
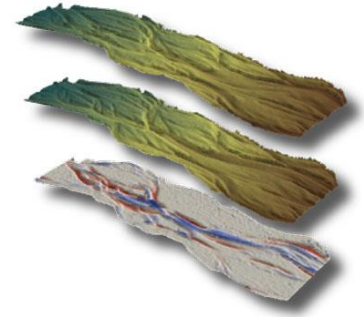

GEOMORPHIC CHANGE DETECTION


$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$



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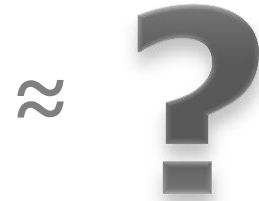


BY END OF SESSION

You should understand:

1. GCD techniques and how they are applied to monitoring rivers
2. How we account for uncertainties in DEMs
3. How to interpret DoDs

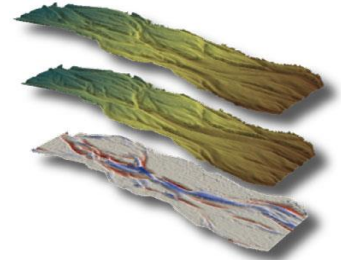
GCD \neq Glen Canyon Dam
GCD = Geomorphic
Change Detection



DoD \neq



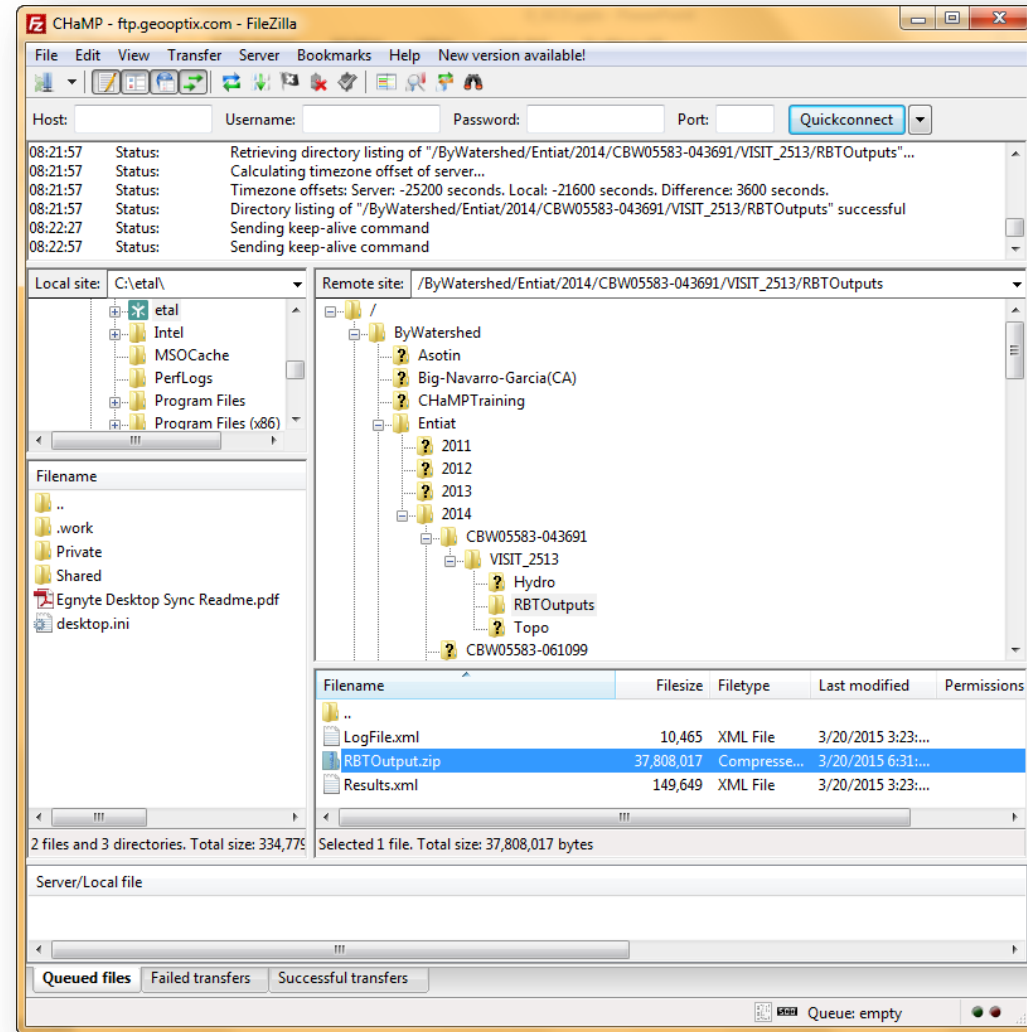
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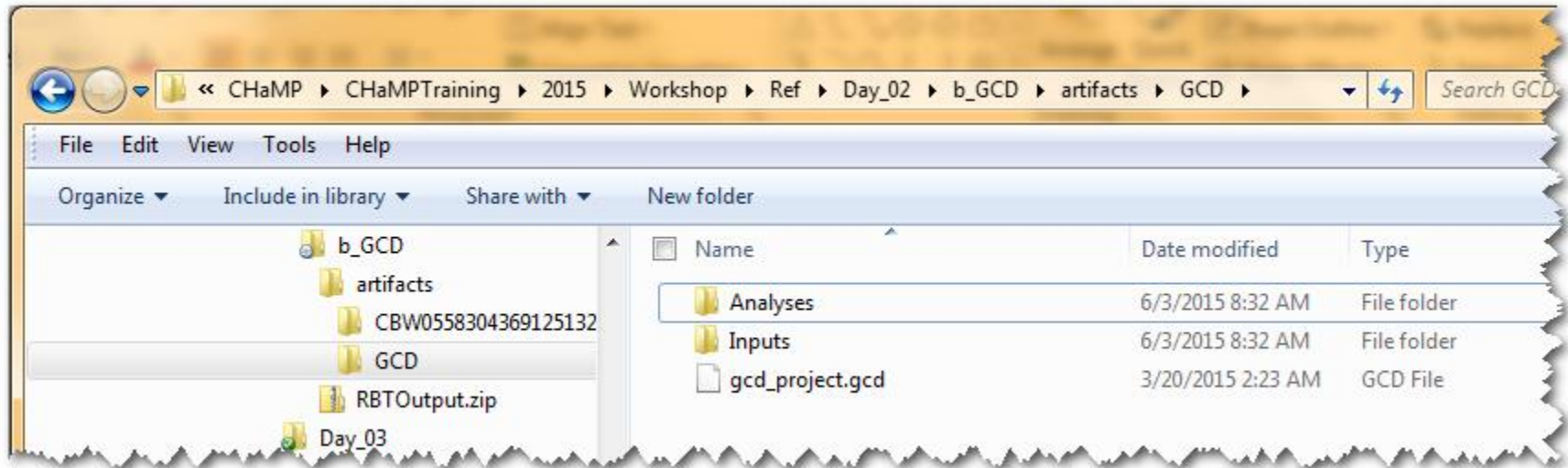
IF YOU DOWNLOAD GCD PROJECT....

- What does it mean?
- How can I interpret results?
 - Map
 - Tabular
- How can I do additional analyses?

In the `RBTOutput.zip`



GCD OUTPUT BY VISIT...



- In the `RBTOutput.zip` is the artifacts folder. In that is:
 - The Visit RBT Outputs
 - The GCD project folder...

WORKSHOP WEBSITE

 gcdworkshop.joewheaton.org

- No need for frantic note taking...
- Syllabus
- Workshop Topics
 - Lecture Slides
 - Exercises
 - Additional Resources & References
- Links to Software & Help Forums



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Geomorphic Change Detection Workshop website. At the top, there are logos for the Utah State University Ecogeomorphology & Topographic Analysis Laboratory, FHC (The Fluvial Habitats Center), and ICRRR. The main heading is "GEOMORPHIC CHANGE DETECTION WORKSHOP". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with sections: "GCD Workshop" (Home, About the Workshop (Syllabus), Workshop Topics), "GCD Software", "GCD 5 Help", "GCD Forum", "Past GCD Workshops", and "Important Links". The main content area includes a welcome message, "Enrolled Participants" information, "Prospective Participants" information, "Funding" details, and "Software Development" information. A video player titled "Geomorphic Change Detection Examples" is embedded, showing a map of a flood event on Redds, Sulphur Creek, CA. The footer includes the USGS logo and the text "The next GCD workshop will be taught April 29 to May 1st, 2014 in Logan." and "© 2011 - Disclaimer & Copyright".

<http://gcdworkshop.joewheaton.org>

WARNING: We normally cover this material in 2 to 3 day workshops!

LET'S BREAK SOMETHING...

- Make sure ArcGIS 10.X is Installed, but Not Open

- Download Latest GCD 6 from:  gcd.joewheaton.org/downloads

– <http://gcd.joewheaton.org/downloads>

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GCD Software

- Home
- Introduction
- Downloads
- Release Notes
- Older Versions
- How to Make a GCD Release
- GCD Help Pages
 - GCD 6 Help
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Downloads

GCD 6

The latest stable version of the GCD is available



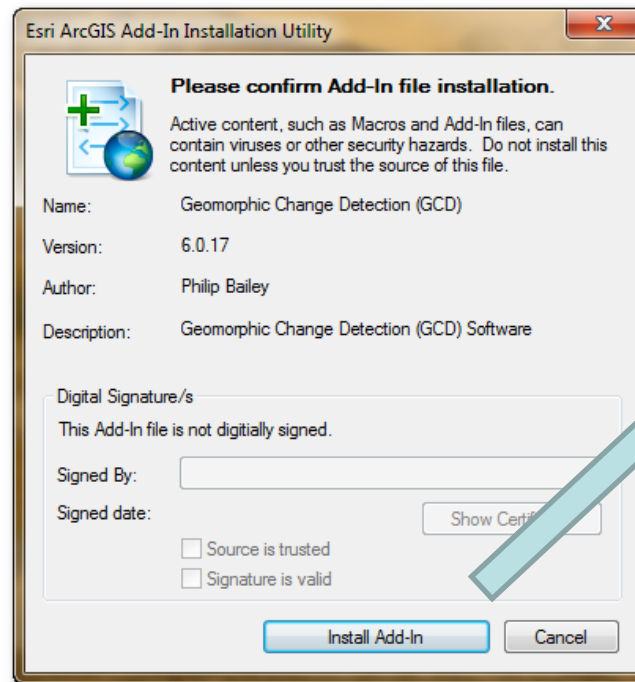
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Instructions, requirements and help for the inst: [sometimes available here.](#)

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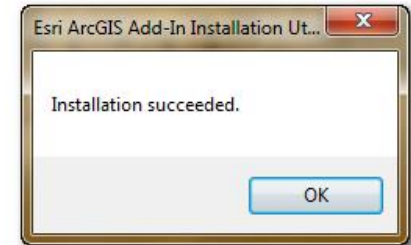
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Version: 6.0.17
Author: Philip Bailey
Description: Geomorphic Change Detection (GCD) Software

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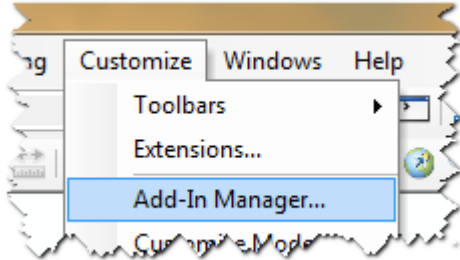


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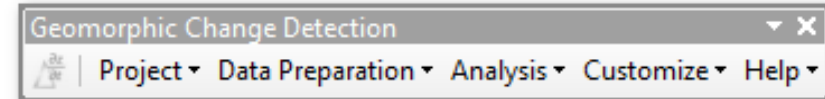
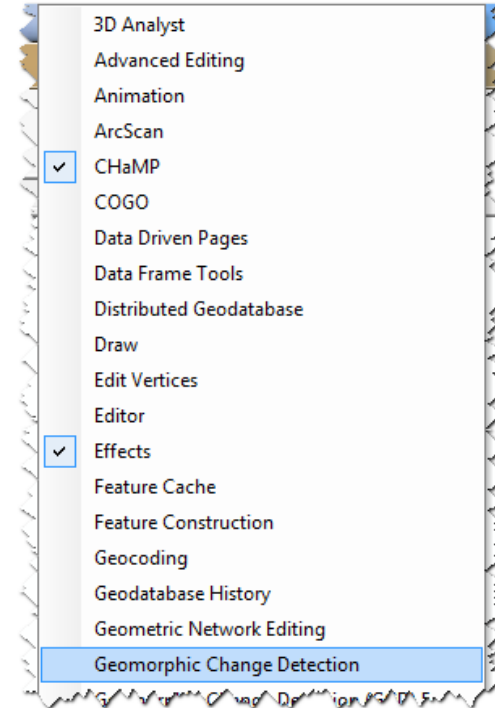
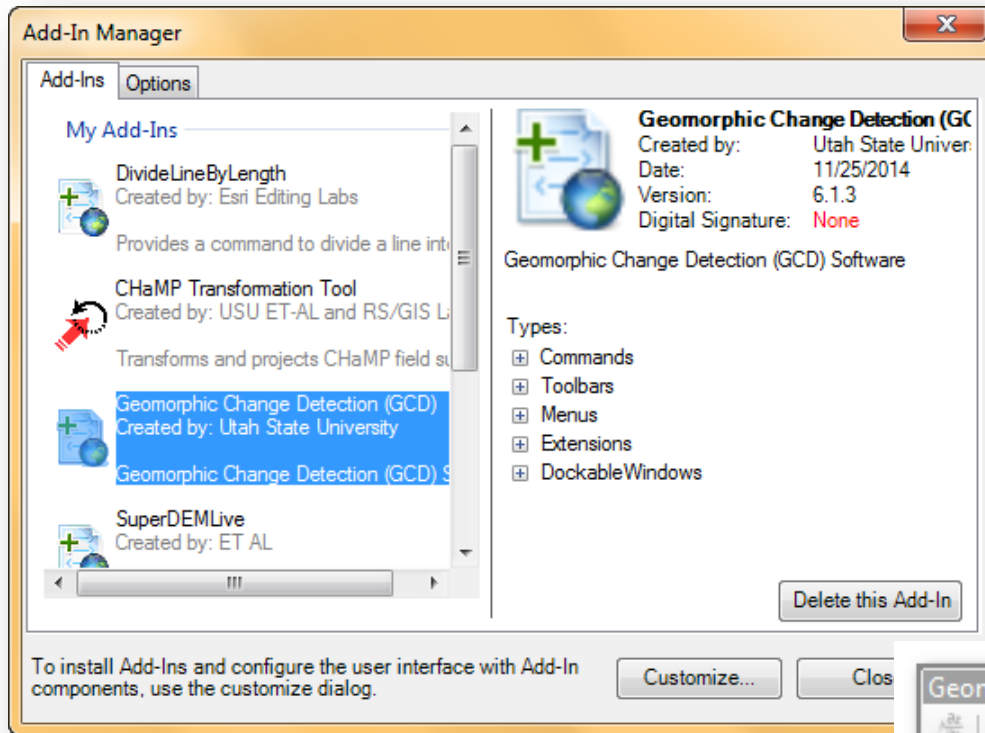
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2. Go to Add-In Manager
3. Check its there
4. Turn Toolbar on

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INTERSPERSE LECTURES WITH... HANDS-ON EXERCISES



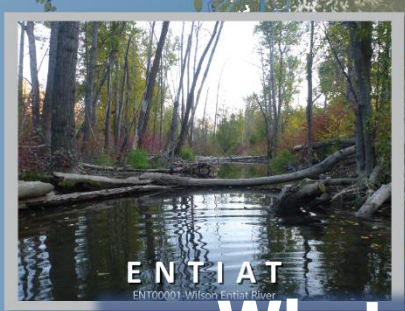
To Make Exercises Efficient:

- Start up ArcGIS (leave idle in blank document)
- Make sure extensions are on
- Make sure GCD 6 toolbar is loaded
- Make sure exercise data is copied to:
c:\0_Worskhop\ or similarly easy place to find...



COLUMBIA HABITAT MONITORING PROGRAM

MONITORING SITE LOCATIONS, COLUMBIA RIVER WATERSHED



CHaMP Sites

- Annual
- Rotating Panel Year 1
- Rotating Panel Year 2
- Rotating Panel Year 3

— Perennial River

— Road

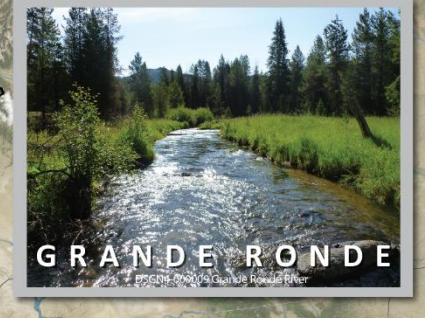
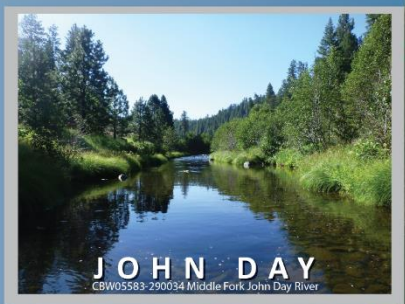
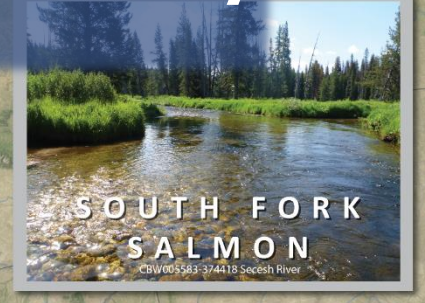
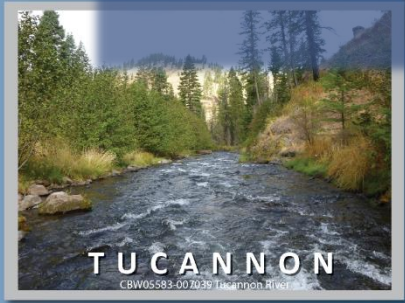
📍 CHaMP Pilot Watershed

📍 Non-CHaMP Funded Collaborator Watershed

📍 Planned CHaMP Full Implementation Watershed

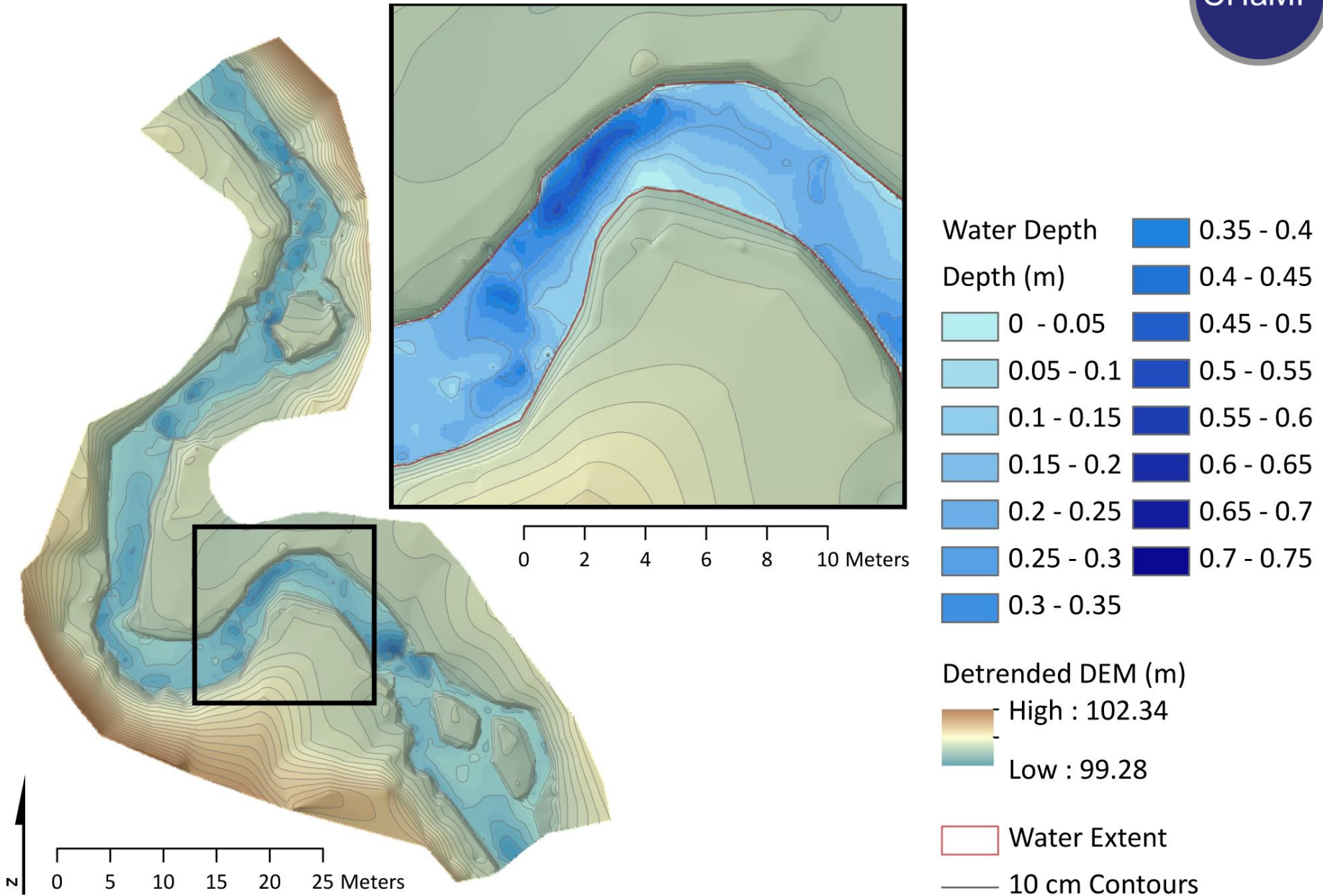


What can geomorphic change tell us about habitat conditions for fish across a huge diversity of reach types?



A TYPICAL CHaMP TOPO SURVEY

CHaMP





Pilot Phase

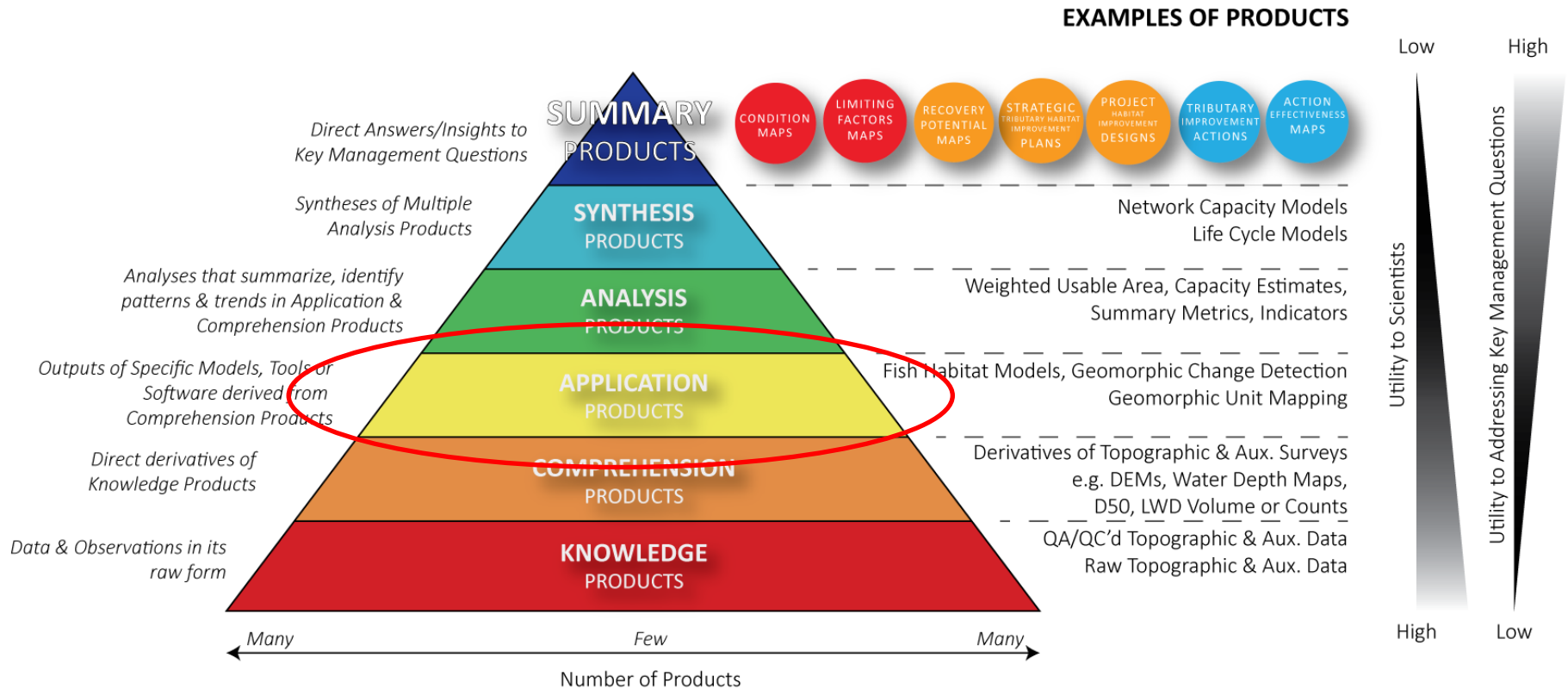
- 11 Watersheds throughout the Columbia Basin
- Roughly 45-55 sites in each basin (10-15 annual): +700 Total

Full Implementation?

- Up to 26 Watersheds
- ~1200 sites



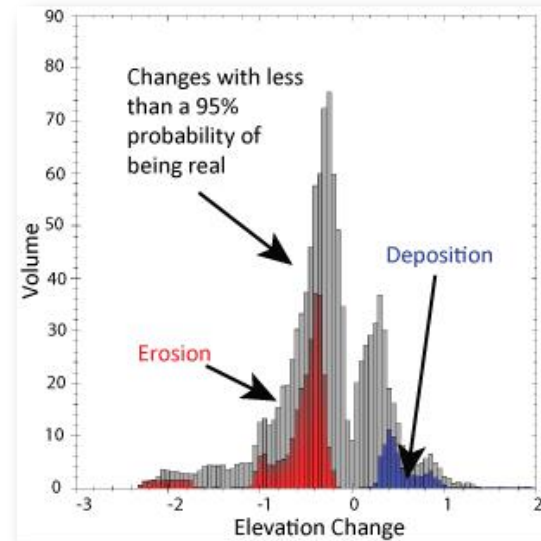
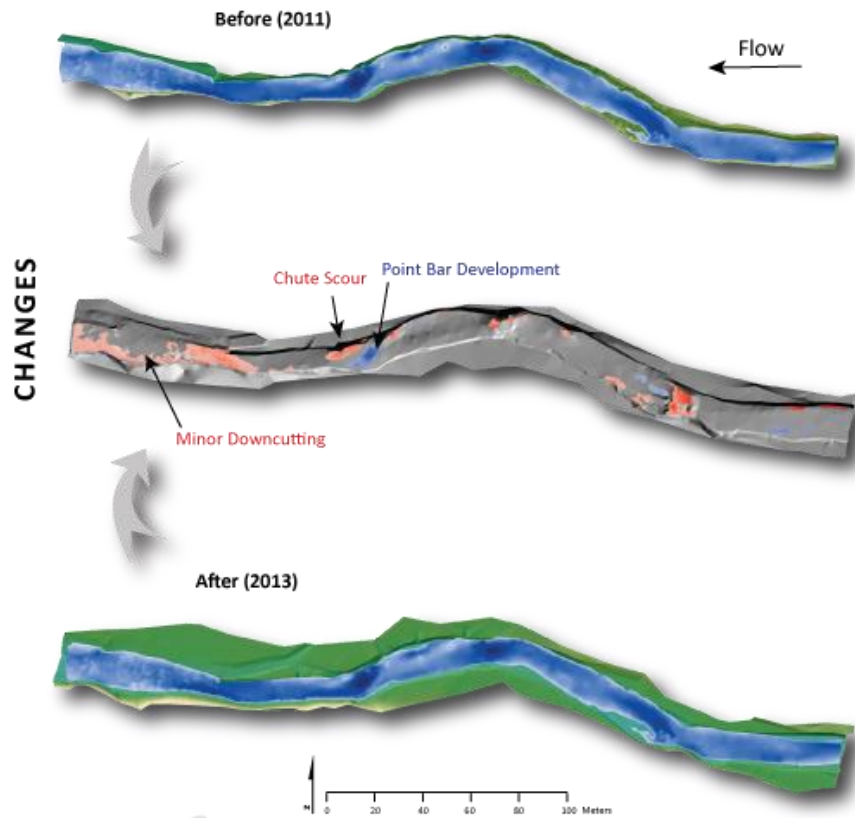
WHERE GCD FITS IN PRODUCT FAMILY



An *application product* that uses repeat surveys of DEMs (*comprehension products*) to quantify **trends** (i.e. geomorphic changes)

GCD TO DESCRIBE BEHAVIOR... IN A POOR CONDITION VARIANT

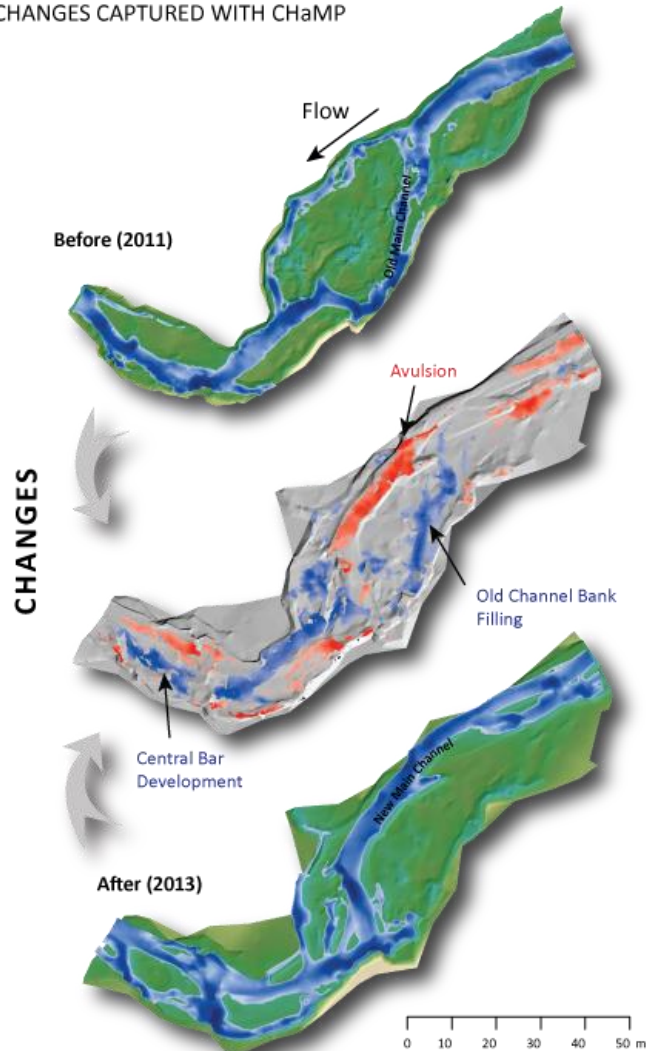
DYNAMIC RIVER BEHAVIOR
CHANGES CAPTURED WITH CHaMP



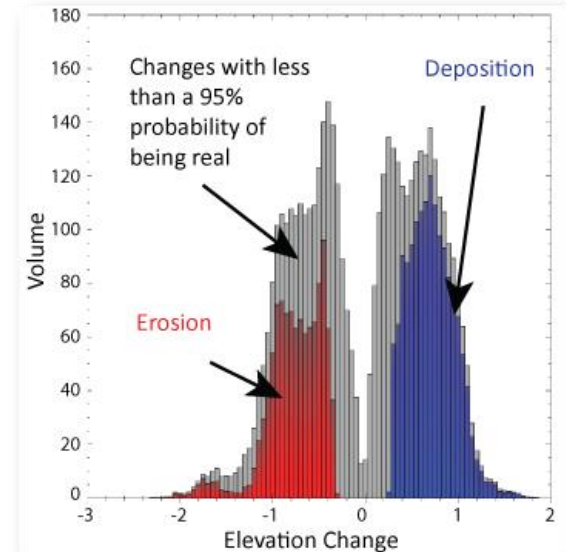
ChannelView: Upper River, WA ID: CBW05583-386091

GCD TO DESCRIBE BEHAVIOR... IN A GOOD CONDITION VARIANT

DYNAMIC RIVER BEHAVIOR
CHANGES CAPTURED WITH ChaMP

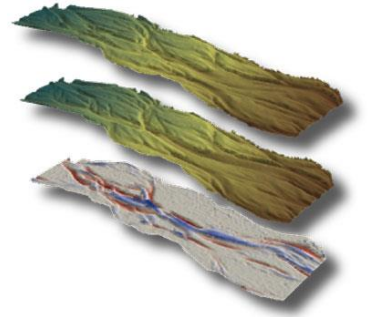


Champ Site: Tucannon River, WA ID: CBW05583-481459



GEOMORPHIC CHANGE DETECTION

TRADITIONAL APPROACHES TO GEOMORPHIC CHANGE DETECTION



HOW CAN WE CALCULATE CHANGE?

- Given these DEMs through time, what could we use to calculate change?

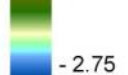


Legend

Detrended DEM

Relative Elevation (m)

+ 2.75



- 2.75

④ Locations of Active Diffluence

① Locations of Active Confluence



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2. Basic DEM Differencing



3. Raster Calculator DoD Example



4. Simple Thresholding



5. Raster Calculator Threshold Example



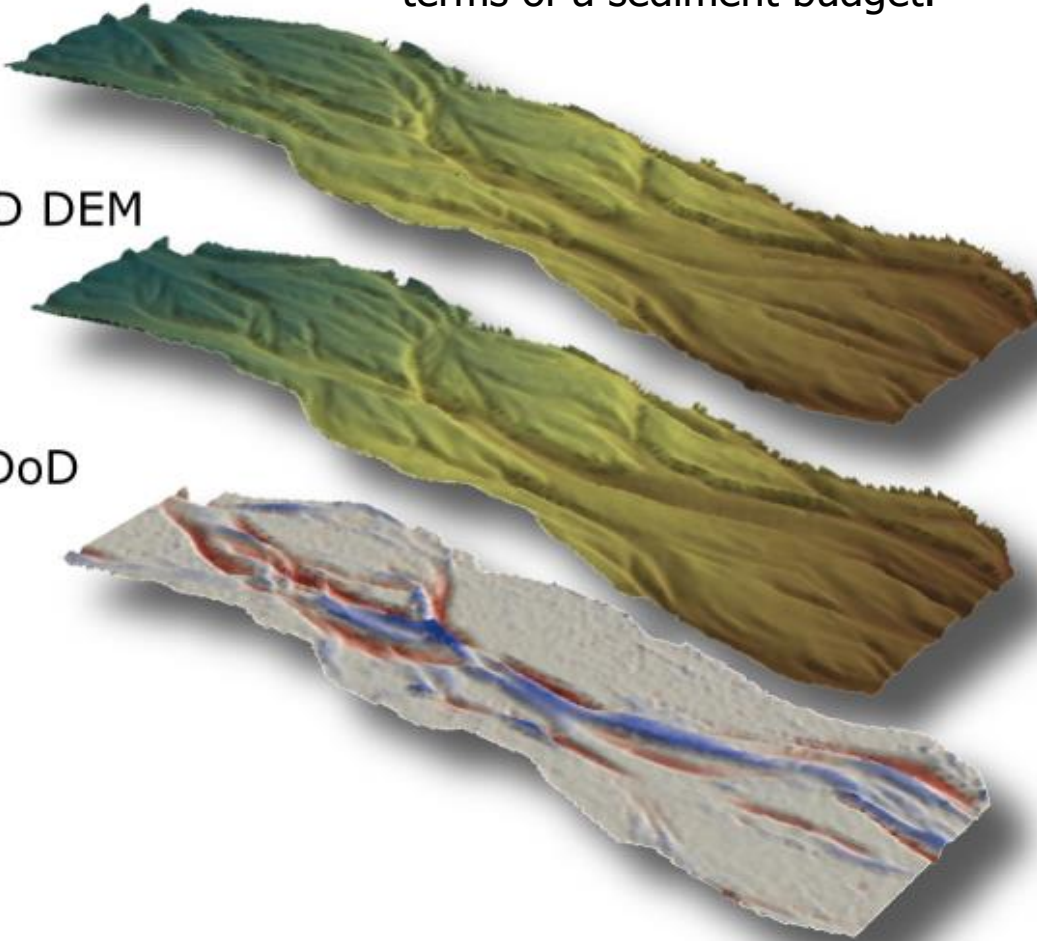
DEM DIFFERENCING

NEW DEM

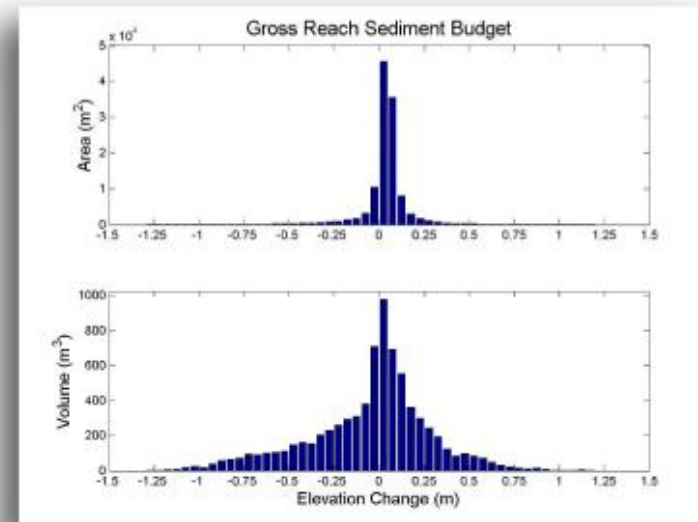
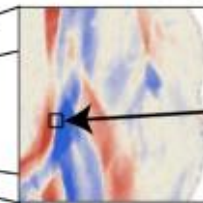
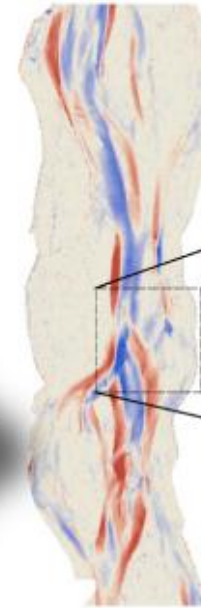
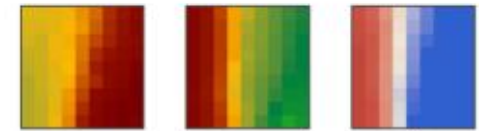
Simple method of quantifying spatial variations in change in storage terms of a sediment budget.

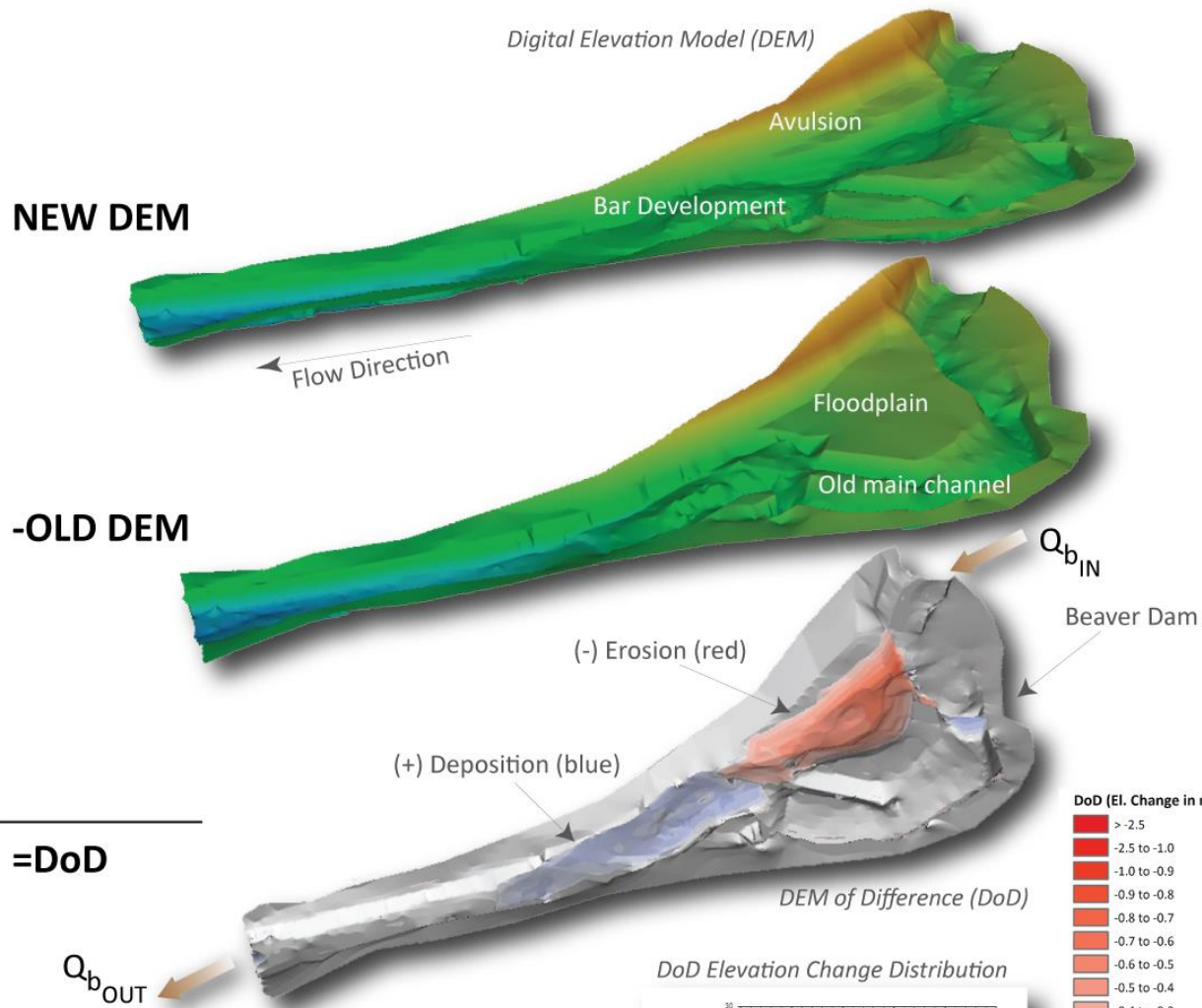
OLD DEM

= DoD



$$\text{NEW DEM} - \text{OLD DEM} = \text{DoD}$$





=DoD

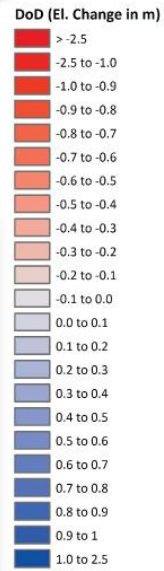
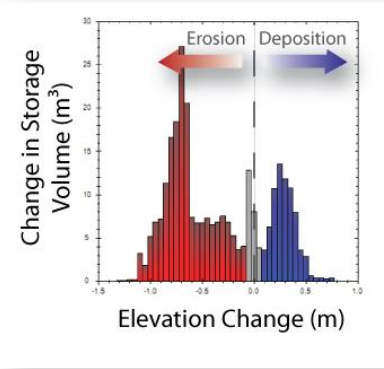
Morphological Sediment Budget:

$$Q_{b_{IN}} - Q_{b_{OUT}} = \frac{\Delta V_{DoD}}{\Delta t}$$

Bedload Flux Difference Change in Storage

$$\Delta V_{DoD} = \Sigma V_{Deposition} - \Sigma V_{Erosion}$$

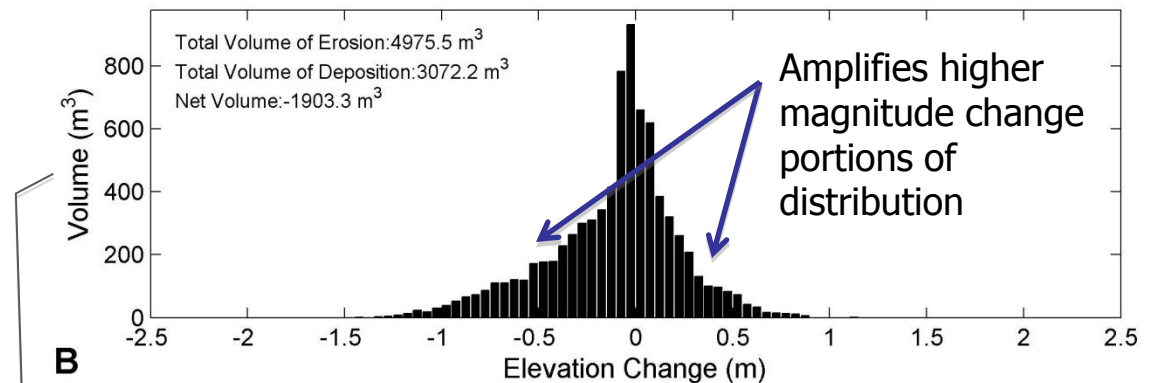
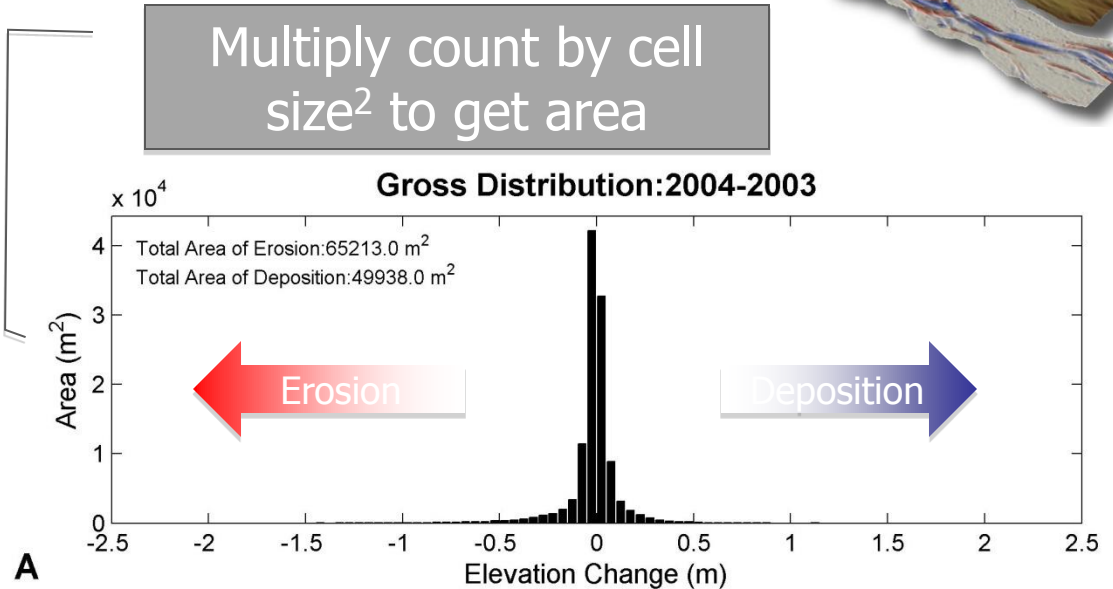
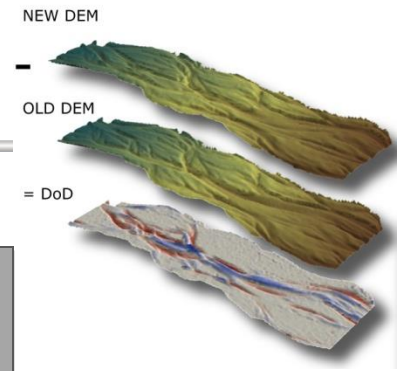
DoD Elevation Change Distribution



$\Sigma V_{Erosion}$ $\Sigma V_{Deposition}$

WHAT'S THE HISTOGRAM OF?

- What about the DoD?
- Values on vertical derived in different ways
- Same information revealed differently...

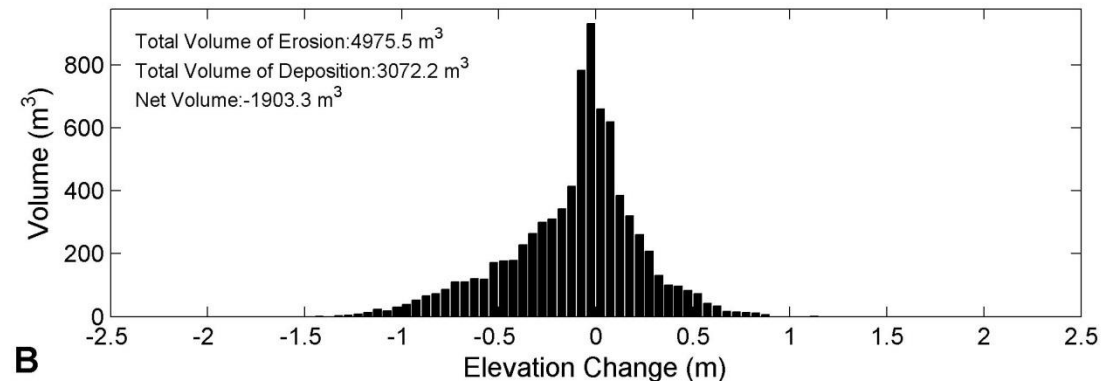
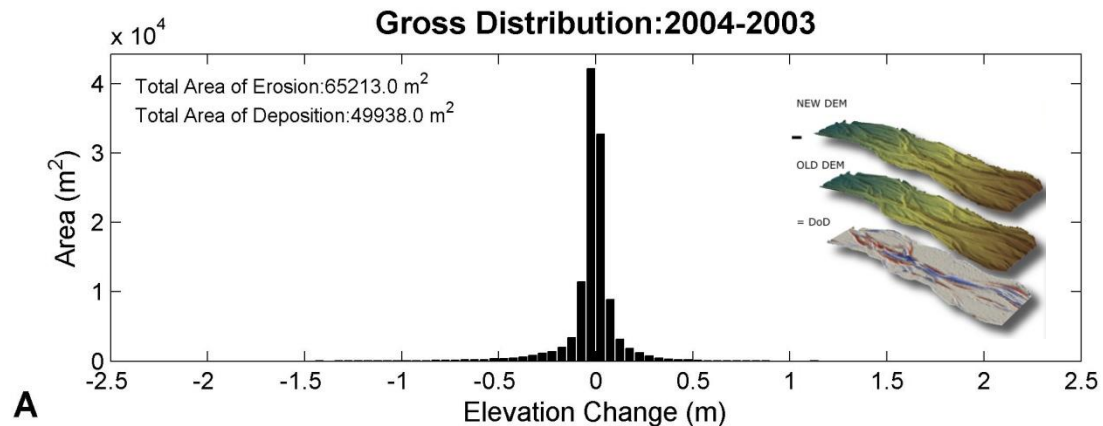


Multiply area by elevation change to get volume



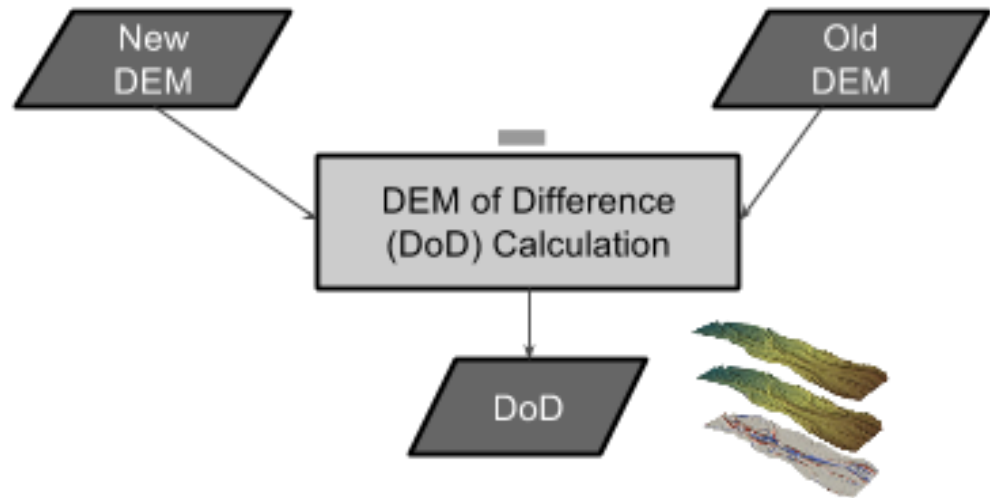
WHY IS SO MUCH OF DoD DISTRIBUTION CENTERED AROUND ZERO?

- Is it real?
- Are there just a lot of small changes?
- What needs to happen to get NO change?
- What is likelihood of measuring exact same value?



'SO... THIS IS *JUST* A SIMPLE SUBTRACTION PROBLEM?'

- $\text{DoD} = \text{DEM}_{\text{new}} - \text{DEM}_{\text{old}}$



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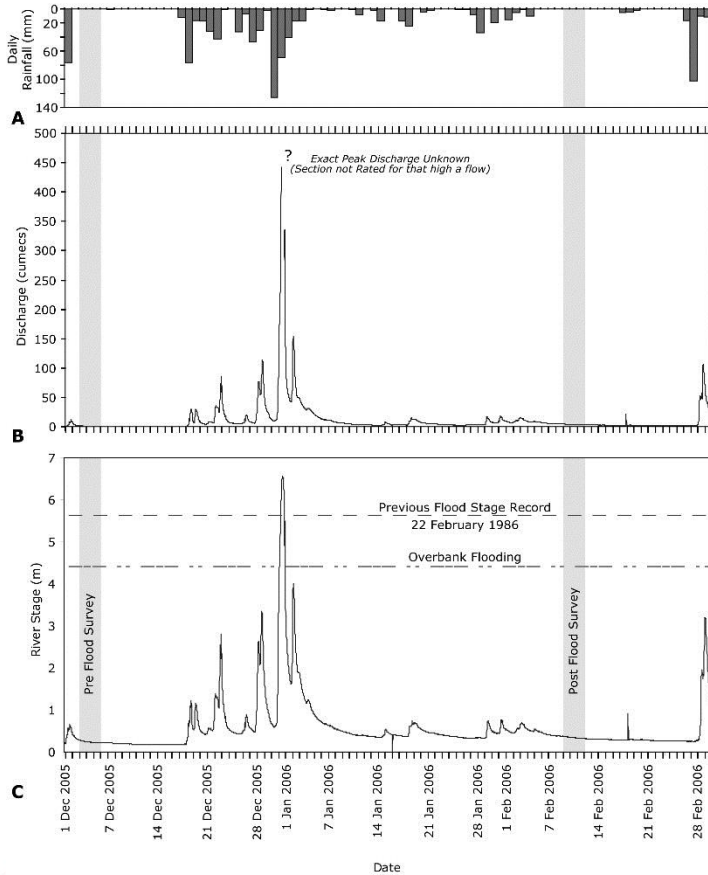


5 MINUTES...

- DoD w/ Sulphur Creek, CA

December 2005

February 2006

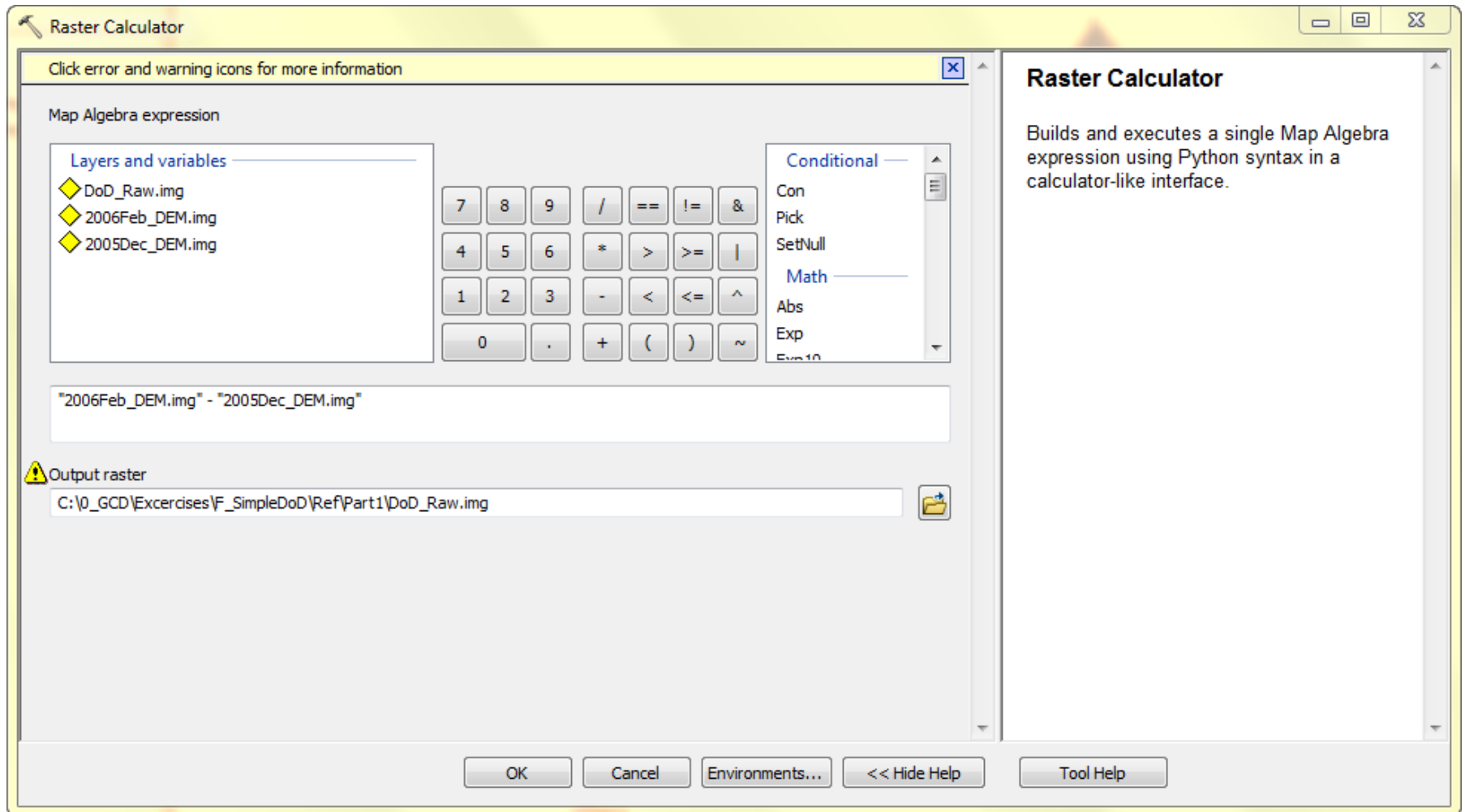


0 10 20 30 40 50 Meters

Legend

Analysis Extent

WHAT TO DO...



EXERCISE G – PART 1.A: RASTER CALC.

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CA_SulphurCreek\Raw_OrthoInputs

1. Load 2005 & 2006 DEMs
2. Start Raster Calculator
3. Subtract old (2005) from new (2006)
4. Import layer symbology from: `DoD_Raw.img.lyr`
and apply to DOD



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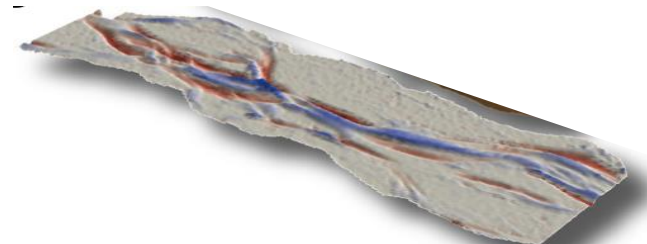
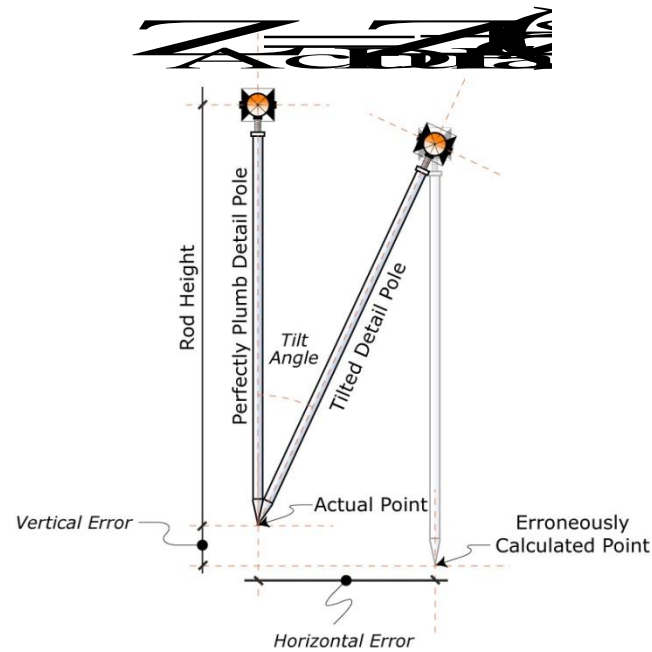


THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM...

Reliability Uncertainty: Of the predicted changes, what can we actually distinguish from noise?

We want: $\delta(z) \ll \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$

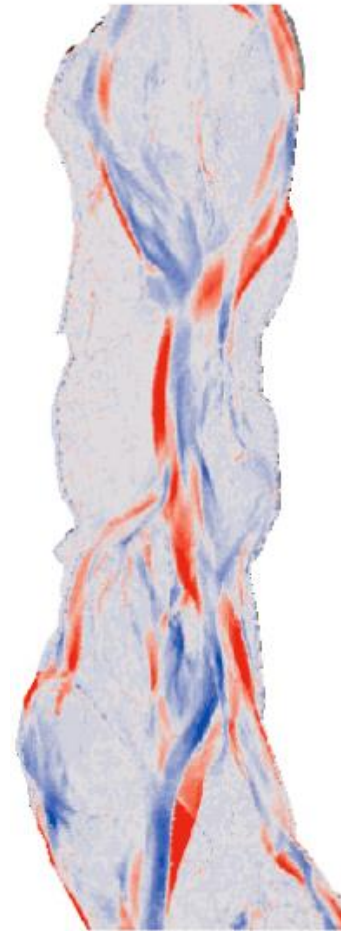
But, $\delta(z) \approx \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$



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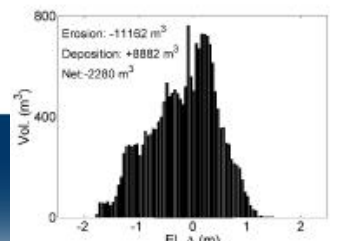
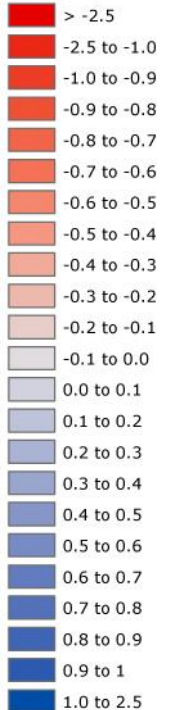
MINIMUM LEVEL OF DETECTION

- Should there be change everywhere?
- Distinguish those changes that are real from noise
- Error assumed to be unbiased (toward erosion or deposition)



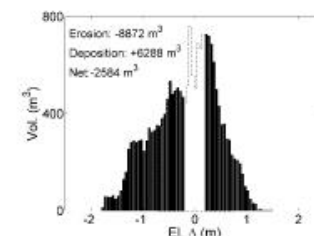
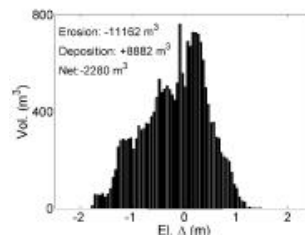
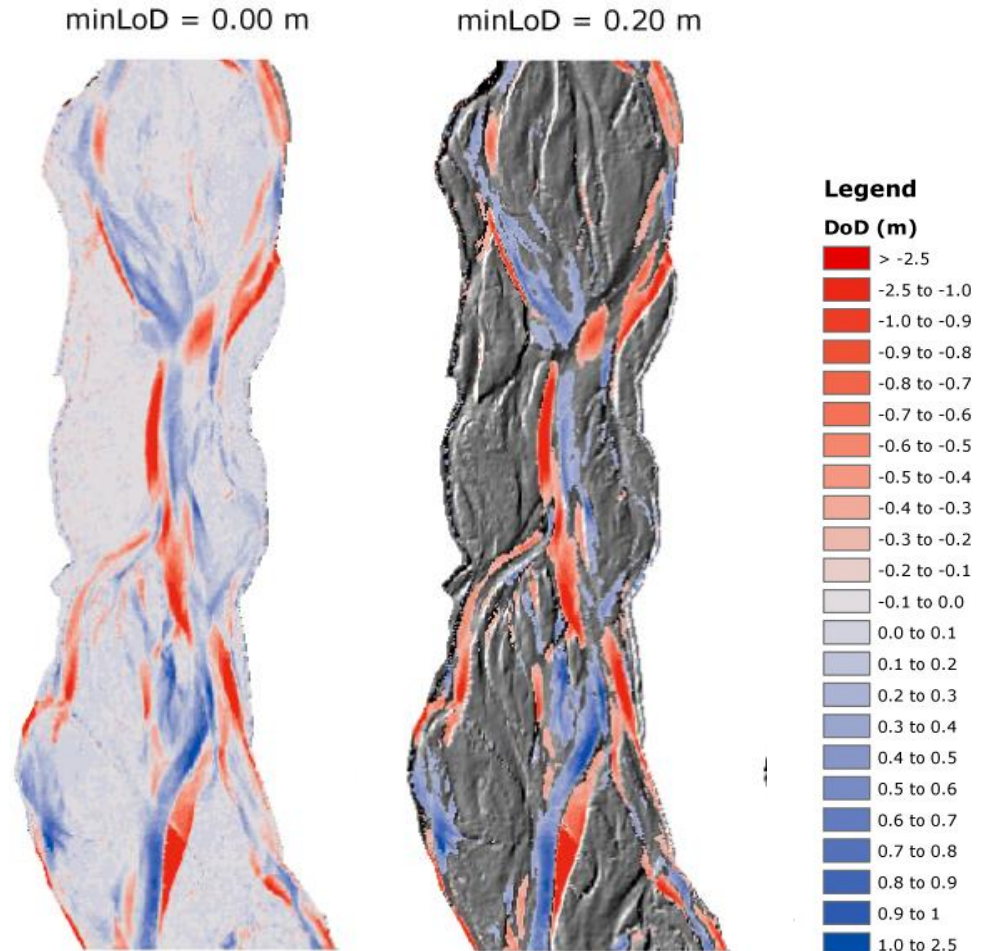
Legend

DoD (m)








HOW DOES A minLoD GET APPLIED?

- You take original DoD, and remove all changes $\leq \text{minLoD}$
- For example +/- 20 cm
- How would you do that?
- What is the assumption here?



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EXERCISE G – PART 1.B: THRESHOLD

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1. Using Raster Calculator, apply conditional logic to identify mask for areas above a 10 cm threshold
2. Reclassify the mask such that 1s remain 1s, 0s turn to NoData and NoData remains NoData.
3. Using Raster Calculator, apply the Reclass Mask to DoD to 'threshold'
4. Apply DoD Symbology to thresholded DoD for direct visual comparison.



THRESHOLD THE DoD

1

Raster Calculator

Map Algebra expression

Layers and variables

- DoD_2006-2005.img
- 2006 Topo\2006Feb_DEM
- 2006 Topo\2006Feb_HS
- 2005 Topo\2005Dec_DEM
- 2005 Topo\2005Dec_HS

Conditional

- Con
- Pick
- SetNull
- Math
- Abs
- Exp
- Exp10

Math

["DoD_2006-2005.img">.10] | ["DoD_2006-2005.img"<-.10]

Output raster

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OK Cancel Environments... << Hide Help

2

Reclassify

Input raster

10cmThresholdLogic

Reclass field

Value

Reclassification

Old values	New values
0	NoData
1	1
NoData	NoData

Classify... Unique Add Entry Delete Entries Load... Save... Reverse New Values Precision...

Output raster

PenDrive\Exercises\E_Simple_DoD\ref\10cmThresholdLogic_Reclassified.img

Change missing values to NoData (optional)

OK Cancel Environments... Show Help >>

3

Raster Calculator

Map Algebra expression

Layers and variables

- 10cmThresholdLogic_Reclassified
- 10cmThresholdLogic
- DoD_2006-2005.img
- 2006 Topo\2006Feb_DEM
- 2006 Topo\2006Feb_HS
- 2005 Topo\2005Dec_DEM
- 2005 Topo\2005Dec_HS

Conditional

- Con
- Pick
- SetNull
- Math
- Abs
- Exp
- Exp10

Math

"10cmThresholdLogic_Reclassified" * "DoD_2006-2005.img"

Output raster

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EXERCISE G – PART 2: SAME THING IN GCD

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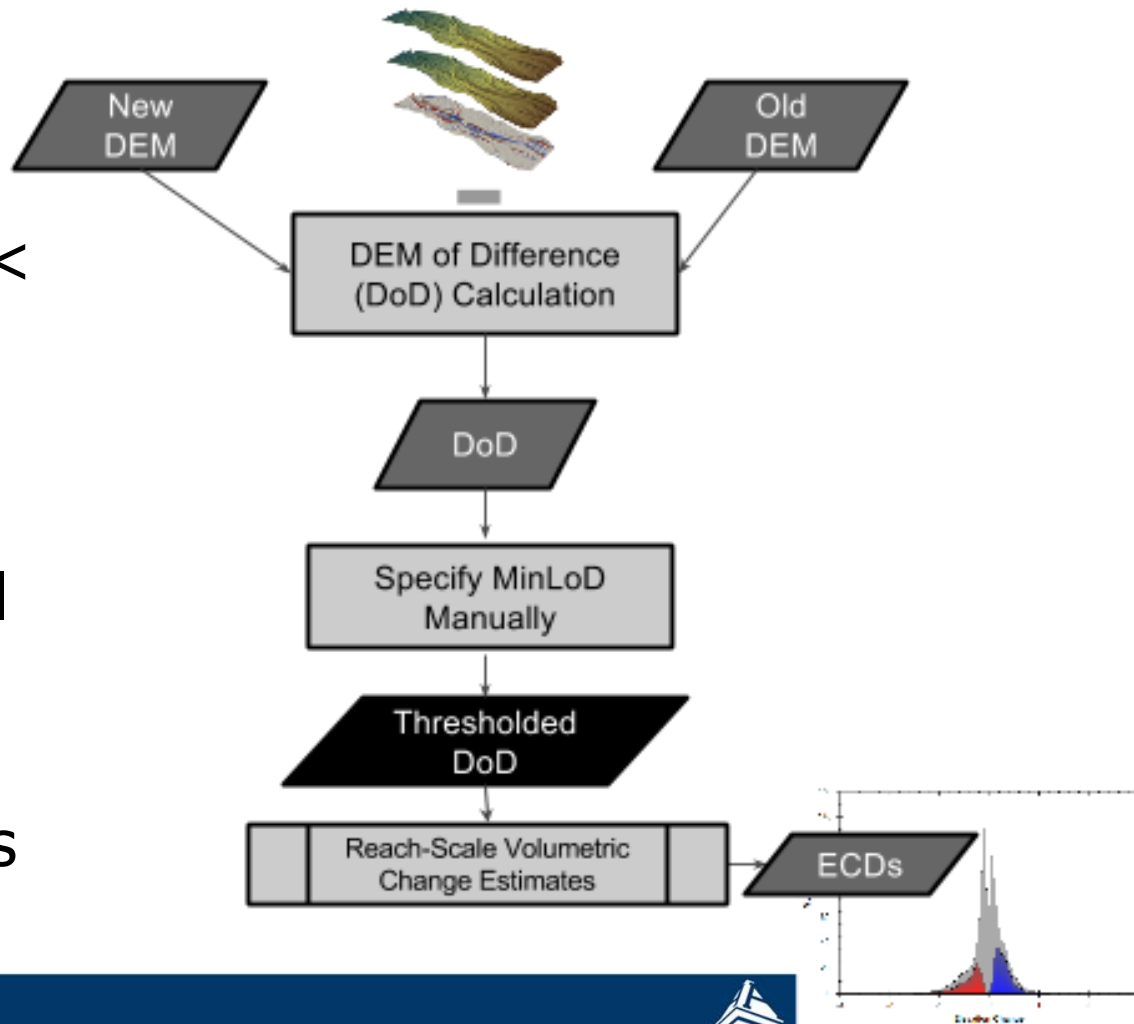
No real explanation... just follow steps.

1. Load Blank New Map Document... Save.
2. Create Project
3. Load 2005 and 2006 DEMs as Surveys
4. Calculate Change Detection using simple minLoD and specify
5. Explore and visualize output








WHAT WE'RE DOING TO SIMPLIFY SUBTRACTION PROBLEM

- Just specifying a minimum level of detection ($_{\min} \text{LoD}$)
- Throwing away $\text{DoD} < _{\min} \text{LoD}$
- Calculating some summary statistics
- Multiplying cell by cell DoD by cell area to get volumes
- Looking at histograms of change (ECD)



DETAIL PLAN

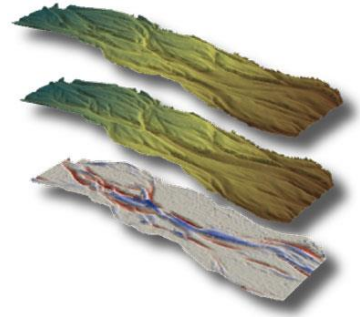
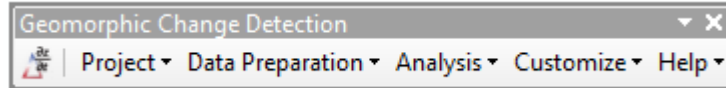
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GEOMORPHIC CHANGE DETECTION

THRESHOLDING ALTERNATIVES IN GCD



DETAIL PLAN

THRESHOLDING ALTERNATIVES FOR GCD



1. Three Types in GCD 6



2. Recall minLoD



3. Error Propagation



4. Probabilistic Thresholding



5. Tutorial

GCD 6 THRESHOLDING

- Simple defined \min LoD
- Propagated Errors
- Probabilistic Confidence Interval

Change Detection Configuration

Analysis name: DEM2004_DEM2003 Prob 0.95

Output folder: C:\0_GCD\Feshie\FeshieGCD\Analyses\CD\GCD0011

New Survey

DEM: DEM_2004

Error: FIS_3Input

Old Survey

DEM: DEM_2003

Error: FIS_3Input

Spatial Extent of Analysis

2007_SurveyExtent

Uncertainty Analysis Method

Simple minimum level of detection

Threshold (m): 0.20

Propagated errors

Probabilistic thresholding

Confidence level (0-1): 0.95

Use Bayesian updating:

Help Calculate Cancel



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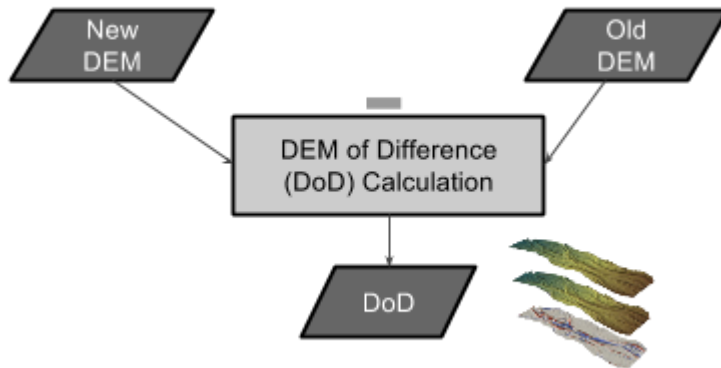
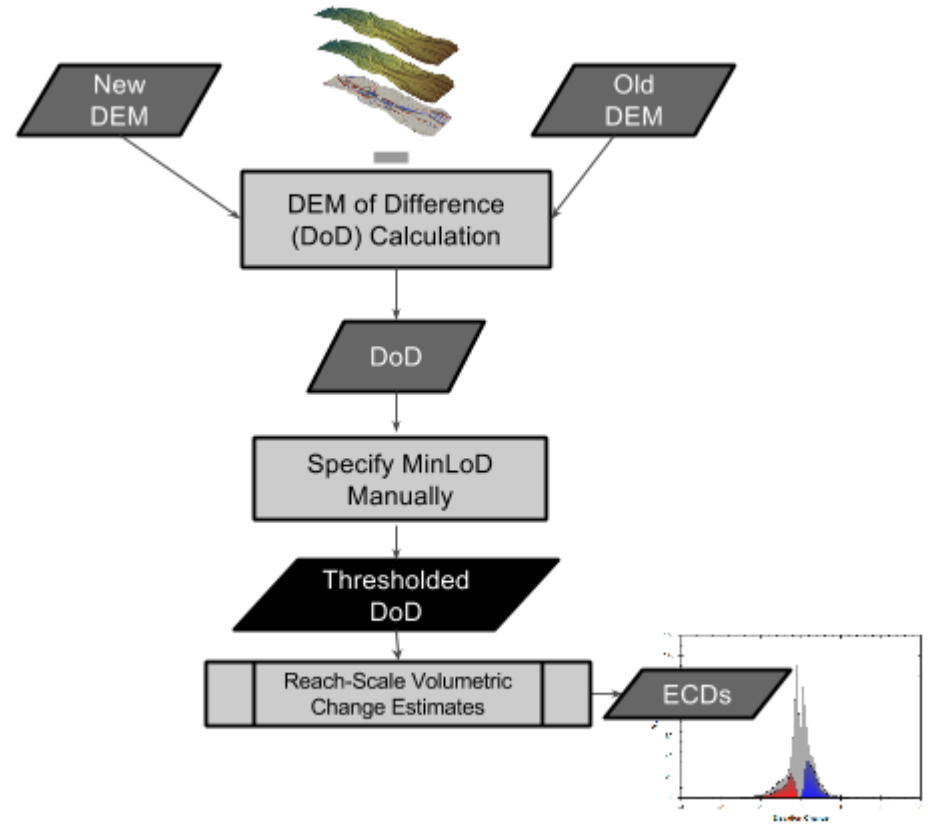
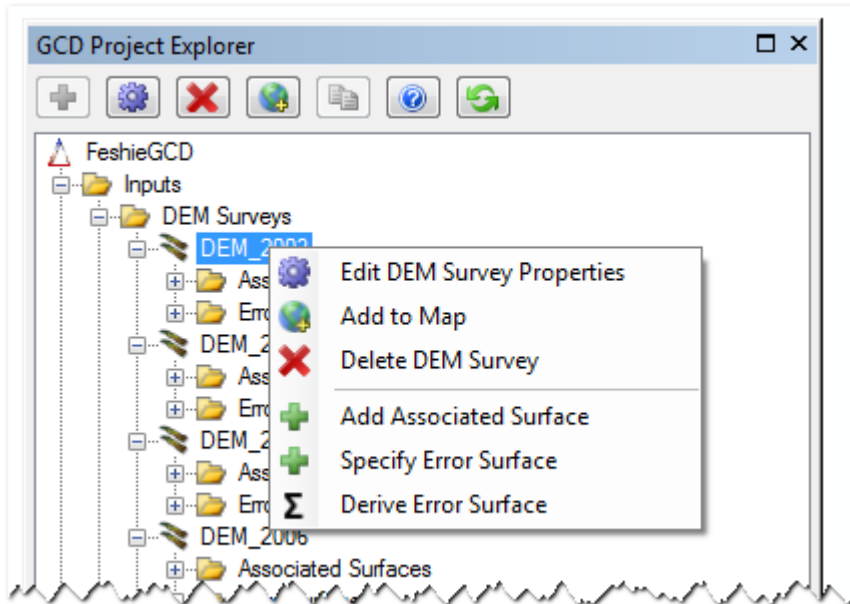
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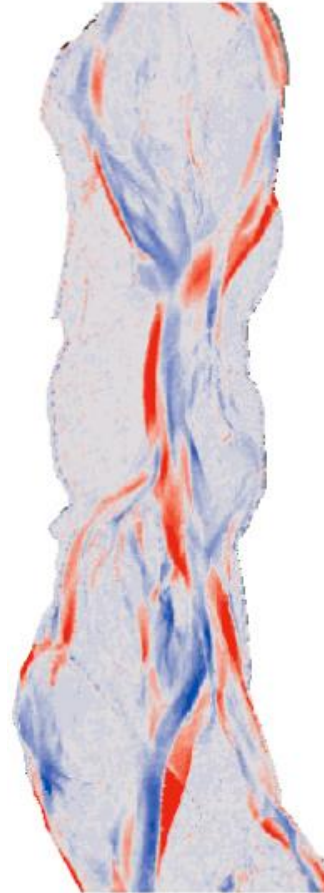
WE'VE JUST DONE THE SIMPLE _{MIN}LoD



APPLICATION OF A minLoD

- You take original DoD, and remove all changes $\leq \text{minLoD}$
- For example +/- 20 cm

minLoD = 0.00 m

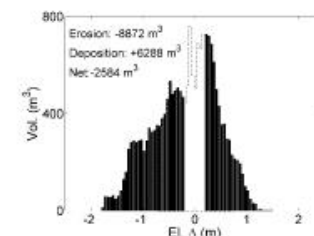
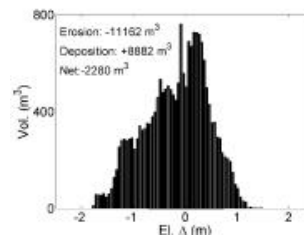
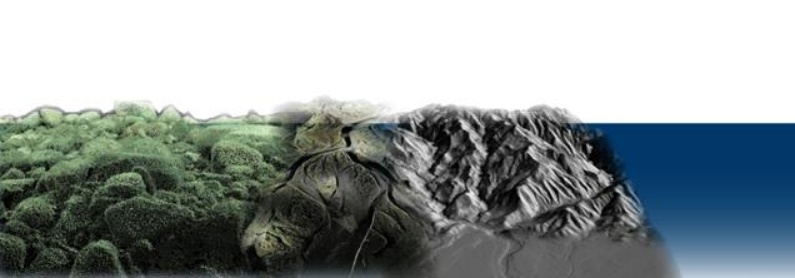
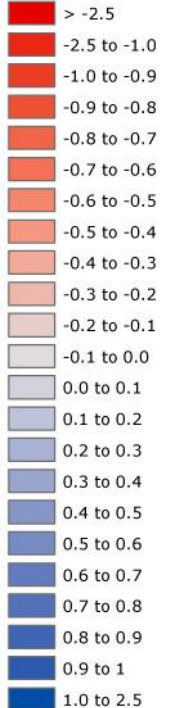


minLoD = 0.20 m



Legend

DoD (m)



VARYING \min LoD THRESHOLDS



minLoD = 0.00 m

minLoD = 0.05 m

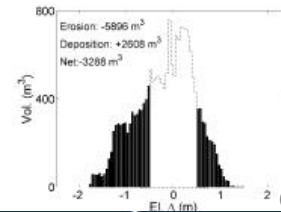
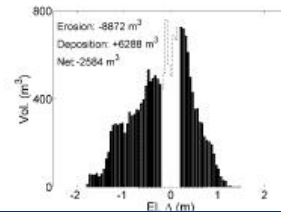
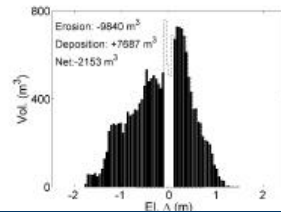
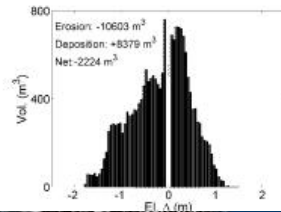
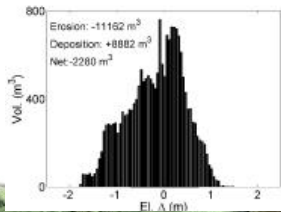
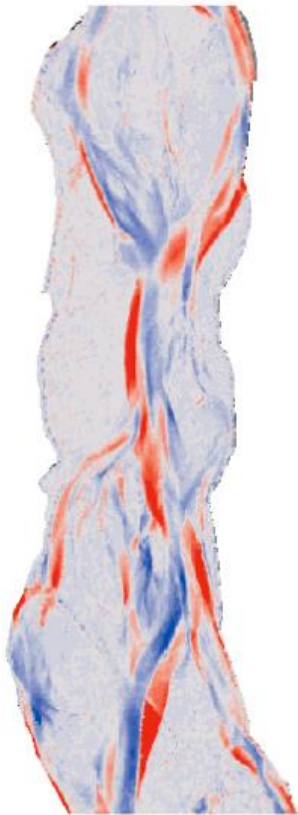
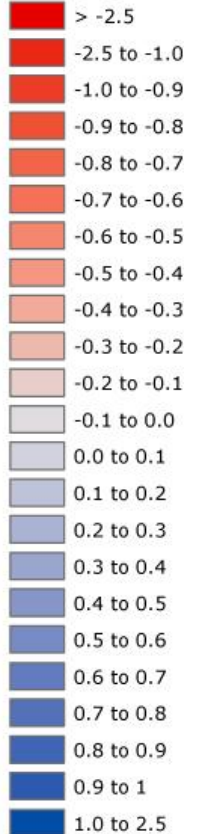
minLoD = 0.10 m

minLoD = 0.20 m

minLoD = 0.50 m

Legend

DoD (m)



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EXERCISE I – PART 1 : VARYING _{MIN}LOD

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1. Start new ArcMap Document
2. Create new GCD Project called 'Feshie_Threshold' in I
3. Load 2 DEMs provided as surveys
4. Do Change Detections with following minLoDs:
 - 0 cm, 5 cm, 10 cm, 20 cm, 50 cm
5. Compare the outputs (maps, summaries, elevation change distributions)...



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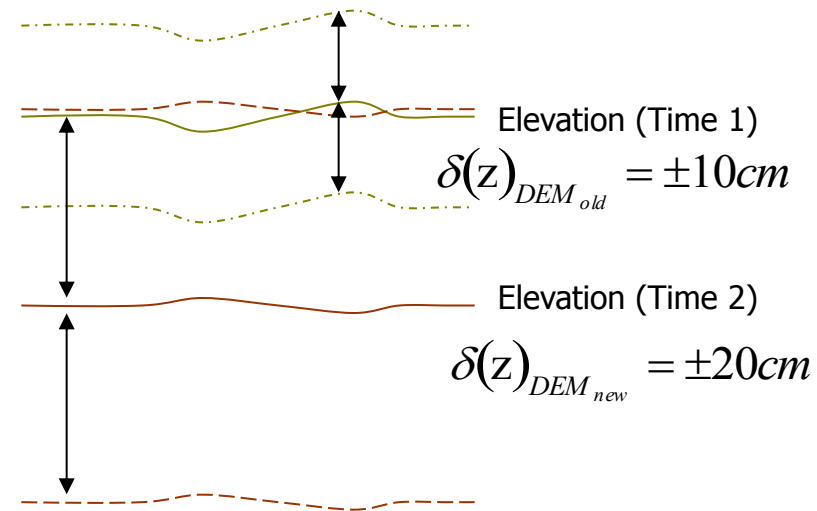


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MIN LoD USING ERROR PROPAGATION

- Distinguish those changes that are real from noise
- Use standard Error Propagation
- DEM Errors can vary temporally and spatially



$$\delta(z) = \sqrt{\left(\delta(z)_{DEM_{old}}\right)^2 + \left(\delta(z)_{DEM_{new}}\right)^2}$$

e.g. $\delta(z) = \sqrt{(10)^2 + (20)^2} = 22.36$

$22.36 \text{ cm} \approx 8.8 \text{ in}$

See

- Brasington et al (2000): *ESPL*
- Lane et al (2003): *ESPL*
- Brasington et al (2003): *Geomorphology*



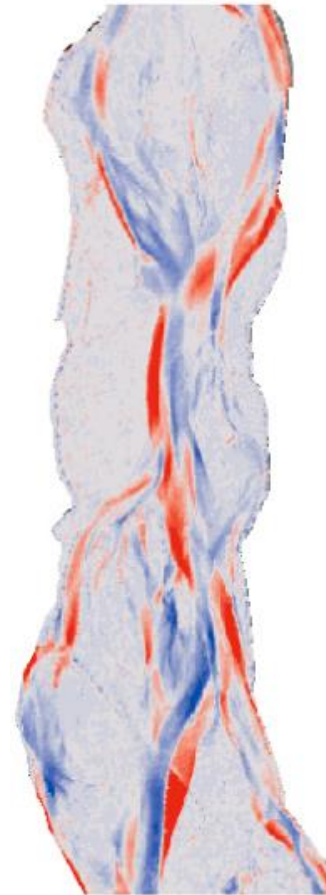
ERROR PROPAGATION GETS APPLIED

SAME WAY AS minLoD

- Does not matter whether the minLoD is specified, or calculated from error propagation
- Just on a cell-by-cell basis!
- In background a perror grid is produced

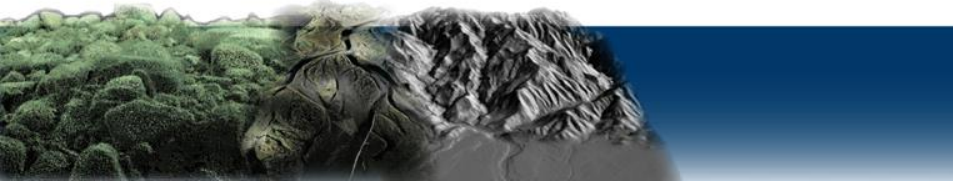
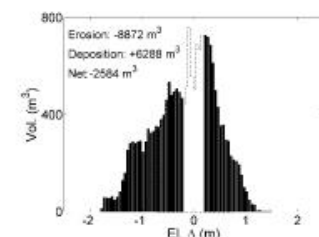
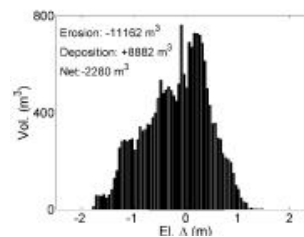
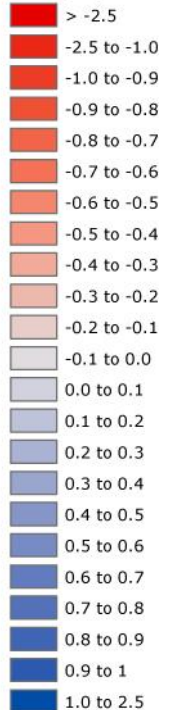
$\text{minLoD} = 0.00 \text{ m}$

$\text{minLoD} = 0.20 \text{ m}$



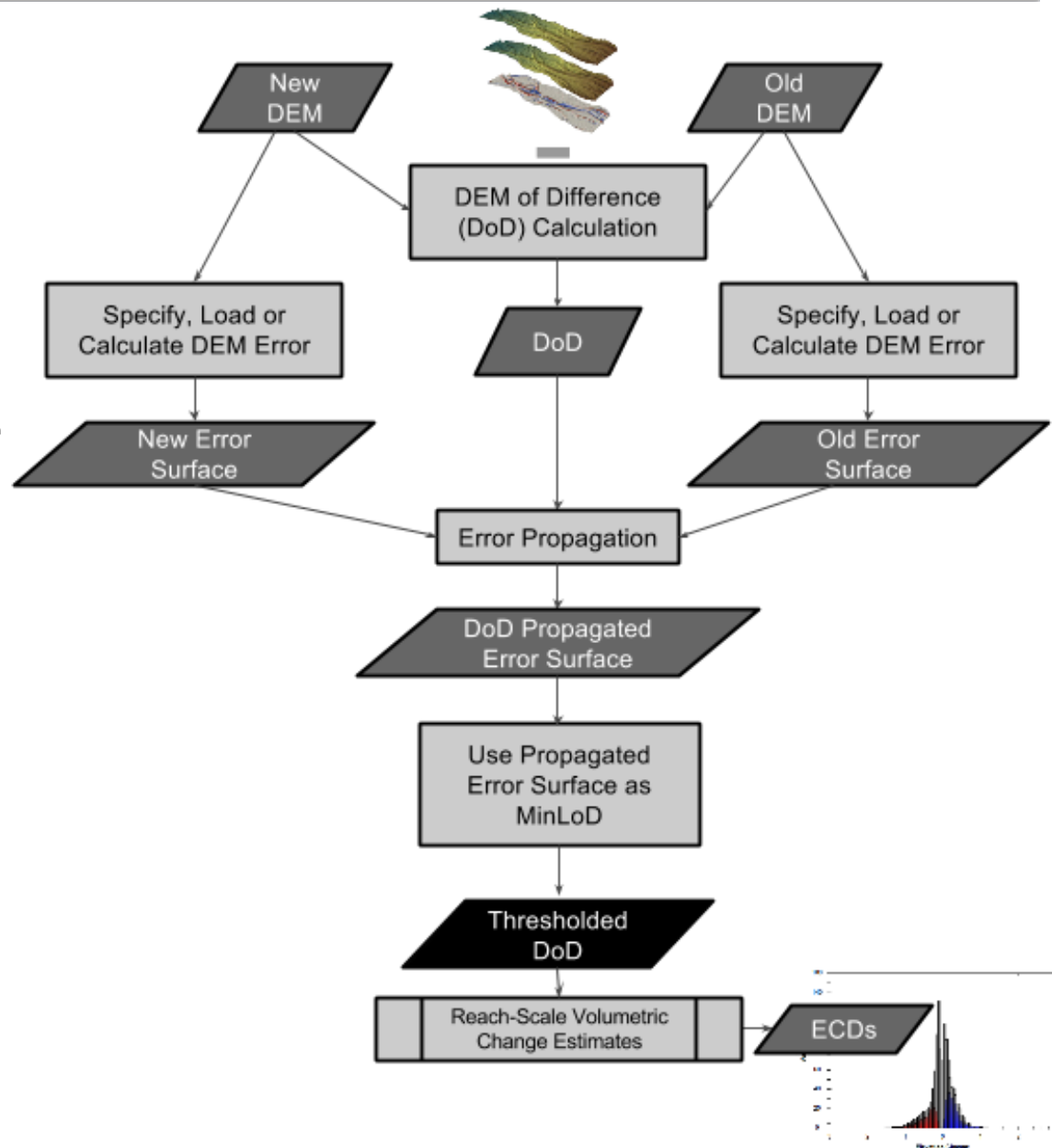
Legend

DoD (m)



OUR REVISED WORKFLOW: PROPAGATED

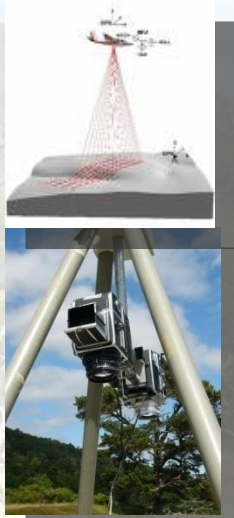
- Just *come up with* separate estimates of error for DEM_{new} & DEM_{old} & propagate using square root of the sum of the square of the errors in quadrature...



WHAT ARE TYPICAL ERRORS?

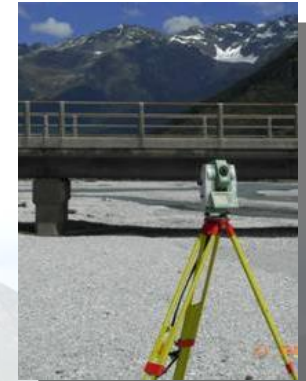
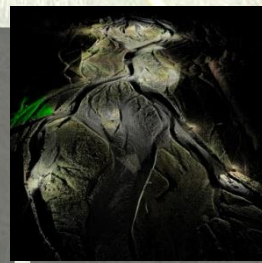
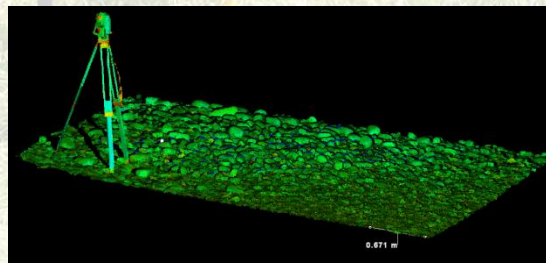
Remotely Sensed or Aerial Surveys

- LiDaR : **+/- 12 to 25 cm**
- Aerial Photogrammetry : **+/- 10 to 15 cm**



Ground-Based Surveys

- Total Station Surveys : **+/- 2 to 10 cm**
- GPS: : **+/- 3 to 12 cm**
- Terrestrial Laser Scanning: **+/- 0.5 to 4 cm**



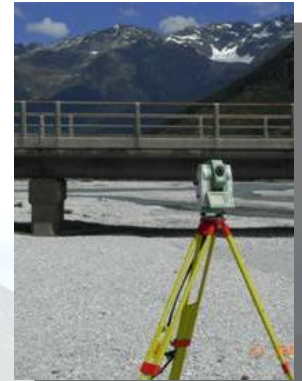
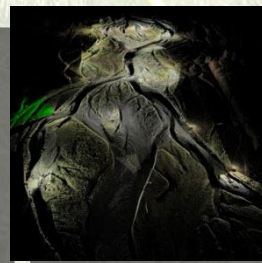
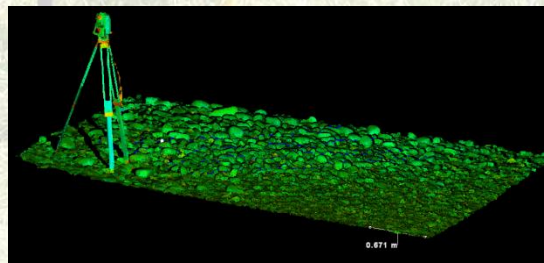
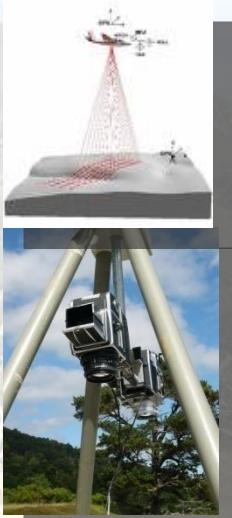
SO WHAT WOULD PROPAGATED ERRORS BE?

Remotely Sensed or Aerial Surveys

- LiDaR : **+/- 12 to 25 cm** (17 to 36 cm min LoD)
- Aerial Photogrammetry : **+/- 10 to 15 cm** (14 to 22 cm min LoD)

Ground-Based Surveys

- Total Station Surveys : **+/- 2 to 10 cm** (3 to 14 cm min LoD)
- GPS: : **+/- 3 to 12 cm** (4 to 17 cm min LoD)
- Terrestrial Laser Scanning: **+/- 0.5 to 4 cm** (0.7 to 6 cm min LoD)



EXERCISE I – PART 2 : VARYING _{MIN}LOD

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1. In Same ArcMap Document
2. Go to each DEM Survey, and derive spatially uniform error surface for rtkGPS
3. Do Change Detections with Propagated Error
4. Compare the outputs (maps, summaries, elevation change distributions)...



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HOW COULD I REPRESENT AS PROBABILITY?

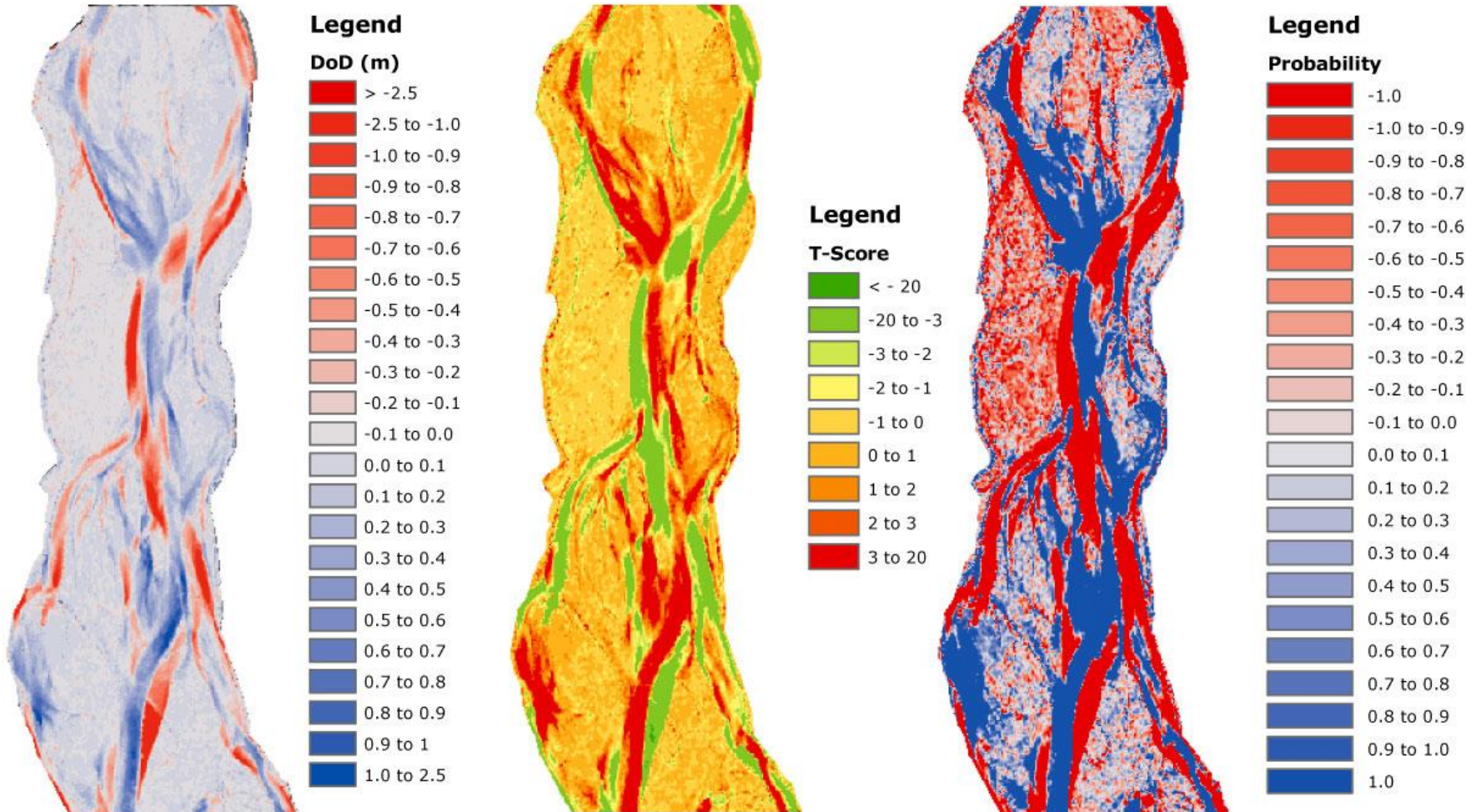
- Using inferential statistics, we'll calculate a t-score
- σ_{DoD} is the characteristic uncertainty
 - In this case $\sigma_{DoD} = \min LoD$
- Just the ratio of actual change to $\min LoD$ change
- Assuming two-tailed test, t is significant at:
 - 68% confidence limit when $t = 1$
 - 95% confidence limit when $t = 1.96$

$$t = \frac{|Z_{DEM_{new}} - Z_{DEM_{old}}|}{\sigma_{DoD}}$$



PROBABILITY THAT CHANGE IS REAL

Original DoD → Propagated DoD Uncertainty → Calculated T-Score → Converted Probability



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Even when \min LoD is spatially constant, probability varies in space... why?

SENSITIVITY OF THRESHOLD?

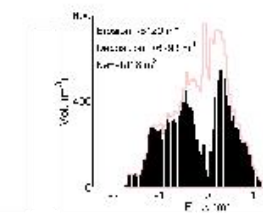
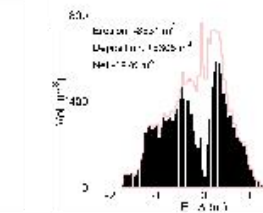
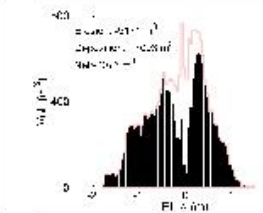
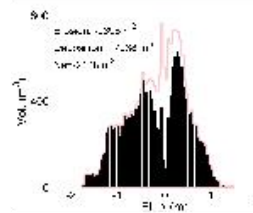
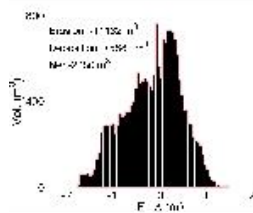
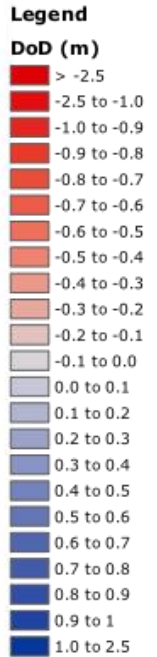
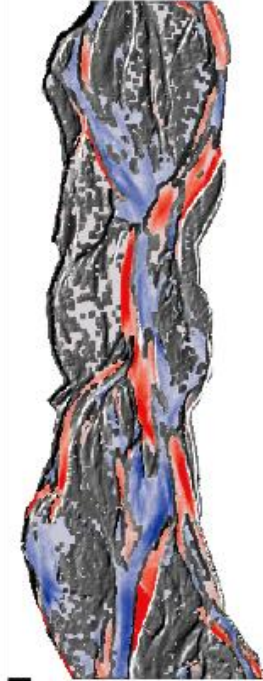
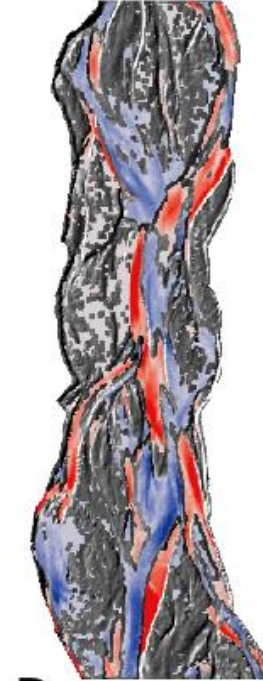
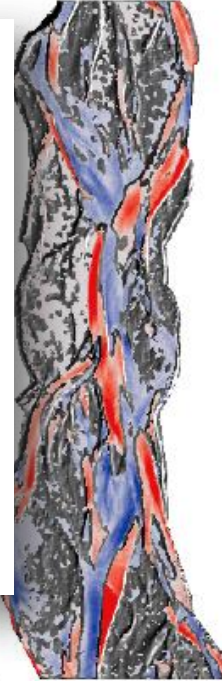
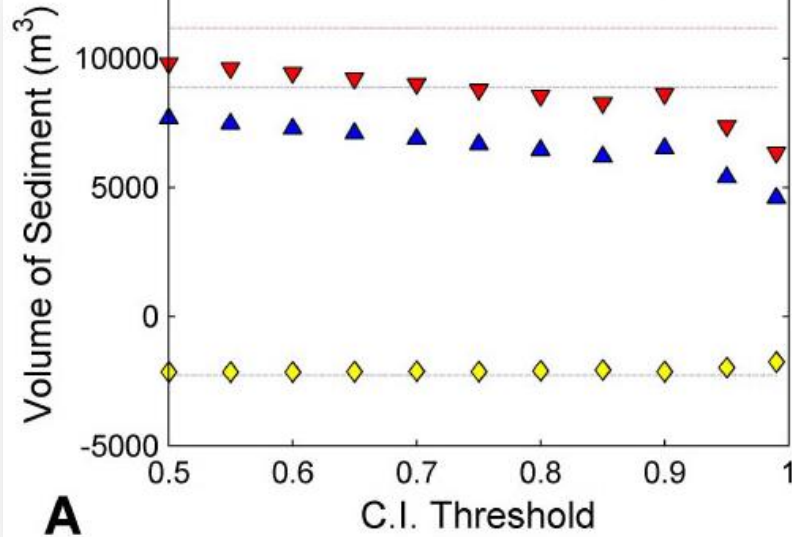
Unthresholded DoD

50% Confidence Interval Threshold

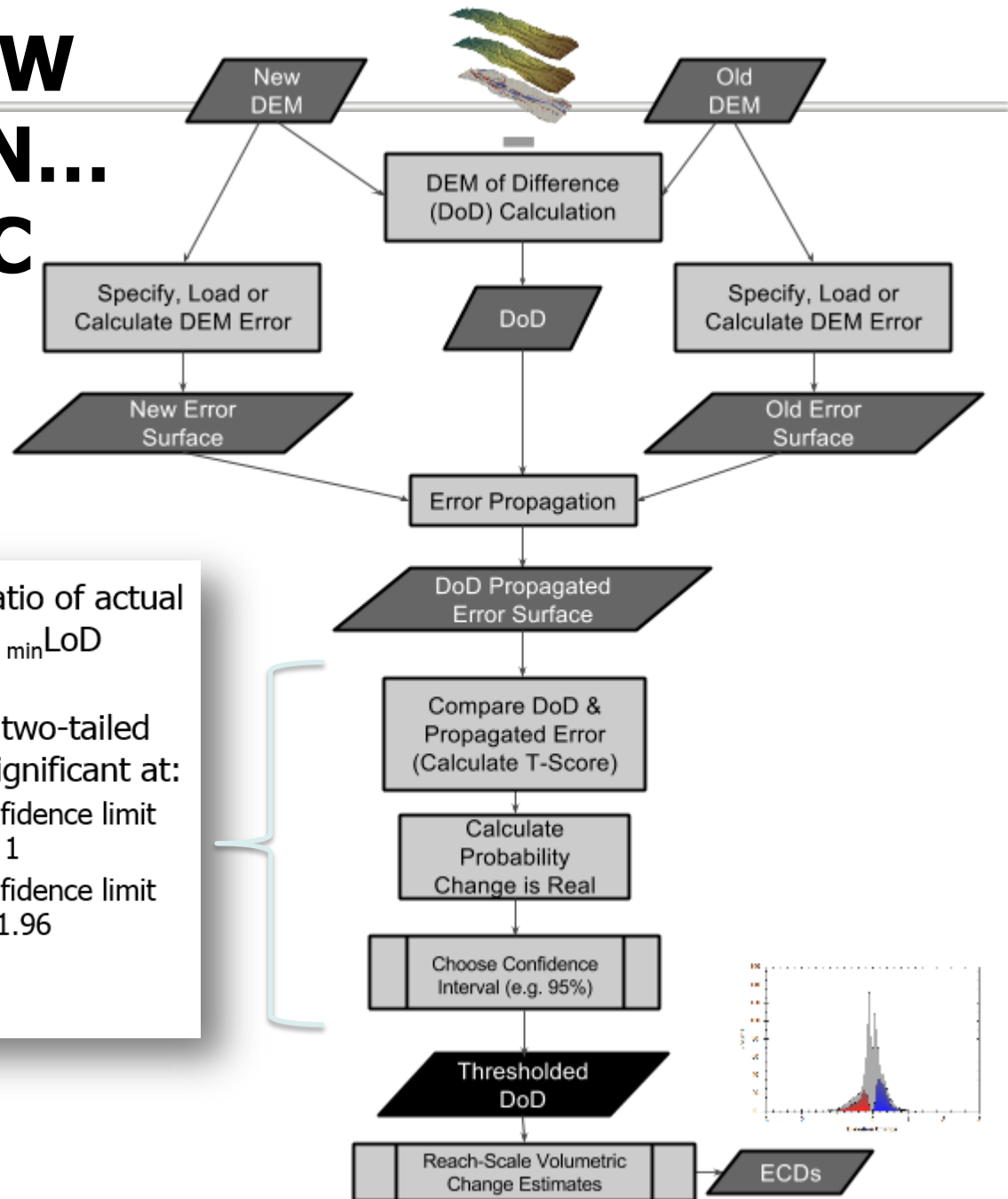
68% Confidence Interval Threshold

95% Confidence Interval Threshold

99% Confidence Interval Threshold



OUR WORKFLOW REVISED AGAIN... PROBABILISTIC

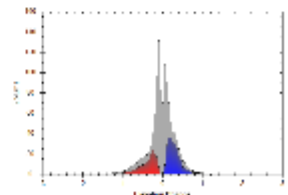


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EXERCISE I – PART 3 : VARYING PROB.

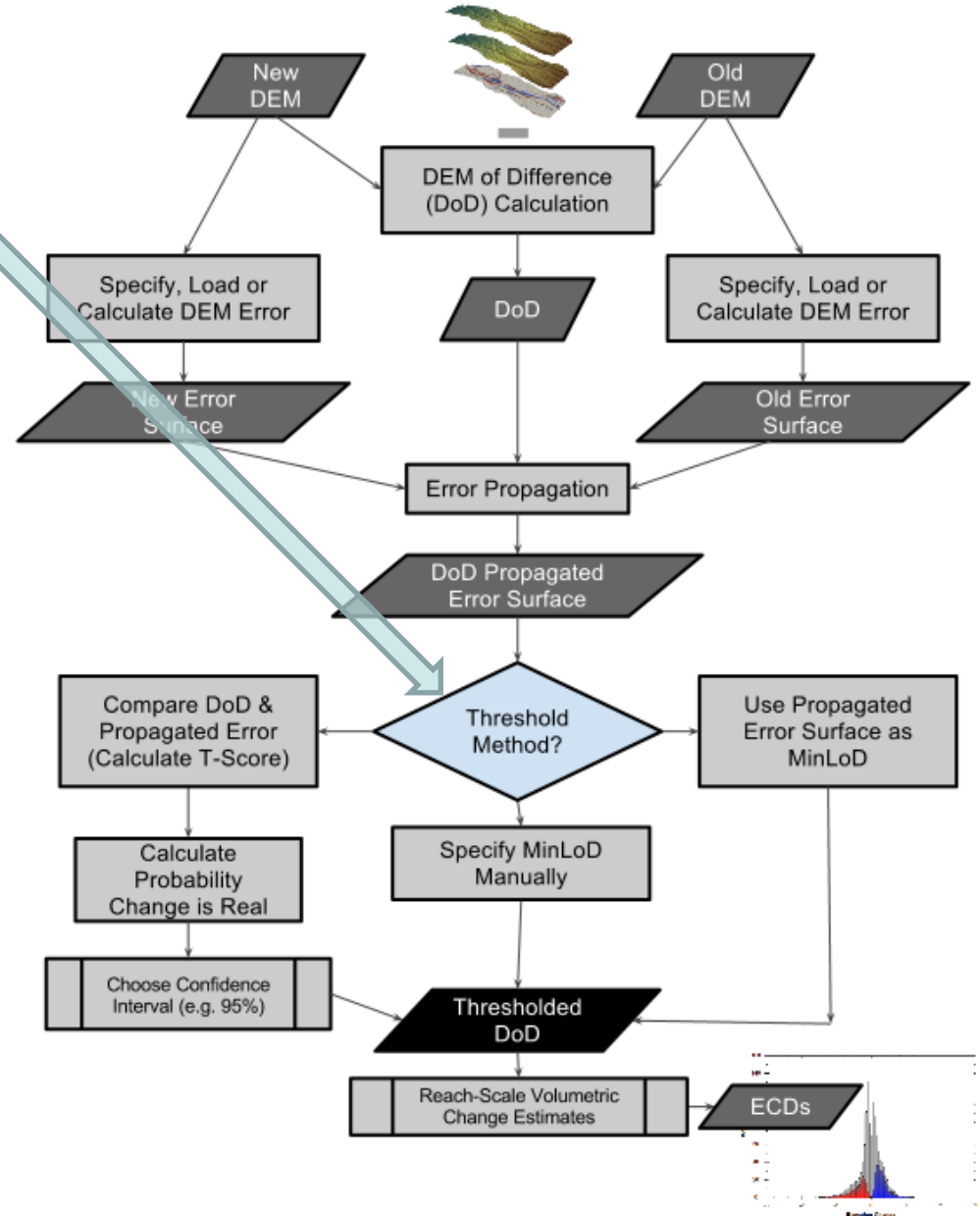
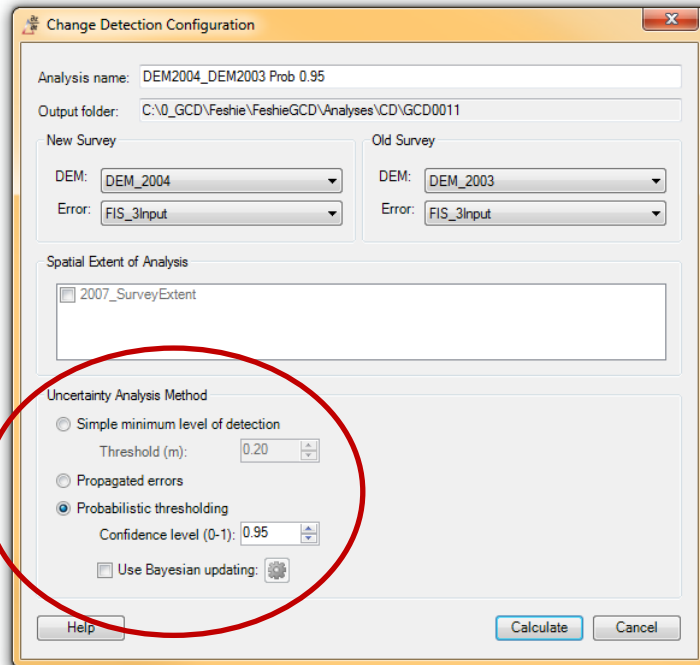
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1. In Same ArcMap Document
2. Do Change Detections with Propagated Error for following probabilities:
 1. 99%, 95%, 90%, 80%, 66% and 50%
3. Compare the outputs (maps, summaries, elevation change distributions)...



WHERE DOES THIS FIT IN GCD?

- Choosing the Threshold Method is a choice:



GCD 6 THRESHOLDING - TUTORIAL

- Simple defined \min LoD
- Propagated Errors
- Probabilistic Confidence Interval

Change Detection Configuration

Analysis name: DEM2004_DEM2003 Prob 0.95

Output folder: C:\0_GCD\Feshie\FeshieGCD\Analyses\CD\GCD0011

New Survey

DEM: DEM_2004

Error: FIS_3Input

Old Survey

DEM: DEM_2003

Error: FIS_3Input

Spatial Extent of Analysis

2007_SurveyExtent

Uncertainty Analysis Method

Simple minimum level of detection

Threshold (m): 0.20

Propagated errors

Probabilistic thresholding

Confidence level (0-1): 0.95

Use Bayesian updating:

Help Calculate Cancel



GEOMORPHIC CHANGE DETECTION

ERROR MODELLING & ESTIMATION



WHAT ARE SOURCES OF POINT ERROR?

- From Sensor

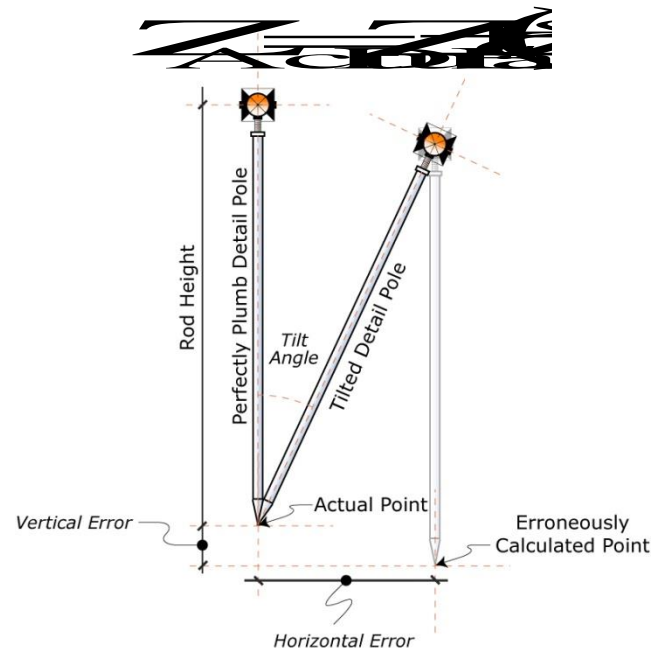
- Instrument precision
- Positional error of instrument/sensor
- Orientation errors
- Network occupation error
- Range errors

- At sample point

- Footprint
- Angle of incidence
- Range distance
- Swath angle
- What part of surface is being sampled

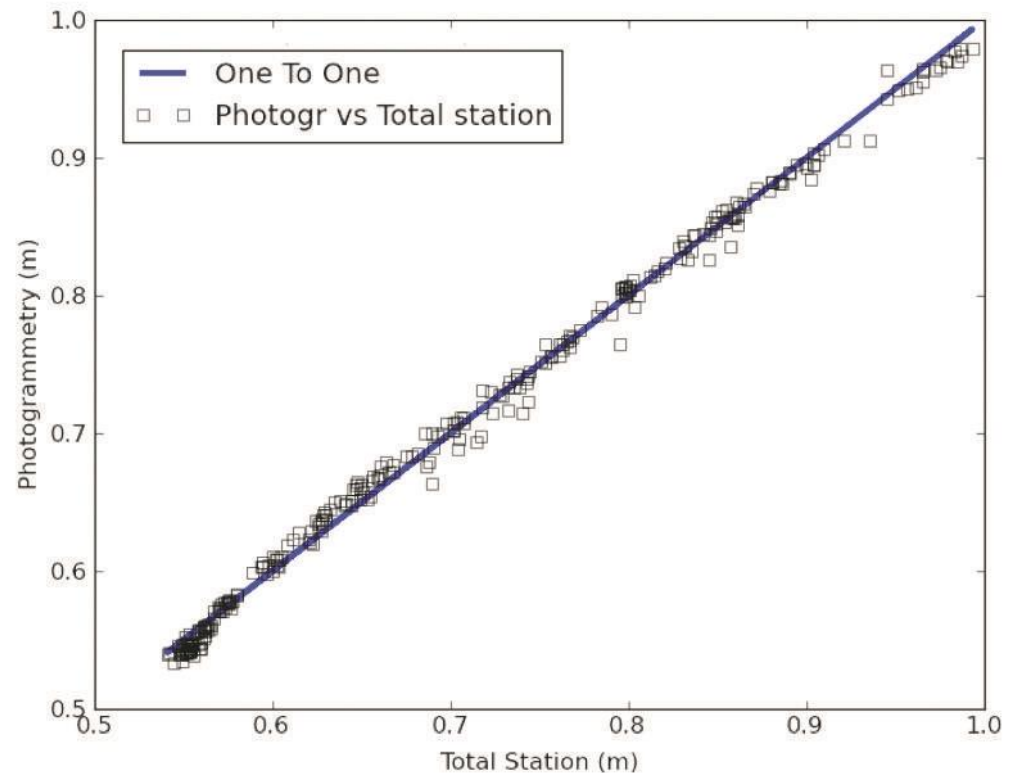
- User Errors

- Incorrect rod-heights, offsets, settings
- What part of surface is being sampled
- Tilt errors

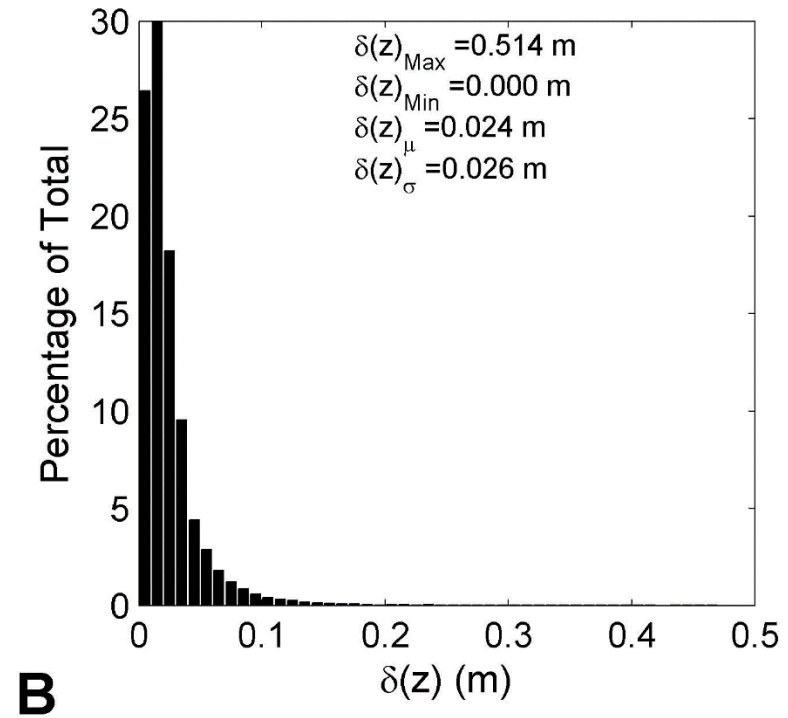
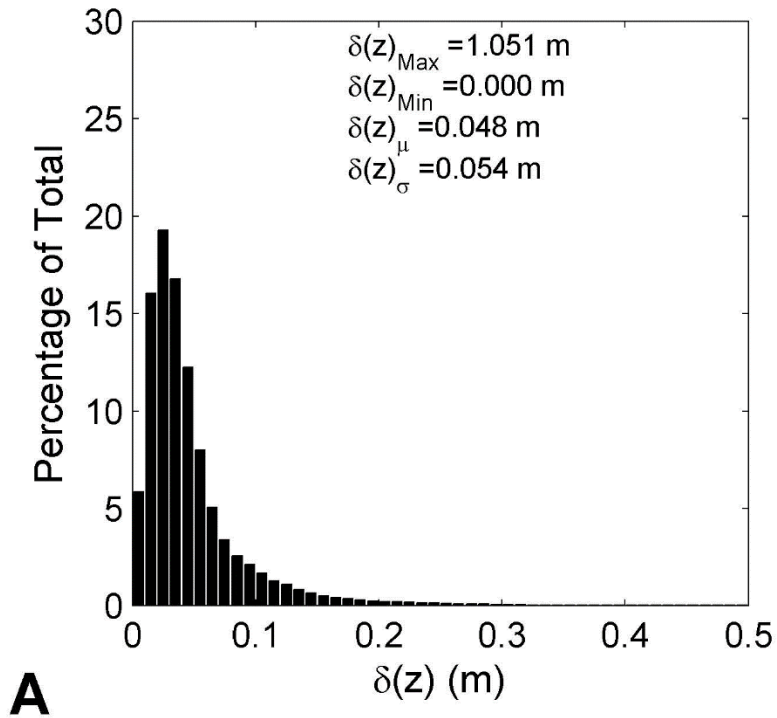


WHEN WE SAY ERROR...

- In statistics, an error is defined as the difference between a *computed, estimated, or measured value* and the *accepted true, specified, or theoretically correct value*
- In practice, we often treat the more precise method as *'theoretically correct'*



DISTRIBUTIONS OF ERROR

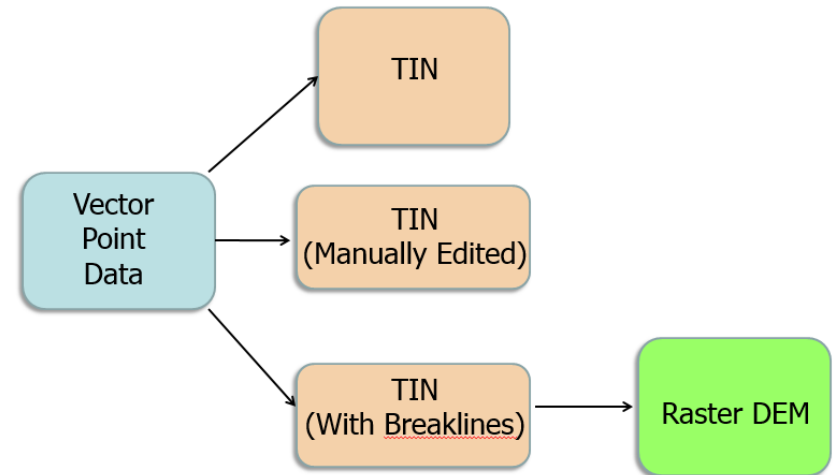


How do I get something like this?



WHAT DO WE DO WITH UNCERTAIN XYZ POINTS?

- We interpolate them to a TIN
- We then further interpolate them to a raster



WHAT IS DEM ERROR?

- A measure of how uncertain DEM is?
- The DEM is a raster model of elevation, so error is only considered in vertical (i.e. elevation)
- If horizontal accuracy \gg cell resolution, this is okay (if not... we're in trouble)

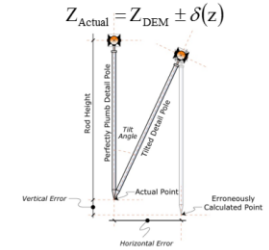


WHAT ARE SOURCES OF DEM UNCERTAINTY?

- Point-Based
 - Total Propagated Uncertainty at each point?
 - Horizontal accuracy
 - Vertical accuracy
 - Busts & Blunders
- Interpolation-Based
 - Interpolation models used (e.g. TIN & TIN to Raster vs. IDW, Kriging)
 - Cell Resolution used
 - Resampling errors!

WHAT ARE SOURCES OF POINT ERROR?

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 - Instrument precision
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- User Choices (Structural Uncertainty)
 - Projections...
 - Methods for interpolation
 - Methods for cleaning
 - Sampling

DEM ERROR



DEM error

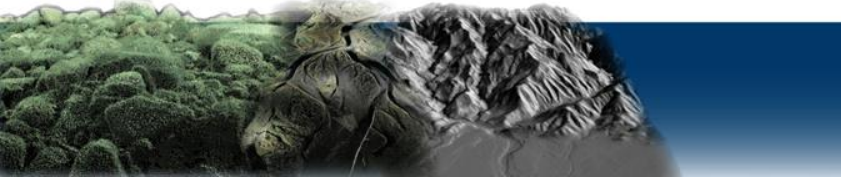
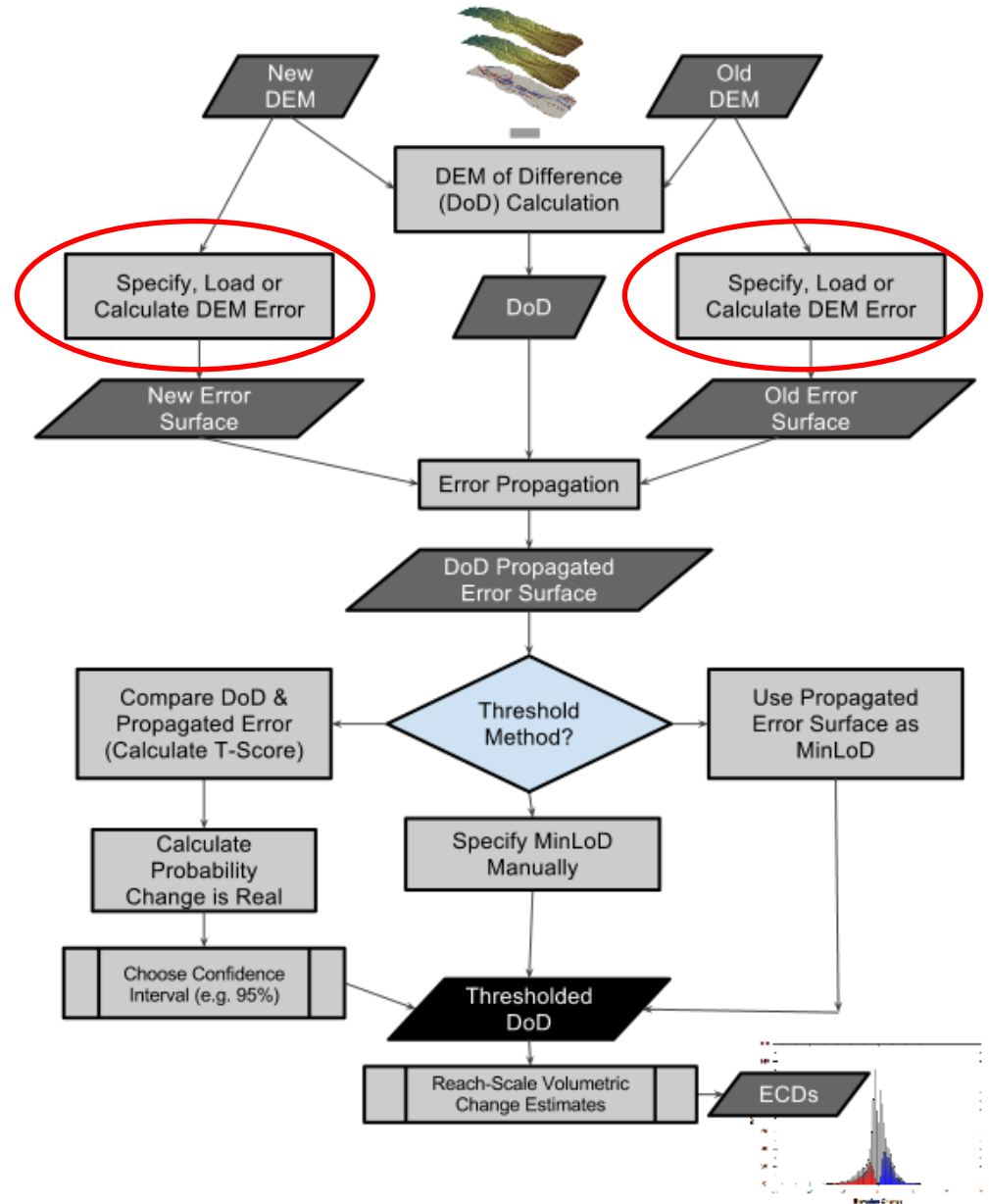
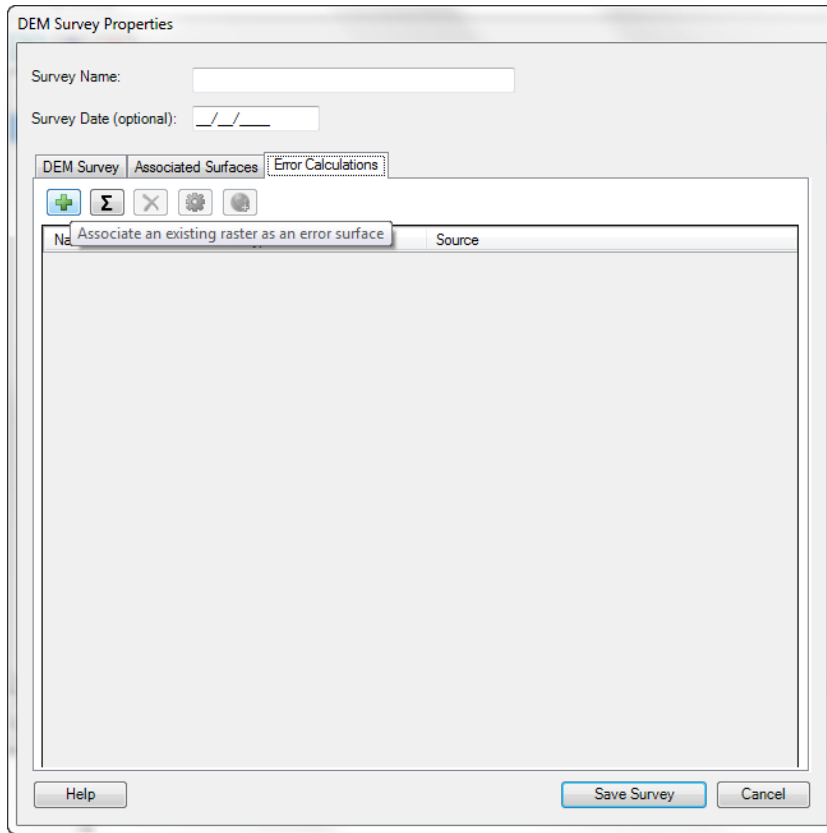


- Most common approach is to use one value everywhere! i.e. $const. \approx \delta(z) \neq f(x, y)$
- WRONG thing to do is to use manufacturer reported instrument precision (way too liberal)
- Probably too conservative to use full error budgeting or TPU (total propagated uncertainty)
- What to use for that one value?



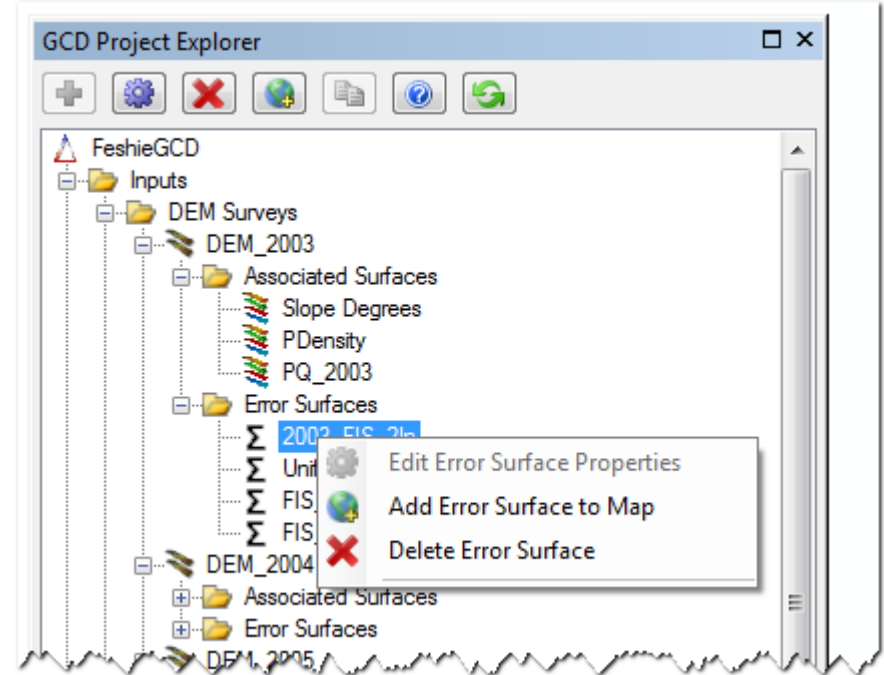
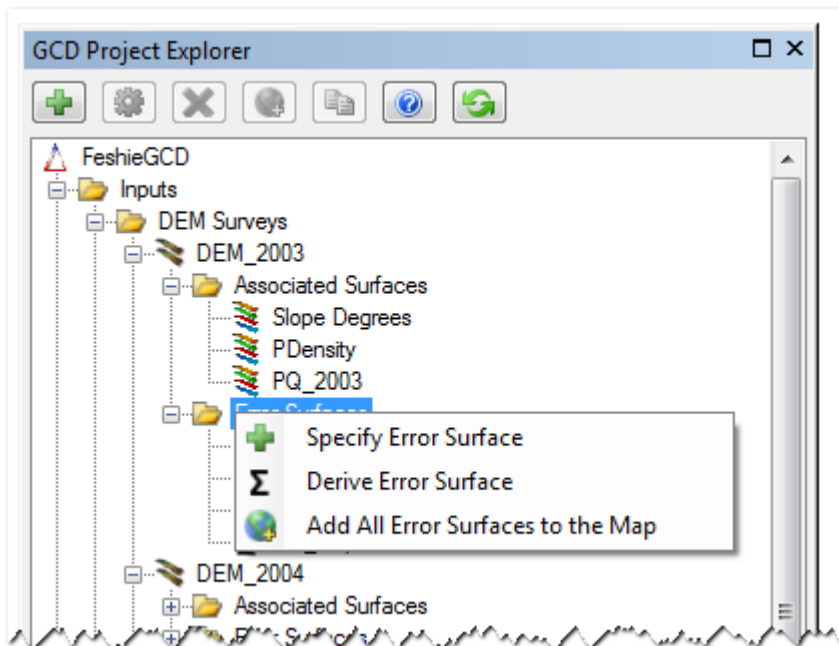
WHERE DOES THIS FIT IN GCD WORKFLOW?

- New DEM Error
- Old DEM Error



IN GCD, DEM ERRORS ARE PART OF SURVEY

- Each survey can have multiple DEM Errors

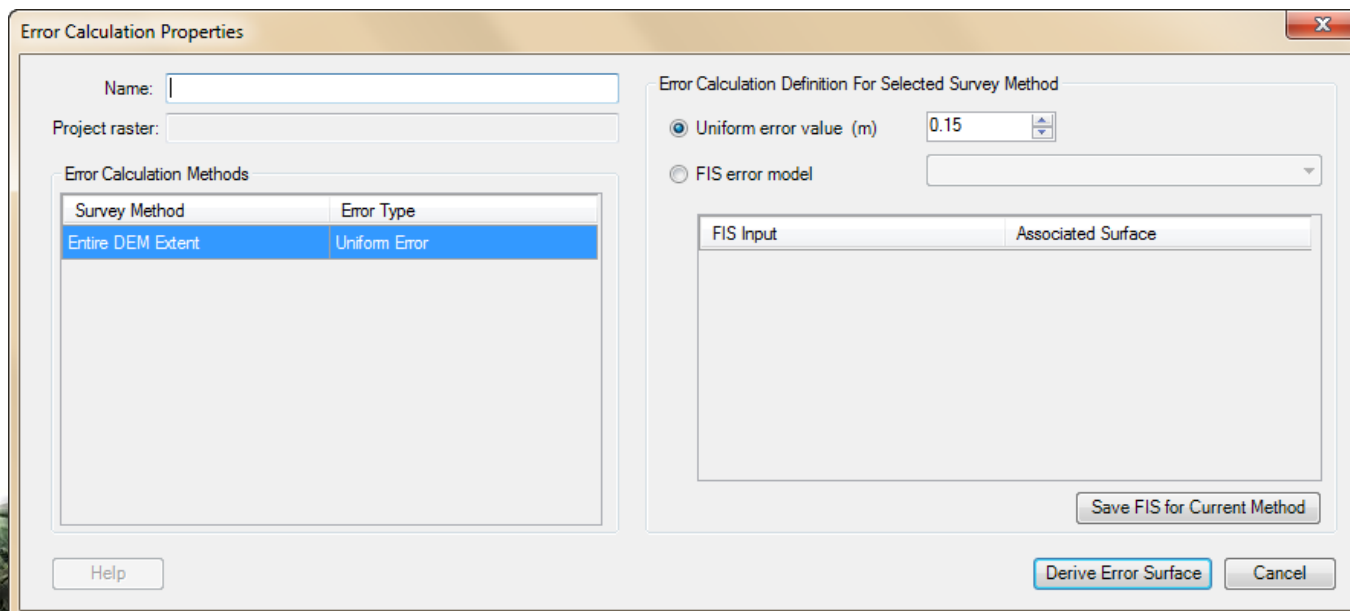
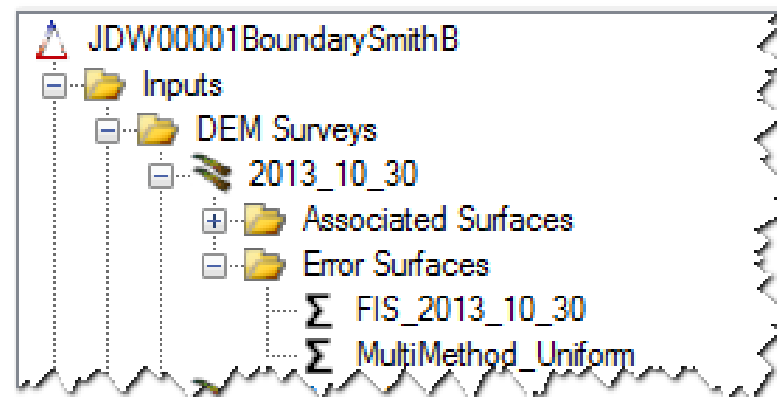


- 'Specify' means to load an existing
- 'Derive' means to build your own



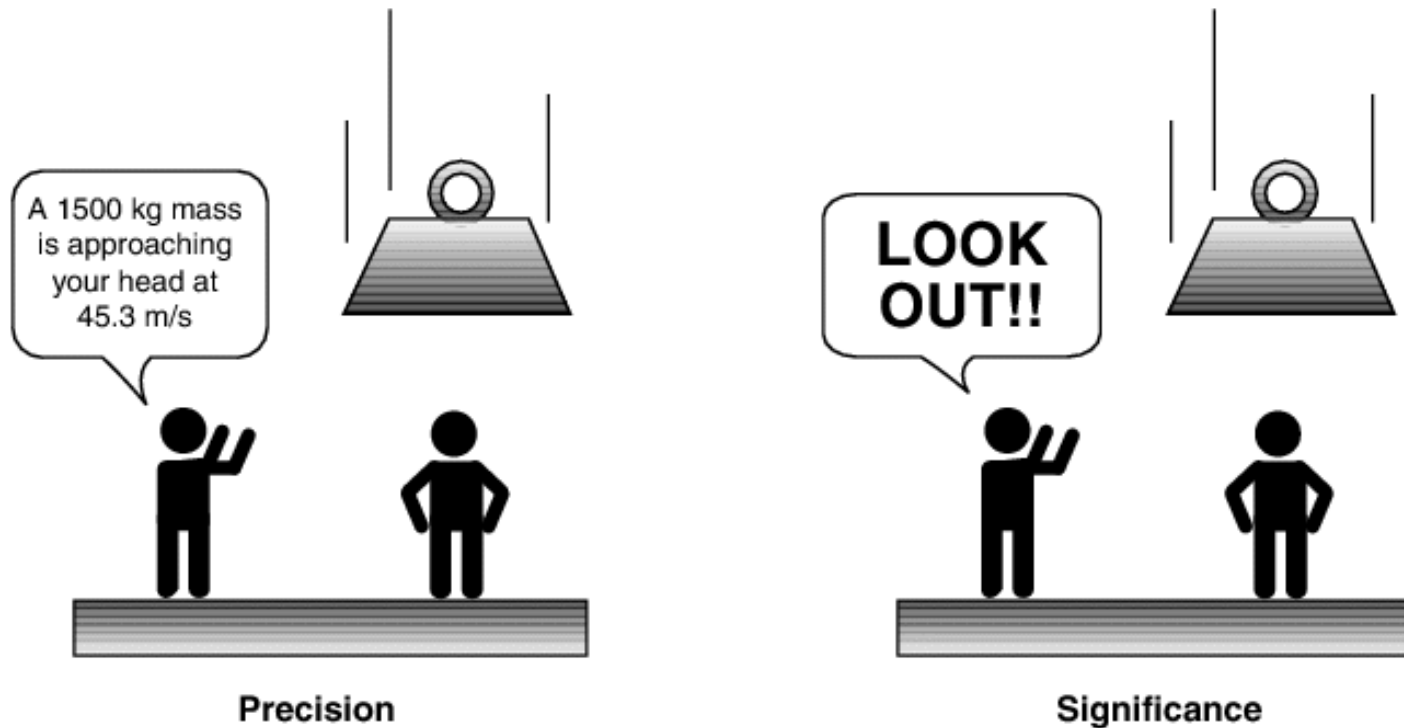
PART OF POINT OF HAVING A PROJECT IS TO EXPLORE IMPACT OF DIFFERENT ERROR MODELS

- GCD allows you to have multiple Error models for every DEM survey



ARGUMENT FOR FUZZY LOGIC

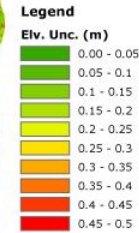
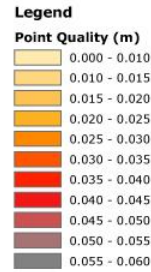
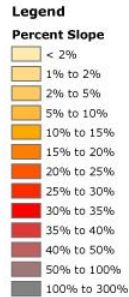
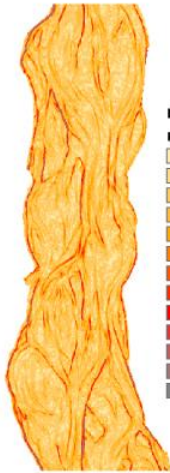
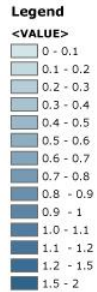
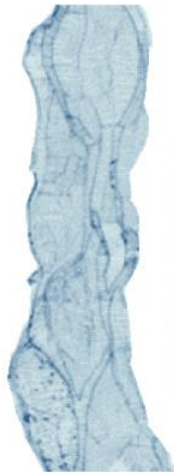
Precision and Significance in the Real World



“Fuzzy logic is all about the relative importance of precision: How important is it to be exactly right when a rough answer will do?”

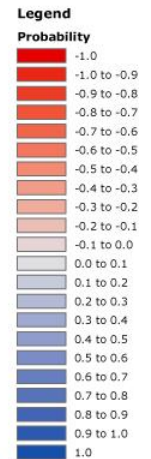
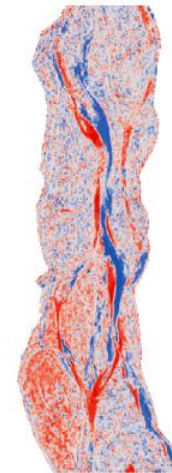
APPLY FIS ON CELL BY CELL BASIS

2006

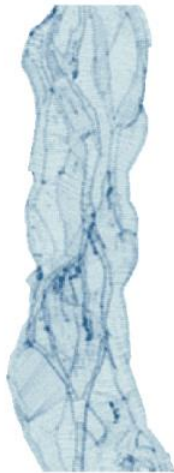


FIS Input 1 (Point Density) + FIS Input 2 (Slope) + FIS Input 3 (GPS Quality) = FIS Surface (El. Unc. (m))

Both FIS Surfaces Combined to DoD Probability

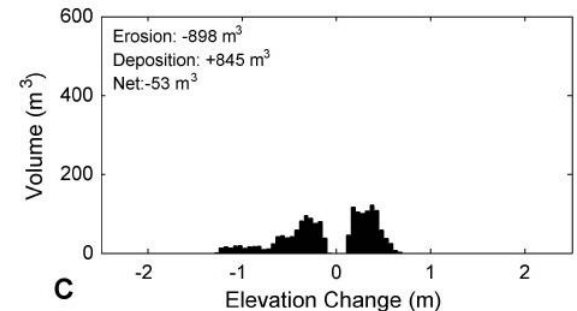
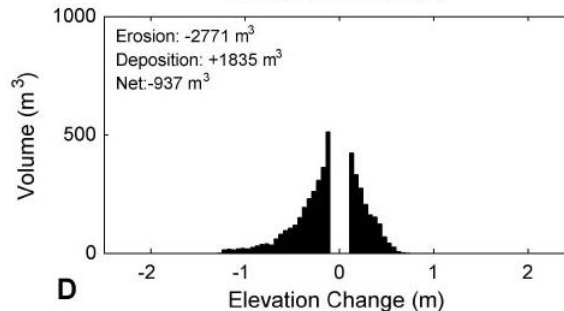
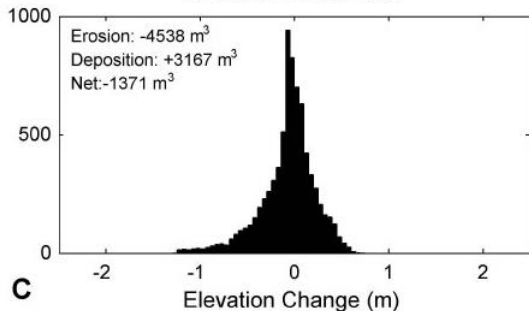
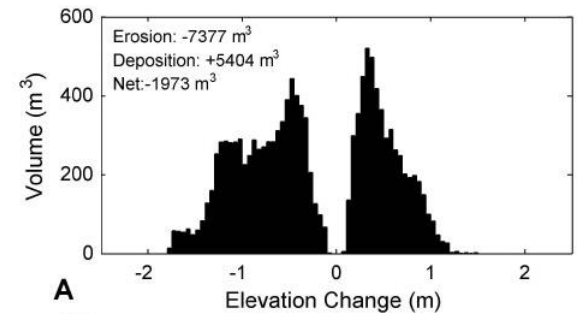
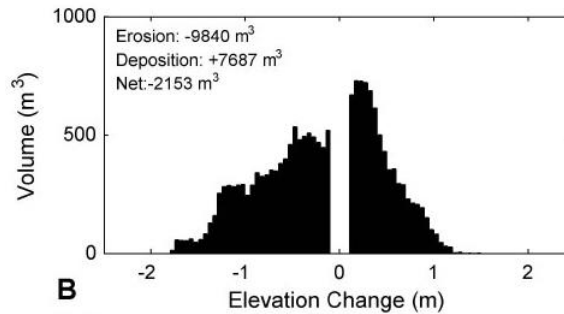
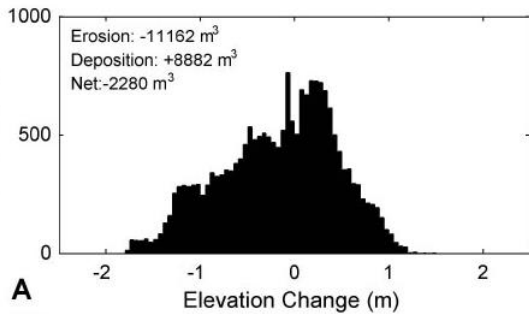


2005



WHAT DOES FIS DO TO ECD?

- Recovers some low magnitude change & discards some higher magnitude change
- More realistic bimodal distribution...



Wet Year

Dry Year

Unthresholded

Spatially-Uniform
min LoD = +/- 10cm

FIS
95% C.I.



USING THE GCD SOFTWARE... FIS

Survey Library

DEM Survey Properties

Survey Name: 2005Dec_DEM

Survey Date (optional): / /

DEM Survey | Associated Surfaces | Error Calculations

Name | Type | Source

Error Properties

Name: FIS

Error Calculation Methods:

Error Type	Method	Error Value (m)
GPS_2Input_PD_SLP	rtkGPS	0.06

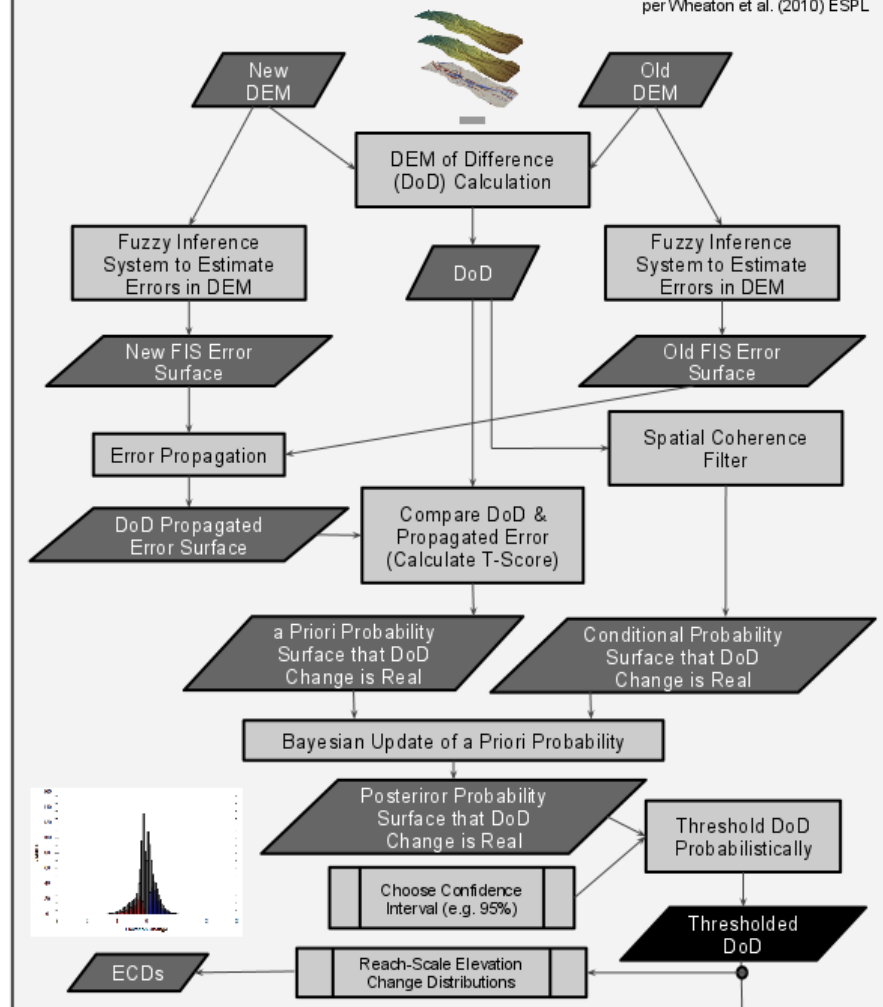
FIS Properties:

FIS Input	Associated Surface
Slope	
PointDensity	

Buttons: Help, OK, Cancel

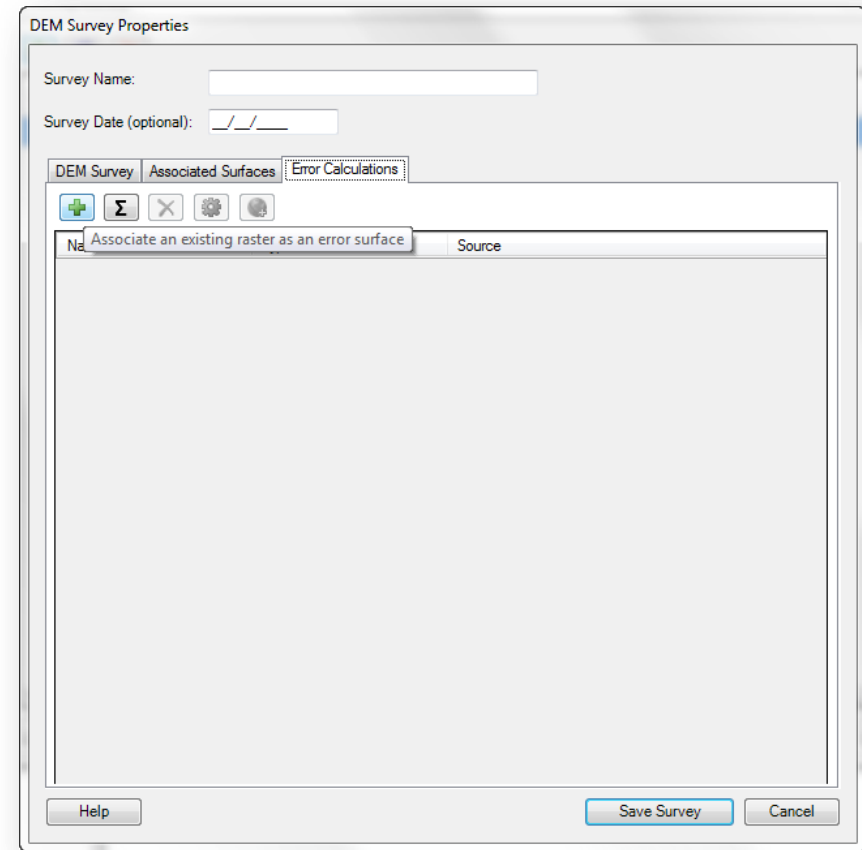
GCD Standard Workflow

Using Fuzzy Inference System, Spatial Coherence Filter & Bayesian Updating as per Wheaton et al. (2010) ESPL



YOU RUN FIS IN ERROR SURFACES TAB

- Error surfaces created in Survey Library
- Inputs to FIS loaded in Associated Surfaces Tab



WHAT IS AN INFERENCE SYSTEM

- AKA:
 - Rule table
 - Look up Table
- Given inputs $a, b, \dots, N \rightarrow$ output is?



AN INFERENCE SYSTEM OR RULE TABLE

- All Words...
 - E.g. Rule 1: 'If suitability of streamside vegetation is *unsuitable* **and** suitability of riparian/upland vegetation is *unsuitable*, then the dam density capacity is NONE
- How many inputs?
- How many categories for each input?
- How many output categories?
- Why 25 rules?

		INPUTS			OUTPUT	
IF	Suitability of Streamside Vegetation		Suitability of Riparian/Upland Vegetation		Dam Density Capacity	
RULES	1	Unsuitable	&	Unsuitable	, then	None
	2	Barely Suitable	&	Unsuitable	, then	Occasional
	3	Moderately Suitable	&	Unsuitable	, then	Occasional
	4	Suitable	&	Unsuitable	, then	Occasional
	5	Preferred	&	Unsuitable	, then	Frequent
	6	Unsuitable	&	Barely Suitable	, then	Occasional
	7	Barely Suitable	&	Barely Suitable	, then	Occasional
	8	Moderately Suitable	&	Barely Suitable	, then	Occasional
	9	Suitable	&	Barely Suitable	, then	Frequent
	10	Preferred	&	Barely Suitable	, then	Frequent
	11	Unsuitable	&	Moderately Suitable	, then	Occasional
	12	Barely Suitable	&	Moderately Suitable	, then	Occasional
	13	Moderately Suitable	&	Moderately Suitable	, then	Frequent
	14	Suitable	&	Moderately Suitable	, then	Frequent
	15	Preferred	&	Moderately Suitable	, then	Frequent
	16	Unsuitable	&	Suitable	, then	Occasional
	17	Barely Suitable	&	Suitable	, then	Occasional
	18	Moderately Suitable	&	Suitable	, then	Frequent
	19	Suitable	&	Suitable	, then	Frequent
	20	Preferred	&	Suitable	, then	Frequent
	21	Unsuitable	&	Preferred	, then	Occasional
	22	Barely Suitable	&	Preferred	, then	Frequent
	23	Moderately Suitable	&	Preferred	, then	Frequent
	24	Suitable	&	Preferred	, then	Pervasive
	25	Preferred	&	Preferred	, then	Pervasive



PROs & CONs of INFERENCE SYSTEM

Pros

- Easy to apply and transparent
- Flexibility in number of inputs and categories

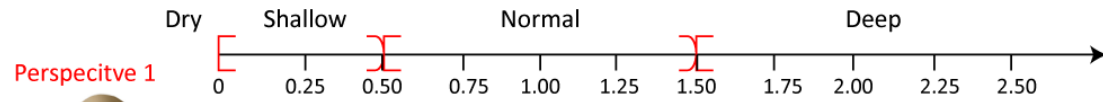
Cons

- Potentially subjective expert judgment
- Number of rules can grow... substantially



CRISP VS. FUZZY SETS

CRISP CATEGORIZATION OF CONTINUOUS VARIABLE



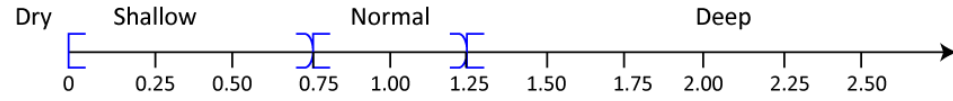
Perspicitive 1



“Dry” is Water Depth < 0 :
 “Shallow” is Water Depth from 0 to 0.5
 “Normal” is Water Depth from 0.5 to 1.50
 “Deep” is Water Depth > 1.50

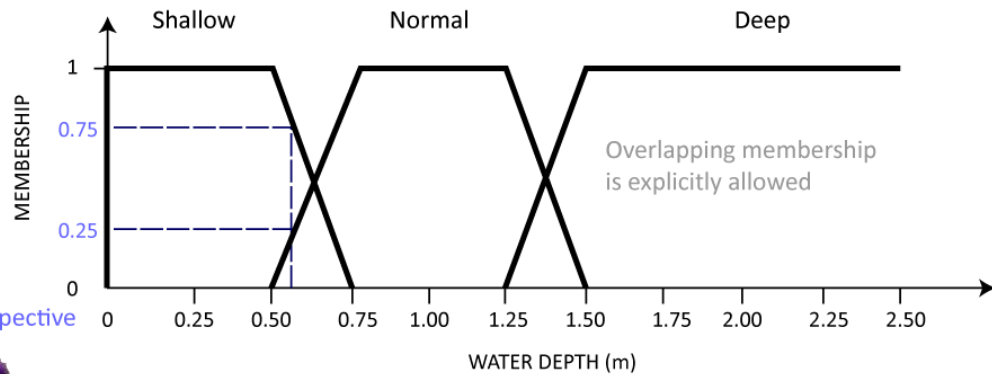
**CATEGORICAL AMBIGUITY
BETWEEN PERSPECTIVES**

Perspicitive 2



“Dry” is Water Depth < 0
 “Shallow” is Water Depth from 0 to 0.75
 “Normal” is Water Depth from 0.75 to 1.25
 “Deep” is Water Depth > 1.25

FUZZY MEMBERSHIP IN CATEGORIES BASED ON AMBIGUITY/ UNCERTAINTY



Fuzzy Perspective

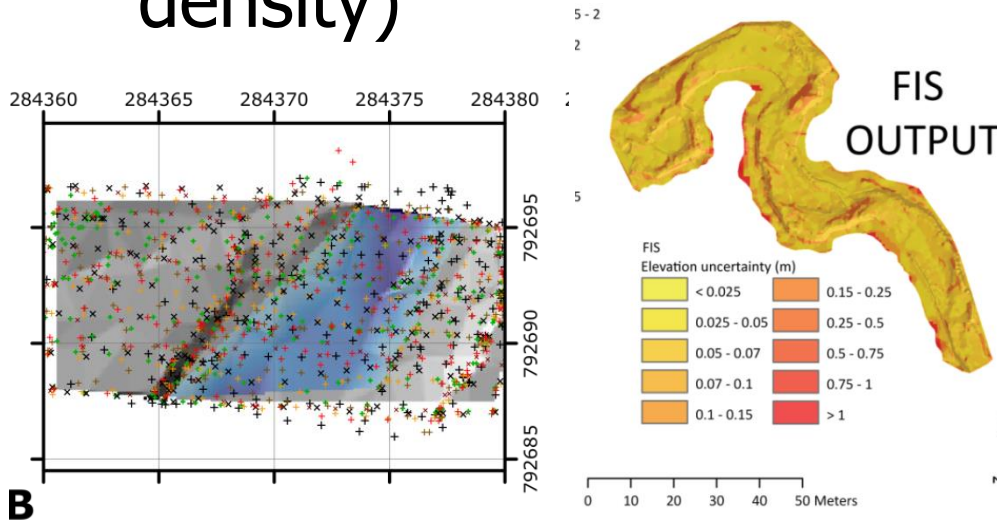


A water depth of 0.60 m has a 75% membership in the “Shallow” category and a 25% membership in the “Normal” Category

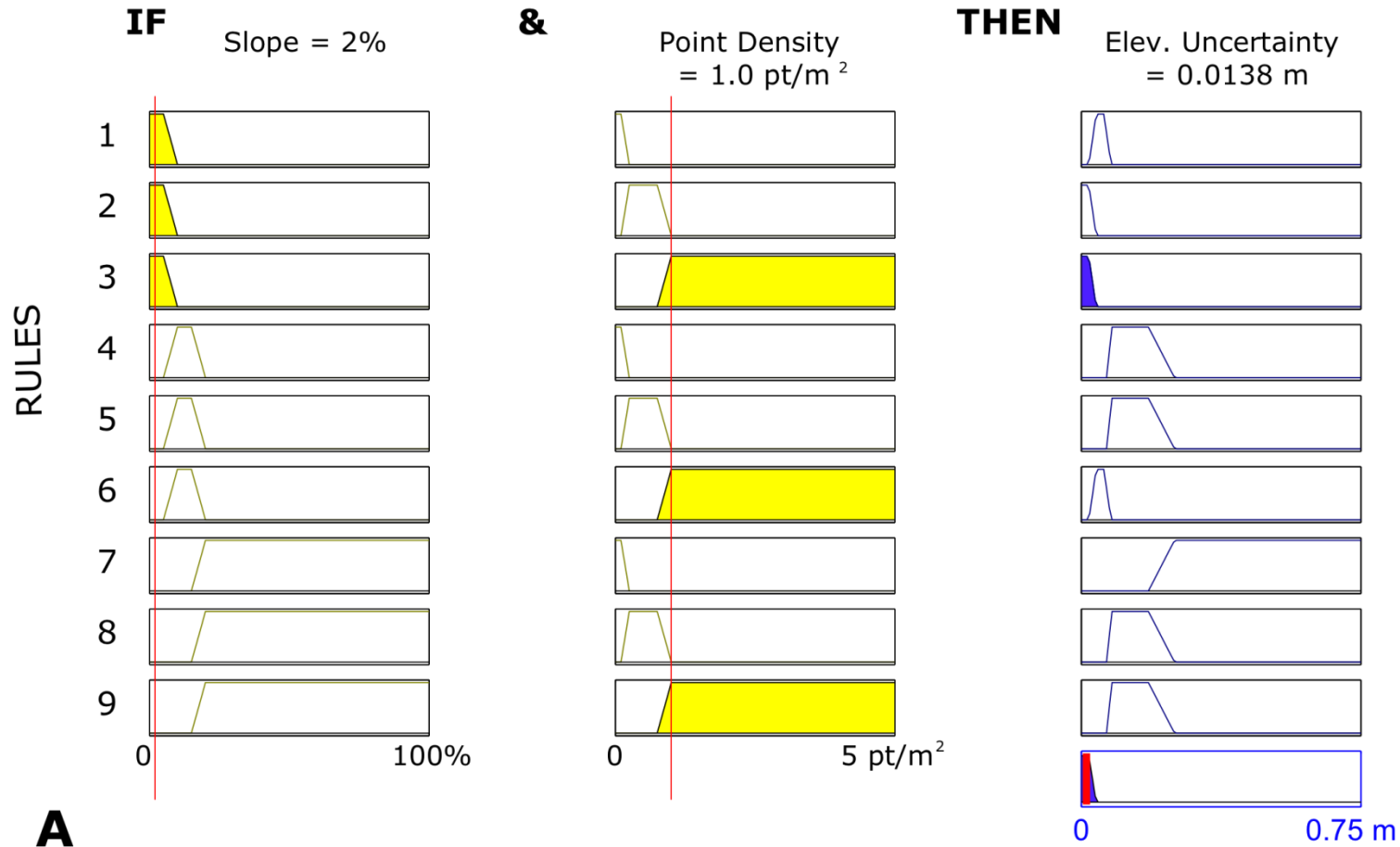
A SIMPLE TWO RULE SYSTEM...

- Given a point cloud
- Relationship between topographic complexity (slope) and sampling (point density)

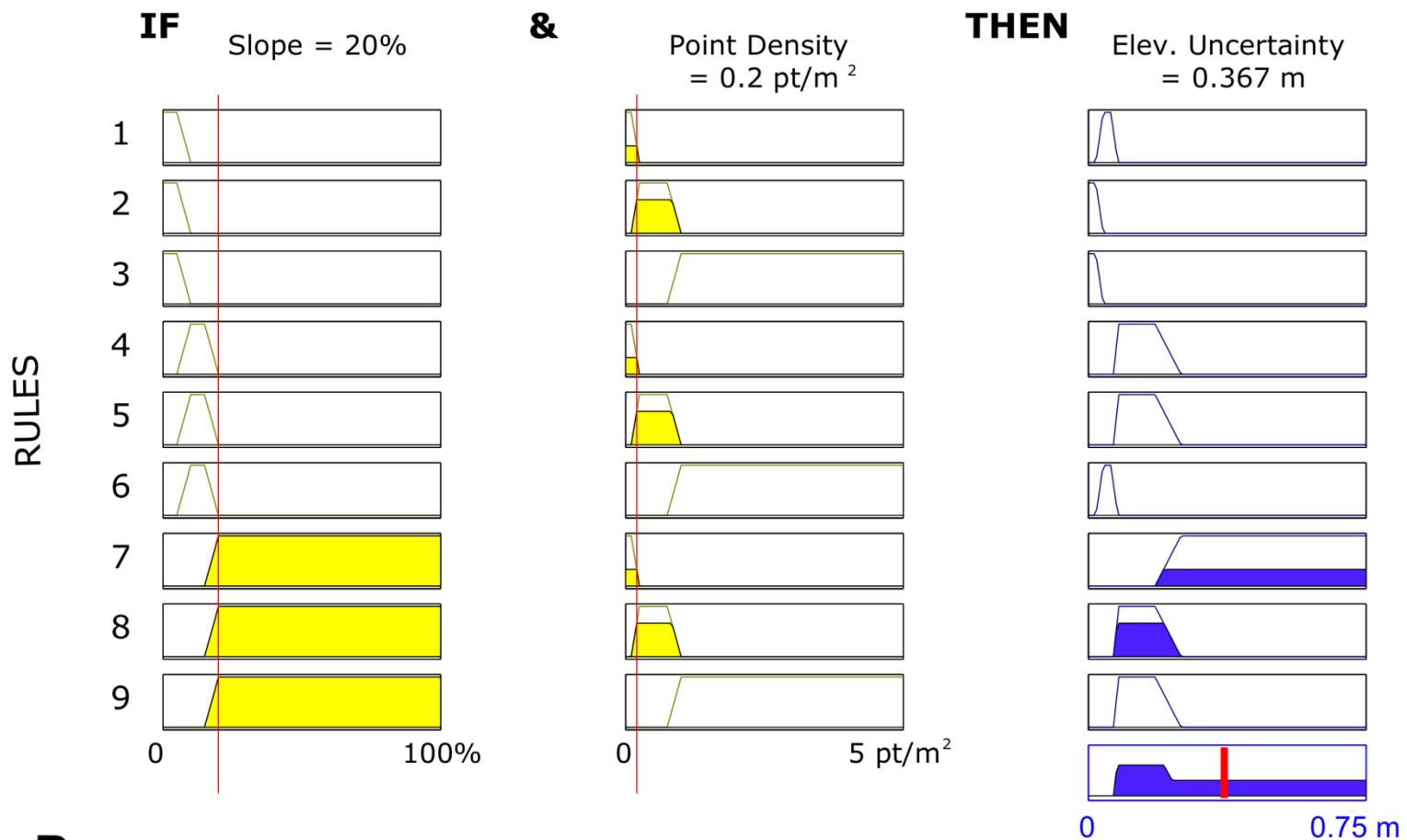
Rule:	Inputs		Output
	Slope %	Pt. ρ m/pts ²	$\delta(z)$ m
1	Low	Low	Average
2	Low	Medium	Low
3	Low	High	Low
4	Medium	Low	High
5	Medium	Medium	High
6	Medium	High	Average
7	High	Low	Extreme
8	High	Medium	High
9	High	High	High



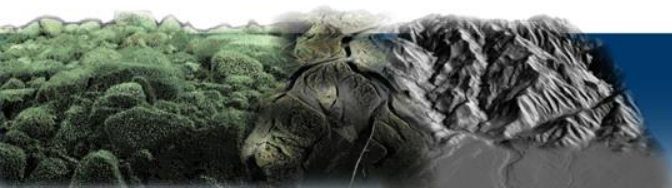
EXAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION (2-RULE)



EXAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION



B



SOME BACKGROUND READING

- Two methodological advances

1. Fuzzy Inference Systems

2. Spatial Coherence Filter & Bayesian Updating

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Accounting for uncertainty in DEMs from repeat topographic surveys: improved sediment budgets

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ABSTRACT: Repeat topographic surveys are increasingly becoming more affordable, and possible at higher spatial resolutions and over greater spatial extents. Digital elevation models (DEMs) built from such surveys can be used to produce DEM of Difference (DoD) maps and estimate the net change in storage terms for morphological sediment budgets. While these products are extremely useful for monitoring and geomorphic interpretation, data and model uncertainties render them prone to misinterpretation. Two new methods are presented, which allow for more robust and spatially variable estimation of DEM uncertainties and propagate these forward to evaluate the consequences for estimates of geomorphic change. The first relies on a fuzzy inference system to estimate the spatial variability of elevation uncertainty in individual DEMs while the second approach modifies this estimate on the basis of the spatial coherence of erosion and deposition units. Both techniques allow for probabilistic representation of uncertainty on a cell-by-cell basis and thresholding of the sediment budget at a user-specified confidence interval. The application of these new techniques is illustrated with 5 years of high resolution survey data from a 1 km long braided reach of the River Feshie in the Highlands of Scotland. The reach was found to be consistently degradational, with between 570 and 1970 m³ of net erosion per annum, despite the fact that spatially, deposition covered more surface area than erosion. In the two wetter periods with extensive braid-plain inundation, the uncertainty analysis thresholded at a 95% confidence interval resulted in a larger percentage (57% for 2004–2005 and 59% for 2006–2007) of volumetric change being excluded from the budget than the drier years (24% for 2003–2004 and 31% for 2005–2006). For these data, the new uncertainty analysis is generally more conservative volumetrically than a standard spatially-uniform minimum level of detection analysis, but also produces more plausible and physically meaningful results. The tools are packaged in a wizard-driven Matlab software application available for download with this paper, and can be calibrated and extended for application to any topographic point cloud (x,y,z). Copyright © 2009 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

KEYWORDS: DEM of Difference (DoD); fluvial geomorphology; morphological method; morphological sediment budgeting; River Feshie; fuzzy inference system

Introduction

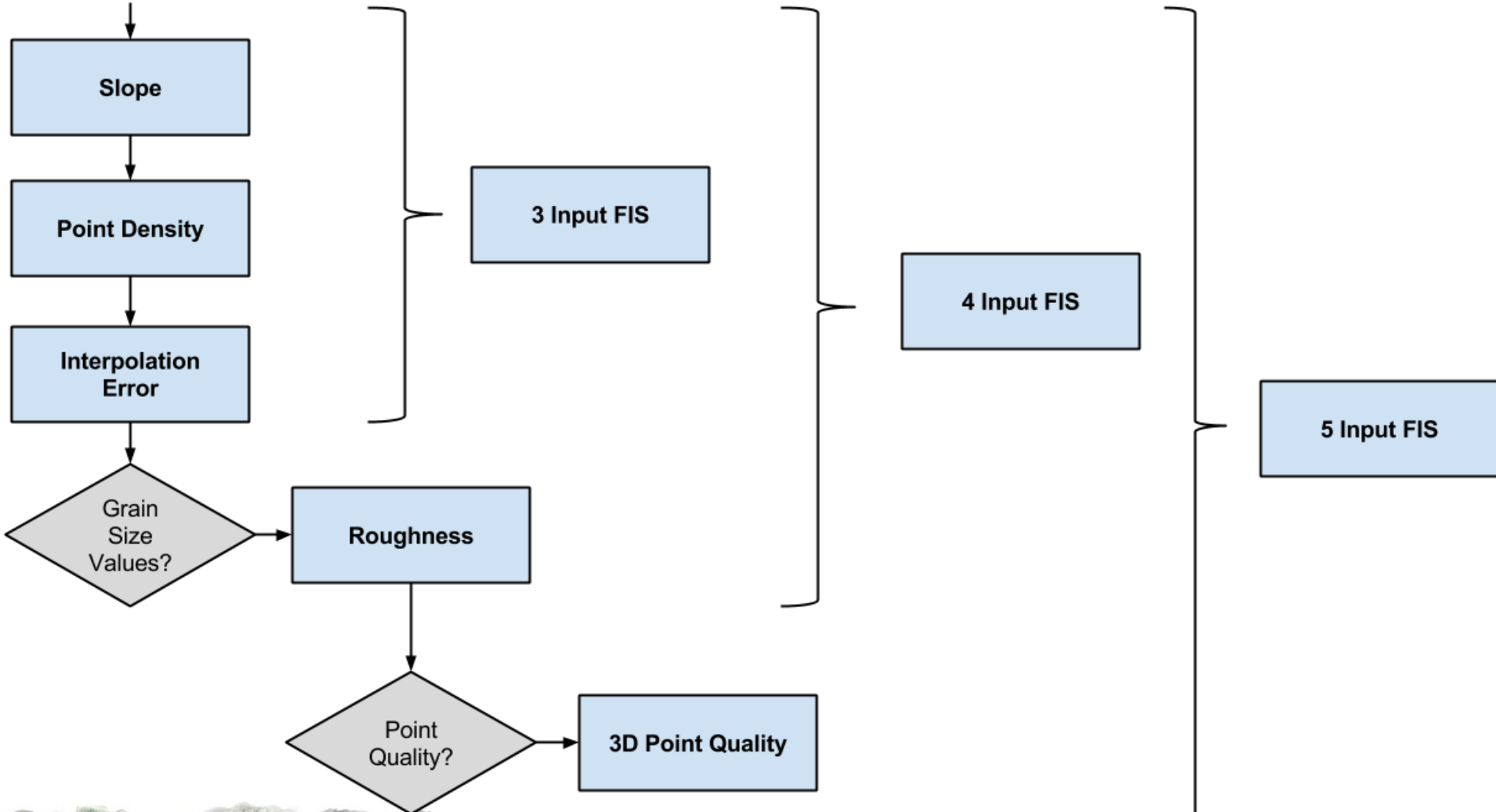
With recent advances in ground-based, boat-based and remotely-sensed surveying technologies, the rapid acquisition of topographic data is now possible at spatial resolutions and extents previously unimaginable (Lane and Chandler, 2003; Heritage and Hetherington, 2007; Milan *et al.*, 2007; Marcus and Fonstad, 2008; Notebaert *et al.*, 2008). These advances make monitoring geomorphic changes and estimating sediment budgets through repeat topographic surveys and the application of the morphological method (Church and Ashmore, 1998) a tractable, affordable approach for monitoring applications in both research and practice. In fluvial geomorphology, the morphological approach has been used as an alternative to measuring sediment transport directly and has historically been applied primarily to repeat surveys of river plan form, cross-sections and/or longitudinal profiles

(Brewer and Passmore, 2002; Lane, 1998). However, from the early 1990s (Lane *et al.*, 1994), the morphological method has been expanded to include the use of repeat topographic surveys from which digital elevation models (DEMs) could be constructed and differenced to produce DEMs of Difference (DoDs). This paper focuses exclusively on the 2D application of the morphological method using DoDs.

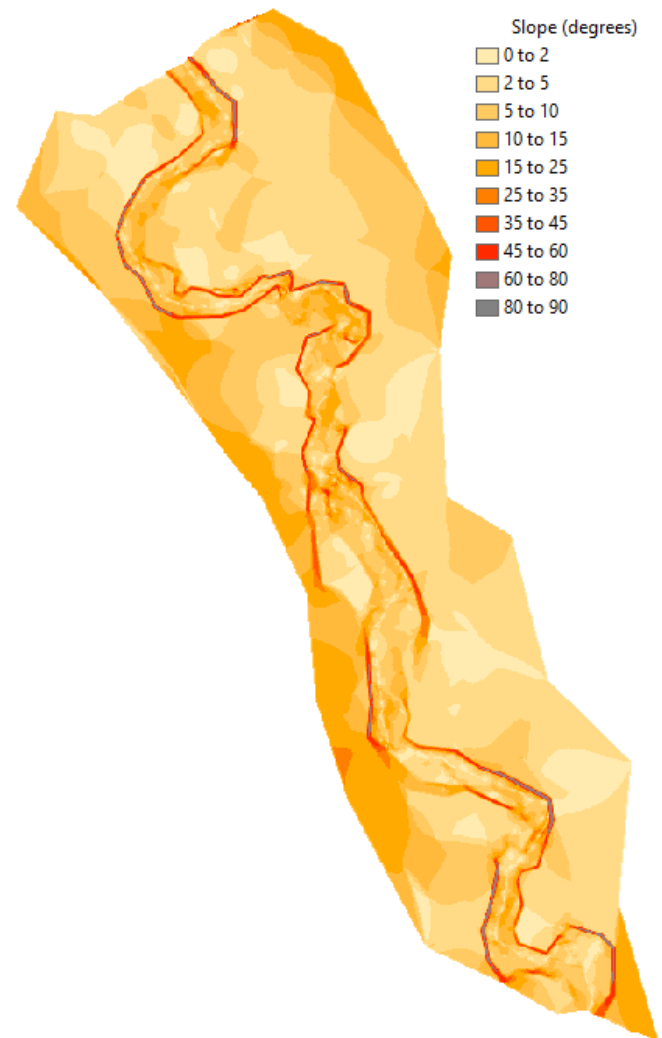
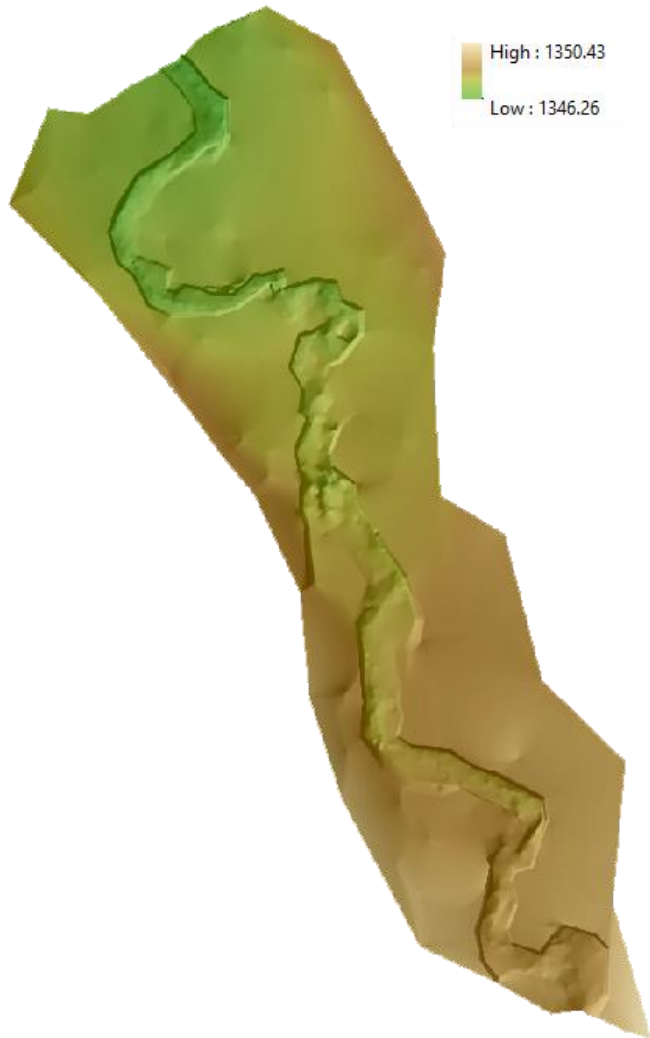
Uncertainty in DoD application of the morphological method has already received considerable attention (Lane *et al.*, 1994; Milne and Sear, 1997; Brasington *et al.*, 2000; Lane, 1998; Lane *et al.*, 2003). Driving this interest has been the basic question that, given the uncertainty inherent in individual DEMs, is it possible to distinguish real geomorphic changes from noise? Repeat surveys using rtkGPS (Brasington *et al.*, 2000), total stations (Milne and Sear, 1997), aerial photogrammetry (Winterbottom and Gilvear, 1997; Westaway *et al.*, 2001), multi-beam echo-sounding (Calder and Mayer,

METHOD

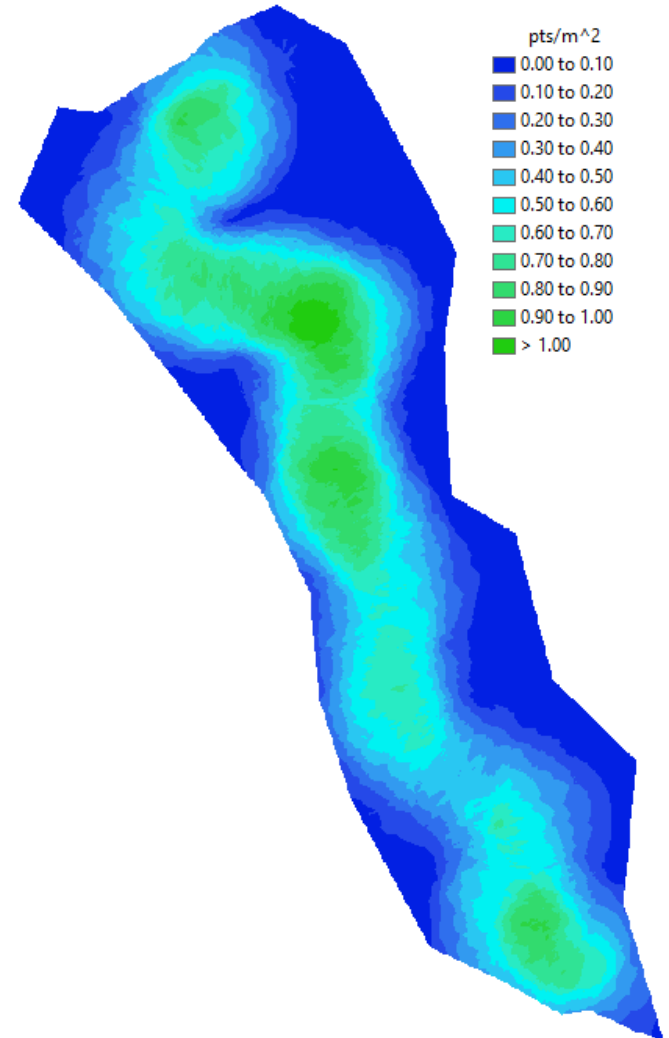
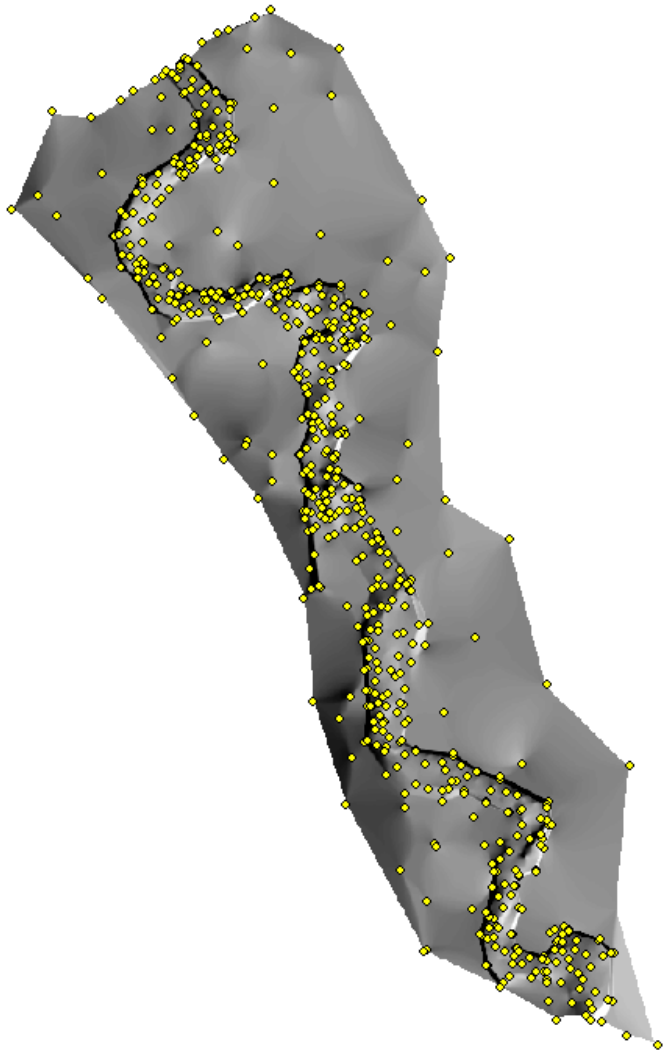
Derive FIS
Error Surface



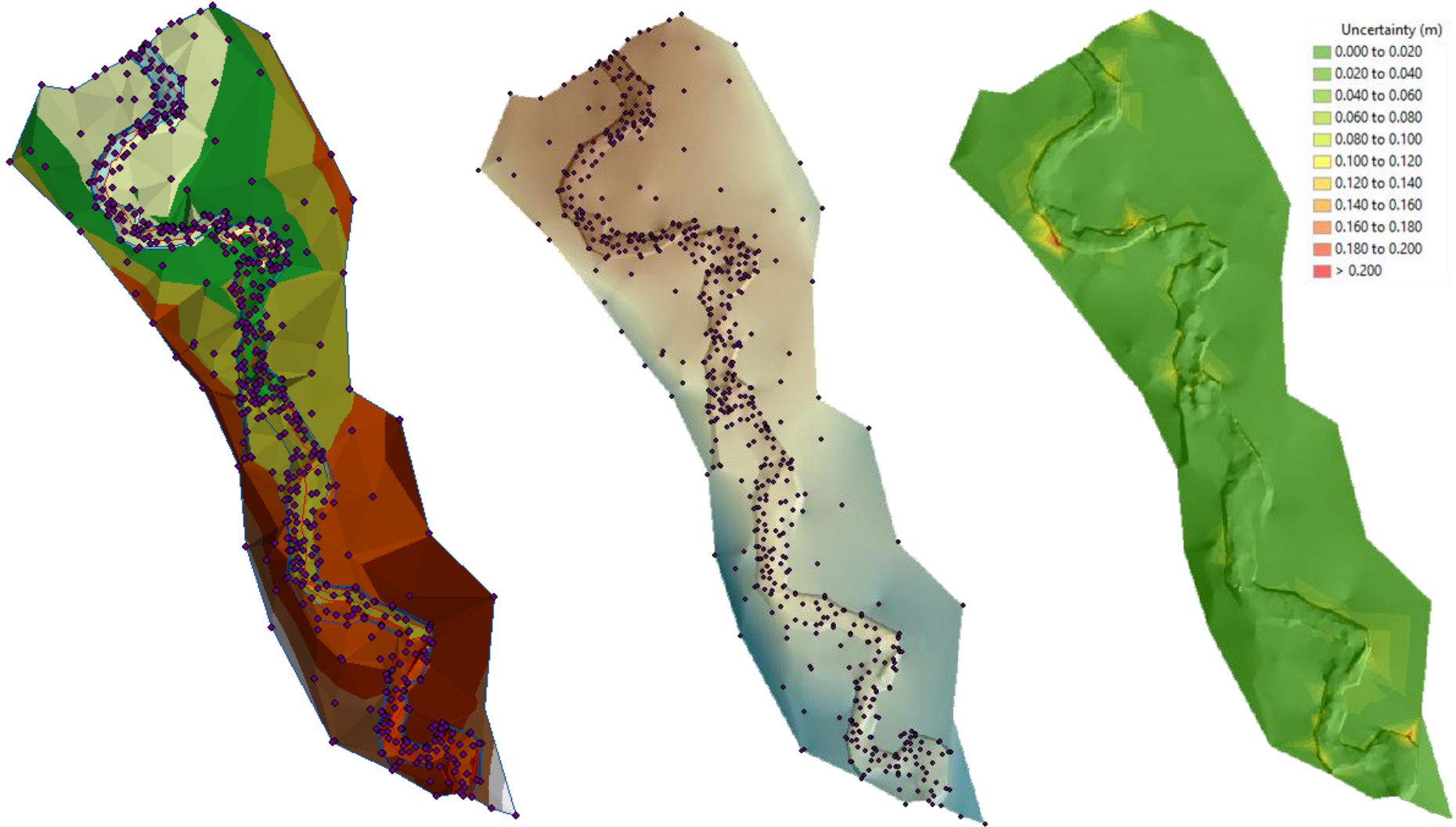
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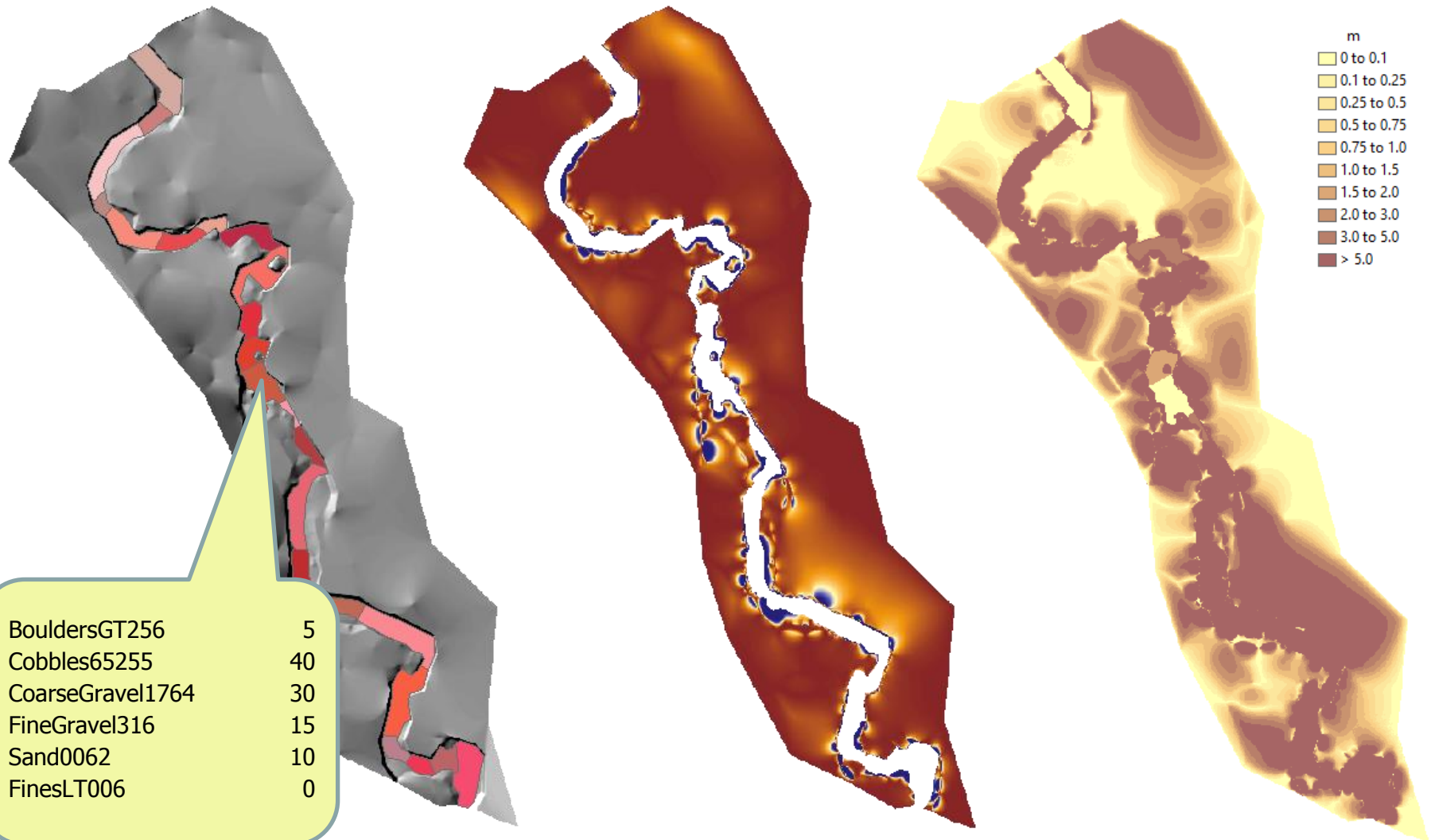
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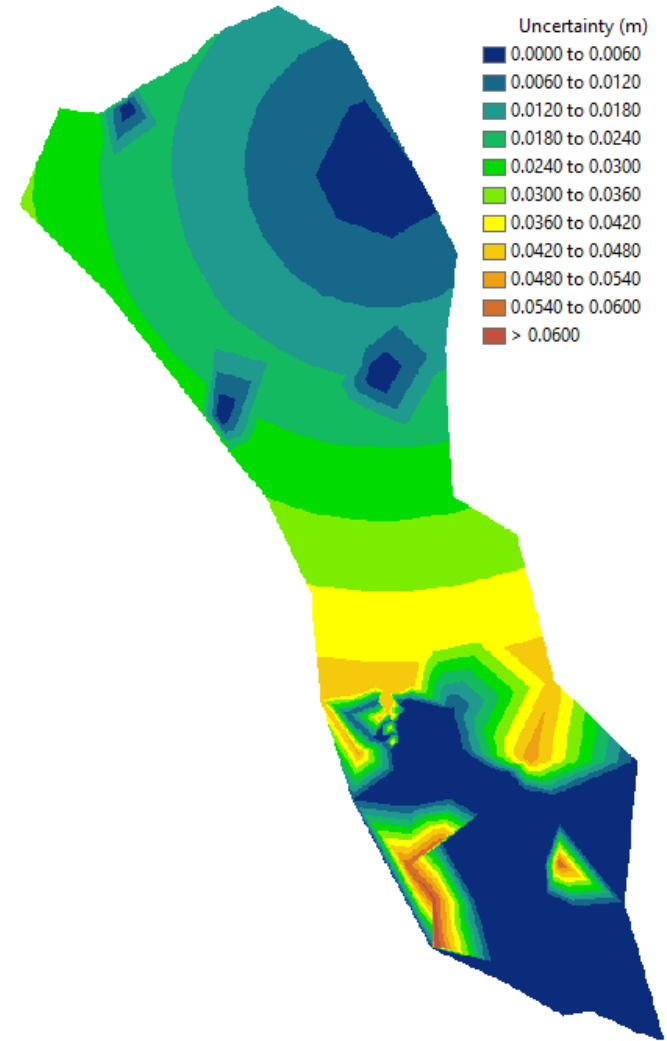
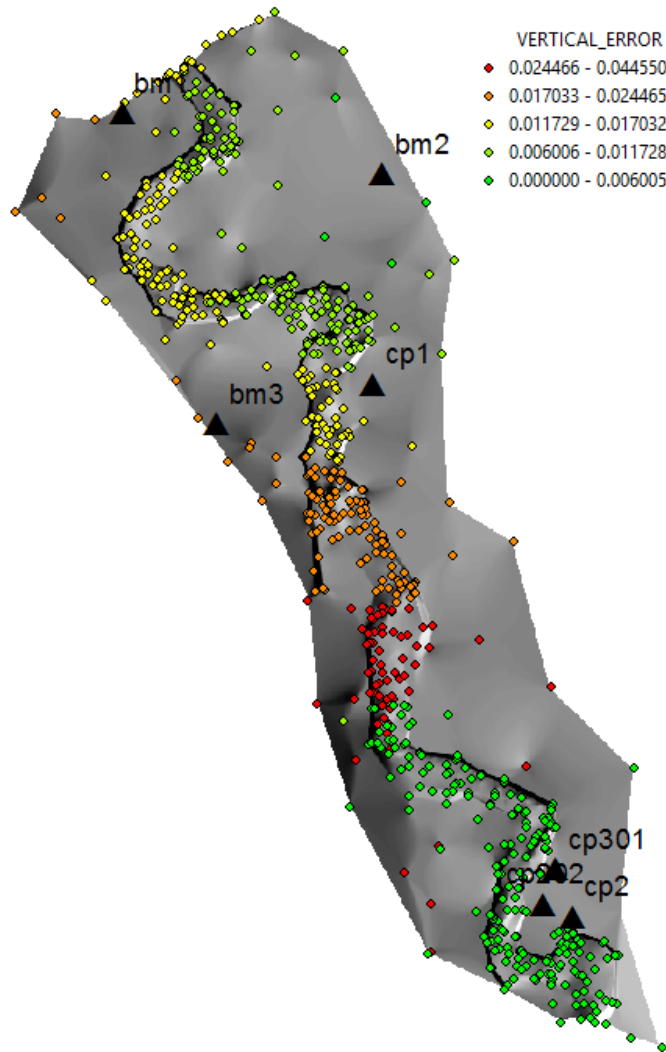
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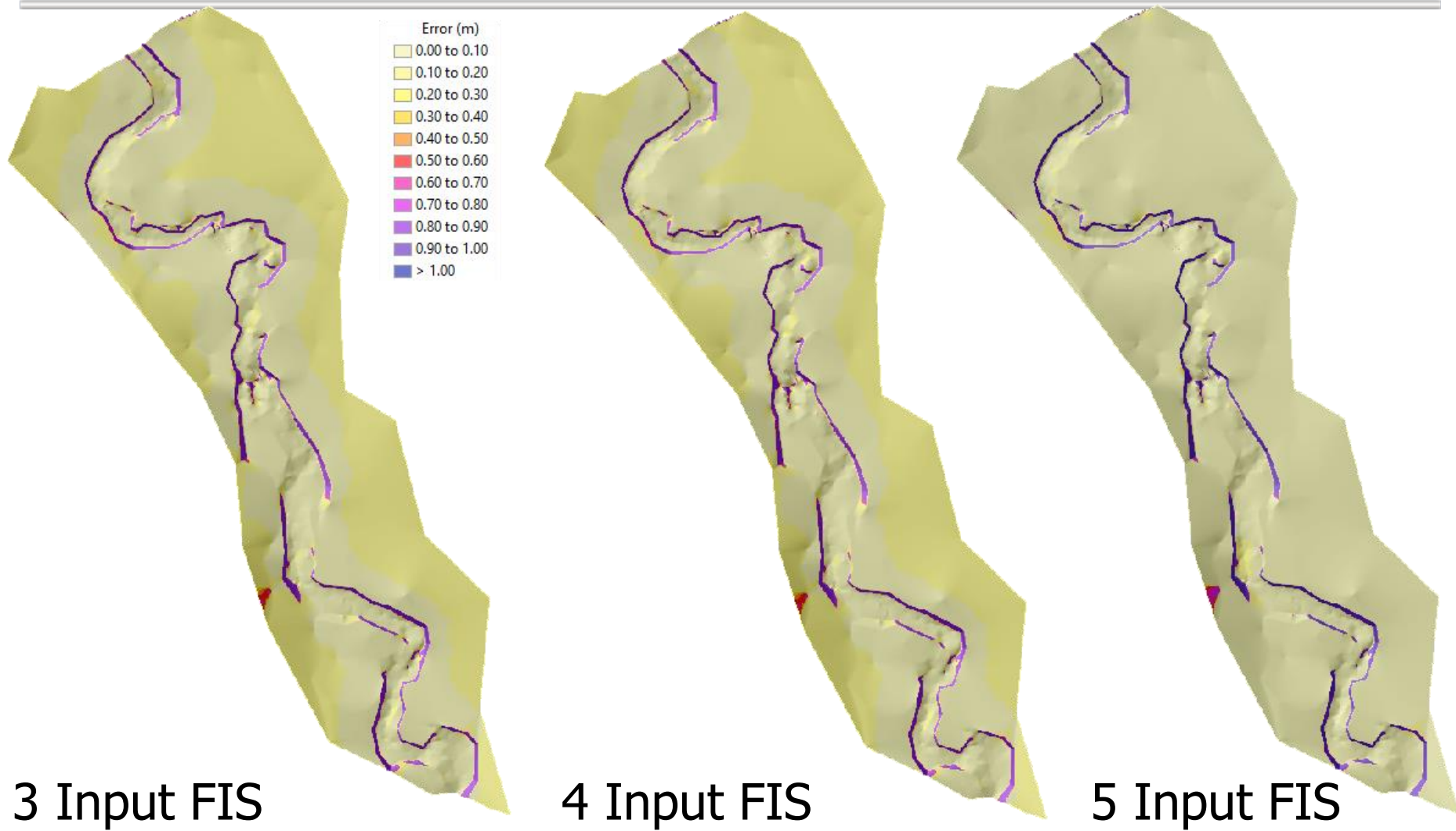
ROUGHNESS



3D POINT QUALITY



ERROR SURFACES



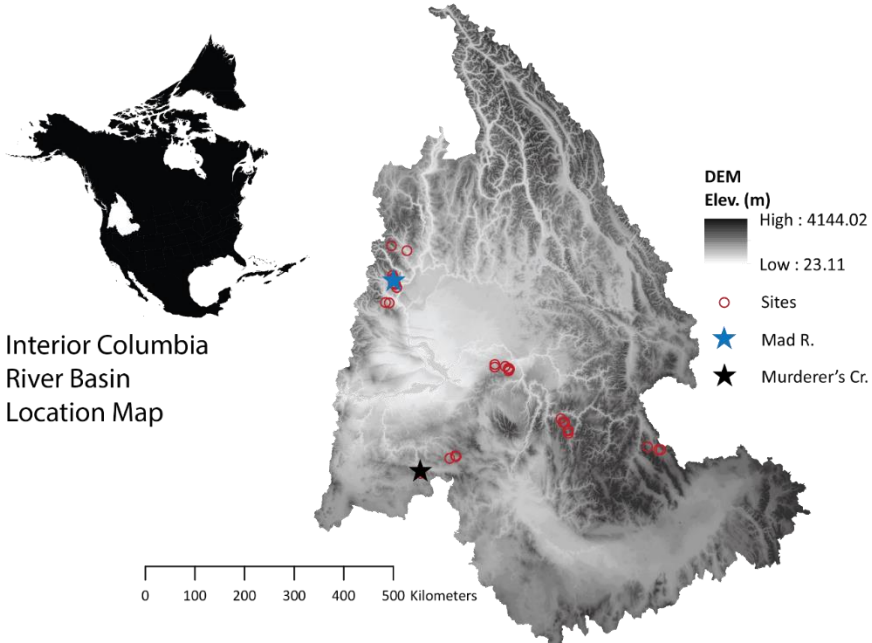
EXERCISE PIP: CHaMP FIS ERROR MODELS

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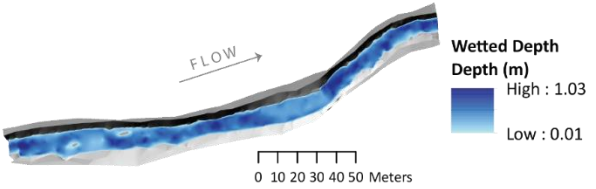
1. Start New ArcMap Document
2. Listen to Philip....



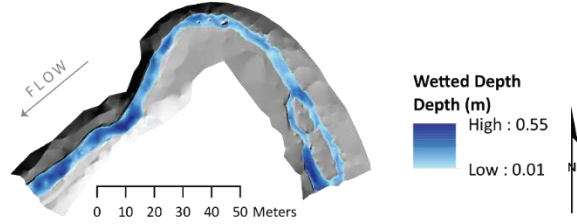
EXAMPLE OF TWO CONTRASTING SITES



Mad River

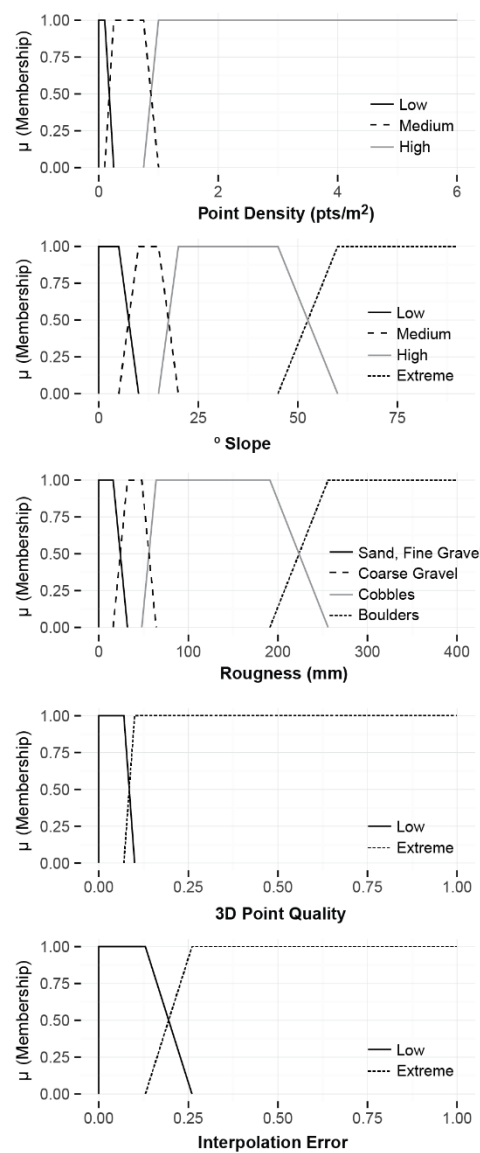


Murderers Creek



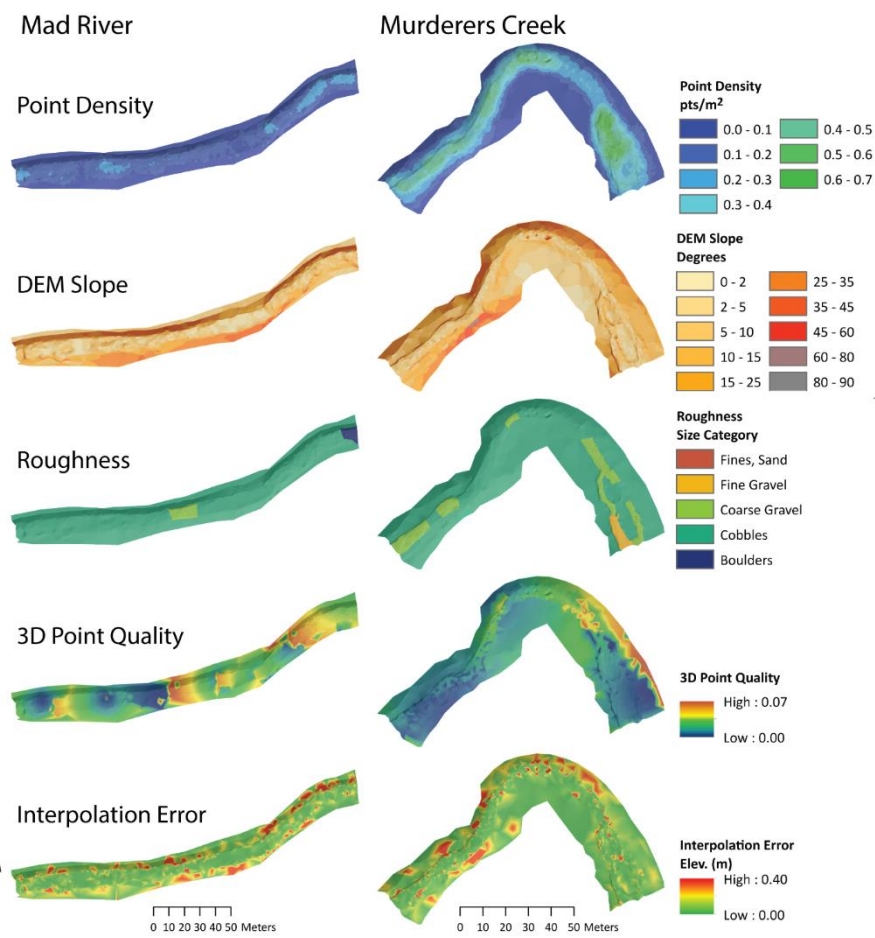
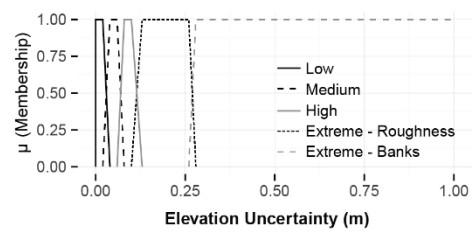
INPUTS...

INPUTS



FUZZY INFERENCE SYSTEM
 Type: Mamandi
 And Method: Min
 Or Method: Max
 Impliction: Min
 Aggregation: Max
 Defuzz Method: Centroid

OUTPUT

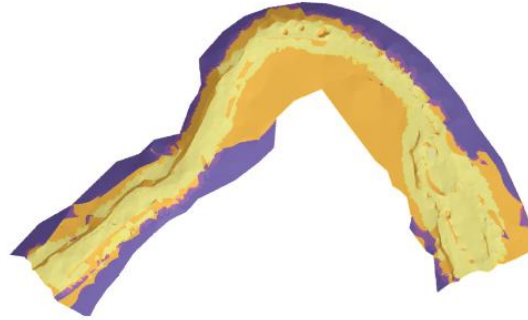
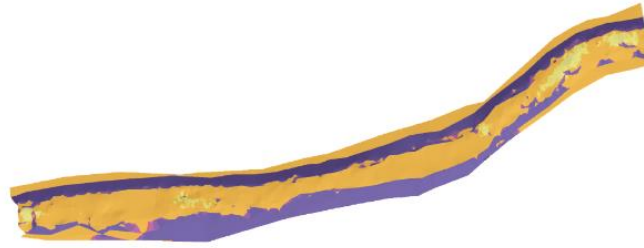


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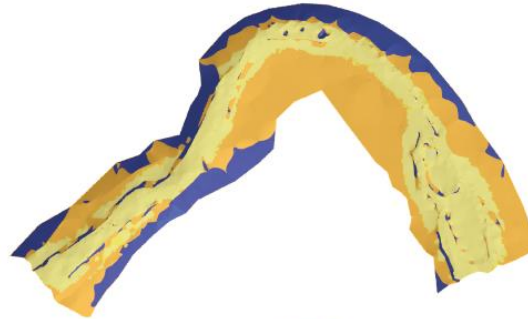
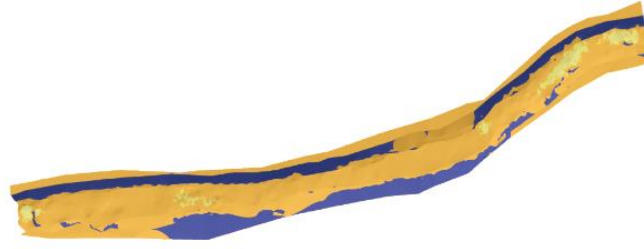
Mad River

Murderers Creek

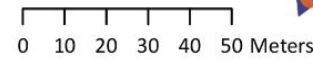
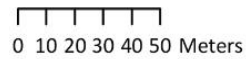
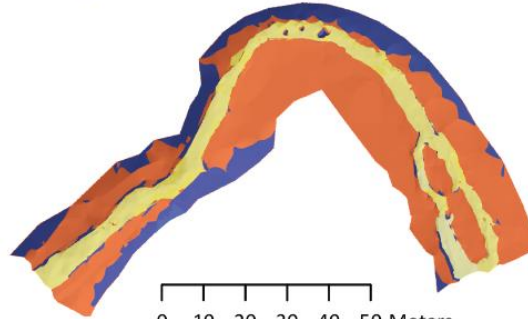
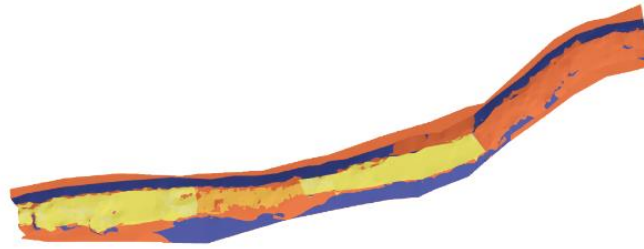
2 Input FIS



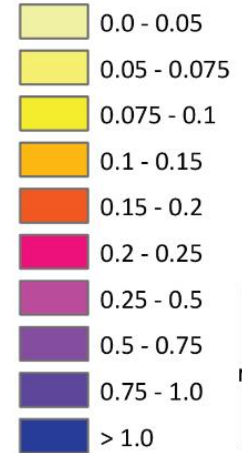
4 Input FIS



5 Input FIS

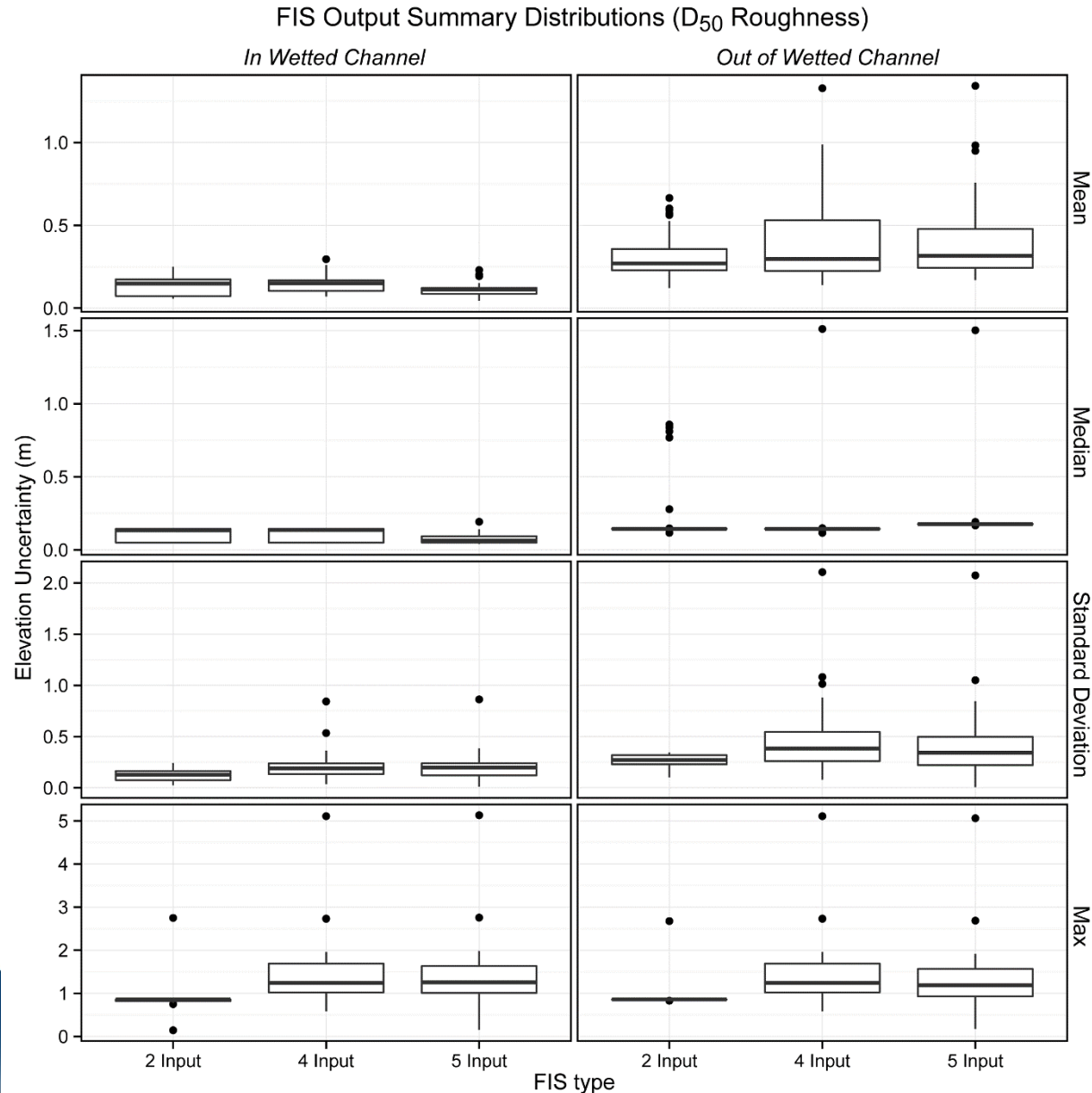


FIS Output
Elev. uncertainty (m)



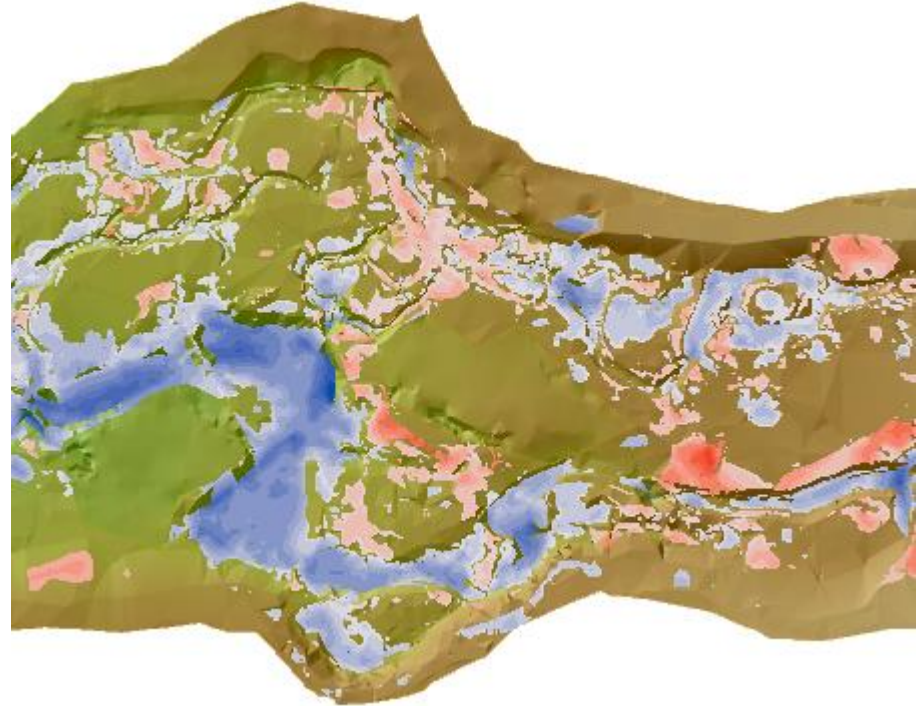
WHAT DOES ADDING MORE INPUTS DO?

- Minimal impact on mean
- Modest impact on standard deviation
- Biggest impact on outliers
- i.e. Its picking up localities with minor problems



EXERCISE R – BRIDGE CREEK

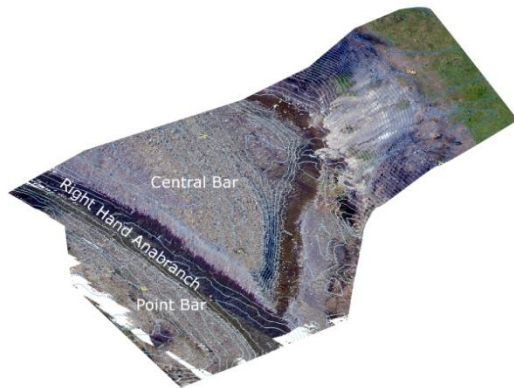
- Create Project “Lower Owens D”
- Add two DEM Surveys (2010, 2014)
- Generate Associated Surfaces
 - Slope
 - Point Density (Topo_Points.shp)
 - Interpolation Error (XXXX_InterpError.tif)
- Generate 3 Input FIS error surfaces
- Change Detection using Probabilistic Threshold at 80% confidence level



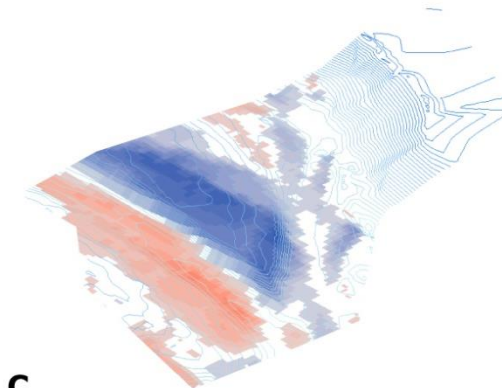
USE MASKS TO SEGREGATE DoD



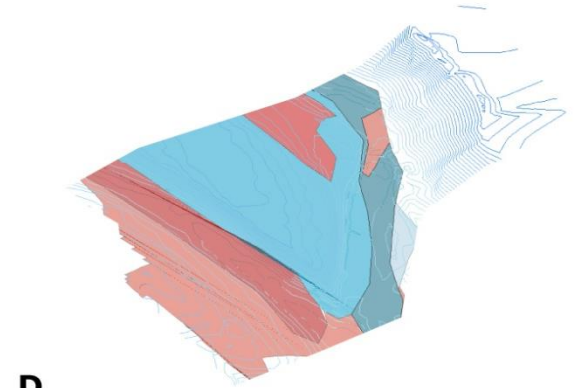
A



B

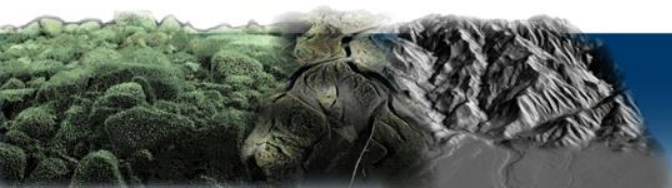


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D

What are the individual mechanisms of net change?

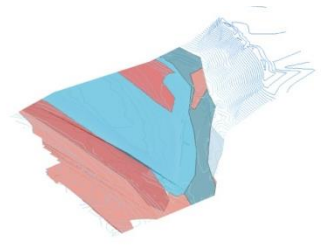
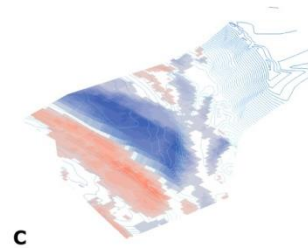
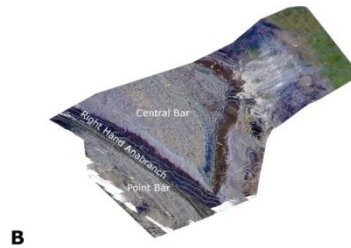
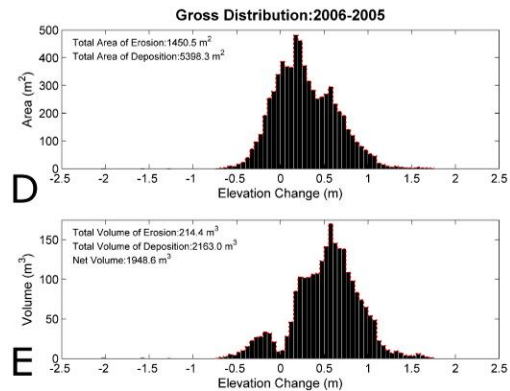


THREE TYPES OF MASKS

Just a way of spatially segregating budget to ask questions and query budget results.

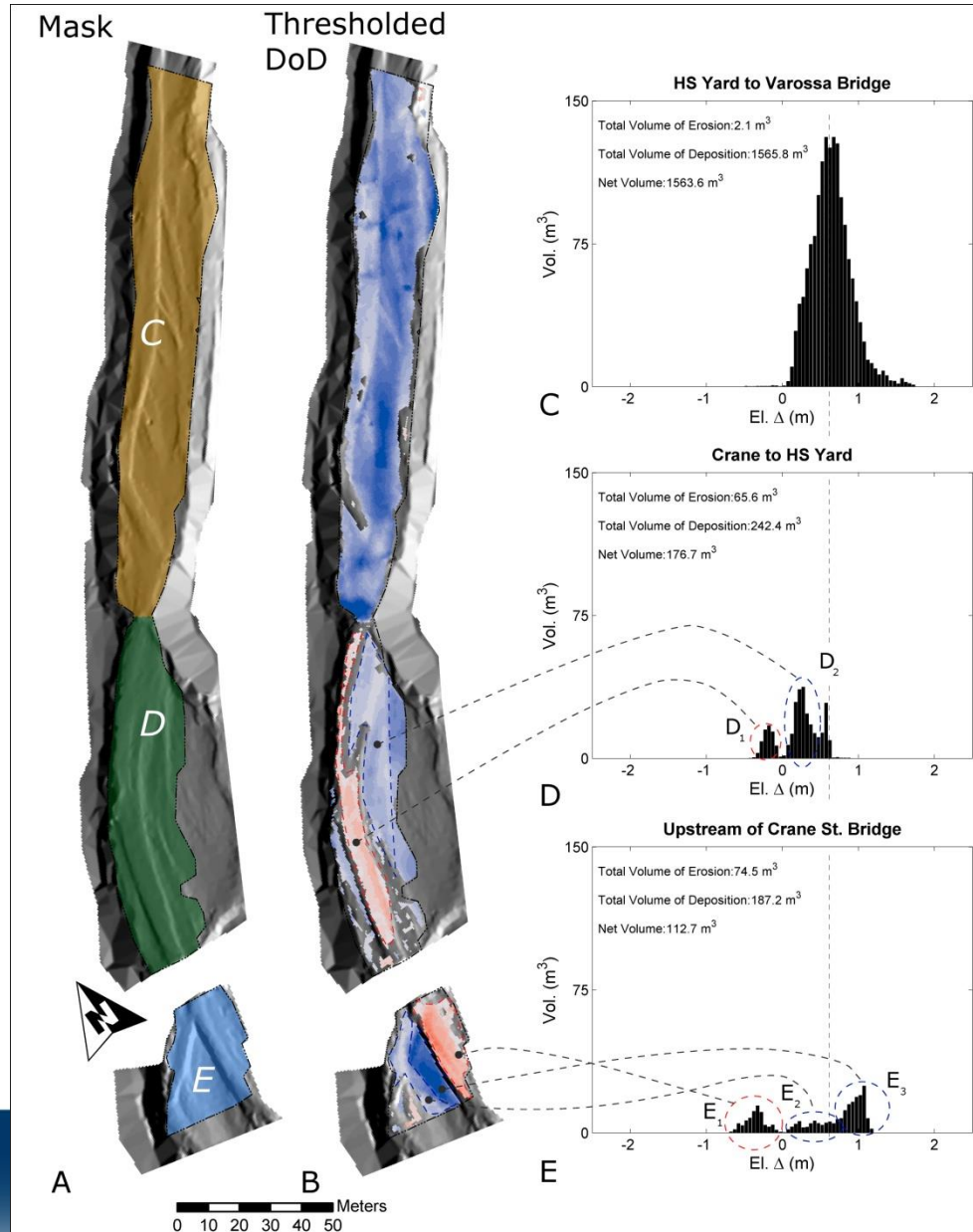
1. Standard Classification
 2. Classification of Difference
 3. Geomorphic Interpretation
- Just polygons...

Segregates both DoD & its Elevation Change Distribution...



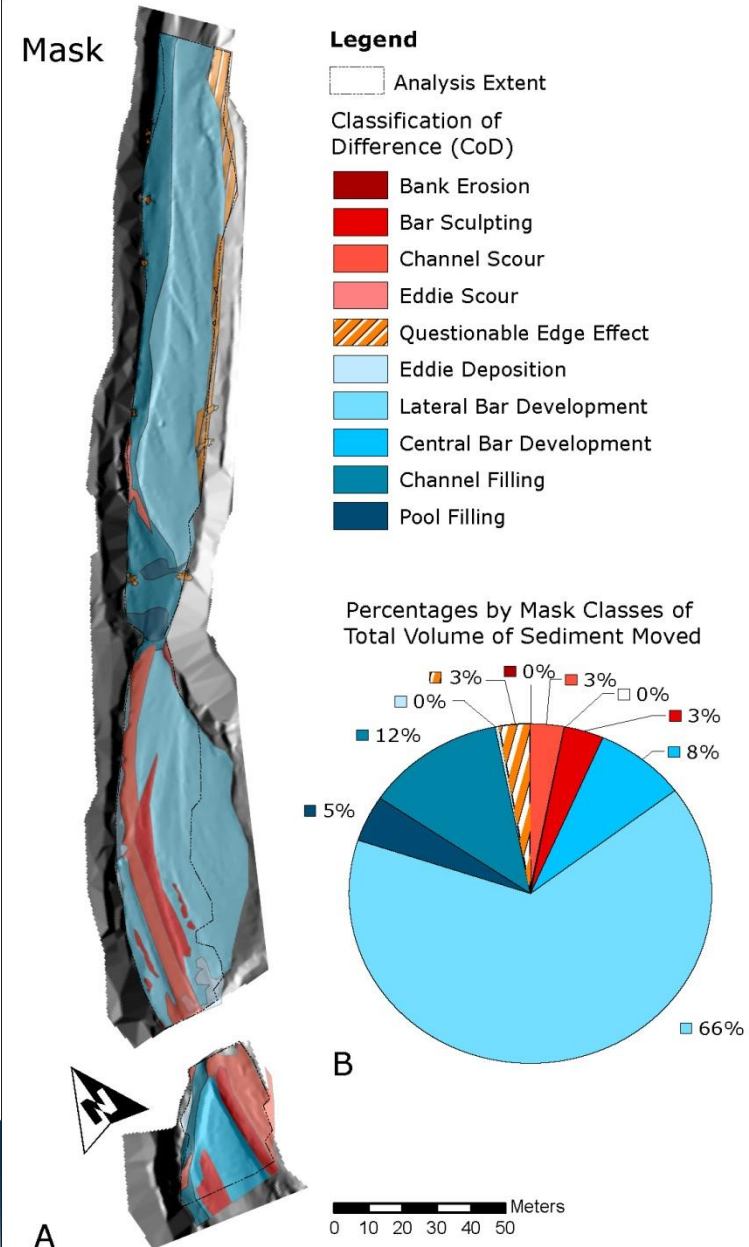
STANDARD CLASSIFICATION

- Any classification that is of:
 - The pre-survey
 - The post-survey
 - Or Time Independent
- Examples:
 - Morphological Units
 - Habitat Classification
 - Administrative Boundaries
 - Reaches

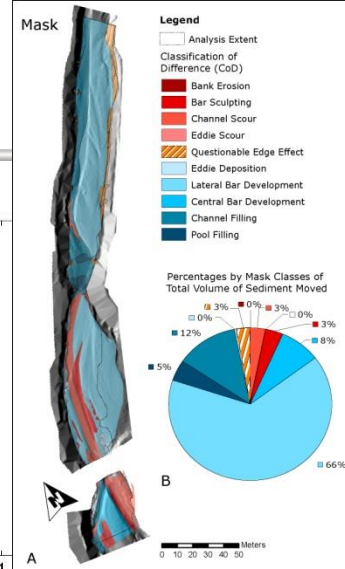
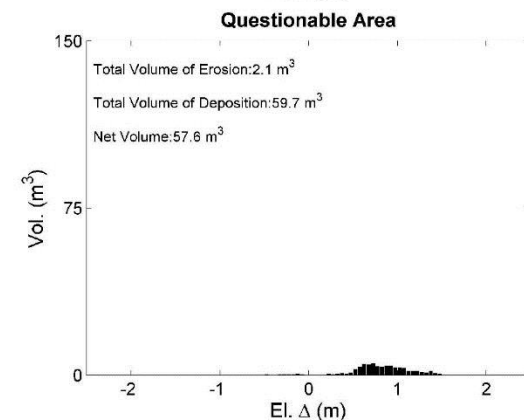
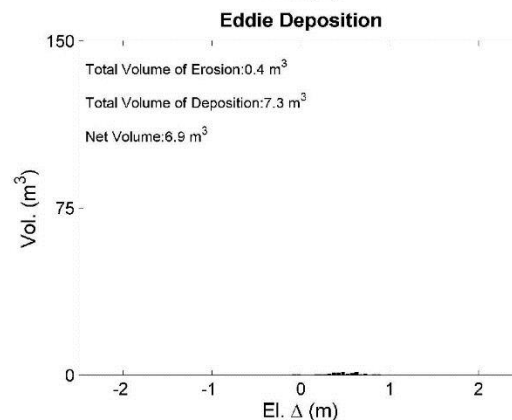
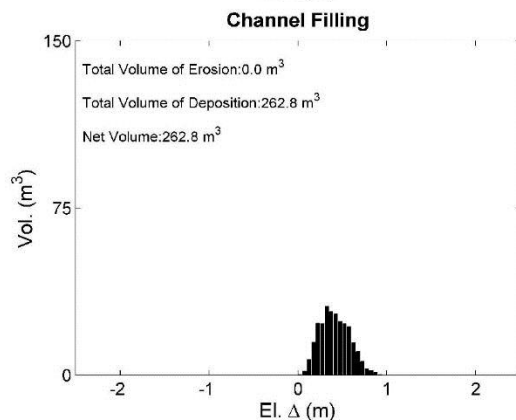
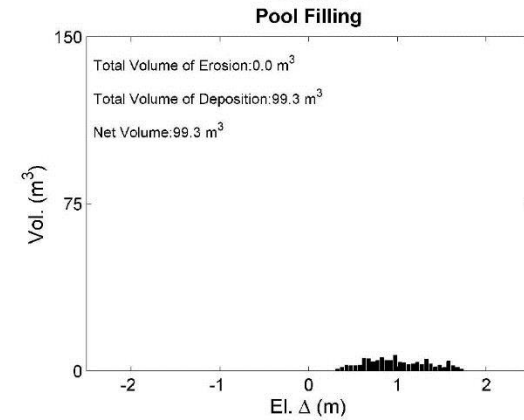
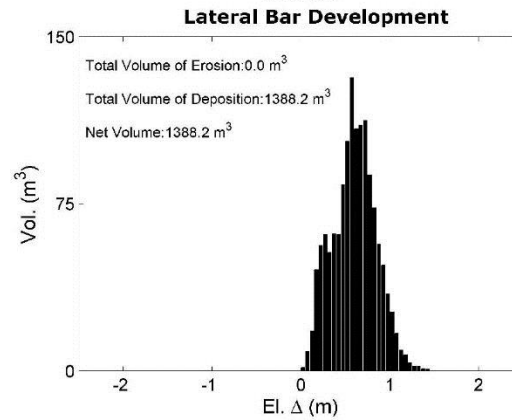
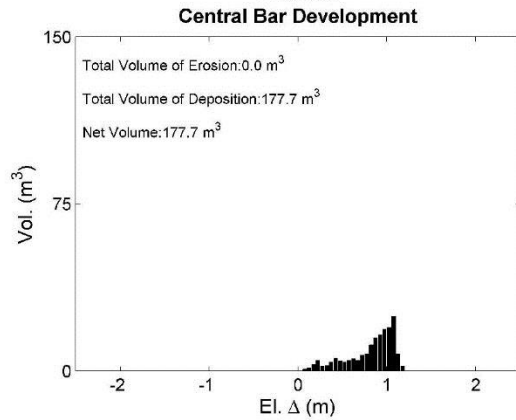
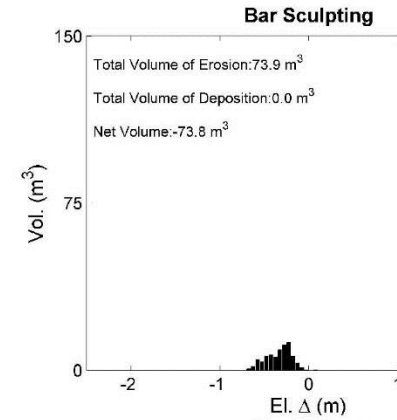
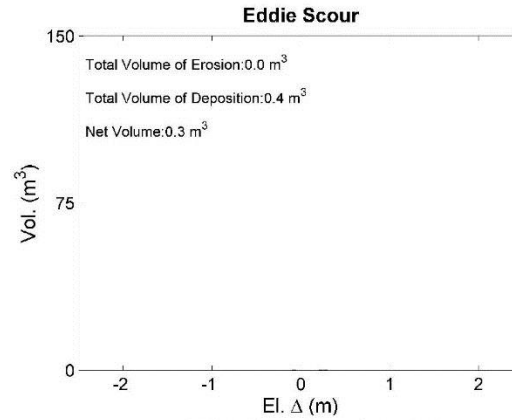
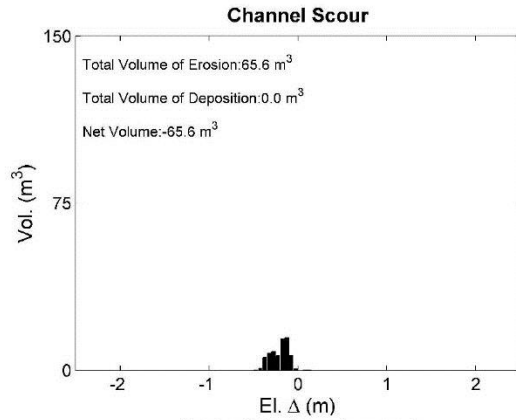


GEOMORPHIC INTERPRETATION

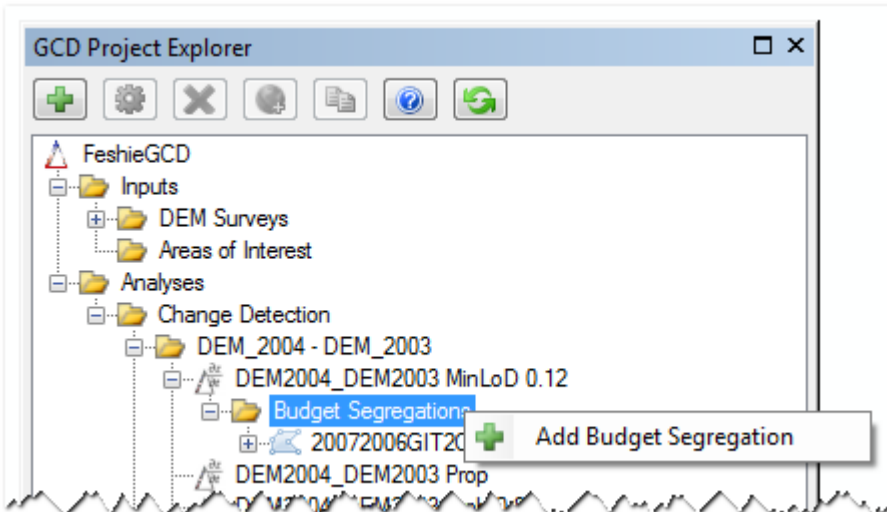
- Instead of mask being based on one point in time, this is based on the change surface itself (i.e. the DoD)
- Multiple lines of evidence can be used beyond DoD
- You define geomorphic processes of interest



DOMINANT OR UNIQUE SIGNATURES?

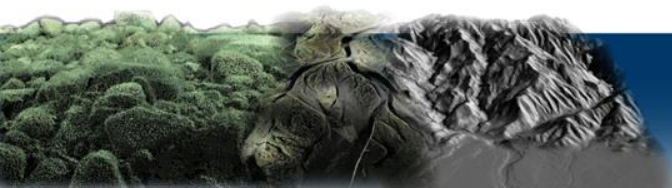
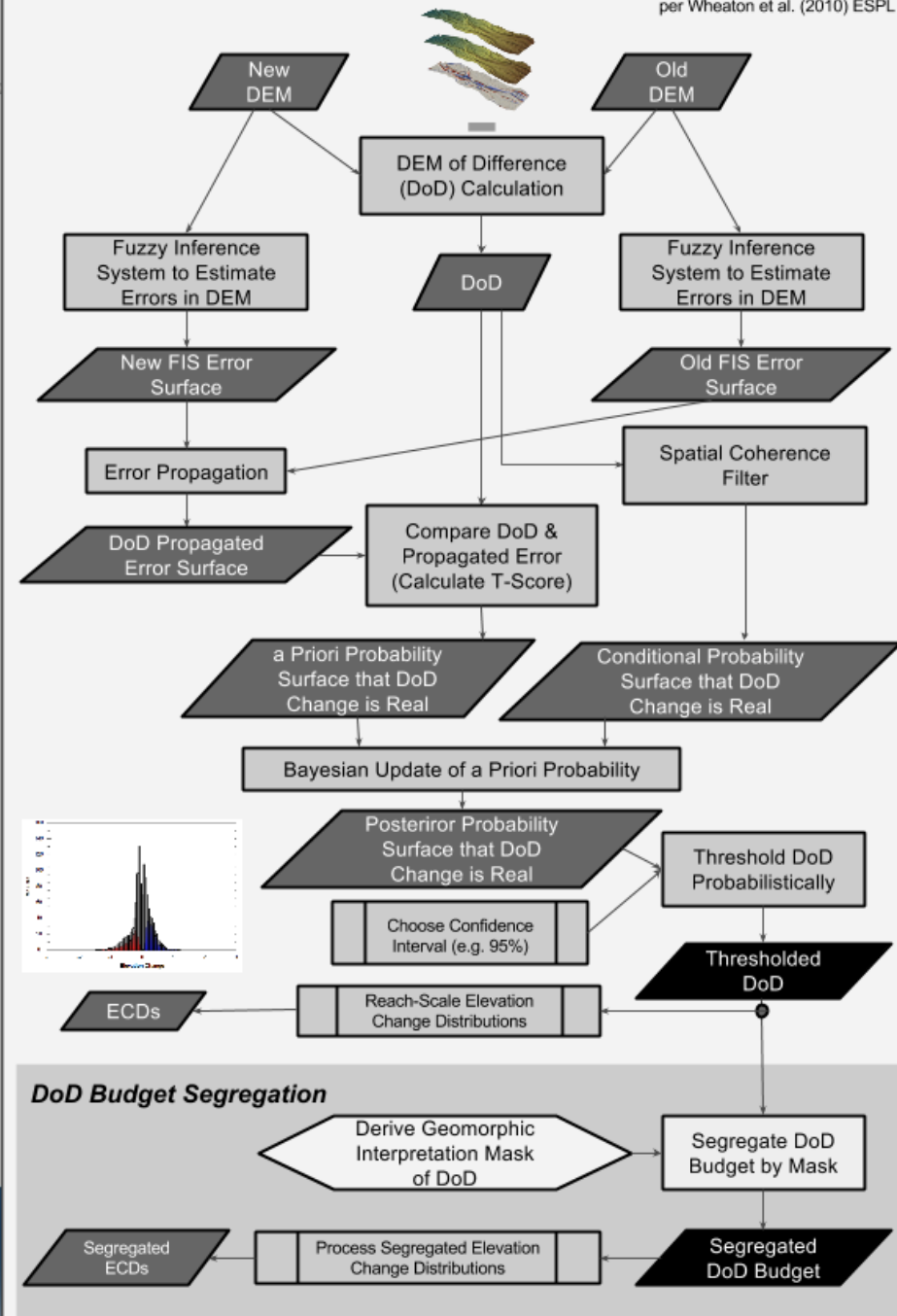


USING THE GCD SOFTWARE FOR BUDGET SEGREGATION...



GCD Standard Workflow

Using Fuzzy Inference System, Spatial Coherence Filter & Bayesian Updating as per Wheaton et al. (2010) ESPL



EXERCISE V- PART 1: PERFORM BUDGET

SEGREGATION `C:\CHaMPWorkshop\Exercises\GCD\V_BudgetSeg`

1. Start New ArcMap Document
2. Start New GCD Project – Sulphur Creek – In V
3. Add 2005 and 2006 DEMs, perform DoD with thresholding of your choosing...
4. Add a Budget Segregation using provided shapefile
5. Explore results



EXERCISE V : PART 2 DERIVE GI BUDGET

SEGREGATION C:\CHaMPWorkshop\Exercises\GCD\V_BudgetSeg

1. Choose a GCD Project or Create a New One
2. Run raster calculator on thresholded DoD to get erosion and deposition areas
3. Convert integer raster output into polygon
4. Add text field(s) to polygon
5. Start classifying....
6. Use for budget segregation
7. Interrogate results



GCD ANALYSIS

- Get slide from PiP
 - Target Visit 2015
 - T-1 2014
 - T0 Visit 2011

