

Unravelling interior evolution of terrestrial planets using Machine Learning

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Agenda

- **Introduction** to mantle convection and the inverse problem
- **Data** used for inversion
- **Results** using Mixture Density Networks
- **Next steps** using this approach
- Acknowledgements
- References



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MARS FACTS / STRUCTURE

Crust
Mantle
Liquid Outer Core
Solid Core

The core of Mars may be similar to Earth's, but its exact structure is not yet known.

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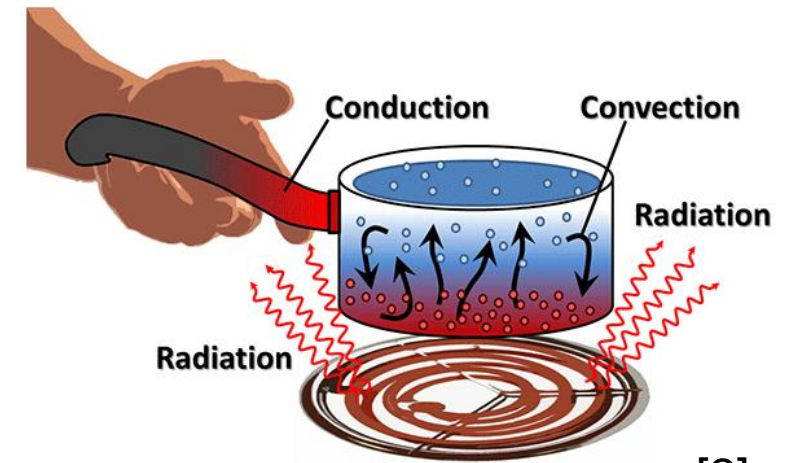
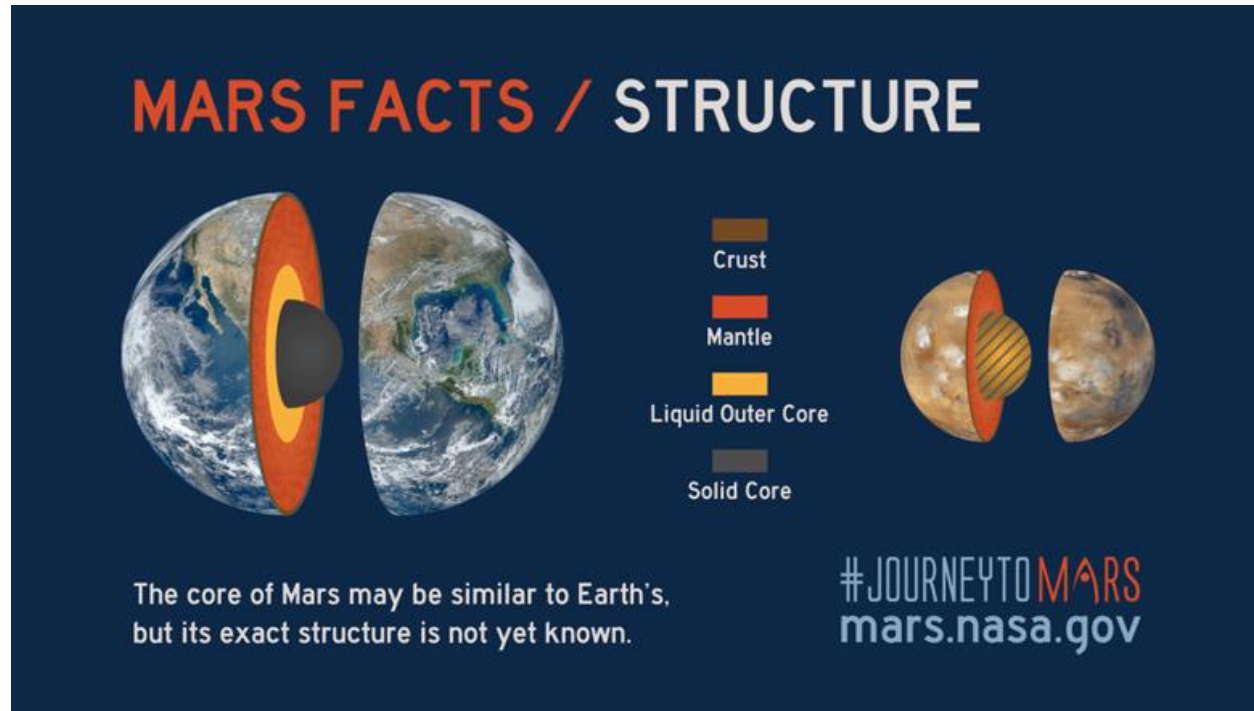
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Water $\sim 10^{-3}$ Pa s



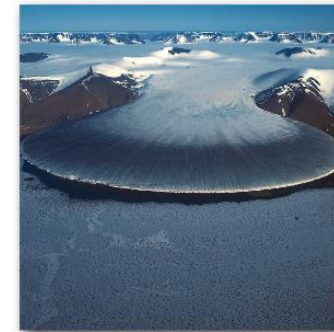
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Magma $\sim 10^6$ Pa s



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Rocks $\sim 10^{21}$ Pa s



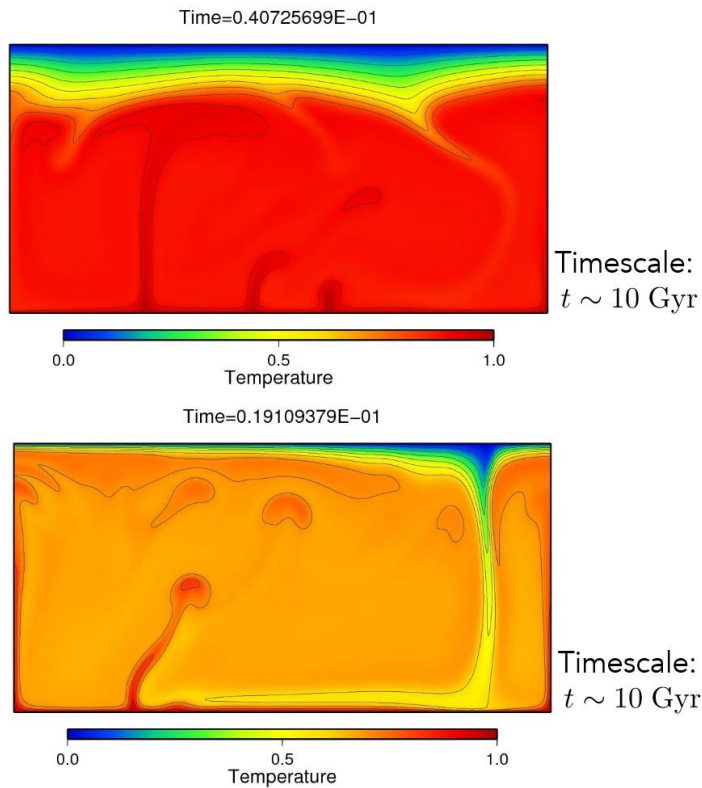
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Hence we use fluid dynamics simulations to study mantle convection.



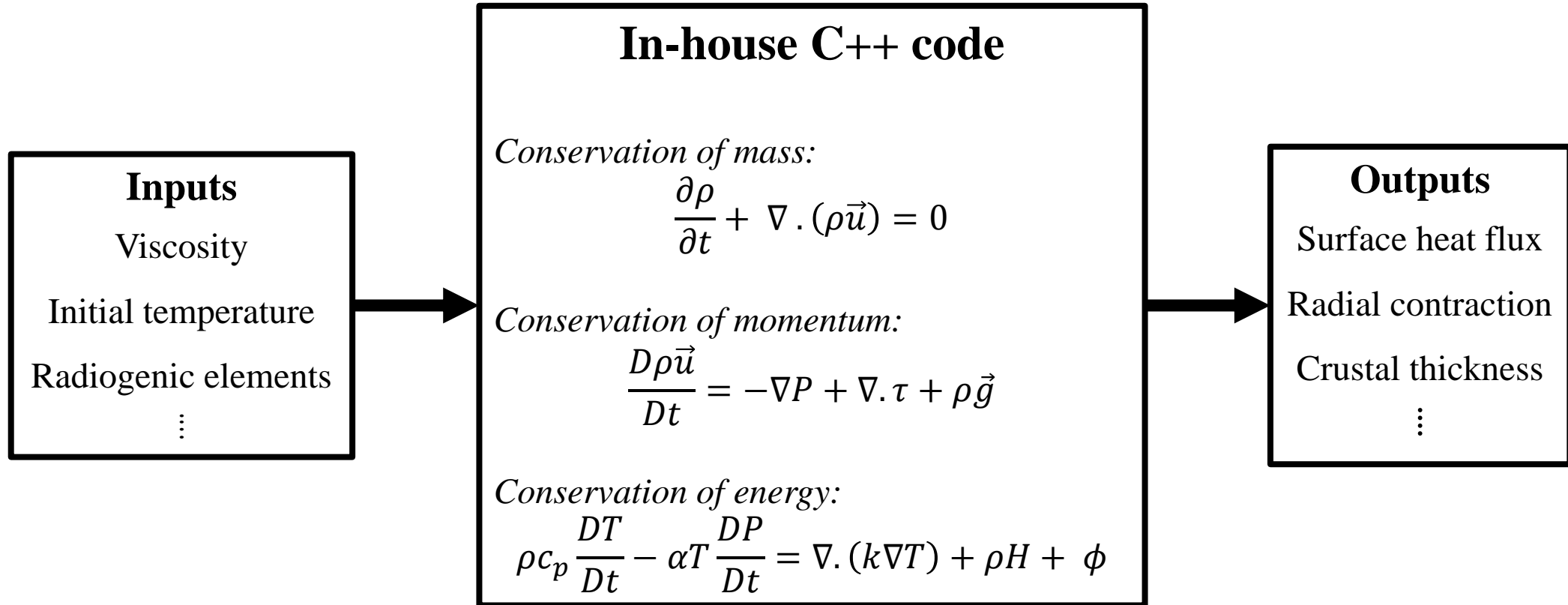
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- Need Machine Learning for rapid inversion in high-dimensional spaces; Monte Carlo methods are computationally unfeasible



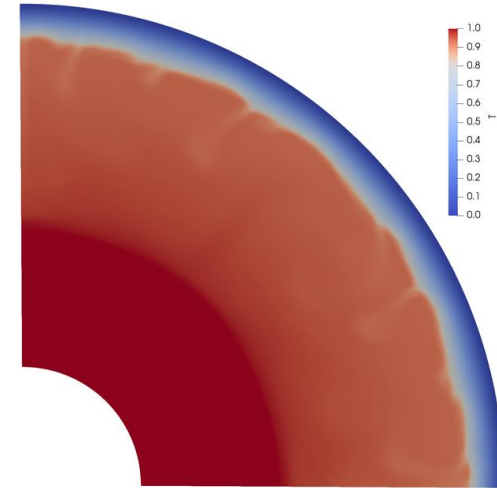
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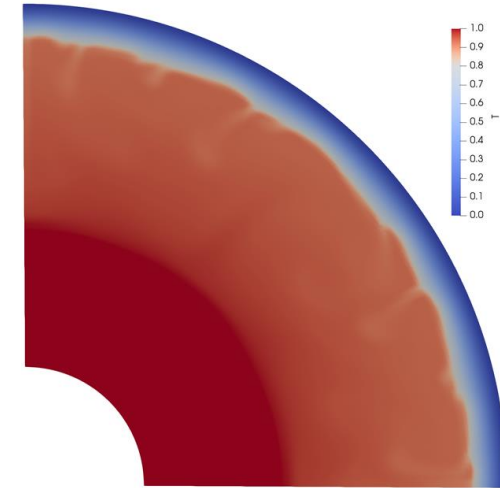
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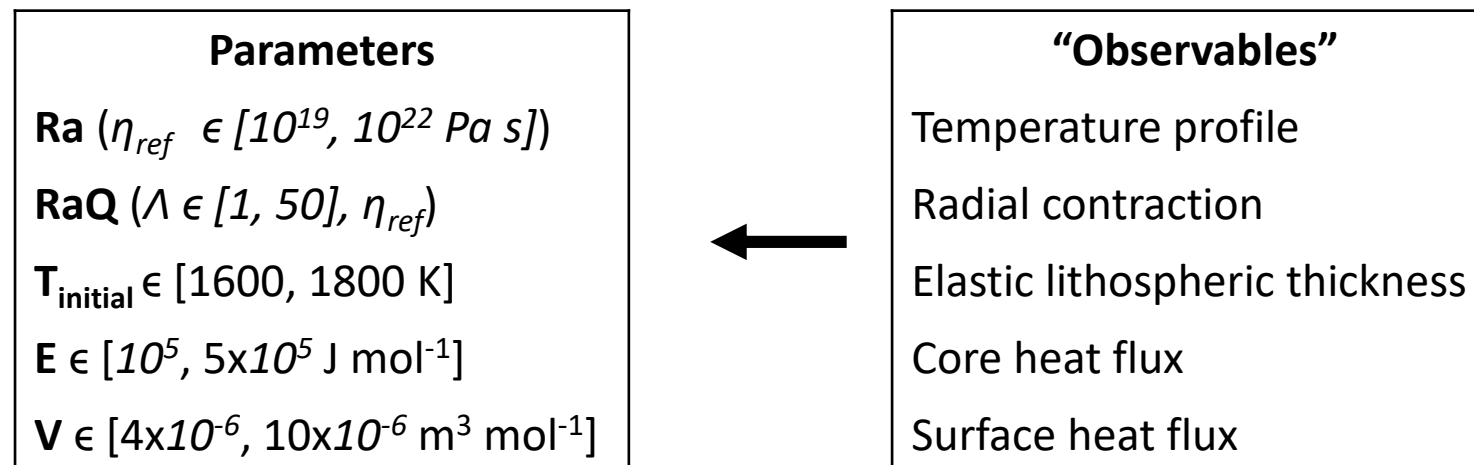
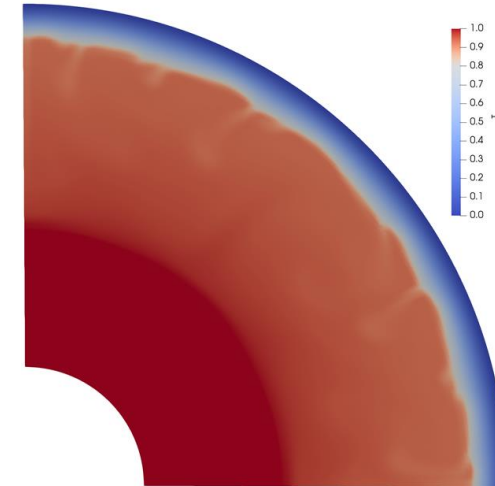
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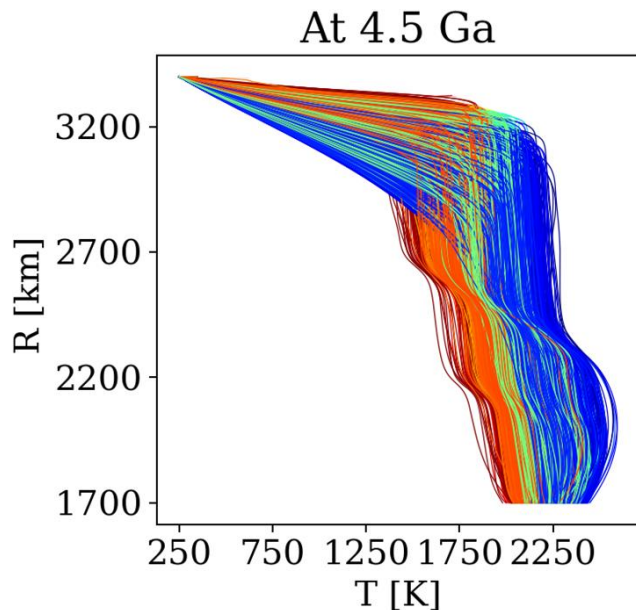
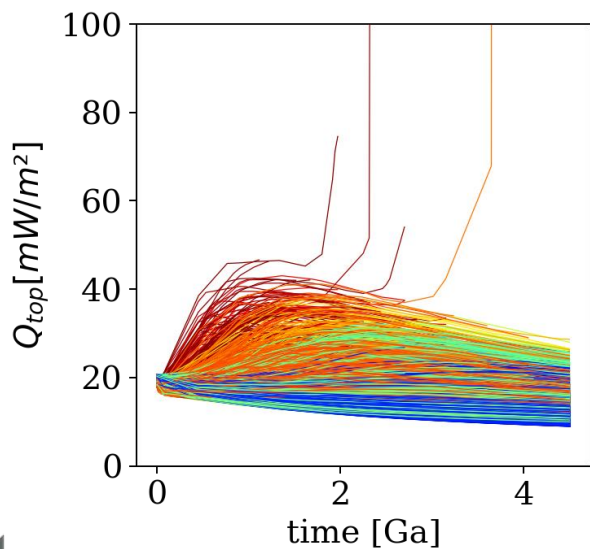
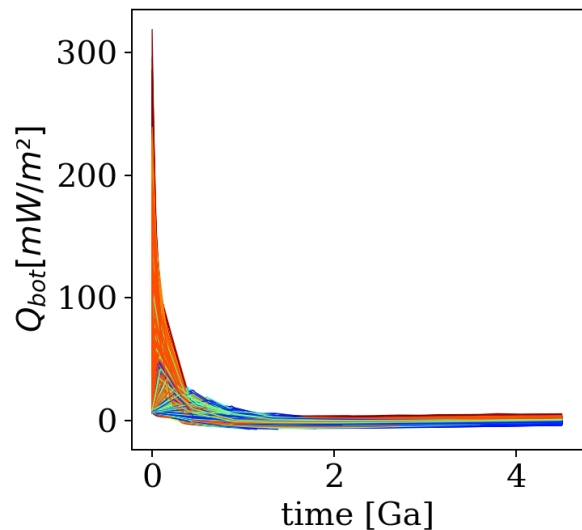


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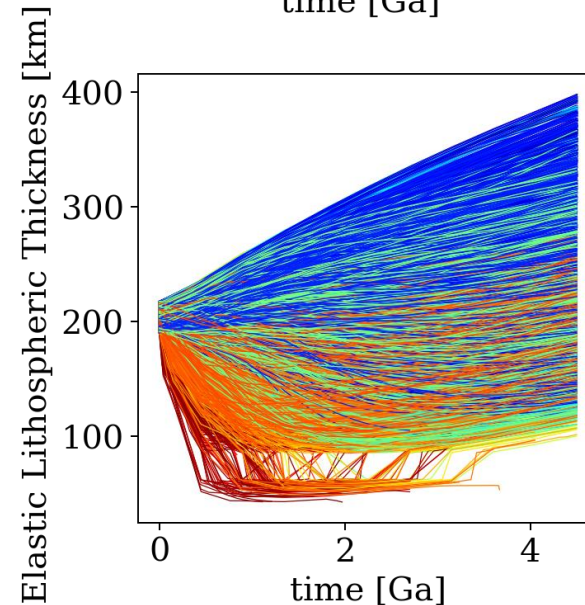
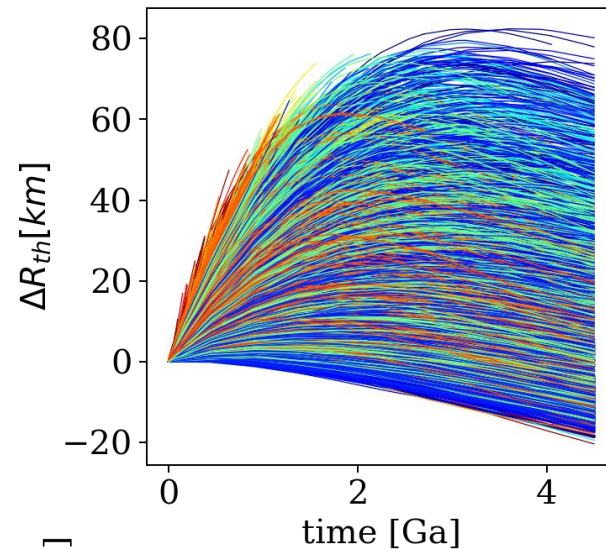
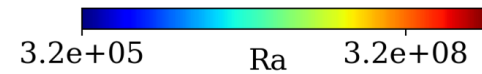


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“Observables”

- Temperature profile
- Radial contraction
- Elastic lithospheric thickness
- Core heat flux
- Surface heat flux



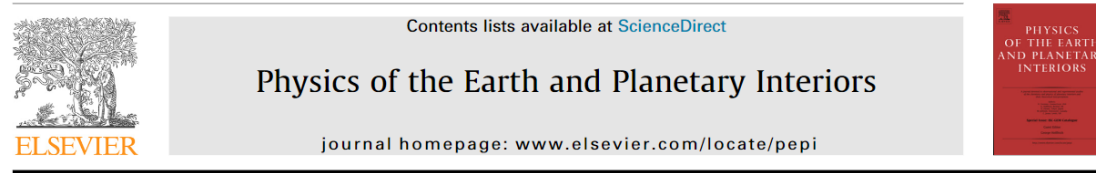
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Using pattern recognition to infer parameters governing mantle convection



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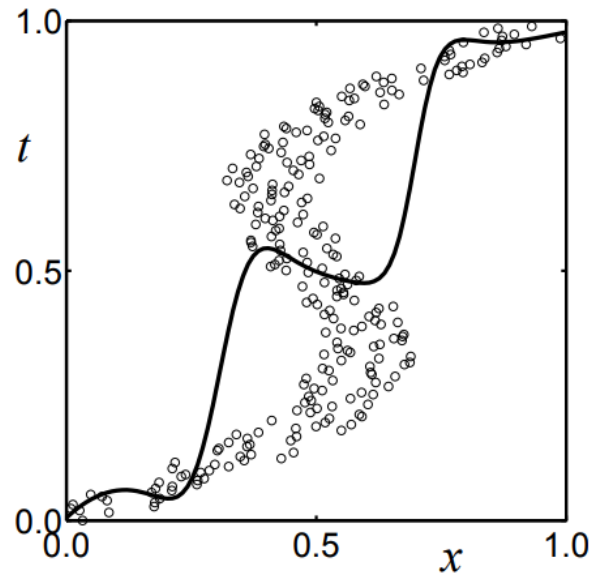
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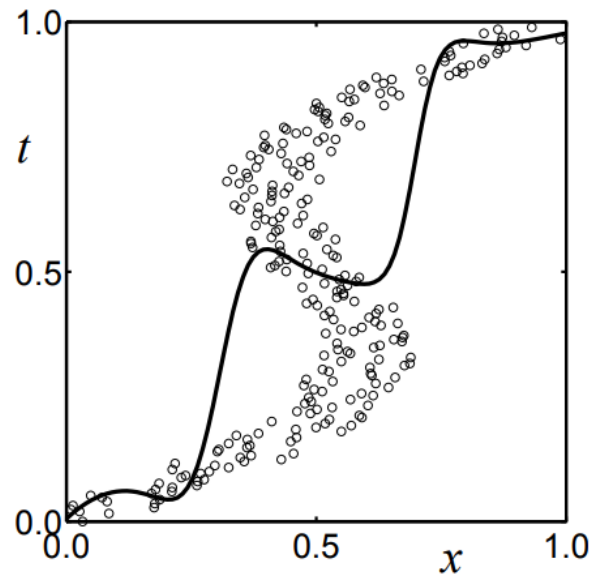


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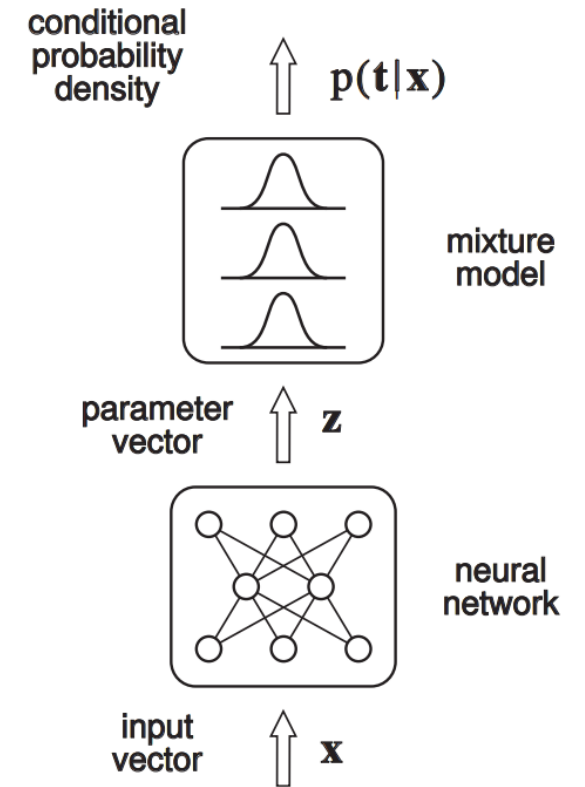
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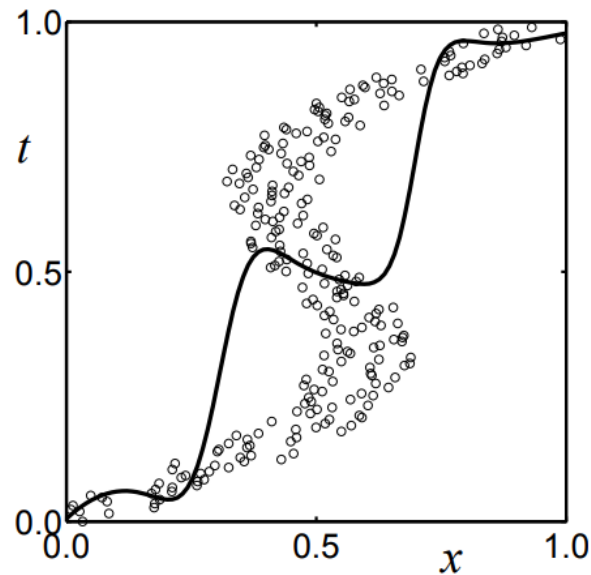
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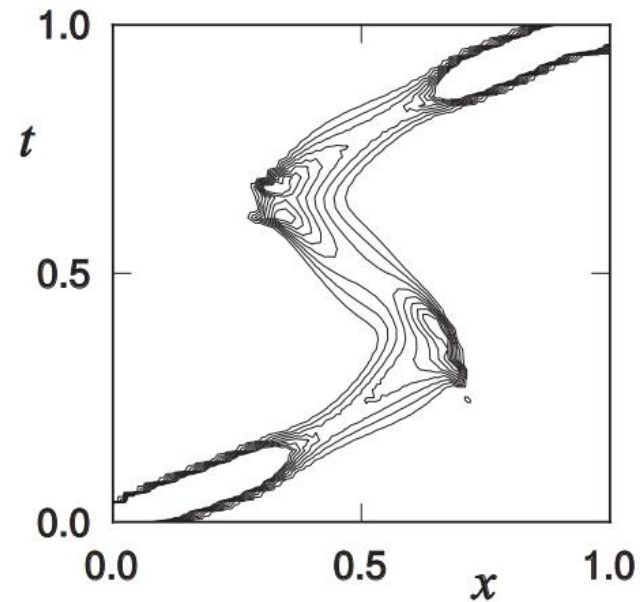


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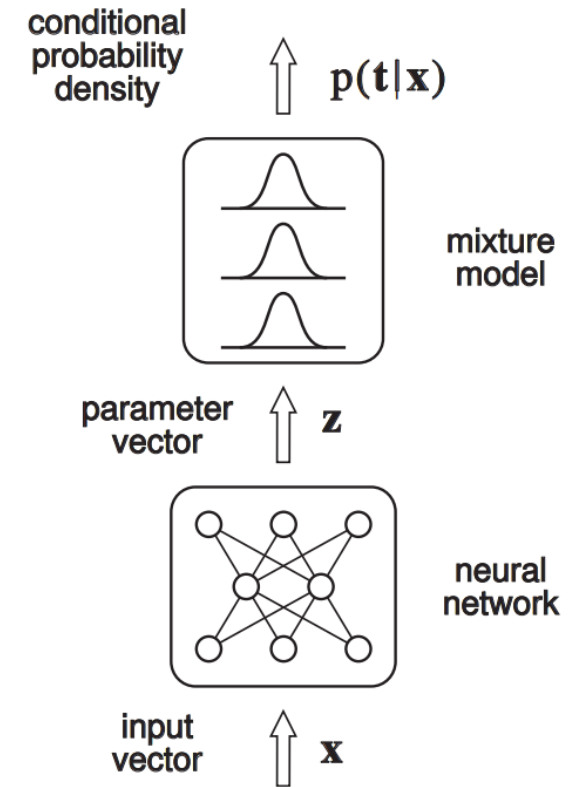
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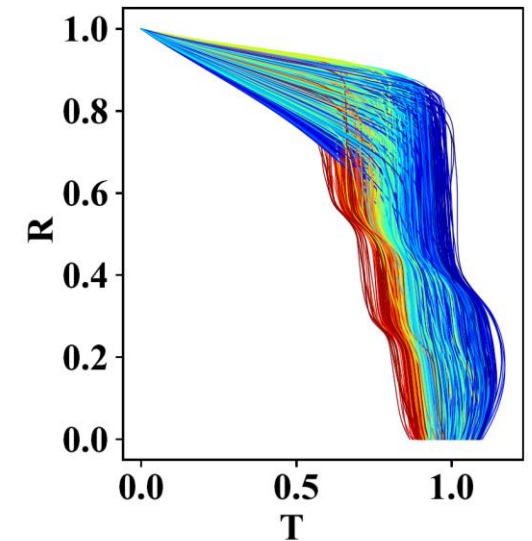
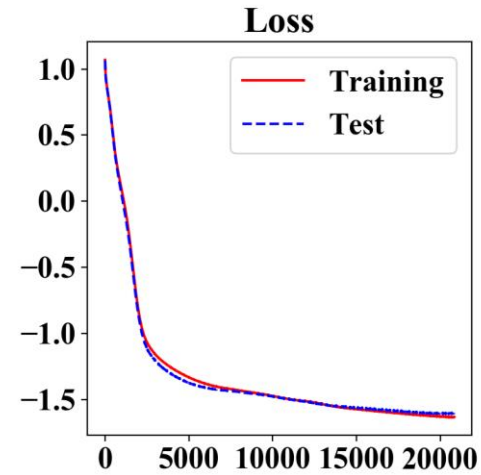
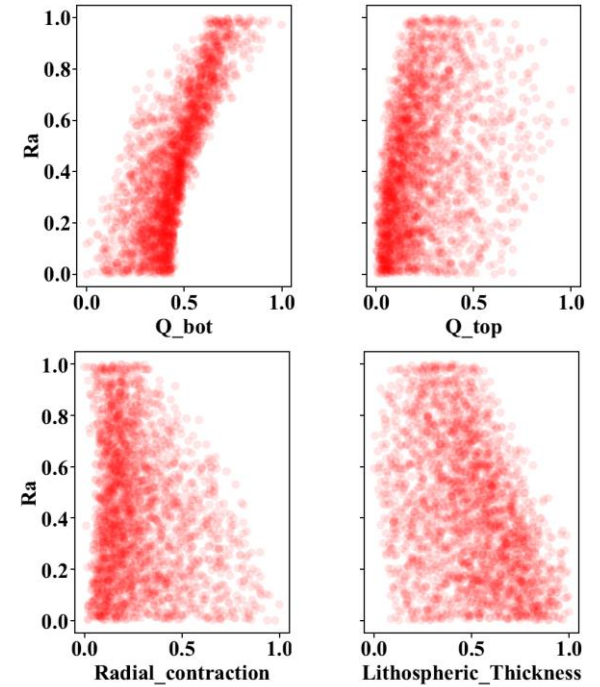
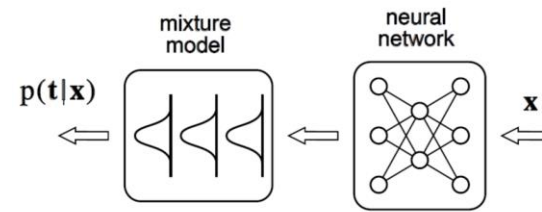
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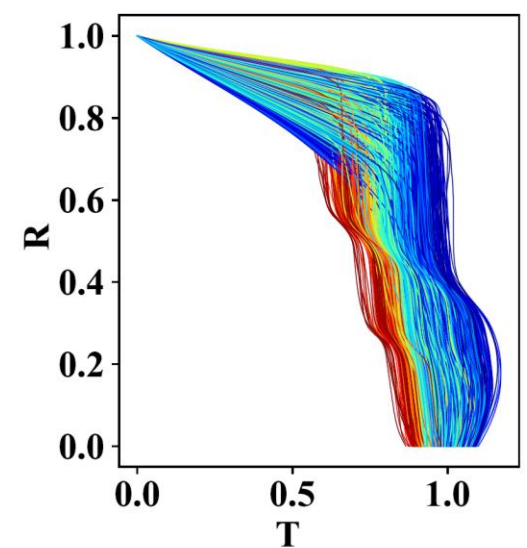
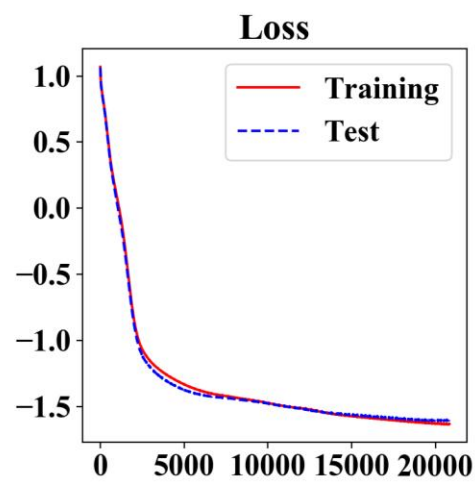
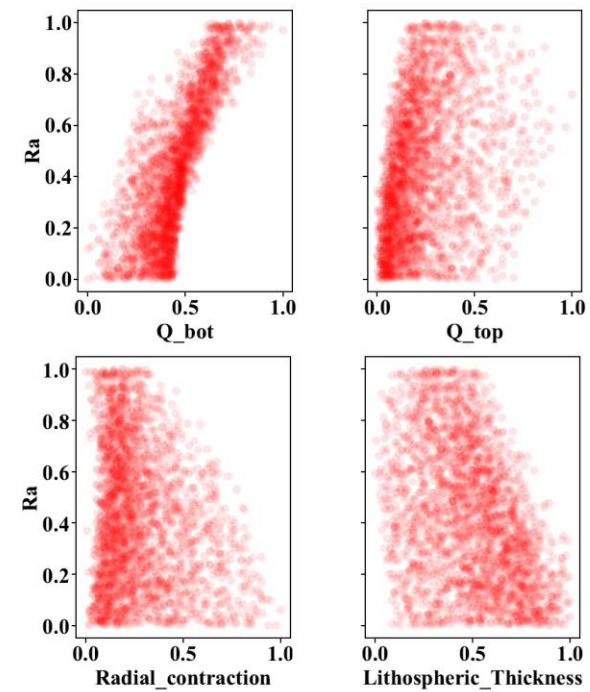
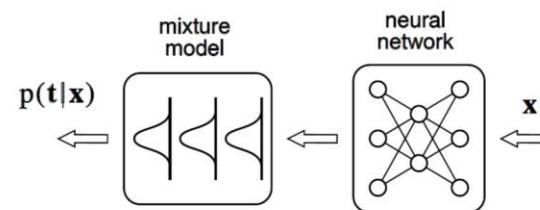
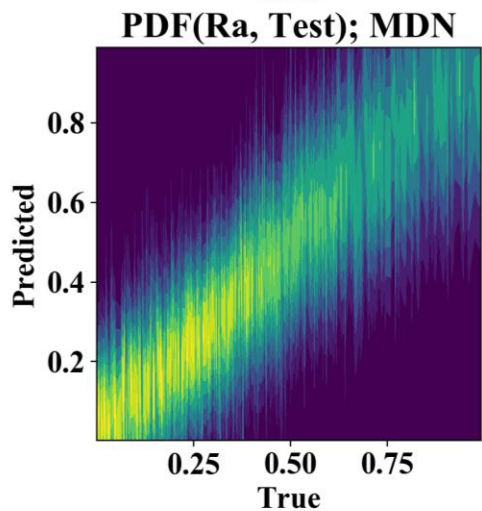
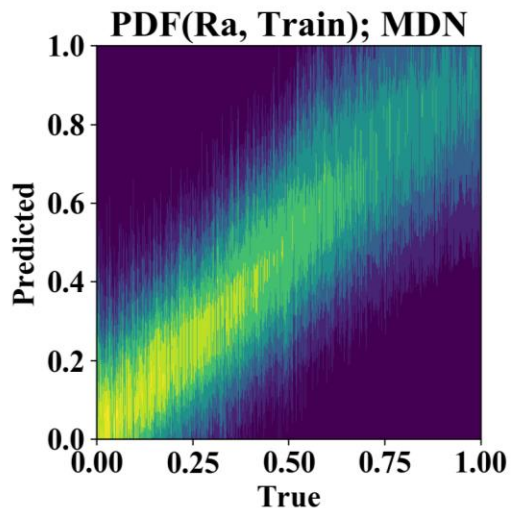
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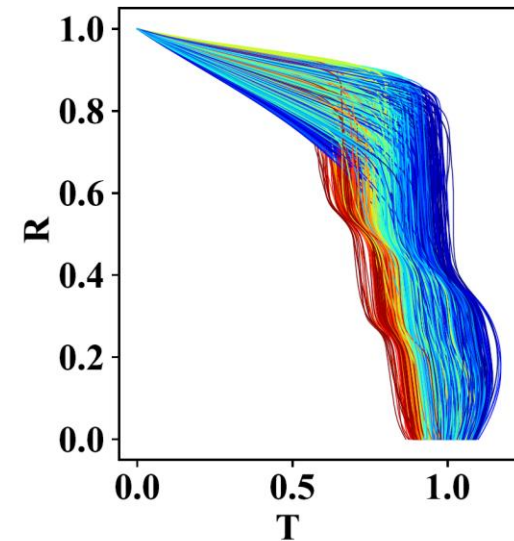
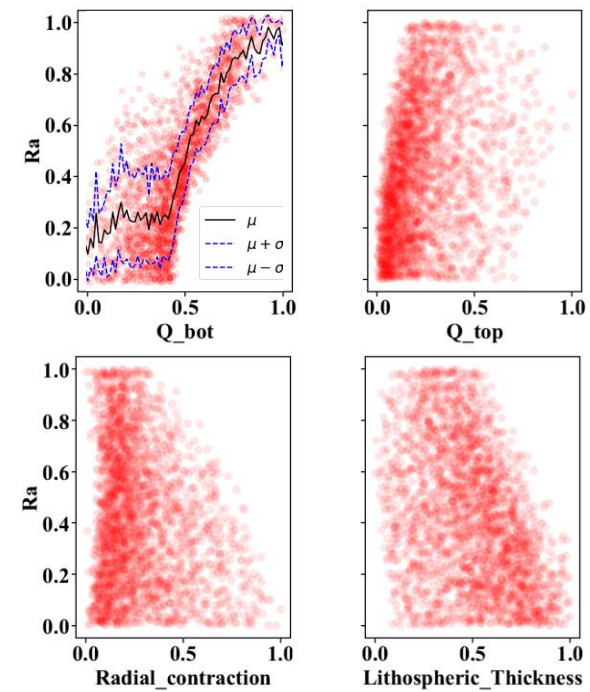
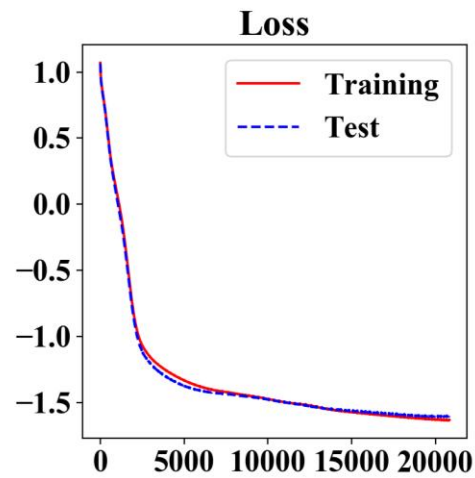
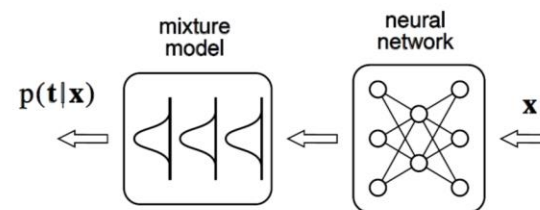
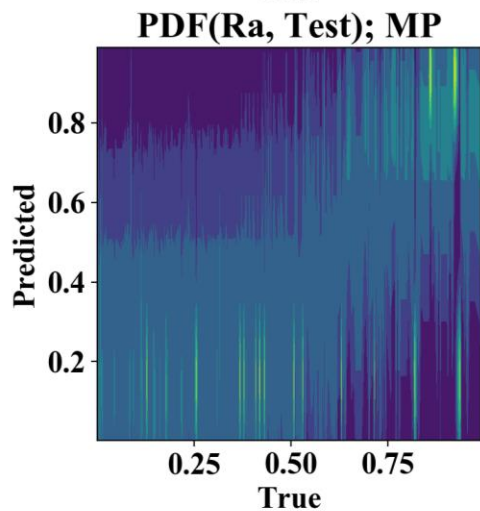
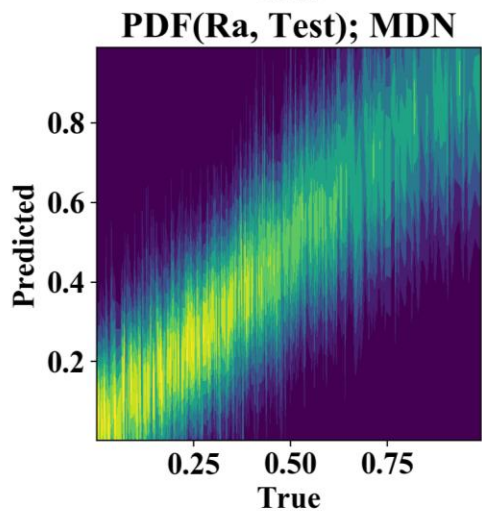
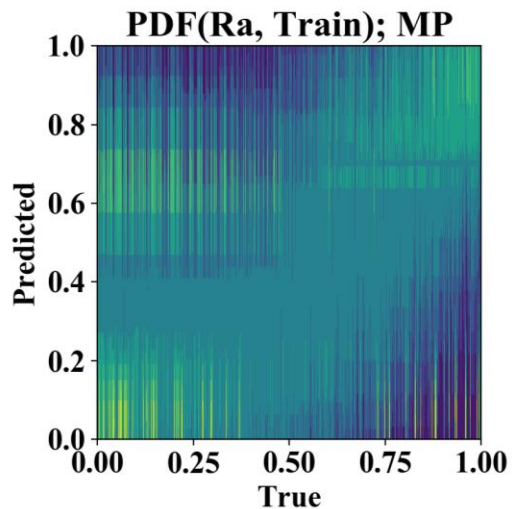
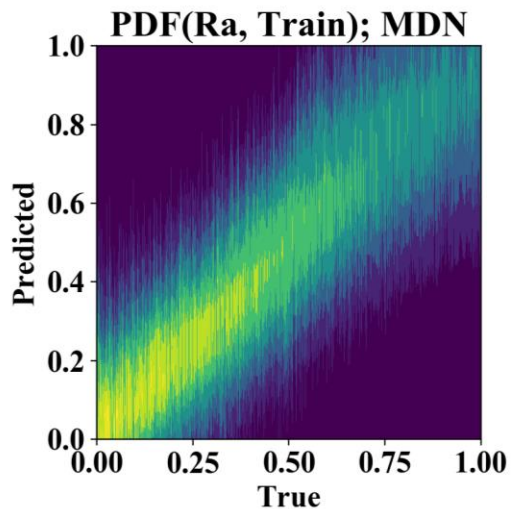
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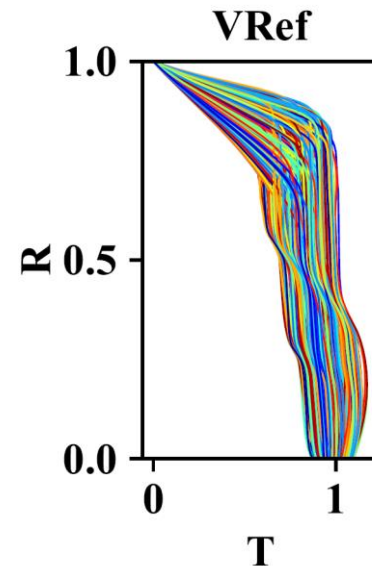
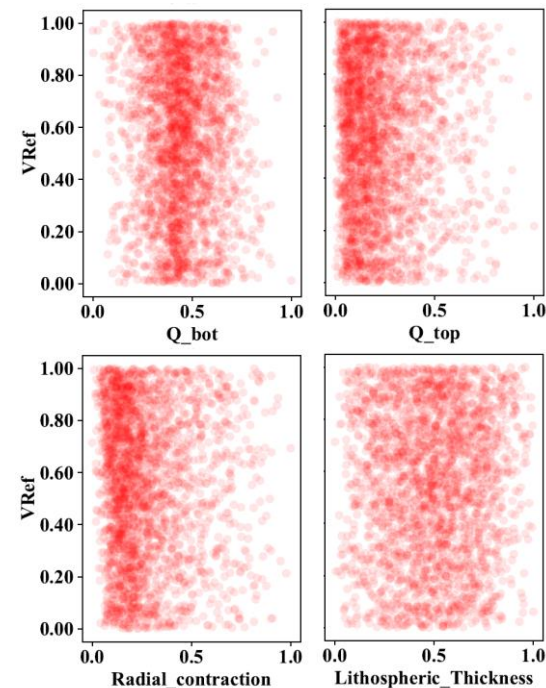
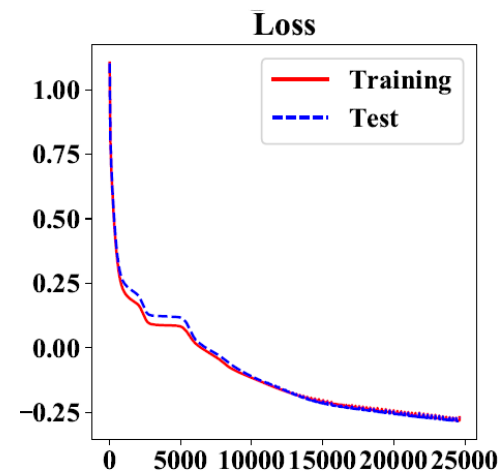
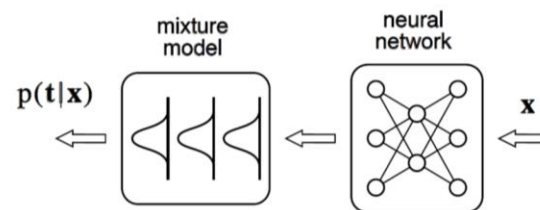
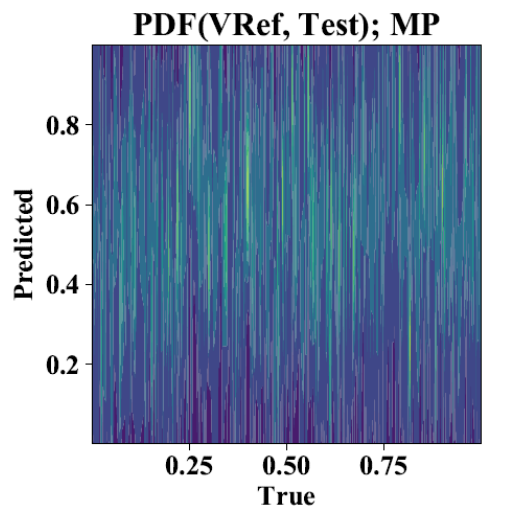
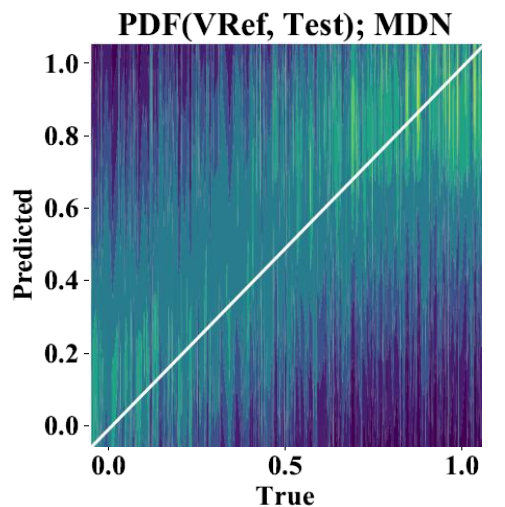
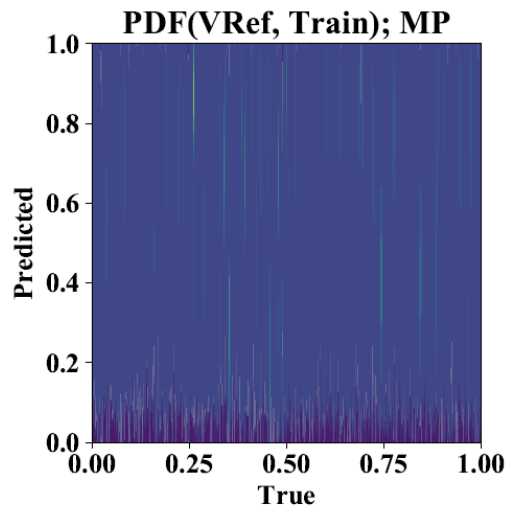
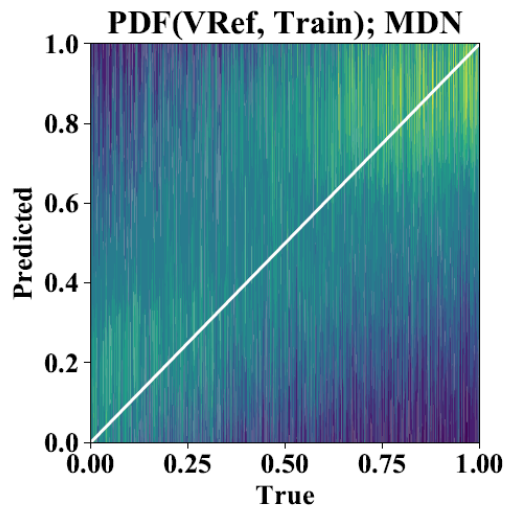
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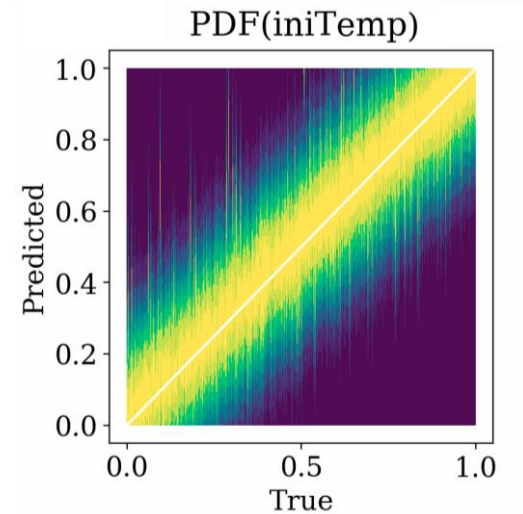
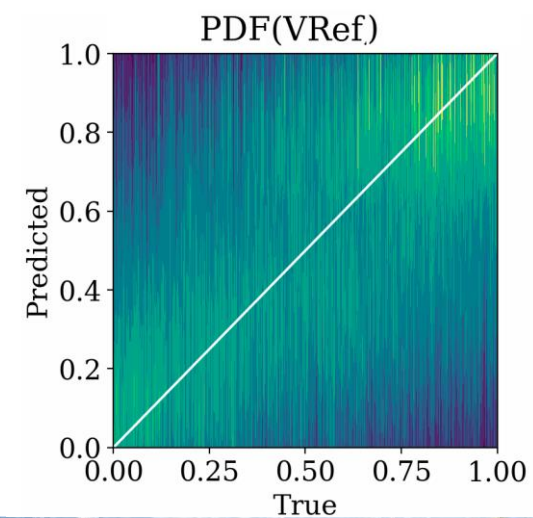
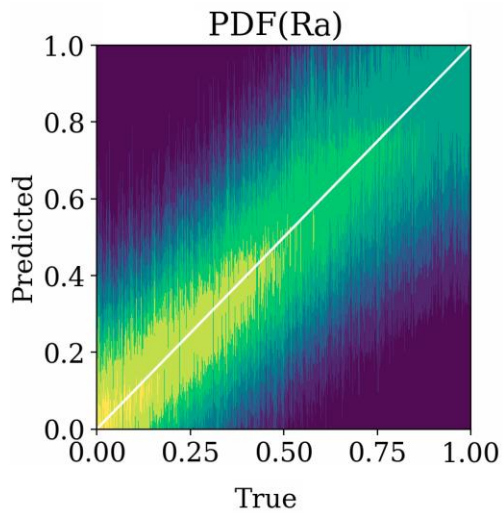
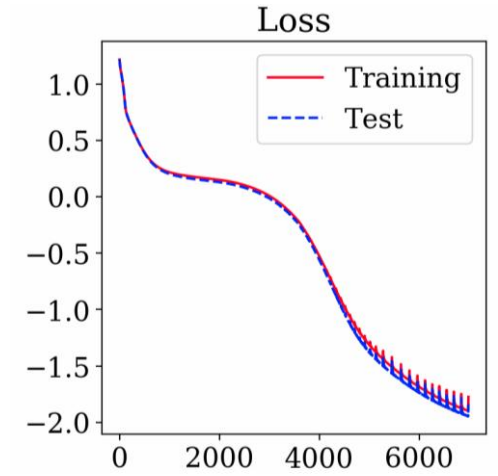
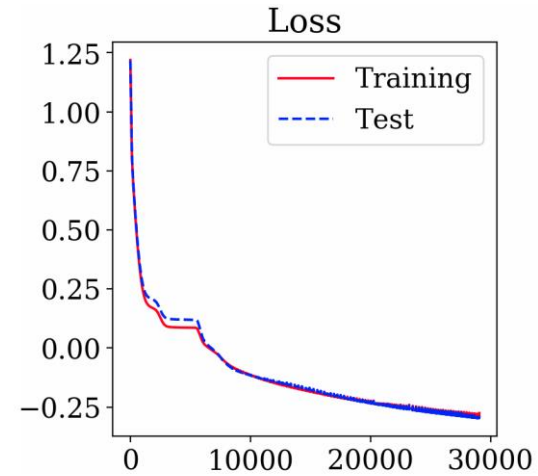
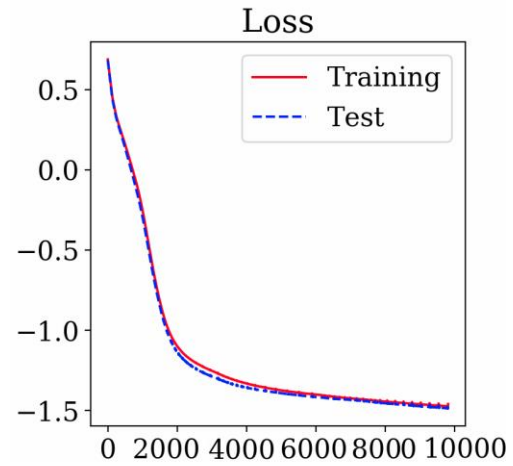


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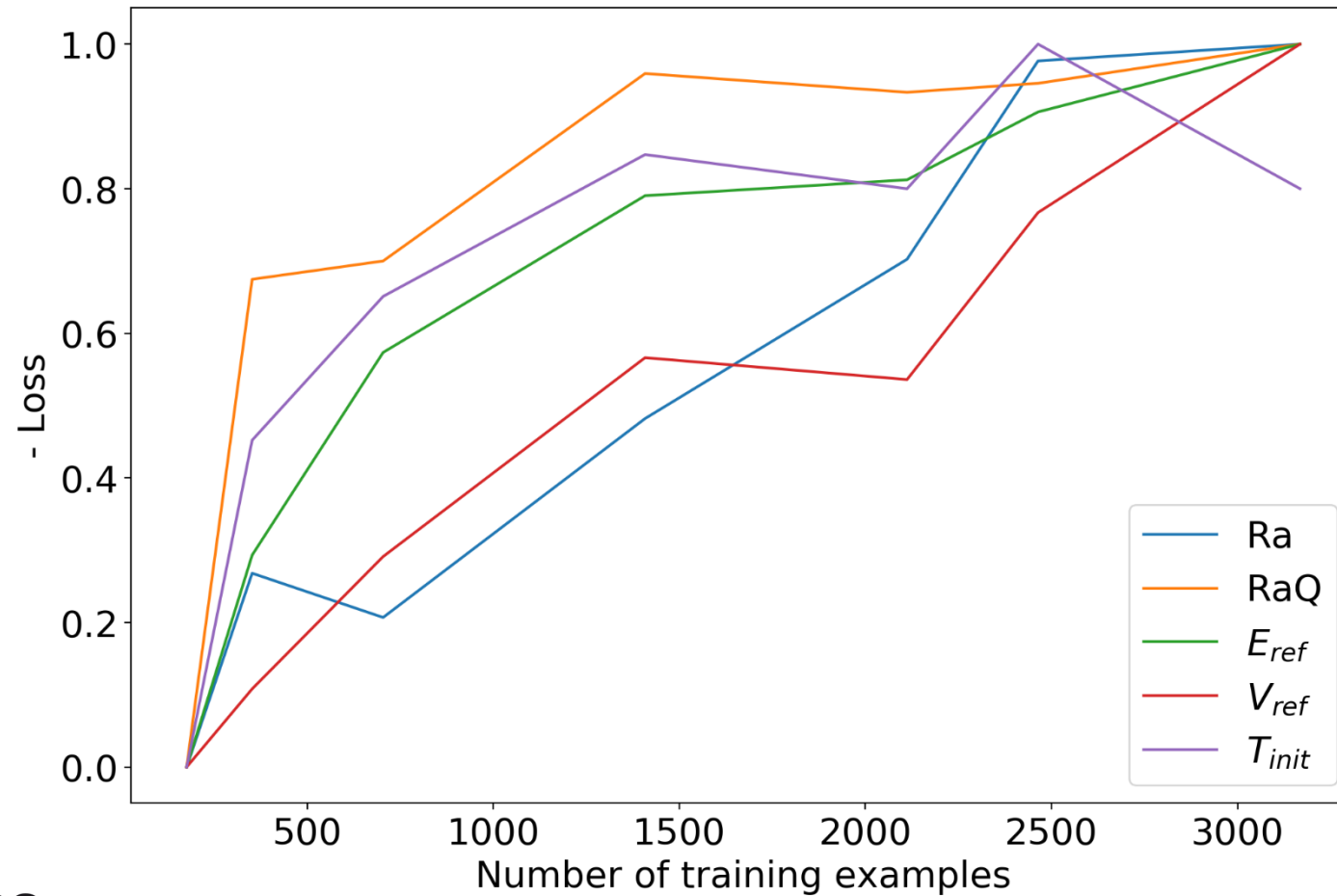
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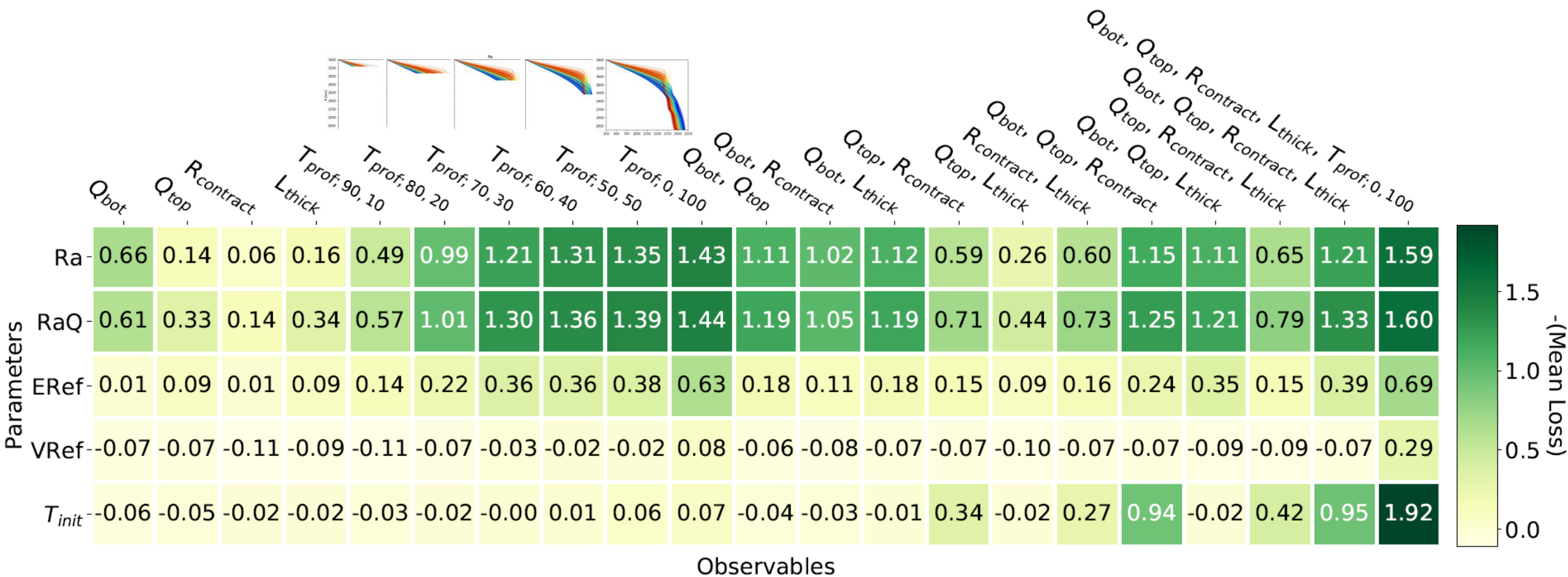


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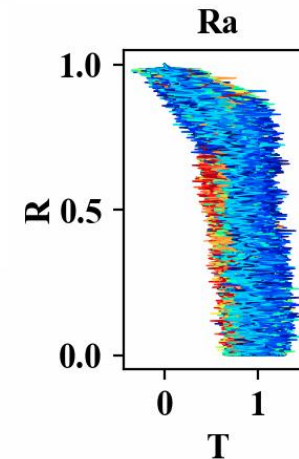
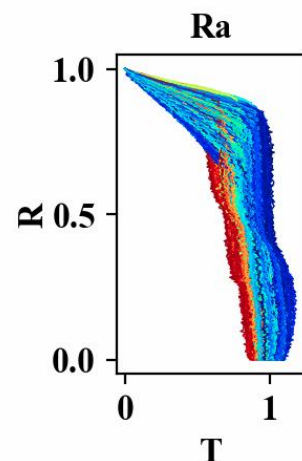
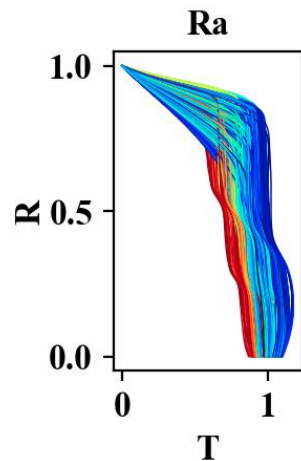
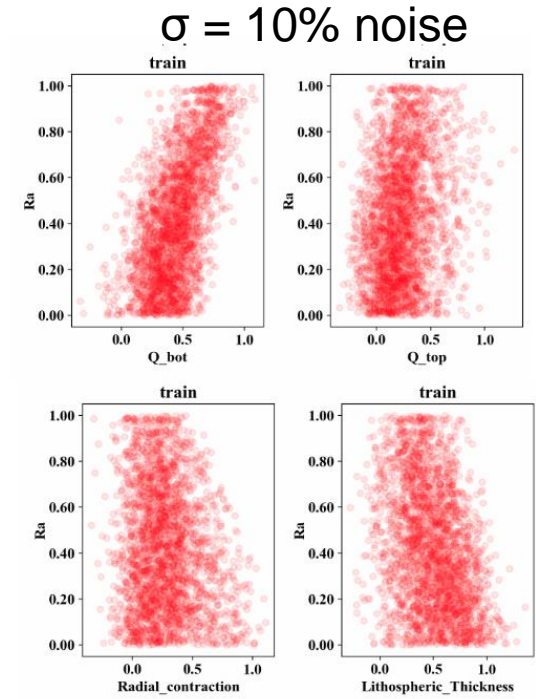
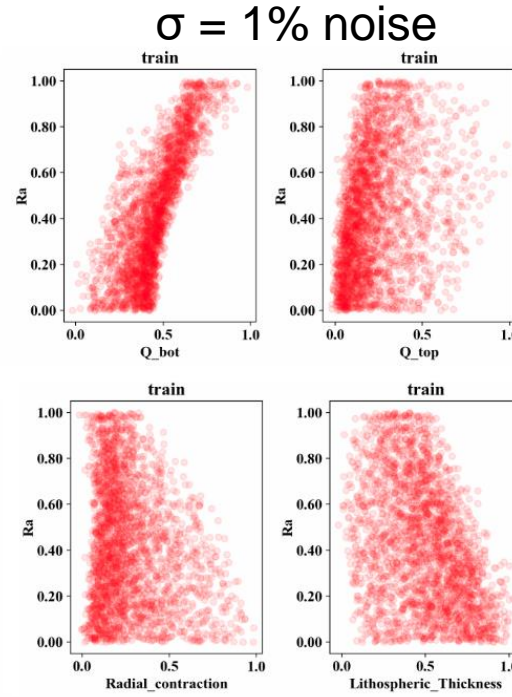
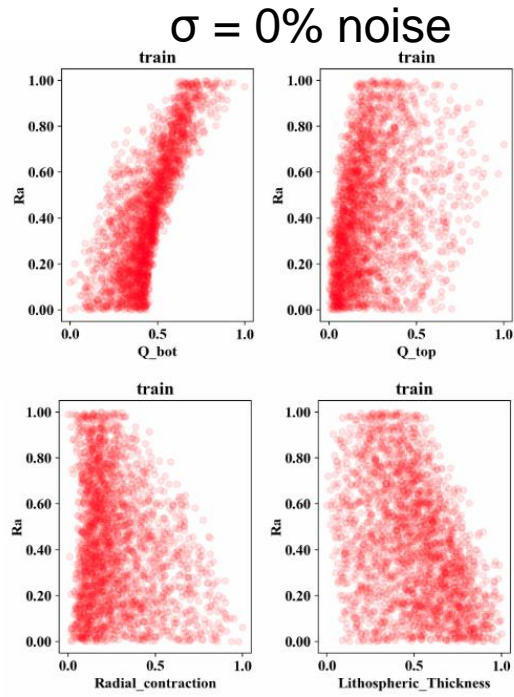
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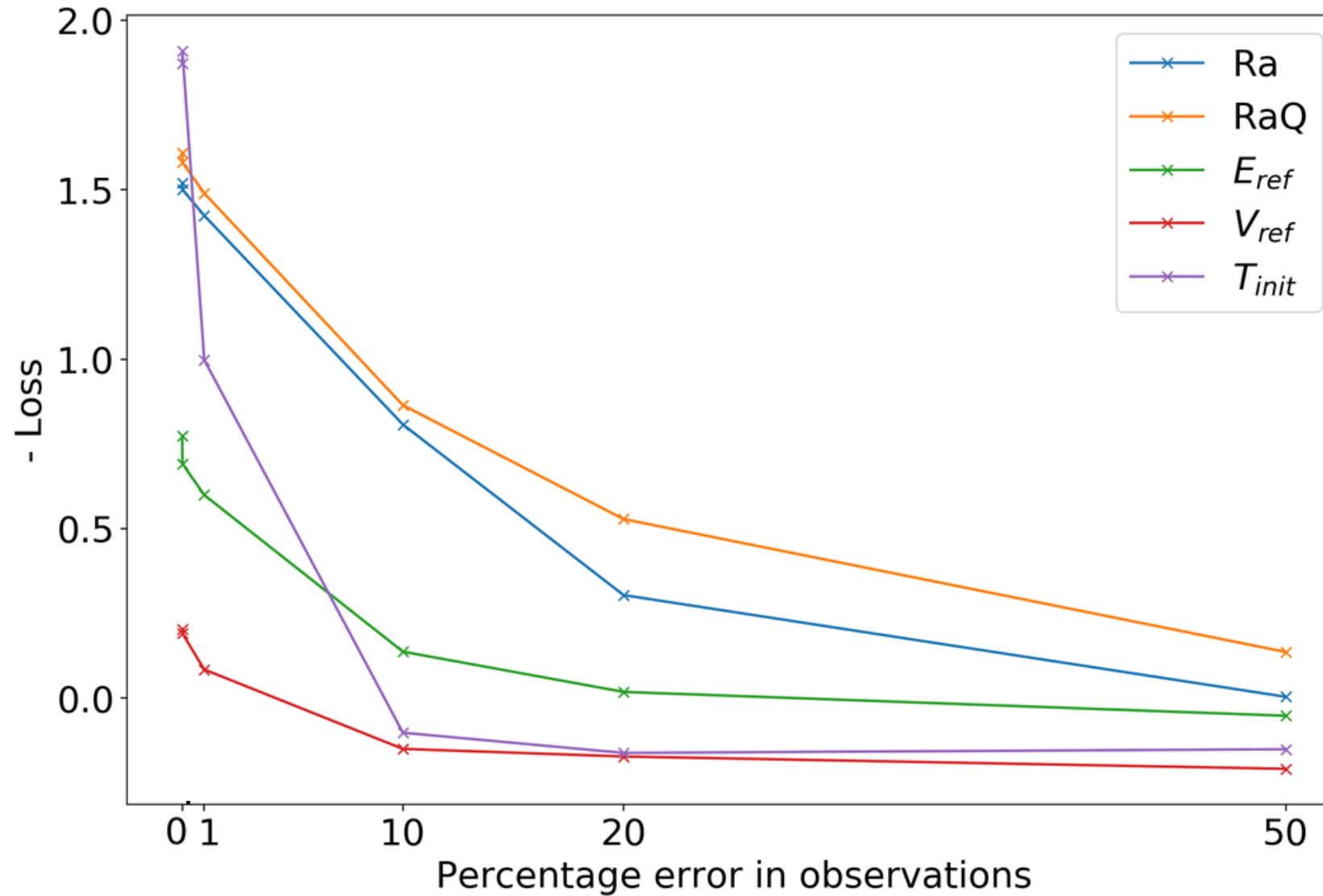
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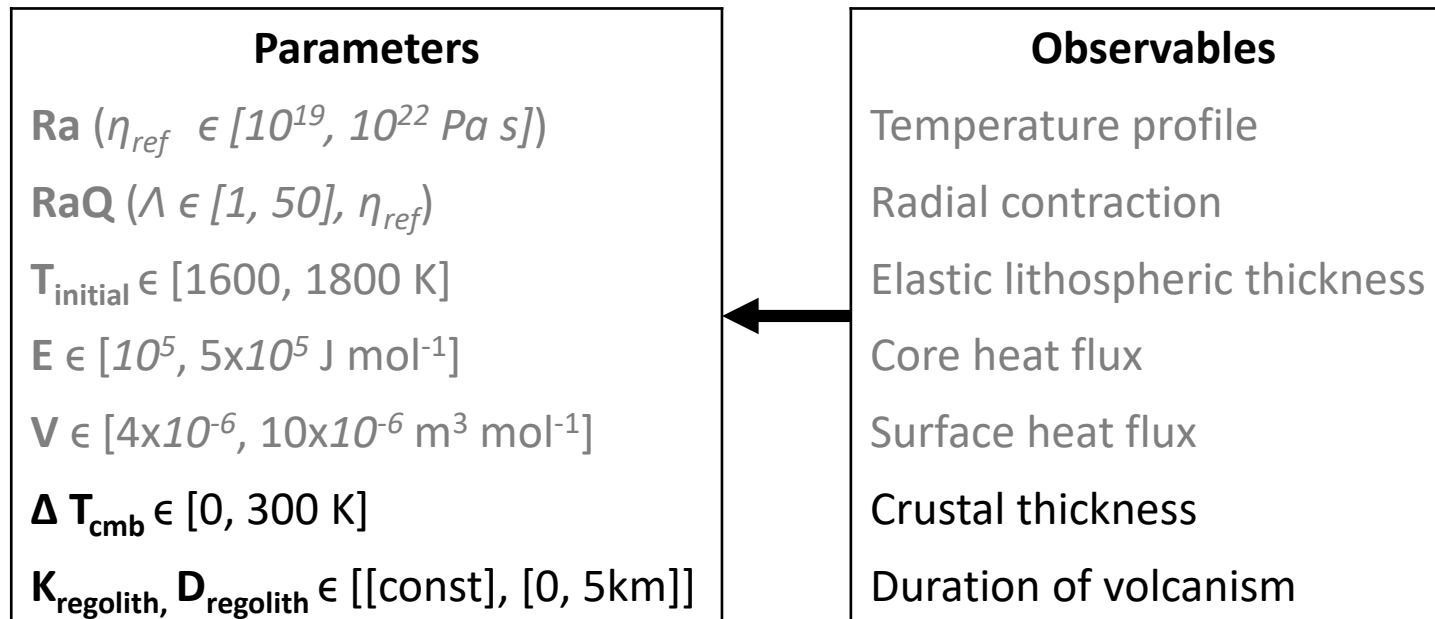
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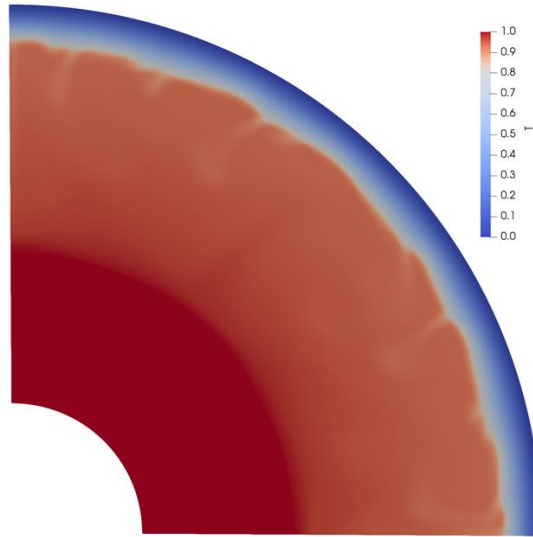
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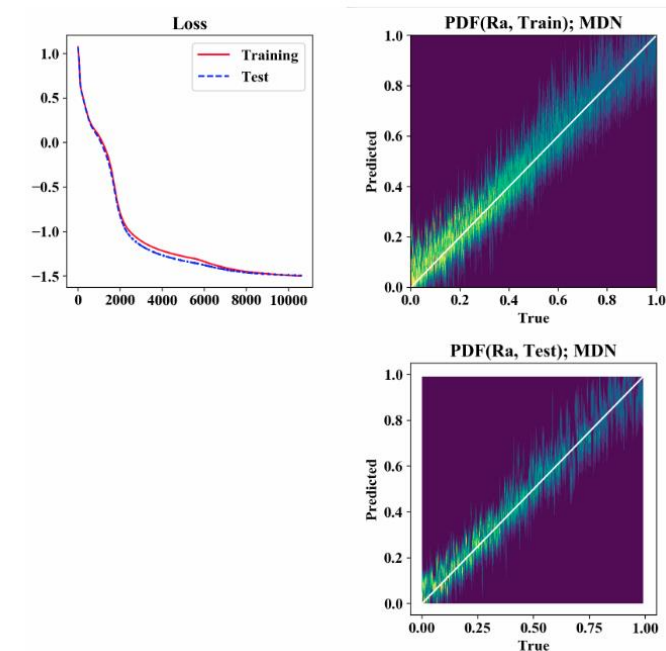
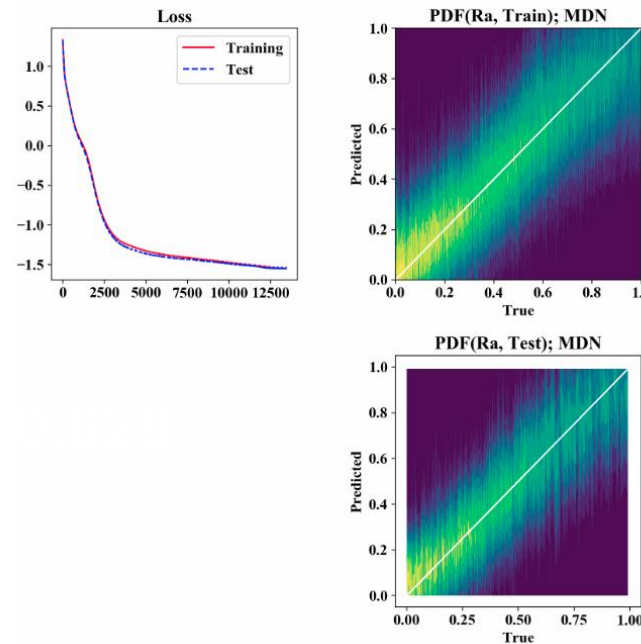
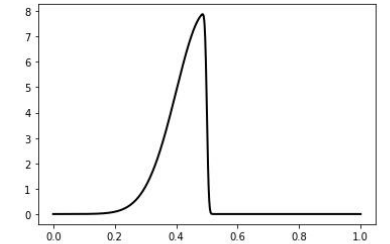
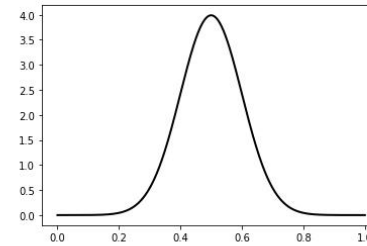
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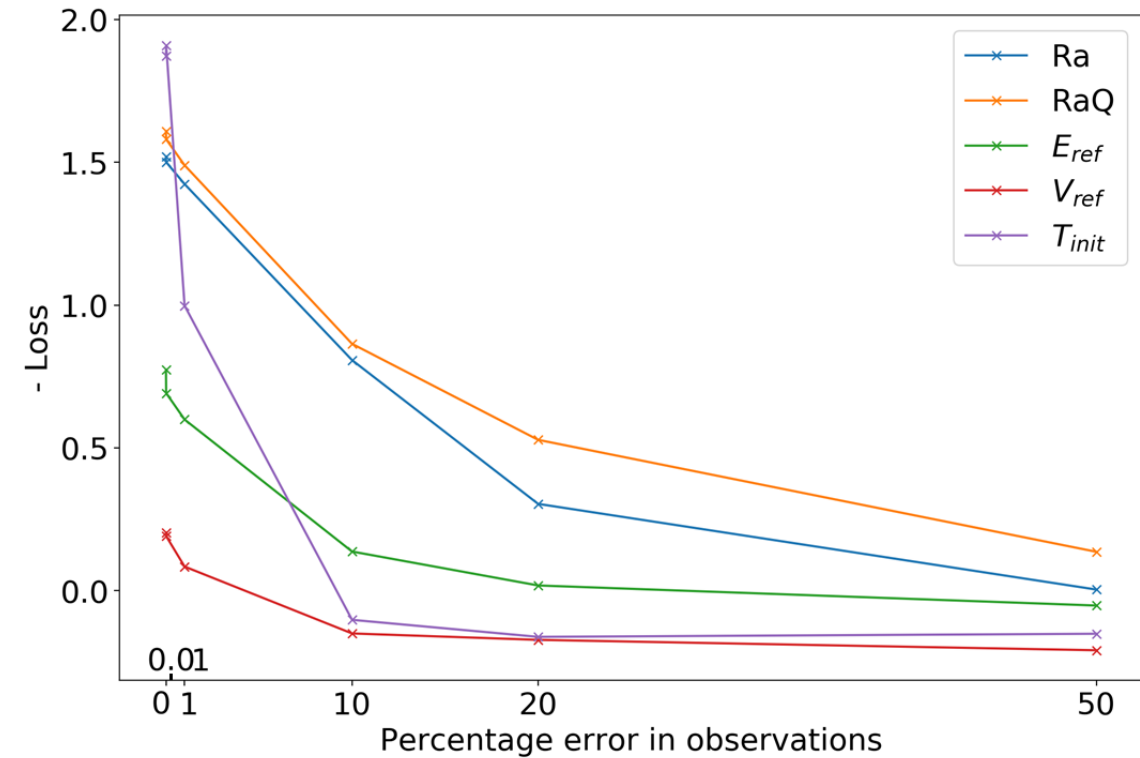
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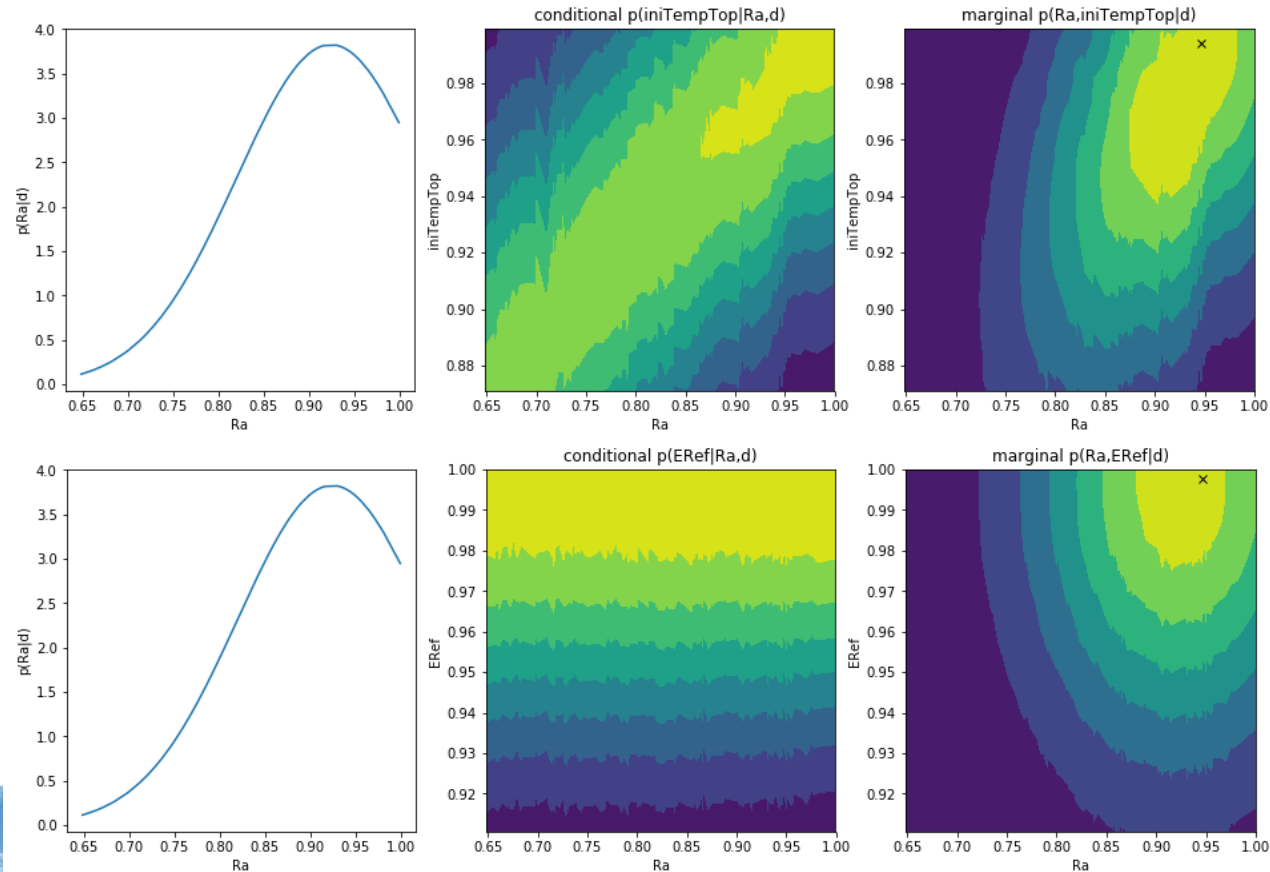
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