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# Introduction to null space analysis, the example of gravity and magnetics

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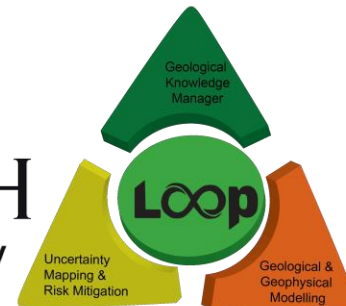
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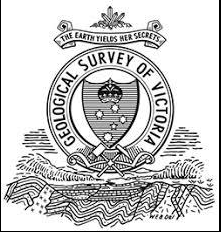
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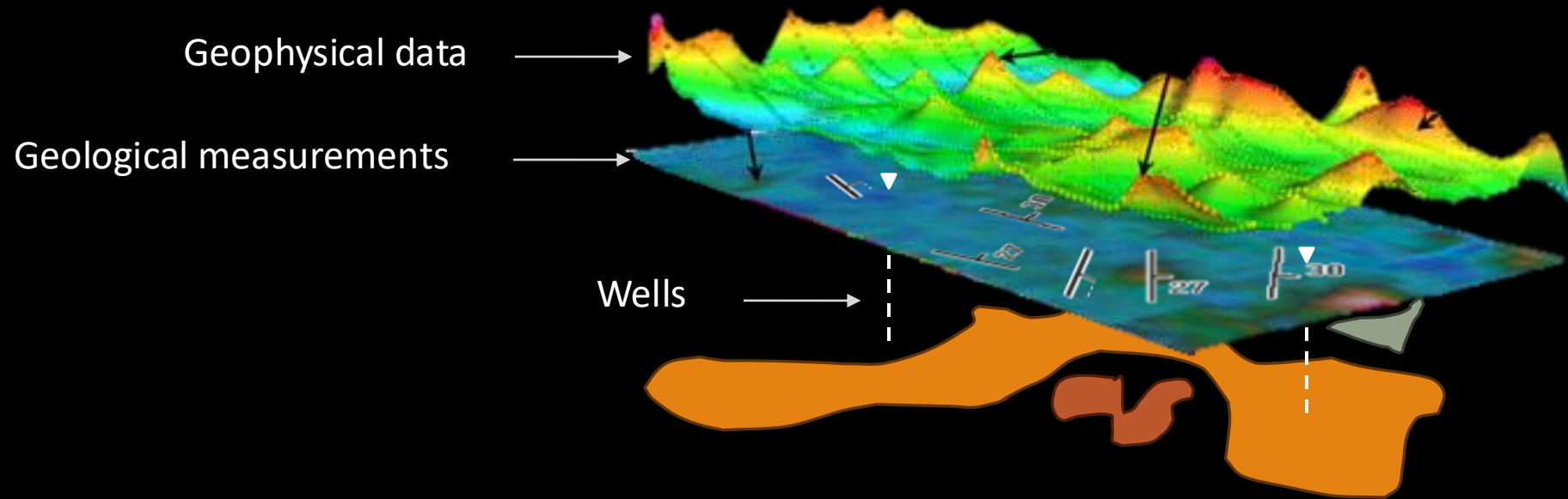


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# Motivation and Objectives

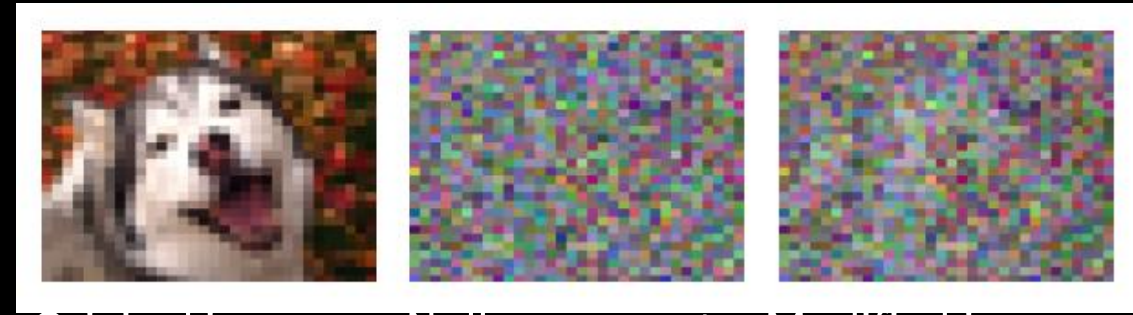


*Exploration of alternative scenarios*

*Non-uniqueness: many models, same data!*

# Nullspace concept. examples

- Additive nullspace



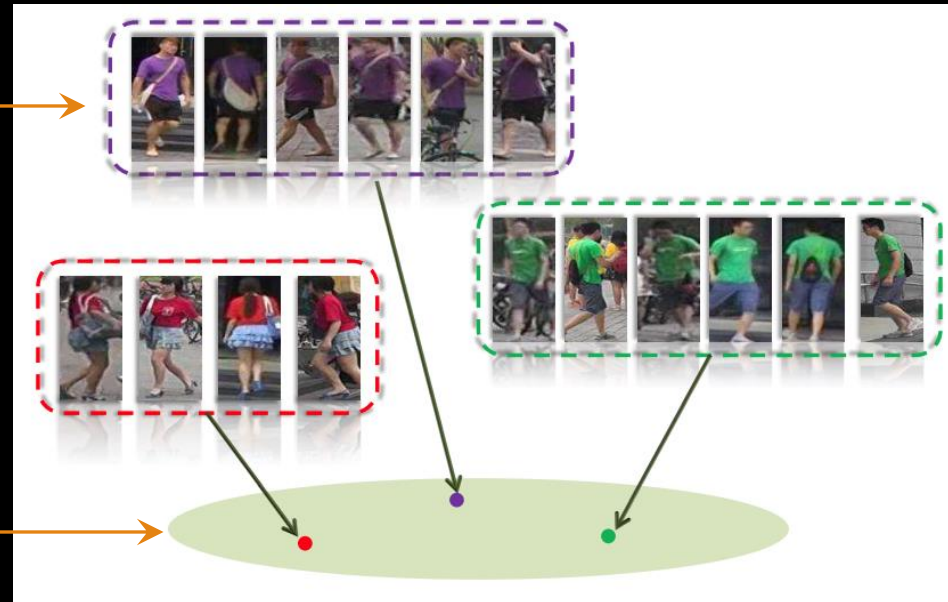
Original image

Null space pert.

Modified image

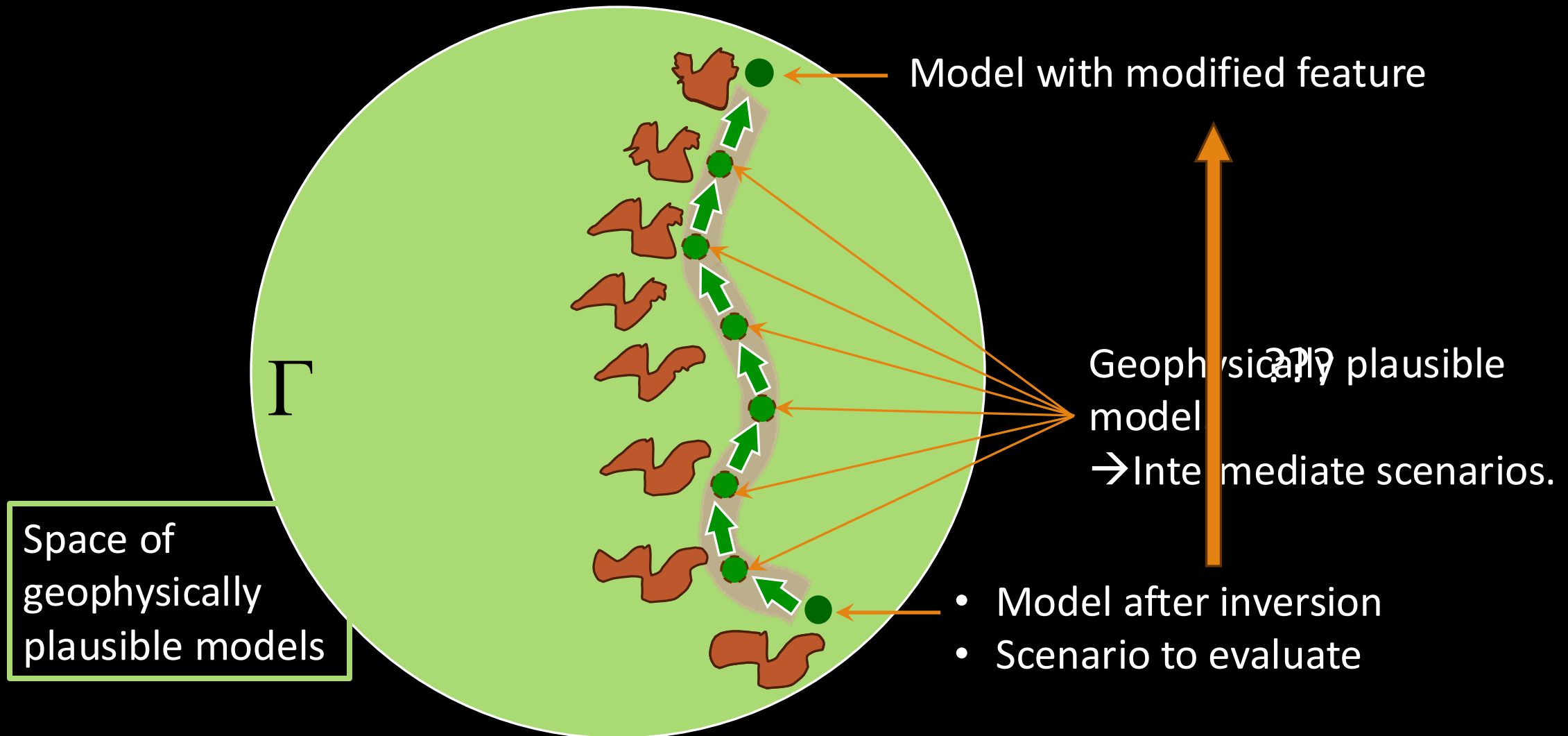
- Discriminative nullspace

Geophysical models



Same classification!

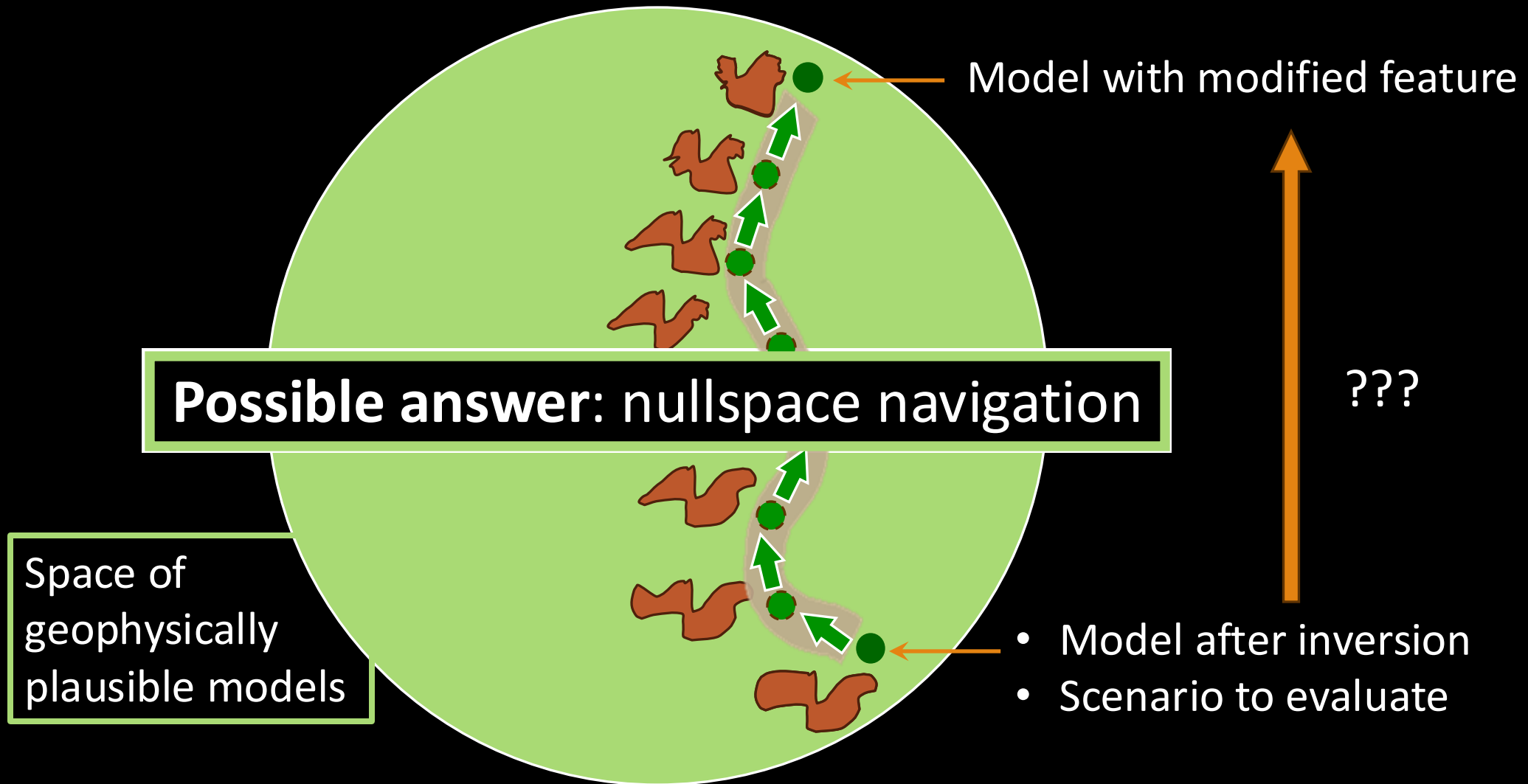
e.g., geophysical data



**Question:** what if a given feature is added or removed?



# Motivation and Objectives



- Transition from one model that fits the data to another  
« Null space shuttles » (Deal and Noll 1996, de Wit et al 2012)
- Modifying the model WHILE maintaining data fit  
« Hamiltonian null-space shuttles » (Fichtner and Zunino, 2019)  
(inspired from Brownian movement)
- Maintain the Hamiltonian  $H$  constant

$$H = \text{misfit term} + \text{perturbation term}$$

Should not change

Should change

- Hamiltonian null-space shuttles (Fichtner and Zunino, 2019)  
(inspired from Brownian mouvement)

- Misfit term // potential energy

$$\psi^d = \psi^d(\mathbf{d}_{obs.}^{geophy}, \mathbf{m}) = \|\mathbf{d}_{obs.}^{geophy} - \underbrace{\mathbf{S}\mathbf{m}}_{\substack{\text{Calculated data} \\ \text{(pot. fields: linear)}}}\|_2^2$$

- Perturbation term // kinetic energy

$$K(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}$$

- Hamiltonian

$H(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p})$  = potential energy + kinetic energy

$H(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p})$  = **constant**

$$H(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p}) = \psi^d(\mathbf{d}_{obs.}^{geophy}, \mathbf{m}) + K(\mathbf{p})$$

# Nullspace shuttles

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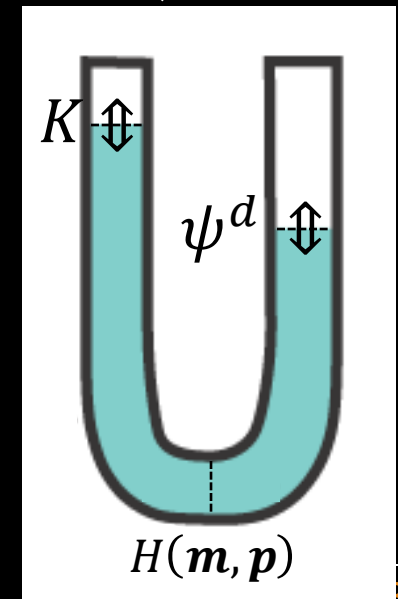
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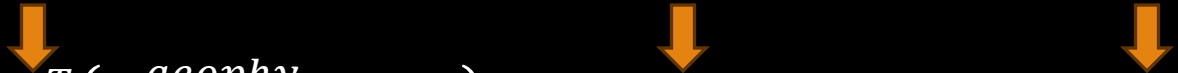
$$H(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p}) = \text{constant}$$



- Solving the equations

- Useful quantities

- Derivative of potential energy

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{m}} \left( \psi^d(\mathbf{d}_{obs}^{geophy}, \mathbf{m}) \right) = -\mathbf{S}^T (\mathbf{d}_{obs}^{geophy} - \mathbf{S}\mathbf{m})$$


- Derivative of perturbation term

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{m}} (K(\mathbf{p})) = \delta \mathbf{p}_{pert} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{-1}$$

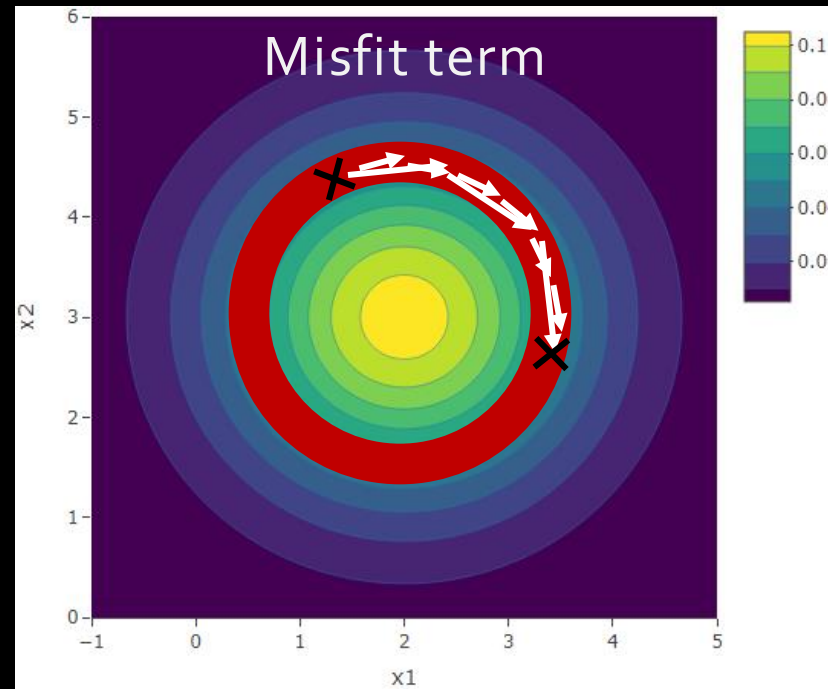
Iterative numerical scheme:  
leapfrog method.

- Constraints

- Depth weighting – same as for inversion
- Inequality / Positivity constraints, e.g. no mag susc. < 0.
- Prior model constraints



- Step length ( $\Delta t$ )
- Data misfit tolerance  $\varepsilon$ 
  - Explore far from starting point, quickly
  - Or small step by step modifications

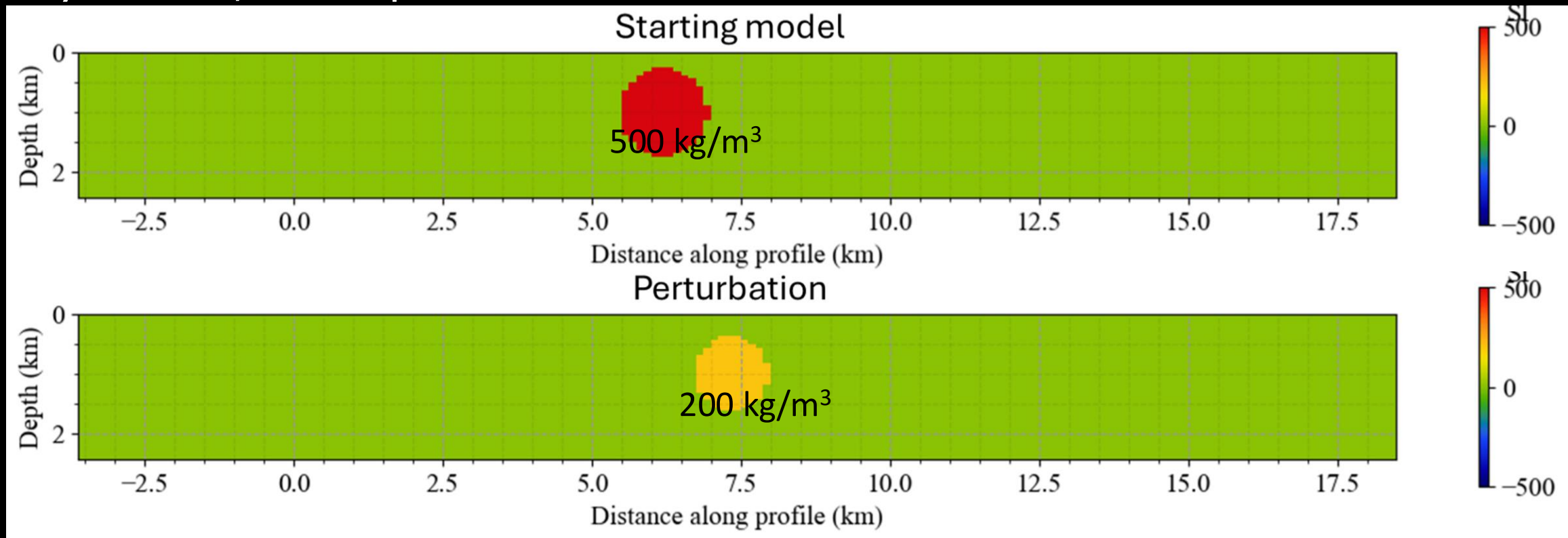


One model per step:  
explore space of  
equivalent models

Examples that can be  
reproduced using the  
notebook

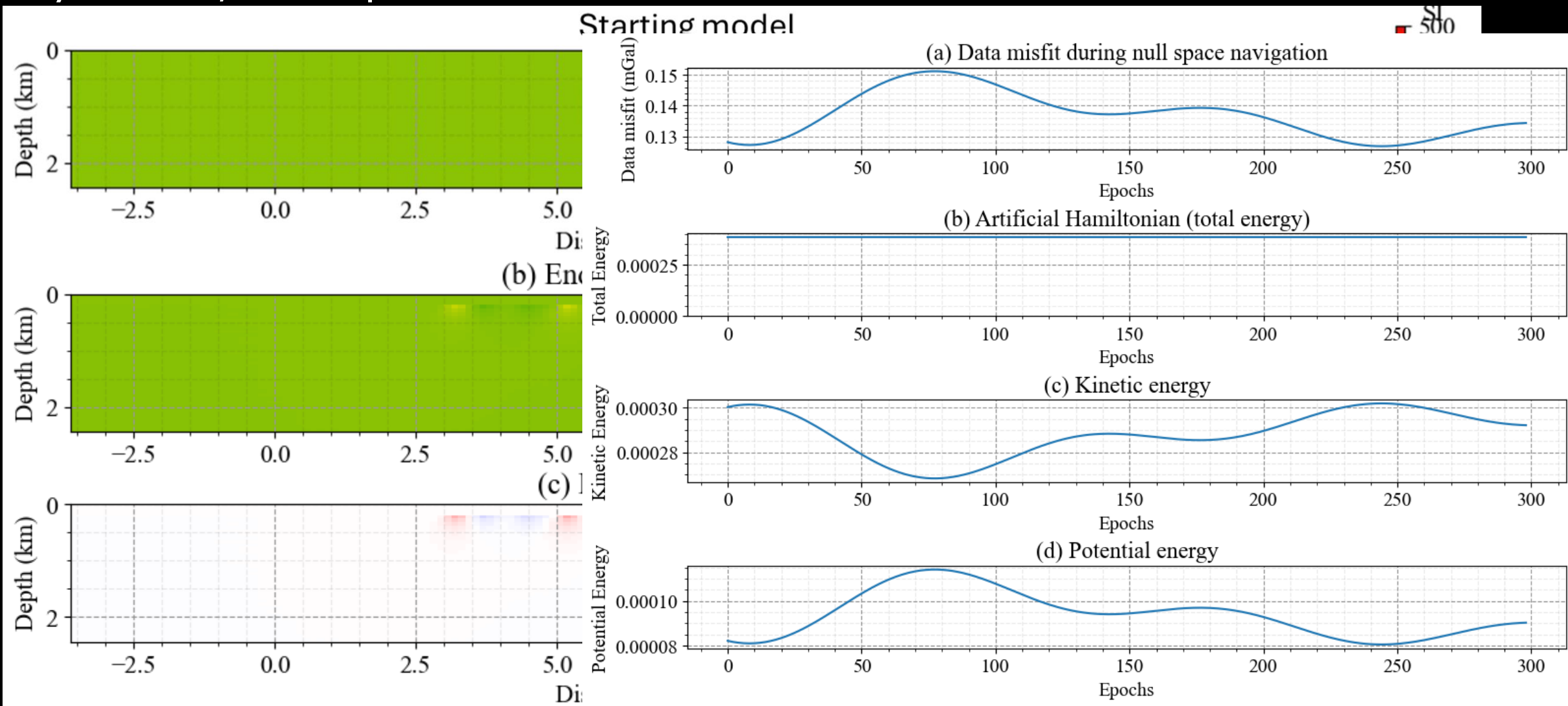
# Visual examples - gravi

- Synthetic, conceptual model



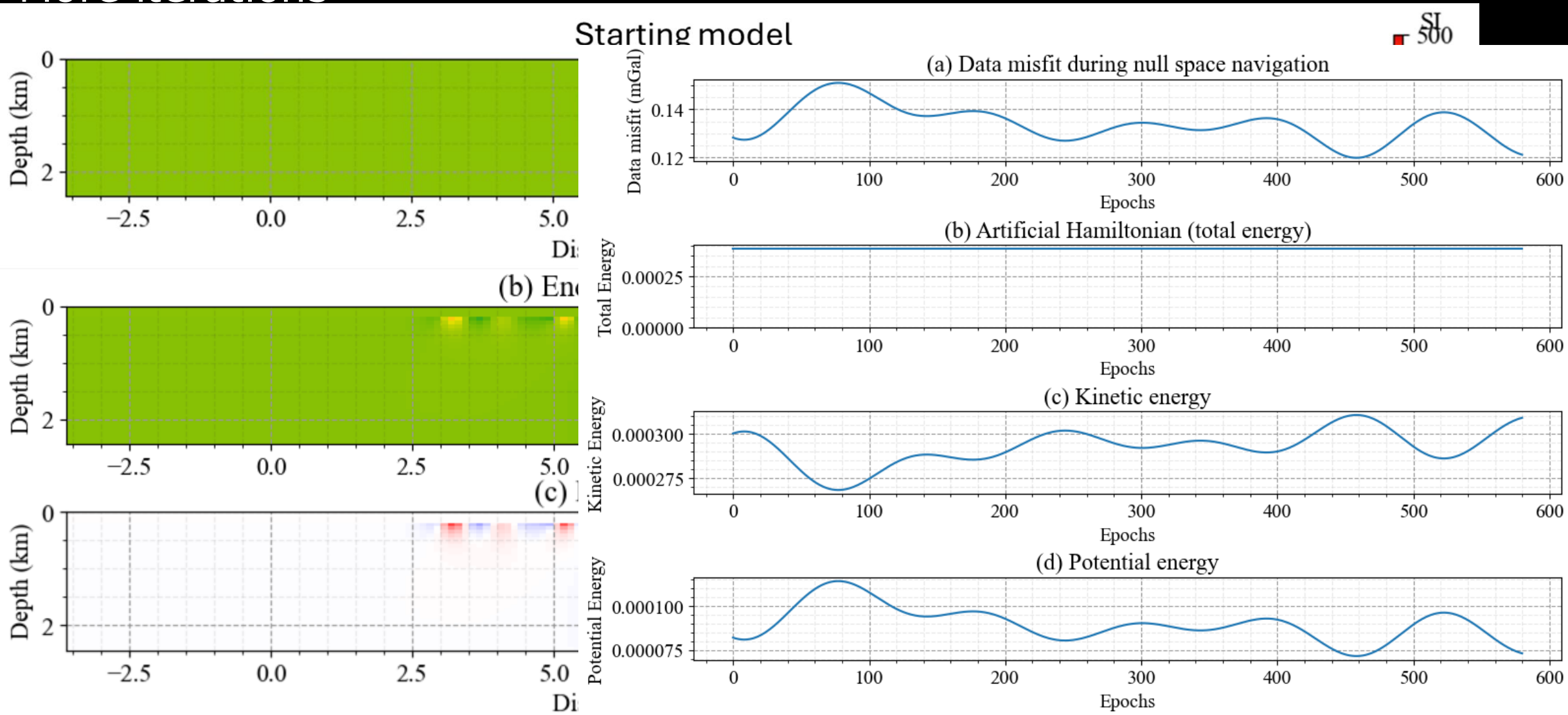
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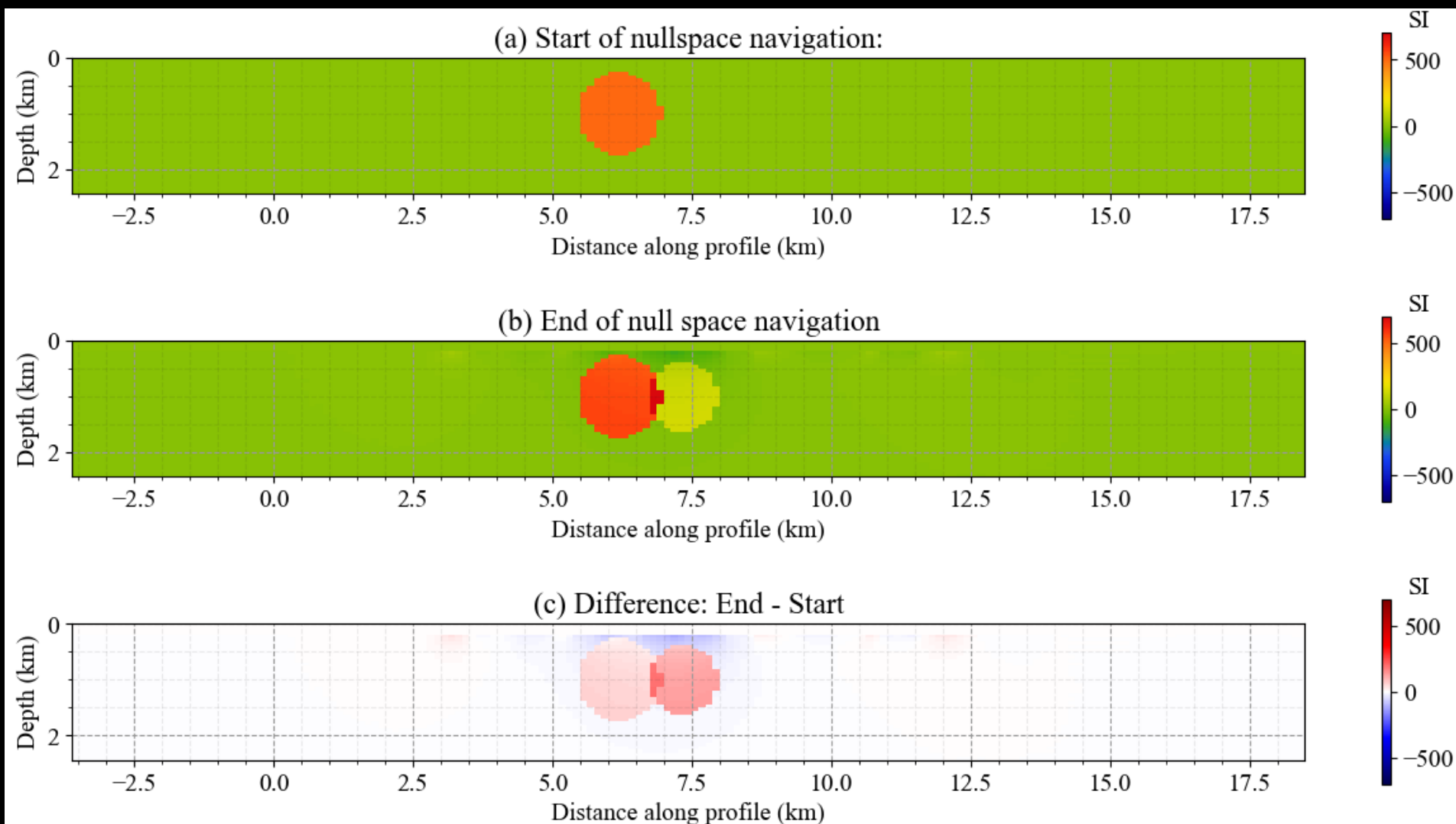
- More iterations





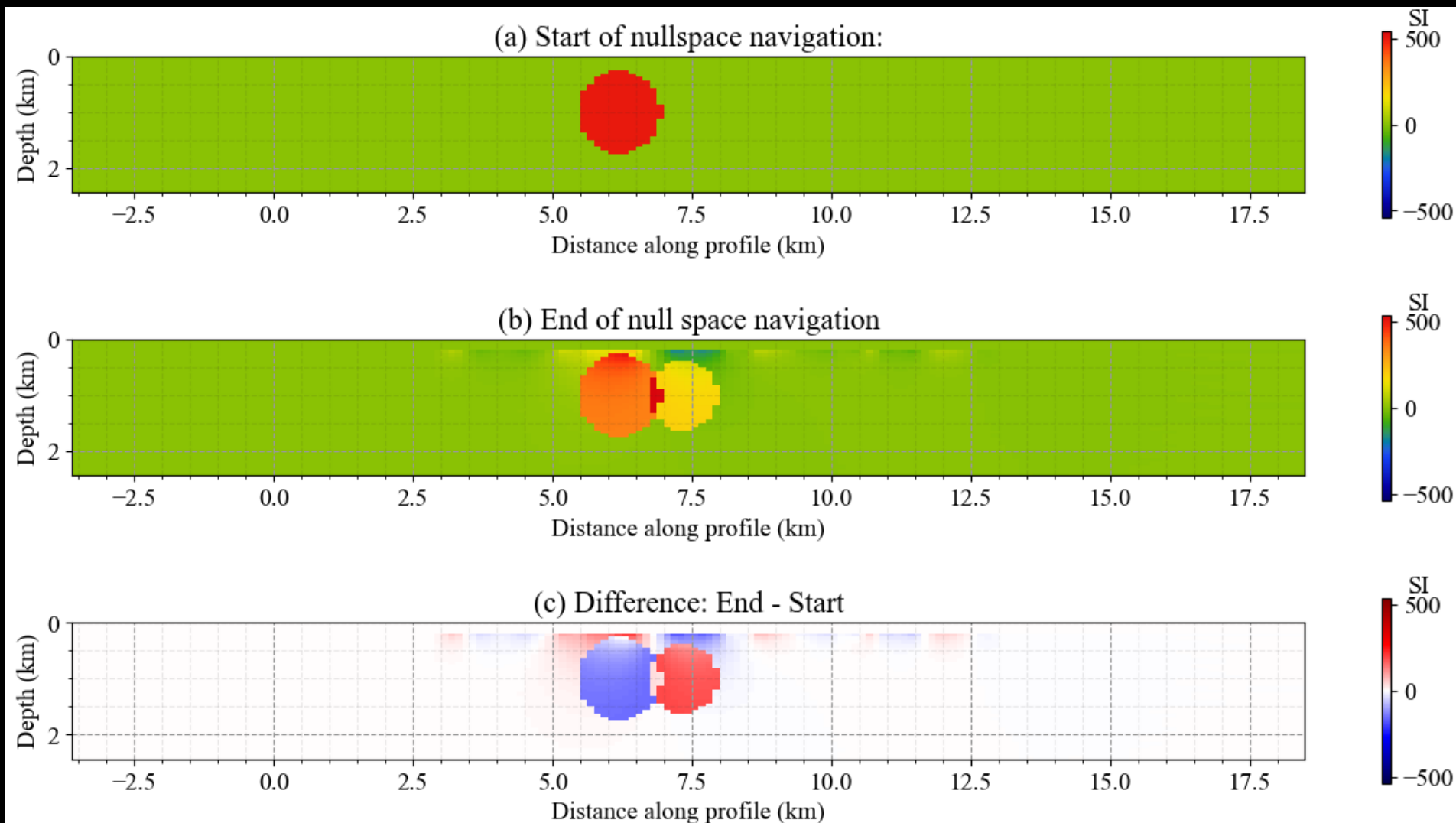
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- Smallness constraints – increase magnitude of values in the model



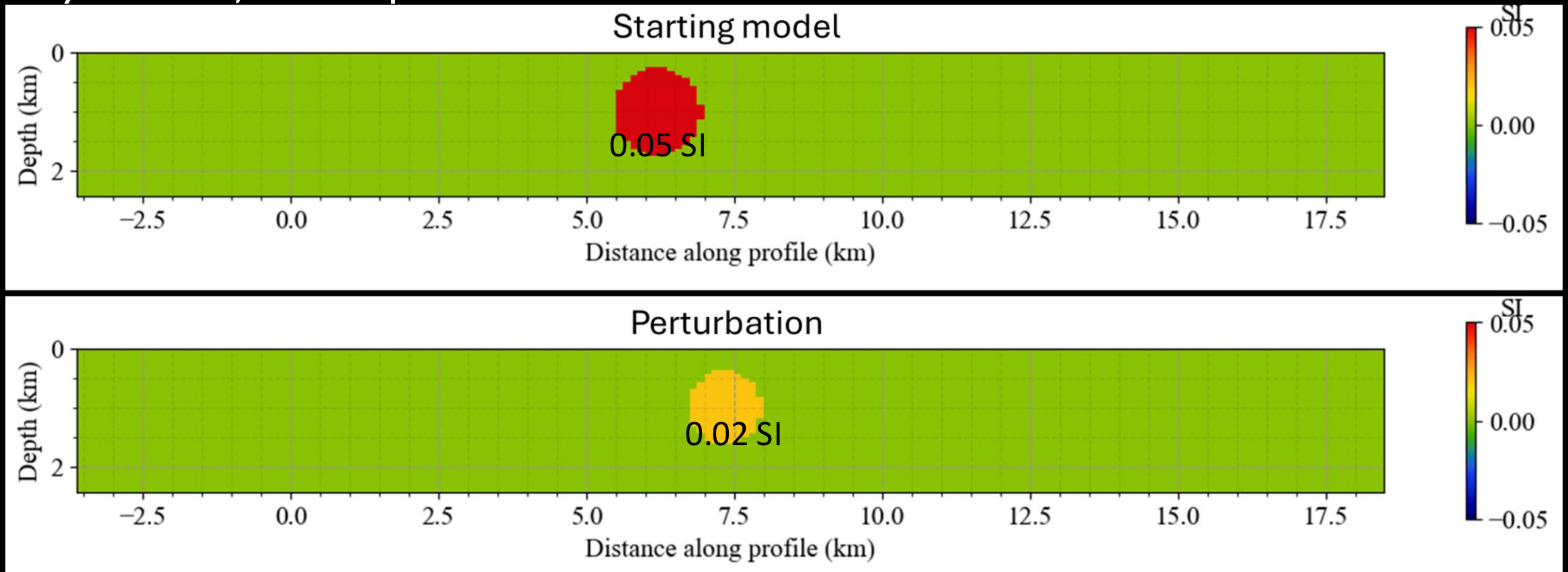
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- Smallness constraints – reduce magnitude of values in the model

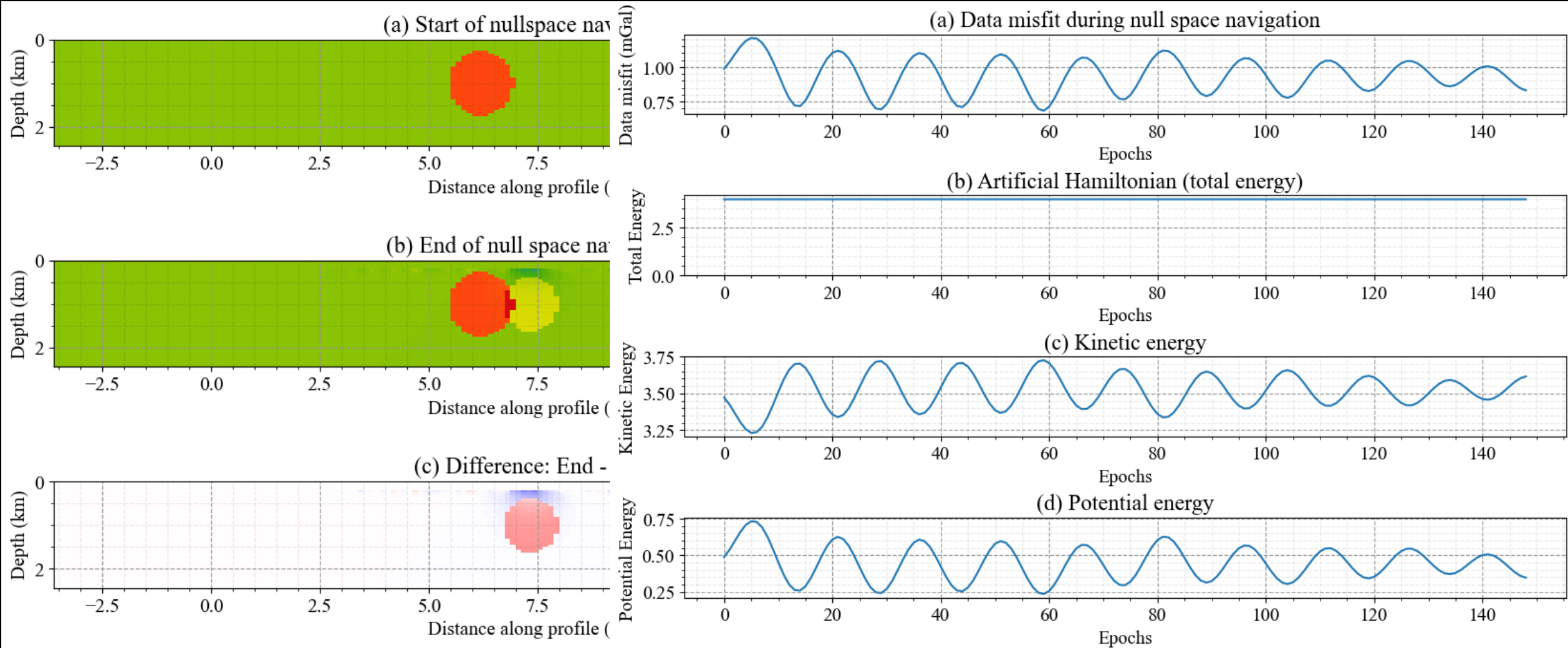


# Visual examples - mag

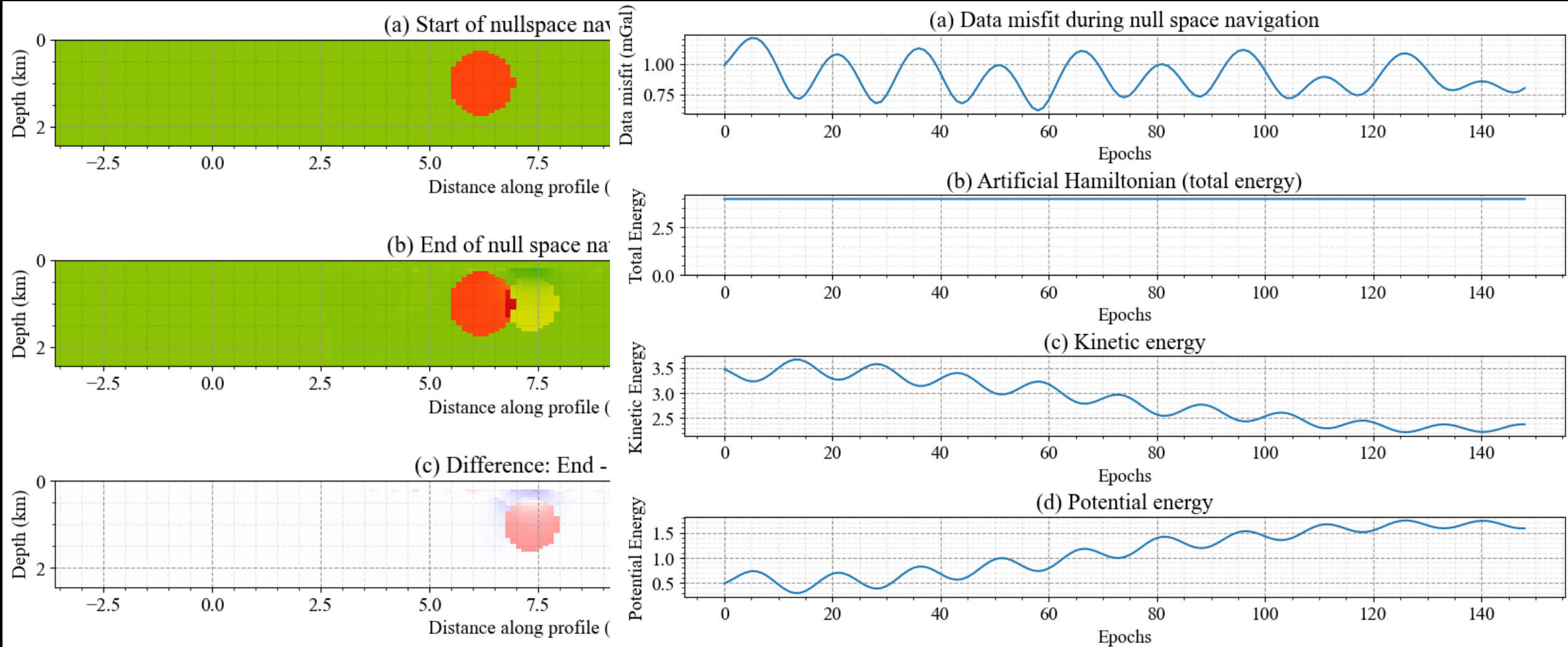
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- Base case – no constraints

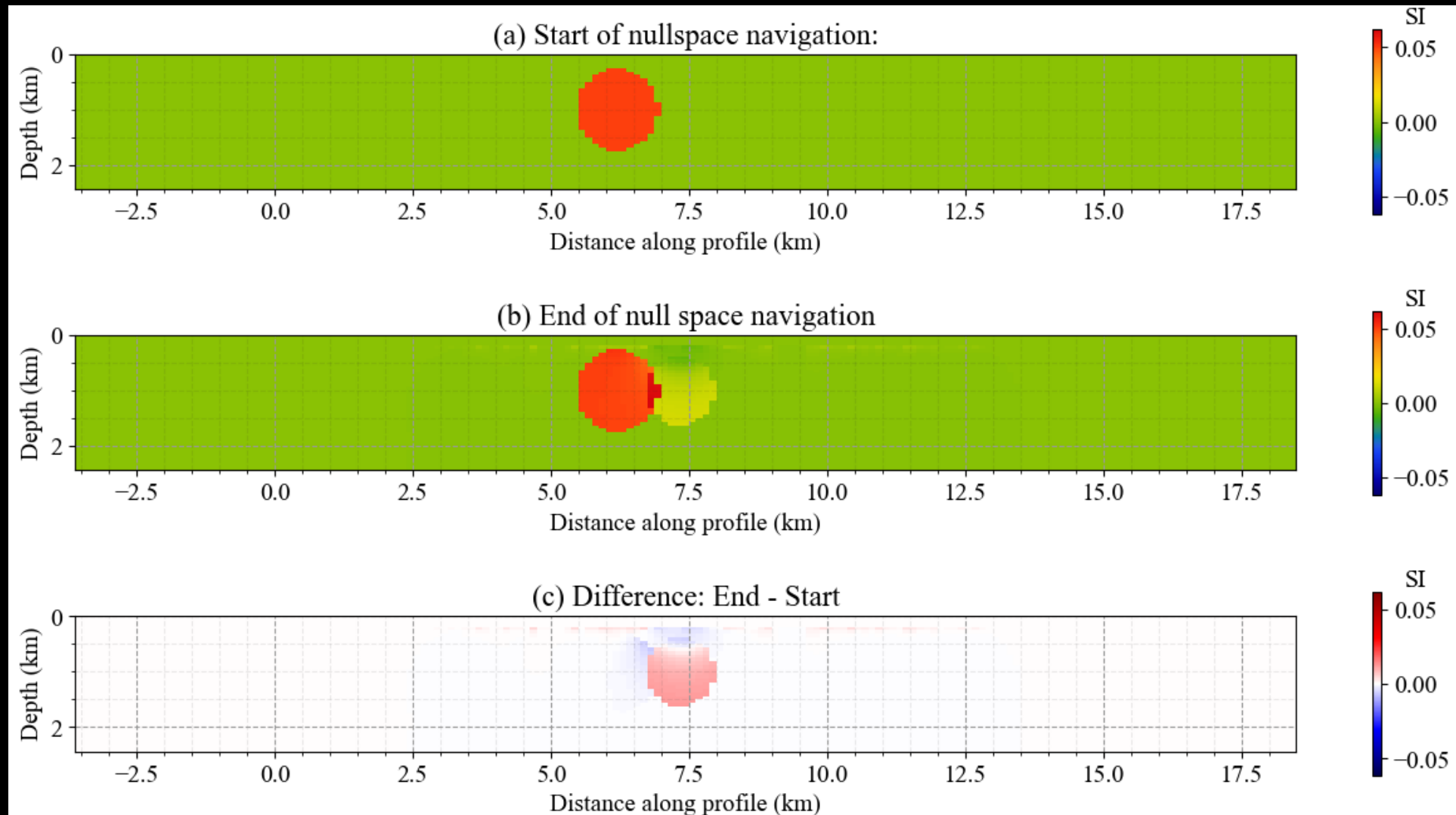


- Positivity constraints – still some flexibility in intermediate models





- Positivity constraints – almost no flexibility



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Questions?