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Focus on...

- Image analysis. Principles, challenges, opportunities. . .
- One surface detection algorithm

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Power 10 W
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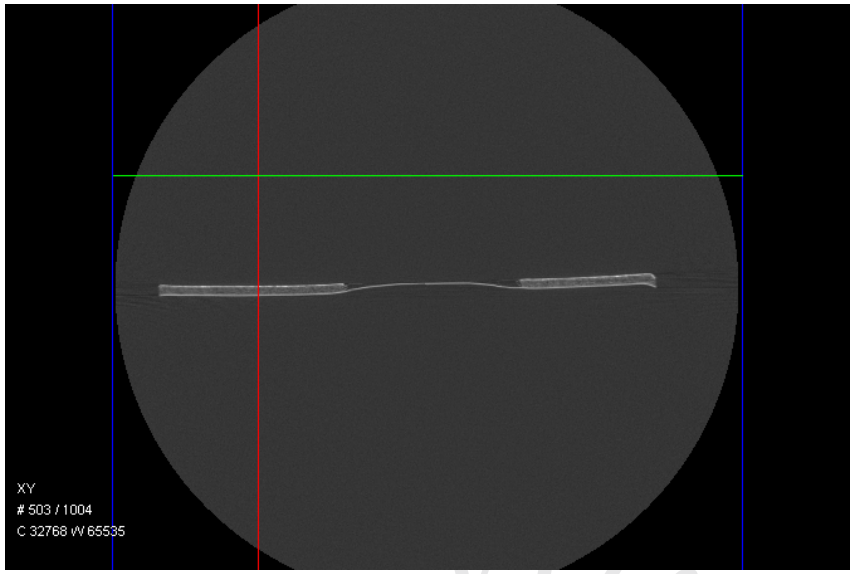
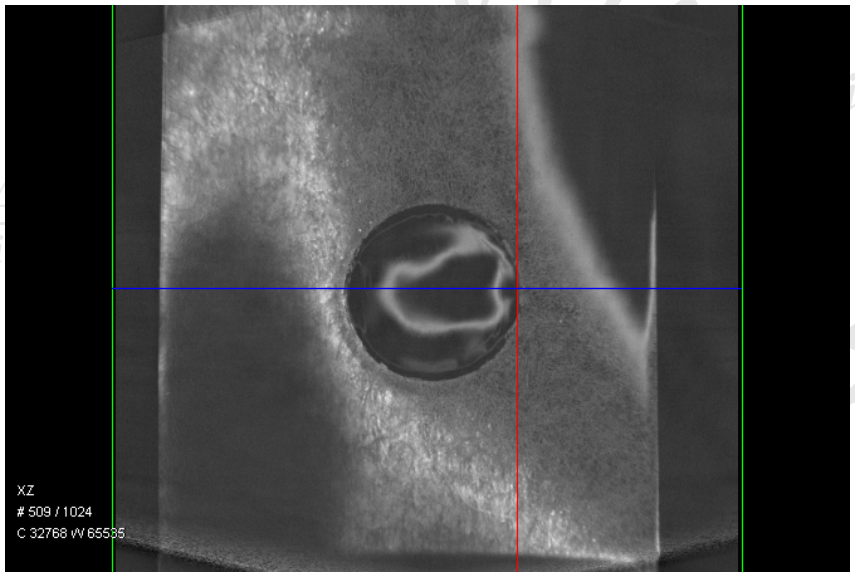
Exposure: 5 s, 5s, 25 s.





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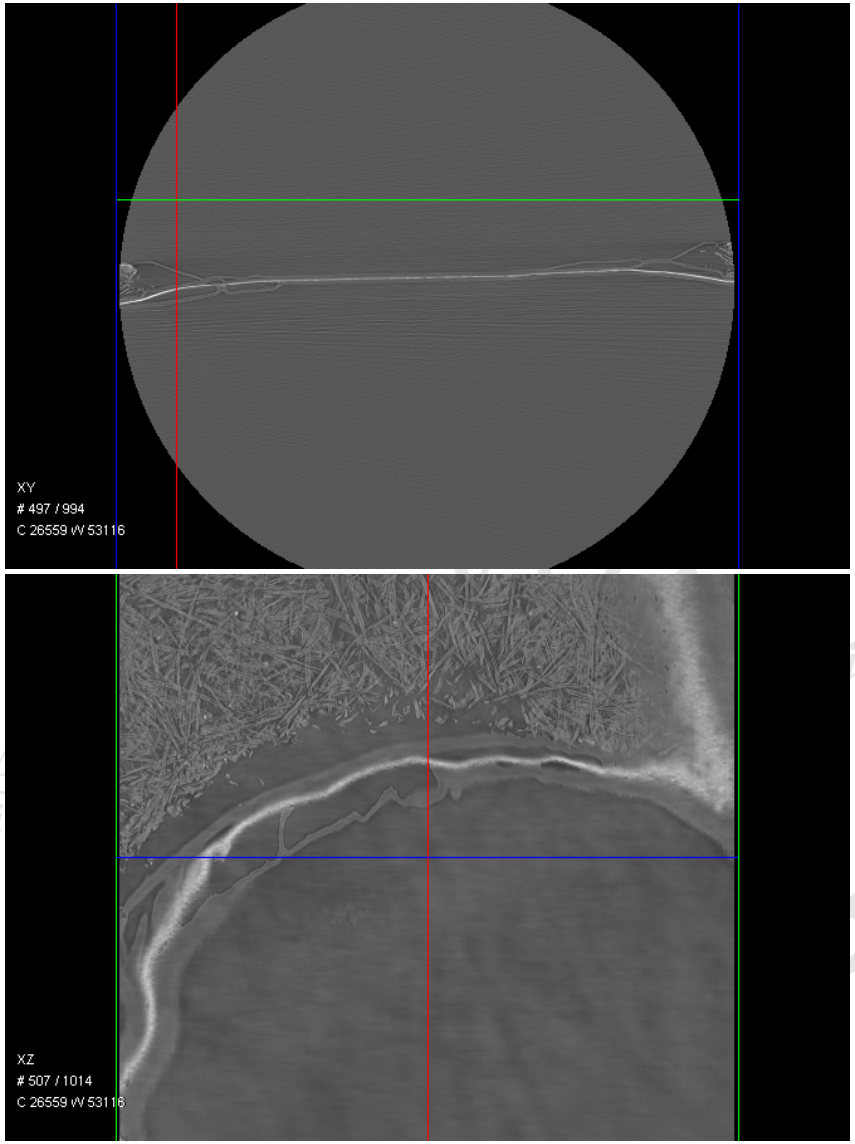

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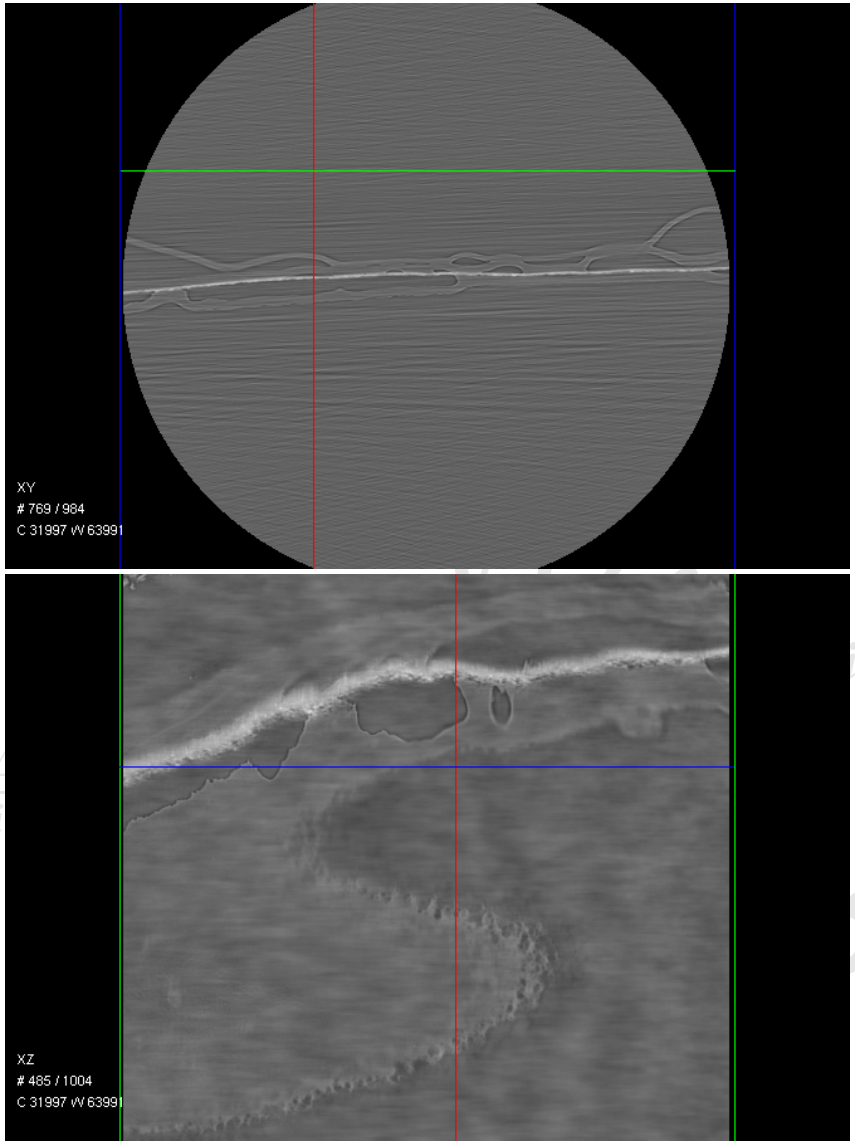
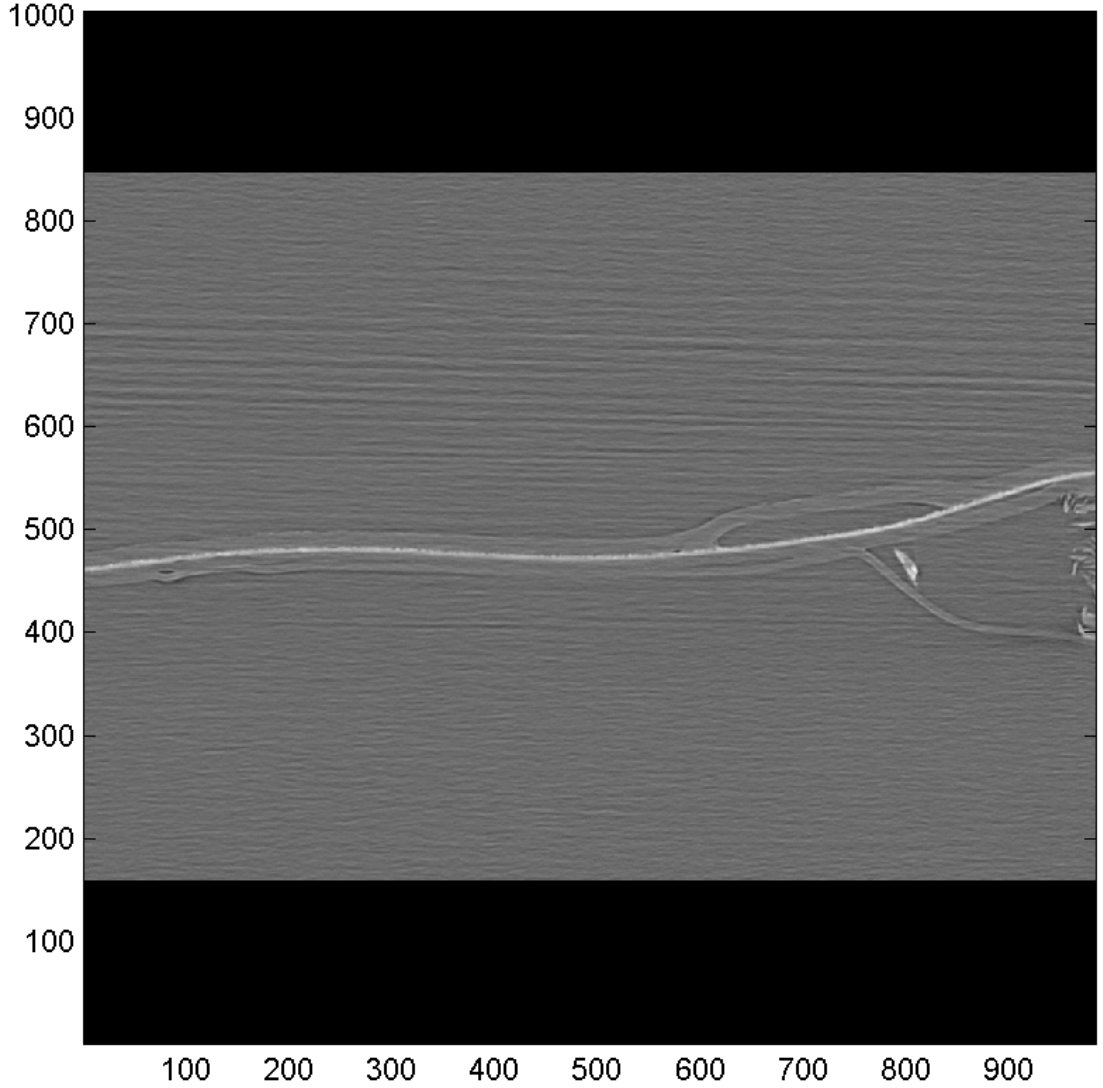


The nature of data

- Data is noisy, including projection data. Reconstruction data cannot be less noisy without assumptions.
- All image/volume segmentation is based on assumptions.
- Our interpretation of data depends on assumptions made under analysis – also in cases where those assumptions are implicit.

Surface detection, initial analysis

Example slice, volume dimensions $980 \times 984 \times 1004$ voxels



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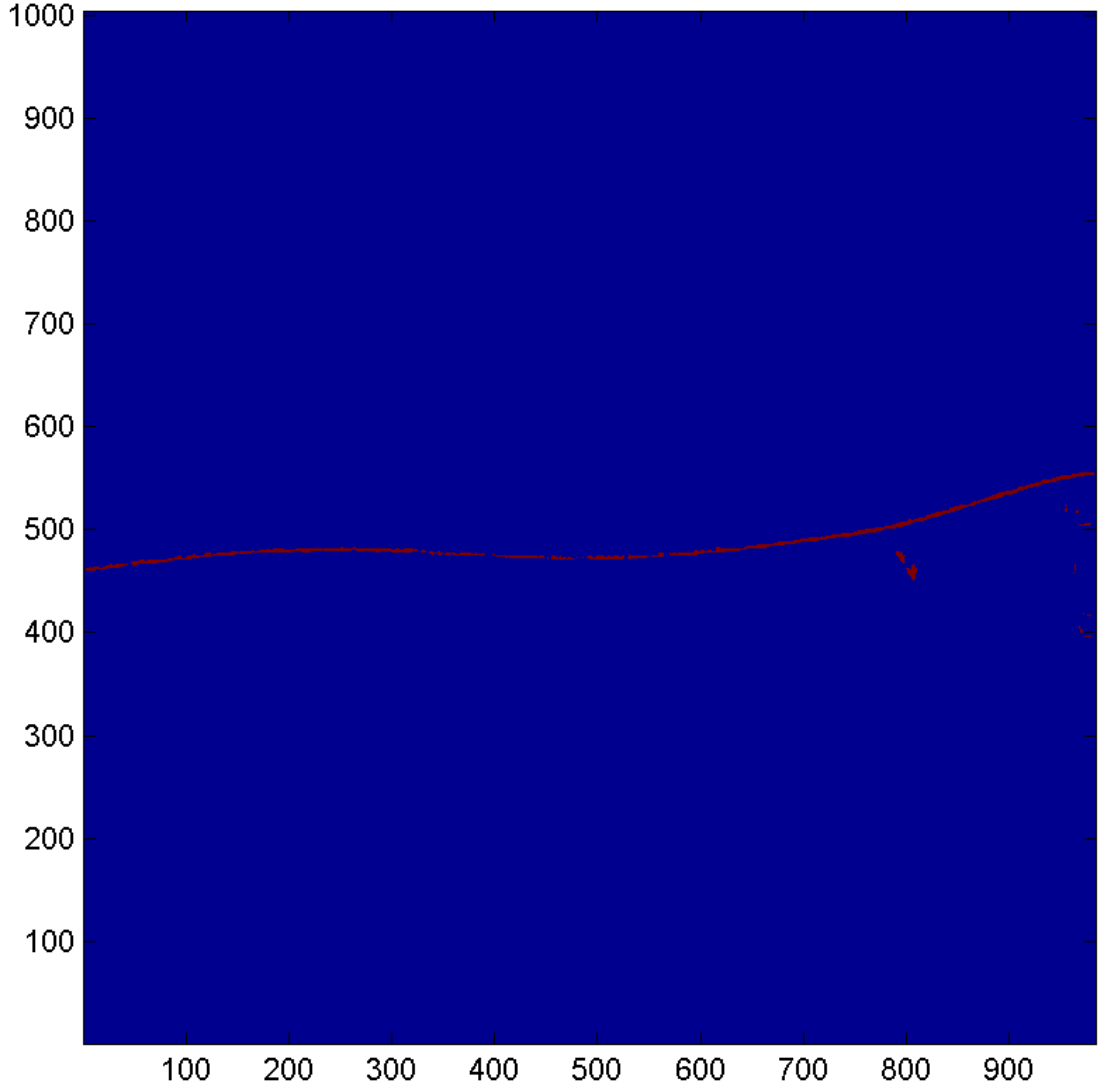
Thresholding aluminium foil – ok



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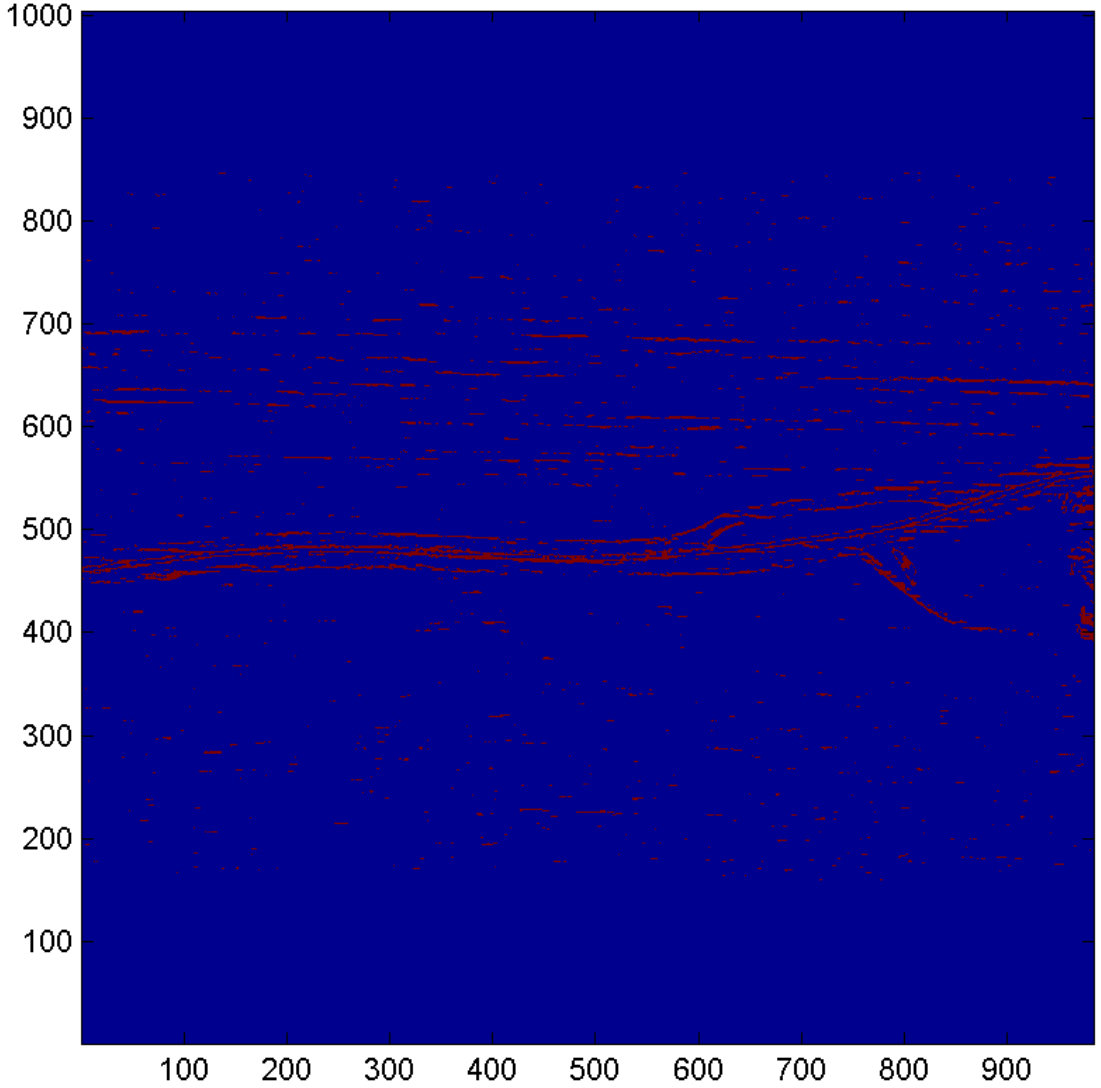
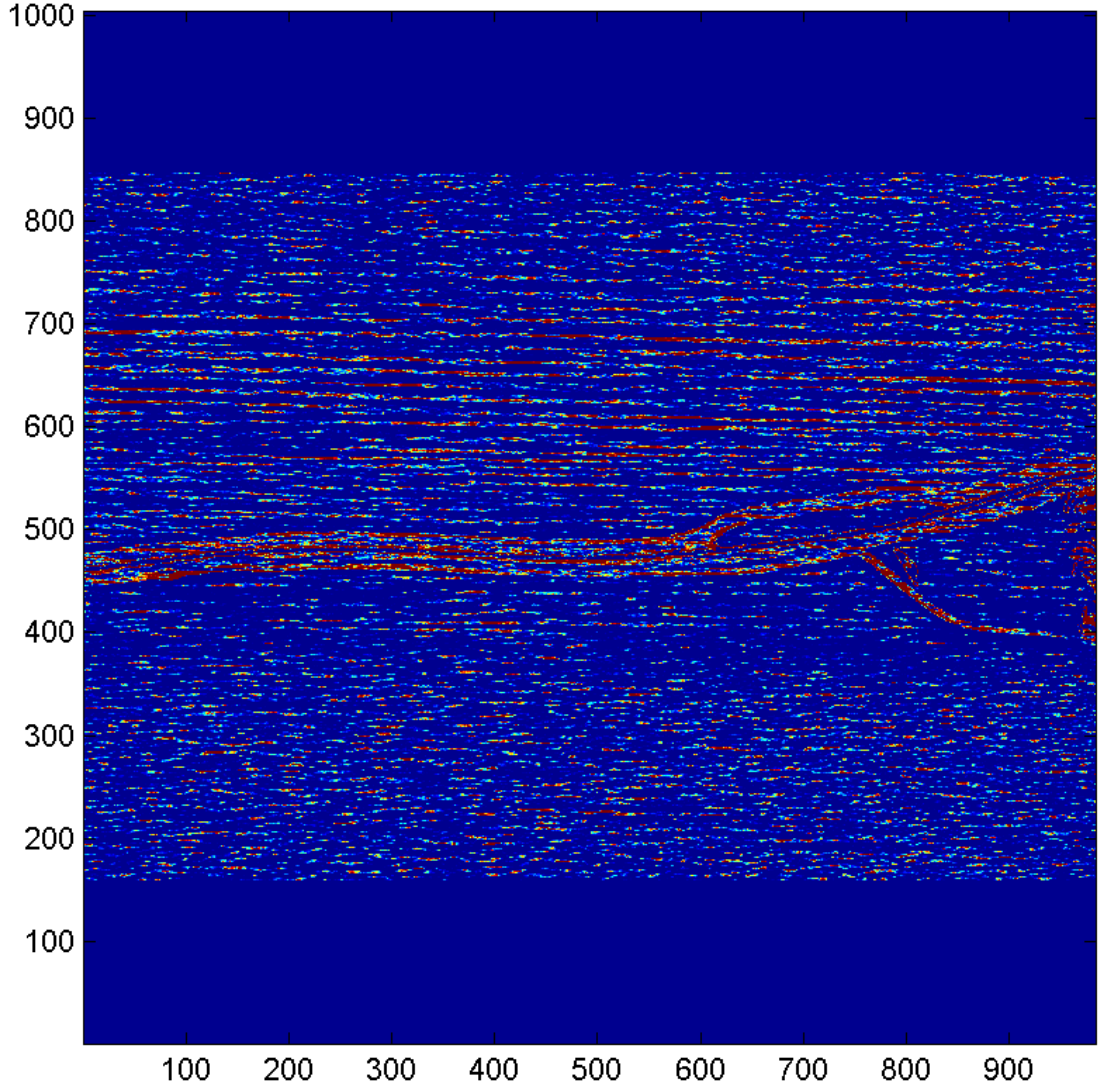
Thresholding plastic membrane – noisy



Surface detection, initial analysis

Relaxed plastic membrane response



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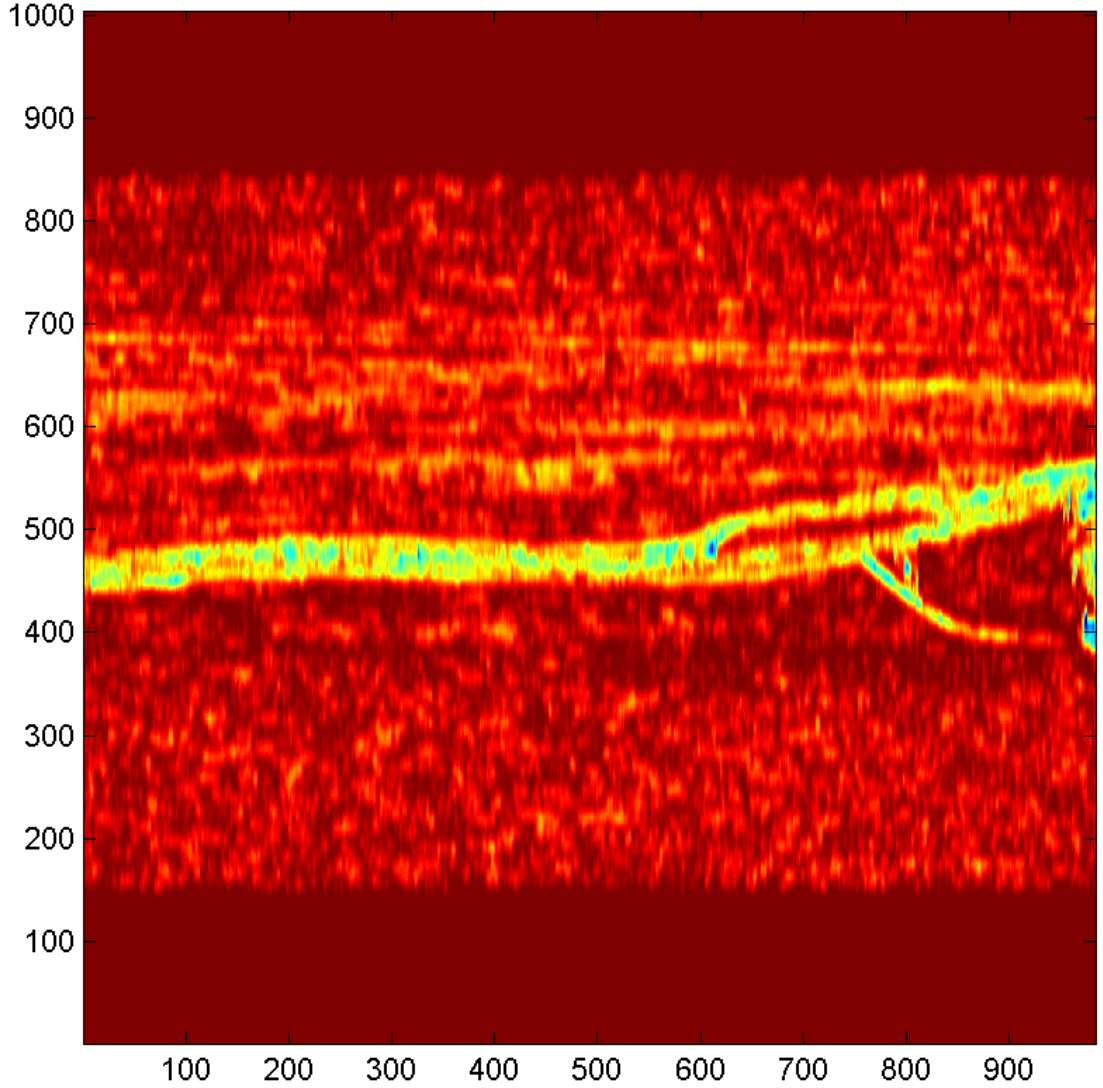
Averaged relaxed plastic membrane response – a useful contribution



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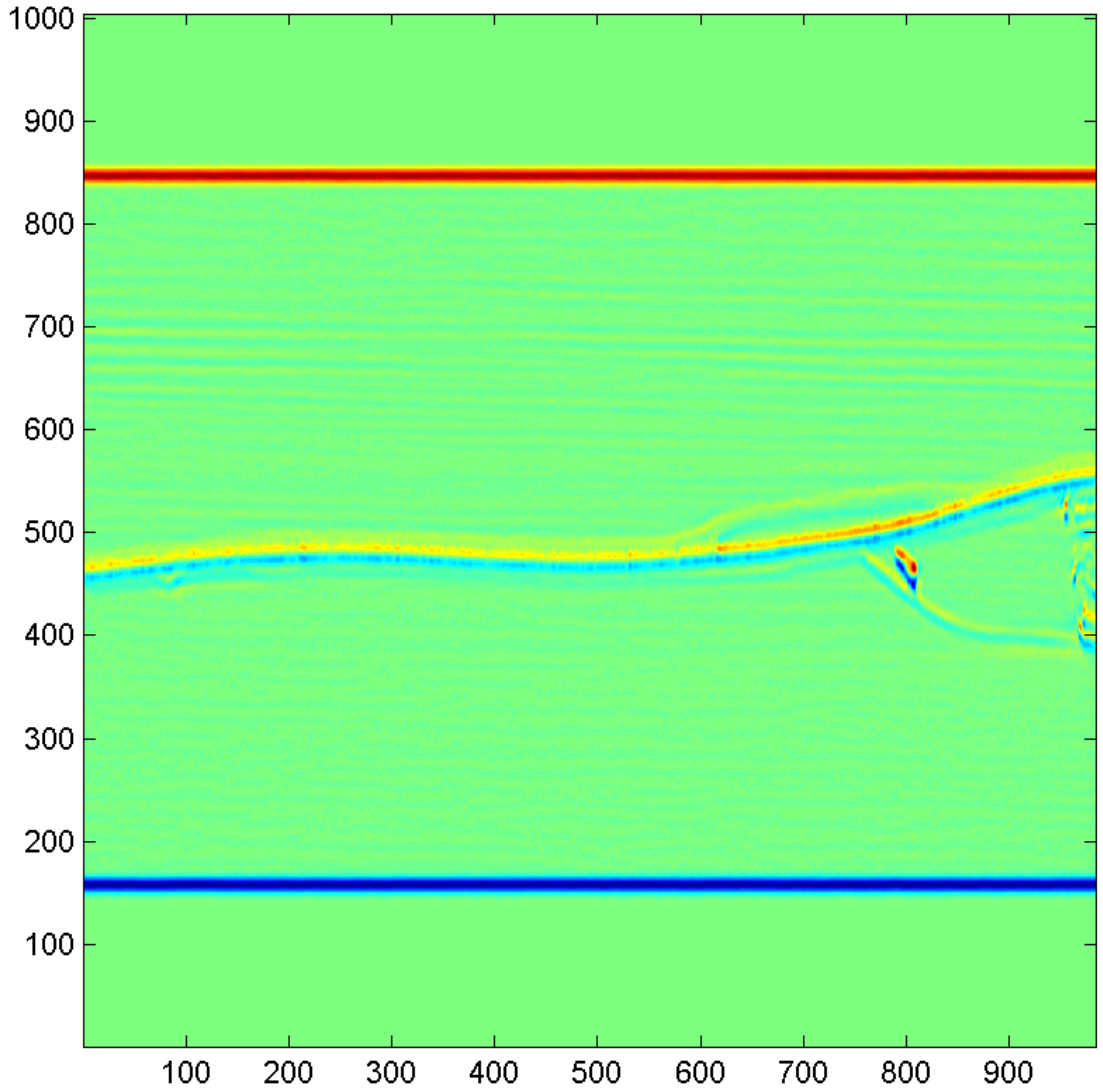
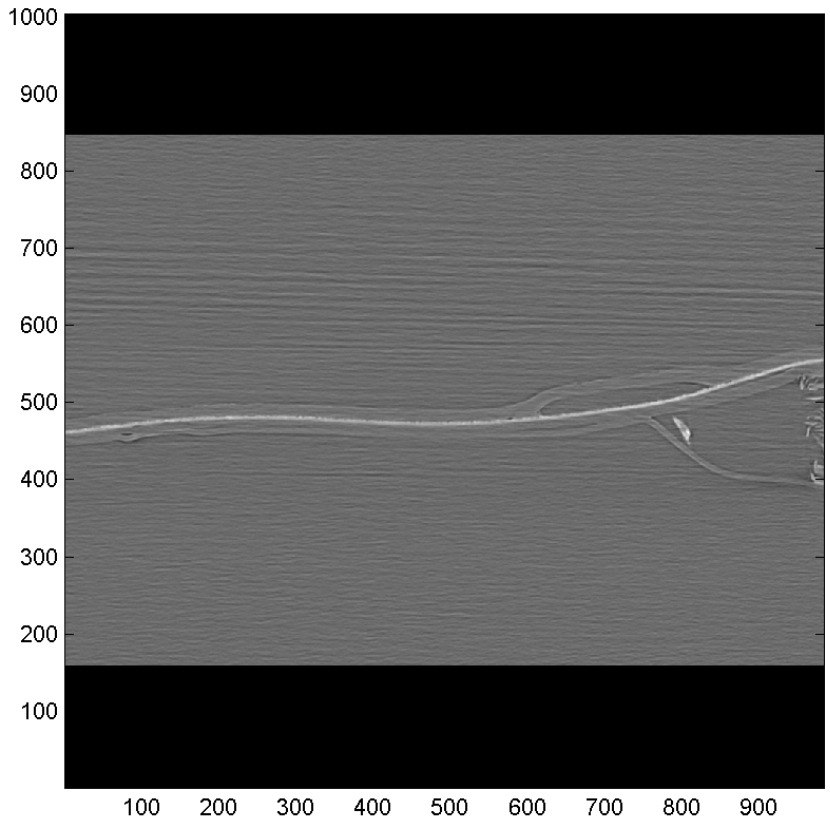
Edge response – a useful contribution



Surface detection, initial analysis

- Challenges: data size, presence of noise.
- Conclusion: We need to choose a model, including an appearance model and a geometric model.

Surface detection, suggested geometric model



- Terrain-like surfaces

$$z = f(x, y)$$

- Smoothness

$$|f(x+n, y) - f(x, y)| < \Delta$$

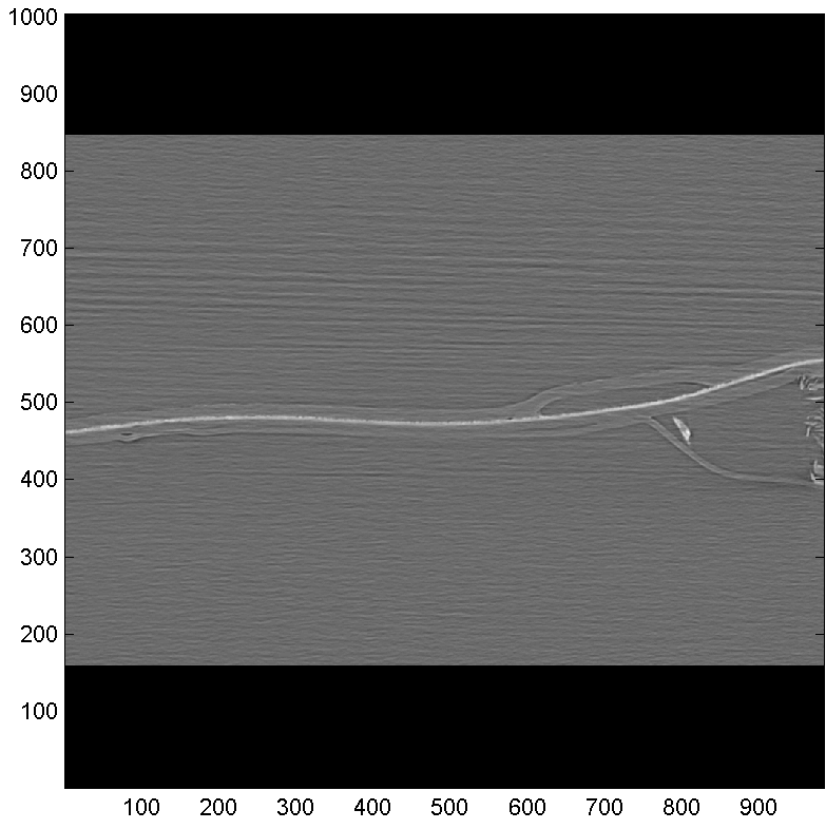
$$|f(x, y+n) - f(x, y)| < \Delta$$

- Optimality

$$\min \sum_{x,y} c(x, y, f(x, y))$$

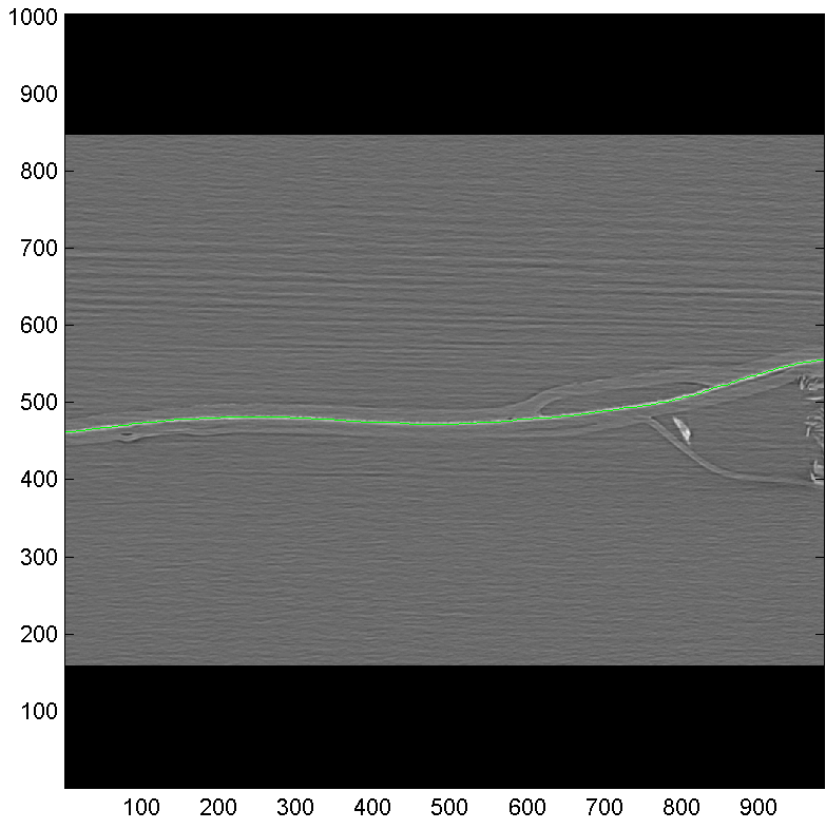
- Initial focus on three surfaces: aluminium foil, lowest edge, highest edge.

Surface detection, suggested appearance model



- Aluminium foil:
  - binary aluminium foil response
- Lowest and highest edge, a weighted sum of four contributions:
  - relaxed plastic membrane response
  - edge response
  - repulsion from aluminium foil (limited range)
  - cumulative term (first strong occurrence)

Surface detection, pipeline



Ordering

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2. lowest plastic edge and highest plastic edge in sampled images
3. plastic edge transformed back

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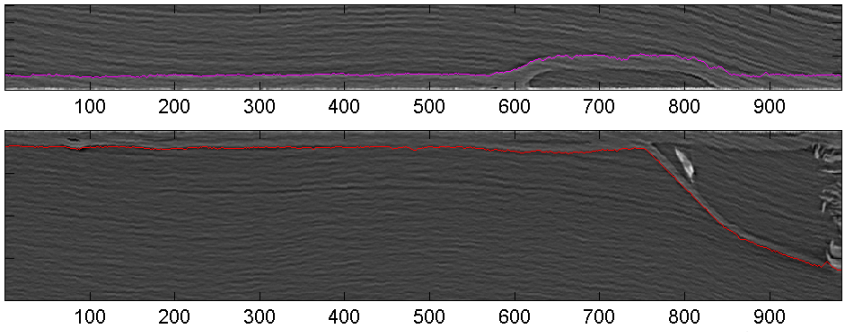

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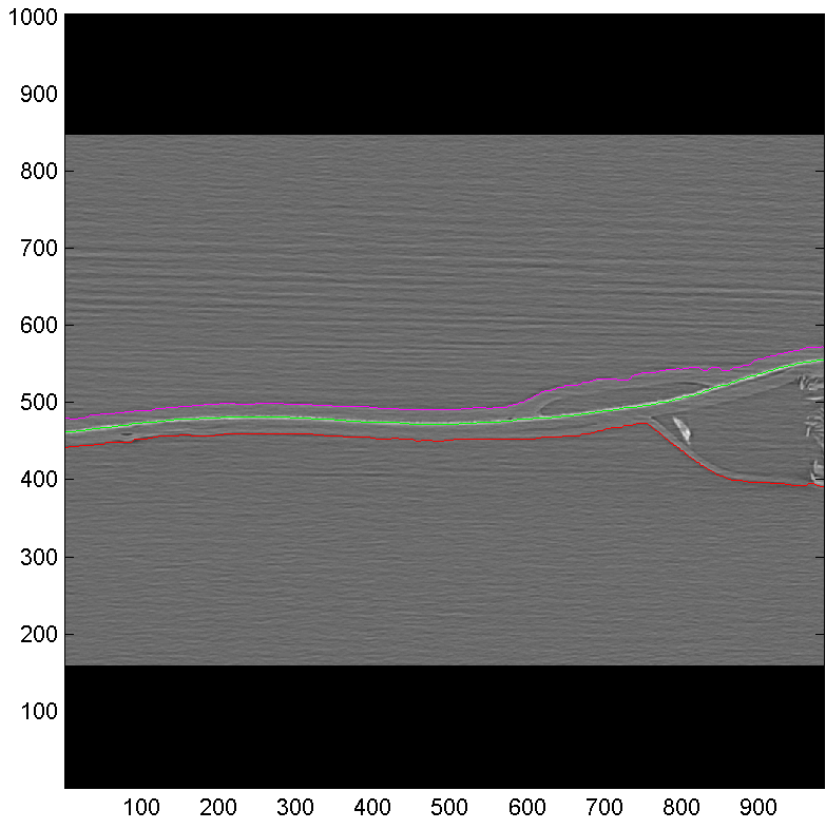

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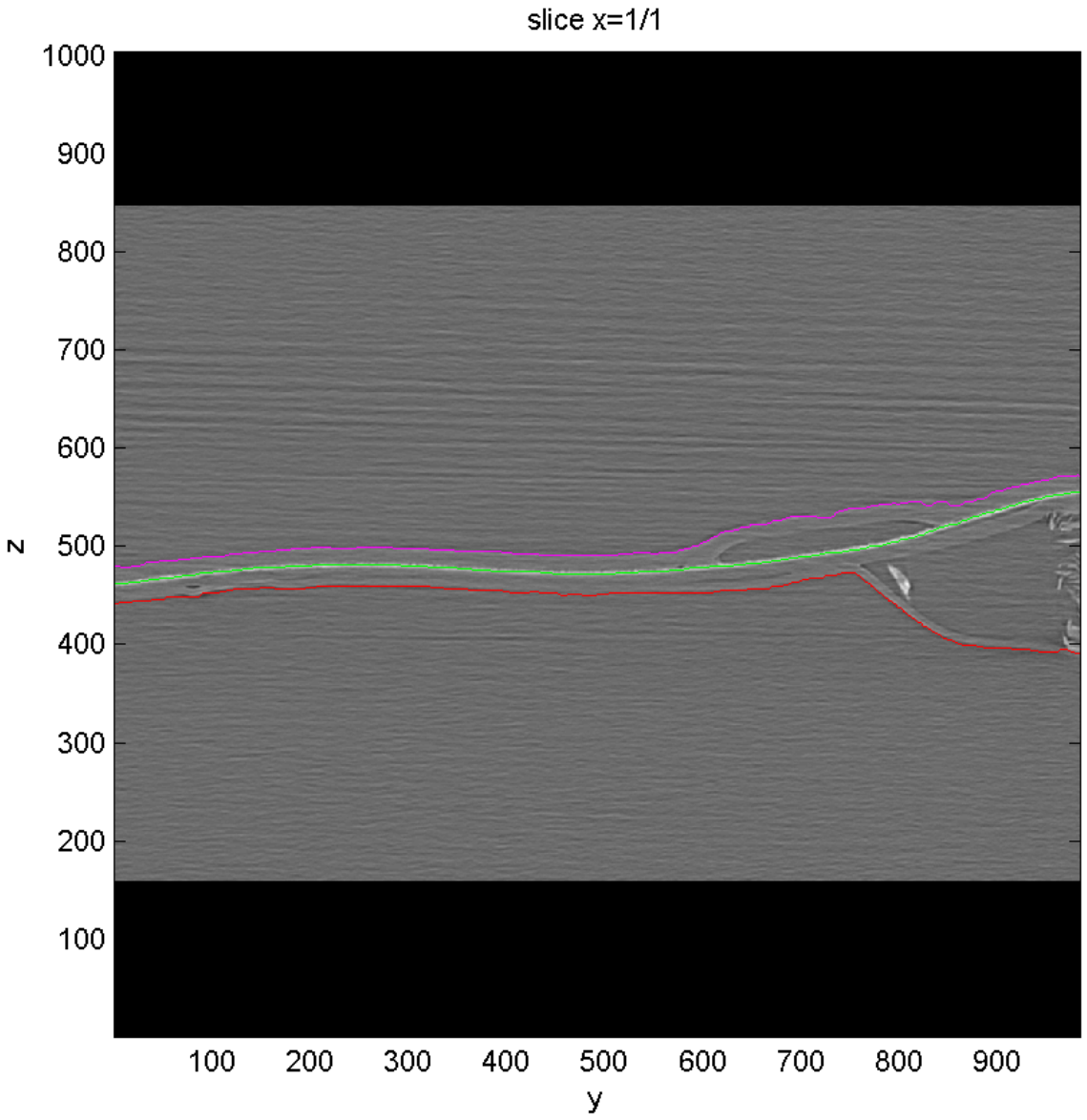

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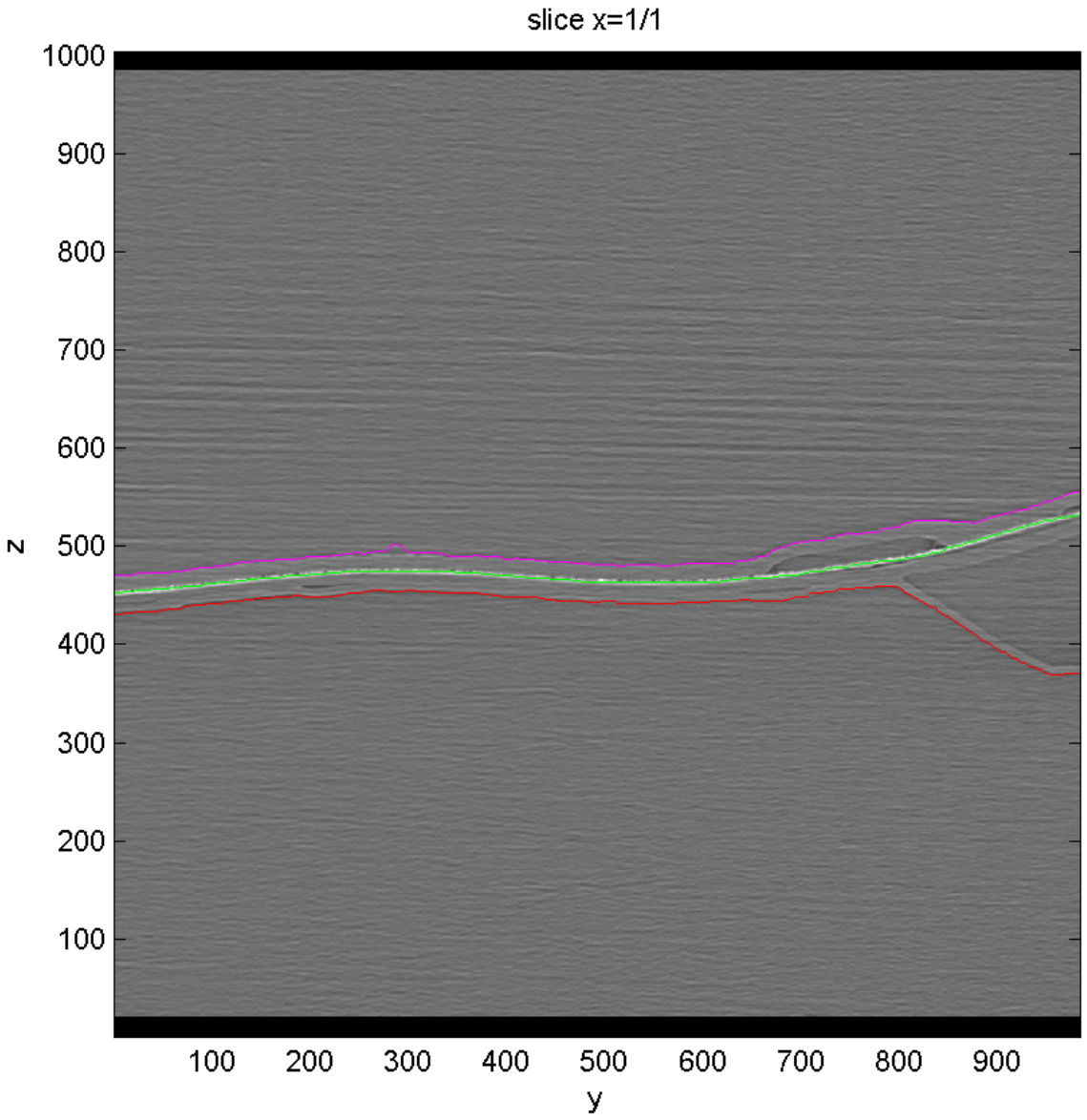

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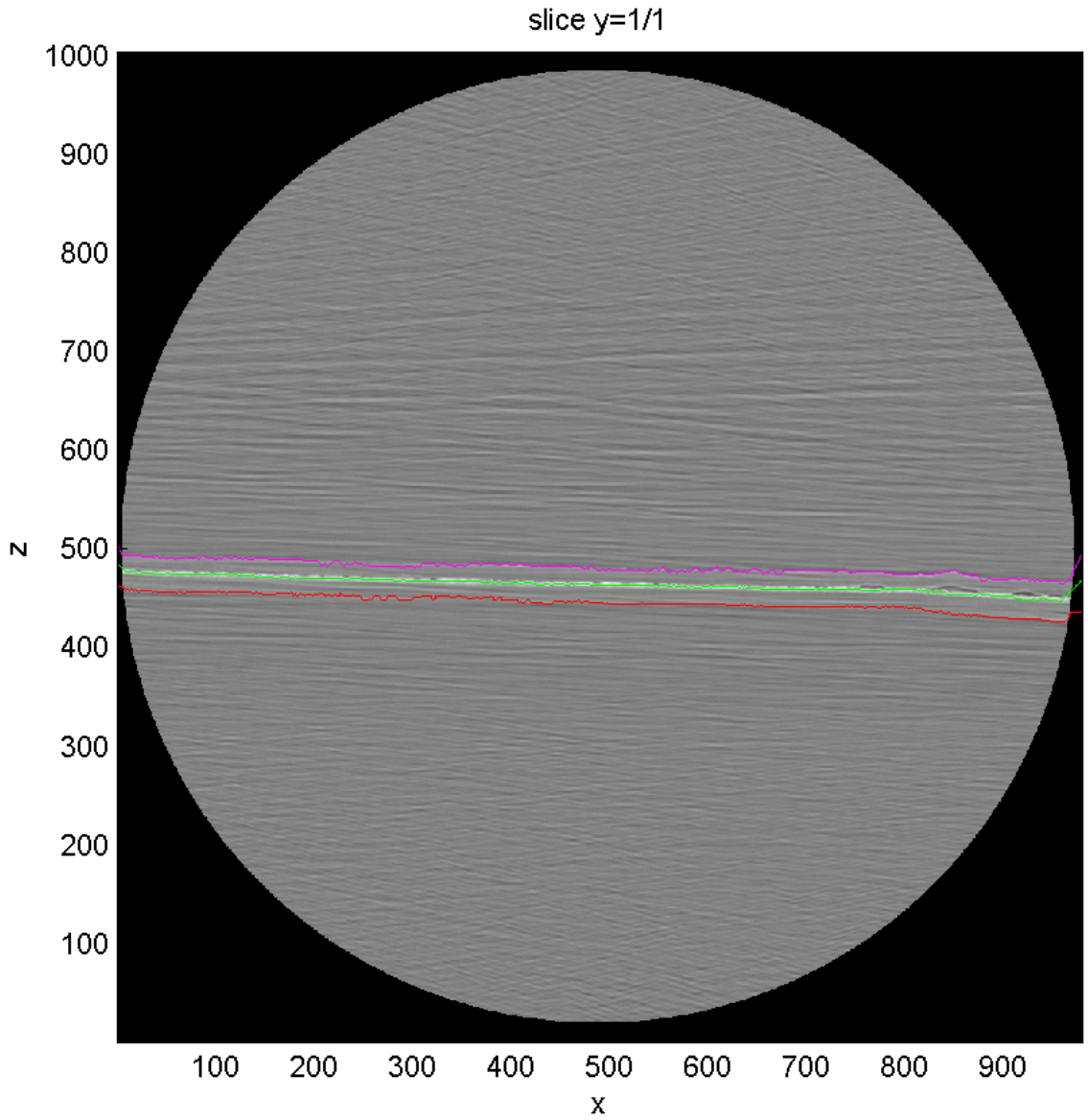

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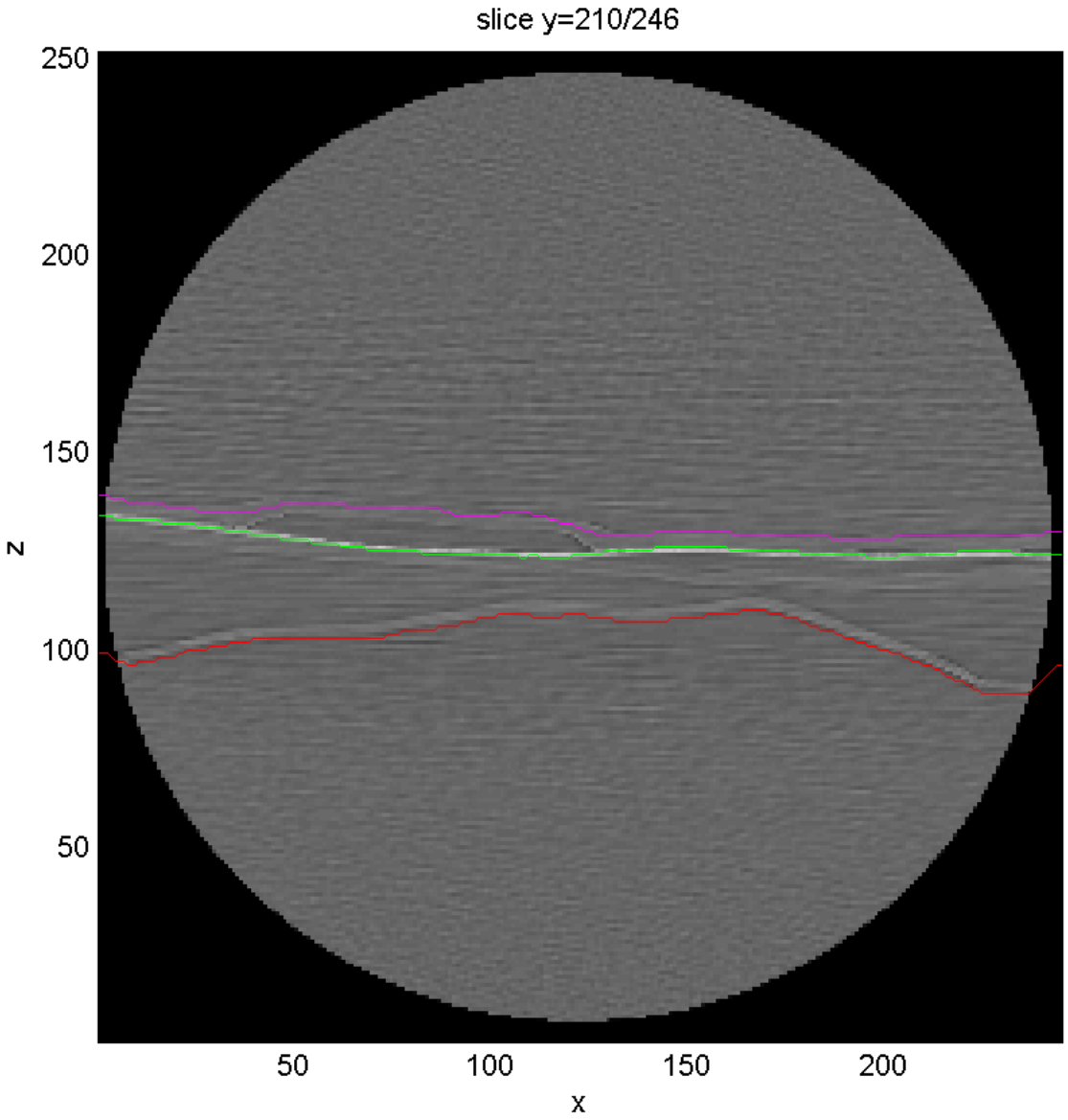

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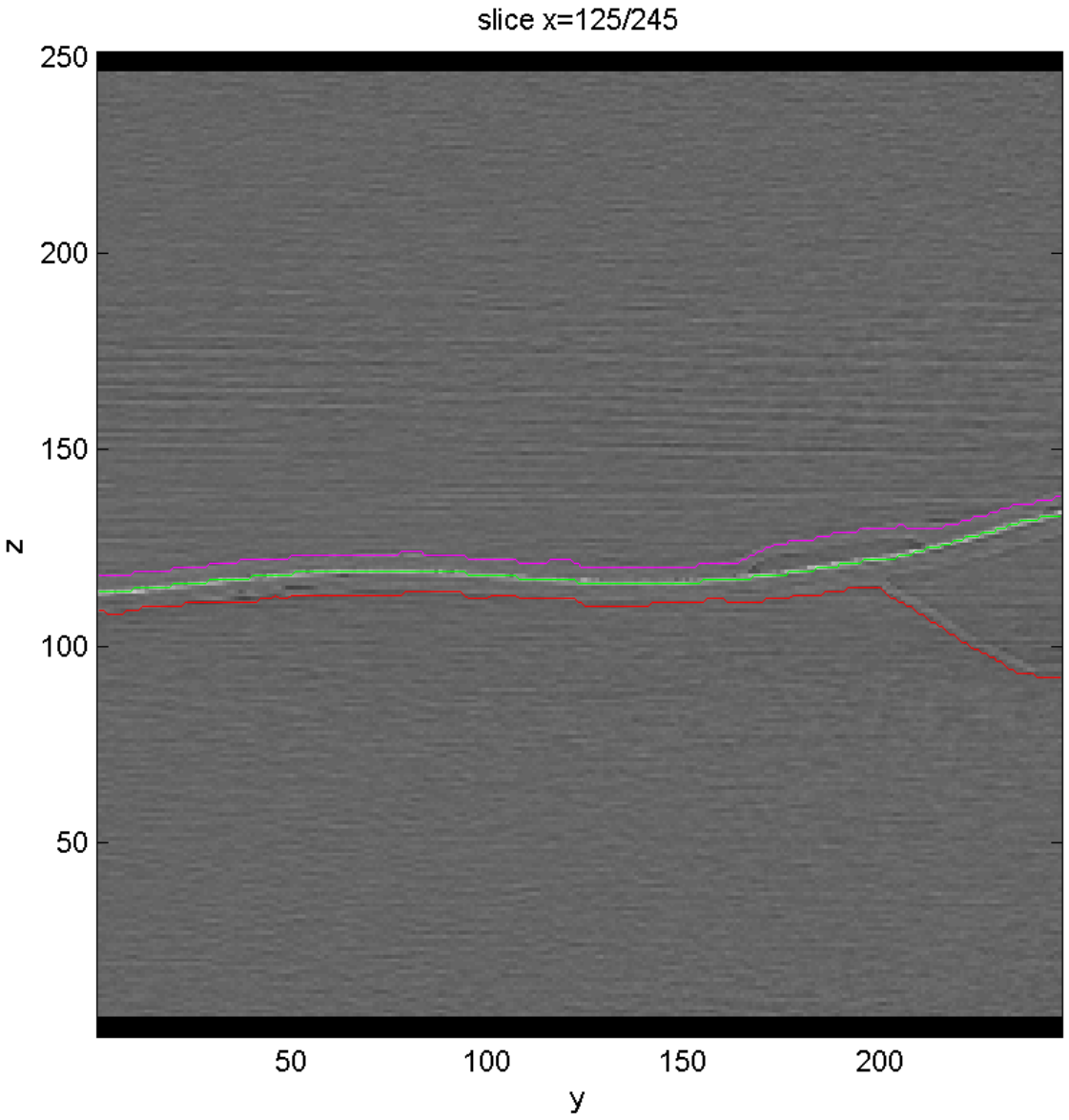

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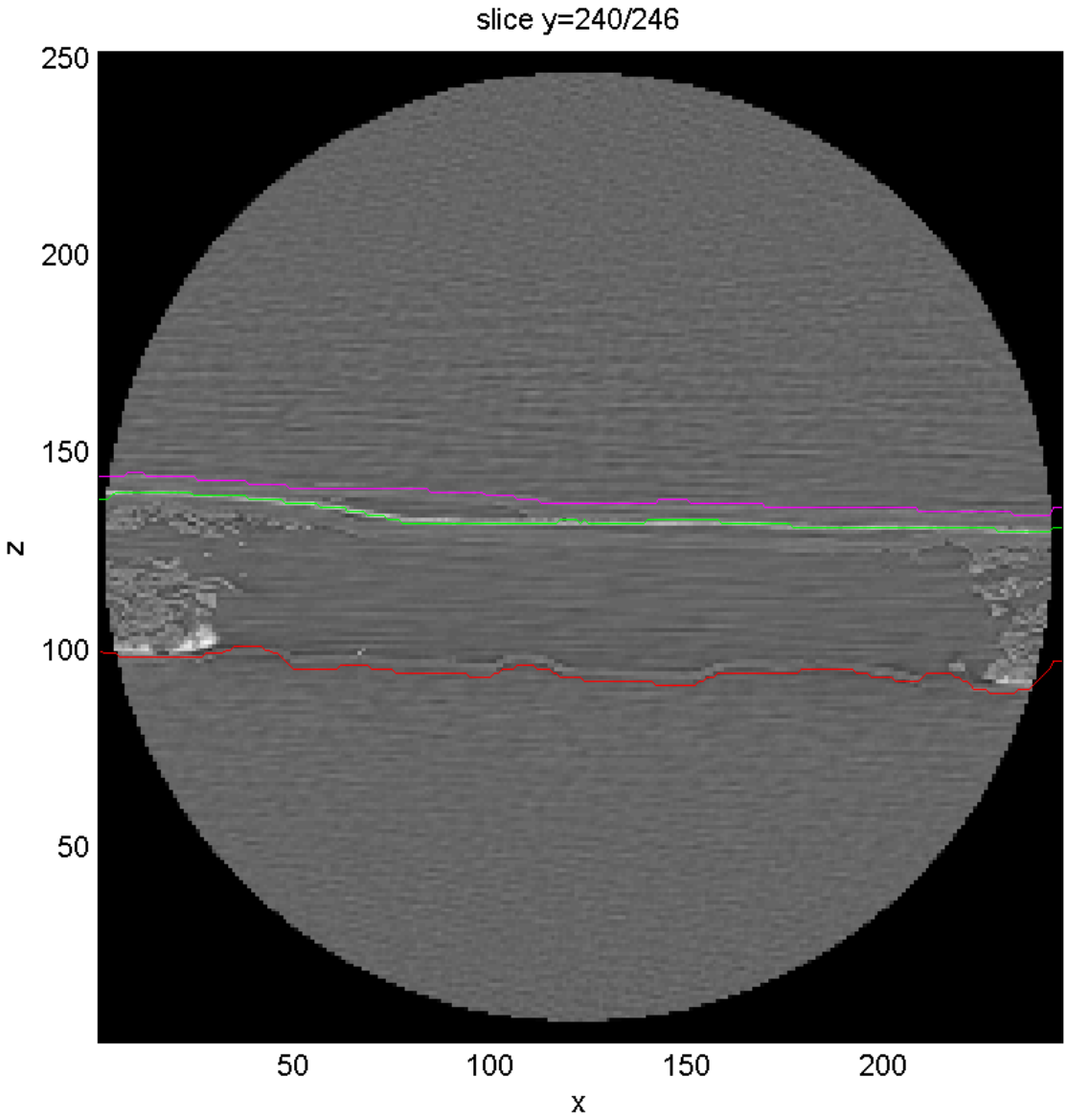

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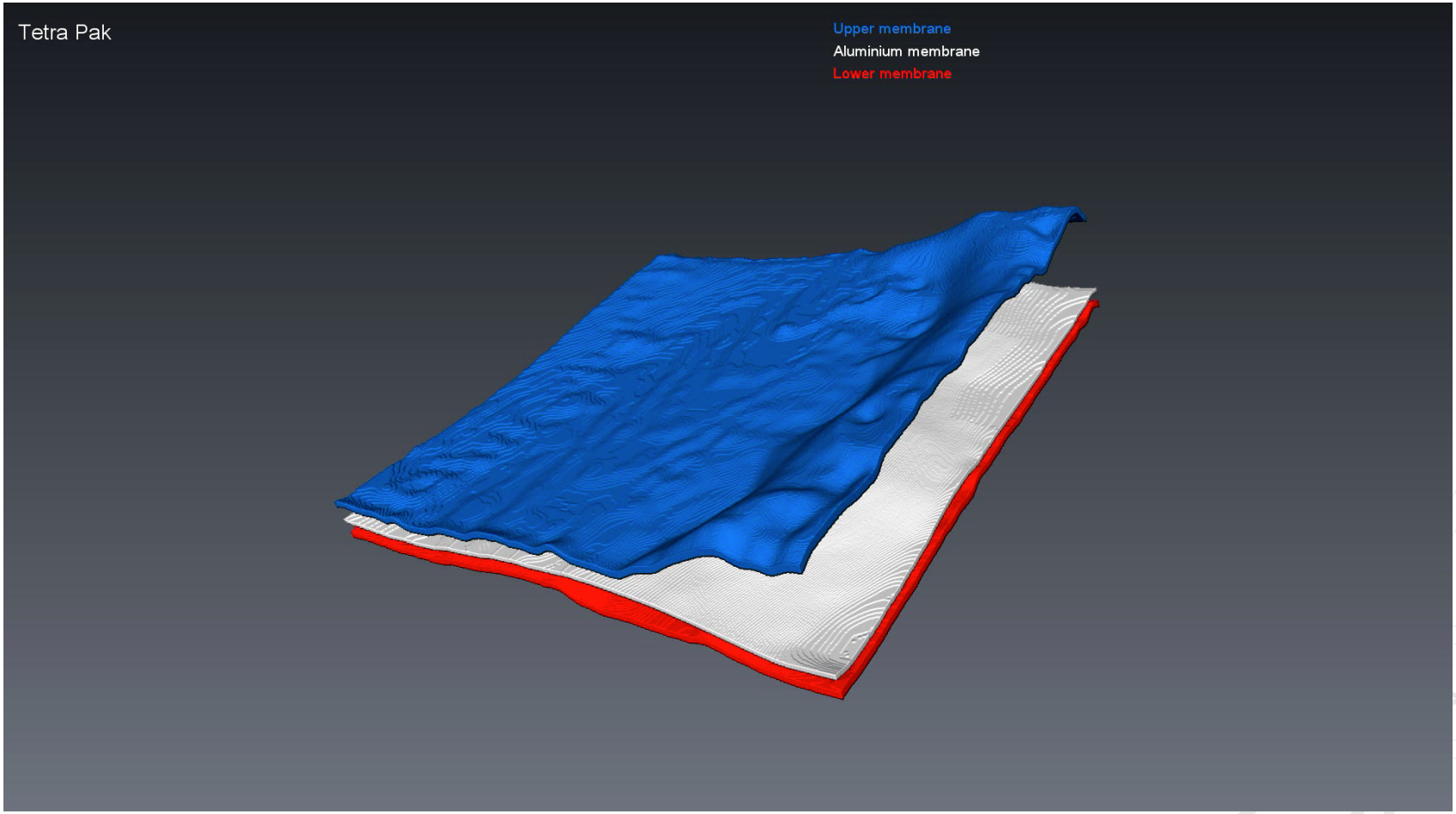
Tetra Pak
Upper membrane
Aluminium membrane
Lower membrane

Surface detection, possible improvements

- Improvements: accuracy, boundary effect
- Extensions: multiple layers, inside regions

Thank you!