

Localization user guide



This application implements TRMLOC localization/relocalization software which performs efficiently the inversion of seismic (acoustic) first arrival time onsets for hypocenter location using the probabilistic inverse theory approach. The application estimates the maximum likelihood hypocenter location, enables other hypocenter location estimators to be calculated and it allows an advanced analysis of location (inversion) uncertainties, providing in addition, meta-characteristics of the data and solutions.



REFERENCES [Document Repository](#)

CATEGORY Source Parameter Estimation

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Step by Step

After the User adds the Application into his/her personal workspace, the window as shown in Figure 1 appears. The following files are necessary in order to perform the source location:

- *MiniSEED Waveform*
- *Network inventory*
- *Catalog*
- *Velocity Model*

The screenshot shows the 'Localization' application interface. At the top, there is a header with the title 'Localization' and an 'ACTIONS' button. Below the header, there is a section for 'File Localization' with a description: 'This application implements TRMLOC localization/relocalization software ... EXPAND'. The main section is titled 'INPUTS' and contains four rows, each with a label, an information icon, and a 'SELECT FILES' button. The labels are 'Miniseed Waveform', 'Network inventory', 'Catalog', and 'Velocity Model'. Each label also has a 'Required 1 file' note below it.

Figure 1. Inputs for the "Localization" application.

The User can upload files which are already available in his/her personal workspace (green filed in Figure 2) after clicking "SELECT FILES" (red filed in Figure 2). However, if User is not in possession of such files, he/she can obtain them from "Data Search" (green filed in Figure 3).

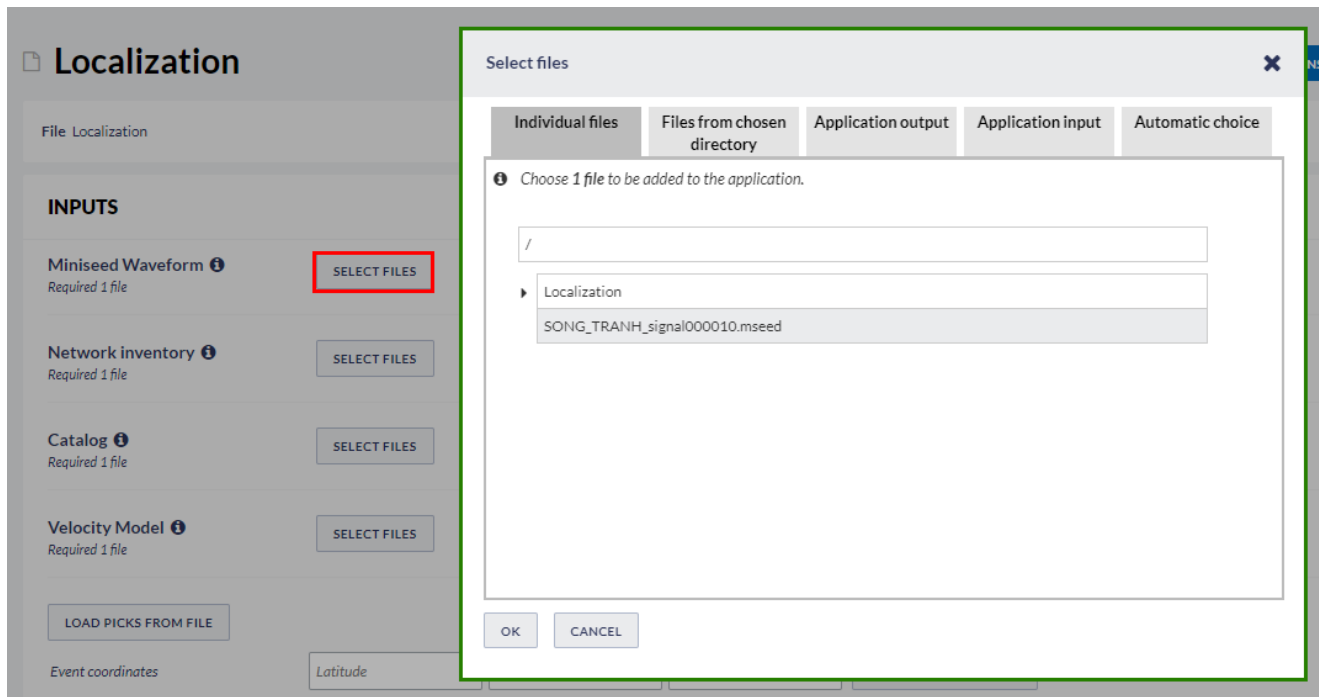


Figure 2. Input data uploading files for the application.

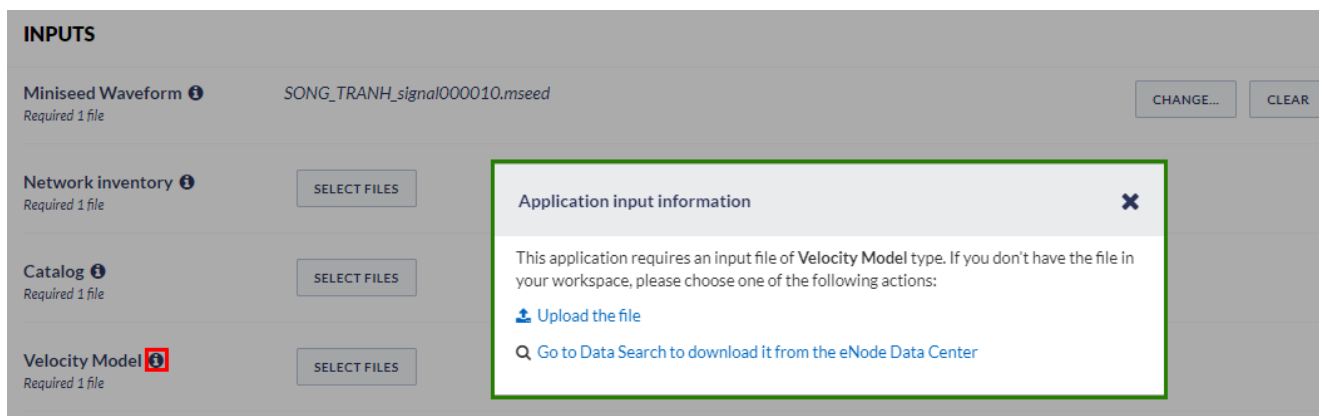


Figure 3. Application input information.

Once all these files are uploaded the waveforms are shown on the screen and are available for elaboration. As depicted in Figure 4, only the vertical channels are shown by default, since the methodology applied in this application uses only P-waves. Nevertheless, the User can make all the channels appear on the window, by ticking the "E" and "N" components, below the 'Show channels'.

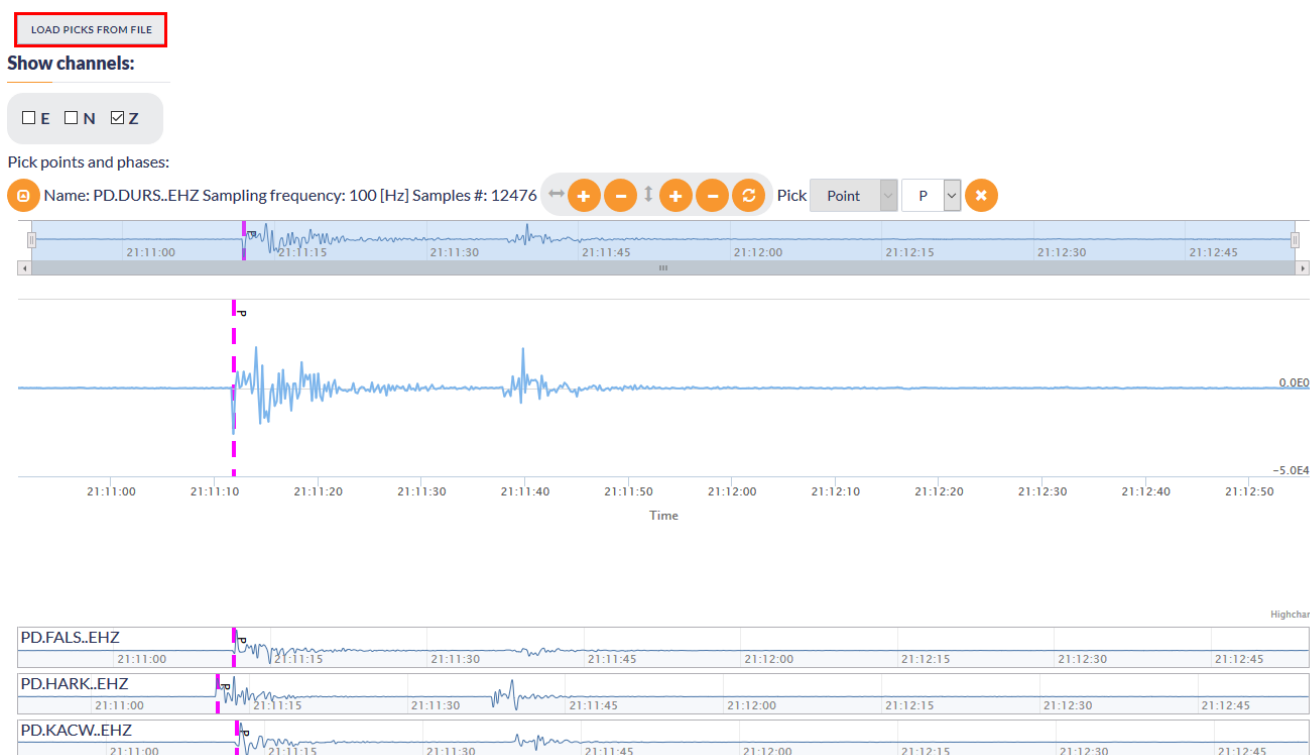


Figure 4. Picking p-wave arrival times on the waveforms

In this application the User has to pick a single point in each waveform (Figure 4), instead of a phase (i.e. two points, starting and ending). For the waveform processing details see also "FOCI" and "Spectral Analysis" chapters.

NOTE: Although it is not necessary to pick P-wave arrivals in all of the waveforms to run the application, a minimum of 3 picks is required for the application to proceed to the calculations (stated also at the top of Figure 5). The number of the seismograms and P-wave phases picked, are updated, each time the User selects makes a new picking. The User may also load picks from XML file (red filed in Figure 4) rather than processing the waveforms manually.

Parameters selected for the source localization

'Event Coordinates' and 'Event description' can be taken from the catalog ('LOAD VALUE FROM FILE' tab, Figure 5), however the User has here the chance to modify the given values, or retry the process with different e.g. depths.

The additional input parameters required to execute the application are shown in Figure 5. Some of those parameters take numerical arguments, entered by the User, others take values selected from a list. In any case default values are provided. Advanced options are also available, however the application runs properly even if they are discarded. For detailed description of all application parameters please see at the TRMLOC manual at the document repository.

Picked seismograms: 2 . Required at least: 3

Picked phases: -

Picked points: P: 2

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Event coordinates	Latitude	Longitude	Depth	LOAD VALUE FROM FILE
Event description				
A priori variance of X/Y	500			
A priori variance of Z	500			
Prior distribution Norm	g			
A posteriori pdf norm	g			
Likelihood variance	0.1			
Minimum Z value	0			
Maximum Z value	5000			
X value step	200			
Y value step	200			
Z value step	100			

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Figure 5. Input parameters for the application

Once the point picking in the waveforms and the parameter selection is over, the User shall click on 'RUN' (green button) to initiate the Source Localization process.

The results obtained after the process terminates include a variety of output values, files and figures. Numerical outputs are the hypocenter coordinates obtained by different methods, their uncertainties and the original coordinates from the catalog, for comparison (Figure 6, top). These values are also plotted in charts, one showing the epicentral location (longitude-latitude) of the original and obtained solutions together with the stations positions (Figure 6, bottom), and one more showing the vertical (depth) distribution of the aforementioned solutions. Four ASCII files are also created ('res.txt', 'out.txt', 'log.txt', and 'xcp.txt'), which contained detailed and specialized information on the process, the results and their uncertainties. These files can be either displayed in the screen or downloaded by the User. Two JSON files ('trmlloc_result.json' and 'app_form_snapshot.json') are created as well.

OUTPUTS

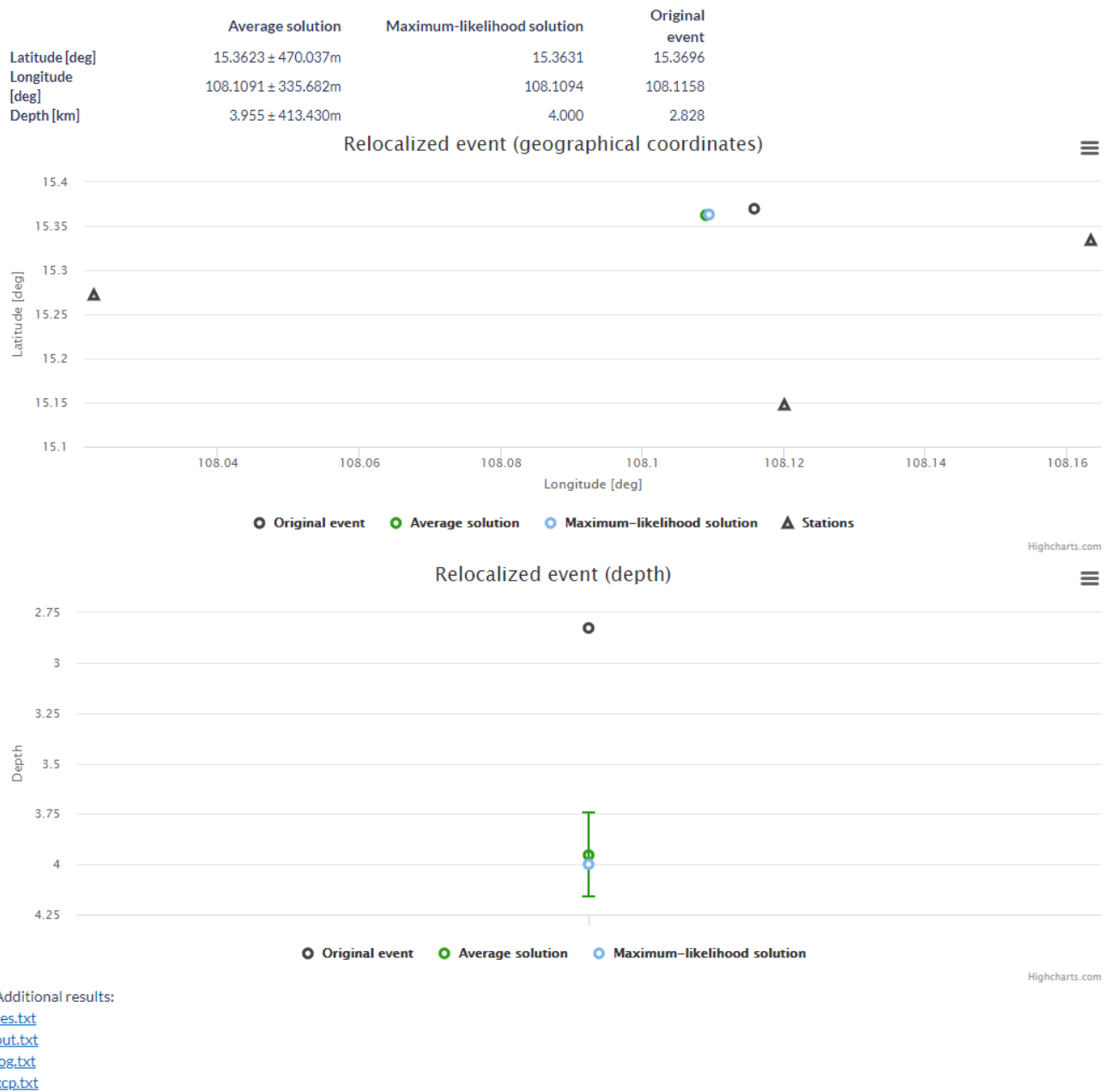


Figure 6. Outputs of the application

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