

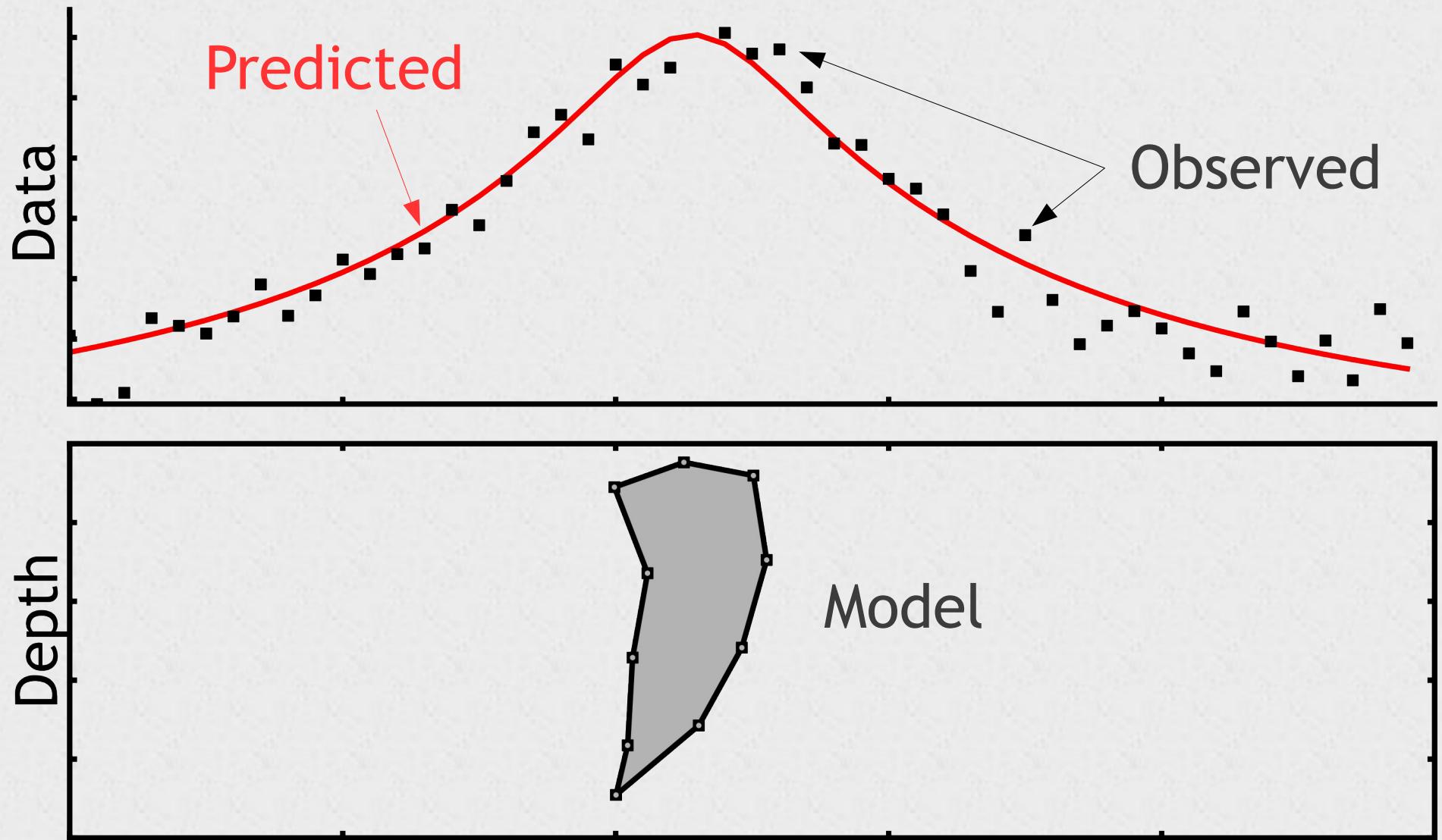
Rapid 3D inversion of gravity and gravity gradient data to test geologic hypotheses

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Forward modeling

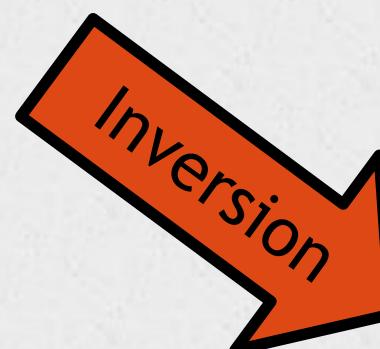
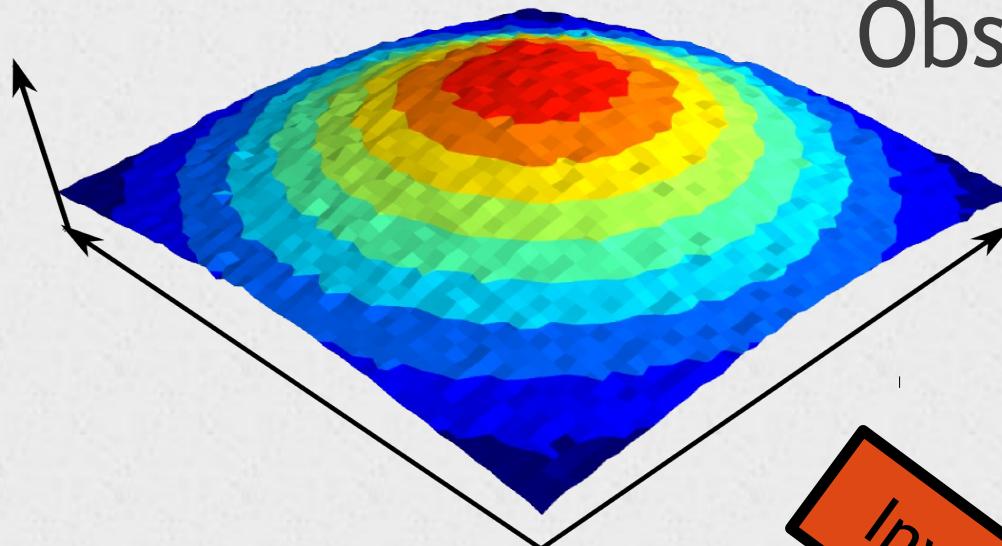


- ✓ Control
- ✓ Prior information
- ✓ Speed

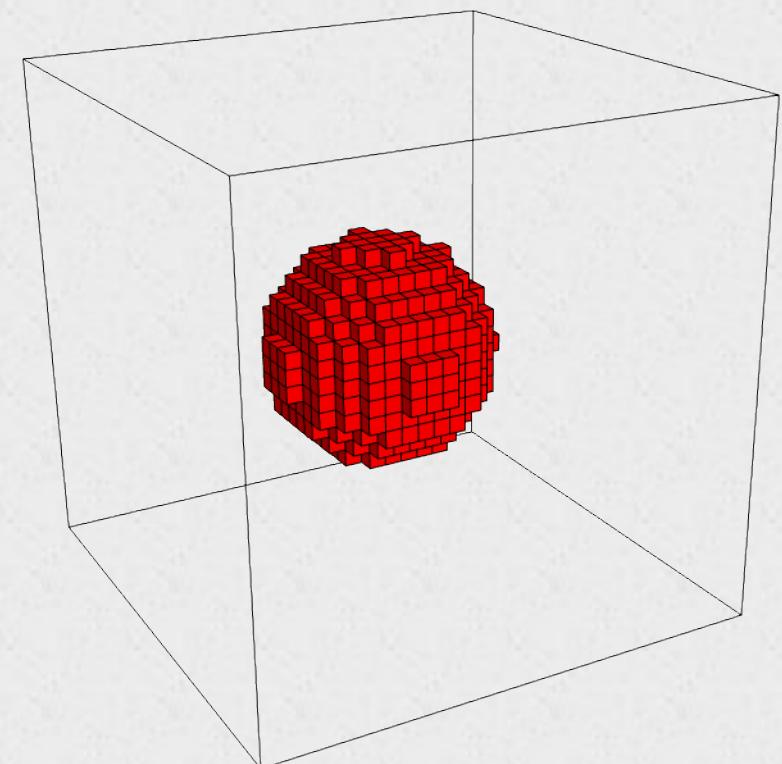
- ✗ Tedious
- ✗ 3D
- ✗ Gravity + Gradients

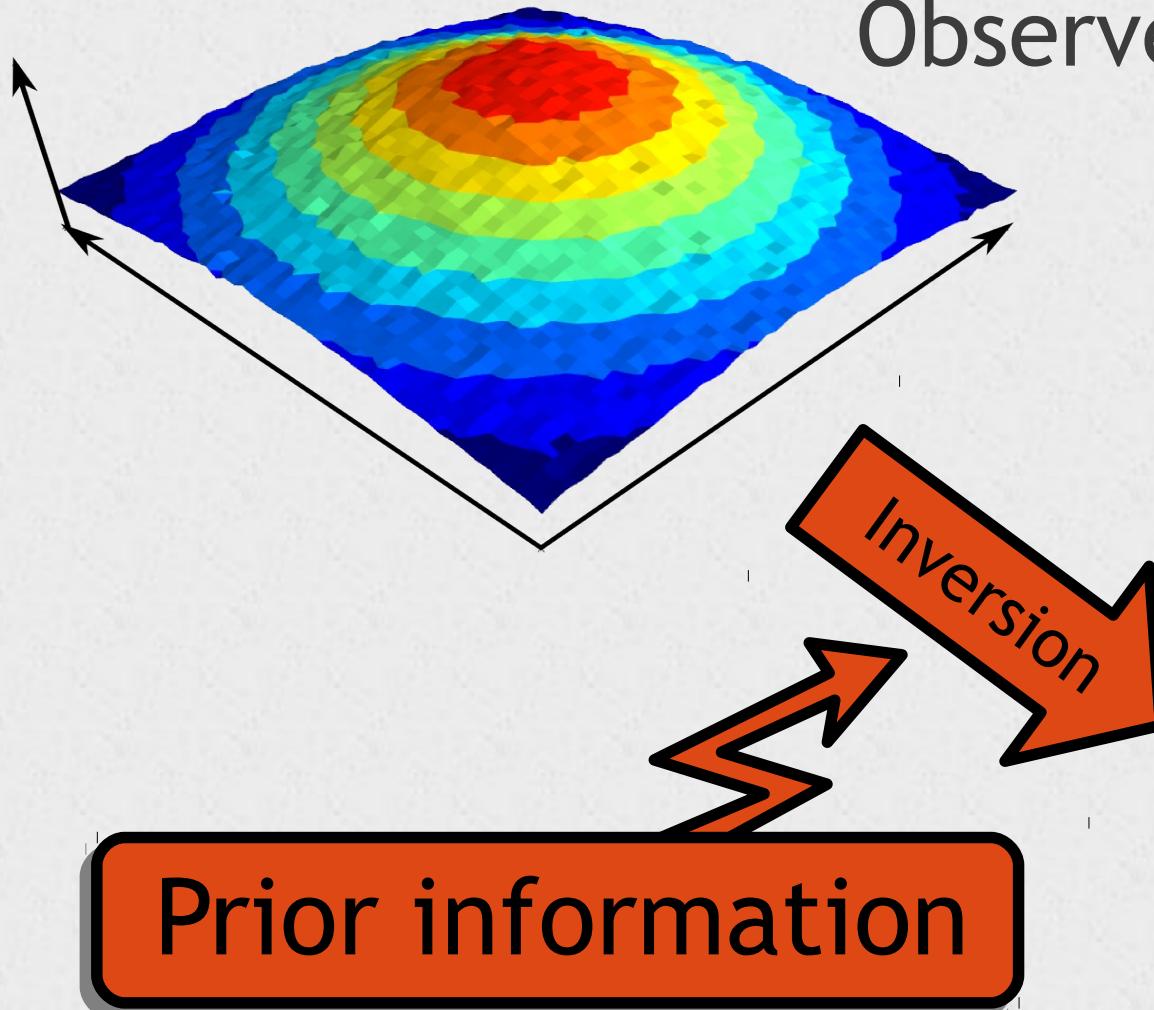
Geophysical inversion

Observed data



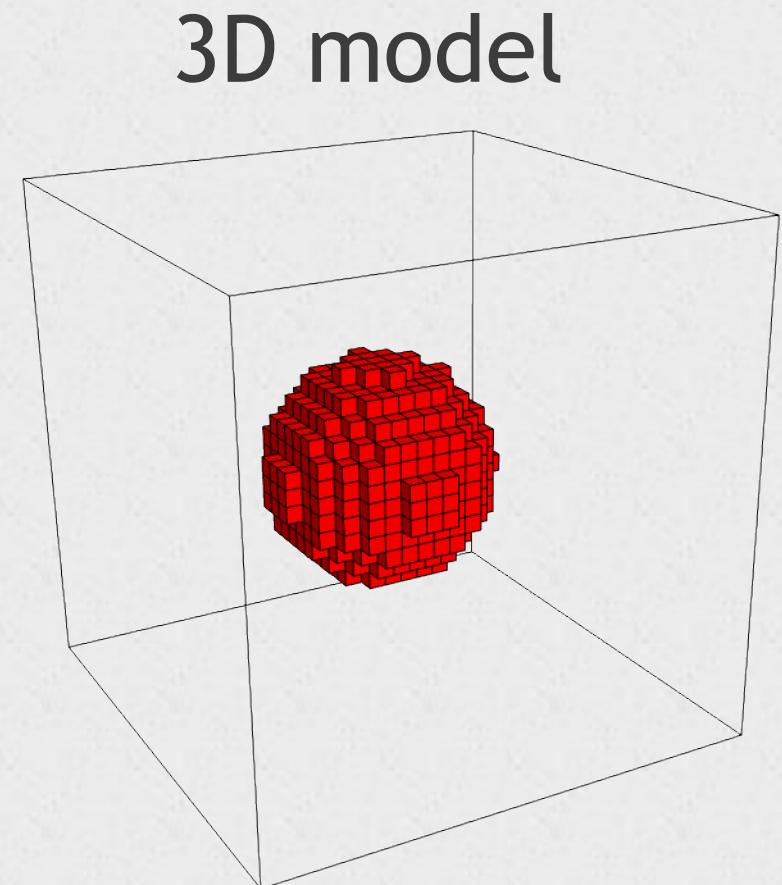
3D model





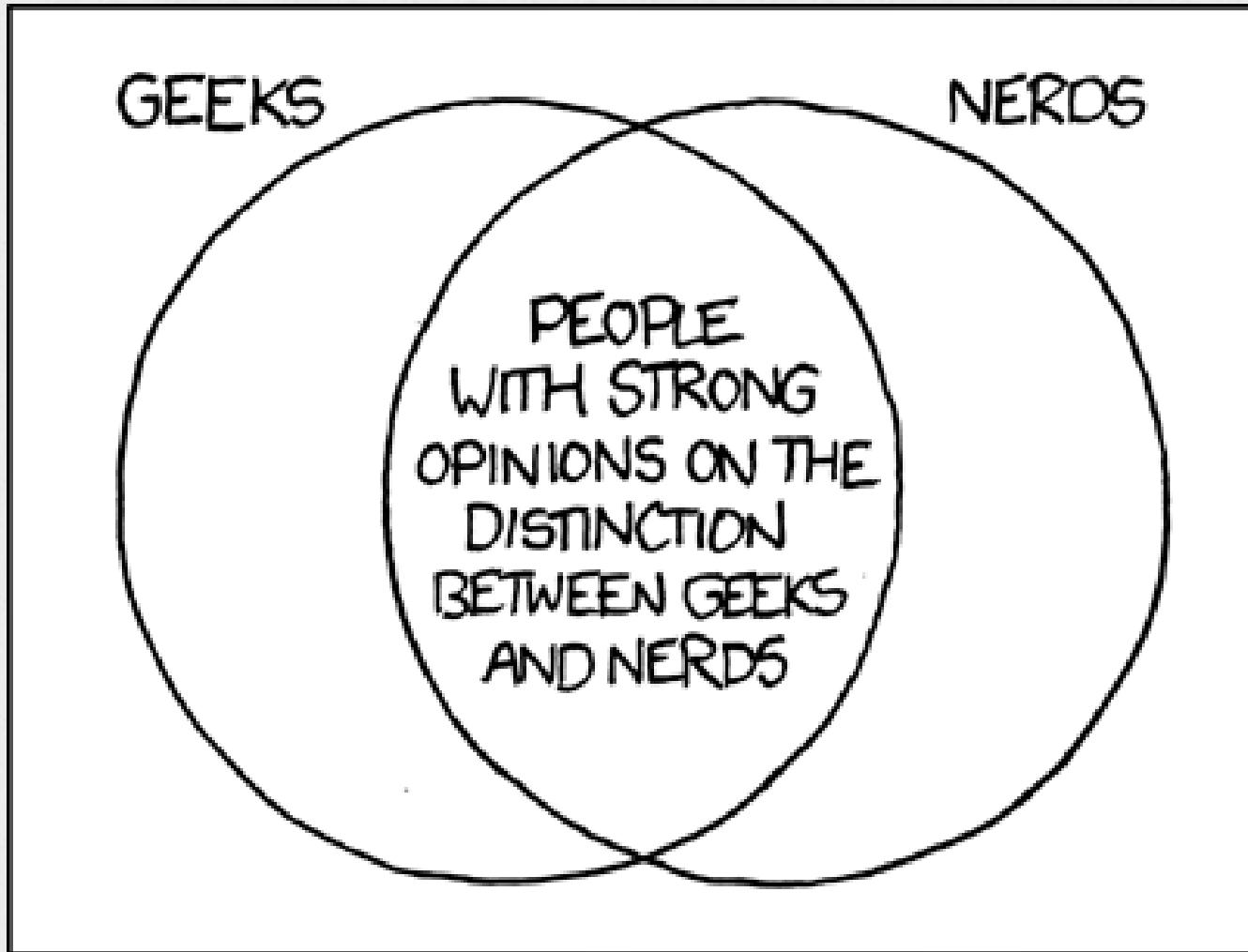
Regularization:

- Damping
- Smoothness



-  Control
-  Prior information
-  Speed
-  Automatic fit
-  3D
-  Gravity + Gradients

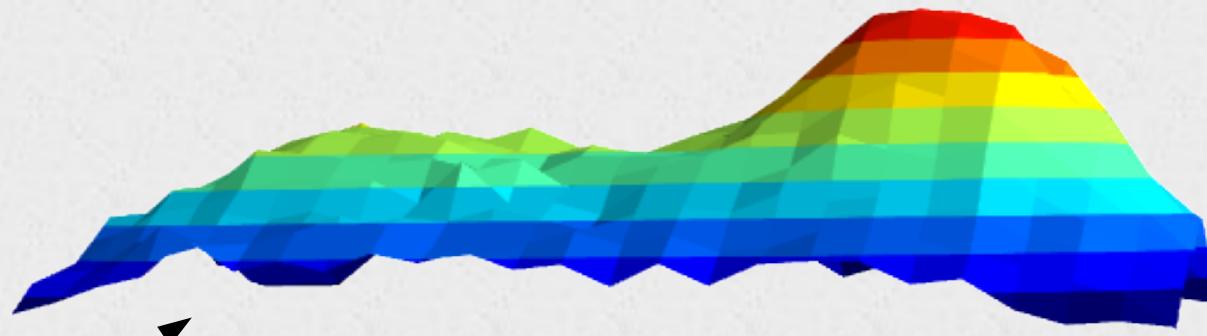
Something in the middle



Source <http://xkcd.com/747>

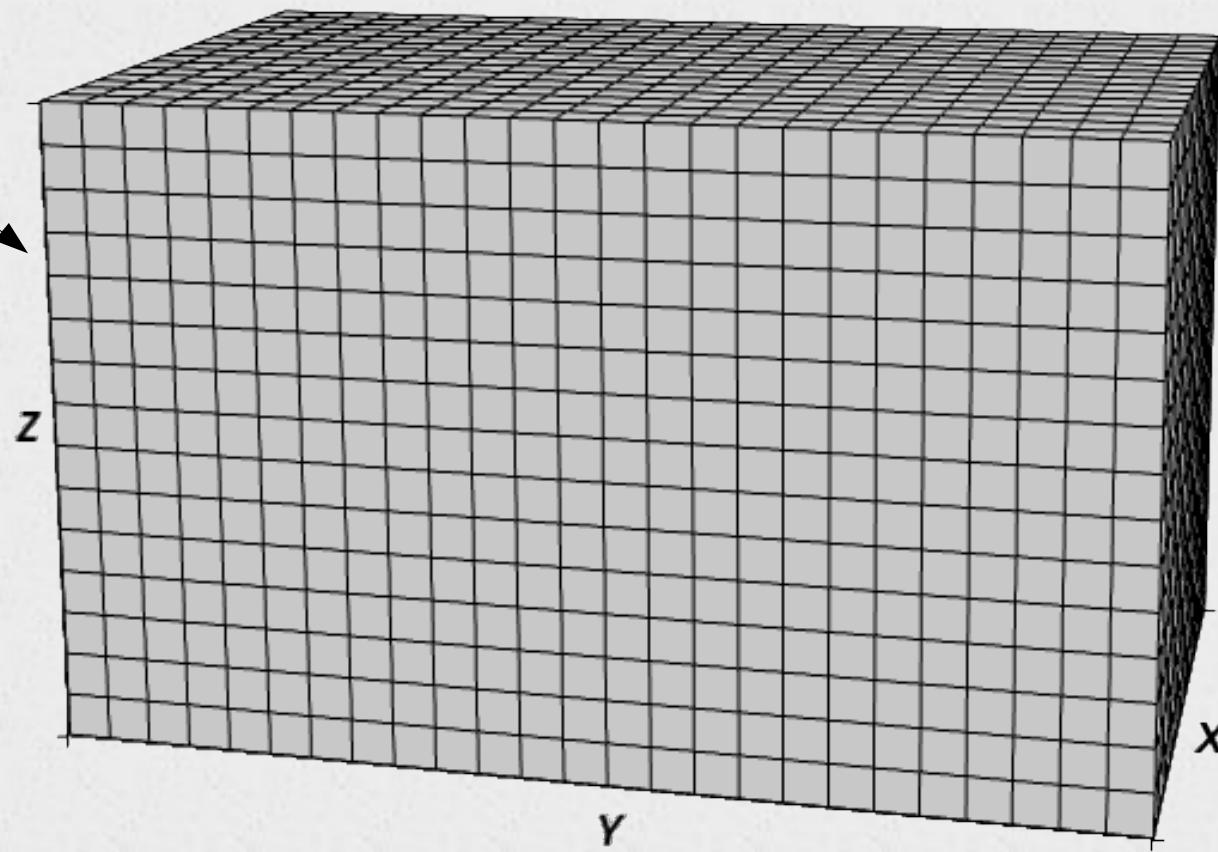
Planting anomalous densities

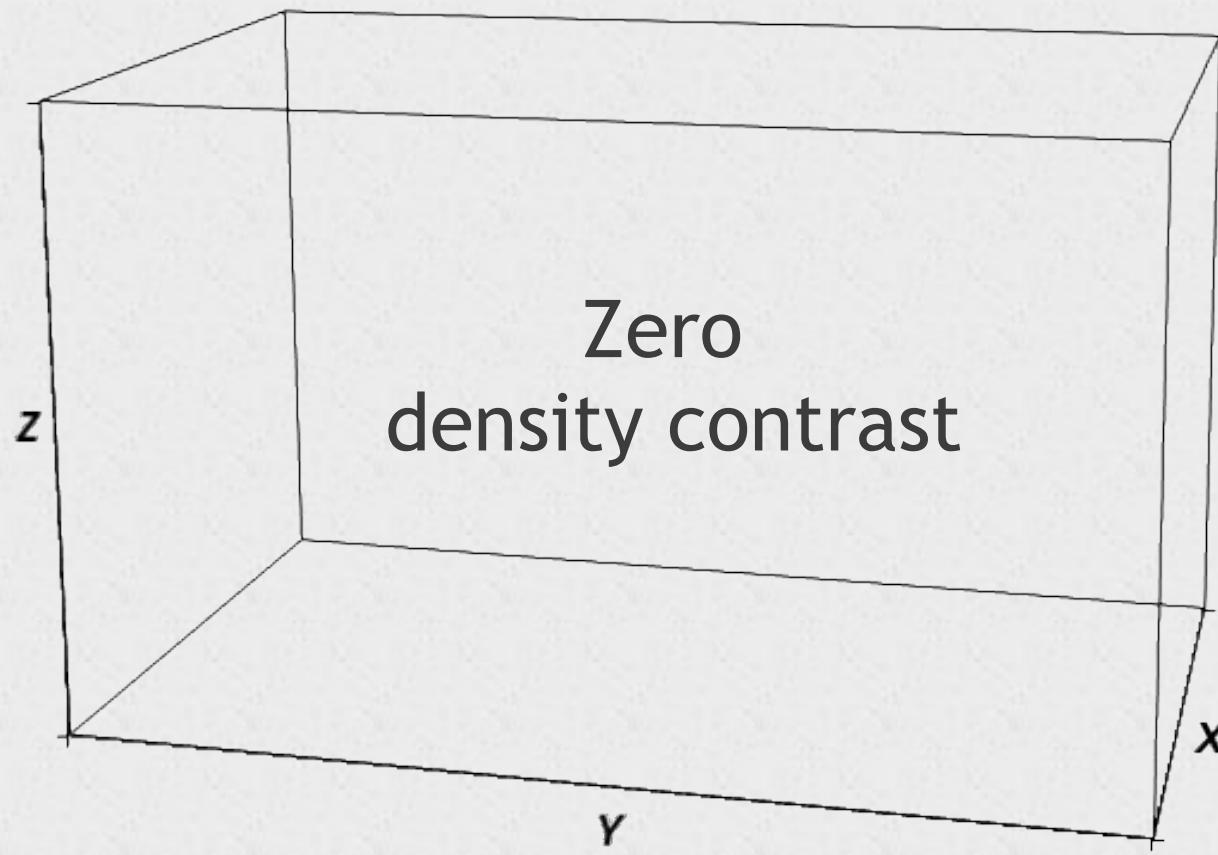
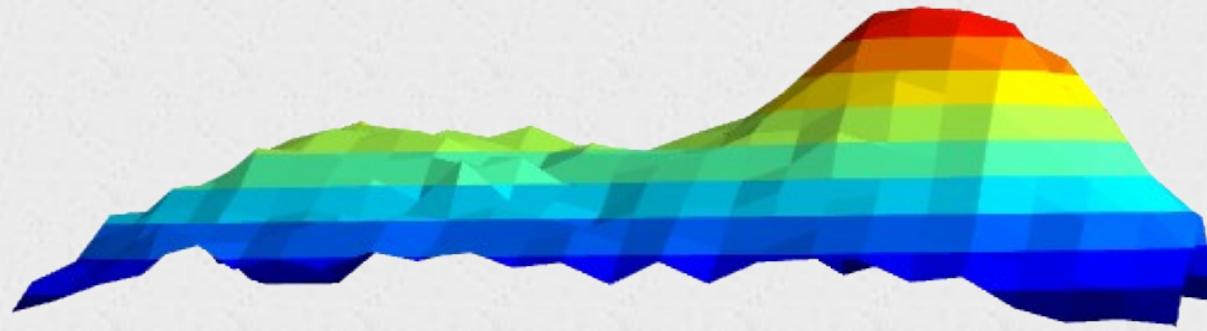
Uieda and Barbosa (2012)

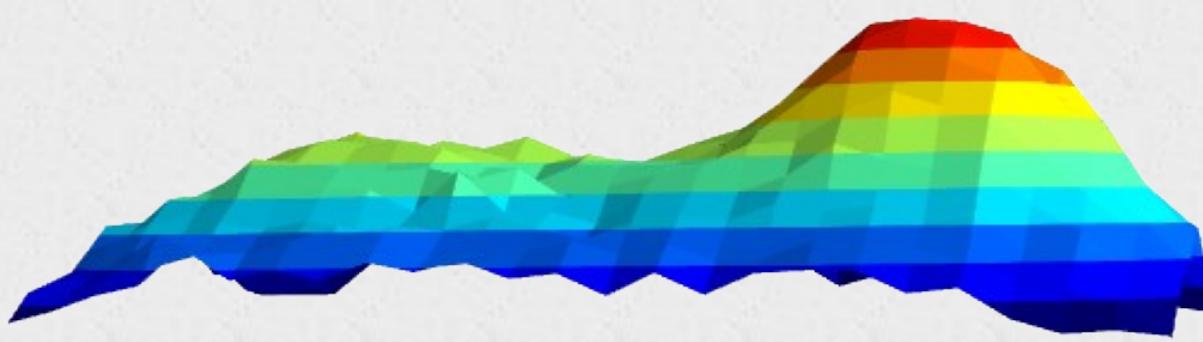


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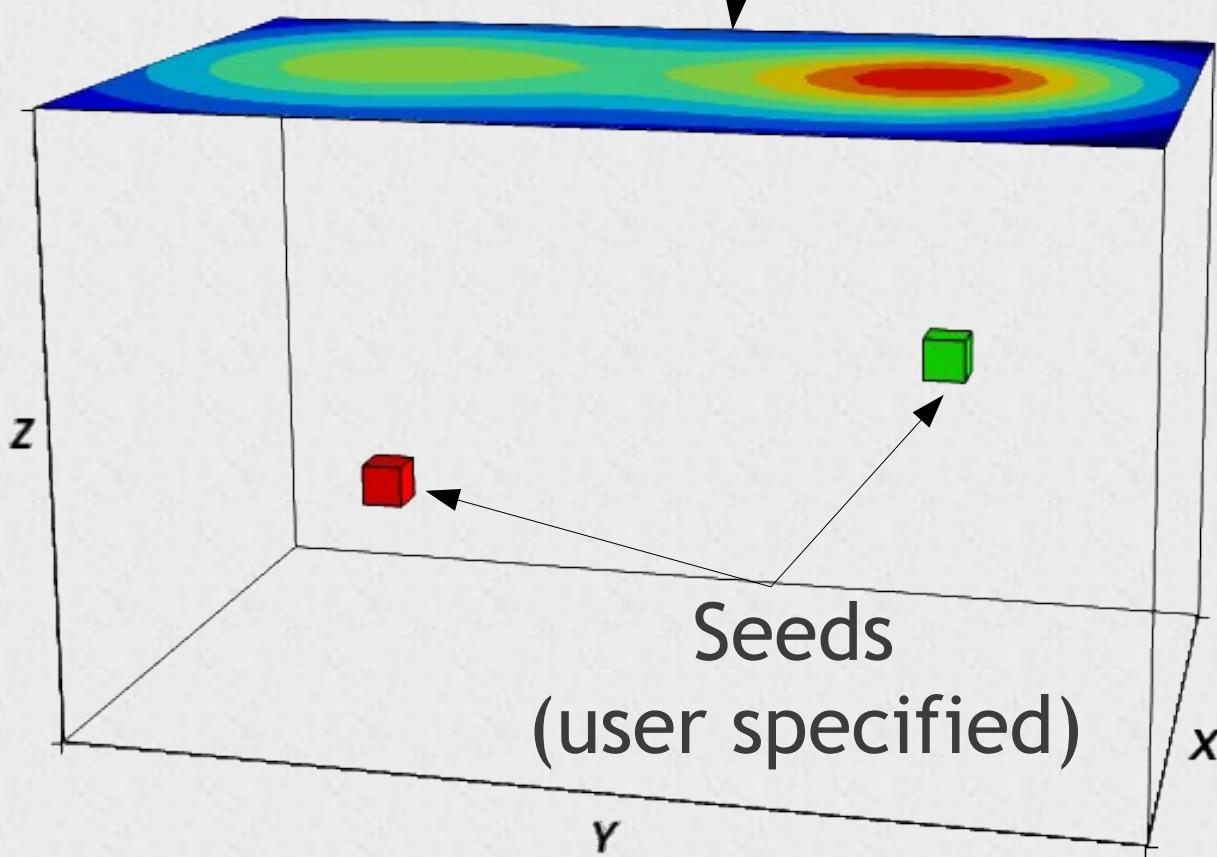
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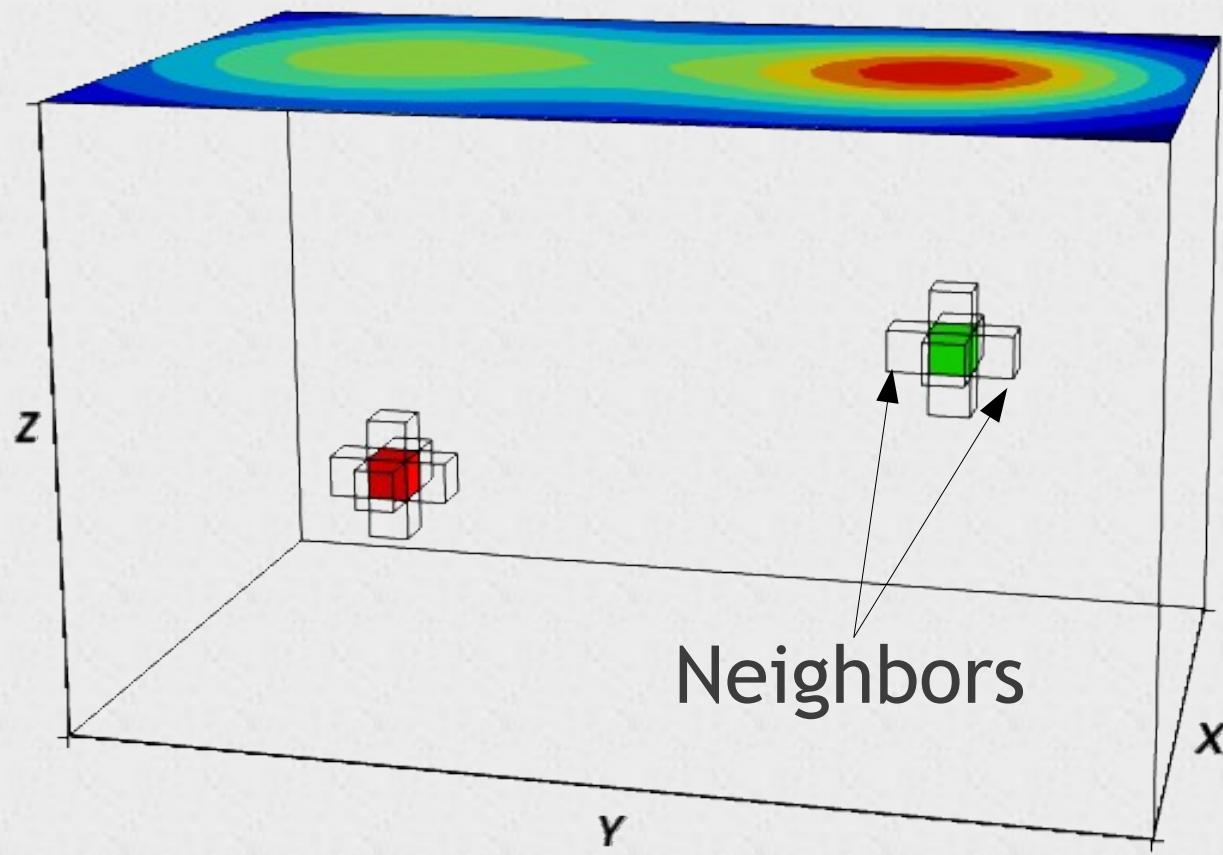
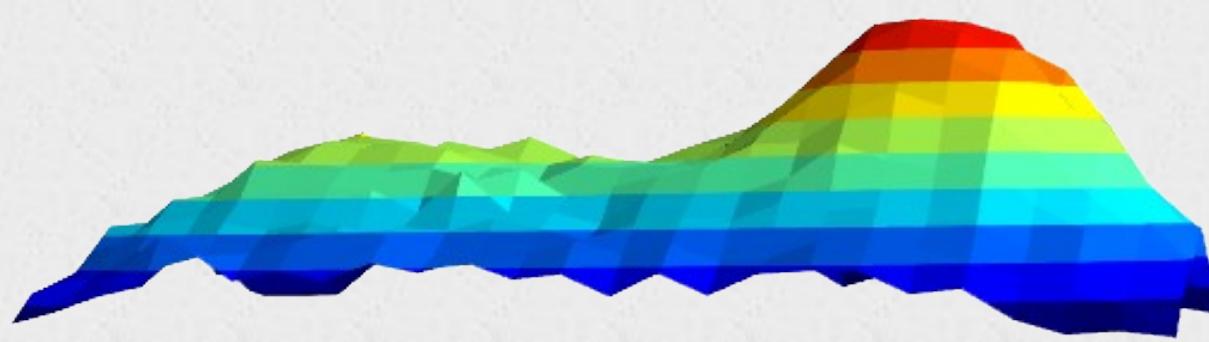




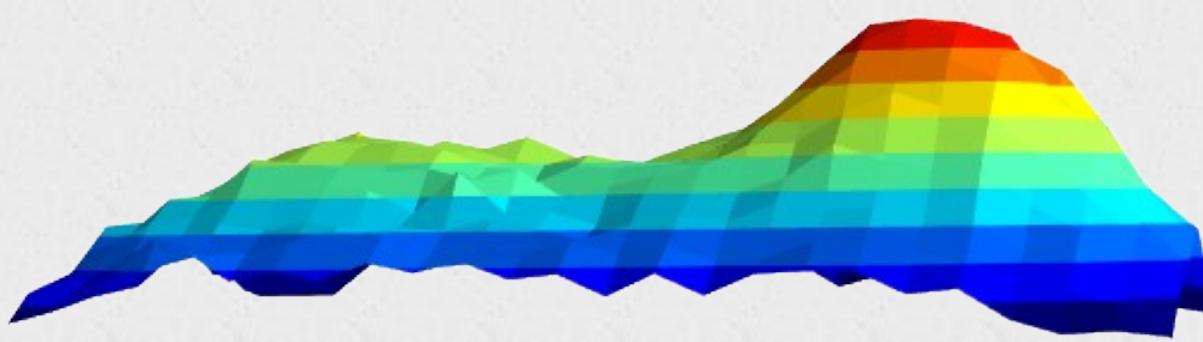
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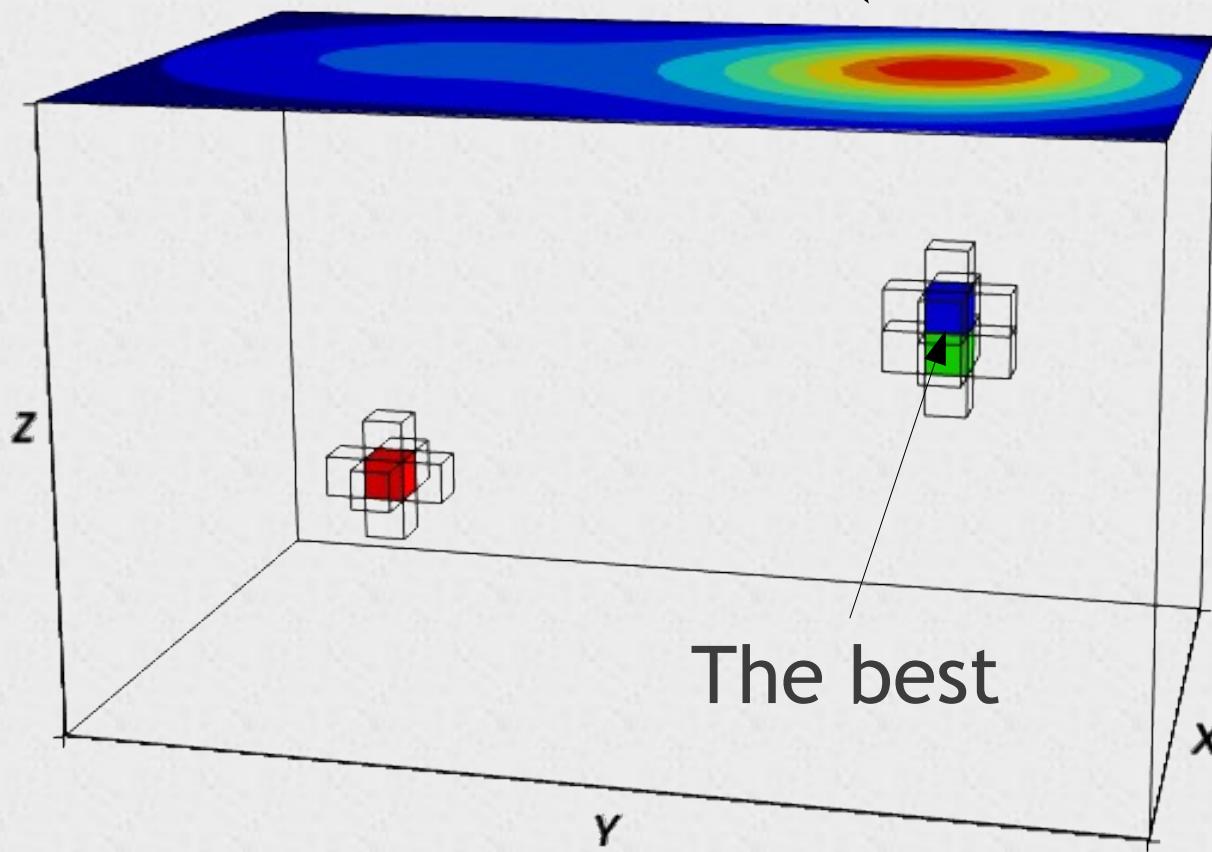
Seeds
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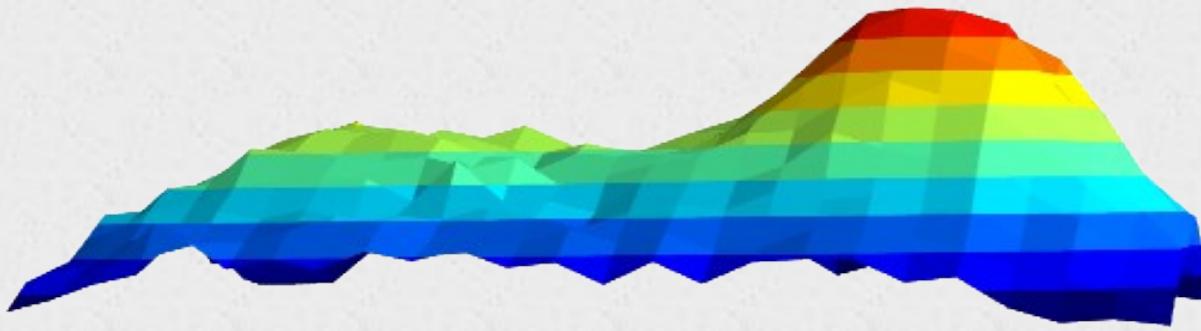
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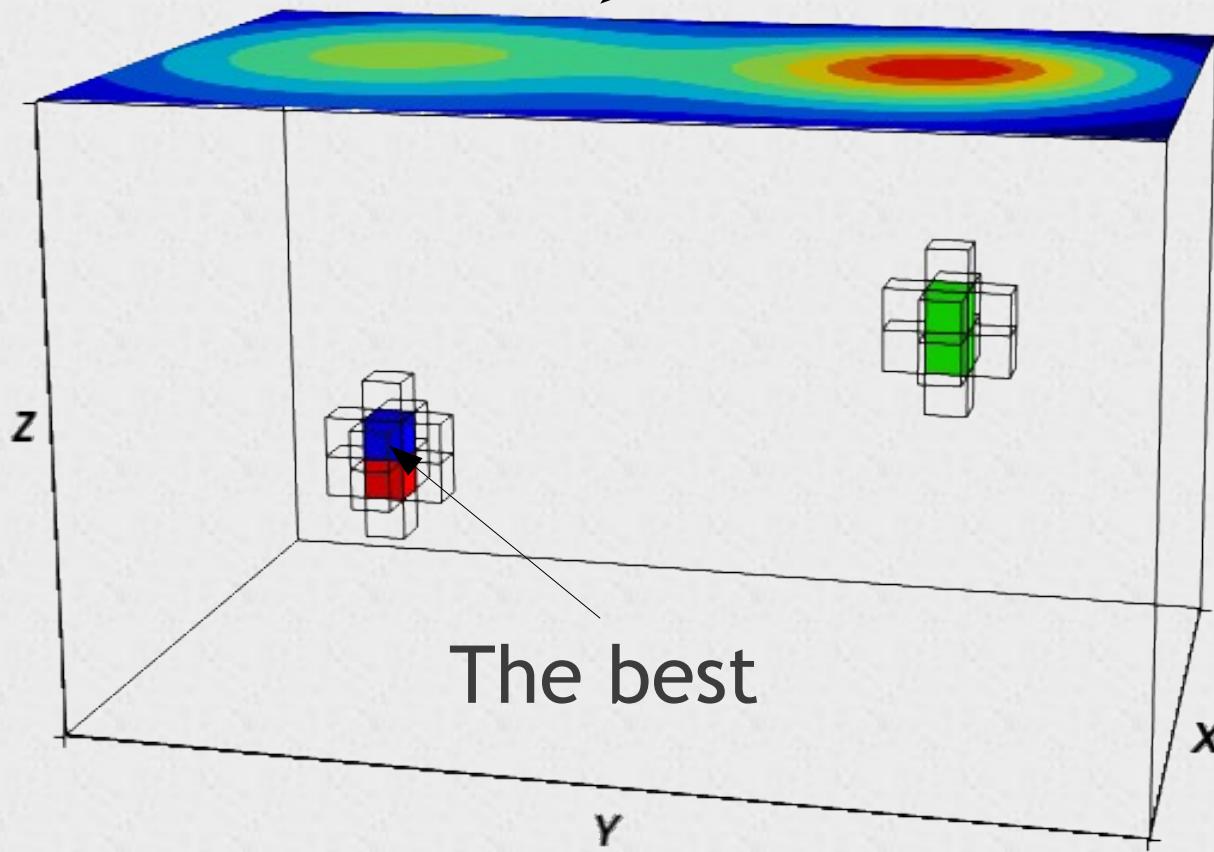
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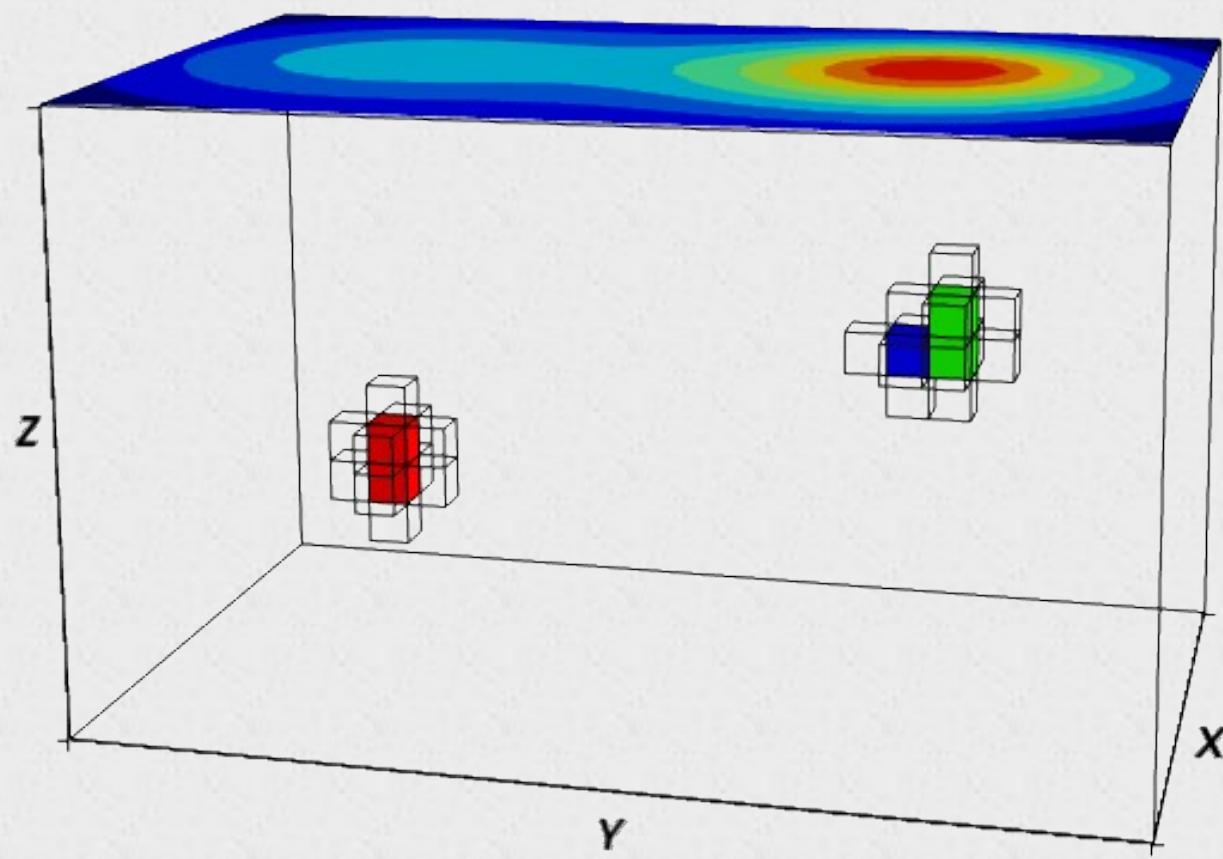
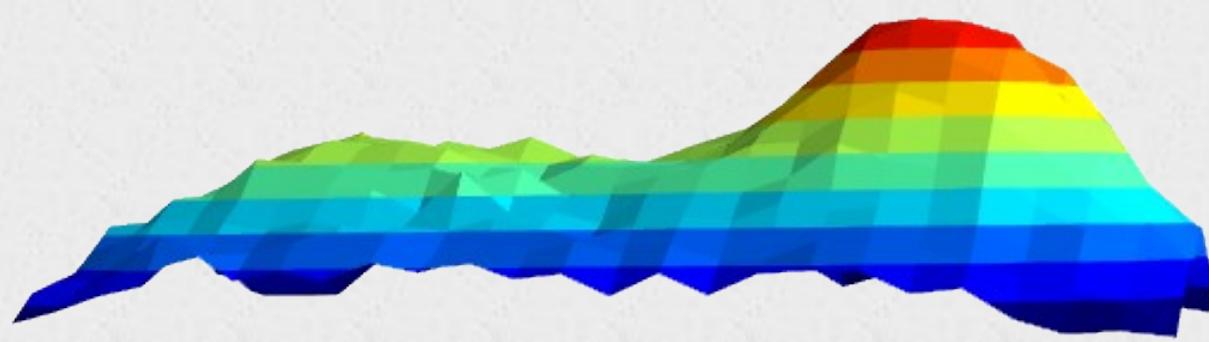
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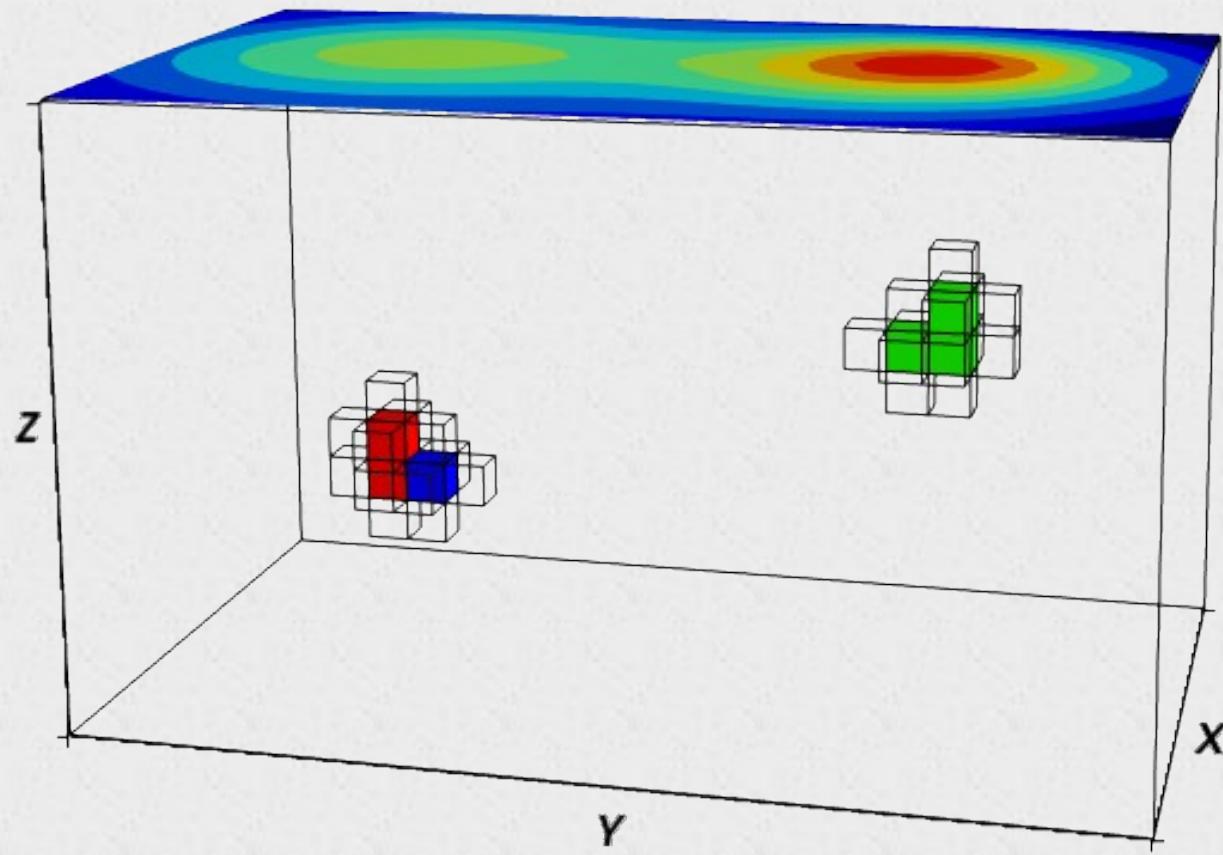
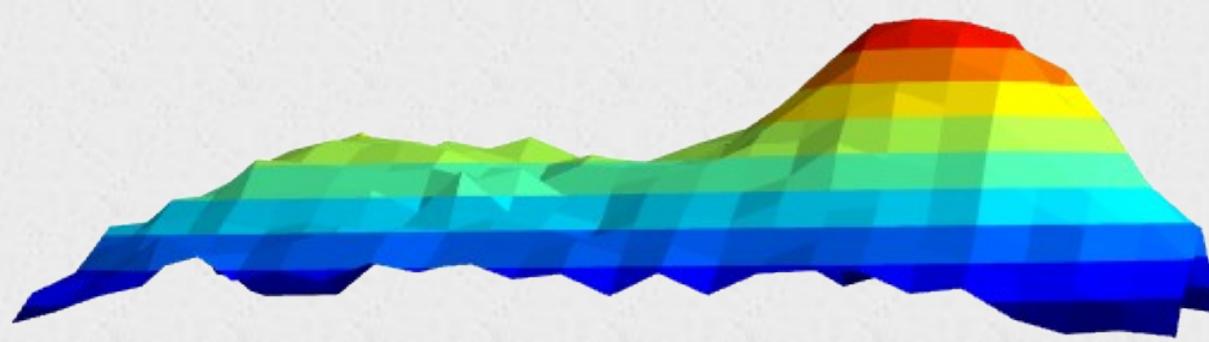


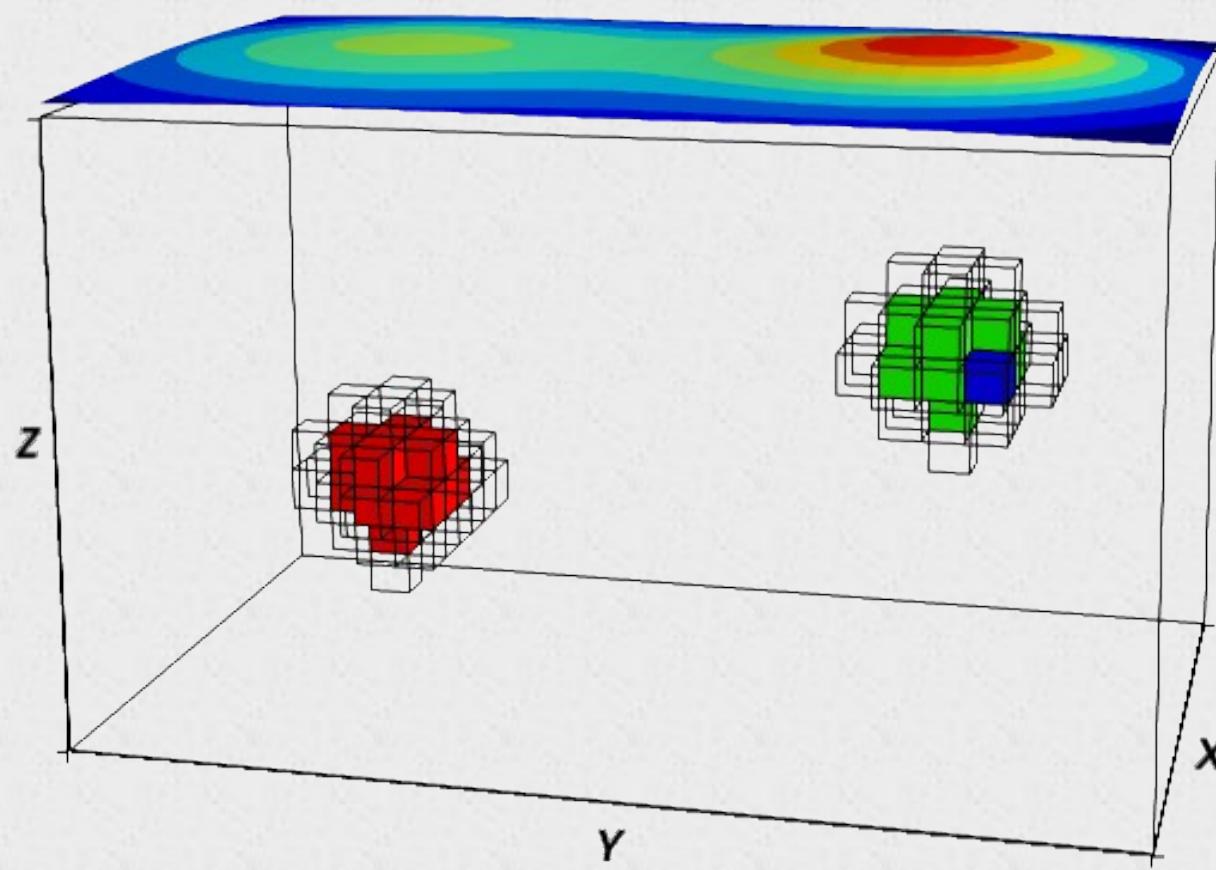
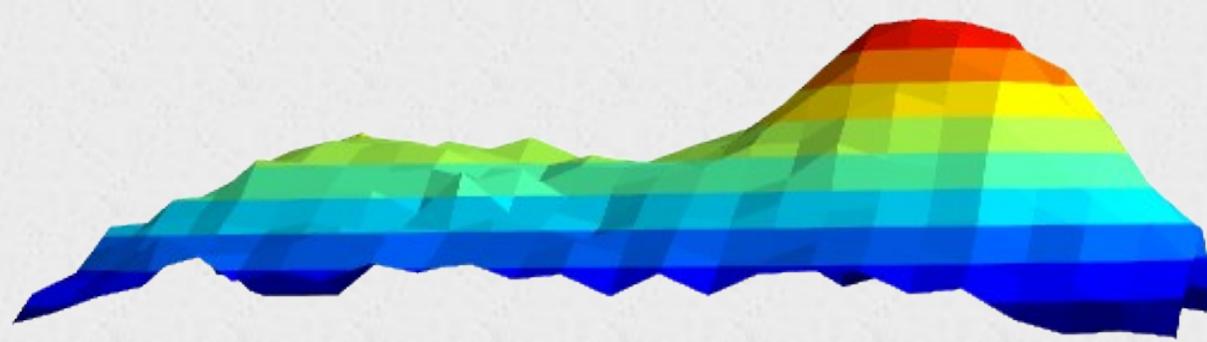
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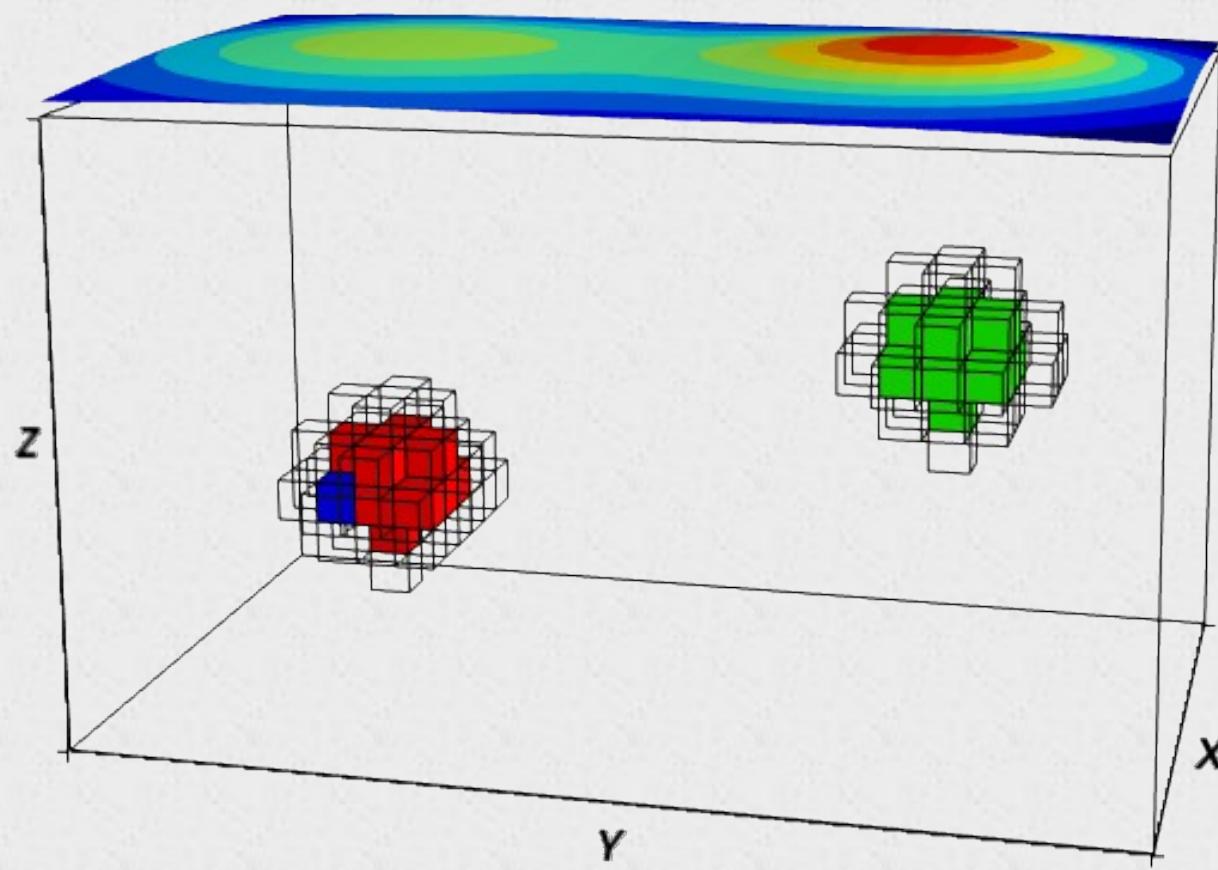
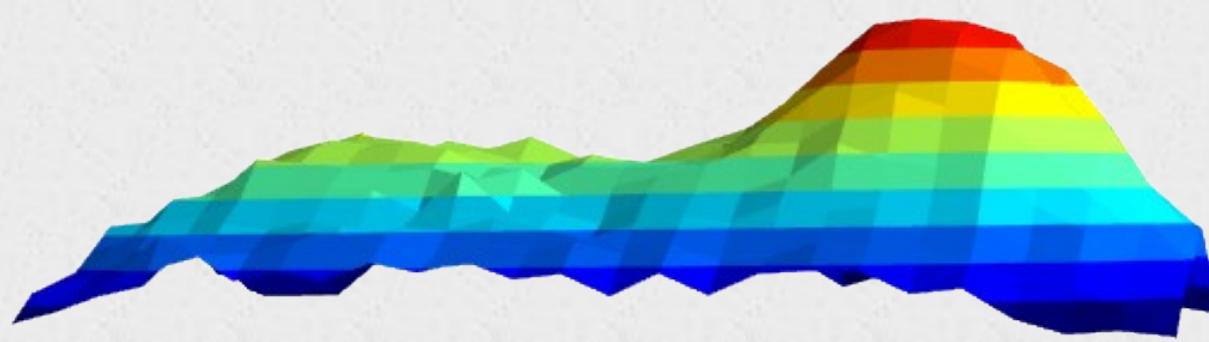


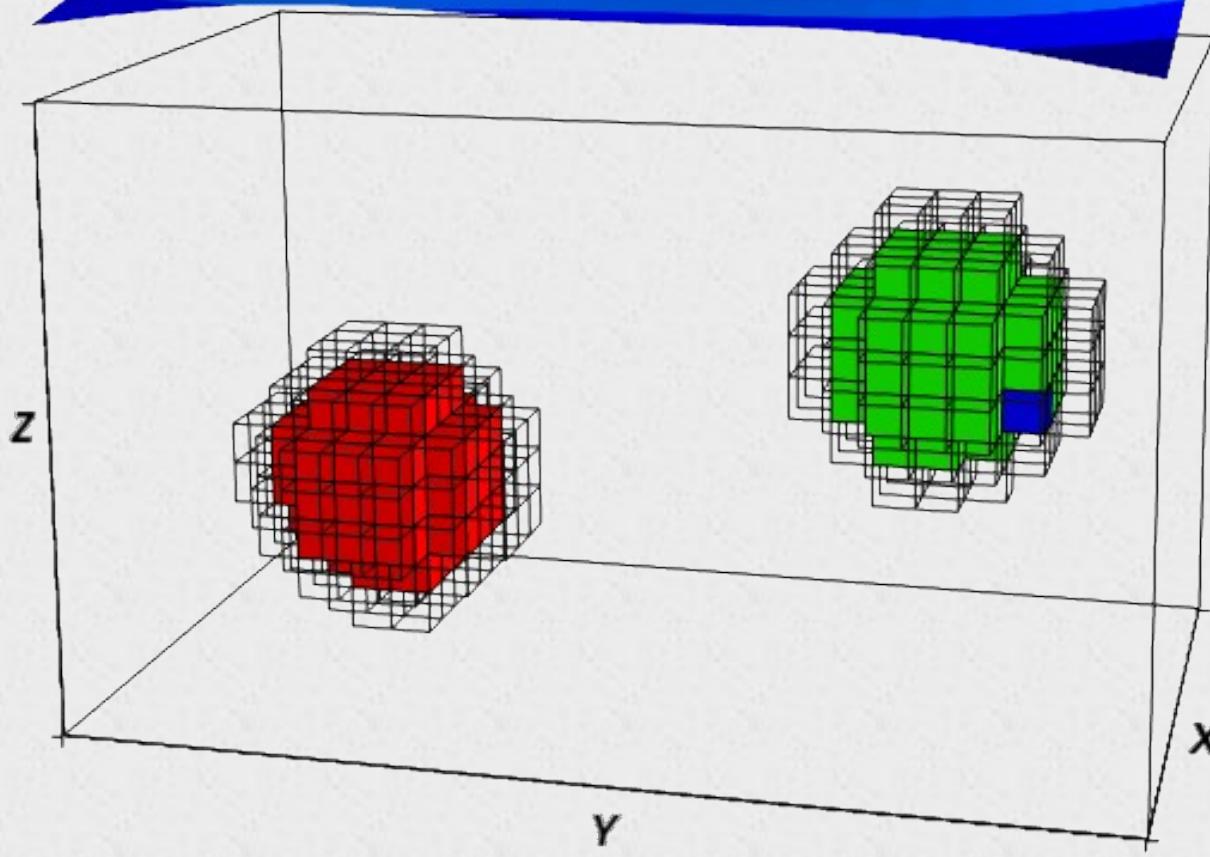
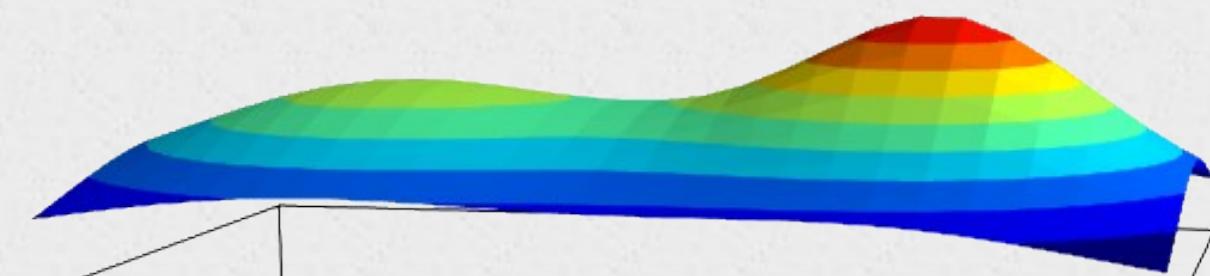
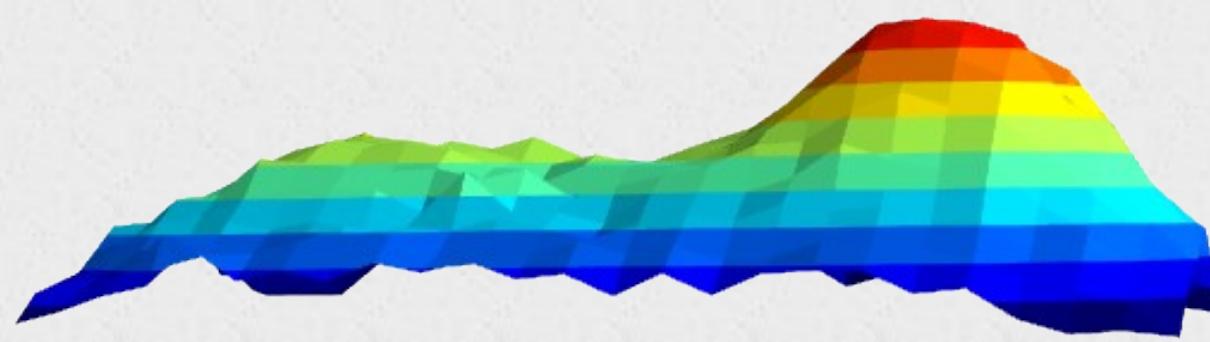
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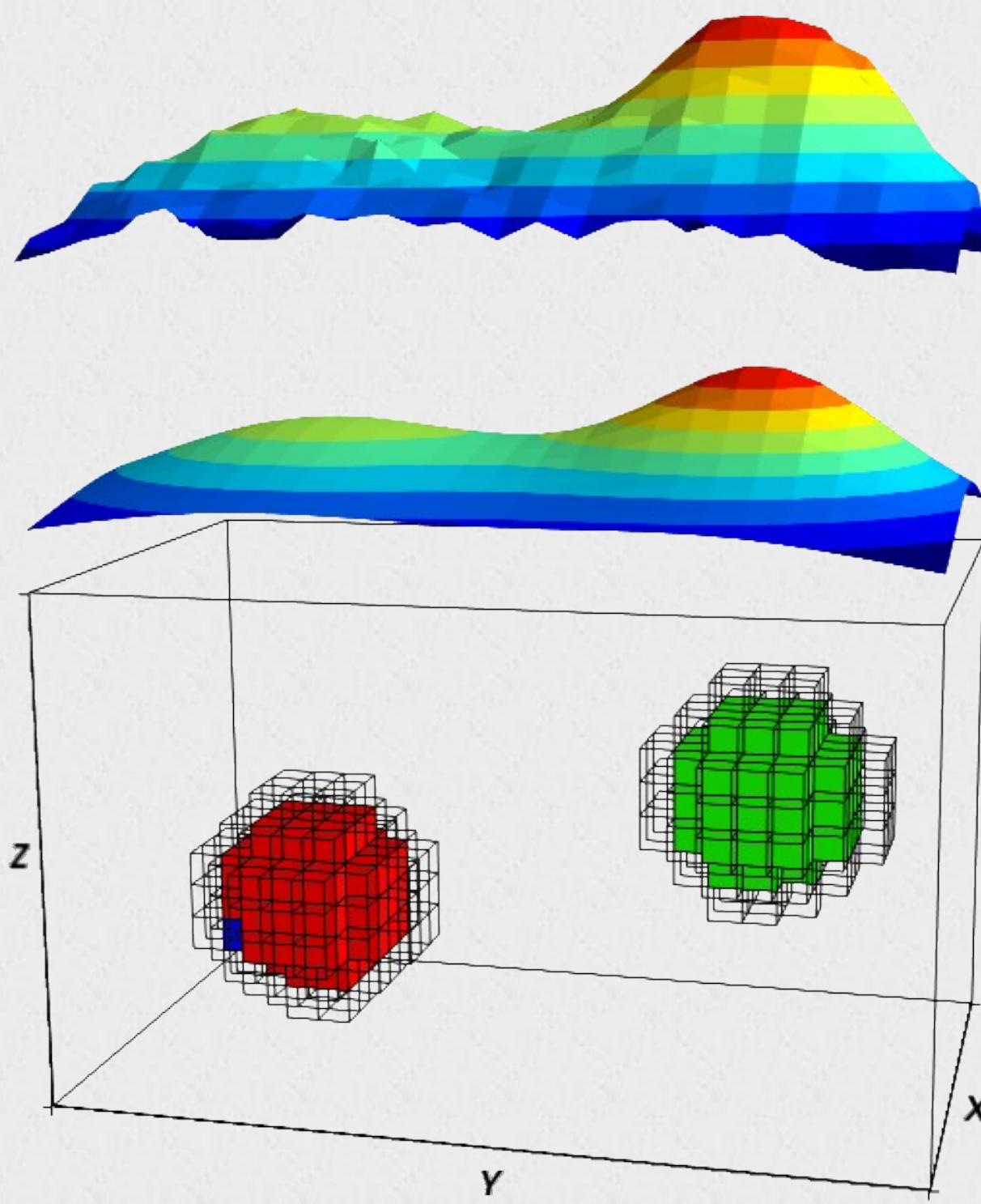


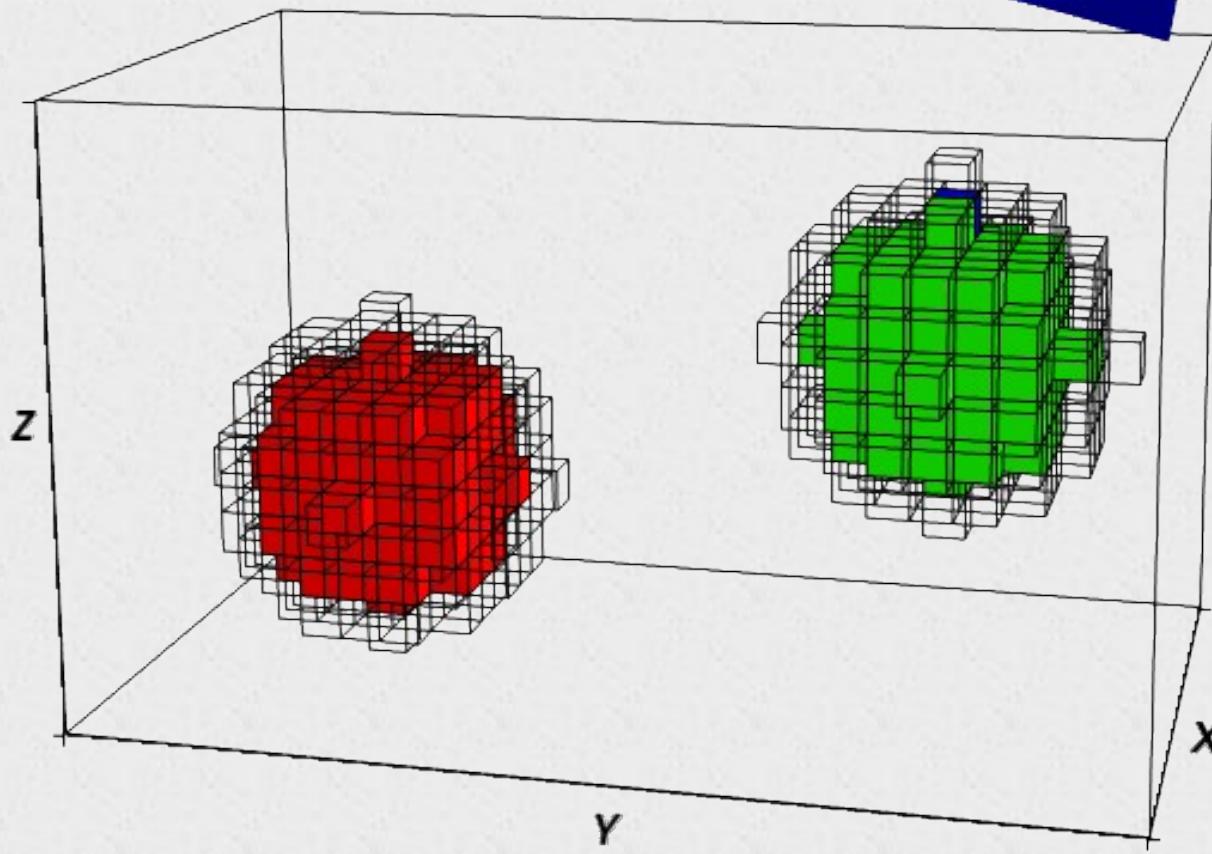
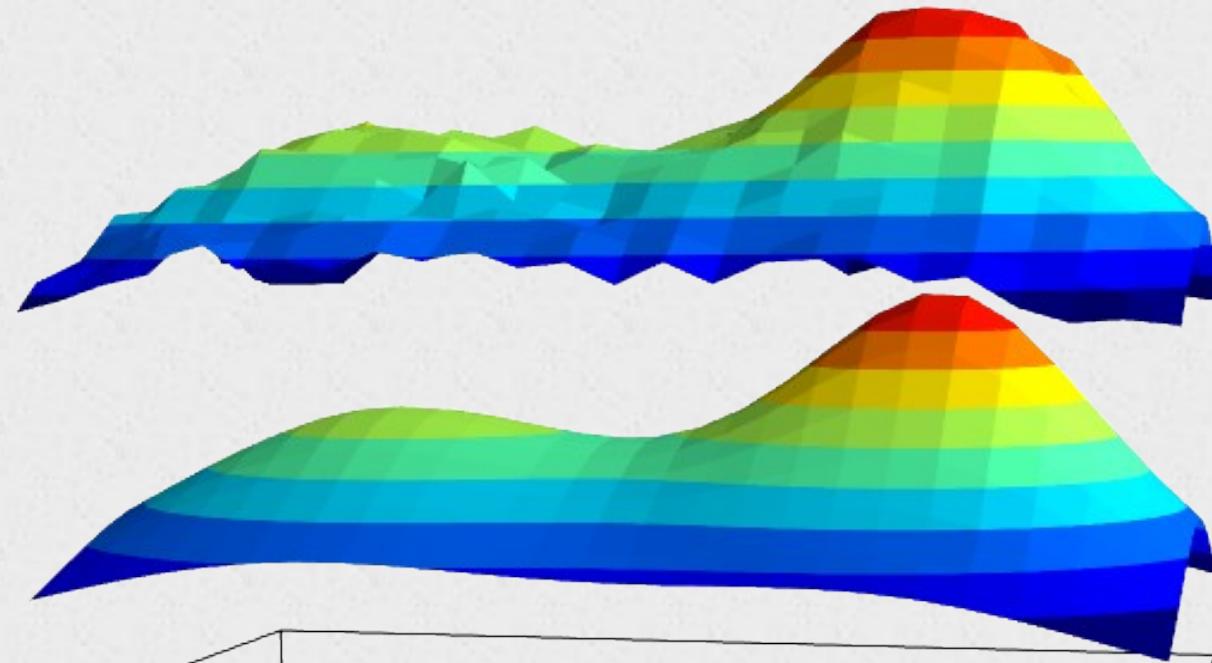


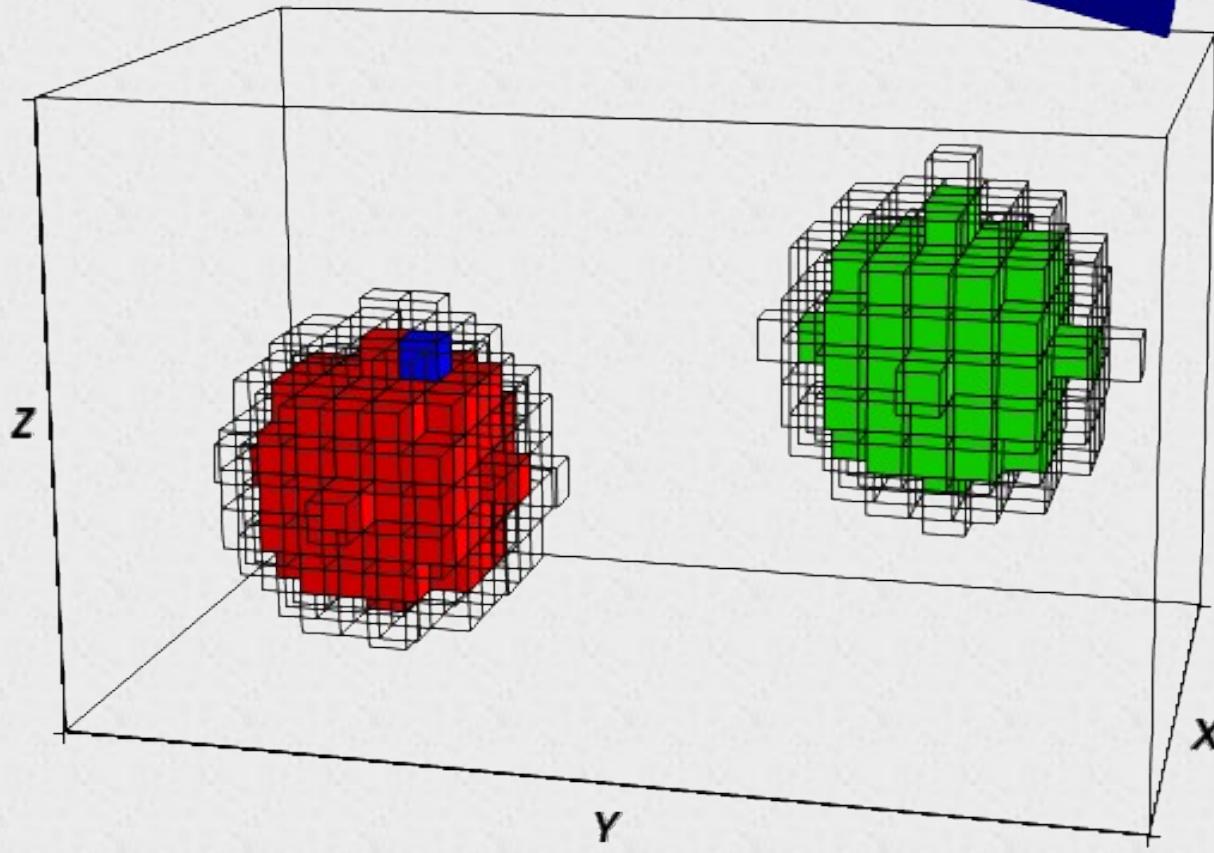
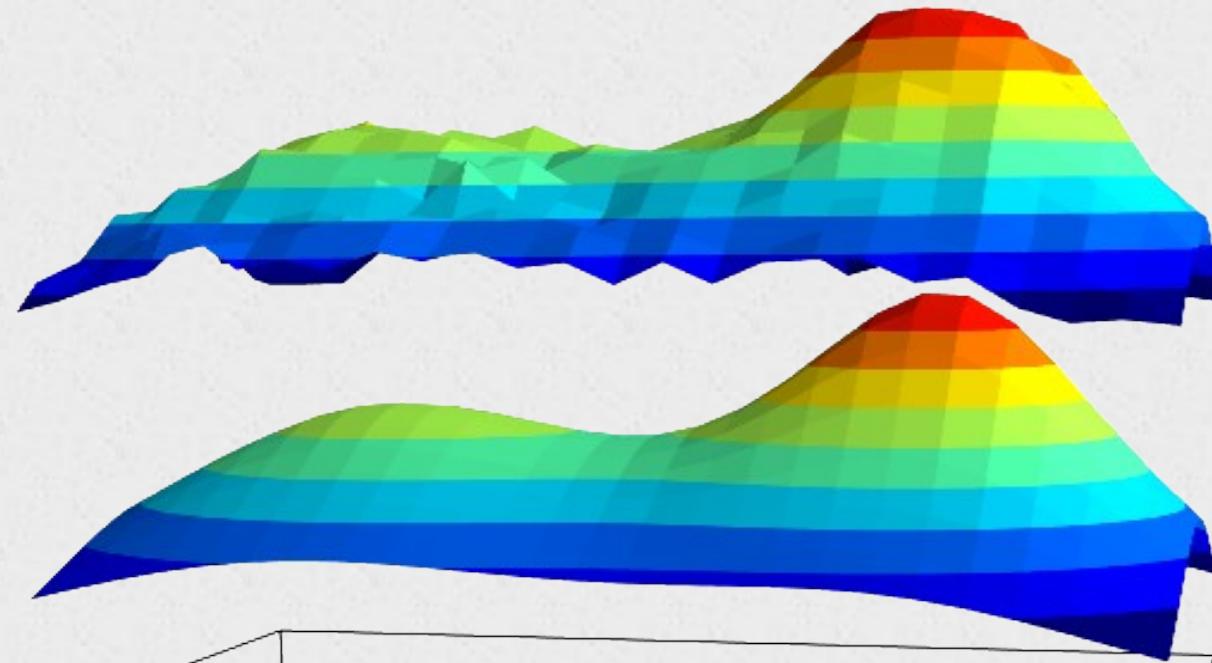




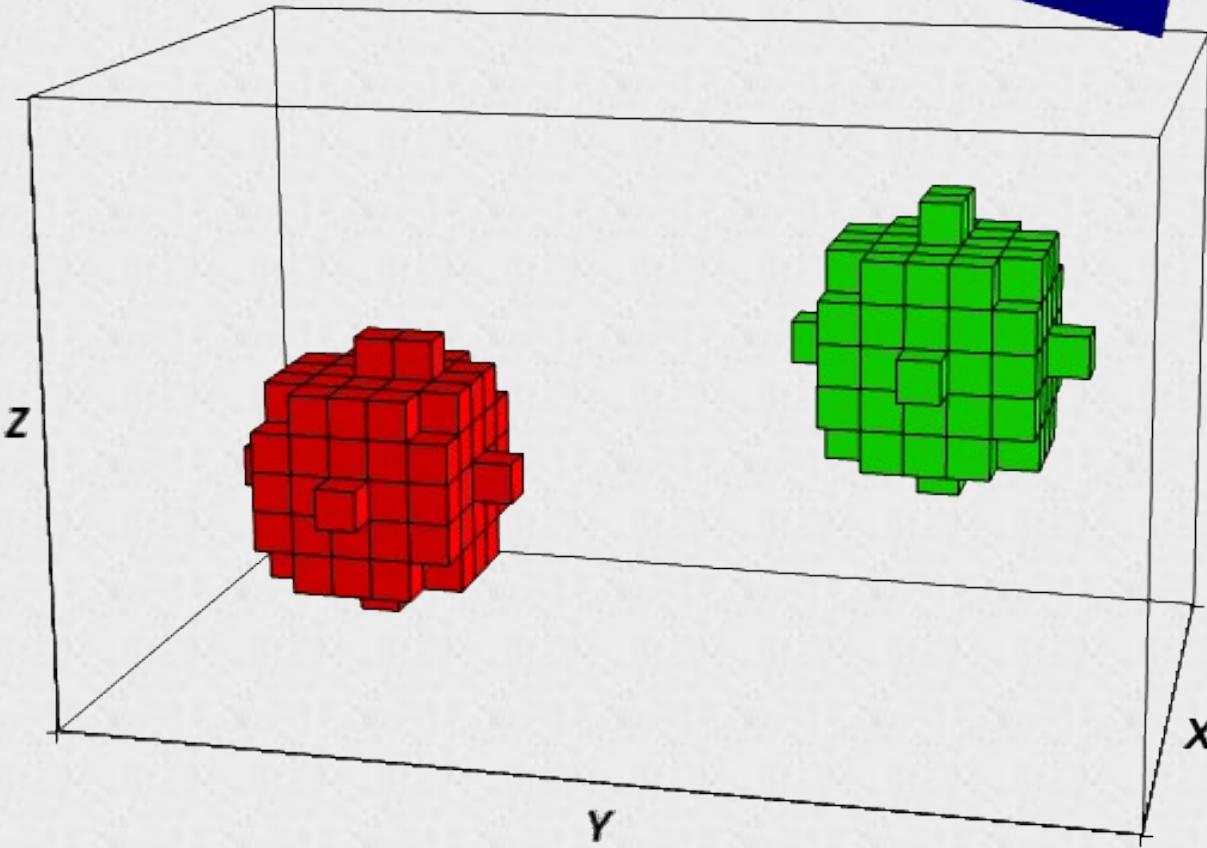








Fit!



Seeds = Skeleton



Source <http://www.sciencebuzz.org>

Inversion → Body



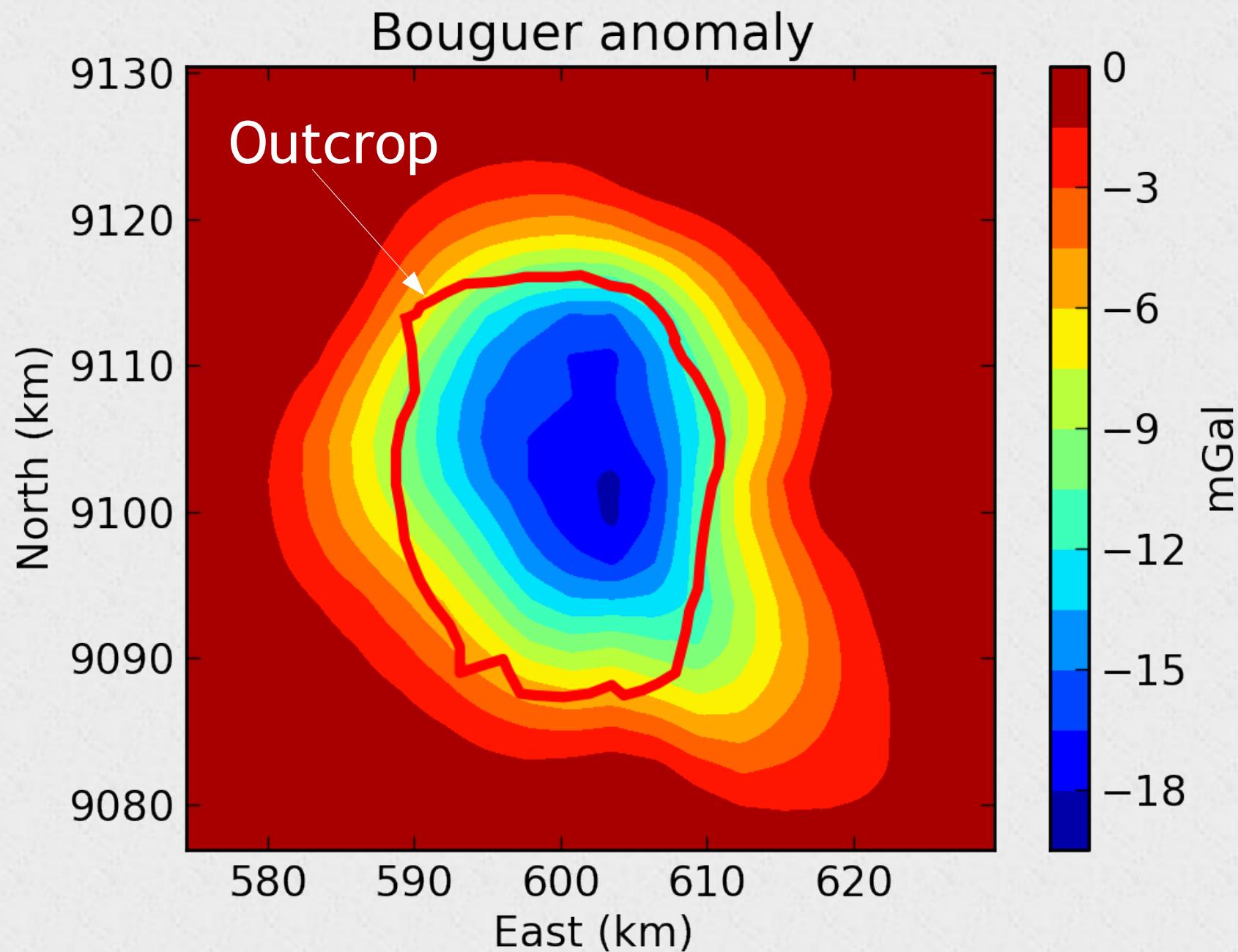
- ✓ Control
- ✓ Prior information
- ✓ Speed
- ✓ Automatic fit
- ✓ 3D (only need skeleton)
- ✓ Gravity + Gradients

Seeds

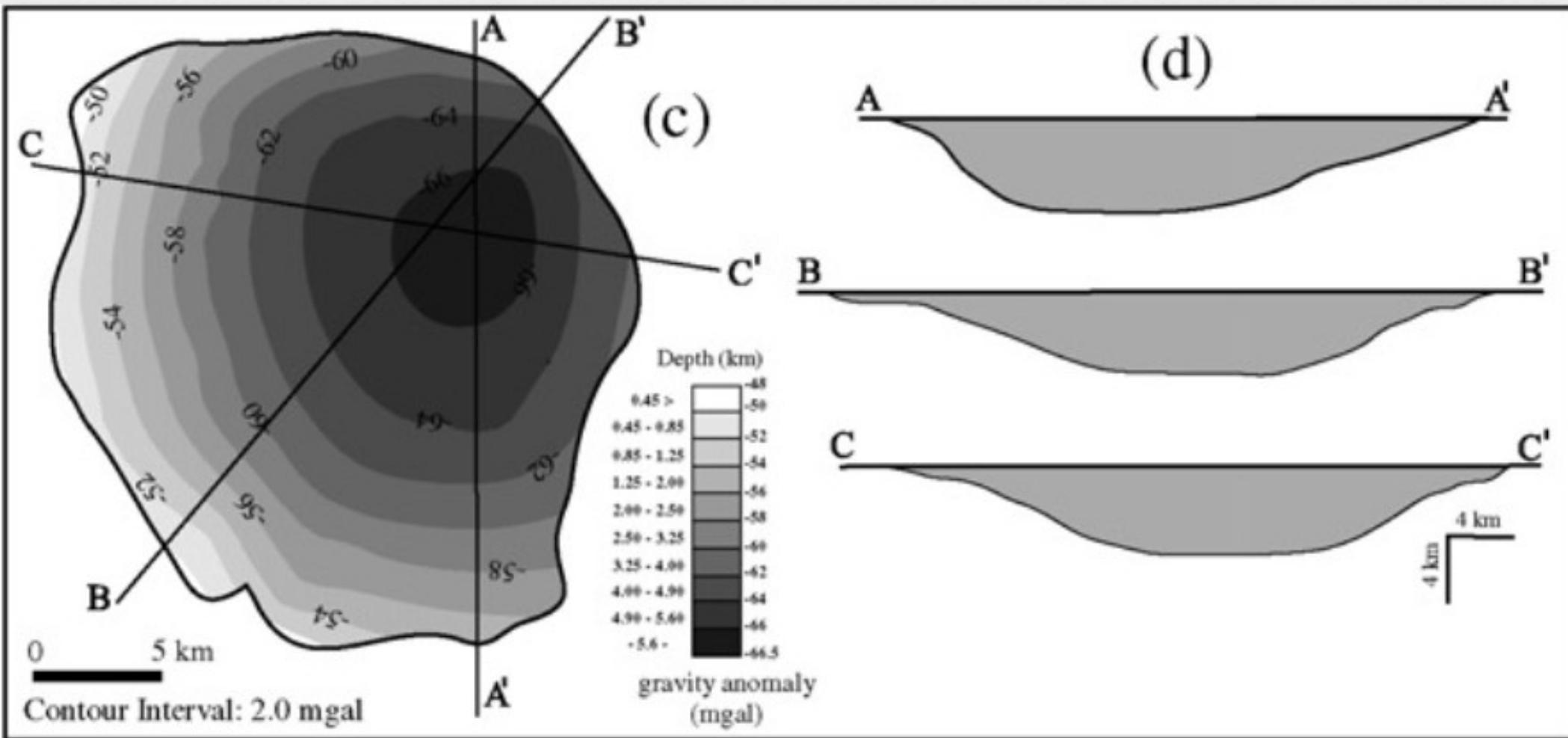


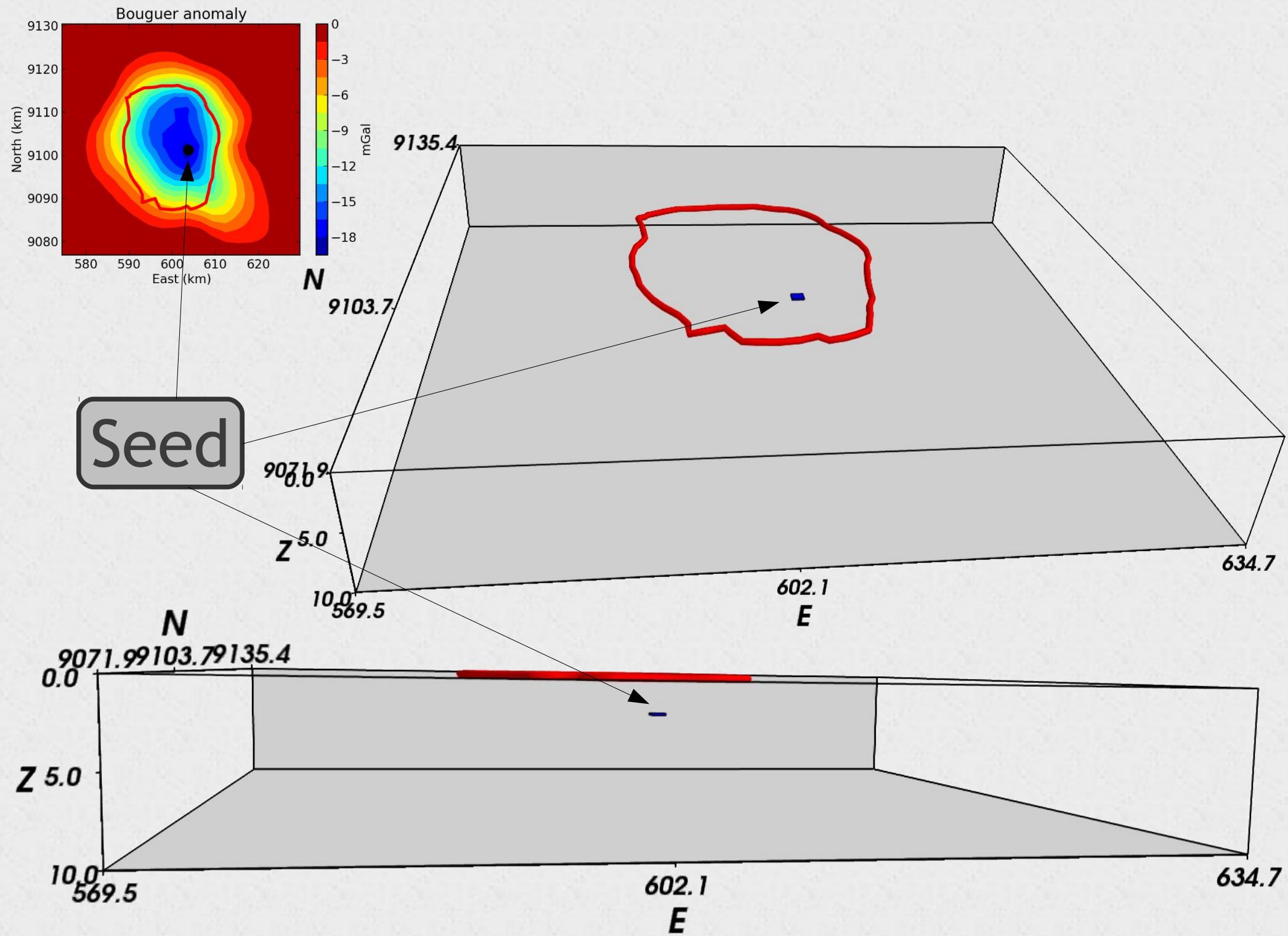
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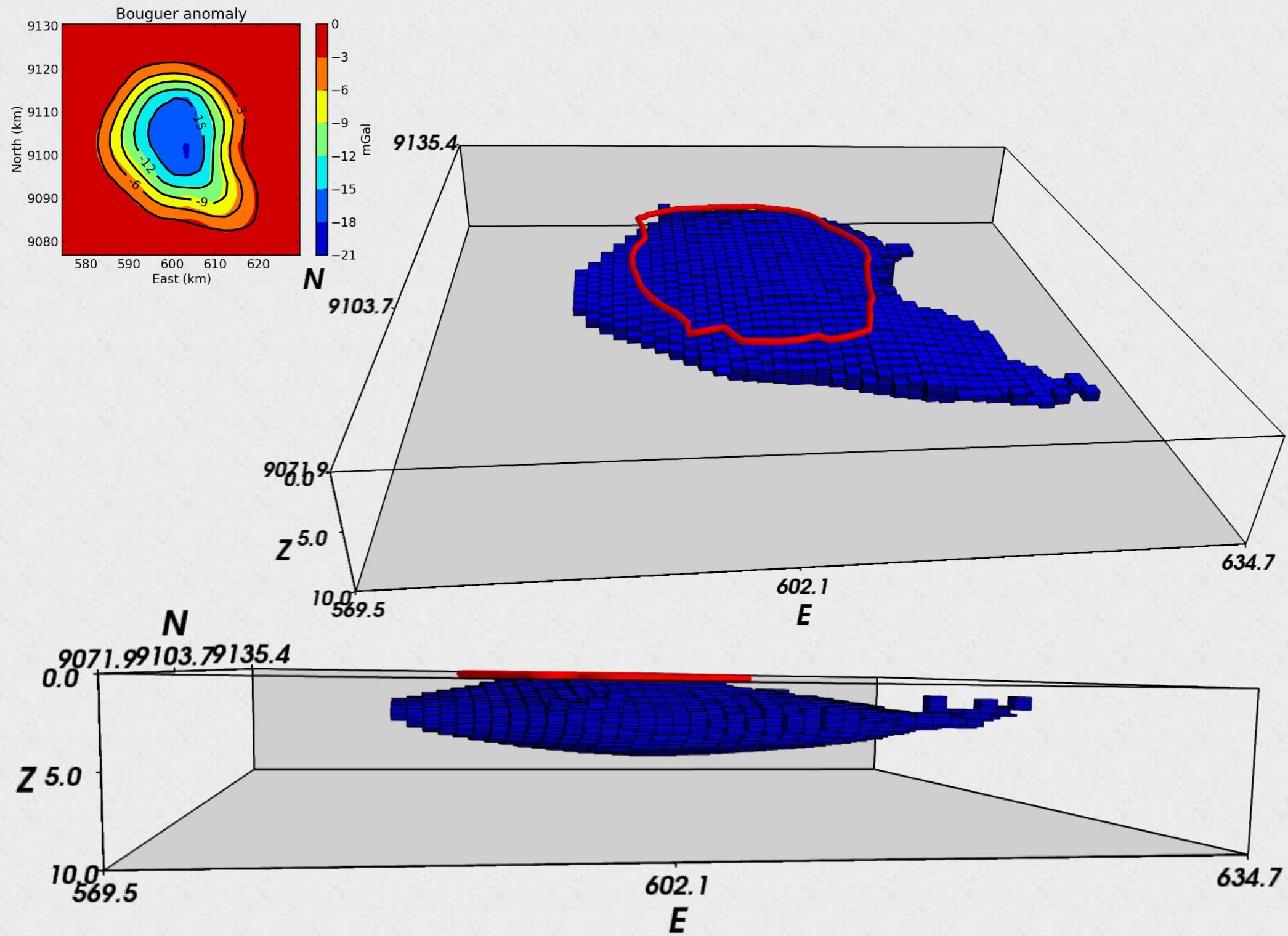
Redenção granite



Oliveira et al. (2008)

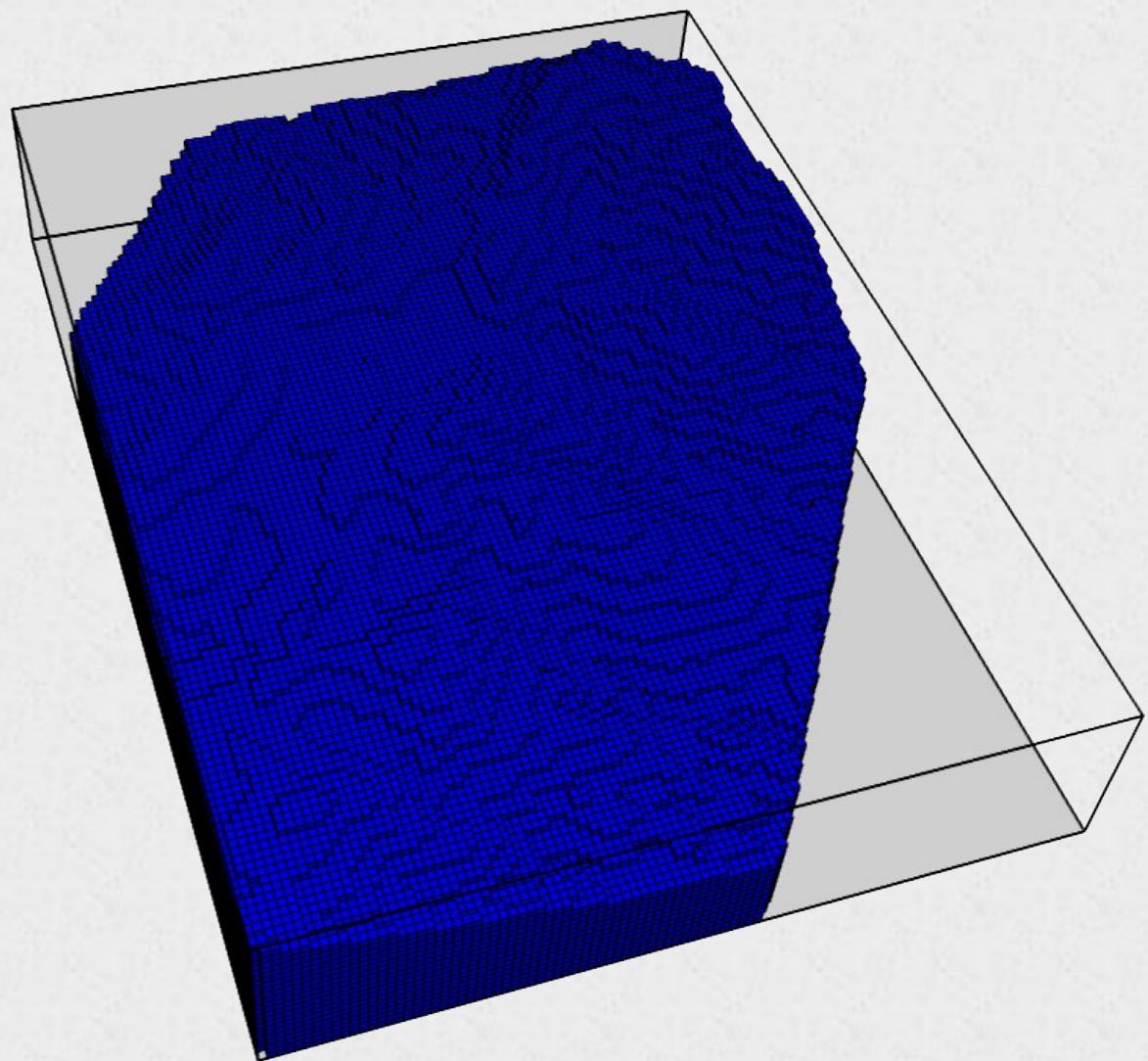
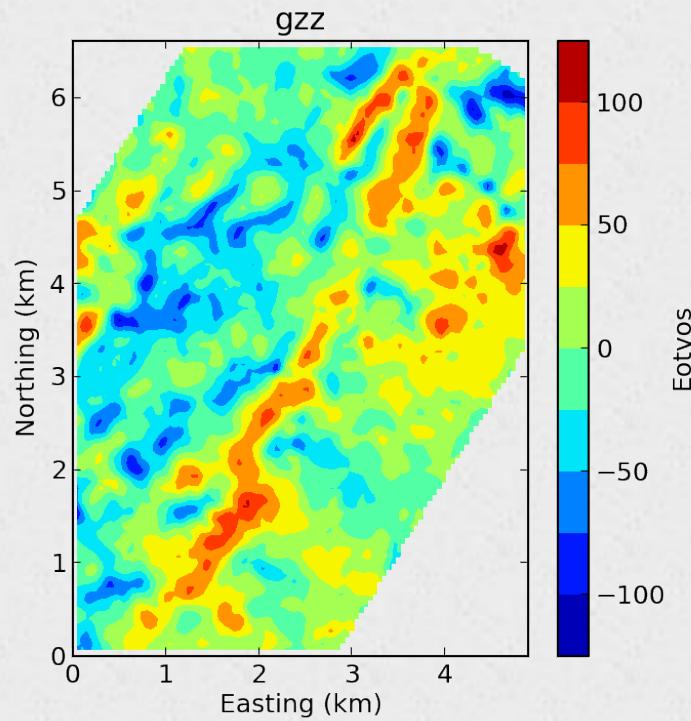
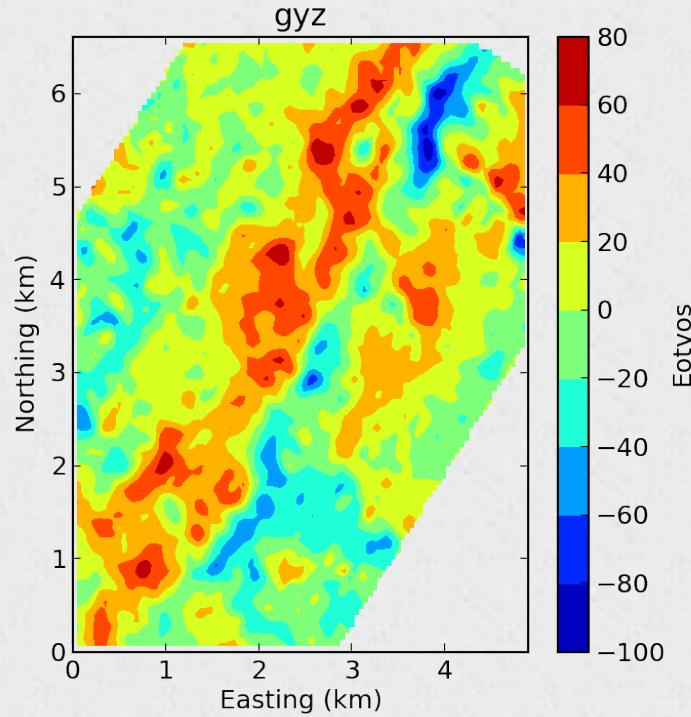




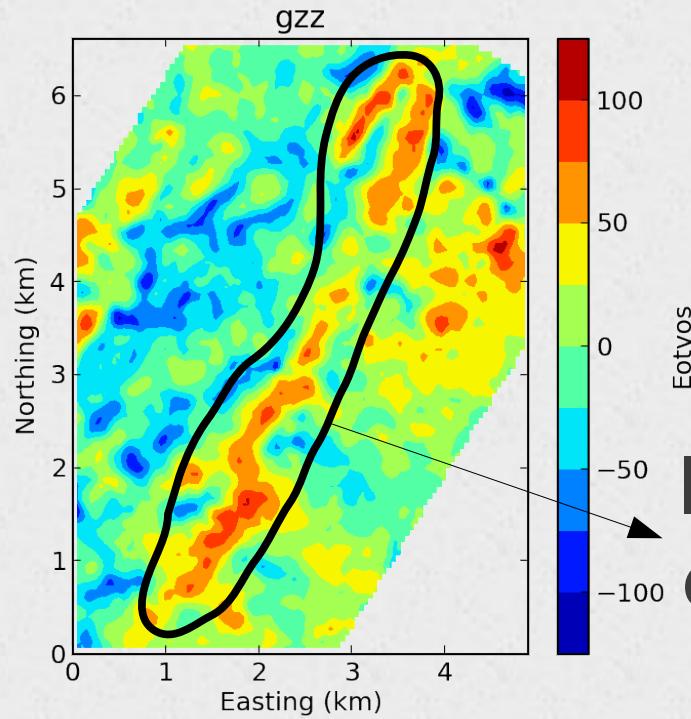
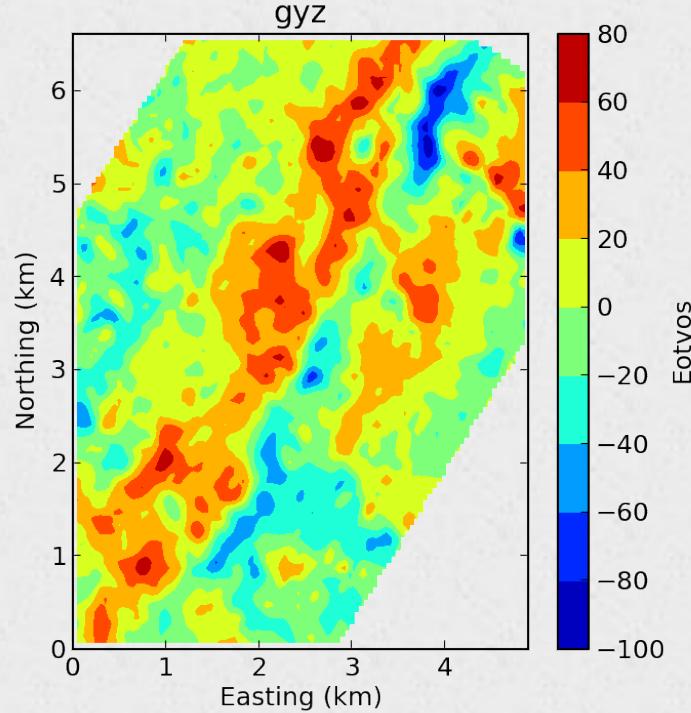


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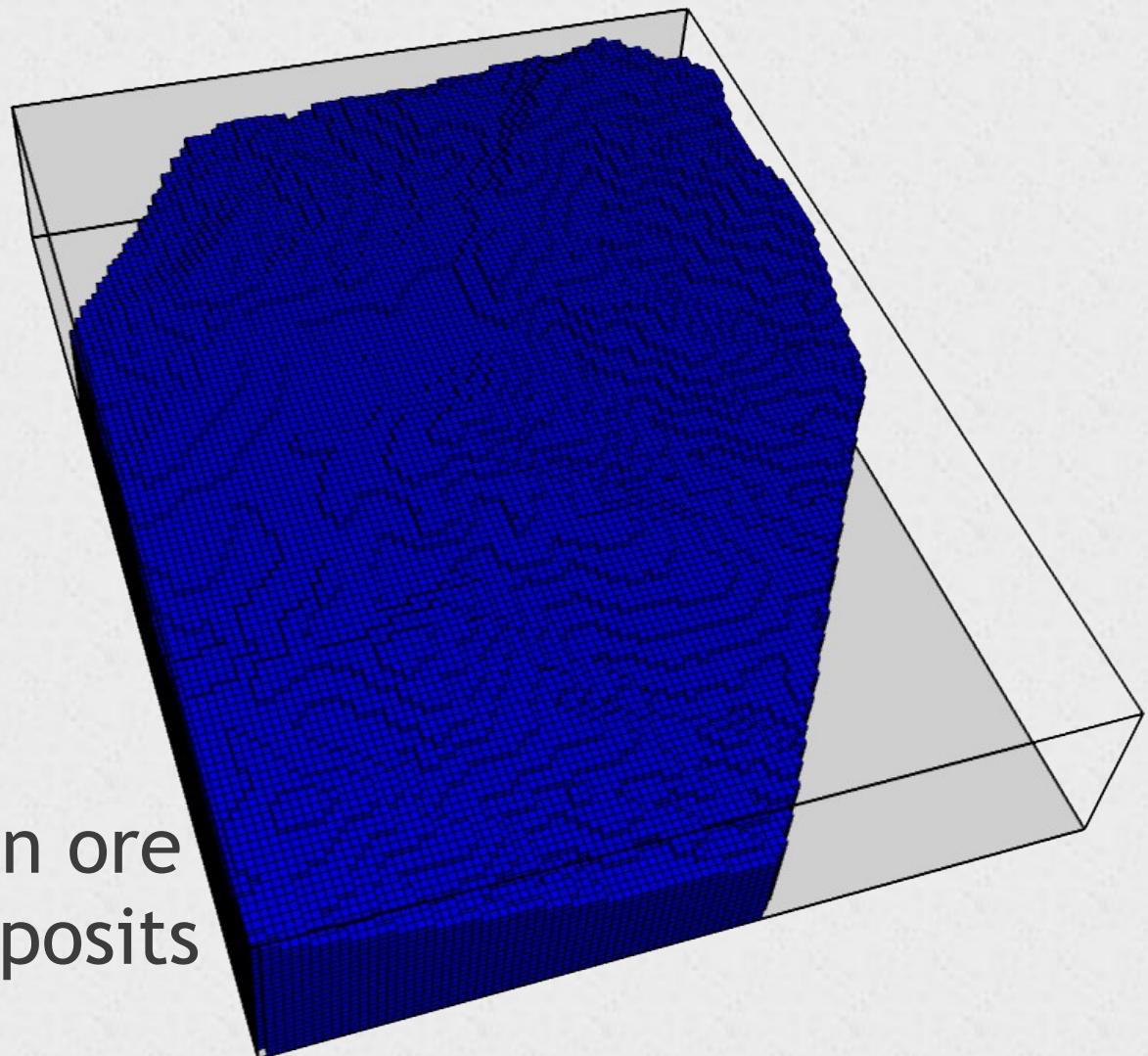
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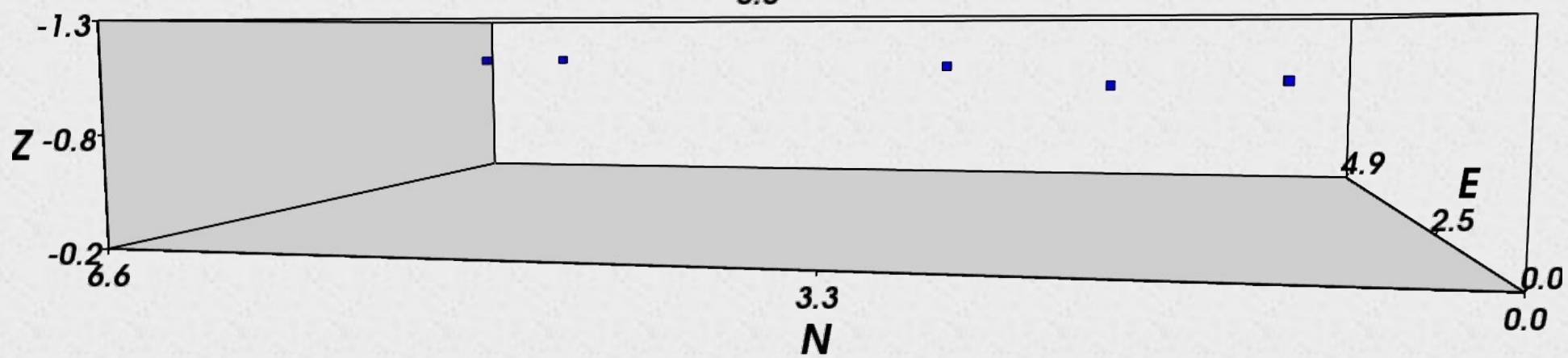
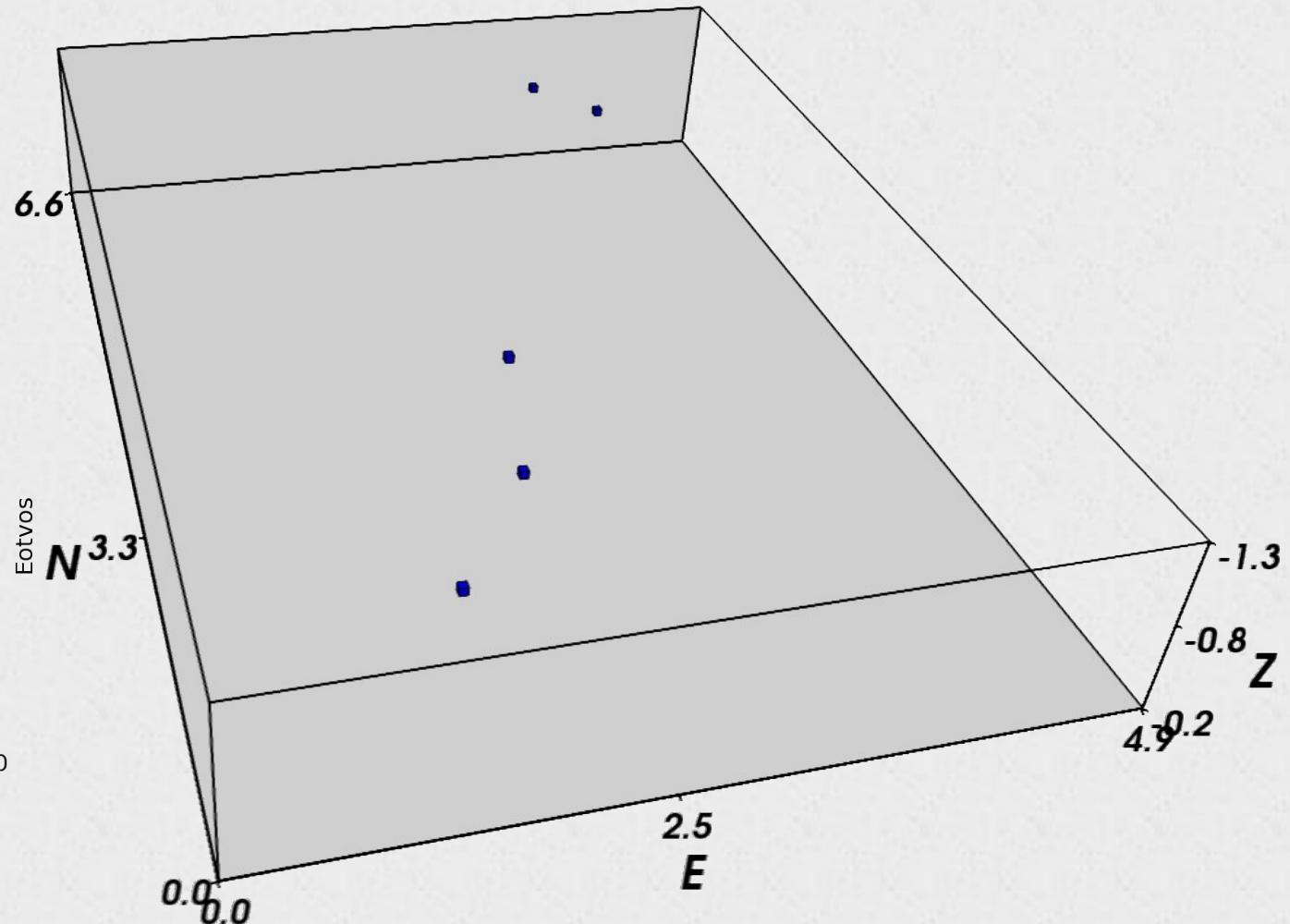
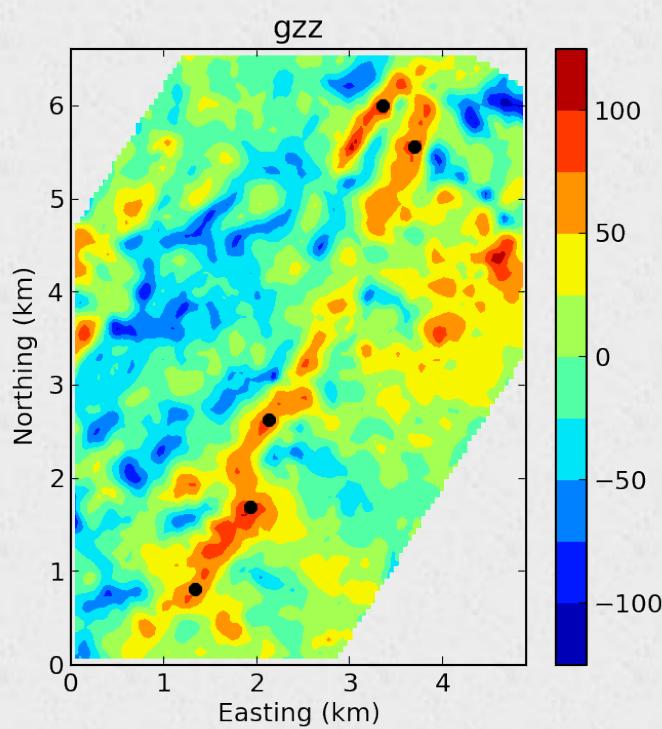
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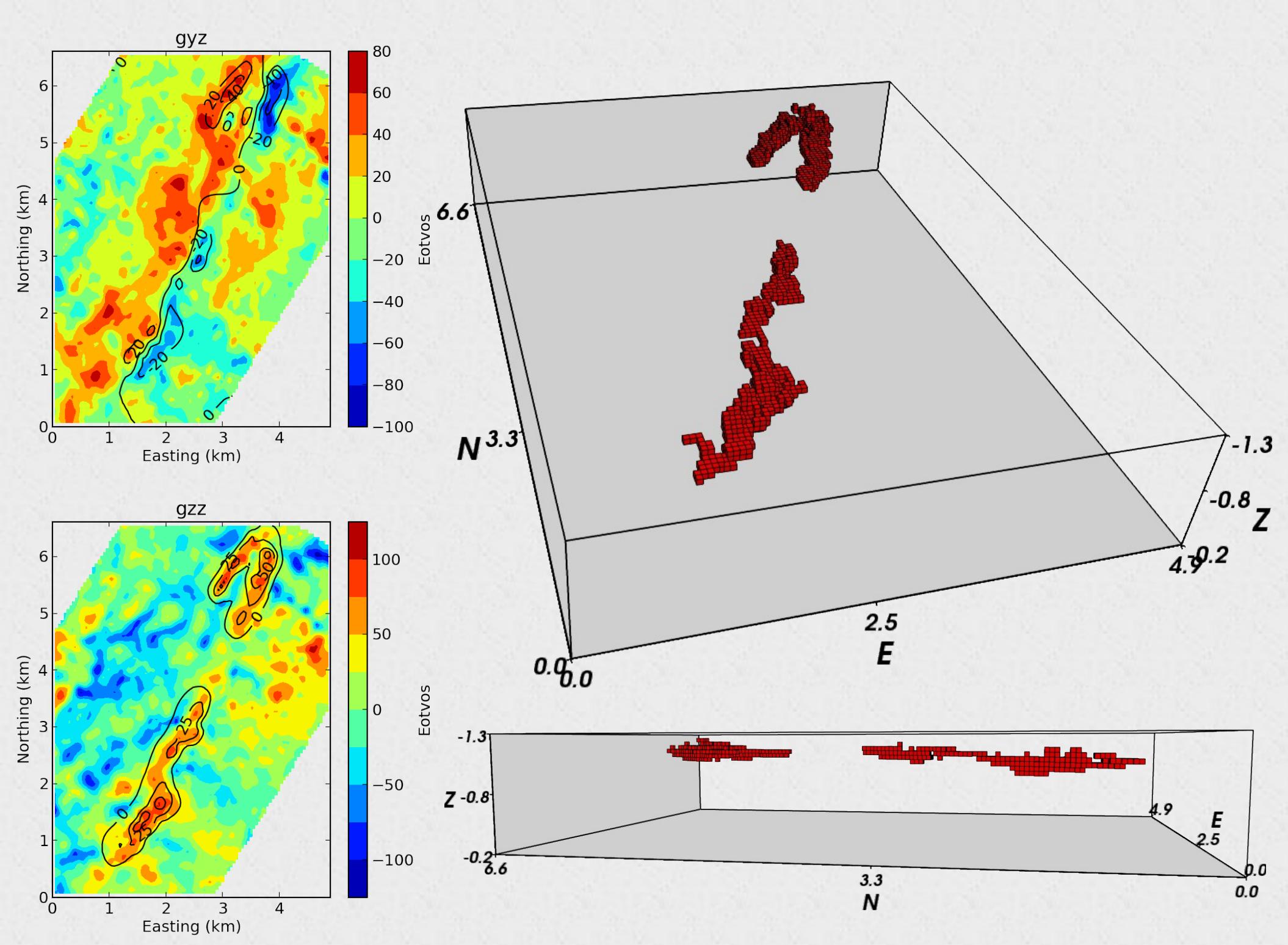


Iron ore
deposits



Seeds



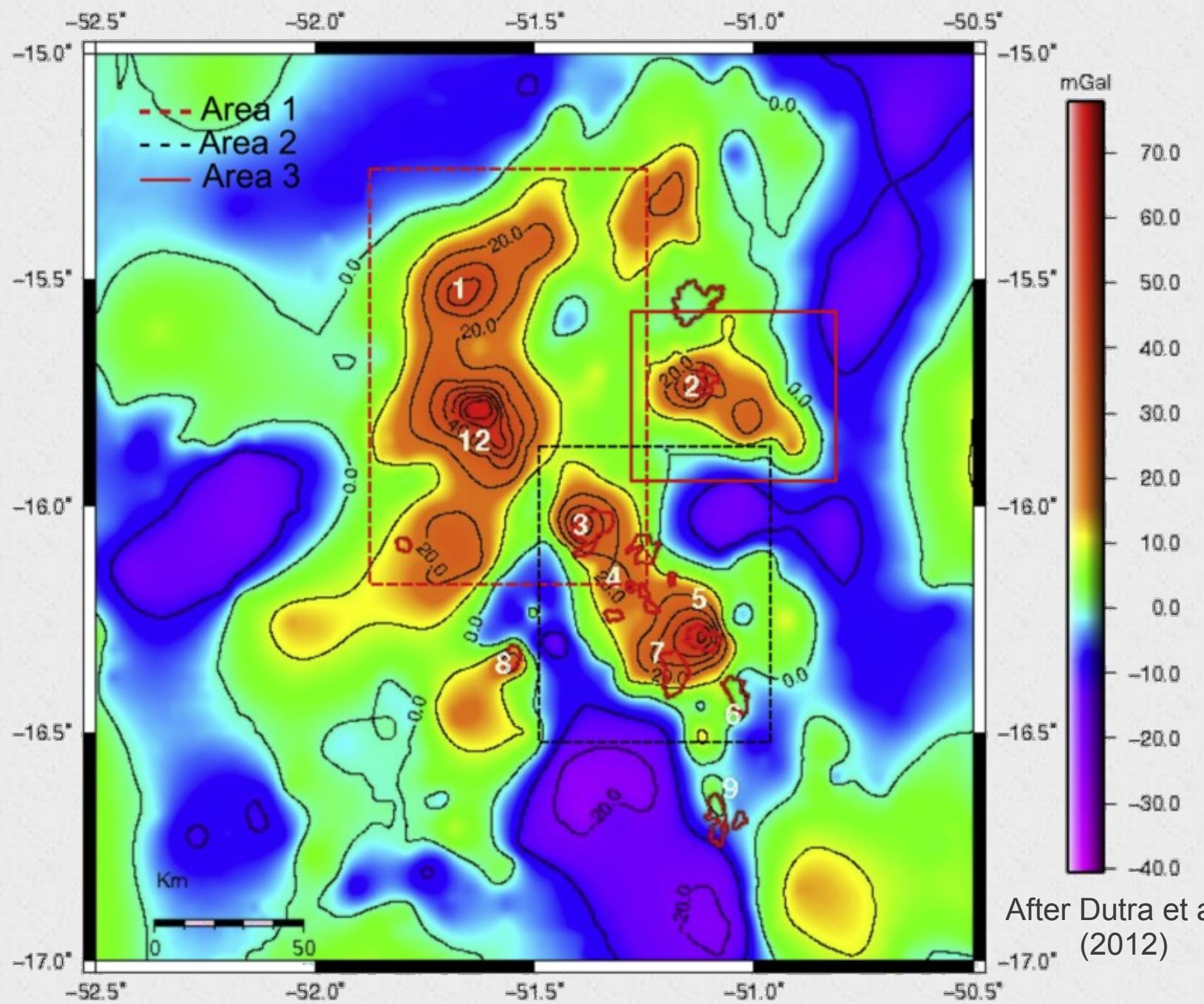


Hypothesis testing

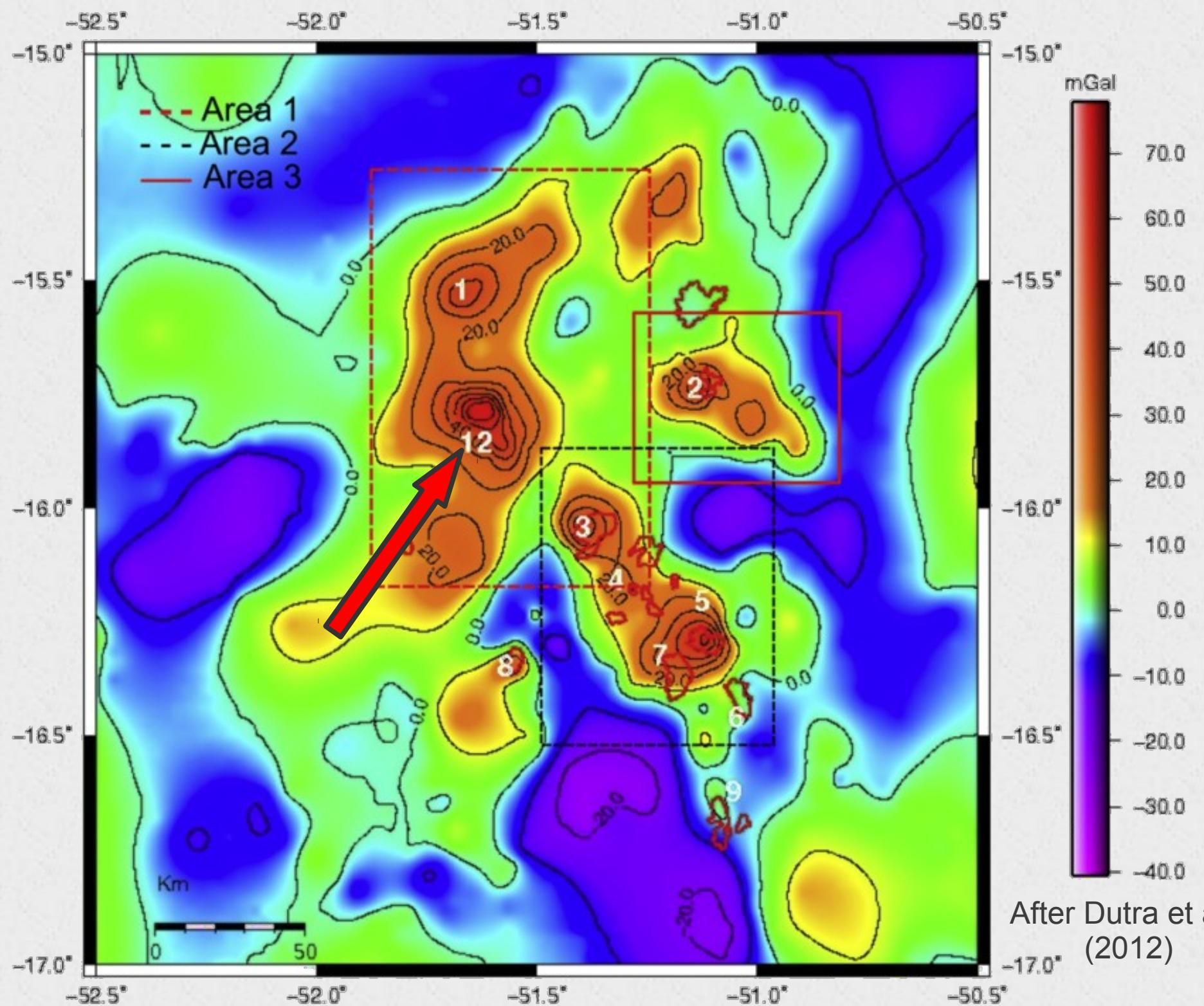
Registro do Araguaia
intrusion

Registro do araguaia

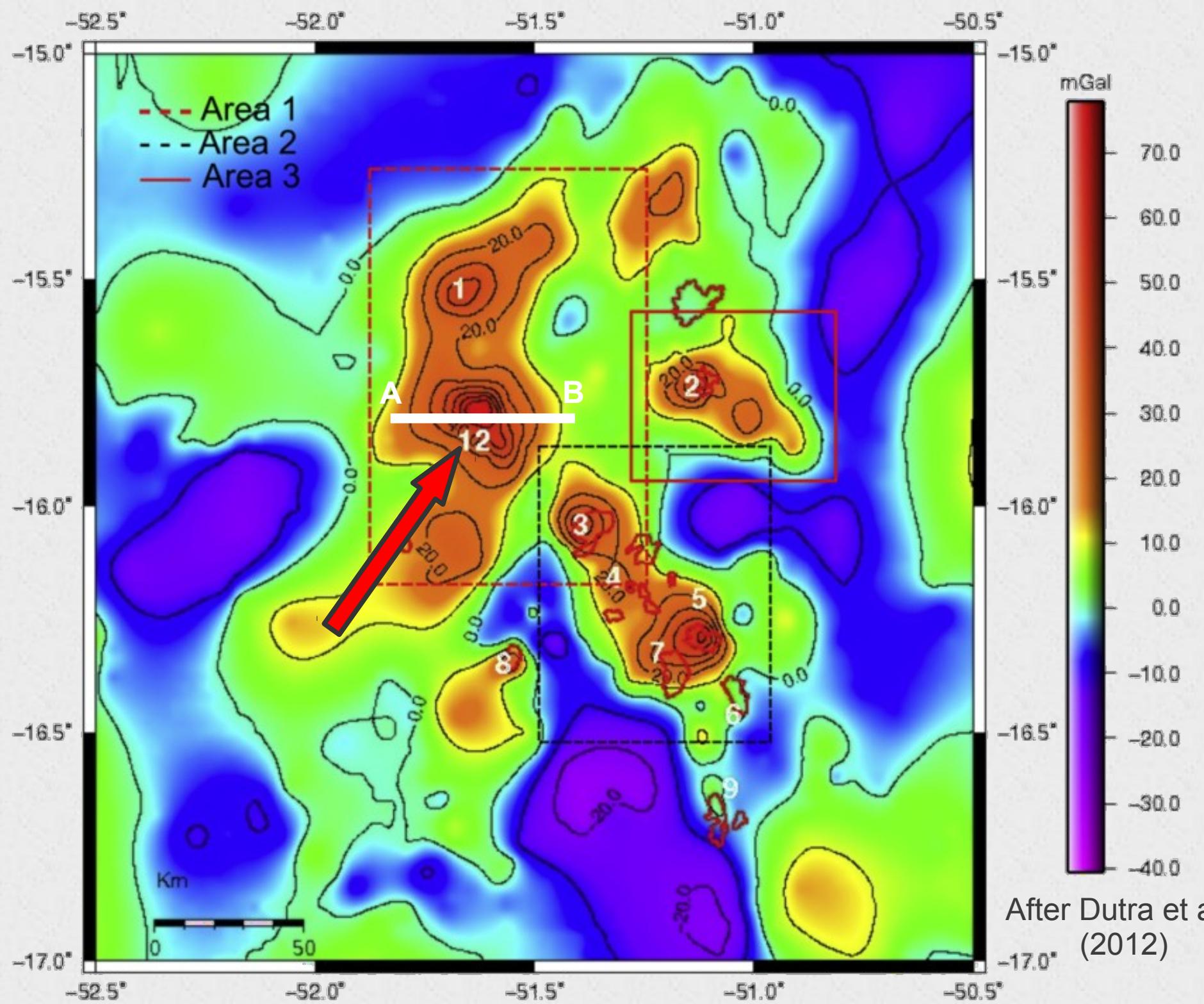
- Non-outcropping
- Alkaline intrusion
- Density contrast $\approx 300 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$



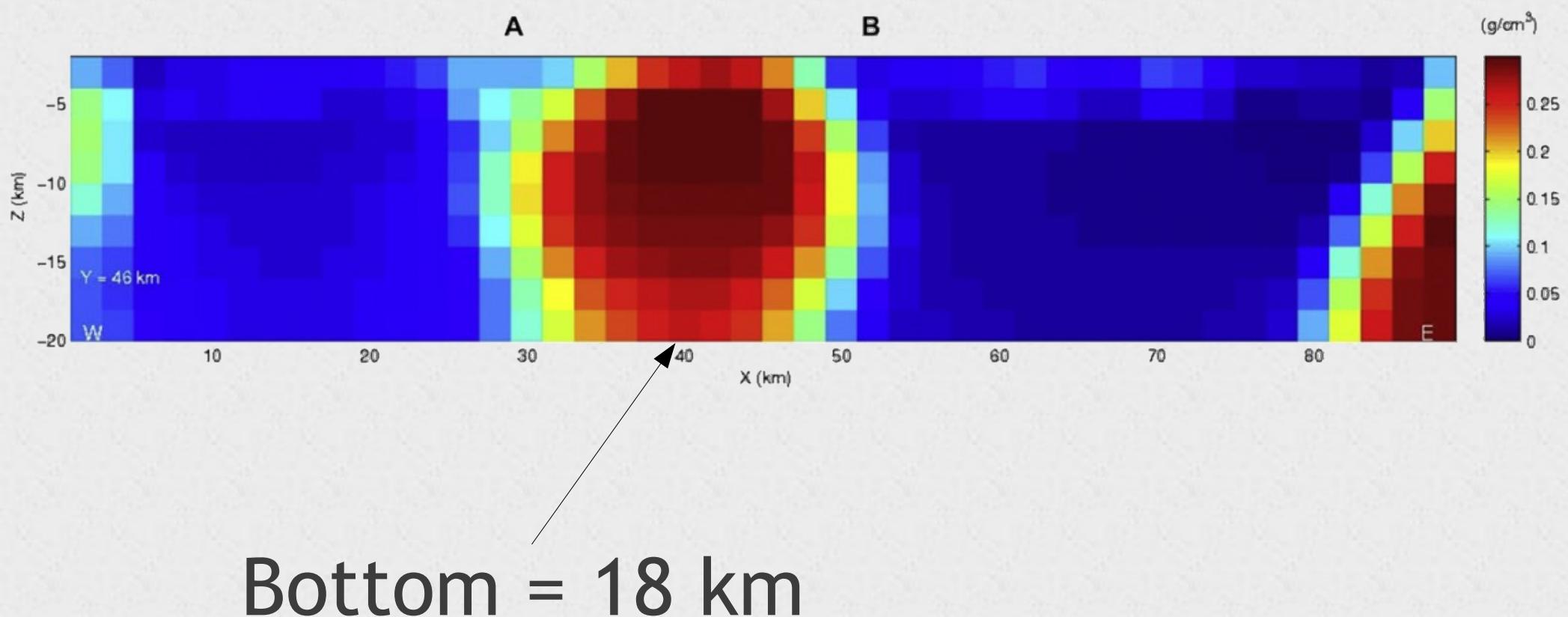
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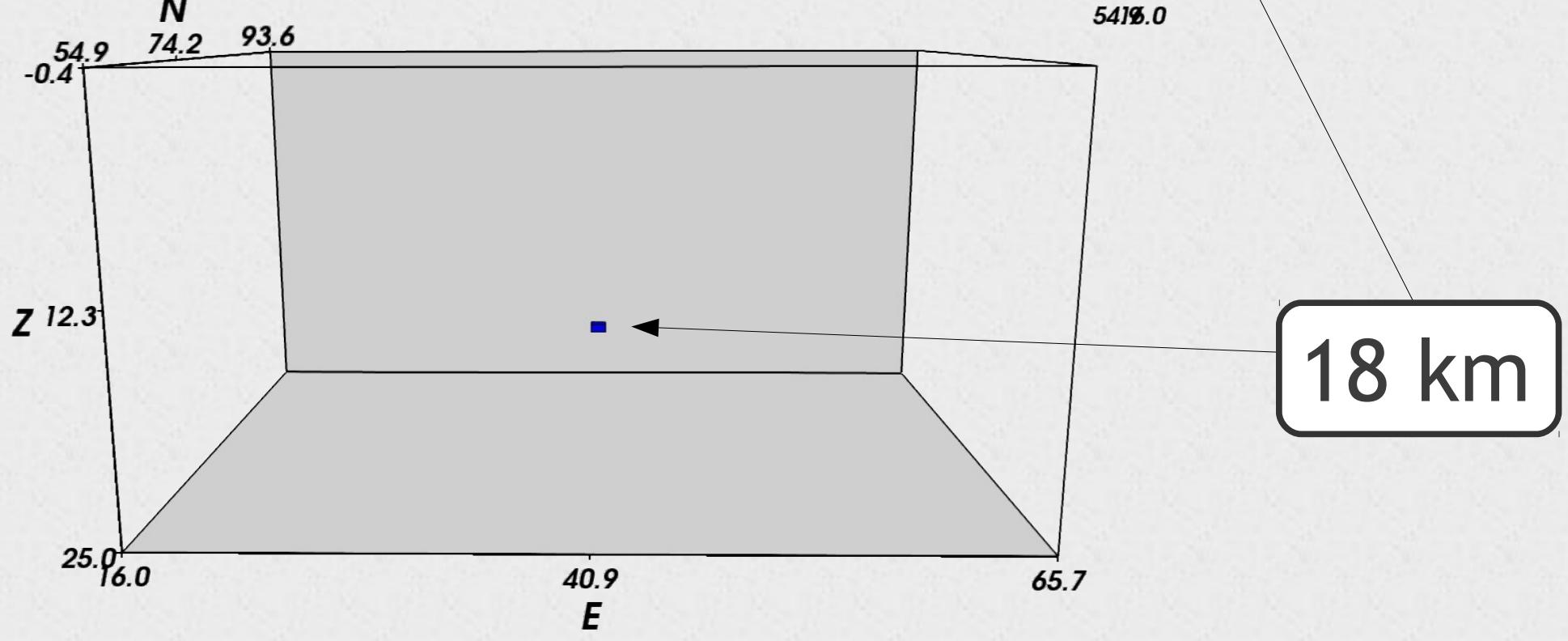
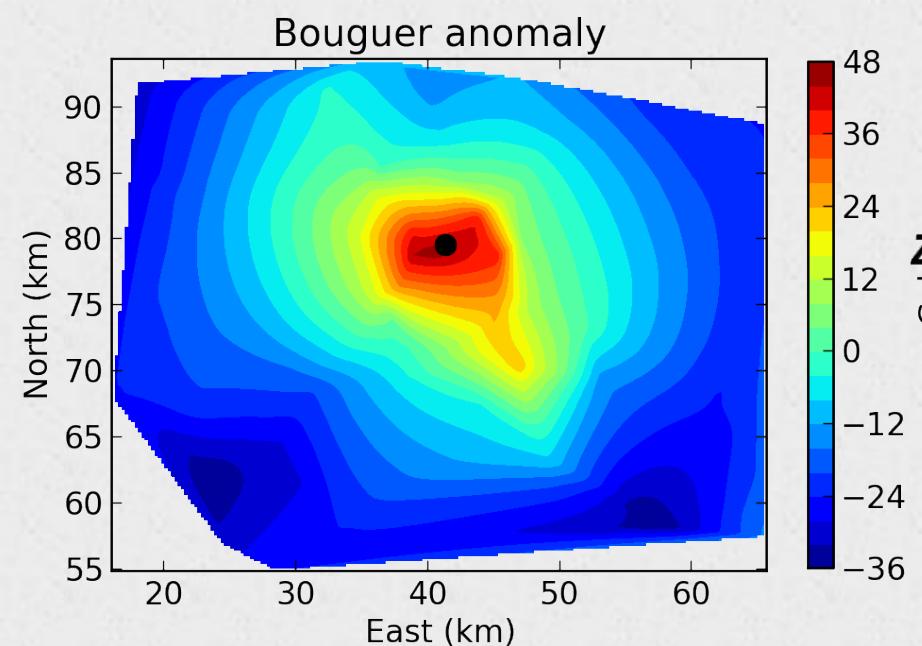
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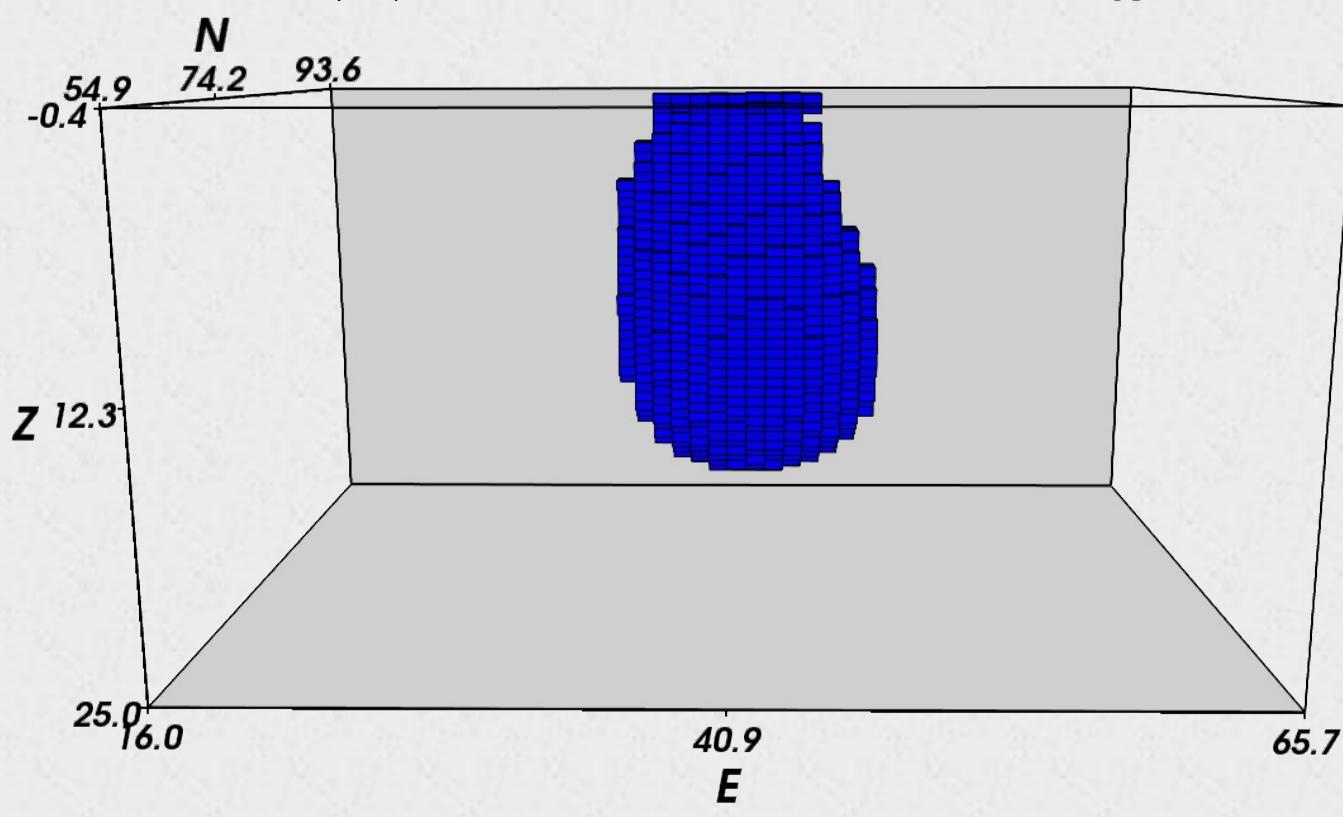
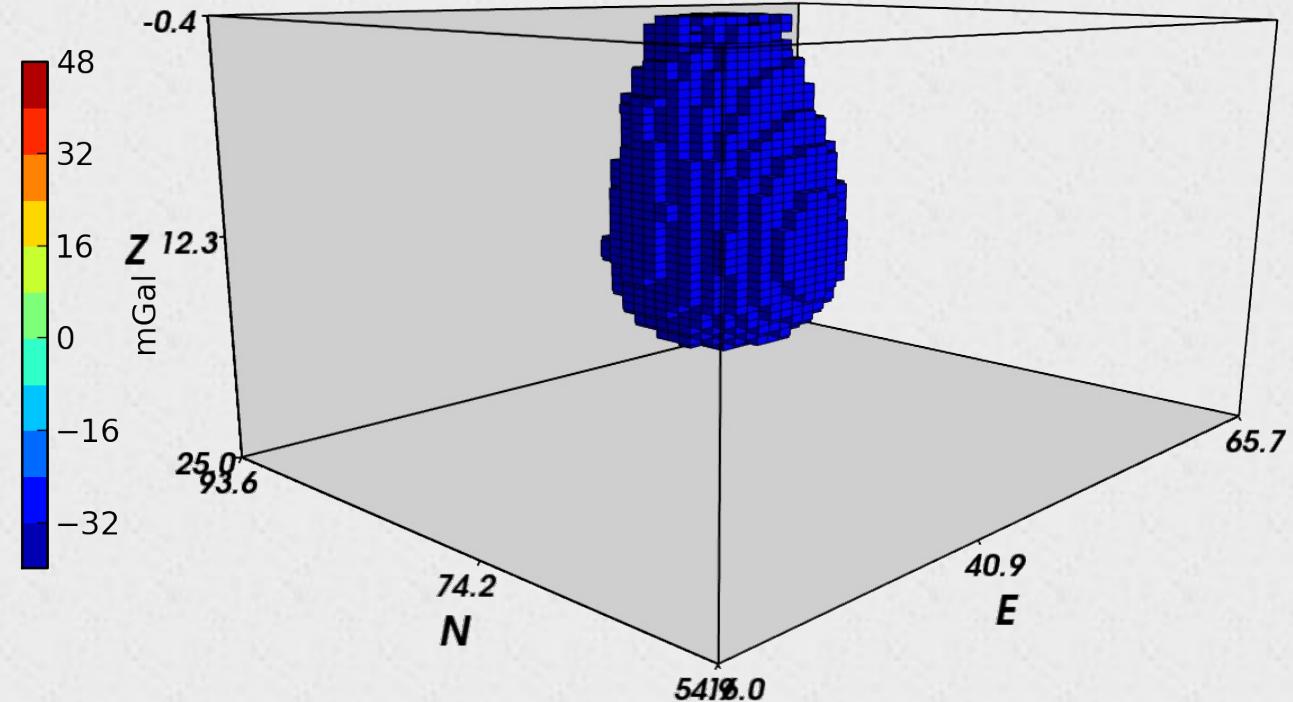
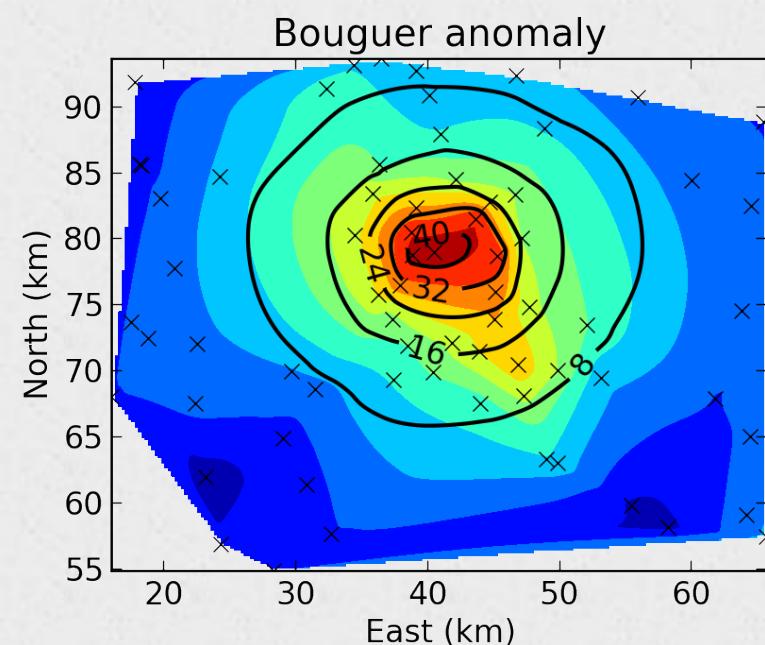


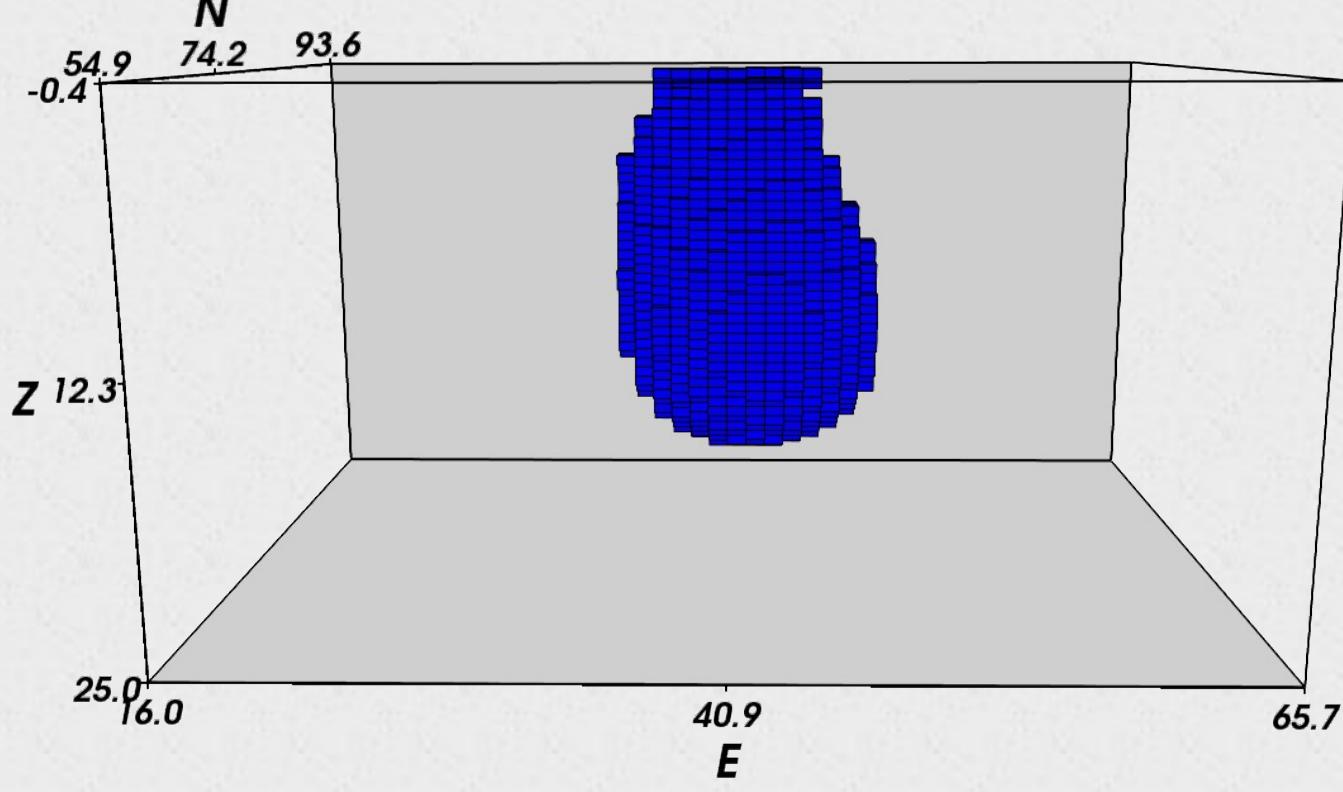
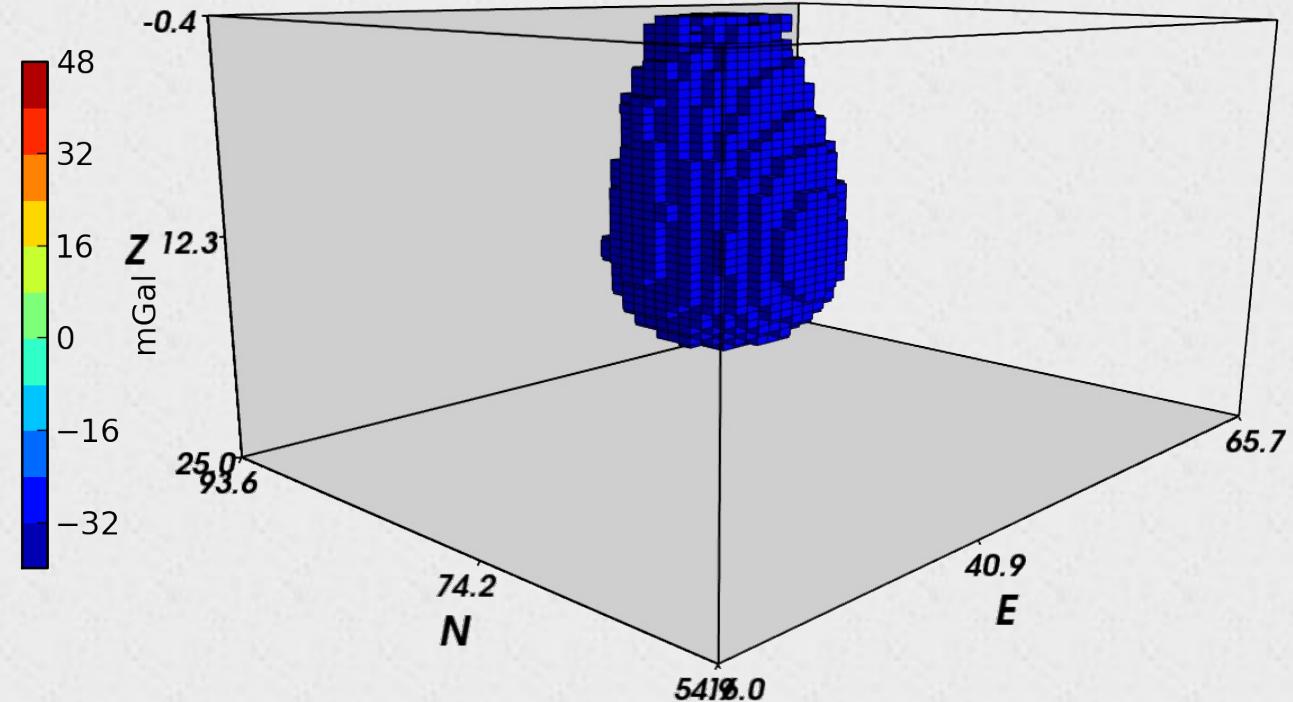
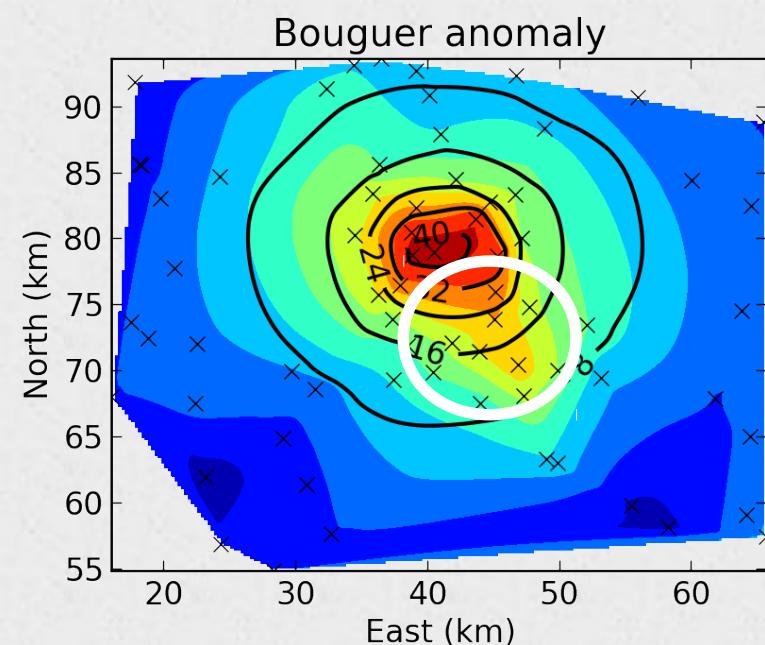
3D gravity inversion (Dutra et al., 2012)



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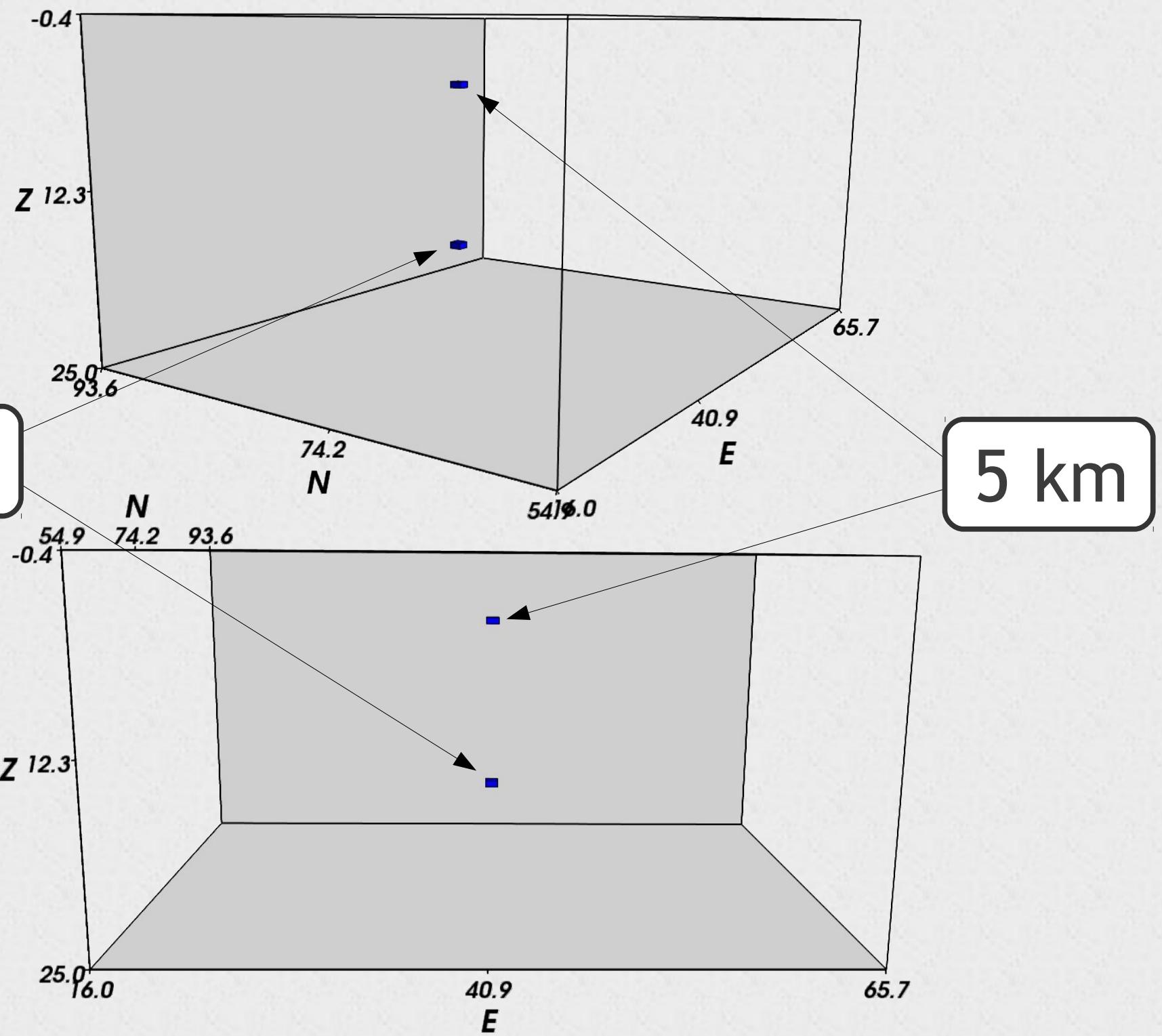


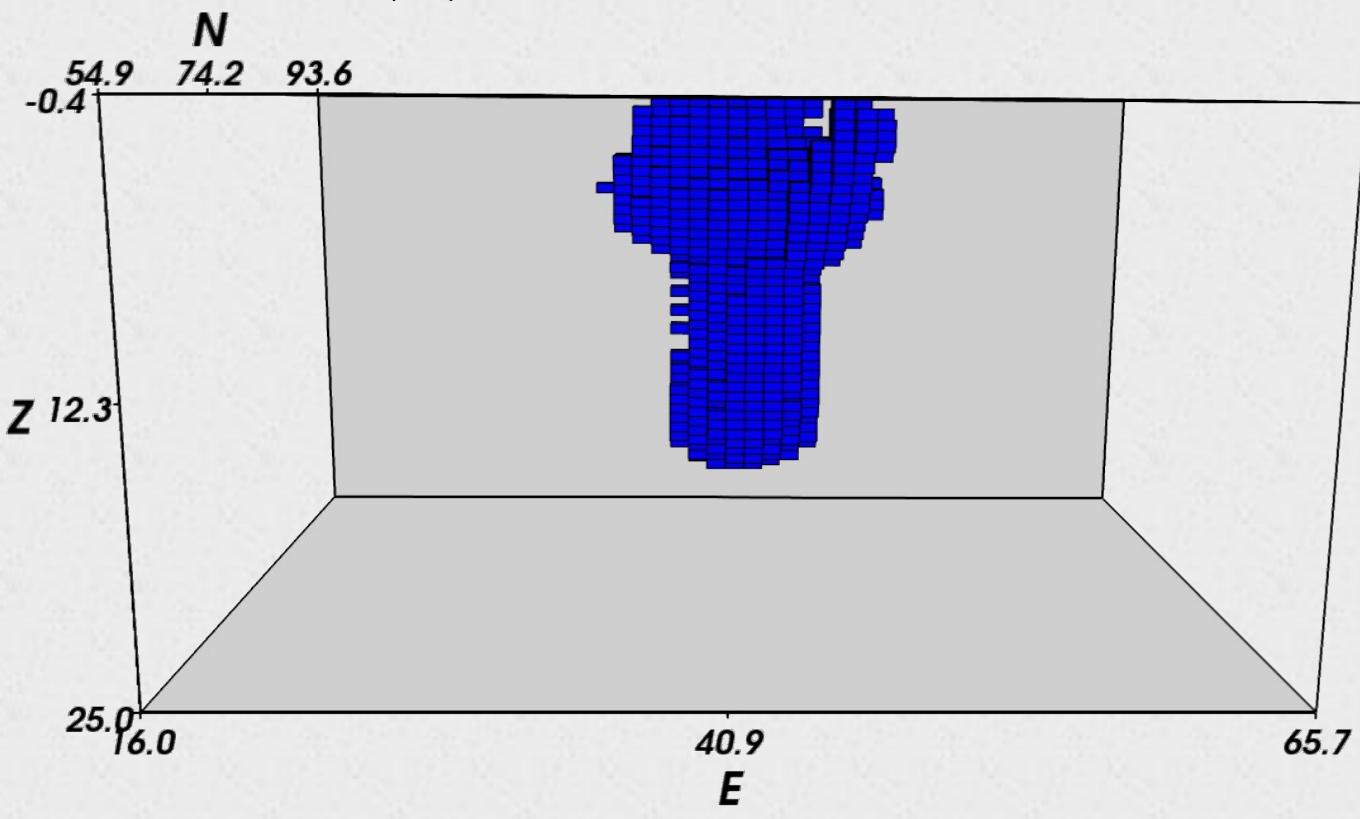
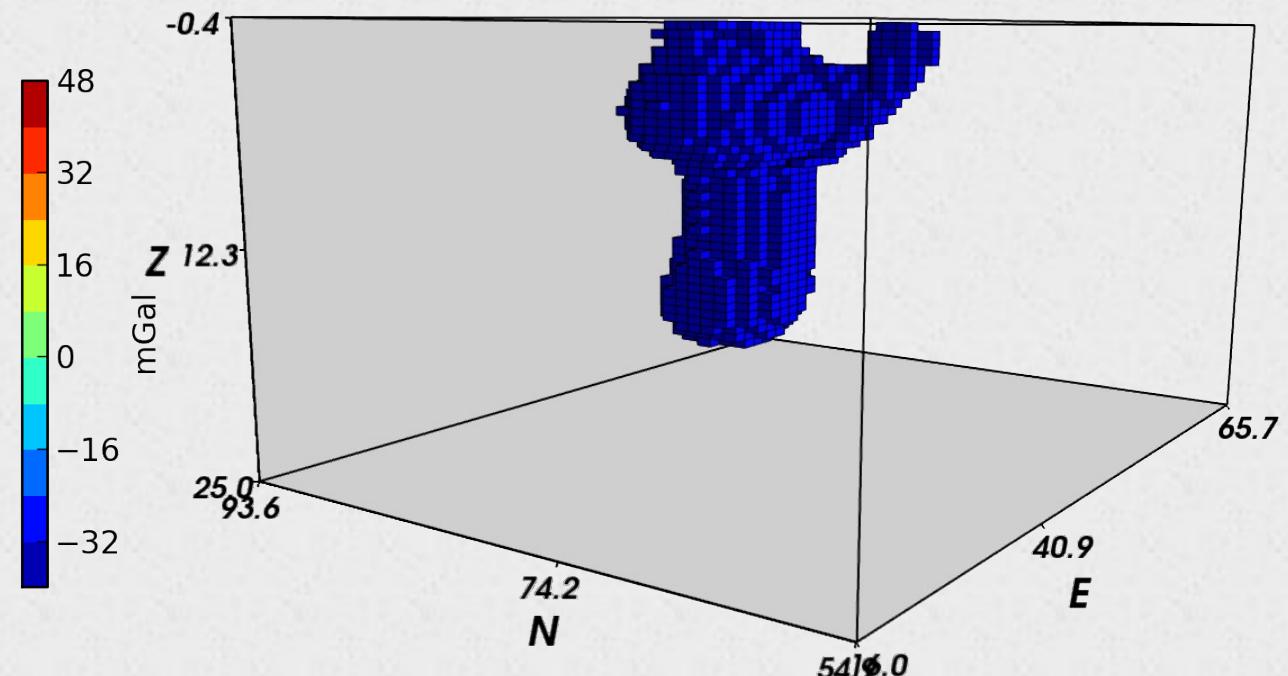
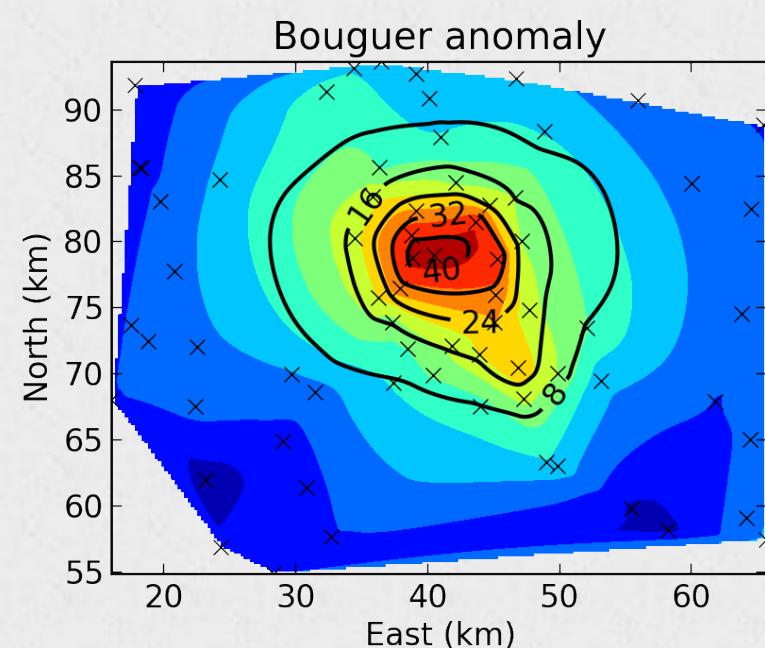


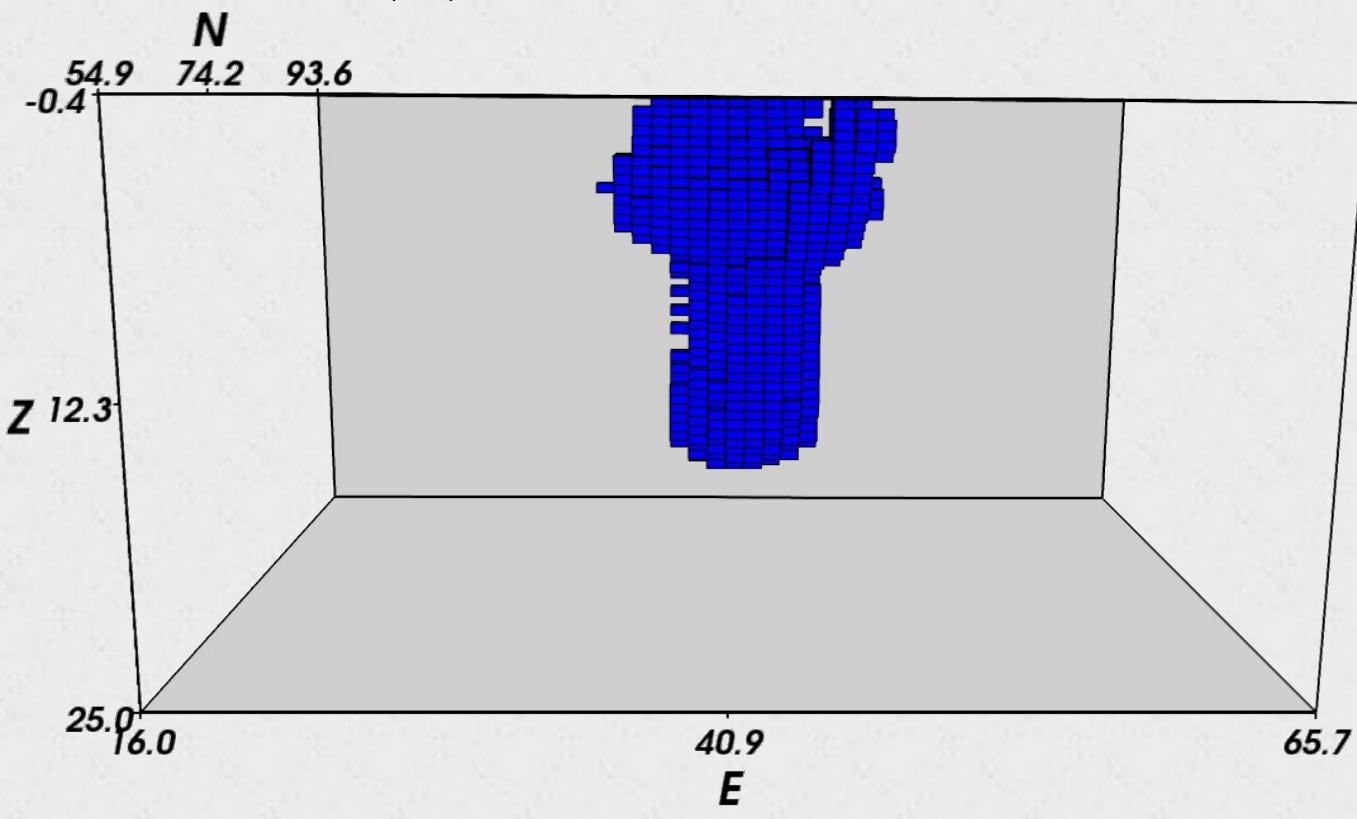
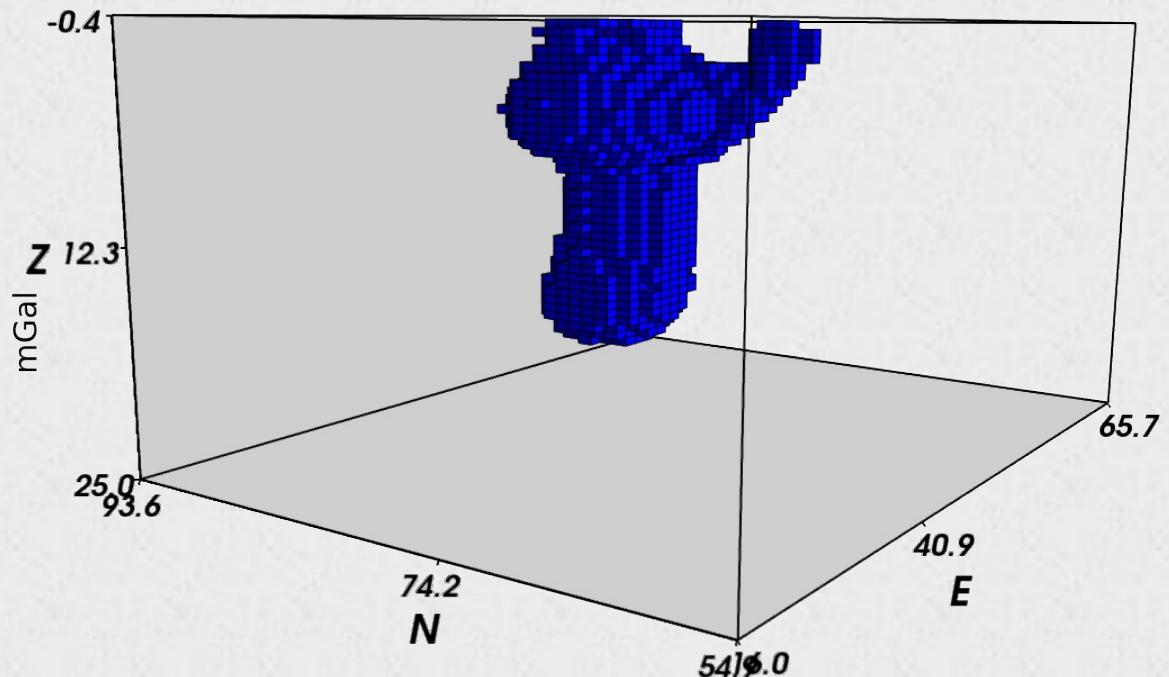
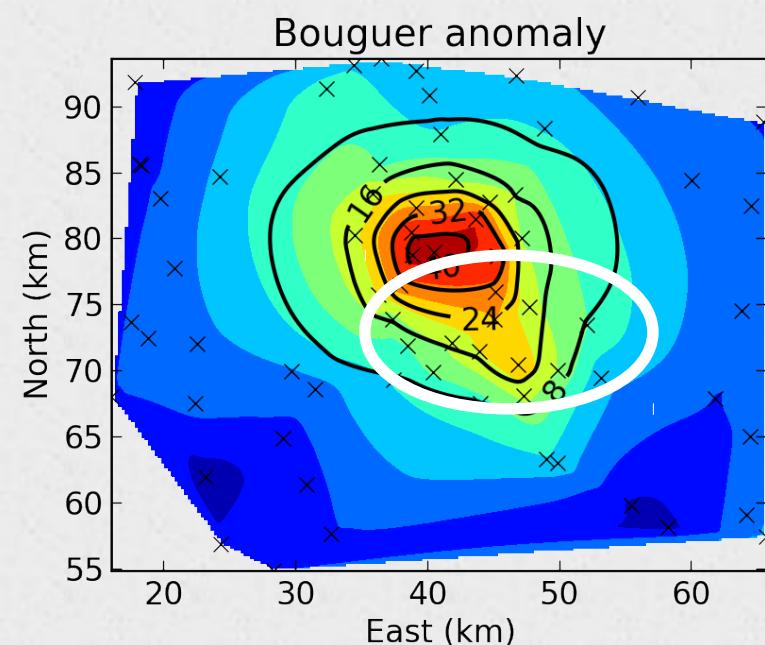
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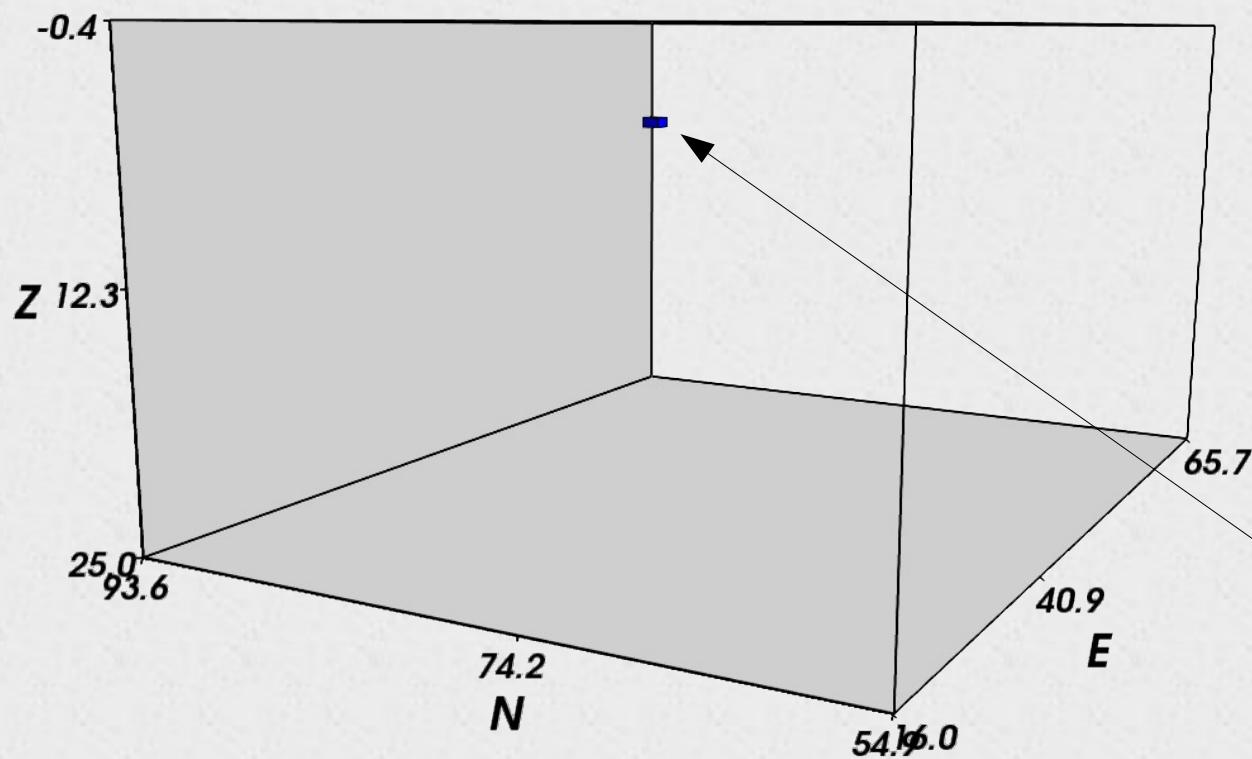




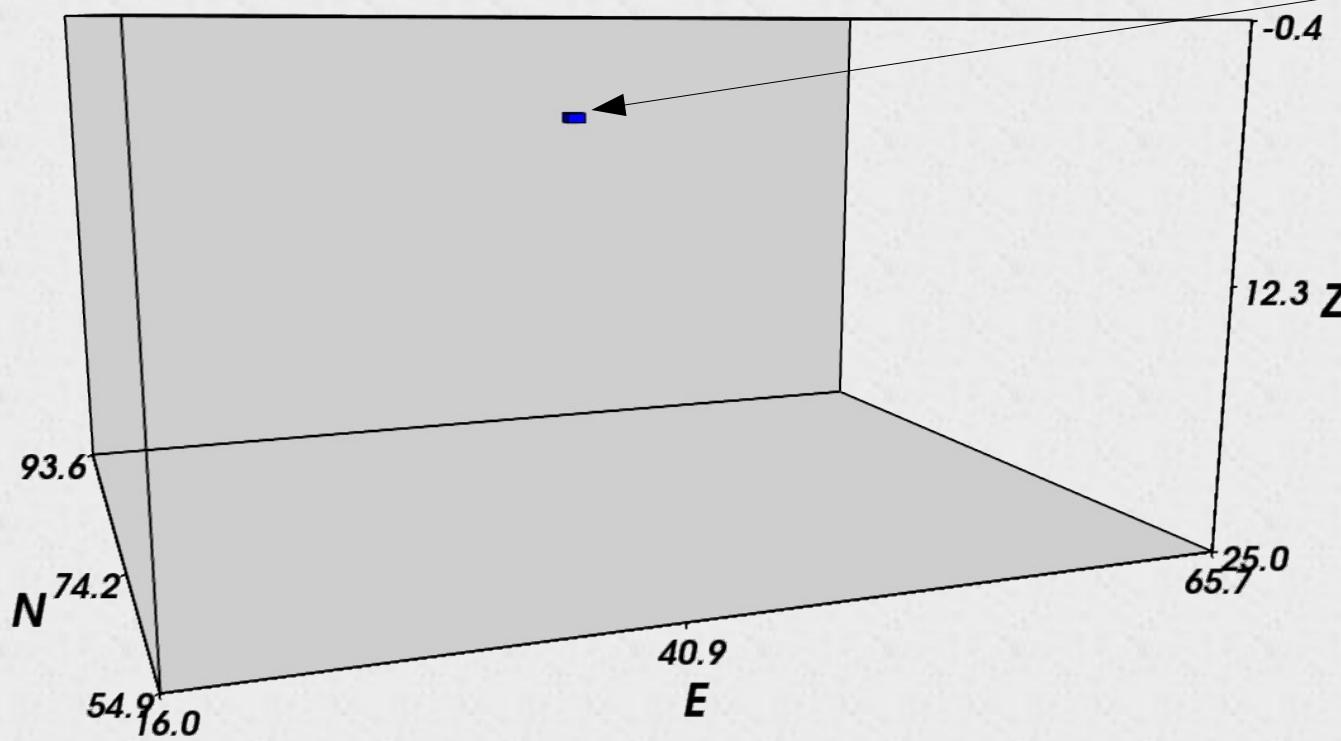
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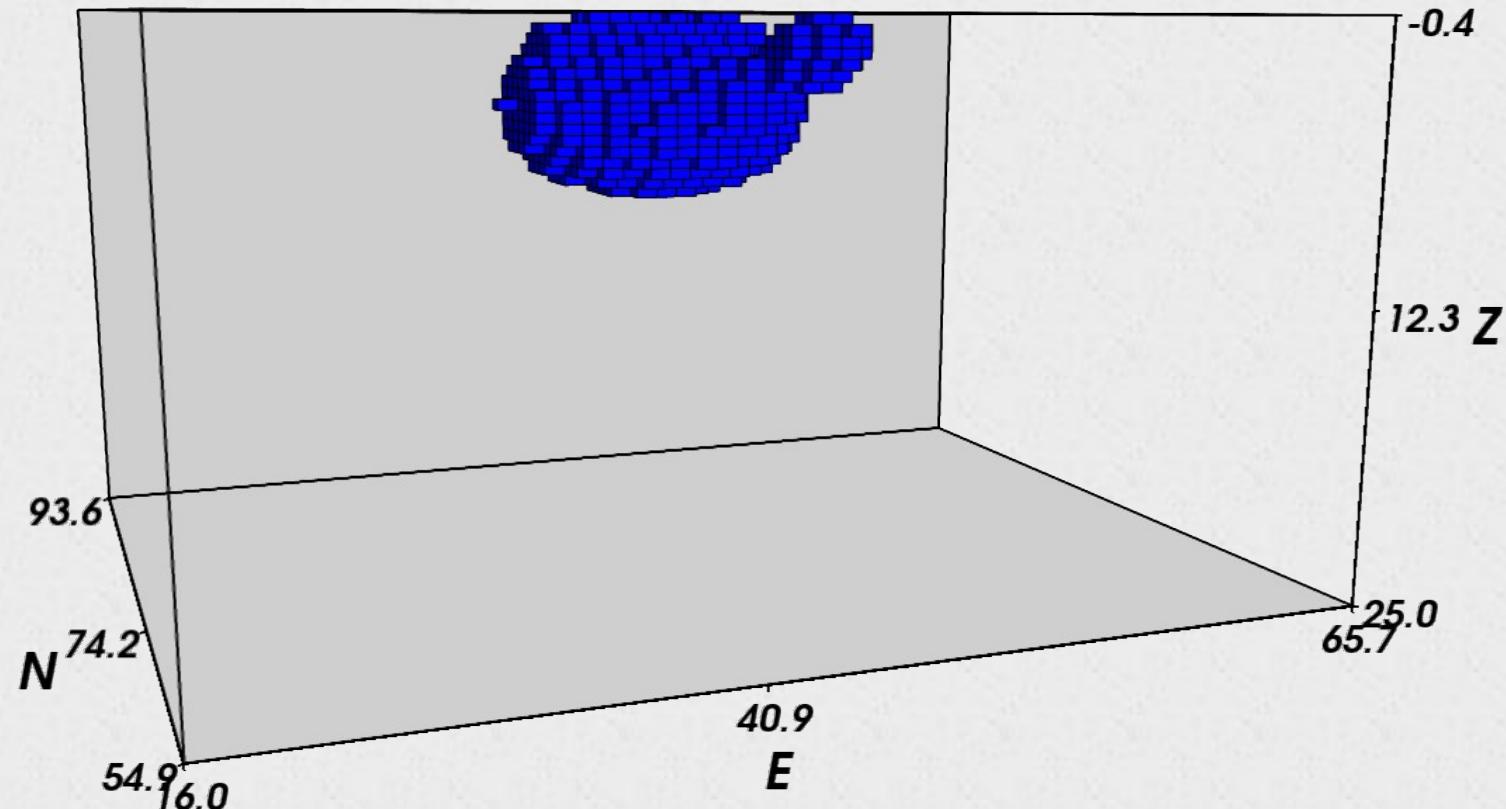
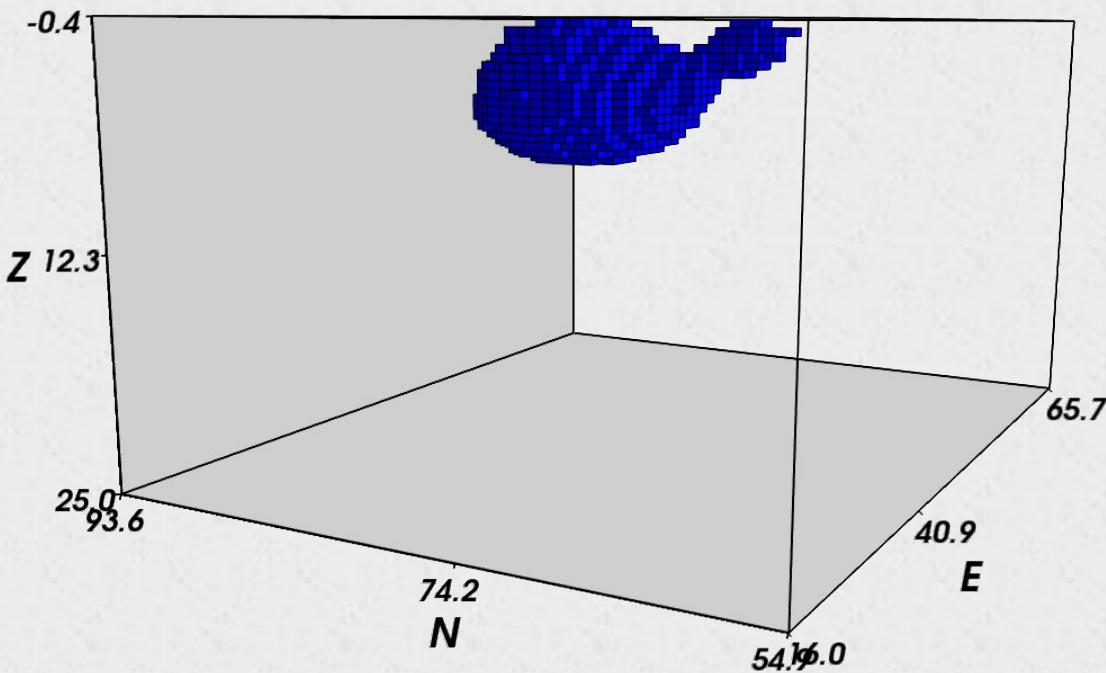
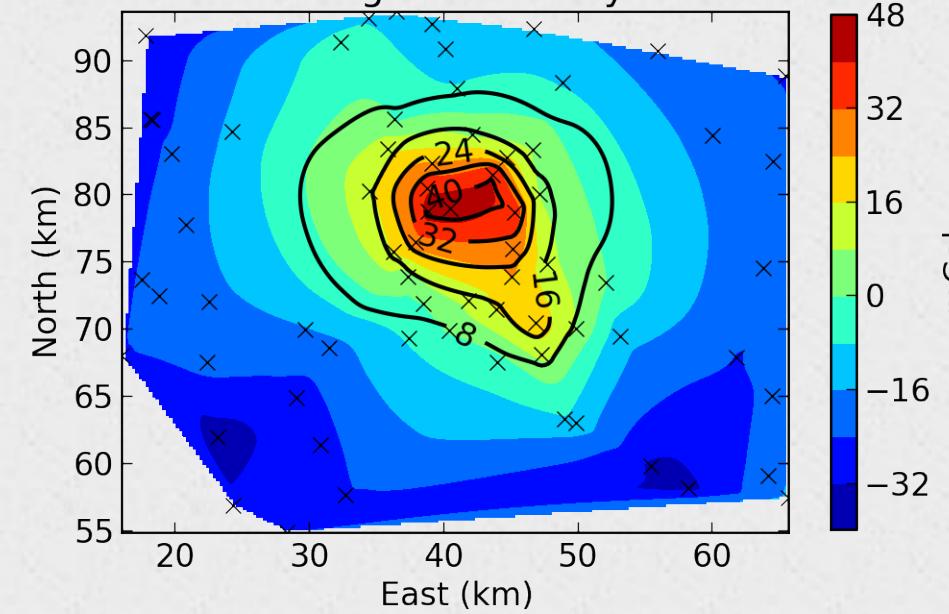
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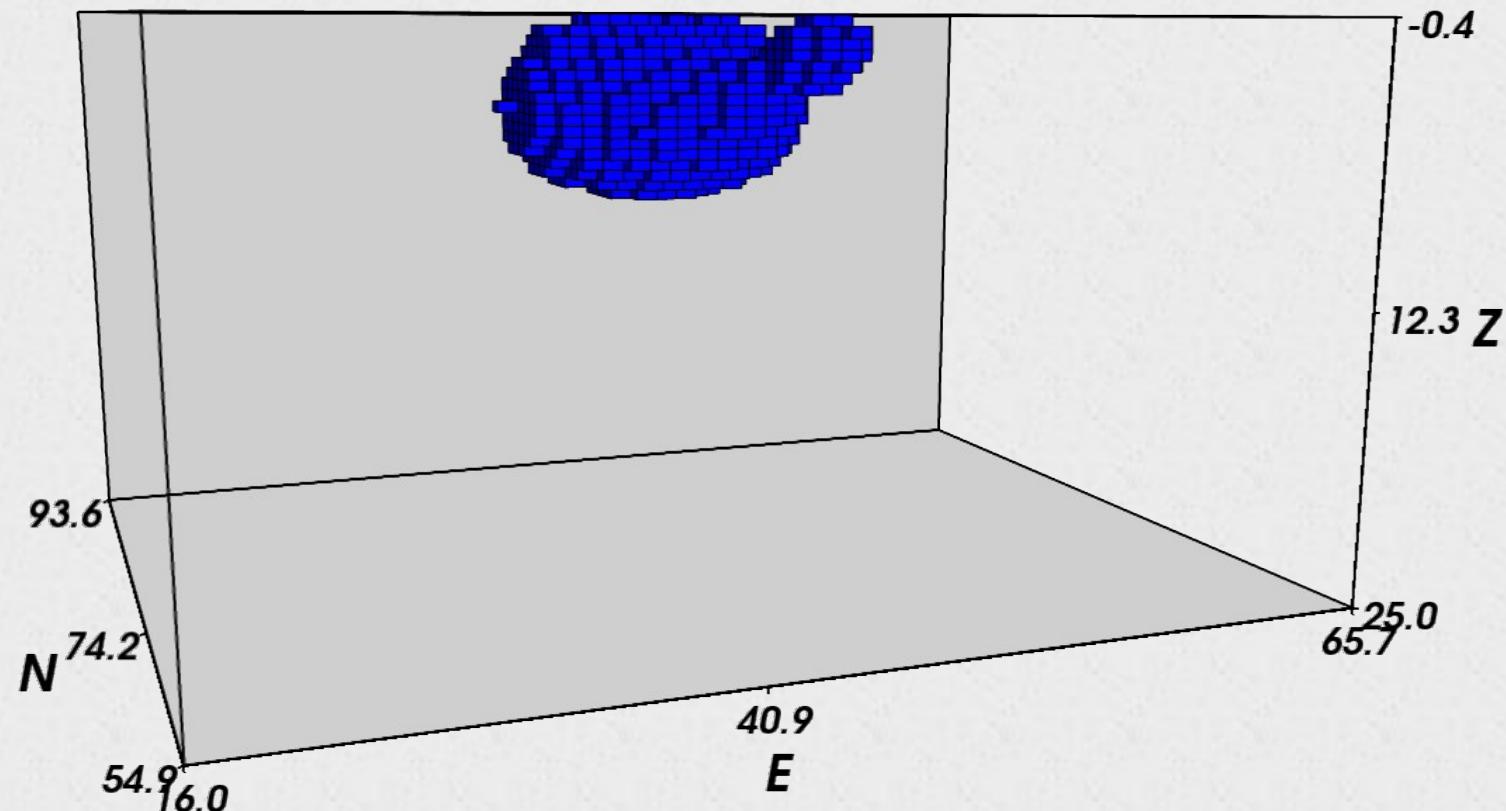
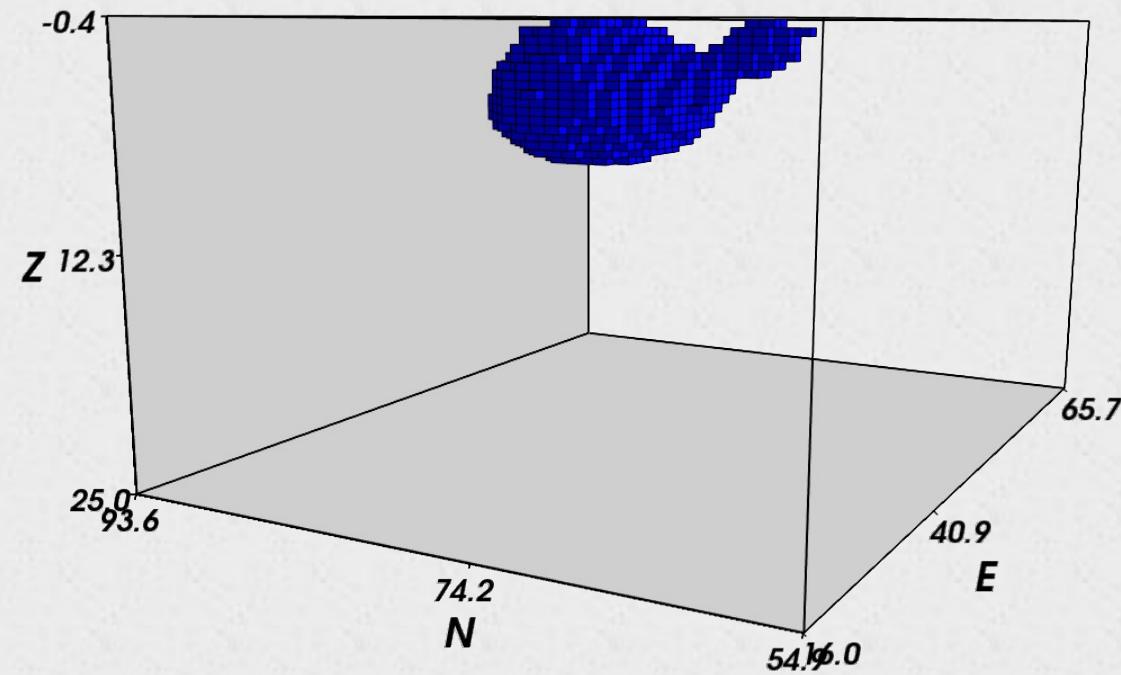
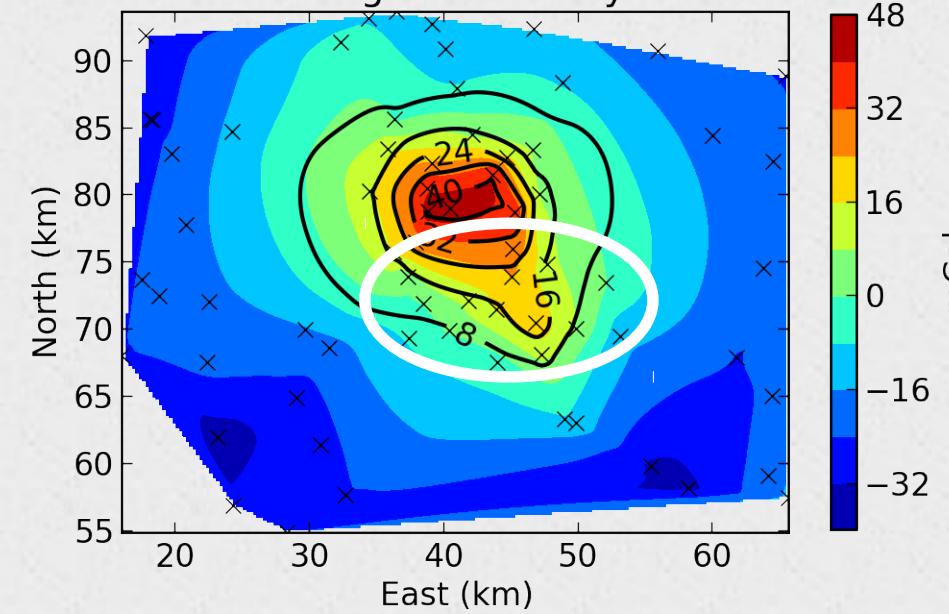
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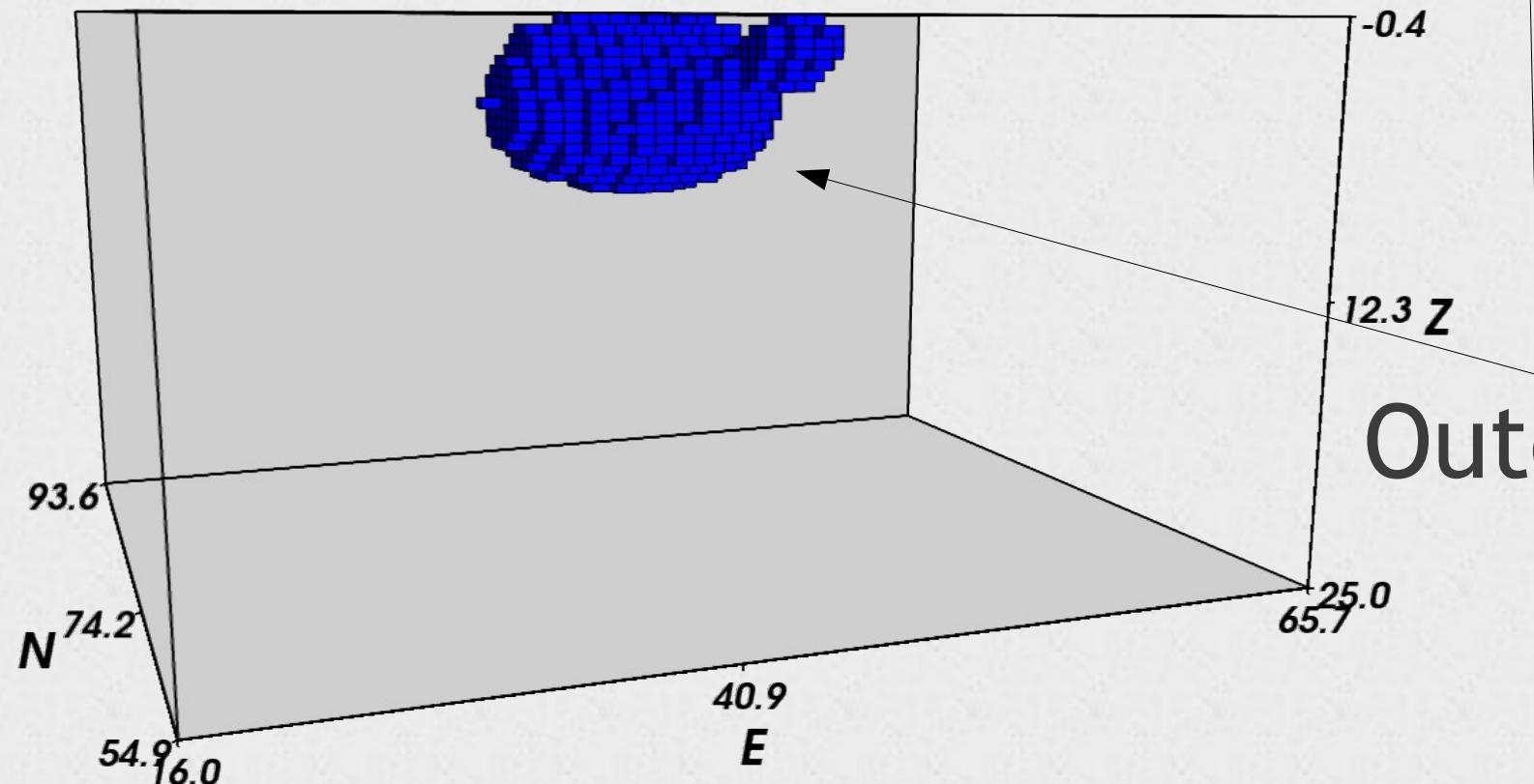
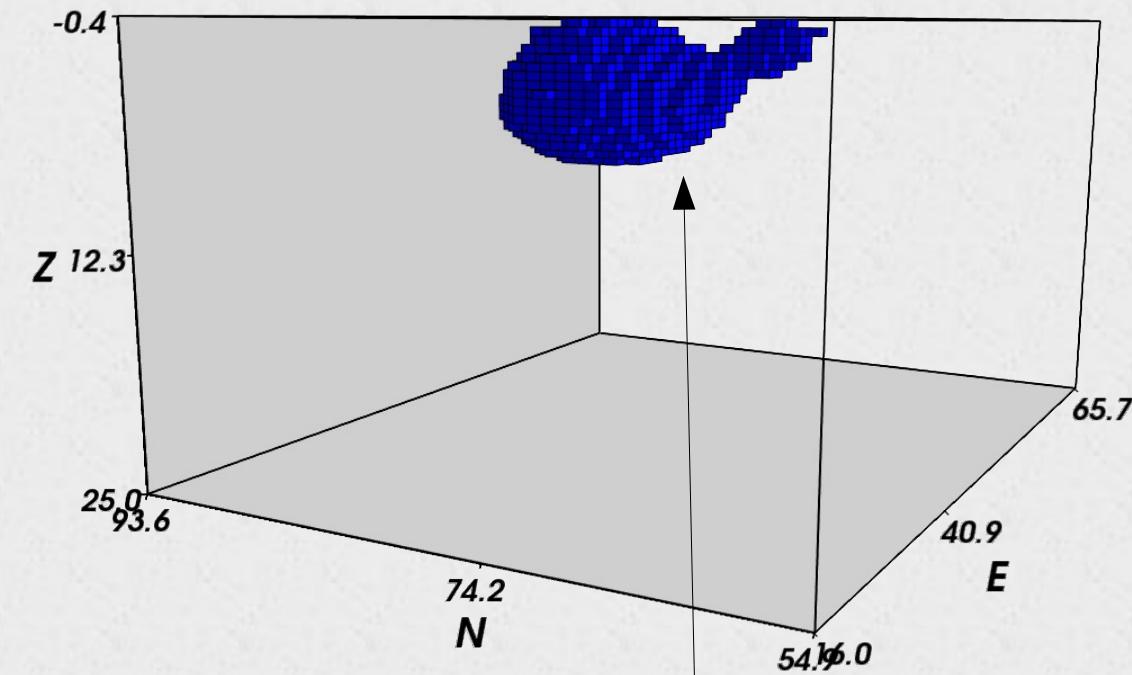
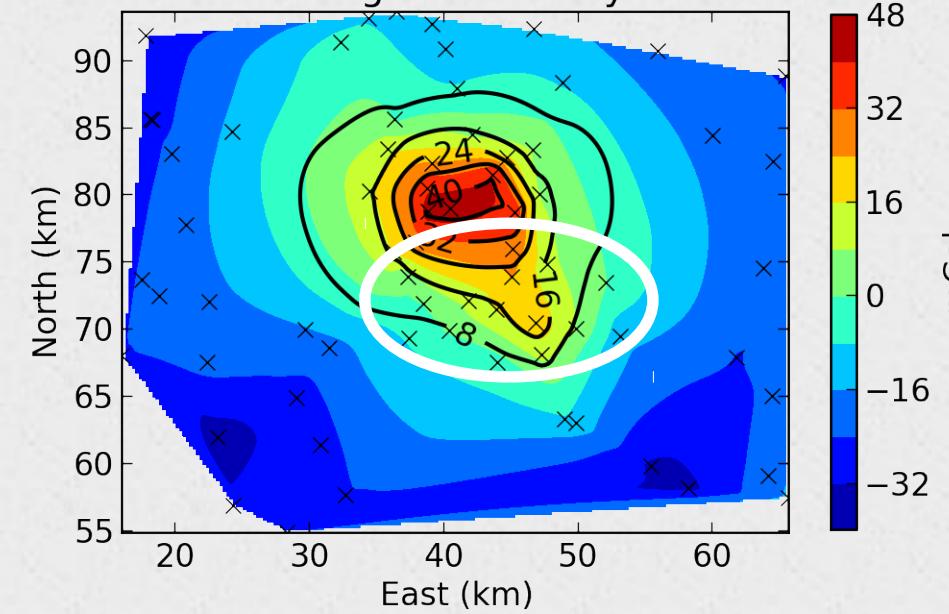
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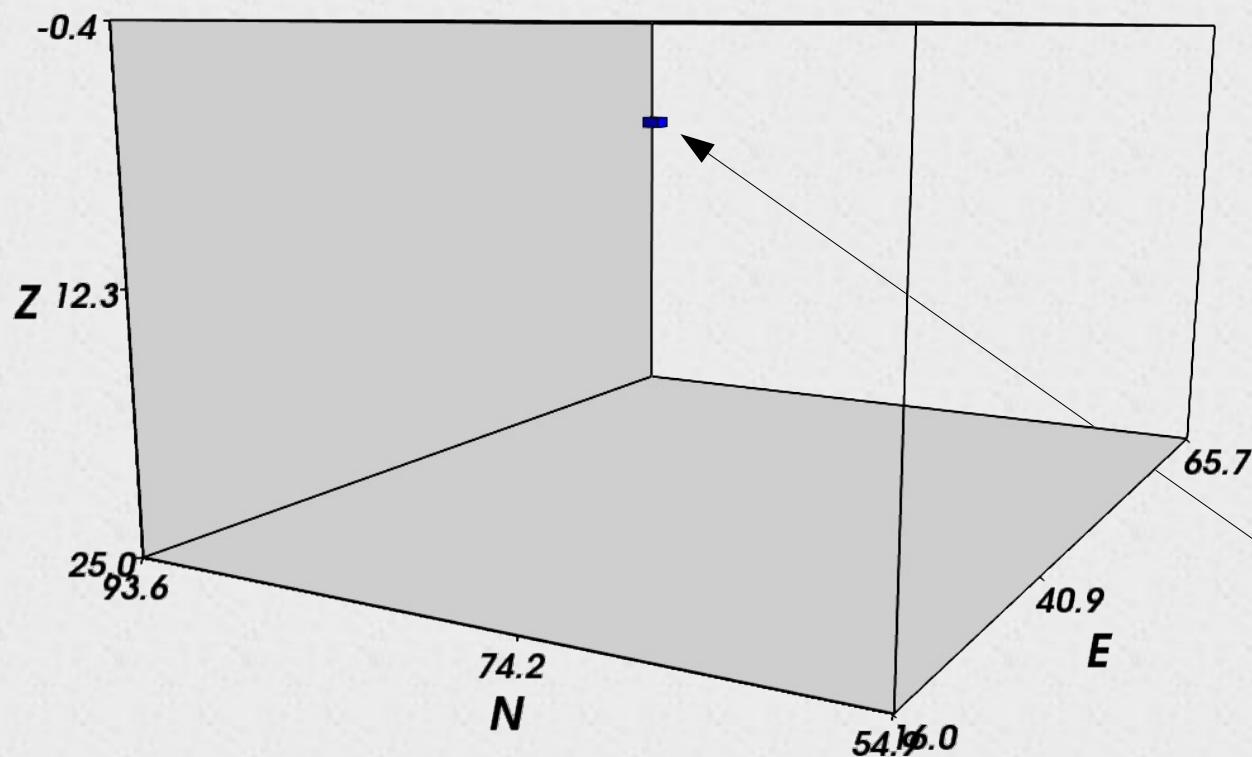


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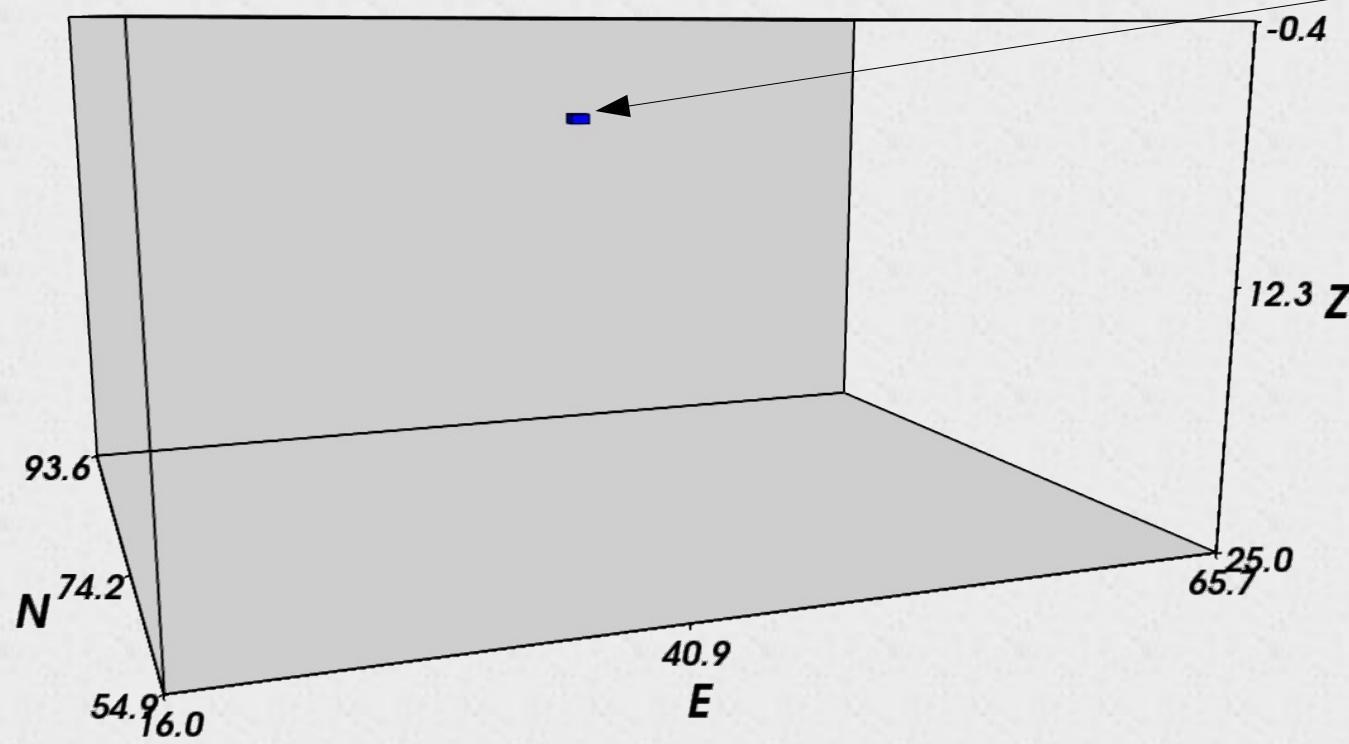
Hypothesis 3

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Hypothesis 4



5 km

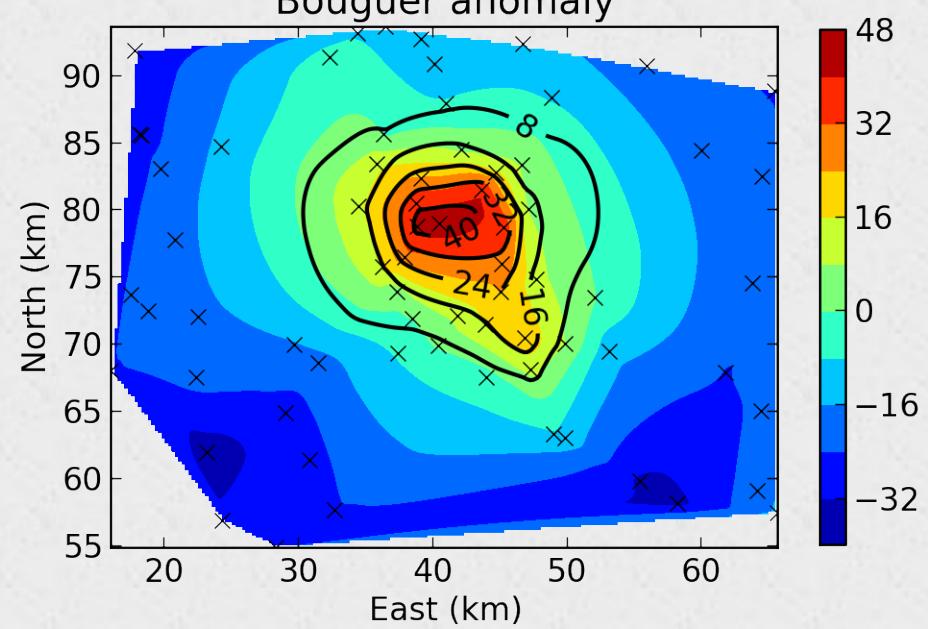


Density



500 g.cm⁻³

Bouguer anomaly



-0.4

mGal
Z 12.3

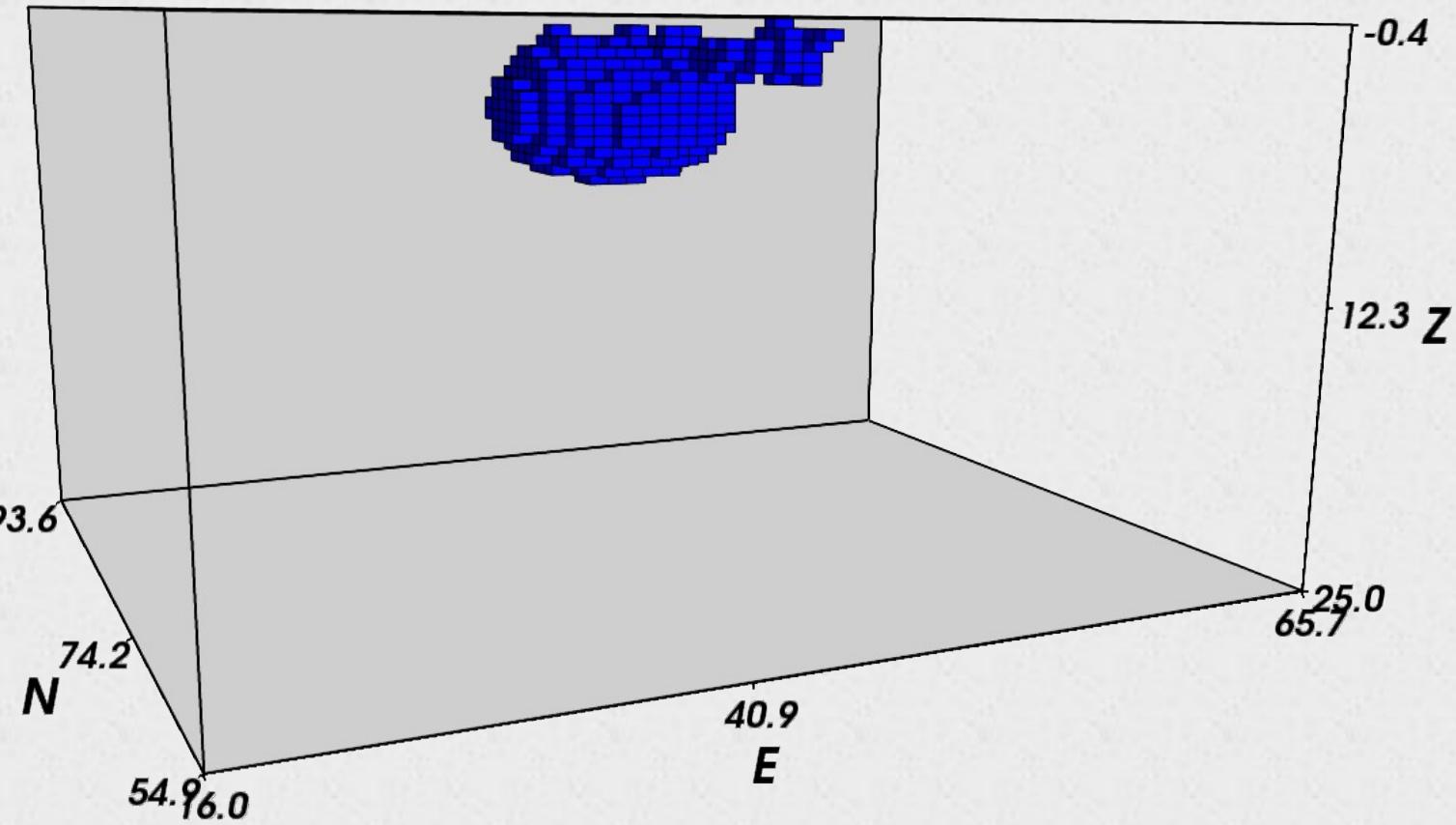
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93.6

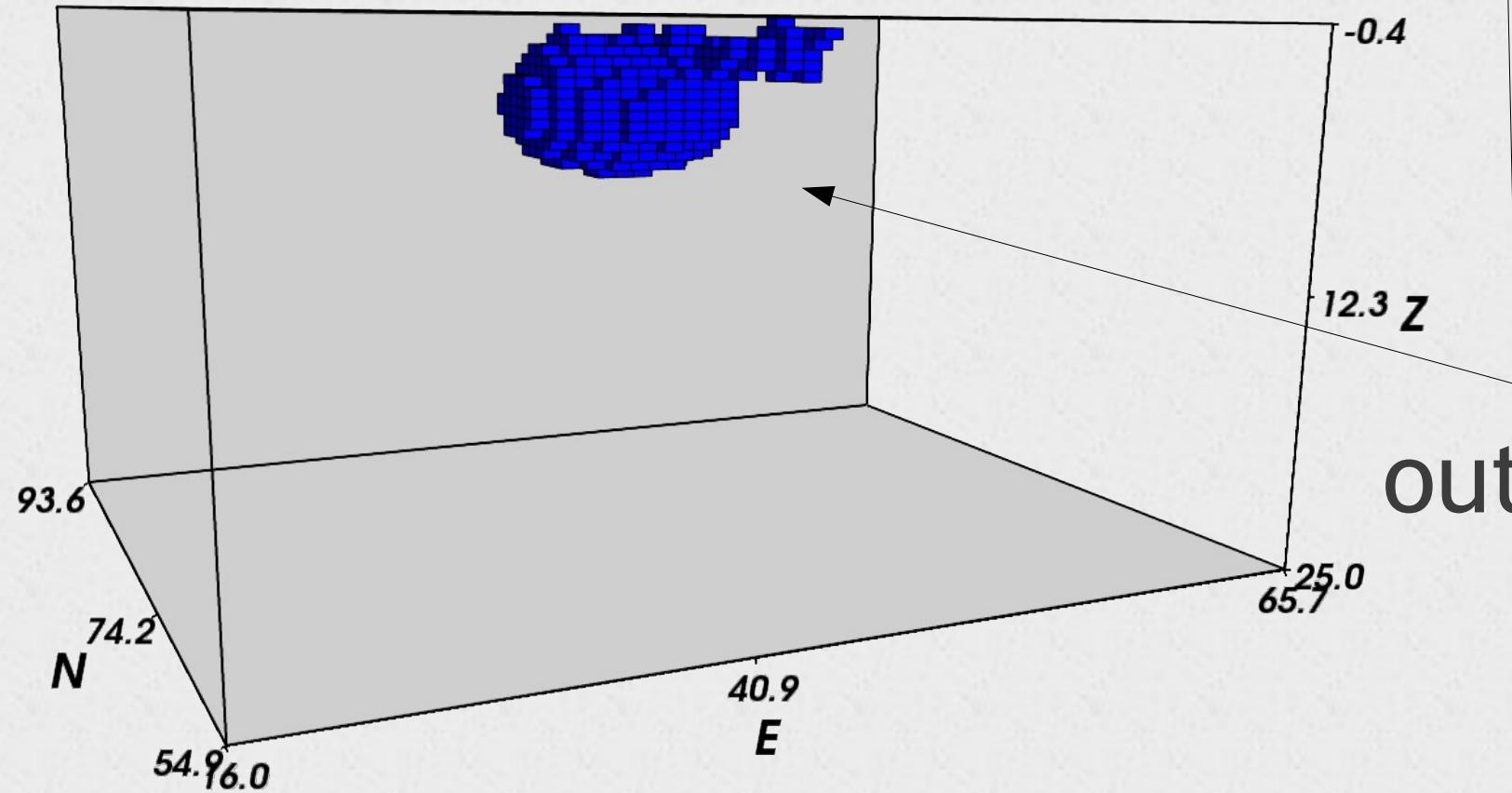
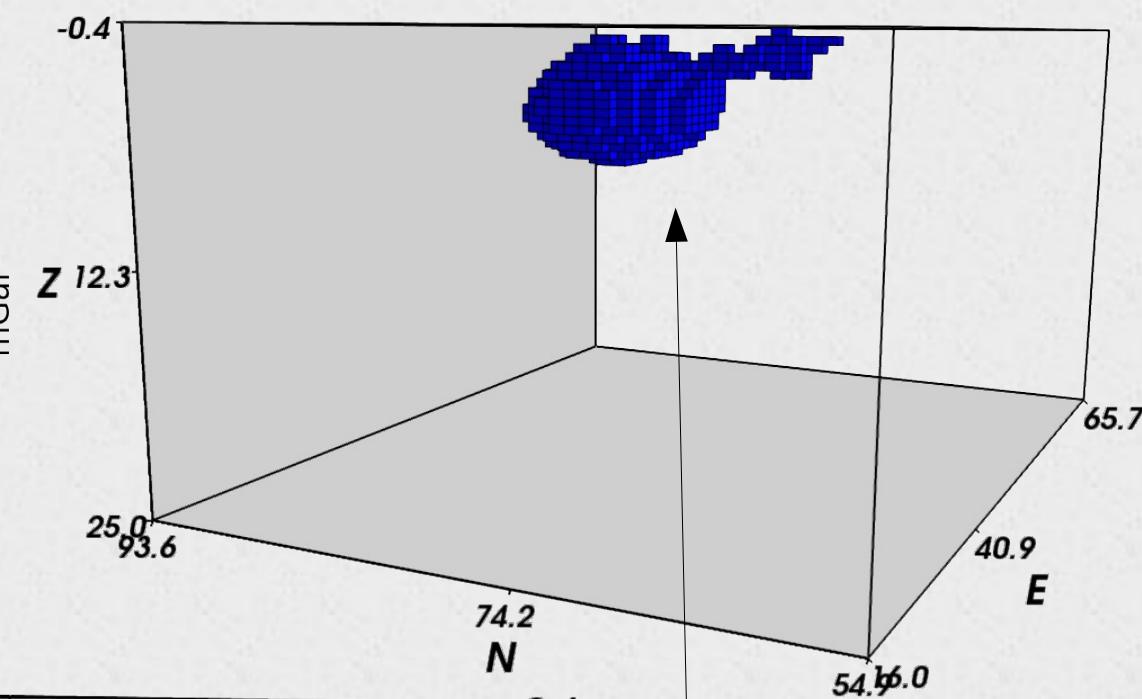
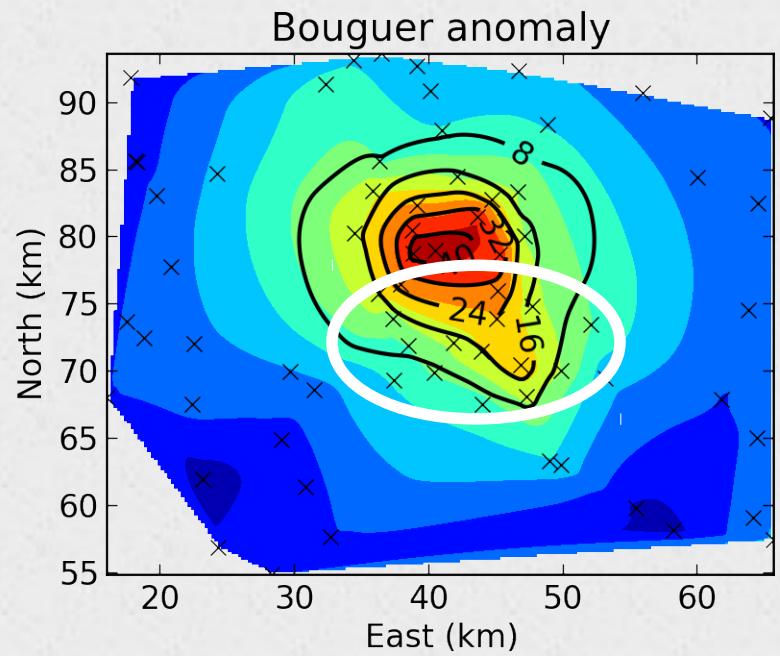
74.2
N

54.9
6.0

40.9
E

65.7





Not
outcropping

Hypothesis 4

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Conclusion

- 3D forward modeling = hard!
- Traditional 3D inversion = not flexible
- Planting densities = fast + flexible

Open-source project

Fatiando a Terra

Geophysical modeling and inversion



www.fatiando.org

Synthetic data

