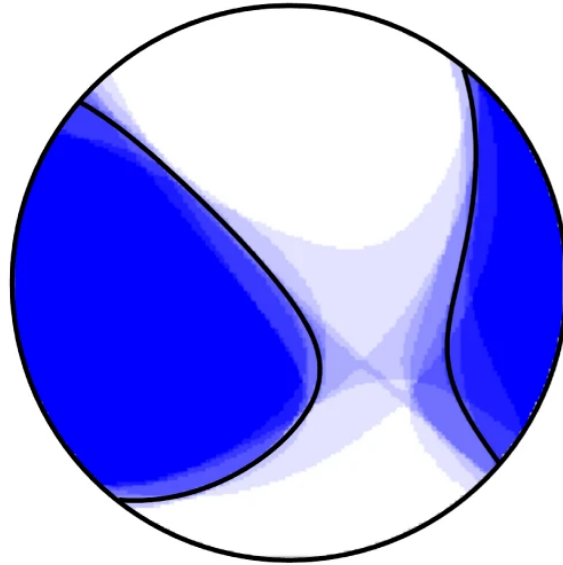


Source inversion in seismology



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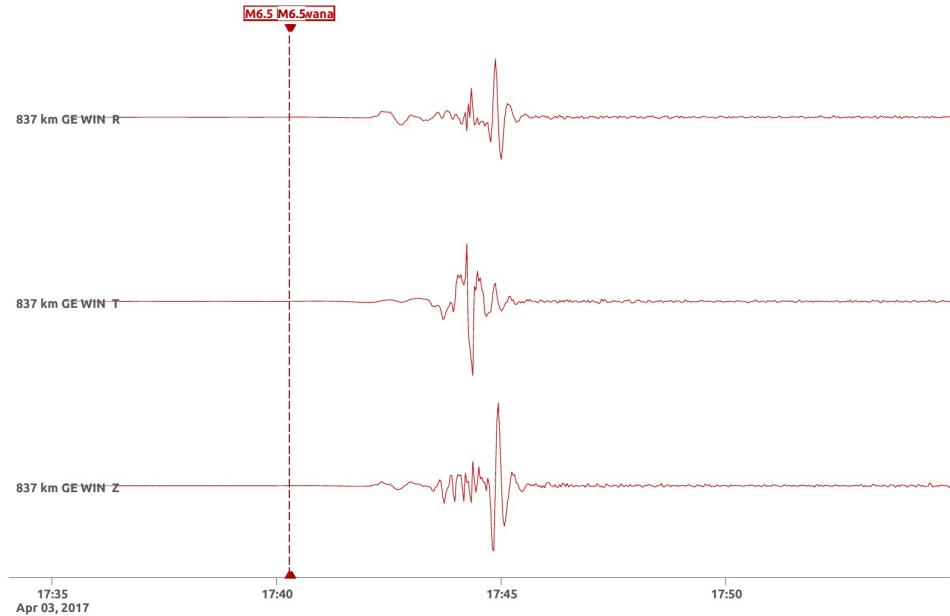
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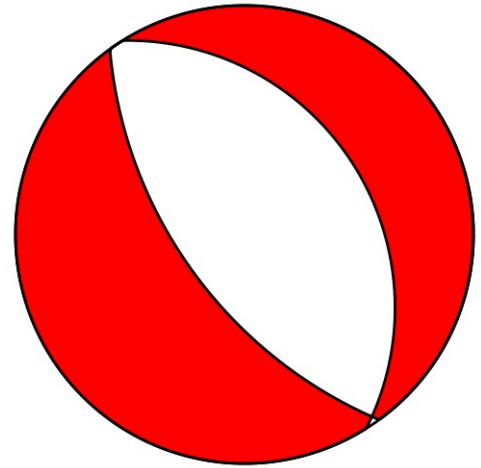
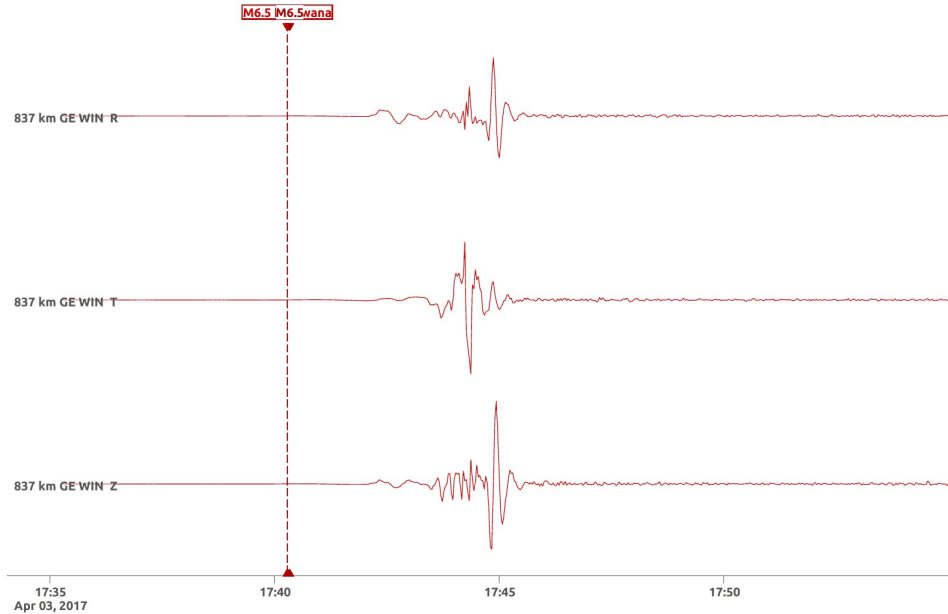
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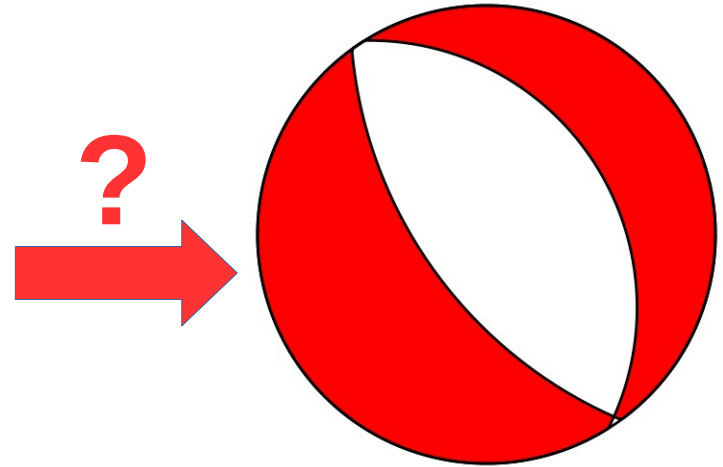
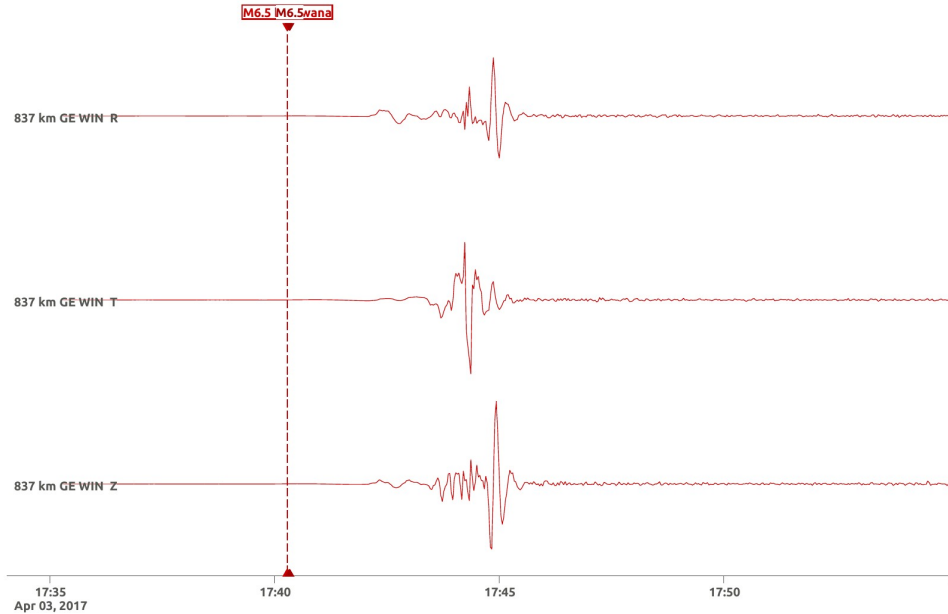
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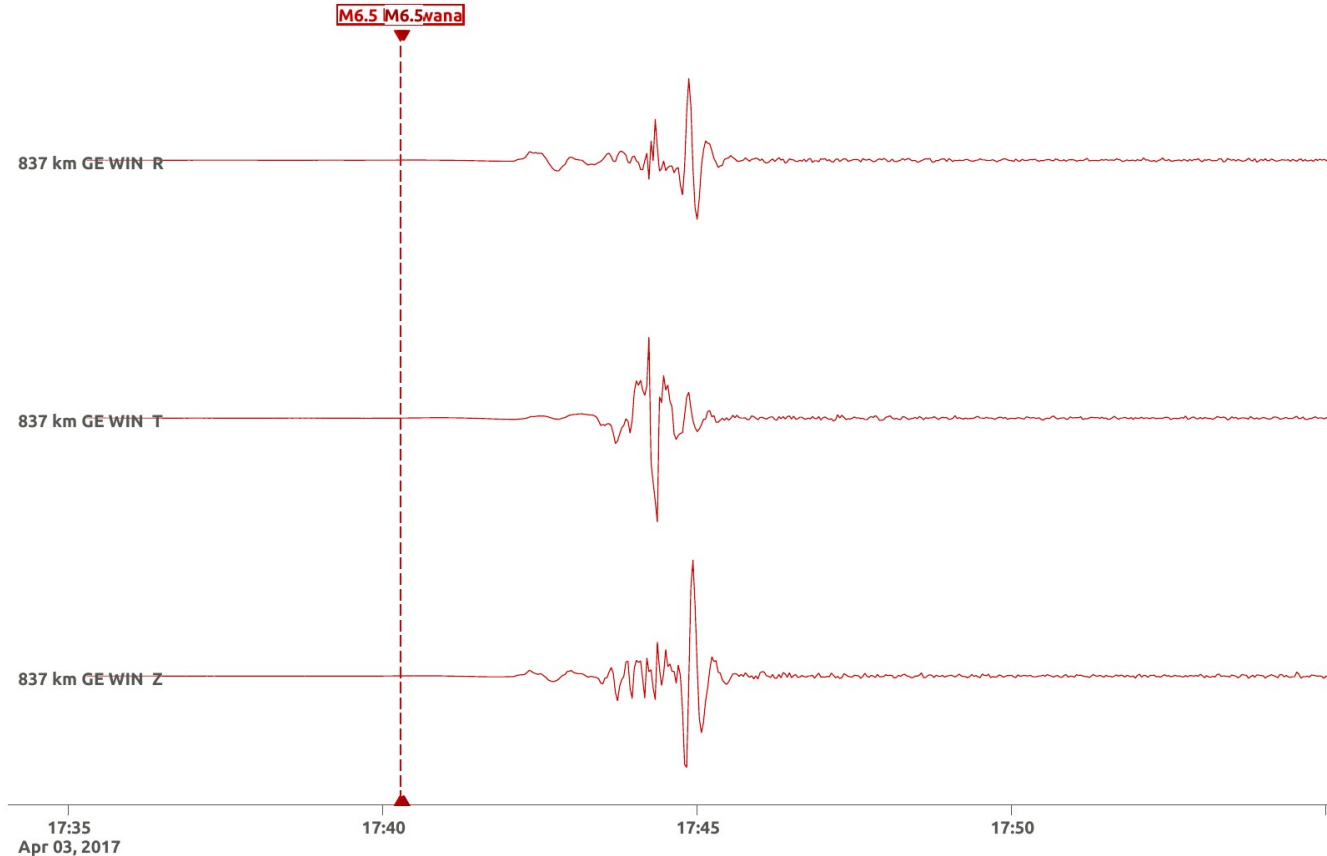


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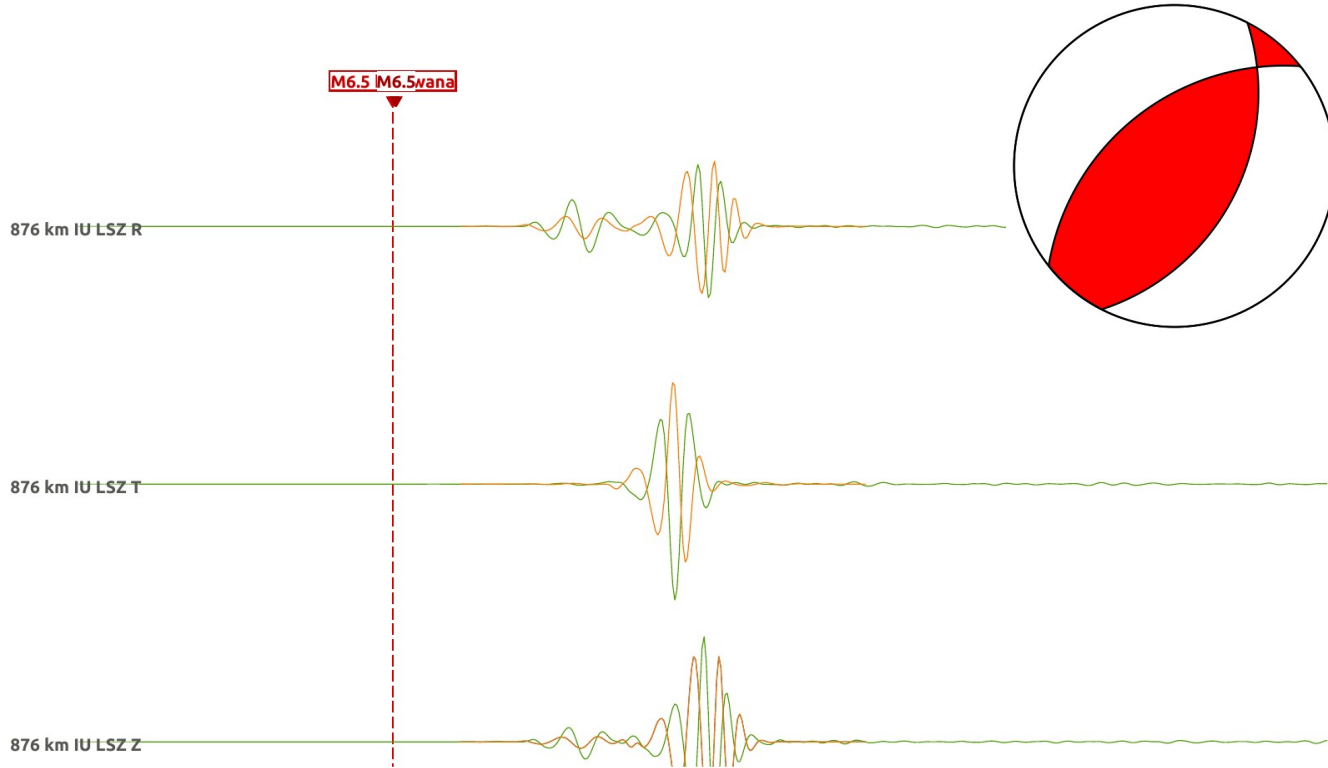
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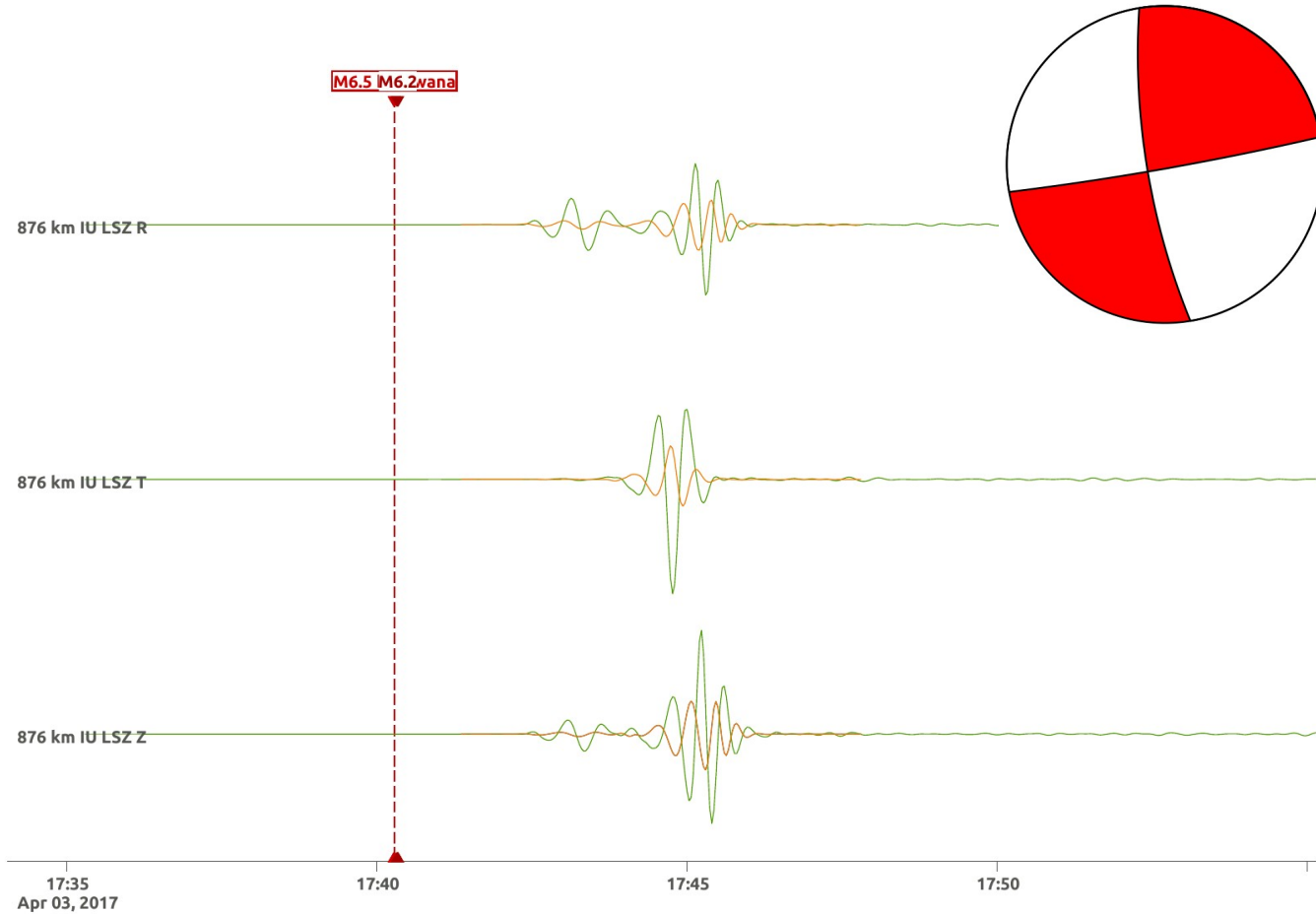
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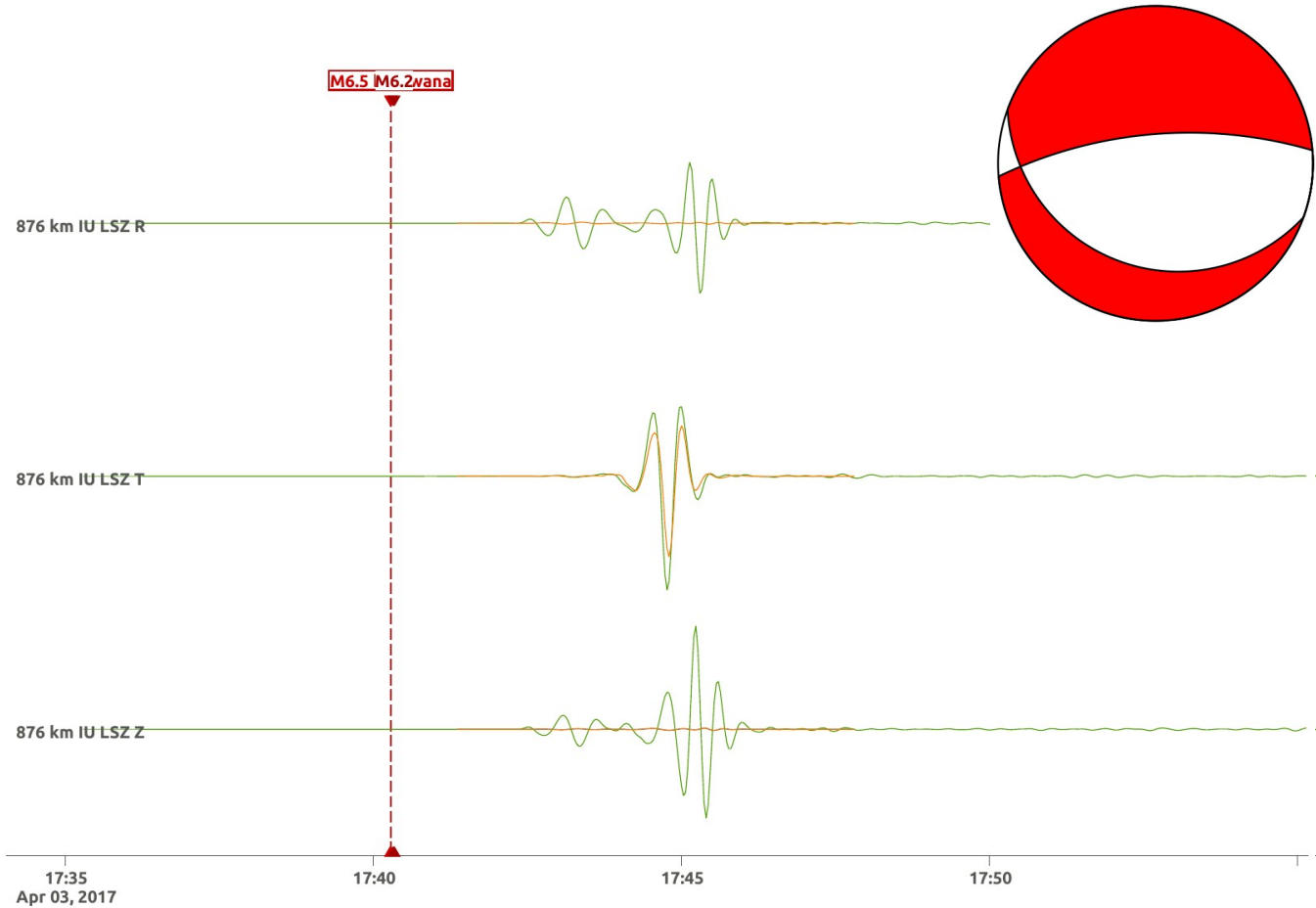
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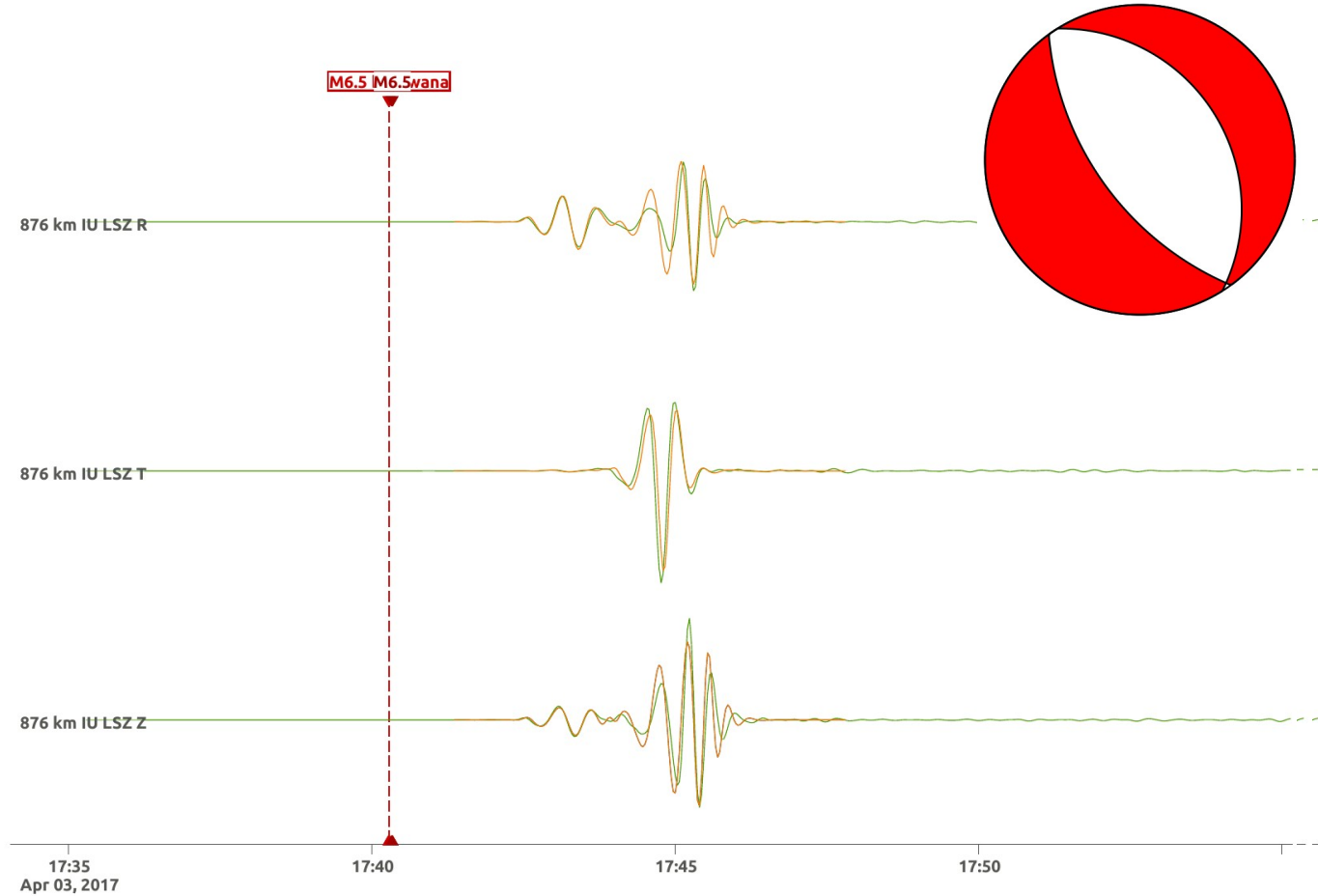
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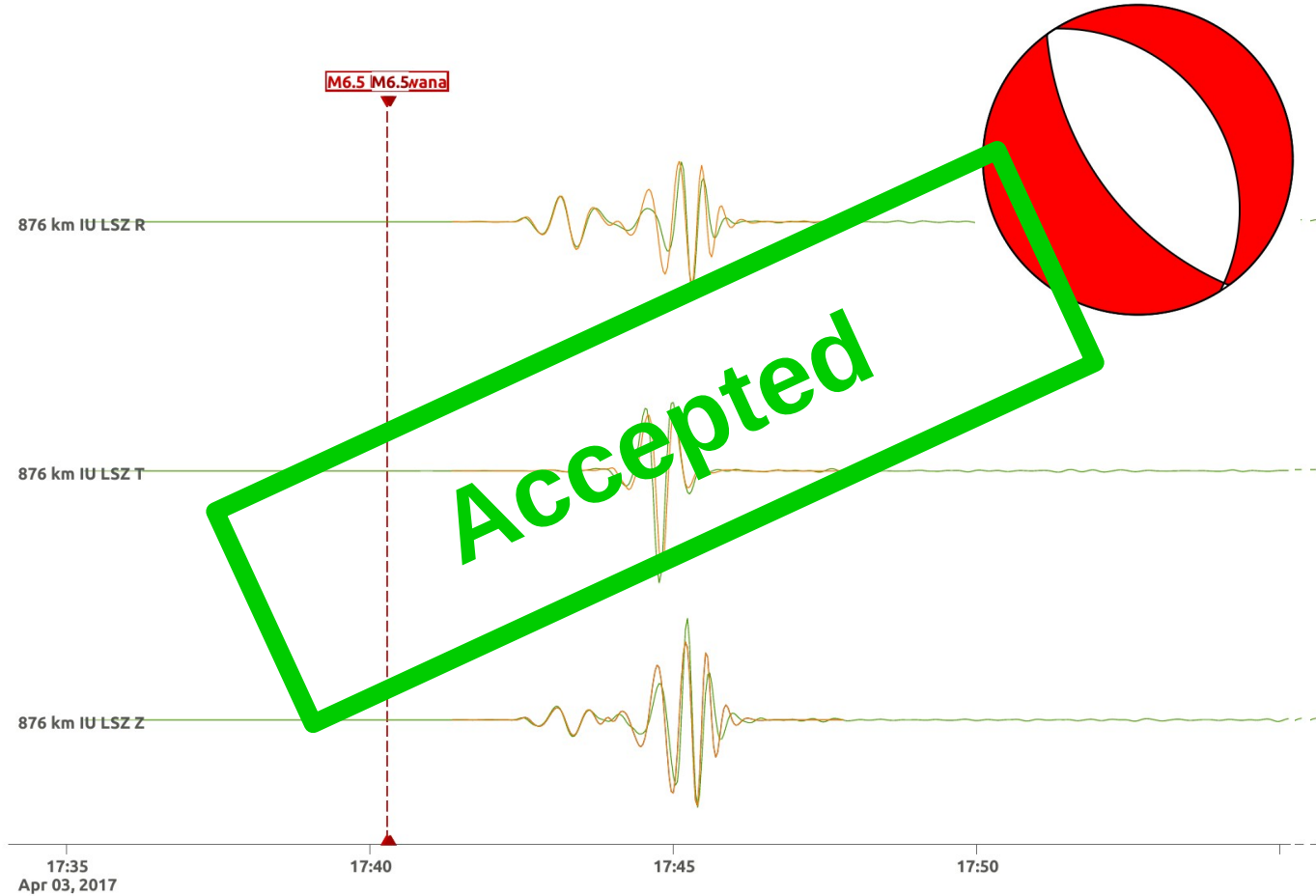
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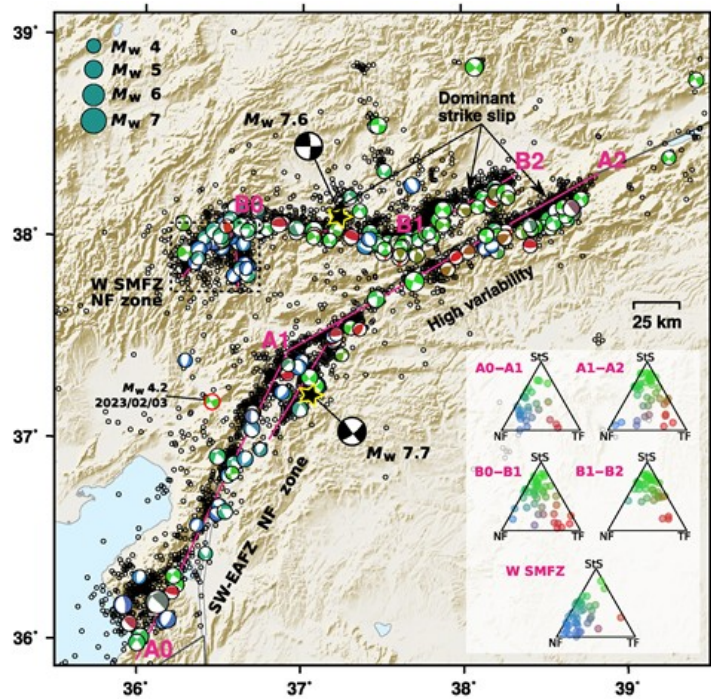
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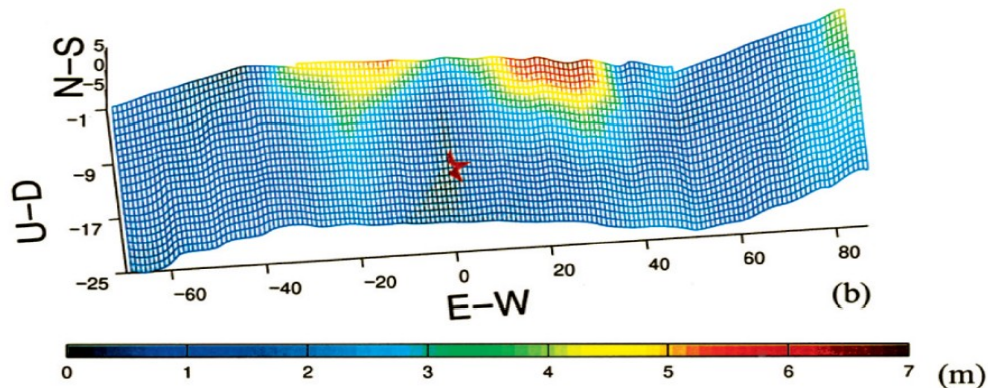
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Moment tensors
(2023 Turkey-Syria earthquake sequence)
Petersen et al. 2023



Slip map
(1977 Izmit, Turkey, earthquake)
Li et al. 2002



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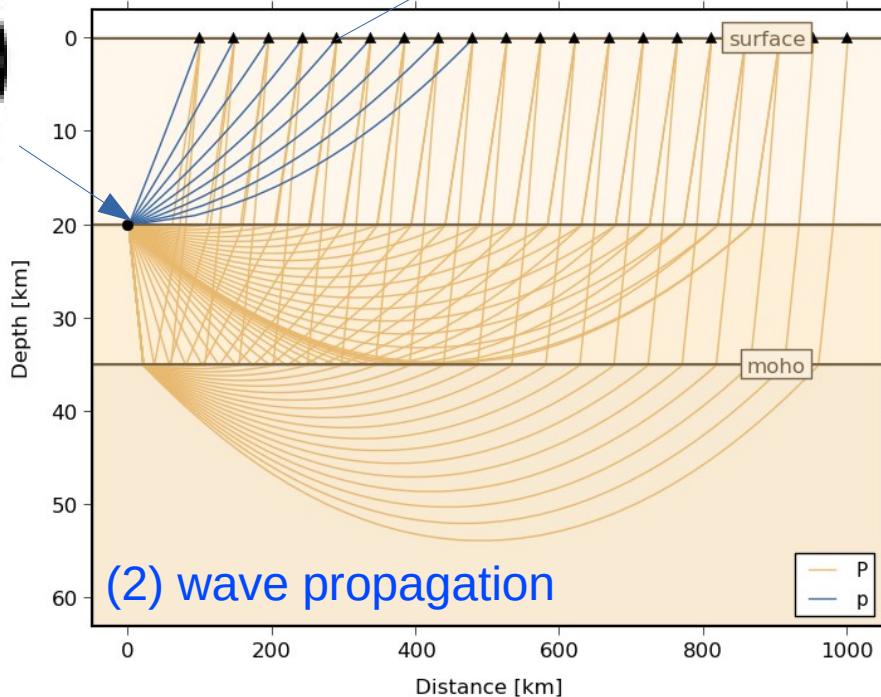
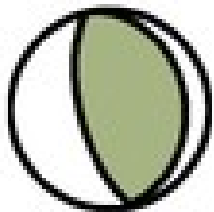
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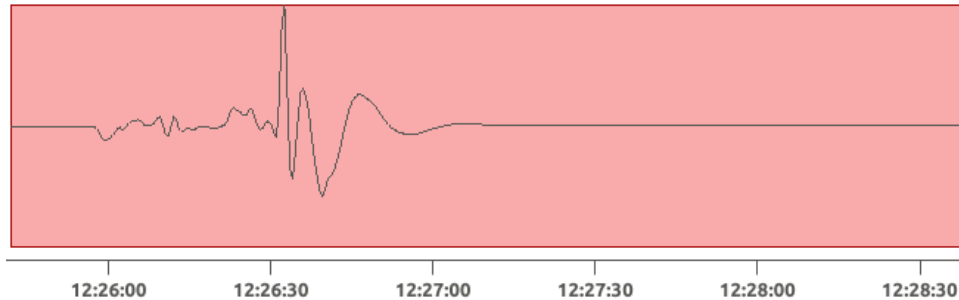
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Synthetic seismograms

(1) source model



(2) wave propagation



(3) synthetic seismograms

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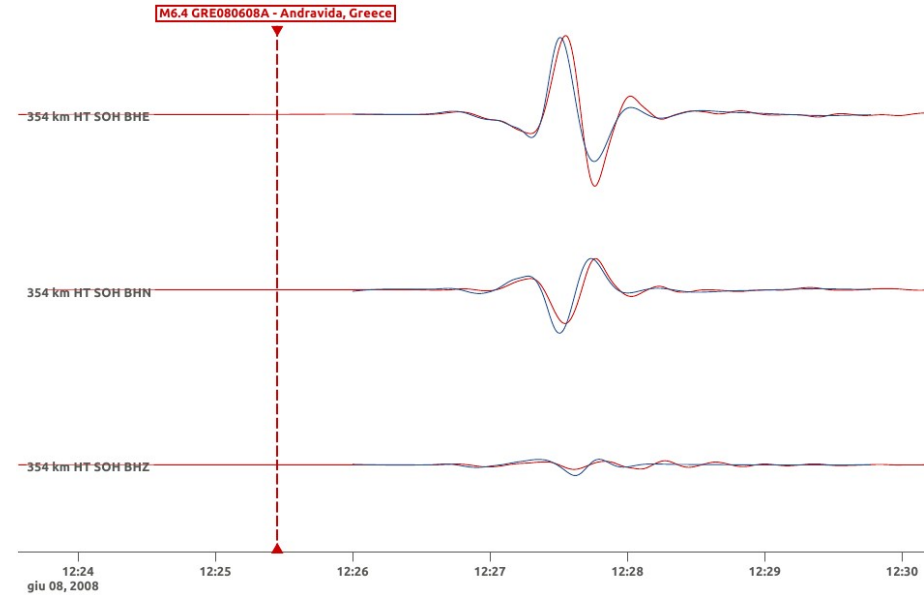
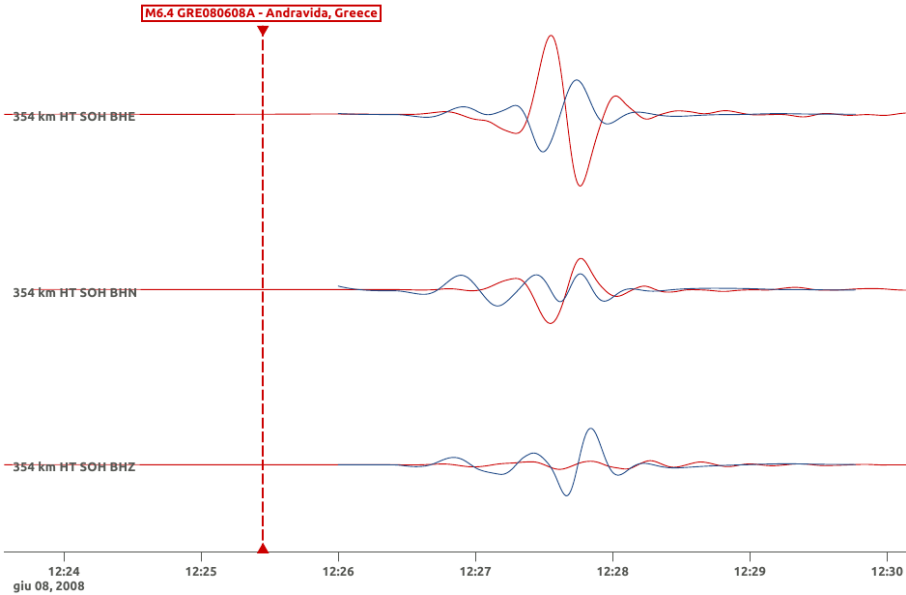
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INVERSION FRAMEWORK (INVERSE PROBLEM)

We need to choose how to compare modeled and observed effects (e.g. synthetic and observed waveforms) and how to use this information to retrieve the most likely source model

Inversion framework

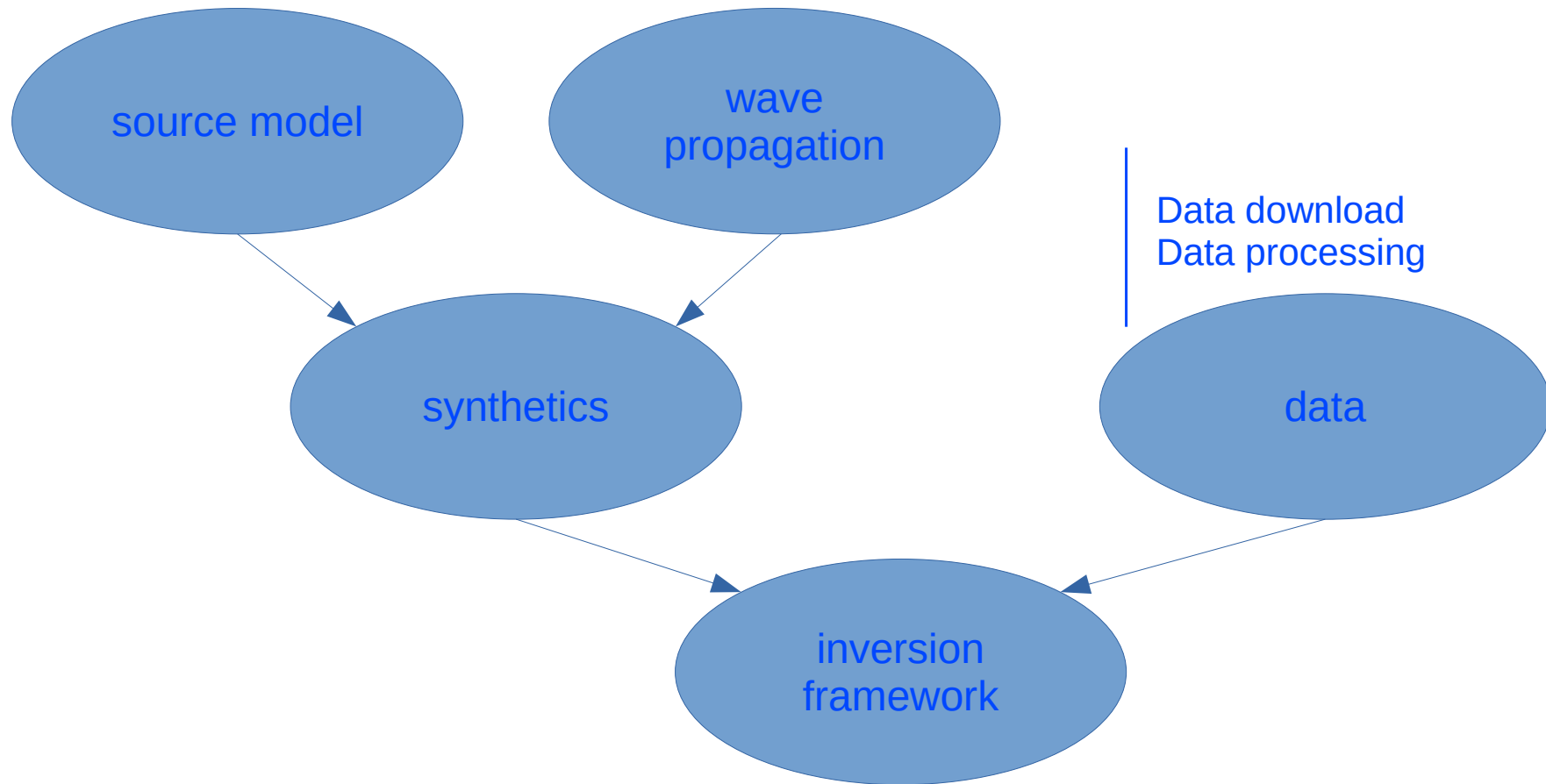


data vs. *synthetics*

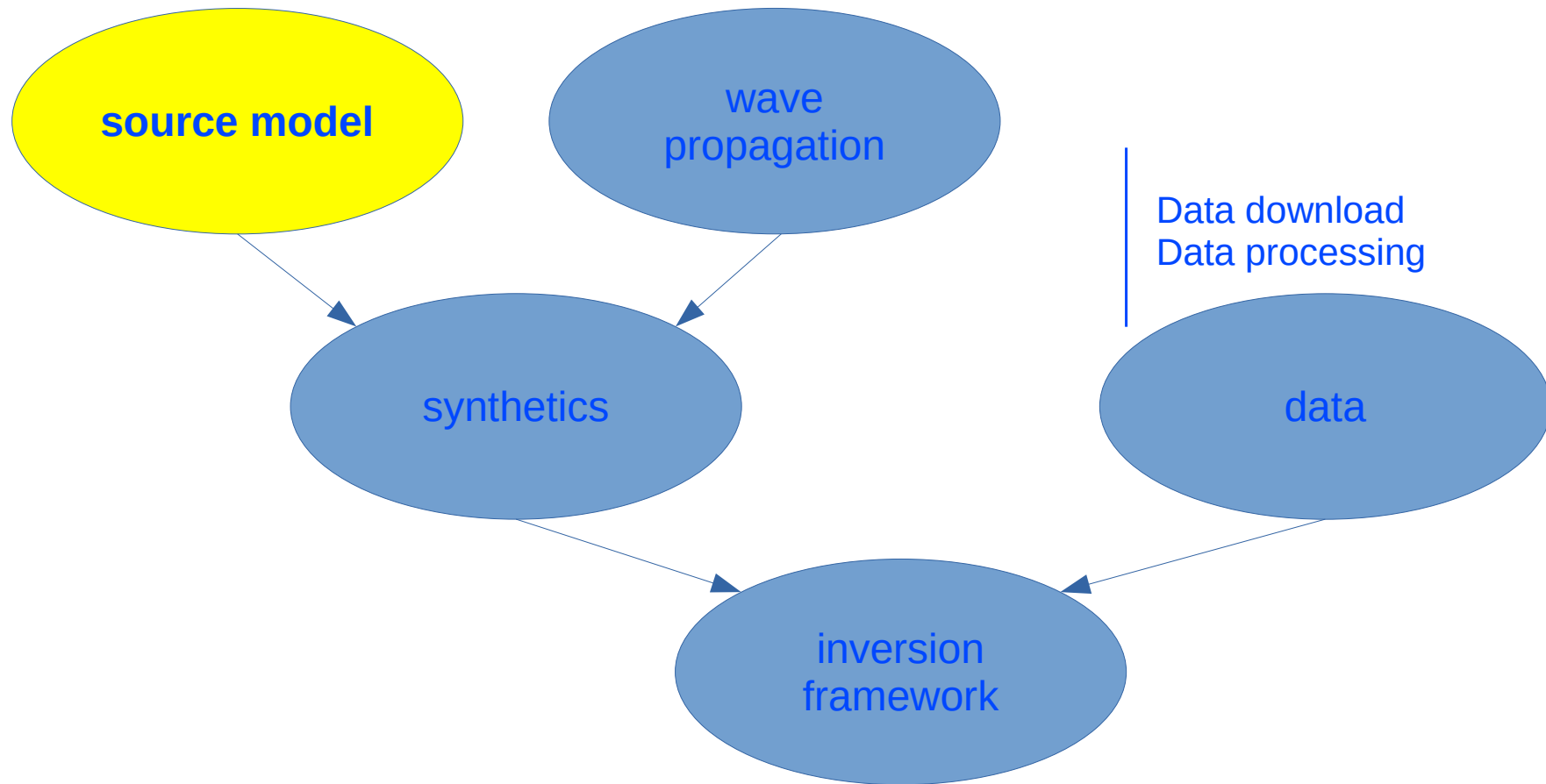
Bad fit (bad solution)

Good fit (good solution)

Source inversion layout



Source inversion layout



The seismic source, point source models

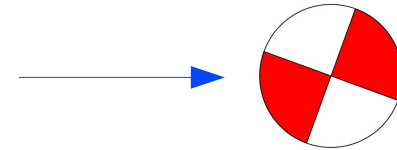
A point source model is justified in the far field approximation:

Source-Receiver distance \gg Rupture size

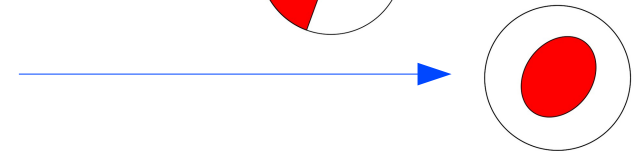
Considered wavelength \gg Rupture size

Two types of point sources are most commonly used

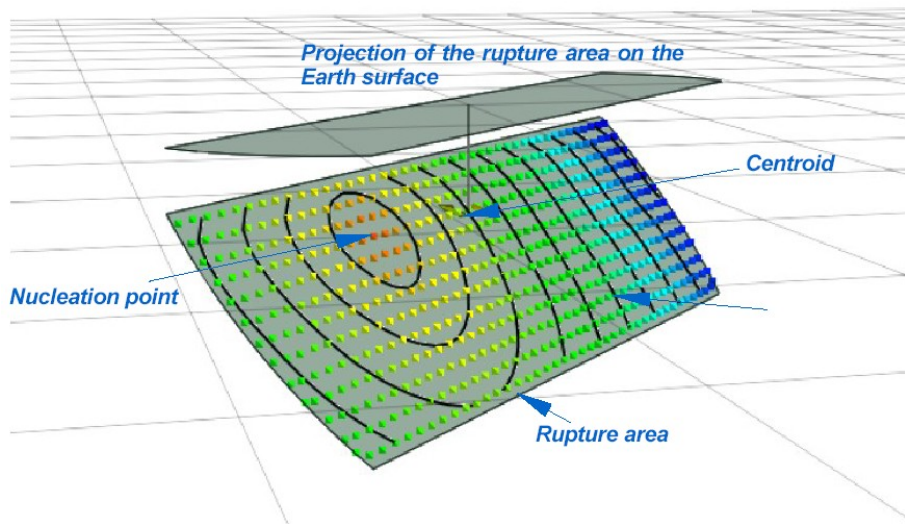
The double couple (DC) source model



The moment tensor (MT) source model



Source & source parameters



Heimann 2011

Centroid location (Lat, Lon, Depth)

Scalar moment and magnitude

Strike, Dip, Rake

Non-shear and Isotropic components

Rupture Duration

Source Time Function

Shape and size of the rupture area

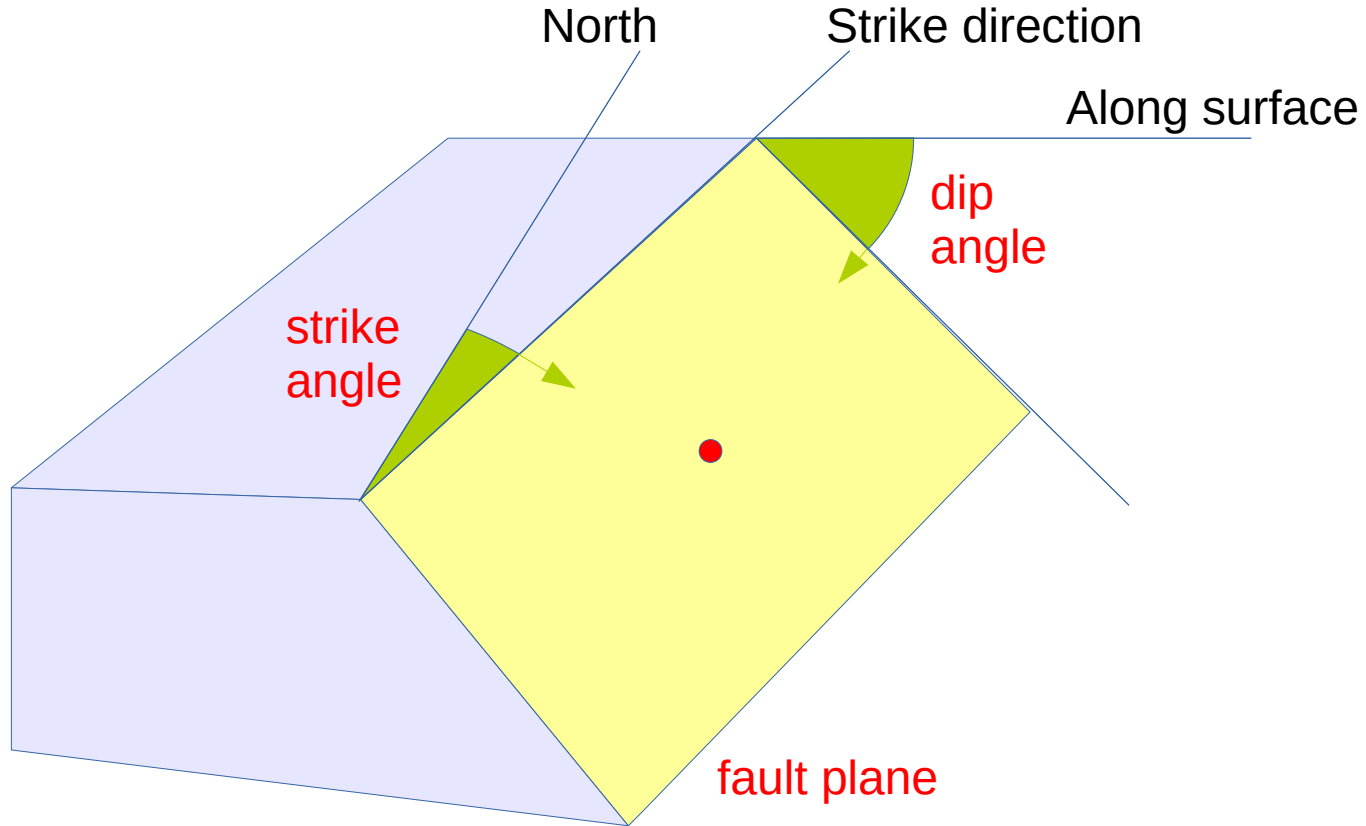
Rupture Velocity

DC model, source parameters

● (x,y,z,t)

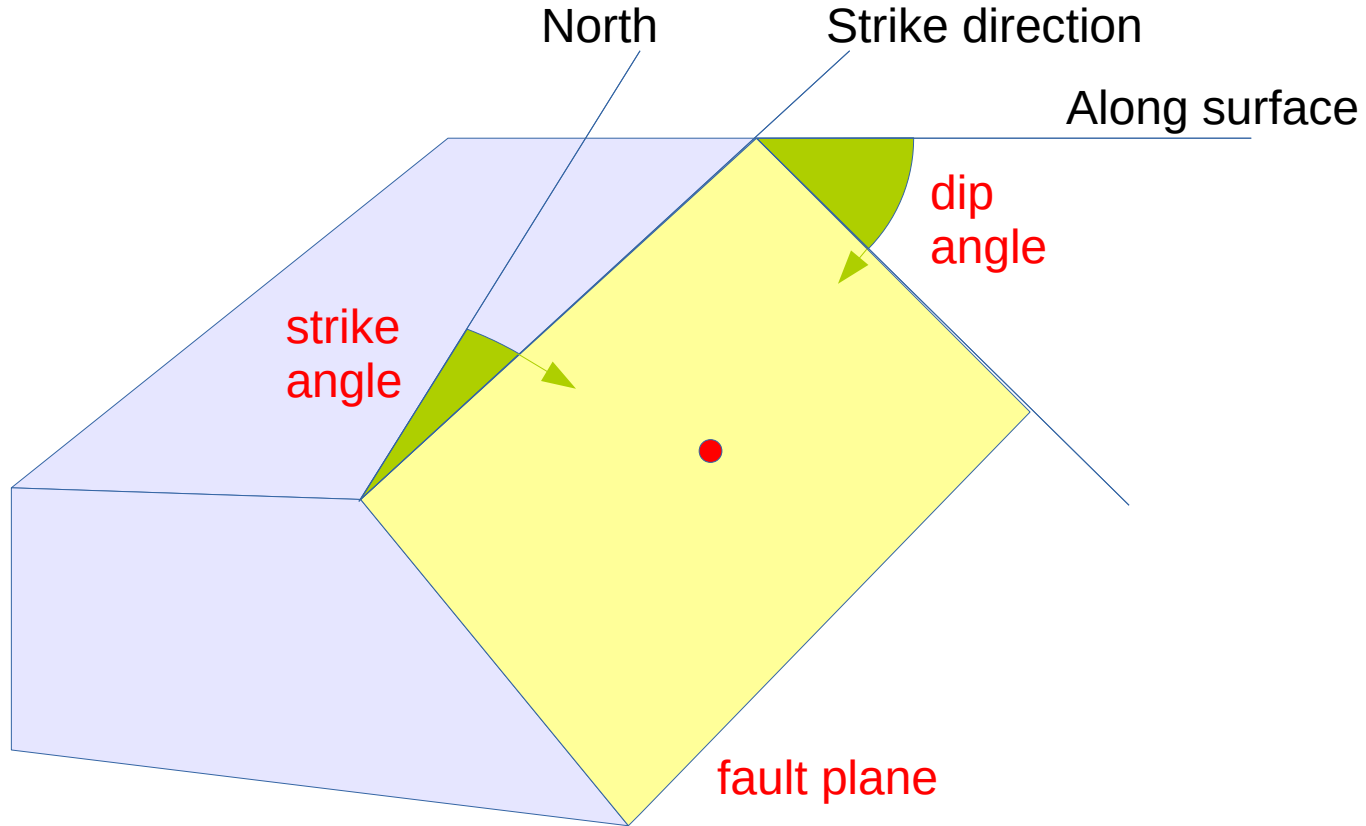
Source parameters: Lat, Lon, Depth, Origin time

DC model, source parameters



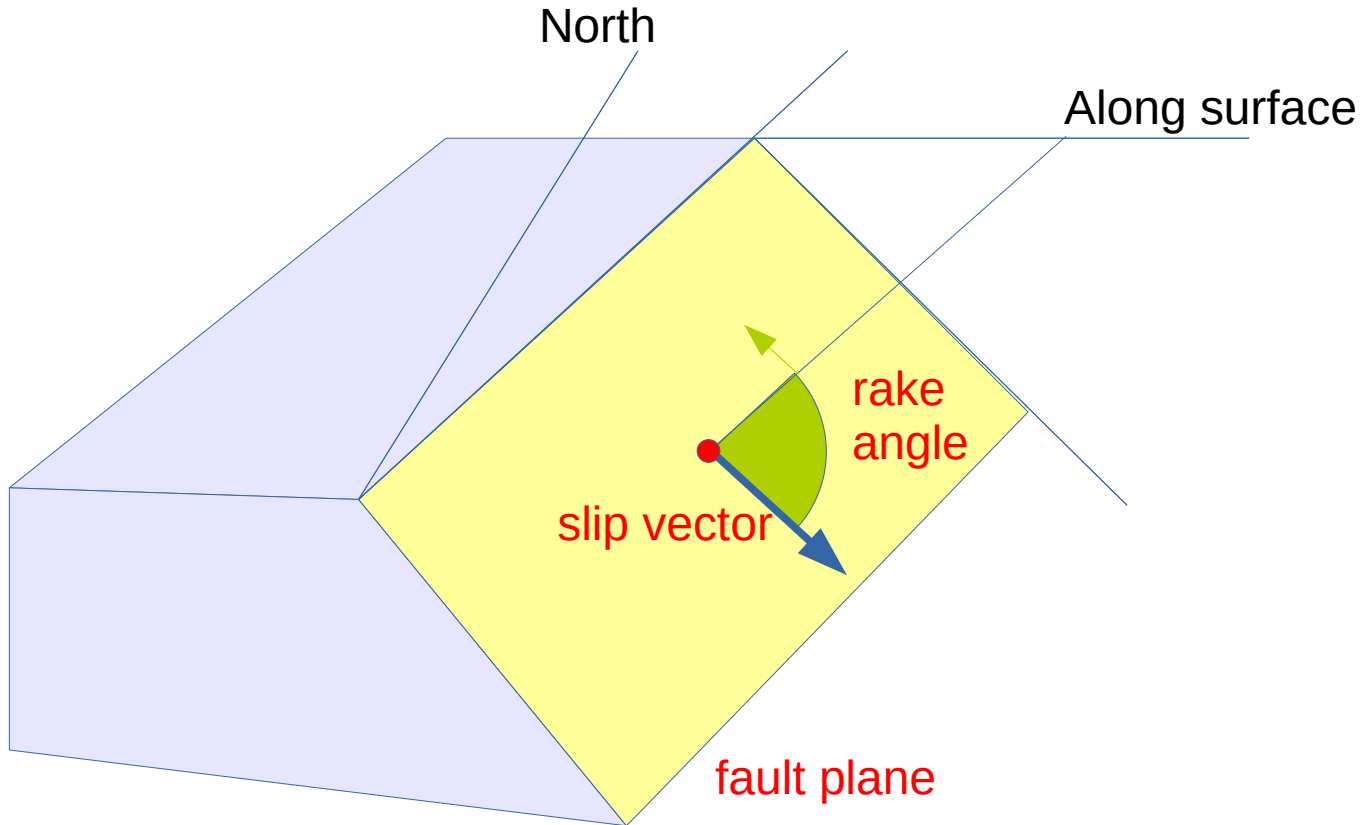
Source parameters: *Lat, Lon, Depth, Origin time, Strike, Dip*

DC model, source parameters



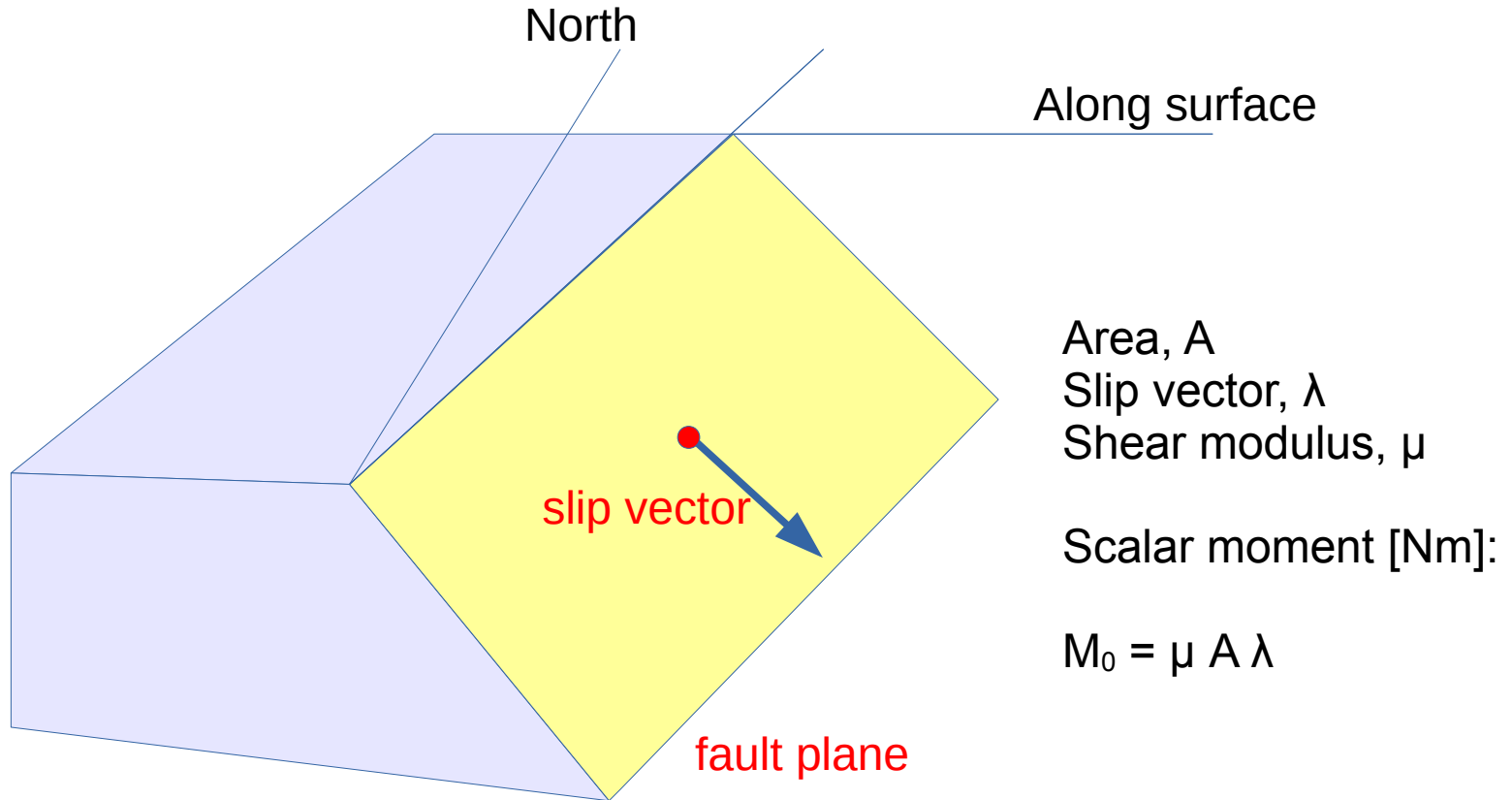
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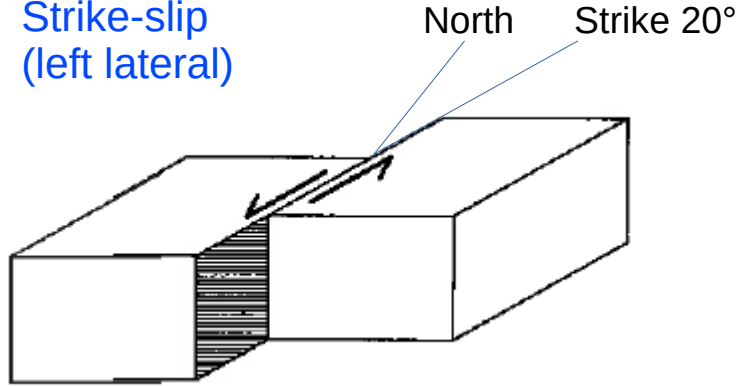
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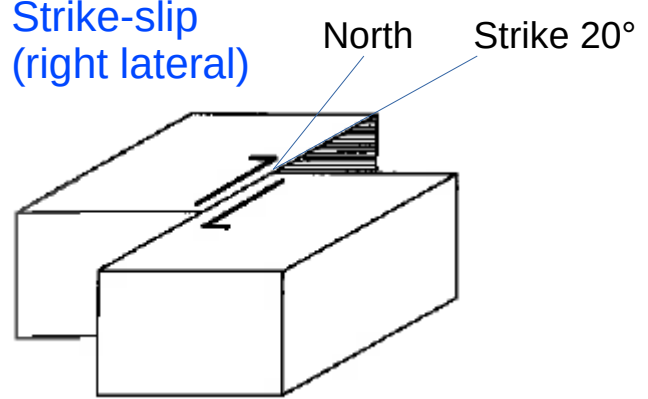
Source parameters: Lat, Lon, Depth, Origin time, Strike, Dip, Rake, Scalar Moment

DC model, shear faulting

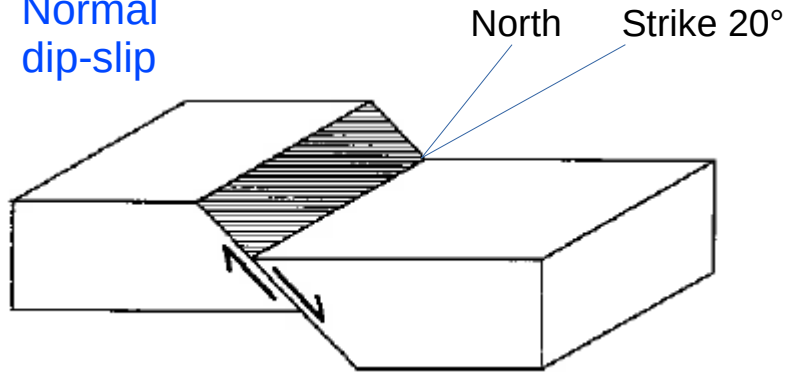
Strike-slip
(left lateral)



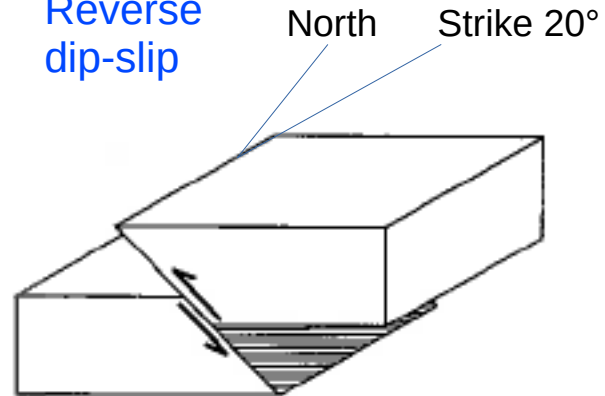
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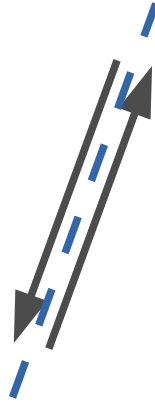
Normal
dip-slip



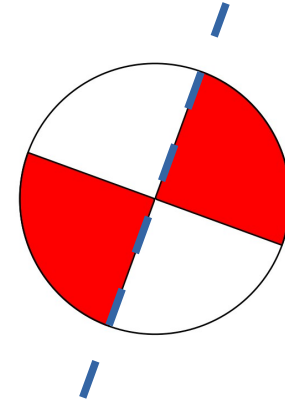
Reverse
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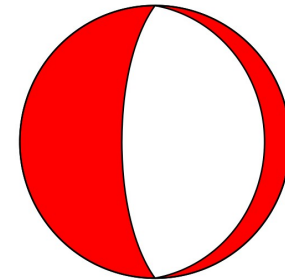
DC model, focal sphere



side view

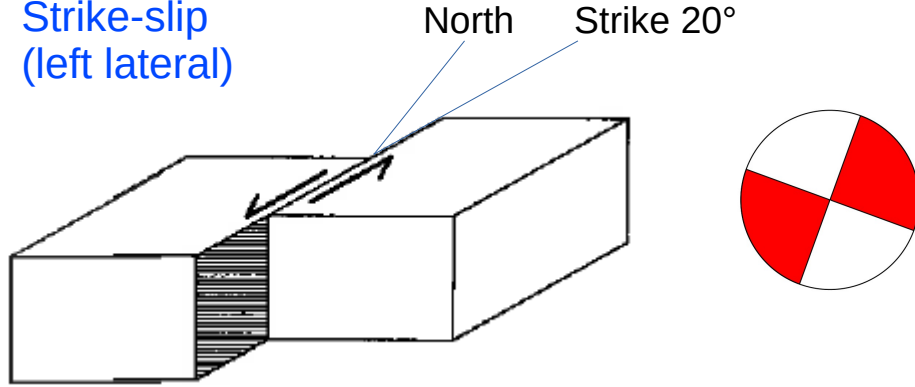


lower
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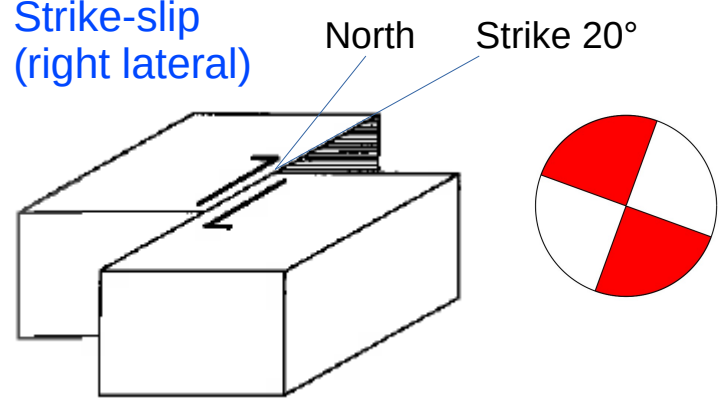


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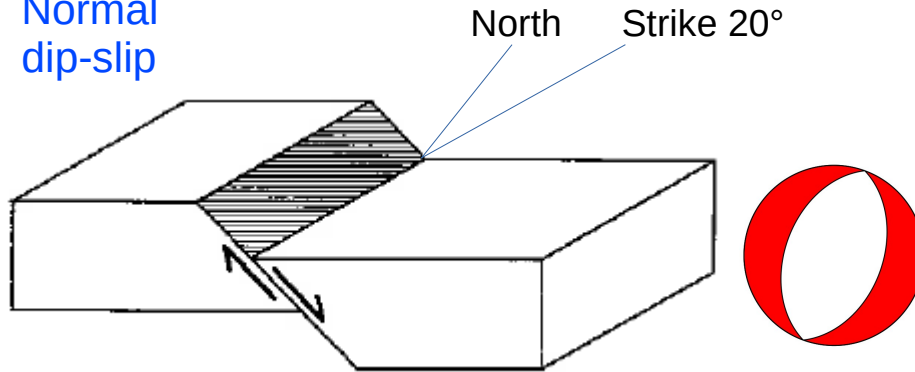
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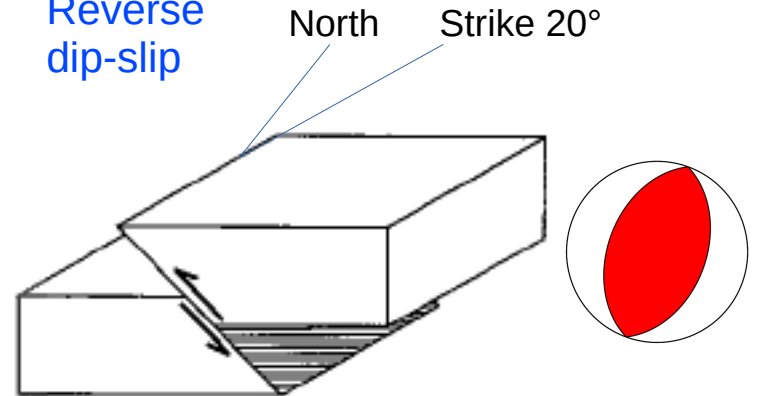
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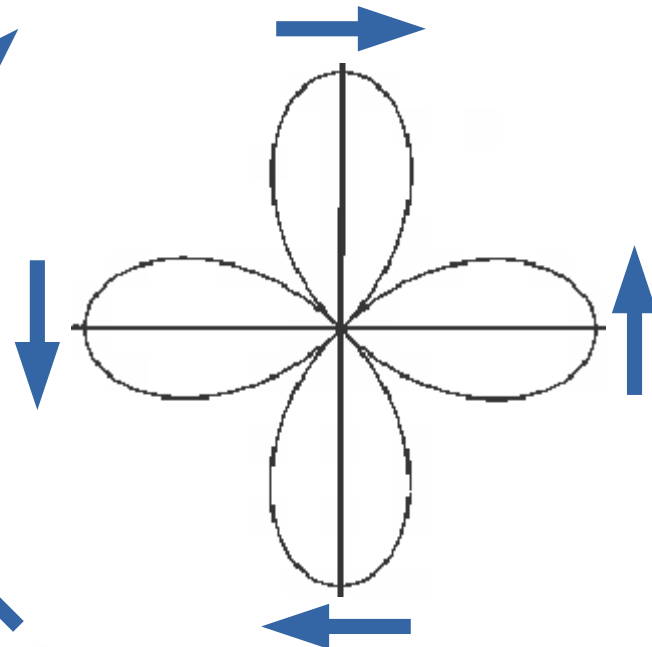
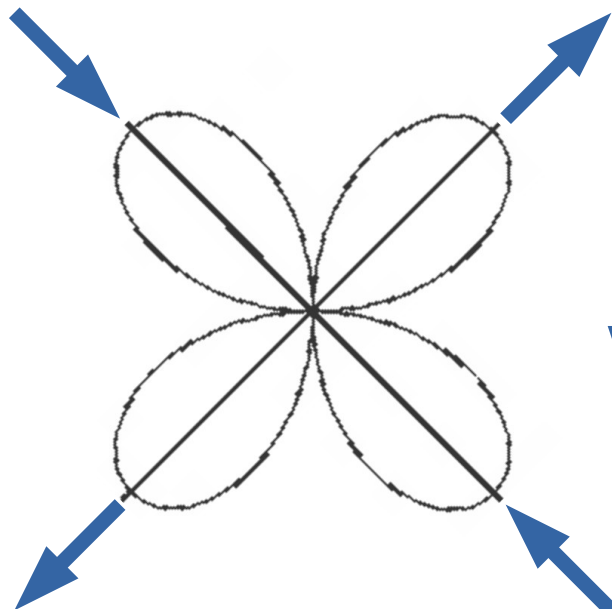
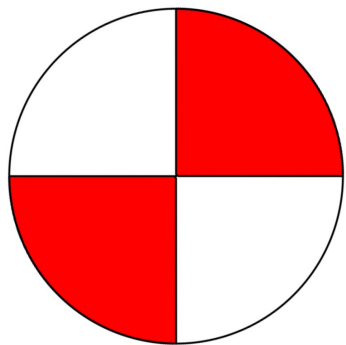
DC model, radiation pattern

Focal sphere

Radiation pattern

P waves

S waves



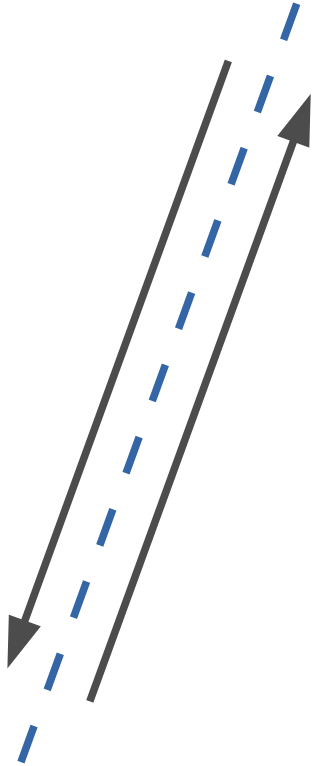
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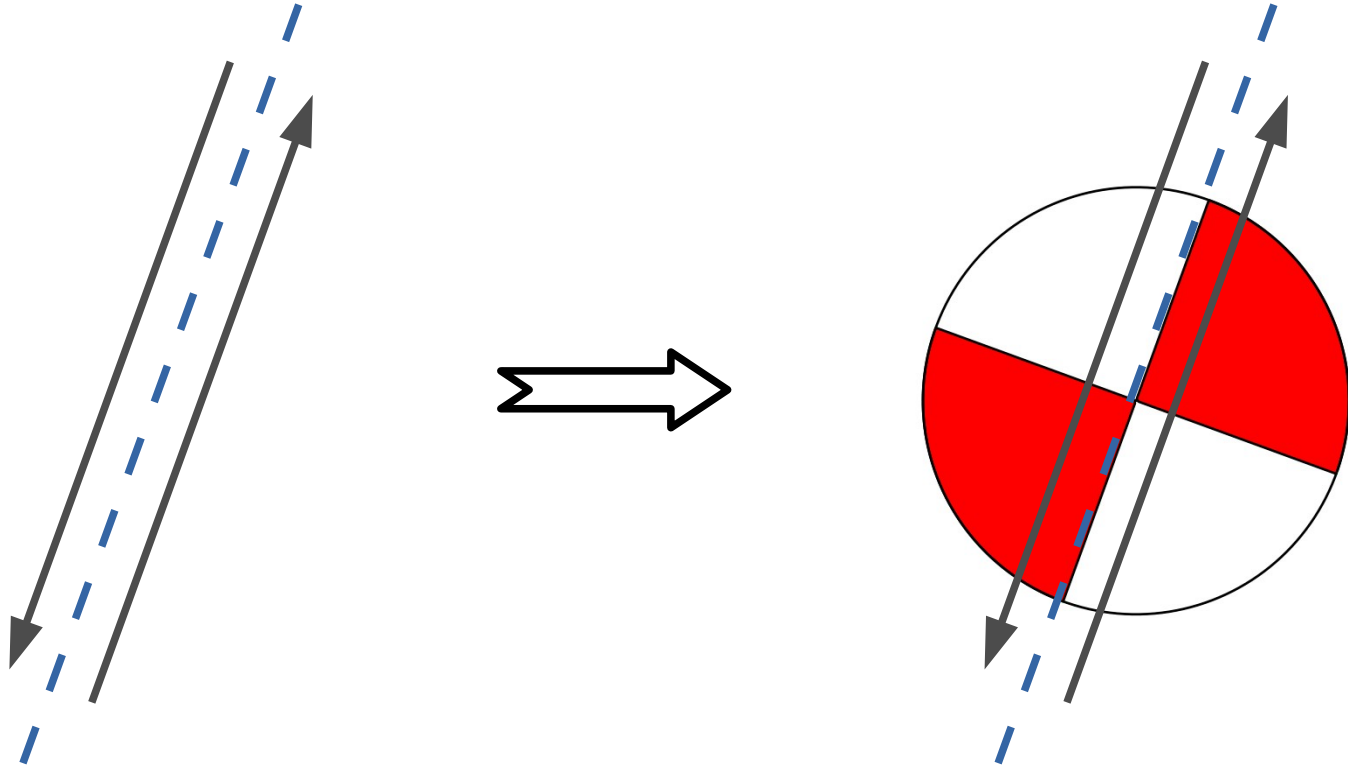
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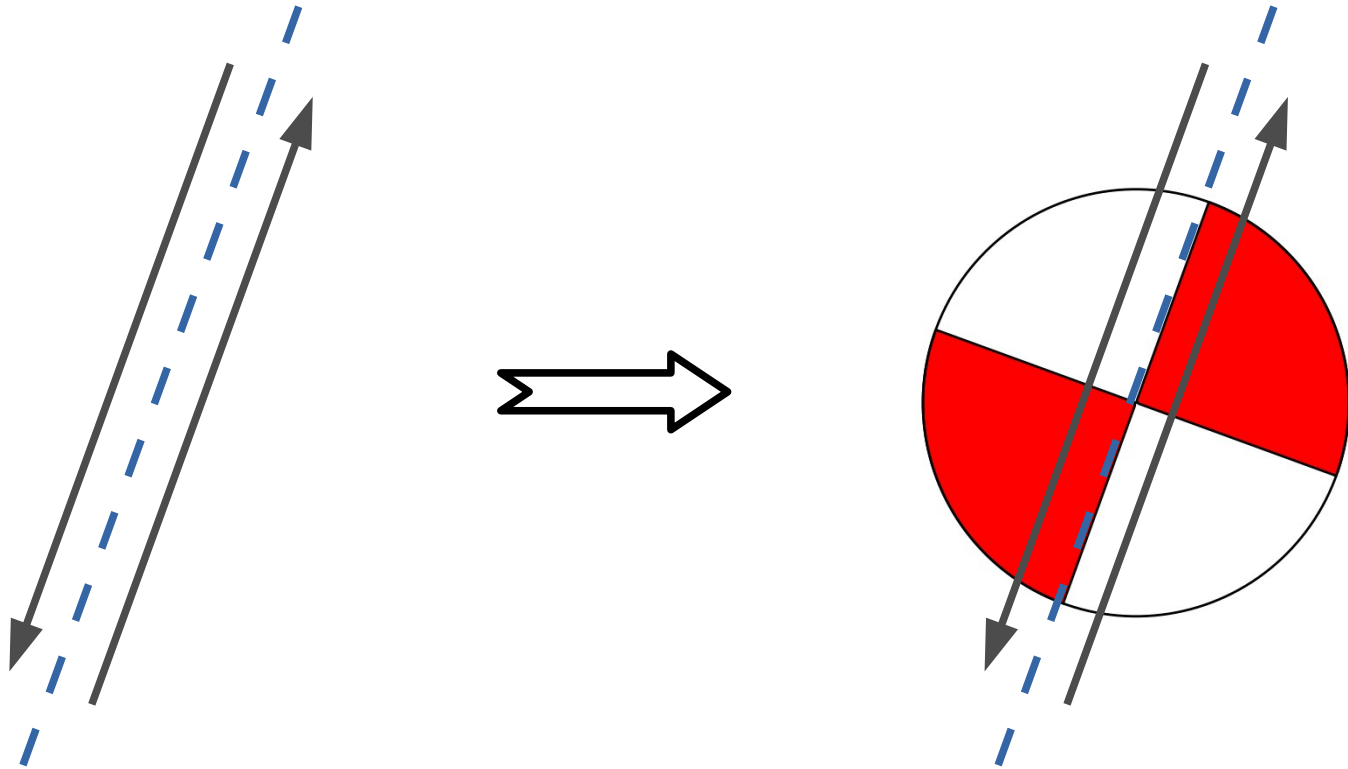
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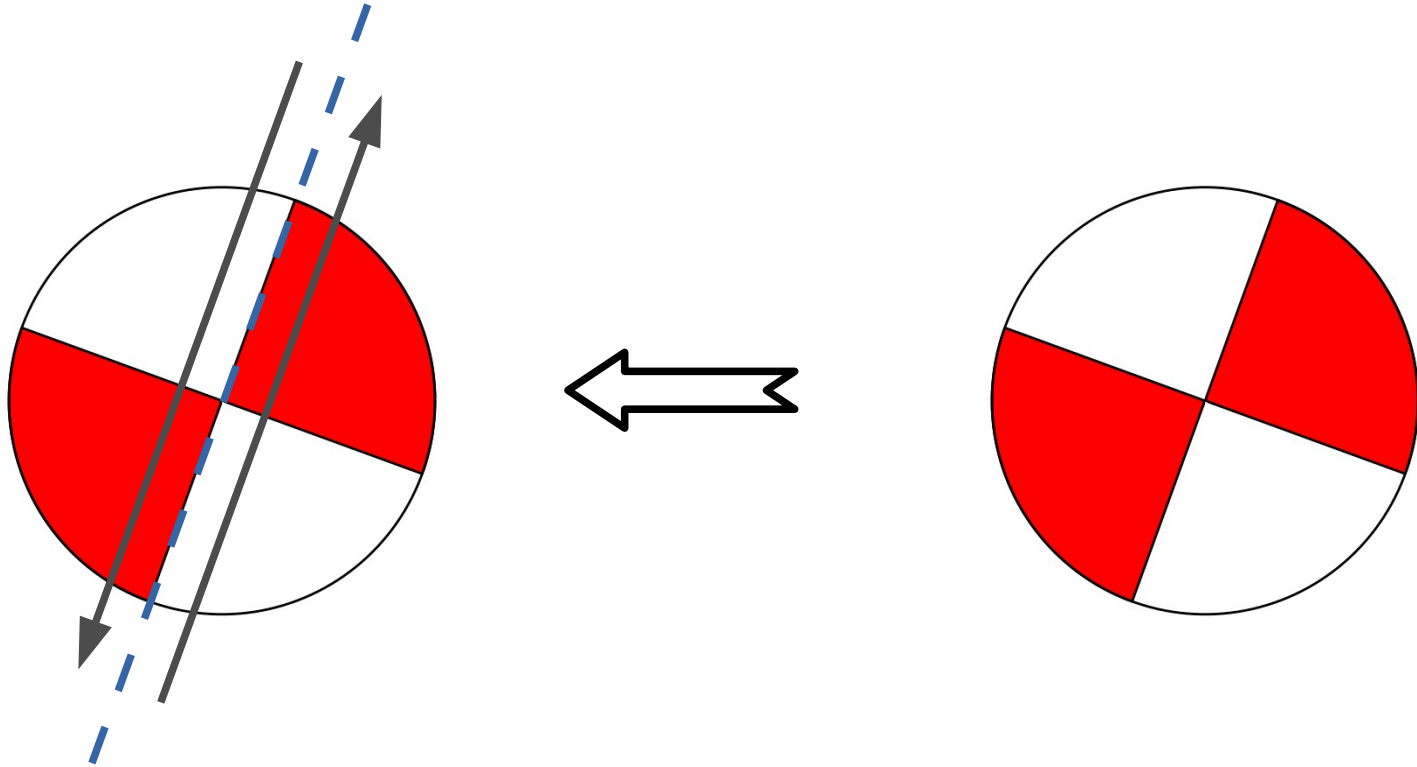
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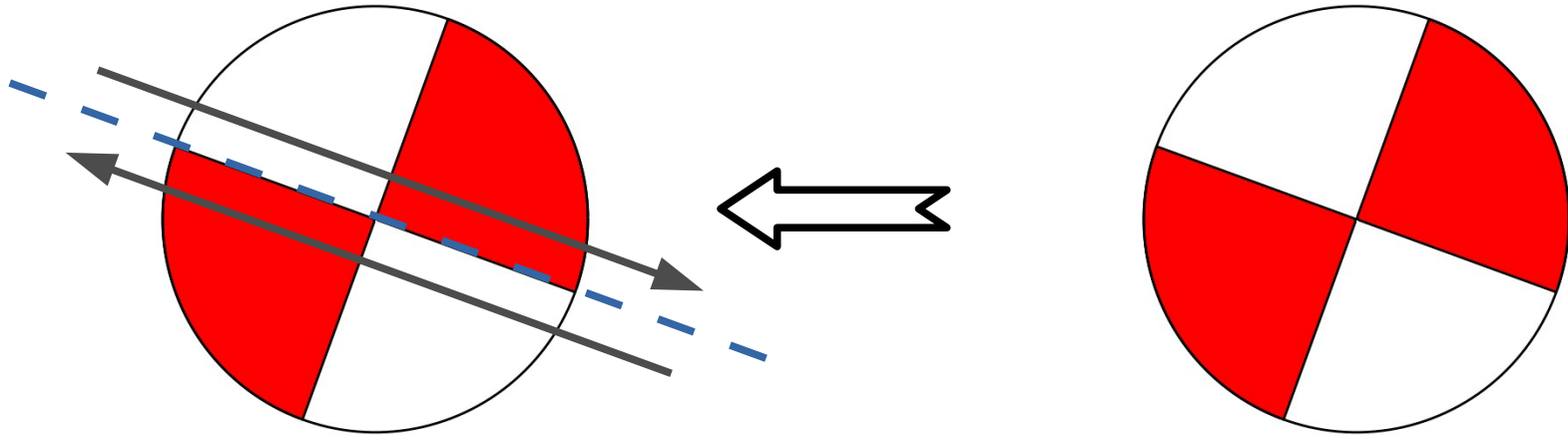
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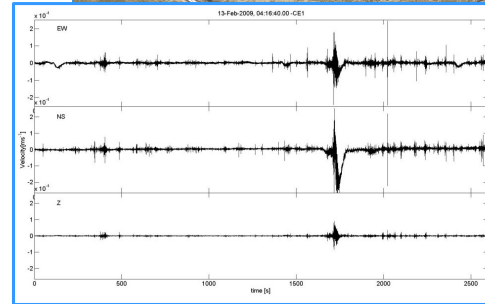
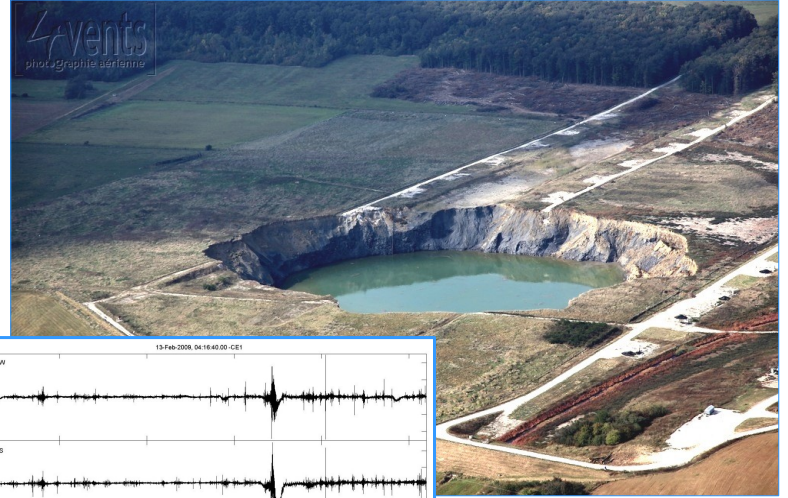
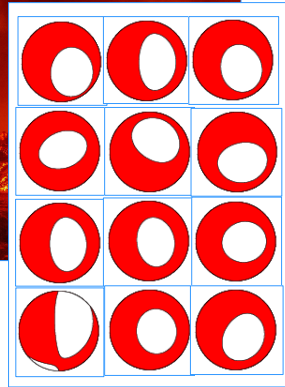
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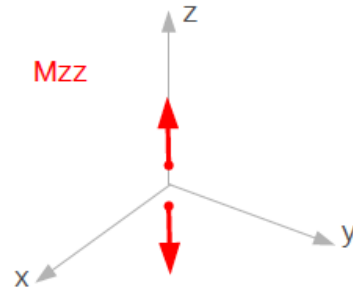
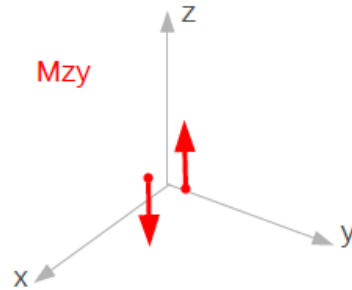
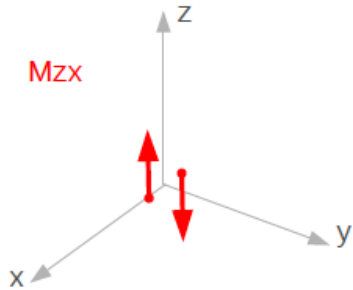
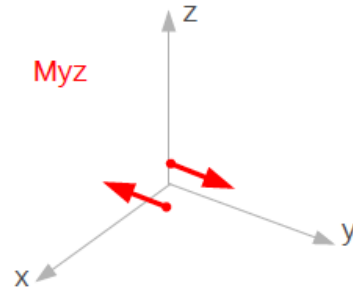
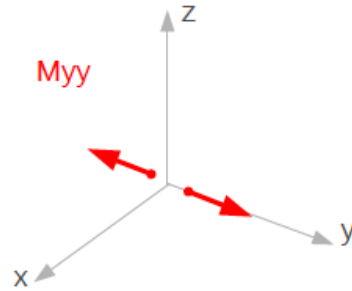
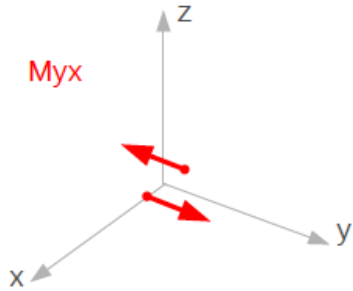
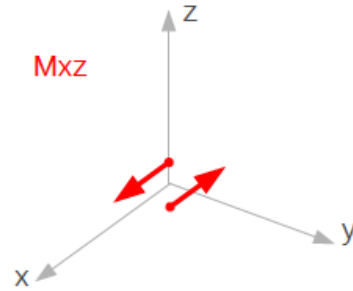
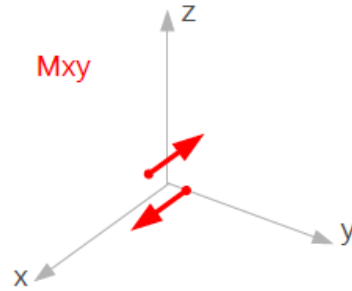
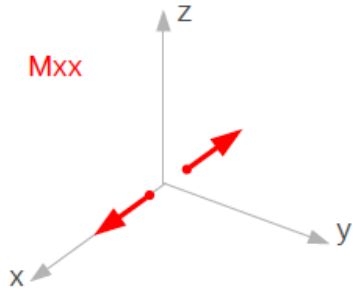


From DC to MT source



Volcanic and induced earthquakes, explosions, deep earthquakes, as well as complex tectonic earthquake ruptures require a more general source model

The seismic moment tensor (MT) source



- Symmetric tensor
- 6 independent parameters M_{ij}
- Relation with scalar moment:

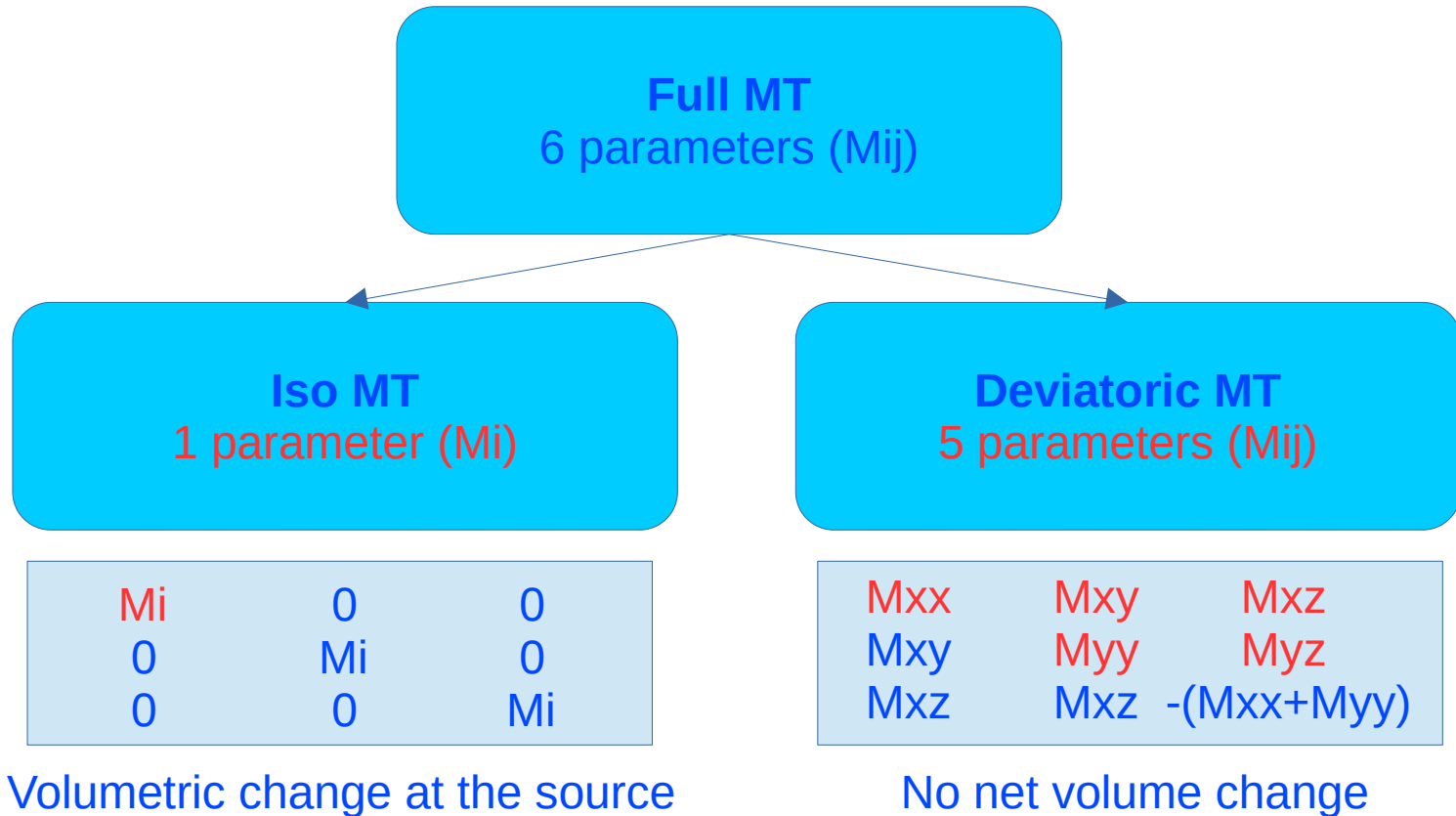
$$M_{ij} = M_0 m_{ij}$$

On moment tensor decomposition

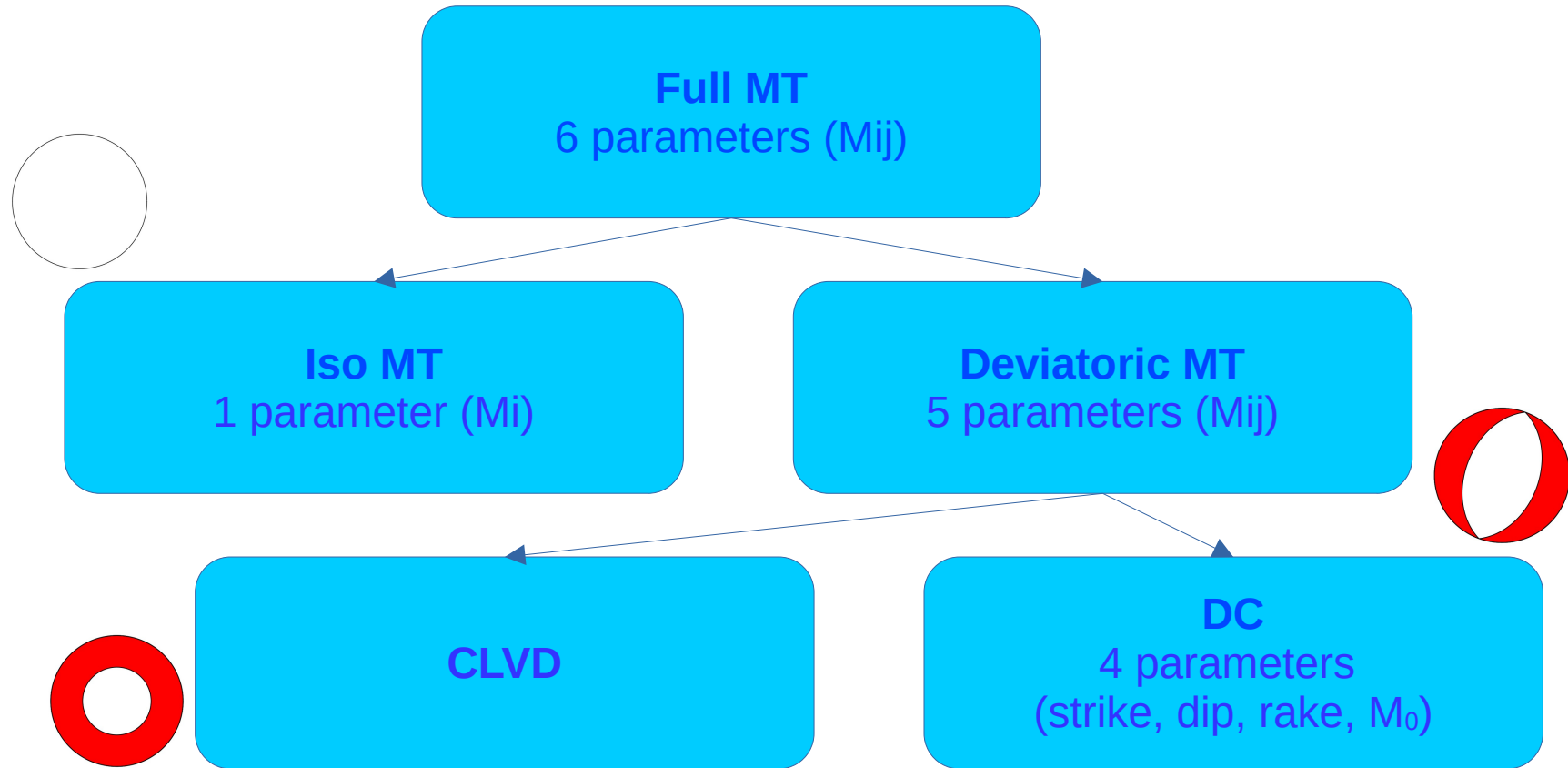
Full MT
6 parameters (M_{ij})

M_{xx}	M_{xy}	M_{xz}
M_{yx}	M_{yy}	M_{yz}
M_{zx}	M_{zy}	M_{zz}

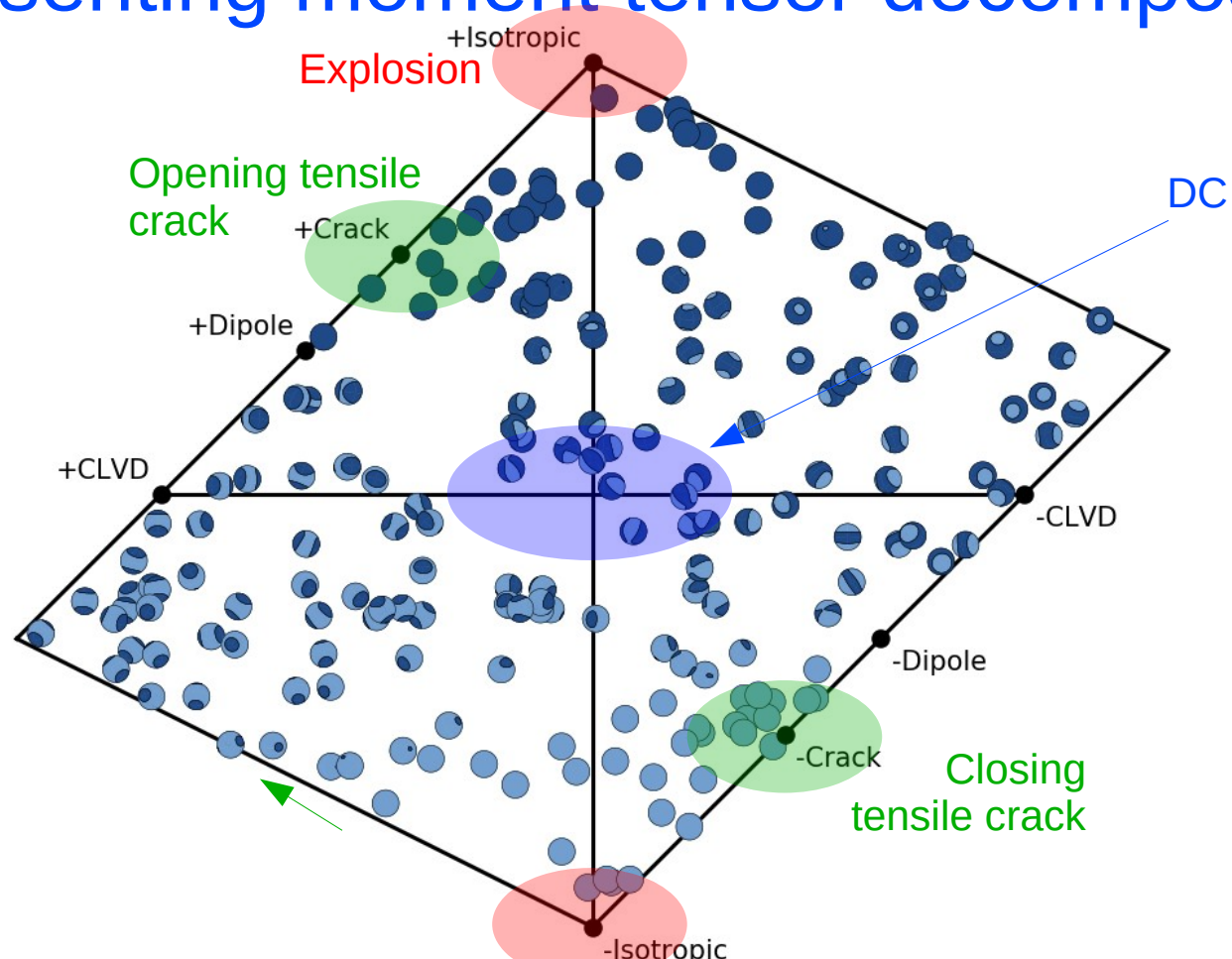
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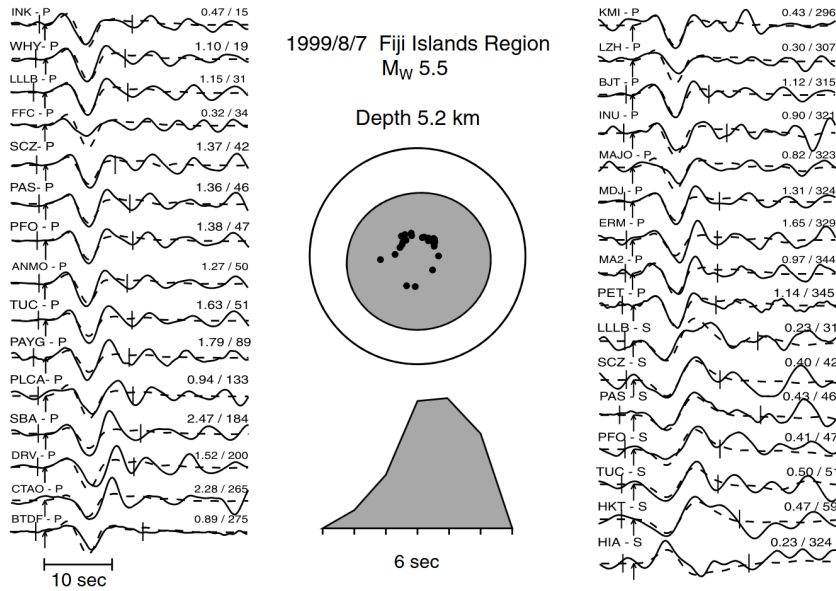
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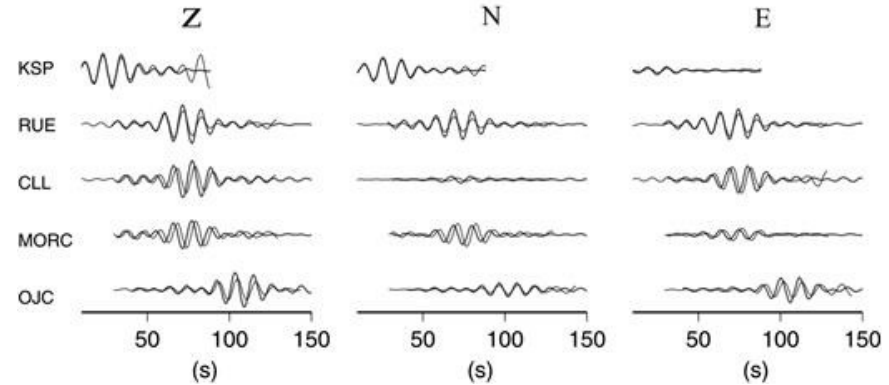
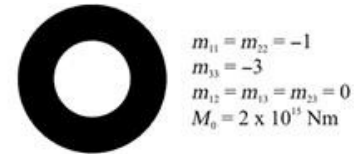
Representing moment tensor decomposition



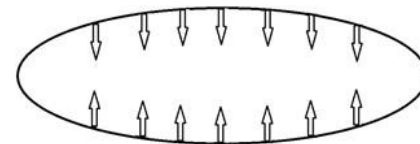
Examples of non-DC components



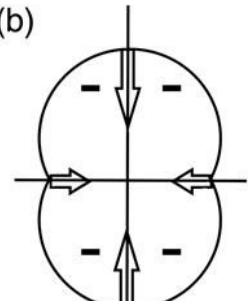
Shuler et al. 2013



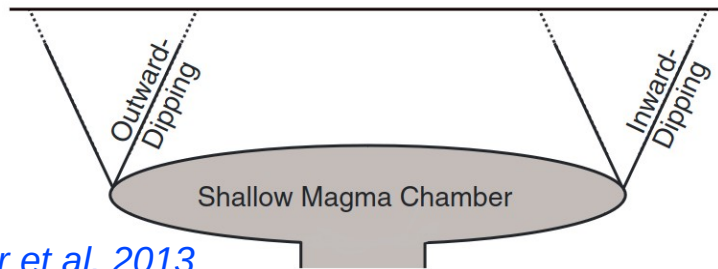
(a)



(b)



Rudzinski et al. 2016



Origin of non-DC components

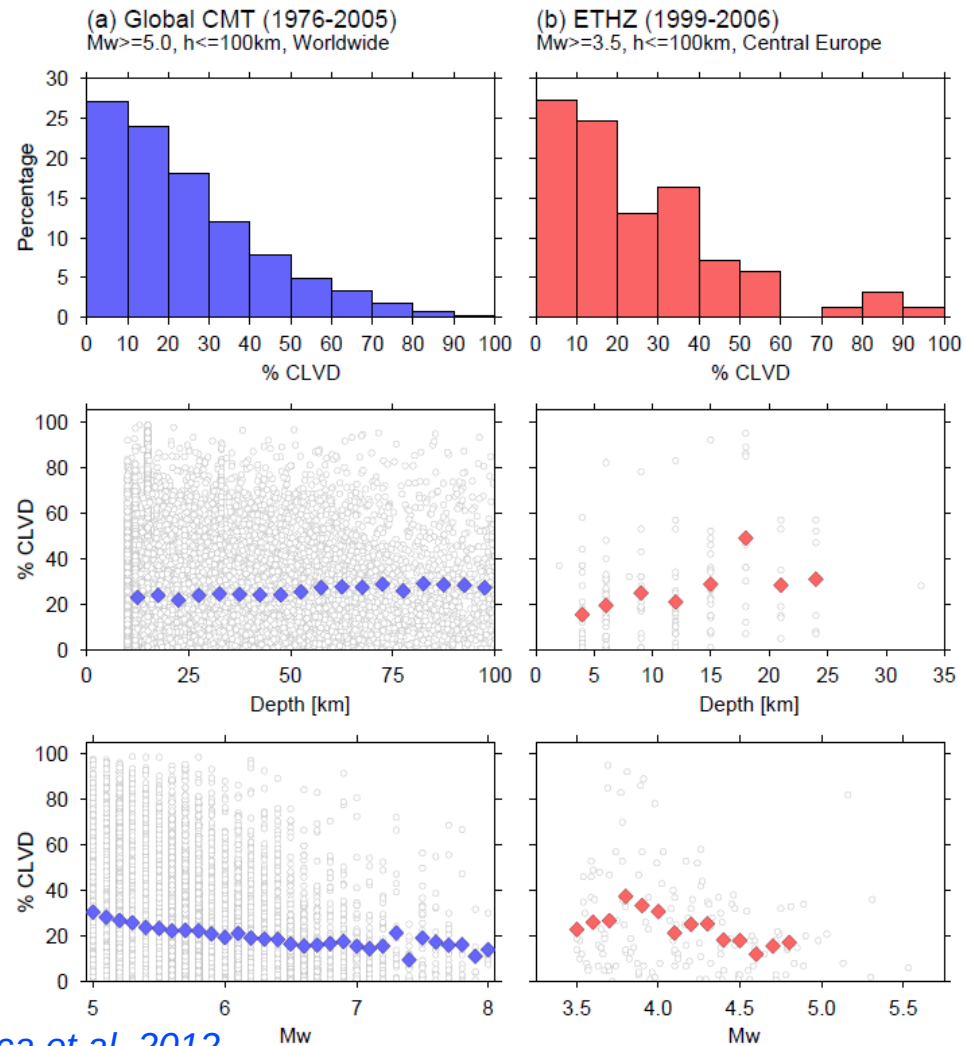
Common ISO=0 constraint for natural earthquakes (e.g. Global CMT)

non-DC terms:

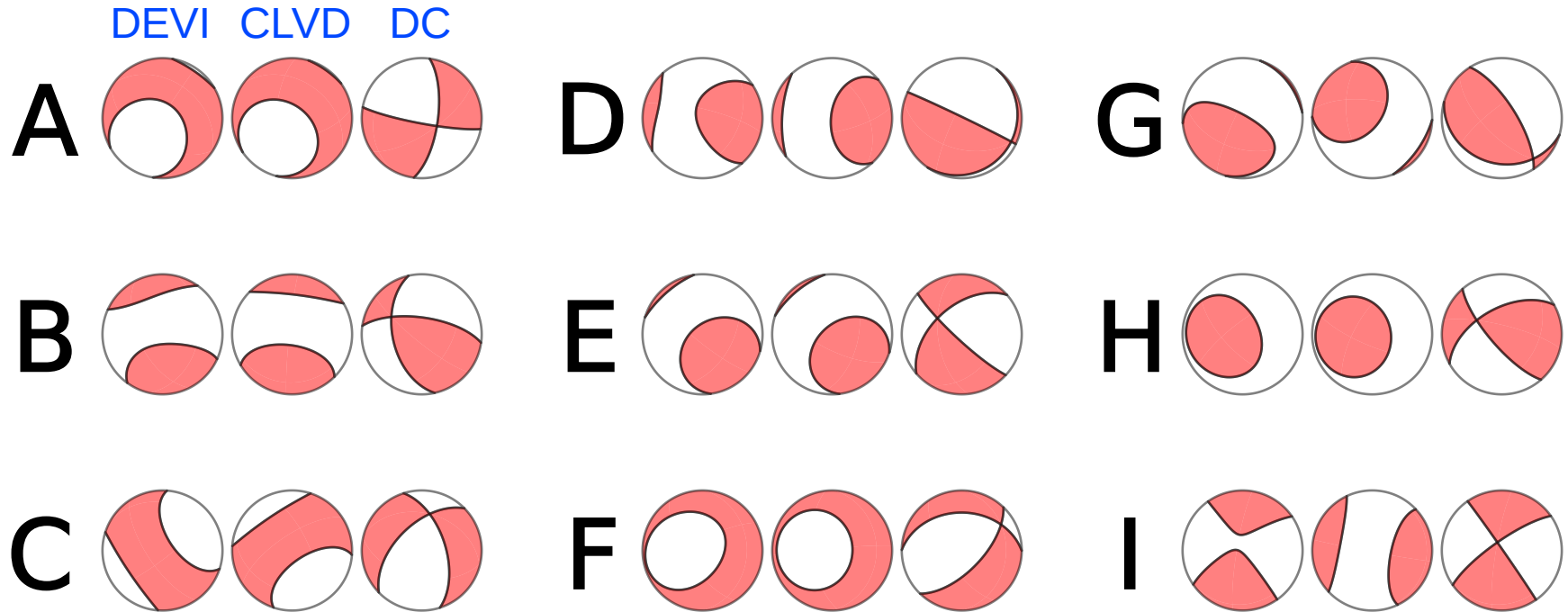
Waveform propagation
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Poor network configurations
and data quality

Complex source process

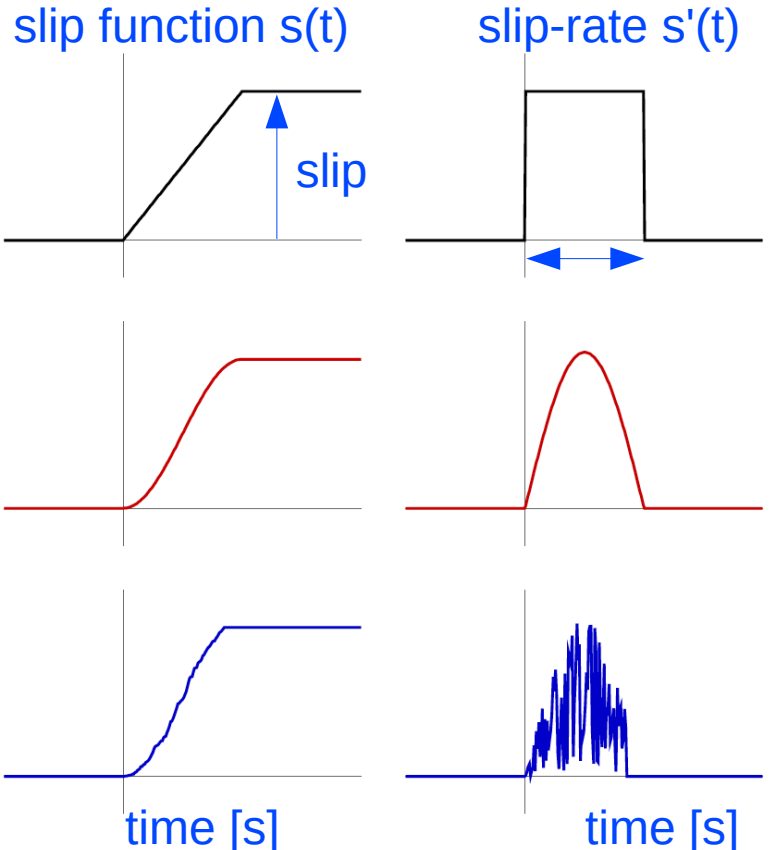
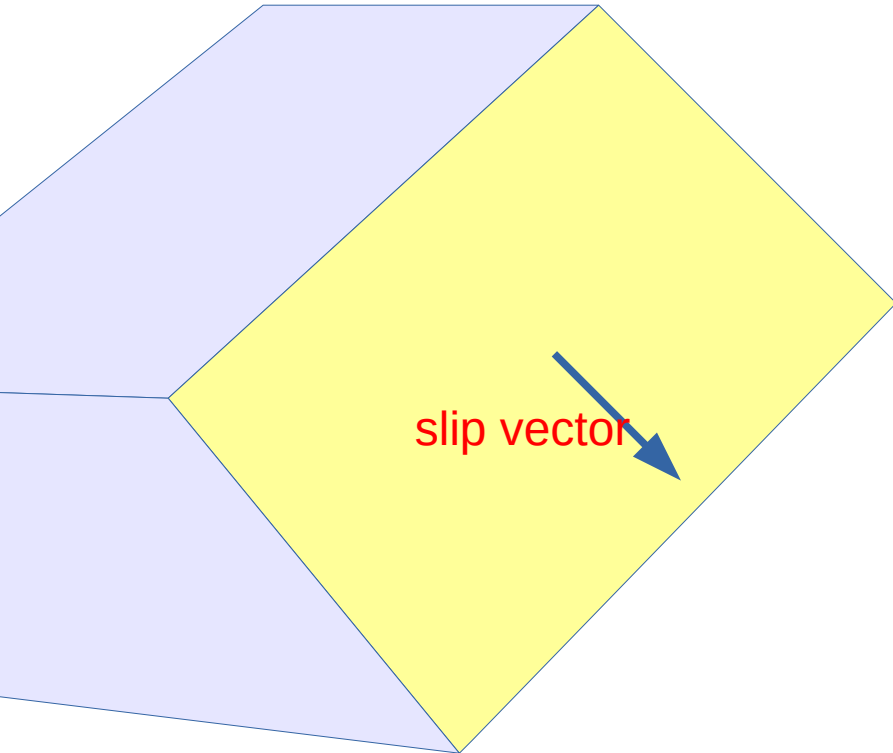


Challenges of moment tensor interpretation

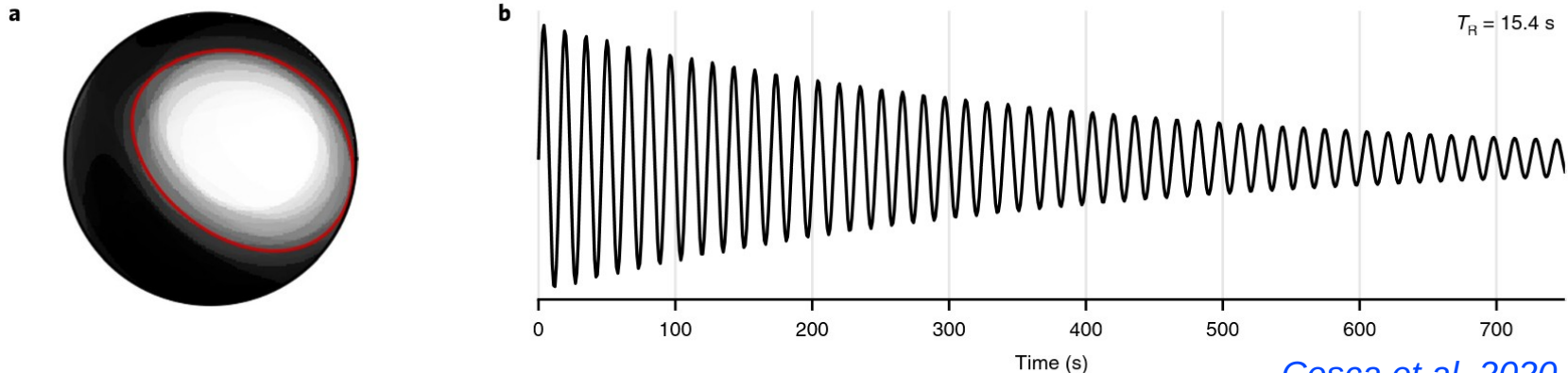


Find the correct decomposition

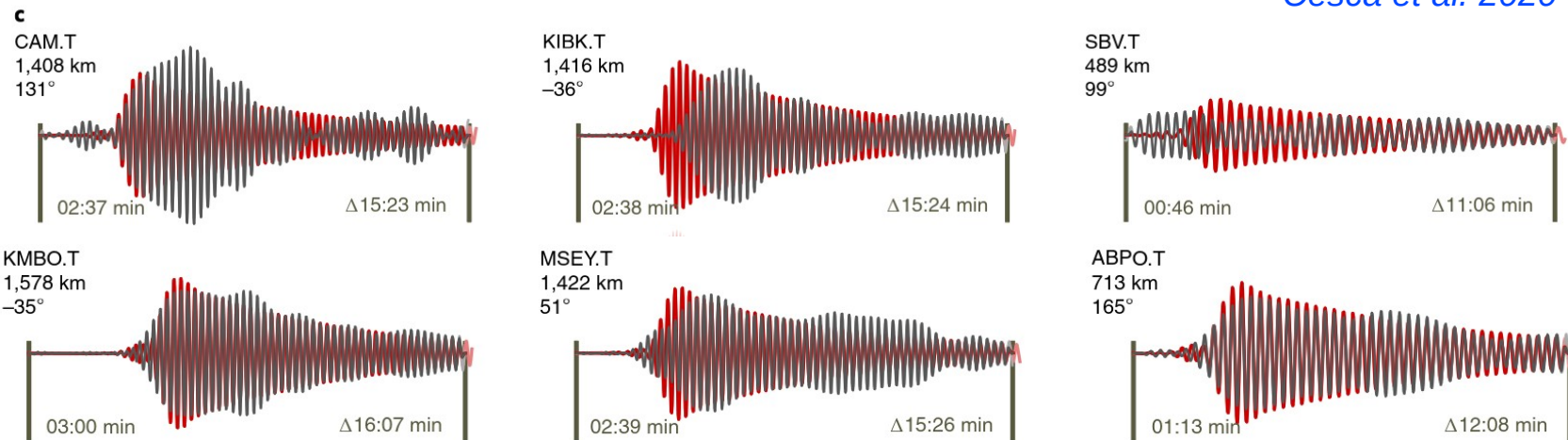
Beyond point sources, source time function (STF)



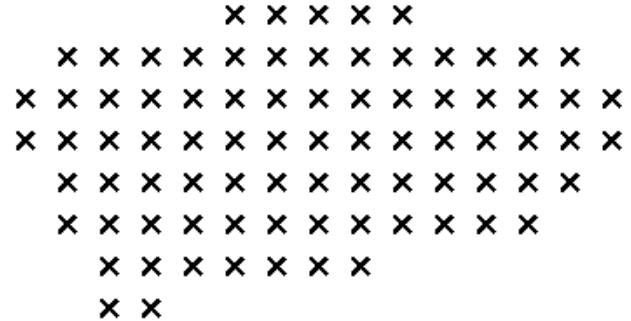
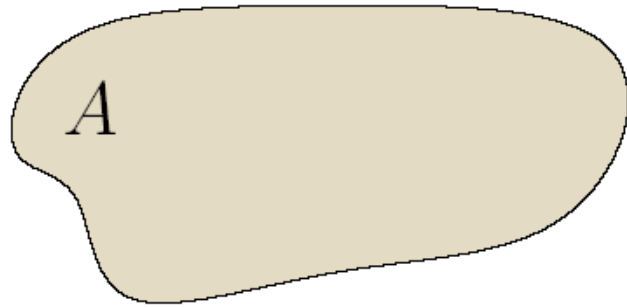
Implementing unusual STFs



Cesca et al. 2020



Beyond point sources, finite sources

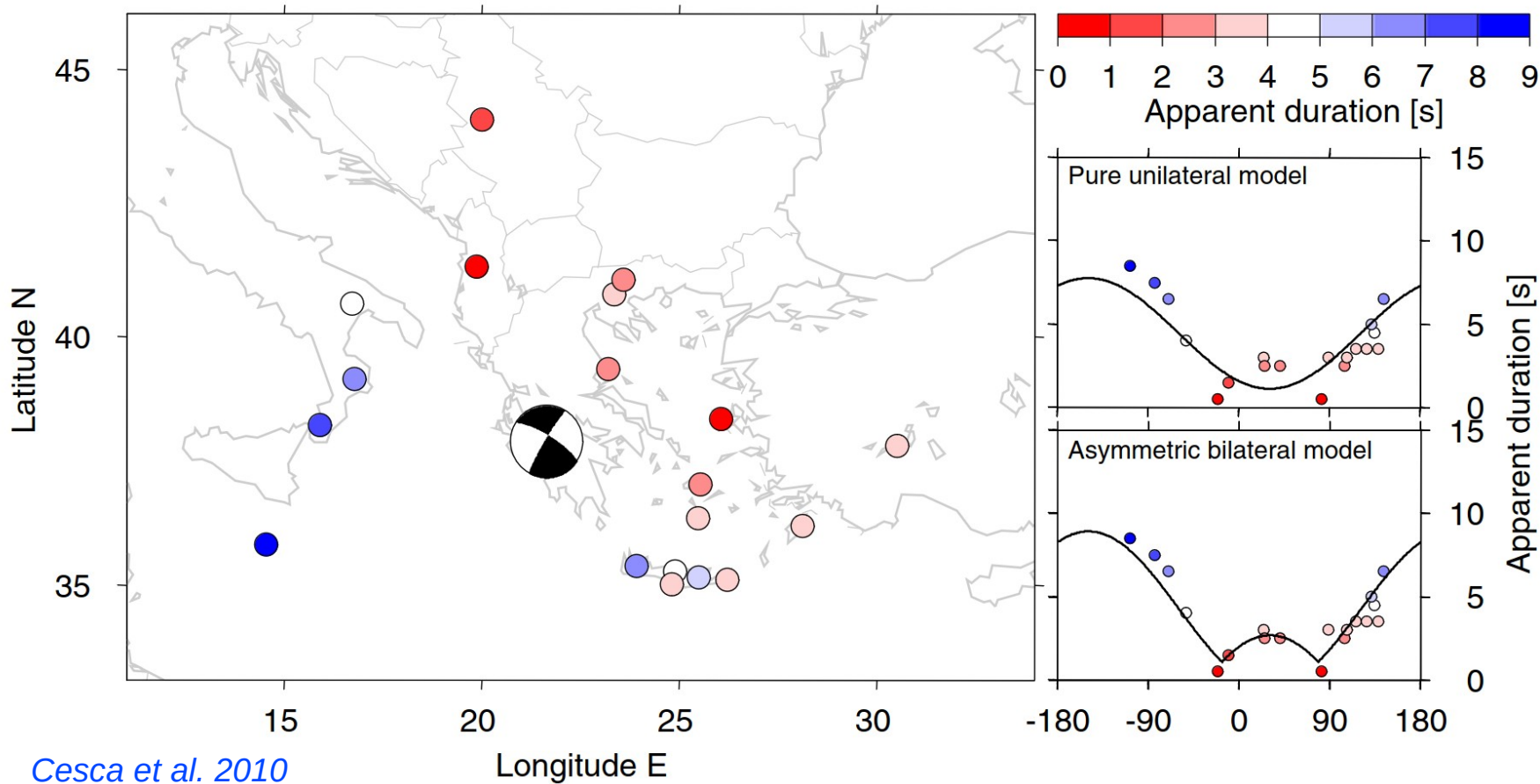


after Heimann 2011

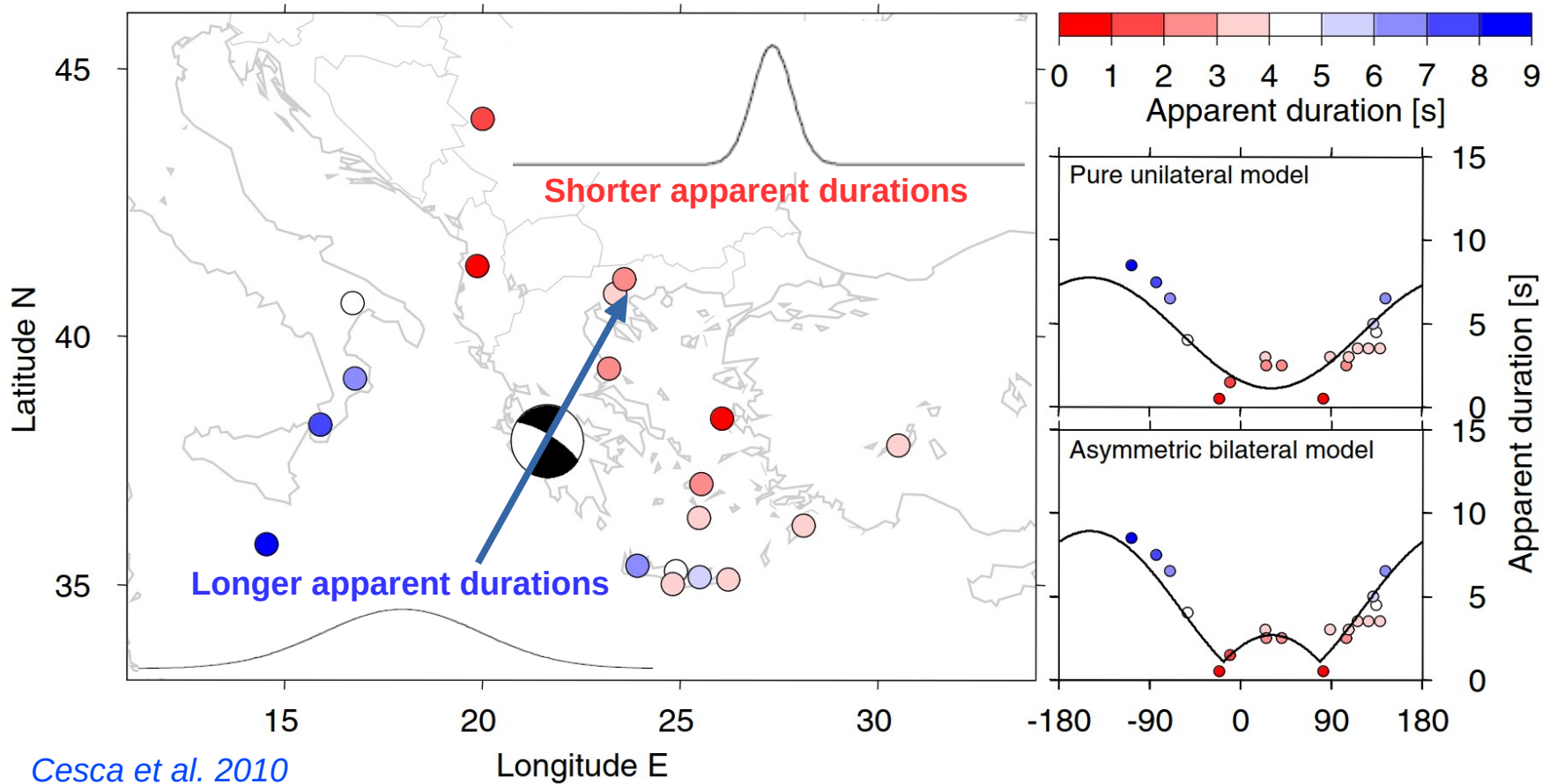
A finite source model along a surface A can be represented by means of point sources (DC or MT) distributed along that surface

To reproduce rupture propagation effects, each point source is activated at its own time (i.e. when the rupture front reach that point)

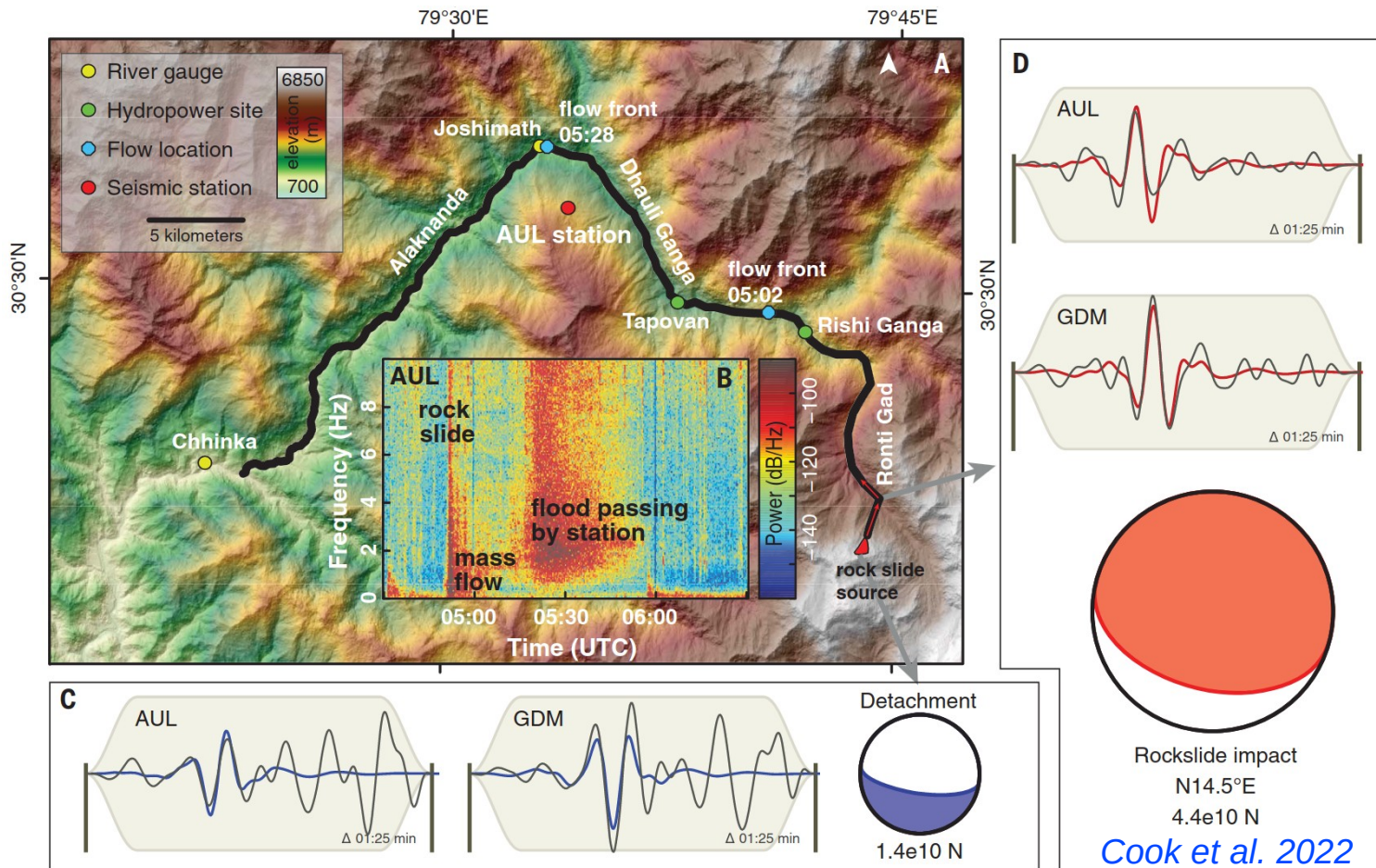
Apparent STF, earthquake directivity



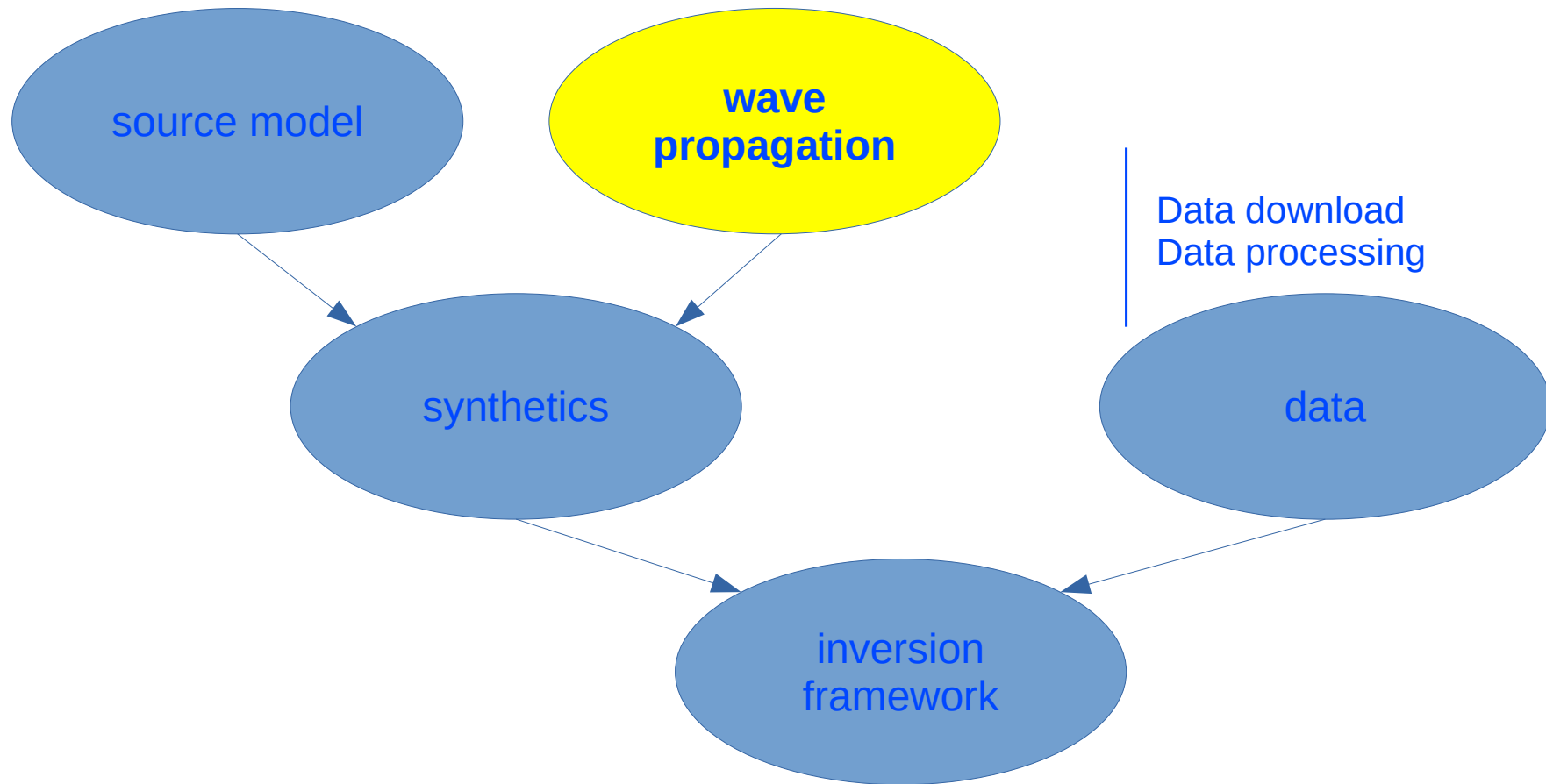
Apparent STF, earthquake directivity



Beyond usual sources...



Source inversion layout

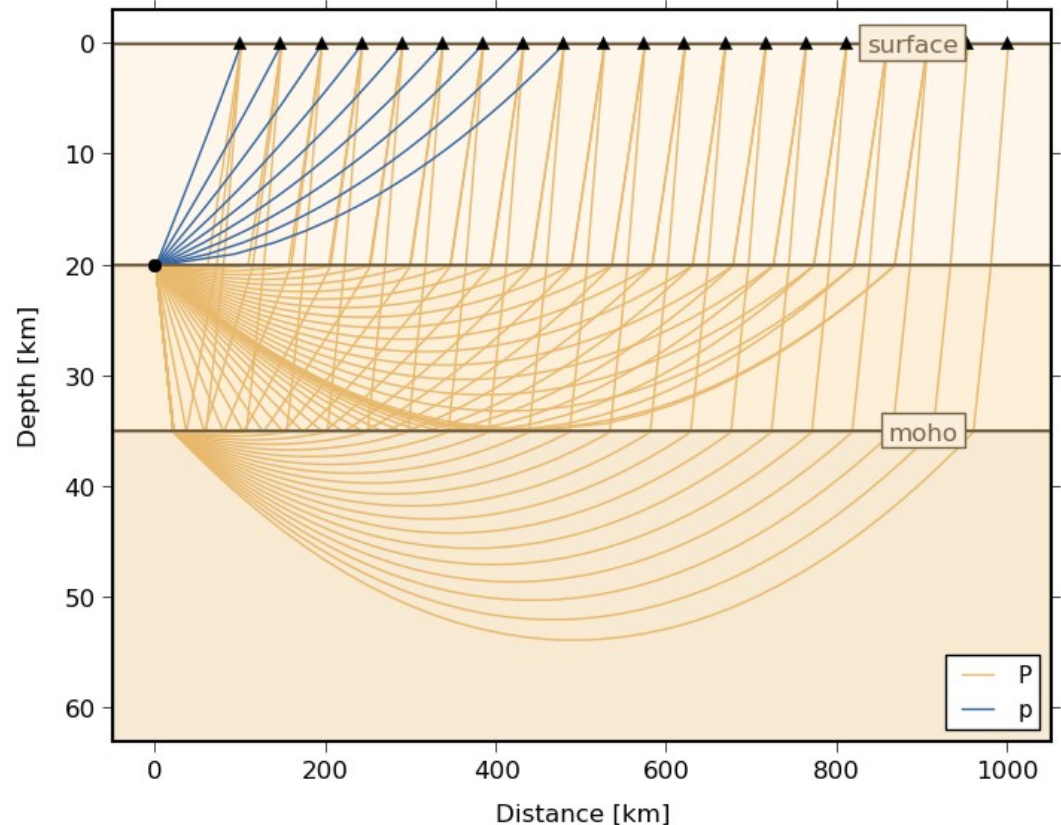


Green's functions (GFs) and databases (GFDB)

GFs are the Earth response at a receiver to a simple excitation at the earthquake source.

GFs can be seen as elementary seismograms

GFs describe the seismic wave propagation from source to receiver and depend on the velocity model



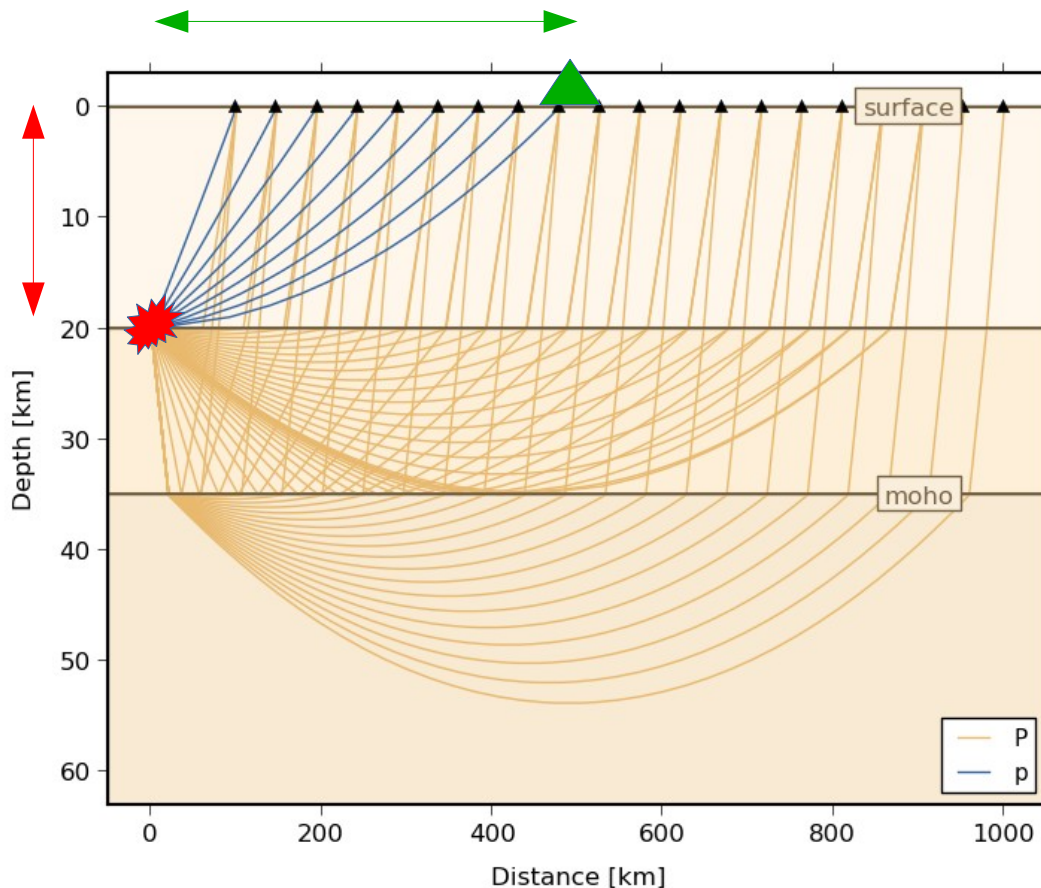
Green's functions in 1D media

Symmetry of the 1D velocity model:

GFs only depend on
source depth (z) and
source-receiver distance (x)

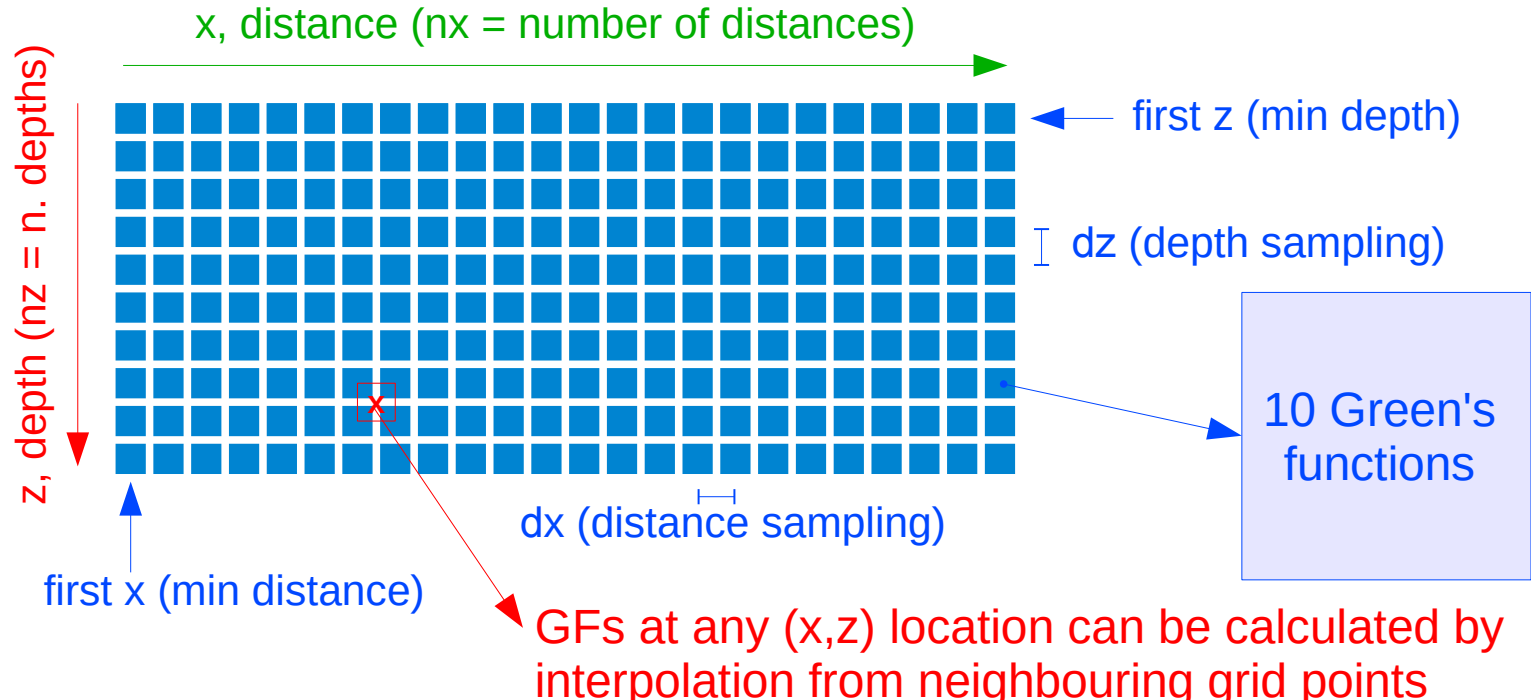
The response of any MT source can be computed as lineal combination of 10 Gfs

We can calculate those in advance, and store them in a database



Green's functions database

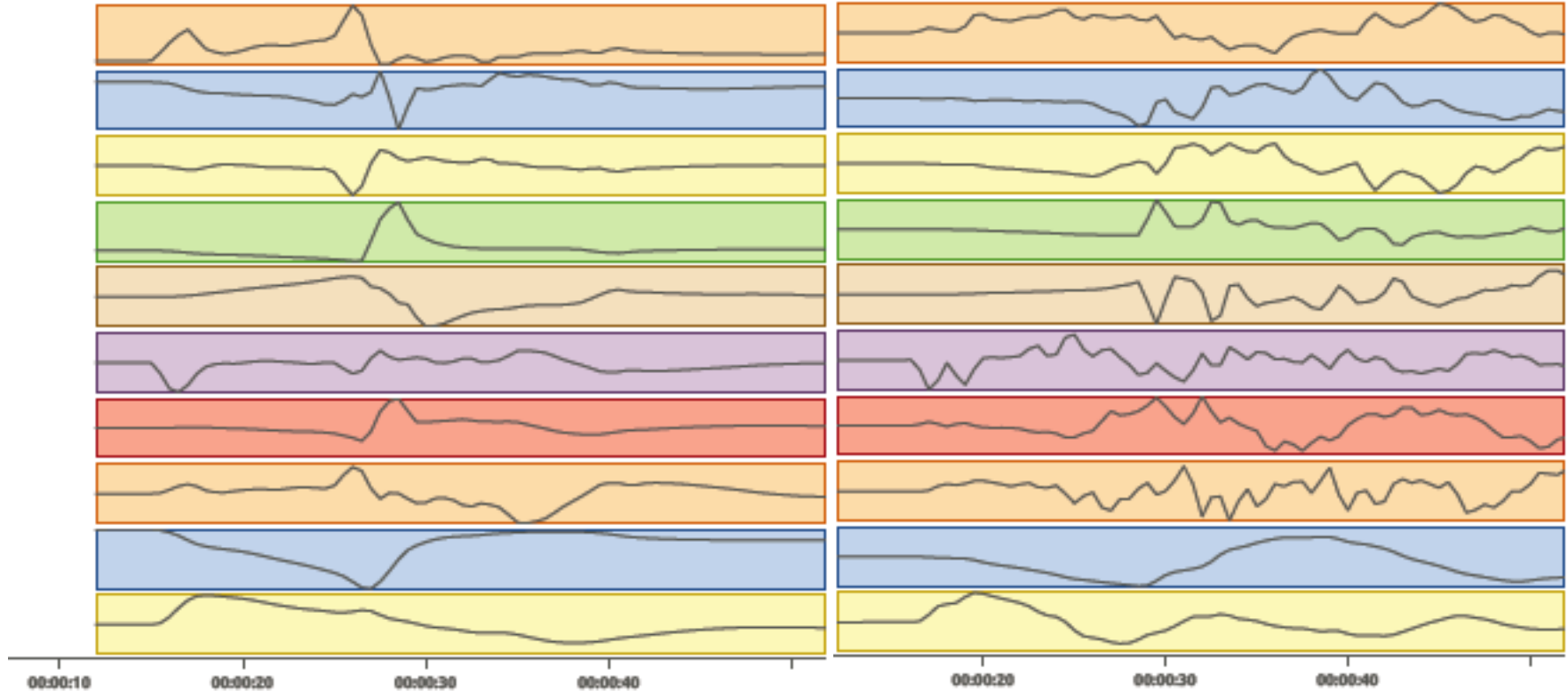
The 1D model symmetry allow to develop a GF database concept
GFs are pre-calculated and ready to use for the inversion



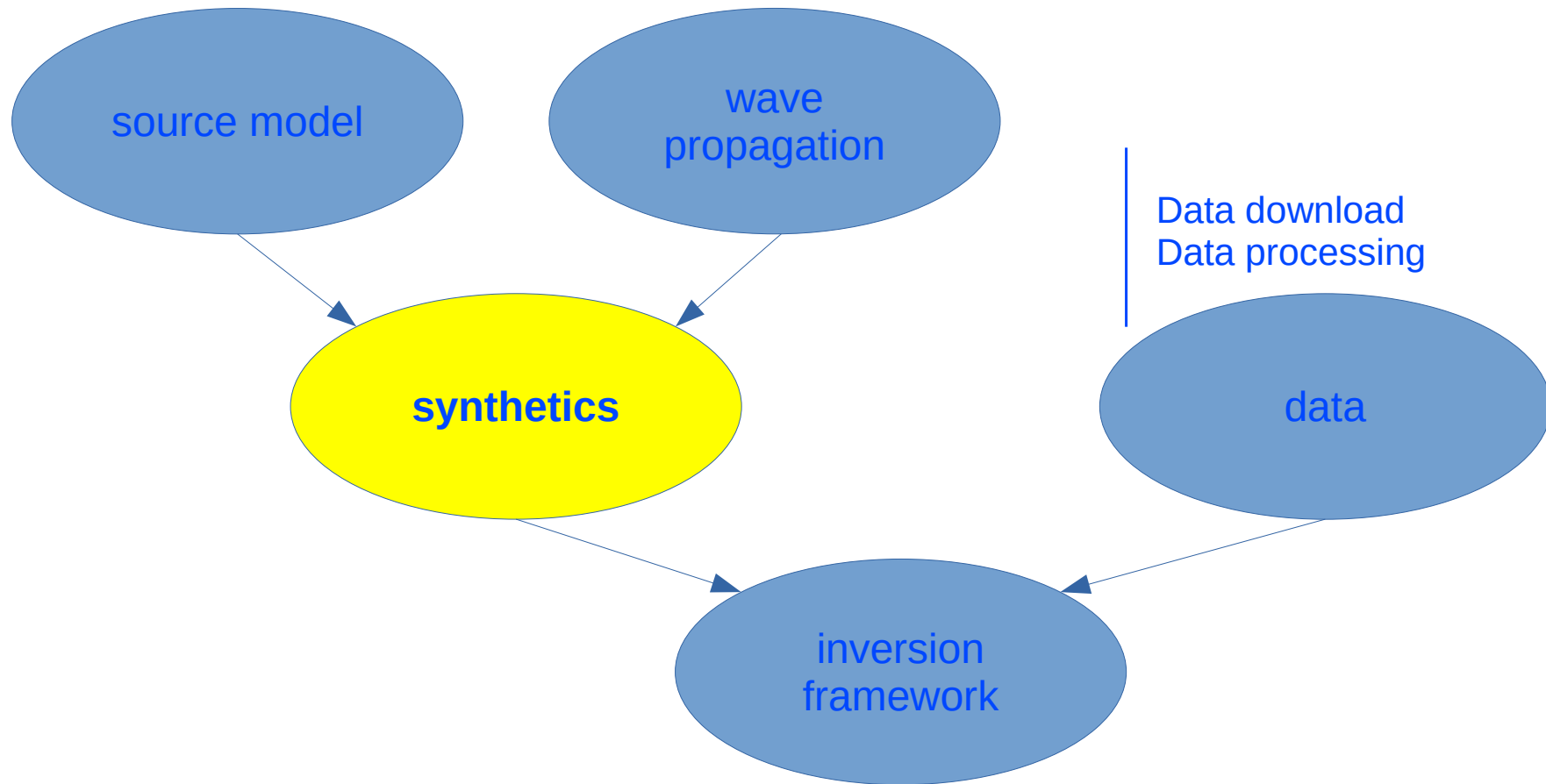
Green's functions example

How do GFs look like?

Offshore SW Portugal, $z = 40$ km, $d = 100$ km, 2 velocity models

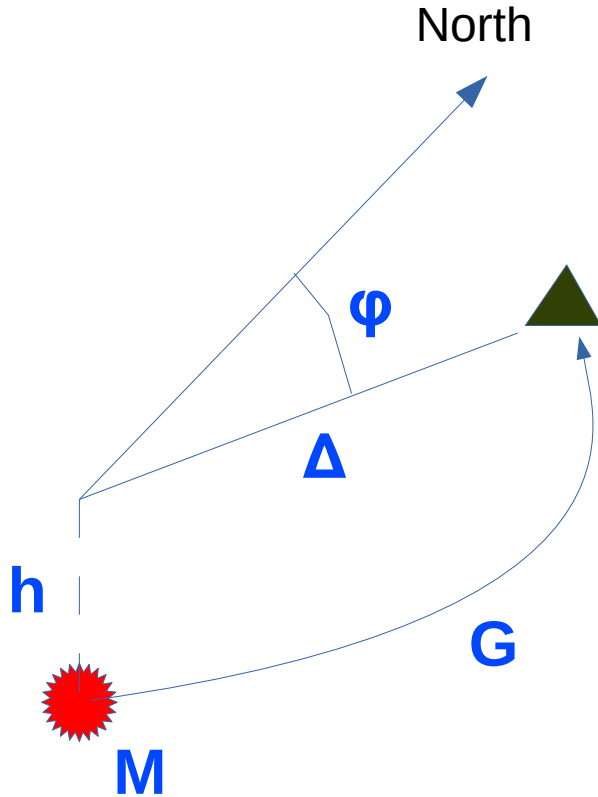


Source inversion layout



From GFs to Synthetic seismograms

$$u_n(\bar{x}, t) = M_{pq}(\bar{\xi}, \tau) * G_{np,q}(\bar{\xi}, \tau, \bar{x}, t)$$



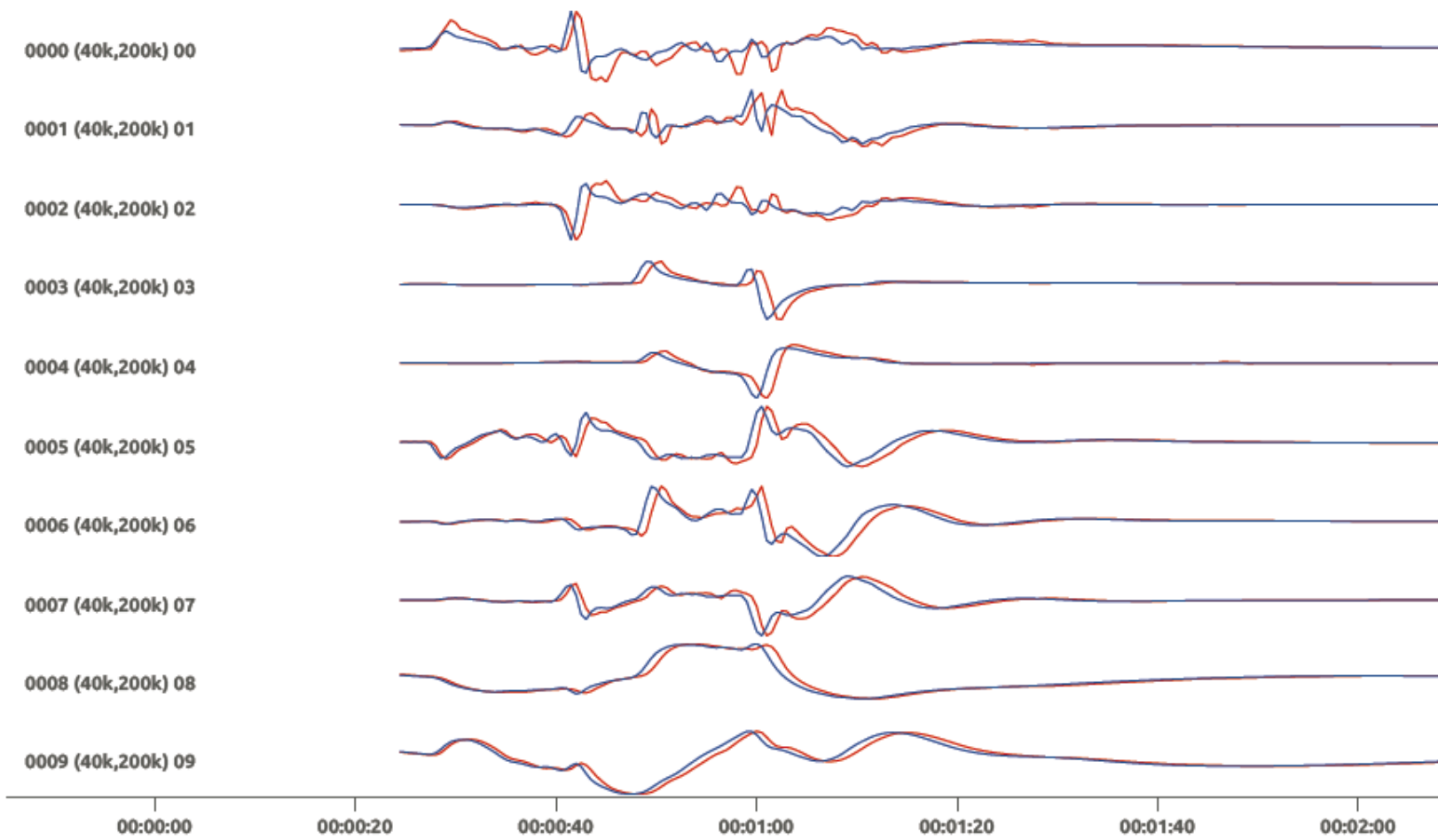
$$u_z = \sum_{i=1,4} \tilde{M}(M_{ij}, \phi) \tilde{G}_i(\Delta, h)$$

$$u_r = \sum_{i=5,8} \tilde{M}(M_{ij}, \phi) \tilde{G}_i(\Delta, h)$$

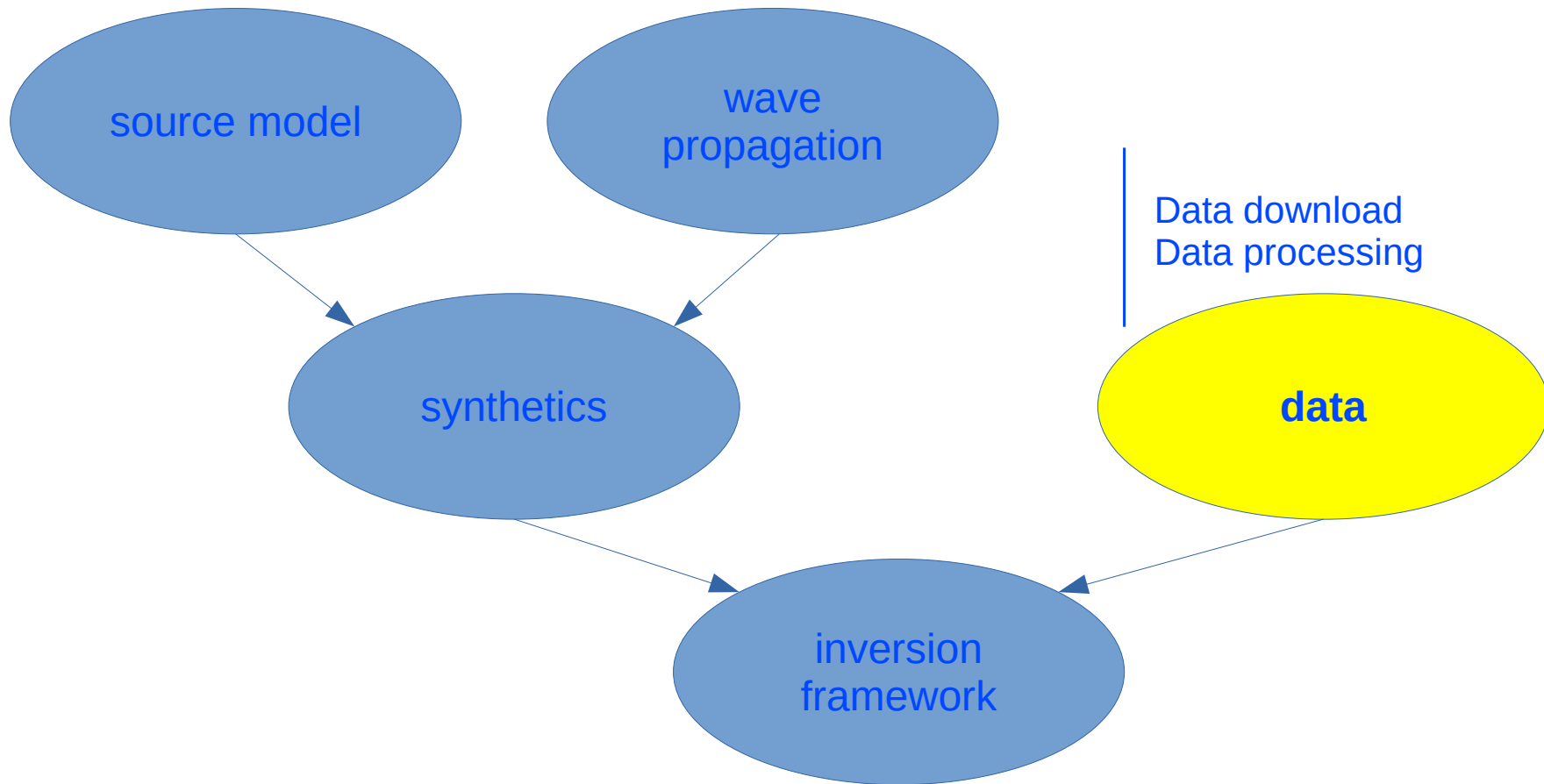
$$u_t = \sum_{i=9,10} \tilde{M}(M_{ij}, \phi) \tilde{G}_i(\Delta, h)$$

note : $u_n(\bar{x}, t)$ linear dependent on M_0

Synthetic seismograms, example



Source inversion layout



Data access and data processing

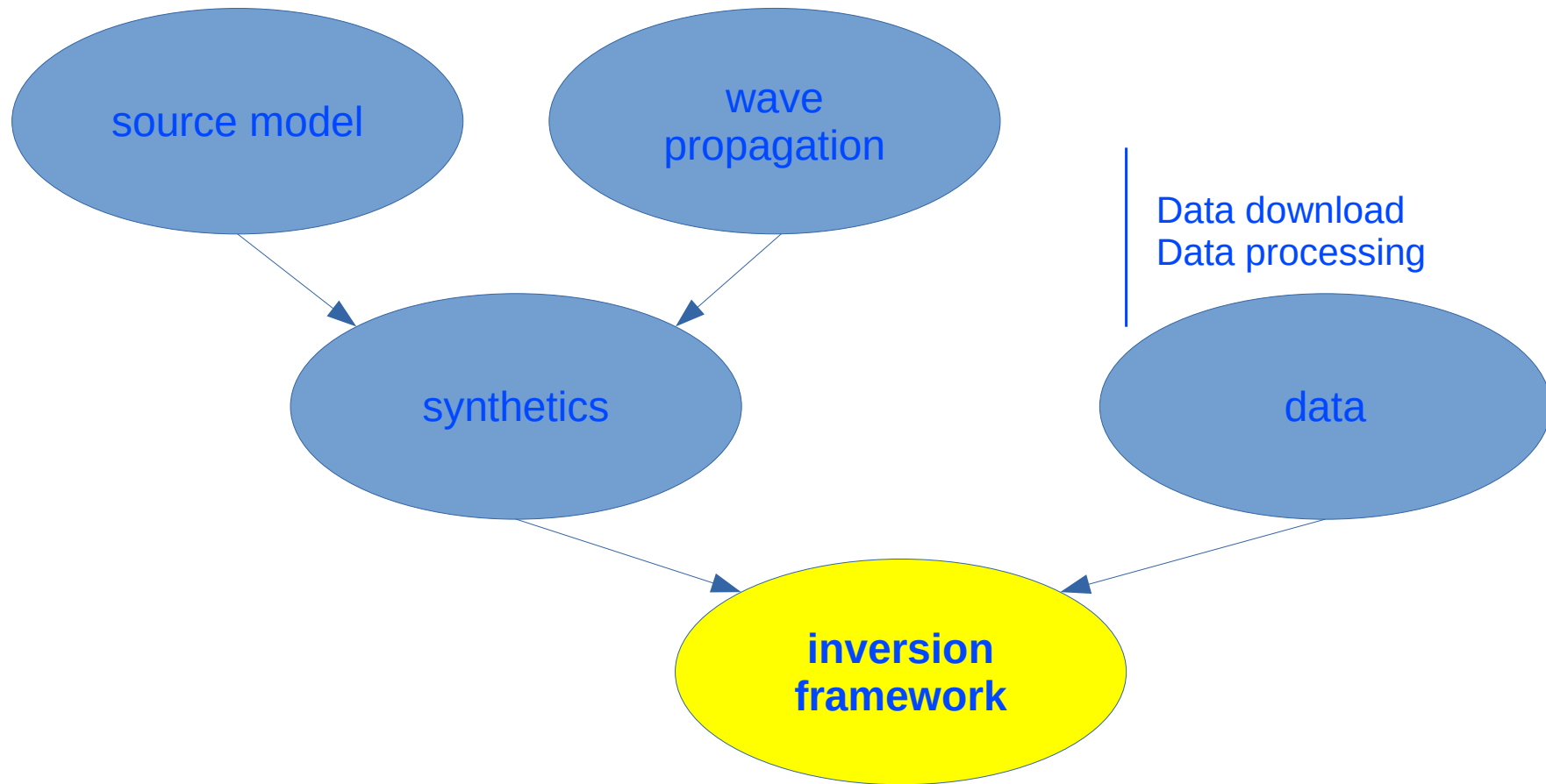
data download

- Data search
(event, stations, waveform selection)
- Data download/access
- Metadata download/access
(station and instrument information)

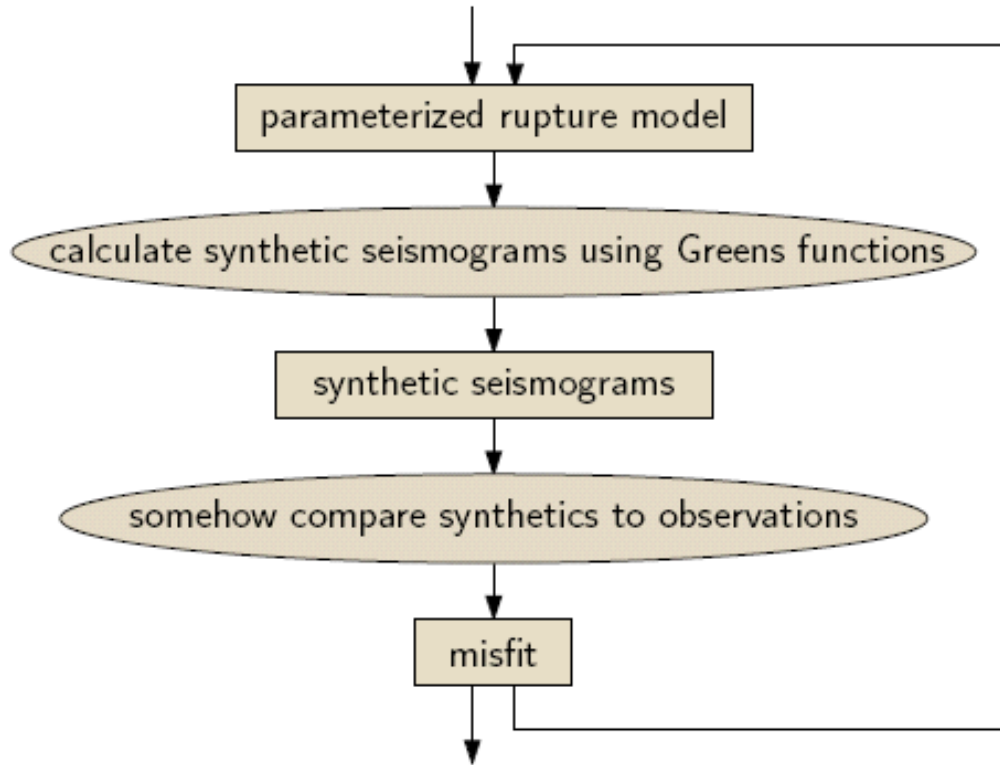
data processing

- Demean, detrend, filter
- Deconvolution of instrumental response
(→ true velocities or displacements)
- Data quality assessment

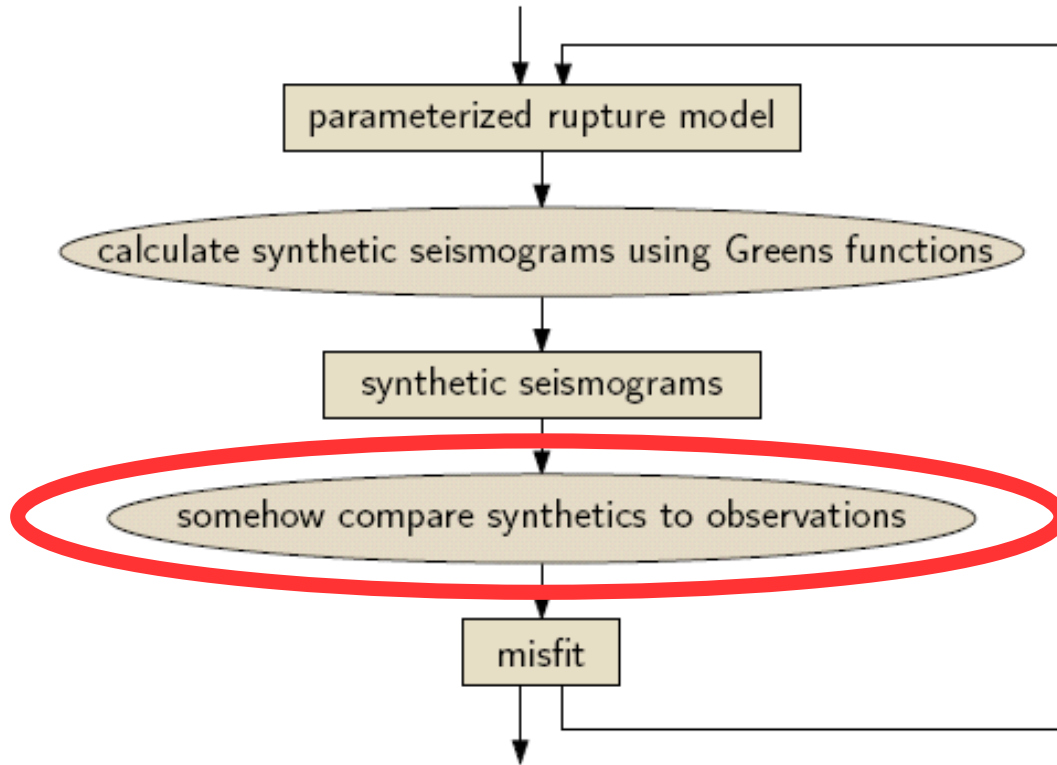
Source inversion layout



Inversion, general concept

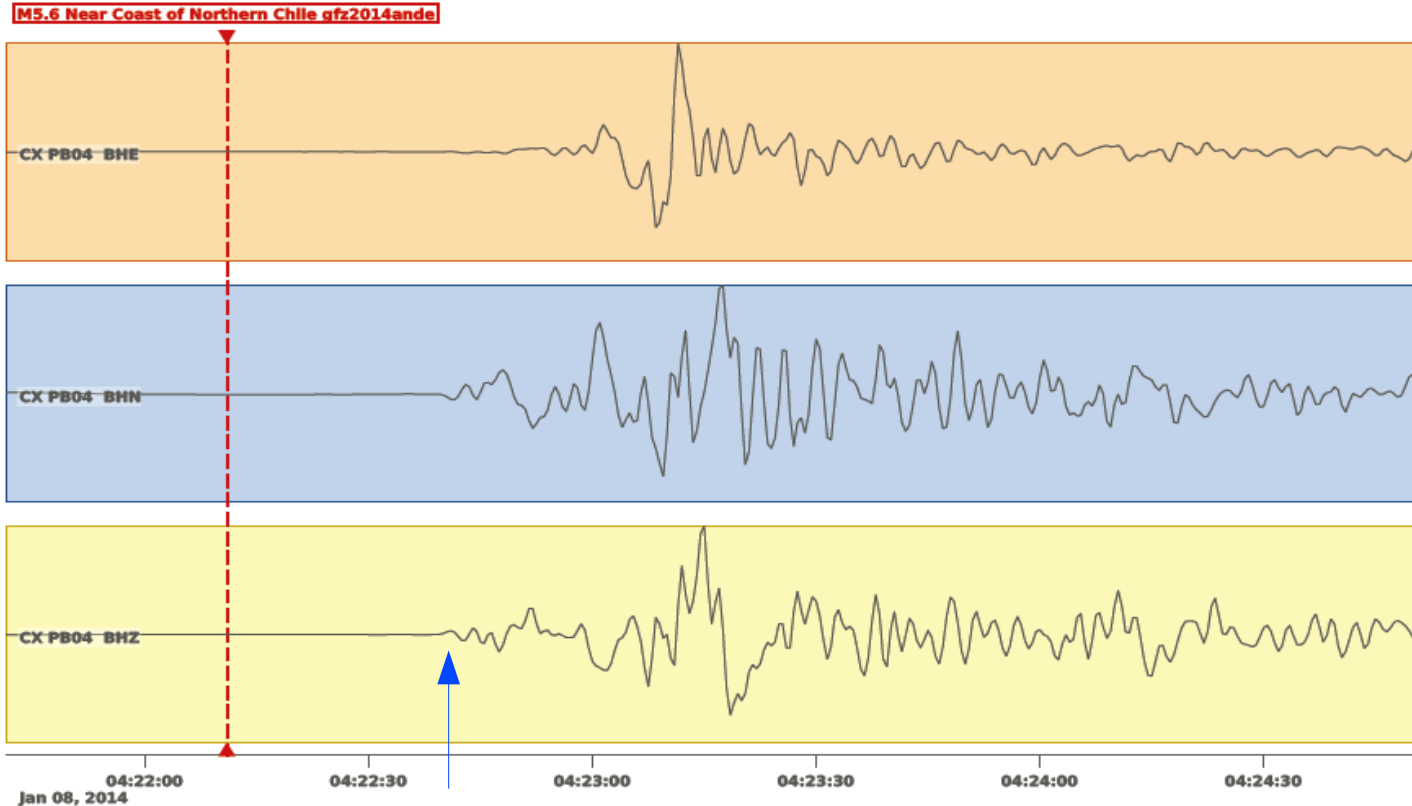


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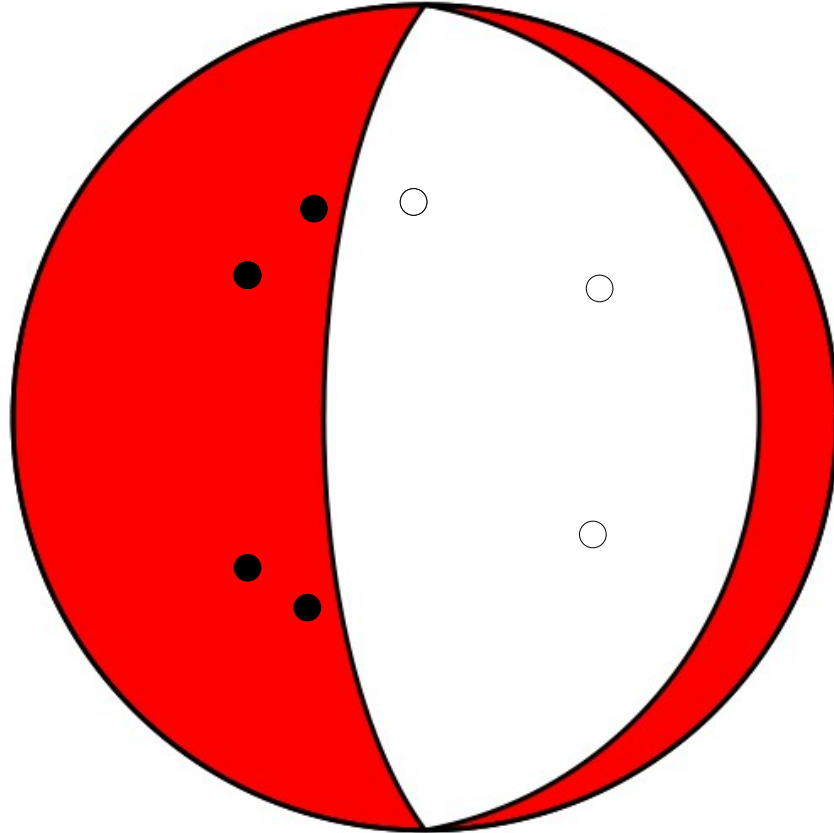


Inversion, first motion polarity

Only sign of first motion P

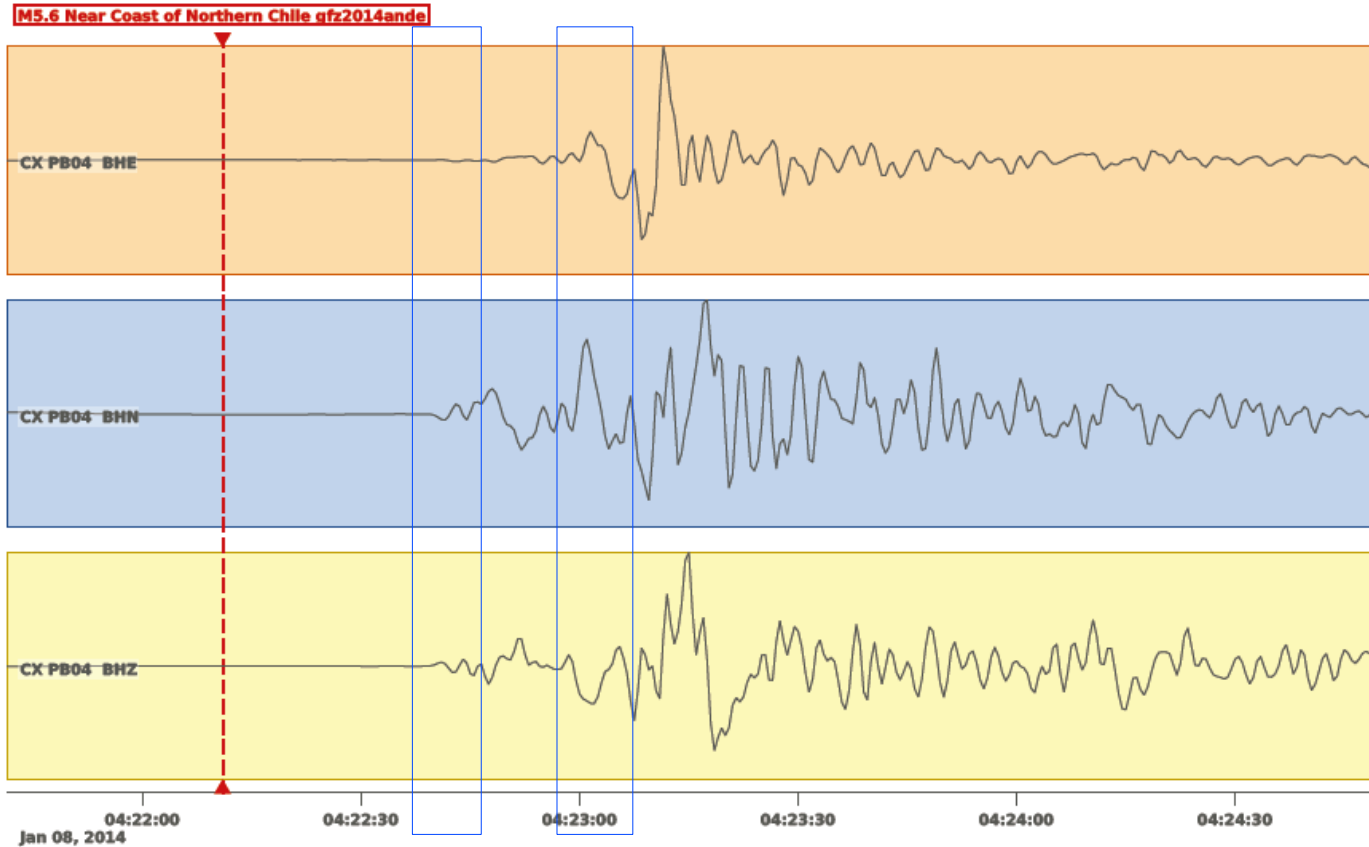


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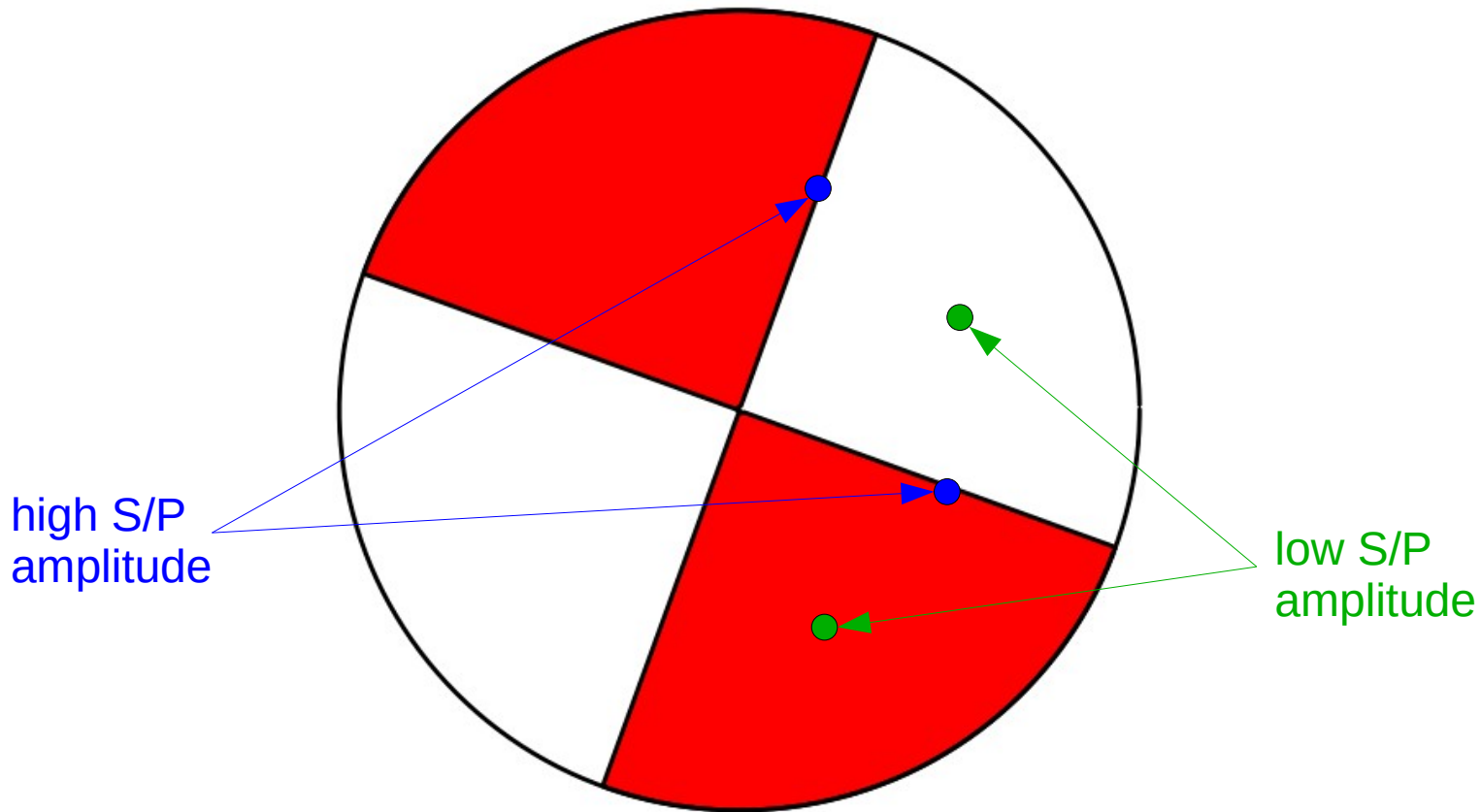


Inversion, bodywave amplitudes

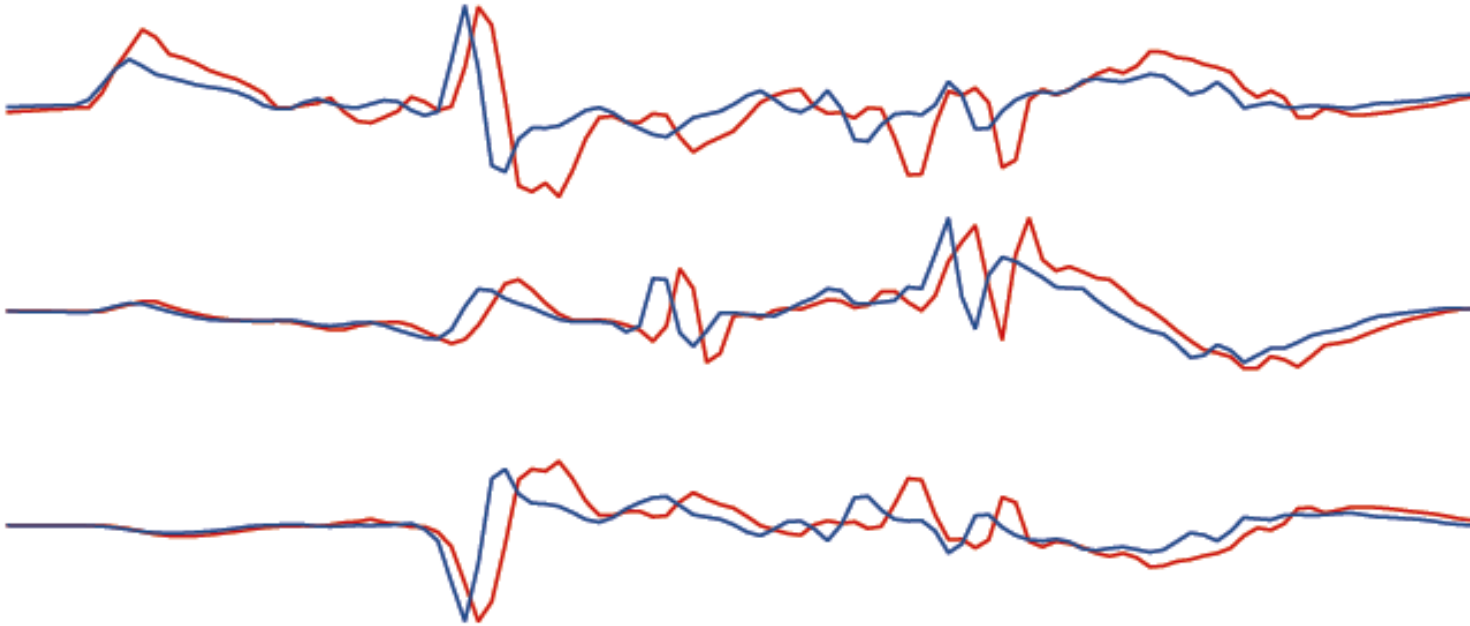
P amplitudes, S amplitudes, and S/P amplitudes ratio



Inversion, bodywave amplitudes and ratios

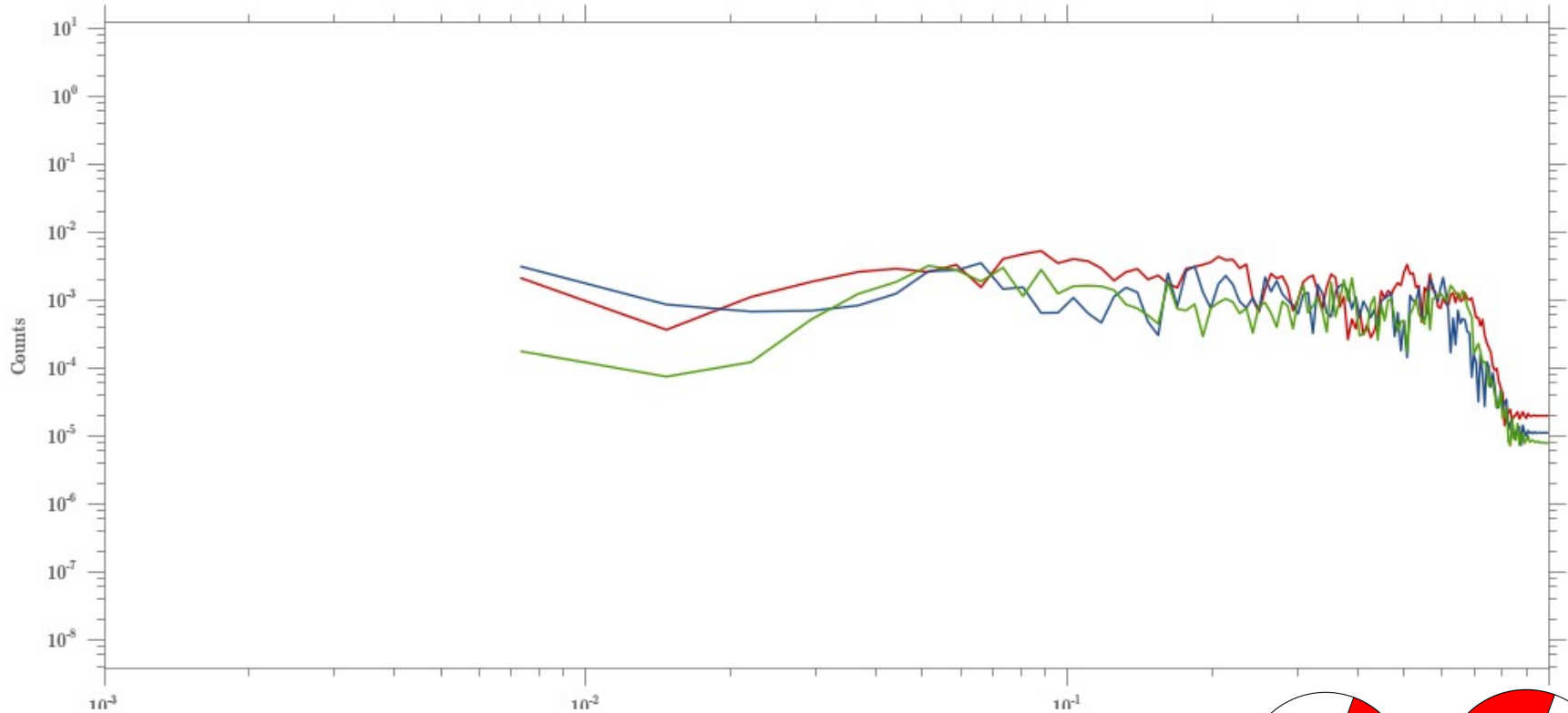


Full waveforms

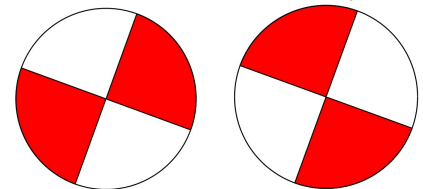


- consider full data information
- fitting require good velocity model, or fit low frequency waveforms
- trace alignment may be needed

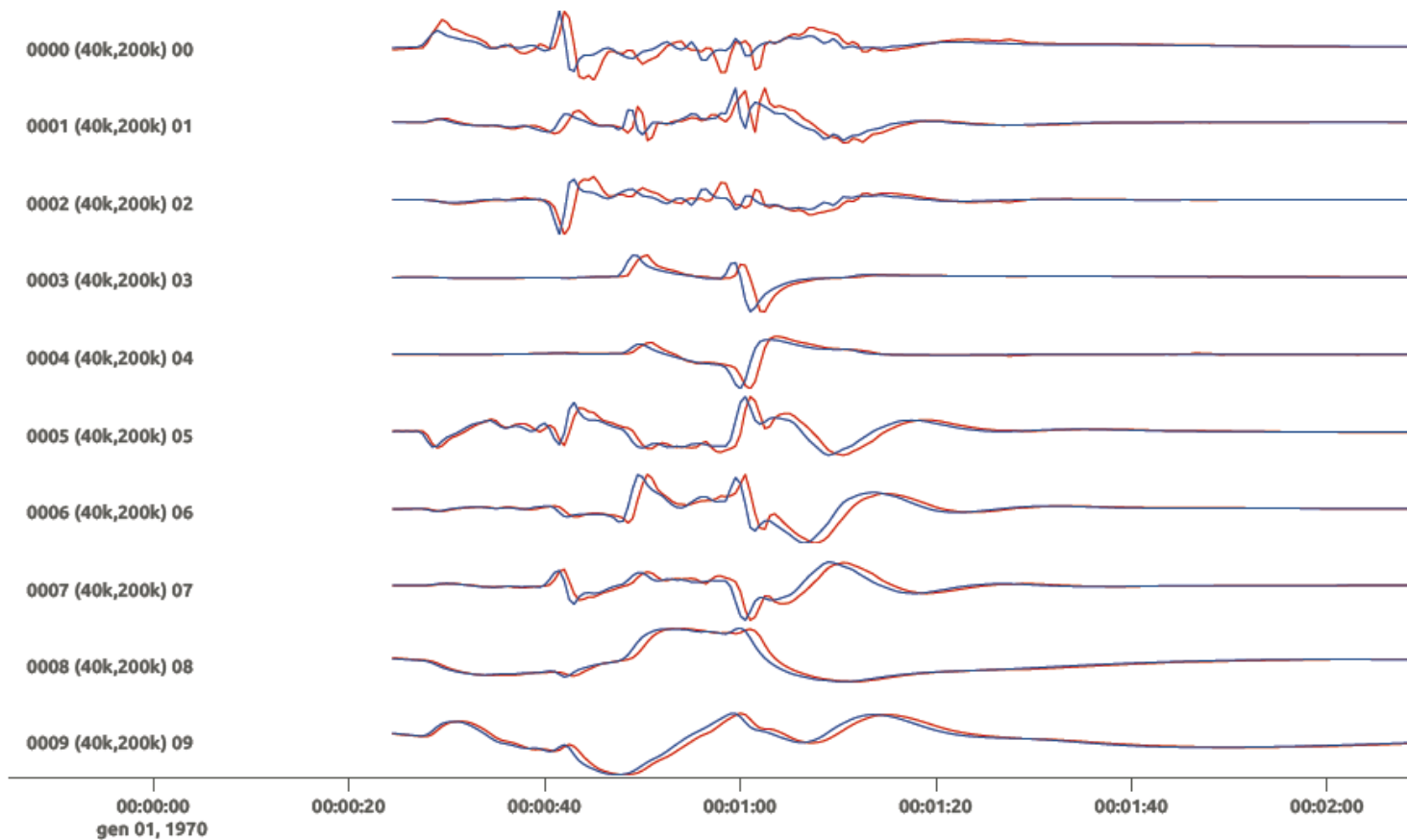
Amplitude spectra



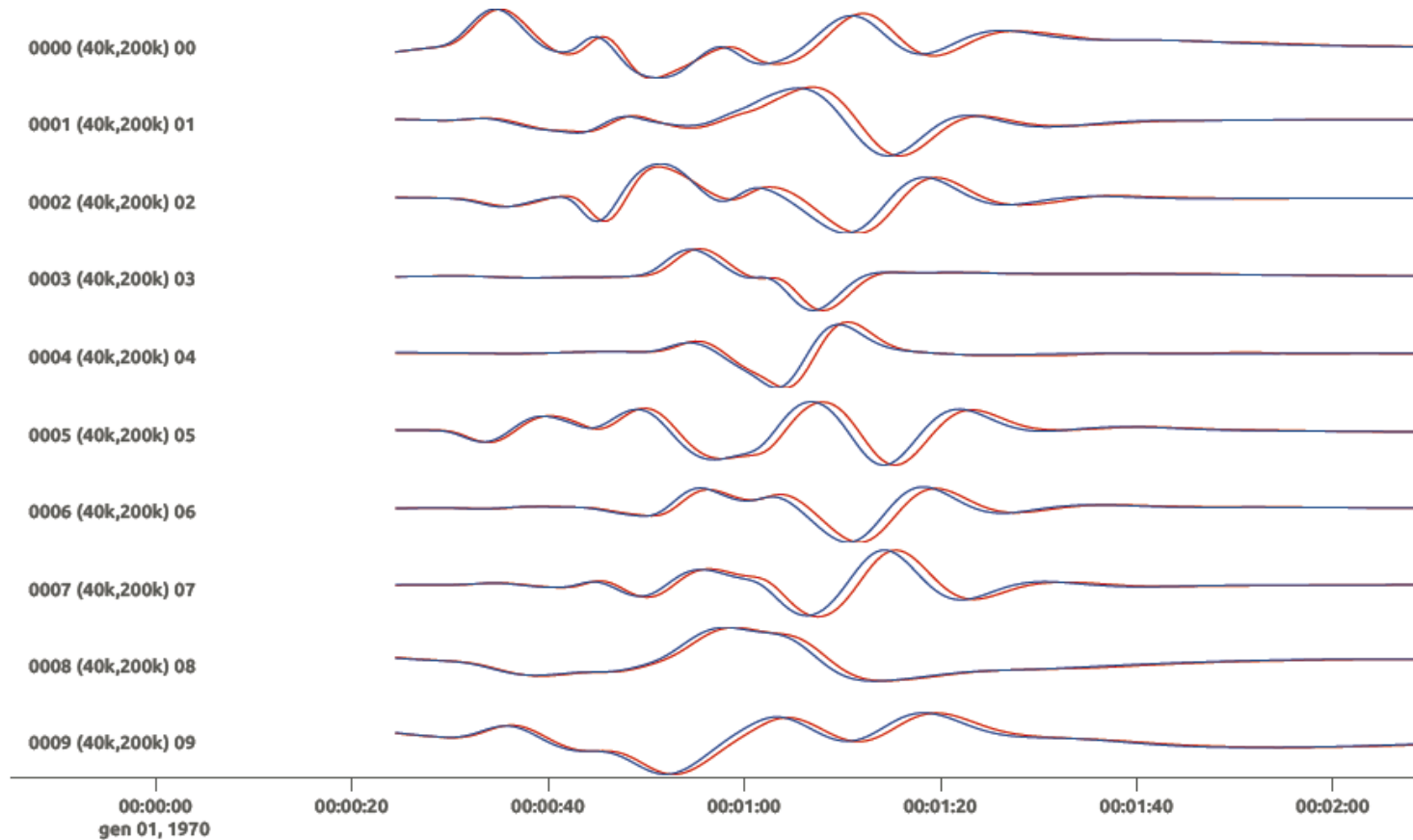
- robust against alignment and velocity model approximation
- loose information on phases (P-T quadrant ambiguity)



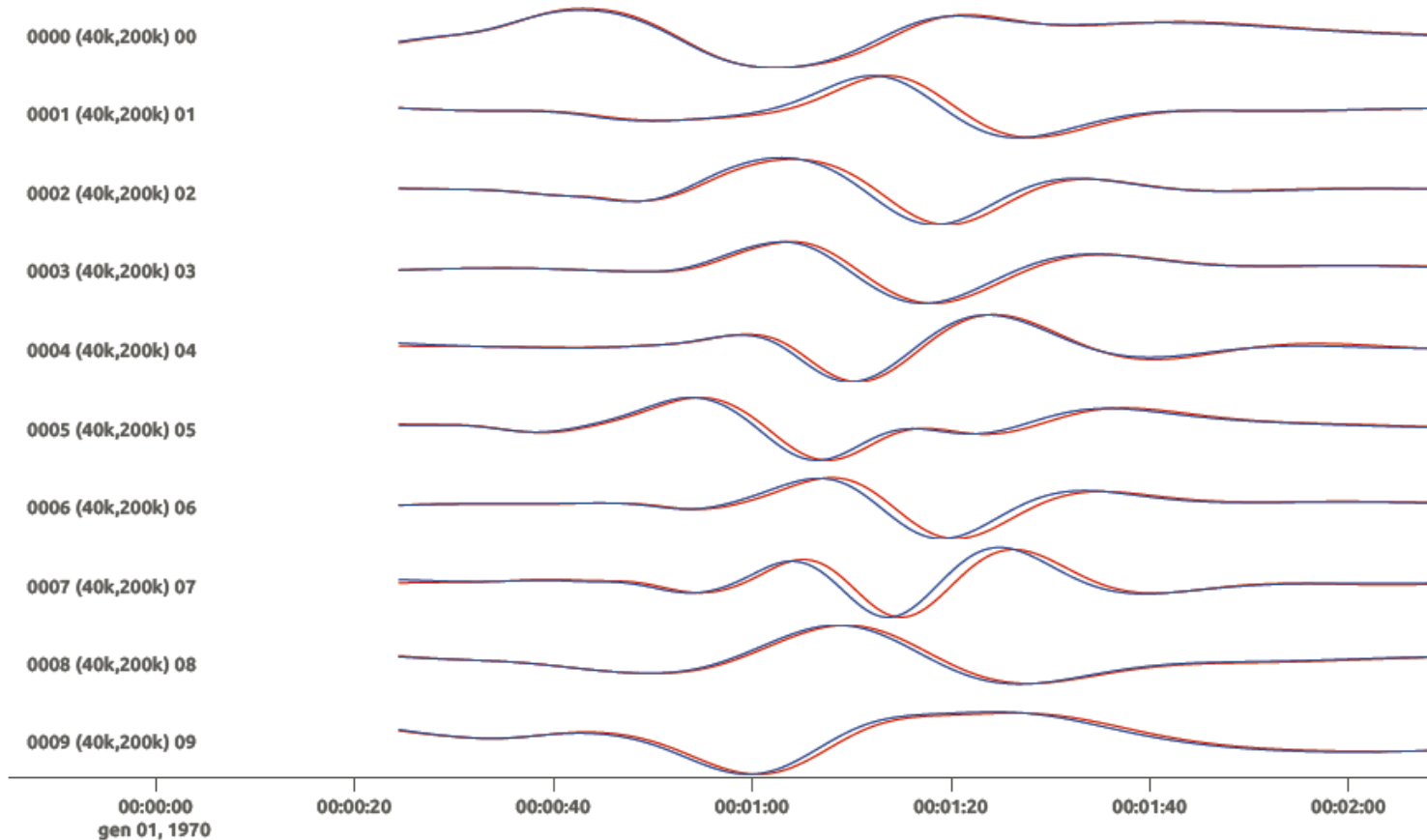
Full waveform inversion, no filter



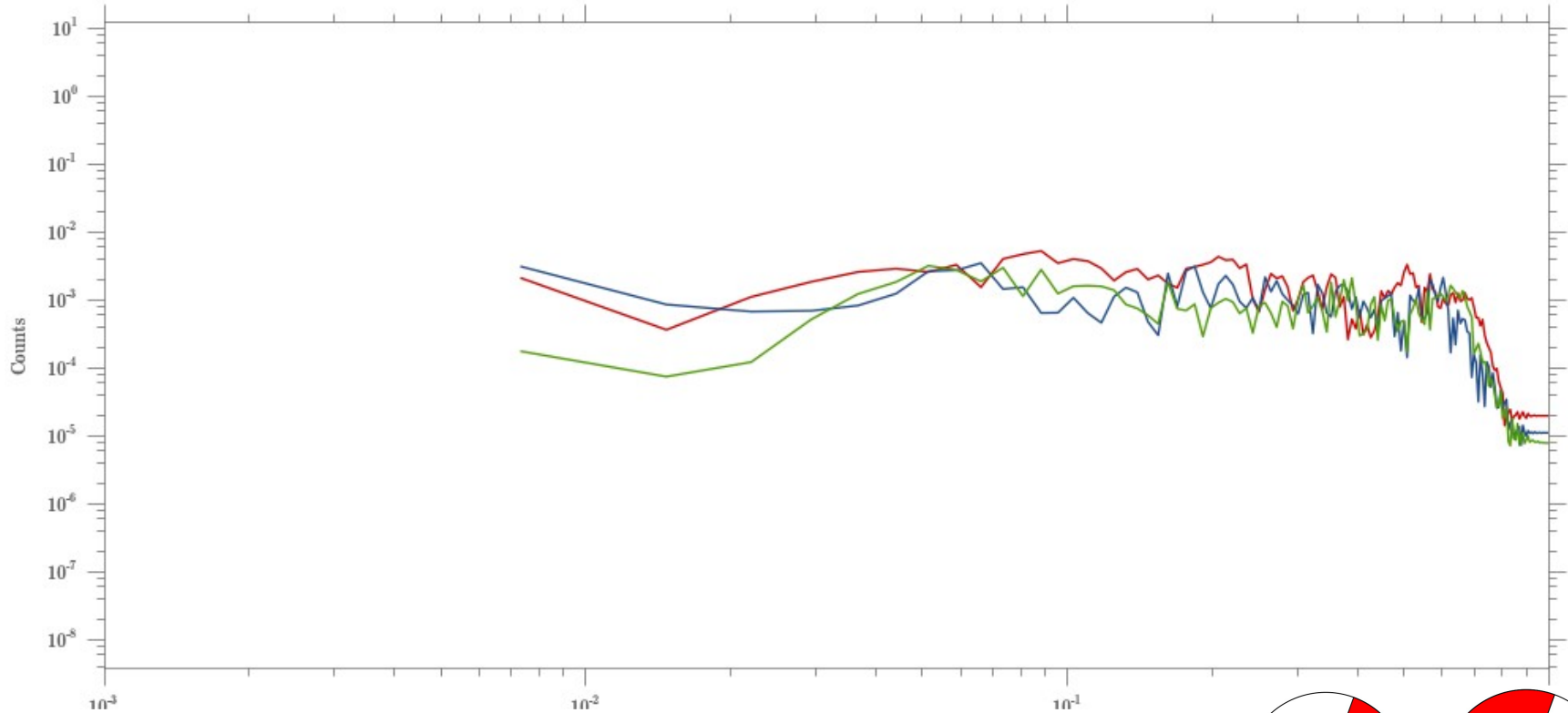
Full waveform inversion, filter 10-100 s



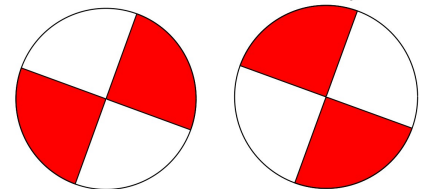
Full waveform inversion, filter 30-100 s



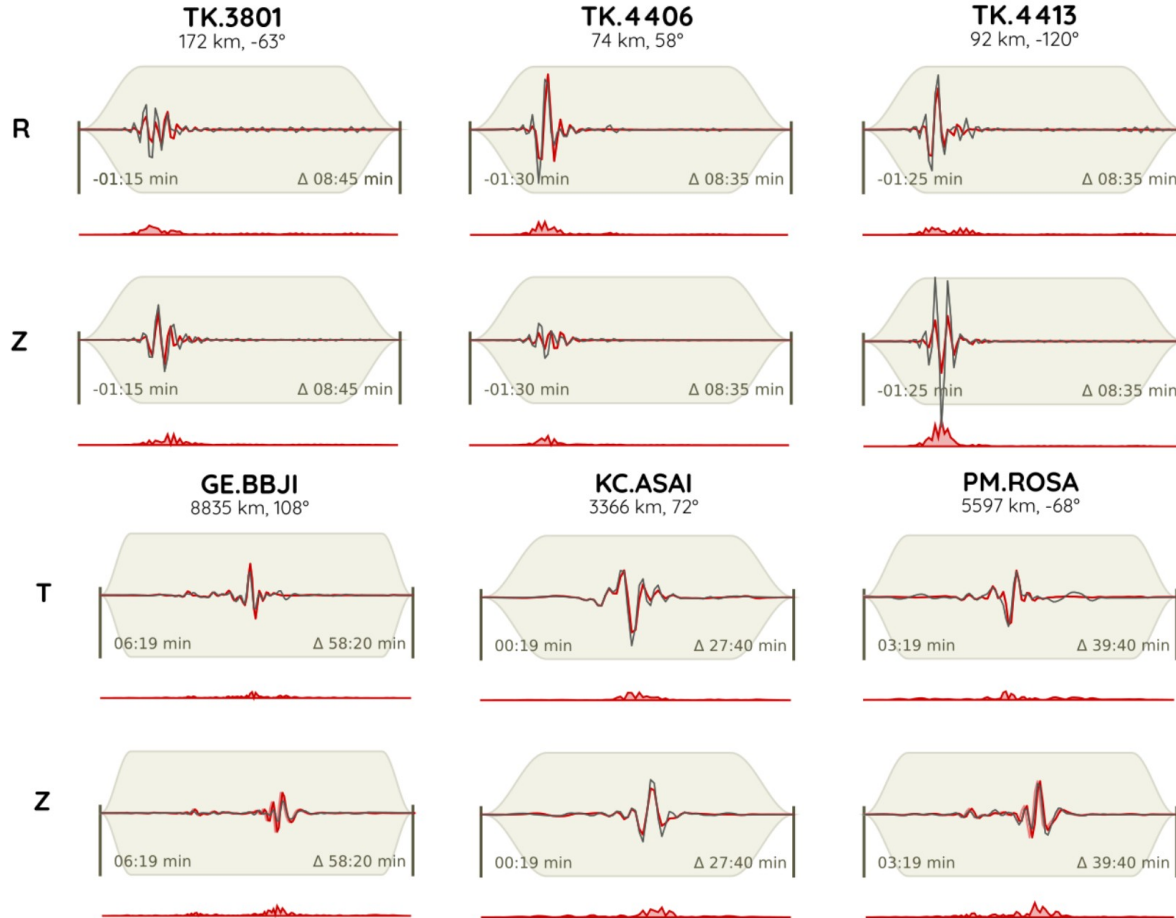
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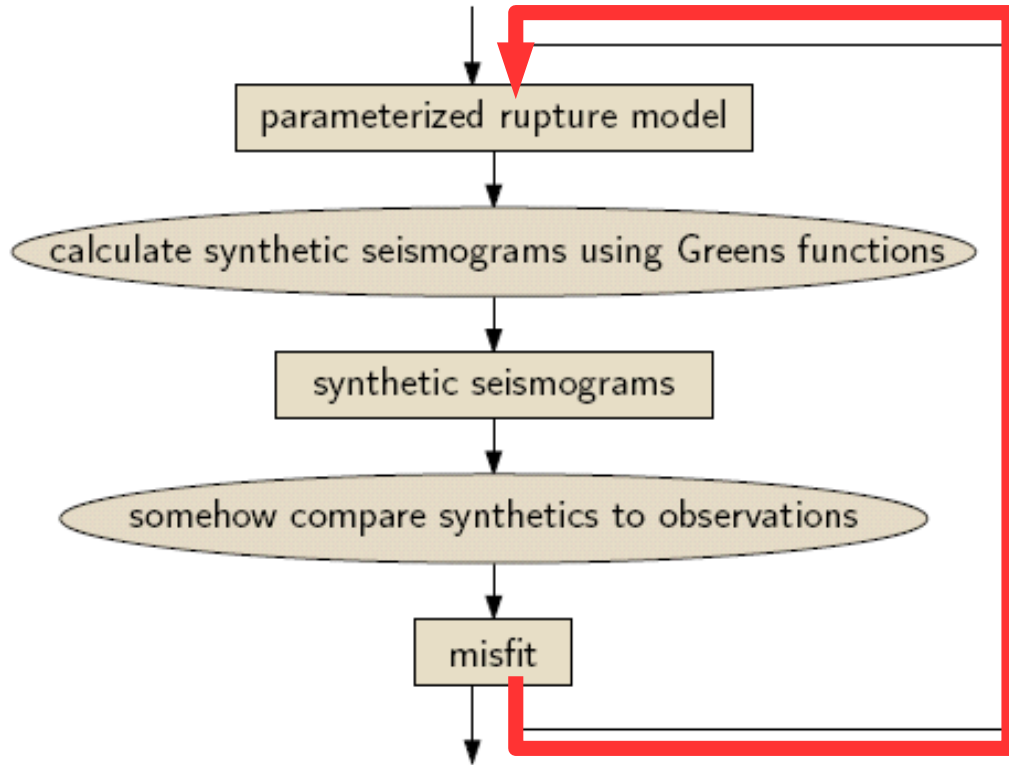
Joint data inversion



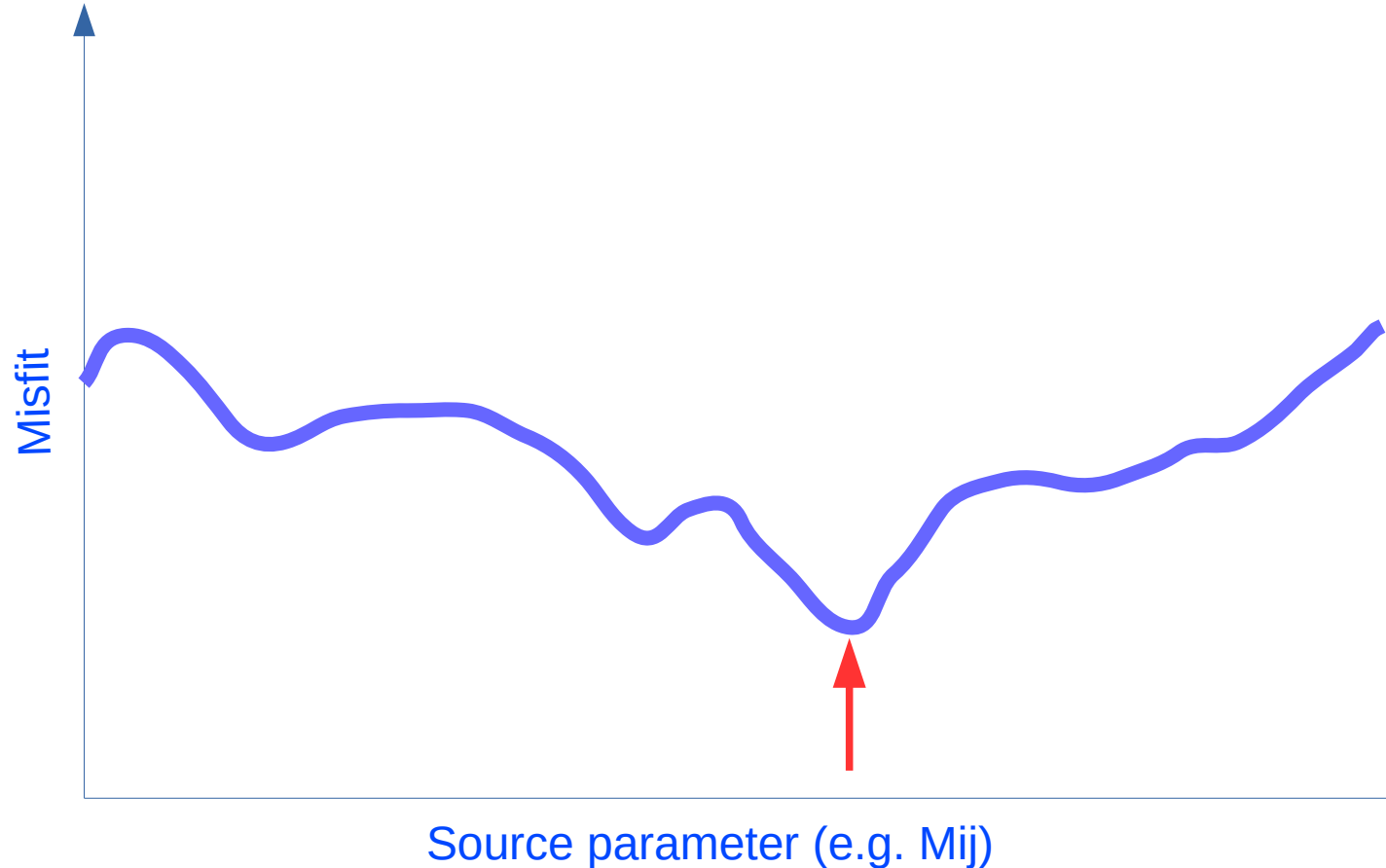
Strong motion

Broadband

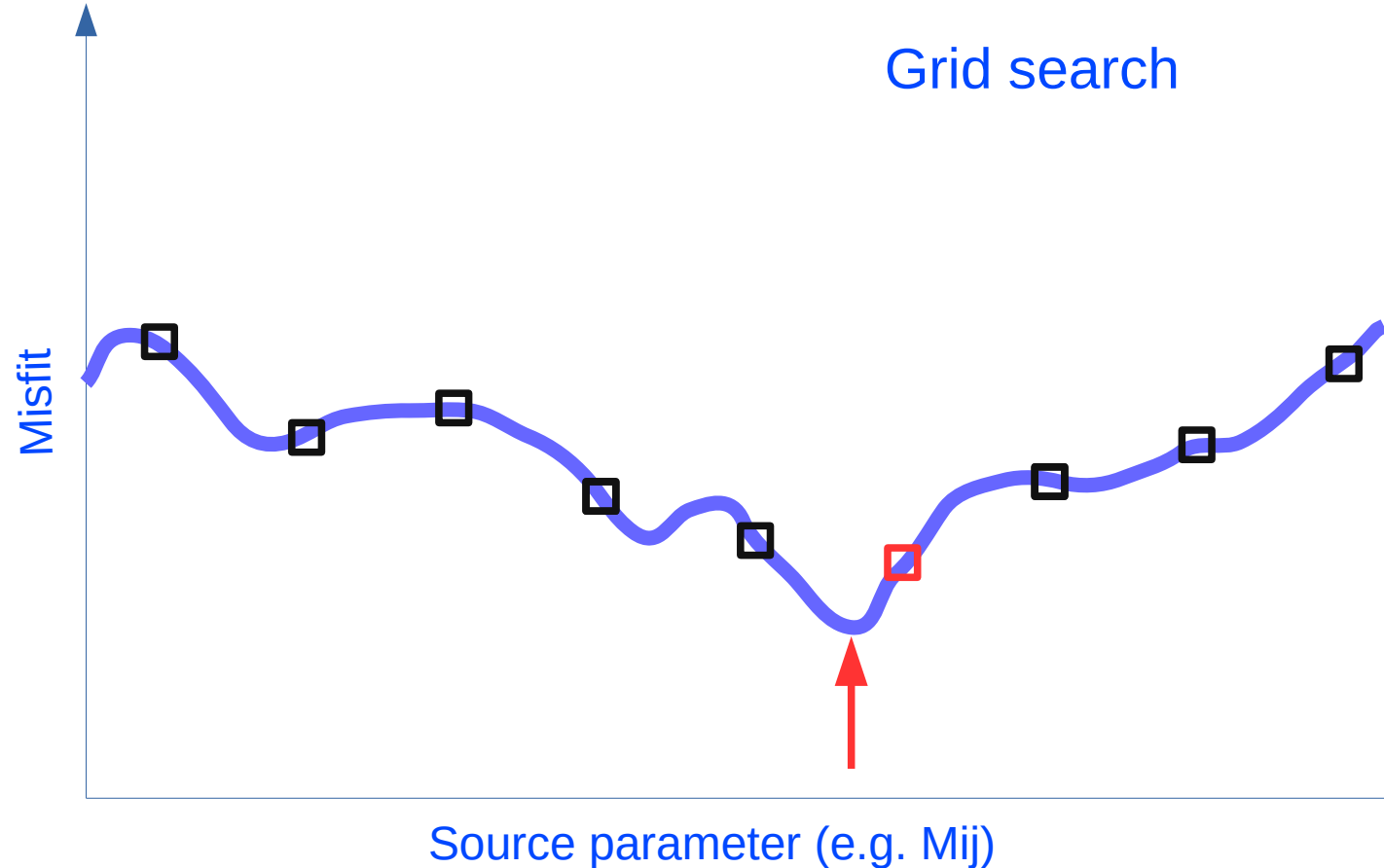
Inversion, general concept



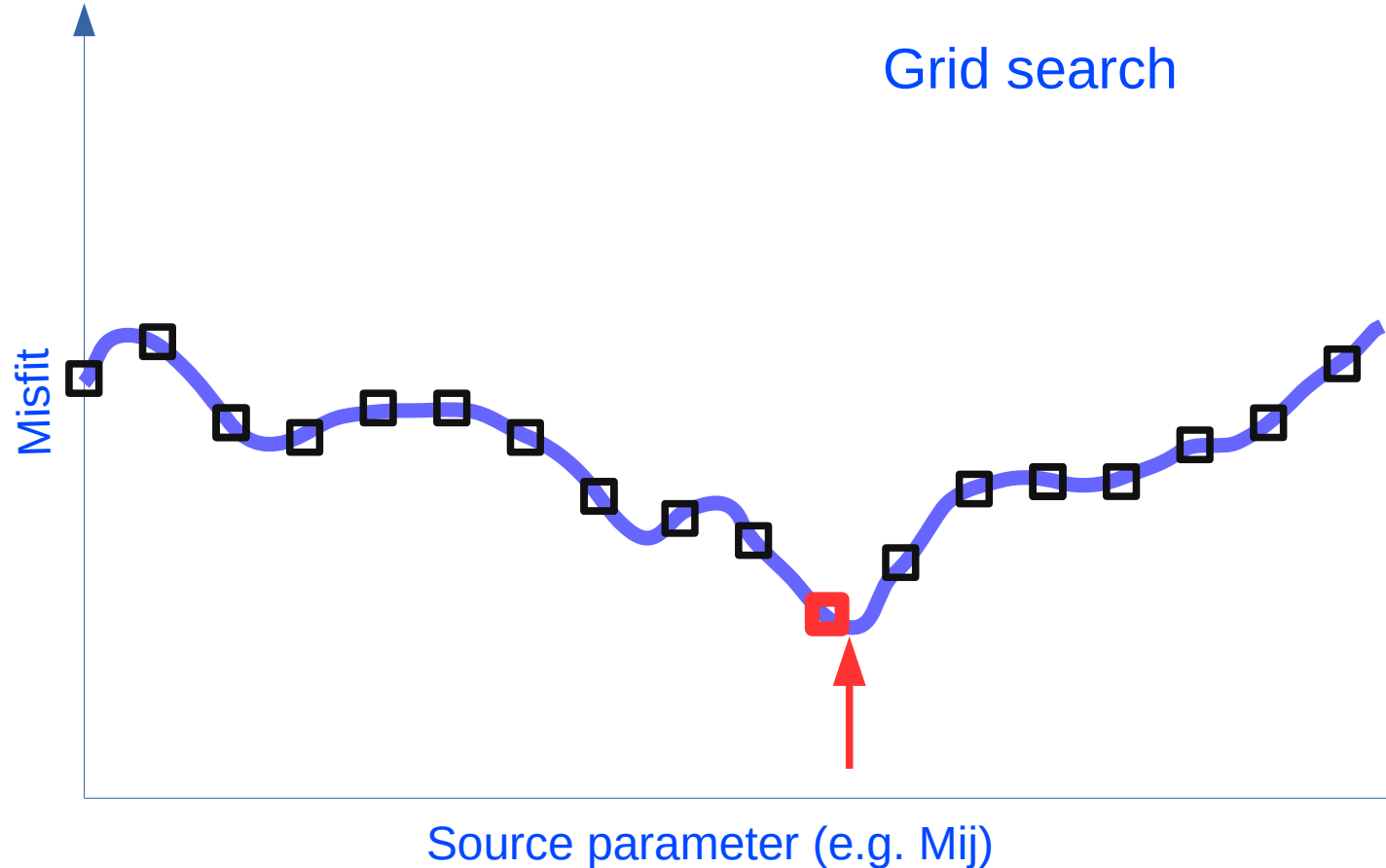
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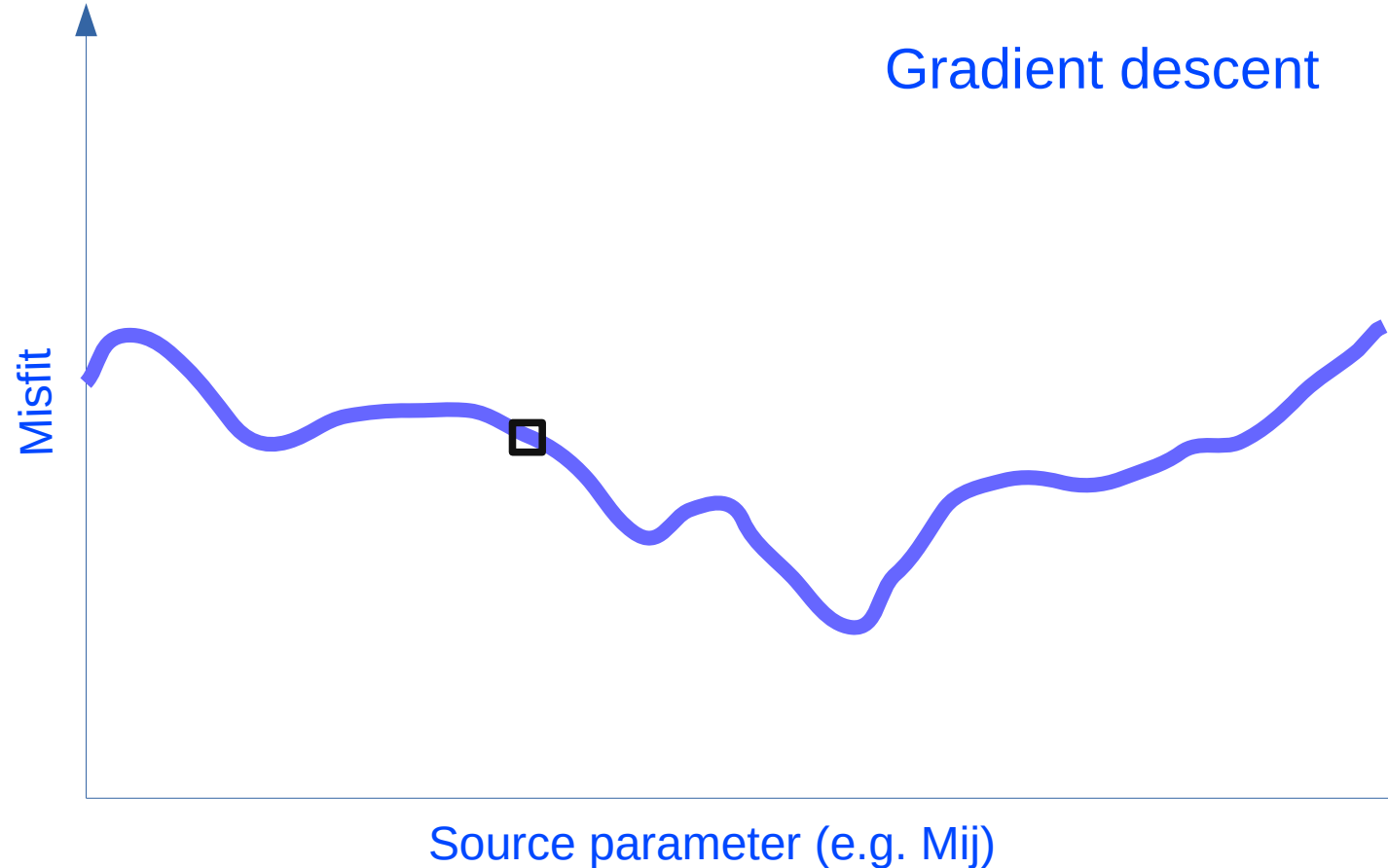
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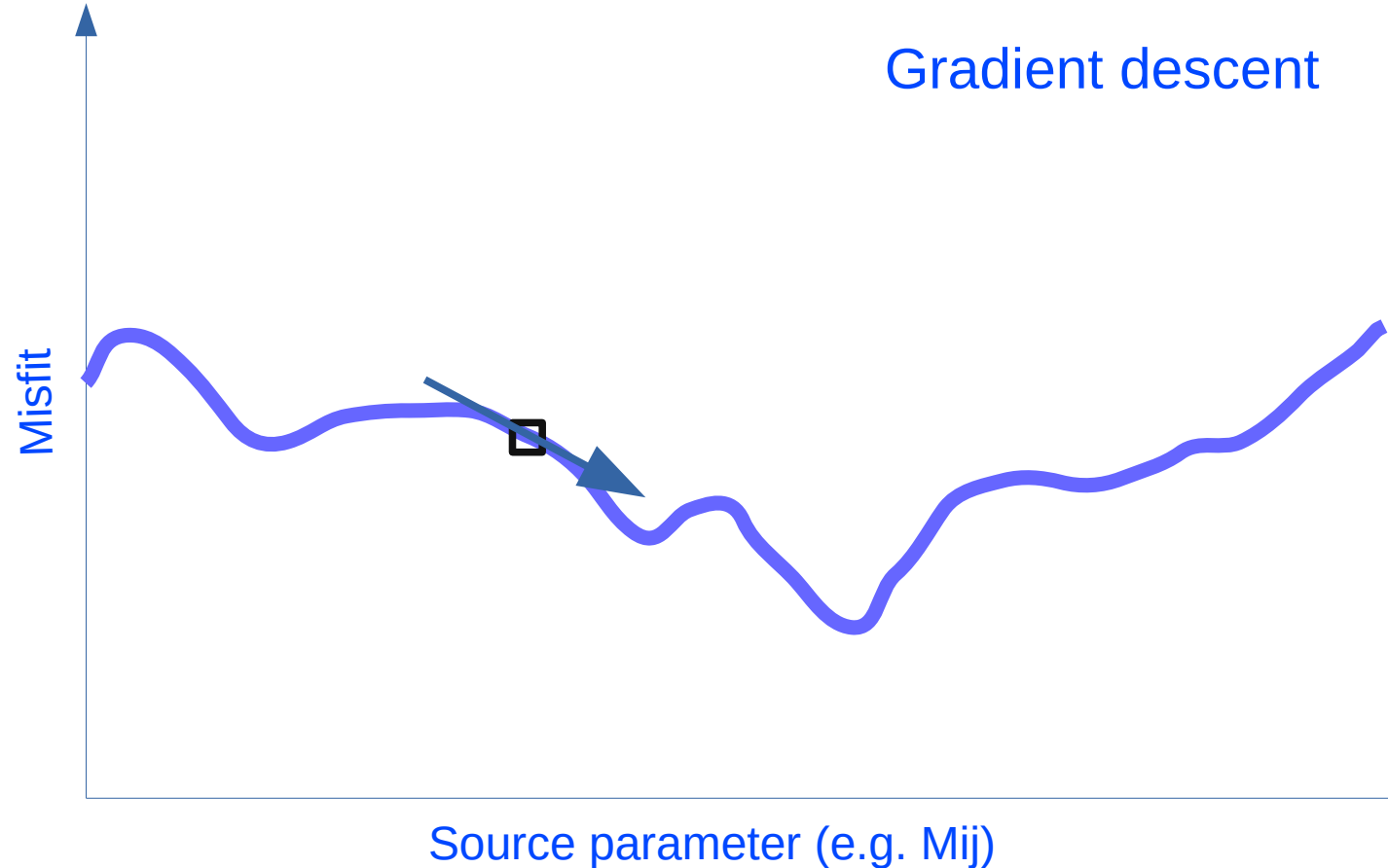
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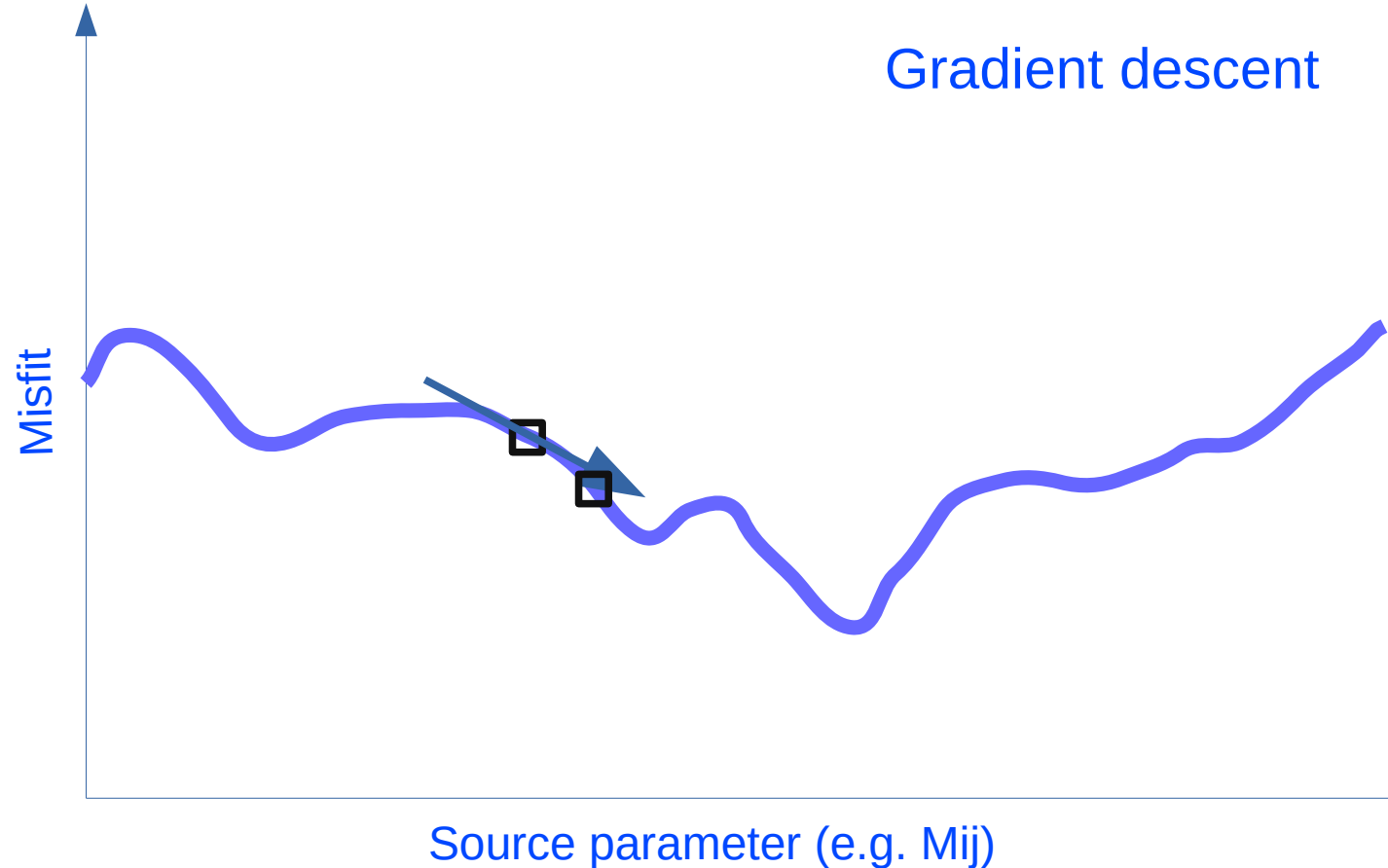
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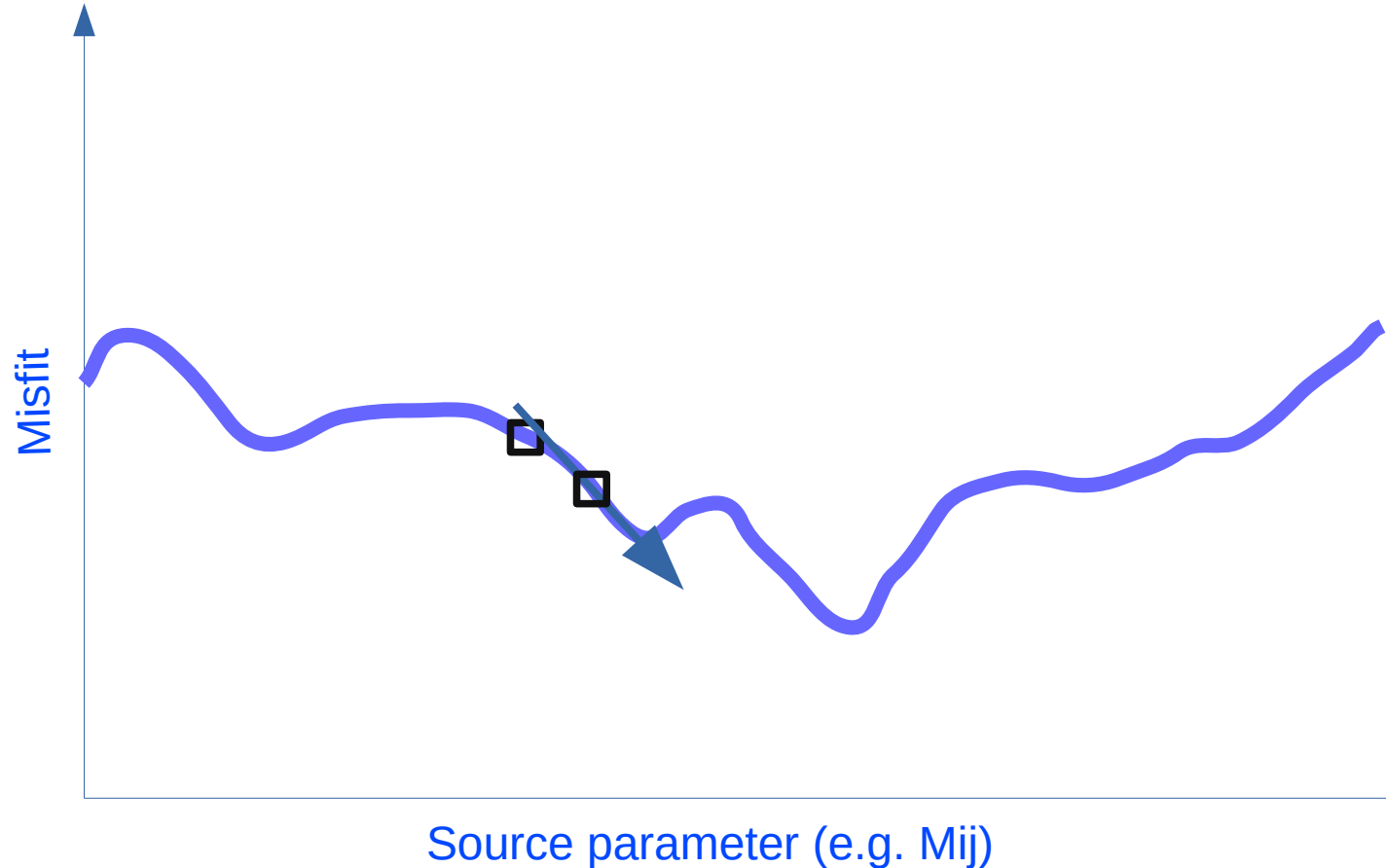
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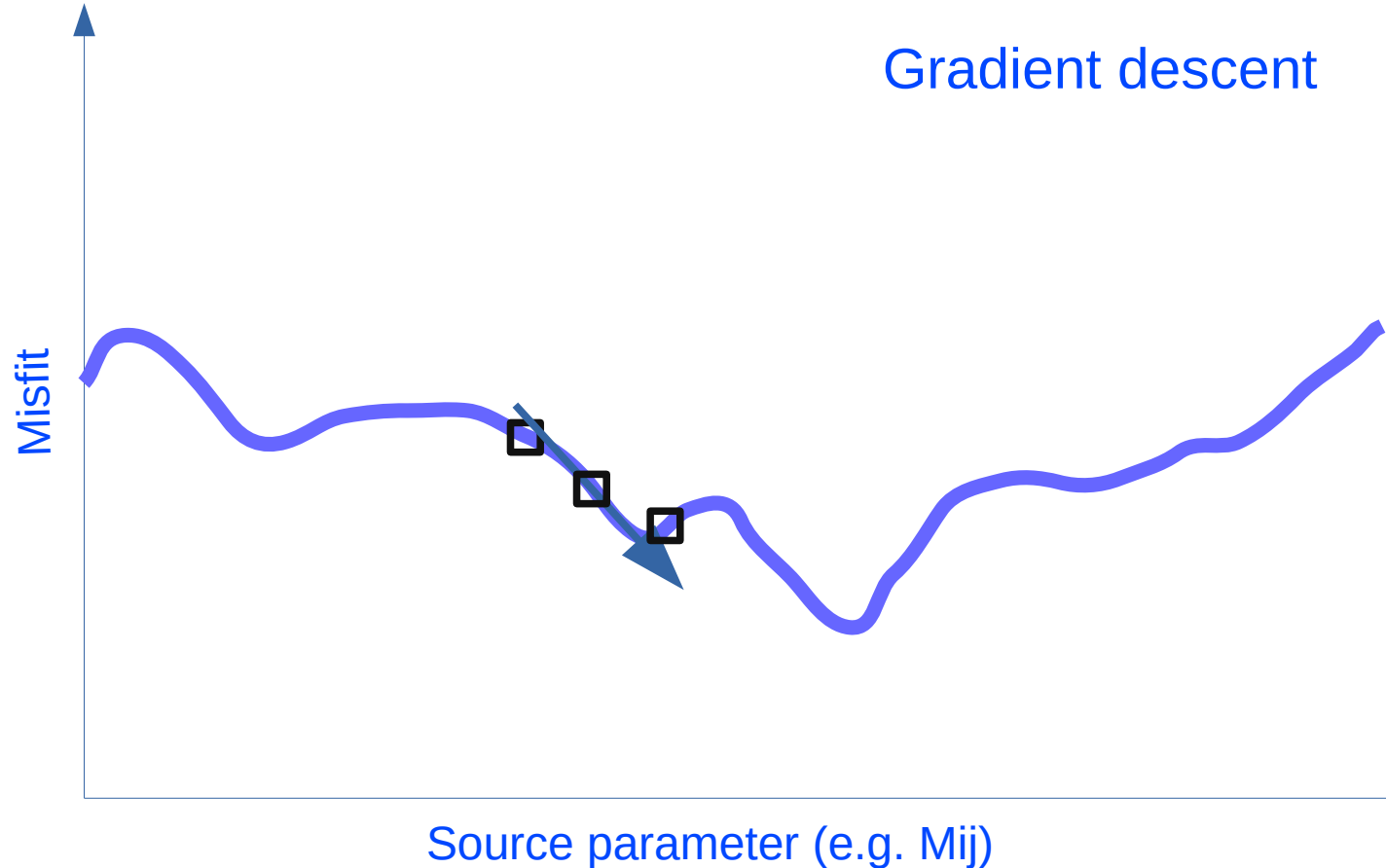
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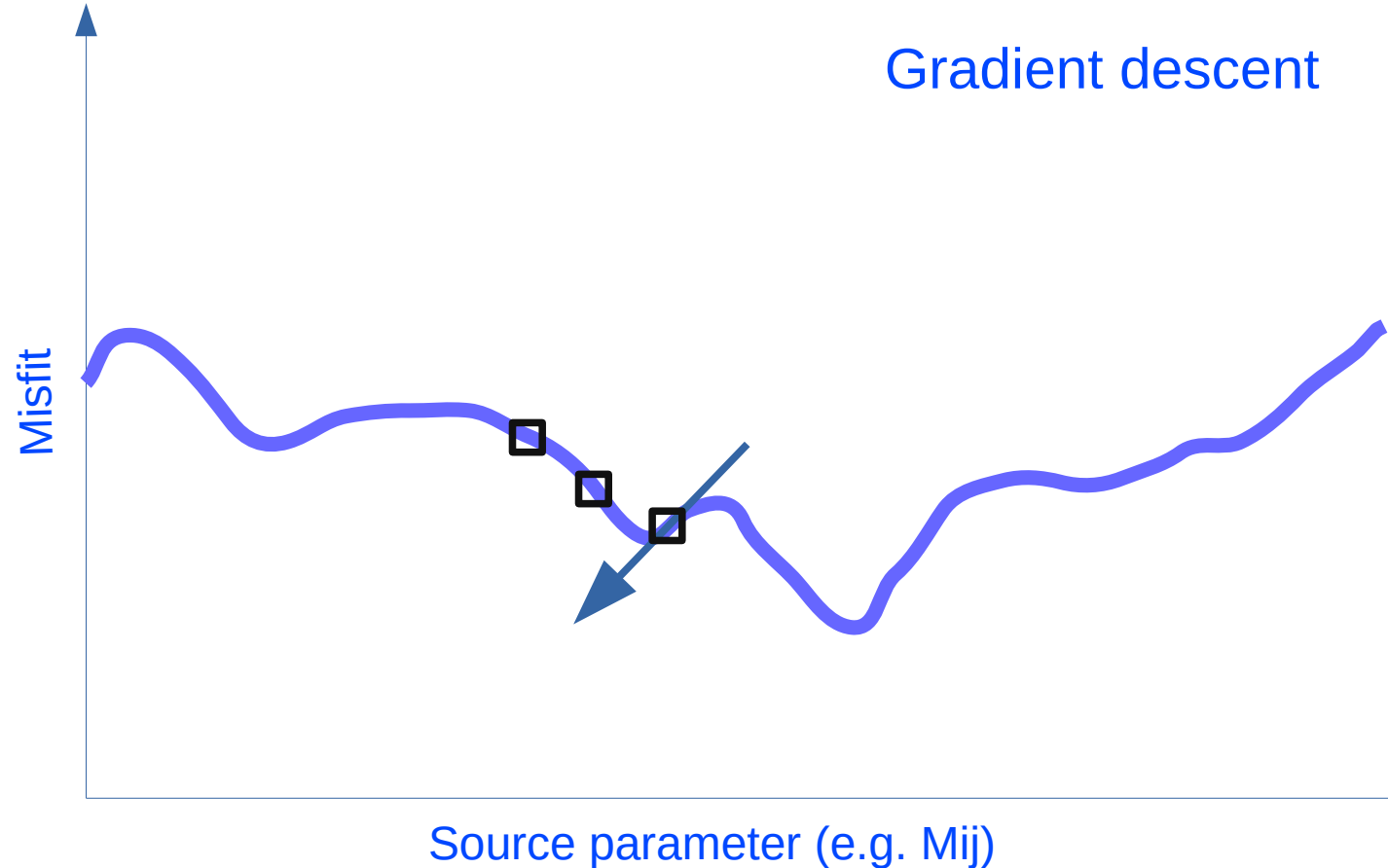
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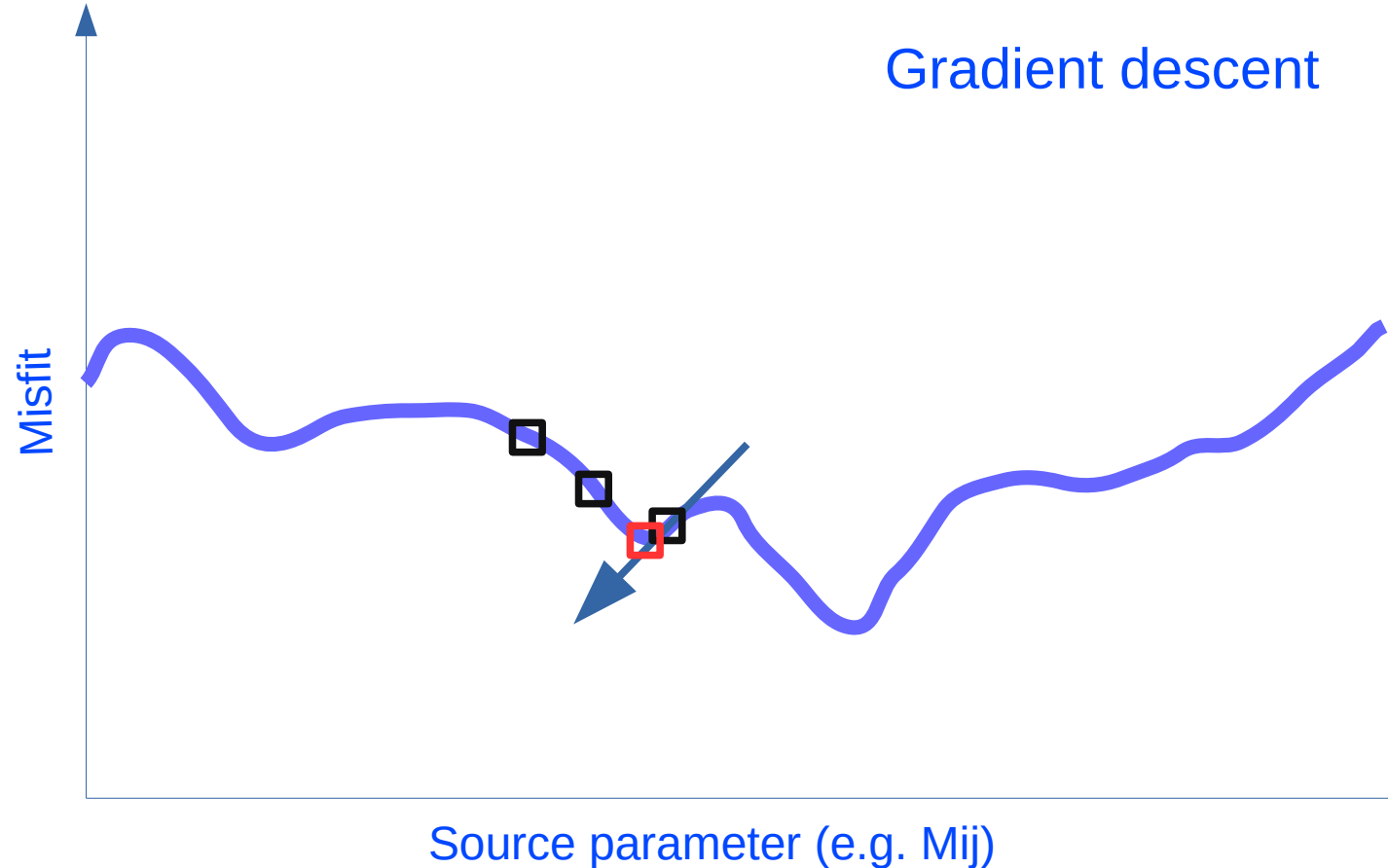
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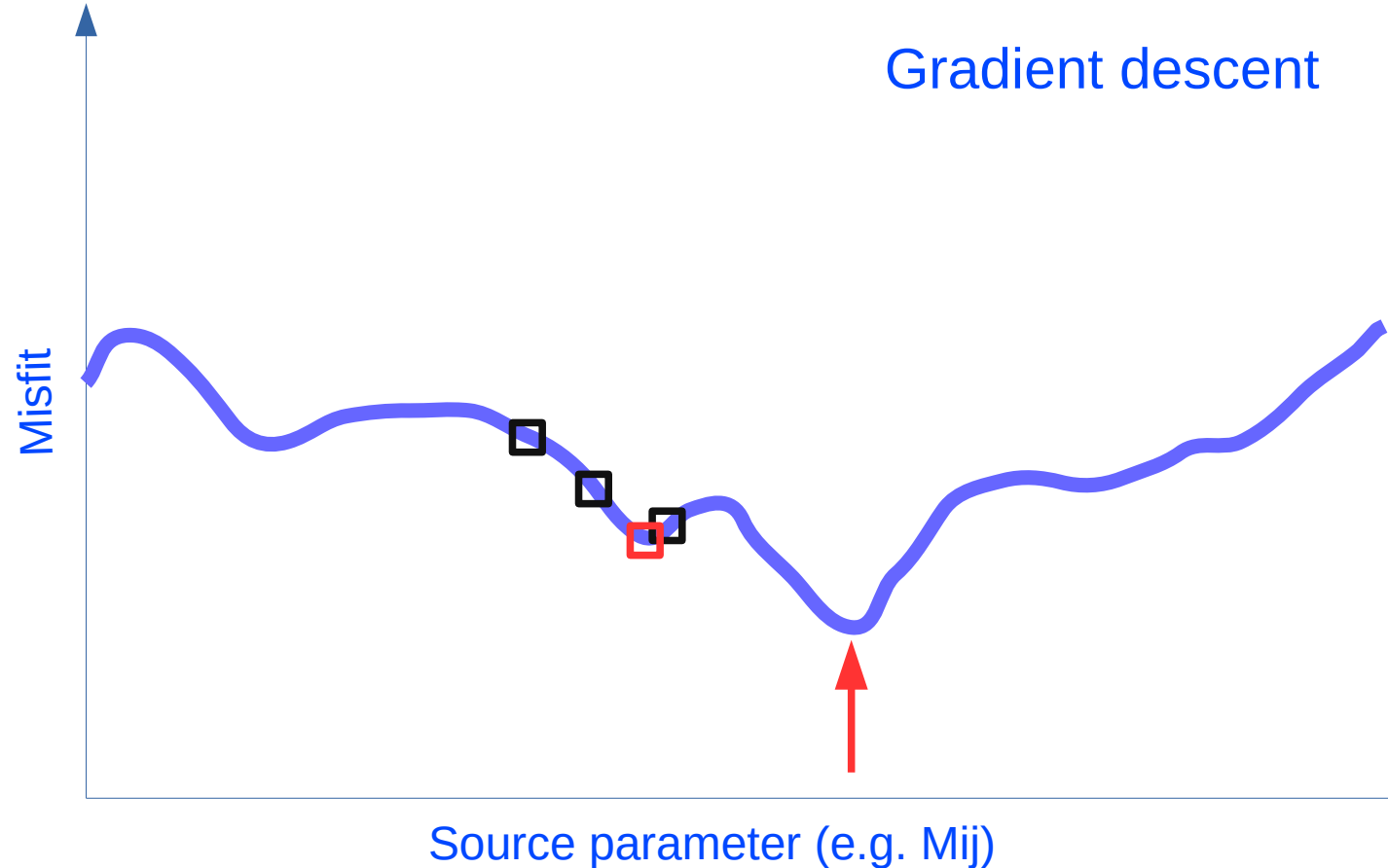
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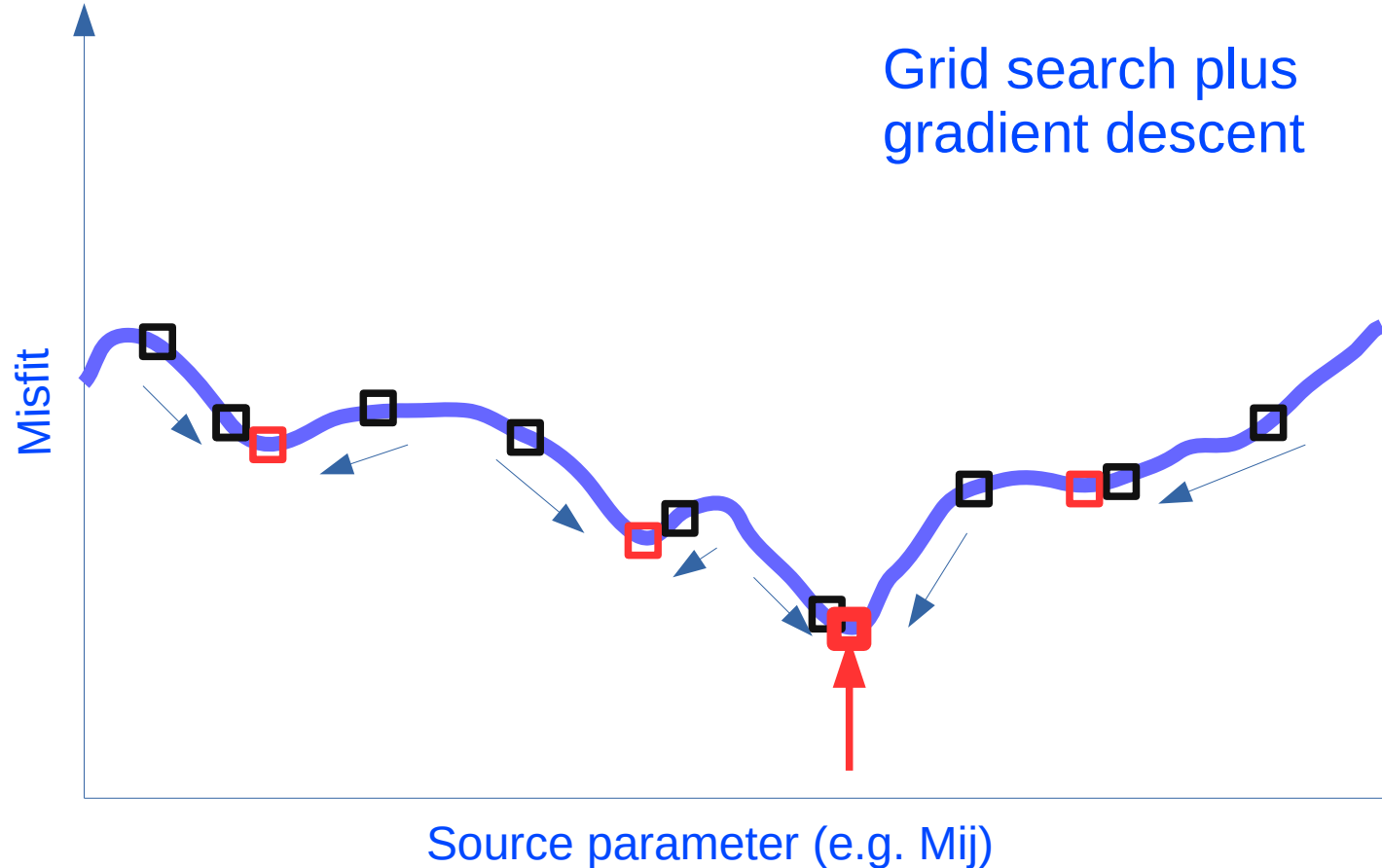
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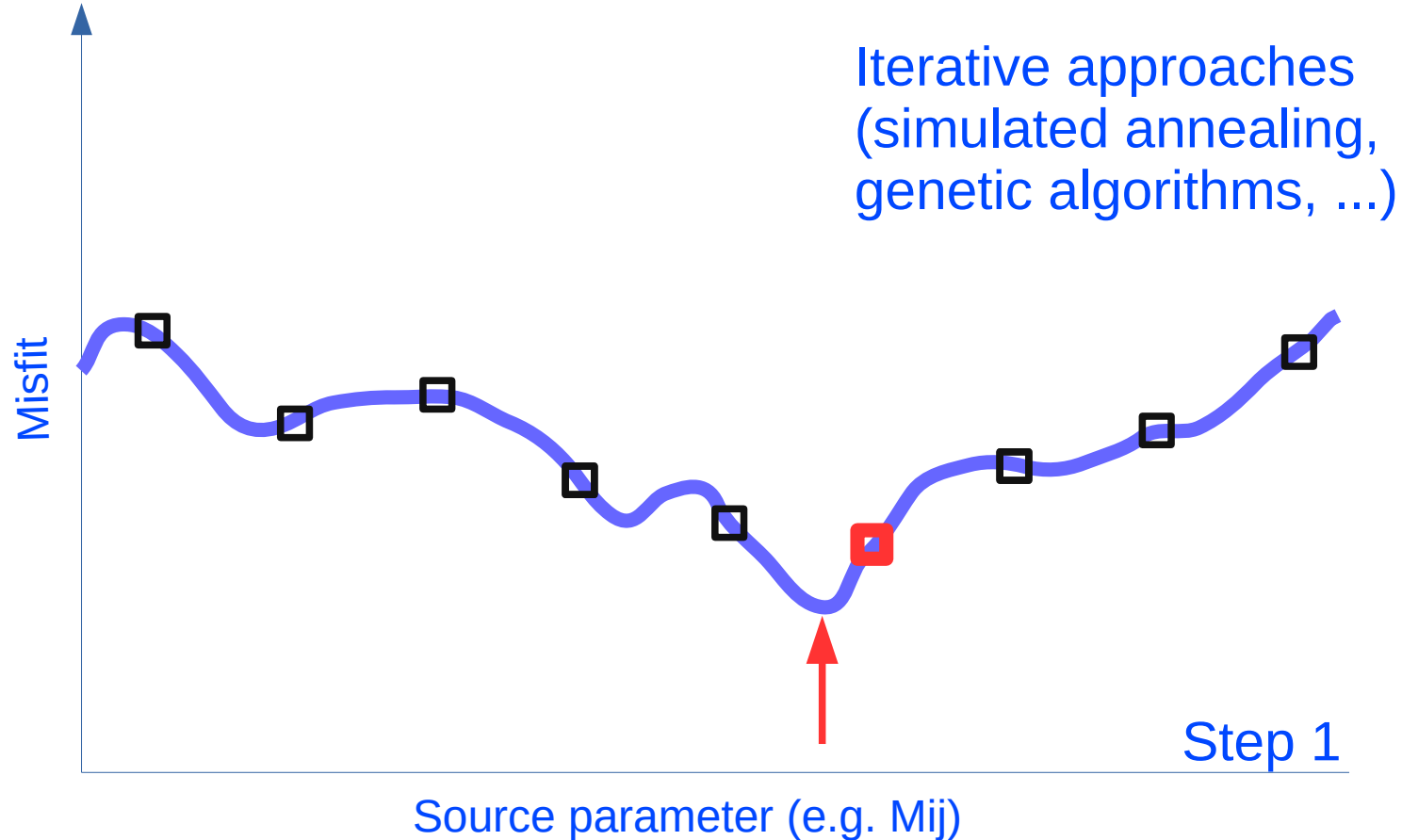
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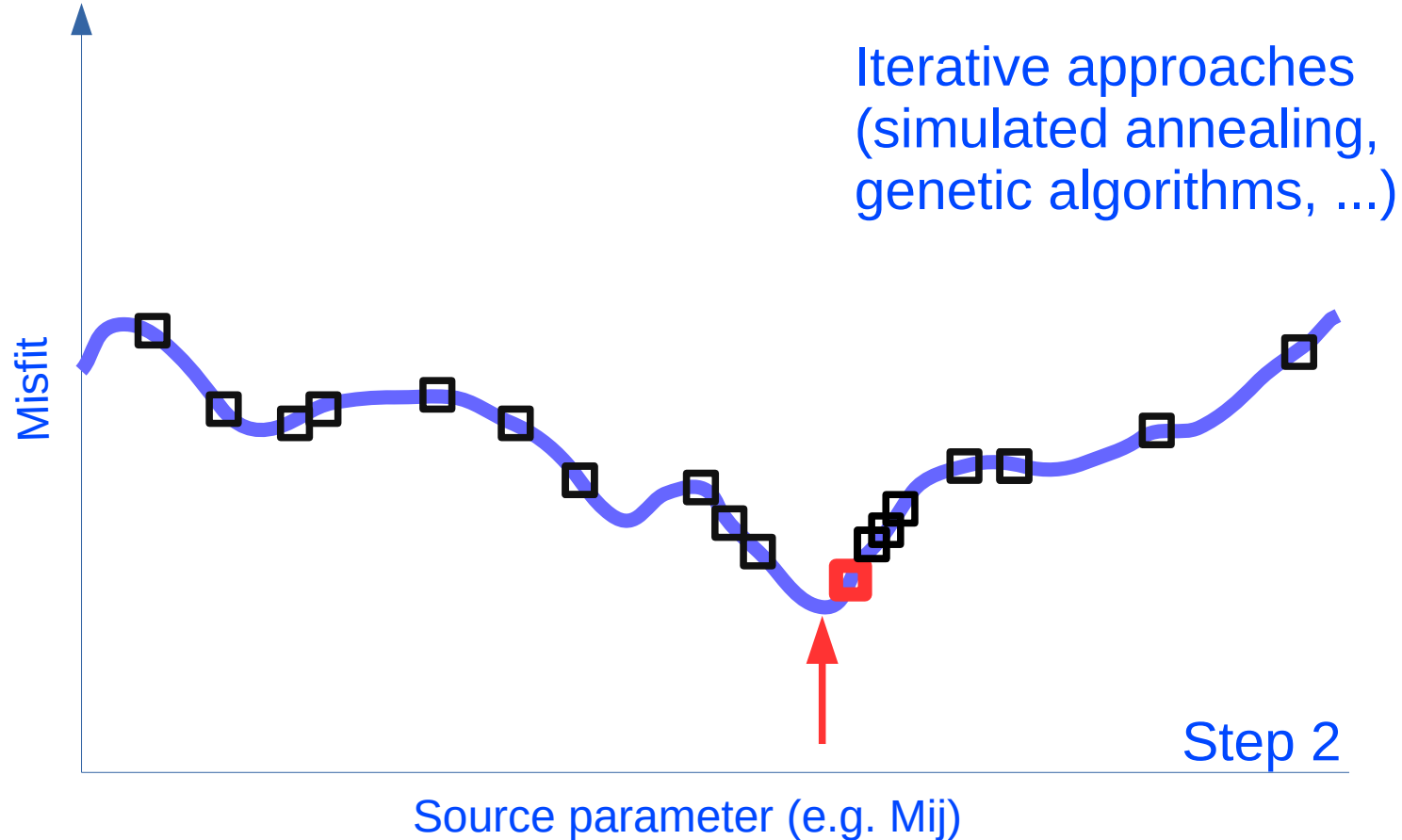
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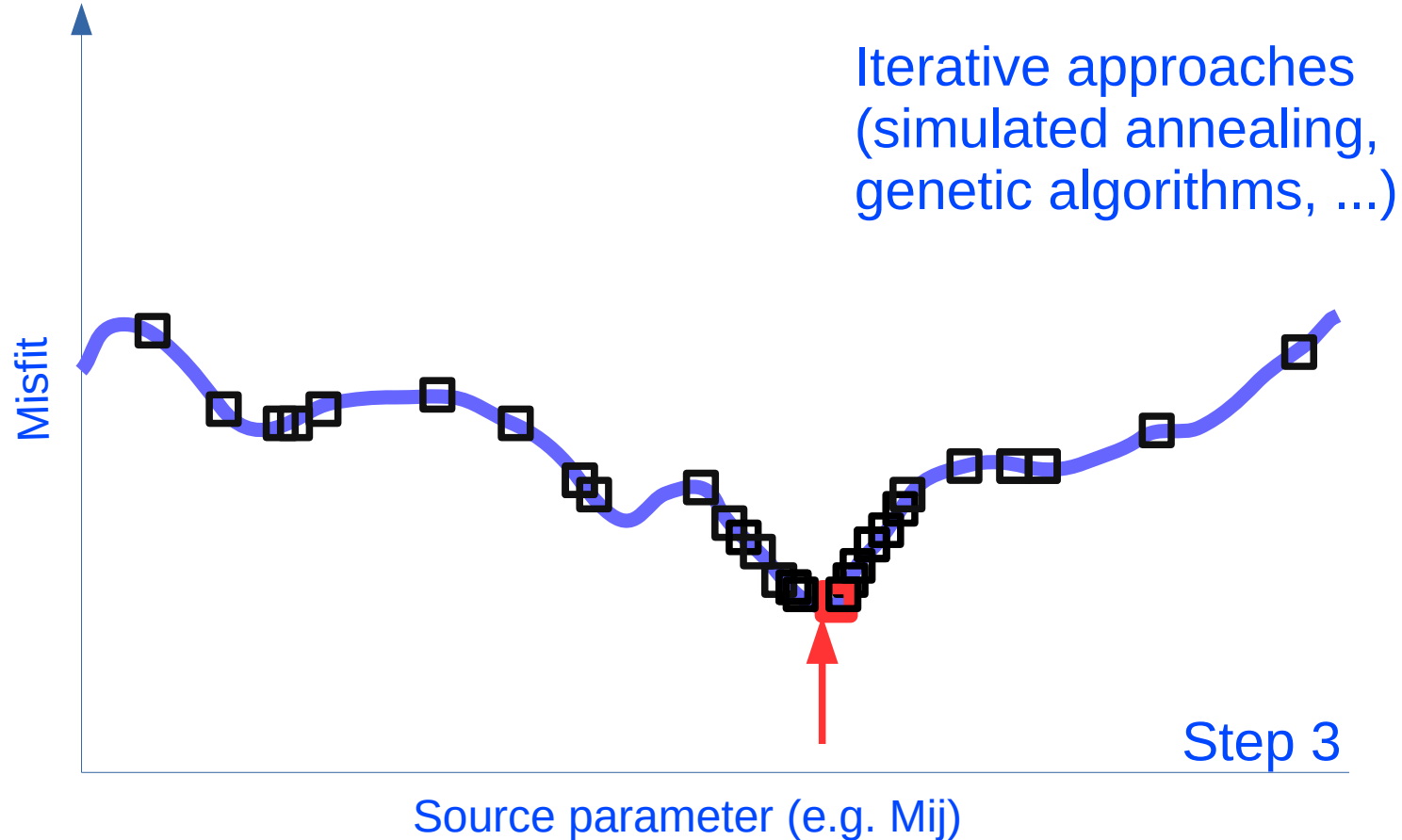
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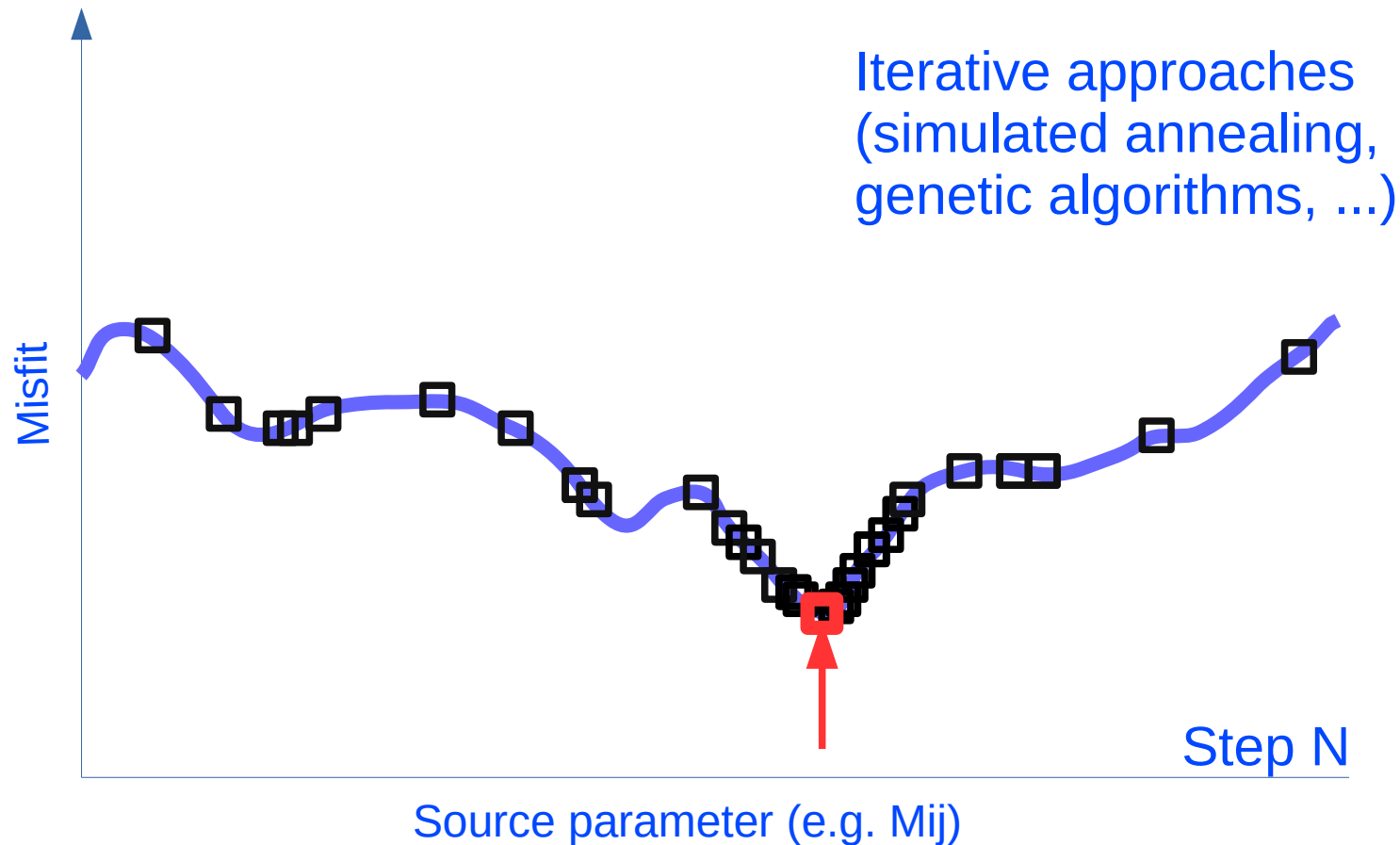
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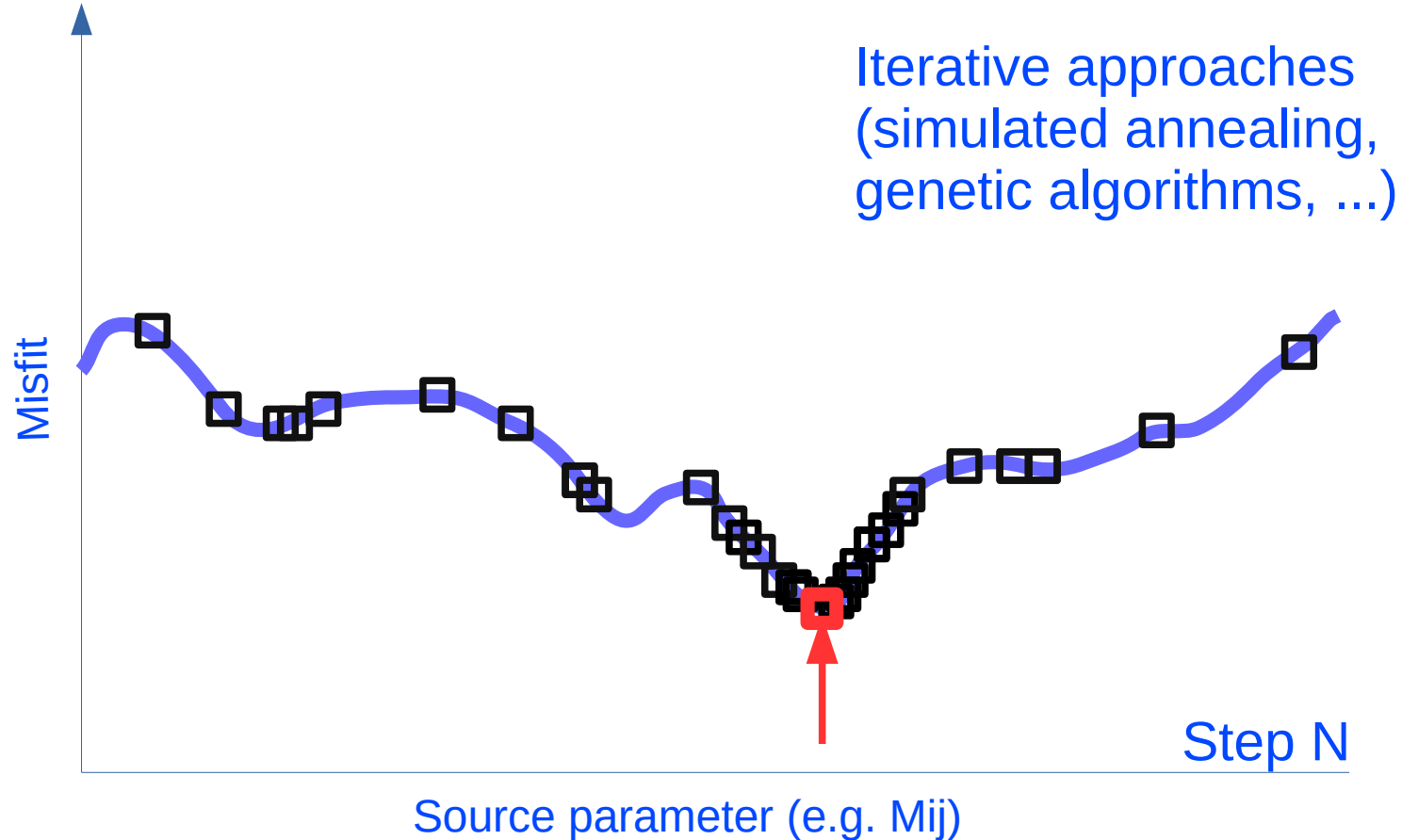
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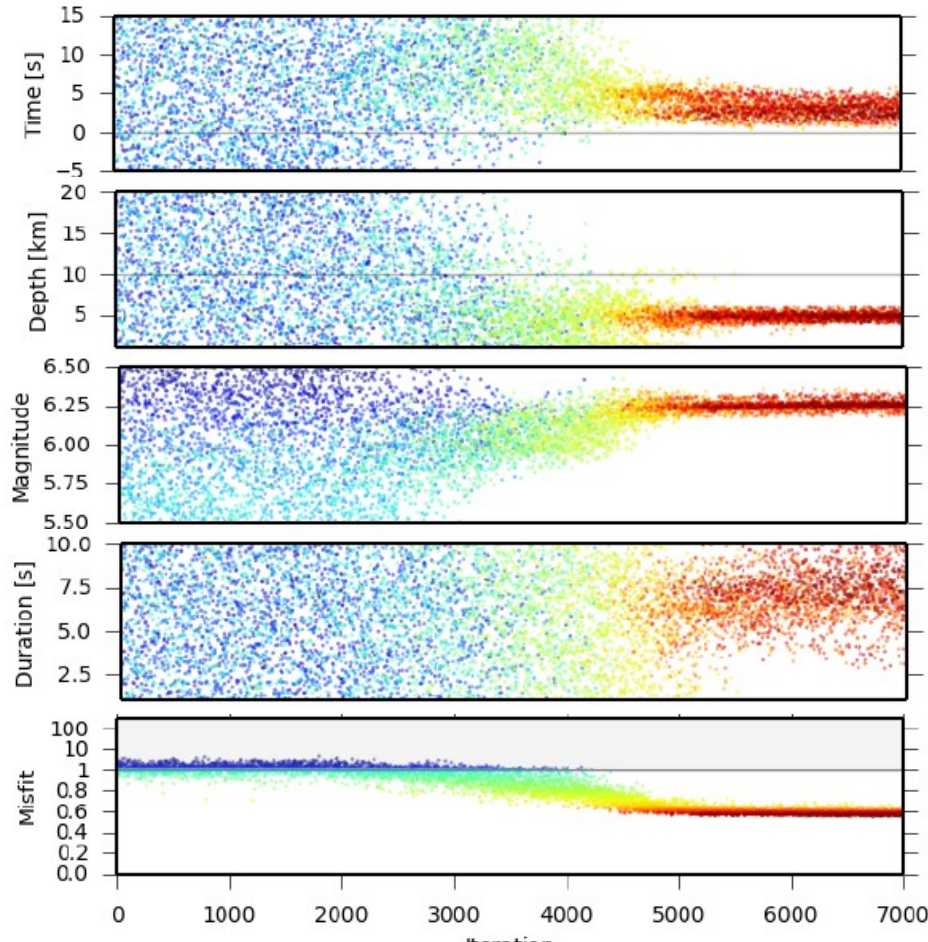
Source inversion using Grond



<https://pyrocko.org/>

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Grond



Source inversion algorithm
(S. Heimann, Uni Potsdam)

Simultaneous determination of multiple
source parameters

Flexible

- Source model
- (Joint) datasets
- Fitting procedure
- Weighting
- Iterative approach

Uniform phase (random search)

Transition phase (mixed search)

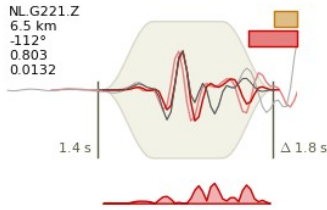
Explorative phase (guided search)

Simultaneous bootstrap simulation

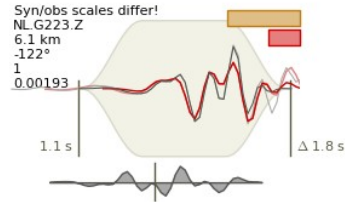
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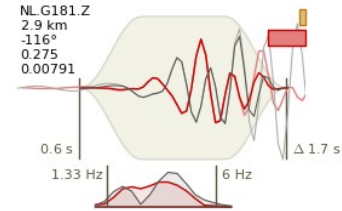
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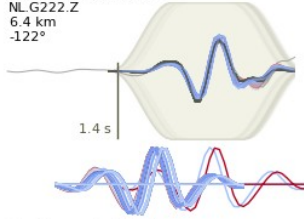
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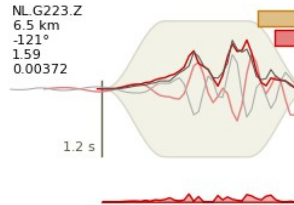
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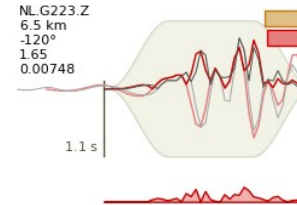
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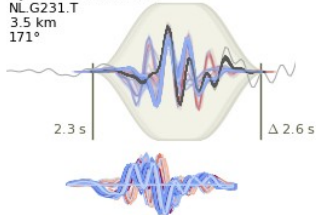
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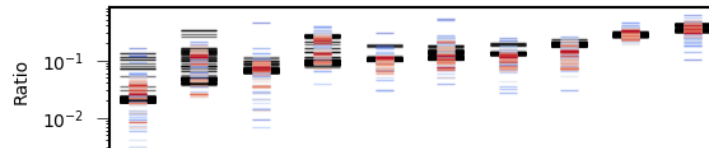
absolute amplitudes



Syn/obs scales differ!
NL.G231.T
3.5 km
171°



P/S amplitude ratios



Different source models



CMTProblem

It solves for a centroid moment tensor point source (DC, deviatoric, full MT).
This problem fits the very general earthquake source analysis.

DoubleDCProblem

It solves for two double-couple point sources.
Useful e.g. for complex, segmented earthquake sources.

RectangularProblem

It solves for a rectangular finite source.
Analysis of large earthquakes and/or problems for which near-field surface displacement data (InSAR, GNSS, etc.) are available.

VolumePointProblem

It solves for a spherical volume point (infinite) to model magmatic or volcanic processes.
Only static targets (GNSS or InSAR) are supported.

Other source models can be implemented

Double single force for landslides,
damped oscillator for resonating reservoirs/conduits, ...

Grond uncertainties



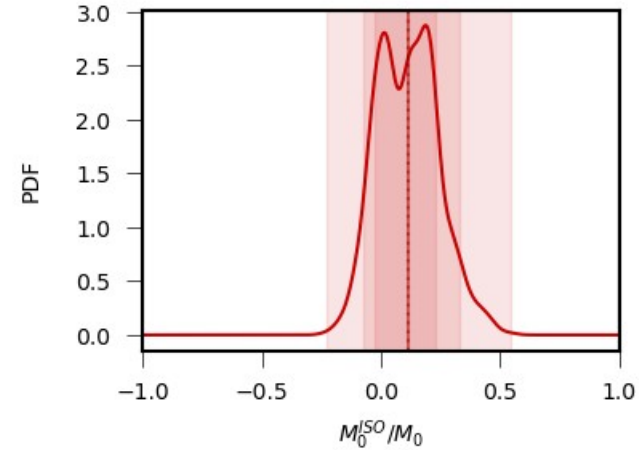
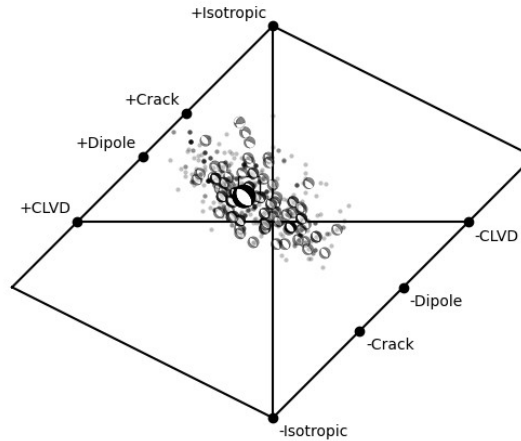
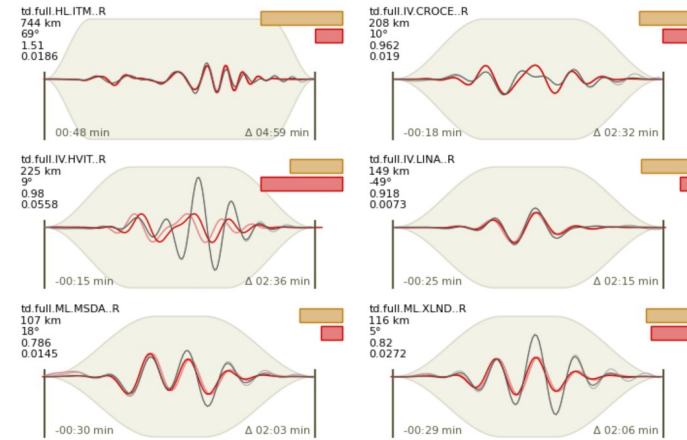
Data bootstrap



Solutions ensemble



Parameter uncertainty



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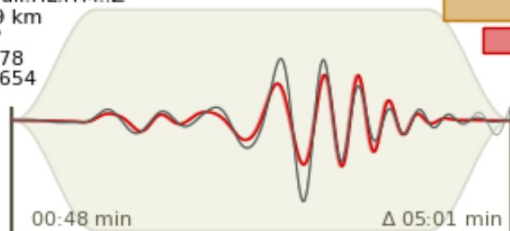
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For Best Model

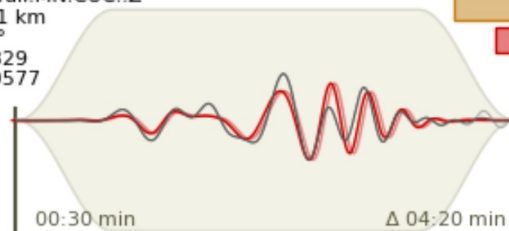
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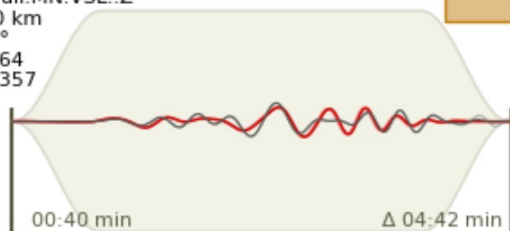
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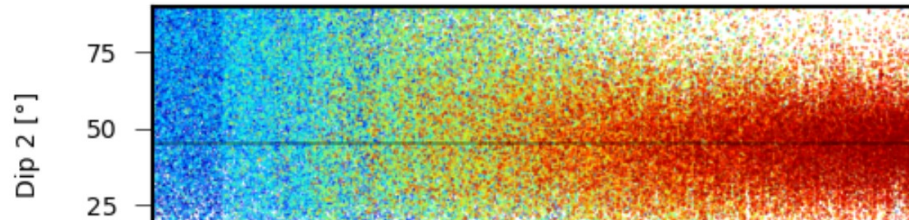
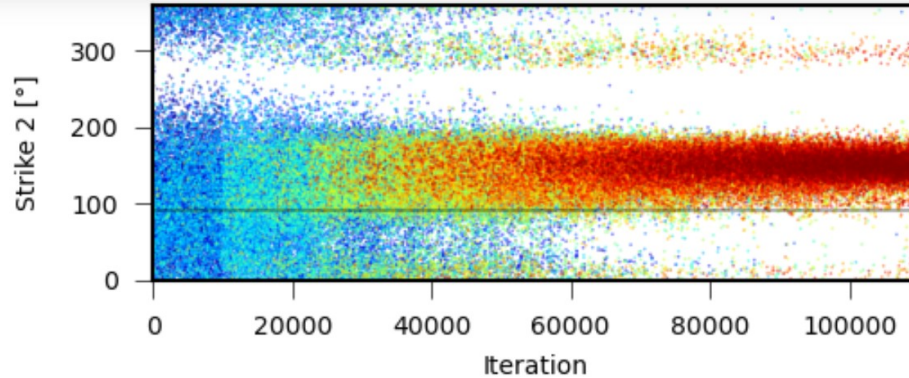
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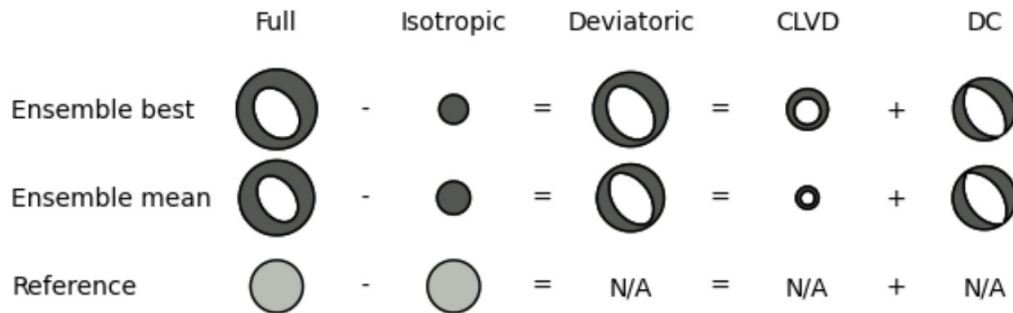
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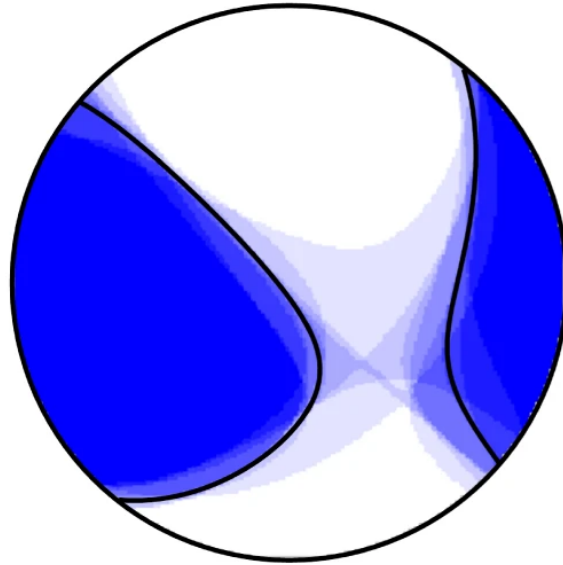
MT Decomposition

Moment tensor decomposition of the best-fitting solution into isotropic, deviatoric and best double couple components.

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Source inversion in seismology



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