

# Ice sheet PSF Hessian approximation

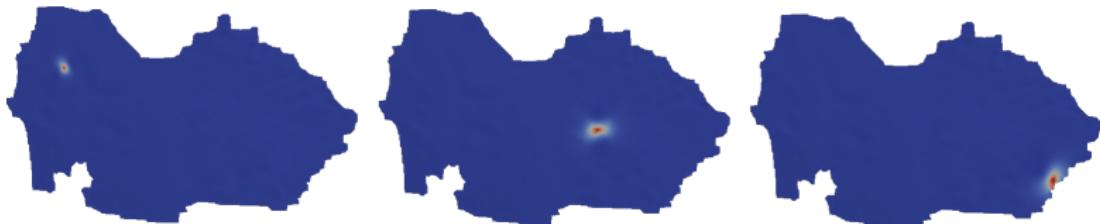
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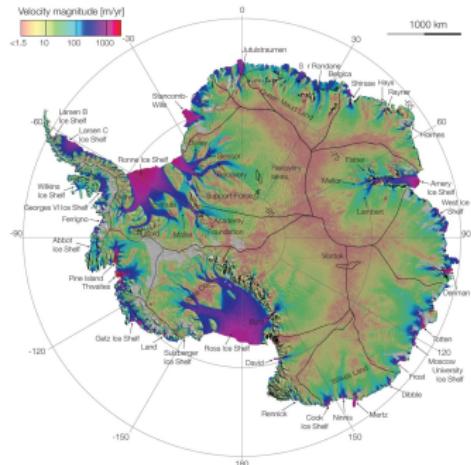
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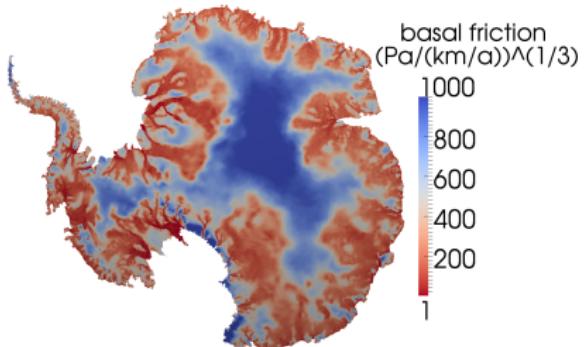
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# Antarctic ice sheet



Observed surface flow velocity from InSAR (Rignot et. al, 2011)



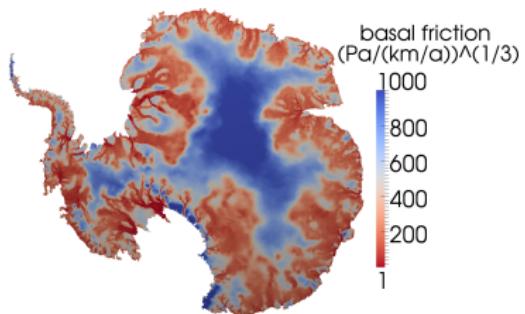
Antarctic ice sheet inversion for the basal friction parameter field  
from InSAR surface velocities

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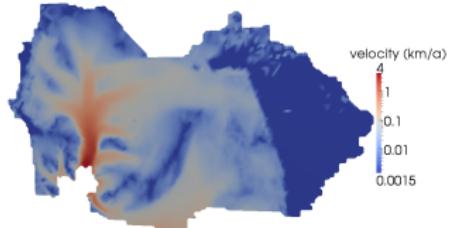
# Outline

- **Ice sheet inverse problem**
- **Limitations of low rank methods**
- **New PSF method**
- **Numerical results**

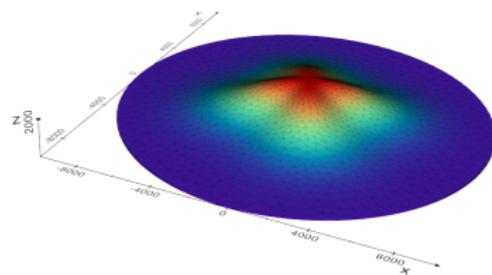
# Model problems



(a) Antarctica  
(Ymir)



(b) Pine Island Glacier  
(Ymir)



(c) Ice Mountain (Hippylib)

# Ice sheet dynamics: forward and inverse

Balance of linear momentum, mass, and energy

$$-\nabla \cdot [\eta(\theta, \mathbf{u}) \dot{\epsilon} - \mathbf{I} p] = \rho \mathbf{g}, \quad [\dot{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T)]$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0,$$

$$\rho c \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta \right) - \nabla \cdot (K \nabla \theta) = 2 \eta \text{tr}(\dot{\epsilon}^2)$$

**We have:** Satellite observations of surface velocity

**We want:** The sliding/friction coefficient  $\beta$  in Robin boundary condition

$$\mathbf{T}(\sigma \mathbf{n}) + \beta(x) \mathbf{T}\mathbf{u} = 0$$

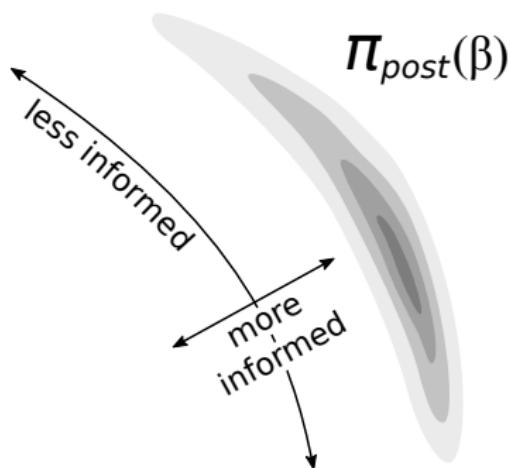
( $\mathbf{T}$  is tangential component)

# Bayesian approach

**Inverse problem:** given noisy data  $\mathbf{d}$  and a model  $f$ , infer parameters  $\beta$  that characterize the model, i.e.,

$$f(\beta) + \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{d}$$

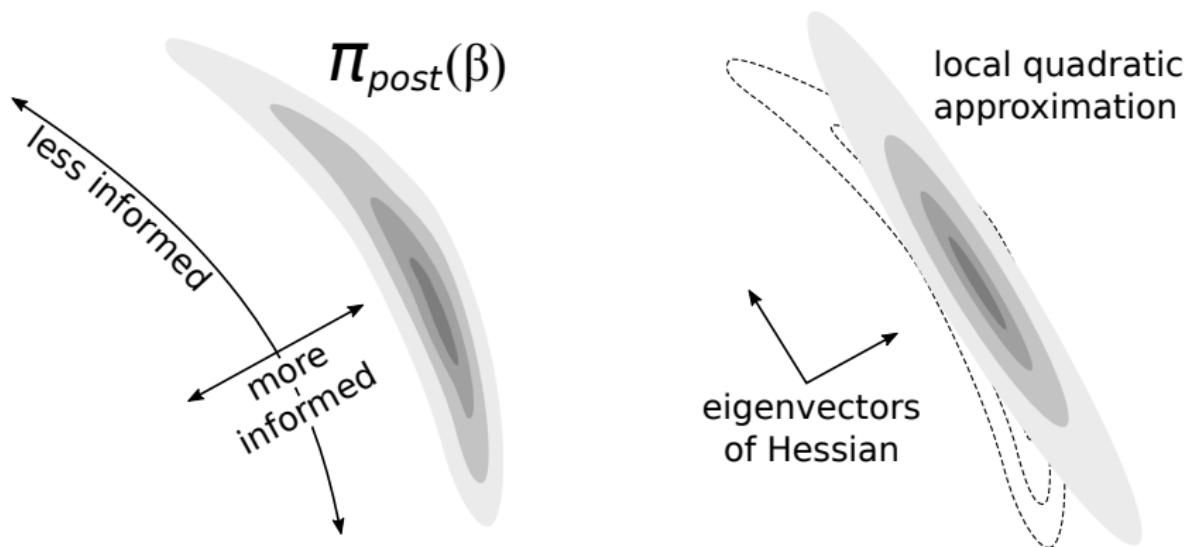
Interpret  $\beta$ ,  $\mathbf{d}$  as random variables; solution of inverse problem is the “posterior” probability density function  $\pi_{\text{post}}(\beta)$  found via Bayes’ theorem.



# Hessian: local Gaussian approximation

**Local Gaussian approximation proposal:**

$$\pi_{\text{prop}}(\beta) := \frac{\det \mathbf{H}^{1/2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_k + \mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{g})^T \mathbf{H} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_k + \mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{g}) \right)$$



# Matrix-free

$$\mathbf{H} = \underbrace{\mathbf{H}_d}_{\text{data misfit Hessian}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{H}_r}_{\text{Prior Hessian}}$$

- Data misfit Hessian, and therefore the whole Hessian, are only available matrix-free
- Cannot access  $\mathbf{H}_{ij}$  easily
- Can compute matrix-vector products (matvecs)

$$\mathbf{u} \mapsto \mathbf{H}\mathbf{u}$$

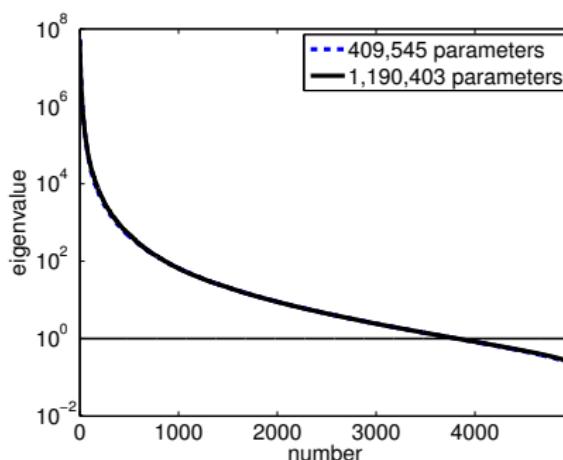
- Cost: **2** linearized Stokes **PDE solves** per matvec

# Low rank Hessian approximation (extremely expensive!)

Low-rank approximation/Woodbury formula:

$$\mathbf{H}^{-1} = (\mathbf{H}_d + \mathbf{H}_r)^{-1} \approx \mathbf{H}_r^{1/2} (\mathbf{V}_r \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_r \mathbf{V}_r^T + \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{H}_r^{1/2}$$

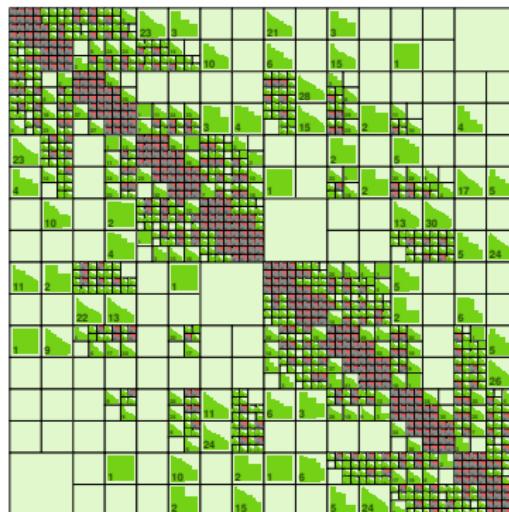
where  $\mathbf{V}_r$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_r$  are the eigenvectors/values of  $\mathbf{H}_d \mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{H}_r \mathbf{v}_i$



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## Hierarchical matrices ( $\mathcal{H}$ -matrices)

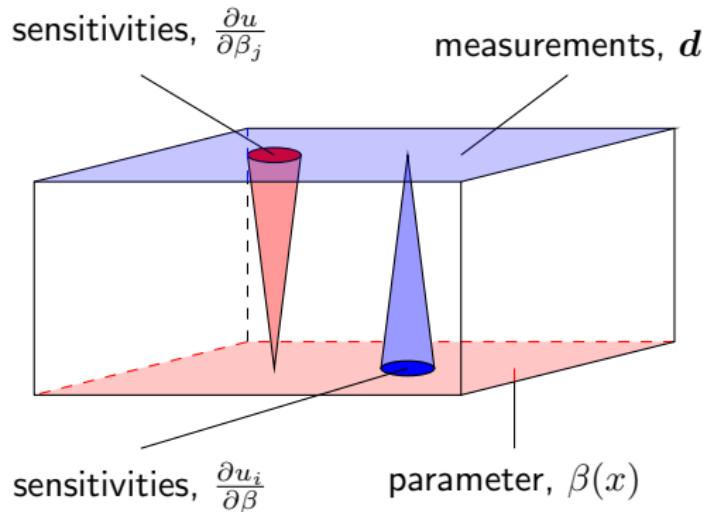
- Matrix is reordered and subdivided recursively
  - Many off-diagonal blocks are low-rank
  - Overall matrix may be high rank
  - $O(N(\log N)^a)$  complexity matrix operations,  $a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ 
    - matrix-vector products, matrix-matrix addition, matrix-matrix multiplication, matrix factorization, matrix inversion, ...



# Hierarchical matrix vs. matrix free

- Classical methods for building  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrix require matrix entries  $\mathbf{H}_{ij}$
- New algebraic methods based on “peeling process” can build  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrix from matrix-vector products
  - Hartland, Tucker Andrew, et al. "Hierarchical off-diagonal low-rank approximation of Hessians in inverse problems, with application to ice sheet model initialization." *Inverse Problems* (2023).
- **Problem:** peeling process better than low rank, but **still expensive**
- Here we build the  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrix faster by taking advantage of the problem structure
  - Local sensitivities
  - Local mean-displacement invariance
  - Non-negative impulse responses\*

# Local sensitivities

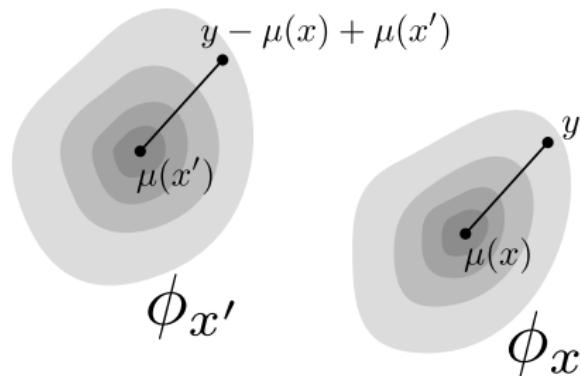


# Local mean-displacement invariance

**Impulse response**  $\phi_x$ :

$\phi_x := H_d \delta_x$  = action of Hessian operator on delta distribution at  $x$

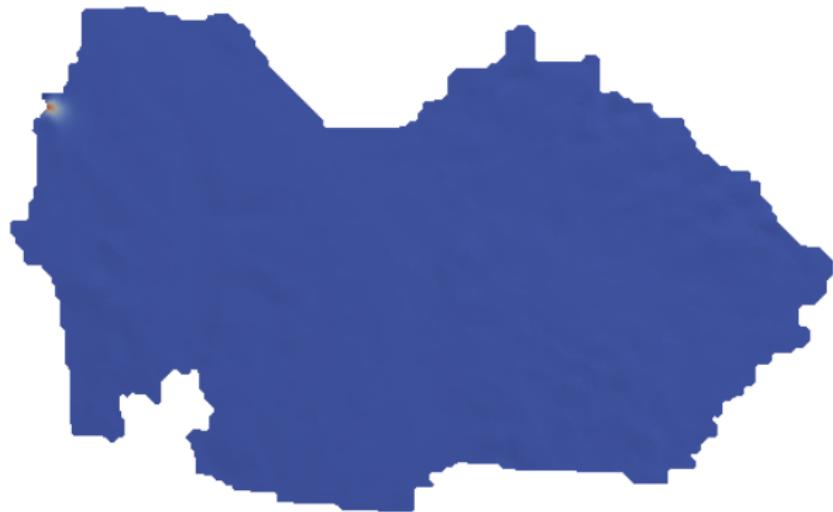
$\mu(x) :=$  center of mass (mean) of  $\phi_x$



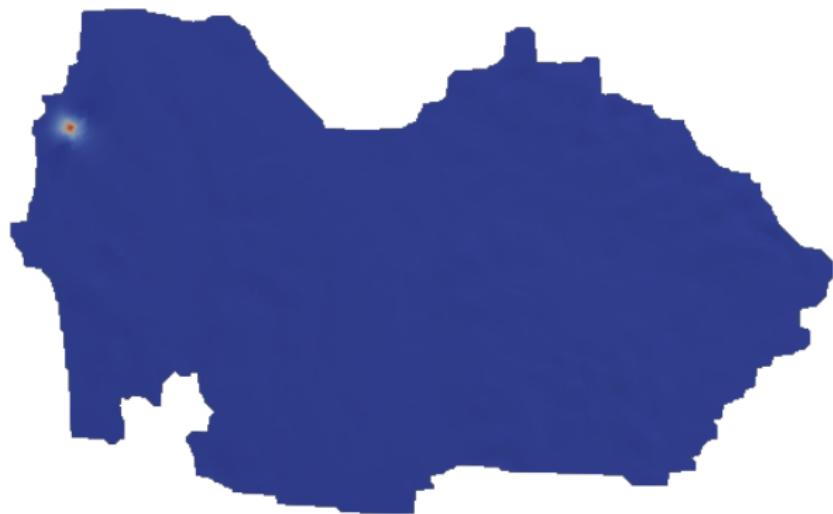
**Local mean-displacement invariance:**

$$\phi_x(y) \approx \phi_{x'}(y - \mu(x) + \mu(x'))$$

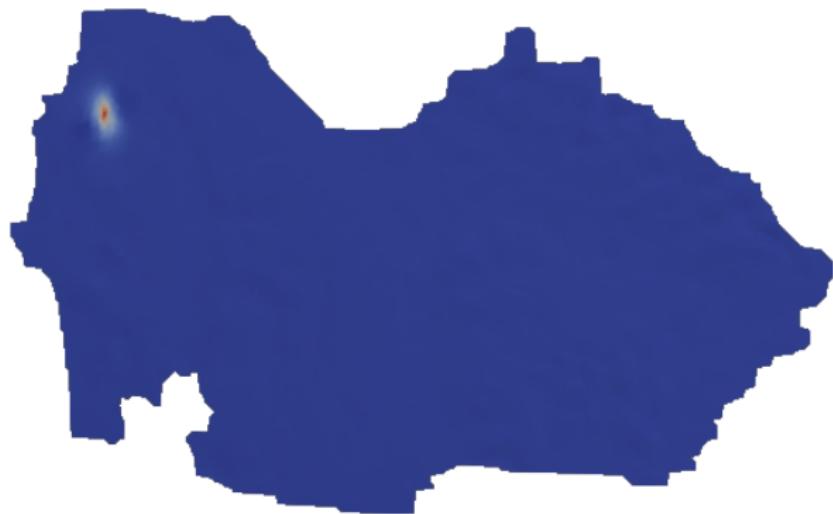
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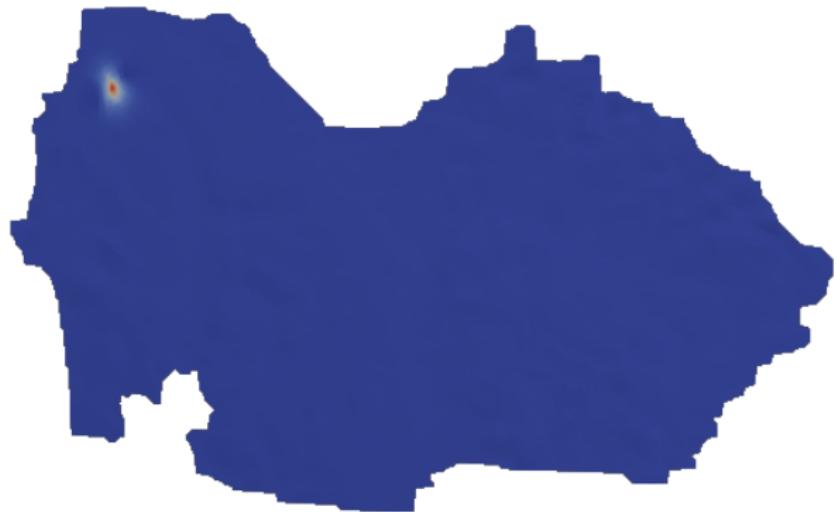
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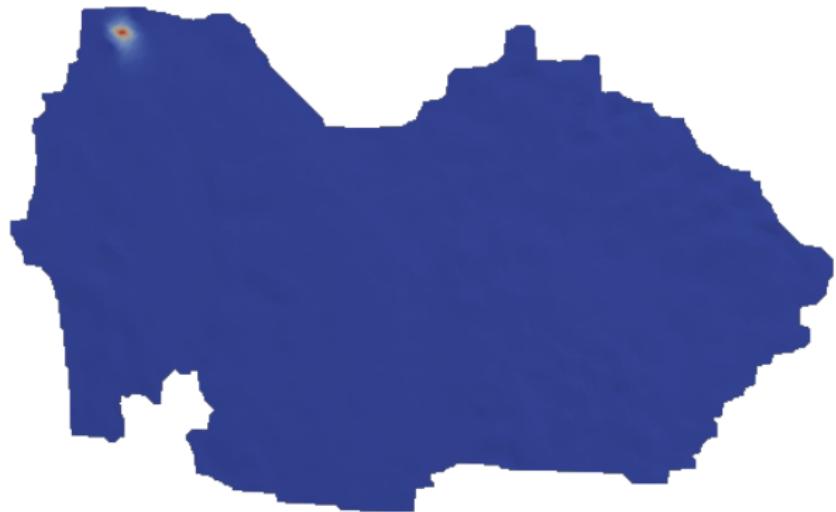
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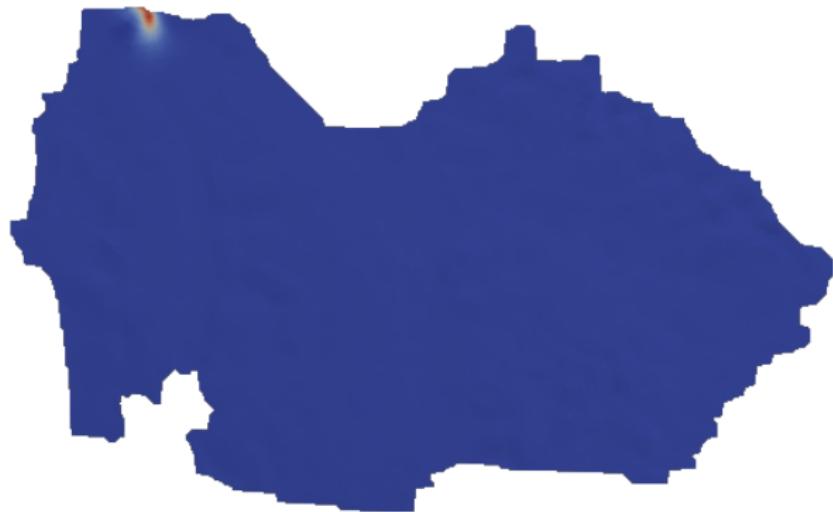
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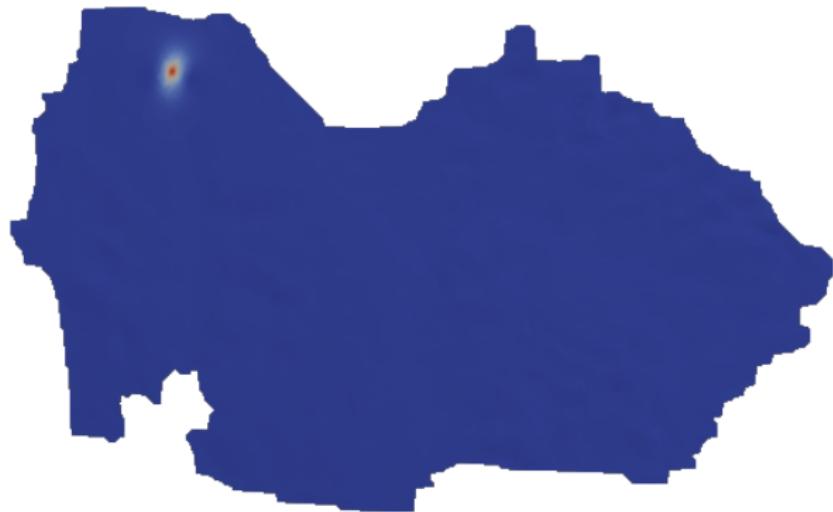
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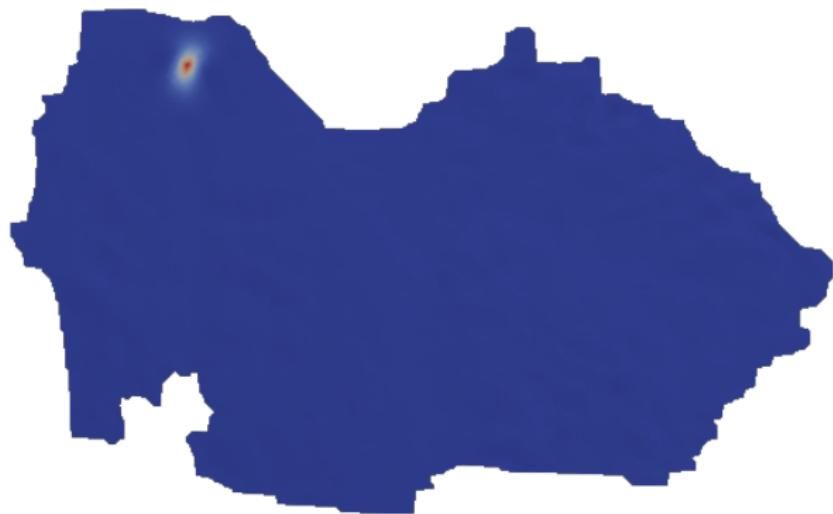
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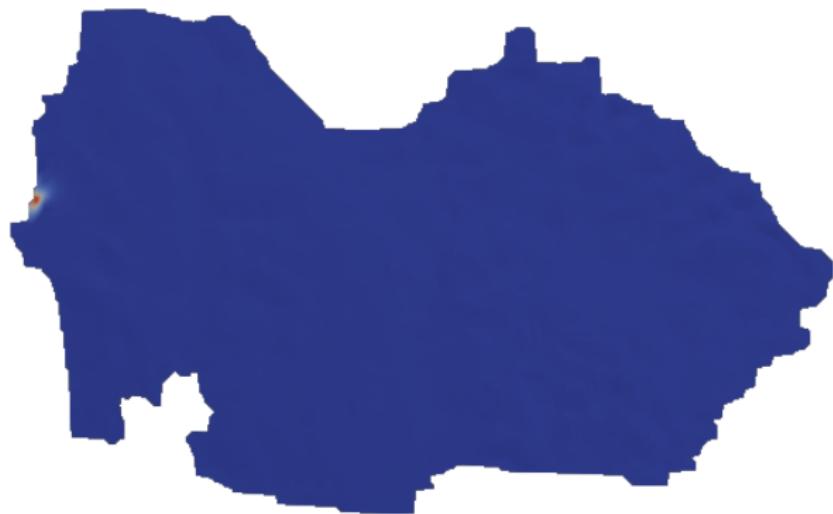
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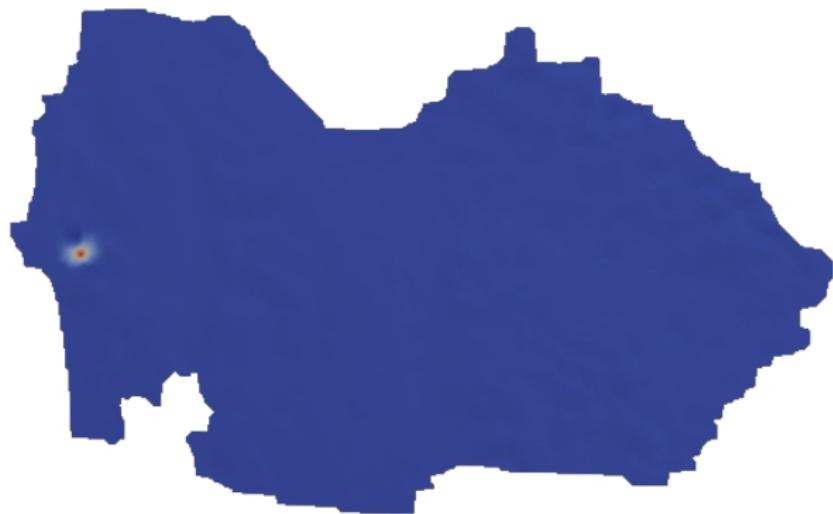
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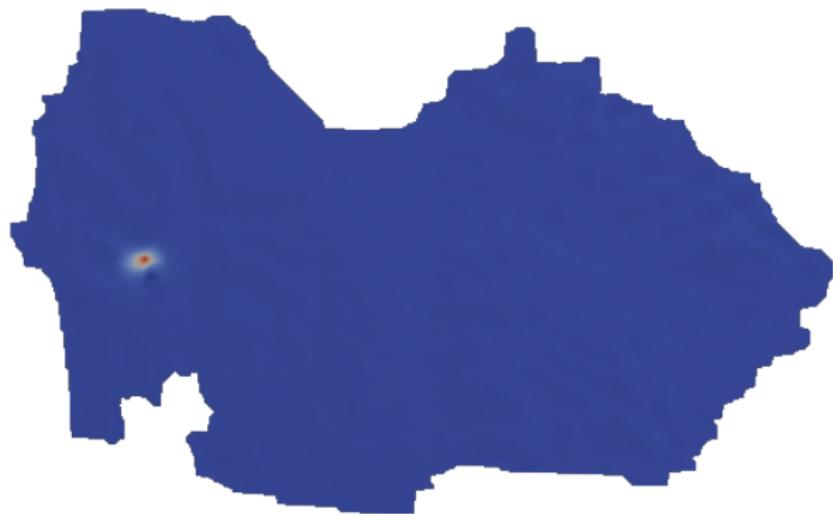
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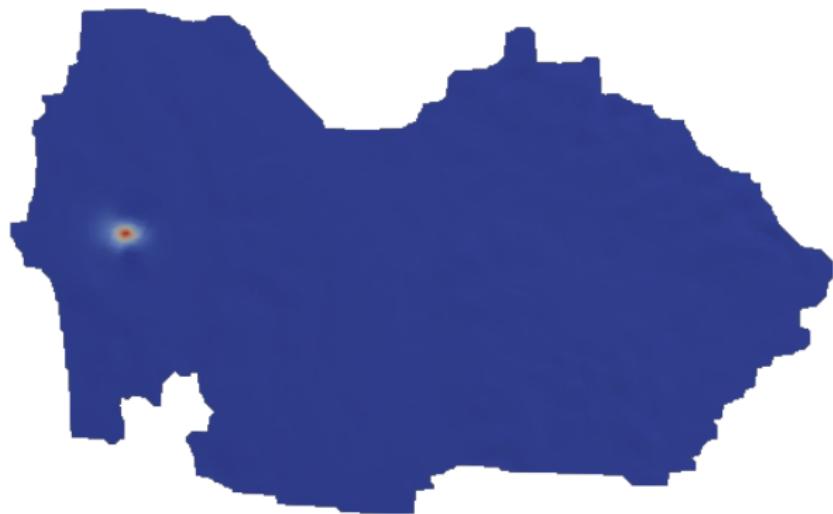
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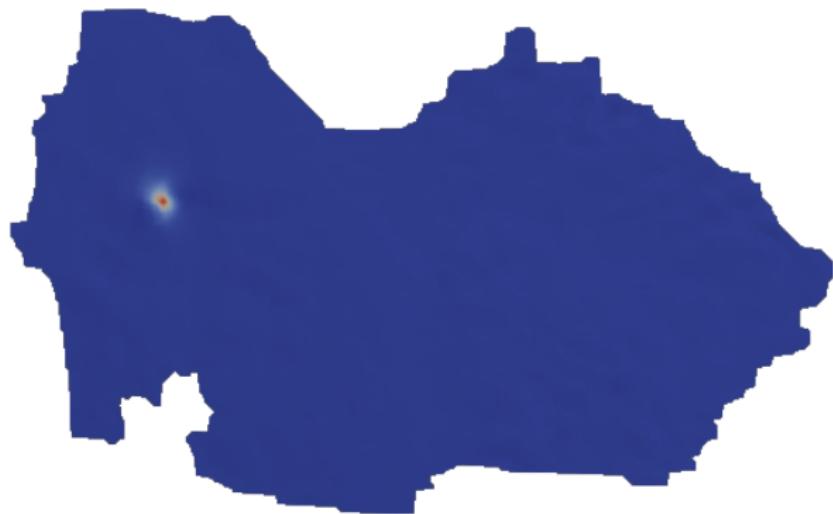
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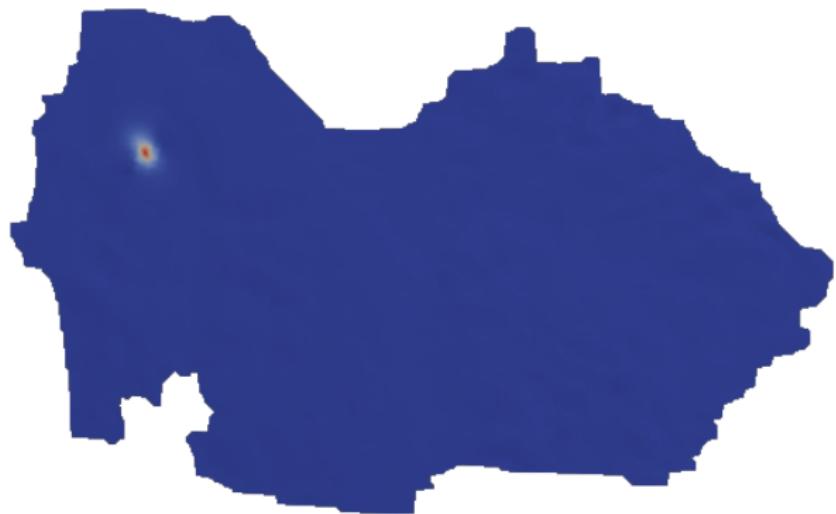
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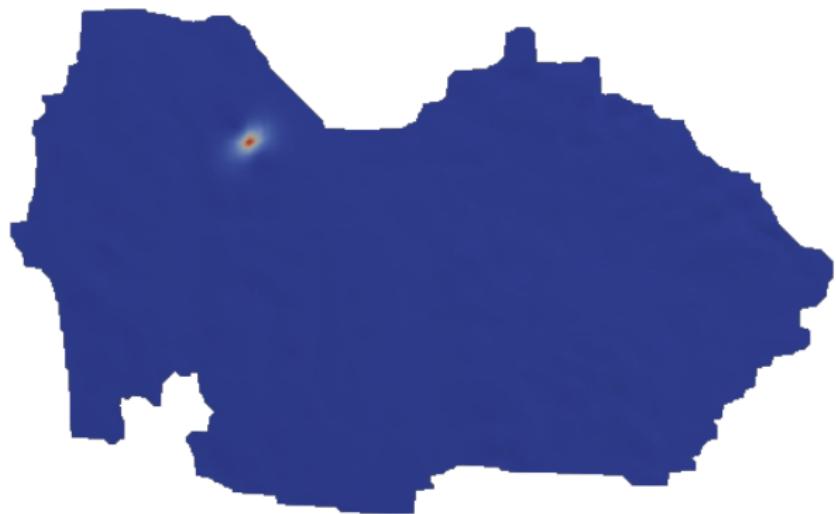
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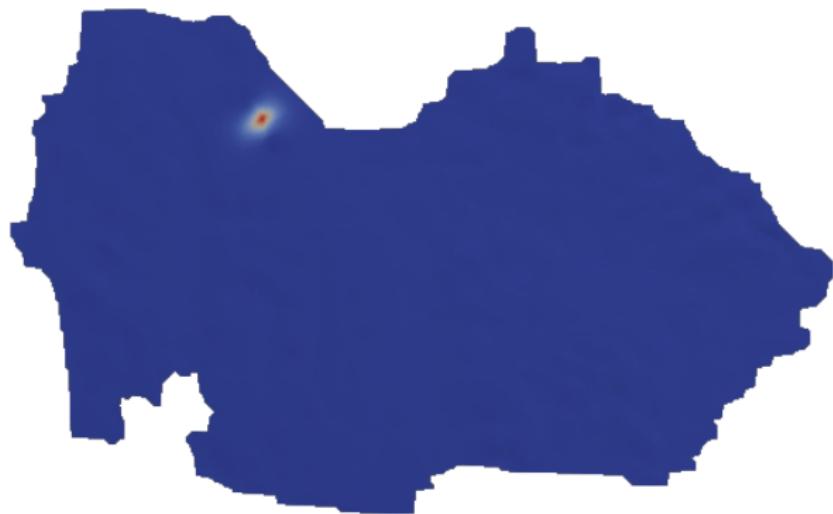
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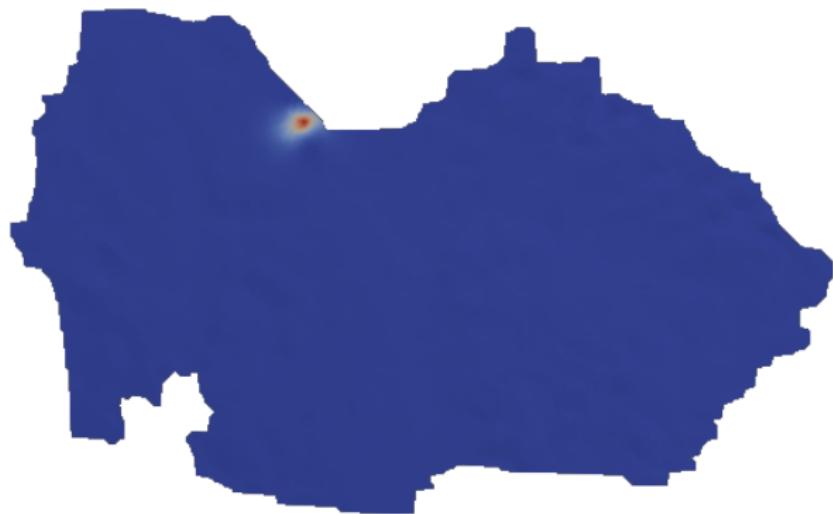
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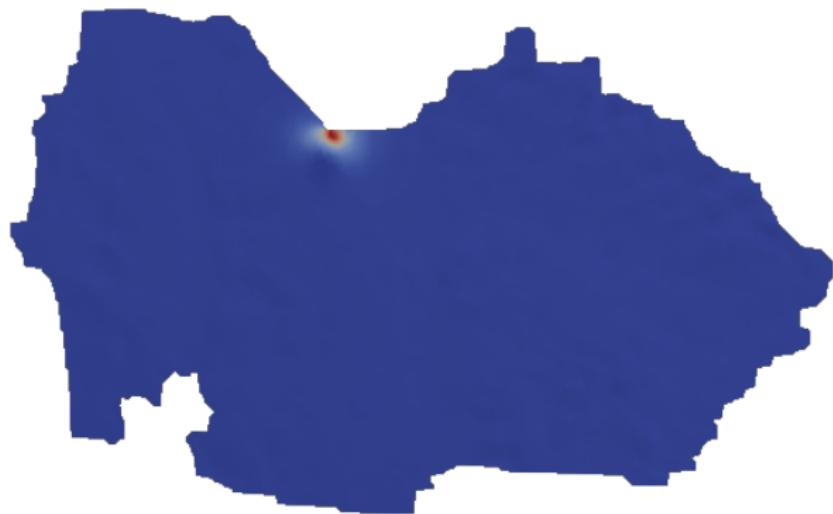
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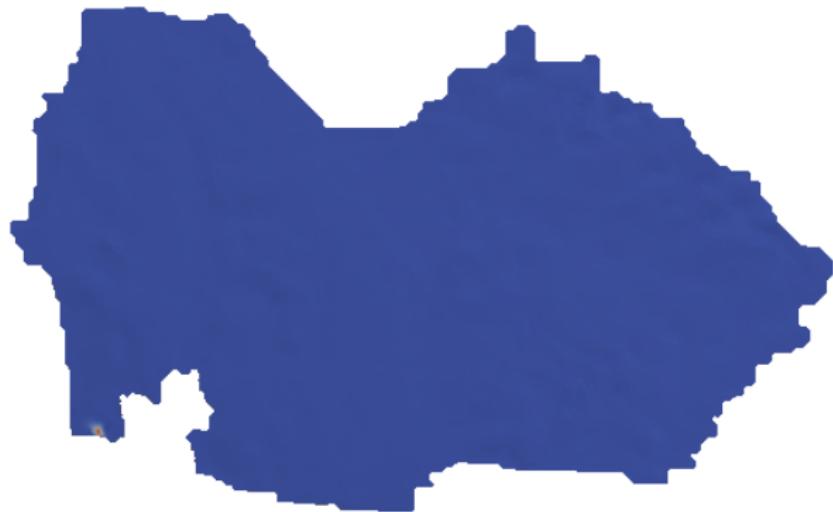
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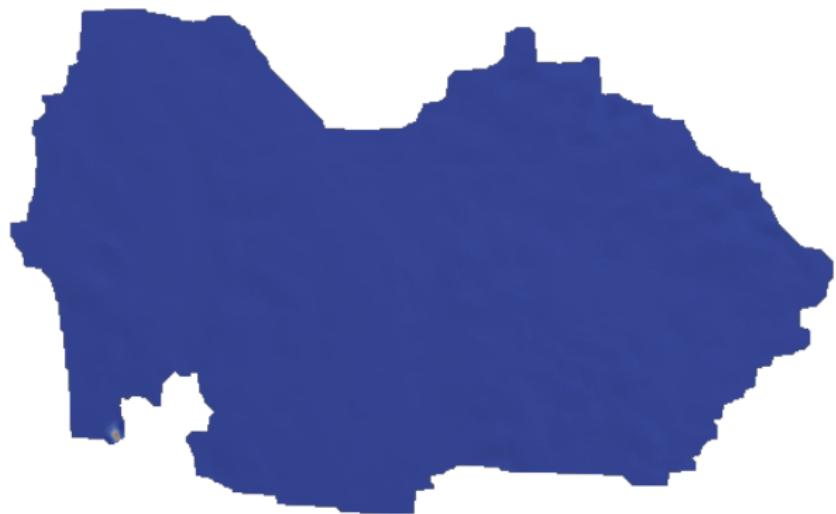
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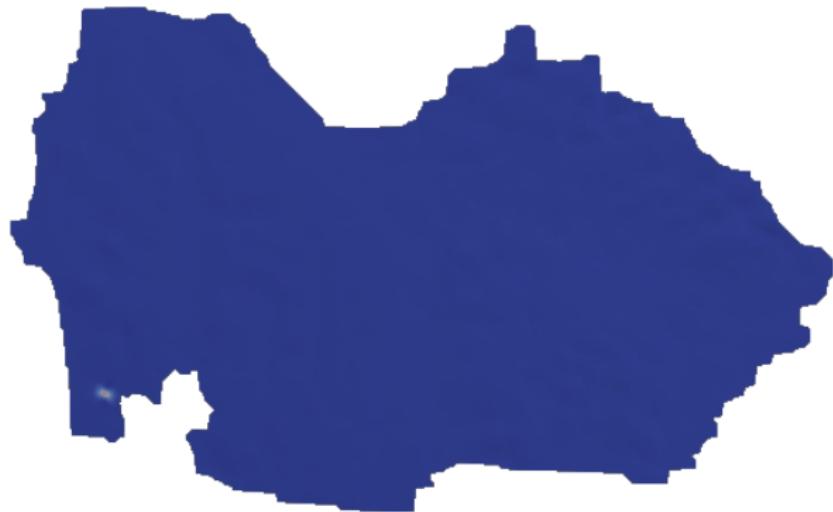
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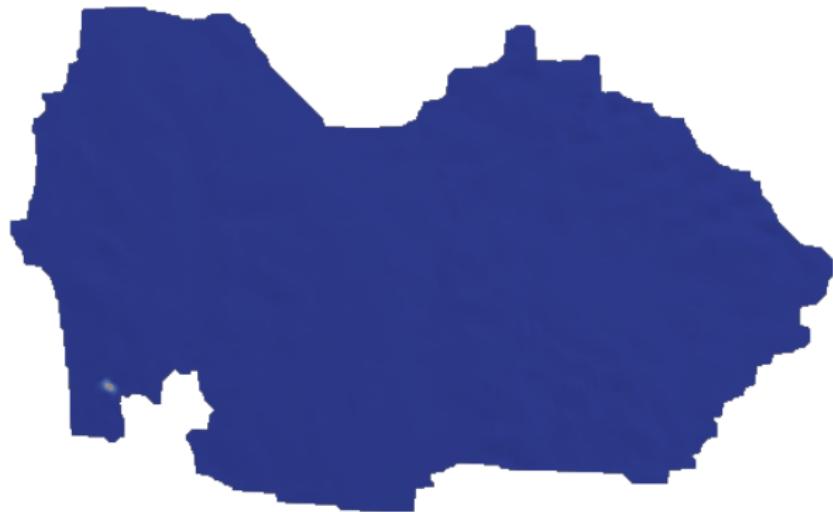
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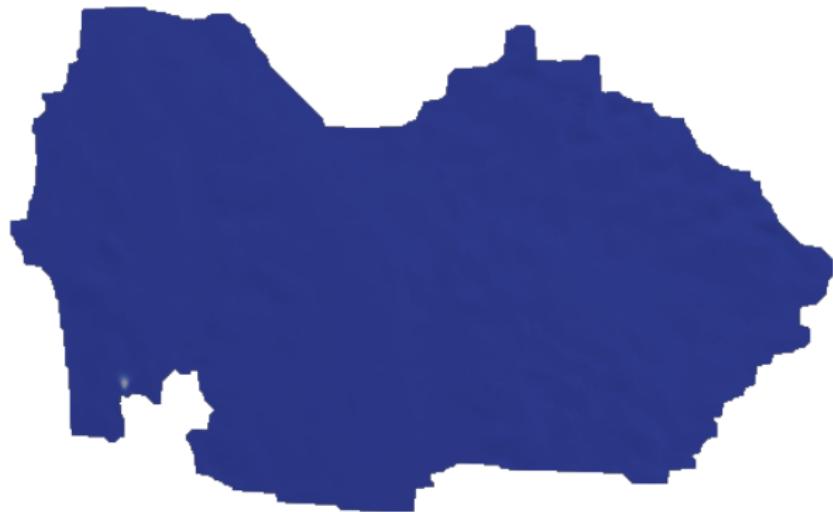
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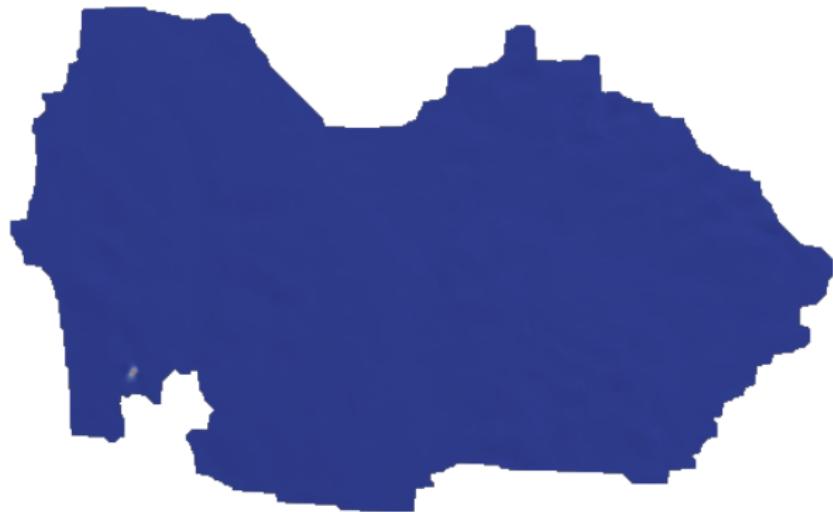
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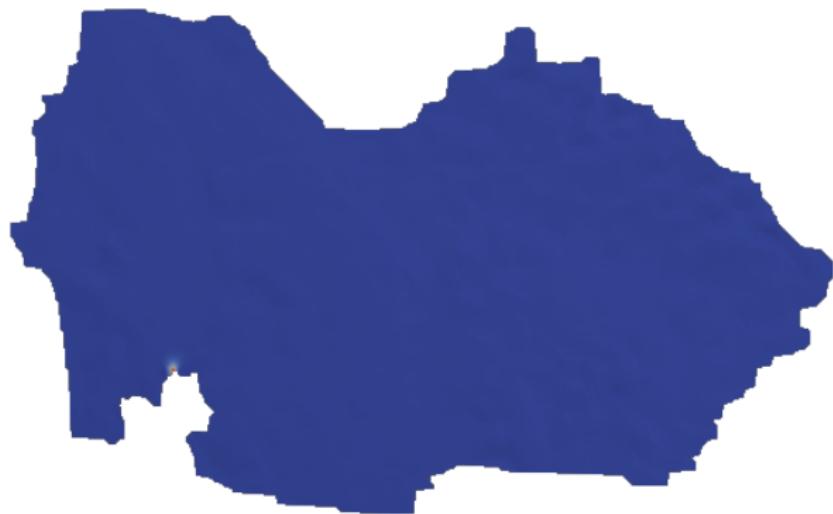
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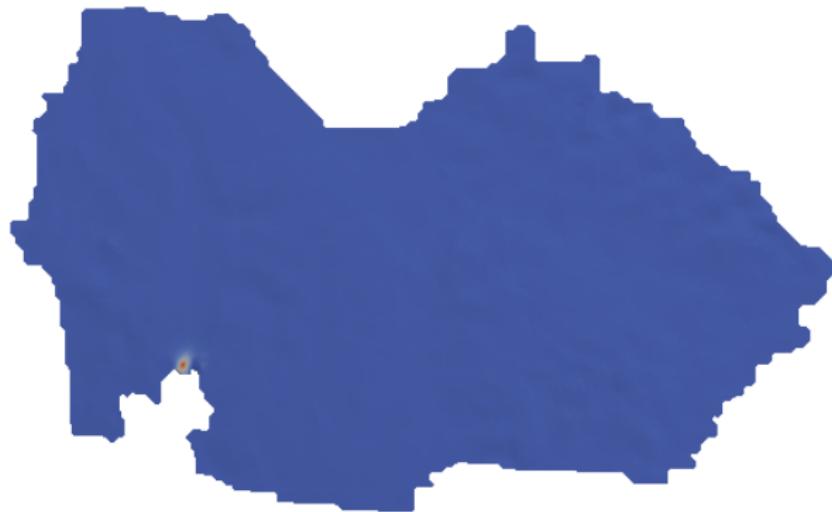
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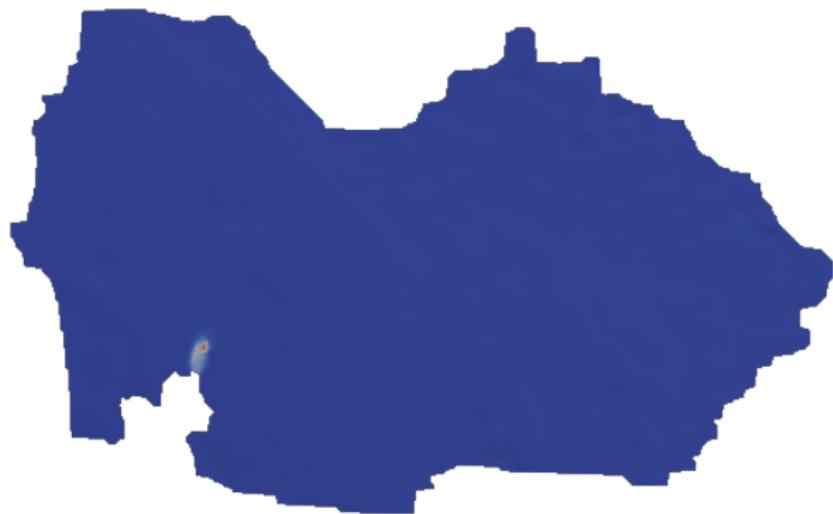
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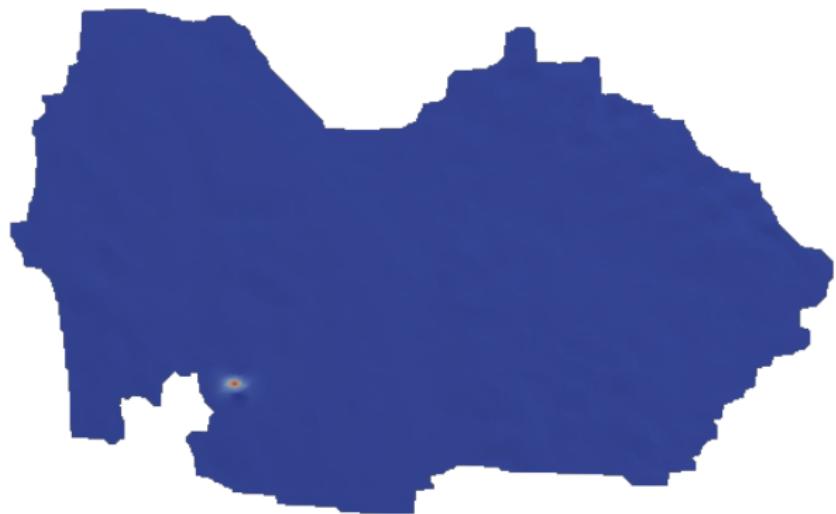
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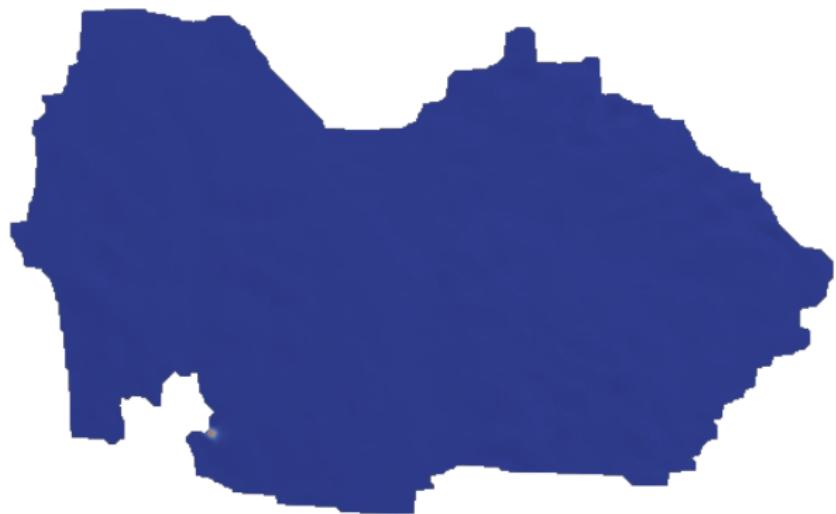
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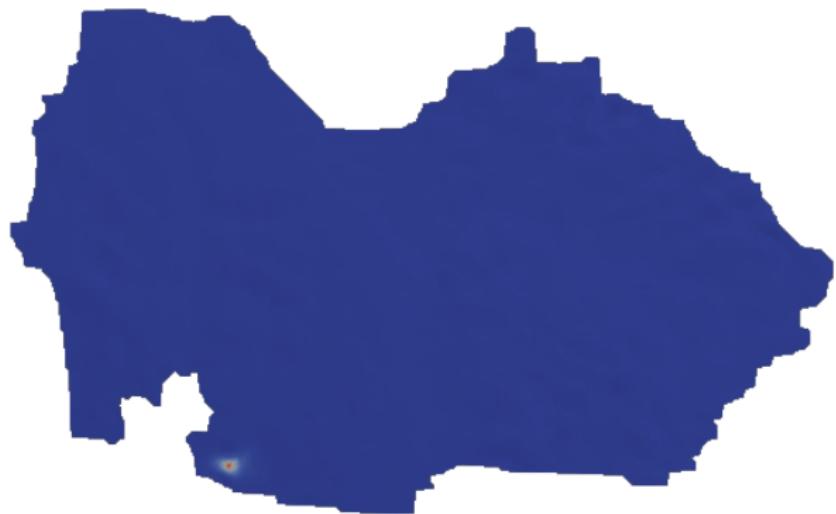
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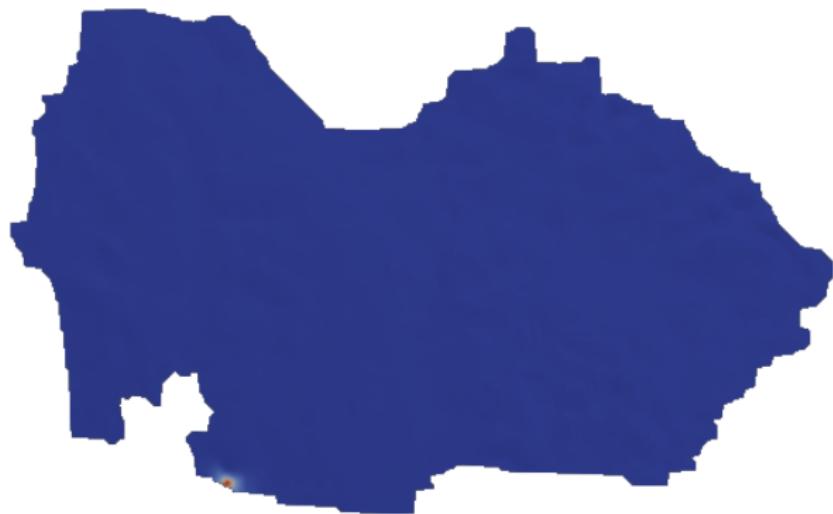
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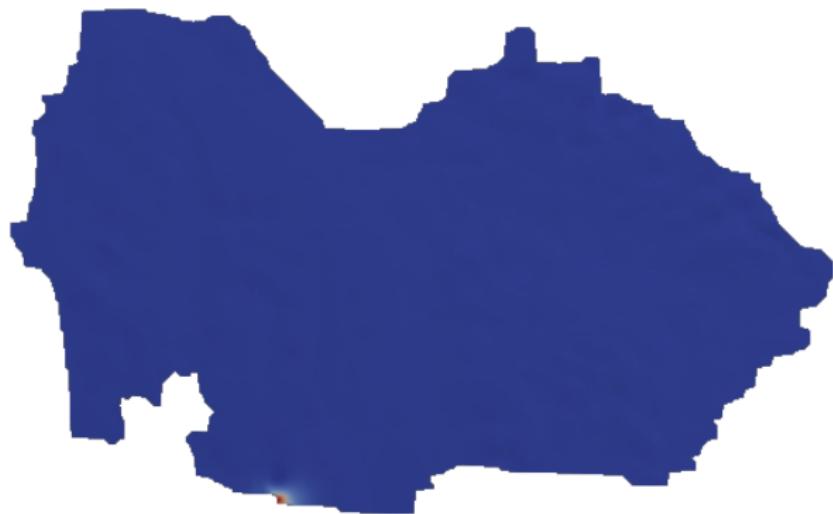
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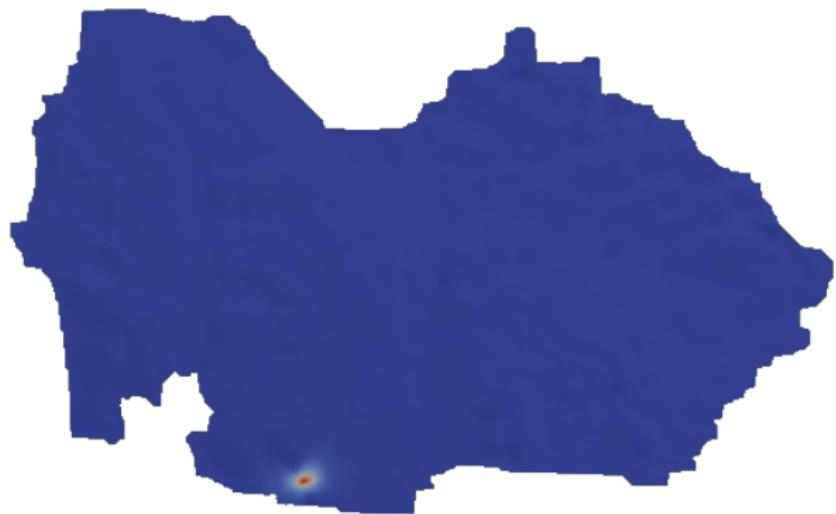
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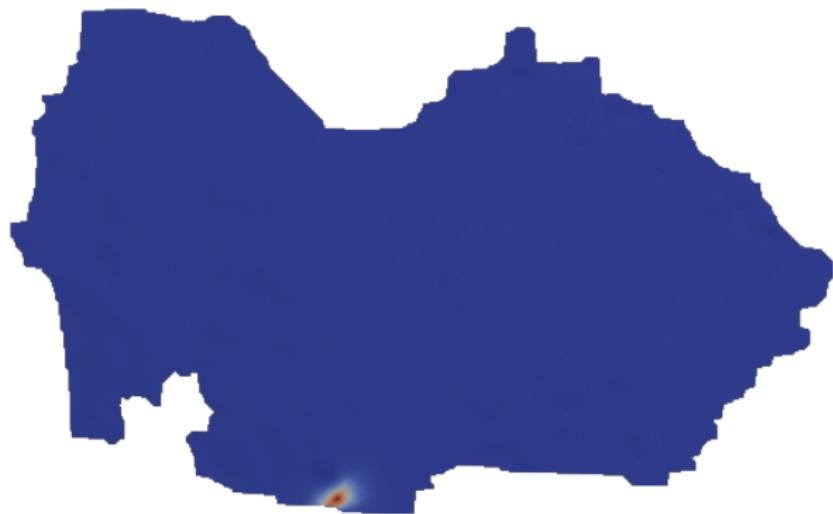
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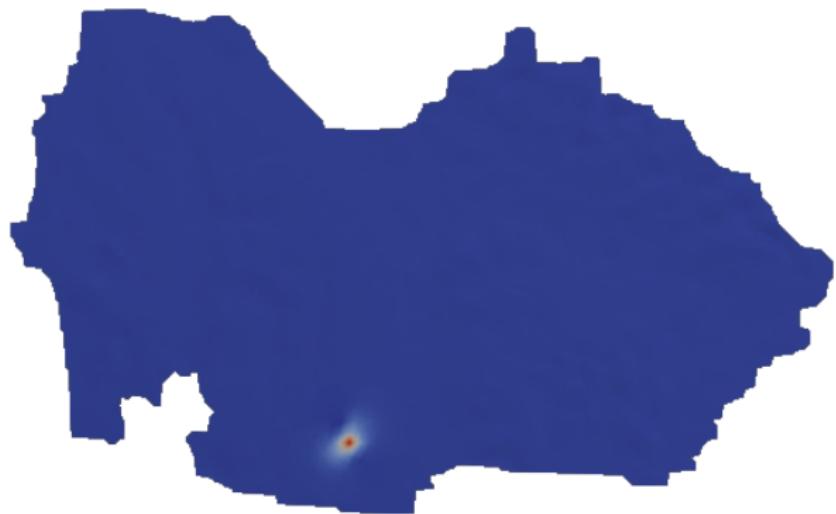
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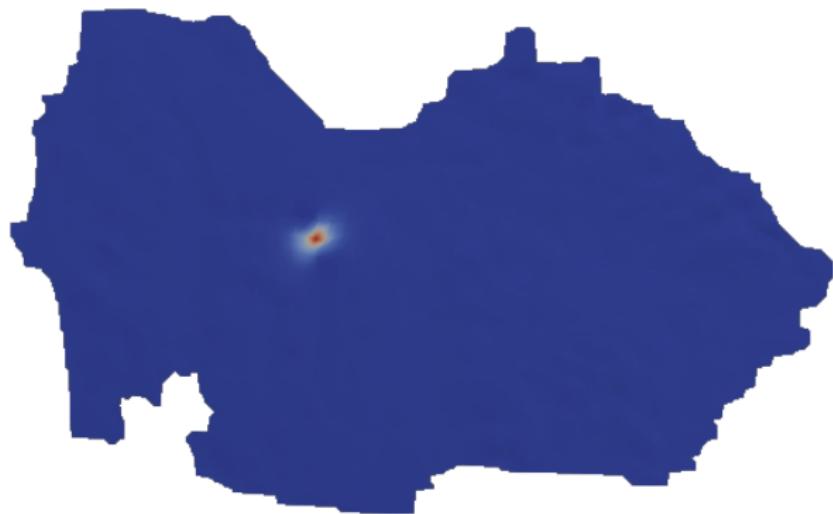
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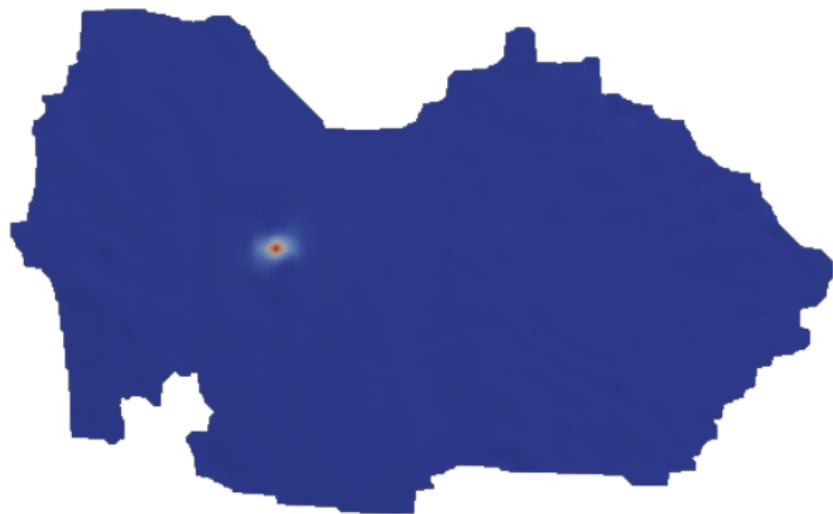
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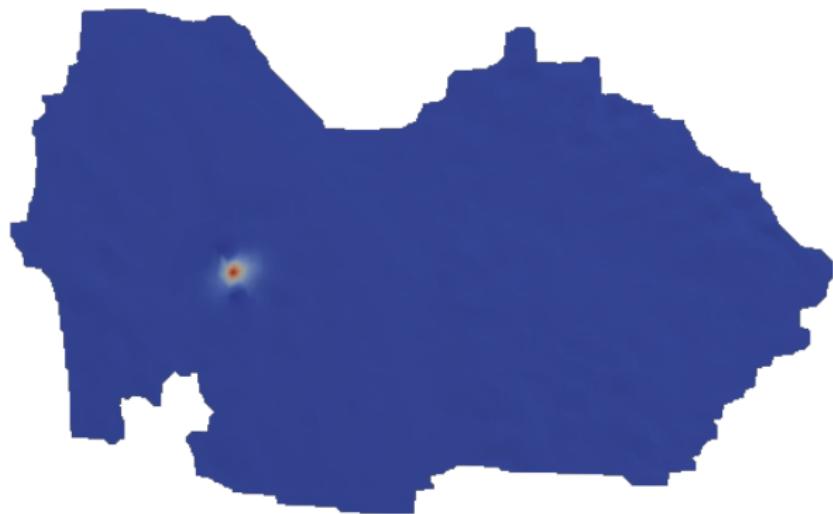
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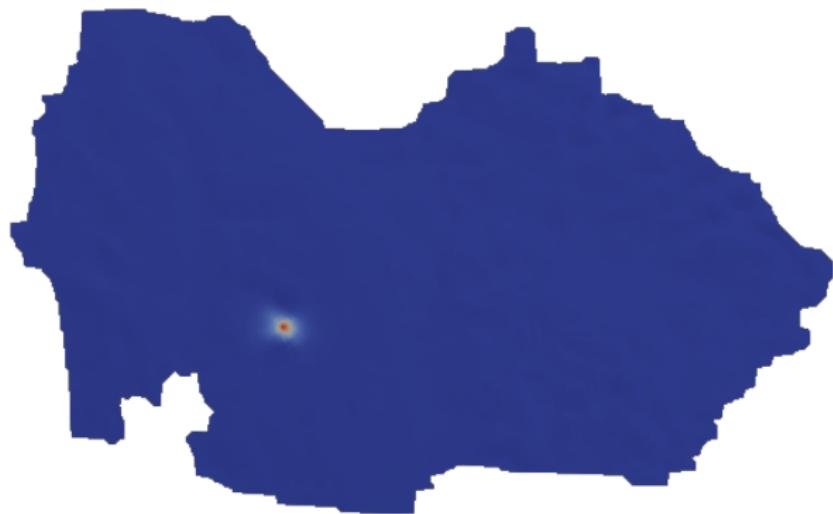
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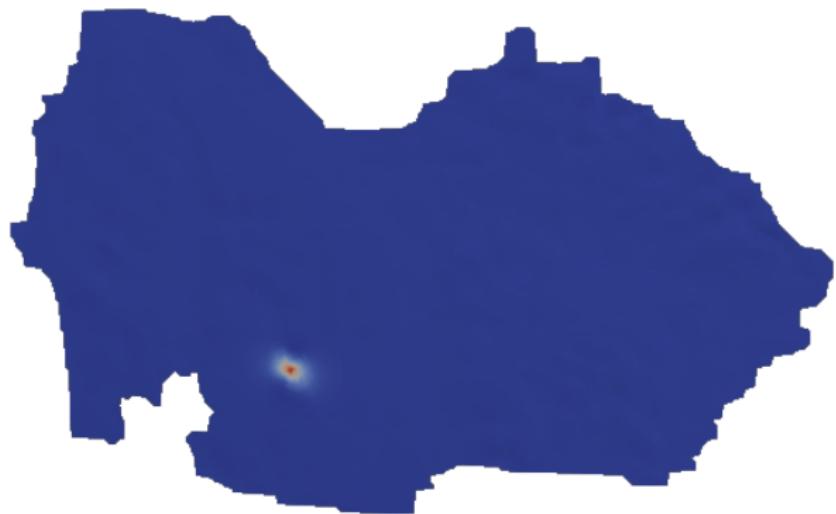
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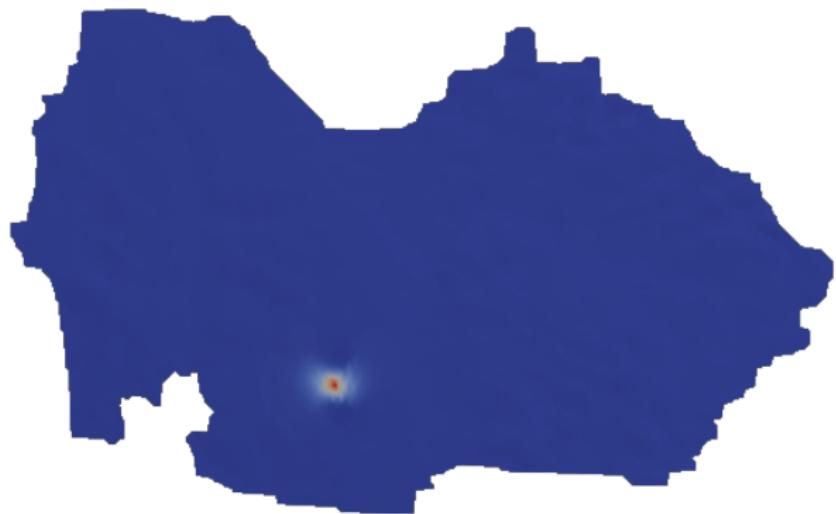
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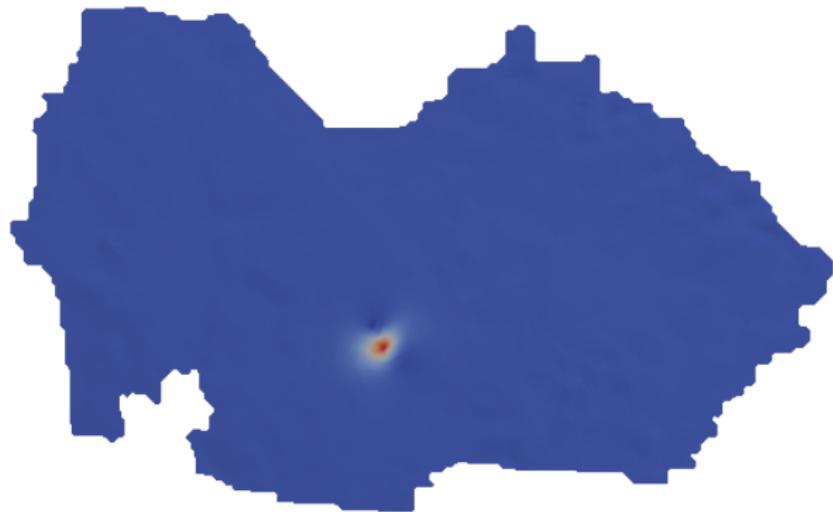
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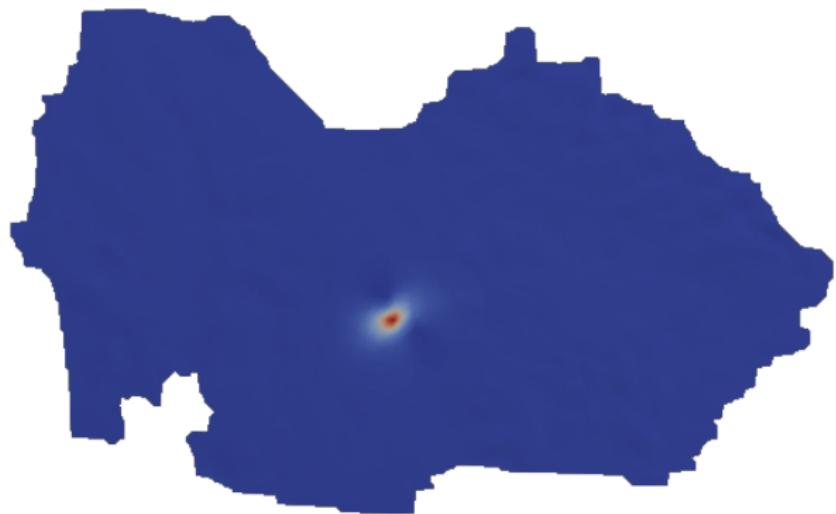
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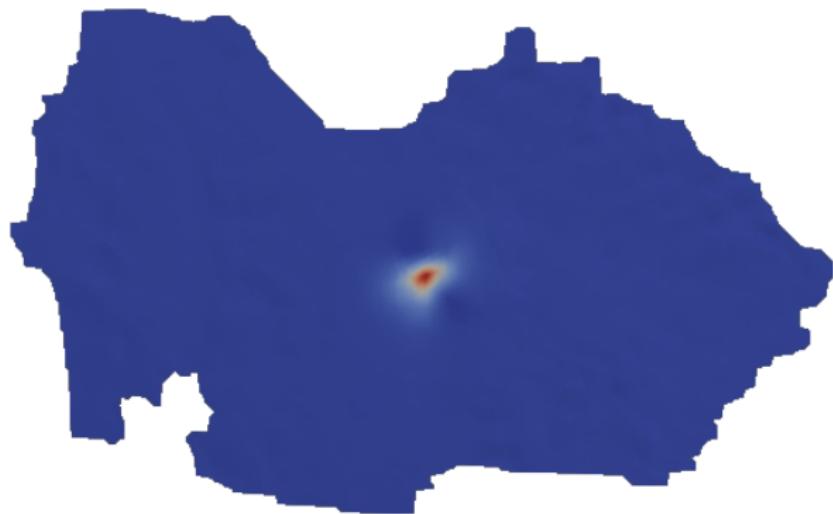
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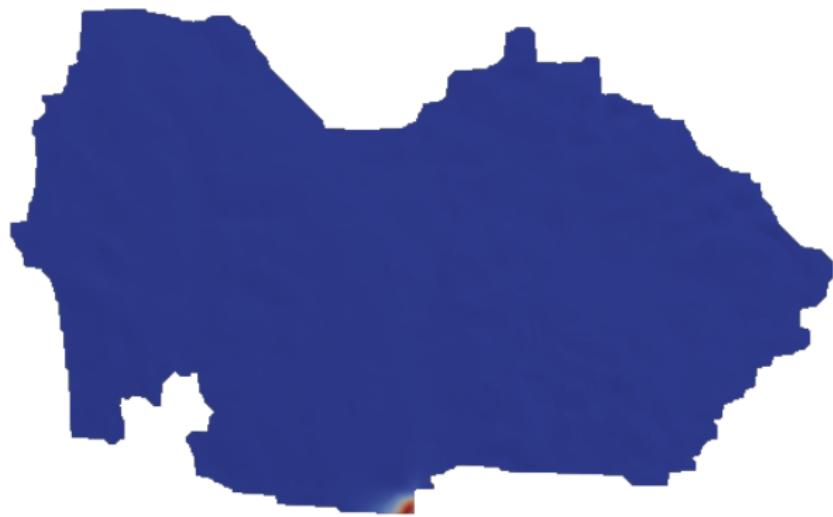
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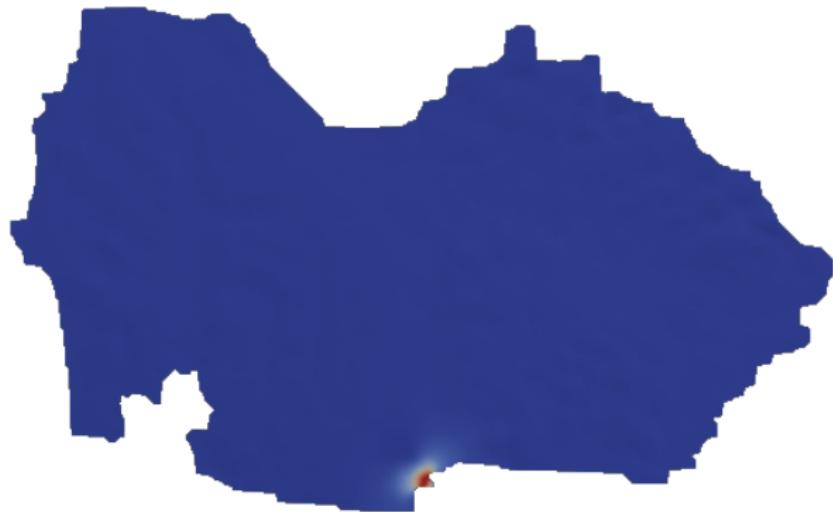
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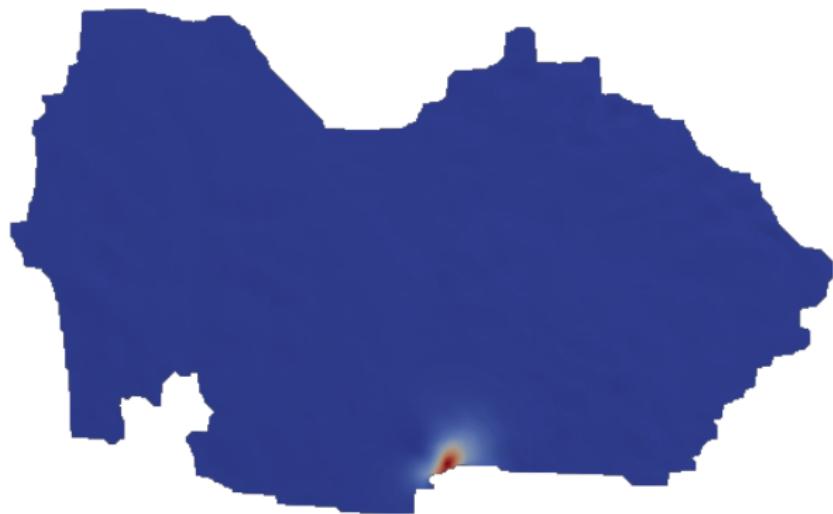
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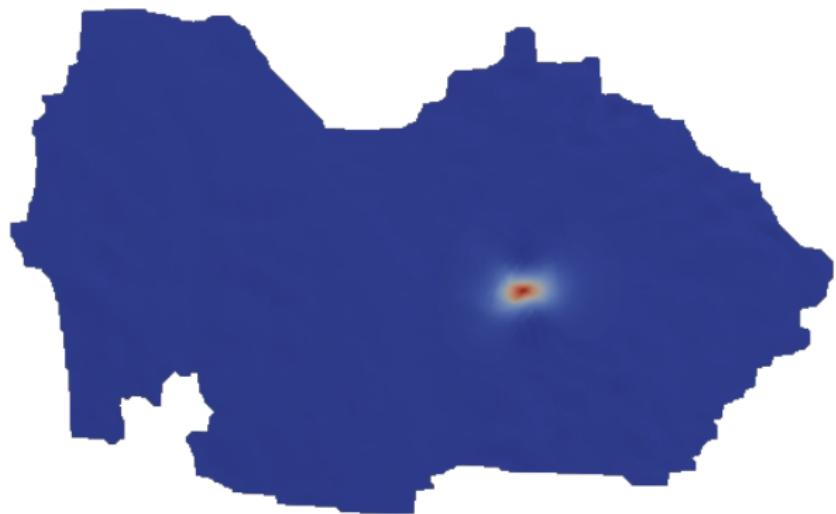
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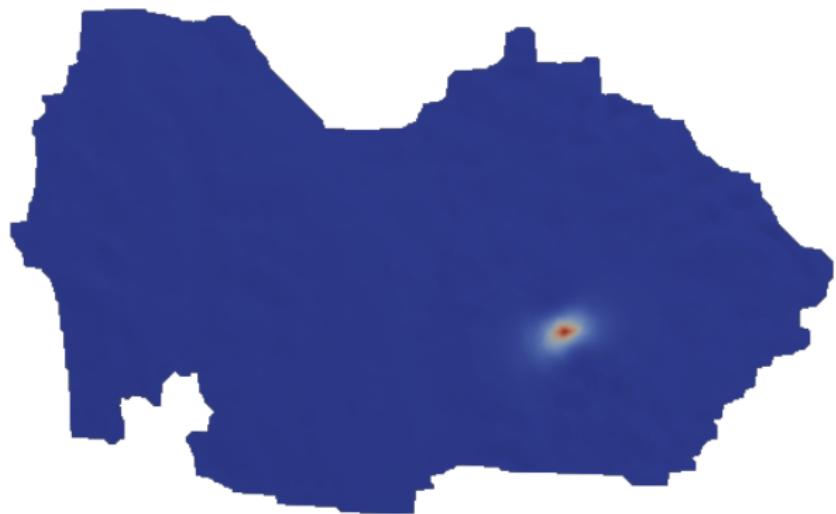
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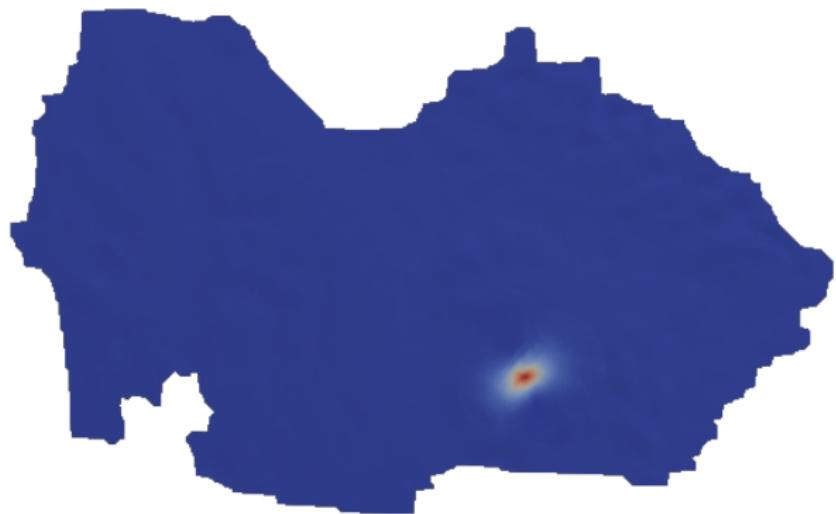
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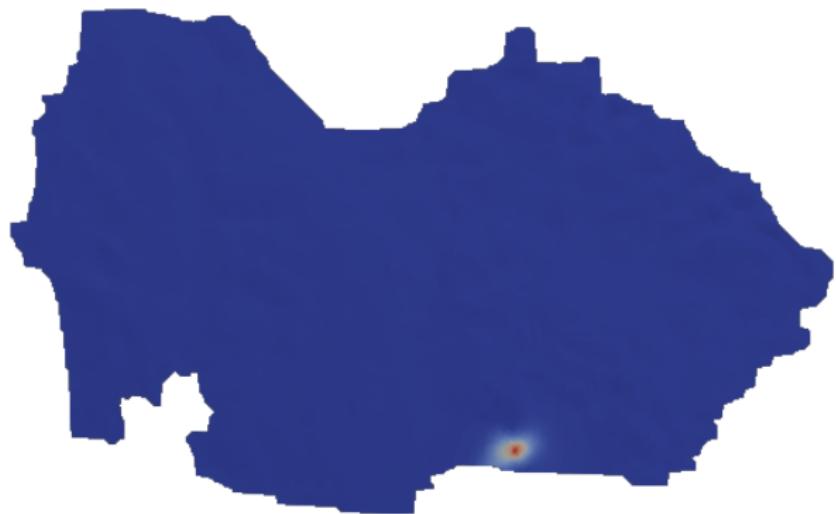
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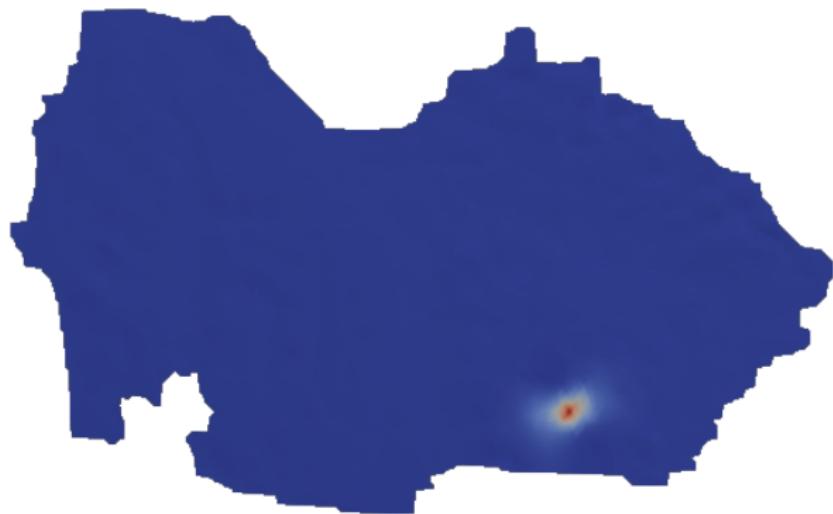
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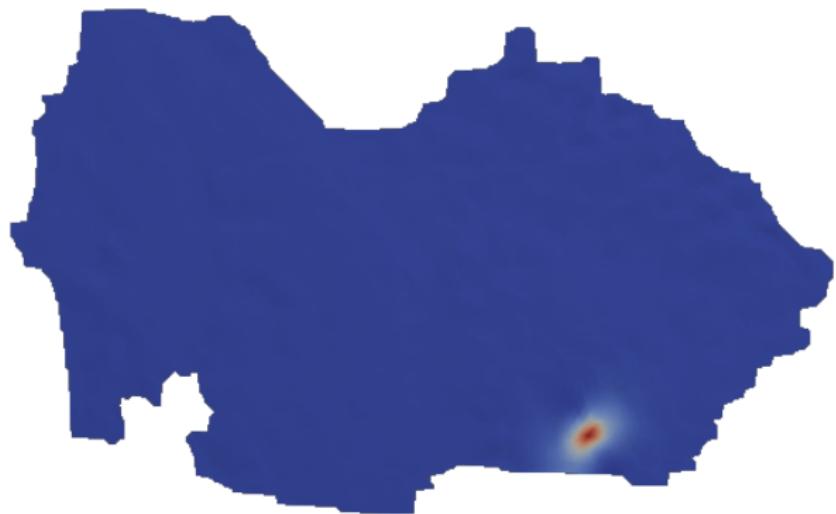
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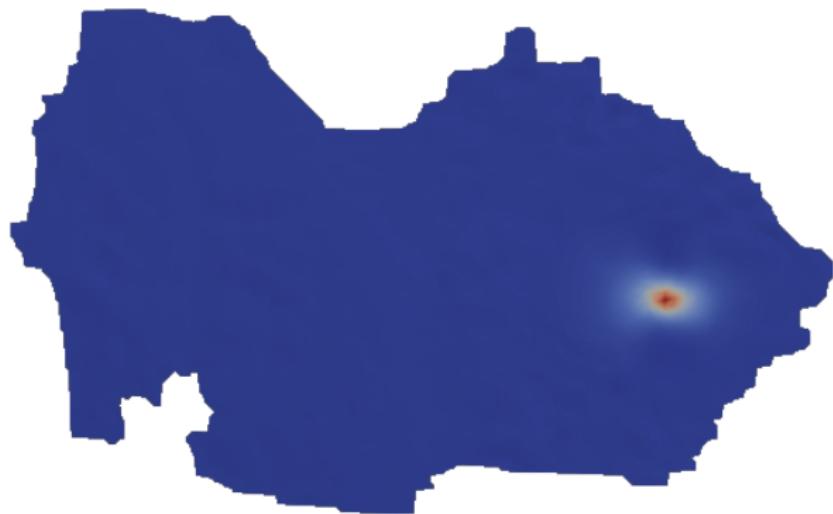
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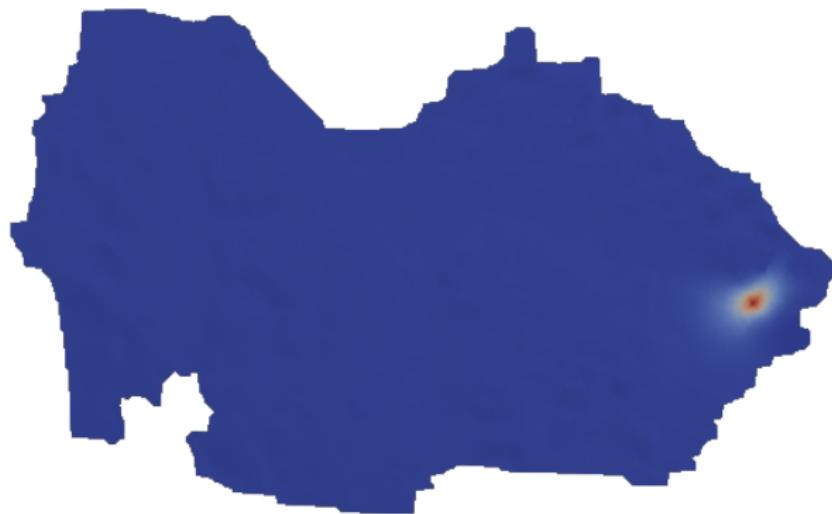
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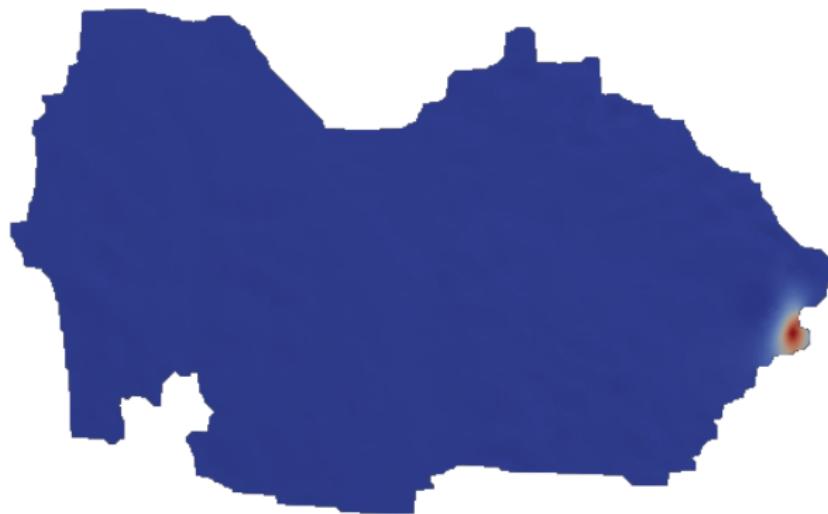
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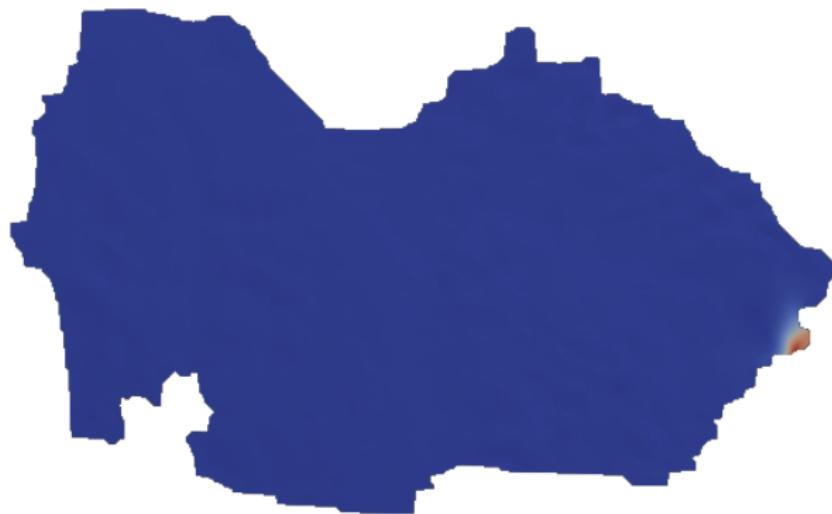
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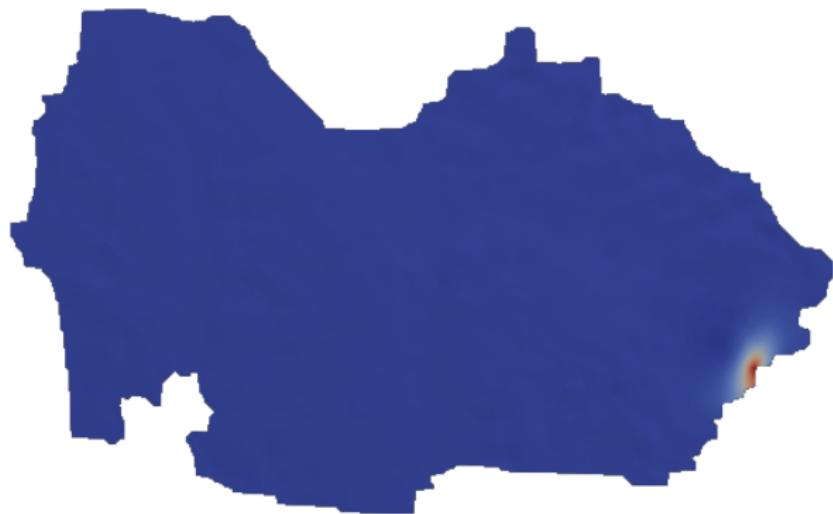
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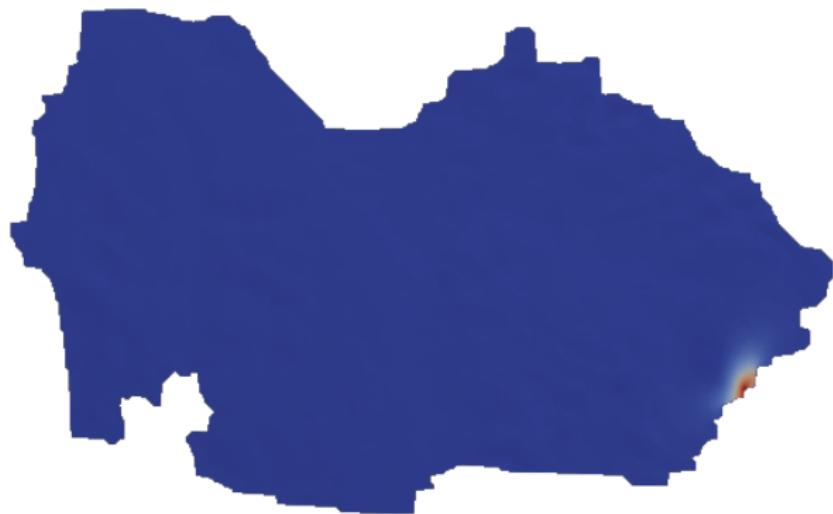
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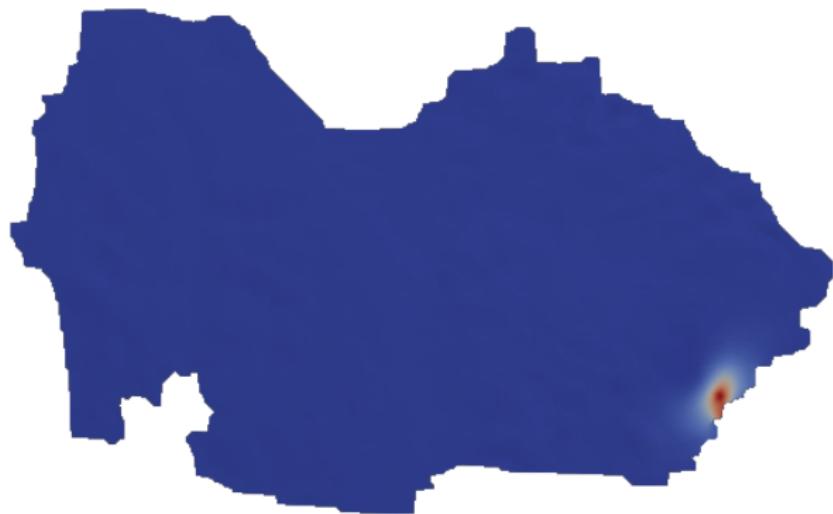
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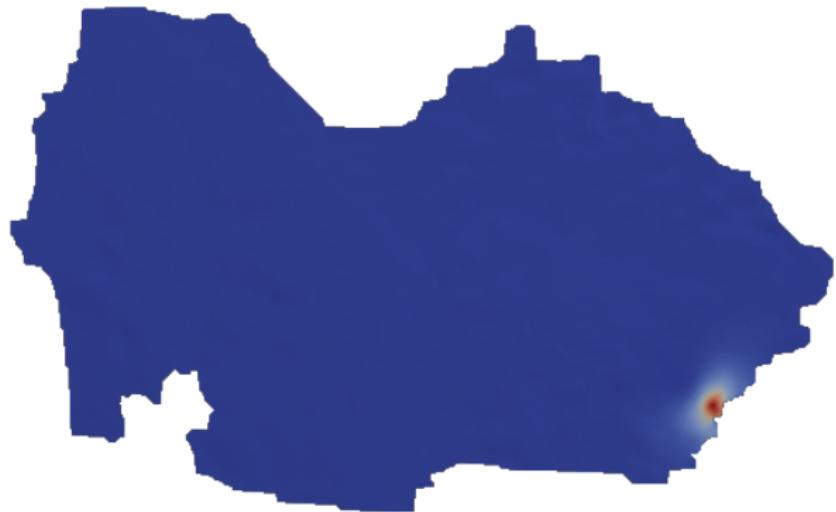
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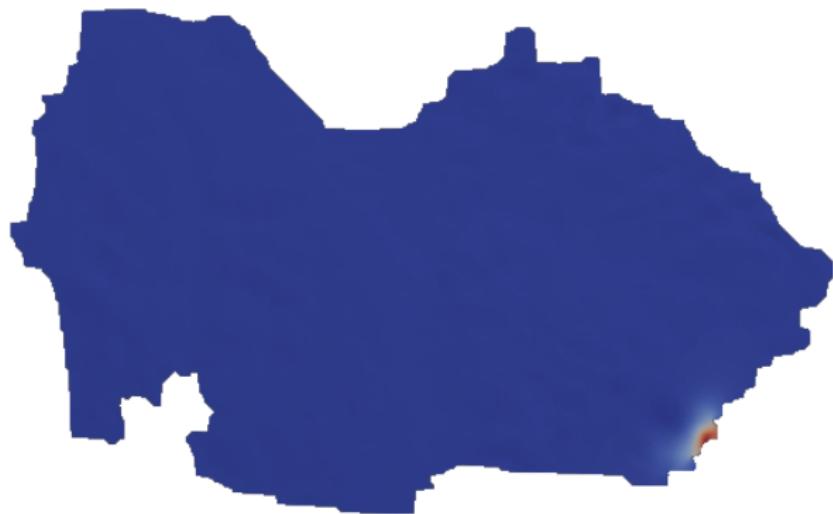
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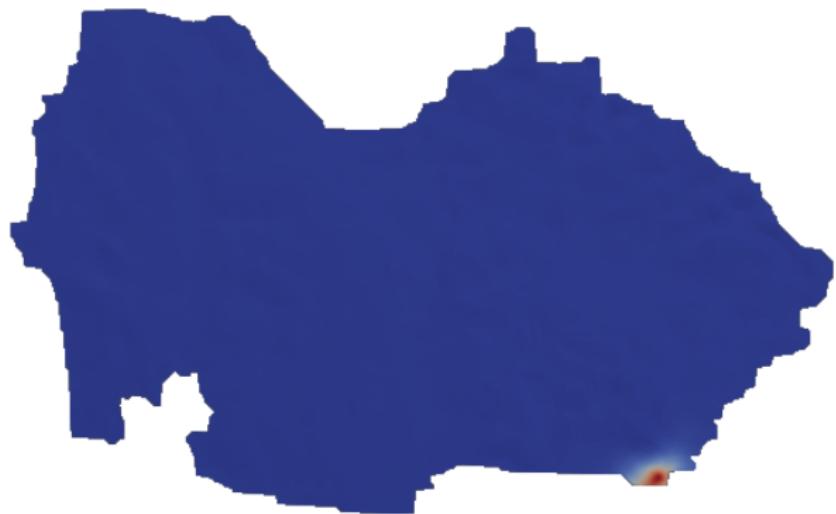
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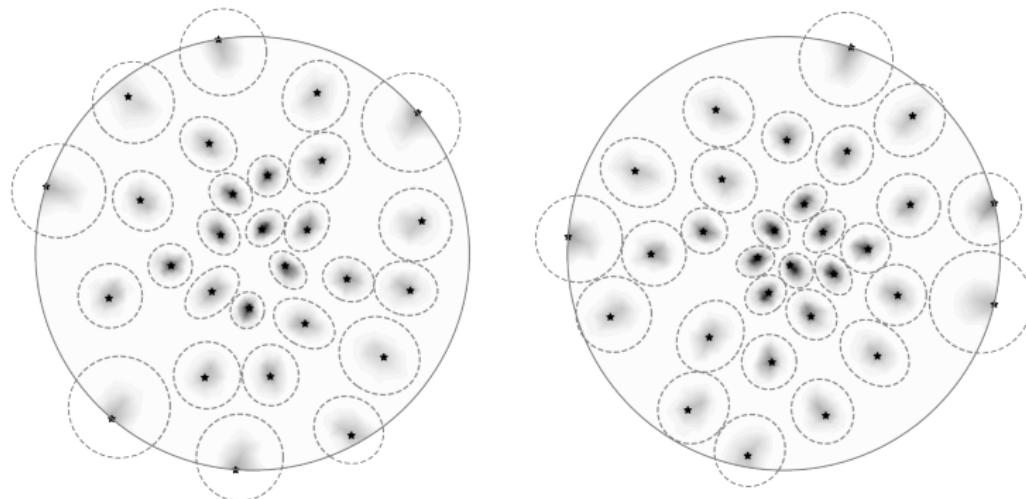


# Hessian impulse responses (Pine Island Glacier)



# Hessian approximation method: big idea

- **Step 1:** Compute “batches” of impulse responses by applying Hessian to Dirac combs
- **Step 2:** Interpolate known impulse responses to approximate unknown Hessian entries  $\mathbf{H}_{ij}$
- **Step 3:** Convert to  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrix to do linear algebra



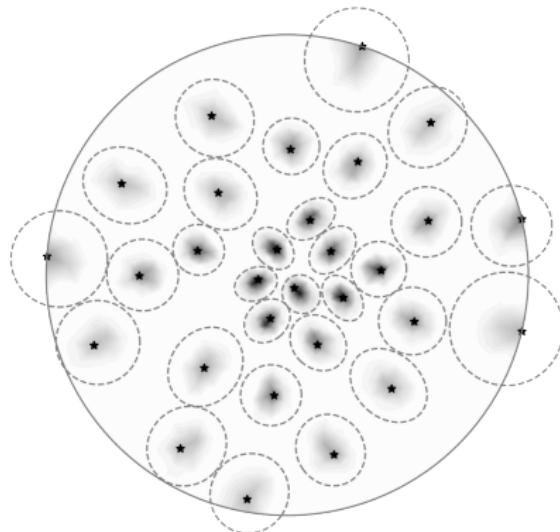
\*Impulse response batches from Ice Mountain

## Technical details

- How do we choose the impulse response points?
  - How do we make sure they don't overlap?
- How do we interpolate the impulse responses?
  - What about boundary issues?

# How to choose impulse response points?

One hessian matrix-vector product → many impulse responses



- **Goal:** choose as many points as possible, such that the impulse response supports don't overlap
- **Dilemma:** How can we know the impulse response supports before we compute them?

## Matrix analogy: getting all row sums

**Matrix:** let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ . Then

$$\mathbf{A}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{sum of } \mathbf{A} \text{ col 1} \\ \text{sum of } \mathbf{A} \text{ col 2} \\ \vdots \\ \text{sum of } \mathbf{A} \text{ col } N \end{bmatrix}$$

Apply matrix to vector of ones  $\rightarrow$  get row sums for all rows

**Operator:** let  $C(x) = 1$  be the constant function. Then

$$(H_d^T C)^*(y) = \int_{\Omega} (H_d \delta_y)(x) dx$$

Apply Hessian to constant function  $\rightarrow$  get volumes of every impulse response

# Mean and standard deviations of impulse responses

- Let  $V(x)$ ,  $\mu(x)$ , and  $\Sigma(x)$  be the “volume”, “mean”, and “variance” of  $\phi_x$
- Let  $C$ ,  $L^i$ , and  $Q^{ij}$  be the following functions:

$$C(x) := 1, \quad L^i(x) := x^i, \quad Q^{ij}(x) = x^i x^j$$

- Then

$$\begin{aligned}V &= (H_d^T C)^* \\ \mu^i &= (H_d^T L^i)^* / V \\ \Sigma^{ij} &= (H_d^T Q^{ij})^* / V - \mu^i \cdot \mu^j\end{aligned}$$

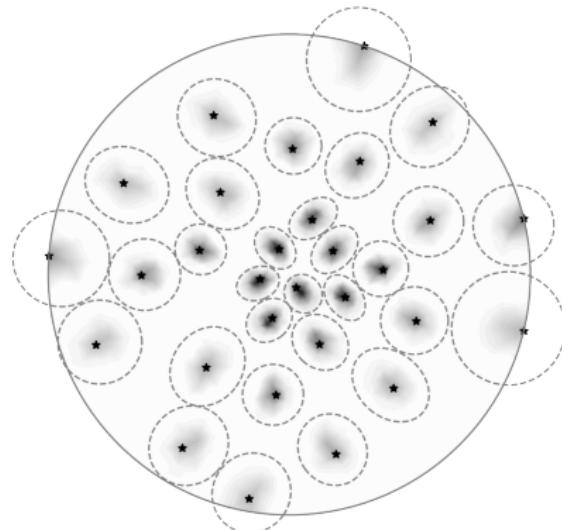
- Apply Hessian to constant, linear, and quadratic functions → get estimates of support for every impulse response

# Impulse response support ellipsoids

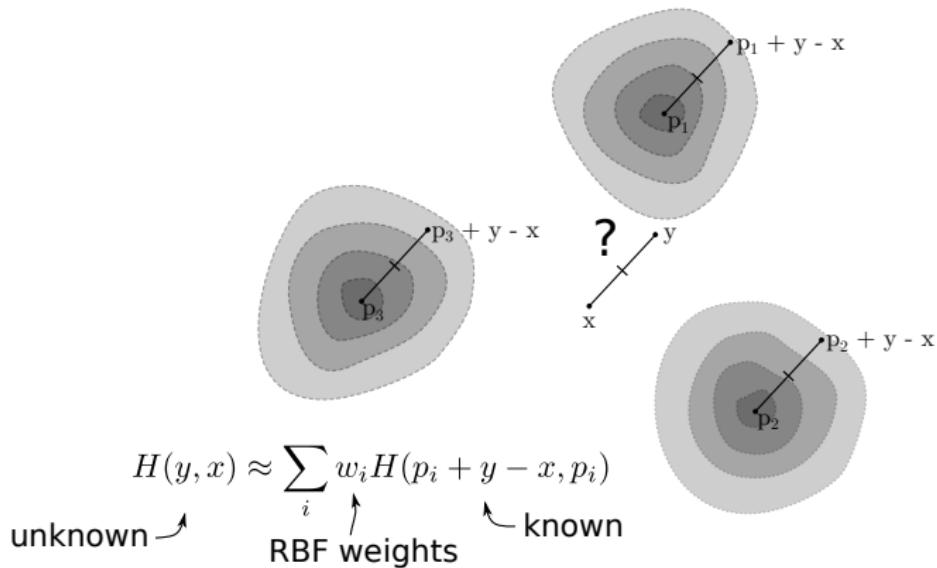
- $\phi_x$  is **approximately supported** in the ellipsoid

$$E = \{y : (y - \mu(x))^T \Sigma(x)^{-1} (y - \mu(x)) \leq \tau^2\}$$

- Picking impulse response points becomes an **ellipsoid packing problem**
- Pack ellipsoids using **greedy algorithm**



# Radial basis function interpolation



- Interpolate impulse responses using polyharmonic spline radial basis functions.
- Use only  $k$ -nearest neighbors (must solve  $k \times k$  linear system)

# Computational cost

- **Hessian-vector products:**

$$6 + n_{\text{batches}}$$

E.g., 11 Hessian-vector products for 5 batches of impulse responses

- **Ellipsoid intersection tests:**

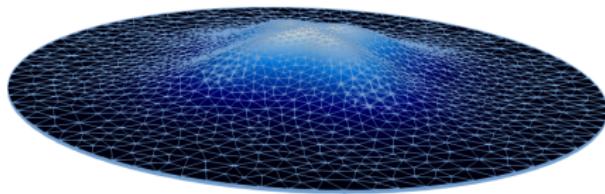
$$O(Nm)$$

where  $m$  is total number of impulse responses in all batches

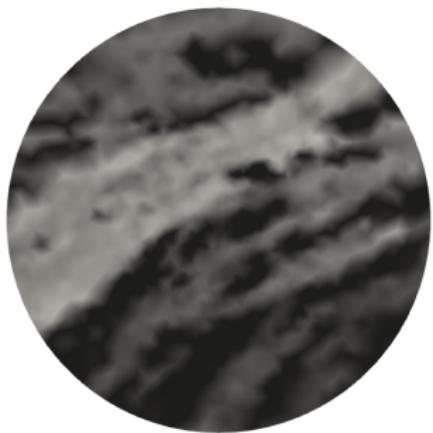
- **Elementary operations** to build and use the H-matrix:

$$O(N \log N)$$

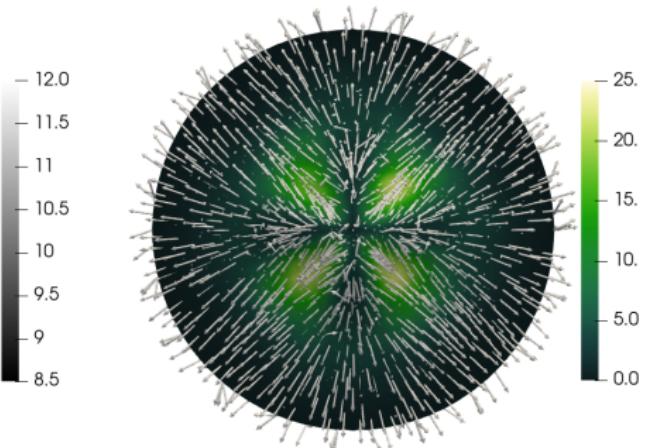
# Ice Mountain: Setup



(a) Ice sheet model geometry



(b)  $\beta_{\text{true}}$



(c)  $v_{\text{true}}$

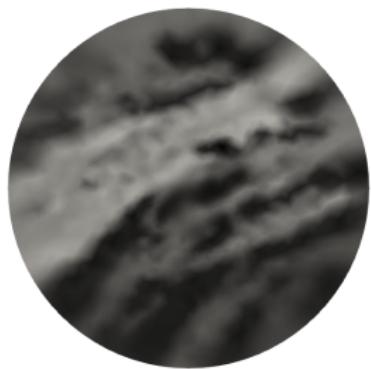
# Ice Mountain: Reconstructions



(a) 25% noise



(b) 5% noise



(c) 1% noise

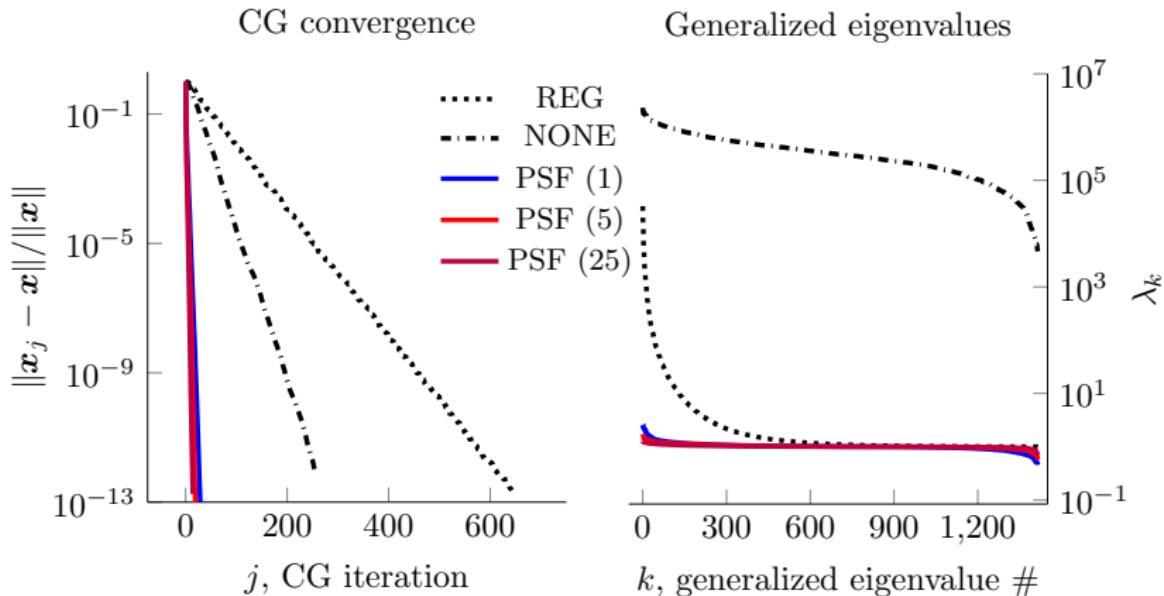
- Deterministic reconstruction / MAP point for varying noise levels
- Bi-Laplacian regularization / prior
- Regularization / “prior” strength chosen via Morozov discrepancy principle

# Ice Mountain: inexact Newton-CG convergence

- 5% noise
- Preconditioner build at 3rd Newton iteration and re-used for all subsequent iterations
- PSF (5): our preconditioner with 5 batches.
- REG: regularization preconditioning.
- NONE: no preconditioning.

Iter	PSF (5)			REG			NONE		
	#CG	#Stokes	$\ g\ $	#CG	#Stokes	$\ g\ $	#CG	#Stokes	$\ g\ $
0	1	4	1.9e+7	3	8	1.9e+7	1	4	1.9e+7
1	2	6	6.1e+6	8	18	8.4e+6	2	6	6.1e+6
2	4	10	2.6e+6	16	34	4.1e+6	4	10	2.6e+6
3	2	6+22	6.9e+5	34	70	1.8e+6	14	30	6.9e+5
4	3	8	4.4e+4	52	106	5.6e+5	29	60	1.3e+5
5	5	12	2.2e+3	79	160	9.4e+4	38	78	1.0e+4
6	0	2	1.1e+1	102	206	6.5e+3	58	118	1.8e+2
7	—	—	—	151	304	1.2e+2	0	2	5.5e-1
8	—	—	—	0	2	2.9e-1	—	—	—
Total	17	70	—	445	908	—	146	308	—

# Ice Mountain: preconditioned Hessian spectral properties



- Hessian evaluated at MAP point for 5% noise.
- Left: solving  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{b}$  via preconditioned conjugate gradient
- Right: eigenvalues for generalized eigenvalue problem  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{u} = \lambda \tilde{\mathbf{H}}\mathbf{u}$

## Ice Mountain: preconditioned Hessian condition number

noise	COND( $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}^{-1}\mathbf{H}$ )				
level	REG	NONE	PSF (1)	PSF (5)	PSF (25)
25%	1.01e+3	2.96e+3	1.34e+0	1.30e+0	1.18e+0
11%	7.40e+3	1.05e+3	2.27e+0	1.55e+0	1.31e+0
5.0%	3.29e+4	4.96e+2	5.61e+0	3.06e+0	1.92e+0
2.2%	1.66e+5	8.89e+2	1.58e+1	8.07e+0	4.03e+0
1.0%	5.36e+5	1.61e+3	7.17e+1	1.93e+1	9.19e+0

# Summary

- Hessian approximations or preconditioners are essential for Bayesian sampling in inverse problems governed by partial differential equations.
- This is particularly important when the model must be continually updated with new information, as with digital twins.
- Low-rank approximations of the Hessian become prohibitive as the data becomes more informative (as is the case for ice sheet inverse problems).
- Local point spread function interpolation combined with Hierarchical matrix representations promise a more efficient Hessian approximation.

## Completed and ongoing work

- Develop algorithm in Python and test on Hippylib Ice Mountain model problem (**Completed**; see paper below)
- Finish implementing method in C++, couple it with Ymir, and test on Pine Island Glacier (**Ongoing** work)
- Use method to solve Antarctica continental scale problem (**Future** work)

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