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A Deep Learning Architecture for Earthquake Detection and Seismic Phase Identification

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Subduction Zones?

Earthquakes between

50-300 km

Intermediate-Depths

>350-700 km

Deep

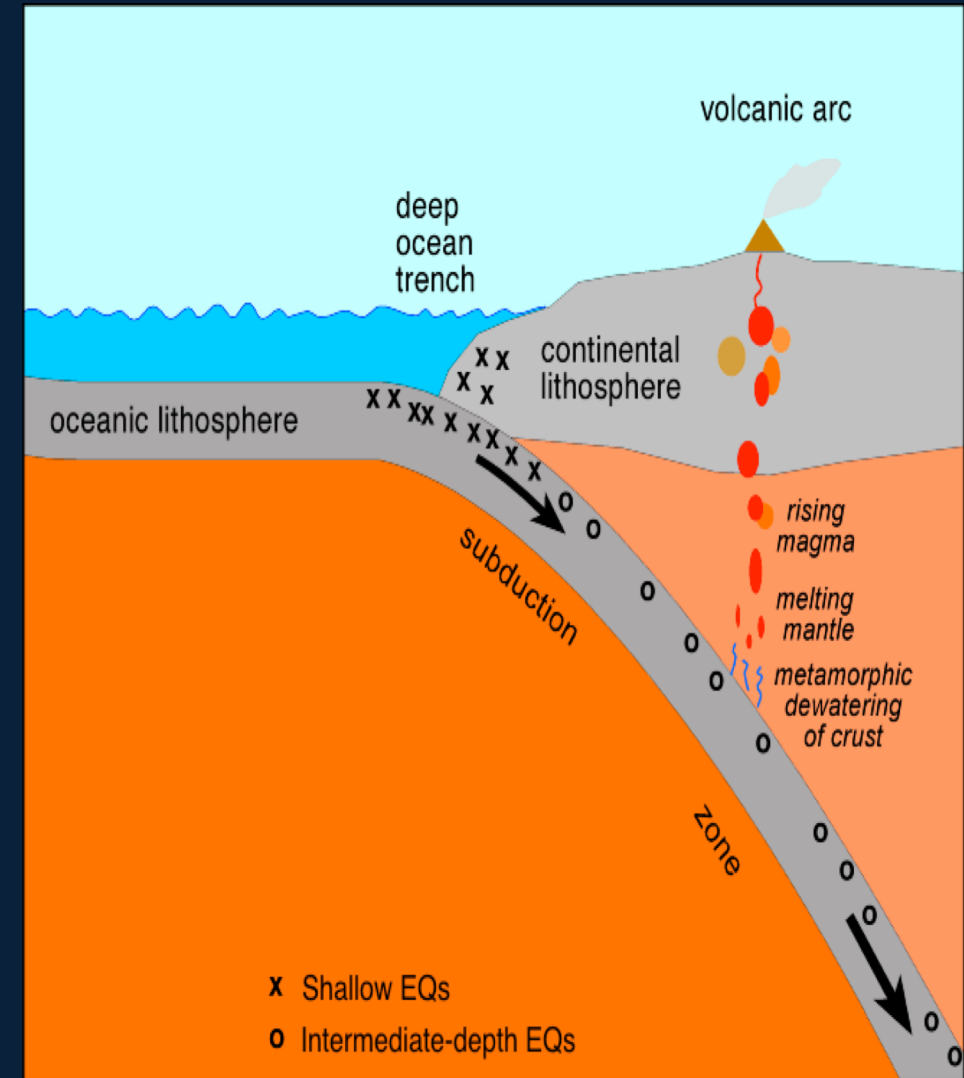
Due to high T-P, brittle rheology is not guaranteed.

Composition?

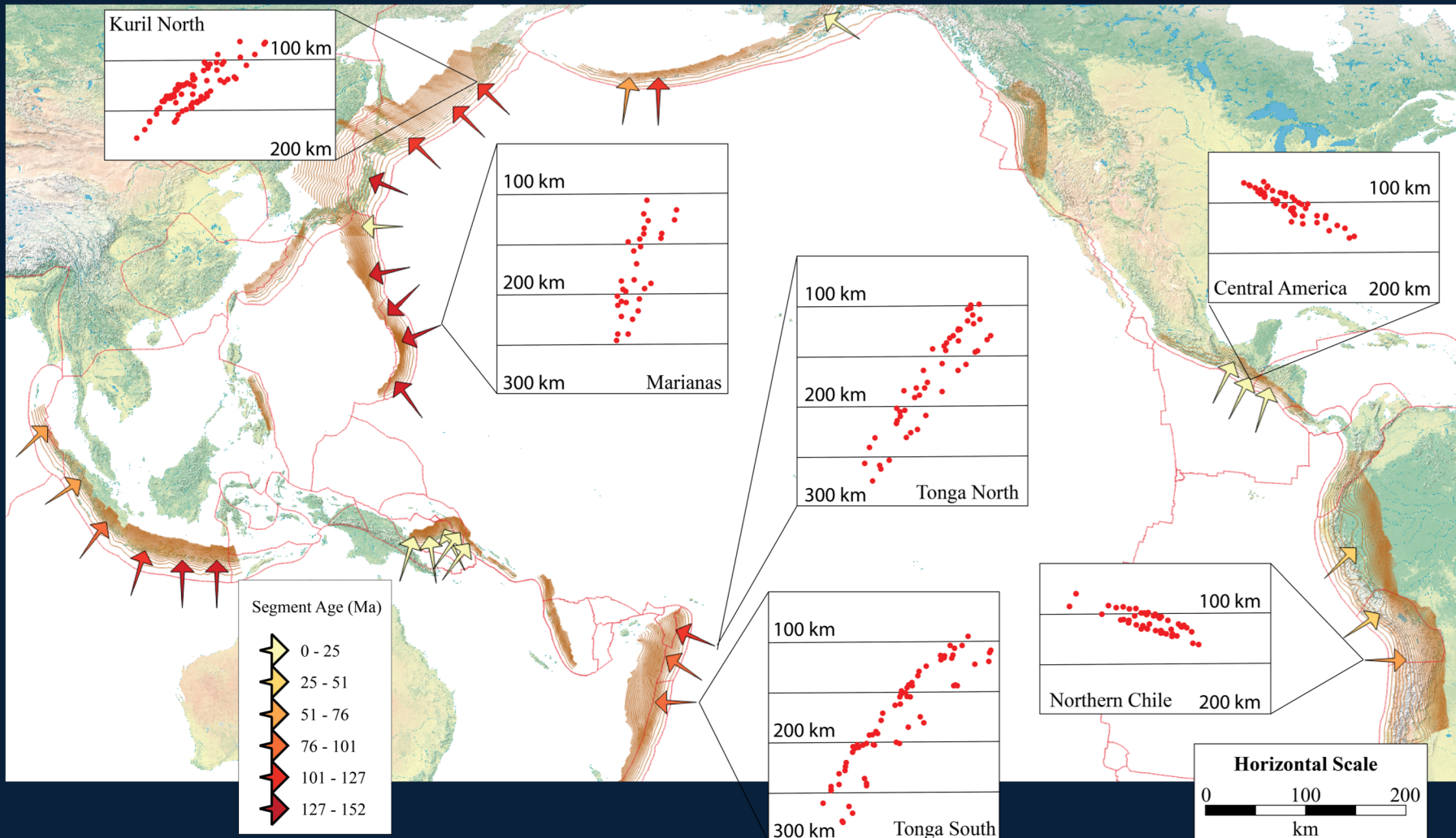
Water content?

Temperature?

Mechanism is not clear



Characterizing Seismicity along Double Seismic Zones



Largest Double Seismic Zone (DSZ) catalog
32 slab segments, 10-150 Ma.
DSZ everywhere

Florez and Prieto, 2019

| Earthquake Detection

- Traditional Detection methods rely calculating the energy in a seismogram:

$$\frac{\textit{Energy in Short term window}}{\textit{Energy in Long Term Window}}$$

- Work well only when SNR > 5.0
- Similarity based methods: Require a set of known templates, which are correlated against a continuous stream of data.
- However, in seismic catalogs we have millions of labelled data points!

I Training Data

Japan

Subset of 82,654 high quality hypocenters

640,232 P-wave picks

152,215 S-wave picks

Northern Chile

Subset of 10,014 high quality hypocenters

No Analyst picks available for training

68,134 P-wave detections using template matching

54,890 S-wave detections using template matching

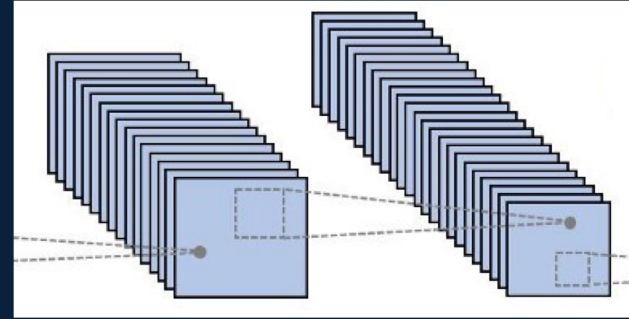
Southern California:

878,232 P-wave picks

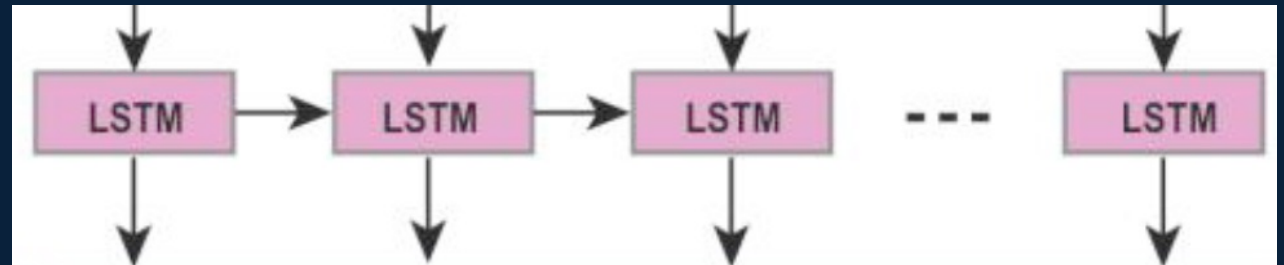
538,232 S-wave picks

Phase Detection

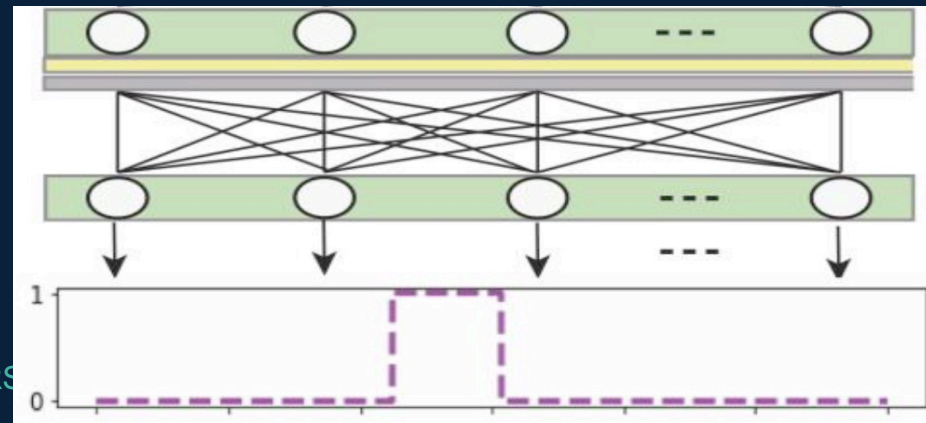
- 6 Convolutional Layers →



- 2 Long Term Short Term Memory layers (LSTM)
Recurrent Neural Network:

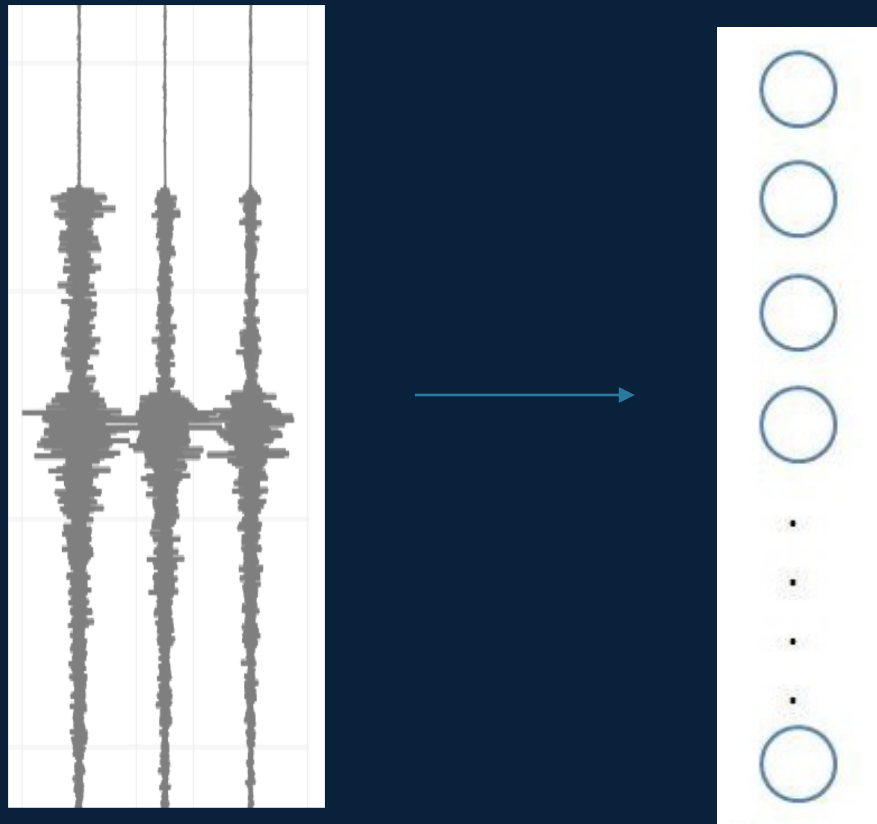


- 2 Dense Layers:



Phase Detection

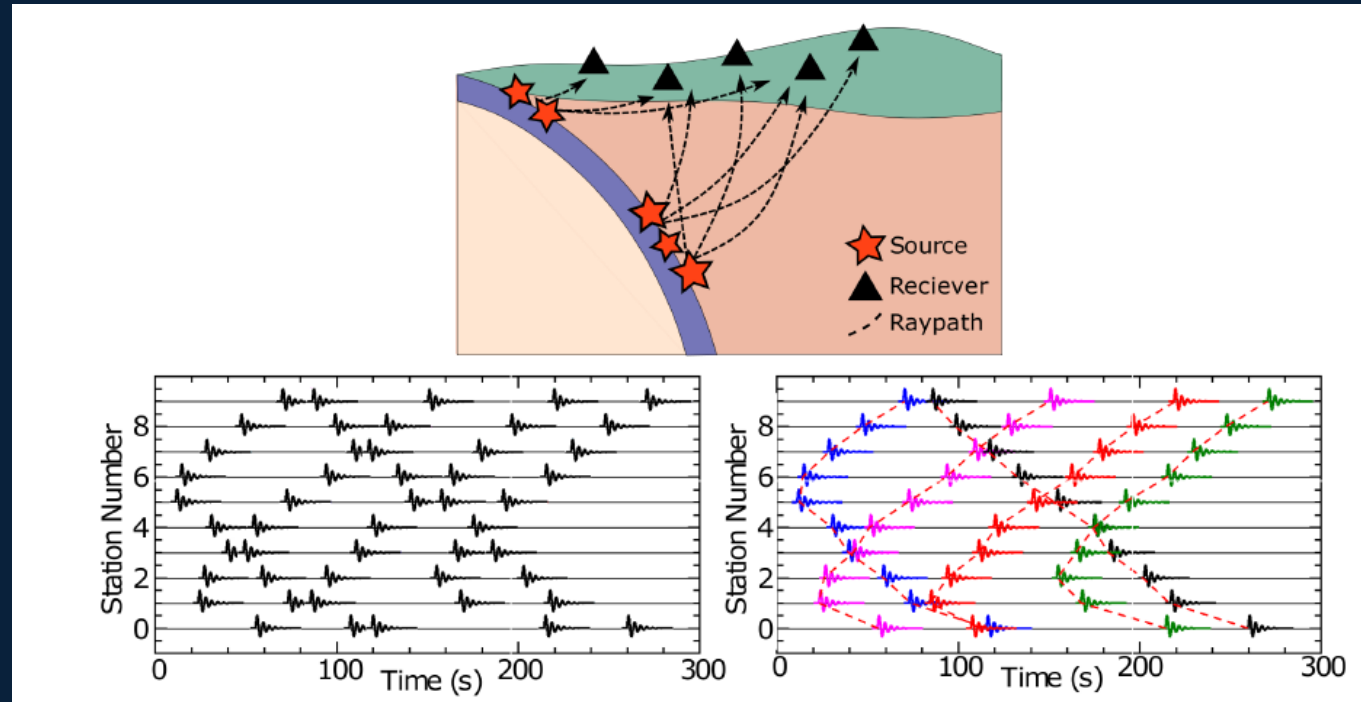
- Input: 3 Component waveforms:



- A prediction for each time sample

Phase Association

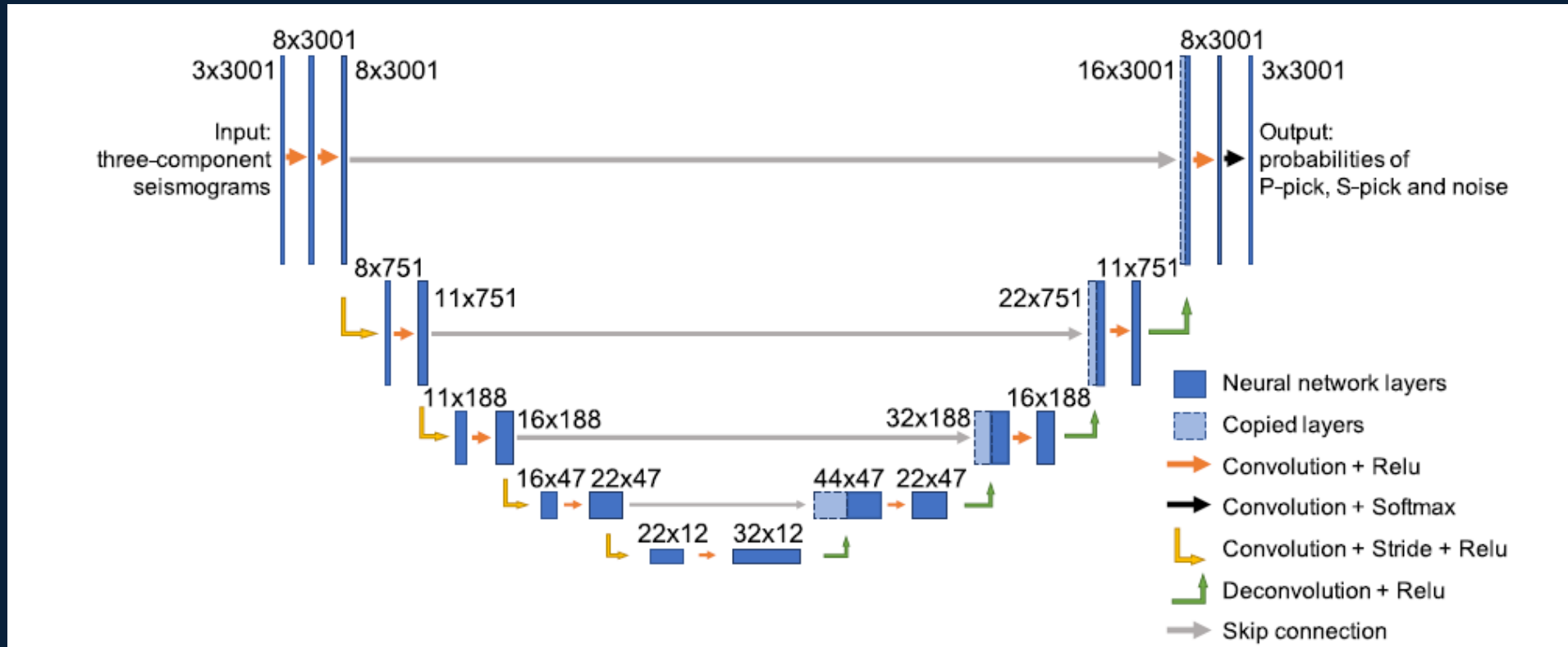
- Scalable and grid free method using RNNs



Ross et al, 2019

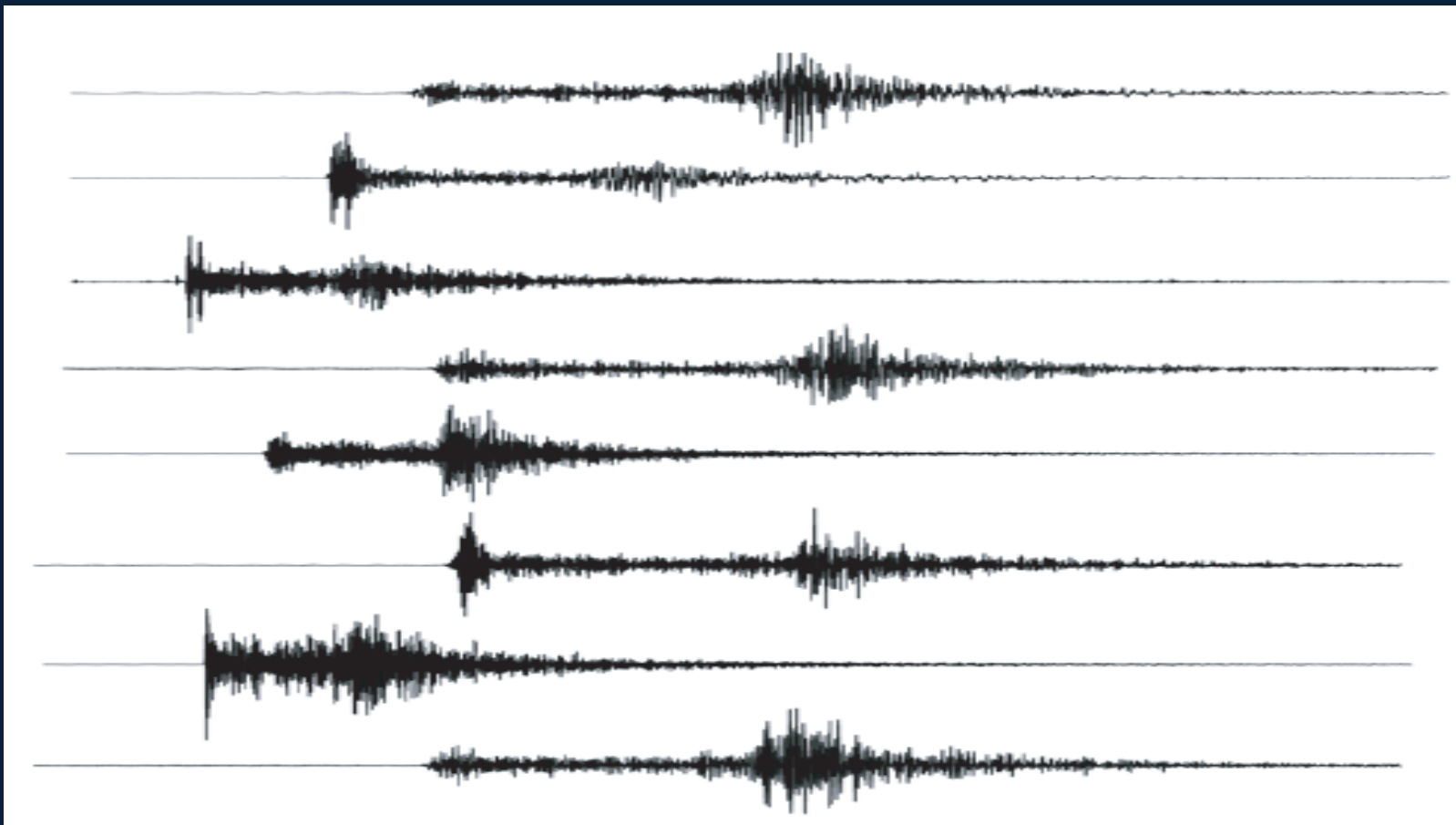
Accurate S Wave picking

- Unet Architecture



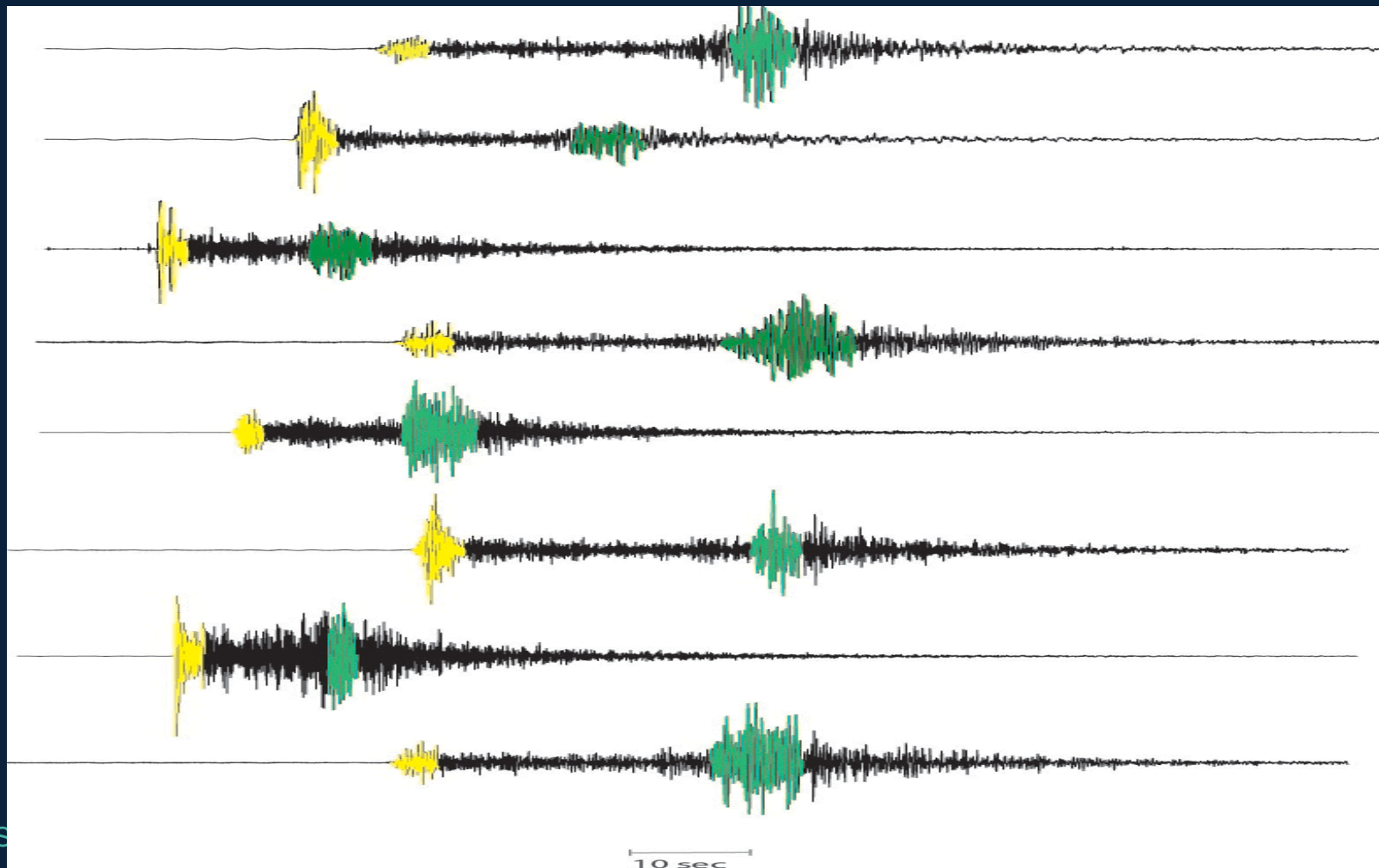
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I Detection Results

$$\text{Precision : } P = \frac{T_p}{T_p + F_p},$$

$$\text{Recall : } R = \frac{T_p}{T_p + F_n},$$

- Precision P: 0.96
- Recall P: 0.89
- Precision S: 0.86
- Recall S: 0.78

Results

- Comparison with template matching:
 - Run For 1 month after 8.3 Mw, September 2015 Illapel EQ
 - CSN: 421
 - Template Matching: 2 891
 - Deep Learning: 2 493