

# Roadmap to Mapping: Geospatial Data Analysis and Visualization

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# Roadmap to Mapping – SET UP

Geospatial Data Analysis and Visualization



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**[Github.com/drLKeen/MappingWorkshop](https://github.com/drLKeen/MappingWorkshop)  
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# Agenda

- 10:00 – 10:45am Mapping and Geospatial Data pt.1
- 10:45 – 11:00am Break
- 11:00 – 12:00pm Mapping and Geospatial Data pt. 2
- 12:00 – 12:15pm Start lunch
- 12:15 – 1:00pm Increasing Your Research Impact
- 1:00pm + Q&A and 1-on-1 meetings

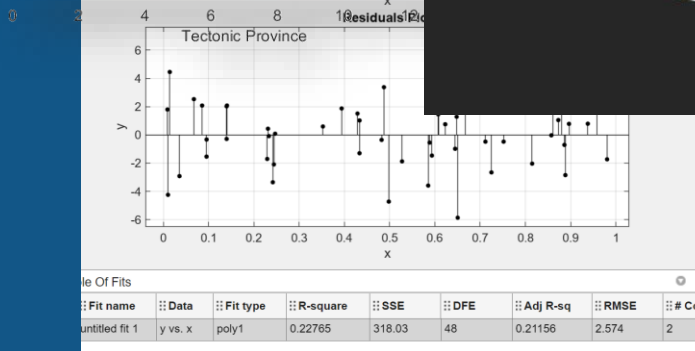
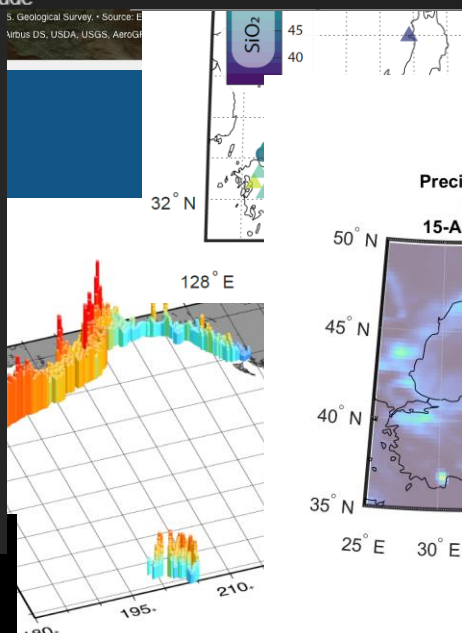
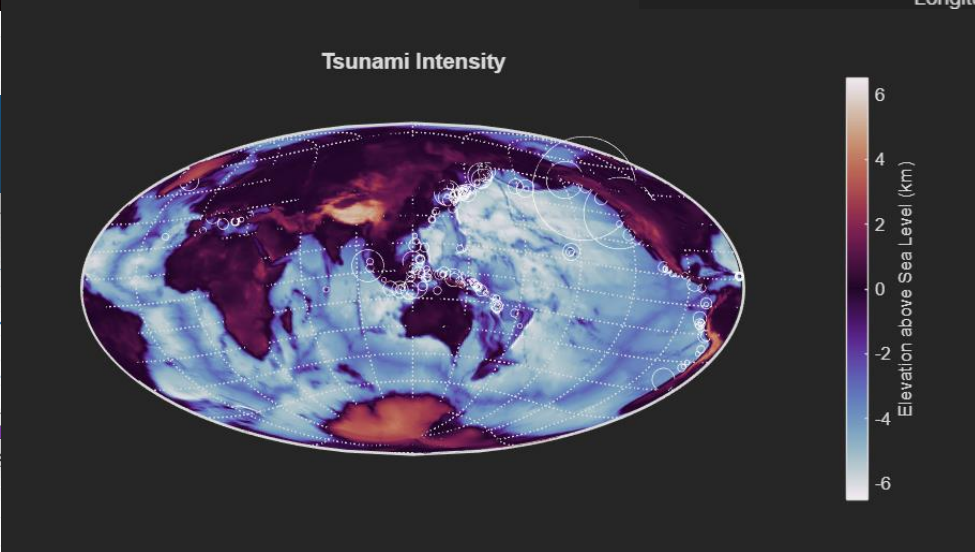
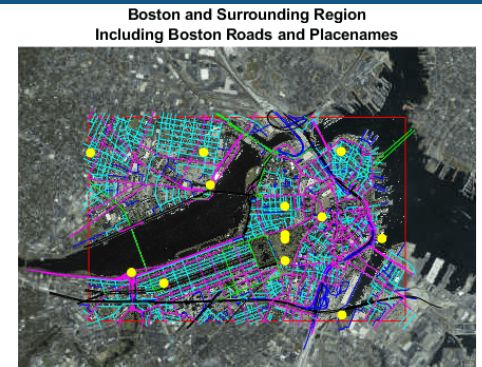
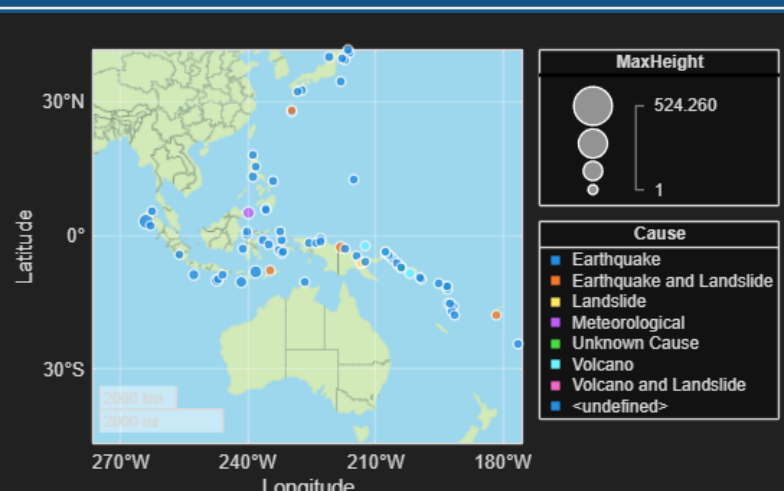
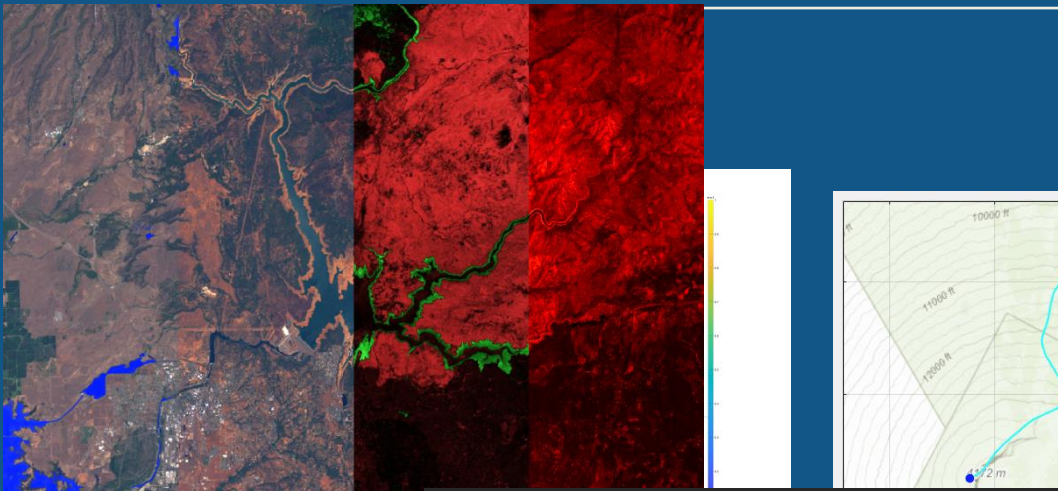


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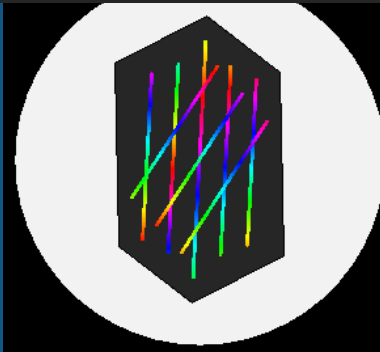
- Workshop file access/setup
- Introduction
- All hands on deck!
  - Maps and tools
  - Importing files
  - Community tools



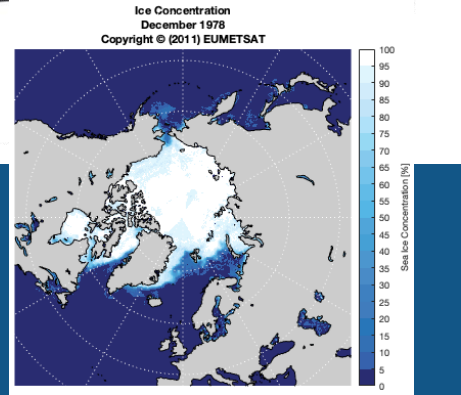
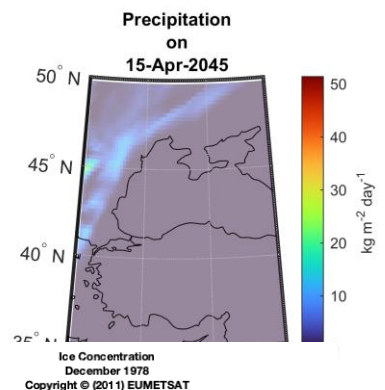
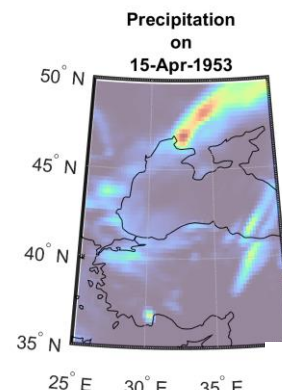




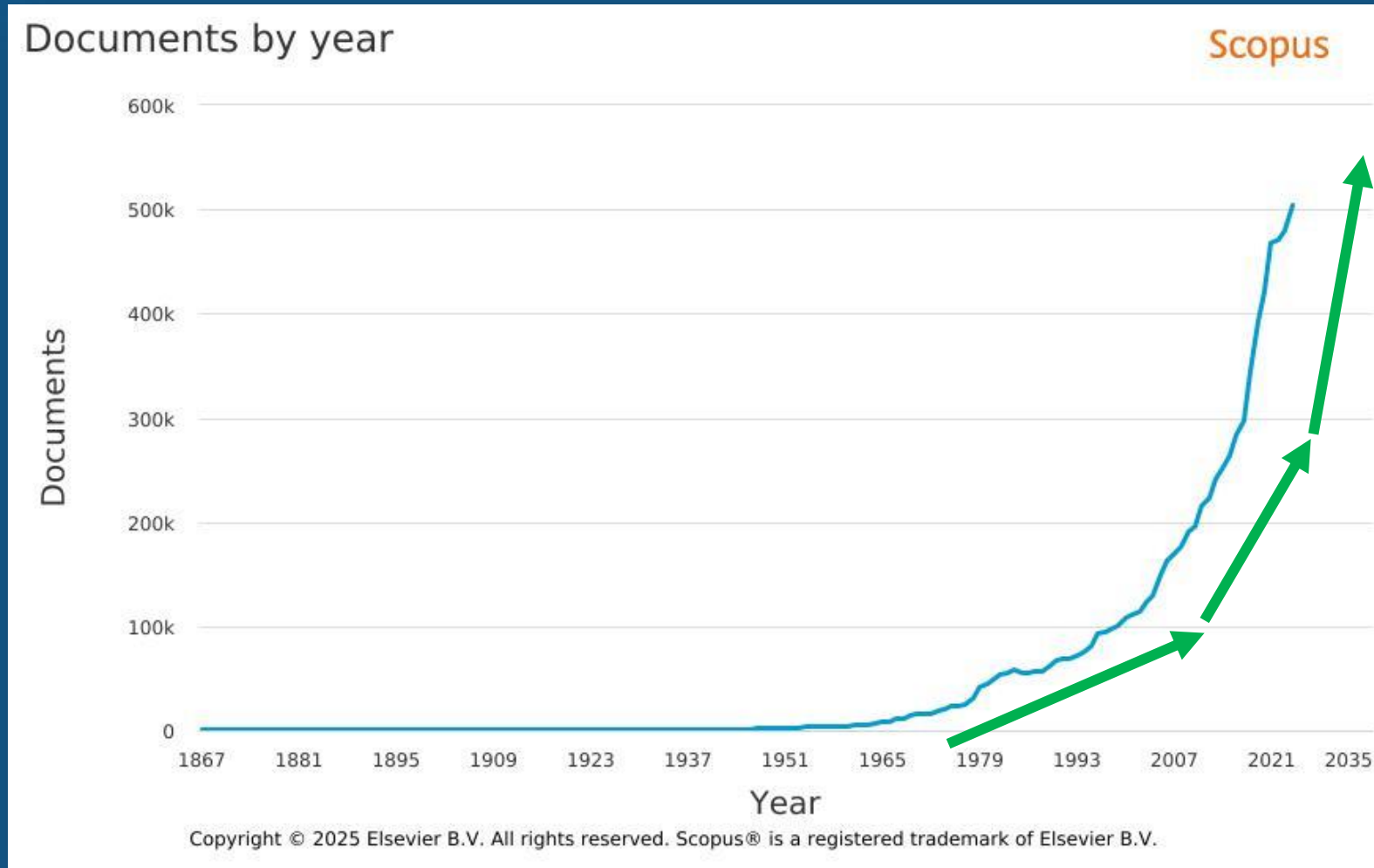
Linear model Poly1:  
 $f(x) = p1 \cdot x + p2$   
 Coefficients (with 95% confidence bounds):  
 $p1 = 4.195 (1.758, 6.632)$   
 $p2 = 0.6245 (-0.7776, 2.027)$   
 Goodness of fit:  
 SSE: 318  
 R-square: 0.2276  
 Adjusted R-square: 0.2116  
 RMSE: 2.574



exceedance amplitudes for the five western states.



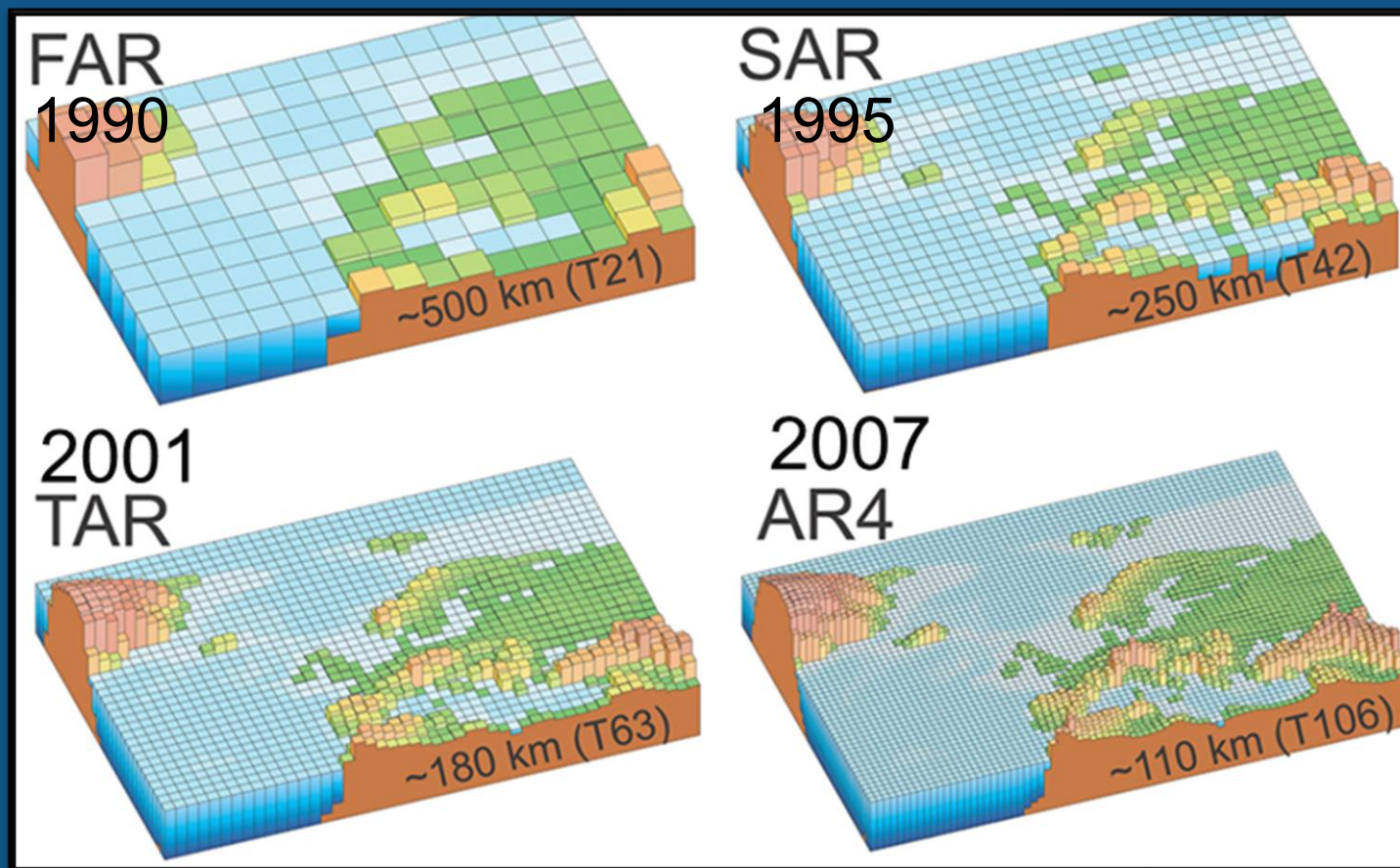
# Publications in Earth, Planetary & Environmental Sciences



- More Papers
- More Data
- More Tools & Methods
- More Collaborations

Source: Scopus

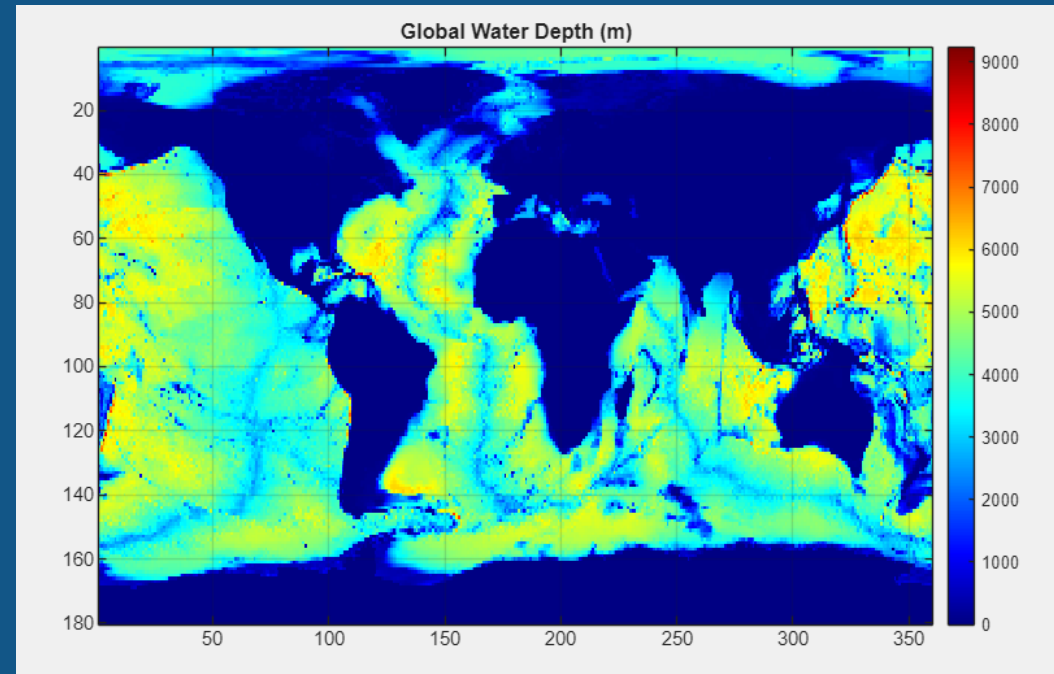
# Data Growth





# The importance of figures

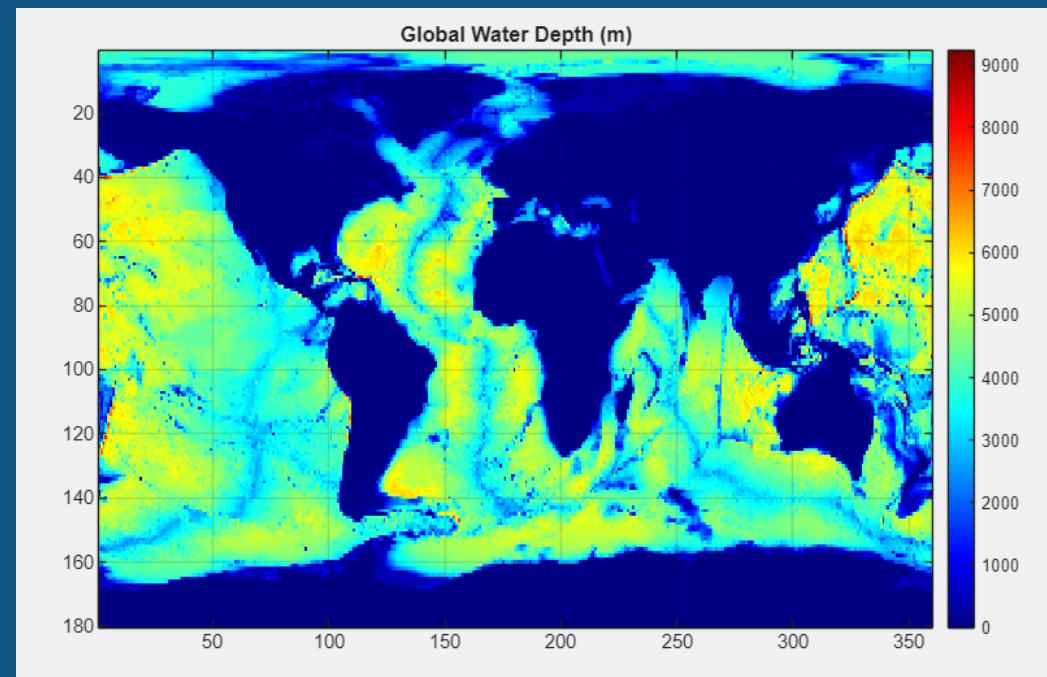
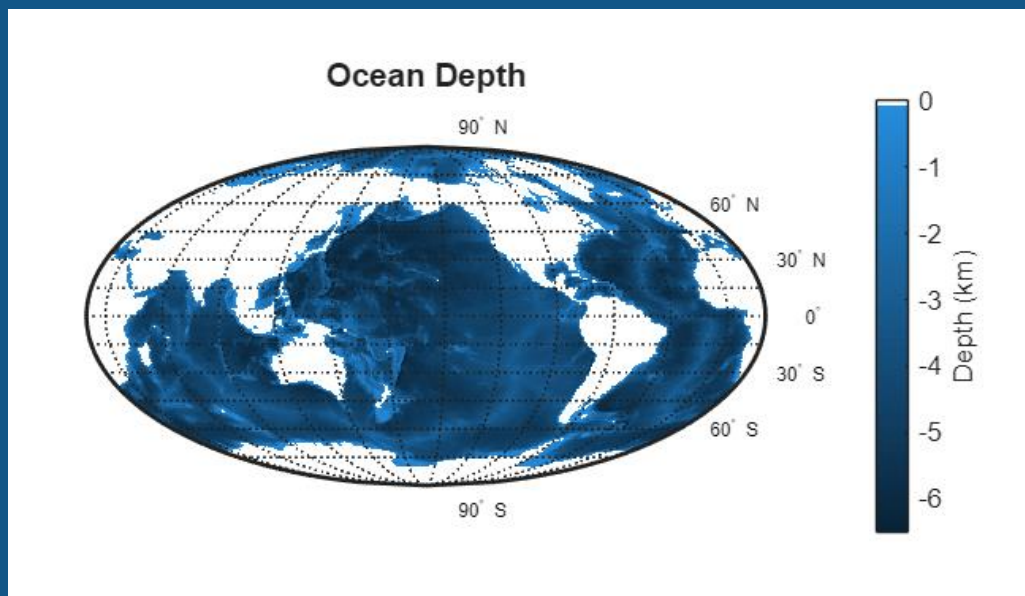
“The average ocean depth appears to be about 5000 meters, though this average does not necessarily represent the most common depths. Near mid ocean ridges and at continental margins, the average depth is much shallower, often only reaching depths of 1000 – 3000 meters. The deepest areas appear as trenches at convergent plate boundaries, especially in the Pacific. Many islands dot the Pacific, and...”



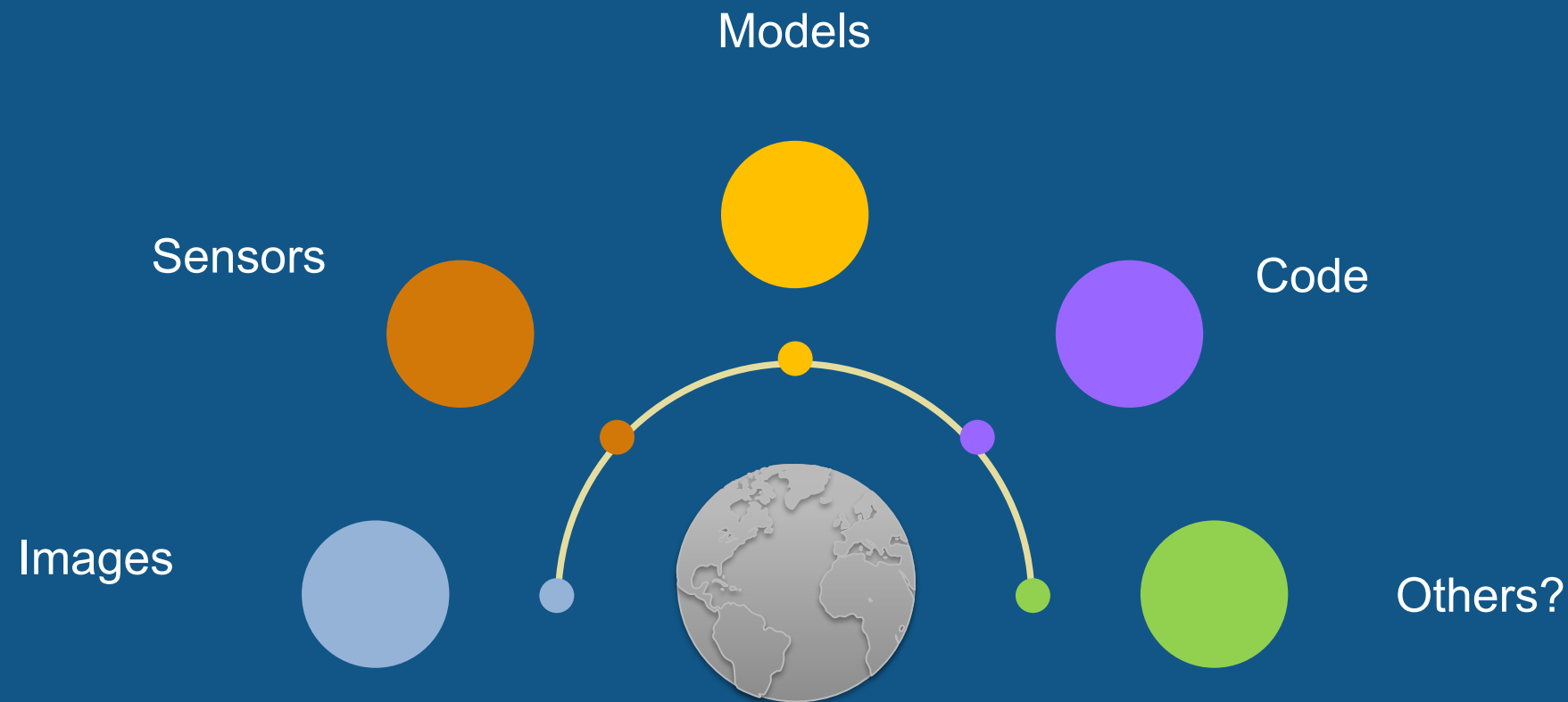


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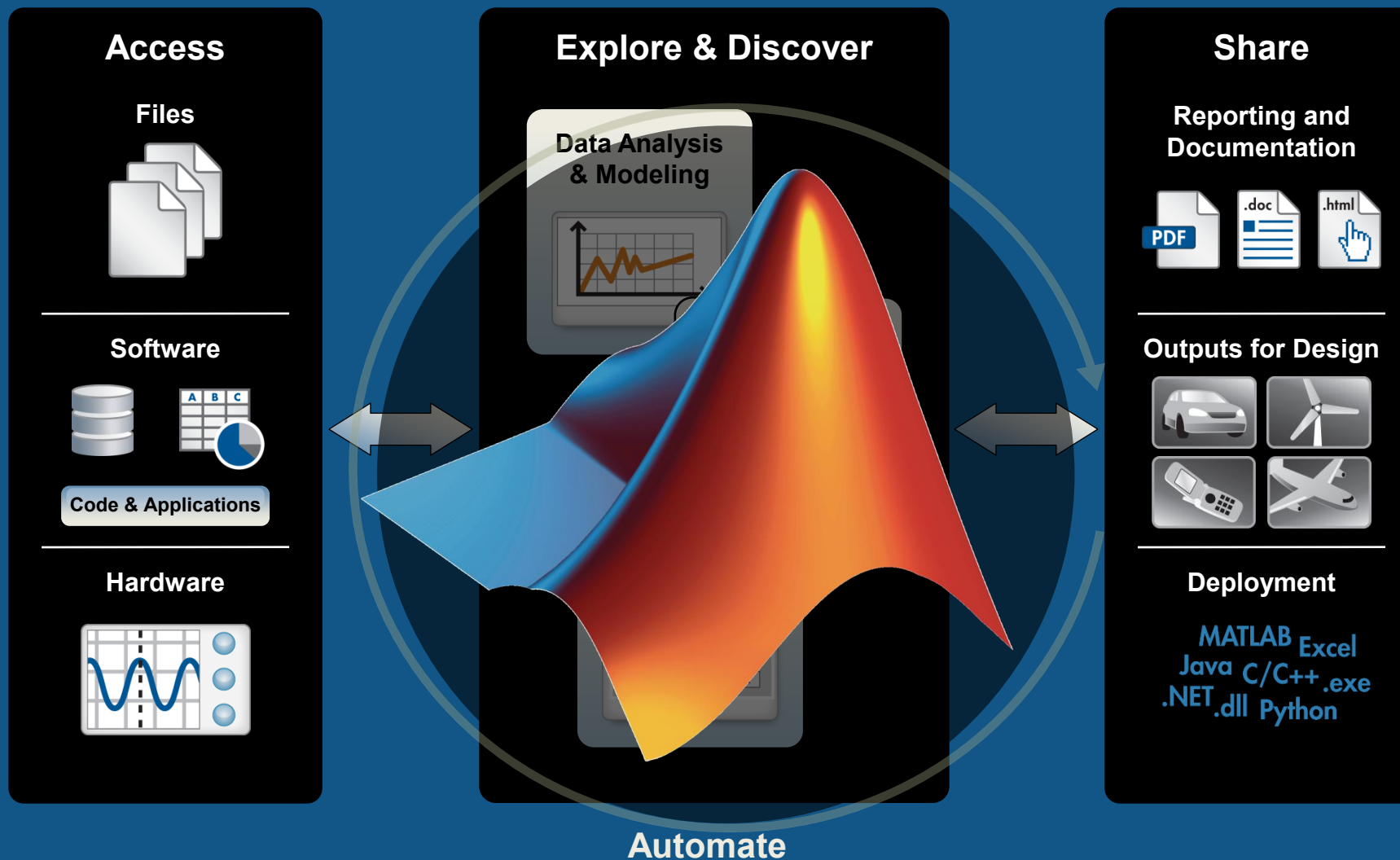
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# Where does geospatial data come from?



# Data Analysis Workflow



# Today's Results

## Notebook1: Roadmap for Geospatial Mapping

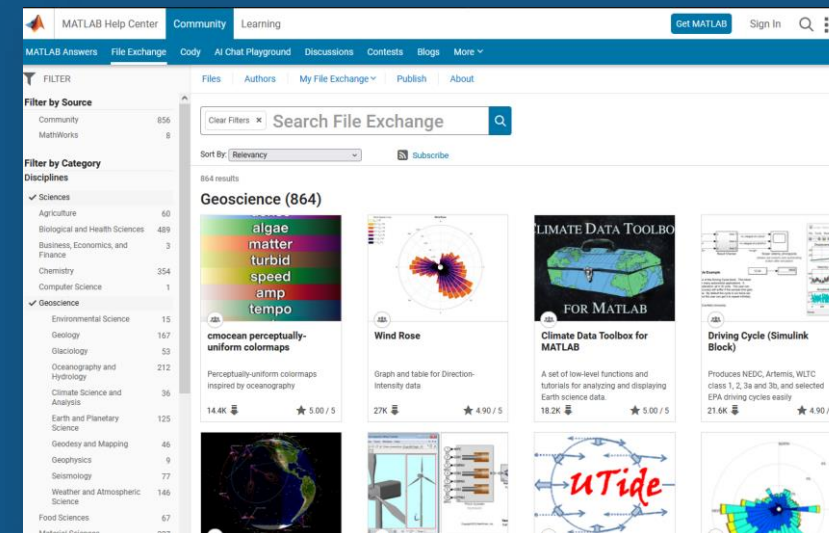
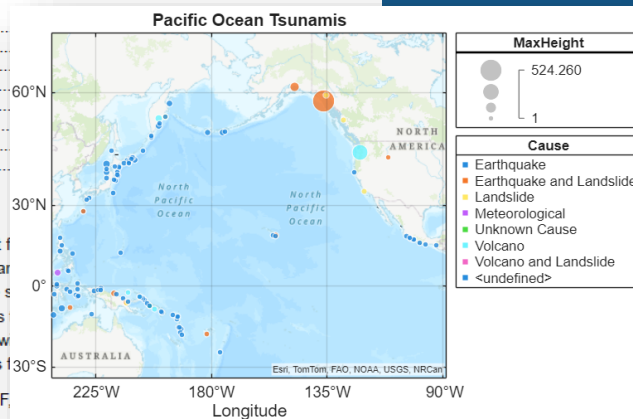
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### Introduction

Accessing and visualizing disparate data is a critical requirement for tsunamis or hurricanes. However, sometimes just connecting to a visualization and analysis can be result in large hurdles and time working with and visualizing data, including multiple new features data easier and requiring less coding. During this workshop, we will and impact of tsunamis on coastal communities. The worksheets

- Access geospatial data, such as GIS shape files, netCDF
- Visualize data with different maps and figures
- Customize maps with relevant features
- Automate your data import, analysis, and mapping workflows
- Manage large datasets and best MATLAB coding practices for speeding up your code
- Find further mapping and geospatial resources



### 1. Import Excel Data

MATLAB has multiple different ways to access data. You can use the **Import Data** tool, double click on files in the File Browser, or use any number of direct 'read' functions.

Q: What is one function you can use to access Excel or CSV files?

Alternatively, live scripts include the option of adding live controls and live tasks to easily set up an interactive GUI in your code. Use the live task below to browse for and import your data.

```
% Set up the Import Options and import the data
opts = spreadsheetImportOptions("NumVariables", 20);

% Specify sheet and range
opts.Sheet = "Sheet1";
```

```
Import Data
tsunamis = Table with 20 columns imported from tsunamis.xlsx

Select source
File: C:\Users\MathWorks\MATLAB Drive\2_Workshops\LSK's Mapping and Data\tsunamis.xlsx
Type: Microsoft Excel Worksheet, Size: 26 KB
Sheet: Sheet1

Specify imported variable options
Type: Table
[ ] Data has variable names
[ ] Return import options

Display results

Hide code
% Set up the Import Options and import the data
opts = spreadsheetImportOptions("NumVariables", 20);

% Specify sheet and range
opts.Sheet = "Sheet1";
opts.DataRange = "A2:T163";

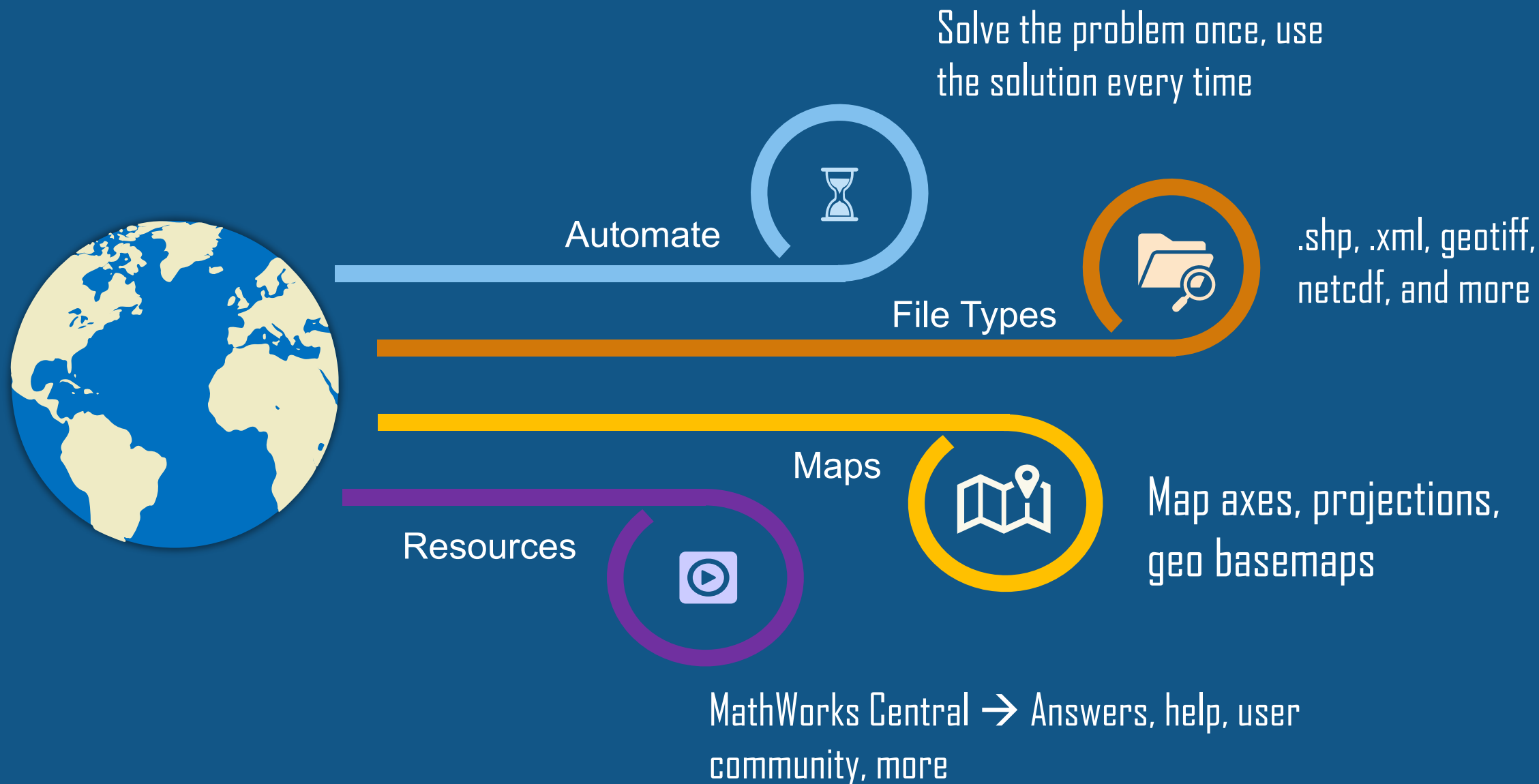
% Specify column names and types
opts.VariableNames = ["Latitude", "Longitude", "Year", "Month", "Day", "Hour", "Minute", "Second"];
opts.VariableTypes = ["double", "double", "double", "double", "double", "double", "double", "double"];

% Specify variable properties
opts = setvaropts(opts, ["Validity", "Cause", "Country", "Location"], "EmptyFieldRule", "auto");

% Import the data
tsunamis = readtable("C:\Users\MathWorks\MATLAB Drive\2_Workshops\LSK's Mapping and Data\tsunamis.xlsx", opts);
```



# SUMMARY



## More Resources

- MATLAB Documentation
  - [Mapping Toolbox](#)
- File Exchange Courseware
  - [https://www.mathworks.com/academia/courseware/search.html?q=&fq%5B%5D=courseware\\_discipline:earth\\_ocean\\_and\\_atmospheric\\_sciences&page=1](https://www.mathworks.com/academia/courseware/search.html?q=&fq%5B%5D=courseware_discipline:earth_ocean_and_atmospheric_sciences&page=1)
- Geoscience Resources
  - <https://www.mathworks.com/solutions/earth-ocean-atmospheric-sciences.html>

# MATLAB Central Community



**MATLAB Answers**: Q&A forum; most questions answered in < 1 hour

**File Exchange**: Download code from a huge repository of free code including **tens of thousands** of open source community files

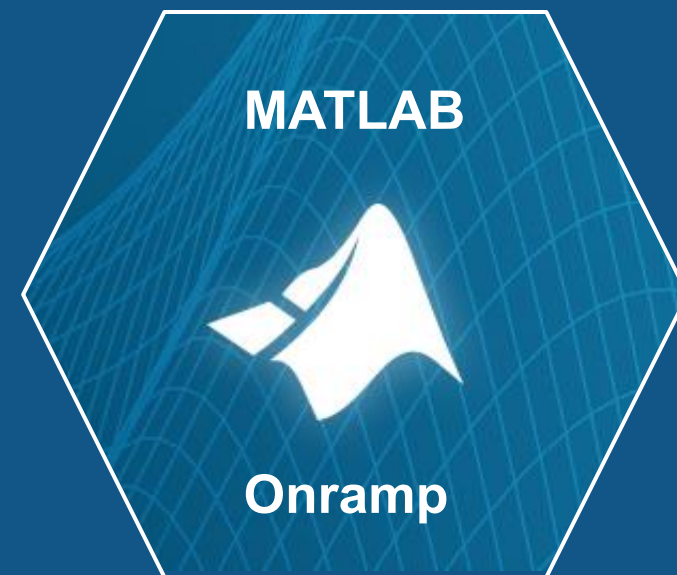
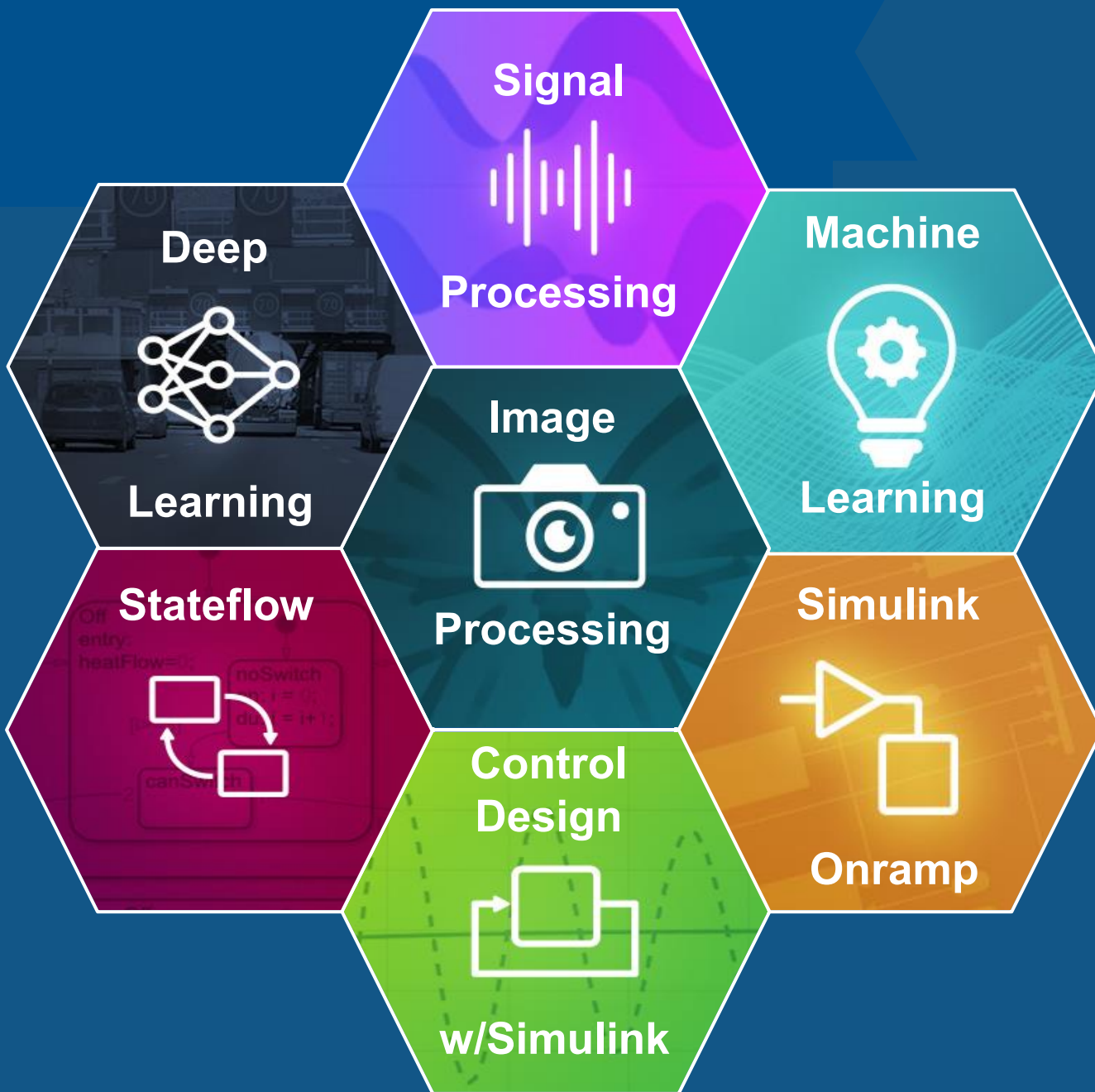
**Cody**: Sharpen programming skills while having fun

**Blogs**: Get the inside view from Engineers who build and support MATLAB & Simulink

**ThingSpeak**: Explore LoT Data

And more for you to explore...

# Sel-Paced Courses





# Geoscience Learning Path

## Data Analysis in MATLAB

LEARNING PATH

### Data Analysis in MATLAB

[Share Learning Path](#) | [Digital Credential & Certificate](#)

#### Tables

2 hours | [Languages](#)

Import, manage, and manipulate tabular data.

#### Clean and Prepare Data for Analysis

1.5 hours | [Languages](#)

Perform common data cleaning techniques.

#### Common Data Analysis Techniques

1 hour | [Languages](#)

Analyze relationships between variables and model patterns in data.

#### Find and Extract Subsets of Data

1 hour | [Languages](#)

Use logical indexing to filter data and count elements.

#### Calculations on Grouped Data

1 hour | [Languages](#)

Perform calculations on groups of data.

## Visualization in MATLAB

LEARNING PATH

### Visualization in MATLAB

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#### Explore Data with MATLAB Plots

1.5 hours | [Languages](#)

Customize, annotate, and export a variety of visualizations.

#### Plot Beyond the Second Dimension

1.5 hours | [Languages](#)

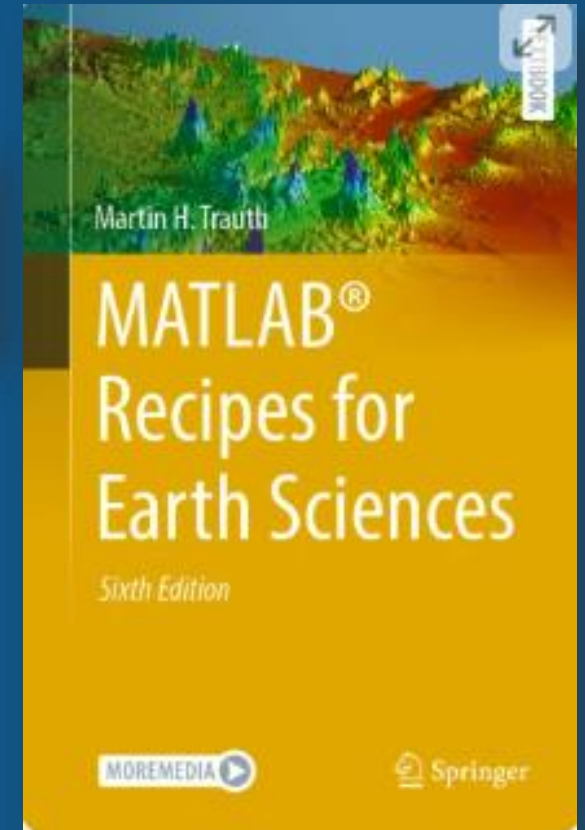
Visualize three-dimensional data using surface plots and images.

#### How MATLAB Graphics Work

1 hour | [Languages](#)

Use the graphics hierarchy to gain fine control over graphics.

[MATLAB® Recipes for Earth Sciences | SpringerLink 2025](#)



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# MathWorks Call for Research Proposals

## Notify Me when Proposals are Open

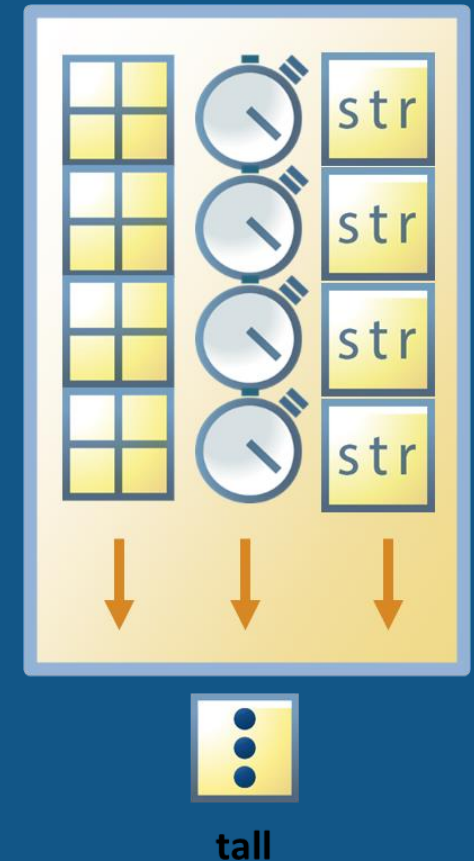
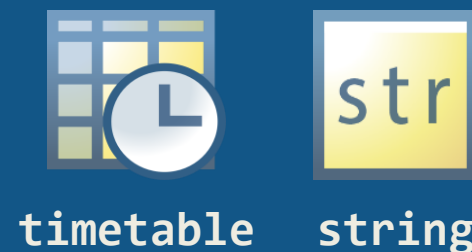
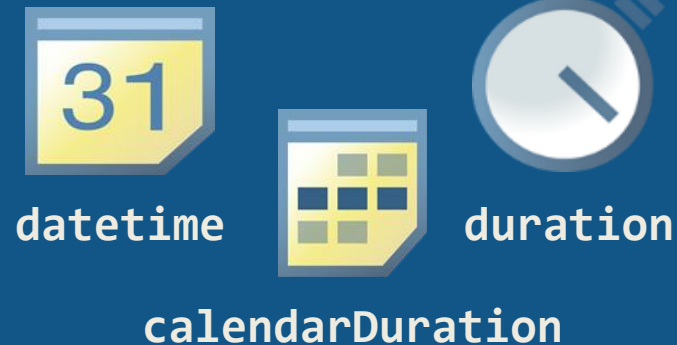
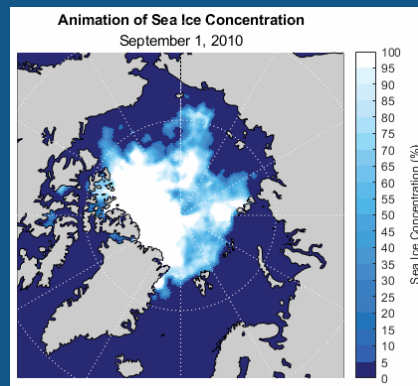
- PI applicant must be current full-time faculty at an accredited academic institution that awards research degrees to Ph.D. students
- use of MATLAB and Simulink products in conducting the proposed work

Award recipients are expected to have identified a commercial (or government) partner that is willing to collaborate on the proposed project. The commercial partner can be an organization, company, or entity that operates within the relevant industry or market. A letter of intent from the commercial partner indicating its commitment to collaborate on the project should be provided with the proposal.



# Supported data formats and types in MATLAB

- **Raster file formats:** GeoTIFF, USGS DEM, DEM, DTED, Arc ASCII Grid, GTOPO30, ETOPO, and worldfile
- **Vector file formats:** ESRI shapefiles, KML, GPX, VMAP0, and GSHHS
- **Image file formats:** TIFF, JPEG, PNG, JPEG2000, LandSat, NITF and HDR
- **Scientific data:** NetCDF, HDF5, GRIB, CDF, FITS, and multiband files (BIP, BIL, BSQ)
- Community Tools to work with [miniSEED](#), [SAC](#) and [SEG-Y](#)



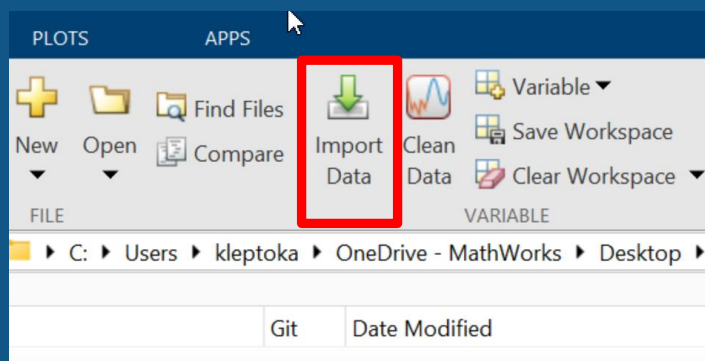
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[Data Format Functions >>](#)

[Tall Arrays >>](#)

# Data Handling in MATLAB: Import Data Live Task now supports:

- *NetCDF (R2023b)*
- *HDF5 (R2024a)*
- *GRIB (R2024b)*



**Code  
Generated**

**Import Data** ▶ ✓ Autorun ? ⋮

GLAH06\_634\_2103\_002\_0196\_2\_01\_0001 = Struct of HDF5 data imported from GLAH06\_634\_2103\_002\_0196\_2\_01\_0001.H5

▼ **Select source**

File: C:\Users\oghosh\Downloads\GLAH06\_634\_2103\_002\_0196\_2\_01\_0001. Browse...

Type: HDF5, Size: 4.45 MB

▼ **Select data to import**

Search

- Attributes (83)
- Groups (5)
  - ANCILLARY\_DATA
  - BROWSE
  - Data\_1HZ
    - Attributes (1)
    - Datasets (1)
      - DS\_UTCTime\_1
        - Attributes (9)
          - Groups (8)
          - Data\_40HZ
- METADATA
  - Attributes (3)
    - description
    - HDFVersion

**/Data\_1HZ/DS\_UTCTime\_1**

Size: 1332  
MaxSize: Inf  
Datatype: H5T\_IEEE\_F64LE (double)  
ChunkSize: 38400  
Filters: deflate(6)  
FillValue: 0.000000

▼ **Specify subsetting options for datasets**

▼ **Specify code generation type**

▼ **Display results**

▼ Hide code

```
% Create a structure to store imported HDF5 data
GLAH06_634_2103_002_0196_2_01_0001 = struct();

filename = "C:\Users\oghosh\Downloads\GLAH06_634_2103_002_0196_2_01_0001.H5";

GLAH06_634_2103_002_0196_2_01_0001.Groups(1).Name = "Data_1HZ";

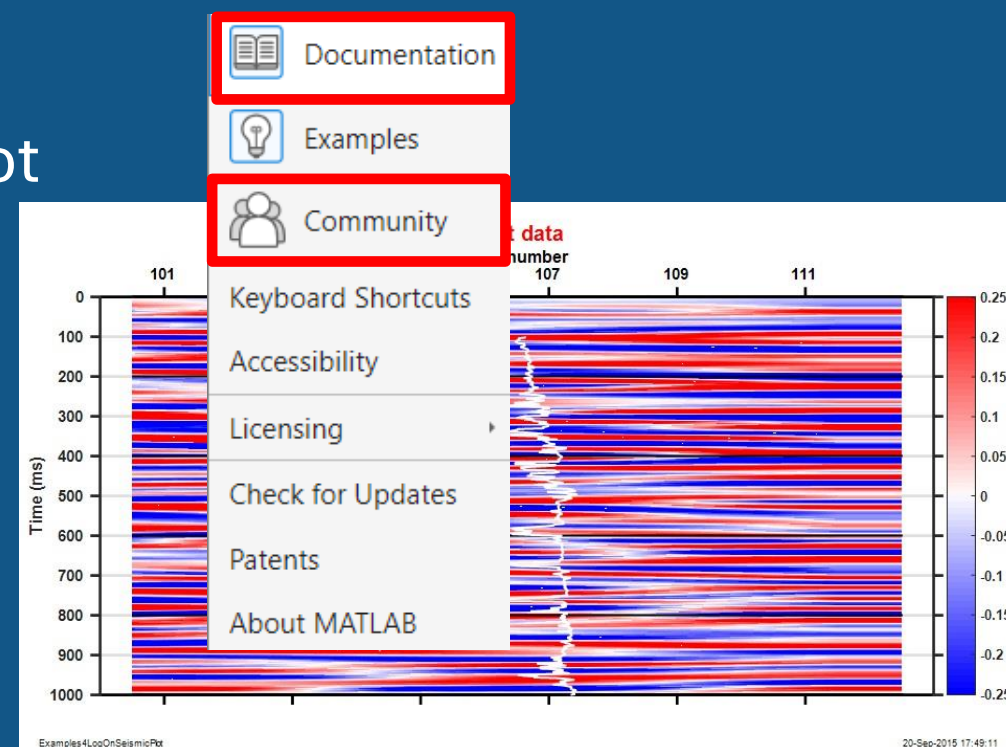
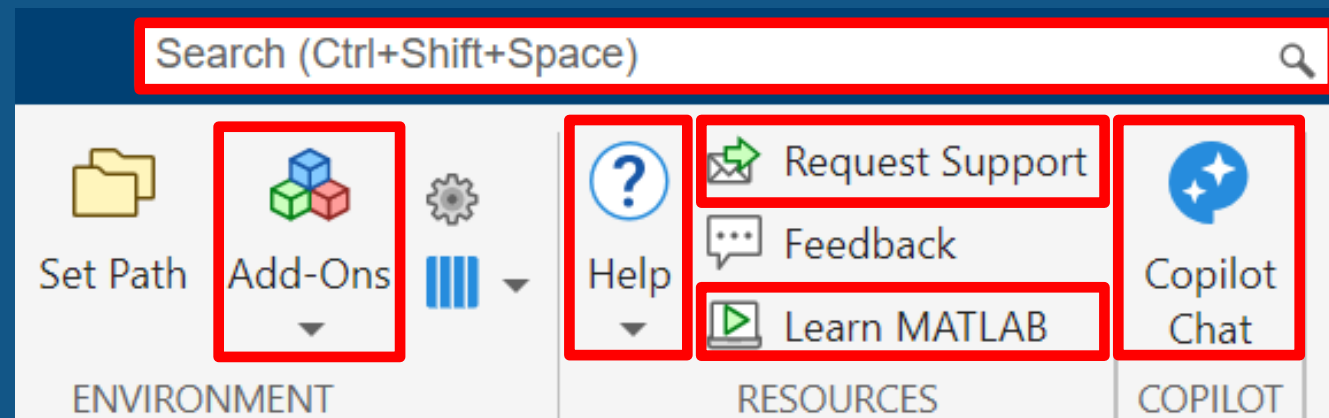
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GLAH06_634_2103_002_0196_2_01_0001.Groups(1).Datasets(1).Value = h5read(filename, "/Data_1HZ/DS_UTCTime_1");

clear filename

% Display results
GLAH06_634_2103_002_0196_2_01_0001
```

# Self-Explore Resources

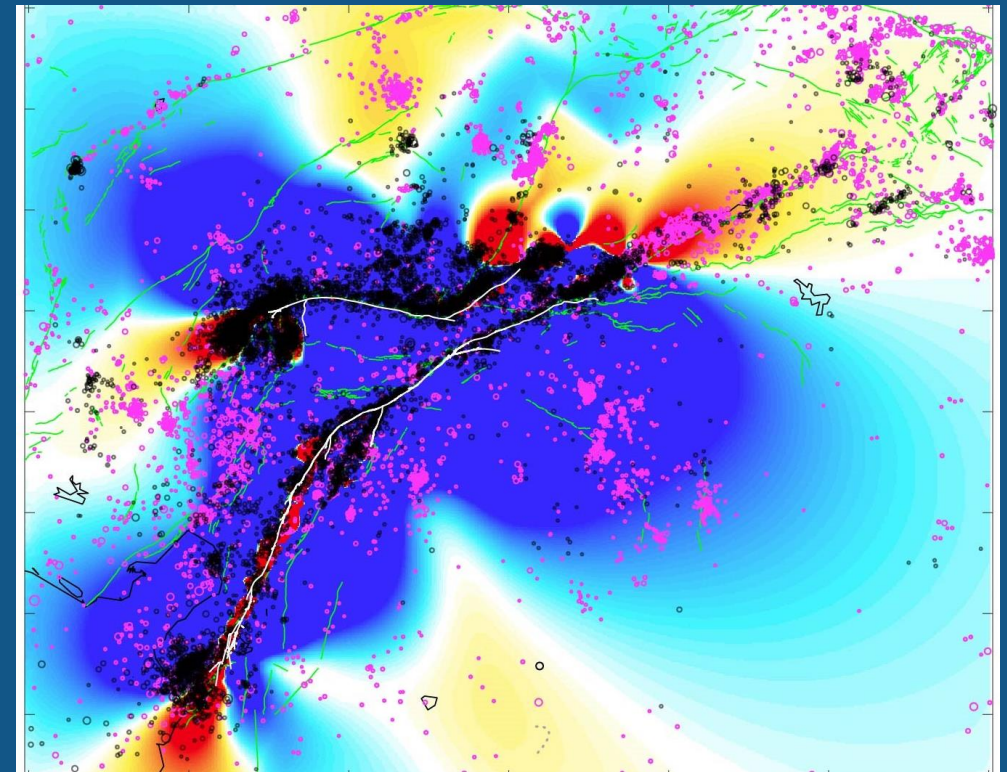
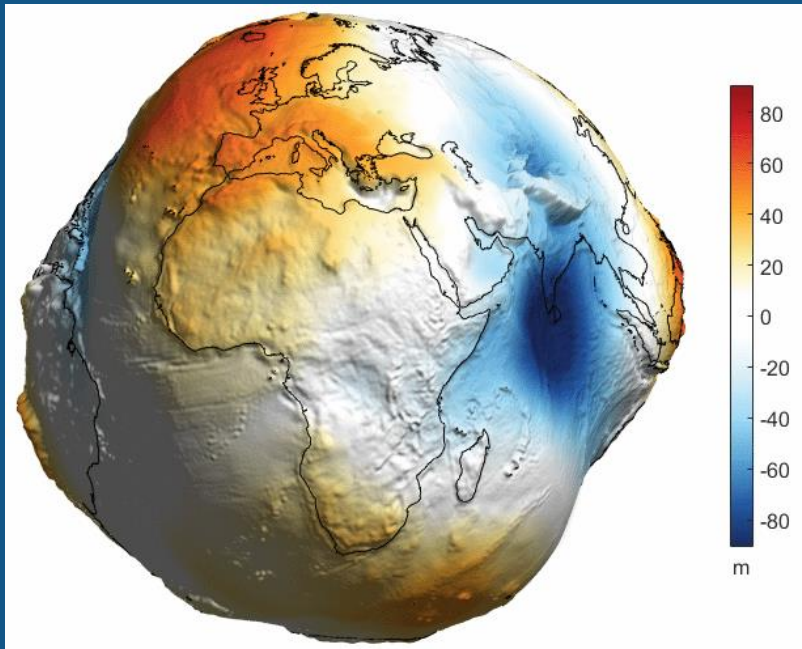
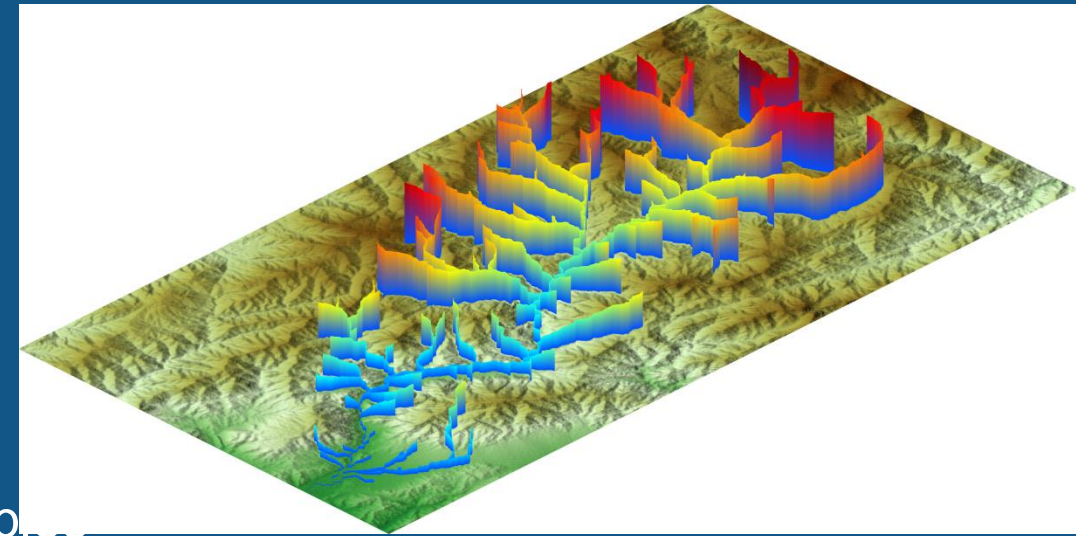
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# Visualization and Mapping with MATLAB

- [Data Import and Analysis](#) — set of courses
- [Explore Data with MATLAB Plots](#) - course
- [MATLAB Plot Gallery](#) — documentation & examples
- [Mapping Toolbox](#) - documentation & examples



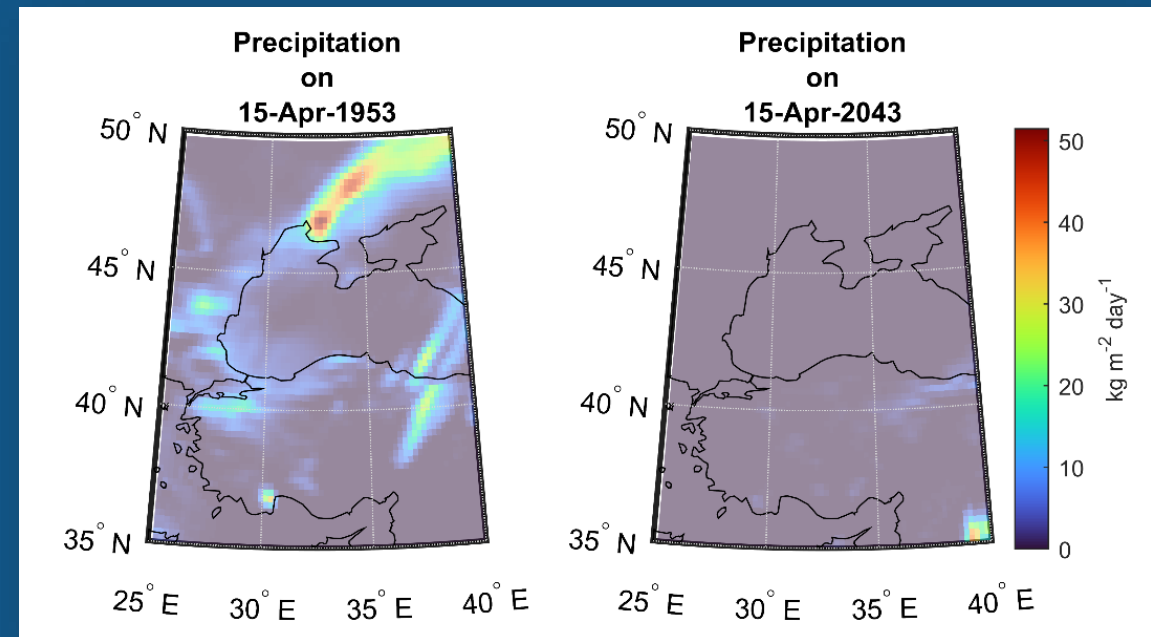


# Code example: Import, analyze and visualize web netCDF (CMIP6)

Code and access to data available at:

- [GitHub](#)
- [File Exchange](#)
- Reproducible Capsule in [Code Ocean](#) with DOI

Code in `.m` file, live script (`.mlx`) and jupyter notebook (`.ipynb`)



[Official MathWorks MATLAB kernel for Jupyter released](#) (The MATLAB Blog)