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FOUNDATIONS FOR

OPEN-SOURCE GEOPHYSICS

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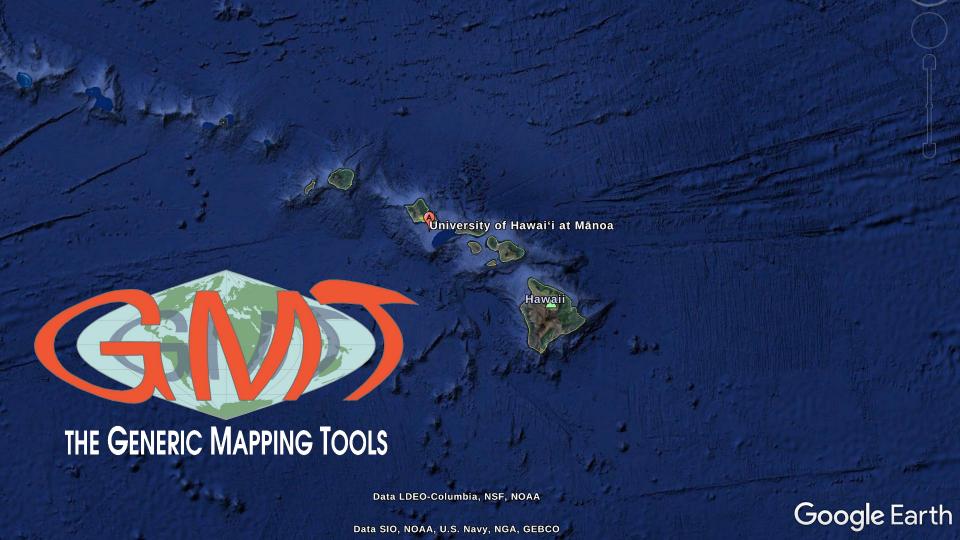
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Background









"I do some coding for my research"



"I am a self-taught coder"

Programming languages

Goals

Why good code matters

How to do it

What you get in return





Data and computer code should be made publicly available at an early stage - or else ... esarastudillo



Last week we learned a famous 2010 academic paper, relied on by political big-hitters to bolster arguments for austerity cuts, contained significant errors; and that those errors came down to misuse of an Excel spreadsheet.

Sadly, these are not the first mistakes of this size and nature when handling data. So what on Earth went wrong, and can we fix it?

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Partners

https://theconversation.com/the-reinhart-rog off-error-or-how-not-to-excel-at-economics-13646

The Reinhart-Rogoff error – or how not to Excel at economics

April 22, 2013 9.40pm BST



"The most serious was that, in their Excel spreadsheet, Reinhart and Rogoff had not selected the entire row when averaging growth figures..."

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Developer superpowers



Infinite undo: Version Control

X-ray vision: Unit Tests

How to write good: Design Patterns

Robot servants: Continuous Integration

Infinite undo: Version Control



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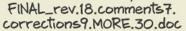


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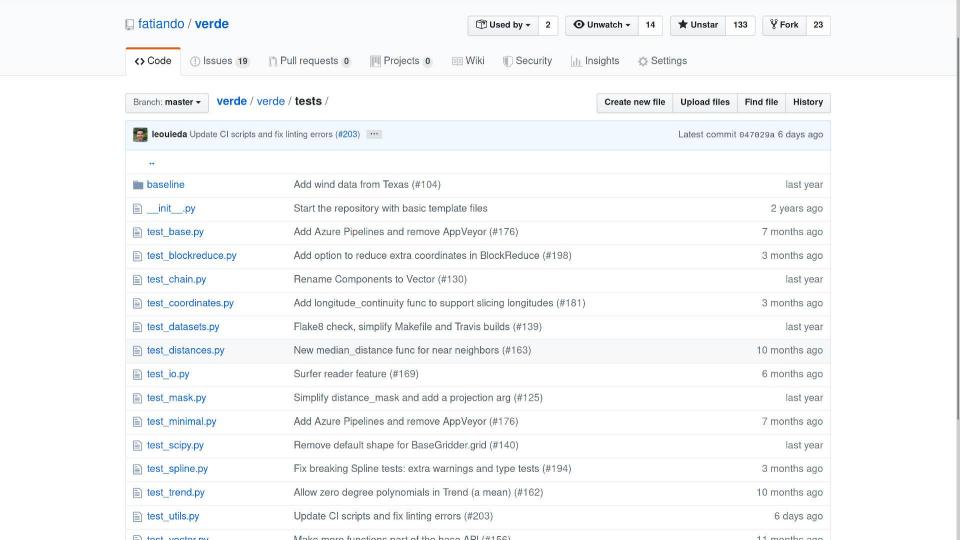
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"Piled Higher and Deeper" by Jorge Cham, http://www.phdcomics.com

X-ray vision: Unit Tests

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def range_overlap(ranges):
    '''Return common overlap among a set of [left, right] ranges.'''
    max left = 0.0
    min_right = 1.0
    for (left, right) in ranges:
        max_left = max(max_left, left)
        min_right = min(min_right, right)
    return (max_left, min_right)
def test_range_overlap():
   assert range_overlap([(0.0, 1.0), (5.0, 6.0)]) == None
   assert range_overlap([(0.0, 1.0), (1.0, 2.0)]) == None
   assert range_overlap([(0.0, 1.0)]) == (0.0, 1.0)
   assert range_overlap([ (2.0, 3.0), (2.0, 4.0) ]) == (2.0, 3.0)
   assert range_overlap([ (0.0, 1.0), (0.0, 2.0), (-1.0, 1.0) ]) == (0.0, 1.0)
    assert range_overlap([]) == None
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Robot servants: Continuous Integration

Run tests every time something changes

TravisCI, Microsoft Azure, etc

Update website, publish releases, etc

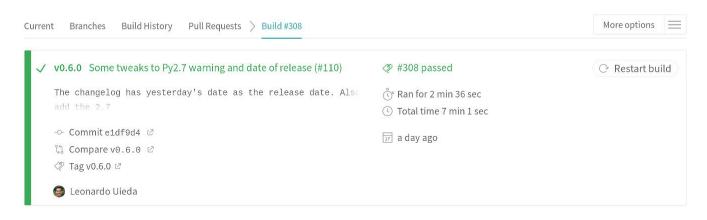








build passing



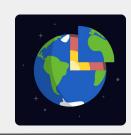


RETURN ON INVESTMENT

(Geo)Scientific Python stack









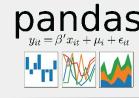
















Fatiando a Terra

open-source tools for geophysics



Spatial data processing and interpolation (**gridding**) using Green's functions (or radial basis functions) with a machine learning inspired interface.

- n fatiando/verde
- www.fatiando.org/verde
- doi: 10.21105/joss.00957
- ✓ Stable and ready for use



Processing and modeling **gravity** and **magnetic** data, like terrain correction, upward continuation, equivalent layers, 3D inversion, and more.

- n fatiando/harmonica
- www.fatiando.org/harmonica/dev
- Early development and design



Manages the download of sample data files over HTTP from a server and storing them in a local directory. Used by our other libraries.

- fatiando/pooch
- www.fatiando.org/pooch
- C Ready for use but still changing

RockHound

Download geophysical models and datasets (PREM, CRUST1.0, ETOPO1) and load them into Python. Relies on Pooch to manage the downloads.

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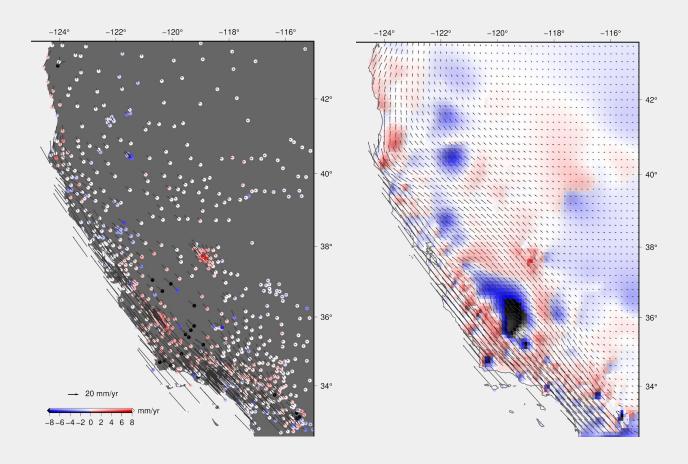
Prototype new methods

Solid base to test new ideas

Diverse collaborators

Combine tools in new ways

Example: GPS interpolation



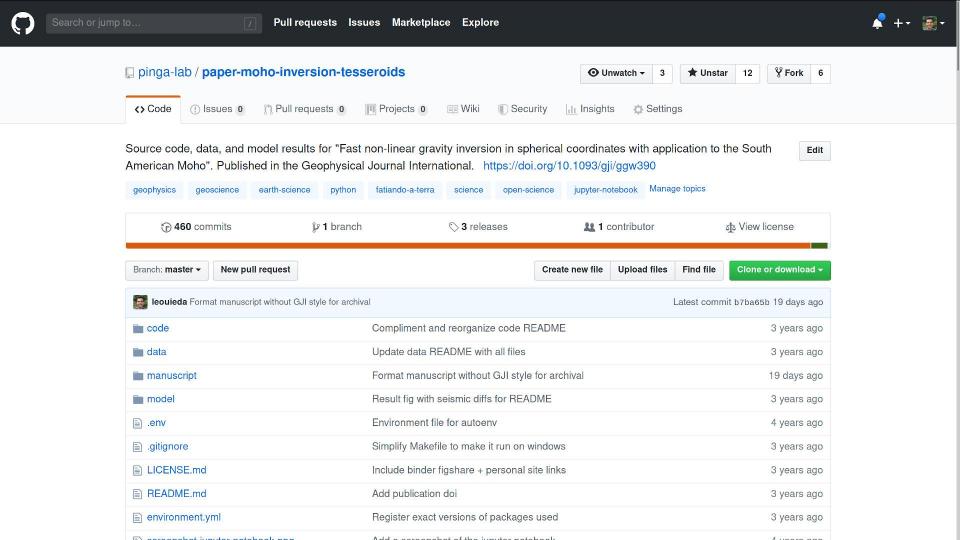
Reproducible research

Same tools for papers

Single command to generate results

Capture methods, parameters, etc

Reusable code



CHOLLENGES

Social vs Technical

Code is the "easy" part

Building software is hard

Nurturing a community is even harder

Incentives

Pushing AGU for support

Increased recognition

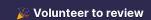
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Training

Full curriculum

Qualified instructors

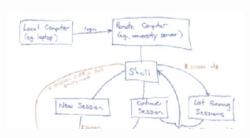
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SEARCH

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Instructors: José Ignacio Lucas Lledó

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Take home

Good software matters.

So many tools exist! Use them.

Invest now, benefit in the future.