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[2]: import numpy as np
      from numpy import ma
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      Rationale
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      ↪ supports data arrays with masks.

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      ↪ invalid data.
      For example, a sensor may have failed to record a data, or recorded an invalid
      ↪ value.
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      ↪ introducing masked arrays.
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      ↪ invalid, or
      an array of booleans that determines for each element of the associated array
      ↪ whether the value is
      valid or not. When an element of the mask is False,
      the corresponding element of the associated array is valid and is said to be
      ↪ unmasked.
      When an element of the mask is True, the corresponding element of the
      ↪ associated array is said to
      be masked (invalid).

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[4]: a = np.arange(-3, 3)
a
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[4]: array([-3, -2, -1,  0,  1,  2])
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[5]: b = np.array([
    [1, 2, 3],
    [4, np.nan, 6]
])
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[8]: m = ma.masked_array(b, mask=[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0])
m
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[8]: masked_array(
    data=[[1.0, 2.0, 3.0],
          [4.0, --, 6.0]],
    mask=[[False, False, False],
          [False,  True, False]],
    fill_value=1e+20)
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[9]: m_2 = ma.masked_invalid(b)
m_2
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    data=[[1.0, 2.0, 3.0],
          [4.0, --, 6.0]],
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    fill_value=1e+20)
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[10]: m_3 = ma.masked_where(a <= 0, a)
m_3
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[10]: masked_array(data=[--, --, --, --, 1, 2],
                    mask=[ True,  True,  True,  True, False, False],
                    fill_value=999999)
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[11]: m_4 = ma.masked_values(a, -1)
      m_4
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[11]: masked_array(data=[-3, -2, --, 0, 1, 2],
                    mask=[False, False,  True, False, False, False],
                    fill_value=-1)
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