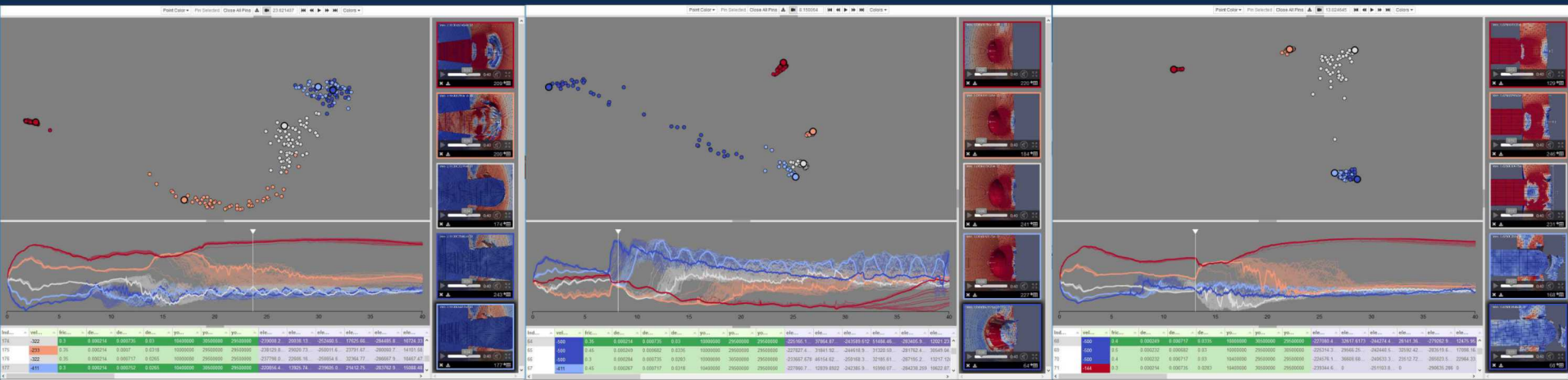




Slycat™ VideoSwarm Update

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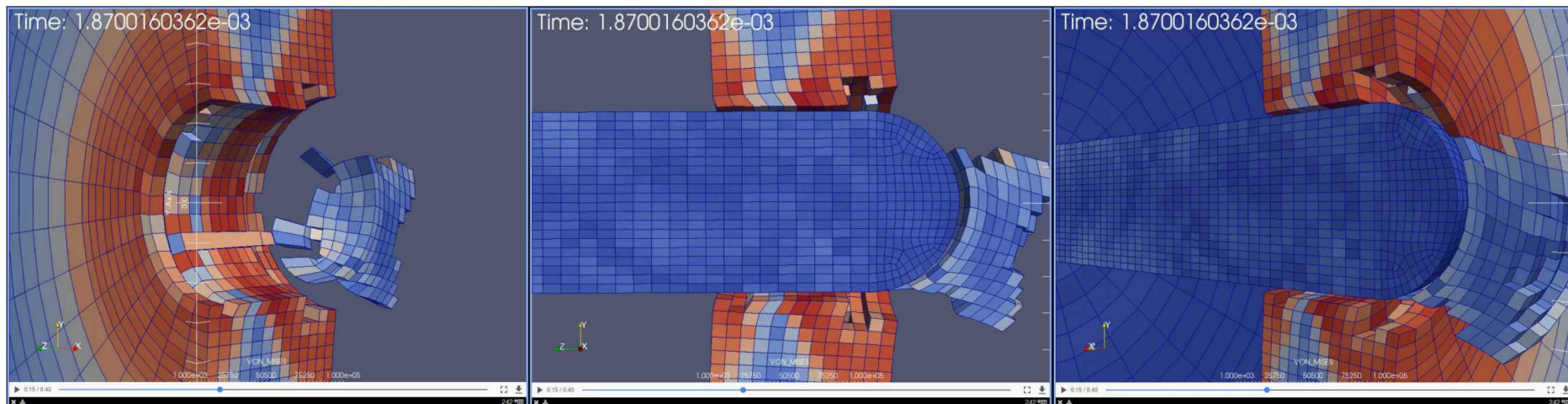
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Video Ensembles

- Simulations increasingly output video results
- Videos show physics models changing in time
- Directly viewing all videos doesn't scale
 - Sequential viewing
 - Viewing time required for a 30 sec video: 1000 runs = 8.3 hours (non-stop)
 - Cognitive limitations: unable to retain details or remember which video had which feature
 - Comparison: need to examine differences side-by-side
 - Concurrent viewing
 - Screen real estate limited: can't view all videos at full size at once. Thumbnails lose details and scrolling does not provide side-by-side comparison
 - Viewer focus: even if all videos fit on screen, user focus cannot be everywhere at once

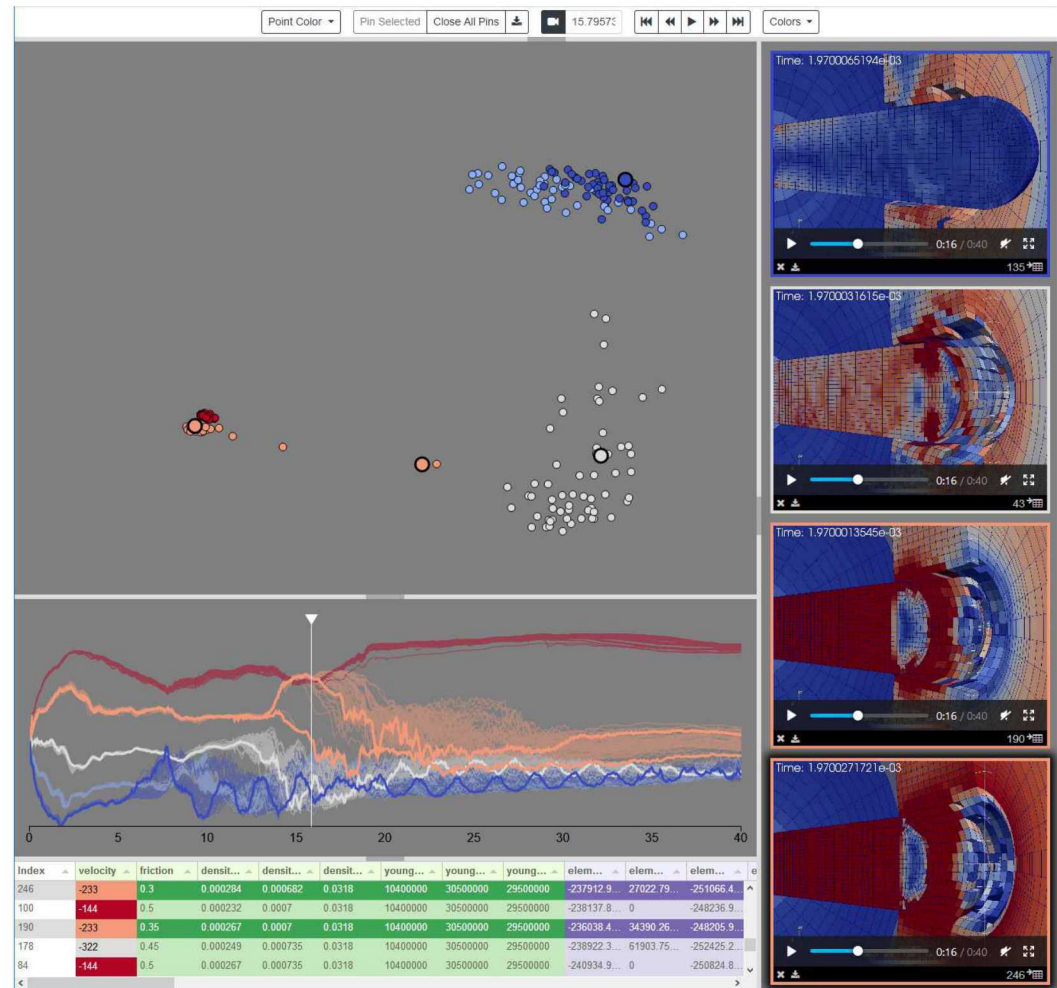
Video Ensemble Data

- Generated using Sierra/SolidMechanics
- Material fracturing problem, punch impacting plate
- 250 runs, each with:
 - 3 videos from different viewpoints
 - Each video with 1000 frames
- Frames were rendered using Von Mises stress to color cells



Video Analysis Tasks

- Identify clusters
- Find anomalies/outliers
- Discover events/discontinuities
- Reveal temporal behaviors
- Discover patterns between clusters and input values
- Synchronously compare exemplar videos



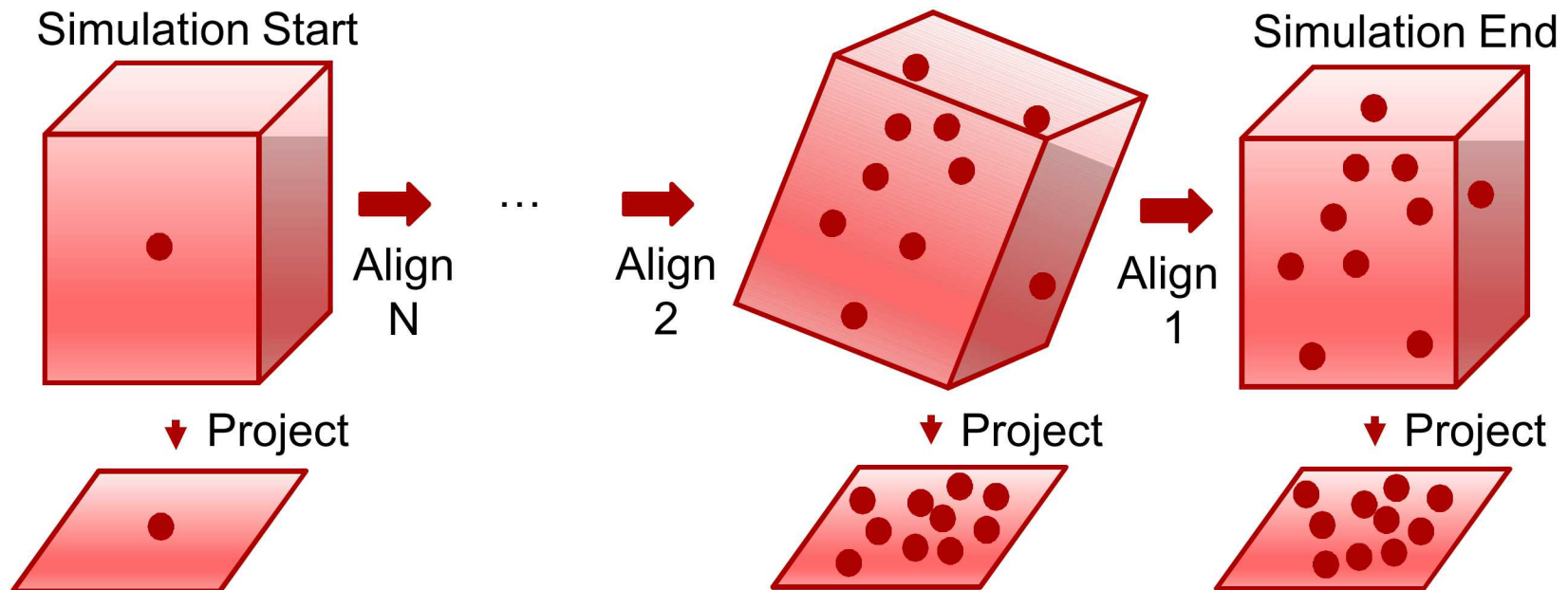
Video Ensemble Analysis Challenges

- **Temporal Multi-dimensional Scaling (MDS)**
 - Time trajectories plotted as the first coordinate of MDS versus time.
 - Scatterplot coordinates are first two MDS coordinates (single time).
 - Calculations performed per frame
 - Need shared eigenvectors across time for coordinate space
 - Choice of frame as basis for alignment can bias results
 - Largest eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 may be equal, so eigenvector ranking can flip between frames
- **Analysis Performed on Images**
 - Using RGB values as proxy for variable values
 - Disable auto-scaling to keep color meanings constant
 - Need value range for entire ensemble prior to image generation
 - Large dynamic range is problematic

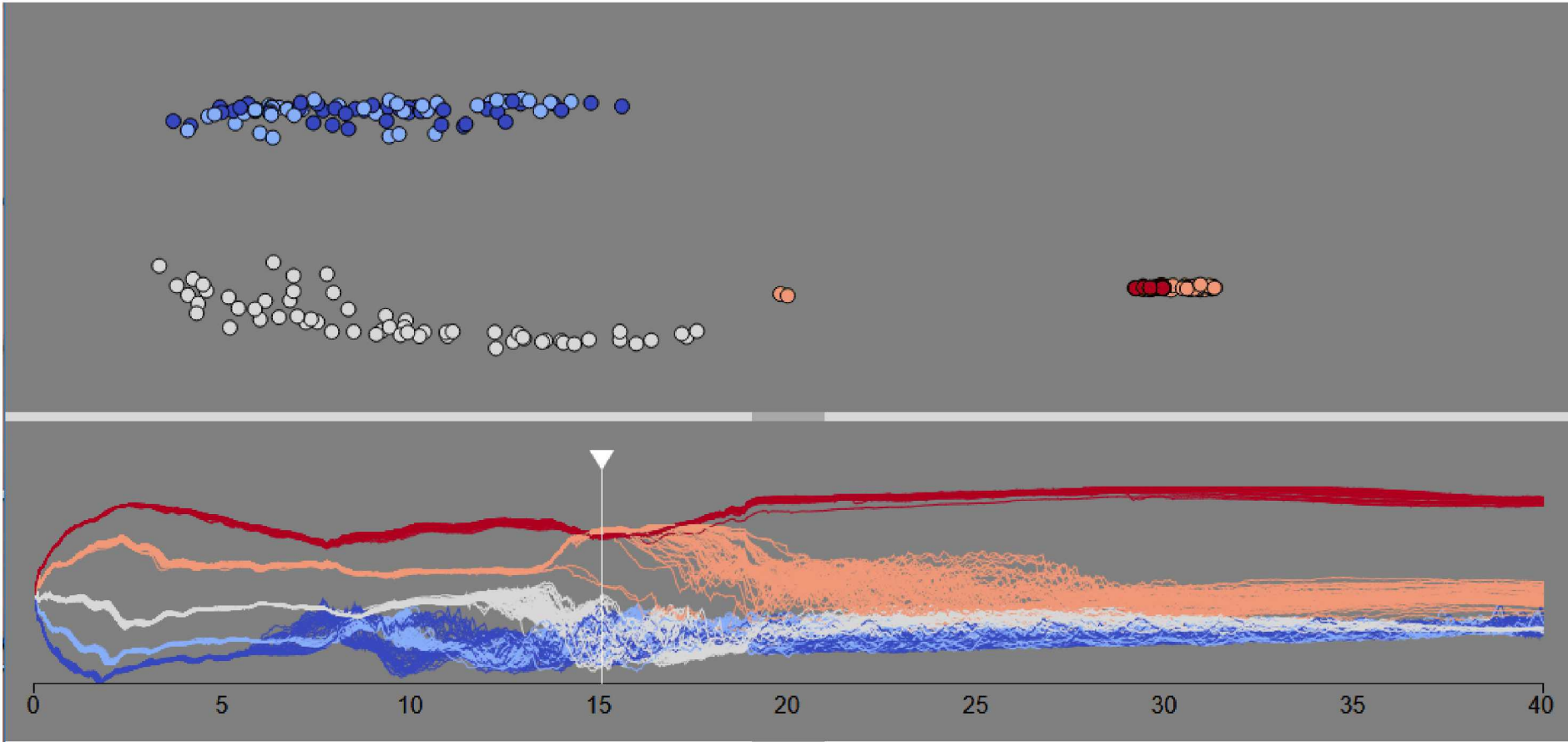
Multidimensional Scaling (MDS)

MDS calculation:

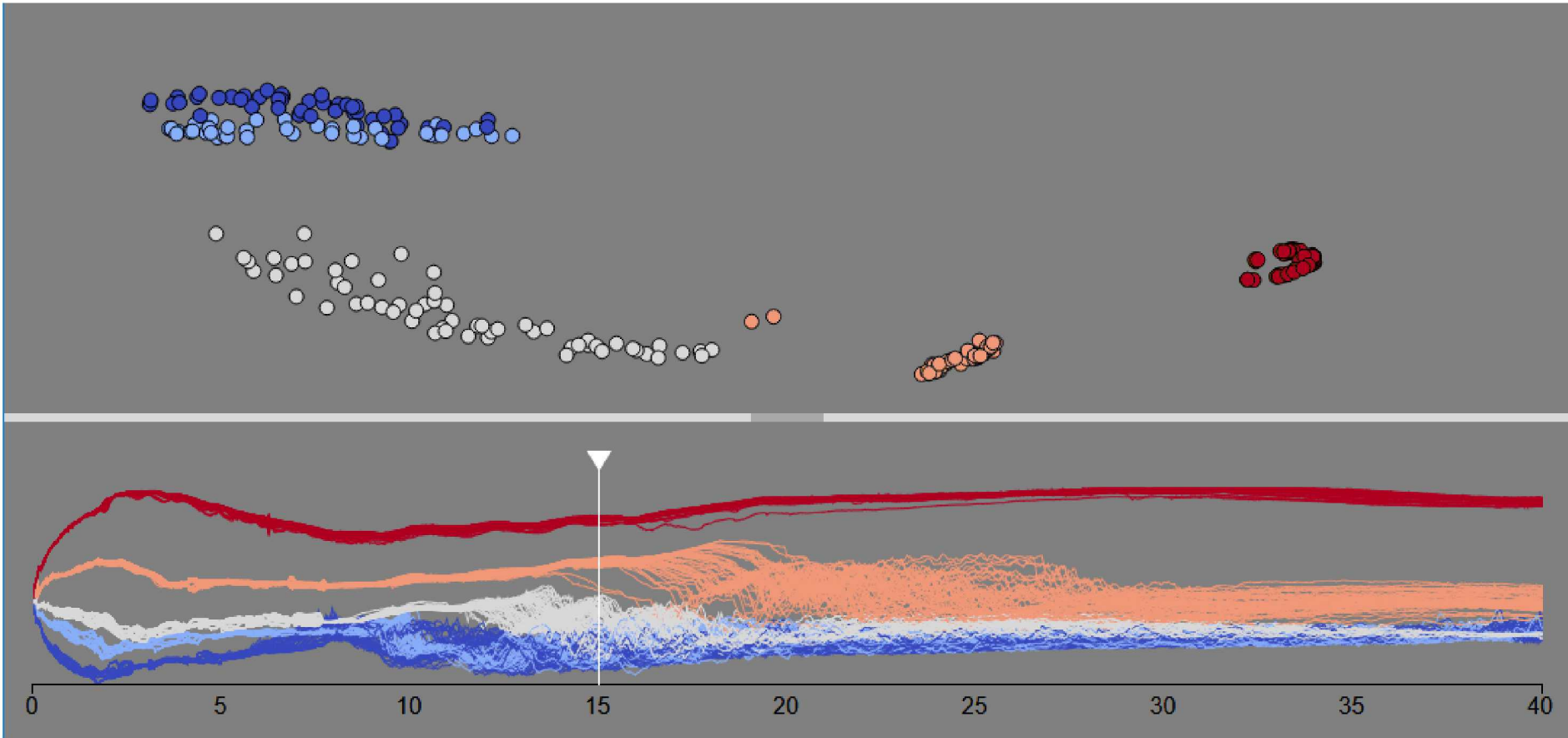
- Compute pair-wise distances between each frame of each video
- Double-center the distance matrix
- Compute the eigenvalue decomposition
- Align MDS visualization per frame using optimal orthogonal transform
- Align frames sequentially from last frame to first frame using k dims



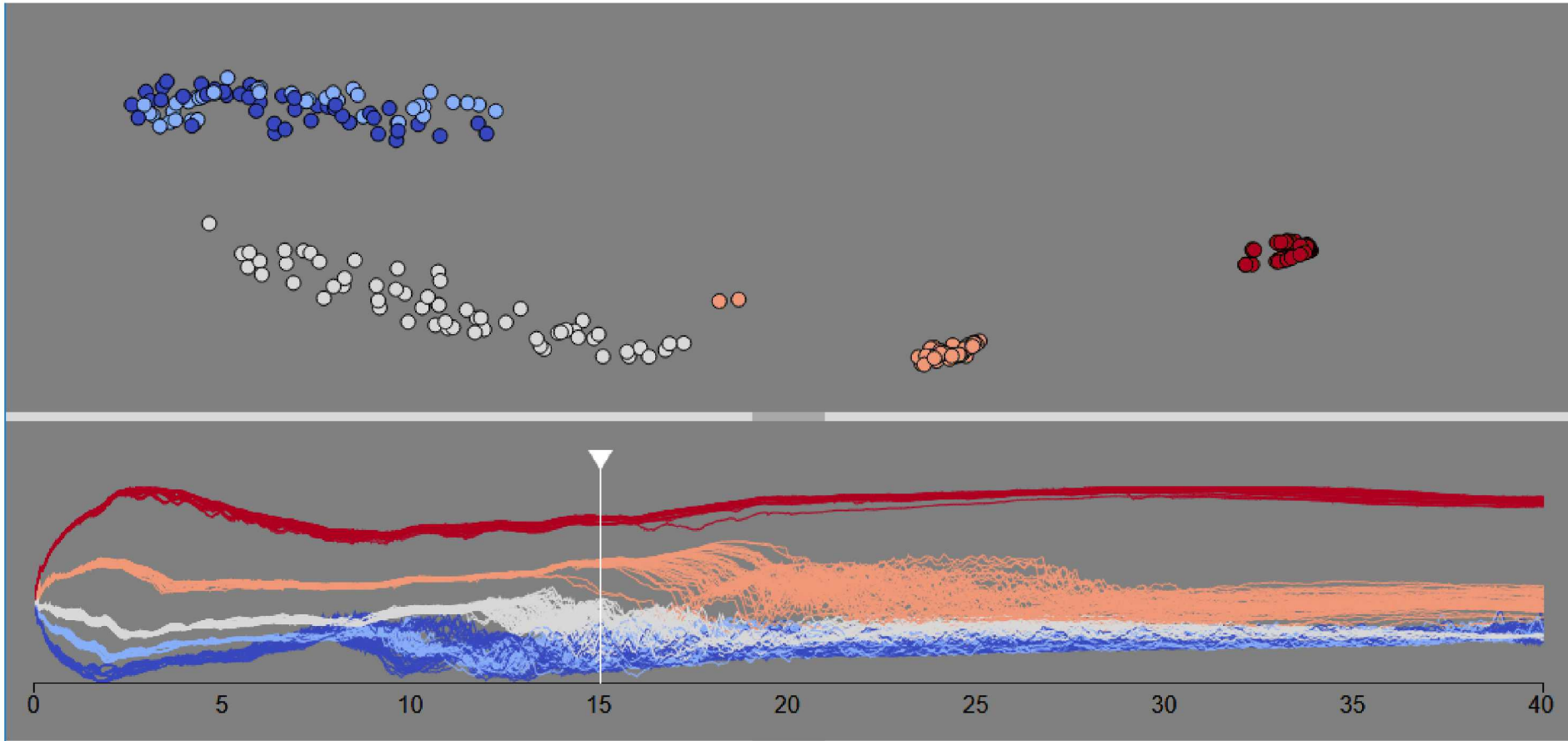
Dimension 2 Results



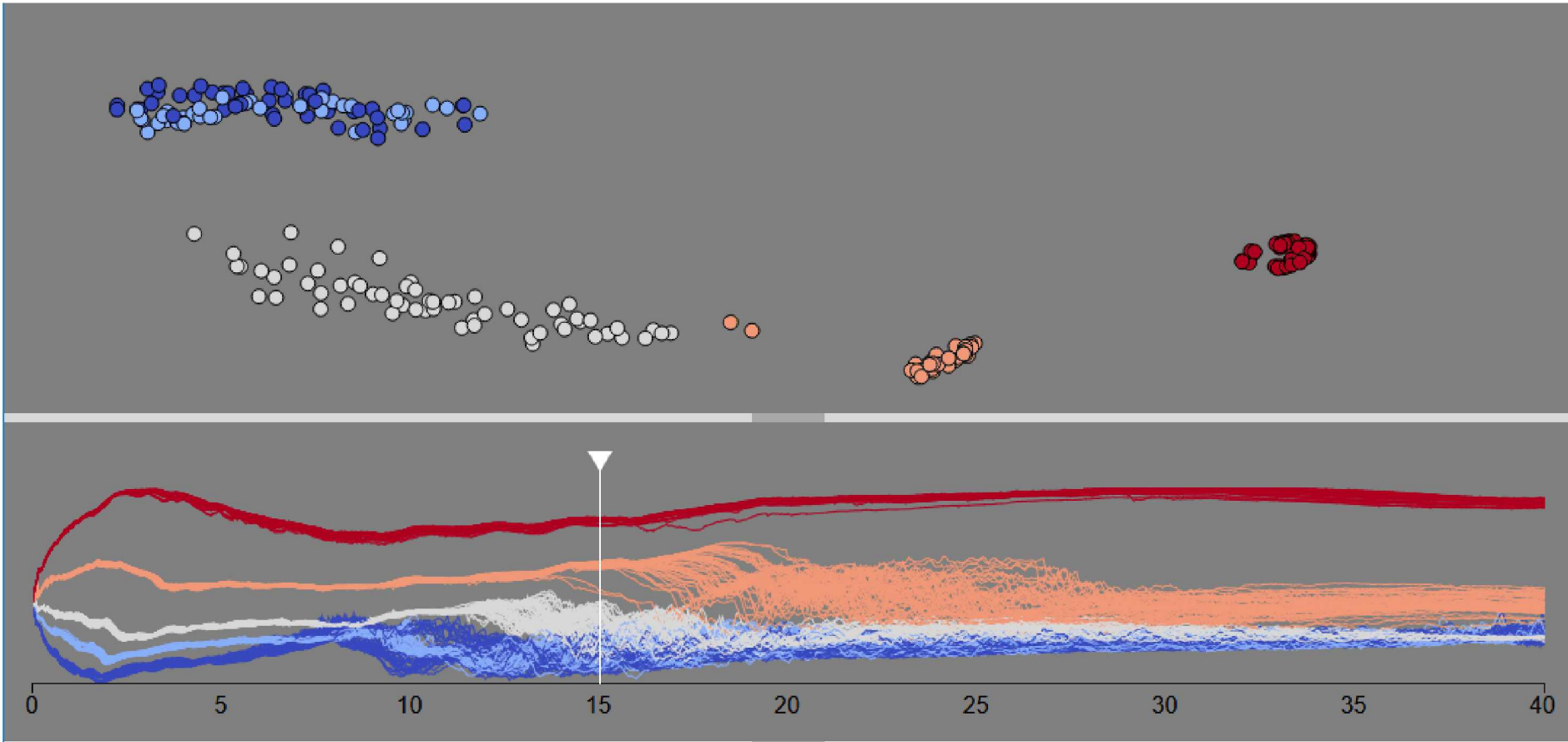
Dimension 10 Results



Dimension 20 Results

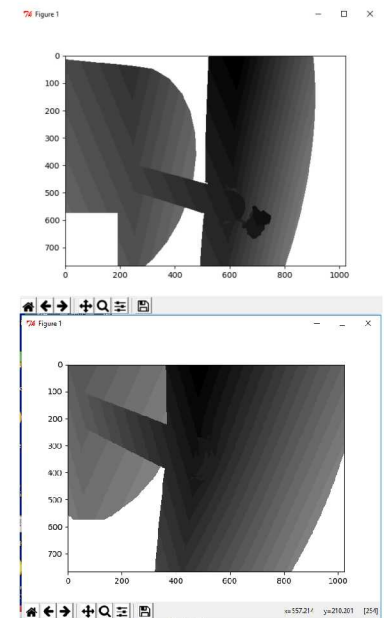
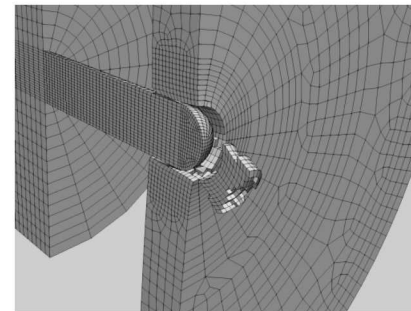


Dimension 100 Results

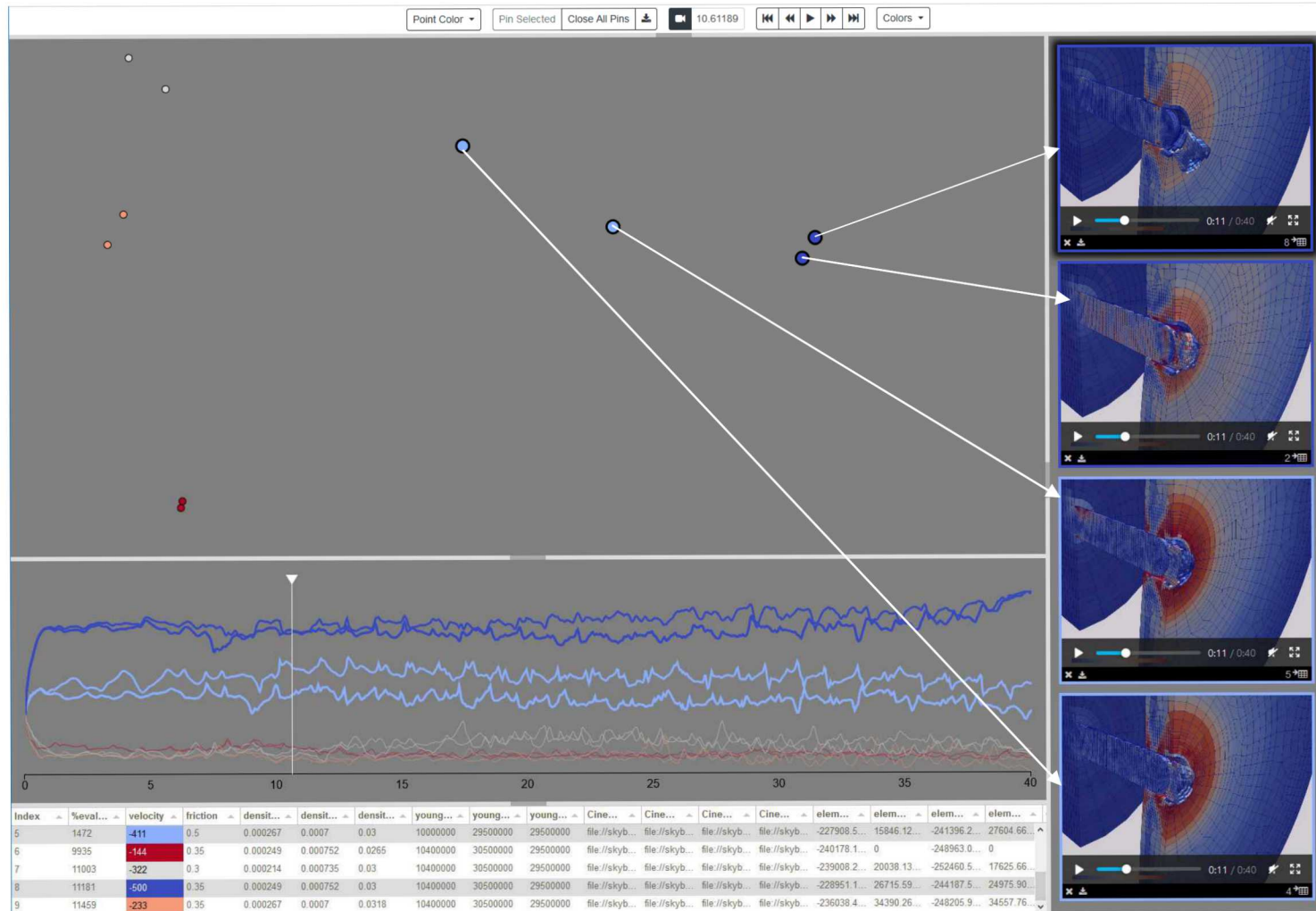


Cinema Floating Point vs RGB

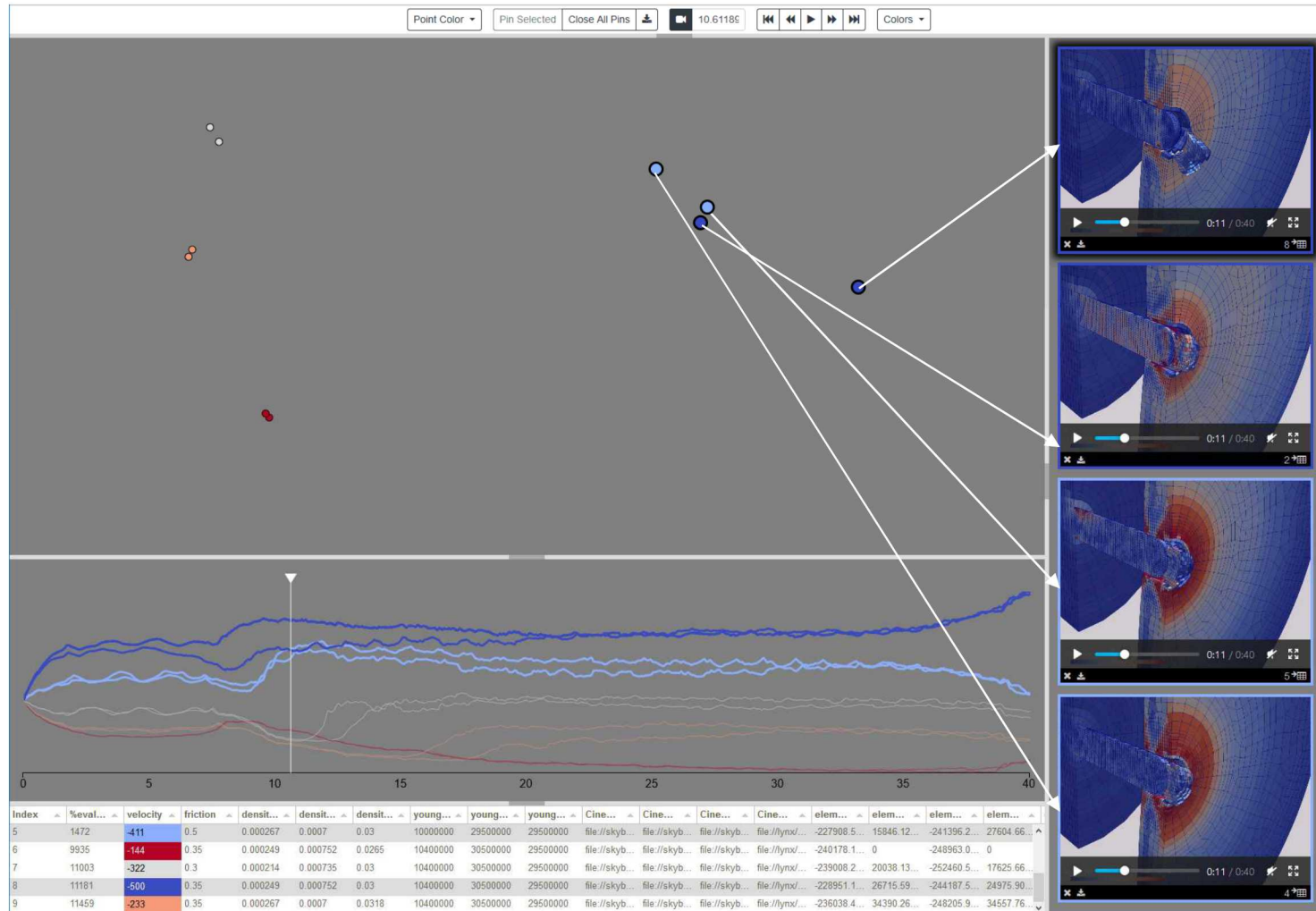
- Comparison of VideoSwarm from Von Mises values vs. RGB
- Difficulty getting data (consequently, ensemble size is small)
 - Couldn't get Catalyst to generate Cinema outputs
 - Manually created 10 run ensemble using ParaView 5.5.2 and 'export scene' with Cinema output (same view in all, single static camera)
 - RGB (as jpg)
 - composable + recolorable
 - Von Mises, depth buffer (as Z)
 - Luminance (as png)
- Data definition
 - Floating point values/pixel where object present
 - Depth buffer determines object vs. background pixels
 - Depth buffer bugs (reduced by shifting view)
 - Problem comparing undefined (background) pixels
 - Von Mises values are positive, so set undefined = 0



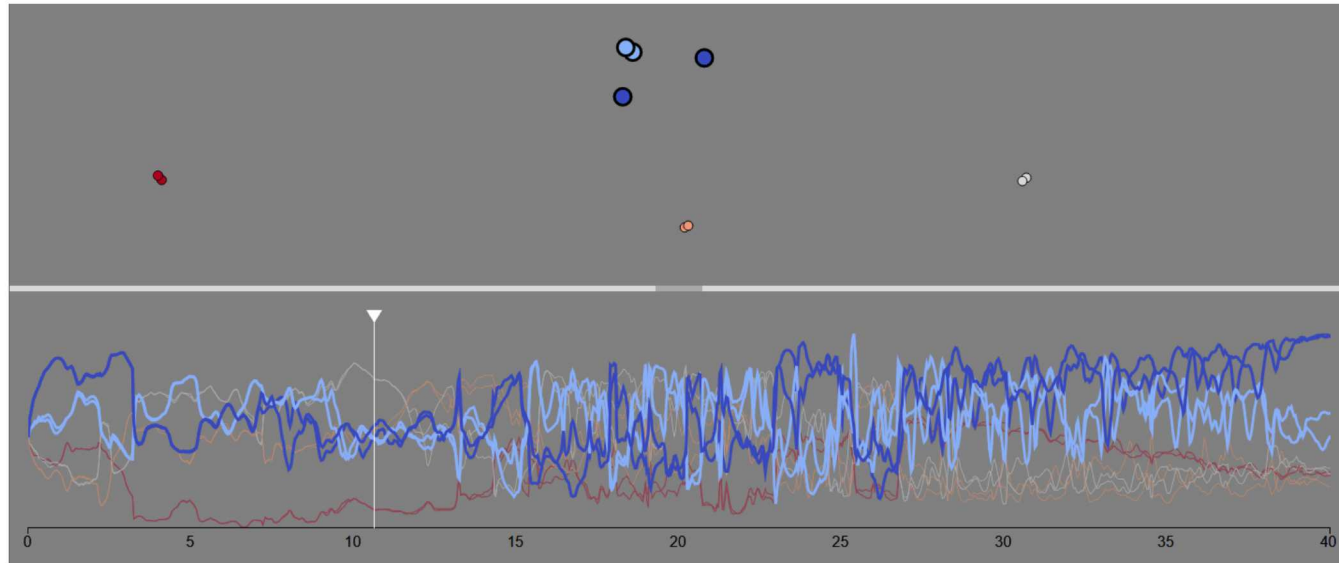
Cinema Von Mises Floating Point



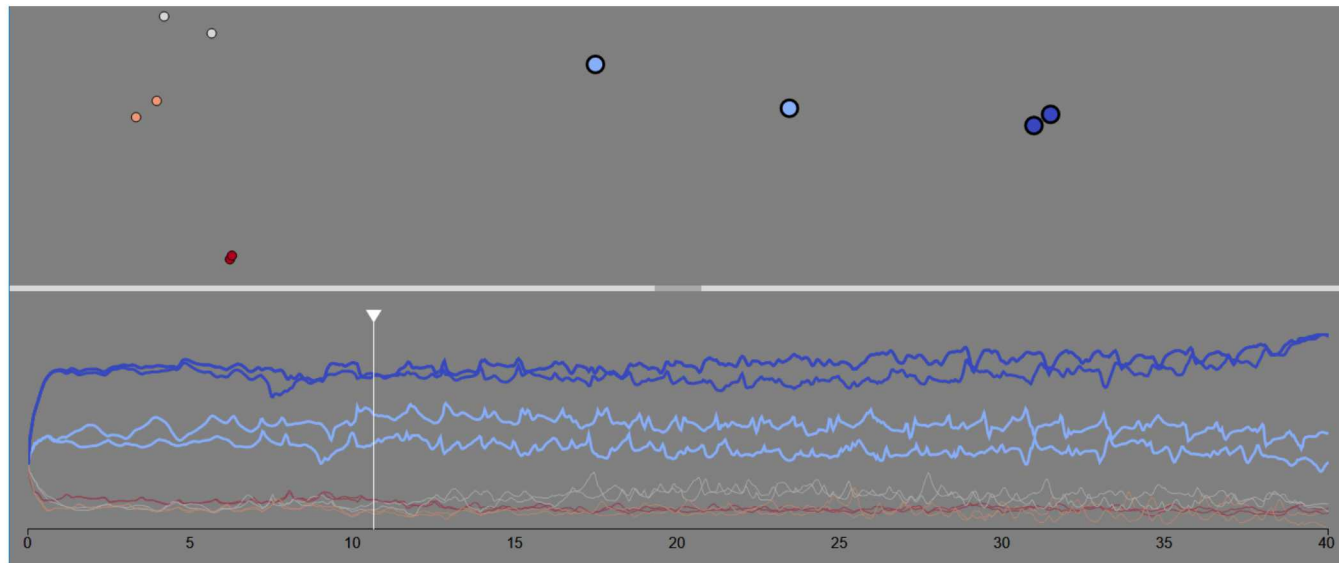
Cinema RGB



Cinema Von Mises Dim 2 vs 10

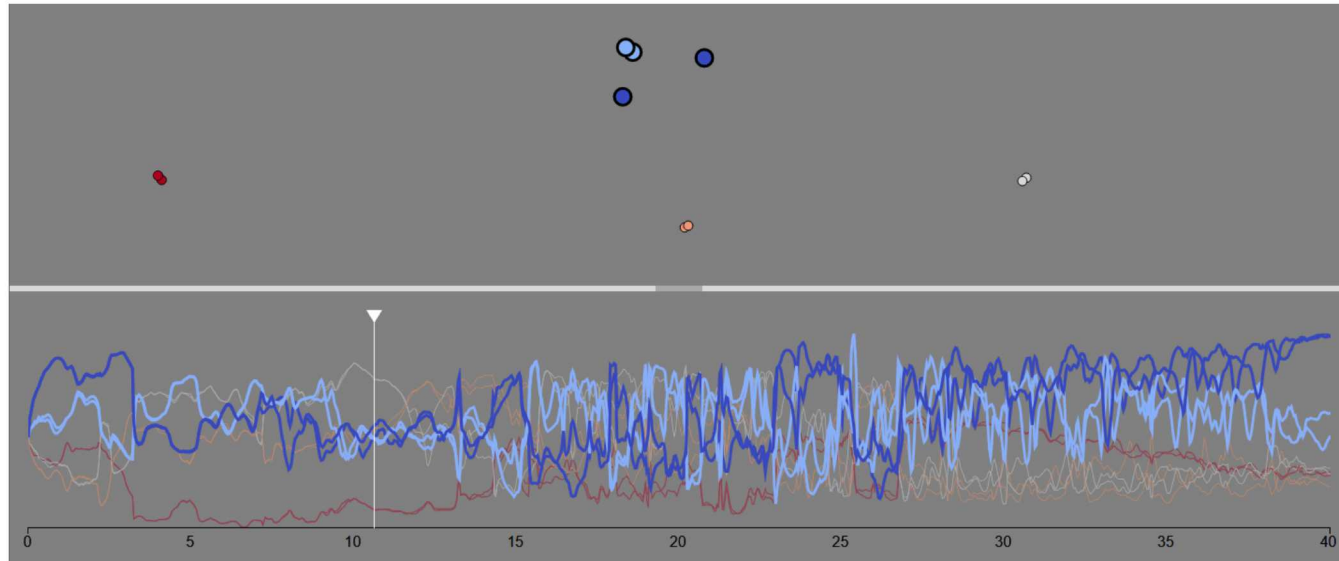


Dimension 2

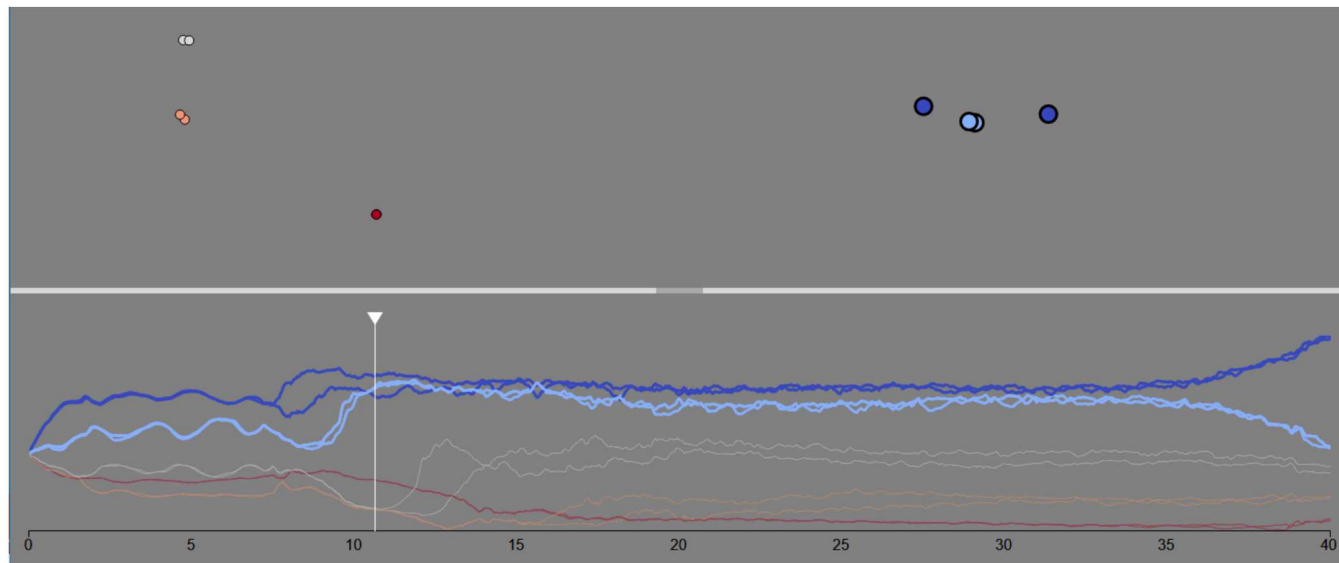


Dimension 10

Von Mises Dim 2 vs RBG Dim 2



Von Mises
Dimension 2



RGB
Dimension 2

Conclusions

- Temporal MDS improves continuity issues
- Dimension 10 is good default choice
- Floating point provides no advantage*
 - Comparison of undefined pixels problematic
 - NaNs for undefined pixels
 - Variables with range crossing zero cannot set undefined pixels to zero
 - Potential for no intersection between defined pixels (fragments)
 - Eigenvector rank flipping problem greater than with RGB
 - Cinema generation issues, while RGB outputs universally generated

*Caveats

- Cinema ensemble size too small
- Depth buffer bug impacts comparison

Multidimensional Scaling

To assign each video a 2D coordinate representation, we use a dimension reduction technique called Multi-Dimensional Scaling (MDS).

- Time trajectories are plotted as the first coordinate of MDS versus time for each video.
- First compute pair-wise distances between each frame of each video in the ensemble.

$$D_t = \begin{bmatrix} d(\mathbf{f}_{1t}, \mathbf{f}_{1t}) & d(\mathbf{f}_{1t}, \mathbf{f}_{2t}) & \dots \\ d(\mathbf{f}_{2t}, \mathbf{f}_{1t}) & d(\mathbf{f}_{2t}, \mathbf{f}_{2t}) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d(\mathbf{f}_{it}, \mathbf{f}_{jt}) = \sqrt{\sum_k (f_{itk} - f_{jtk})^2}$$

Multidimensional Scaling

Second, “double-center” the distance matrix.

$$B = -\frac{1}{2}HD^2H$$

$$H = I - \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T/n$$

Multidimensional Scaling

Third, compute the eigenvalue decomposition of B , keeping the two largest positive eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 and corresponding eigenvectors e_1, e_2 .

$$B = E\Lambda E^T$$

- The MDS coordinates are given by the first two columns of $E\Lambda^{1/2}$.
- (In fact, keep k dimensions of each reduction for the purpose of aligning frames, described in the next slide.)

Multidimensional Scaling

Finally, align the MDS visualizations per frame using an optimal orthogonal transformation.

- If P and Q are matrices containing the MDS coordinates of two consecutive time steps, we compute (using the Singular Value Decomposition)

$$A = P^T Q$$

$$R = V_k U_k^T$$

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

- R gives an optimal transformation (rotation and/or reflection) matrix which best aligns P and Q using up to k dimensions.
- The frames are aligned sequentially from the last frame to the first frame using k dimensions, then projected into 2D for the final visualization.