

# FATIANDO A TERRA: OPEN-SOURCE TOOLS FOR GEOPHYSICS

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# About the speaker



- **Physicist and PhD in Geophysics** (Argentina)
  - Processing and analyzing **gravity and magnetic data**
  - Study **subduction zones** through **geodynamical modeling**
- Currently: **Researcher** in **SJ Geophysics** (Vancouver, Canada)
  - **Software development** of data processing tools
  - **Data processing** (gravity, MT, TDEM)
  - **Field work**
- Member of **Fatiando a Terra**'s Steering Council
- Member of **other communities**:
  - GeoLatinas, The Carpentries and Open Science Labs





# Fatiando a Terra.

Open-source Python tools for Geophysics

[www.fatiando.org](http://www.fatiando.org)

# A bit of history

- Started in 2010
- Part of PhD Thesis of Leonardo Uieda in Brazil
- Single Python library: **fatiando**
- Tools for:
  - Processing spatial data
  - Forward modelling gravity and magnetic fields
  - Geometry inversions
  - Toy problems for teaching





# fatiando a terra

An open-source Python library for modeling and inversion in geophysics.

Our goal is provide a comprehensive and extensible framework for geophysical data analysis and the development of new methodologies.

## Research

Make your research more **reproducible** by writing a Python script or [Jupyter notebook](#) instead of clicking through complicated menus.

## Development

Don't start from scratch! Build upon the existing tools in Fatiando to develop new methods.

## Teaching

Combine Fatiando with the [Jupyter notebook](#) to make rich, interactive documents. Great for teaching fundamental concepts of geophysics!

## Overview

### Gravity and magnetics

Modeling, inversion, and processing for potential field methods.

*3D forward modeling with prisms, polygonal prisms, spheres, and tesseraoids. Handles the potential, acceleration, gradient tensor, magnetic induction, total field magnetic anomaly.*

### Grid manipulation

Functions for generating and operating on regular grids and data that is

### Seismology and Seismics

Simple modeling functions for seismics and seismology.

*Toy problems for: Cartesian straight-ray tomography, VSP, epicenter estimation. Experimental finite-difference wave propagation.*

### Geometric objects and meshes

Classes that represent geometric objects (points, prisms, poly

<https://legacy.fatiando.org>

# Modernizing our tools

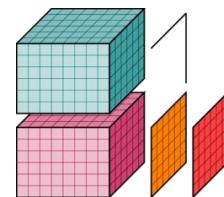


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Growing scientific  
Python ecosystem



**GemPy**



**xarray**



**simpeg**



**PyGMT**



**pyGIMLi**

*Geophysical Inversion & Modelling Library*



# Modernizing our tools



- Santiago Soler:
  - joined during his PhD (Argentina)
  - leading the new developments
- Goals:
  - Move the project to **Python 3**
  - Create **new libraries** with very **specific scope and goal**
  - Improve **quality** of the **software**:
    - Better **design**
    - Better **tooling**
    - Better **tests**
    - **Best practices**



# The Fatiando libraries



## Verde

Spatial data processing and  
interpolation with a Machine  
Learning flavour

 [fatiando.org/verde](https://fatiando.org/verde)



## Harmonica

Processing and modelling  
potential field data

 [fatiando.org/harmonica](https://fatiando.org/harmonica)



## Choclo

Highly optimized forward  
modelling kernel functions

 [fatiando.org/choclo](https://fatiando.org/choclo)



## Boule

Reference ellipsoids and  
normal gravity

 [fatiando.org/boule](https://fatiando.org/boule)



## Pooch

A friend to download and  
cache your data

 [fatiando.org/pooch](https://fatiando.org/pooch)



## Ensaio

Curated open-licensed  
geophysical datasets

 [fatiando.org/ensaio](https://fatiando.org/ensaio)

Example:  
Processing gravity data

# Download ground gravity data over Southern Africa

Fetch the data from the web

```
import ensaio  
  
fname = ensaio.fetch_southern_africa_gravity(version=1)
```

Load the data with Pandas

```
import pandas as pd  
  
data = pd.read_csv(fname)
```

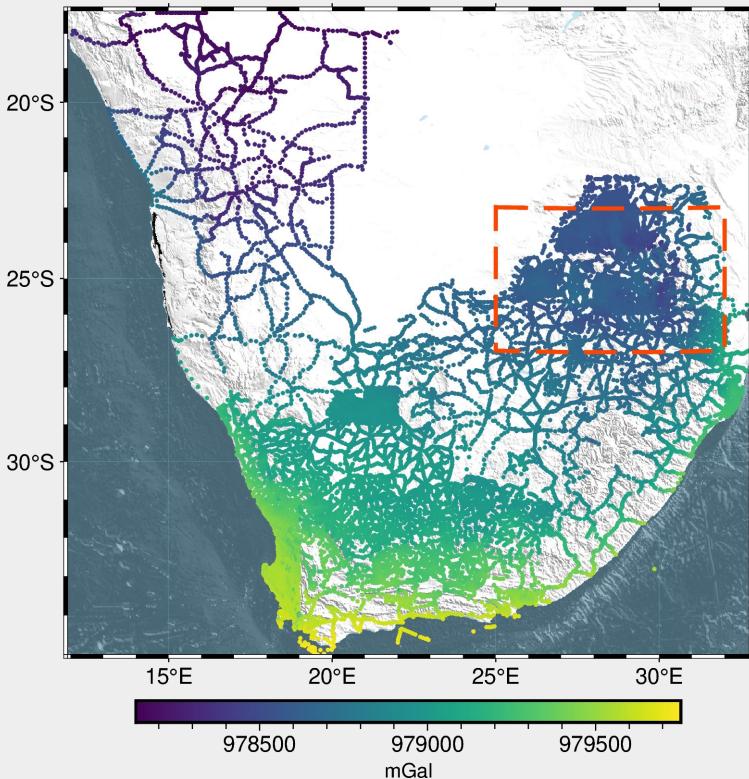


Ensaio

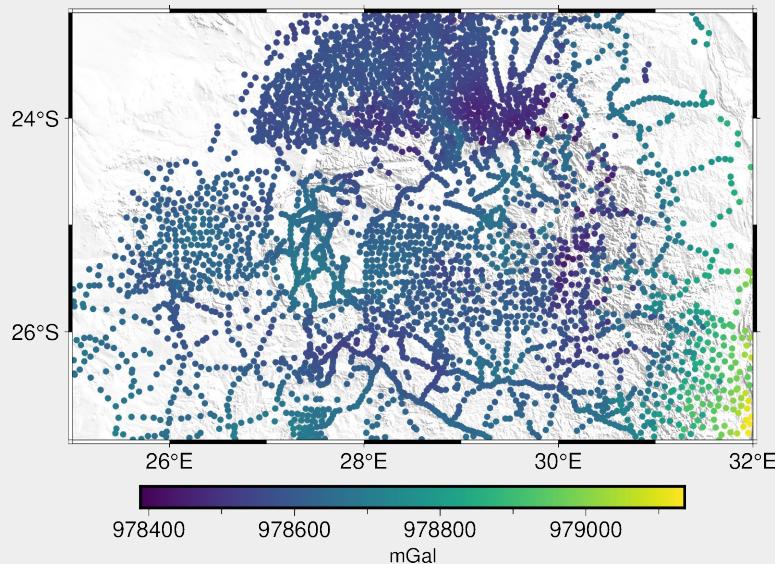


pandas (manage tabular data)

# Download ground gravity data over Southern Africa



Observed gravity over the  
Bushveld Igneous Complex



# Gravity disturbance

Normal gravity

```
import boule as bl

ellipsoid = bl.WGS84
normal_gravity = ellipsoid.normal_gravity(
    data.latitude, data.height
)
```

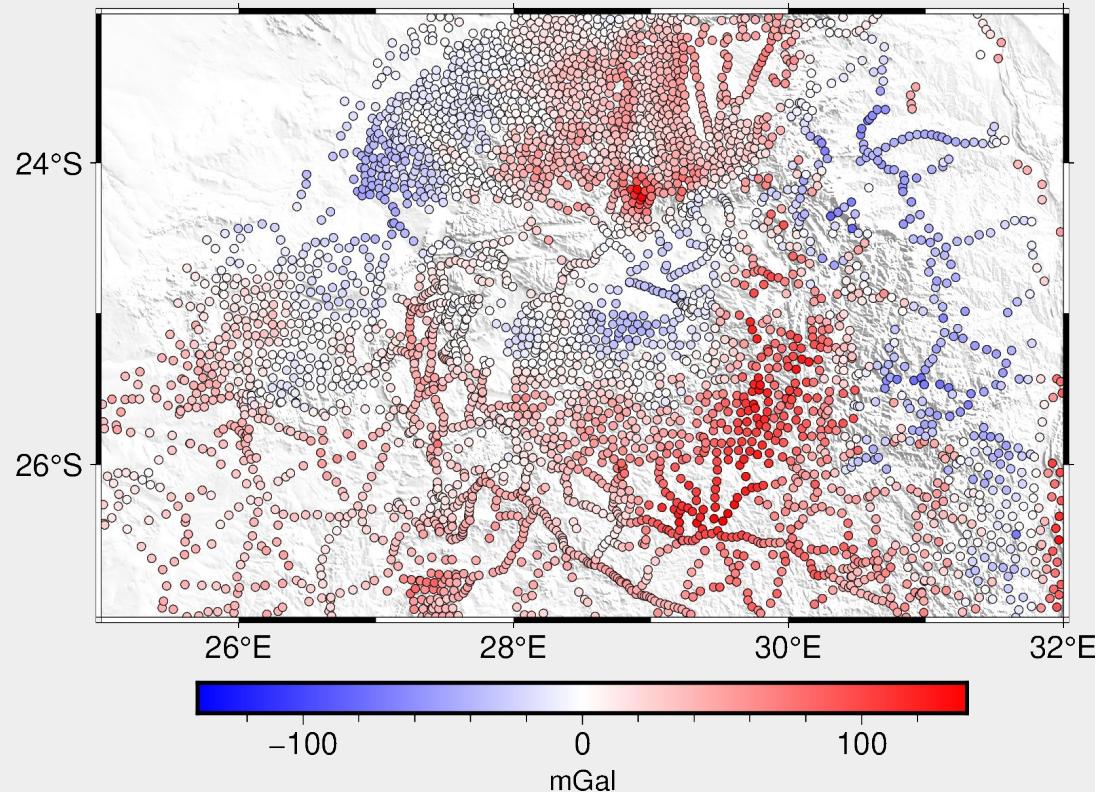
Gravity disturbance

```
gravity_disturbance = data.gravity - normal_gravity
```



Boule

# Gravity disturbance



# Terrain effect

Model the topography with prisms

```
import harmonica as hm

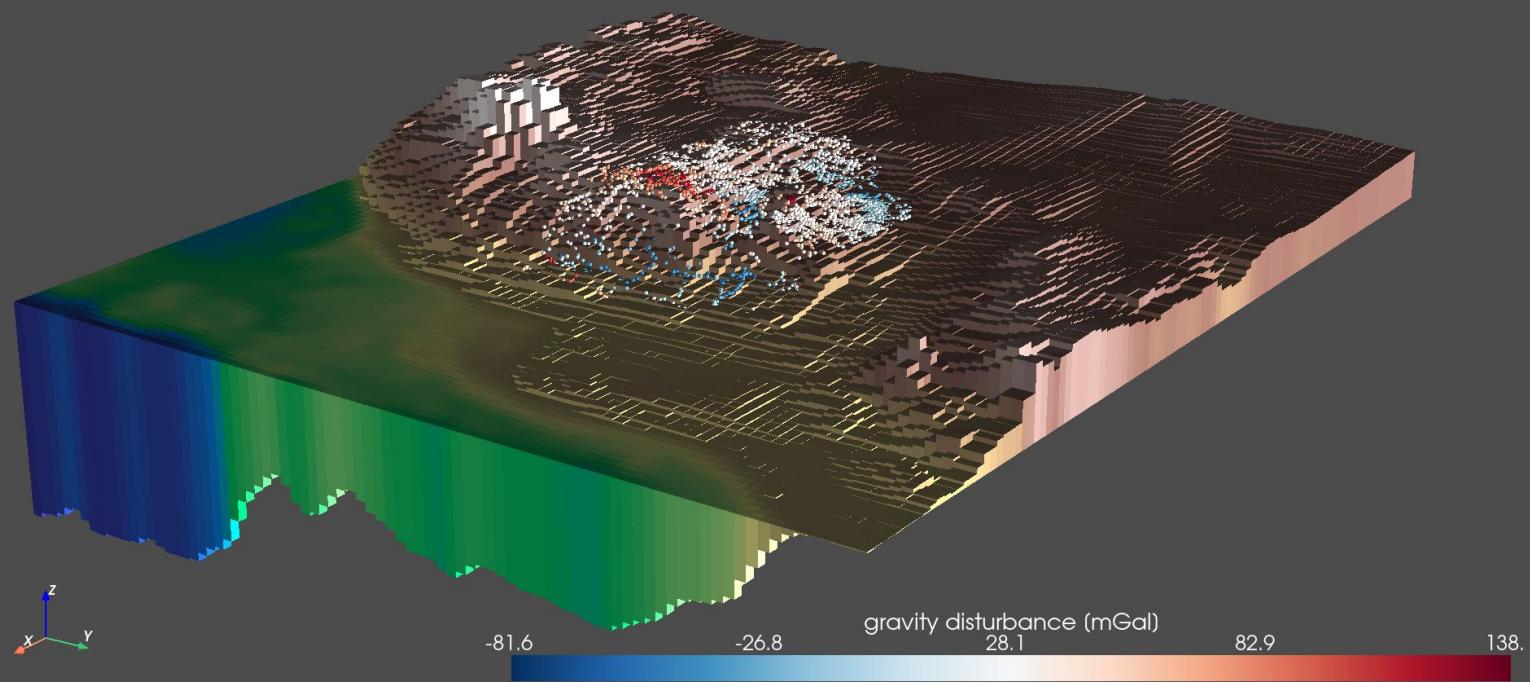
density = np.where(topography > 0, 2670, 1040 - 2670)

terrain_model = hm.prism_layer(
    coordinates=(topography.easting, topography.northing),
    surface=topography,
    reference=0,
    properties={"density": density},
)
```



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# Terrain effect



# Terrain effect

Forward model the terrain effect

```
terrain_effect = terrain_model.prism_layer.gravity(  
    coordinates, field="g_z"  
)
```

Compute Bouguer disturbance

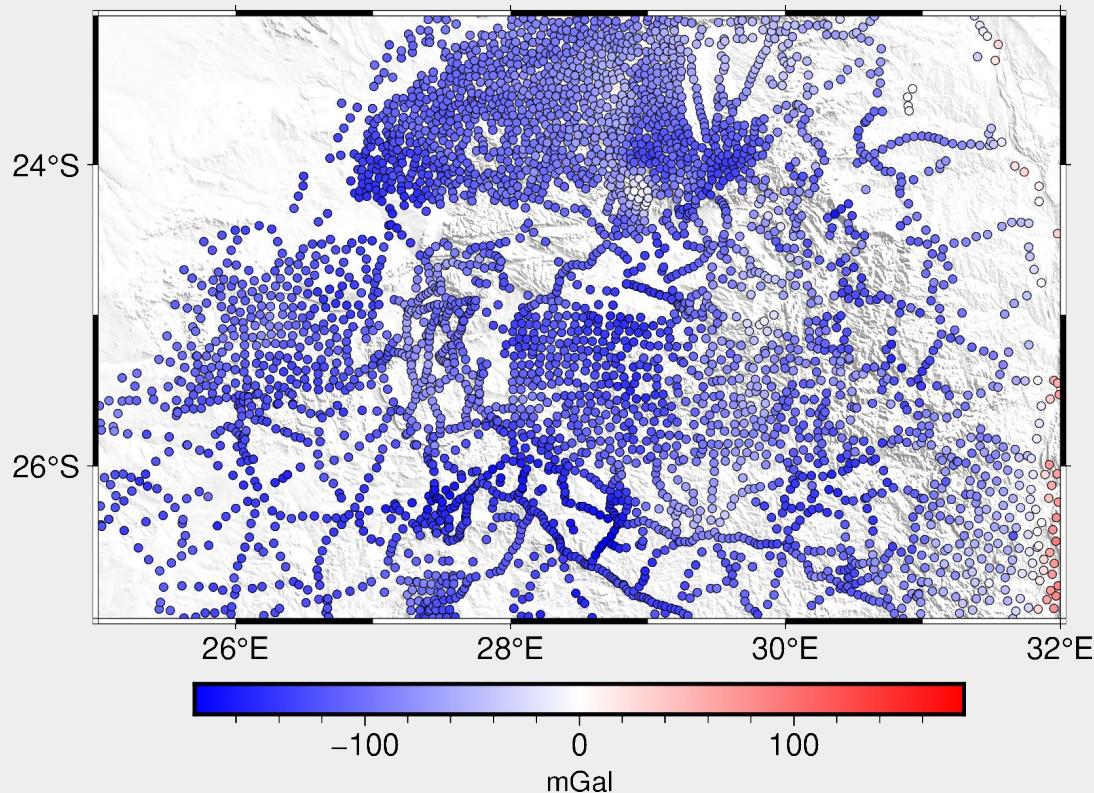
```
bouguer = gravity_disturbance - terrain_effect
```



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# Terrain effect

Bouguer disturbance



# Residual and regional field separation

Deep equivalent sources that reproduce the regional field

```
deep_sources = hm.EquivalentSources(damping=1000, depth=500e3)
deep_sources.fit(coordinates, gravity_bouguer)

gravityRegional = deep_sources.predict(coordinates)
```

Separate the residual field

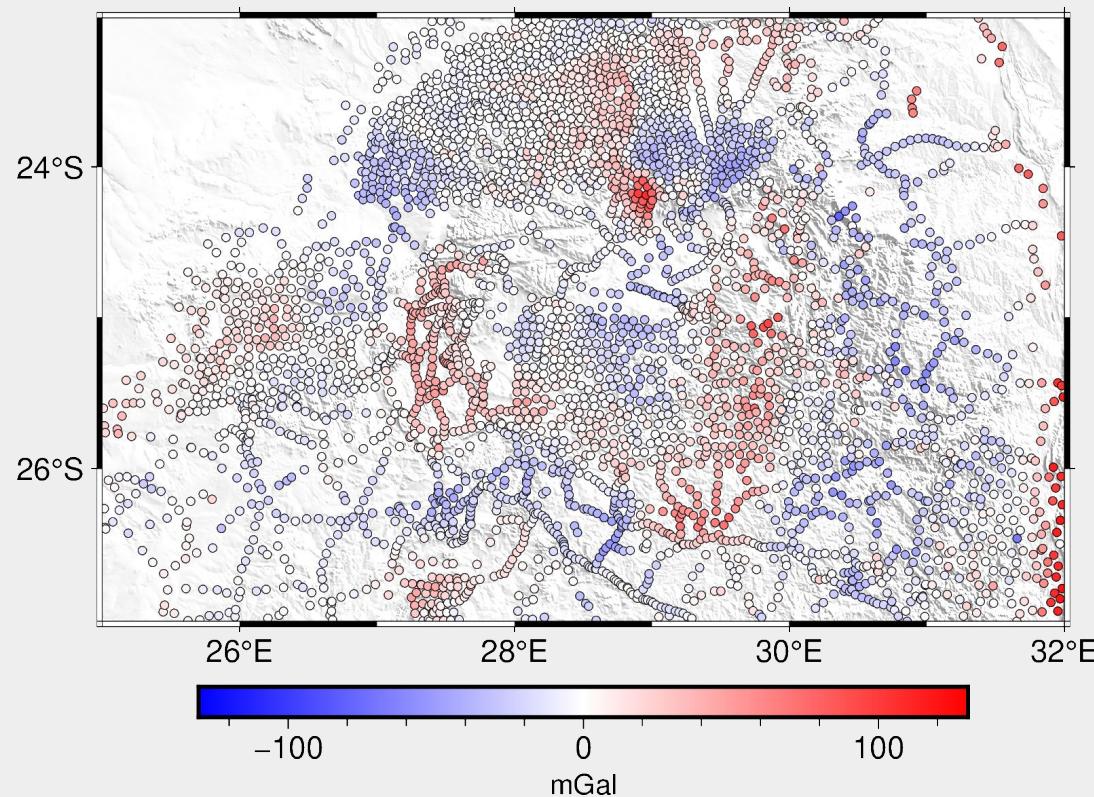
```
gravity_residual = gravity_bouguer - gravityRegional
```



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# Residual and regional field separation

Residual gravity



# Grid with equivalent sources

Fit some equivalent sources

```
eq_sources = hm.EquivalentSources(damping=10, depth=10e3)
eq_sources.fit(coordinates, gravity_residual)
```

Grid residual field at a constant height

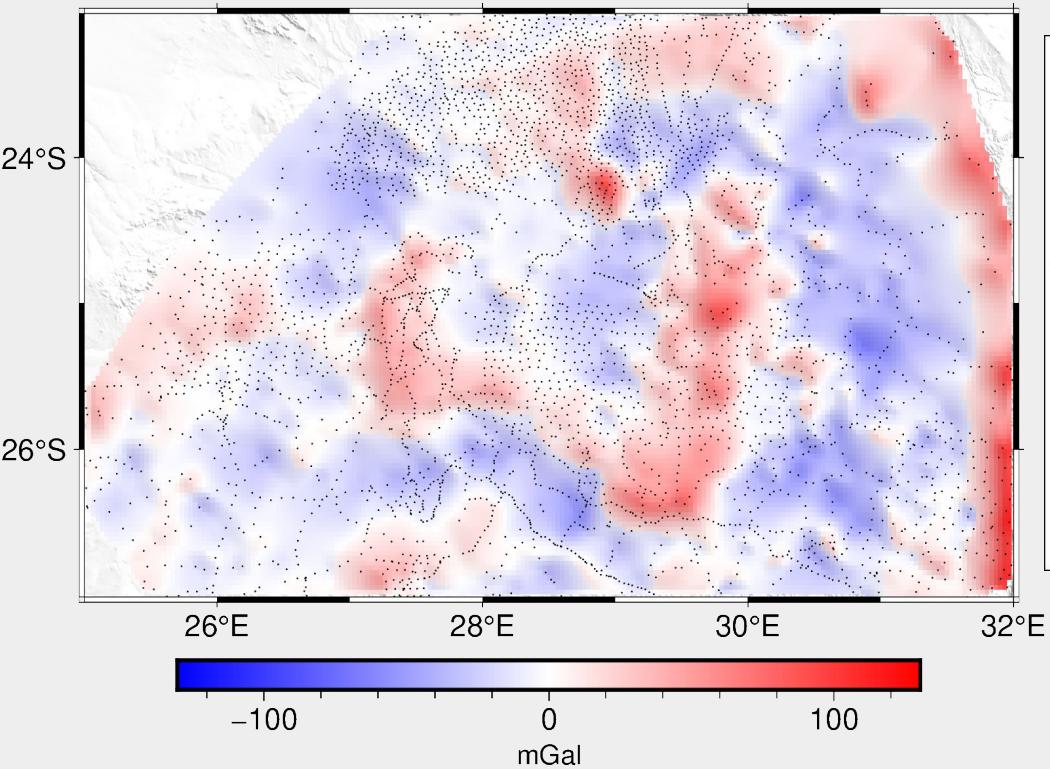
```
grid = eq_sources.grid(
    upward=2200,    # height in meters
    spacing=4000,   # grid spacing in meters
)
```



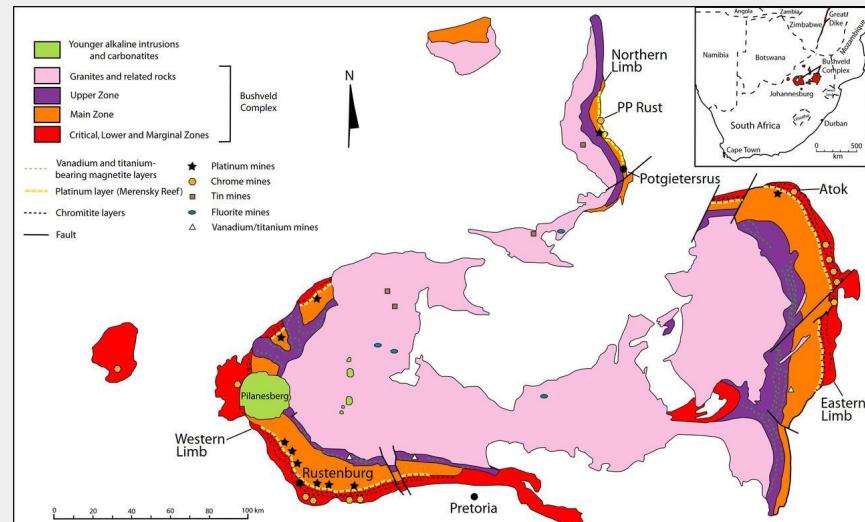
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# Grid with equivalent sources

Grid of residual gravity field



Geology of Bushveld Igneous Complex



Example:  
Grid transformations

# Download a magnetic data grid

Fetch the data from the web

```
import ensaio

fname = ensaio.fetch_lightning_creek_magnetic(version=1)
```

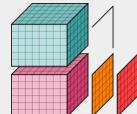
Load the grid with Xarray

```
import xarray as xr

magnetic_grid = xr.load_dataarray(fname)
```

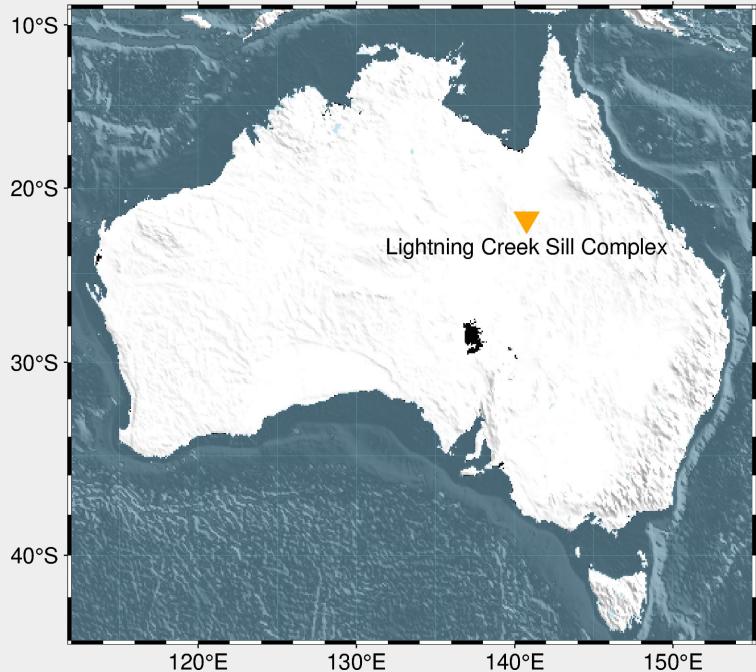


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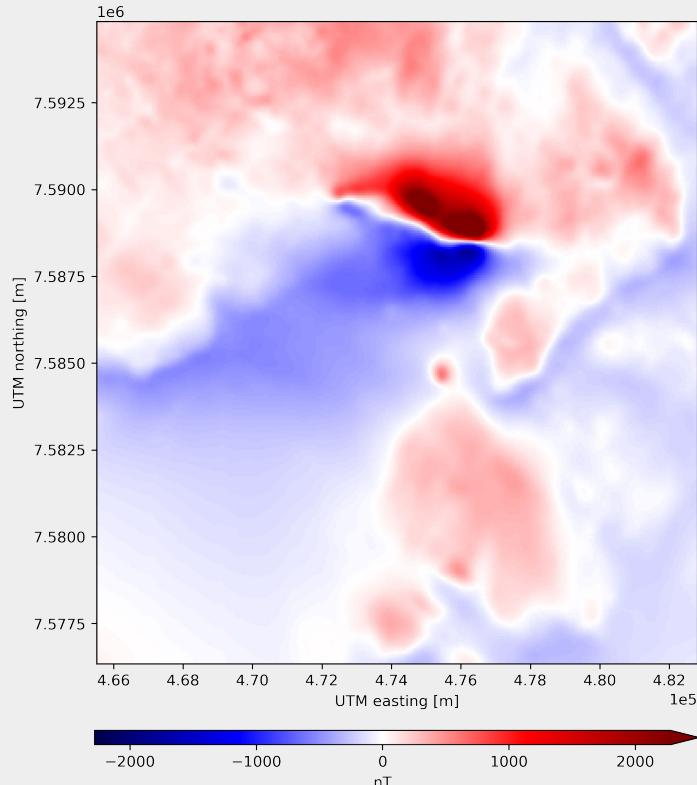


xarray (multidimensional arrays)

# Download a magnetic data grid



Total field magnetic anomaly



# Reduction to the pole

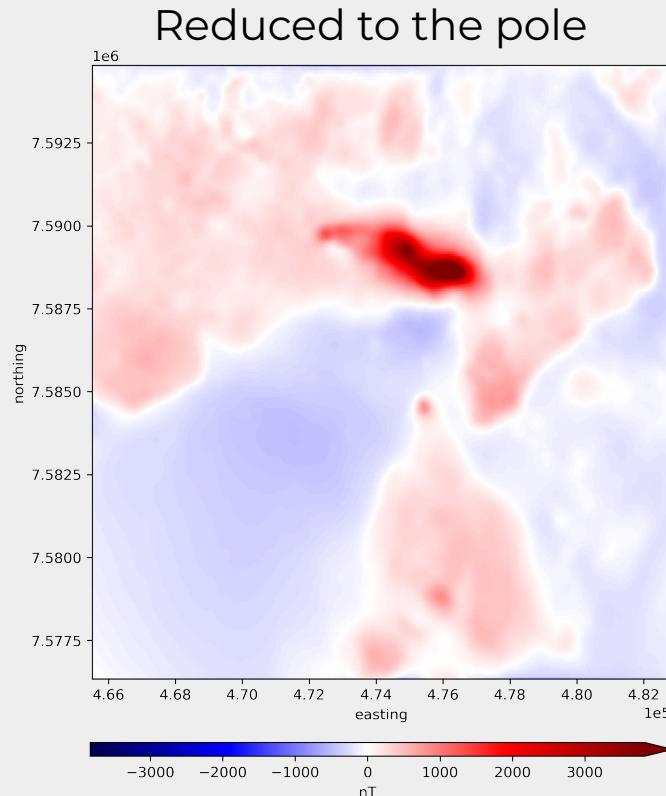
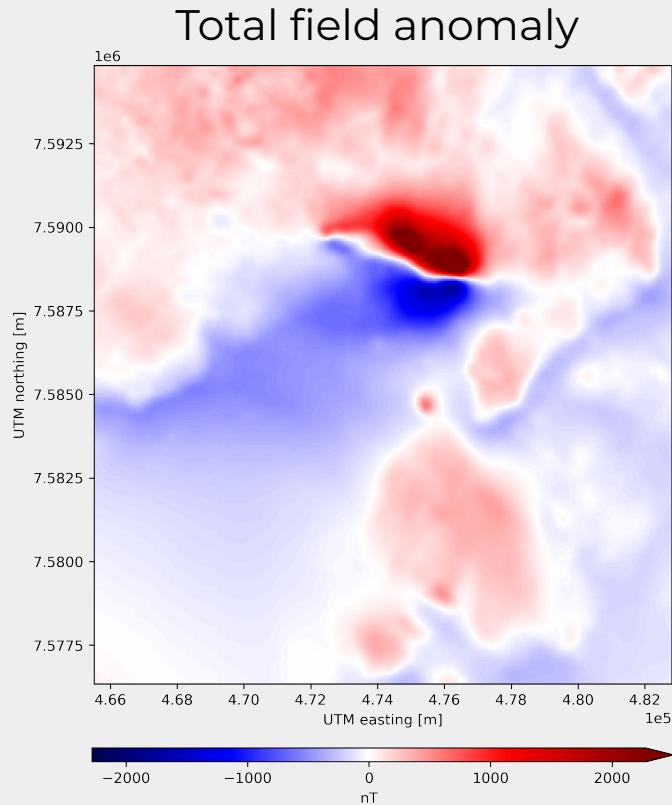
```
import harmonica as hm

reduced_to_pole = hm.reduction_to_pole(
    magnetic_grid,
    inclination=-53.0,
    declination=6.5,
)
```



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# Reduction to the pole

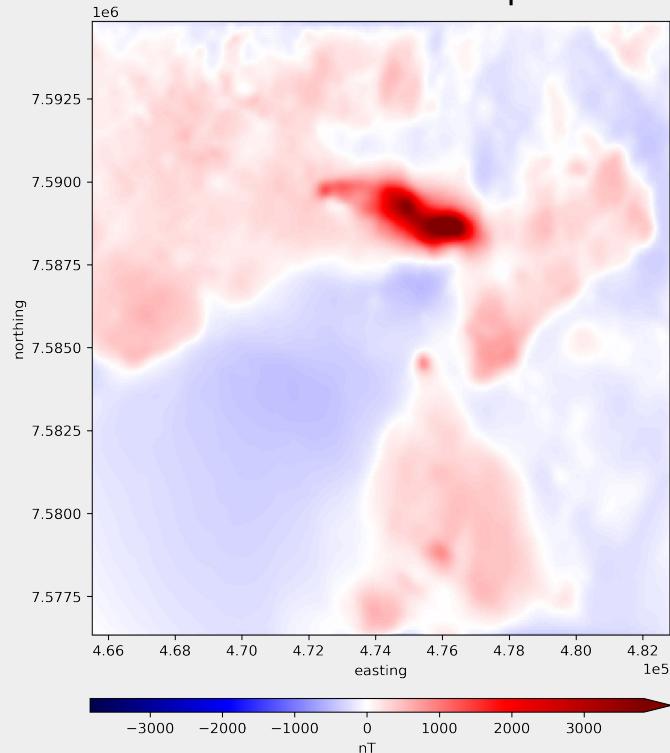


# Upward derivative

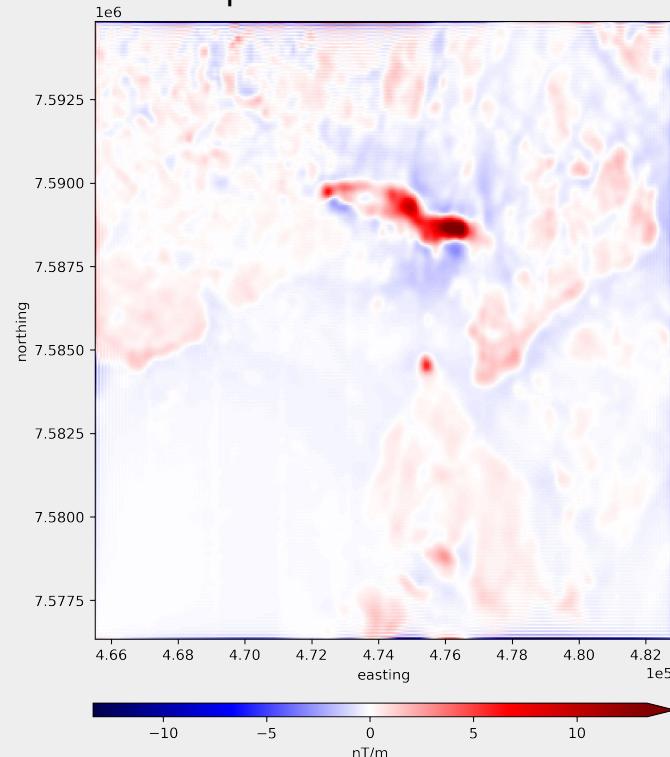
```
import harmonica as hm  
  
deriv_upward = hm.derivative_upward(reduced_to_pole)
```

# Upward derivative

Reduced to the pole



Upward derivative



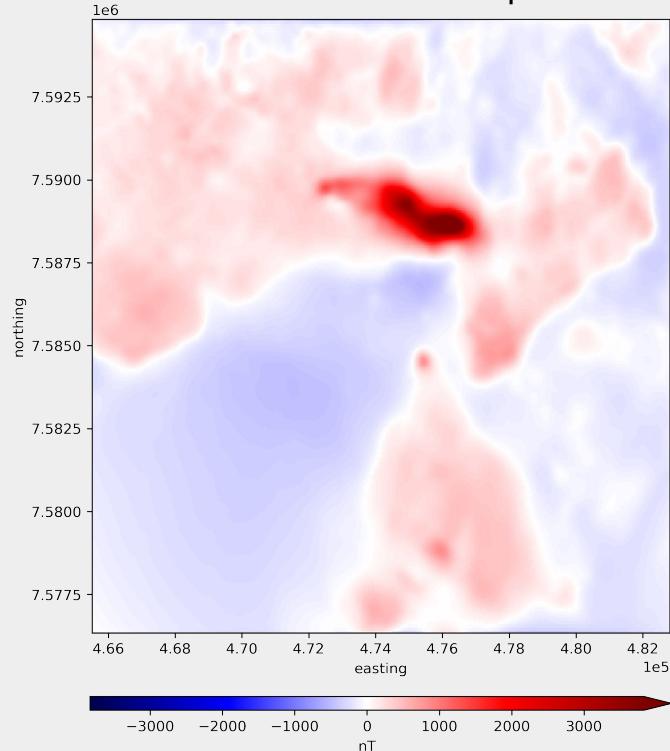
# Upward continuation

```
import harmonica as hm

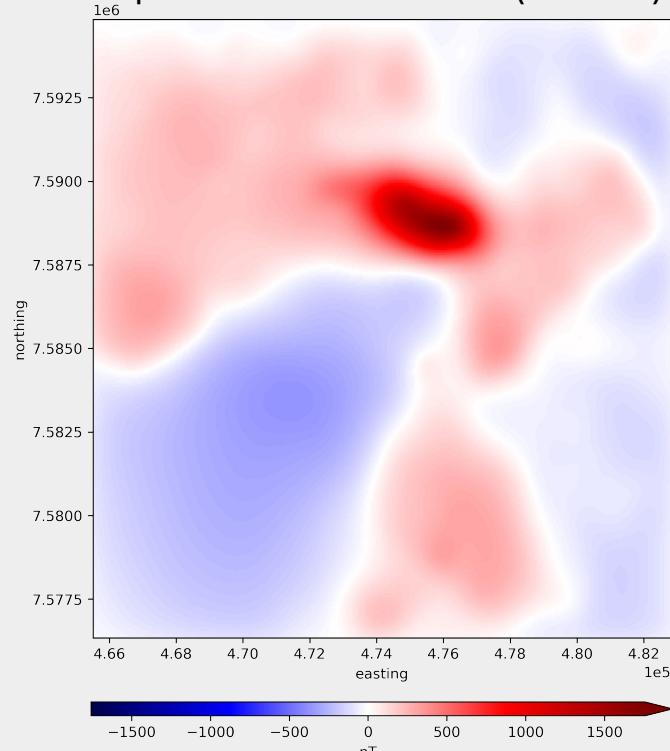
upward_cont = hm.upward_continuation(
    reduced_to_pole,
    height_displacement=500,
)
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# Upward continuation

Reduced to the pole



Upward continued (500m)



# Example: Oasis Montaj® GRD files in Python

# Mt. Milligan, British Columbia





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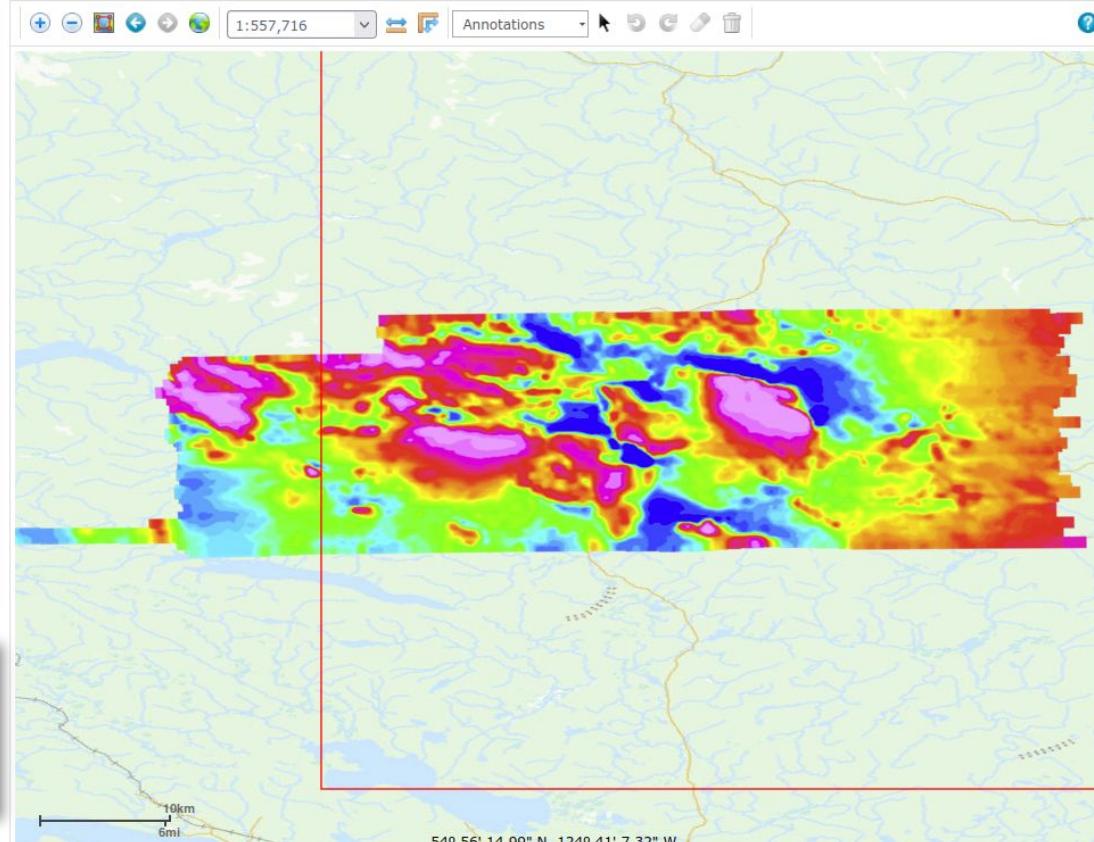
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### Data Layers ?

- ◀ Geological Survey of Canada
- ◀ Airborne surveys - Levés aéroportés
  - ▷ BC 2004 - A - Sylvester Creek (Mag-Rad, 2004, 500m)
  - ▷ BC 2004 - B - Wittichica Creek (Mag-Rad, 2004, 150m)
  - ▷ British Columbia - 5106 area B (Mag, 1971, 6437m)
  - ▷ British Columbia - 61-1 (Mag, 1961, 805m)
  - ▷ Milligan South (Rad-Mag-EM, 1993, 500m)
  - ◀ Mount Milligan (Rad-Mag-EM, 1991, 500m)
    - Mount Milligan - 100m - MAG - Total Field - Champ
    - Mount Milligan - 100m - RAD - Equivalent Thorium
    - Mount Milligan - 100m - RAD - Equivalent Uranium
    - Mount Milligan - 100m - RAD - eTh-K - éTh-K
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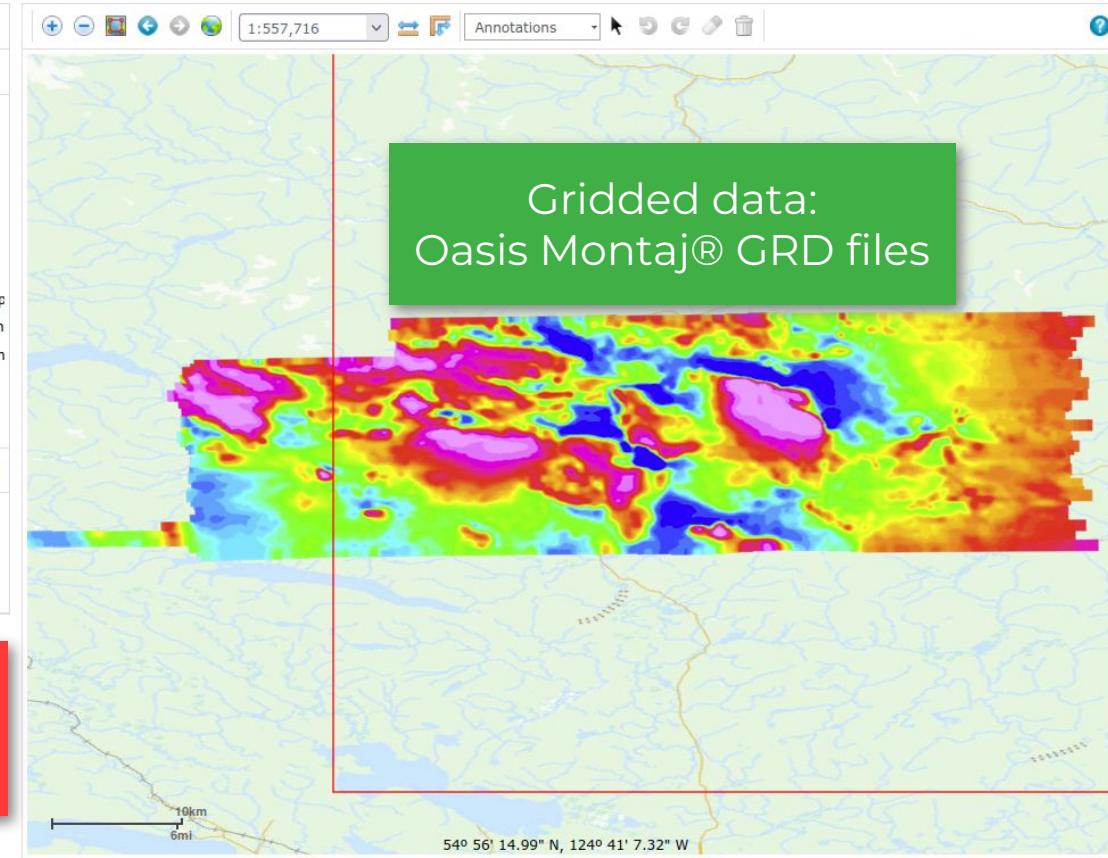
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# Reading GRD files in Python

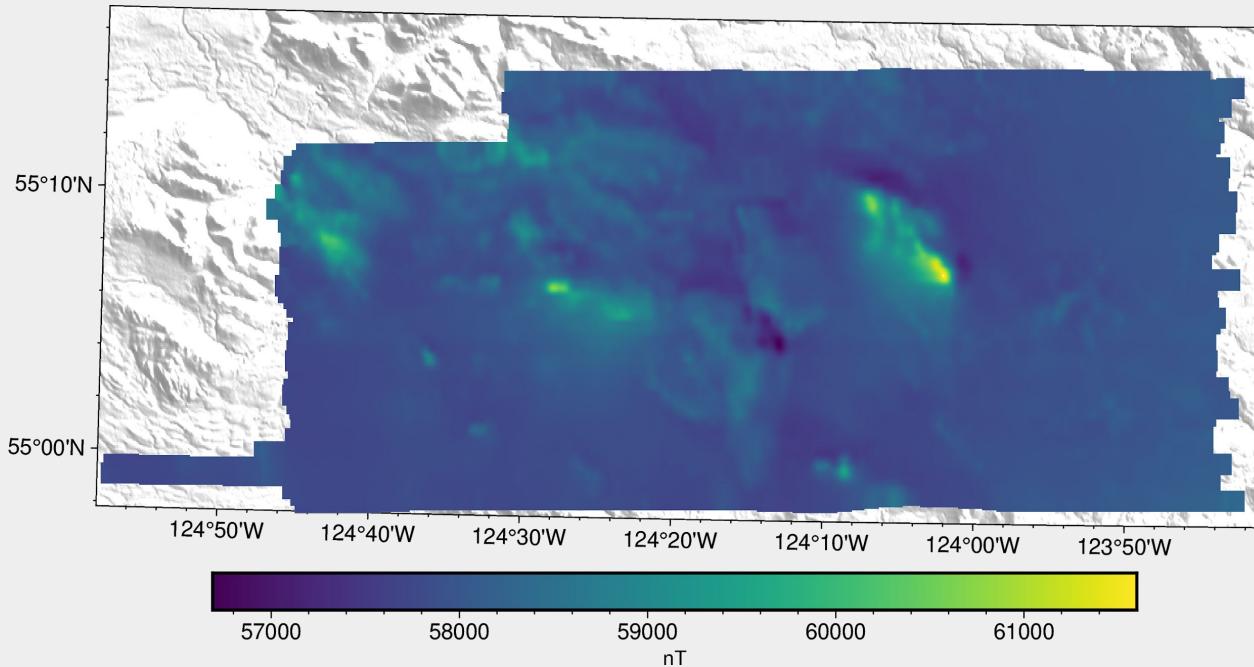
```
import harmonica as hm  
  
grid = hm.load_oasis_montaj_grid("Mount_Milligan_MTF.GRD")
```



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# Reading GRD files in Python

Total magnetic field data



# Total field anomaly

```
import ppigrf
from datetime import datetime

date = datetime(year=1991, month=9, day=14)
height_km = 0.120

igrf = ppigrf.igrf(
    longitude, latitude, height_km, date
)
igrf = np.sqrt(igrf[0]**2 + igrf[1]**2 + igrf[2]**2)

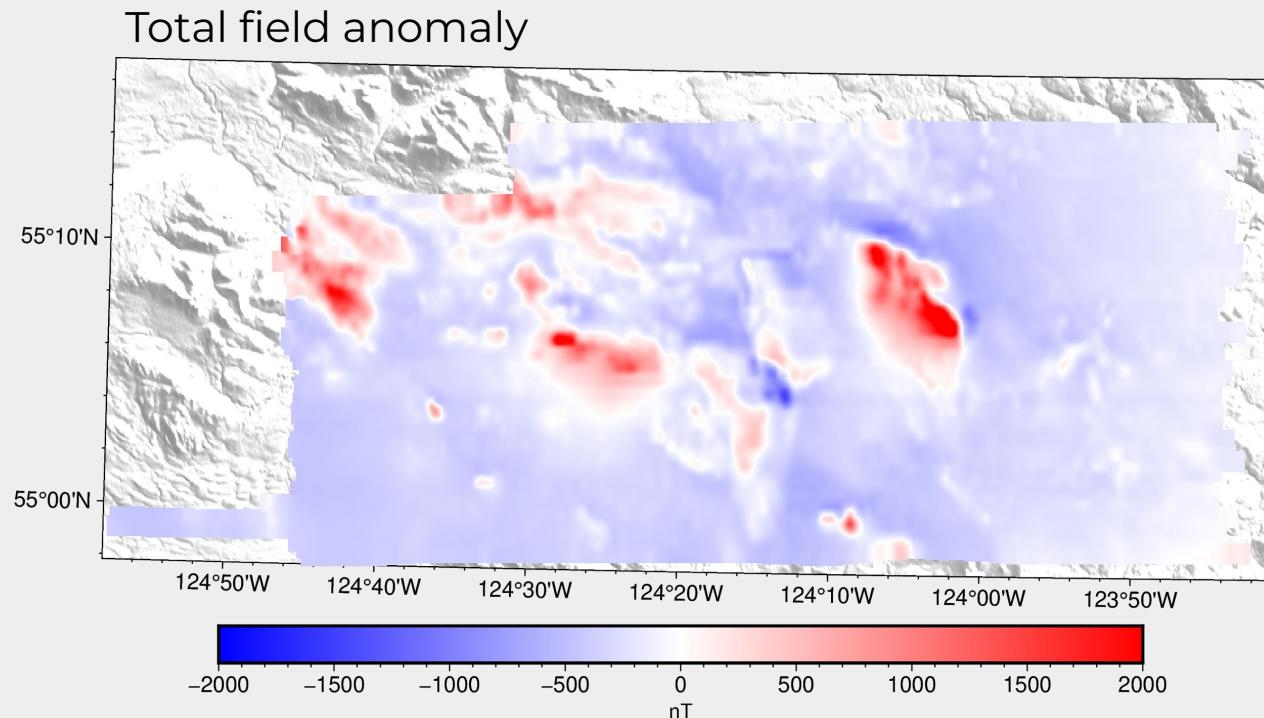
tf_anomaly = grid - igrf
```



klaundal/ppigrf

(compute International Geomagnetic Reference Field)

# Total field anomaly



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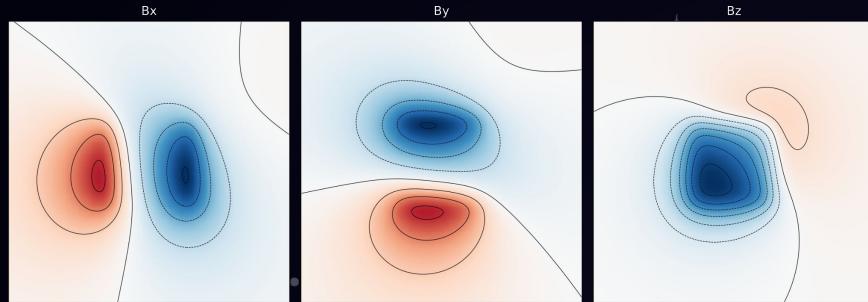
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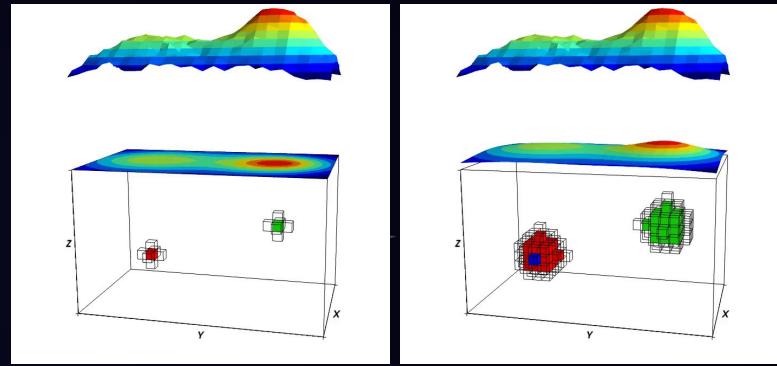
Future roadmaps

# Current and future developments

Efficient magnetic forwards



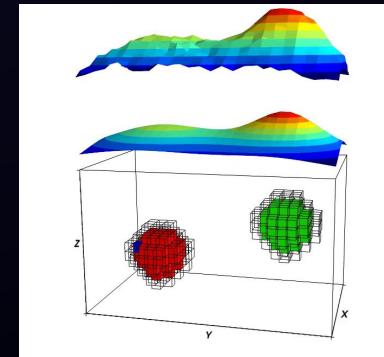
Planting inversions



Complete gravity data  
processing workflow

Non-linear geometry  
inversions

Extended FFT grid filters



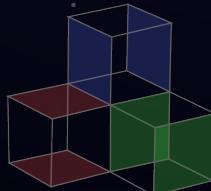
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Joint BIRS Workshop (July 2023)



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Enhancing our tools



Speed up SimPEG forward  
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# Steering Council



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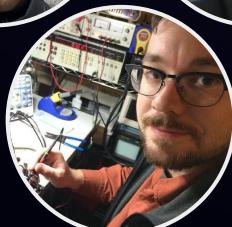
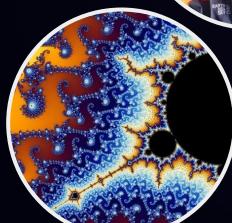


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