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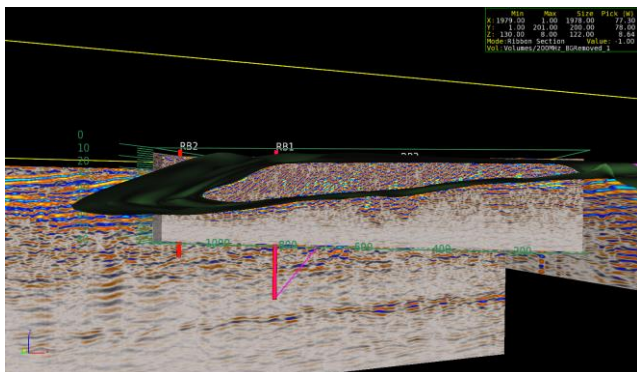


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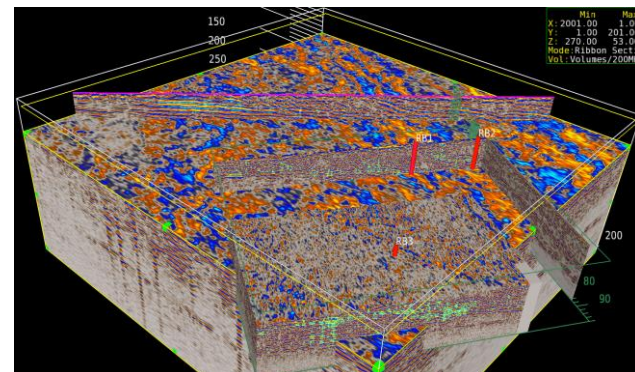
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Two 3D ground-penetrating radar (GPR) surveys collected on northwest Andros Island, Bahamas, facilitate understanding the architecture and evolution of carbonate sedimentary environments that are often unseen in 2D outcrop and core. A 200-MHz 3D GPR dataset was collected over Late Pleistocene (isotope stage 5e) bedrock at a schoolyard in northwest Andros over an area of 61 m x 61 m. This survey reveals a ~18-m wide oolitic barform that trends southwest-northeast through the study area with foresets dipping to the northwest and a ~12-m-wide tidal channel that trends north-northwest through the northeast part of the survey. These two prominent features are surrounded and underlain by low-energy mud deposits. A deeper radar surface can be seen at ~6.4 m depth dipping gently to the west, and is interpreted to be a sequence boundary. In order to better resolve the lateral and vertical spatial interaction between the shallower features (<3.5 m), a higher resolution, 35.8 m x 29.6 m 400-MHz 3D GPR dataset was collected with the survey direction optimized to image the barform and its foresets (i.e., the profiles were collected in the direction of dip). The interpretation of these features is enhanced by modern analogs found nearby at Joulter Cays, and by three cores and 56 thin sections collected through the crest and toe of the barform, and through the channel feature. The integration of geophysical and geological data enables the recognition and reconstruction of a Pleistocene depositional environment and its associated fine-scale process sedimentology, including changing current directions, barform accumulation patterns and non-depositional and erosional events.

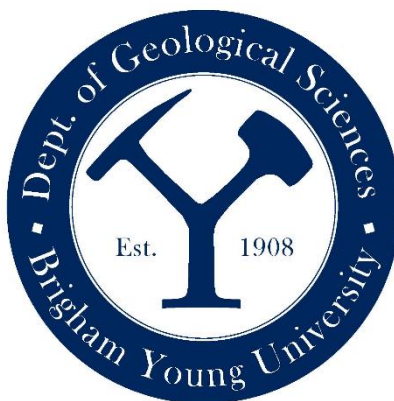
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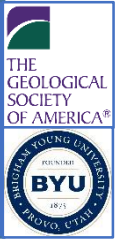
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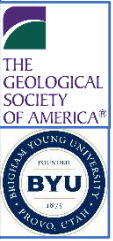


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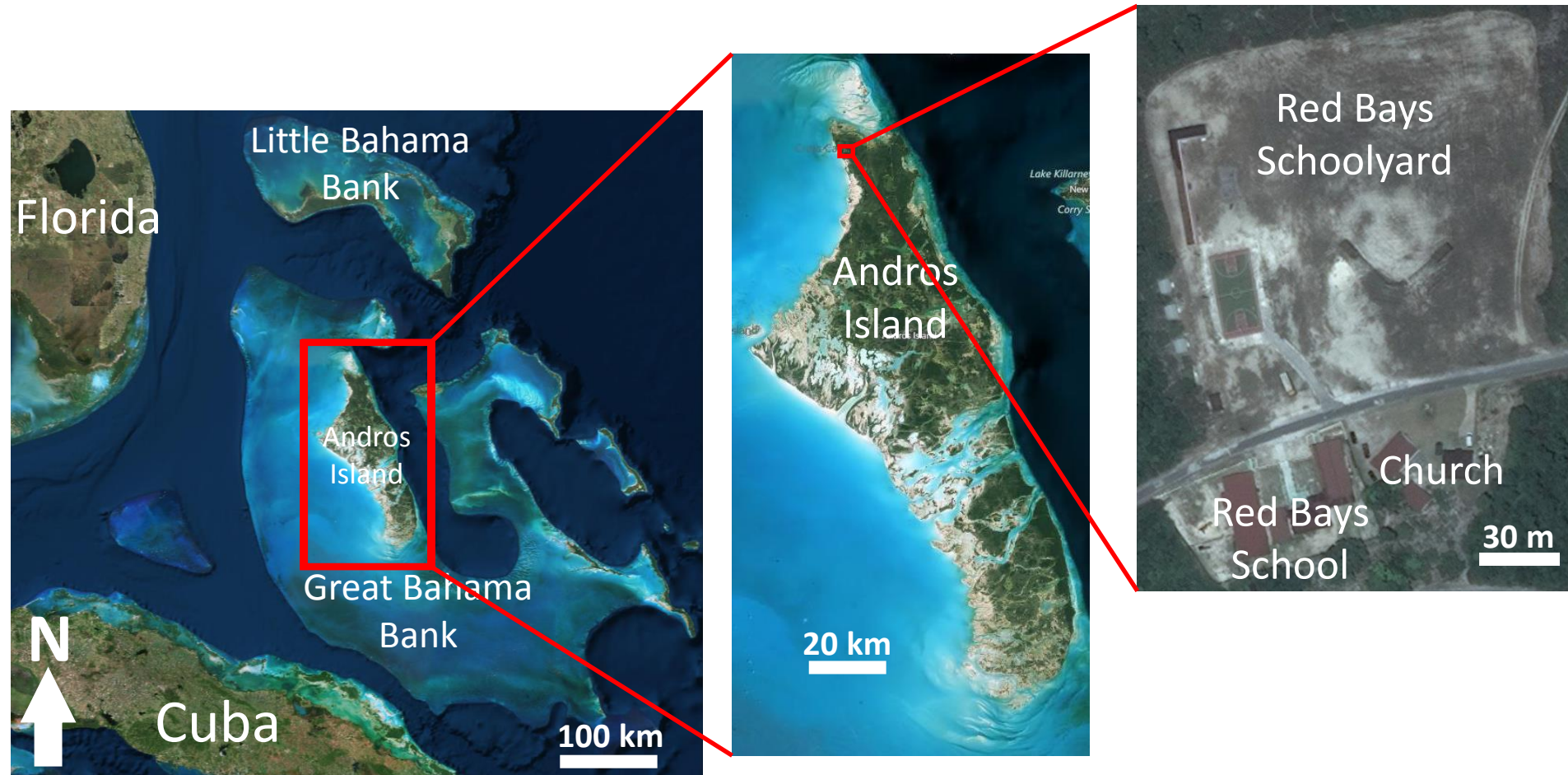
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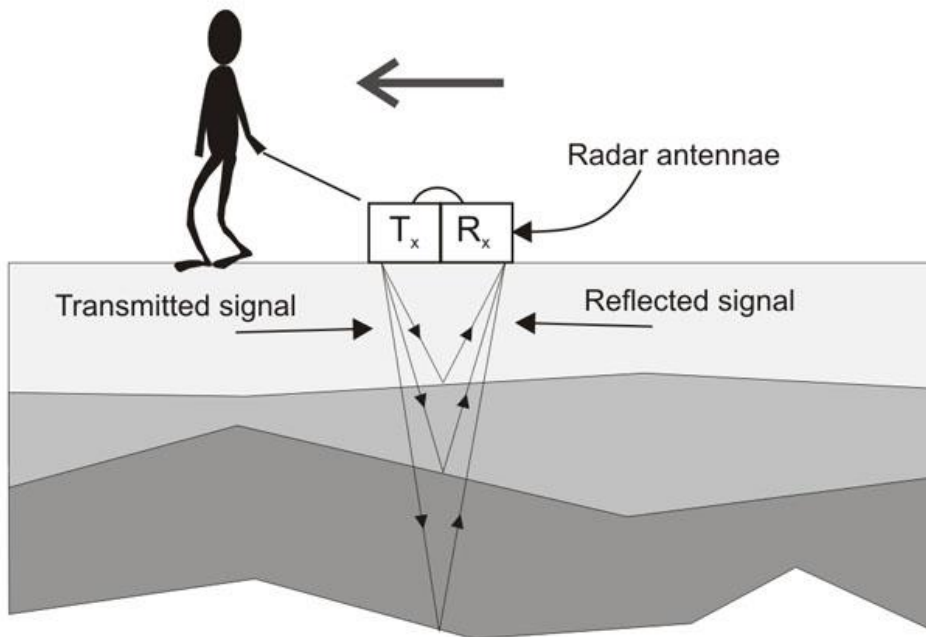
Why the Bahamas?

- The formation of modern limestones can be studied immediately adjacent to Pleistocene limestones preserved onshore
- The Pleistocene rock record reveals thousands of years of sedimentation patterns and how such patterns have evolved over time
- Clean limestone has a high resistivity, making it great for GPR



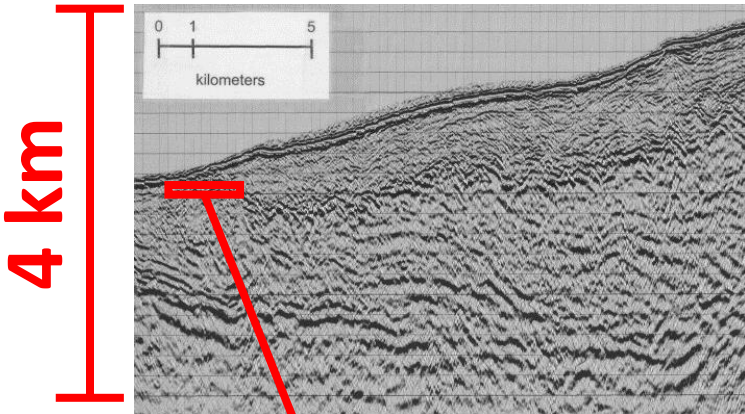
What is GPR?

- Remote sensing method of imaging the shallow subsurface



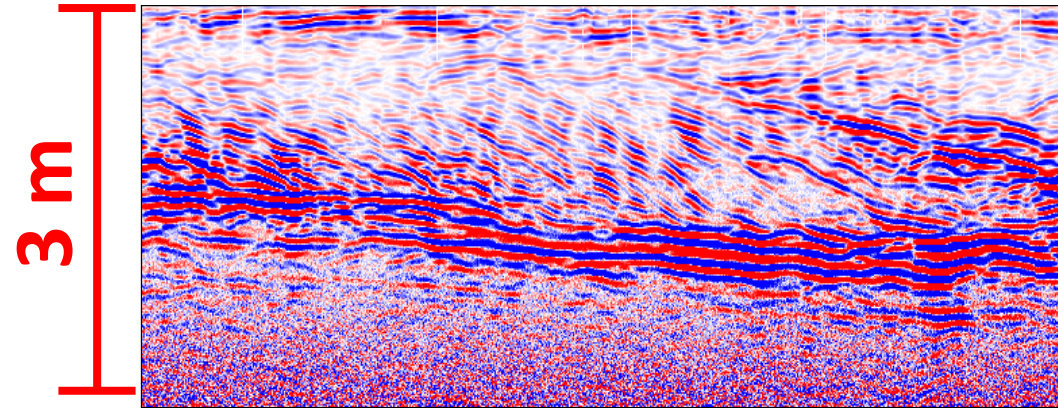
GPR vs. Seismic Reflection

Seismic

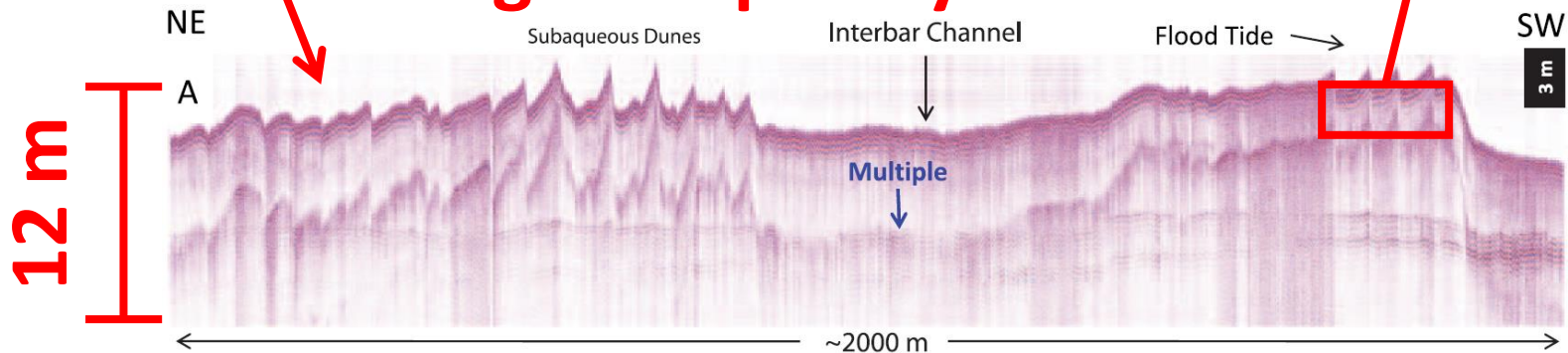


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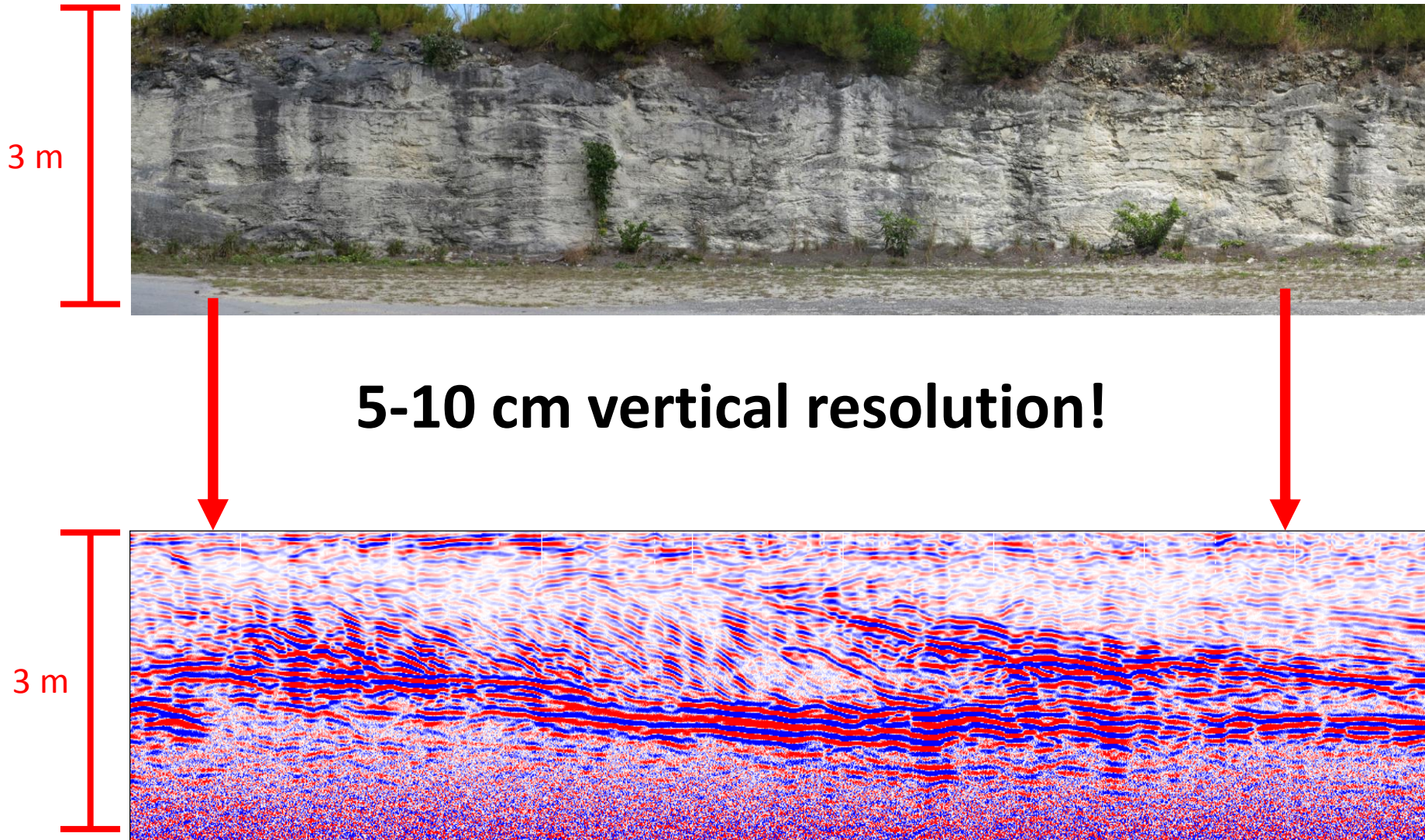
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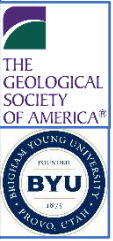
High Frequency Seismic



GPR = High resolution



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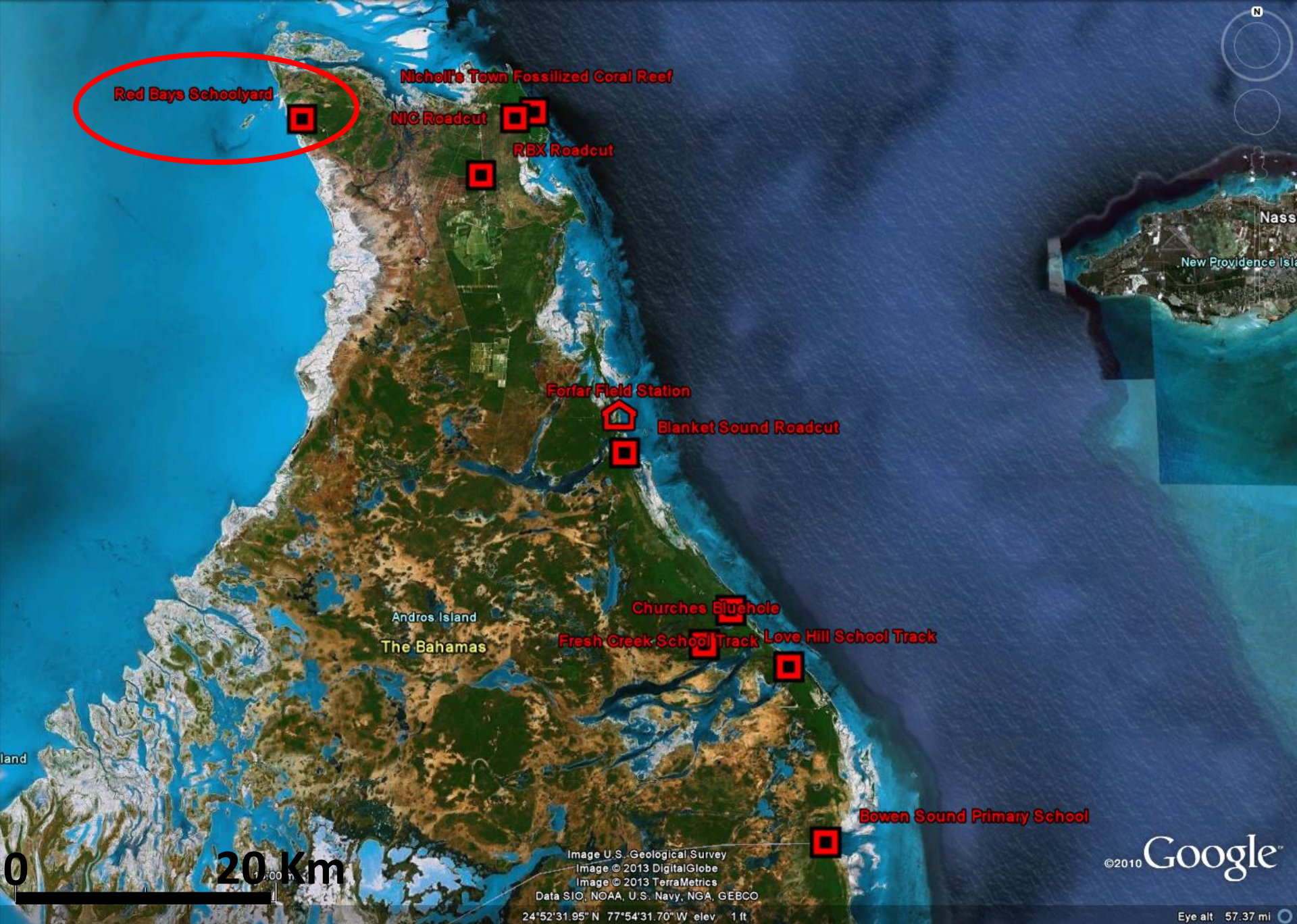
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Red Bays Schoolyard

Nicholl's Town Fossilized Coral Reef

NIC Roadcut

REX Roadcut

Forfar Field Station

Blanket Sound Roadcut

Andros Island

The Bahamas

Churches Bluehole

Fresh Creek School Track

Love Hill School Track

Bowen Sound Primary School

20 Km

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Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO

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Eye alt 57.37 mi

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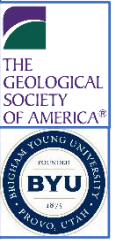


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- **3 Cores:**
 - 38 ft, 11 in (12.5 m) total core from 3 holes



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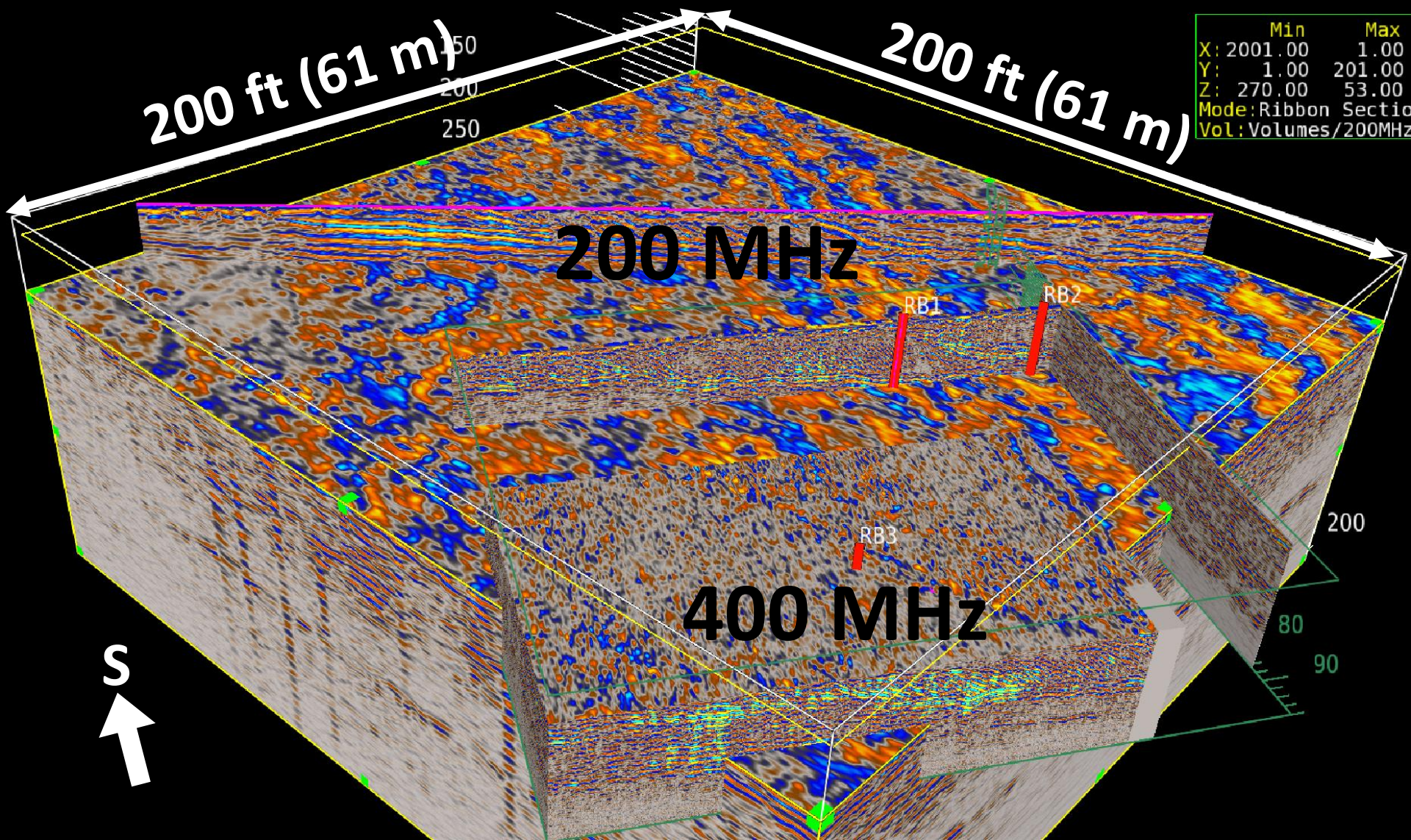
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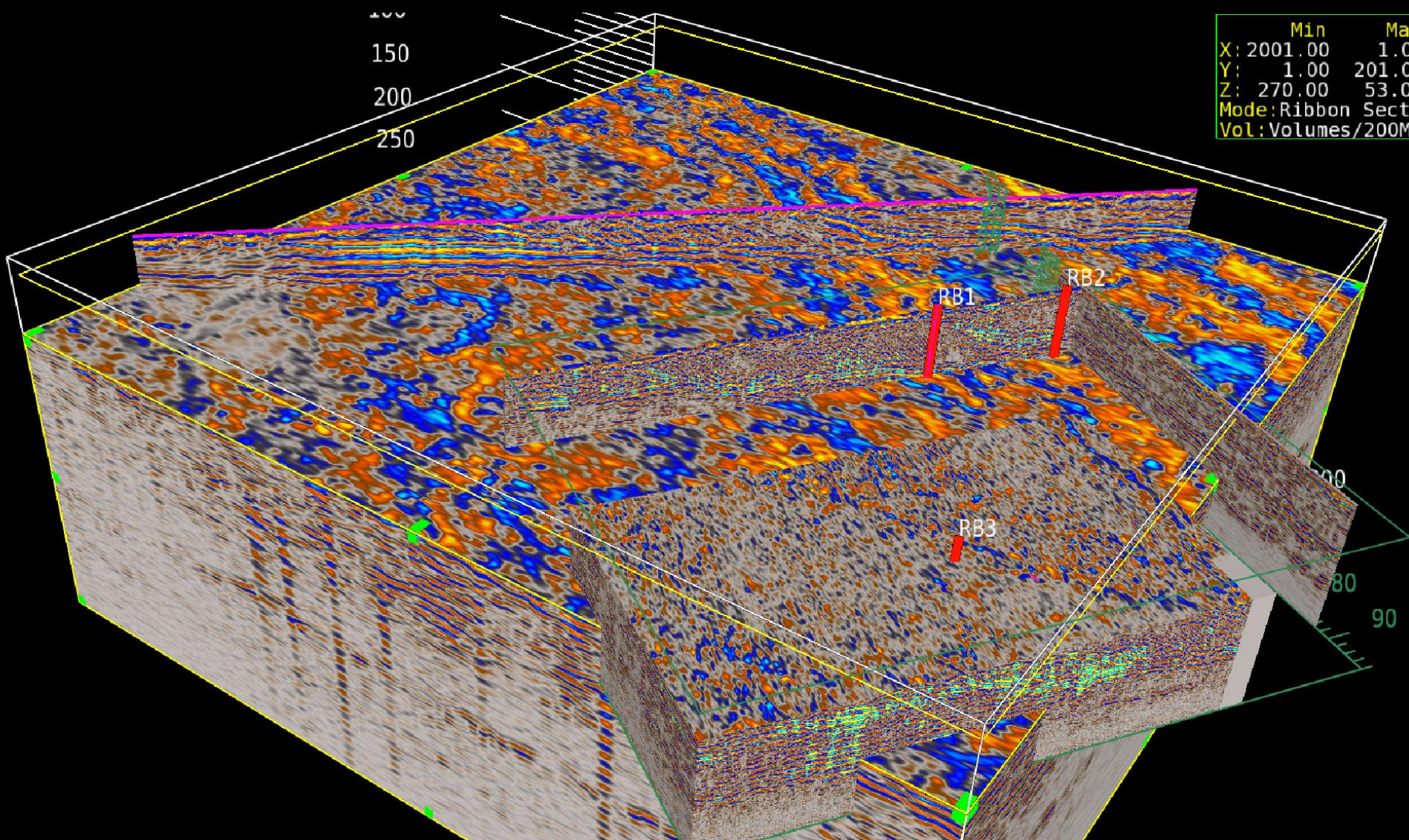
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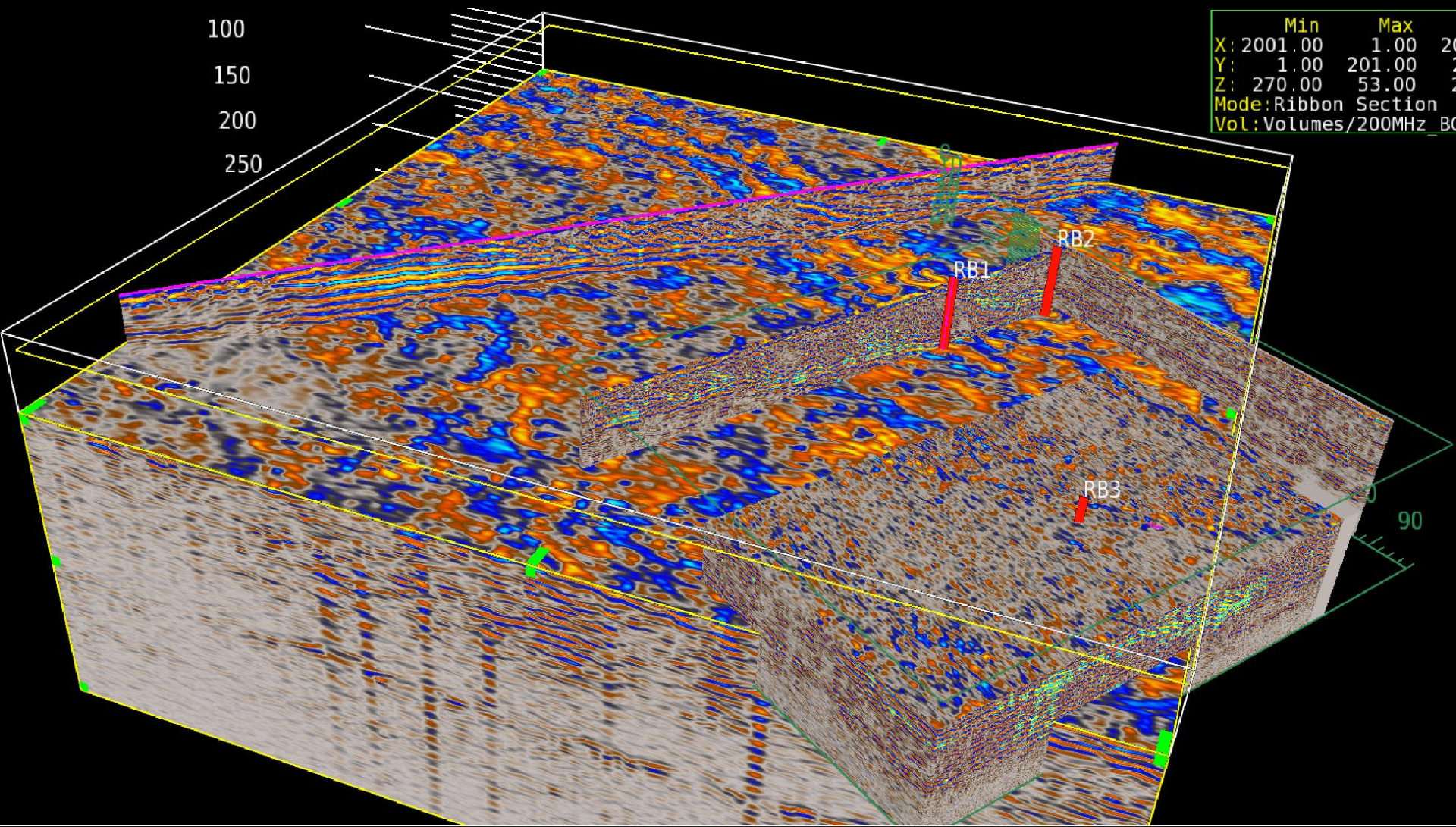
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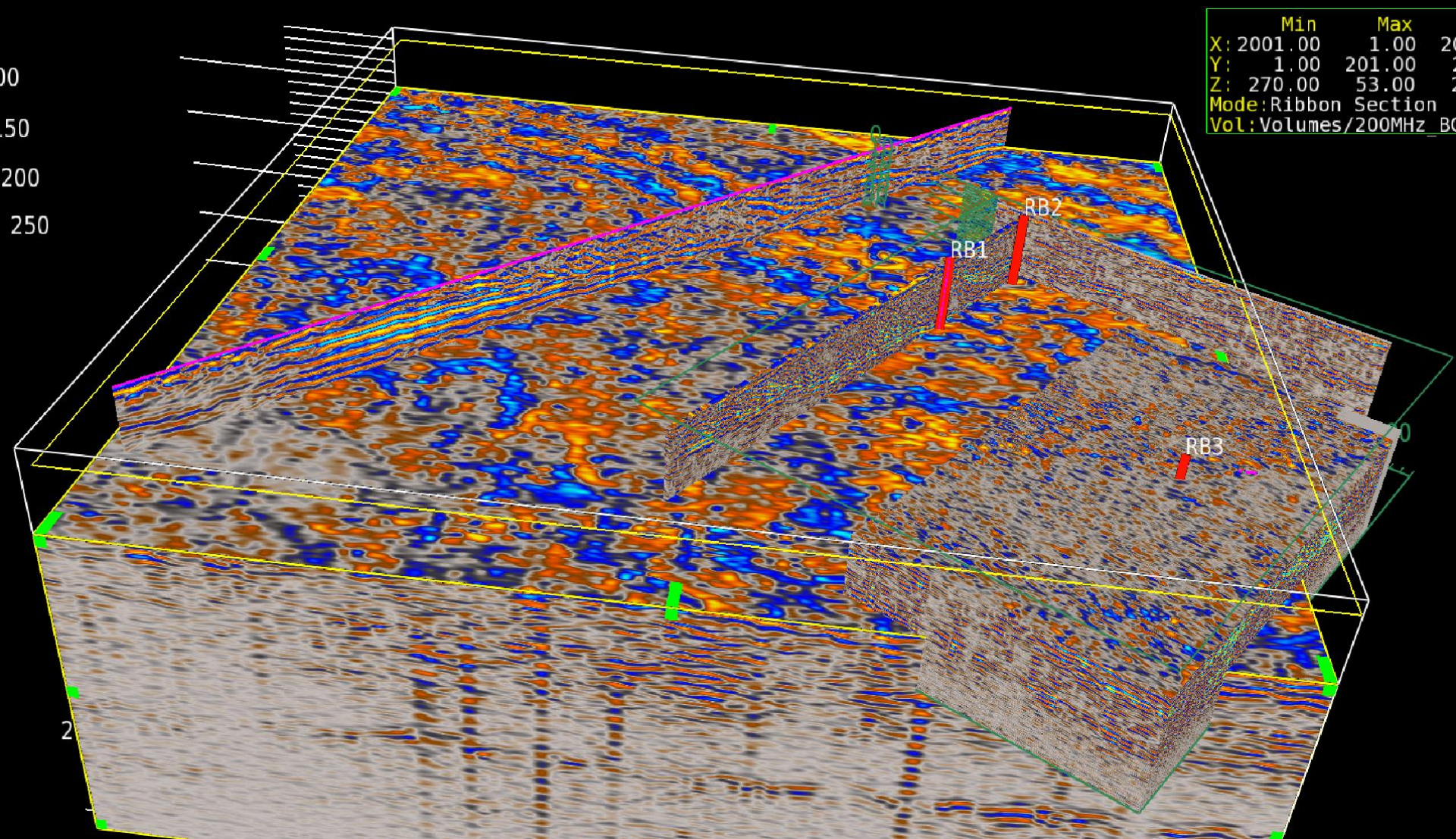
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3D 400 MHz Dataset

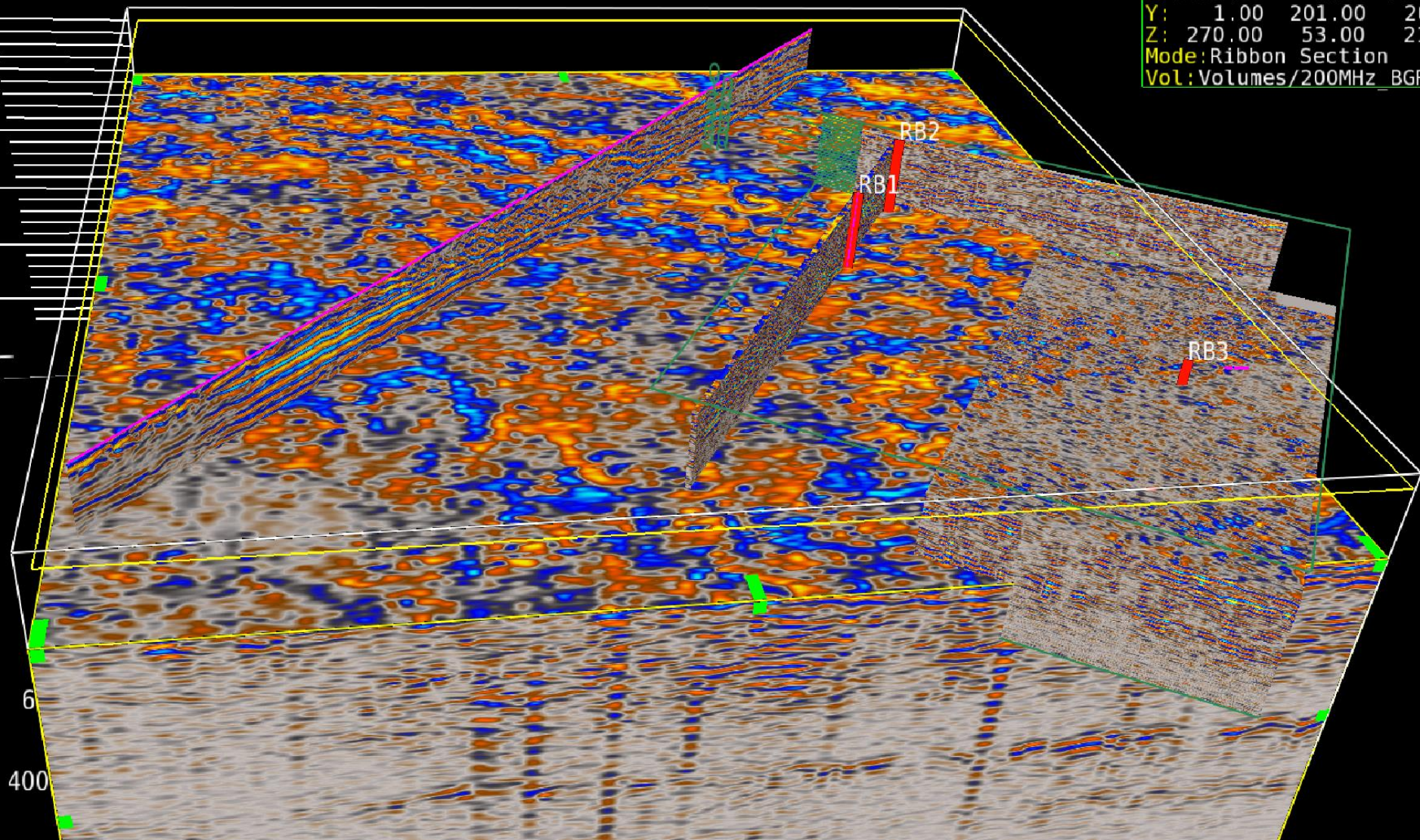




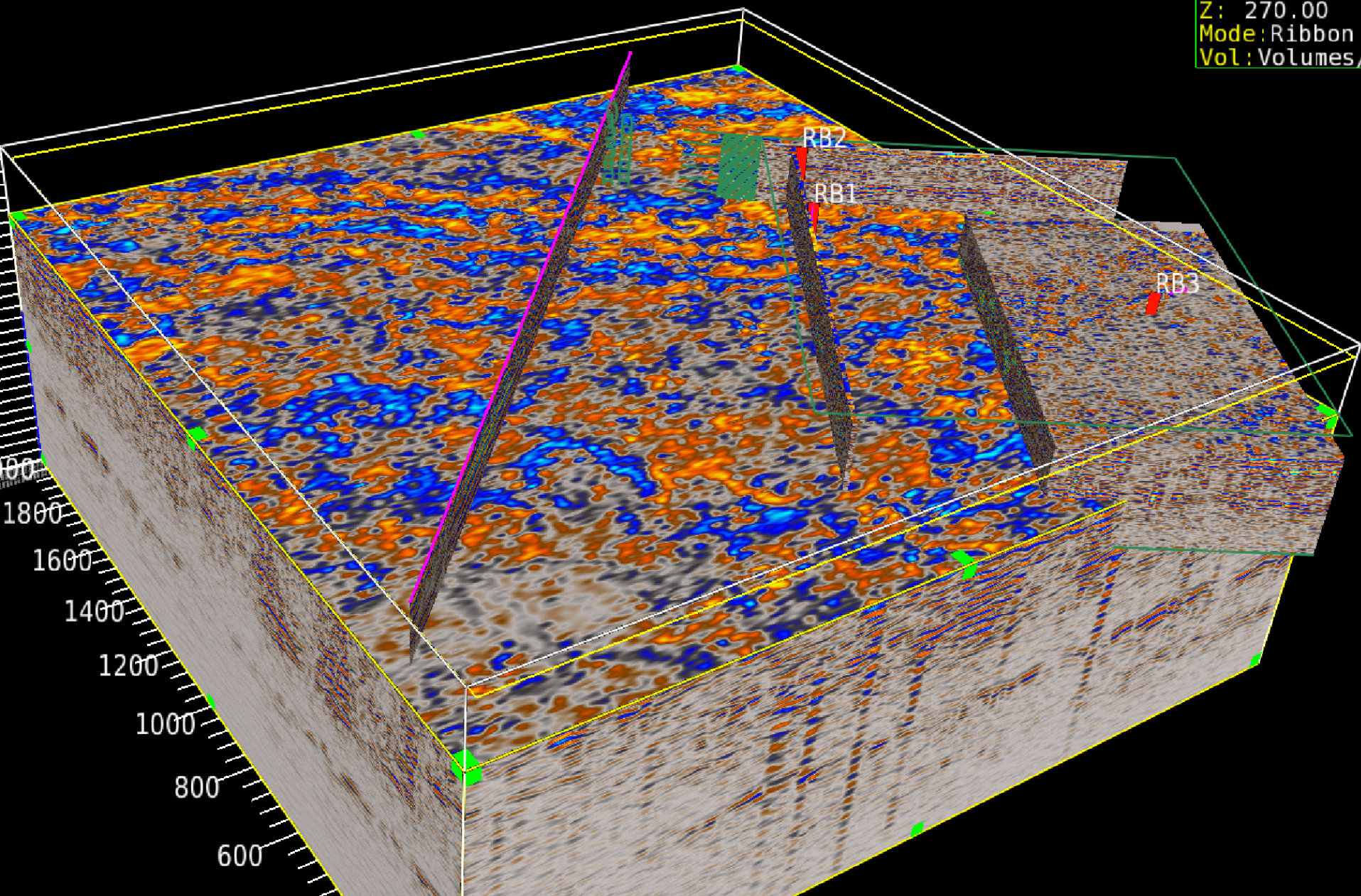




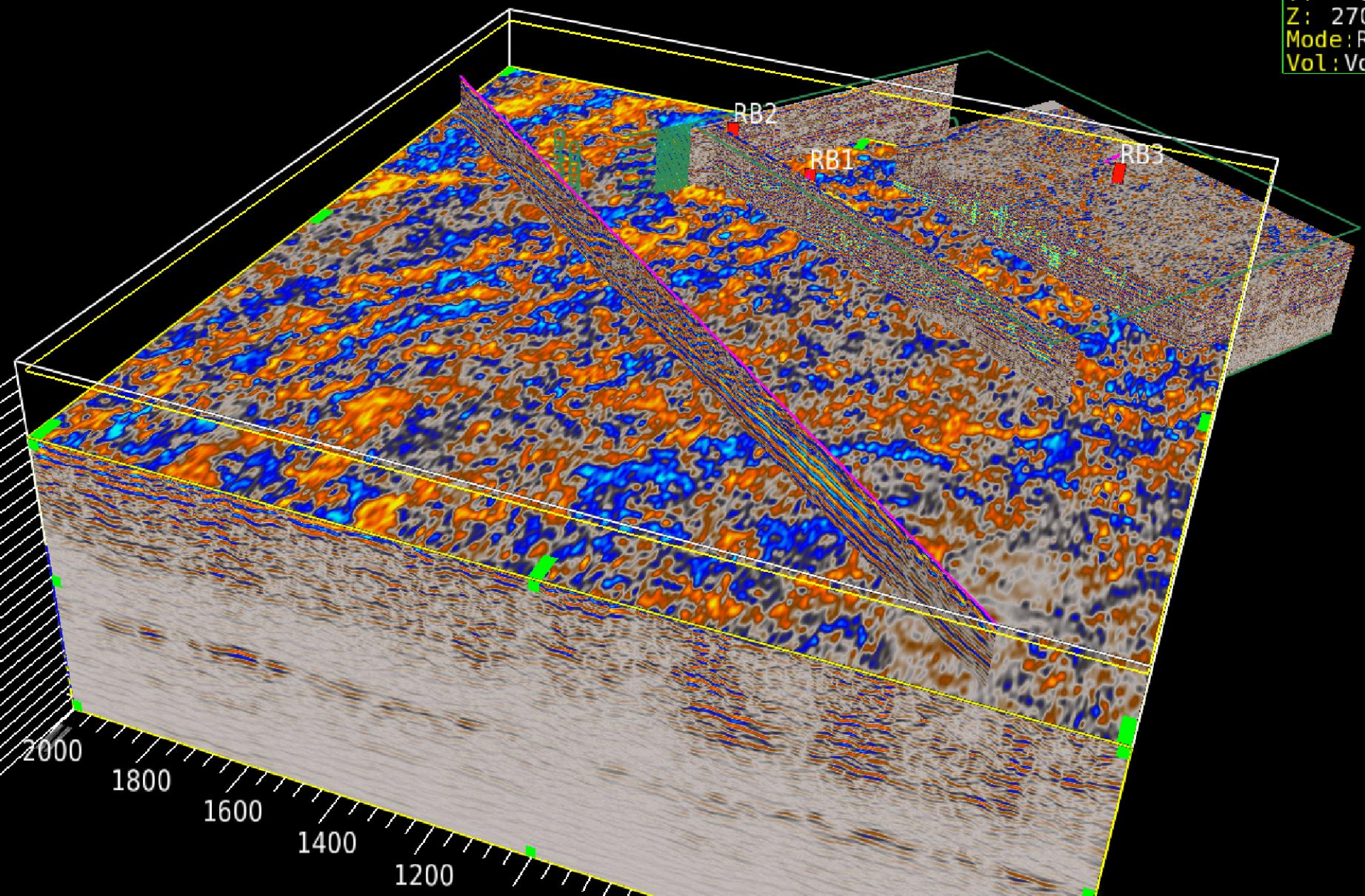
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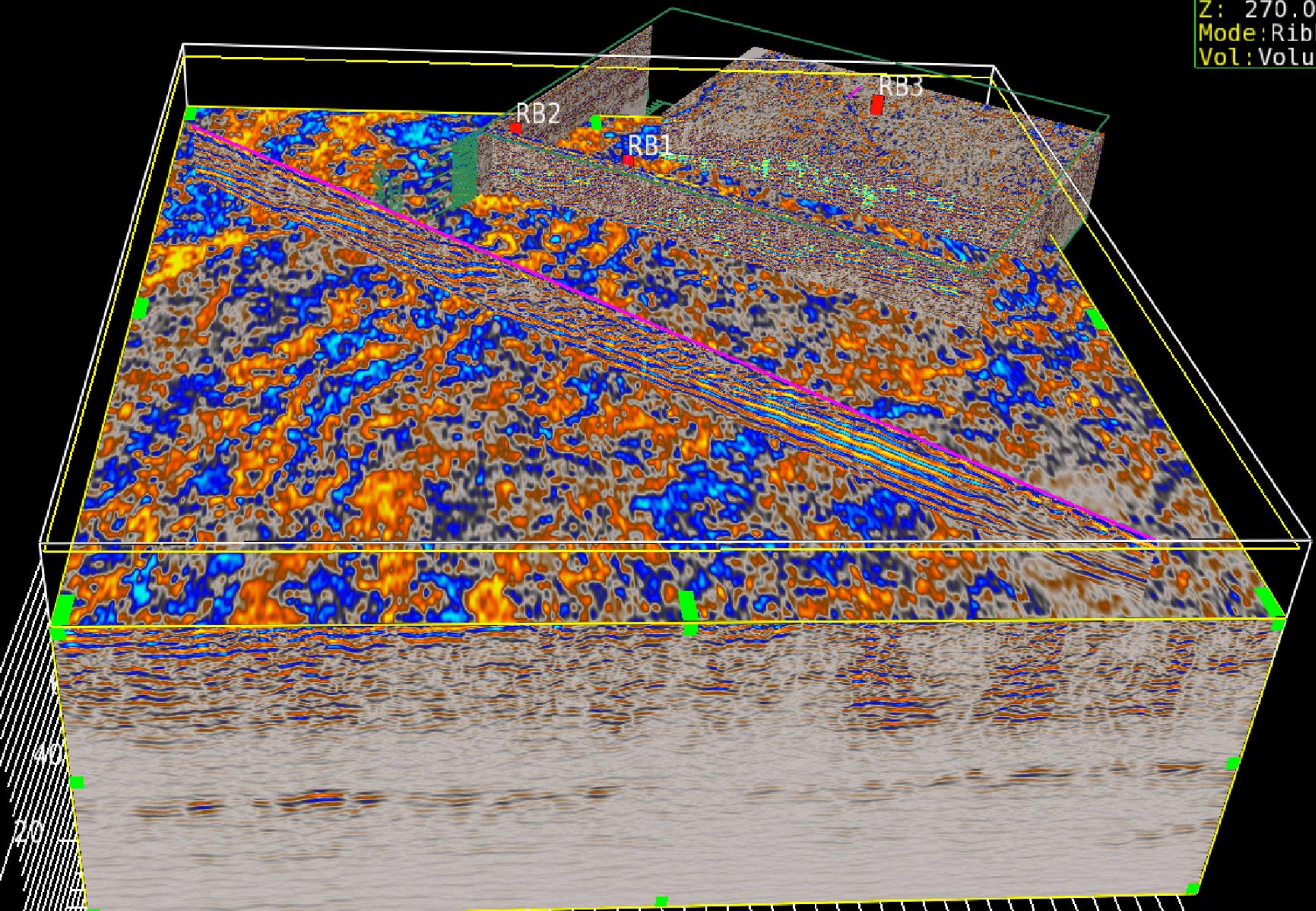


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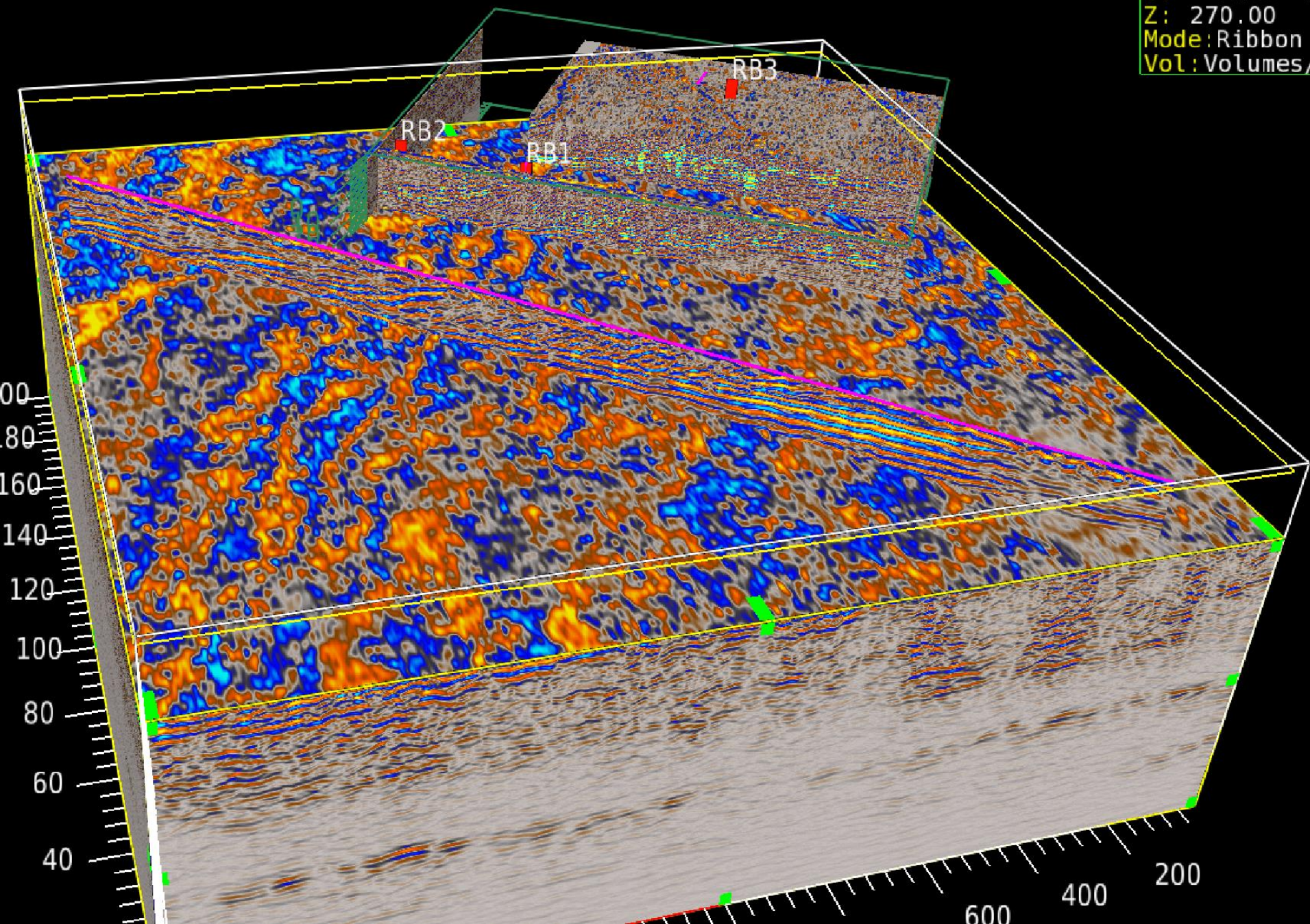


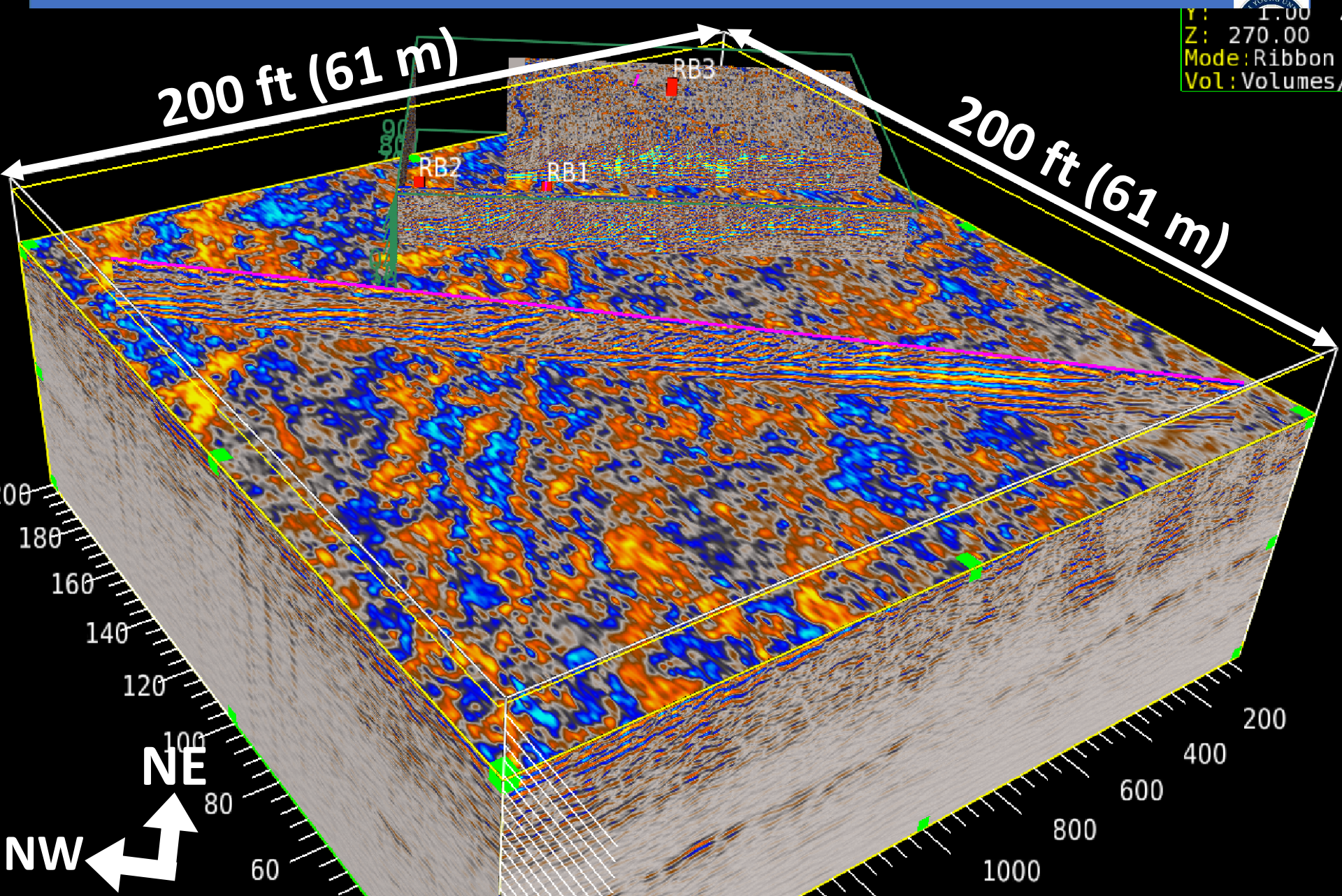


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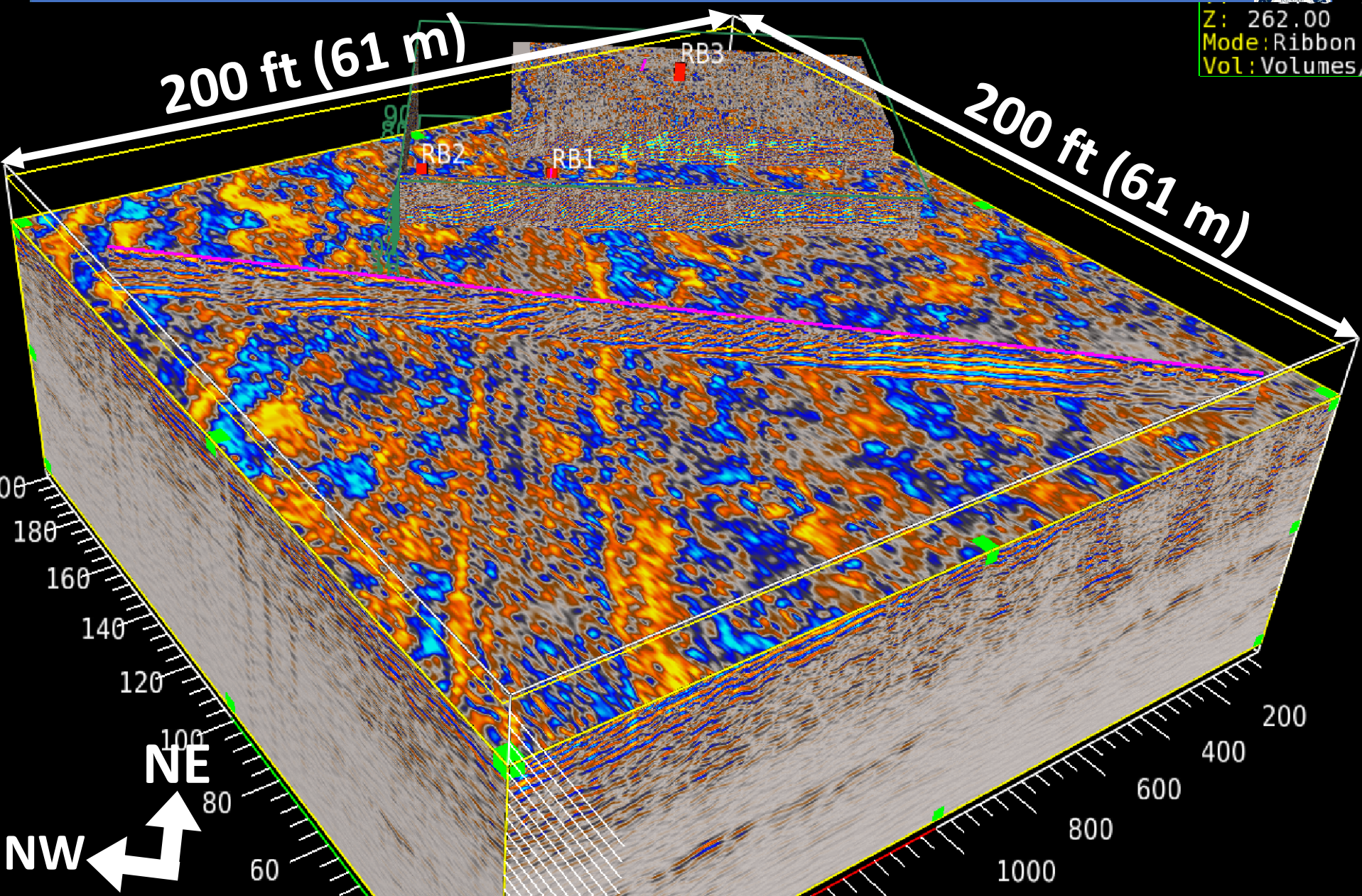


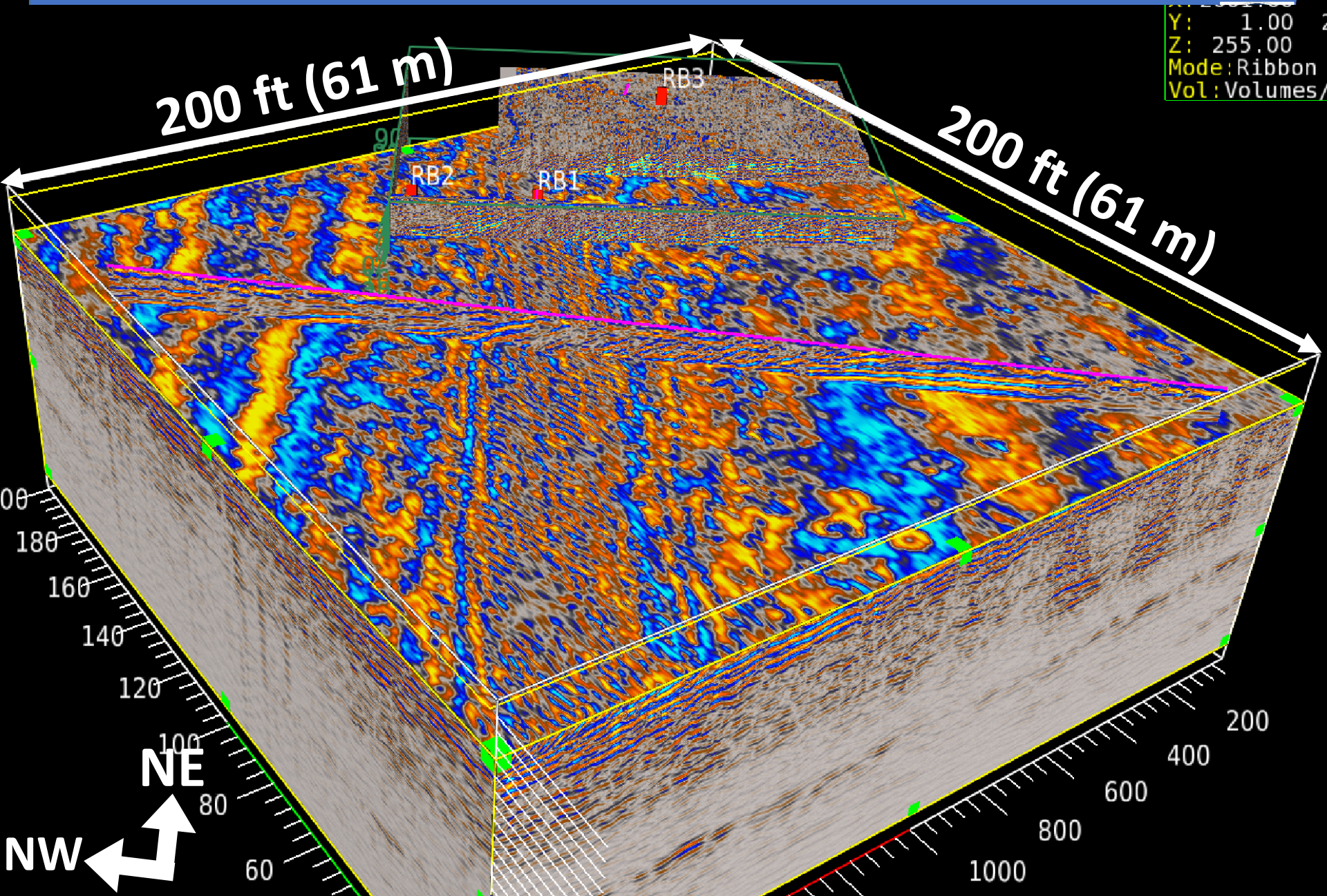
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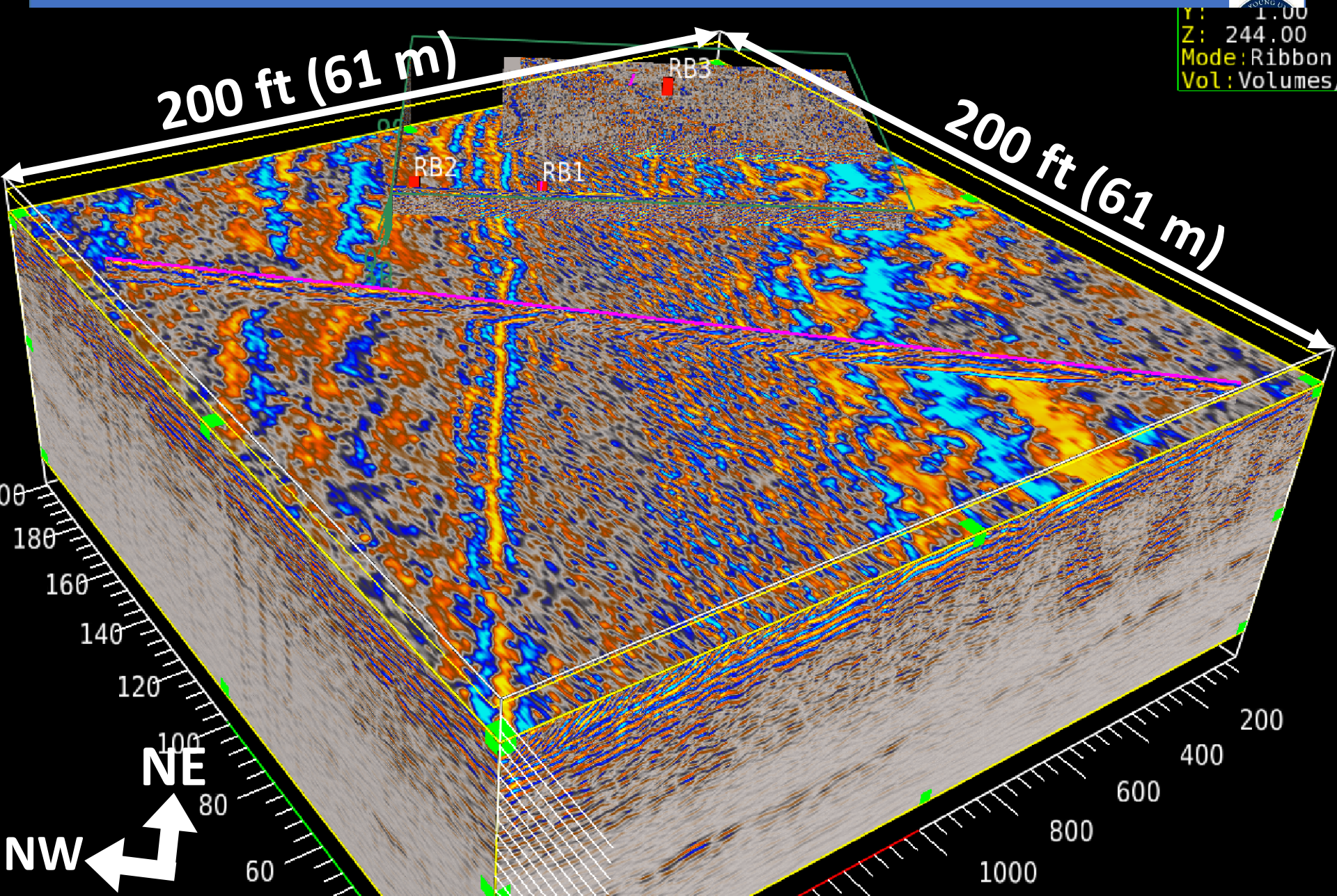


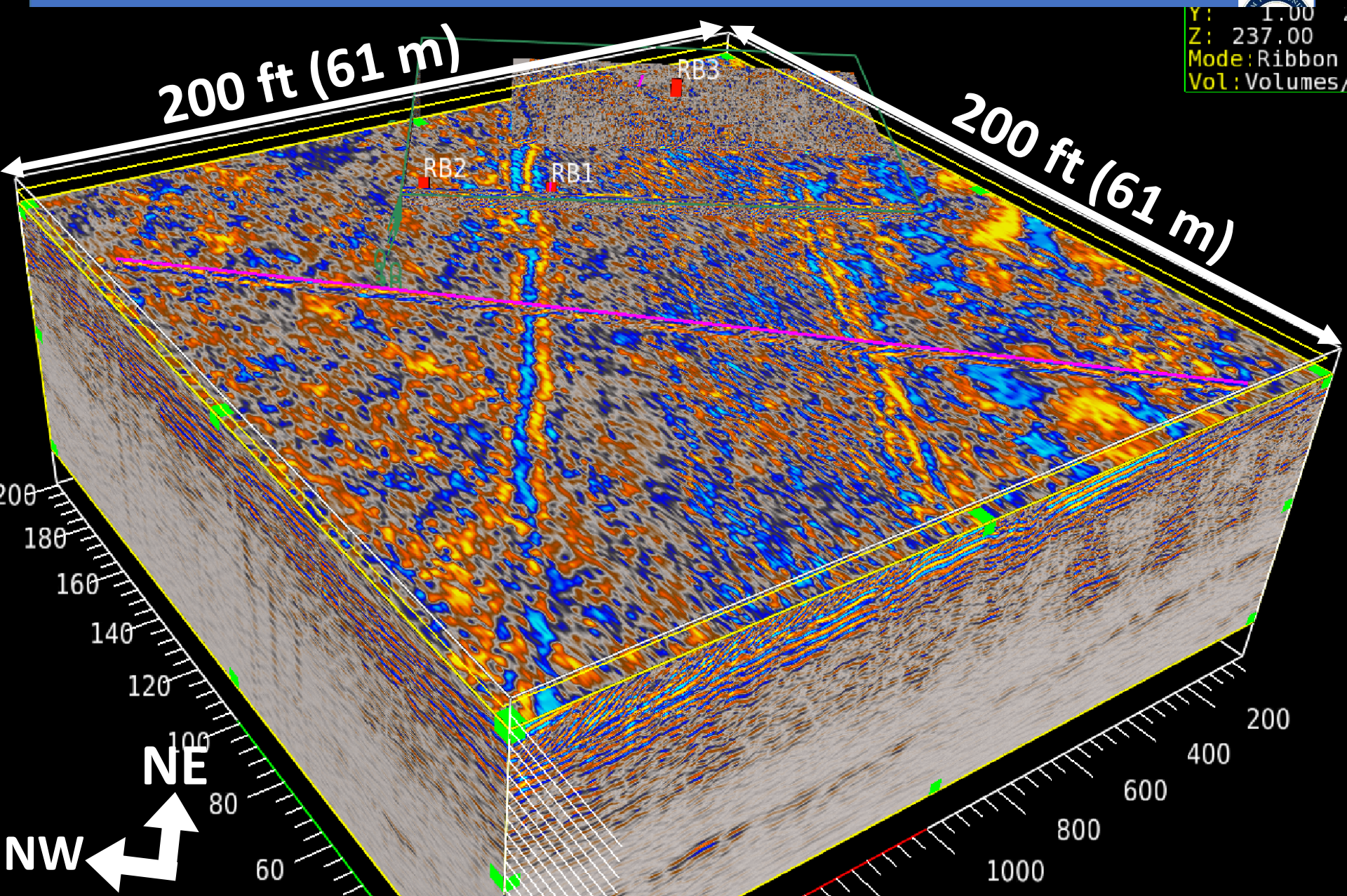


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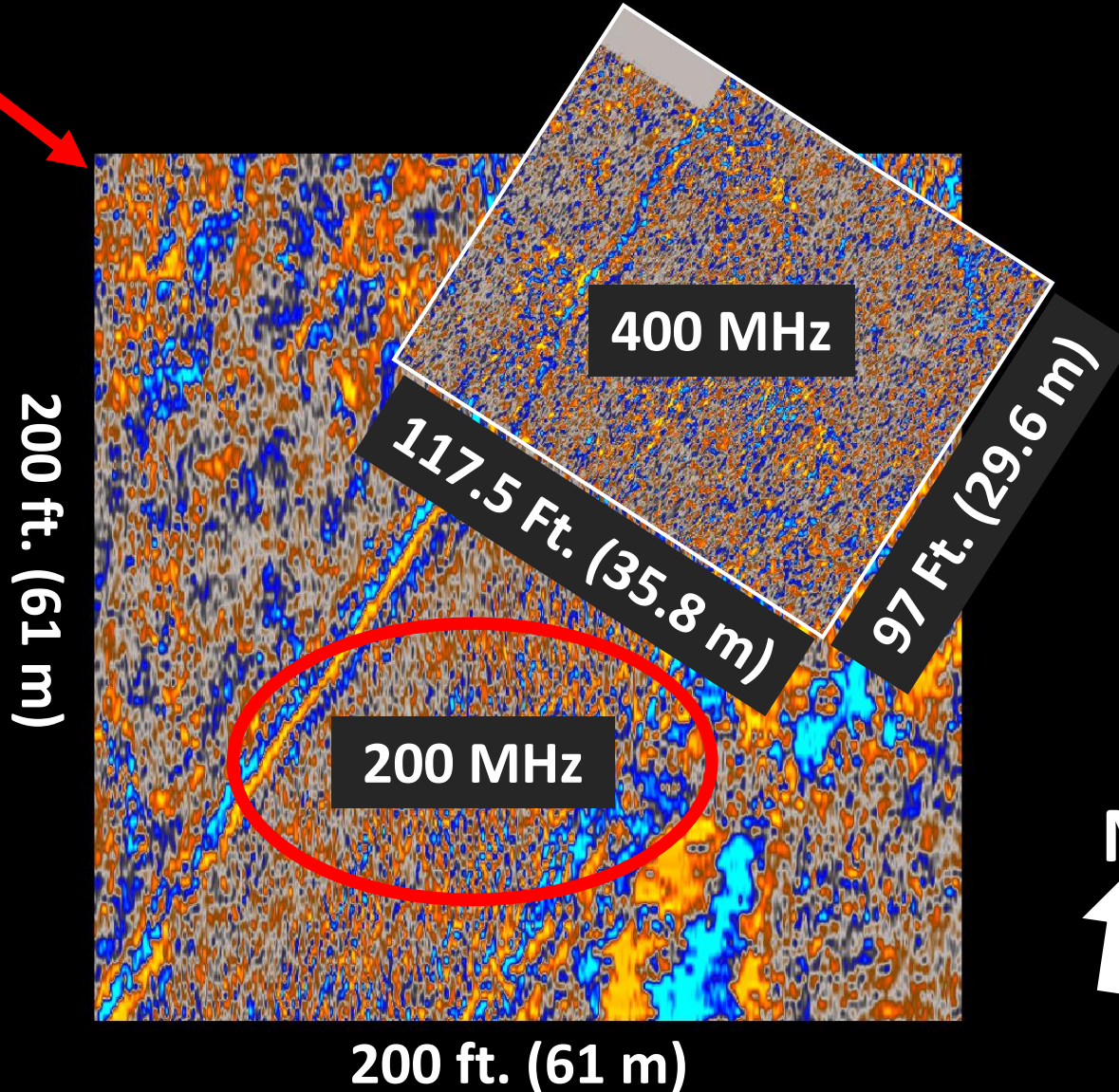




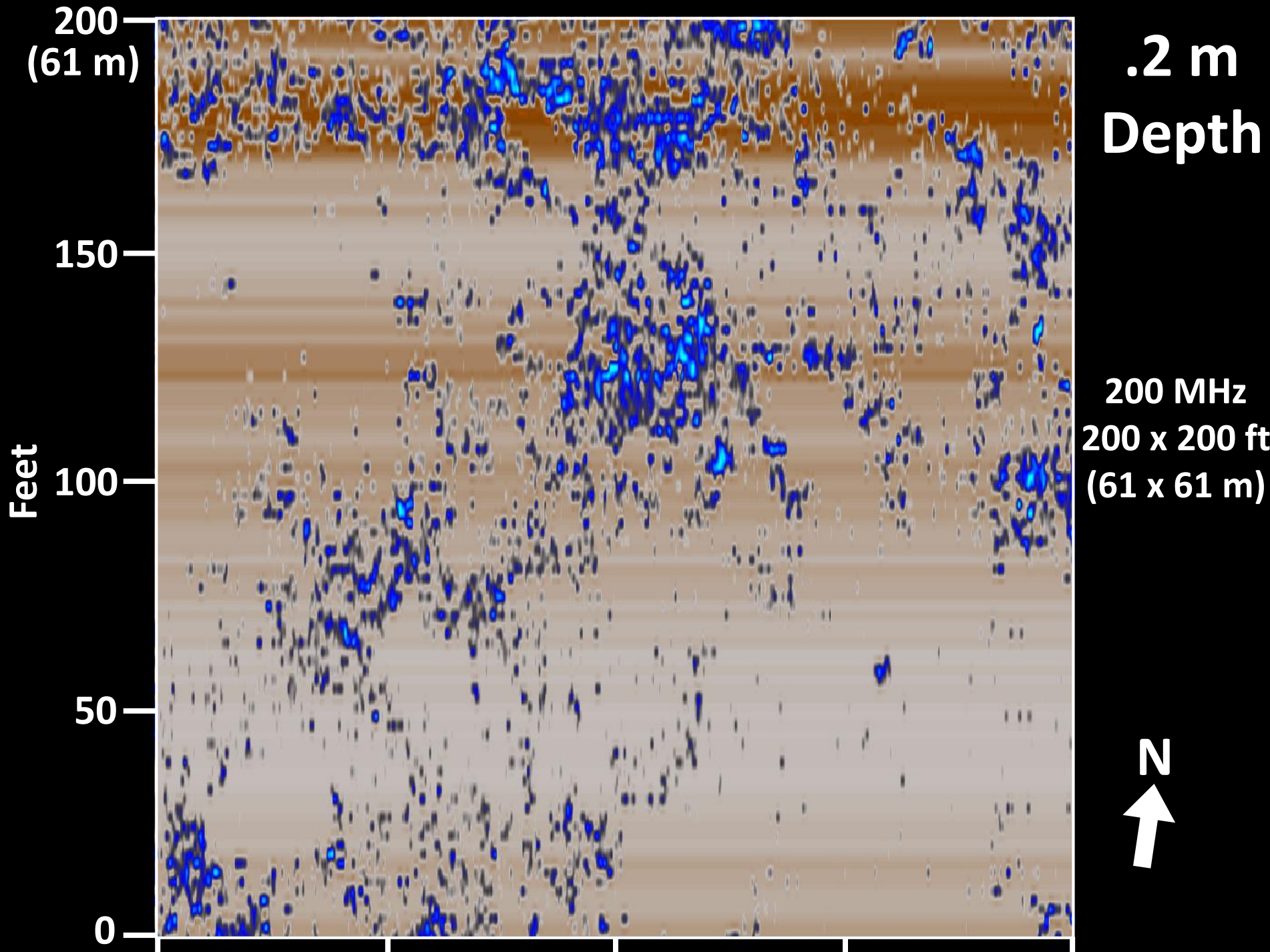


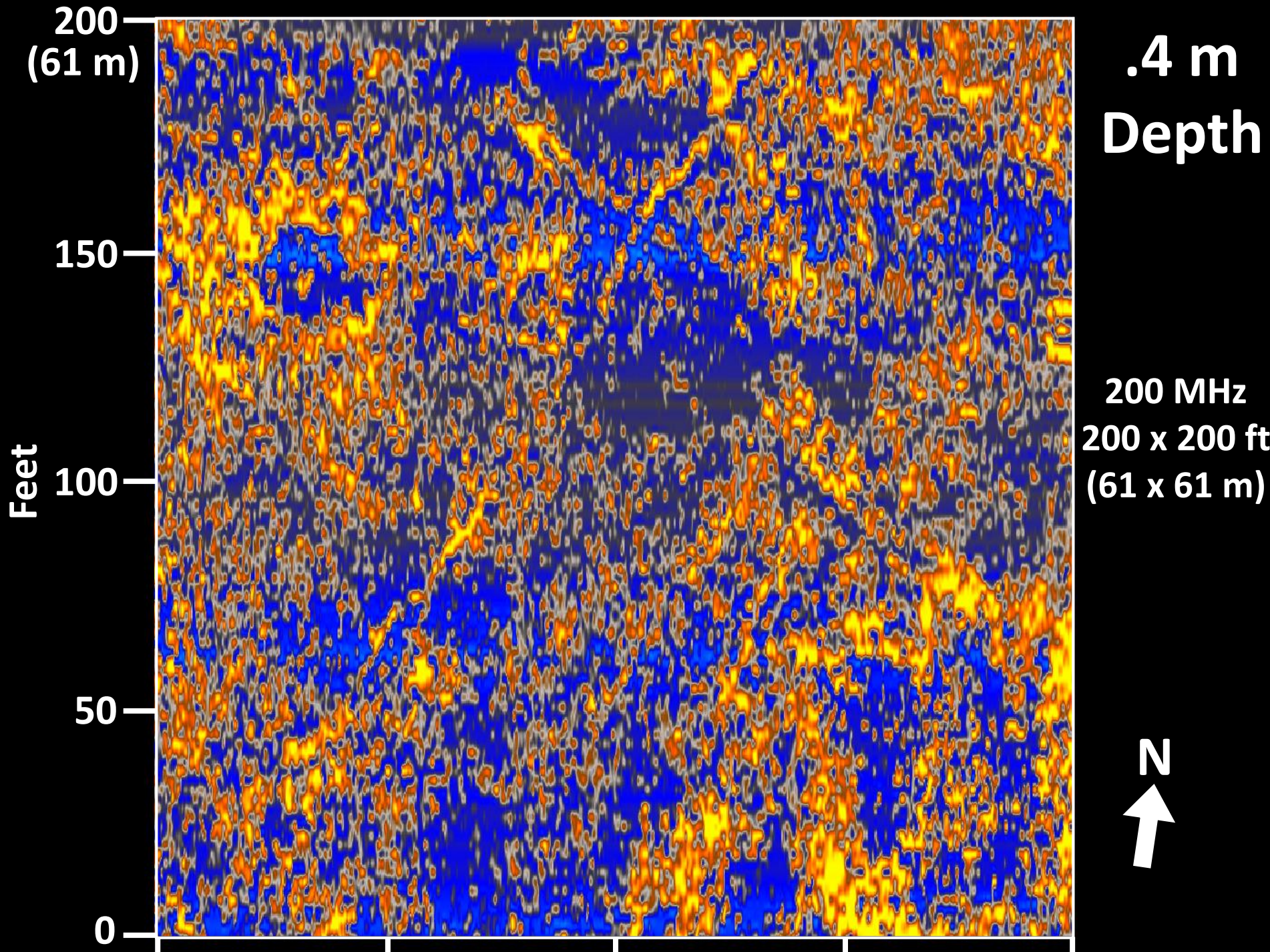


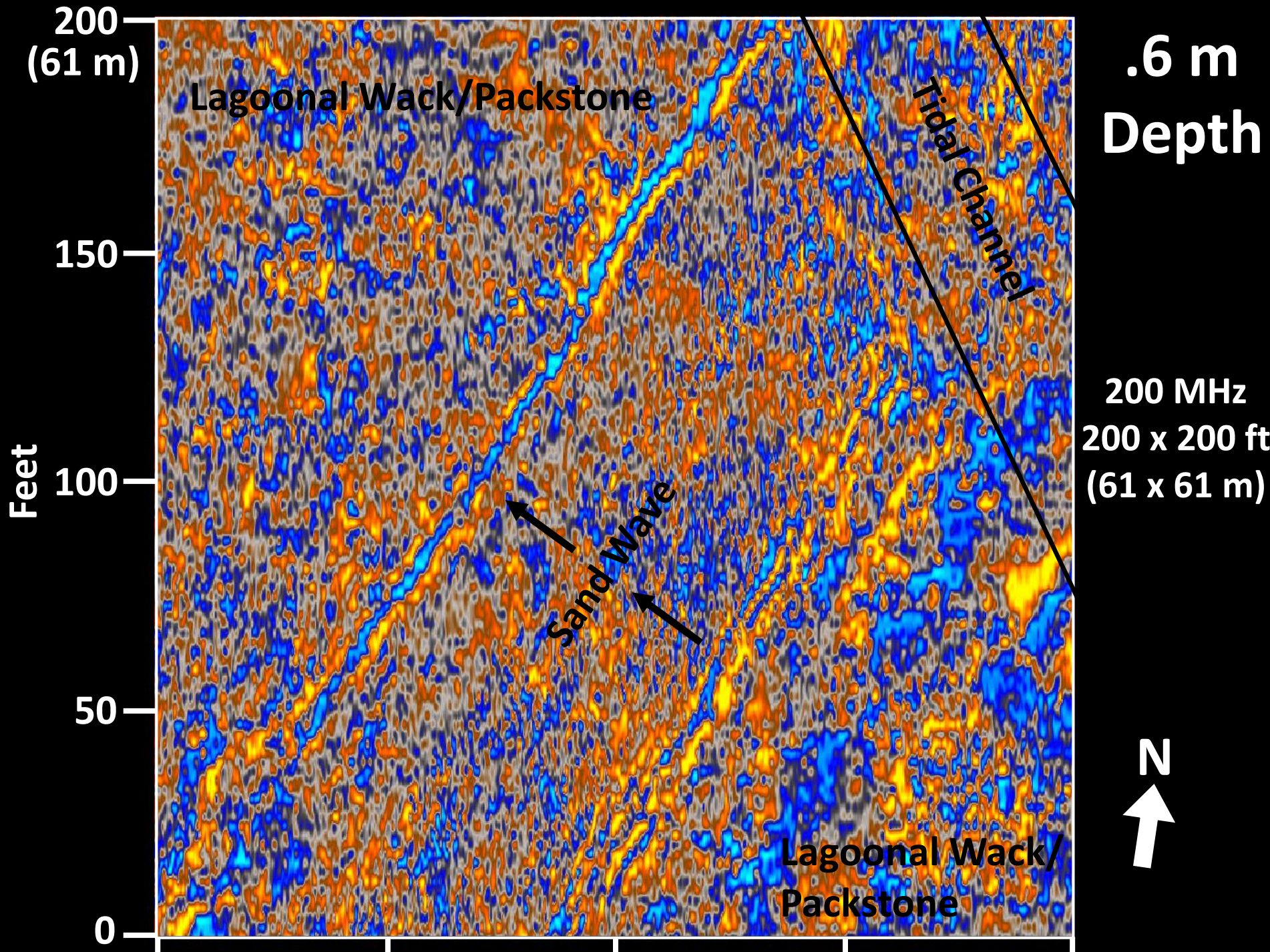
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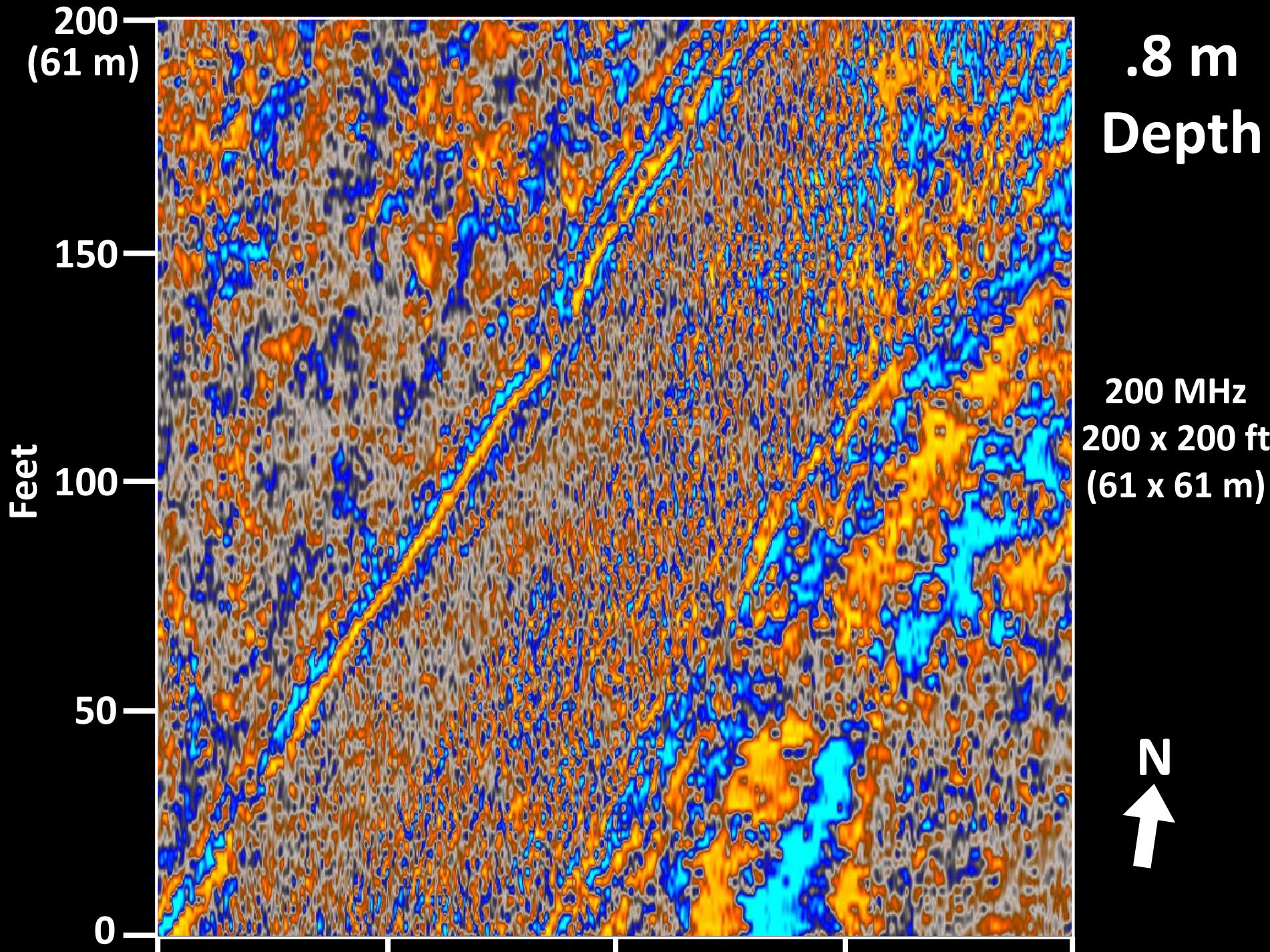


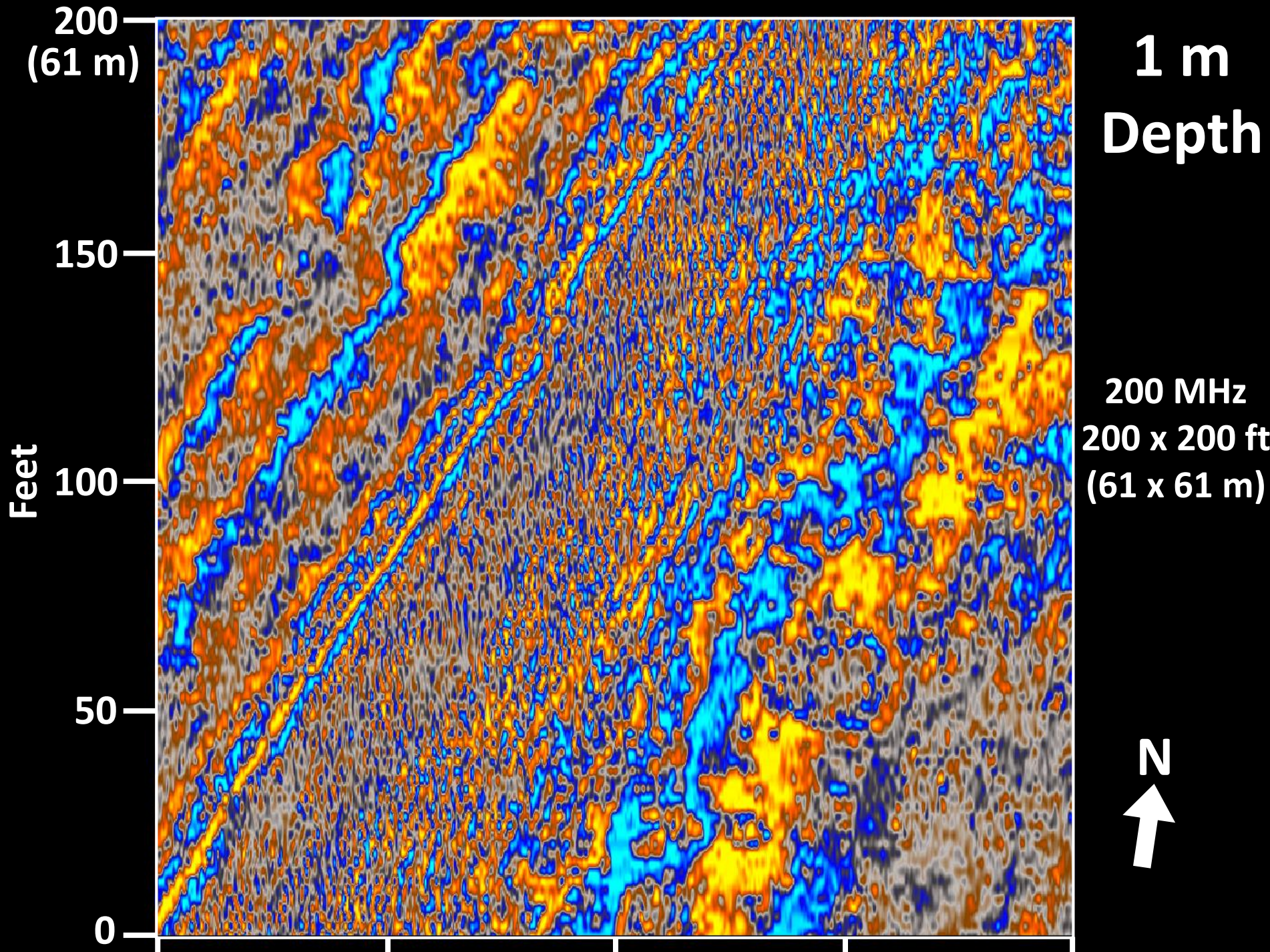


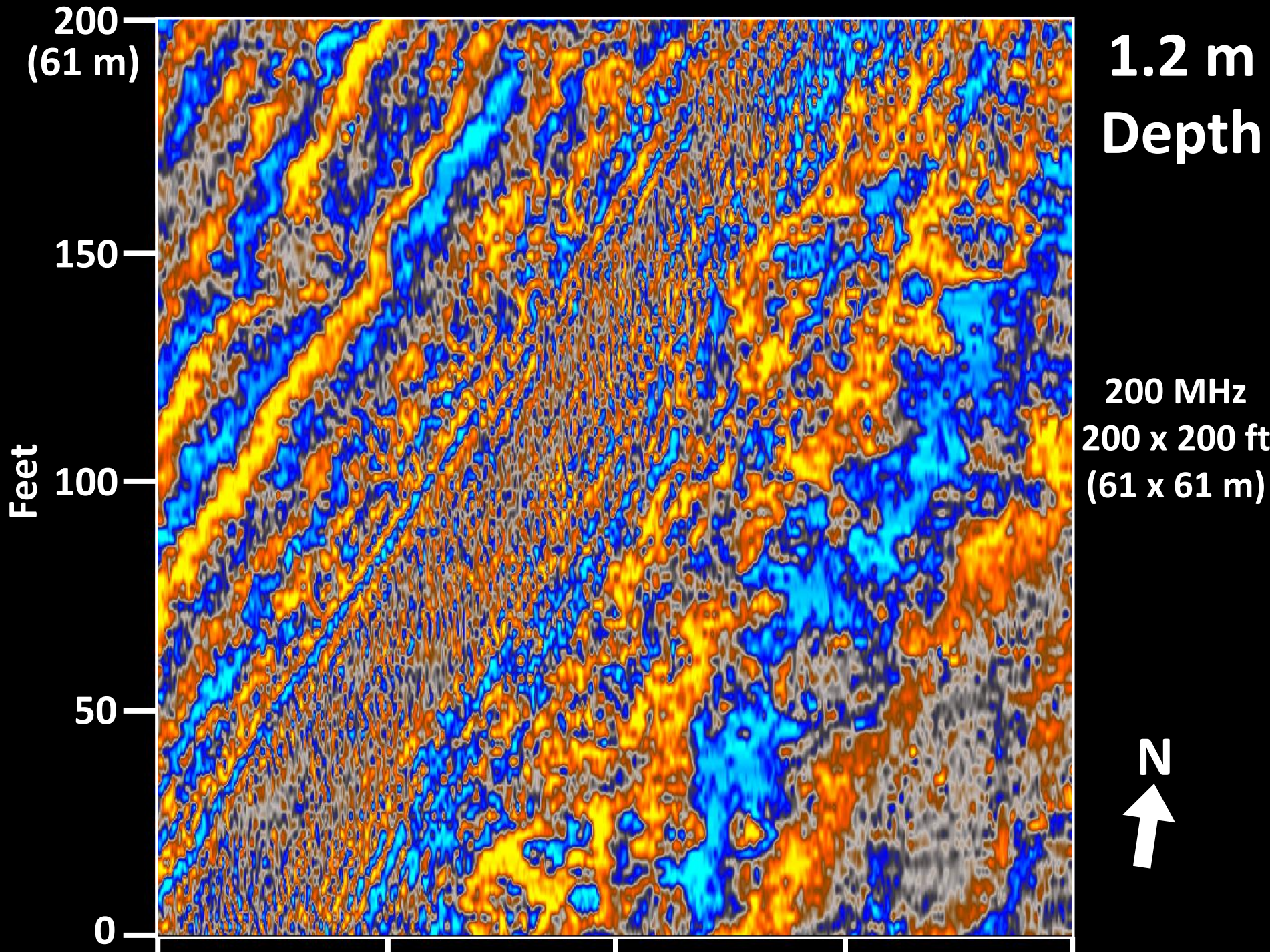


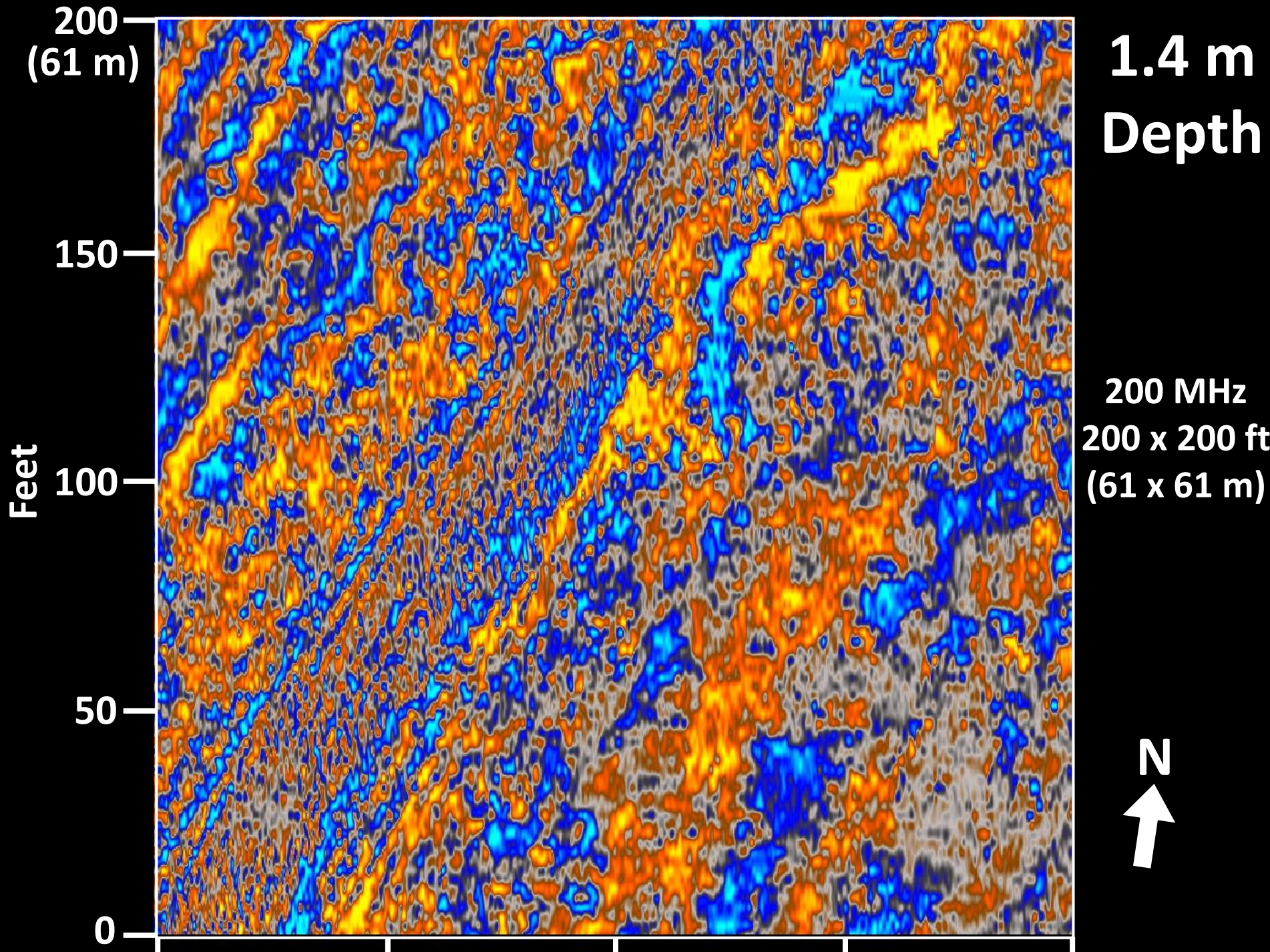


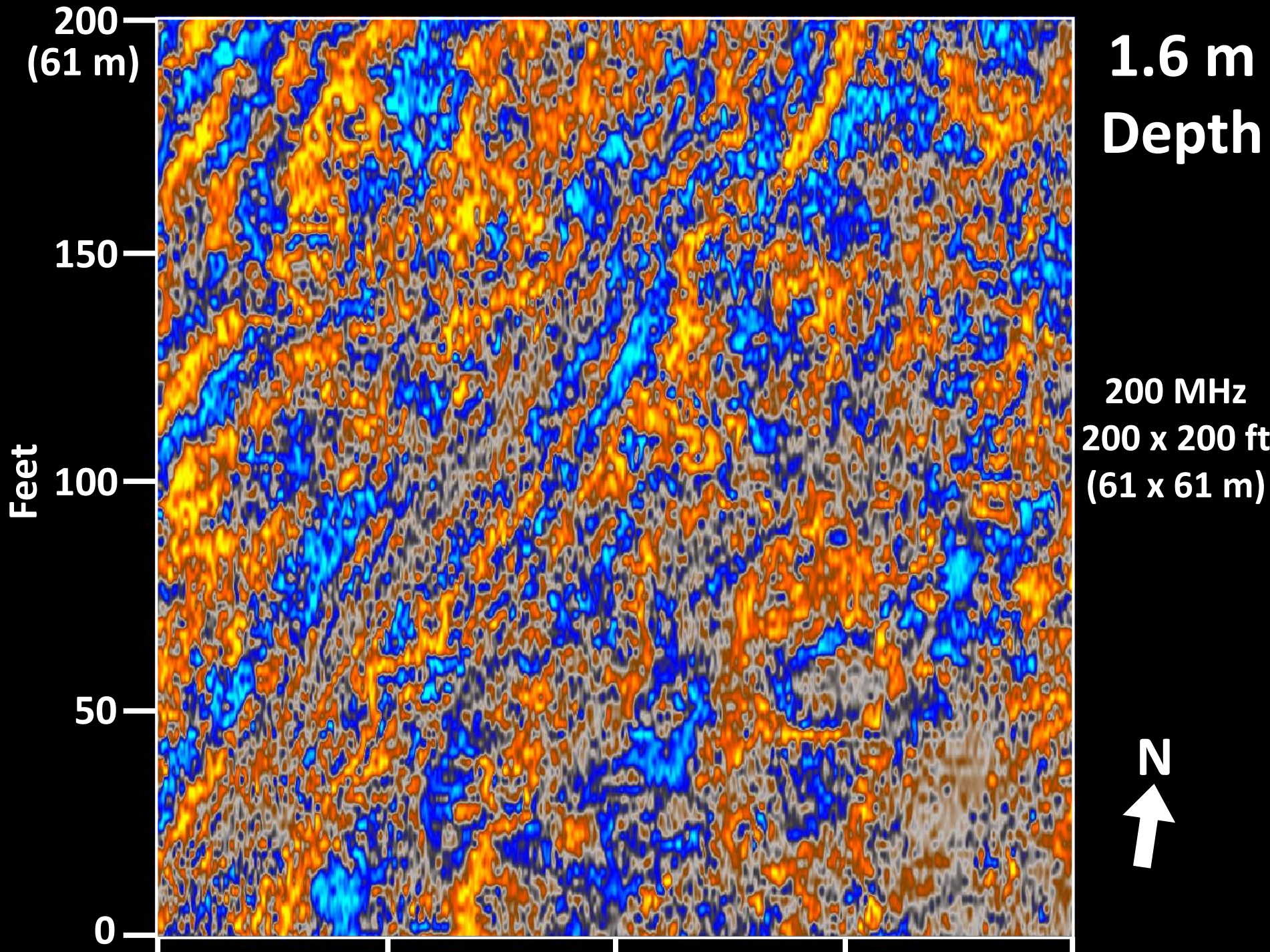


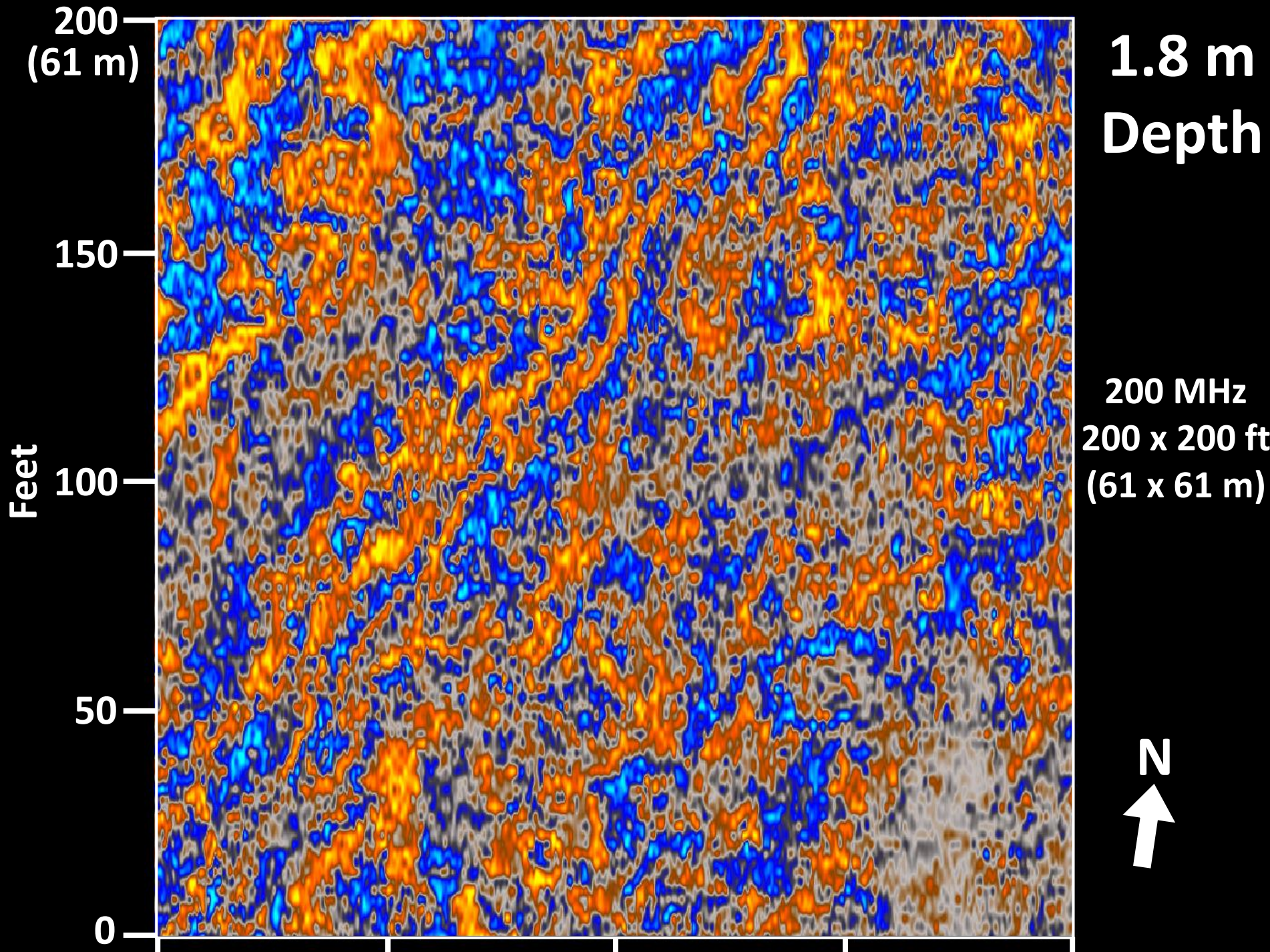


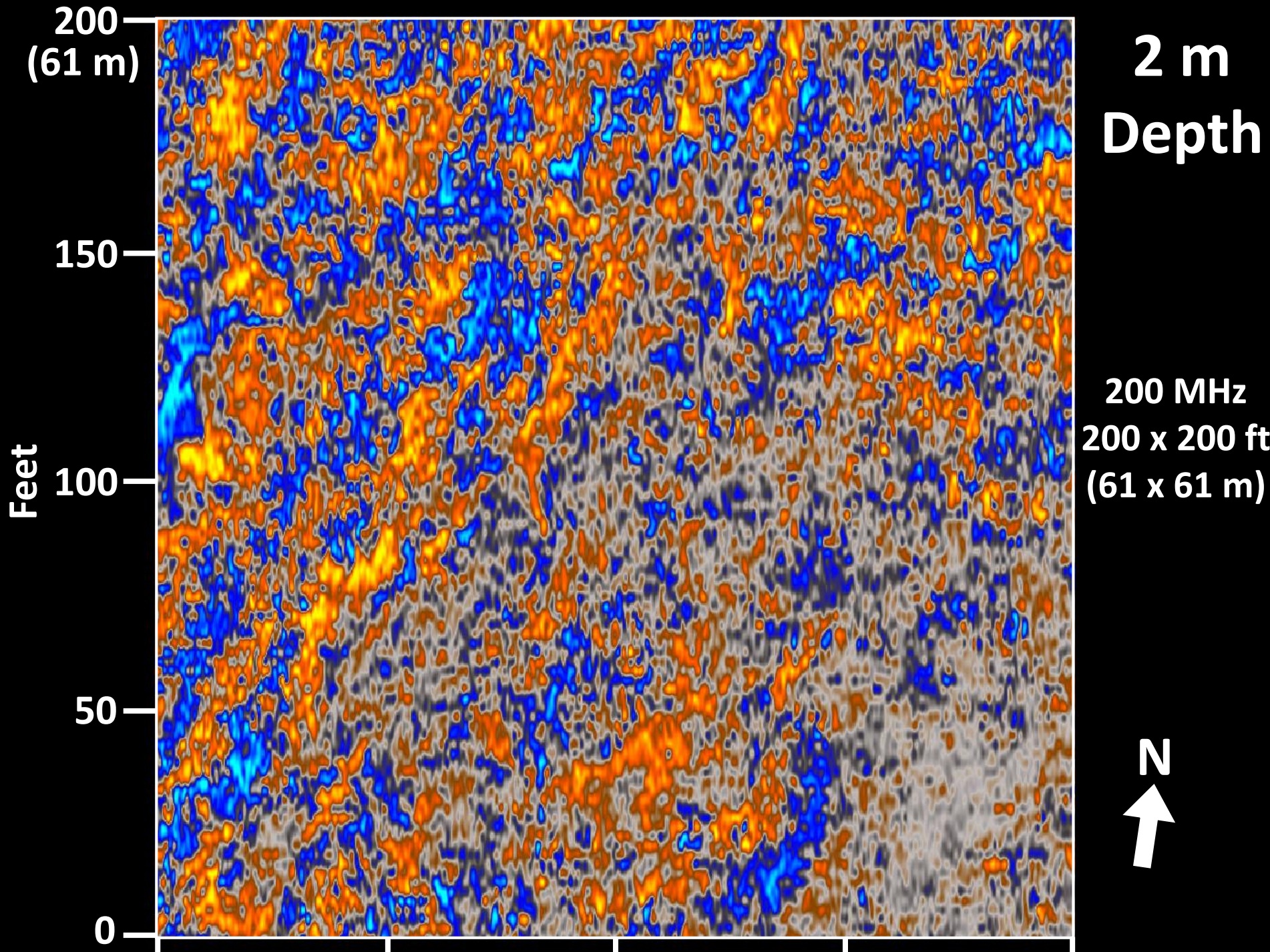


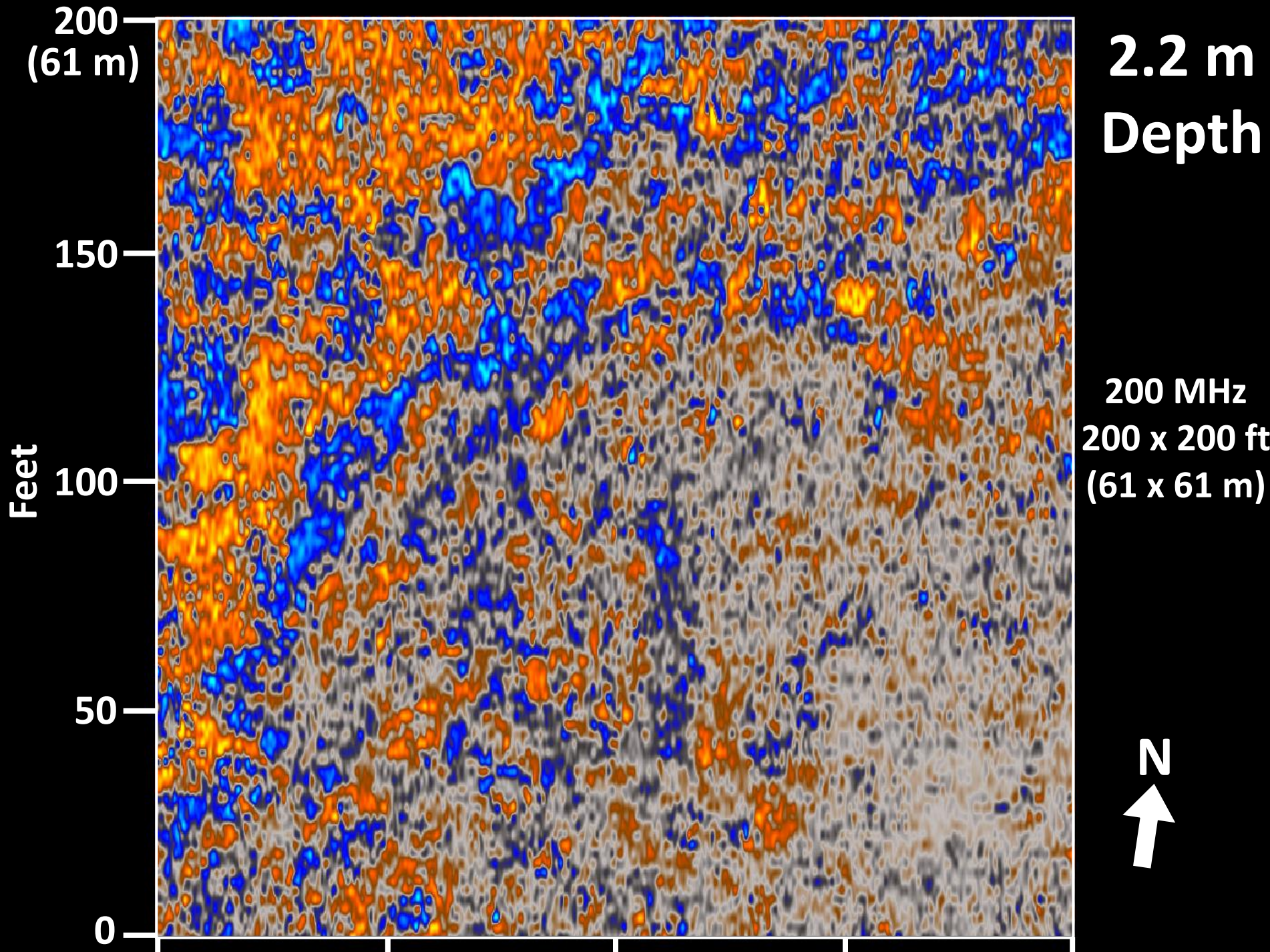


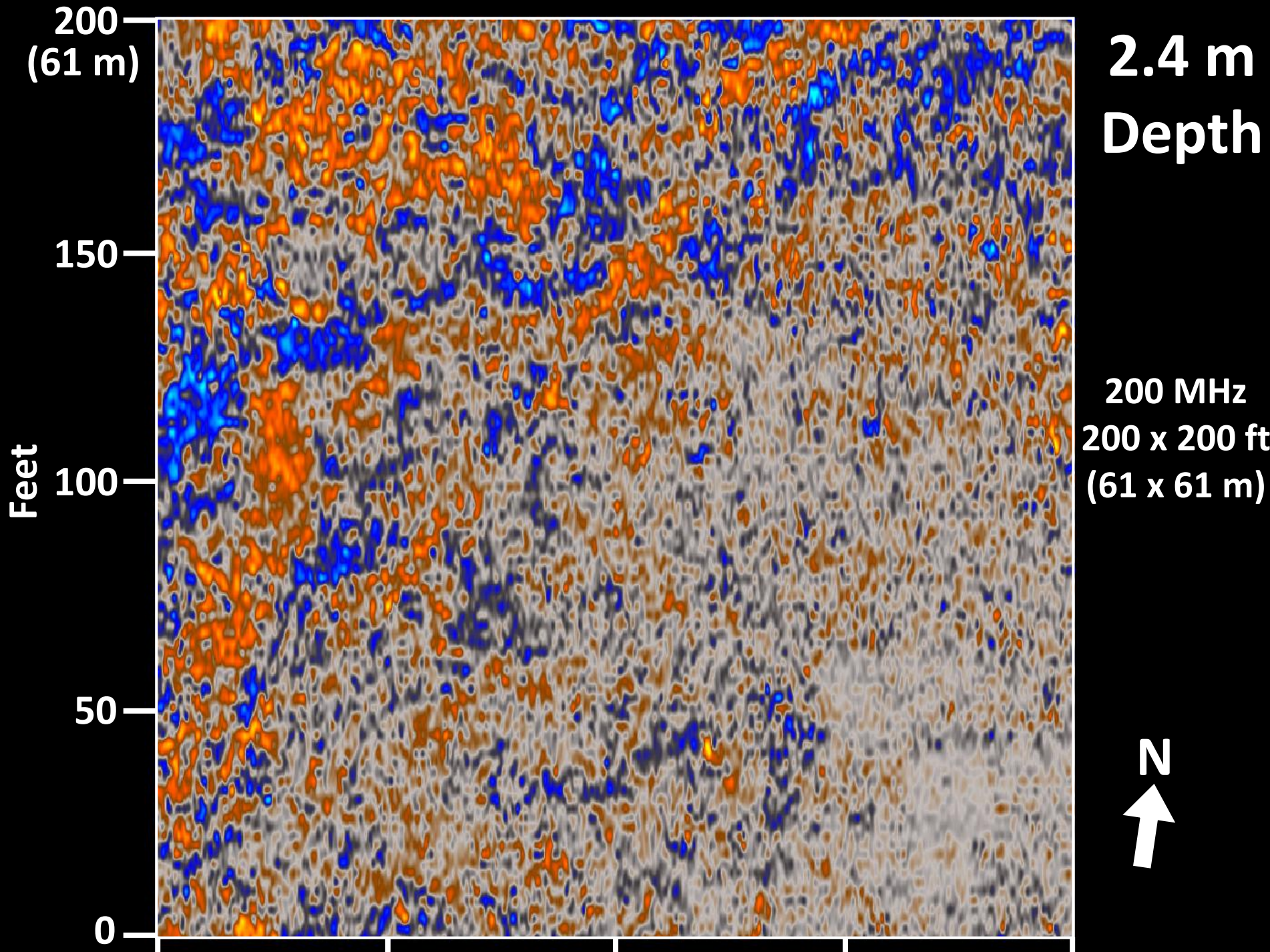


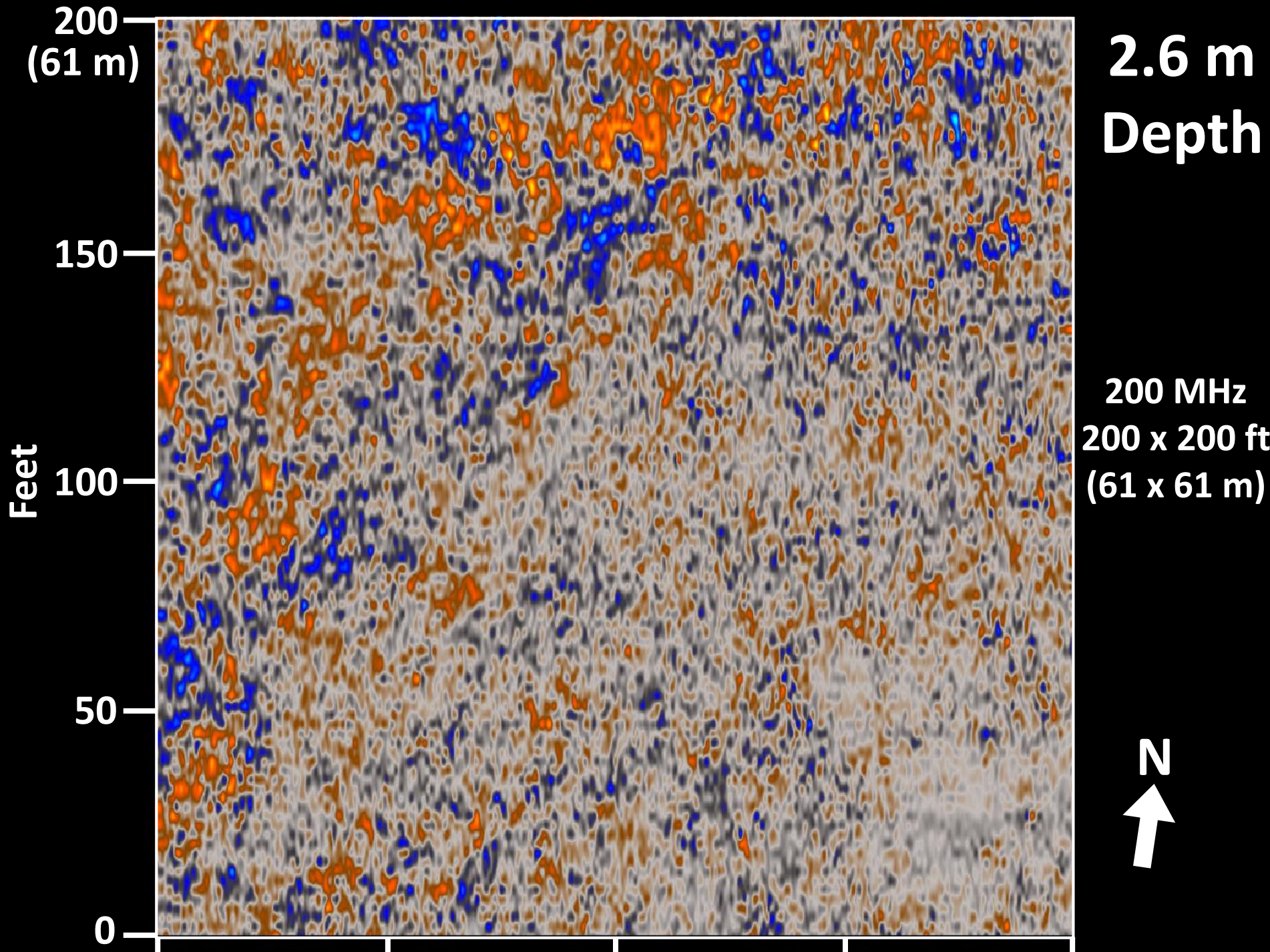


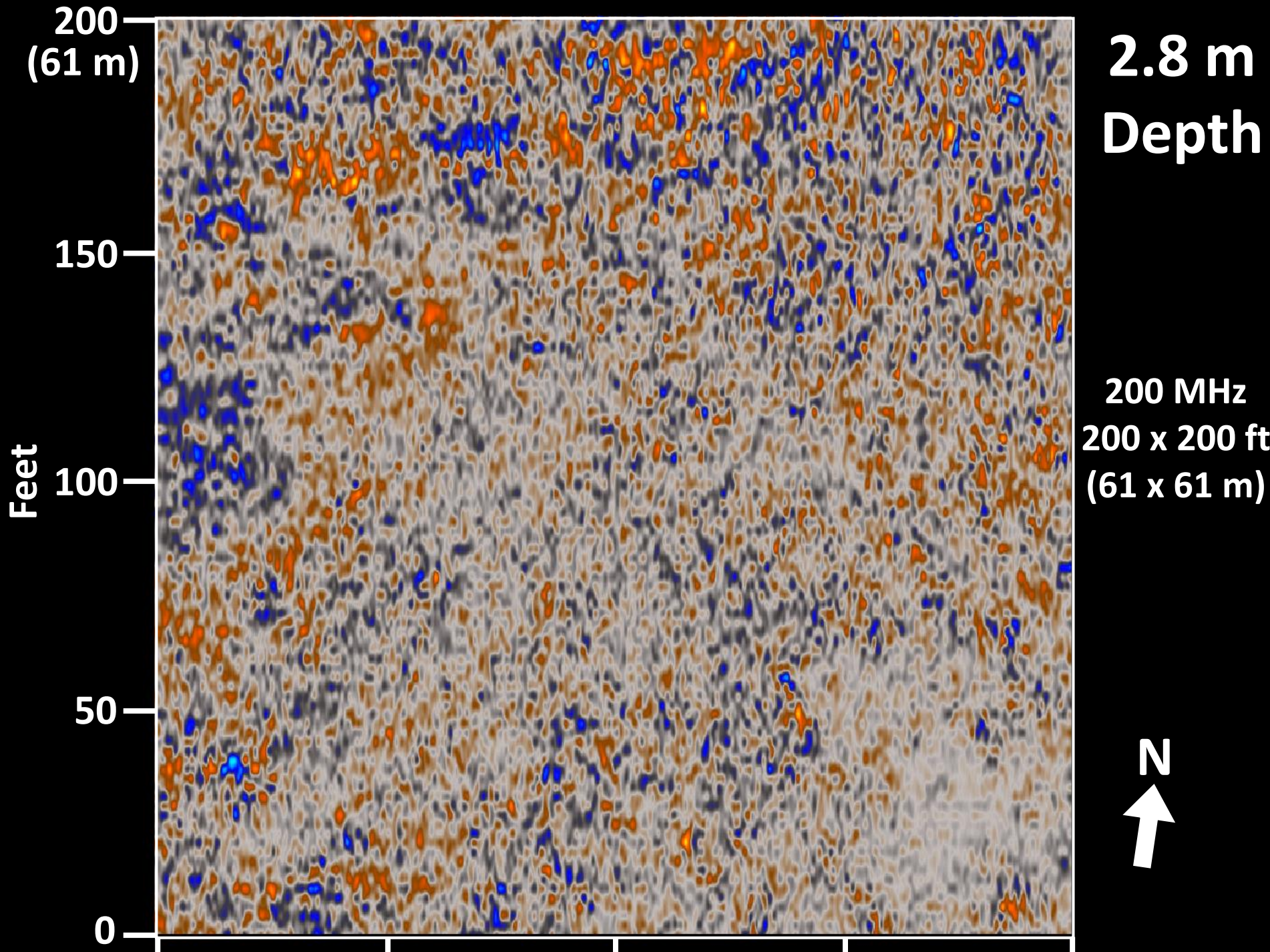


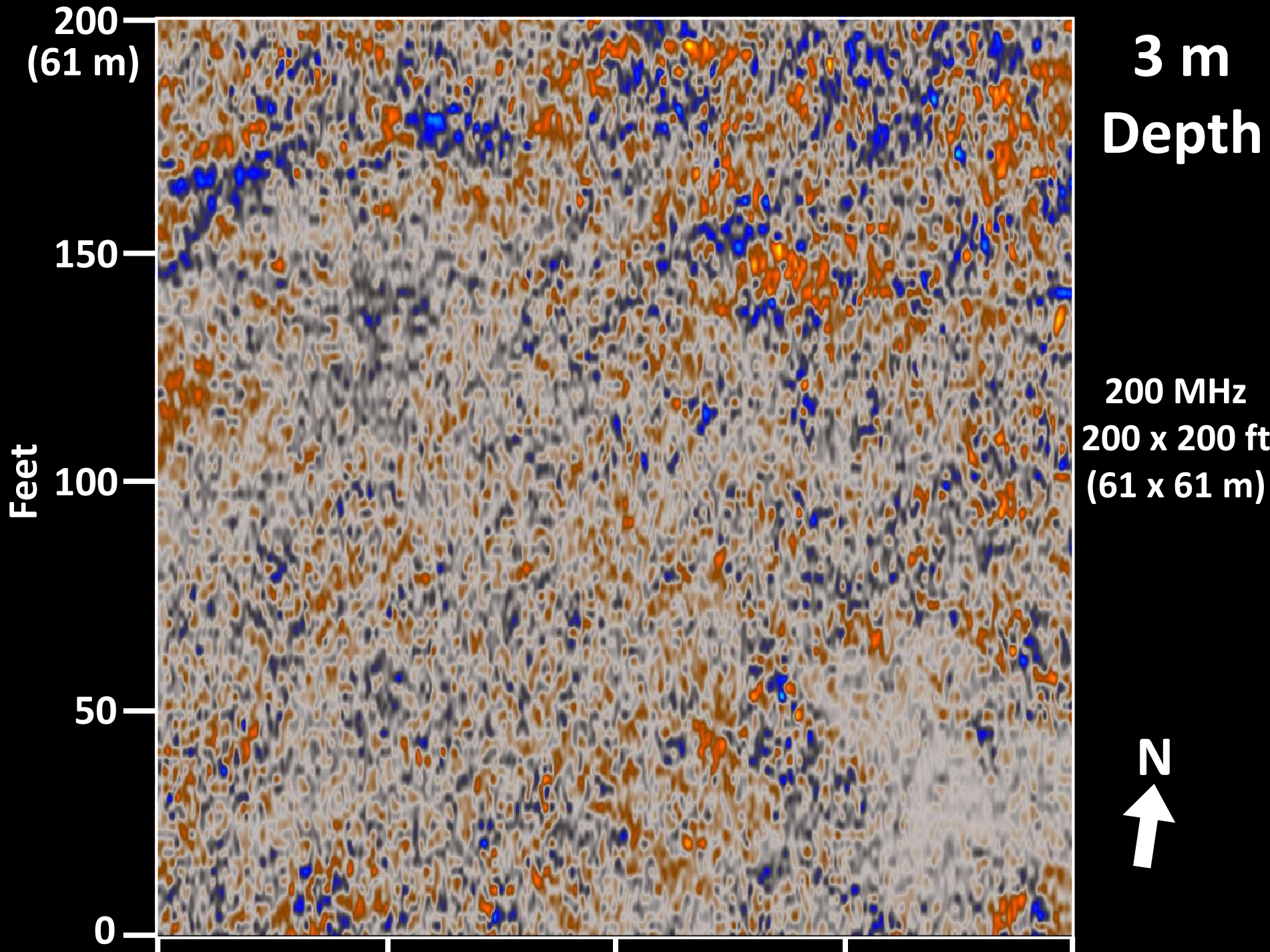


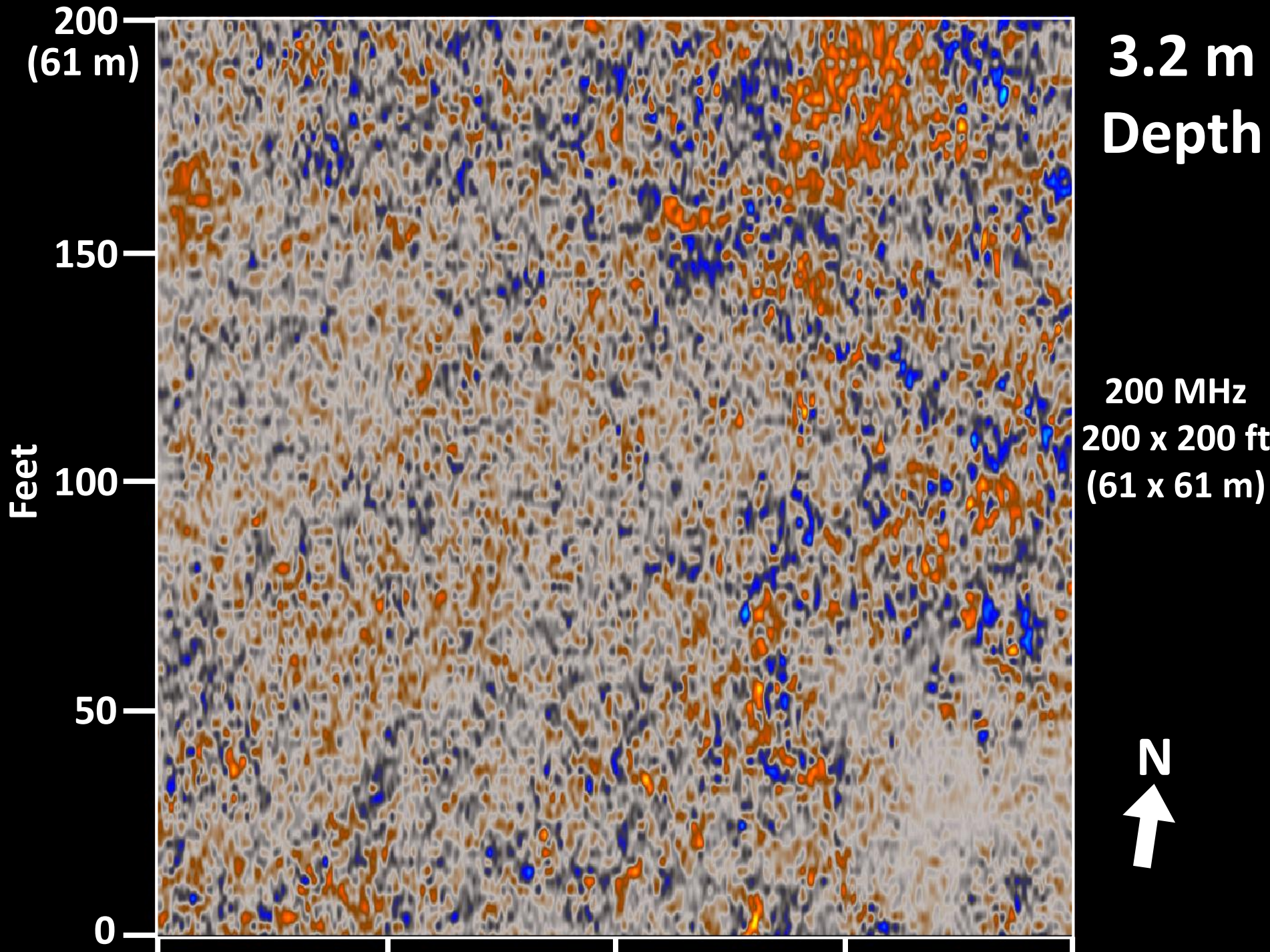


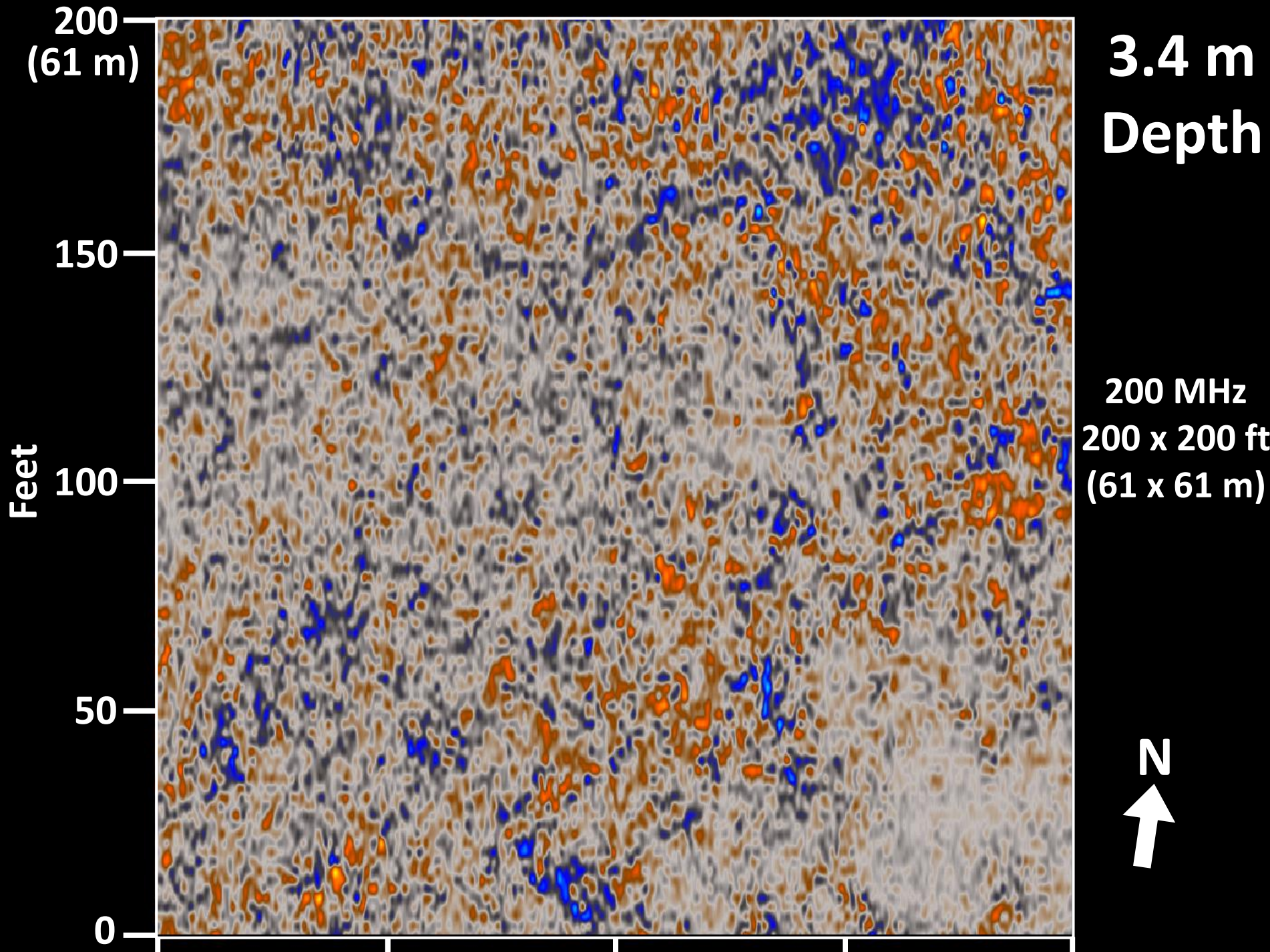


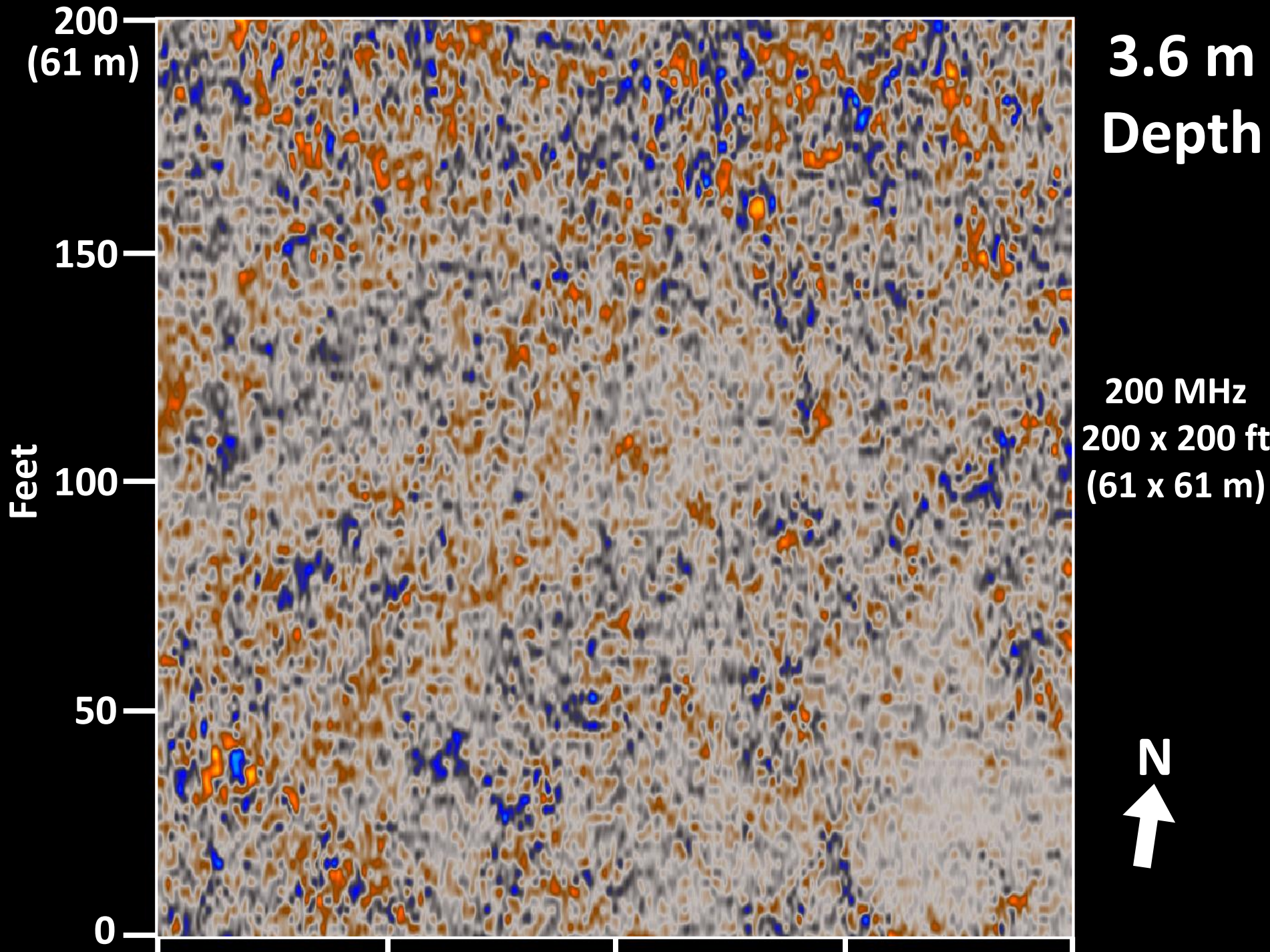


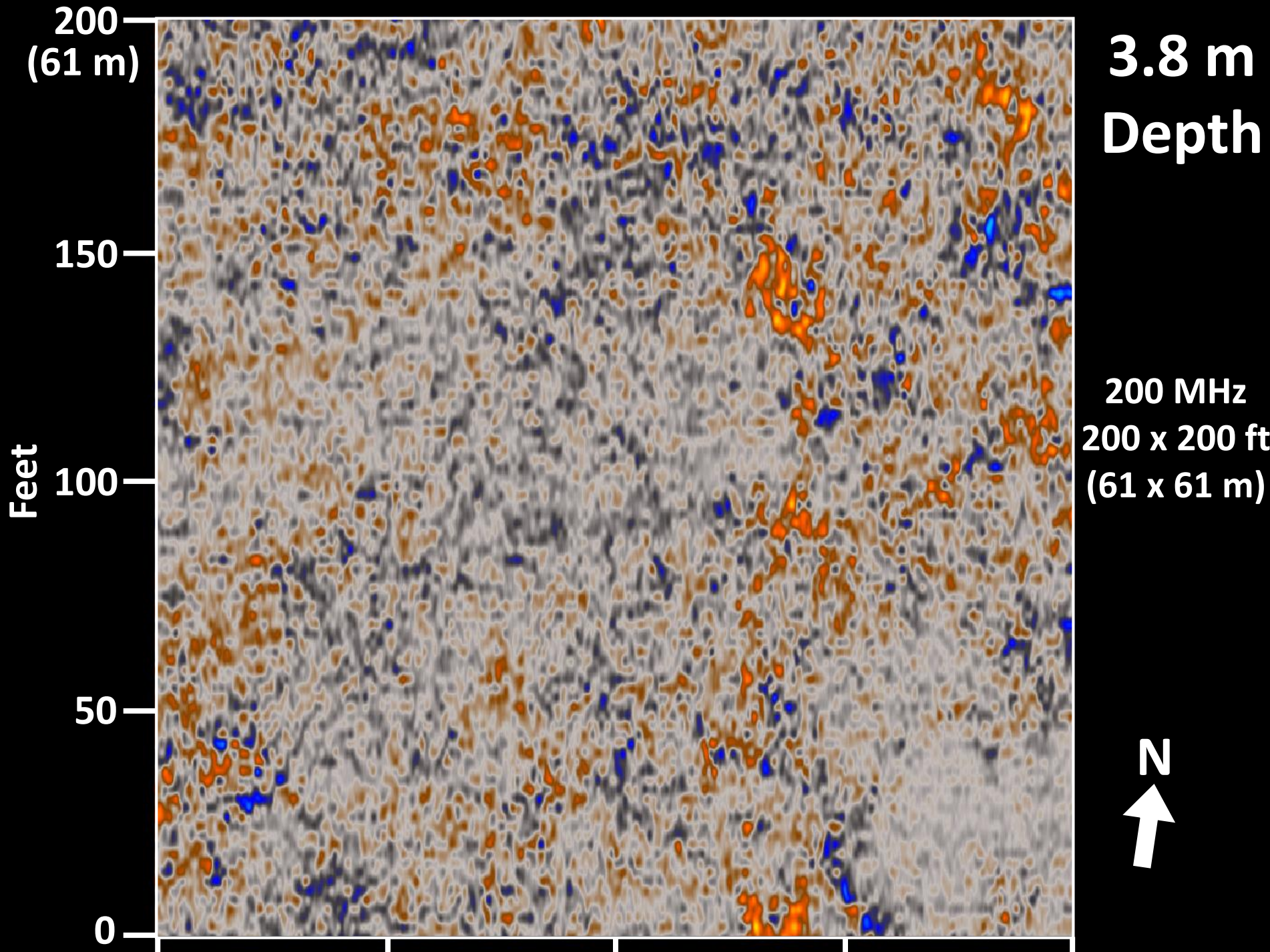


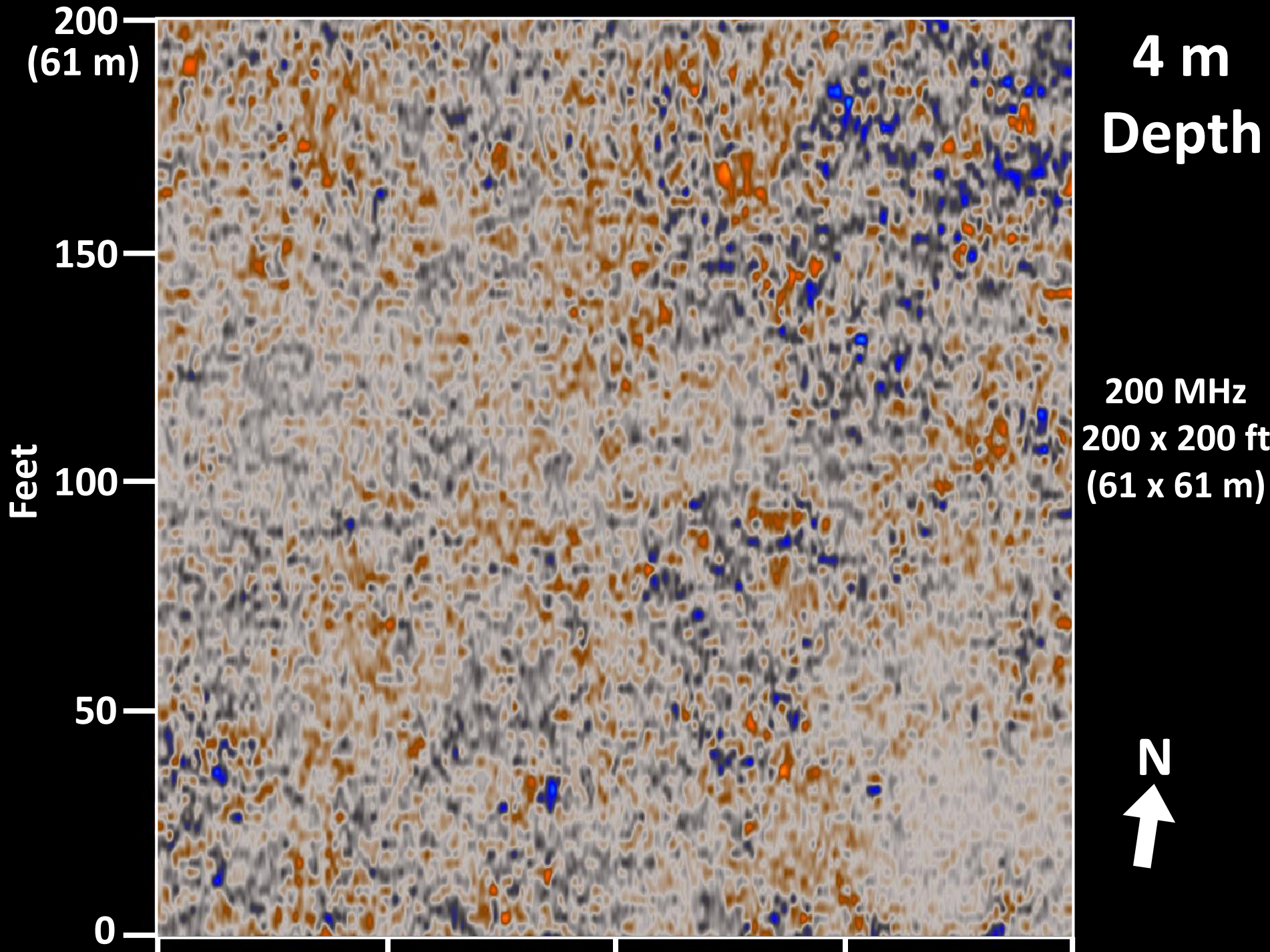


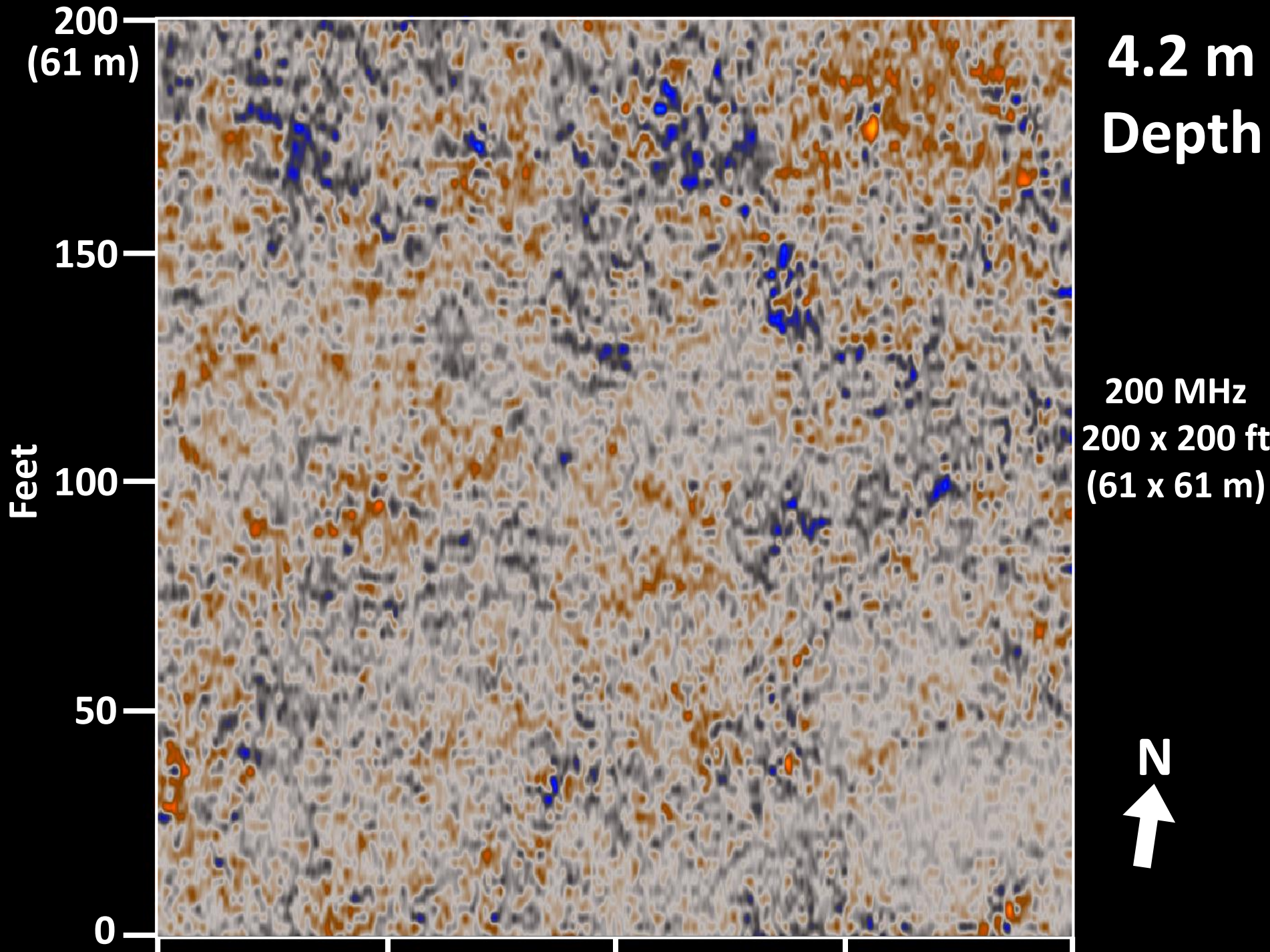


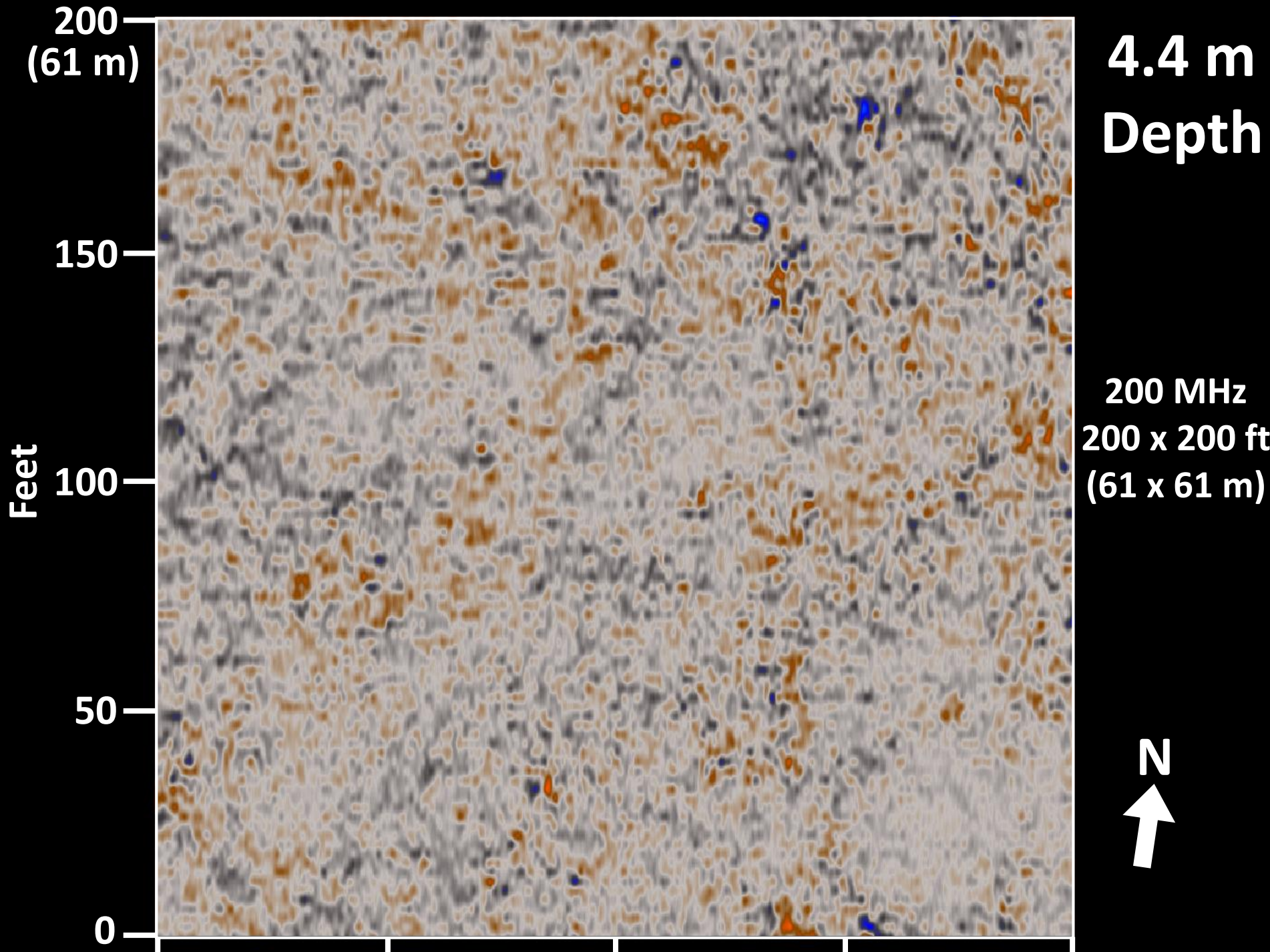


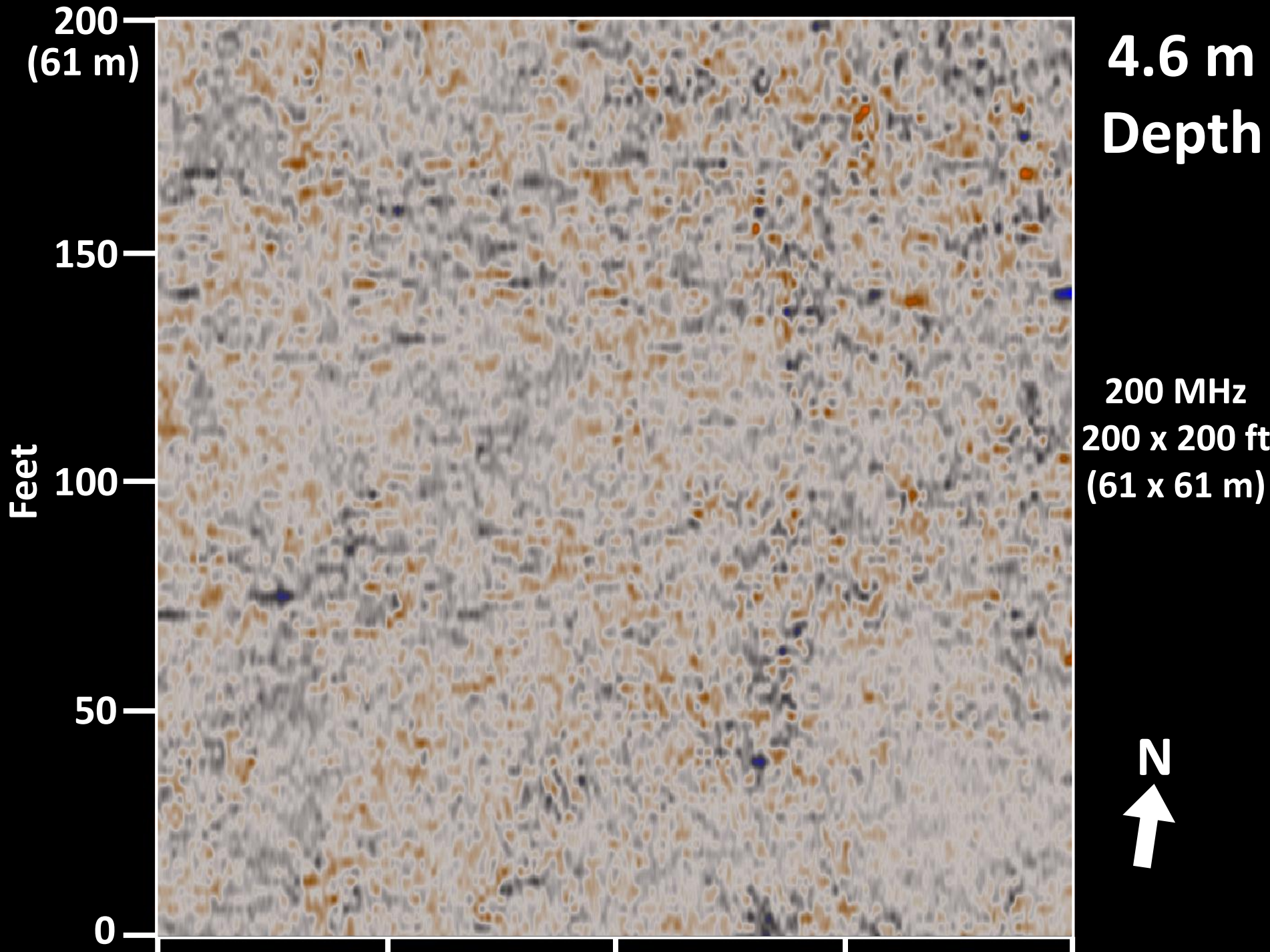


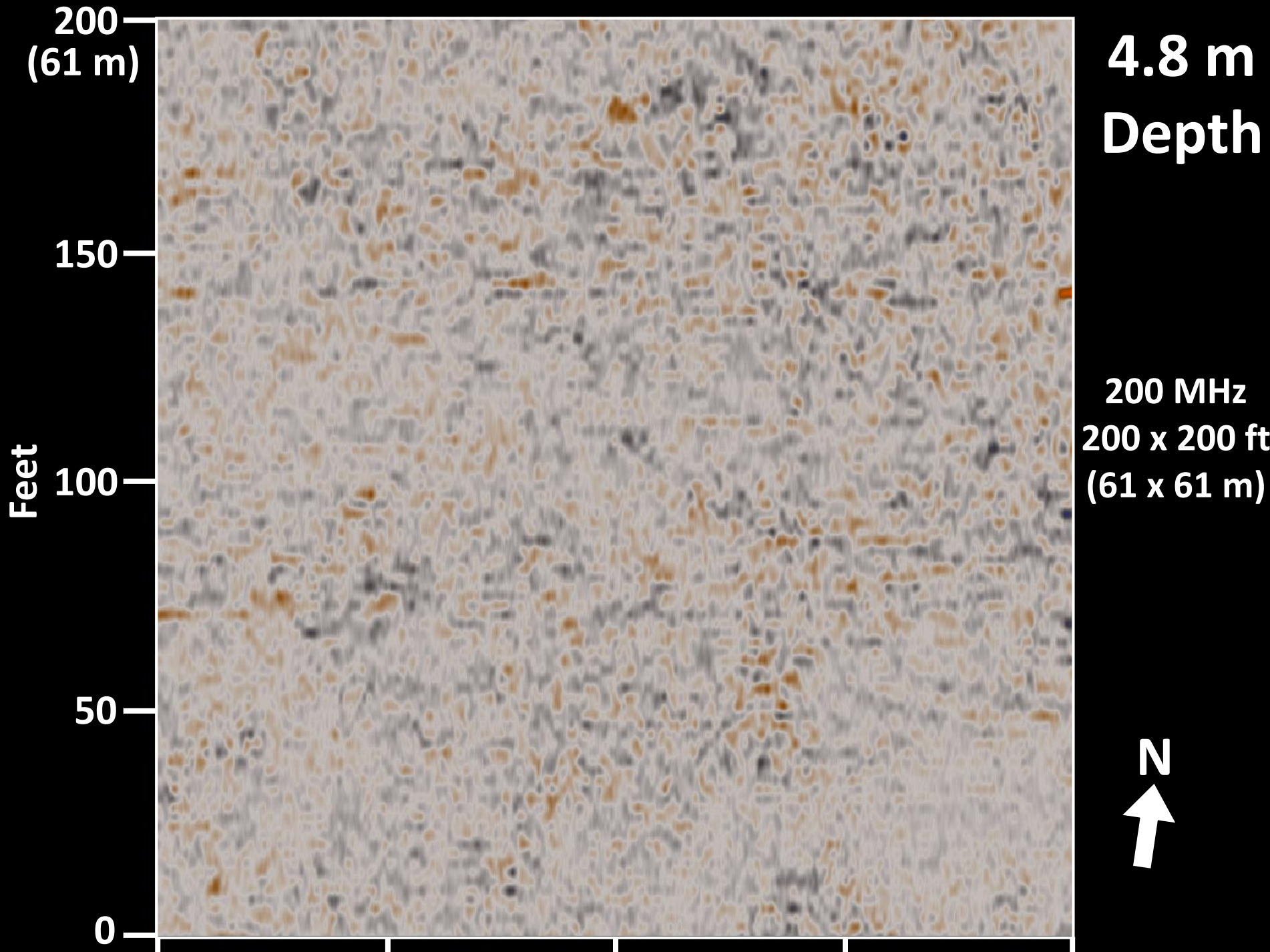


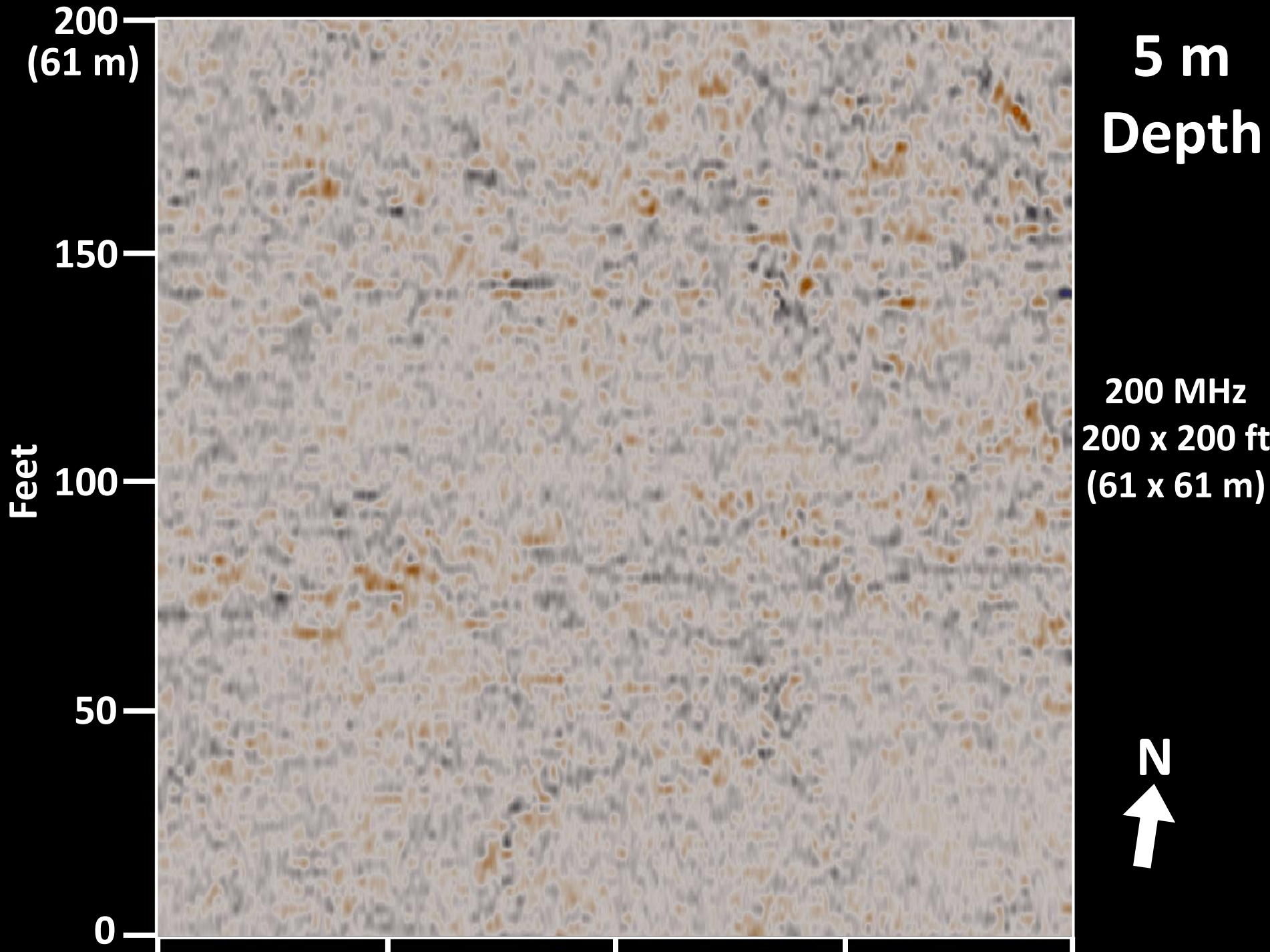


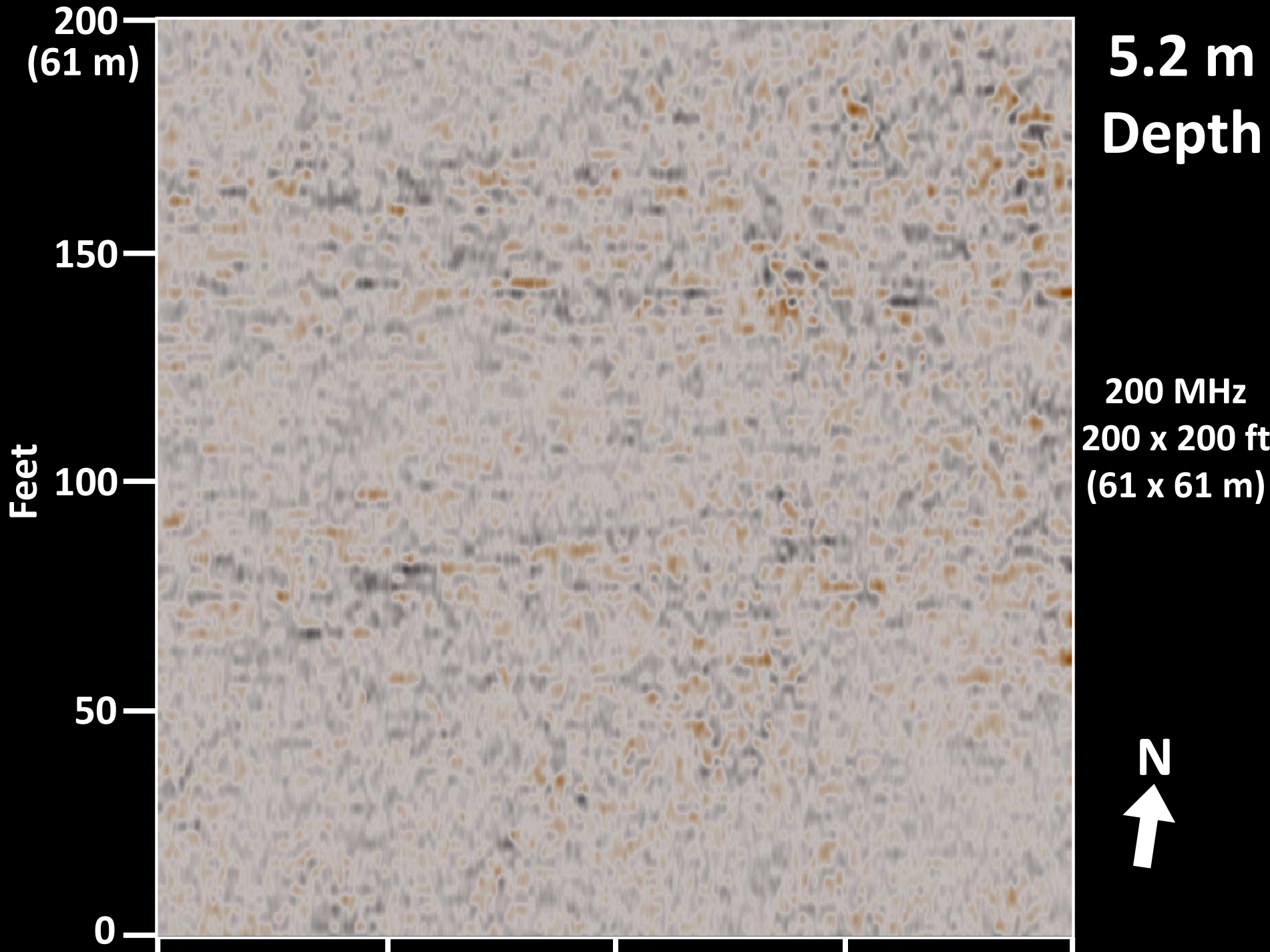


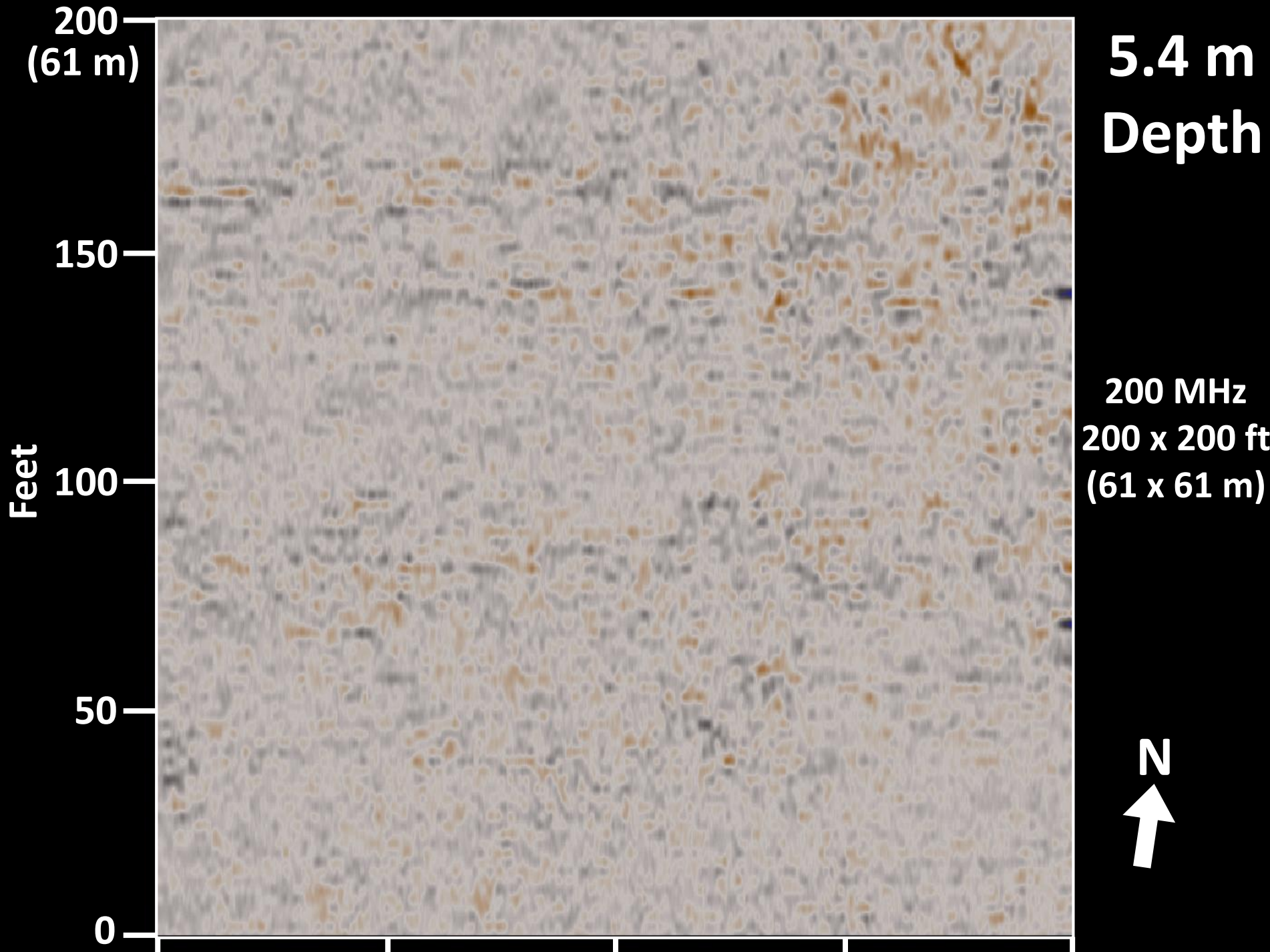


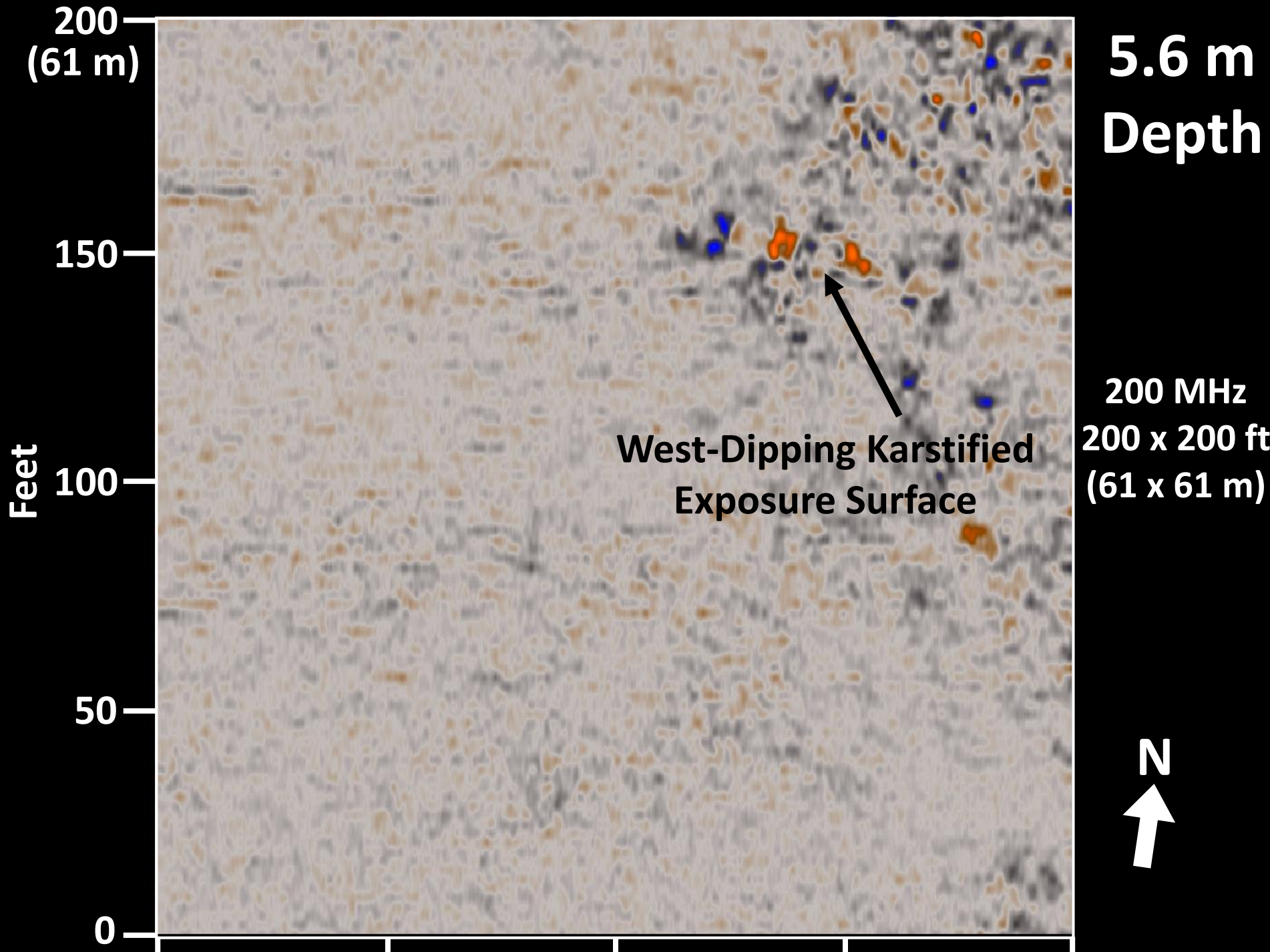


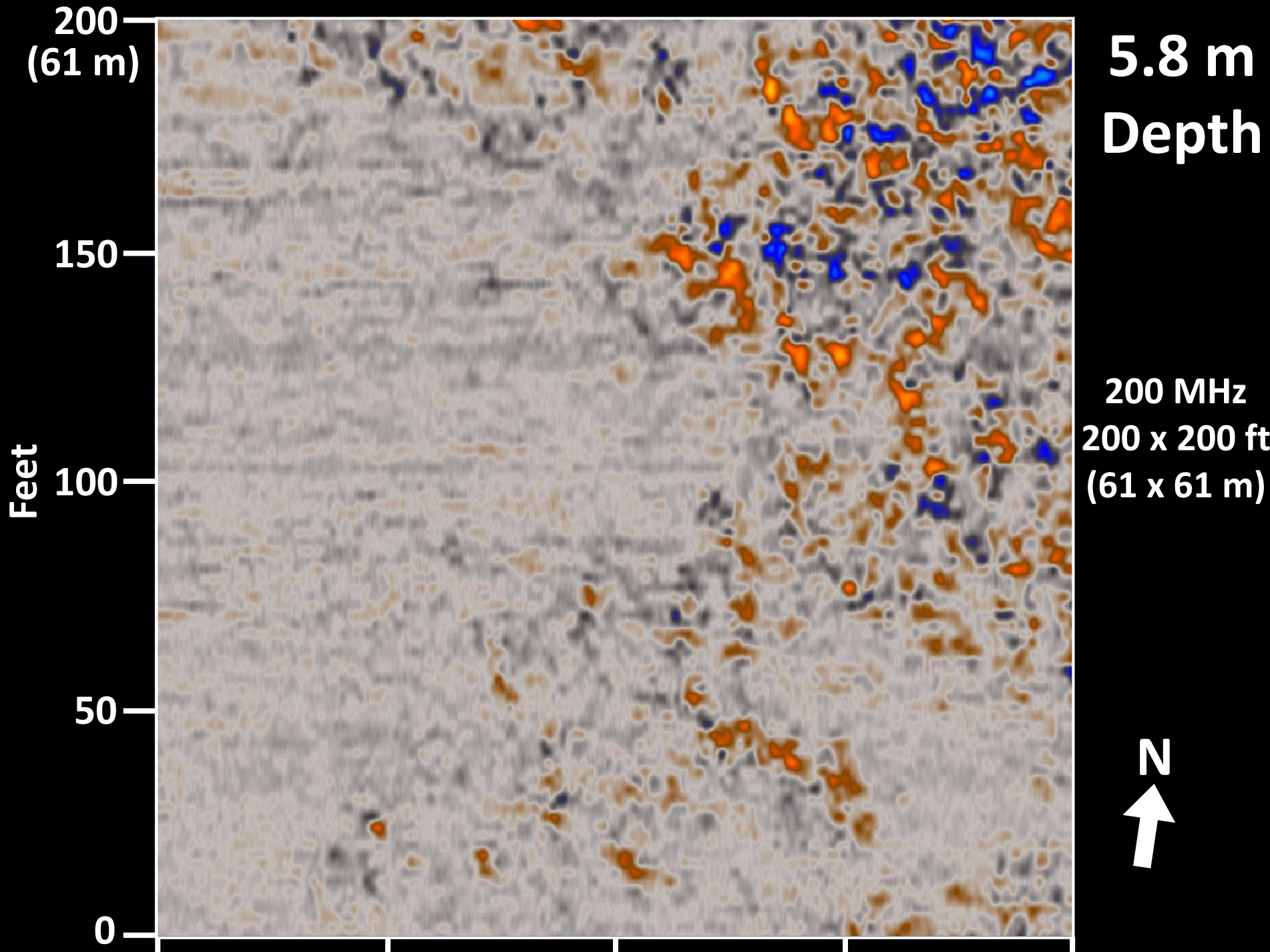


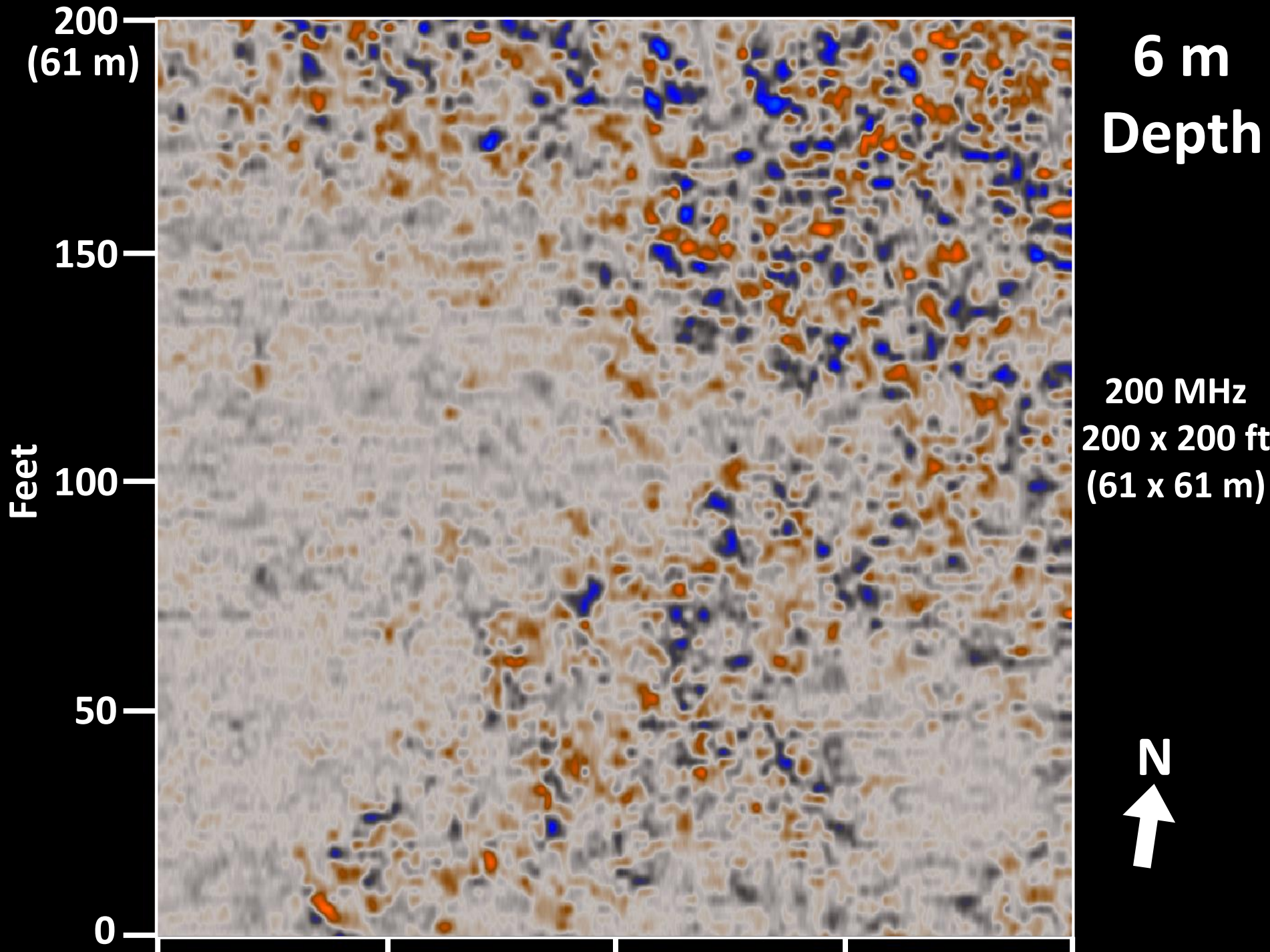


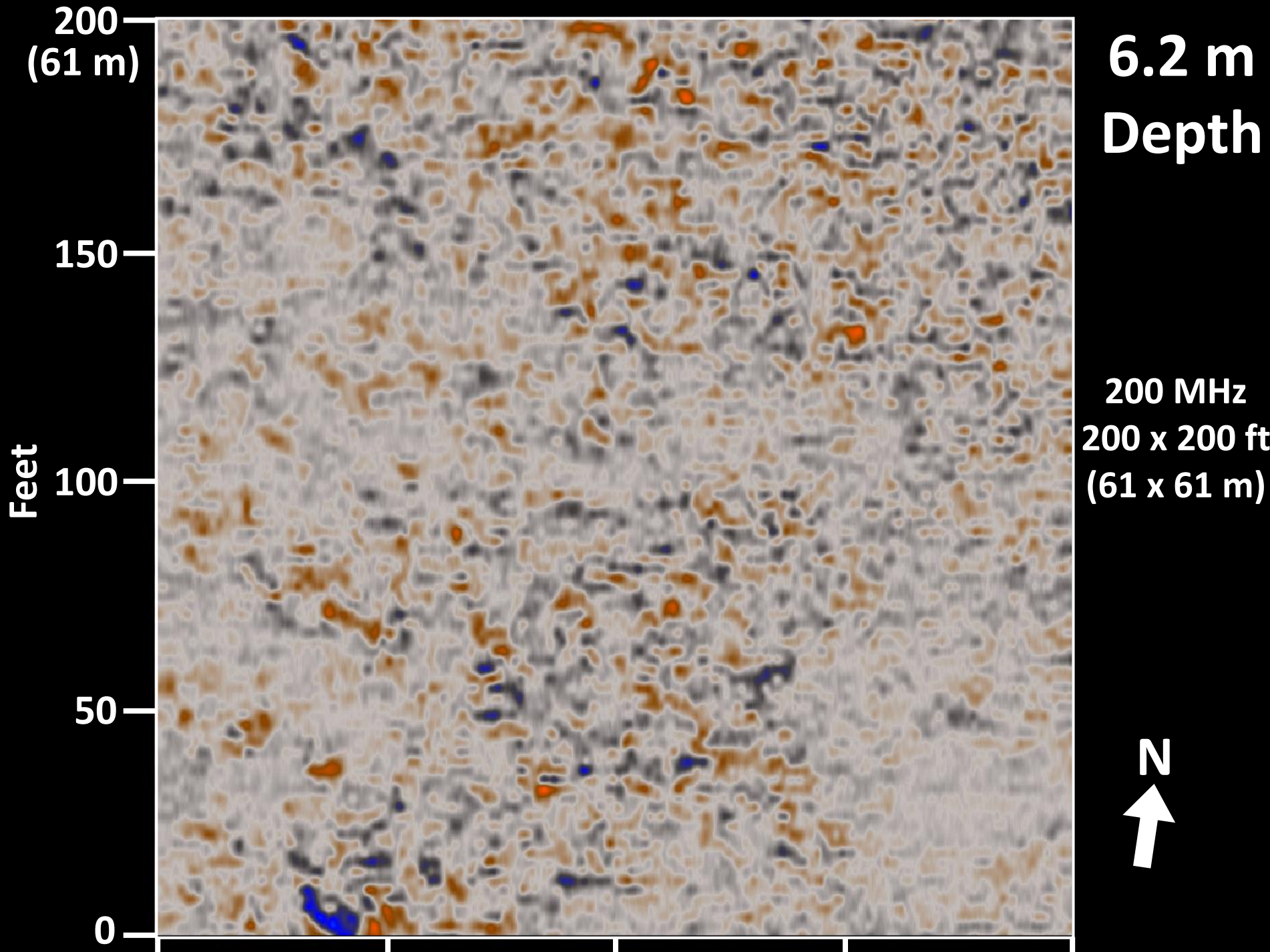


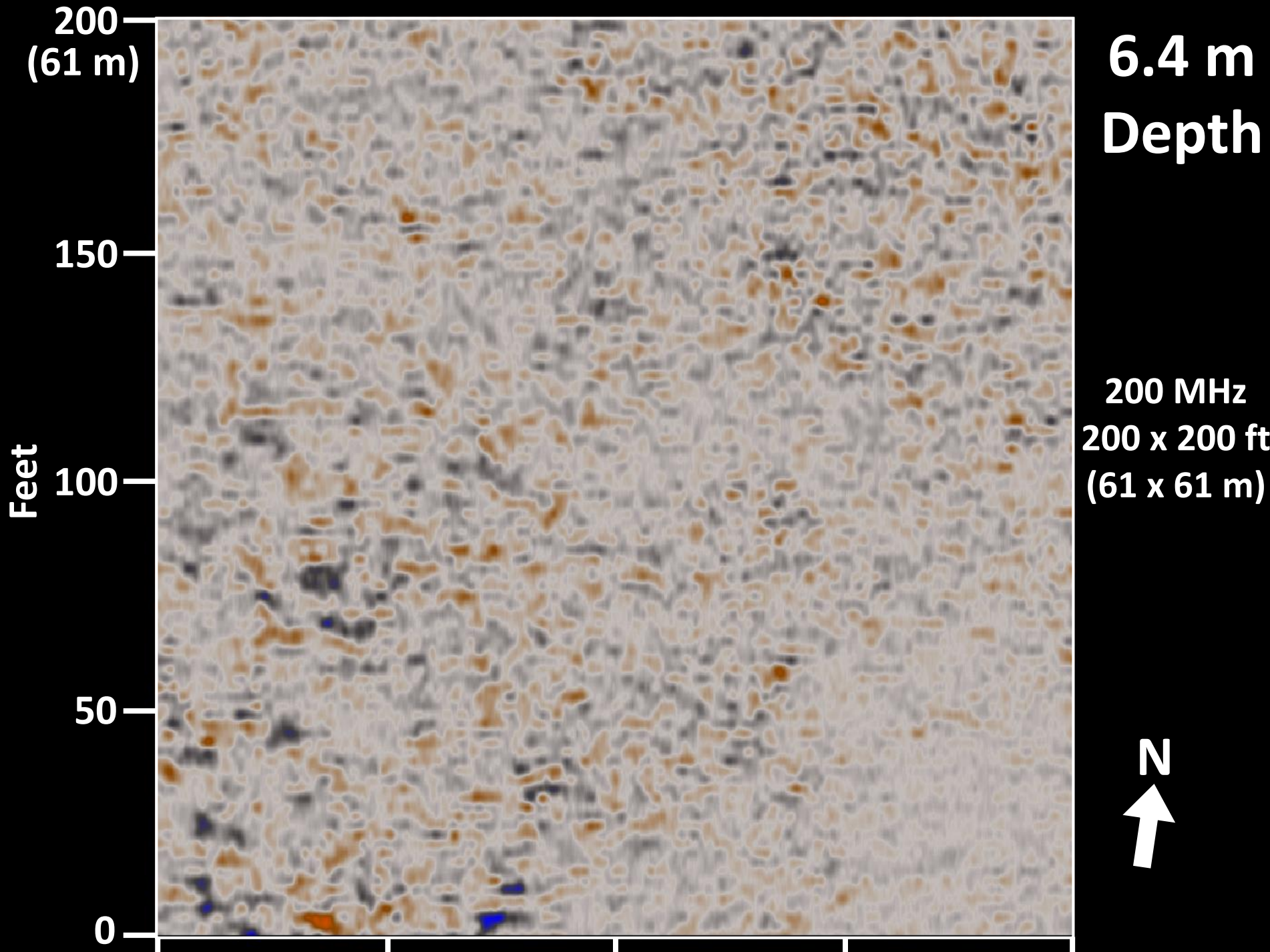


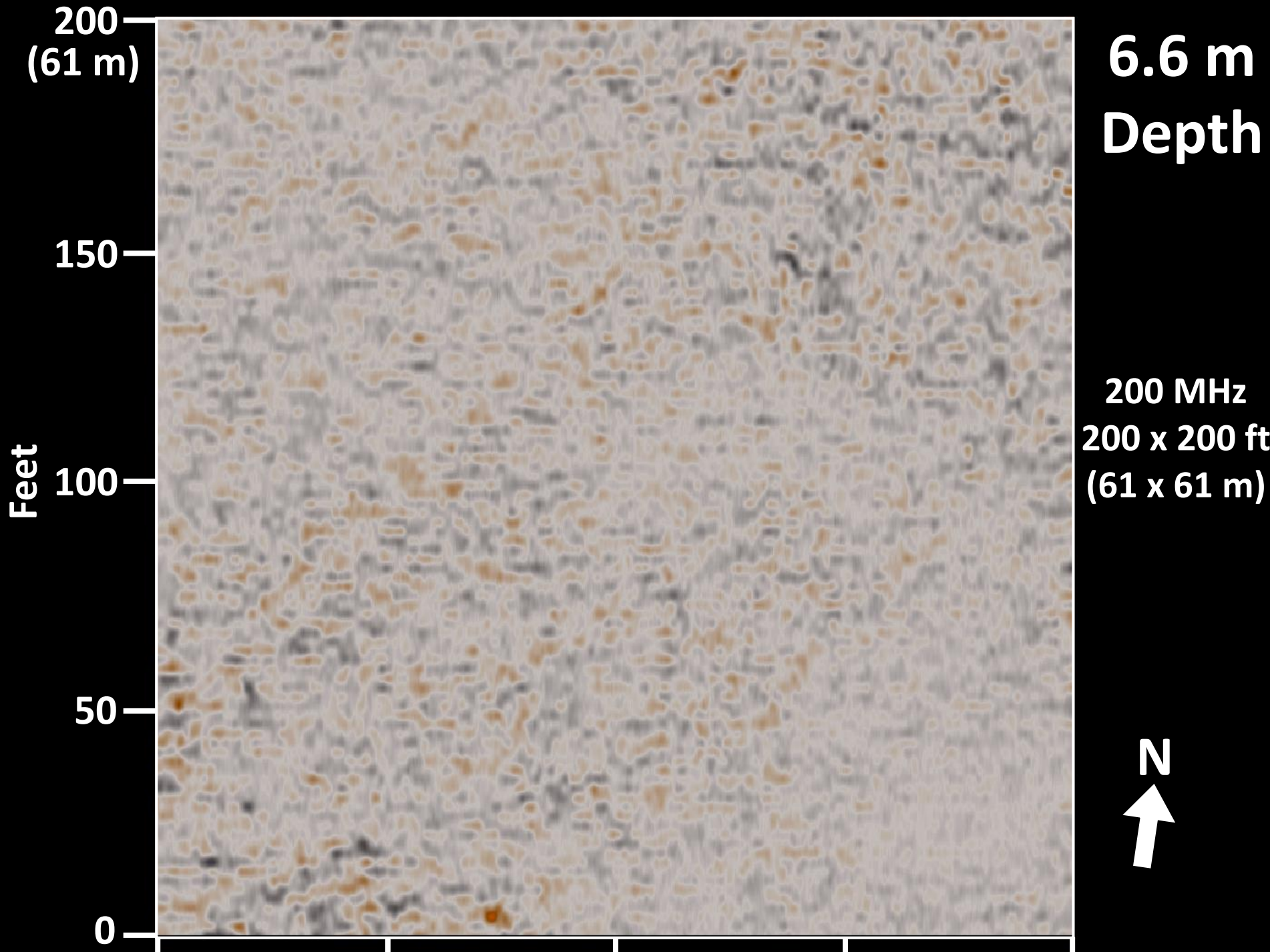


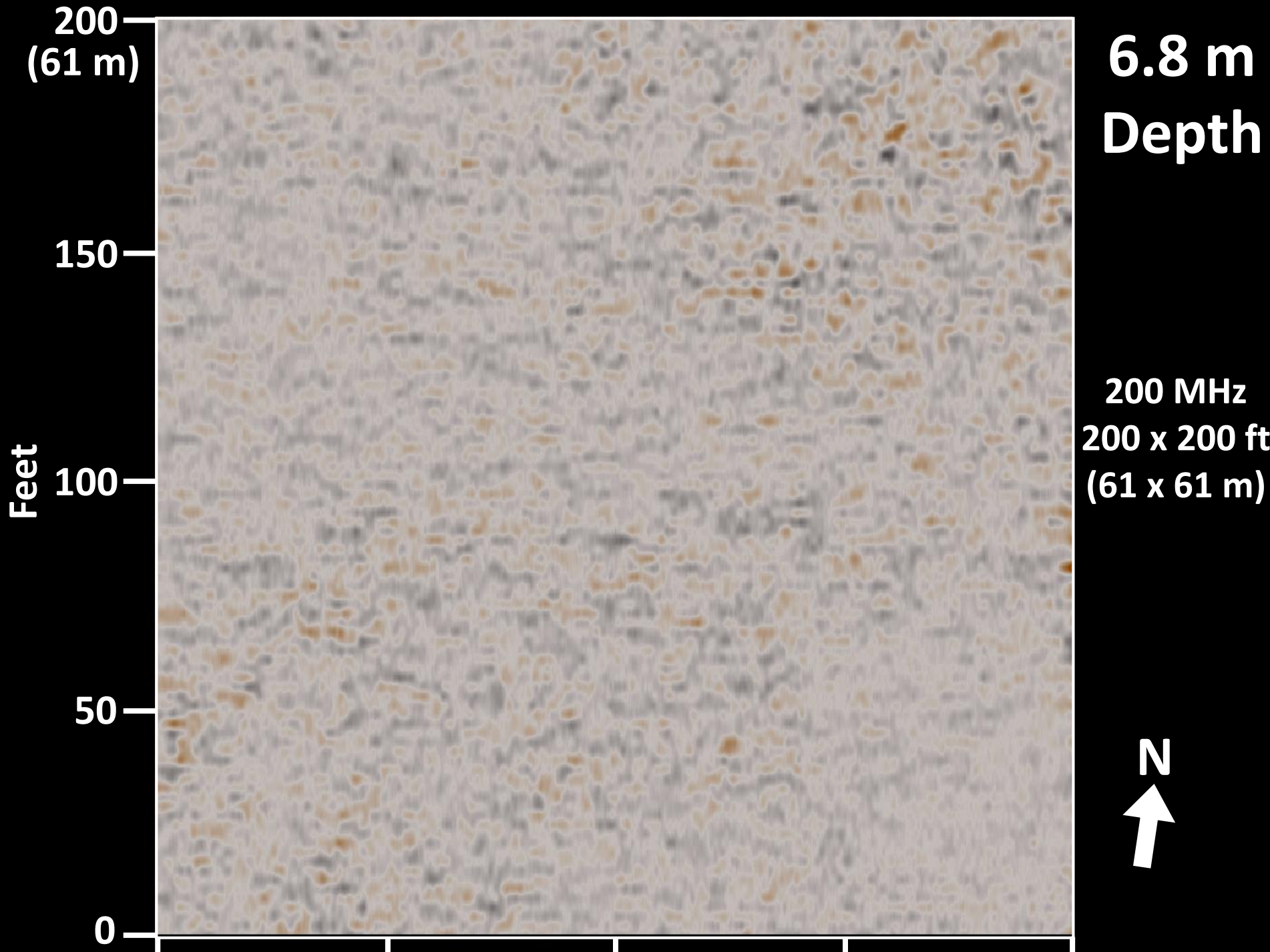


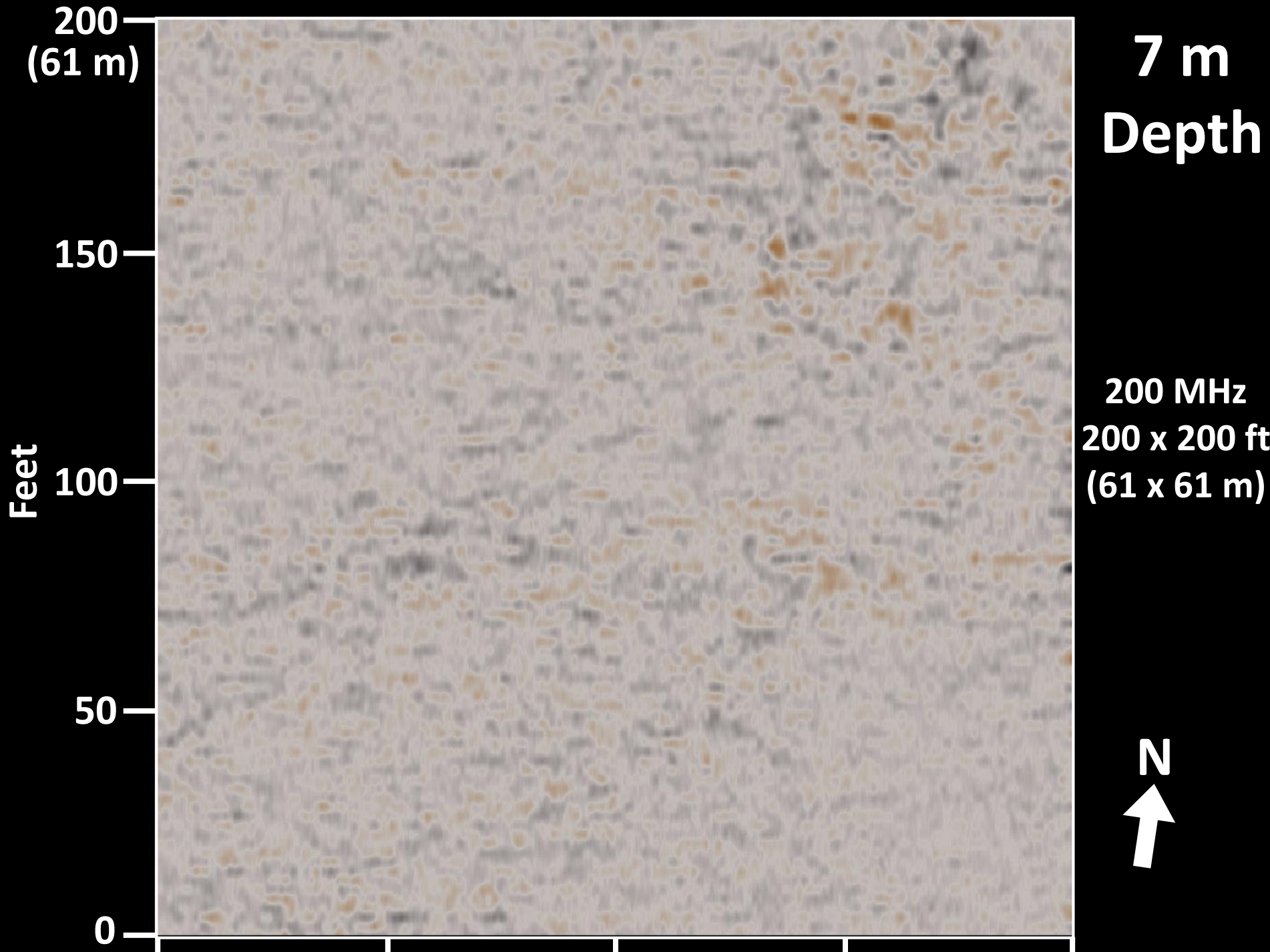






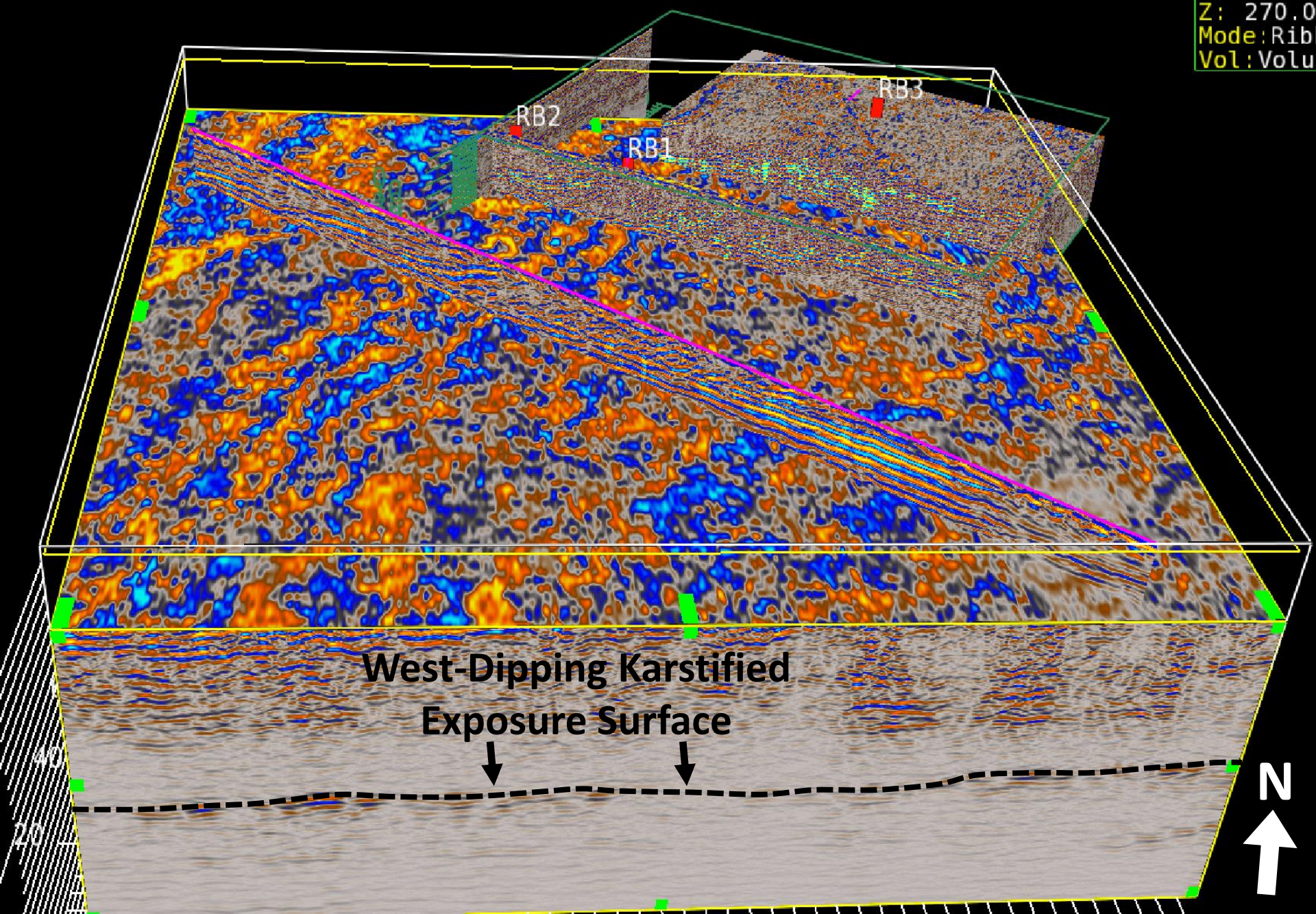




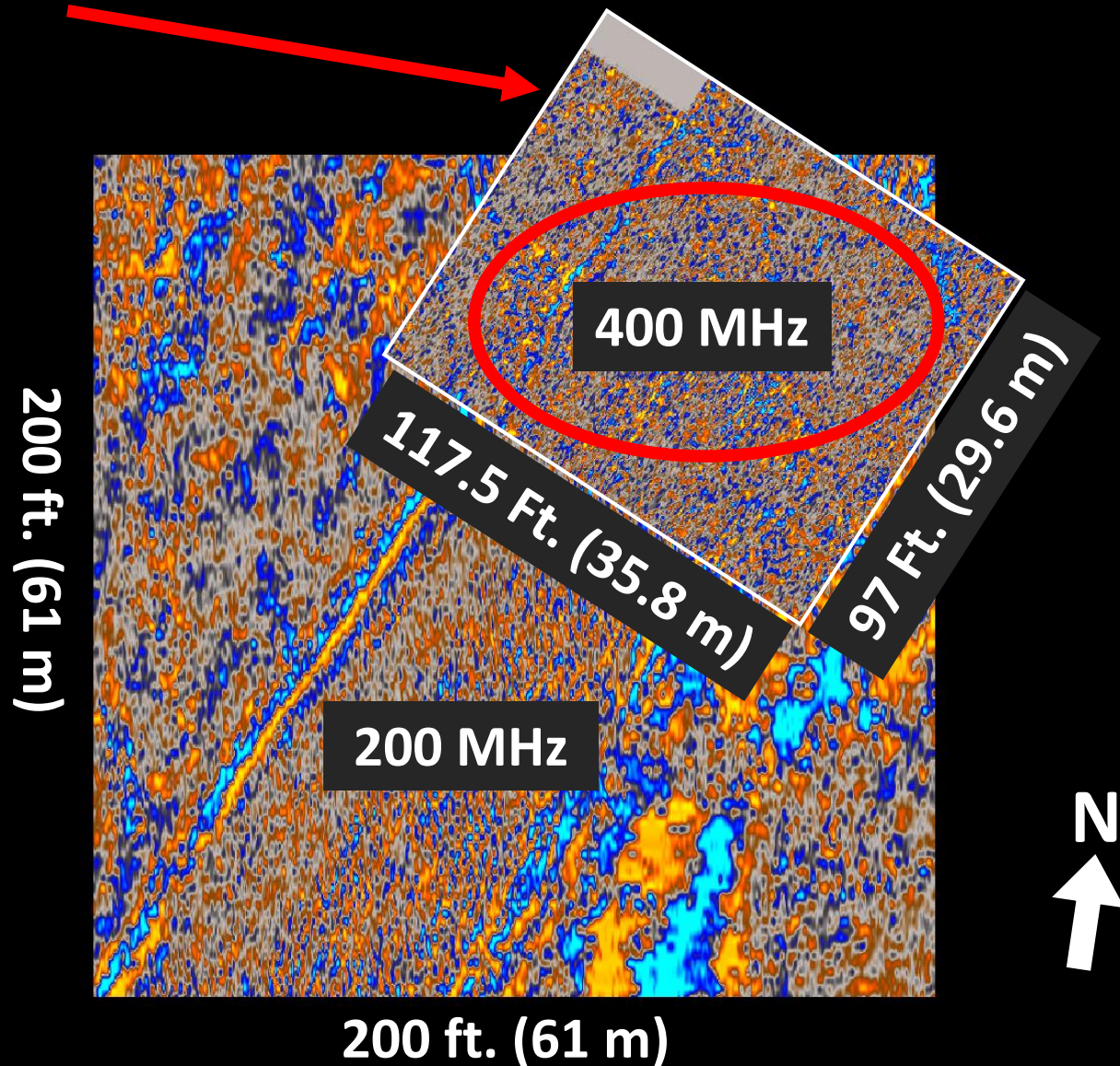




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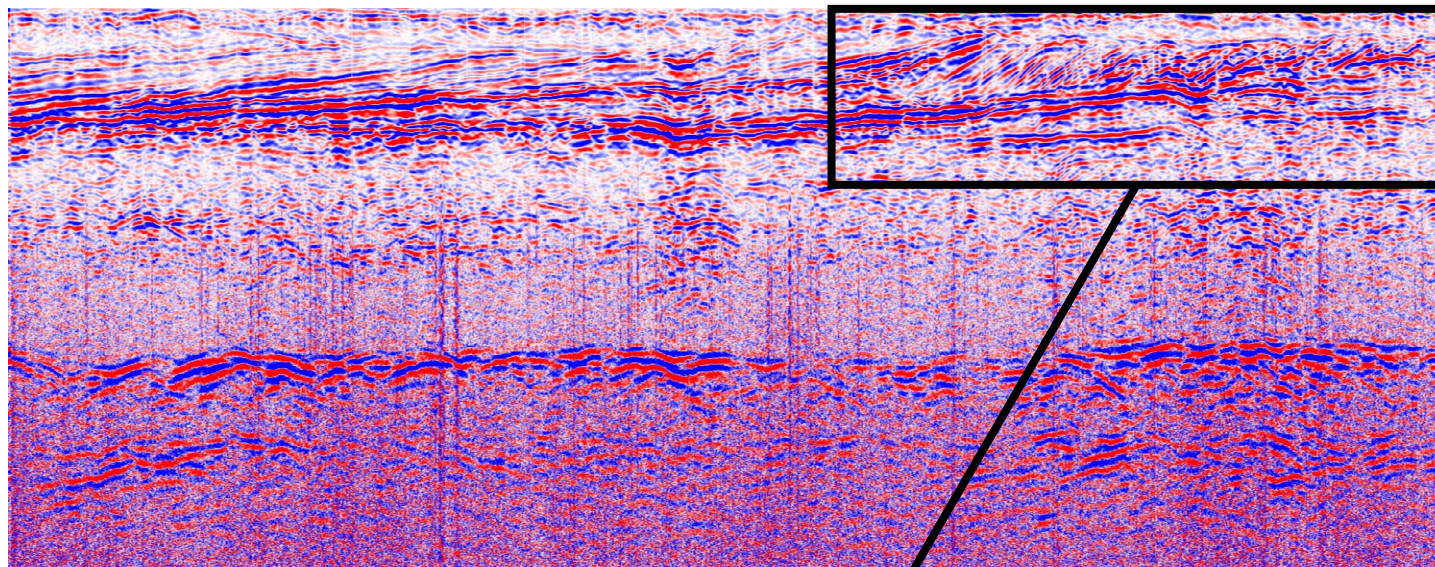
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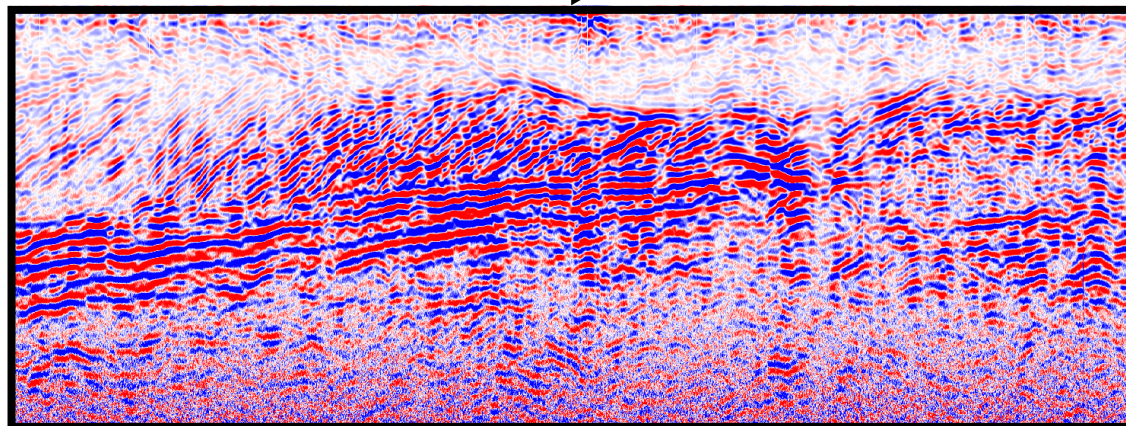
200 MHz

~9 m
(30 ft)



400 MHz

~3 m
(10 ft)

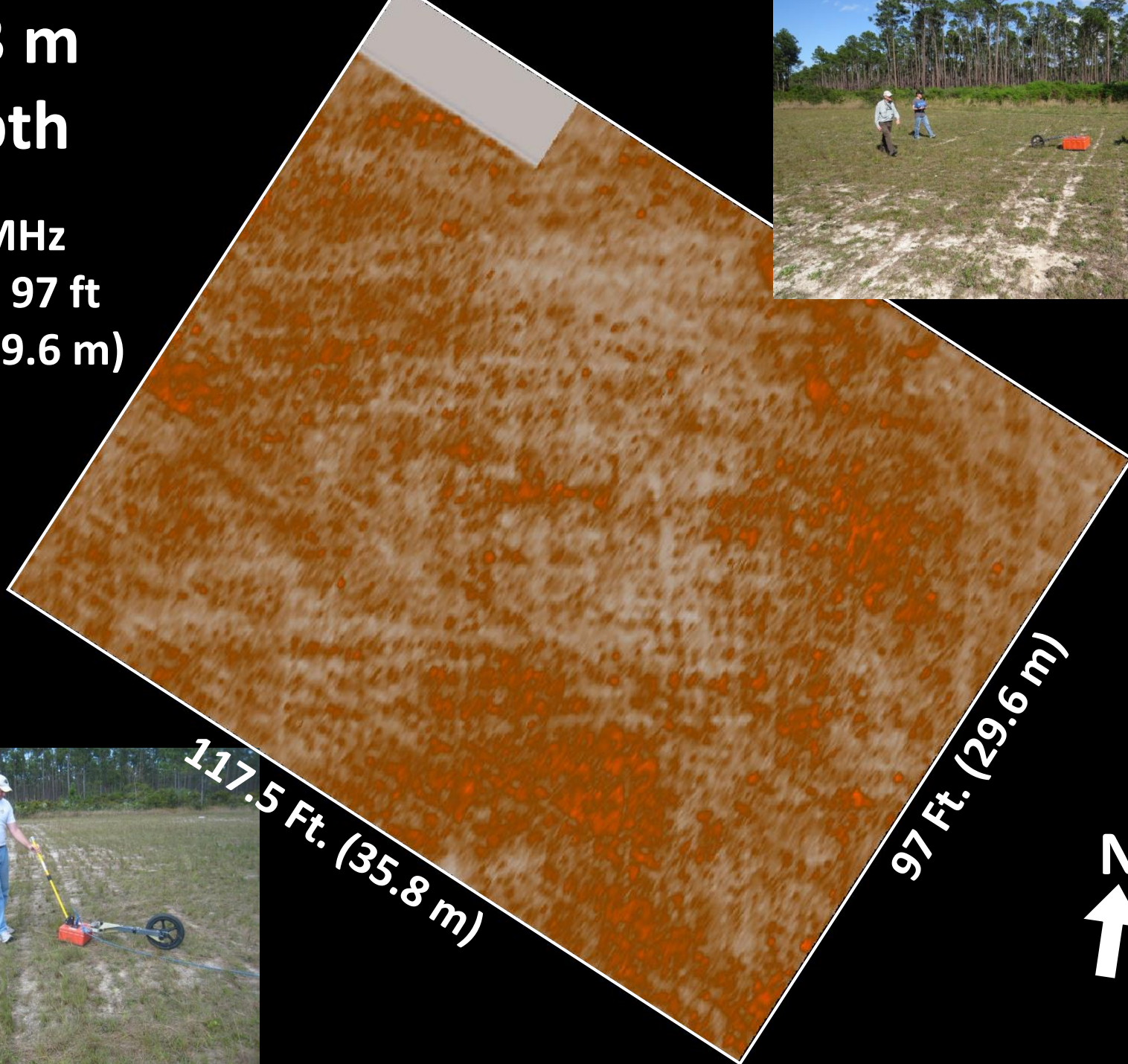


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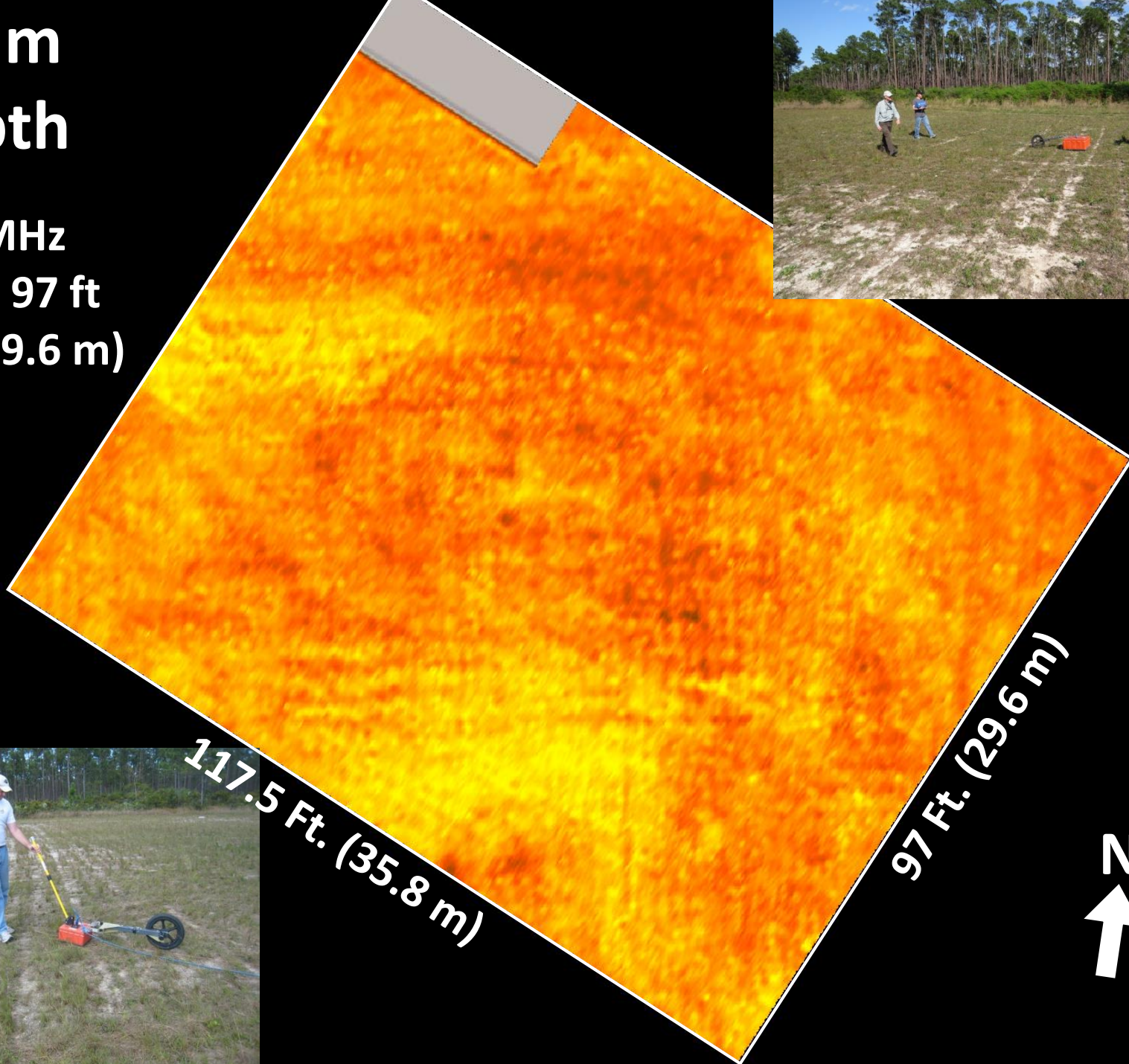


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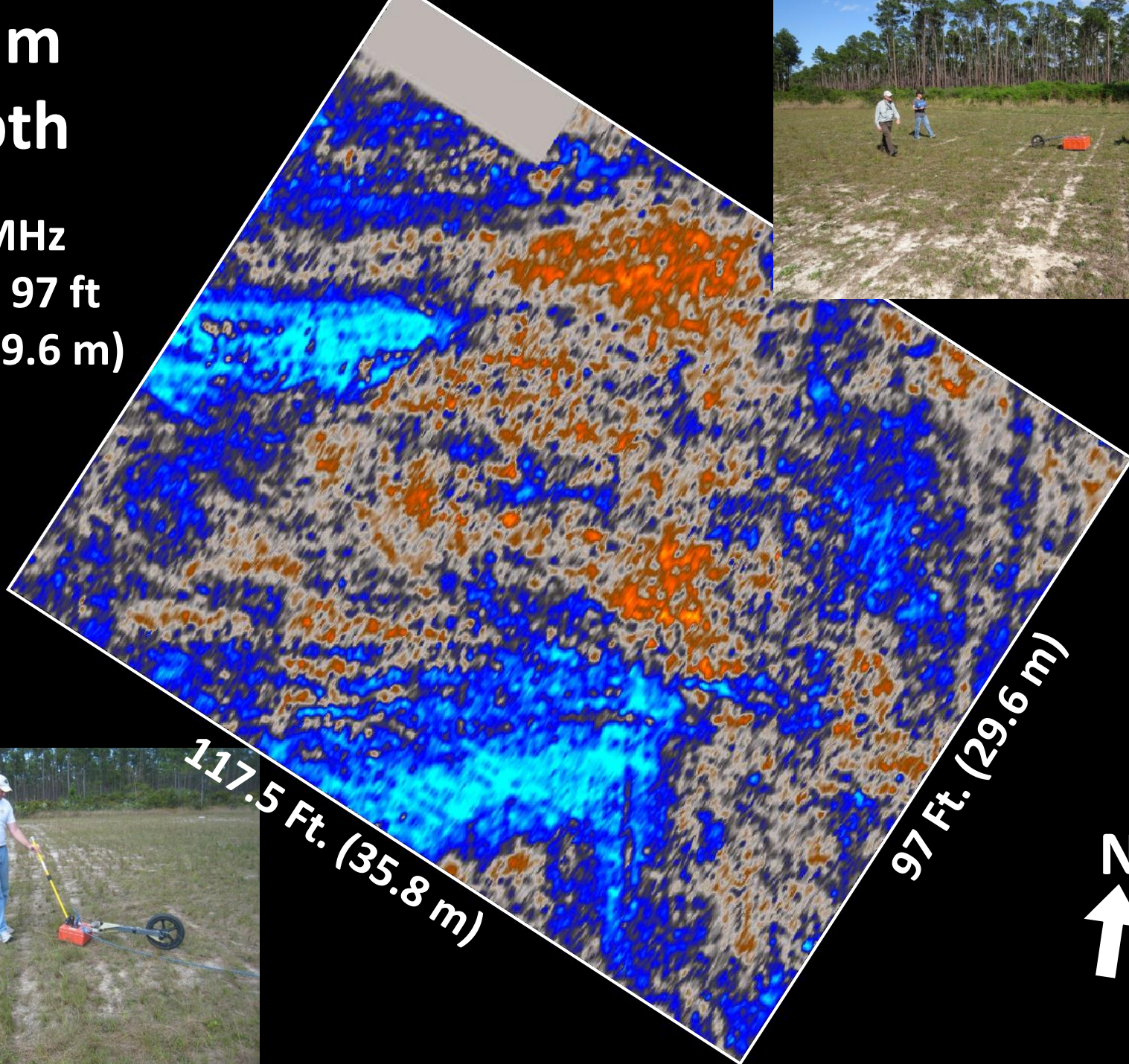


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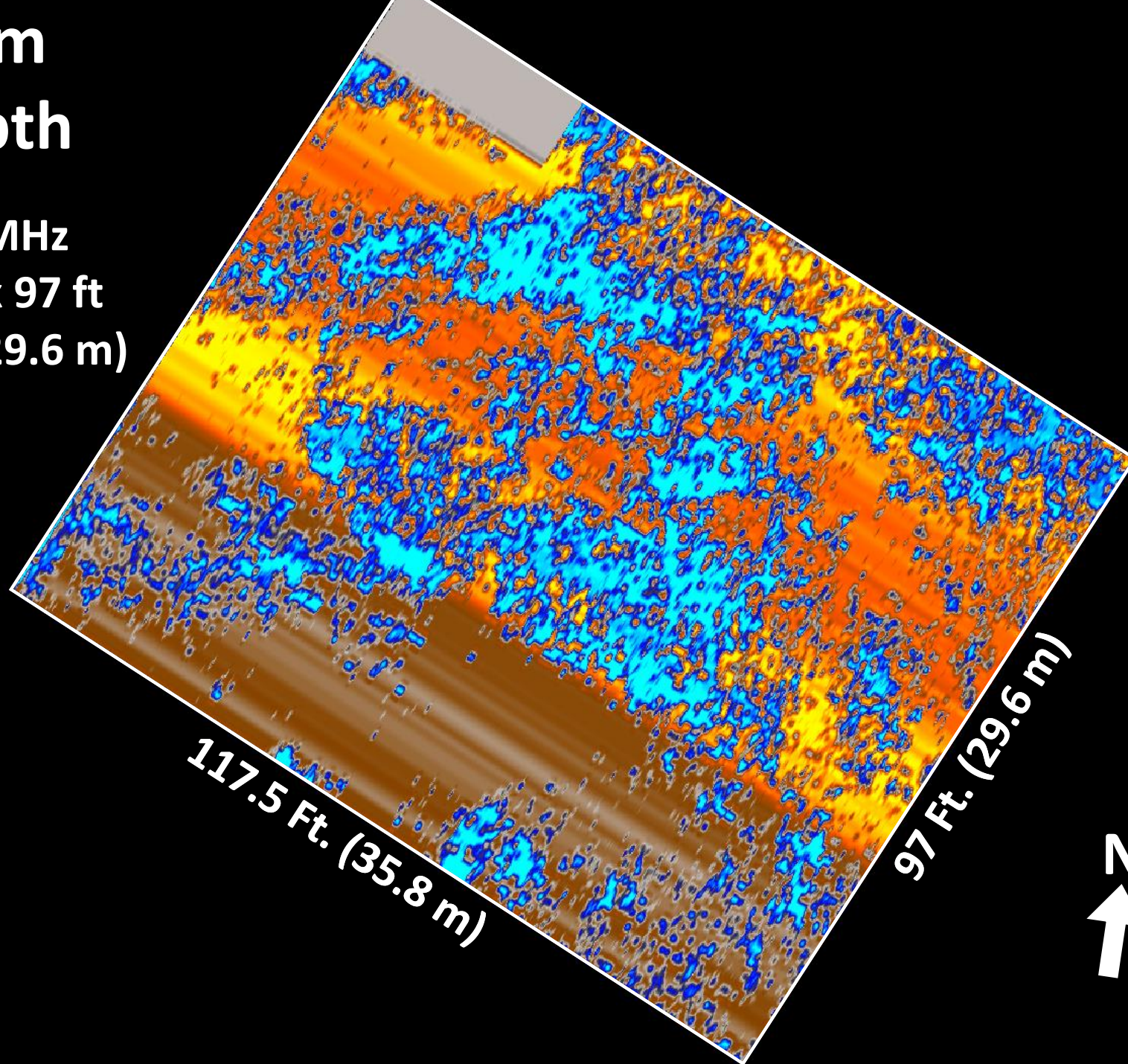


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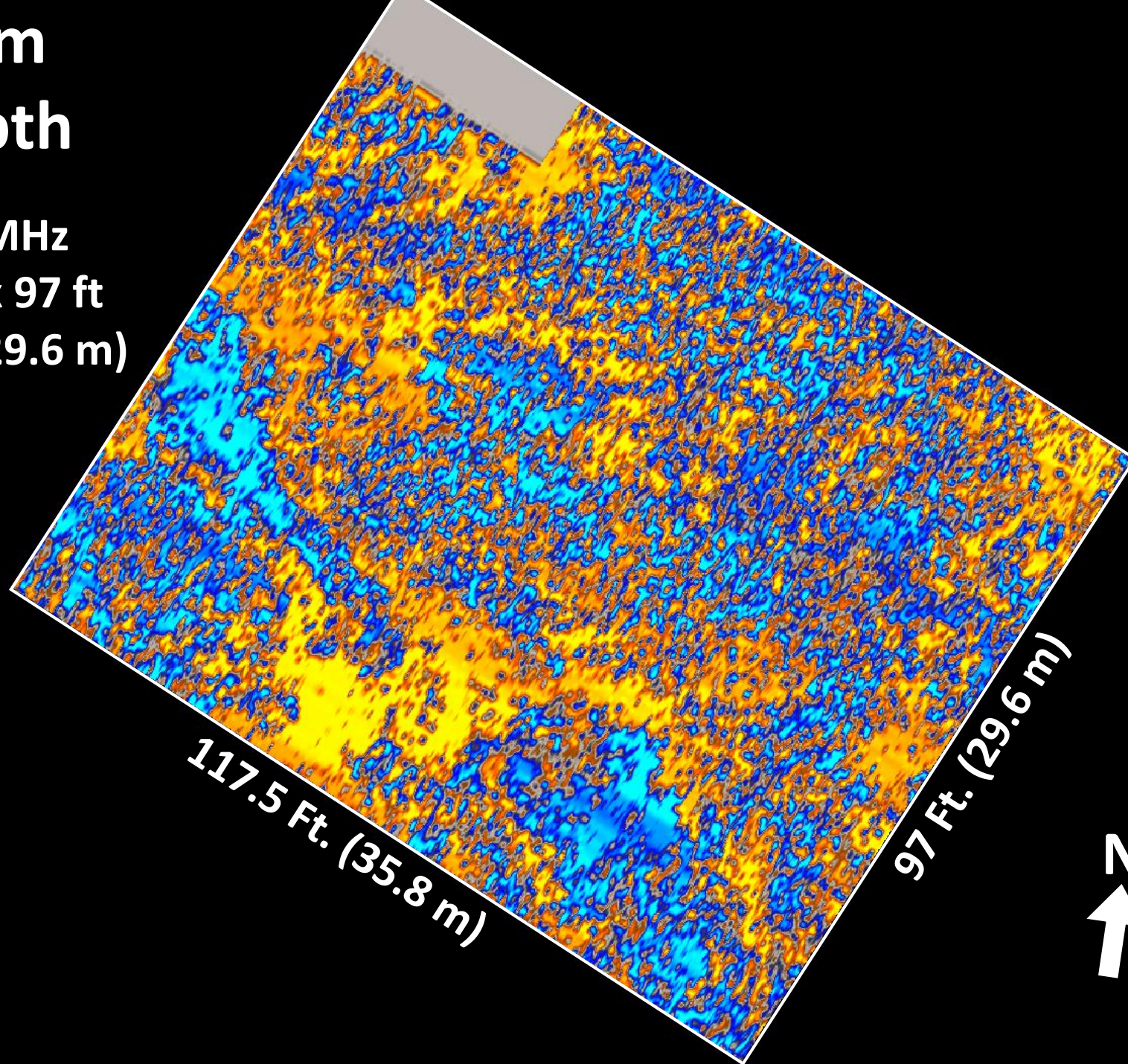


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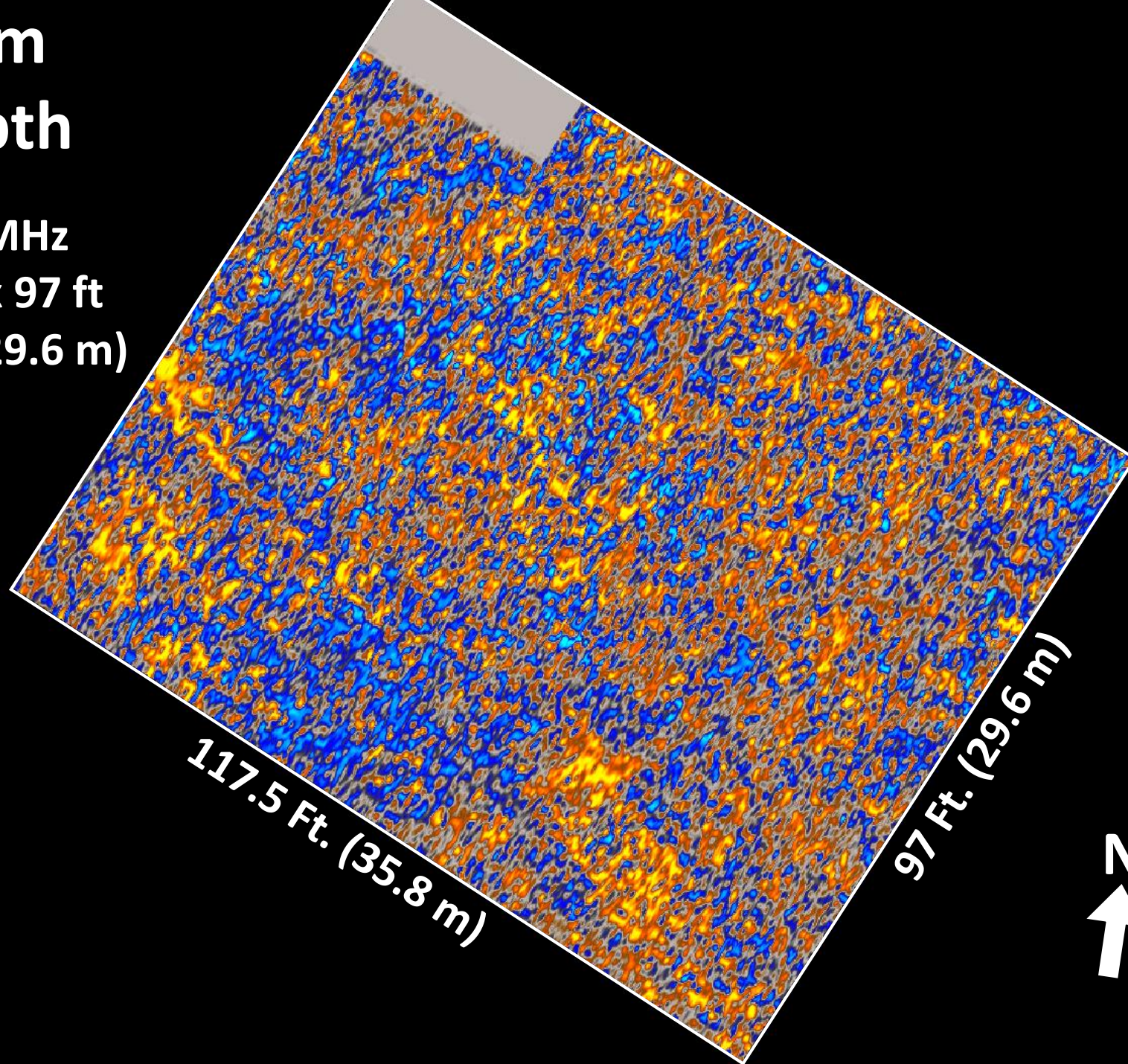


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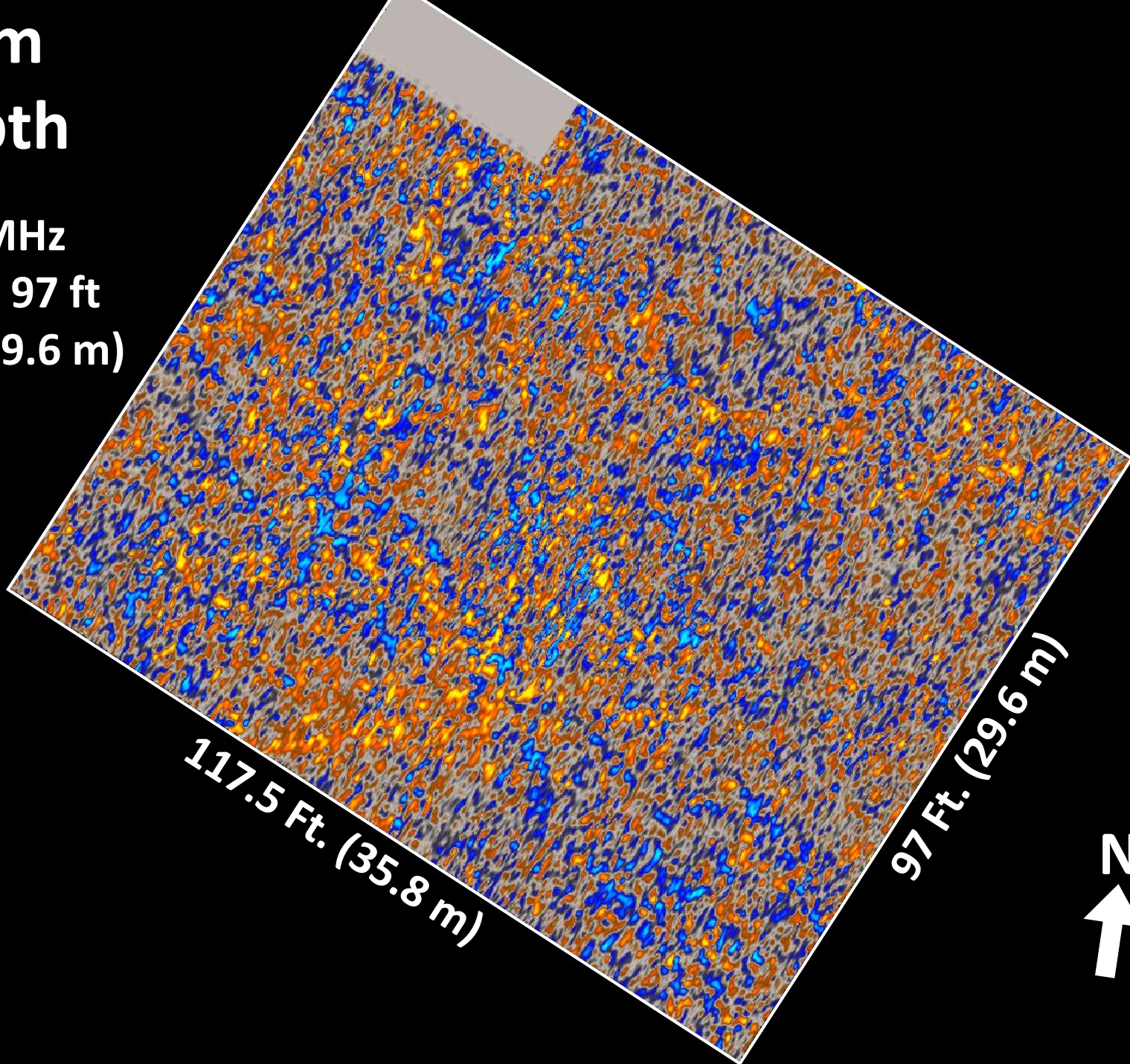
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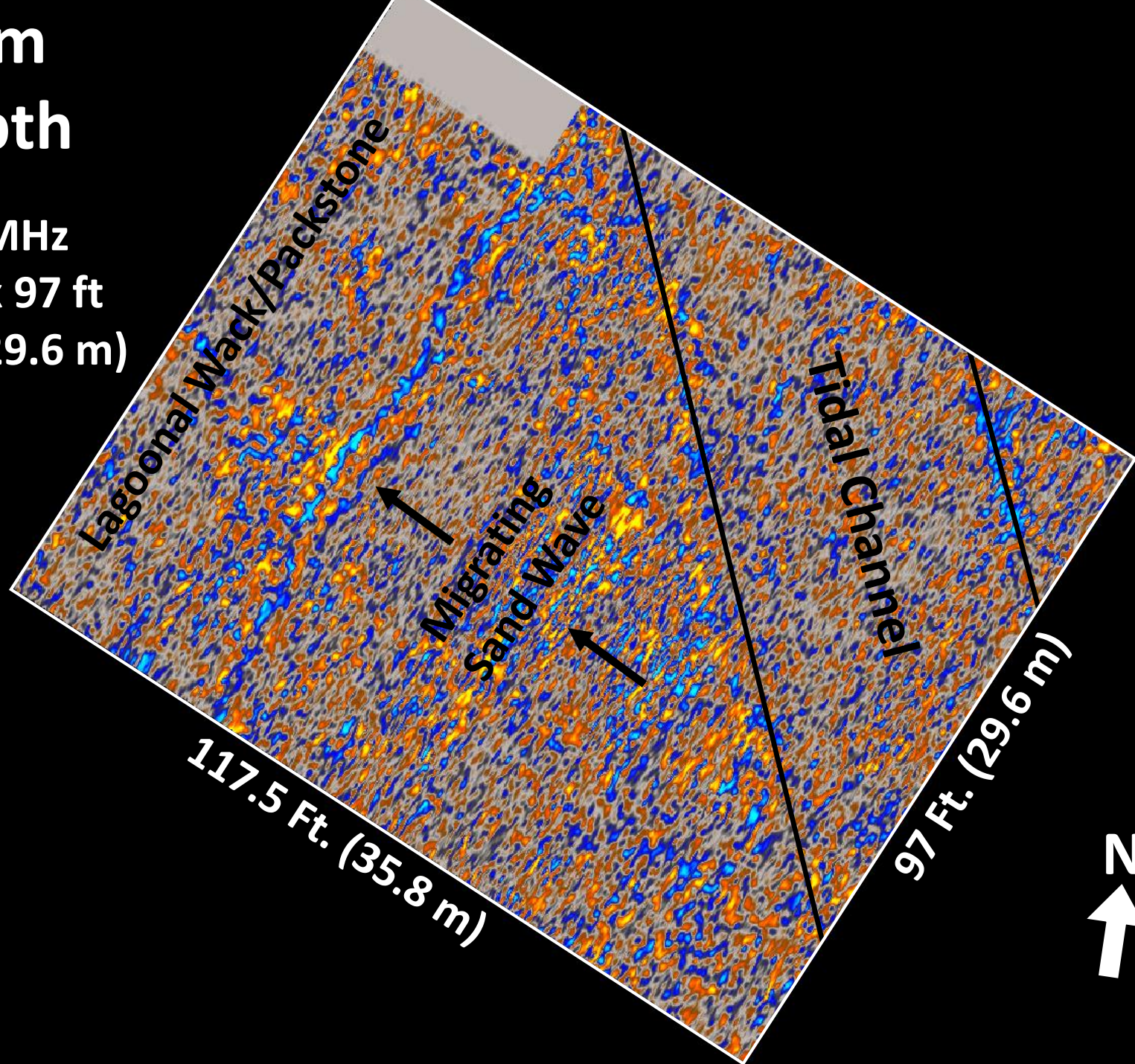
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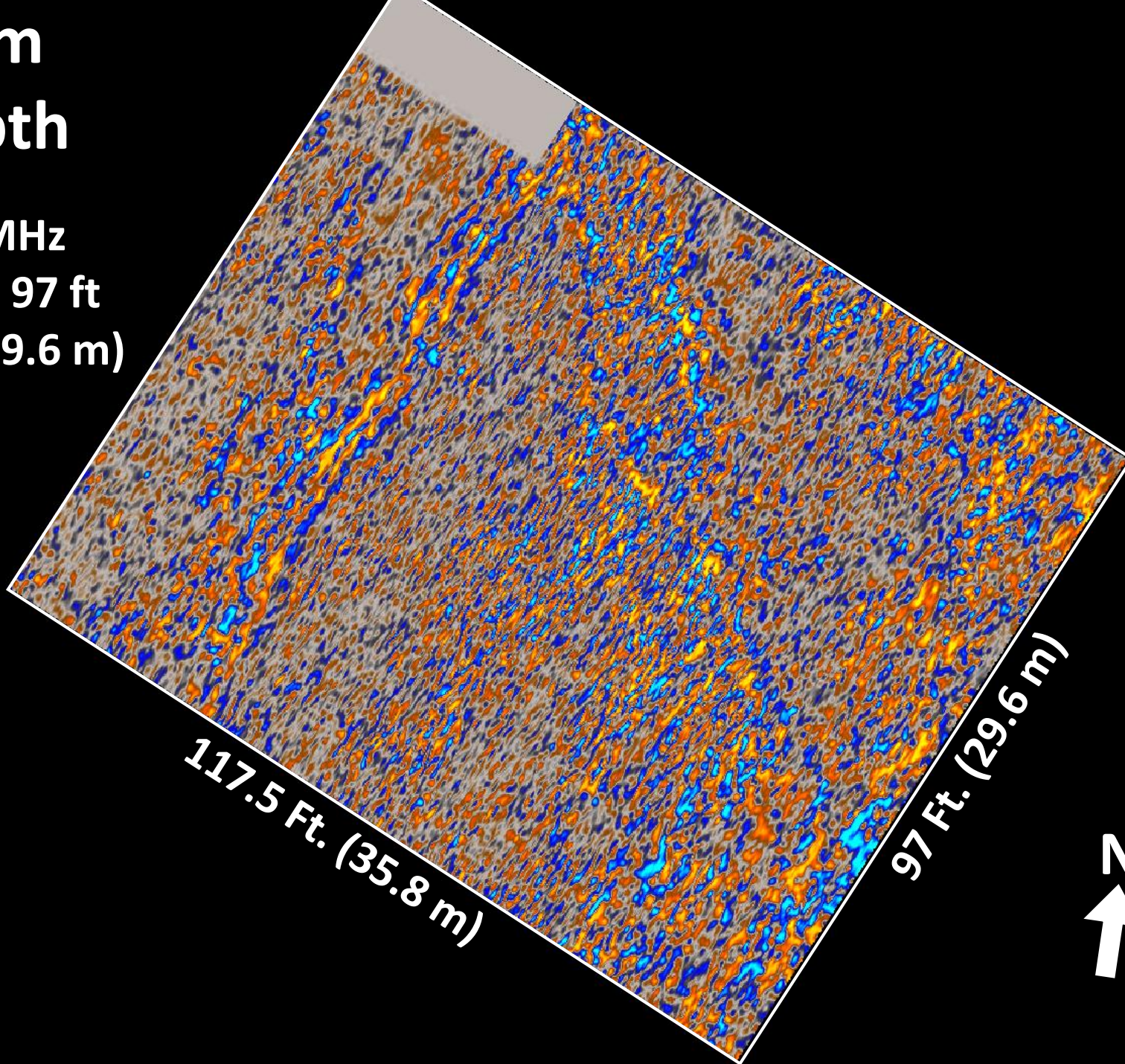
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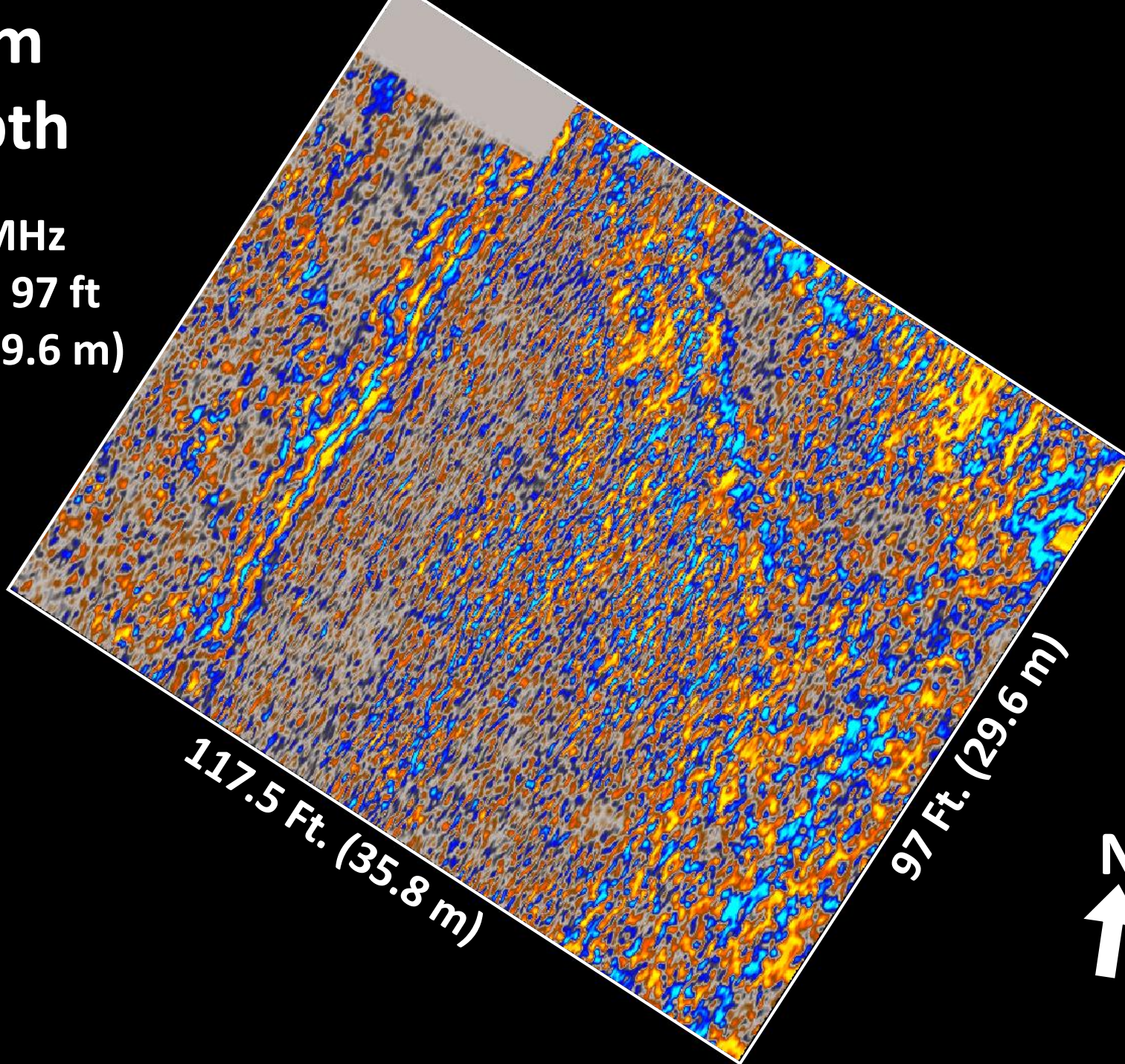
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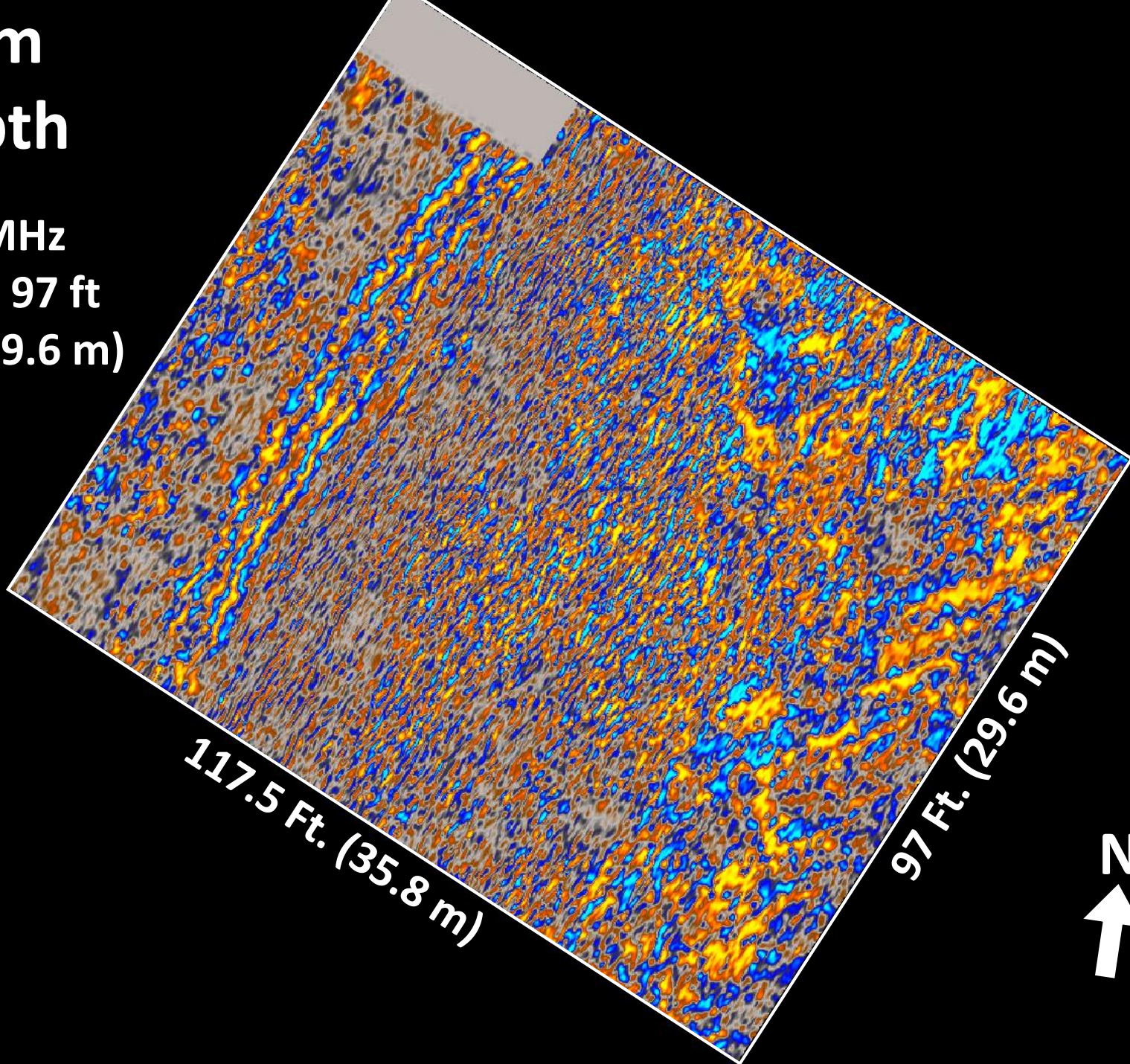
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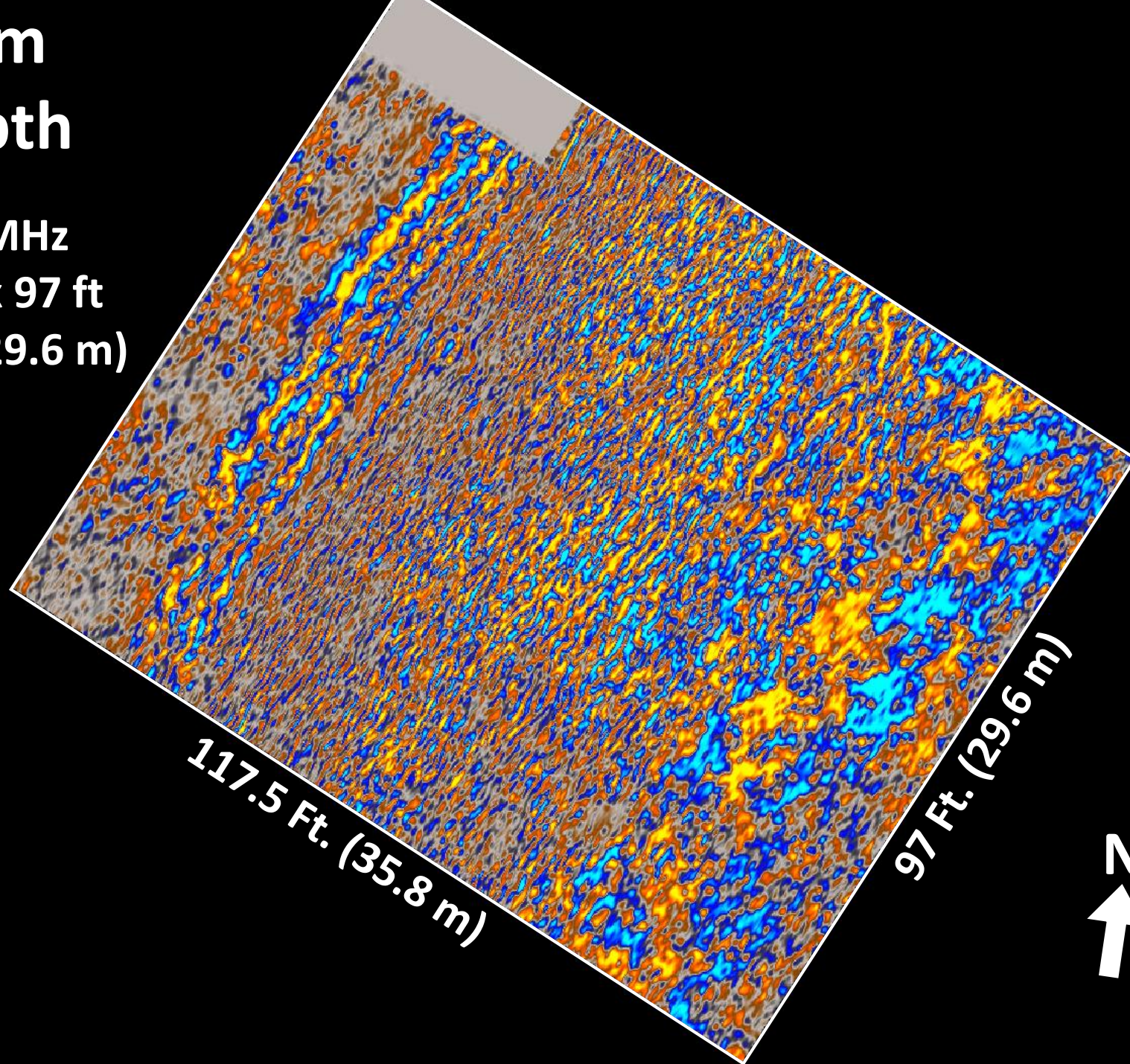
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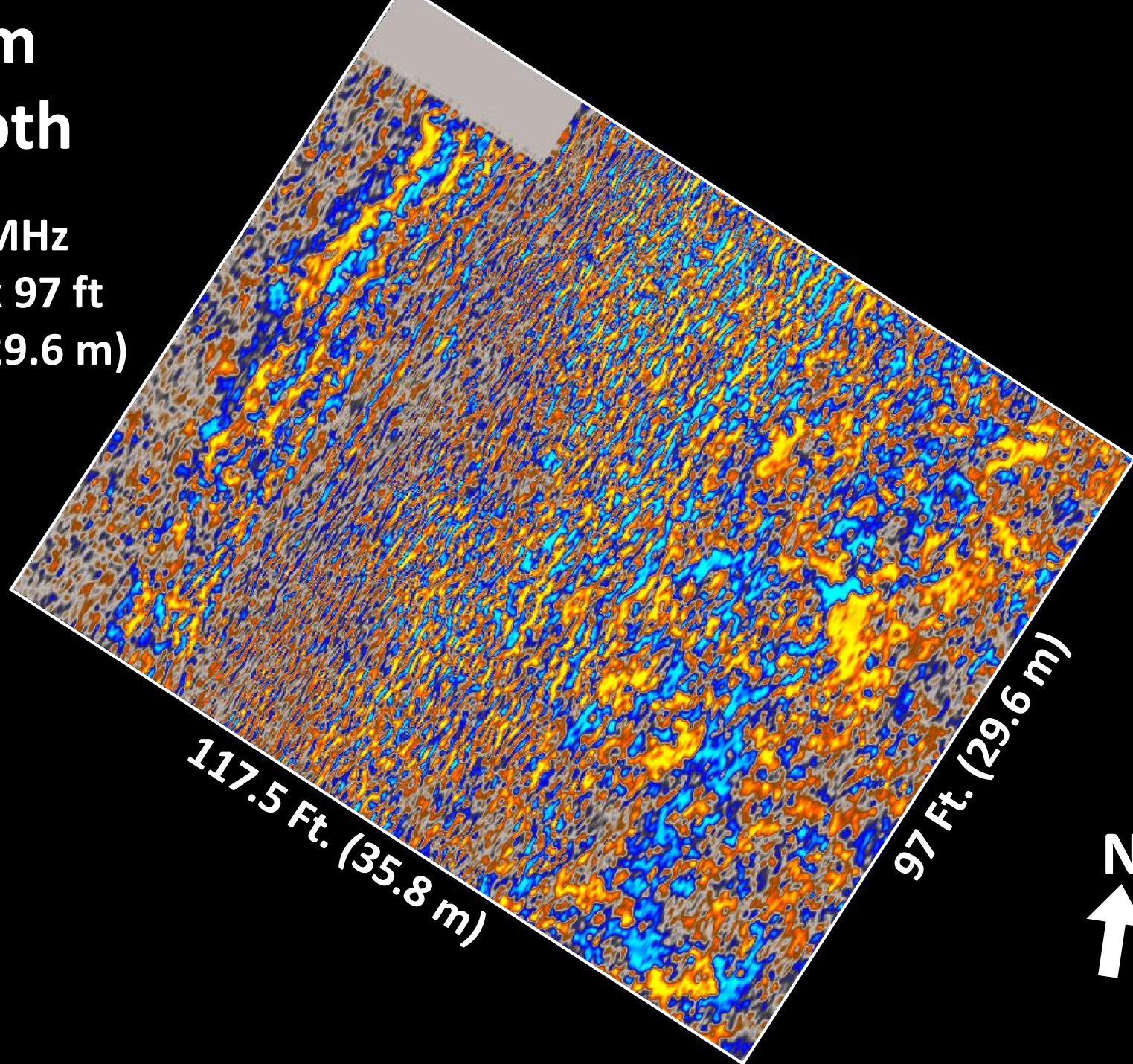
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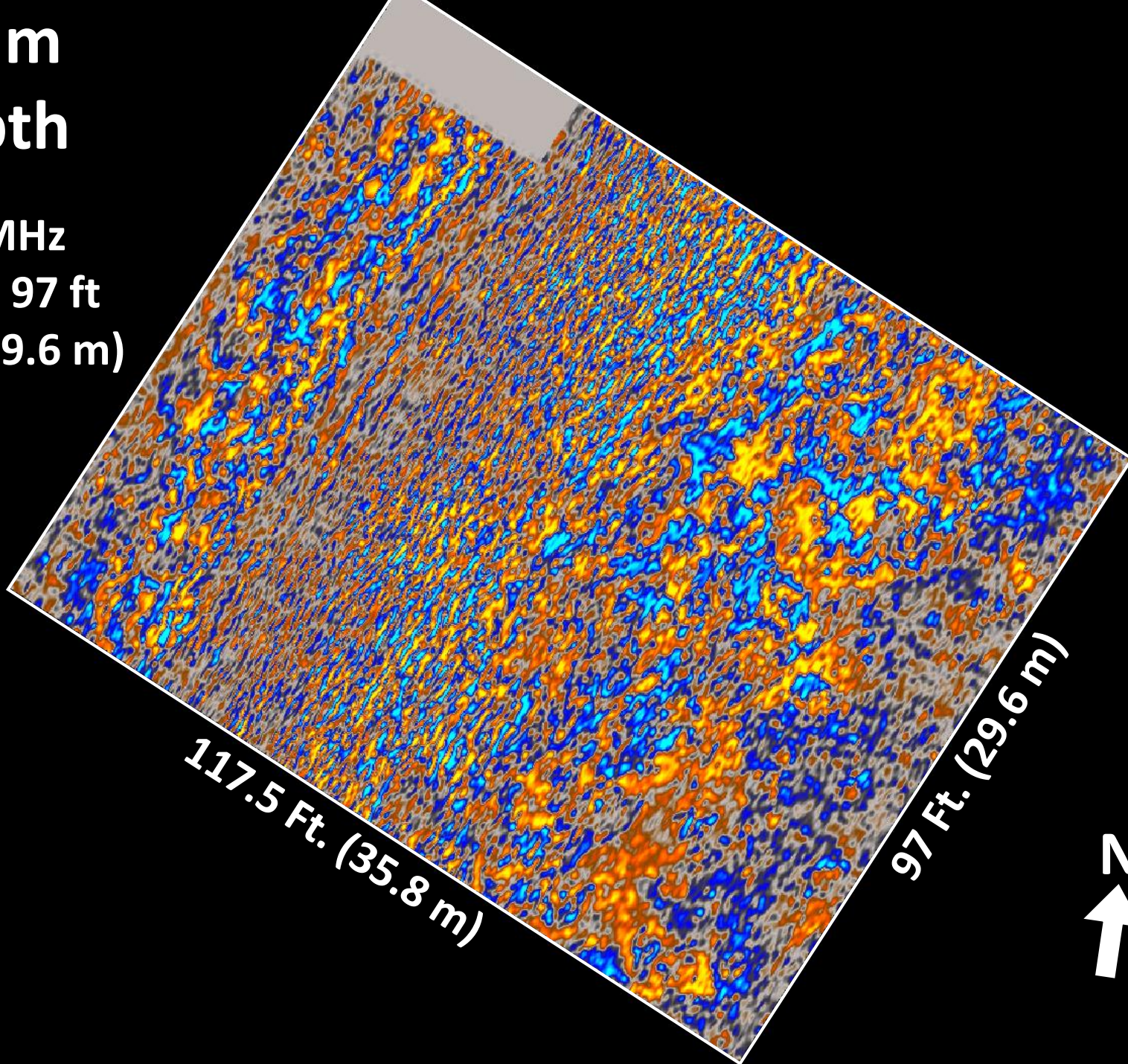


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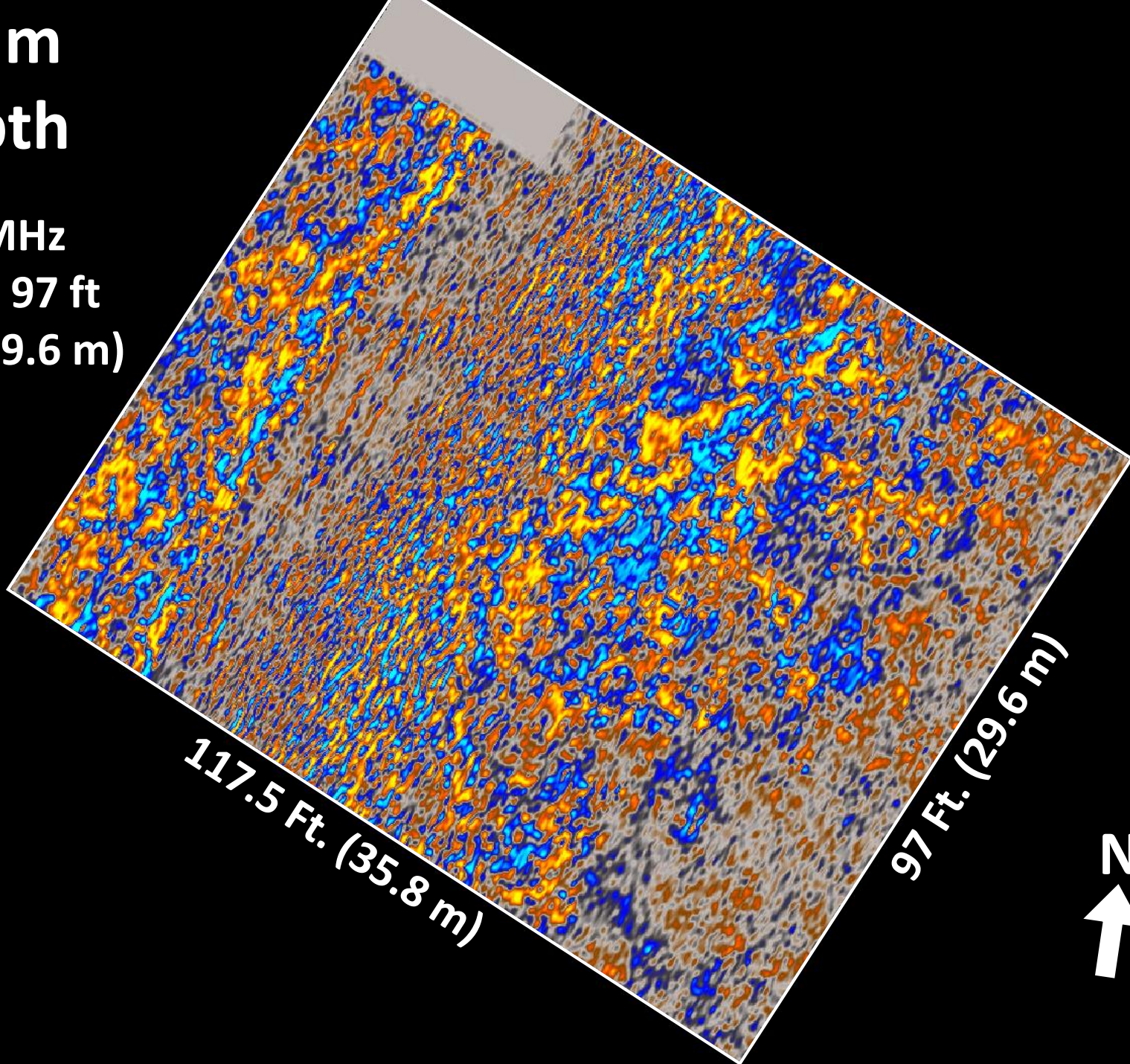


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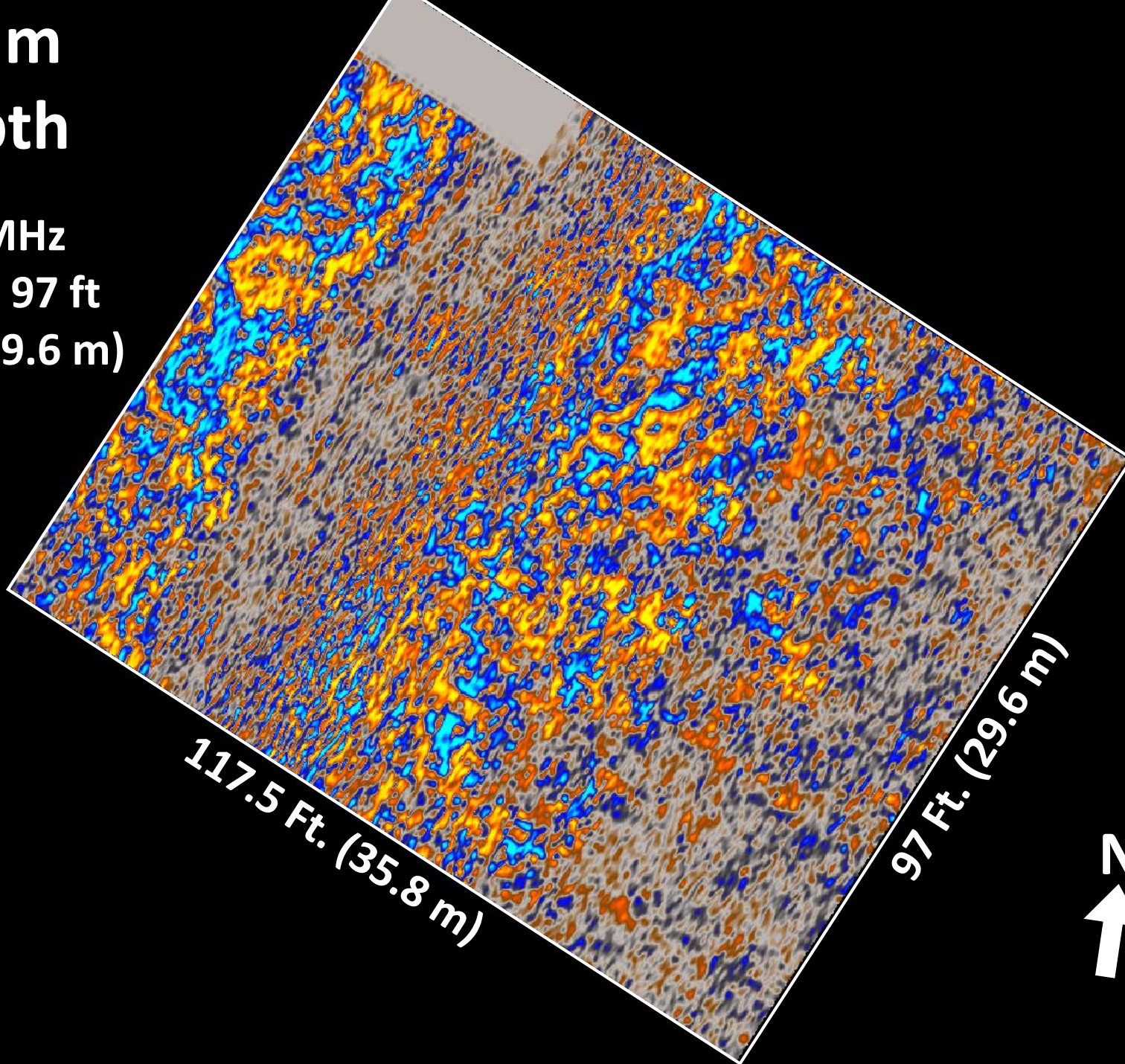


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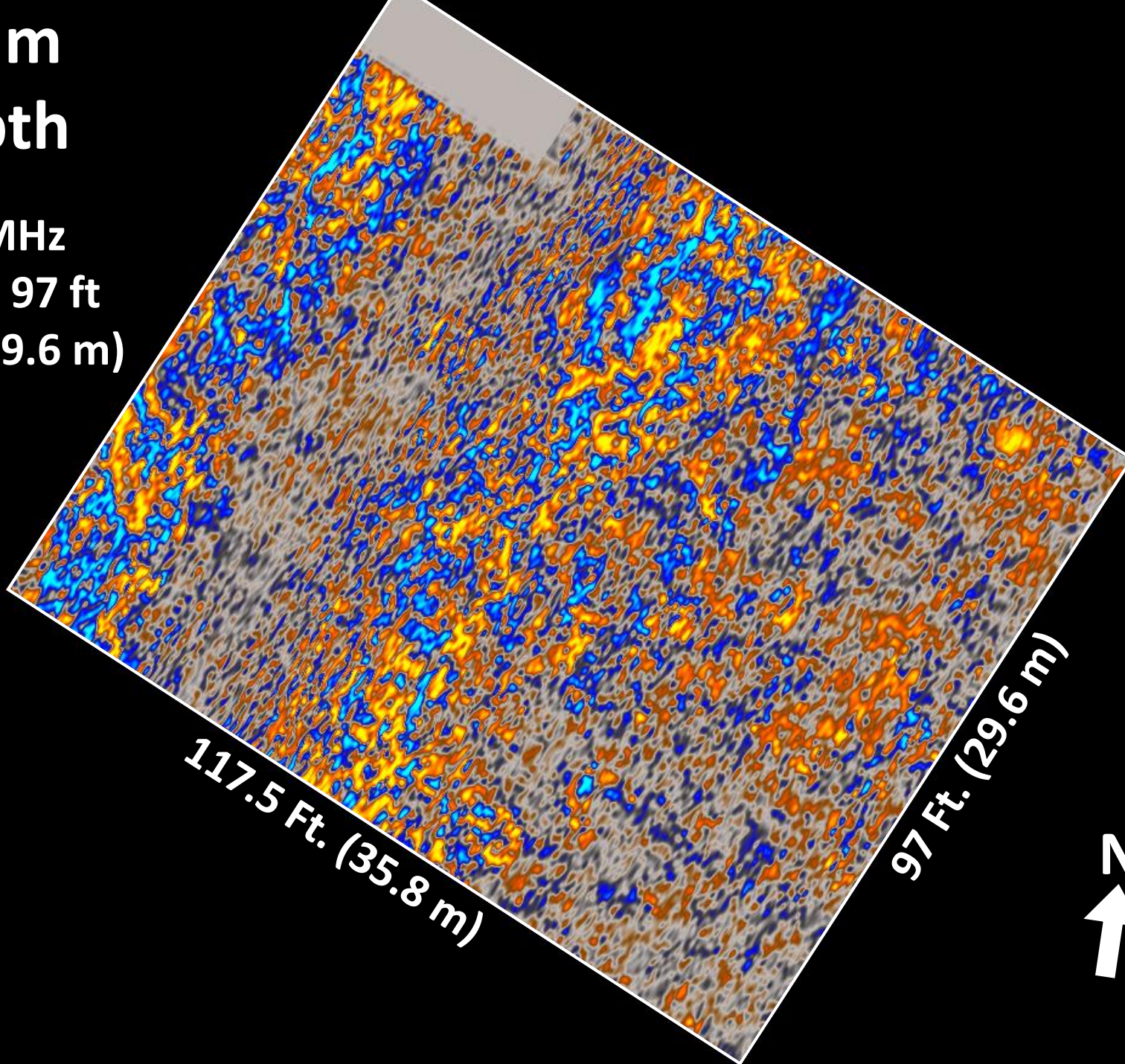


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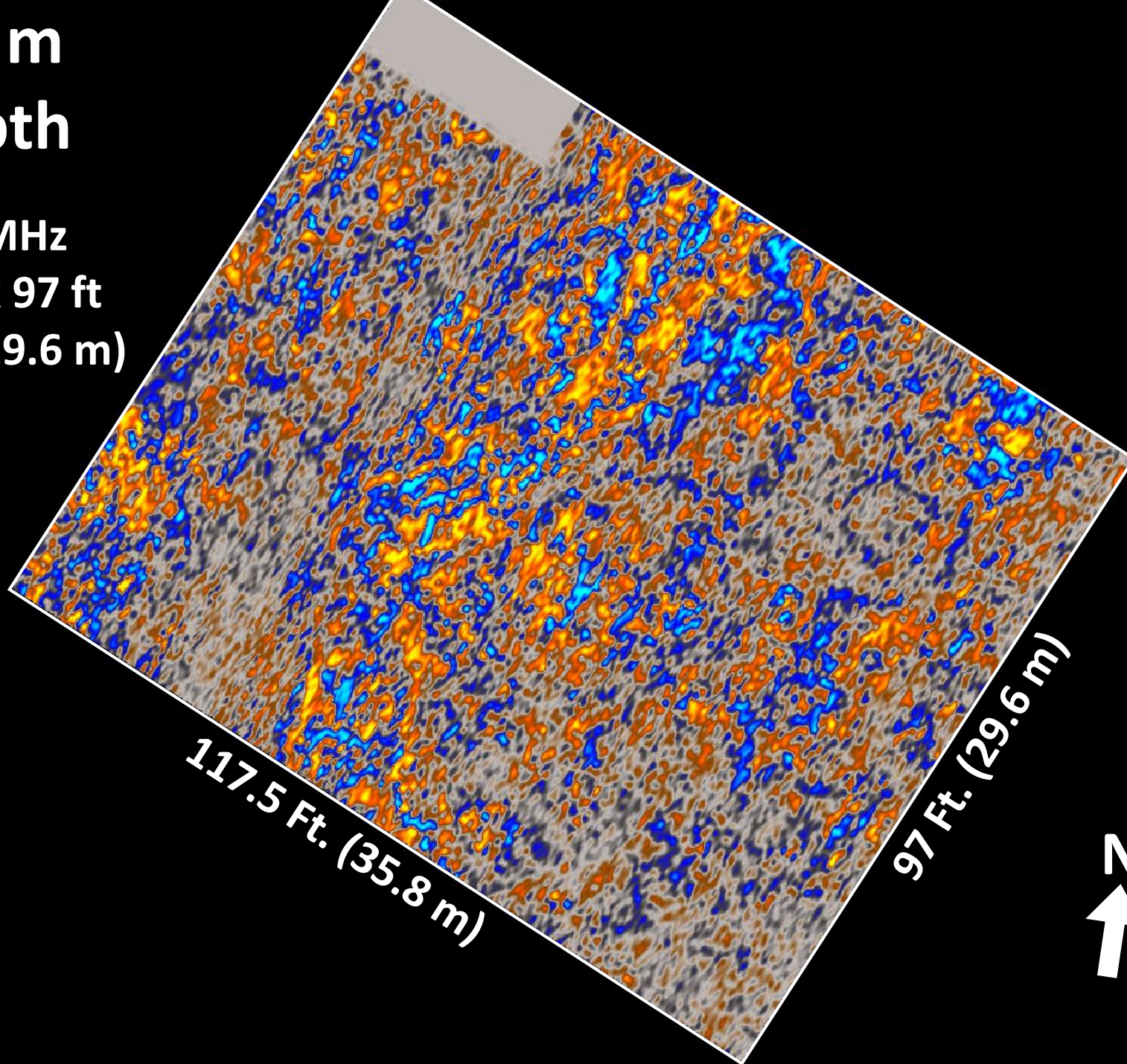


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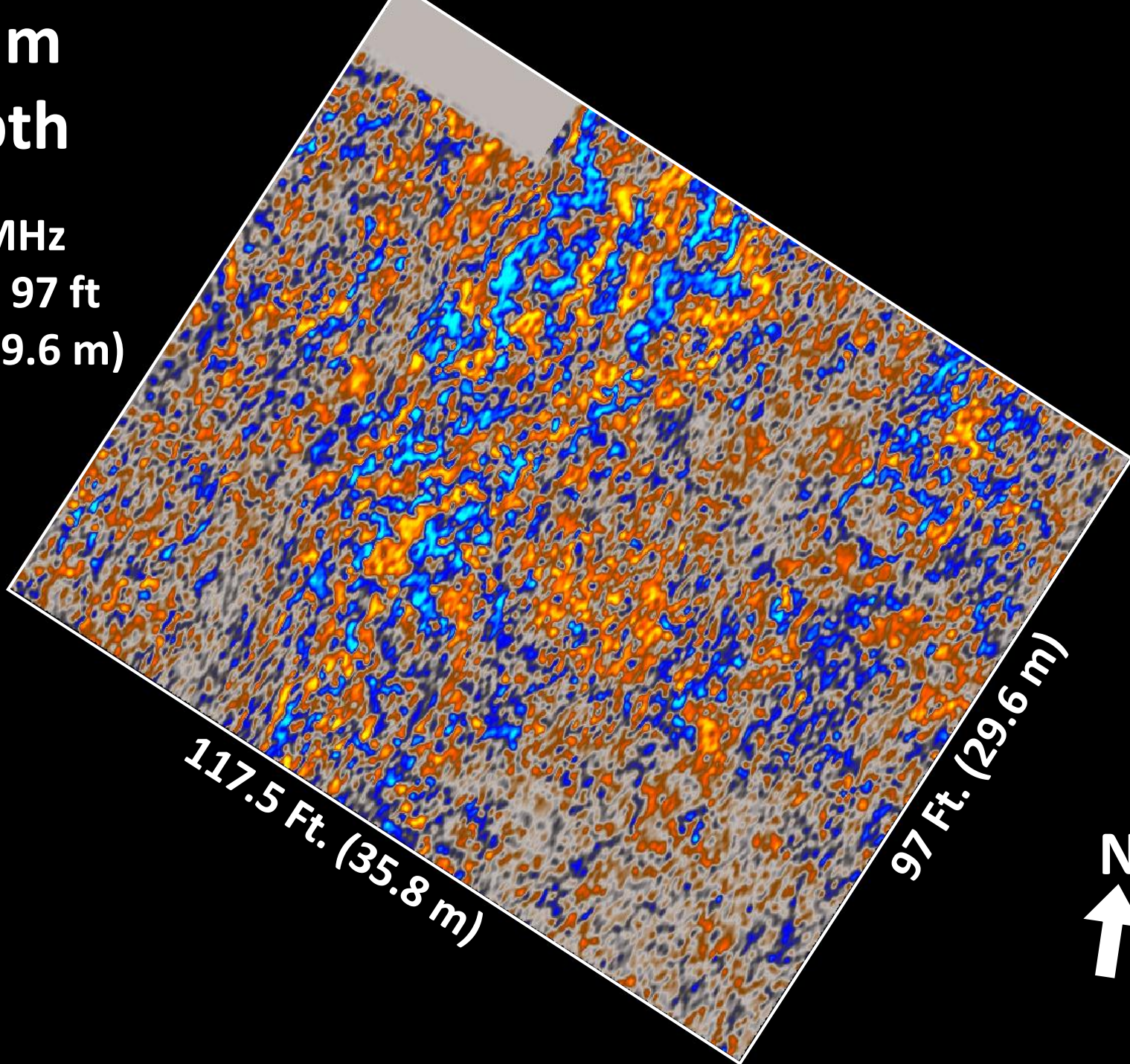
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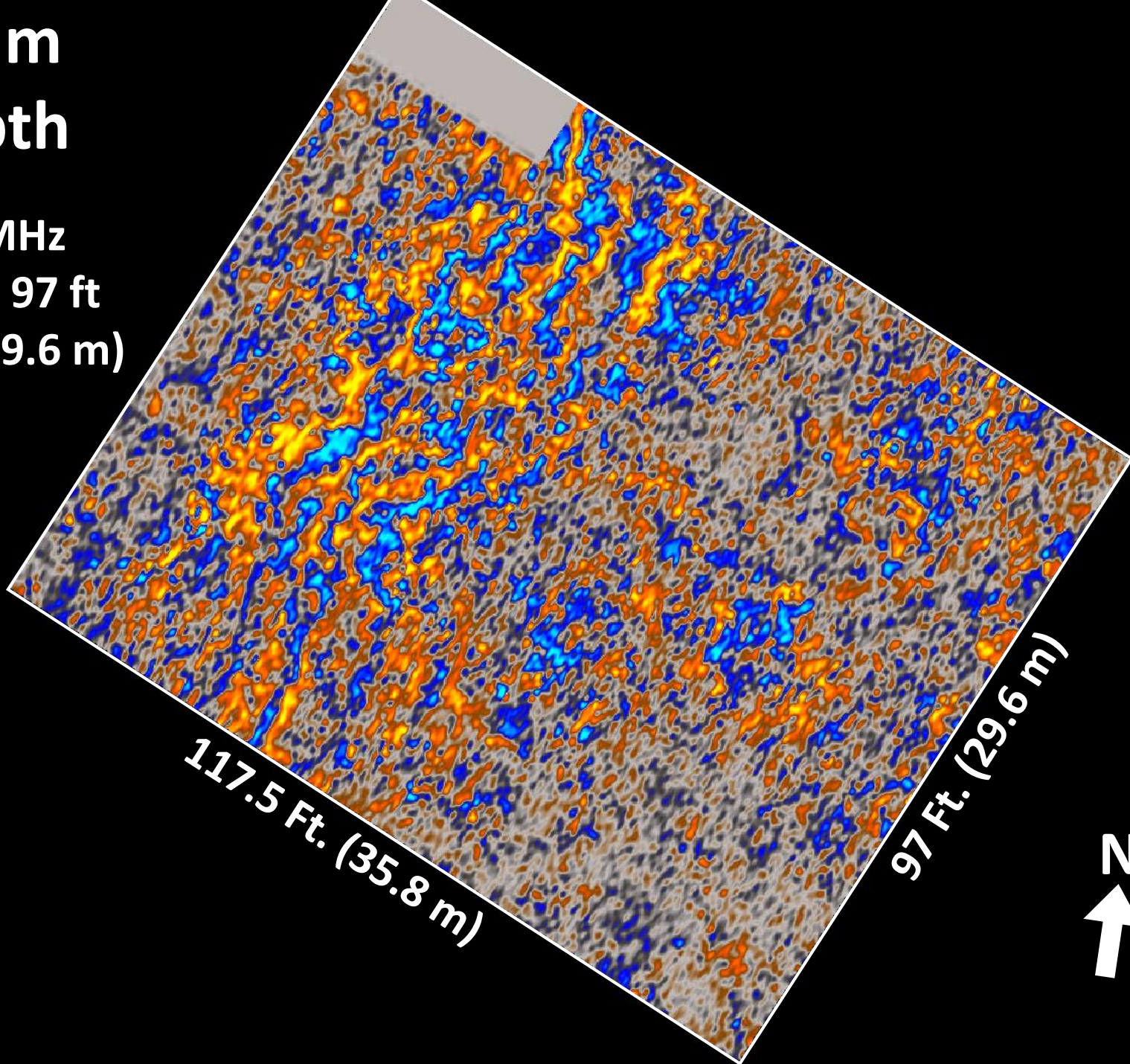
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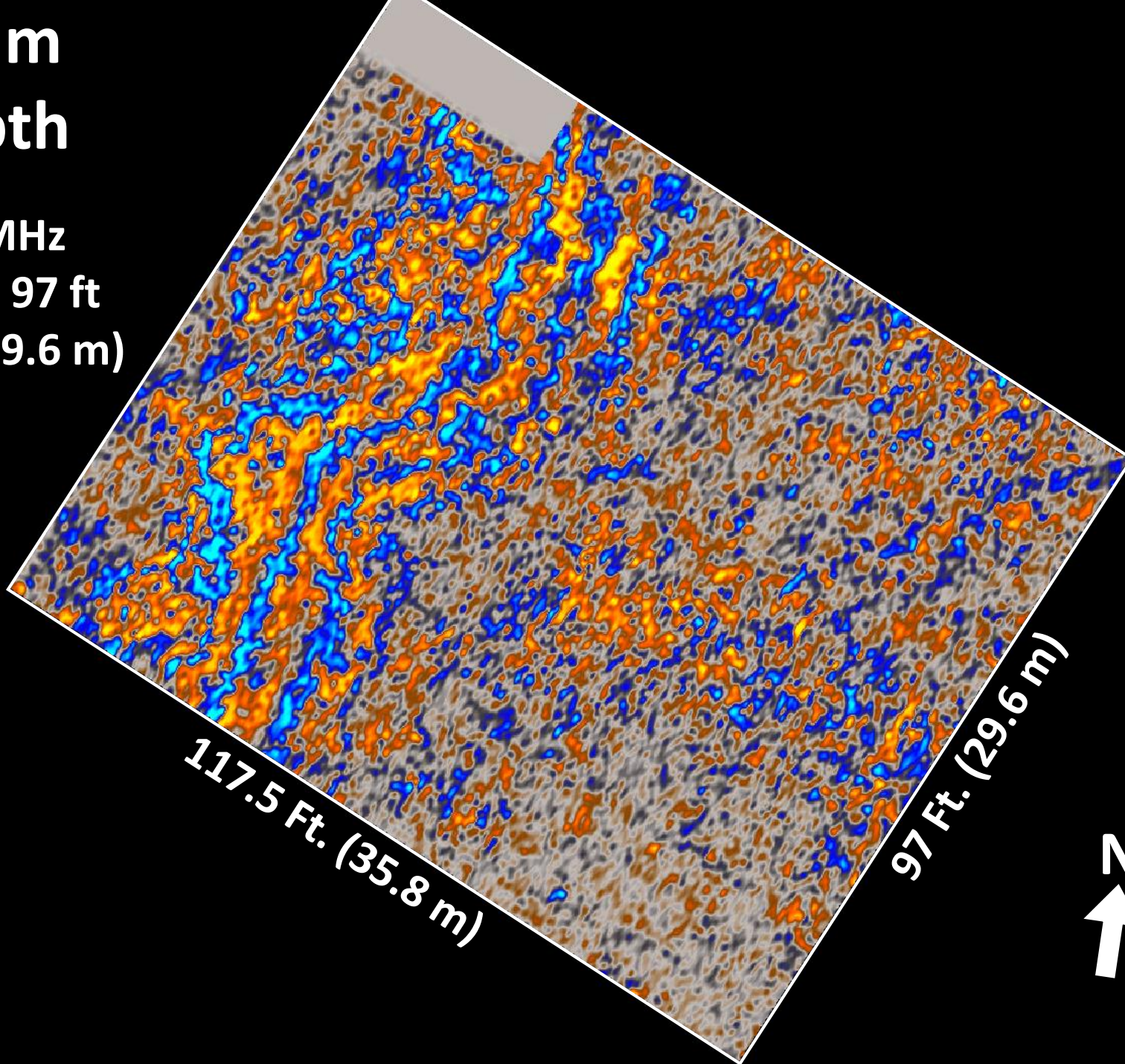


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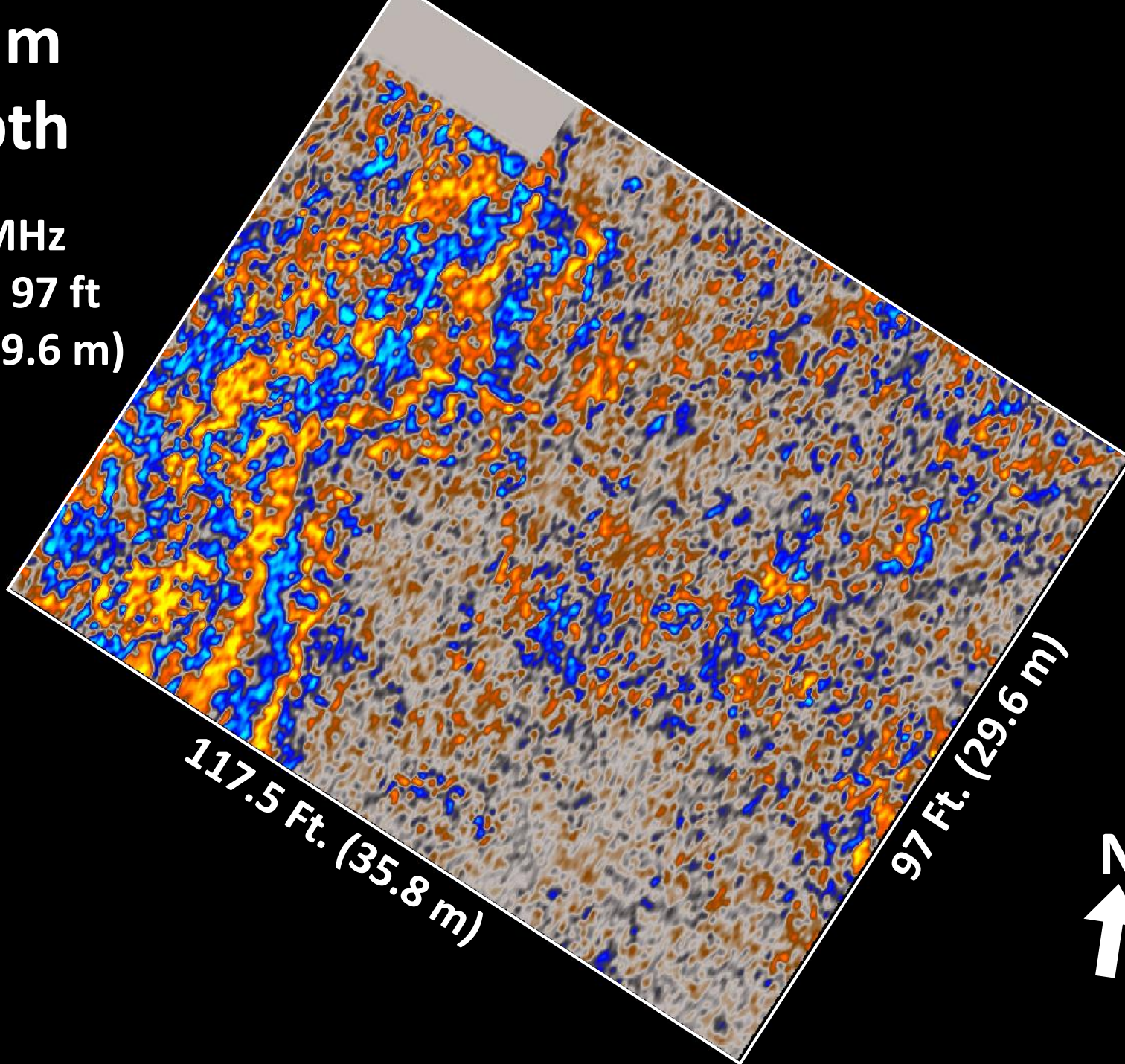


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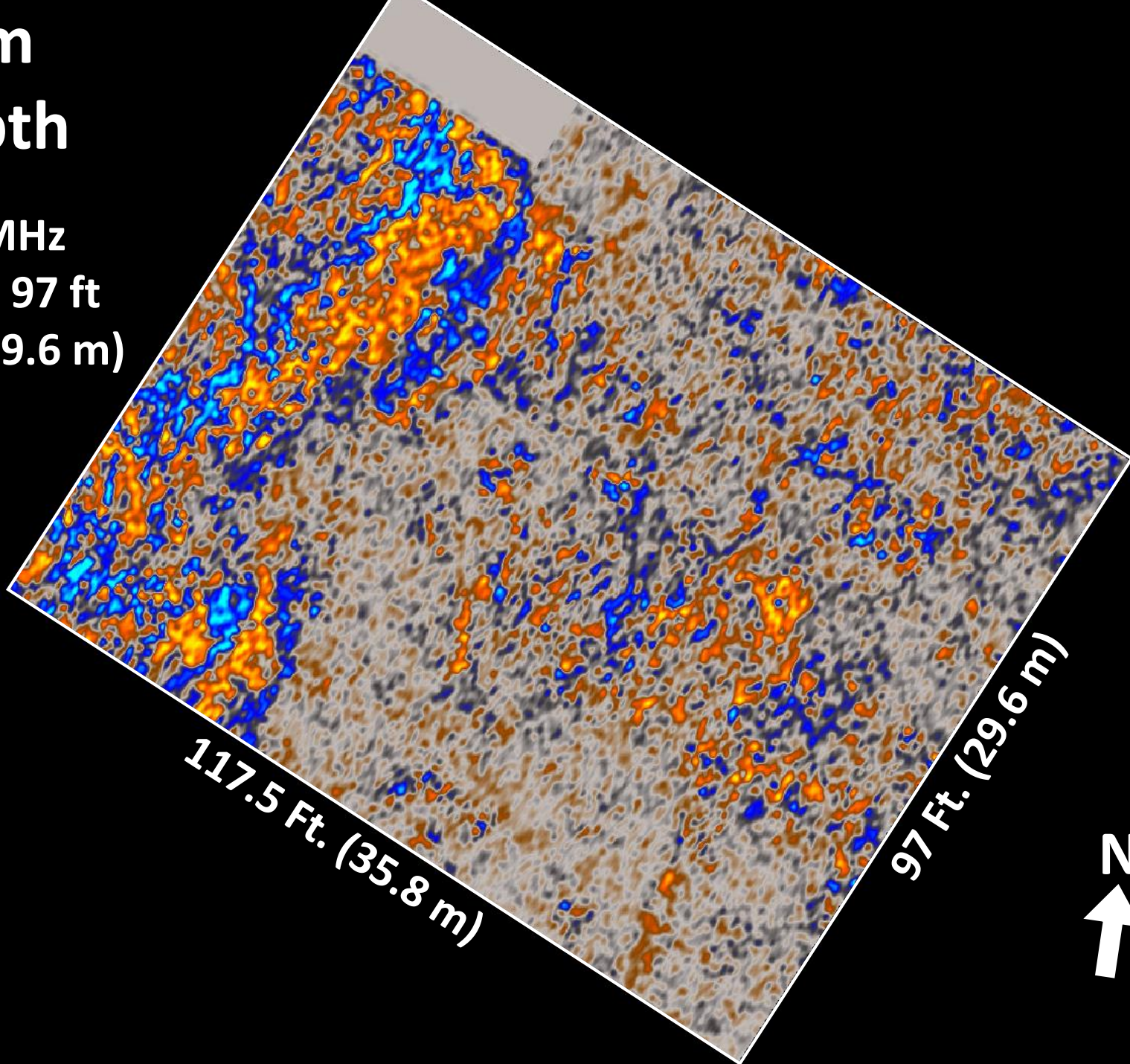
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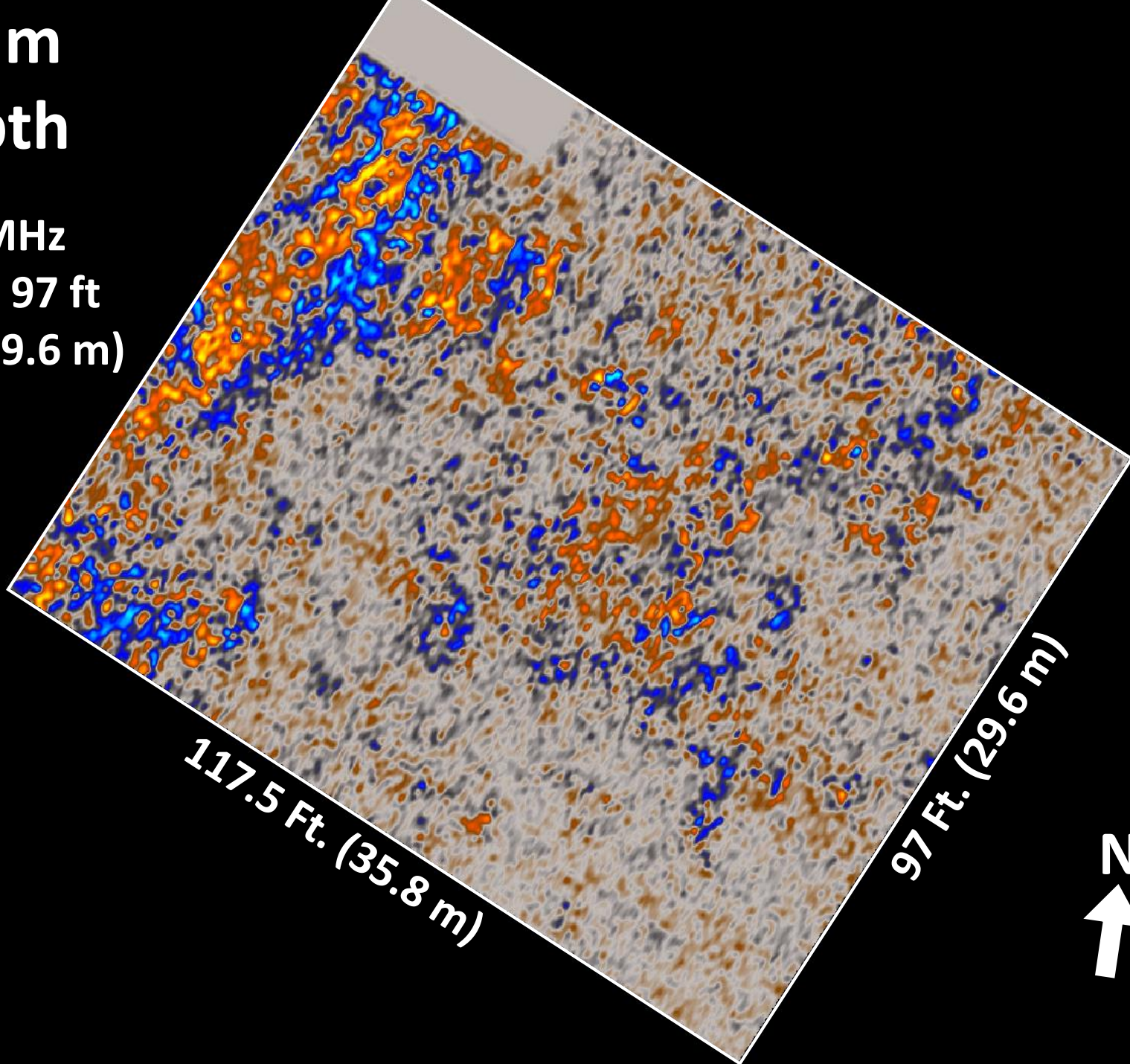
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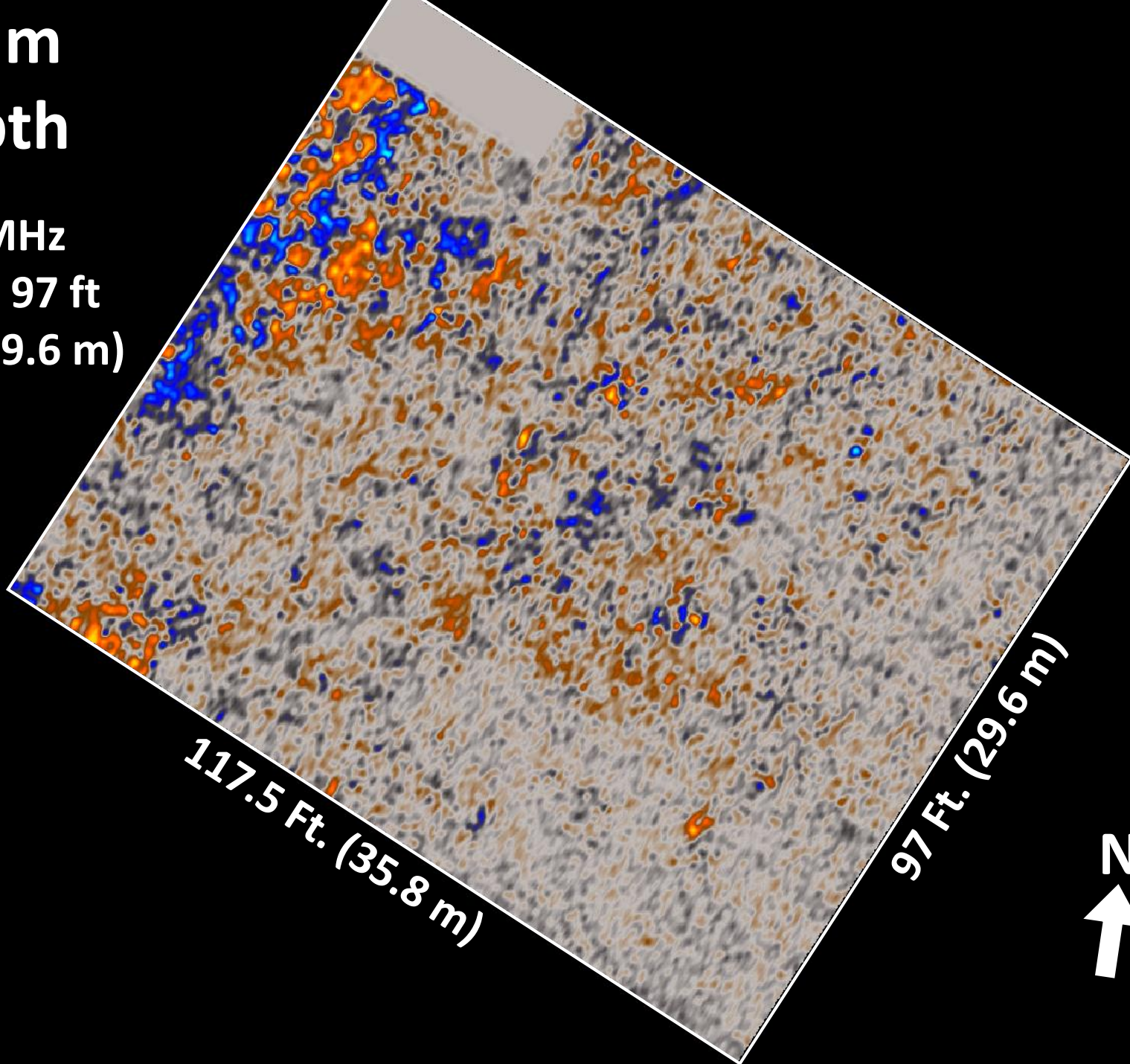
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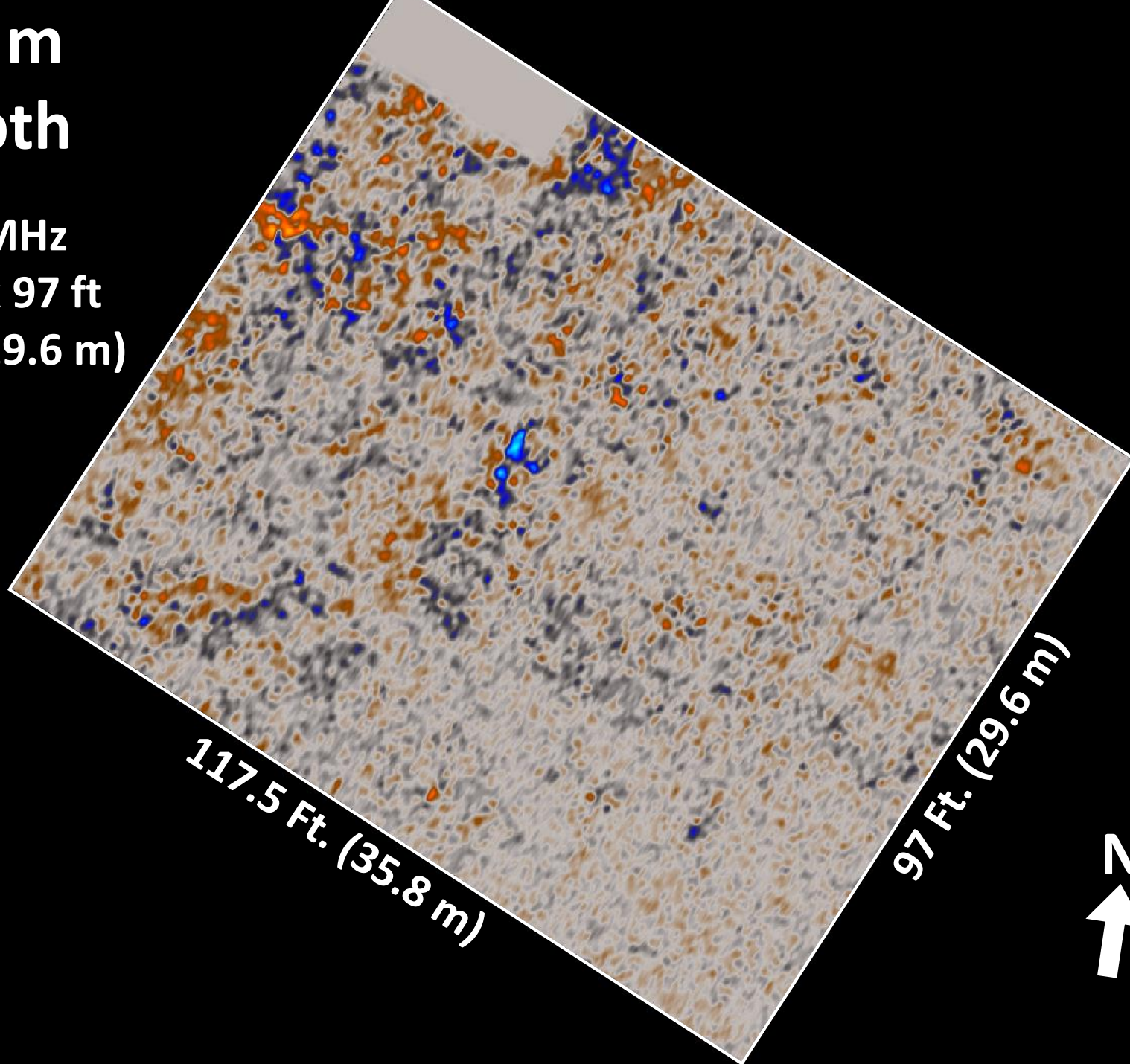
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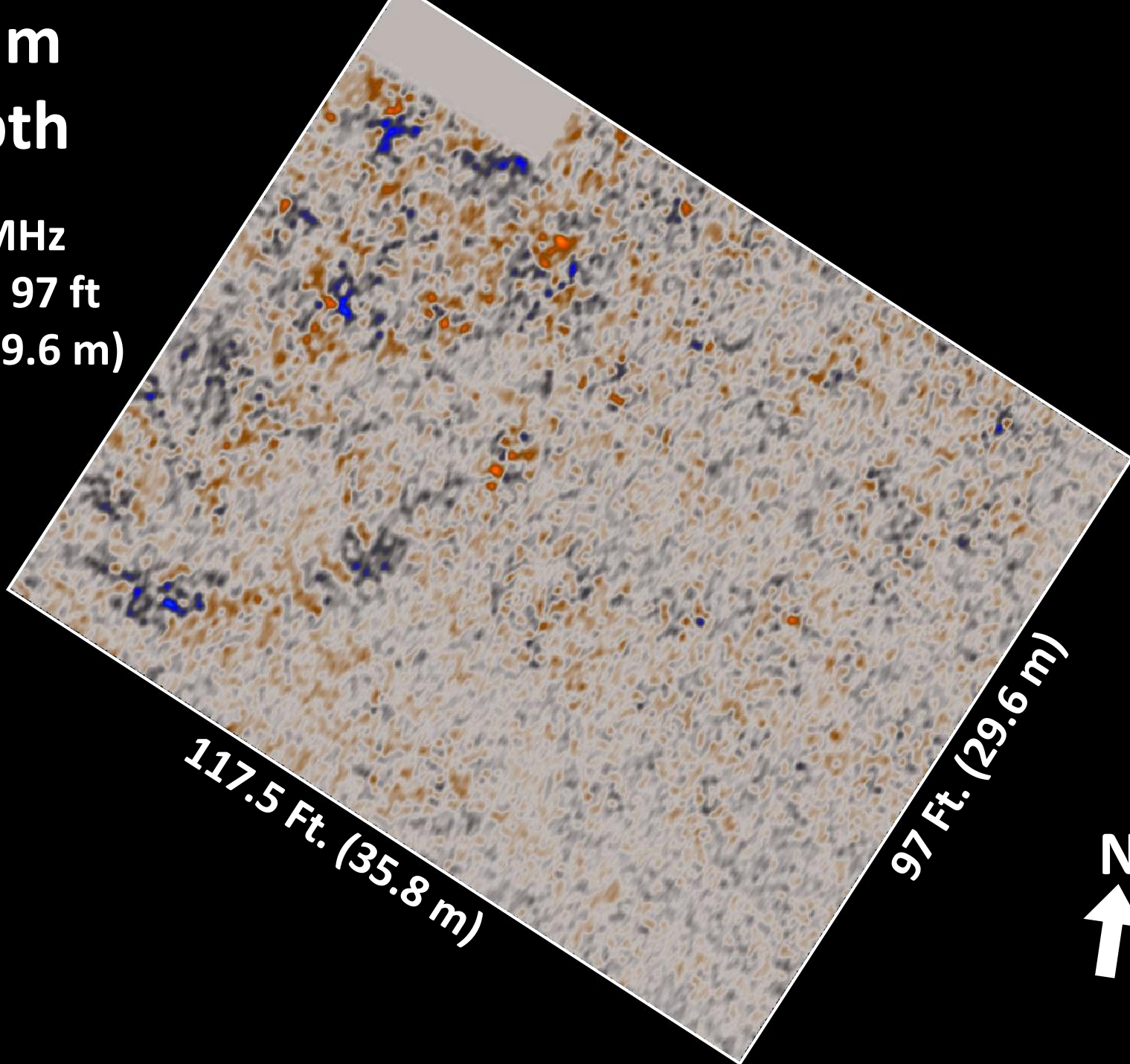
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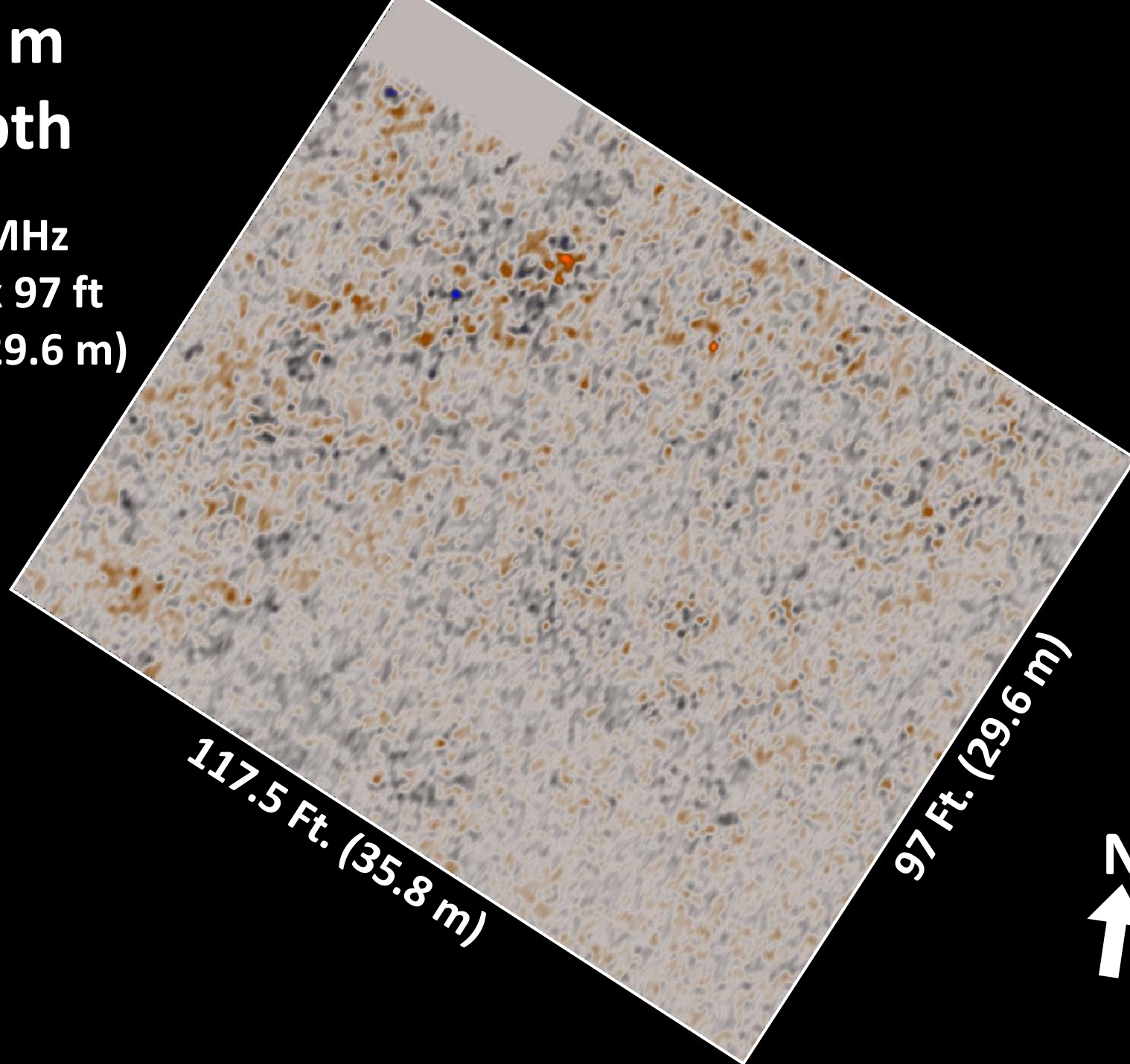


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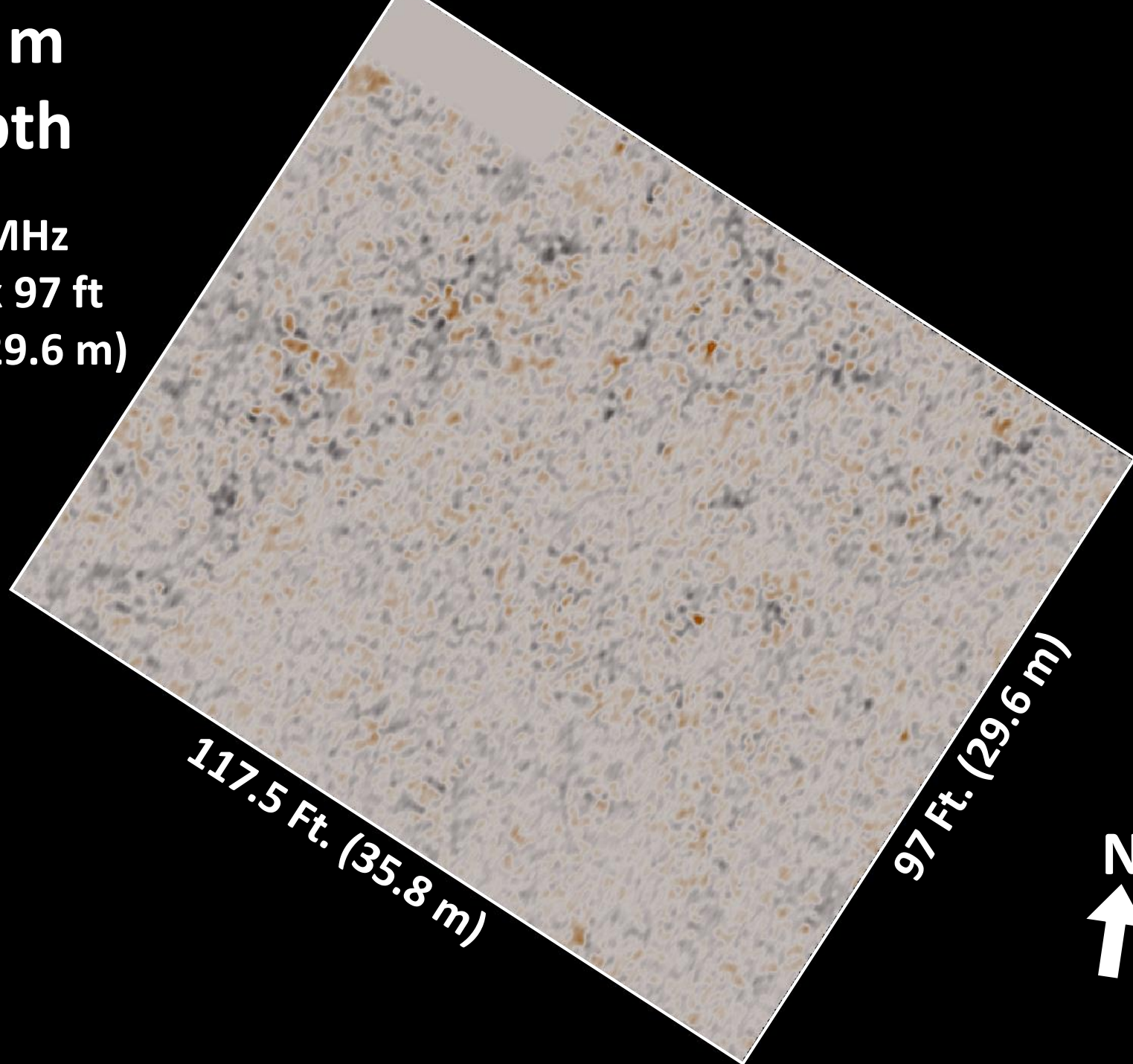
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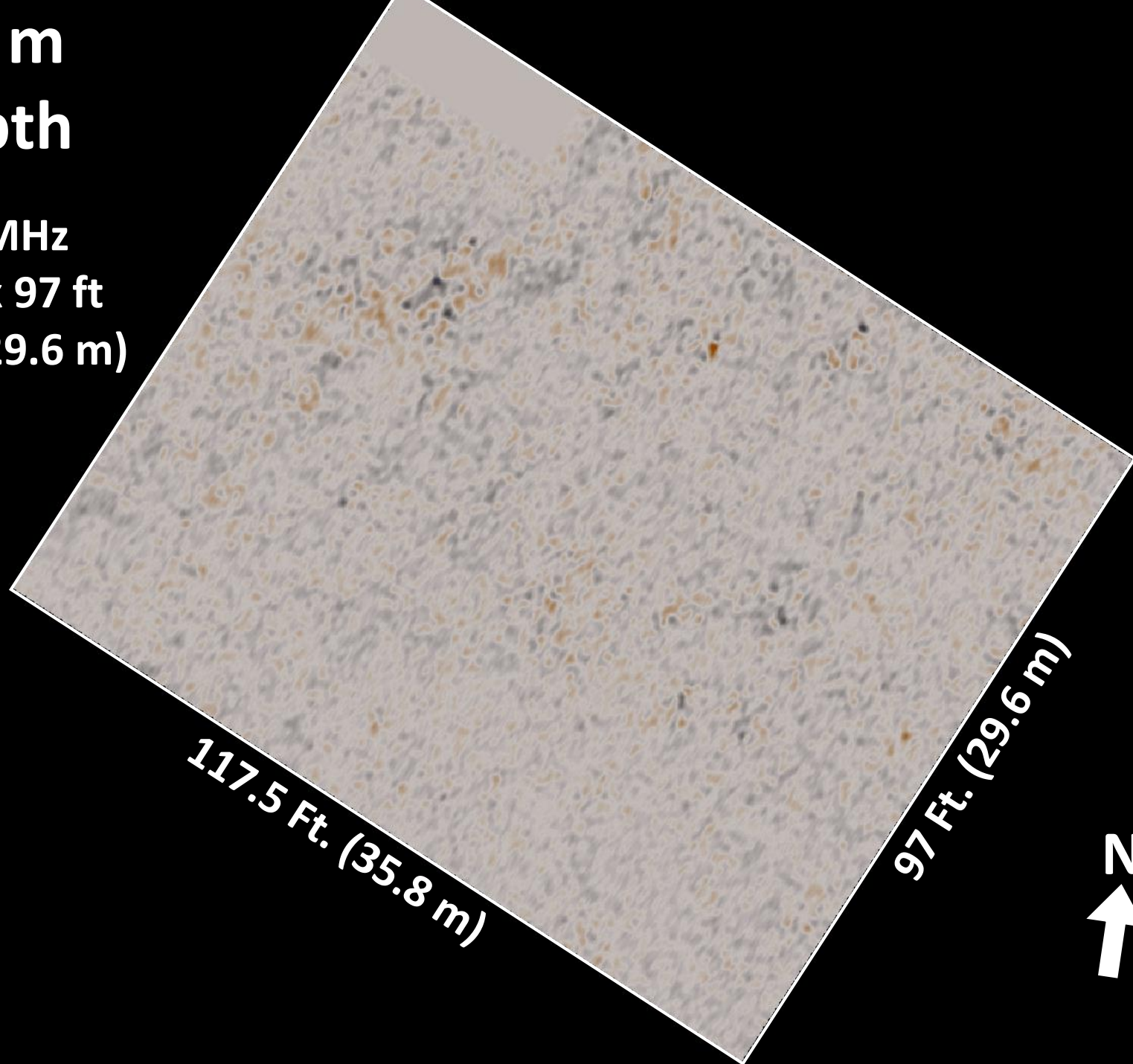
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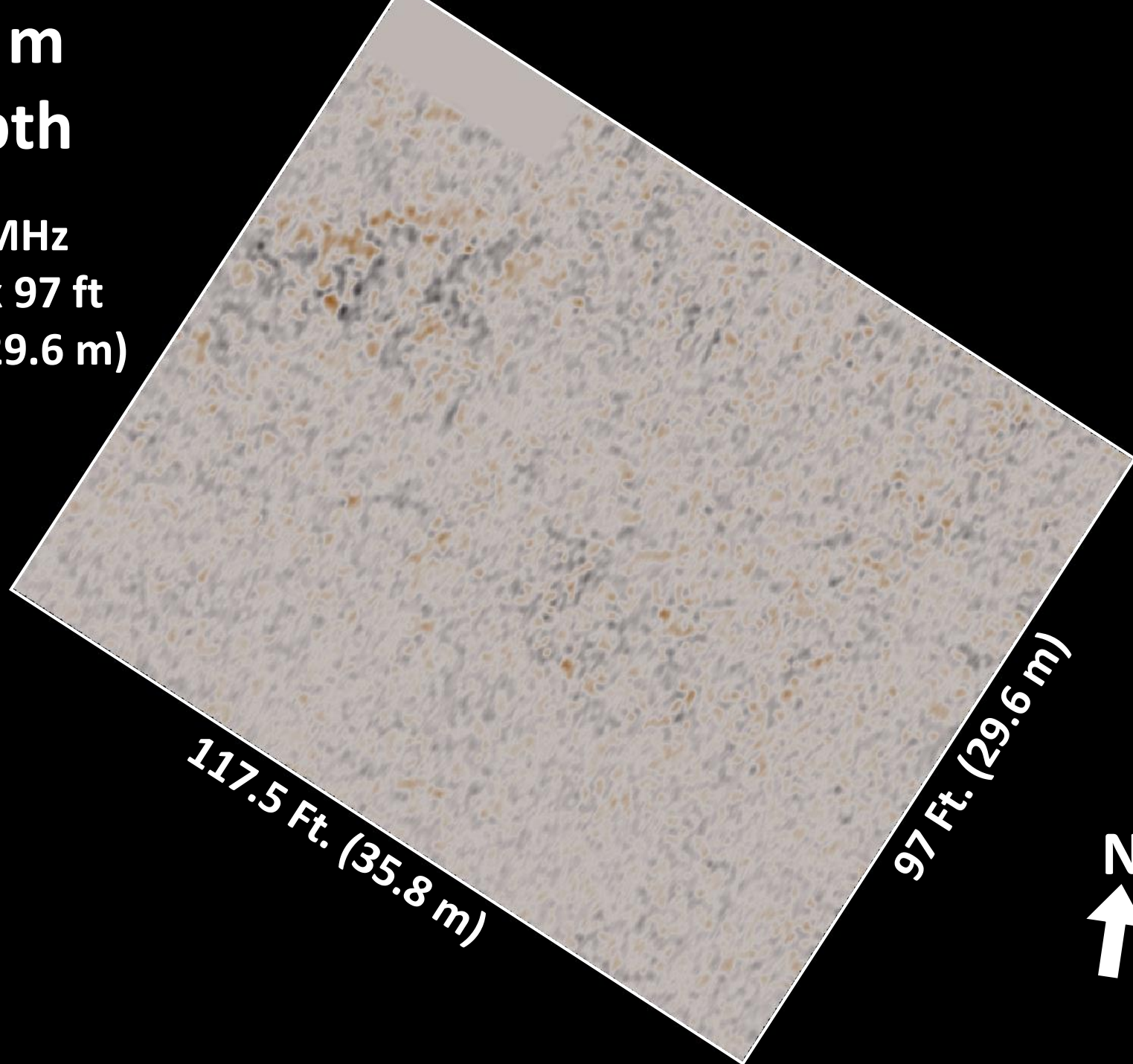
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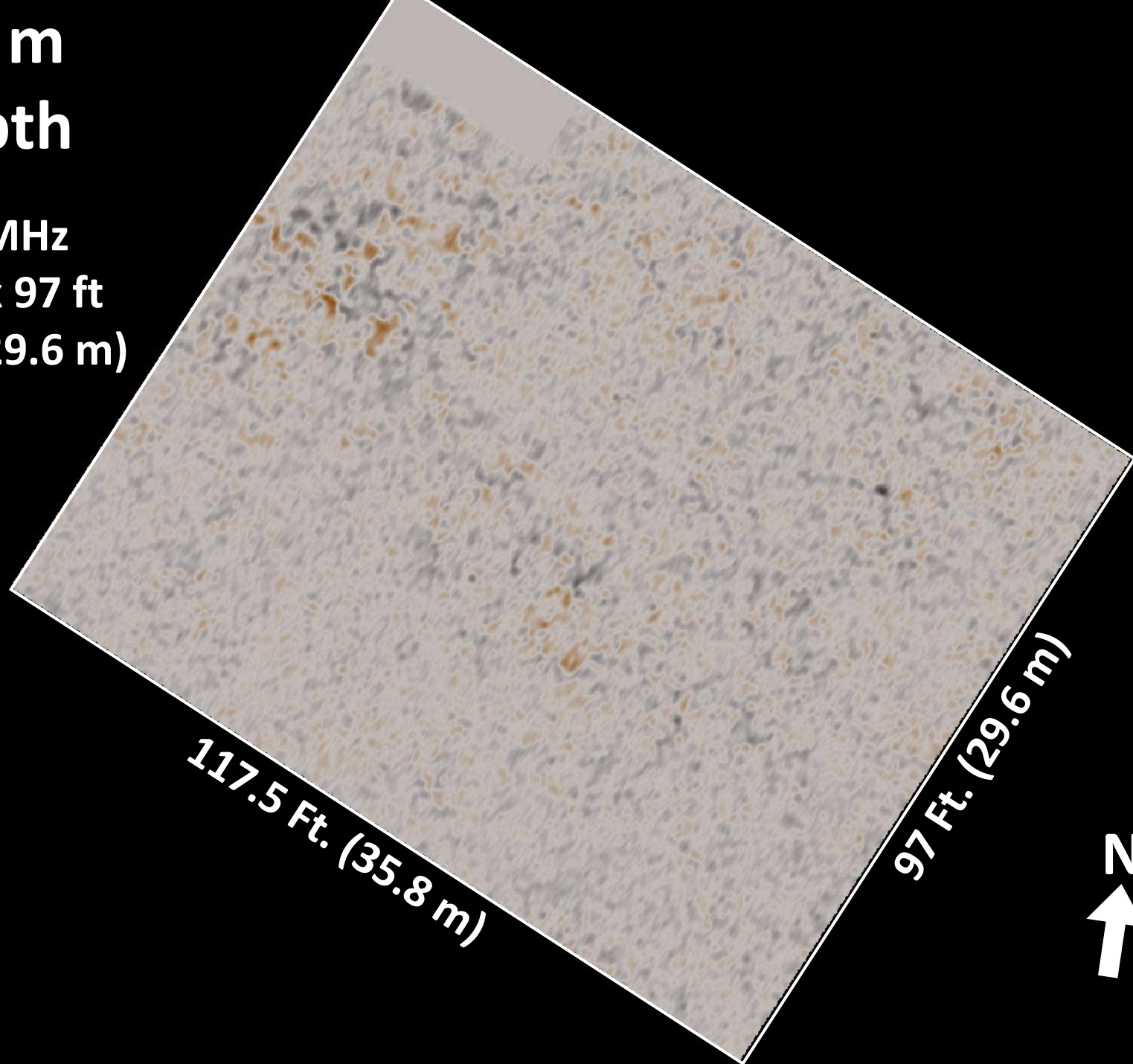
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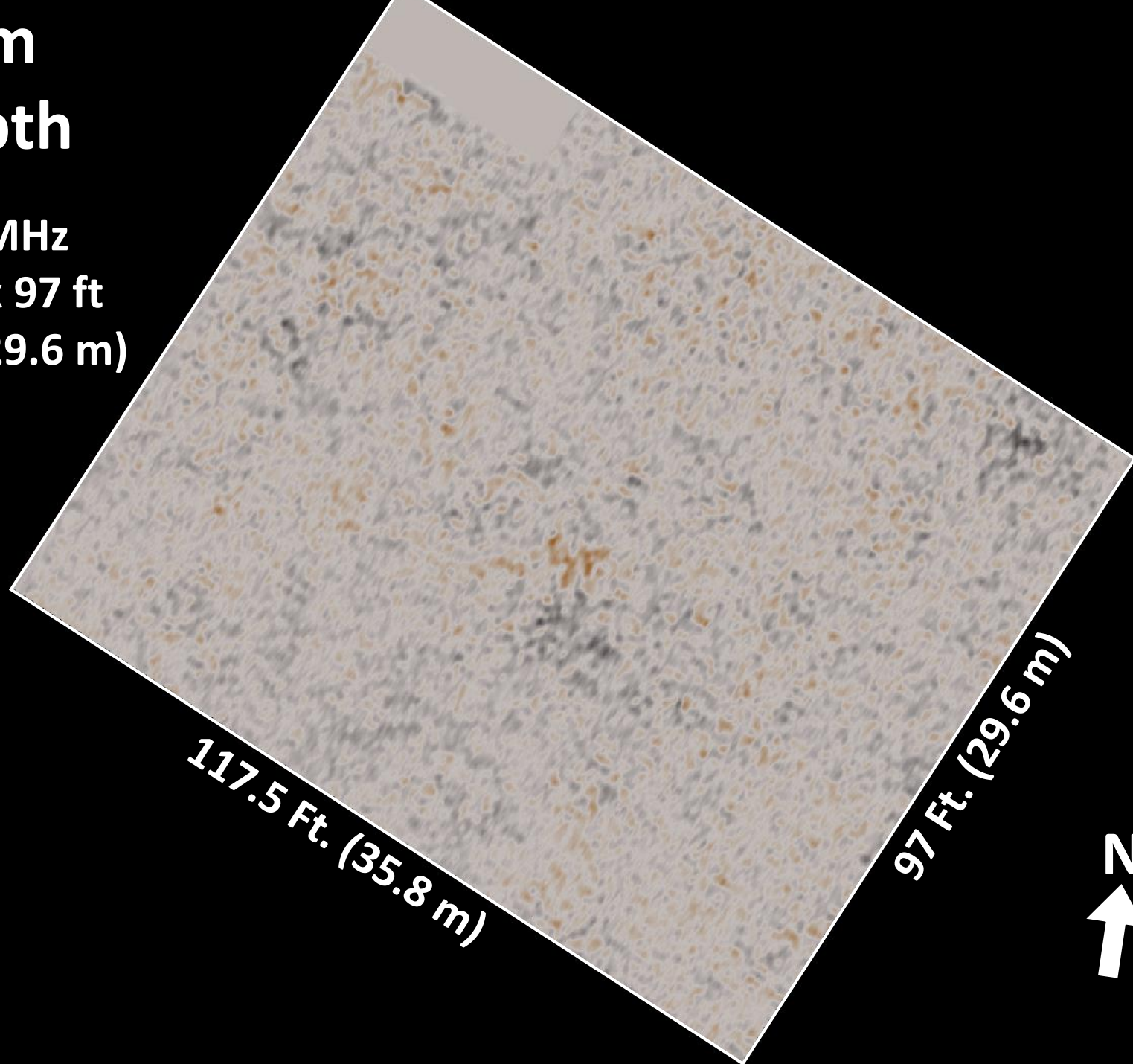
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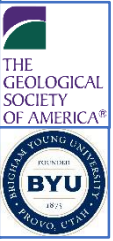


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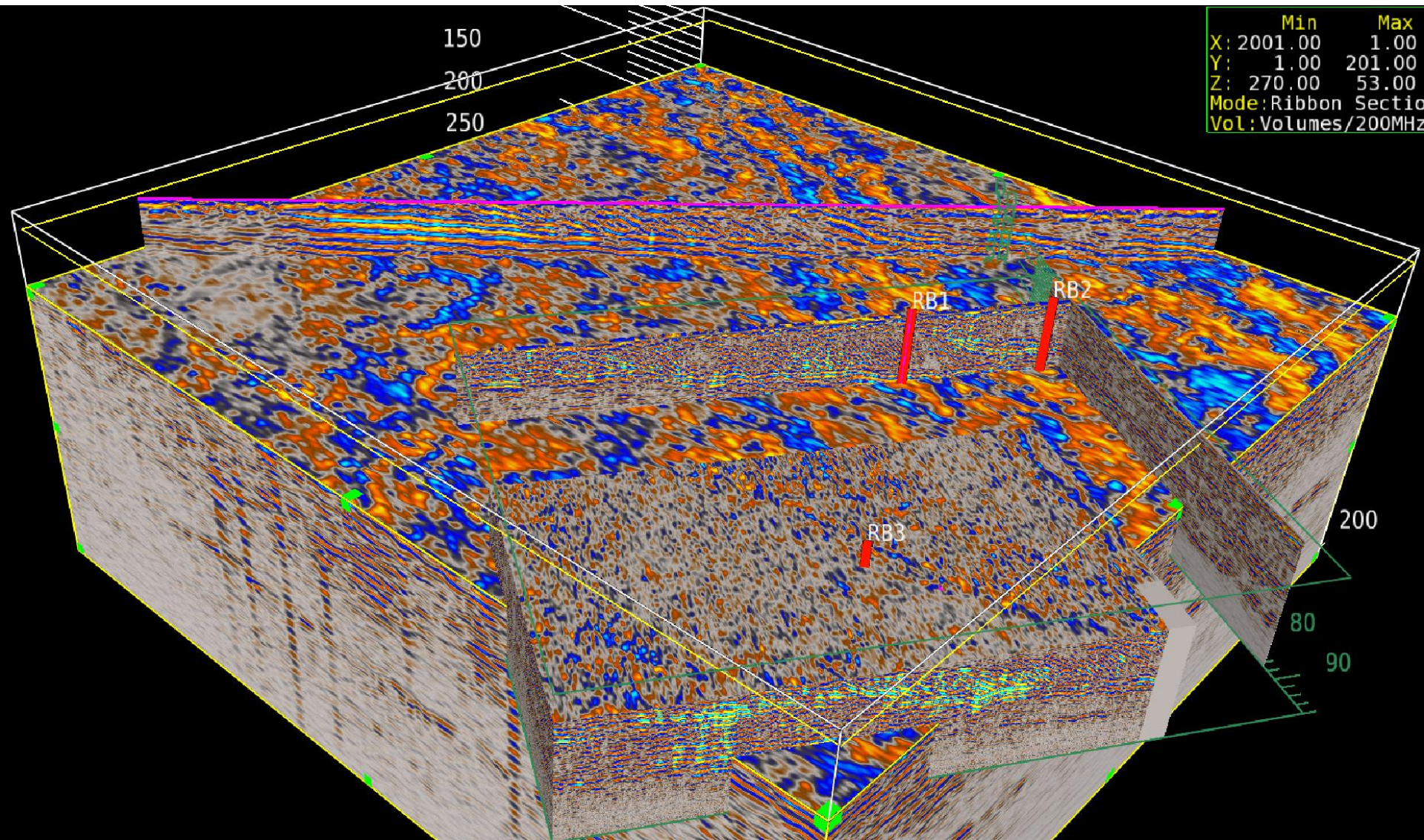
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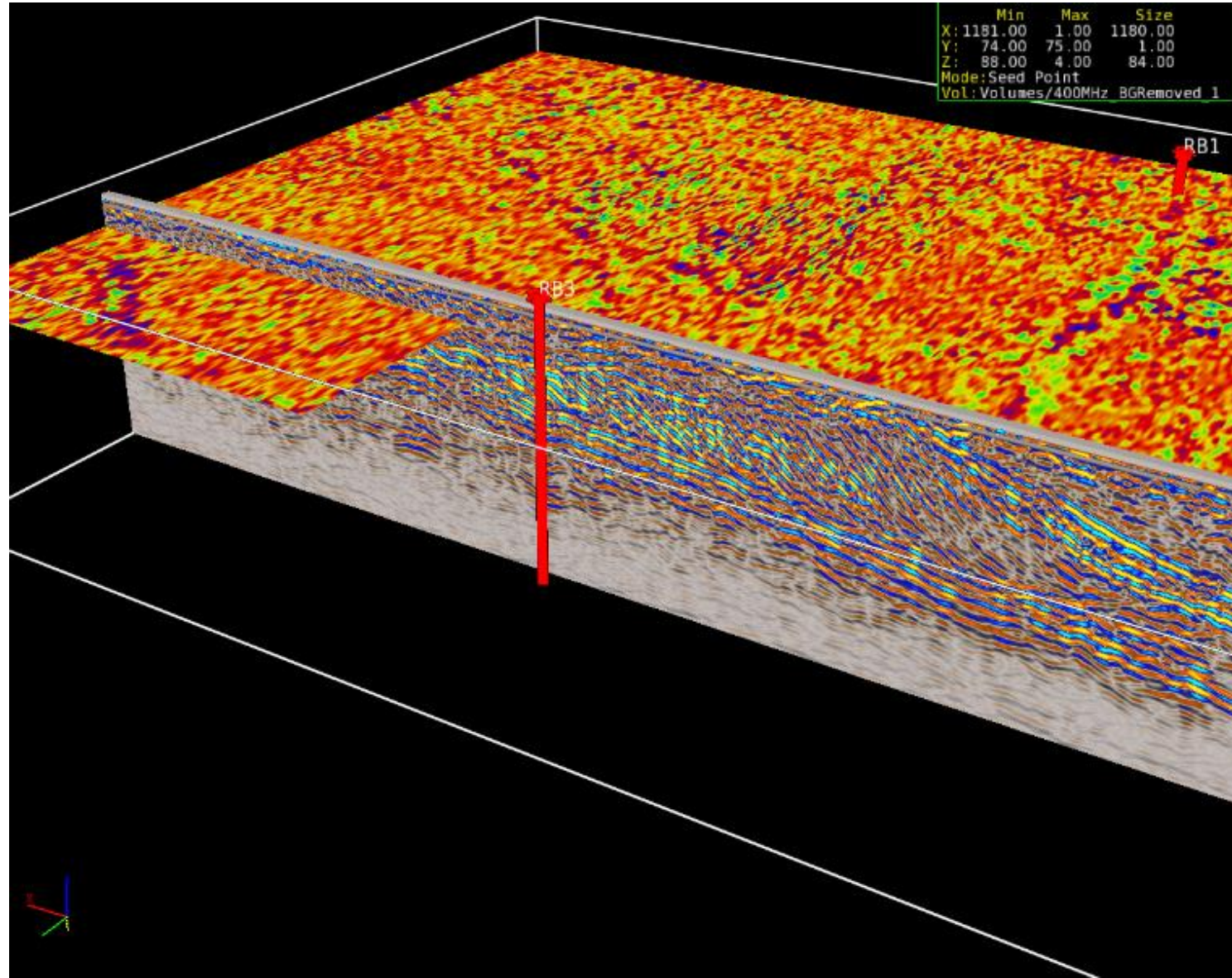
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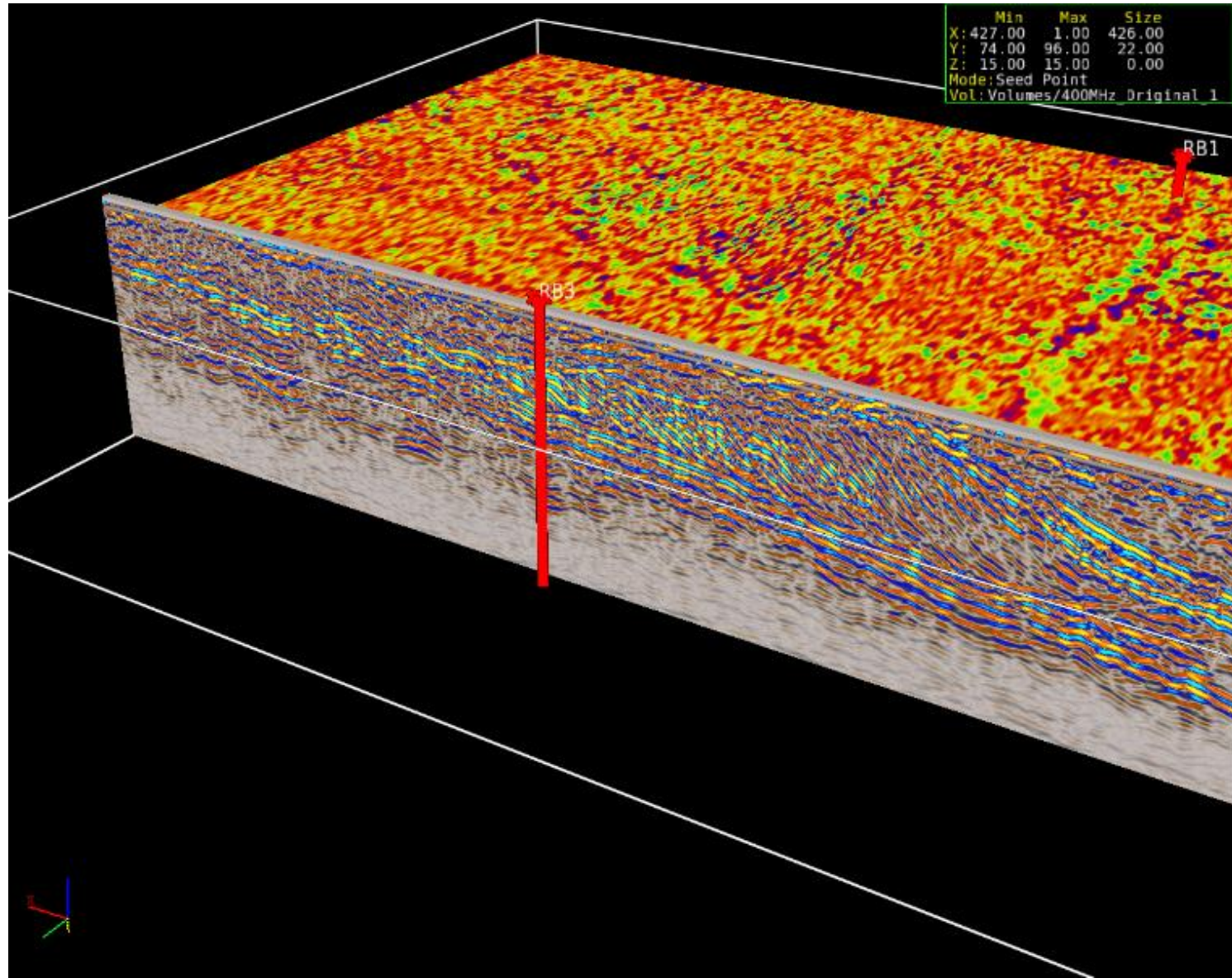
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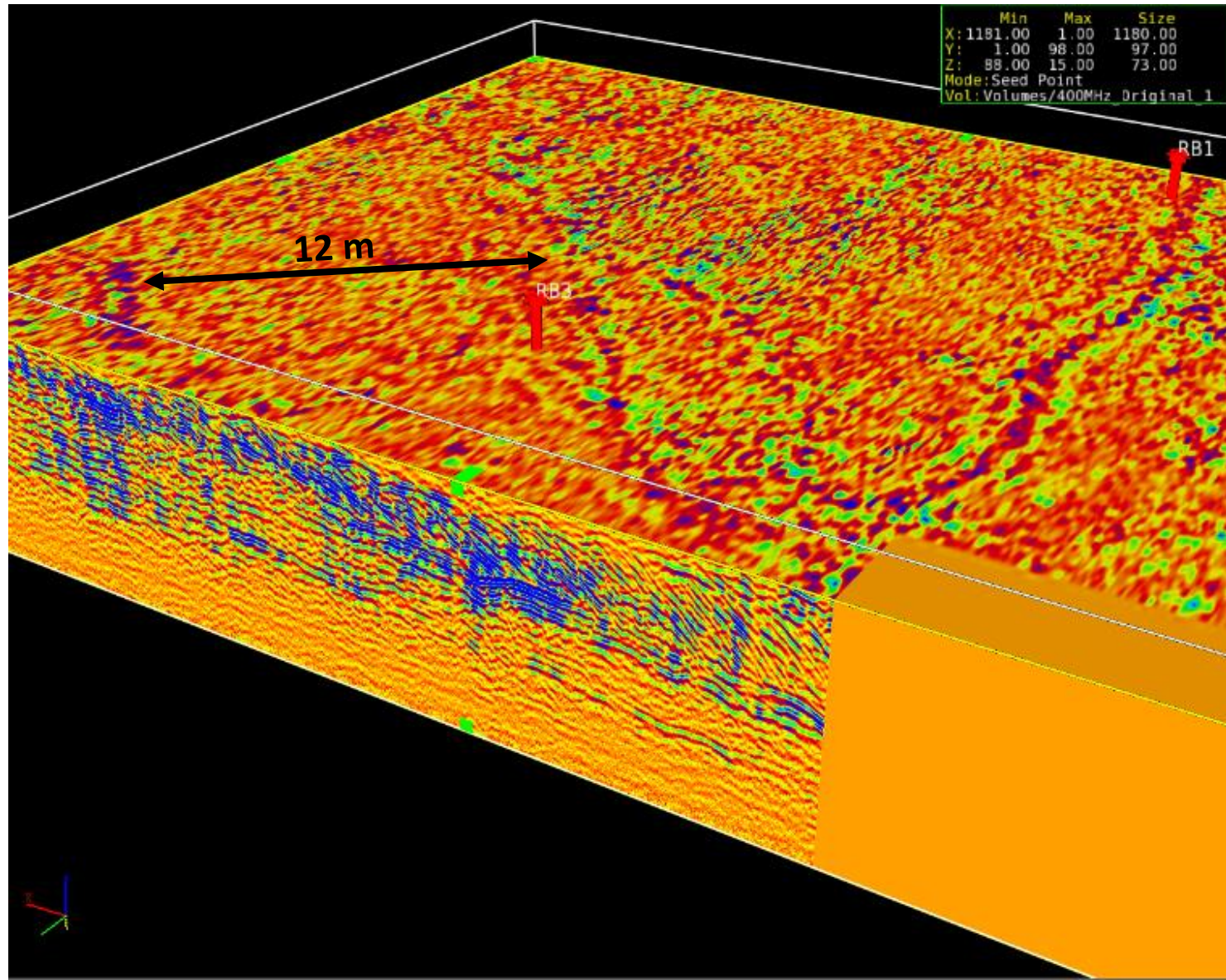
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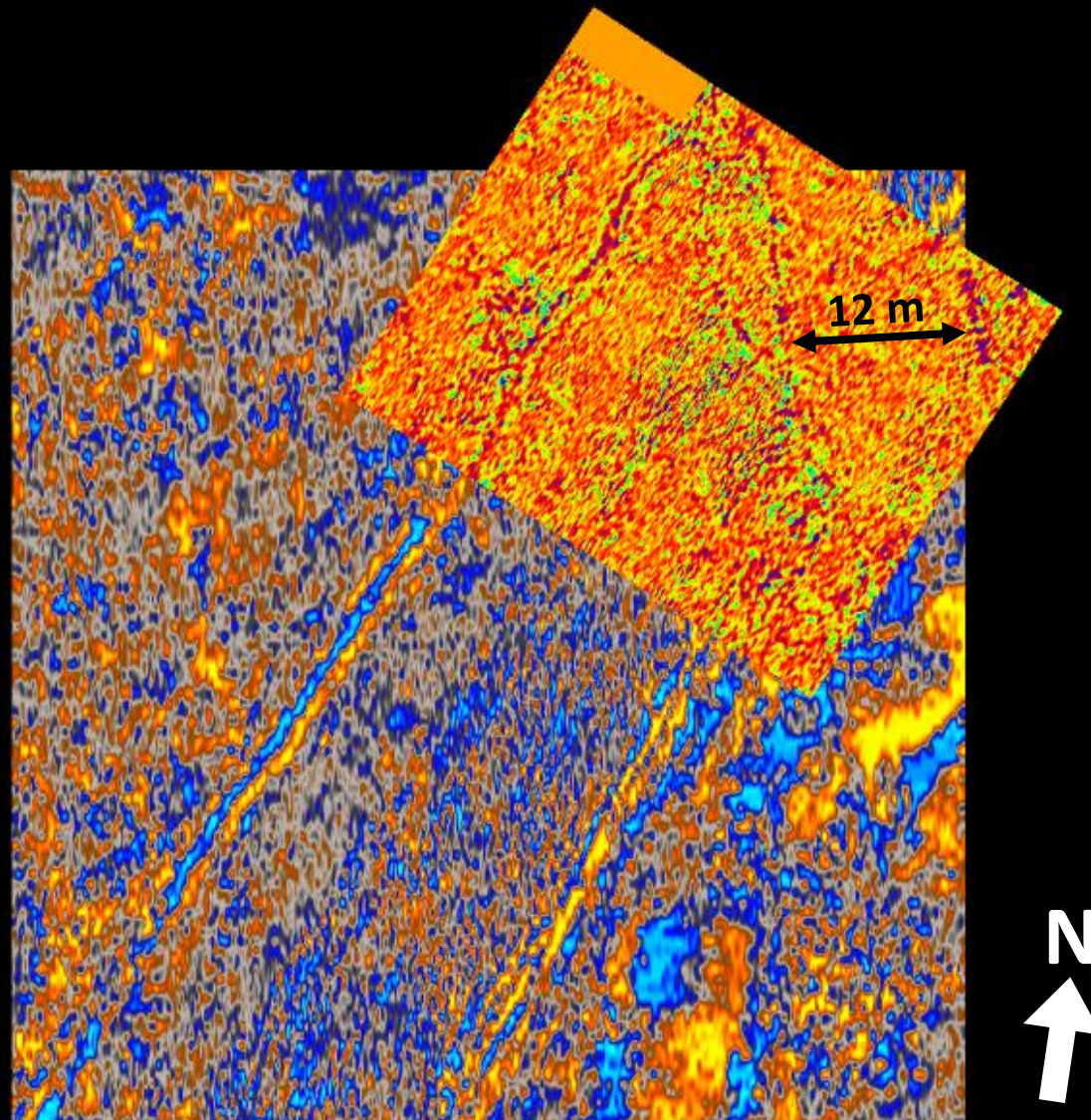
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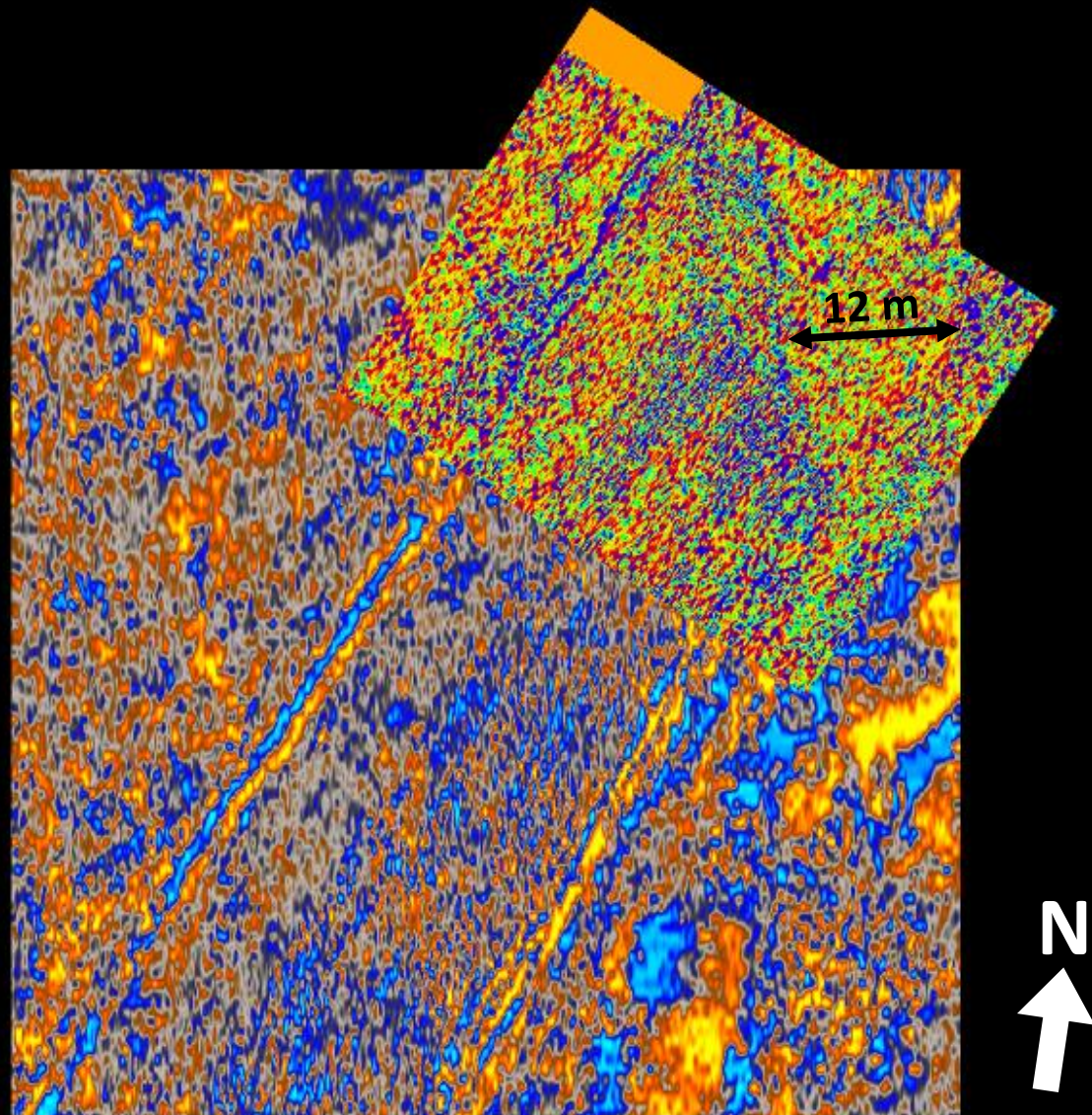
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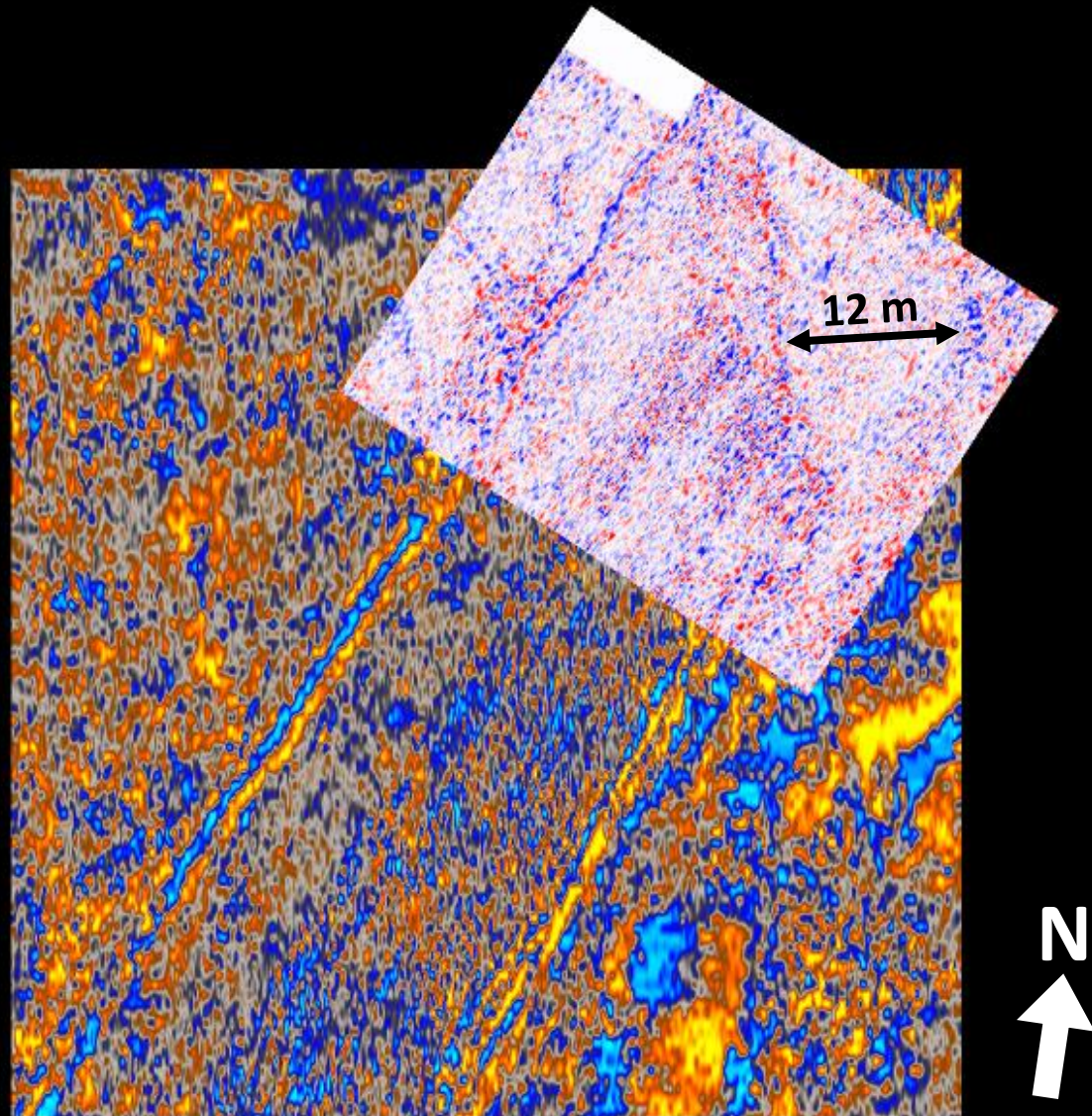
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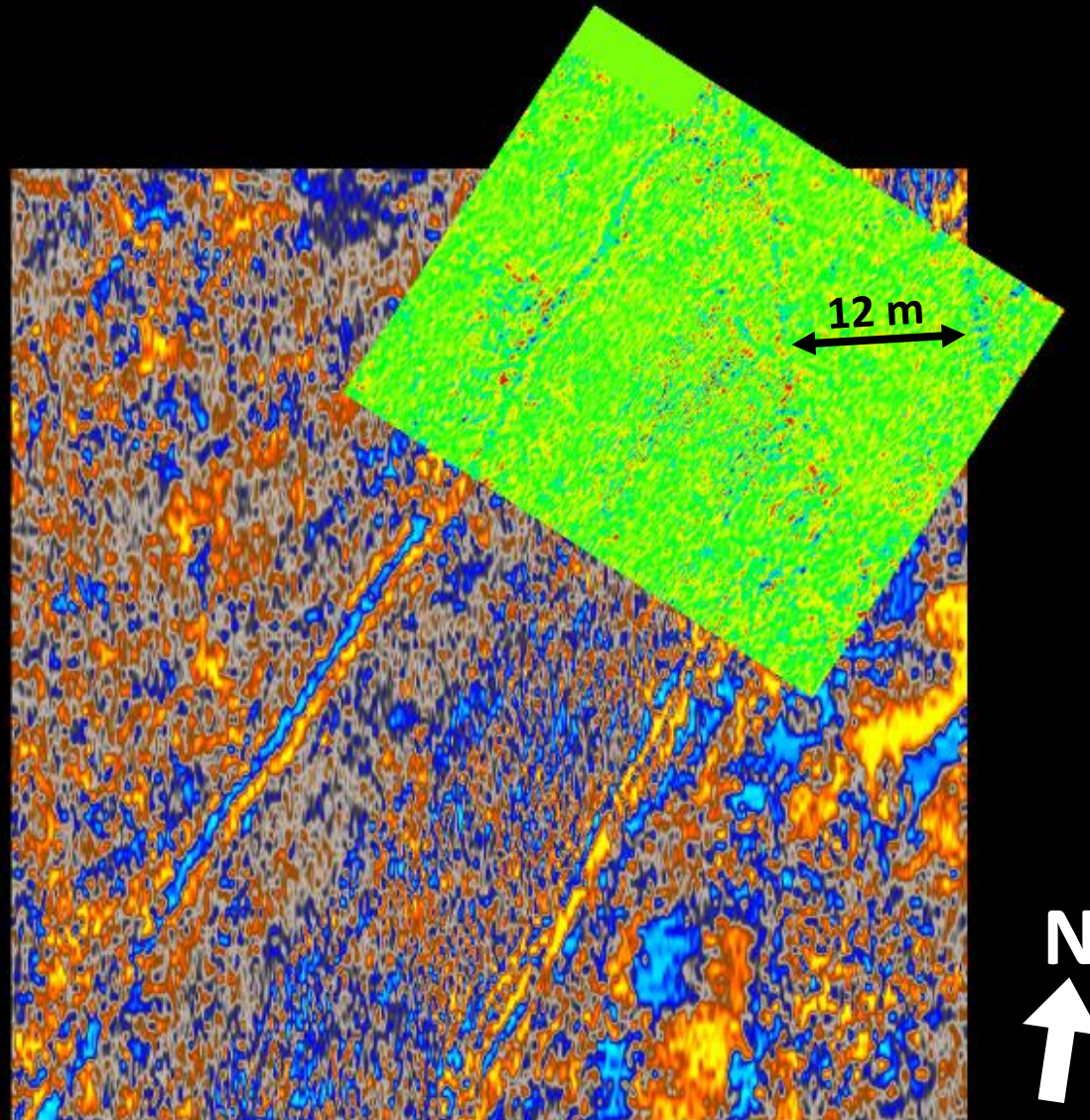
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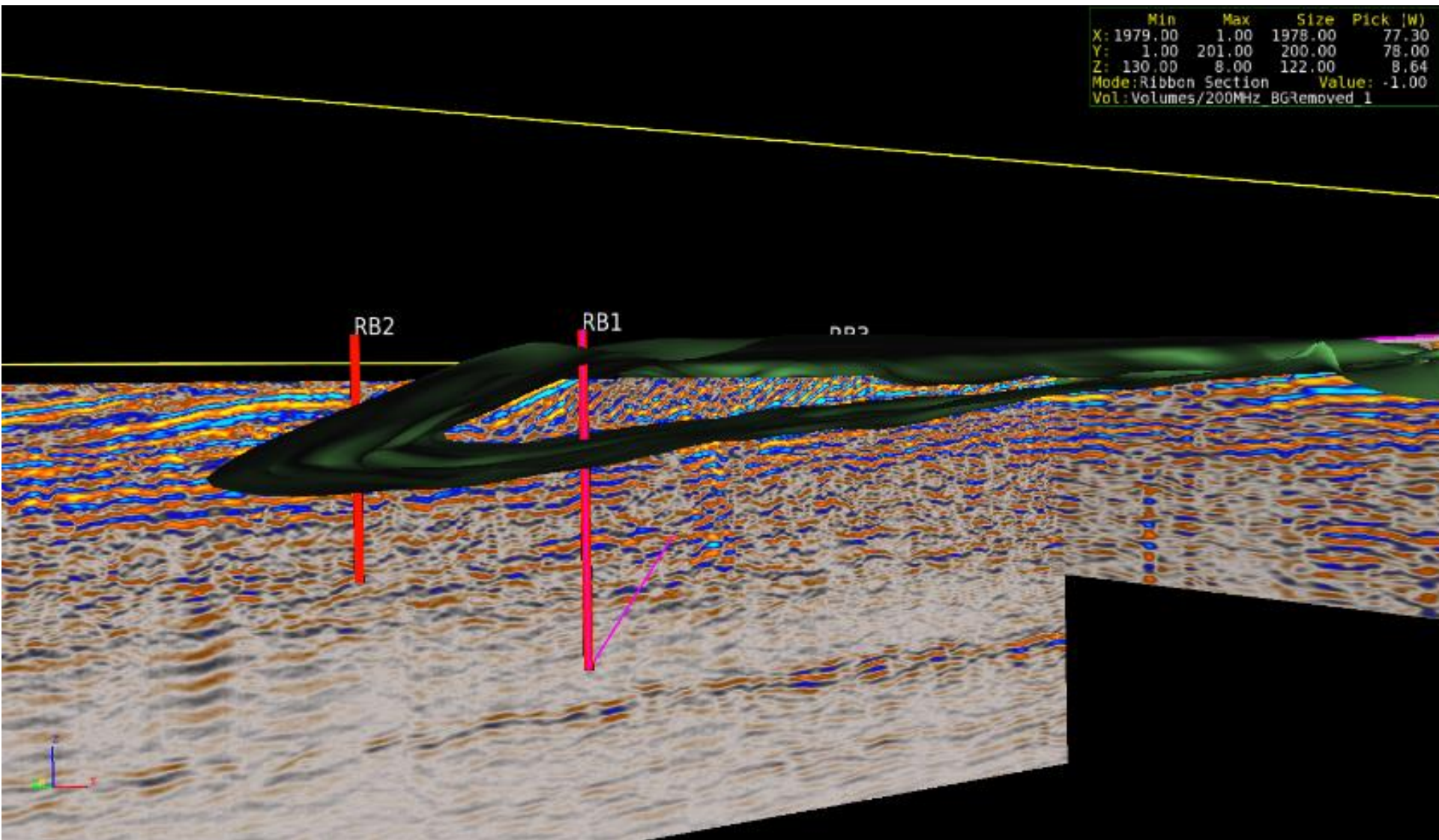
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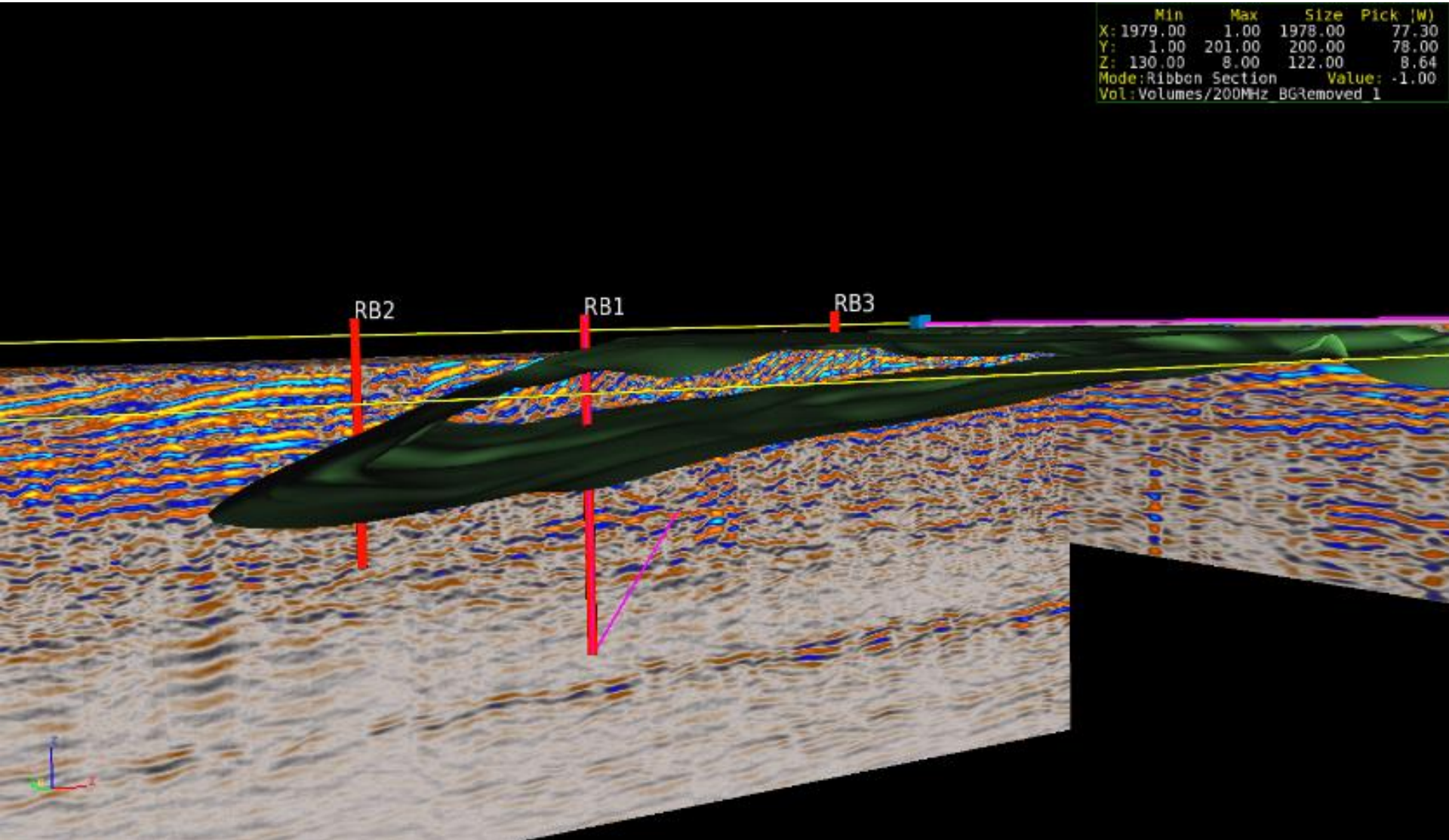
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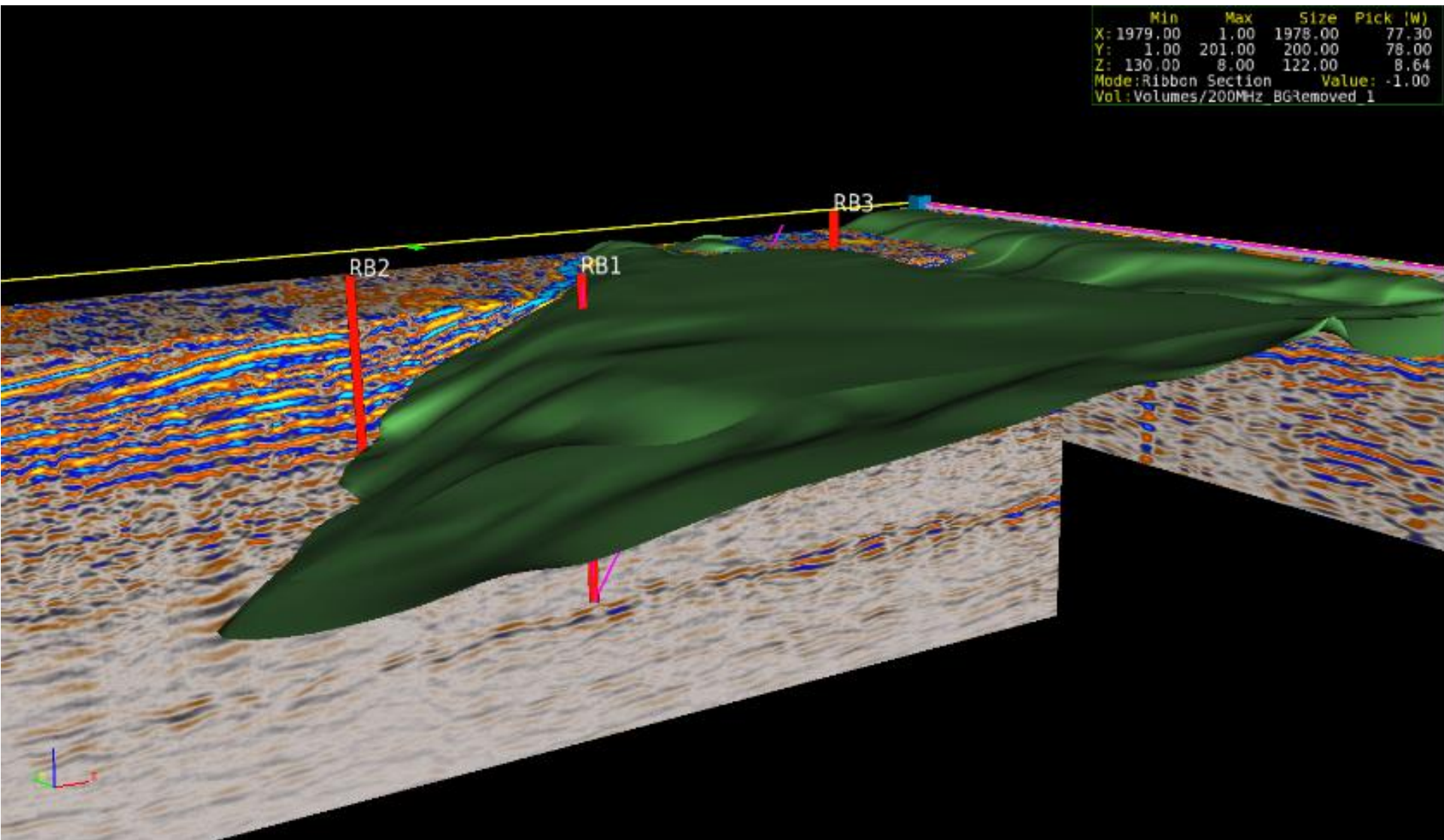
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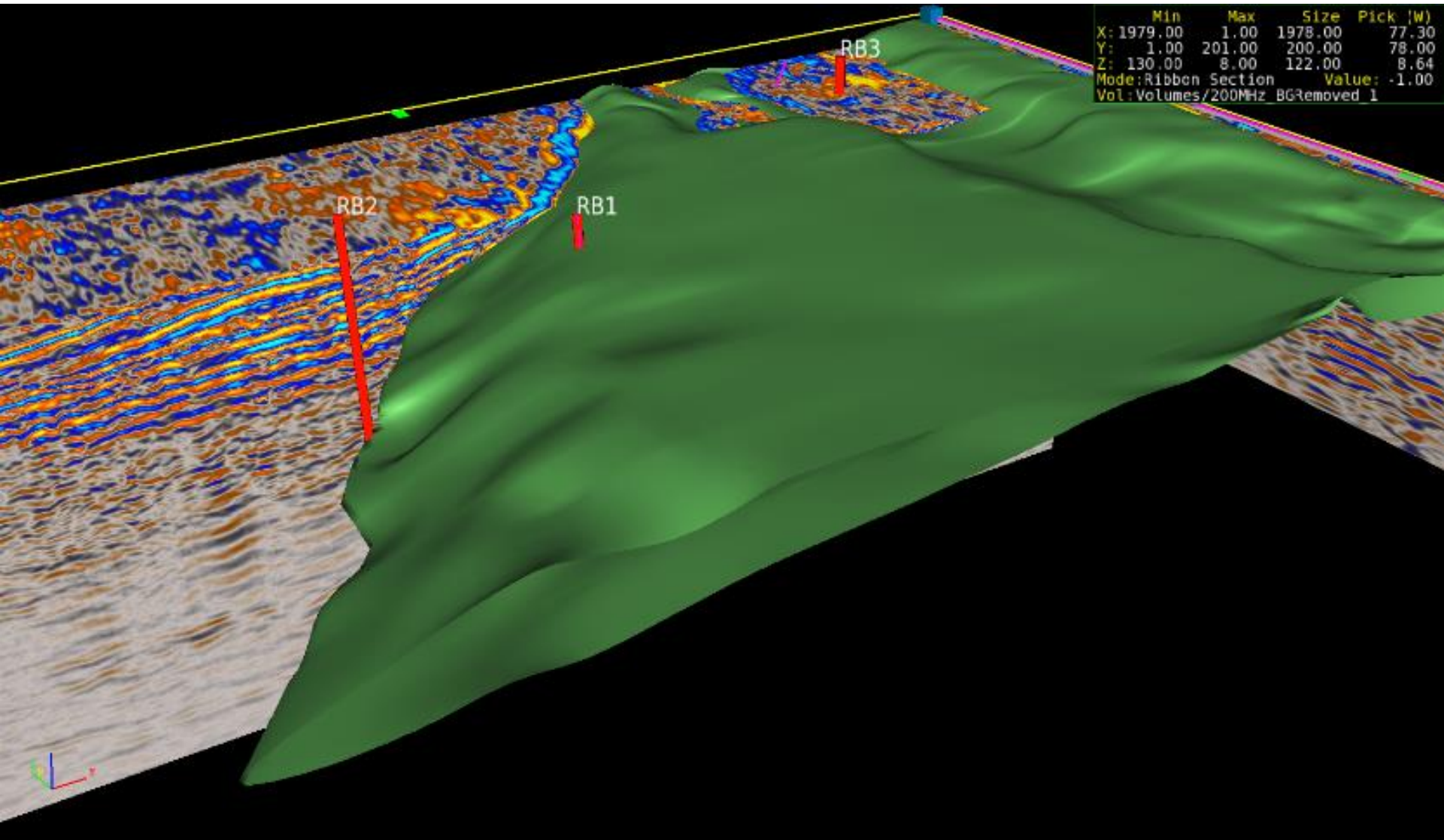
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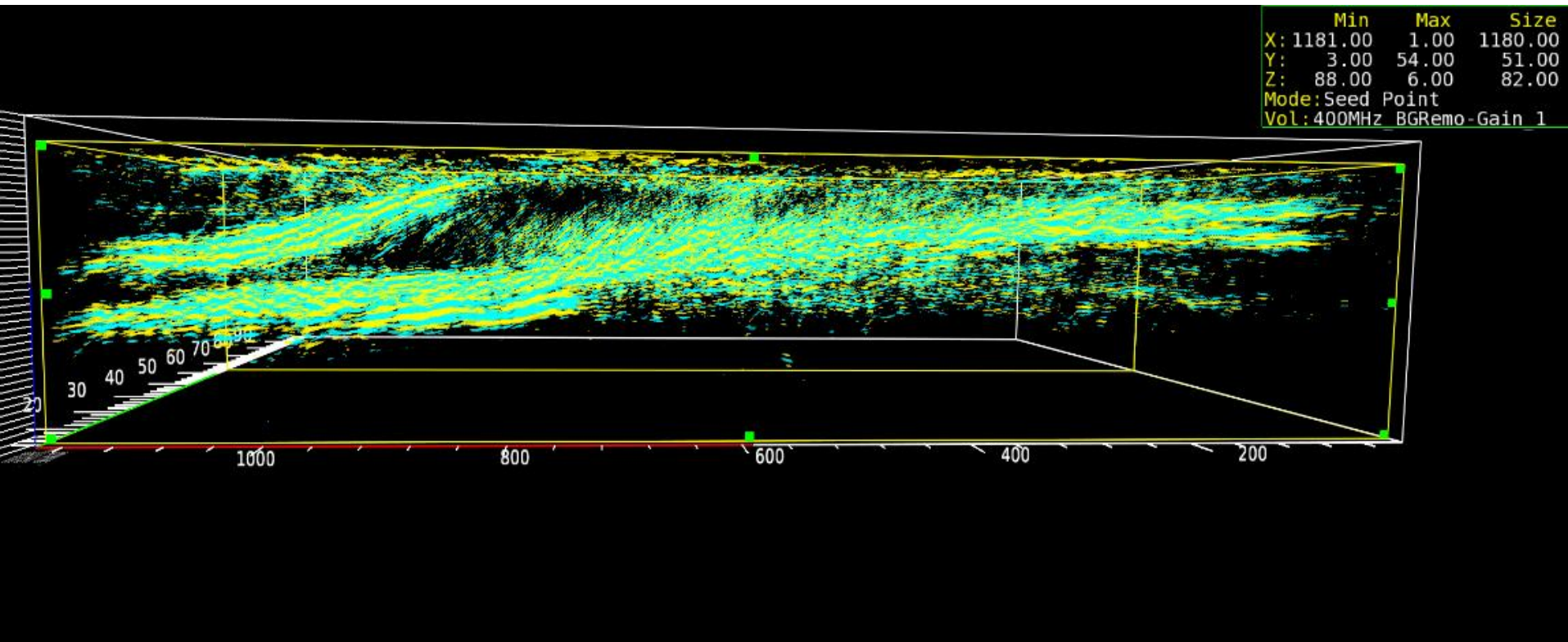
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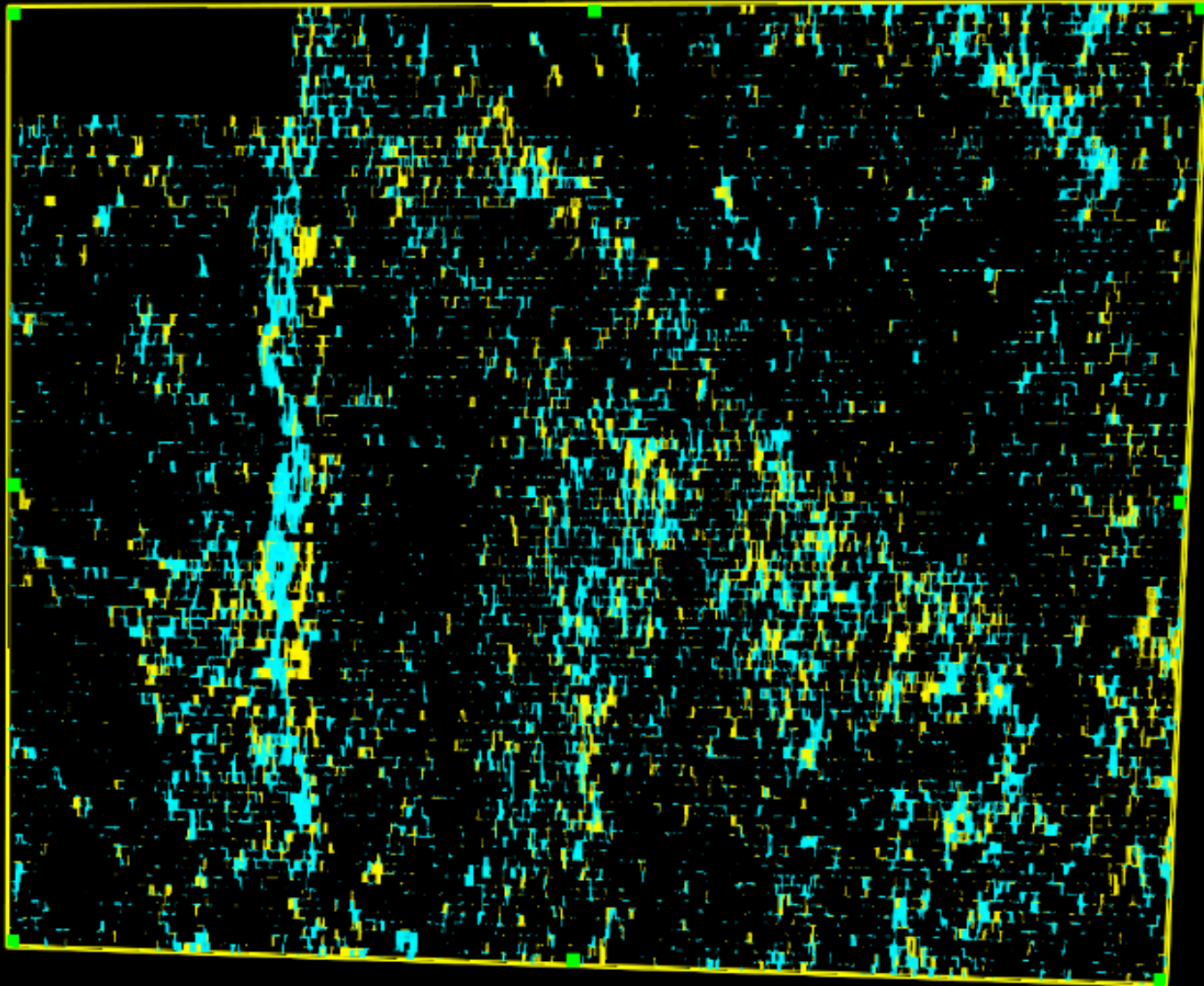
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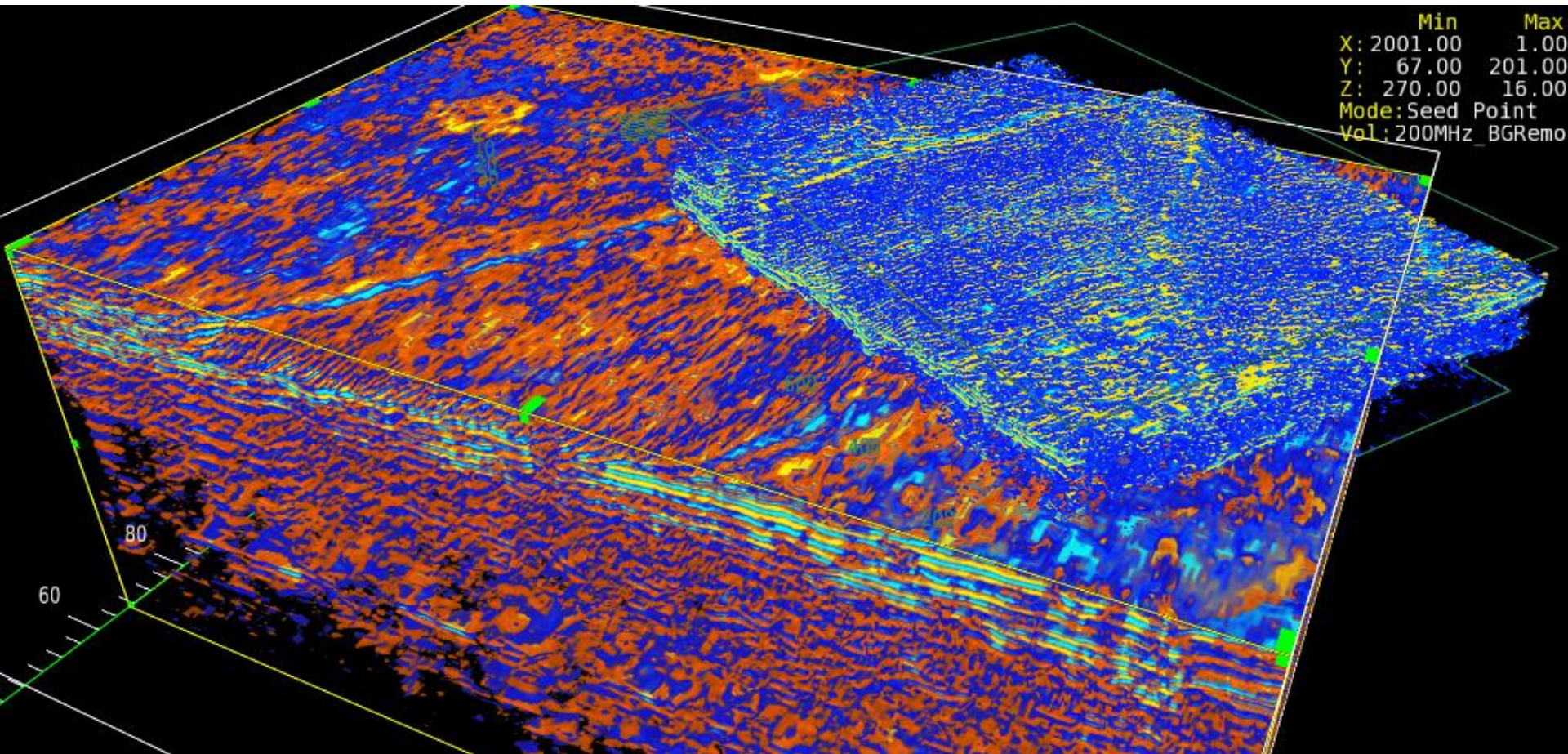
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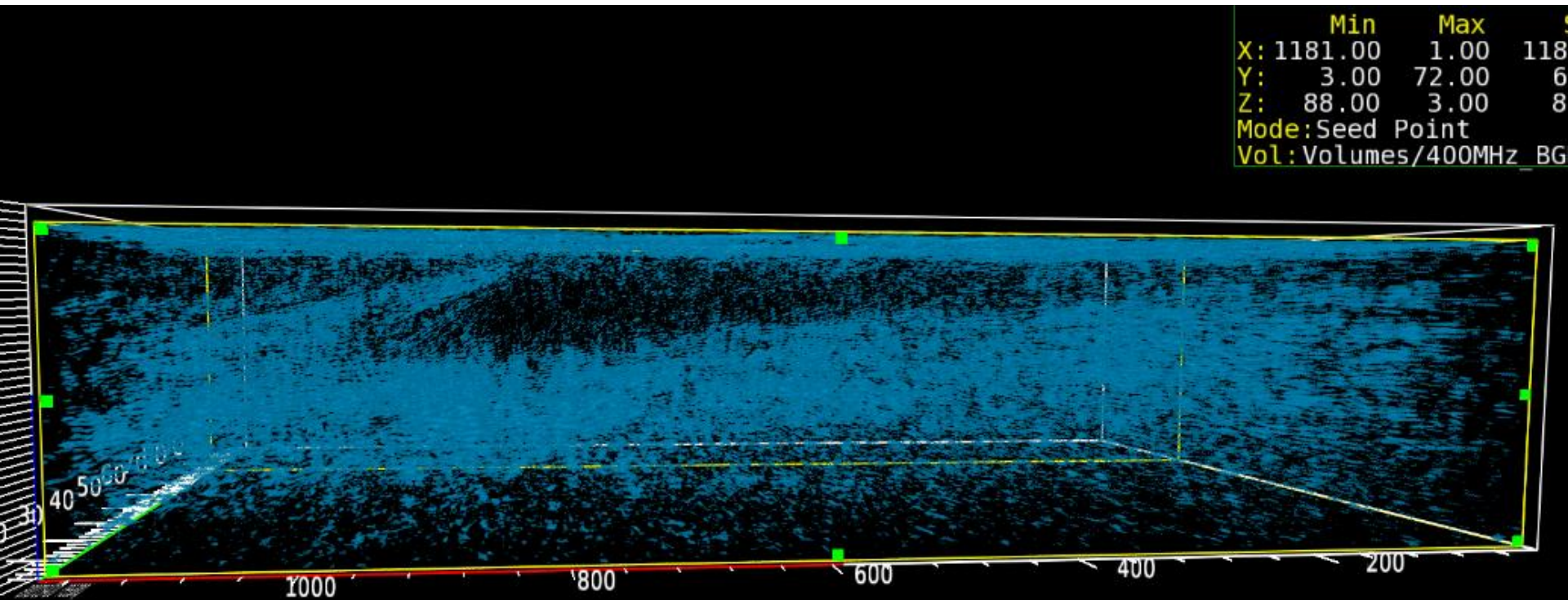
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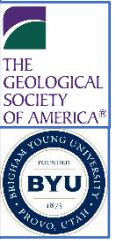
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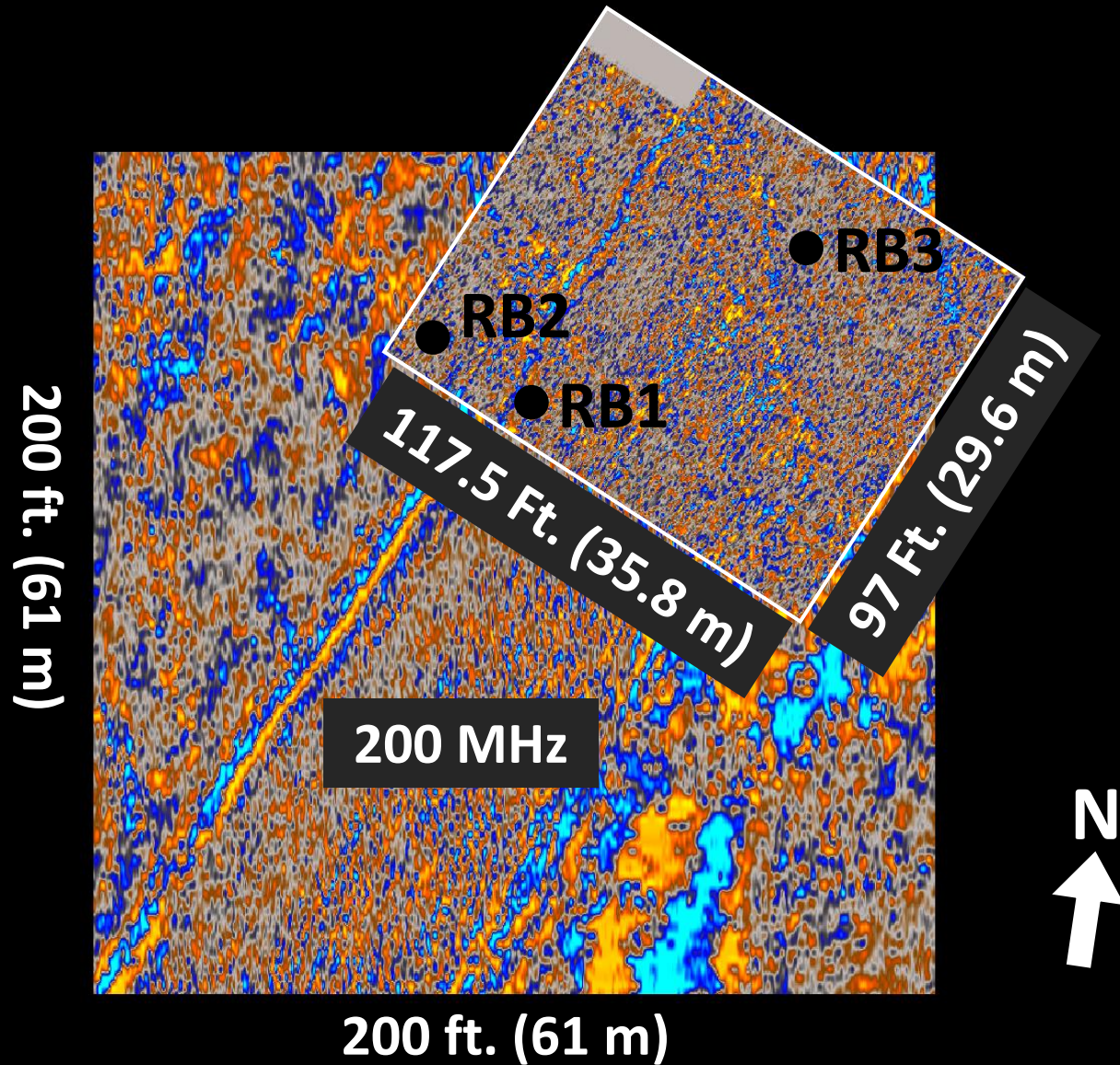
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A vertical strip of a film strip, showing a scene with people in a field. The strip is oriented vertically, with the sprocket holes on the left side. The image is grainy and has a vintage feel.

16 ft 4 in



A vertical ruler with a yellow background and black markings. The scale is in centimeters, with major markings every 1 cm and minor markings every 1 mm. The measurement is taken from the 0 cm mark to the 1.5 cm mark.

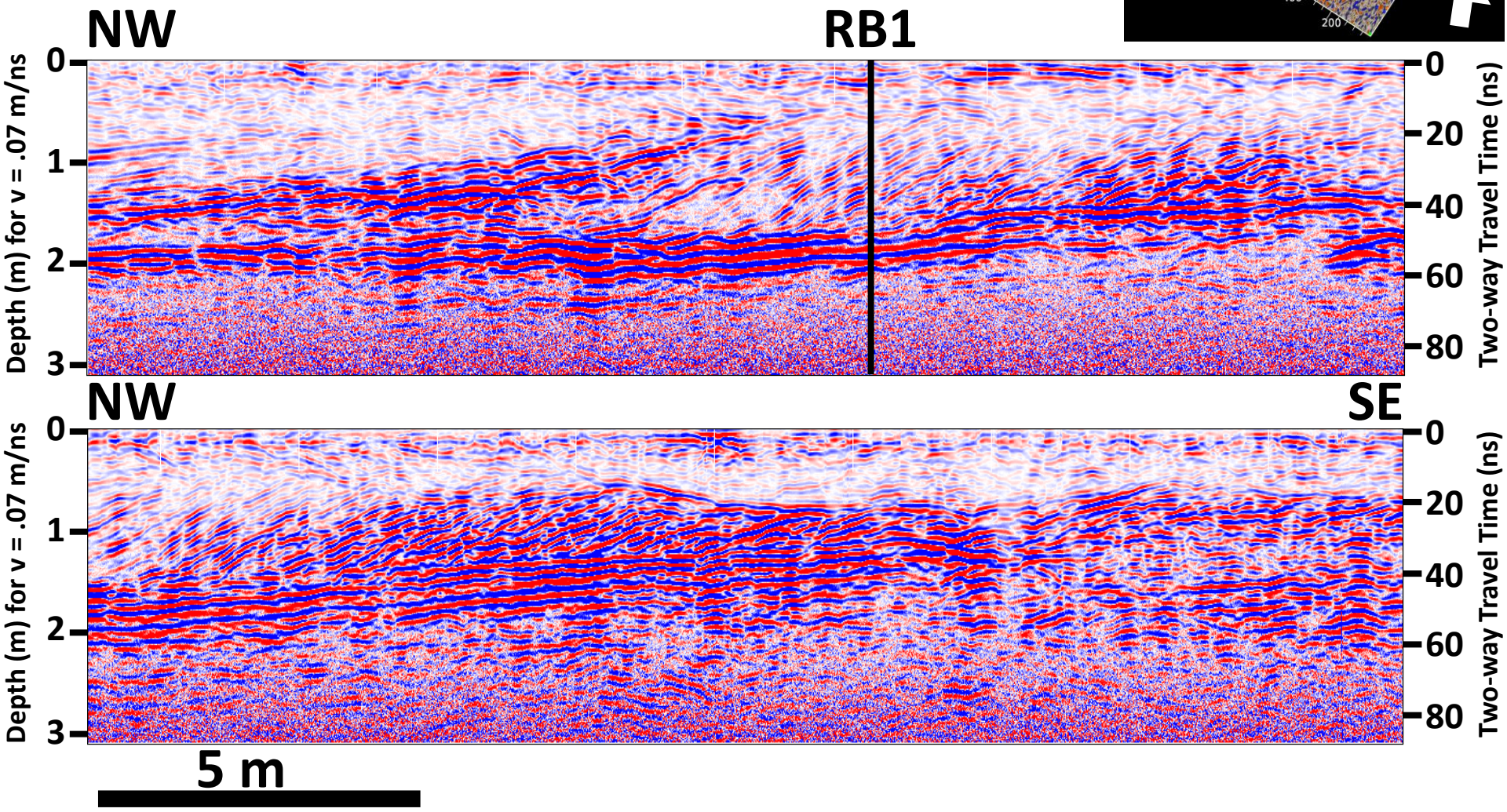
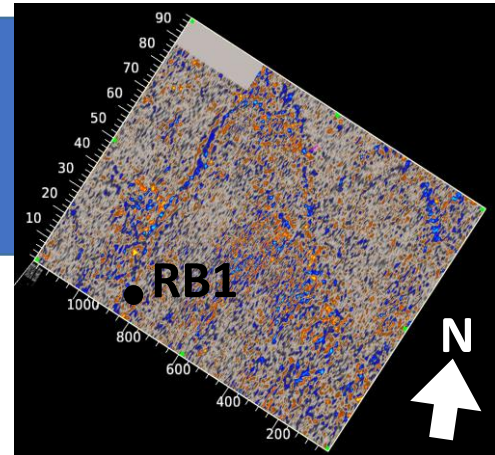
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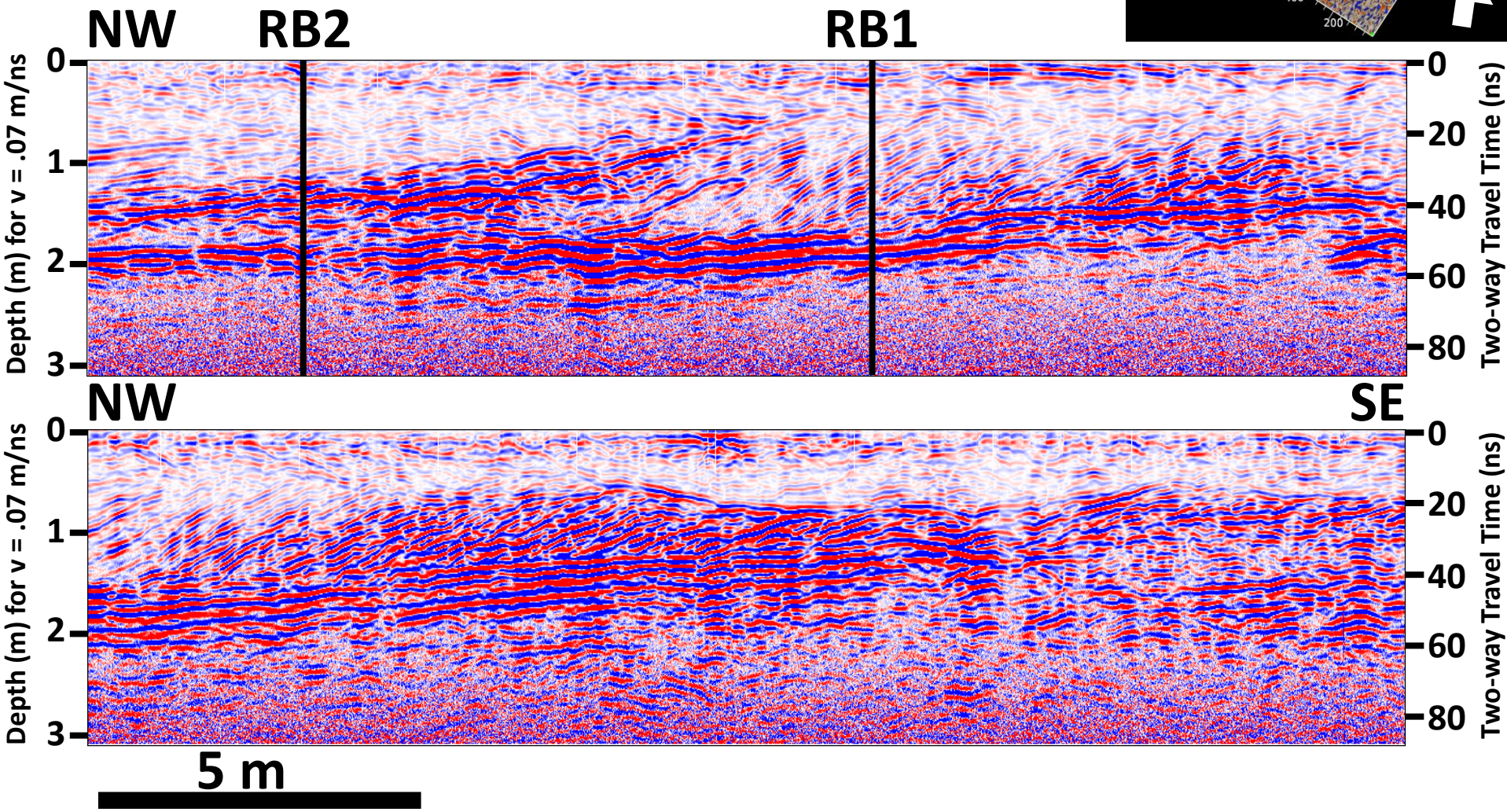
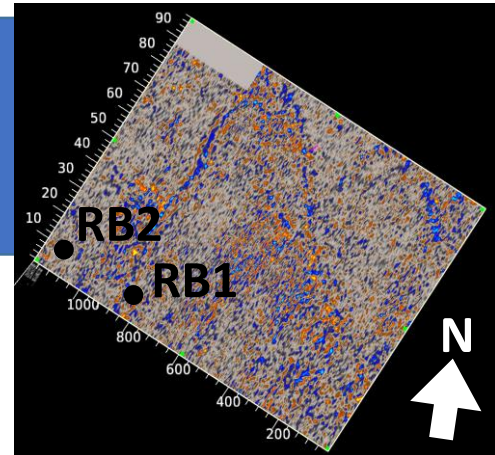
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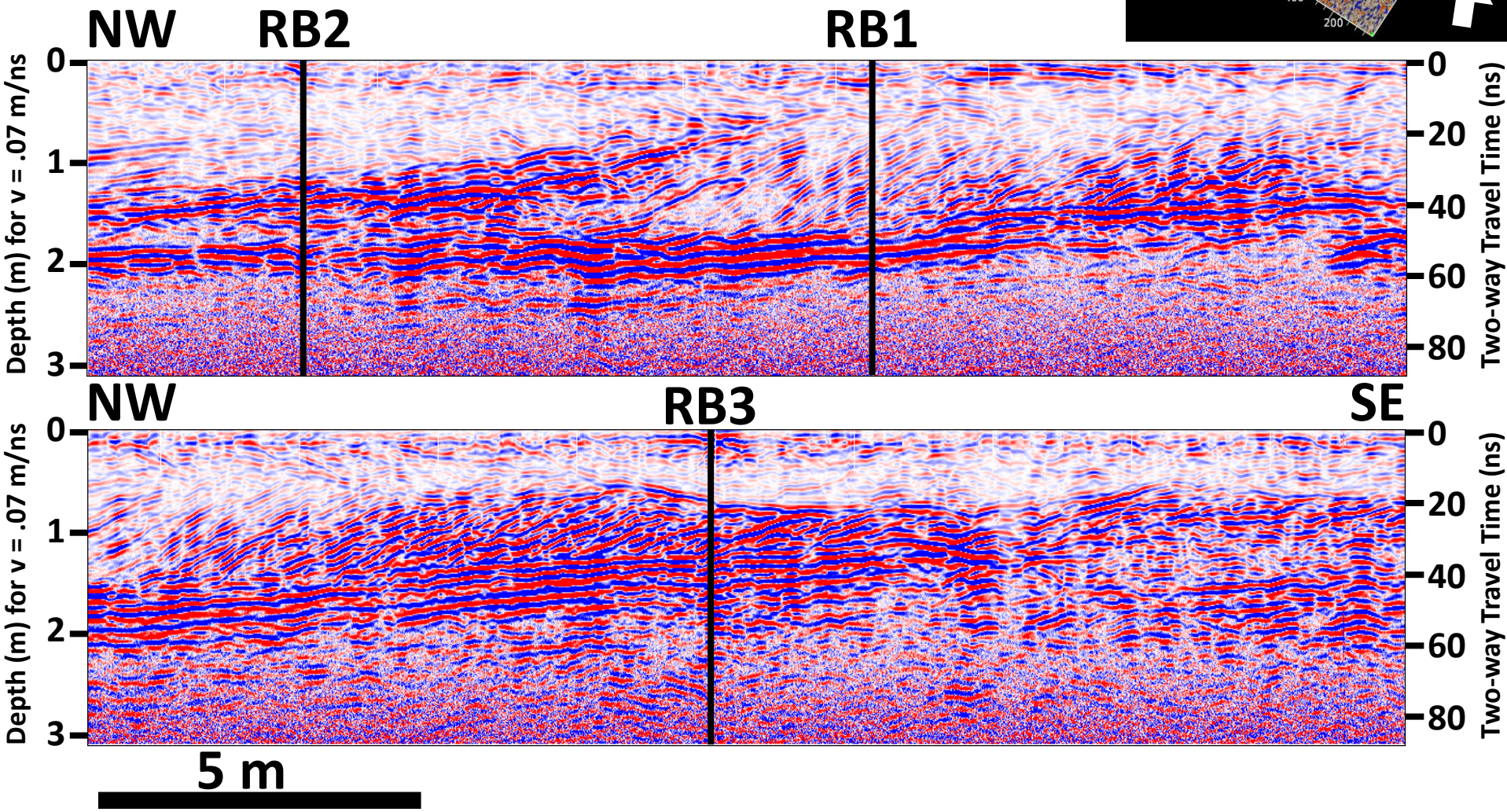
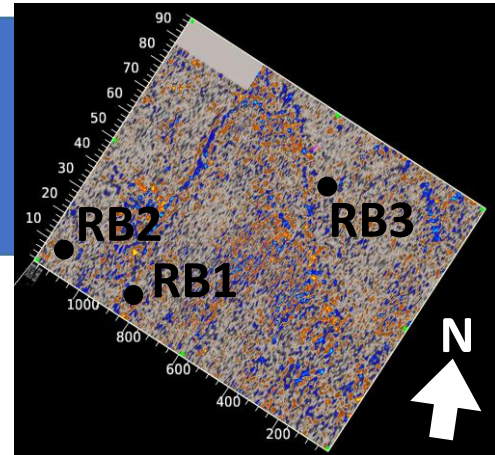
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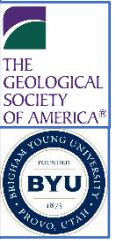
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Core: RB3 (Channel)



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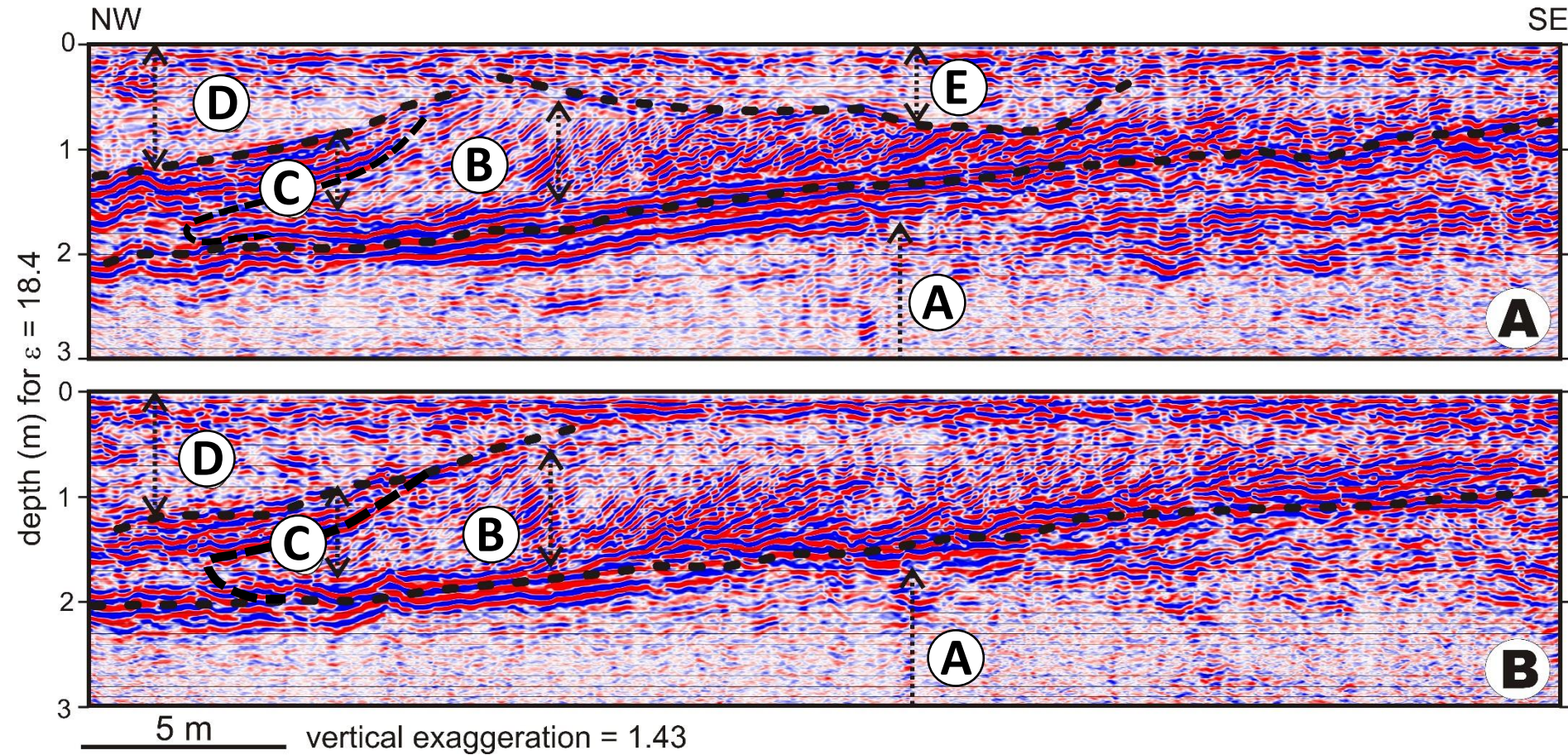
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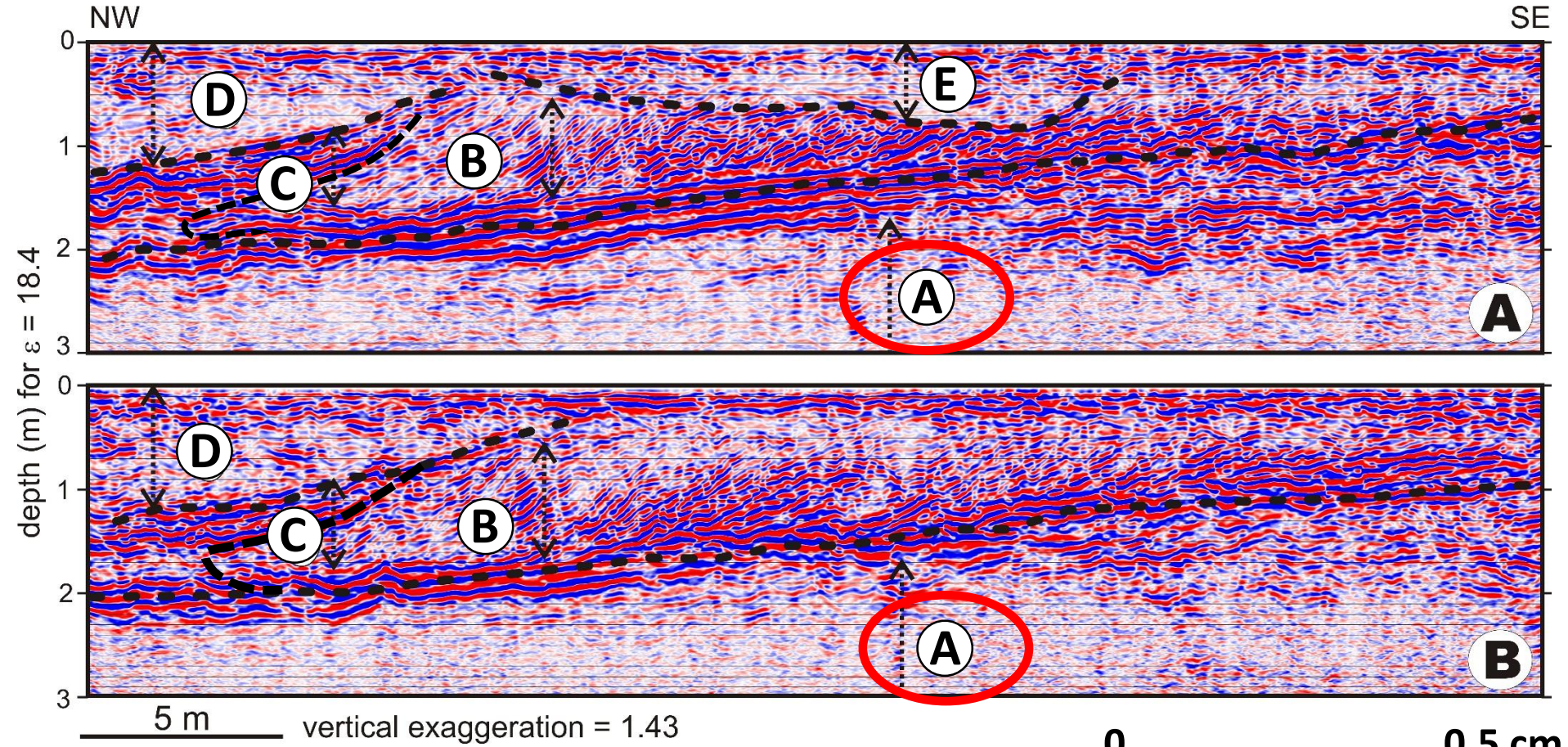
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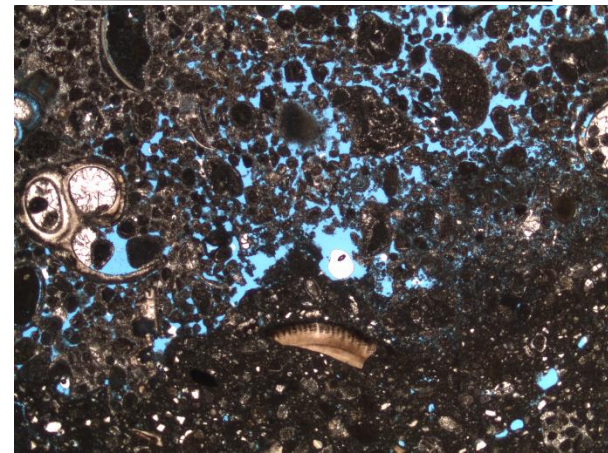
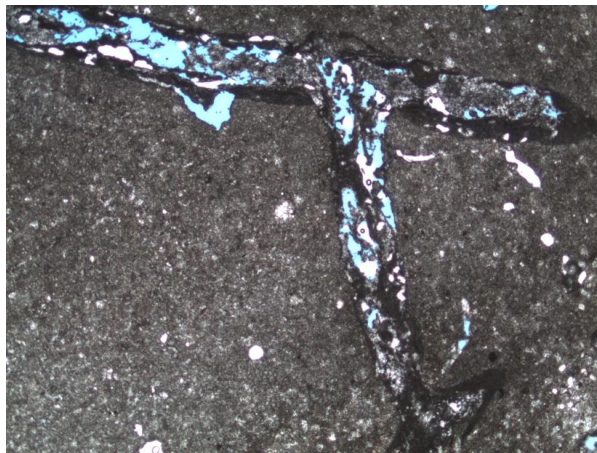
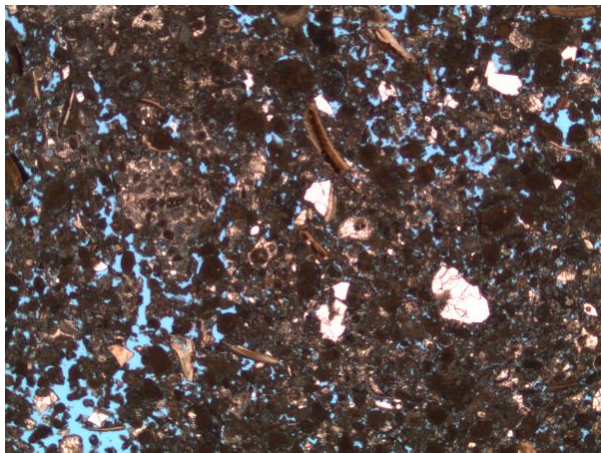
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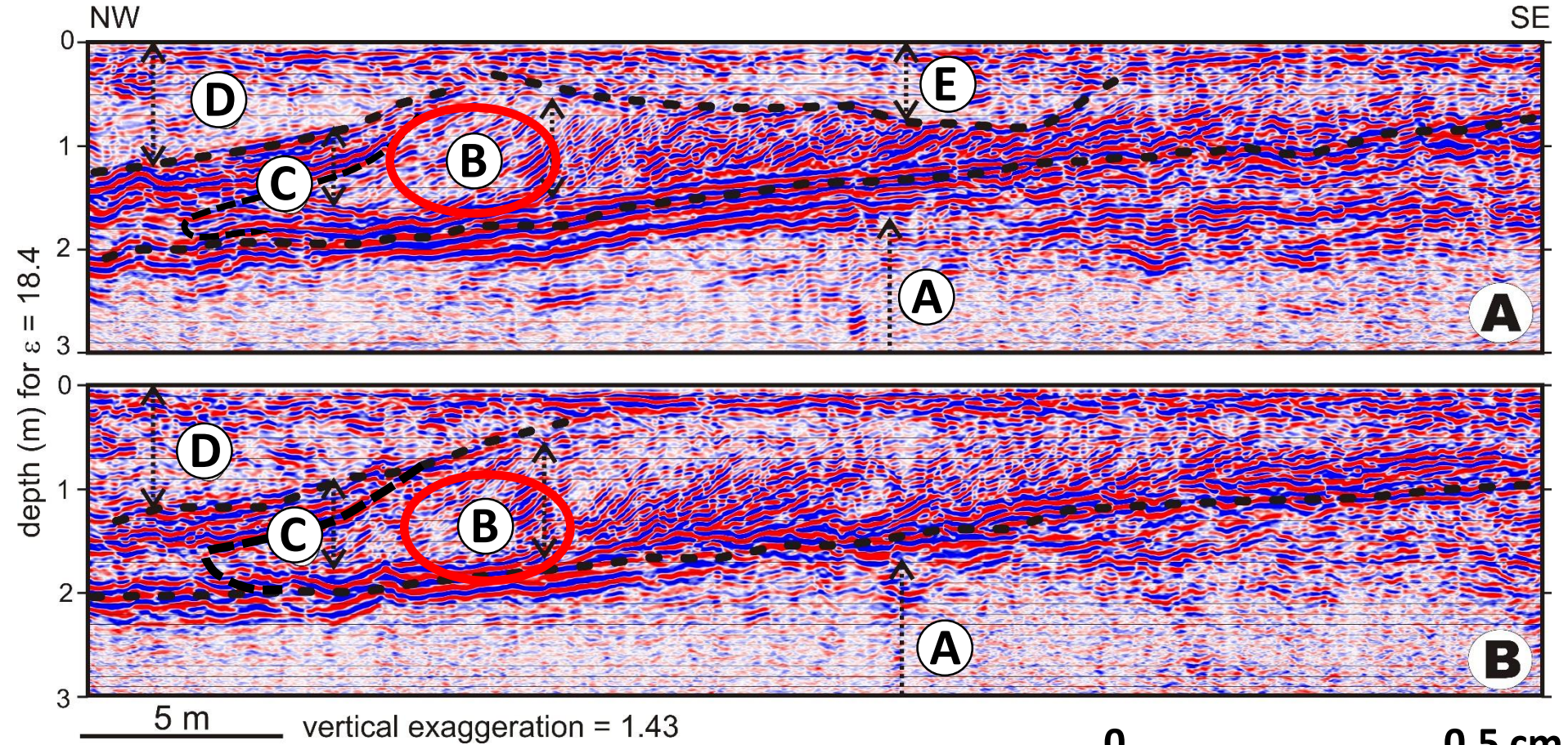
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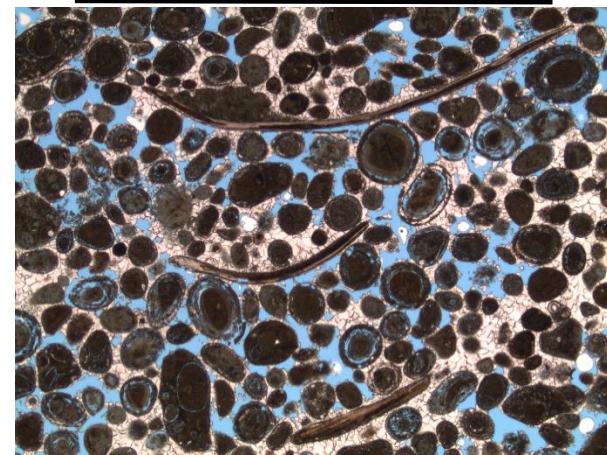
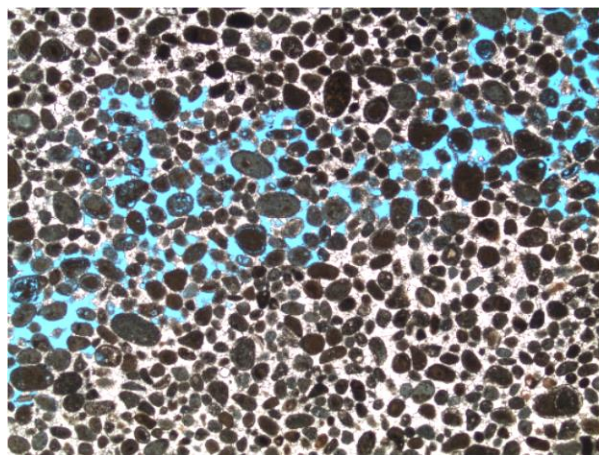
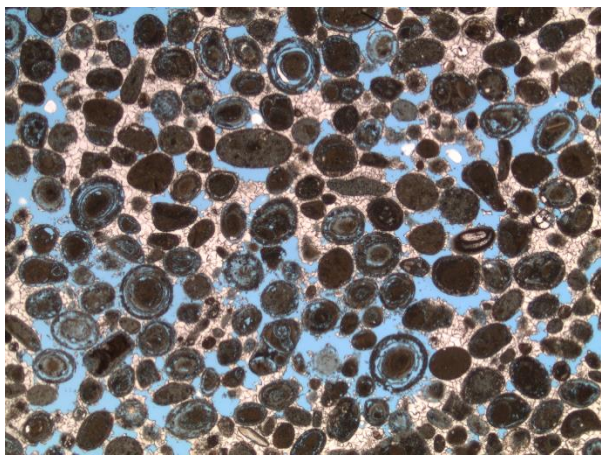


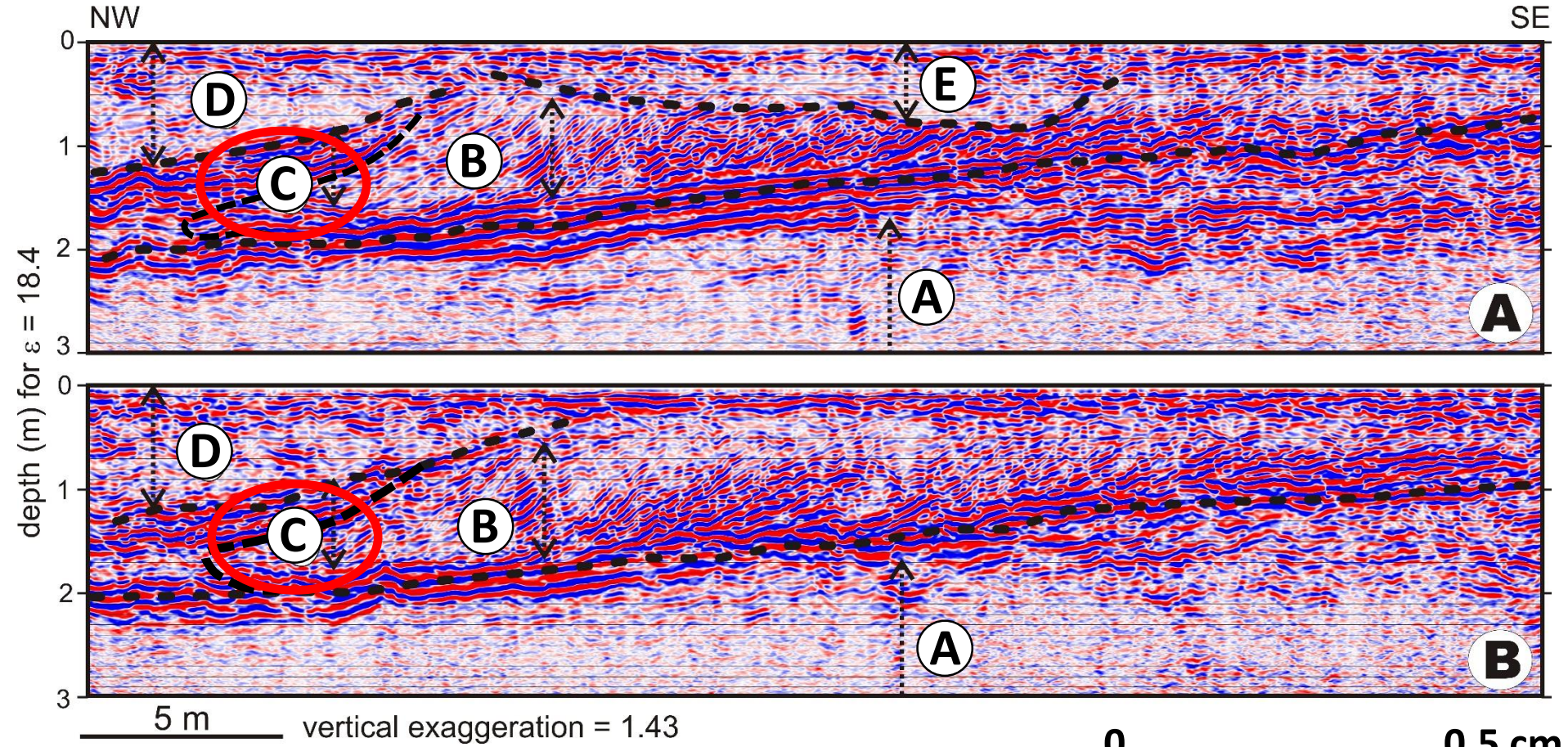
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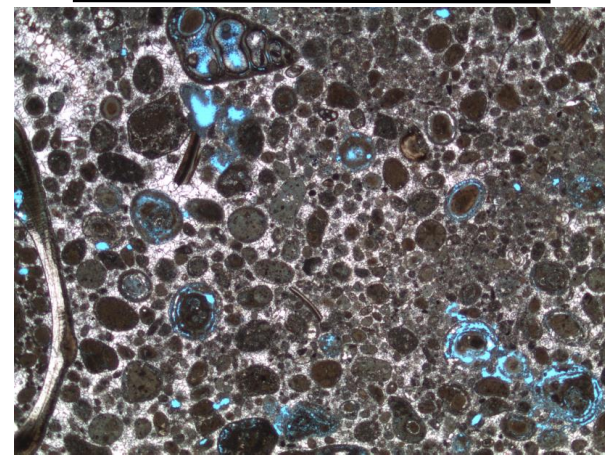
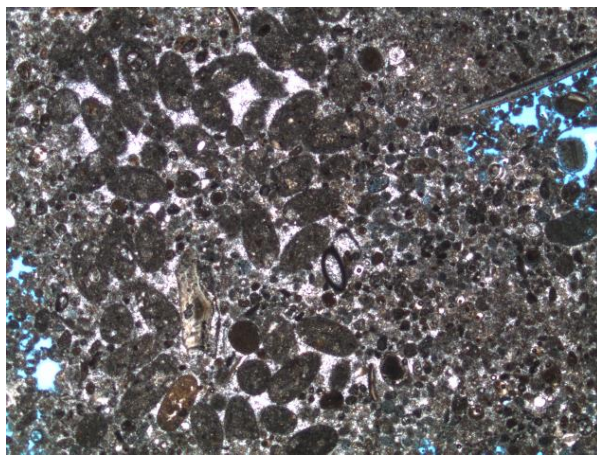
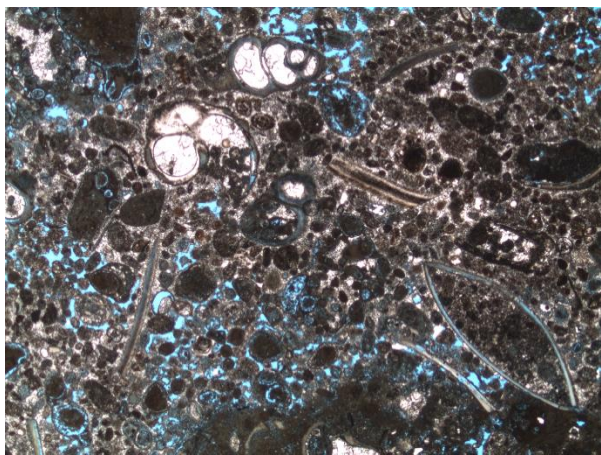


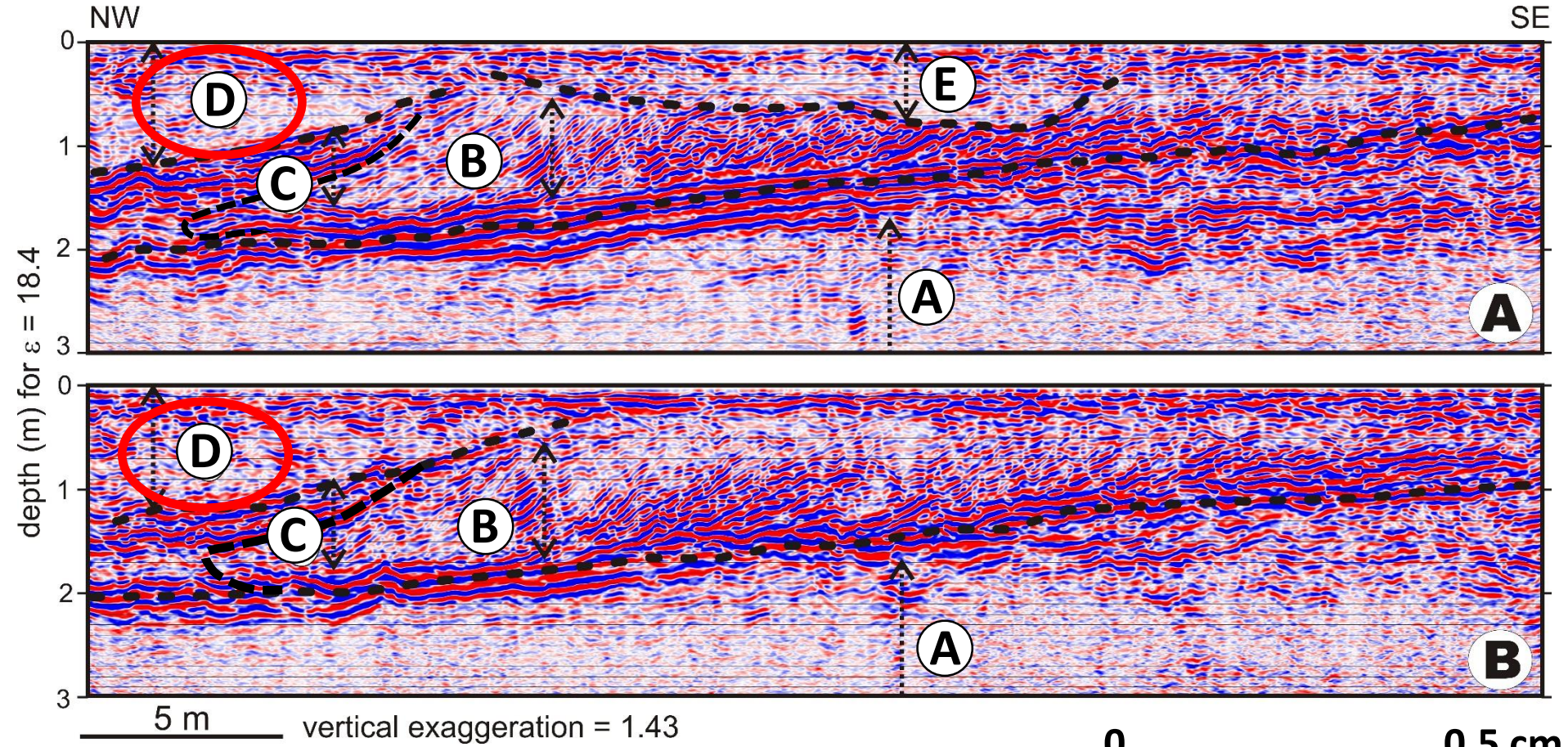
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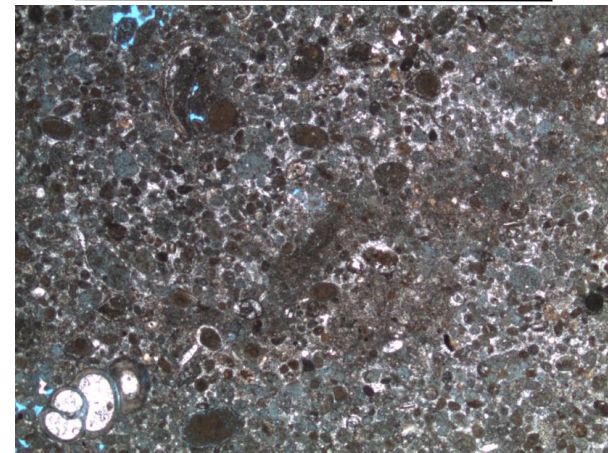
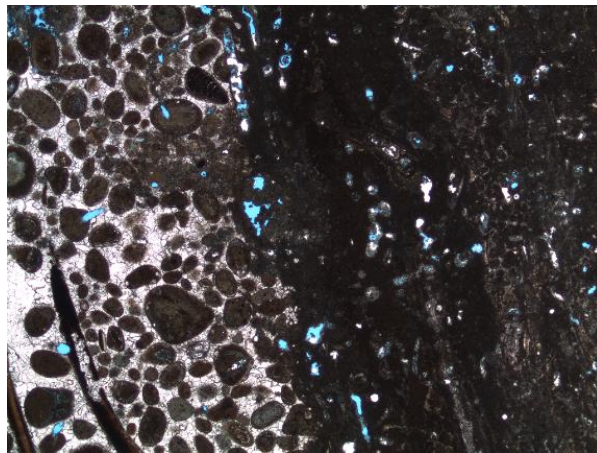
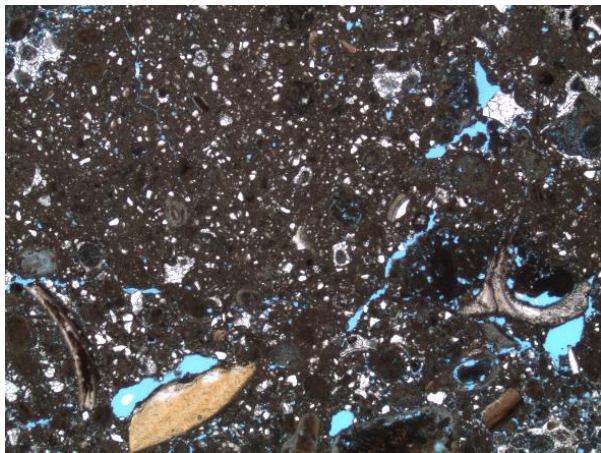


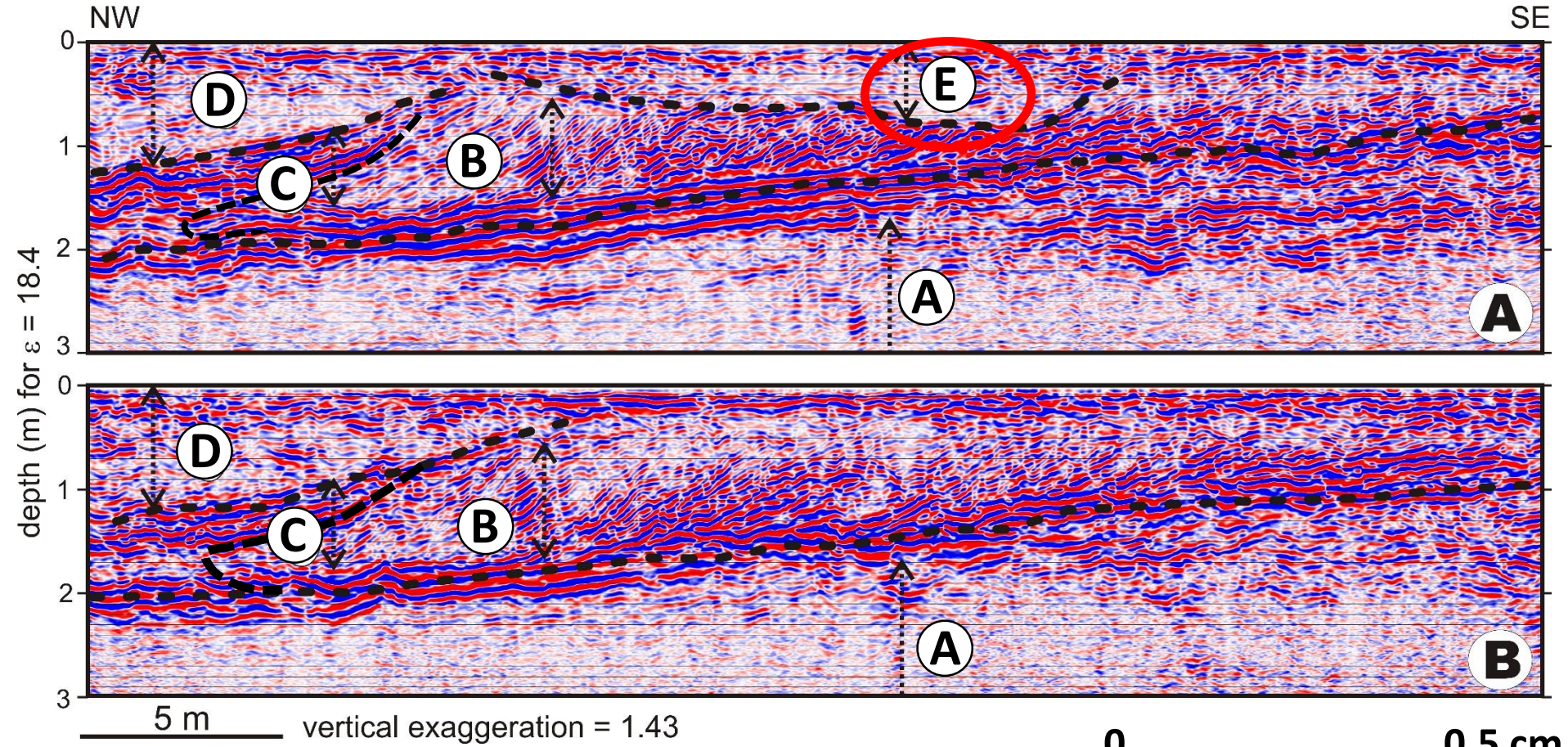
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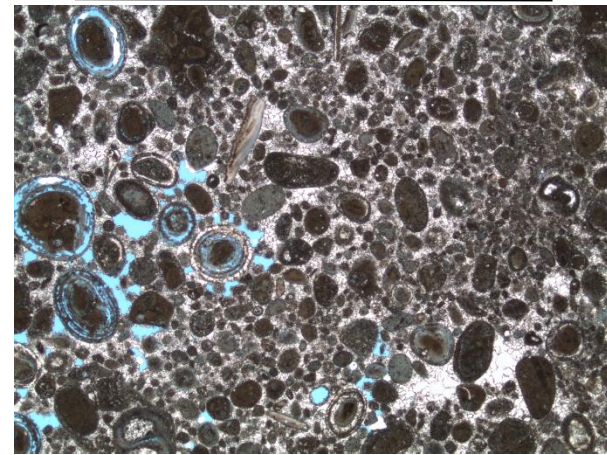
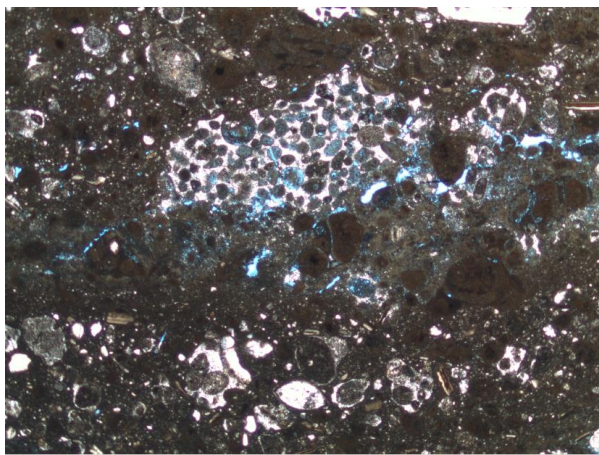


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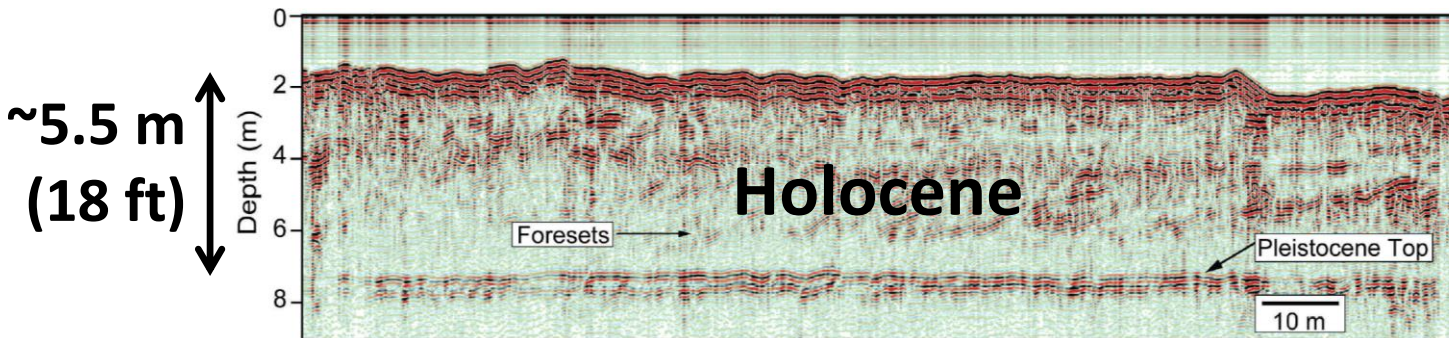
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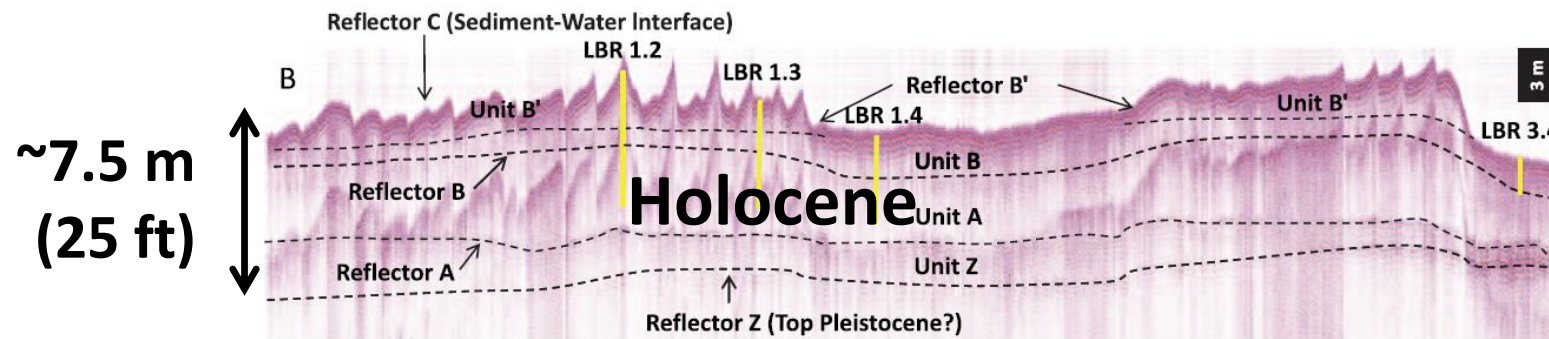
Conclusion

- 3D GPR imaging captures the complex heterogeneity and process sedimentology of a carbonate paleoenvironment, which are often missed in 2D studies
- Clean sediment from the sand wave is surrounded by muddy sediments, giving insights into aquifer/reservoir fluid flow and compartmentalization at the sub-seismic scale
- The presence of a clean, oolitic sand wave on NW Andros Island indicates a relatively high-energy environment once existed in an area previously assumed to be a low-energy, back-shoal environment, and offers new insights where no outcrops are available.

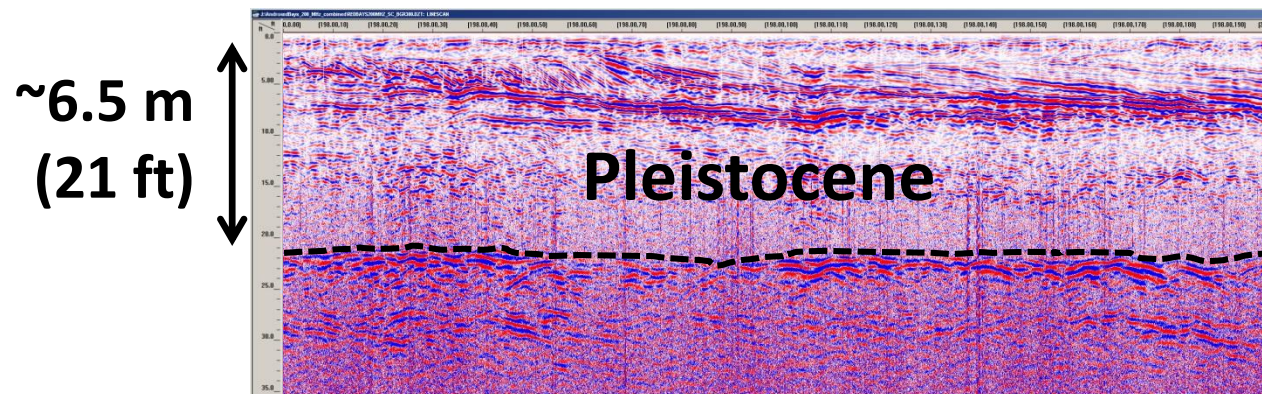
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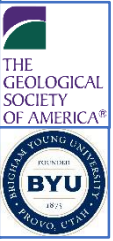


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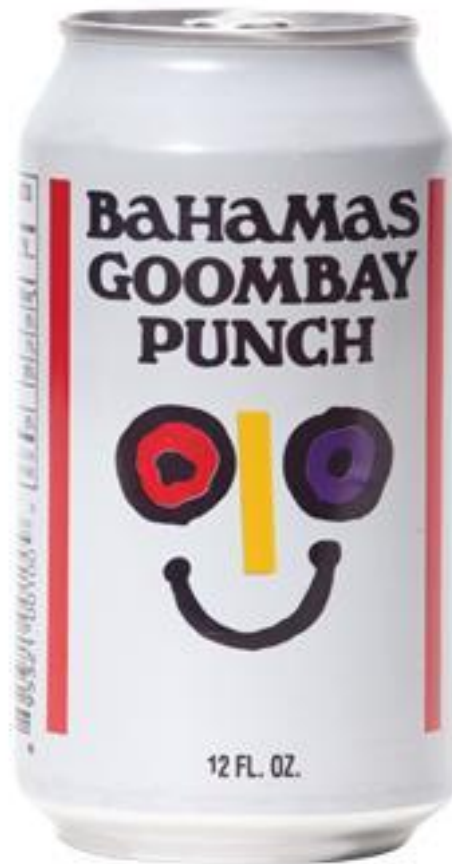
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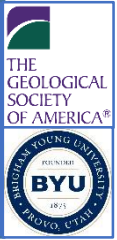


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Thank You!



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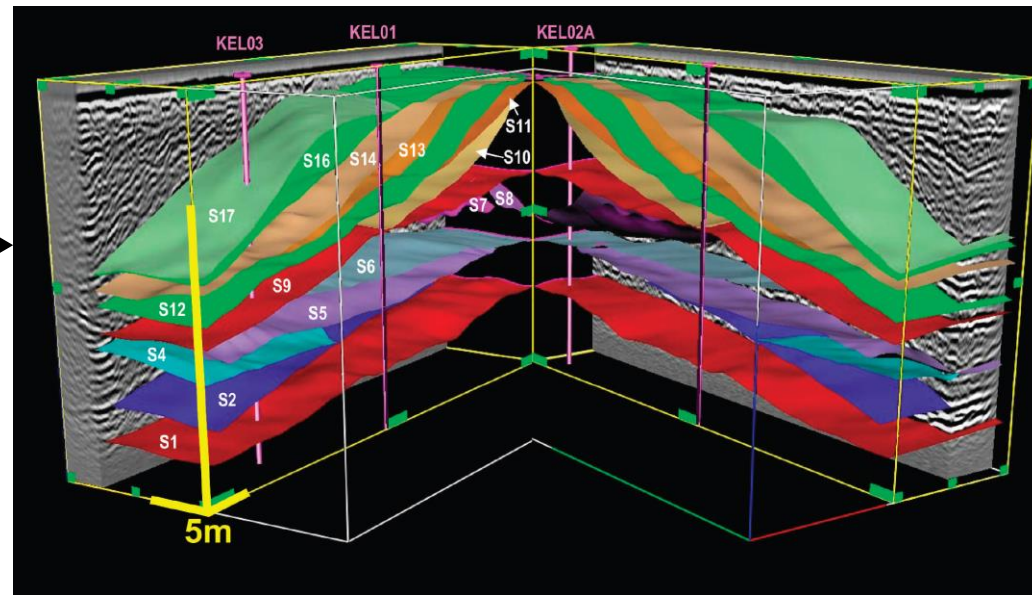
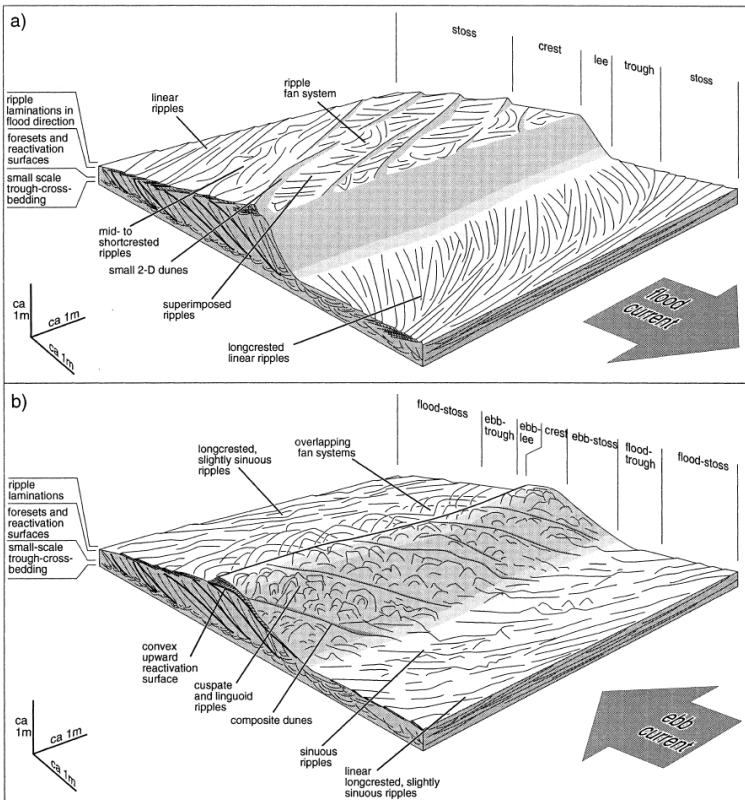
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Why Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR)?

Models

vs.

3D GPR



Neal et al., 2008

Gonzalez and Eberli, 1997

Resolution

- “GPR can detect geological features thinner than the calculated vertical resolution (Grasmueck 1996; Lane et al. 2000), in this case “thin” beds (0.1 m to 0.01 m) and laminae (, 0.01 m). Under these circumstances the radar response constitutes an interference pattern still providing useful information, namely the average dip angle and direction of crossbed sets or sets of laminae (Kruse and Jol 2003; Guha et al. 2005)” (Neal et al., 2008).

200 MHz and 400 MHz Antennas

