



Bayesian Imaging with Uncertainty Analysis

- Invertible Neural Networks and Normalizing Flows -

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Bayesian Inference

- Forward and Inverse Problems

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

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

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

$\mathbf{m}$ – model

$\mathbf{d}$ – data

$\mathbf{f}$ – forward function

Bayesian Inference

- Bayes' theorem

Can we estimate this
using Neural Networks?

The diagram illustrates Bayes' theorem with color-coded components and arrows:

- Posterior pdf:** $p(\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{d}_{obs})$ (red box)
- Likelihood:** $p(\mathbf{d}_{obs} | \mathbf{m})$ (purple box)
- Prior pdf:** $p(\mathbf{m})$ (blue box)
- Evidence:** $p(\mathbf{d}_{obs})$ (green box)

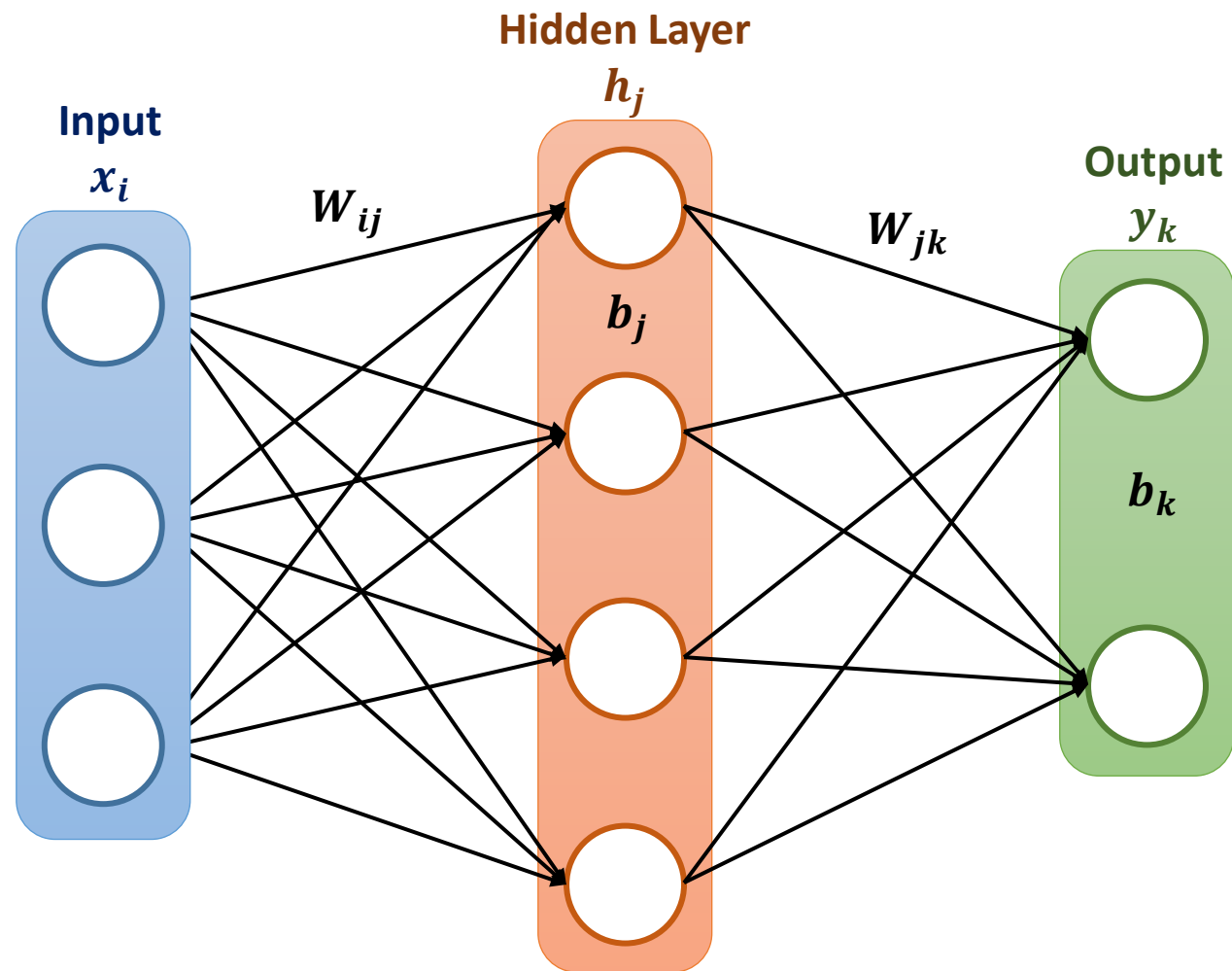
Arrows indicate the flow of information:

- A purple arrow points from the likelihood box to the label "likelihood".
- A blue arrow points from the prior pdf box to the label "Prior pdf".
- A green arrow points from the evidence box to the label "evidence".
- A red arrow points from the posterior pdf box to the label "Posterior pdf".

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

$\mathbf{m}$ = model , $\mathbf{d}_{obs}$ = observed data
pdf = probability distribution function

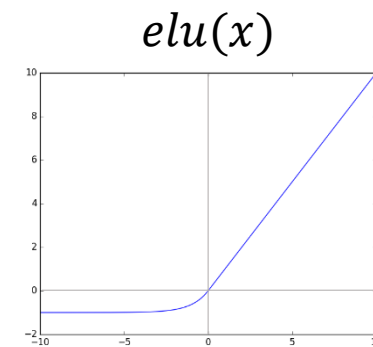
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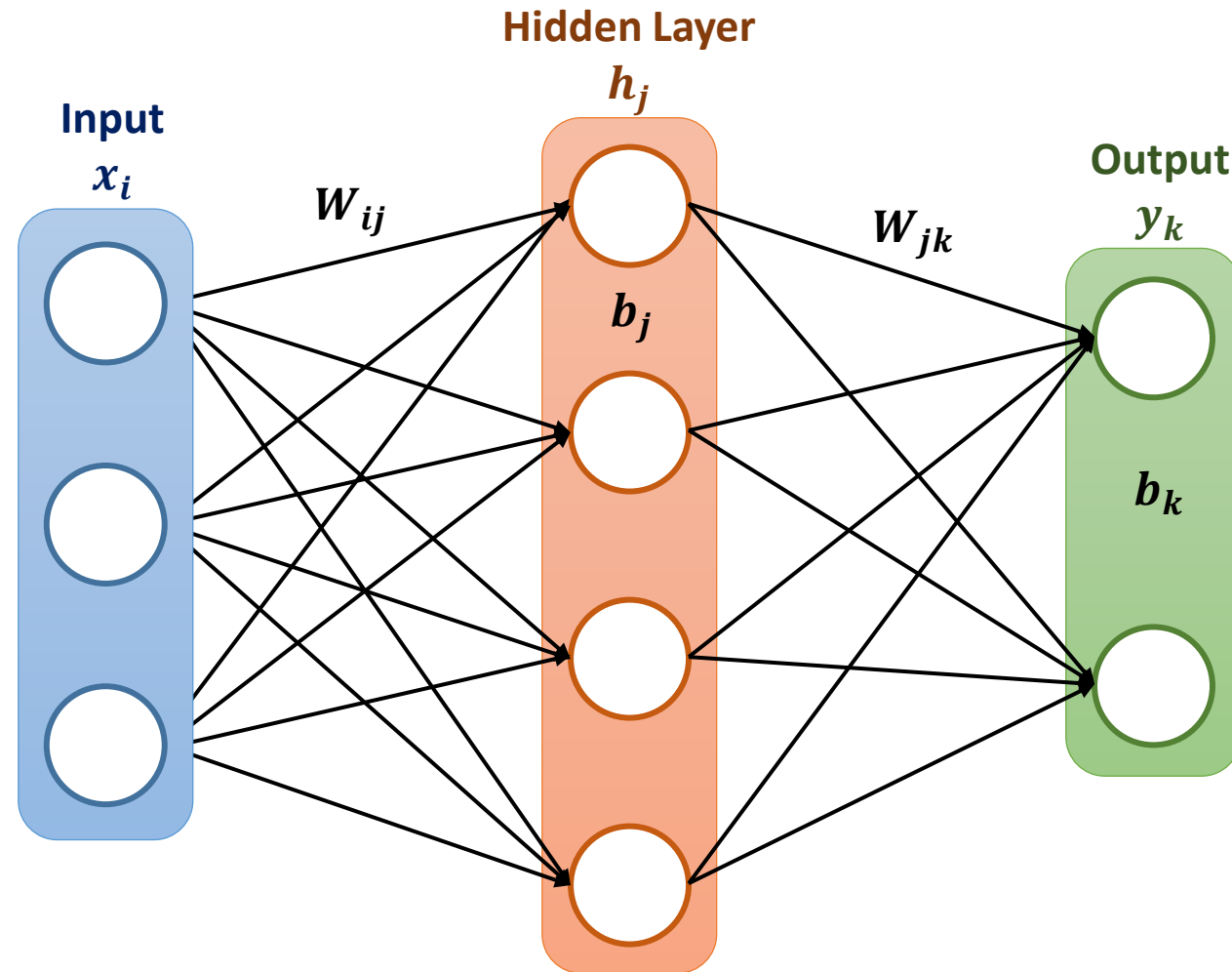
$$h_j = \sum_i W_{ij} x_i + b_j$$

$\xrightarrow[h_j' = \text{elu}(h_j)]{\text{Activation function}}$

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



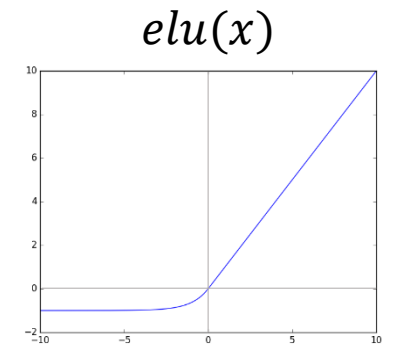
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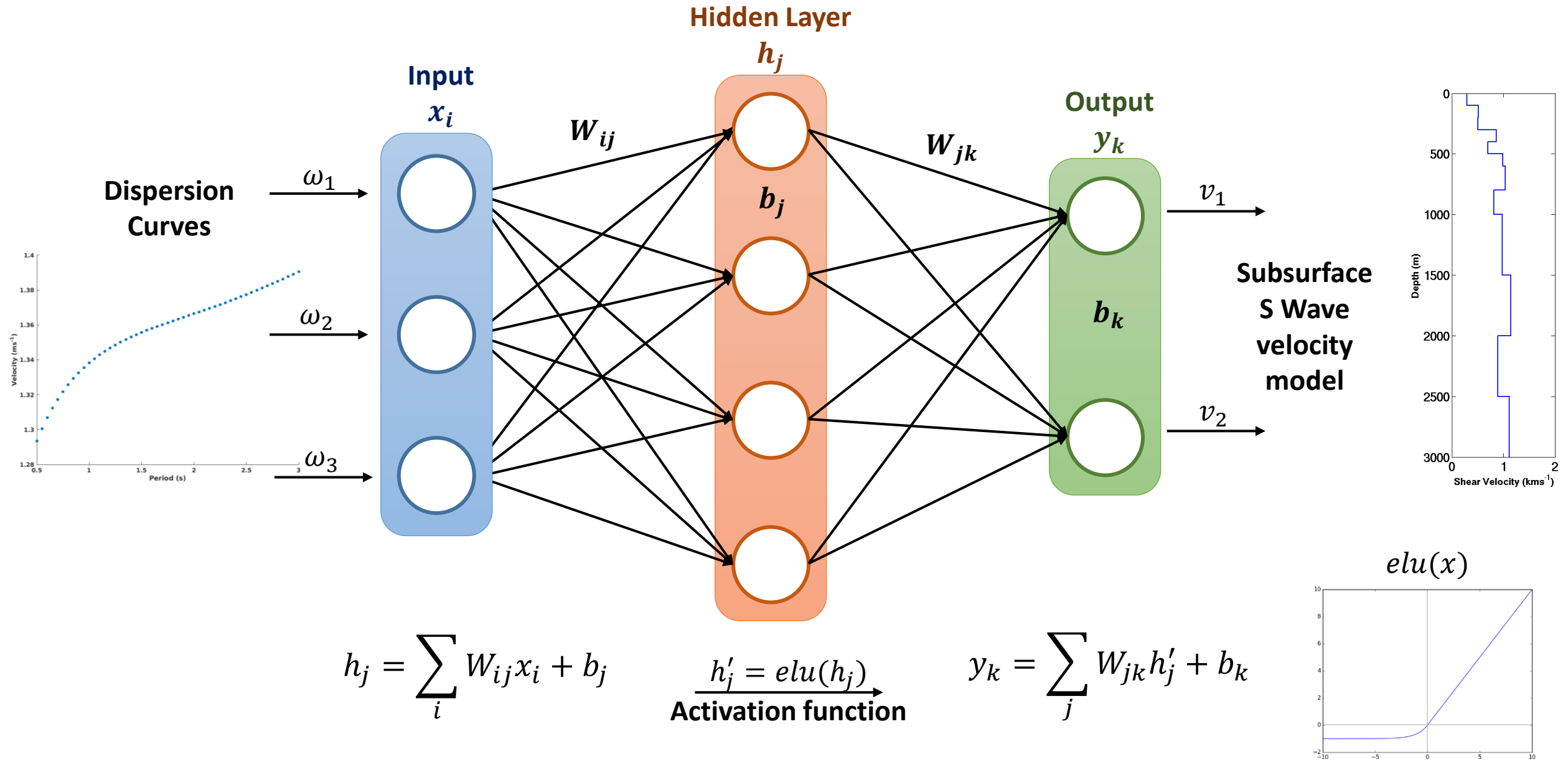
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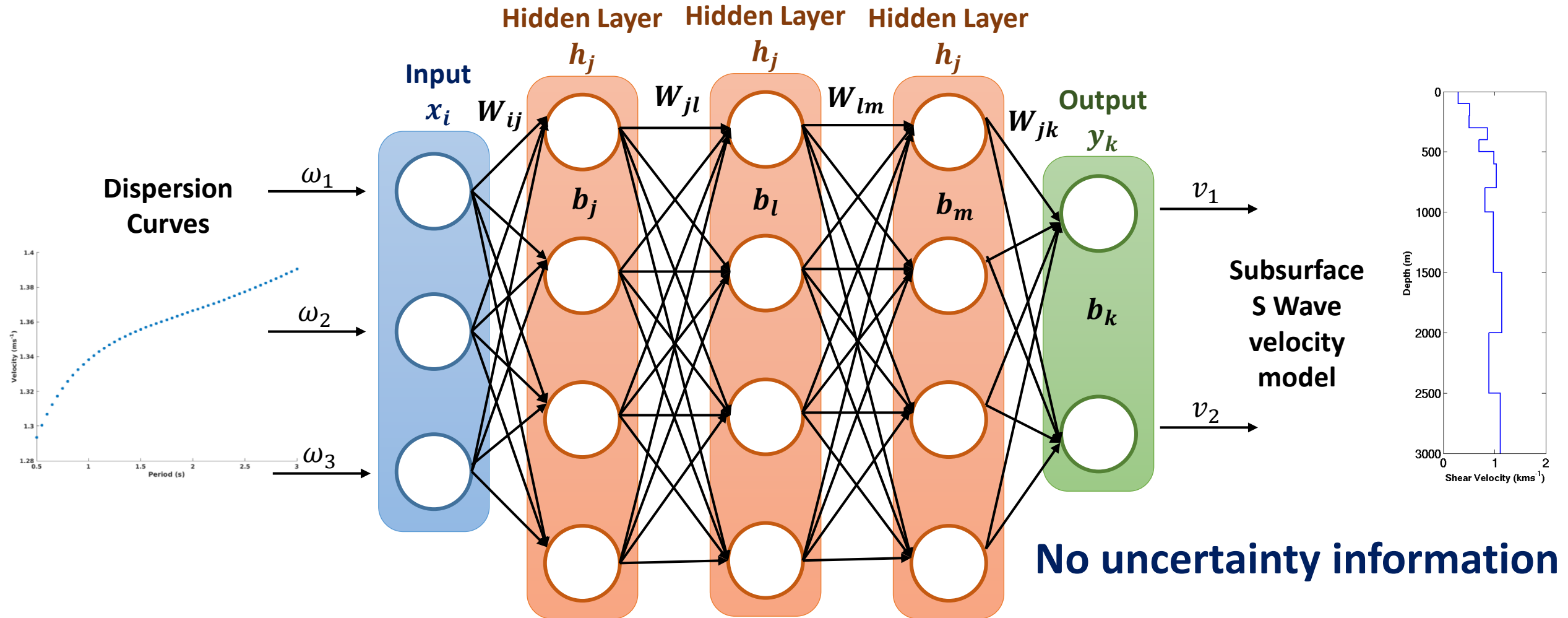
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Neural Network



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)

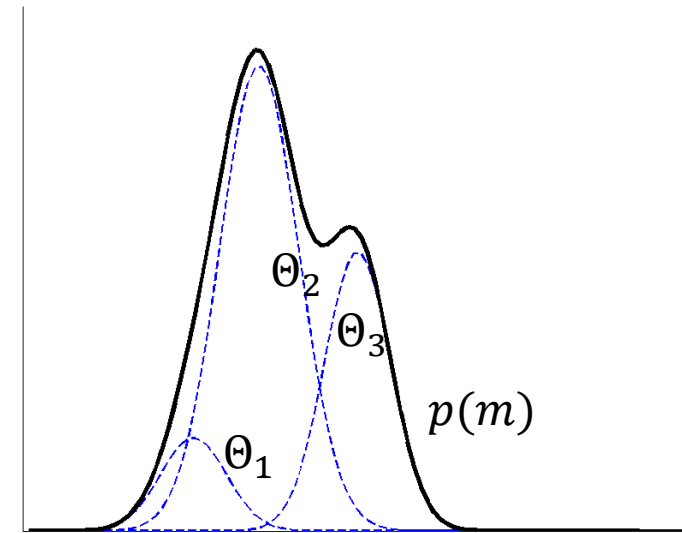
$$p(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_{k=1}^M \alpha_k(\mathbf{d}) \Theta_k(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d})$$

Weights in sum

Mixture

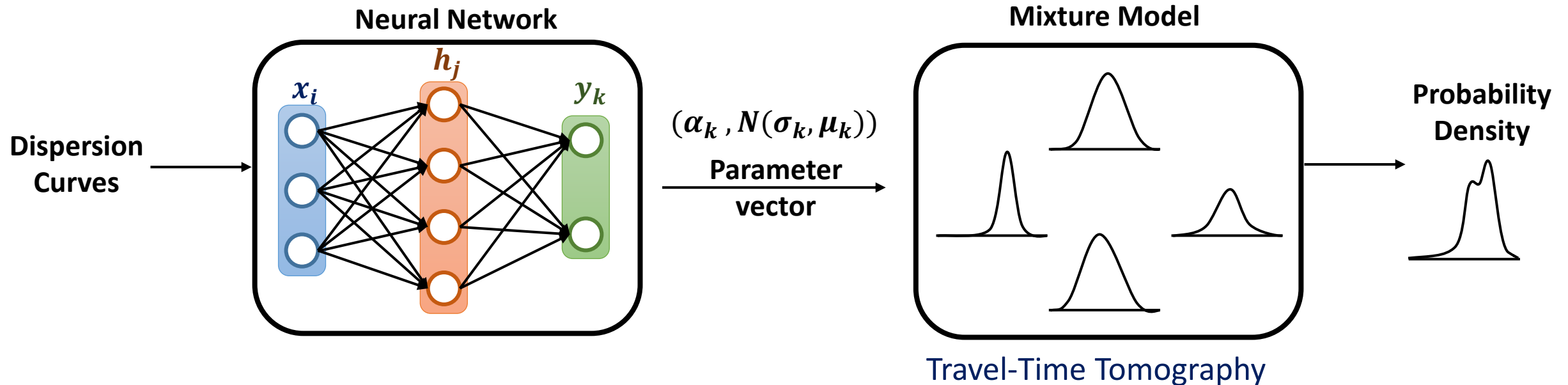
Probability Density Kernel (Gaussian)

The diagram illustrates the Mixture Density Network (MDN) equation. The equation is $p(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_{k=1}^M \alpha_k(\mathbf{d}) \Theta_k(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d})$. The summation symbol $\sum_{k=1}^M$ is enclosed in a red box, with an arrow pointing to it from the label "Mixture". The term $\alpha_k(\mathbf{d})$ is also enclosed in a red box, with an arrow pointing to it from the label "Weights in sum". The term $\Theta_k(\mathbf{m}|\mathbf{d})$ is enclosed in a red box, with an arrow pointing to it from the label "Probability Density Kernel (Gaussian)".



Mixture Density Networks

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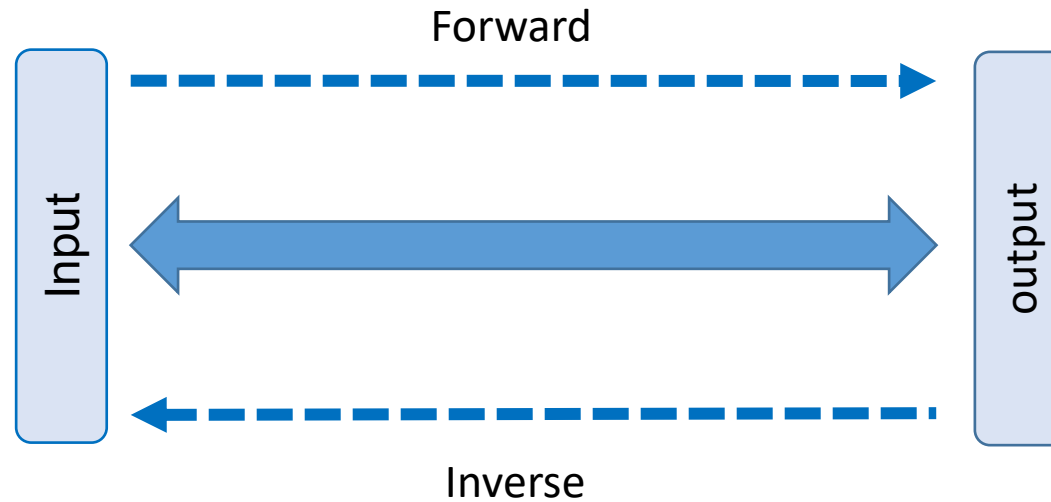


Earp & Curtis 2020, *Neural Comp. Applic.*

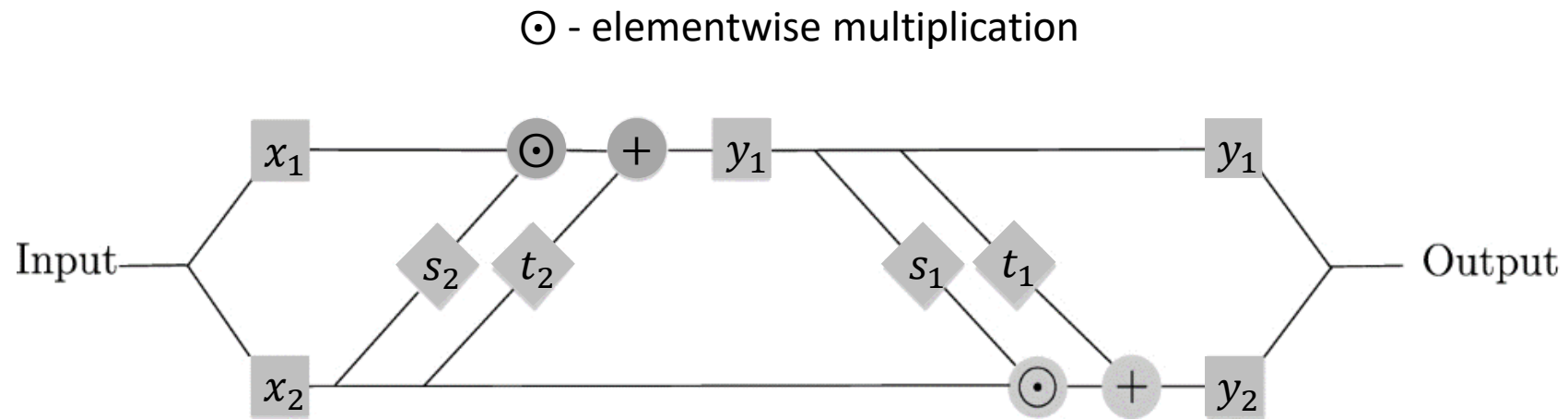
Hard to obtain inter-parameter correlations

Invertible neural networks

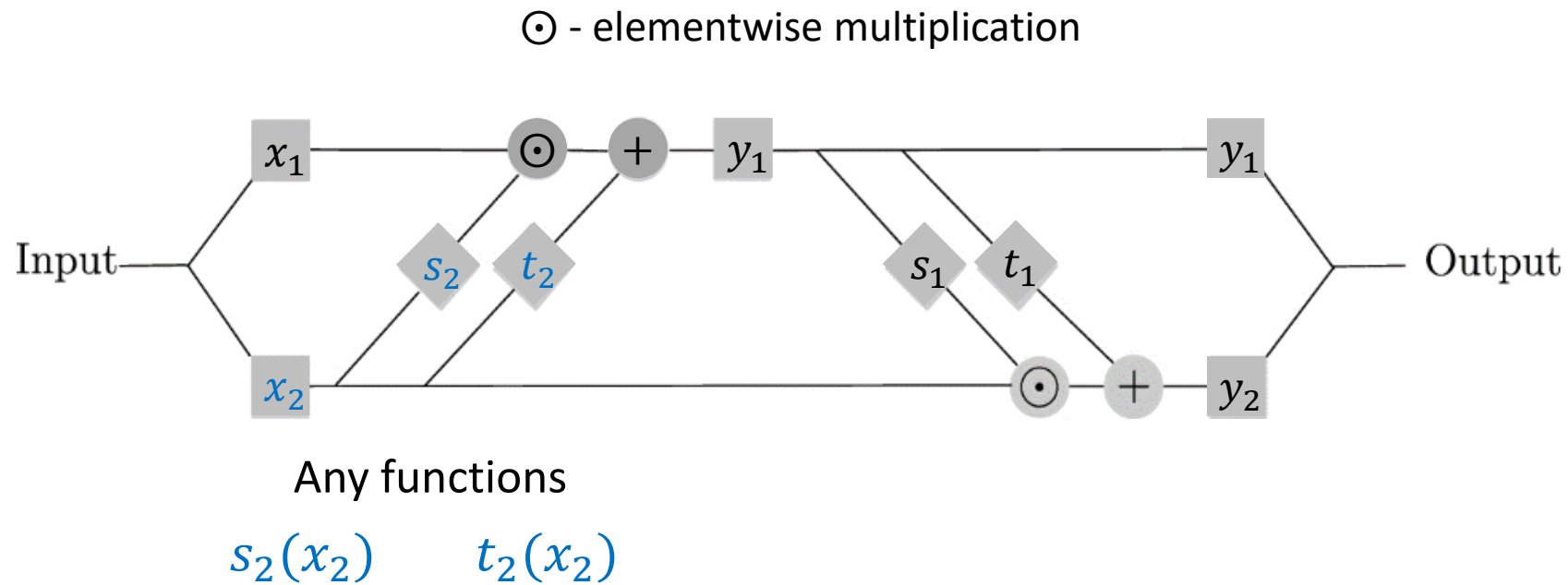
→ Approx. posterior pdf
with correlations



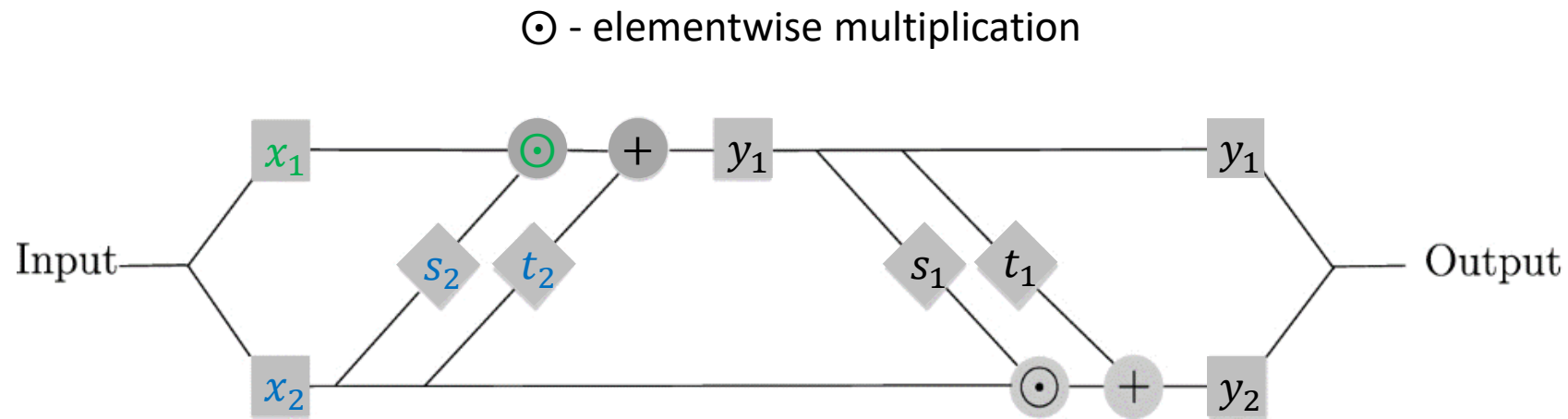
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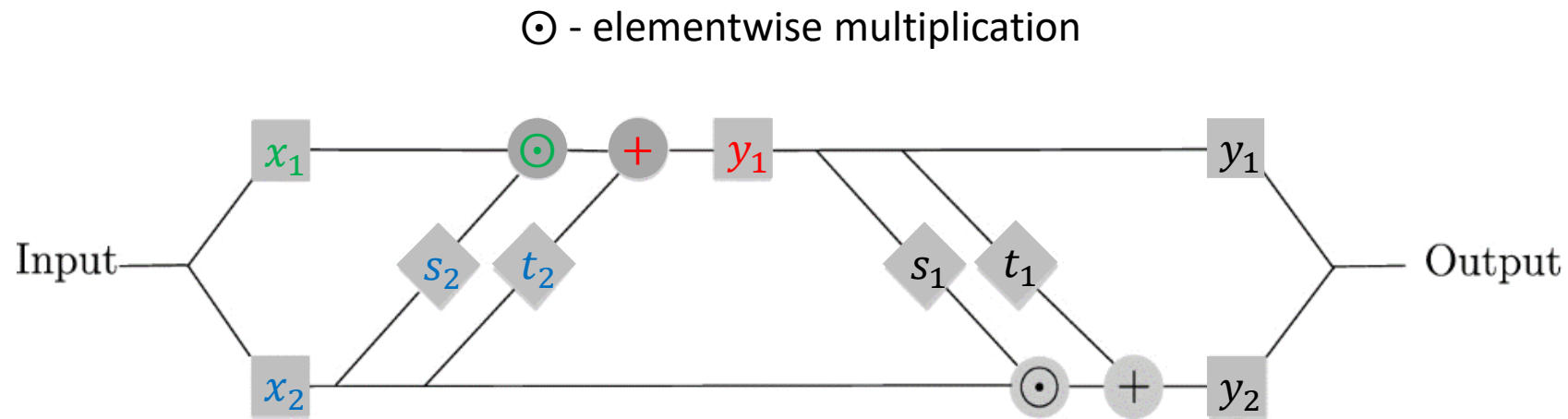


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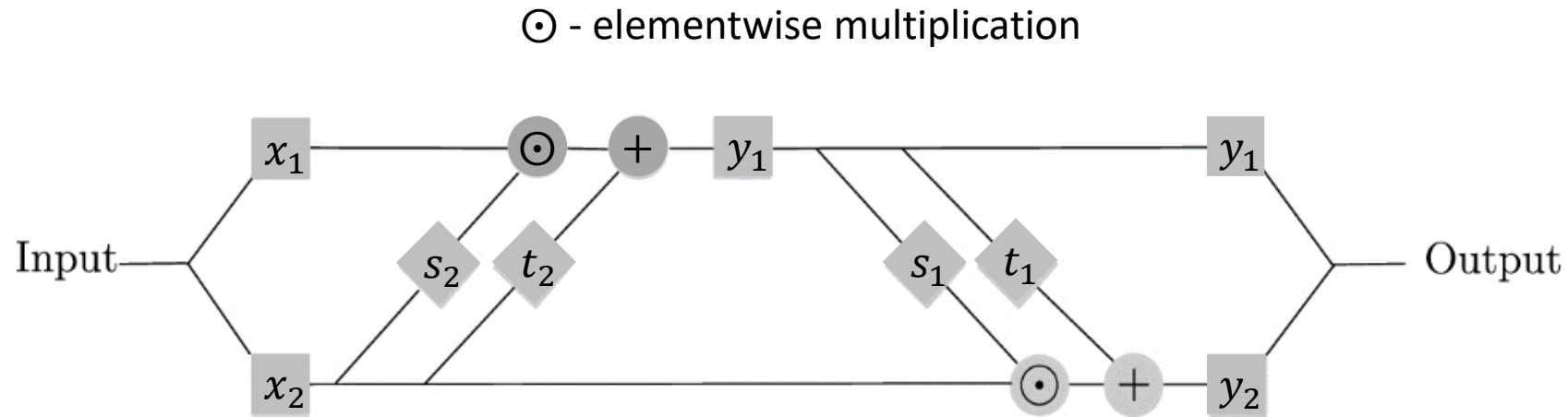
$$x_1 \odot \exp(s_2(x_2)) \quad t_2(x_2)$$

Invertible neural networks



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

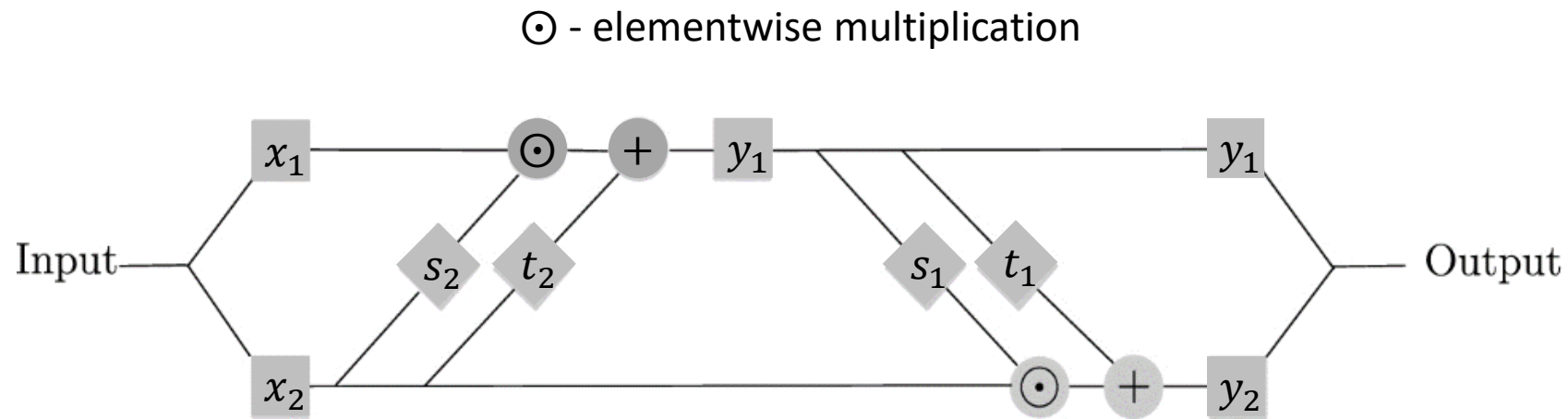
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$$y_1 = x_1 \odot \exp(s_2(x_2)) + t_2(x_2)$$

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Invertible neural networks

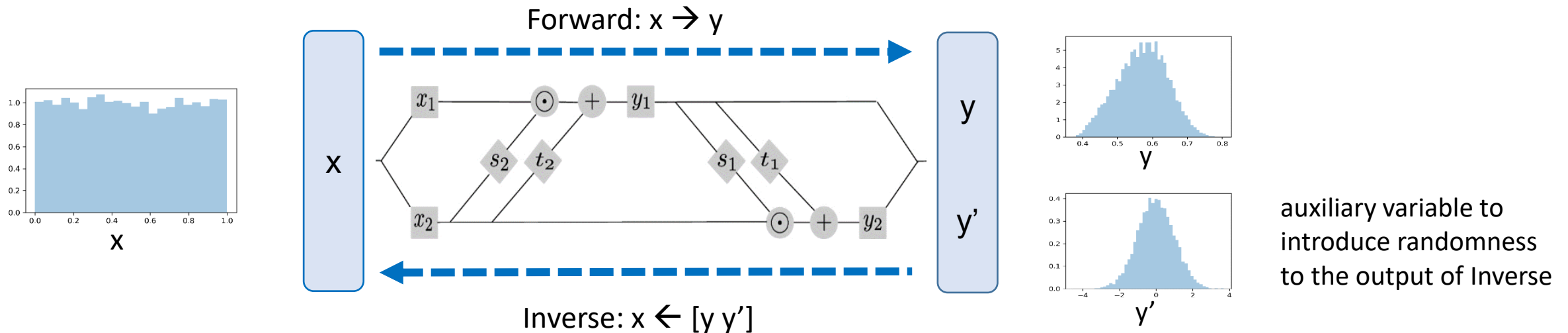


$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= x_1 \odot \exp(s_2(x_2)) + t_2(x_2) \\ y_2 &= x_2 \odot \exp(s_1(y_1)) + t_1(y_1) \end{aligned} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 &= (y_1 - t_2(x_2)) \odot \exp(-s_2(x_2)) \\ x_2 &= (y_2 - t_1(y_1)) \odot \exp(-s_1(y_1)) \end{aligned}$$

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

Coupling Structure

Invertible neural networks

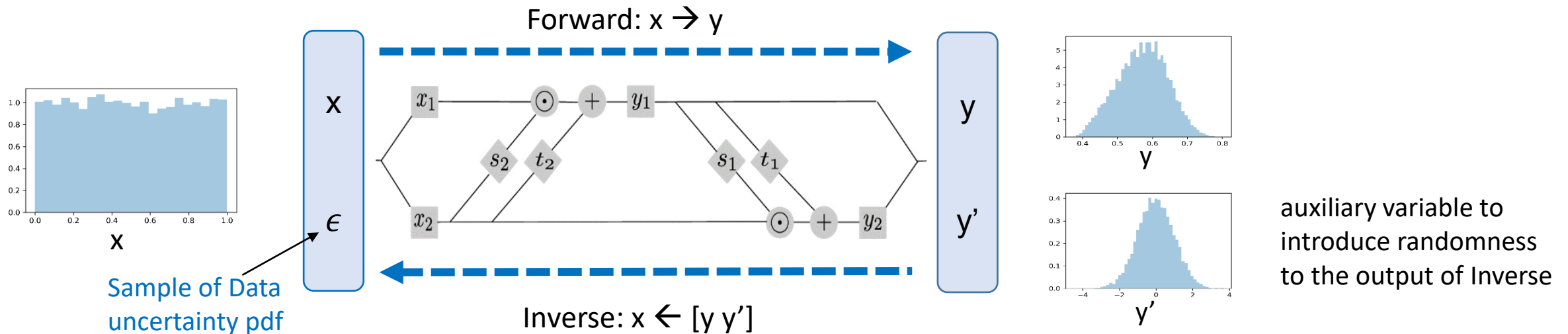


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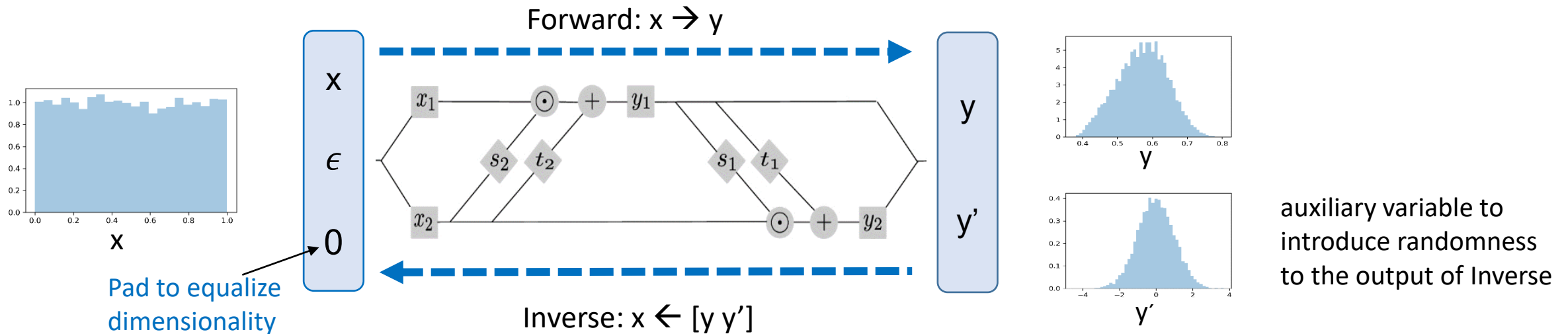


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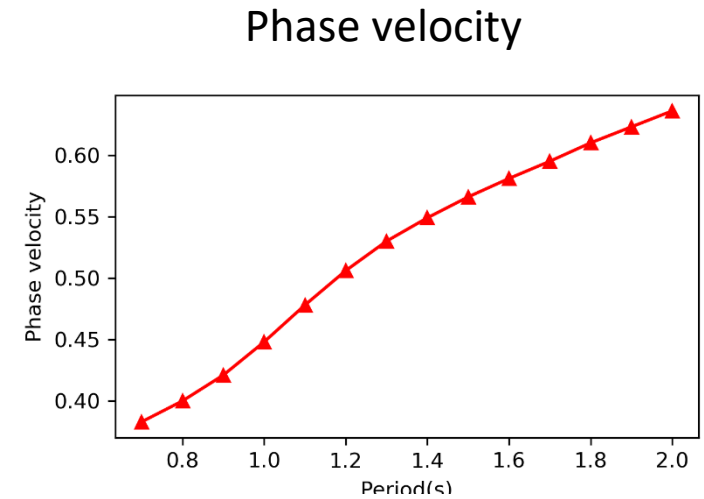
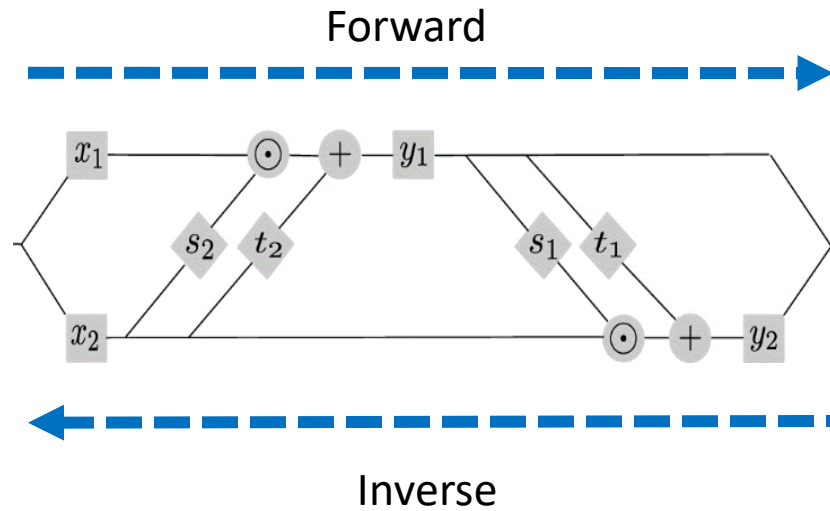
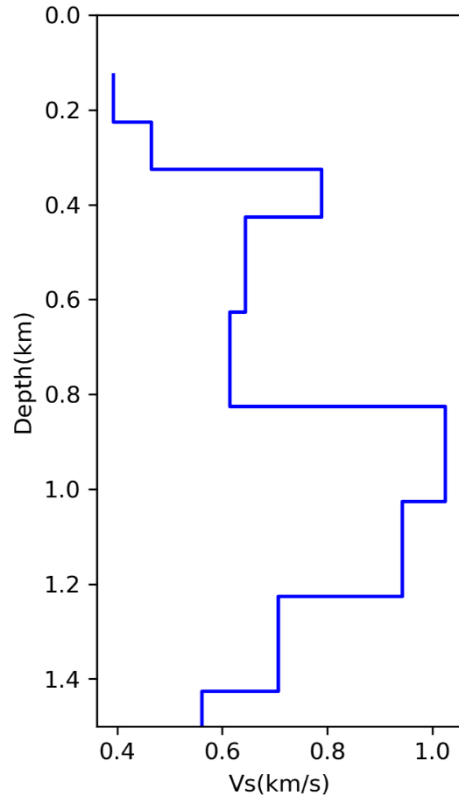


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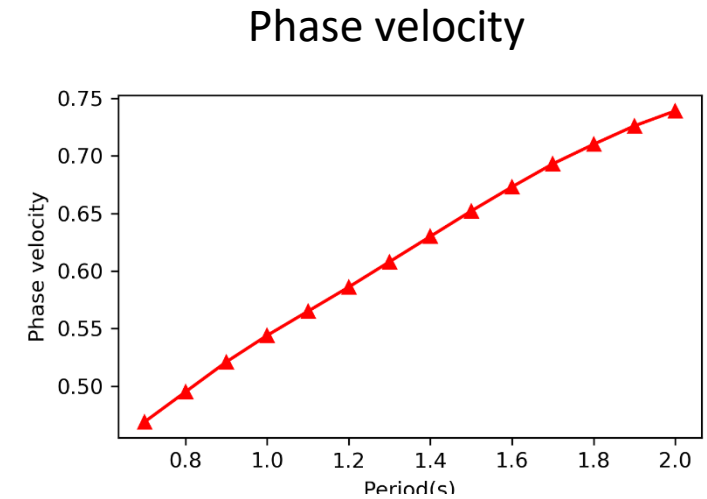
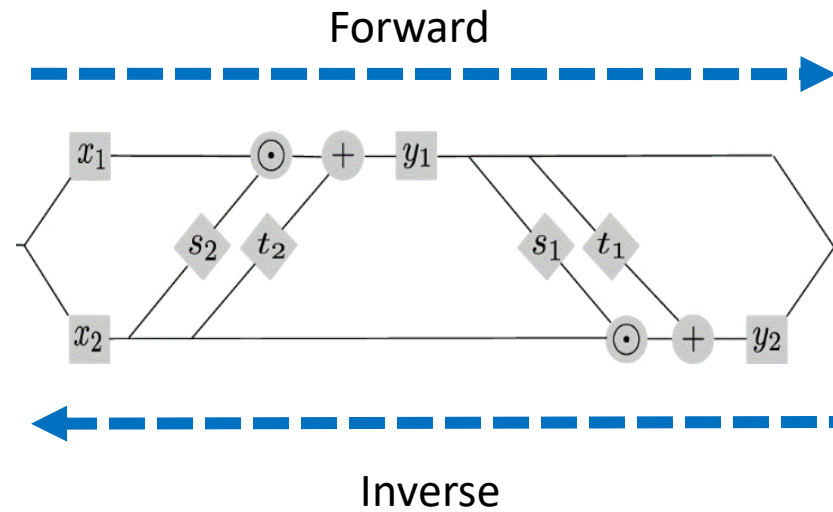
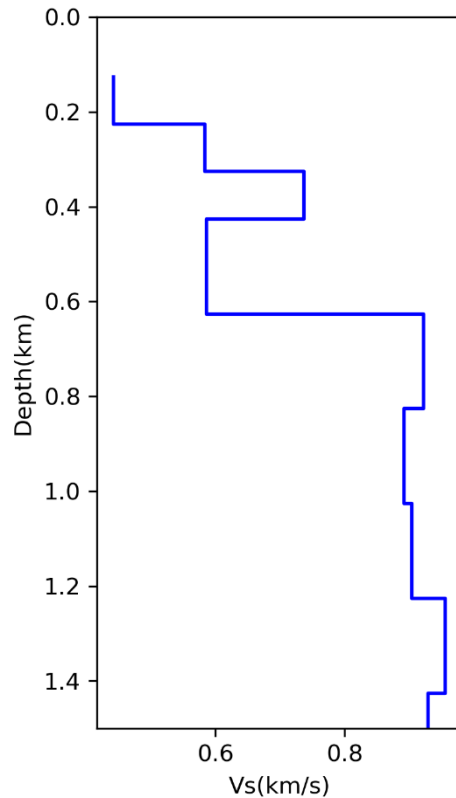
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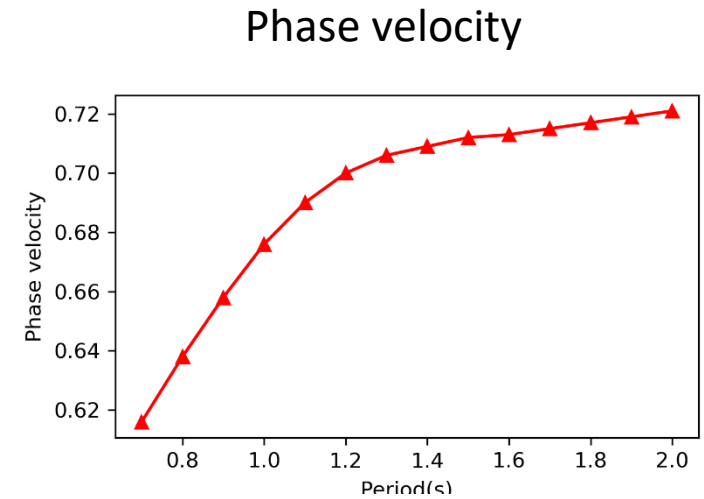
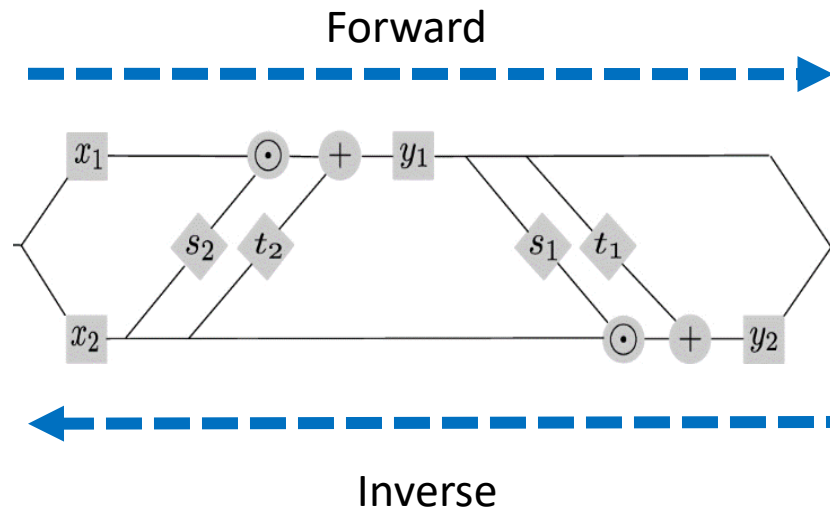
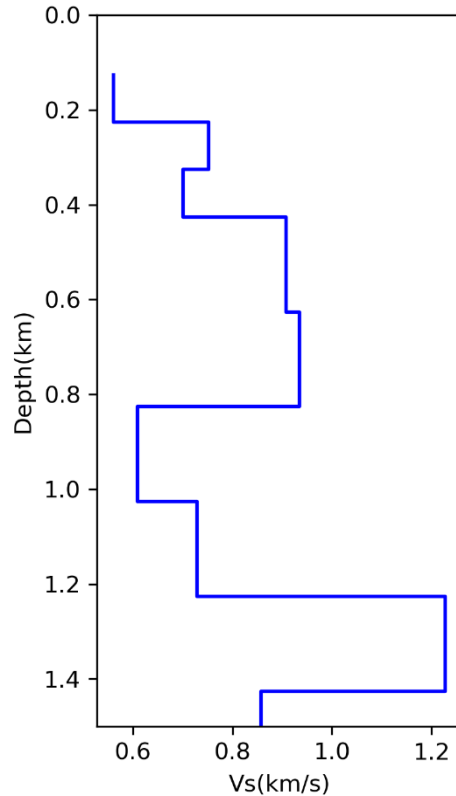
Surface wave dispersion inversion



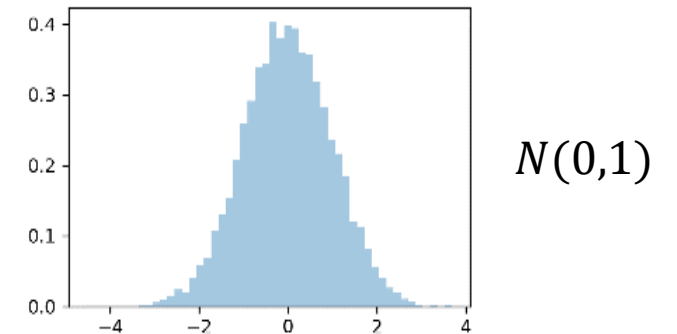
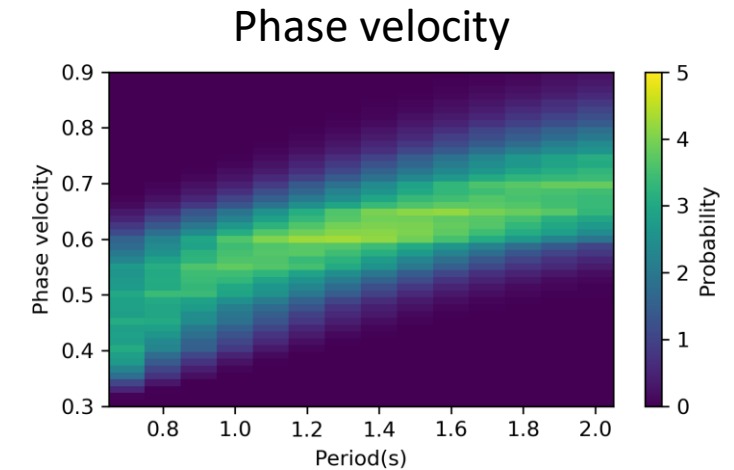
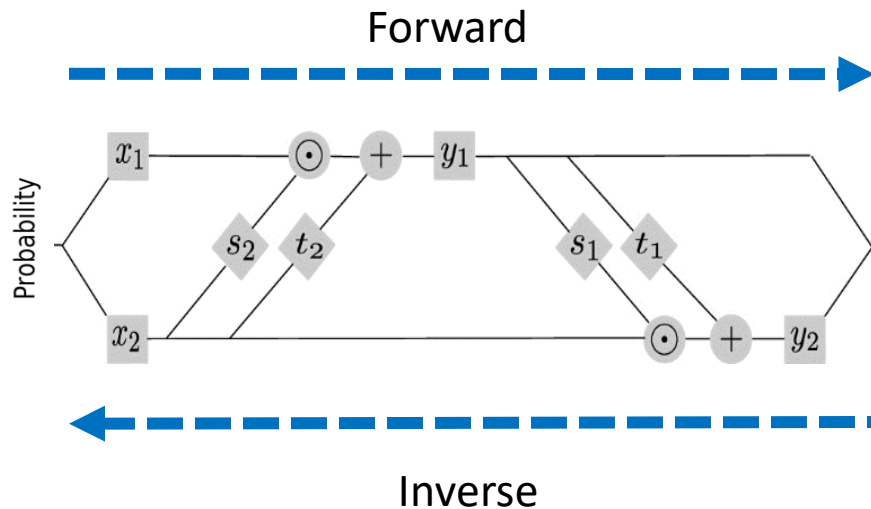
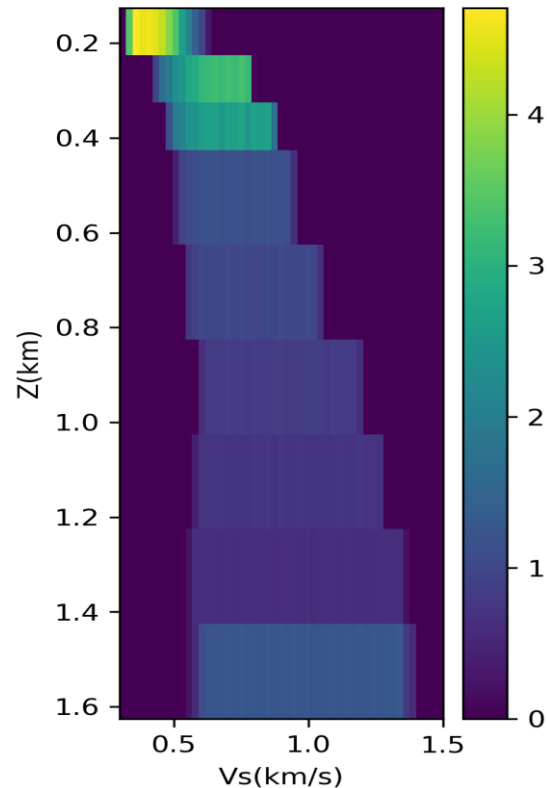
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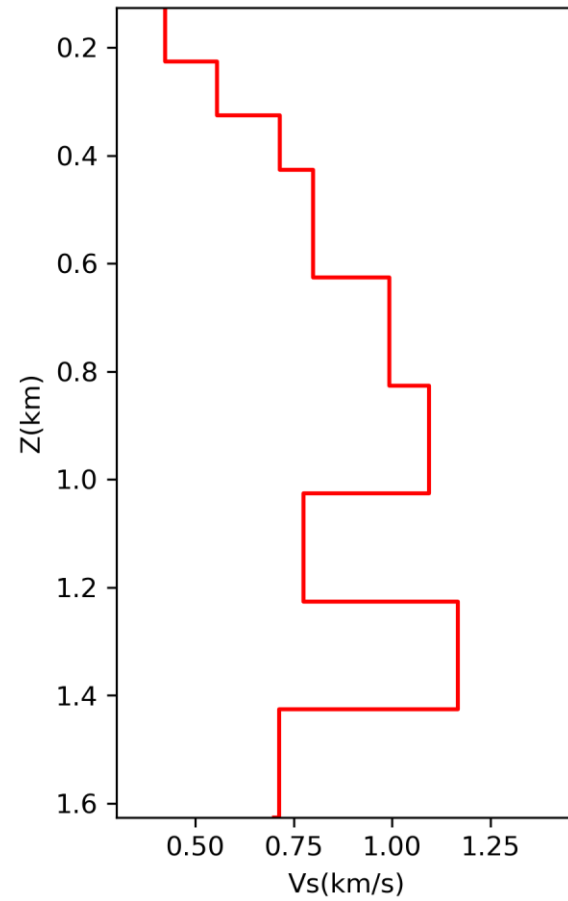
Surface wave dispersion inversion – Training Set



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

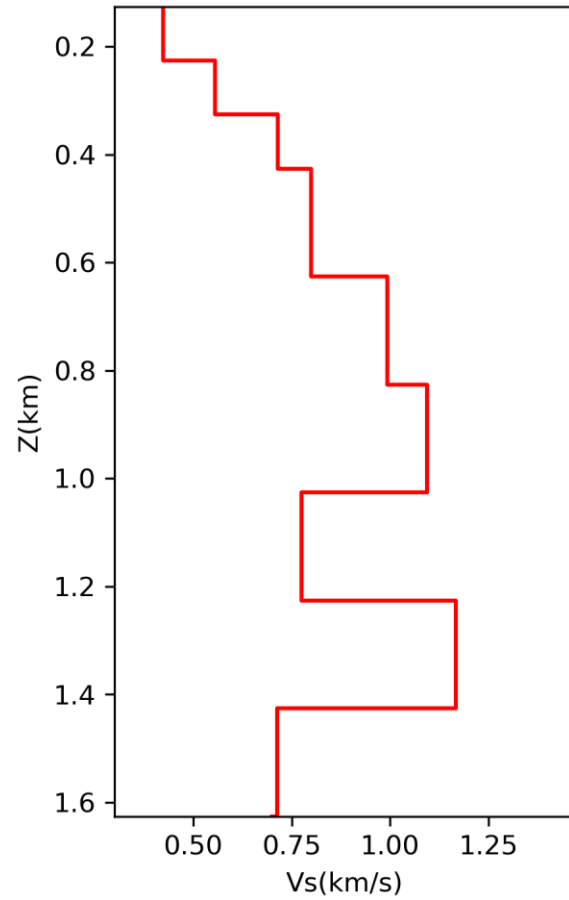
Examples

True model

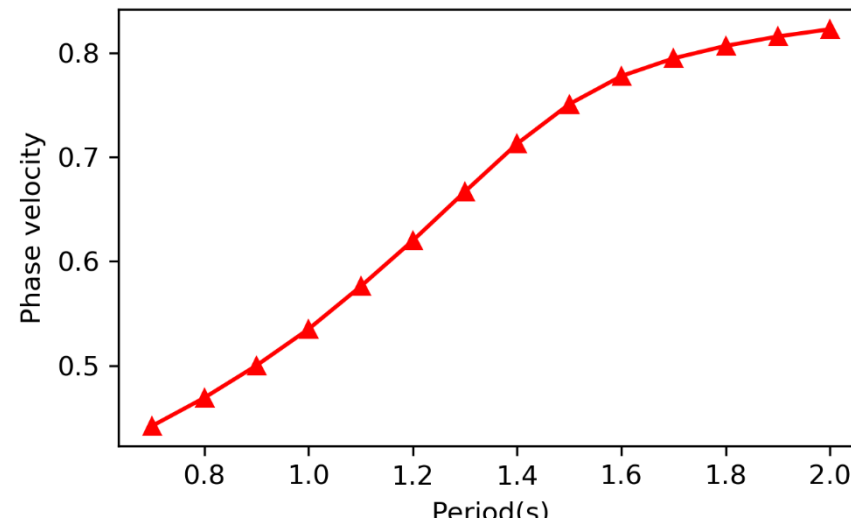


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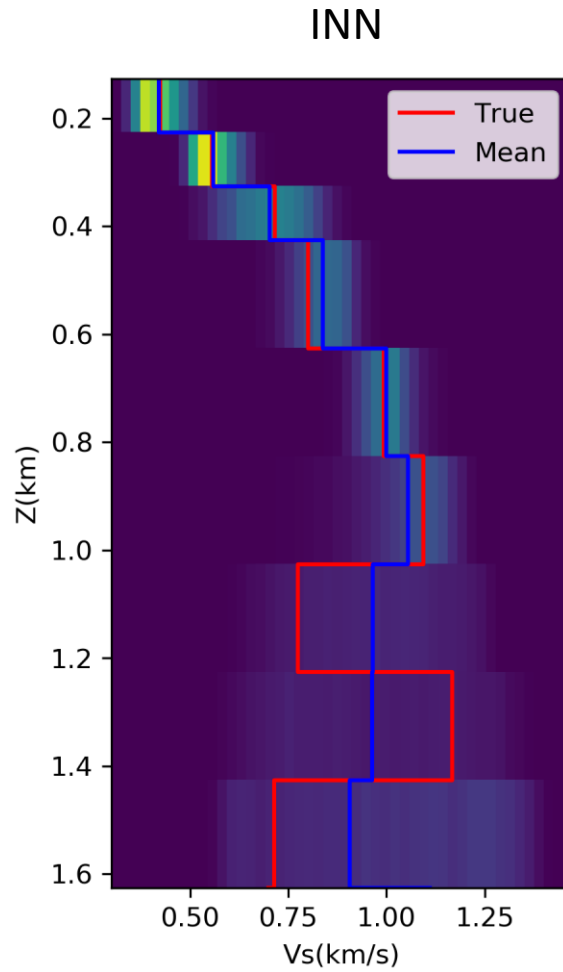
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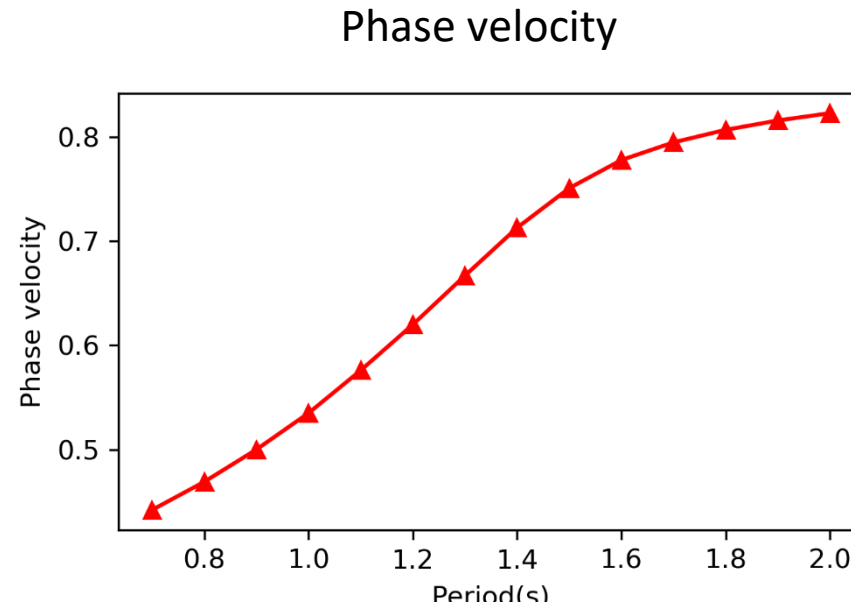
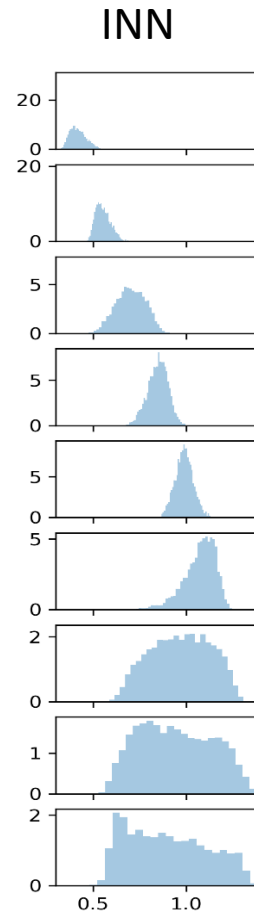
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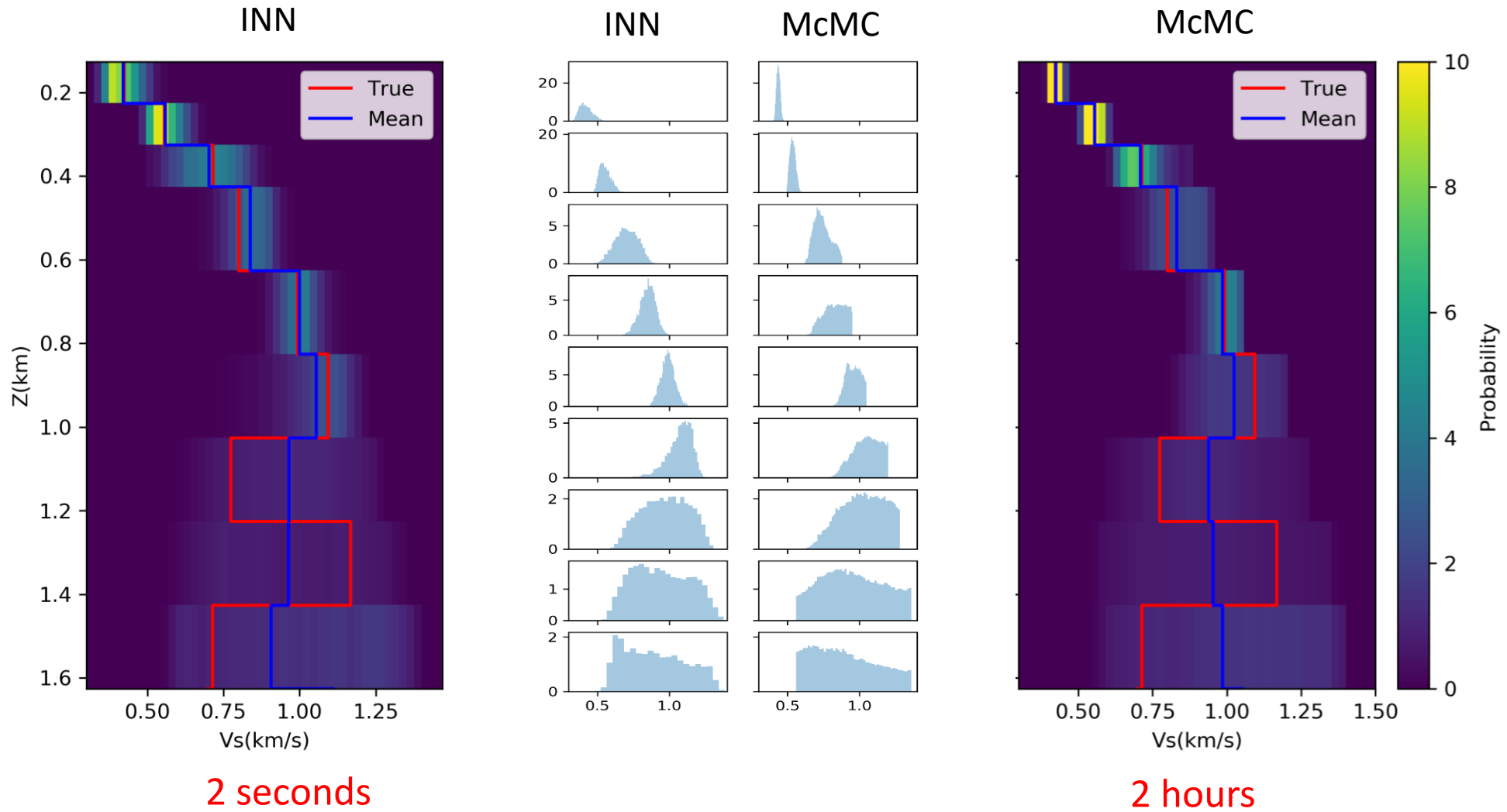
Posterior pdfs



2 seconds

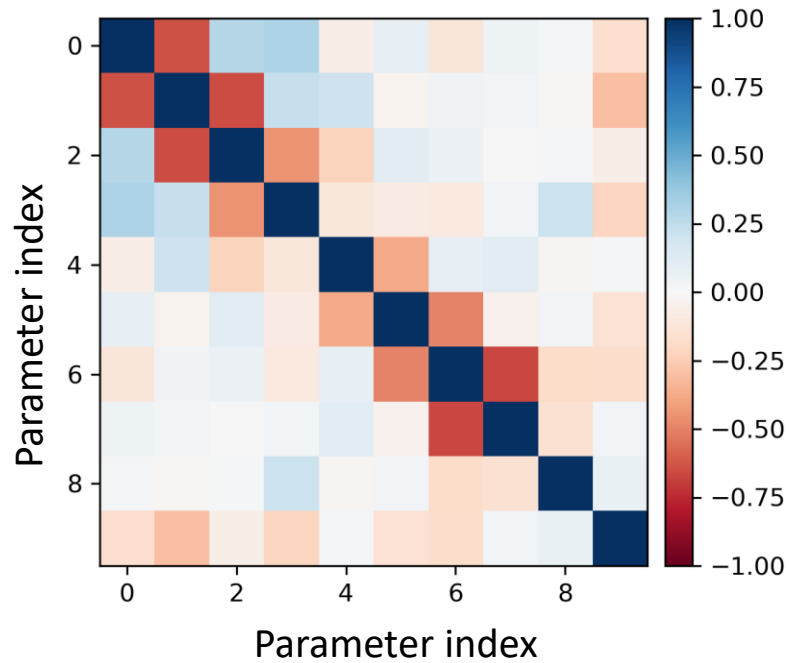


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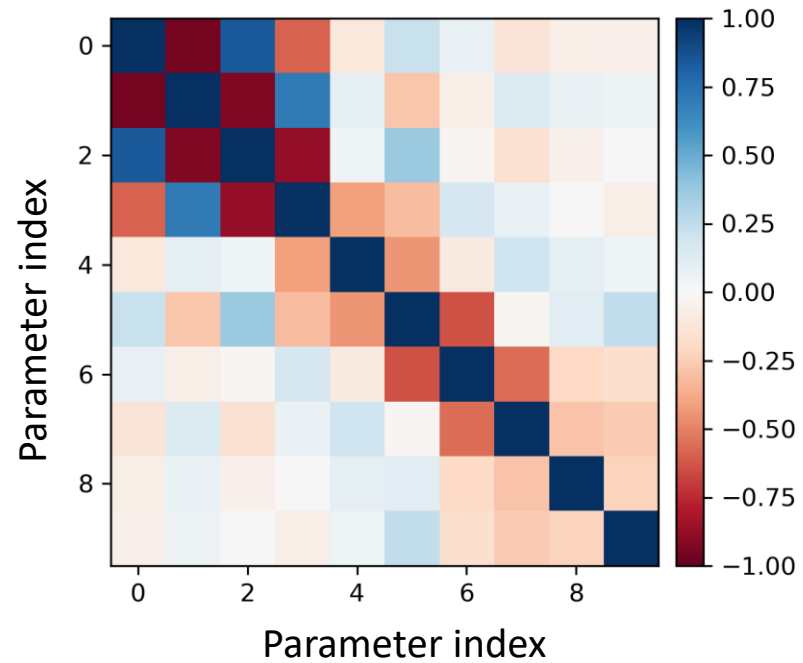


Covariance matrix

INN

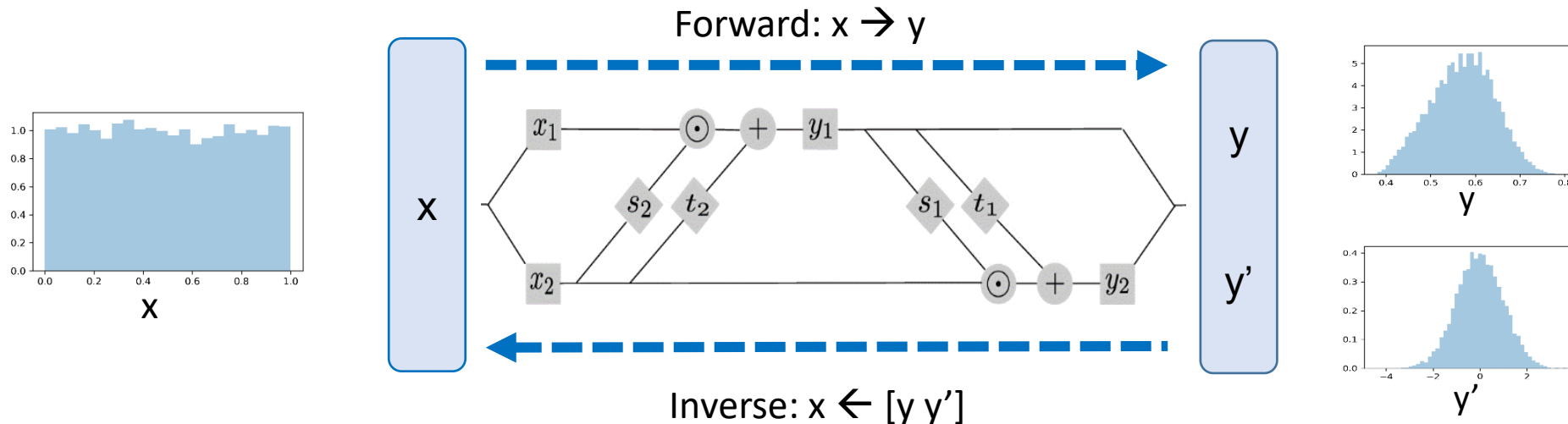


McMC



Hard to obtain from MDNs

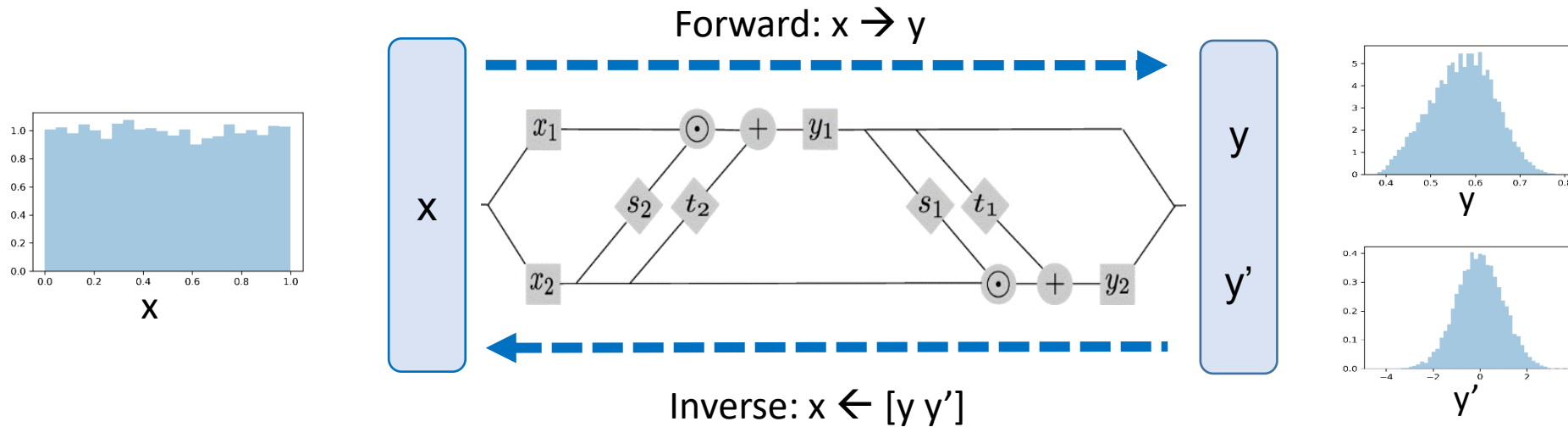
Invertible neural networks



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

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

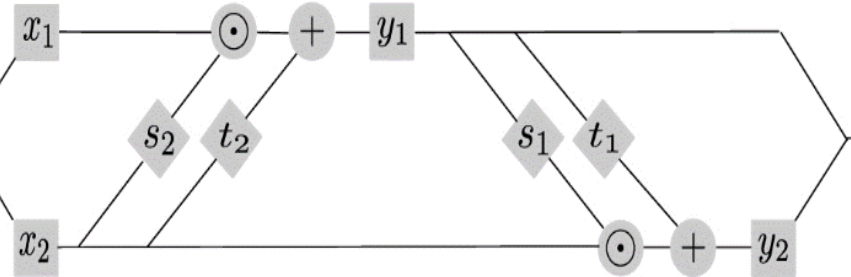
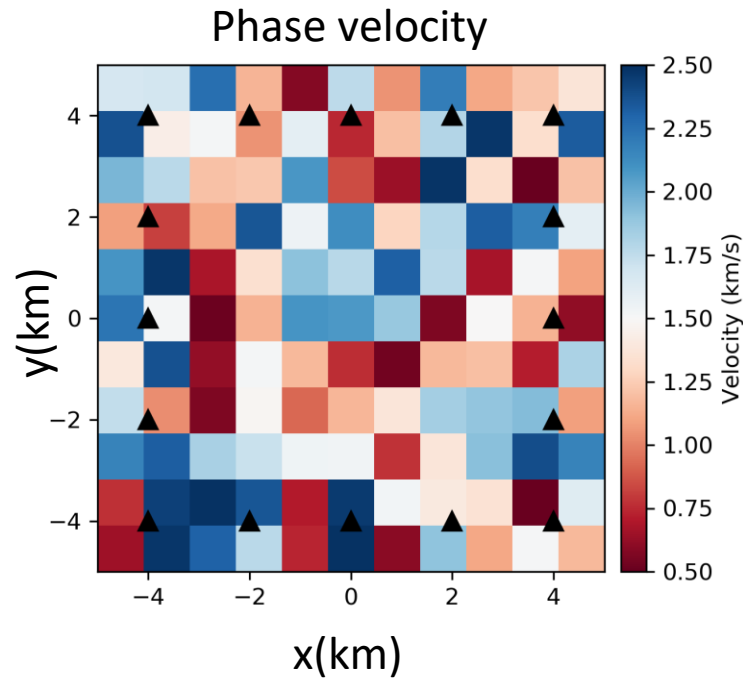
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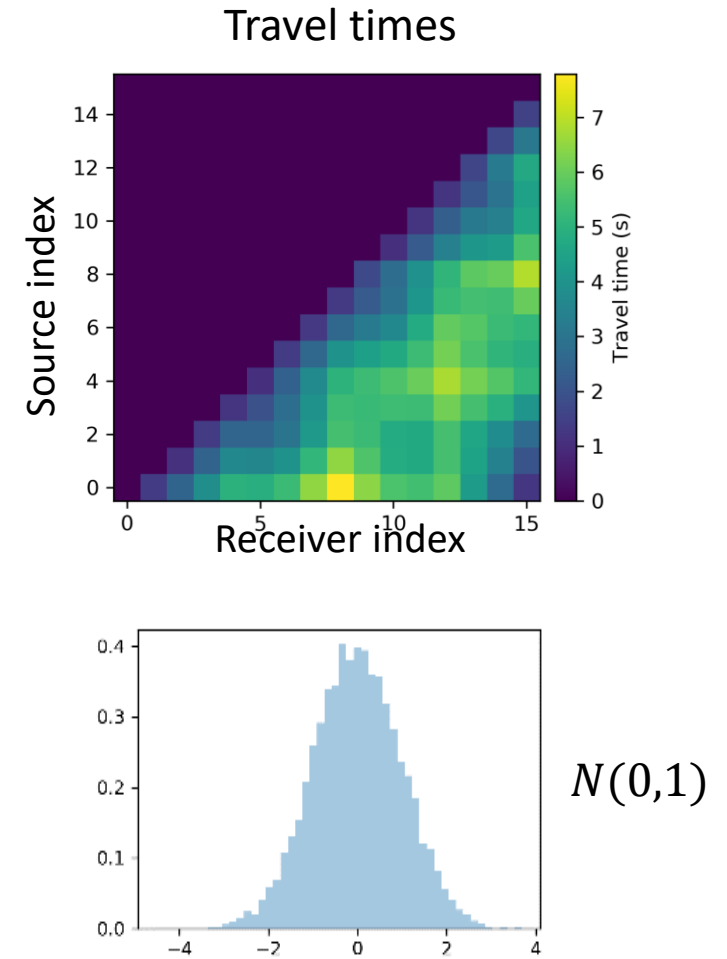
Min $\|y - nn(x)\| + (-p[nn^{-1}(y, y')]|det J_{nn^{-1}}(y, y')|)$ where $y' \sim N(0,1)$

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

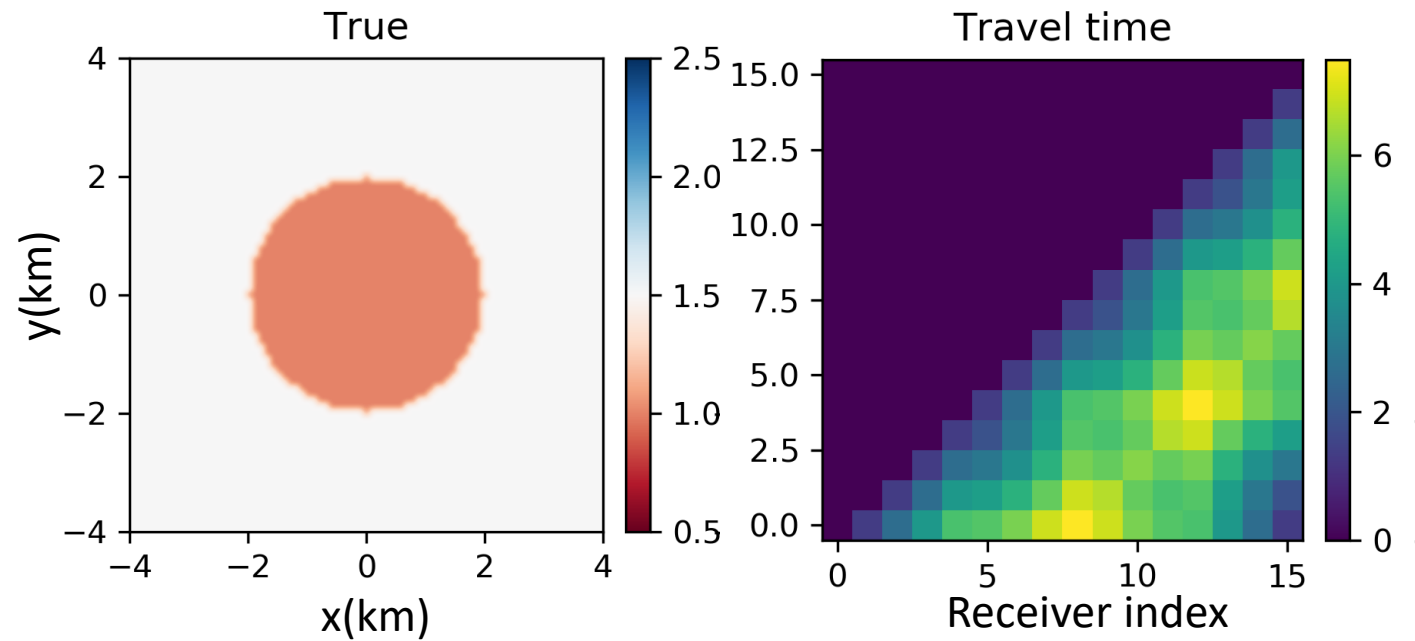
2D Travel time Tomography



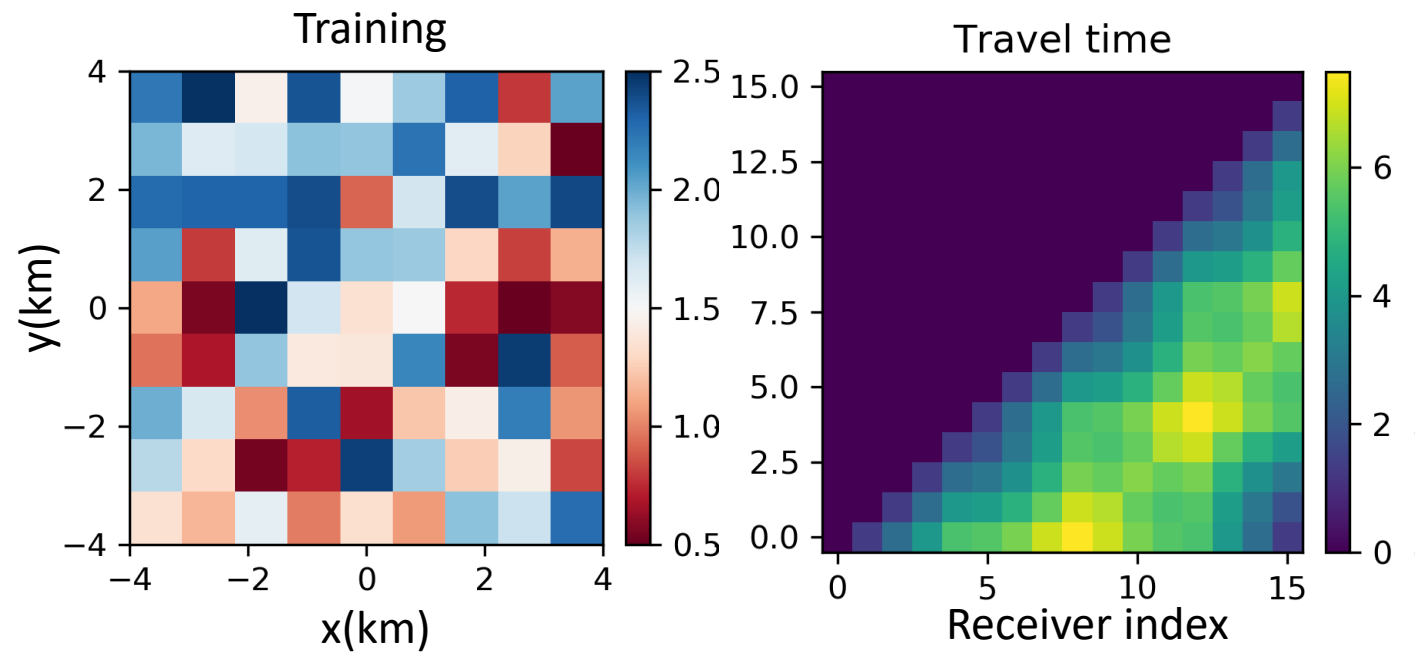
- Uniform prior: 0.5 – 2.5 km/s
- 100,000 training data
- fully connected subnetwork (s_1 , t_1 , s_2 , t_2)



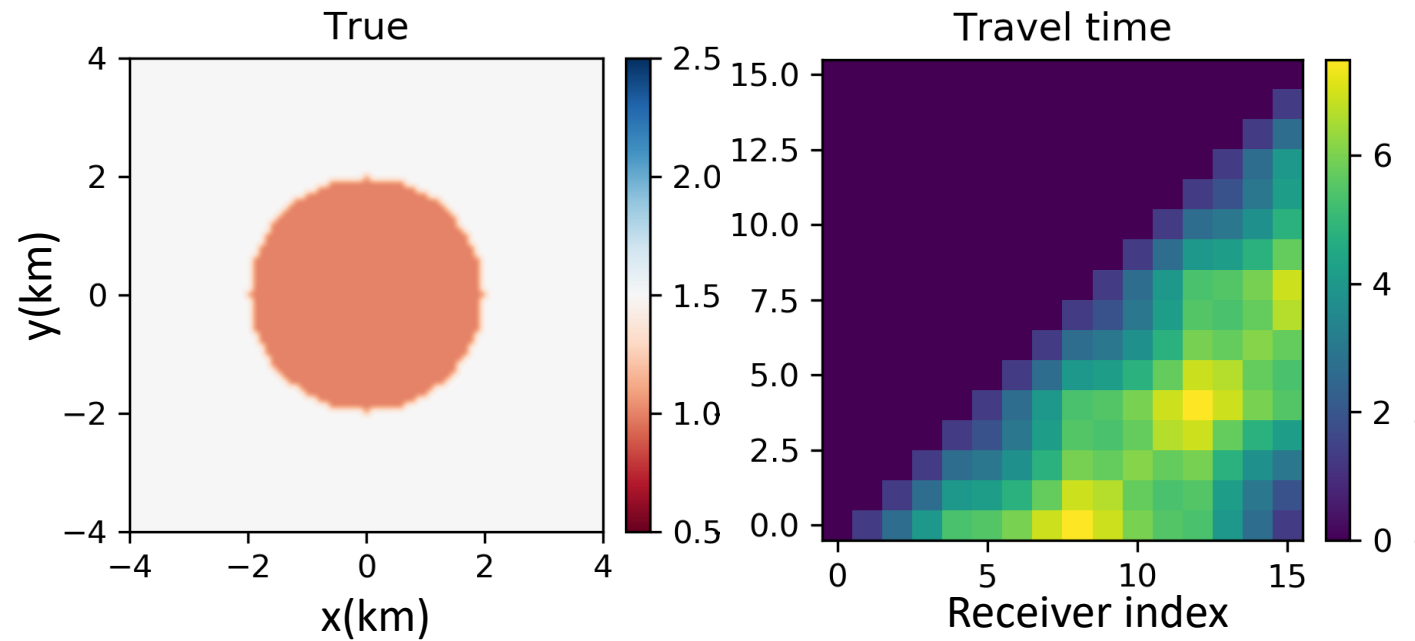
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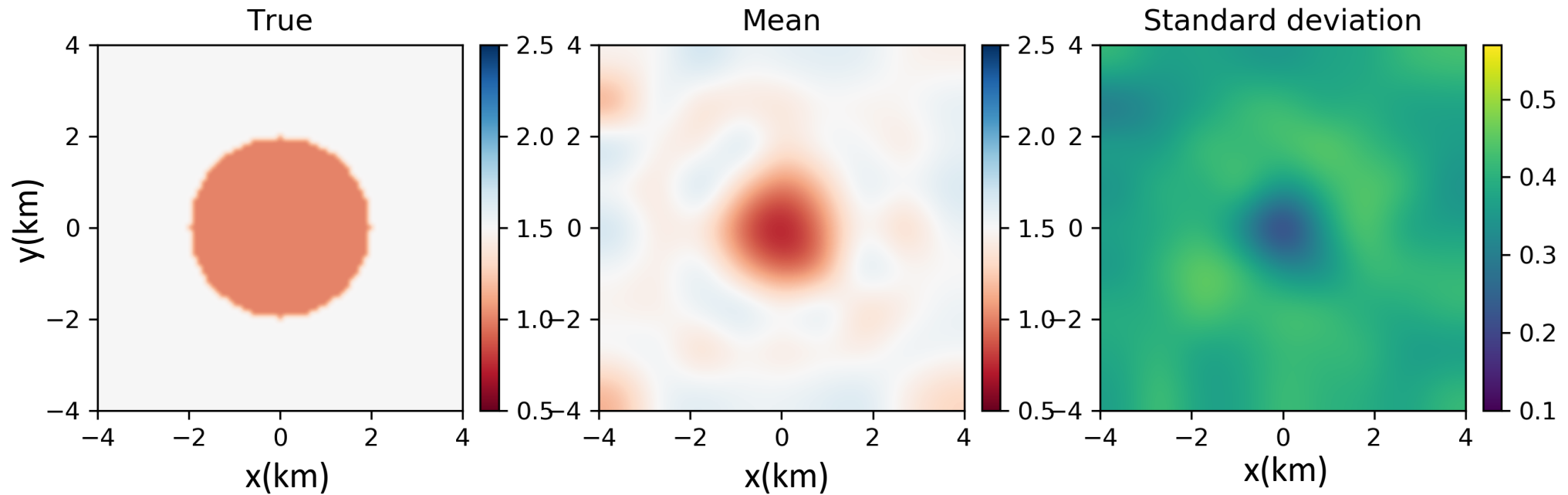
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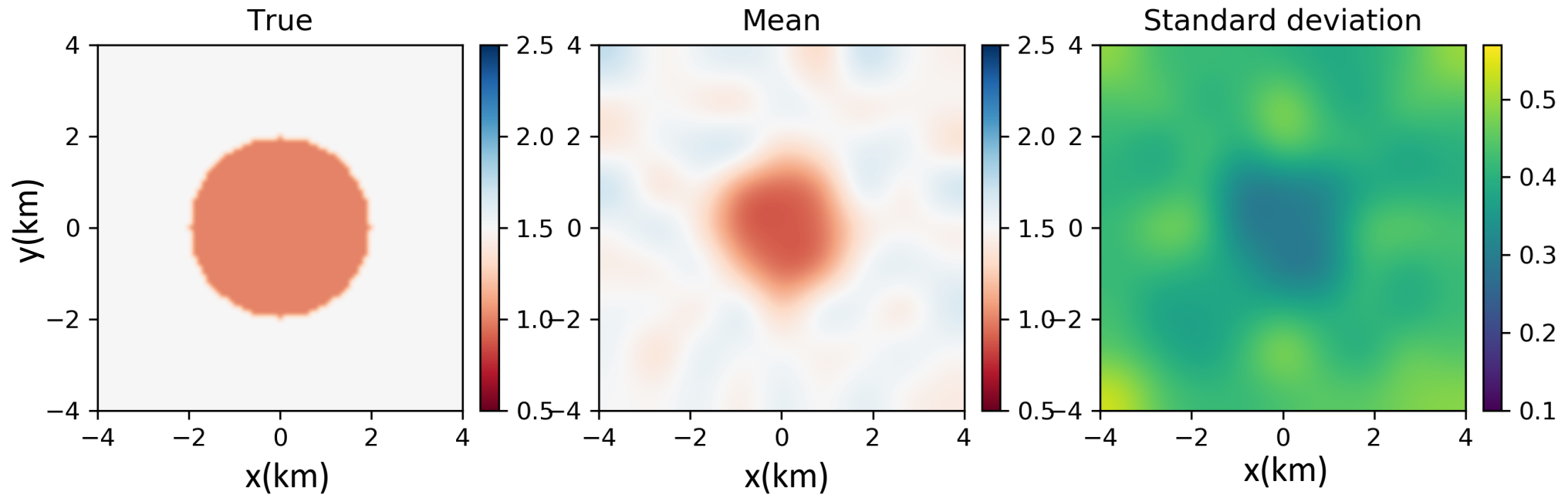


Examples - INN



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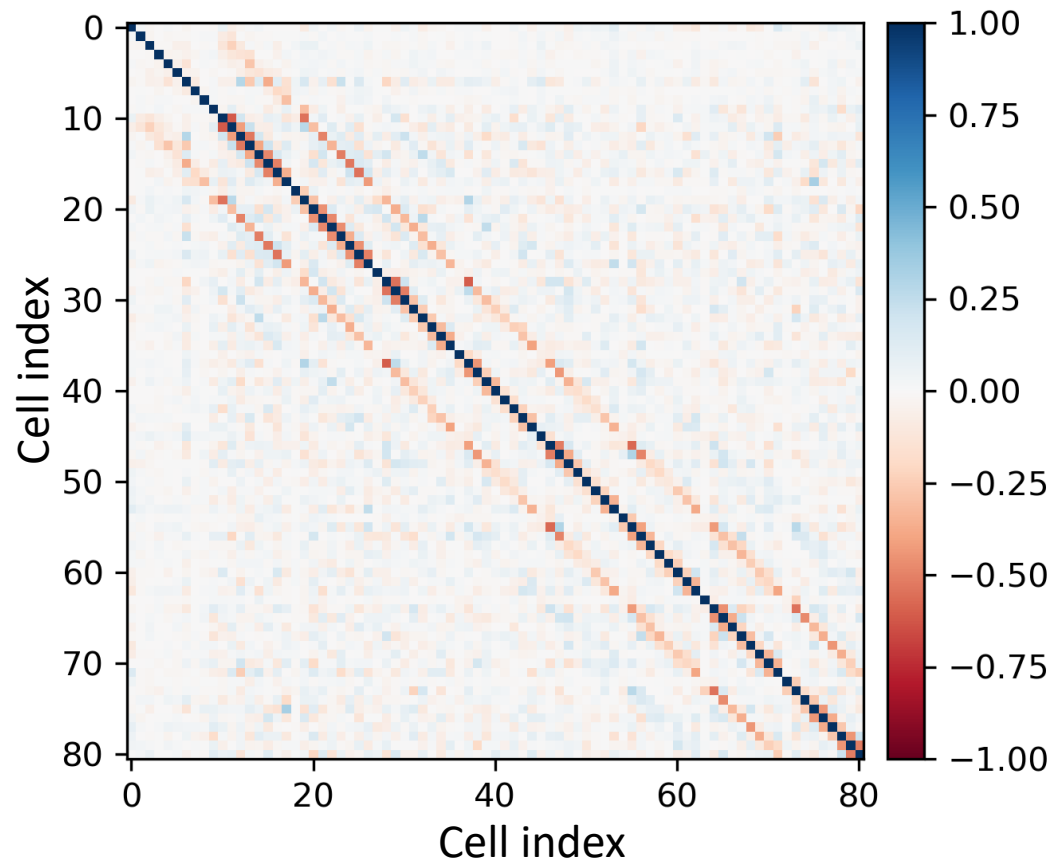
Examples - McMC



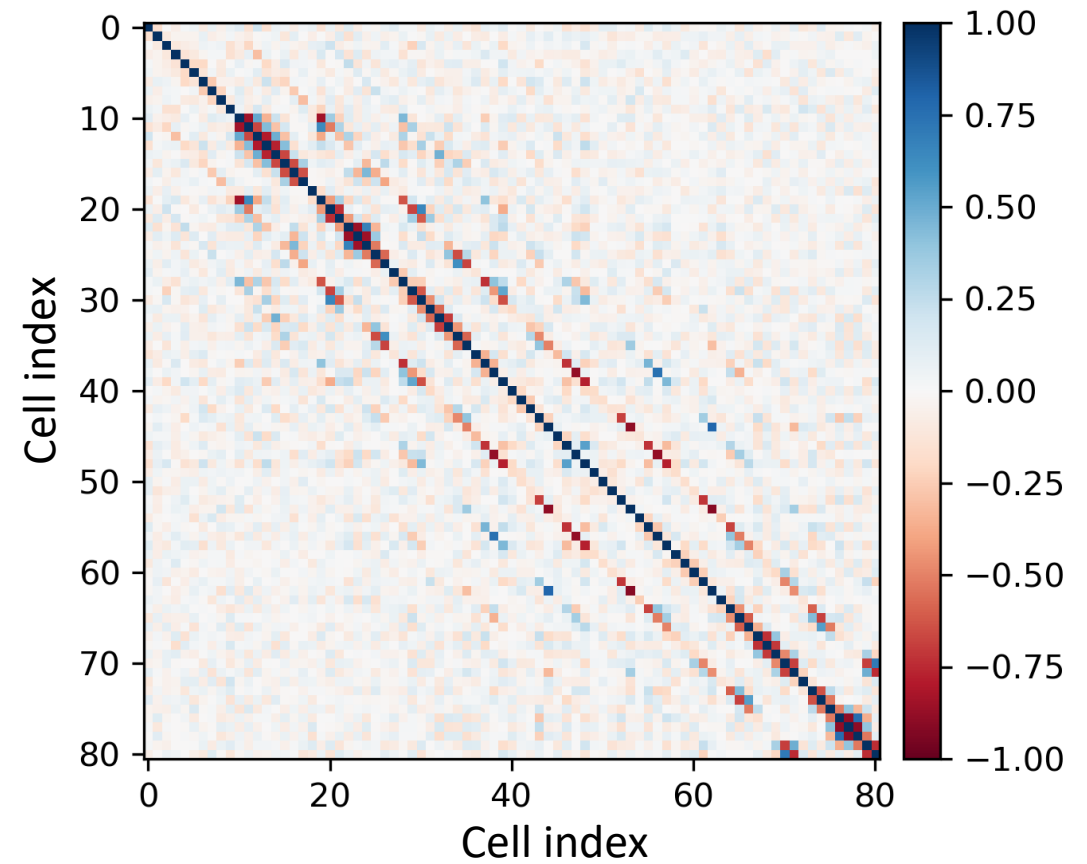
3 days

Covariance matrix

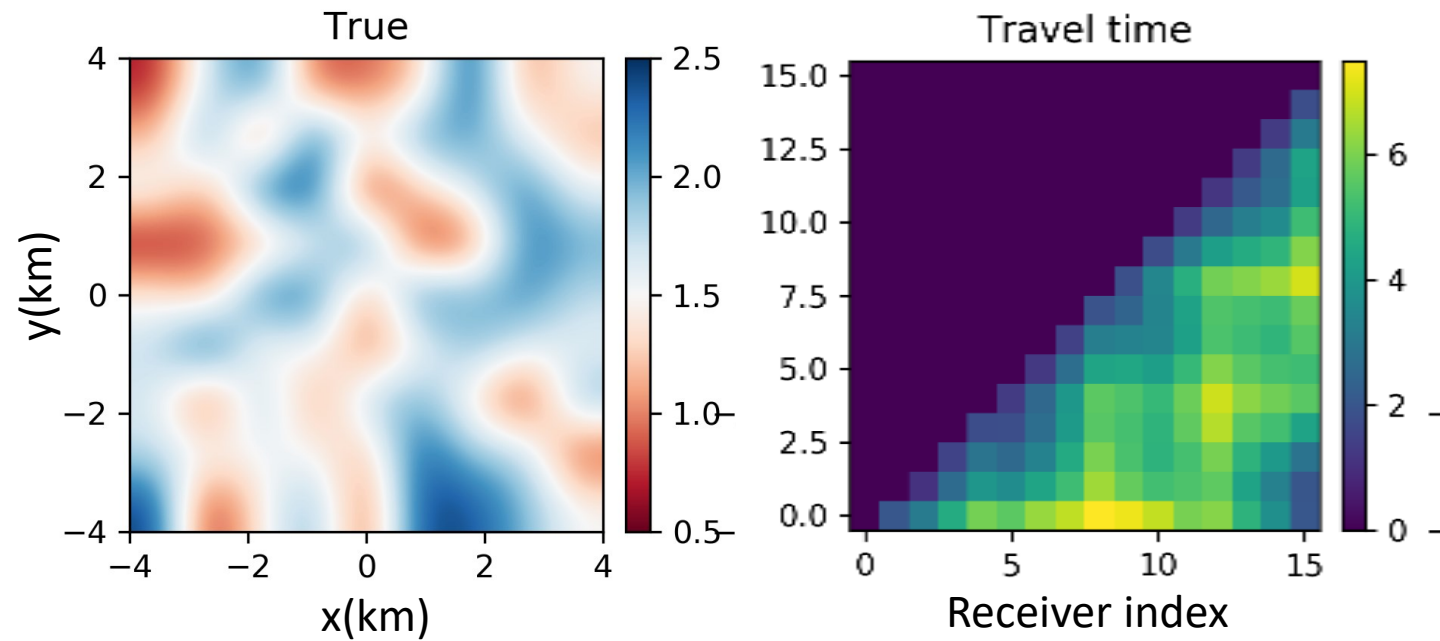
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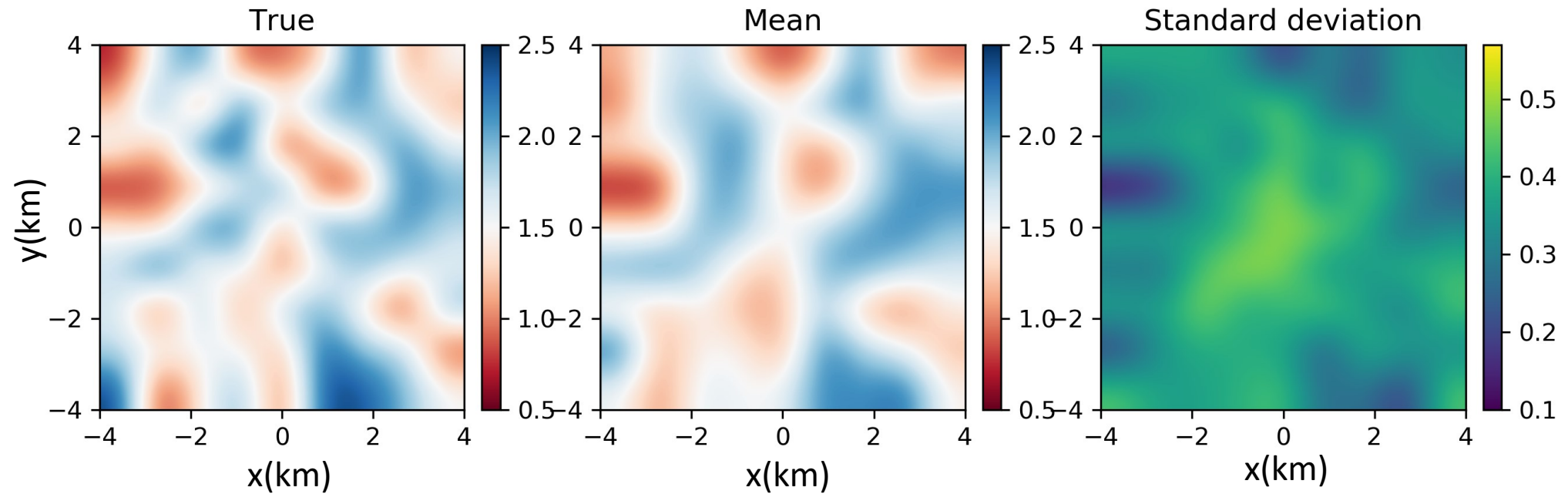
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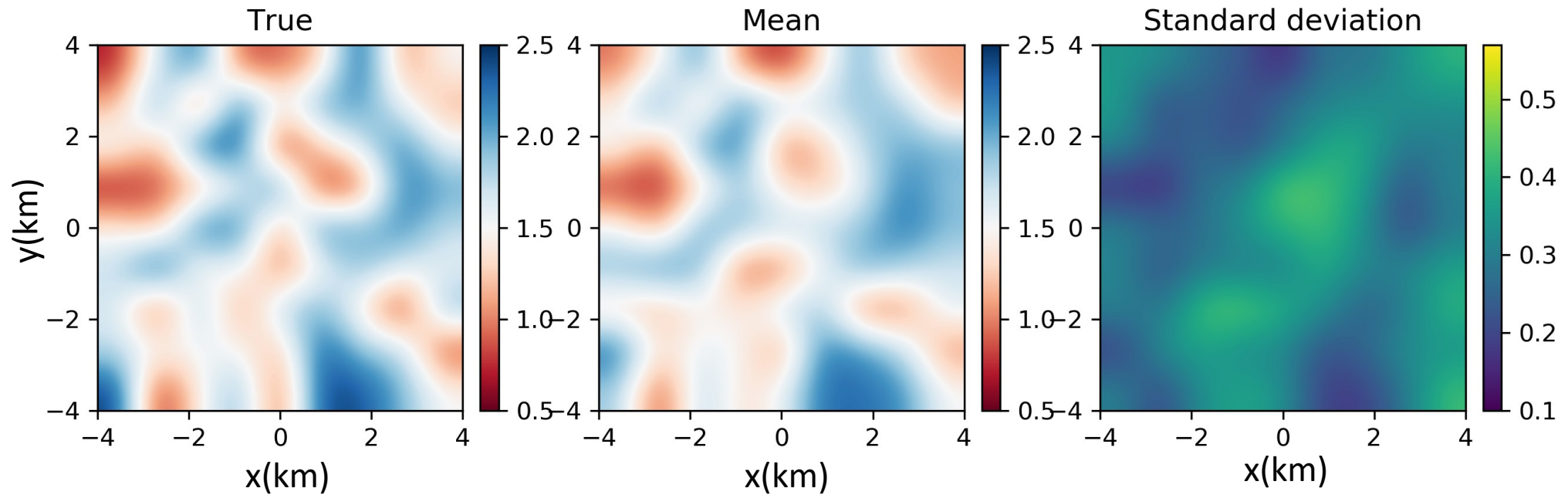


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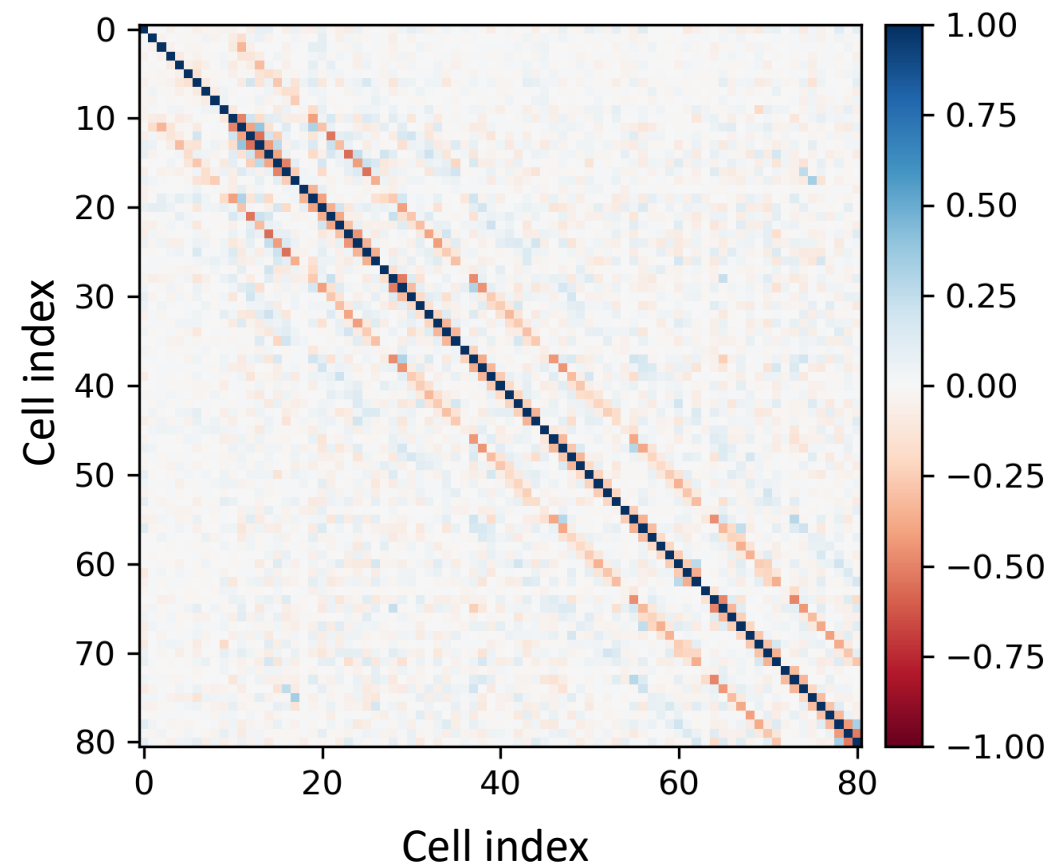
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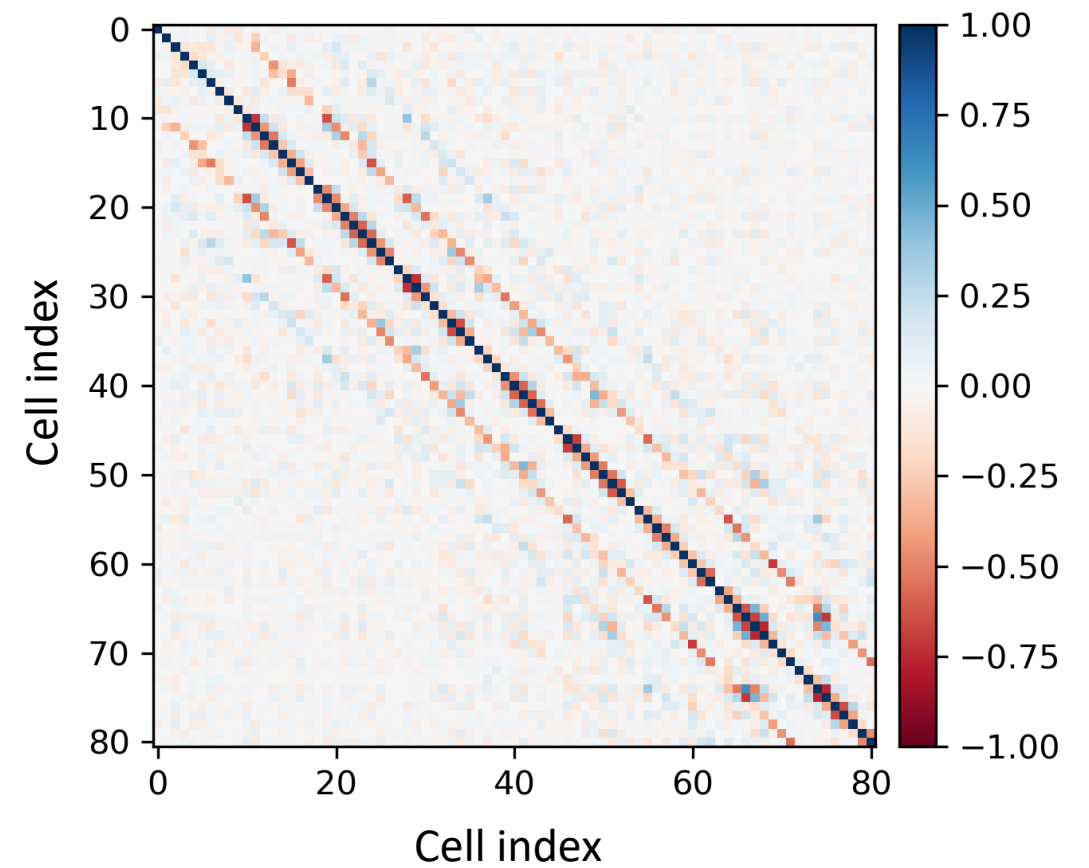
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Summary – INN's

- 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**

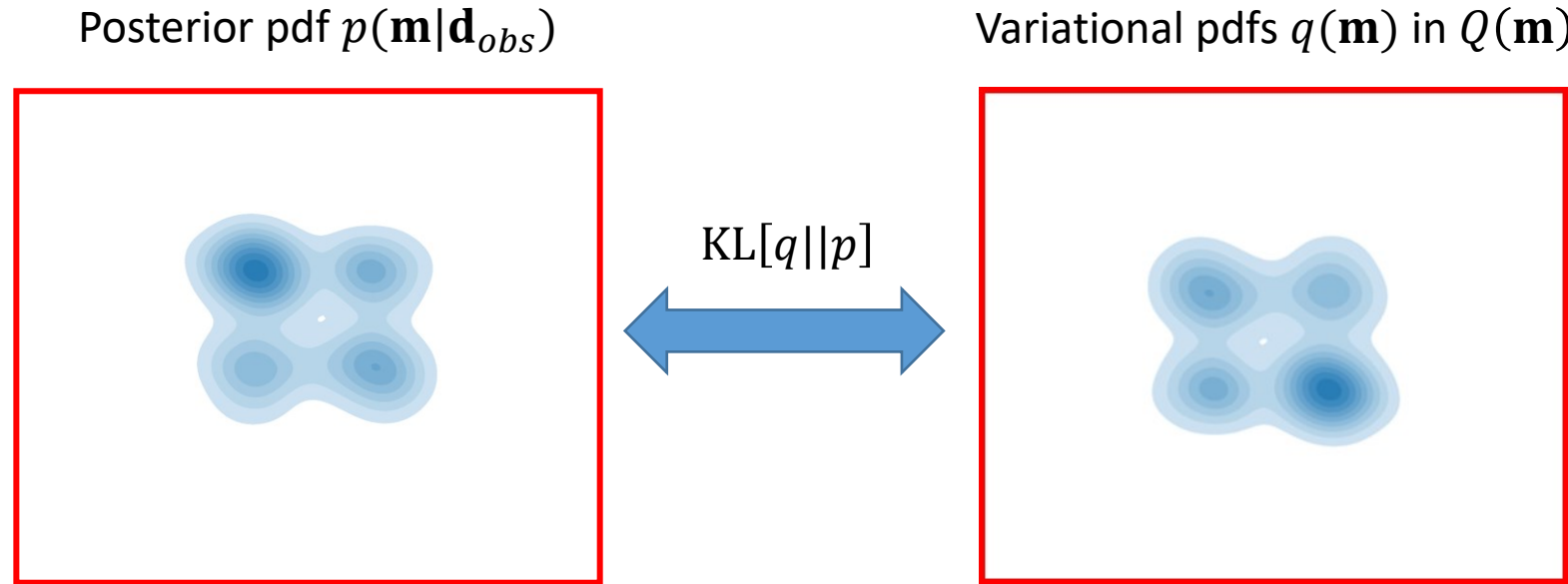
Variational Inference using Normalizing Flows

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



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

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

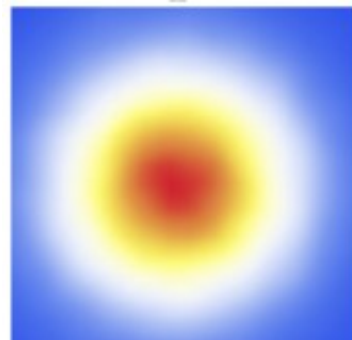
$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Maximize ELBO}(q) = E_q[\log p(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{d}_{obs})] - E_q[\log q(\mathbf{m})]$$

Evidence lower bound

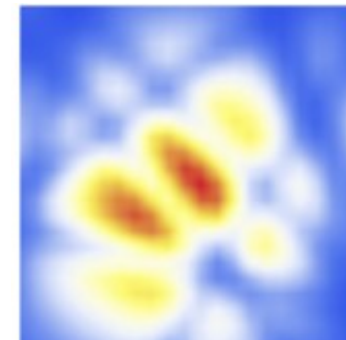
Normalizing Flows

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)

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

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

Volume change

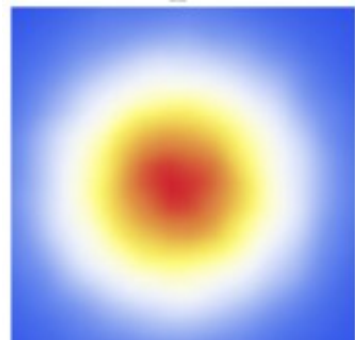
$$= q_0(\mathbf{m}_0) \prod_{i=1}^K \left| \det \frac{\partial f_i(\mathbf{m}_{i-1})}{\partial \mathbf{m}_{i-1}} \right|^{-1}$$

Every flow must be invertible

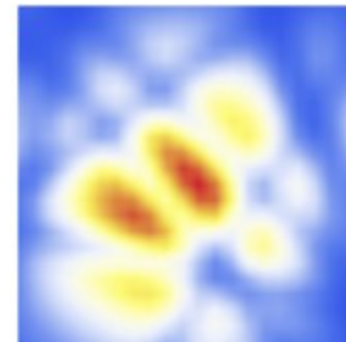
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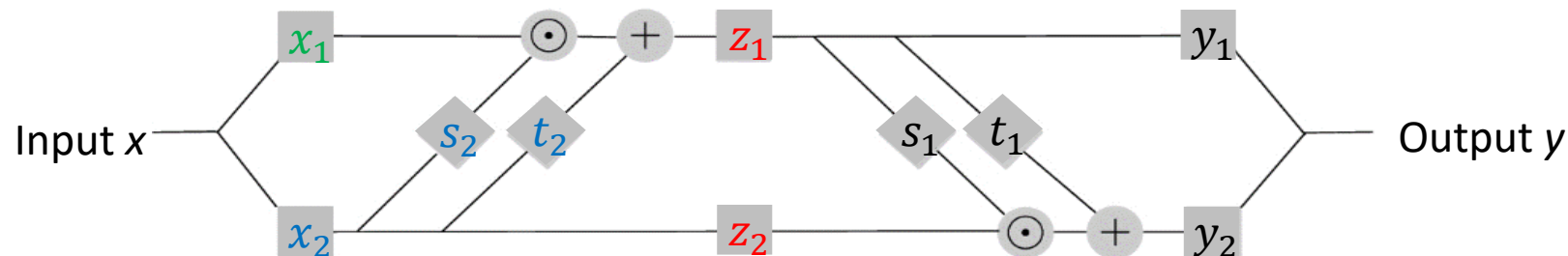


Target pdf $q_K(\mathbf{m}_K)$



Transforms
(Flows)

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

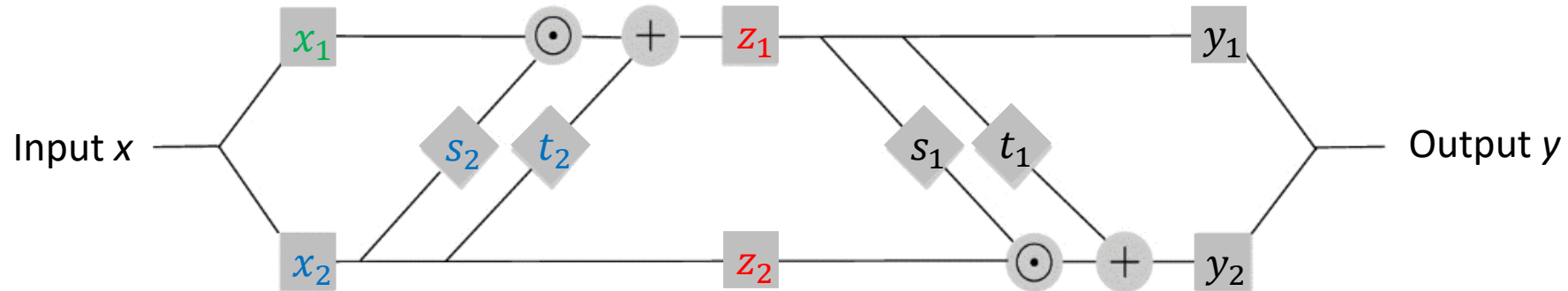


INN versus Flows:

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*



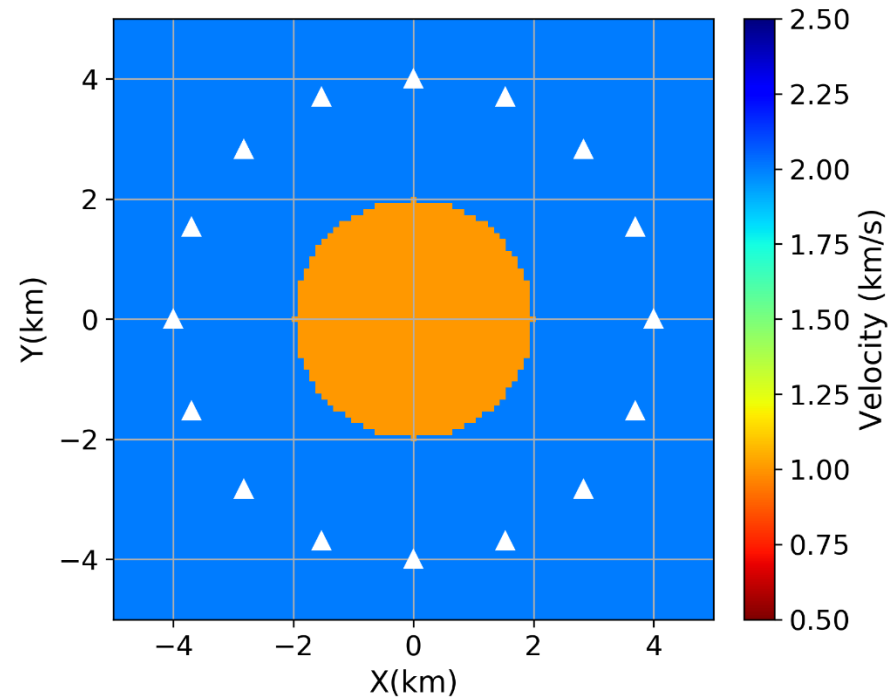
Flows

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

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

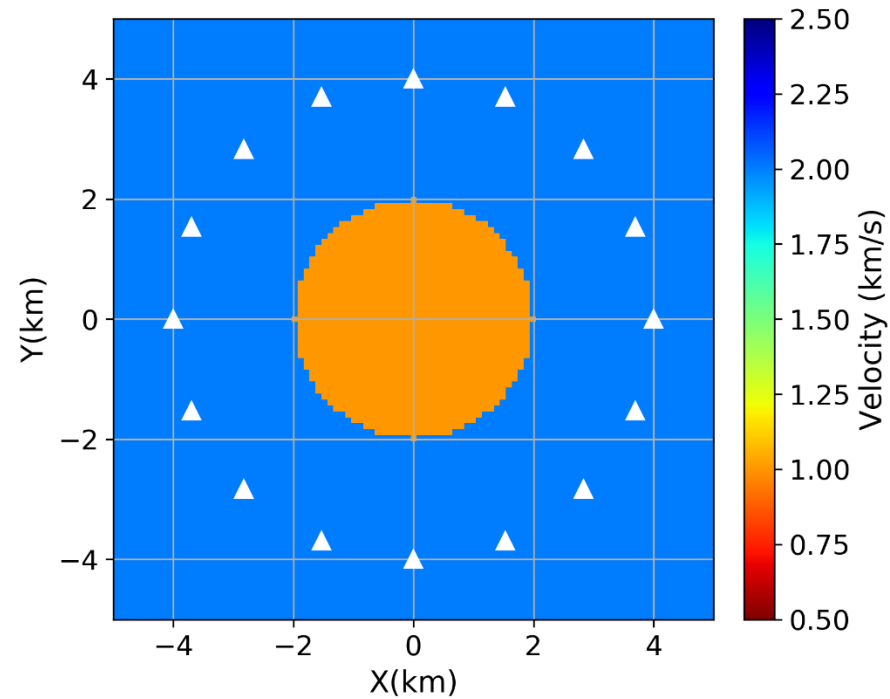
Synthetic Test of travel time tomography

Travel Time Tomography

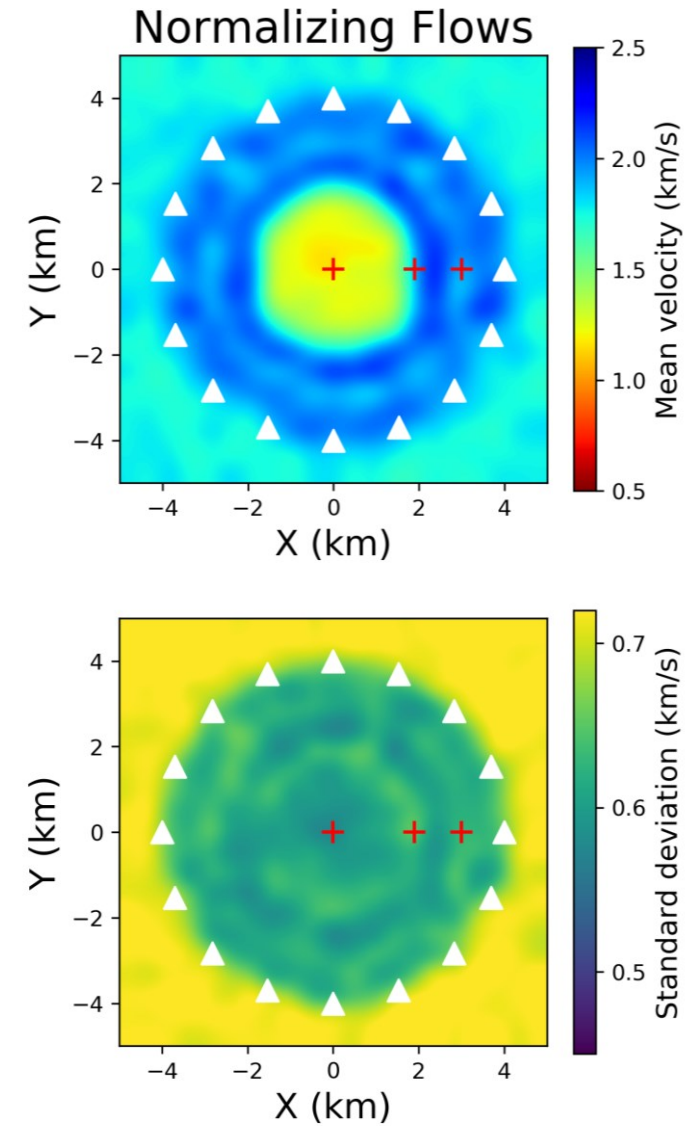


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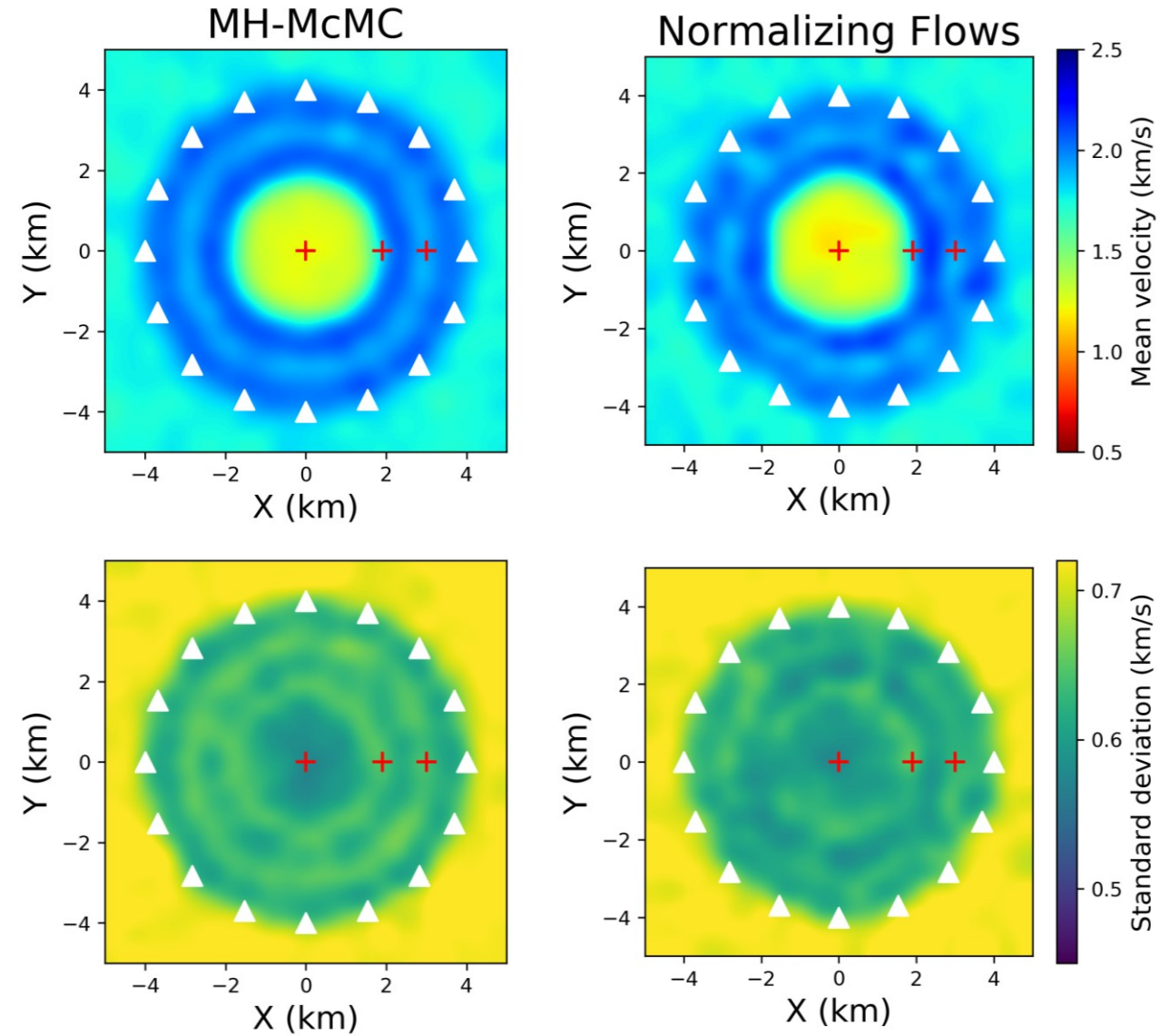
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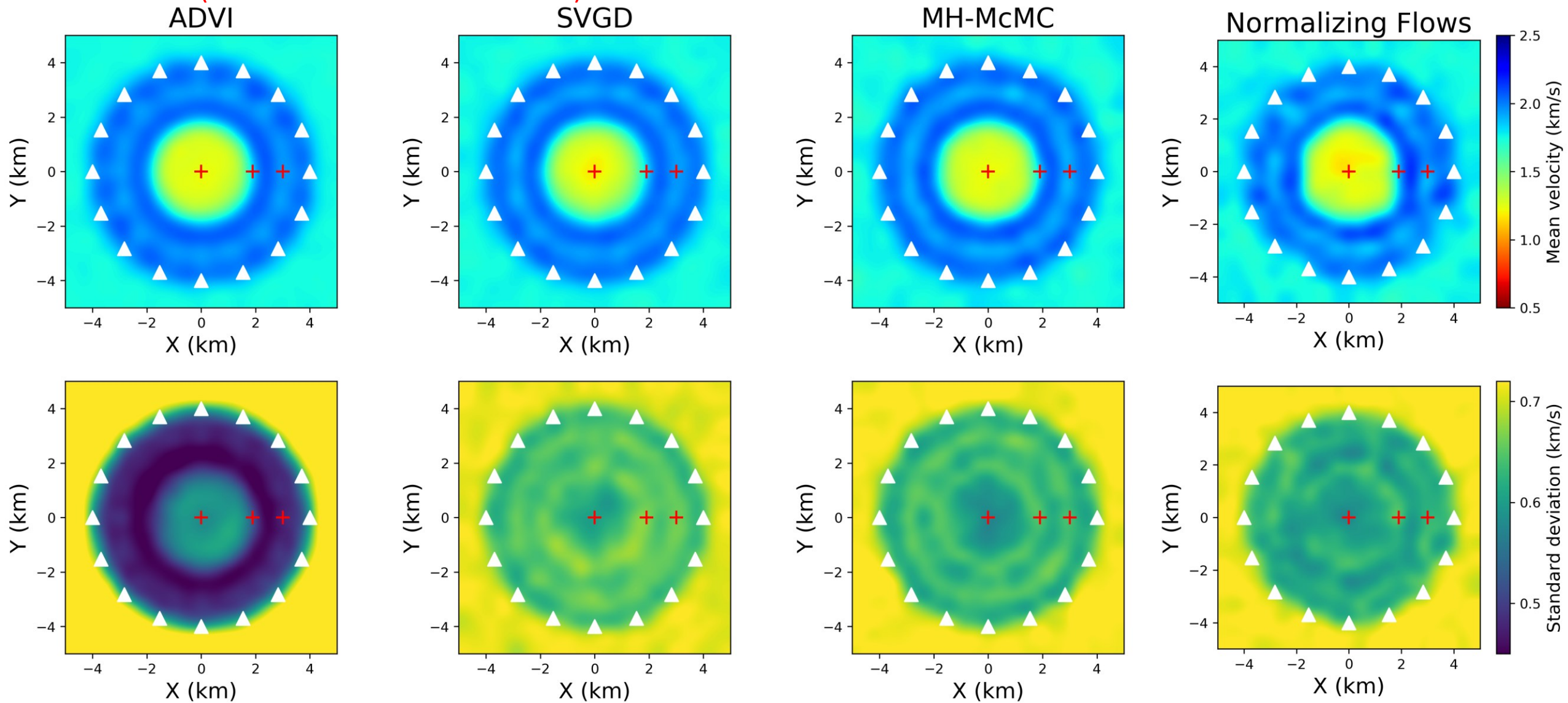


Travel Time Tomography: comparison



Travel Time Tomography: comparison

(two other variational methods)



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**

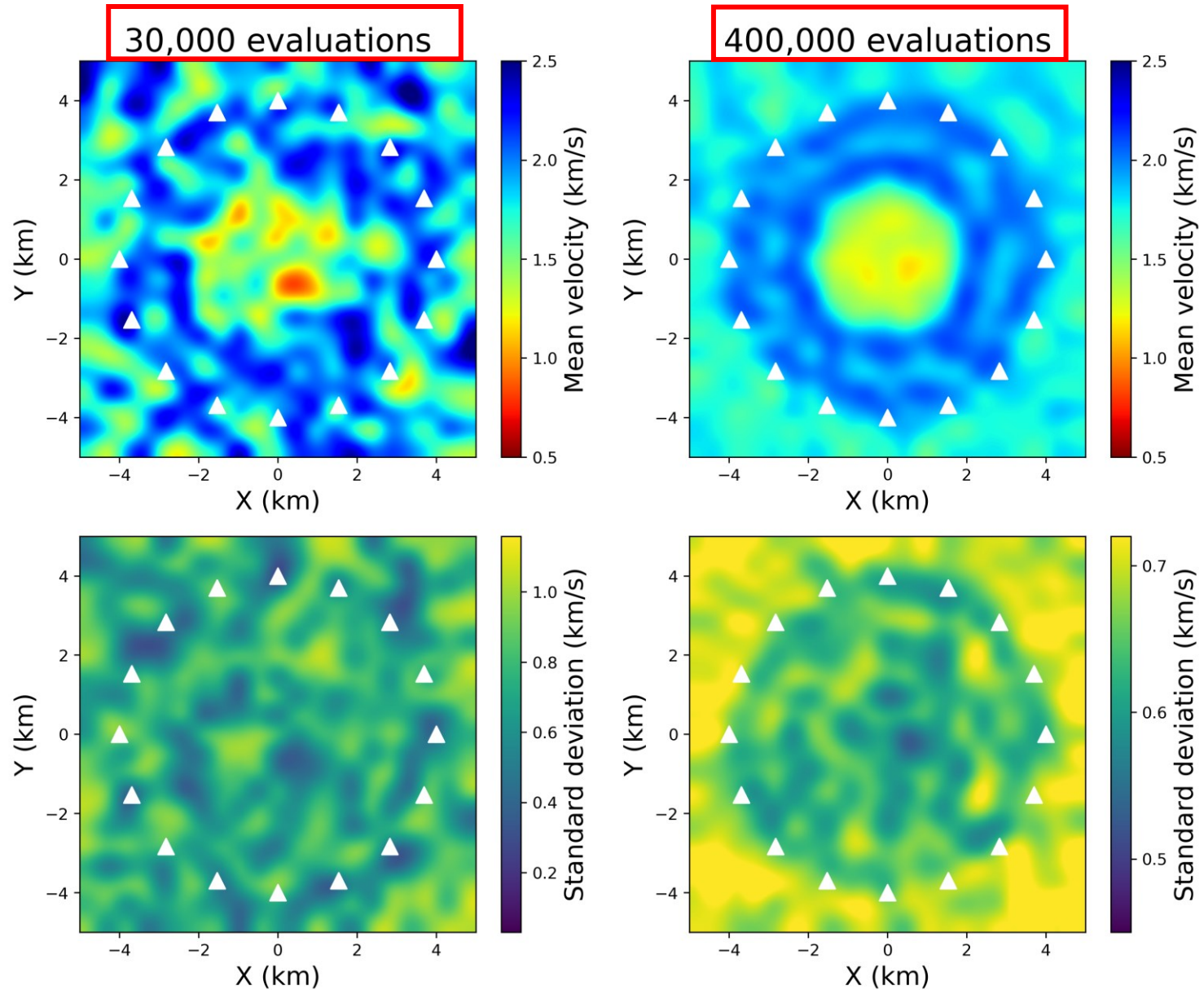
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Detecting convergence of McMC is subjective

Travel Time Tomography: MH-McMC



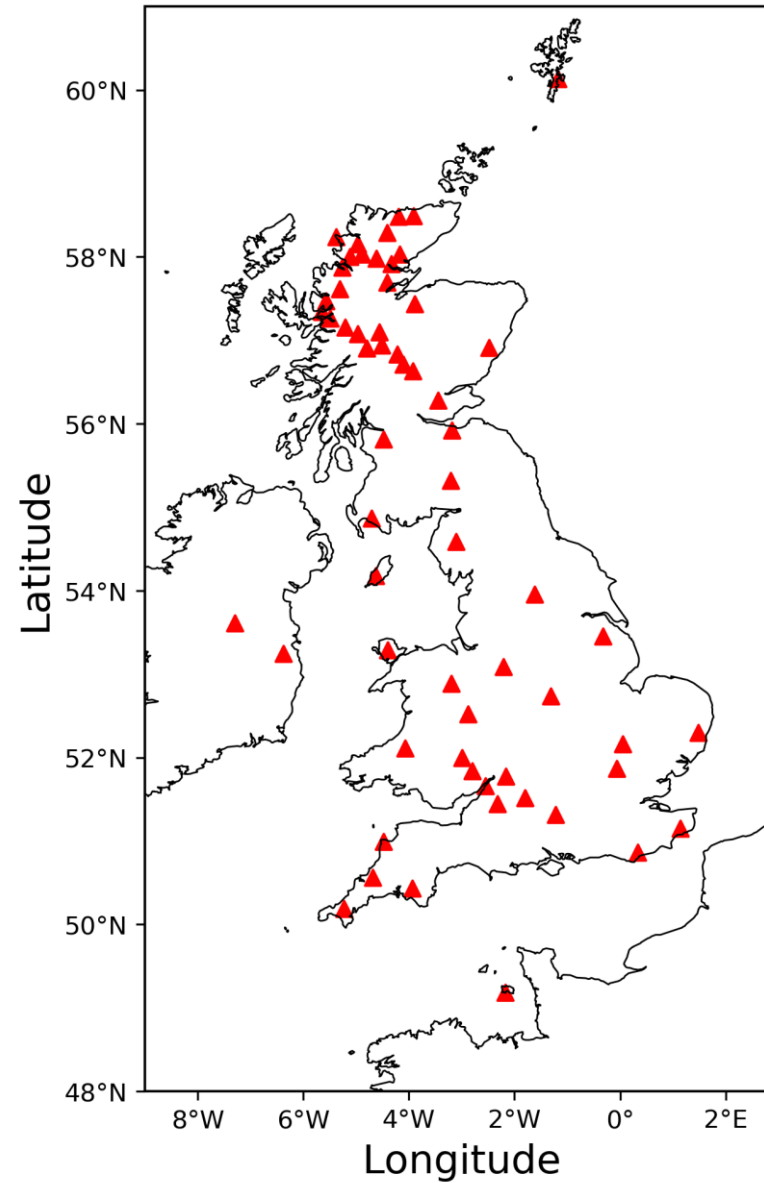
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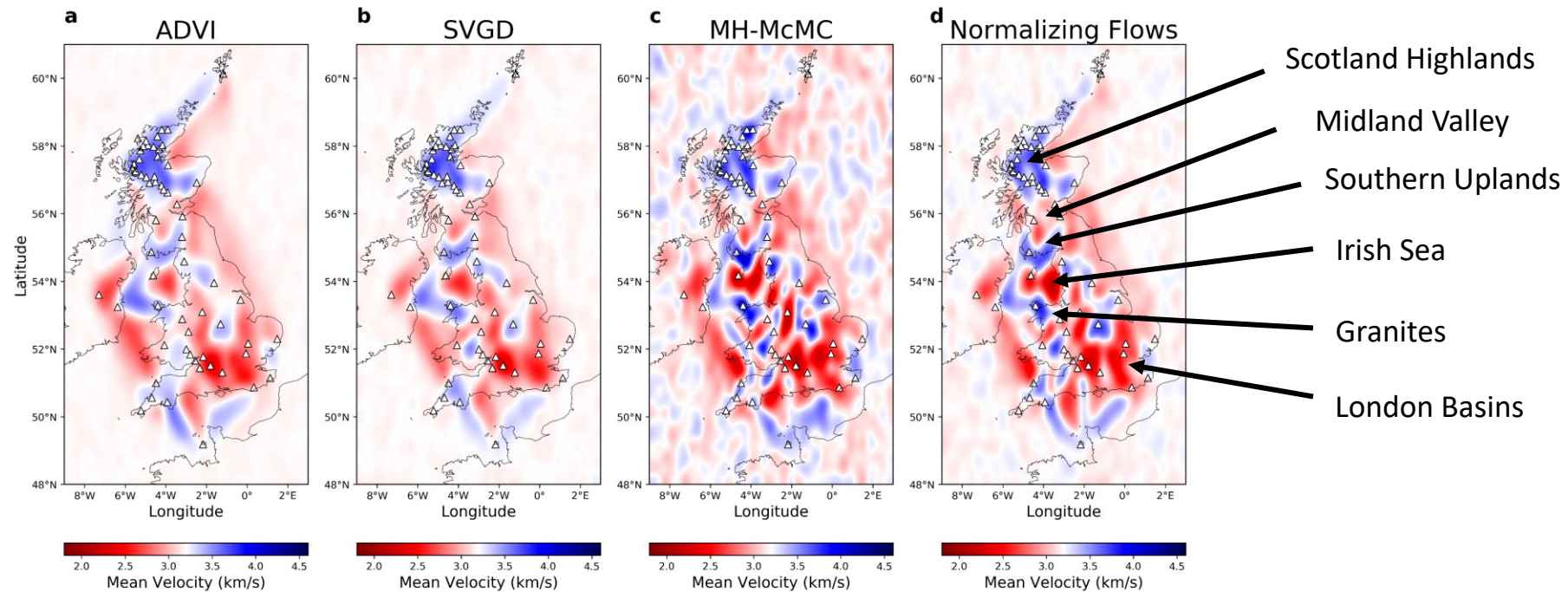
Love Wave Tomography of the British Isles

Receiver stations

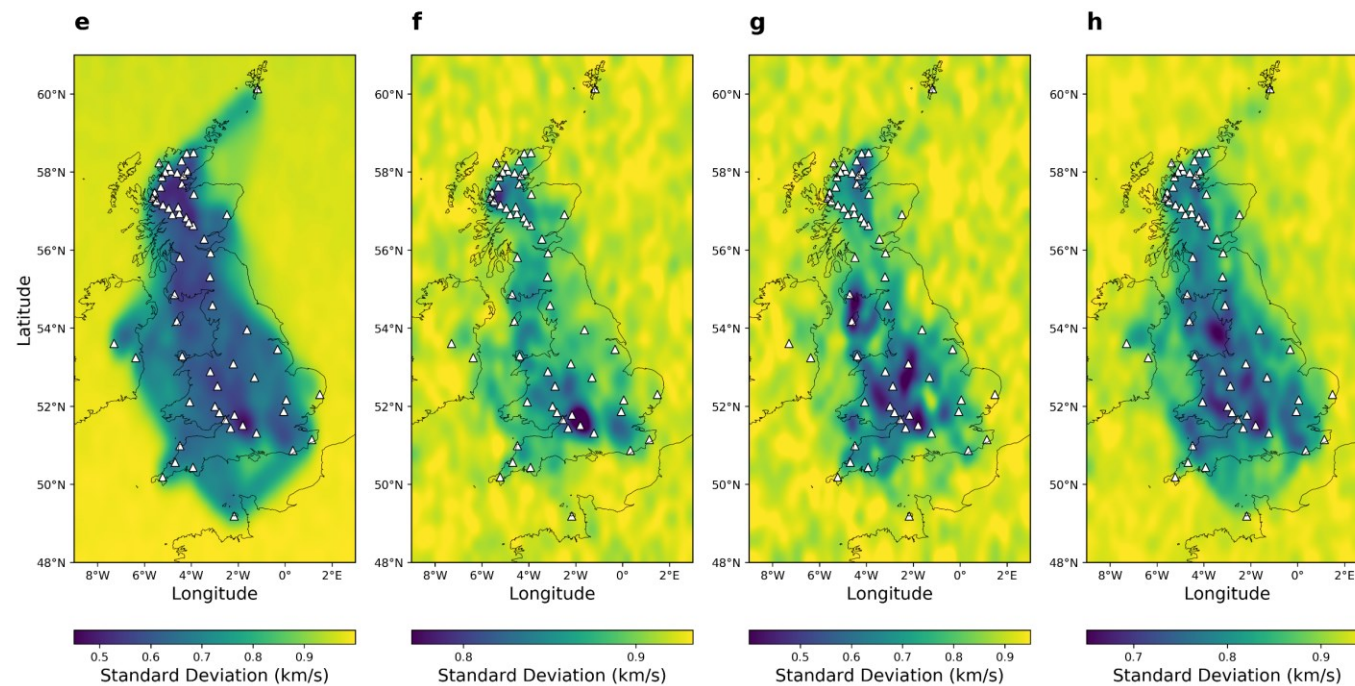


Results

Different resolution
in mean models



Uncertainty



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
MH-McMC	30,000,000	660	20

From Galetti et al., 2017
(same dataset)

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

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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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