

# Geoist - An Open-Source Geophysical Python Library for Geoscience Prototype Research

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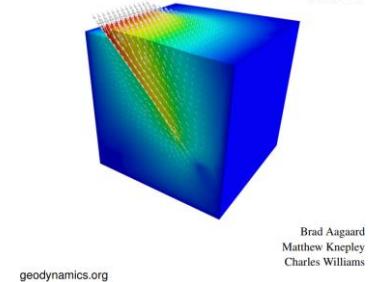
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# Existing Python libraries



A screenshot of a GitHub search interface. On the left is the NASA logo, which has been crossed out with a large red X. The search bar shows the query "Type: All - Language: Python". The results summary indicates "Repositories 186", "People 33", and "Projects 0". Below the summary, there is a search input field and dropdown menus for "Type: All" and "Language: Python". The text "28 results for repositories written in Python" is displayed at the bottom of the search results.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_free\\_geophysics\\_software](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_free_geophysics_software)

# Why another geophysical Python library?

- New algorithms (Bayesian inversion framework)
- Borrow and lend power from/to the open source community
- Adopt Python
  - Easy to learn/use
  - Python ecosystem
  - Vitality

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# What does it do?

- It mainly works on gravity related forward modelling and inverse problems

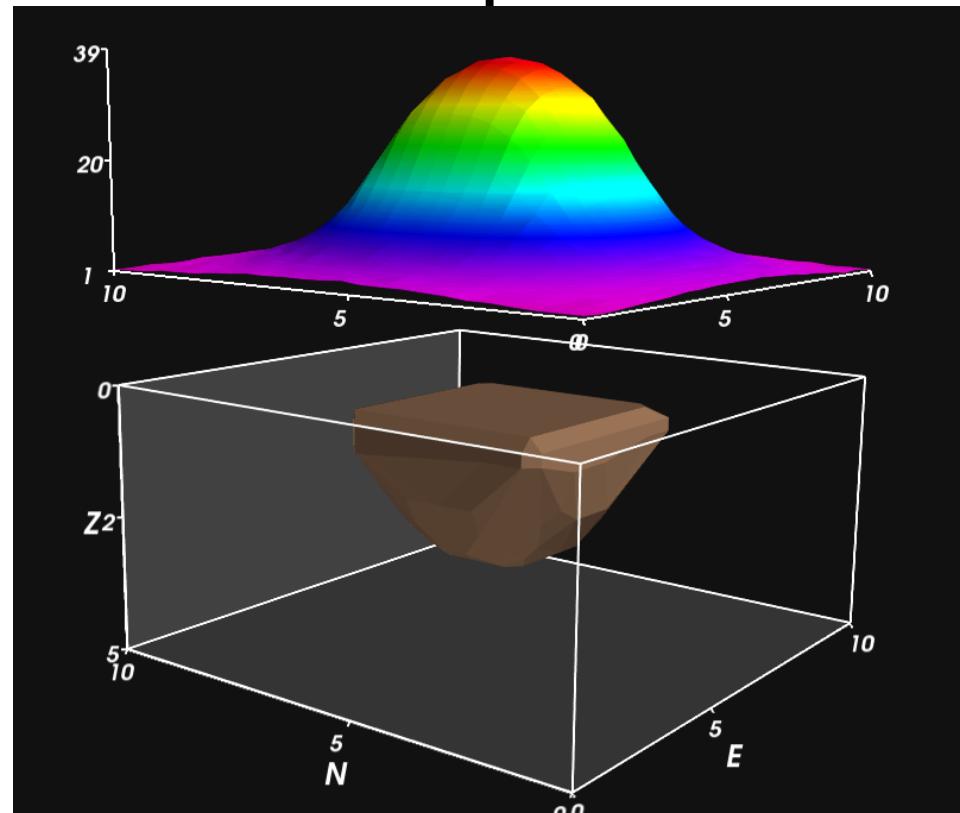
satellite orbit

subduction

sea level

coordinate system

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Earth's structure

mass distribution

material composition

exploration

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# A sample of Bayesian inversion

- Model:

$$d_1 - G_1 \rho = \varepsilon_{d_1} \sim N(0, \sigma_1^2)$$

$$d_2 - G_2 \rho = \varepsilon_{d_2} \sim N(0, \sigma_2^2)$$

- Constraints(Prior information):

$$\rho - \rho_0 = \delta\rho \sim N(0, \sigma_3^2)$$

Constraints of reference model

$$\rho_{j-1} - 2\rho_j + \rho_{j+1} = \Delta\rho_{j2} \sim N(0, \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^2)$$

Constraints of smoothness

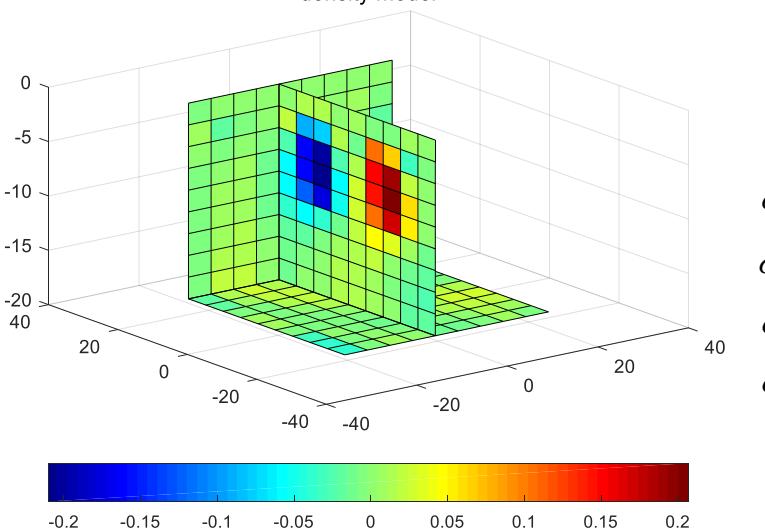
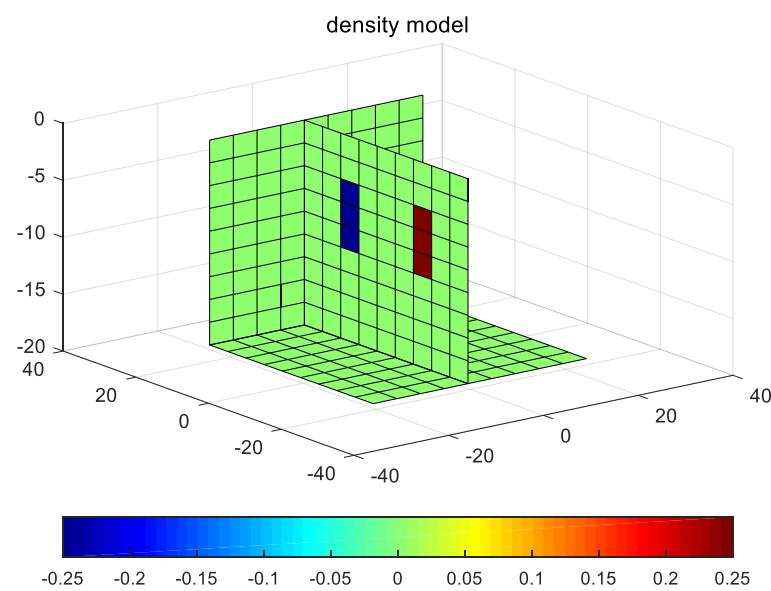
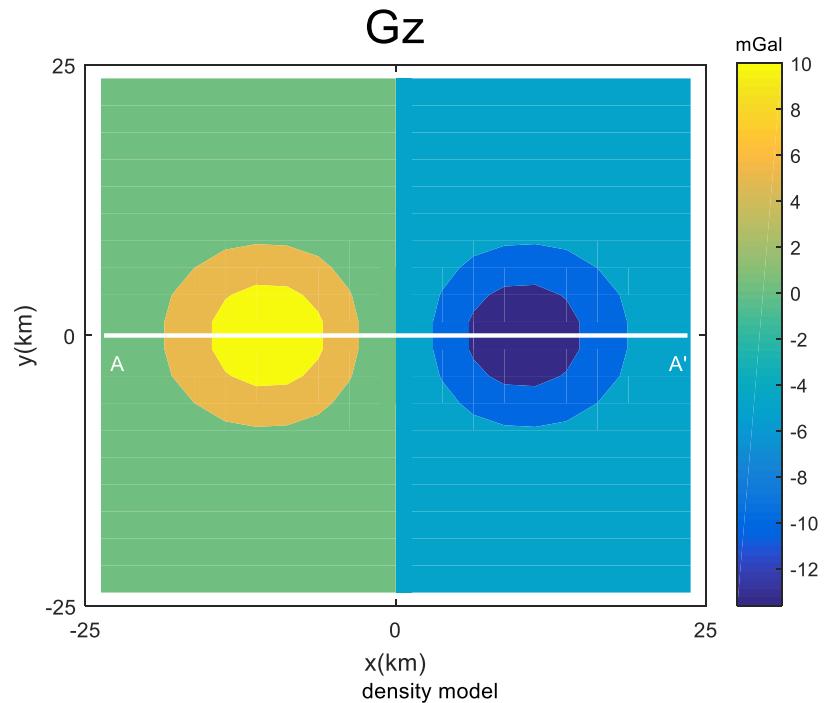
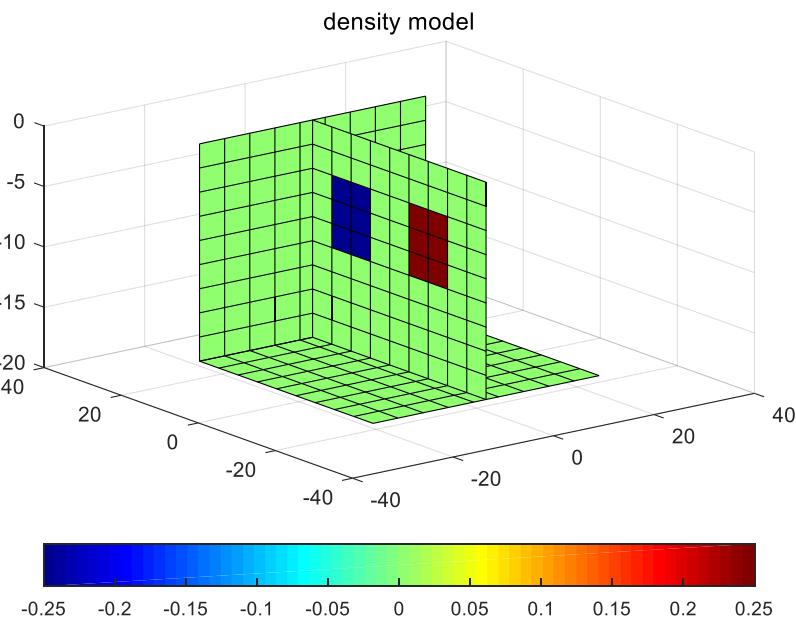
Where

d: observations

G: Green's function

$\rho$ : density (unkowns to be solved)

$\sigma$ : hyper-parameter



$$\sigma_1^2 = 0.0478$$

$$\sigma_2^2 = 0.0135$$

$$\sigma_3^2 = 0.3560$$

$$\sigma_4^2 = 0.2328$$

# A sample of forward modelling

Ellipse: WGS84  
Topography: Etopo5  
Crust: Crust1.0  
Mantle: Gypsum

Outer boundary: free  
inner boundary(CMB):  
Bouyancy

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Cells 4,390,896

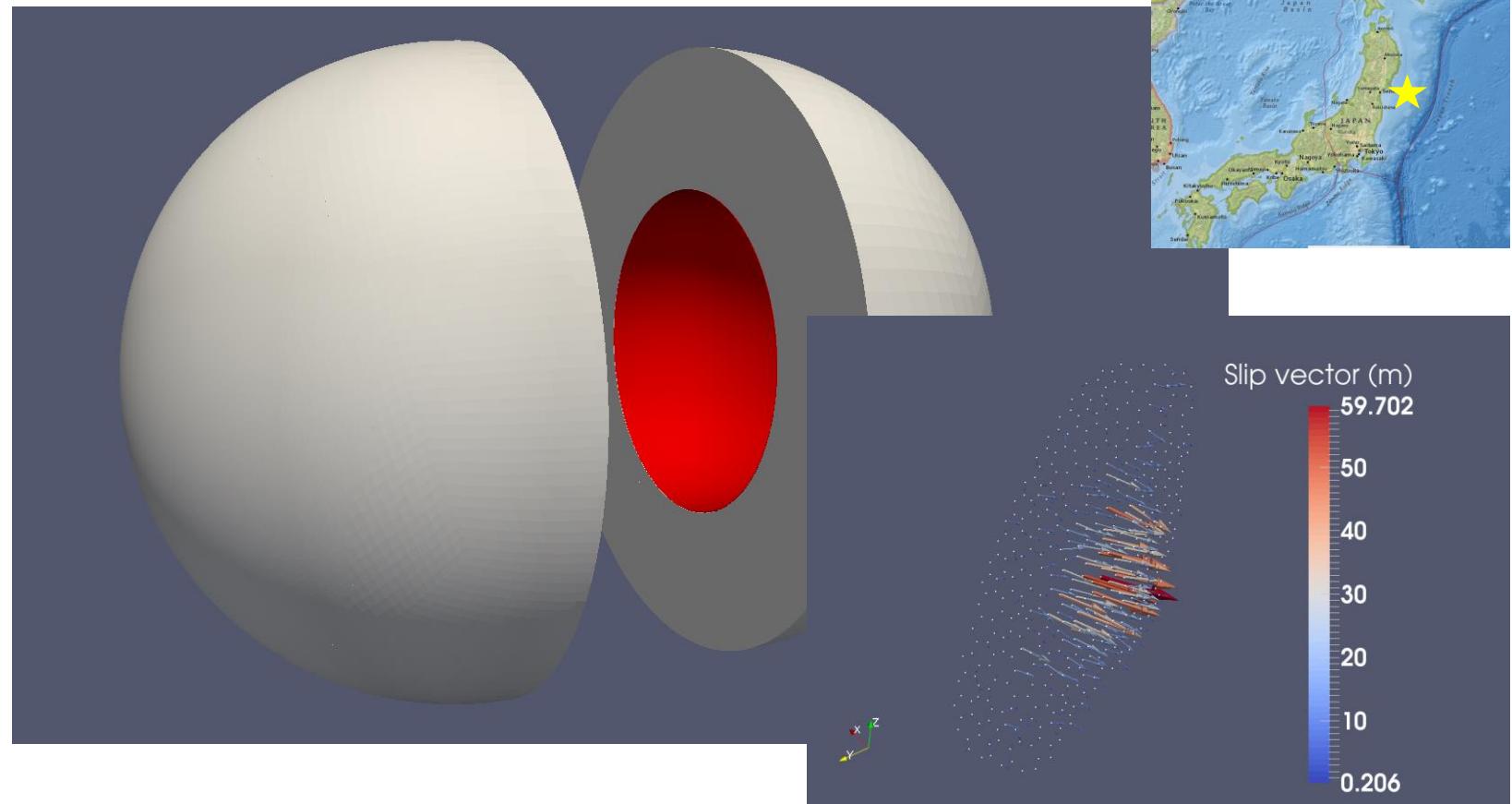
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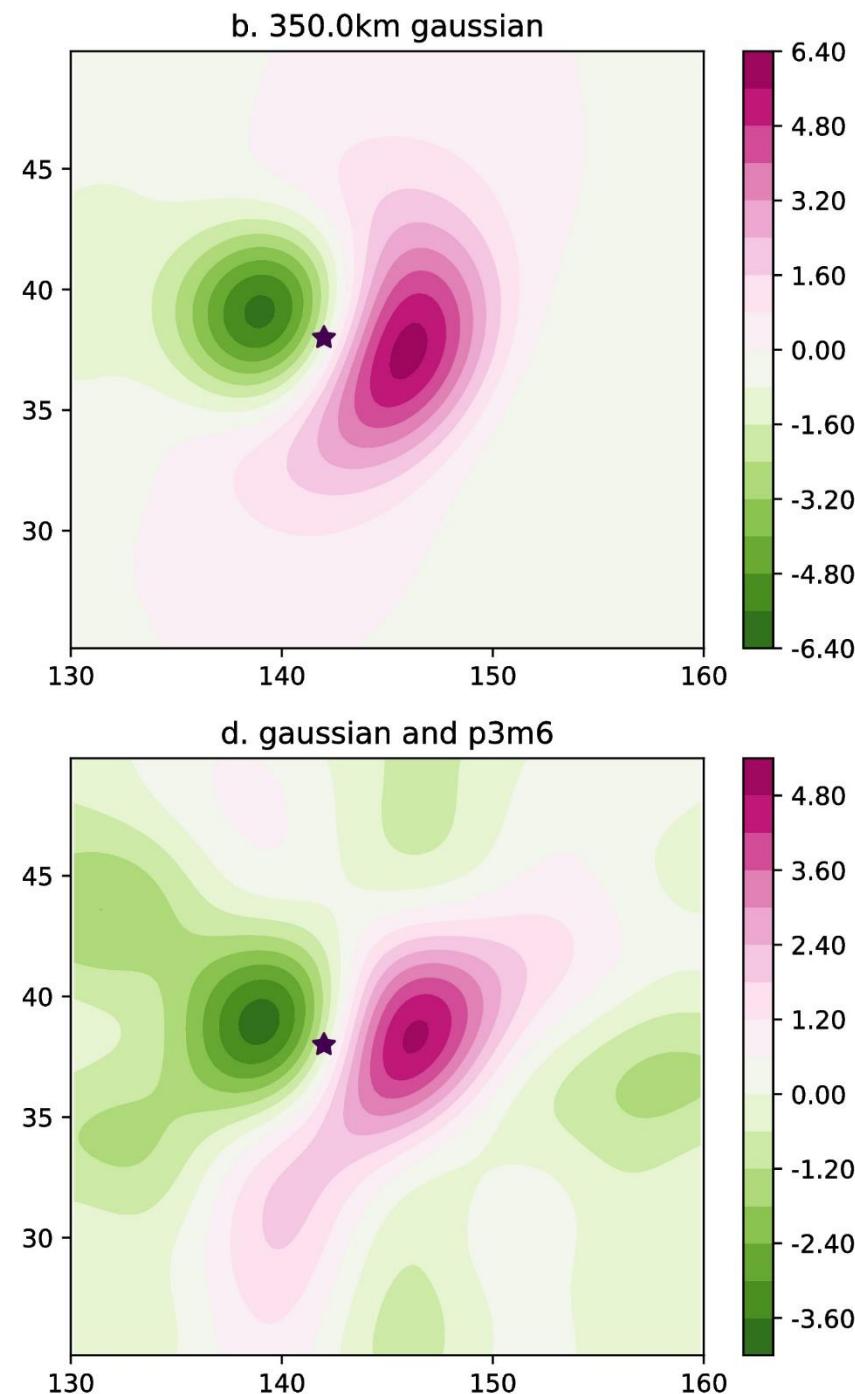
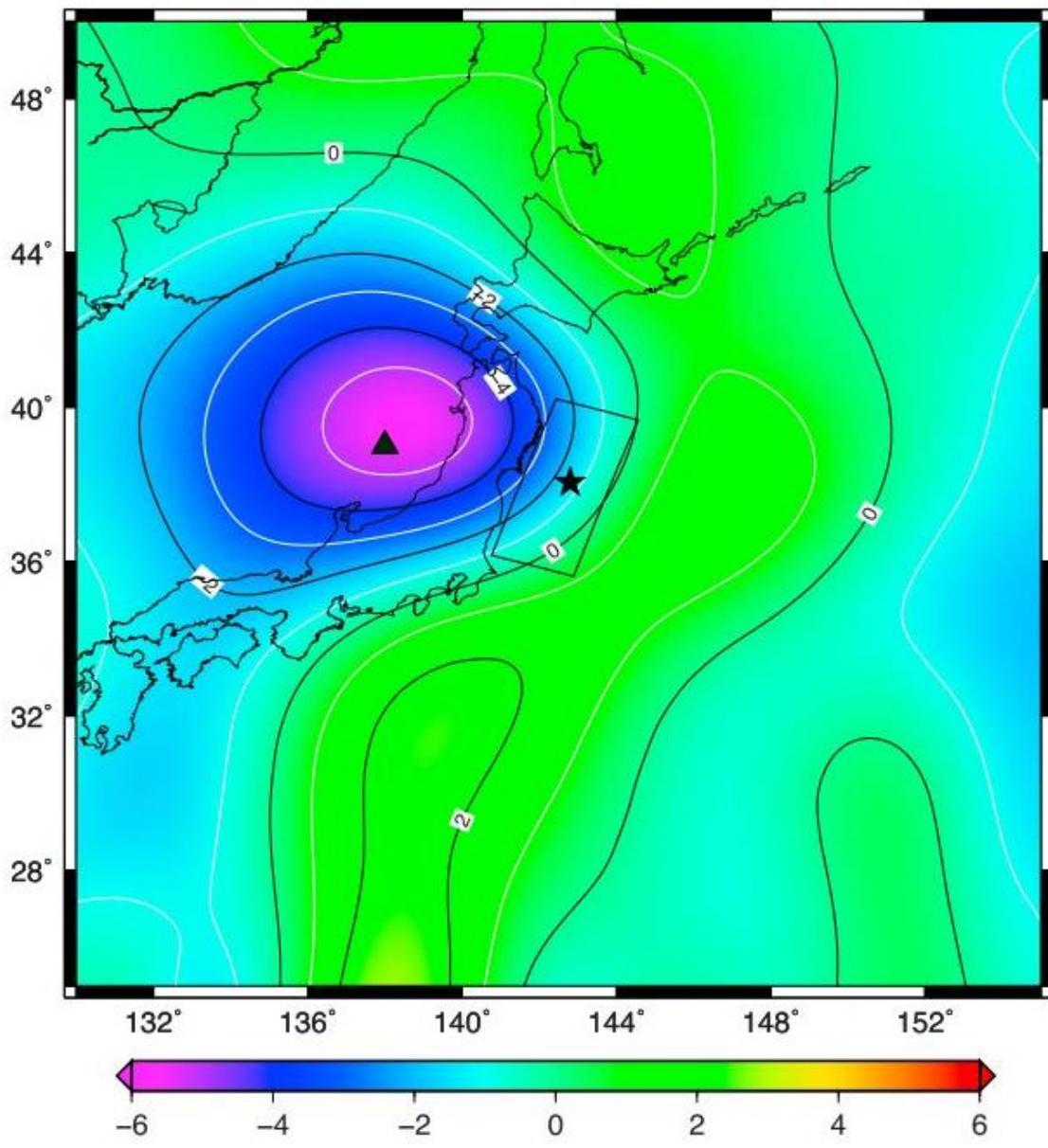
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DoFs 12,351,543

Domain of calculation



Slip distribution (Simons 2011)



# Who use it?

- People who study gravity
  - Common tasks
  - Our algorithms
- People who need calculate gravity occasionally
  - As black box
- Teachers and students
  - Concentrate on specific topics
  - Jupyter notebook

# Properties

- High performance
  - State-of-the-Art algorithms
  - Use c/c++ at low level if needed
- Easy to use
  - Well documented
  - Well integrated into python ecosystem: Build upon popular Python packages  
(Numpy,Scipy,Pandas,statsmodels,Matplotlib,Mayavi/Paraview)
  - Simplified APIs
- Long term maintenance

# Sample code:

Object Oriented Style

```
from geoist.gravity import interface  
  
data=interface.load('observation.dat')  
tmp=data.preprocess()  
result=tmp.adjustment()  
result.plot()
```

Procedure Oriented Style

```
from geoist.gravity import interface  
  
data=interface.load('observation.dat')  
tmp=interface.preprocess(data)  
result=interface.adjustment(data)  
interface.plot(result)
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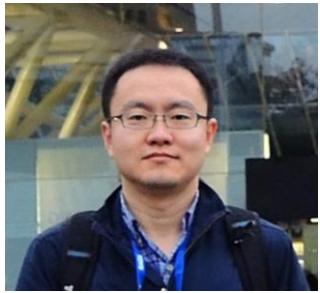
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- 2018.9--2018.11: Gravity dynamic adjustment  
[Chen, S., Zhuang, J., Li, X. et al. J Geod (2018).  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00190-018-1190-7>]
- 2018.11--2018.12: Basic forward modelling functionality
- Following: Bayesian inversion and our latest works
- <https://github.com/igp-gravity> and Pypi

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Thank You!