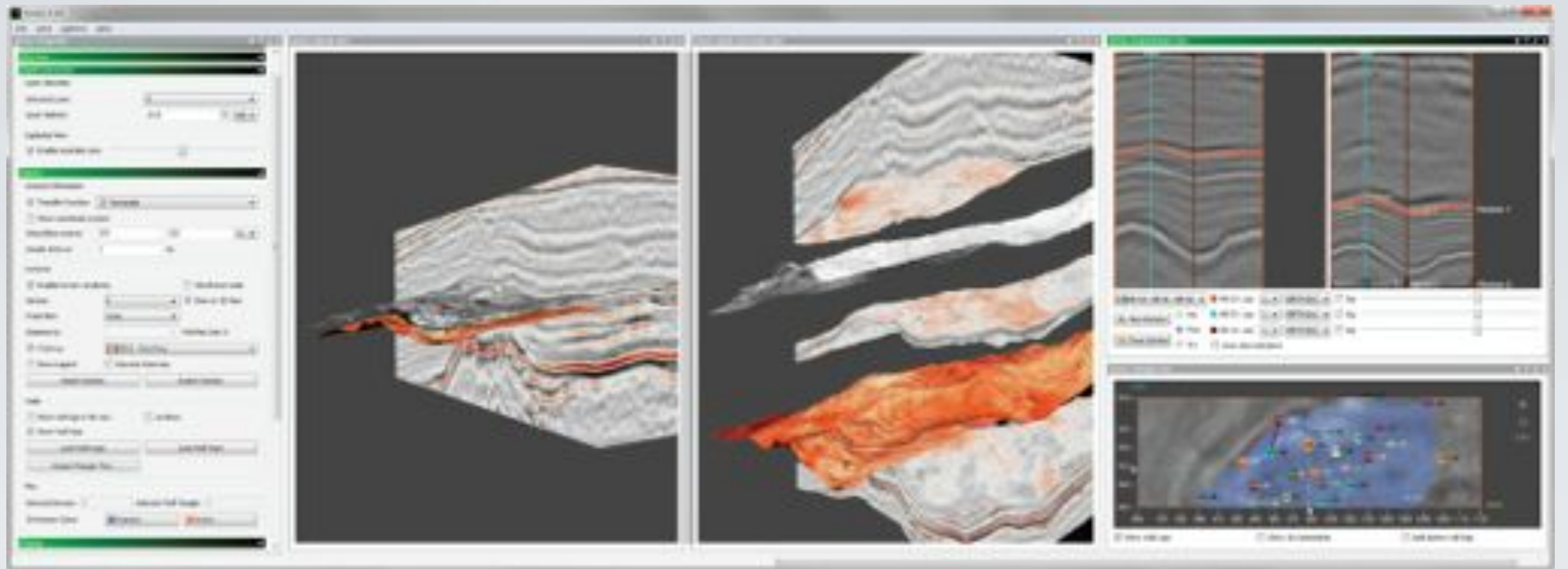


Visual Workflows for Oil and Gas Exploration

Thomas Höllt // 14. April 2013





Interactive Visual Subsurface Modeling



Publications

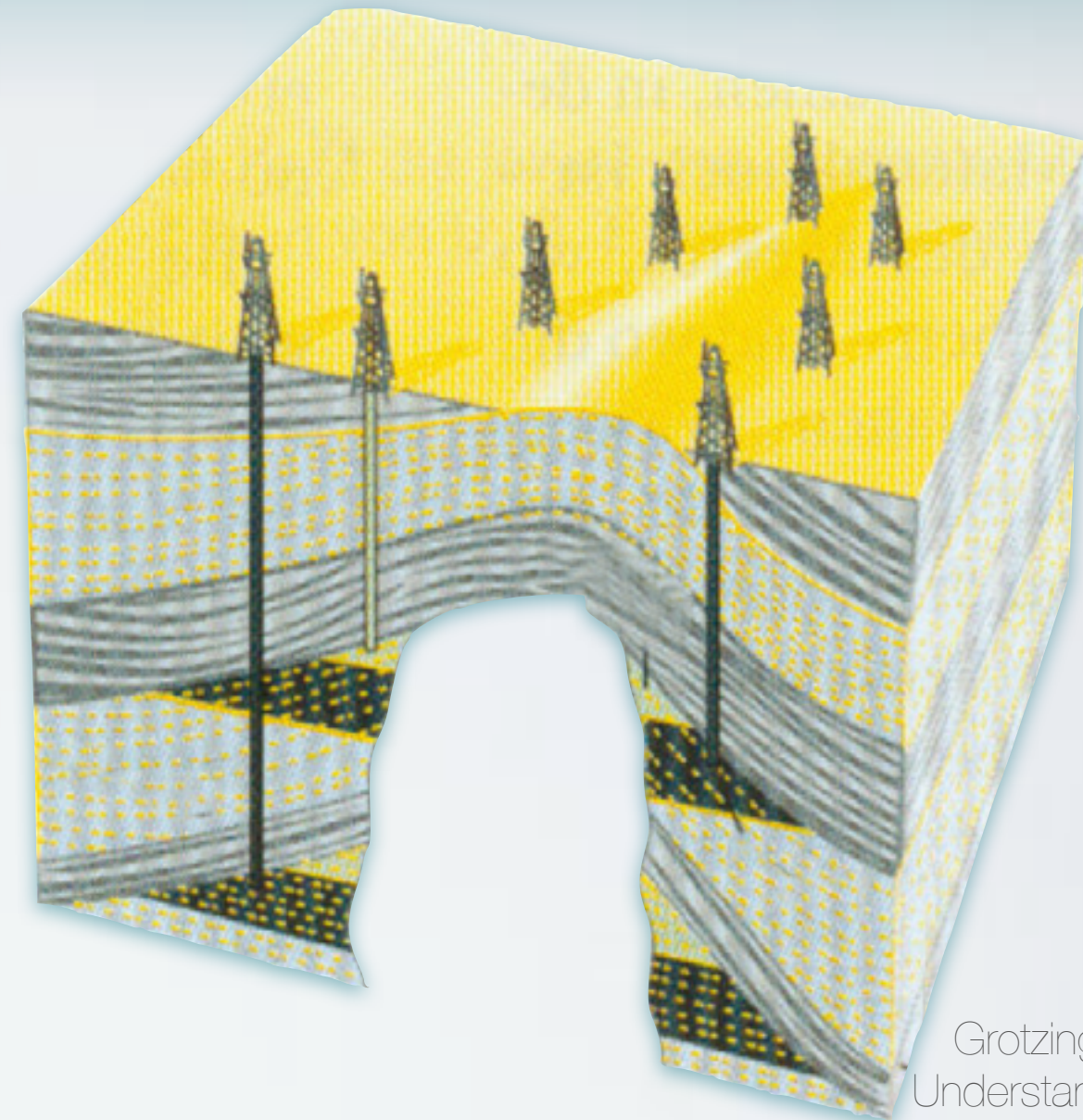
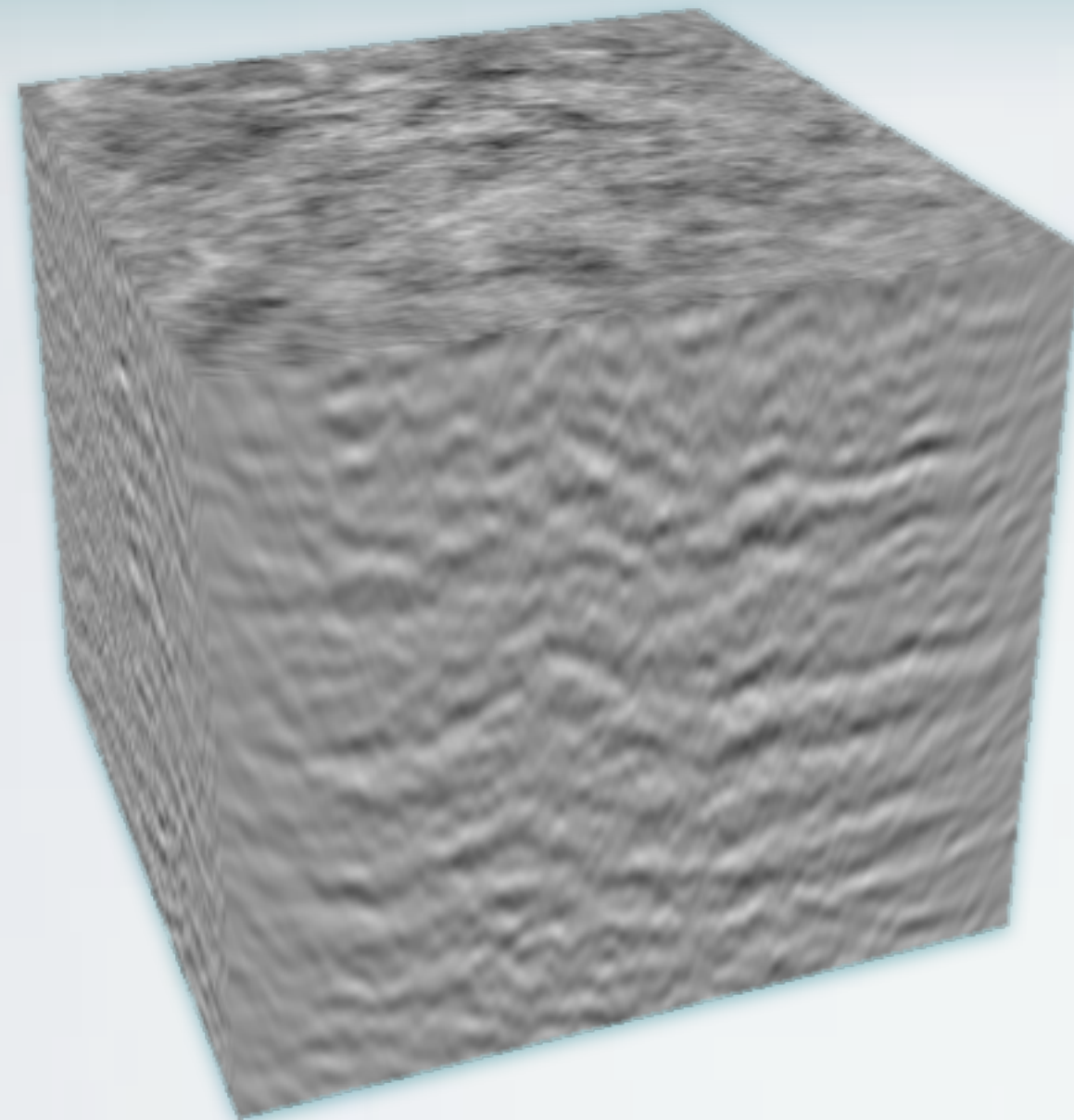


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Visual Subsurface Modeling

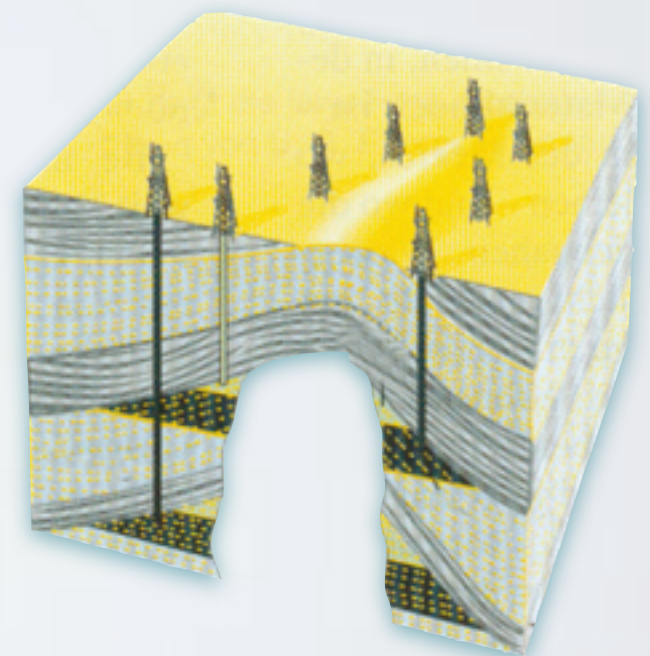
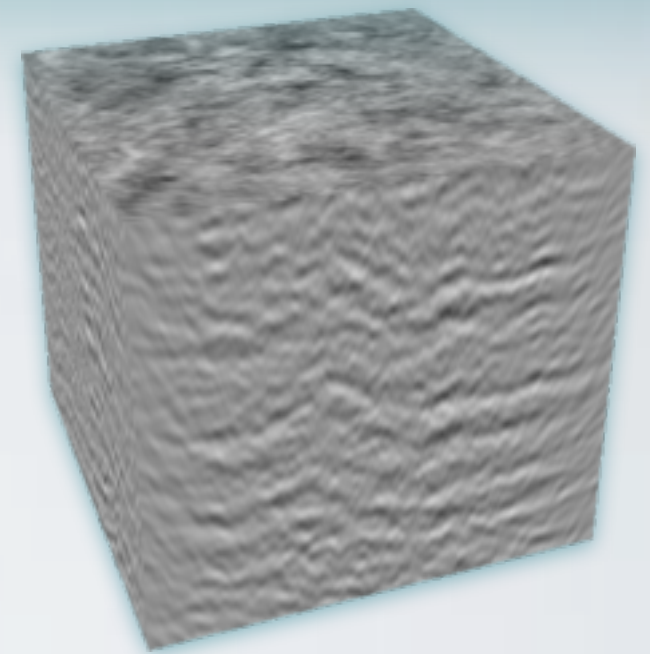


Grotzinger et al.
Understanding Earth

Seismic To Model



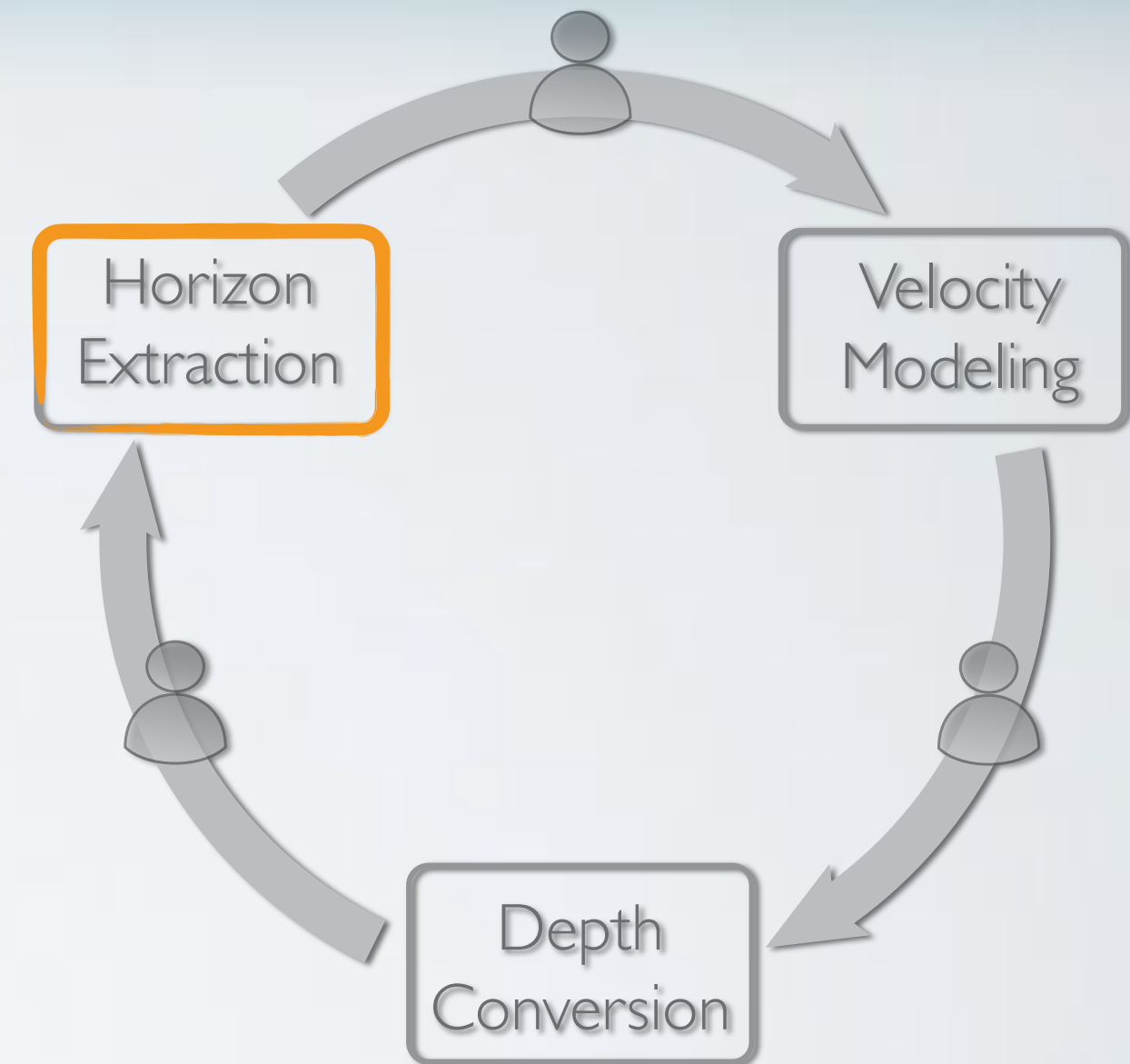
- Description of subsurface layers
 - horizons
 - faults
- Created from seismic survey
 - well data + seismic tomography
- Seismic tomography
 - recorded depth dimension is time
 - target depth dimension is lateral depth



Conventional Workflow



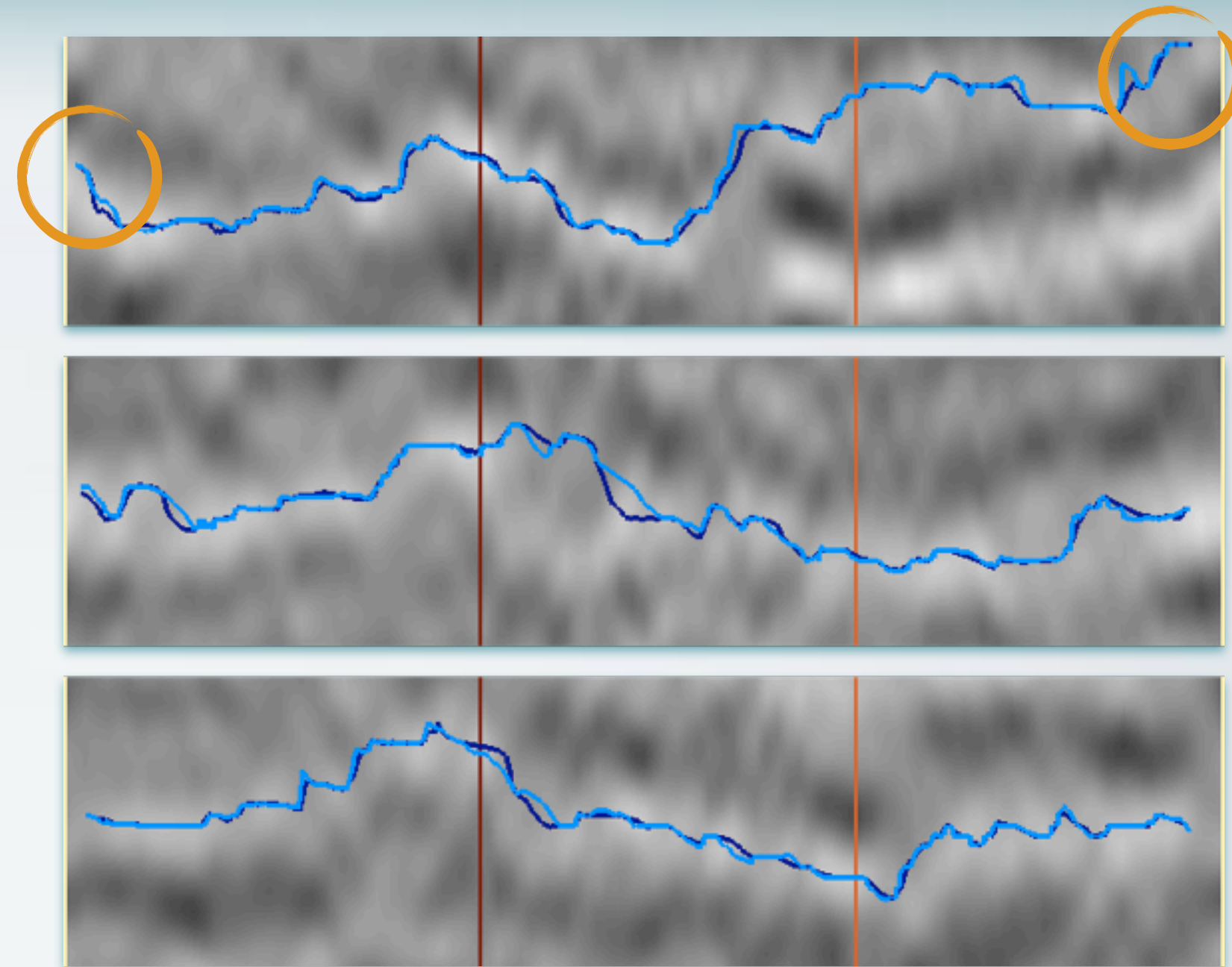
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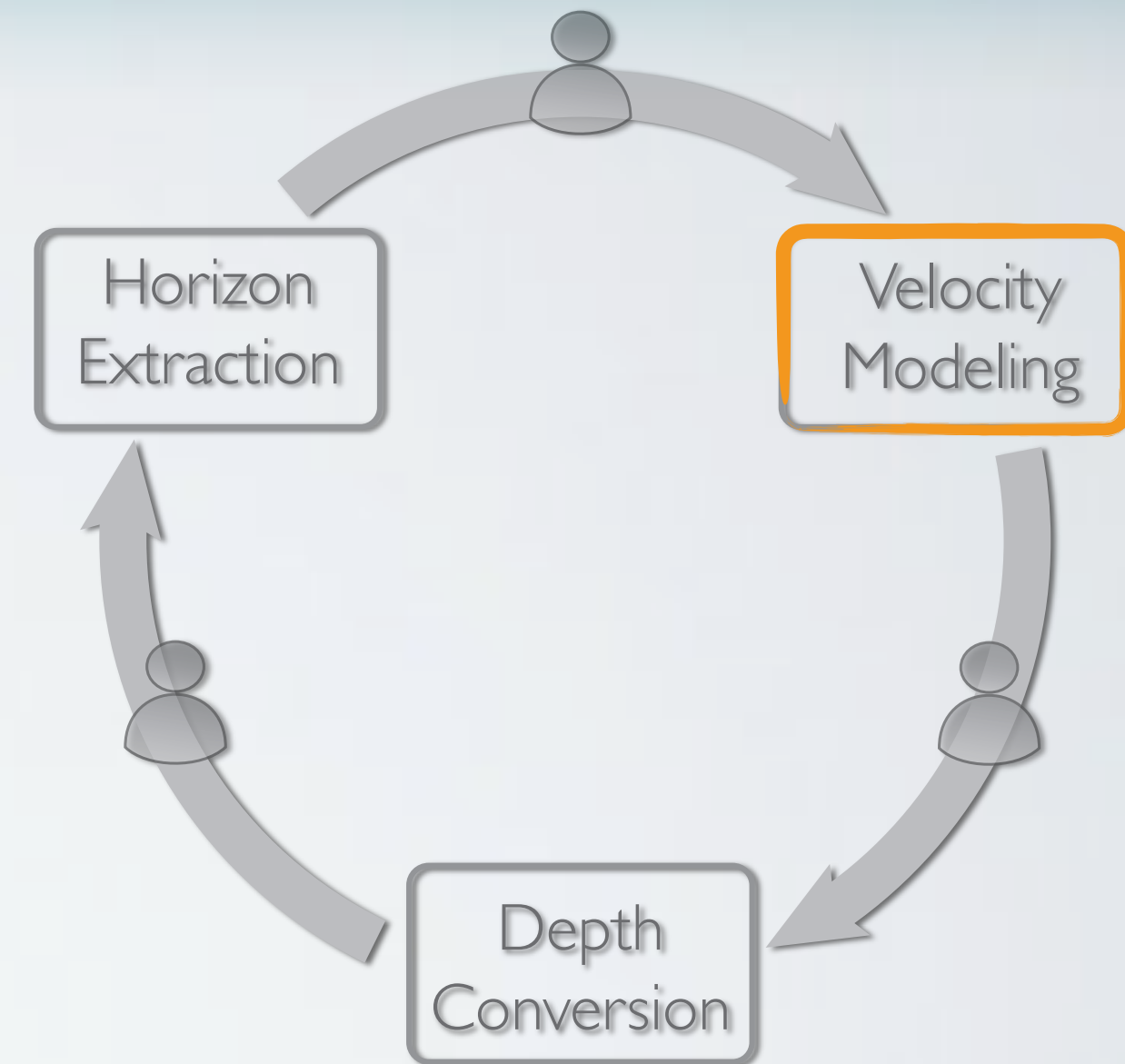
- Based on local solvers
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 - no guarantee for a closed contour
 - no guarantee for a complete surface



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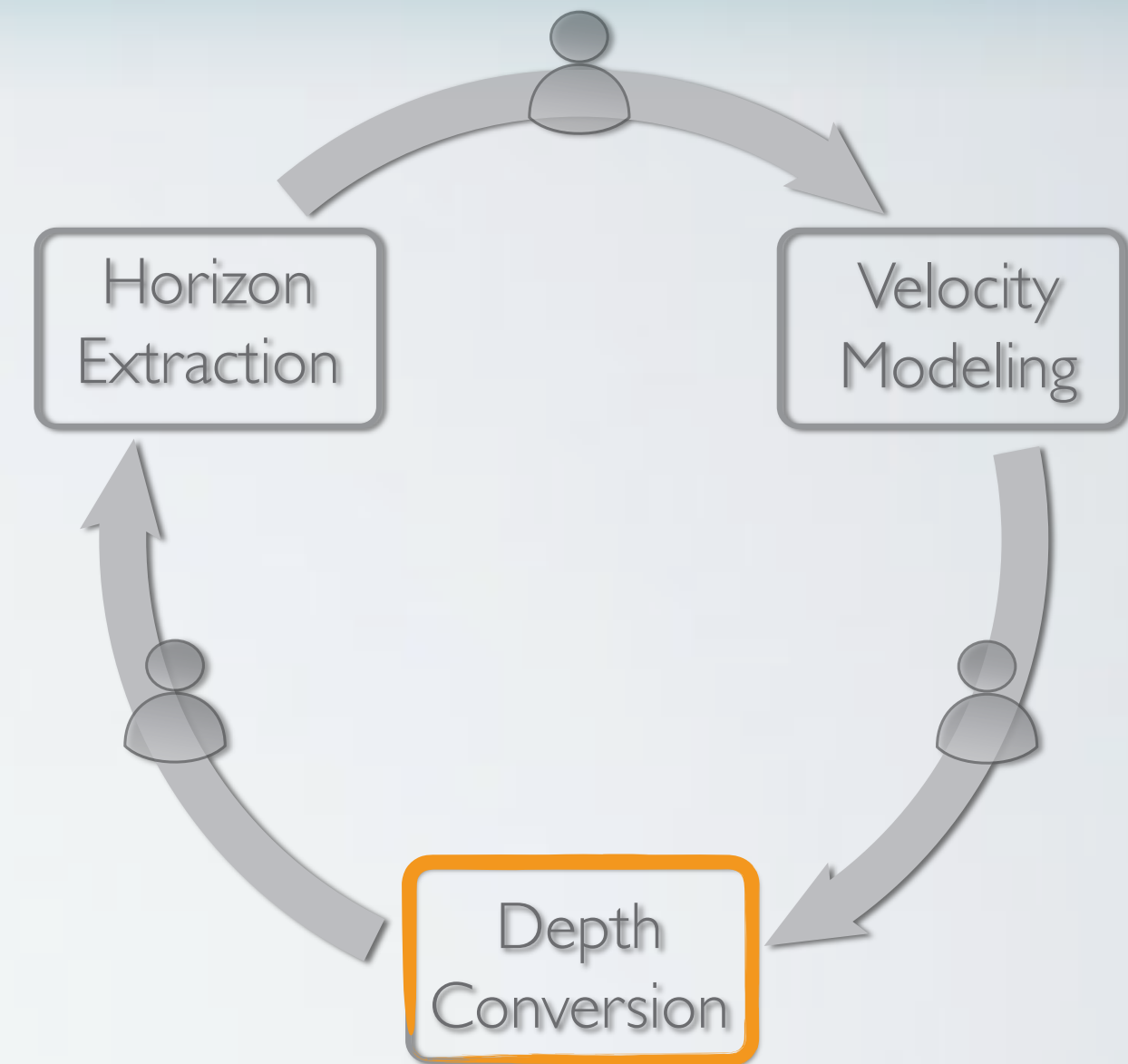
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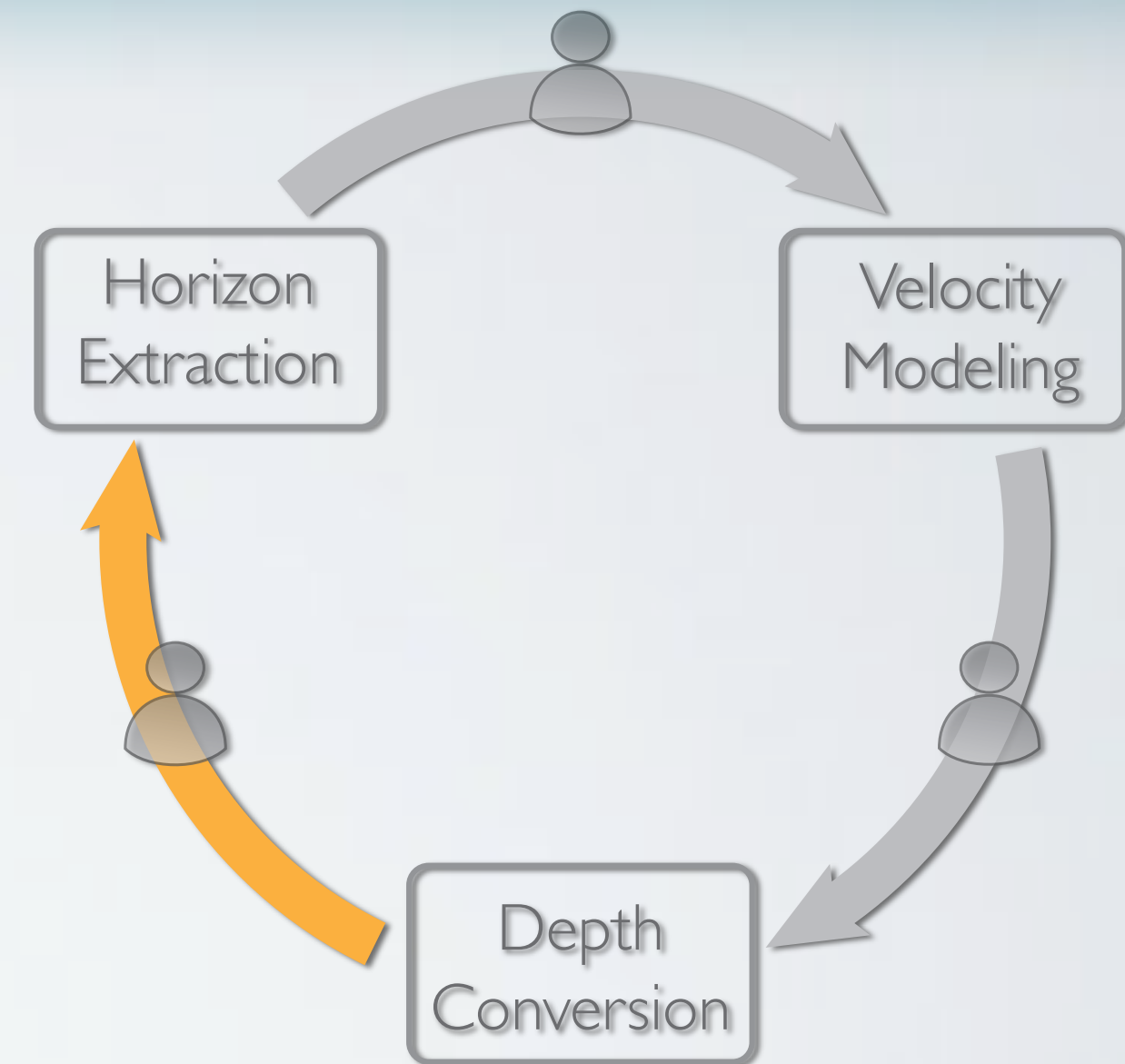
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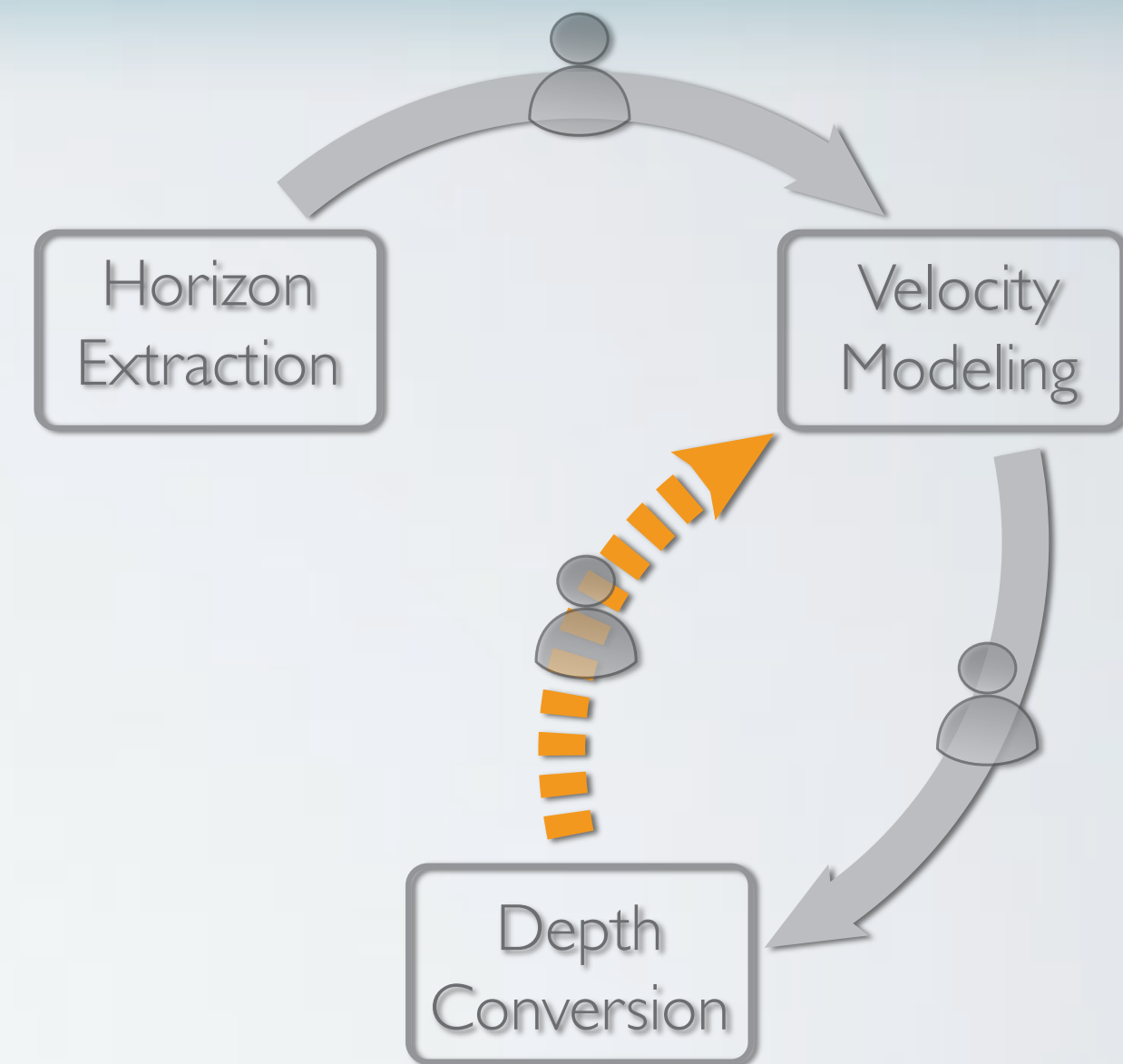
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General Settings

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Transfer Function: Color Gradient

Background color:

View Settings

View: Top Front Left Right Back Perspective

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Layer Settings

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Advanced Settings

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Show Coordinate System:

Wireframe:

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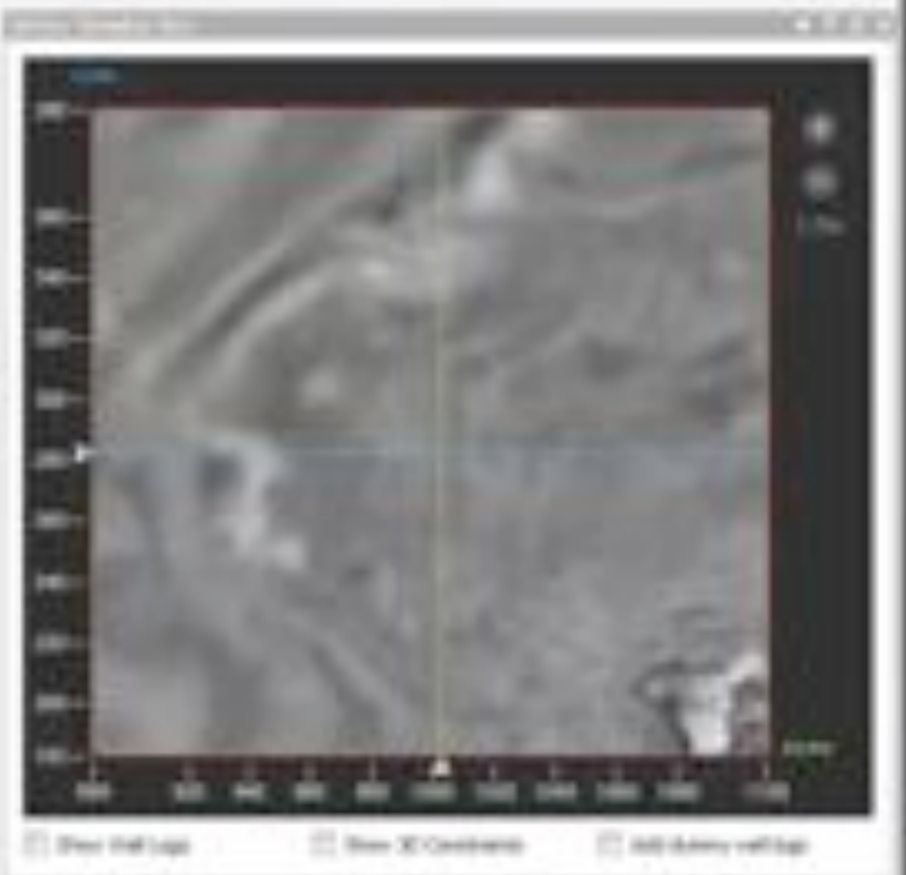
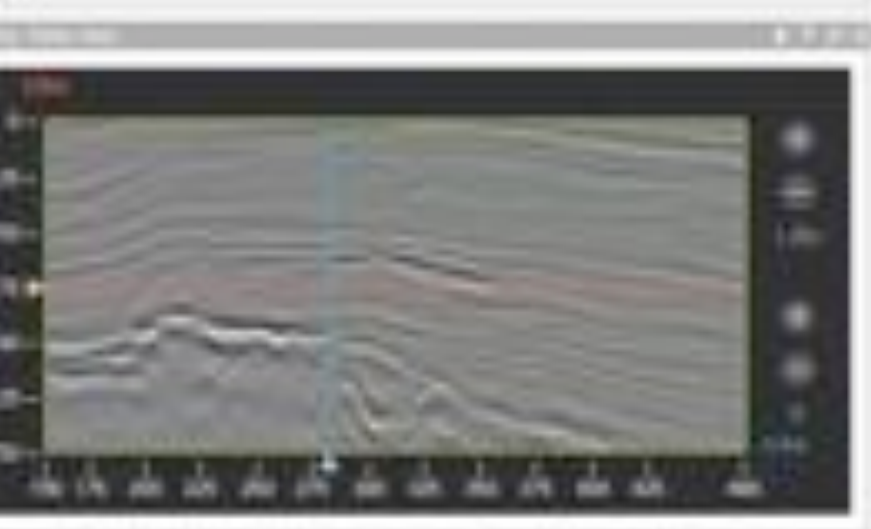
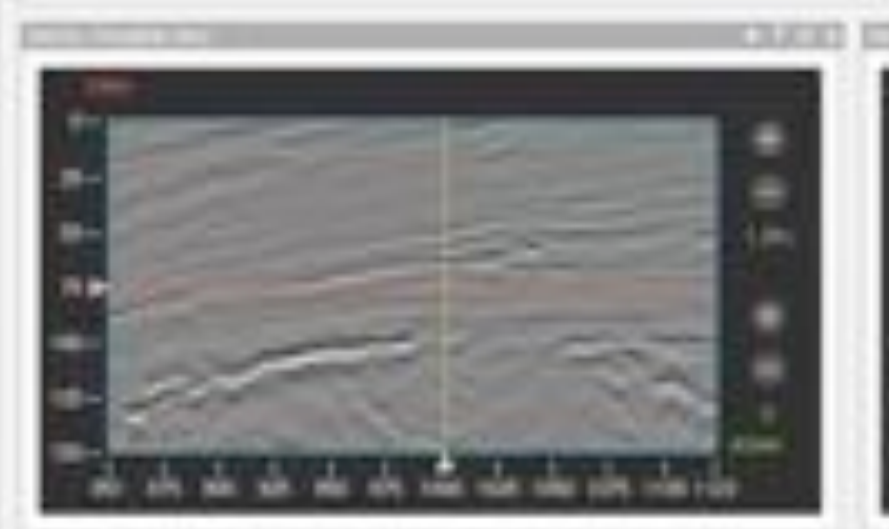
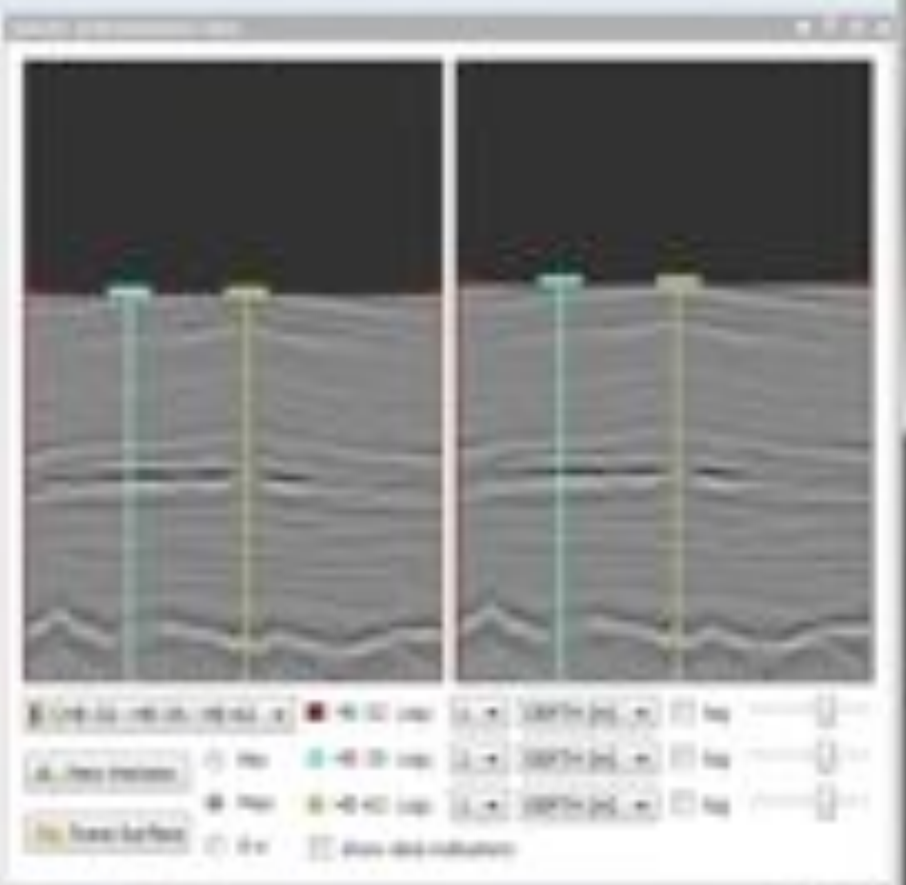
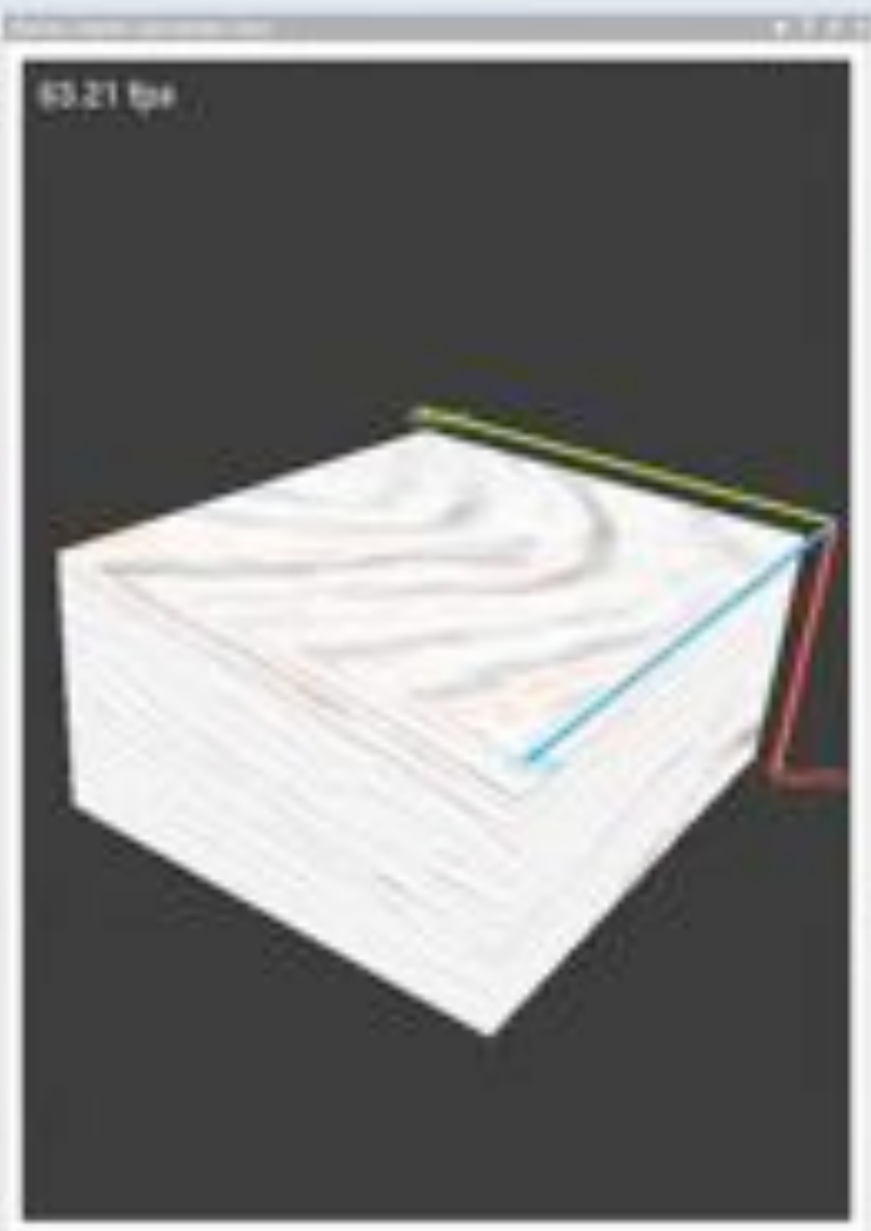
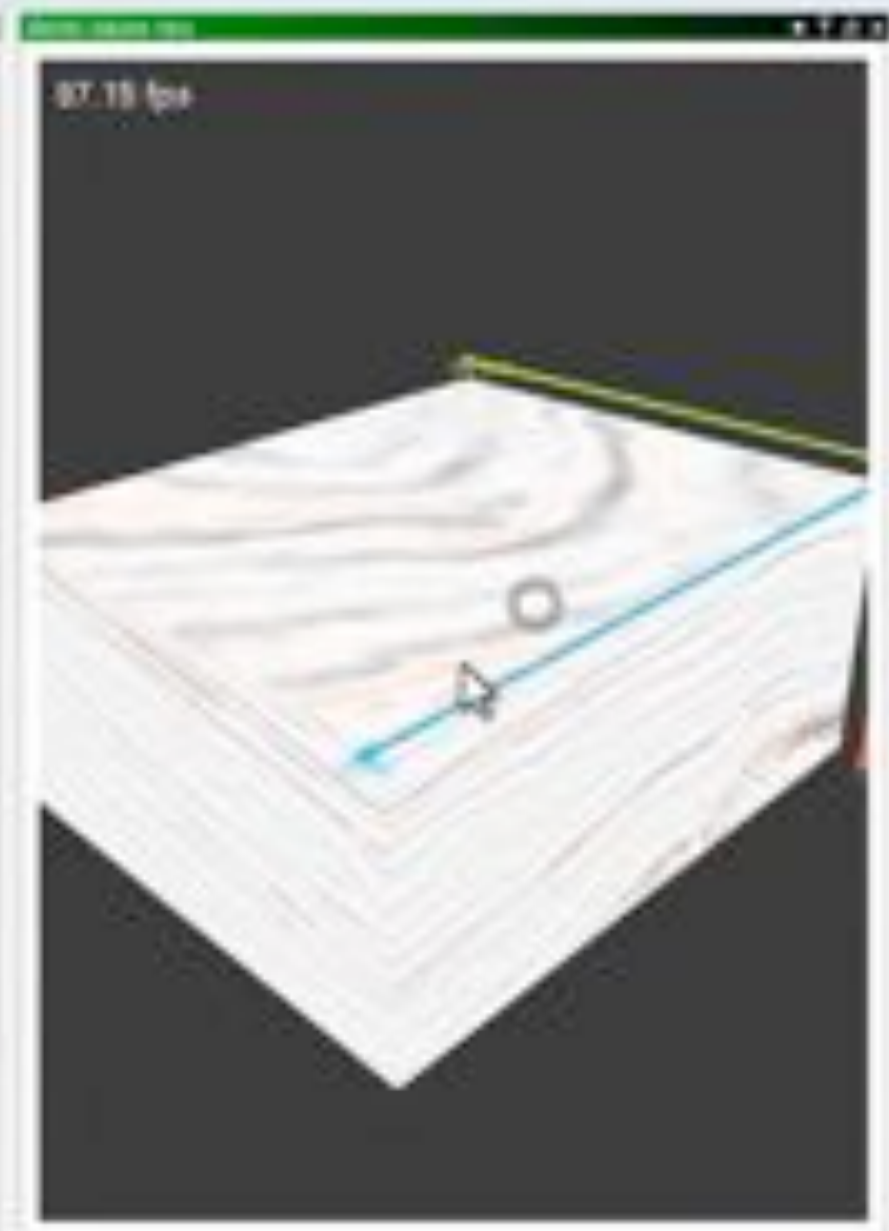
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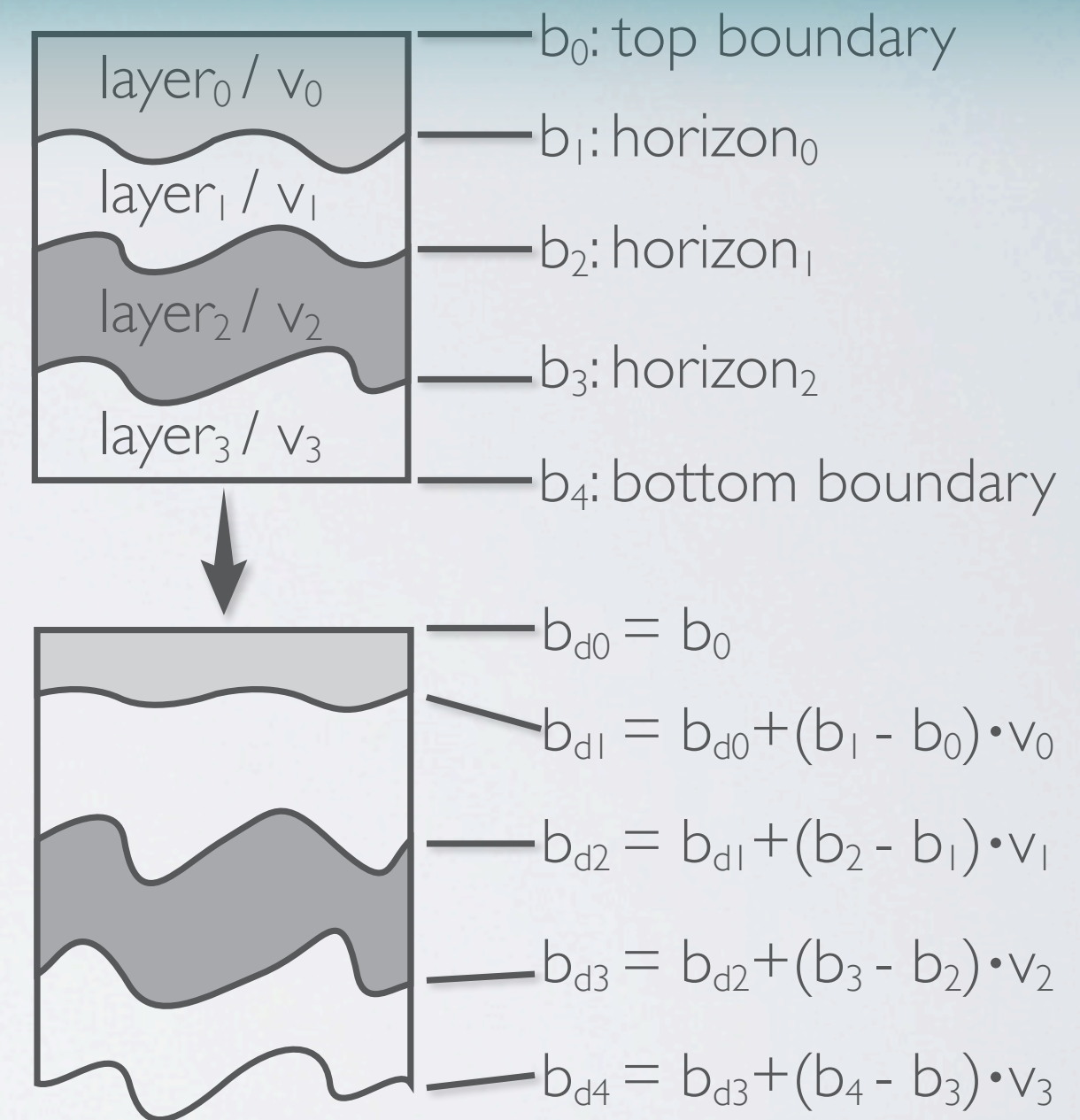
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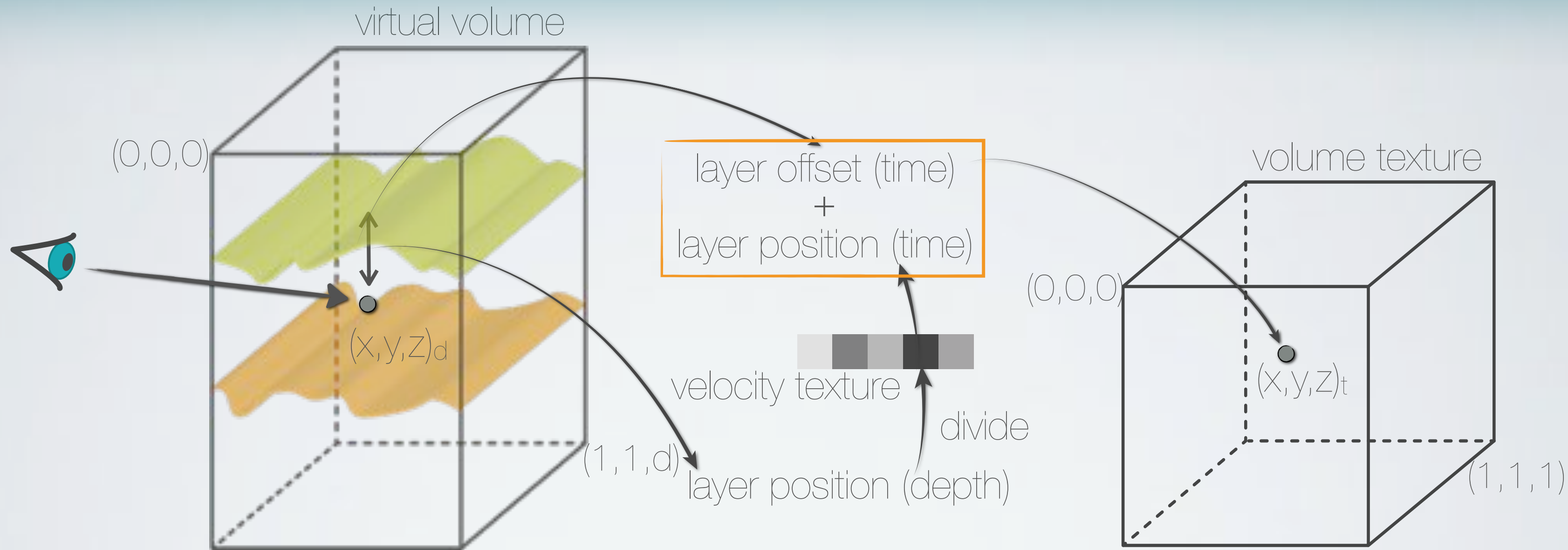
Joint Time/Depth Domain // Deformation



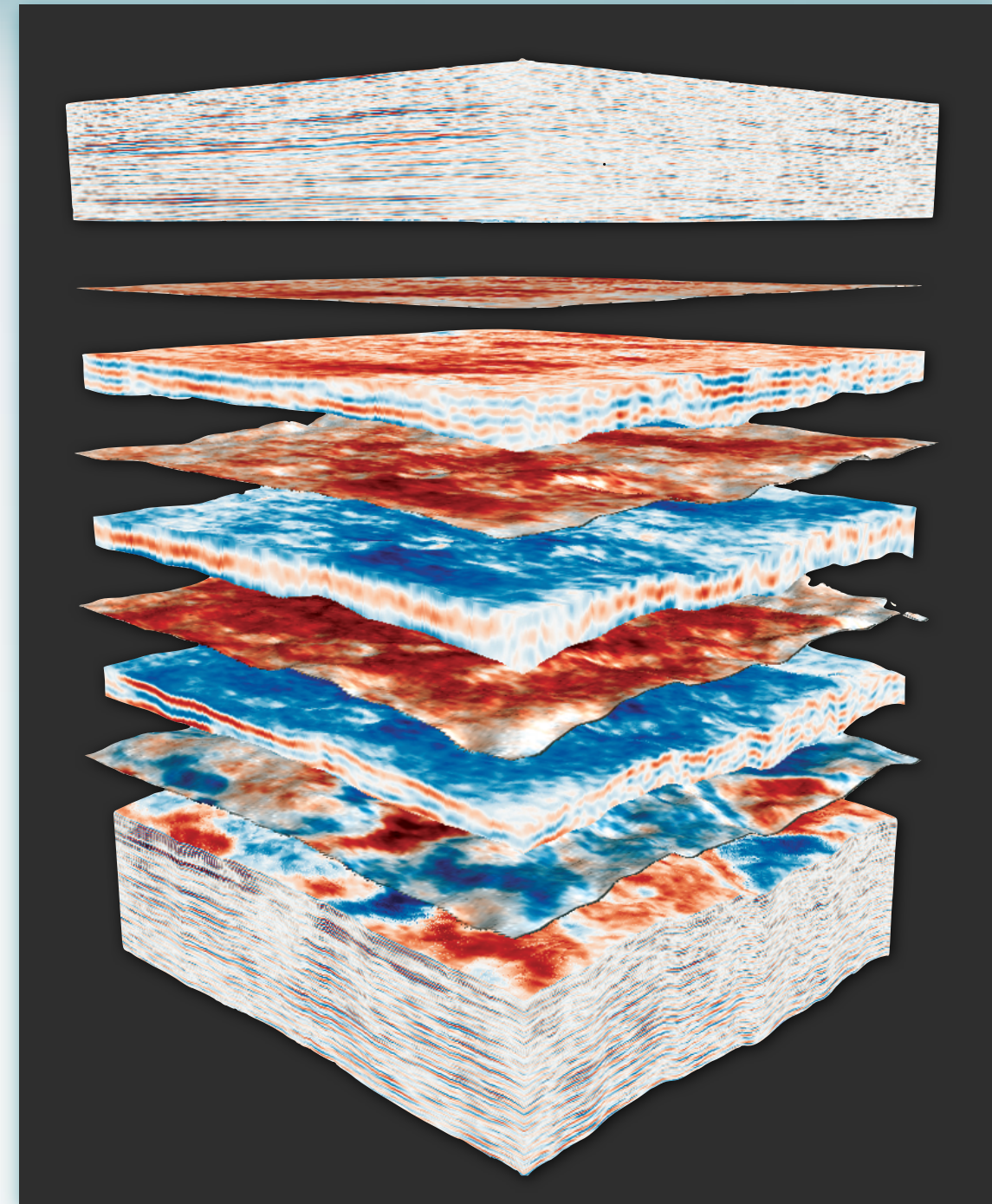
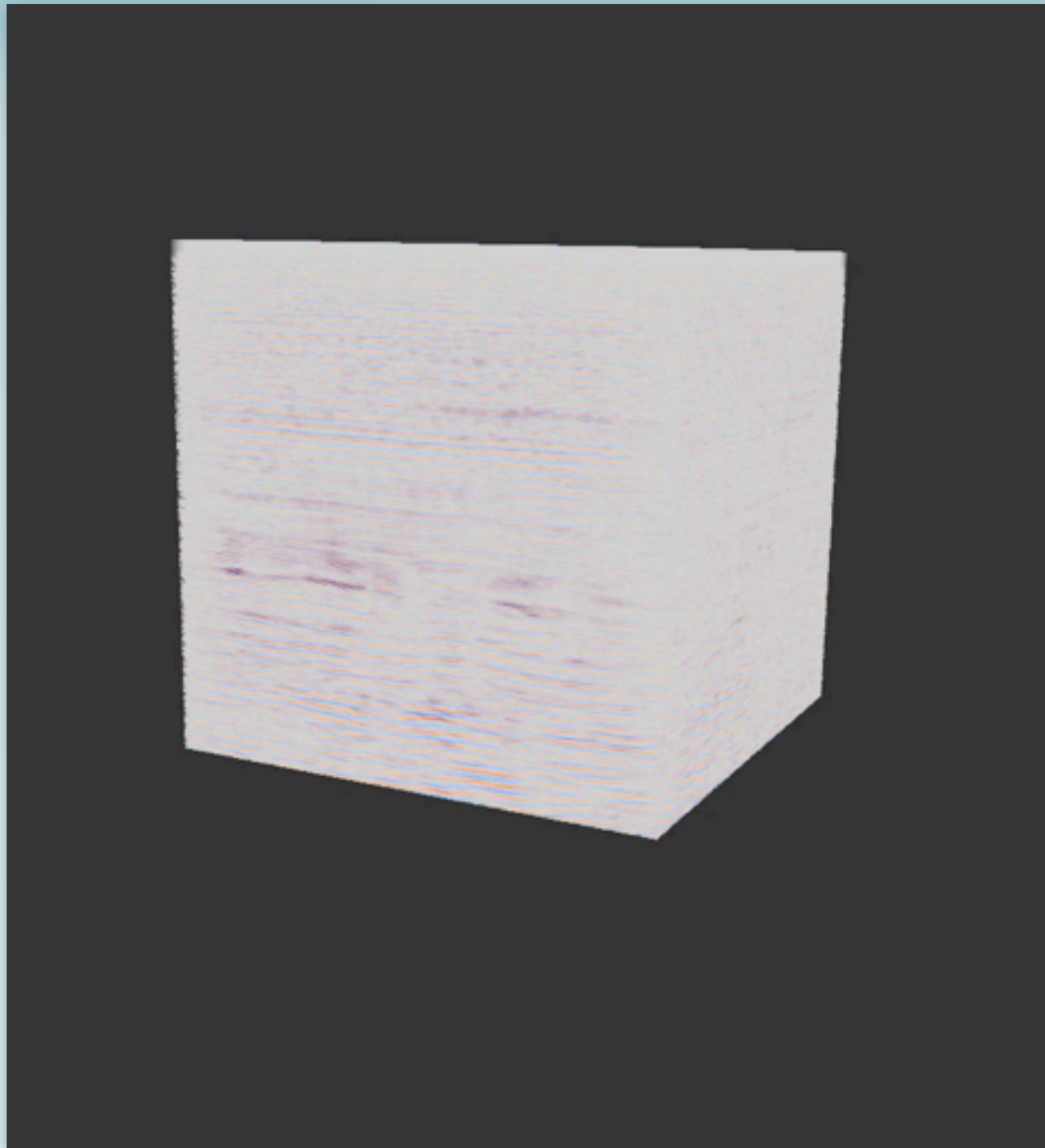
- Horizon deformation
 - iteratively deform boundaries from top to bottom
 - top boundary is equal in time & depth
 - following boundaries are sum of previous deformed boundary and deformed layer
 - all x,y-coordinates are independent



Joint Time/Depth Domain // Deformation



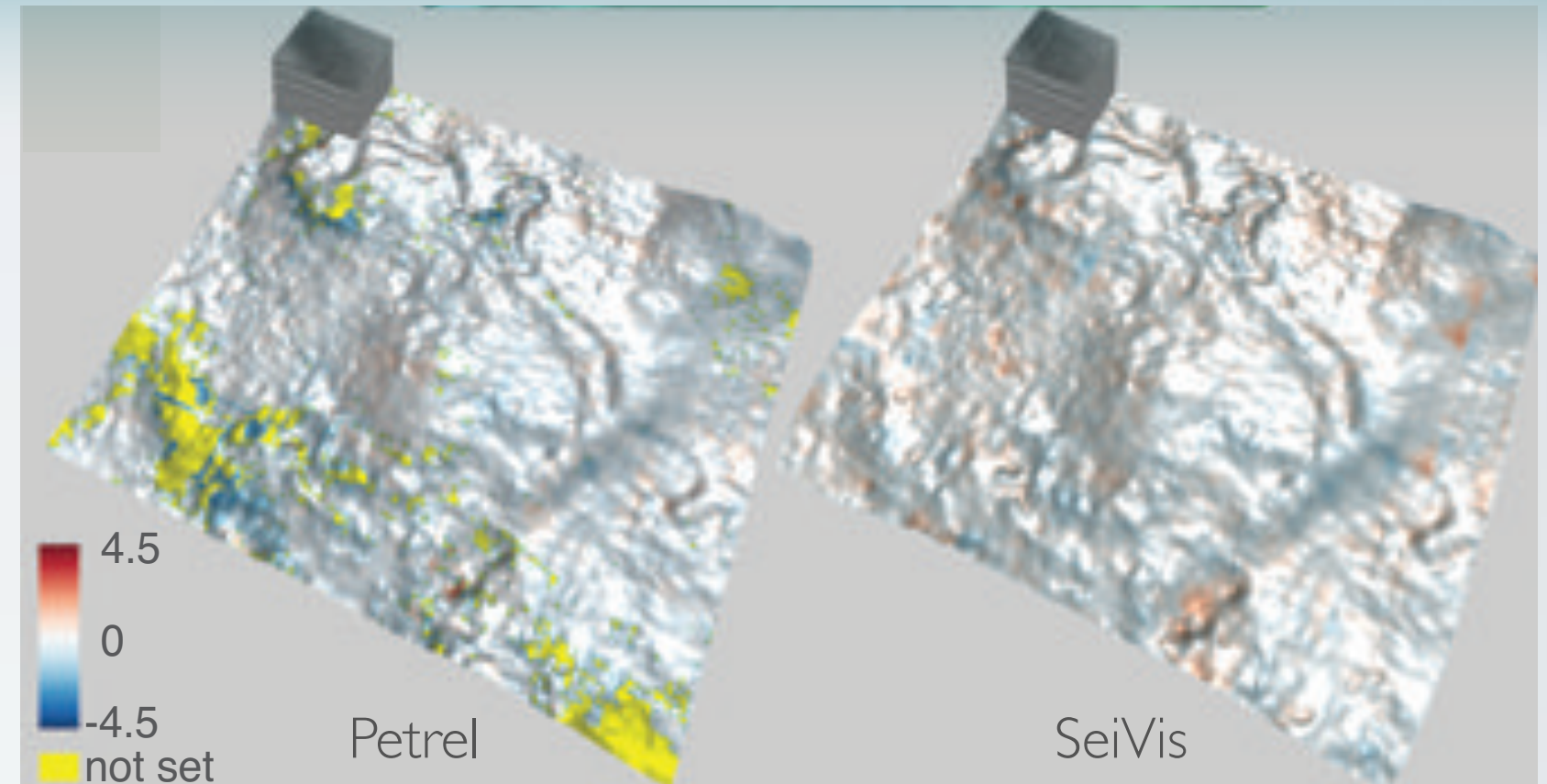
Volume Deformation // Exploded Views



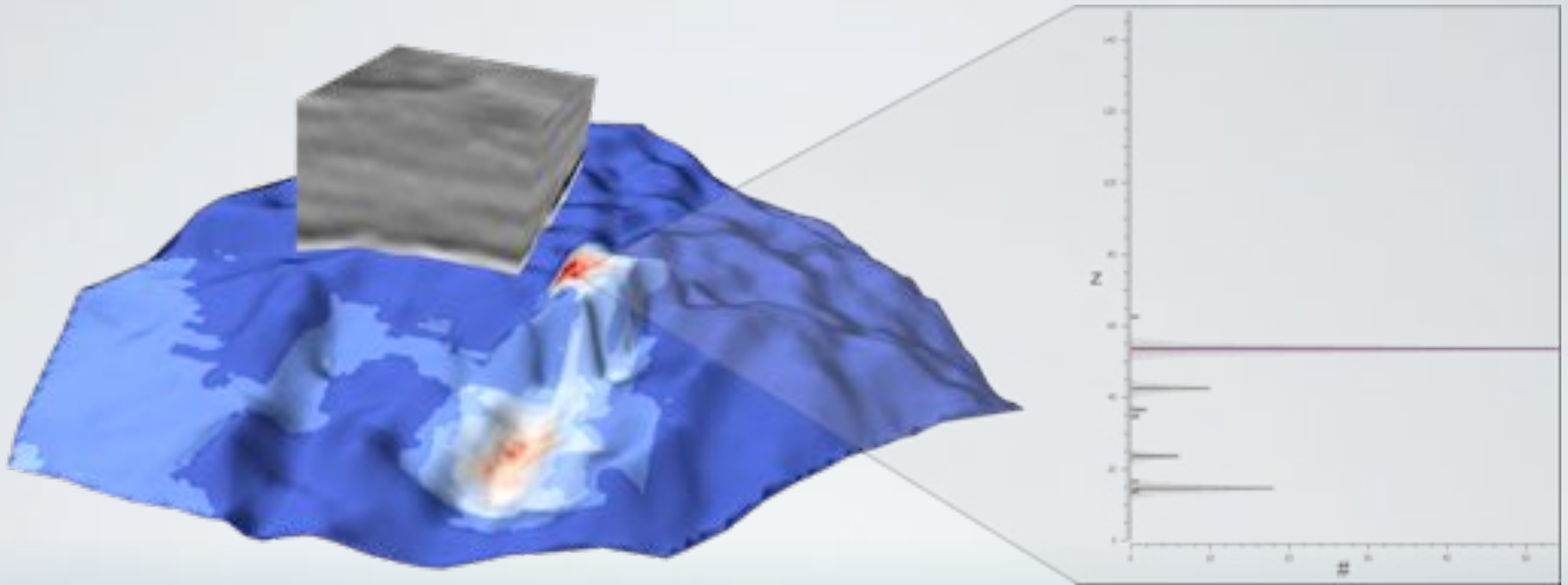
Results // Expert Evaluation



- 60 minutes for both apps (after introduction to our tool)
- Expert likes prism based workflow
- Live depth conversion is very helpful



App	Initial Interpret.	Velocity computation	Depth conv. computation	Refine	# slices / prisms	Avg. time
Petrel	>60min	21s	29s	n/a	18	200s
SeiVis	~45min	on the fly	on the fly	<10 min	63	43s



Visual Parameter Exploration for Horizon Extraction





T. Höllt, G. Chen, C.D. Hansen, and M. Hadwiger.
Extraction and Visual Analysis of Seismic Horizon Ensembles.
To appear in *Proceedings of Eurographics 2013 (short papers)*.



- Three components, linearly blended:

- gray value-based term, g_{gray}

- waveform-based term, g_{wave}

- similarity-based term, g_{smooth}

- Penalty for larger surfaces

- Final cost with three user adjustable parameters:

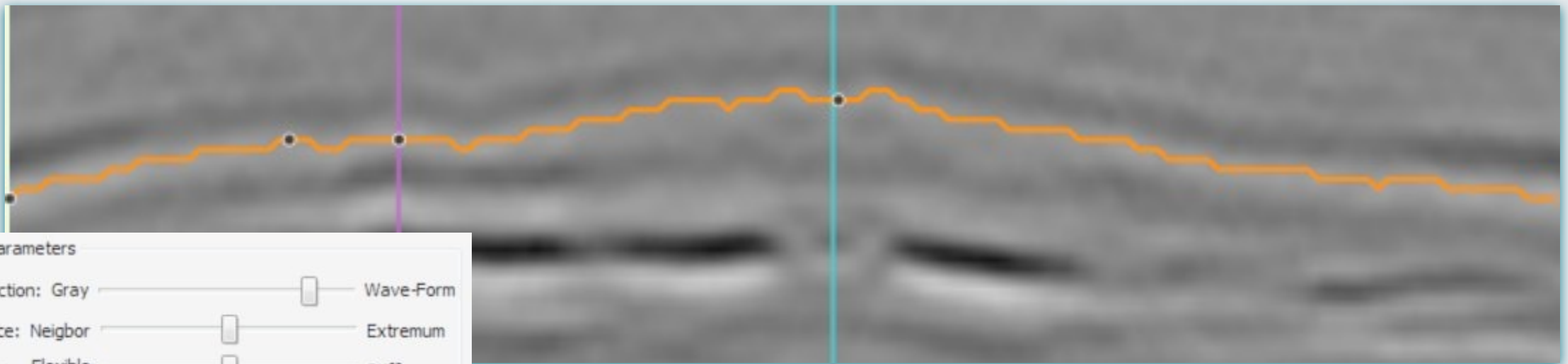
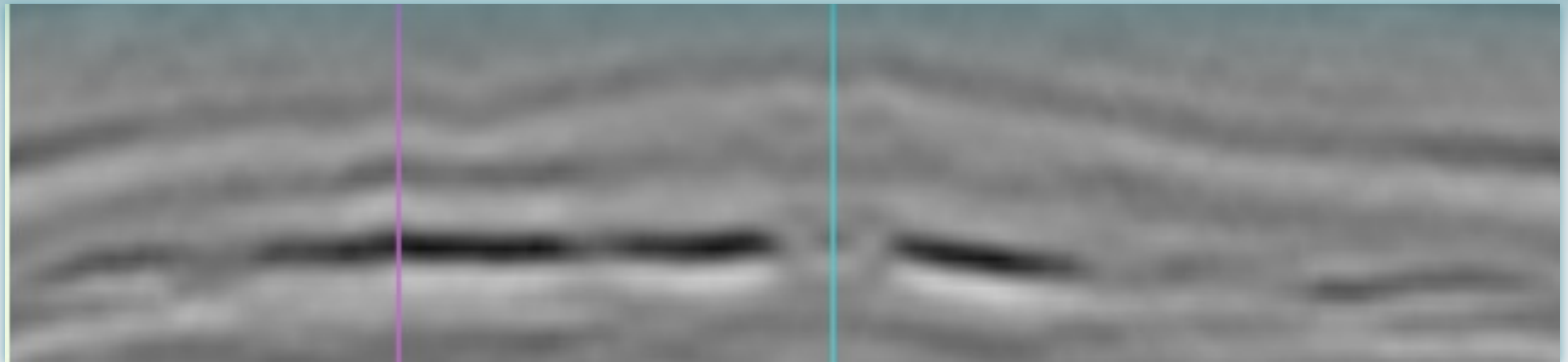
$$\text{cost}(e) = p_2 \cdot \left(p_1 \cdot (p_0 \cdot g_{\text{gray}} + (1 - p_0) \cdot g_{\text{wave}}) + (1 - p_1) \cdot g_{\text{smooth}} \right)$$

$$g_{\text{gray}}(e) = \sum_{(x,y,z) \in \mathcal{N}(e)} |t - f(x, y, z)|$$

$$g_{\text{wave}}(e) = \sum_{(x,y,z) \in \mathcal{N}(e)} \left(1 - \sum_{k=1}^m \varphi_s(x, y, z, k) \right)$$

$$g_{\text{smooth}}(e) = \sum_{(x,y,z) \in \mathcal{N}(e)} |f(x, y, z) - \text{avg}(e)|$$

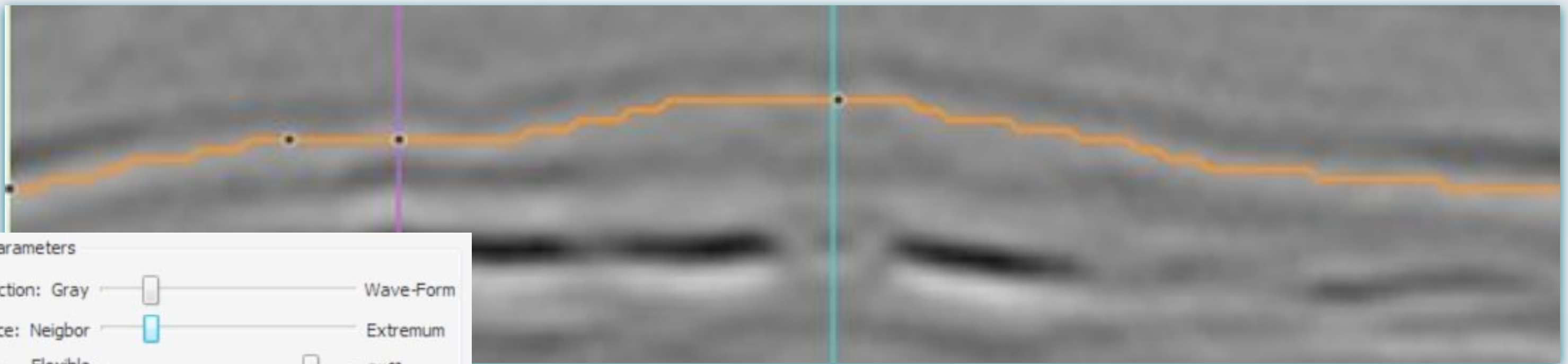
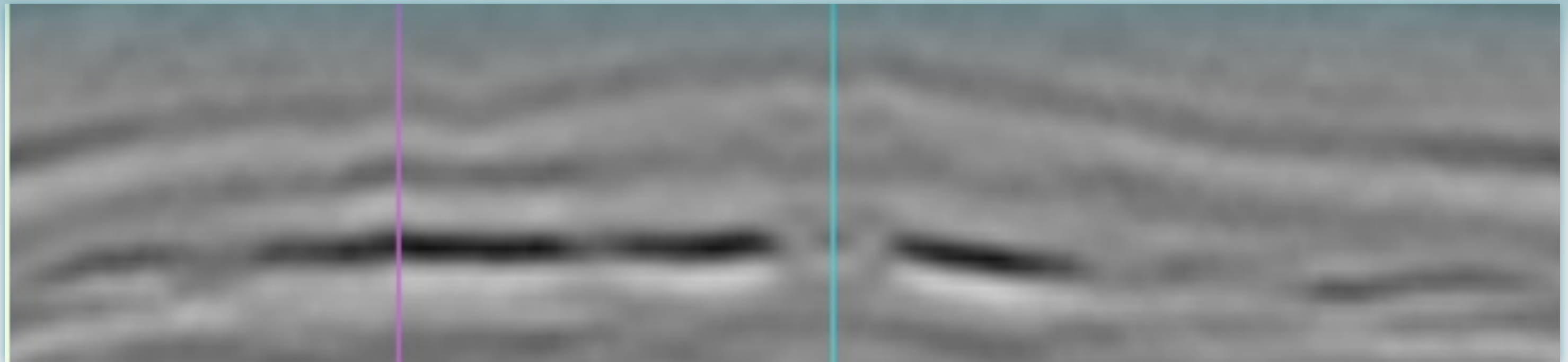
Motivation



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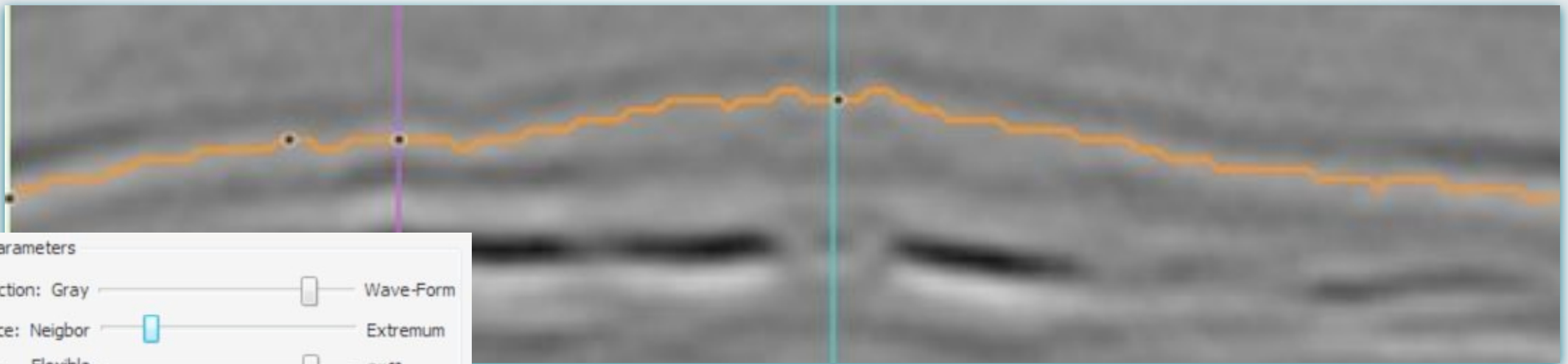
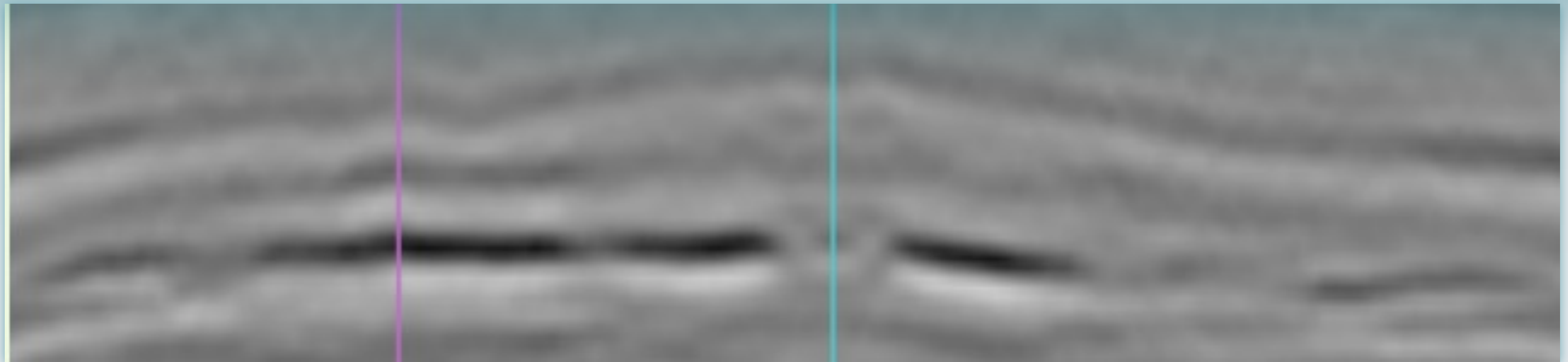
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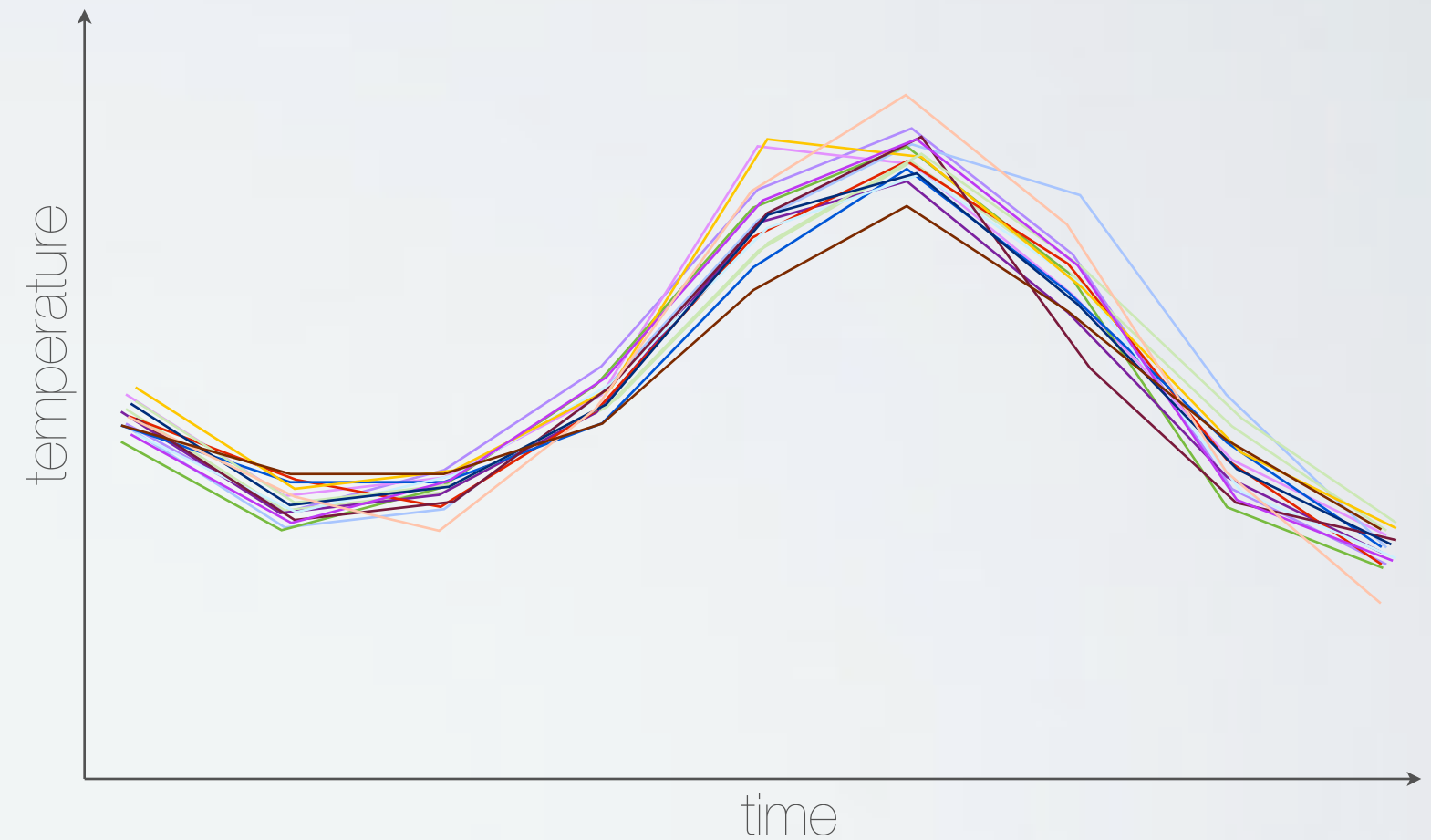
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Ensemble Data



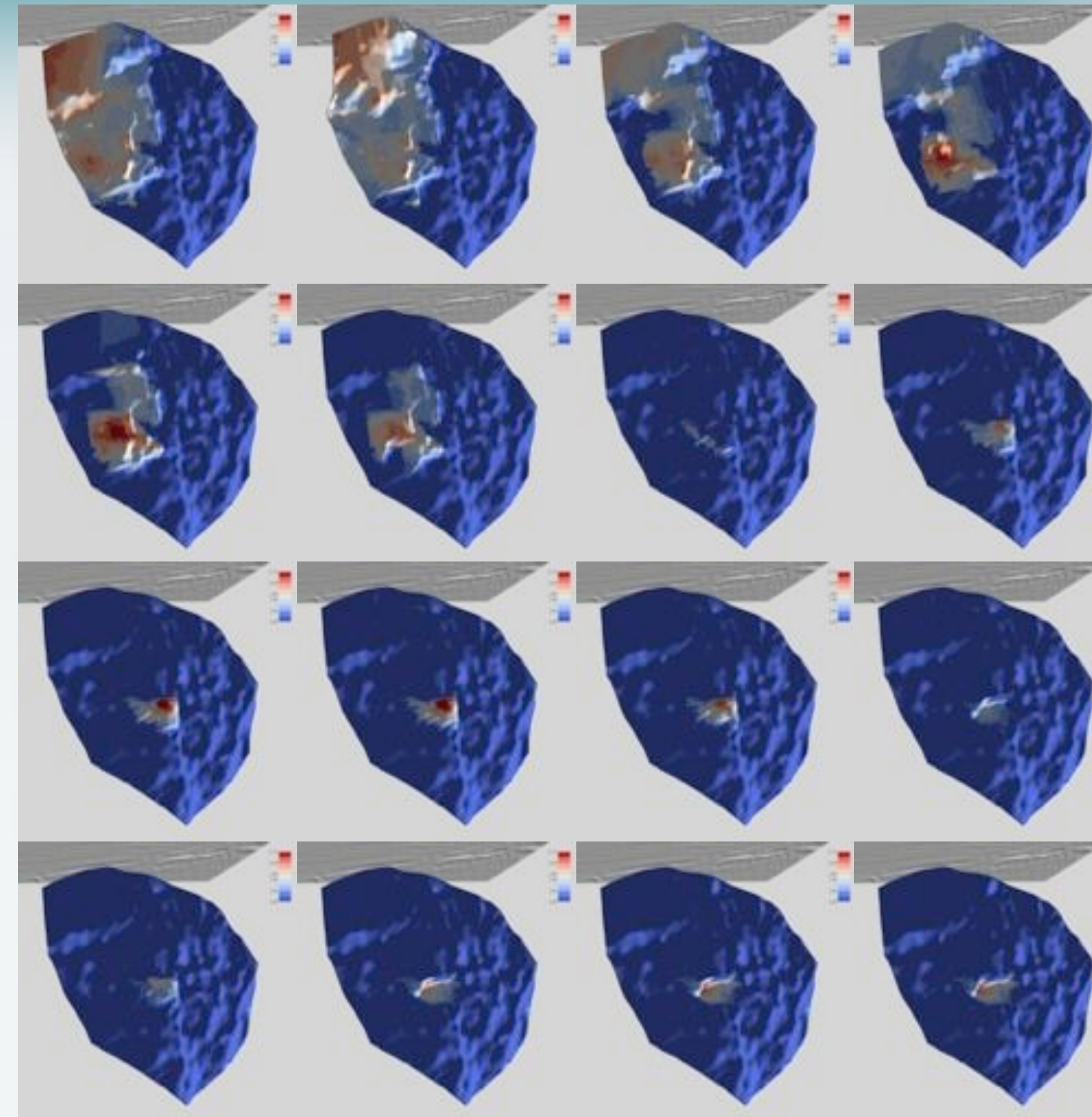
- Idea: compute multiple solutions for a single simulation/feature/event
- An ensemble usually is
 - multivalued
 - multivariate
 - multidimensional



Ensemble Extraction



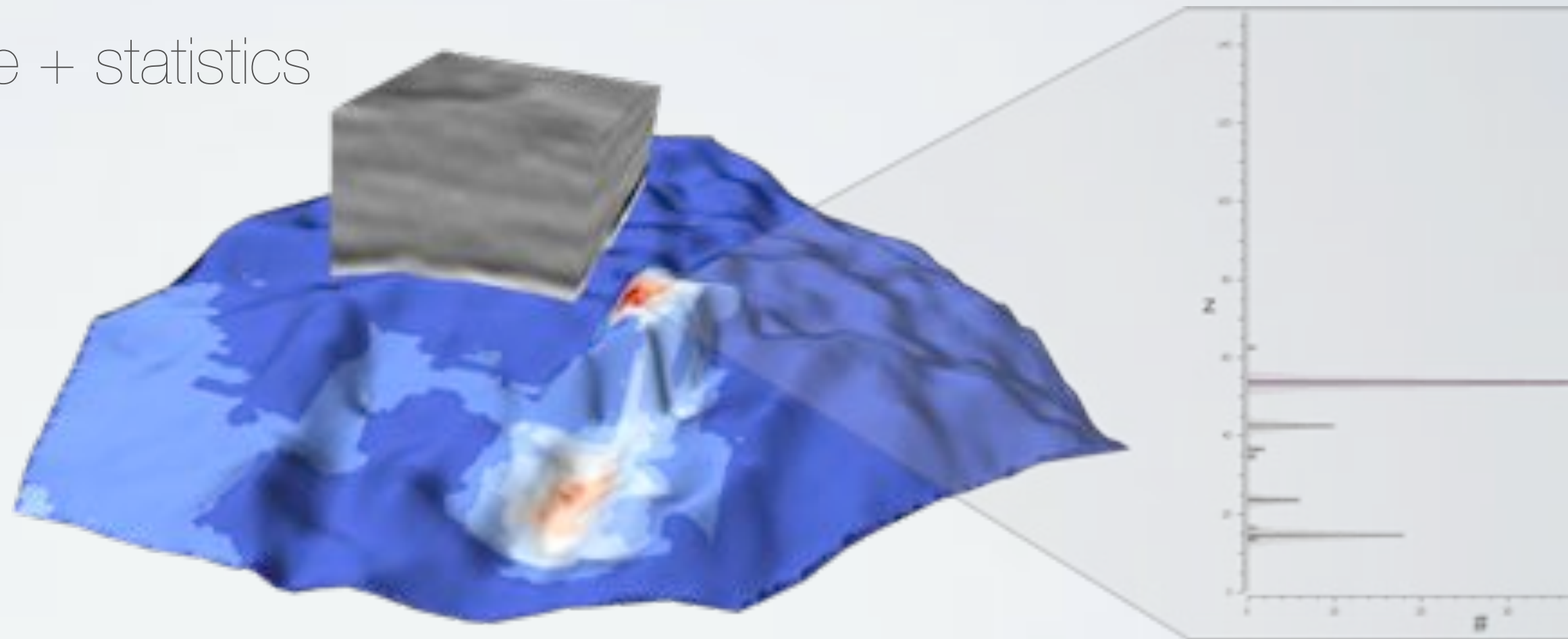
- We have global optimization surface extraction technique with a parameterized cost function
- sample parameter space
- extract surface for each sample without interaction
- results in a set of possible surfaces for each horizon



Multivalue Visualization



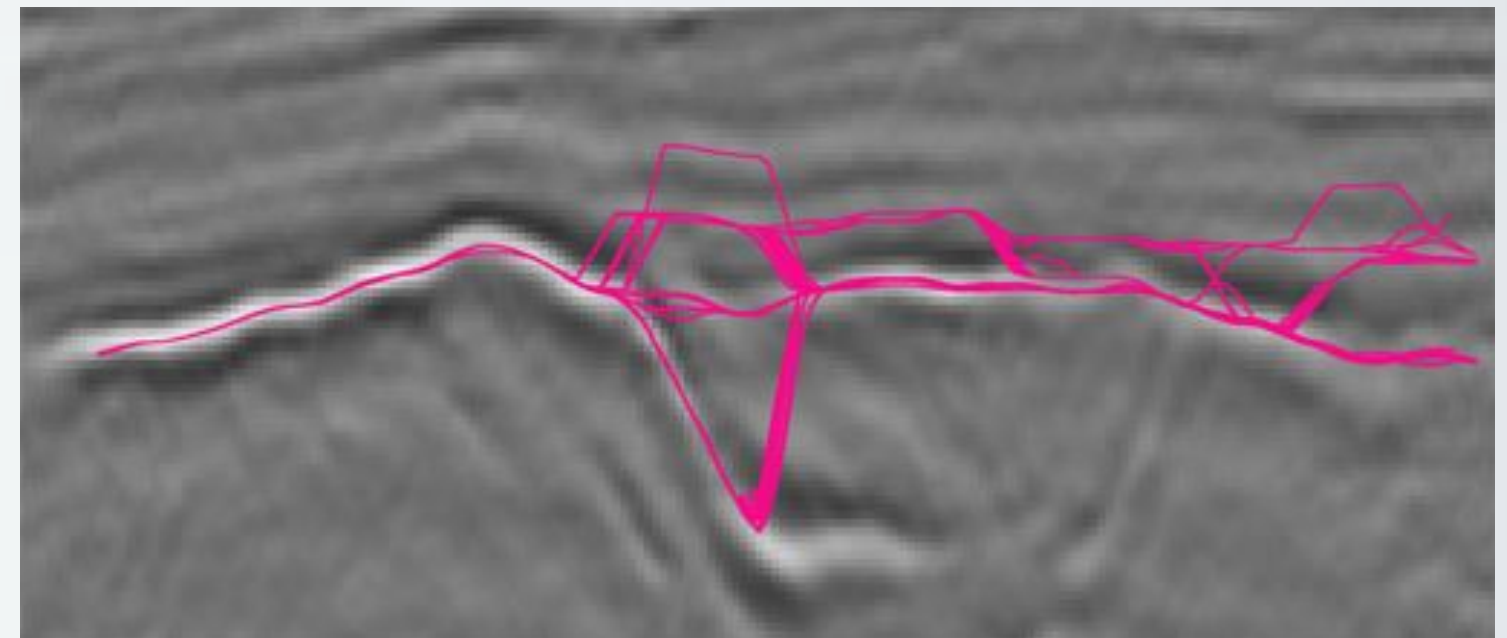
- Statistical analysis
- Overview first
 - representative surface + statistics
- Details on demand
 - interactive probing
 - live parameter-space exploration



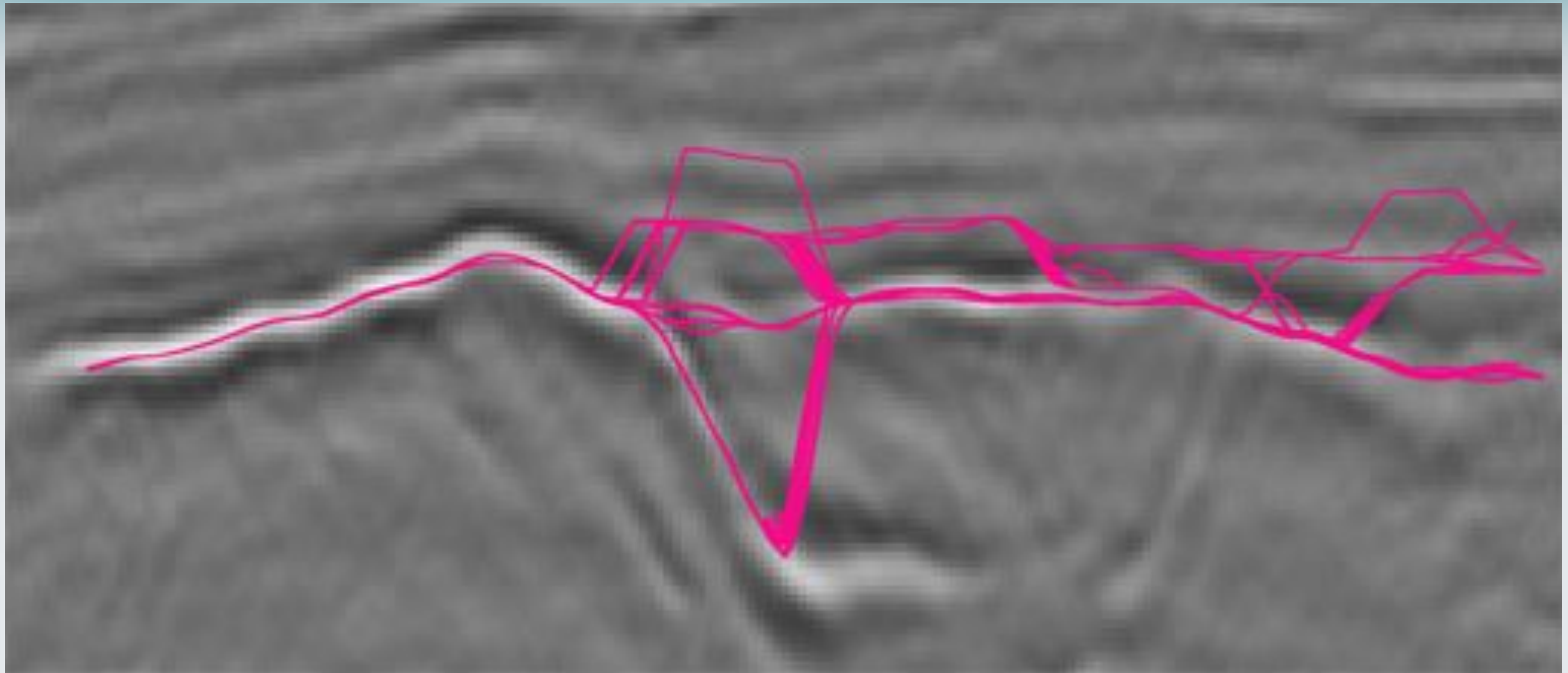
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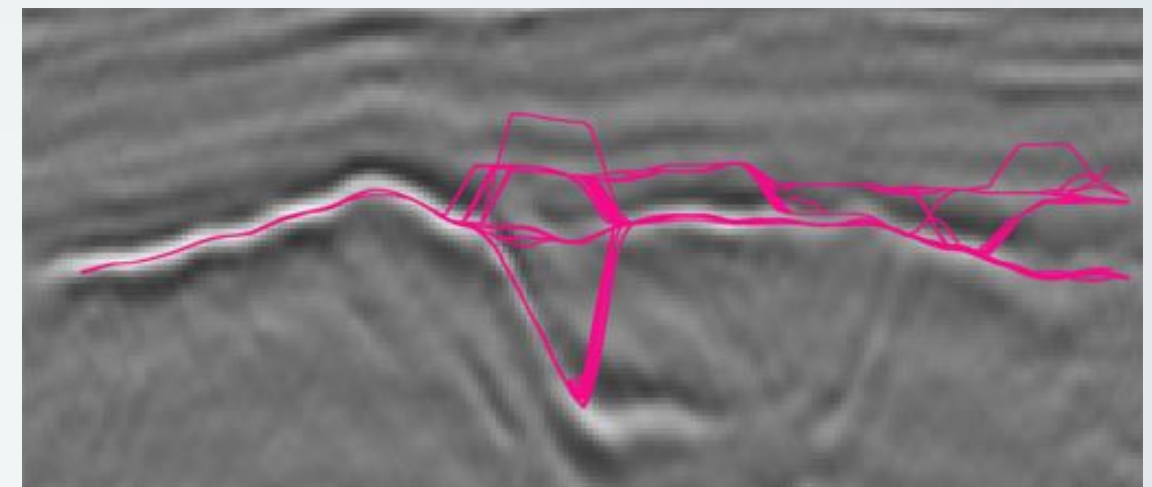
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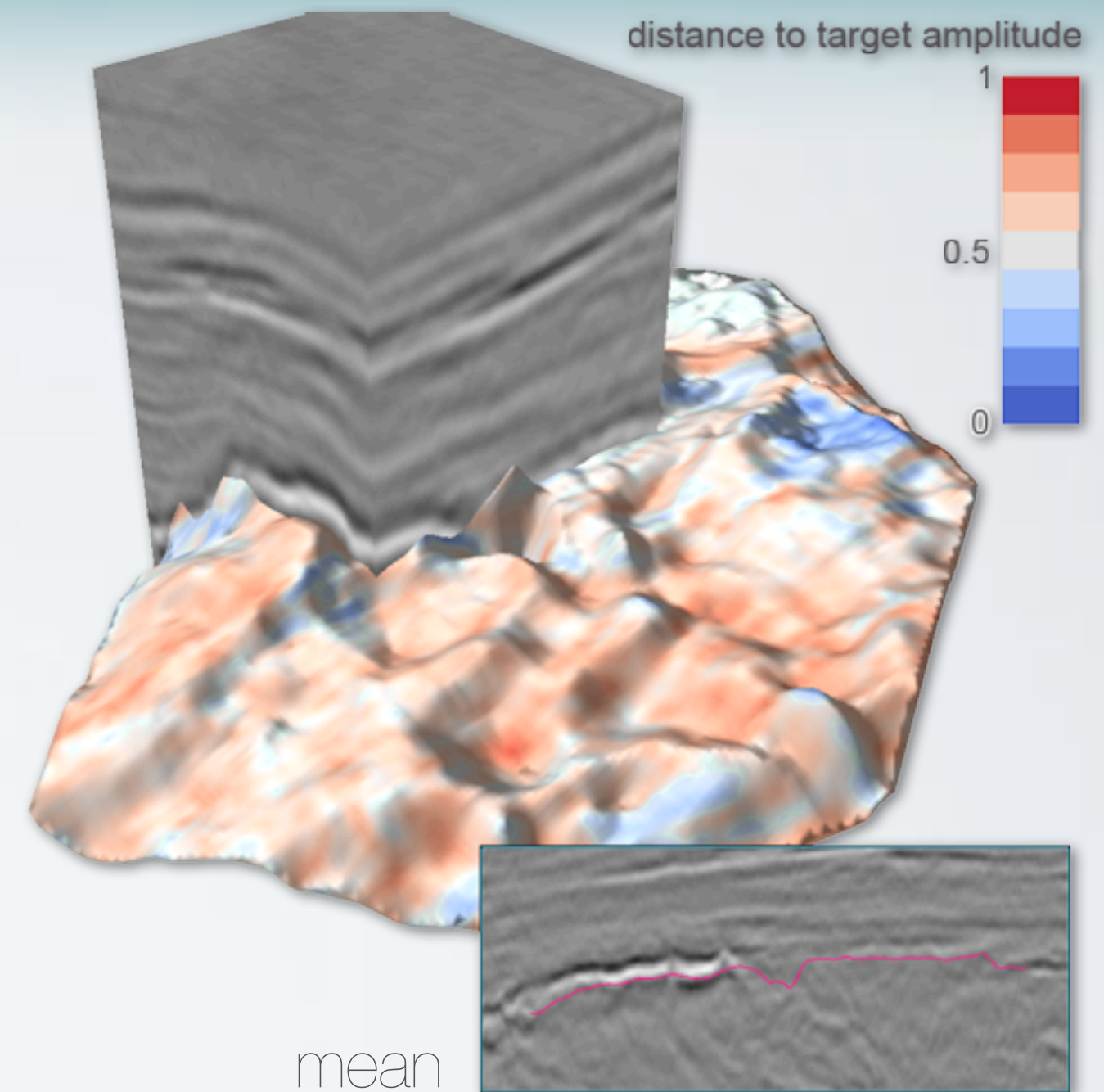
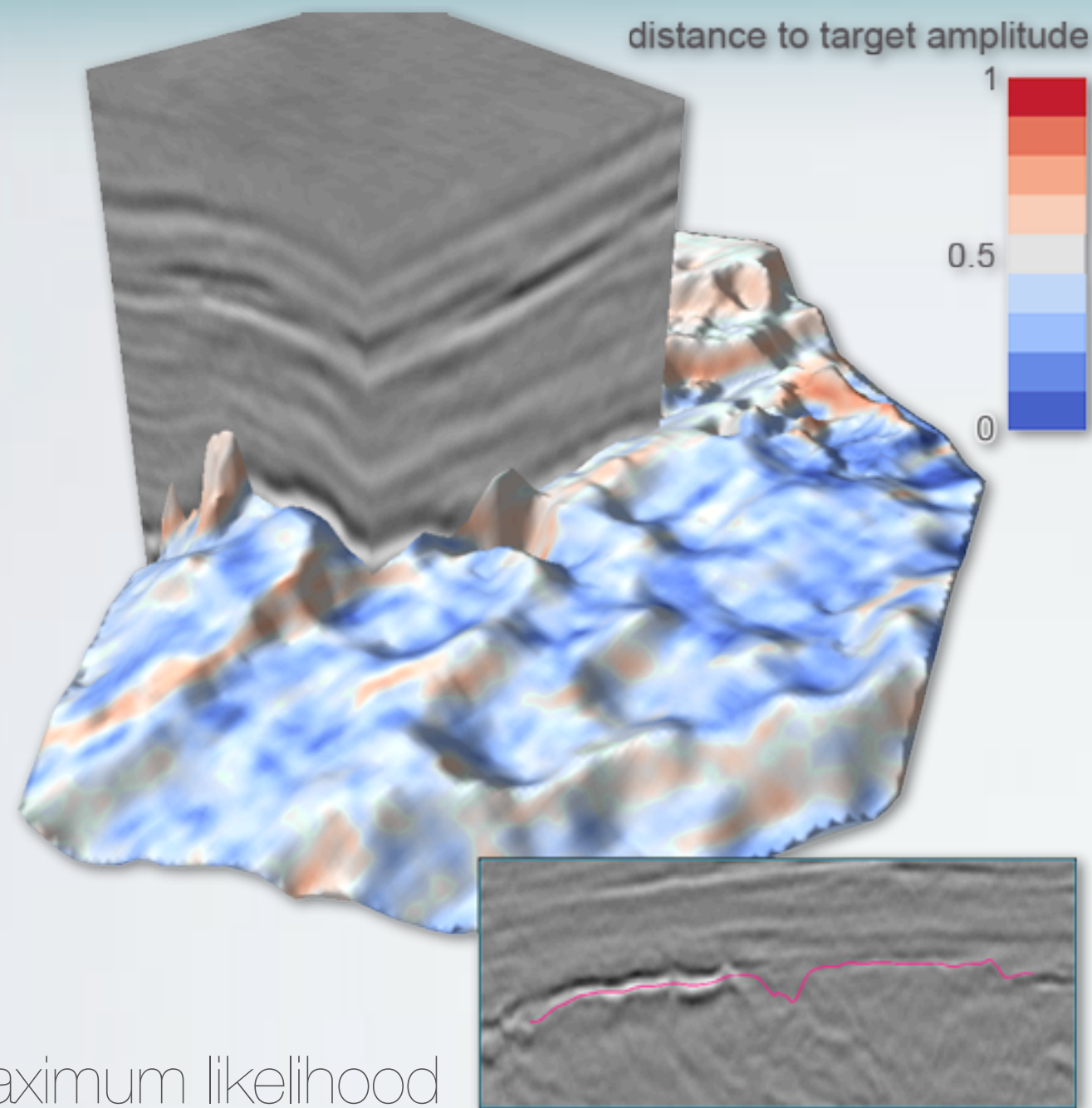
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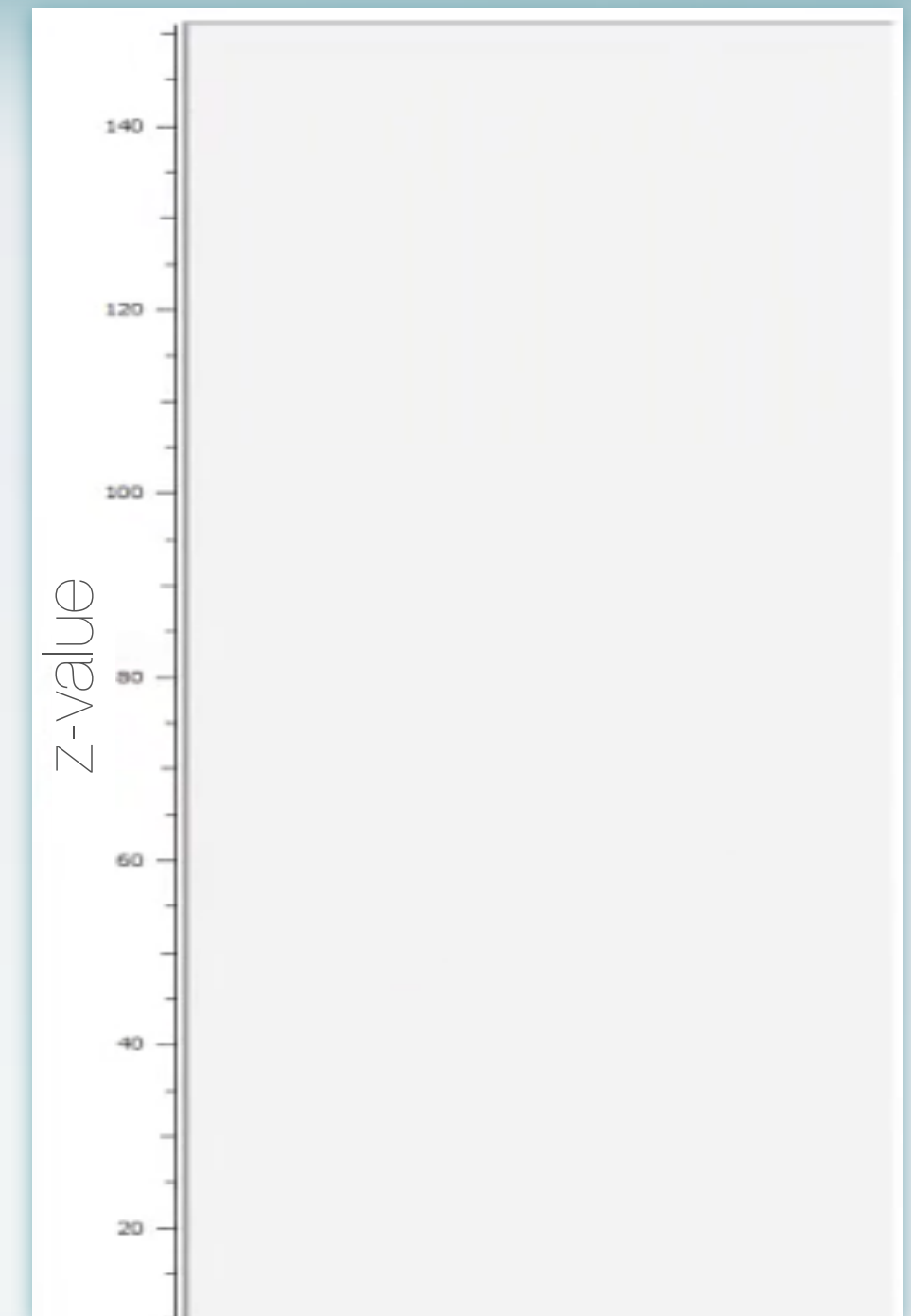
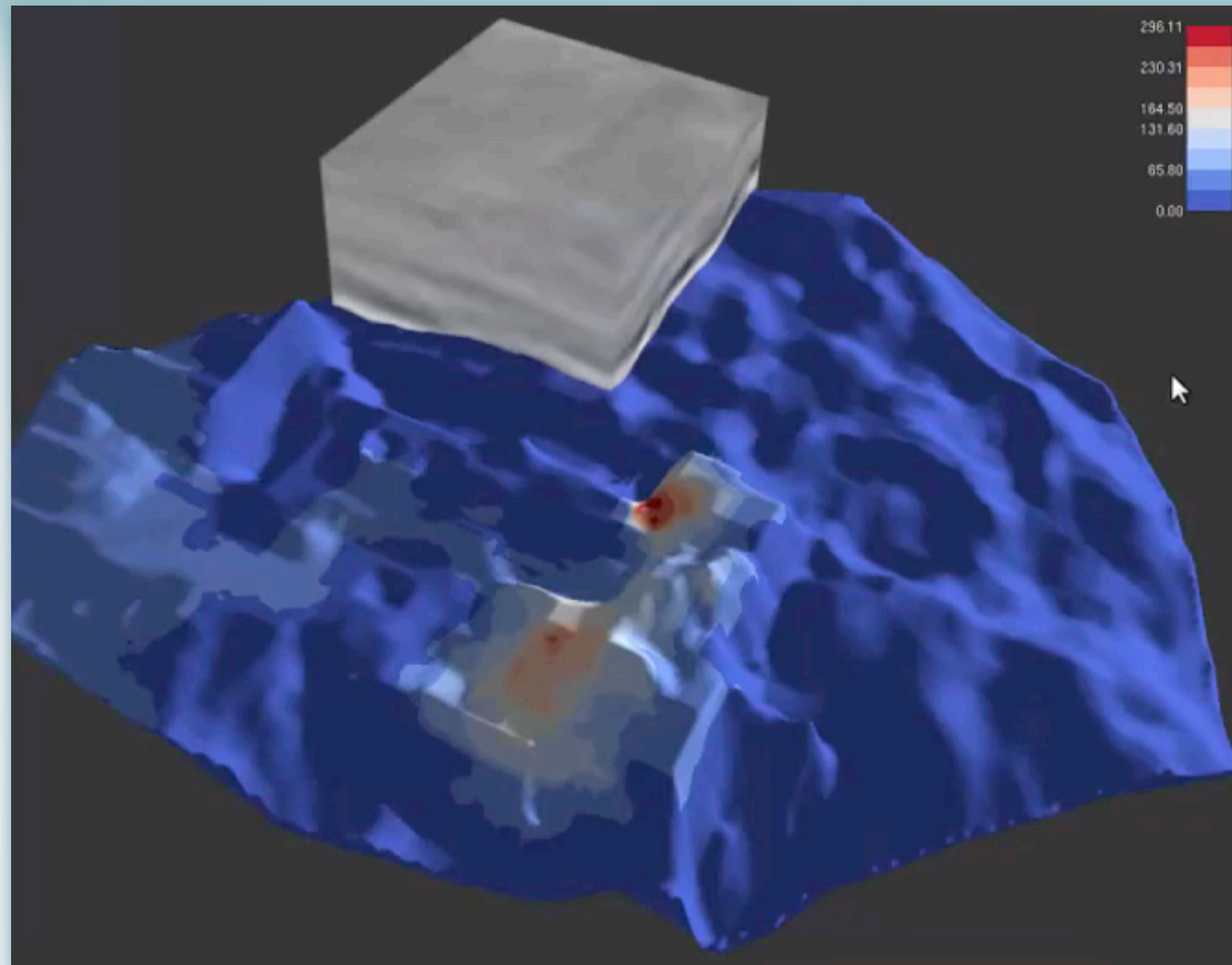
- Surface extraction leads to clustering
- mean surface is not a good fit
- ⇒ use a 'maximum likelihood' surface instead
 - compute a probability for each surface patch
 - sum up probabilities for all patches
 - use surface with the highest sum



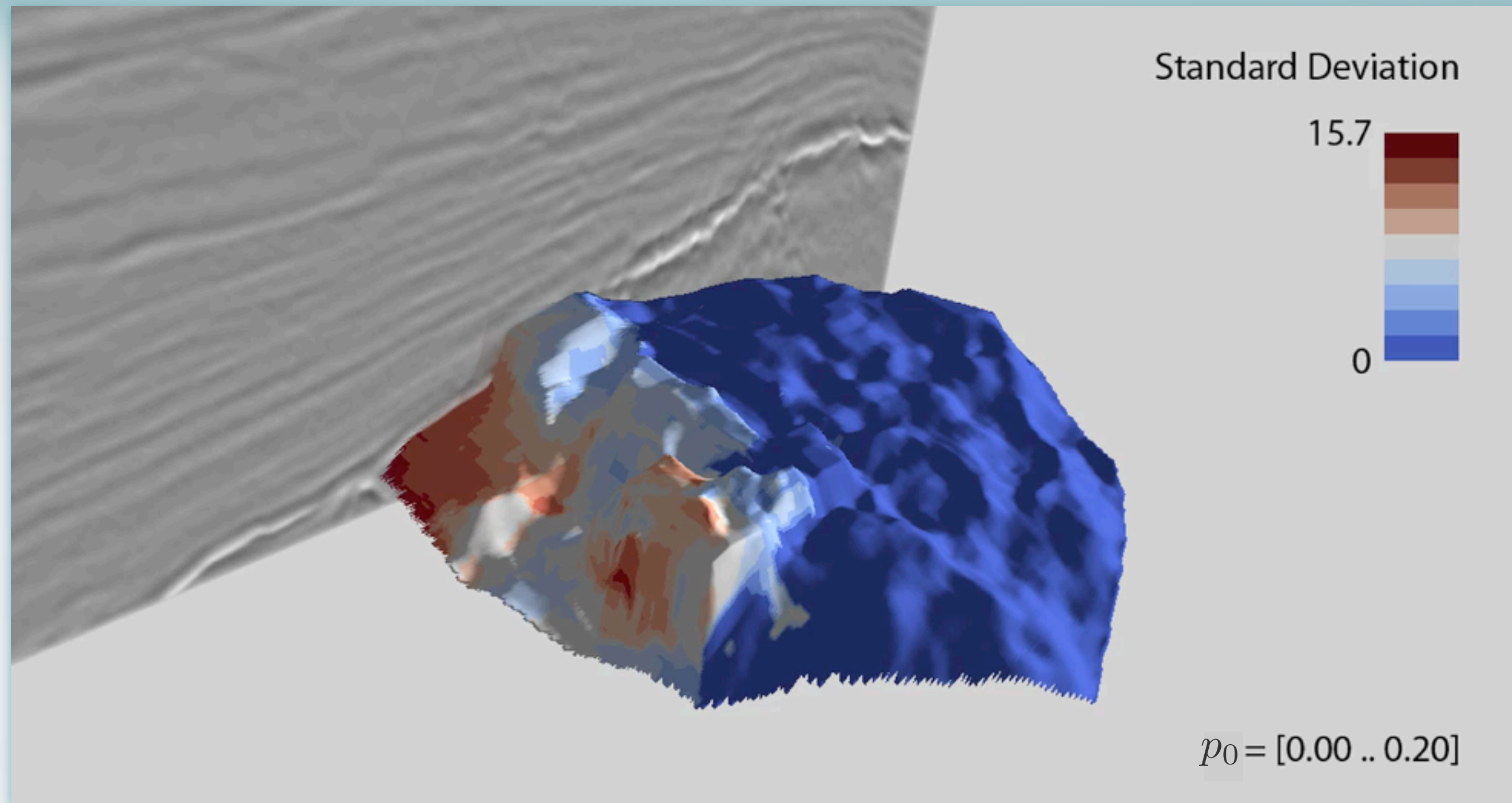
Maximum Likelihood Surface II



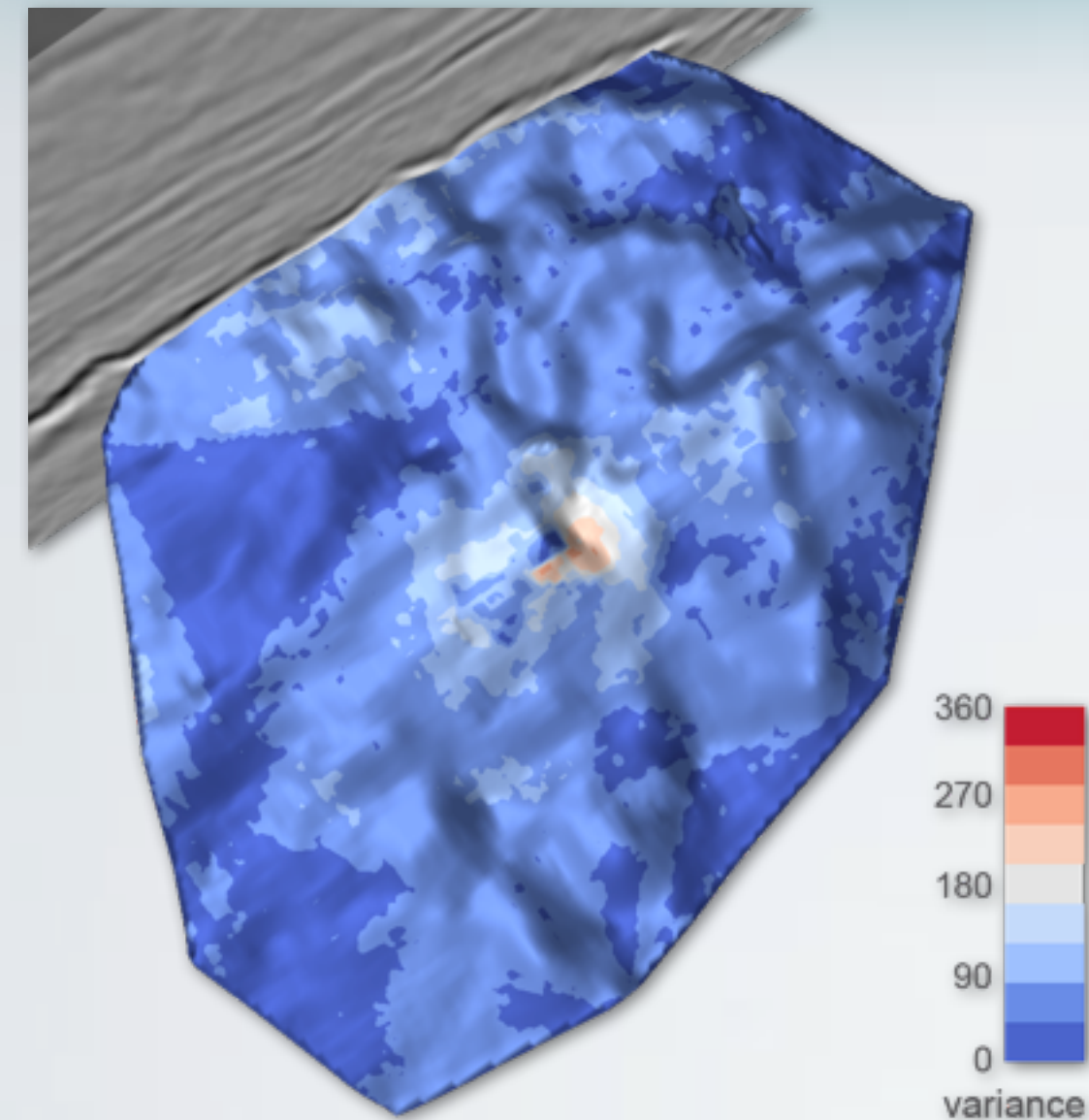
Interactive Probing



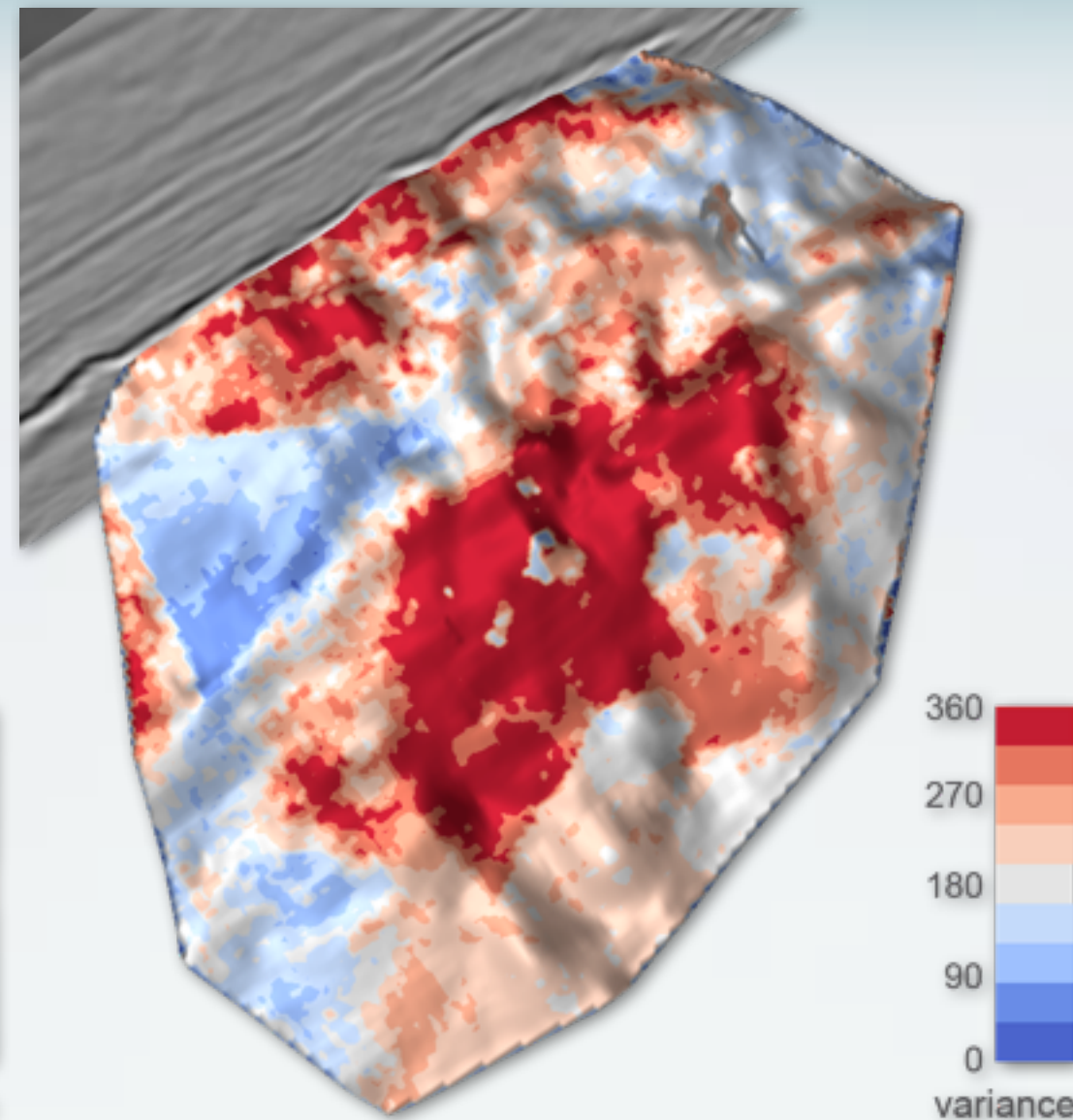
Parameter Space Exploration



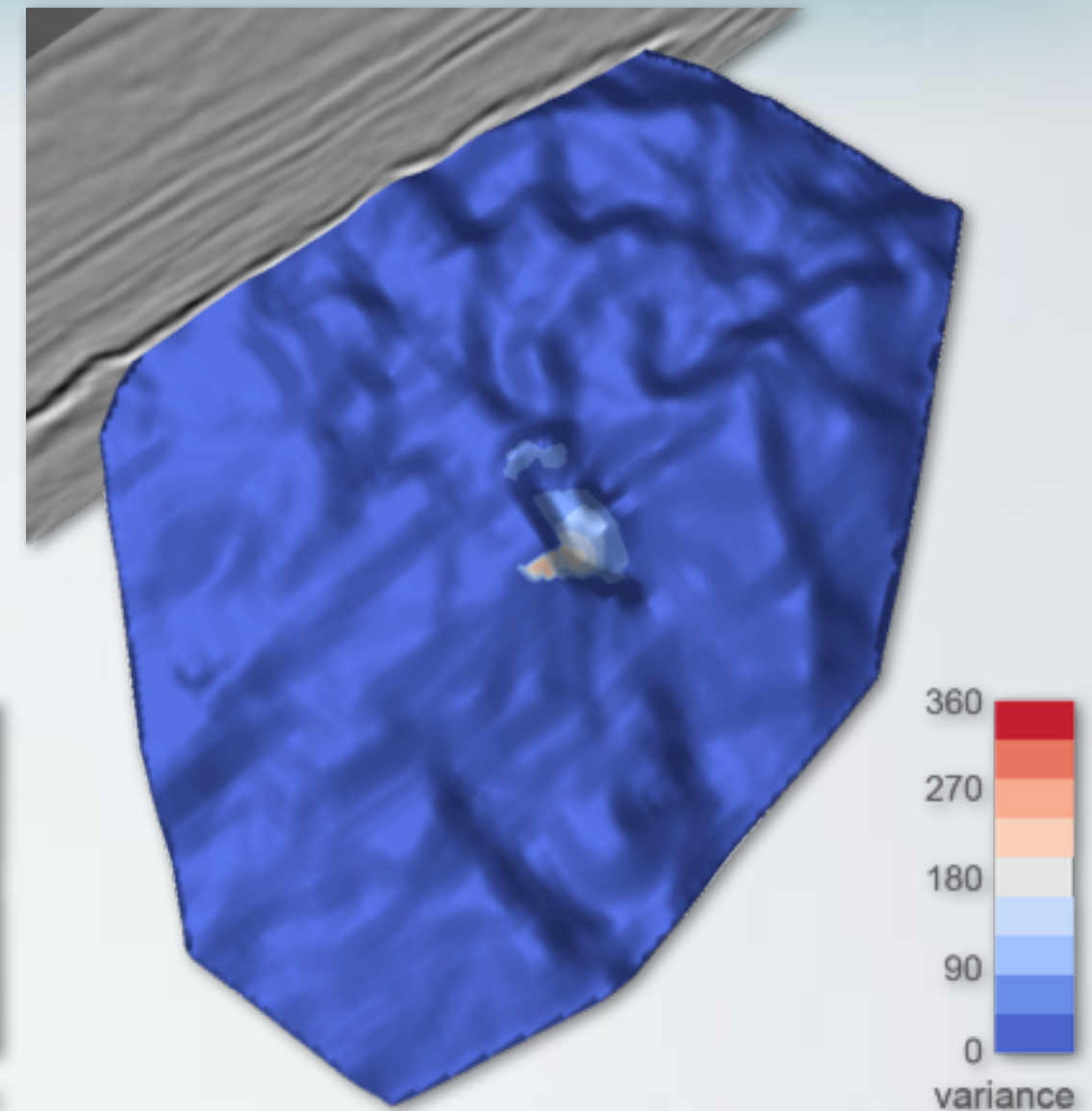
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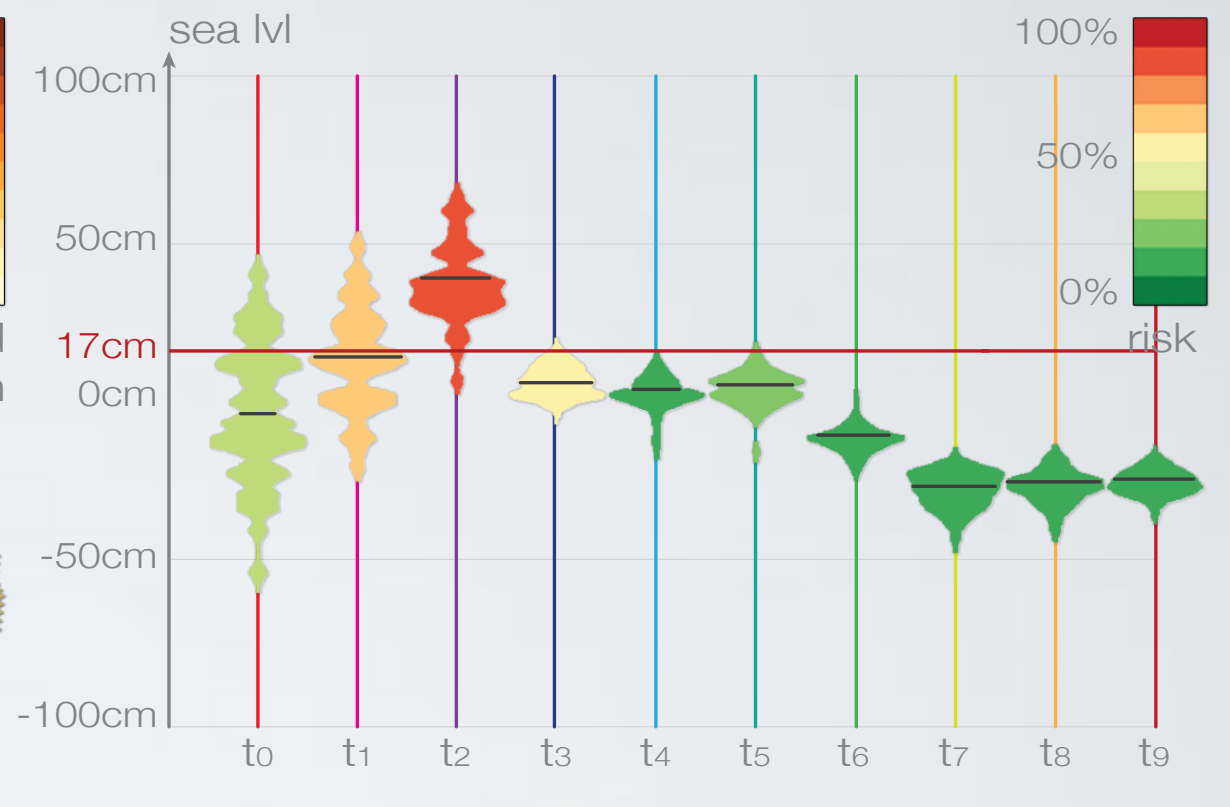
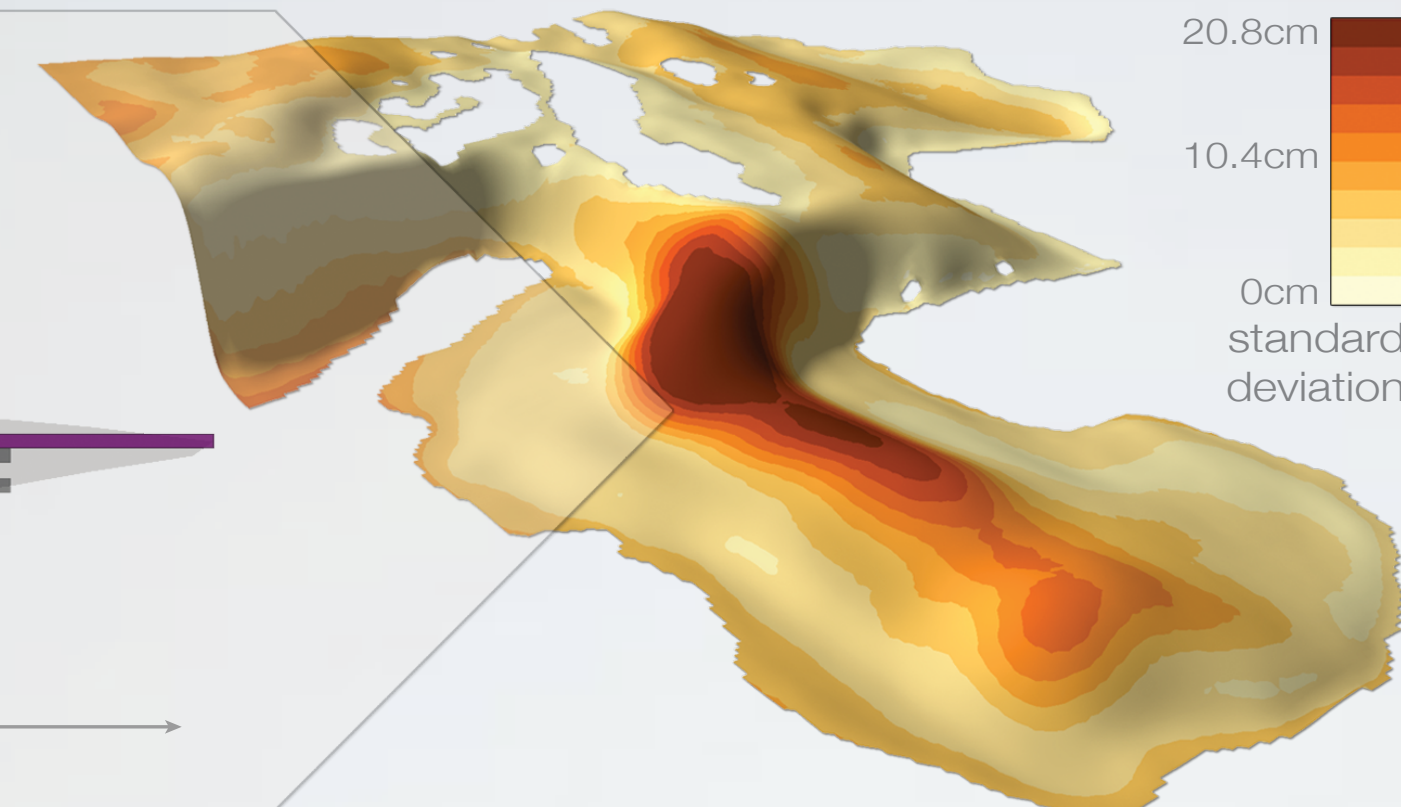
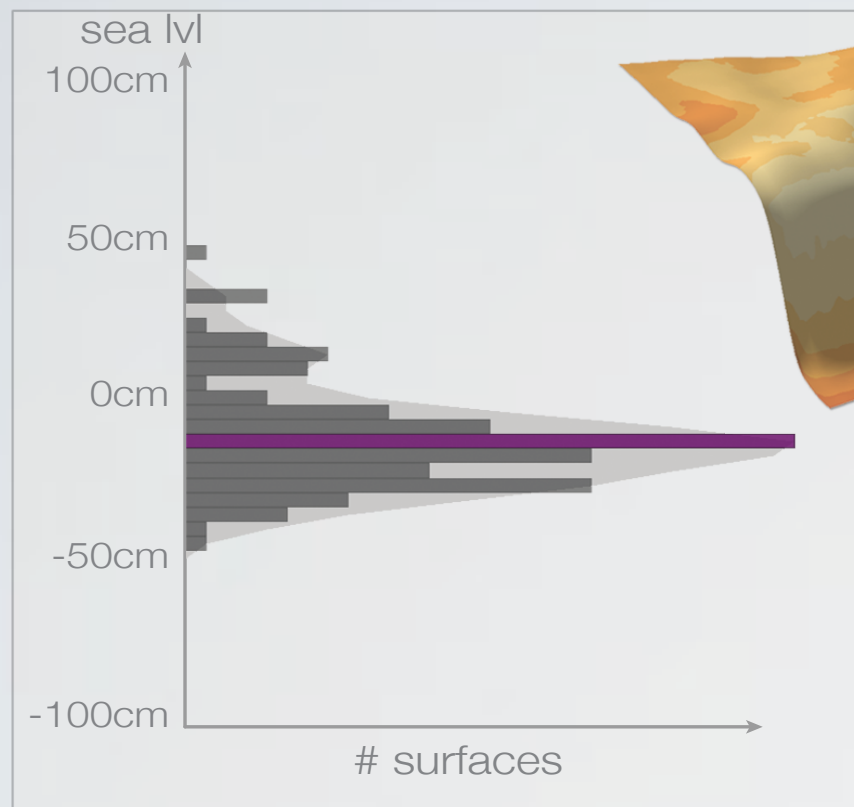
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Visual Analysis of Uncertainties in Ocean Forecasts





T. Höllt, A. Magdy, G. Chen, G. Gopalakrishnan, I. Hoteit, C.D. Hansen, and M. Hadwiger.
Visual Analysis of Uncertainties in Ocean Forecasts for Planning and Operation of Off-Shore Structures.

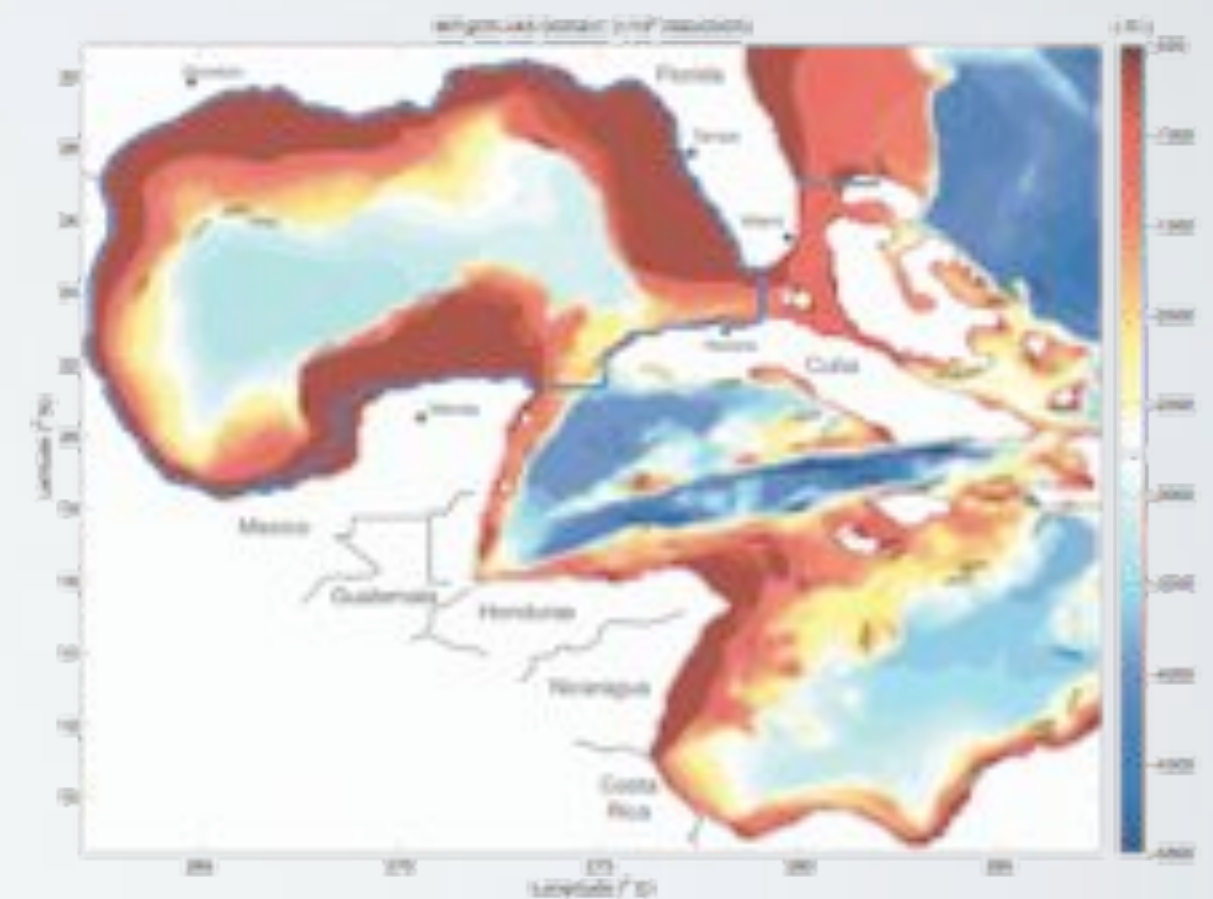
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Honorable mention for best paper award.

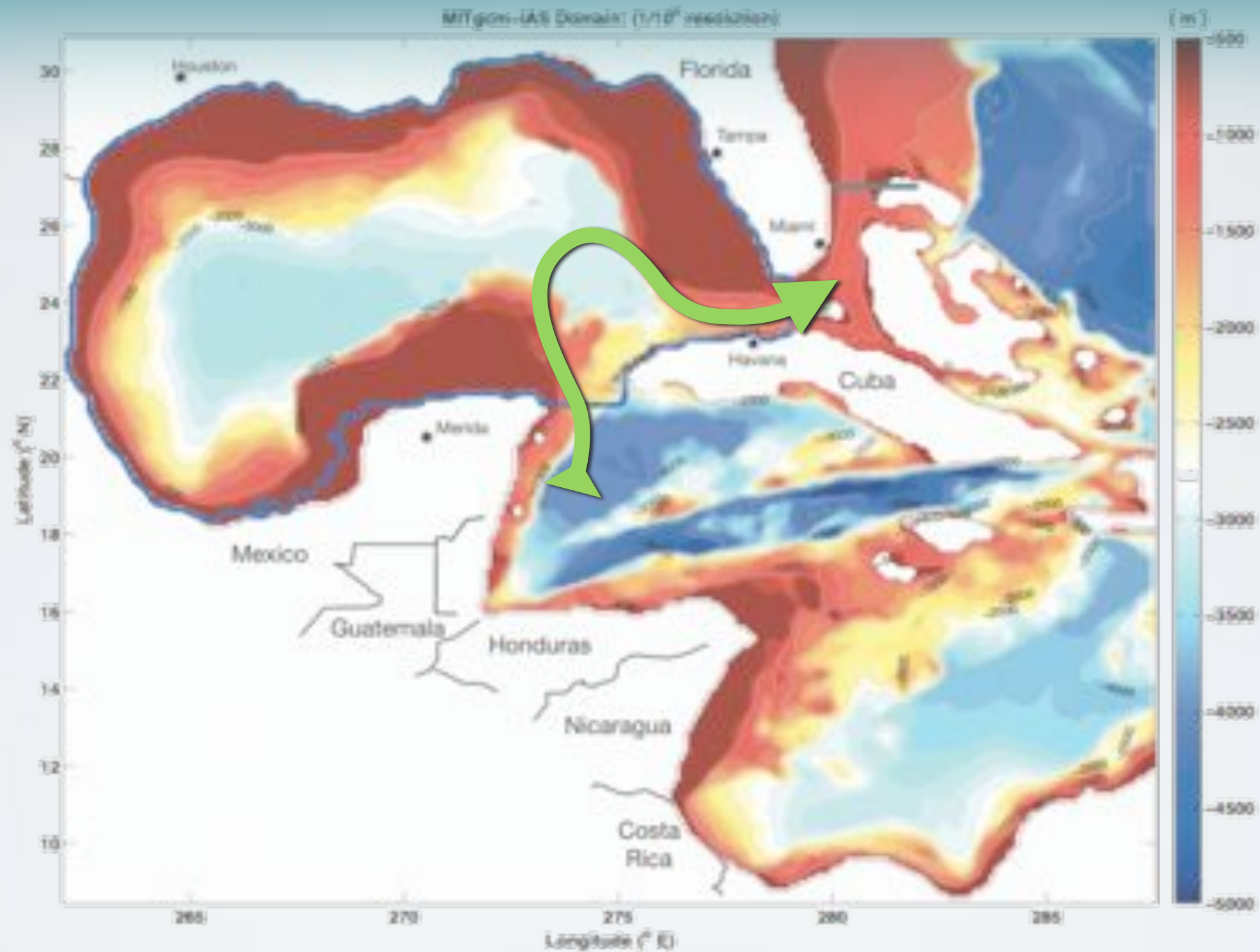
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- Planning off-shore rig operation
 - off-shore oil exploration vulnerable to hazards



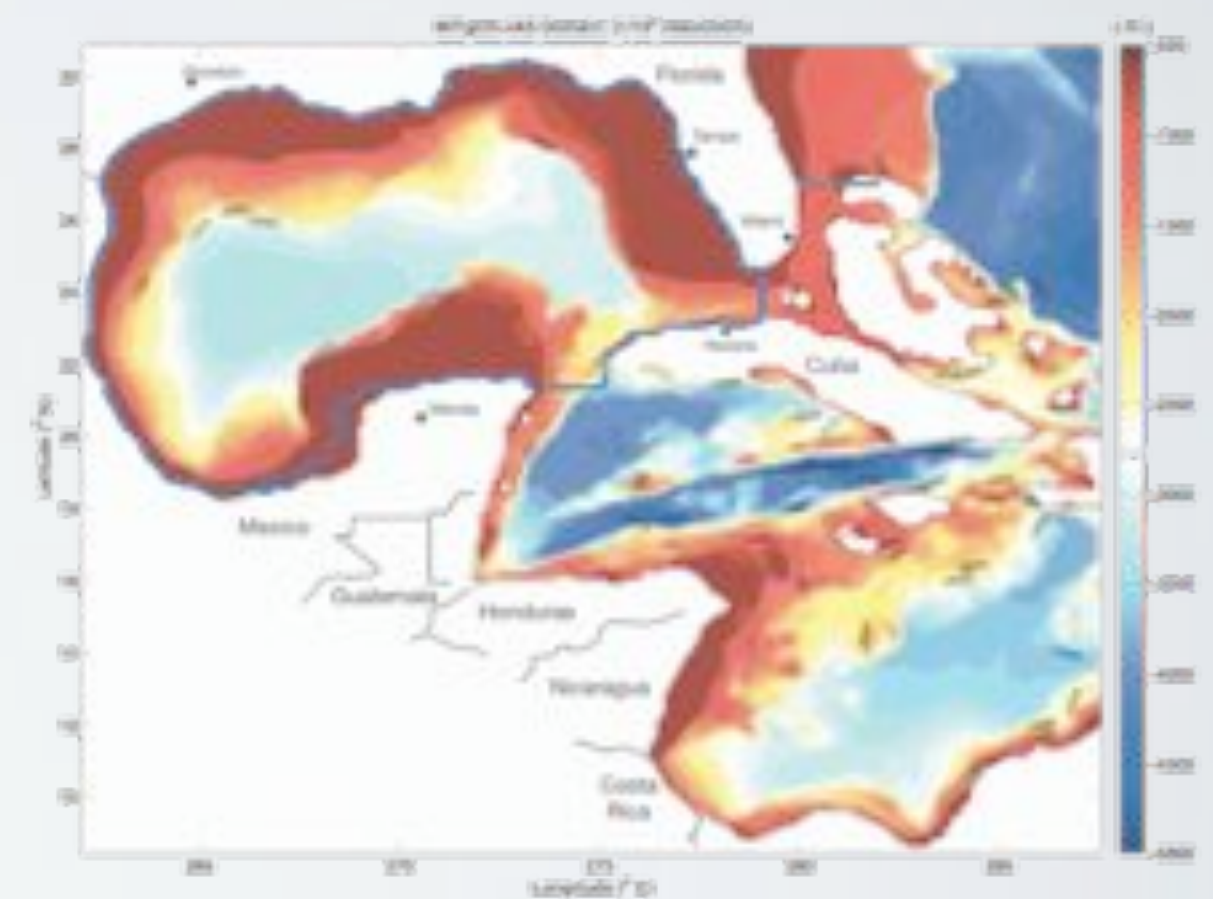
Motivation // GoM Eddy Shedding



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 - ocean forecasts allow planning operation
 - forecasts based on ensemble simulation



Ensemble Forecasts



- Ensemble simulation
 - multiple simulation runs for the same event
 - maps model or starting condition uncertainty to variation in simulation results
- + allows more precise forecasts
 - results in large amount of data
 - hard to visualize

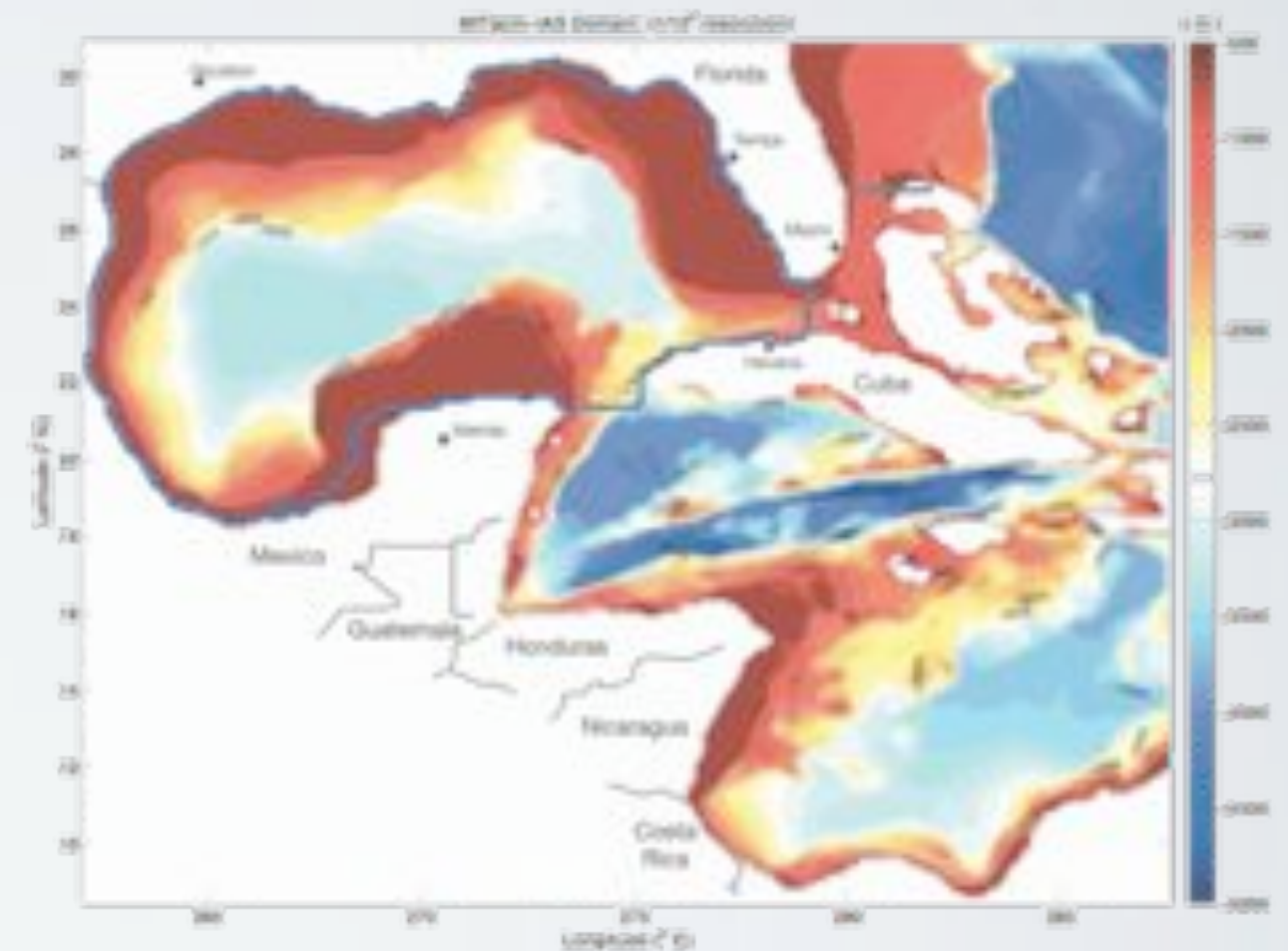


*“There is
a 70% chance for
rain tomorrow.”*

Input Data



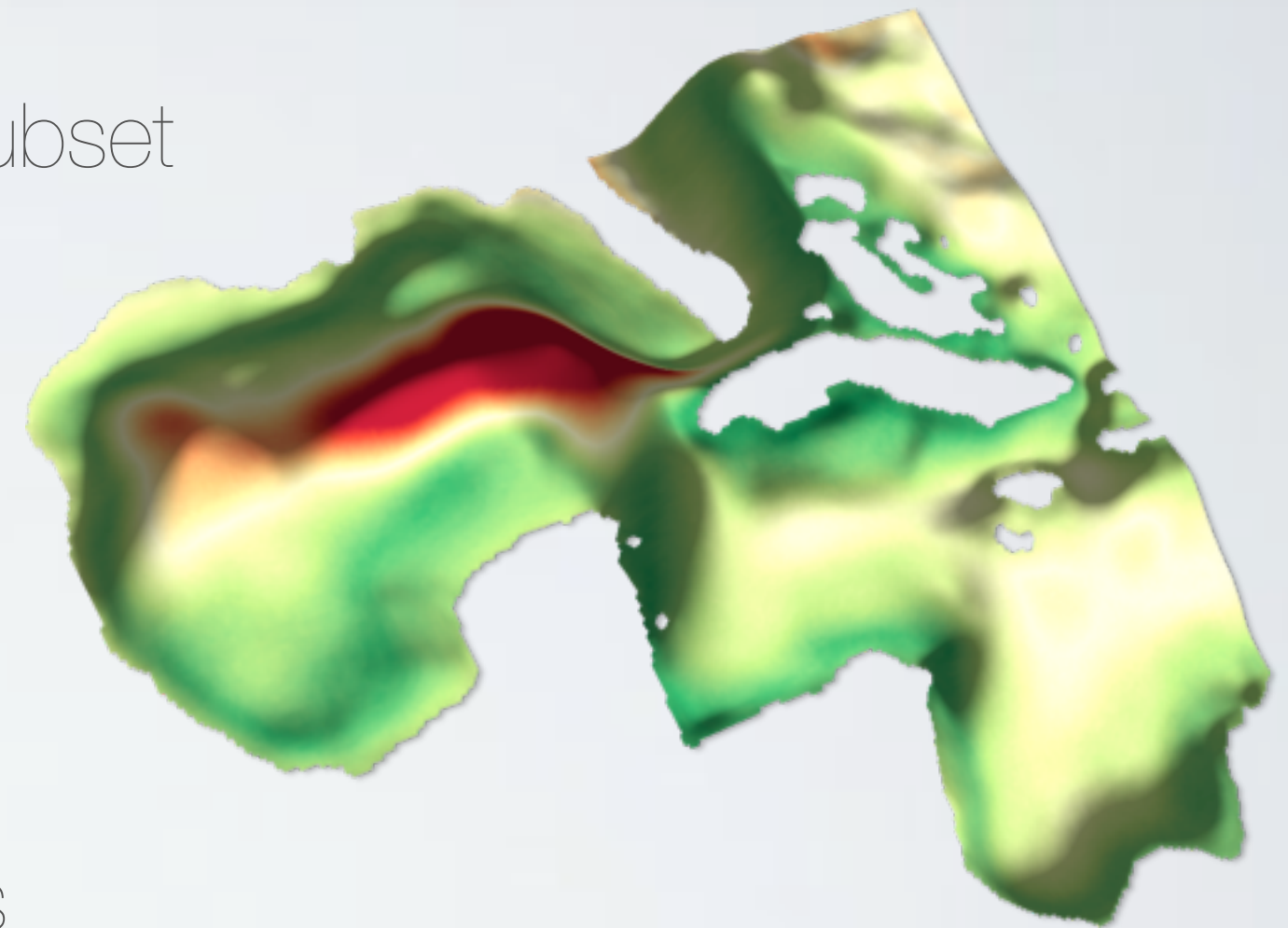
- Sea surface simulation of the GoM
 - height fields / 2D functions
 - $1/10^\circ$ grid of the GoM \Rightarrow 275 x 325 samples
 - 10 time steps
 - 100 simulation runs each



On the Fly Analysis

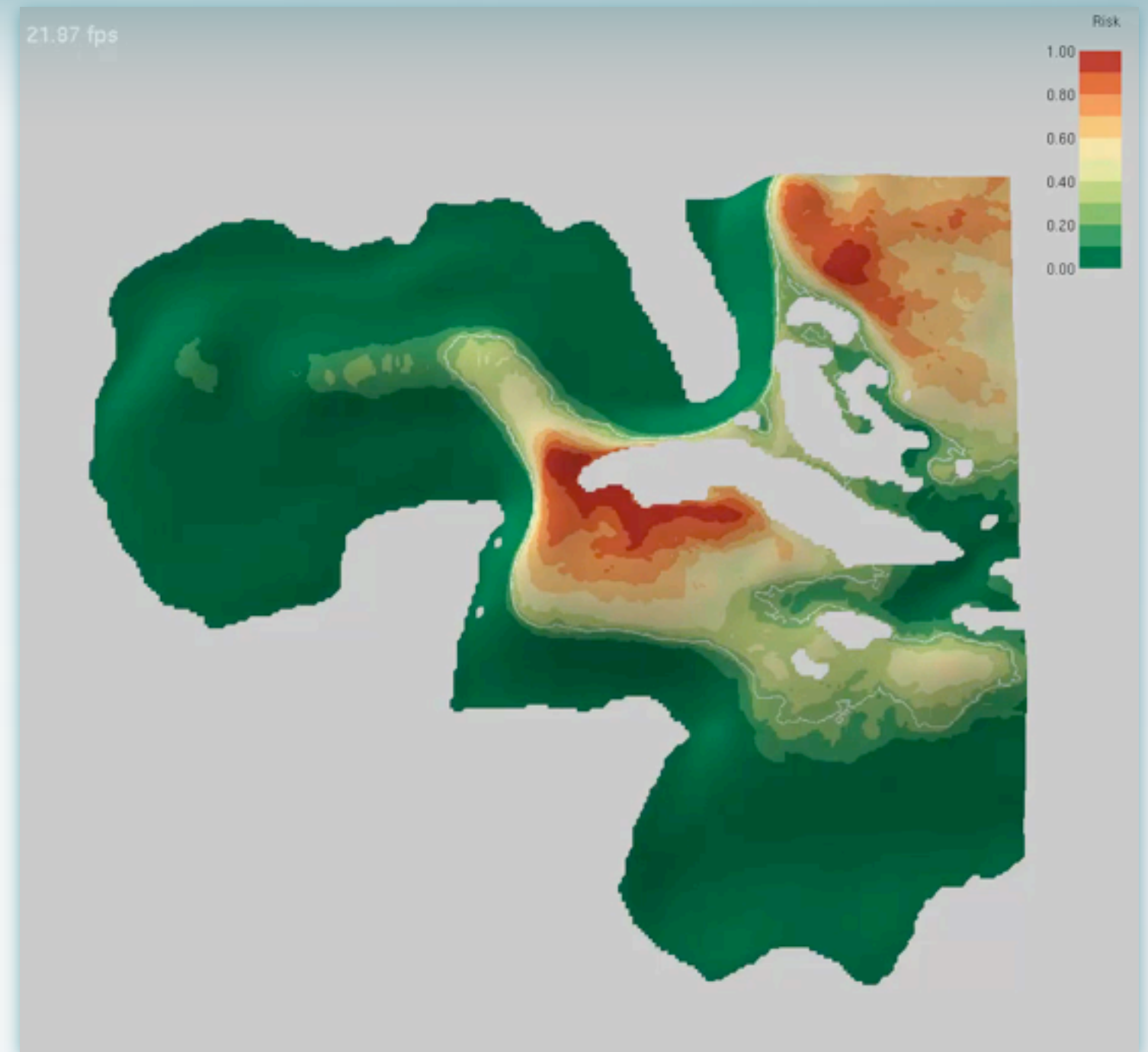


- Interactive parameter space exploration
 - statistics based on user defined ensemble subset
 - GPU-based computation
- Statistical analysis
 - histogram, pdf
 - mean, median, maximum mode ⇌ surfaces
 - variance, kurtosis, risk estimate ... ⇌ textures
- Iso Contouring



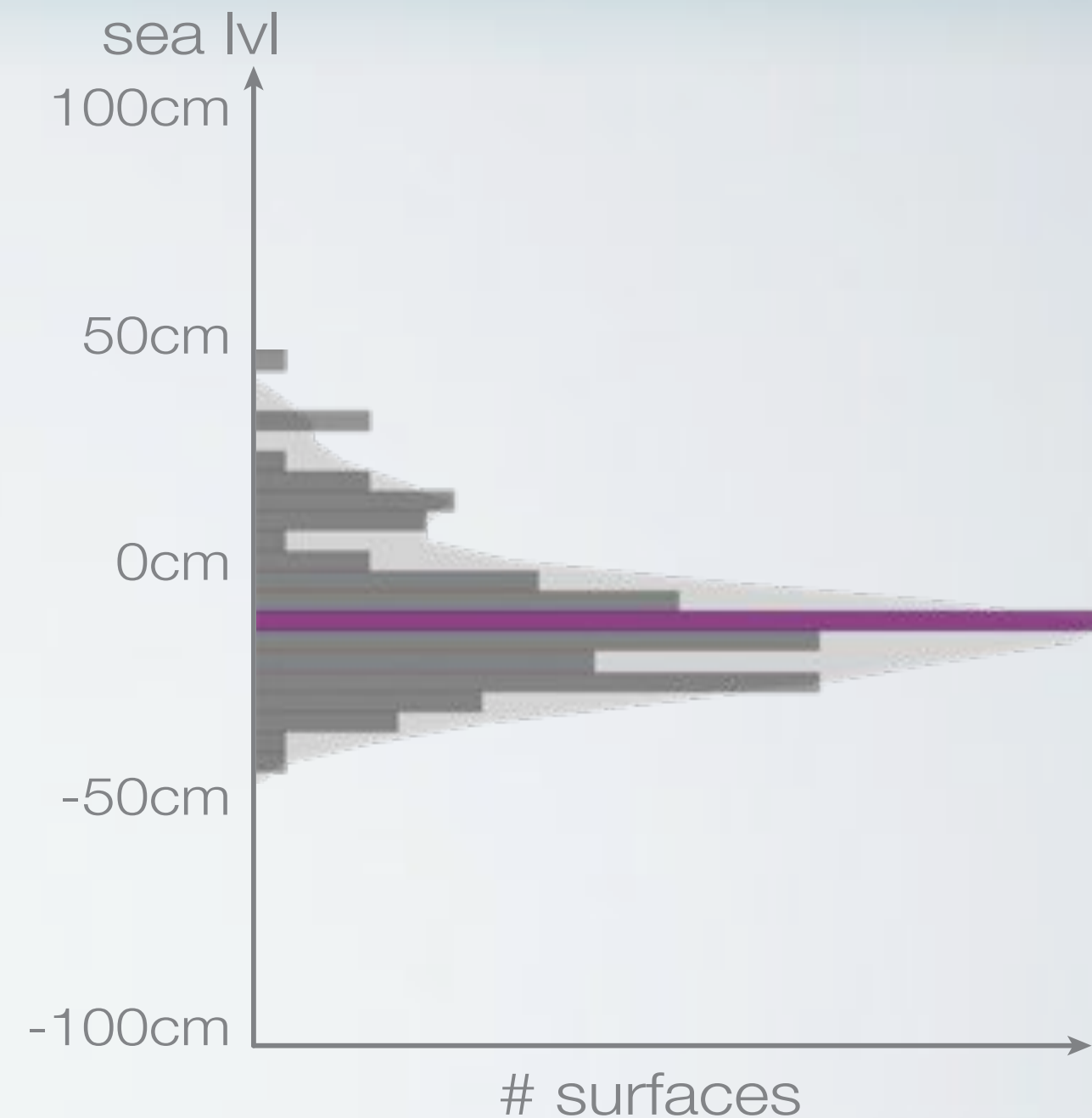


- Based on user defined critical sea-level
 - fraction of surfaces above critical value
- On the fly adjustment of sea-level
- Live parameter space exploration
- Iso contouring for precise area definition



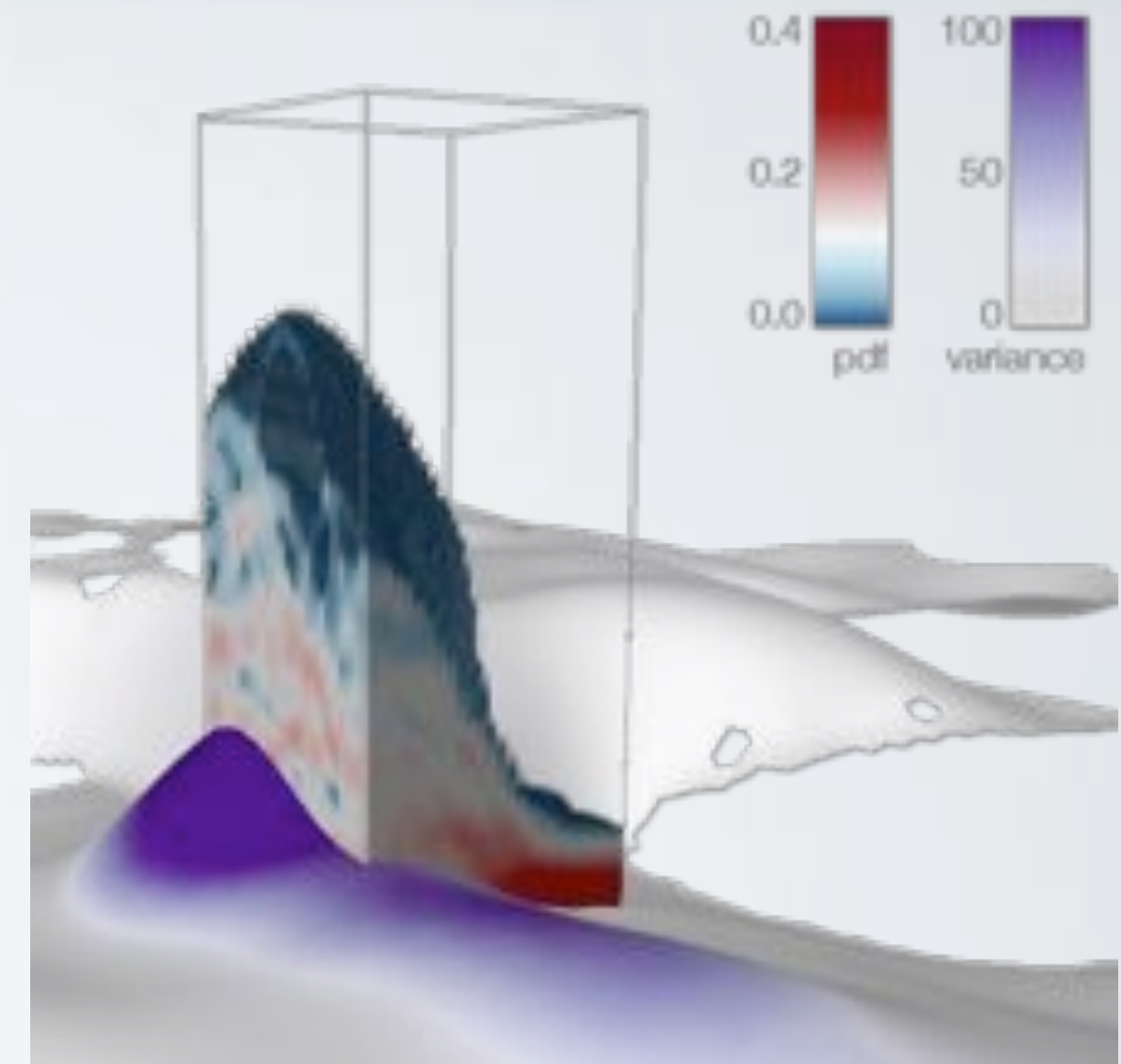


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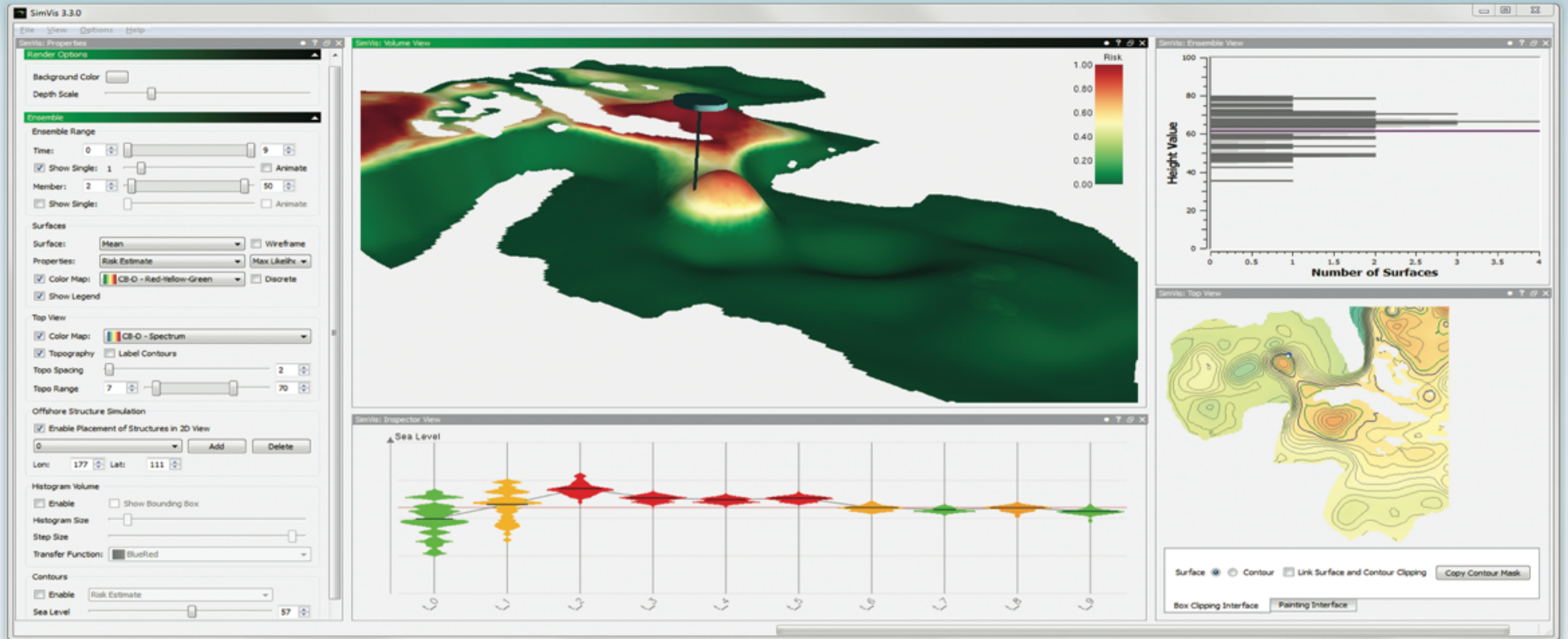




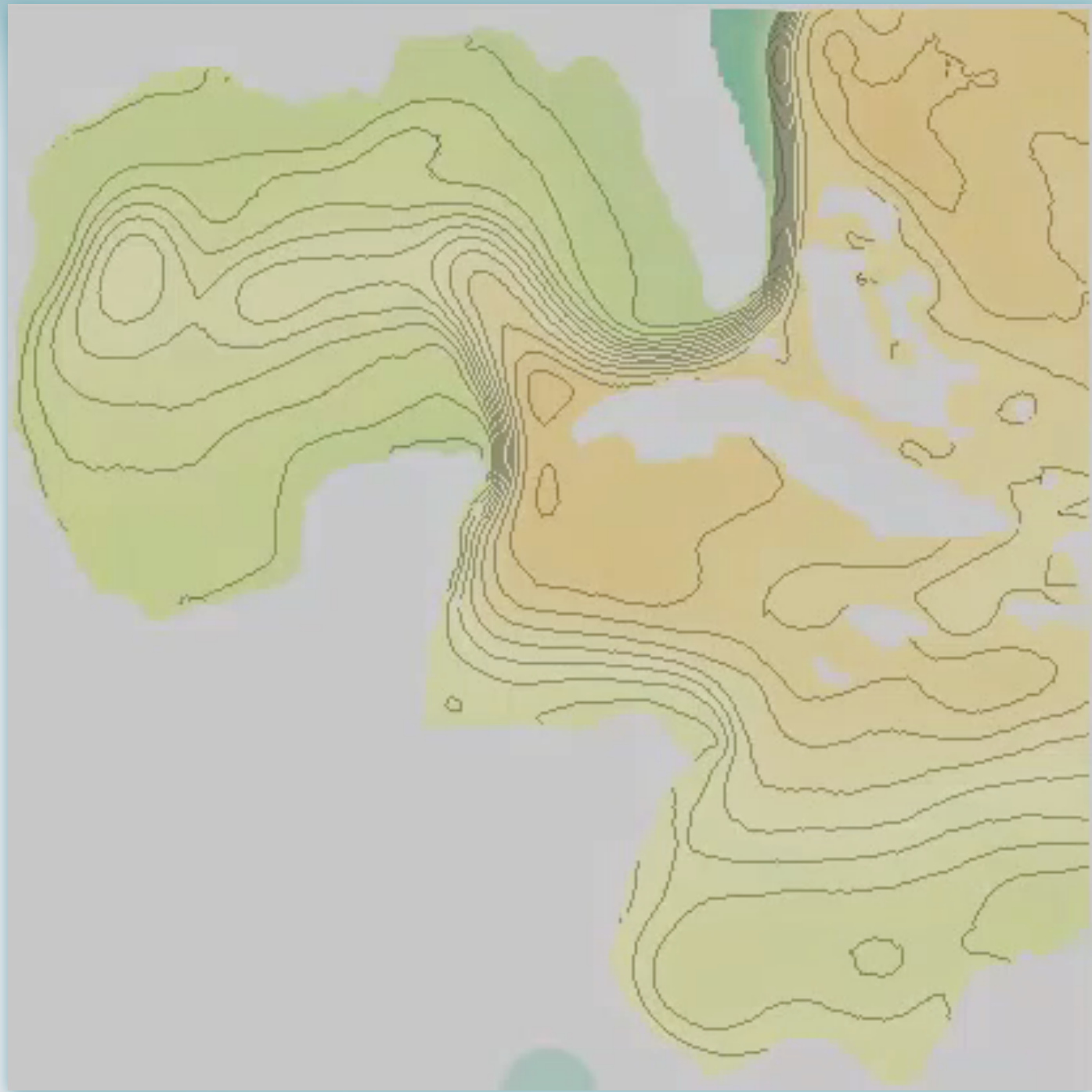
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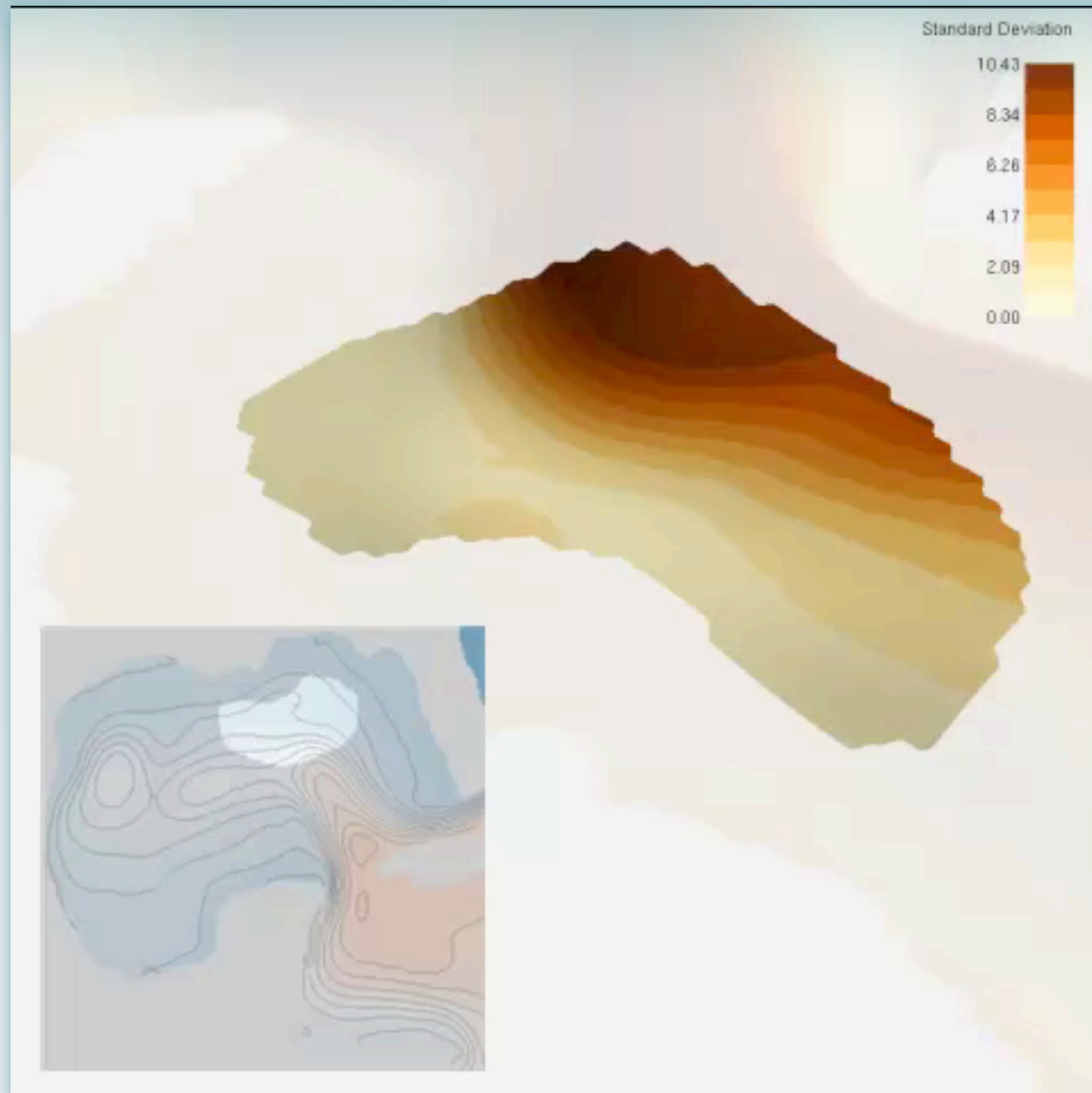
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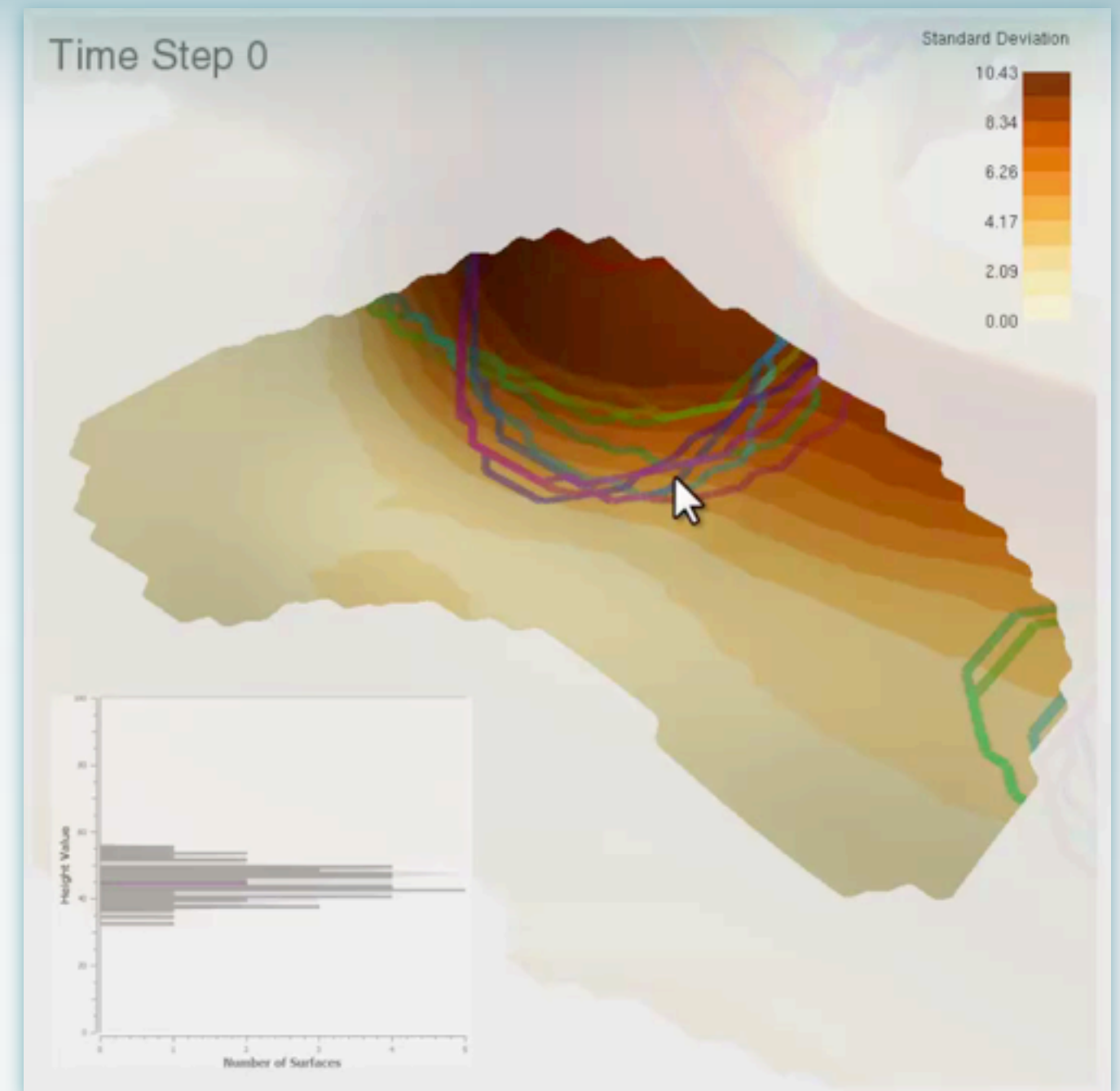
Workflow II



Workflow III



Workflow III



Workflow IV

