

Parameterization, stacking, and inversion of locally coherent events with the Common-Reflection-Surface Stack method

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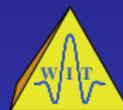
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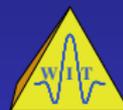
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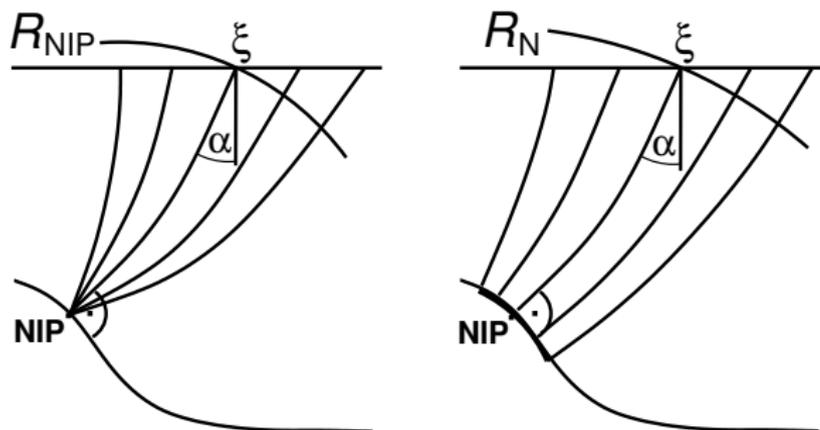
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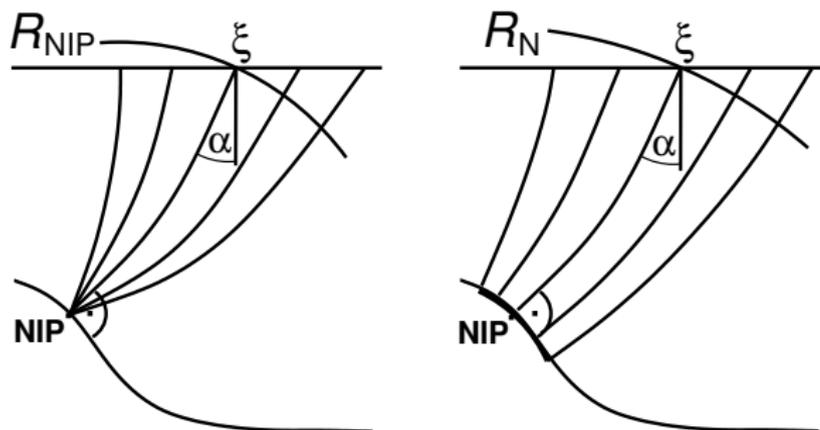
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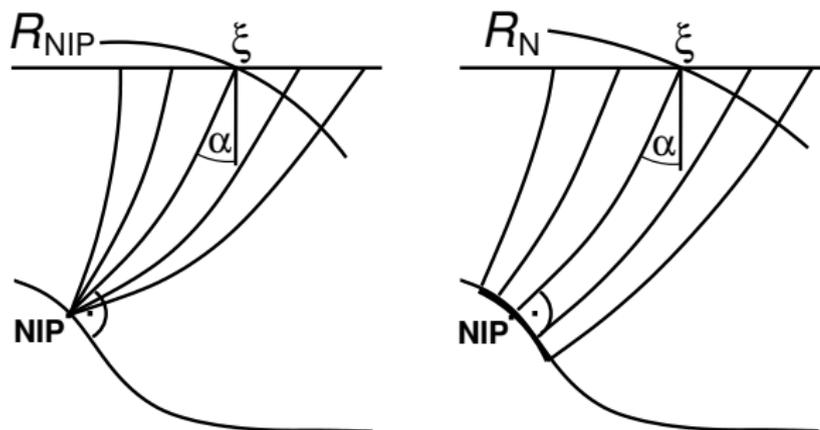
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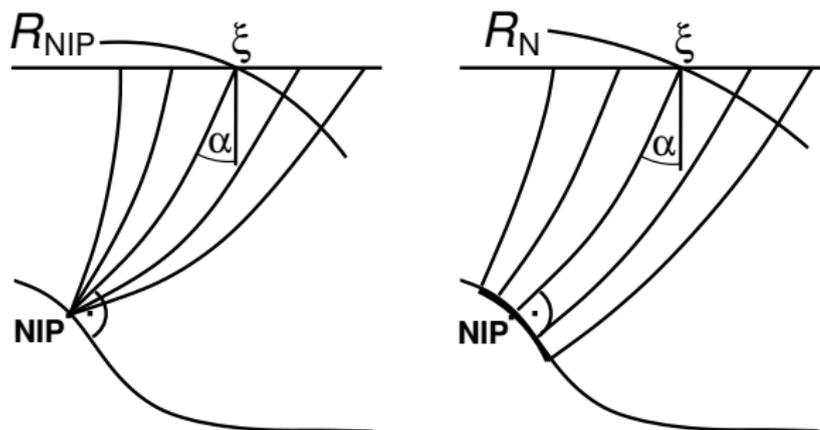
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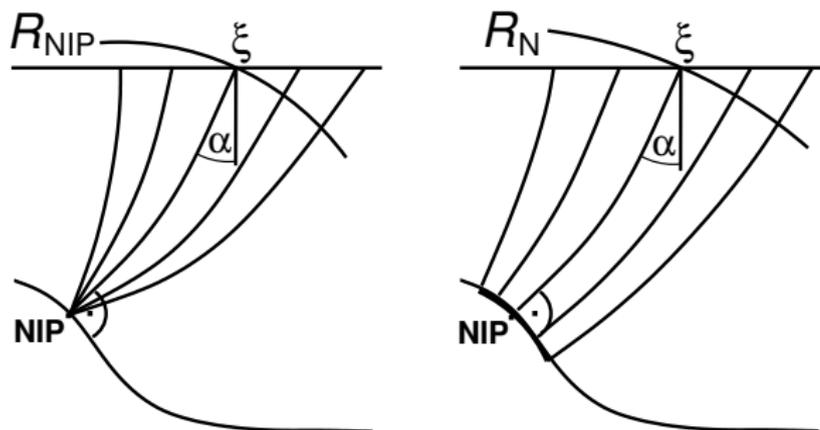
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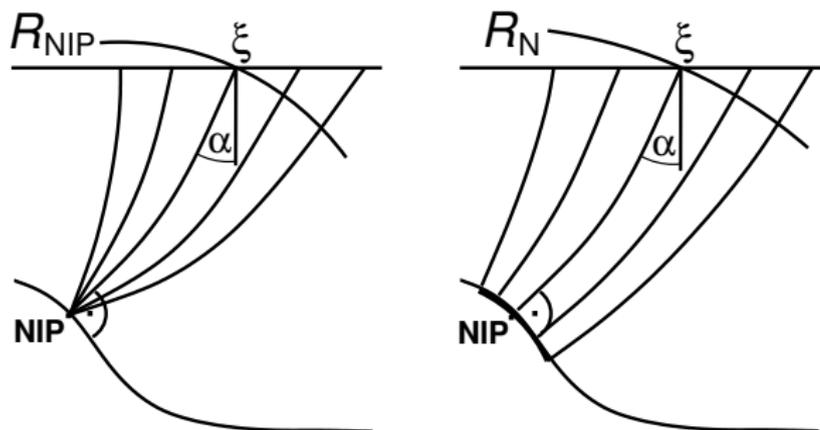
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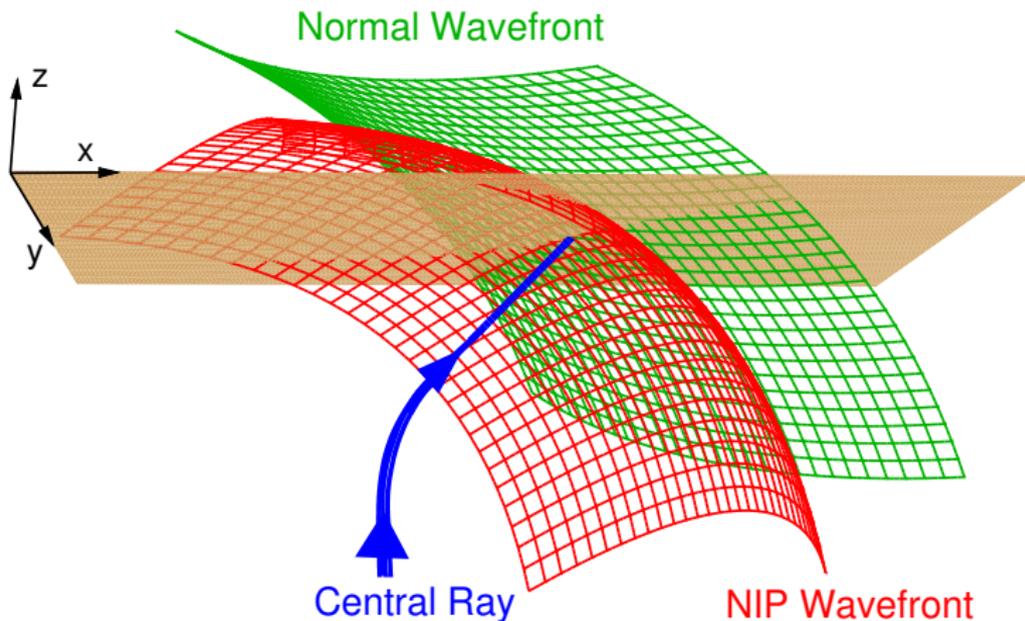
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CRS wavefield attributes in 3-D



👉 slowness **vector** and curvature **matrices**!

(Höcht, 2002)

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α, ψ azimuth & emergence angle of normal ray

\mathbf{D} transformation ray-centered/global coordinates

$\mathbf{K}_{\text{NIP}}, \mathbf{K}_N$ curvature matrix of NIP/normal wavefront

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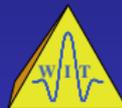
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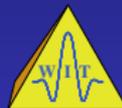
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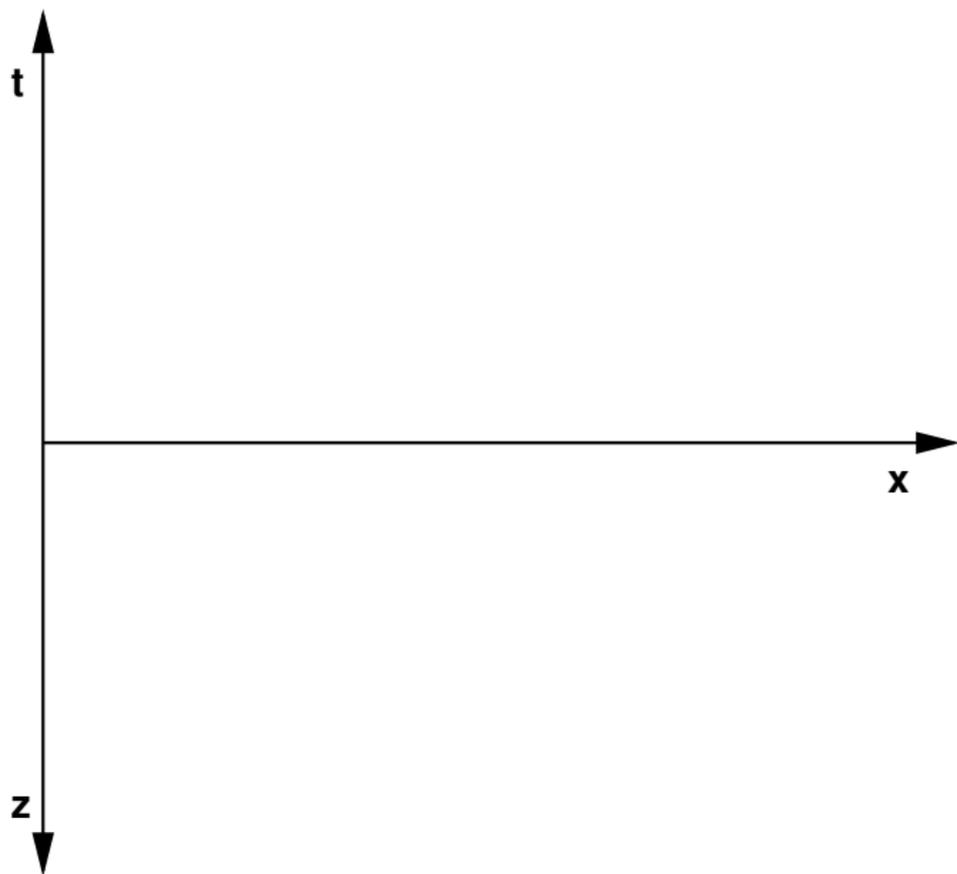
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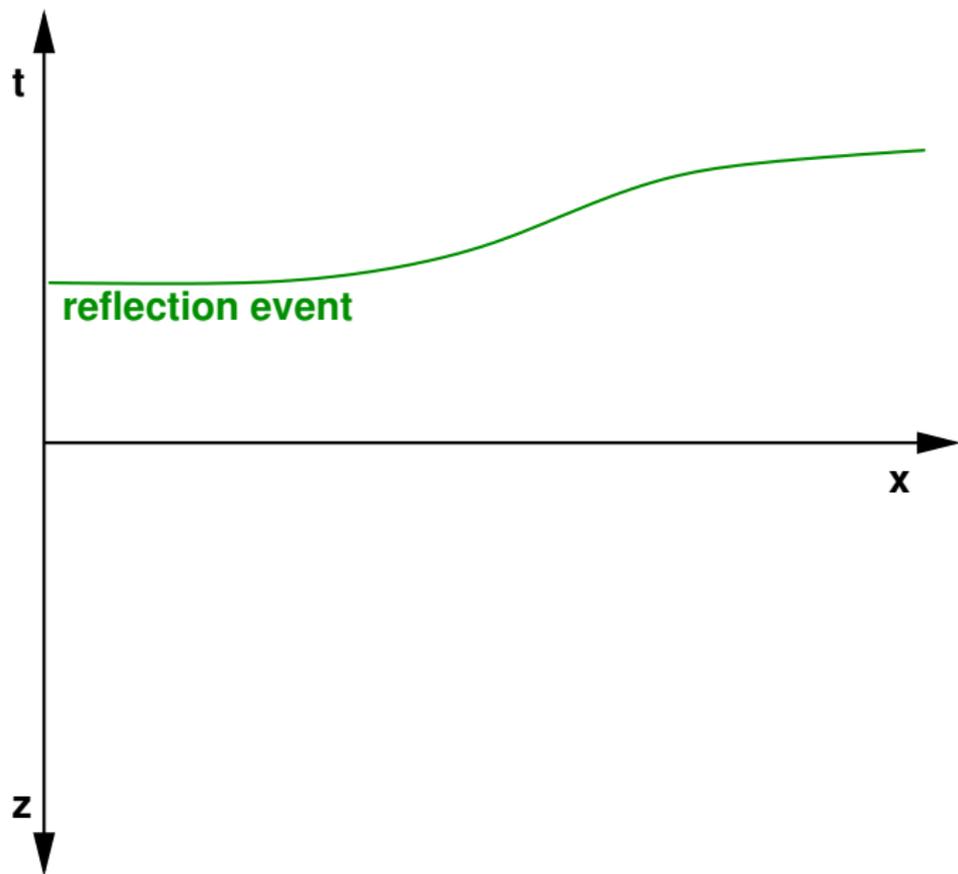
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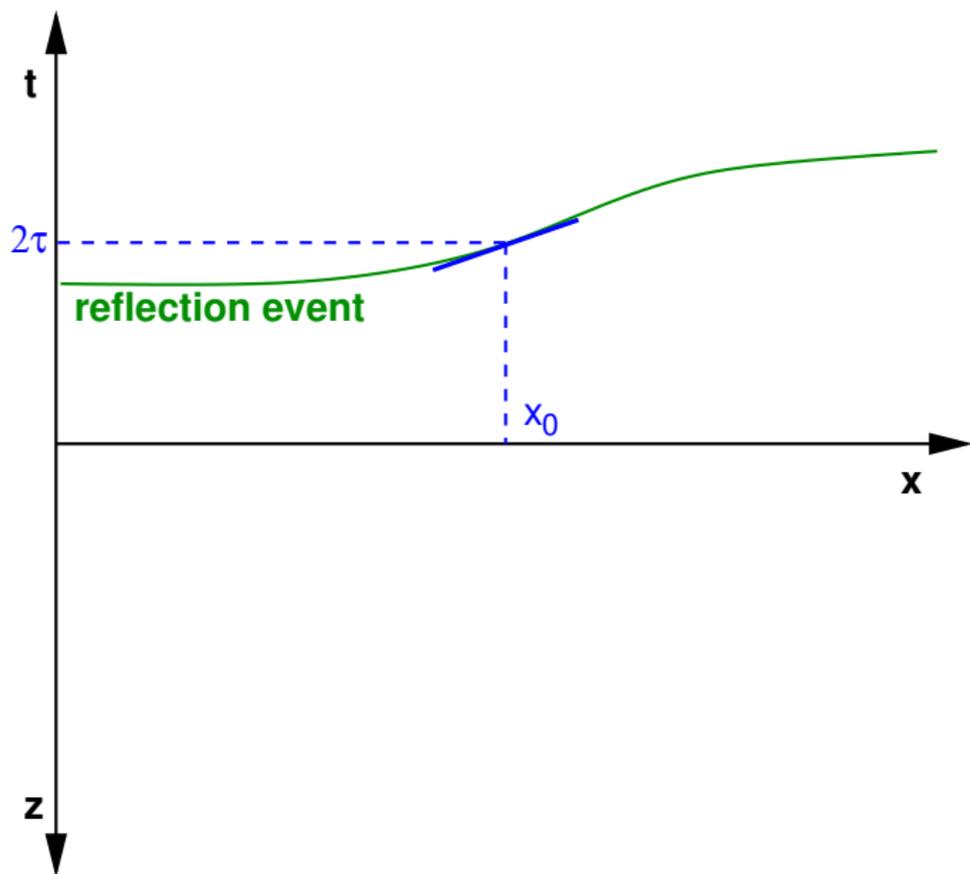
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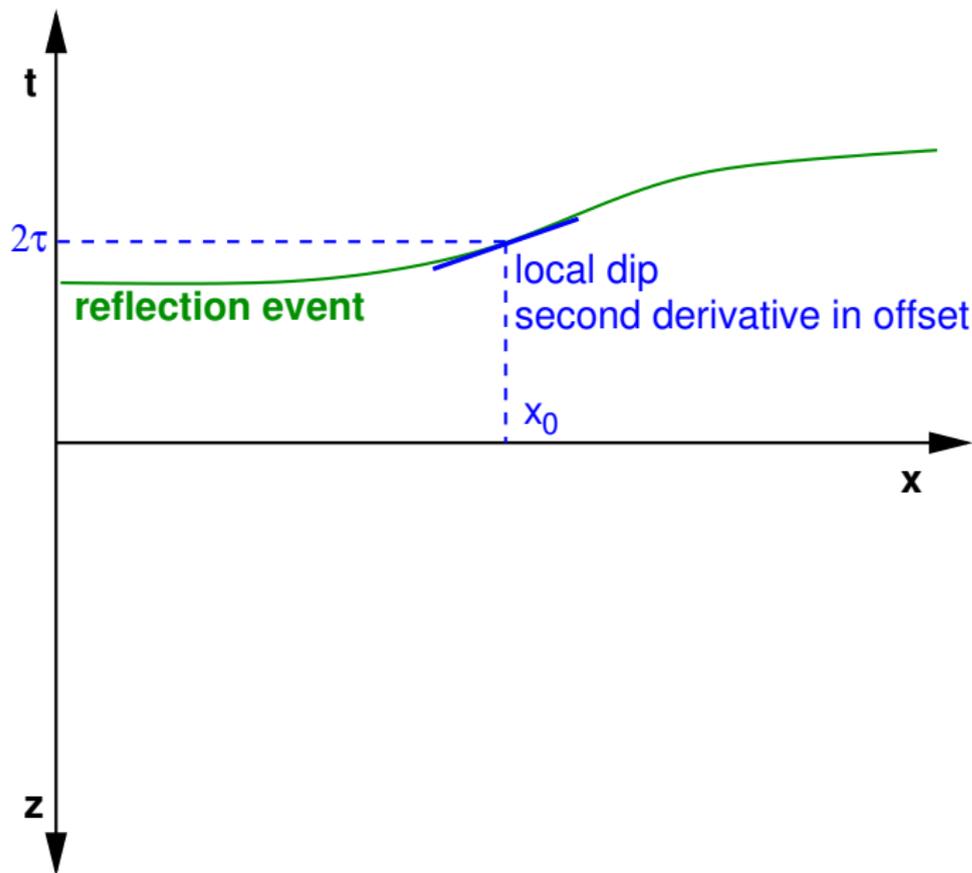
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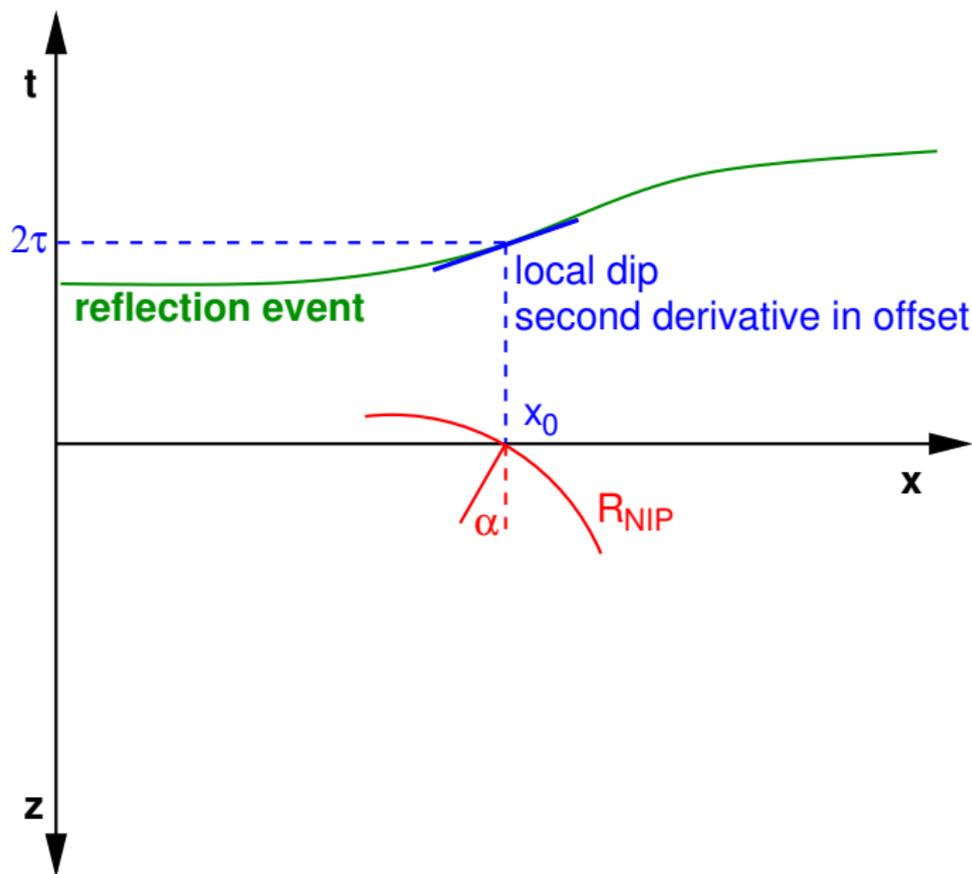
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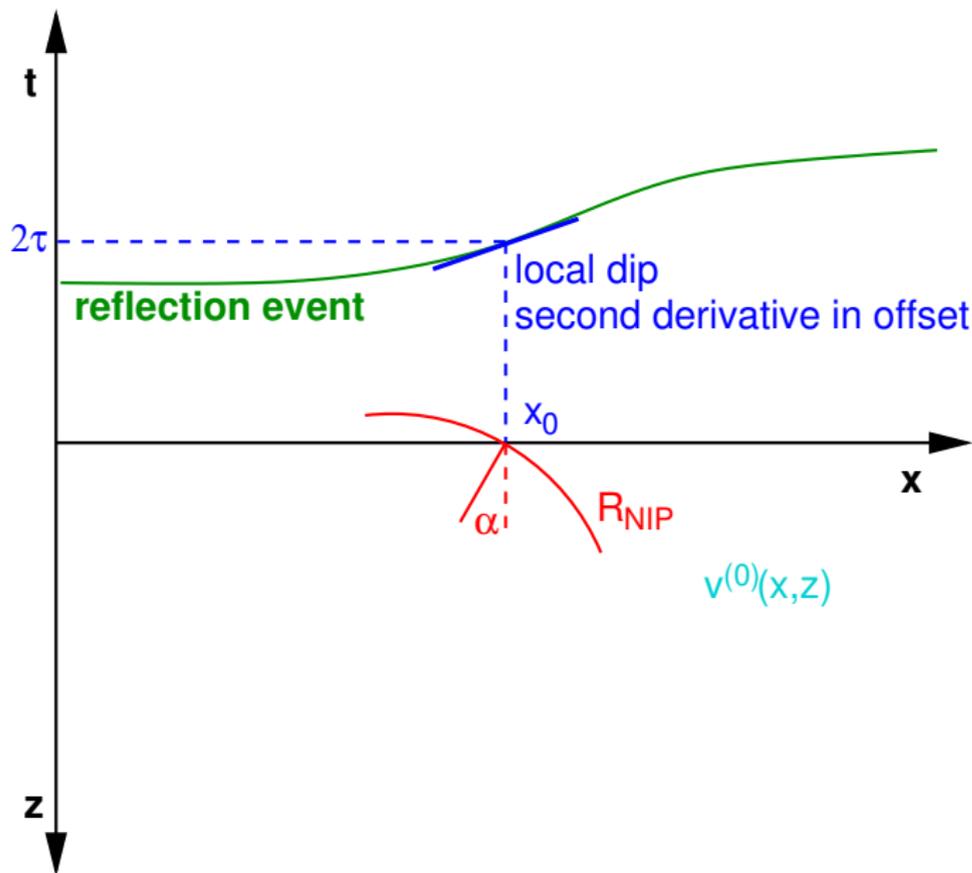
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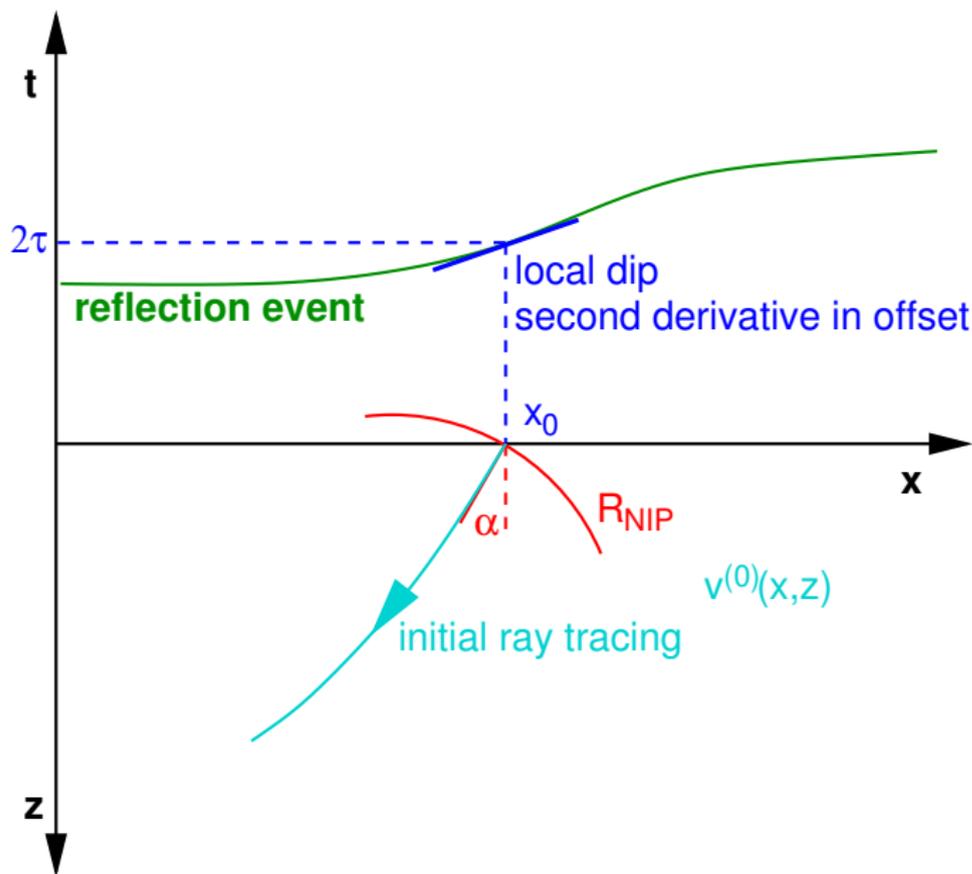
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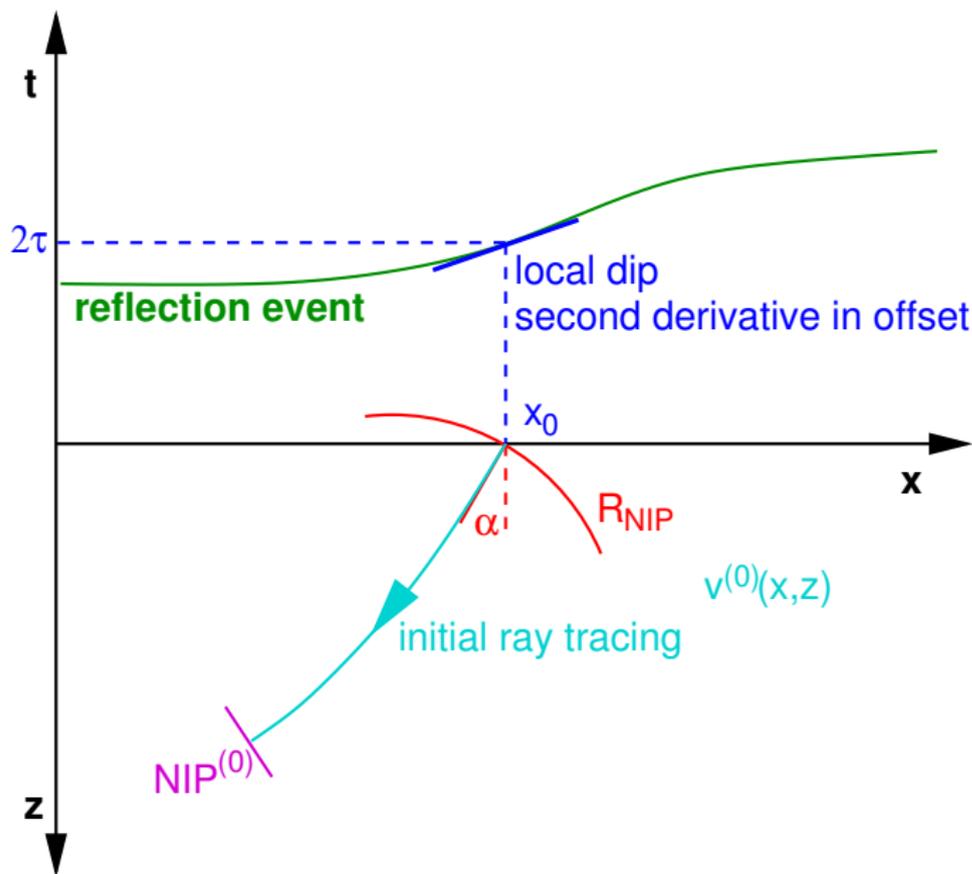
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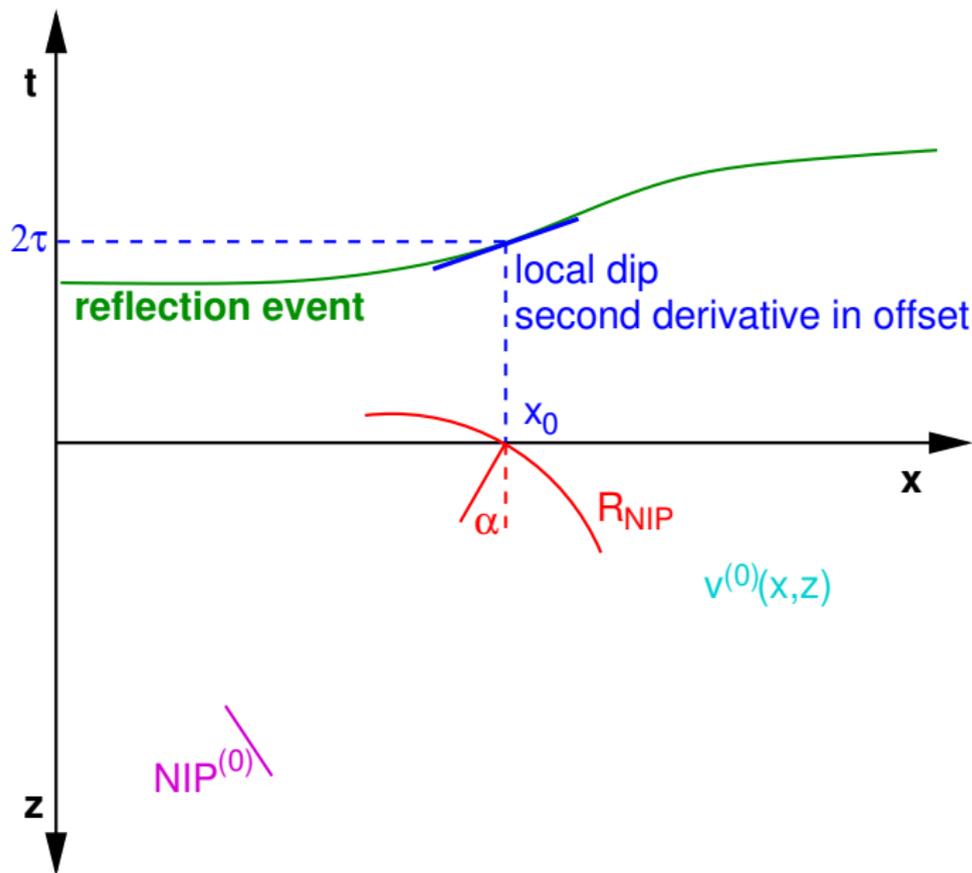
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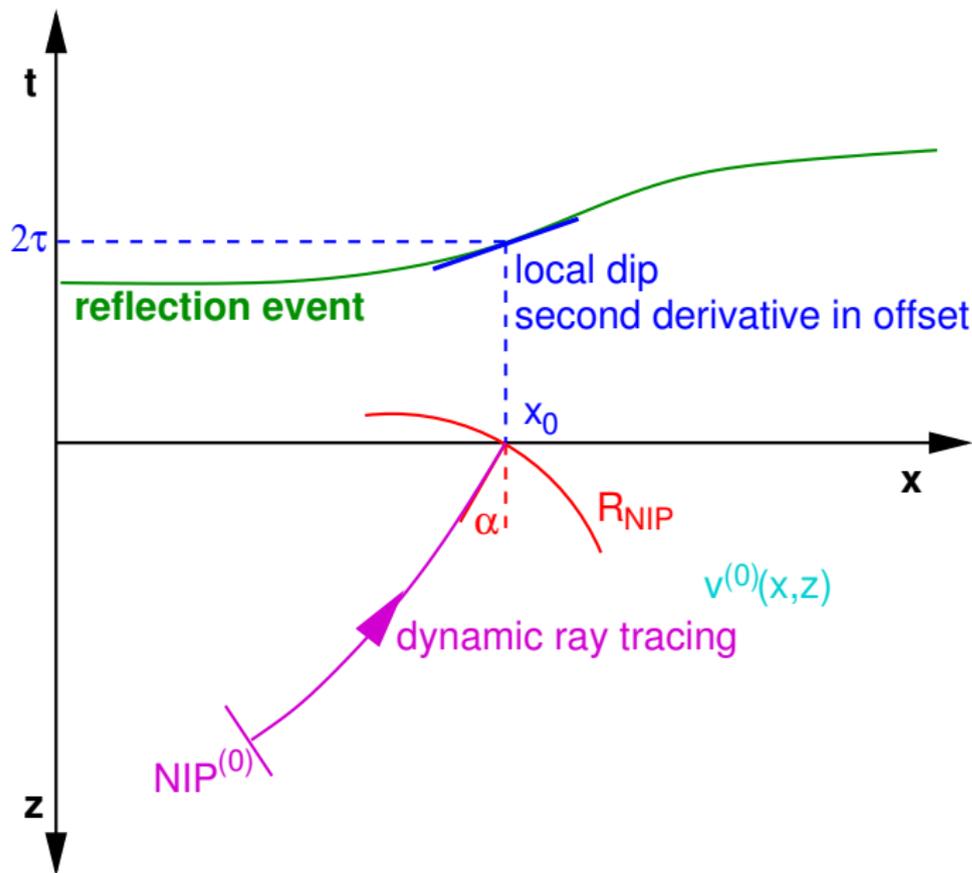
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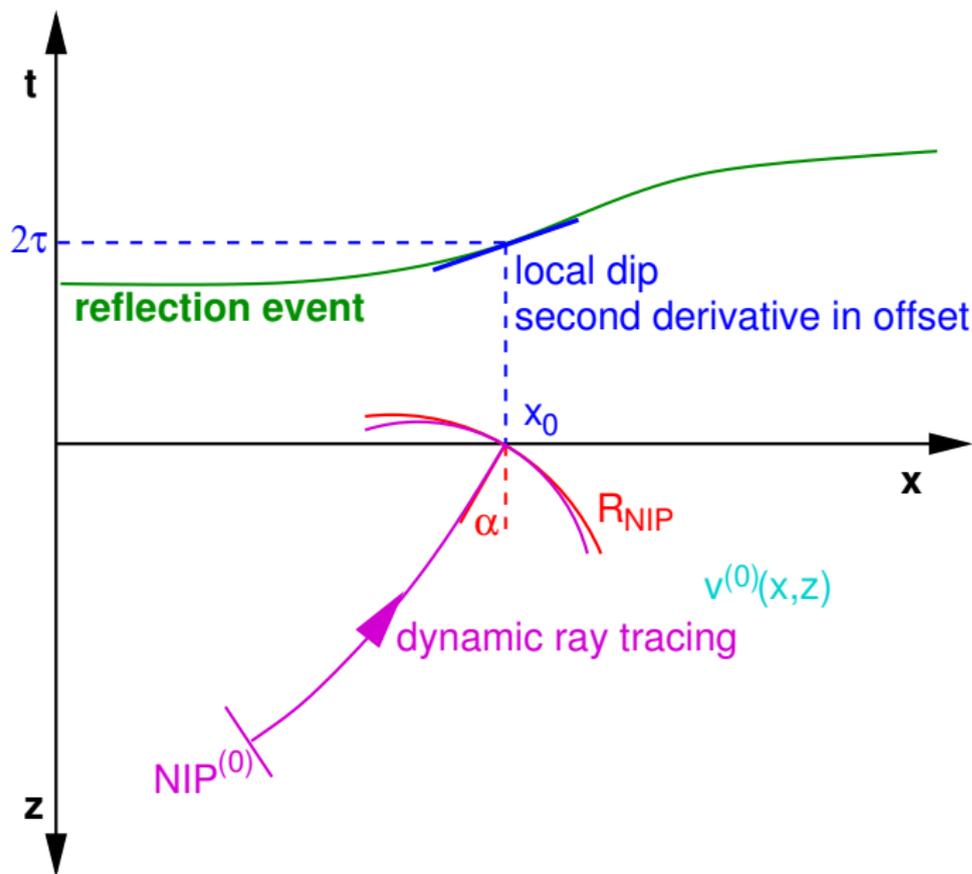
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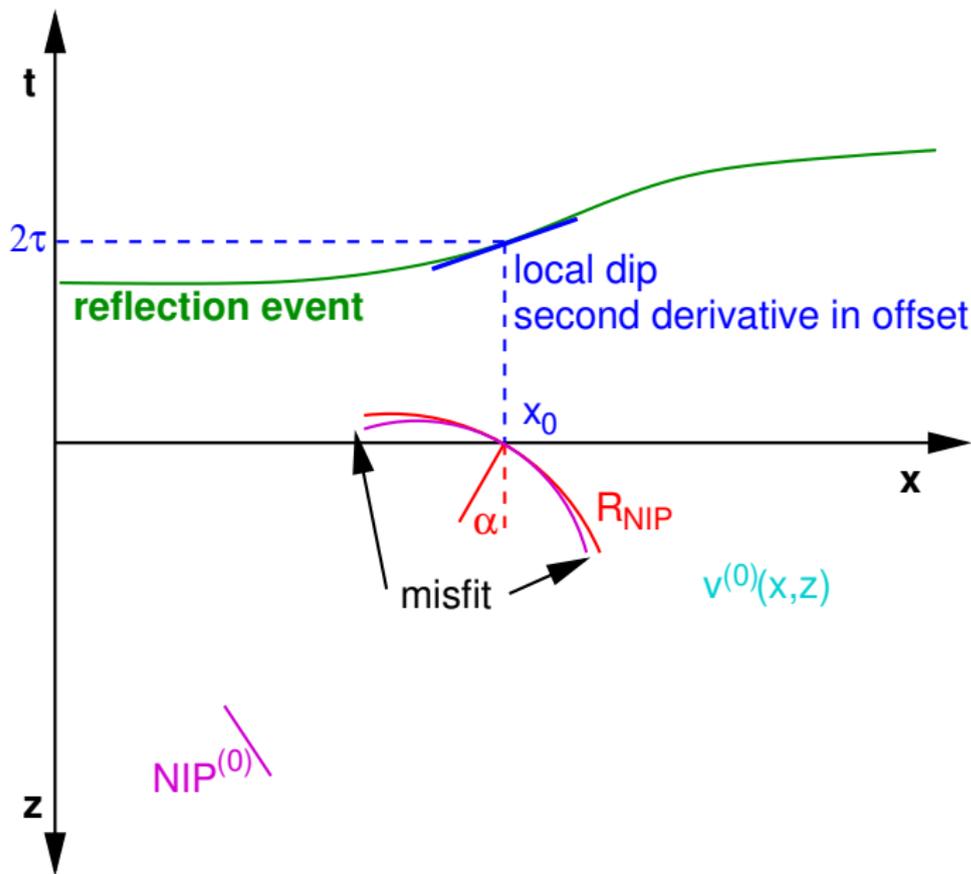
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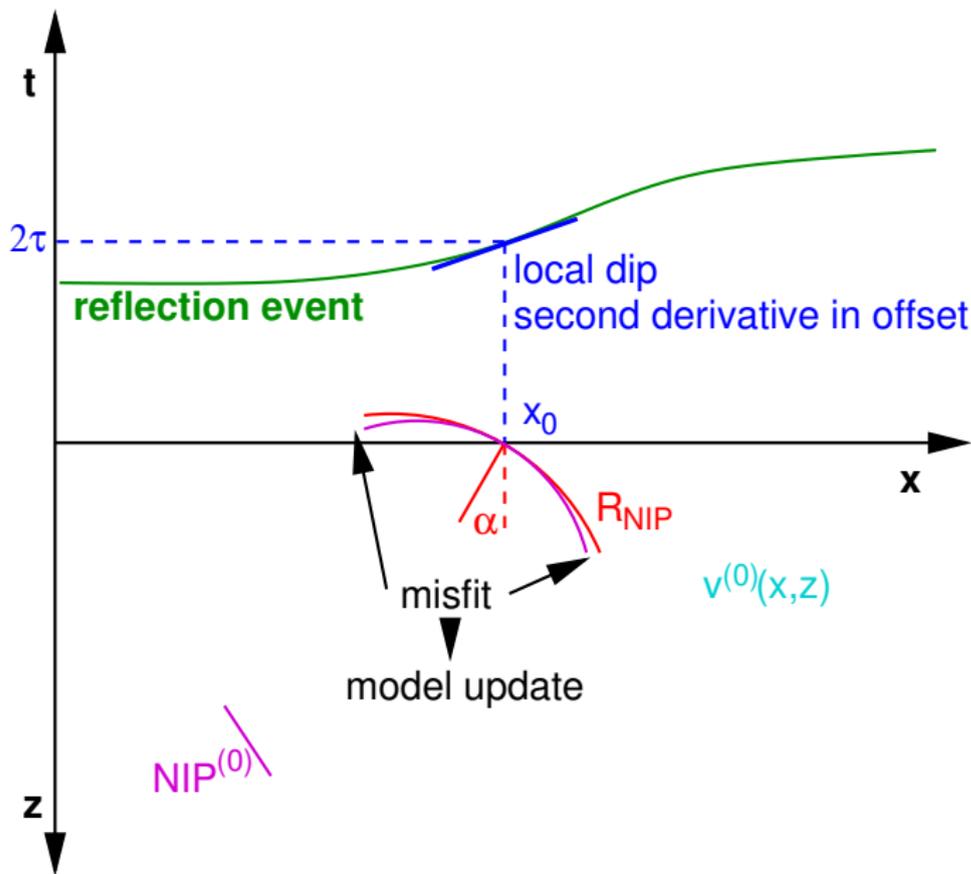
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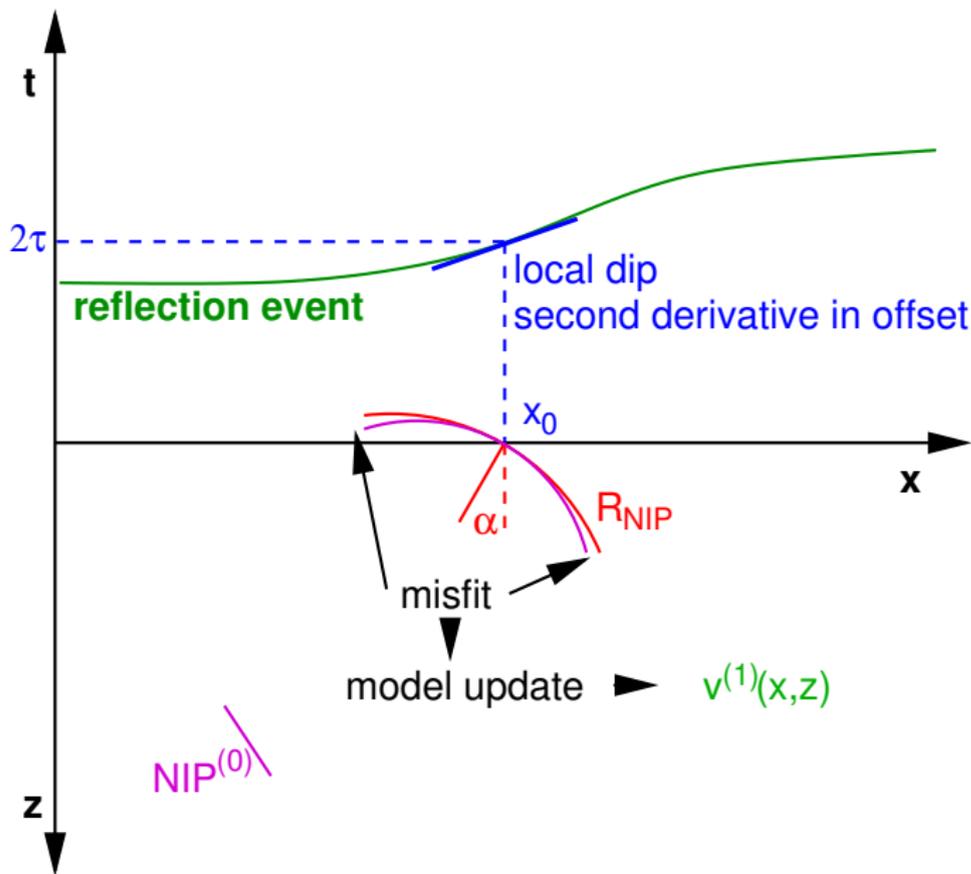
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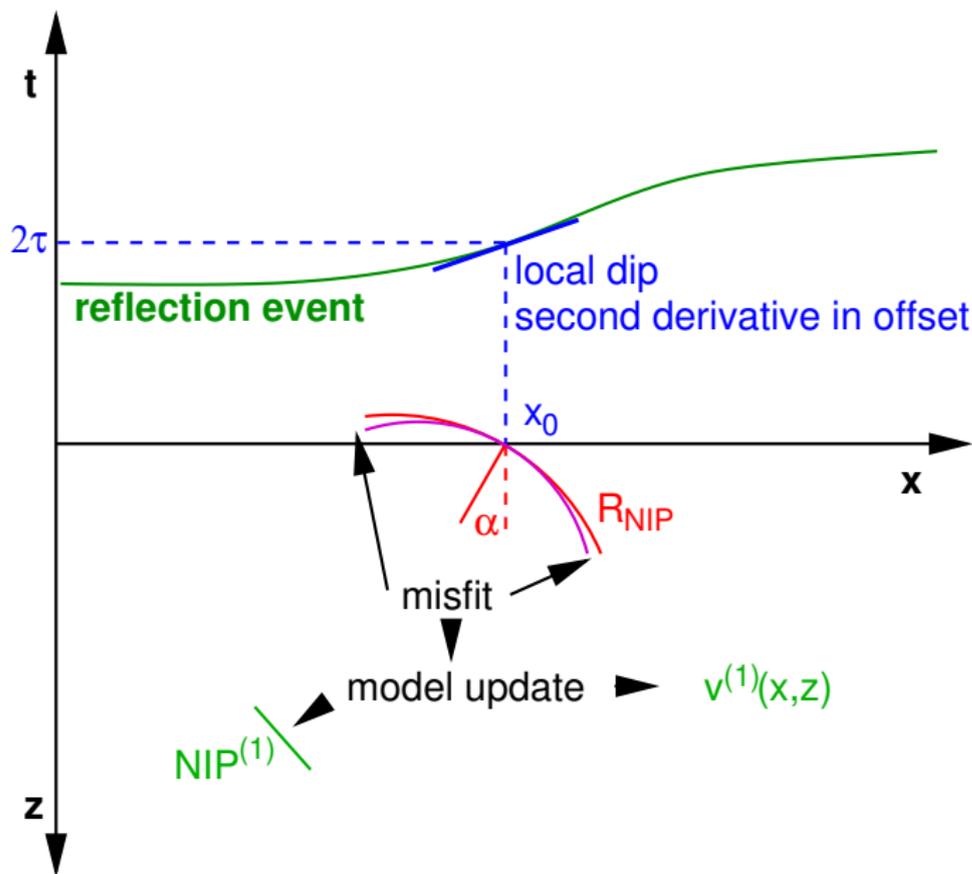
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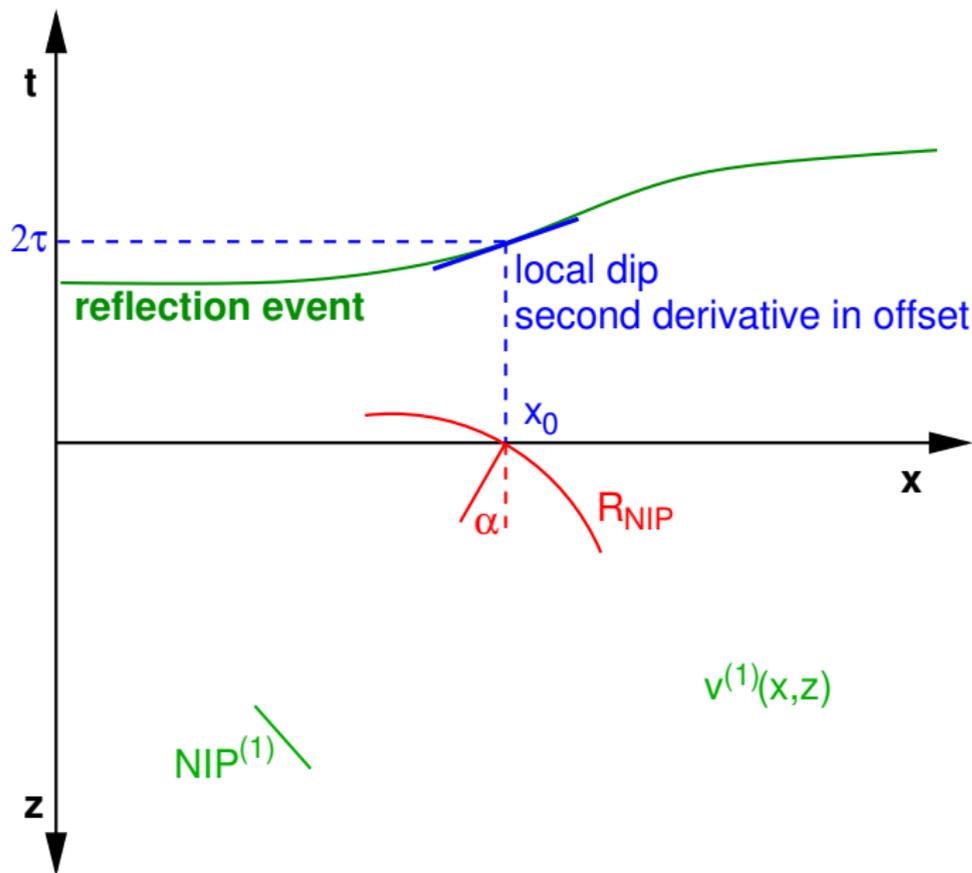
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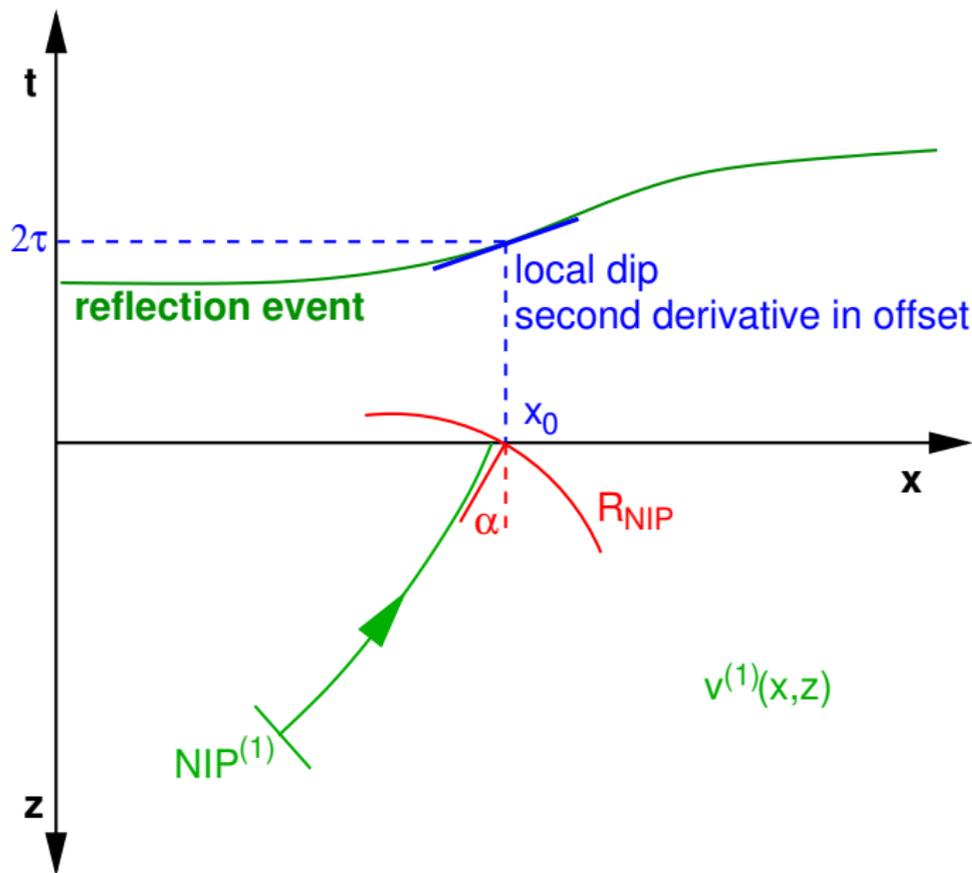
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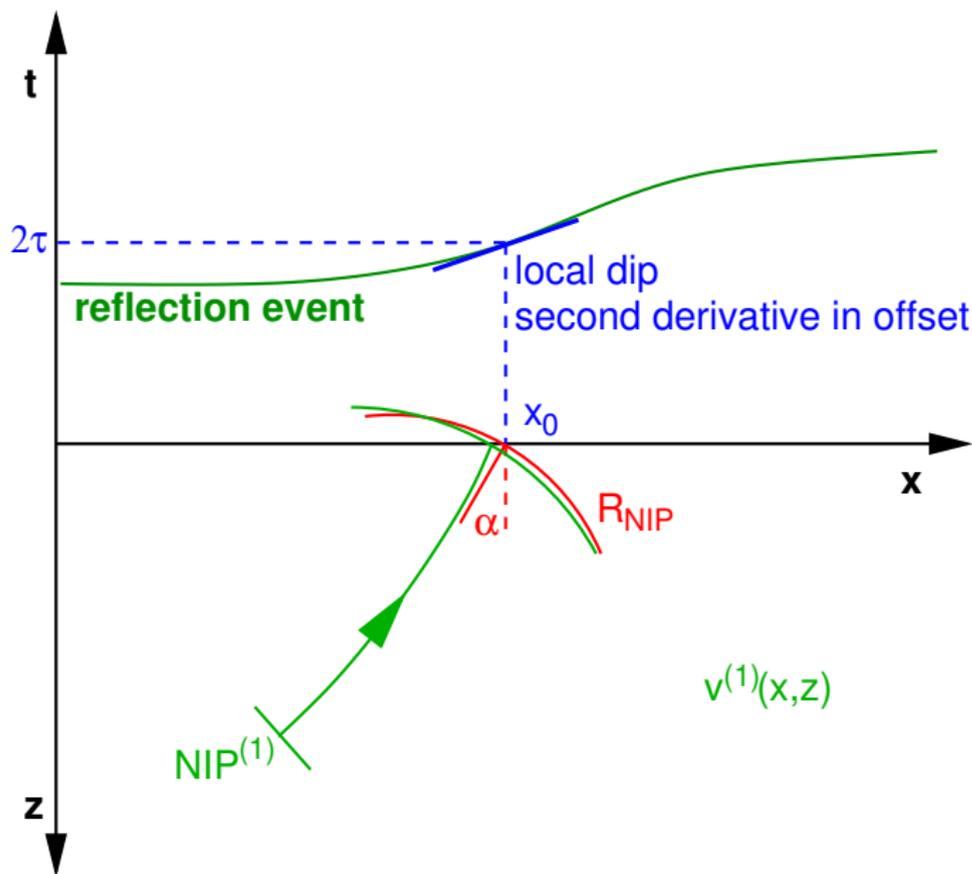
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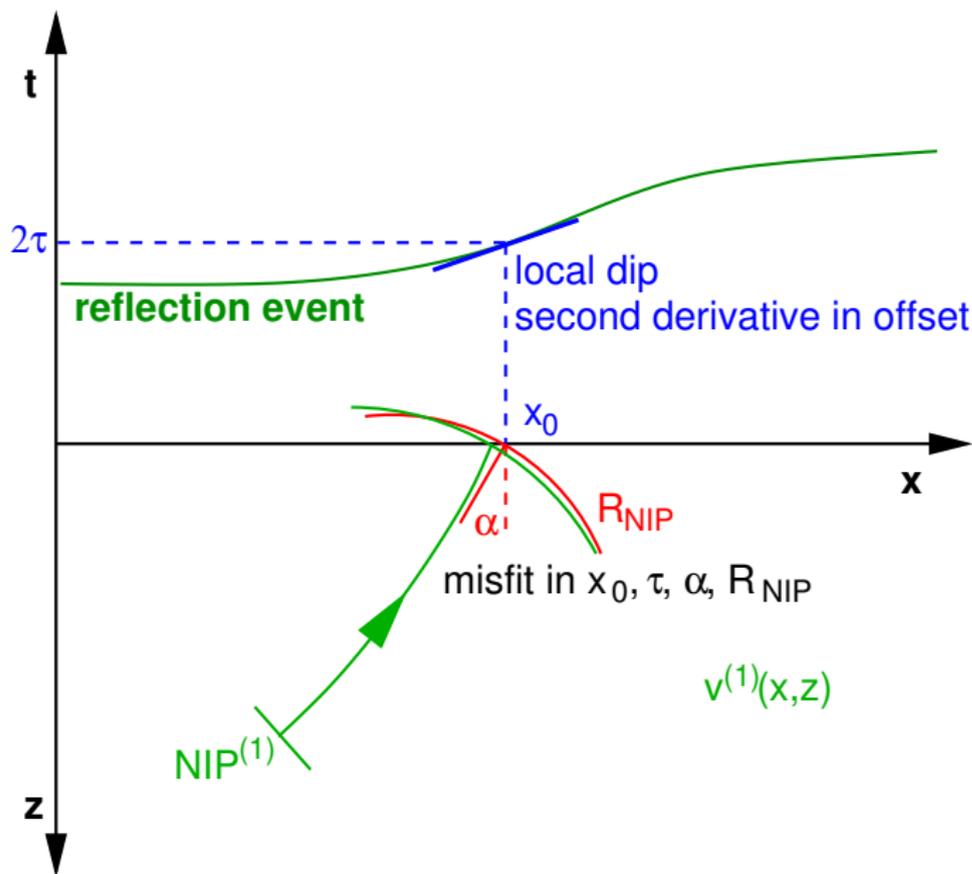
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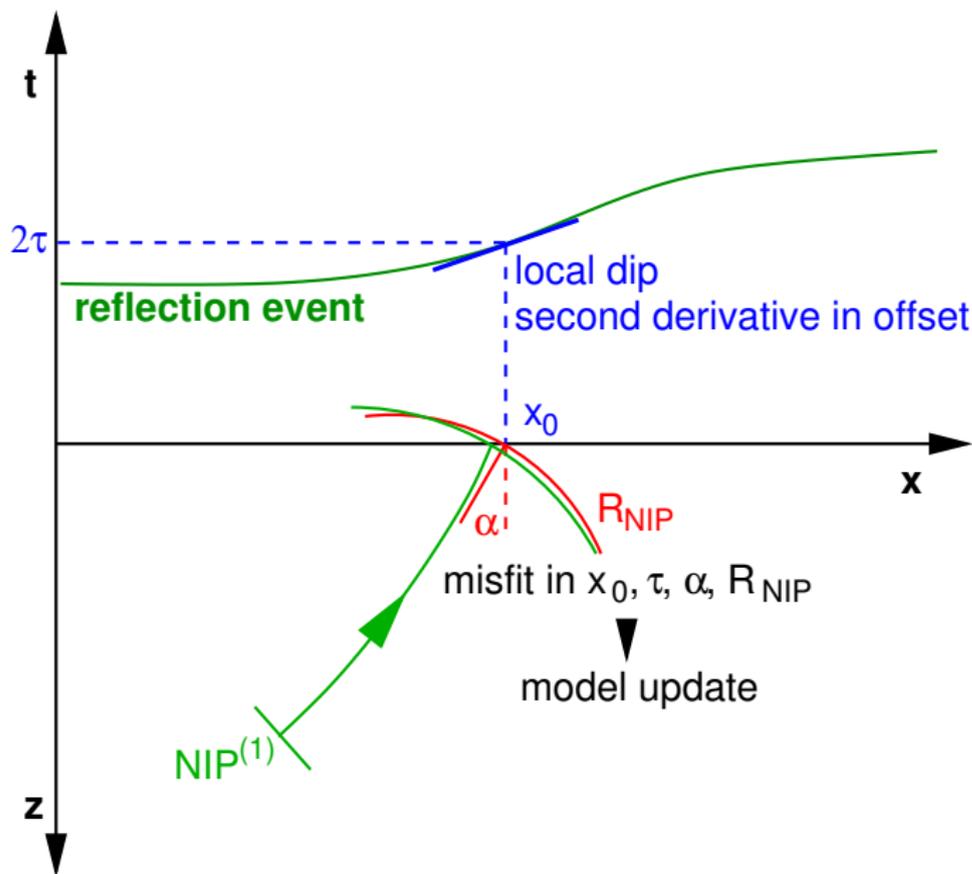
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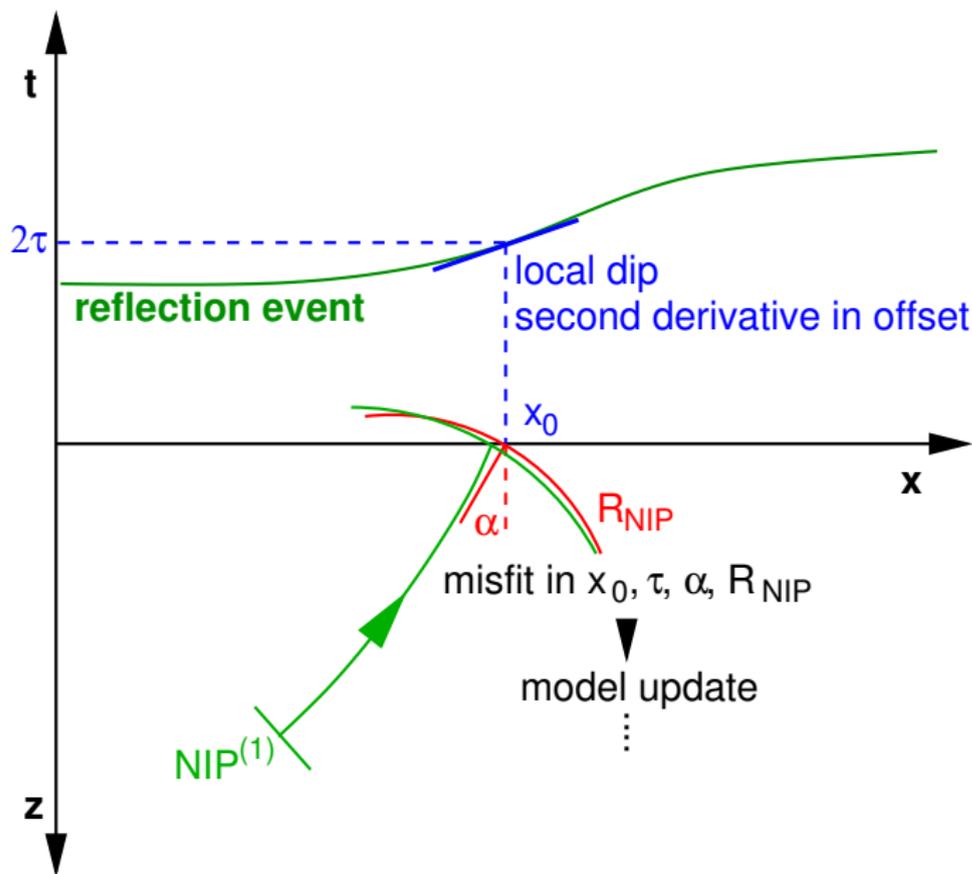
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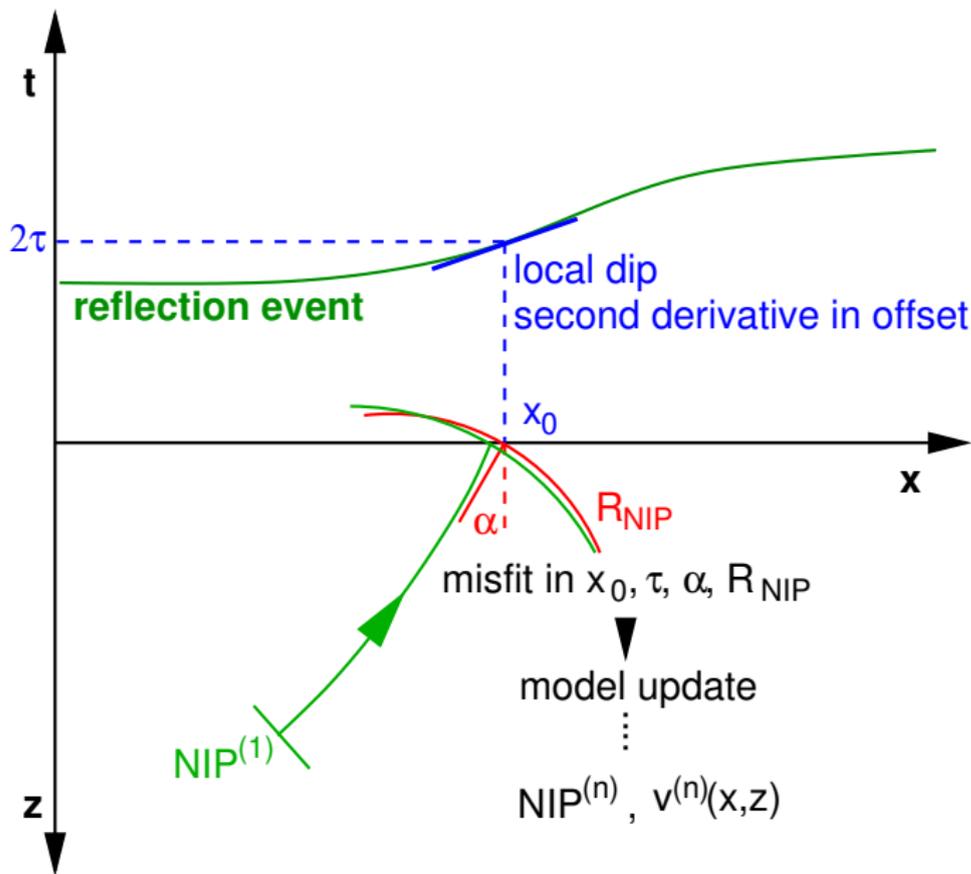
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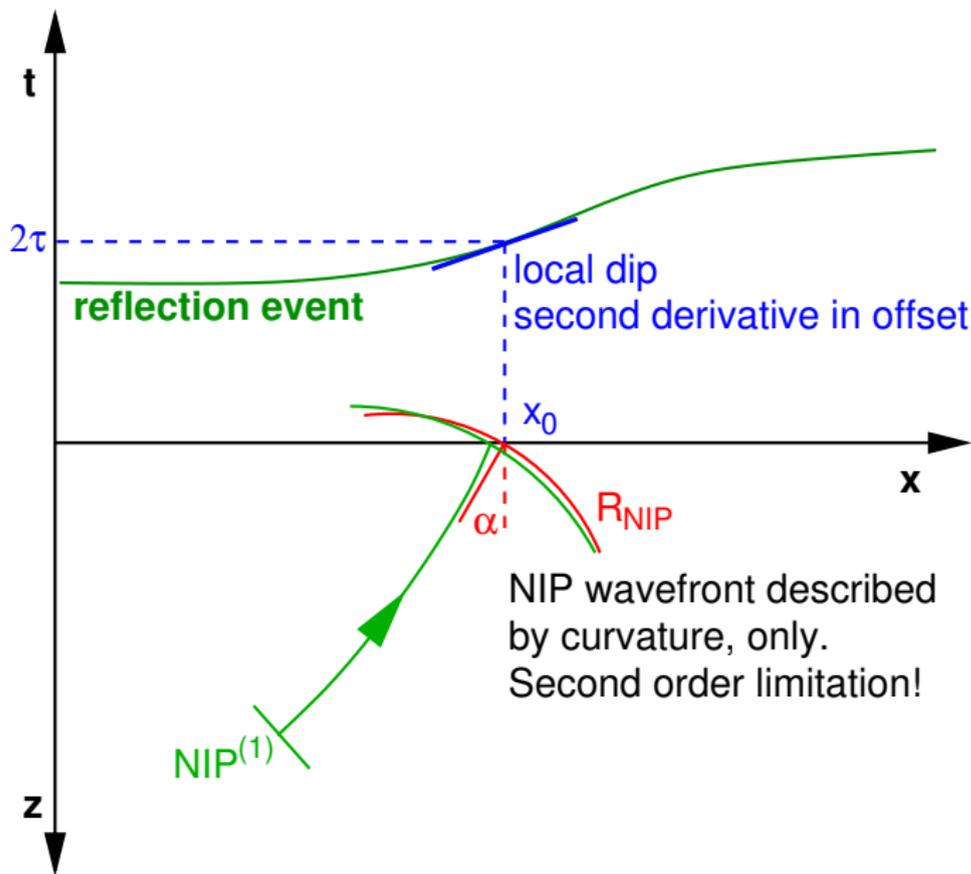
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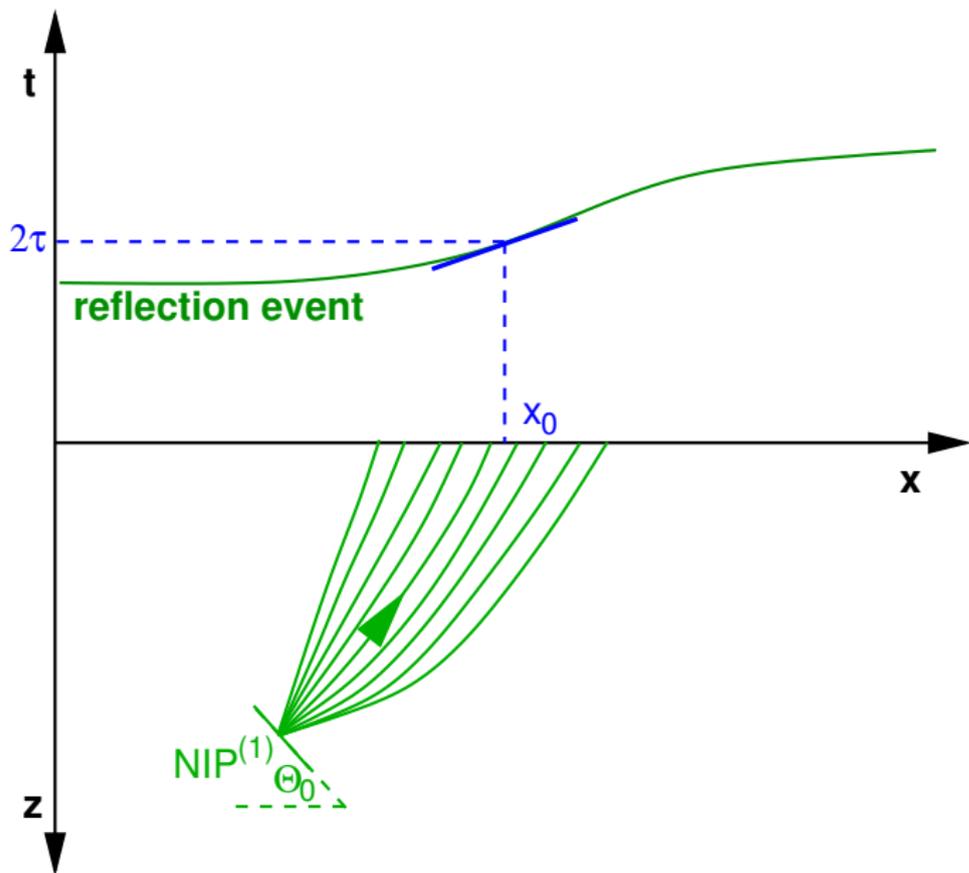
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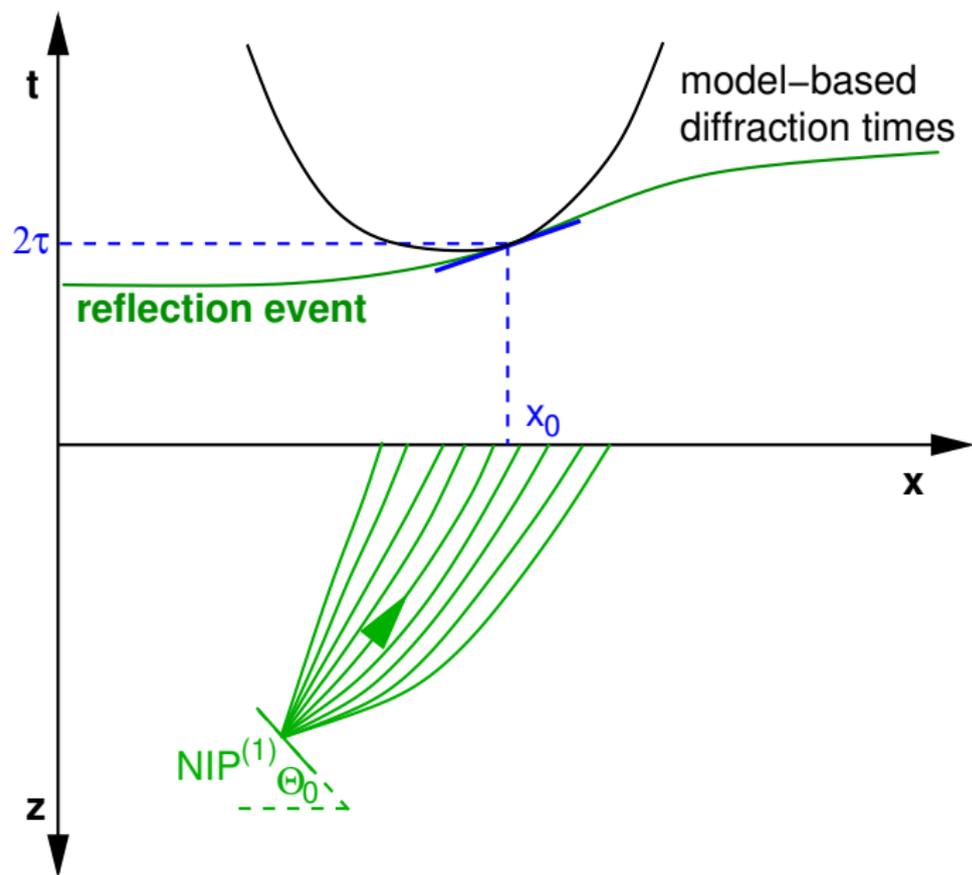
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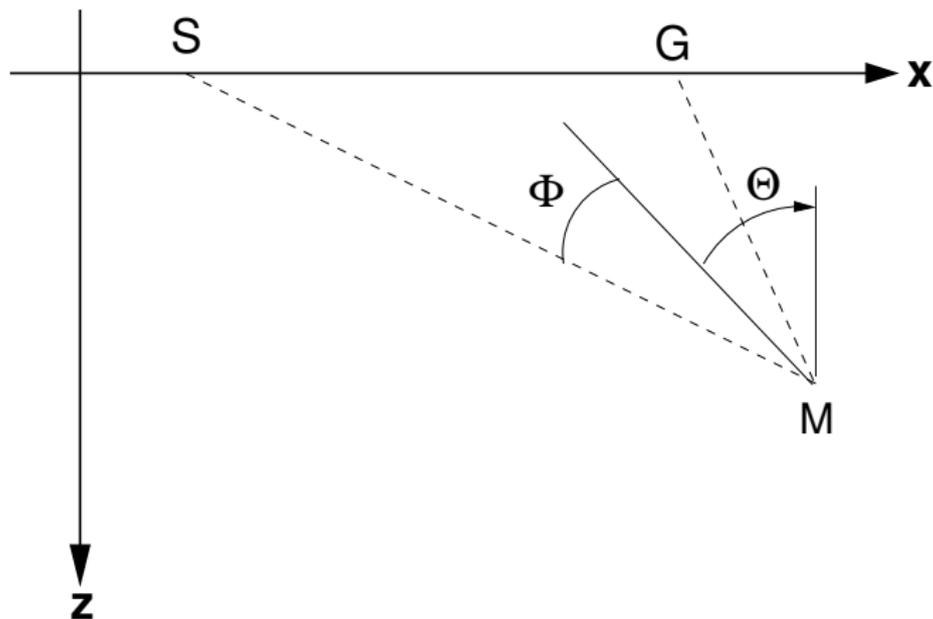
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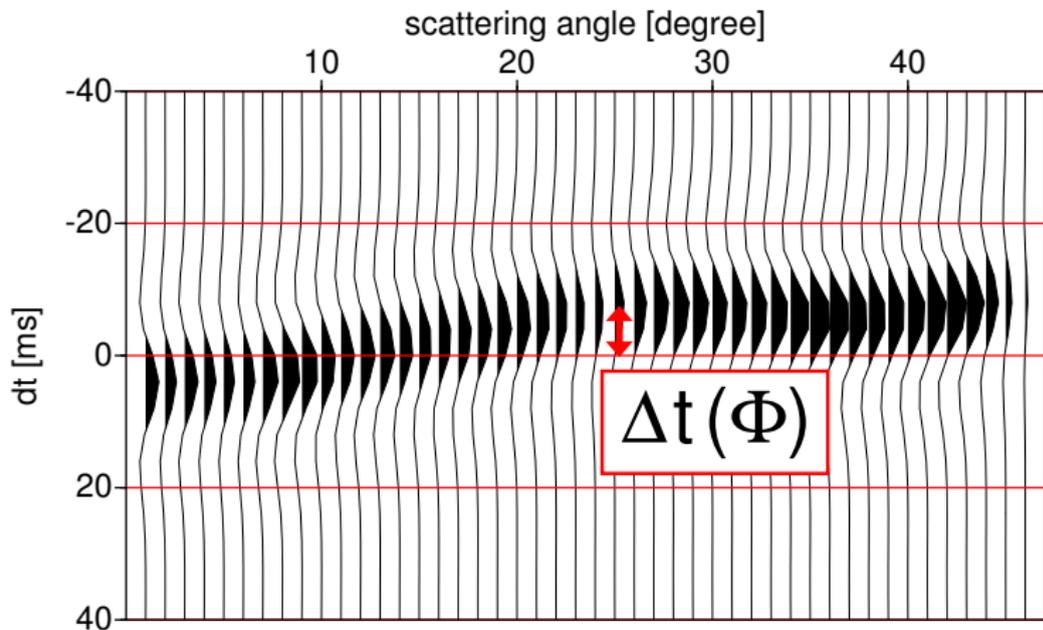
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(Klüver, 2007)

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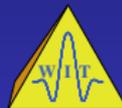
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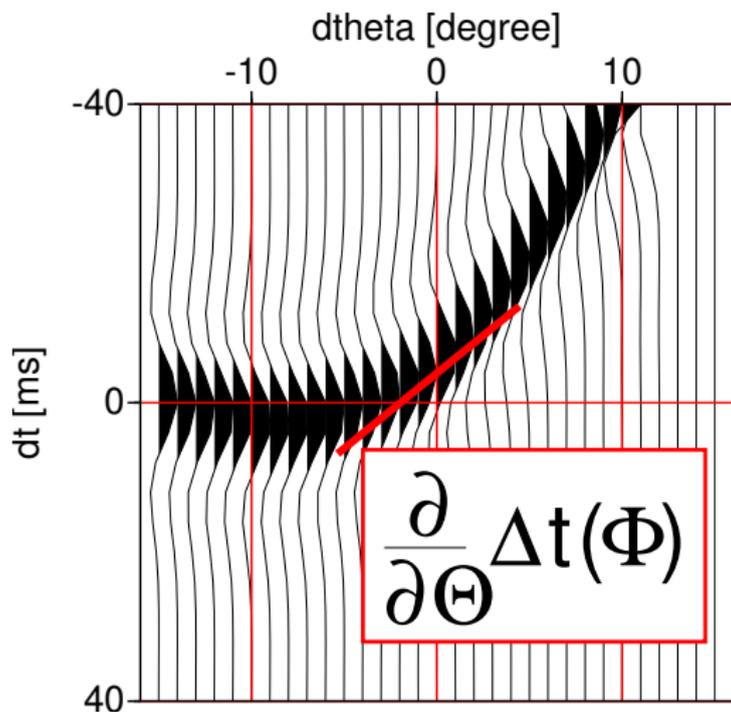
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$$\Delta\Theta = \Theta - \Theta_0$$

(Klüver, 2007)



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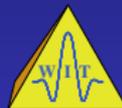
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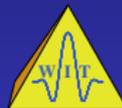
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