



GeoBlocks: Comparison between different kernel based methods in modeling host rock geometry for nuclear waste disposal

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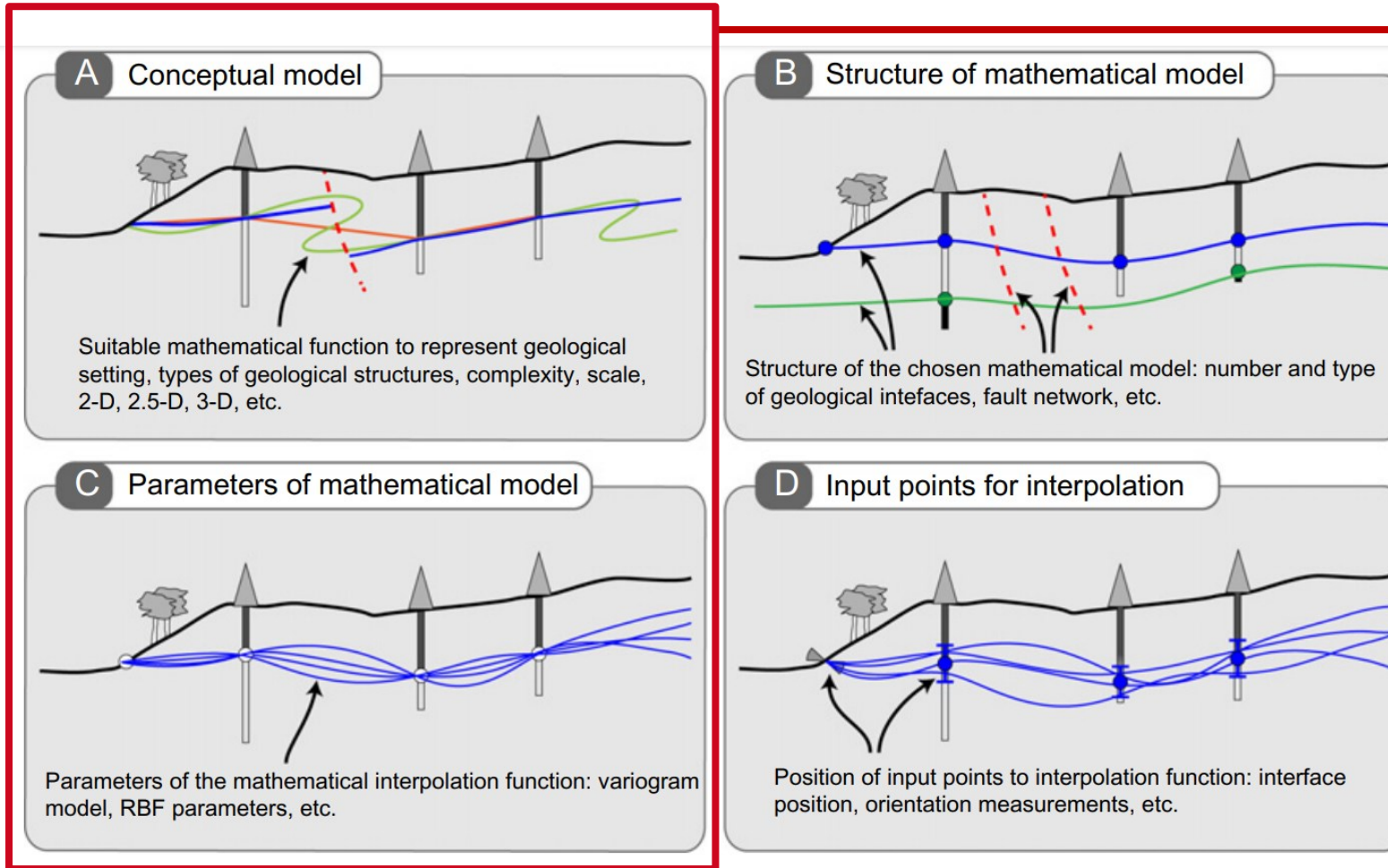
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Background and Objective

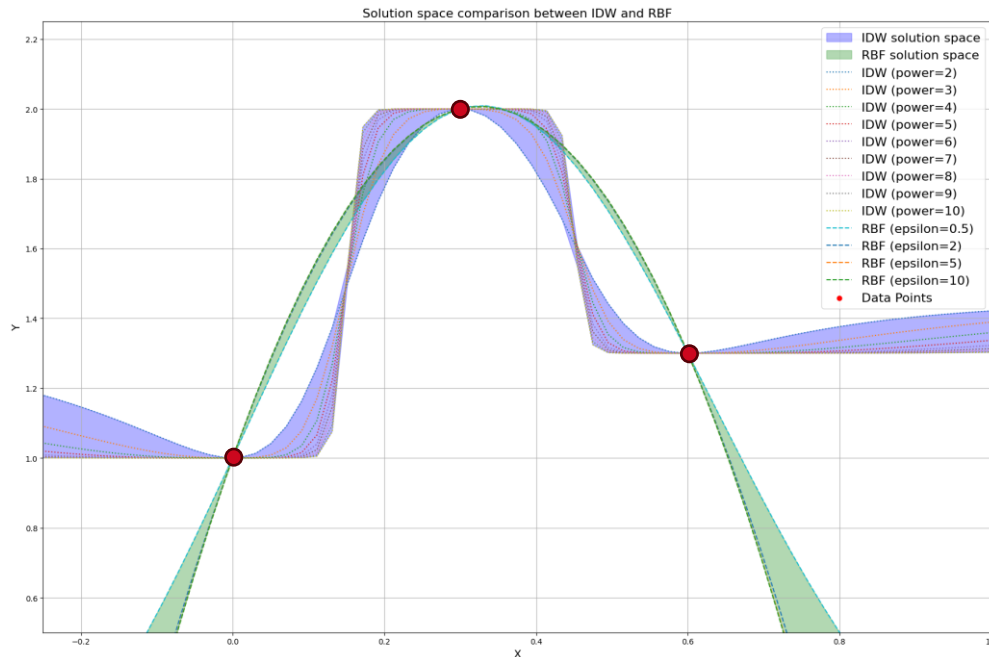


- Different methods and their parameters will generate different models.
- There is no single best modeling method for all situations; instead, there is an appropriate method for each individual model.
- The key to finding the proper method lies in the model comparison process.

Sources and types of uncertainty related to different modeling steps (Wellmann & Caumon, 2018).

Background and Objective

- Different interpolation methods have different **solution space**, which may fit **different host rock structures**.



Example: interpolation between three data points using **IDW** and **RBF** in 1D

IDW (Inverse Distance Weighting)

$$Z(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{Z_i}{d(x, x_i)^P}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{d(x, x_i)^P}}$$

Power: 2 to 10

RBF (Radial Basis Function)

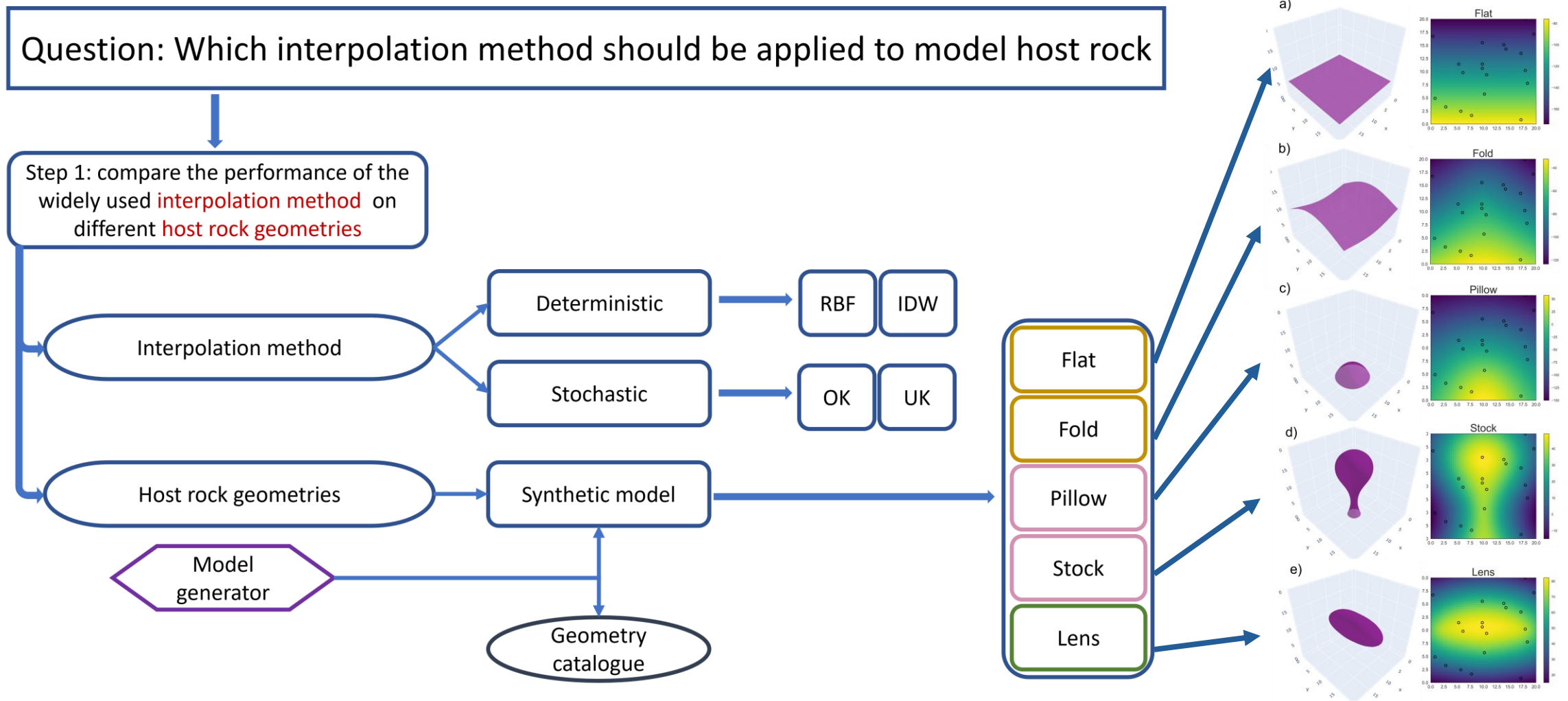
$$Z(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \phi(\|x - x_i\|)$$

Bandwidth: 0.5 to 10

Kernel function (gaussian)

$$\phi(r) = e^{-\epsilon r^2}$$

Previous Work



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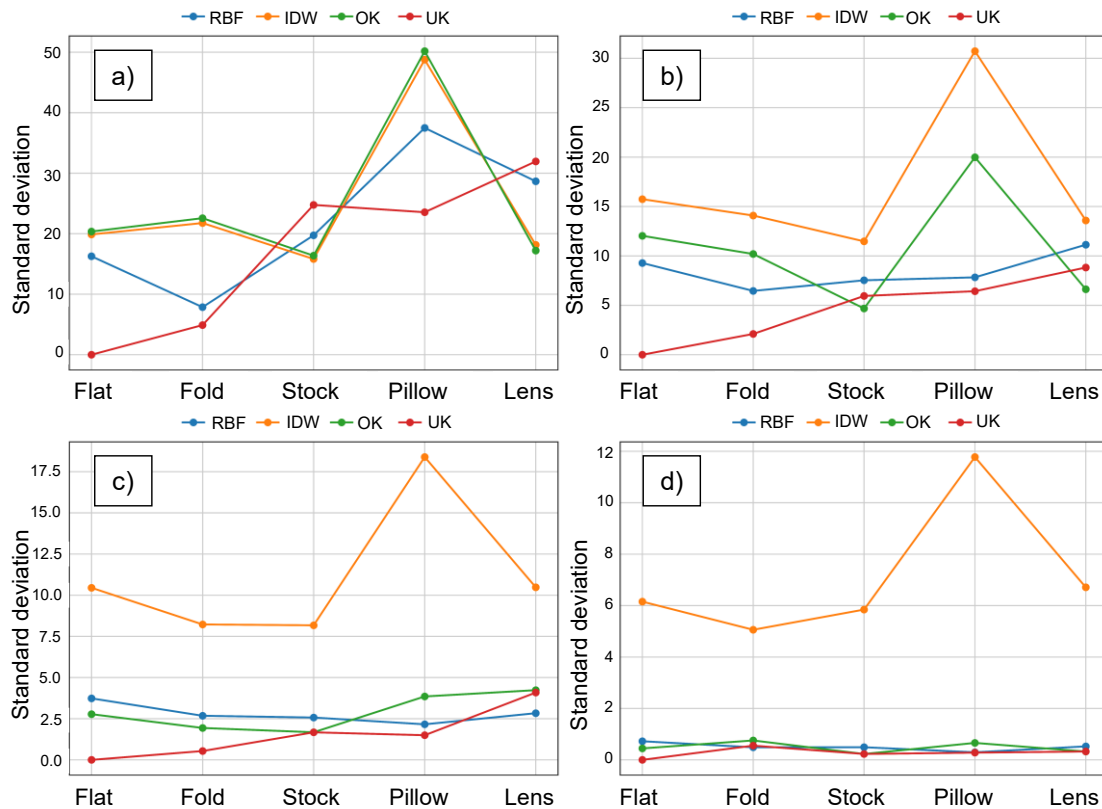


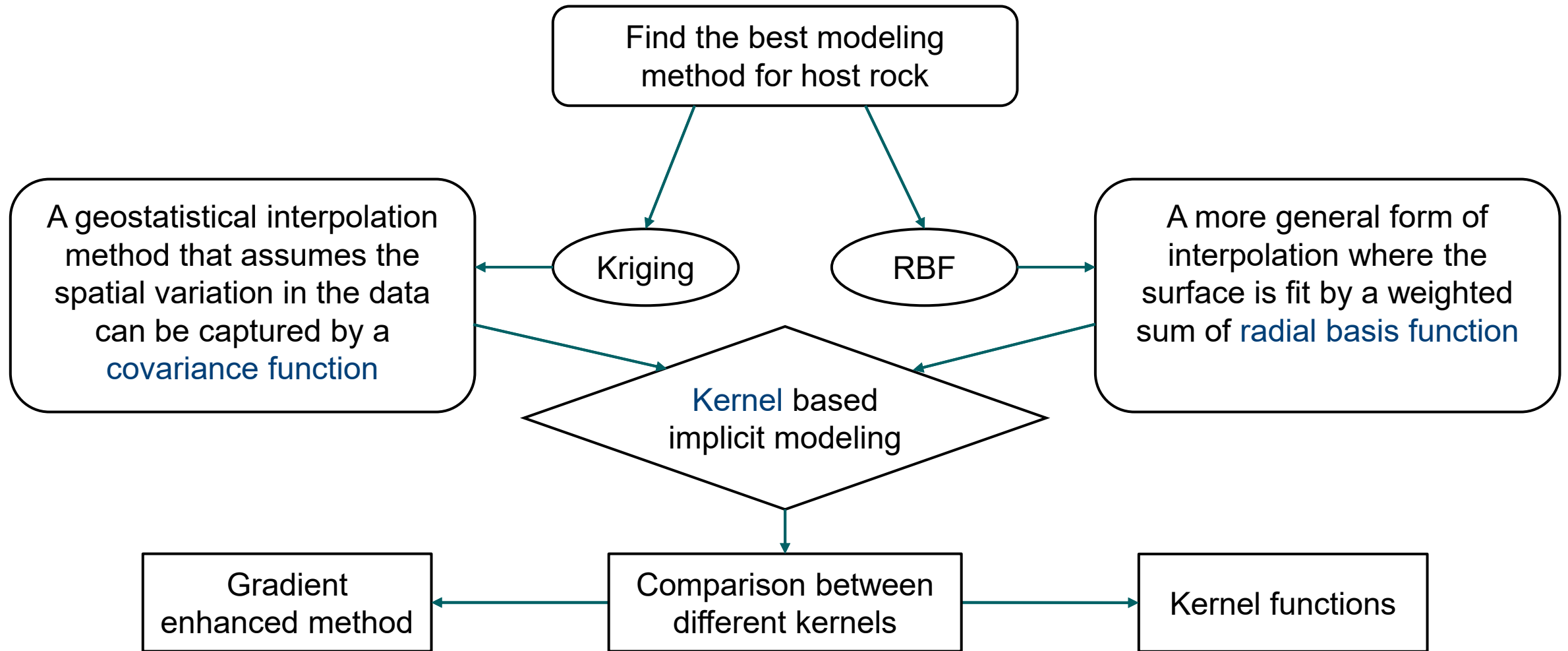
Figure: Standard deviation of cross-validation result for different density of sample points. (a) 5 points (b) 20 points (c) 50 points (d) 200 points

- **Cross-validation(leave-one-out)**

One input data point is **removed** at a time, and the interpolation is performed for the location of the removed point using the **remaining samples**. The **residual** between the actual value of the removed data point and its estimate is then calculated. This process is **repeated** iteratively until **every sample** has been interpolated.

Kriging and RBF > IDW

Kernel Based Implicit Modeling



Different Kernels

$$Z(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \phi(\|x - x_i\|)$$

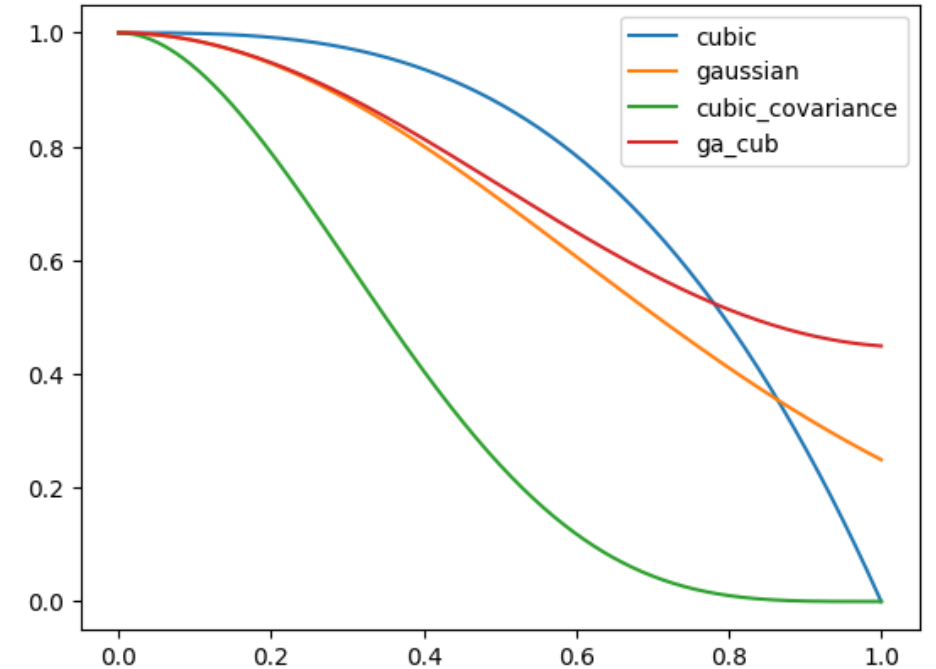
$$\phi(d) =$$

Cubic $1 - d^3$

Gaussian $\exp\left(-\frac{d^2}{2\varepsilon^2}\right)$

Cubic covariance $1 - 7\left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^2 + \frac{35}{4}\left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^3 - \frac{7}{2}\left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^5 + \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^7$

Gaussian and cubic hybrid $\exp\left(-\frac{d^2}{2\varepsilon^2}\right) + n \cdot d^3$



Gradient Enhanced Method

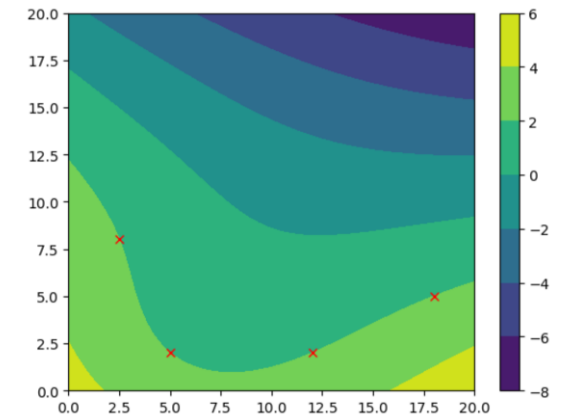
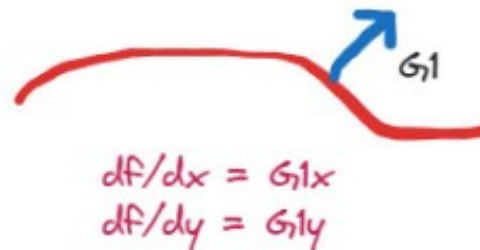
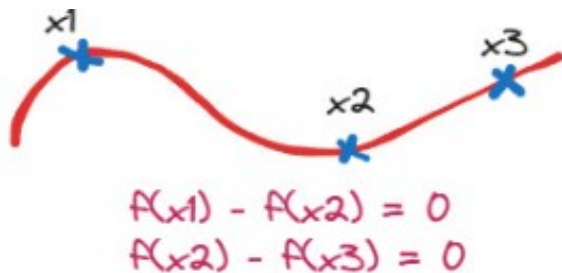
- General interpolation method only use **coordinate** and its value as input data.
- But in geological modeling, we also use **orientations** as additional input data.

Foliation field method (also the basic logarithm in GemPy)

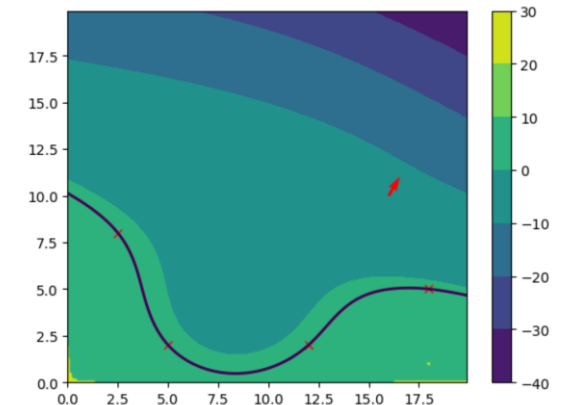
(Lajaunie, C., Courrioux, G. & Manuel, L. Foliation fields and 3D cartography in geology: Principles of a method based on potential interpolation. Math Geol 29, 571–584 (1997). <https://doi.org/10.1007/BF02775087>)

Follow two constraints:

- Surface points: the points in the same layer must have 0 increments.
- Orientation points: the gradients of data must equal to the input orientation.



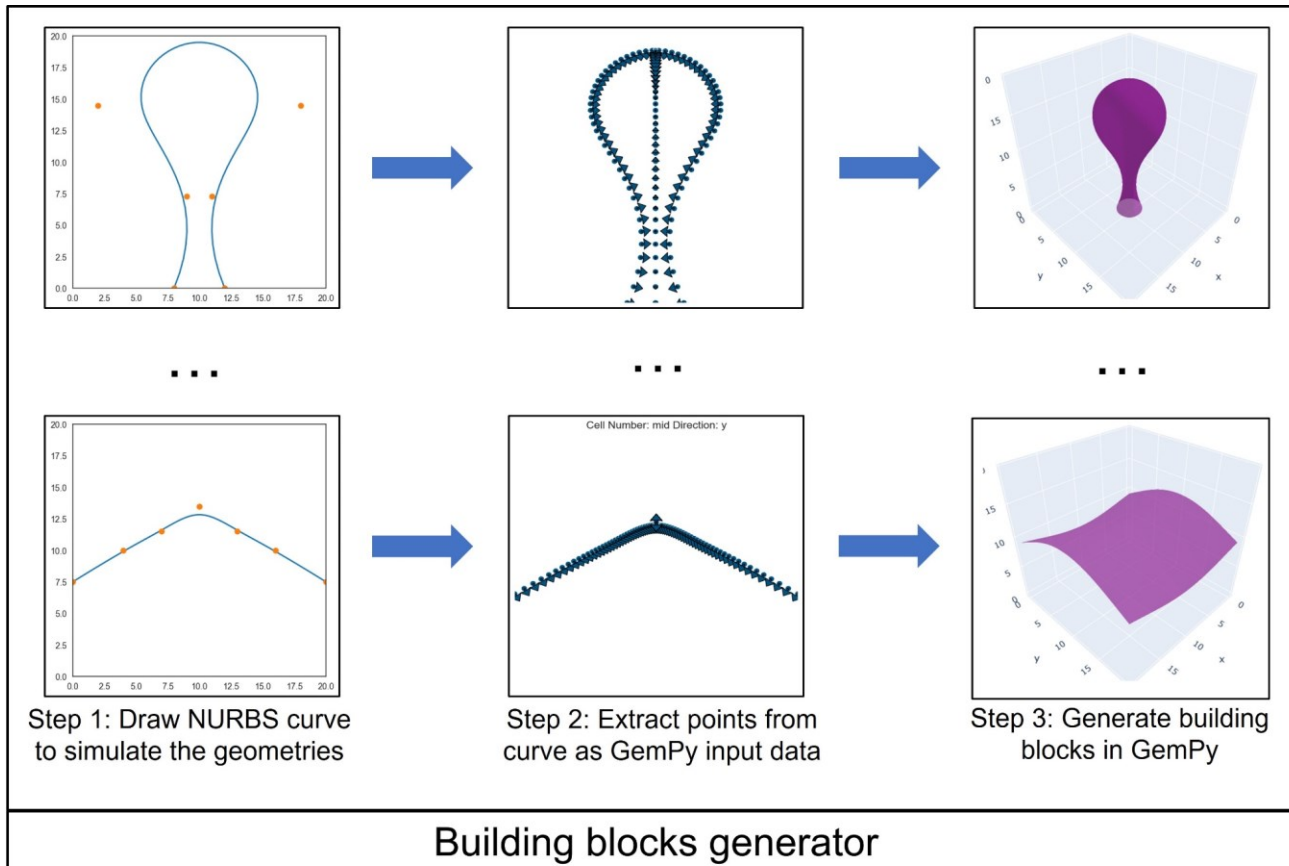
RBF without gradient



RBF with gradient

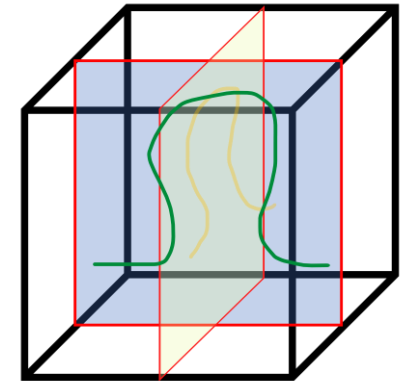
Model Generation

GemPy model generator V1.0



Fundamentals:

- Use NURBS (a basic curve formed by control point) to simulate the drawing of geometries
- The geometries are two cross-sections which are perpendicular to each other



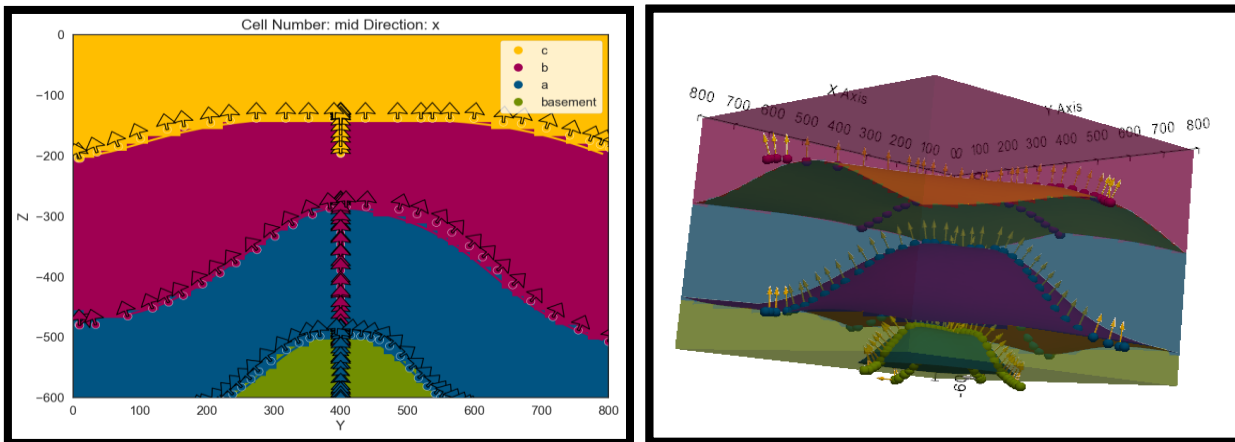
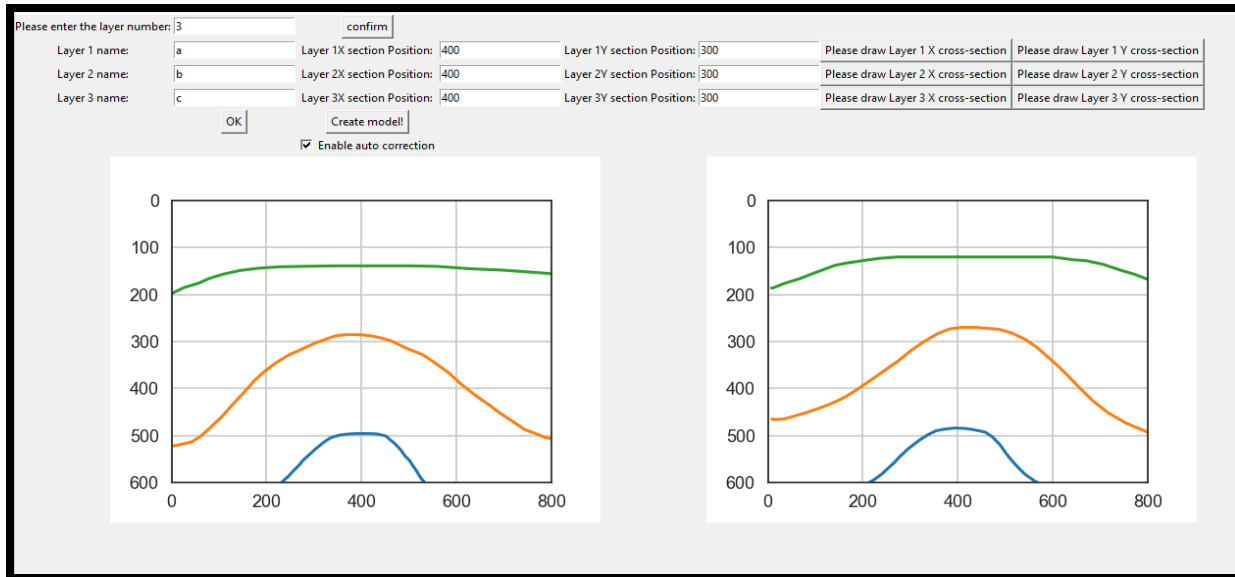
Advantages:

- Only 7 points to manipulate
- Easy to build a regular geometry

Disadvantages:

- Only allow one layer and two cross-sections
- Cannot build complicated geometry

Model Generation



GemPy model generator V2.0

<https://youtu.be/U6YuCHWeSCs>

Fundamentals:

- Use drawing curve to form the geometry
- Use GUI as import

Advantages:

- Allow multiple layers and cross-sections
- Easy to build complicated geometry
- A background image can be used as reference for drawing

Disadvantages:

- Hard to control the regular shape

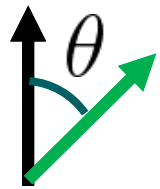
Model Comparison Method

There are a lot method can be applied to explicit and/or implicit volumetric structural models:

- Computing metrics for each model and the difference between these metrics
- (e.g., connectivity metrics, Thiele et al, 2016)
- Computing distance between models (e.g., The Haudorff distance between layers, Suzuki et al, 2008)
- Characterizing an ensemble of models (e.g., with information entropy from rock units indicators, Wellmann & Regenauer-Lieb, 2012)

Here we focus on subsets of **implicit models** described by one **continuous scalar field**

(Guillaume Caumon. On some comparison metrics between 3D implicit structural models. IAMG 21st annual conference, 2022, Nancy, France. (hal-04165710))



$$d_{AB}^{\nabla}(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - \frac{\nabla f_A \cdot \nabla f_B}{\|\nabla f_A\| \|\nabla f_B\|}$$

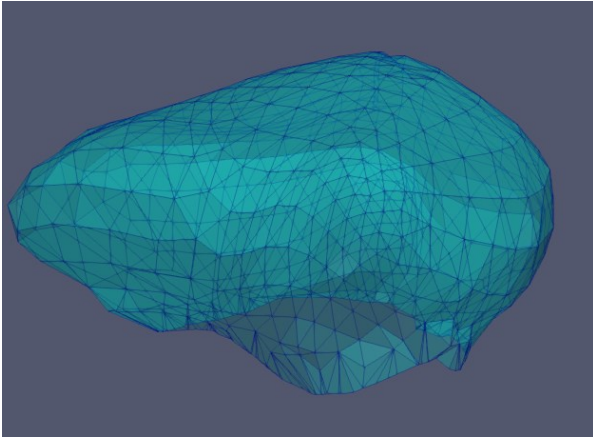
$$\frac{\nabla f_A \cdot \nabla f_B}{\|\nabla f_A\| \|\nabla f_B\|} = \cos(\theta)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \theta = 0 \\ d_{AB}^{\nabla}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \end{array}$$

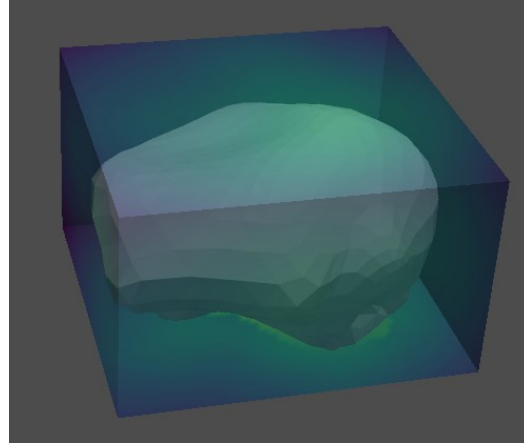
$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \theta = 90 \\ \rightarrow d_{AB}^{\nabla}(\mathbf{x}) = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \theta = 180 \\ \downarrow d_{AB}^{\nabla}(\mathbf{x}) = 2 \end{array}$$

Salt Model

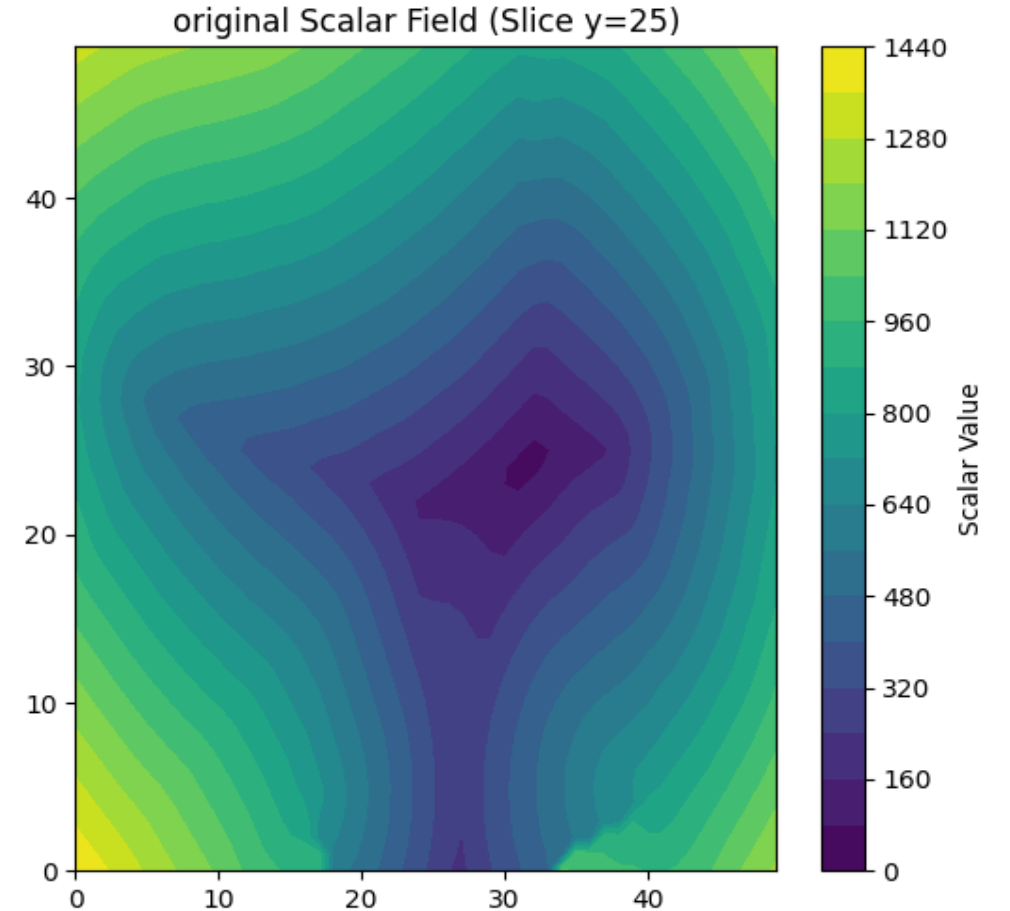


Model from TUNB



Create scalar field using pyvista
`compute_implicit_distance`

*(J. A. Baerentzen and H. Aanaes, "Signed distance computation using the **angle weighted pseudonormal**," in IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, vol. 11, no. 3, pp. 243-253, May-June 2005, doi: 10.1109/TVCG.2005.49.)*

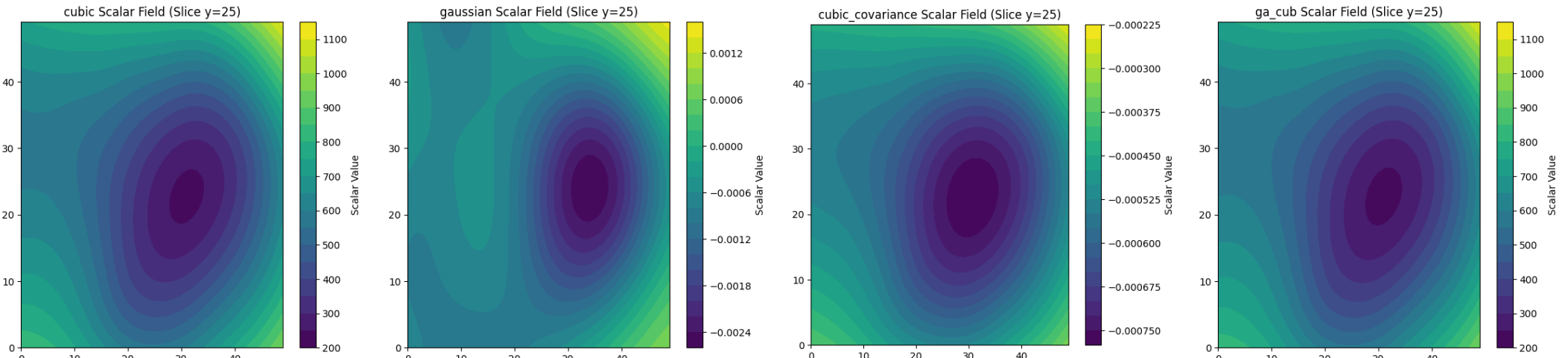


The cross-section in the mid-y axis

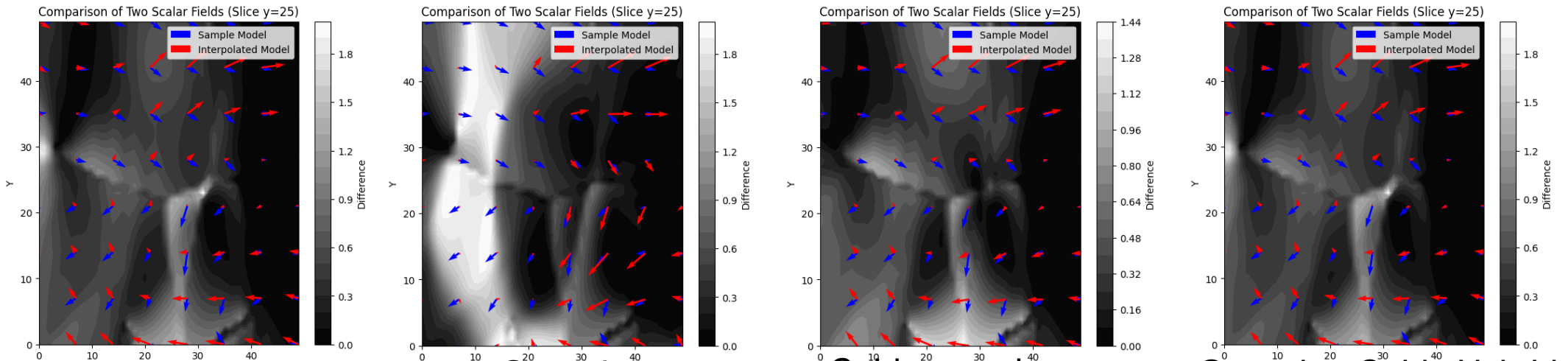
Interpolated Scalar Field and Differences

Samples: 50 points
5 gradients

Interpolated
Scalar field
Slice
in mid-y axis



Difference
Plot



Kernels
Median

Cubic
0.12855

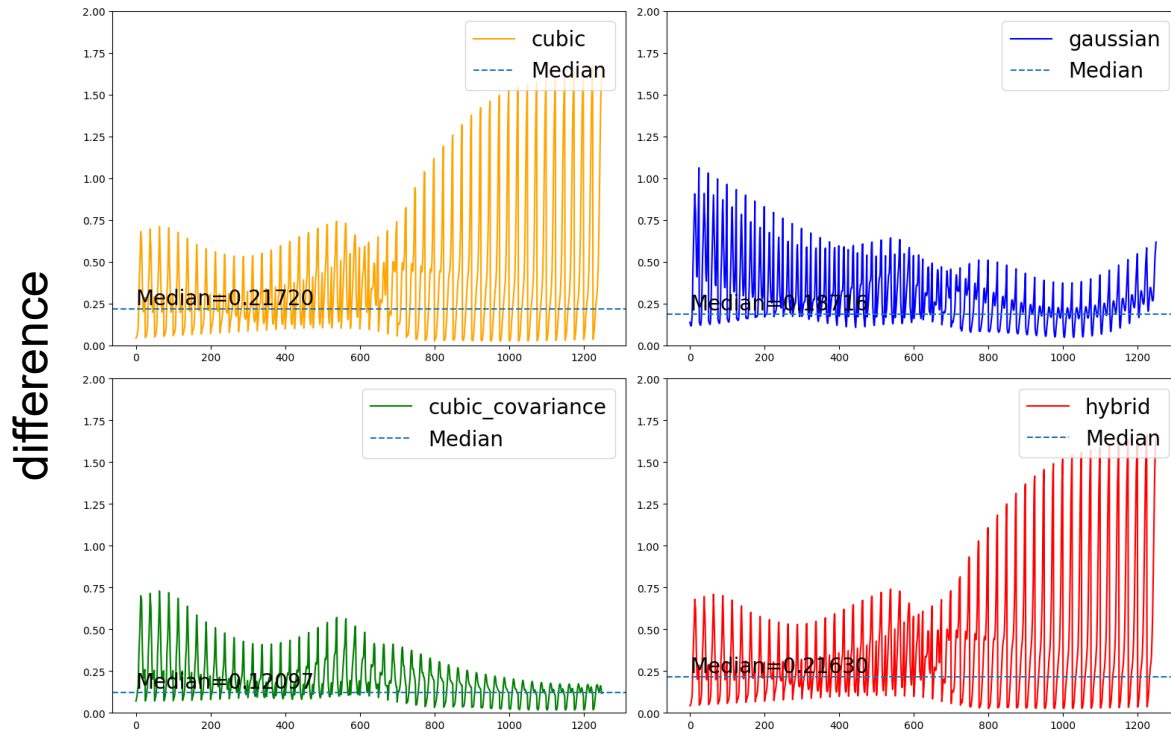
Gaussian
0.24375

Cubic covariance
0.11192

Gaussian x Cubic Hybrid
0.12854

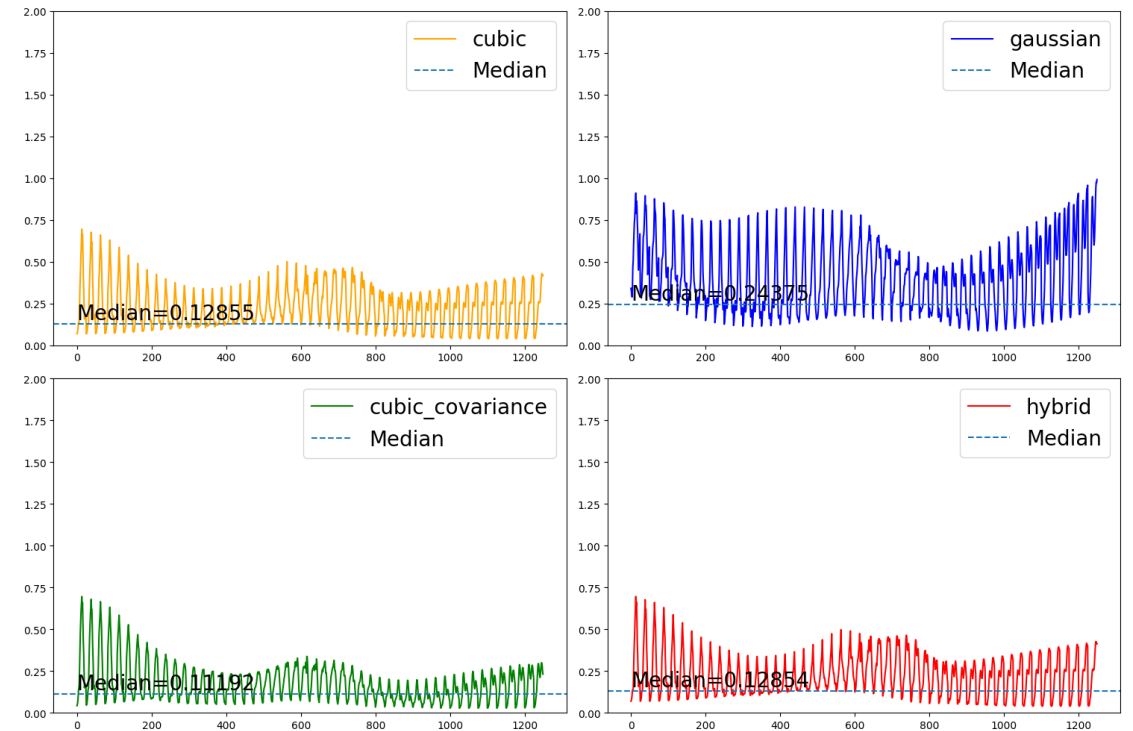
Difference Analysis

10 points 1 orientations



grid points in the scalar field

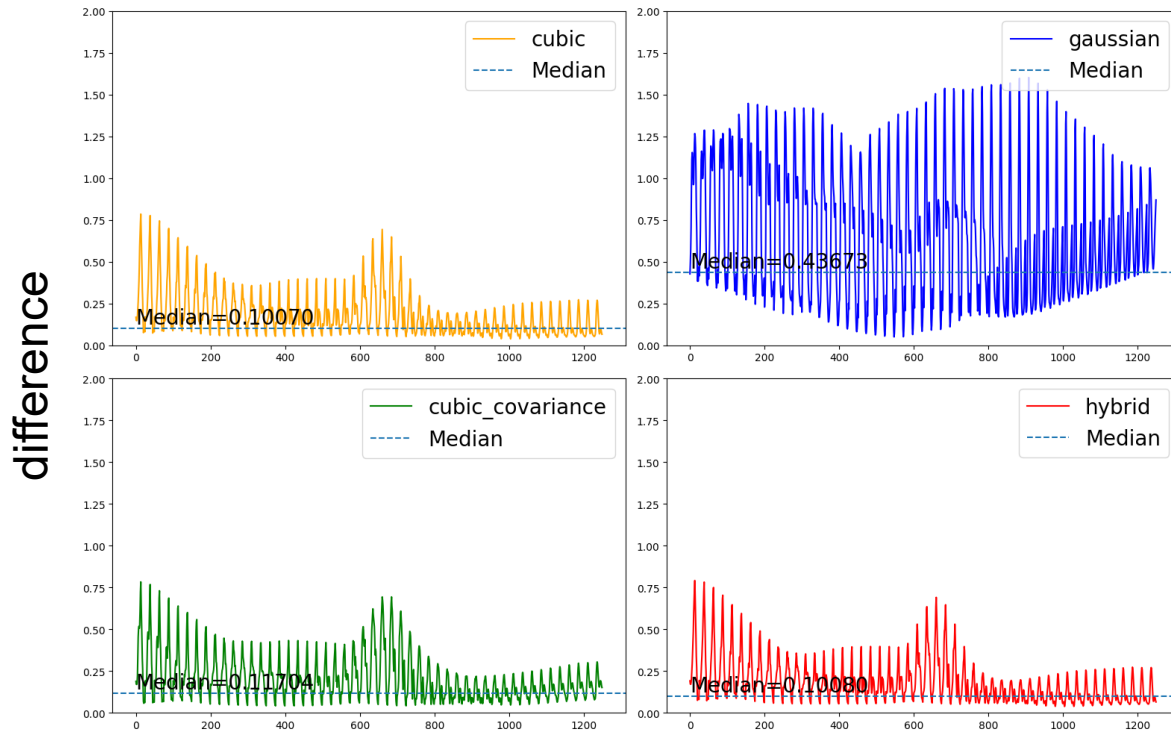
50 points 5 orientations



grid points in the scalar field

Difference Analysis

200 points 20 orientations



grid points in the scalar field

Future Work

- **Optimization of Hybrid Kernel Weights:** The hybrid kernel method shows significant potential for enhanced performance with appropriately assigned weights. Future research should focus on developing automated techniques for selecting optimal hybrid weights.

$$\exp\left(-\frac{d^2}{2\varepsilon^2}\right) + n \cdot d^3$$

- **Comprehensive Geometry Testing:** Expanding the range of geometries tested is crucial for identifying the most effective modeling methods for different shapes and structures.
- **Parameter Tuning for Various Kernels:** Further investigations are necessary to fine-tune the parameters for different kernels. This involves extensive testing to determine the optimal settings for various types of kernels, ensuring that they perform effectively under diverse conditions.

$$\exp\left(-\frac{d^2}{2\varepsilon^2}\right) \quad 1 - 7\left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^2 + \frac{35}{4}\left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^3 - \frac{7}{2}\left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^5 + \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^7$$