test - ring

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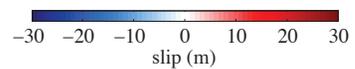
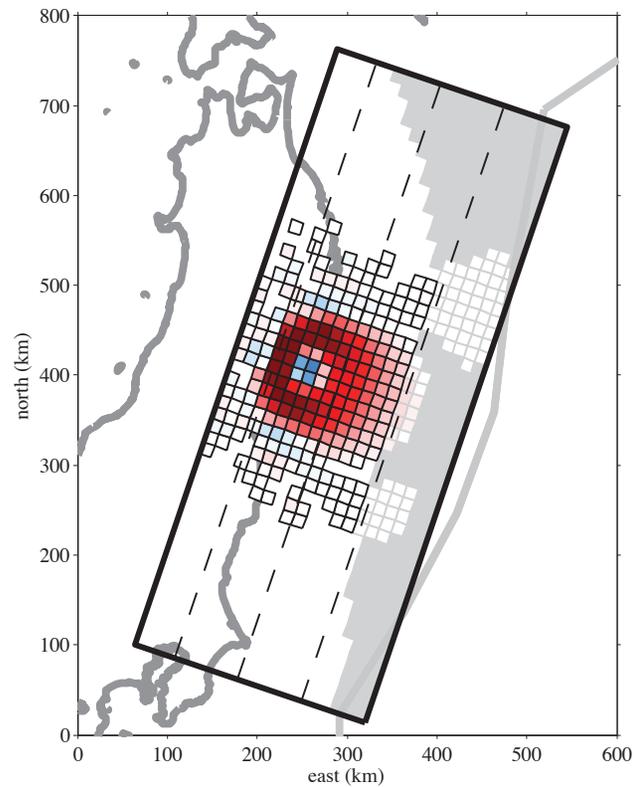


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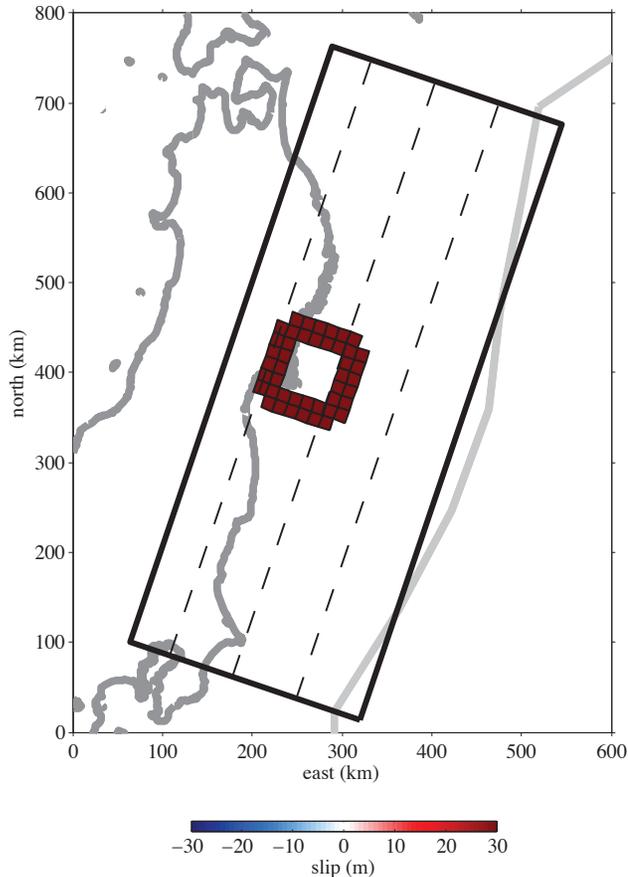


## Smooth recovery

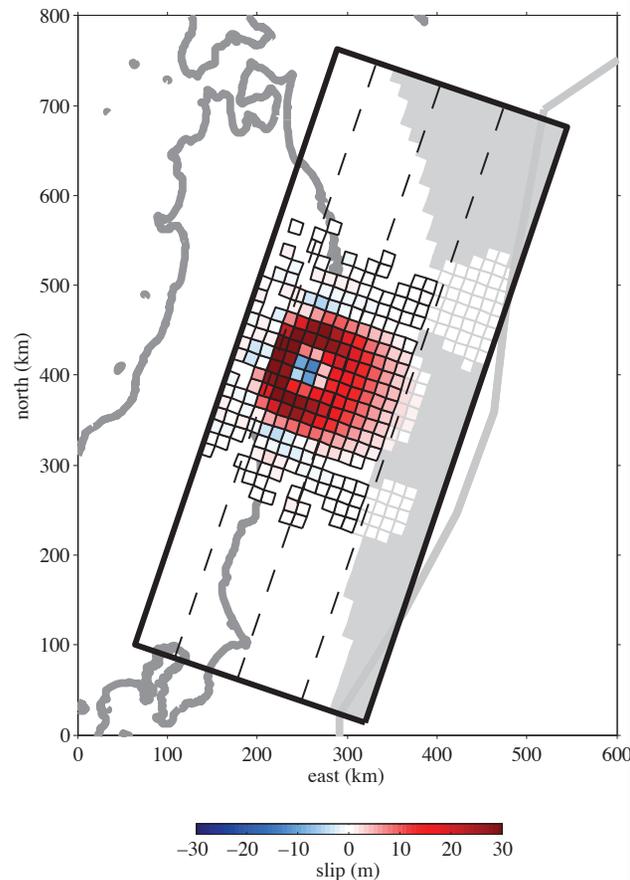


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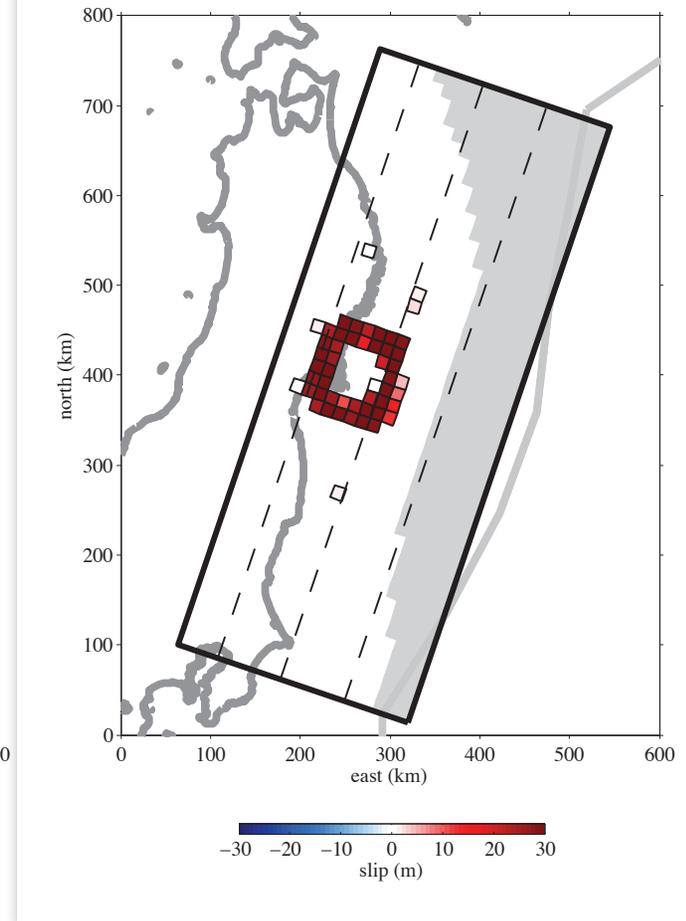
Synthetic  
slip



Smooth  
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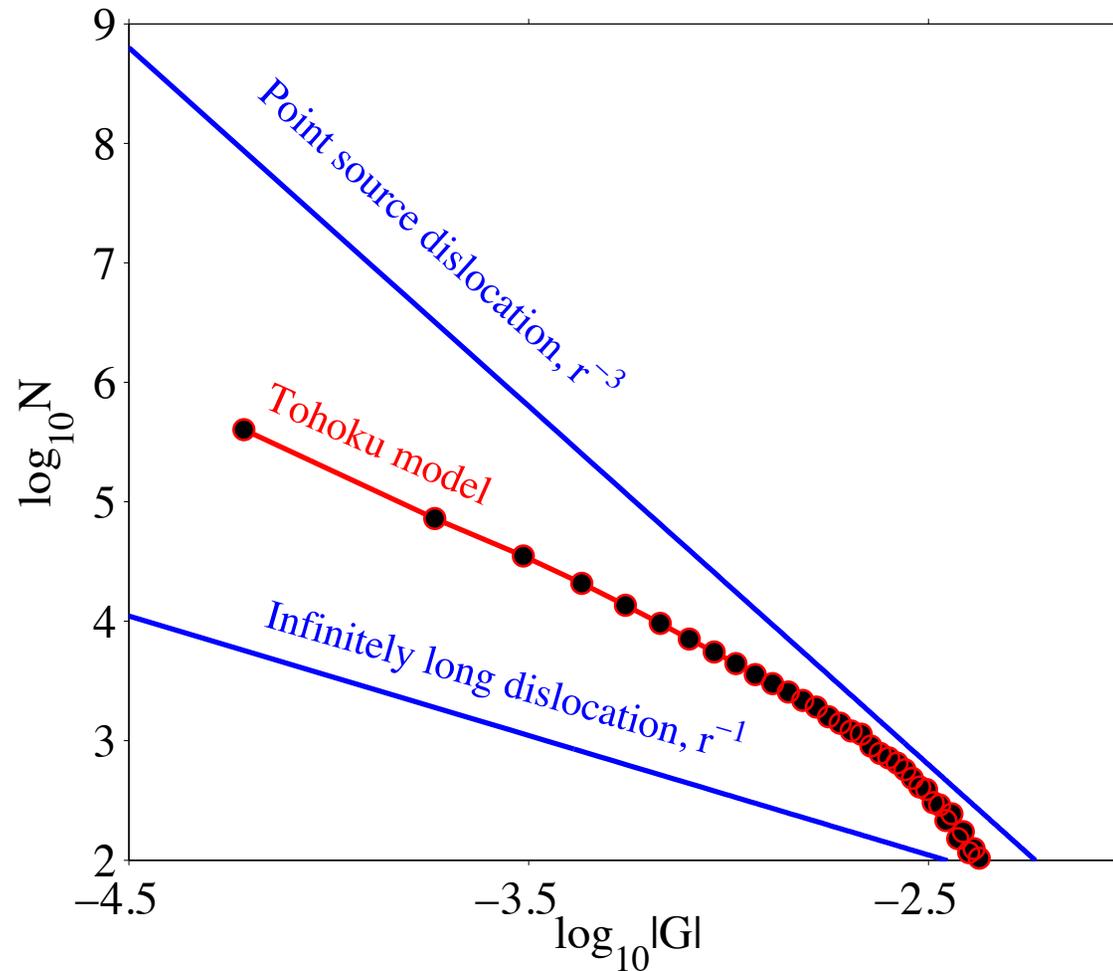


Sparse  
recovery



Sparsity promoting recovery methods are not perfect at this density and may exhibit low magnitude outliers

# Why does sparsity work for this problem?: Elasticity



The combination of elasticity and effectively random GPS locations gives rise to a power law frequency distribution of partial derivatives. This distribution is known to support sparse solutions (*Davenport et al., 2011*)



# Selection by a modified version of sparse recovery

True signal



Noisy data



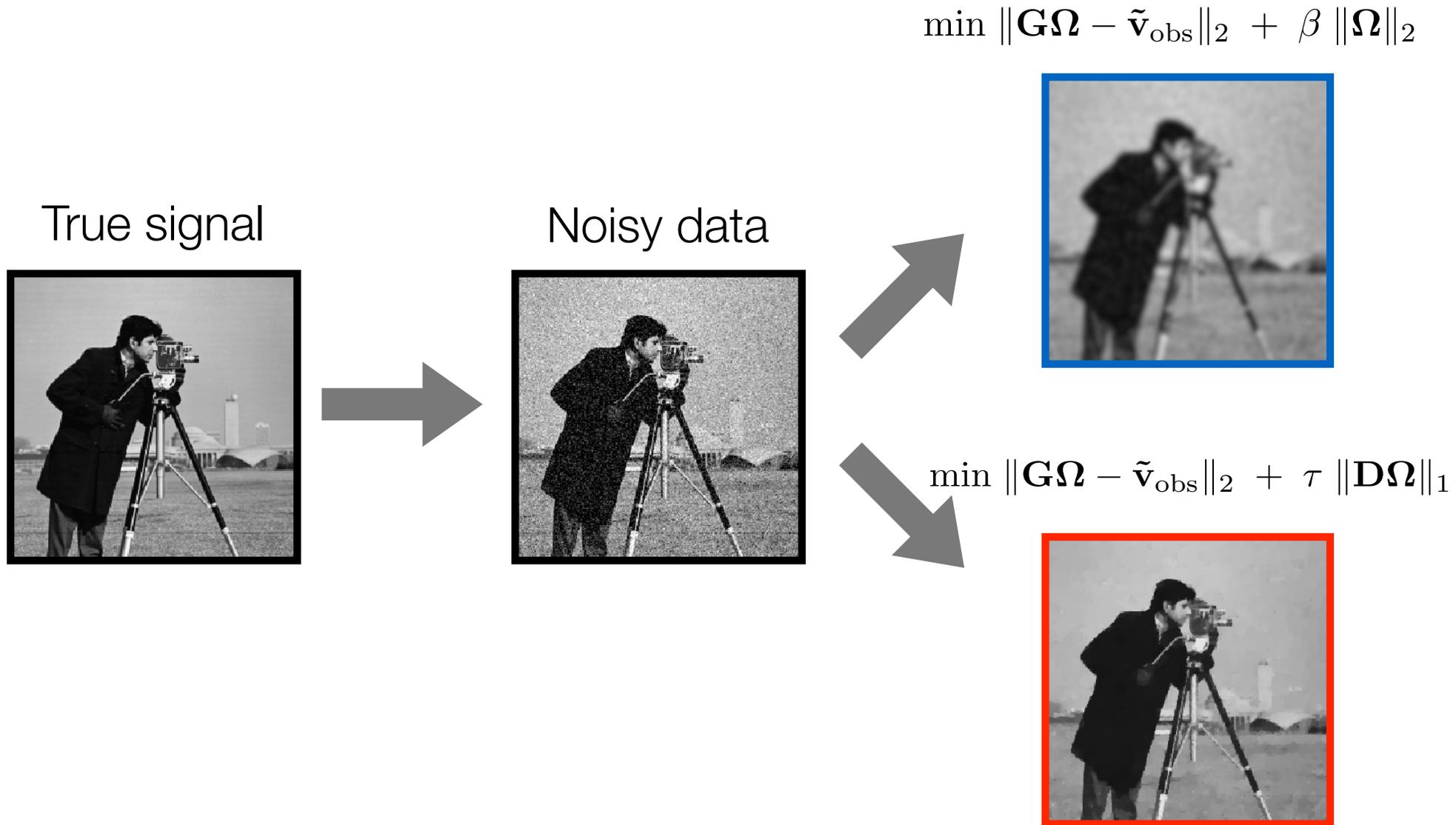
Damped regularization



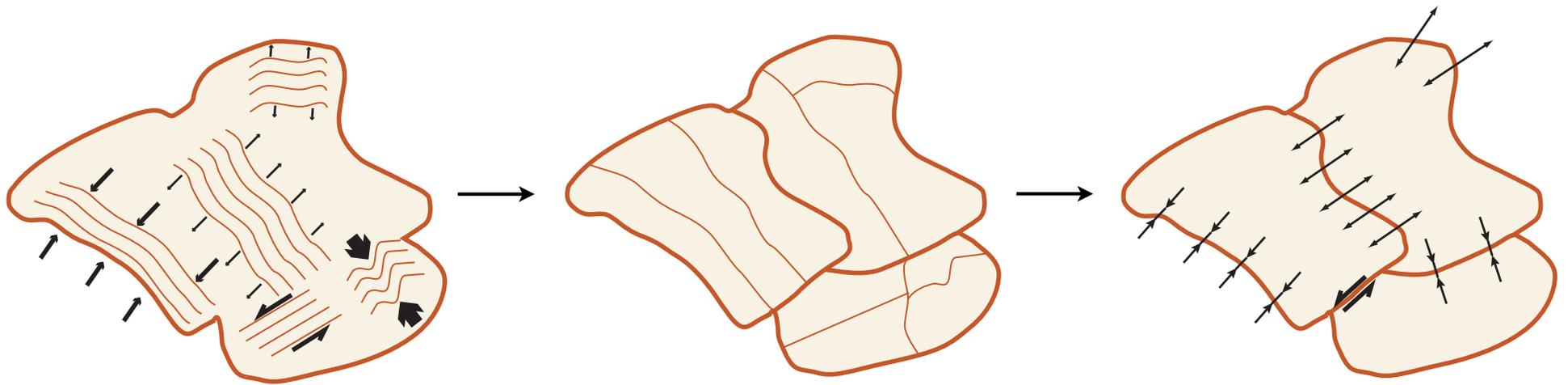
Total variation regularization



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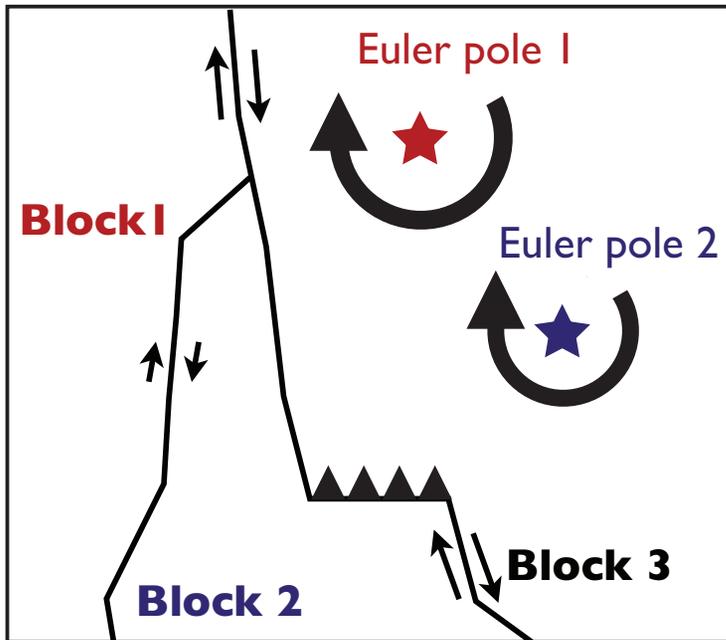
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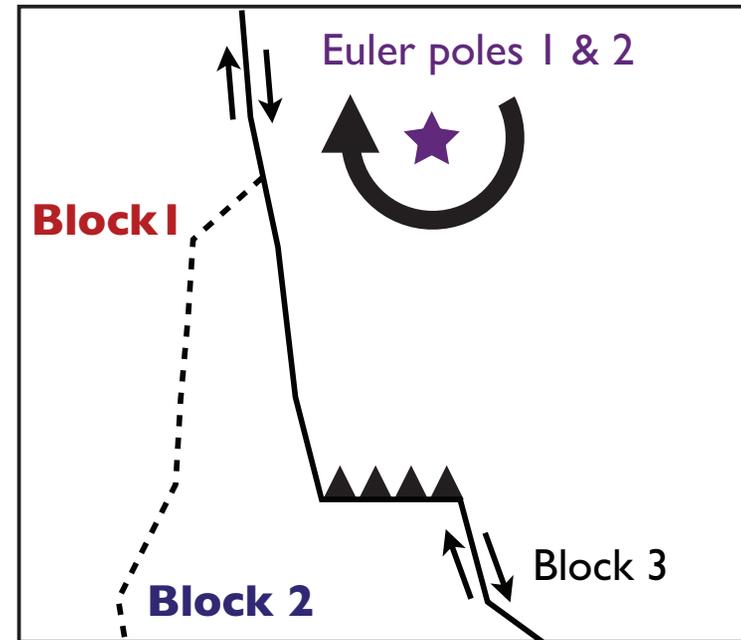
*Thatcher (2009)*

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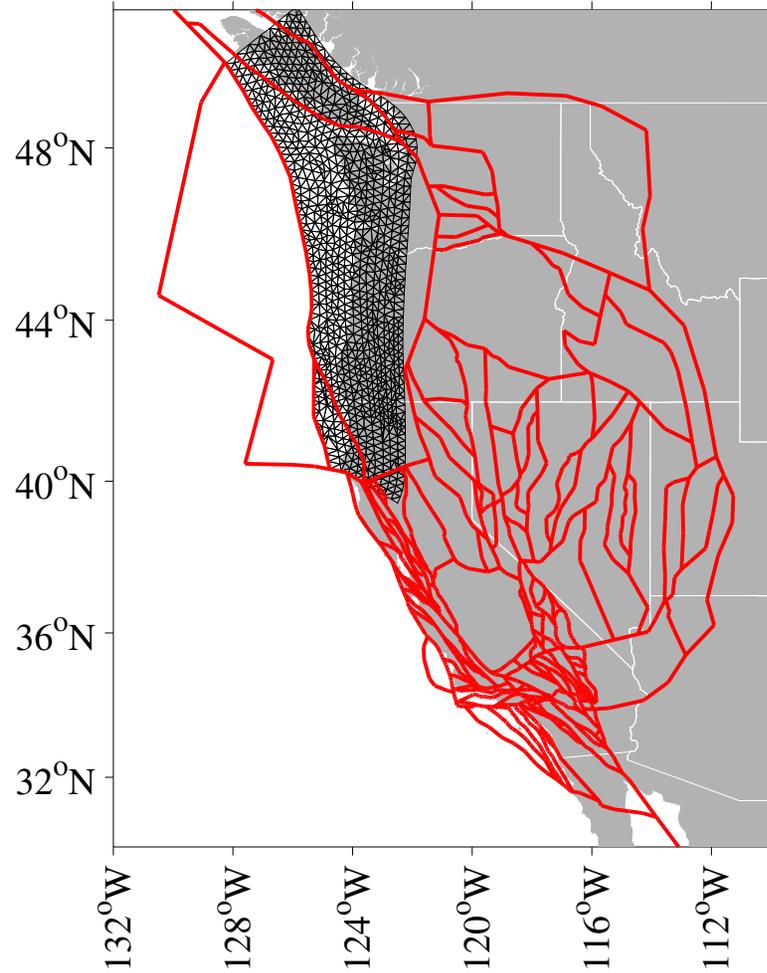


Less complex  
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2 Euler poles

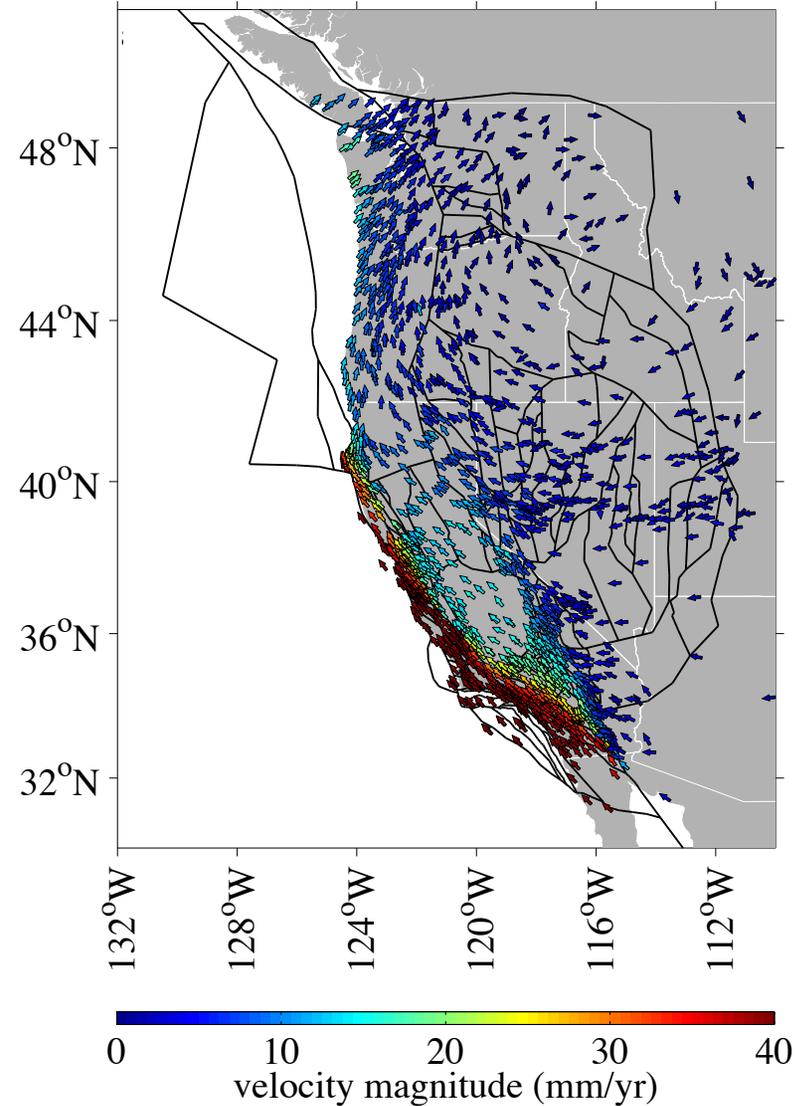


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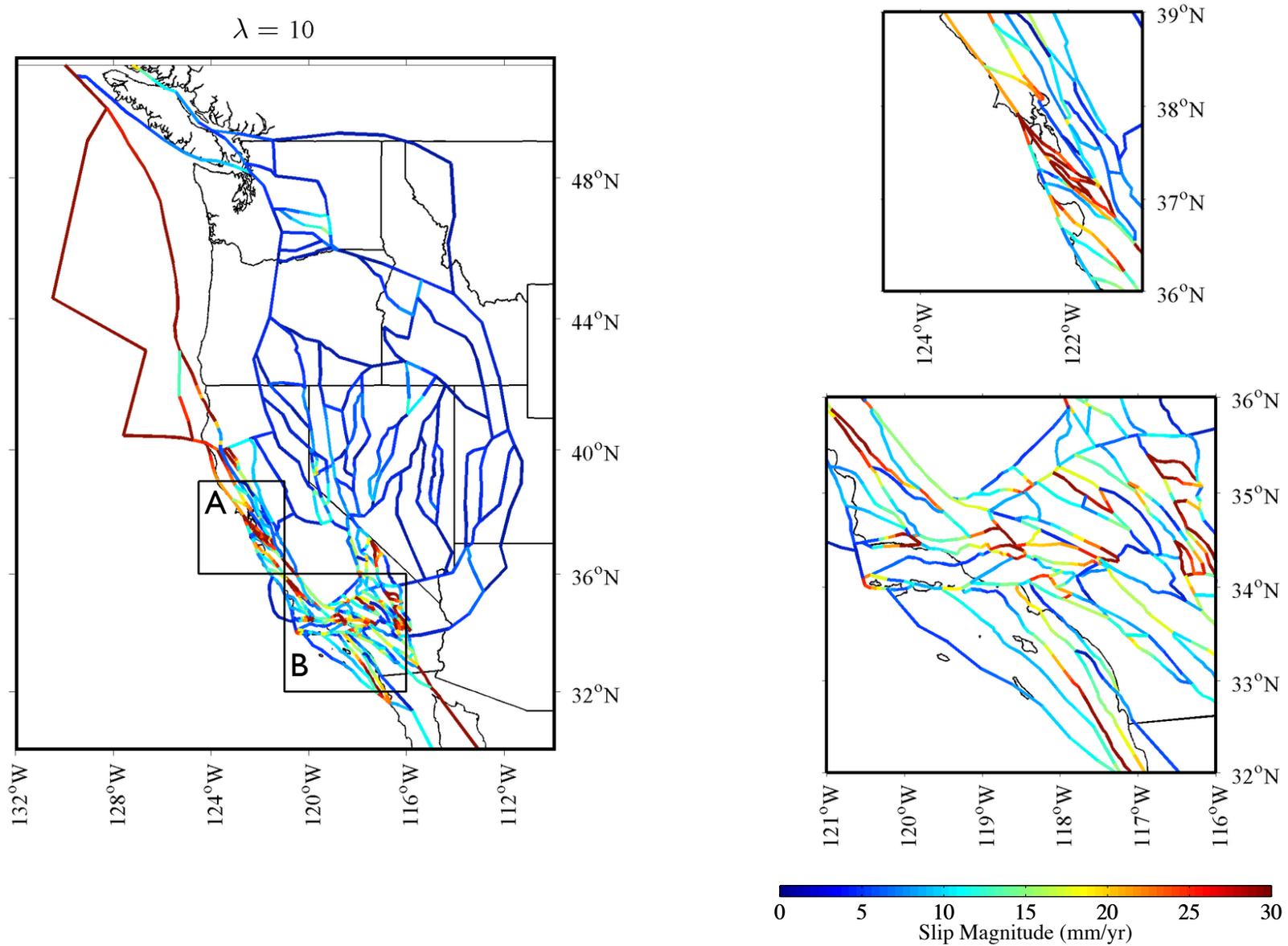
144 fault bounded blocks



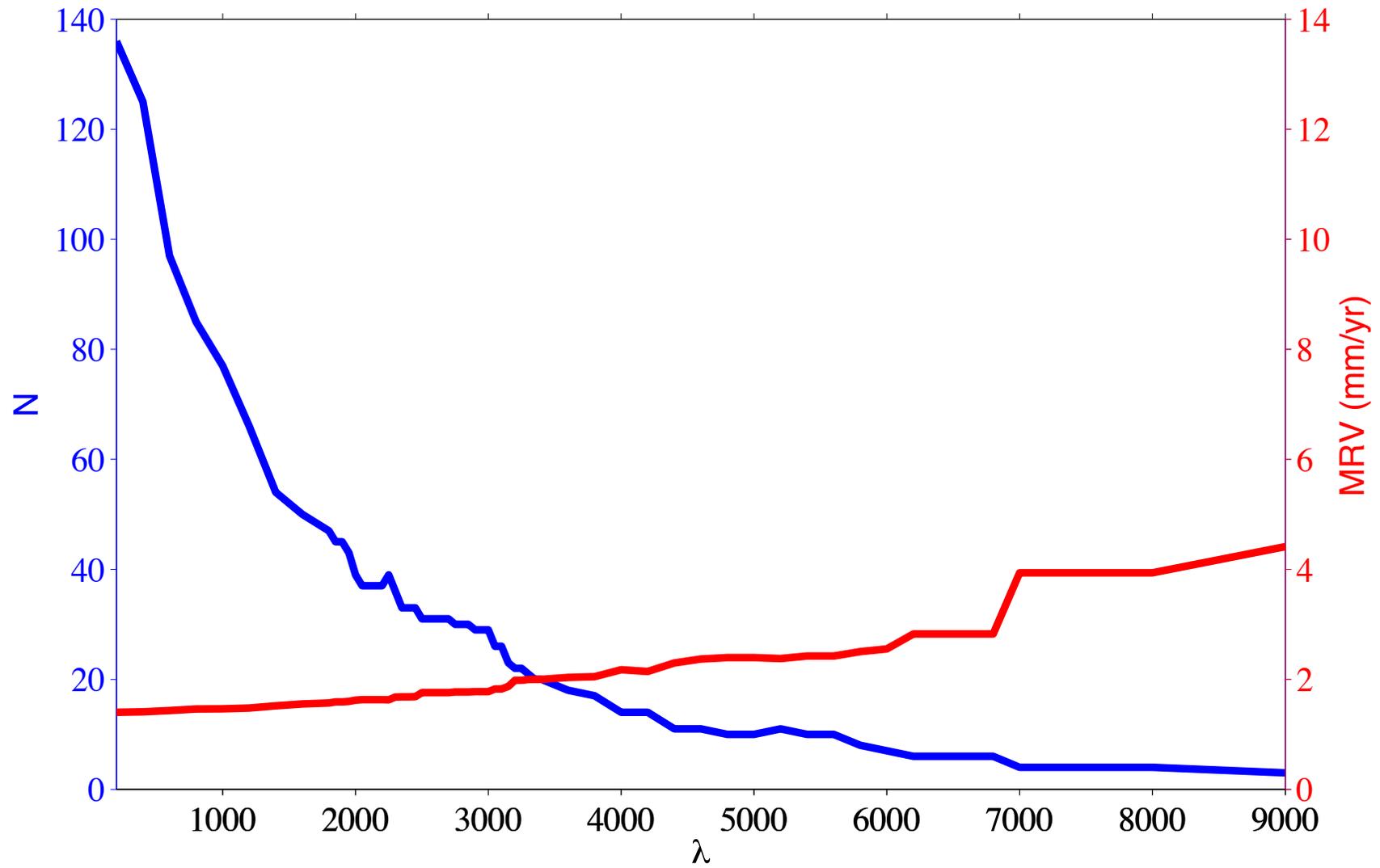
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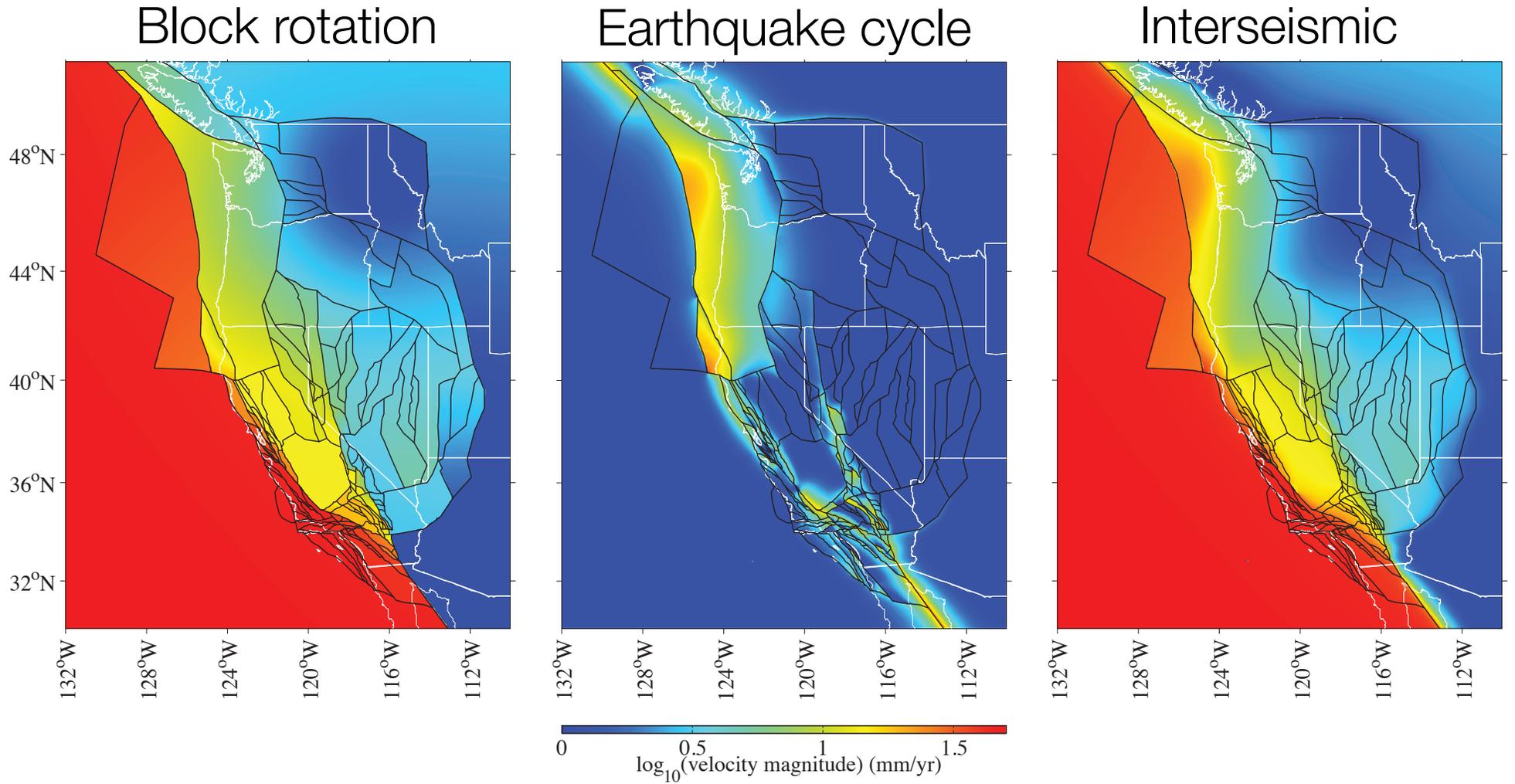
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# How many active plates are required?



# The active fault system of the western US



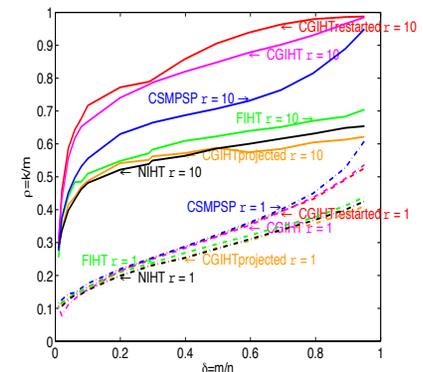
# Where are we?

1) Sparse recovery algorithms can perform some model selection and recovery many of the things that we've always been interested in

2) Algorithm development is very rapid. Dantzig selector (*Candes et al.*, 2007) 1000 times slower than spectral projection algorithm just one year later (*Friedlander and van den Berg*, 2008)!

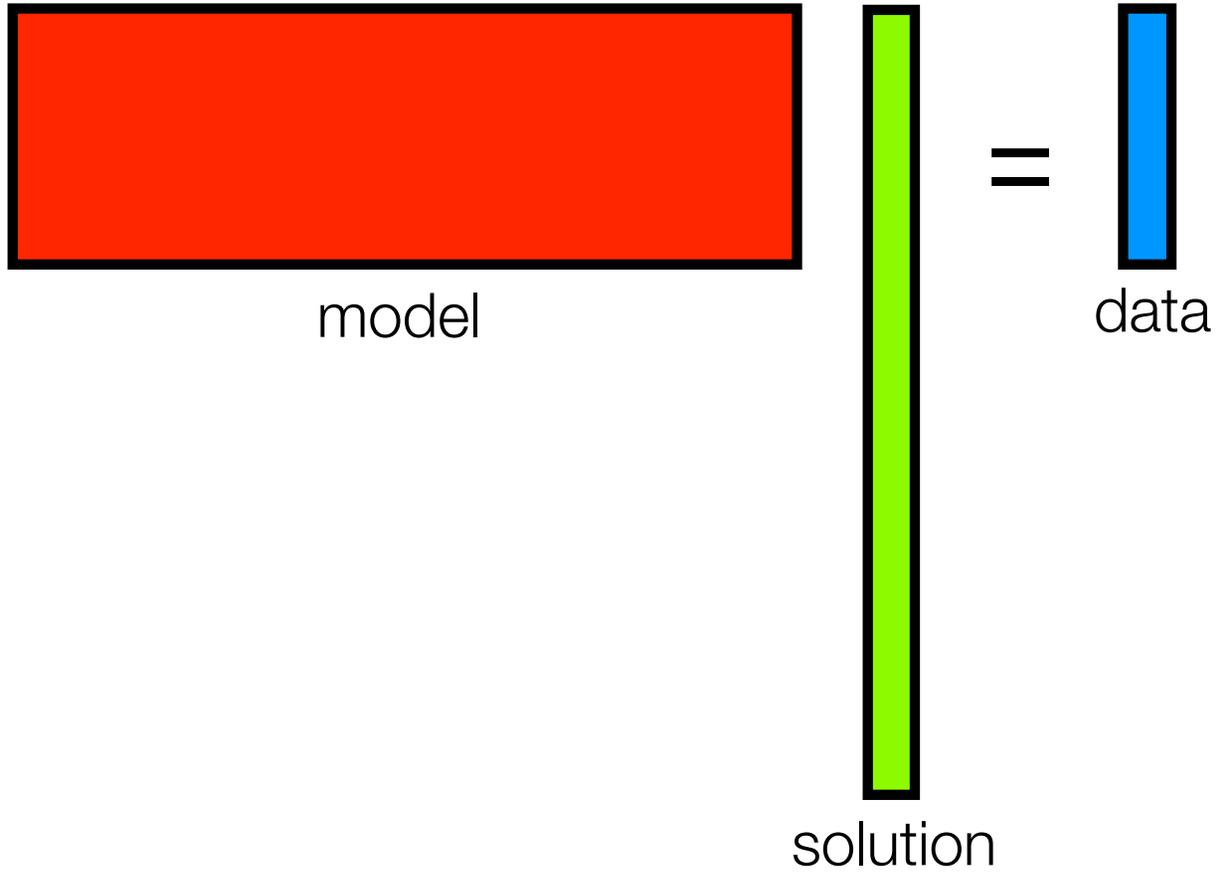
3) Empirical conditions for successful recovery rapidly evolving too.

4) Large problems now becoming possible as Prony style issues are overcome.



Dimension	Time	
	SDPT3	TFOCS
128	0.3 s	0.3 s
512	2.2 s	0.3 s
1024	16.0 s	0.5 s
2048	145.0 s	0.7 s
4096	N/A	1.0 s
16384	N/A	2.9 s
131072	N/A	40.2 s
1048576	N/A	838.5 s

We almost always solve underdetermined problems



Prony had a precursor >200 years ago...

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Legendre (1795) Clear statement of least squares, turned out to be somewhat popular

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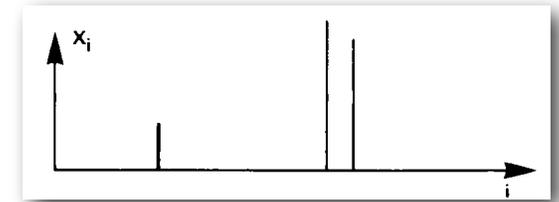
1948 - *Dantzig*

Simplex algorithm for linear programming

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{subject to} & A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \\ \text{and} & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

1973 - *Claerbout and Muir*

Linear programming for sparse state vectors



1984 - *Karmarkar*

Interior point methods make linear and quadratic programming fast

1995 - *Chen et al.*

Mathematicians start to take notice

- *Sparsity.* We should obtain the sparsest possible representation of the object — the one with the fewest significant coefficients.
- *Superresolution.* We should obtain a resolution of sparse objects that is much higher-resolution than that possible with traditional non-adaptive approaches.

# Growth of CS theory

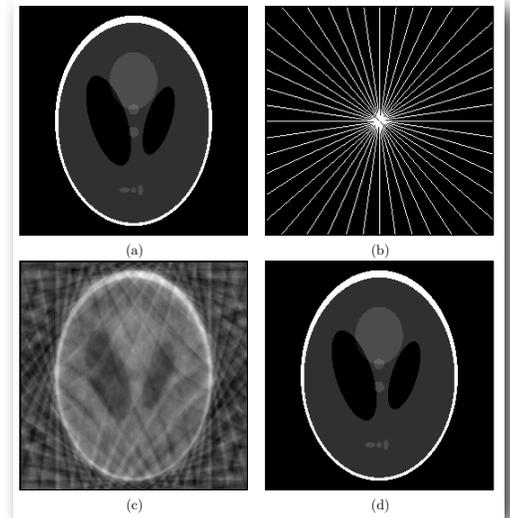
1996 - *Tibshirani*

Connection to quadratic programming

$$\begin{aligned} &\min \|\mathbf{G}\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{d}\|_2 \\ &\text{subject to } \|\mathbf{m}\|_1 \leq \tau \end{aligned}$$

2005 - *Candes et al.*

Conditions for exact reconstruction,  $k/n < 0.01$

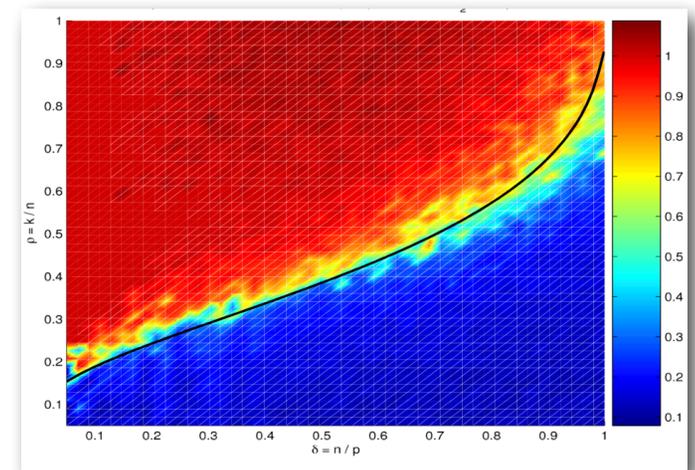


2008 - *van den Berg and Friedlander*

Fast & robust spectral gradient methods

2009 - *Donoho and Tanner*

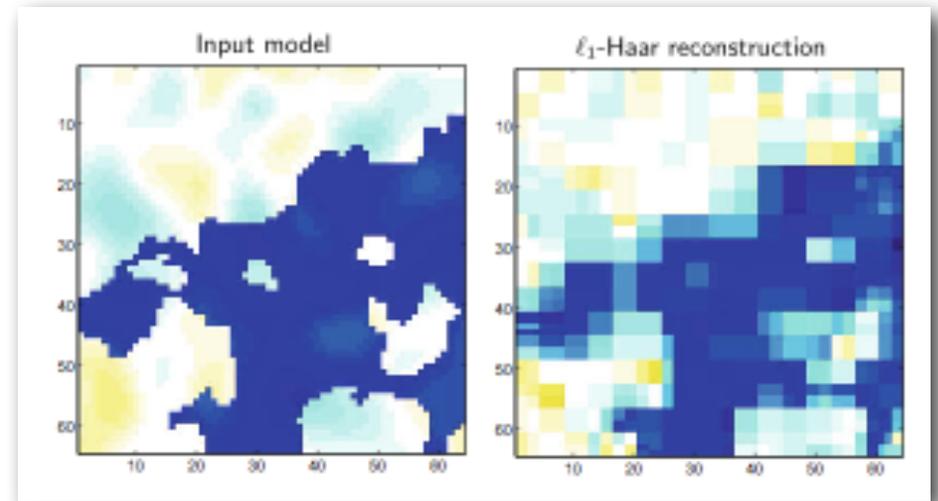
Broader recovery conditions,  $k/n < 0.30$



# Some recent intentional CS in solid Earth geophysics

2011 - *Loris et al.*

Synthetic tomography

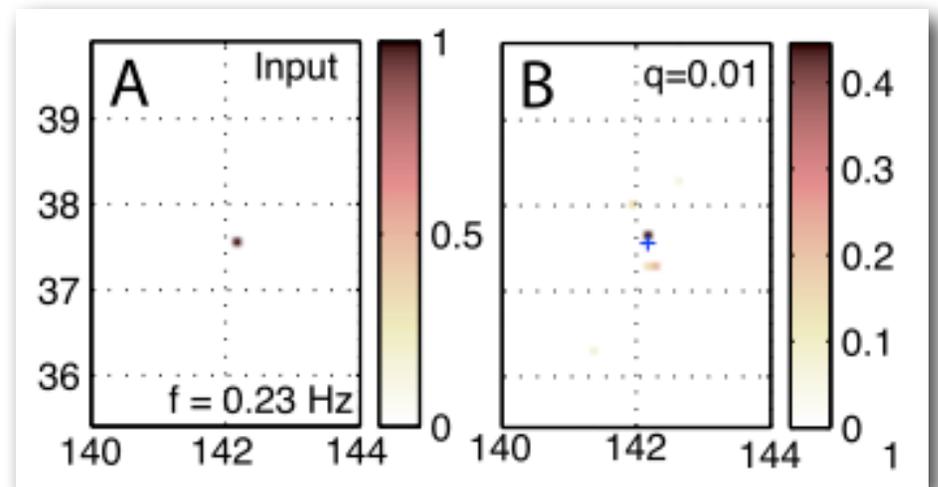


2011 - *Simons et al.*

Setup for global tomography

2011 - *Yao et al.*

Tohoku dominant frequencies

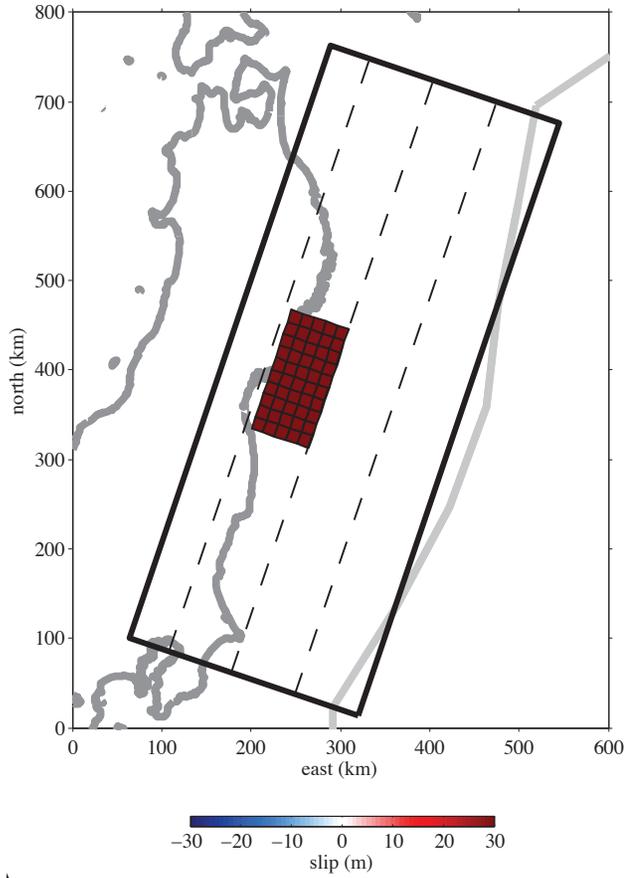


2012 - *Evans and Meade*

Tohoku coseismic and postseismic slip

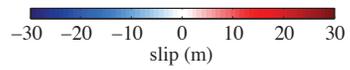
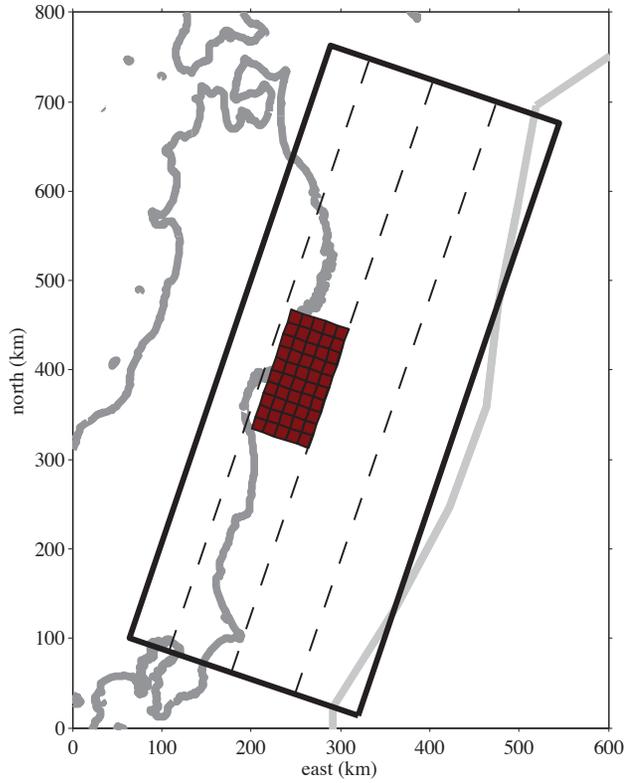
# Resolution test - block

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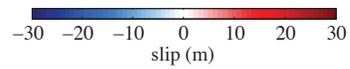
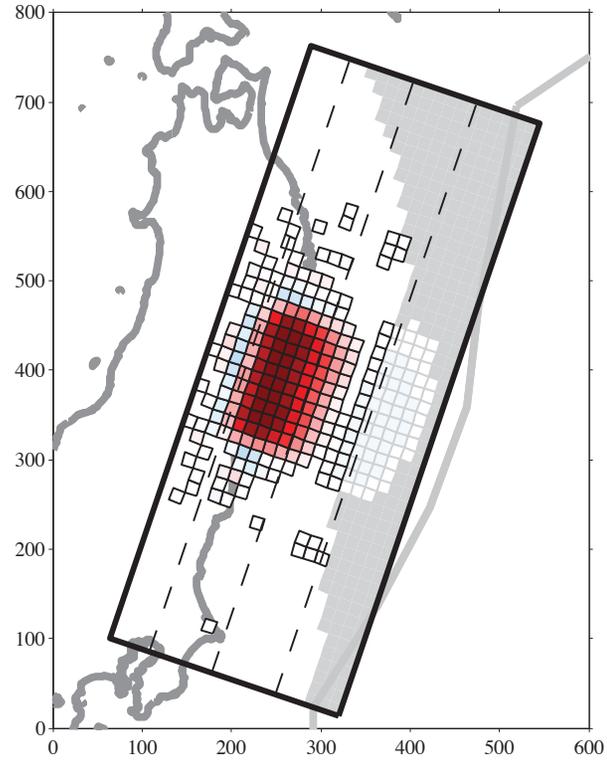


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Synthetic  
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Smooth  
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# The role of state vector regularization

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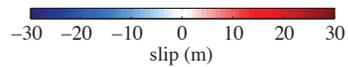
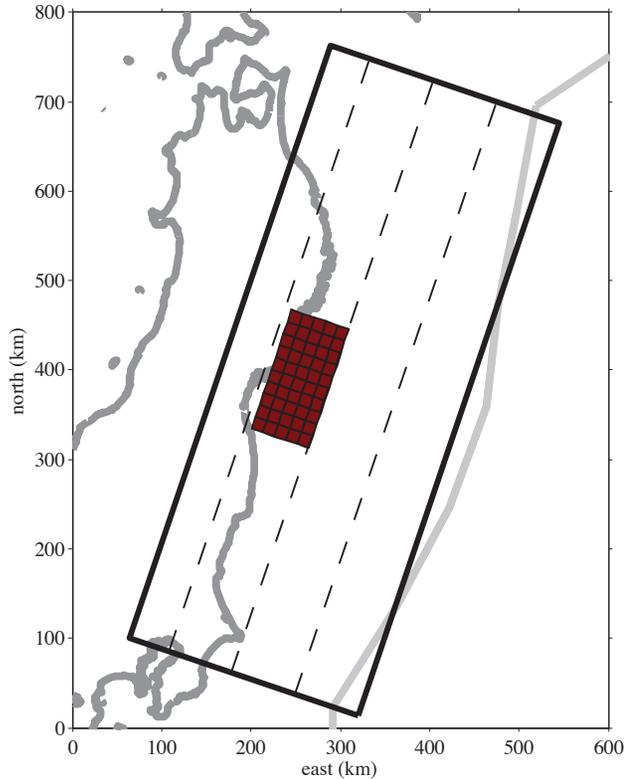
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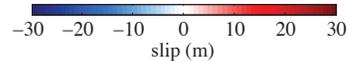
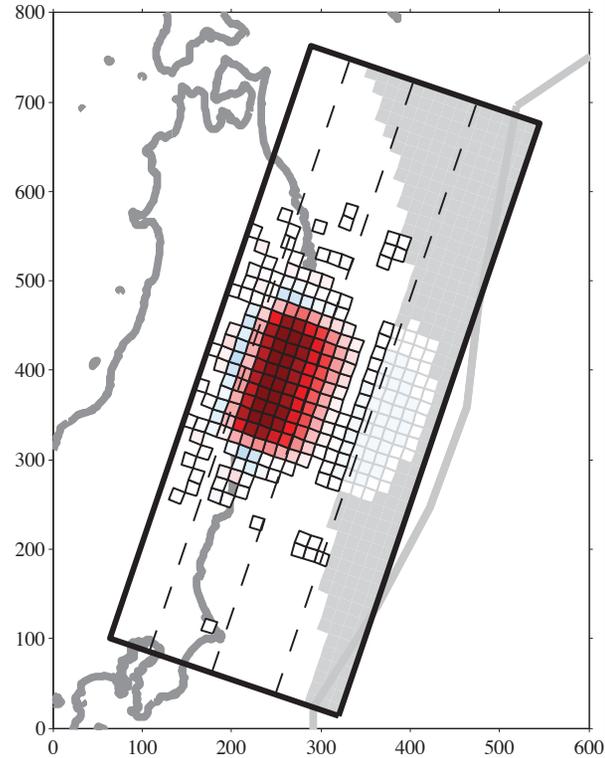
So what about the other extreme; a not necessarily smooth and sparse/  
compact solution?

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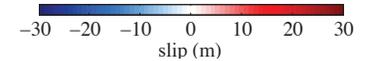
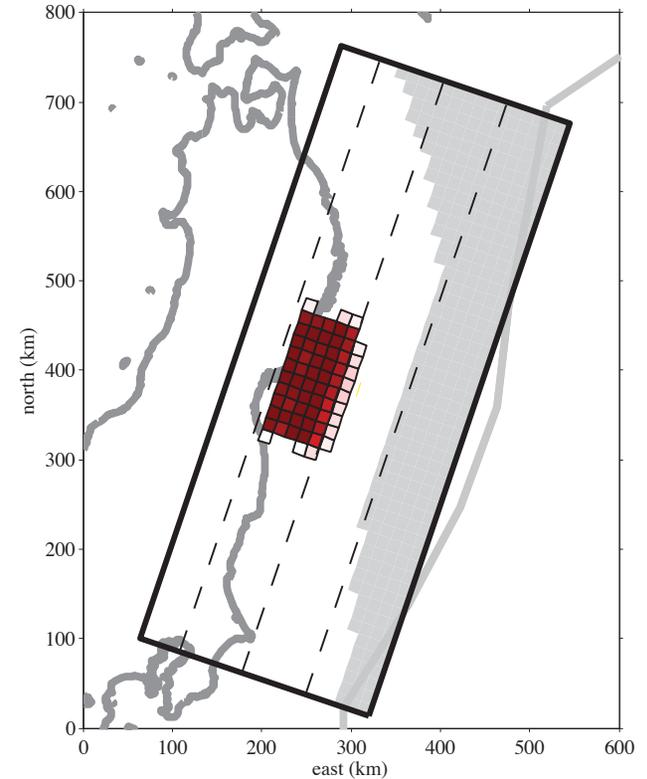
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Recovery of localized signals is possible with current GPS station spacing if signal is sufficiently sparse