



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...

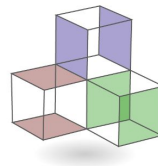
inversion as optimization

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

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

requires:

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



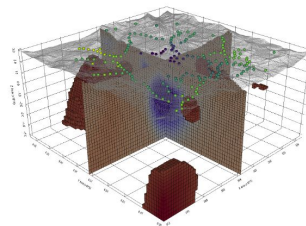
Simulation and Parameter Estimation in Geophysics

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

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

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Multiple data misfits

joint inversion

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Multiple regularization functions

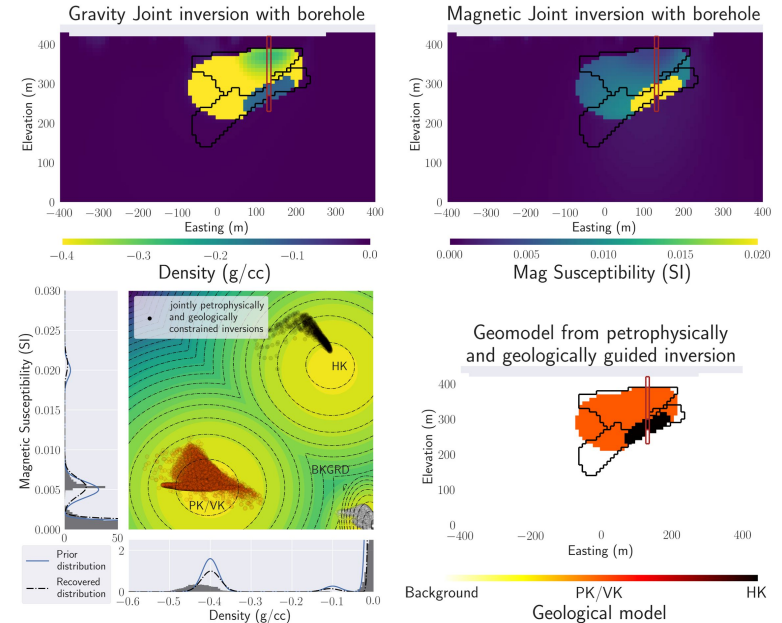
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Similarity measure

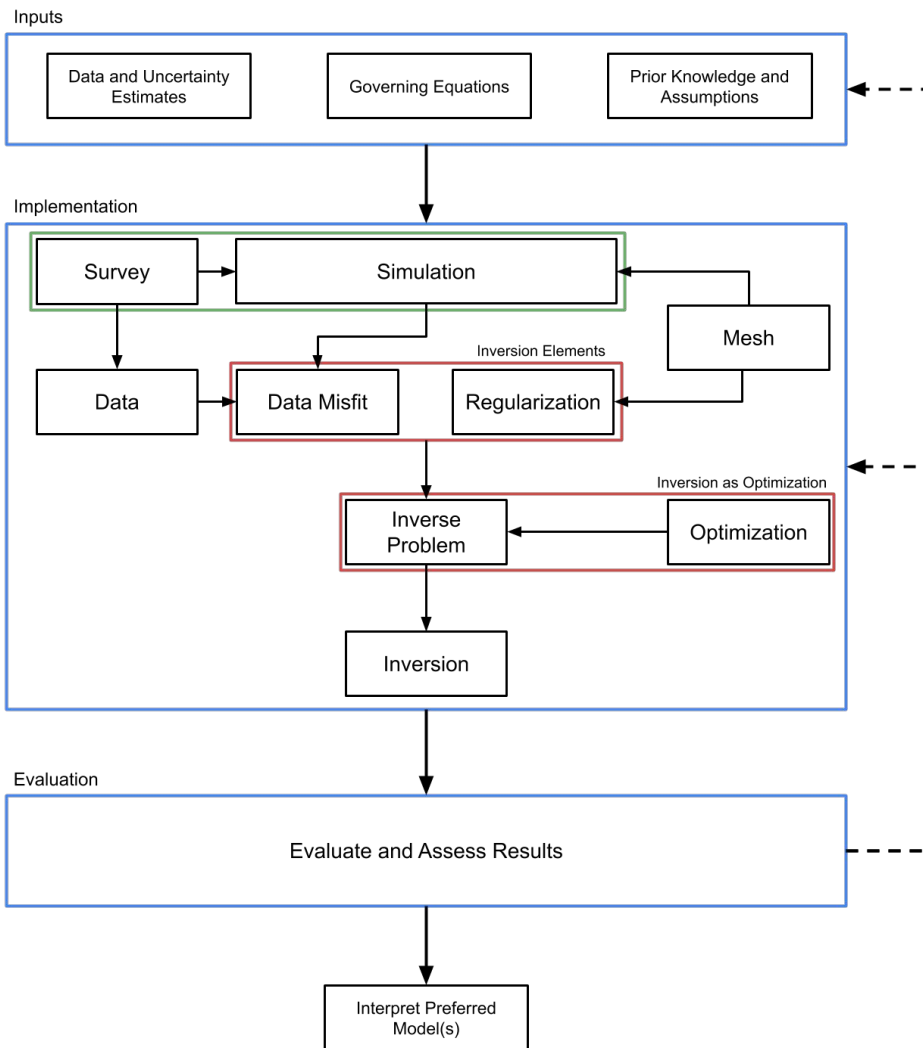
joint inversion methodologies

- 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

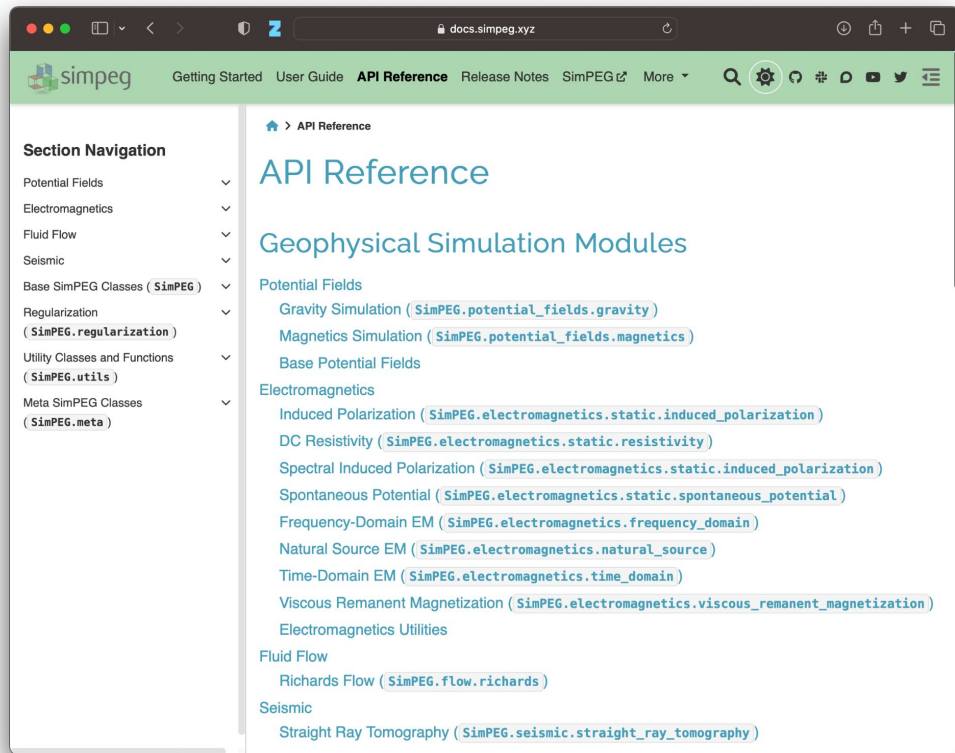
- forward modeling:

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

- jacobian vector operations

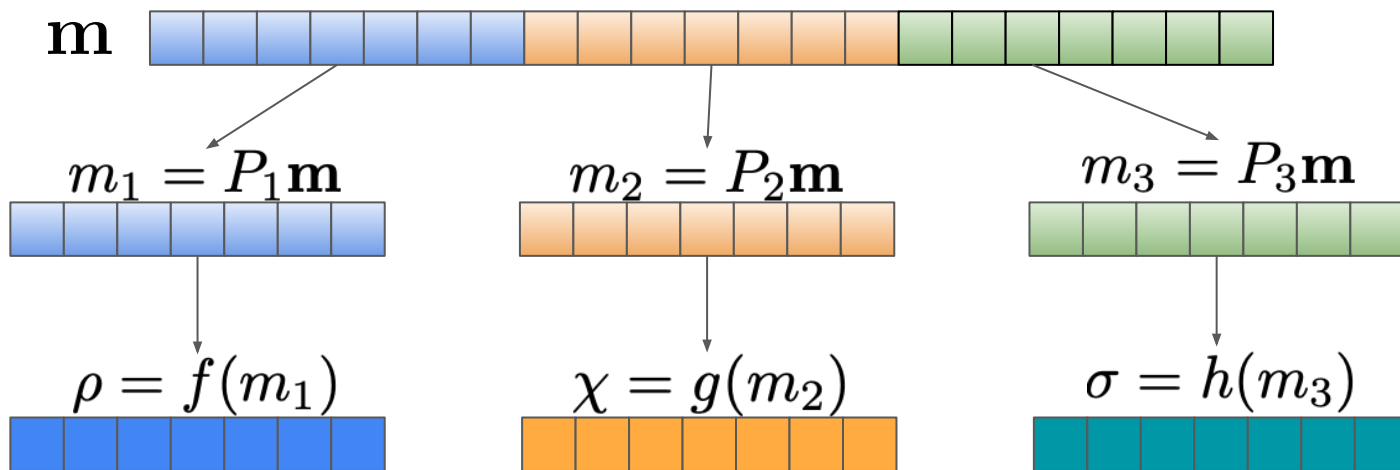
$$J(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{v}$$

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



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

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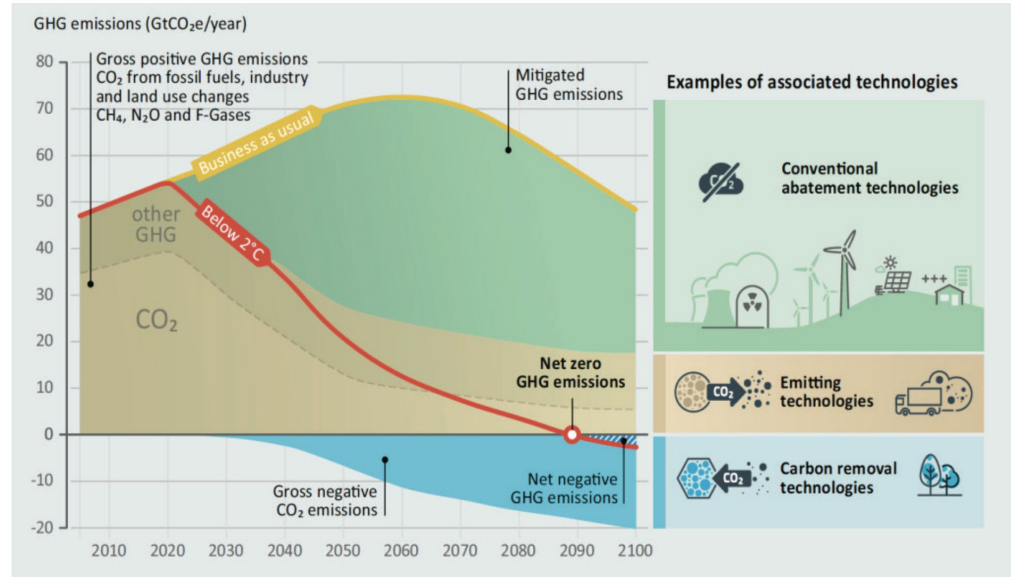
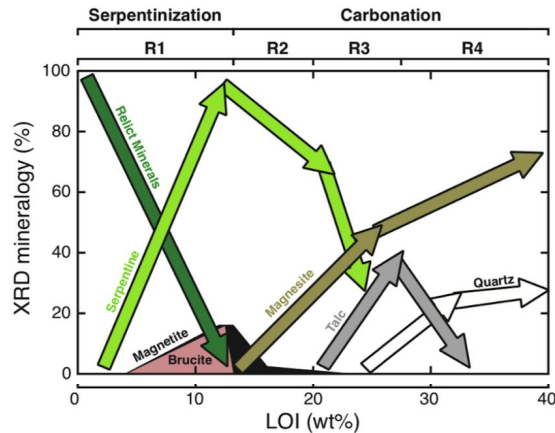
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Directive: iteratively increase the similarity measure weight while still able to hit target misfits

geologic storage of CO₂

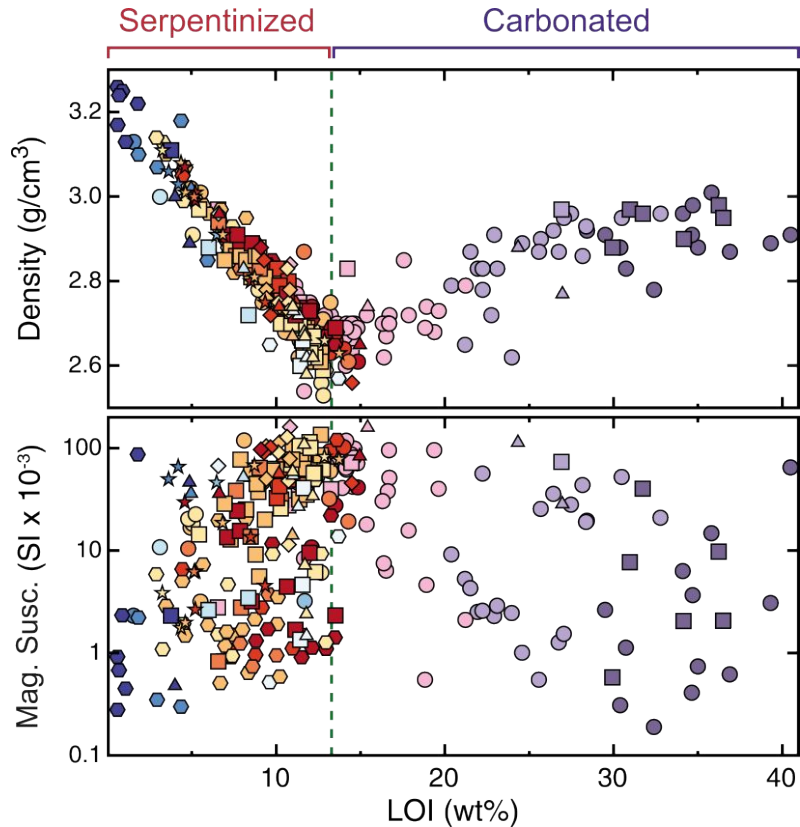
sedimentary settings: saline aquifers,
depleted O&G reservoirs

carbon mineralization: reaction of CO₂
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 CO₂ globally by midcentury and ~20 Gt/y CO₂ globally by the century's end.

physical properties



Loss of Ignition (LOI)

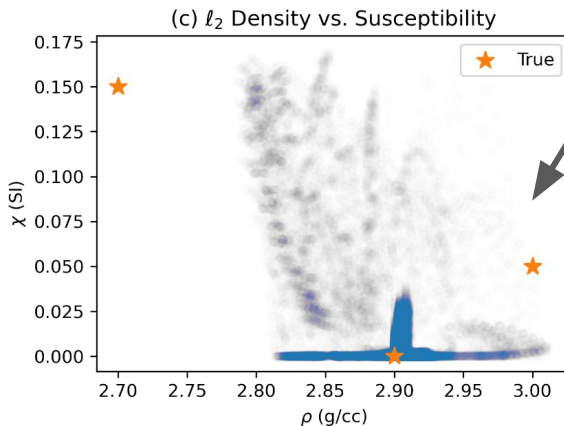
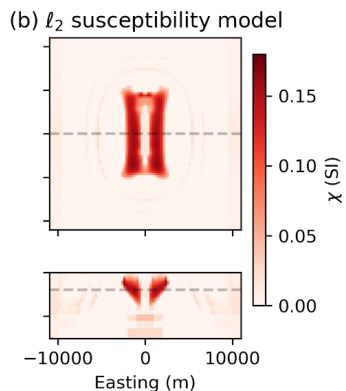
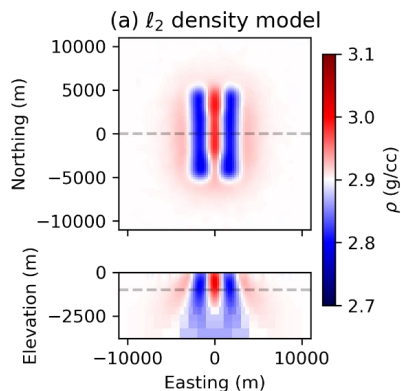
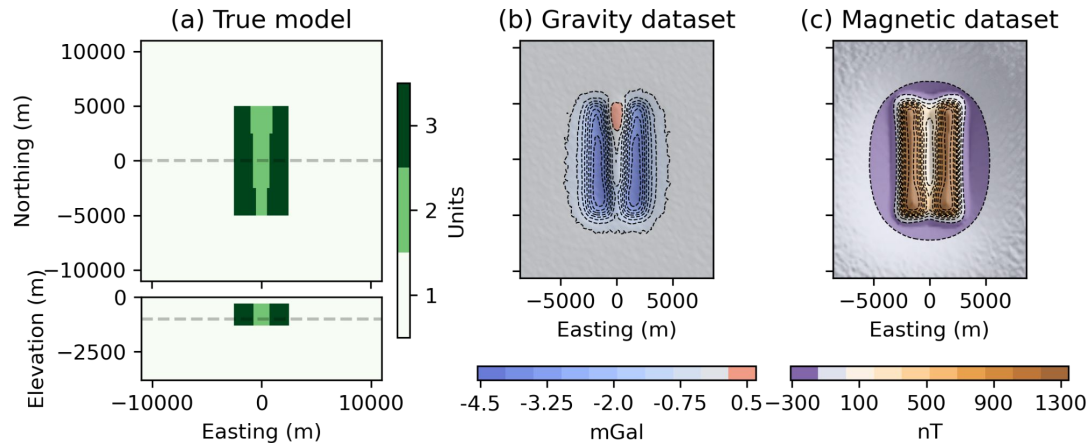
- Proxy variable for alteration
- 5%-13%: high carbonation potential
- Density and susceptibility change with LOI

Serpentinized rocks with good potential:

- Low density
- Higher* susceptibility

simple synthetic model

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

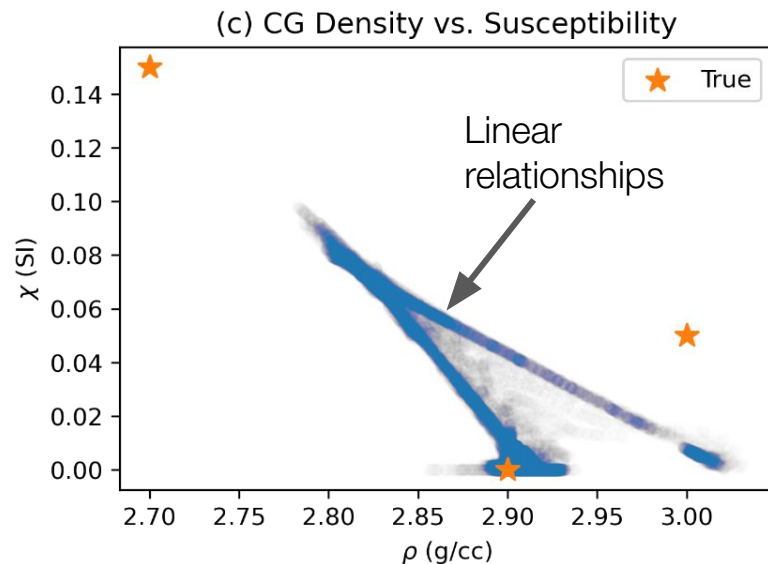
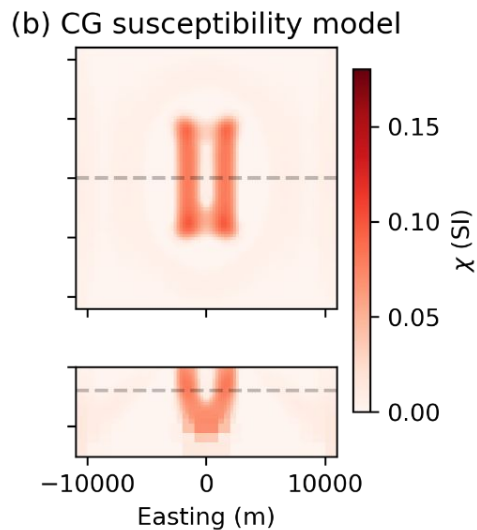
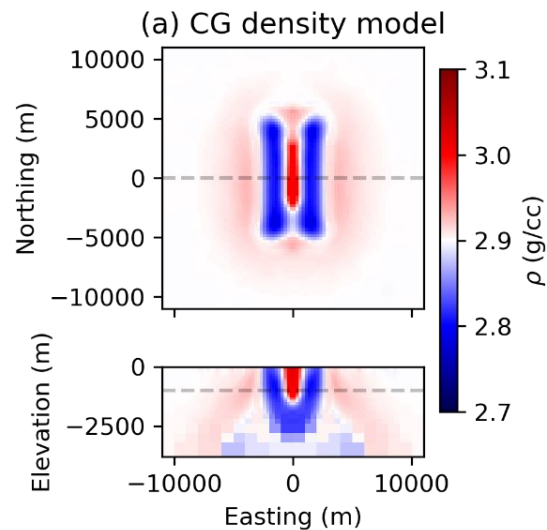


Poor correlations

cross gradient

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

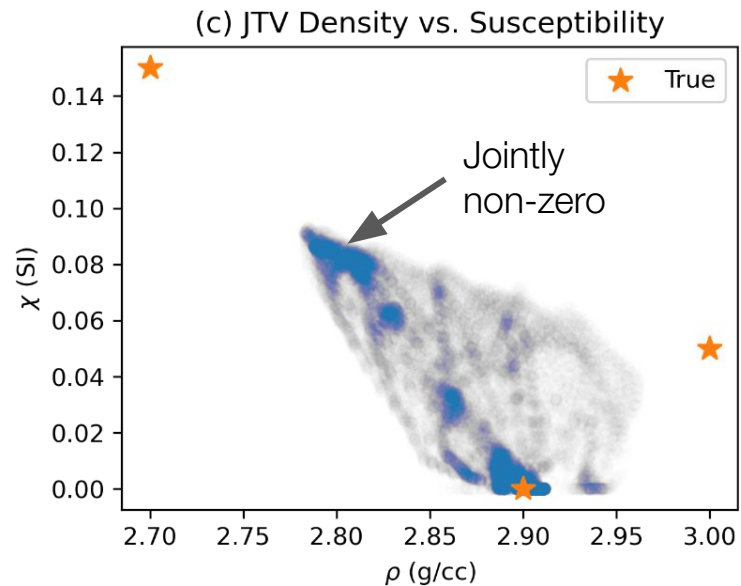
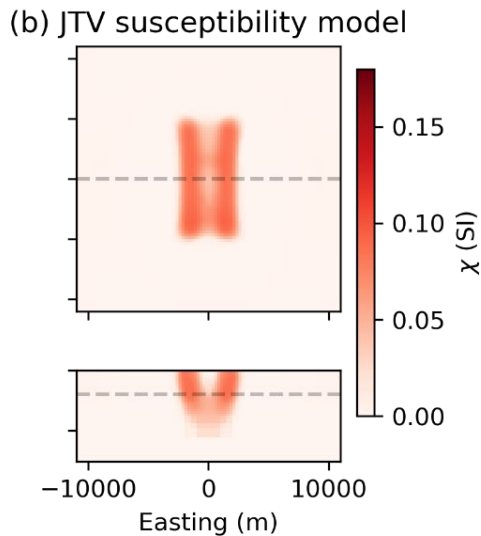
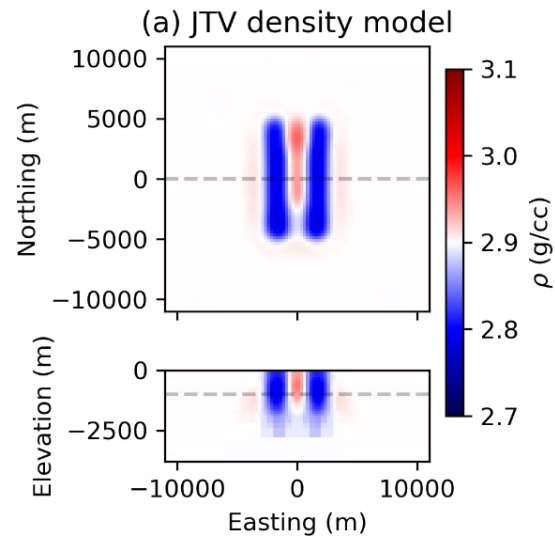
Encourages model spatial gradients to be parallel to each other



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

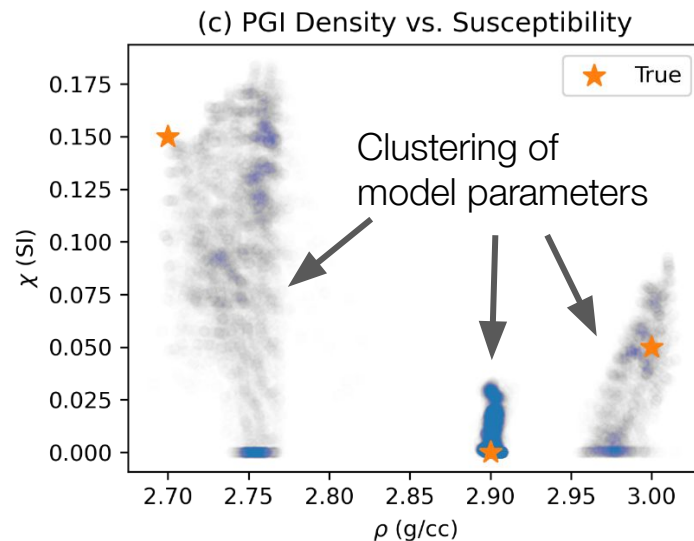
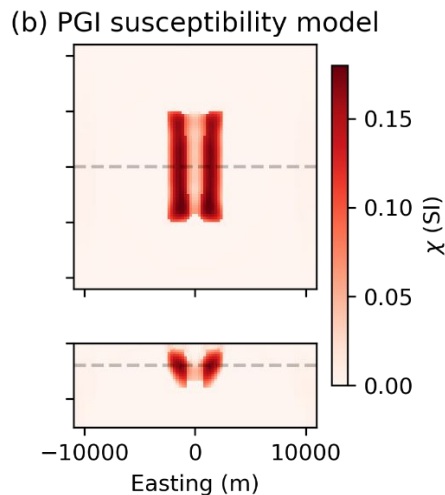
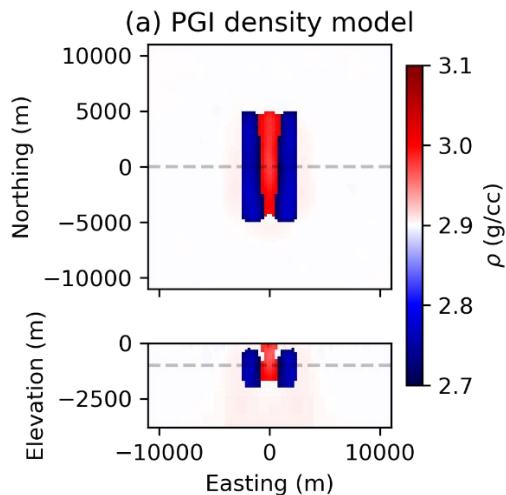


petrophysically guided inversion (PGI)

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

$$\phi_{m,2}(m_2) = \alpha_{s,2} |W_m(m_2 - m_{ref,2})|^2$$

No direct similarity measure, instead use directives to update reference models using a common geology model

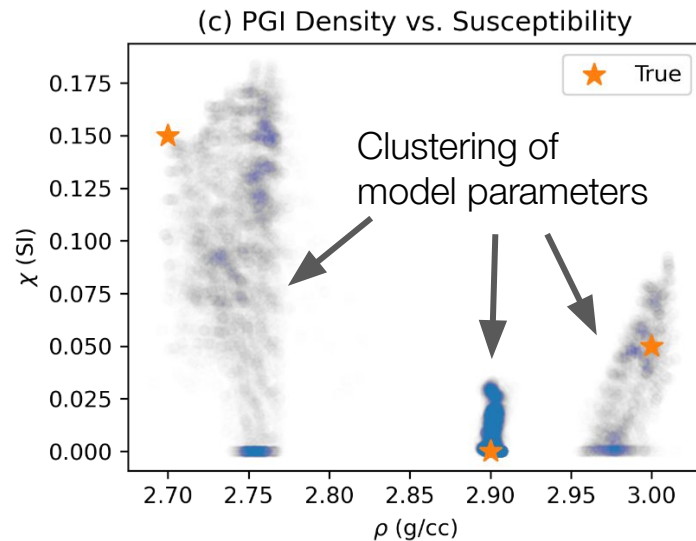
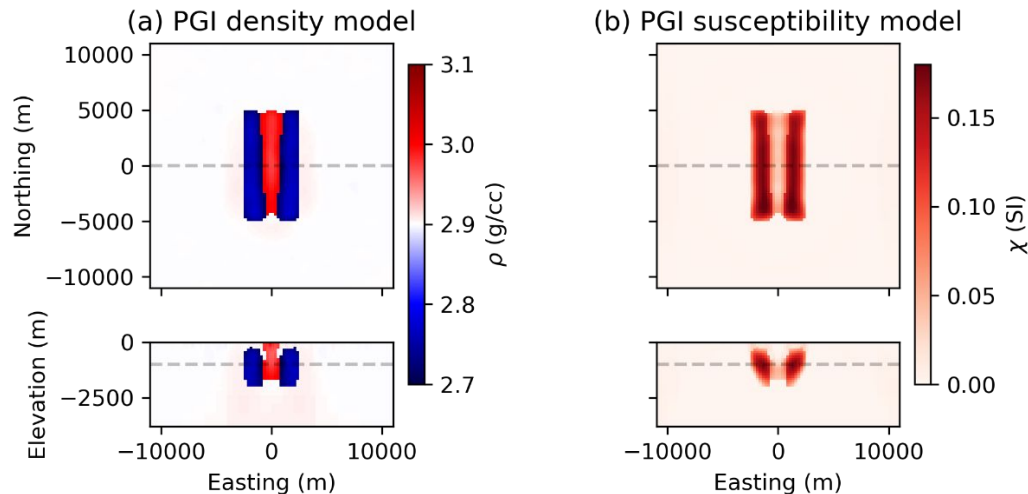


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Quasi-Geo Model (from GMM)

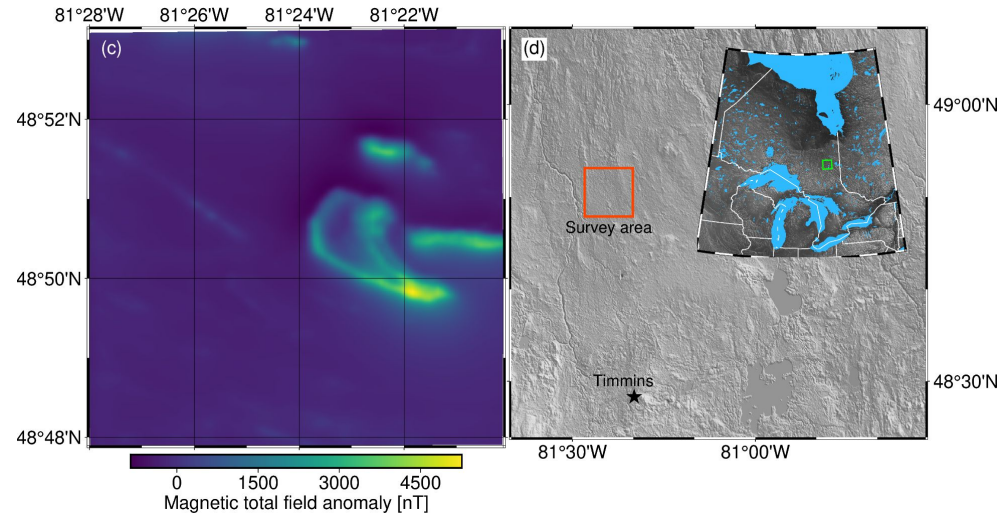
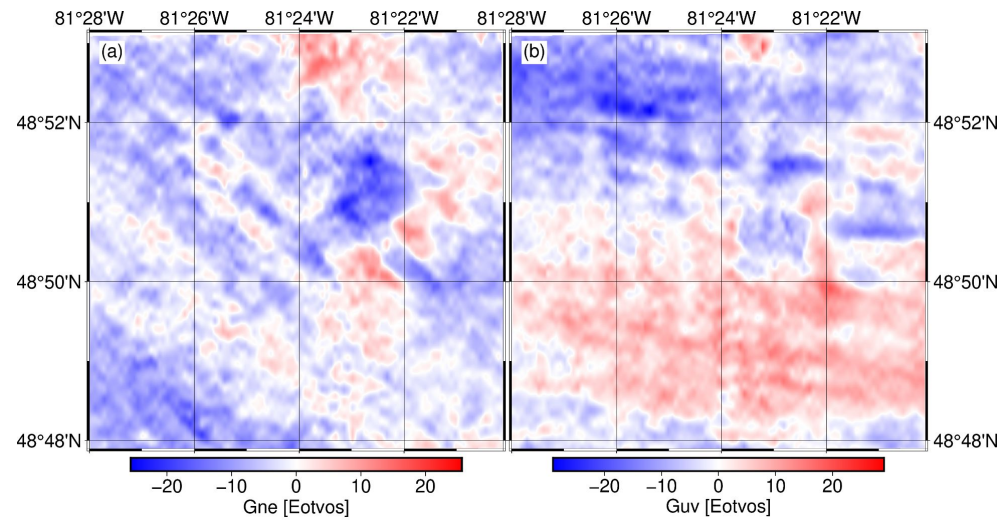
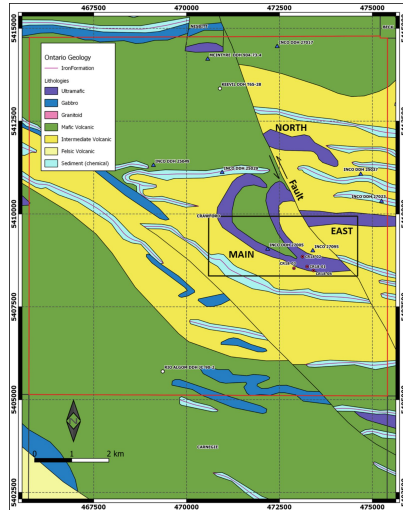
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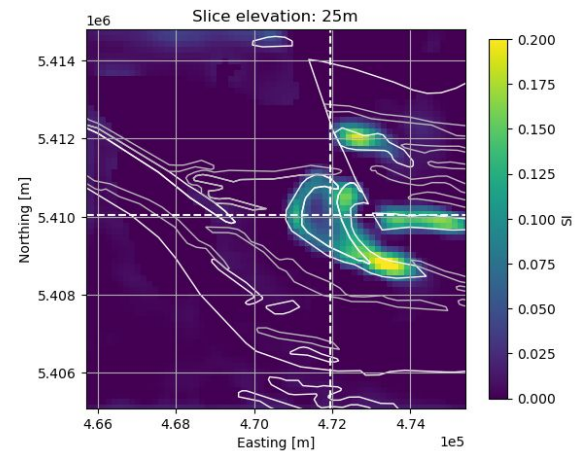
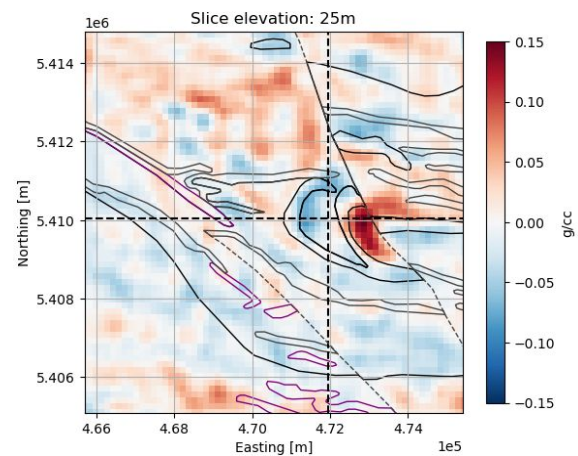
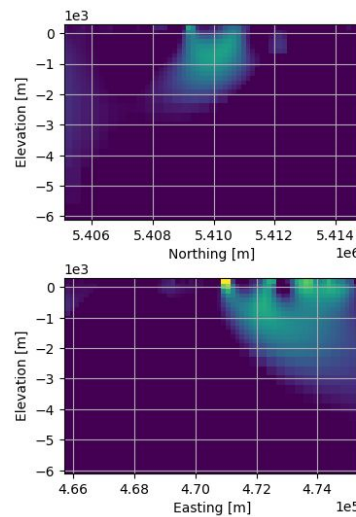
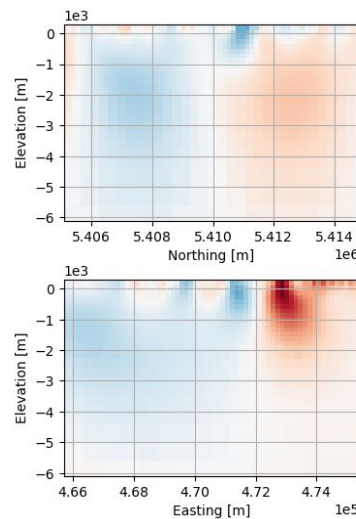
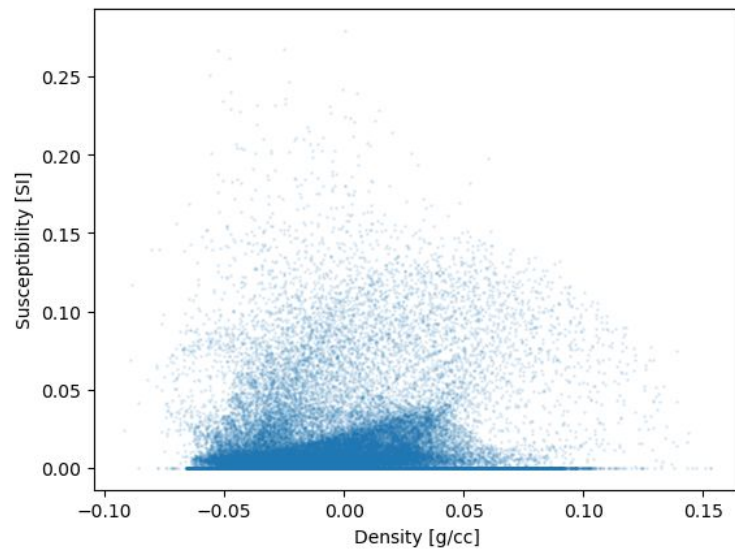


Crawford Fe-Ni deposit

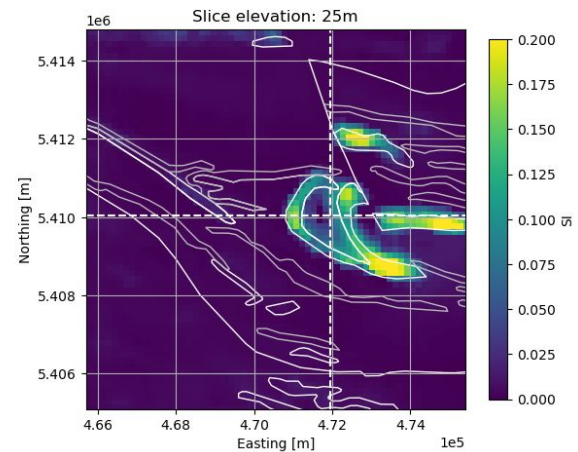
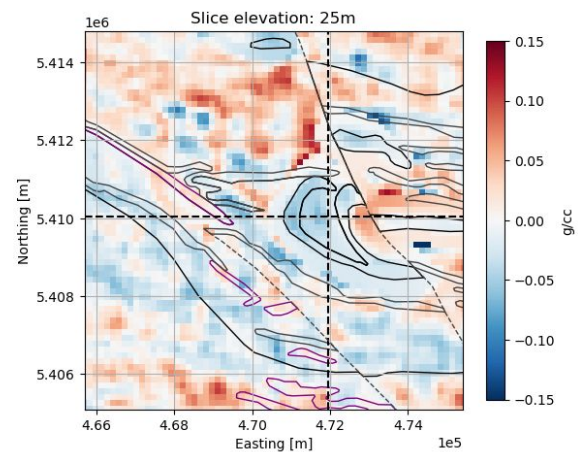
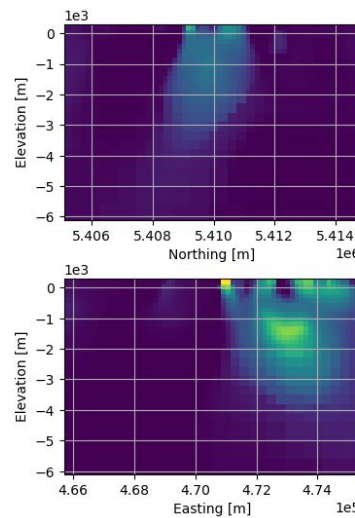
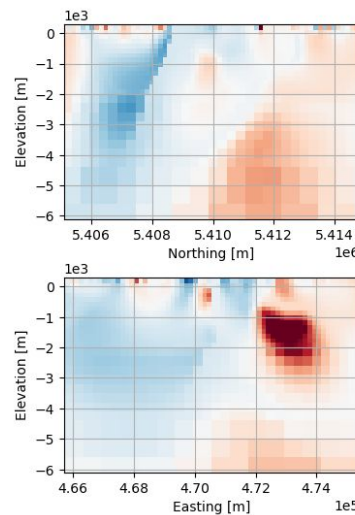
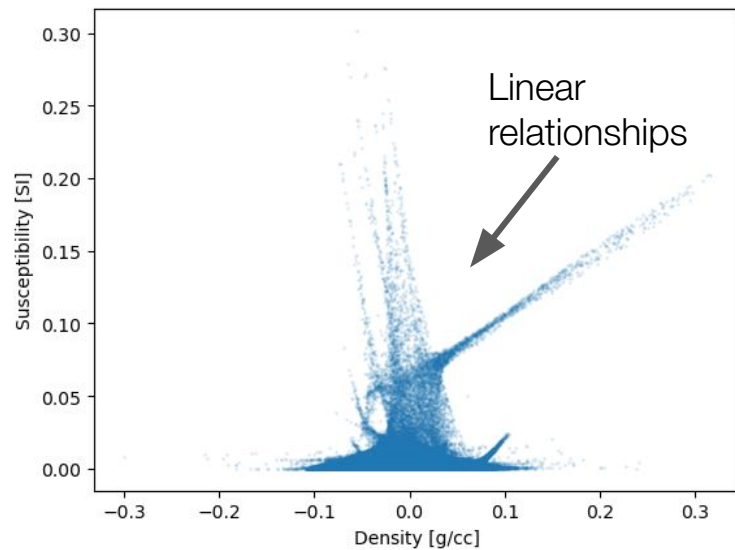
- Falcon Gravity Gradient
- Airborne TMI data
- Ultramafics (Serpentinized)



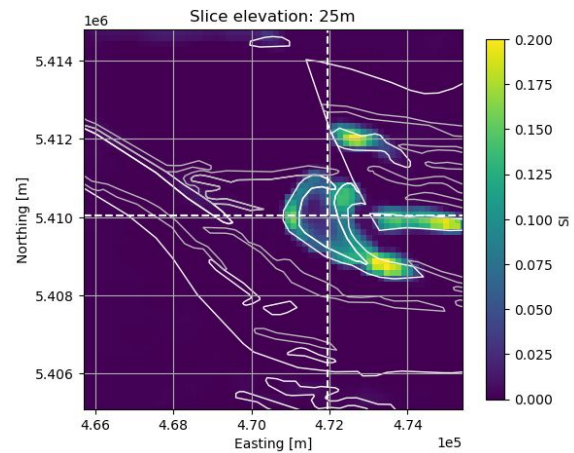
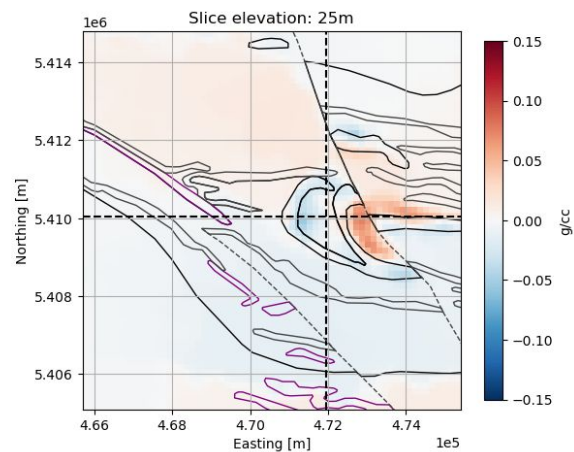
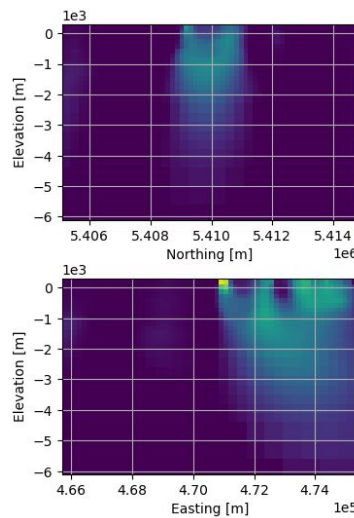
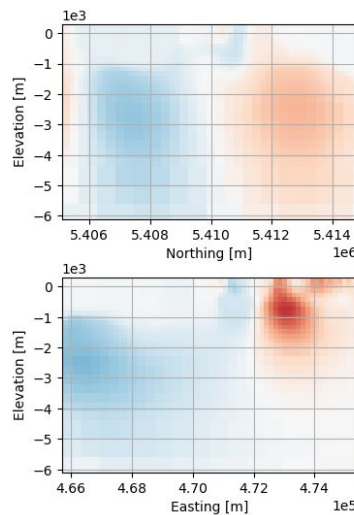
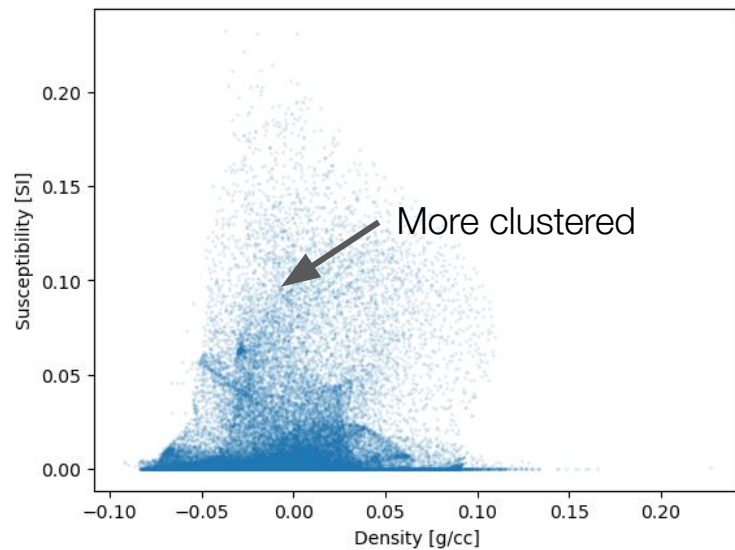
separate l2 inversions



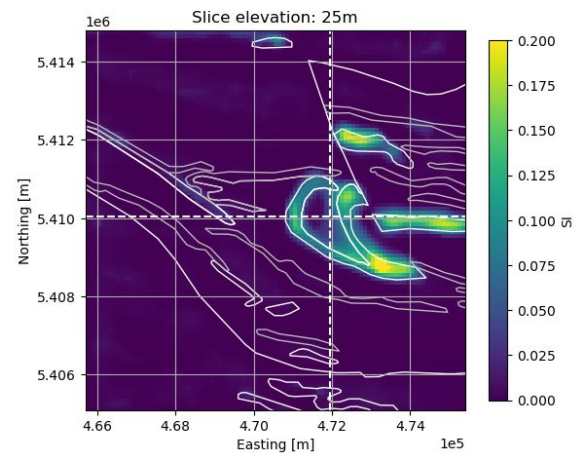
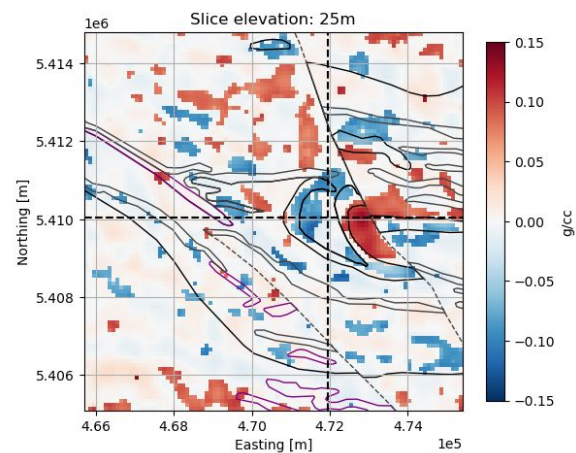
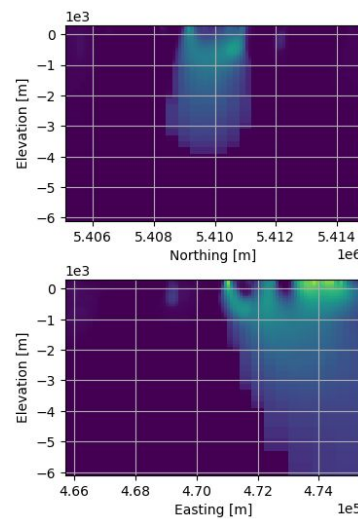
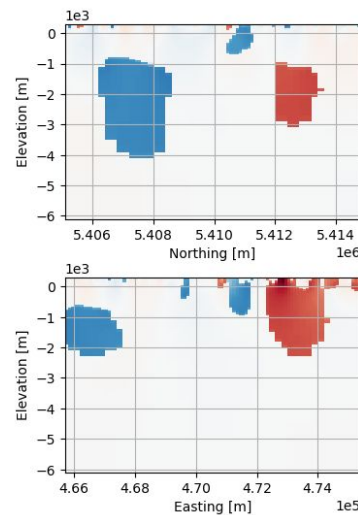
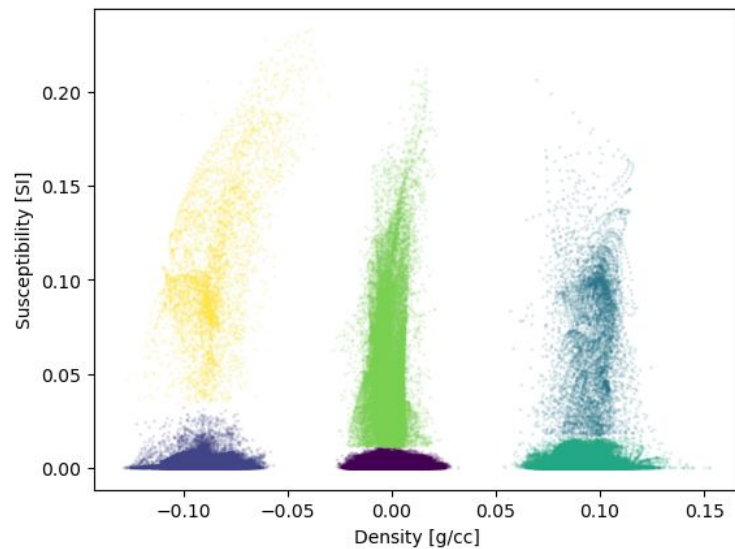
cross gradient



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 dms = 10 * dms_grav + dms_mag  
3 reg = reg_grav + reg_mag + lamda * cross_grad
```

In [35]:

```
1 # combo  
2 dms = 2*dms_grav + dms_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.ProjectedListCG(  
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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   solved
15 inv_prob =
   SimPEG.inverse_problem.BaseInvProblem(dmis, reg, opt)
16
17 starting_beta =
   SimPEG.directives.PairedBetaEstimate_ByEig(beta0_ratio=1E-2)
18
19 # Defining the fractional decrease in beta and the
   number of Gauss-Newton solves
20 # for each beta value.
21 beta_schedule = SimPEG.directives.PairedBetaSchedule(
22     cooling_factor=3, cooling_rate=1
23 )
24
25 # Options for outputting recovered models and
   predicted data for each beta.
26 save_iteration =
   SimPEG.directives.SimilarityMeasureSaveOutputEveryIteration()
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29
30 stopping =
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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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