



Bayesian Imaging with Uncertainty Analysis

- Invertible Neural Networks and Normalizing Flows -

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Bayesian Inference

- Forward and Inverse Problems

$$\mathbf{d} = f(\mathbf{m})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{m}} = \arg_{\mathbf{m}} \min |f(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}_{obs}|$$

$$\{\mathbf{m}: f(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}_{obs} \text{ acceptable}\}$$

\mathbf{m} – model

\mathbf{d} – data

f – forward function

Bayesian Inference

- Bayes' theorem

Can we estimate this
using Neural Networks?

$$p(\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{d}_{obs}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{d}_{obs} | \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{m})}{p(\mathbf{d}_{obs})}$$

The diagram illustrates the Bayes' theorem formula. The terms are color-coded and connected by arrows:

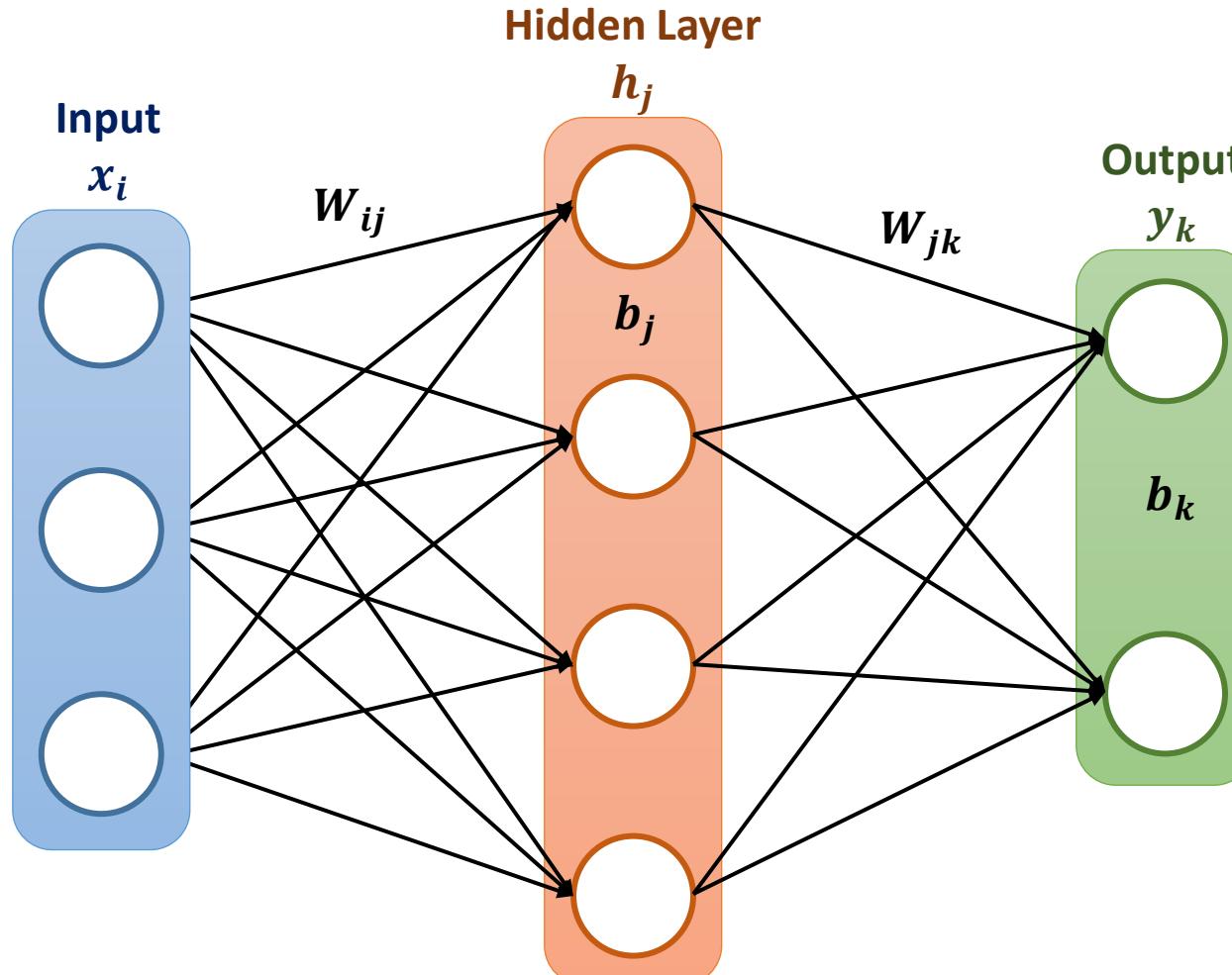
- Posterior pdf** ($p(\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{d}_{obs})$) is shown in a red box.
- likelihood** ($p(\mathbf{d}_{obs} | \mathbf{m})$) is shown in a purple box.
- Prior pdf** ($p(\mathbf{m})$) is shown in a blue box.
- evidence** ($p(\mathbf{d}_{obs})$) is shown in a green box.

A red arrow points from the Posterior pdf term back to the numerator, indicating it is derived from the likelihood and prior terms.

\mathbf{m} = model , \mathbf{d}_{obs} = observed data

pdf = probability distribution function

Neural Network



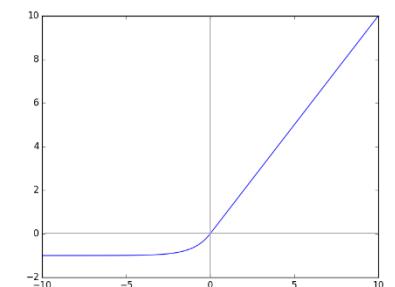
$$h_j = \sum_i W_{ij}x_i + b_j$$

$$\underline{h'_j = \text{elu}(h_j)}$$

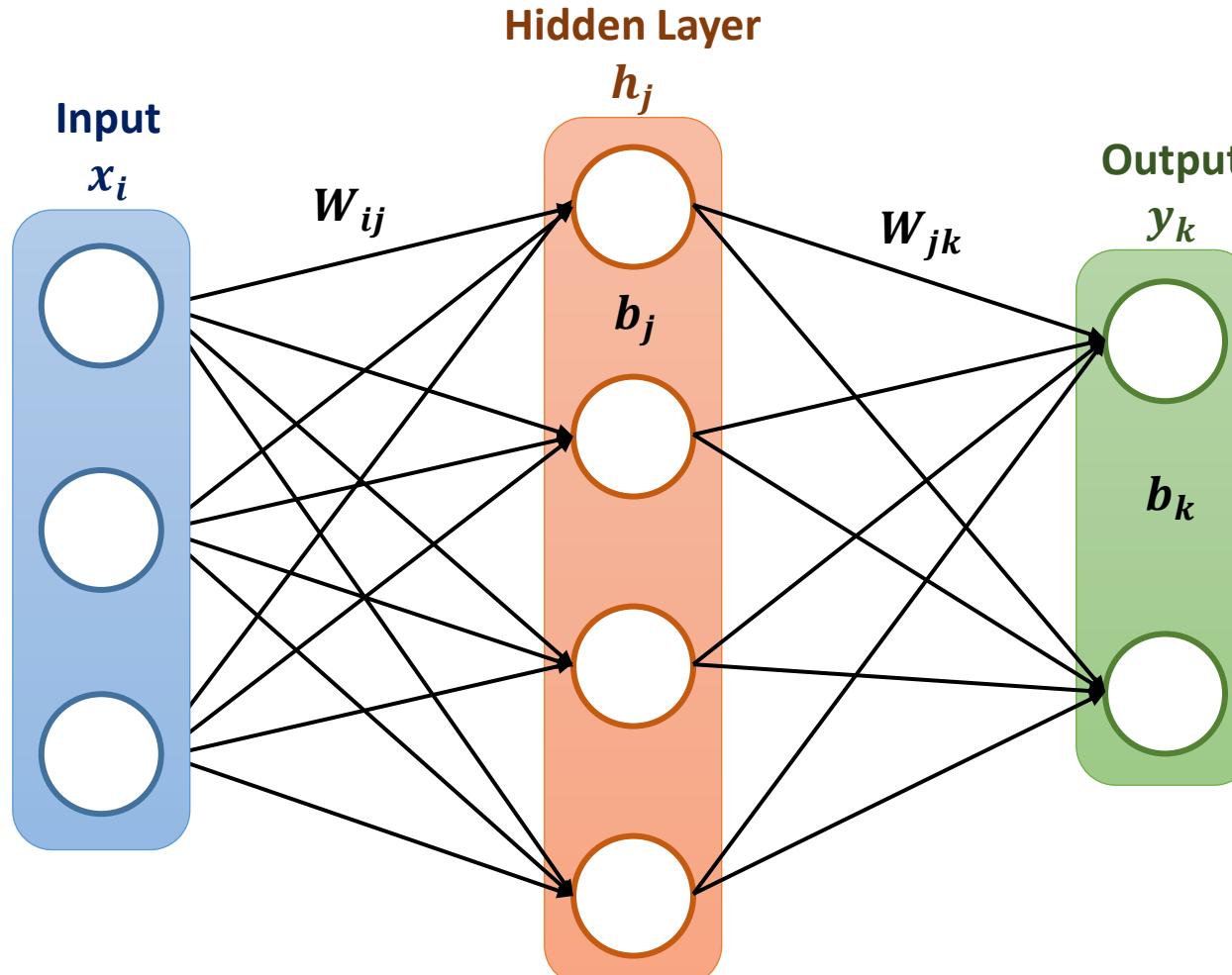
Activation function

$$y_k = \sum_j W_{jk}h'_j + b_k$$

$\text{elu}(x)$



Neural Network



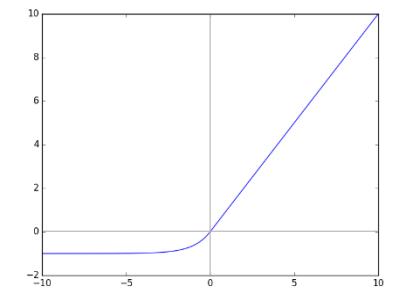
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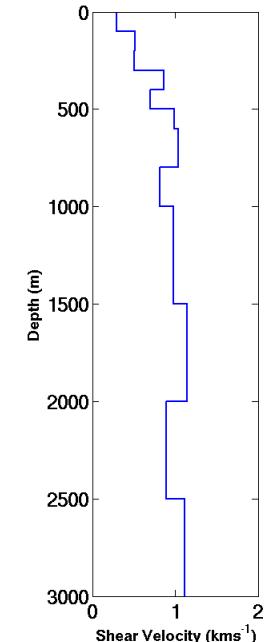
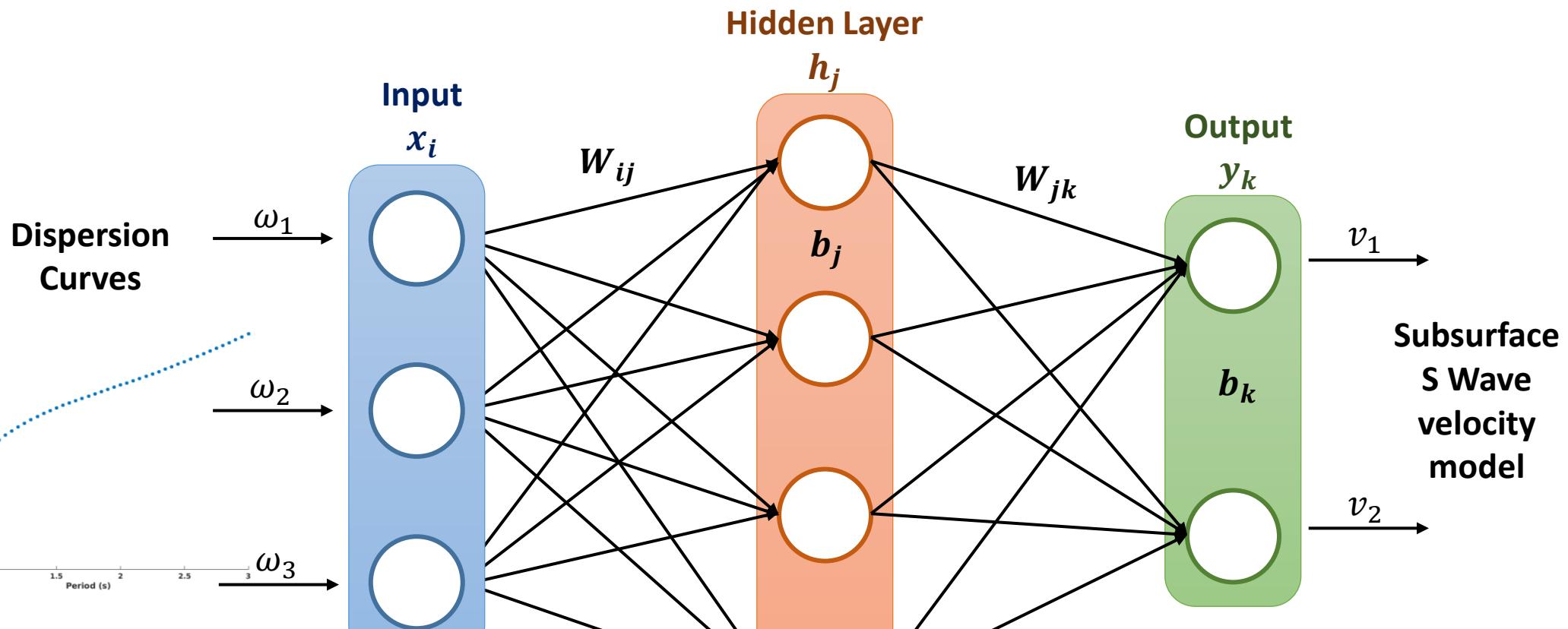
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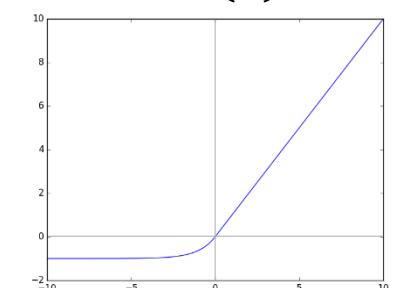
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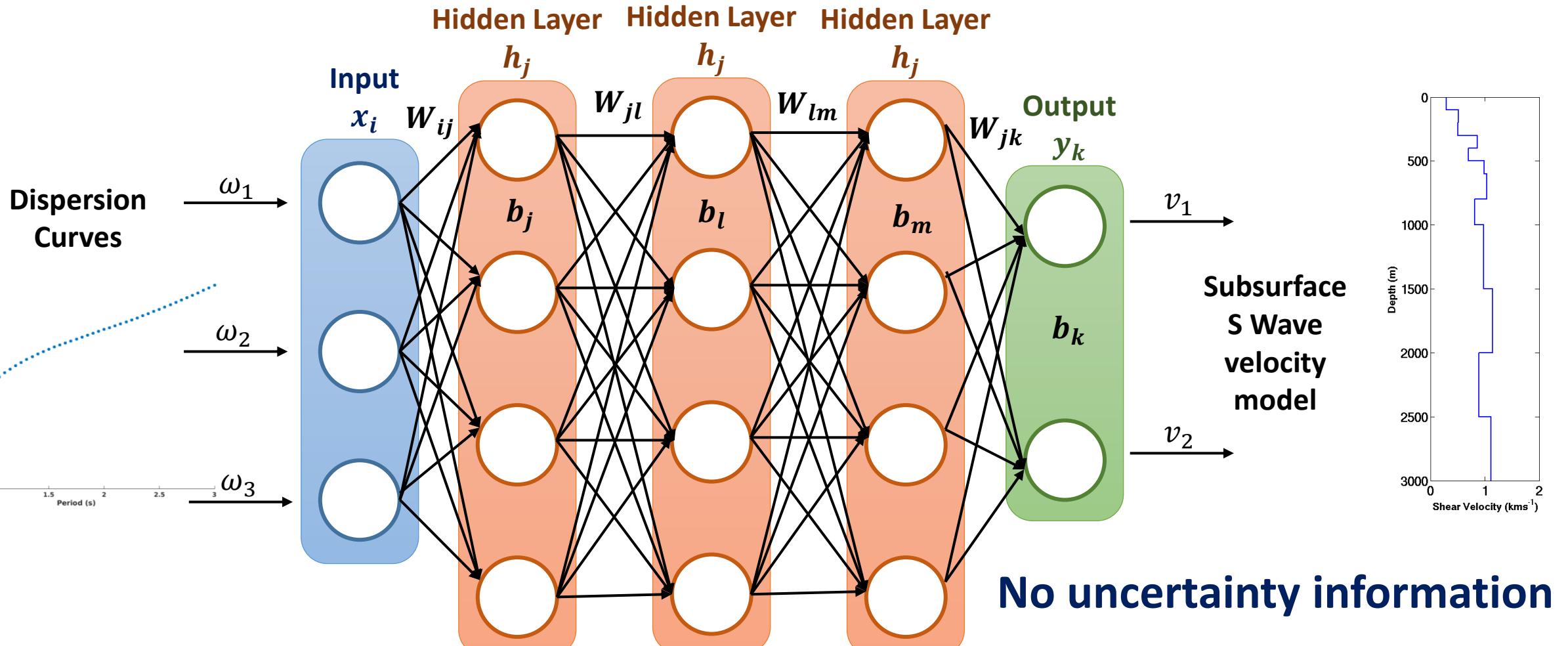
Neural Network



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Neural Network



Recursive, convolutional, adversarial, PINN, etc.

Mixture Density Networks

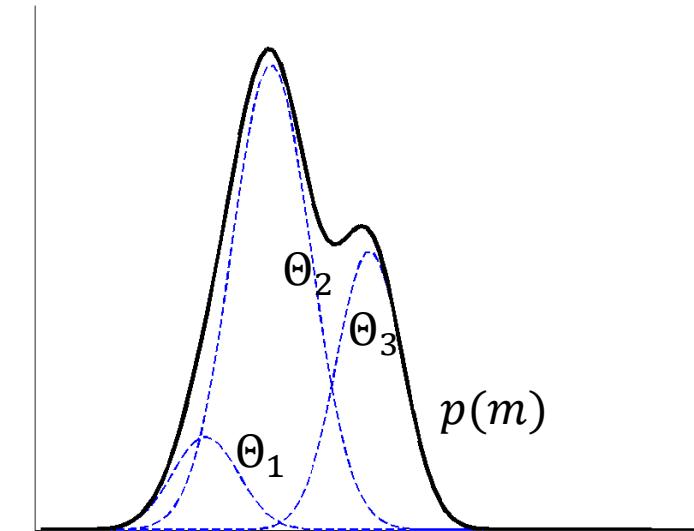
- Standard Neural Network (NN) gives no uncertainty information
- Parameterise uncertainty using mixture of densities (\rightarrow MDN)

$$p(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_{k=1}^M \alpha_k(\mathbf{d}) \Theta_k(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d})$$

Weights in sum

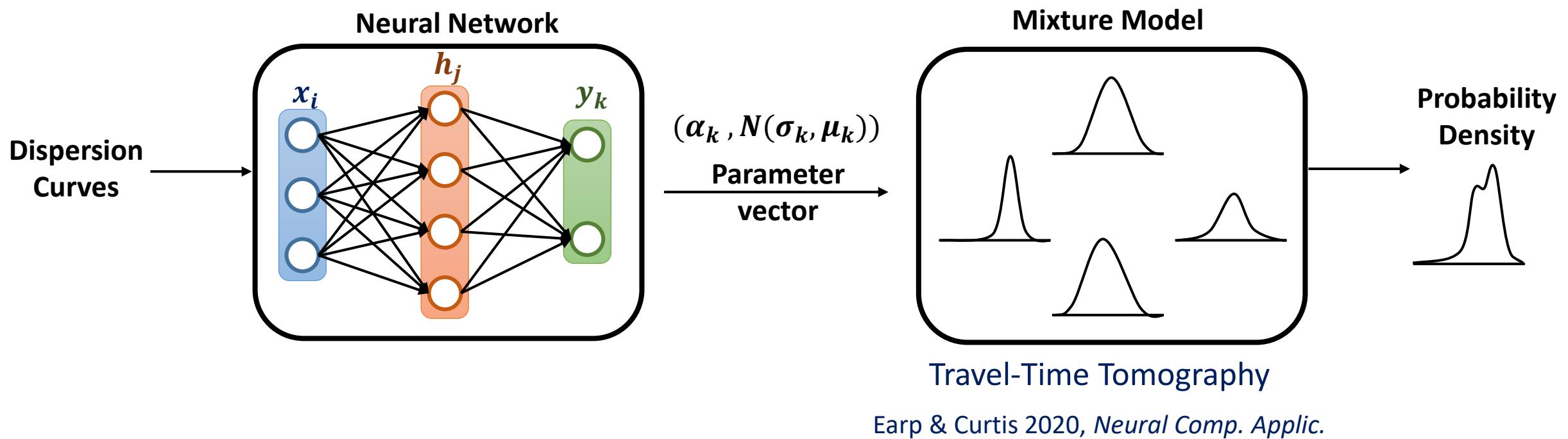
Mixture

Probability Density Kernel (Gaussian)



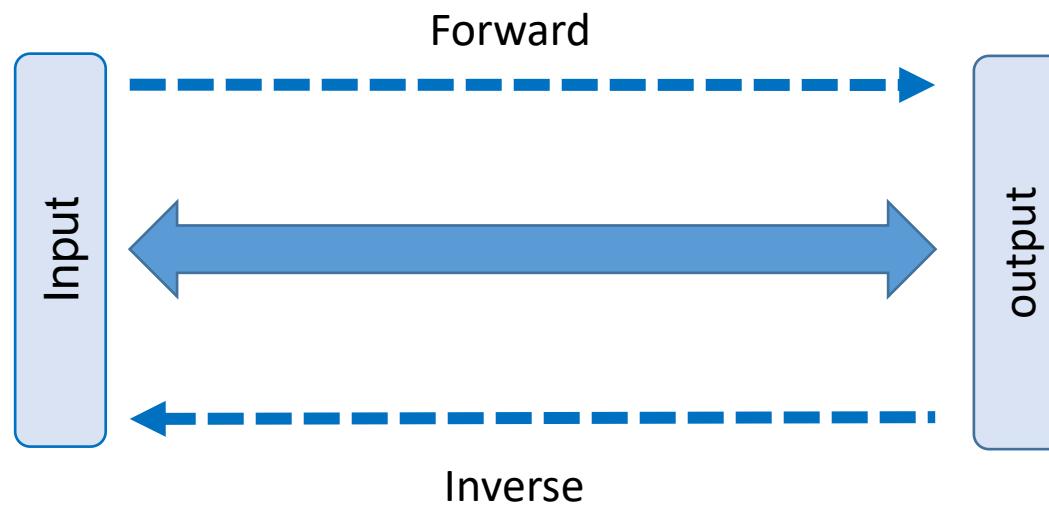
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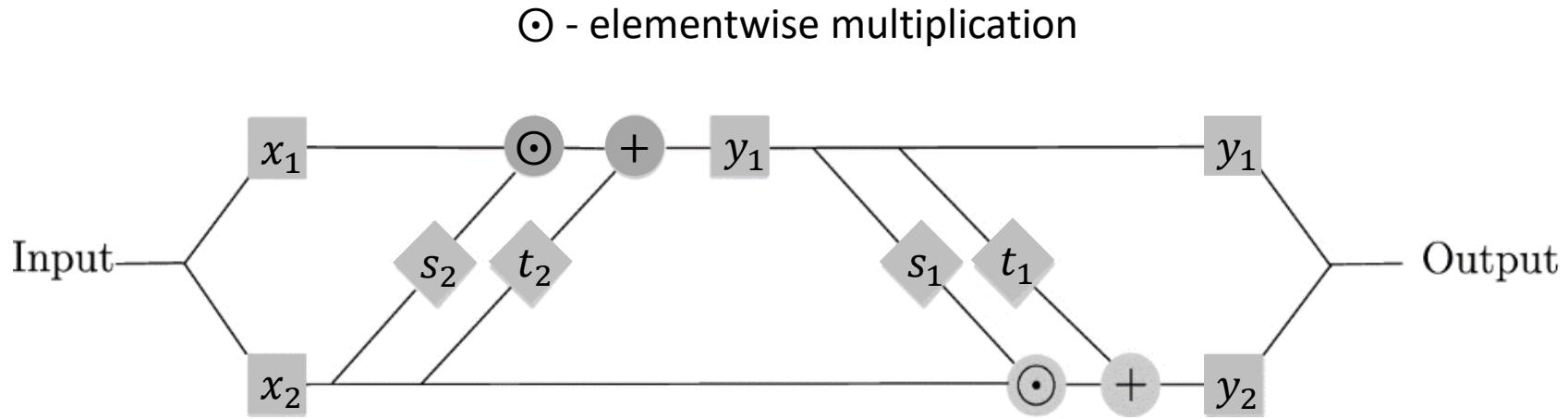


Hard to obtain inter-parameter correlations

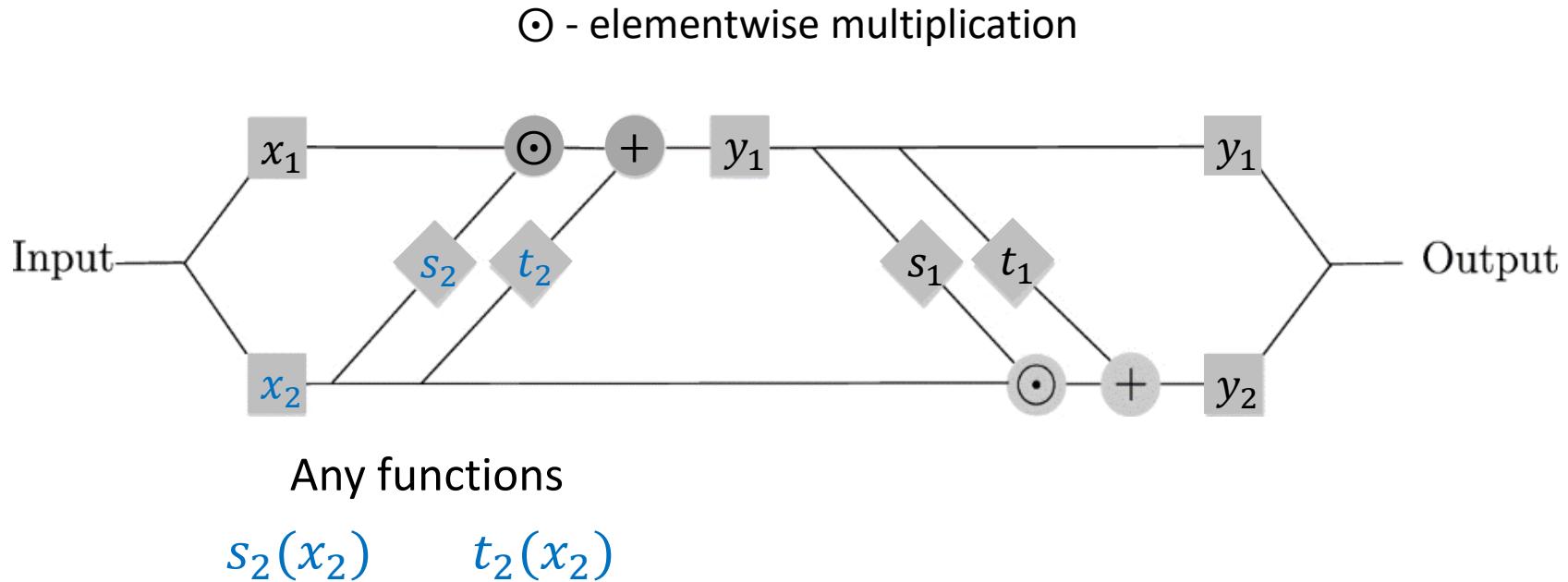
Invertible neural networks → Approx. posterior pdf with correlations



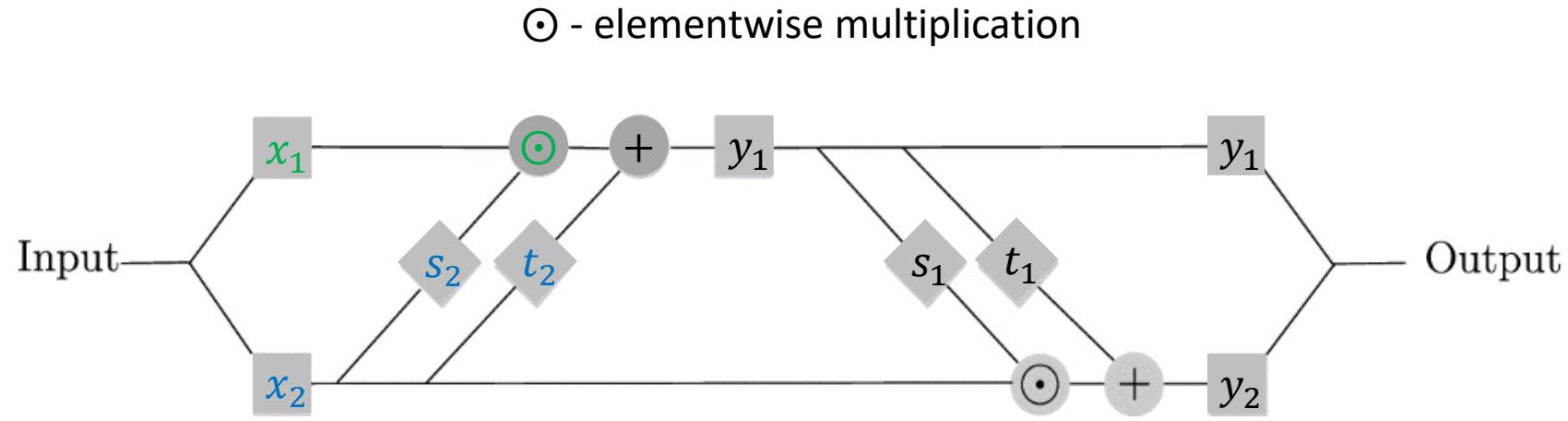
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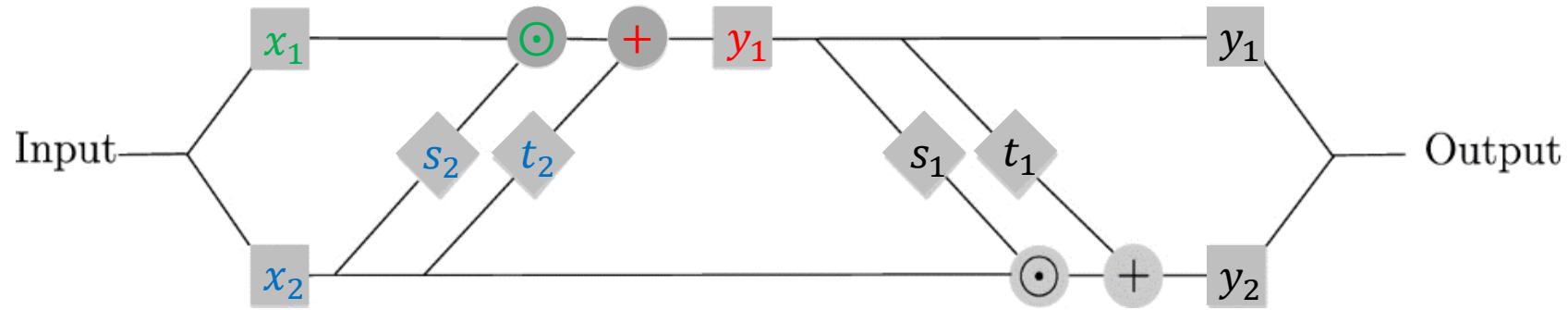
Invertible neural networks



$$x_1 \odot \exp(s_2(x_2)) \quad t_2(x_2)$$

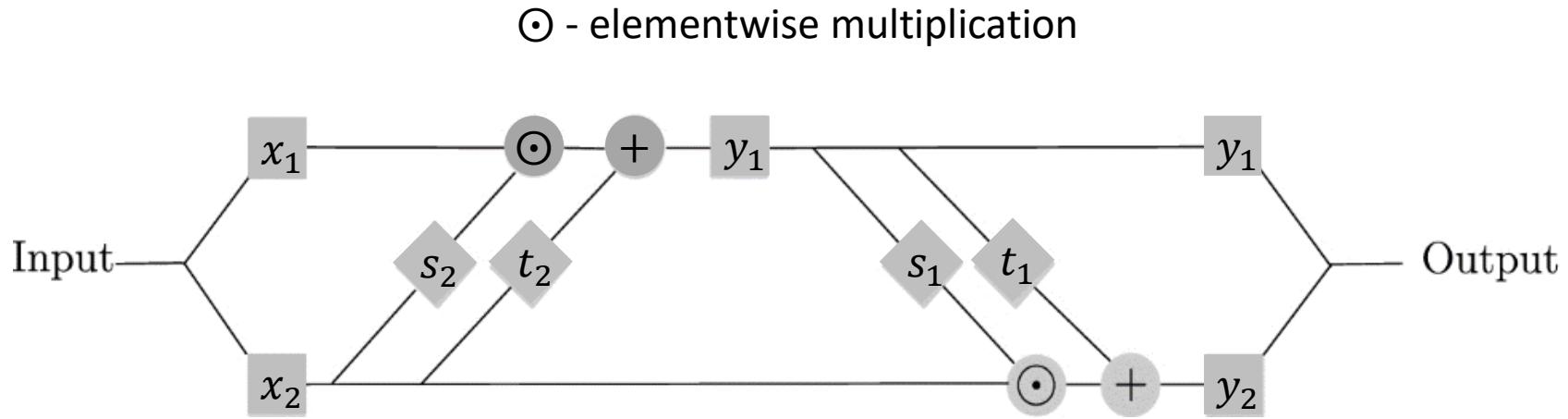
Invertible neural networks

⊖ - elementwise multiplication



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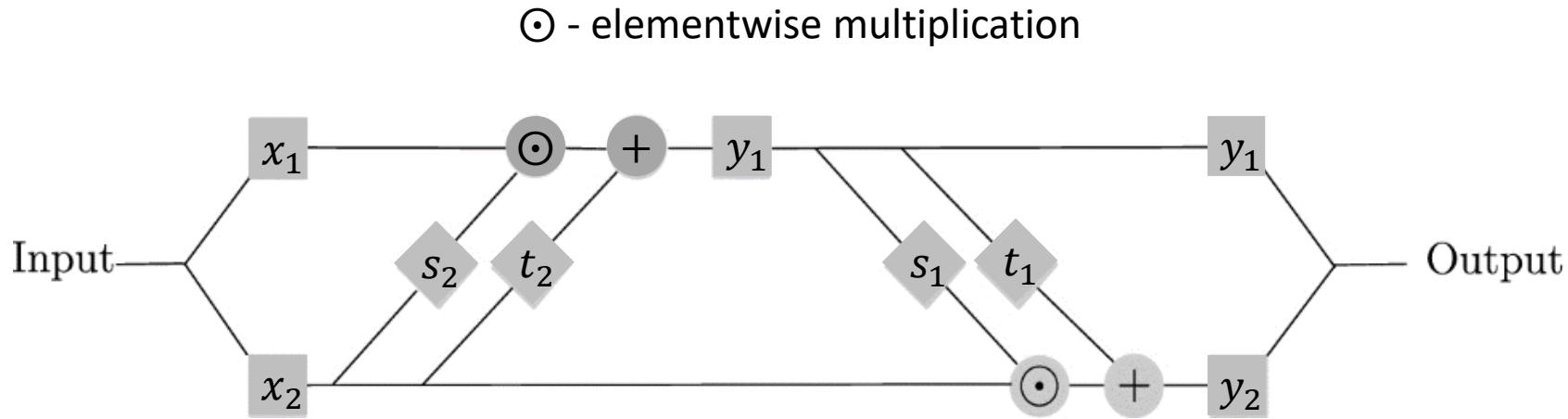
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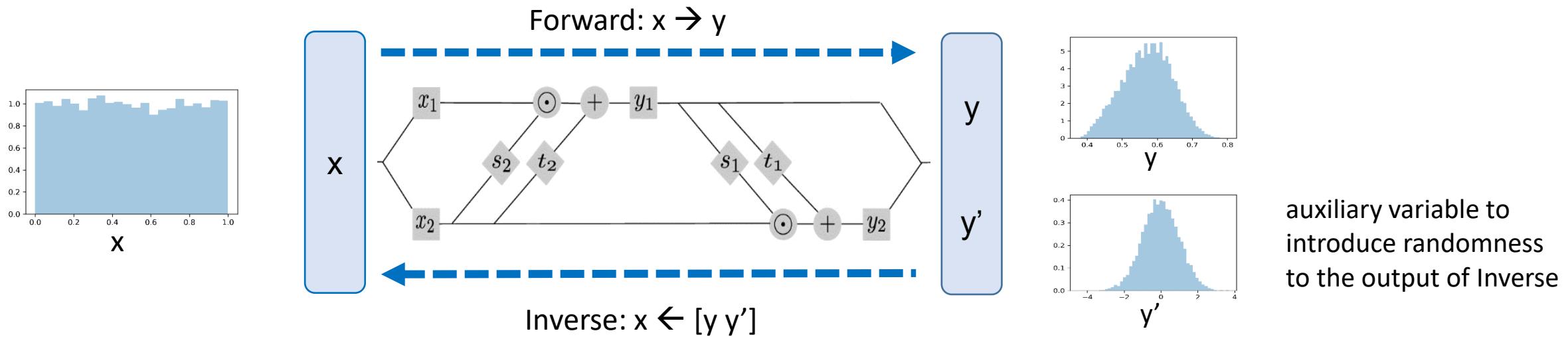
$$x_1 = (y_1 - t_2(x_2)) \odot \exp(-s_2(x_2))$$

$$x_2 = (y_2 - t_1(y_1)) \odot \exp(-s_1(y_1))$$

s_1, s_2, t_1, t_2 can be any functions, e.g., fully connected NN, CNN, PINN, ...

Coupling Structure

Invertible neural networks

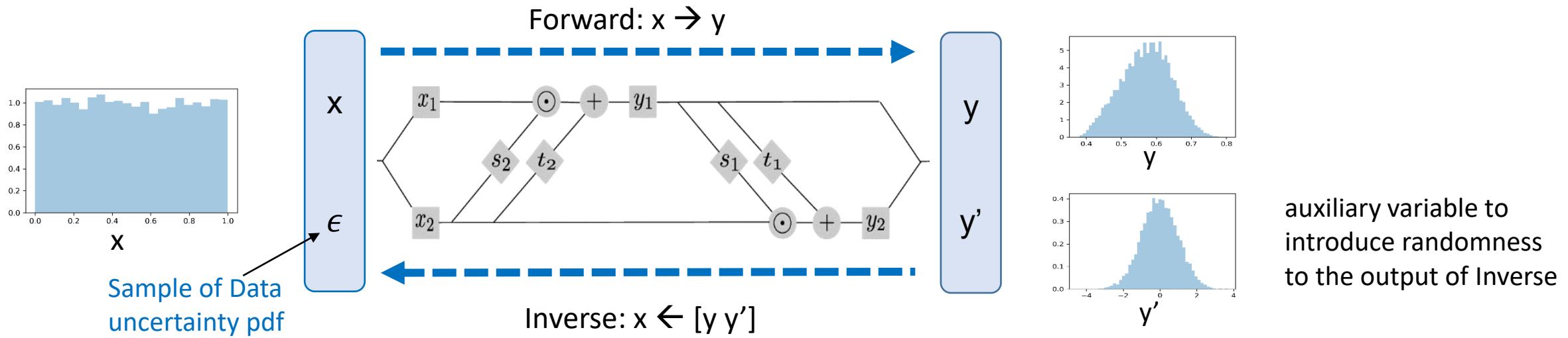


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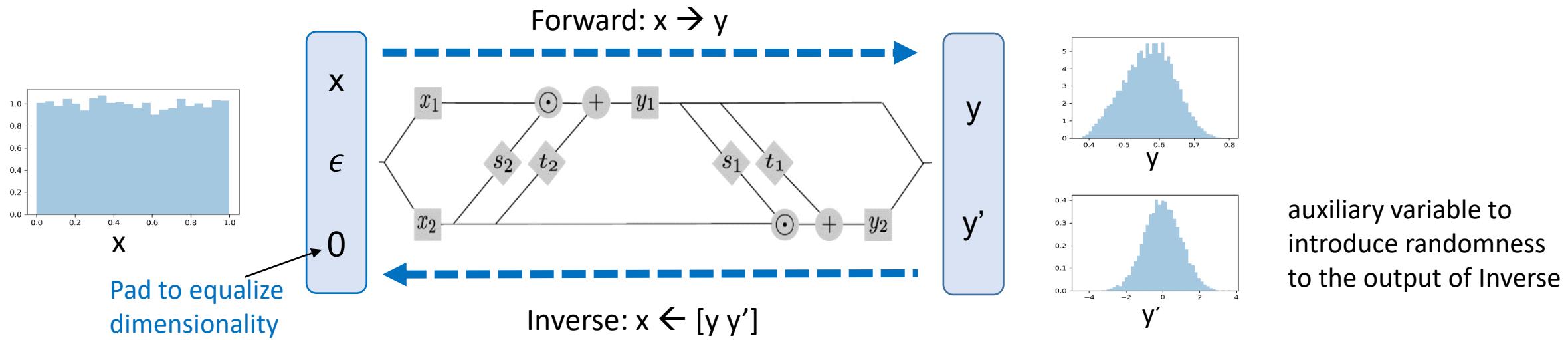


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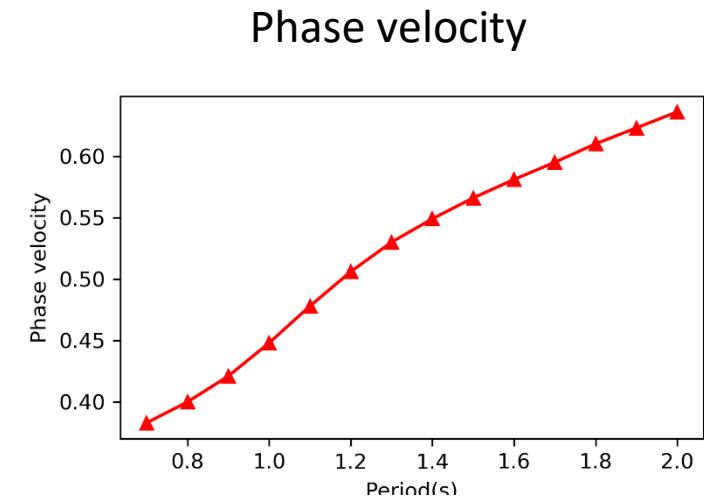
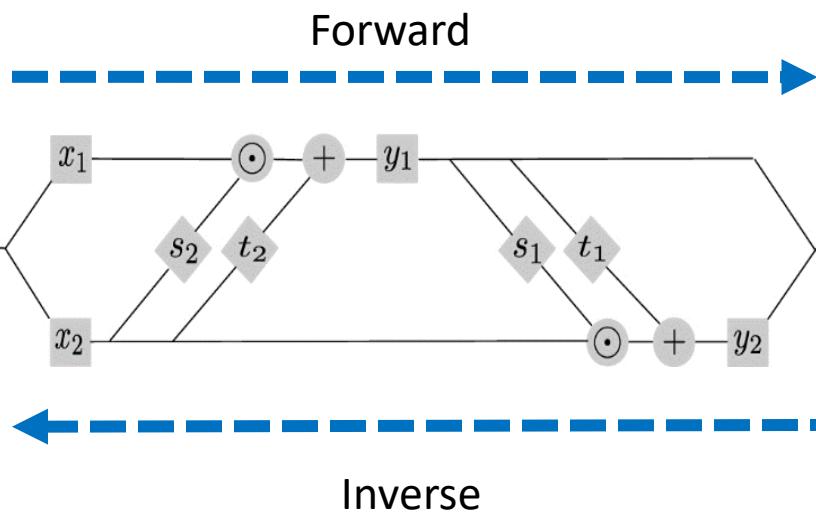
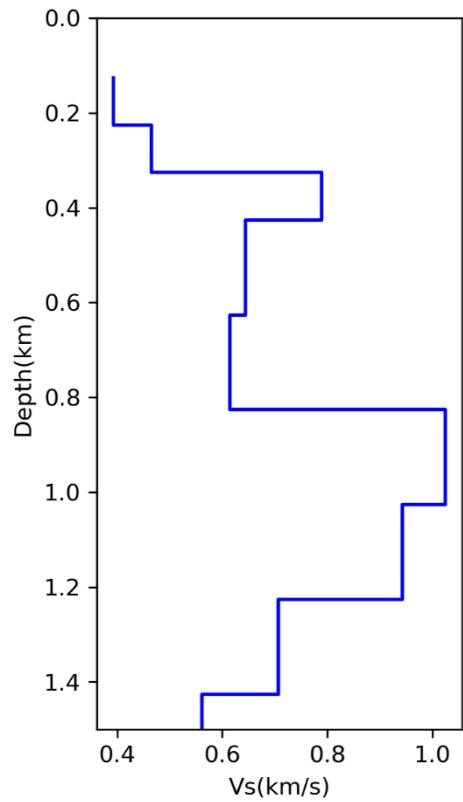


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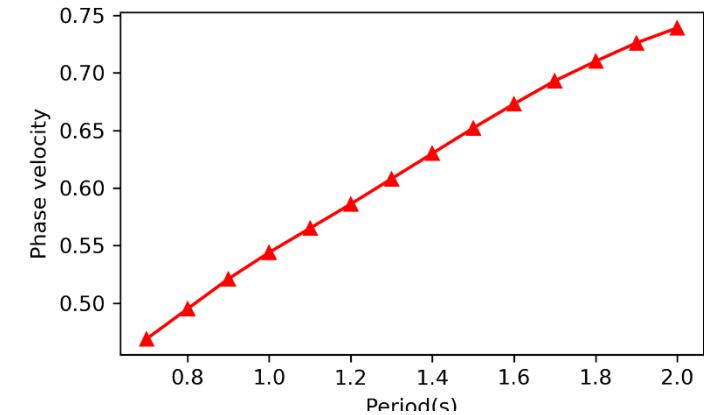
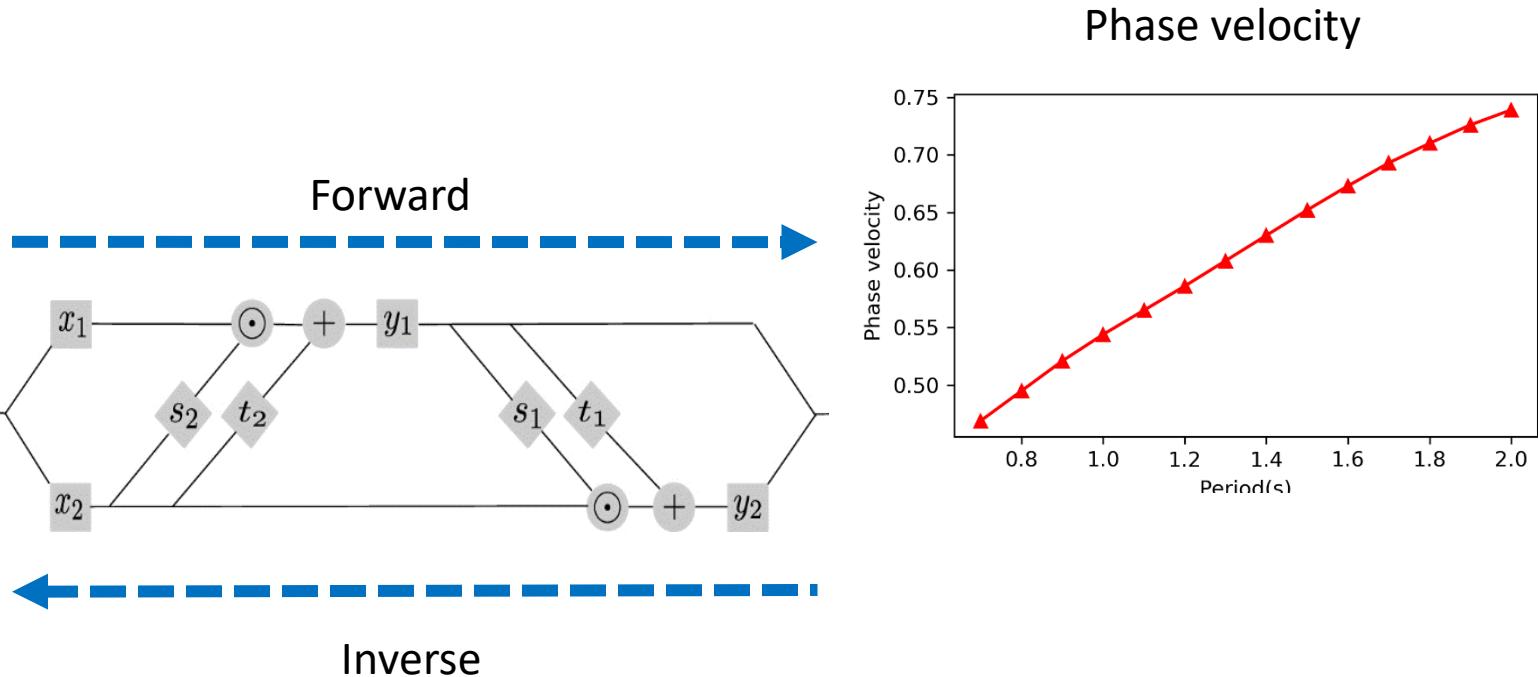
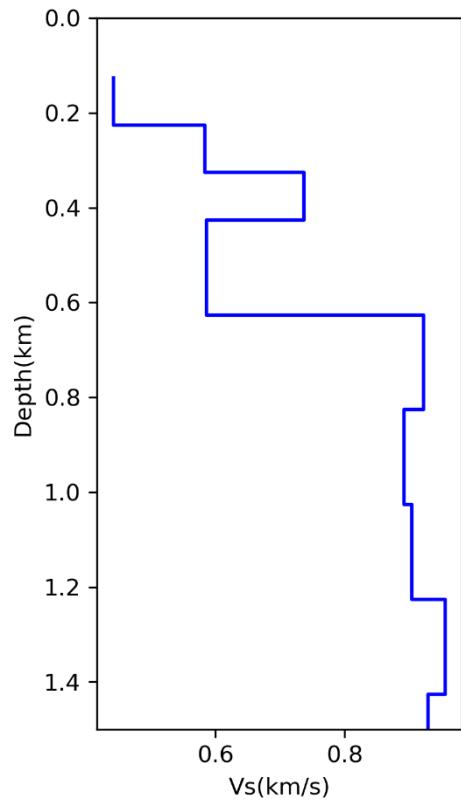
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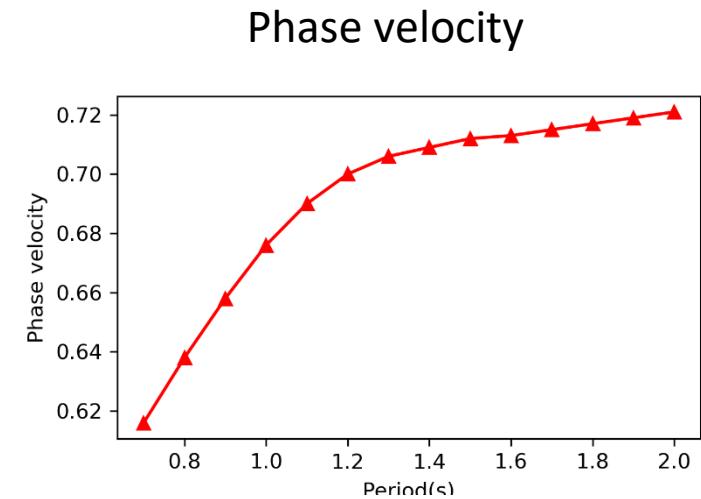
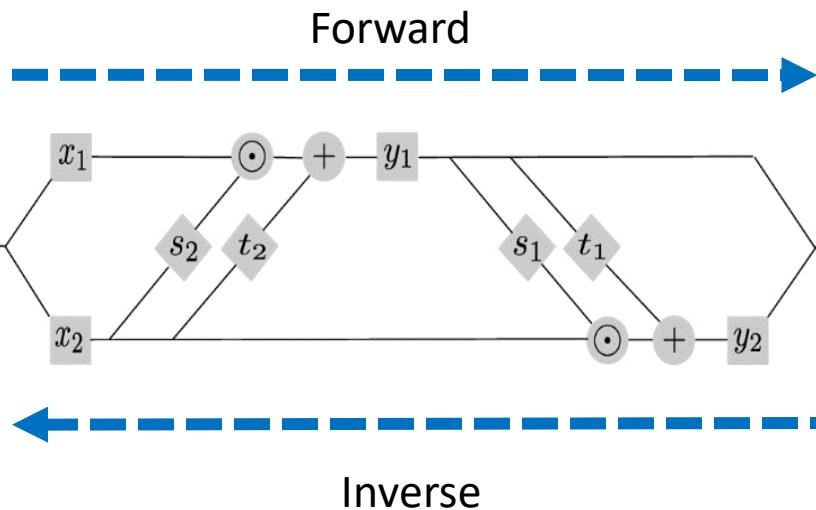
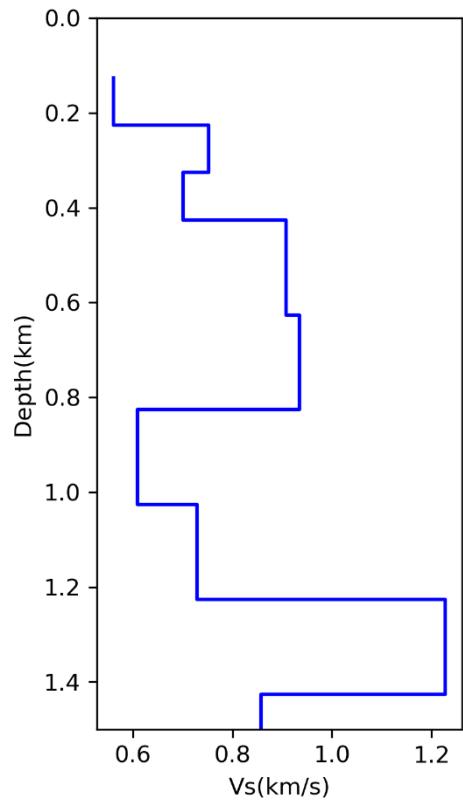
Surface wave dispersion inversion



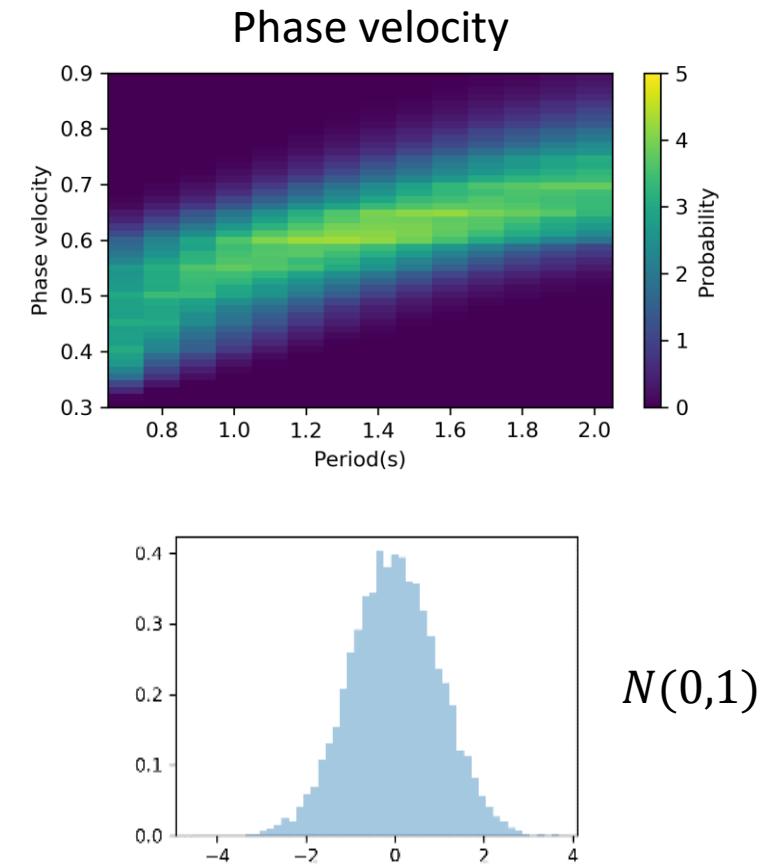
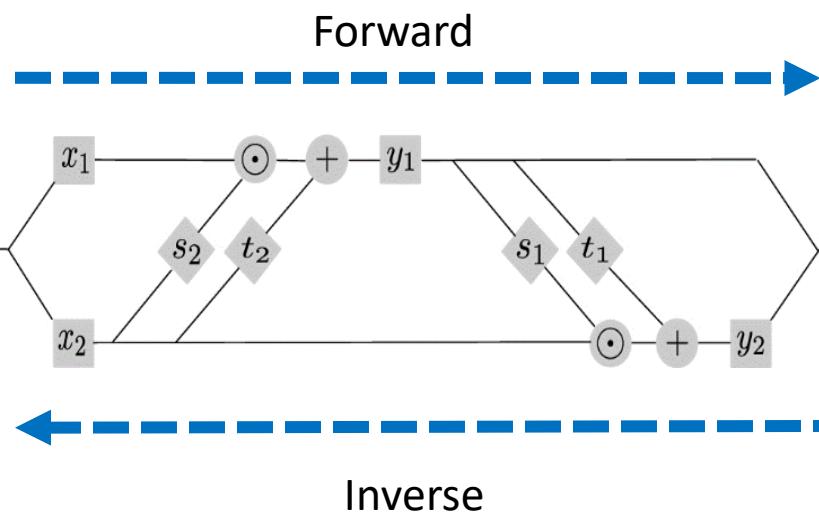
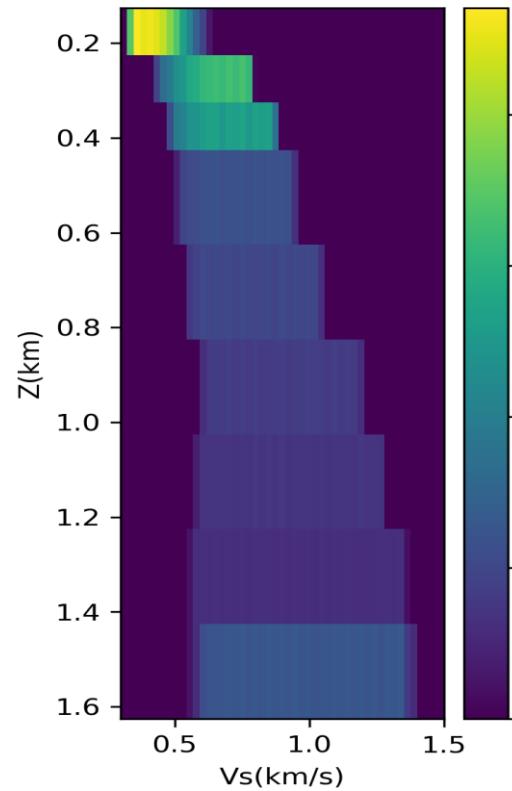
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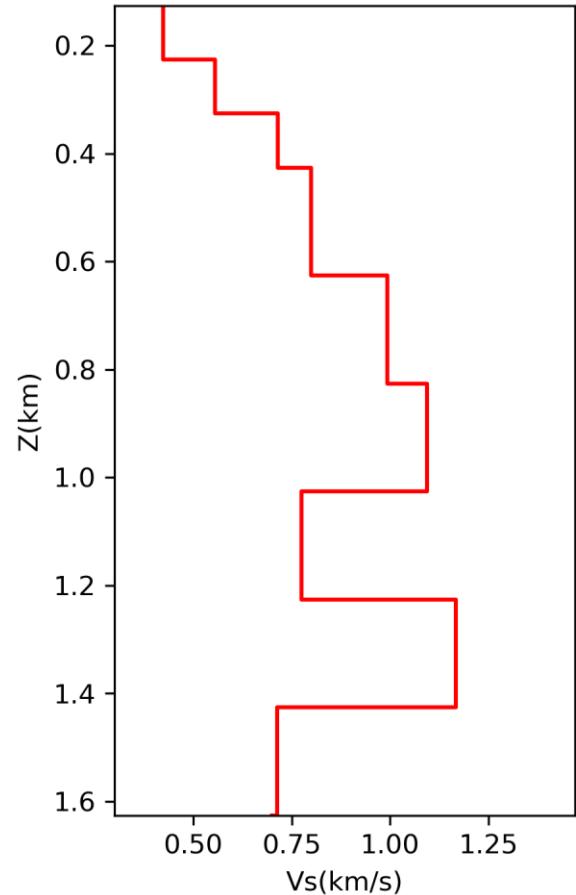
Surface wave dispersion inversion – Training Set



- 100,000 training data
- Fully connected sub-networks (s_1, t_1, s_2, t_2)

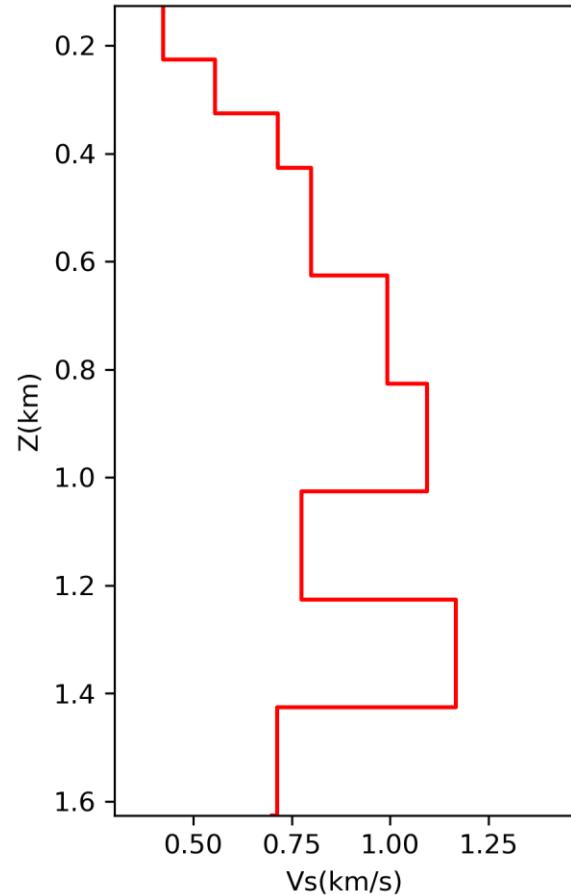
Examples

True model

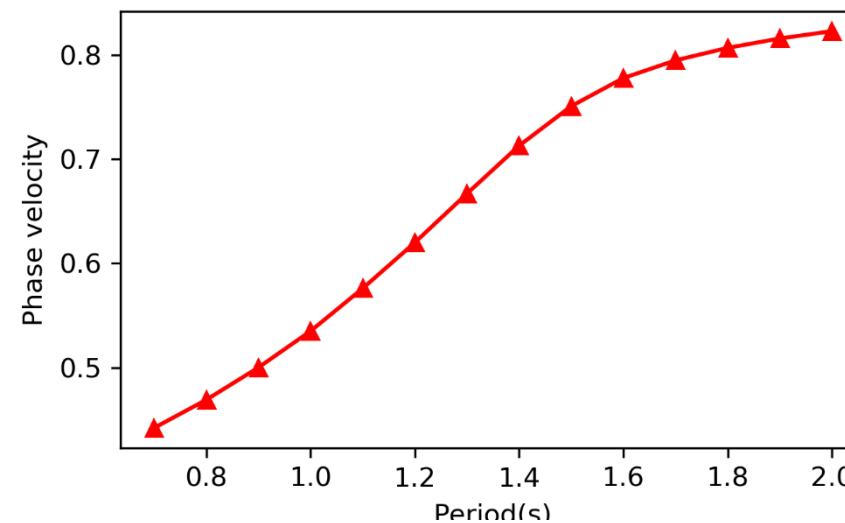


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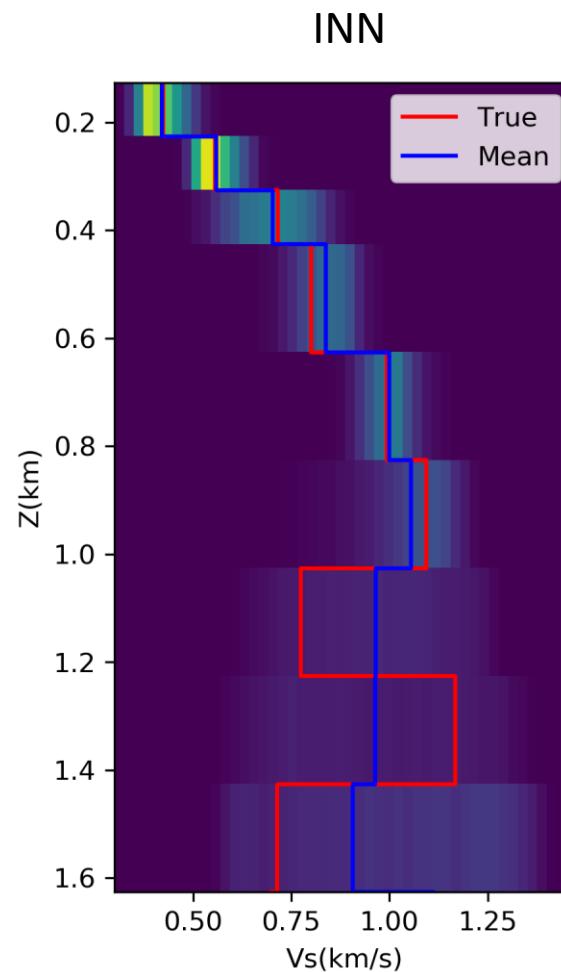
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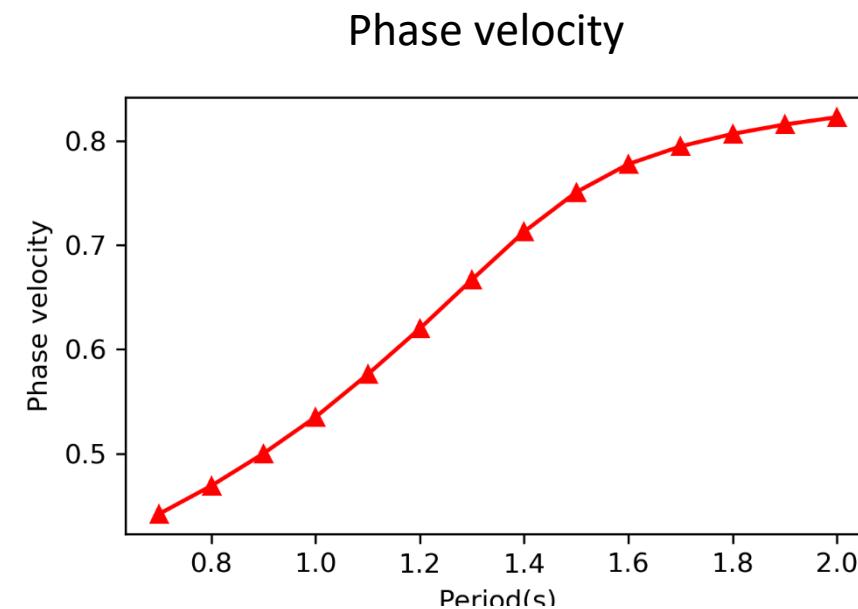
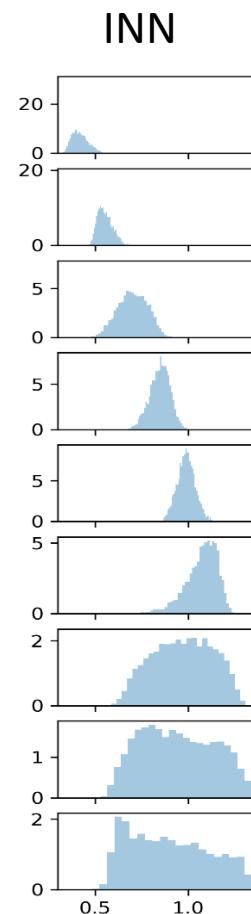
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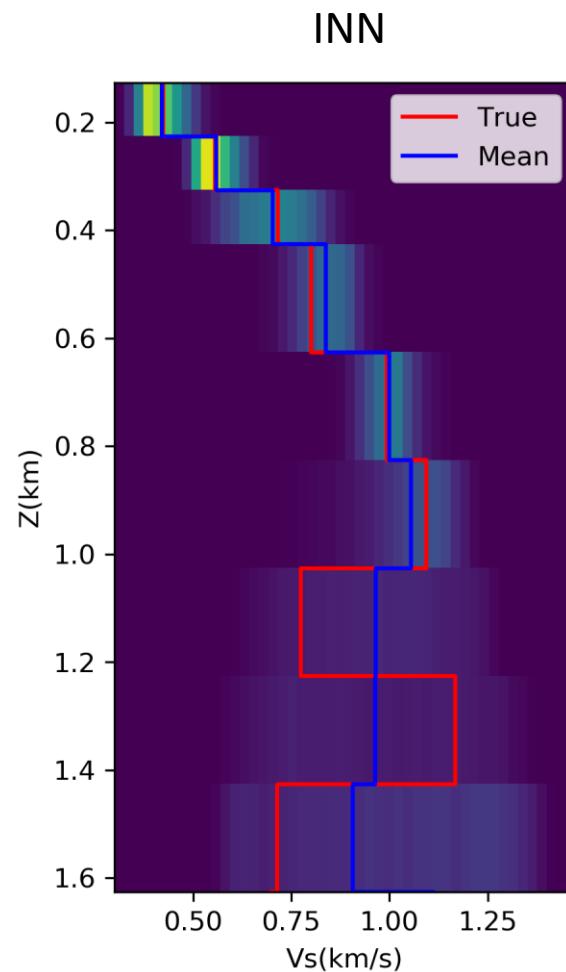
Posterior pdfs



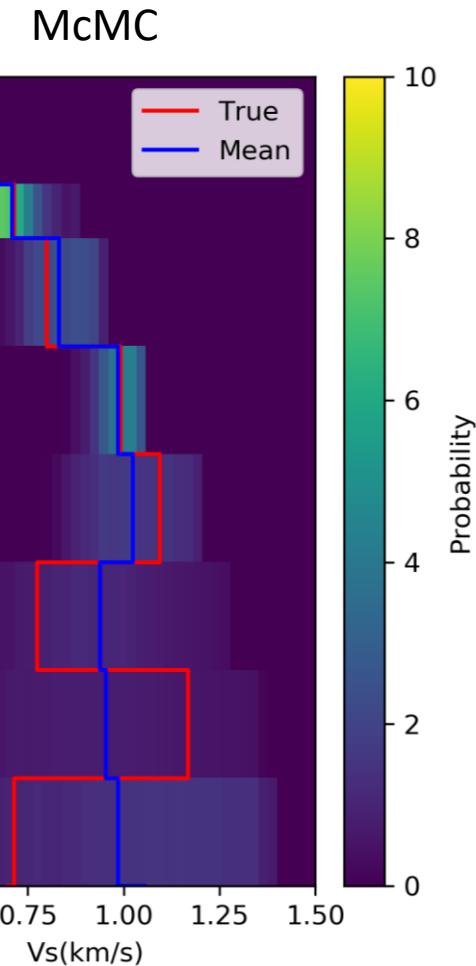
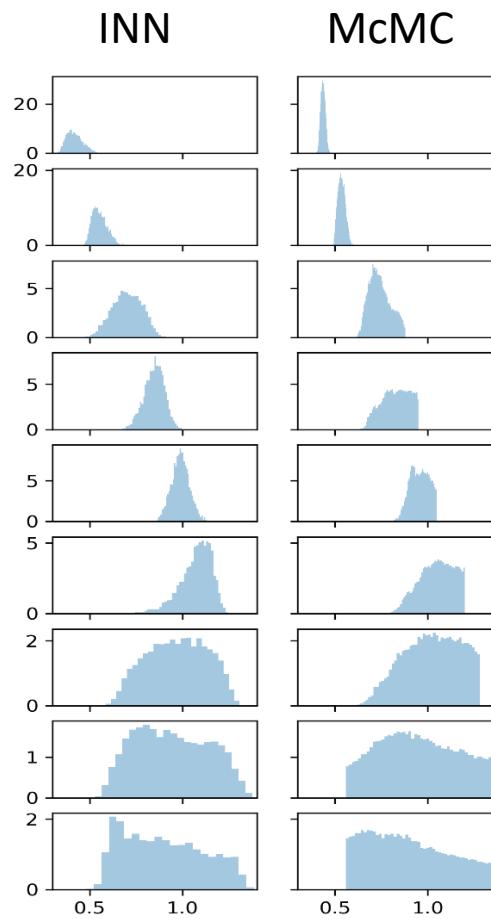
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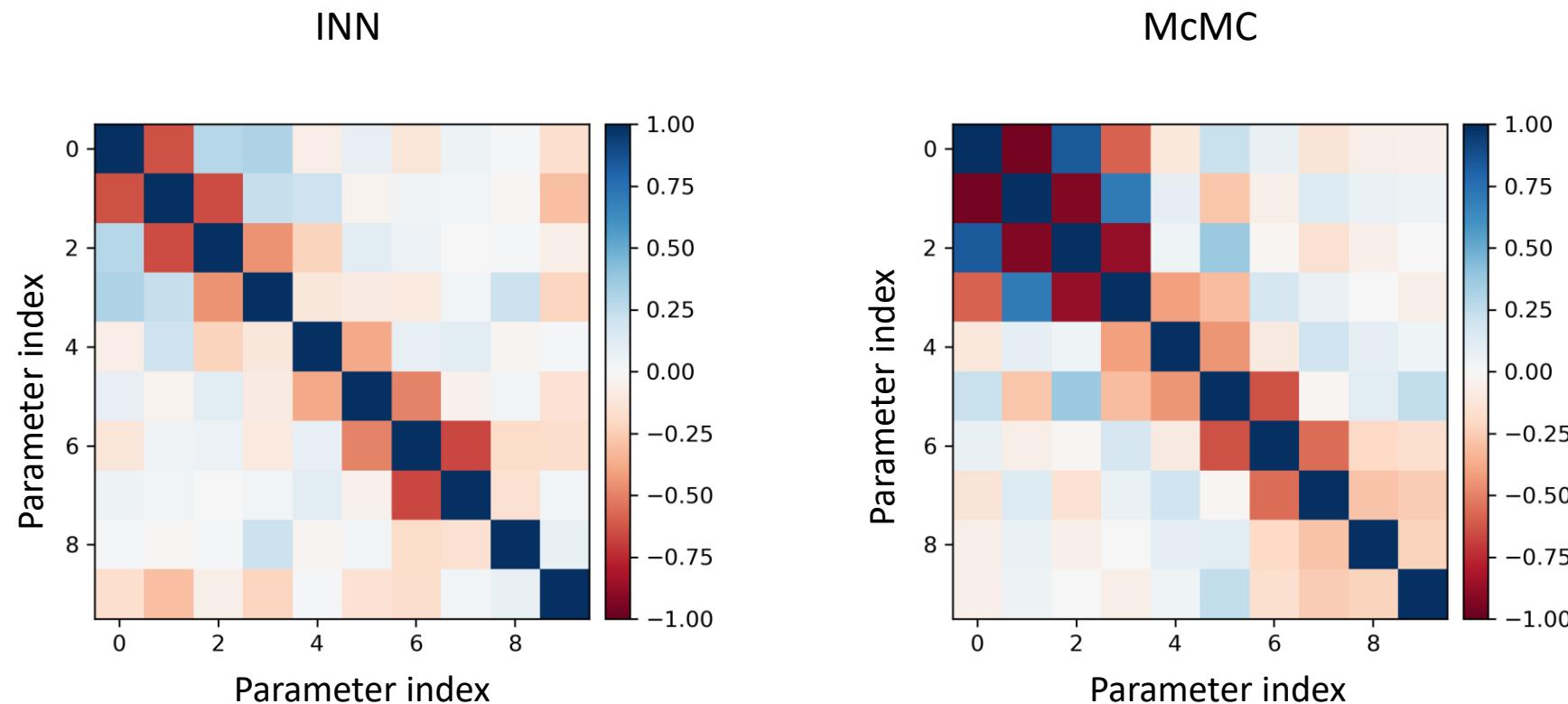


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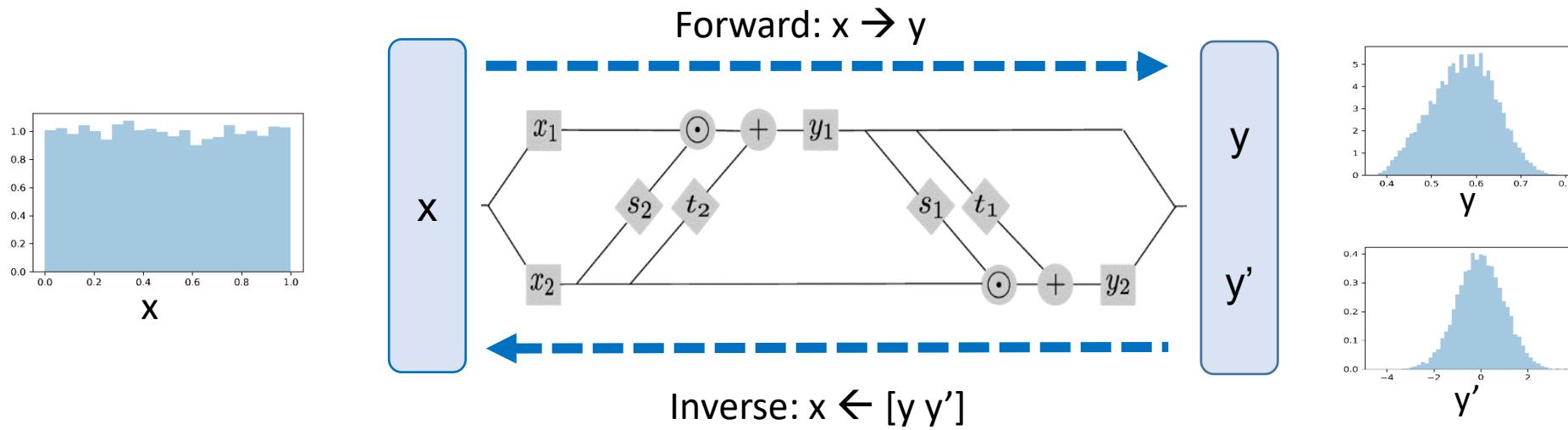
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Covariance matrix



Hard to obtain from MDNs

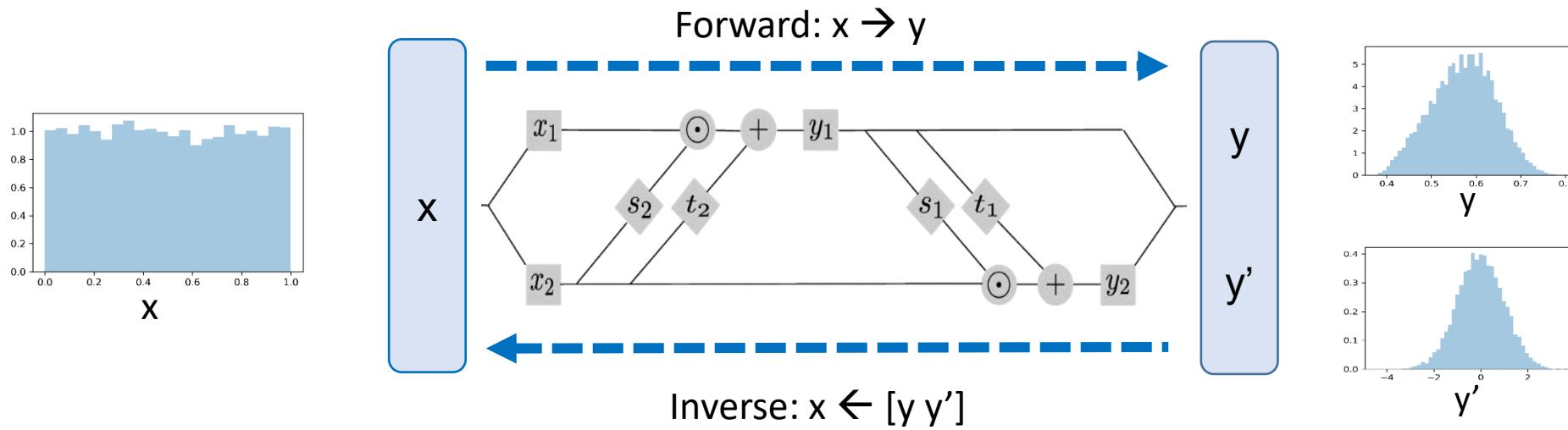
Invertible neural networks



$$\text{Min } \|y - nn(x)\| + MMD[p(y, y'), nn(p(x))] \text{ where } y' \sim N(0, 1)$$

- Does not work well in high dimensionality because of the MMD measure

Invertible neural networks

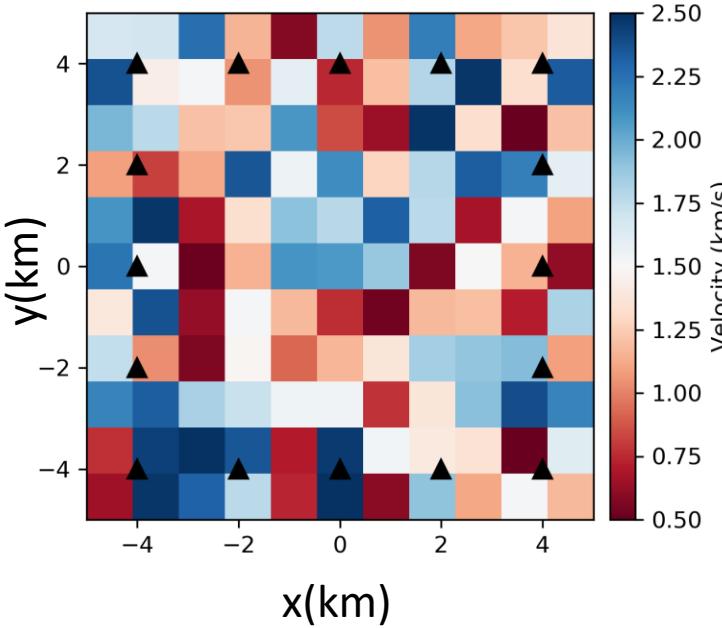


$$\text{Min } \|y - nn(x)\| + (-p[nn^{-1}(y, y')]|det\mathbf{J}_{nn^{-1}}(y, y')|) \text{ where } y' \sim N(0, 1)$$

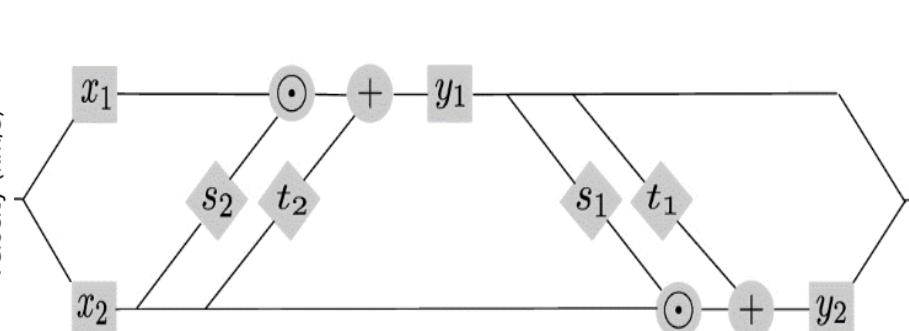
- Minimize MMD \rightarrow Maximize prior likelihood of (y, y')

2D Travel time Tomography

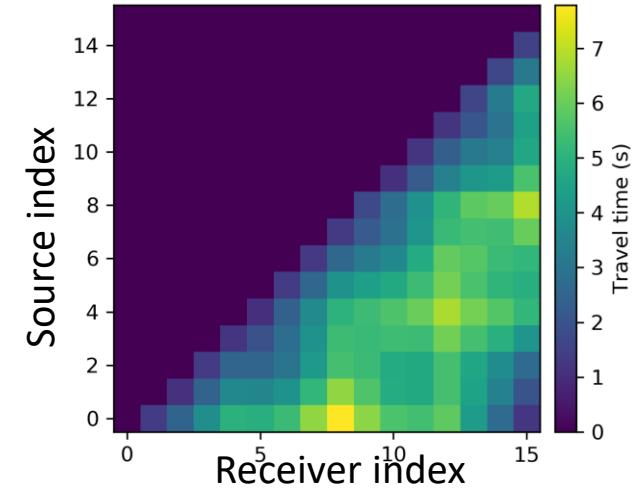
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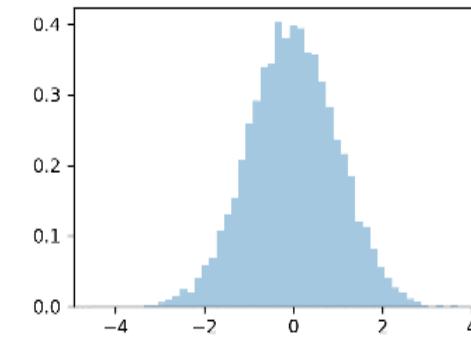
- Uniform prior: 0.5 – 2.5 km/s
- 100,000 training data
- fully connected subnetwork (s_1, t_1, s_2, t_2)



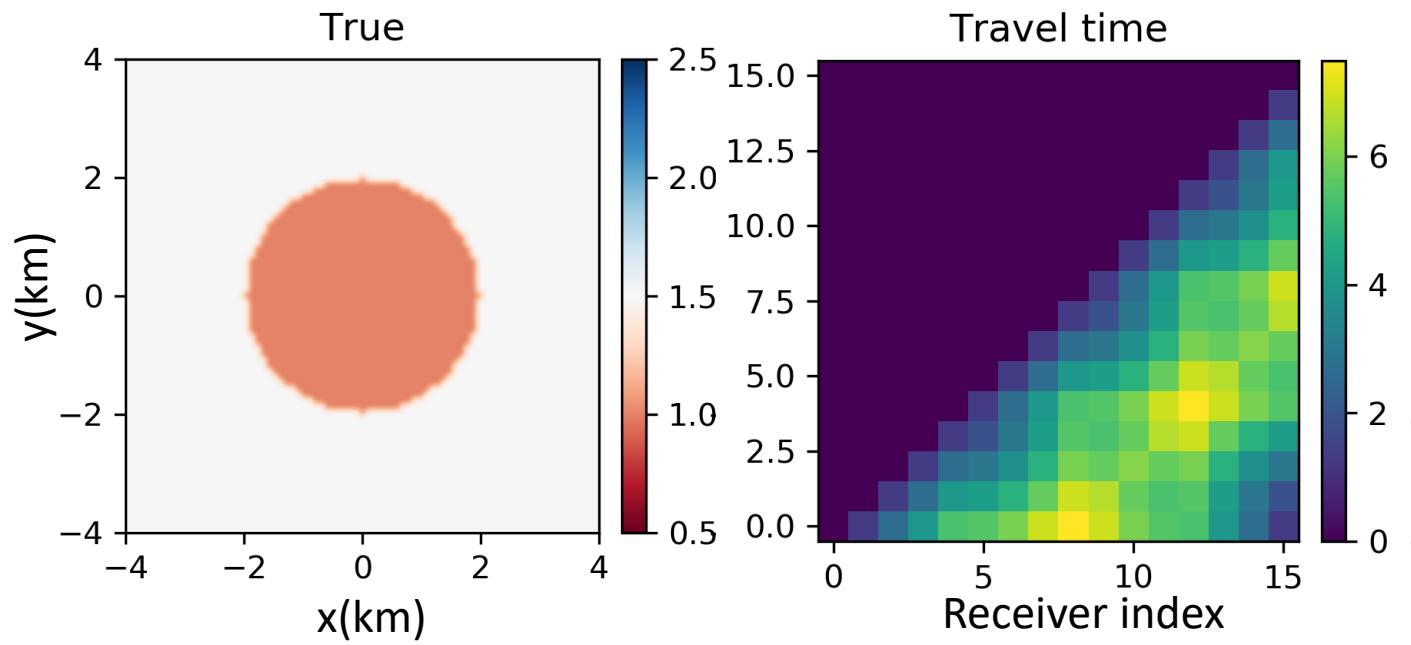
Travel times



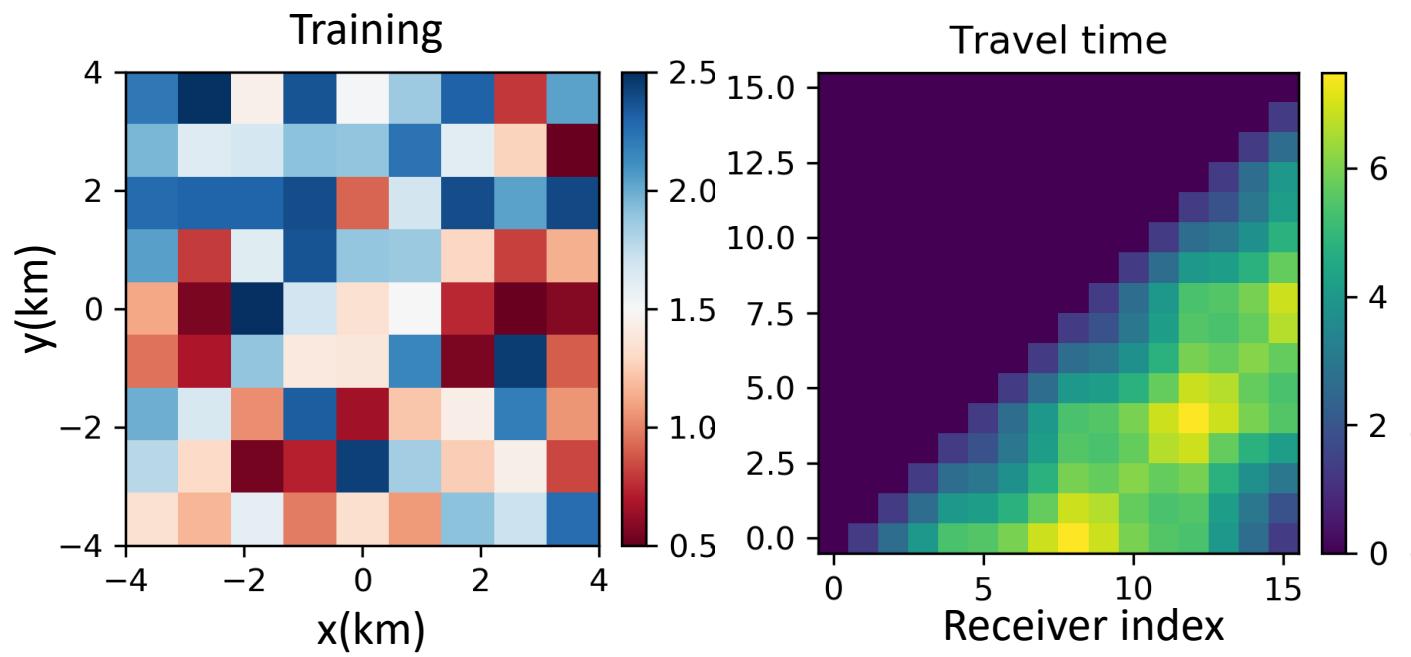
$N(0,1)$



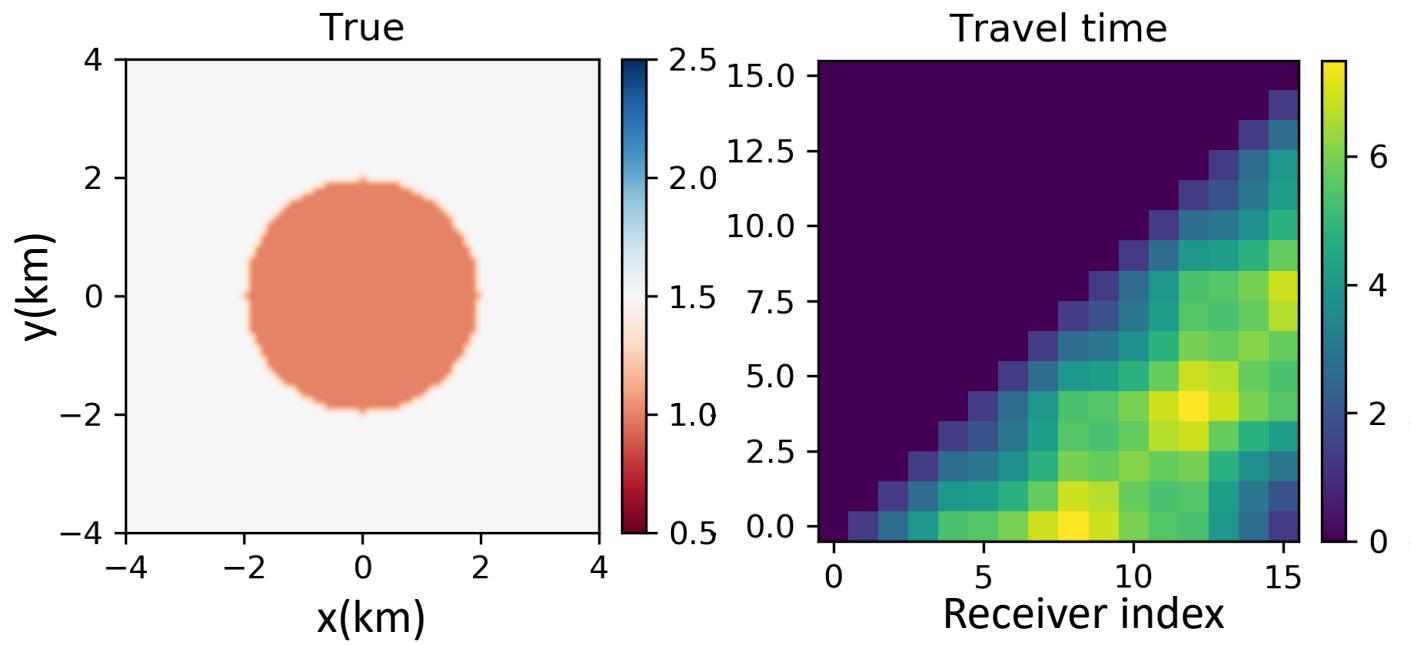
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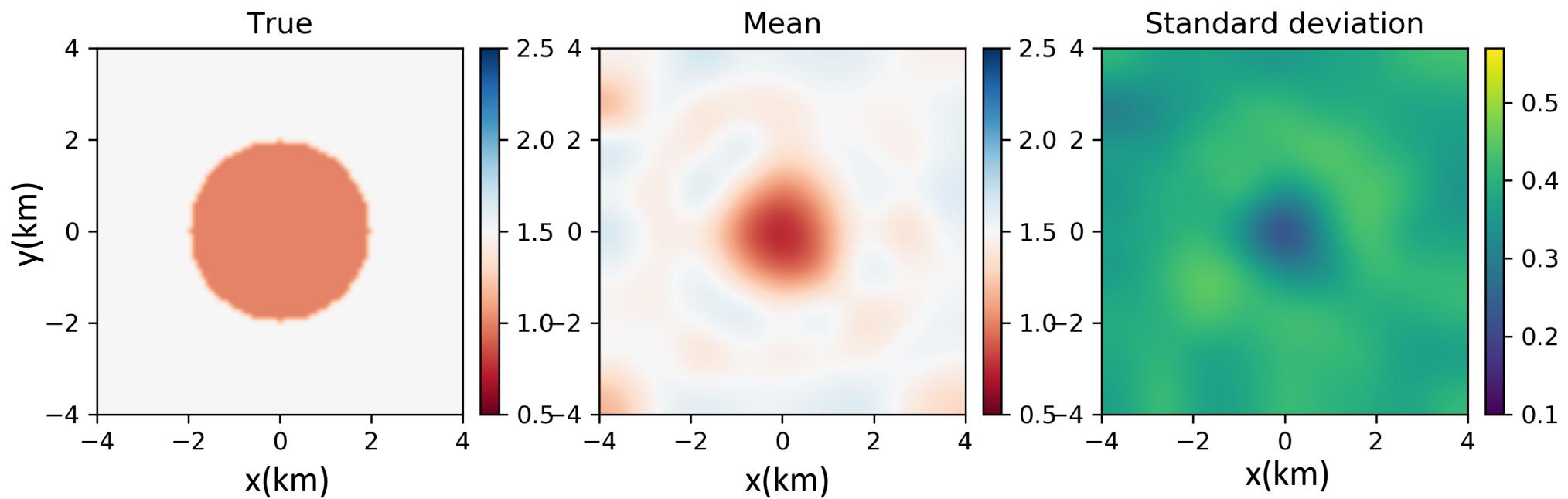
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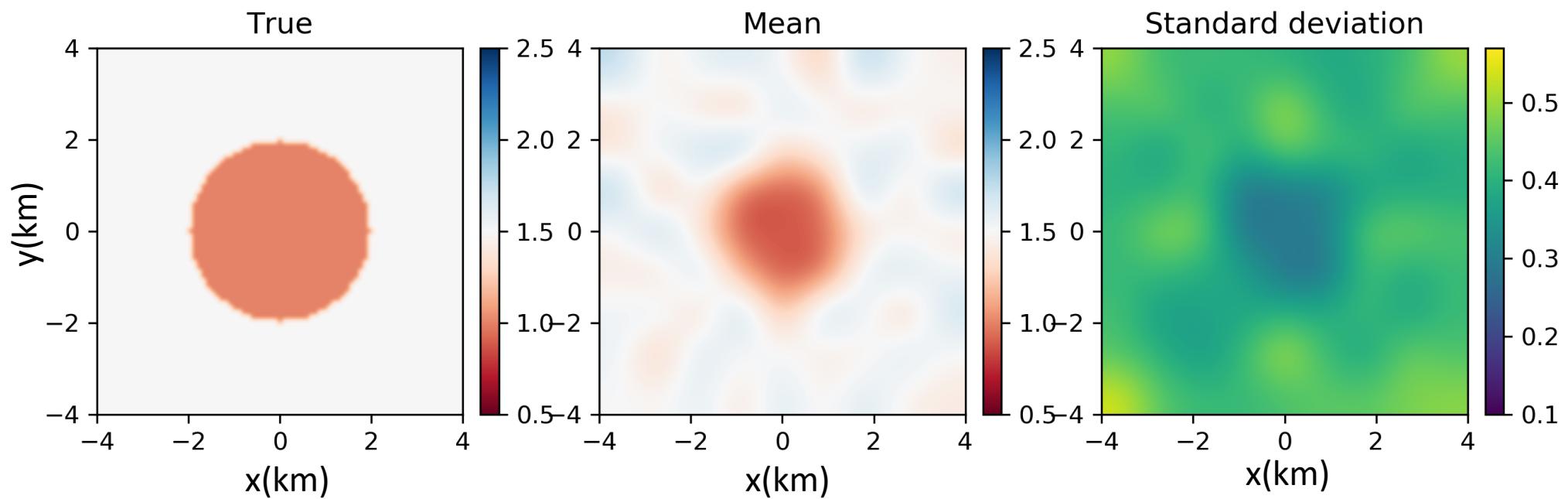


Examples - INN



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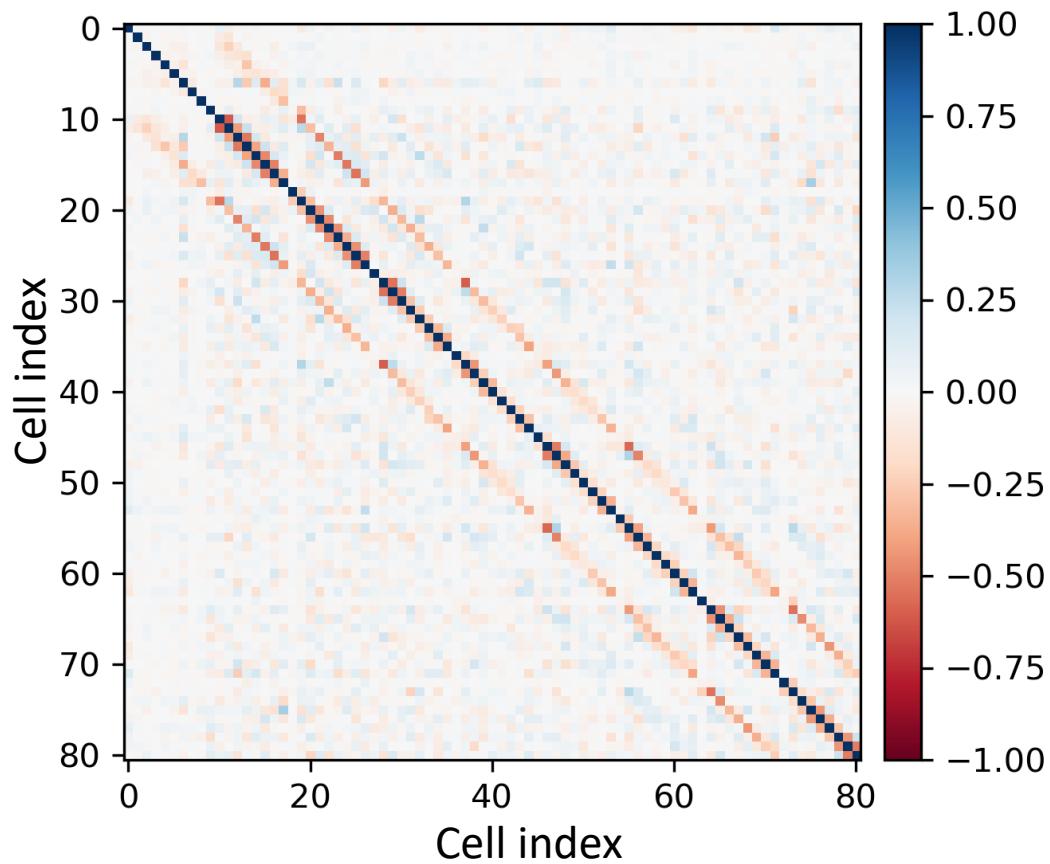
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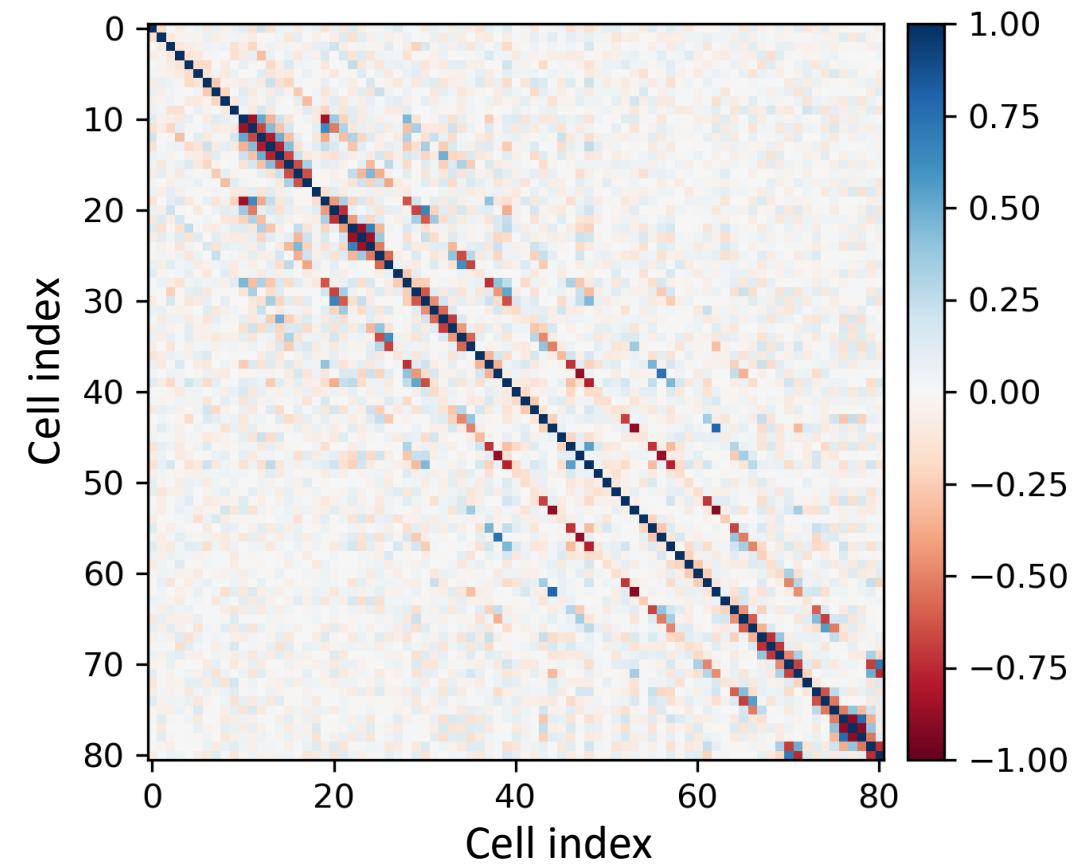
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Covariance matrix

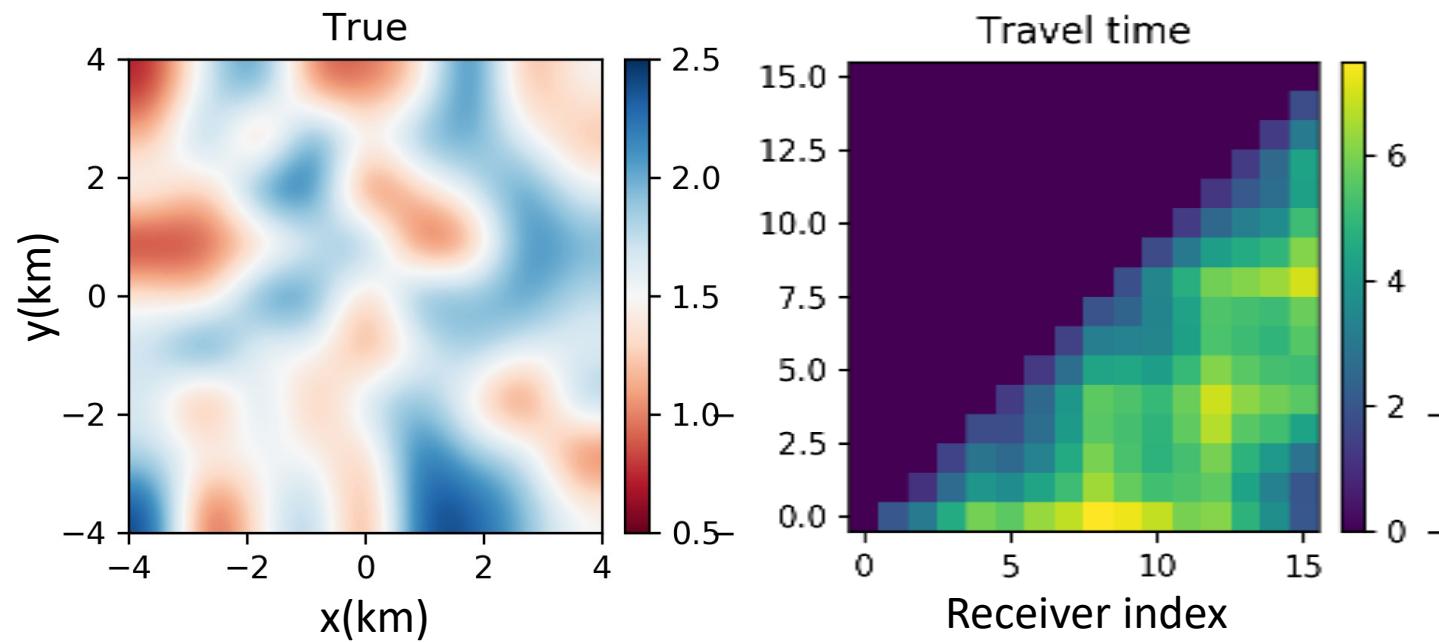
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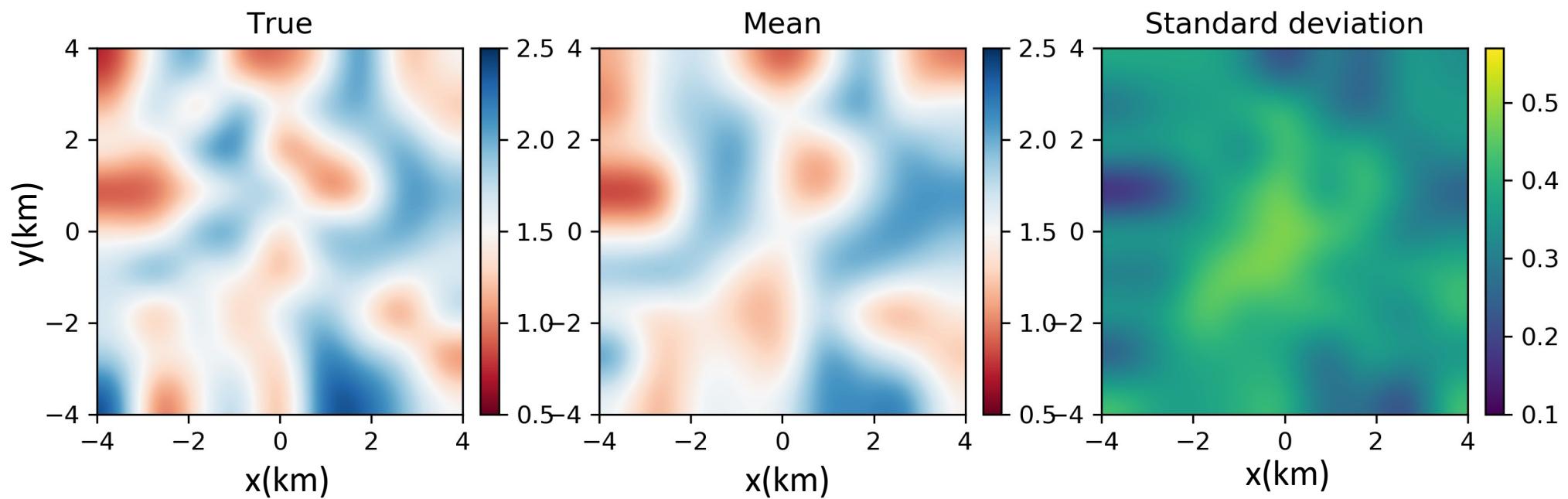
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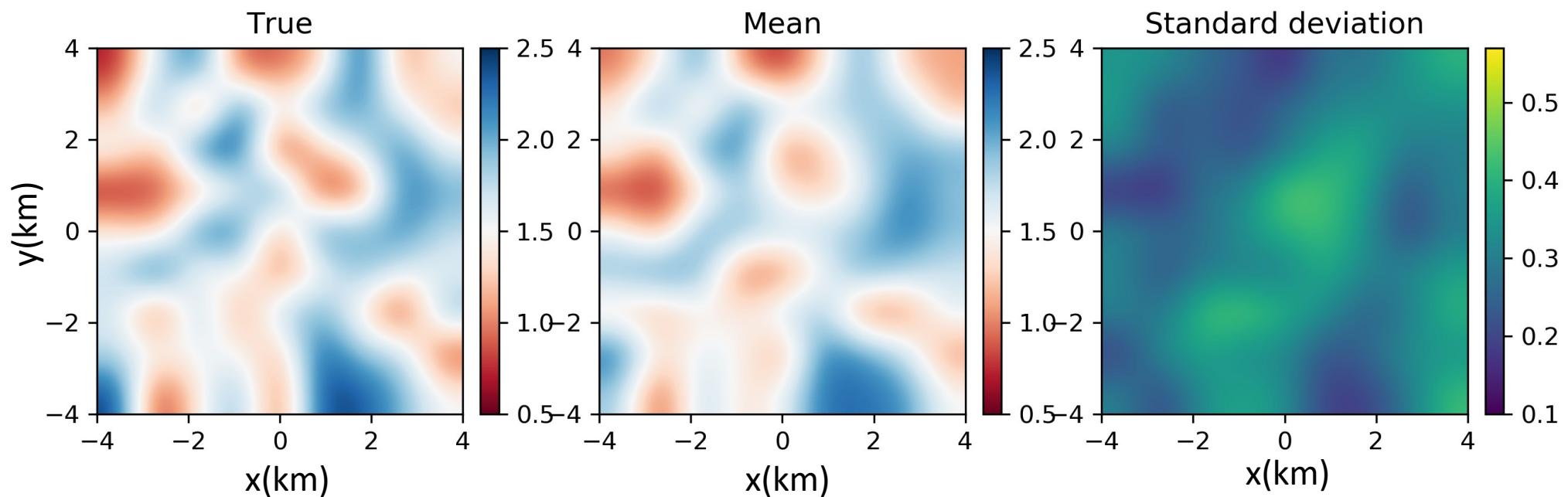


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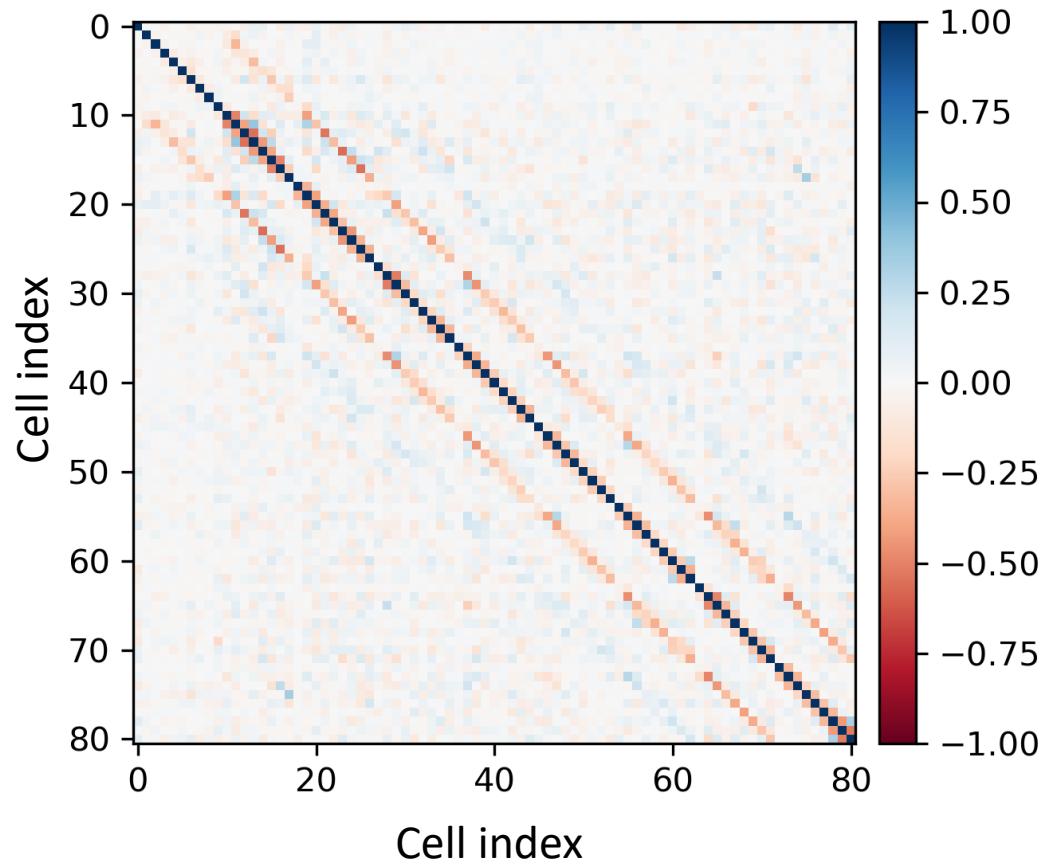
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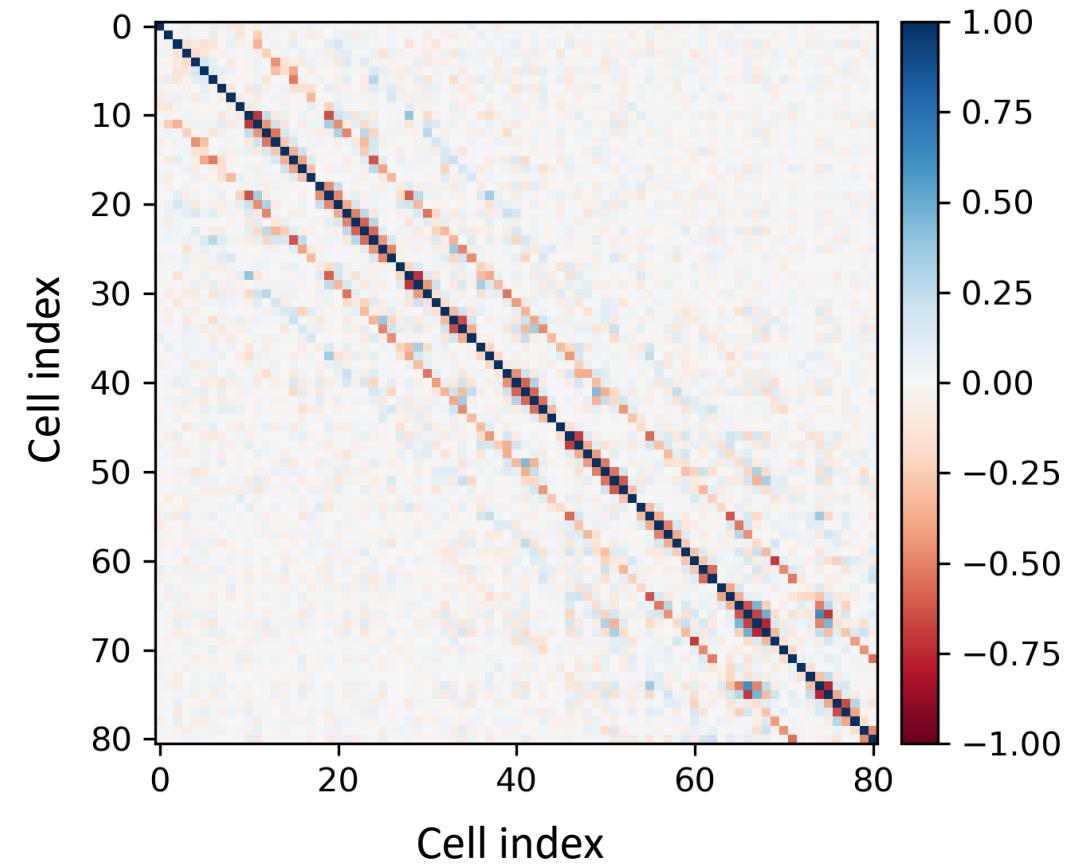
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Covariance matrix

INN



McMC



Summary – INN’s

- Invertible Neural Networks + **Max. Likelihood Loss Function** estimate **posterior pdf’s**
 - Zhang & Curtis, 2021. “Geophysical Inversion using Invertible Neural Networks”, *J. Geophys. Res.*
- Solve multiple similar problems **very** rapidly **post-training**
- 2D tomography: **Similar training time to running Monte Carlo once**
- **Both the strength, and the weakness comes from training over the entire prior pdf**

Variational Inference using Normalizing Flows

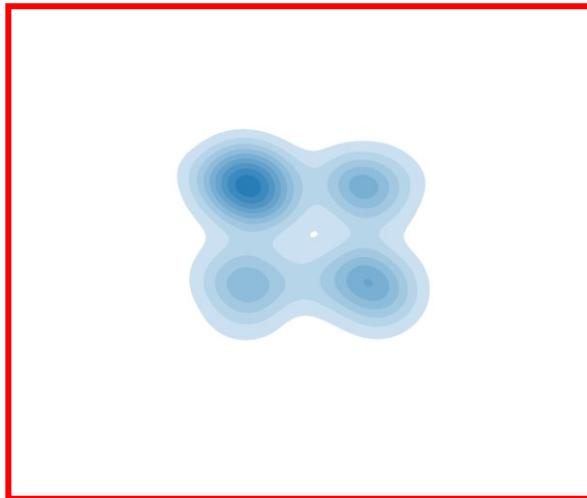
Variational Inference

$$p(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d}_{obs}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{d}_{obs}|\mathbf{m})p(\mathbf{m})}{p(\mathbf{d}_{obs})}$$

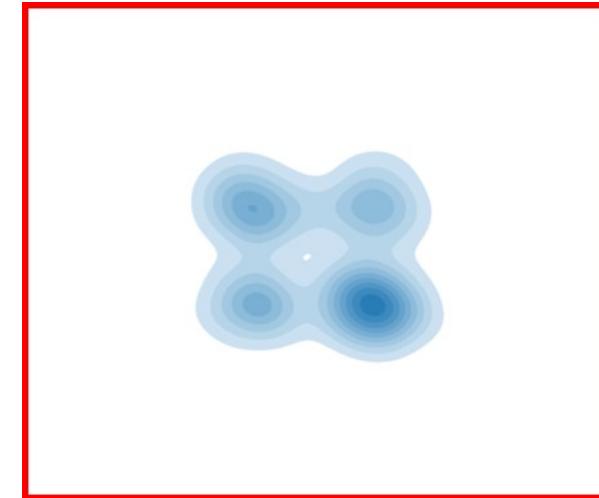
Variational Inference approximates $p(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d}_{obs})$ by simpler pdf $q(\mathbf{m})$ in family $Q(\mathbf{m})$:

Variational Inference

Posterior pdf $p(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d}_{obs})$



Variational pdfs $q(\mathbf{m})$ in $Q(\mathbf{m})$



$$\text{KL}[q||p]$$

KL (Kullback-Leibler) divergence measures difference between q and p :

$$\text{Minimize } \text{KL}[q(\mathbf{m})||p(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d}_{obs})] = E_q[\log (q(\mathbf{m})/p(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d}_{obs}))]$$

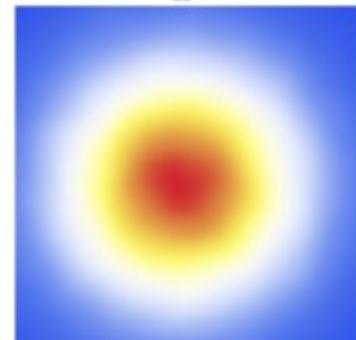
$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Maximize ELBO}(q) = E_q[\log p(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{d}_{obs})] - E_q[\log q(\mathbf{m})]$$

Evidence lower bound

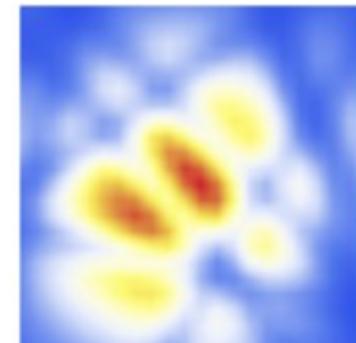
Normalizing Flows

Apply K invertible transforms to convert $q_0(\mathbf{m}_0)$ to target pdf $q_K(\mathbf{m}_K)$

Initial pdf $q_0(\mathbf{m}_0)$



Target pdf $q_K(\mathbf{m}_K)$



Transforms
(Flows)

$$\mathbf{m}_K = F(\mathbf{m}_0) = f_K \circ f_{K-1} \circ \dots \circ f_2 \circ f_1(\mathbf{m}_0)$$

$$q_K(\mathbf{m}_K) = q_0(\mathbf{m}_0) \left| \det \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{m}_0} \right|^{-1}$$

Volume change

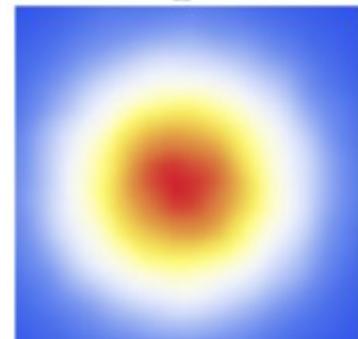
$$= q_0(\mathbf{m}_0) \prod_{i=1}^K \left| \det \frac{\partial f_i(\mathbf{m}_{i-1})}{\partial \mathbf{m}_{i-1}} \right|^{-1}$$

Every flow must be invertible

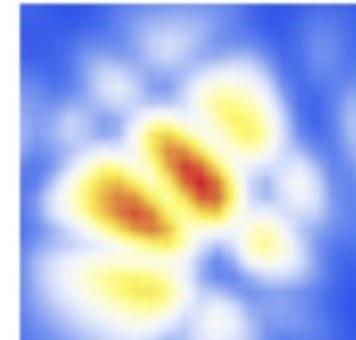
Normalizing Flows

Apply K invertible transforms to convert $q_0(\mathbf{m}_0)$ to target pdf $q_K(\mathbf{m}_K)$

Initial pdf $q_0(\mathbf{m}_0)$

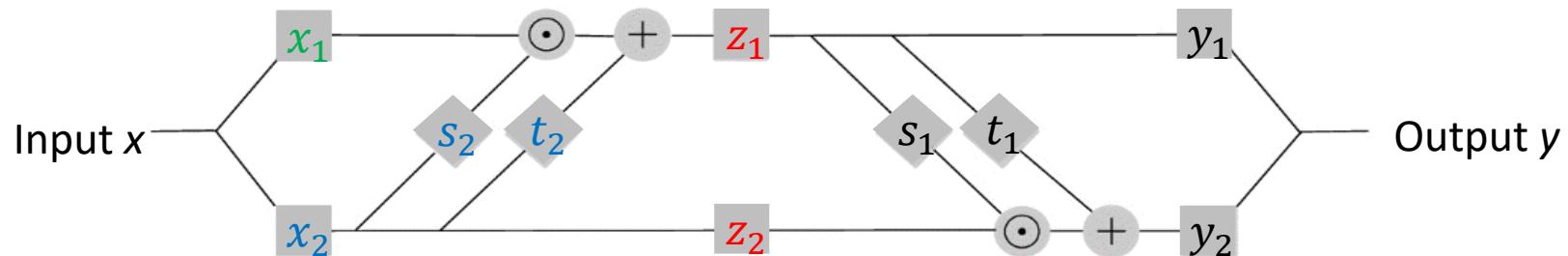


Target pdf $q_K(\mathbf{m}_K)$



Transforms
(Flows)

$$\mathbf{m}_K = F(\mathbf{m}_0) = f_K \circ f_{K-1} \circ \dots \circ f_2 \circ f_1(\mathbf{m}_0)$$

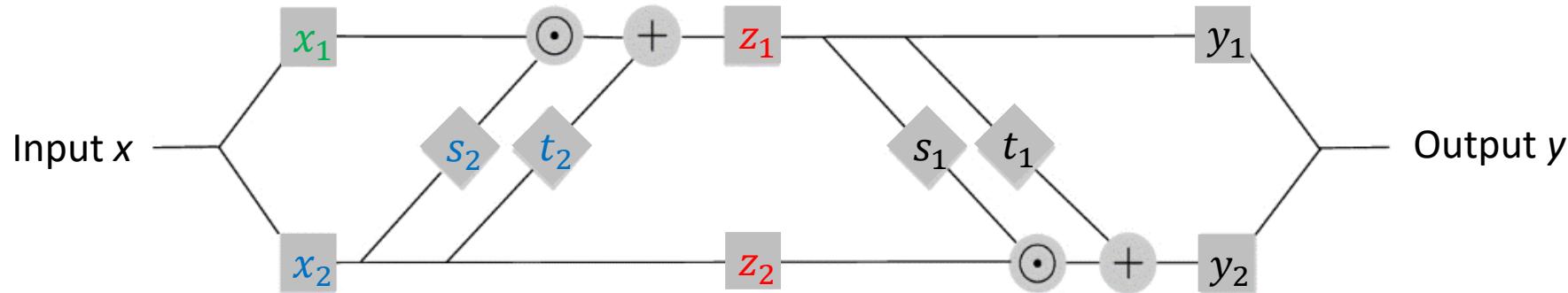


INN versus Flows:

INN

Learn relationship between all of the data and model spaces

Loss function: $\min. \|y - nn(x)\| + MMD[p(y, y'), nn(p(x))]$ or use *Max. Prior Likelihood form*



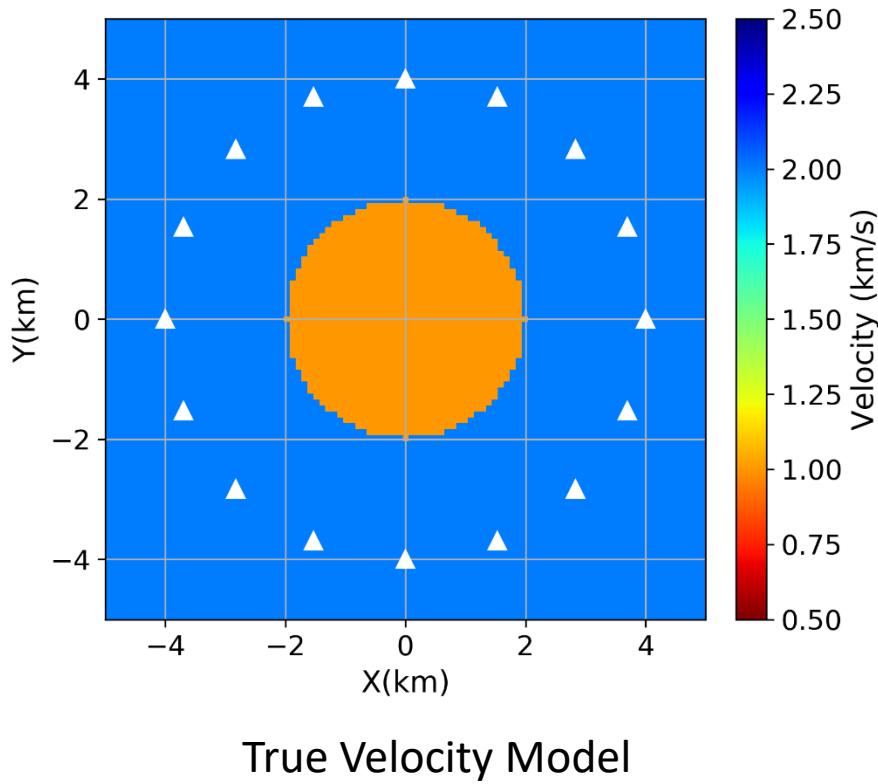
Flows

Find an approximation to the posterior pdf for one specific d_{obs}

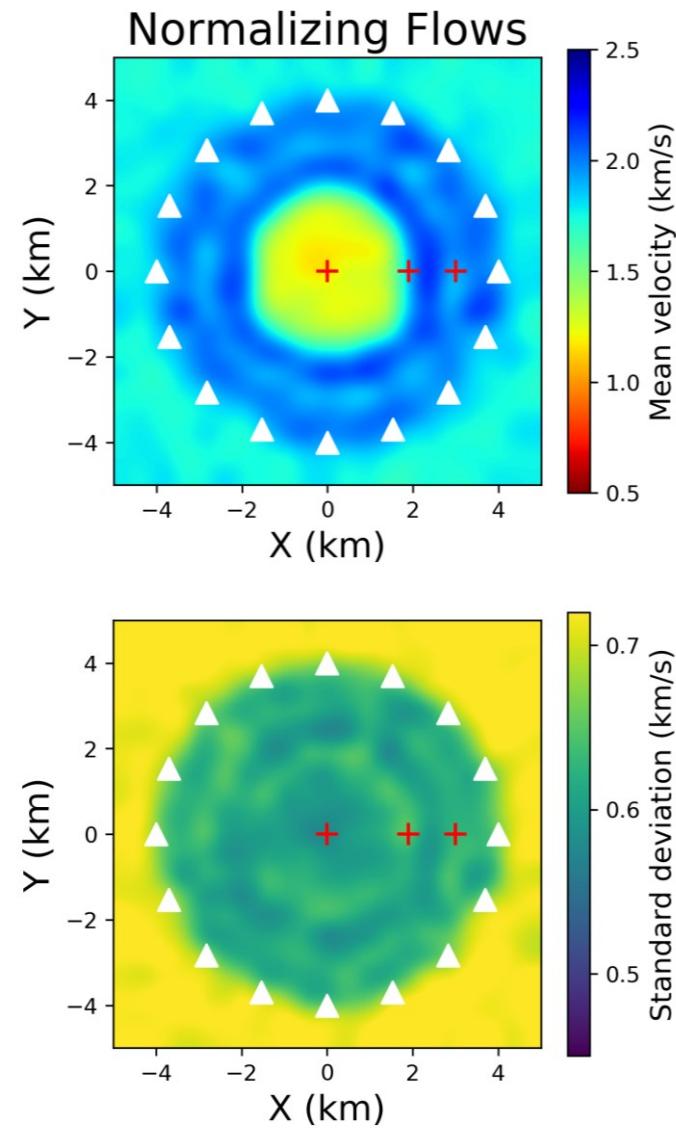
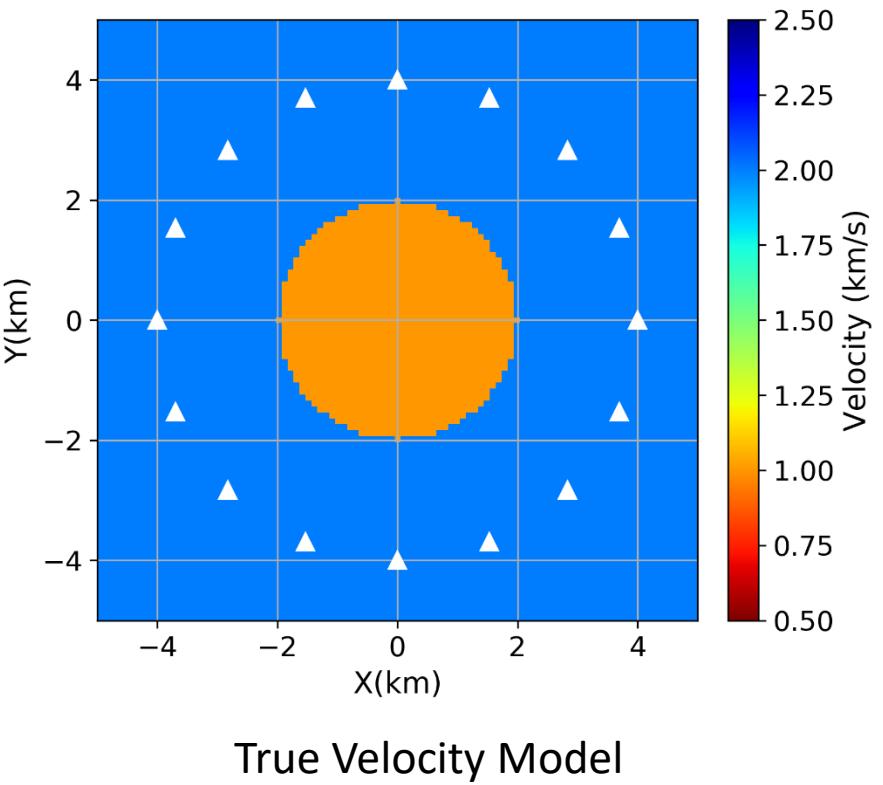
Loss function: $\min. \text{KL}(q(\mathbf{m}) || p(\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{d}_{\text{obs}}))$

Synthetic Test of travel time tomography

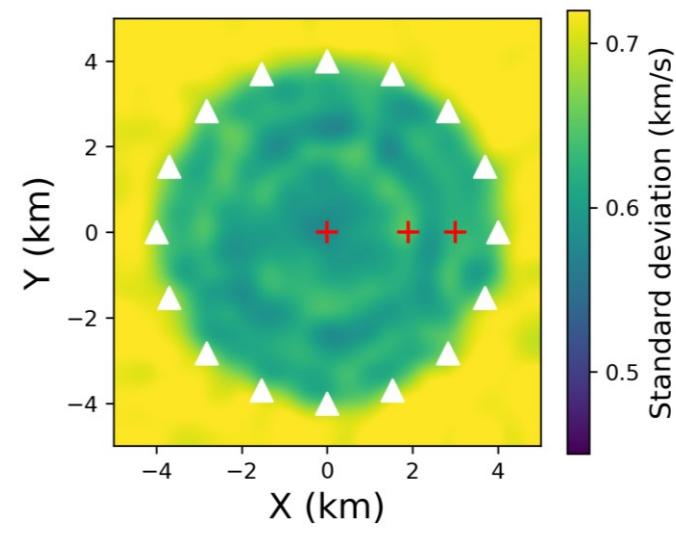
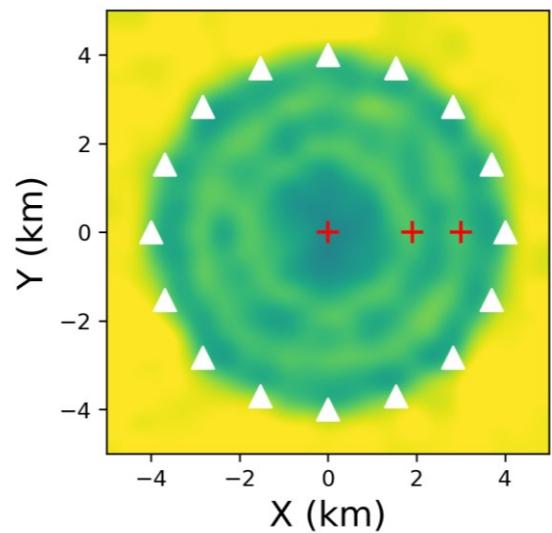
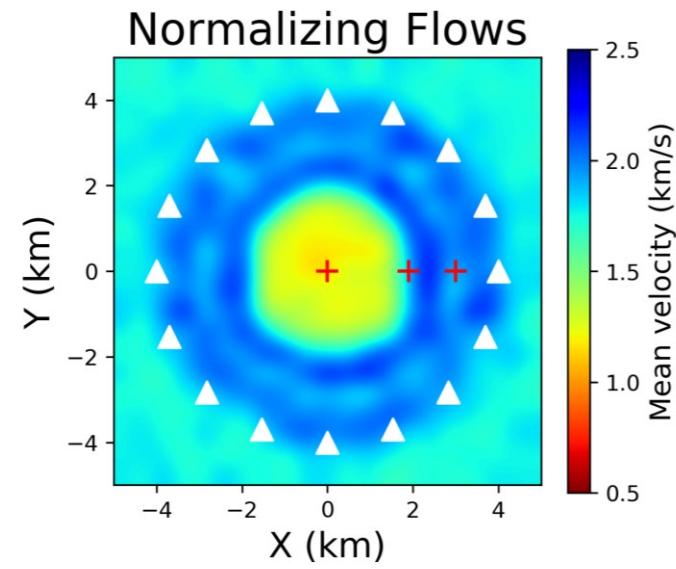
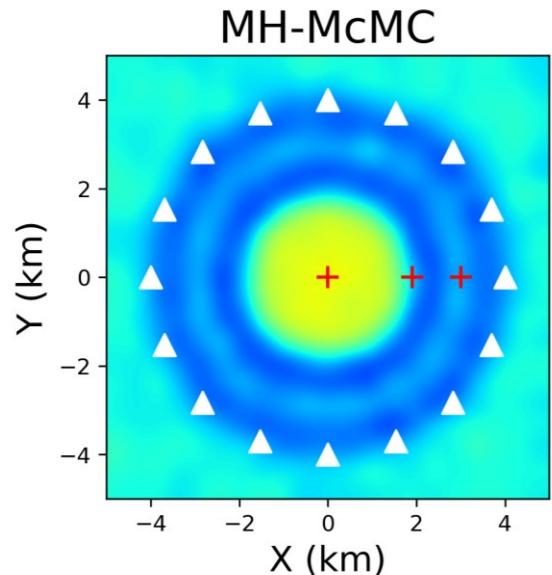
Travel Time Tomography



Travel Time Tomography

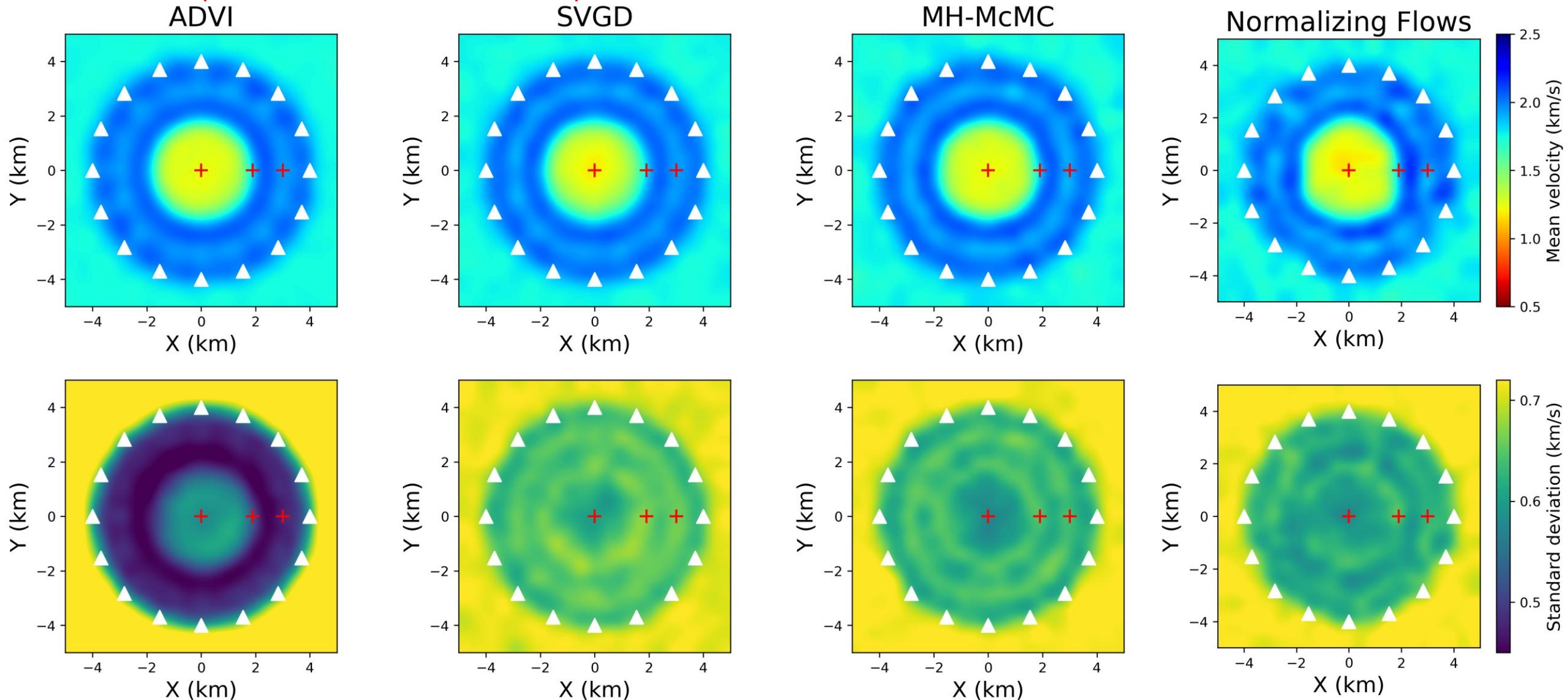


Travel Time Tomography: comparison



Travel Time Tomography: comparison

(two other variational methods)



Results of ADVI, SVGD and McMC from Zhang & Curtis (2020a,b)

Computational cost

Methods	Number of simulations
ADVI	10,000
Normalizing Flows	30,000
SVGD	400,000
Rj-McMC	3,000,000
MH-McMC	12,000,000

Cheapest,
But Incorrect Uncertainty Results

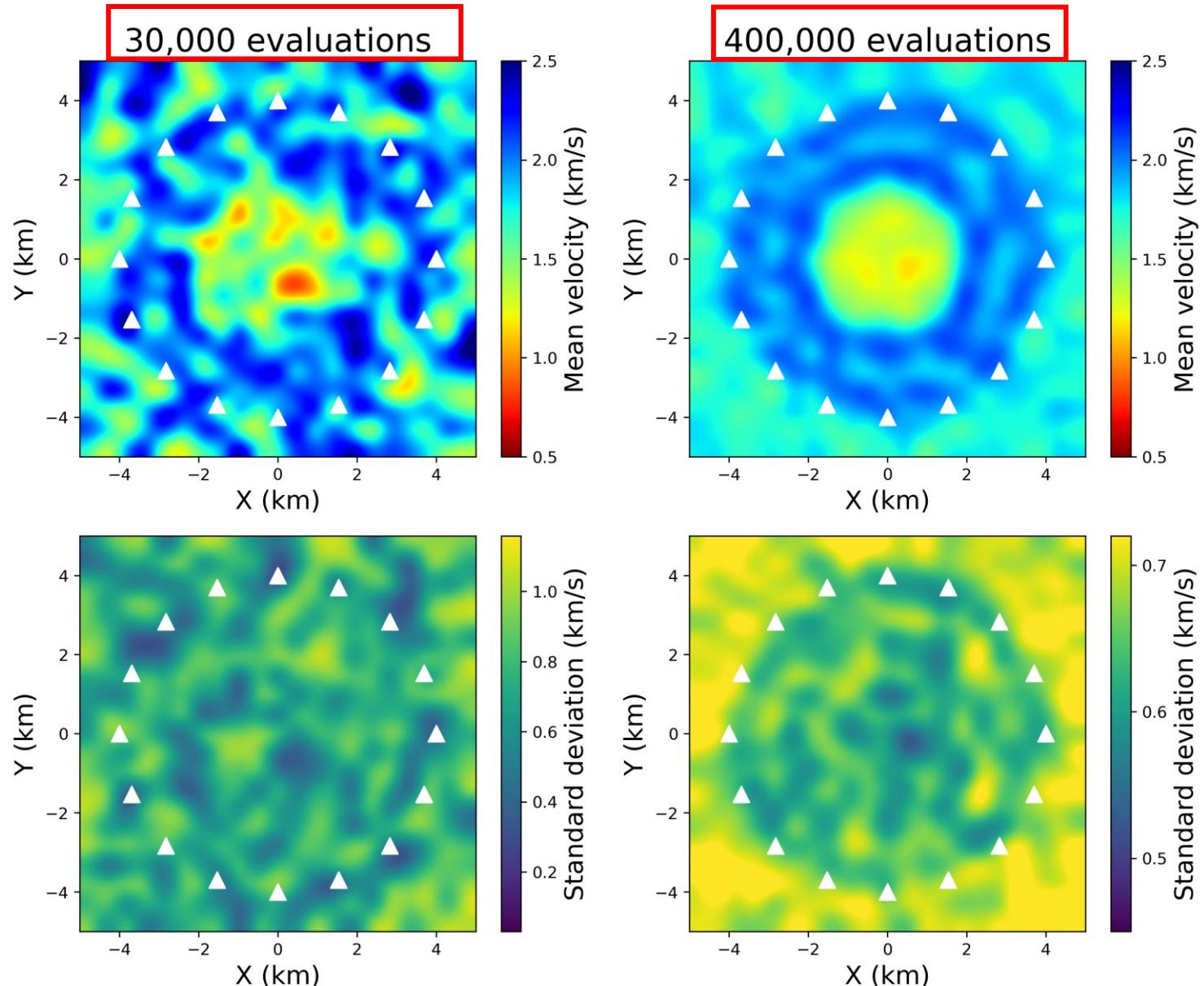
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Detecting convergence of McMC is subjective

Travel Time Tomography: MH-McMC



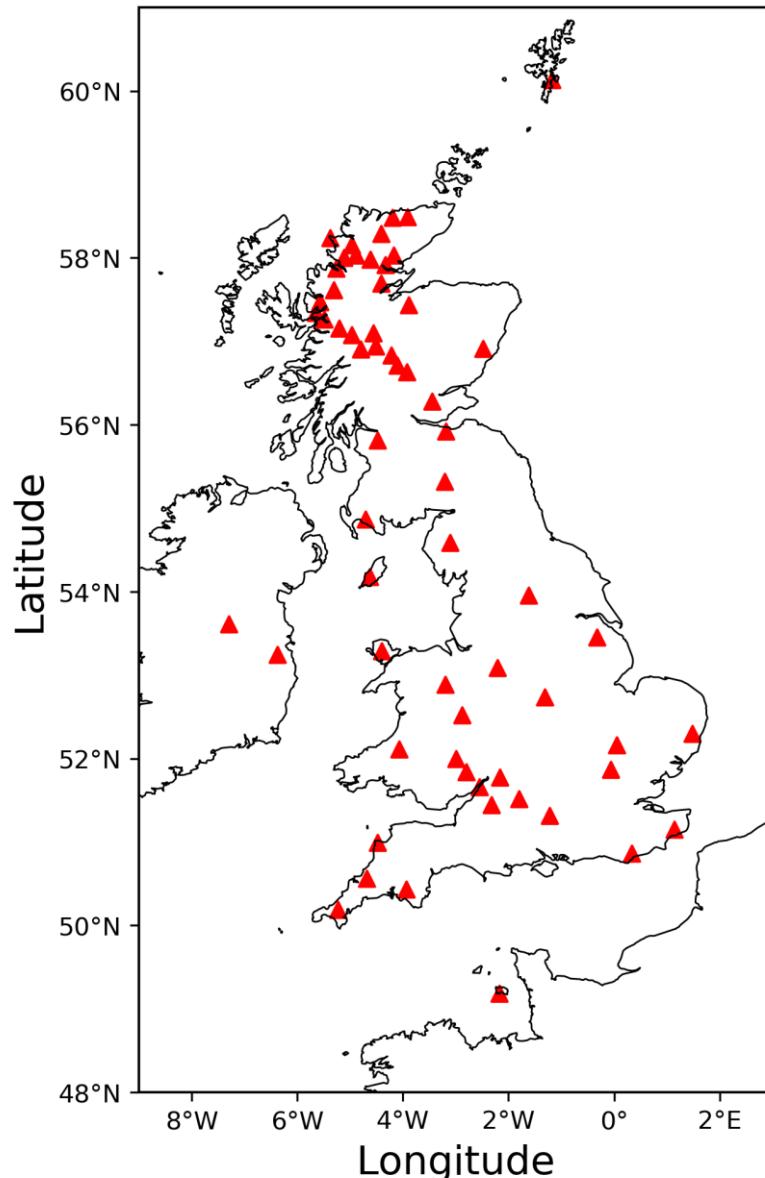
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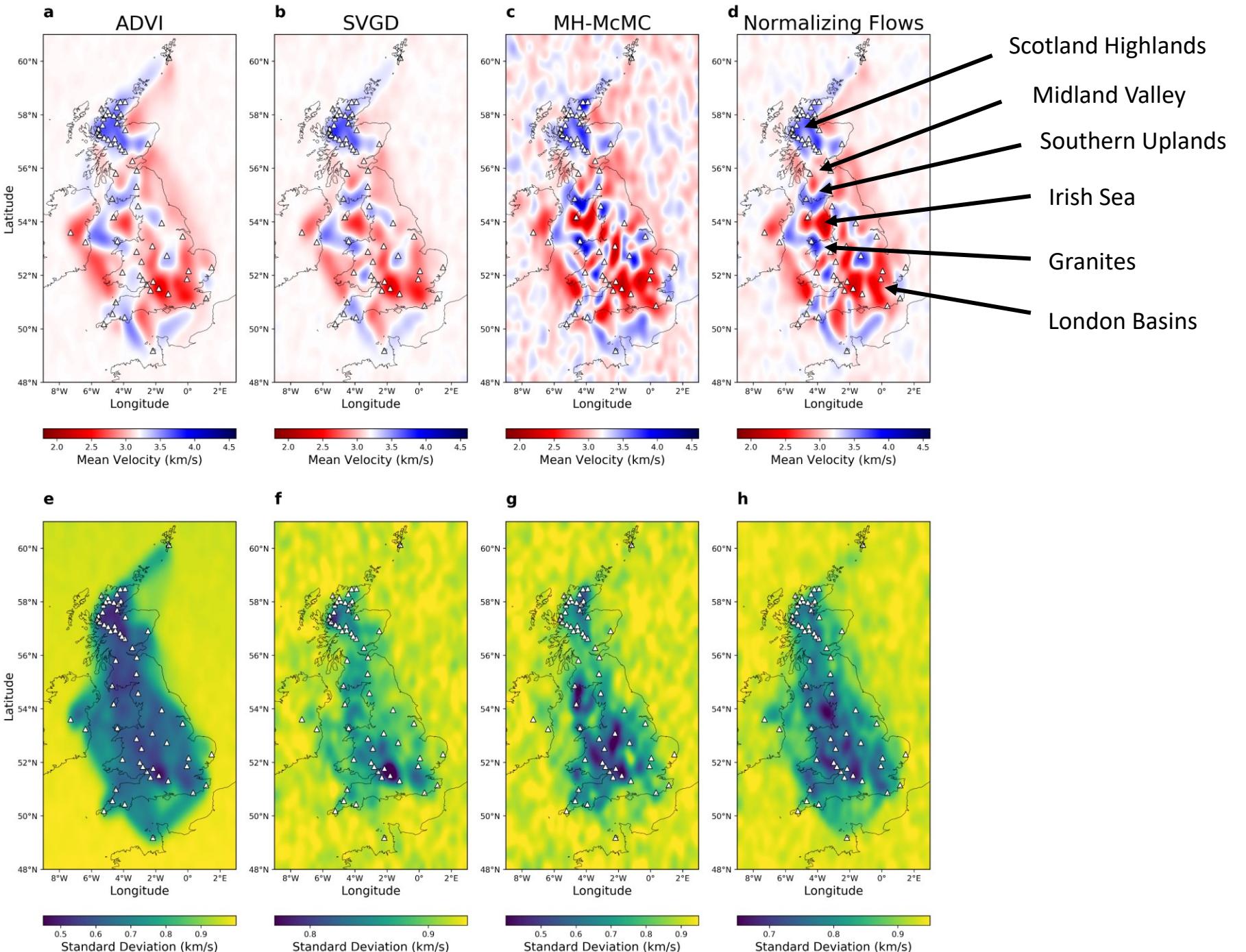
Love Wave Tomography of the British Isles

Receiver stations



Results

Different resolution
in mean models



Computational cost

Methods	Forward Evaluations	Elapsed Time (Hours)	Parallelization (Cores)	
ADVI	10,000	6.95	1	
Normalizing Flows	100,000	7.83	10	
SVGD	600,000	31.71	10	
RJ-McMC	48,000,000	~720	16	From Galetti et al., 2017 (same dataset)
MH-McMC	30,000,000	660	20	

Conclusions

1. **Normalizing flows**: chain of invertible transforms → one approximate posterior pdf
2. One particular form of flow is an **Invertible Neural Network (INN)**
3. INN's provide uncertainties including correlations for all (~small) problems

Try it! – Code package:

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Conclusions

1. Reasonable 3D Bayesian FWI results → **One extra order of computation c.f. linearised FWI**
2. Discriminate ~10 different prior hypotheses → **Same order of computation as linearised FWI**

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