



The Southern California Earthquake Center Information Technology Research Initiative

Toward a Collaboratory for System-Level Earthquake
Science

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Collaboratory Concept

“The fusion of computers and electronic communications has the potential to dramatically enhance the output and productivity of U.S. researchers. A major step toward realizing that potential can come from combining the interests of the scientific community at large with those of the computer science and engineering community to create *integrated, tool-oriented computing and communication systems to support scientific collaboration*. Such systems can be called ‘collaboratories’.”

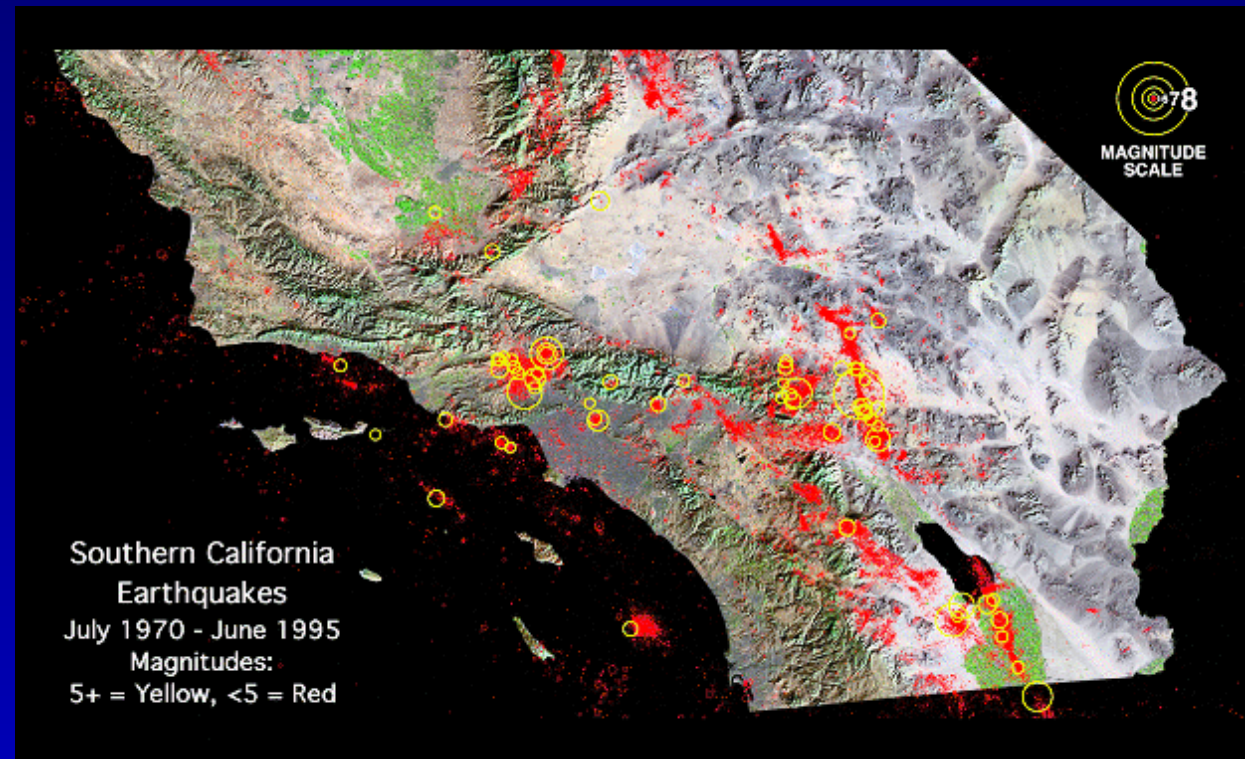
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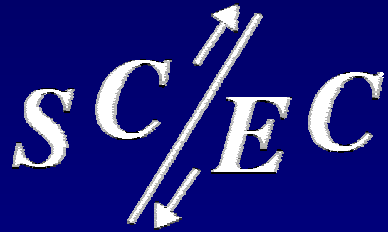
SCEC Collaboratory

An information infrastructure organized and maintained to support the distributed scientific activities and product development essential to seismic hazard analysis and emergency response to earthquake disasters.

Southern California: a Natural Laboratory for Understanding Seismic Hazard and Managing Risk

- Tectonic diversity
- Complex fault network
- High seismic activity
- Excellent geologic exposure
- Rich data sources
- Large urban population with densely built environment \Rightarrow high risk
- Extensive research program coordinated by Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC) under NSF and USGS sponsorship





Southern California Earthquake Center

Core Institutions

California Institute of Technology
Columbia University
Harvard University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
San Diego State University
Stanford University
U.S. Geological Survey (3 offices)
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Nevada, Reno
University of Southern California (lead)

- Consortium of 14 core institutions and 26 other participating organizations, founded as an NSF STC in 1991
- Co-funded by NSF and USGS under the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP)
- Mission:
 - Gather all kinds of data on earthquakes in Southern California
 - Integrate information into a comprehensive, physics-based understanding of earthquake phenomena
 - Communicate understanding to end-users and the general public to increase earthquake awareness, reduce economic losses, and save lives

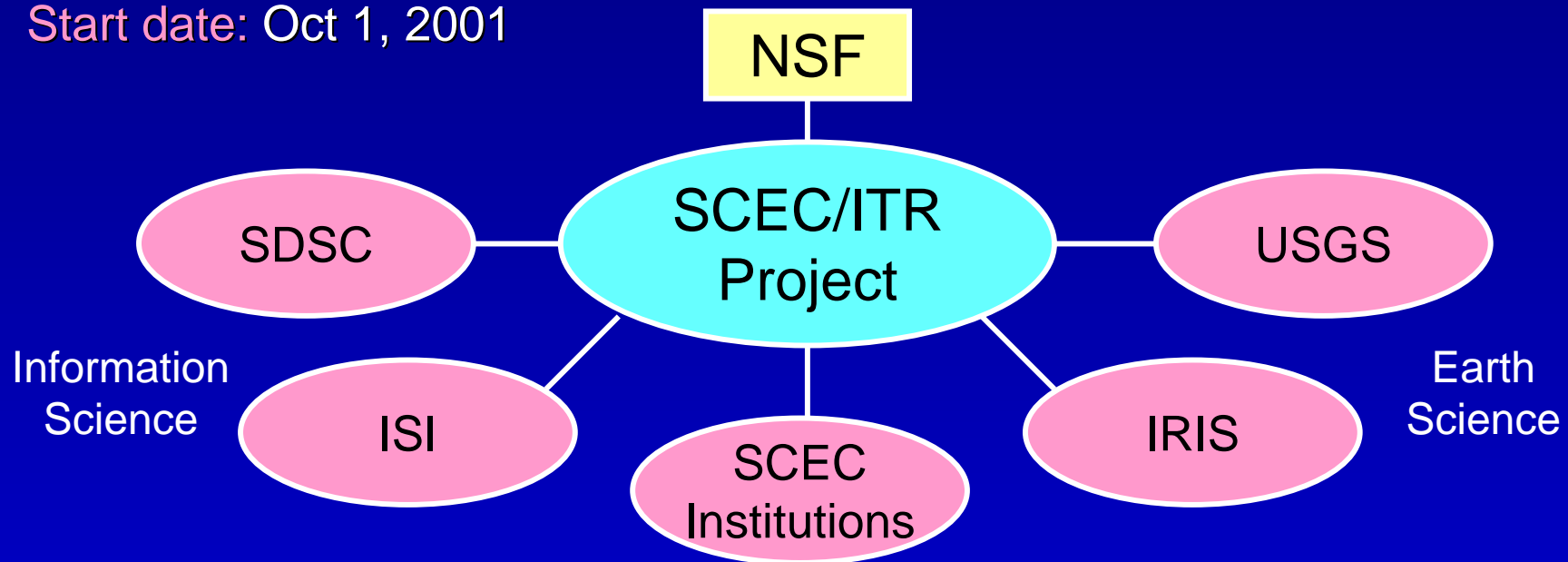
<http://www.scec.org>

SCEC/ITR Project

Goal: To develop a cyberinfrastructure that can support system-level earthquake science – the SCEC Collaboratory

Funding: \$10M grant over 5 yrs from NSF/ITR program (CISE and Geoscience Directorates)

Start date: Oct 1, 2001



Problem Focus of SCEC ITR

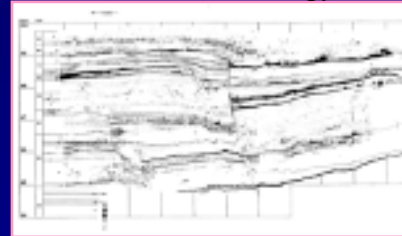
Use physics-based earthquake forecasting and wavefield simulation to improve seismic hazard analysis for performance-based design.

Components of Seismic Hazard Analysis

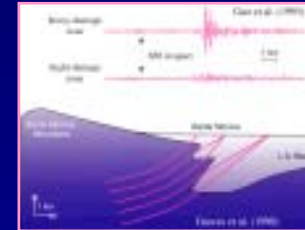
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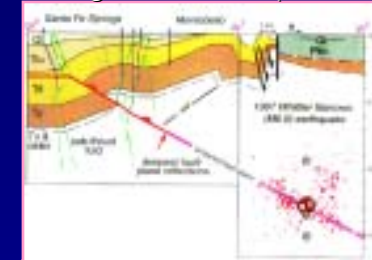
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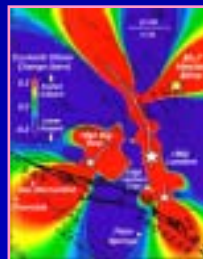
Local site effects



Geologic structure (USArray)



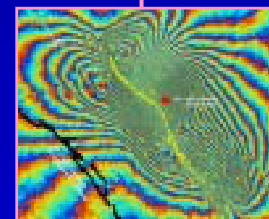
Faults (USArray)



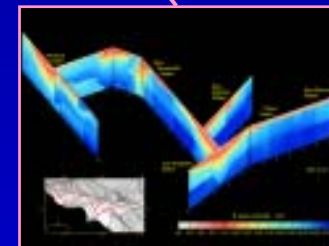
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(InSAR, PBO,
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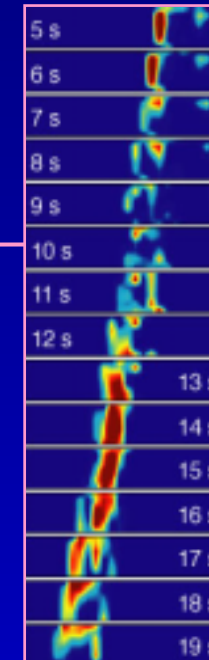
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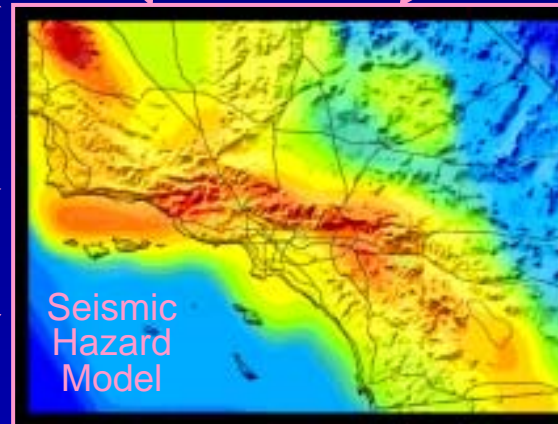
Crustal
deformation (InSAR)



Seismic velocity
structure (USArray)

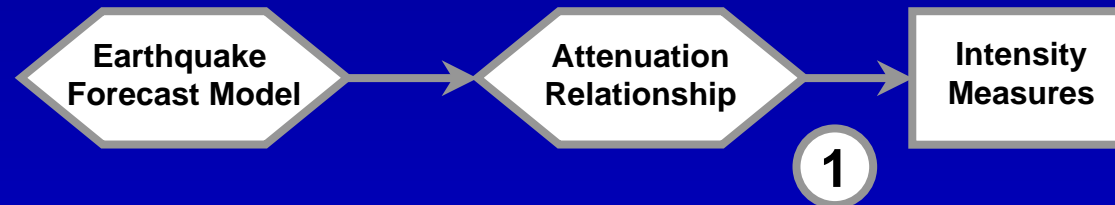


Rupture
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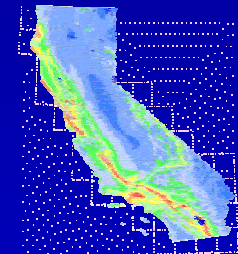
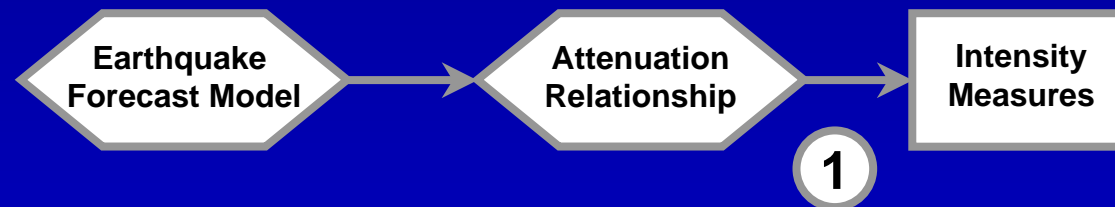
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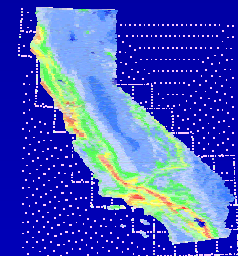
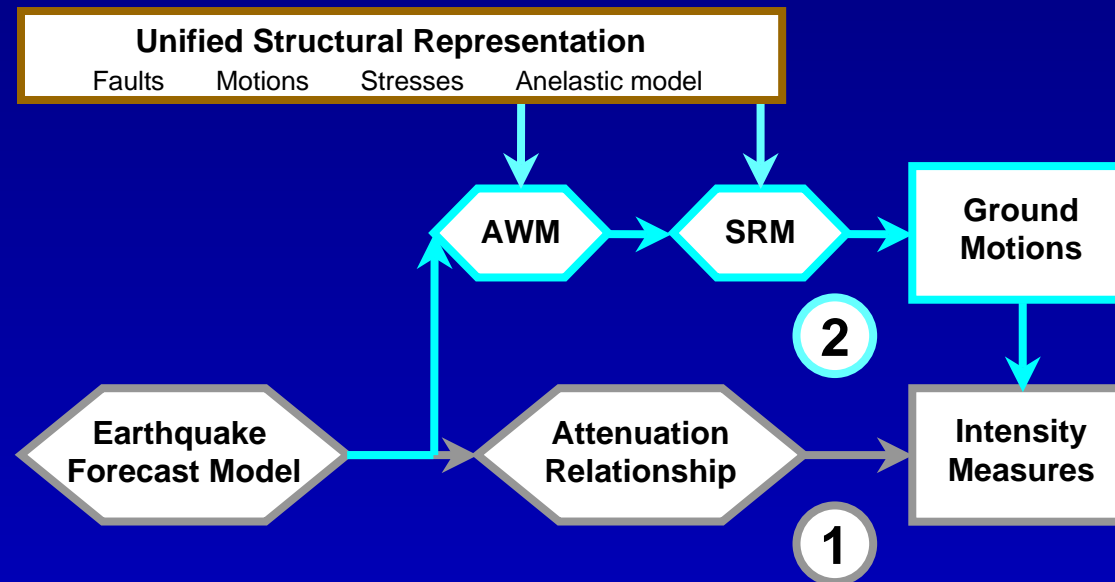
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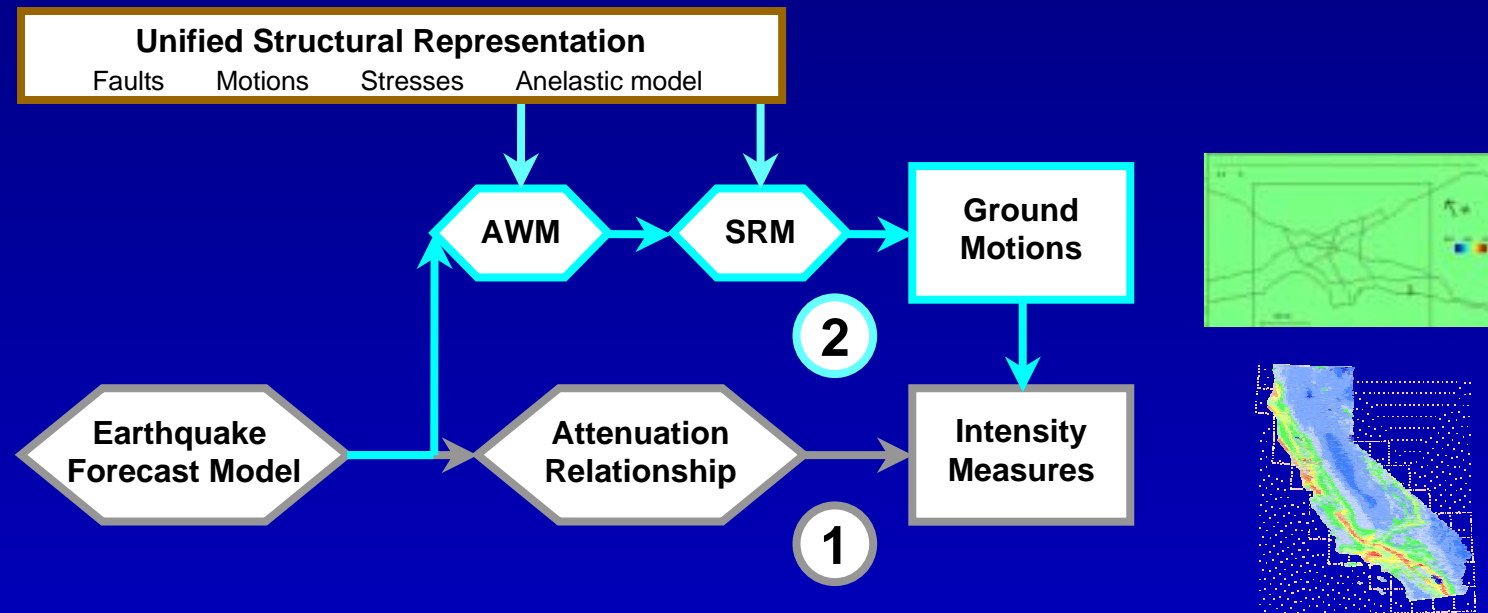
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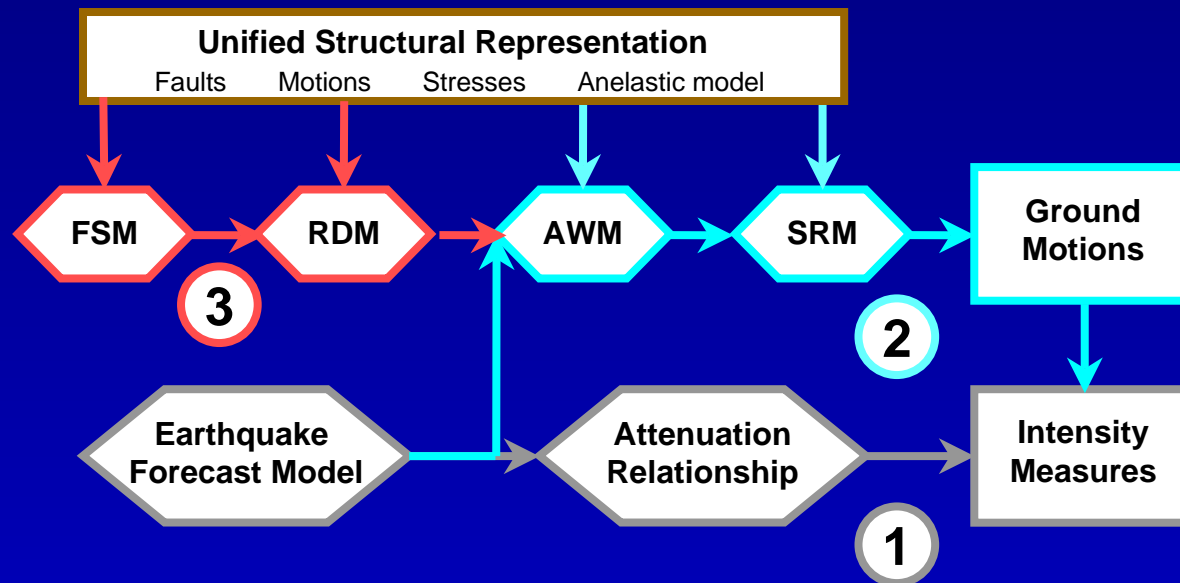
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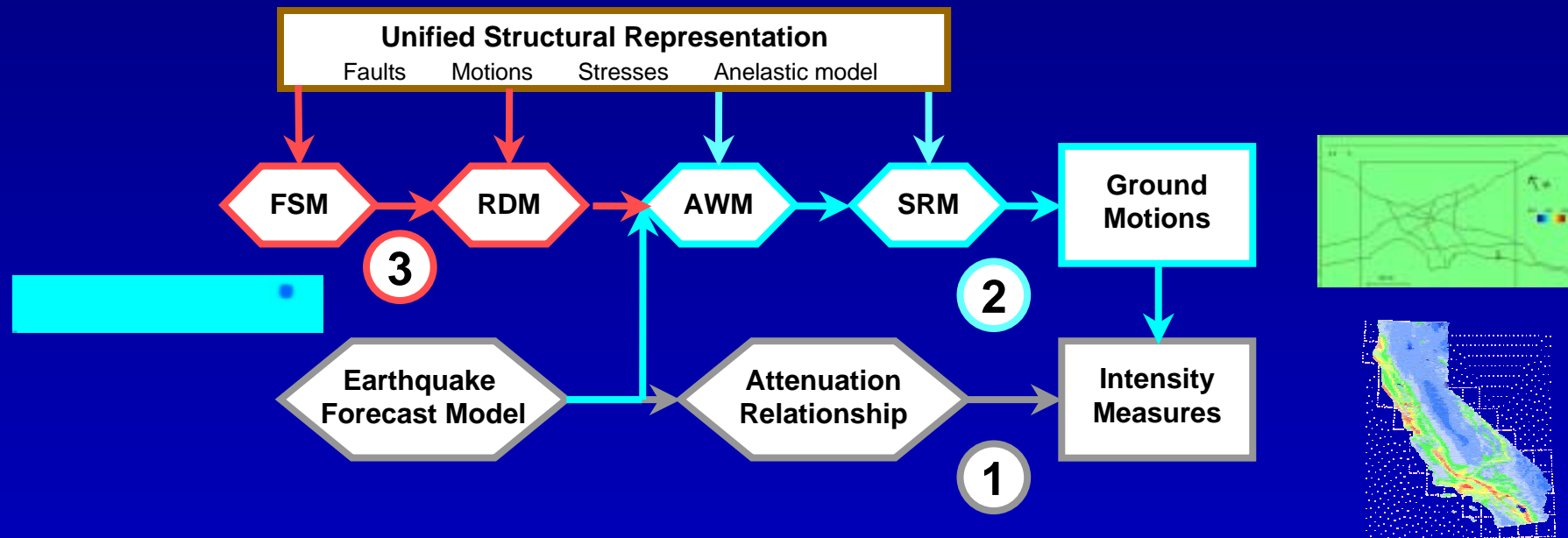


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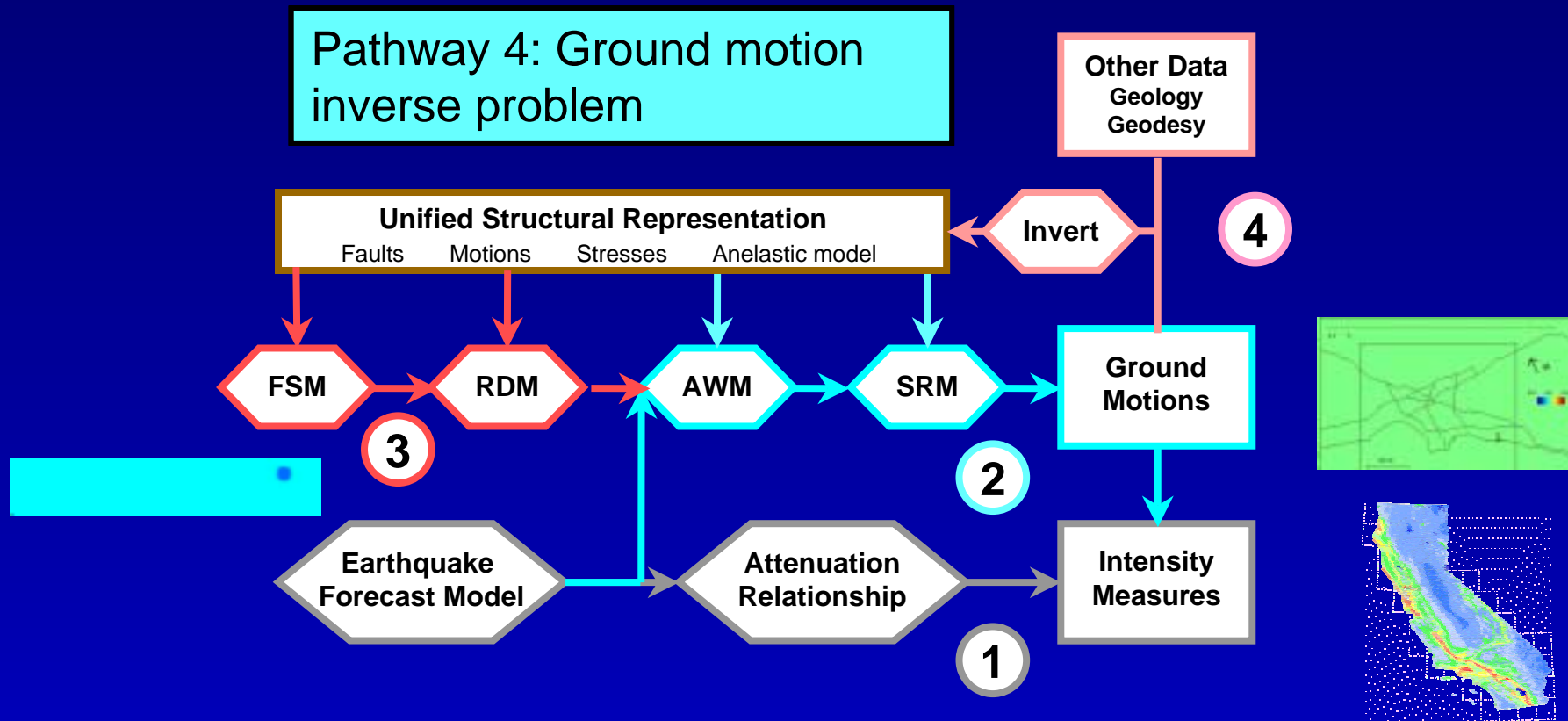


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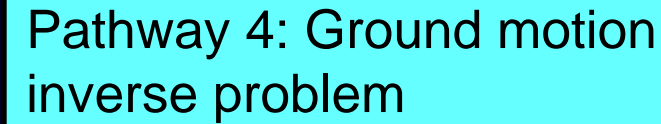
Pathway 4: Ground motion inverse problem



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Other Data
Geology
Geodesy

Unified Structural Representation

Faults Motions Stresses Anelastic model

Invert

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Earthquake Forecast Model

Attenuation Relationship

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Intensity Measures

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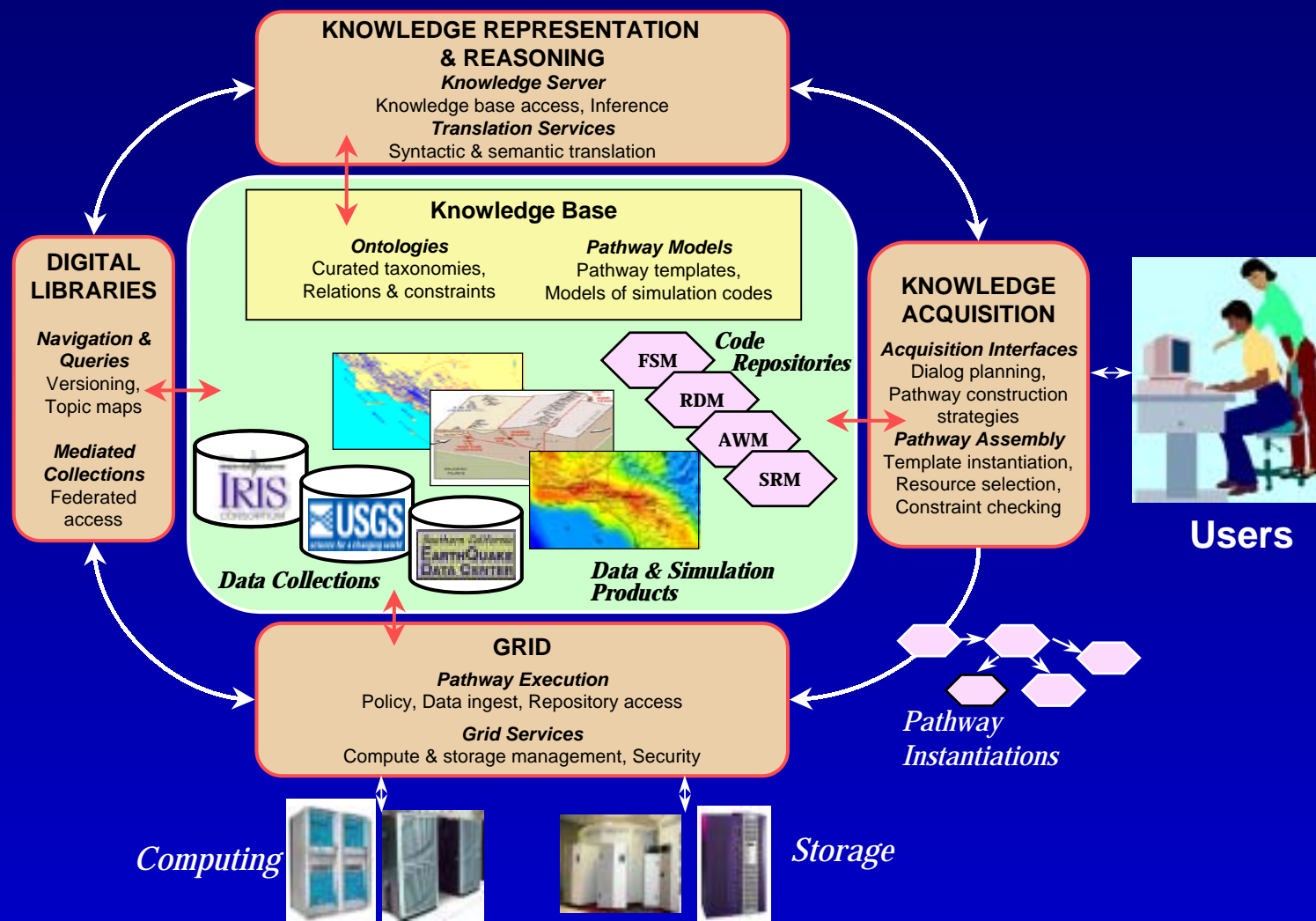
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- Provide IT tools for the SCEC communication, education, and outreach mission
 - Better public access to earthquake information
 - Knowledge transfer to end-users in engineering, emergency response, and public policy

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- Development of user interfaces for knowledge ingest and acquisition, code execution, and visualization

Application Targets for KR&R

- Ontology construction and management
 - Extension of IRIS's FISSURES seismological data model
 - Development of a comprehensive earthquake ontology
- Management of complex collections
 - Pathway 1 model components
 - Pathway 2 simulations
 - Ingest of geologic data into fault activity data base
- SHA
 - Input validation and error advice
 - Evaluation of alternative models
 - Incorporation of Pathway 2

Distributed Operations of Code with Knowledge-based descriptions for Earthquake Research (DOCKER)

- Ties model descriptions to overarching SCEC ontology
- Enforces proper use of code through knowledge-based constraint reasoning (Powerloom)
 - Guides users to make appropriate use of models
 - Suggests alternative models more appropriate for user's analysis
- Supports distributed access to models and code through a layered view of service-based interaction (eventually) through the Open Grid Services Architecture (OSGA)
- Facilitates code publication by generating the code wrappers that enable the code to function at appropriate service layers

Application of KR&R to SHA

Input validation and error advice

Model verified for magnitudes ≤ 7.0

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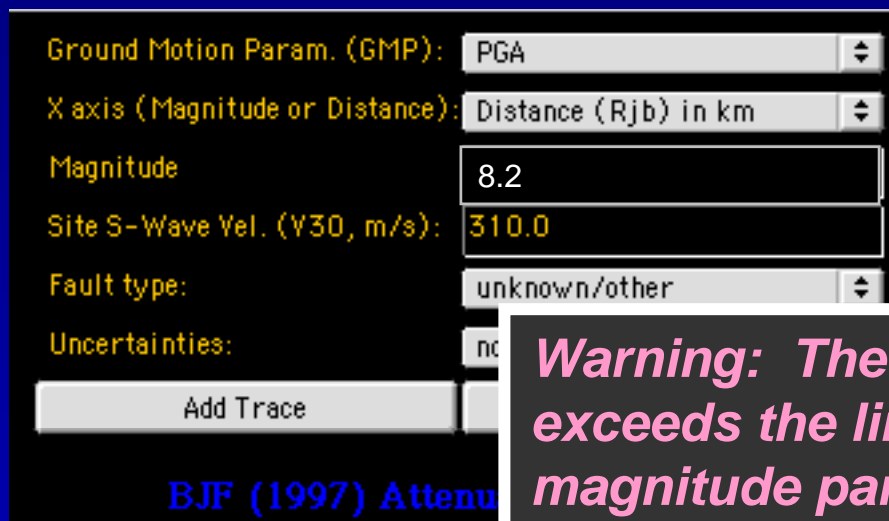
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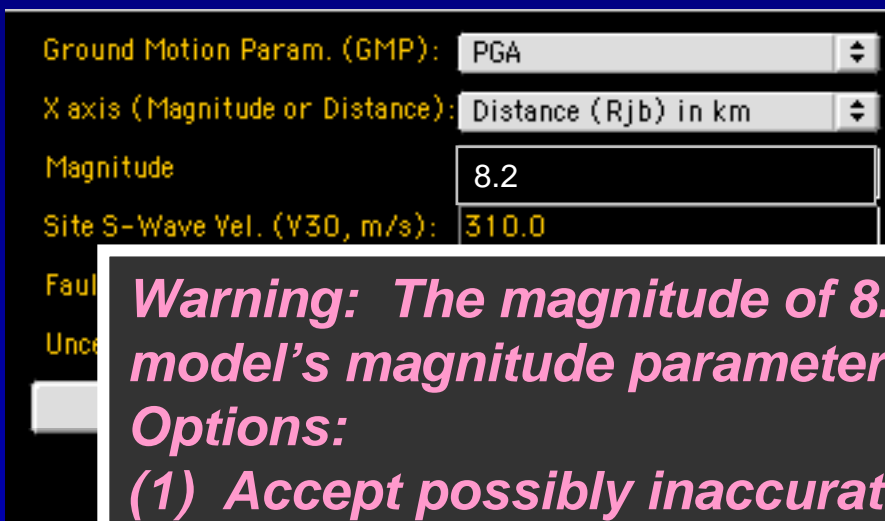
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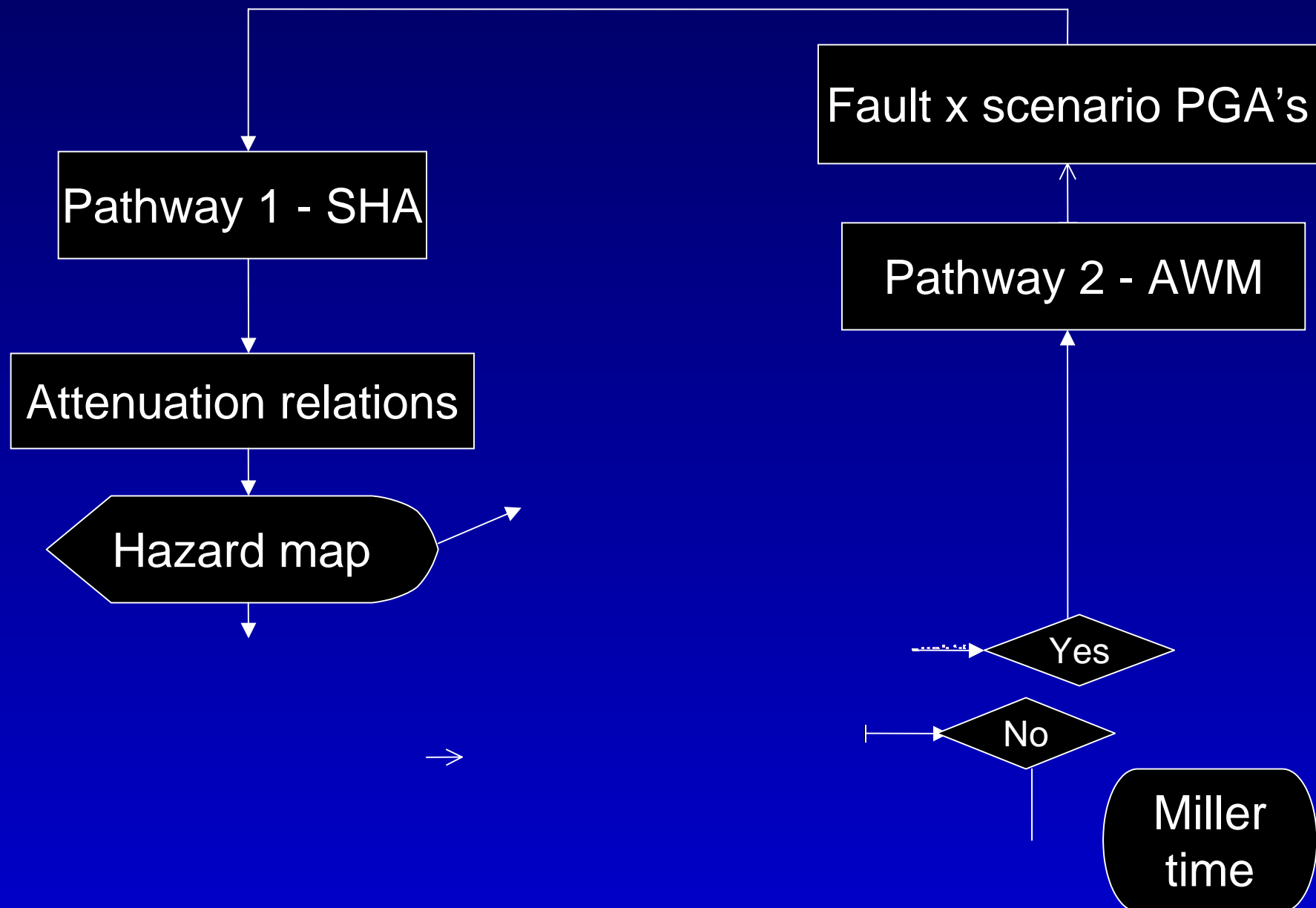
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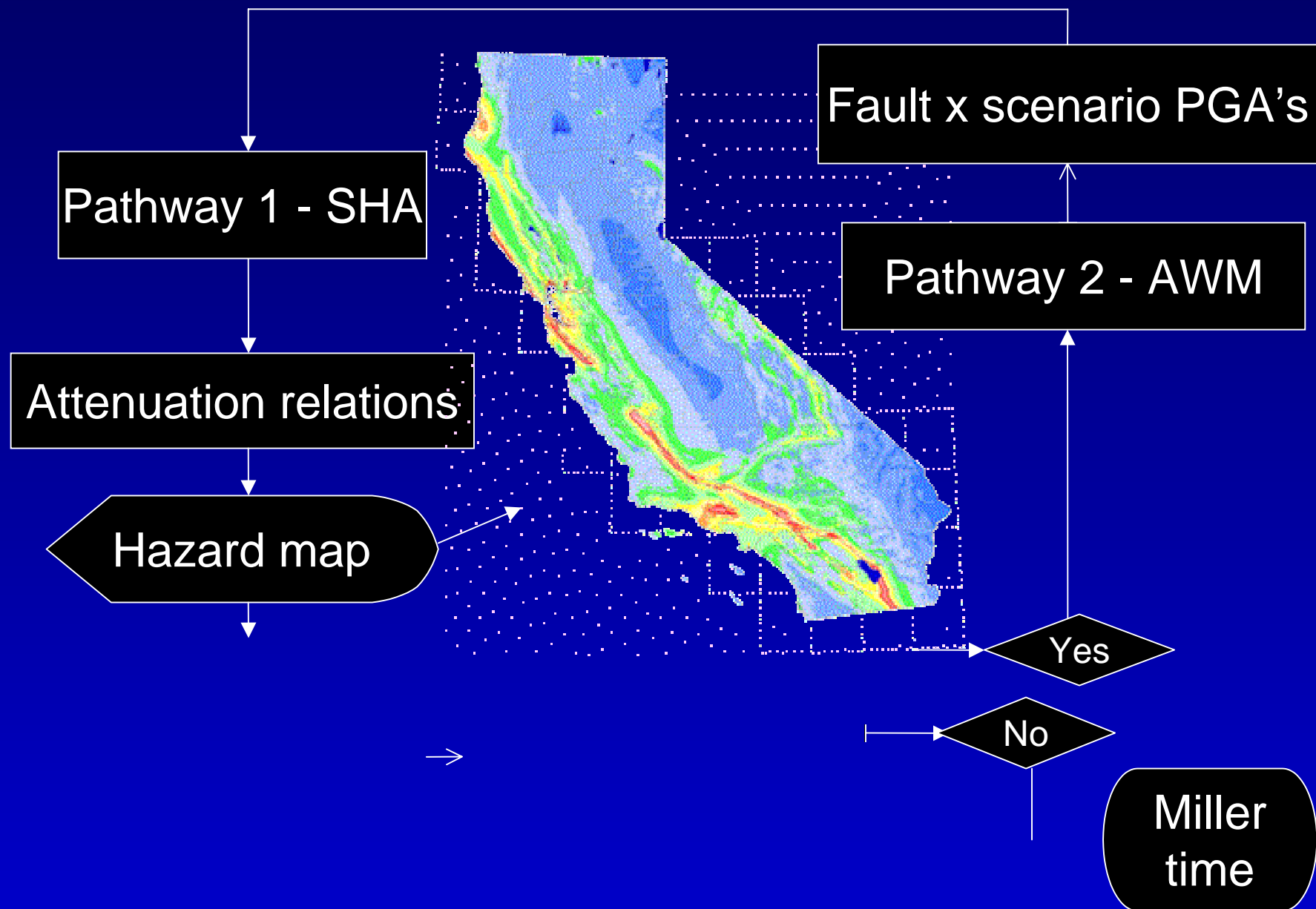
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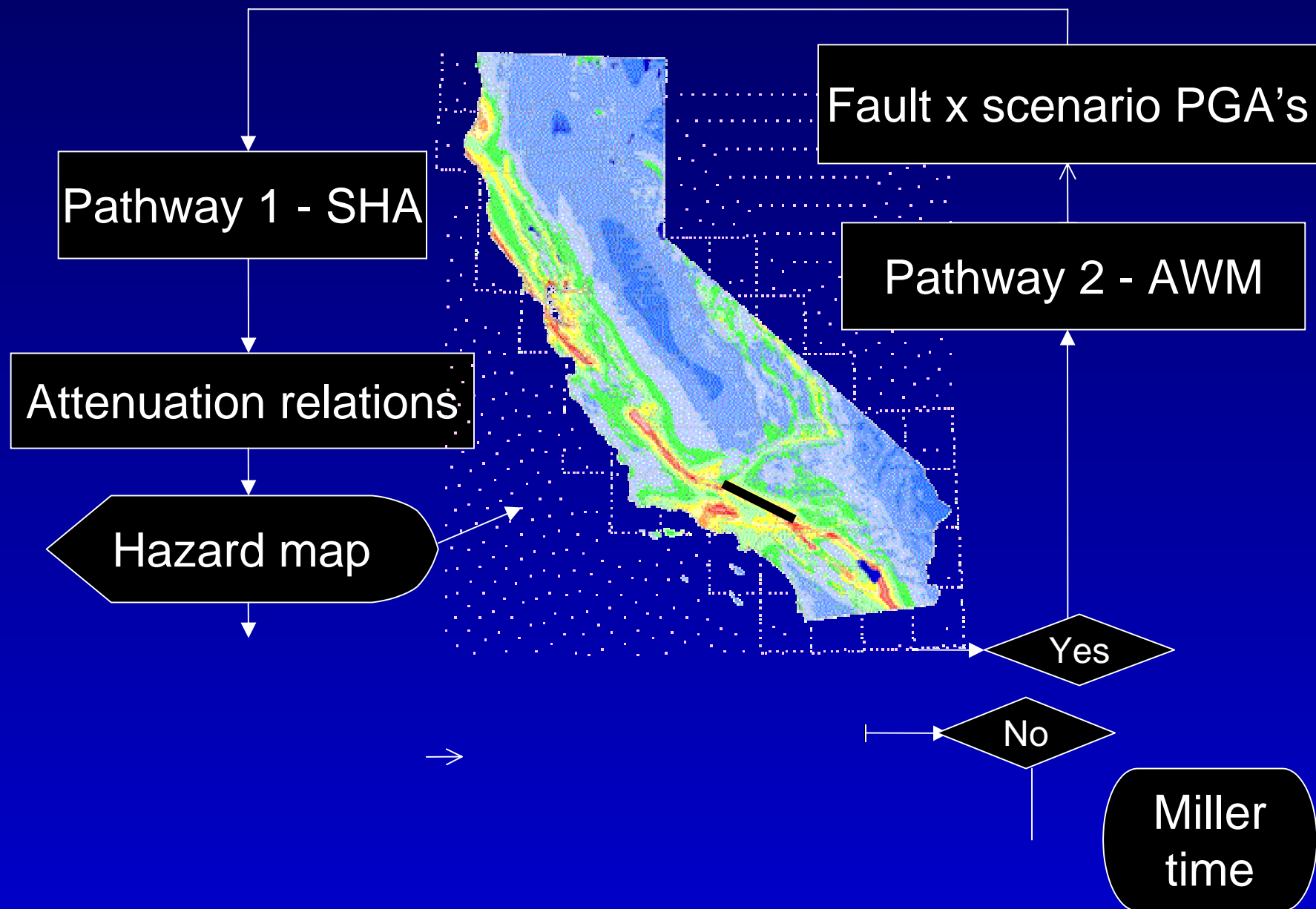
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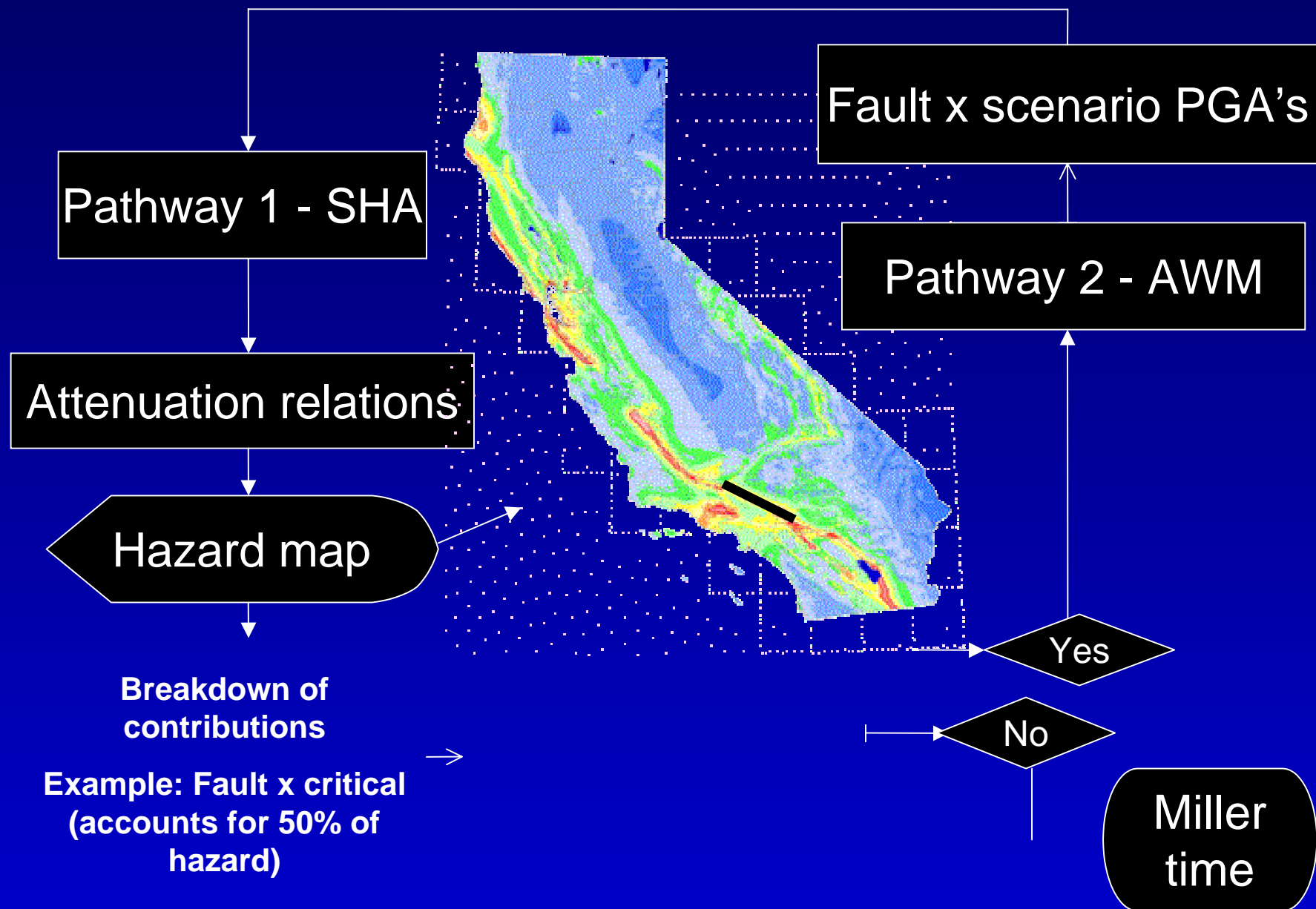
- (1) *Accept possibly inaccurate results*
- (2) *Choose a magnitude less than or equal to 7.0*
- (3) *Use a different model*
 - *A&S 97 with magnitude 8.2 and soil type = "rock"*
 - *Steidl 2000 with magnitude 8.2, site type = "Q"*

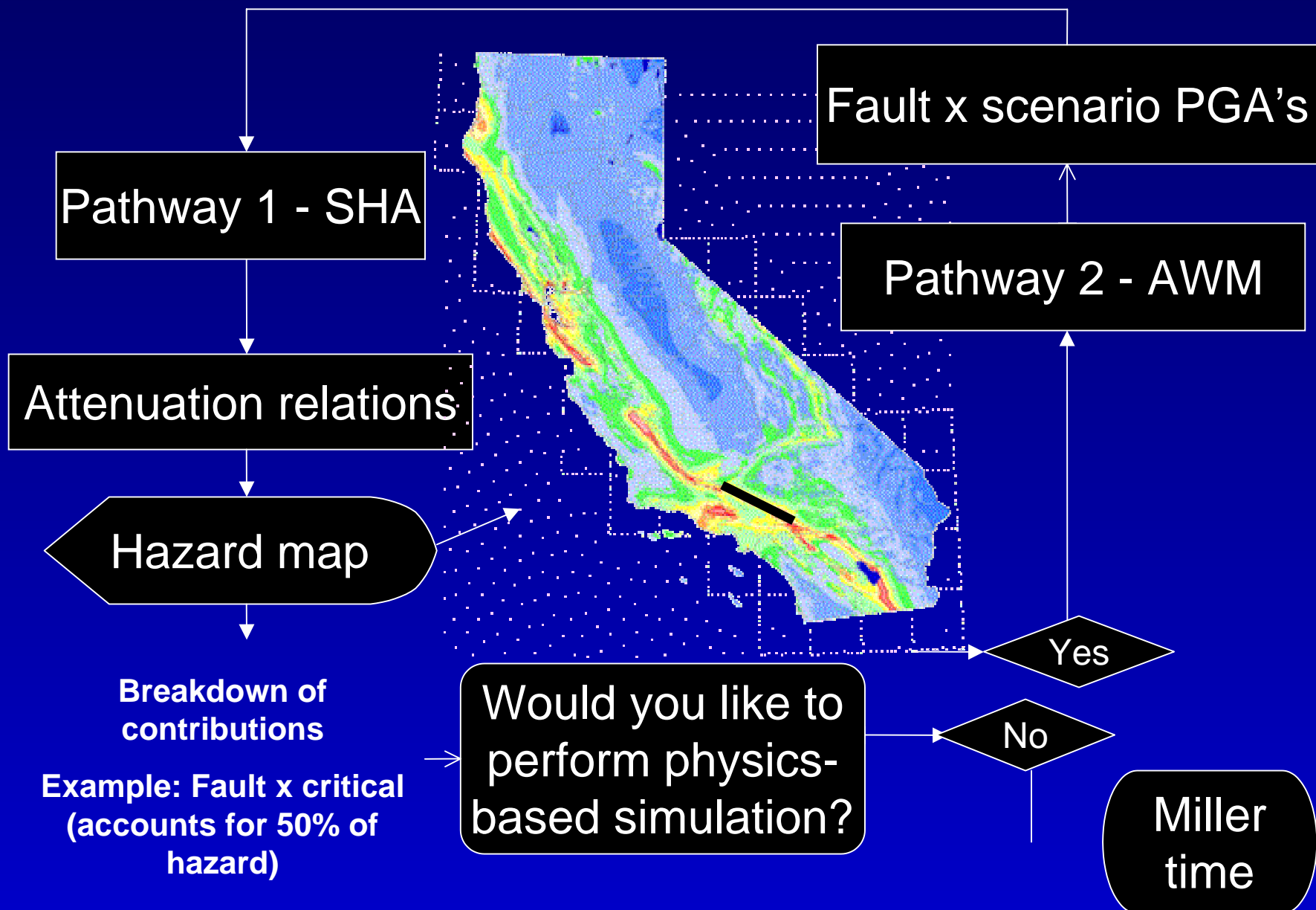
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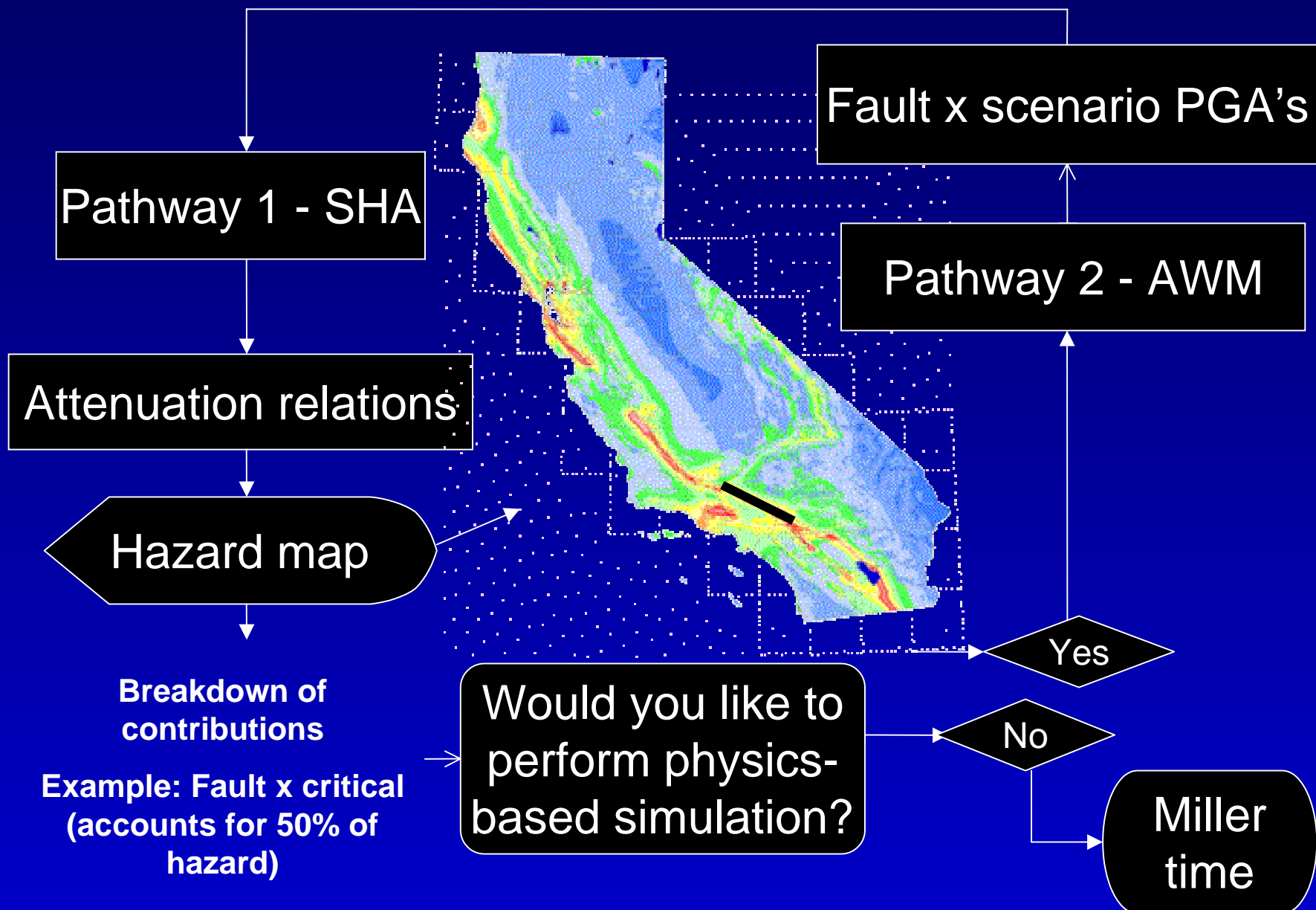


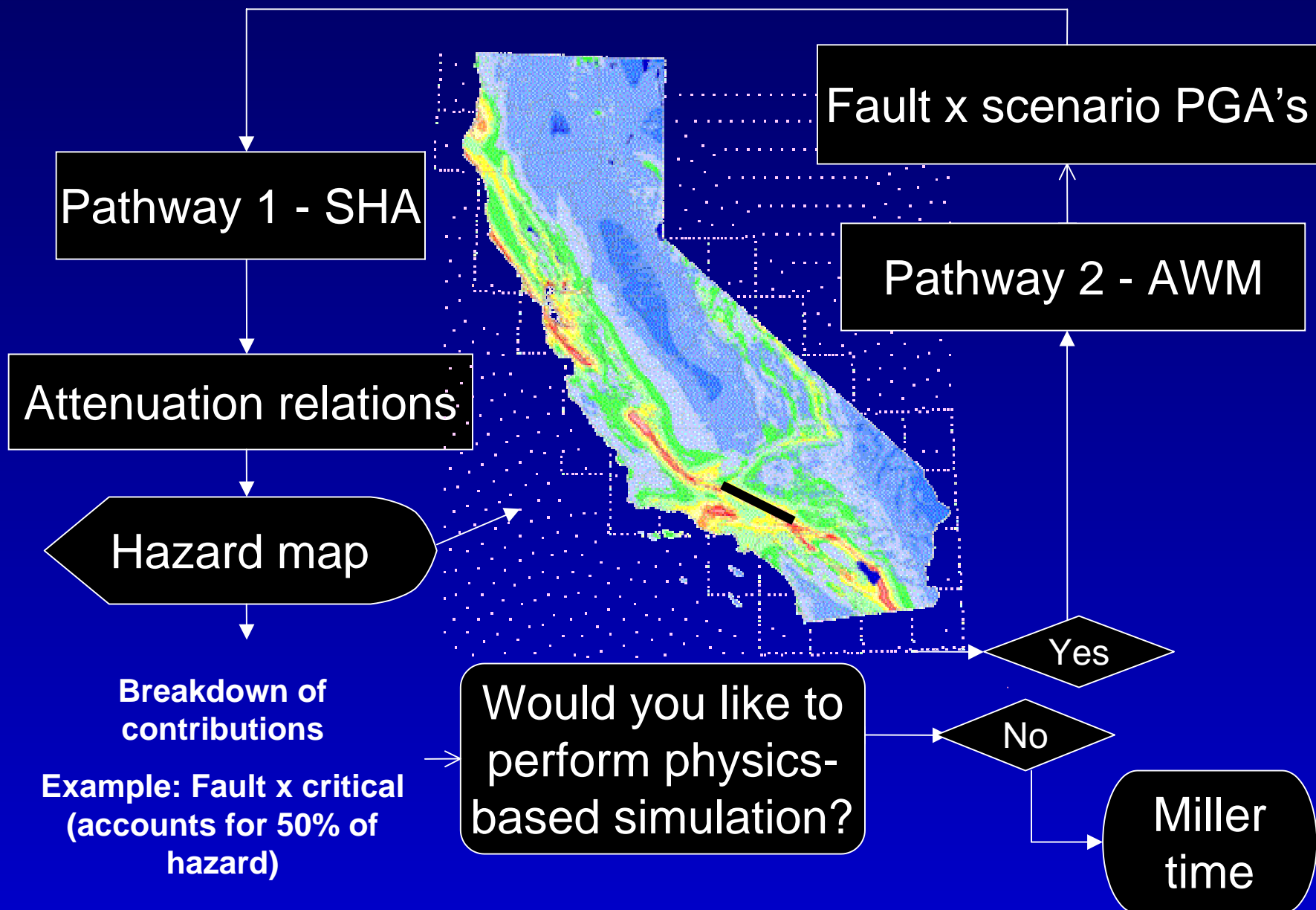


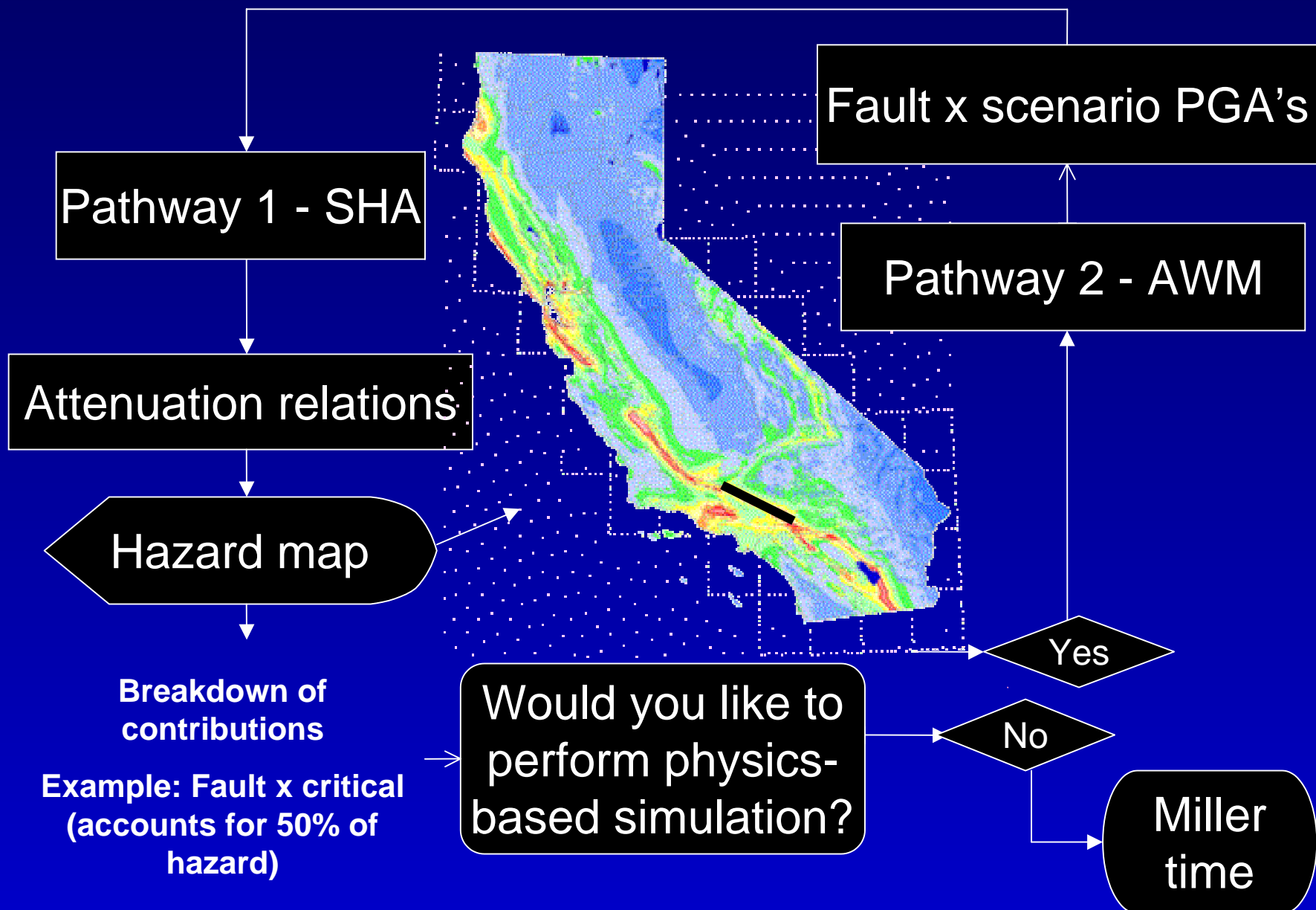






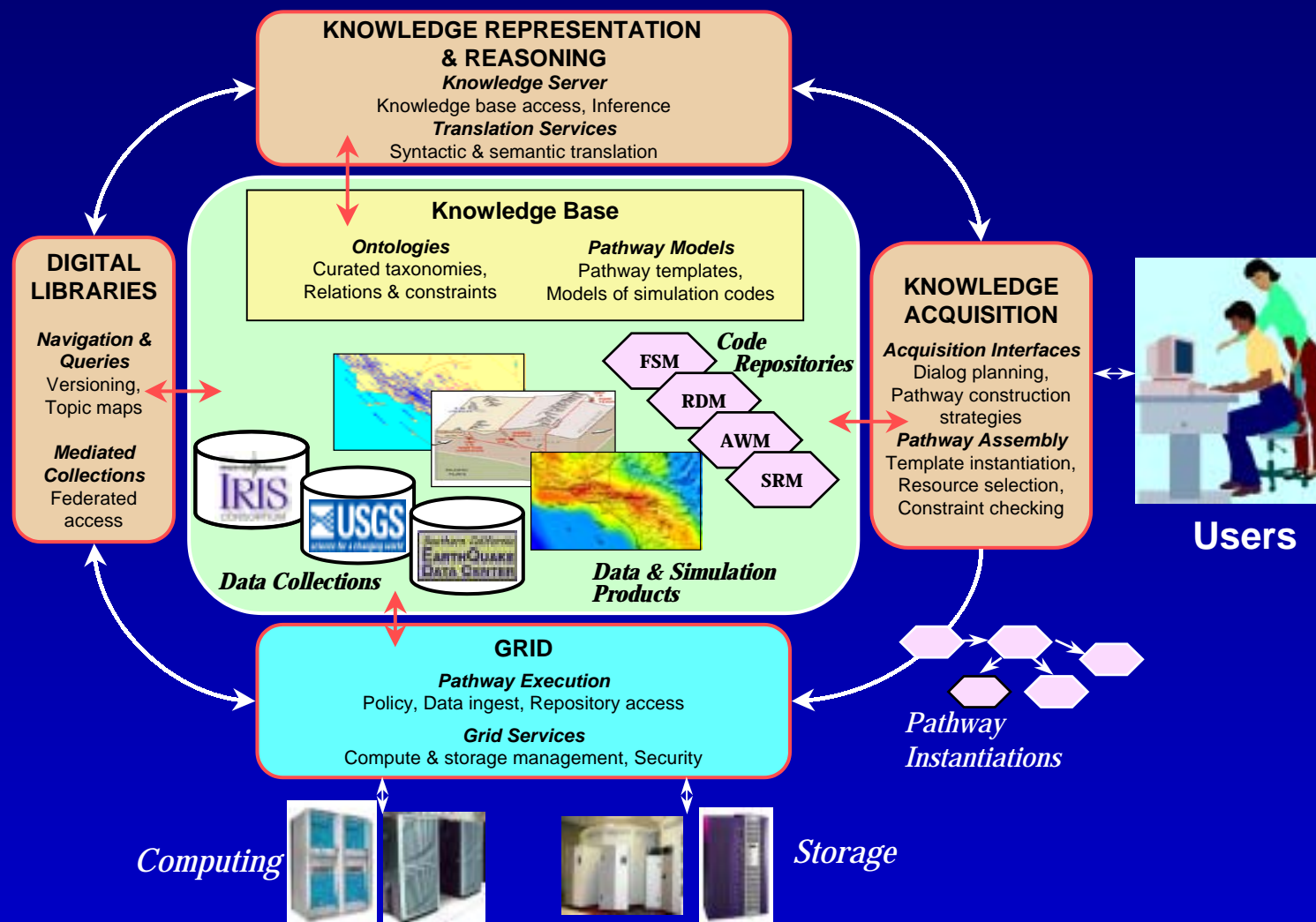






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SCEC Computational Grid Testbed

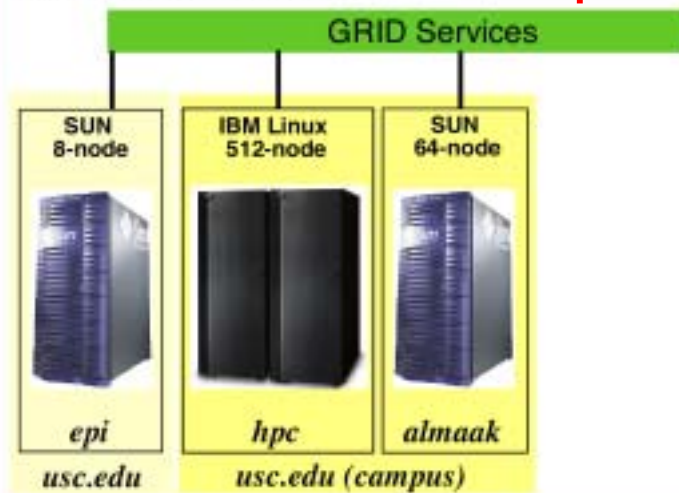
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SCEC GRID Testbed



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*SCEC
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Future complex pathways require a more versatile Job Manager.

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GRID Services

SUN
8-node



epi

usc.edu

IBM Linux
512-node



hpc

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SUN
64-node



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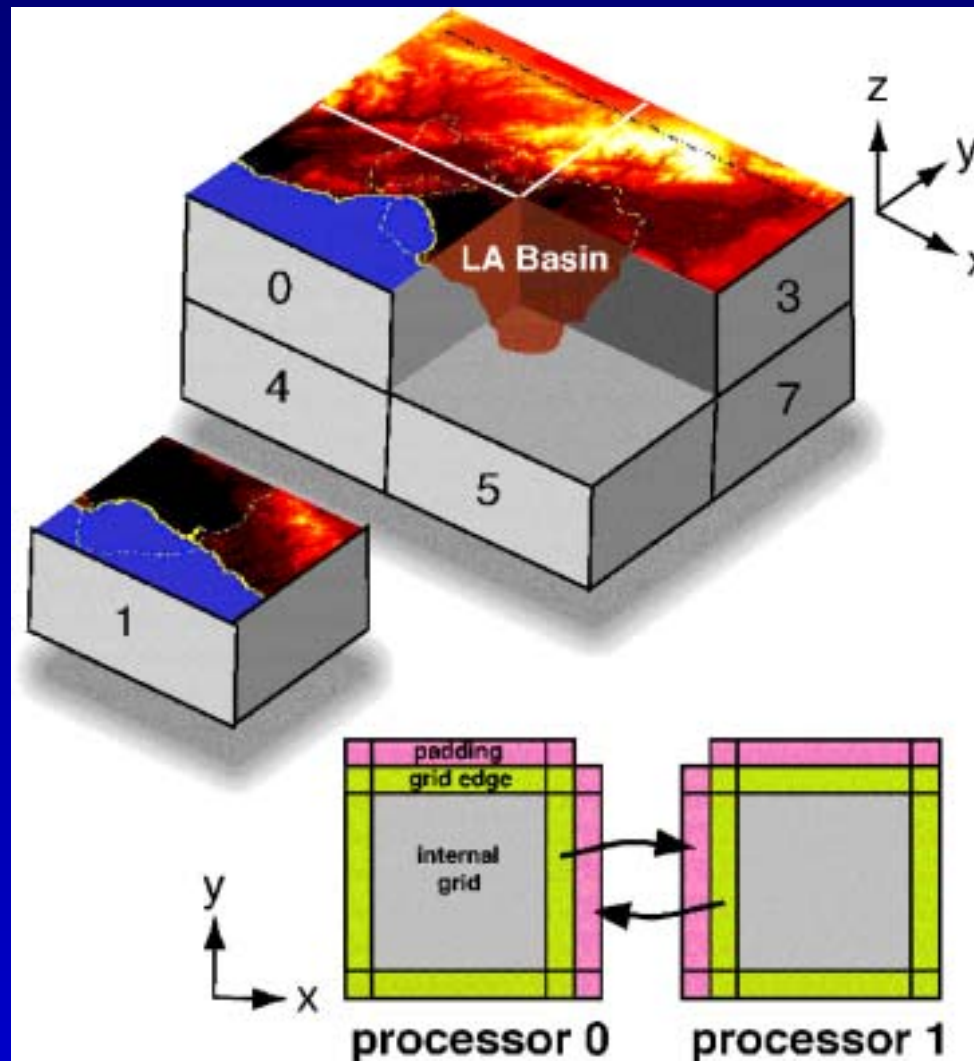
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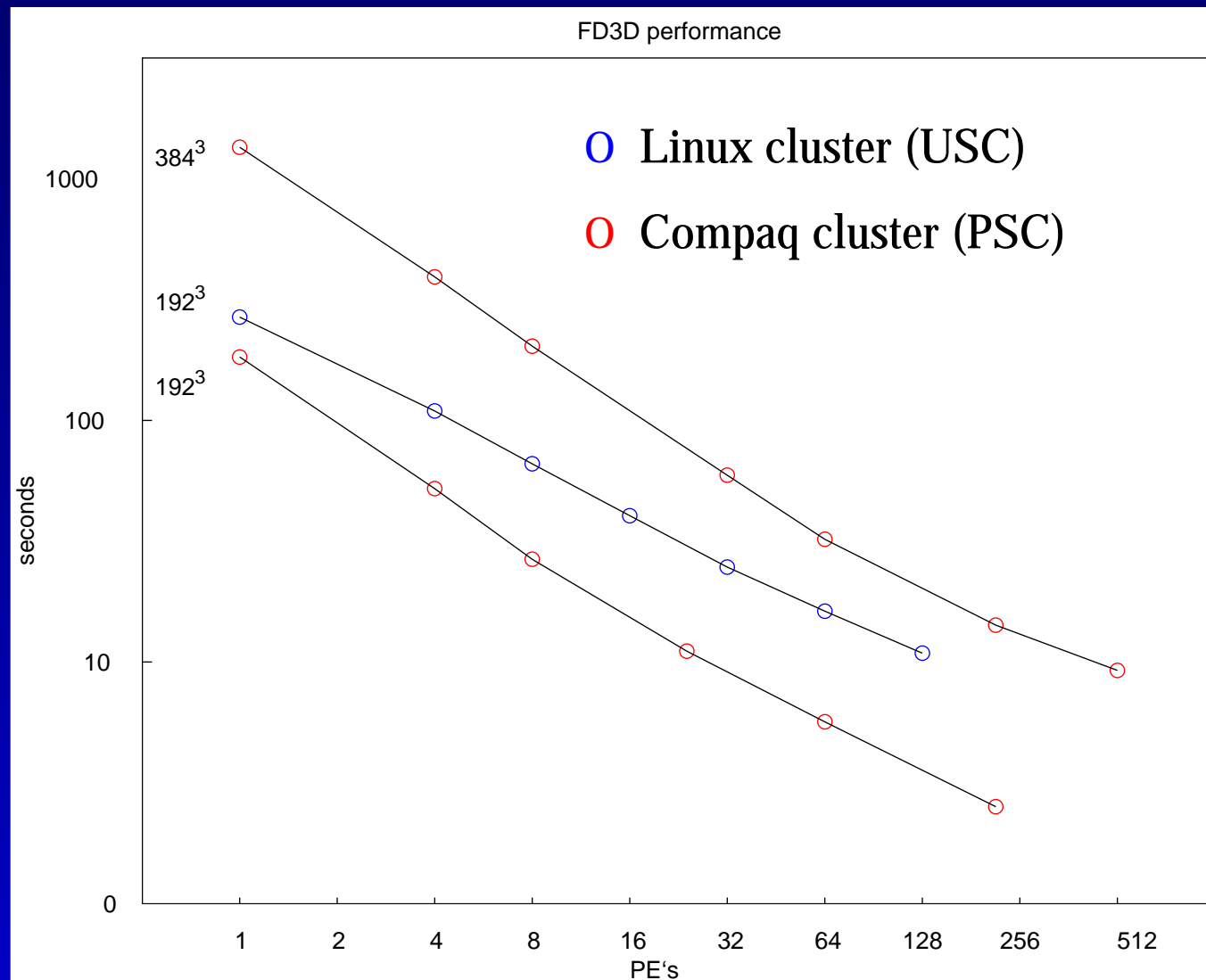
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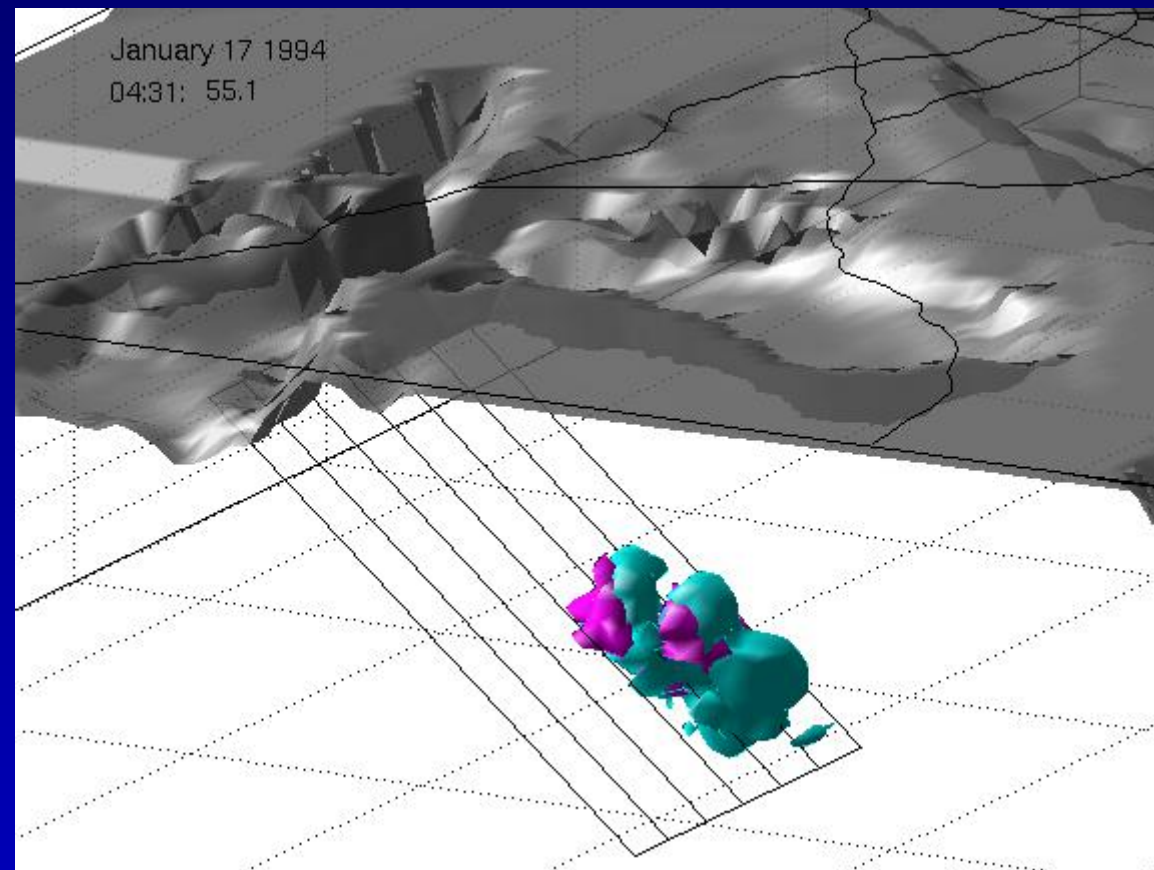
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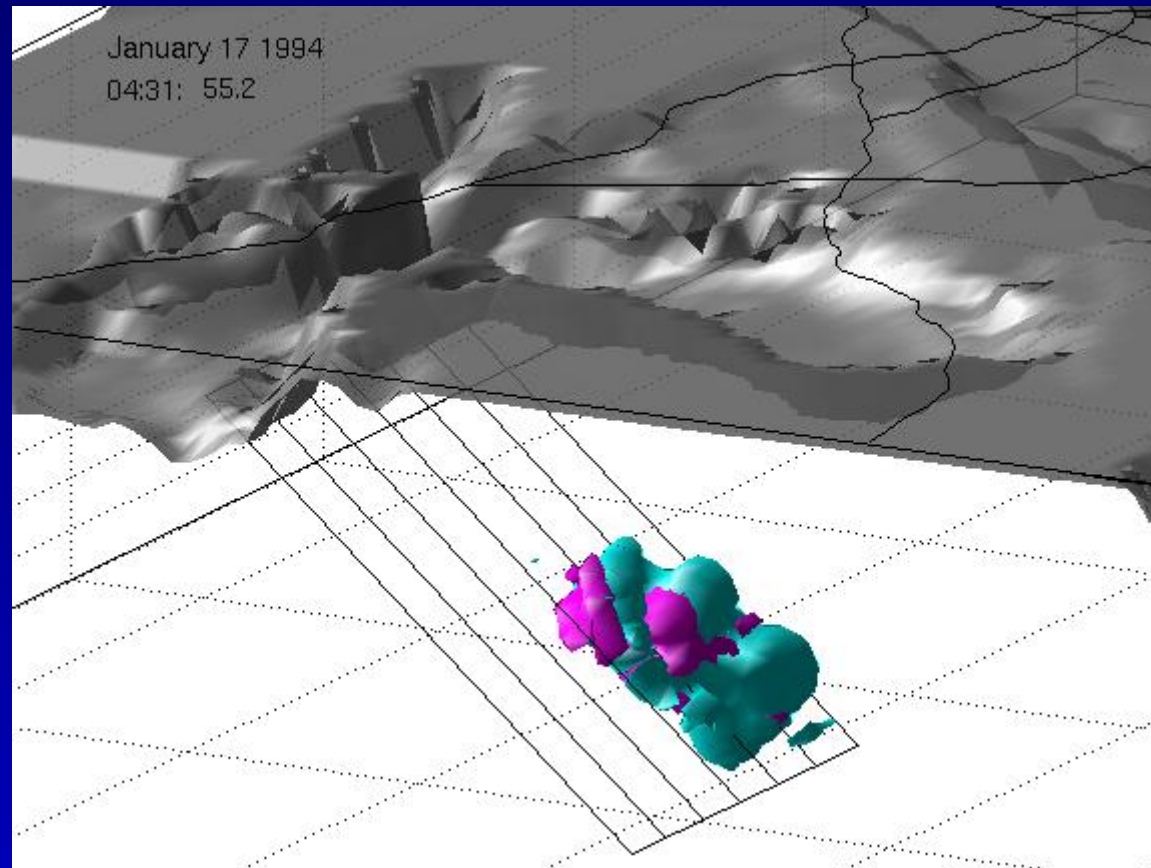


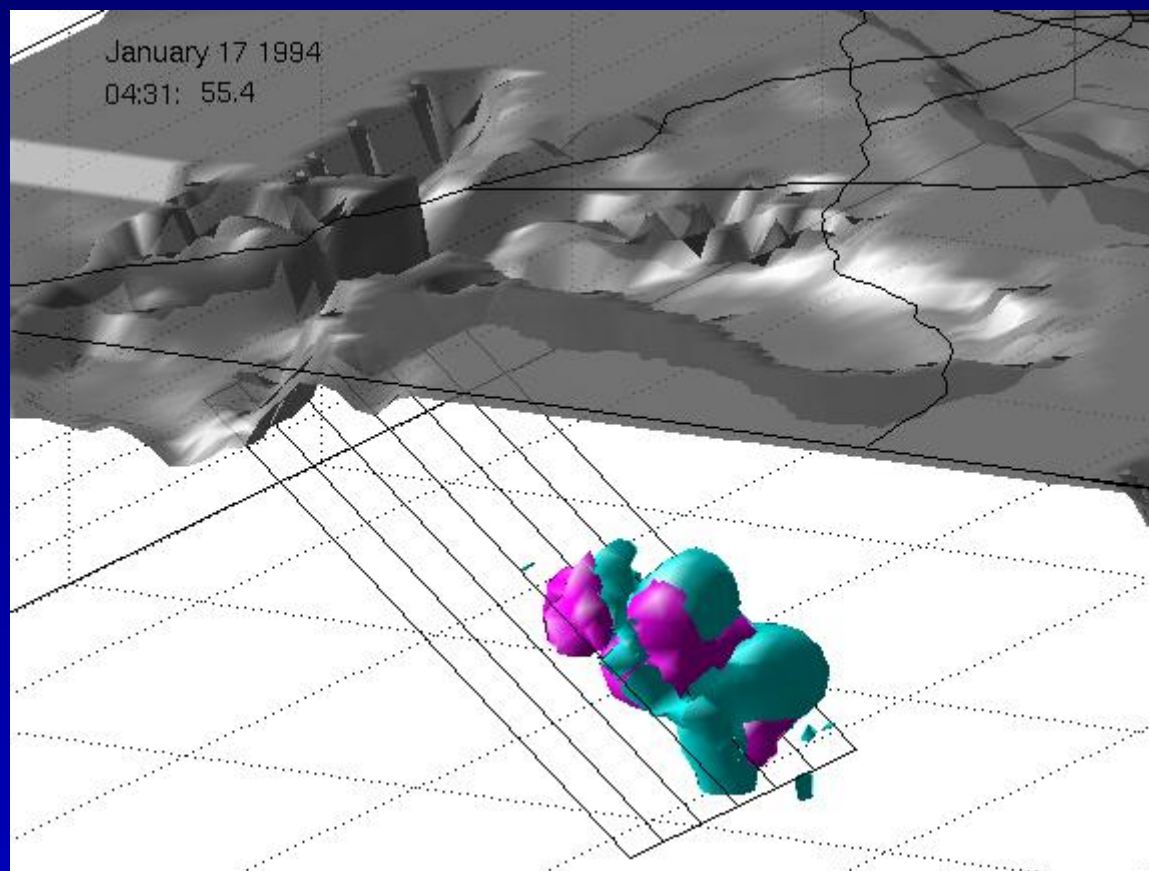
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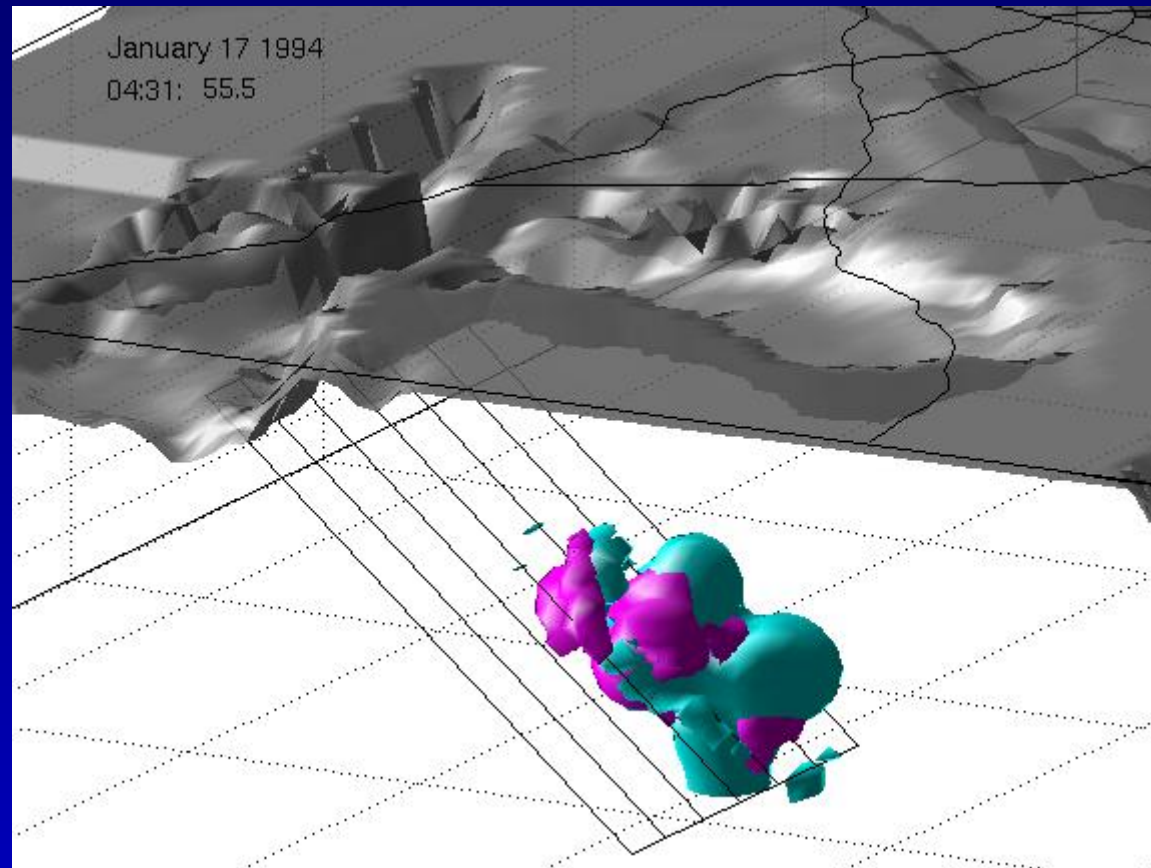


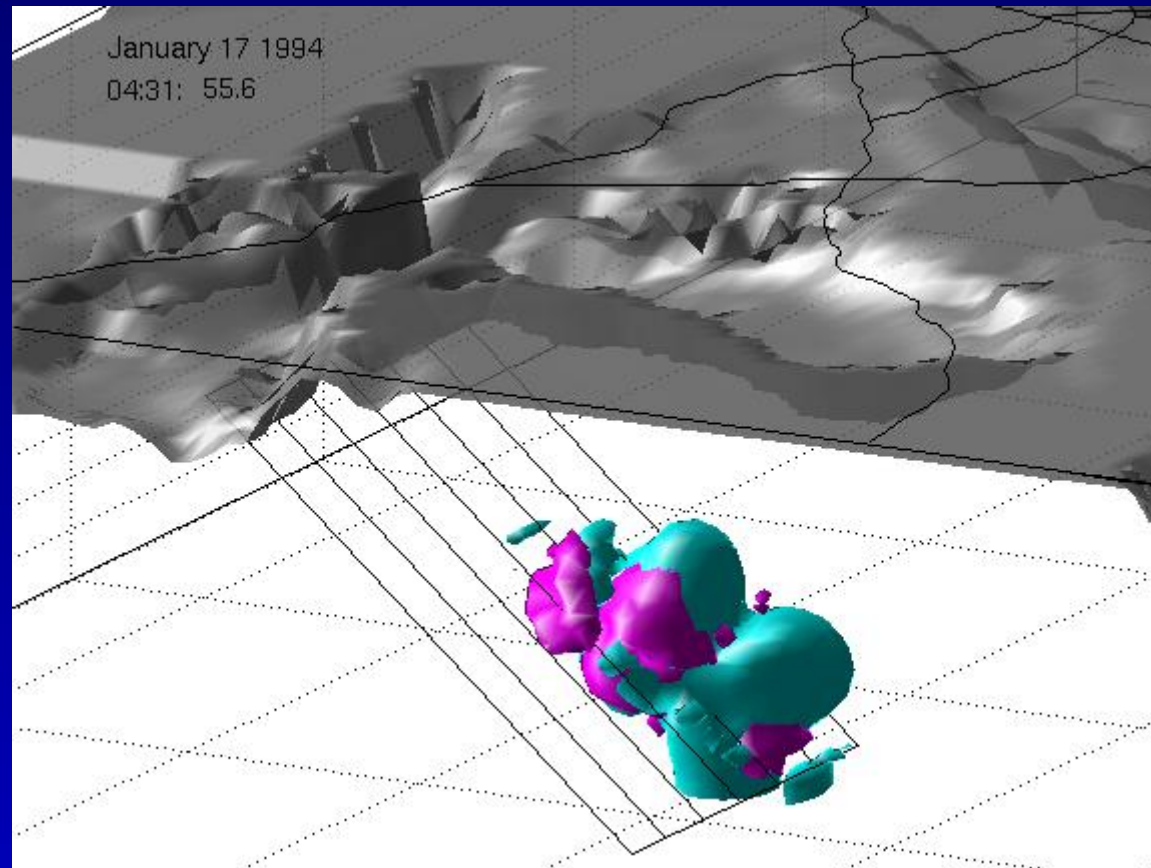
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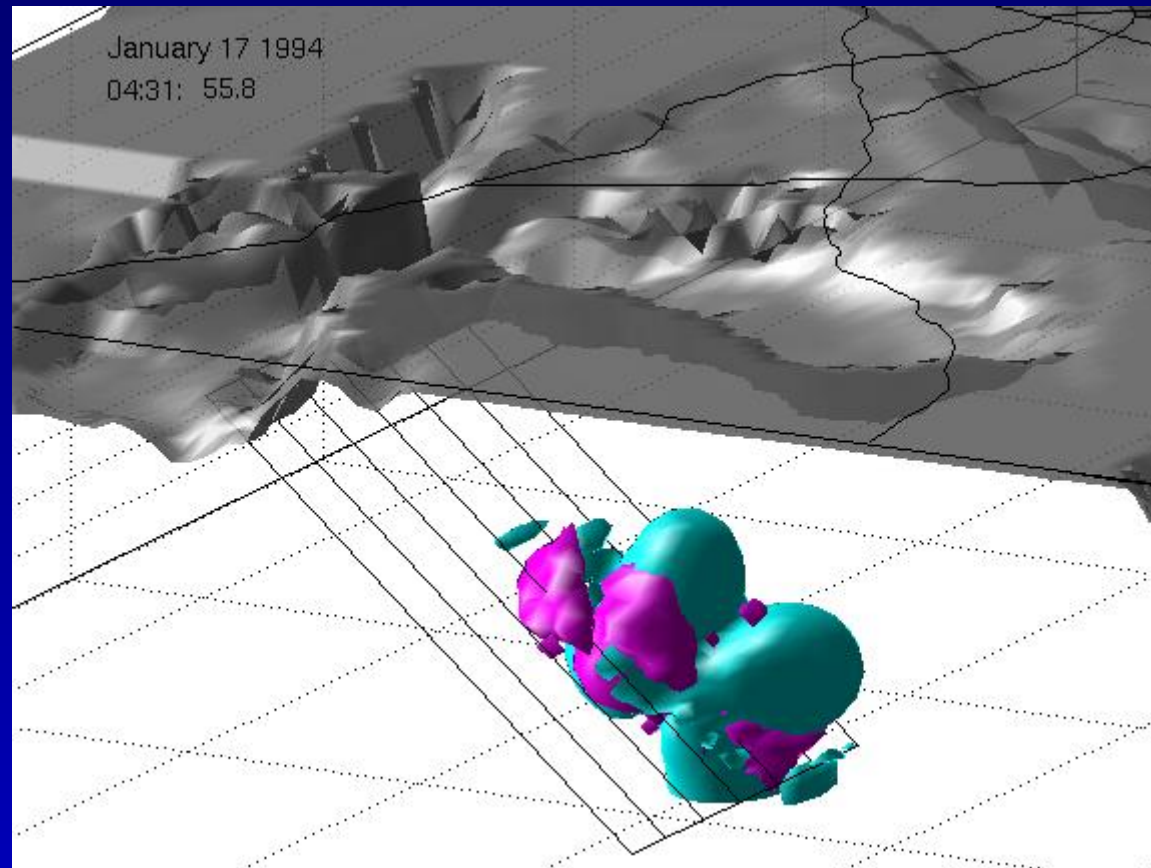


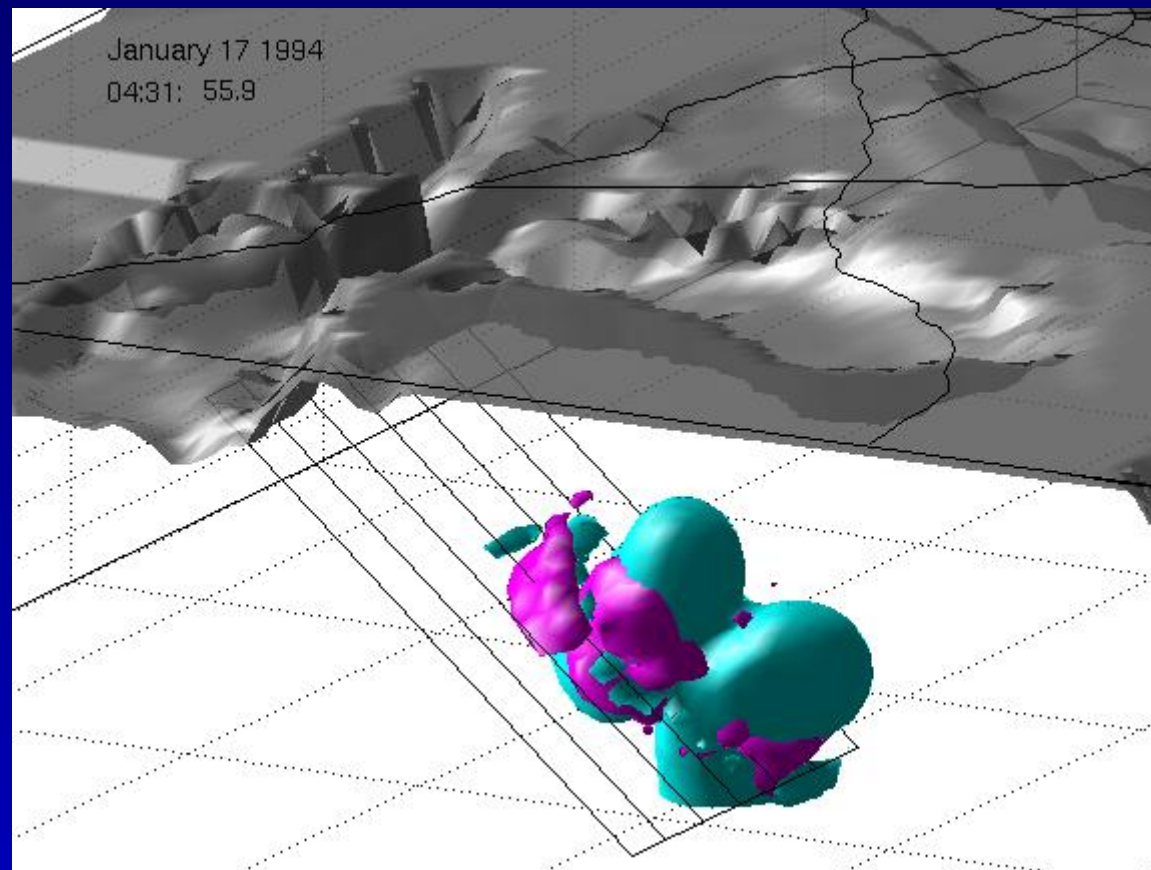


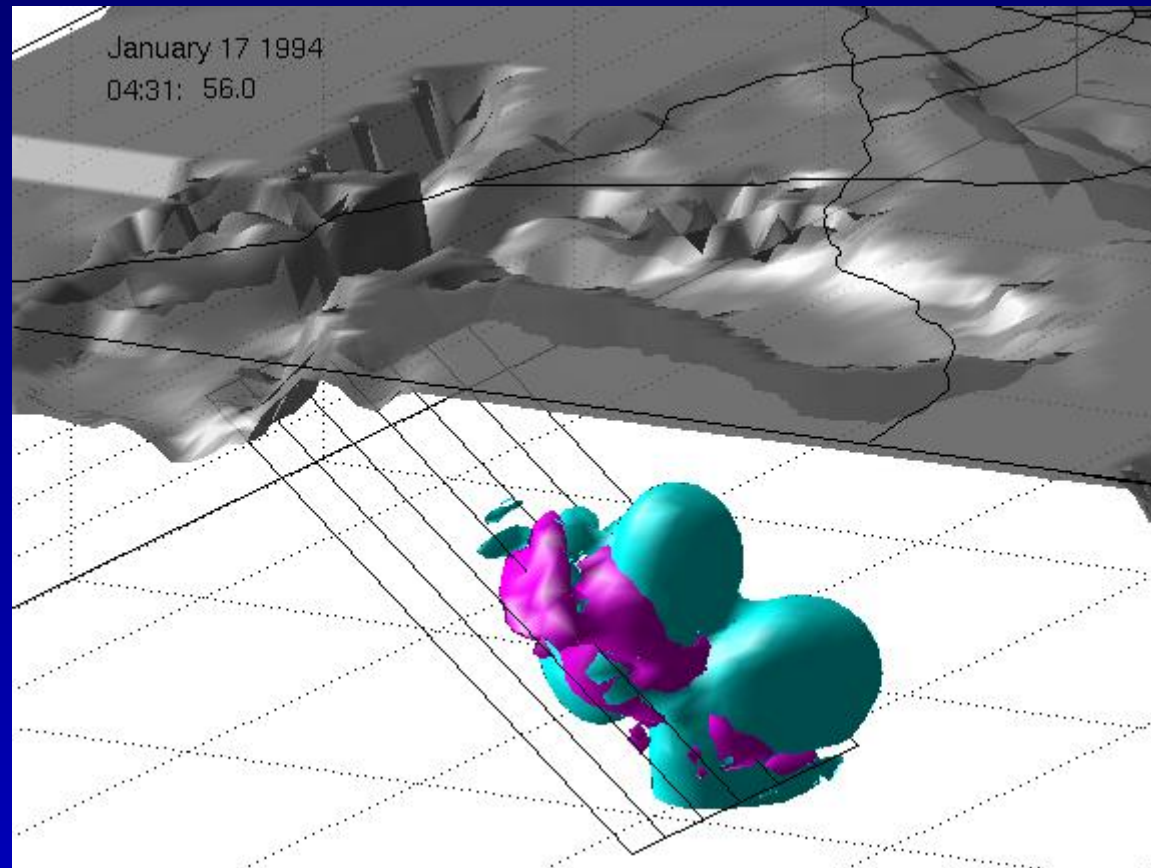


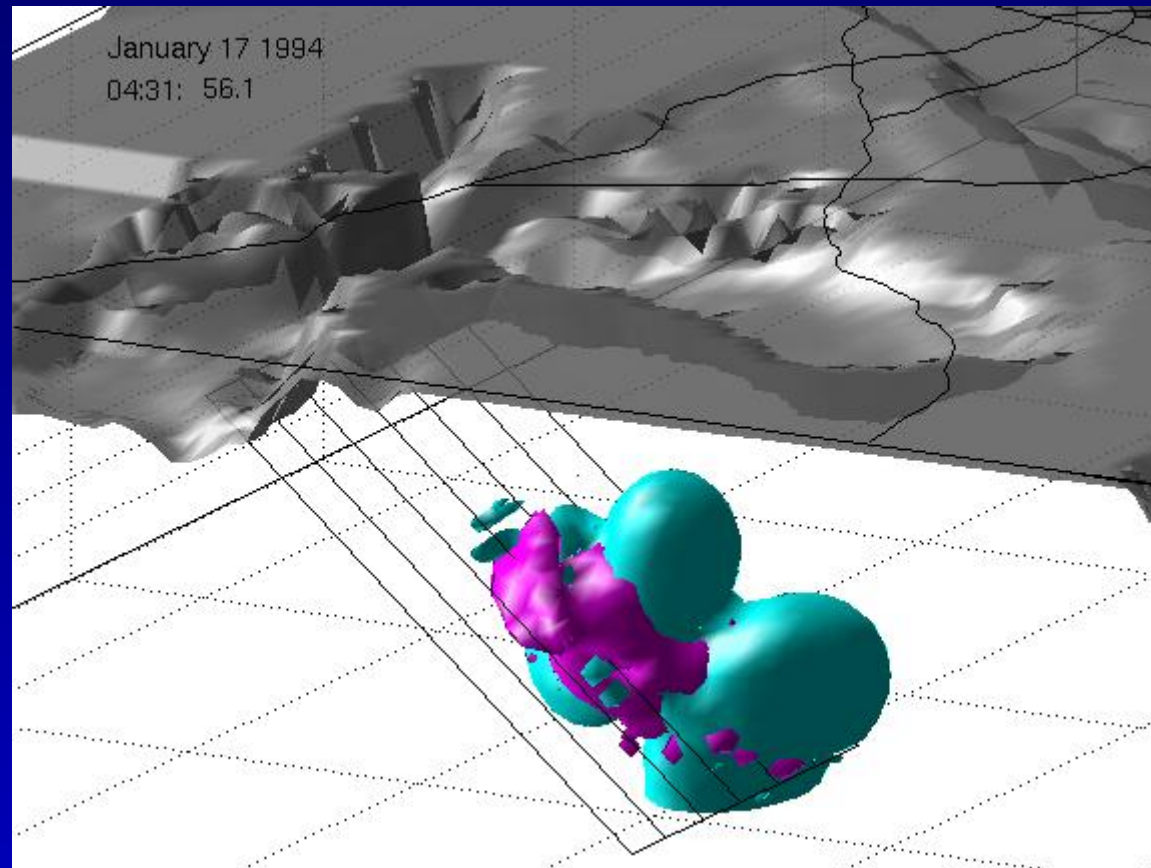


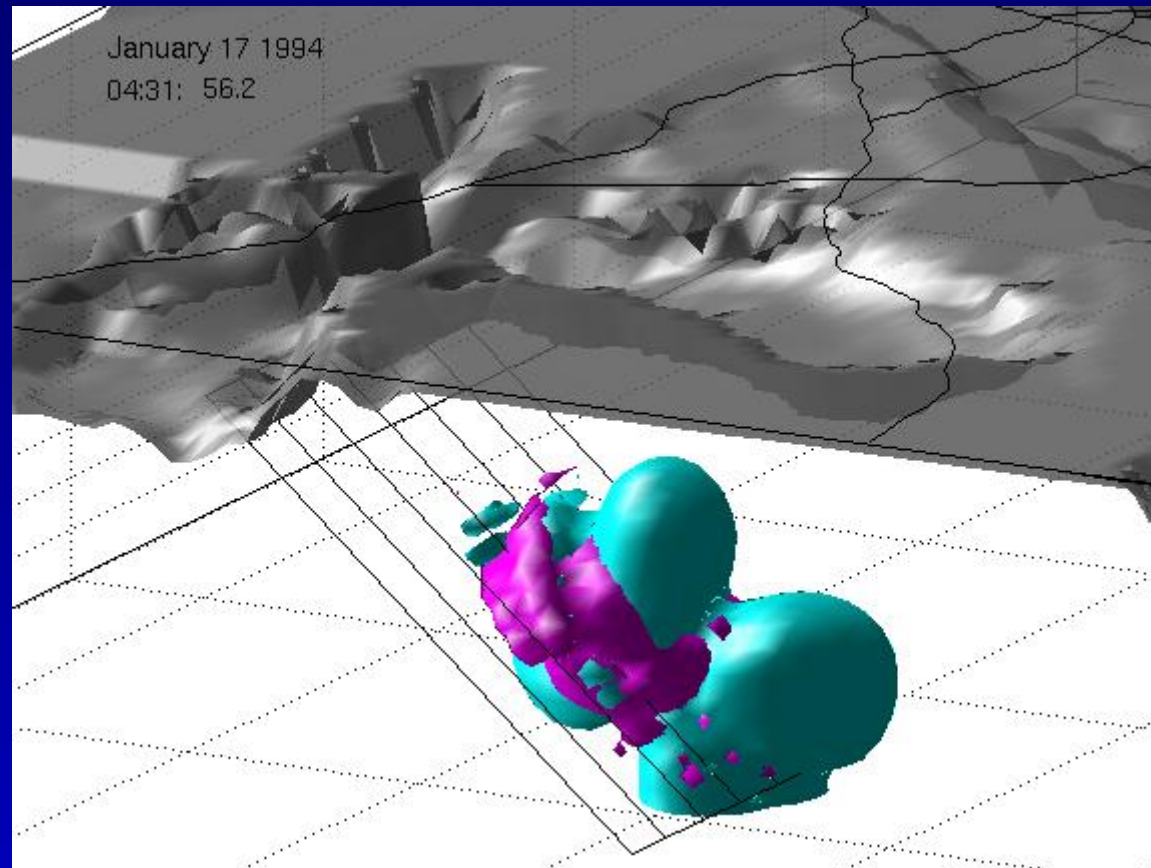


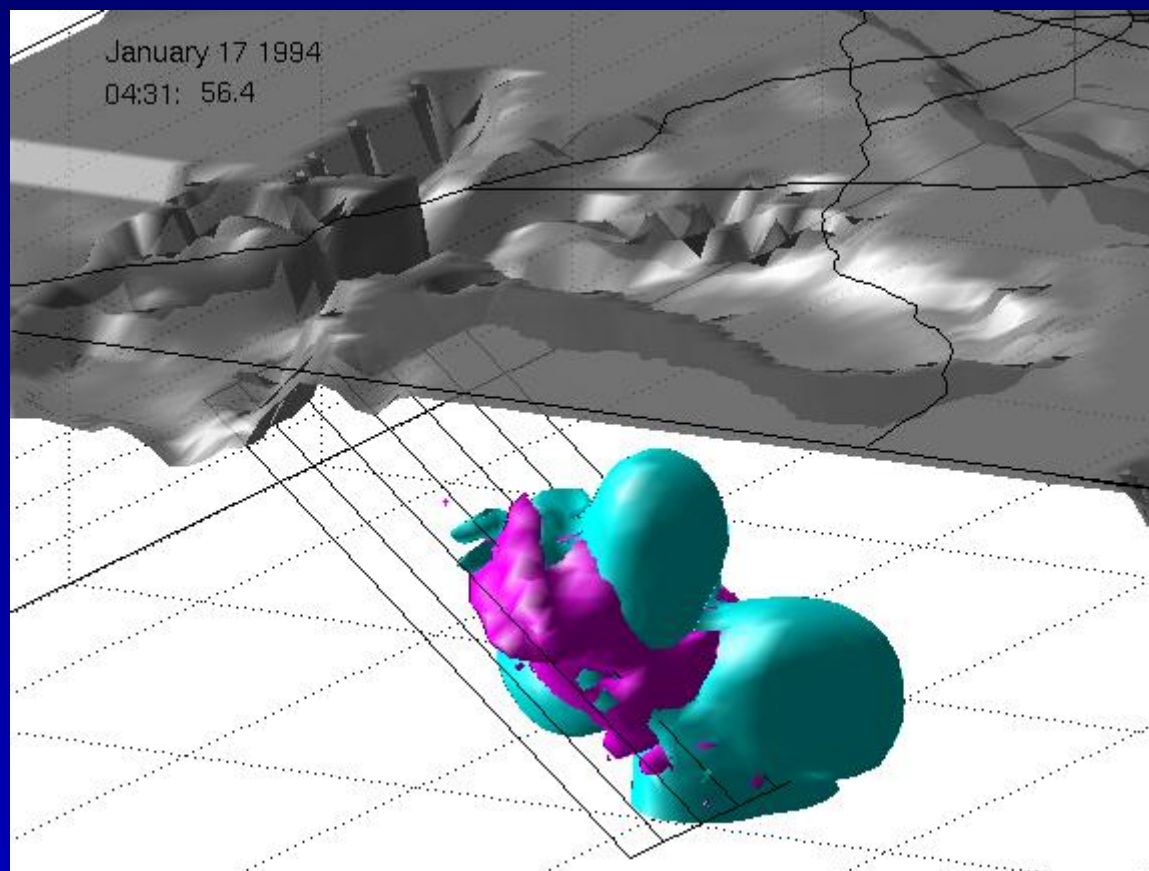


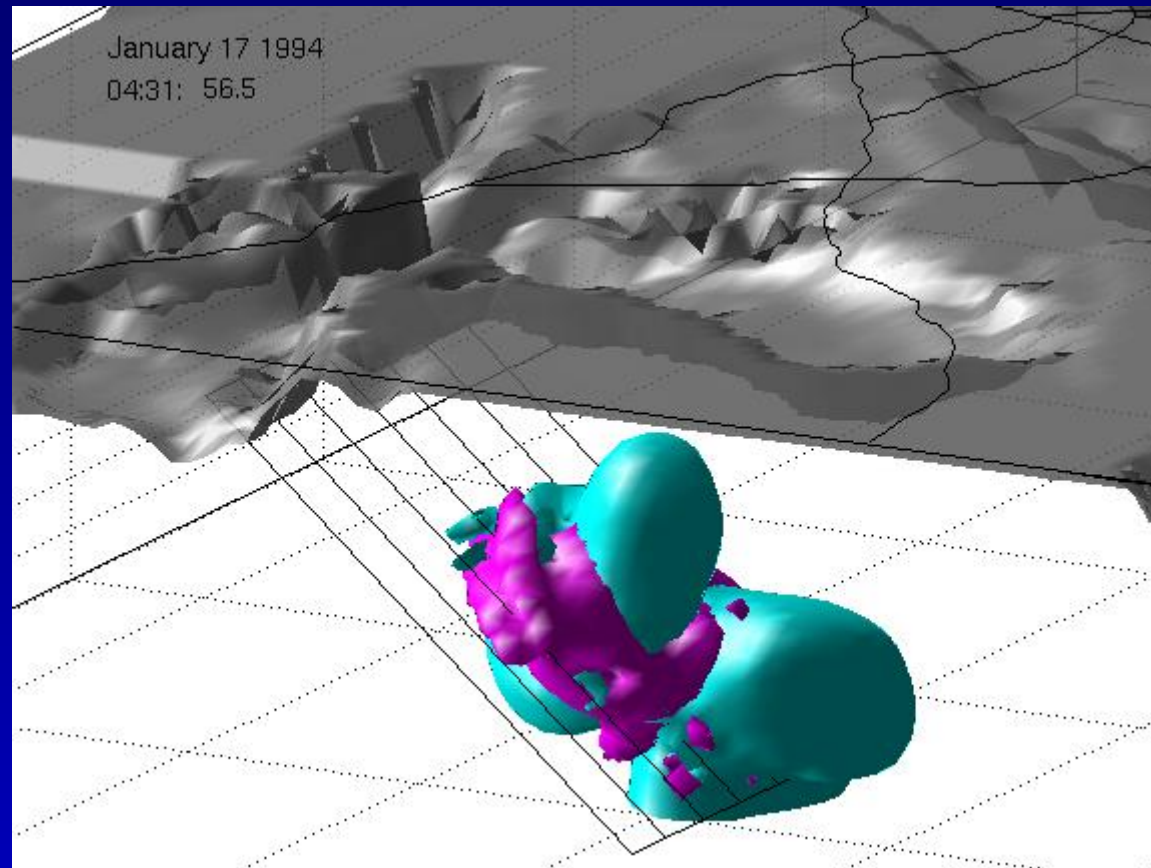


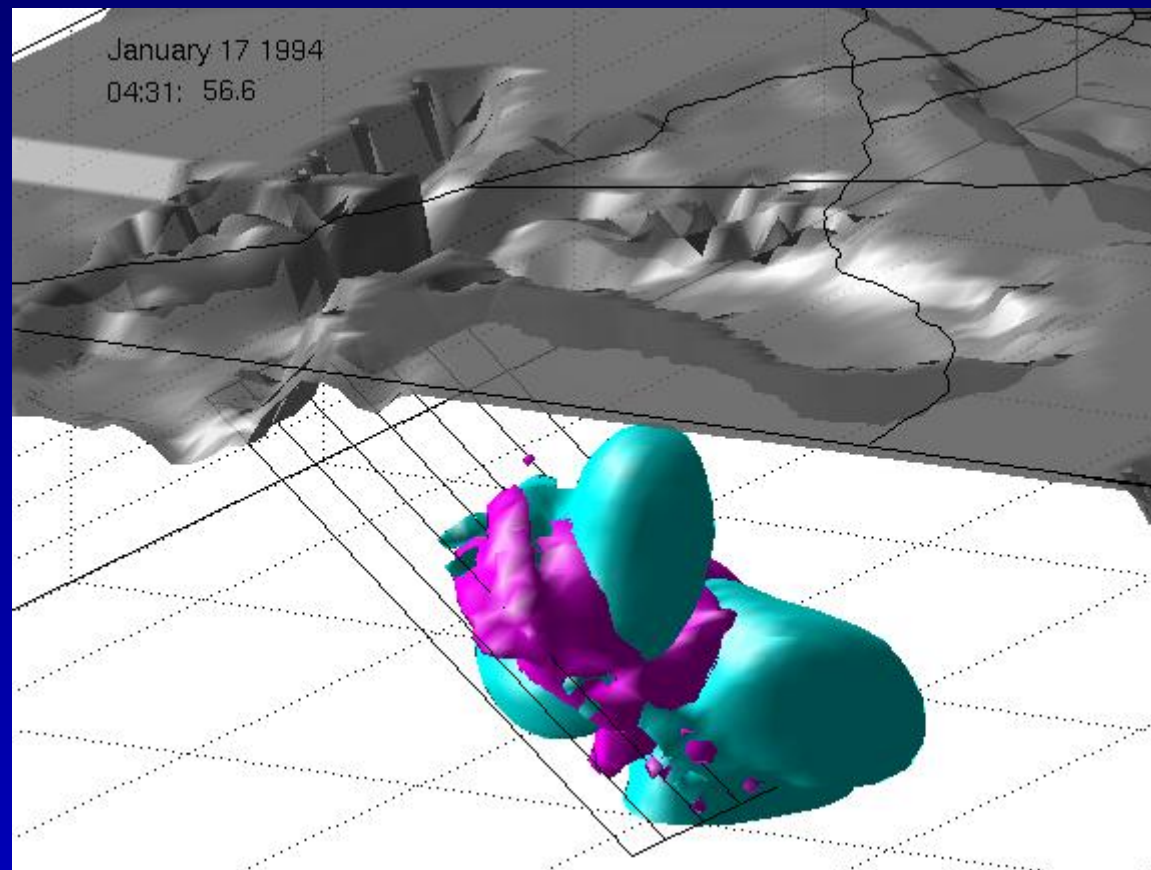


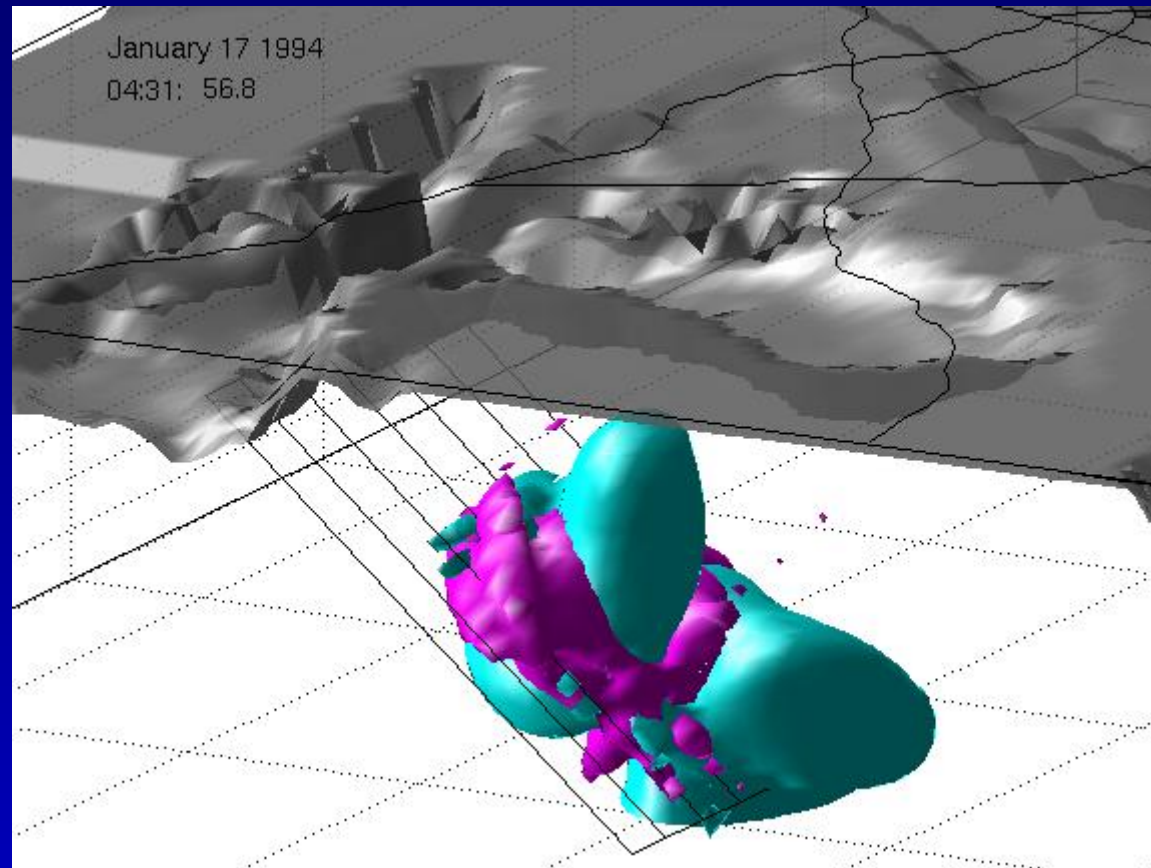


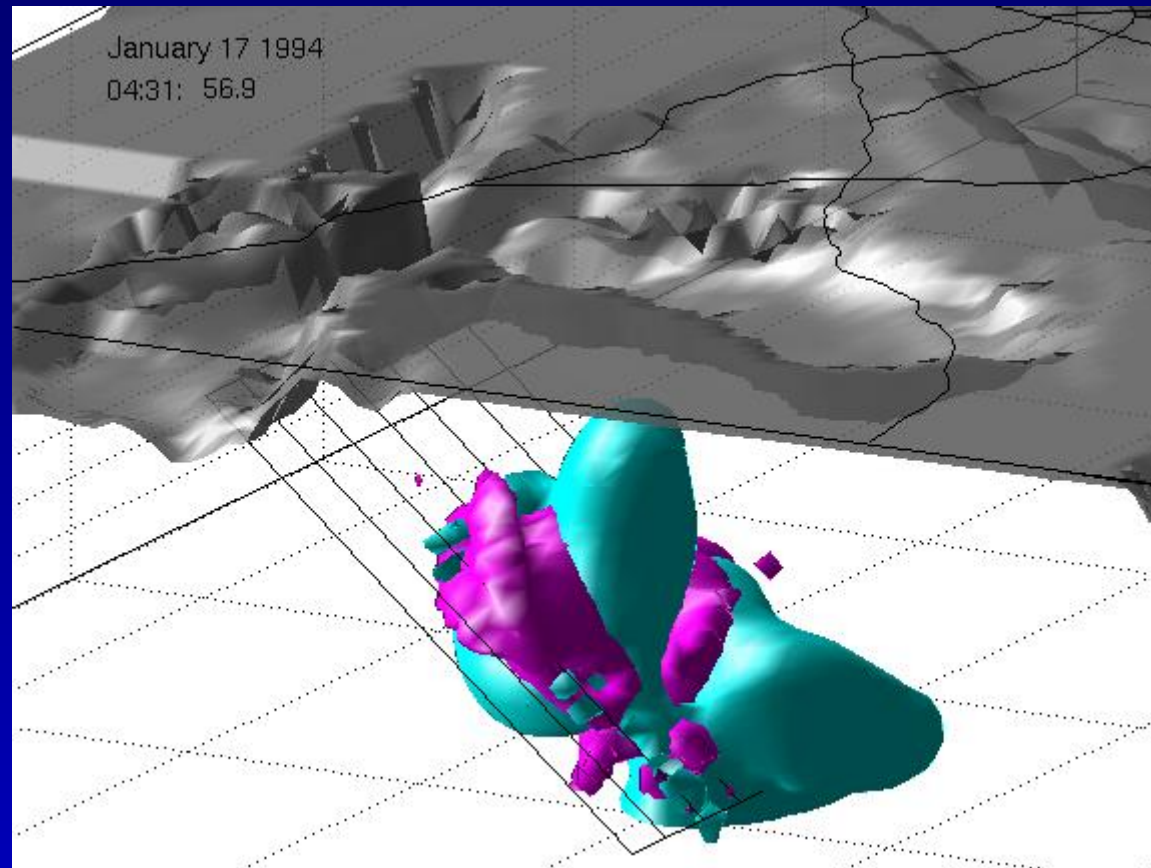


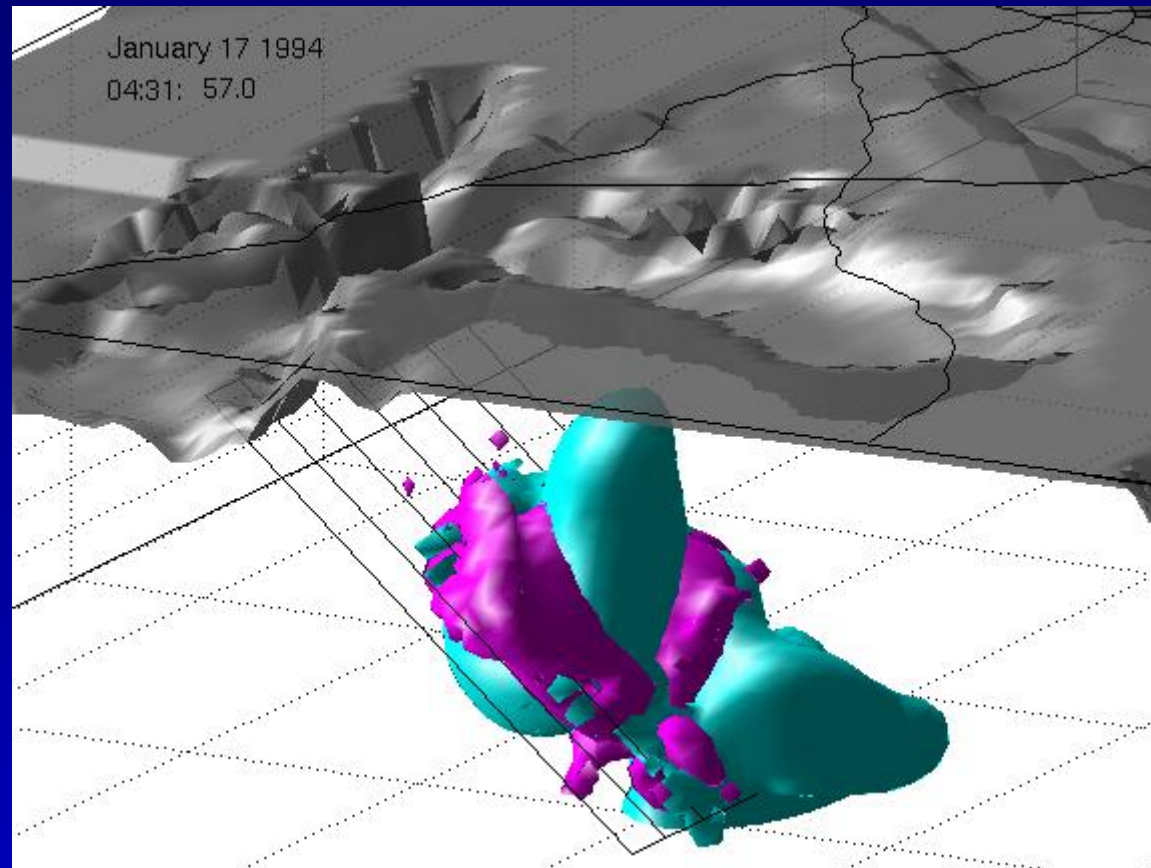


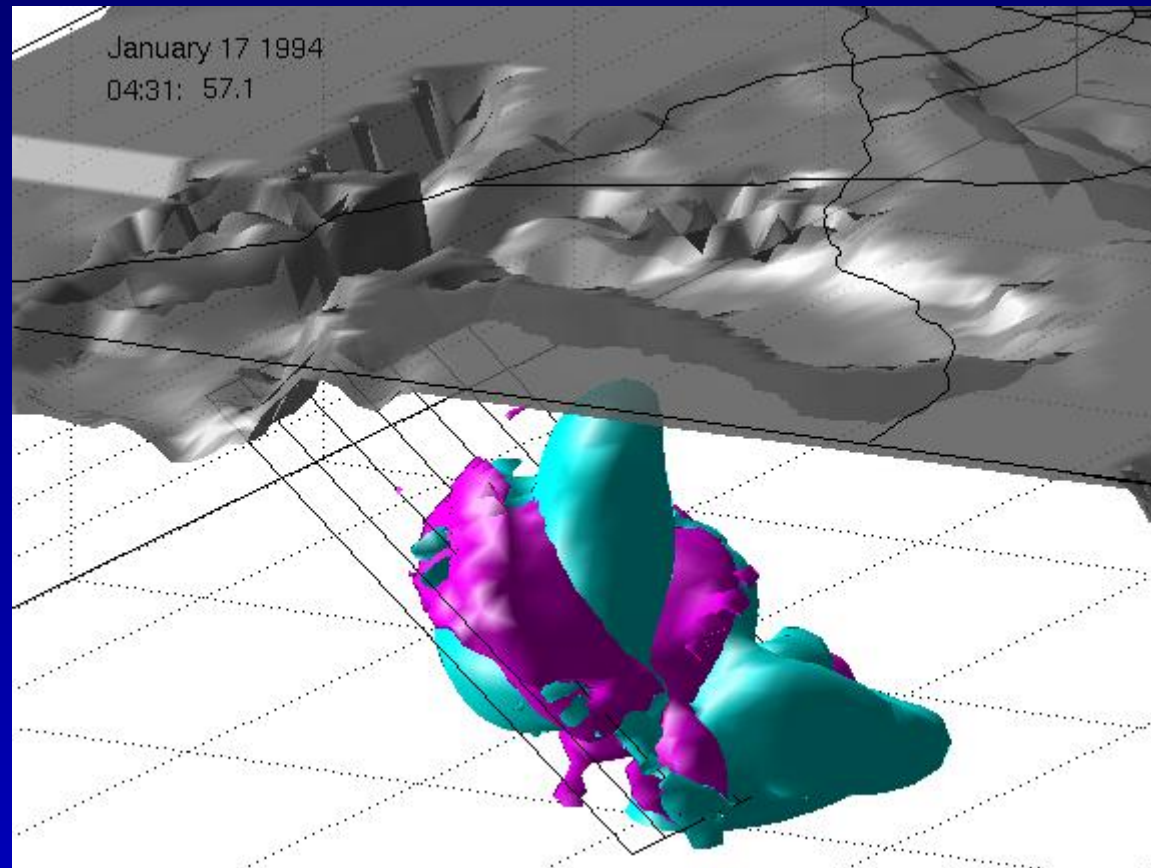


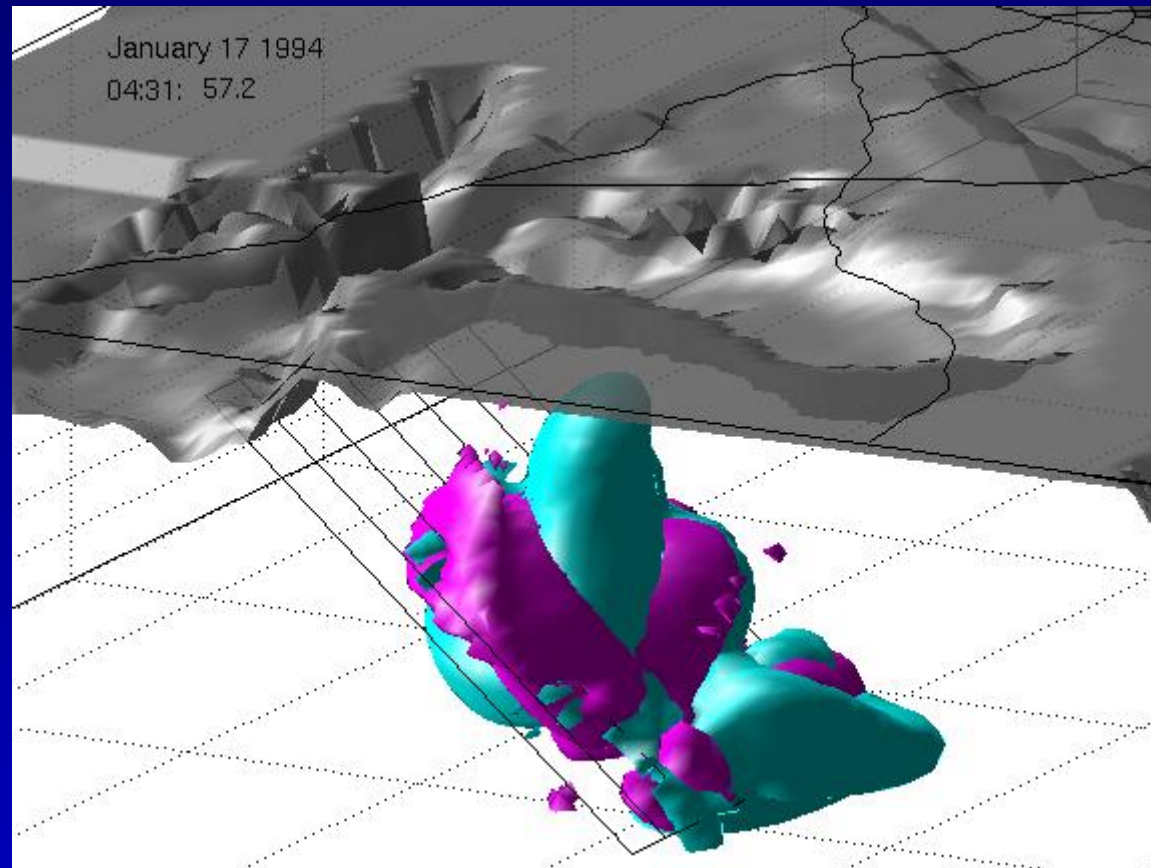


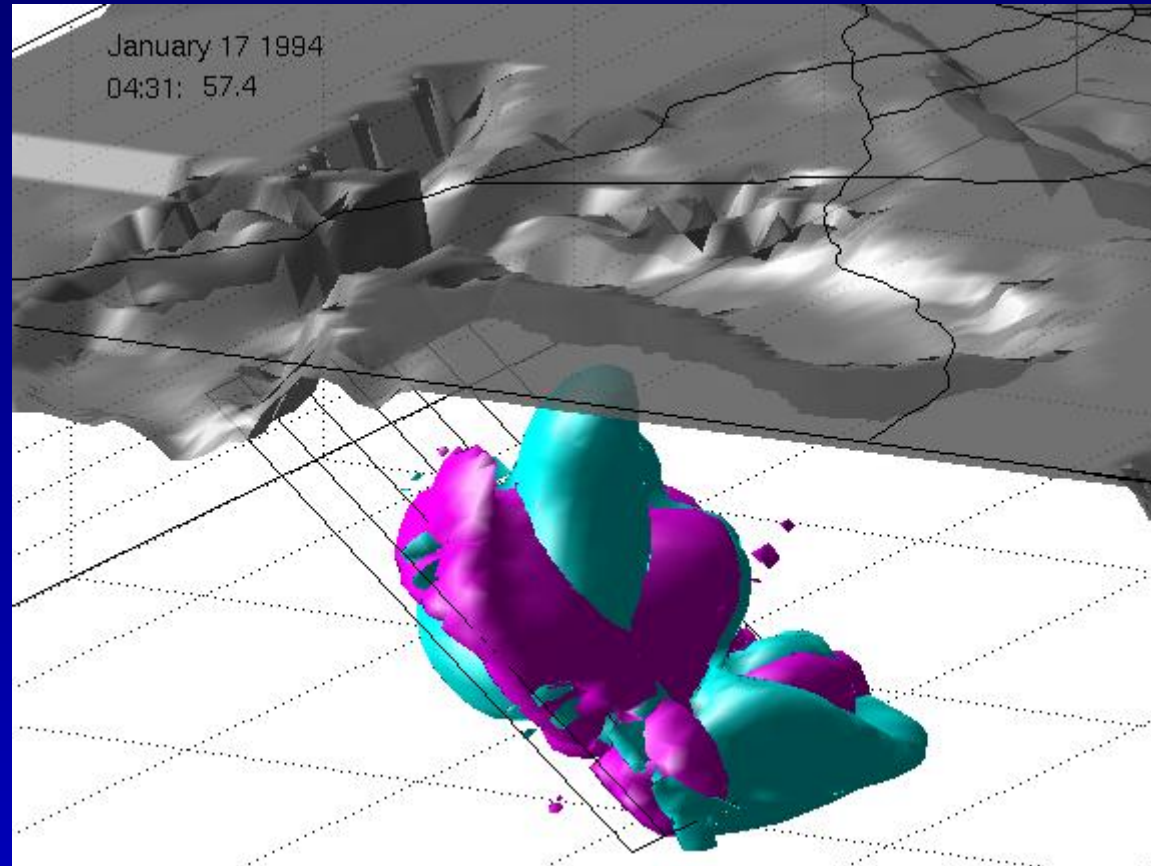


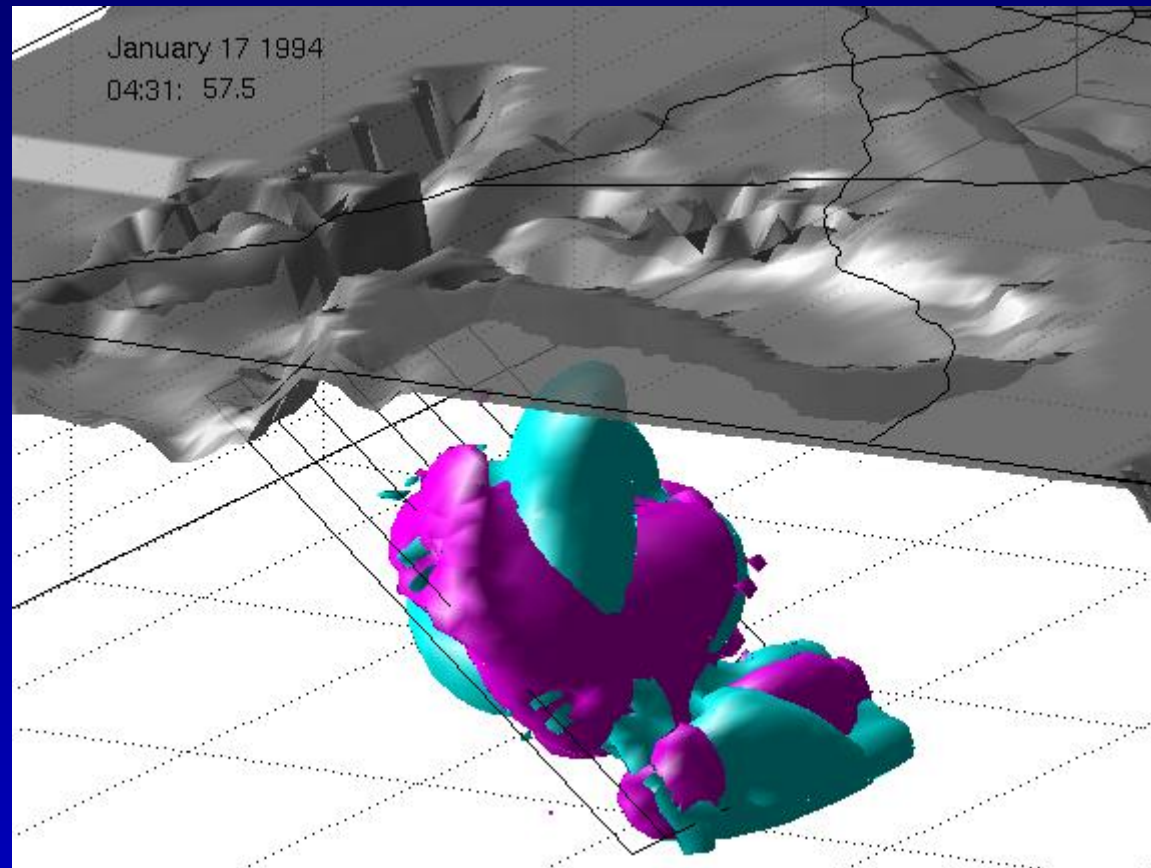


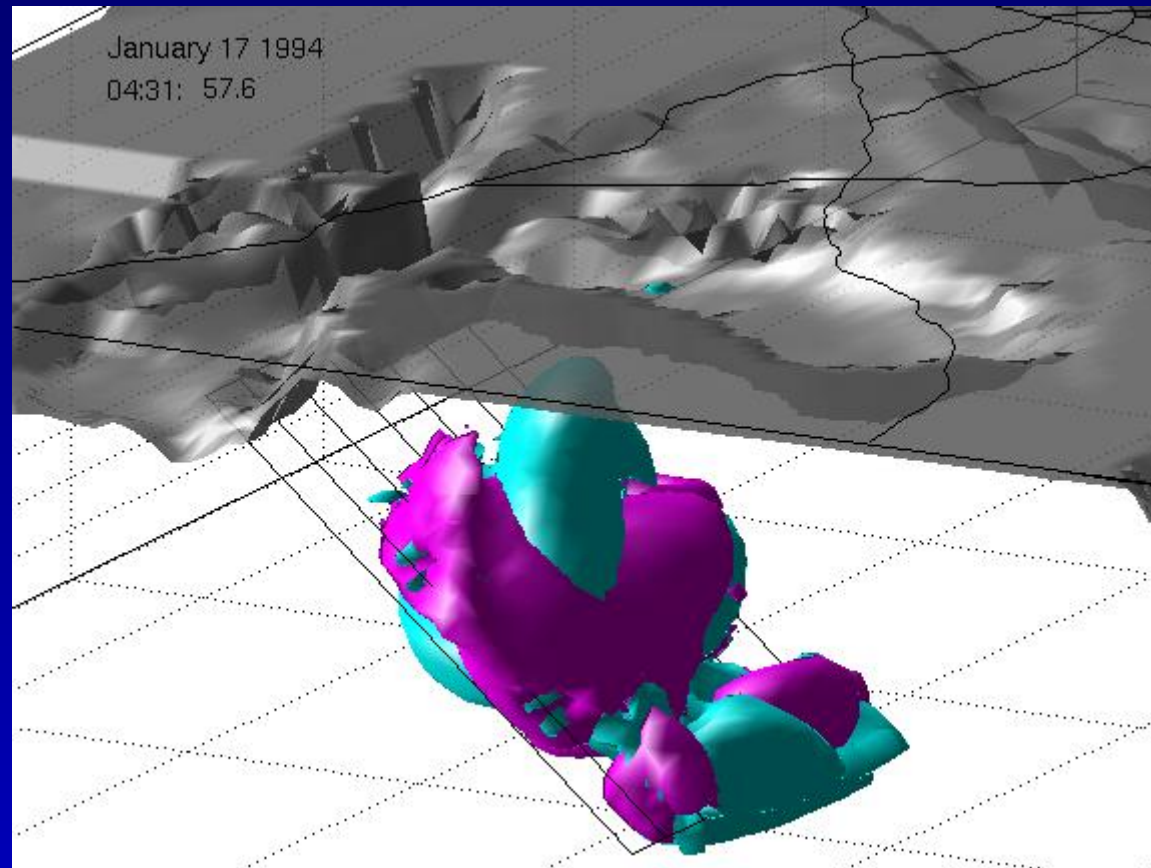


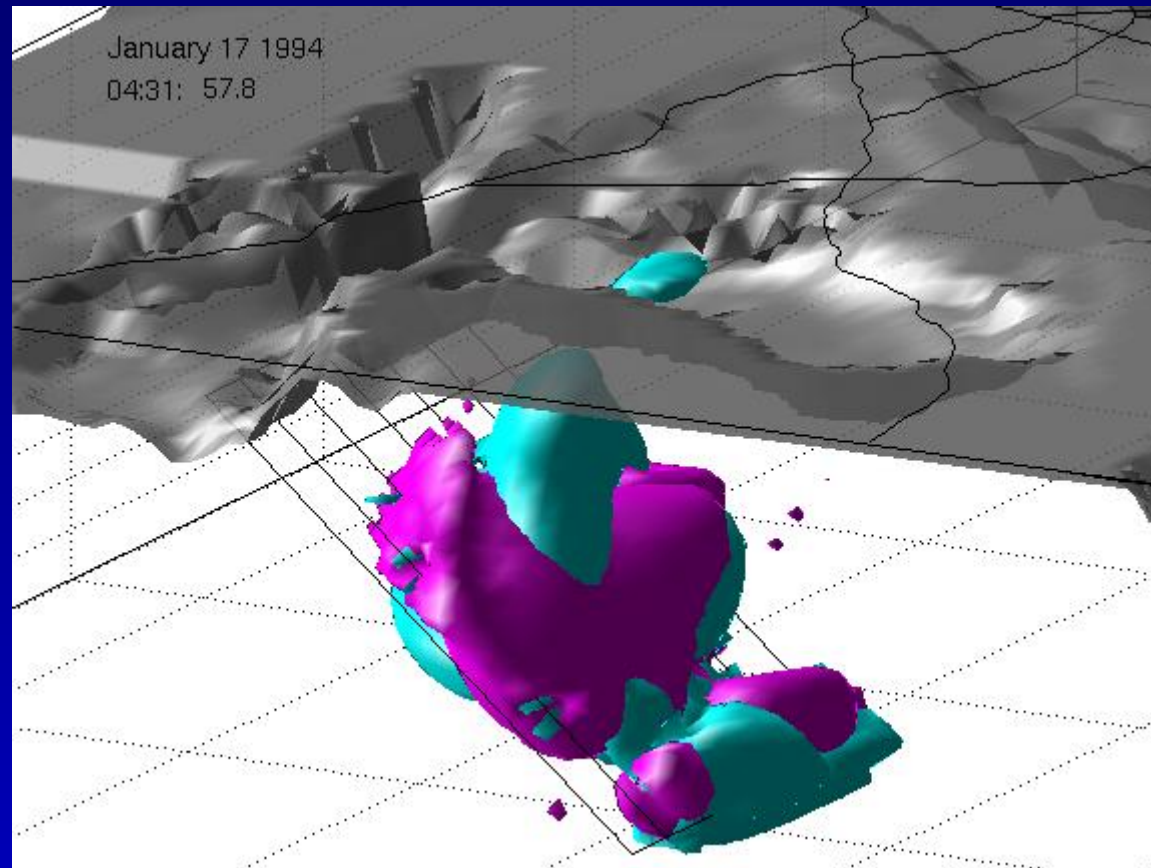


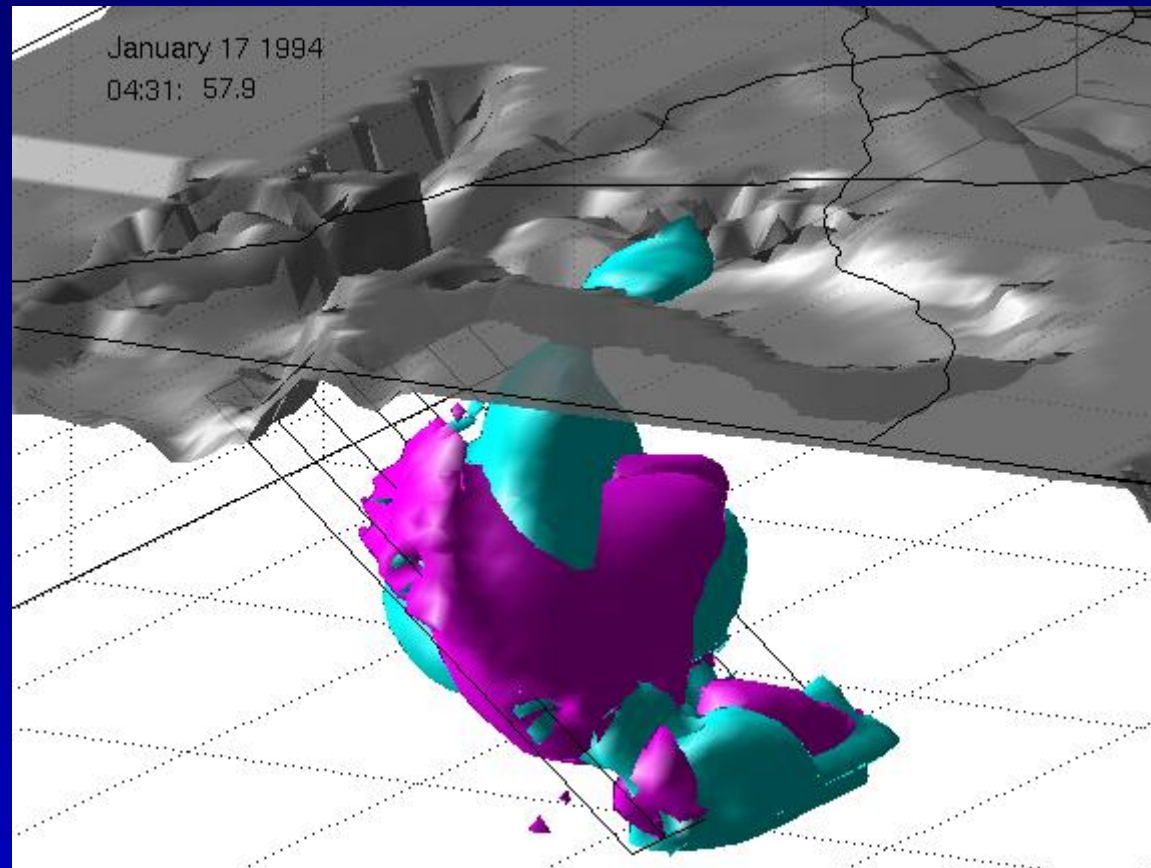


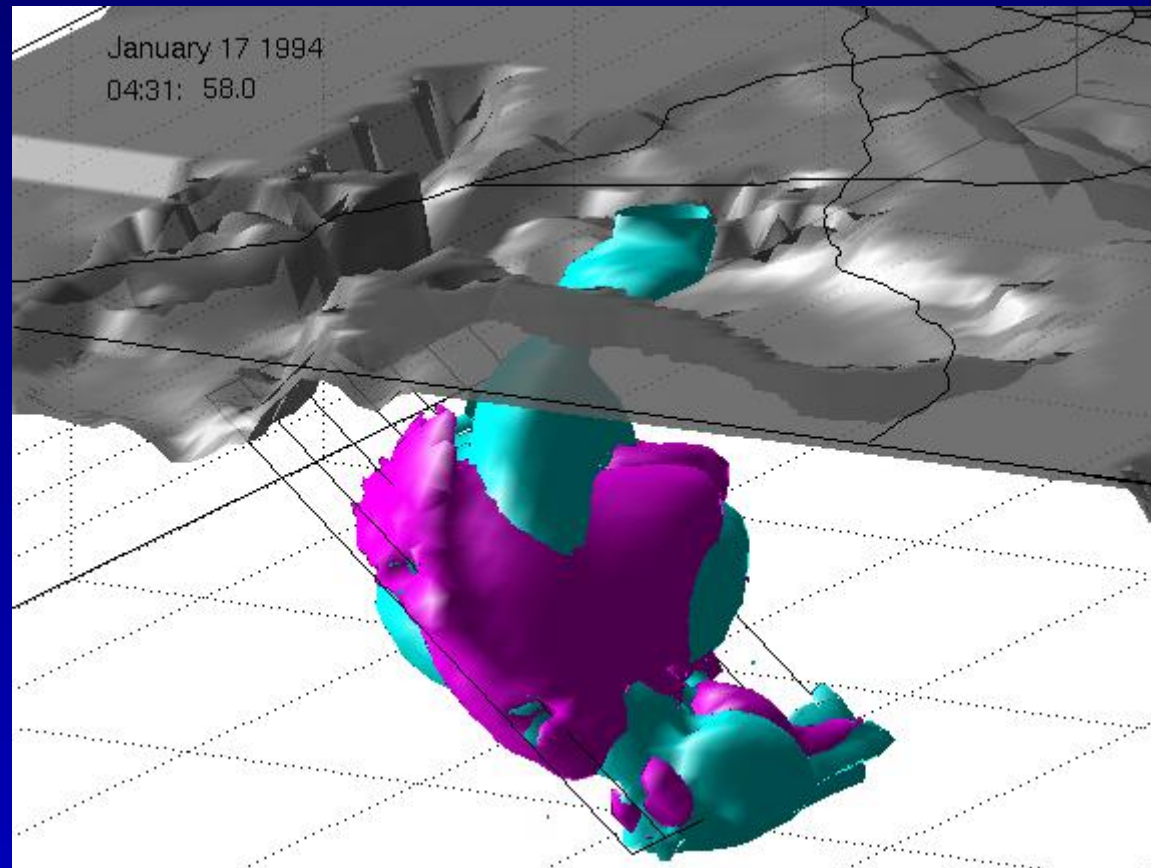


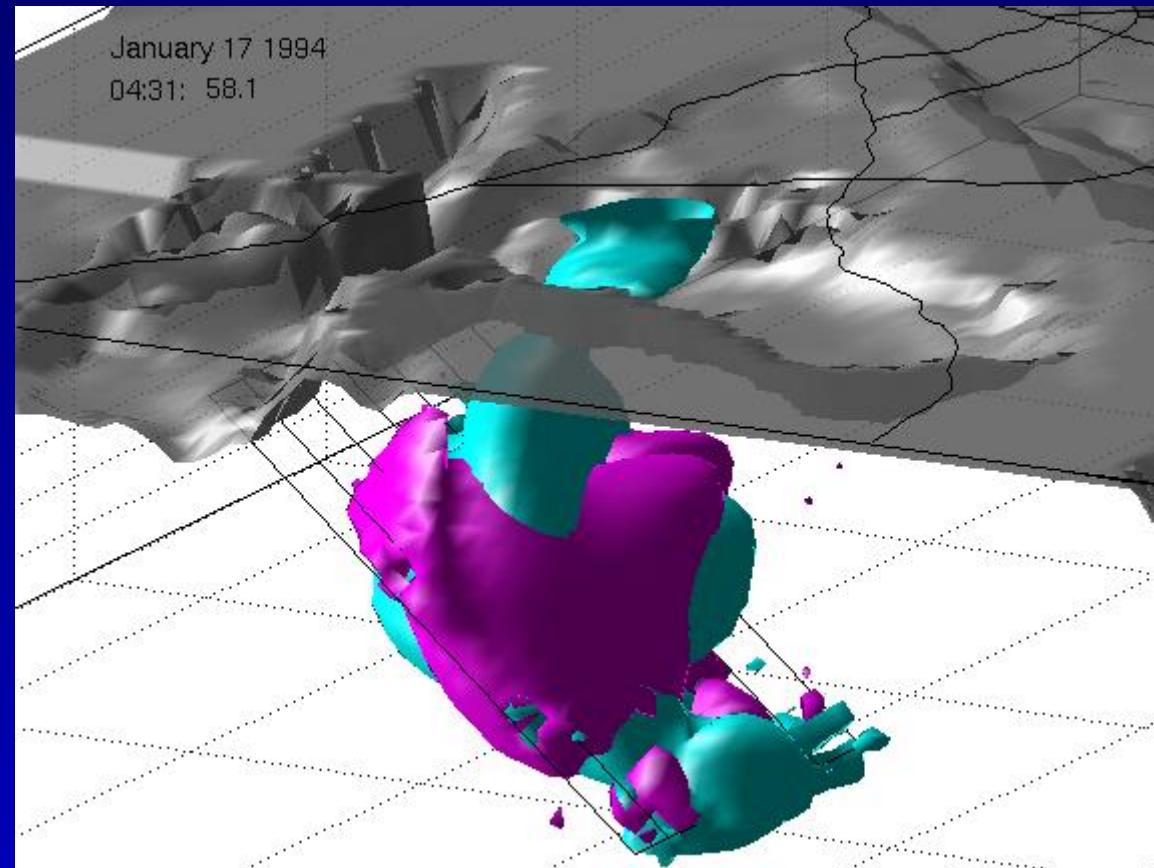


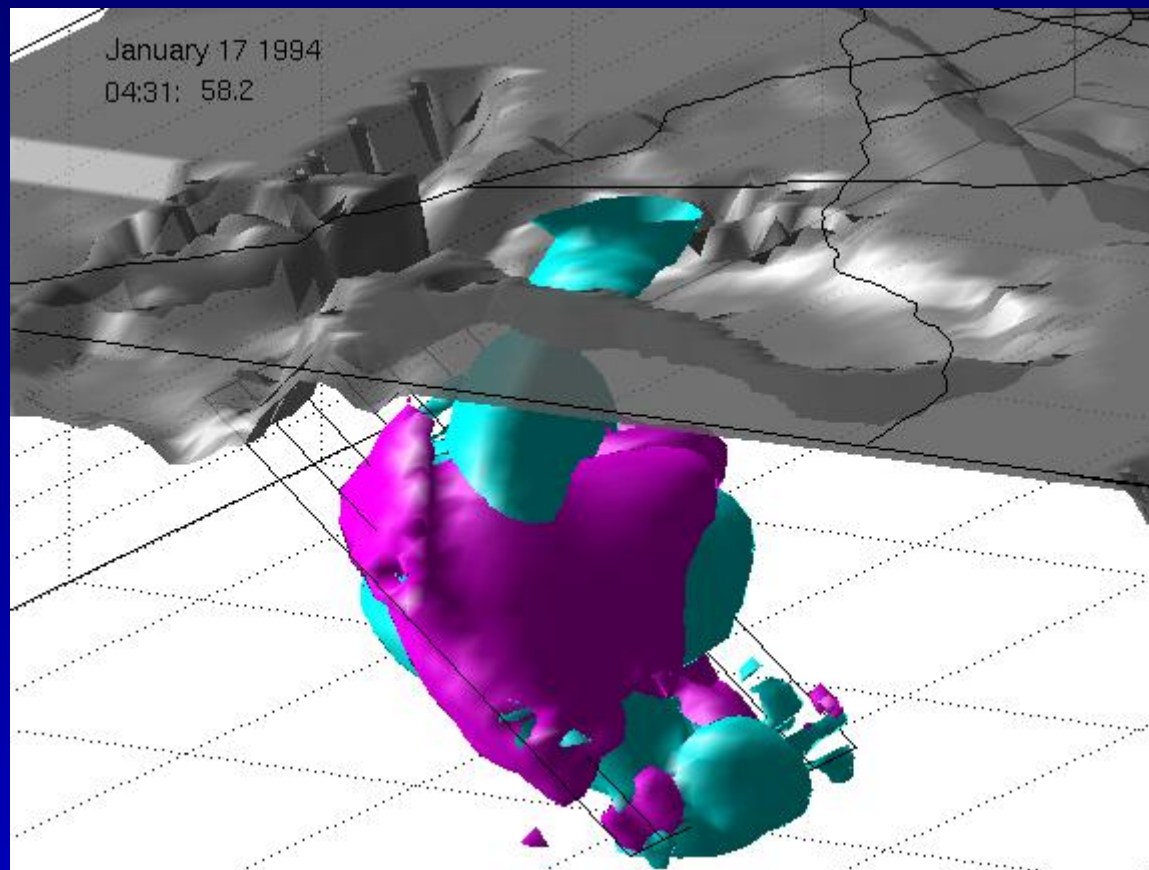


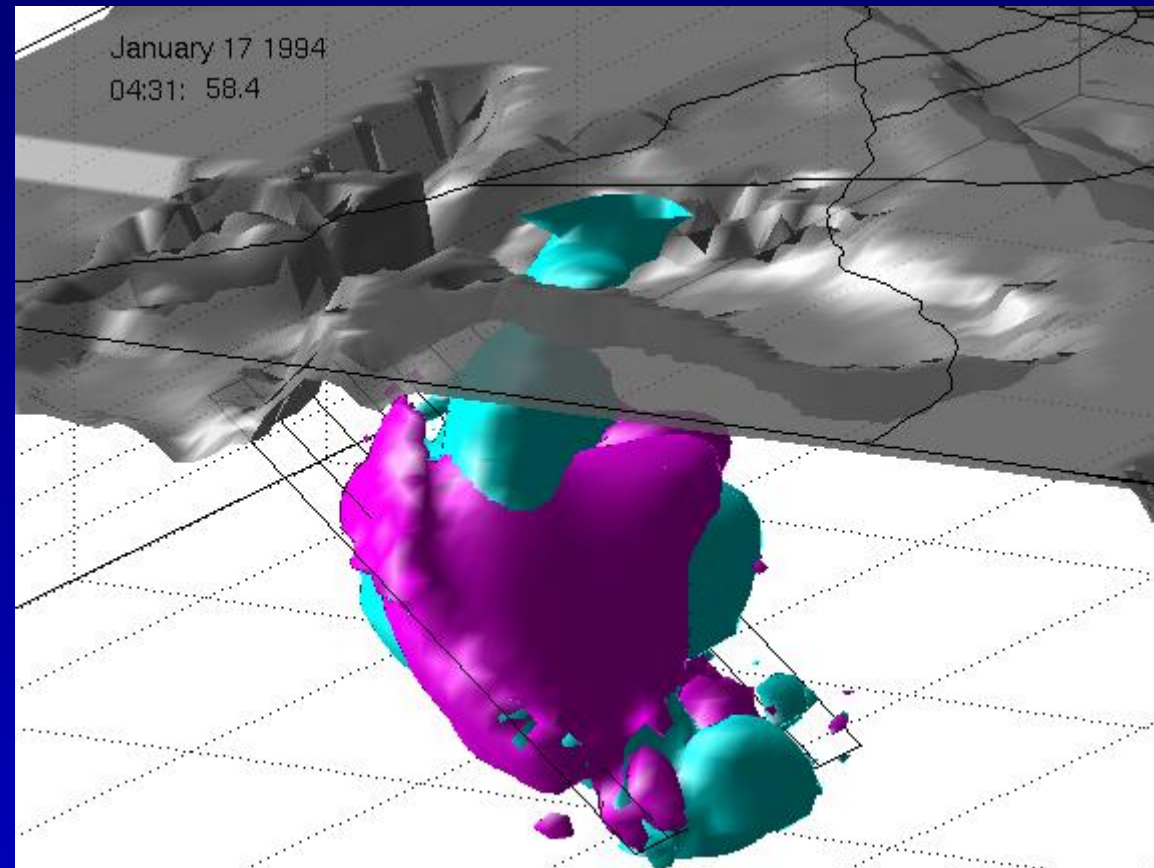


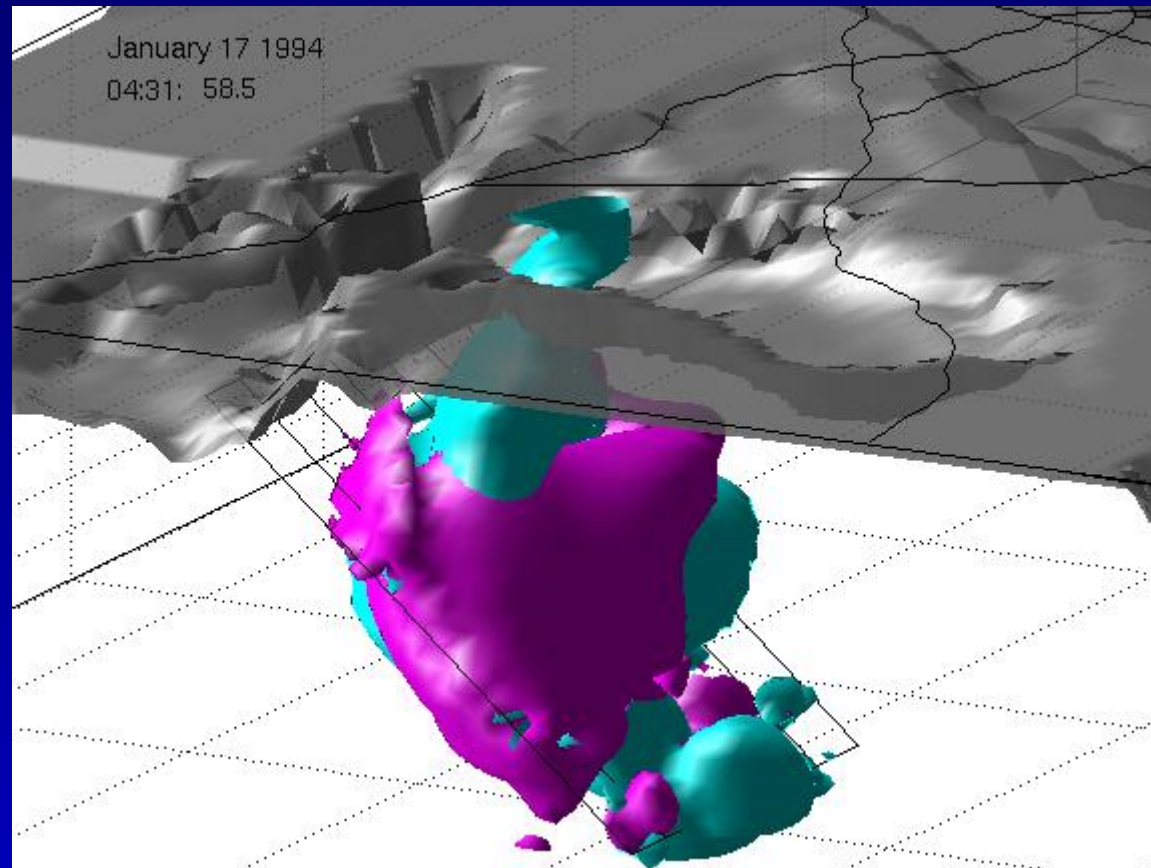


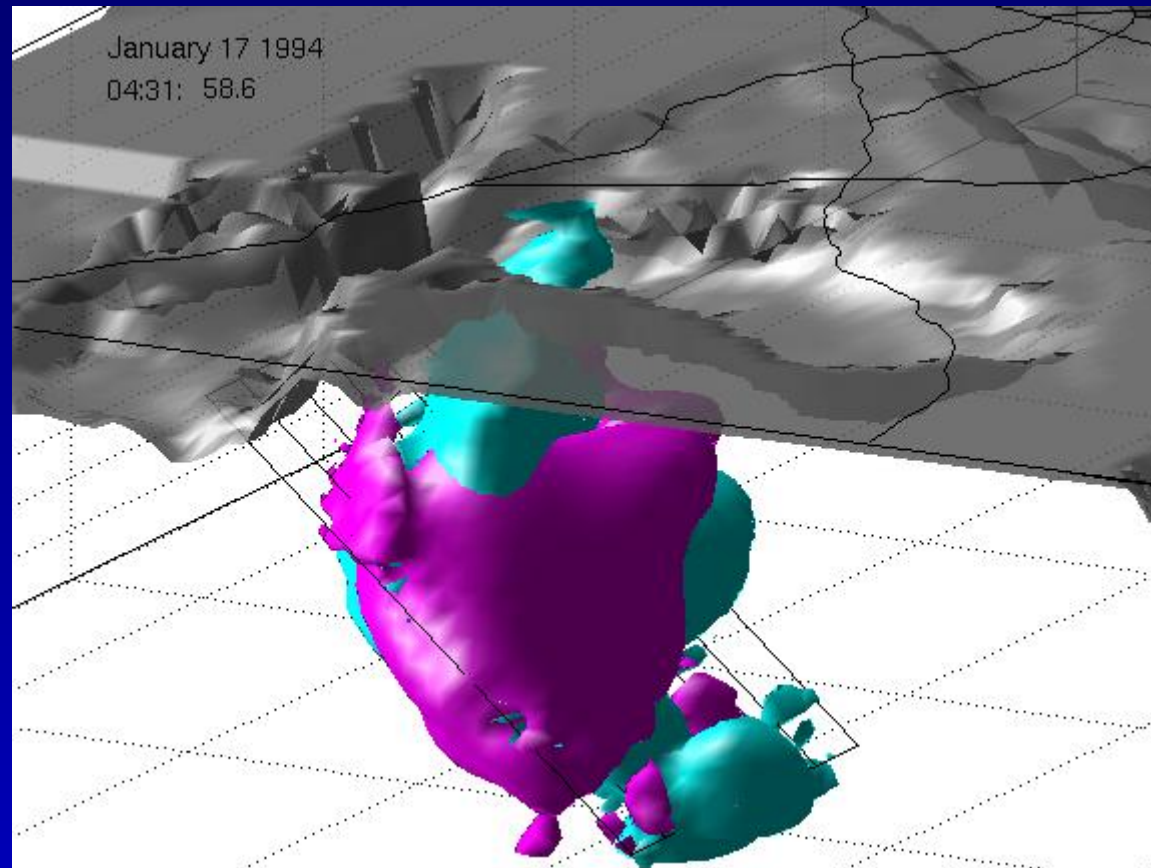


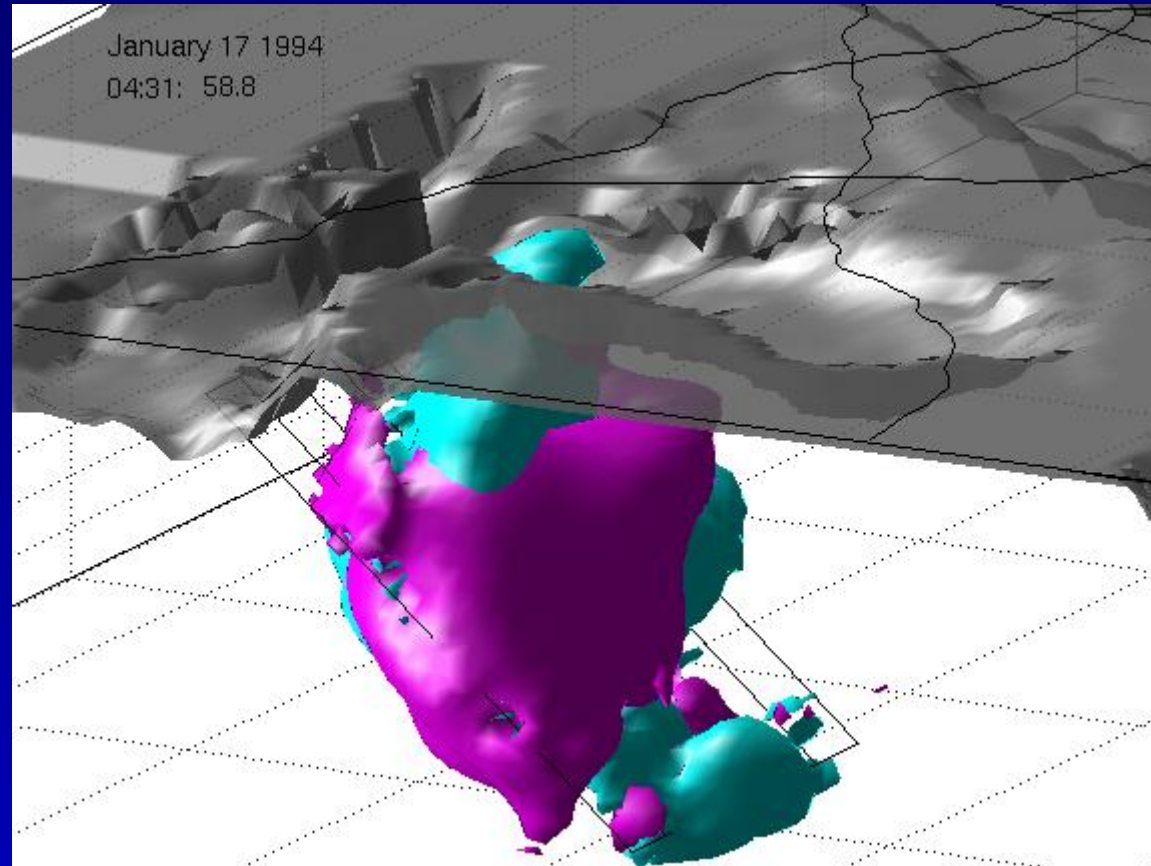


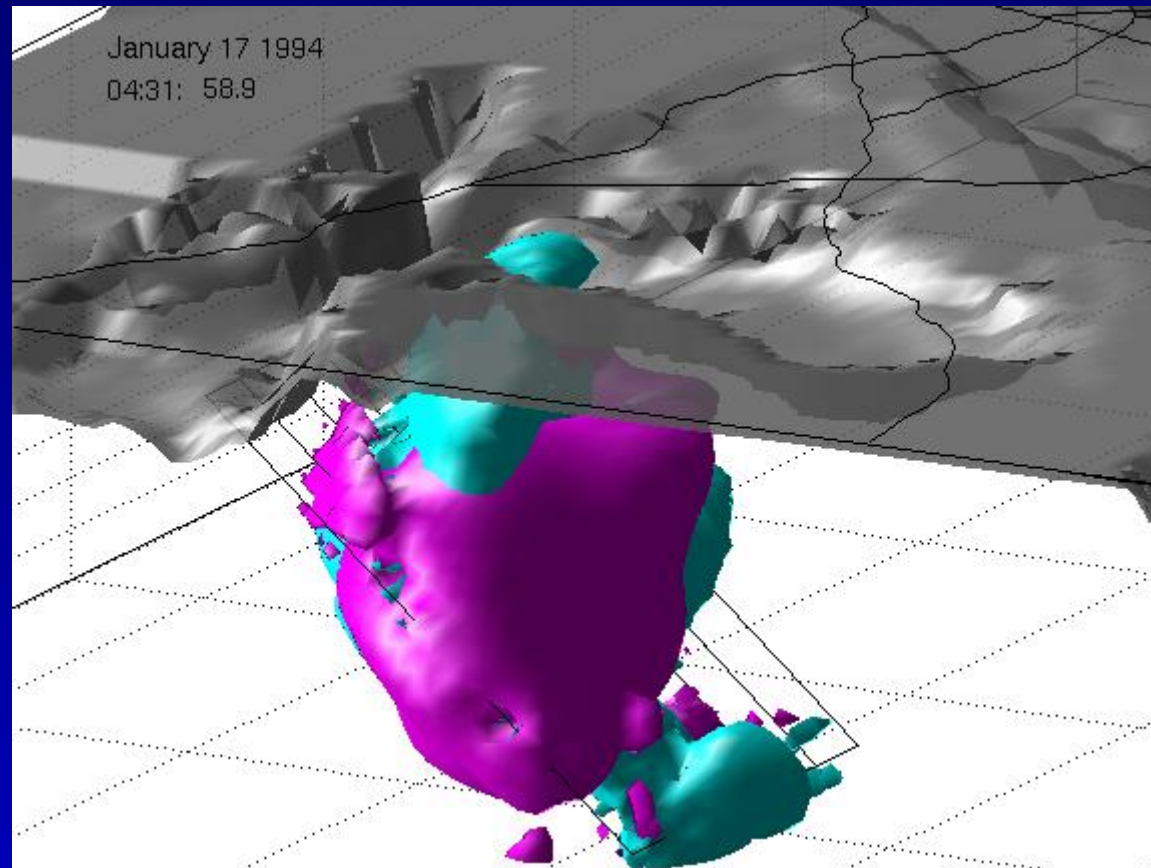


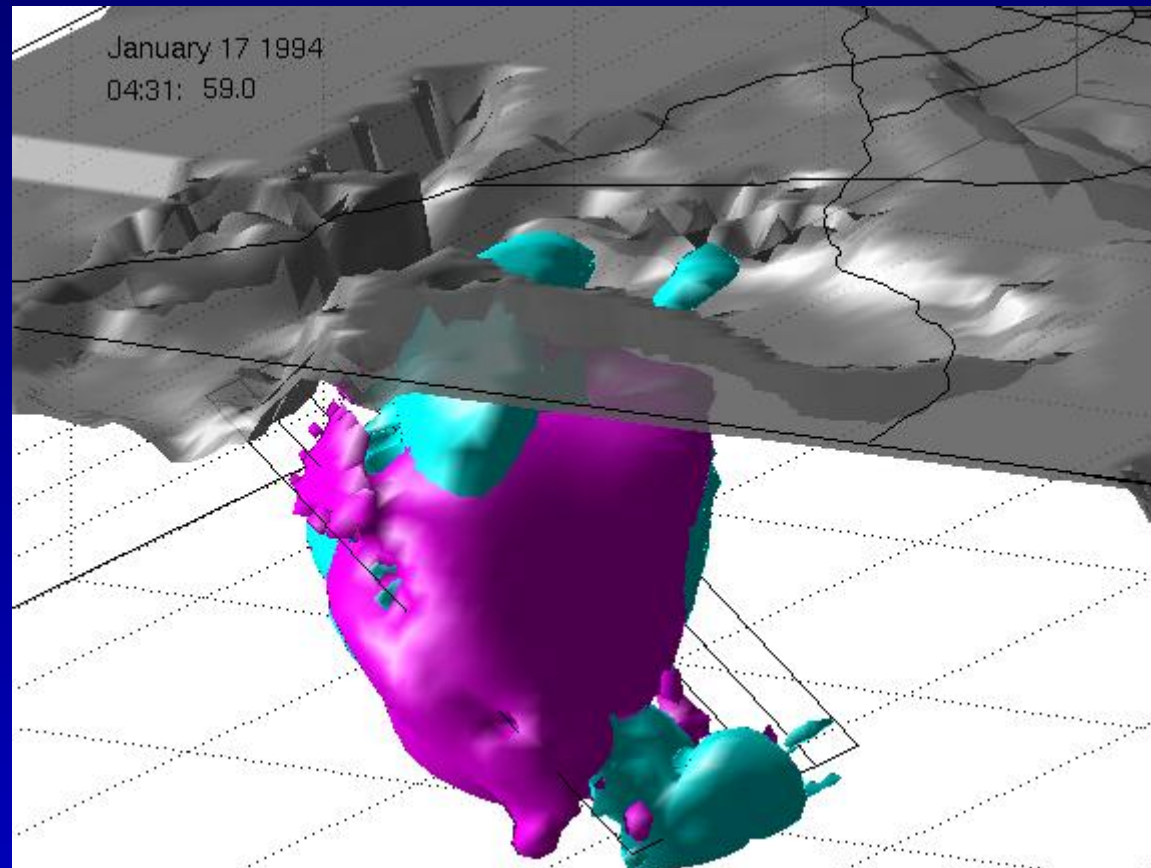


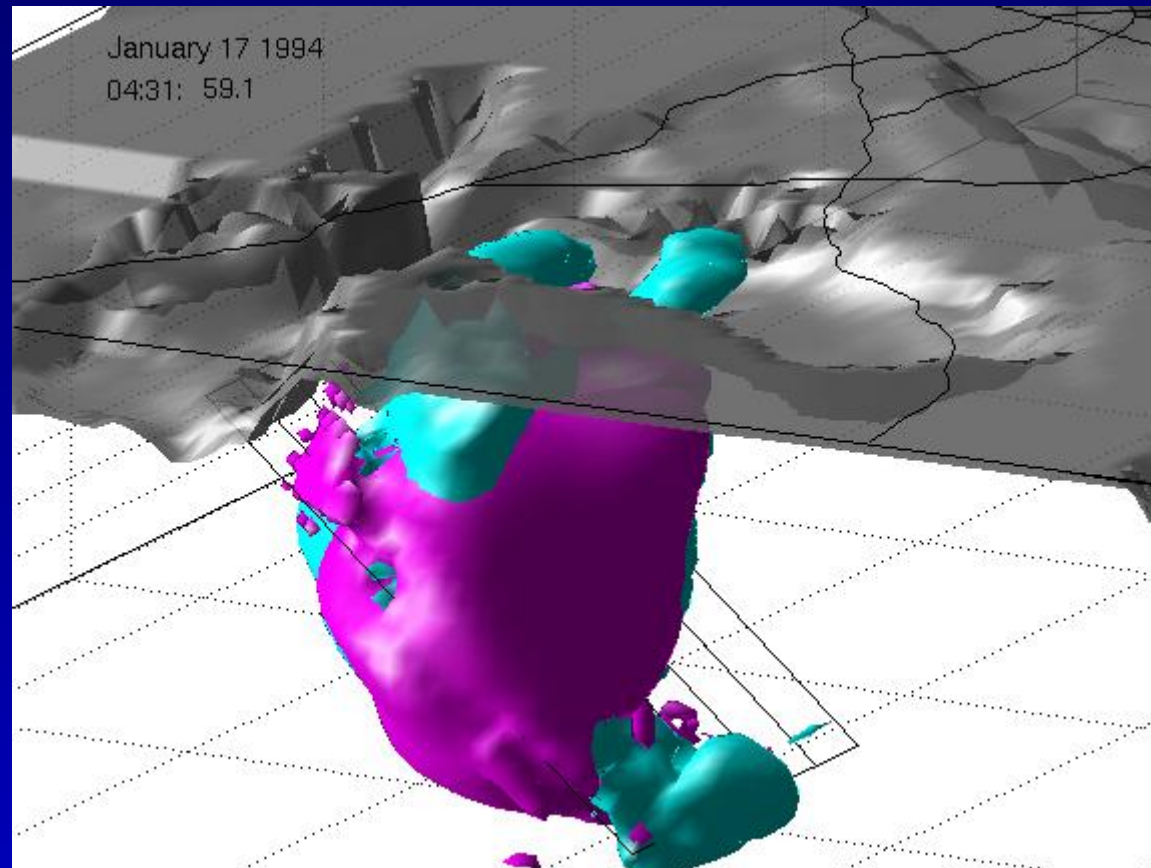


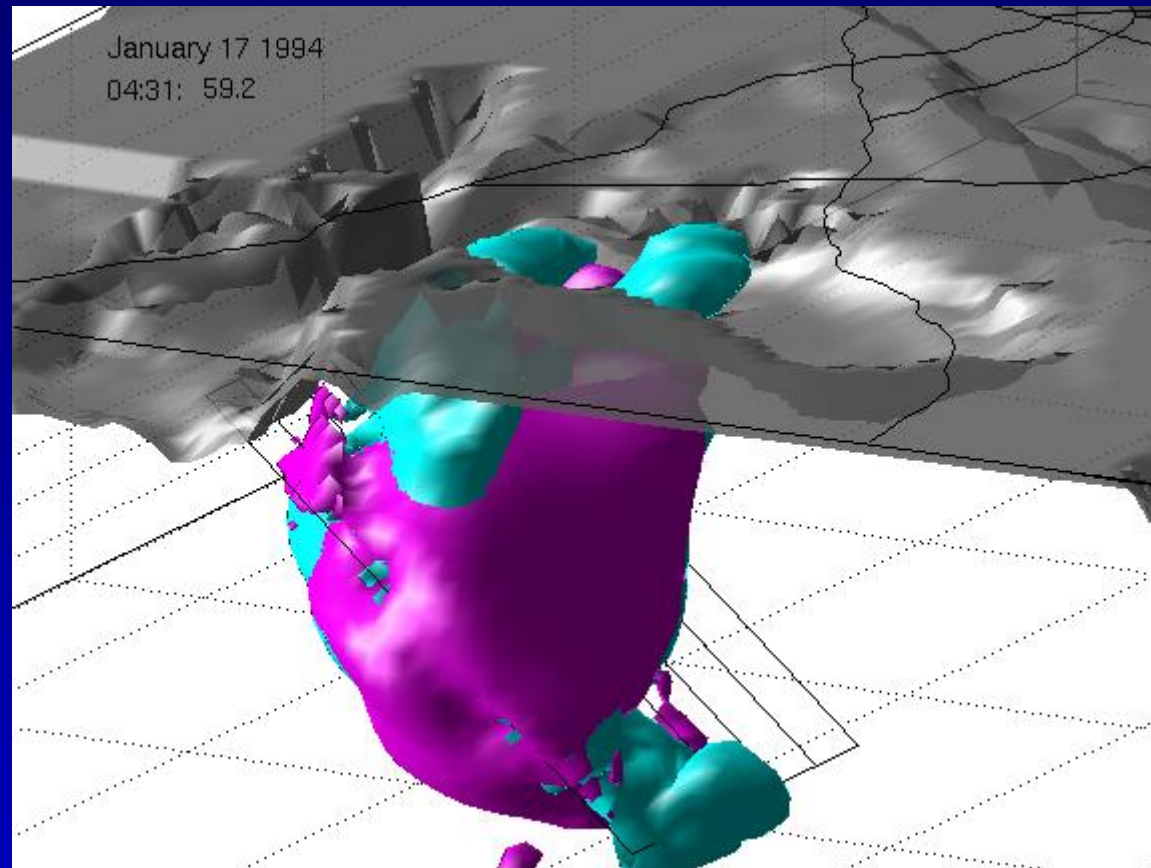


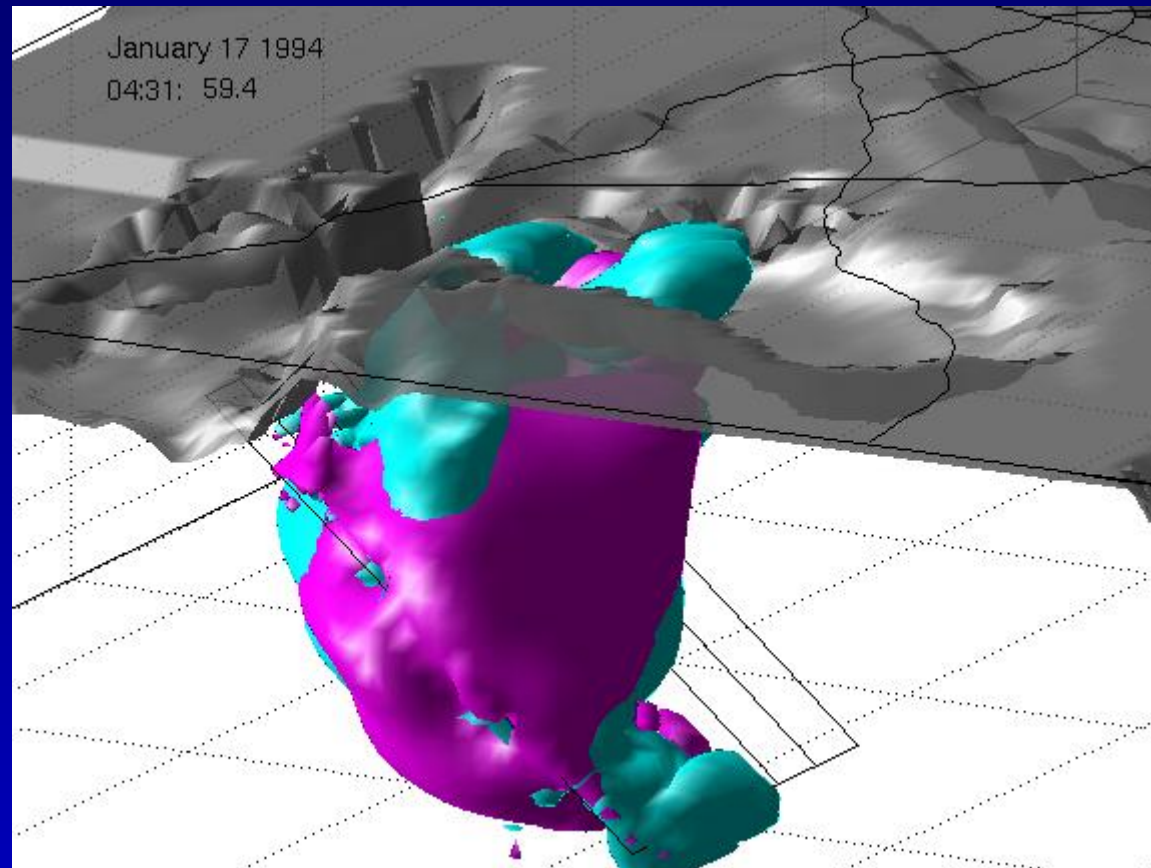


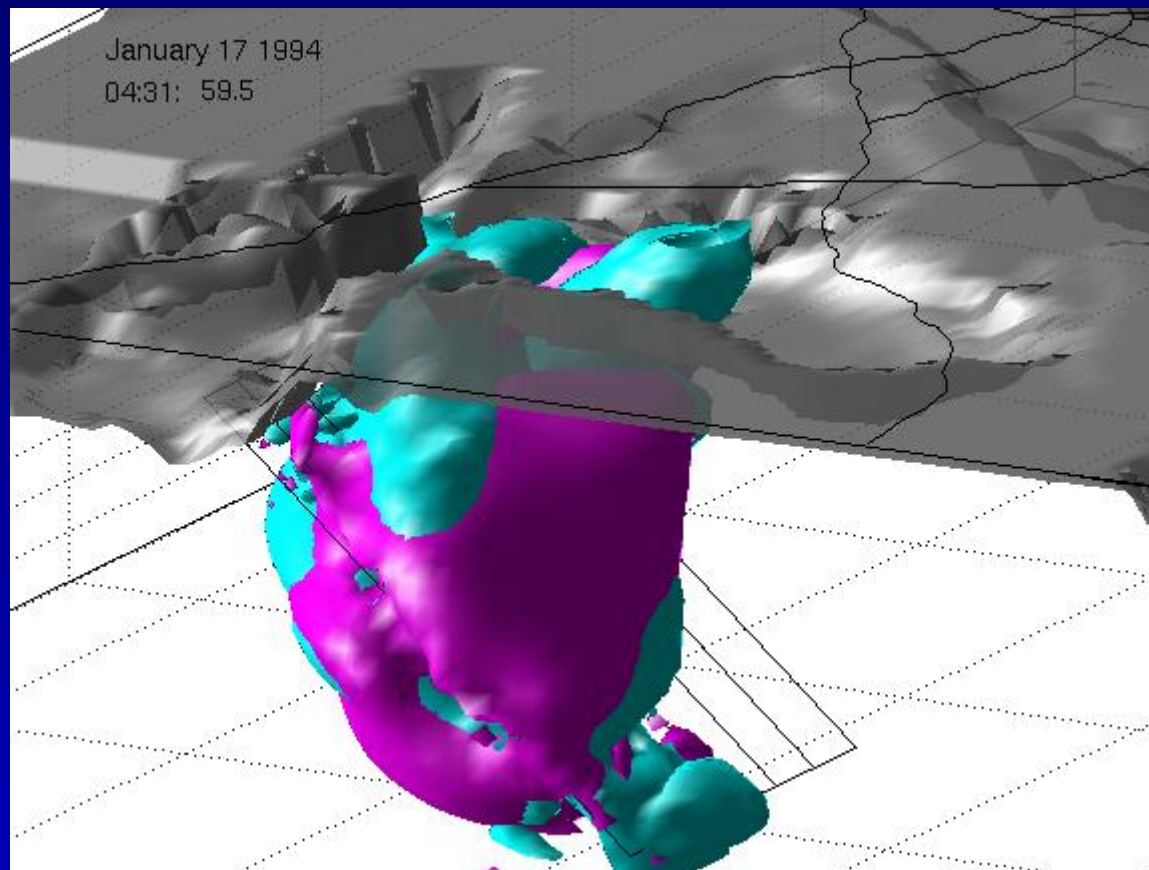


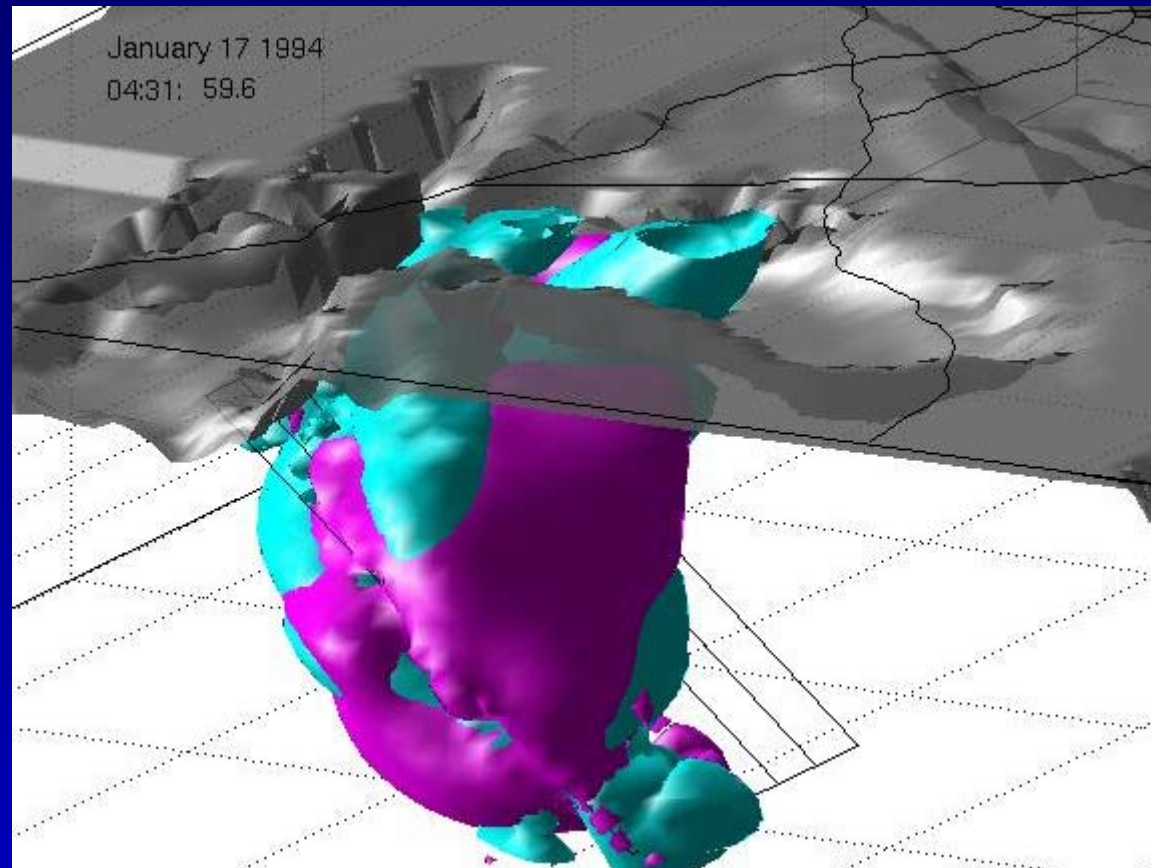


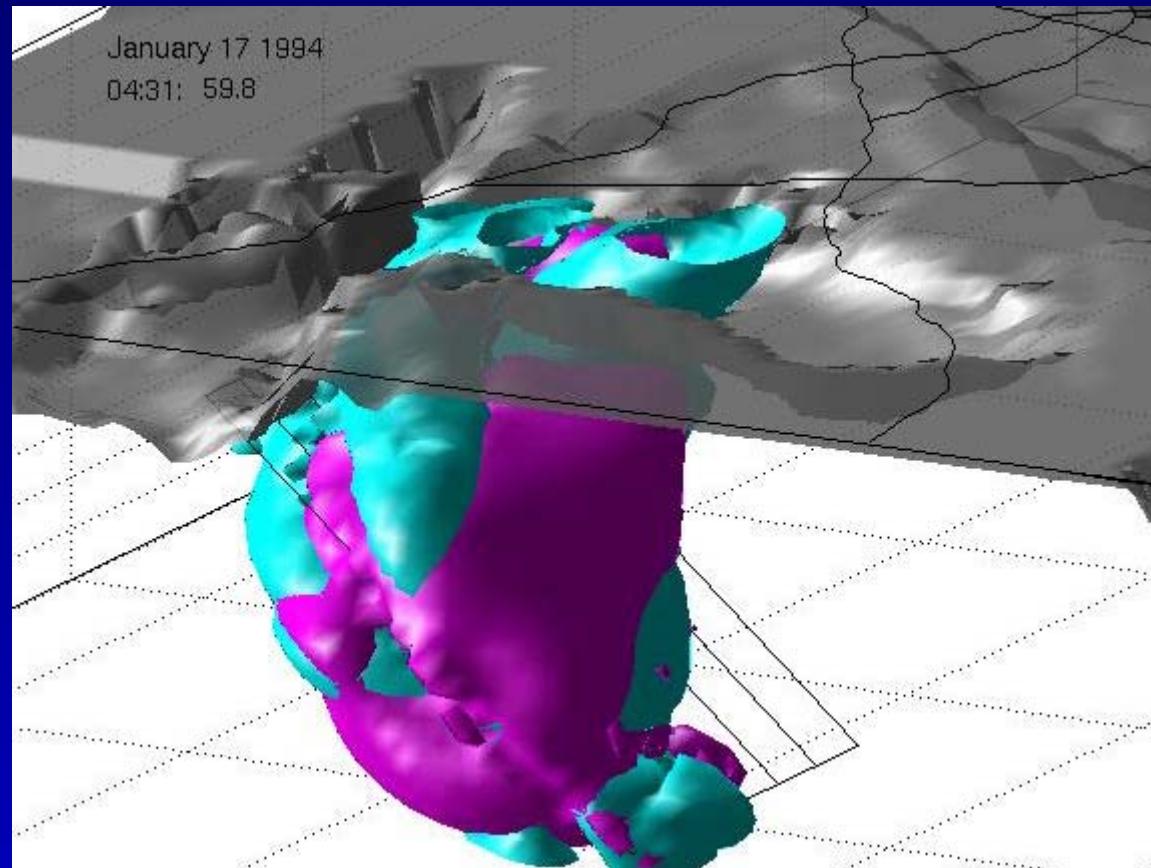


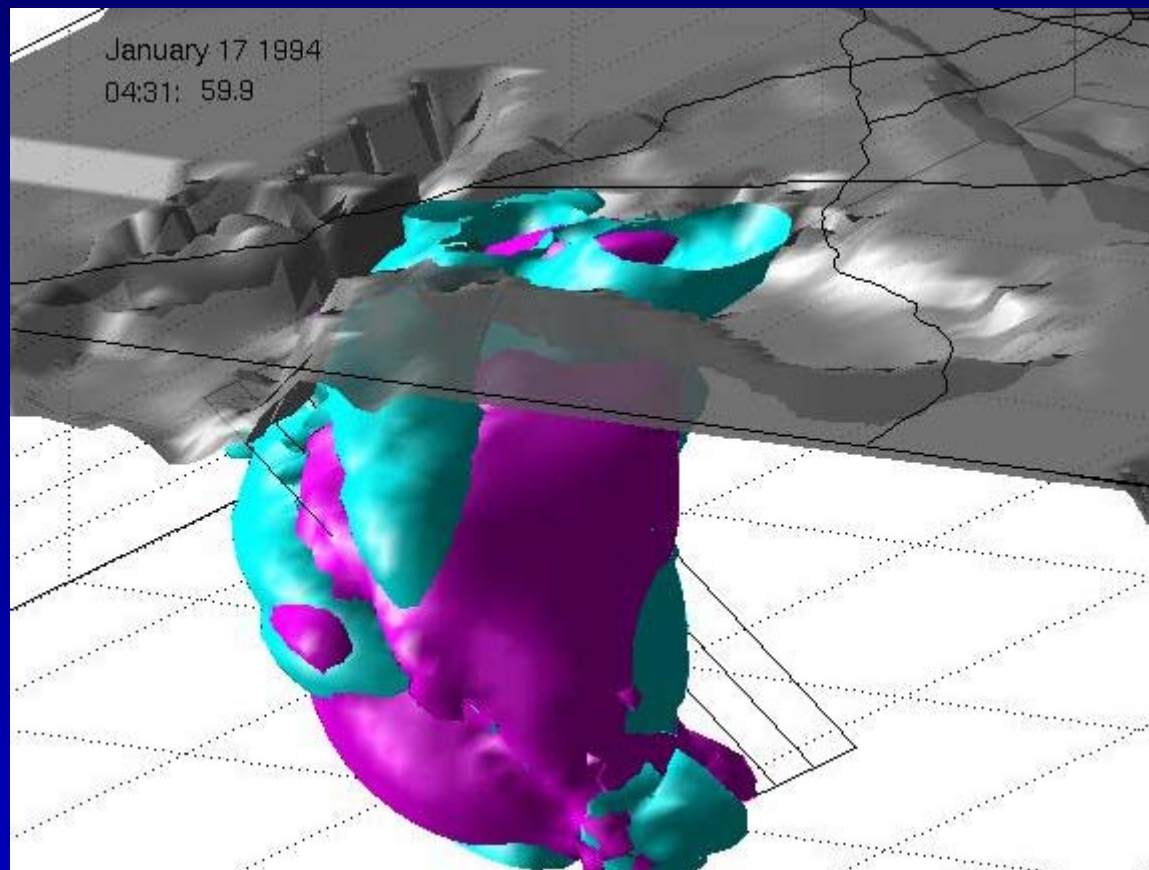


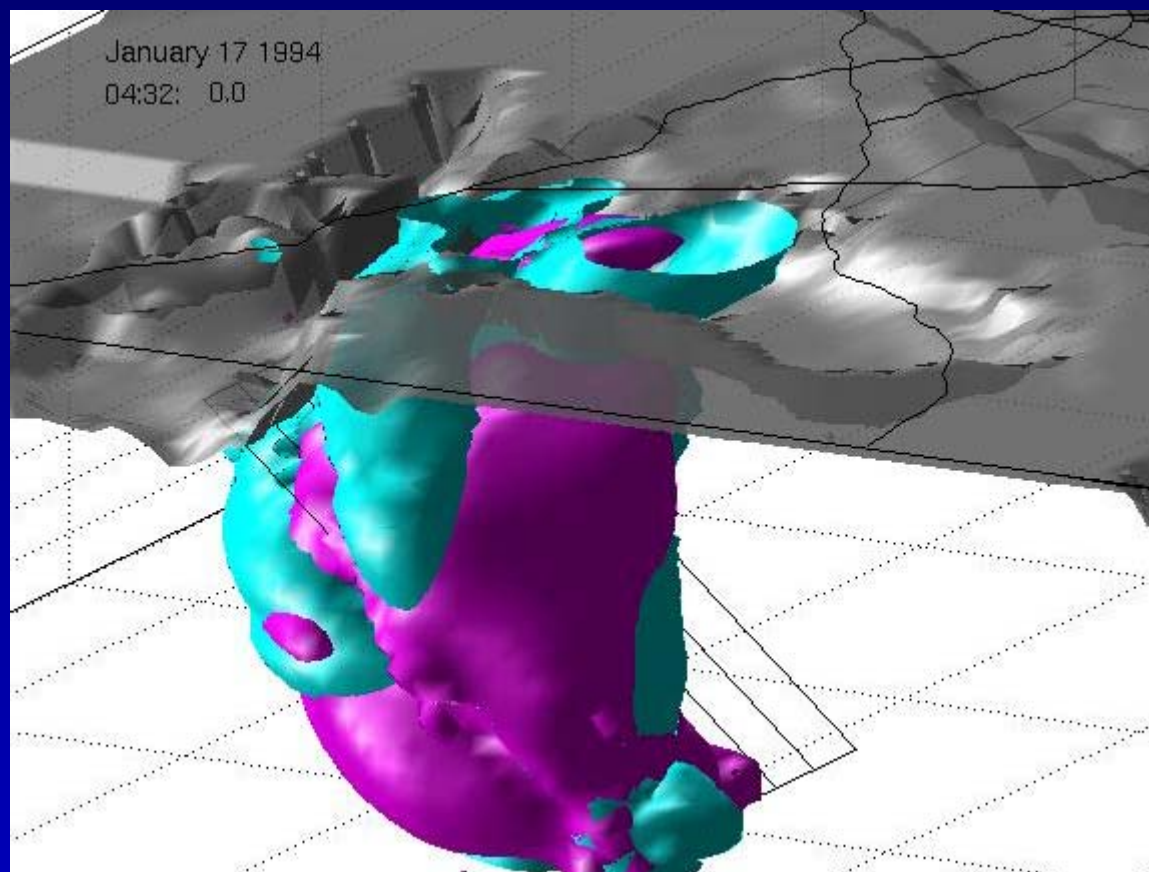


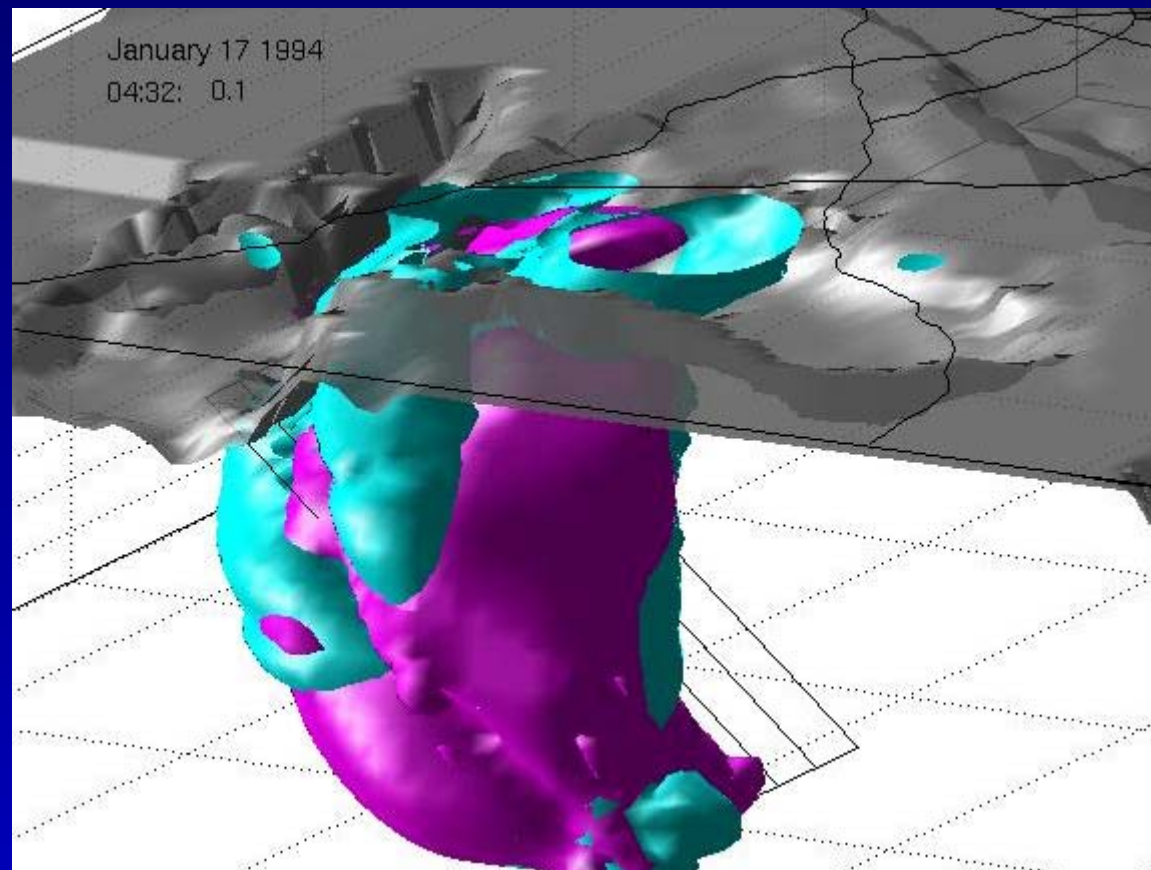


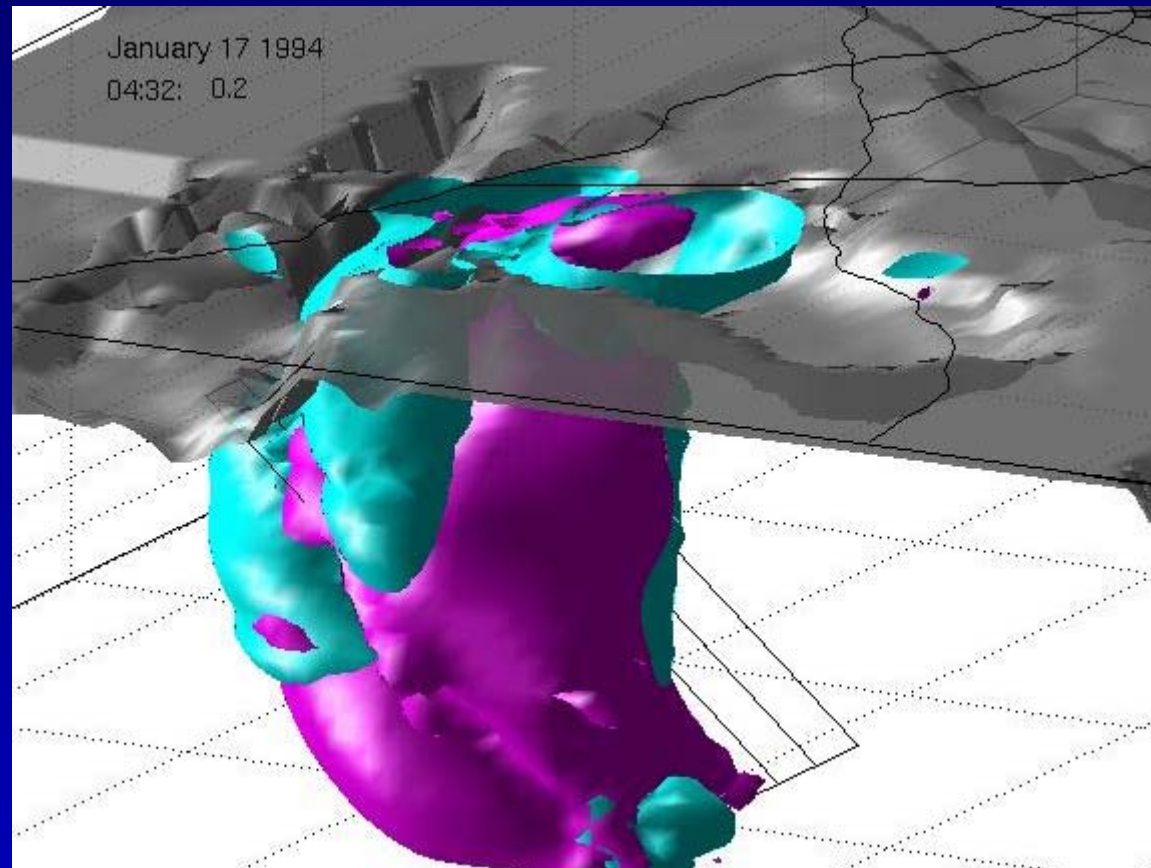


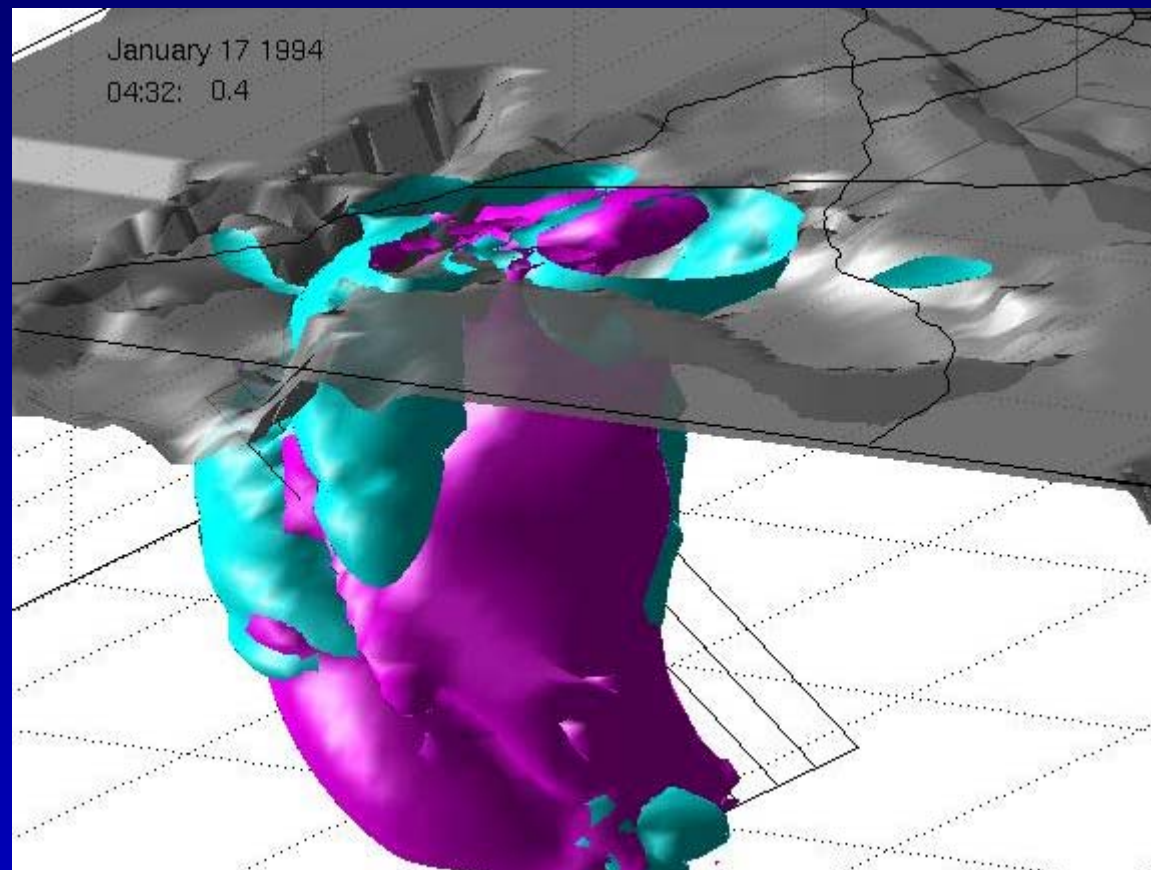


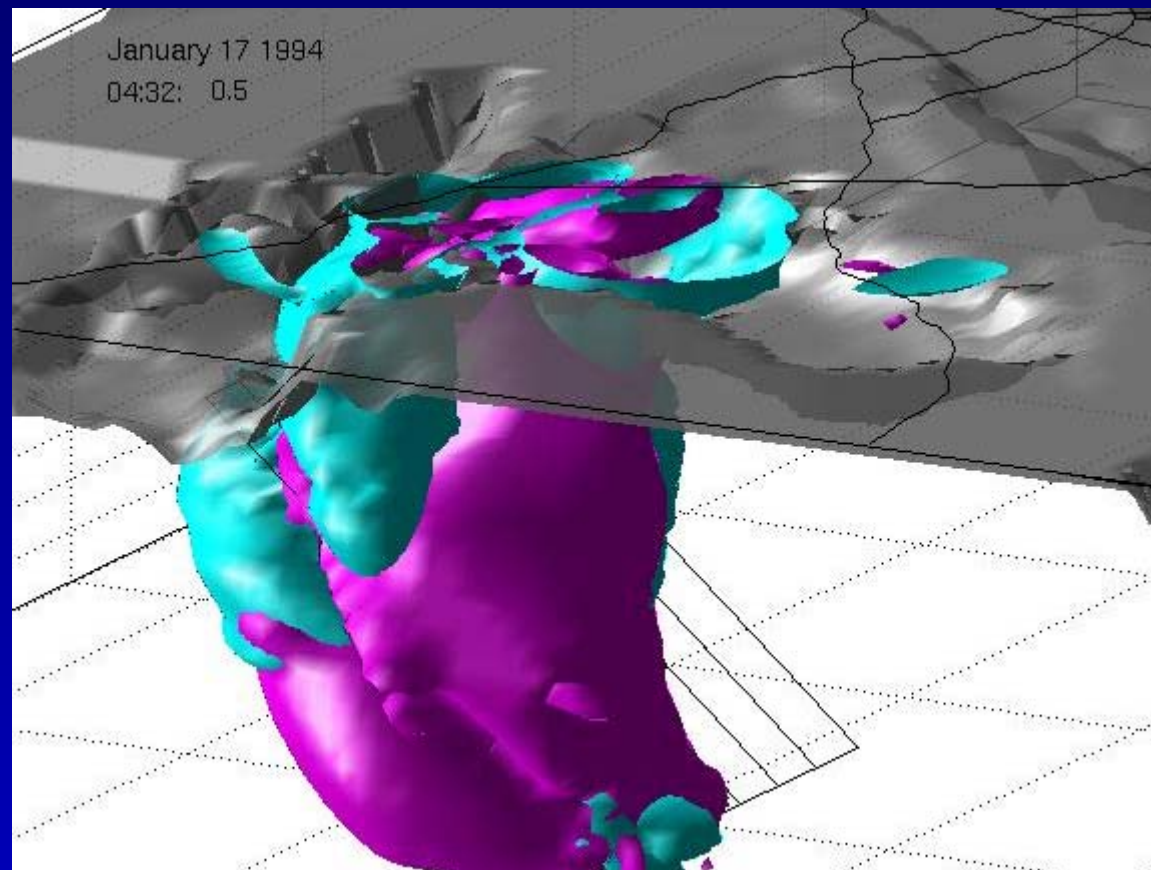


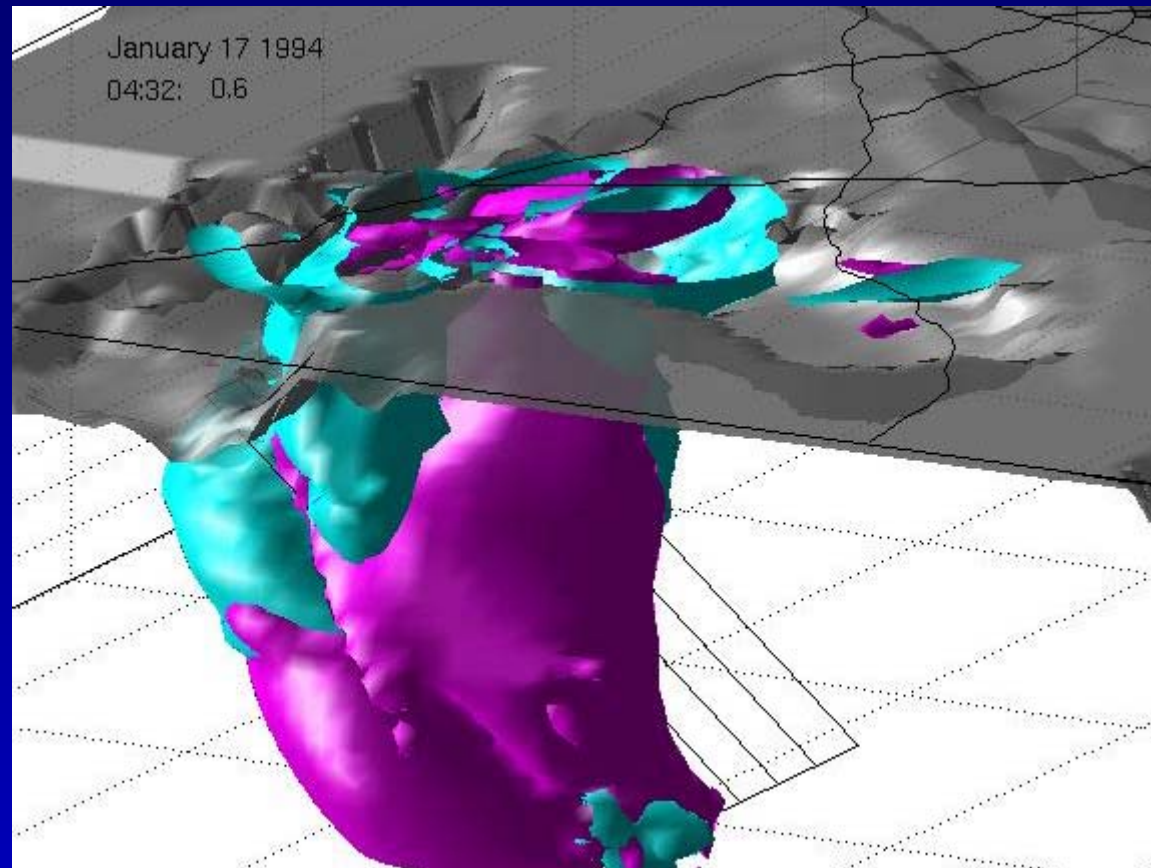


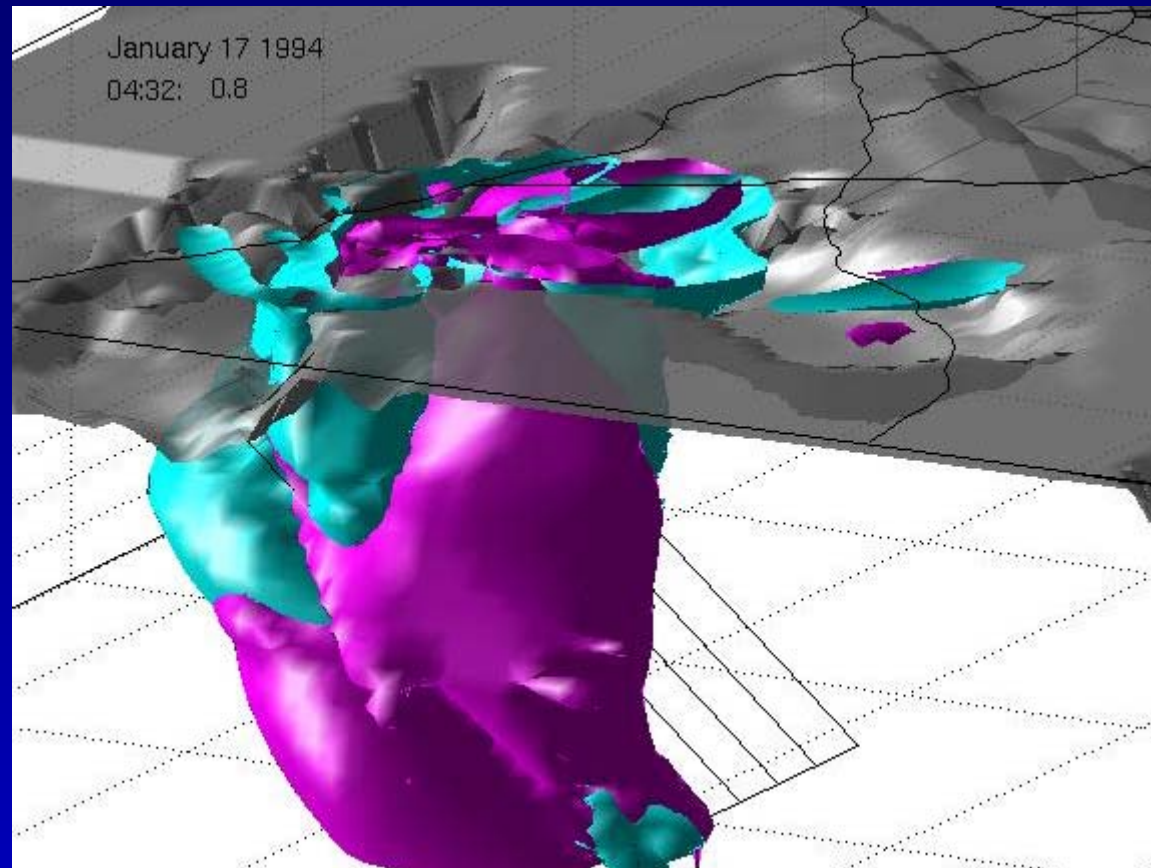


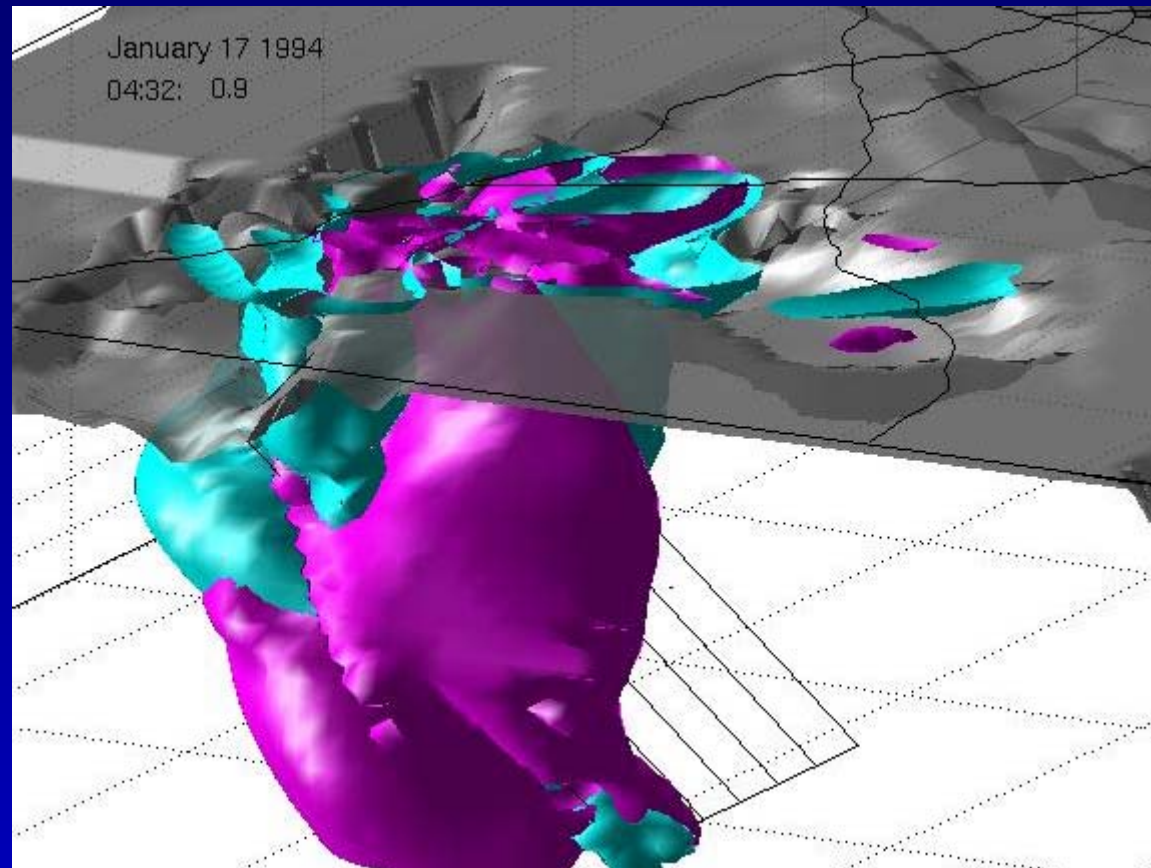


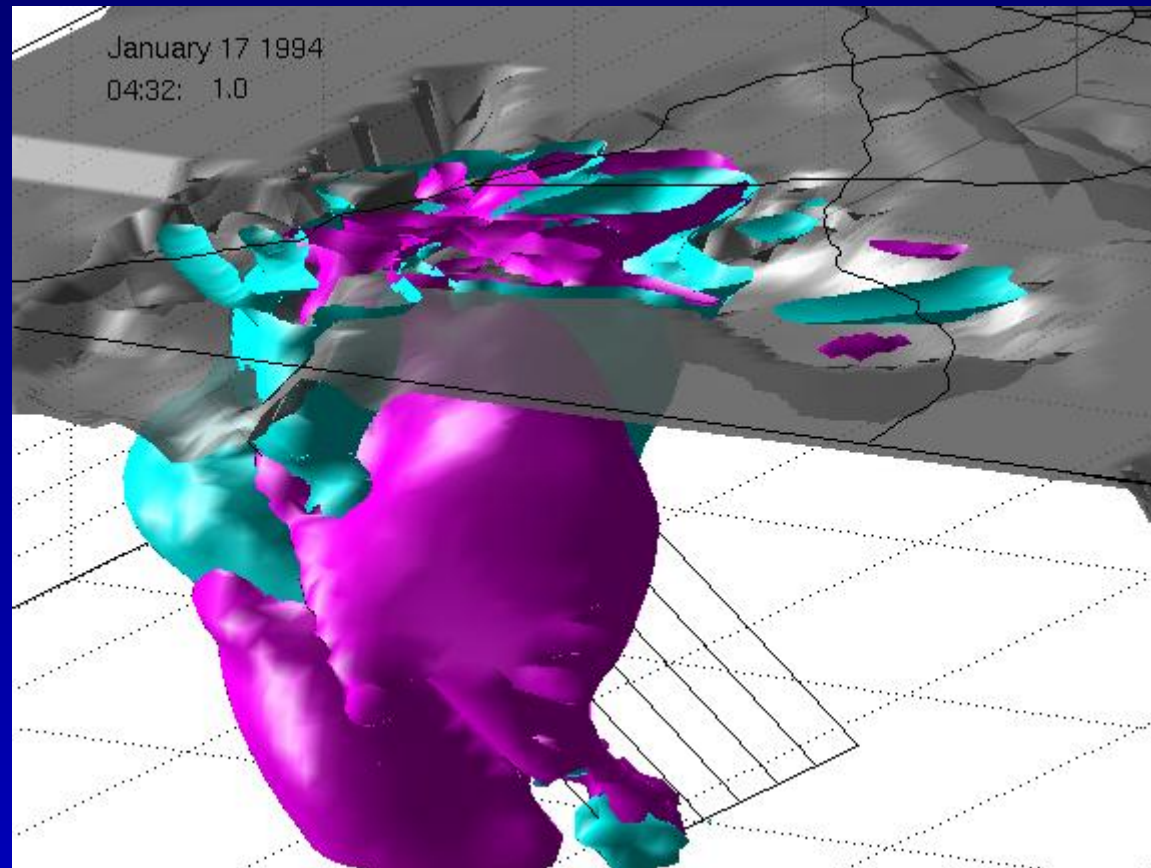


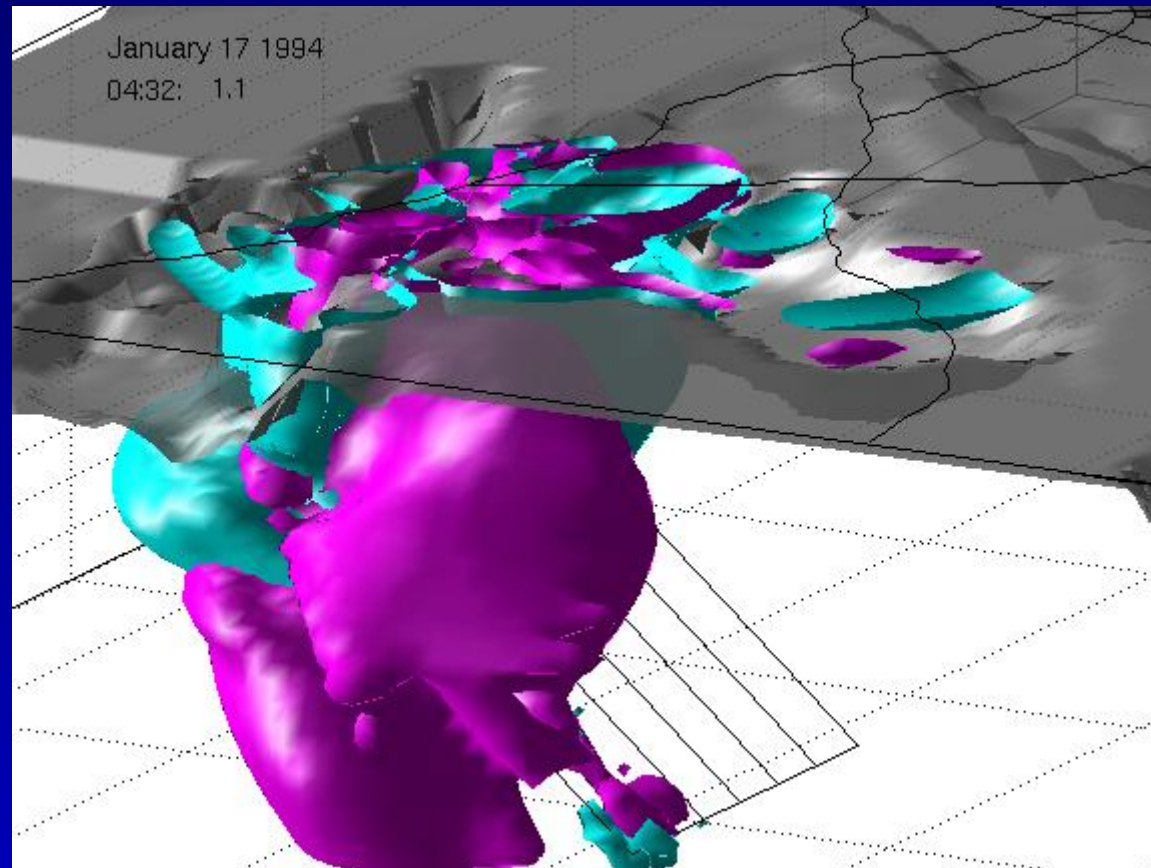


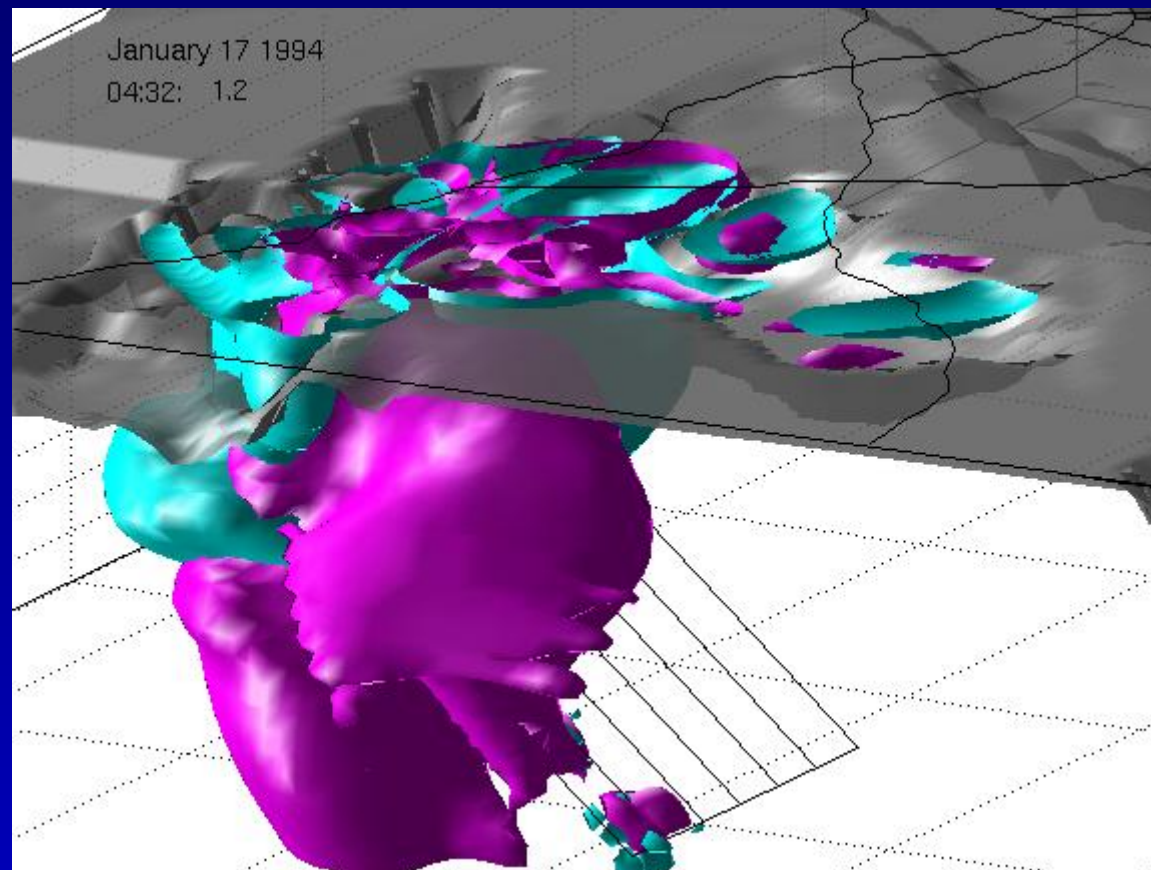












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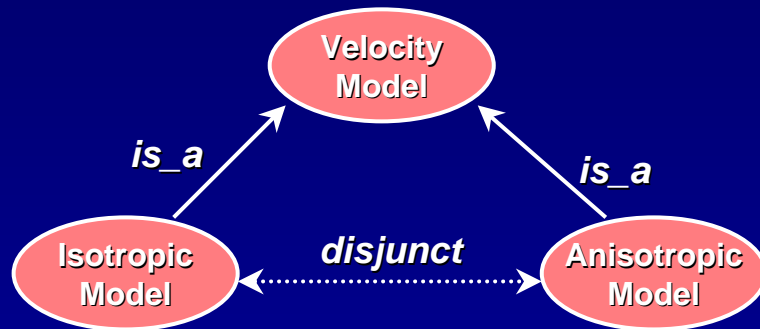
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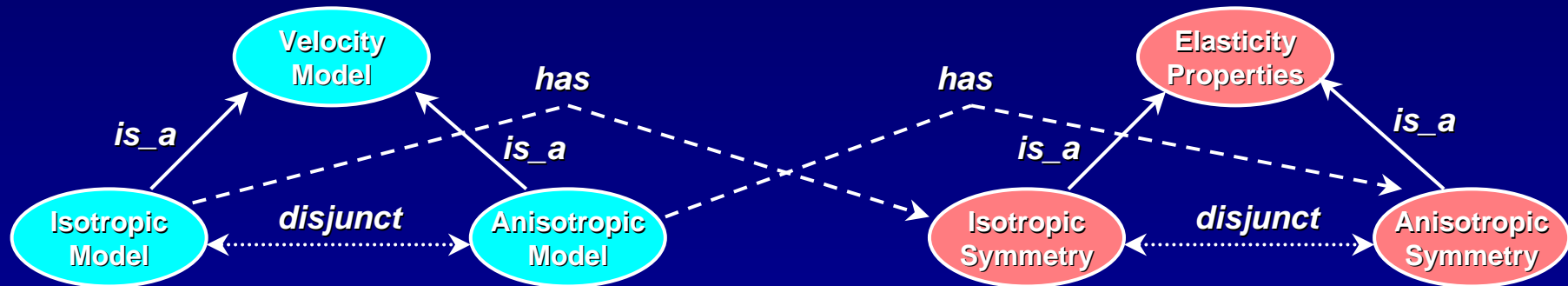
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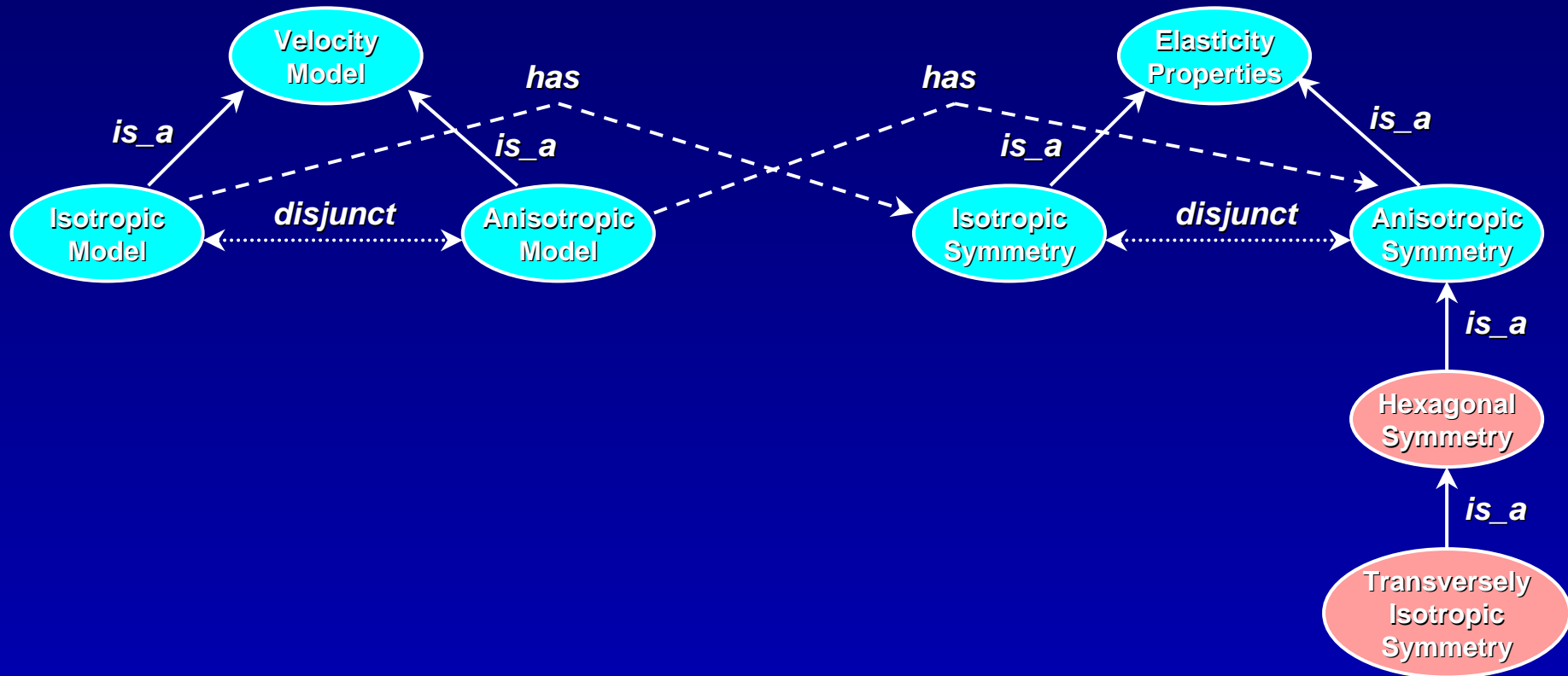
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“Elastic properties are either isotropic or anisotropic.”

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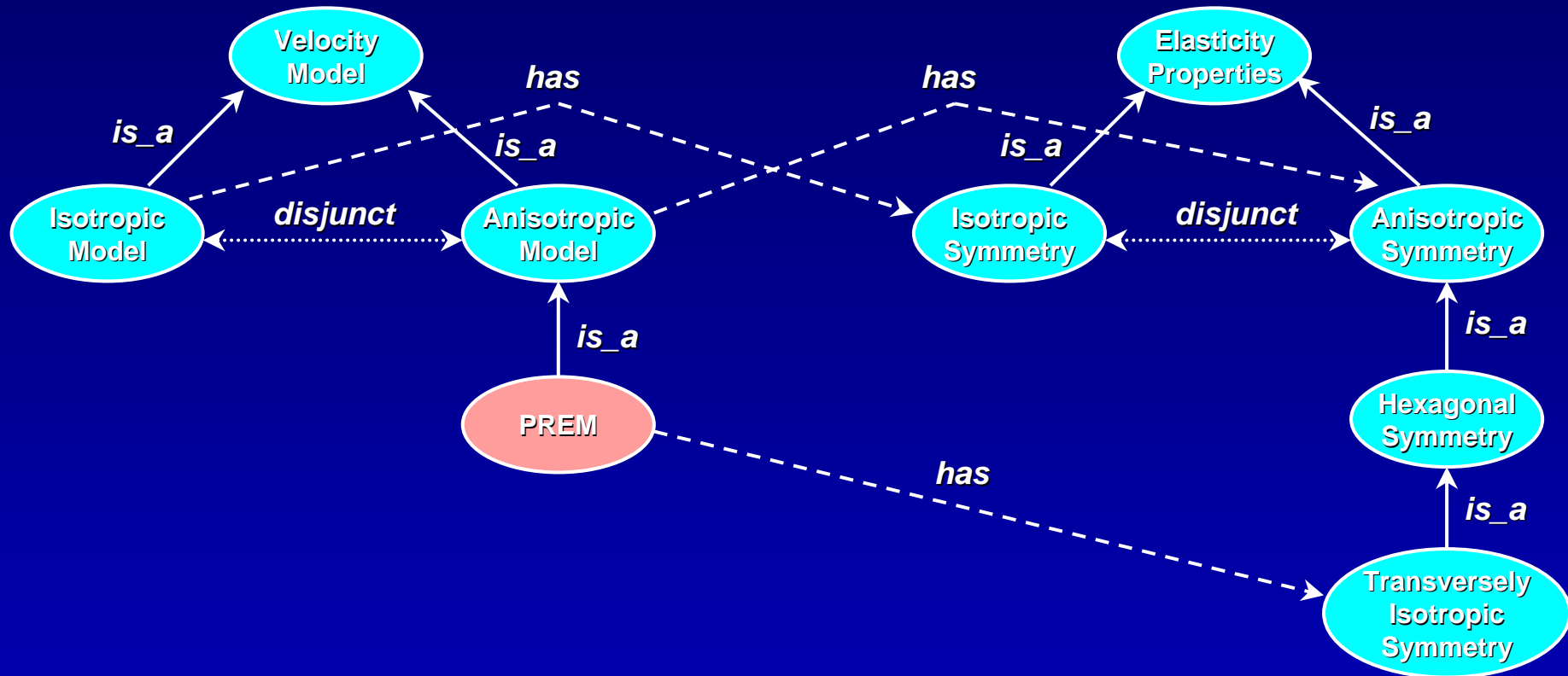


Construction, Part 3:

“Hexagonal symmetry is a special case of anisotropic symmetry.”

“Transversely isotropic symmetry is a special case of hexagonal symmetry.”

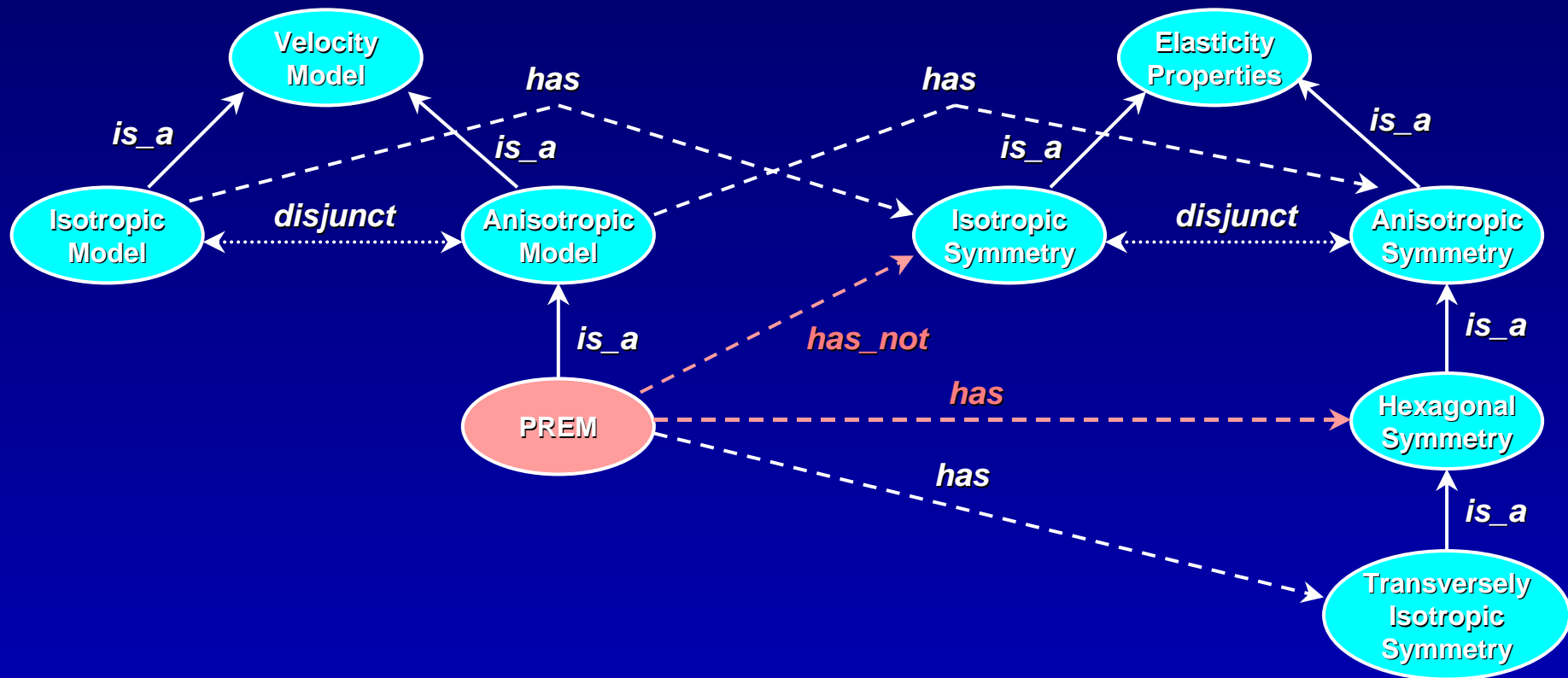
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Consider a particular model:

“PREM is an anisotropic model with transversely isotropic symmetry.”

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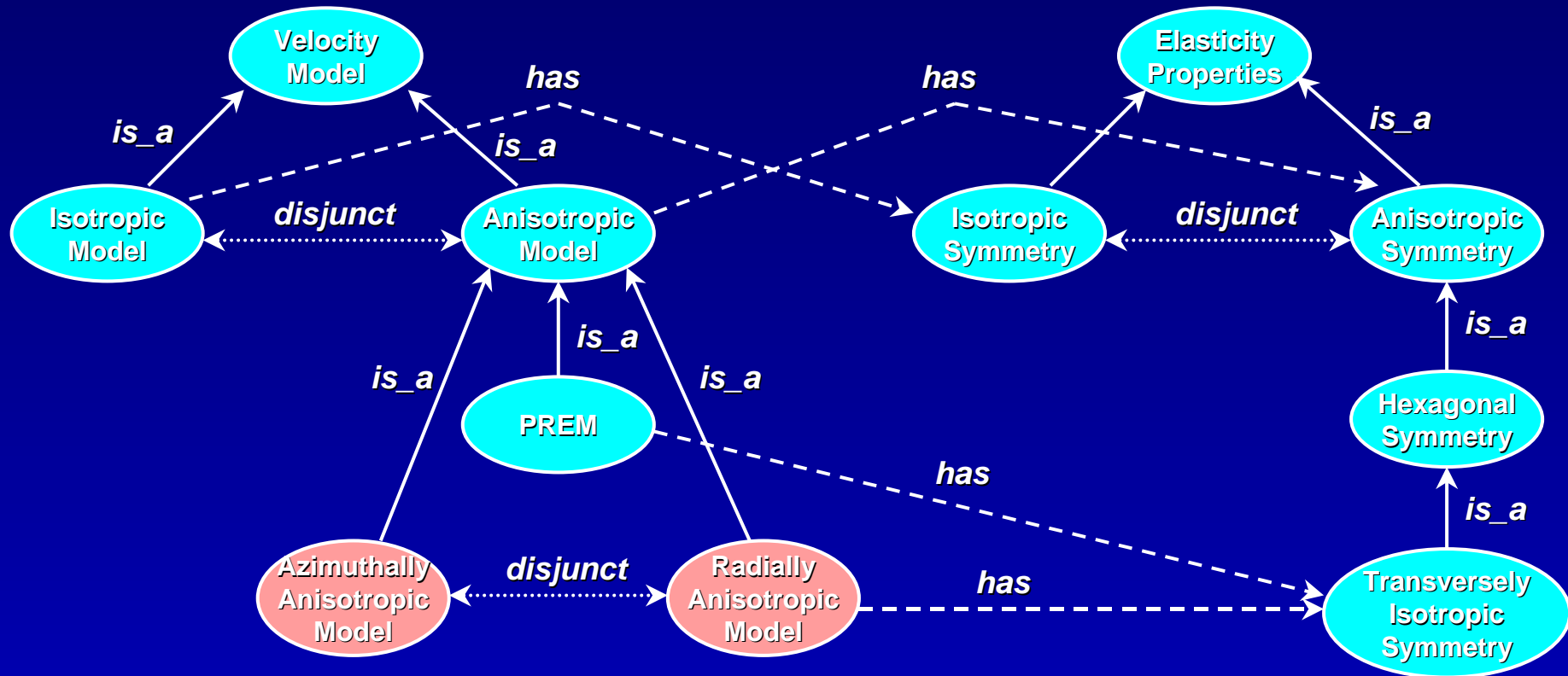


KR&R classifiers and inference engines (e.g., PowerLoom) can automatically infer new relationships:

“PREM does not have isotropic symmetry.”

“PREM has hexagonal symmetry.”

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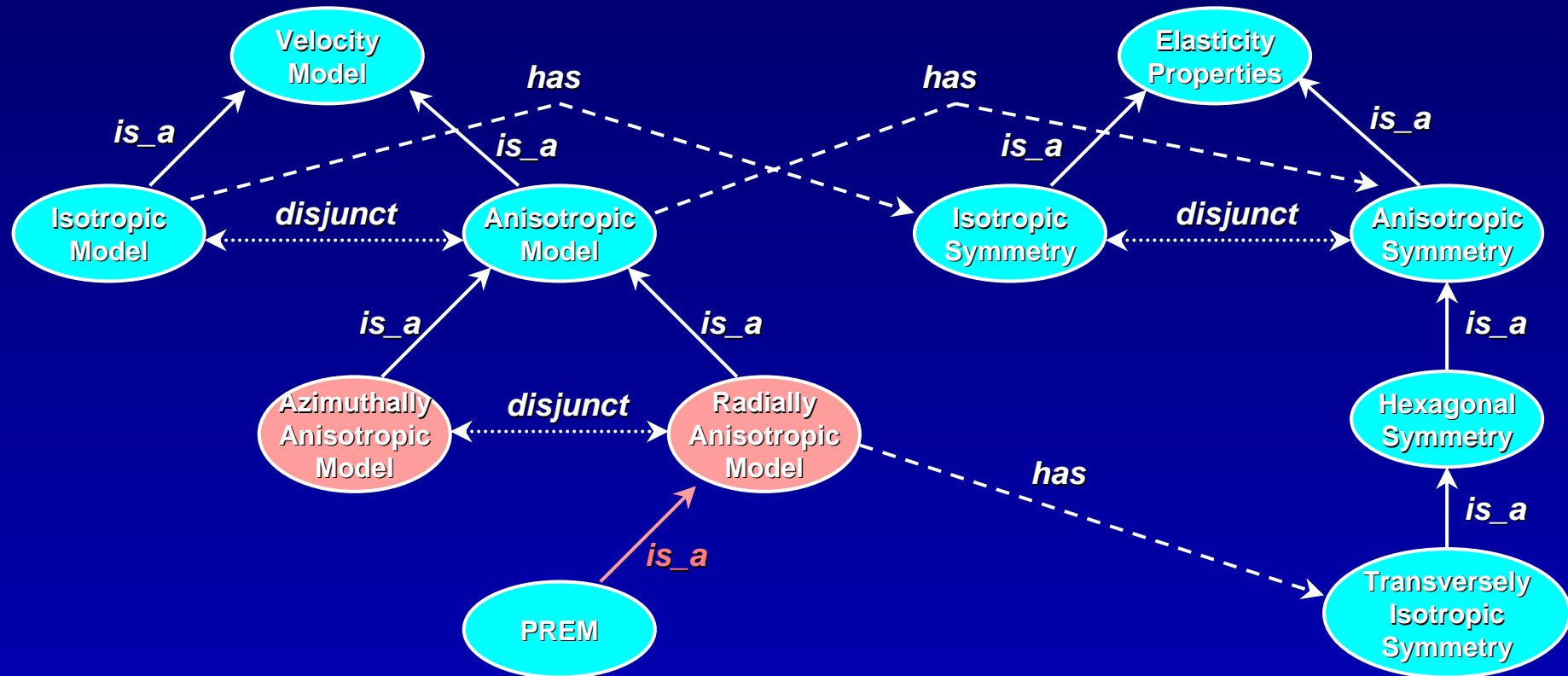
Consider the addition of new terms:

“An anisotropic model is either azimuthally anisotropic or radially anisotropic.”

“A radially anisotropic model has transversely isotropic symmetry.”

“An azimuthally anisotropic model does not have transversely isotropic symmetry.”

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KR&R classifier can automatically position new concepts in taxonomy and infer new relationship:

“PREM is a radially anisotropic model.”