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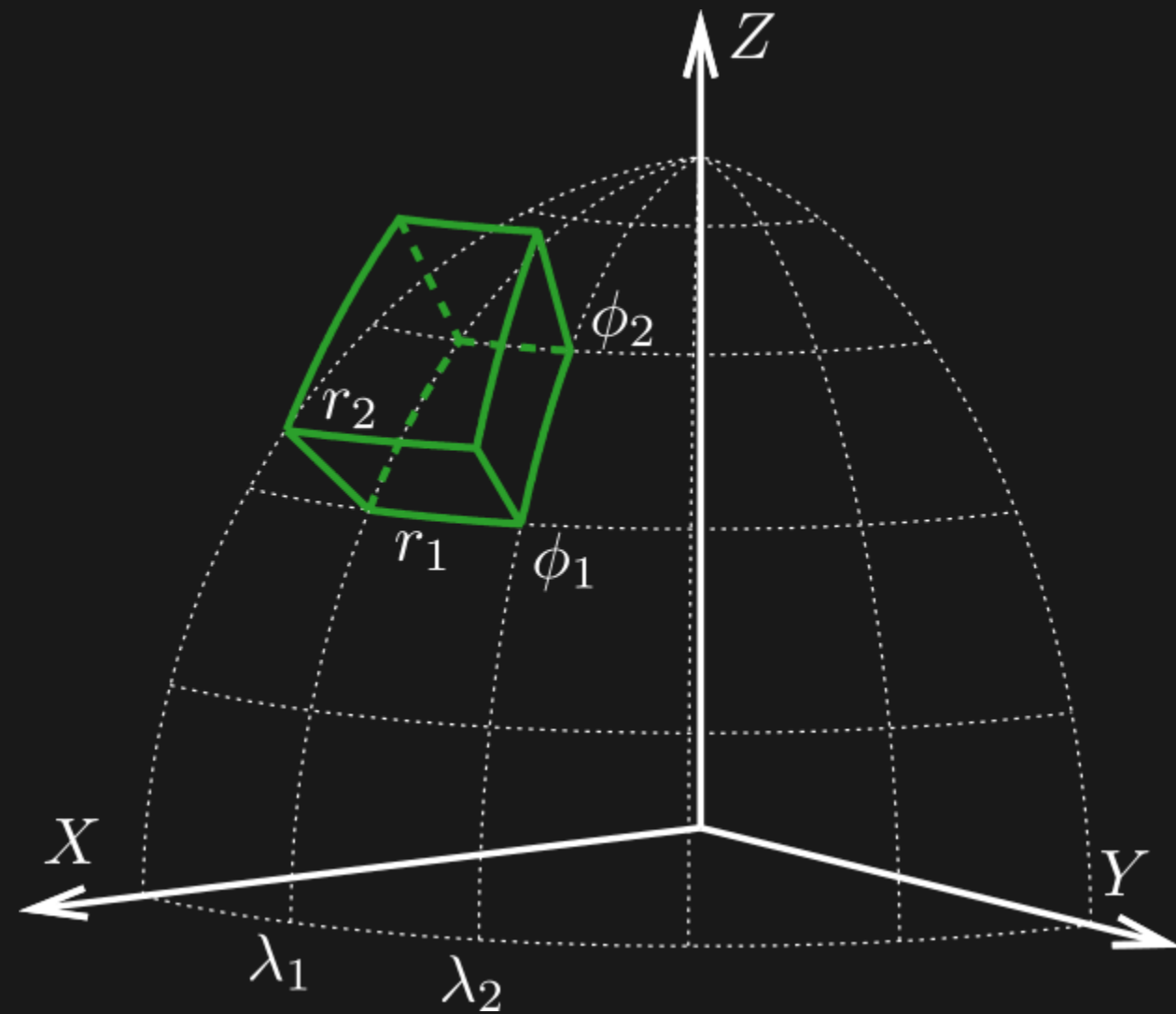


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- PhD in Geophysics (CONICET & UNSJ, Argentina)
- Postdoc Researcher at [UBC](#)
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- Core developer of  [Fatiando a Terra](#)

Past research

Gravitational fields in spherical coordinates

Tesseroids



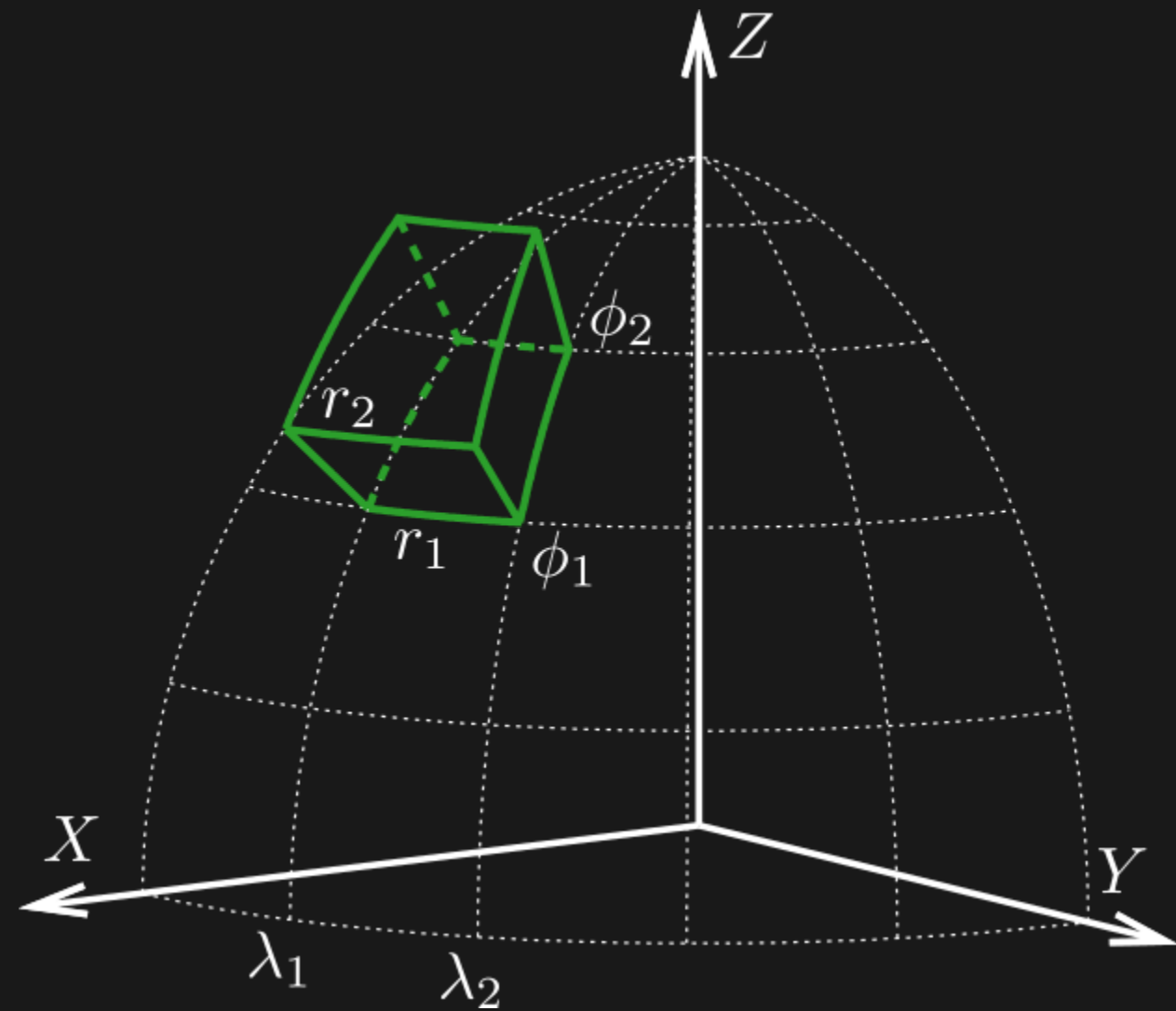
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Tesseroids' gravitational fields:

$$V(\mathbf{p}) = G\rho \iiint_V \frac{\kappa}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|} dr' d\lambda' d\phi'$$

no analytical solution

Tesseroids



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Solution:
Numerical approximations

$$V(\mathbf{p}) \cong G\rho A \sum_{i=1}^{N_r} \sum_{j=1}^{N_\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{N_\phi} W_{ijk} \frac{\kappa_{ik}}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}_{ijk}\|}$$

Constant density tesseroids

$$V(\mathbf{p}) = G \rho \iiint_V \frac{\kappa}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|} d r' d \lambda' d \phi'$$

Variable density tesseroids

$$V(\mathbf{p}) = G \iiint_V \rho(r') \frac{\kappa}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|} dr' d\lambda' d\phi'$$

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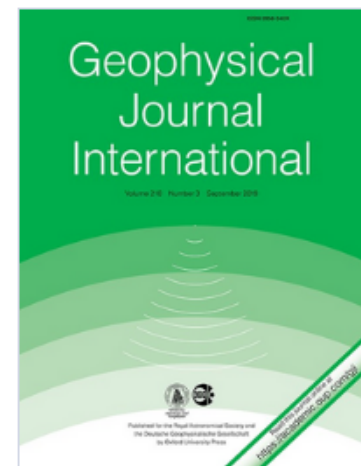
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Gravitational field calculation in spherical coordinates using variable densities in depth

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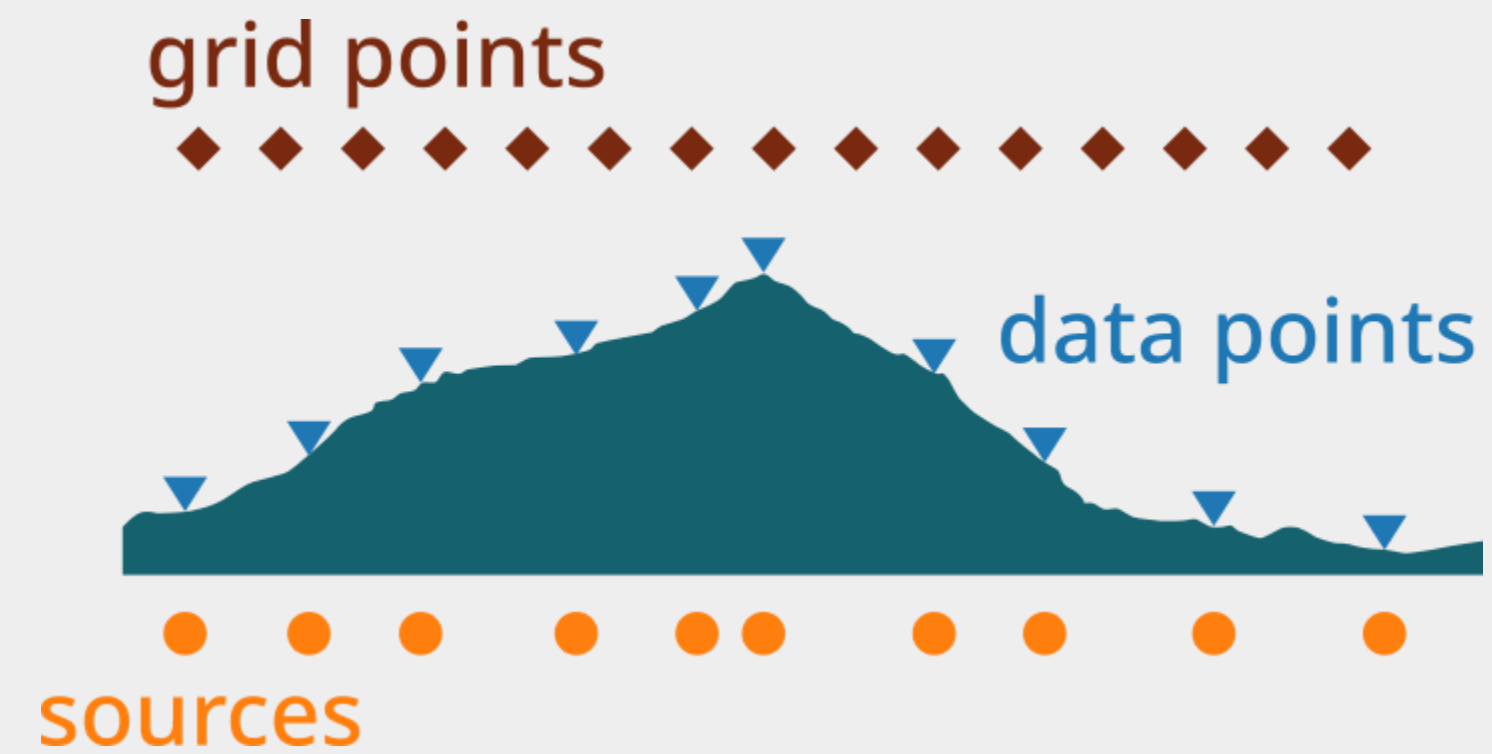
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We present a new methodology to compute the gravitational fields generated by tesseroids

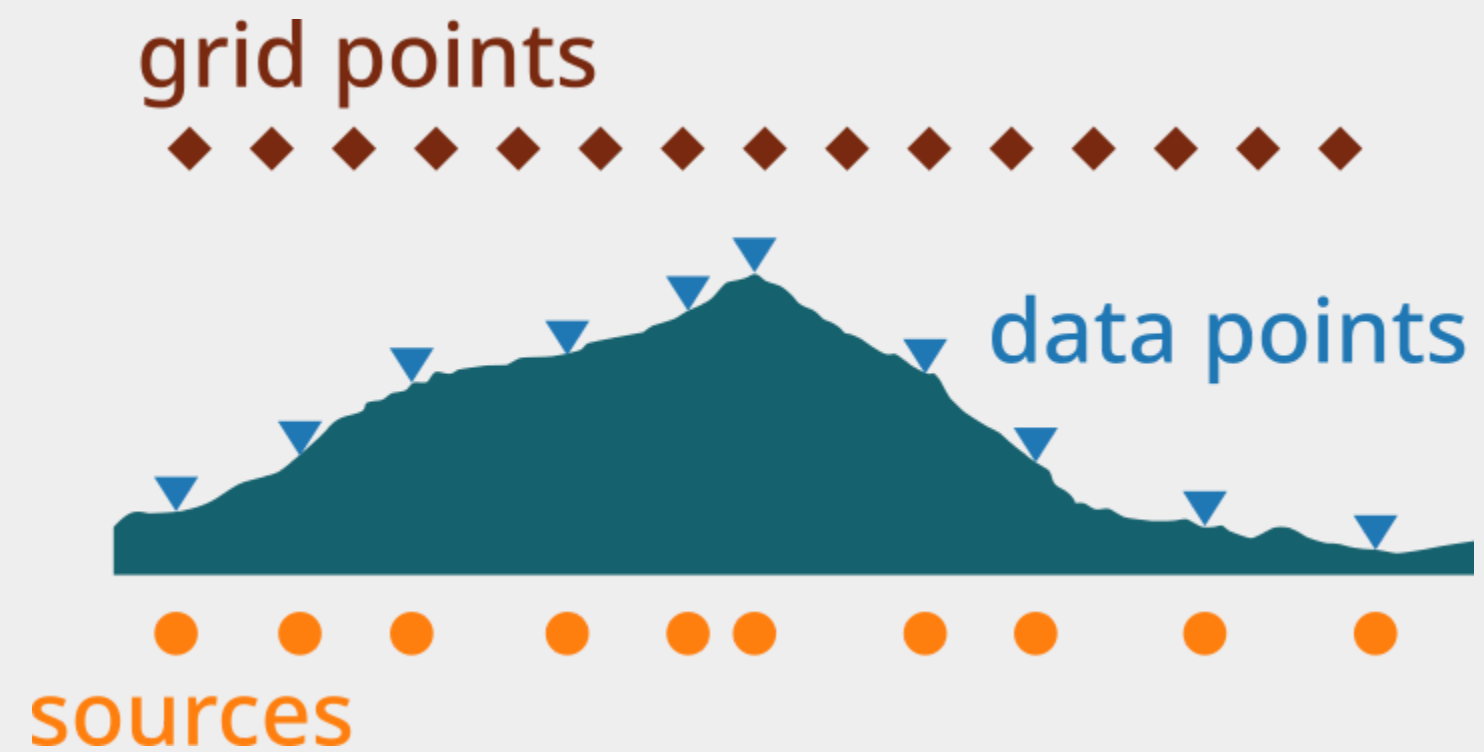
(solid bodies) defined by their density and depth. The methodology is based on the use of the

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Equivalent sources



Equivalent sources



- Always produce **harmonic fields**
- Consider the **observation heights**

THE PROBLEM

Require too much computational load

- 200.000 data points
- + 200.000 equivalent sources
- = ~300GB RAM

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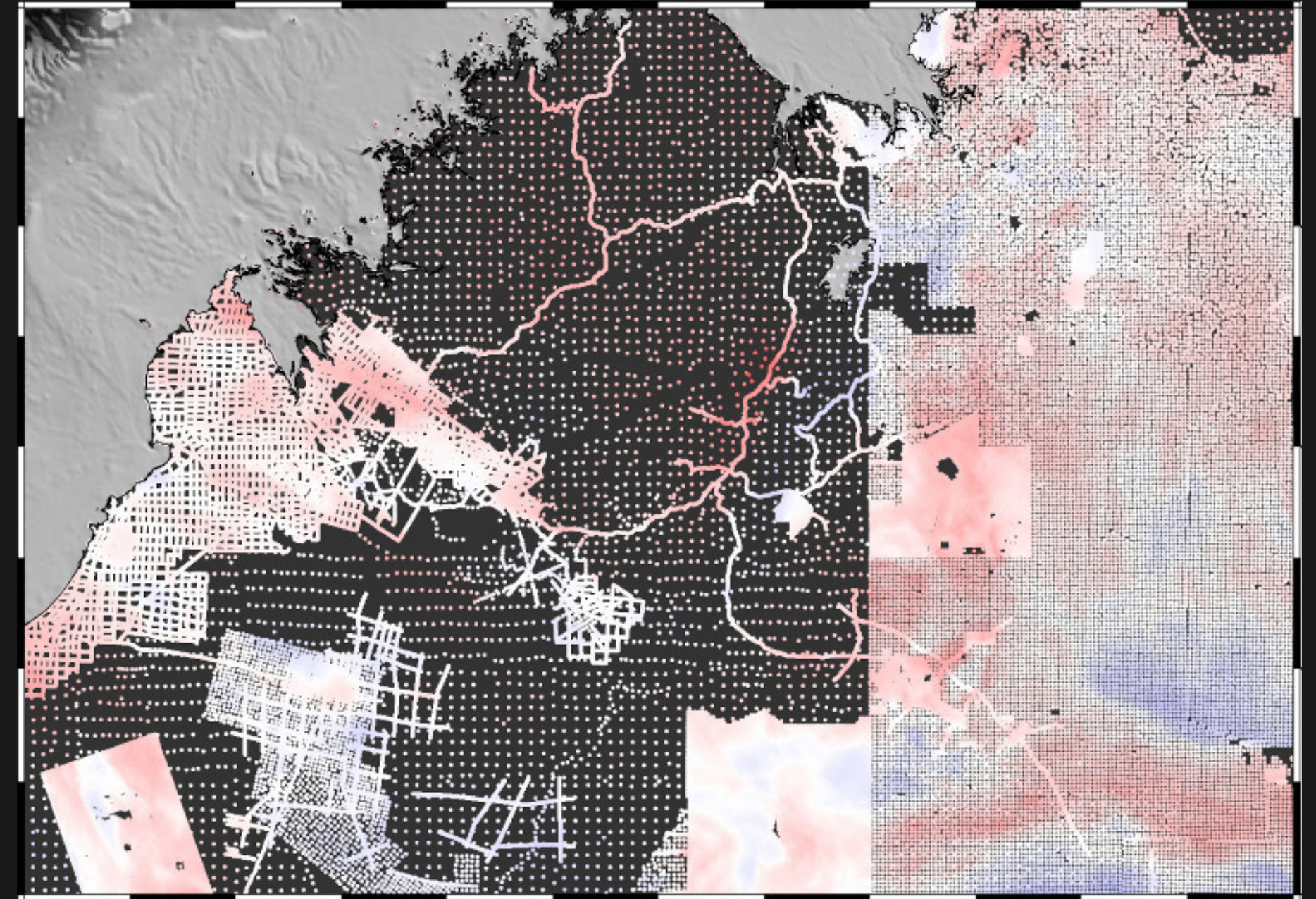
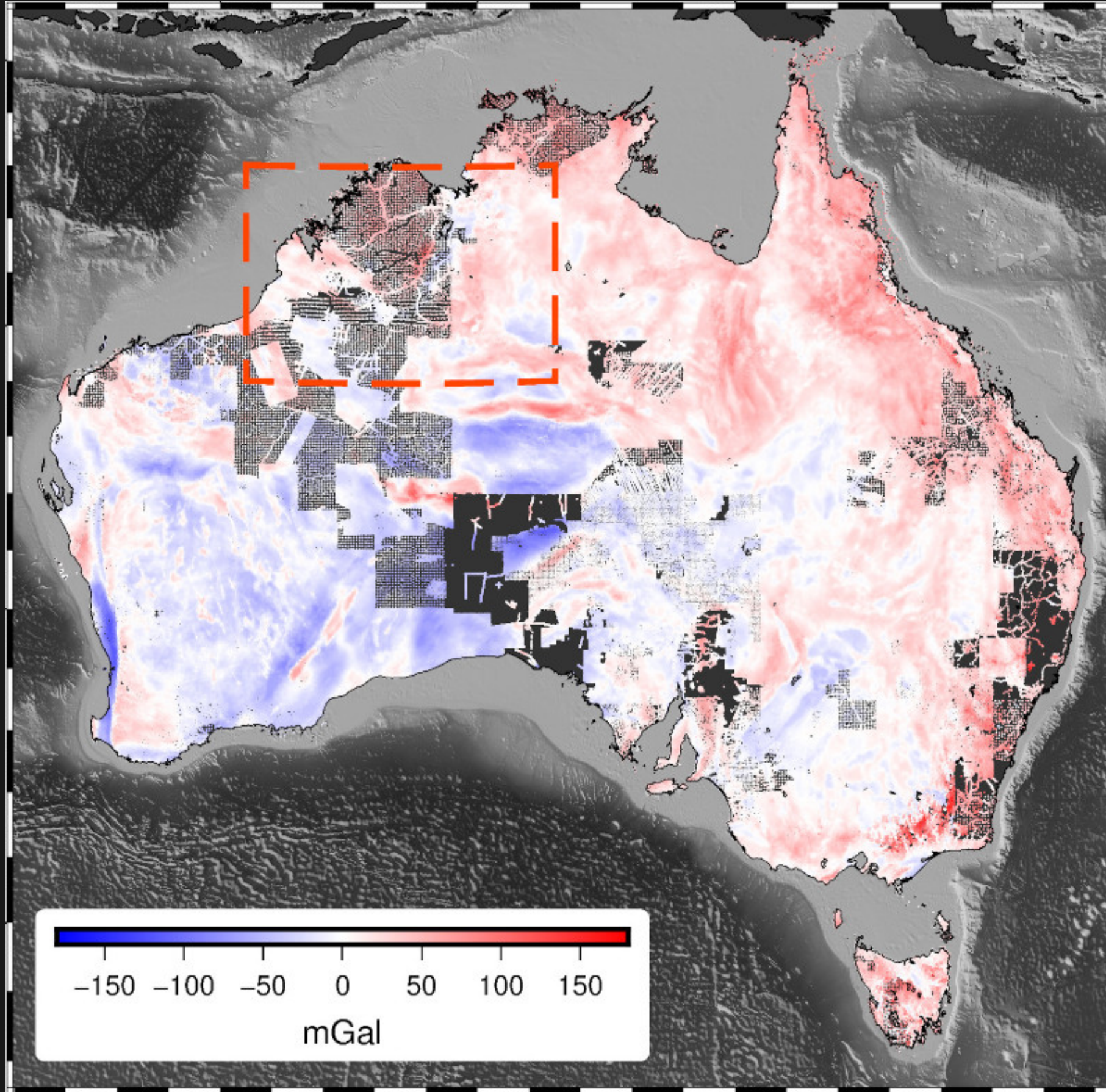
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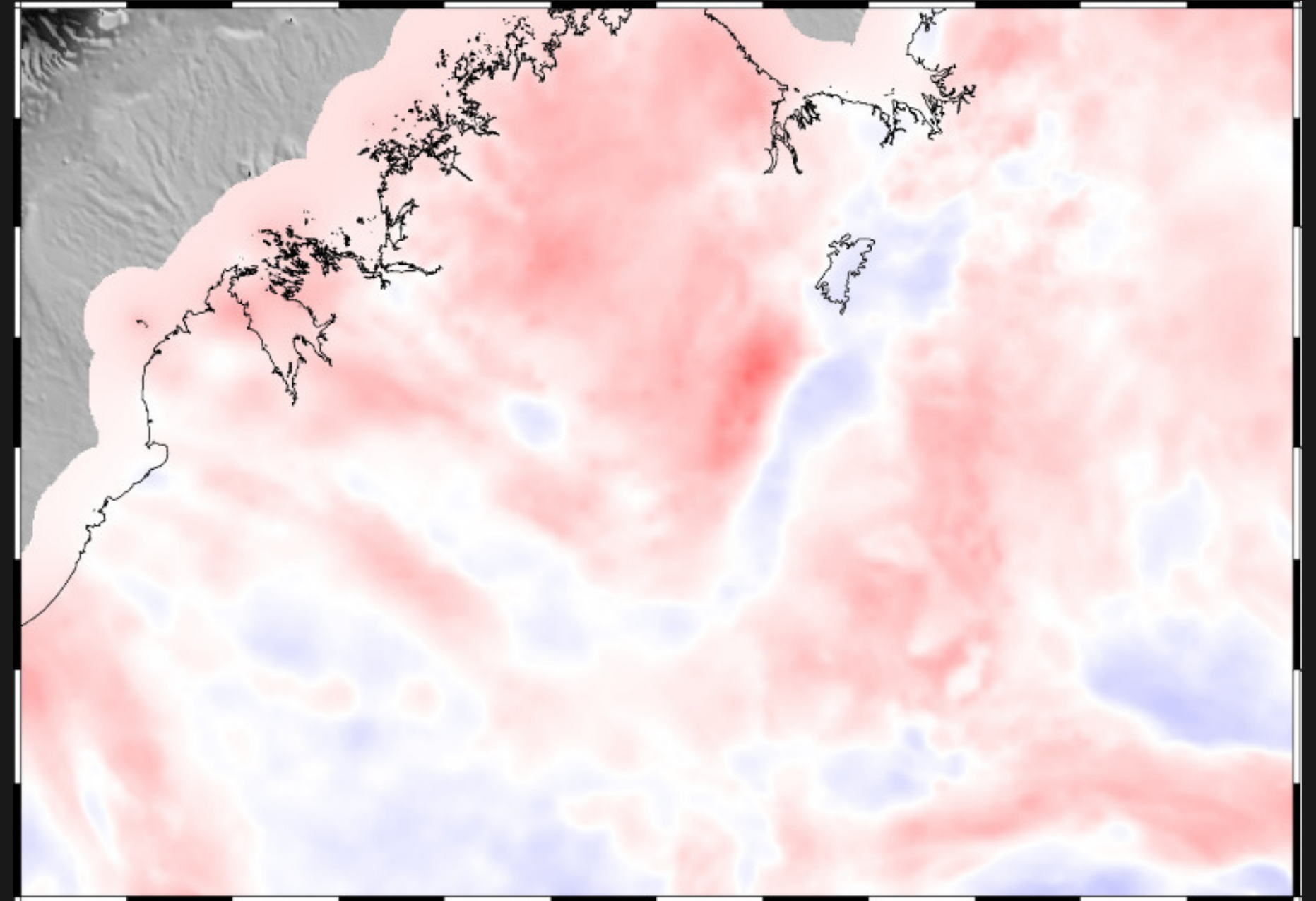
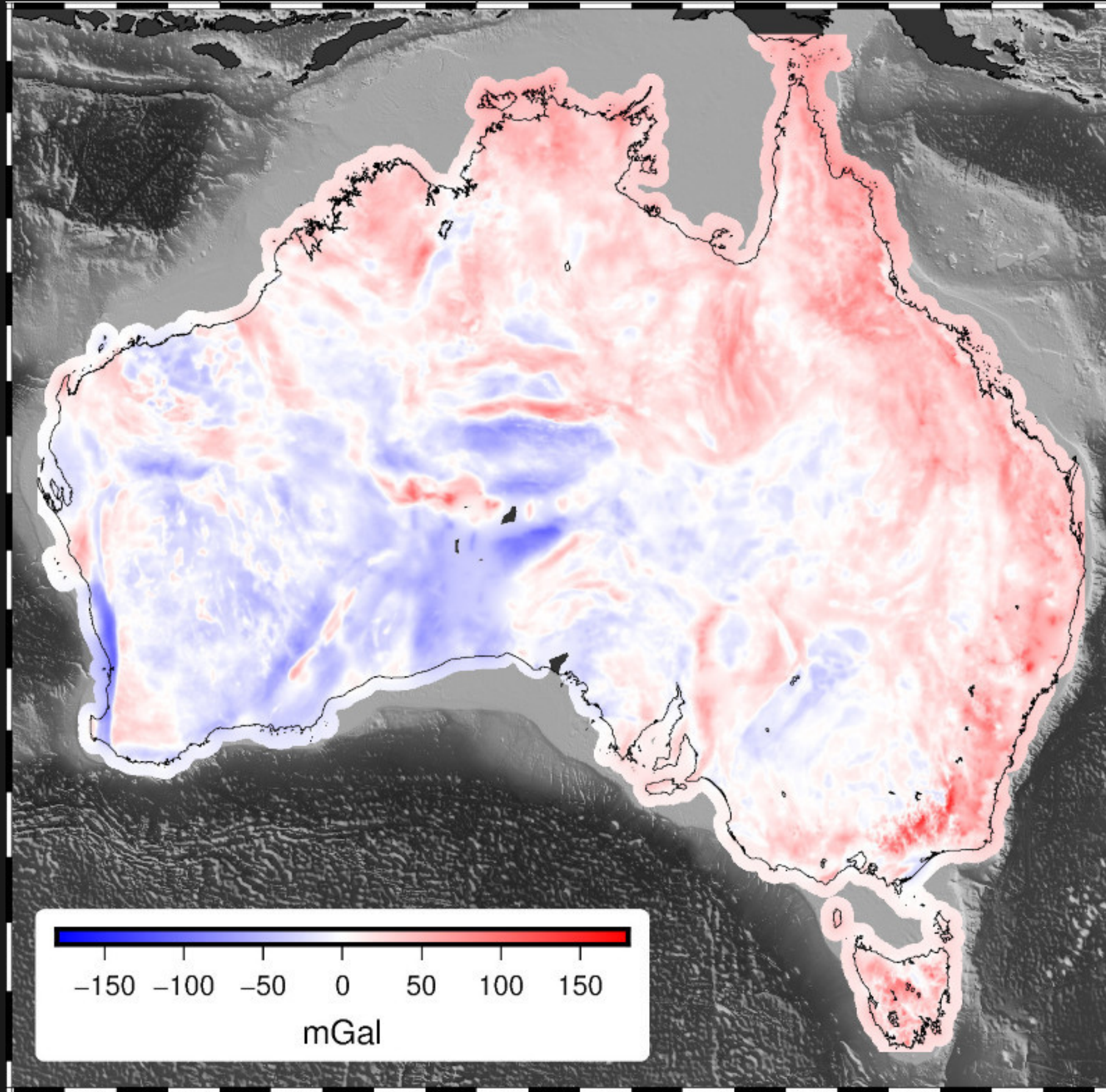
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The equivalent source technique is a powerful and widely used method for processing gravity and magnetic data. Nevertheless, its major drawback is the large computational cost in terms of processing time and computer memory. We present two techniques for reducing the computational cost of equivalent source processing: block-averaging source locations and the gradient-boosted equivalent source

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Quantitative uncertainty analysis of gravity disturbance. The case of the Geneva Basin (Switzerland)

Lorenzo Perozzi  , Luca Guglielmetti, Andrea Moscariello

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Fast non-linear gravity inversion in spherical coordinates with application to the South American Moho

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Evaluating the accuracy of equivalent-source predictions using cross-validation


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Computer Science > Information Retrieval


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A recommender system for automatic picking of subsurface formation tops

Jesse R. Pisel, Joshua A. Dierker, Sanya Srivastava, Samira B. Ravilisetty, Michael J. Pyrcz

Geoscience domain experts traditionally correlate formation tops in the subsurface using geophysical well logs (known as well-log correlation) by-hand. Based on individual well log interpretation and well-to-well comparisons, these correlations are done in the context of depositional models within a stratigraphic framework. Recently, many researchers have focused on automatic well-log correlation using a variety of warping algorithms that measure well similarity, and both unsupervised and supervised machine learning methods that assign categorical labels based on known tops in many other wells. These methods require a standardized suite of digital well logs (i.e. gamma ray logs for every well) along with the depth to the top of the formations, which might not be available in many cases. Herein, we propose a method that does not use geophysical well logs for correlation, but rather uses already picked tops in multiple wells to recommend the depth to

Classifying basin-scale stratigraphic geometries from subsurface formation tops with machine learning

Jesse R. Pisel , Michael J. Pyrcz

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Presented here is a transfer-learning model for classifying basin-scale stratigraphic geometries from subsurface formation tops. Support vector, decision trees, random forests, AdaBoost and K-nearest neighbour classification models are evaluated to support this challenge. Each model is trained on labelled synthetic stratigraphic geometry data generated in Python using observable geological principles and concepts. Accuracy is measured using a weighted

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Pooch: A friend to fetch your data files

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Summary

Scientific software is usually created to acquire, analyze, model, and visualize data. As such, many software libraries include sample datasets in their distributions for use in documentation,

Verde: Processing and gridding spatial data using Green's functions

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Summary

Measurements made on the surface of the Earth are often sparse and unevenly distributed. For example, GPS displacement measurements are limited by the availability of ground stations and airborne geophysical measurements are highly sampled along flight lines

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A comparison between sea-bottom gravity and satellite altimeter-derived gravity in coastal environments: A case study of the Gulf of Manfredonia (SW Adriatic Sea)

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In this study, we present a comparative analysis between two types of gravity data used in geophysical applications: satellite altimeter-derived gravity and sea-bottom gravity.

It is largely known that the marine gravity field derived from satellite altimetry in coastal areas is generally biased by signals back-scattered from the nearby

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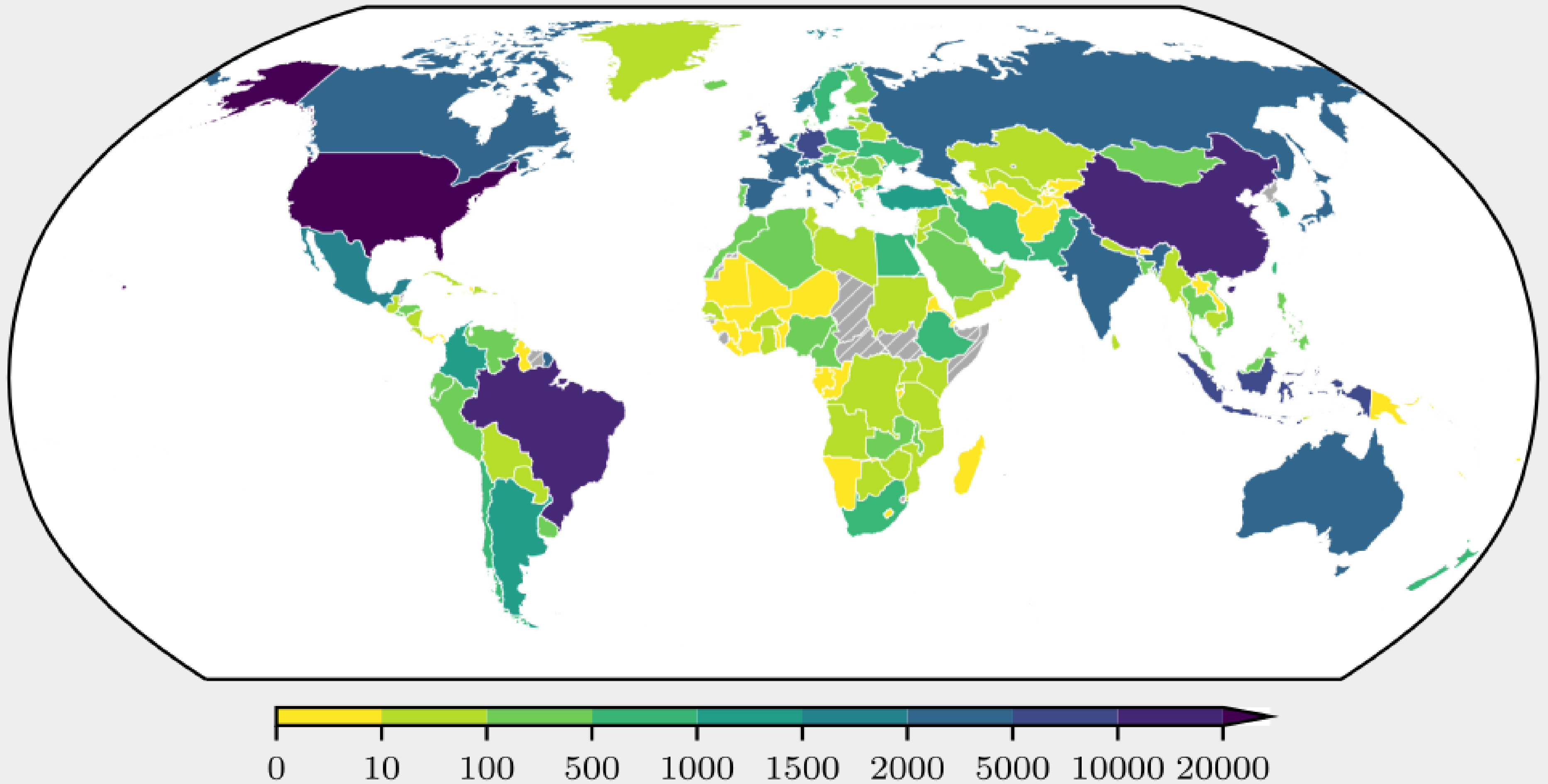
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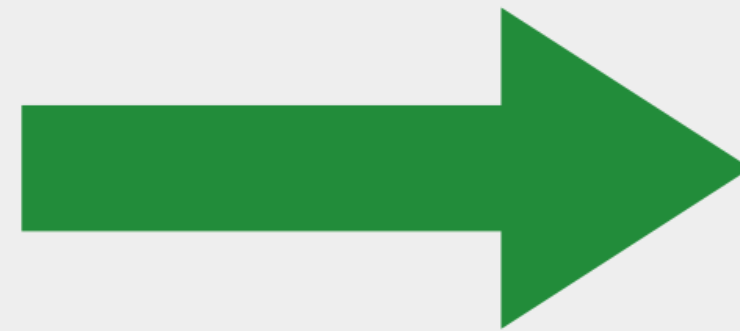
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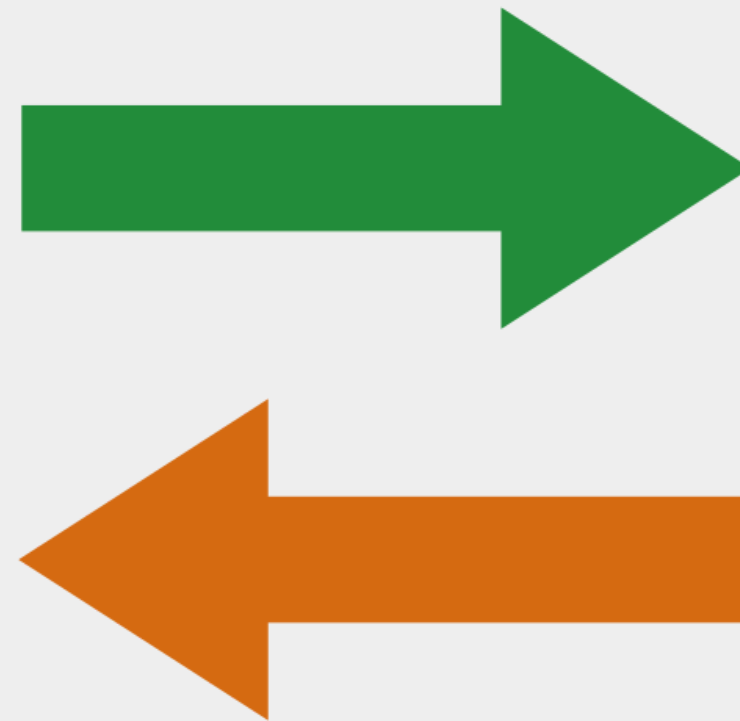


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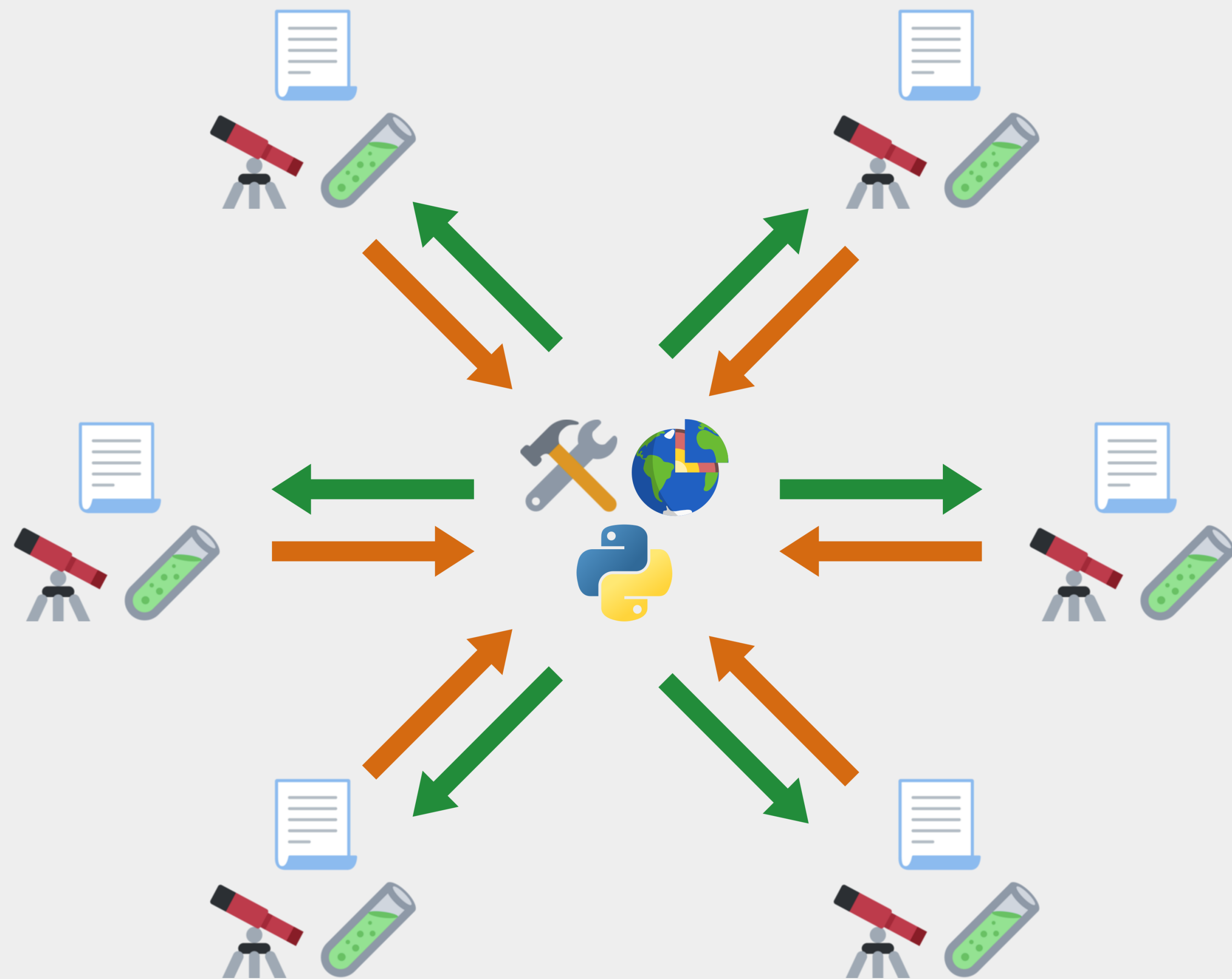
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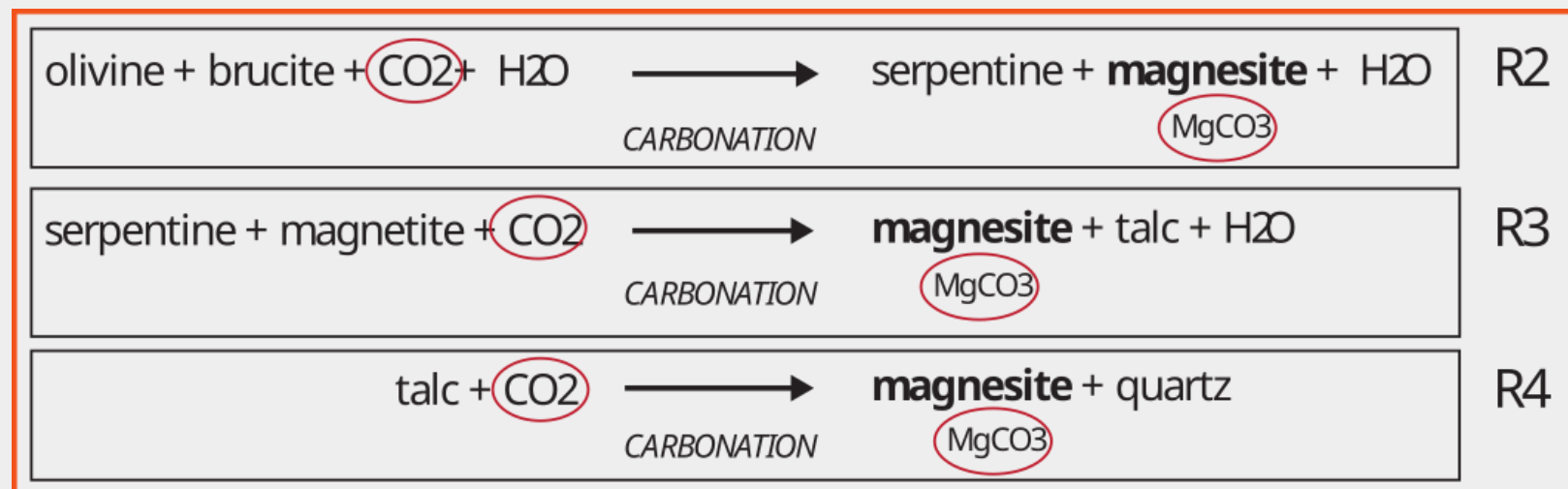
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Carbon mineralization

Serpentinization



Carbonation

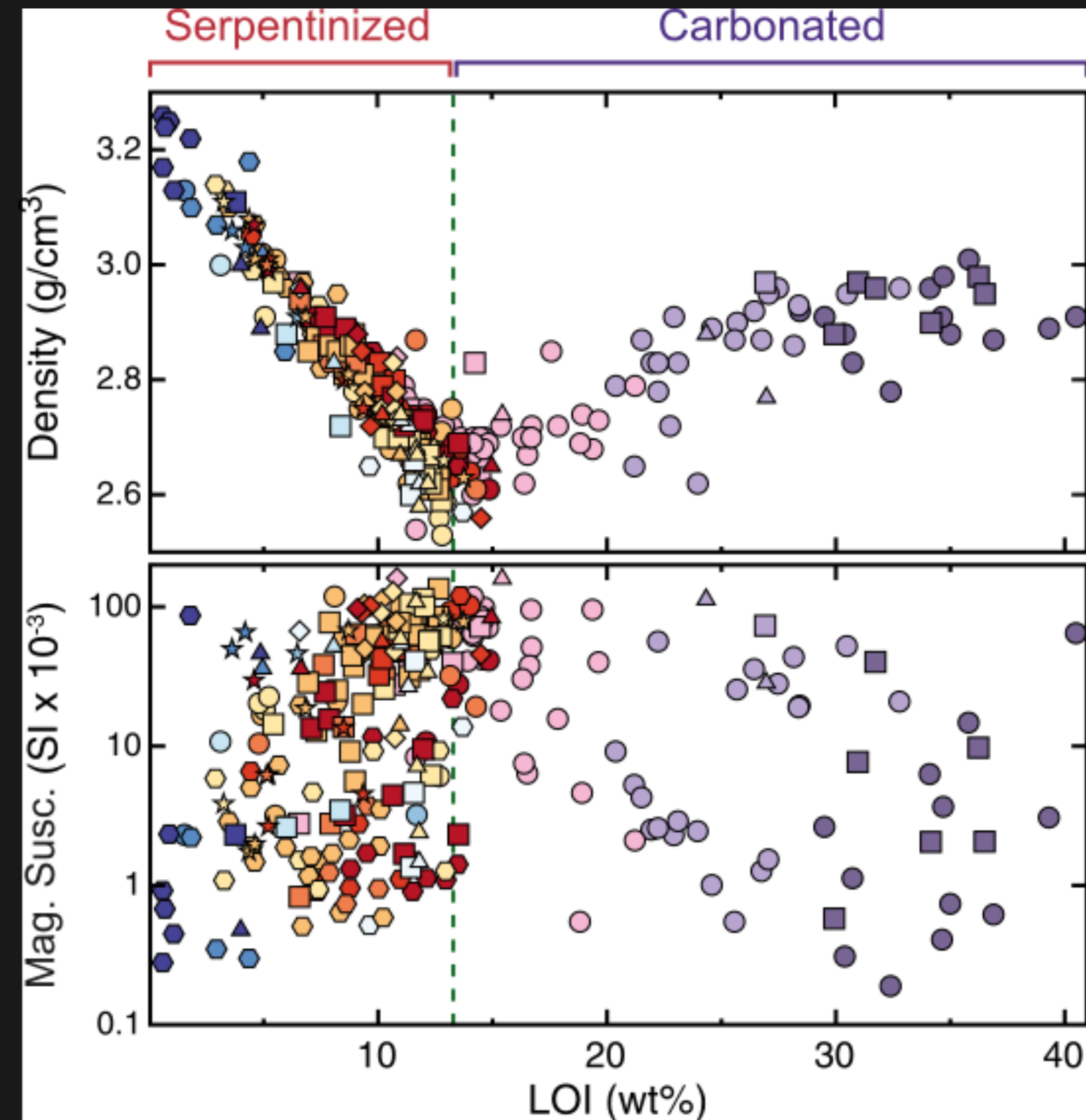


- Serpentinized rocks react with CO₂
- Mineralize in carbonated rocks
- Carbon sequestration with ultramafic rocks

Cutts et al. (2021). doi: [10.1029/2021GC009989](https://doi.org/10.1029/2021GC009989)

Mitchinson et al., (2020). ISBN: 978-0-88865-470-0

Physical properties



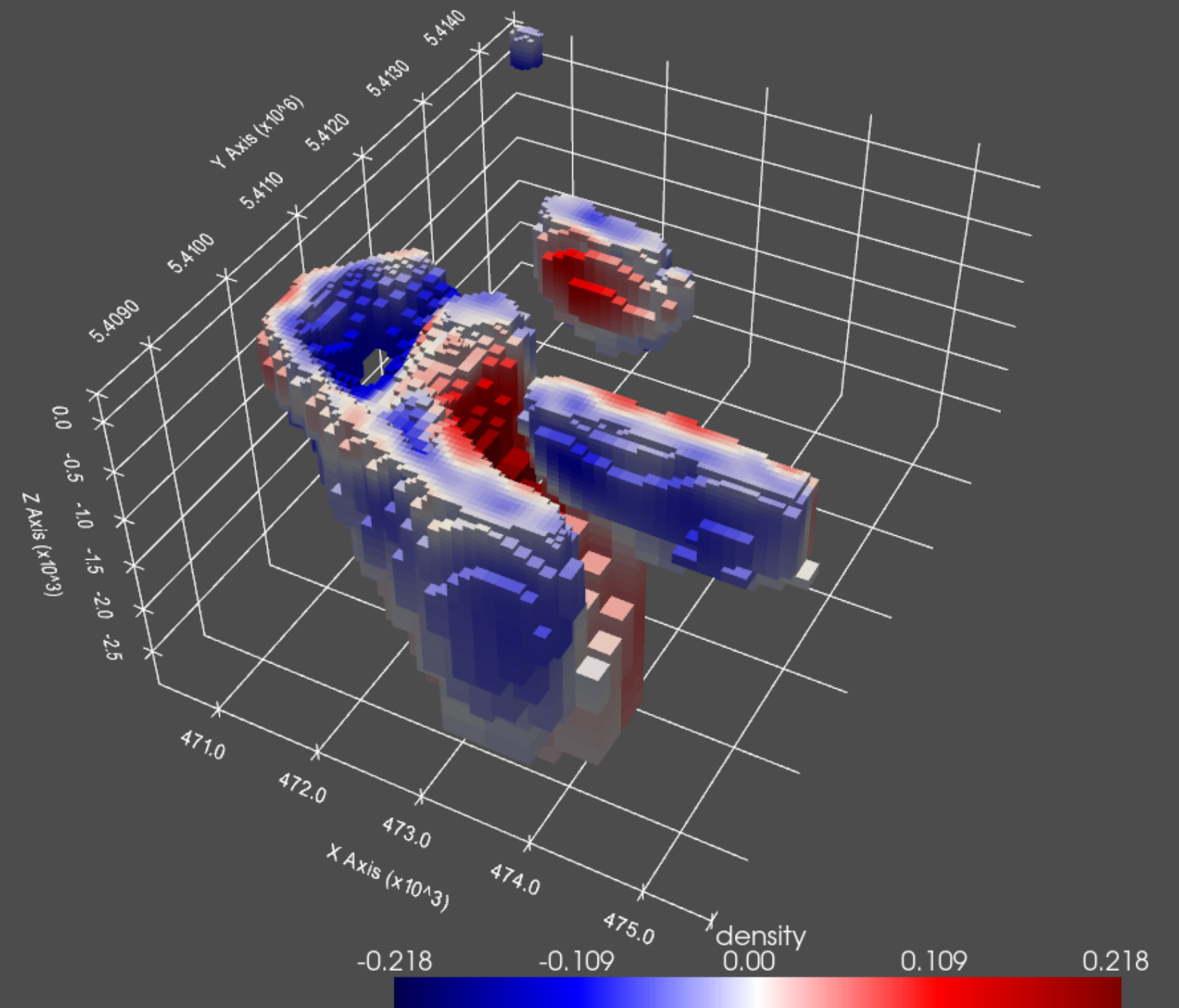
Density and susceptibility change with alteration

Research opportunity:





**Geophysical inversion for assessing
carbonation potential**

Goals

- Gravity + magnetic data
- 3D joint inversions
- Characterize volume and depth of rocks with carbonation potential

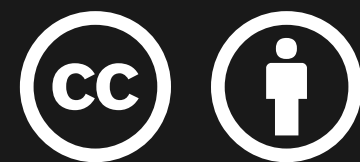


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