

# Flexure due to seamount loading OR Flexure two ways

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# Calculation of the Plate Deformation

Governing PDE:

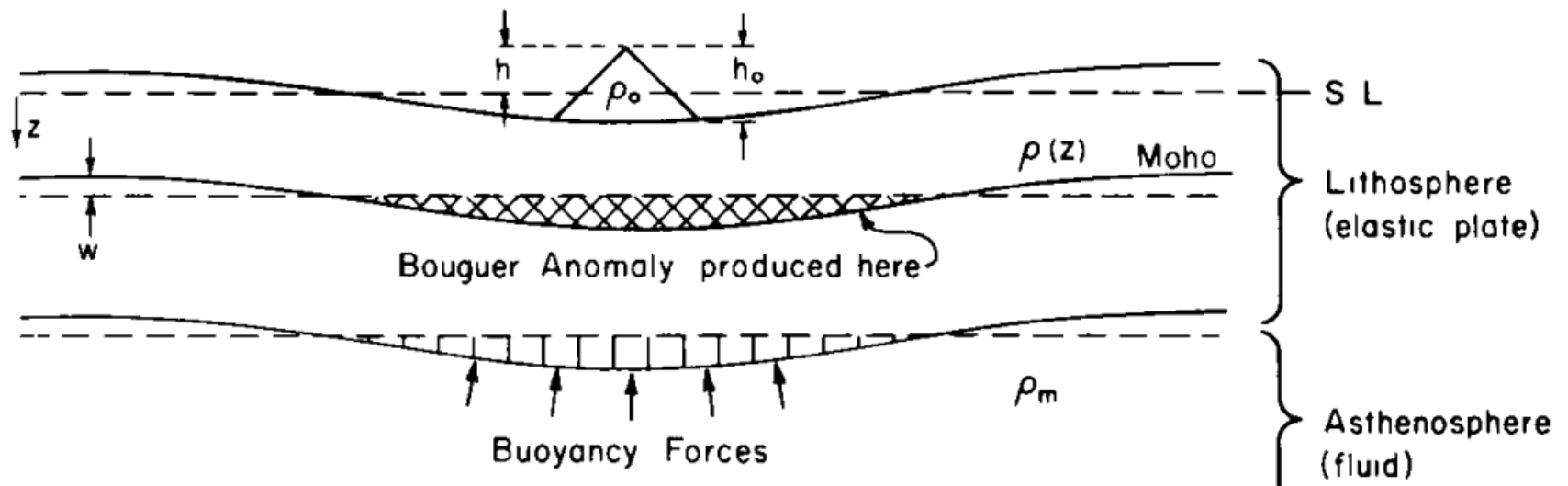
$$D \nabla^4 w(x,y) = p(x,y)$$

Flexure

Load

By Definition:

- $p(x,y) = -\rho_o g h_o(x,y) - \rho_m g w(x,y)$
- $h(x,y) = h_o(x,y) + w(x,y)$
- $D = ET^3/12(1-\sigma^2)$



# Calculation of the Plate Deformation

2D Fourier Transform 4 times on

$$D \nabla^4 w(x,y) = p(x,y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_4^2[w(x,y)](k_x, k_y) &= (2\pi i k)^4 D W(k_x, k_y) \\ &= -\rho_o g H_o(k_x, k_y) - \rho_m g W(k_x, k_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Where } W(k_x, k_y) = \int_S w(k_x, k_y) e^{i2\pi \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} dS$$

# Calculation of the Plate Deformation

If we want to put a load of some shape ( $p(x,y)$ )

\*like a Gaussian\*, then

$$(2\pi k)^4 DW(\mathbf{k}) + \rho_m g W(\mathbf{k}) = -\rho_o g H_o(\mathbf{k})$$

But if we want to estimate flexure for a measured topography:

$$(2\pi i k)^4 DW(k_x, k_y) = -\rho_o g H_o(k_x, k_y) - \rho_m g W(k_x, k_y)$$

# Calculation of the Plate Deformation

$$(2\pi i k)^4 D W(\mathbf{k}) = -\rho_o g H_o(\mathbf{k}) - \rho_m g W(\mathbf{k})$$

- From initial conditions:

$$H(x,y) = H_o(x,y) + W(x,y)$$

$$H_o(x,y) = H(x,y) - W(x,y)$$

$$(2\pi k)^4 D W(\mathbf{k}) = -\rho_o g [H(\mathbf{k}) - W(\mathbf{k})] - \rho_m g W(\mathbf{k})$$

- Expansion:

$$16\pi^4 k^4 D W(\mathbf{k}) = W(\mathbf{k})[\rho_o g - \rho_m g] - \rho_o g [H(\mathbf{k})]$$

$$W(\mathbf{k})[16\pi^4 k^4 D - g(\rho_o - \rho_m)] = -\rho_o g [H(\mathbf{k})]$$

$$W(\mathbf{k}) = -\rho_o g [H(\mathbf{k})] * [16\pi^4 k^4 D - g(\rho_o - \rho_m)]^{-1}$$

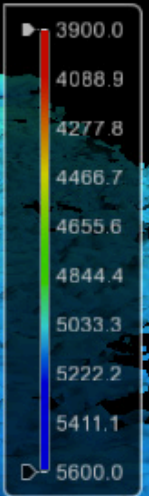
$$W(\mathbf{k}) = -\rho_o H(\mathbf{k}) [16\pi^4 k^4 D / g + (\rho_m - \rho_o)]^{-1}$$

$$W(\mathbf{k}) = H(\mathbf{k}) [-\rho_o / (\rho_m - \rho_o)] [16\pi^4 k^4 D / g + 1]^{-1}$$

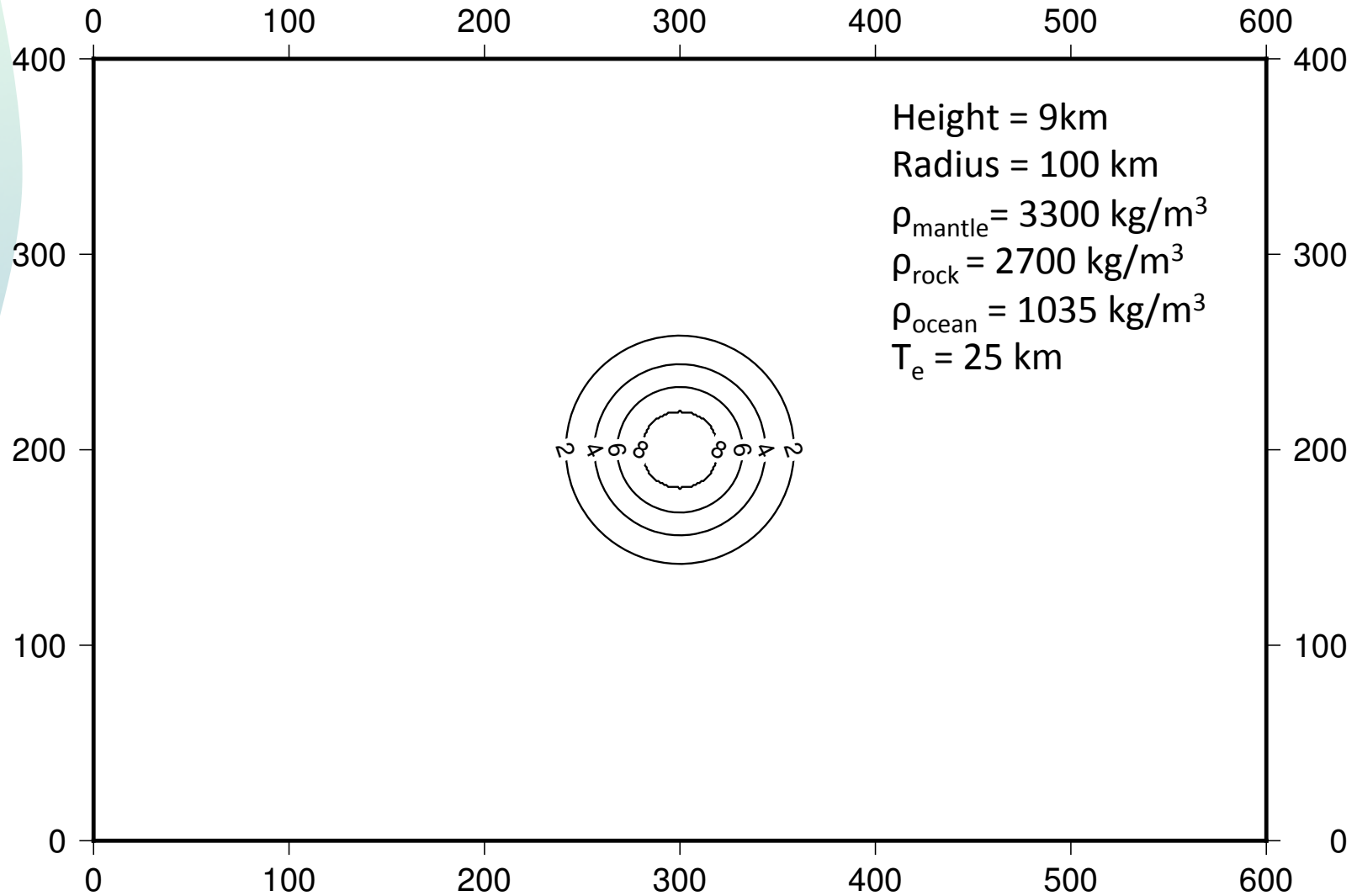
$$W(\mathbf{k}) = - \left( \frac{\rho_o}{\rho_m - \rho_o} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{16\pi^4 k^4 D}{(\rho_m - \rho_o)g} \right)^{-1} H(\mathbf{k})$$

# Gaussian Seamount

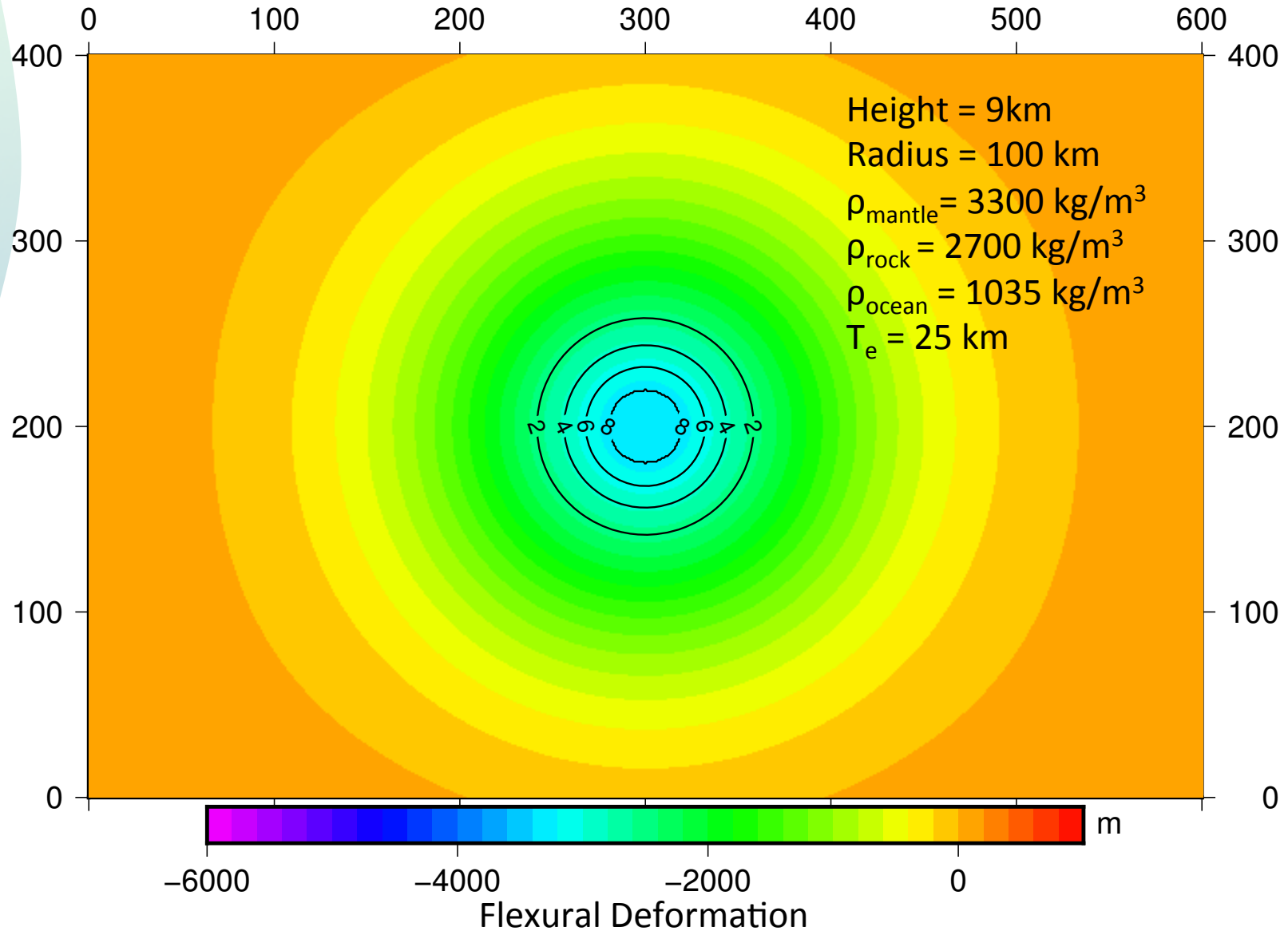
Gauss who!?



# Gaussian Seamounts in GMT

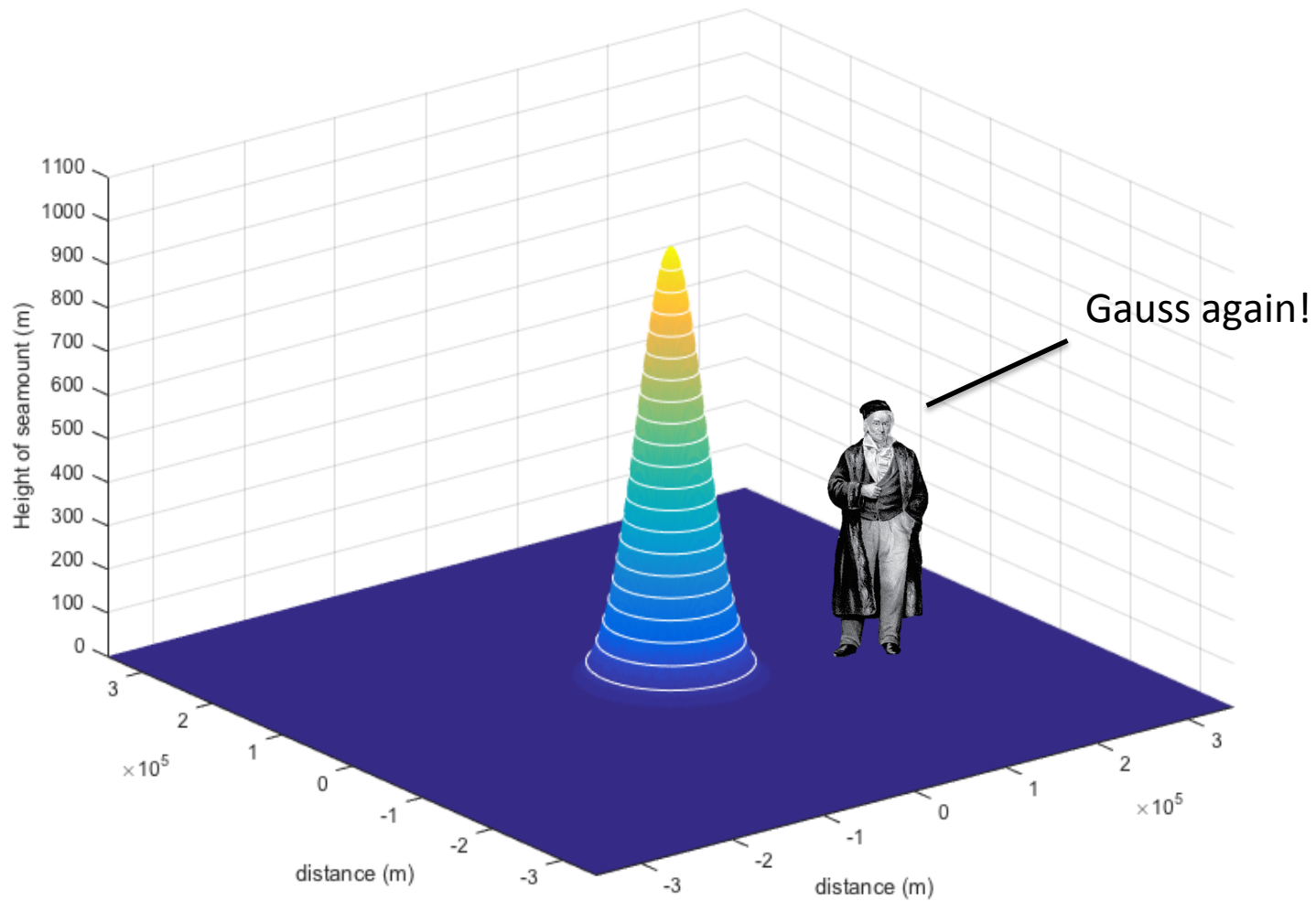


# Gaussian Seamounts in GMT

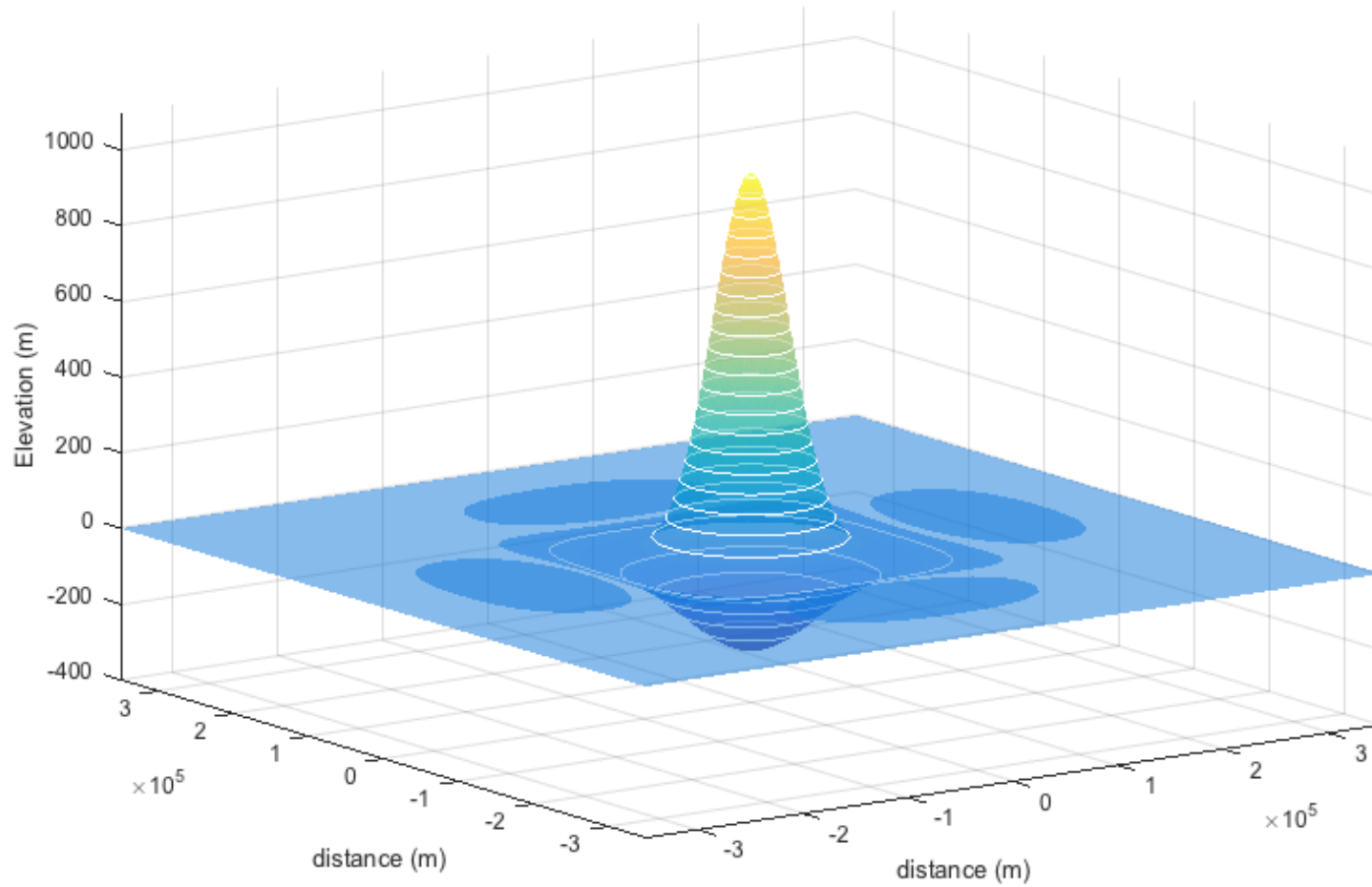




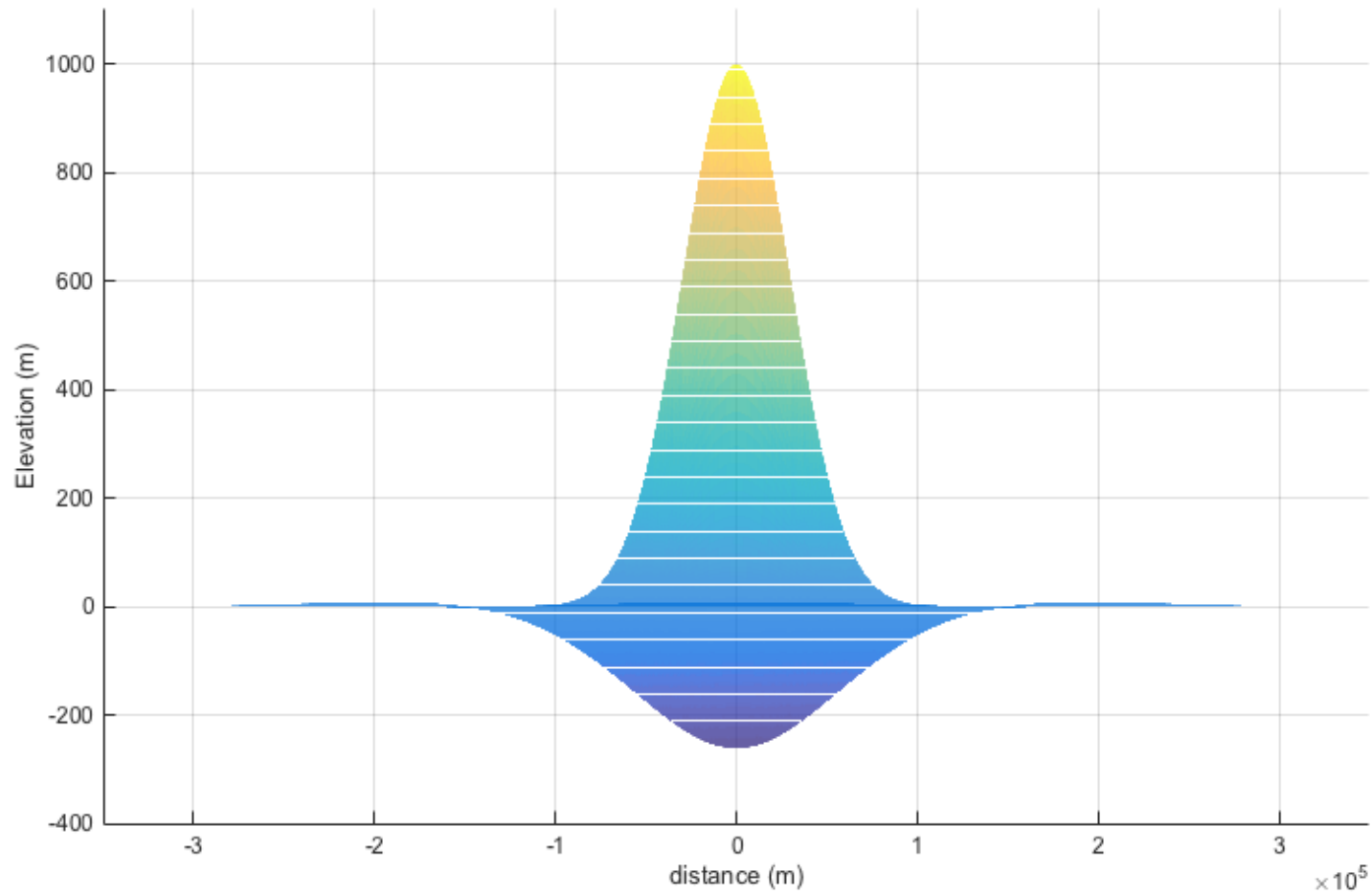
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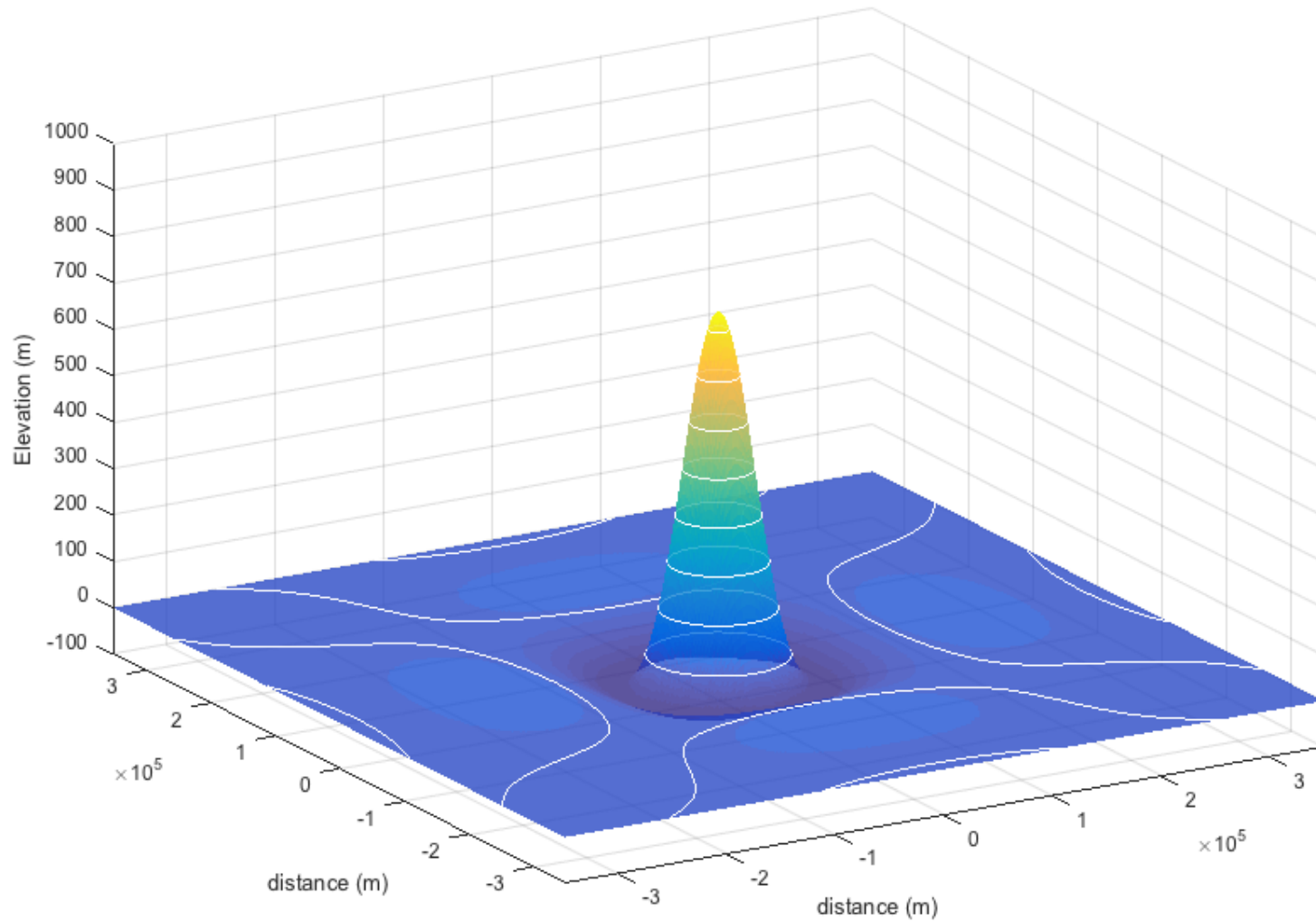
# Flexure under load



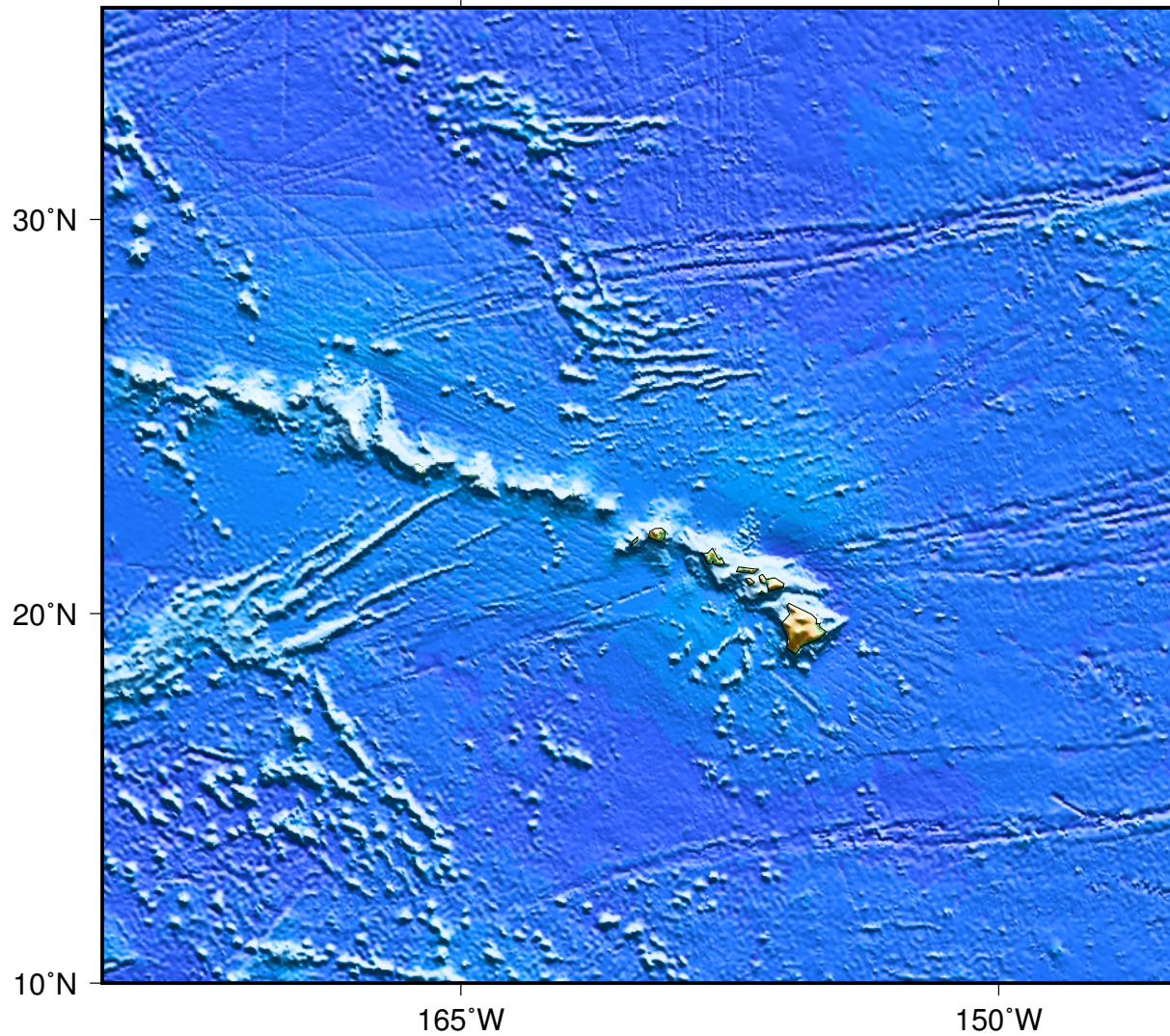
# Flexure under load part II – The one tower



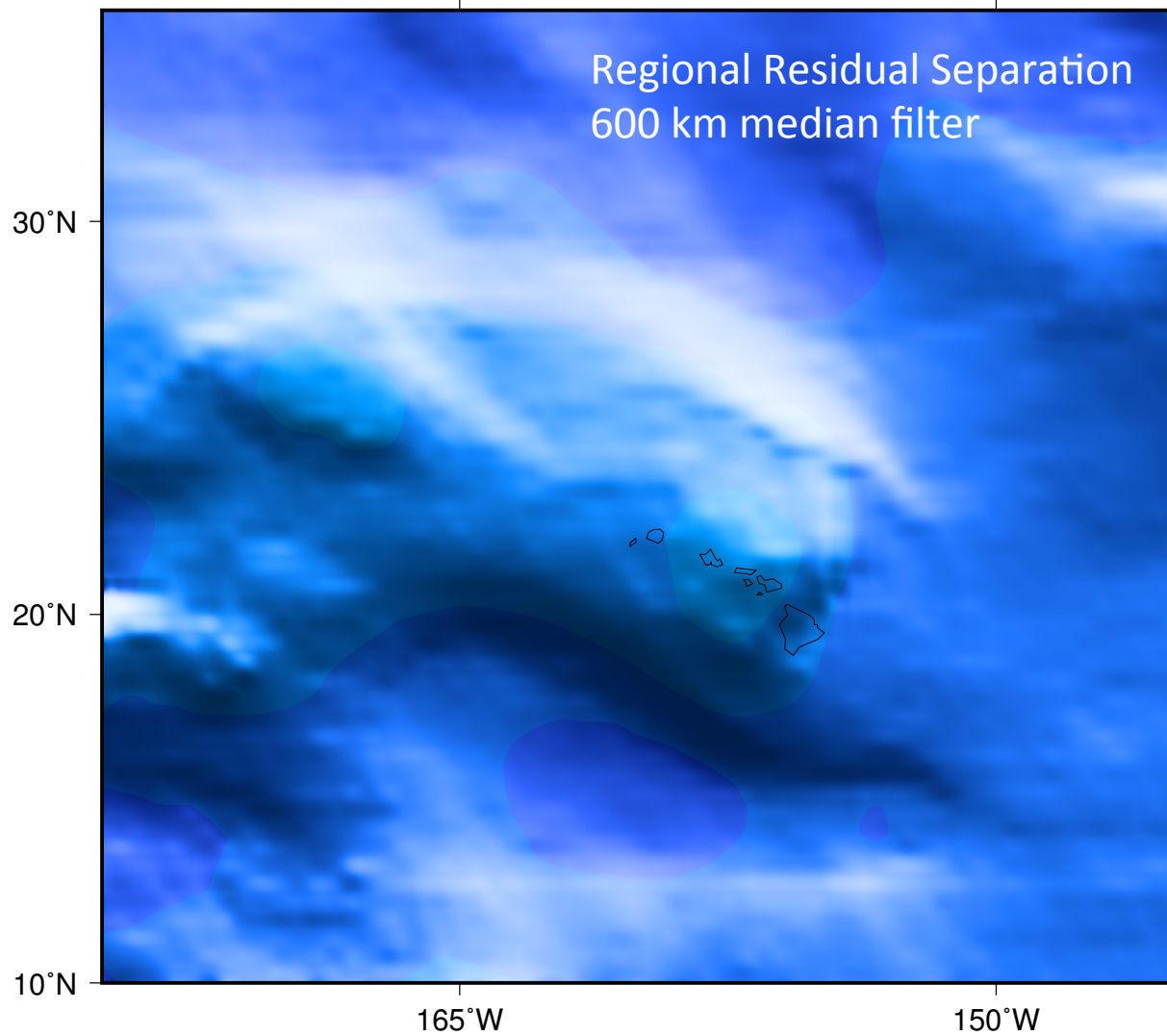
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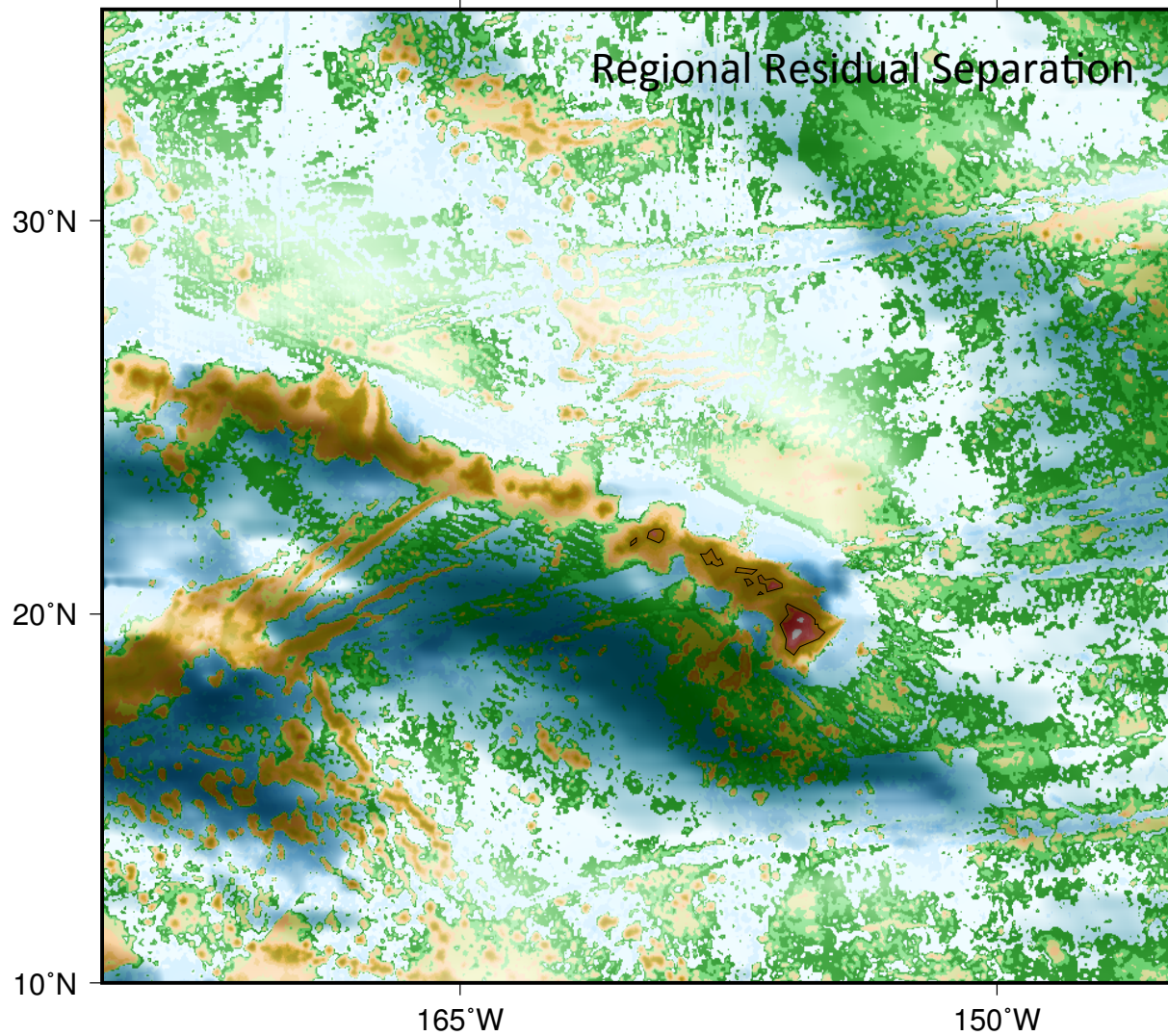
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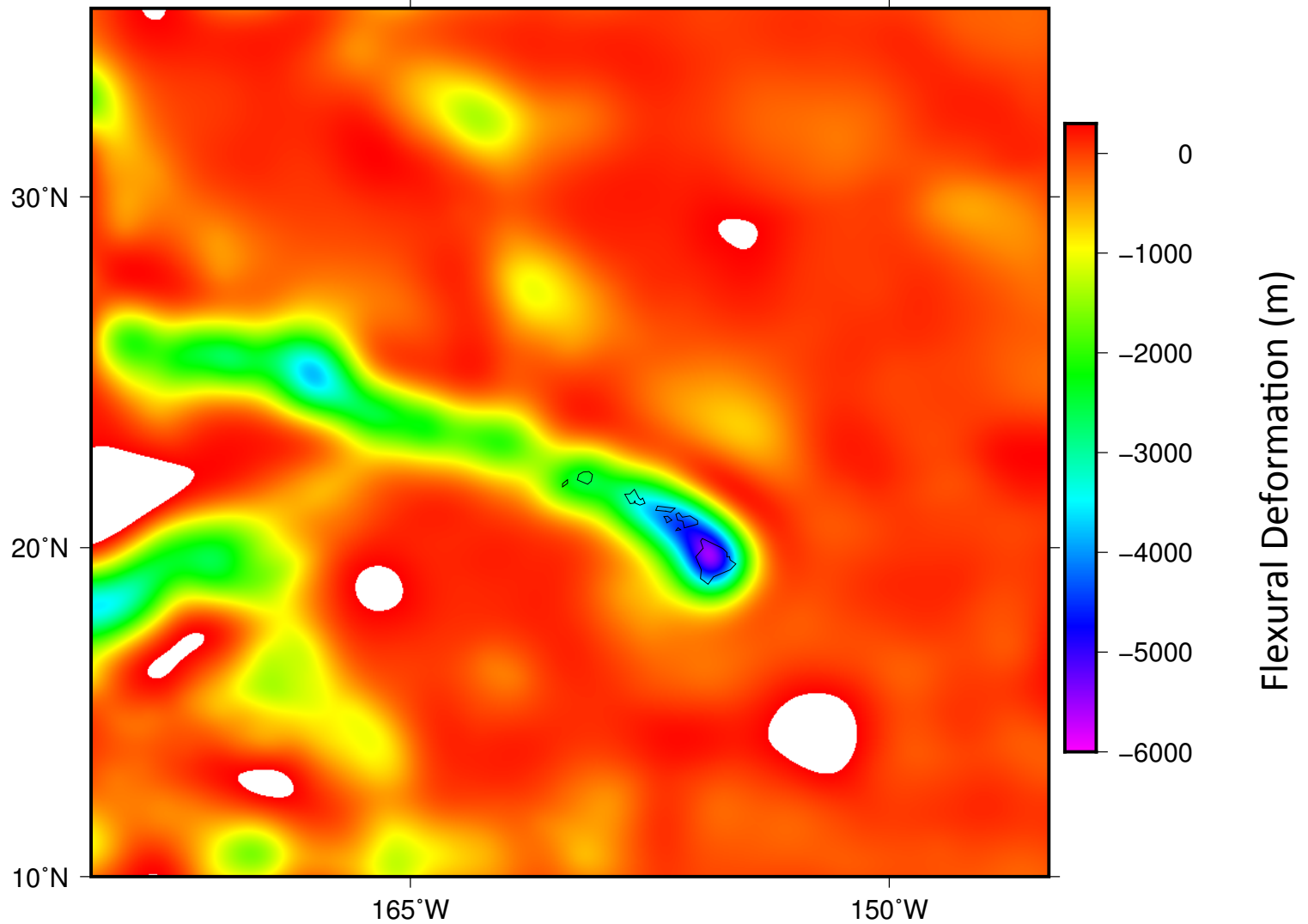
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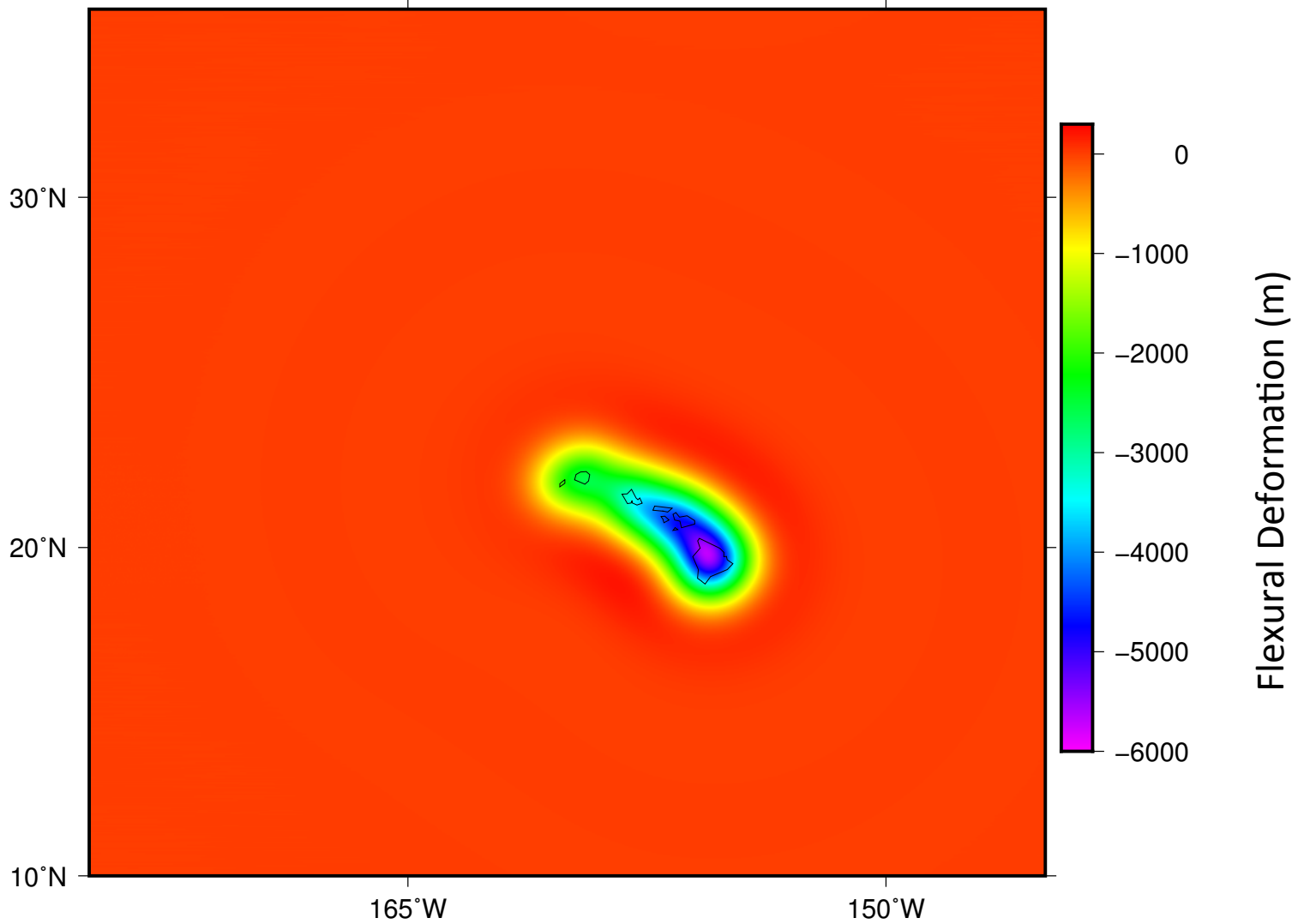


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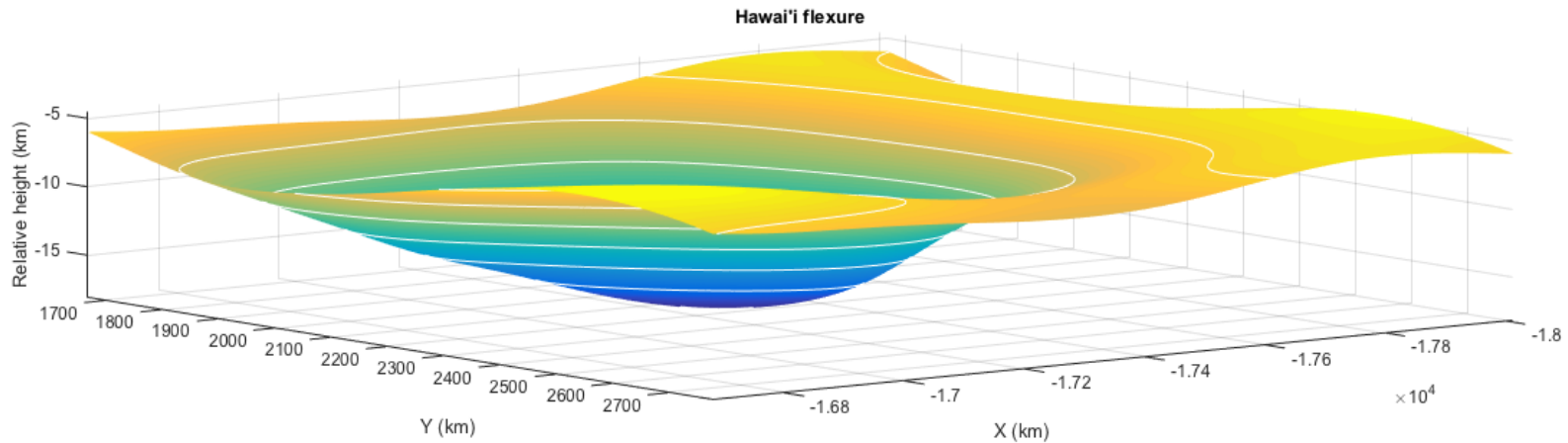
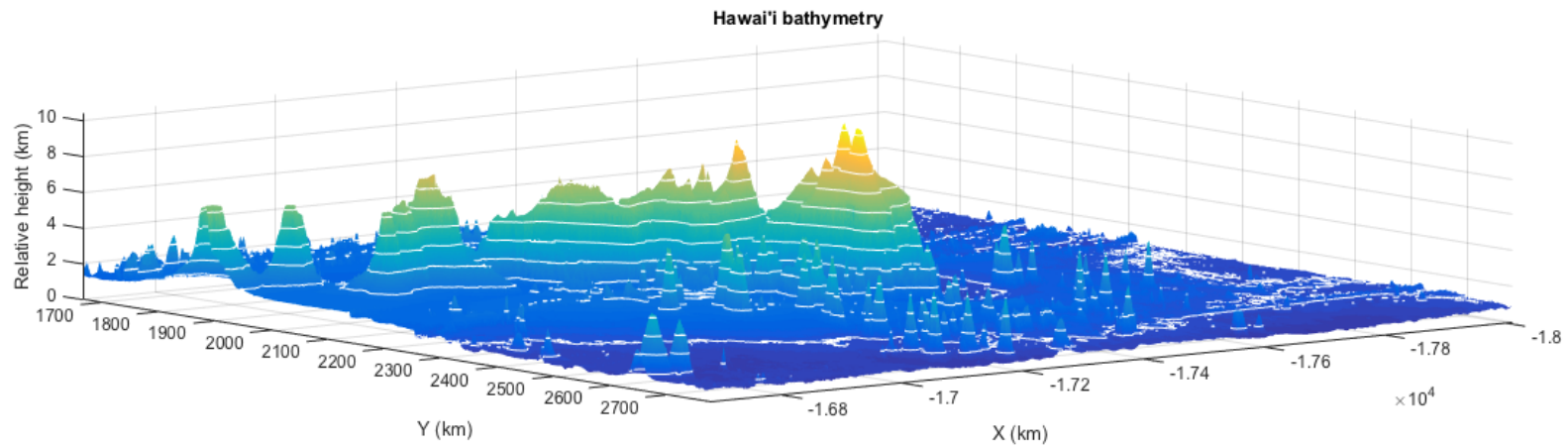




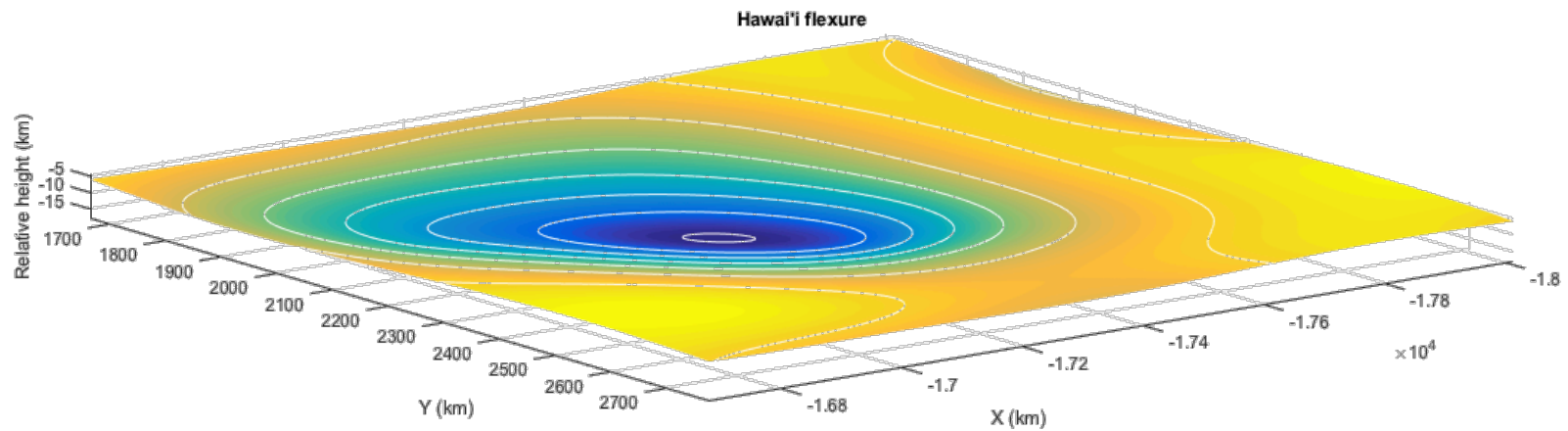
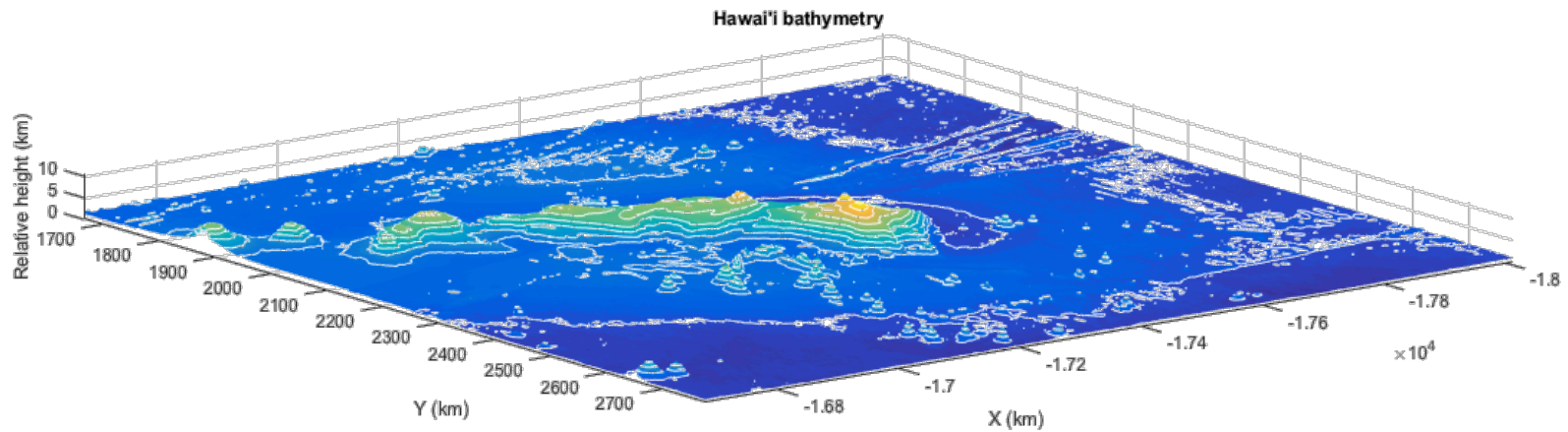
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