

Numerical Simulation Methods in Geophysics, Part 9: 2D Helmholtz equation

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Recap

Done:

- finite difference method for Poisson (1D) and heat transfer
- wave equation modelling in 1D
- finite element method for Poisson equation
- weak form decreases order of derivatives
- Maxwell equations lead to Helmholtz equation

The next lectures and exercises

- today (LV09): 08.01.25, no exercise on 09.01. (dies academicus)
- LV10: 15.01.25, exercise on 16.01.
- LV11: 22.01.25, exercise on 23.01.
- LV12: 29.01.25, exercise on 30.01.
- last VL13: 05.02.25, exercise on 06.02.
- report on 2D Helmholtz equations

Helmholtz equation for \mathbf{E}

Maxwell equation in frequency domain (see also [Theory EM](#))

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = i\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{j} \quad (\mathbf{j} = \sigma\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{j}_s)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -i\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \Rightarrow \mathbf{H} = i\frac{1}{\mu\omega} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = i\omega^{-1} \nabla \times \mu^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = (i\omega\epsilon + \sigma)\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{j}_s$$

$$\nabla \times \mu^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + (i\sigma\omega - \omega^2\epsilon)\mathbf{E} = -i\omega\mathbf{j}_s$$

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$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \sigma\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{j}_s \Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = \sigma^{-1}\nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \sigma^{-1}\mathbf{j}_s$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = i\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E} + \nabla \times \sigma^{-1}\nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \nabla \times \sigma^{-1}\mathbf{j}_s = -i\omega\mu\mathbf{H}$$

$$\nabla \times \sigma^{-1}\nabla \times \mathbf{H} + i\mu\omega\mathbf{H} = \nabla \times \sigma^{-1}\mathbf{j}_s$$

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Helmholtz equations

$$\nabla \times \mu^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + i\omega\sigma\mathbf{E} - \omega^2\epsilon\mathbf{E} = -i\omega\mathbf{j}_s$$

$$\nabla \times \sigma^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} + i\omega\mu\mathbf{H} - \omega^2\epsilon\mu/\sigma\mathbf{H} = \nabla \times \sigma^{-1}\mathbf{j}_s$$

PDEs identical \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} through exchanging μ and σ

component perpendicular to modelling frame (E/H polarization)

$$\nabla \times a \nabla \times = -\nabla \cdot a \nabla$$

Finite element discretization

- weak formulation (for E)

$$\int_{\Omega} \mu^{-1} \nabla v_i \cdot \nabla v_j d\Omega + \omega \int_{\Omega} \sigma v_i v_j d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} v_i f d\Omega$$

- stiffness = second derivative $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_i$, expressed by 2 gradients

$$\mathbf{A}_{i,j} = \int_{\Omega} \mu^{-1} \nabla v_i \cdot \nabla v_j d\Omega$$

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- mass matrix resembles functions \mathbf{v}_i

$$\mathbf{M}_{i,j} = \int_{\Omega} \sigma v_i \cdot v_j d\Omega$$

Next steps

- solve 1D Helmholtz equation complex-values
 - compare with analytic solution
- solve 2D Helmholtz equation
 - use secondary field approach
- use wide range of frequencies
 - combine E and H to yield MT sounding curves
- excursion on 3D vectorial Maxwell solvers
- overview on equation solvers and high-performance computing
- outlook to computational fluid dynamics

Complex or real-valued?

Either discretize the complex system

$$(\mathbf{A} + \imath\omega\mathbf{M})(\mathbf{u}_r + \imath\mathbf{u}_i) = \mathbf{b}_r + \imath\mathbf{b}_i$$

by complex shape functions OR transfer into real

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_r + \imath\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_i + \imath\omega\mathbf{M}\mathbf{b}_i - \omega\mathbf{M}\mathbf{b}_i = \mathbf{b}_r + \imath\mathbf{b}_i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & -\omega\mathbf{M} \\ \omega\mathbf{M} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_r \\ \mathbf{u}_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_r \\ \mathbf{b}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Secondary field approach

Consider the field to consist of a primary (background) and an secondary (anomalous) field $F = F_0 + F_a$ (or $F_p + F_s$)

solution for F_0 known, e.g. analytically or 1D (semi-analytically)

\Rightarrow form equations for F_a , because

- F_a is weaker or smoother (e.g. $F_0 \propto 1/r$ at sources)
- boundary conditions easier to set (e.g. homogeneous Dirichlet)

Secondary field Helmholtz equation

The equation $-\nabla^2 F - k^2 F = 0$ is solved by the primary field for k_0 :

$-\nabla^2 F_0 - k_0^2 F_0 = 0$ and the total field for $k_0 + \delta k$:

$$-\nabla^2 (F_0 + F_a) - (k_0^2 + \delta k^2)(F_0 + F_a) = 0$$

$$-\nabla^2 F_a - k^2 F_a = \delta k^2 F_0$$

Note

Same operator, source terms at anomalies, weighted by the primary field.

Secondary field for EM

Maxwells equations $k^2 = -i\omega\mu\sigma$

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{E}_0 + i\omega\mu\sigma \mathbf{E}_0 = 0$$

leads to

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{E}_a + i\omega\mu\sigma \mathbf{E}_a = -i\omega\mu\delta\sigma \mathbf{E}_0$$

Note

Source terms only arise at anomalous conductivities and increase with primary field

Secondary field for EM

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{E}_a + i\omega\mu\sigma \mathbf{E}_a = -i\omega\mu\delta\sigma \mathbf{E}_0$$

leads to the discretized form (**A**-stiffness, **M**-mass)

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{E}_a + i\omega\mathbf{M}_\sigma \mathbf{E}_a = -i\omega\mathbf{M}_{\delta\sigma} \mathbf{E}_0$$

```
1 A = stiffnessMatrix1DFE(x=z)
2 M = massMatrix1DFE(x=z, a=w*mu*sigma)
3 dM = massMatrix1DFE(x=z, a=w*mu*(sigma-sigma0))
4 u = uAna + solve(A+M*w*1j, dM@uAna * w*1j)
```

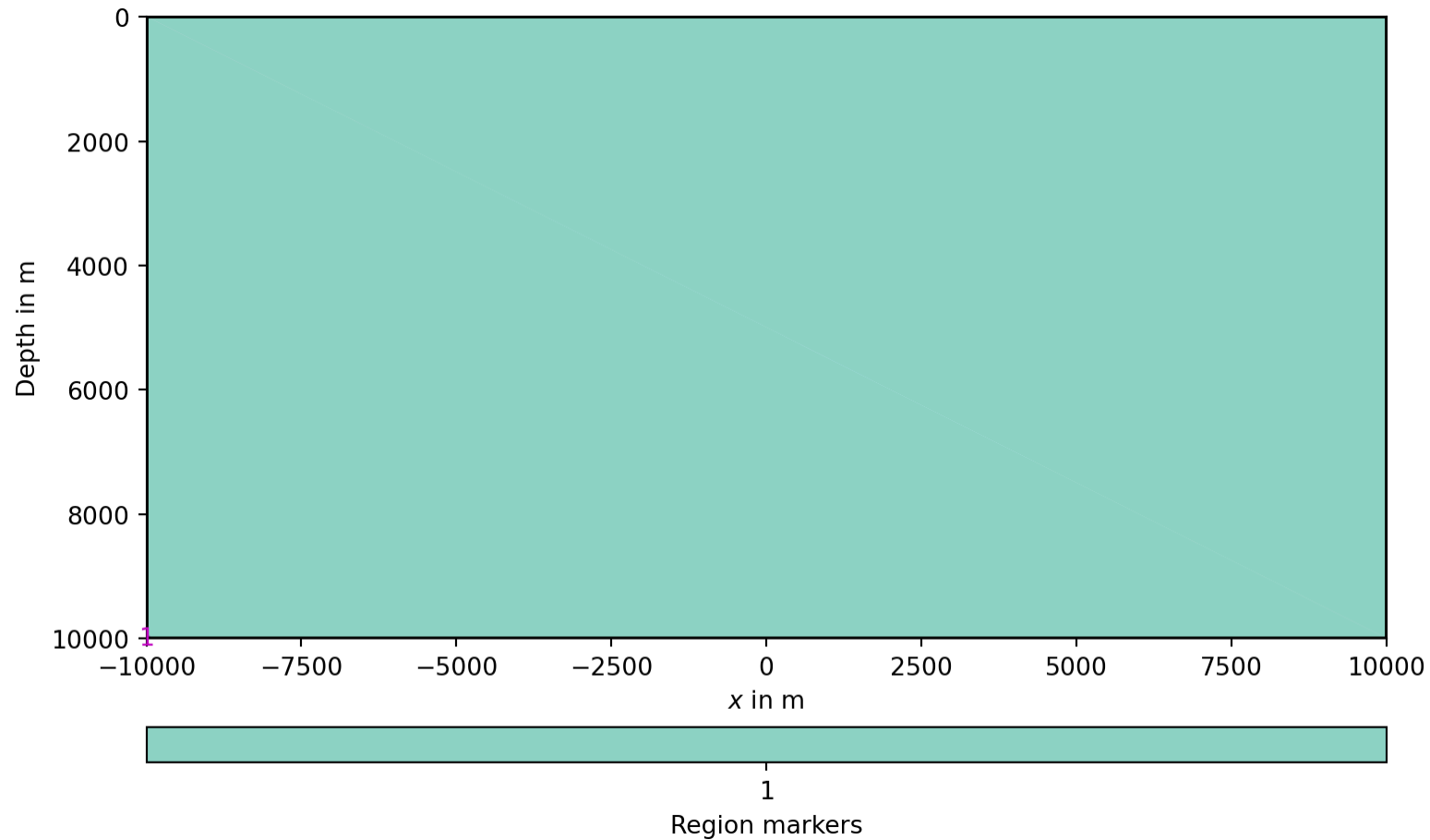
2D problems

Make use of pyGIMLi

See documentation on pyGIMLi.org

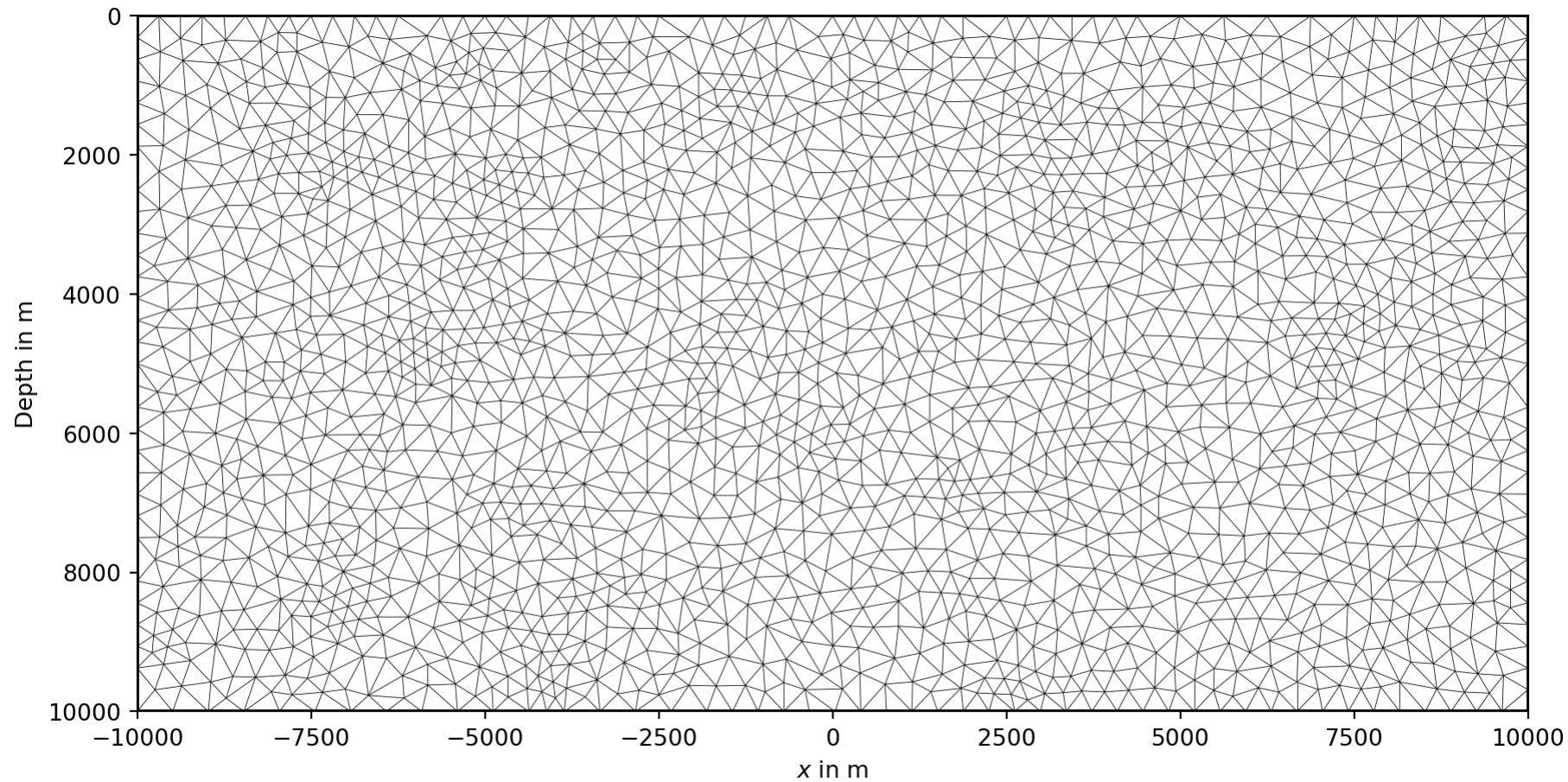
The meshtools module

```
1 import pygimli as pg
2 import pygimli.meshtools as mt
3 world = mt.createWorld(start=[-10000, -10000], end=[10000, 0])
4 pg.show(world)
```



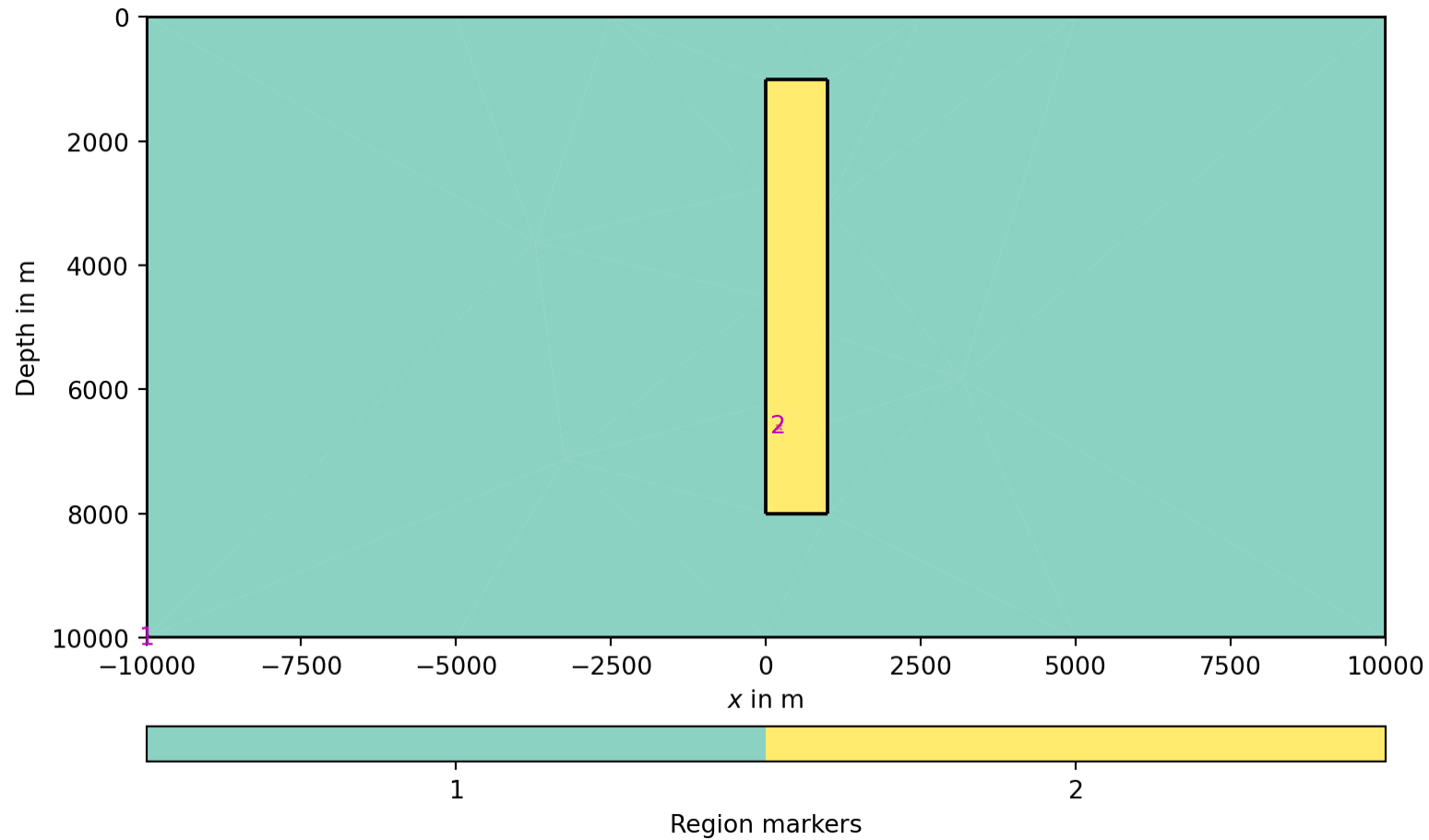
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1 mesh = mt.createMesh(world, quality=34, area=1e5)
2 pg.show(mesh)
```



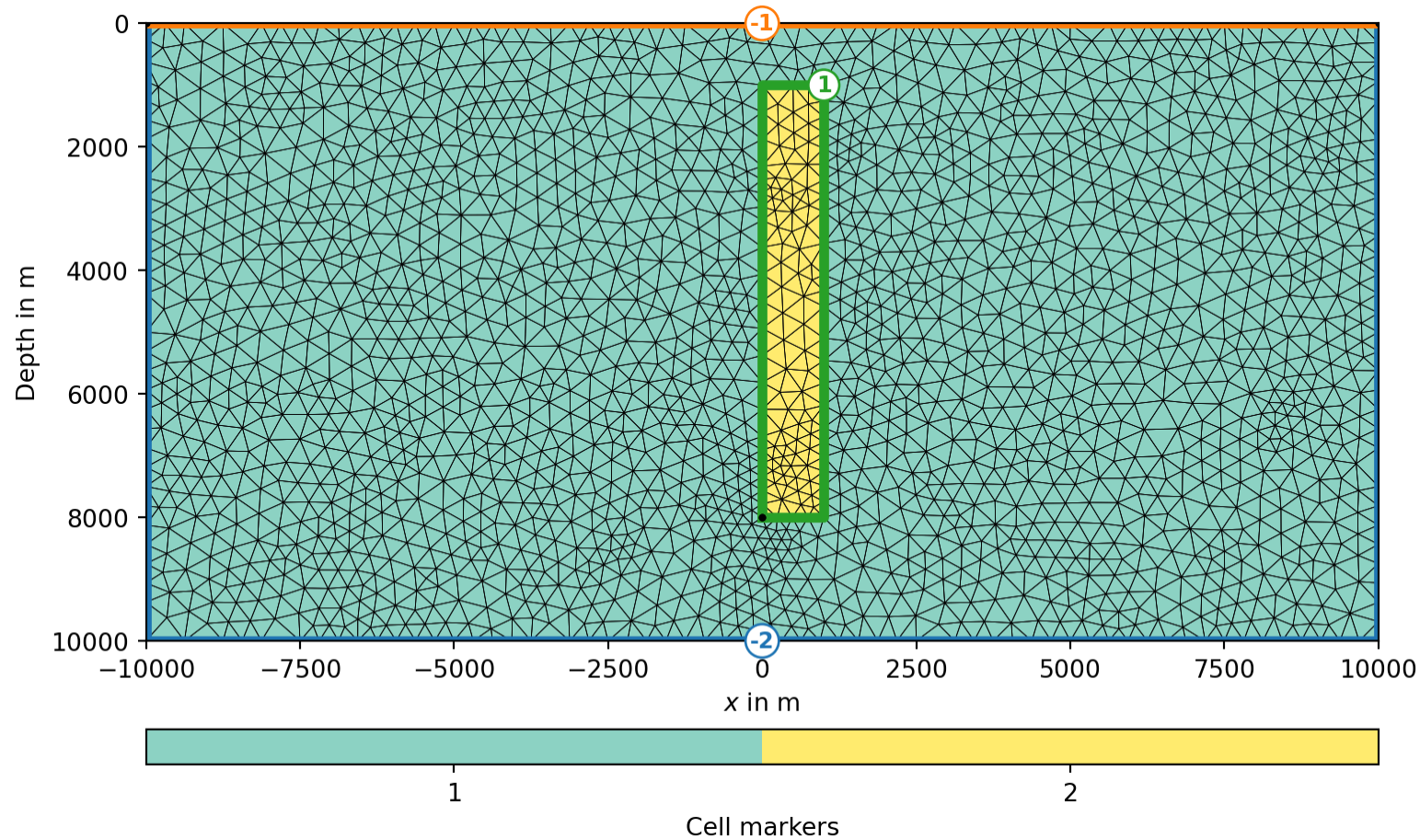
Creating a 2D geometry

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1 anomaly = mt.createRectangle(start=[0, -8000], end=[1000, -1000], marker=2)  
2 pg.show(world+anomaly)
```



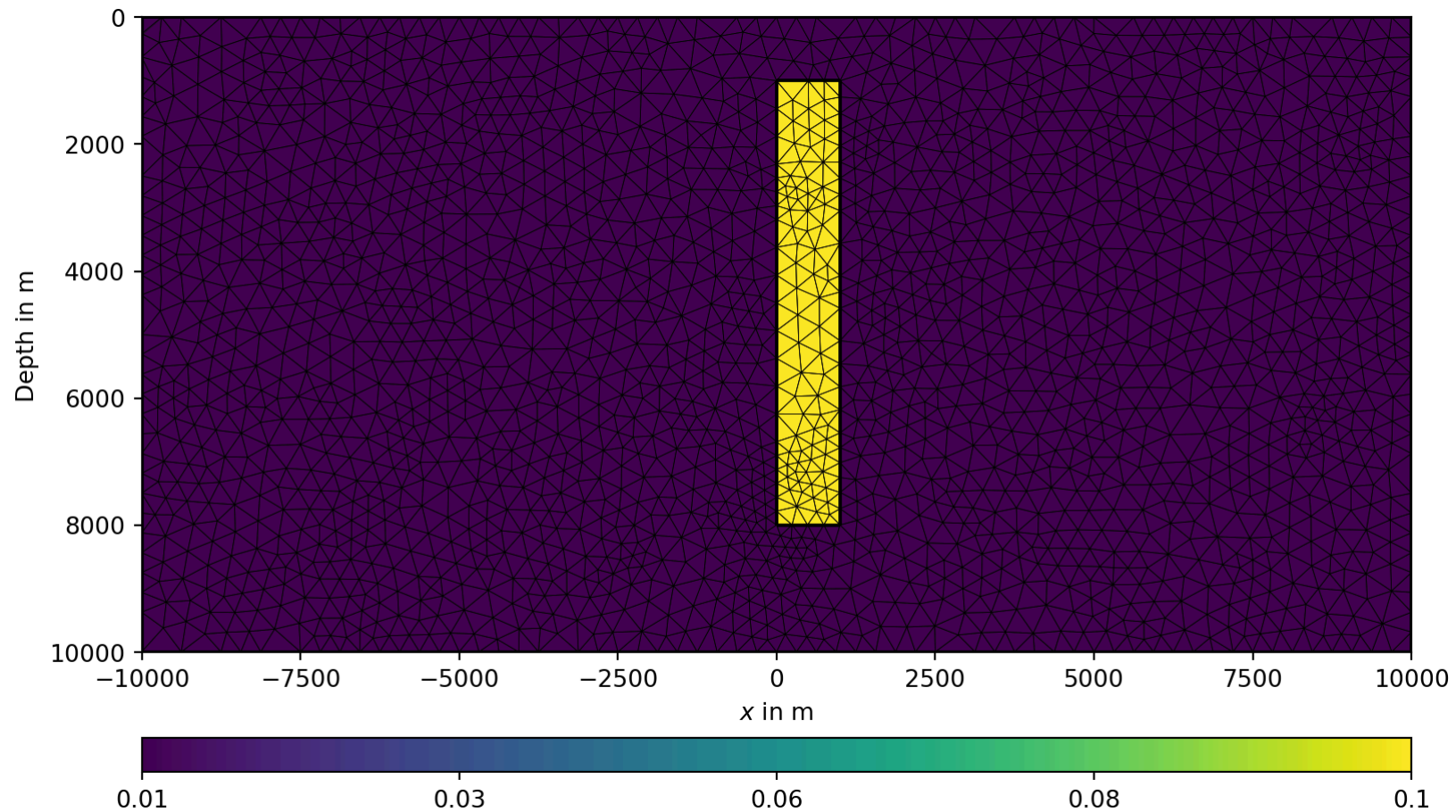
Creating a 2D mesh

```
1 mesh = mt.createMesh(world+anomaly, quality=34, smooth=True, area=1e5)
2 pg.show(mesh, markers=True, showMesh=True);
```



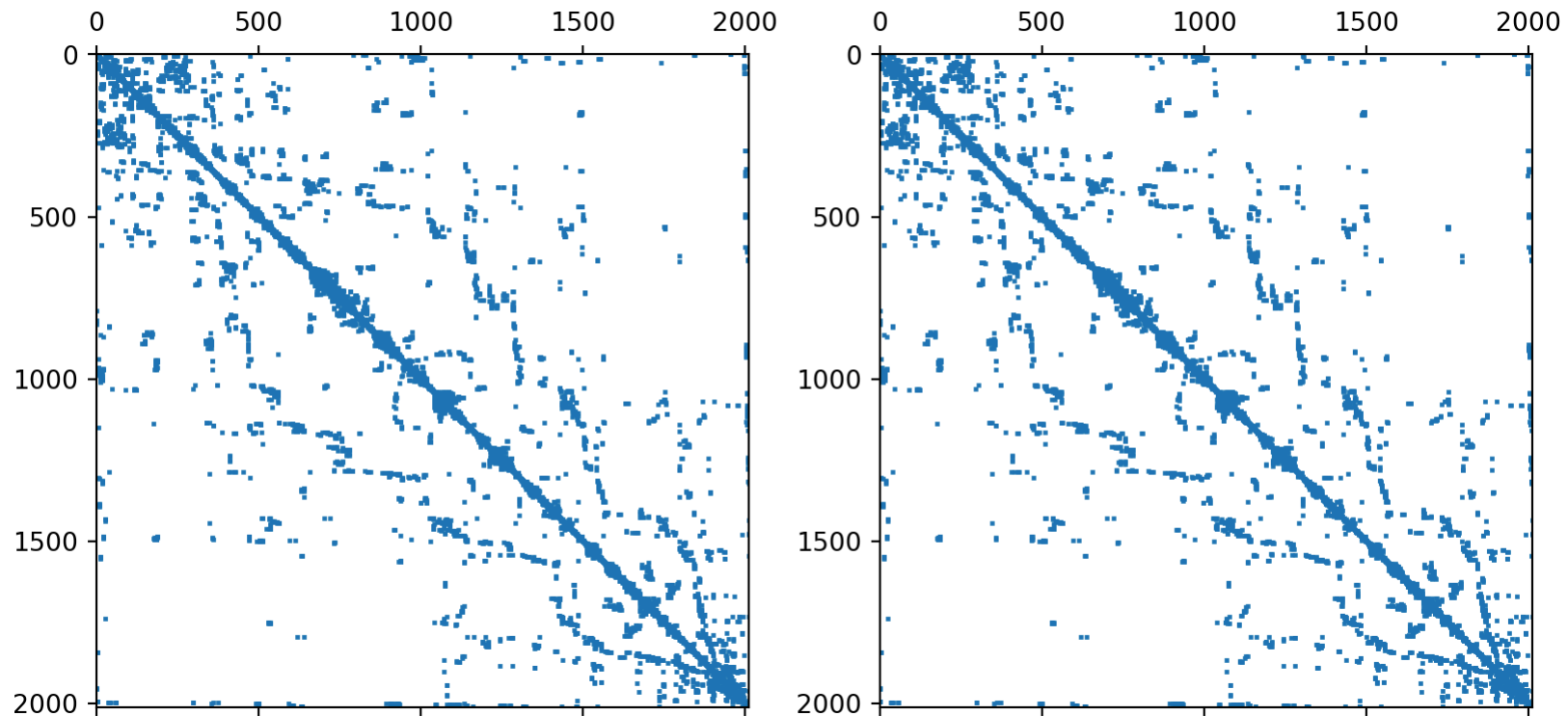
Creating a 2D conductivity model

```
1 sigma0 = 1 / 100 # 100 Ohmm  
2 sigma = mesh.populate("sigma", {1: sigma0, 2: sigma0*10})  
3 pg.show(mesh, "sigma", showMesh=True);
```



The solver module

```
1 import pygimli.solver as ps
2 mesh["my"] = 4 * np.pi * 1e-7
3 A = ps.createStiffnessMatrix(mesh, a=1/mesh["my"])
4 M = ps.createMassMatrix(mesh, mesh["sigma"])
5 fig, ax = plt.subplots(ncols=2)
6 ax[0].spy(pg.utils.toCSR(A), markersize=1)
7 ax[1].spy(pg.utils.toCSR(M).todense(), markersize=1)
```



The complex problem matrix

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & -\omega\mathbf{M} \\ \omega\mathbf{M} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
1 w = 0.1
2 nd = mesh.nodeCount()
3 B = pg.BlockMatrix()
4 B.Aid = B.addMatrix(A)
5 B.Mid = B.addMatrix(M)
6 B.addMatrixEntry(B.Aid, 0, 0)
7 B.addMatrixEntry(B.Aid, nd, nd)
8 B.addMatrixEntry(B.Mid, 0, nd, scale=-w)
9 B.addMatrixEntry(B.Mid, nd, 0, scale=w)
10 pg.show(B)
```

