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Spherical traveltimes applications

Receiver locations
Traveltime curves
Locally constant velocity

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- Estimate (x_0, z_0) and t_0
- Hyperbolic intersections
- Get time t_0
- Mentioned in Vidale's paper

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Location of source (s) and recording points (r)

Now, three arbitrarily located points

Clock times t_1, t_2, t_3 and t_0

Don't know this one!

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Traveltime circles for t_1, t_2 , and t_3 with t_0

Clock times t_1, t_2 , and t_3

Doesn't help find source location, (yet)

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It turns out that...

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3D solution

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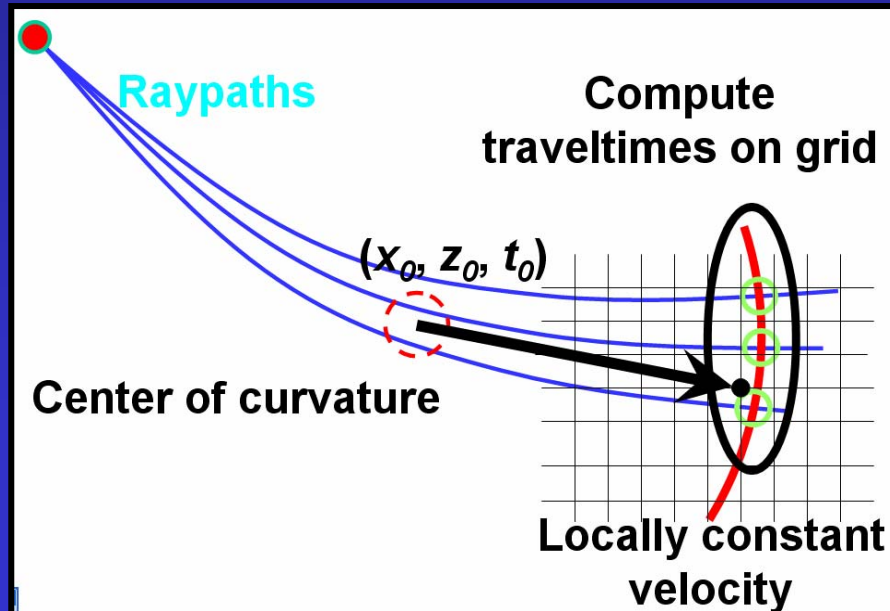
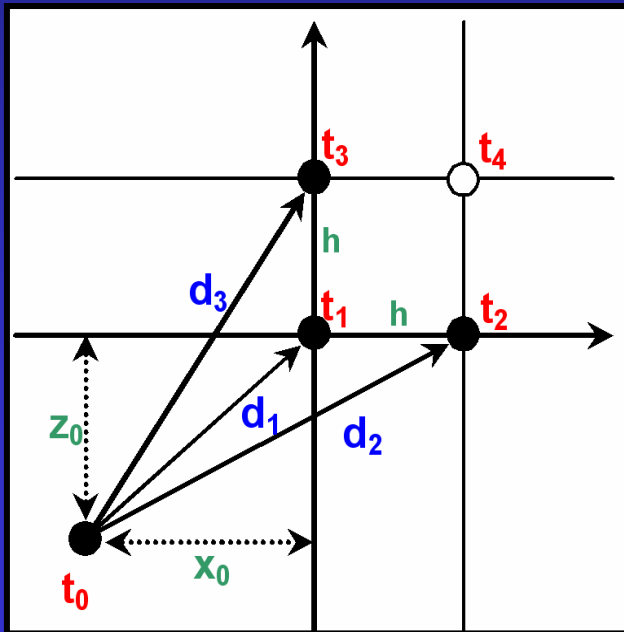
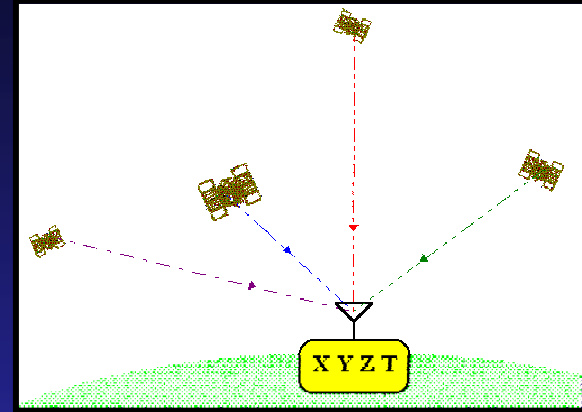
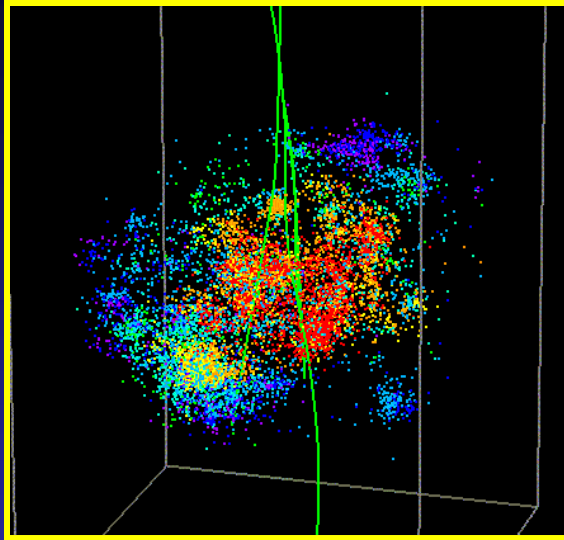
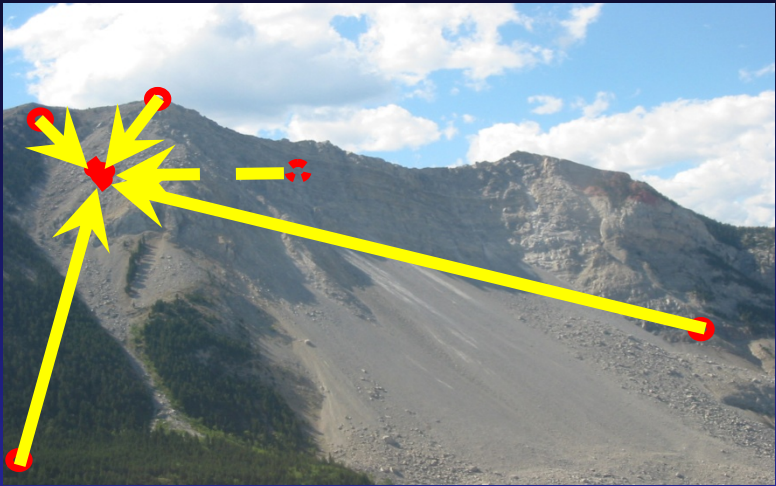
$$t^2 = t_0^2 + \frac{d^2}{v^2} + \frac{d^4}{4v^4} + \dots$$

$$t = t_0 + \frac{d^2}{2v^2} + \frac{d^4}{4v^4} + \dots$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{v^2 + \frac{d^2}{4}} + \sqrt{v^2 + \frac{d^2}{4} + \frac{d^2}{4}}}{2}$$

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Spherical traveltimes applications

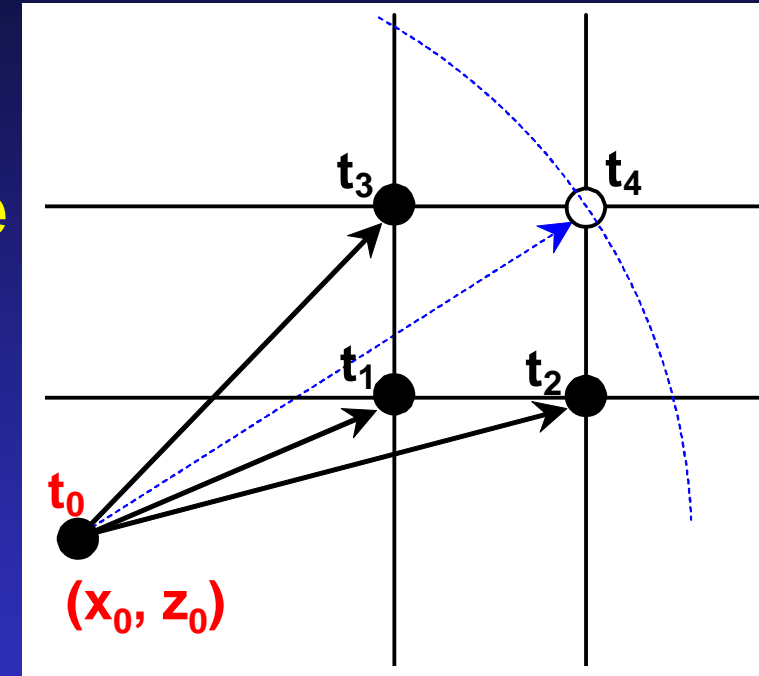


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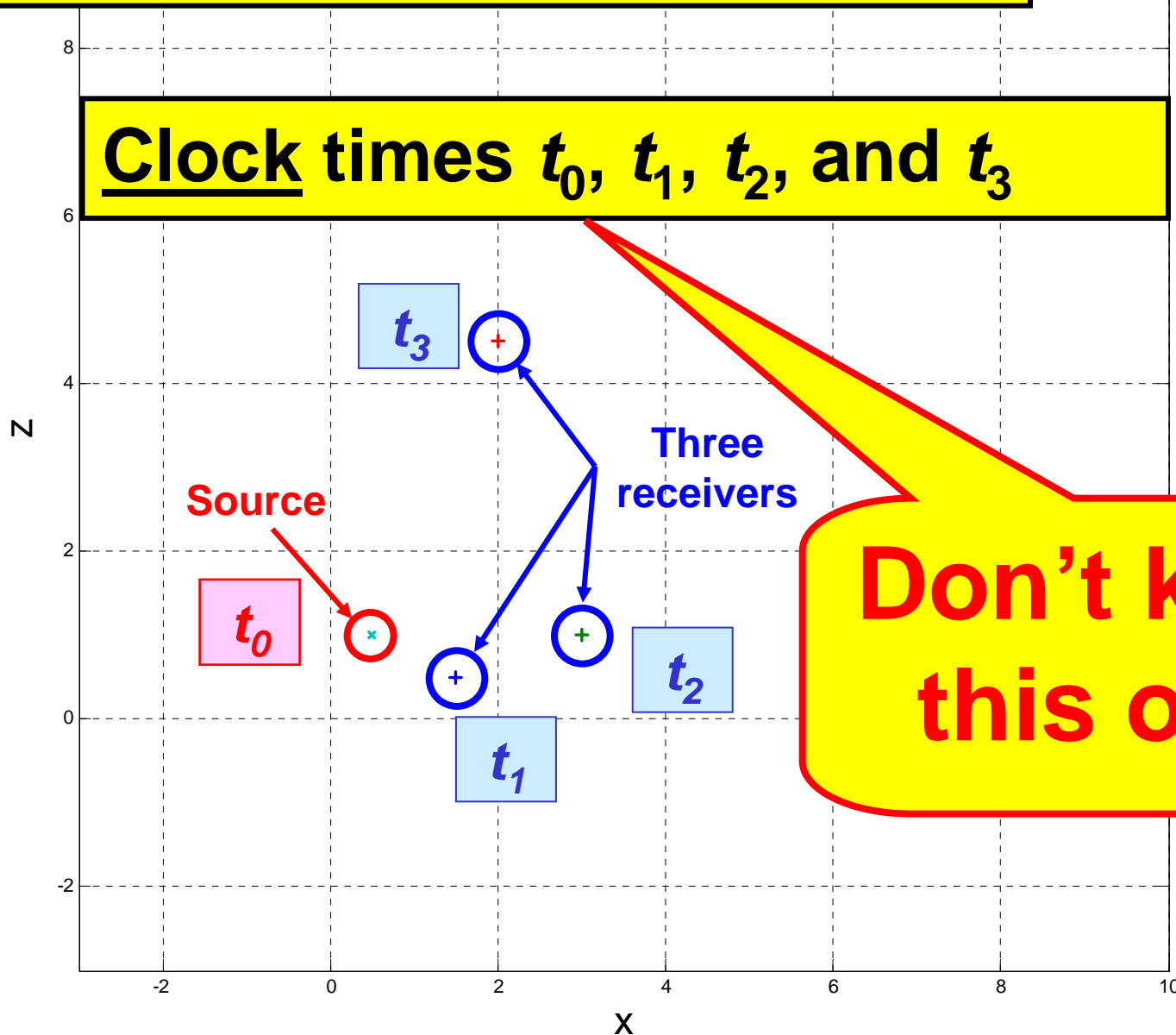
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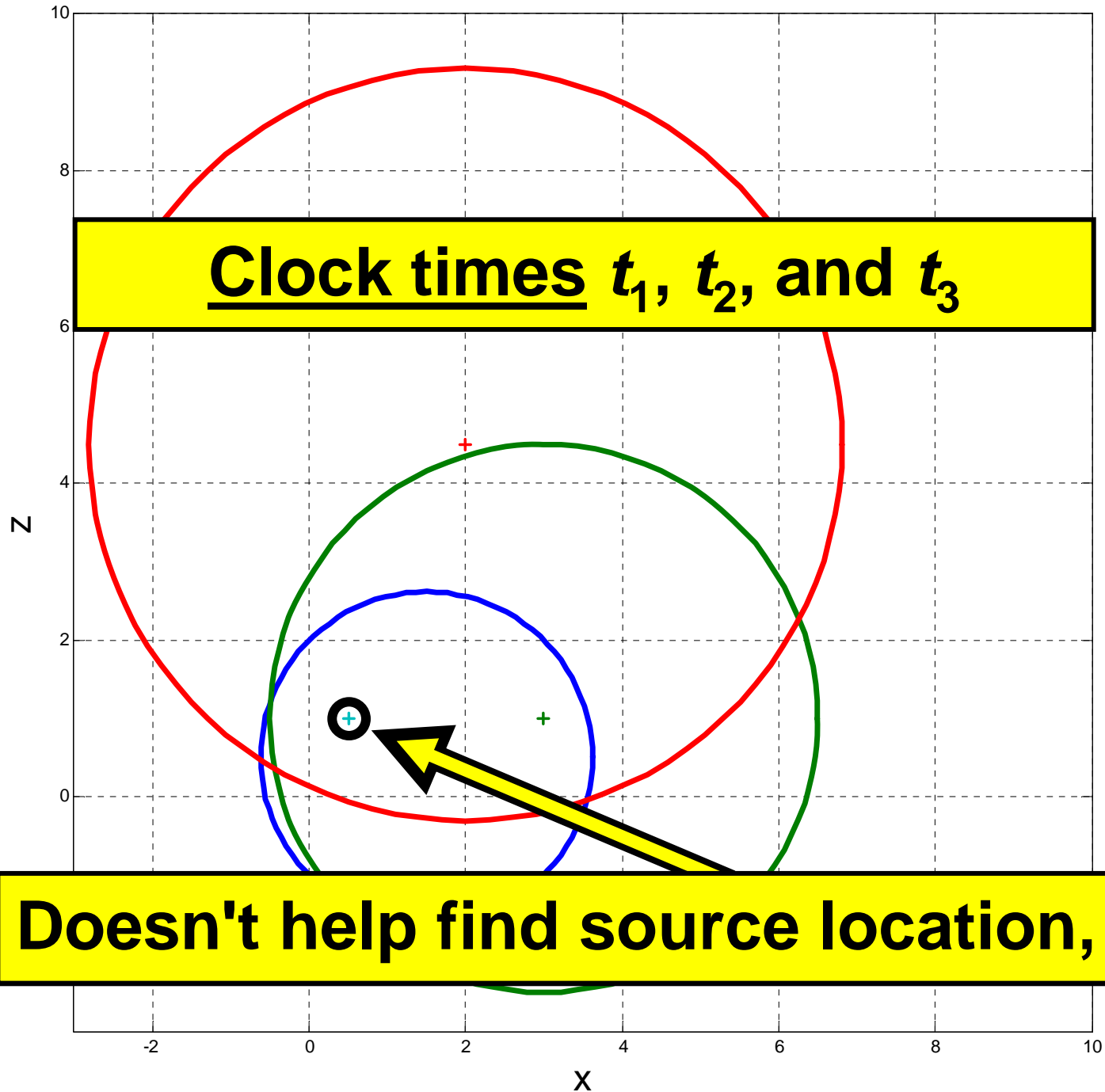


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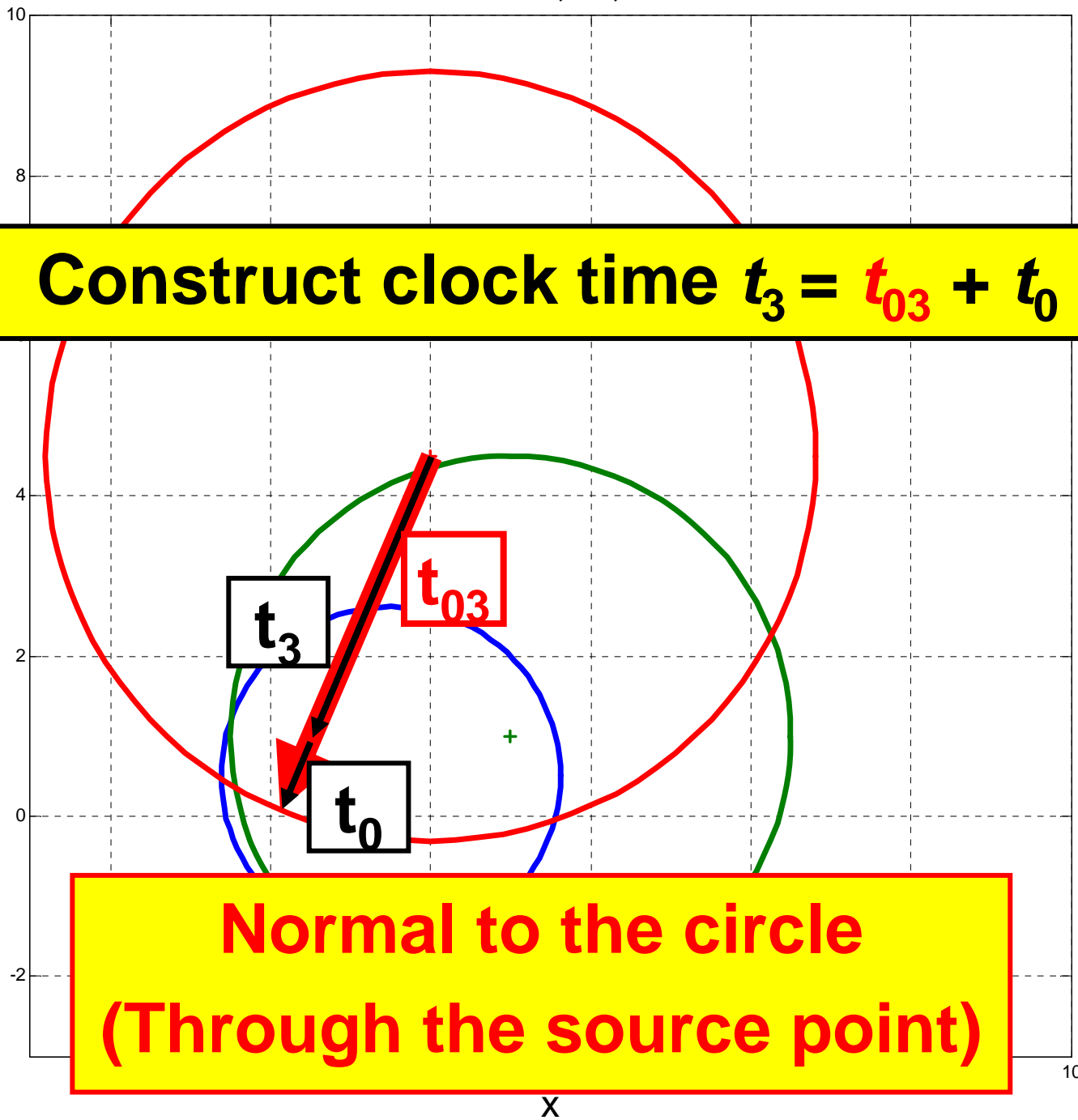
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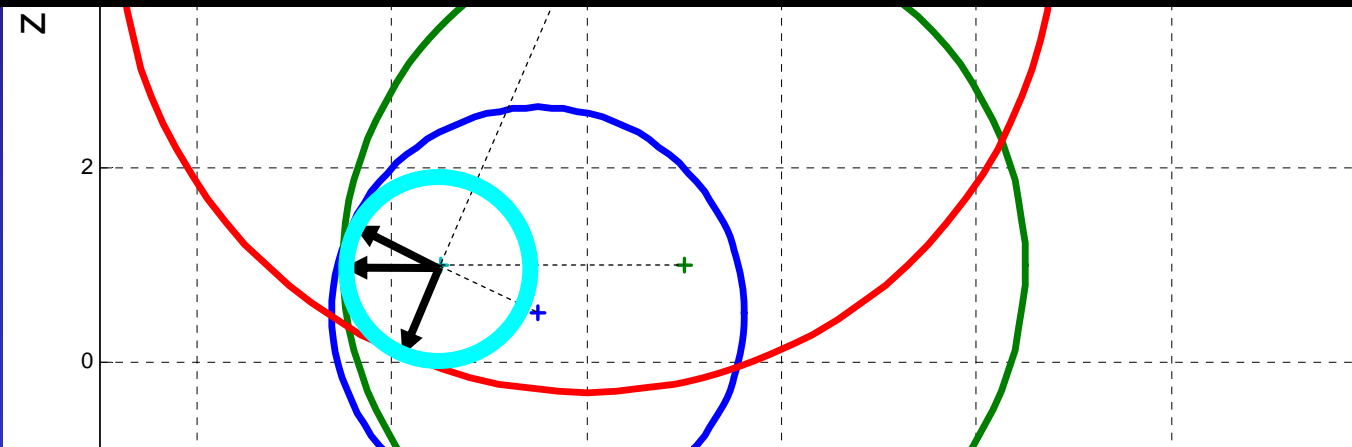


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**Normal to the circle
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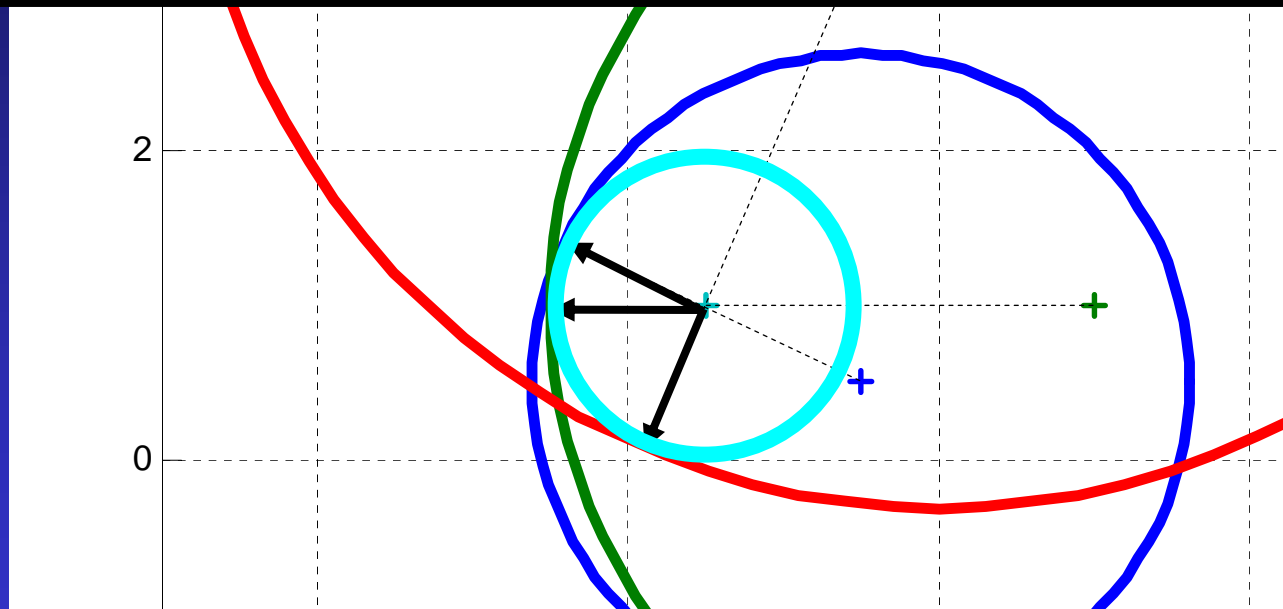
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The three-circle problem was solved by Viète (Boyer 1968), and the solutions are called [Apollonius circles](#). There are eight total solutions. The simplest solution is obtained by solving the three simultaneous quadratic equations

$$(x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2 - (r \pm r_1)^2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$(x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2 - (r \pm r_2)^2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(x - x_3)^2 + (y - y_3)^2 - (r \pm r_3)^2 = 0 \quad (3)$$

in the three [unknowns](#) x, y, r for the eight triplets of signs (Courant and Robbins 1996). Expanding the equations gives

$$(x^2 + y^2 - r^2) - 2x x_i - 2y y_i \mp 2r r_i + (x_i^2 + y_i^2 - r_i^2) = 0 \quad (4)$$

for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Since the first term is the same for each equation, taking (2) - (1) and (3) - (1) gives

$$ax + by + cr = d \quad (5)$$

$$a'x + b'y + c'r = d', \quad (6)$$

where

$$a = 2(x_1 - x_2) \quad (7)$$

$$b = 2(y_1 - y_2) \quad (8)$$

$$c = \pm 2(r_1 - r_2) \quad (9)$$

$$d = (x_1^2 + y_1^2 - r_1^2) - (x_2^2 + y_2^2 - r_2^2) \quad (10)$$

and similarly for a', b', c' and d' (where the 2 subscripts are replaced by 3s). Solving these two simultaneous linear equations gives

$$x = \frac{b'd - b'd' - b'cr + b'c'r}{ab' - ba'} \quad (11)$$

$$y = \frac{-a'd + a'd' + a'cr - a'c'r}{ab' - a'b}, \quad (12)$$

which can then be plugged back into the [quadratic equation](#) (1) and solved using the [quadratic formula](#).

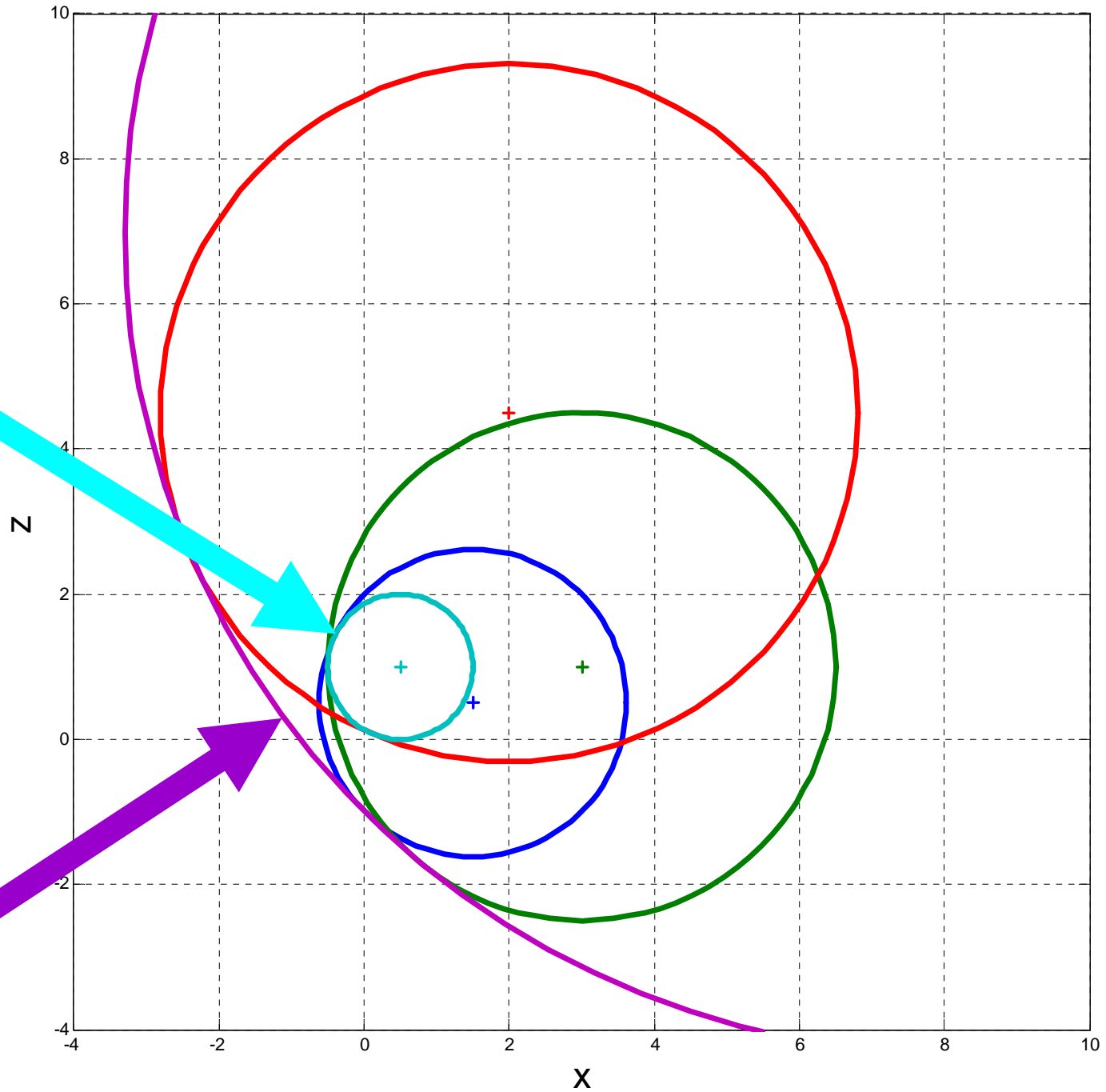
It turns out...

- In general there are 8 possible solutions
- But our case is limited by the geometry of the problem to only 2 solutions.

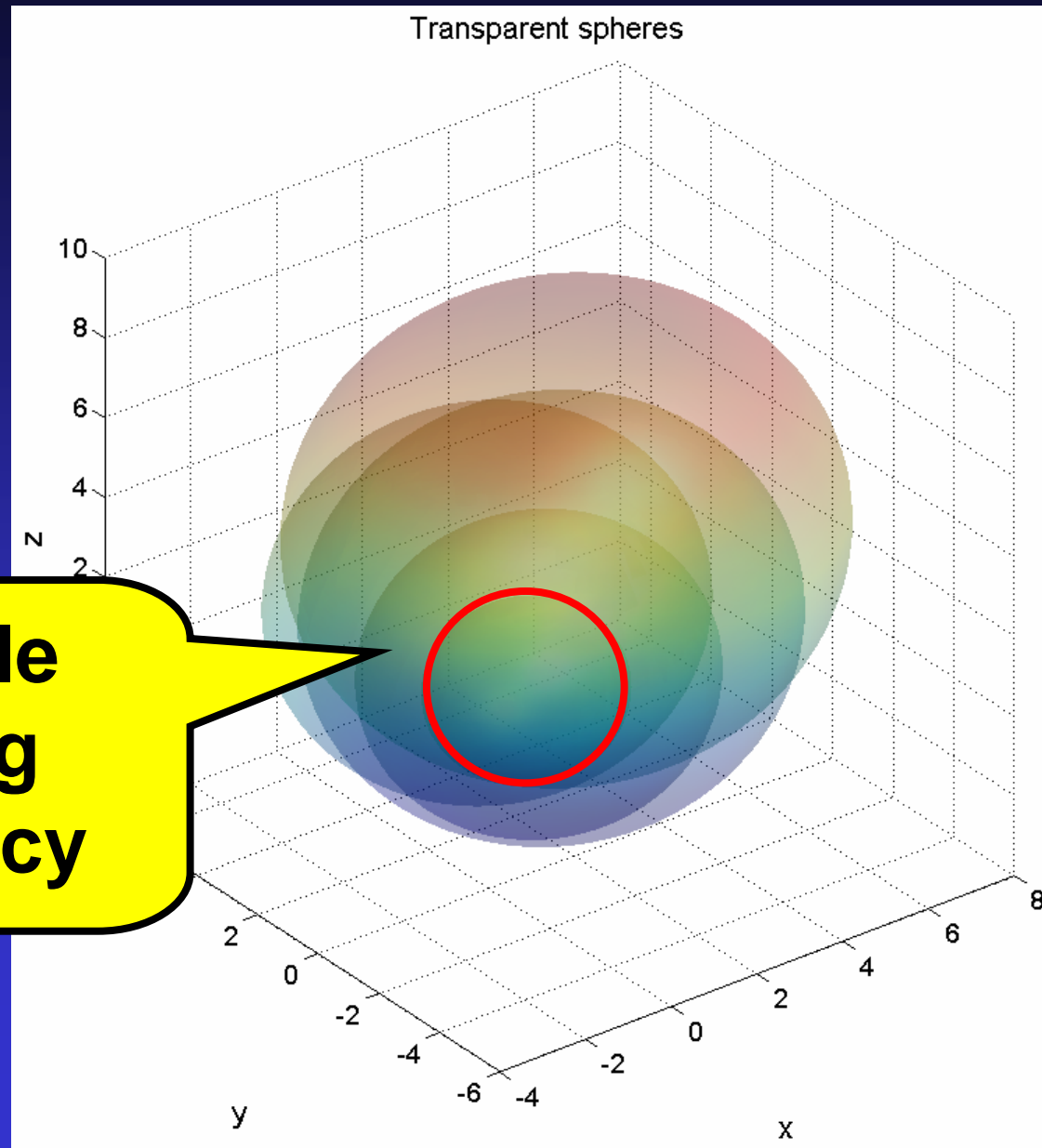
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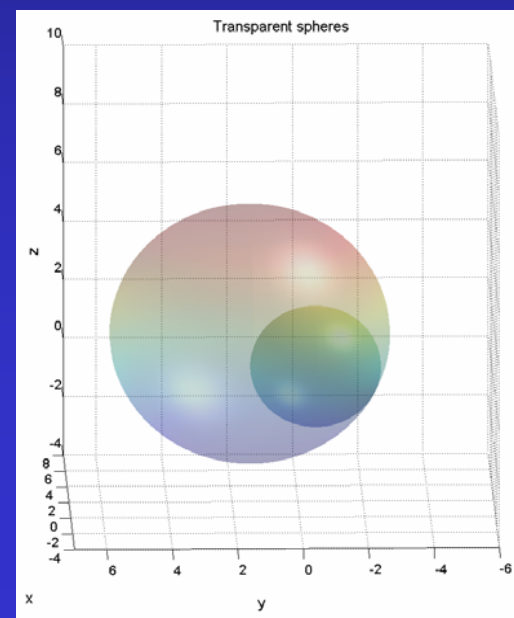
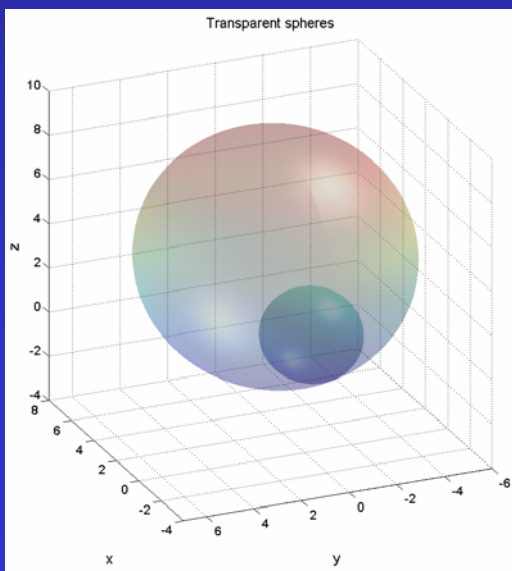
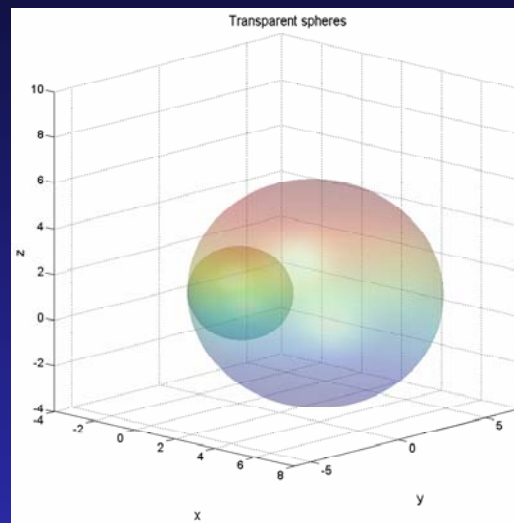
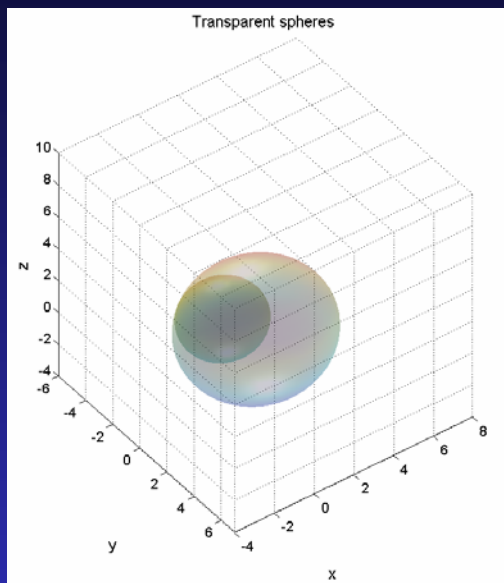


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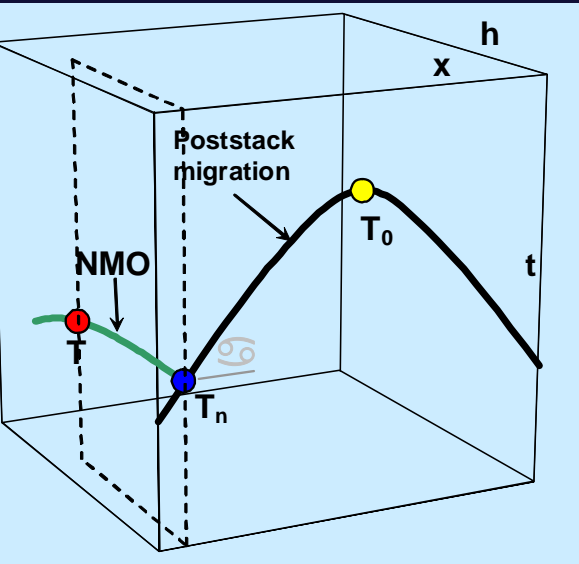
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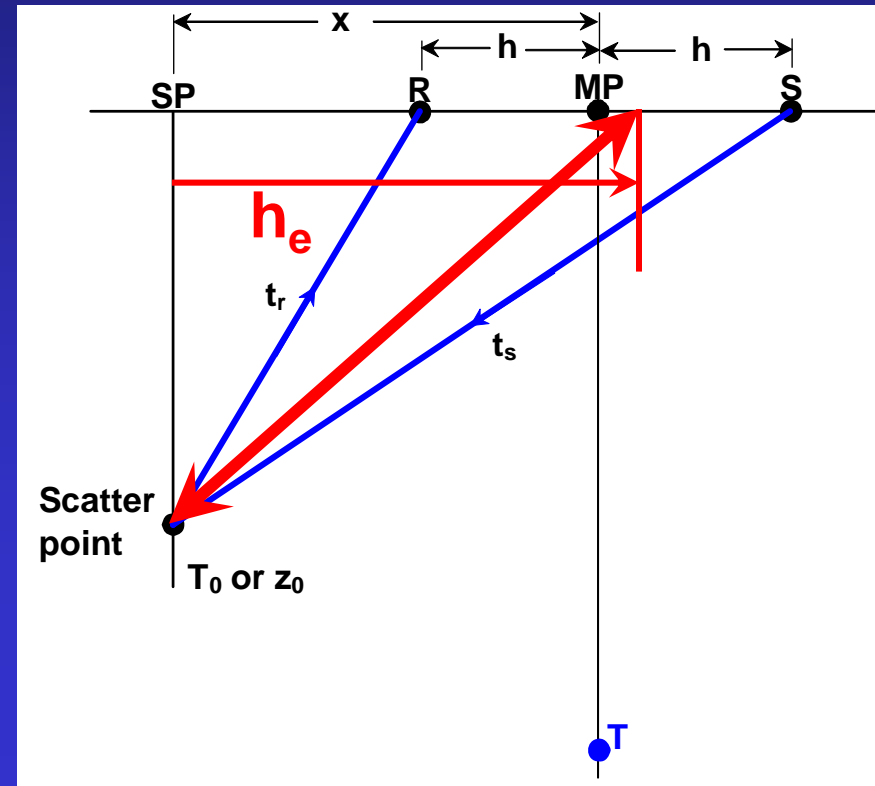
$$T^2 = T_0^2 + \frac{4}{V^2} (x^2 + h^2)$$

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{T_0^2}{4} + \frac{h_s^2}{V^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{T_0^2}{4} + \frac{h_r^2}{V^2}}$$

Equivalent offset

$$\sqrt{\frac{T_0^2}{4} + \frac{(x+h)^2}{V_{RMS}^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{T_0^2}{4} + \frac{(x-h)^2}{V_{RMS}^2}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{T_0^2}{4} + \frac{h_e^2}{V_{RMS}^2}}$$

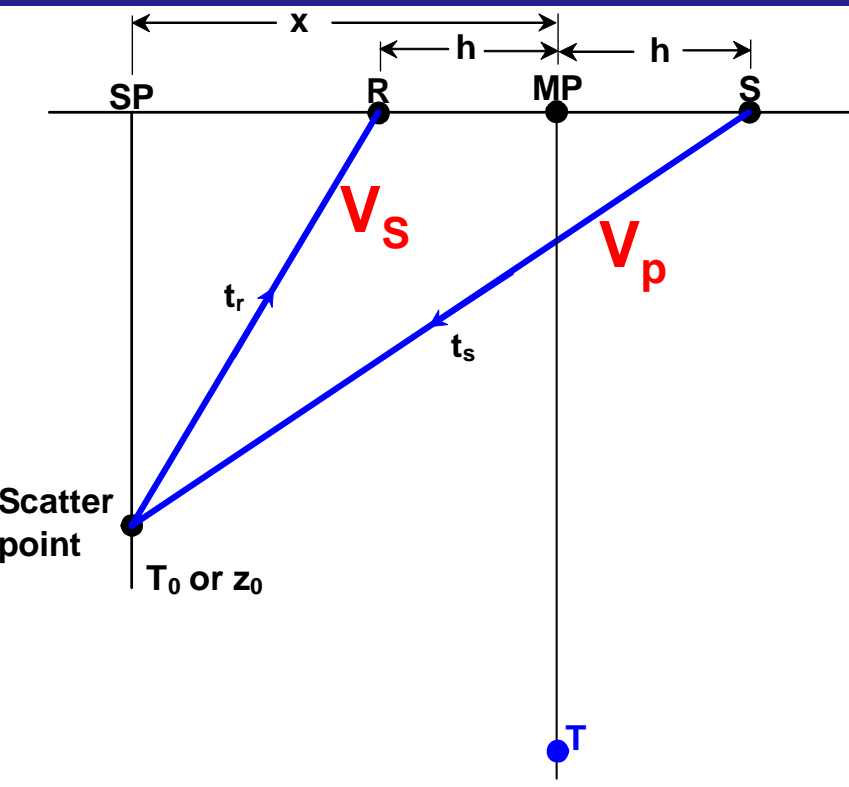
$$h_e^2 = x^2 + h^2 - \frac{4x^2h^2}{T^2V_{RMS}^2}$$



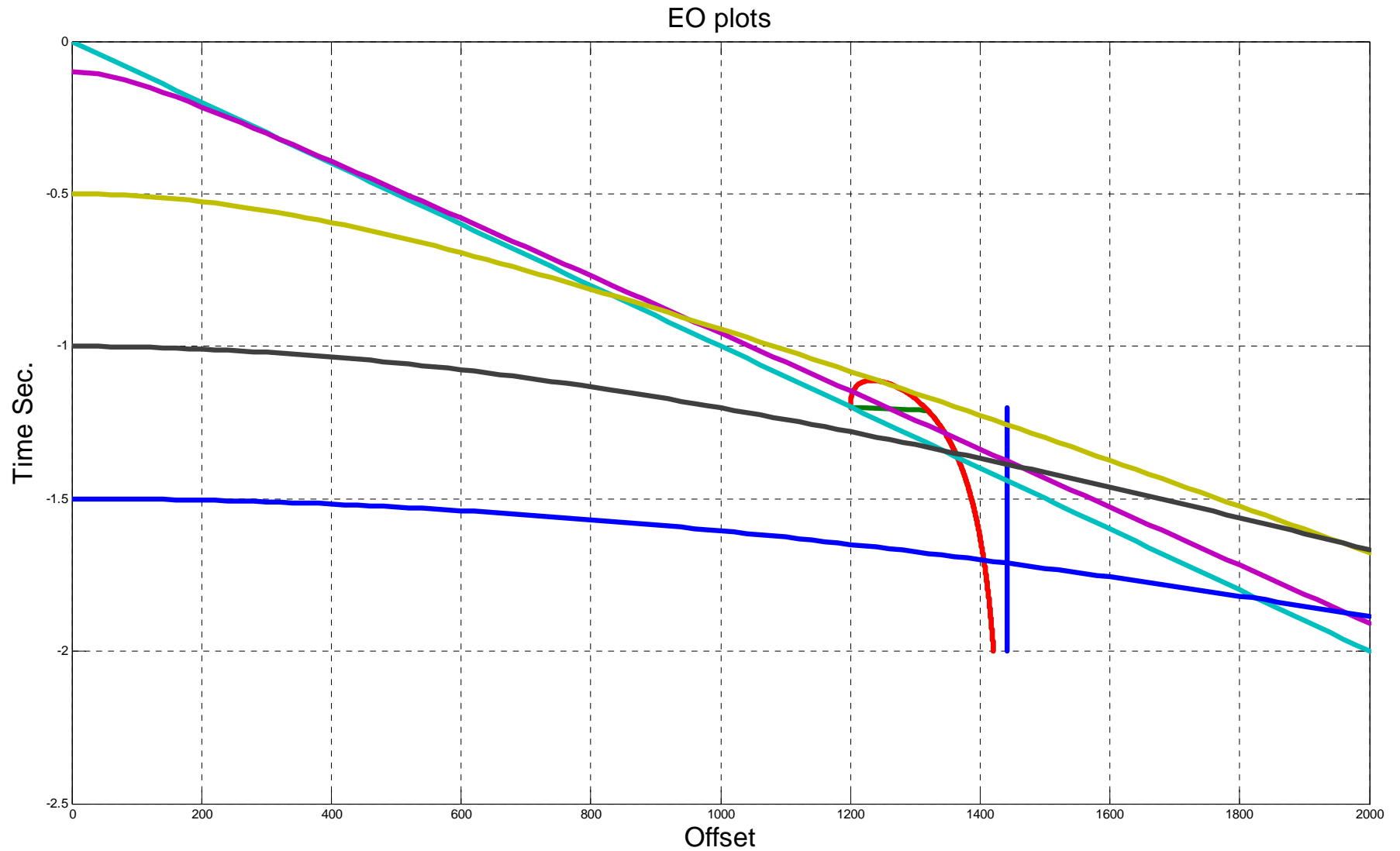
Converted wave Eq. Offset

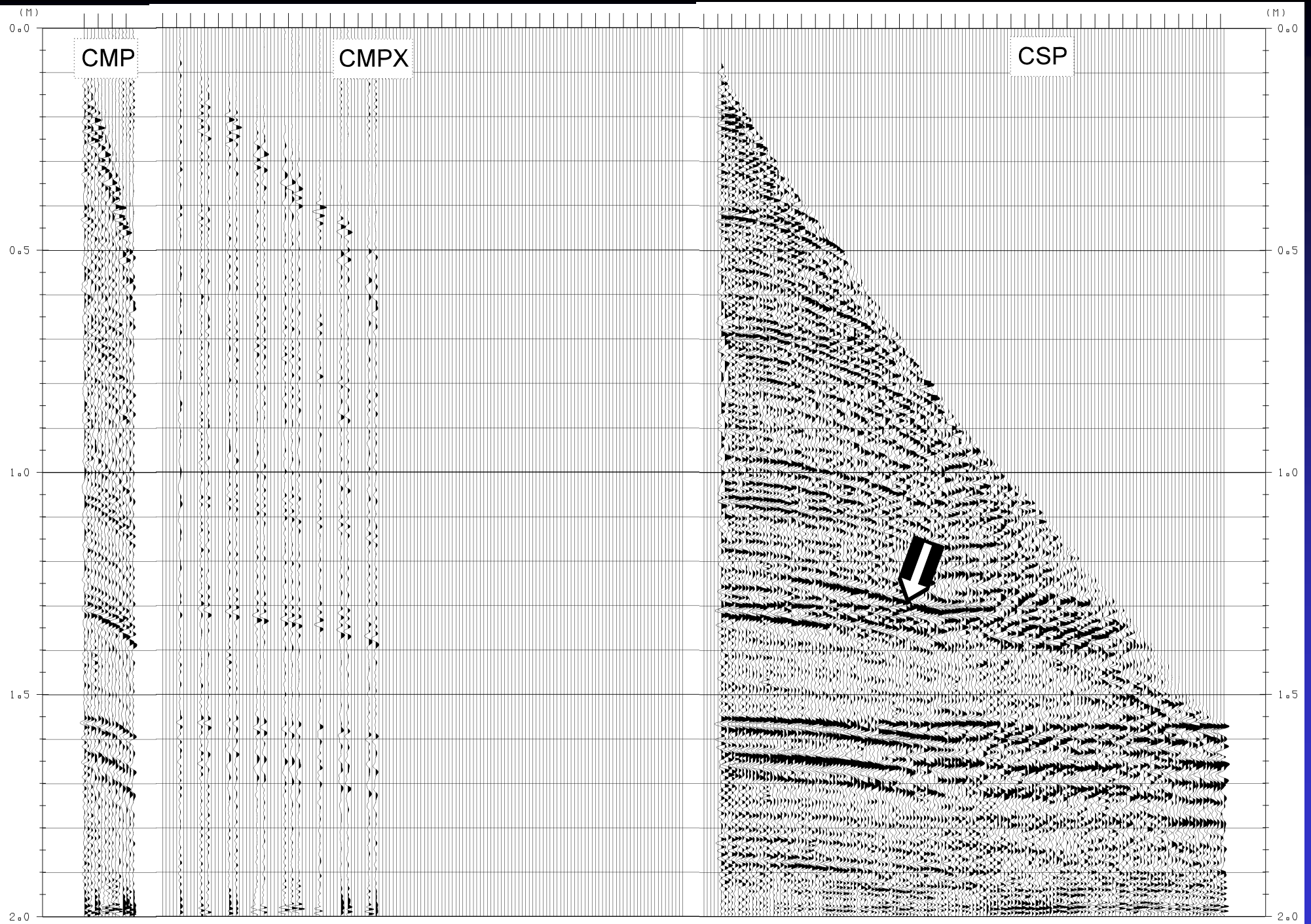
$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{\frac{T_{0P}^2}{4} + \frac{(x+h)^2}{V_P^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{T_{0S}^2}{4} + \frac{(x-h)^2}{V_S^2}} &= \sqrt{\frac{T_{0P}^2}{4} + \frac{h_e^2}{V_P^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{T_{0S}^2}{4} + \frac{h_e^2}{V_S^2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{V_P} \sqrt{\frac{z_0^2 V_P^2}{V_{Pave}^2} + h_e^2} + \frac{1}{V_S} \sqrt{\frac{z_0^2 V_S^2}{V_{Save}^2} + h_e^2} \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{V_P} \sqrt{\tilde{z}^2 + h_e^2} + \frac{1}{V_S} \sqrt{\tilde{z}^2 + h_e^2} \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{V_P} + \frac{1}{V_S} \right) \sqrt{\tilde{z}^2 + h_e^2} \\
 &= \frac{1+\gamma}{V_P} \sqrt{\tilde{z}^2 + h_e^2} \\
 &= 2 \sqrt{\frac{T_{0PS}^2}{4} + \frac{h_e^2}{V_{PS}^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{PS} = \frac{V_S}{1+\gamma}^{20}$$

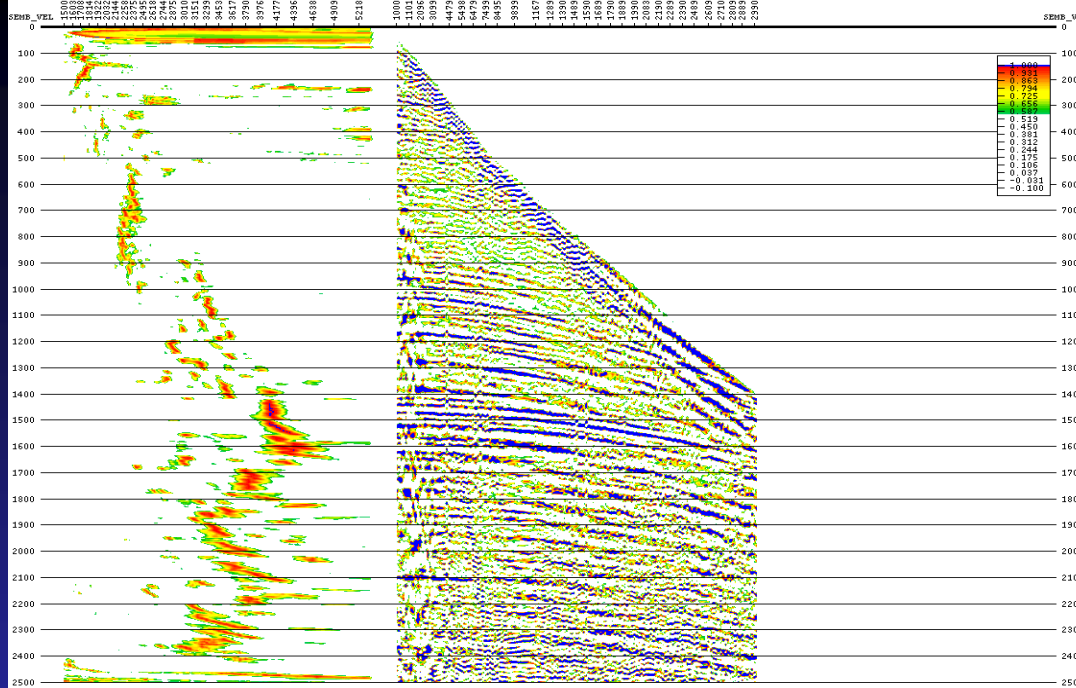


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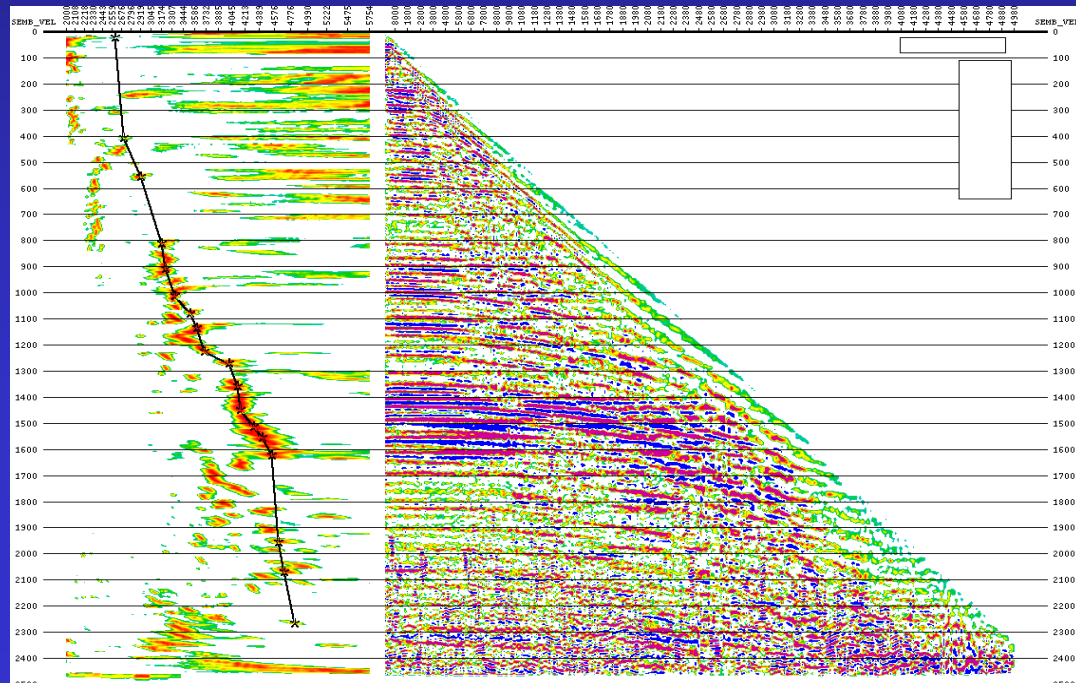




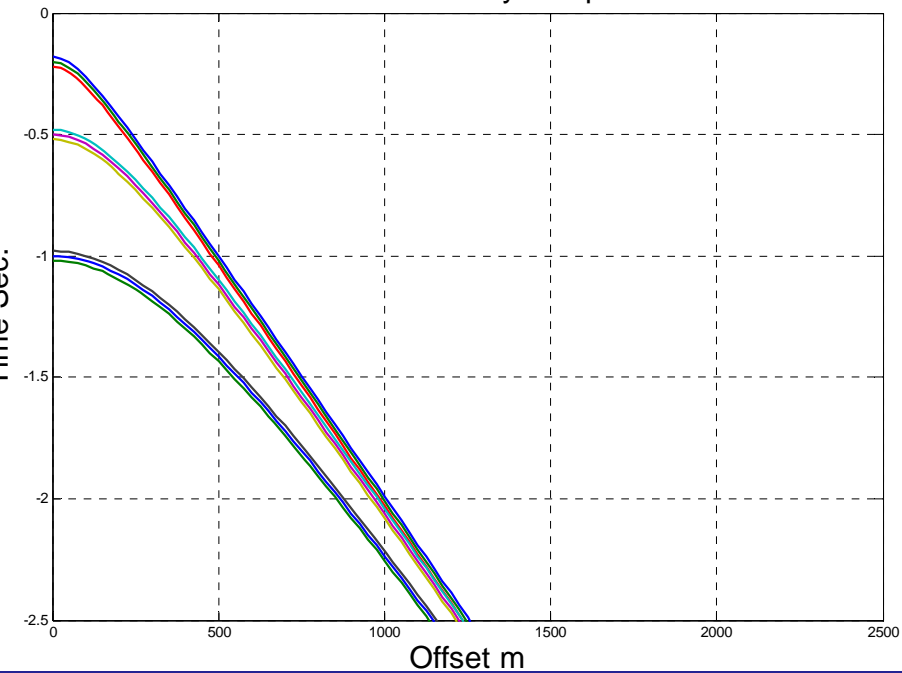
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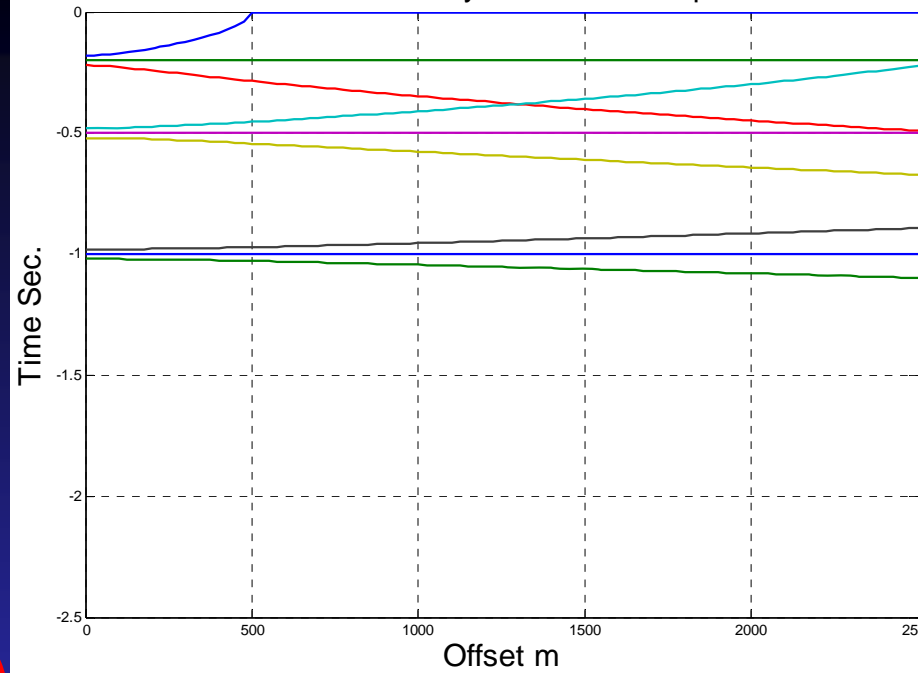
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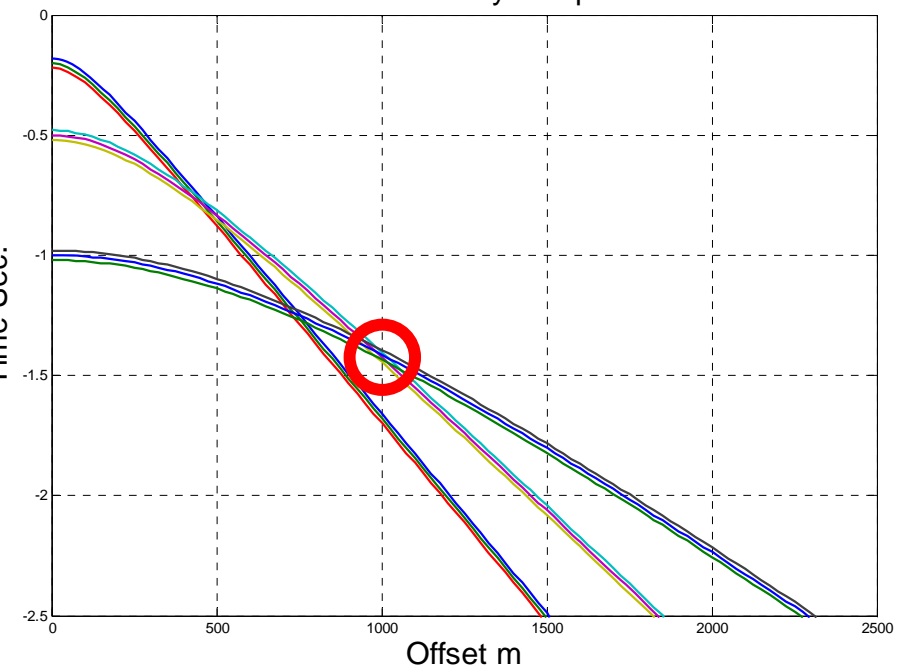
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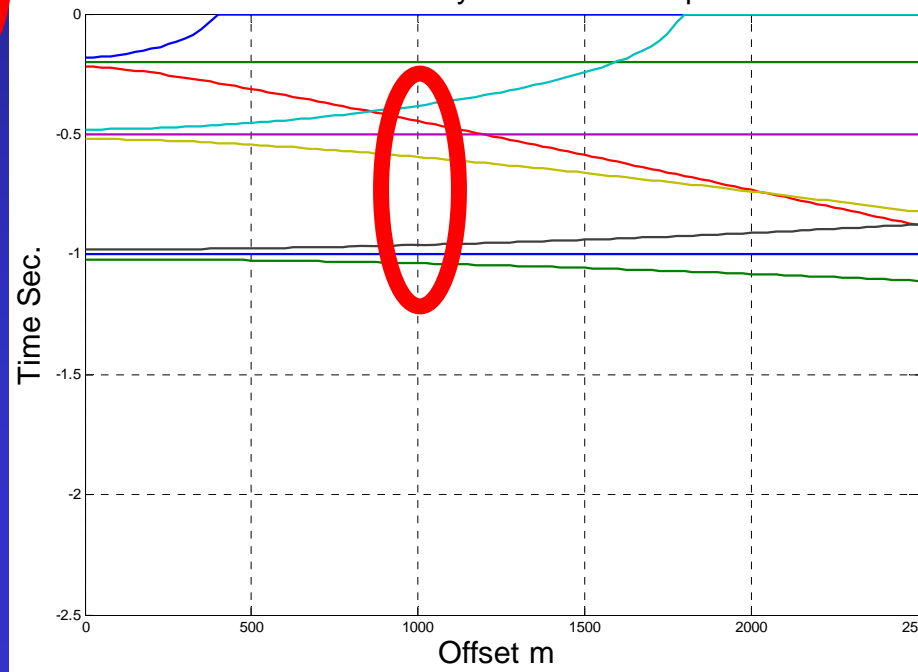
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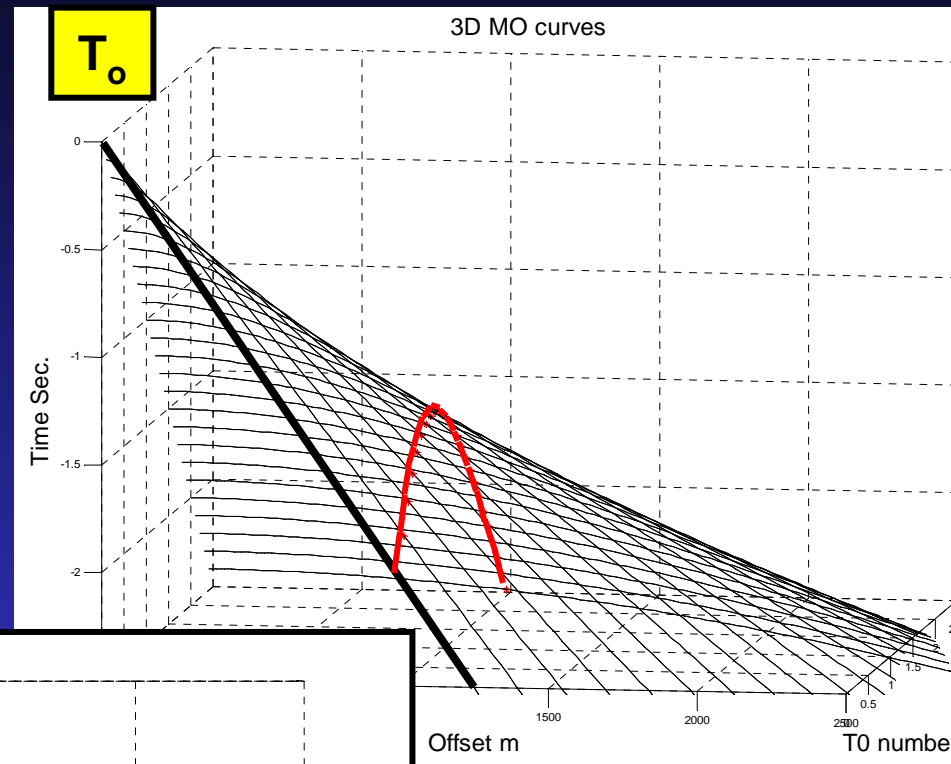
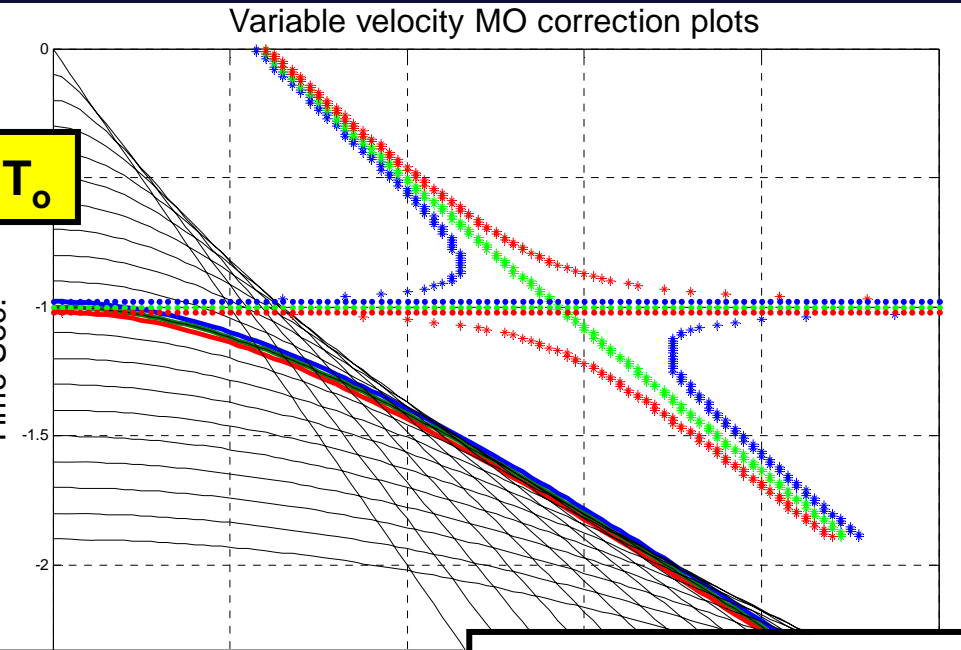
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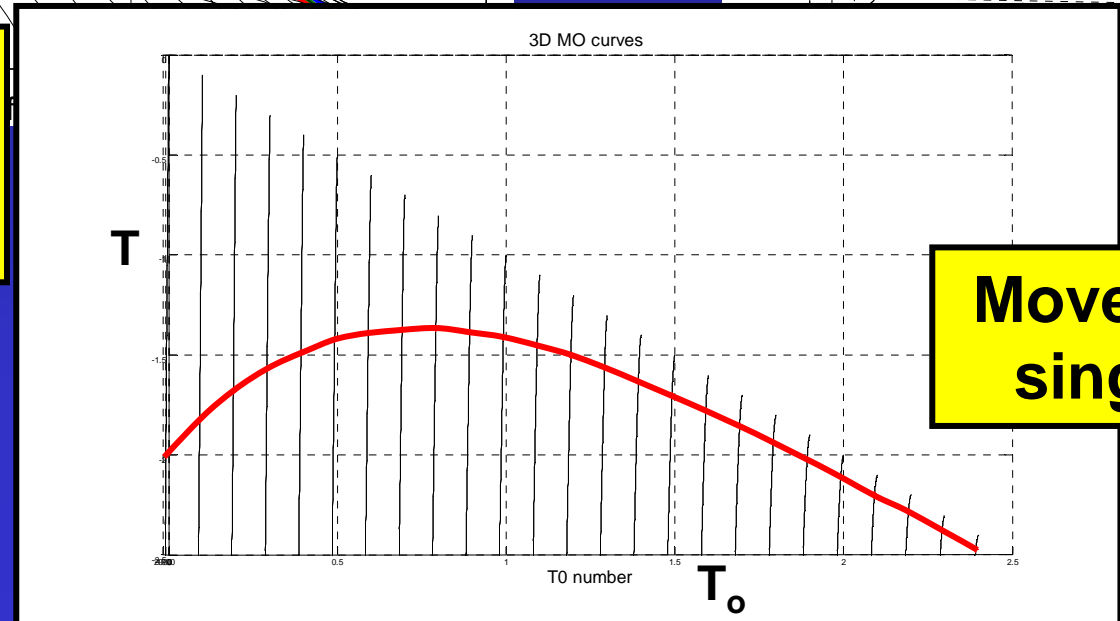
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Suite of moveout correction curves (T , h , T_0)



All moveout curves cross the event (multivalued)



Moveout curves single valued

Moveout objectives

- Single valued moveout correction
- Removal of excessive stretch
- Reduce or eliminate aliased condition (???)
- Stretchless moveout correction (???)

Thanks for your attention