



Inversion using Machine Learning

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Neural Network Tomography (Dimensionality Reduction)

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Neural networks and inversion of seismic data

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Neural networks can be viewed as applications that map one space, the input space, into some output space. In order to simulate the desired mapping the network has to go through a learning process consisting of an iterative change of the internal parameters, through the presentation of many input patterns and their corresponding output patterns. The training process is accomplished if the error between the computed output and the desired output pattern is minimal for all examples in the training set. The network will then simulate the desired mapping on the

An efficient, probabilistic neural network approach to solving inverse problems: Inverting surface wave velocities for Eurasian crustal thickness

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Abstract. Nonlinear inverse problems usually have no analytical solution and may be solved by Monte Carlo methods that create a set of samples, representative of the a posteriori distribution. We show how neural networks can be trained on these samples to give a continuous approximation to the inverse relation in a compact and computationally efficient form. We examine the strengths and weaknesses of

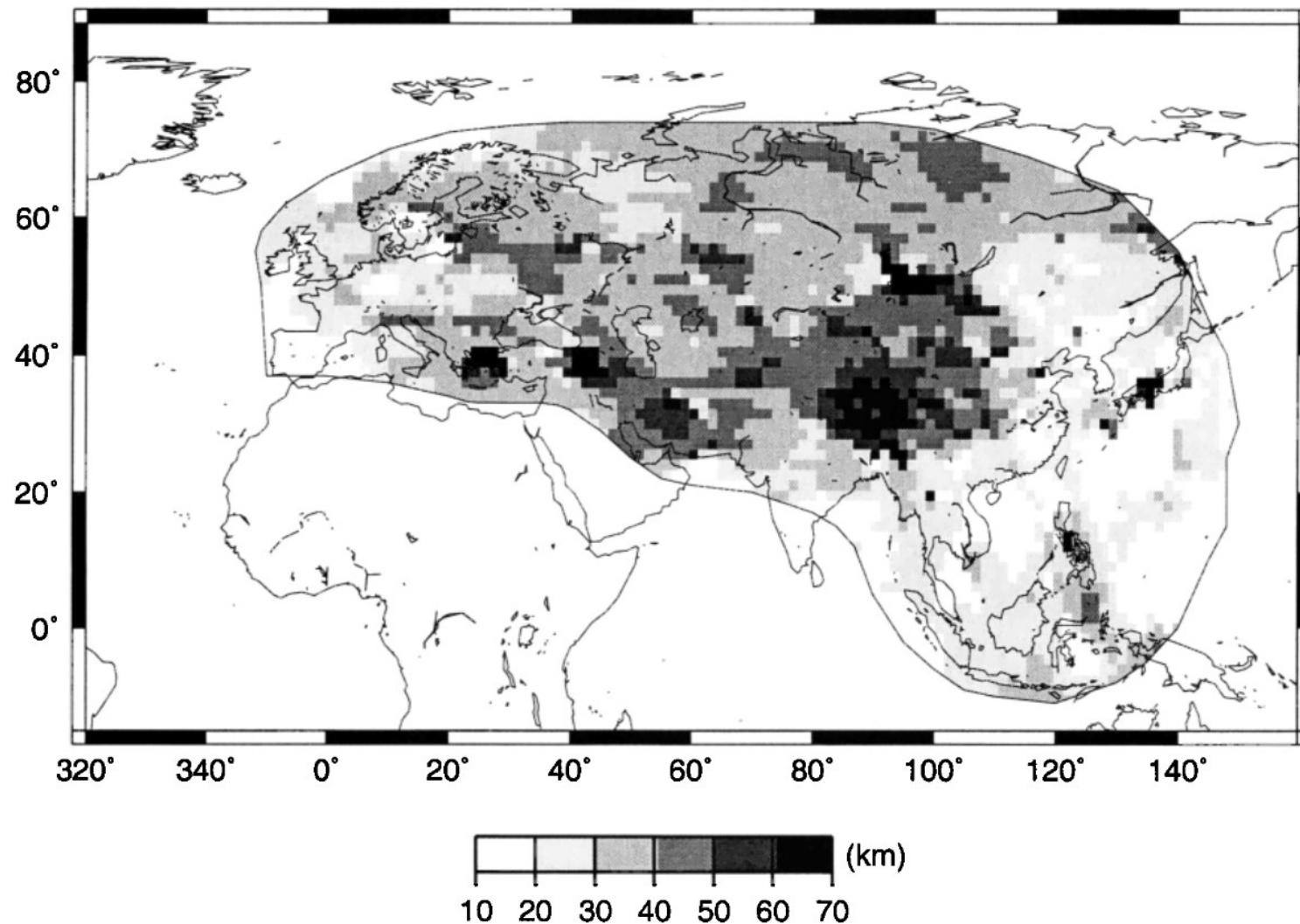


Figure 12. Maximum likelihood crustal thickness map across Eurasia obtained from the inversion of combined Love and Rayleigh wave data of data set II with a histogram network. The discretization interval of the solution is 10 km. Only areas in which phase velocities are resolved at length scales of < 1000 km are shown.

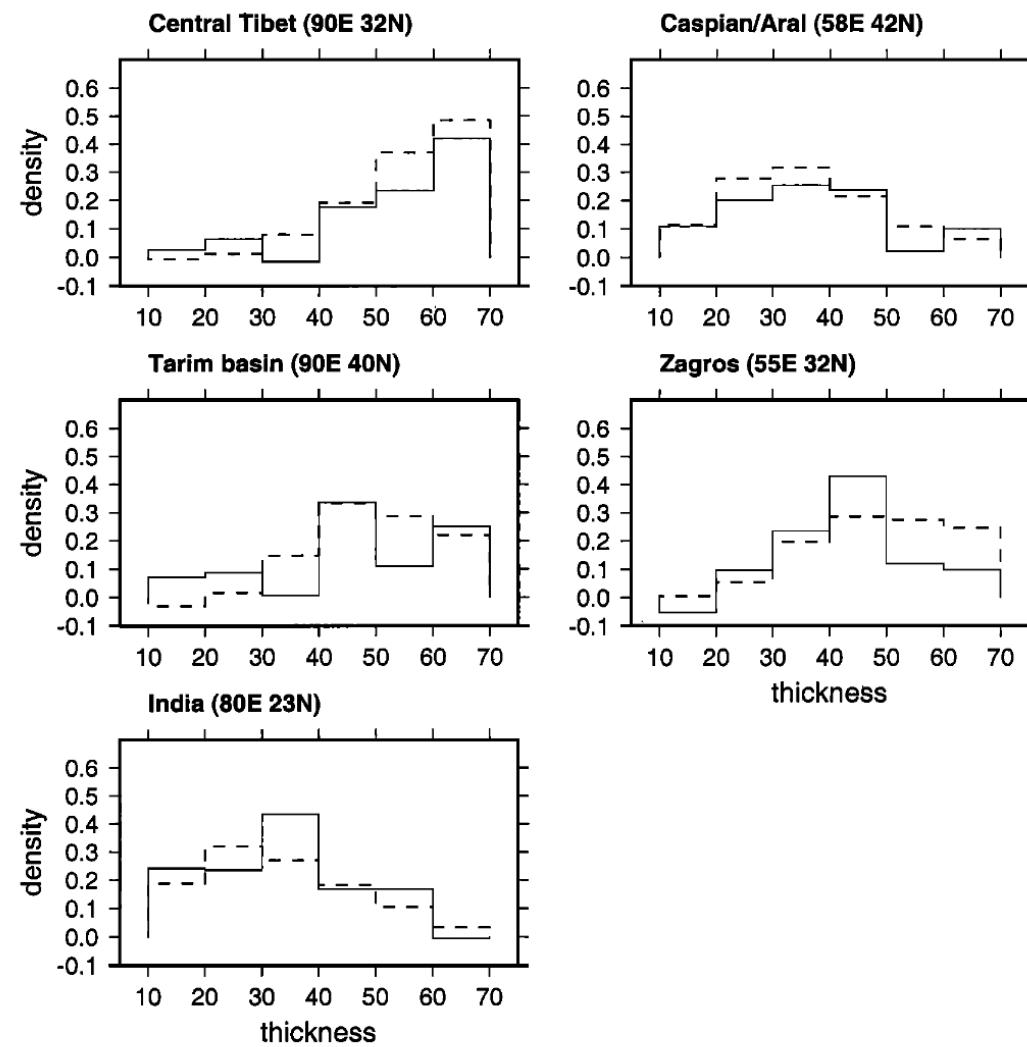


Figure 11. The full crustal thickness distributions for several coordinates in the Tibetan area,

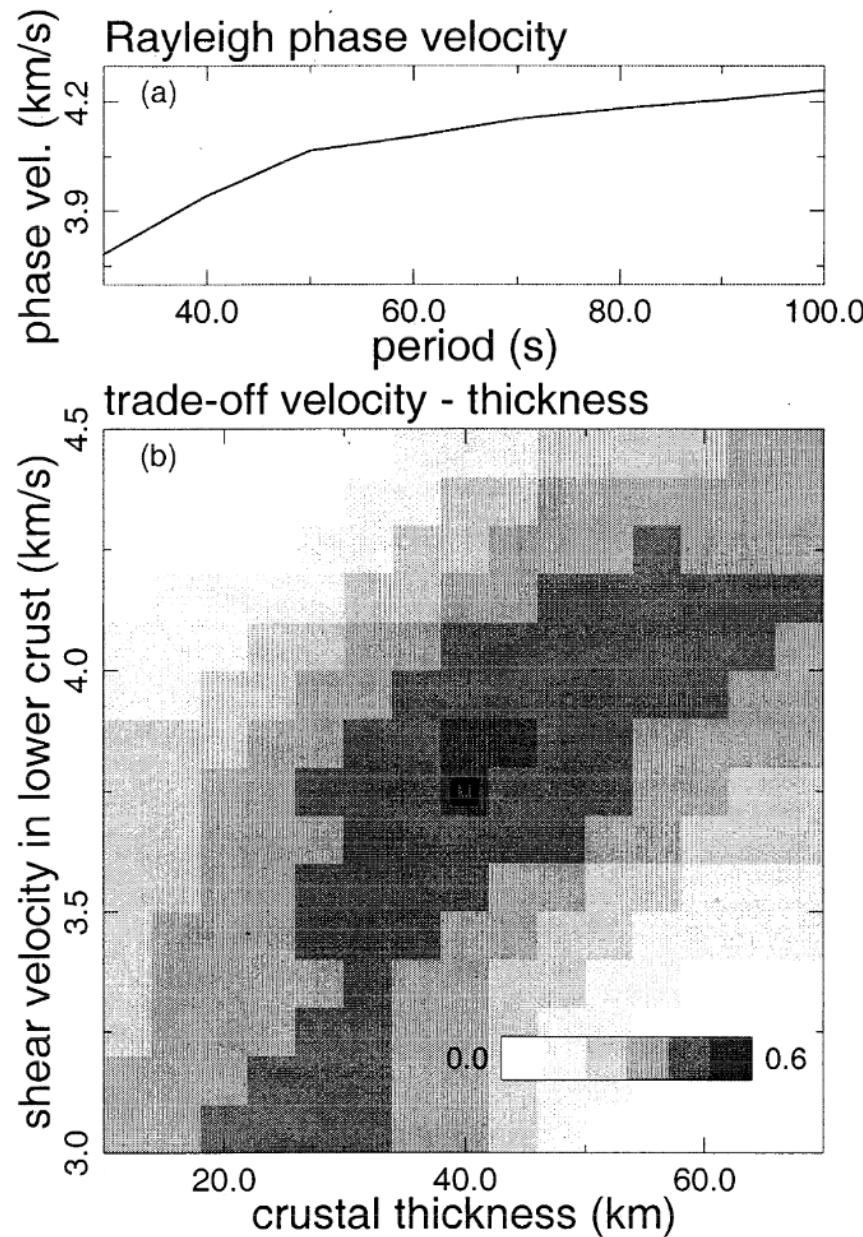


Figure 9. (a) Synthetic Rayleigh phase velocities calculated for the model of Table 1. We trained two

Global crustal thickness from neural network inversion of surface wave data

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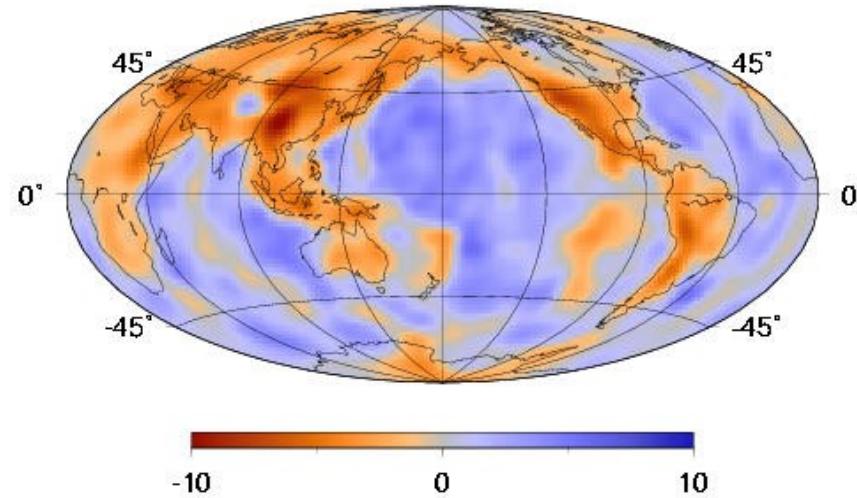
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Mixture Density Networks (MDN)

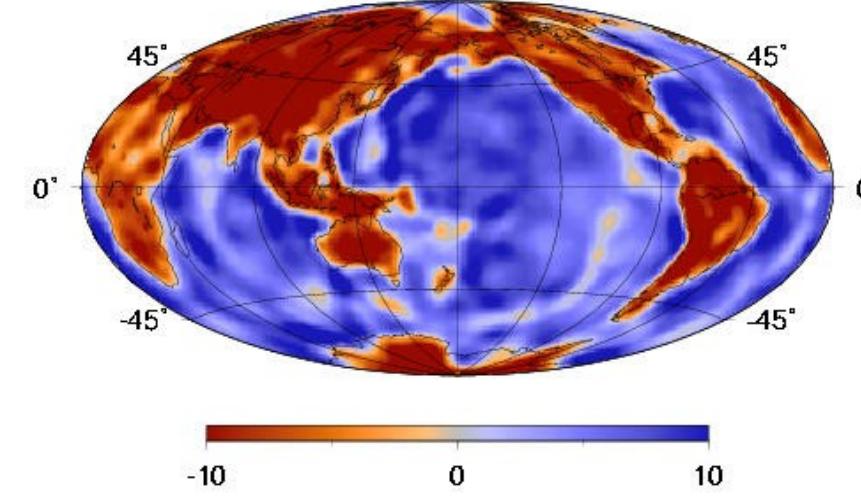
SUMMARY

We present a neural network approach to invert surface wave data for a global model of crustal thickness with corresponding uncertainties. We model the *a posteriori* probability distribution of Moho depth as a mixture of Gaussians and let the various parameters of the mixture model be given by the outputs of a conventional neural network. We show how such a network can be trained on a set of random samples to give a continuous approximation to the inverse relation in a compact and computationally efficient form. The trained networks are applied to real

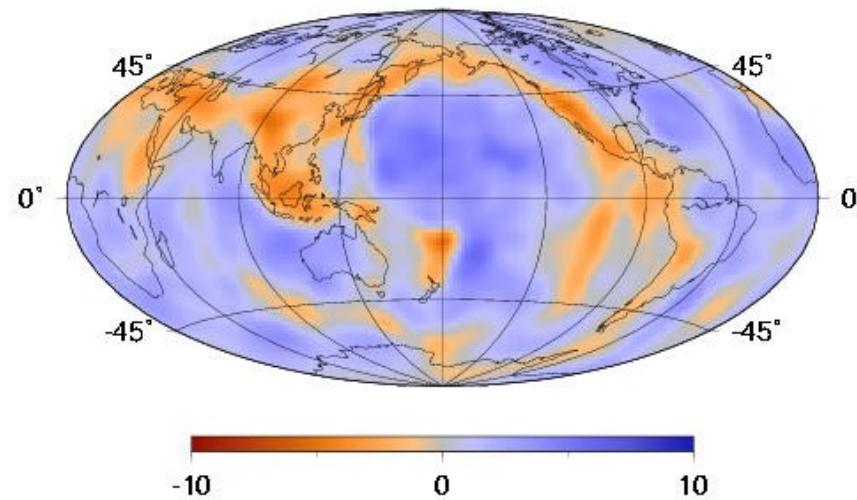
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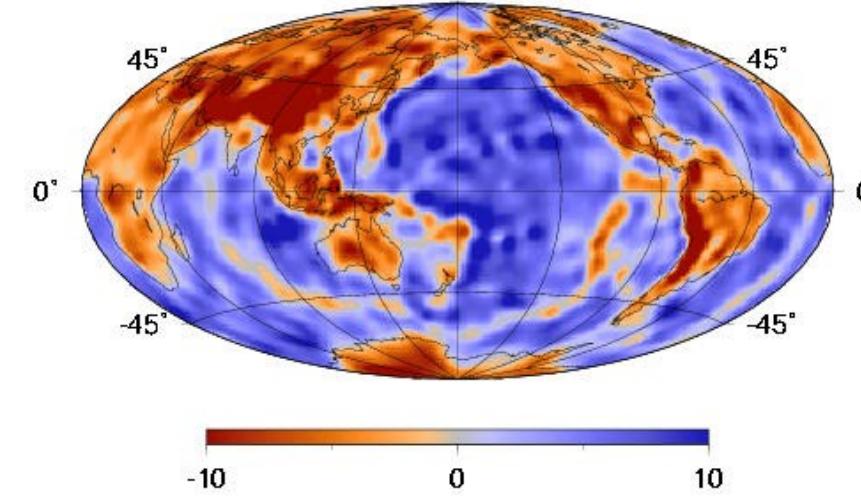
Love Group 40 s



% Perturbation Relative to PREM



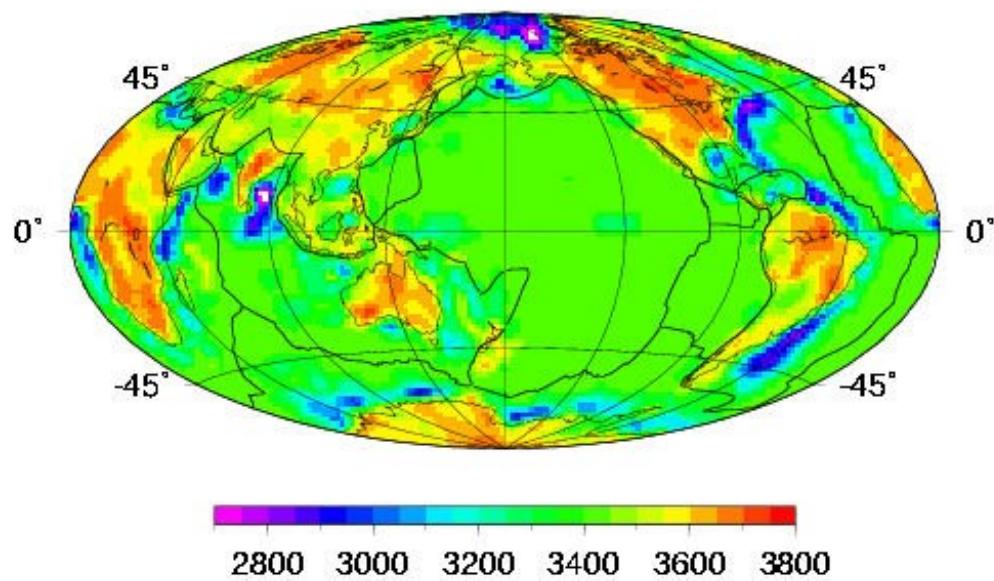
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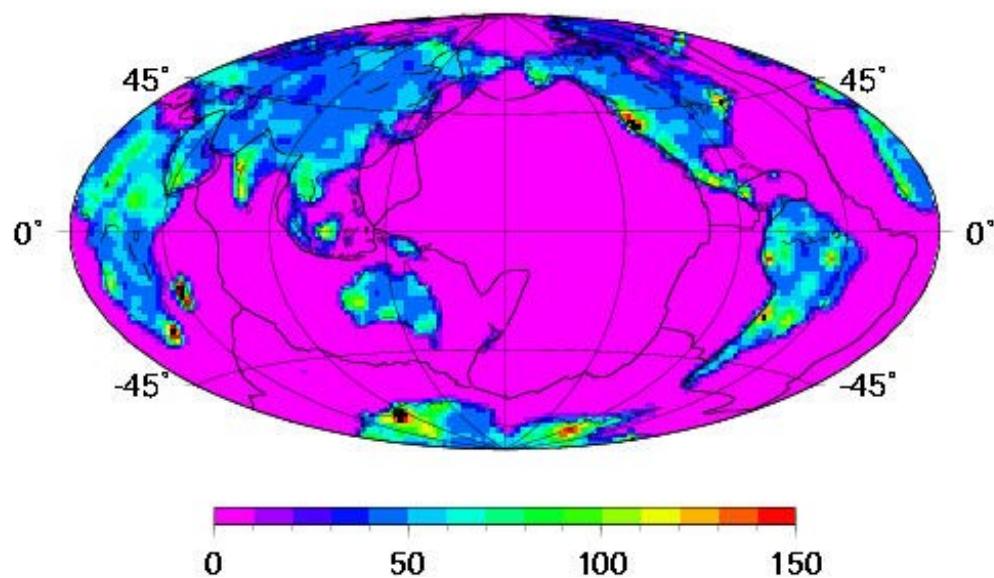
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Trampert and Woodhouse, 2003

Ritzwoller et al., 2002



Mean vertically averaged crustal Vs [m/s]

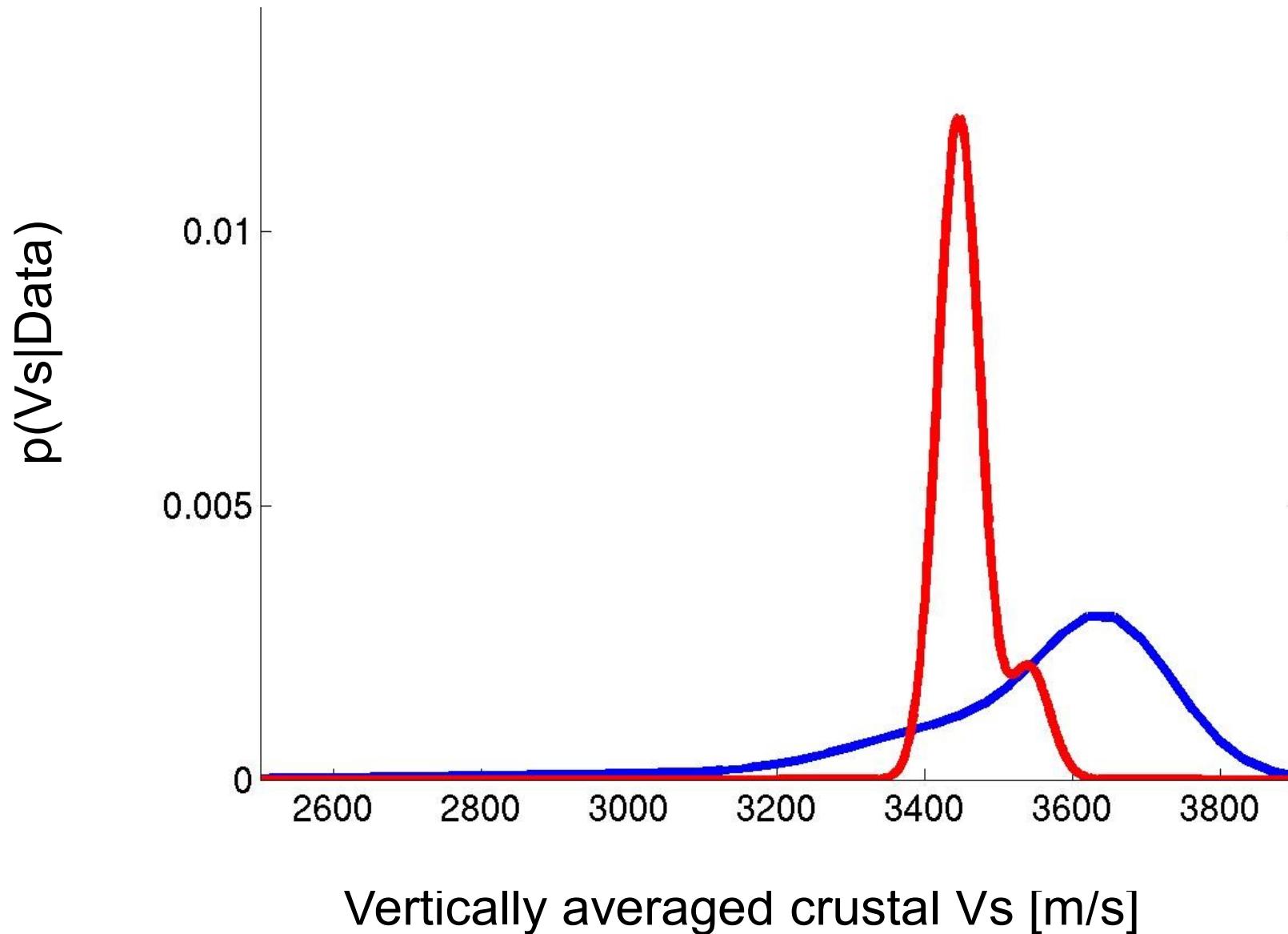


Standard deviation σ [m/s]

Meier et al., GRL 2007

Posterior average crustal Vs distribution in Central Tibet

(33N,87E)



Fast probabilistic nonlinear petrophysical inversion

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ABSTRACT

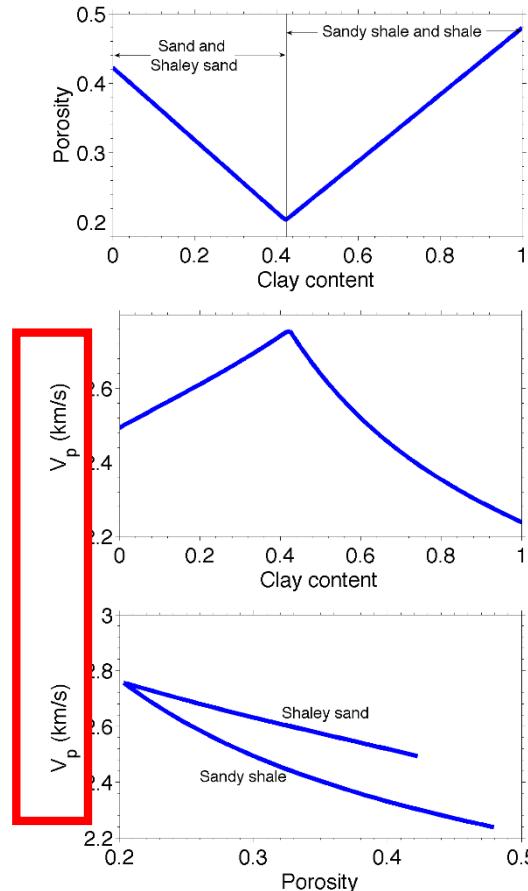
We have developed an extension of the mixture-density neural network as a computationally efficient probabilistic method to solve nonlinear inverse problems. In this method, any postinversion (*a posteriori*) joint probability density function (PDF) over the model parameters is represented by a weighted sum of multivariate Gaussian PDFs. A mixture-density neural network estimates the weights, mean vector, and covariance matrix of the Gaussians given any measured data set. In one study, we have jointly inverted compressional- and shear-wave velocity for the joint PDF of porosity, clay content, and water saturation in a synthetic, fluid-saturated, dispersed sand-shale system. Results show that if the method is applied appropriately, the joint PDF estimated by the neural network is comparable to the Monte Carlo sampled *a posteriori* solution of the inverse problem.

used to solve nonlinear geophysical inverse problems with 1D model spaces. [Devilee et al. \(1999\)](#) invert regional surface-wave dispersion velocities for crustal thickness across Eurasia, and [Meier et al. \(2007a\)](#) extend this to obtain a global crustal thickness map. [Devilee et al. \(1999\)](#) also show how the laws of probability can be used to combine the output of multiple neural networks, each solving a 1D inverse problem, to solve a multi-dimensional inverse problem.

Devilee et al.'s method is used by [Meier et al. \(2007b\)](#) to invert for a two-parameter (average velocity and Moho depth) global crustal model that could be used, among other applications, to make near-surface corrections for global deep-mantle tomography. [Meier et al. \(2009\)](#) extend the data and methodology to perform petrophysical inversion for global water content and temperature in the earth's mantle transition zone (approximately 440–660 km deep) in an inversion that also constrains parameters in the petrophysical forward relations between temperature, water content, and seismic velocities.

A rock physical inverse problem

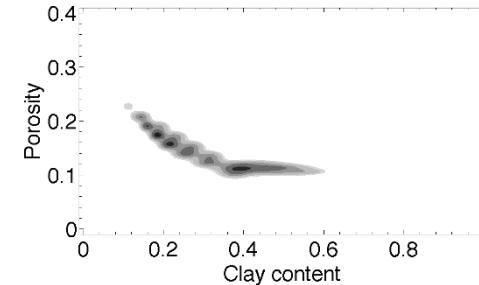
- Data vector: $\mathbf{d}=(V_p, V_s)$
 - $\sigma_{V_p}=0.05 V_p$.
 - $\sigma_{V_s}=0.07 V_s$.
- Model vector: $\mathbf{m}=(\varphi, V_c, S_w)$
- Forward function: Dvorkin-Gutierrez (2001) bi-value petrophysical model.
- Confounding parameters of the forward functions:
 - K_s, G_s & ρ_s : elastic moduli and density of sand grains.
 - K_c, G_c & ρ_c : elastic moduli and density of clay grains.
 - z : depth



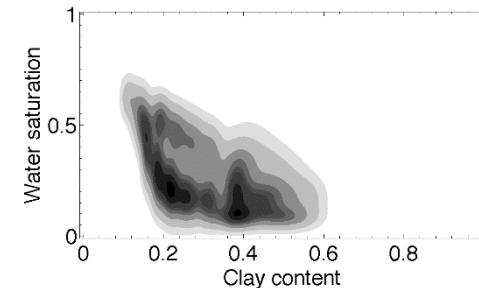
Comparison between MC sampling and MDN solution

MDN solution

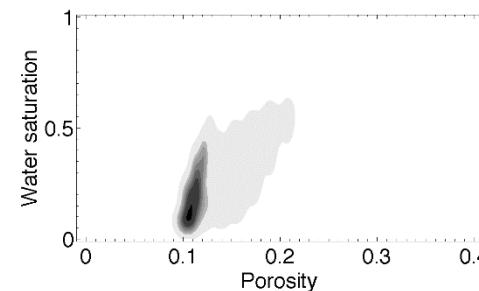
$$d=(V_p, V_s) = (2818 \text{ m/s}, 1675 \text{ m/s})$$



But is this correct...?

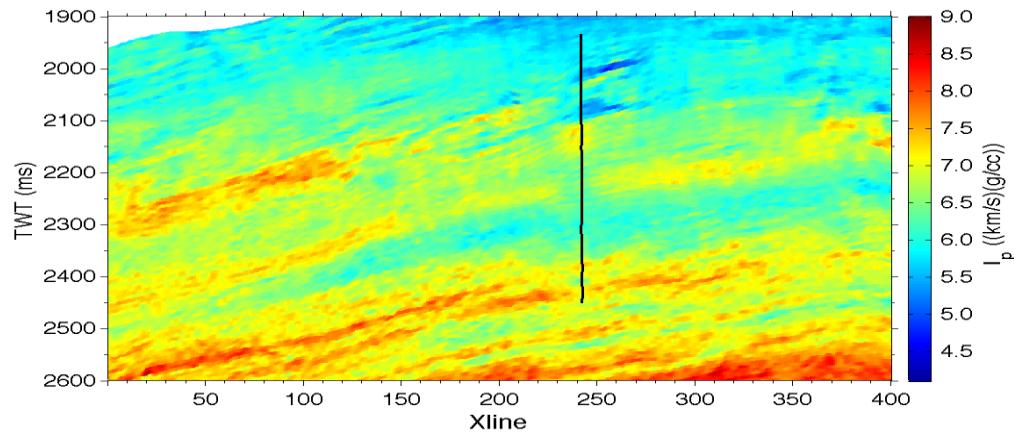


“Bayesian’s Uncertainty”

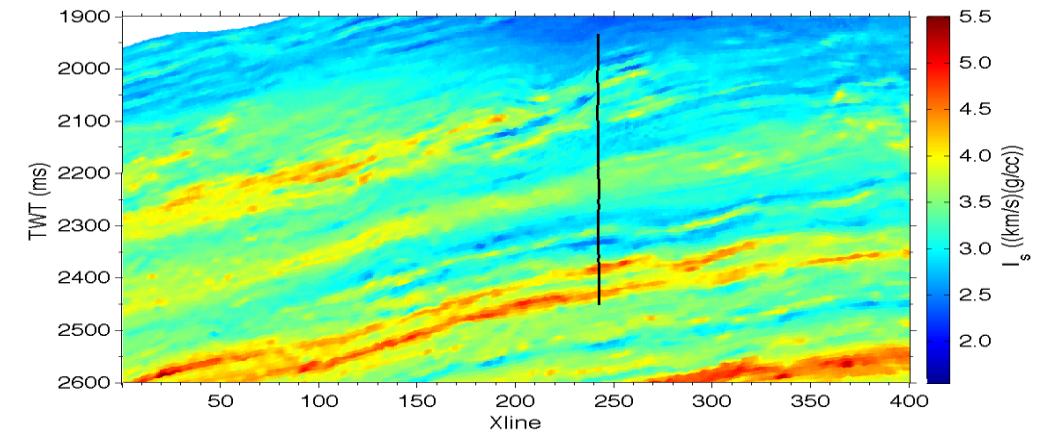


AVO seismic data

P-wave impedance

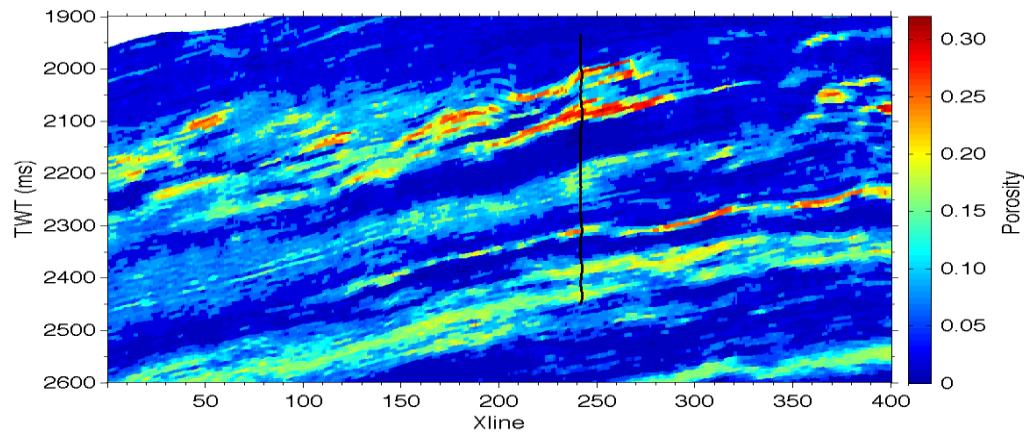


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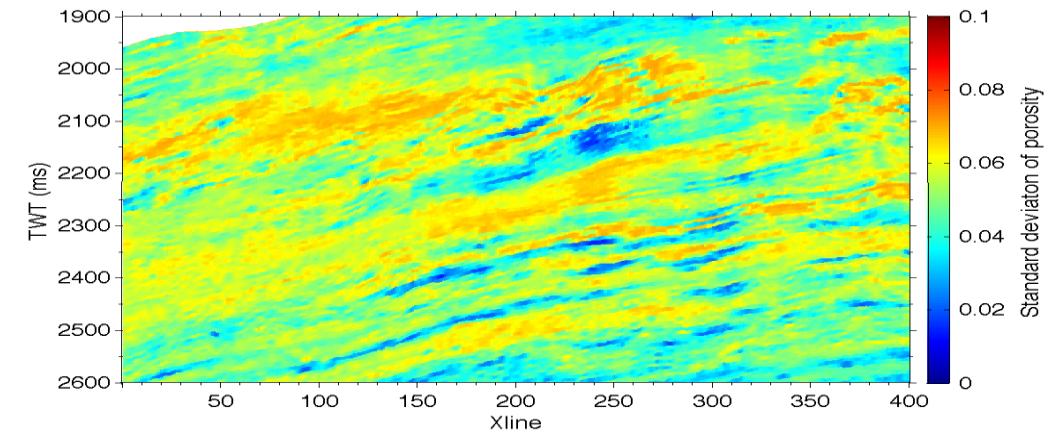


Inversion result: Porosity

MAP

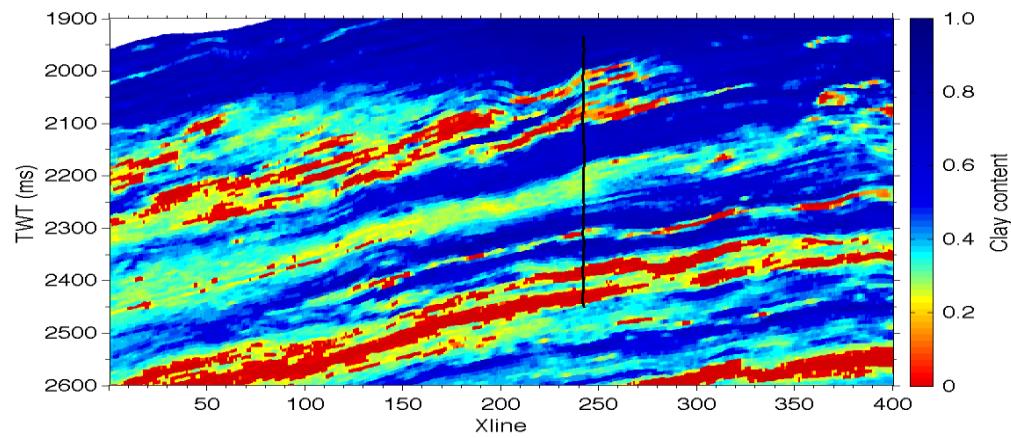


Standard deviation

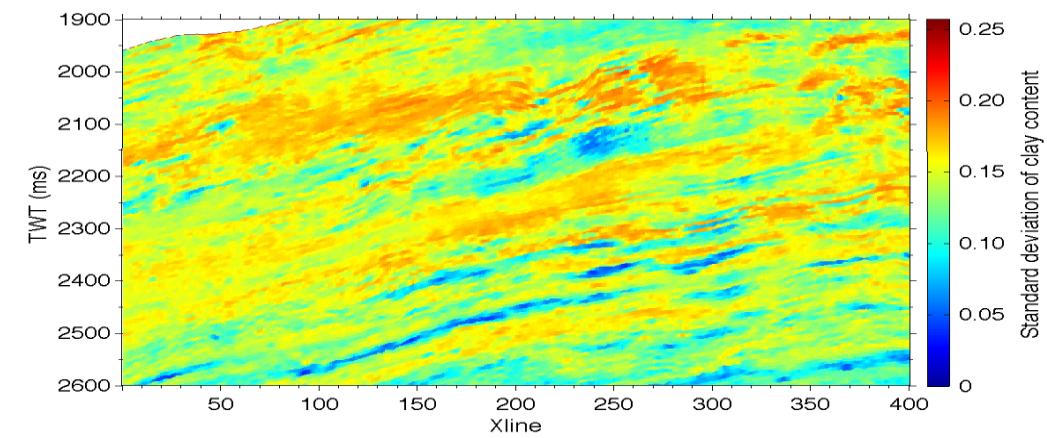


Inversion result: Clay Content

MAP



Standard deviation





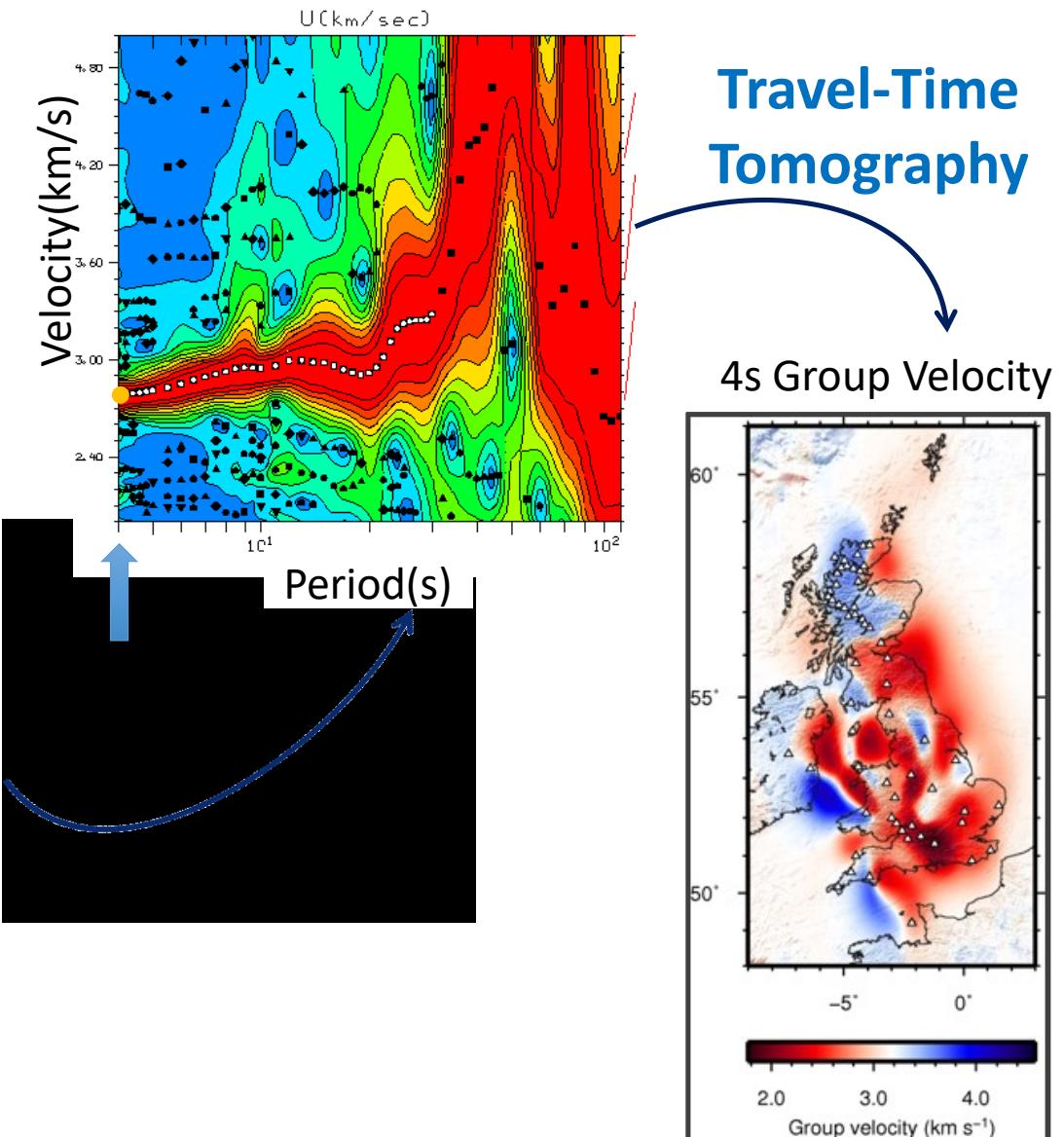
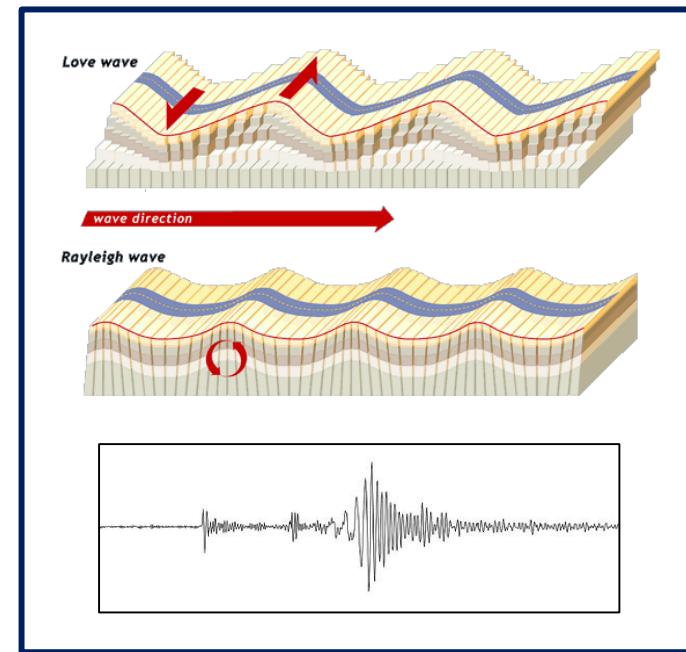
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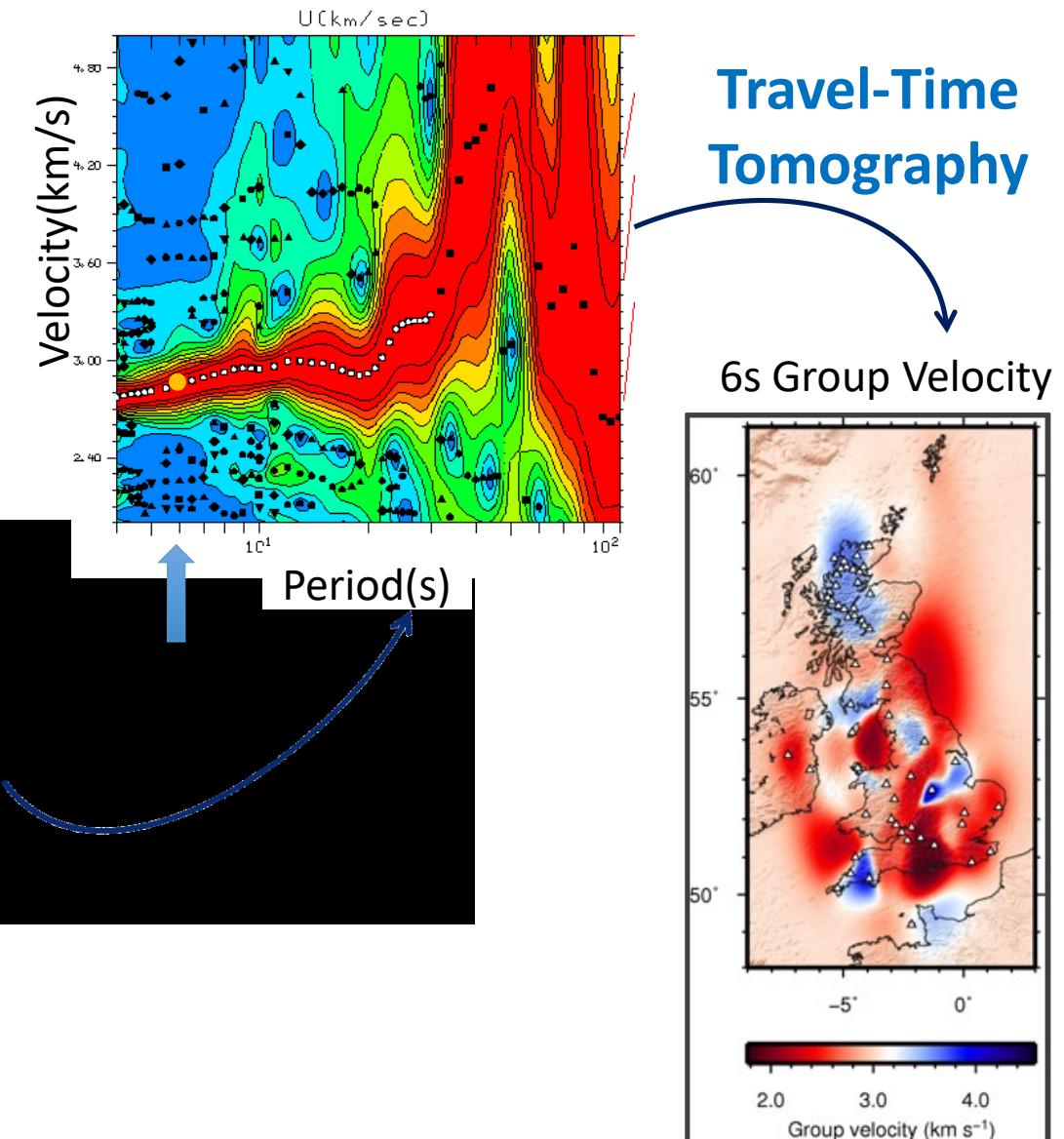
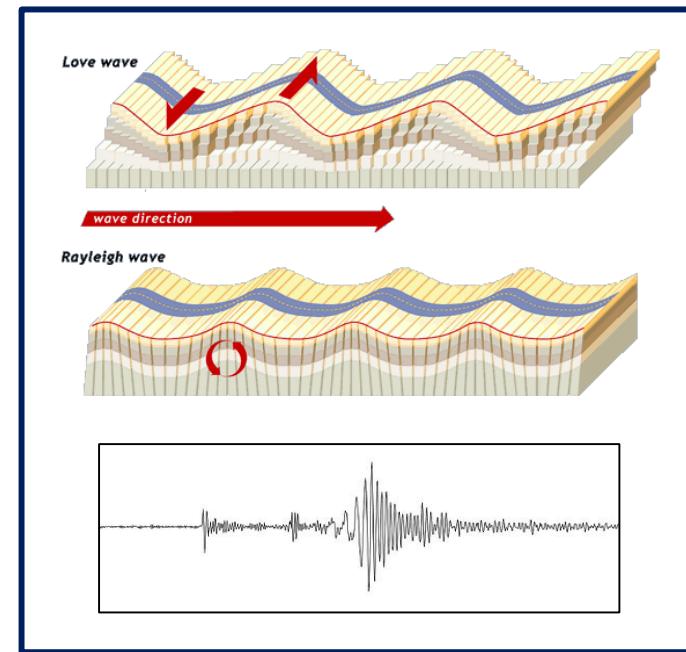
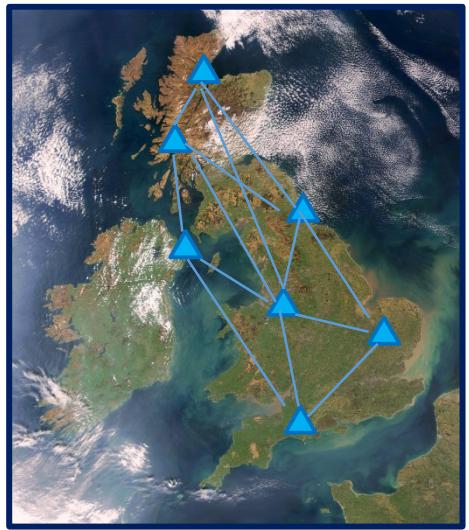
3D Surface Wave Tomography

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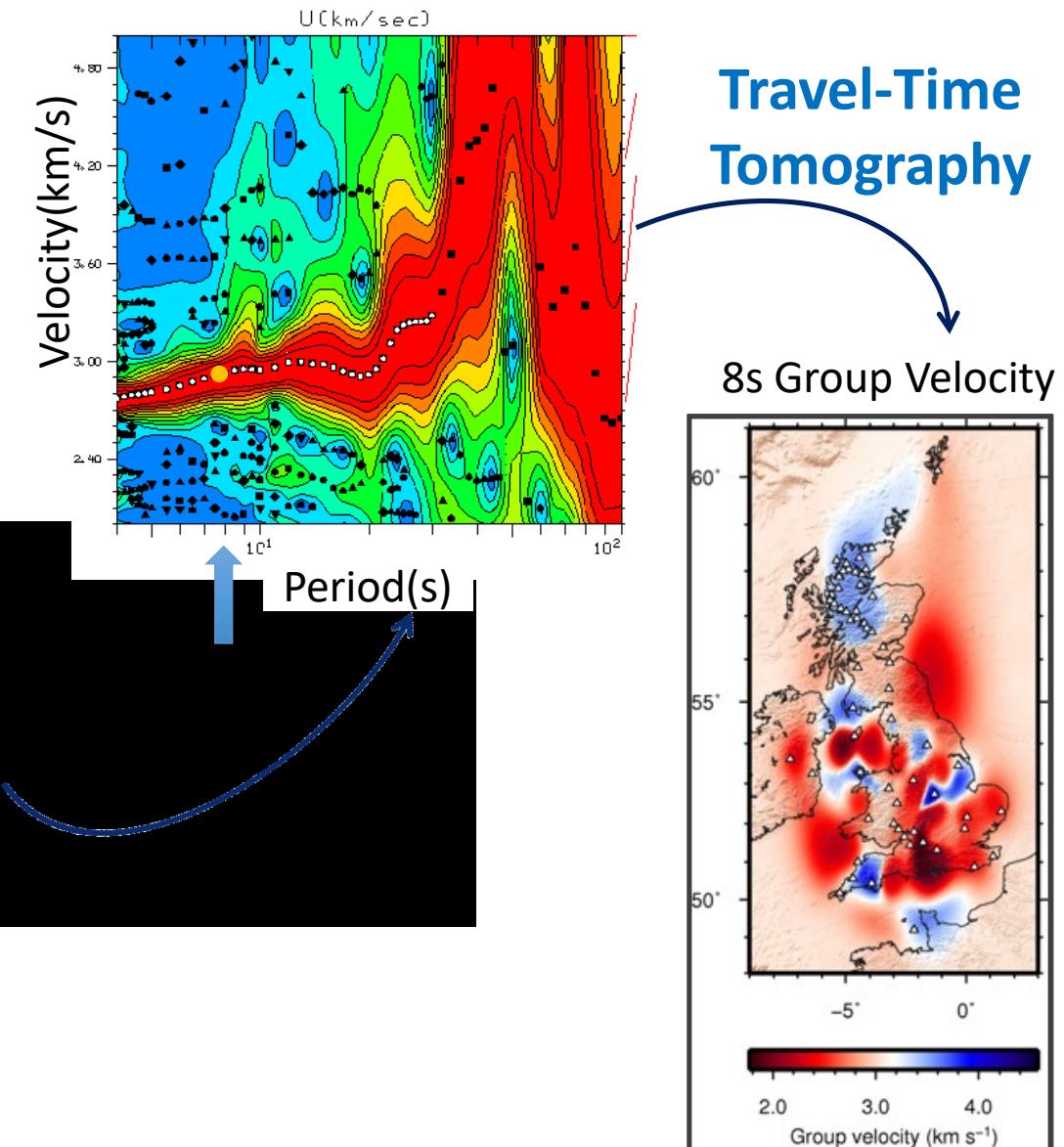
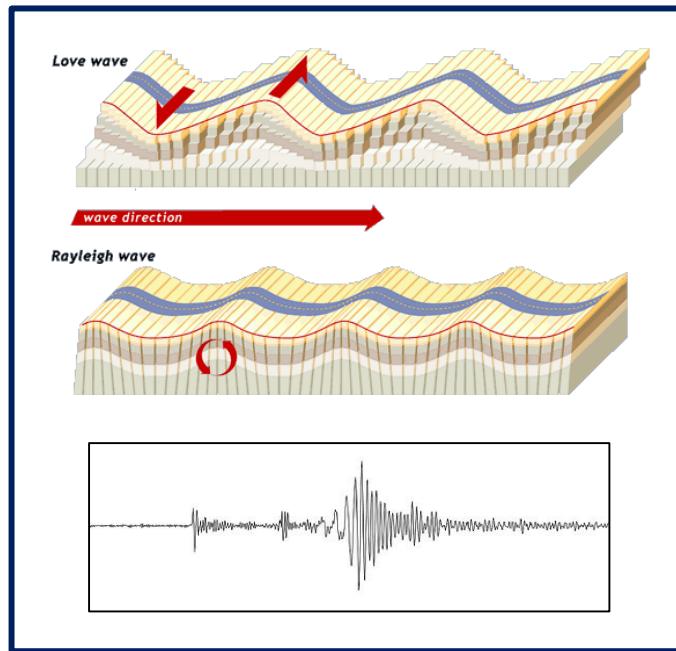
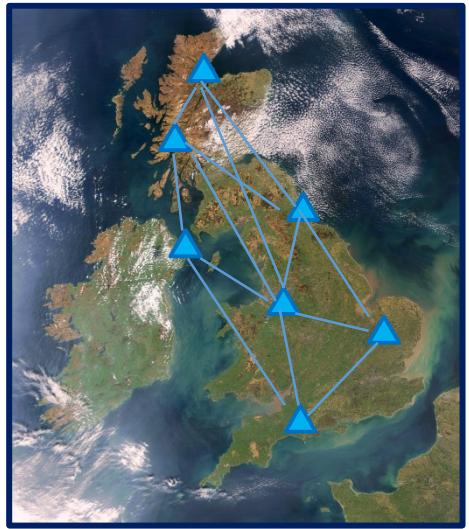
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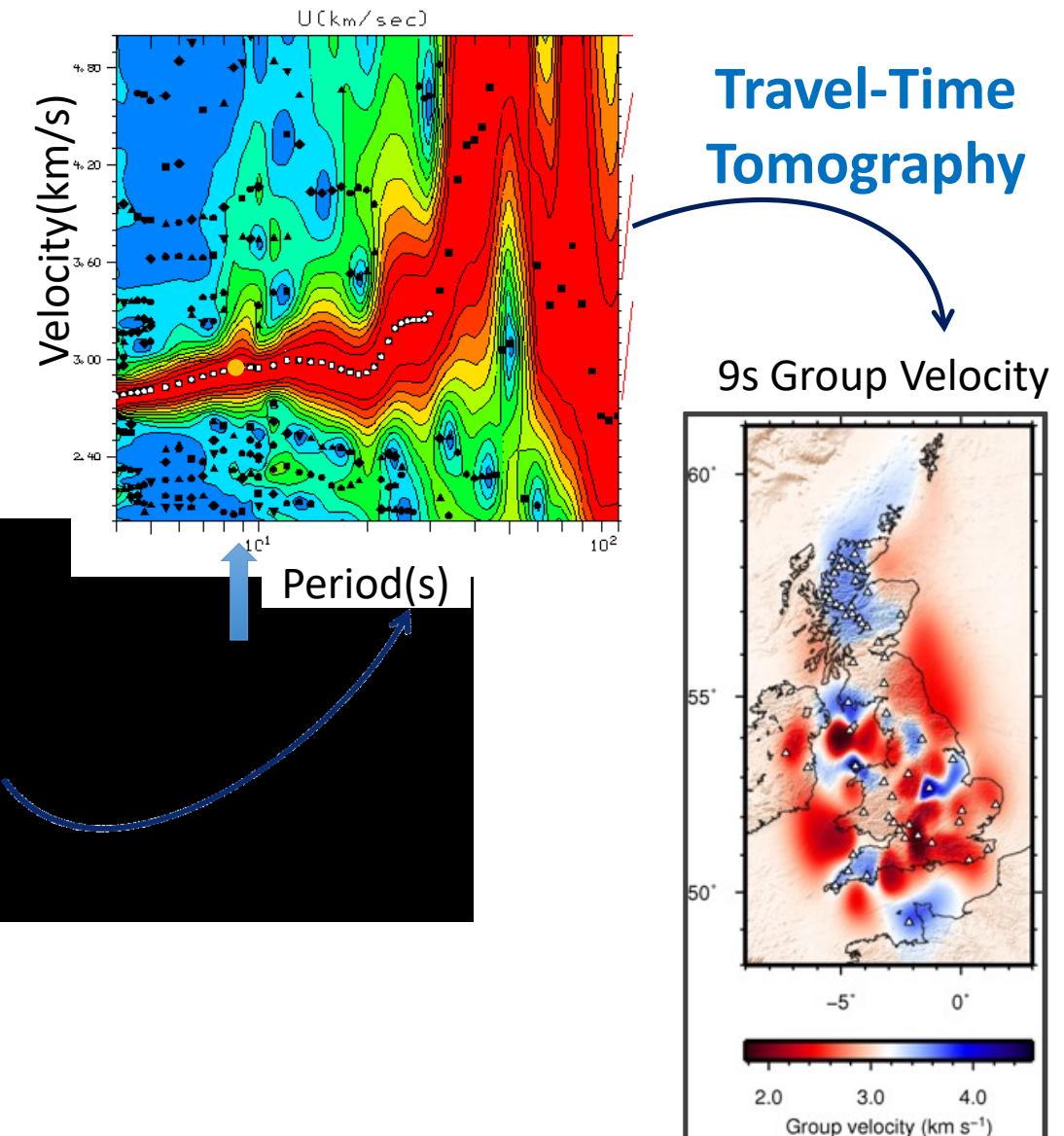
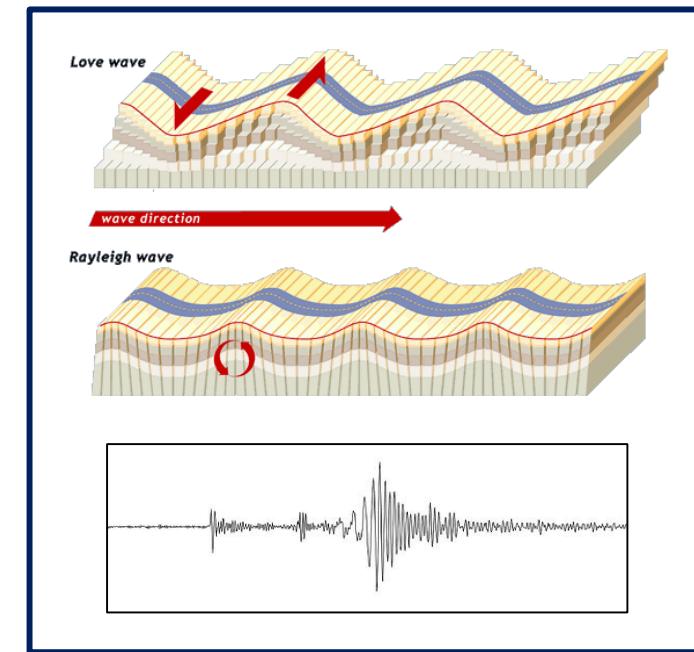
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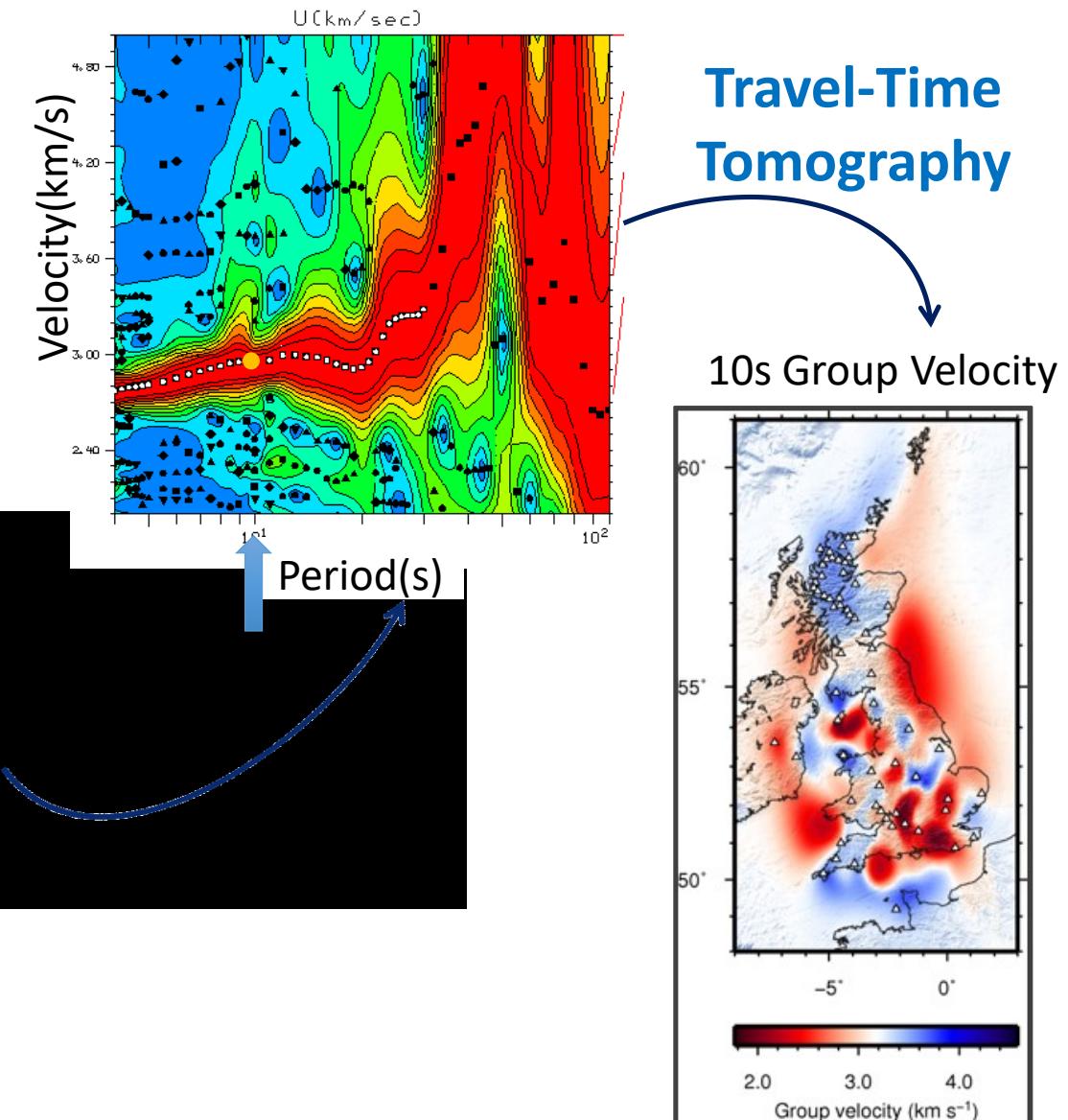
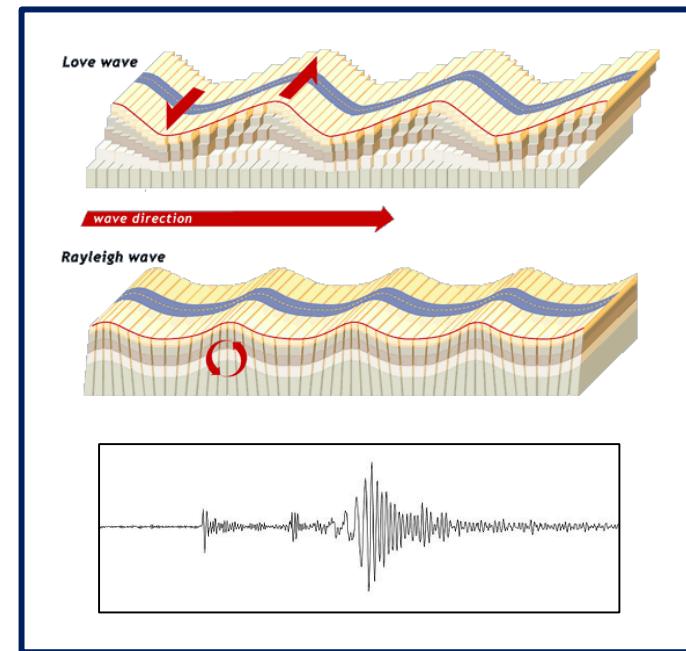
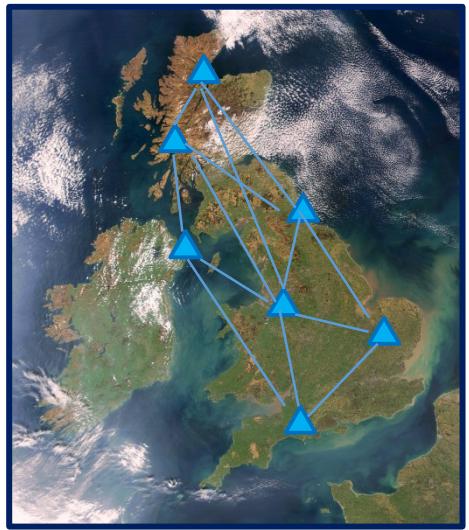
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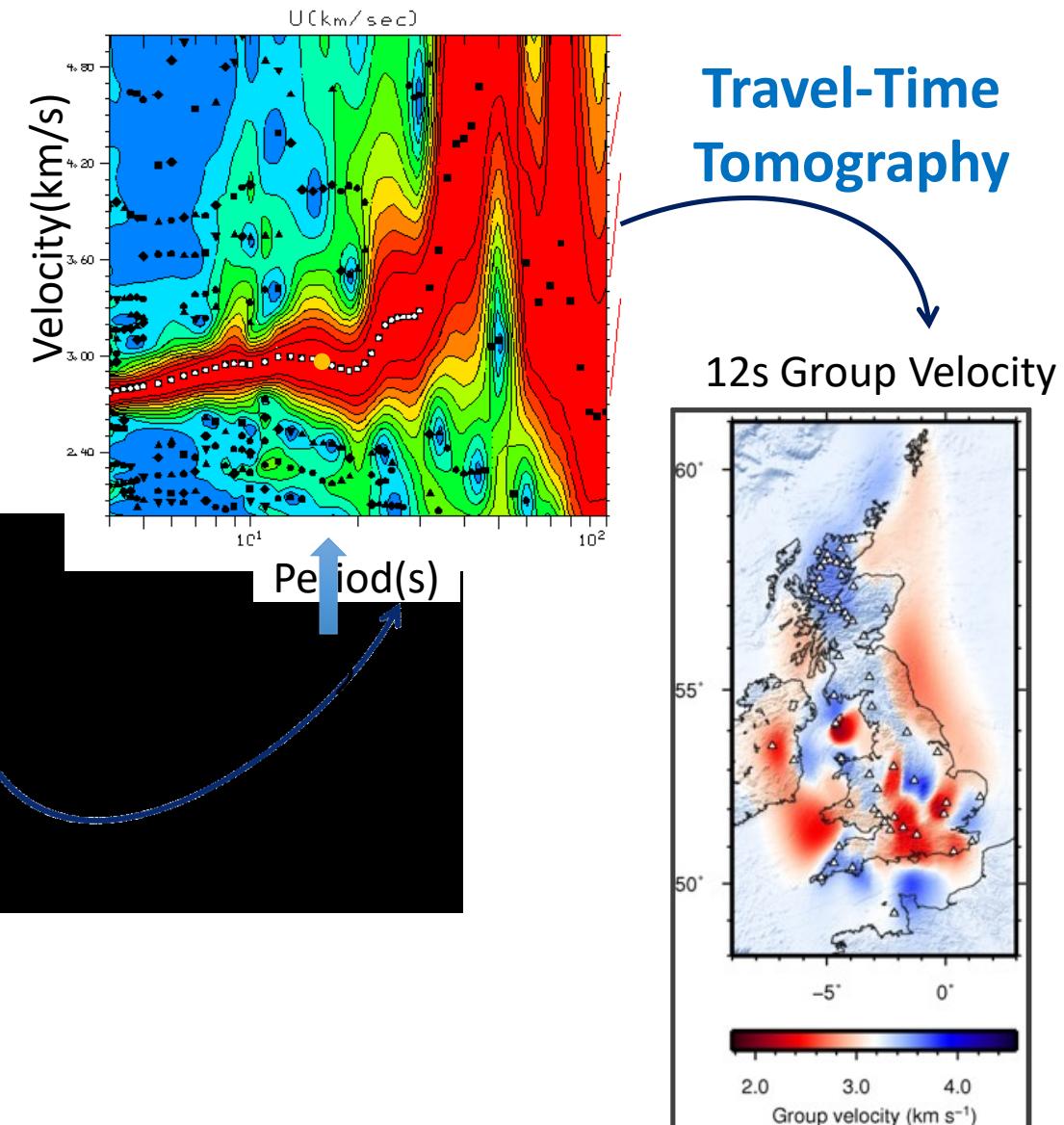
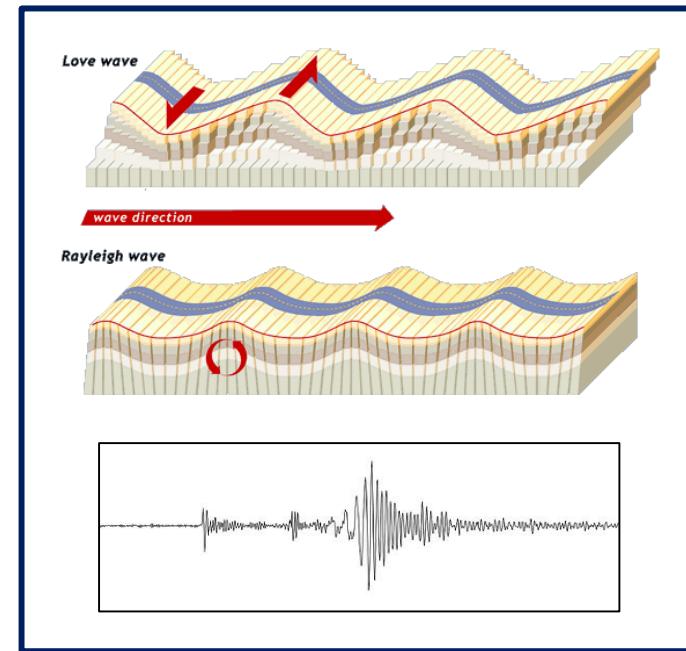
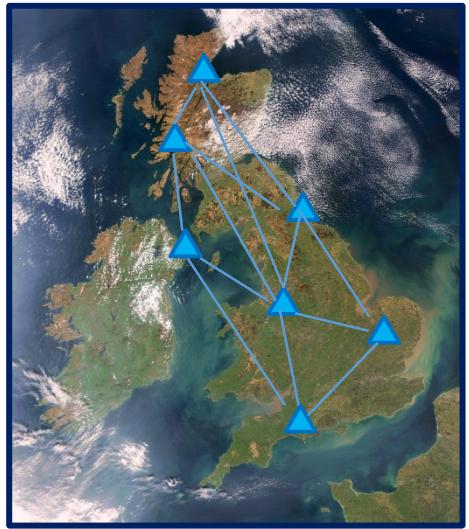
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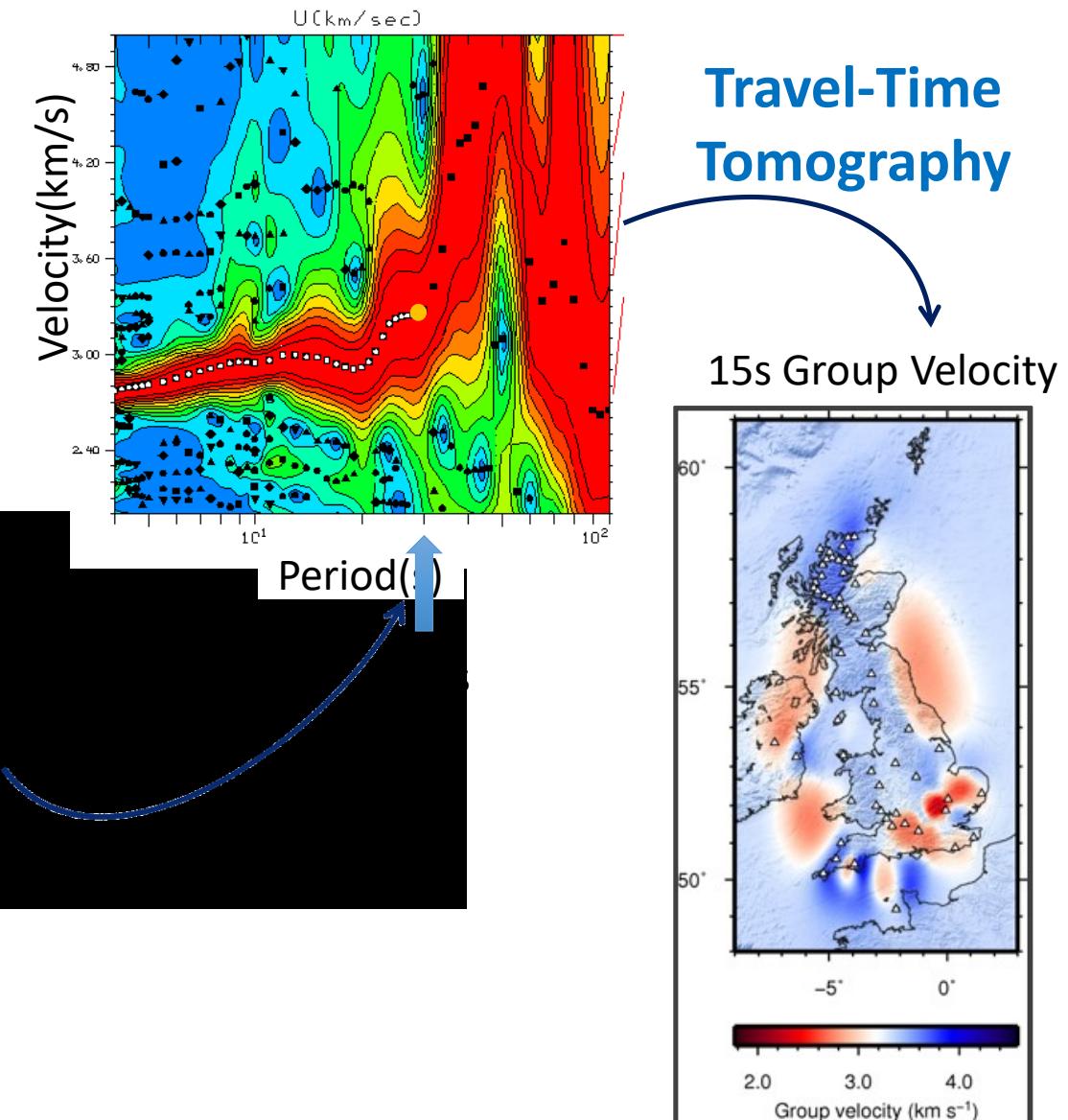
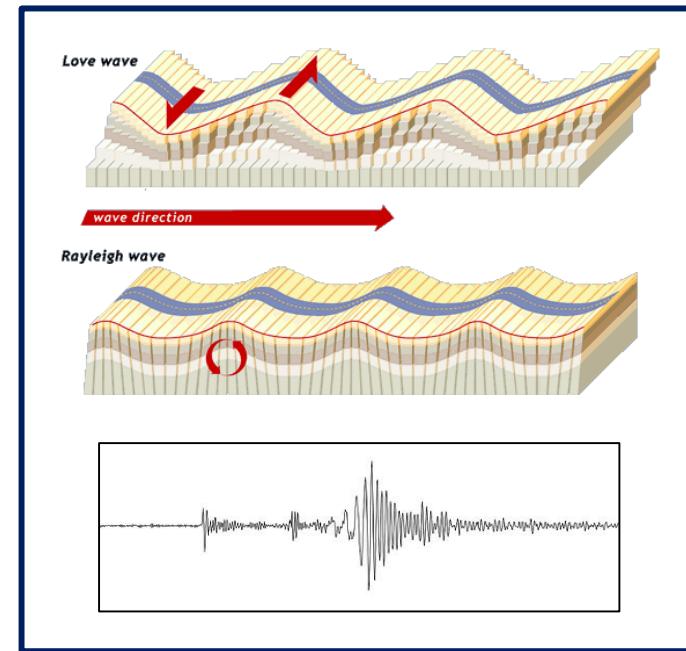
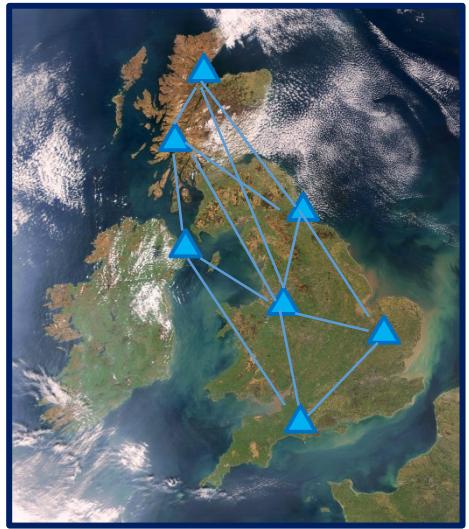
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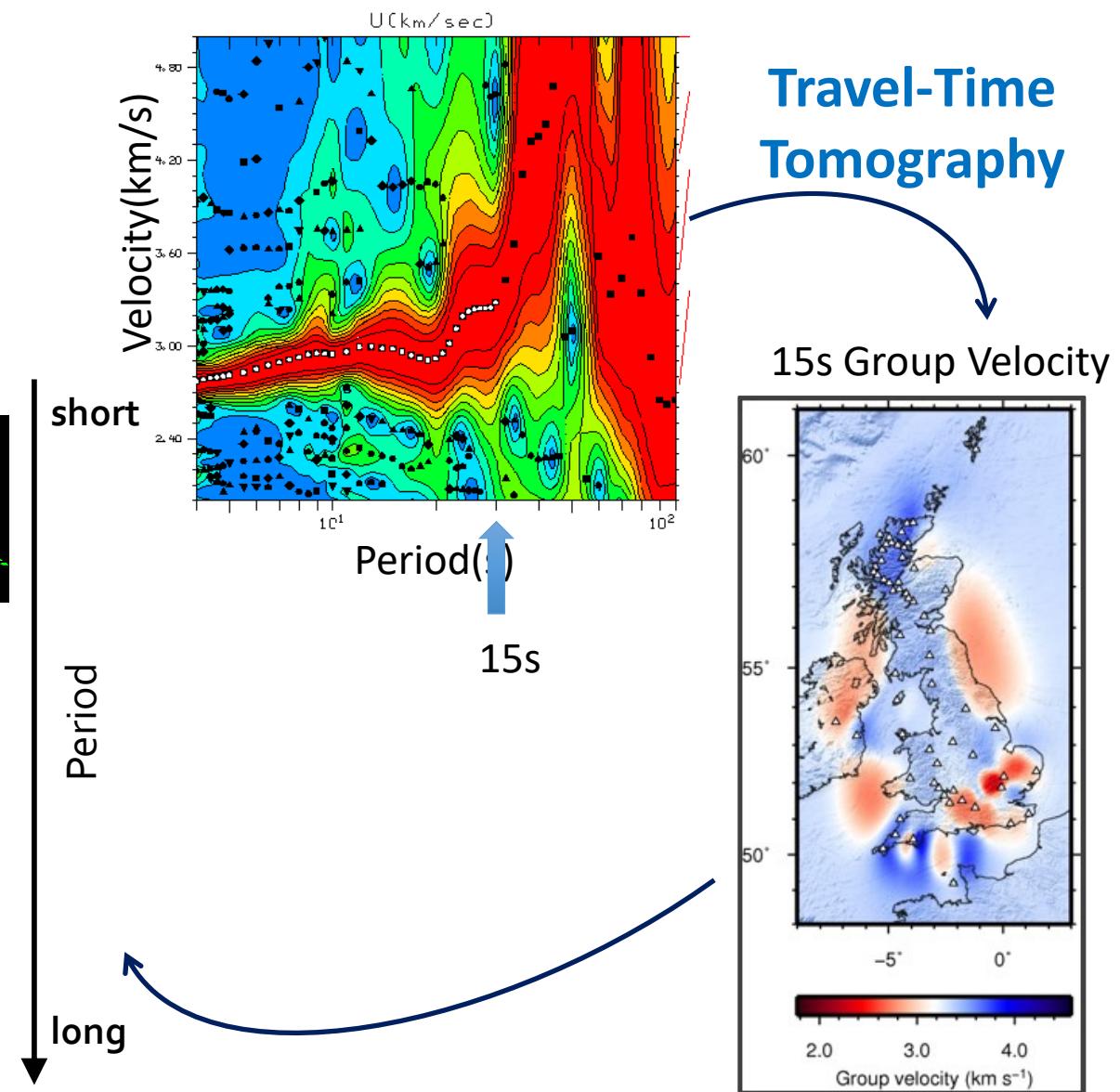
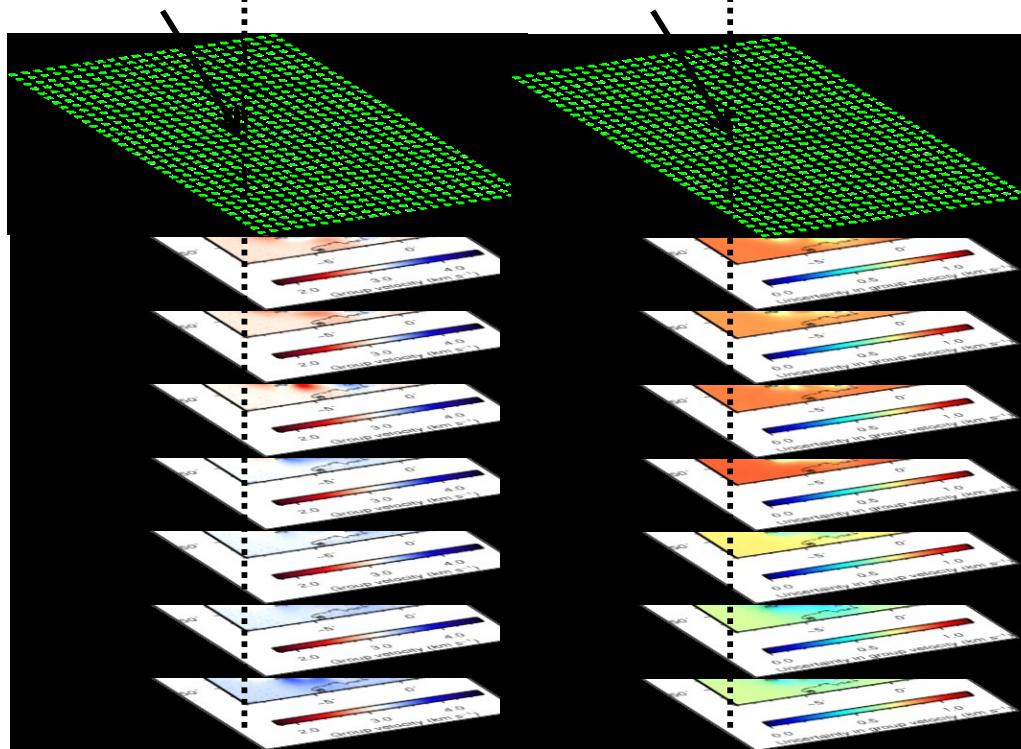


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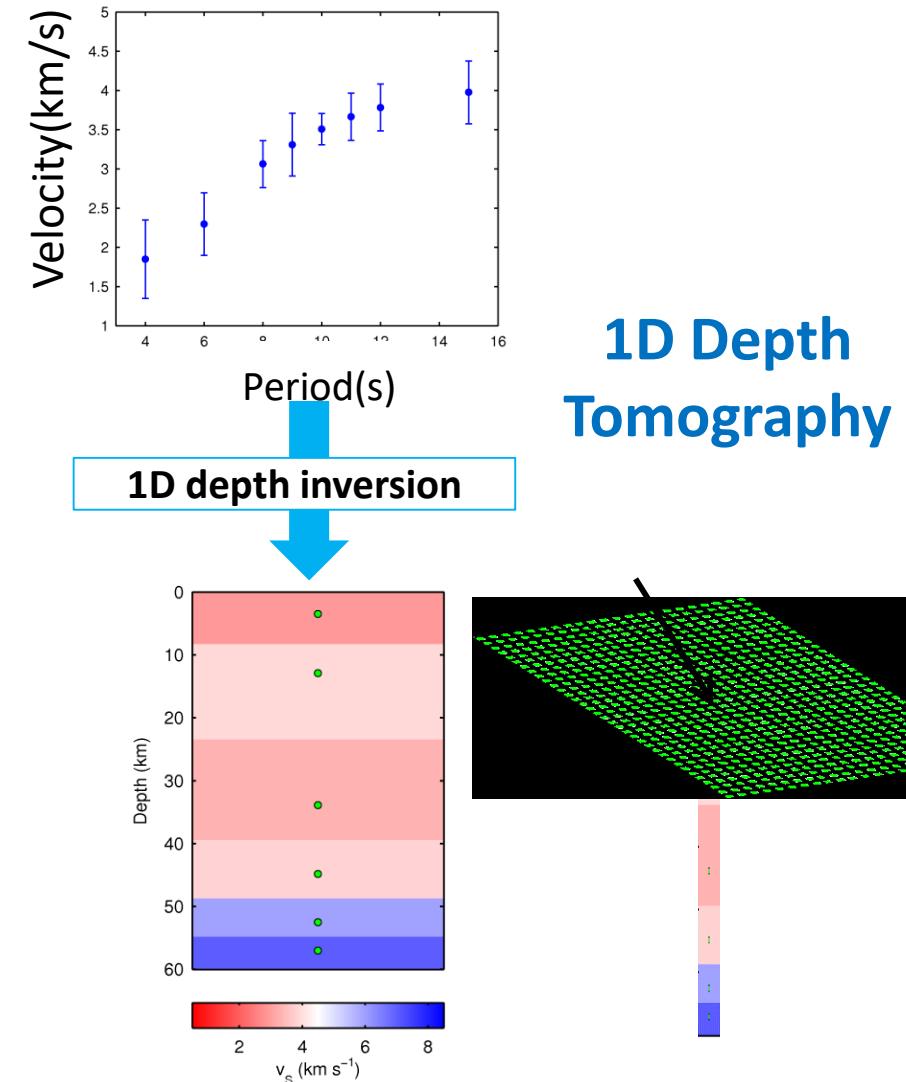
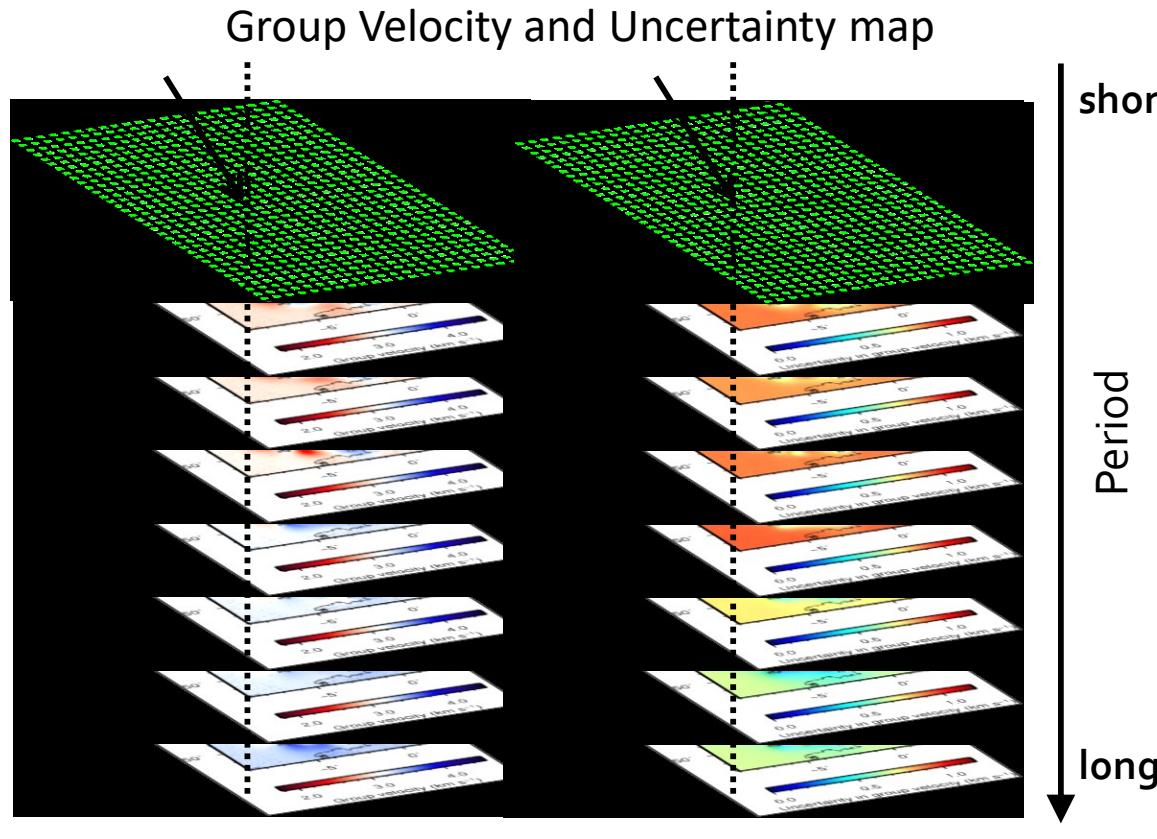
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Group Velocity and Uncertainty map

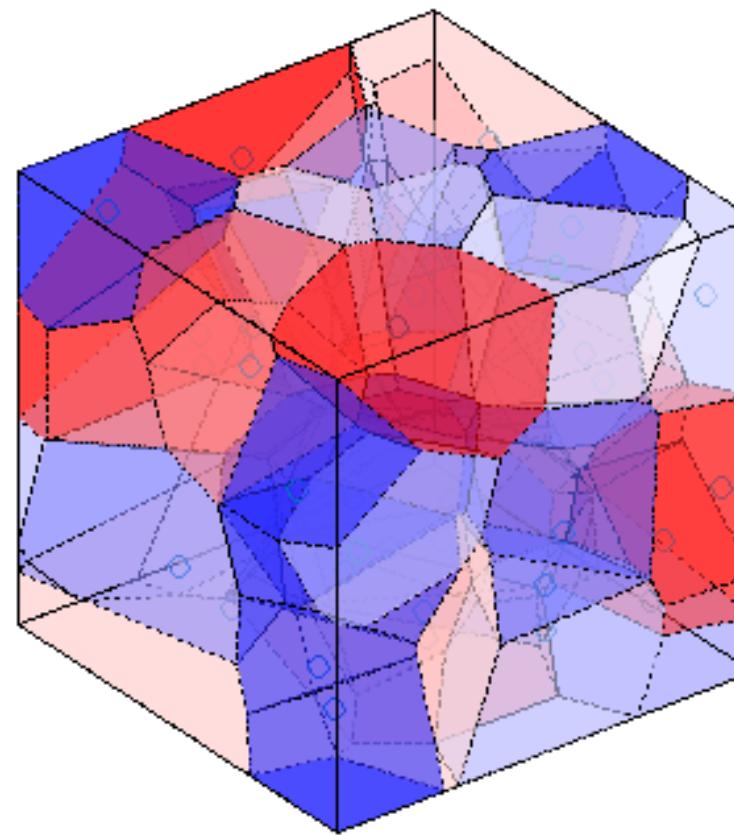


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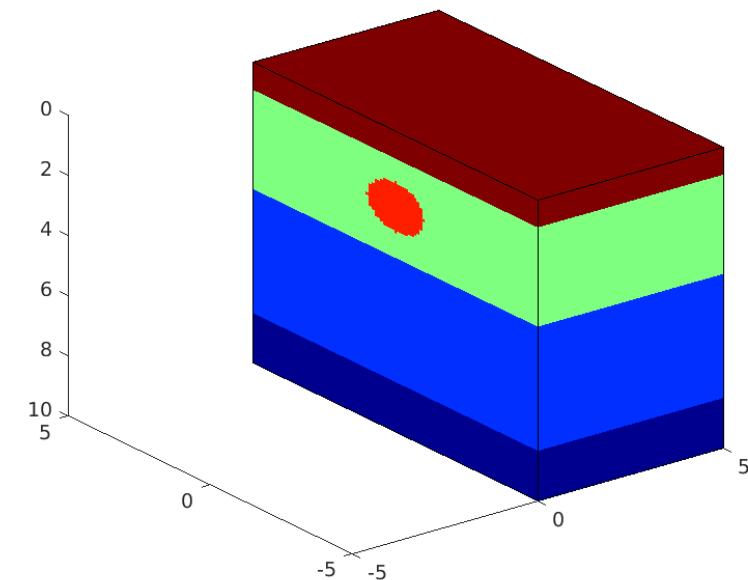
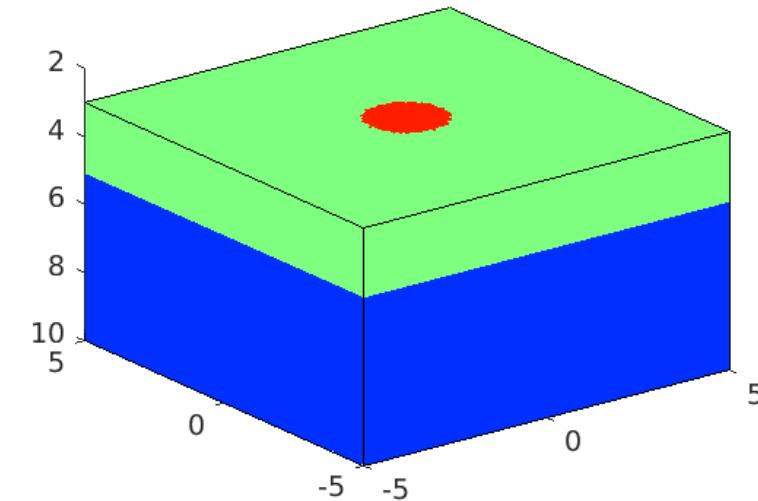
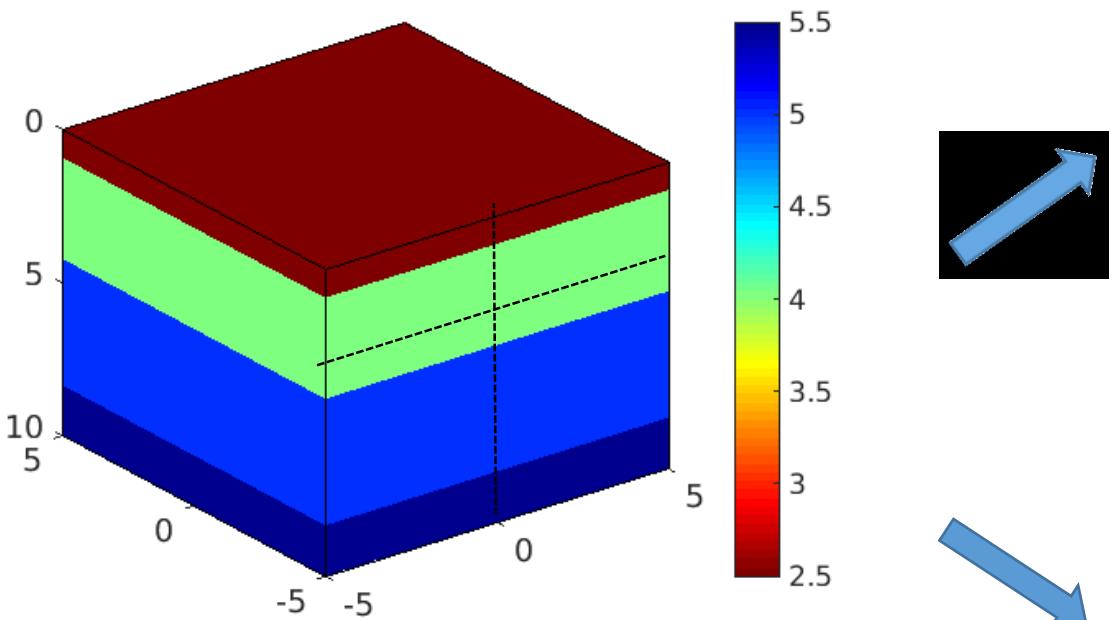
- Stage 1: construct 2D phase/group velocity map
- Stage 2: 1D depth inversion at each grid point
Many points \rightarrow 3D model



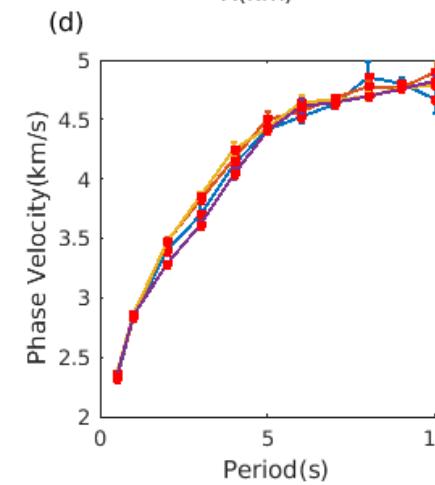
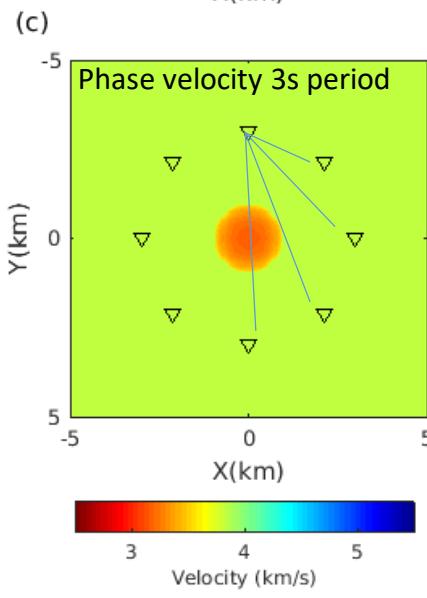
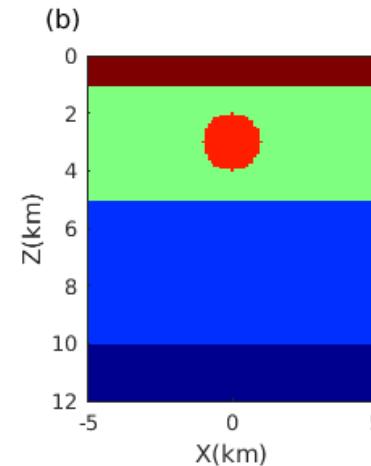
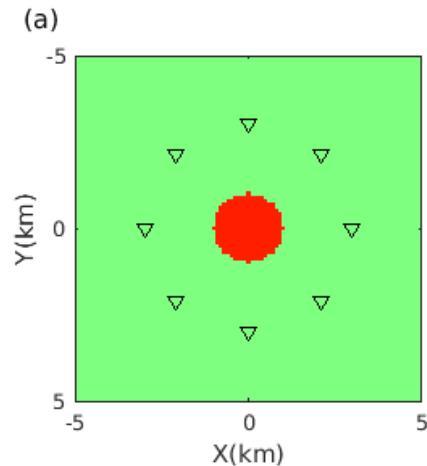
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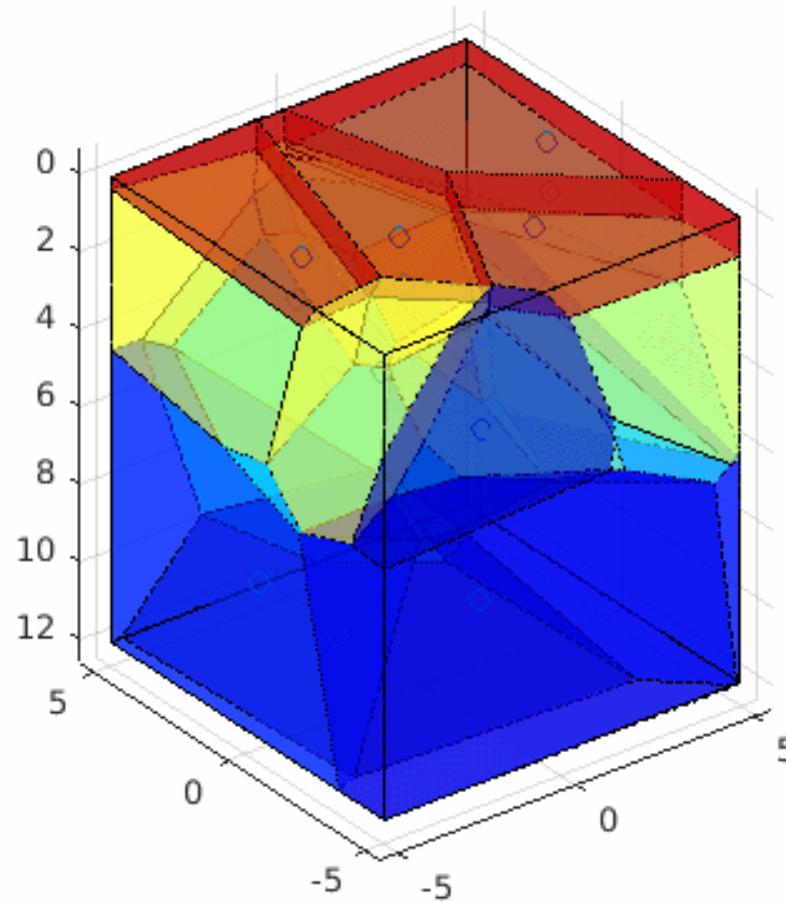
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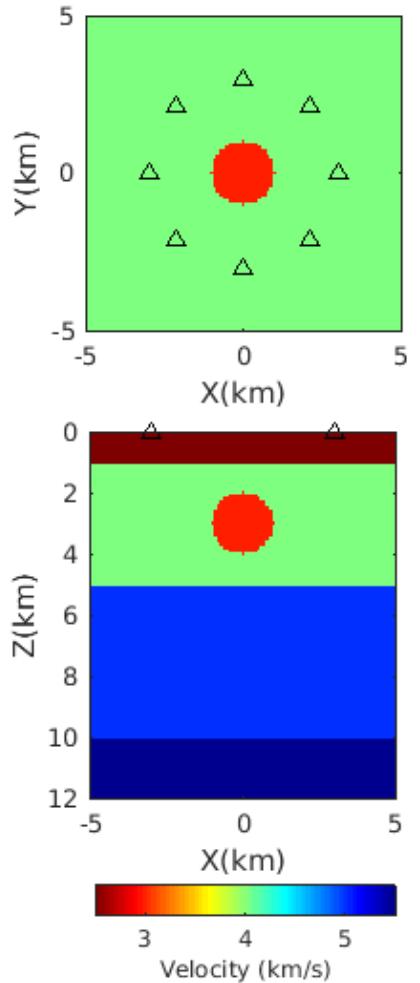


Markov chain



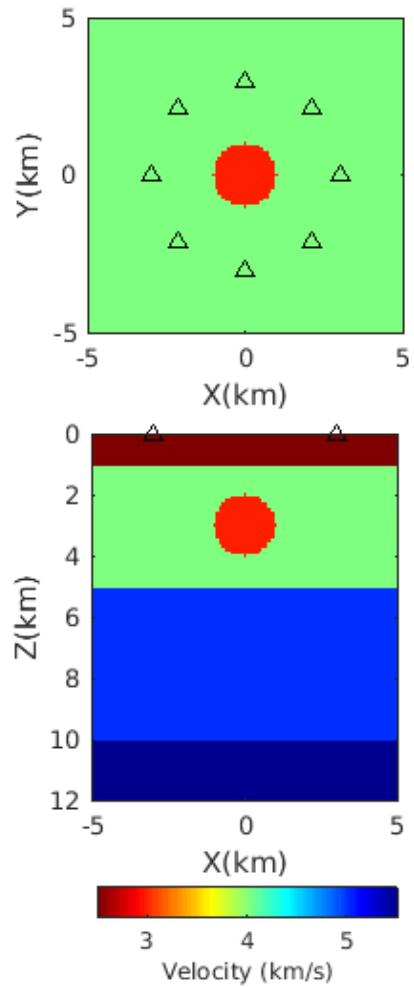
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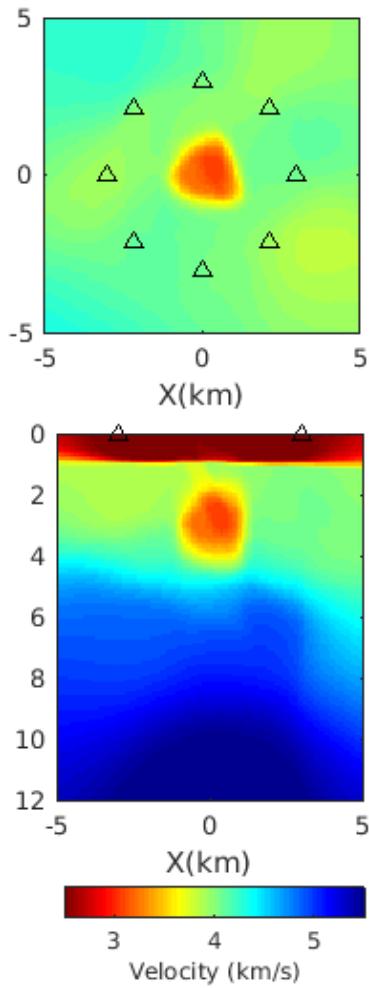


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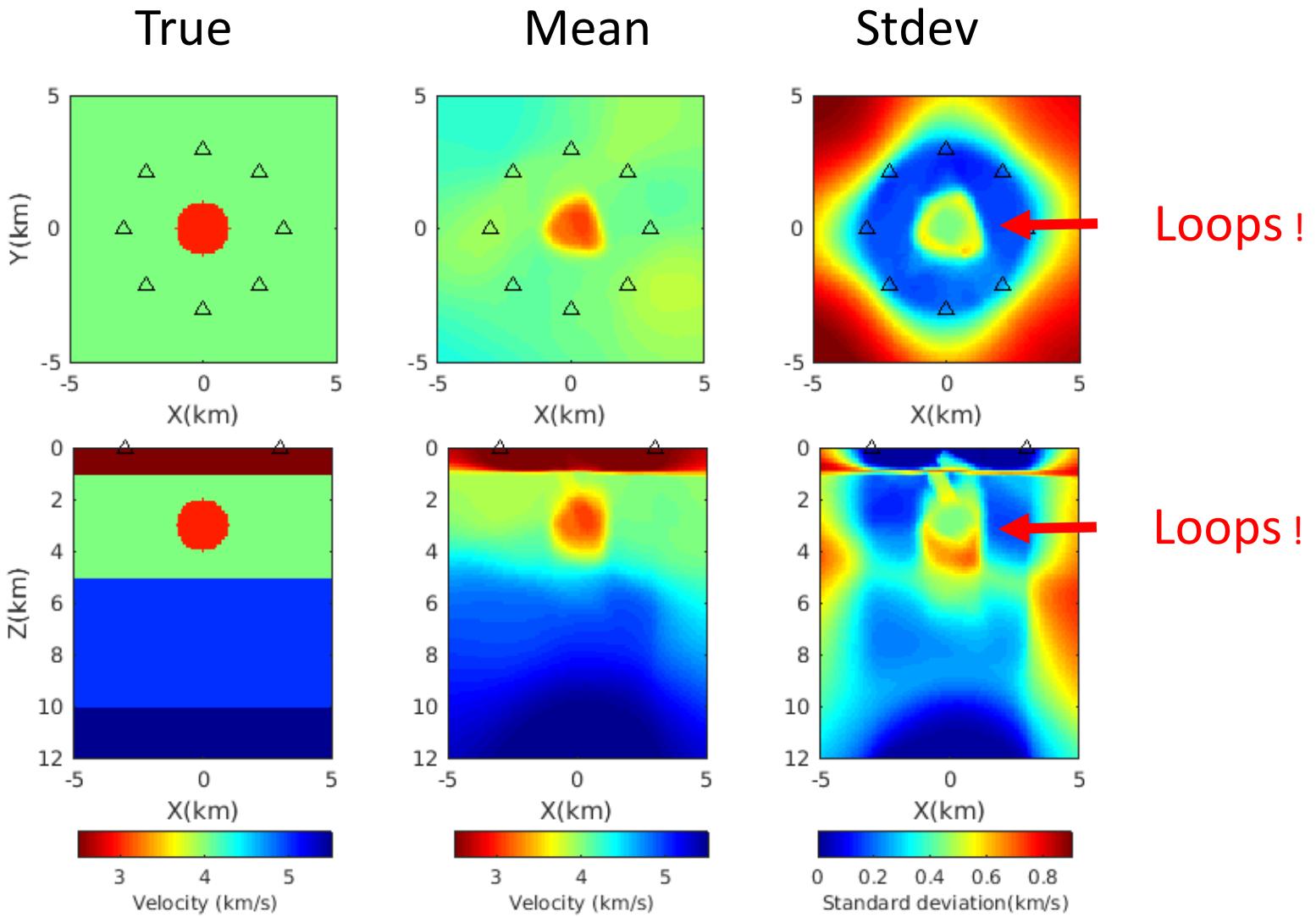
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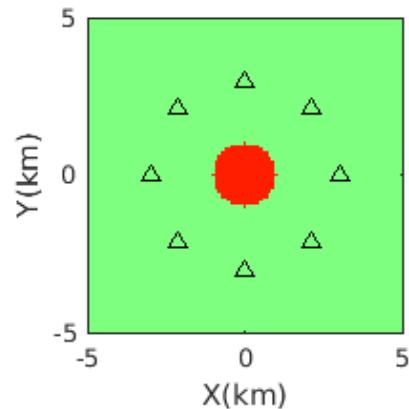


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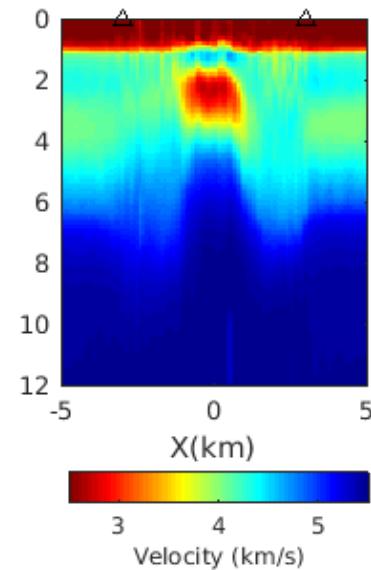
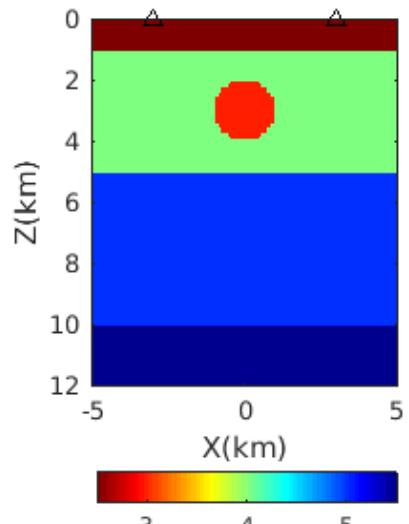
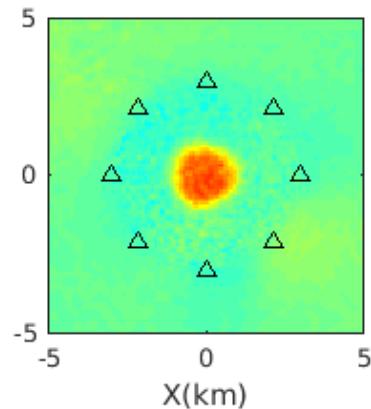


2-step McMC

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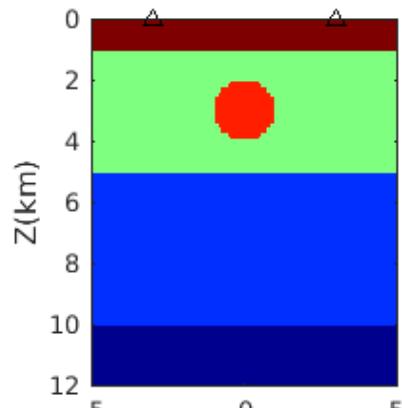
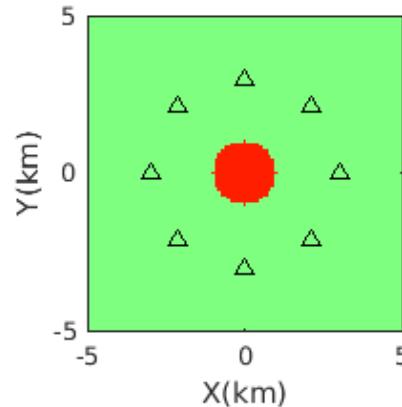


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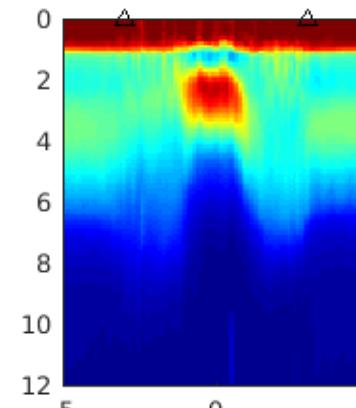
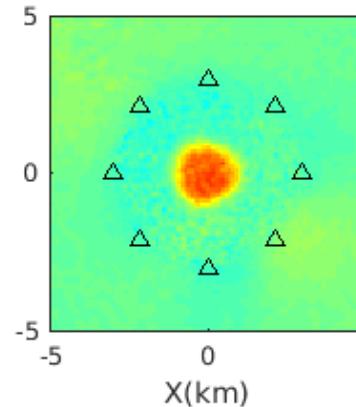
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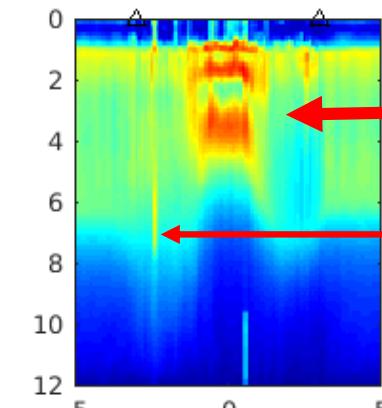
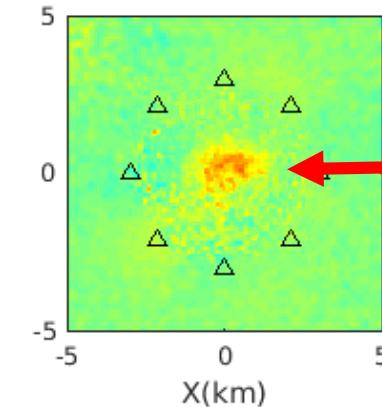
Velocity (km/s)

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Velocity (km/s)

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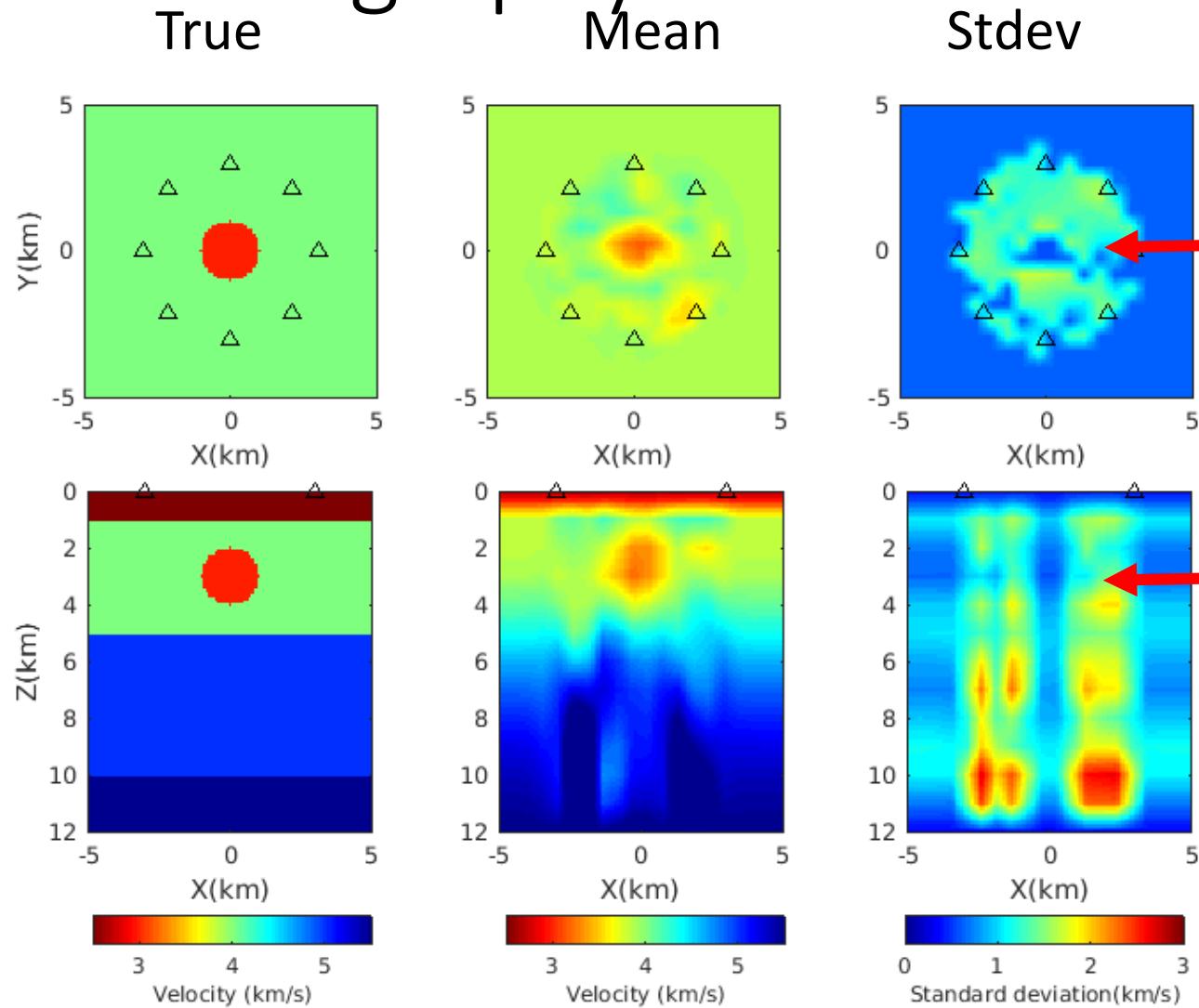
Standard deviation(km/s)

No Loops !

Loops !

Discontinuities !

Linearised tomography

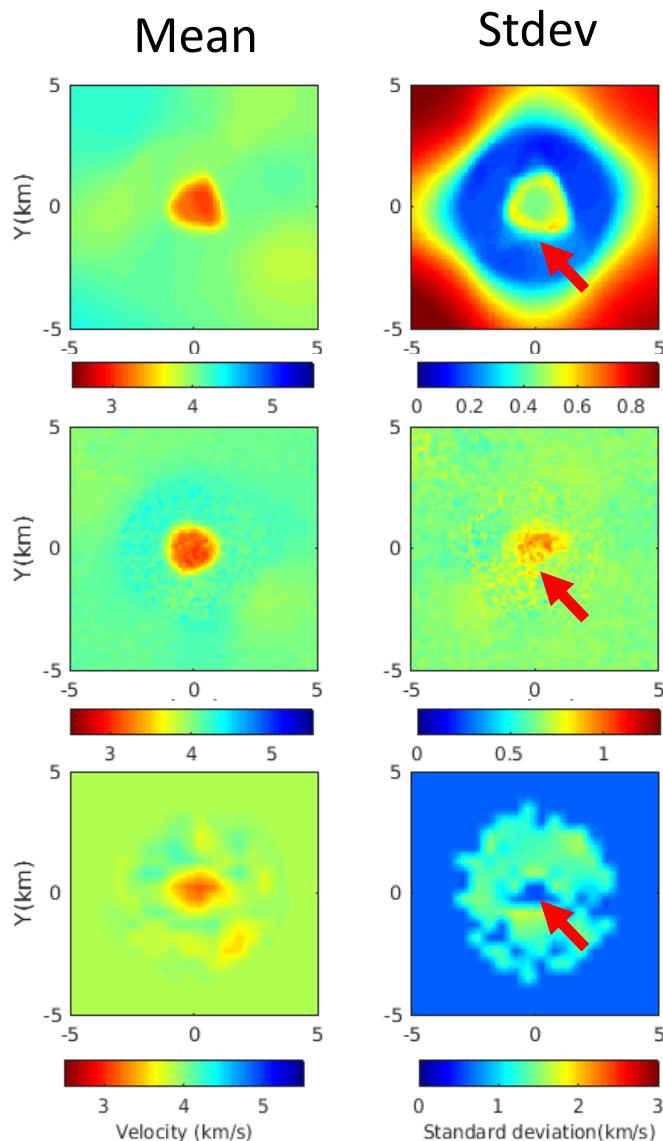


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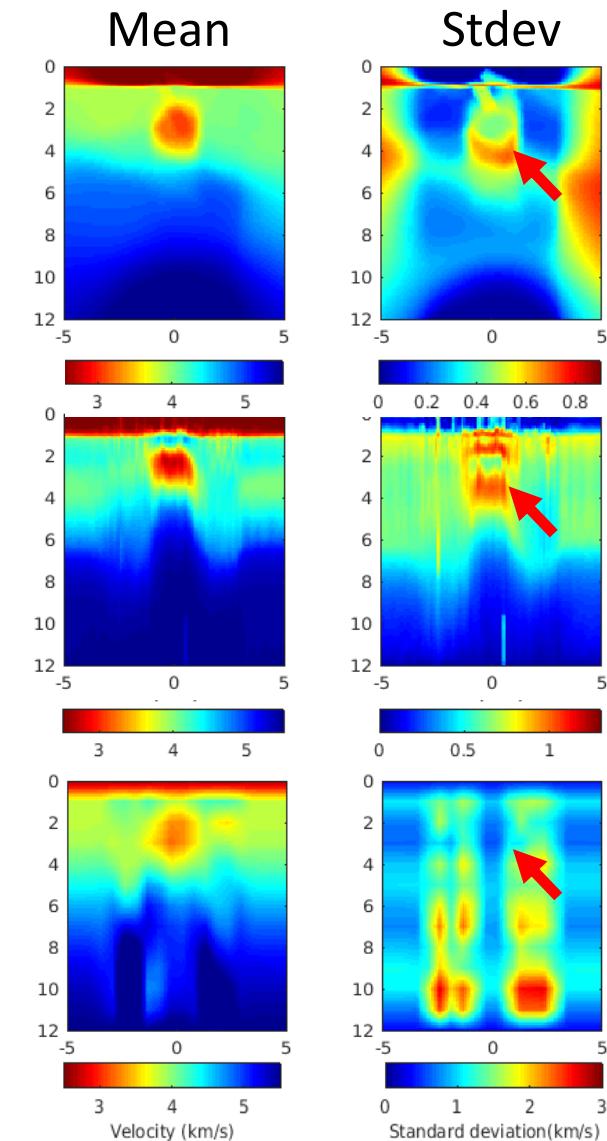
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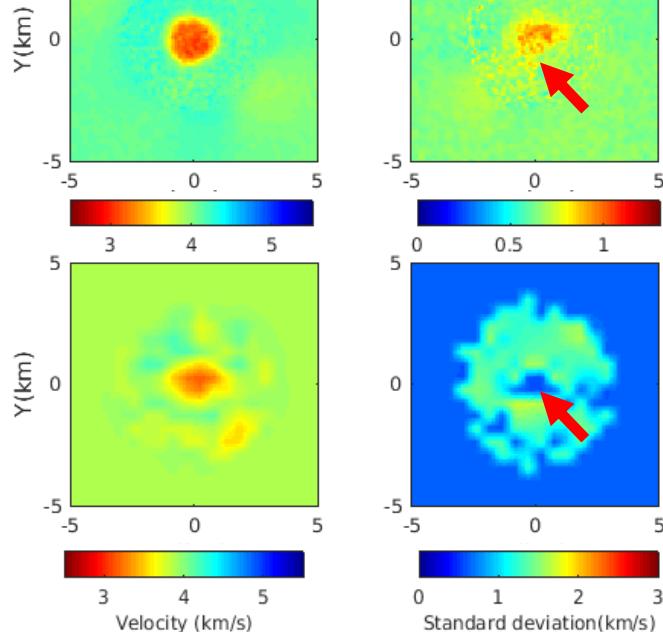
3D McMC



2-step McMC



Linear inversion



2 Weeks

1 Week

MDN → 10 Secs

< 1 Hour



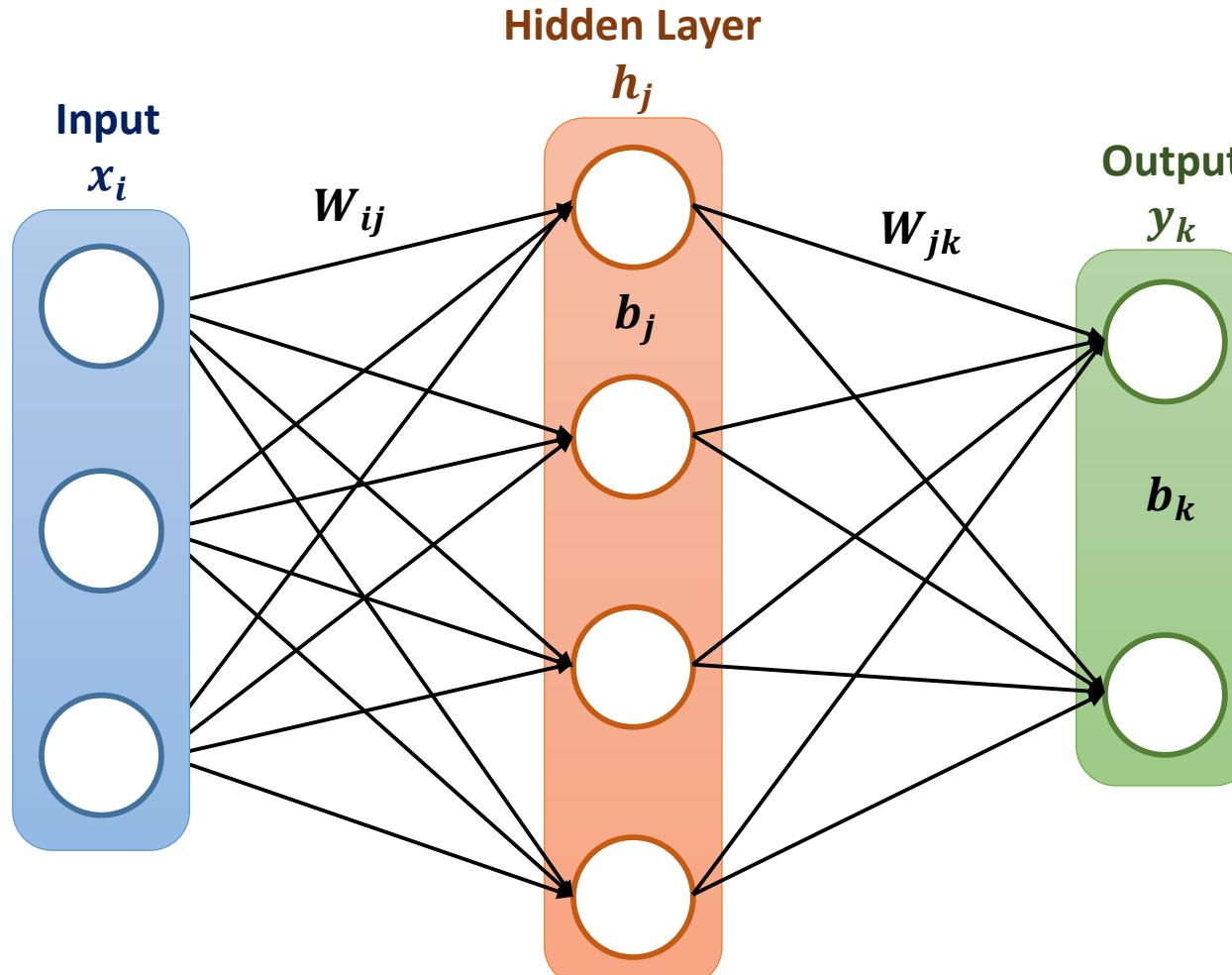
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Neural Network Surface Wave Tomography

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Neural Network



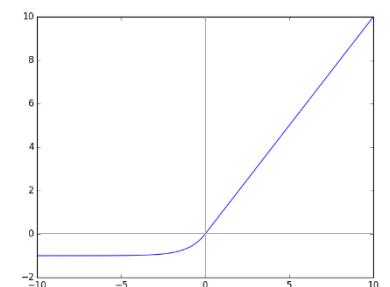
$$h_j = \sum_i W_{ij}x_i + b_j$$

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

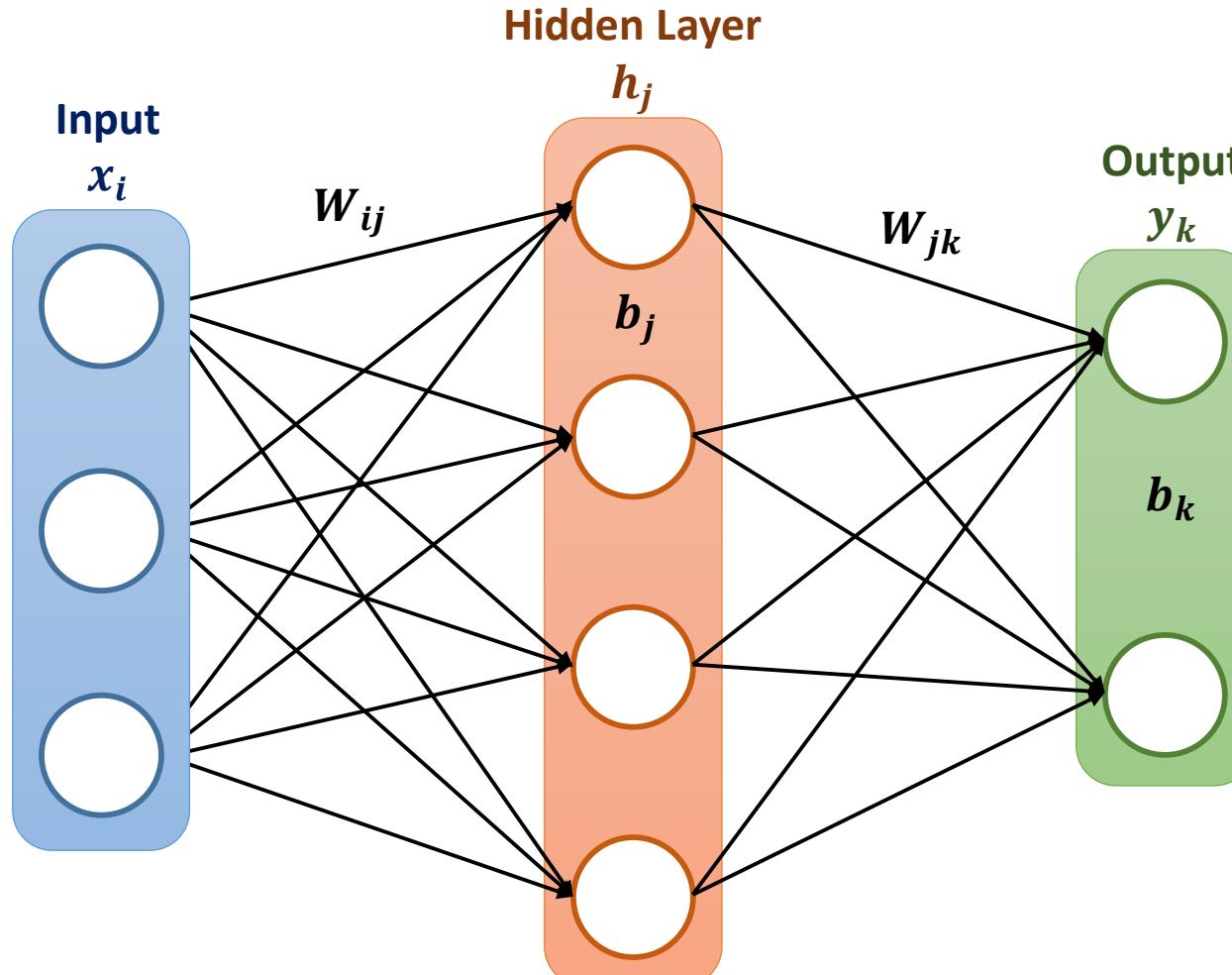
Activation function

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$elu(x)$



Neural Network

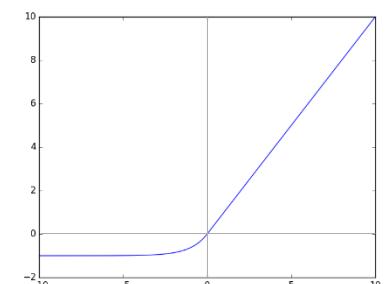


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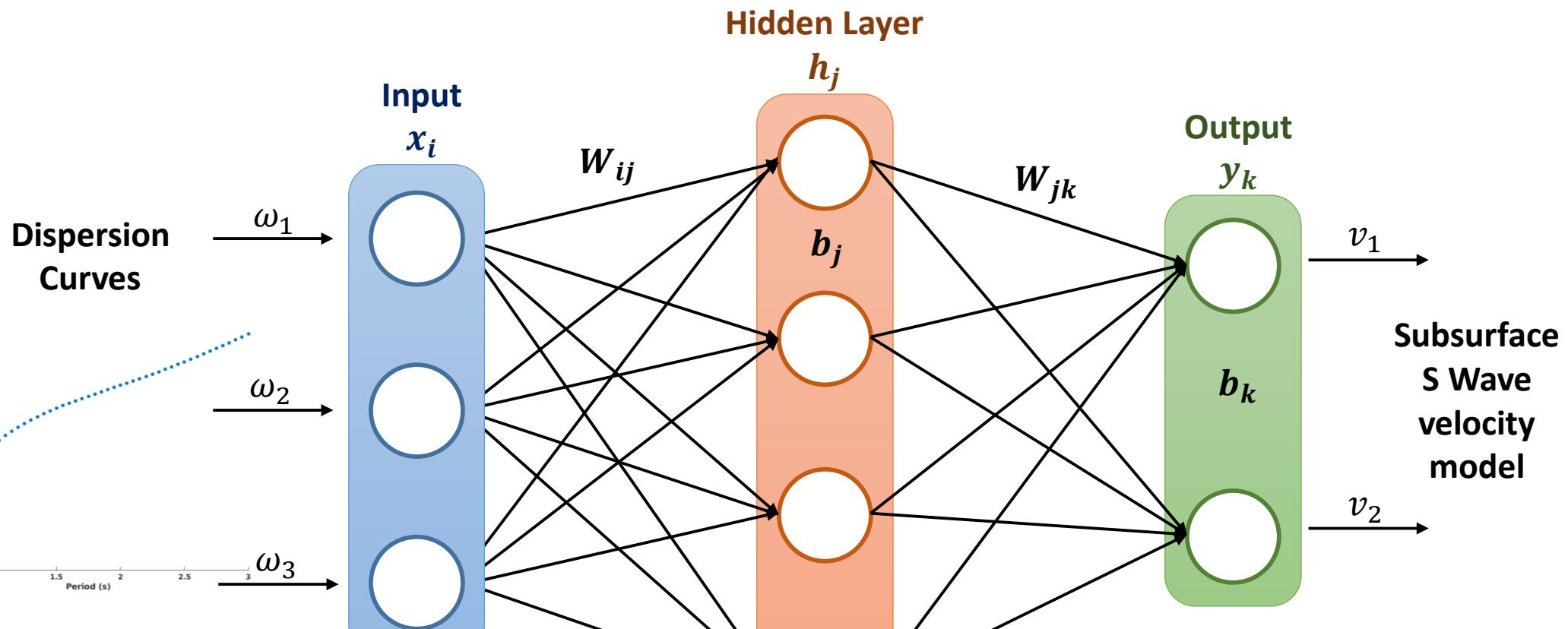
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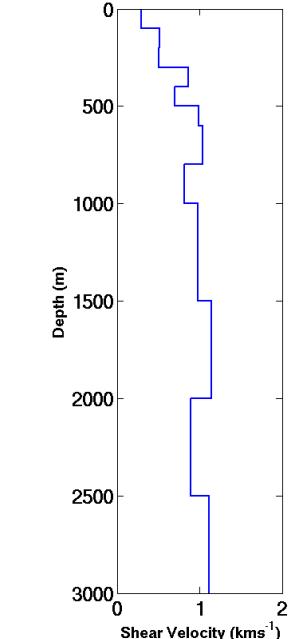
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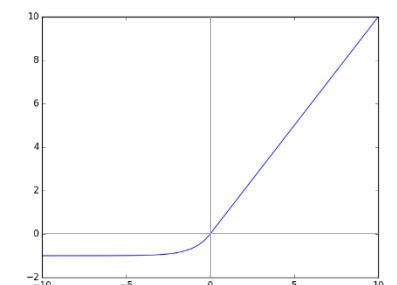
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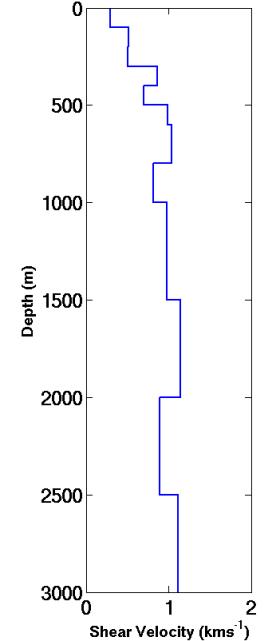
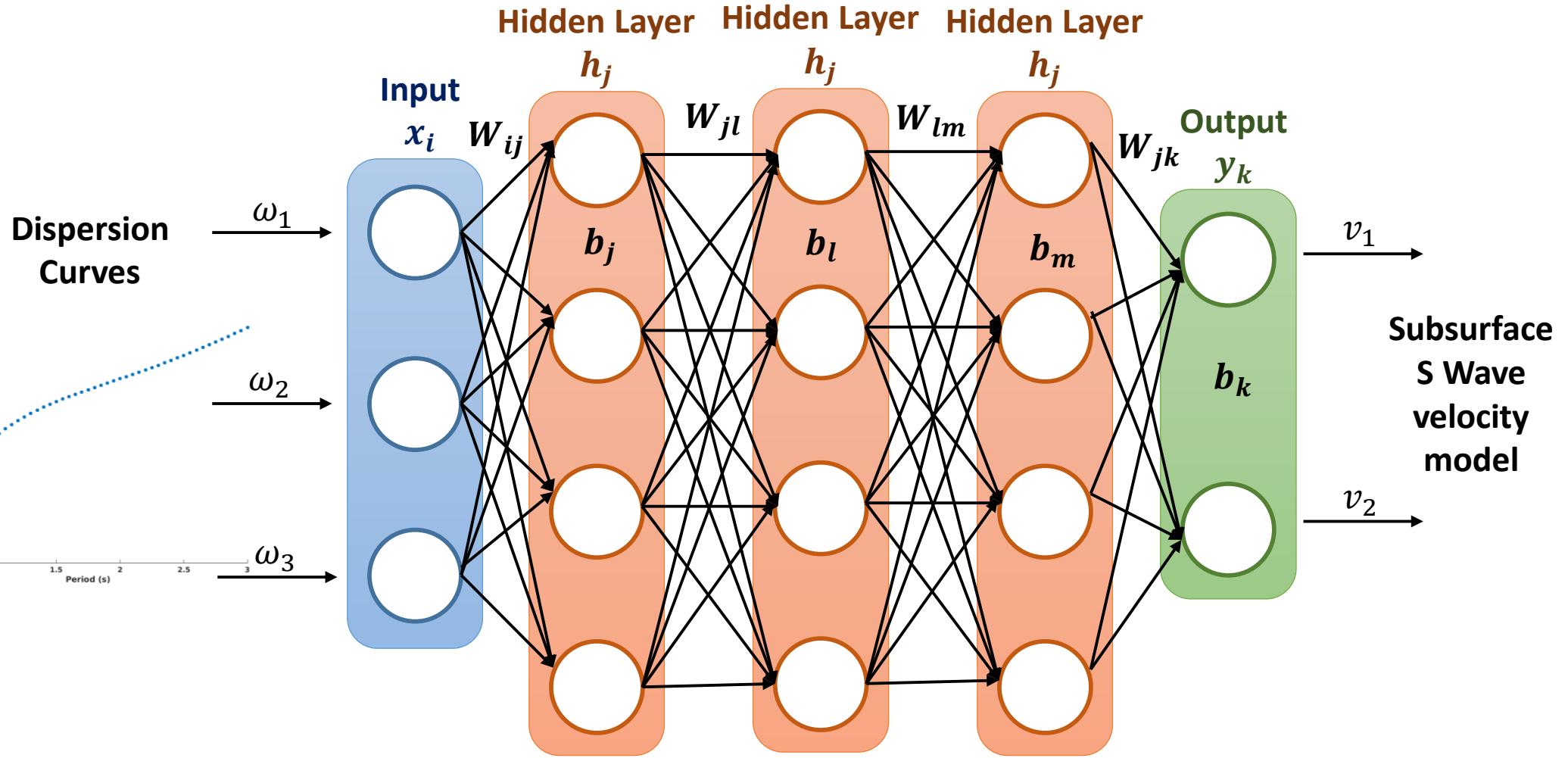
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Neural Network



Recursive, convolutional, adversarial, etc.

Mixture Density Network

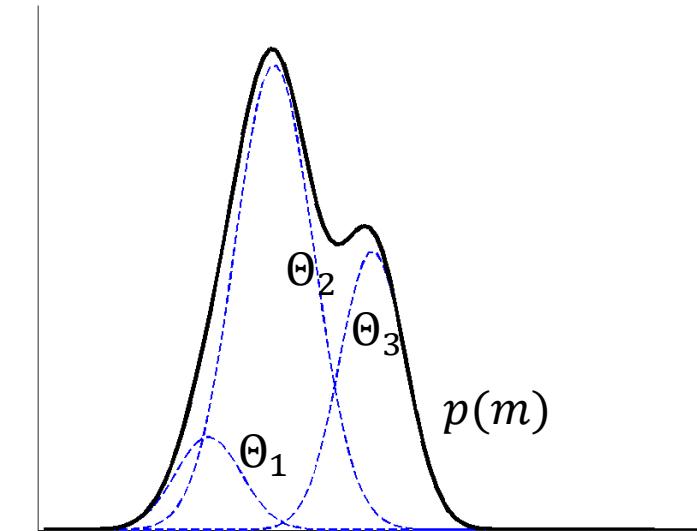
- Standard Neural Network (NN) gives no uncertainty information
- Parameterise uncertainty using mixture of densities (\rightarrow MDN)

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

Weights in sum

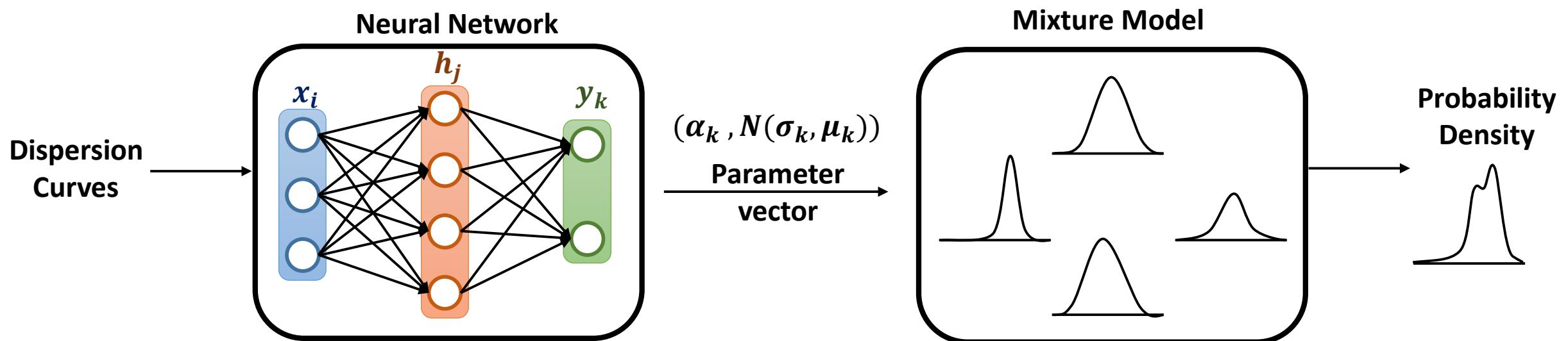
Mixture

Probability Density Kernel (Gaussian)

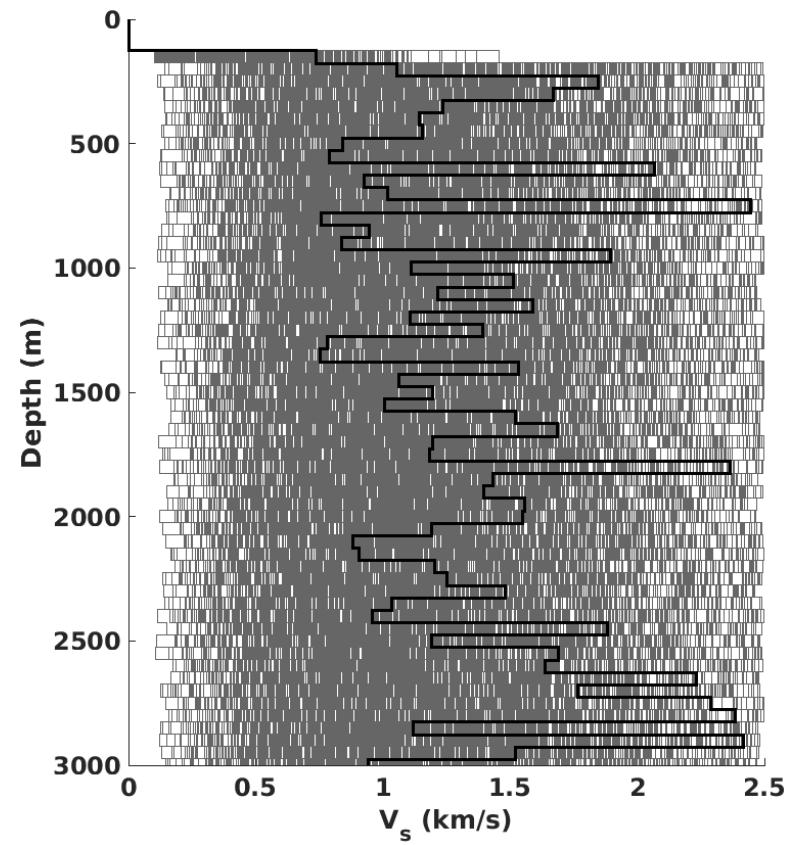


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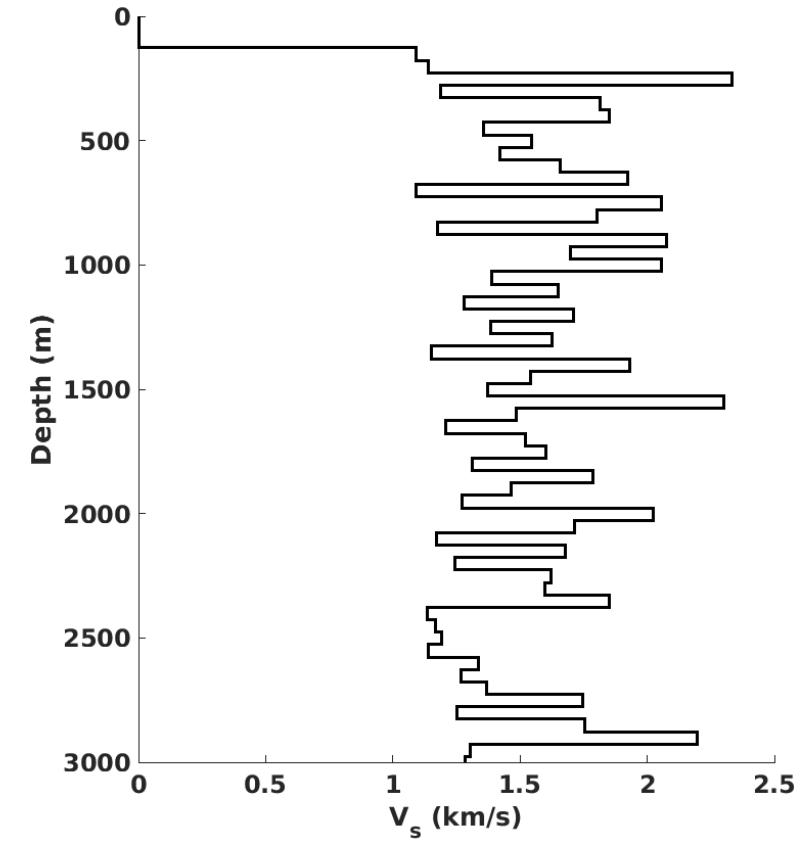
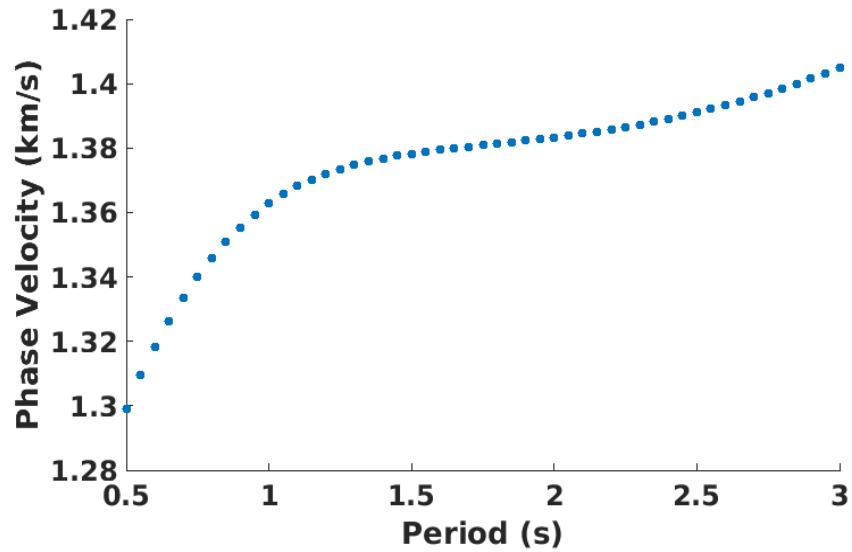
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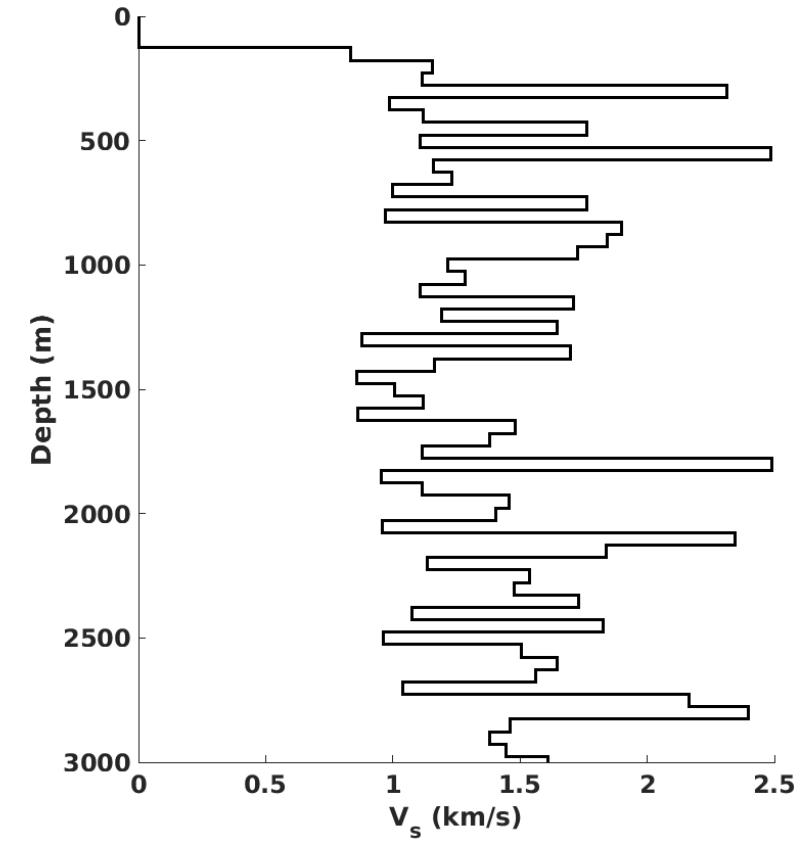
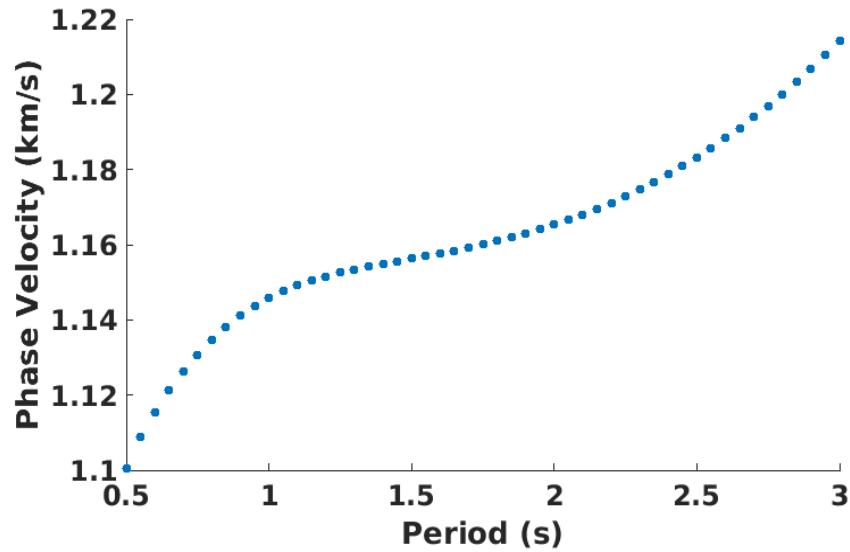


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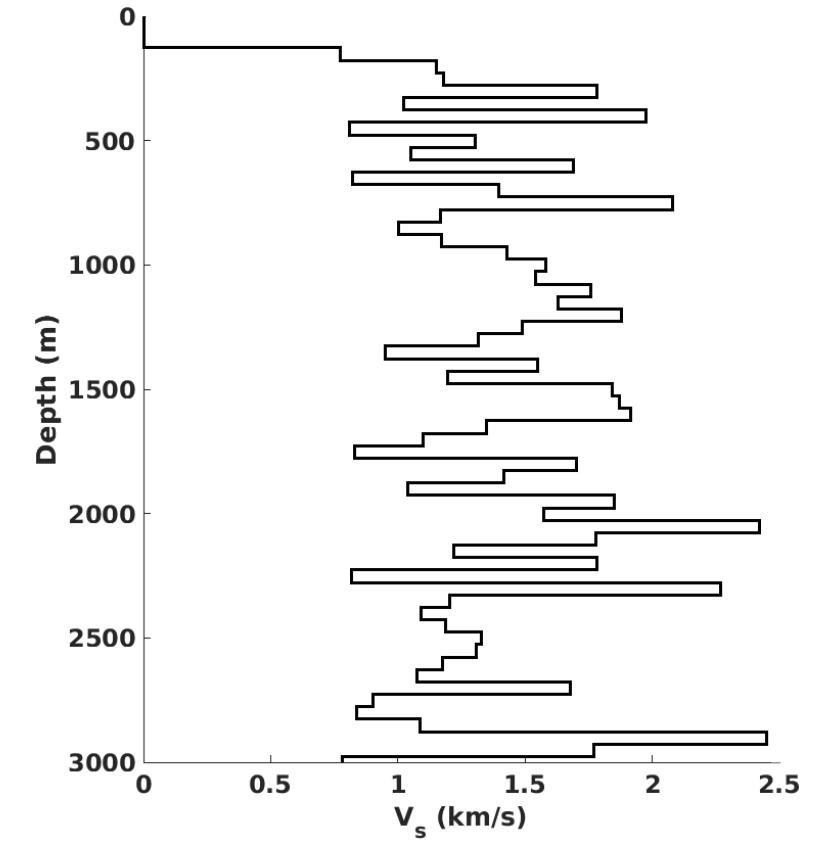
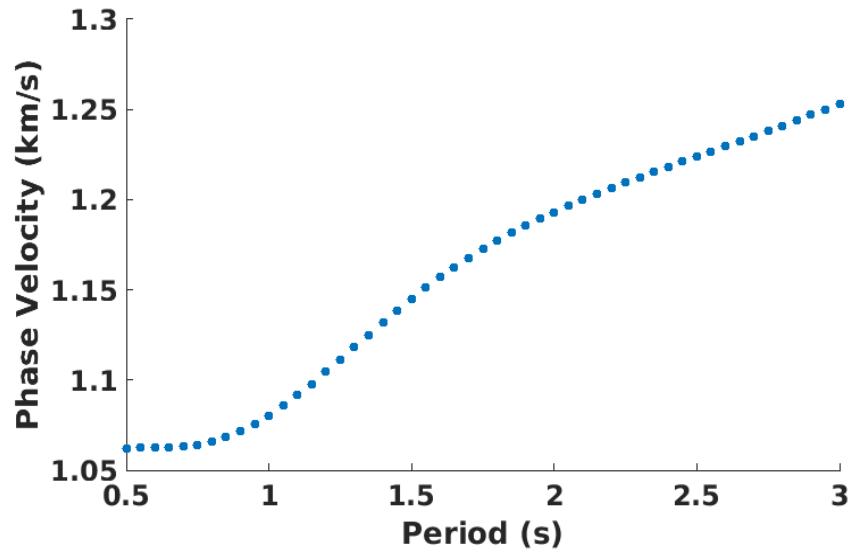
Forward Model

Method



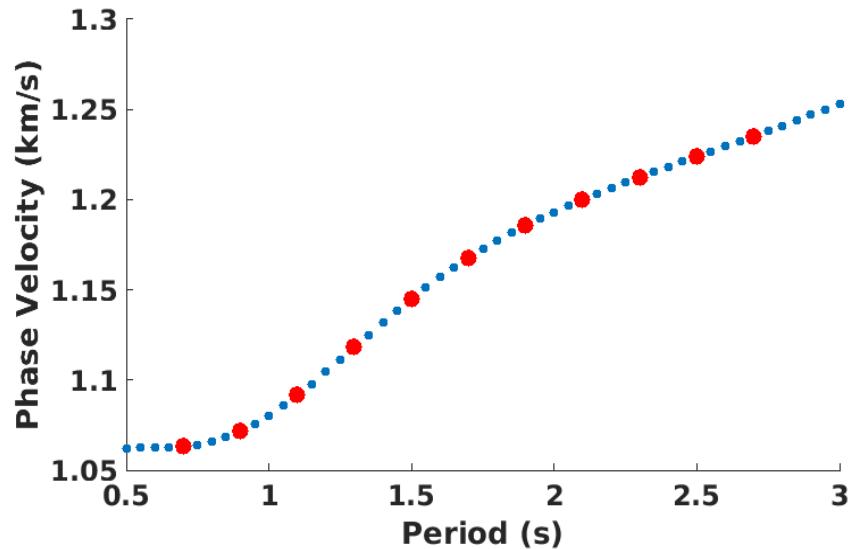
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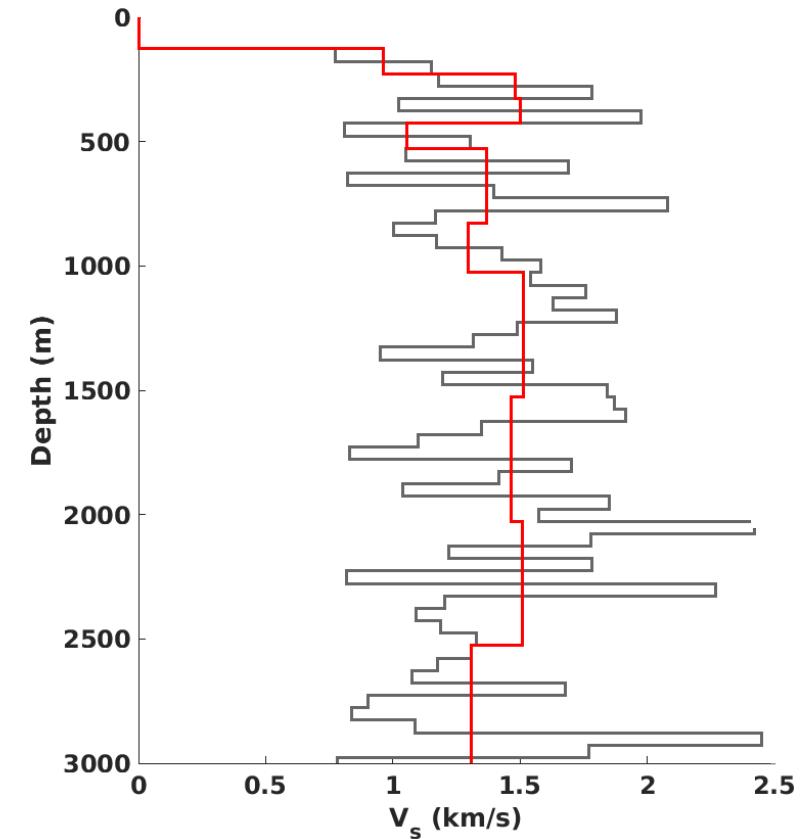
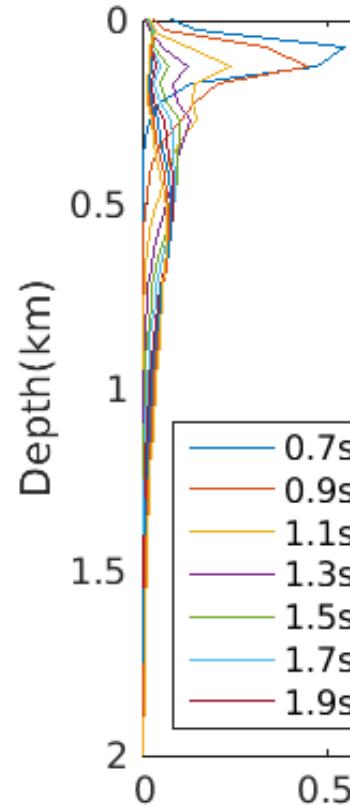


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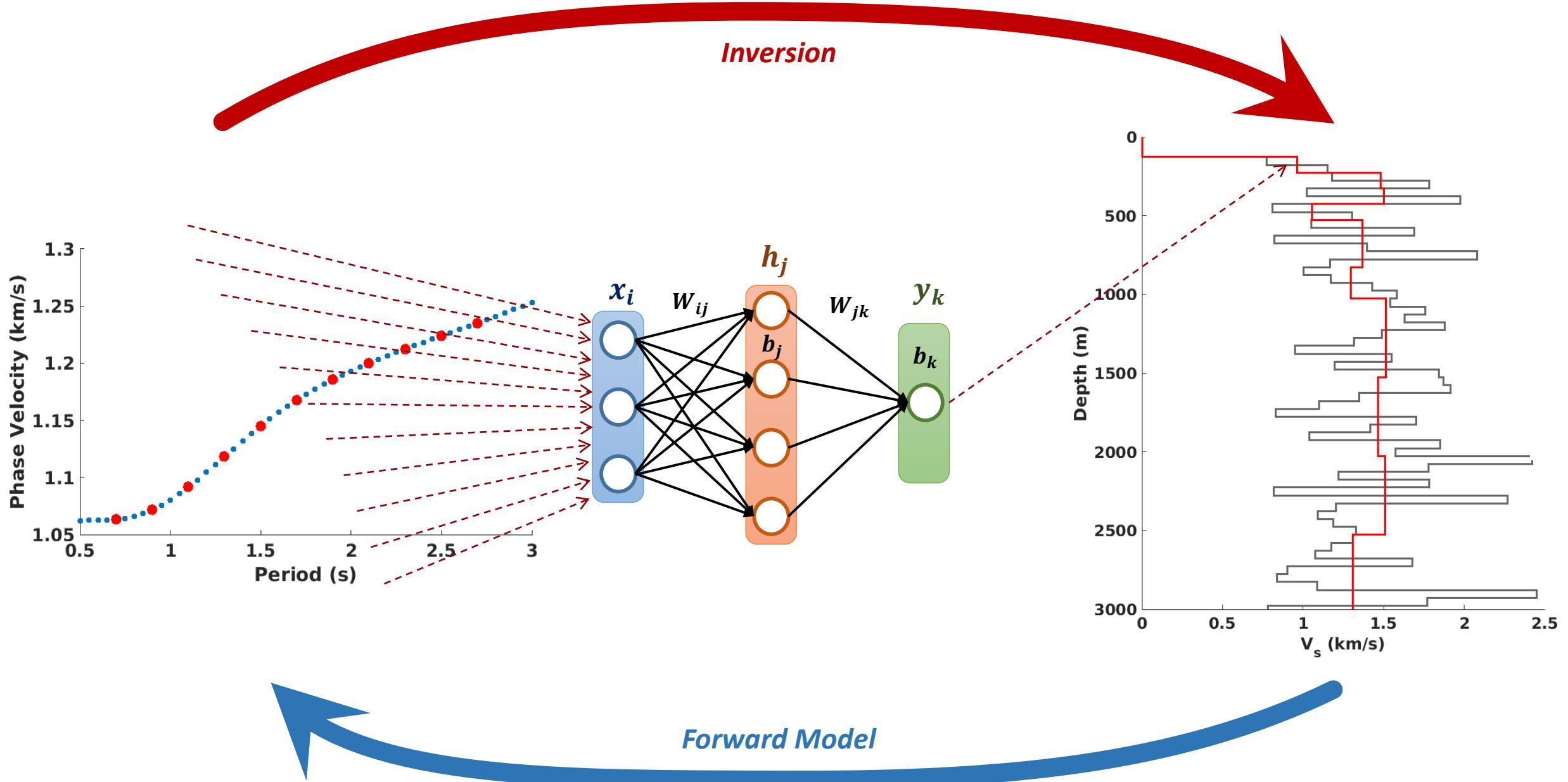


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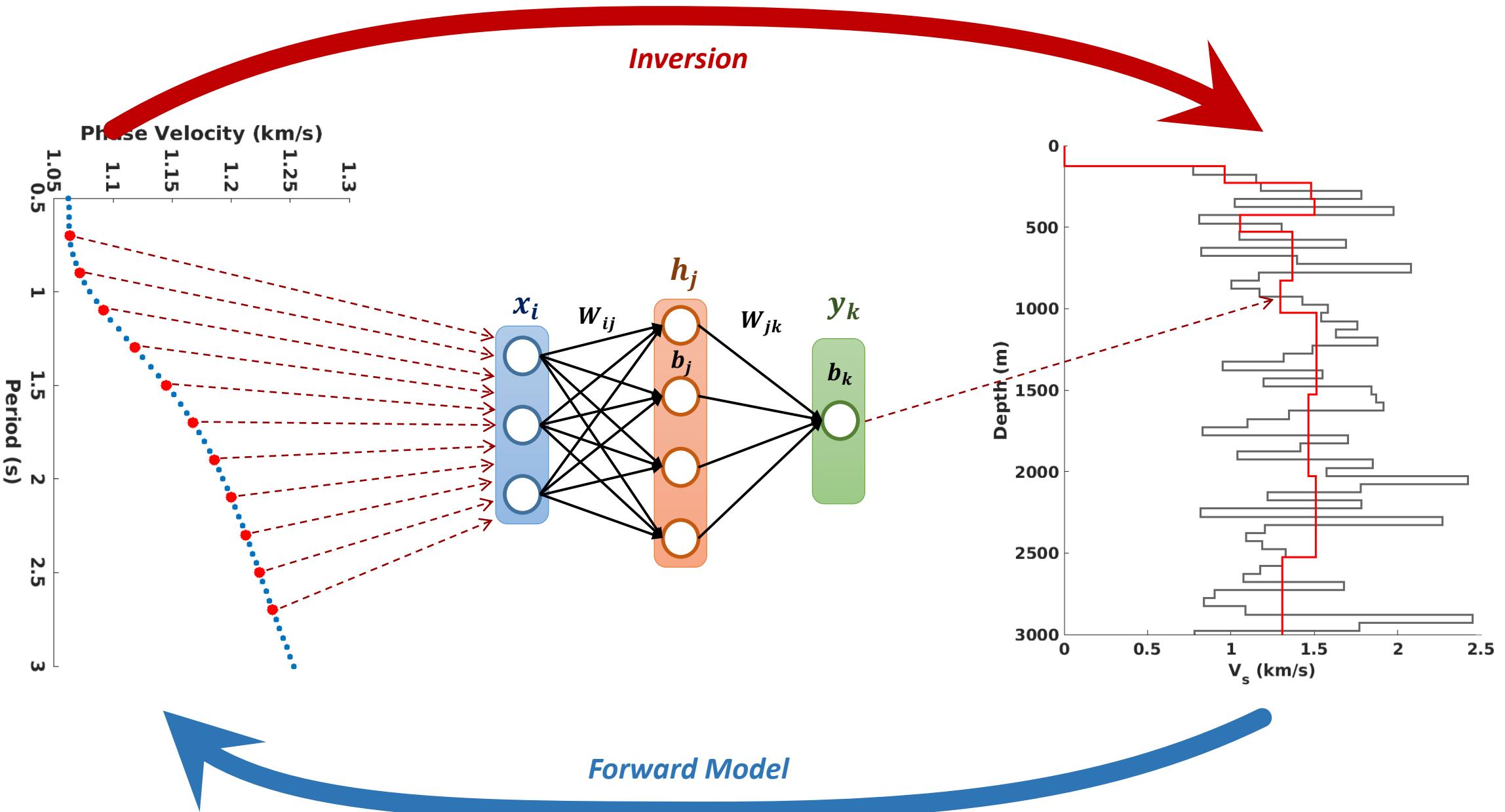


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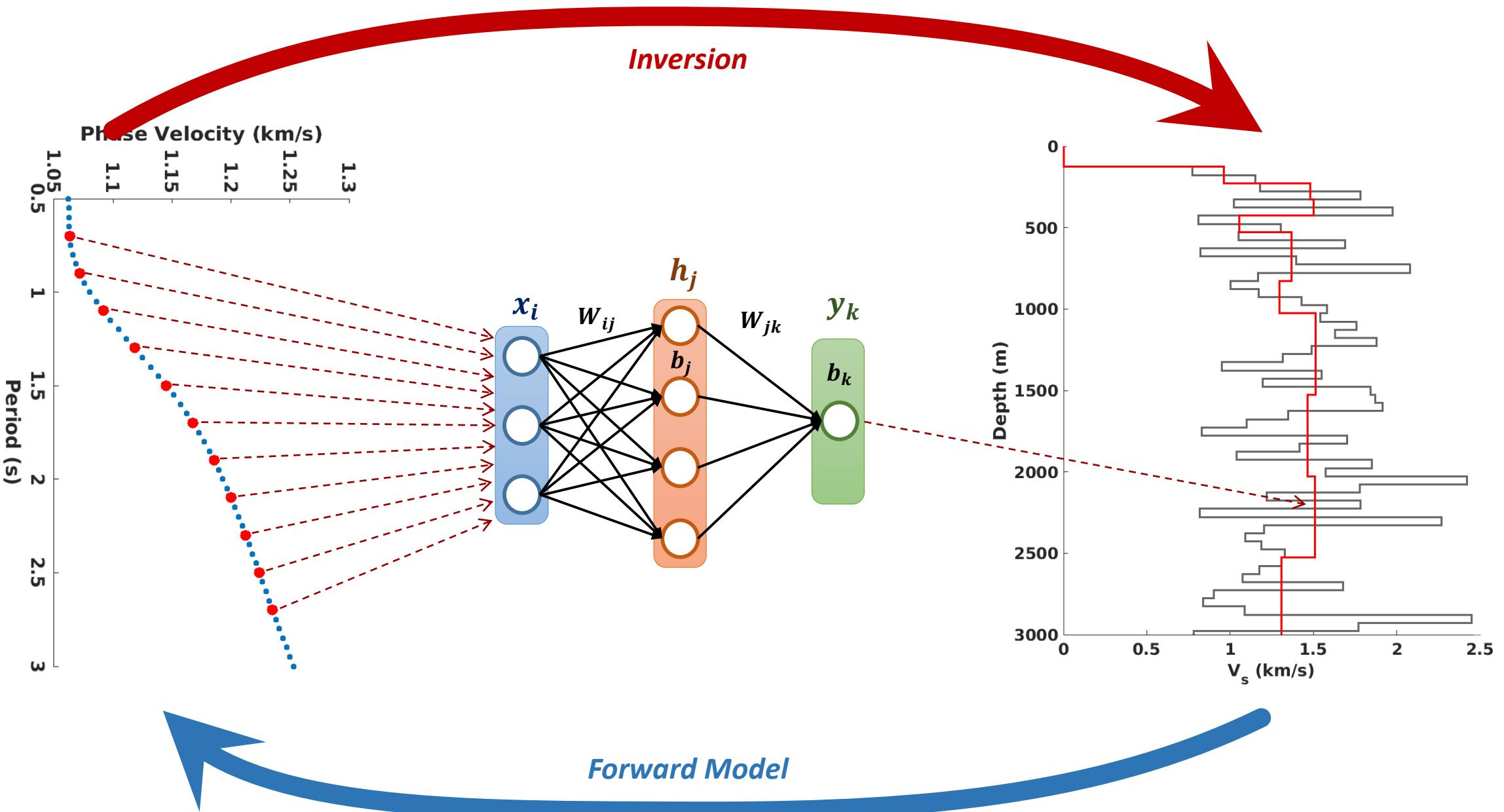
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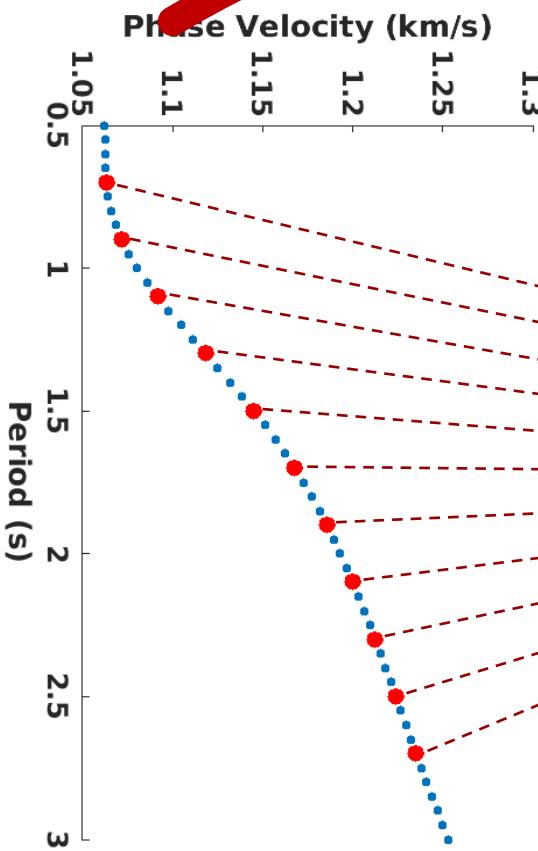
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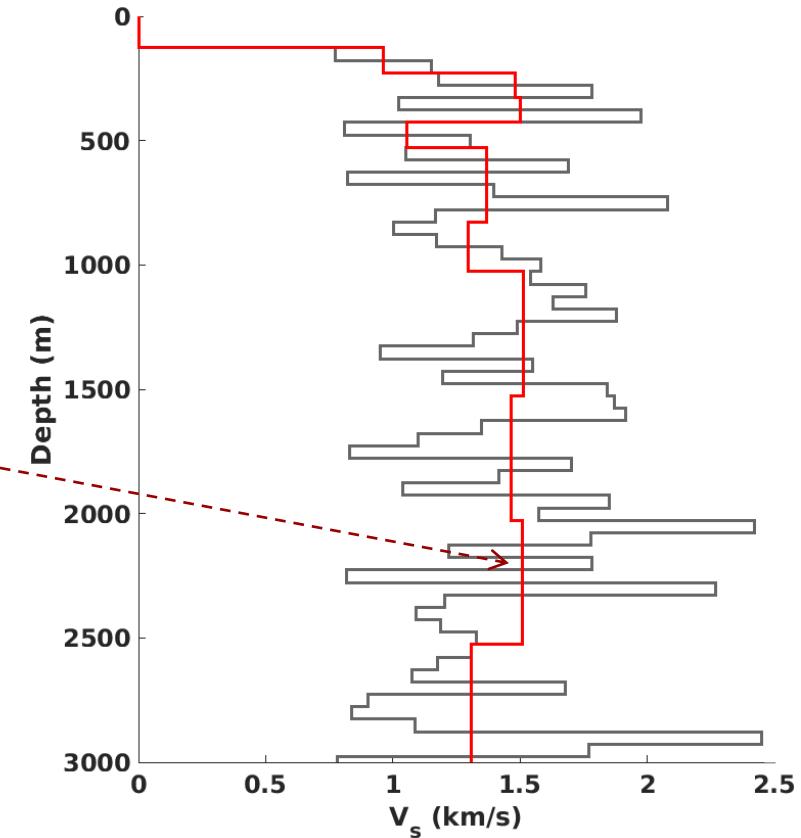
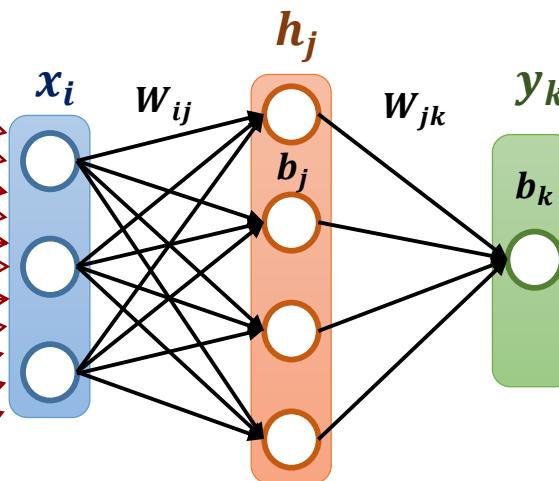


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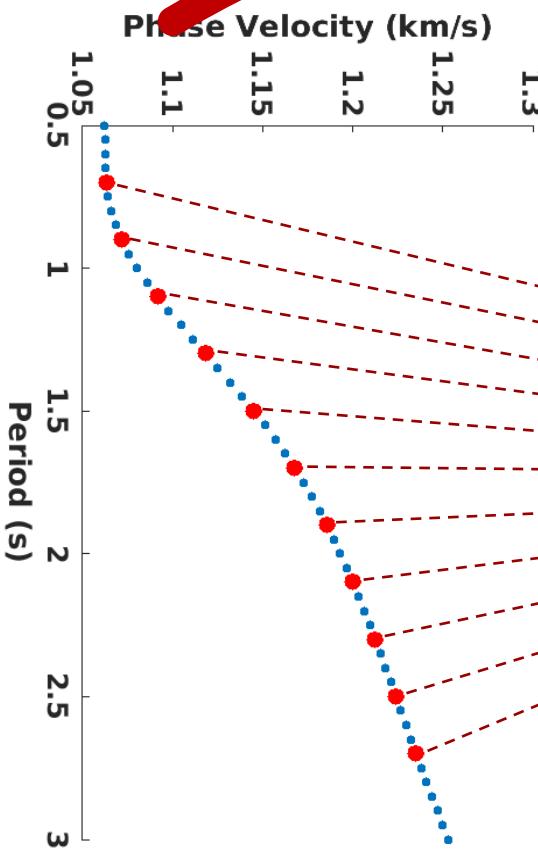
Inversion

Neural Network



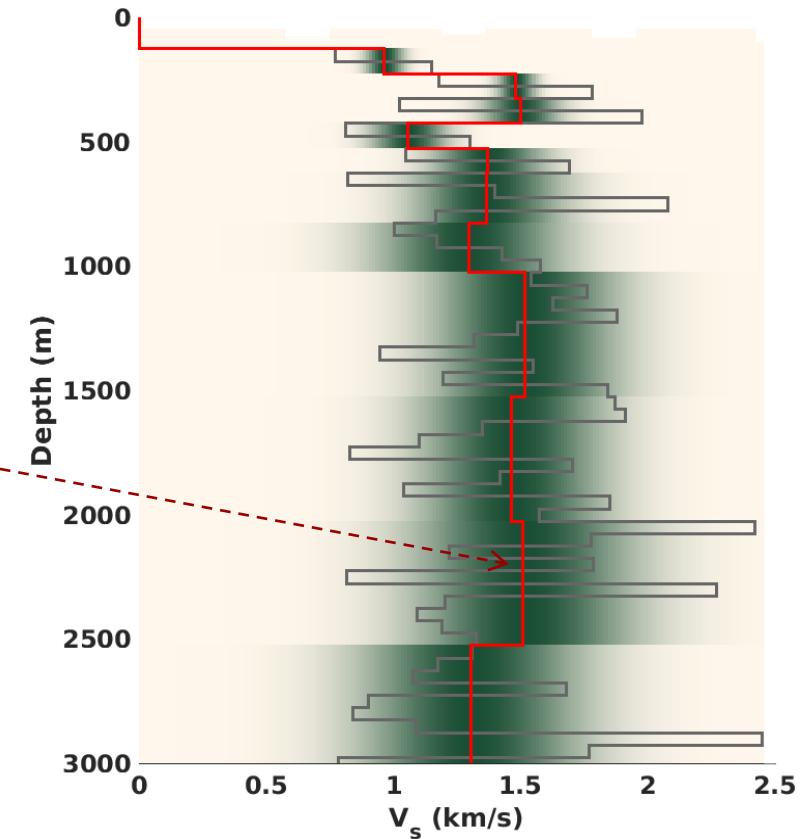
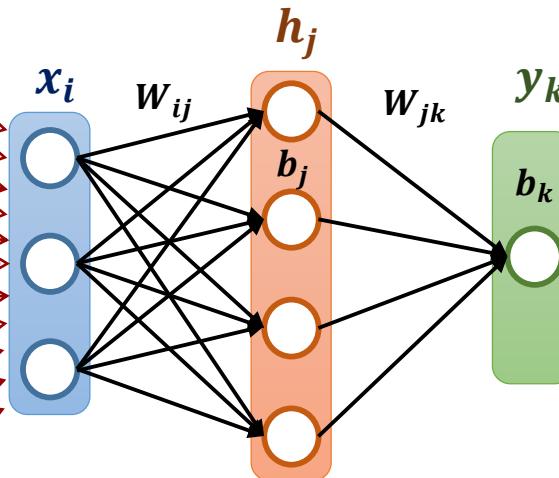
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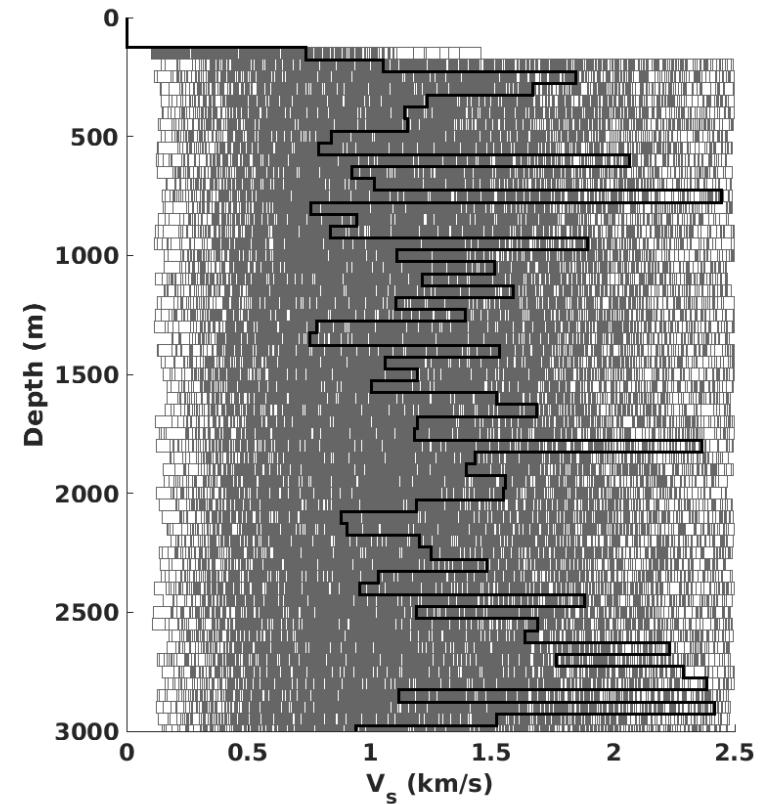
Mixture Density Network



Forward Model

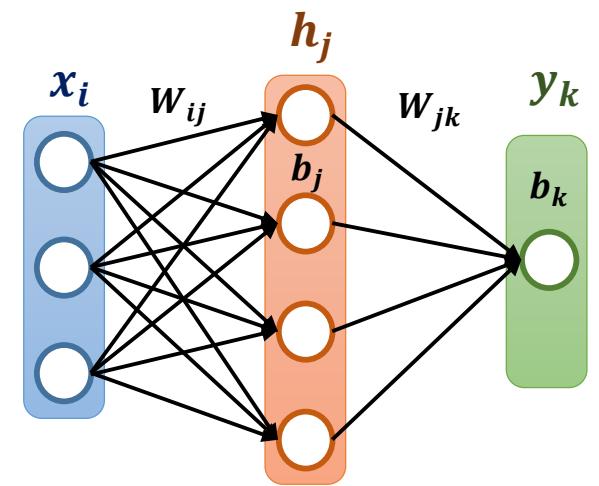
Method

- Generate 1,000,000 models → phase velocities
- Training set – 850,000 random models
- Validation set – 100,000 random models
 - Used to check network
 - ‘Sees’ model during training
- Test set – 50,000 random models
 - Checks model on ‘unseen’ data



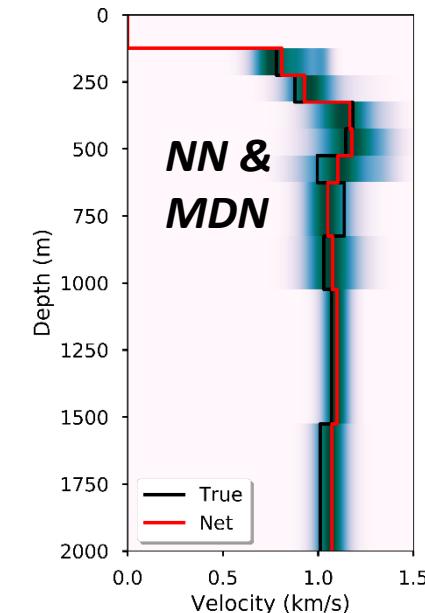
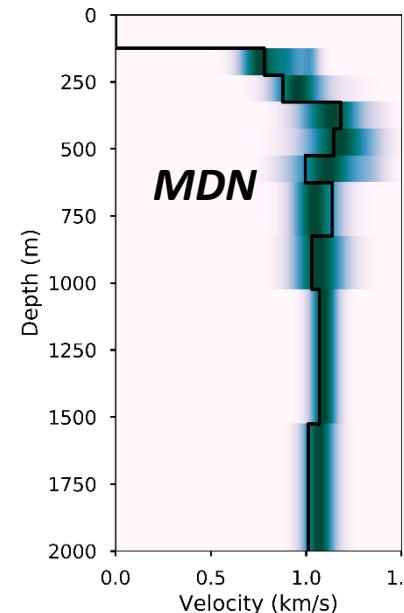
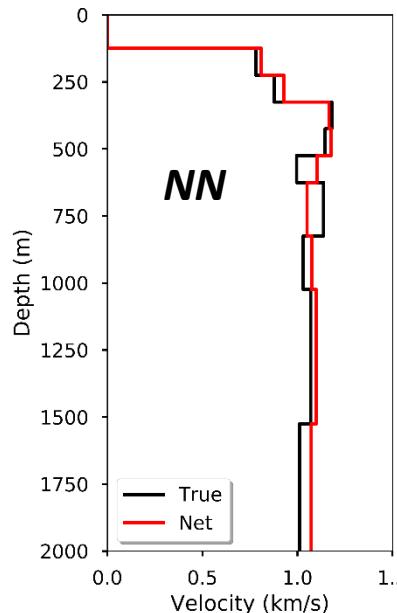
Method

- Optimise hyperparameters for feed-forward network
 - Number of hidden layers
 - Nodes in hidden layer
 - Learning Rate
 - Activation function
 - Weights and bias initialisation
- Selected network parameters with lowest cost value for test data



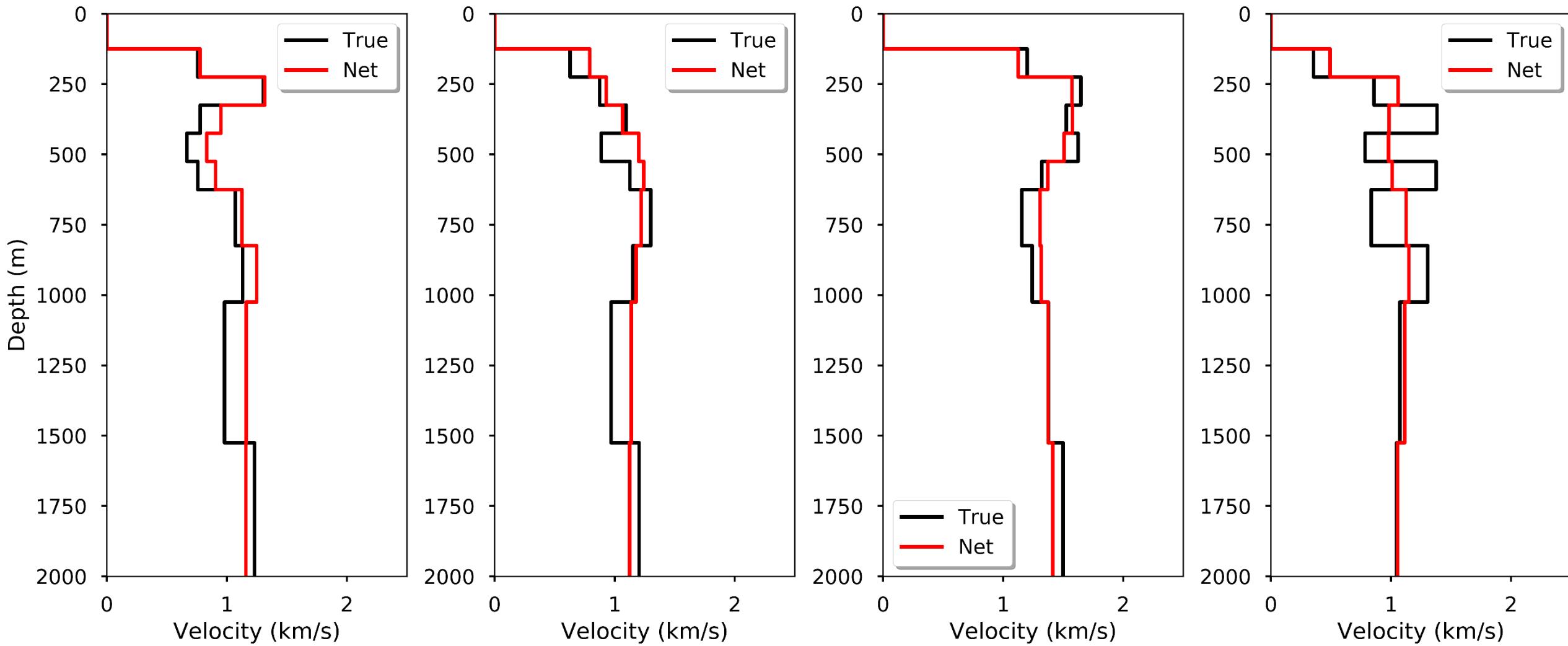
Synthetic Results

- Trained
 - 118 Neural Networks for every depth layer
 - 135 Mixture Density Networks for each layer
 - MDN contains a mixture of 6 Gaussians
- Selected networks with lowest cost value for test data



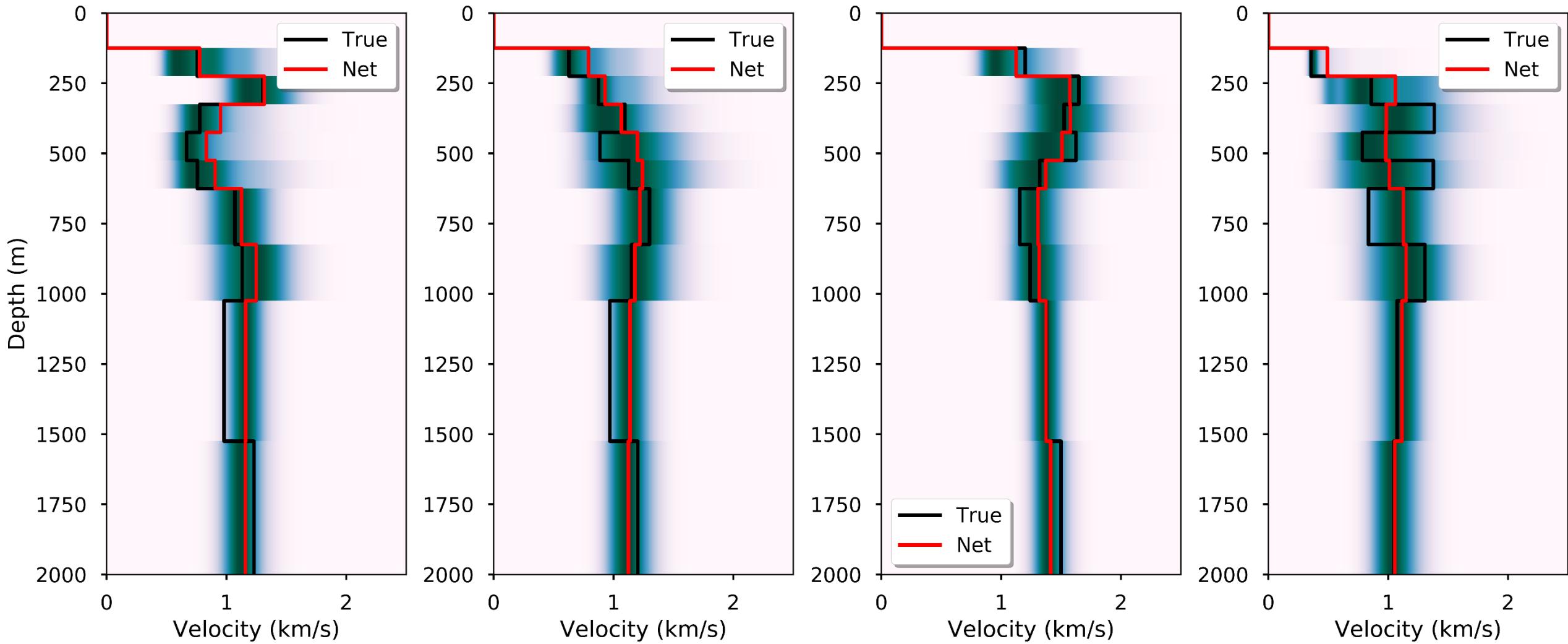
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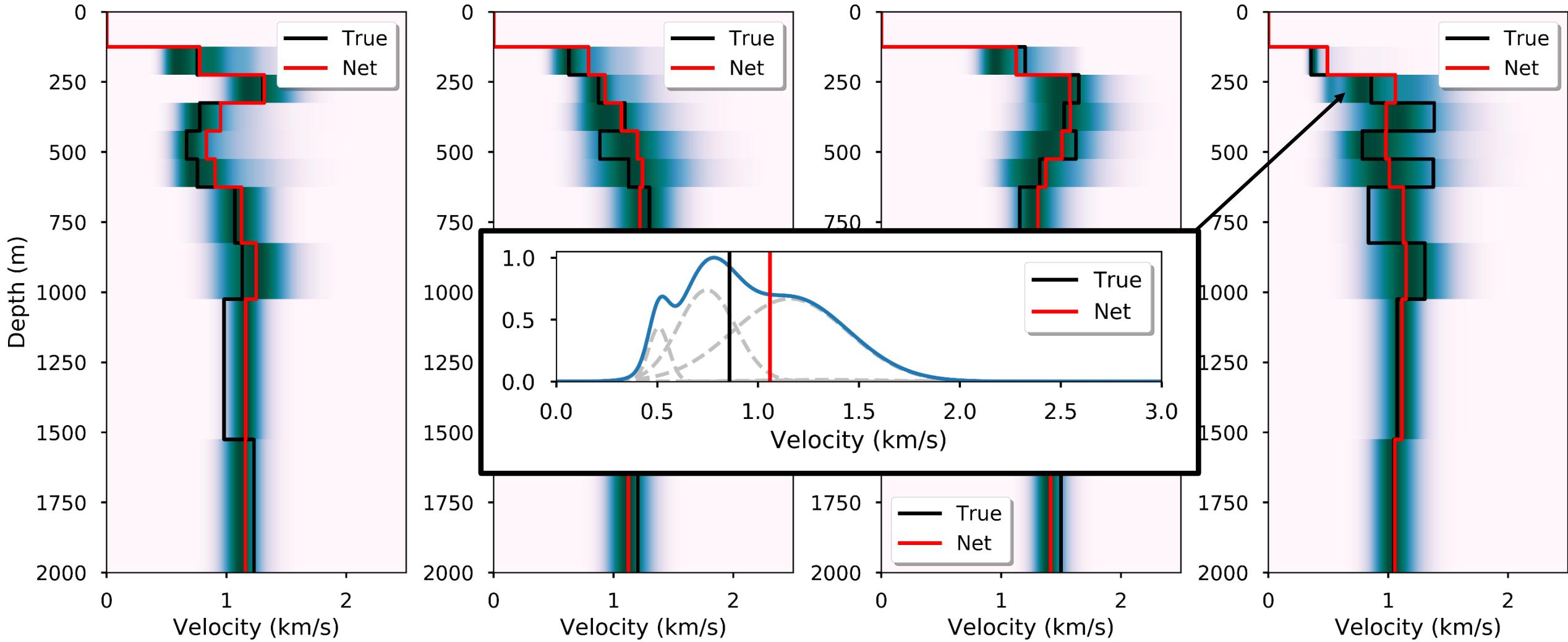
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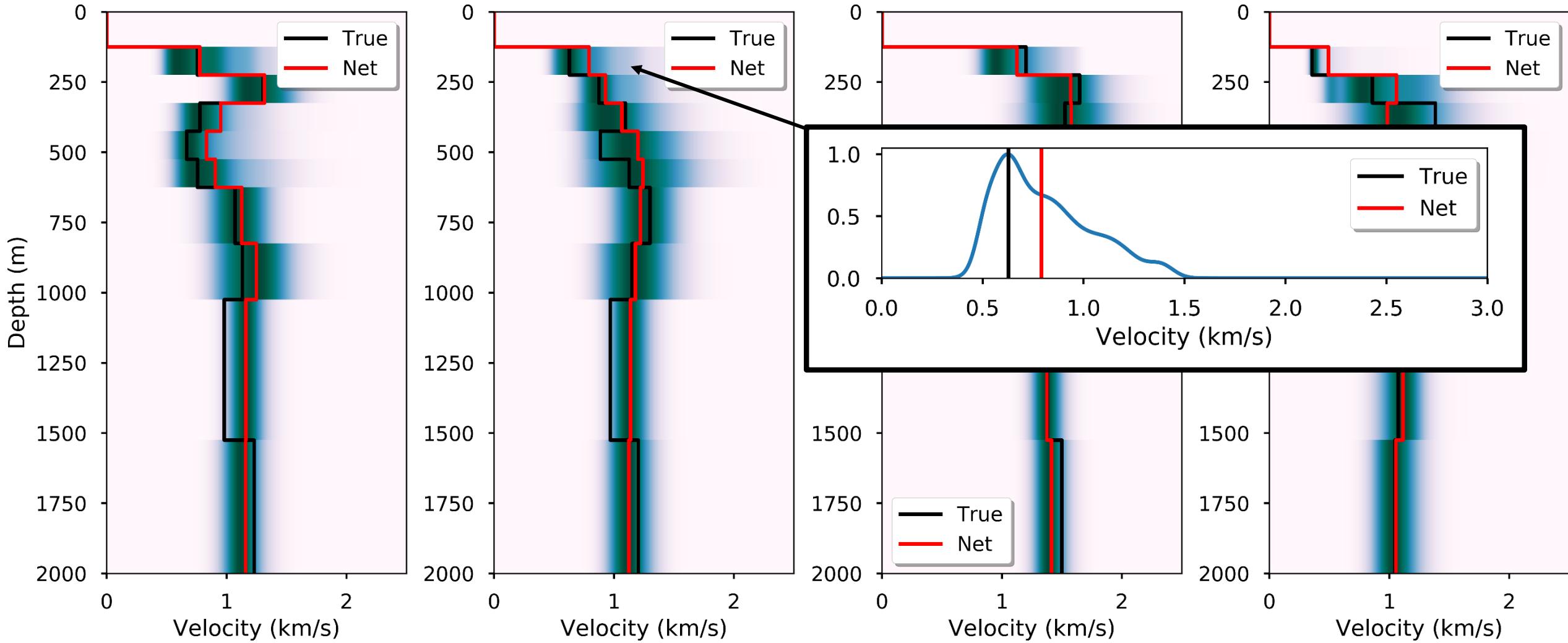
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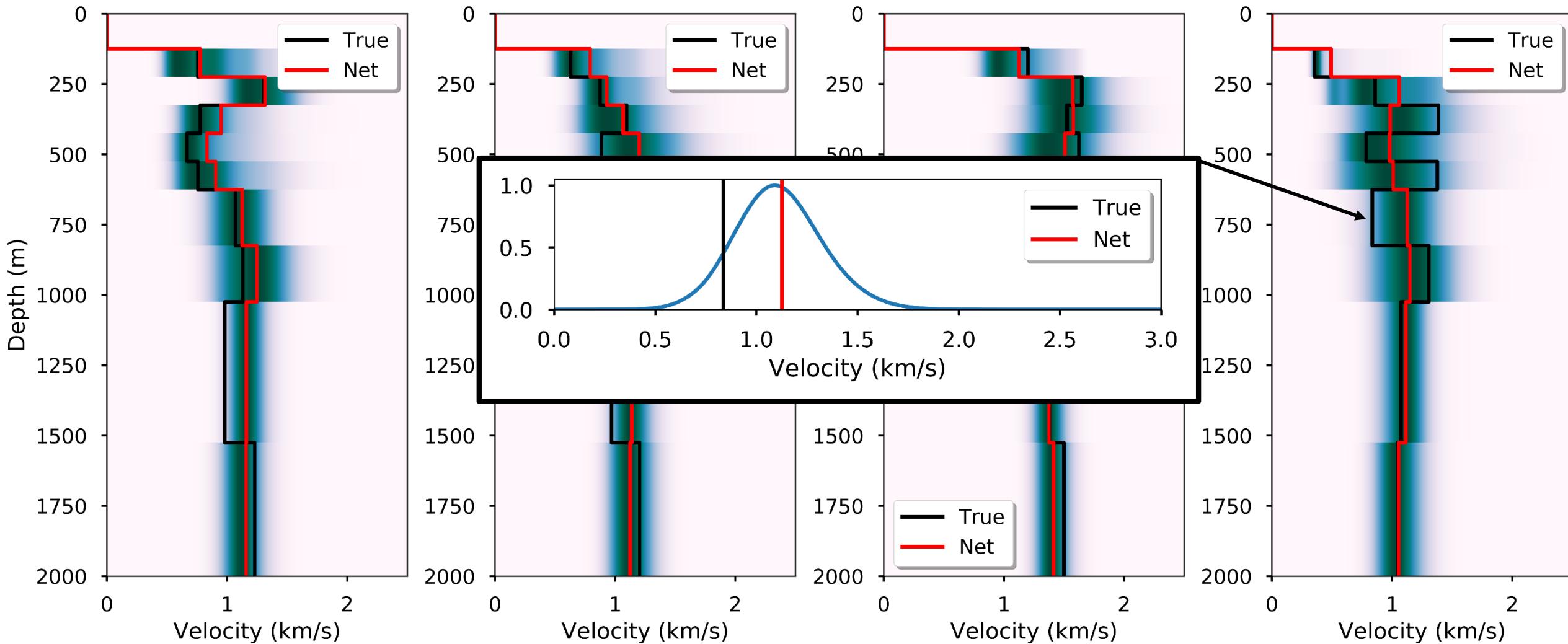


Explains Devilee & Meier et al.

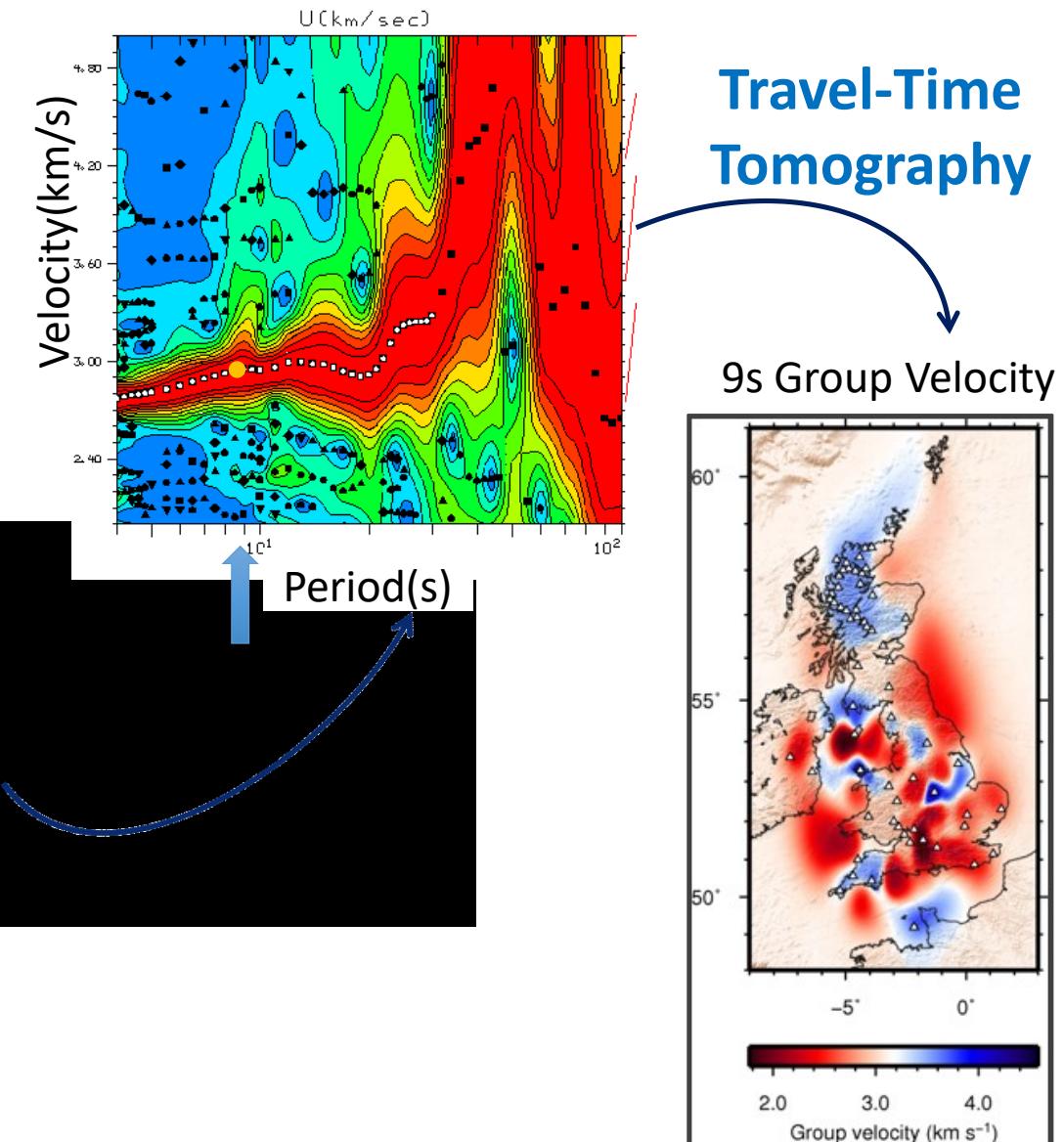
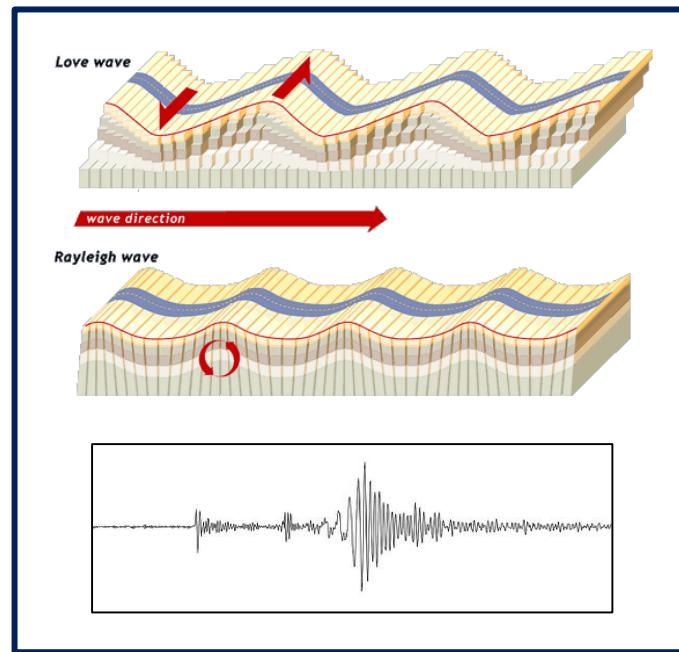
Synthetic Results

Fully nonlinear probabilistic
Inversion in ~1 second

Mixture Density and Neural Network



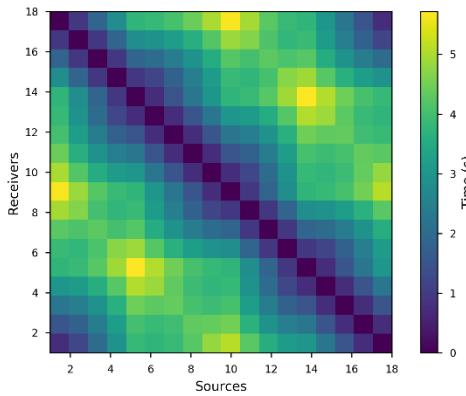
Seismic Surface Wave Tomography : typical workflow



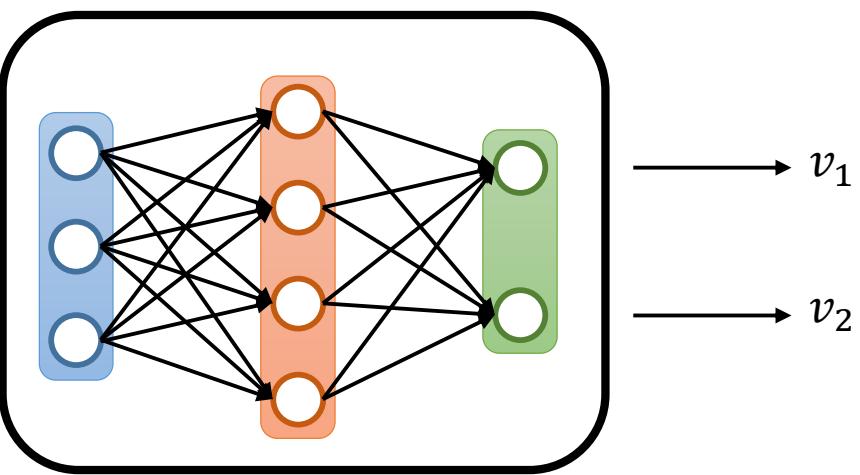
Neural Network Travel-time Tomography

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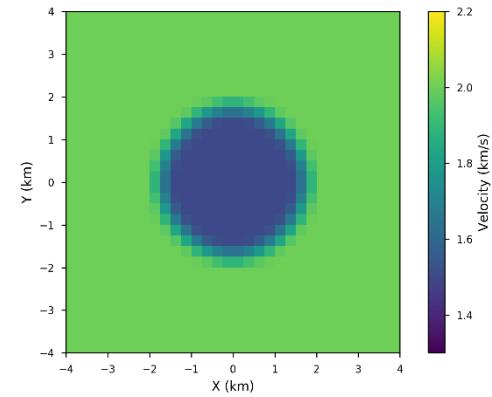
Source-Receiver
travel-times



Neural Network



Velocity
model

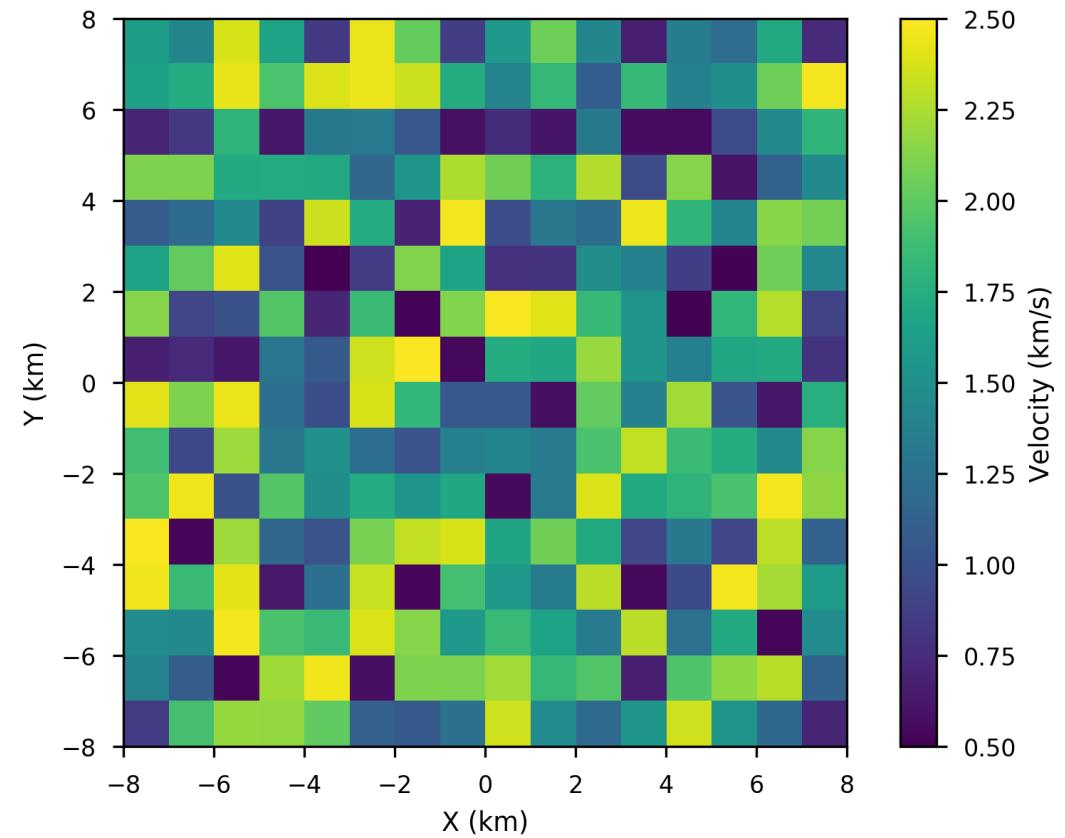


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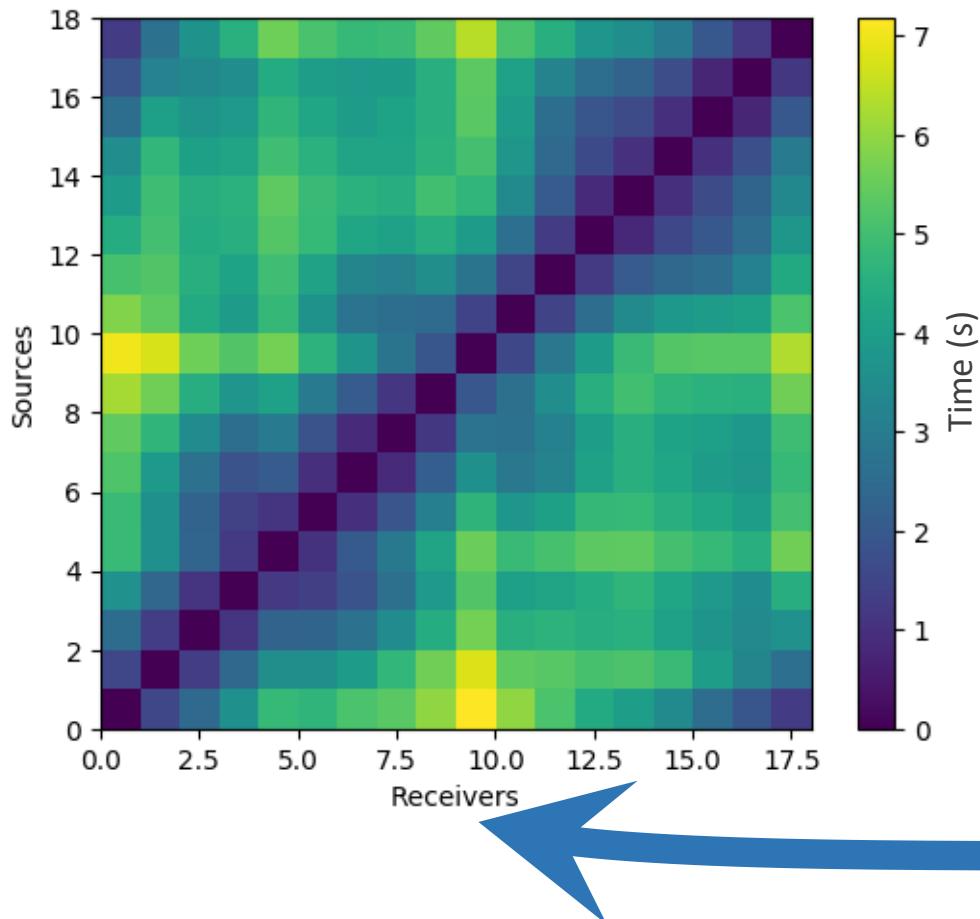
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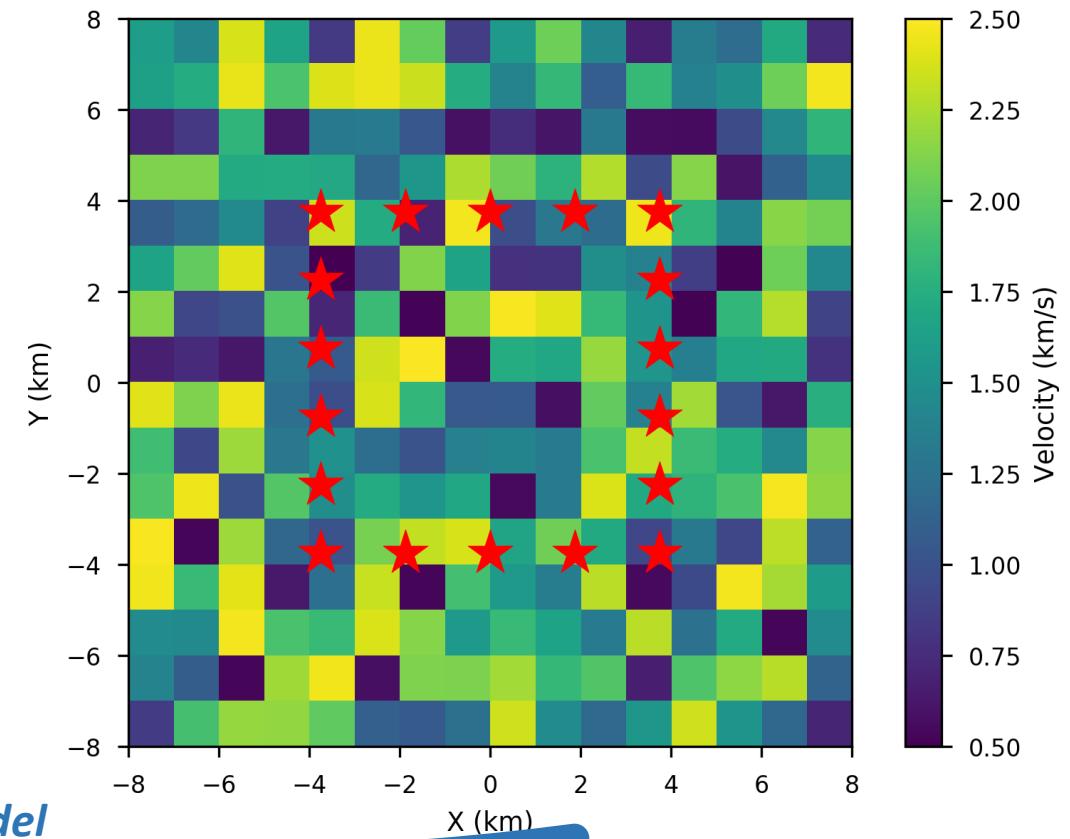


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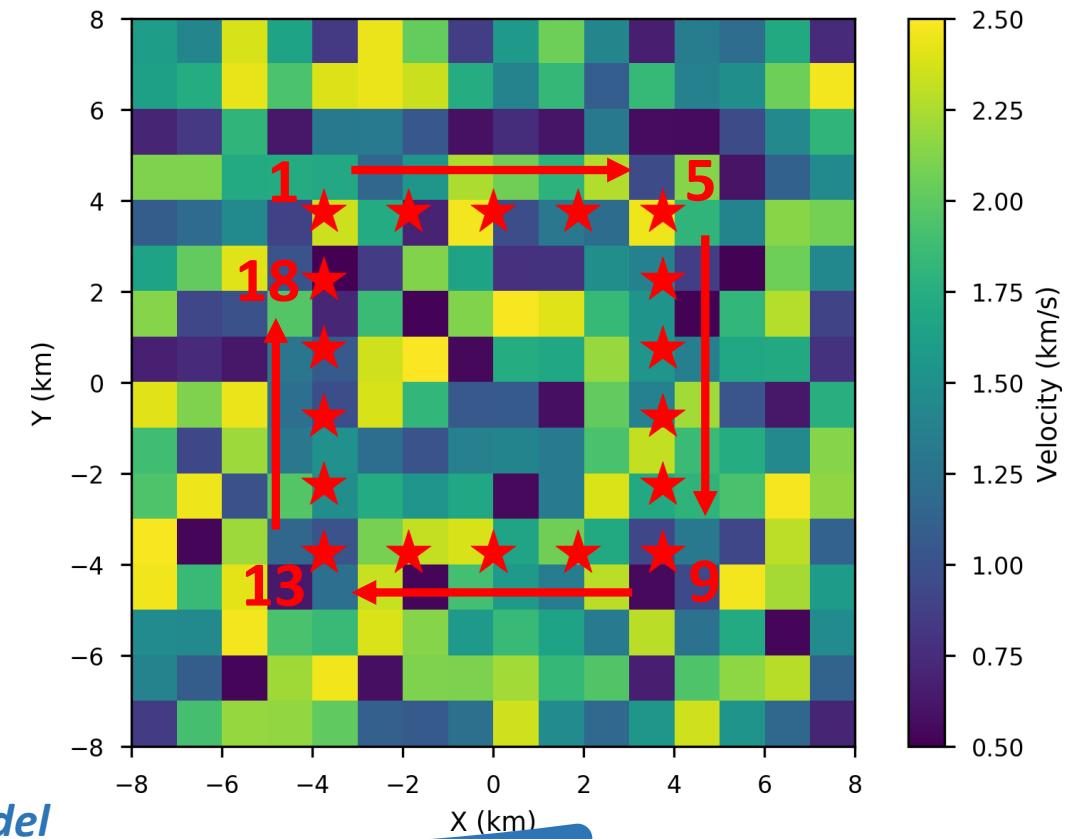
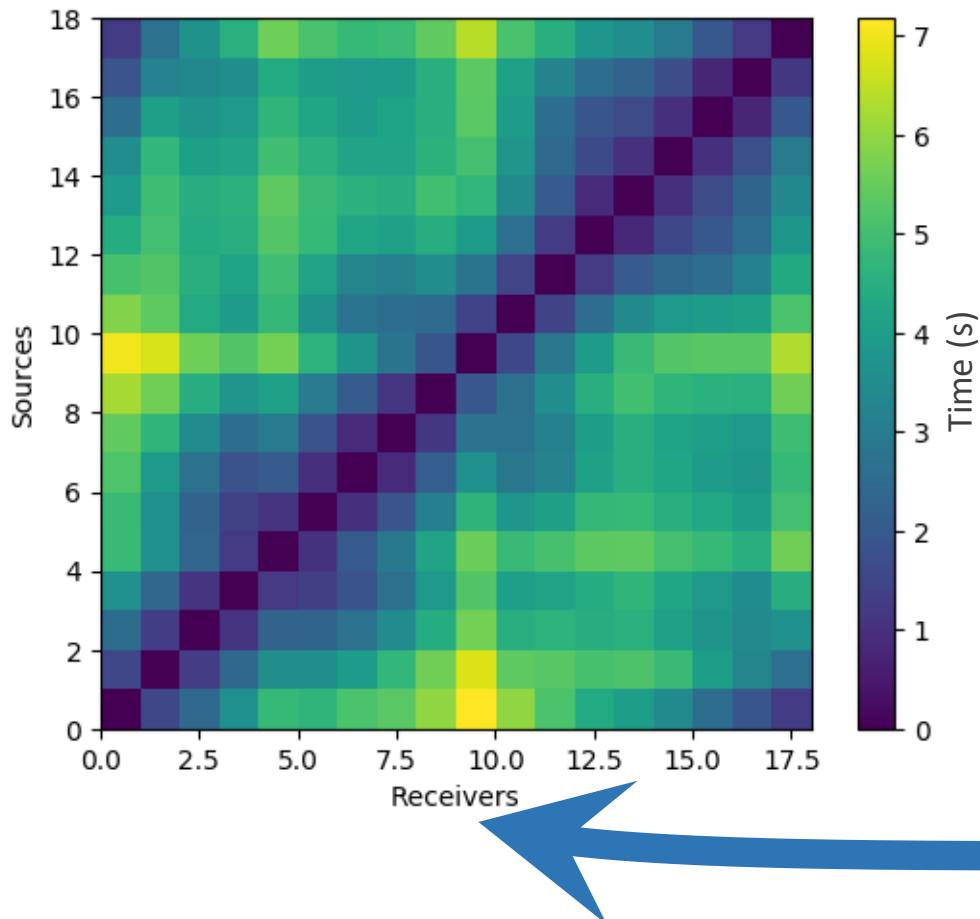


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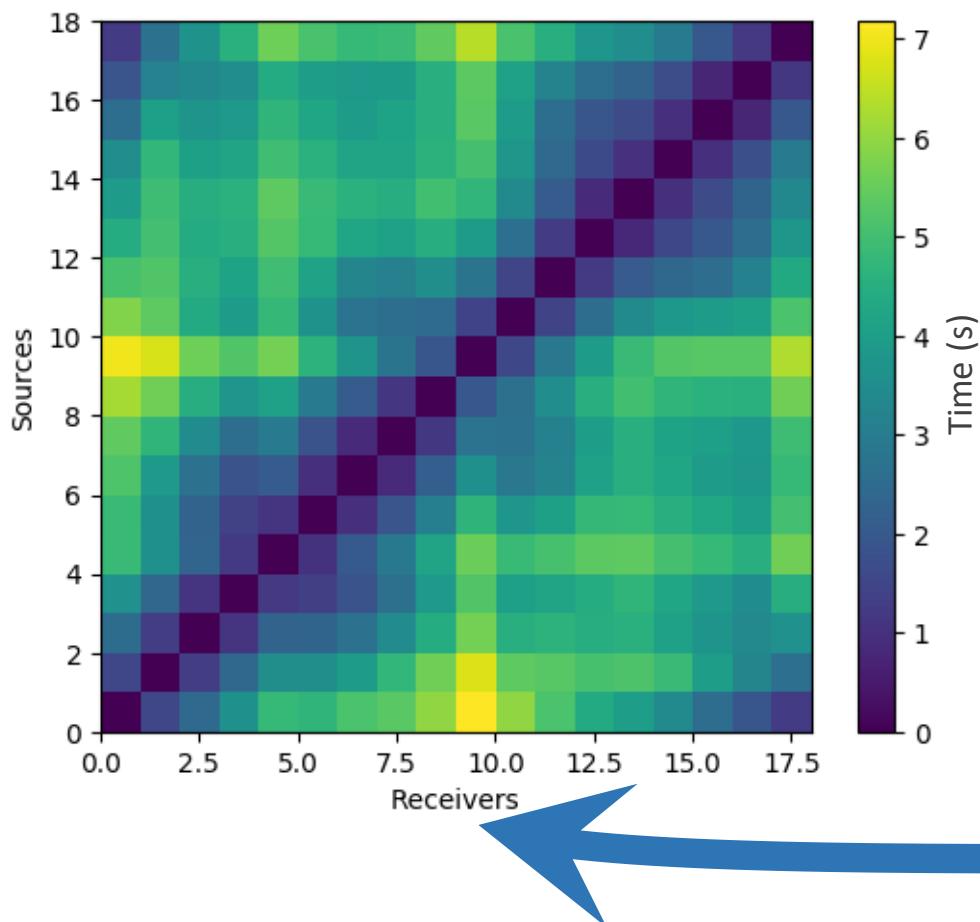
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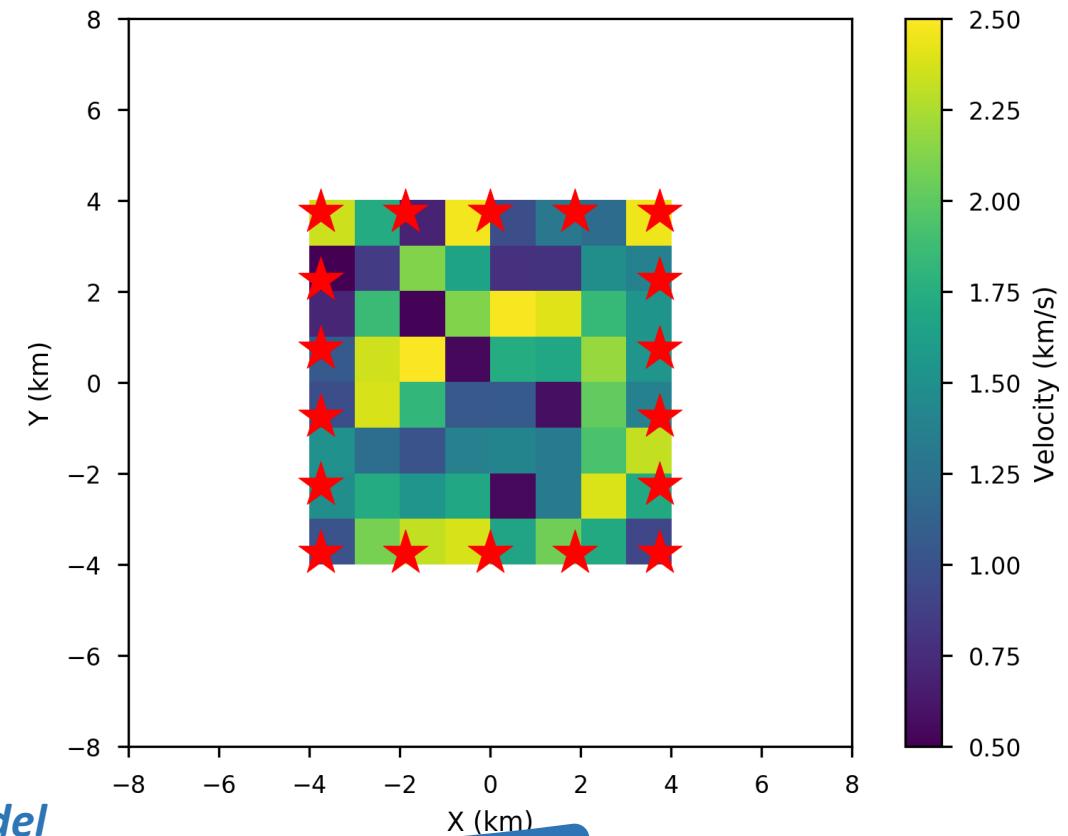


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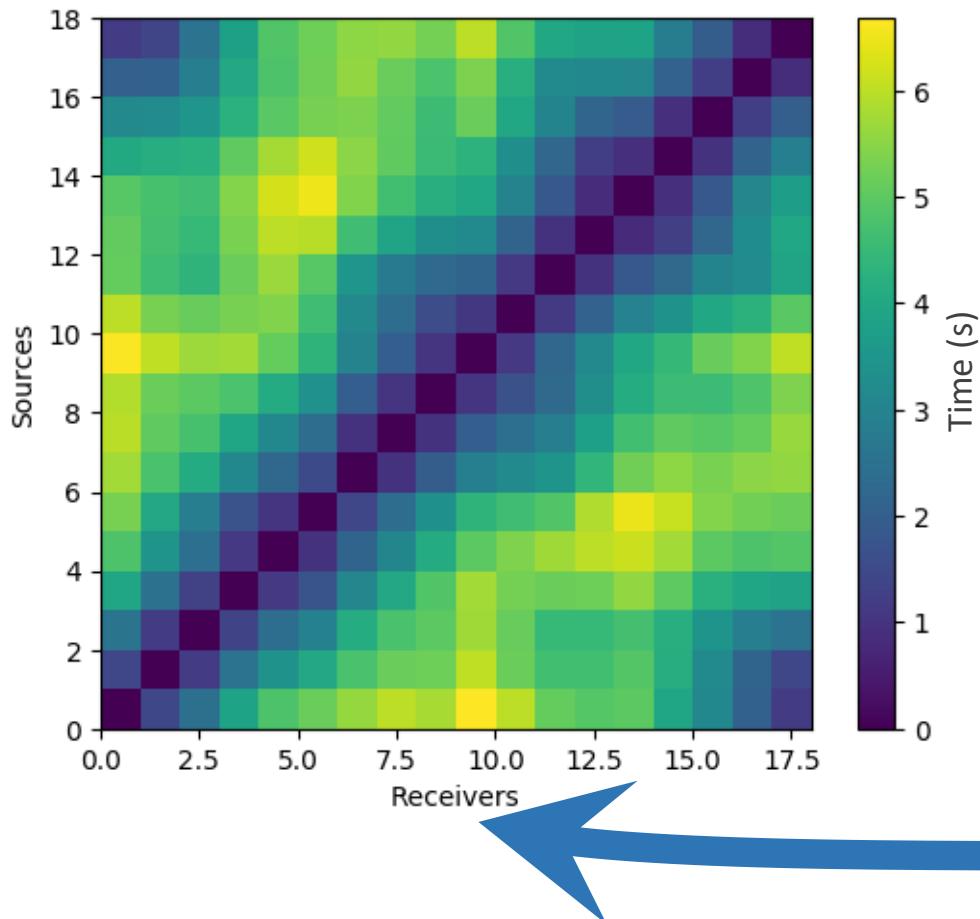


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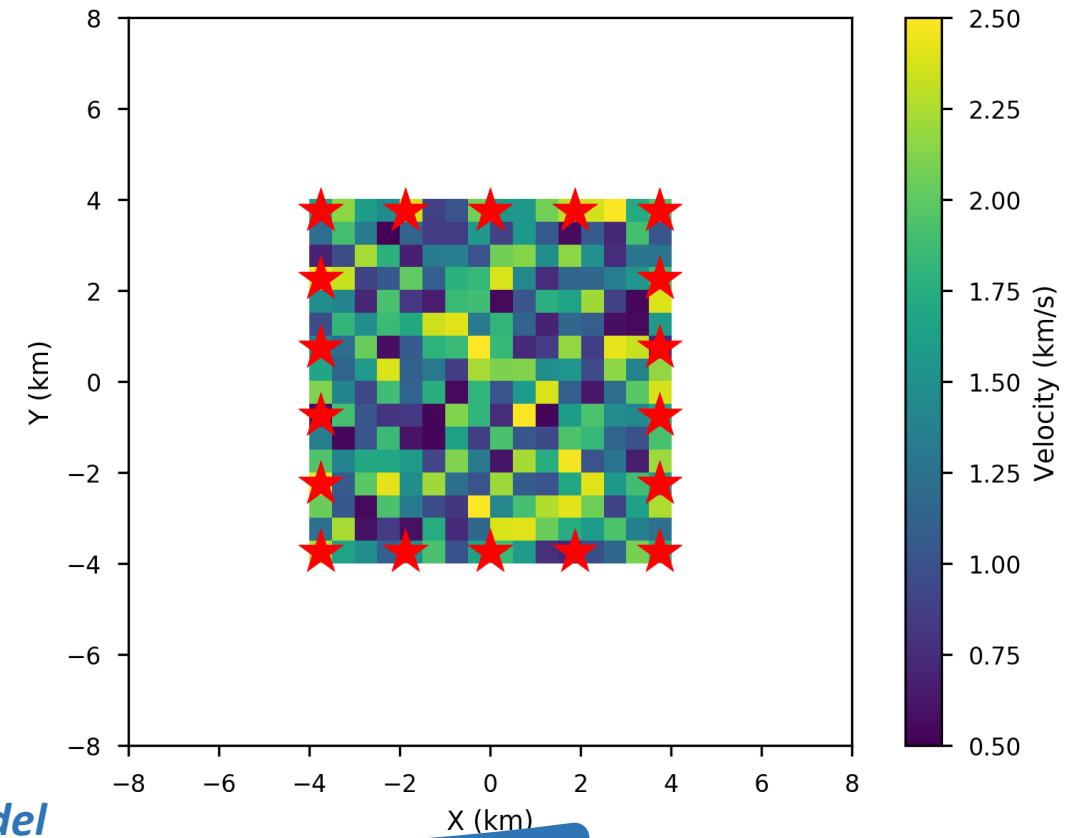


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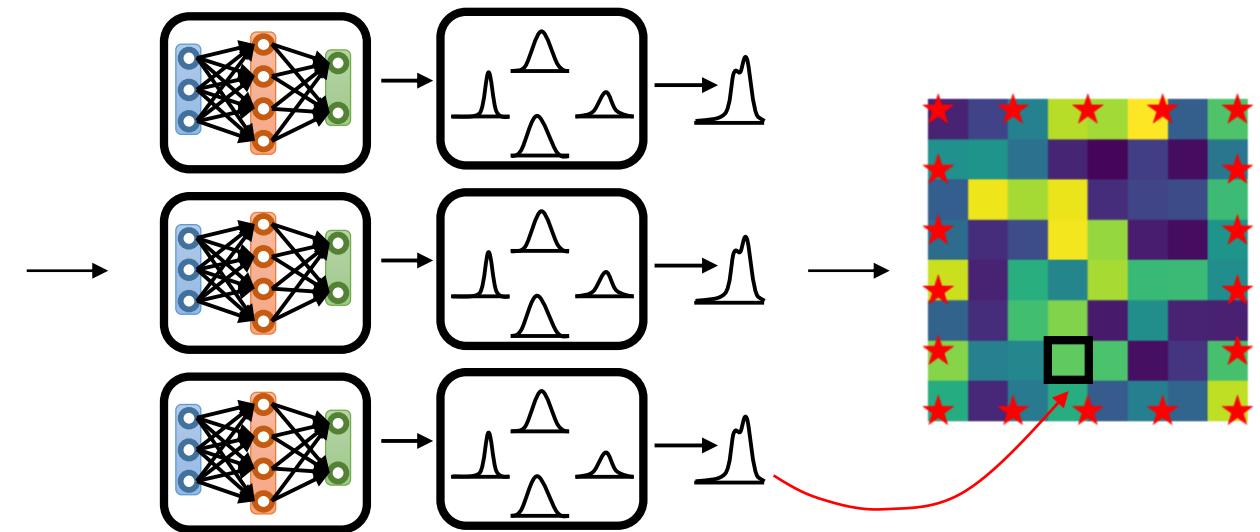
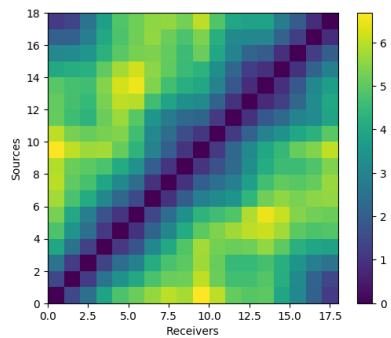


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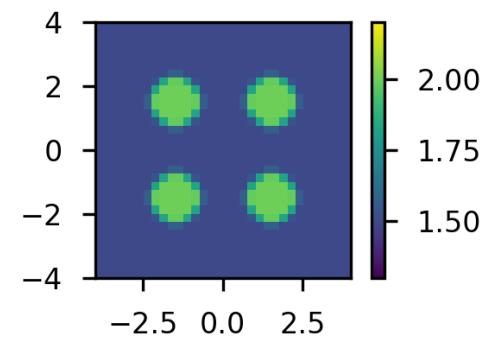
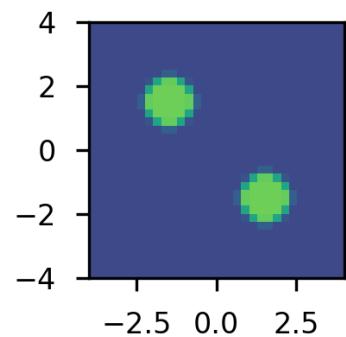
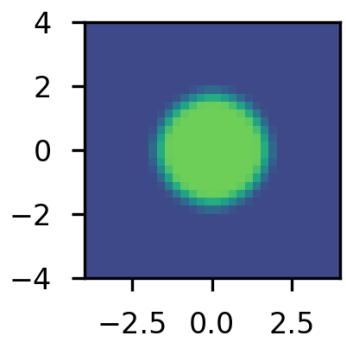
Travel-time Tomography

Mixture Density Network
Each pixel separately

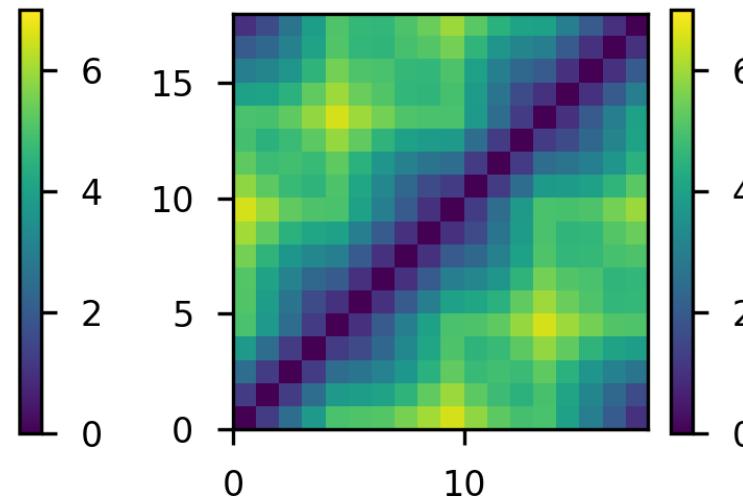
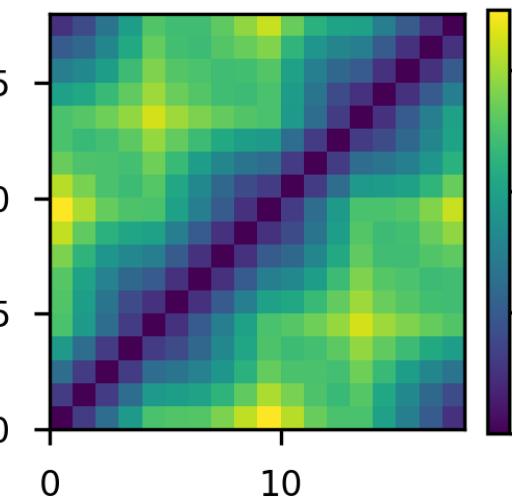
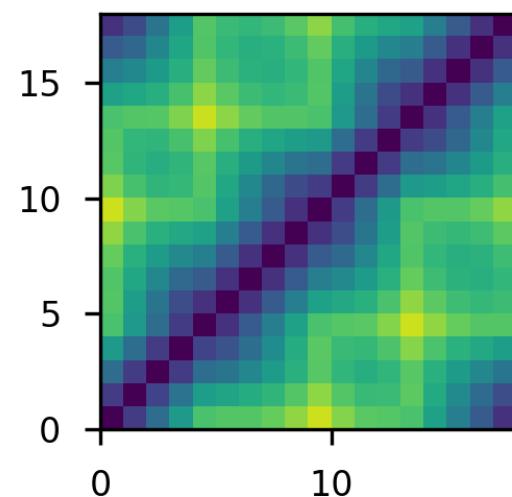


Travel-time Tomography

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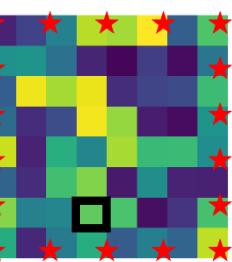


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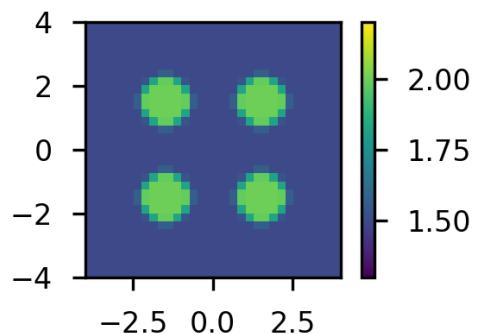
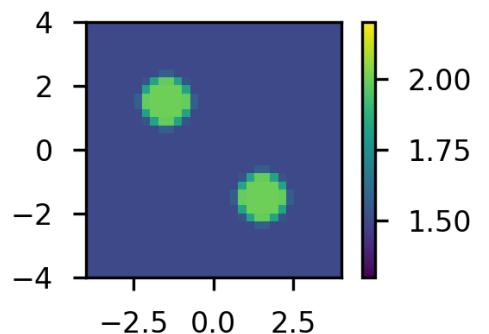
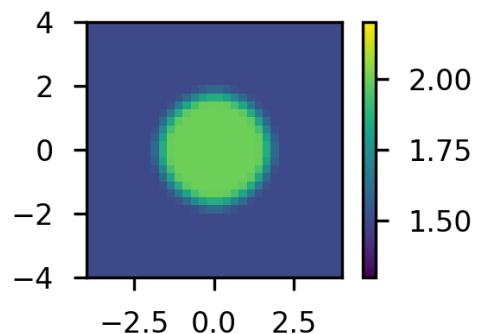


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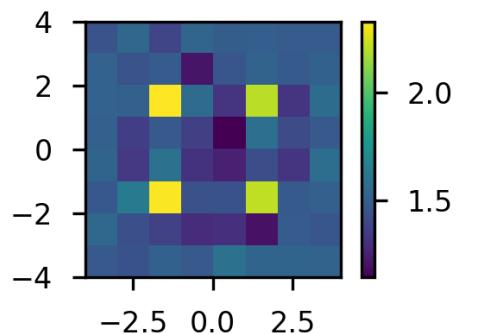
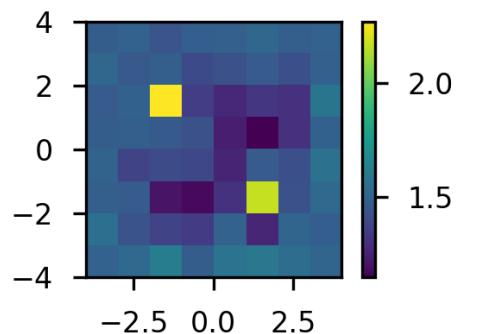
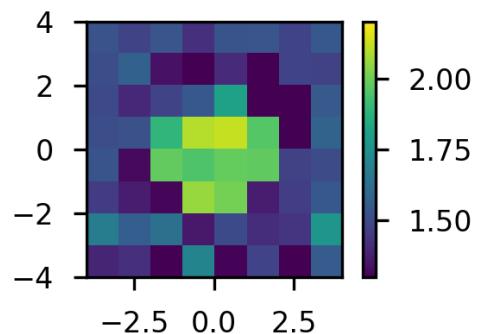
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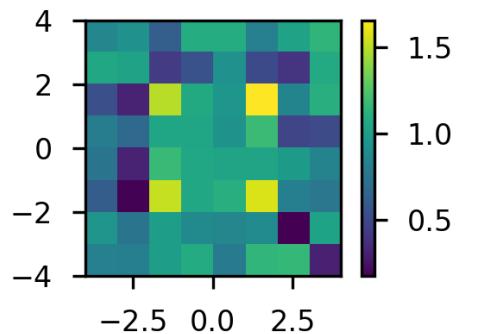
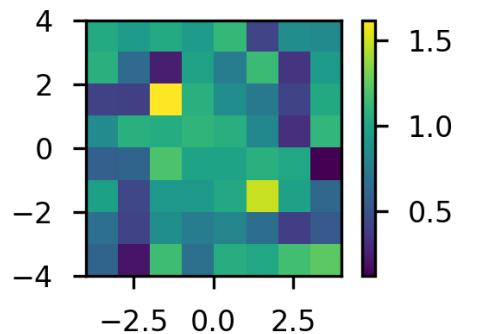
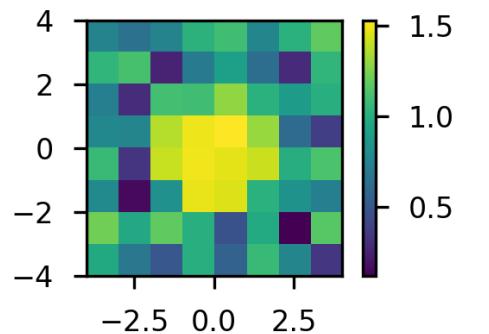
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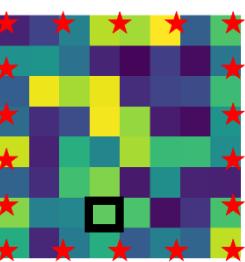


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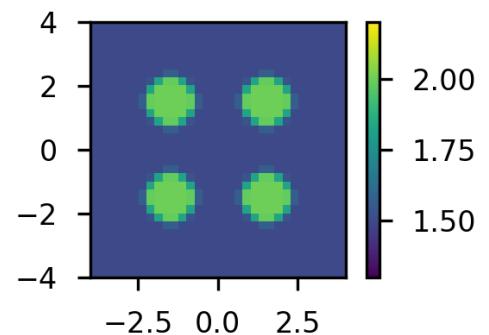
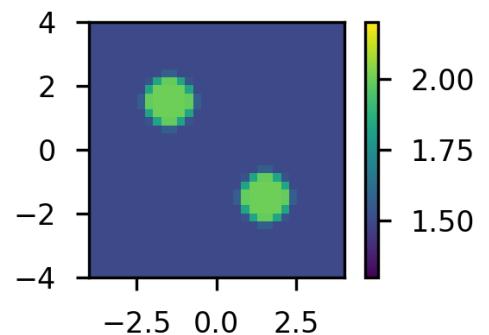
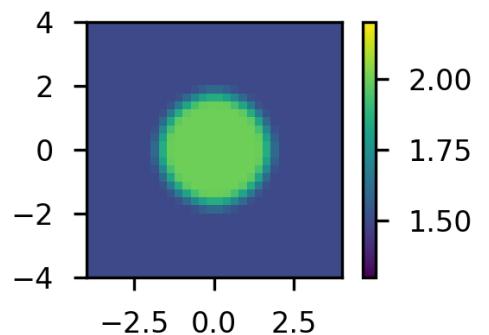


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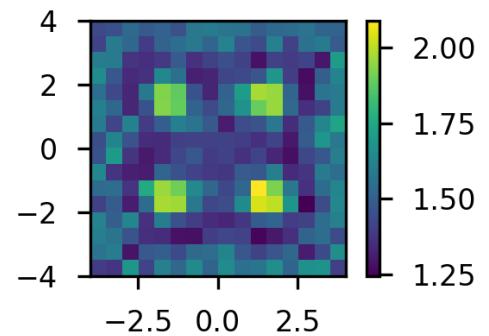
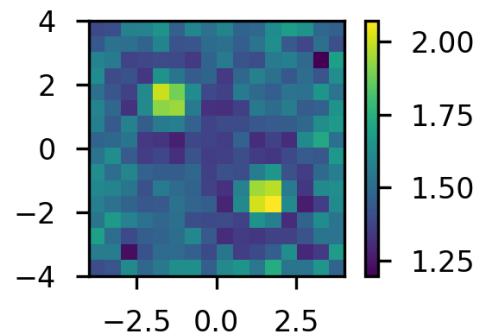
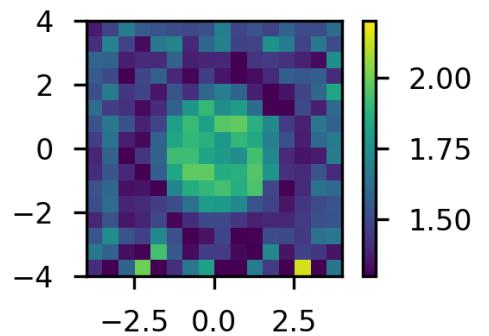
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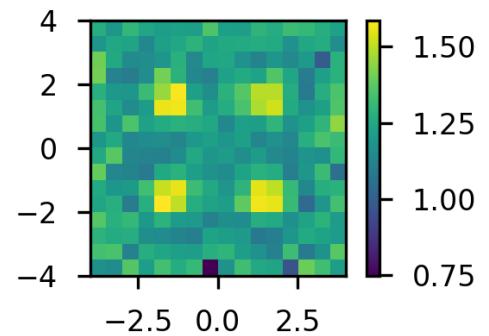
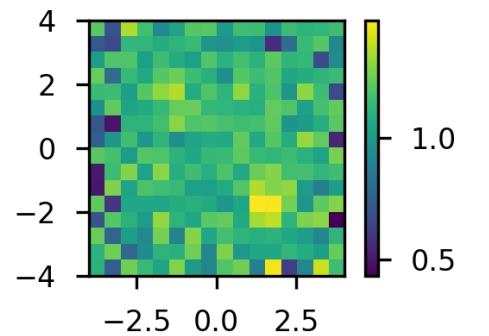
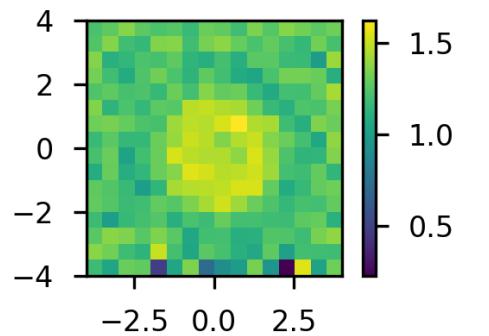
True Model



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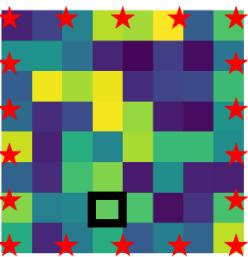


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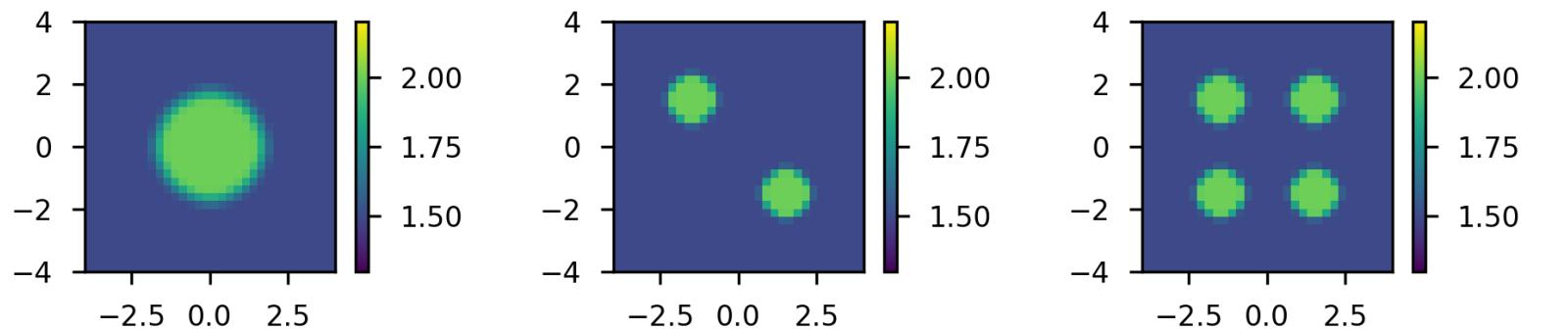


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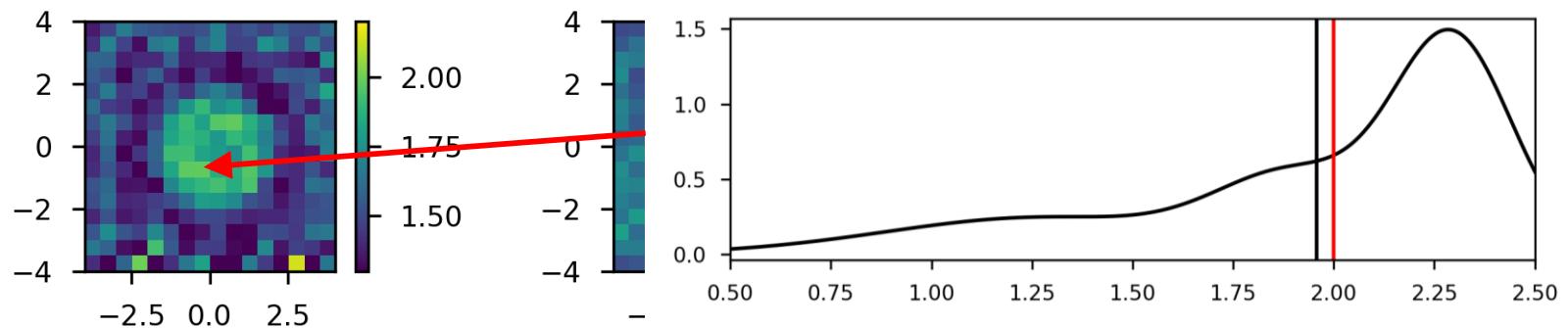
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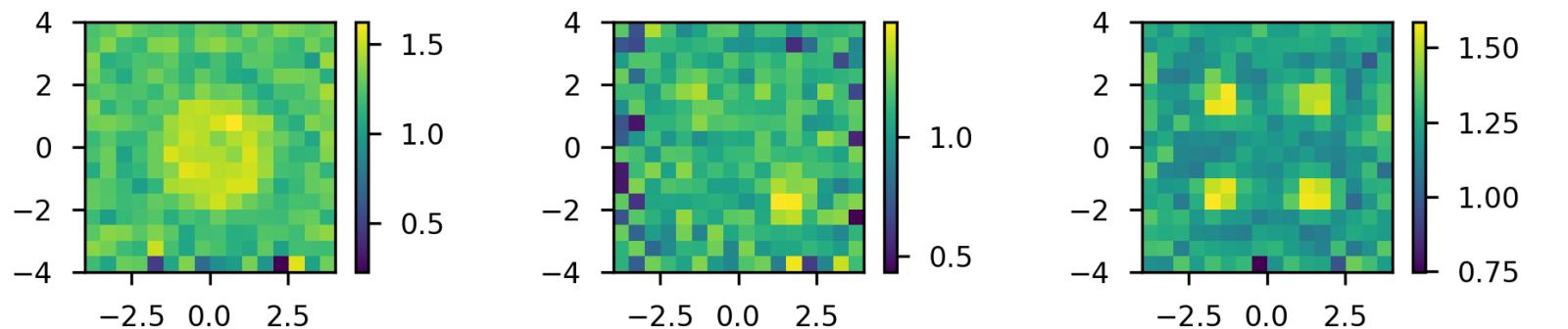
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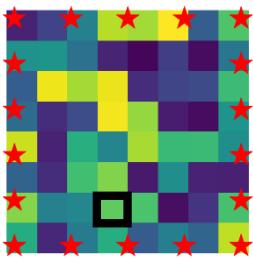


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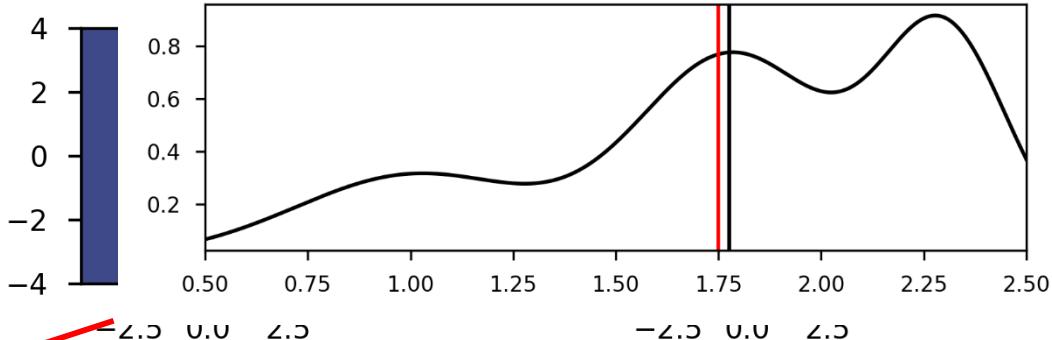
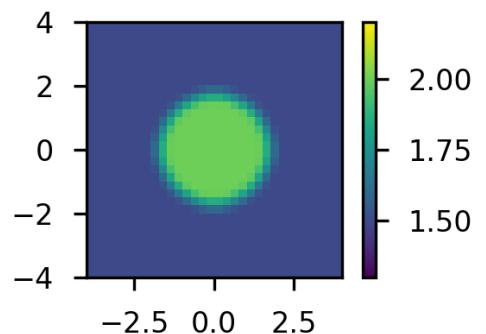


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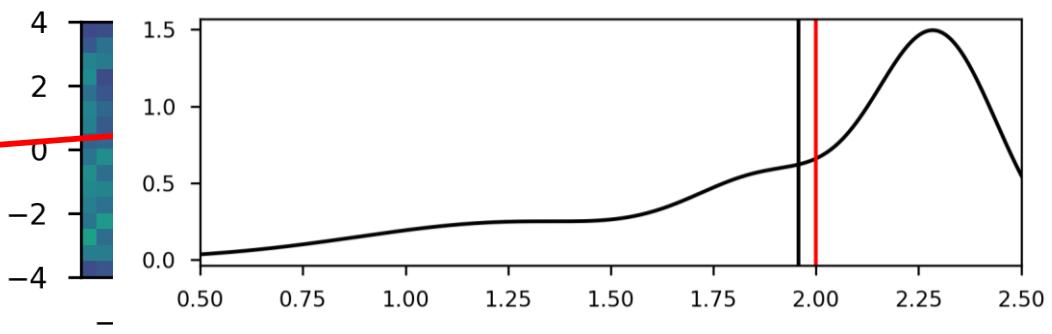
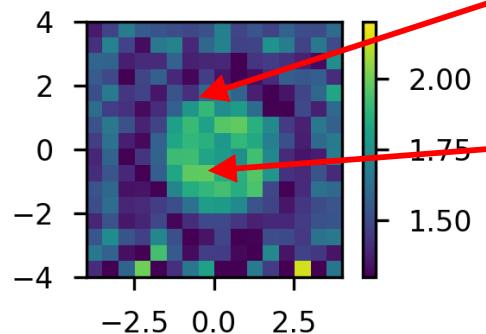
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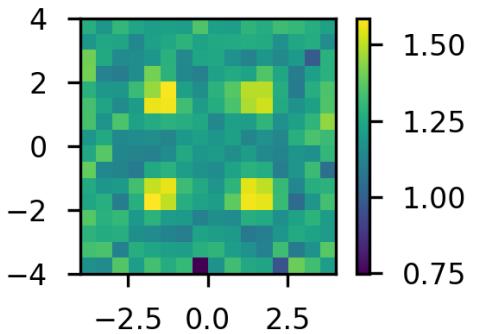
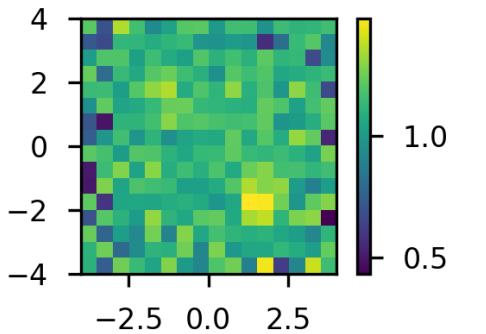
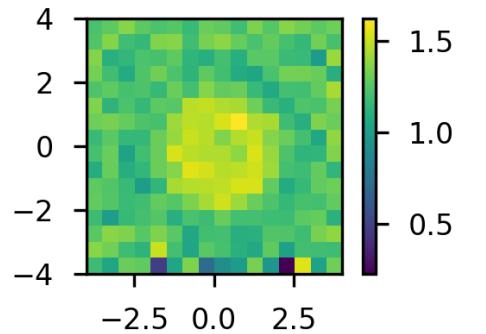
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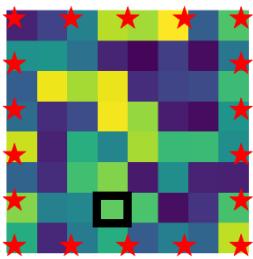


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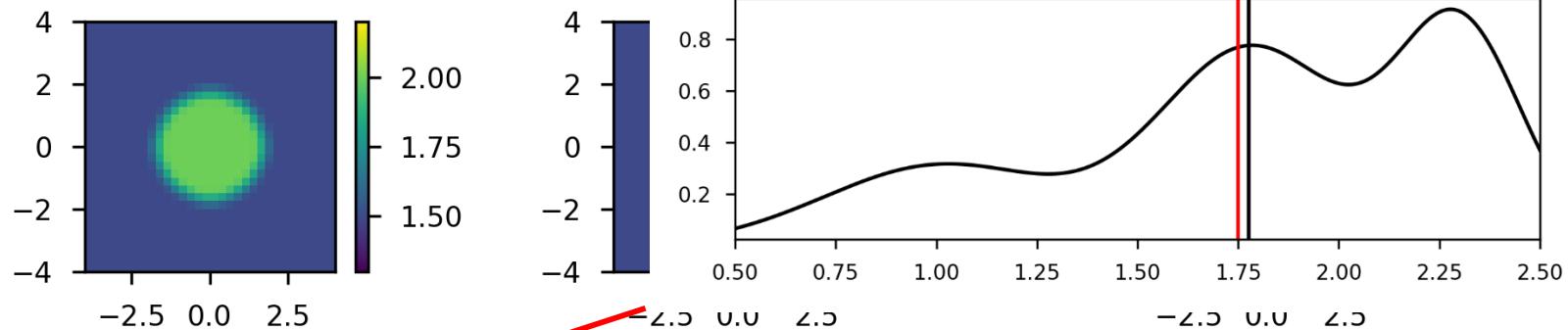


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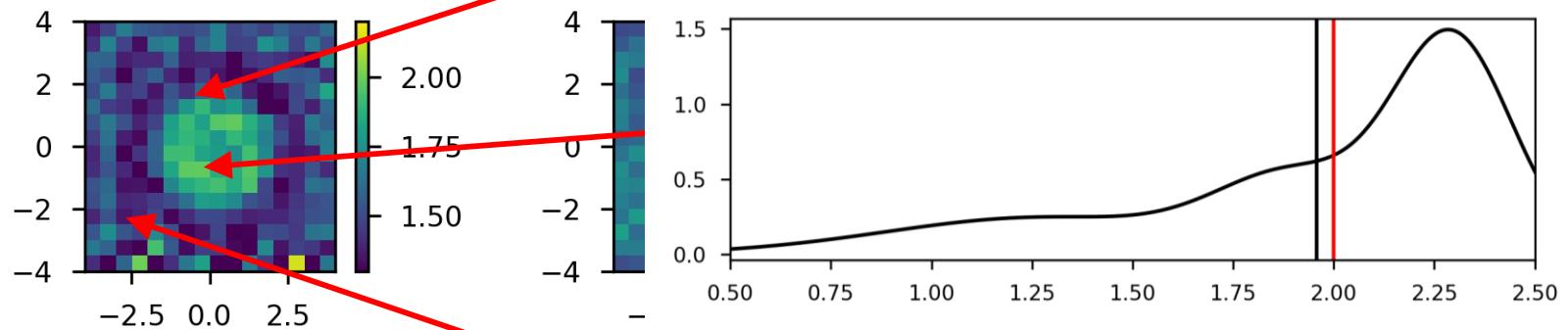
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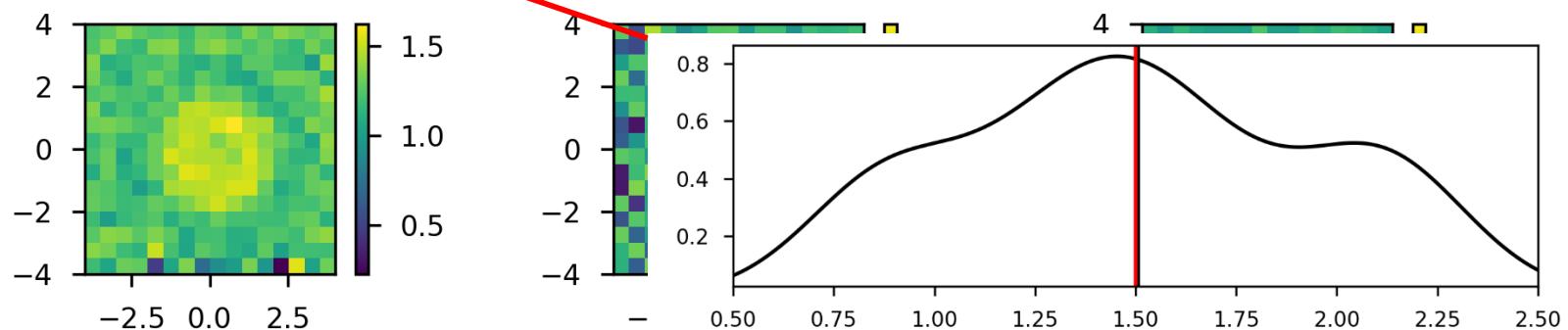
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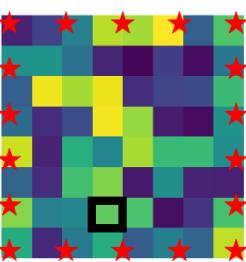
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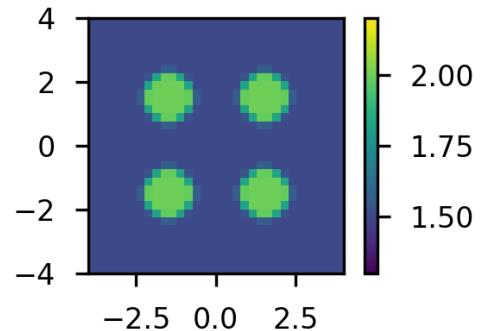
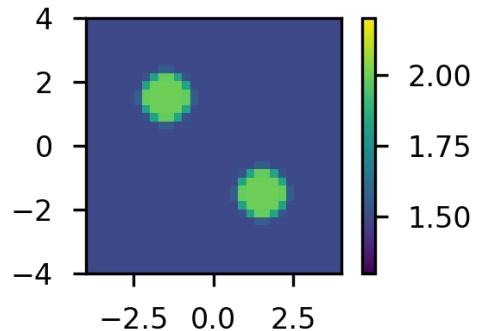
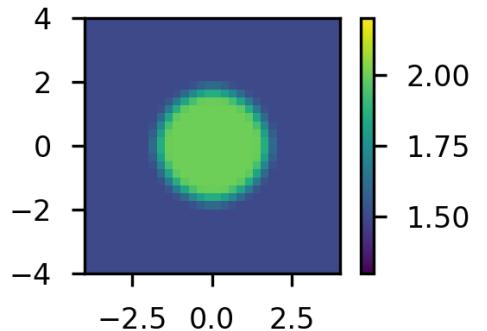
Fully nonlinear probabilistic Tomography in ~1 second

Earp & Curtis 2019 (ArXiv)

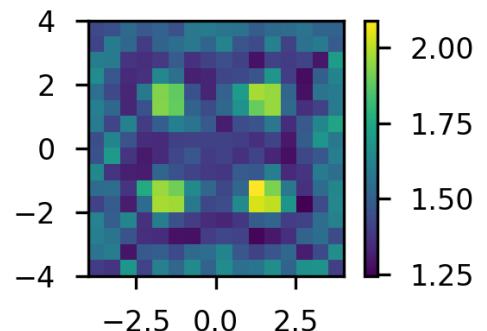
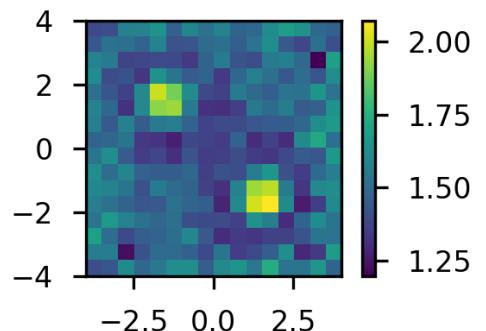
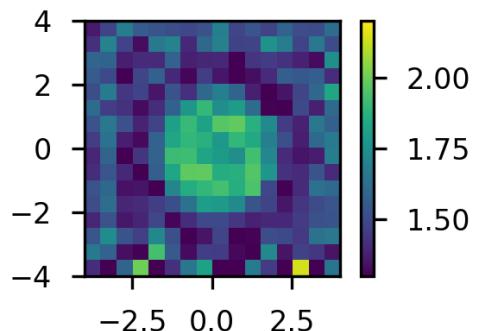
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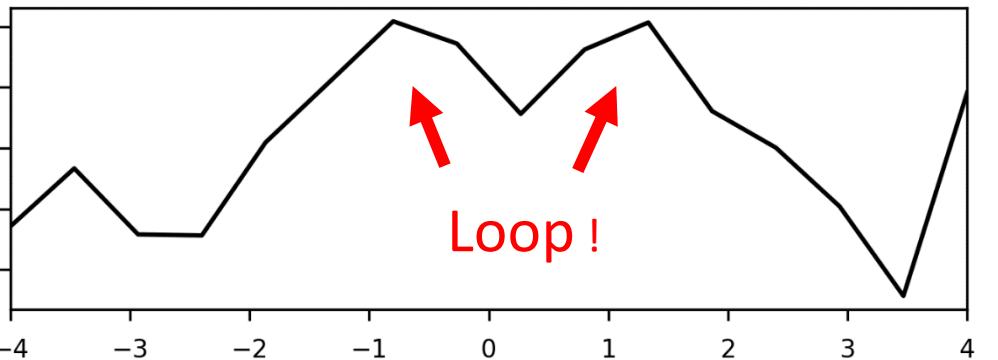
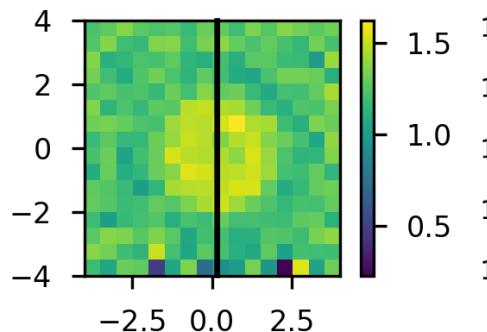
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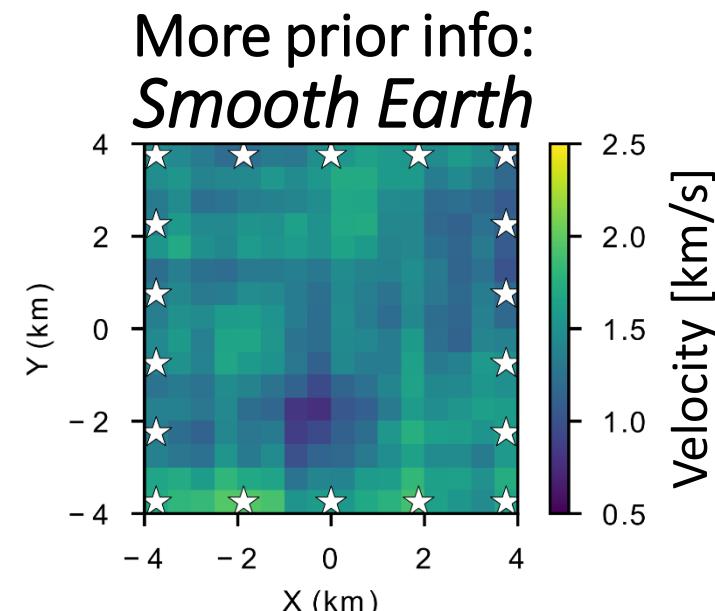
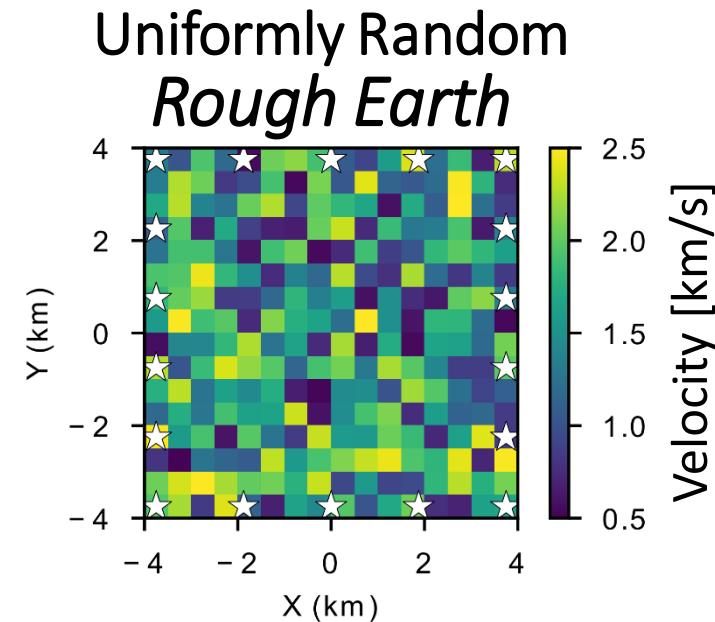


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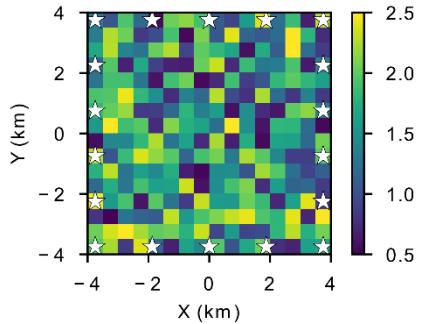


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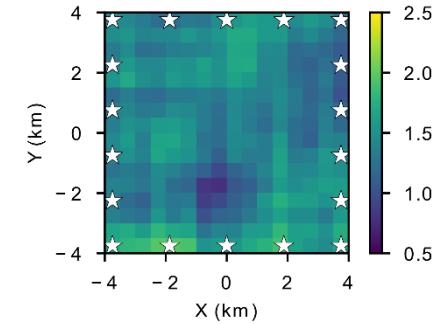
- Sample prior model distribution
- 2.5 million models
 - 8x8 model
 - 16x16 model
- Convolutional networks



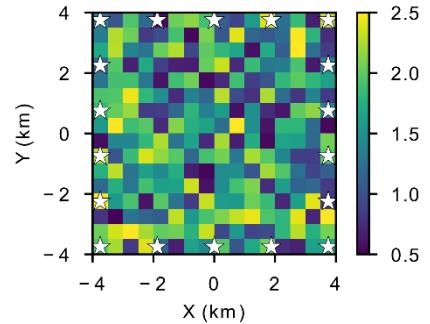
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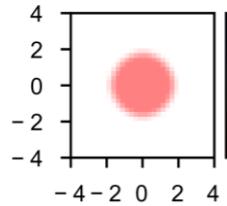
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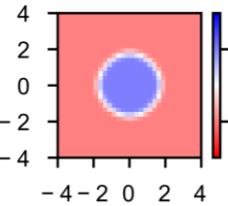
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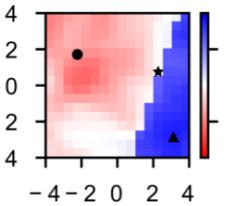
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Velocity km/s

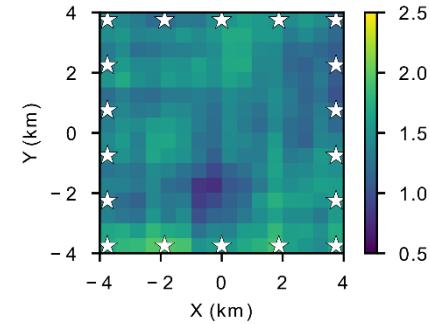


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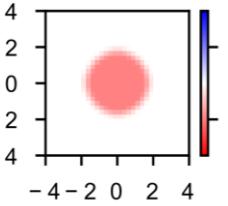


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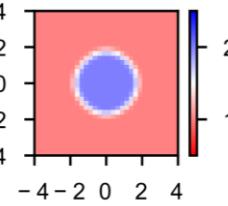
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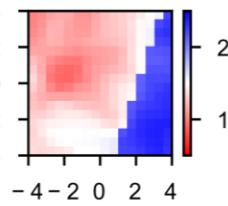
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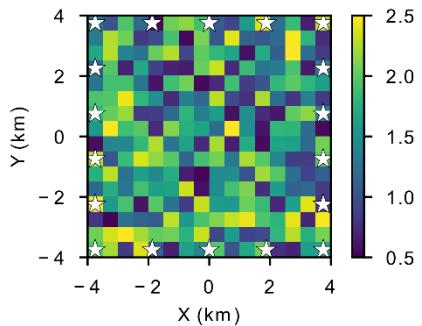


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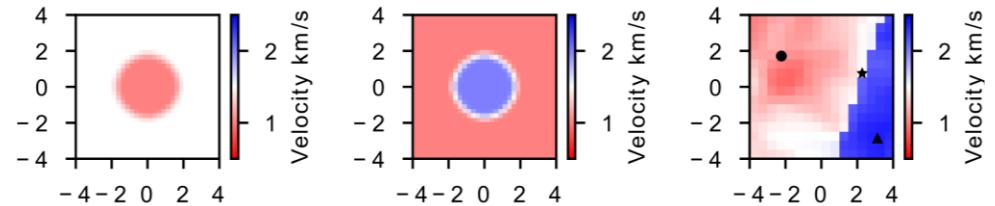


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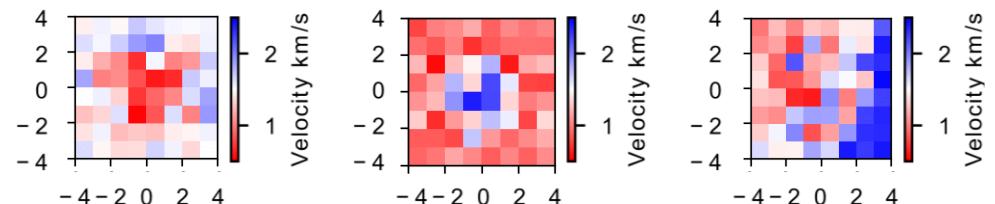
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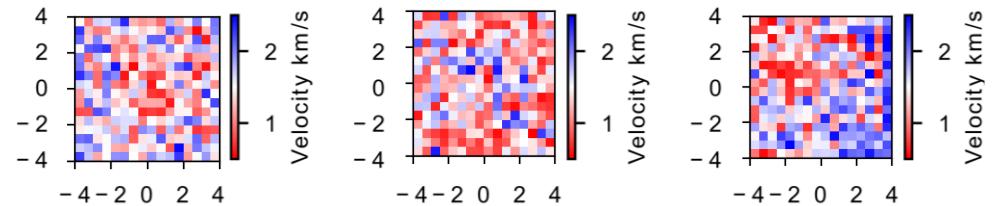
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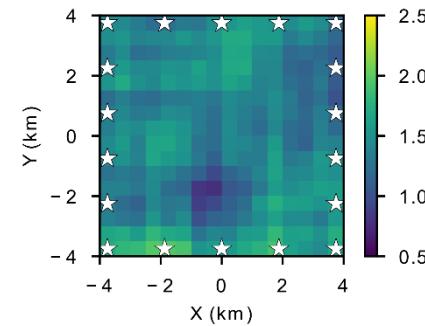


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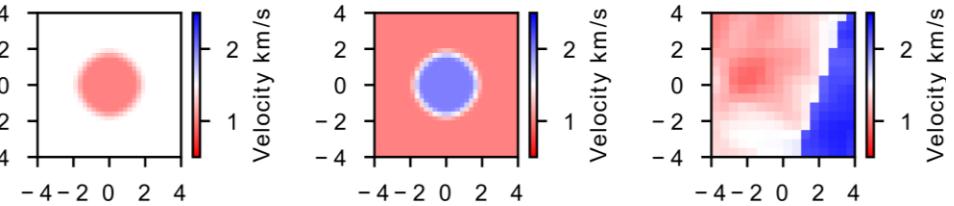


Samples from
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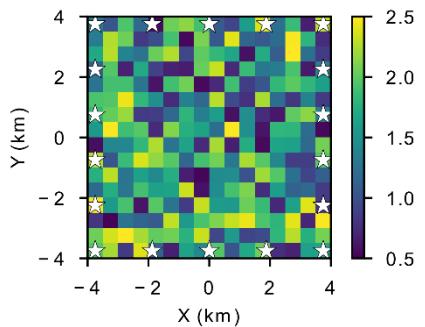
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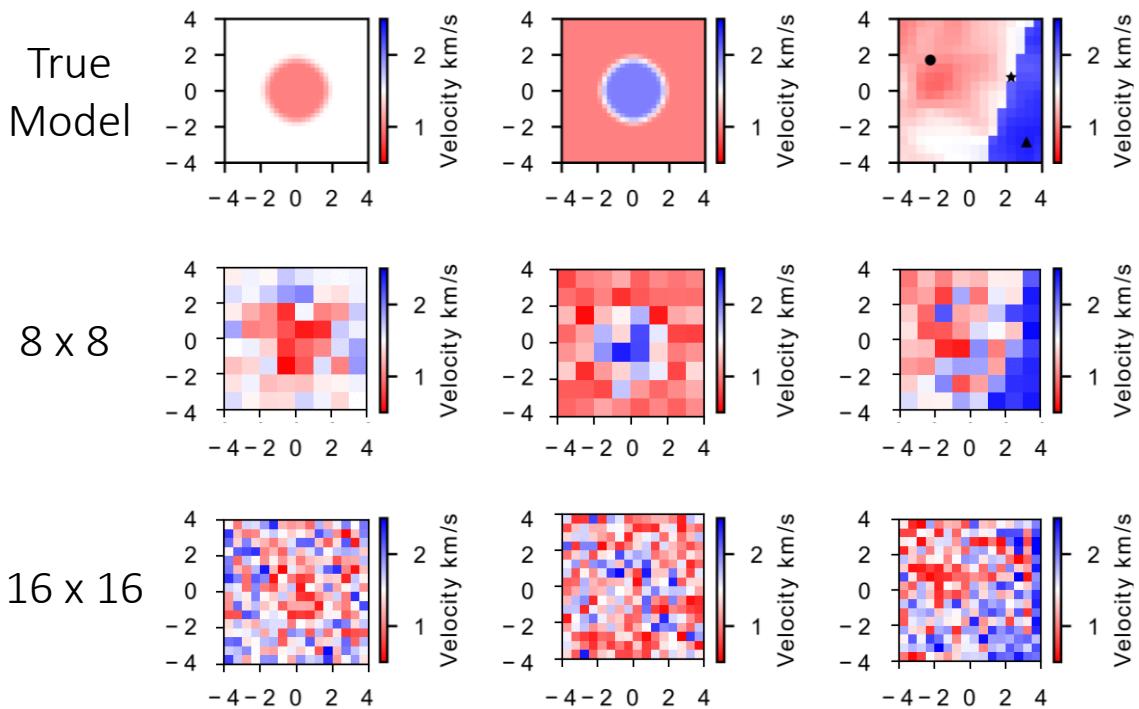
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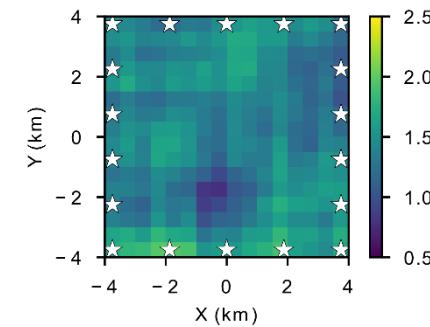


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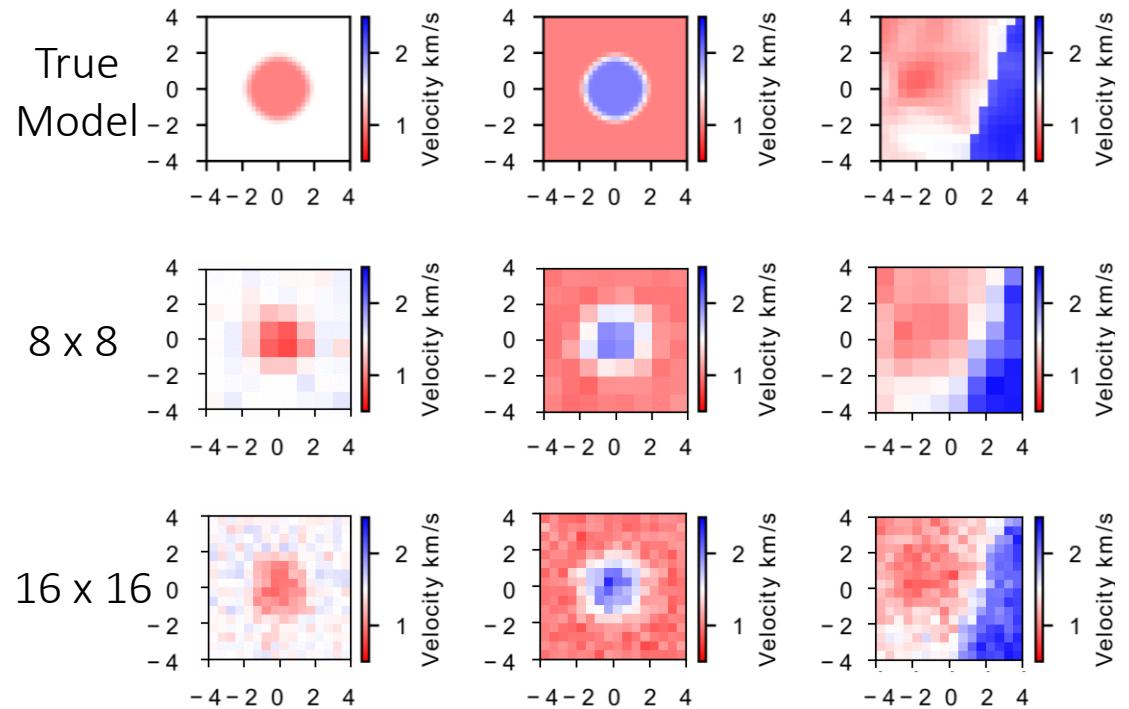


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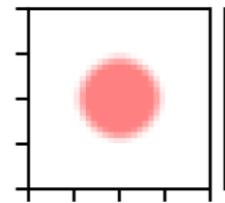
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Summary

- MDNs can solve **travel time tomography** for local velocity uncertainty
- MDNs can **invert Phase velocities for Shear velocity** structure with depth
- Both take ~1 second per inversion **post-training**: but need to ‘sample’ the prior pdf...
- Adds ~3 lines to standard neural network training scripts (PyTorch, TensorFlow,...)

→ **3D nonlinear tomography with uncertainties within ~ 1 hour of recording**

Future...

Test and apply to your problems! (I can help)

