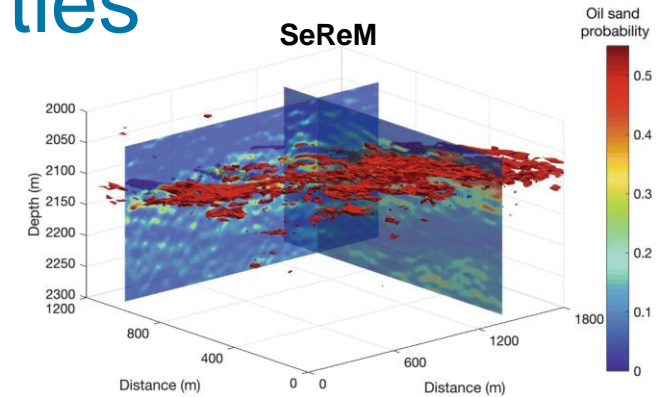


SeReM: MATLAB® Seismic Reservoir Modeling

An integrated, adaptive solution for 3D modeling and inversion of petrophysical facies properties

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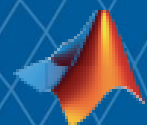
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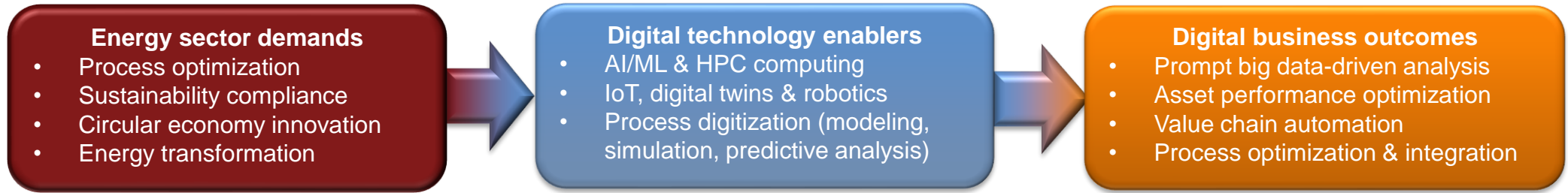
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Digital Transformation Solutions Ecosystem

Digital Transformation Process



Energy sector demands

- Process optimization
- Sustainability compliance
- Circular economy innovation
- Energy transformation

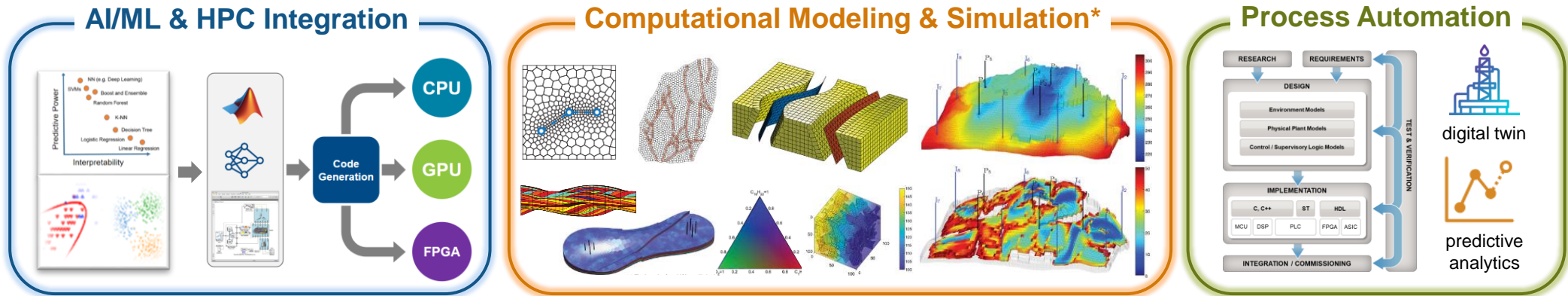
Digital technology enablers

- AI/ML & HPC computing
- IoT, digital twins & robotics
- Process digitization (modeling, simulation, predictive analysis)

Digital business outcomes

- Prompt big data-driven analysis
- Asset performance optimization
- Value chain automation
- Process optimization & integration

MathWorks® Digital Transformation Solutions



AI/ML & HPC Integration

AI/ML models (e.g., Deep Learning, SVMs, Boost and Ensemble, Random Forest, X-NN, Decision Tree, Logistic Regression, Linear Regression) feed into **Code Generation**, which outputs code for **CPU**, **GPU**, and **FPGA**. The process also includes **Predictive Power** and **Interpretability**.

Computational Modeling & Simulation*

Visualizations include porous media flow, fracture networks, and reservoir simulation results, demonstrating the use of high-performance computing for complex engineering models.

Process Automation

The process flow includes **RESEARCH**, **REQUIREMENTS**, **DESIGN** (Environment Models, Physical Plant Models, Control / Supervisory Logic Models), **IMPLEMENTATION** (C, C++, ST, HDL, MCU, DSP, PLC, FPGA, ASIC), and **INTEGRATION / COMMISSIONING**. This is supported by **TEST & VERIFICATION** and **digital twin** technologies for **predictive analytics**.

Challenges & Outcomes



Key transformational challenges

- Organizational barriers
- Unclear ROI from digital
- New digital skills and expertise
- Siloed vs integrated digitization

Value of digital technology

- Accelerated decision making
- Preventive decision making
- Agile production optimization
- Adaptive integrated platforms

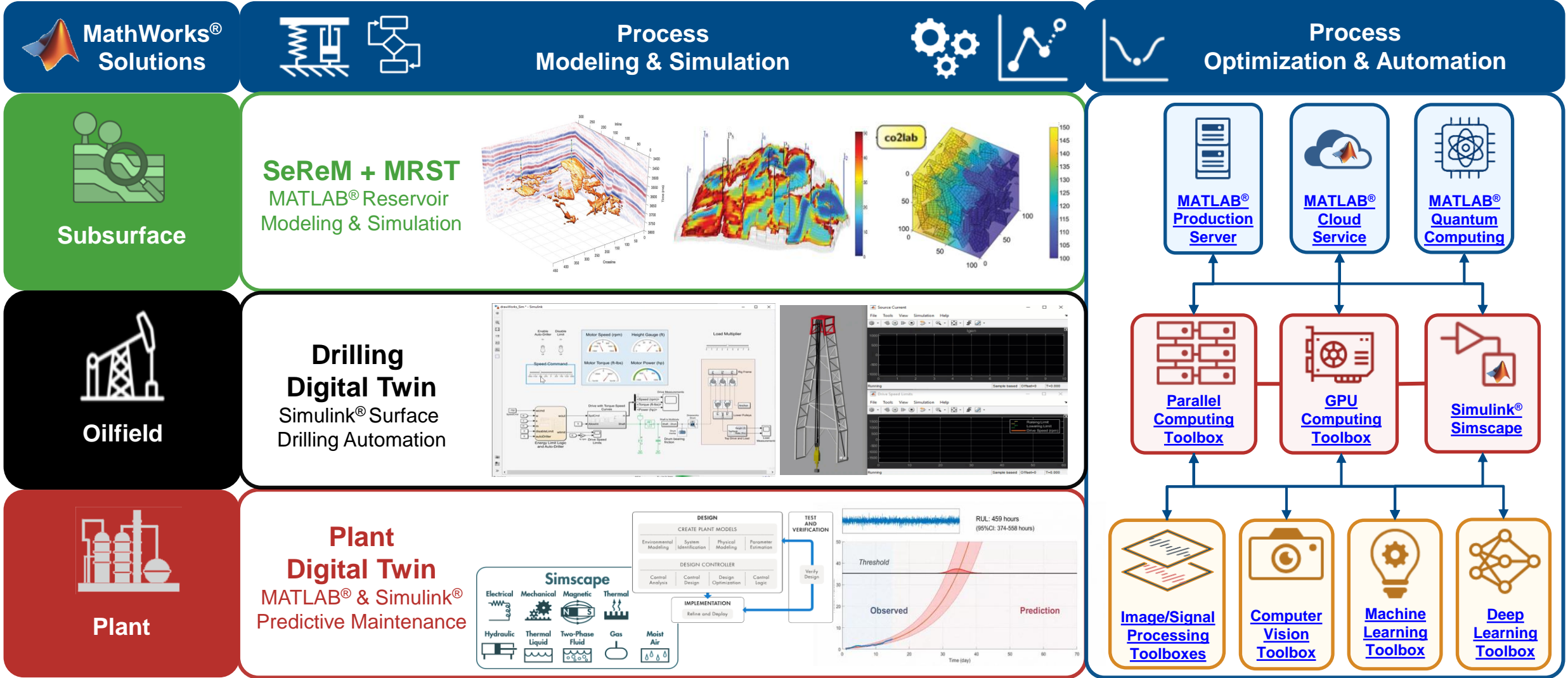
ROI as a digital business*

- Upstream: \$5/boe incr. ROI
- Downstream: \$1/boe incr. ROI
- Up to 20% in extra reduction of carbon emissions (scope 1 & 2)

* Sources: Hassmann *et al* (2022) – [Technology transformation in oil and gas](#). McKinsey & Co.
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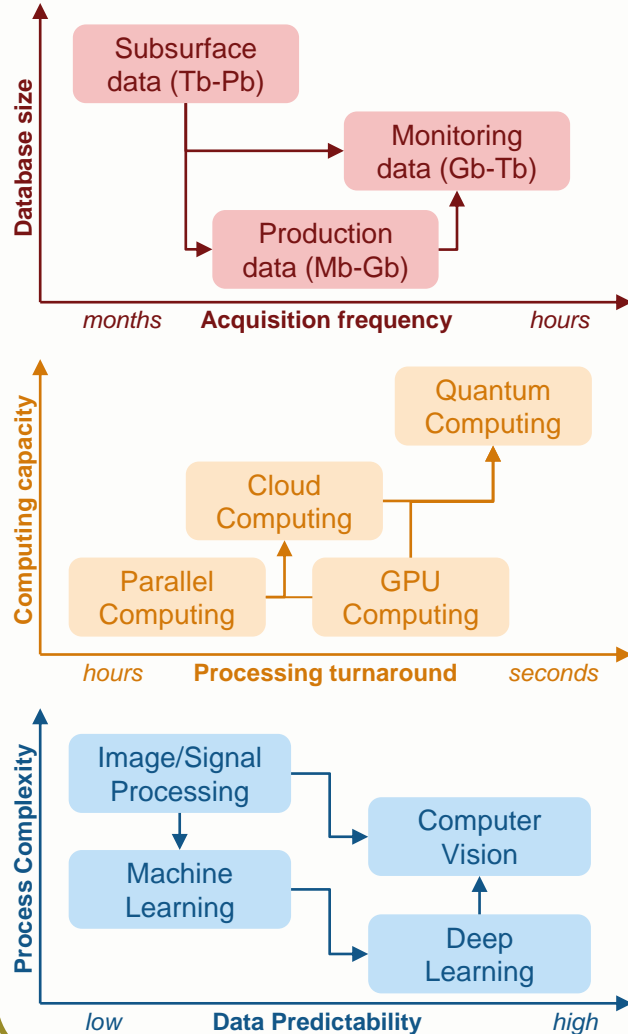
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Data Science Workflow for Reservoir Data Analysis

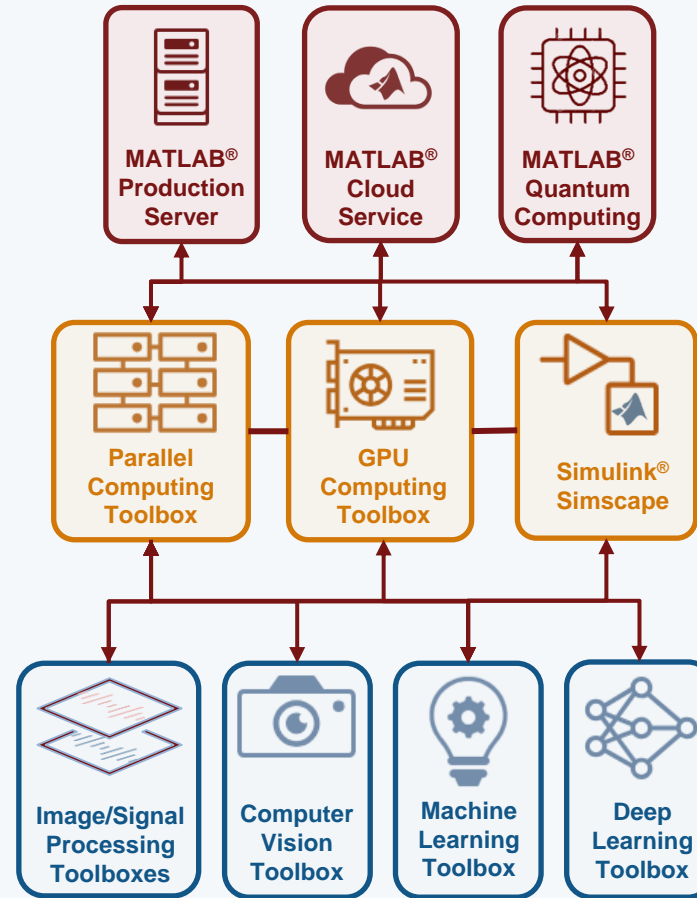
Data Processes

Technical Requirements

Business Applications

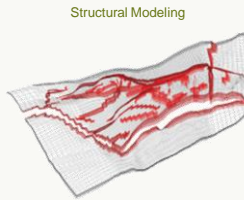


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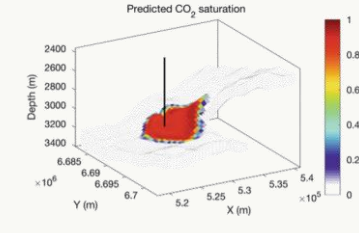
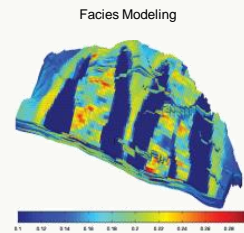
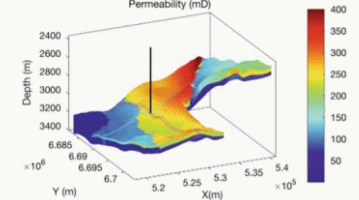


UPSTREAM

Subsurface Process Modeling

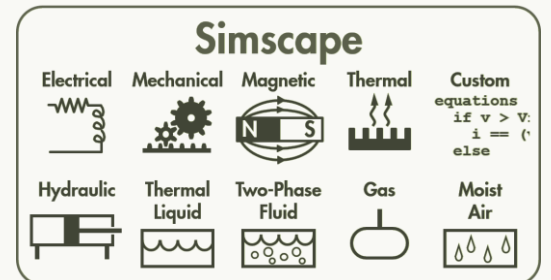


Subsurface Process Simulation

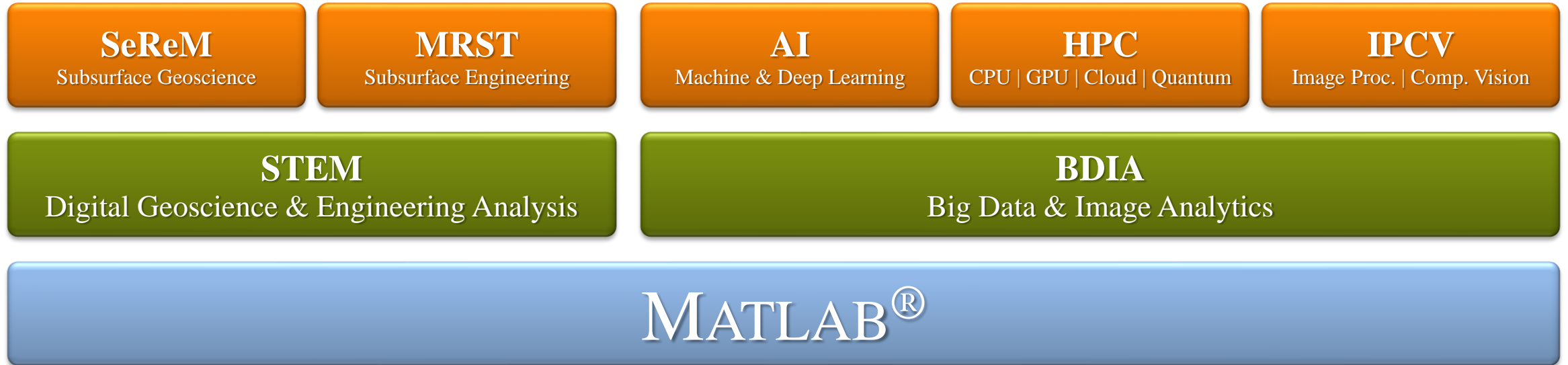


DOWNSTREAM

Dynamic Process Modeling & Simulation



MathWorks® – Digital Subsurface Toolset (v2023)



Key technology differentiators

- Customizable STEM and BDIA toolboxes developed and fully interconnected on MATLAB® platform
- Model-based and data-driven geoscience & engineering workflows to maximize data & image usage
- MathWorks® support, training, and development of data science, engineering, and analytics solutions
- Adaptive digital solutions to assess and integrate new energy processes using high-end technologies
- Low-cost, high-quality software solution to maximize technical expertise, IT infrastructure, and budget
- 200+ energy companies globally currently use MATLAB® solutions across upstream and downstream

SeReM: MATLAB® Seismic Reservoir Modeling Toolkit

- SeReM is a MATLAB®-based toolbox developed to model and invert for reservoir facies properties from seismic data away from well control
- SeReM was developed by Research Geoscientists from University of Wyoming to offer geophysical modeling methods for facies property characterization using seismic, rock-physics, and Bayesian inverse theory
- SeReM contains Bayesian inversion methods to predict the spatial distribution of petrophysical and elastic properties from seismic using analytical solutions for both linear and non-linear geostatistical simulations
- SeReM is a MATLAB® open-source toolkit available at [GitHub](#)

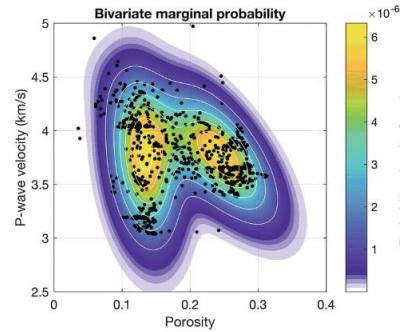
Key Advantages of SeReM

- MATLAB®-based environment to customize and adapt seismic modeling and inversion workflows to support subsurface characterization
- Wide range of 3D data-driven solutions to describe reservoir properties in complex lithological environments with multi-fluid saturation conditions
- Proven successful to predict geological facies distribution at multiple scales
- Robust stochastic inversion methods for data-driven facies characterization
- Optimized linear and nonlinear methods to integrate well & seismic data

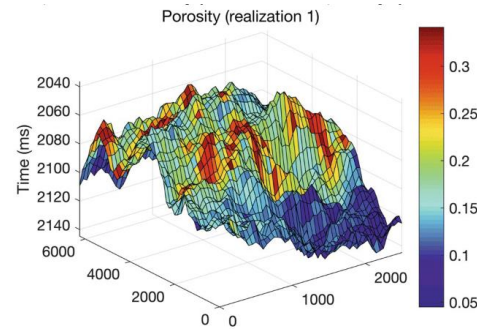
SeReM in a nutshell

Reservoir properties from seismic inversion and facies classification

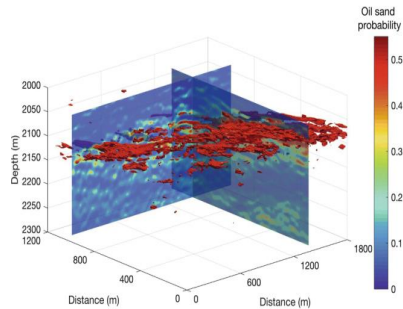
Rock physics modeling



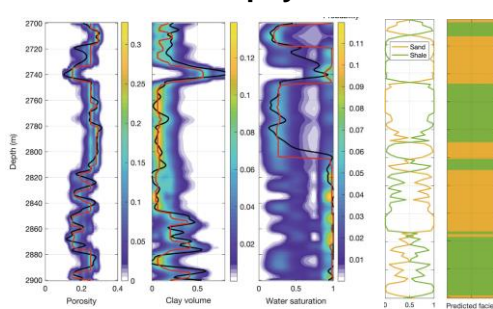
3D seismic inversion



3D facies classification



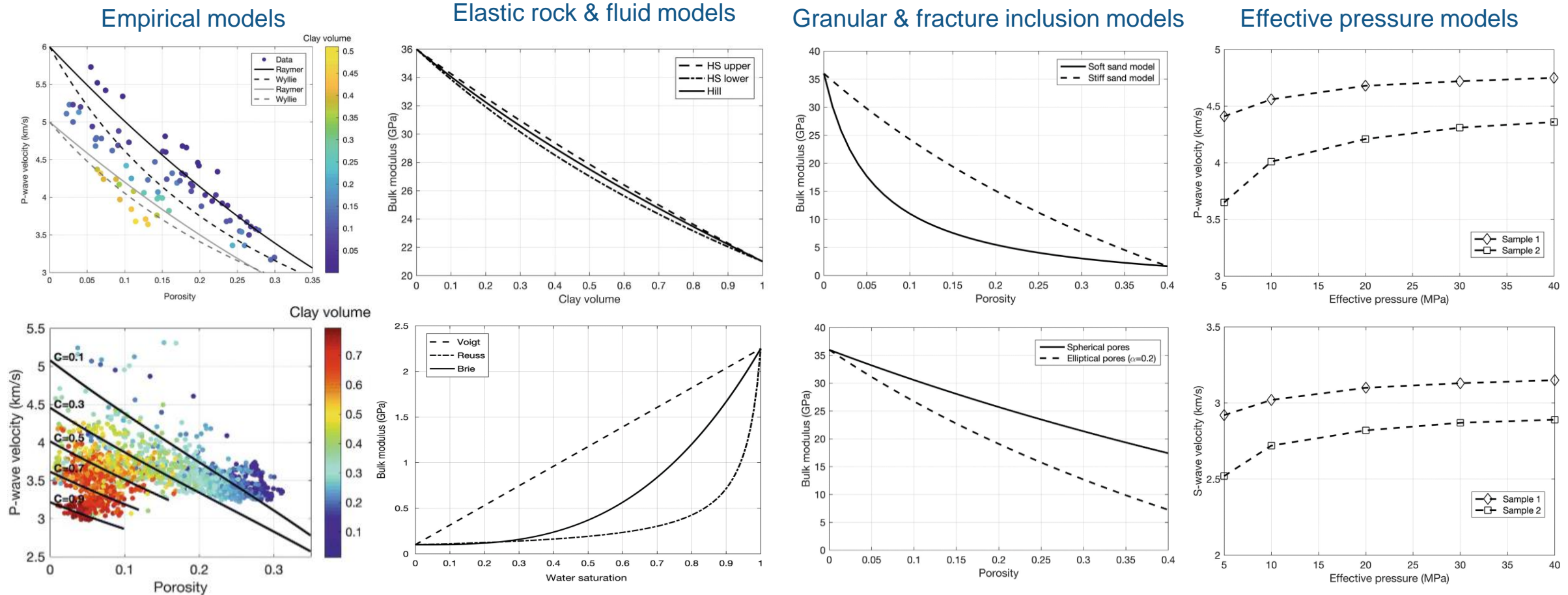
Seismic Petrophysical facies



- Rock physics models based on theoretical, empirical, and data-driven (deterministic/probabilistic) templates
- Property upscaling honoring geostatistical distributions of large (seismic) and small (well log) data sampling
- Geostatistical model propagation methods including co/kriging, sequential indicator & truncated Gaussian simulations, Markov Chains, and multi-point statistics
- Seismic Bayesian inversion for petrophysical properties and facies classification bound by rock physics models
- Integrated applications for uncertainty analysis, time-lapse seismic inversion, electromagnetic inversion, production history matching, carbon storage, and more

SeReM highlights

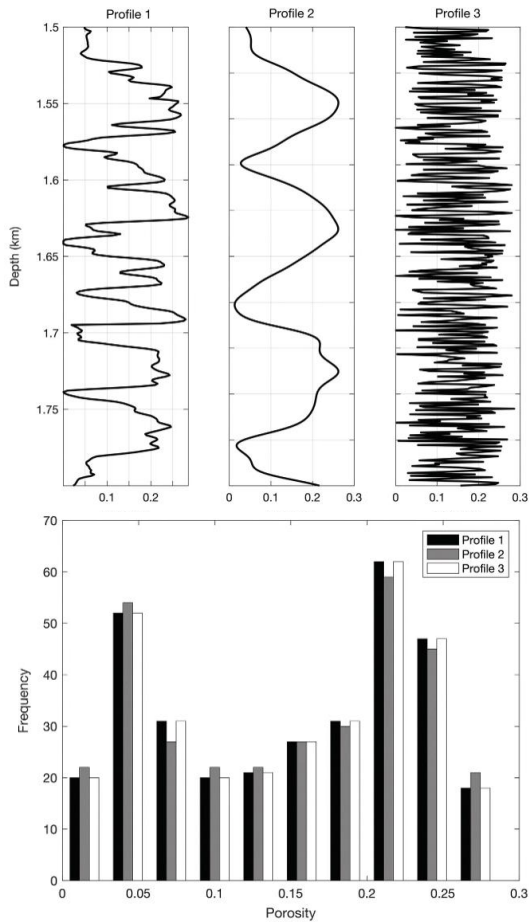
Rock physics models based on poroelastic effective media relations for solid and fluid phases and inclusion models to support mixed lithologies and fractured facies



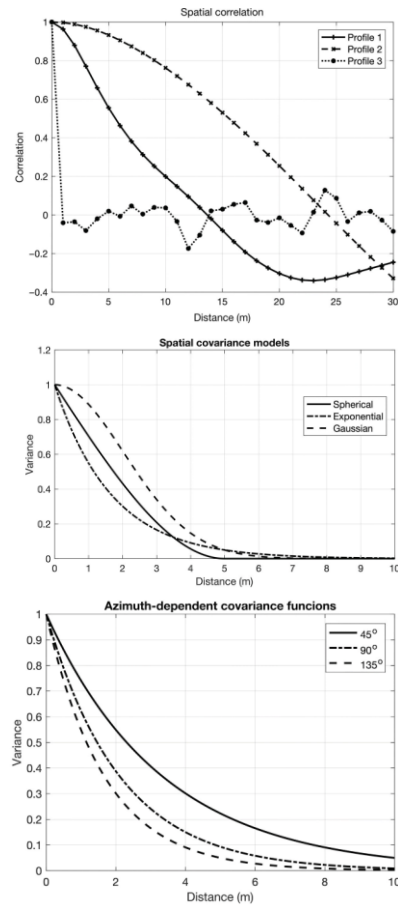
SeReM highlights

Continuous geostatistical models supported by multi-scale, spatial correlations, azimuth-dependent covariograms, and sequential simulations to distribute data honoring distance, anisotropy, and redundancy

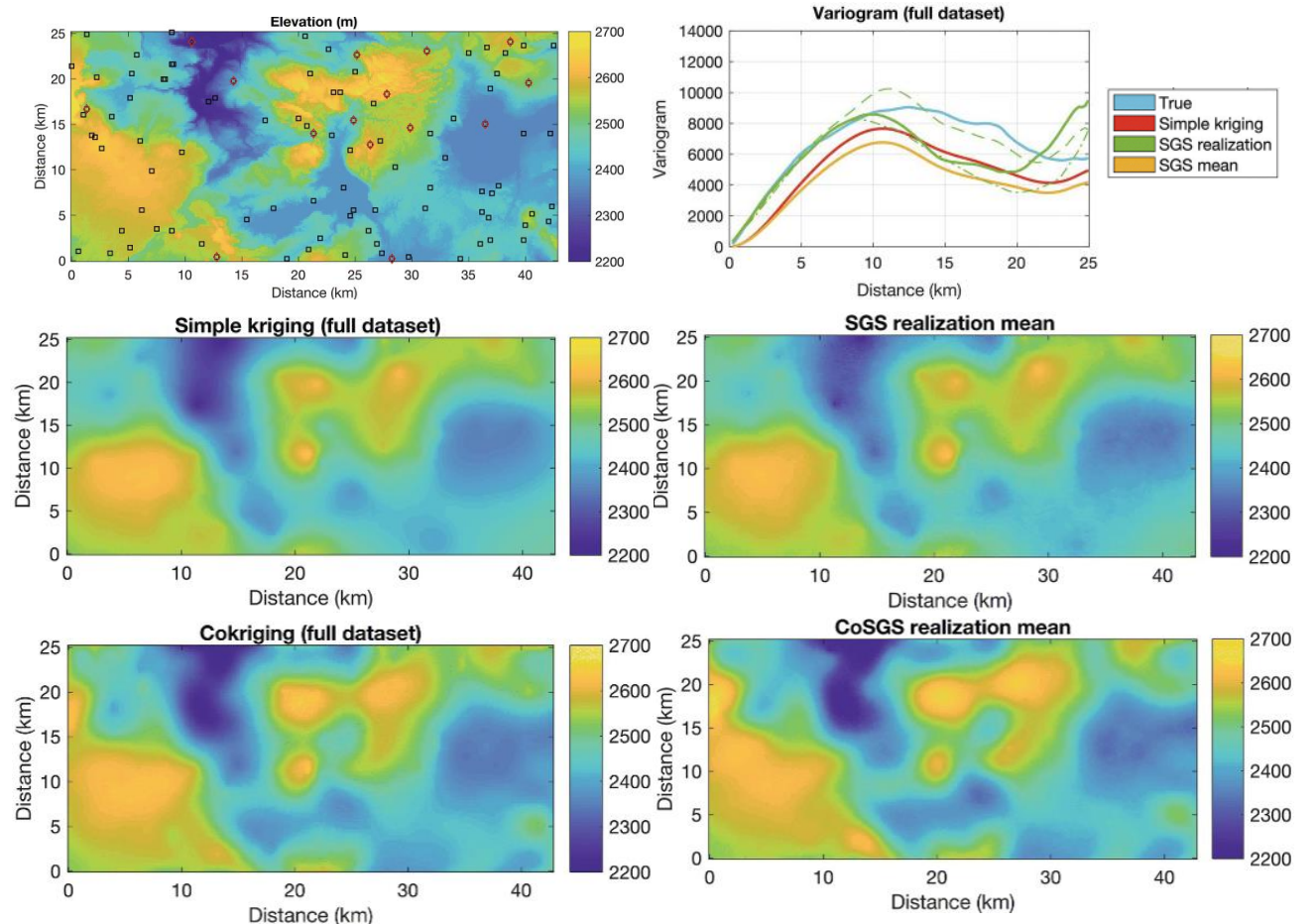
Multi-scale correlations



Spatial covariograms



Spatial Kriging and Sequential Simulations (Example: Elevation)

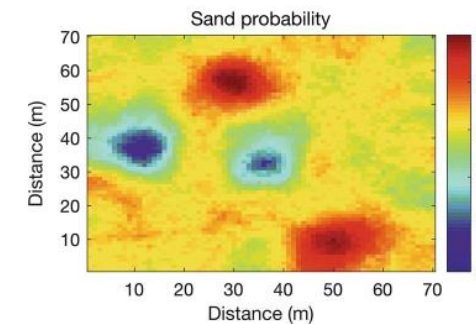
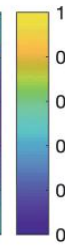
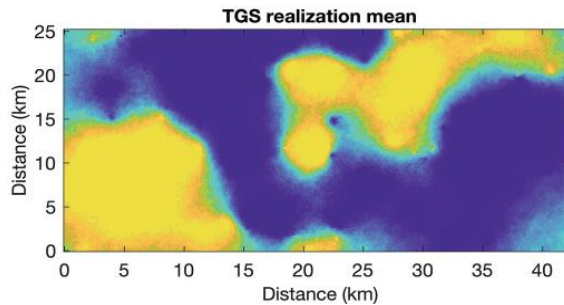
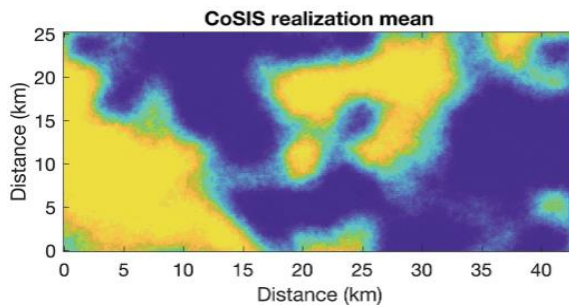
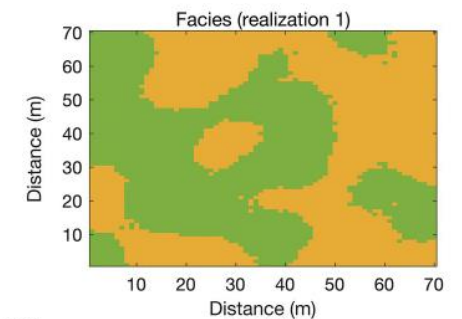
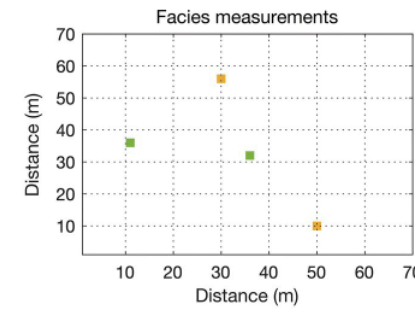
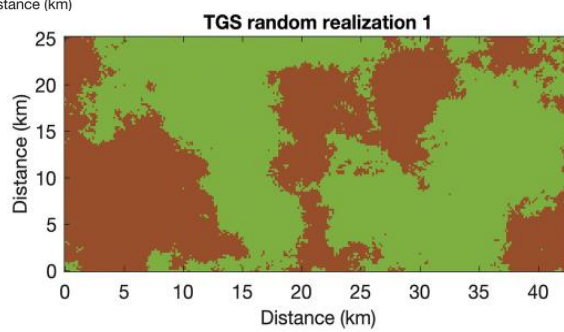
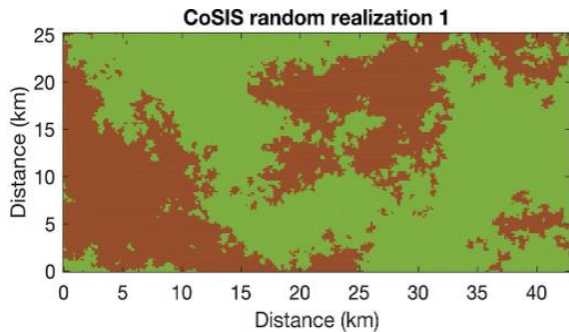
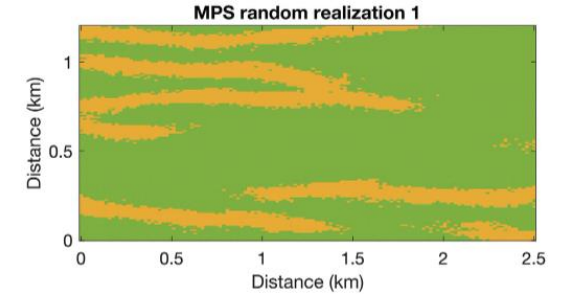
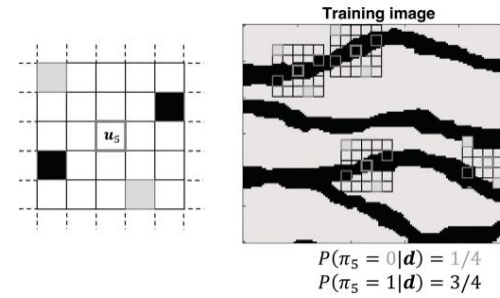
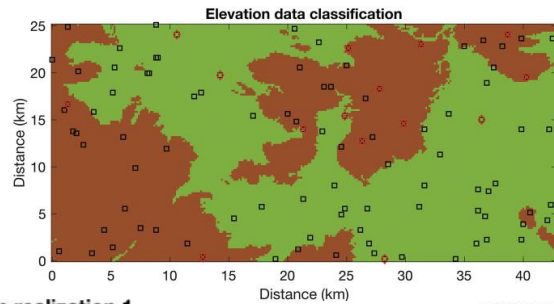


SeReM highlights

Discrete geostatistical models to distribute sedimentary facies and geobodies and their properties using indicator kriging, sequential, and truncated simulations, multi-point statistics, and machine learning images

Indicator co-simulation & truncated Gaussian simulation

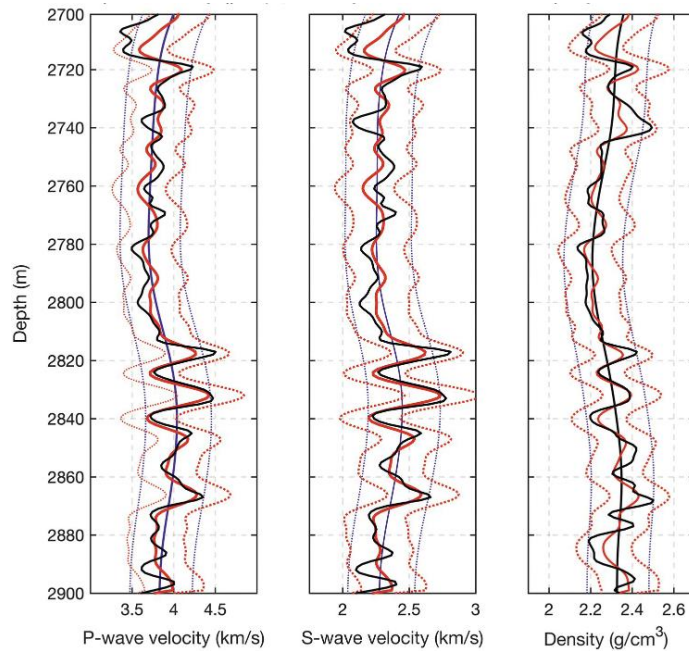
Training images & discrete facies property classification



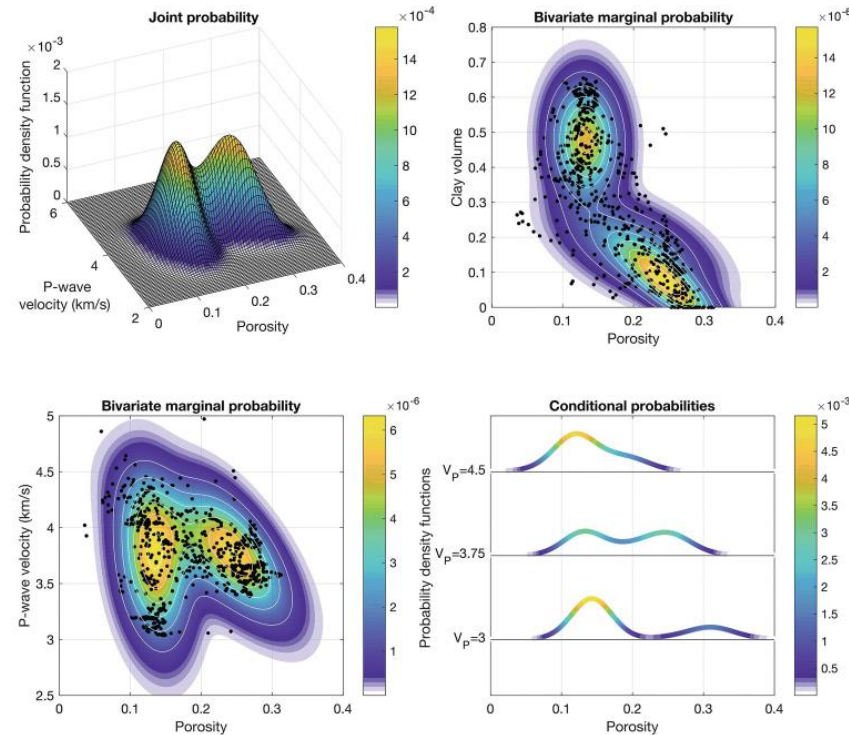
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Seismic modeling & inversions to extract rock and fluid properties from elastic and petrophysical data using multi-variate Gaussian mixture models and Bayesian linearized AVO & rock physics inversion algorithms

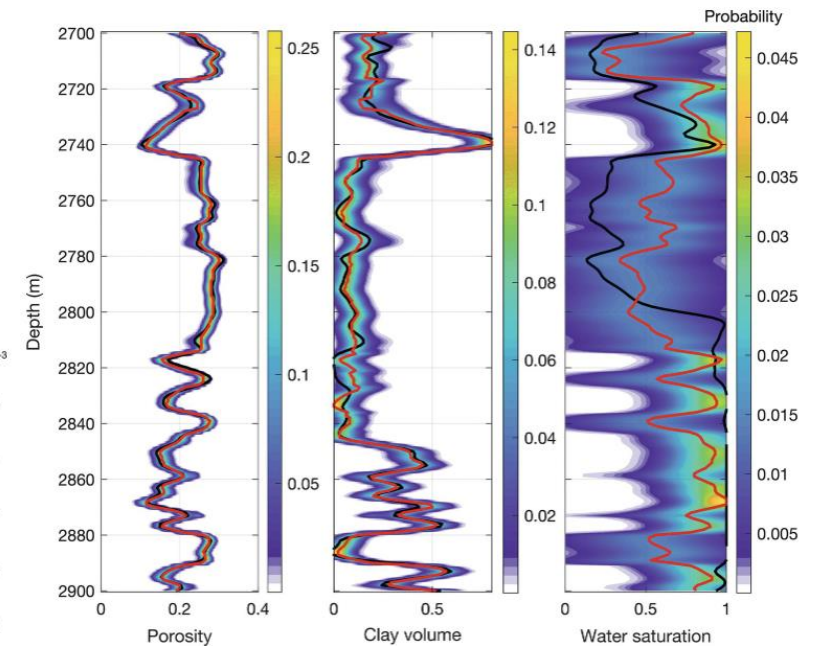
Bayesian linearized AVO inversion for seismic elastic properties



Gaussian mixture models for multi-variate distribution of elastic & petrophysical properties



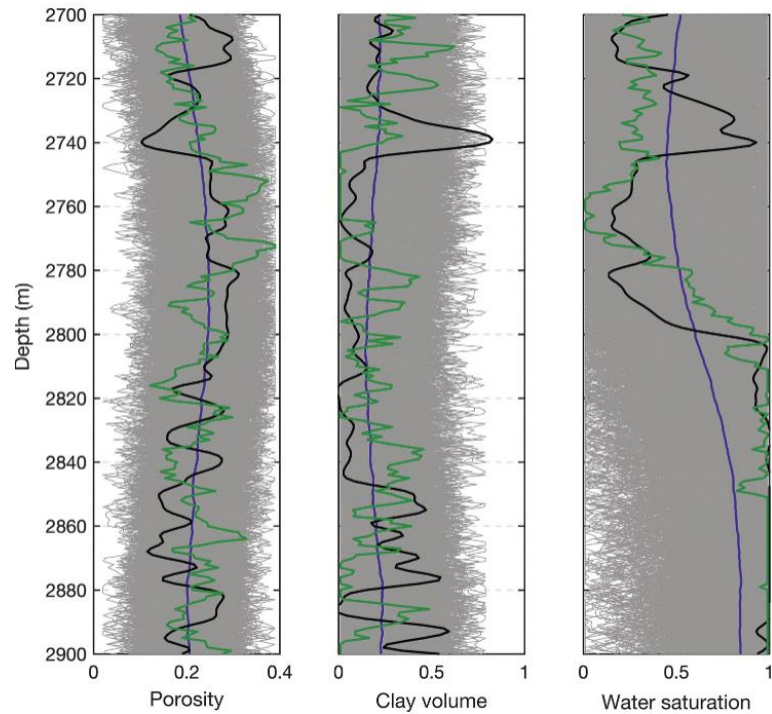
Bayesian linearized rock physics inversion for seismic petrophysical properties



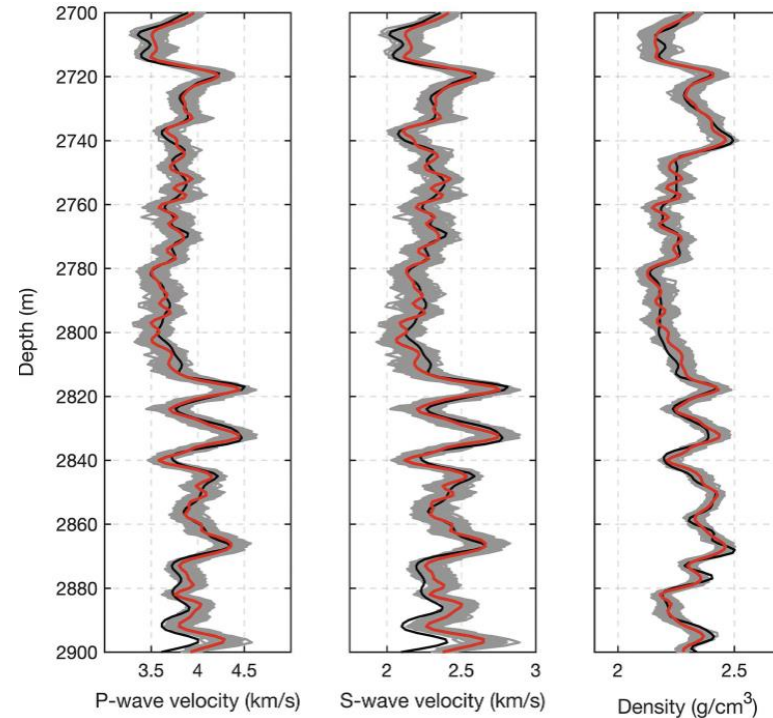
SeReM highlights

Seismic geostatistical inversions based on Markov Chain Monte Carlo & Gradual Deformation stochastic optimization methods and harmonic functions to generate consistent elastic and petrophysical properties

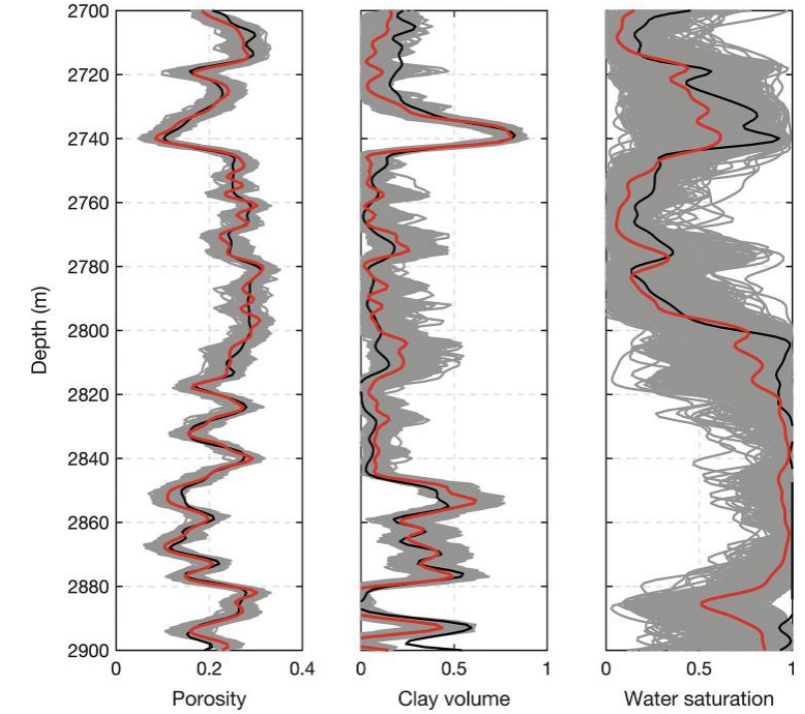
Prior petrophysical properties perturbed
using gradual deformation



Posterior elastic properties
Posterior Mean | Actual Well Logs



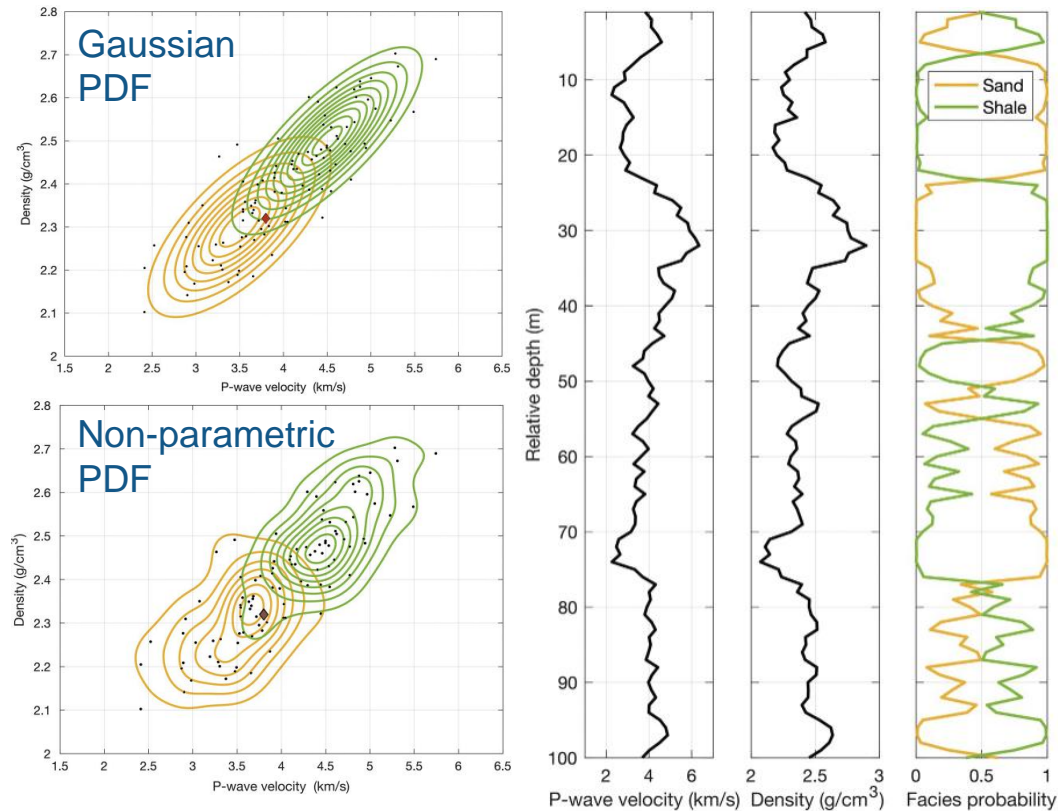
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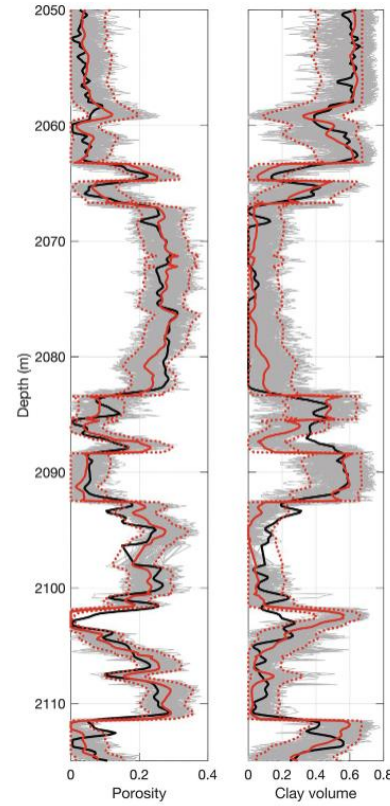
SeReM highlights

Seismic facies inversion based on discrete, multi-variate Bayesian classification using Ensemble Smoother (ES) and Multimodal Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MMCMC) inversion methods

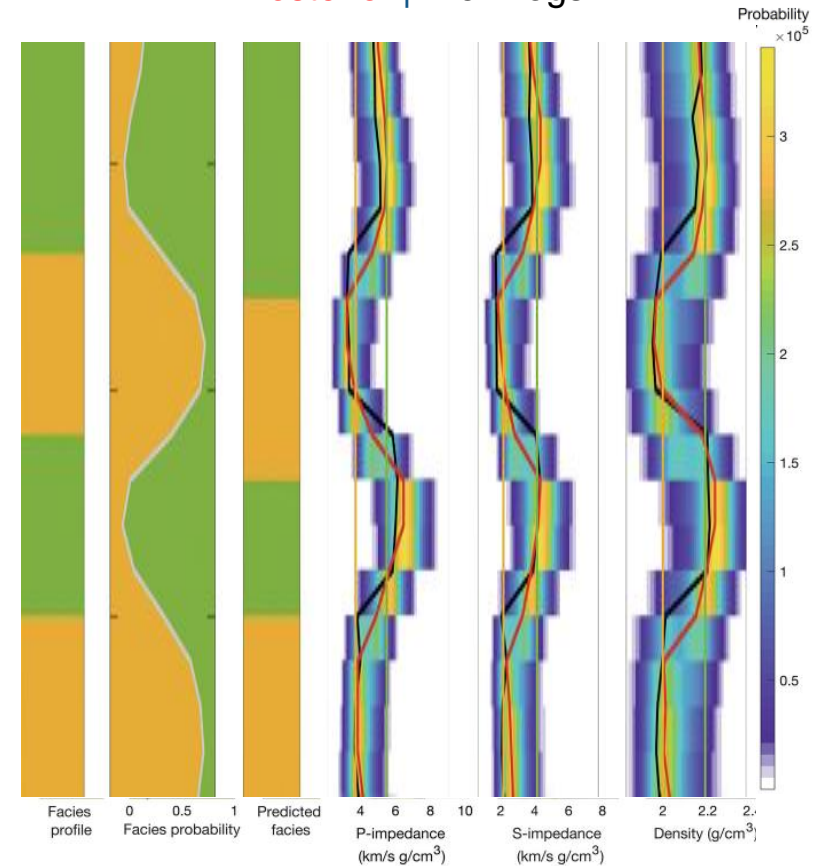
Prior multi-variate Bayesian facies classification



ES inversion for petrophysics
Posterior | Well Logs



MMCMC inversion for seismic facies and elastic probabilities
Posterior | Well Logs

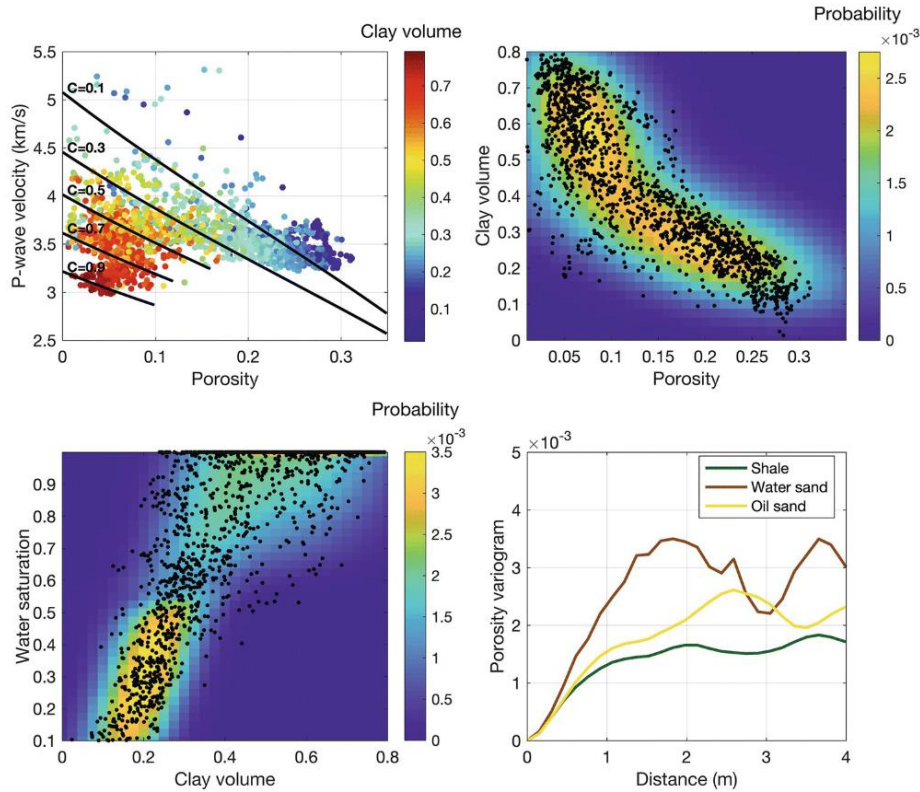


SeReM examples

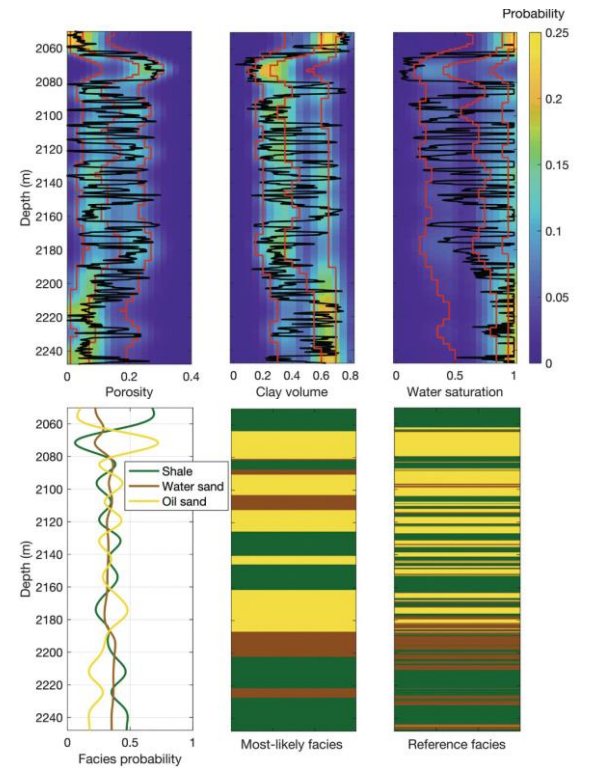
Bayesian linearized inversion for petrophysical properties (Norwegian Sea | Clastics)

Source: [Grana and Della Rossa \(2010\)](#)

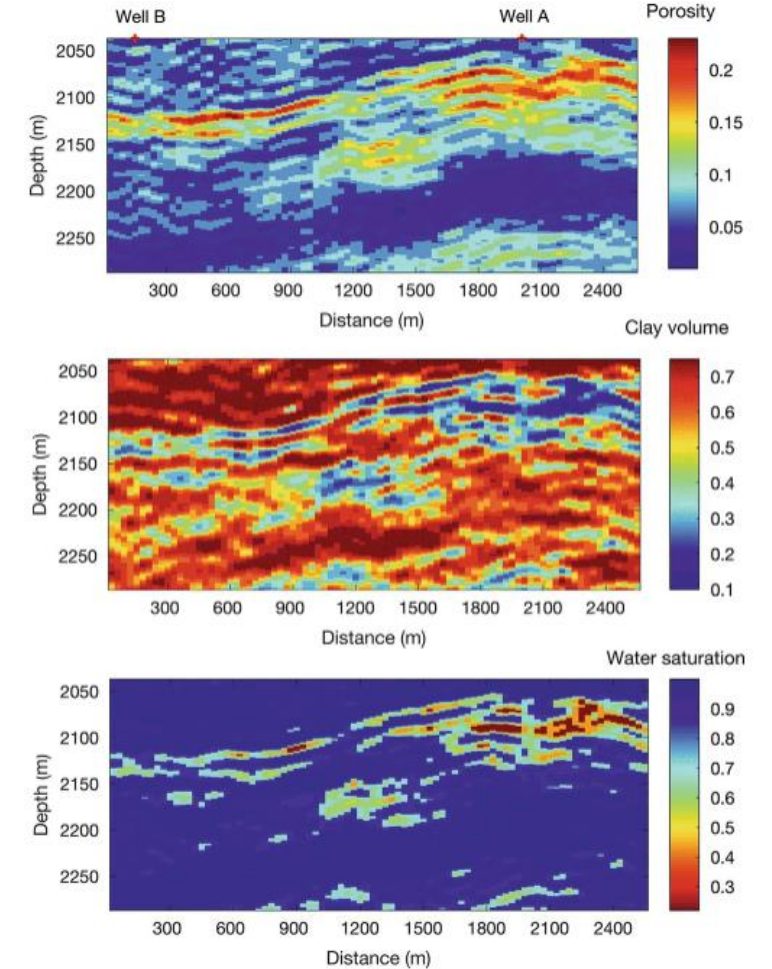
Non-parametric rock physics modeling & spatial facies distribution



Petrophysical facies probabilities From seismic Bayesian inversion



Petrophysical property inversion

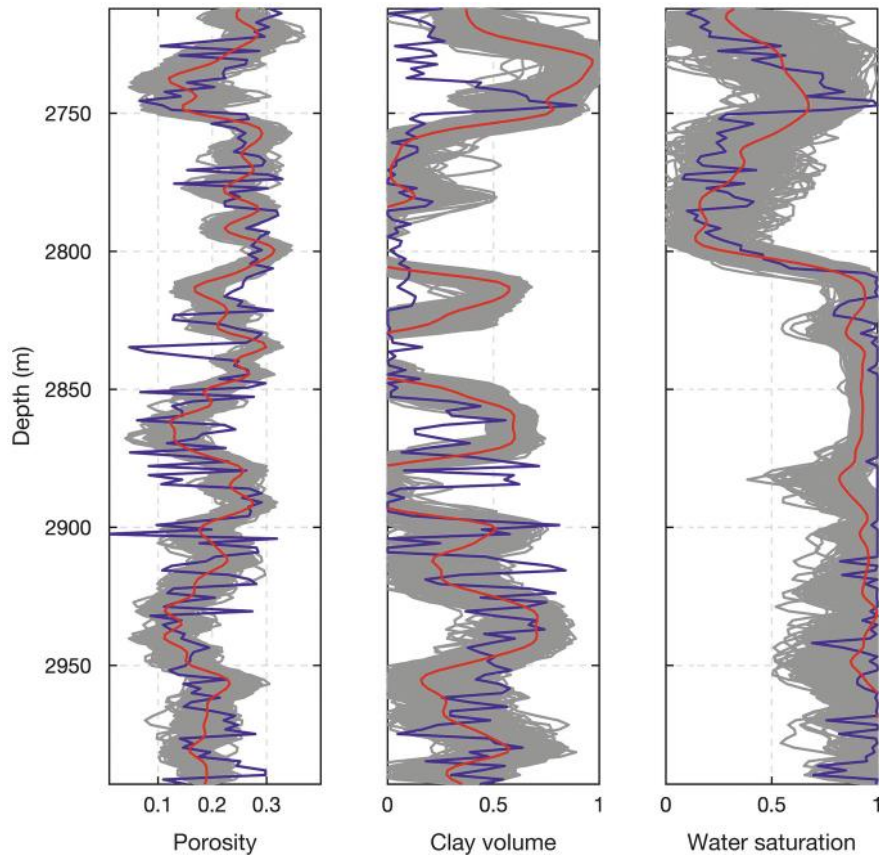


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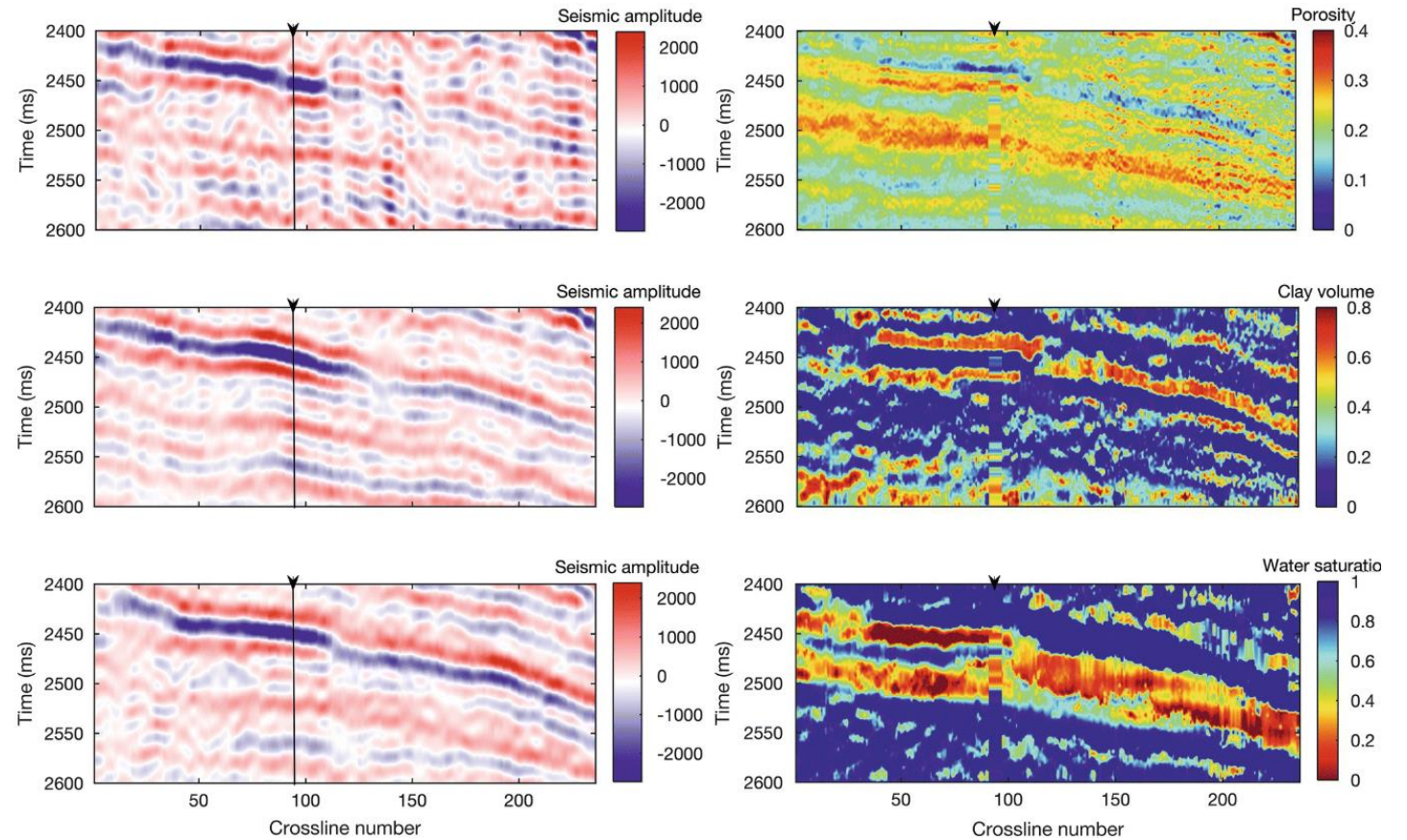
Ensemble Smoother (ES) inversion for elastic & petrophysical properties (Norne field, Norway | Clastics)

Source: [Liu and Grana \(2018\)](#)

Stochastic modeling of petrophysical logs
(posterior mean | well logs)



Partial seismic stacks (*left*) and seismic petrophysical inversion results (*right*)

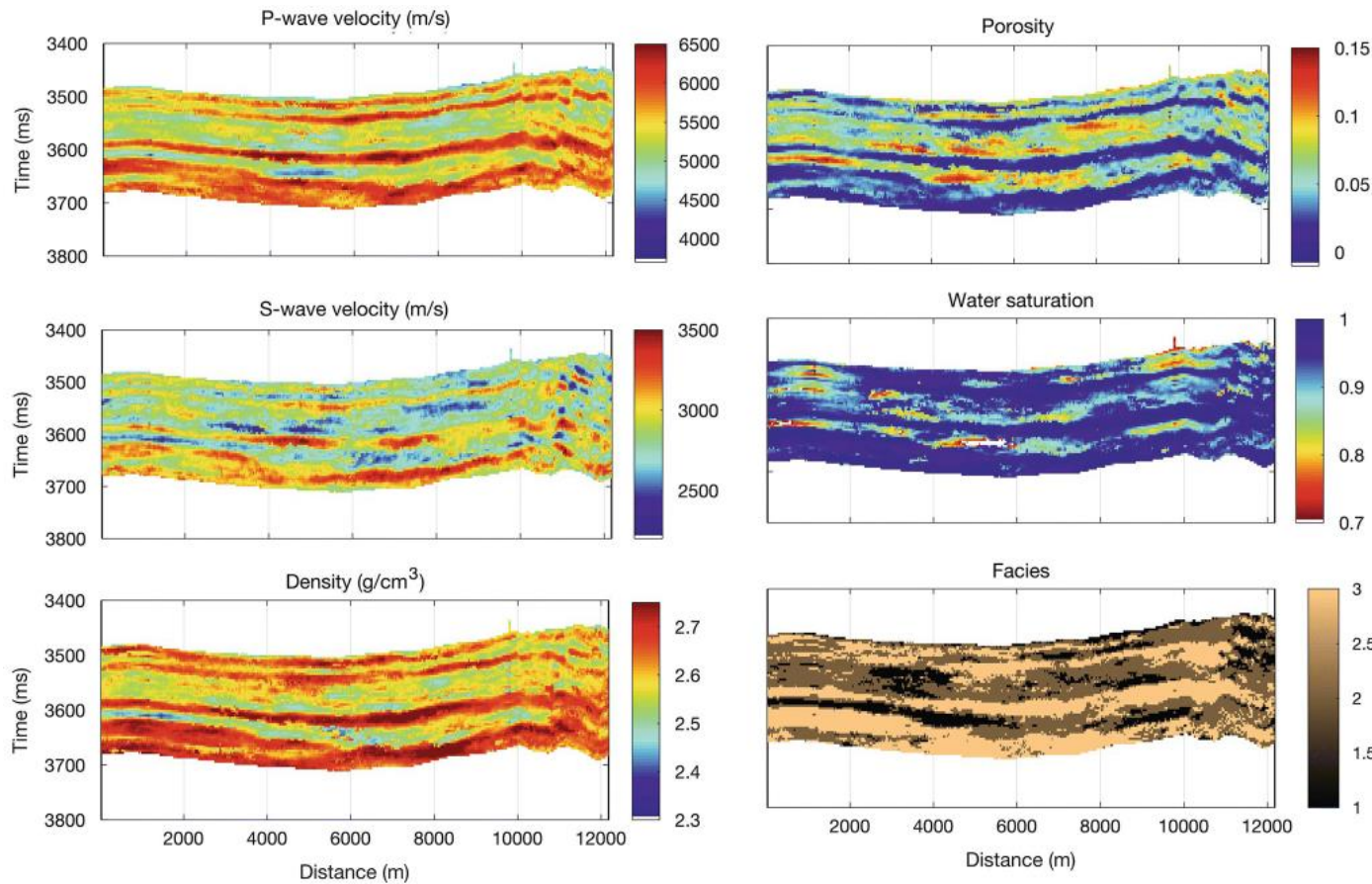


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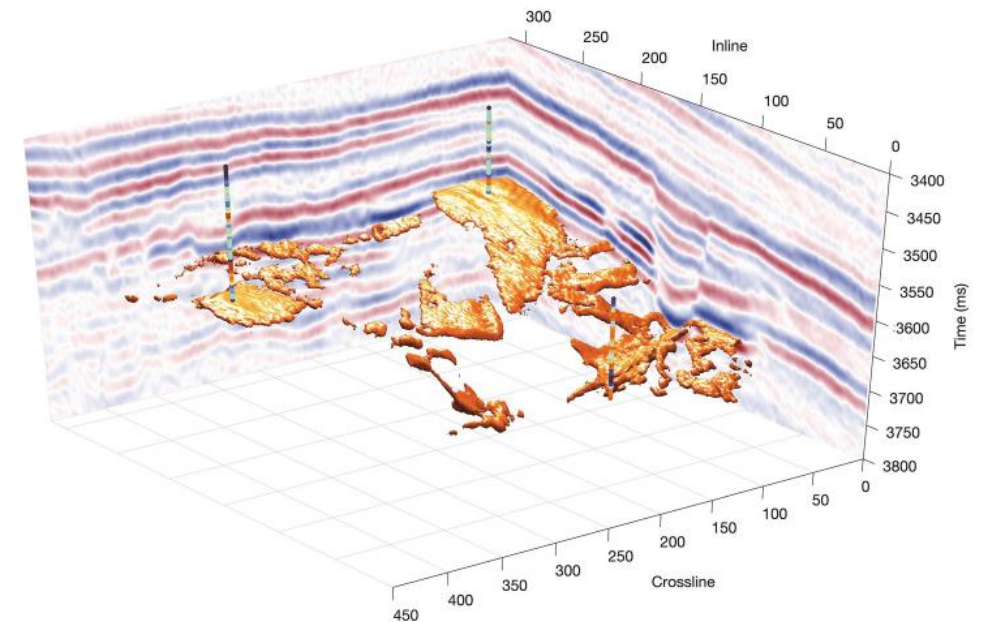
Multimodal Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MMCMC) petro-elastic inversion (Offshore Brazil | Carbonates)

Source: [De Figueiredo et al \(2018\)](#)

Elastic (*left*) and Petrophysical (*right*) MMCMC seismic facies inversion
(carbonate facies: 1 – *high-porosity*; 2 – *mid porosity*; 3 – *low porosity*)



3D facies geobody
(probability of high-porosity carbonate > 65%)



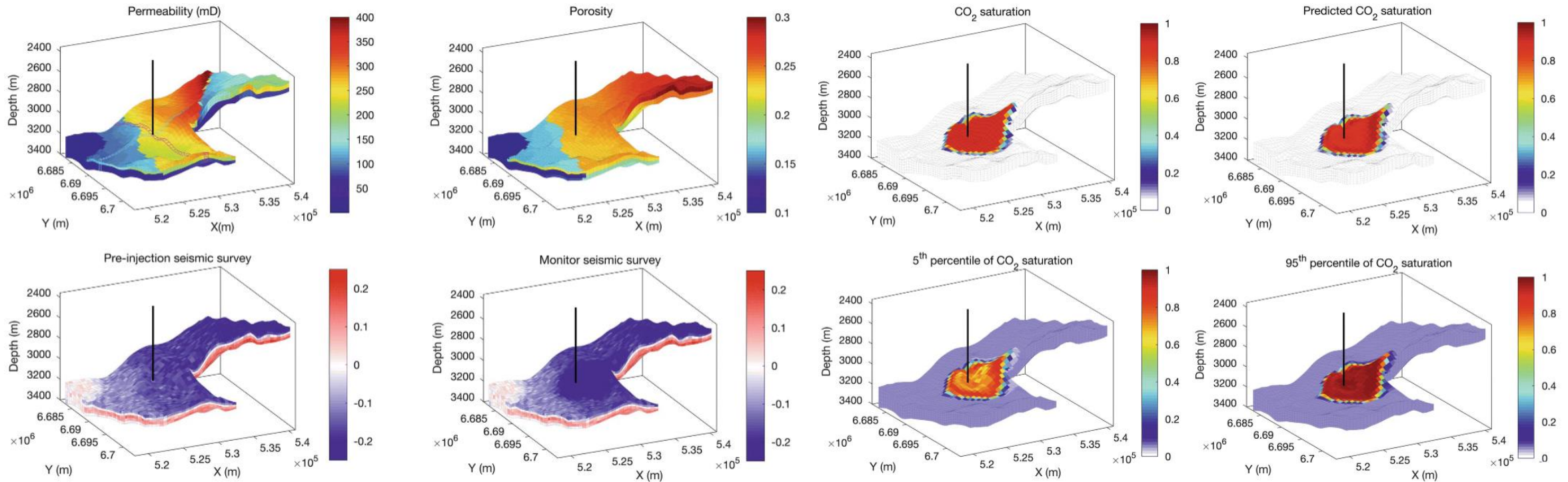
SeReM examples

Time-lapse (4D) CO₂ modeling, inversion, and uncertainty analysis (Troll field, Norway | Saline Aquifer)

Sources: [Liu and Grana \(2020\)](#); [Ayani et al \(2020\)](#)

Reservoir property models (*above*) and time-lapse (4D) seismic surveys (*below*)

CO₂ saturation model (*upper-left*) vs. predicted CO₂ saturations (*upper-right*) and 5%/95% percentiles (*lower*)



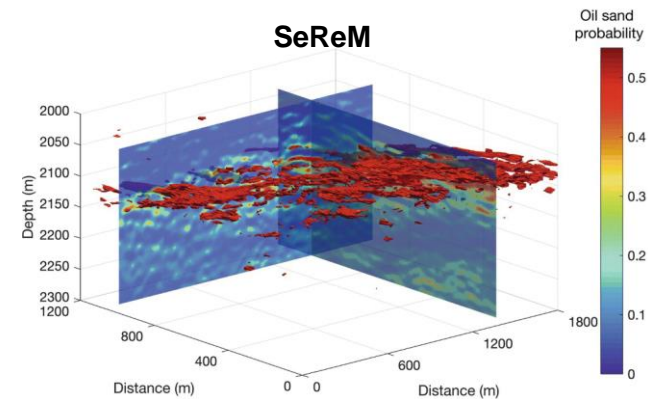
SeReM – MATLAB® code reference

Link: <https://seismicreservoirmodeling.github.io/SeReM/>

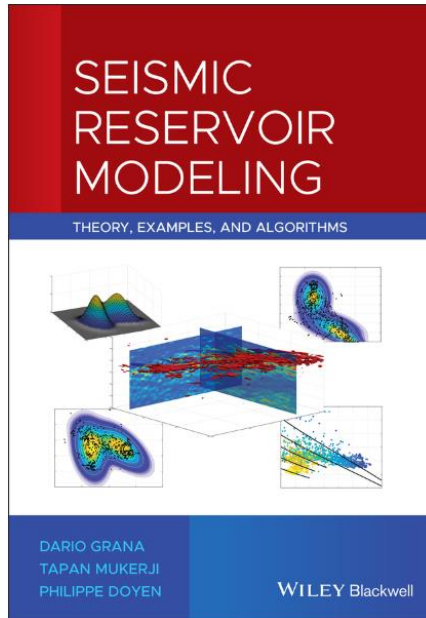
The MATLAB® SeReM package includes five folders:

- **Data:** contains six datasets used for the examples and the elevation dataset from Yellowstone National Park.
- **RockPhysics:** contains functions for several rock physics models.
- **Geostats:** contains functions for kriging and geostatistical simulations of random variables.
- **Inversion:** contains functions for seismic and rock physics inversion using analytical and numerical solutions subdivided into : Seismic, Petrophysical, and Ensemble Smoother.
- **Facies:** contains functions for facies classification and simulation.

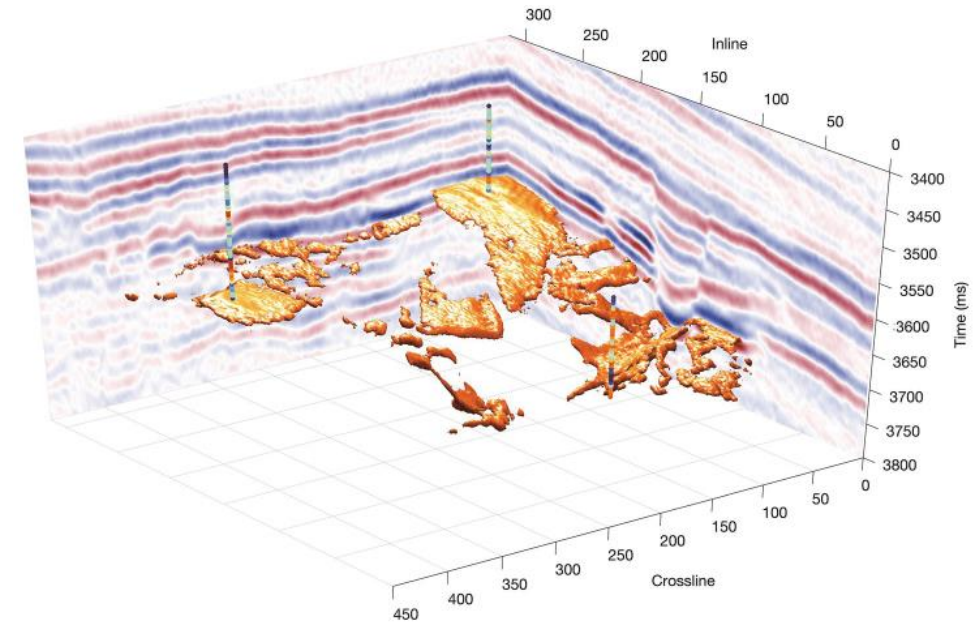
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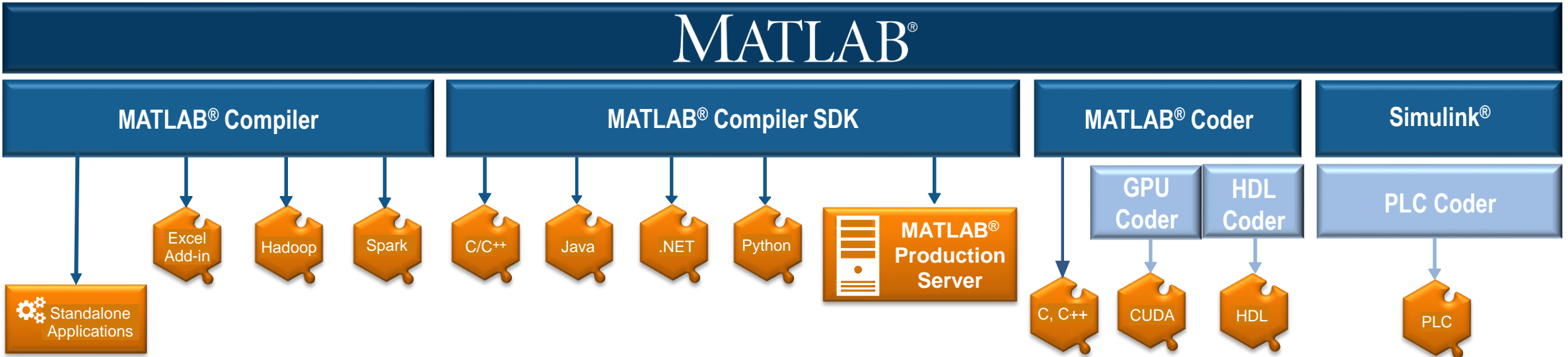
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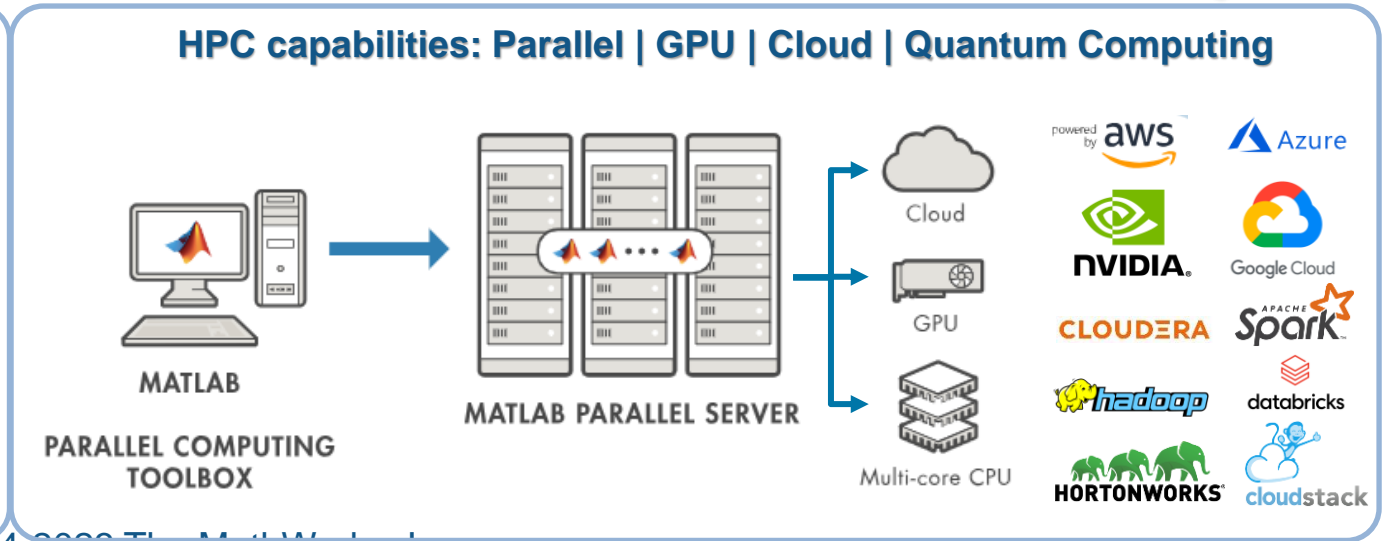
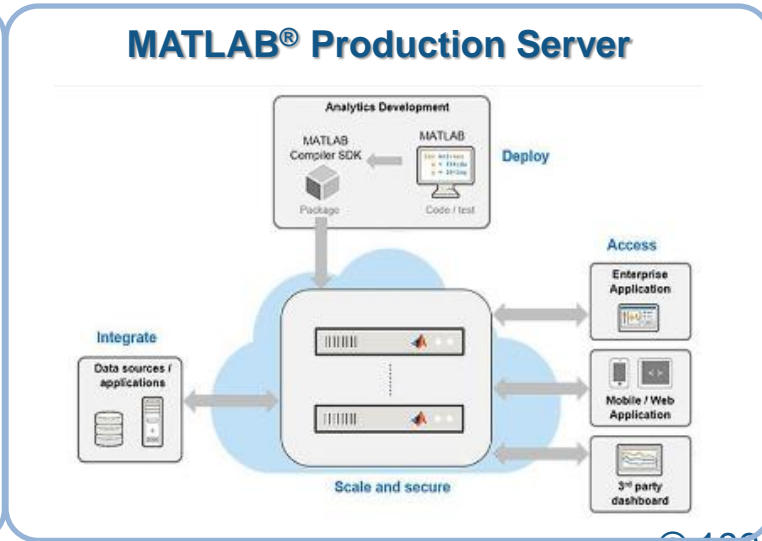
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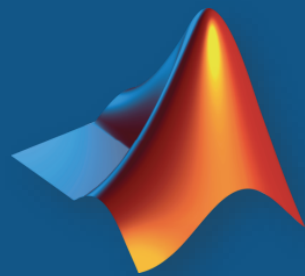
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