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# joint inversions with the SimPEG framework

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**motivation:** joint inversion methods share enough similarities that a common framework is feasible and useful



what SimPEG solves...

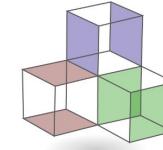
inversion as optimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \phi(\mathbf{m}) = \phi_d(\mathbf{m}) + \beta \phi_m(\mathbf{m})$$

$$\text{s.t. } \phi_d \leq \phi_d^* \quad \mathbf{m}_L \leq \mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{m}_U$$

requires:

- numerical simulation
- computation of sensitivities
- definition of regularization functional
- optimization machinery



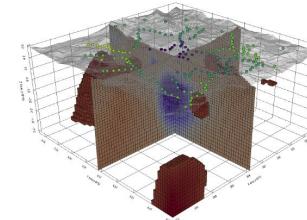
## Simulation and Parameter Estimation in Geophysics

An open source python package for simulation and gradient based parameter estimation in geophysical applications.

### Geophysical Methods

Contribute to a growing community of geoscientists building an open foundation for geophysics. SimPEG provides a collection of geophysical simulation and inversion tools that are built in a consistent framework.

- Gravity
- Magnetics
- Direct current resistivity
- Induced polarization
- Electromagnetics
  - Time domain
  - Frequency domain
  - Natural source (e.g. Magnetotellurics)
  - Viscous remanent magnetization
- Richards Equation



joint inversion

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Multiple data misfits

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Multiple regularization functions

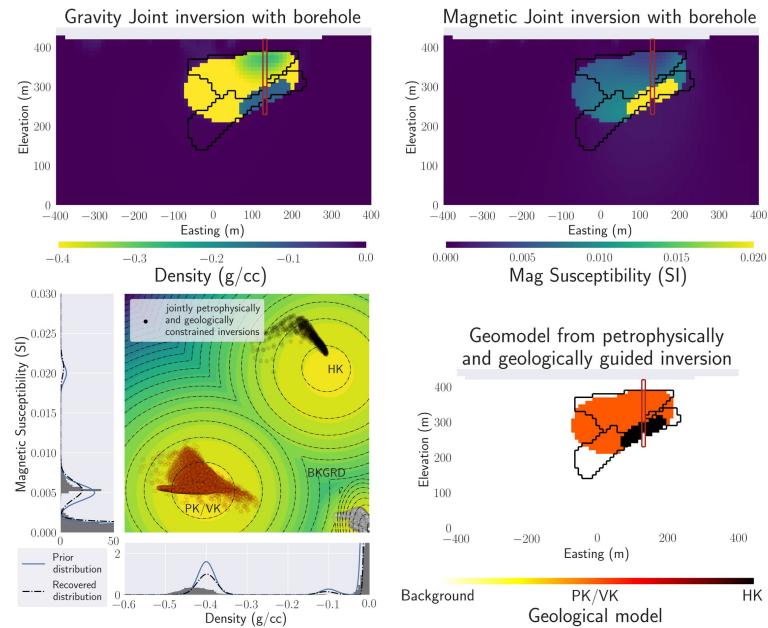
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Similarity measure

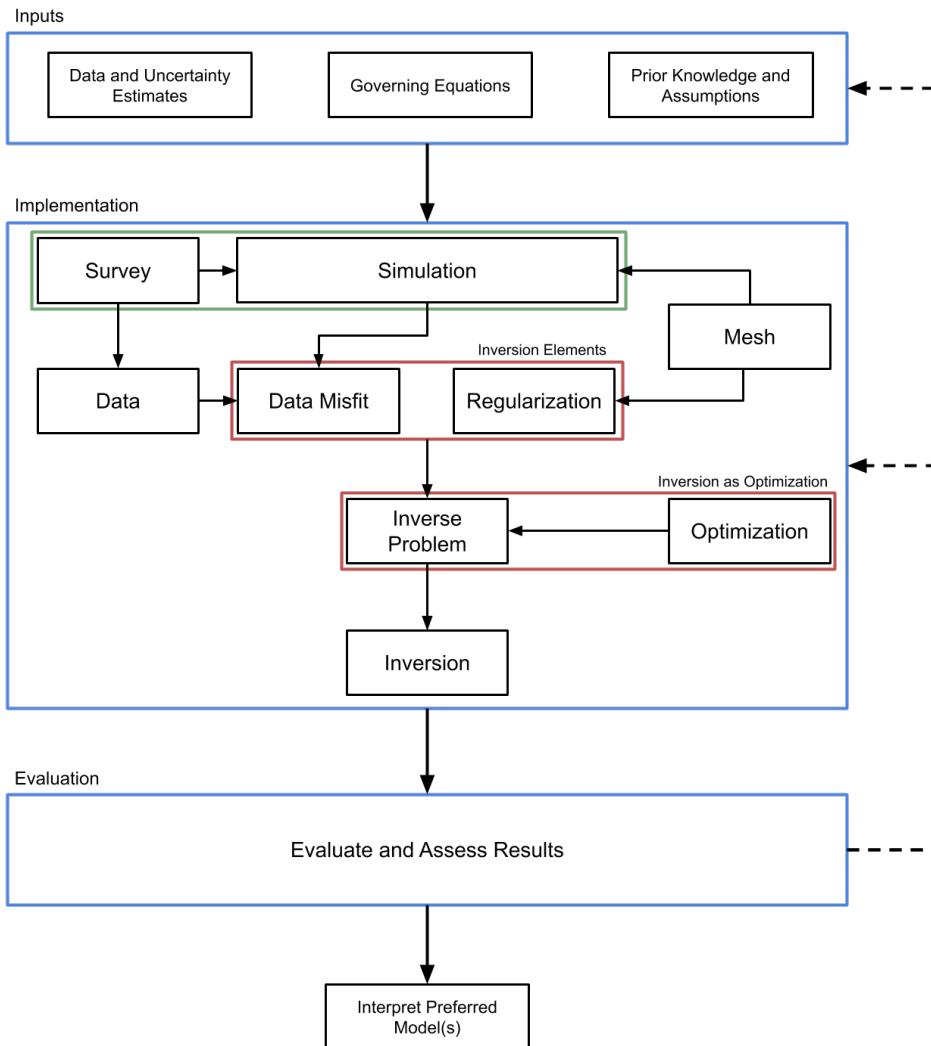
# joint inversion methodologies

- structural approaches
  - structural similarity - Haber and Oldenburg 1997
  - cross-gradient - Gallardo and Meju 2003
  - structural gramian - Zhdanov 2012
  - joint total variation - Haber and Gazit 2013
  - ...
- physical property based approaches
  - gramian - Zhdanov 2012
  - correspondence mappings - Haber and Gazit 2013
  - mutual information - Pluim et. al. 1999
  - fuzzy c-means - Lelièvre et. al. 2012, Sun and Li, 2015
  - petrophysically guided inversion - Astic et. al. 2021
  - ...



[\(Astic & Oldenburg, 2019\)](#)

# SimPEG framework



# simulations

All simulations share a common calling convention

- forward modeling:

$$\phi_d(\mathbf{m}) = |W_d(F(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d})|^2$$

- jacobian vector operations

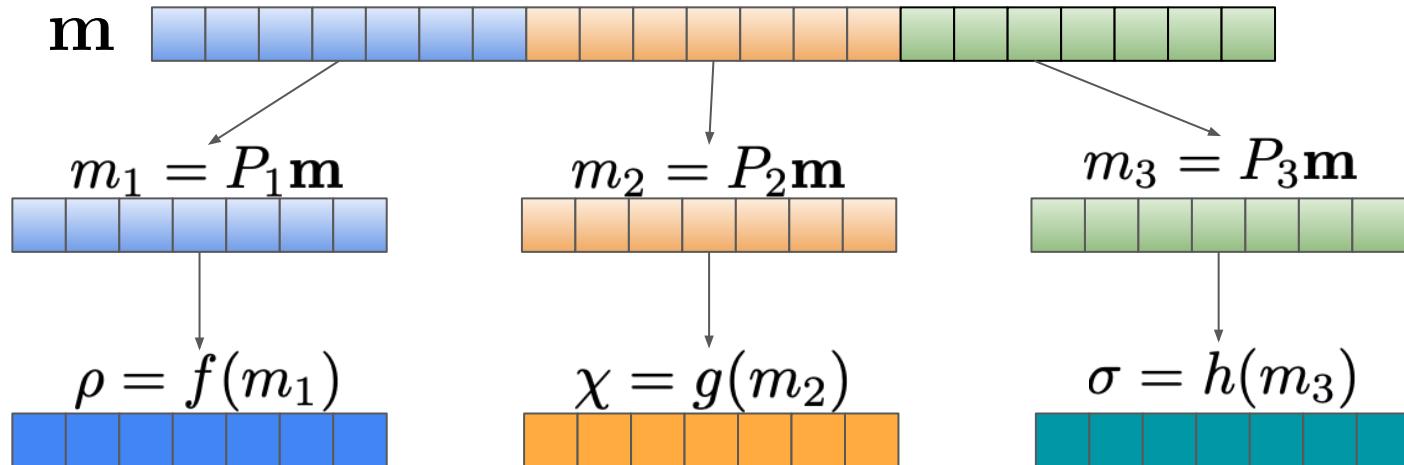
$$J(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{v}$$

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial d_i}{\partial m_j}$$

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the SimPEG API Reference at [docs.simpeg.xyz](https://docs.simpeg.xyz). The page has a dark-themed header with navigation links: Getting Started, User Guide, API Reference (which is highlighted in blue), Release Notes, SimPEG, More, and a search bar. The main content area is titled "API Reference" and "Geophysical Simulation Modules". On the left is a "Section Navigation" sidebar with collapsed sections for Potential Fields, Electromagnetics, Fluid Flow, Seismic, Base SimPEG Classes, Regularization, Utility Classes and Functions, and Meta SimPEG Classes. The right side lists various simulation modules under "Geophysical Simulation Modules", each with a code snippet link. The "Electromagnetics" section is expanded, showing sub-modules like Induced Polarization, DC Resistivity, Spectral Induced Polarization, Spontaneous Potential, Frequency-Domain EM, Natural Source EM, Time-Domain EM, Viscous Remanent Magnetization, and Electromagnetics Utilities. The "Fluid Flow" and "Seismic" sections are also partially visible.

# mappings

- transforms the inversion model to physical properties.
- automated chain rule derivatives
- joint inversions make use of Projections to select pieces of the model



```
sigma_map = ExpMap() * project_3
```

Composable!

# objective functions

## Composable objective functions

- Allows use of arbitrary minimizers (but most commonly use Gauss-Newton)
- Construct total objective function just like the math

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(m_1, m_2, \dots) = & \chi_1 \phi_{d,1}(\mathbf{m}) + \chi_2 \phi_{d,2}(\mathbf{m}) + \dots \\ & + \beta_1 \phi_{m,1}(m_1) + \beta_2 \phi_{m,2}(m_2) + \dots \\ & + \lambda \phi_{sim}(\mathbf{m})\end{aligned}$$

```
obj = (
    chi_1 * data_misfit_1 + chi_2 * data_misfit_2
    + beta_1 * reg_1 + beta_2 * reg_2
    + lamb * cross_grad
)
```

# directives

A list of rules on how to modify parameters during the inversion

Directive: Balance the multiple data misfits

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Directive: Cool regularization parameters until target misfit is achieved

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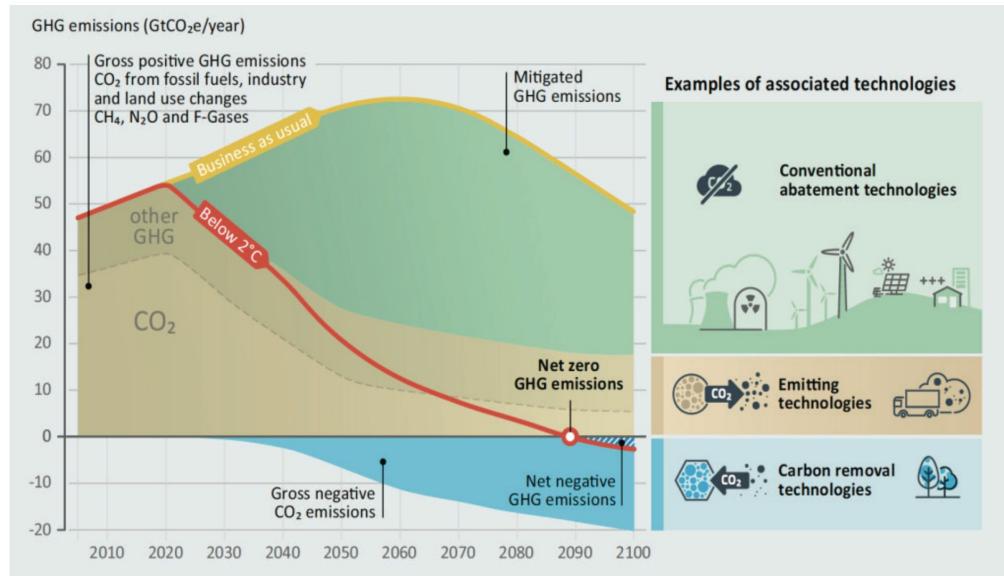
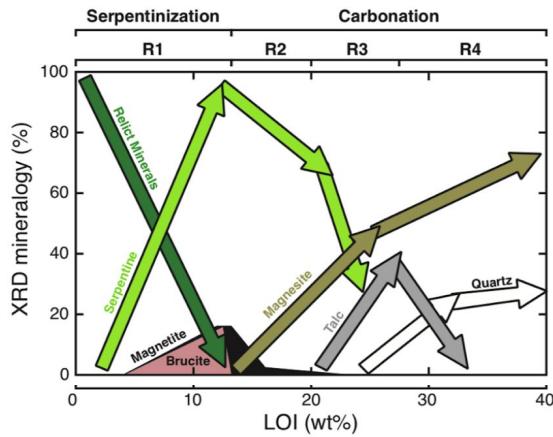
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Directive: iteratively increase the similarity measure weight while still able to hit target misfits

# geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub>

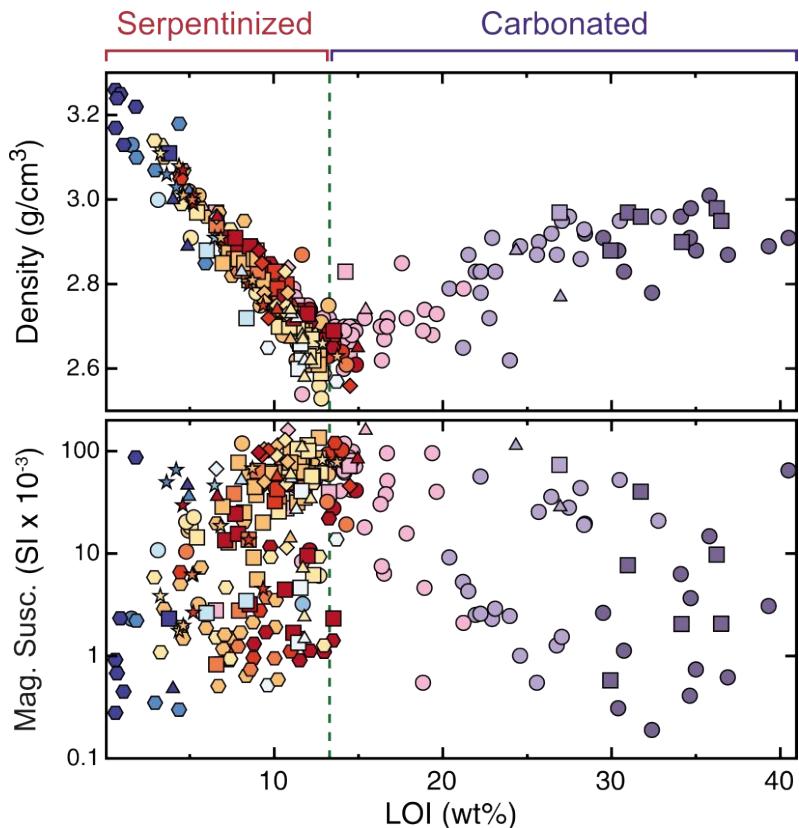
sedimentary settings: saline aquifers,  
depleted O&G reservoirs

carbon mineralization: reaction of CO<sub>2</sub>  
with mafic, ultramafic minerals



**Conclusion 4:** If the goals for climate and economic growth are to be achieved, negative emissions technologies will likely need to play a large role in mitigating climate change by removing ~10 Gt/y CO<sub>2</sub> globally by midcentury and ~20 Gt/y CO<sub>2</sub> globally by the century's end.

# physical properties



## Loss of Ignition (LOI)

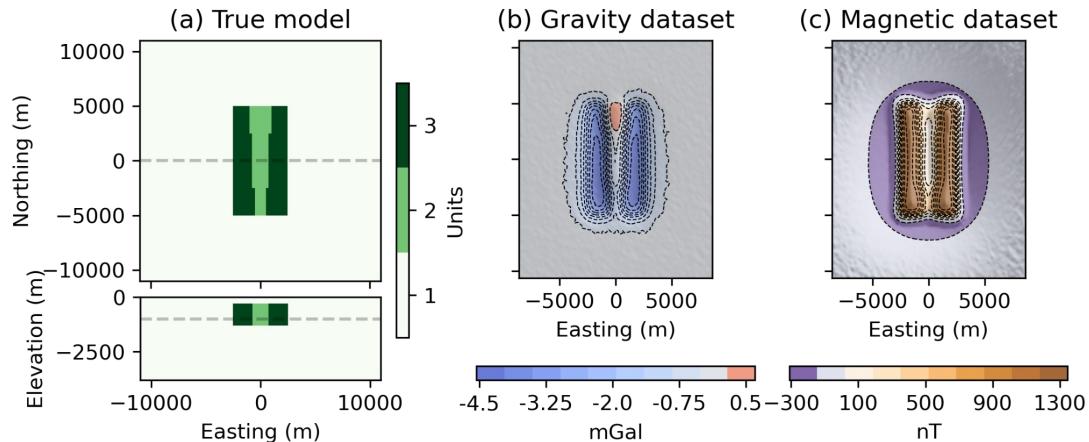
- Proxy variable for alteration
- 5%-13%: high carbonation potential
- Density and susceptibility change with LOI

## Serpentinized rocks with good potential:

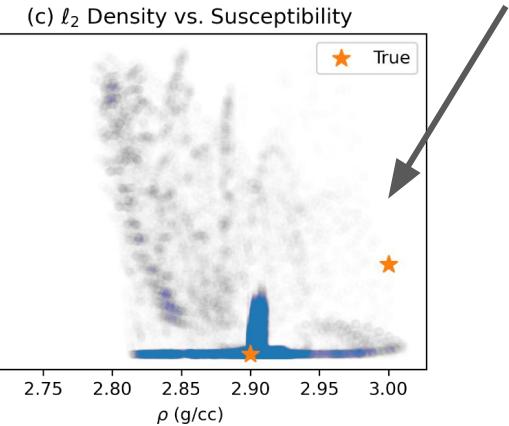
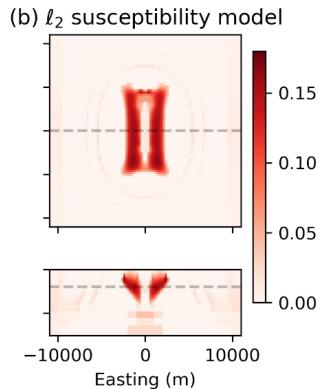
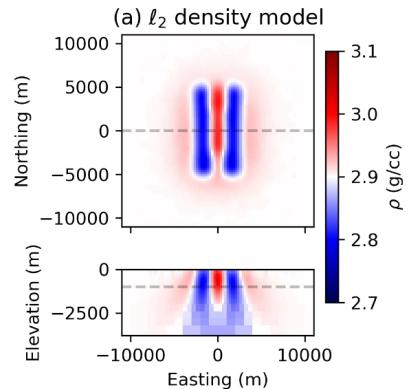
- Low density
- Higher\* susceptibility

# simple synthetic model

- serpentinized region with central carbonated region
- L2 results show poor correlations



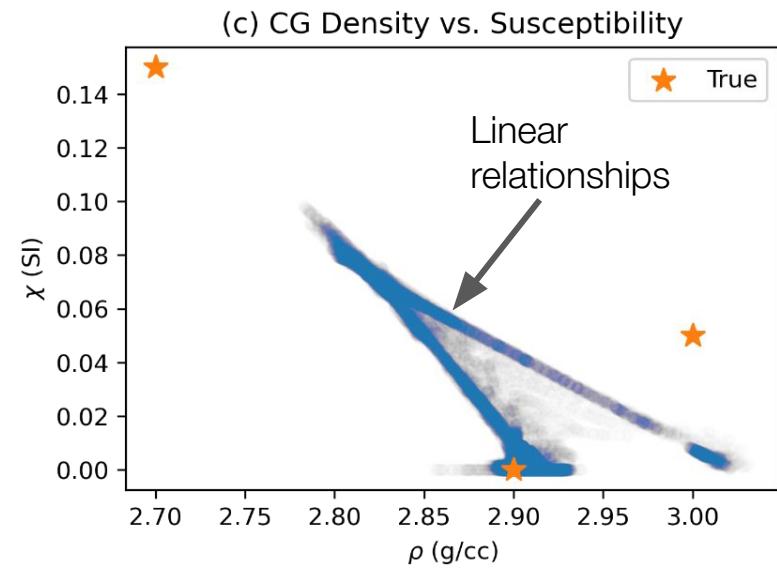
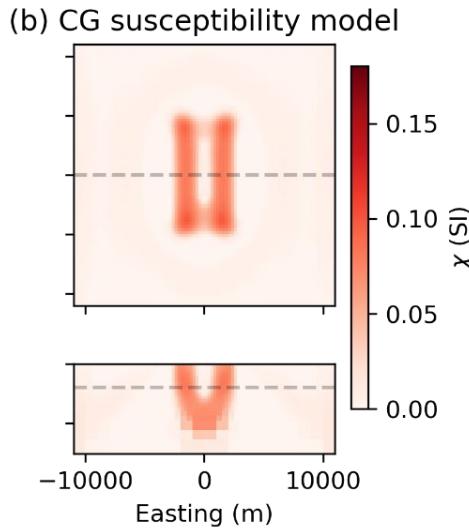
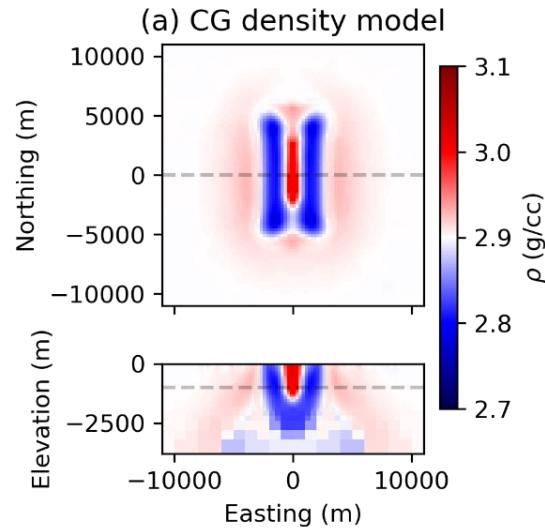
Poor correlations



# cross gradient

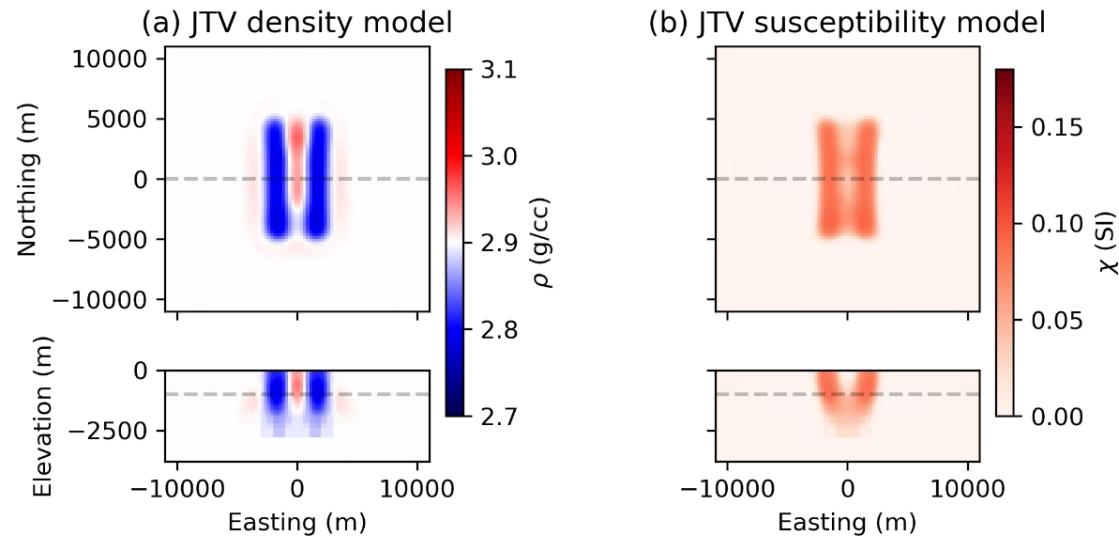
$$\phi_{CG}(m_1, m_2) = \int_V |\nabla m_1 \times \nabla m_2|^2 dV$$

Encourages model spatial gradients to be parallel to each other

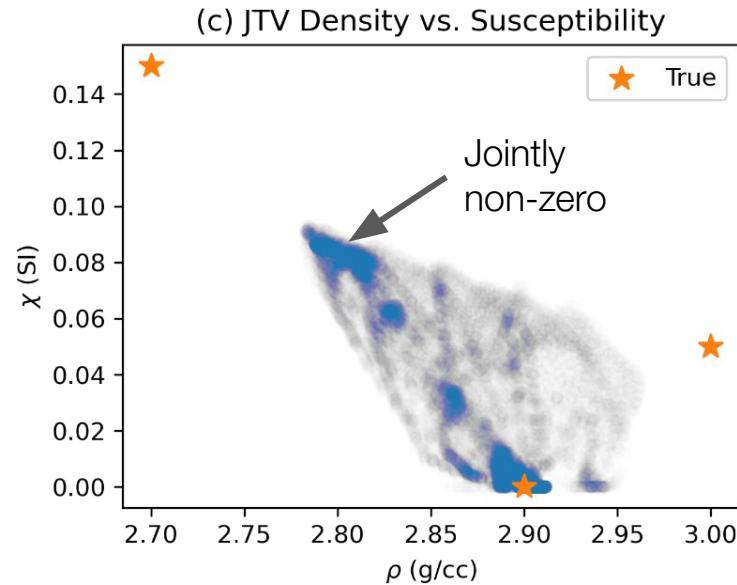


# joint total variation

$$\phi_{jtv}(m_1, m_2) = \int_V \sqrt{|\nabla m_1|^2 + |\nabla m_2|^2} dV$$



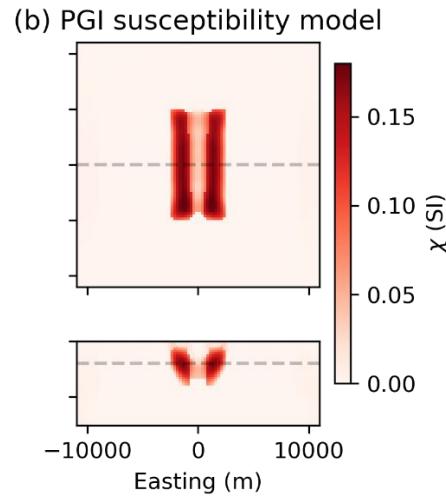
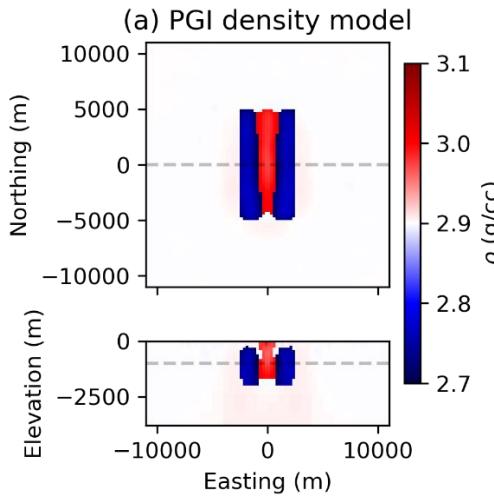
Encourages model spatial gradients to occur sparsely in the same locations



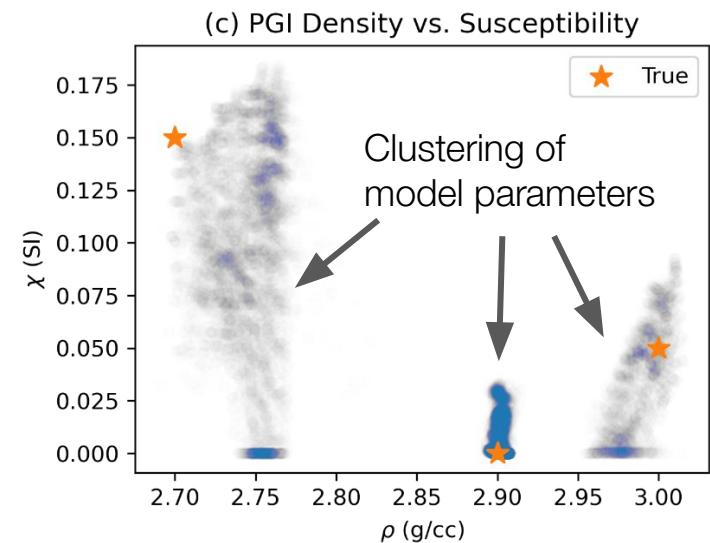
# petrophysically guided inversion (PGI)

$$\phi_{m,1}(m_1) = \alpha_{s,1} |W_m(m_1 - m_{ref,1})|^2$$

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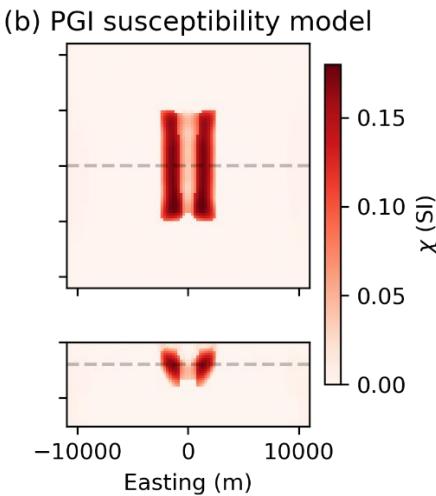
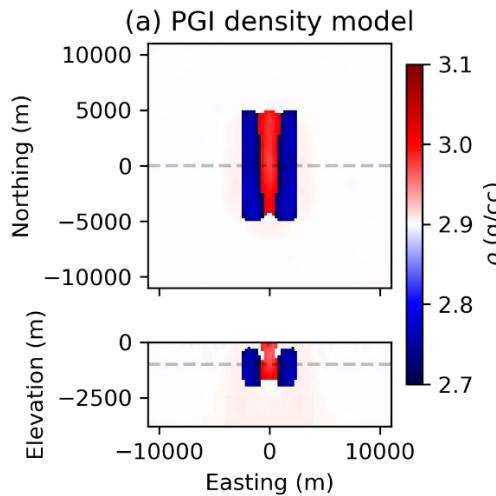
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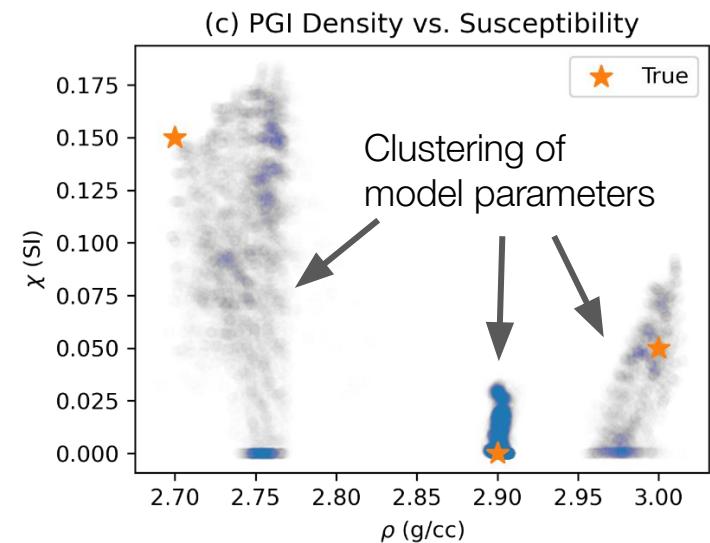
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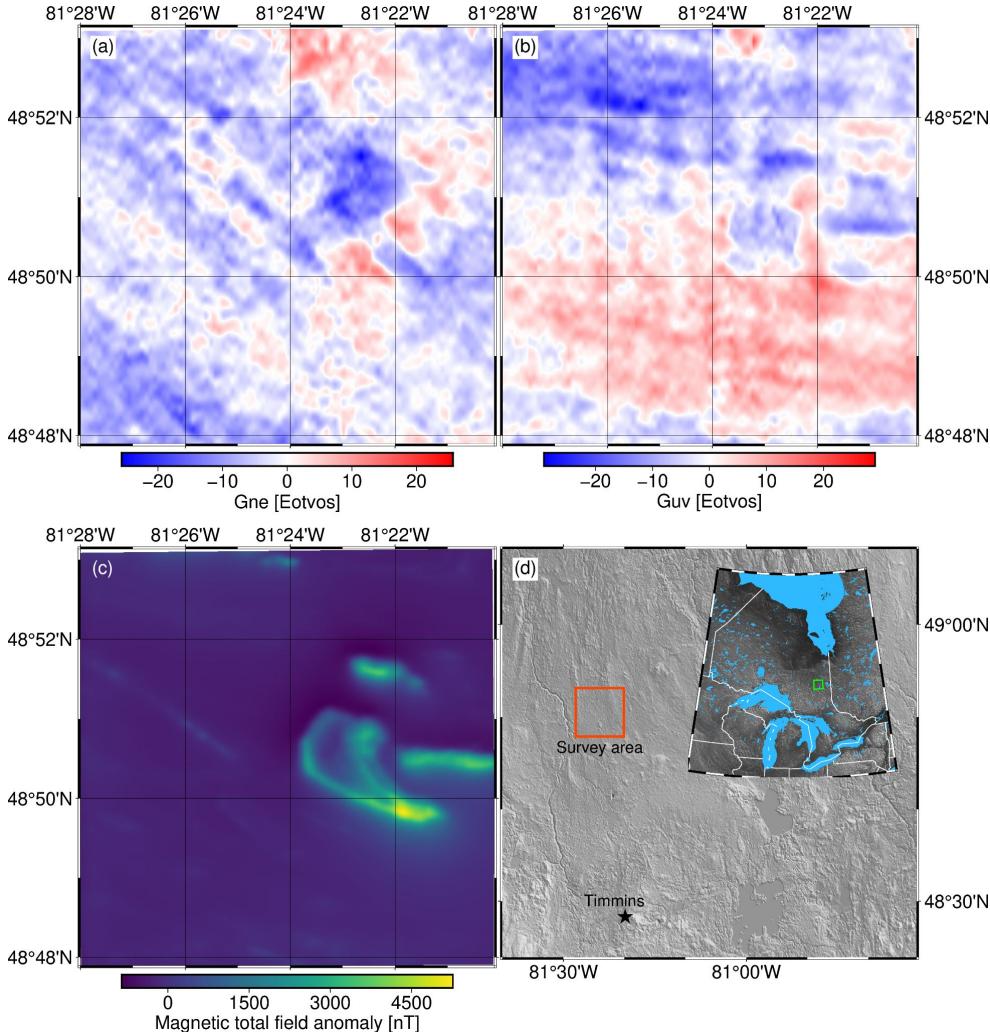
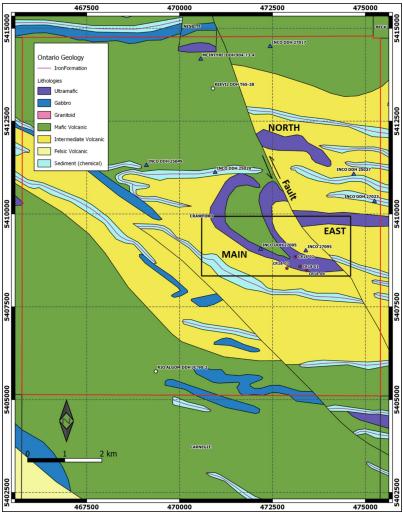


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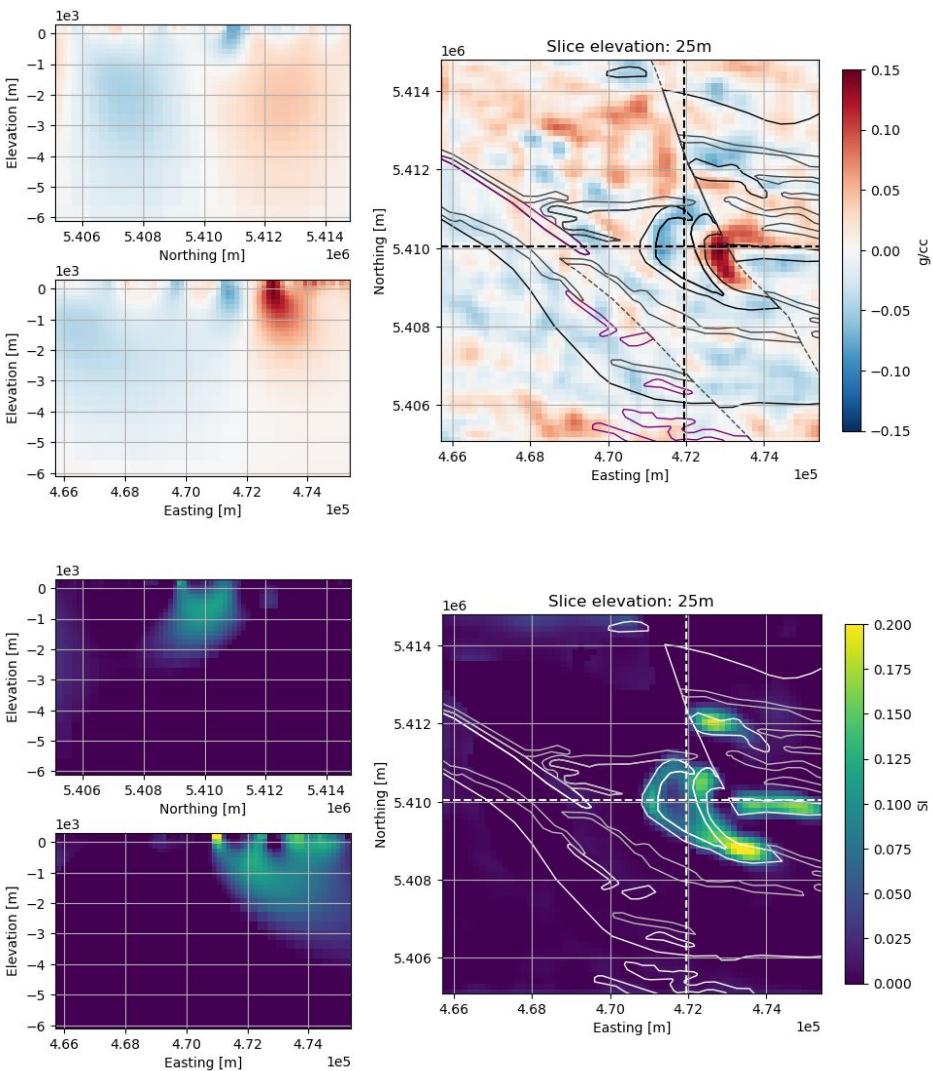
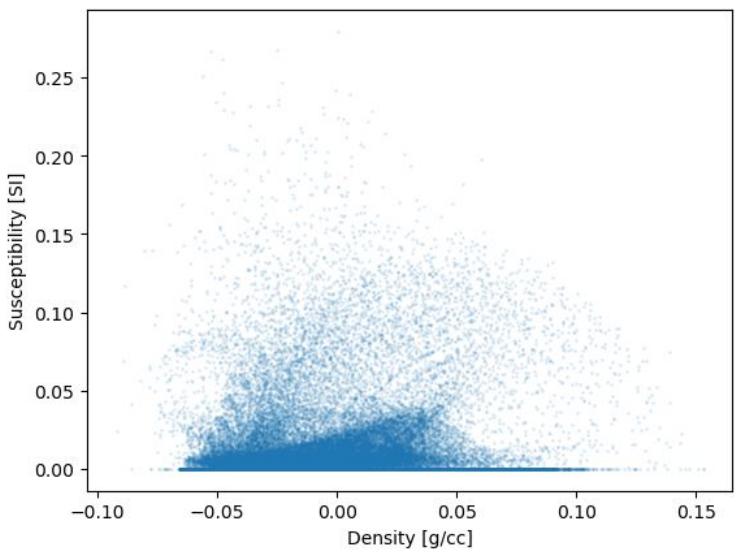


# Crawford Fe-Ni deposit

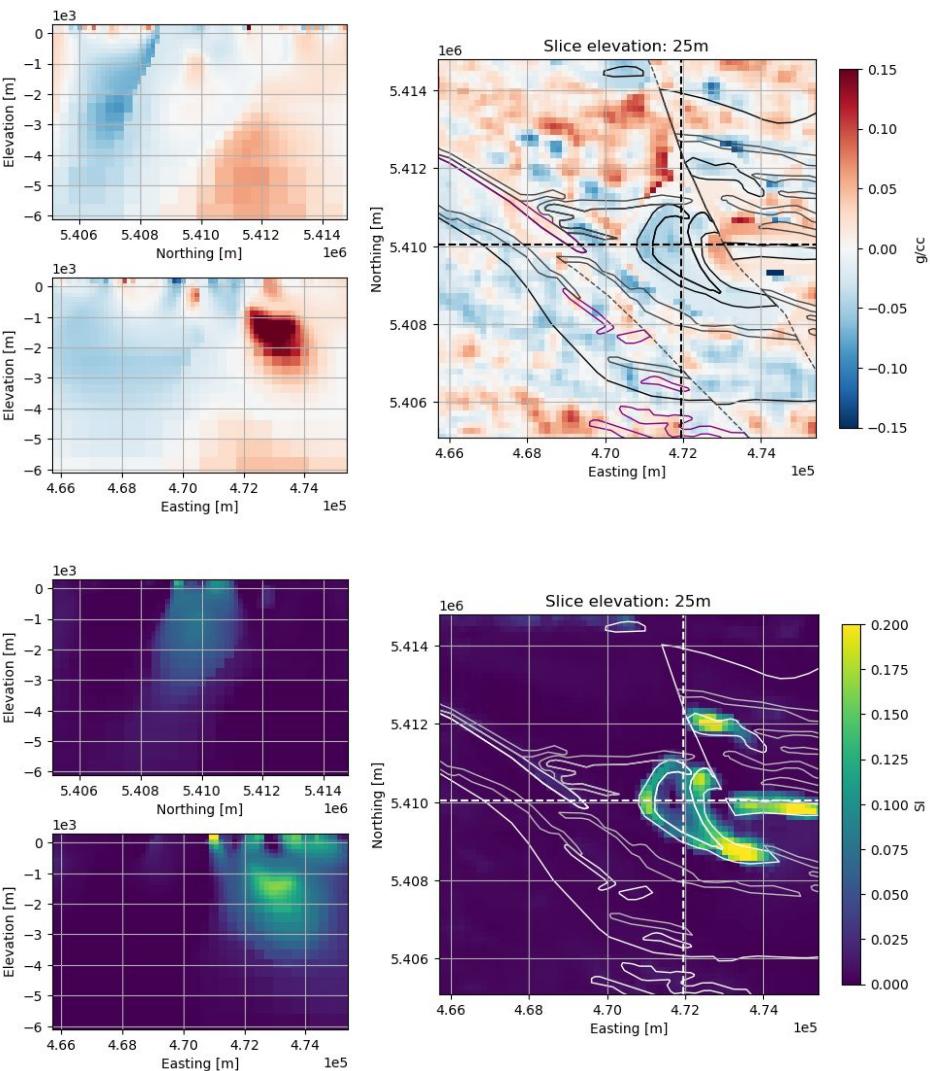
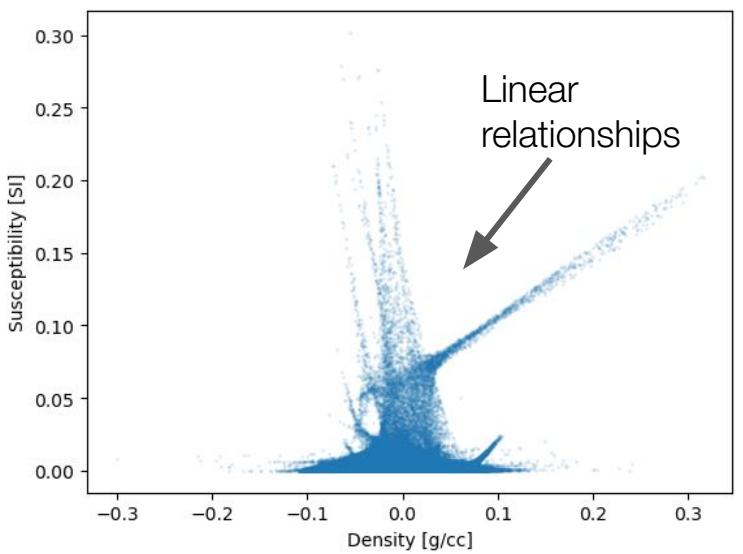
- Falcon Gravity Gradient
- Airborne TMI data
- Ultramafics (Serpentinized)



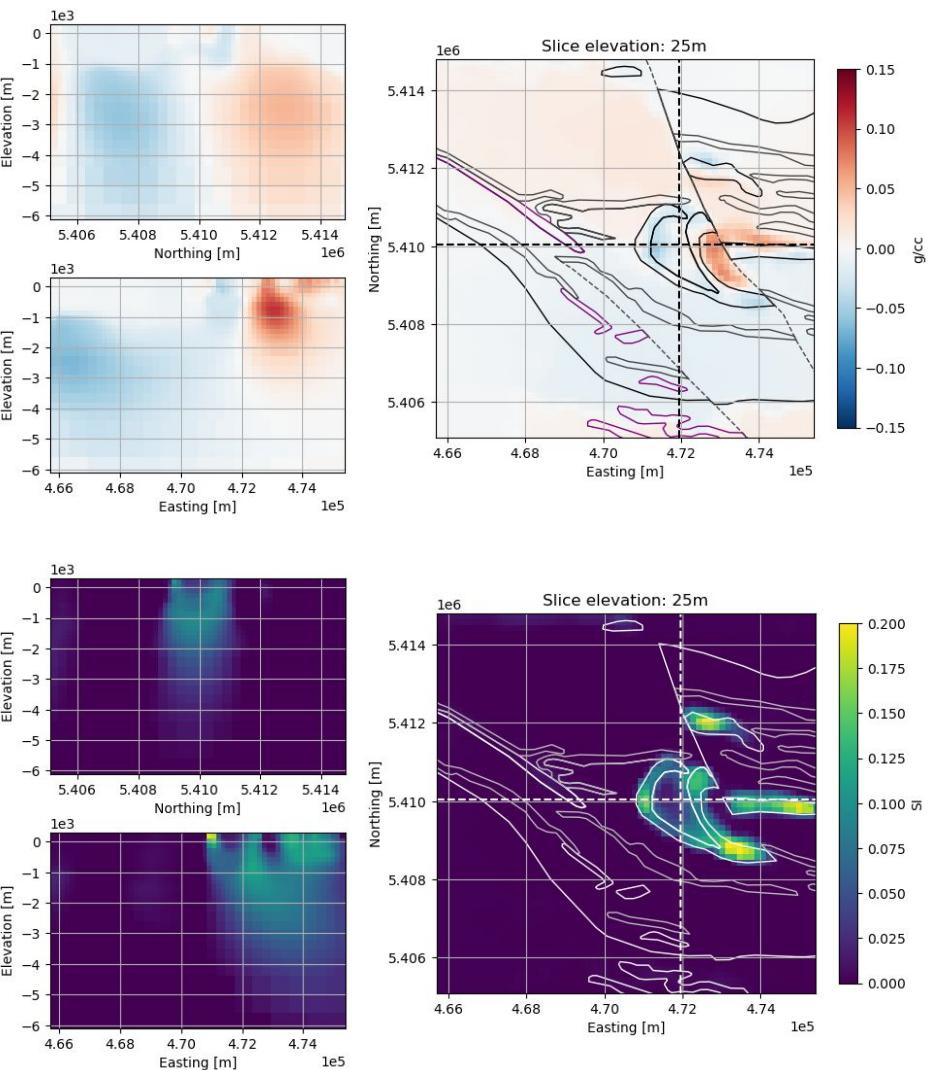
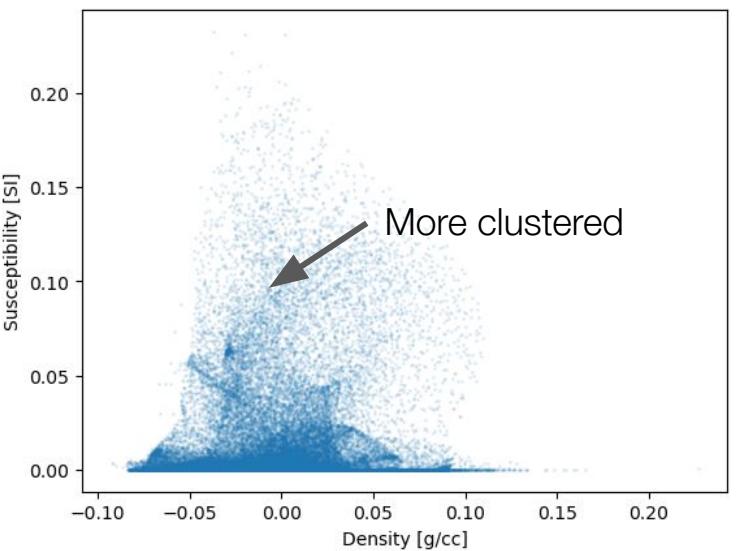
# separate l2 inversions



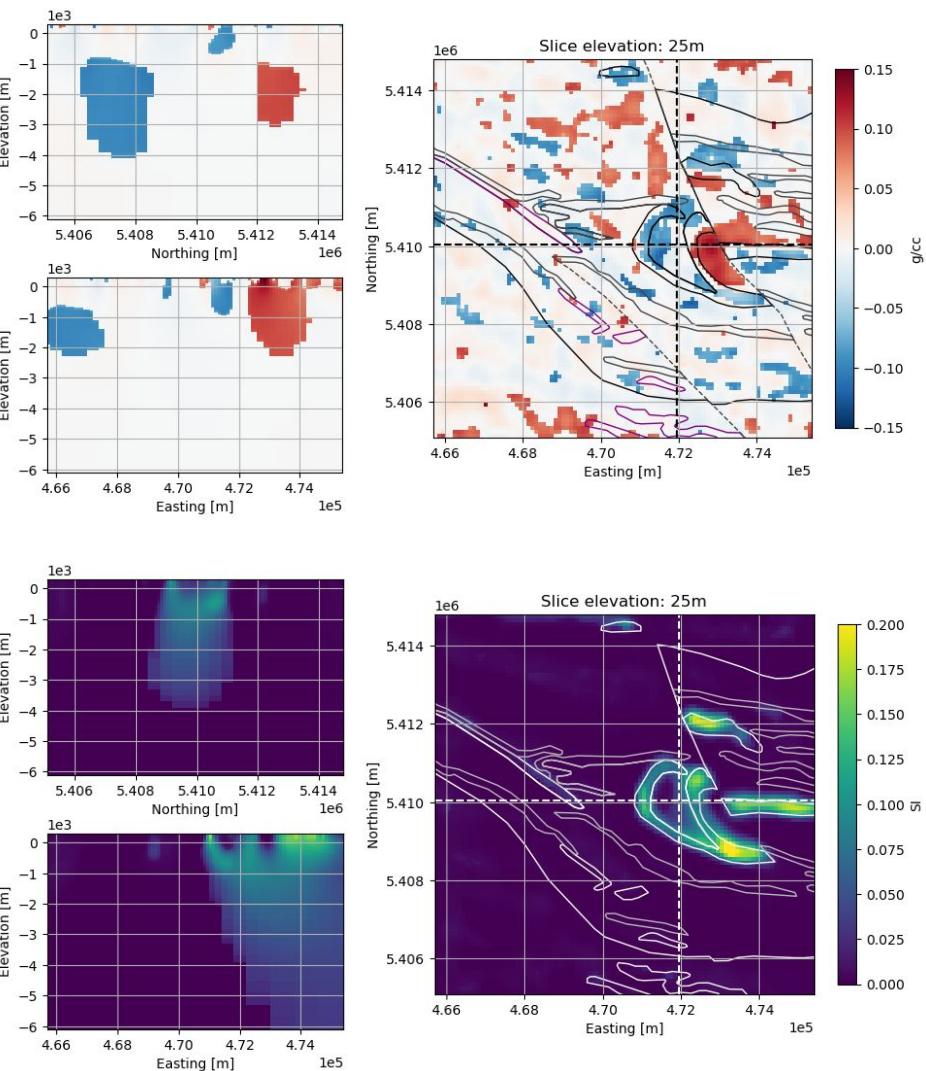
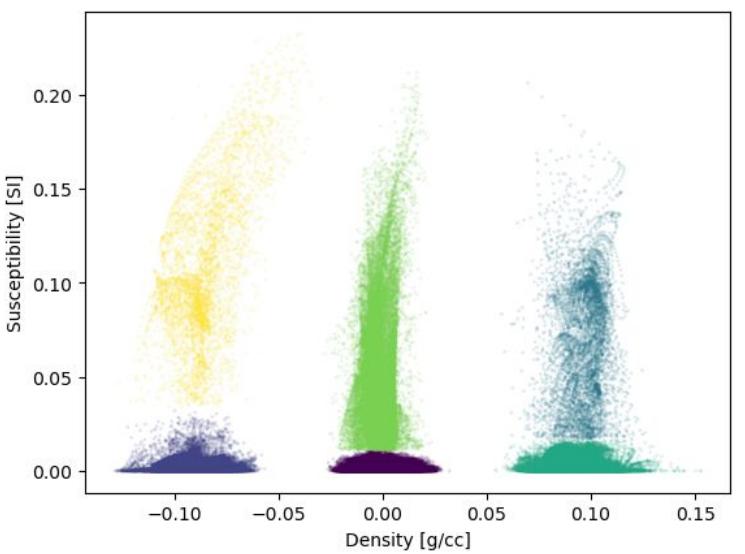
# cross gradient



# joint total variation



PGI



# code comparison

## Cross Gradient vs JTV

```
9 reg_mag = SimPEG.regularization.WeightedLeastSquares(  
10     mesh,  
11     active_cells=active_cells,  
12     mapping=wires.susceptibility,  
13     reference_model=reference_model,  
14 )
```

```
In [14]: 1 reg_grav.set_weights(distance_weighting=wr_gravity)  
2 reg_mag.set_weights(distance_weighting=wr_magnetic)
```

```
In [15]: Cross Gradient
```

```
1 # Define the coupling term to connect two different  
physical property models  
2 lamda = 2e10 # weight for coupling term  
3 cross_grad = SimPEG.regularization.CrossGradient(mesh,  
wires, active_cells=active_cells)
```

```
In [15]: JTV
```

```
1 # Define the coupling term to connect two different  
physical property models  
2 lamda = 1E-4 # weight for coupling term  
3 jtv = SimPEG.regularization.JointTotalVariation(mesh,  
wires, eps=1E-16,  
4     active_cells=active_cells)  
5 jtv.reference_model = reference_model  
6  
7 jtv.set_weights(sensitivity_weights=wr_gravity**2 +  
wr_magnetic**2)
```

```
In [16]:
```

```
1 # combo  
2 dmis = 10 * dmis_grav + dmis_mag  
3 reg = reg_grav + reg_mag + lamda * cross_grad
```

```
In [35]:
```

```
1 # combo  
2 dmis = 2*dmis_grav + dmis_mag  
3 reg = reg_grav + reg_mag + lamda * jtv
```

```
In [17]:
```

```
1 lower = np.r_[np.full(n_active, -0.8) ,  
np.zeros(n_active) ]  
2 upper = np.r_[np.full(n_active, 0.8) ,  
np.full(n_active, np.infty)]  
3  
4 opt = SimPEG.optimization.ProjectedGNCG(  
5     maxIter=20,  
6     lower=lower,  
7     upper=upper,  
8     maxIterLS=15,  
9     maxIterCG=50,  
10    tolCG=1e-5,  
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Cross Gradient  
vs JTV

Roughly 5 lines  
of different code

Cross Gradient

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13 # Here we define the inverse problem that is to be
14 solved
15 inv_prob =
16 SimPEG.inverse_problem.BaseInvProblem(dmis, reg, opt)
17
18 starting_beta =
19 SimPEG.directives.PairedBetaEstimate_ByEig(beta0_ratio=1E-2)
20
21 # Defining the fractional decrease in beta and the
22 # number of Gauss-Newton solves
23 # for each beta value.
24 beta_schedule = SimPEG.directives.PairedBetaSchedule(
25     cooling_factor=3, cooling_rate=1
26 )
27
28 # Options for outputting recovered models and
29 # predicted data for each beta.
30 save_iteration =
31 SimPEG.directives.SimilarityMeasureSaveOutputEveryIteration()
32
33 joint_inv_dir =
34 SimPEG.directives.SimilarityMeasureInversionDirective()
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36 stopping =
37 SimPEG.directives.MovingAndMultiTargetStopping(tol=1e-6)
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40 # dependent.
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JTV

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# Conclusions

- We have extended SimPEG to support multiple joint inversions
- Generalized the concept of joint inversions to form a framework
- Framework allows us to easily test different joint inversion methods
- Developed a good sense of how the three methods performed

## Future Work

- Further iteration on directives
- More joint inversion methods

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