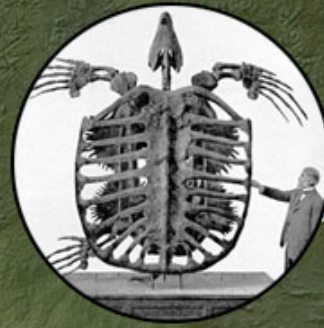


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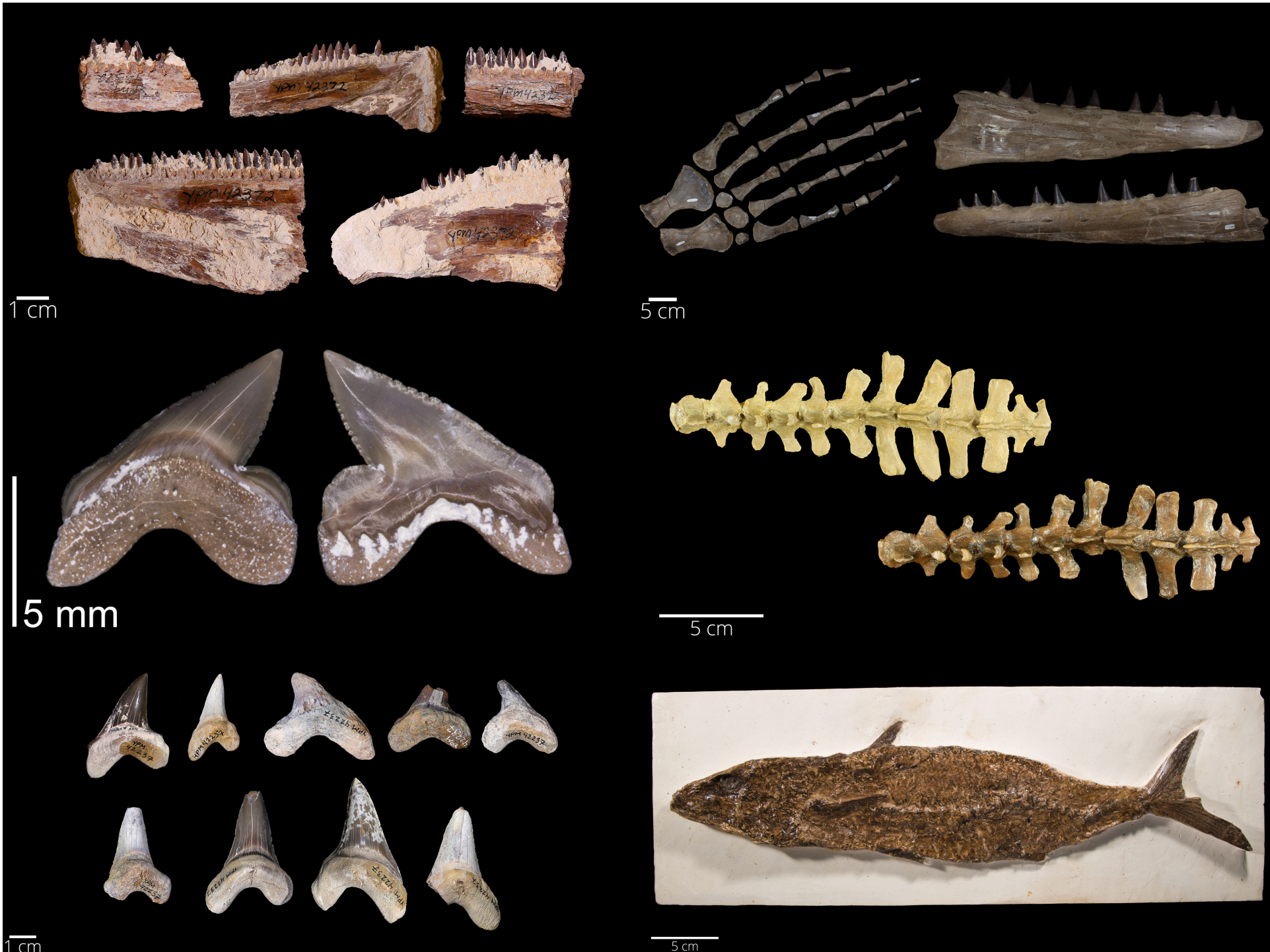
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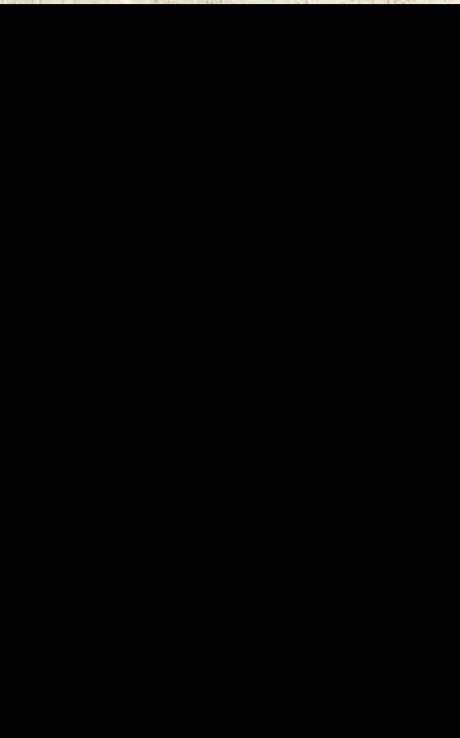
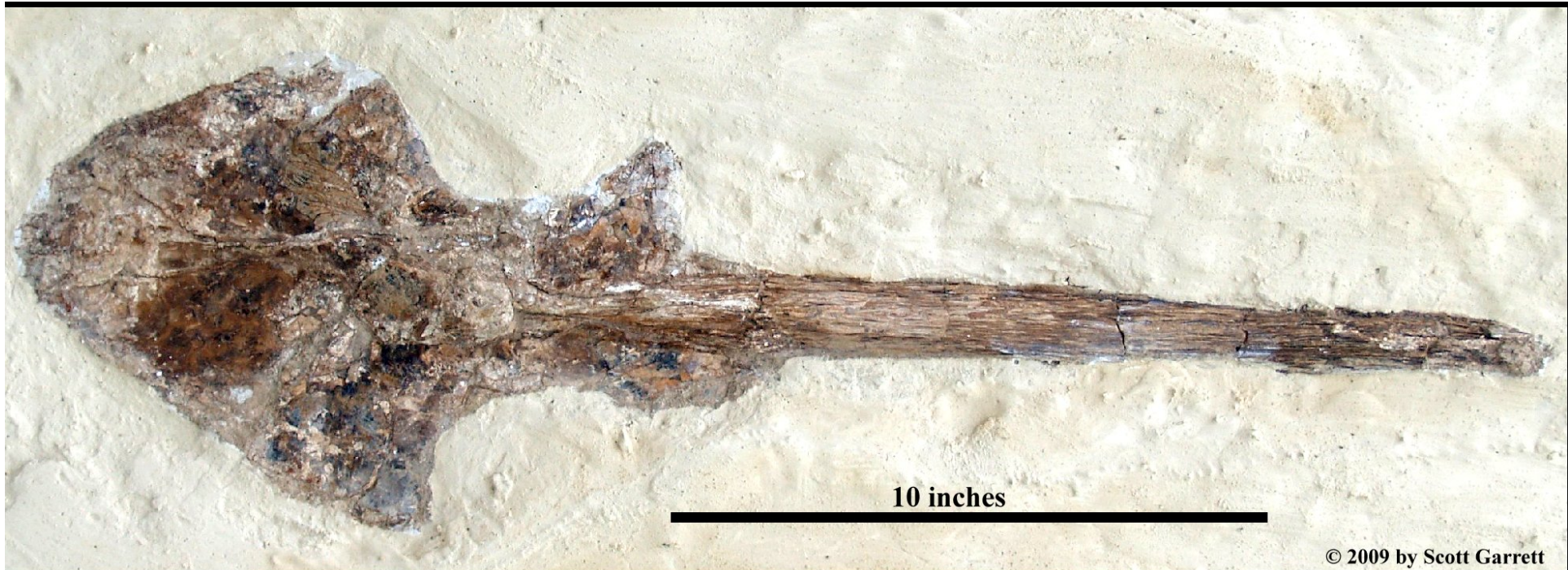
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Late Santonian (*Desmoscaphites  
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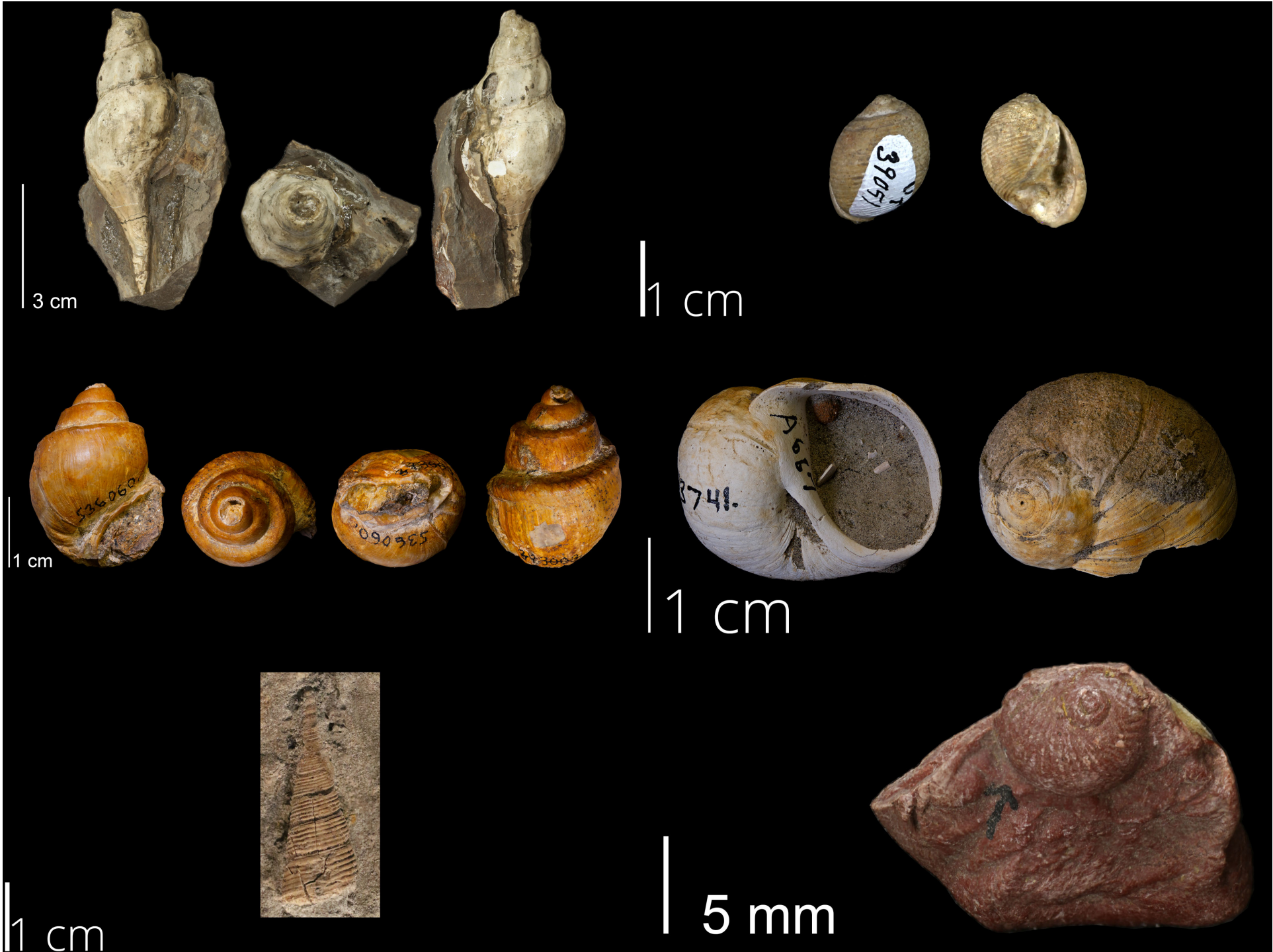


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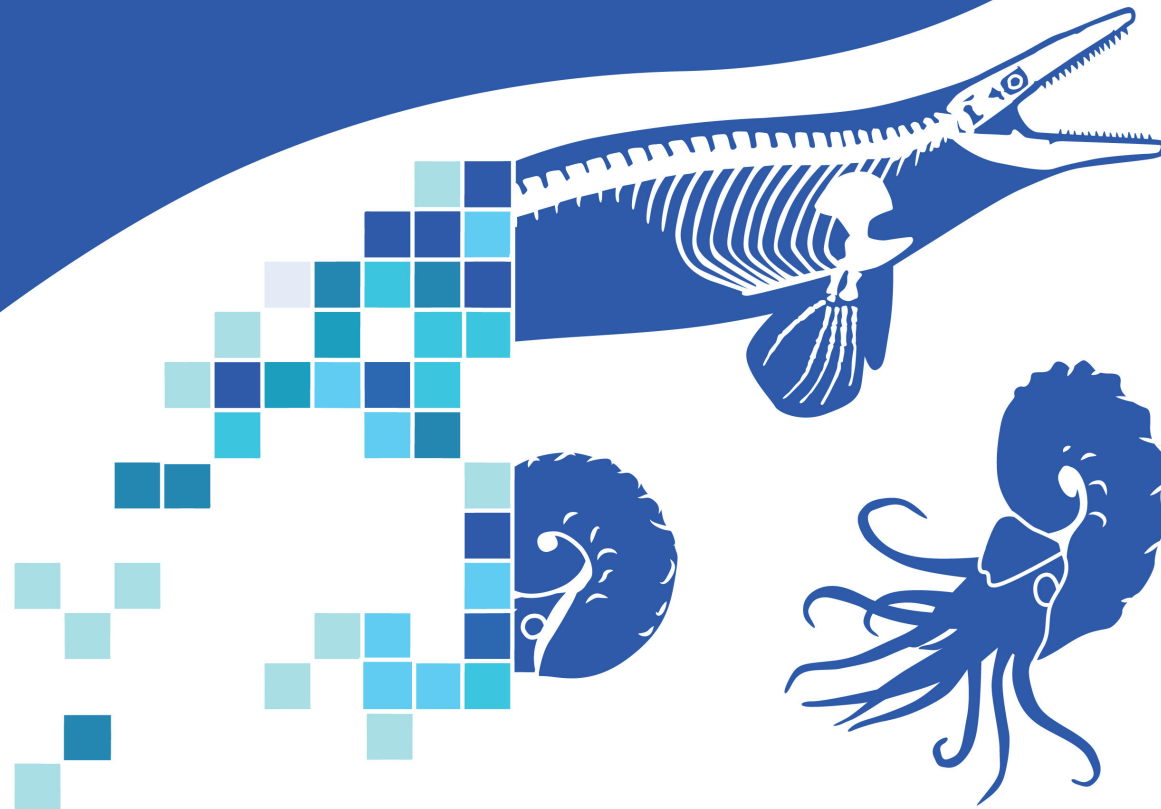






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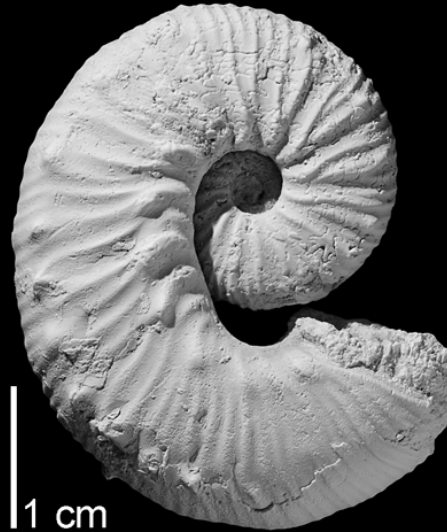
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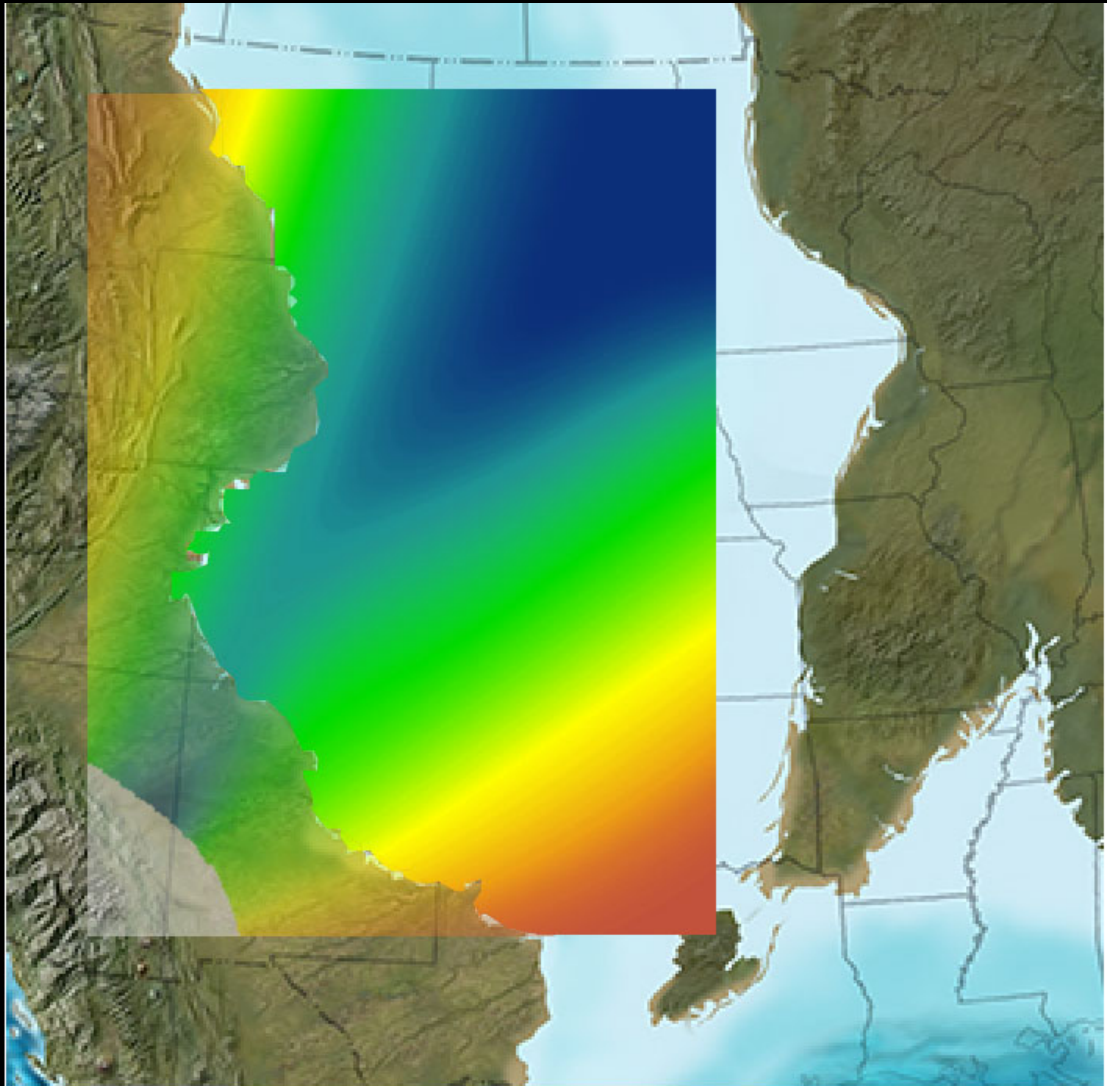
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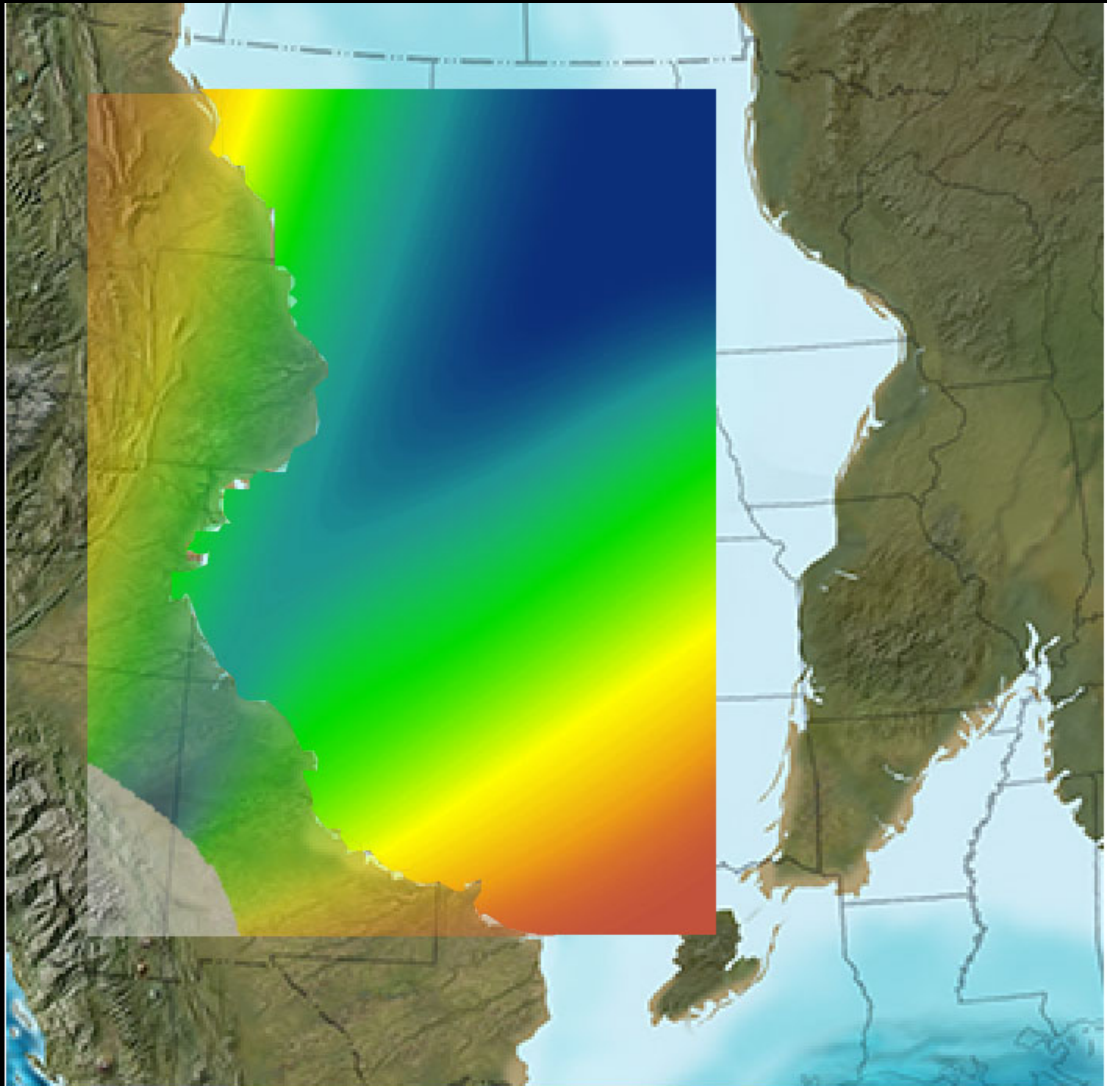
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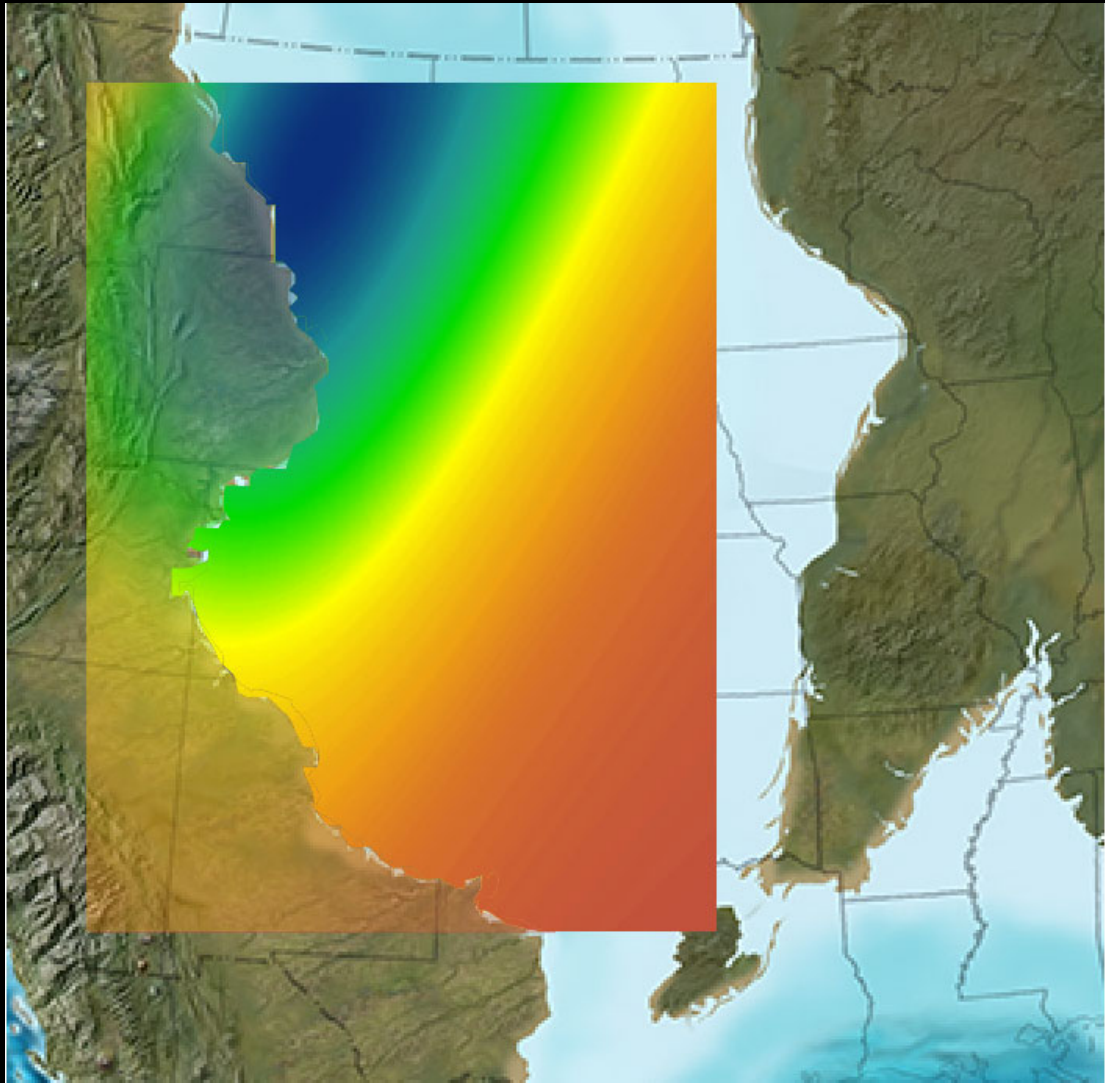
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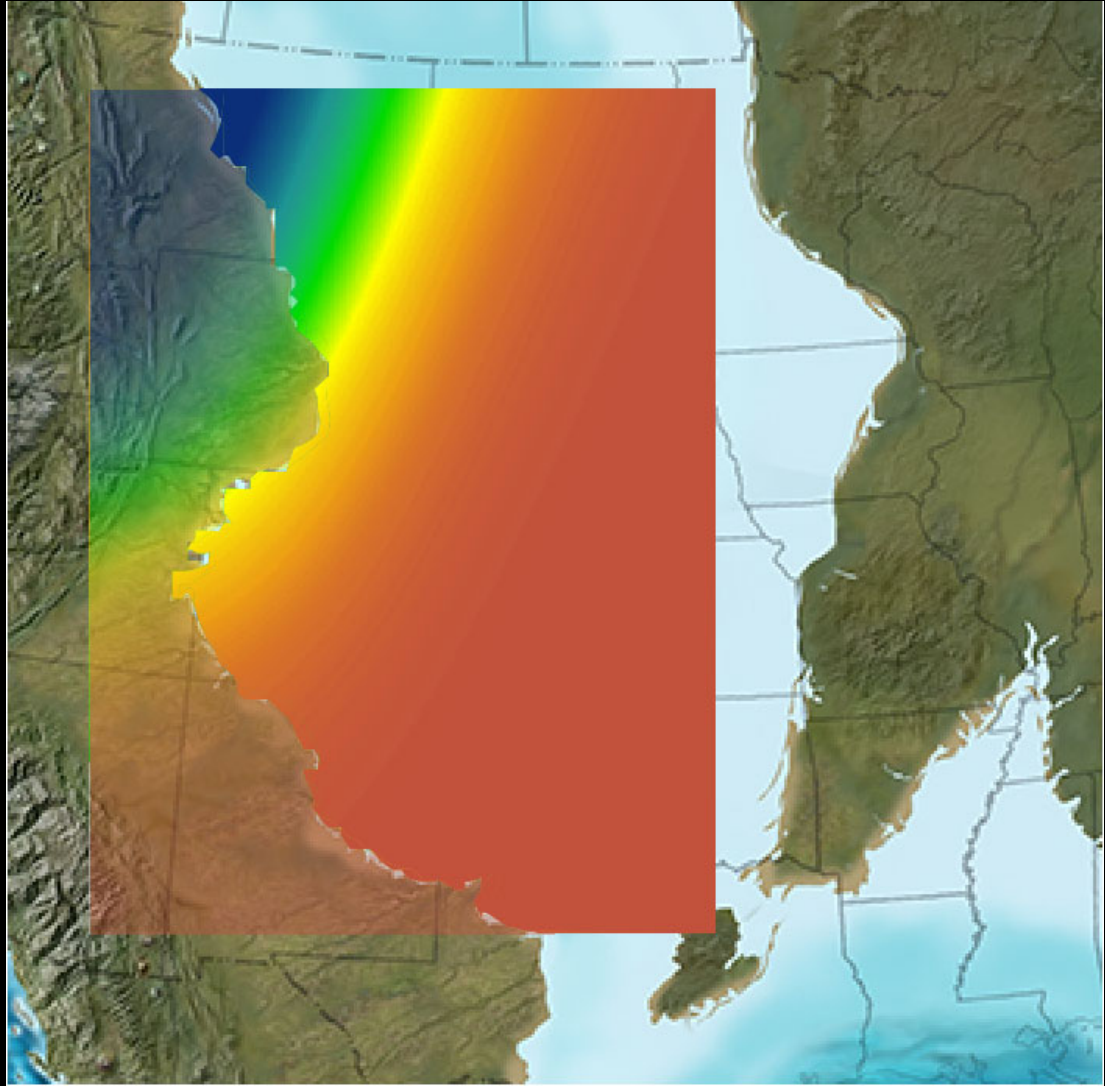


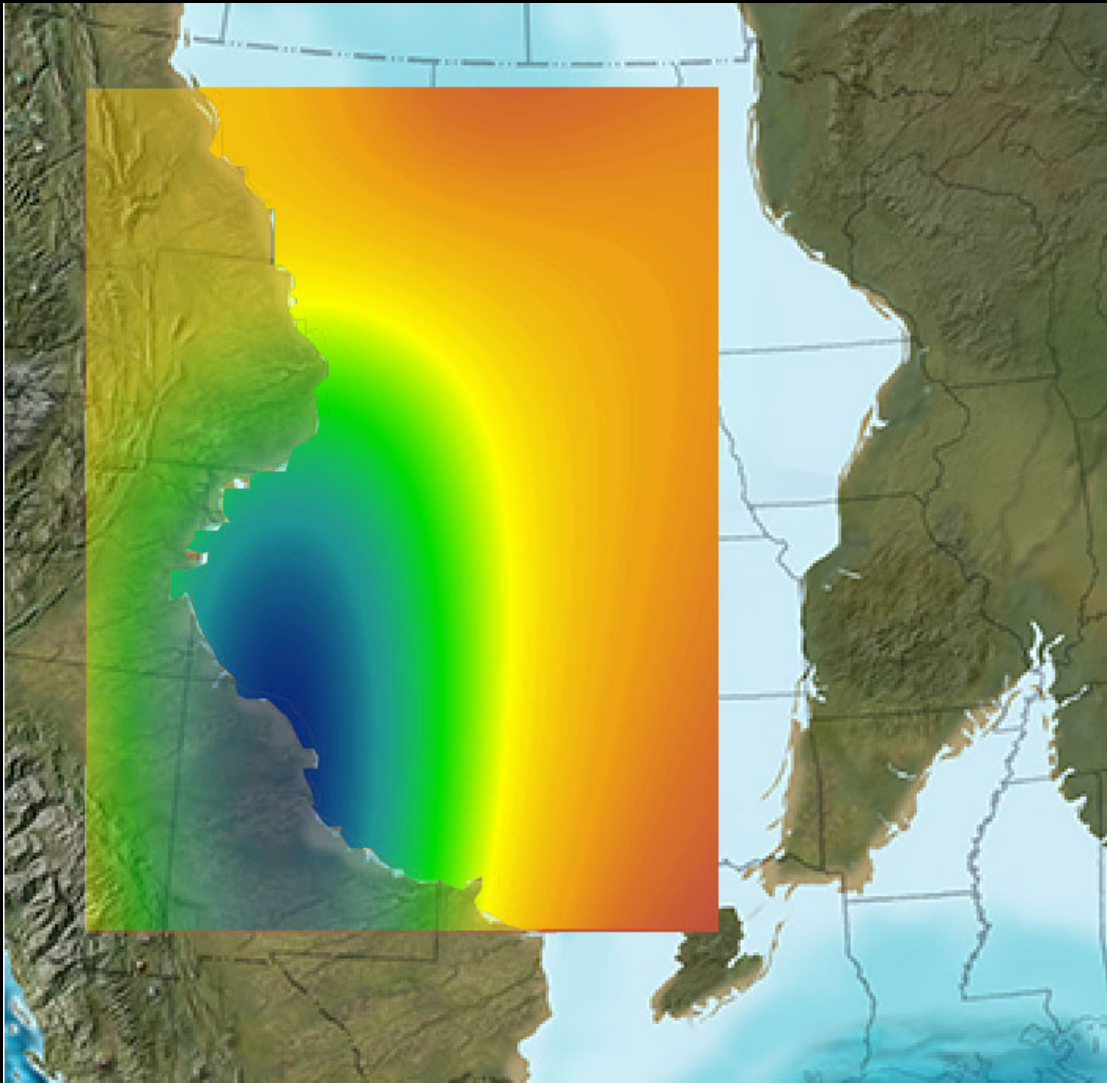




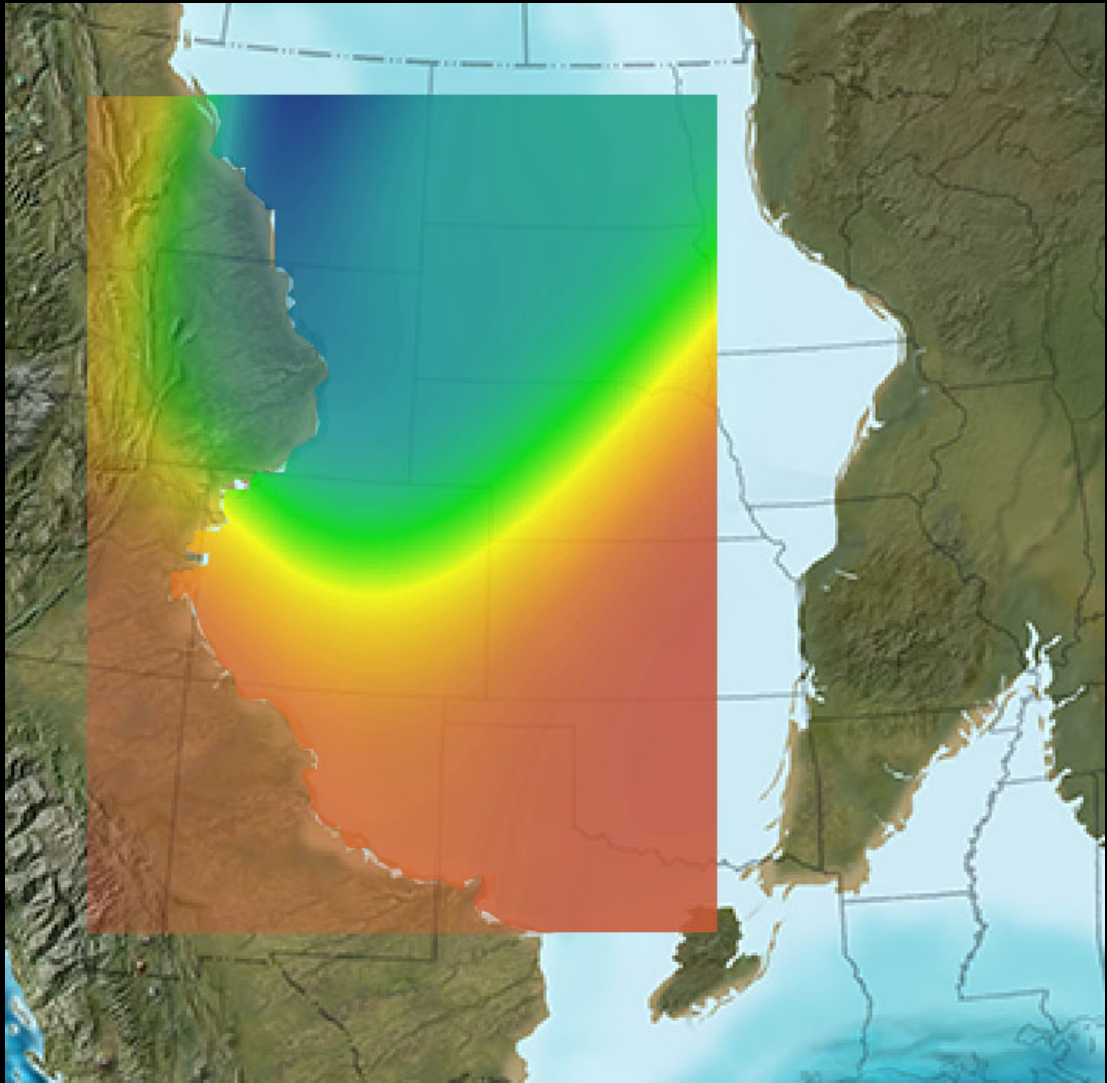


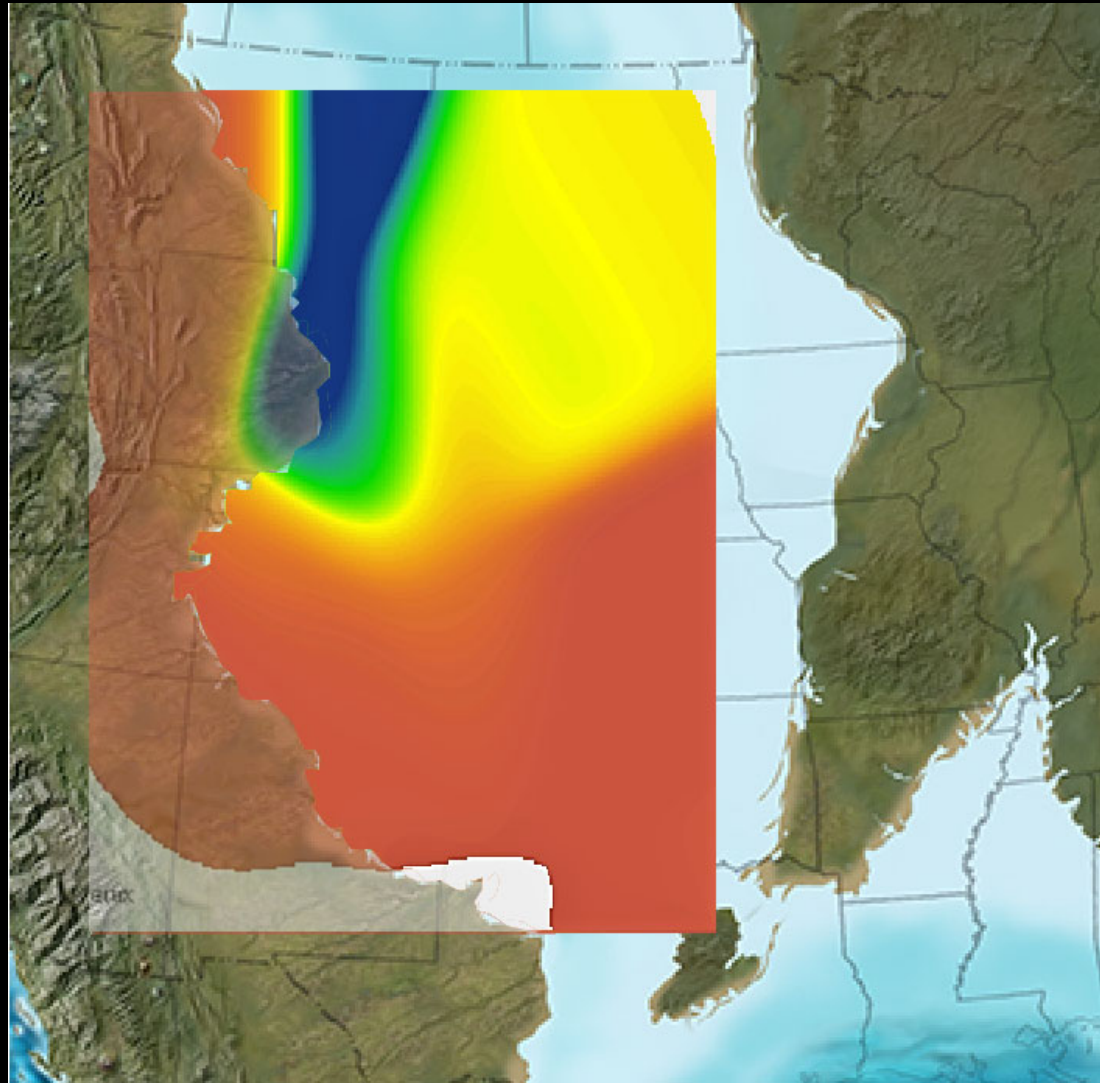




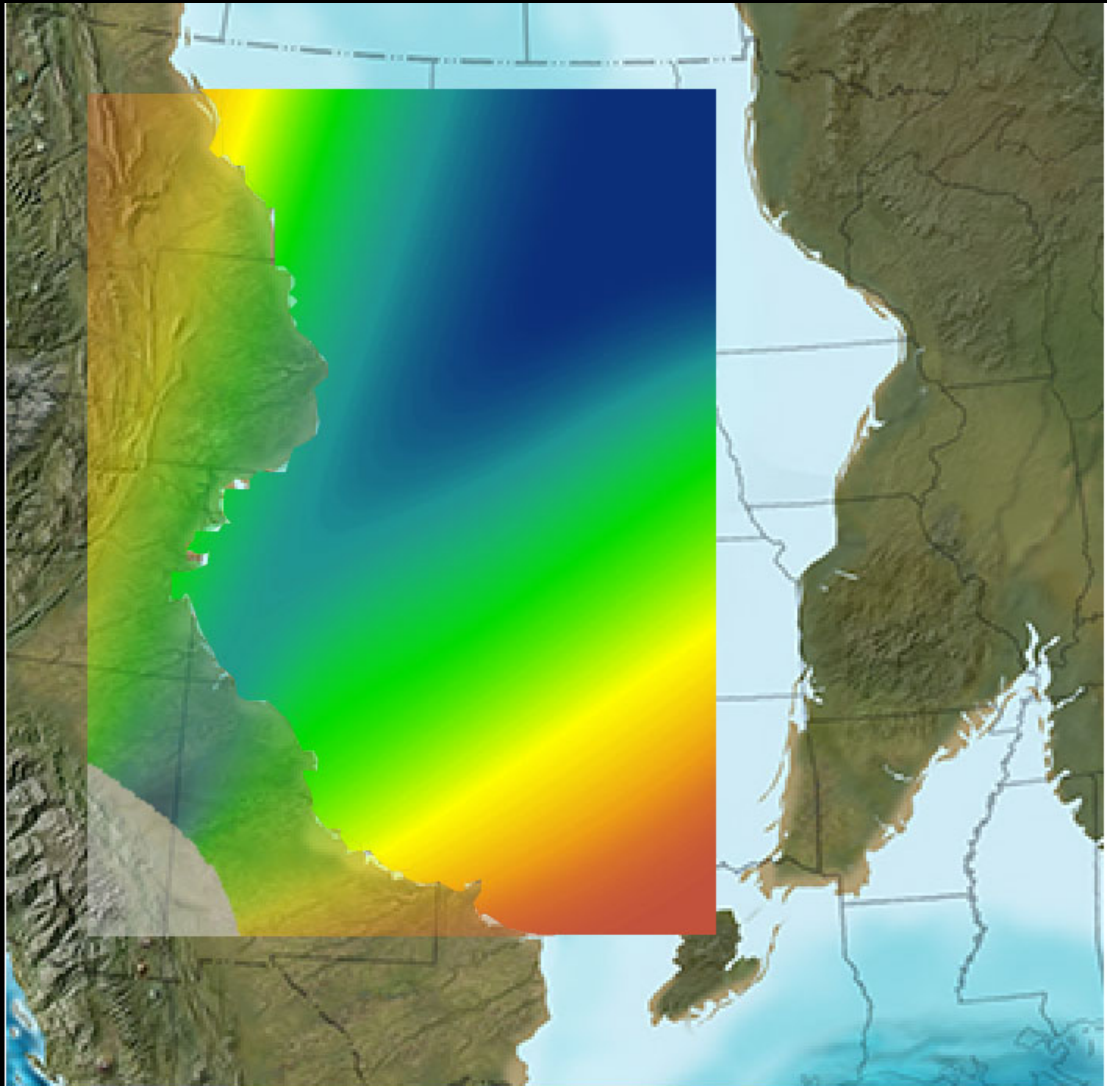


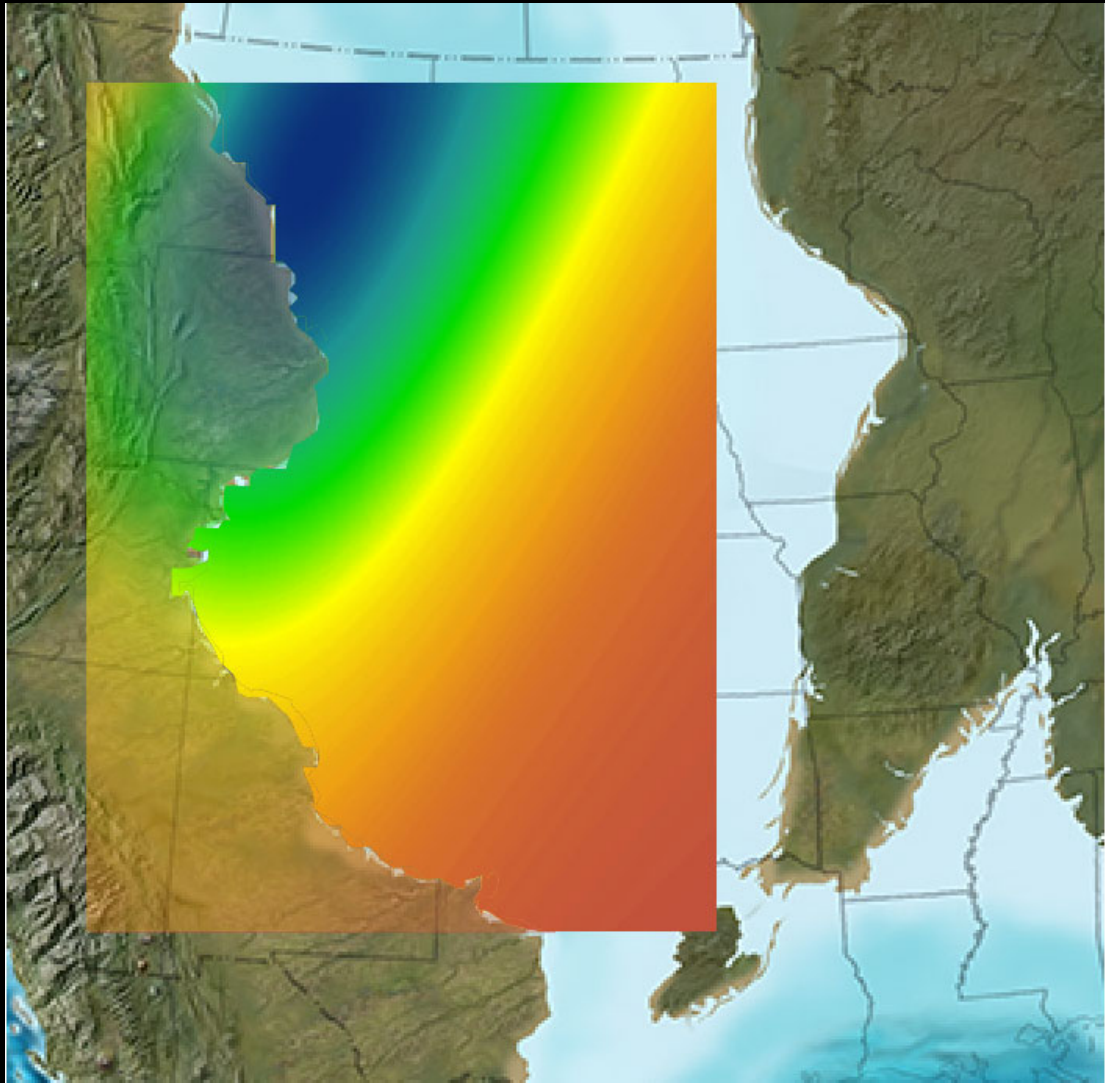




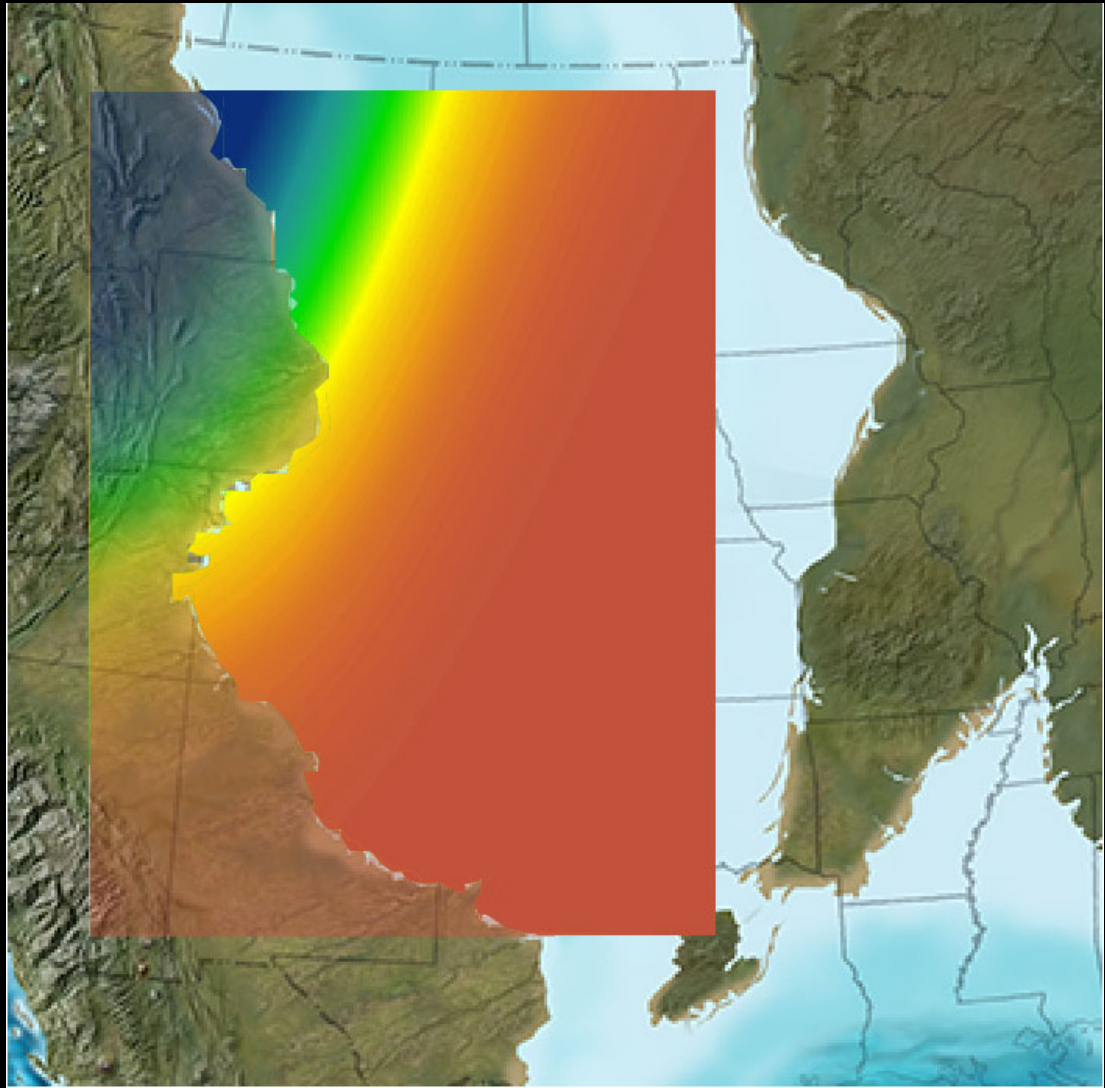


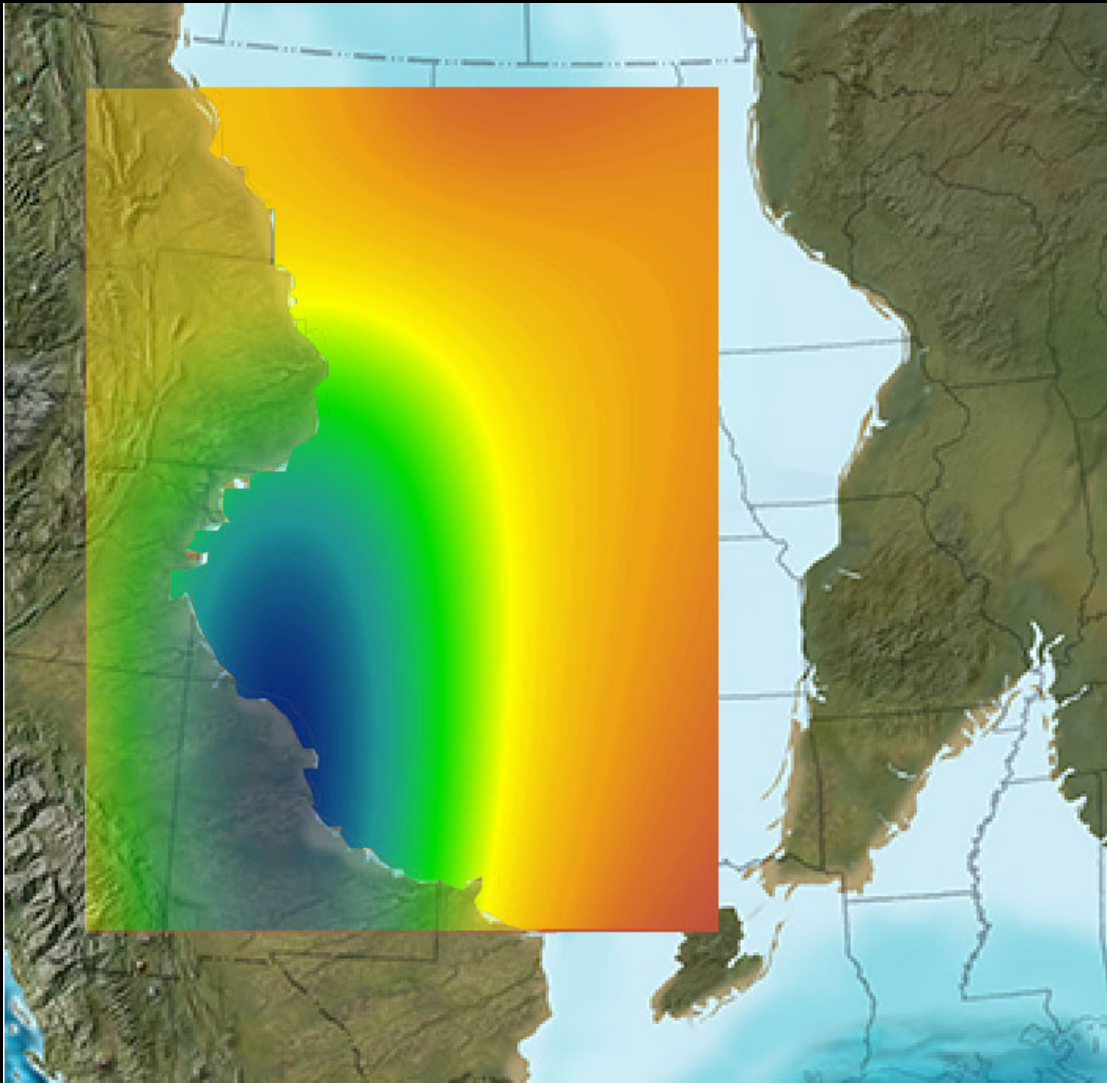




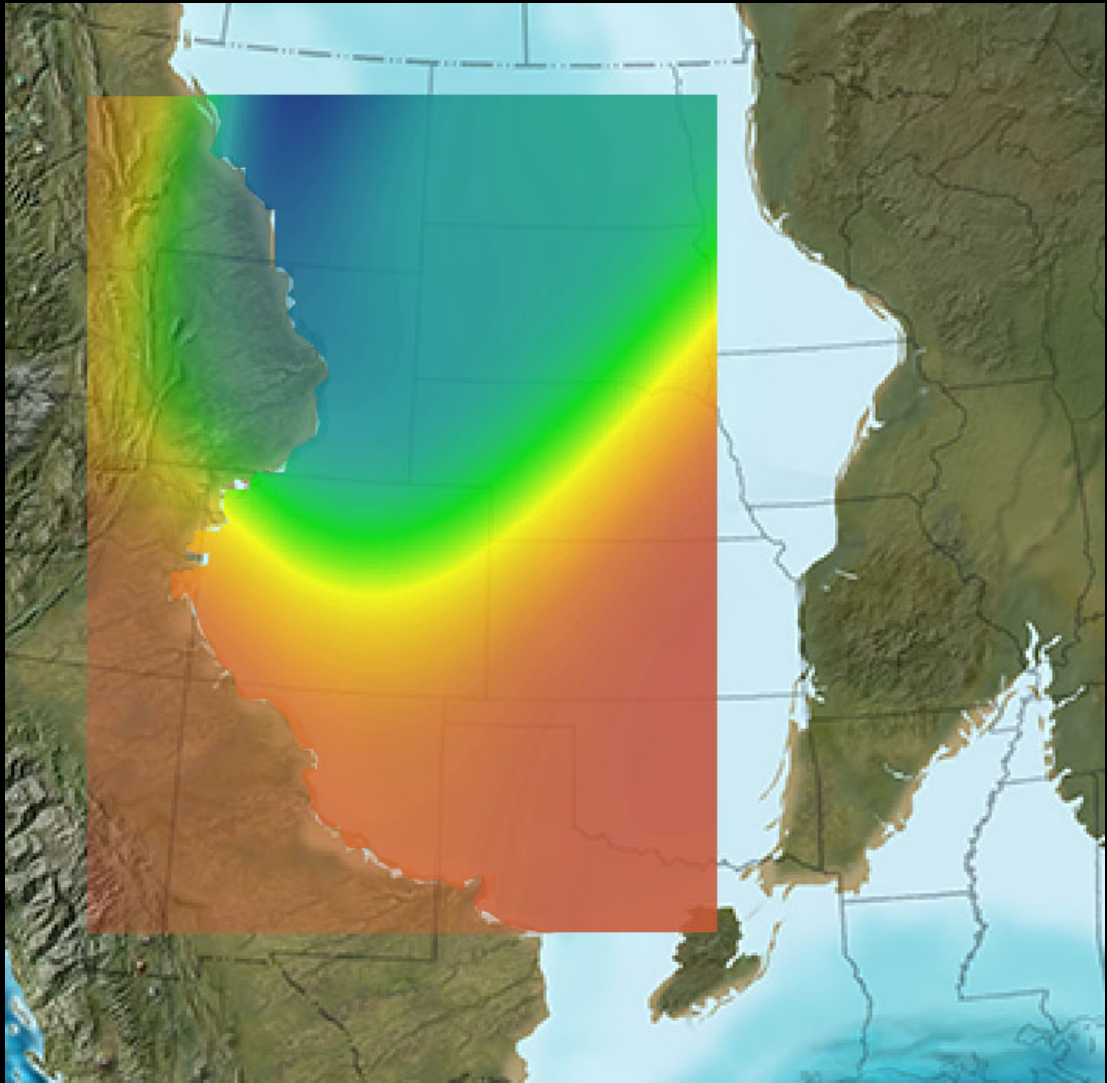


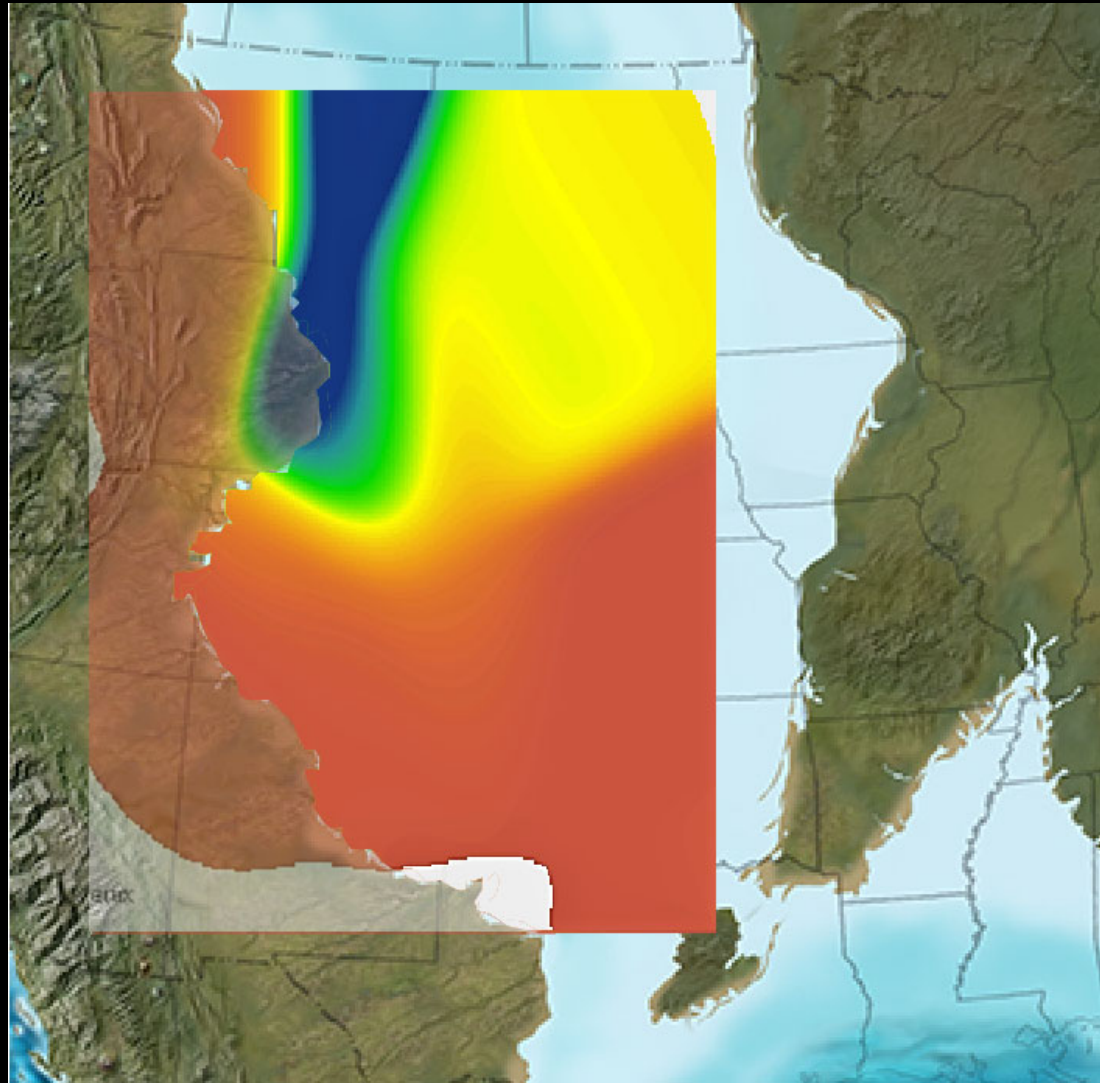




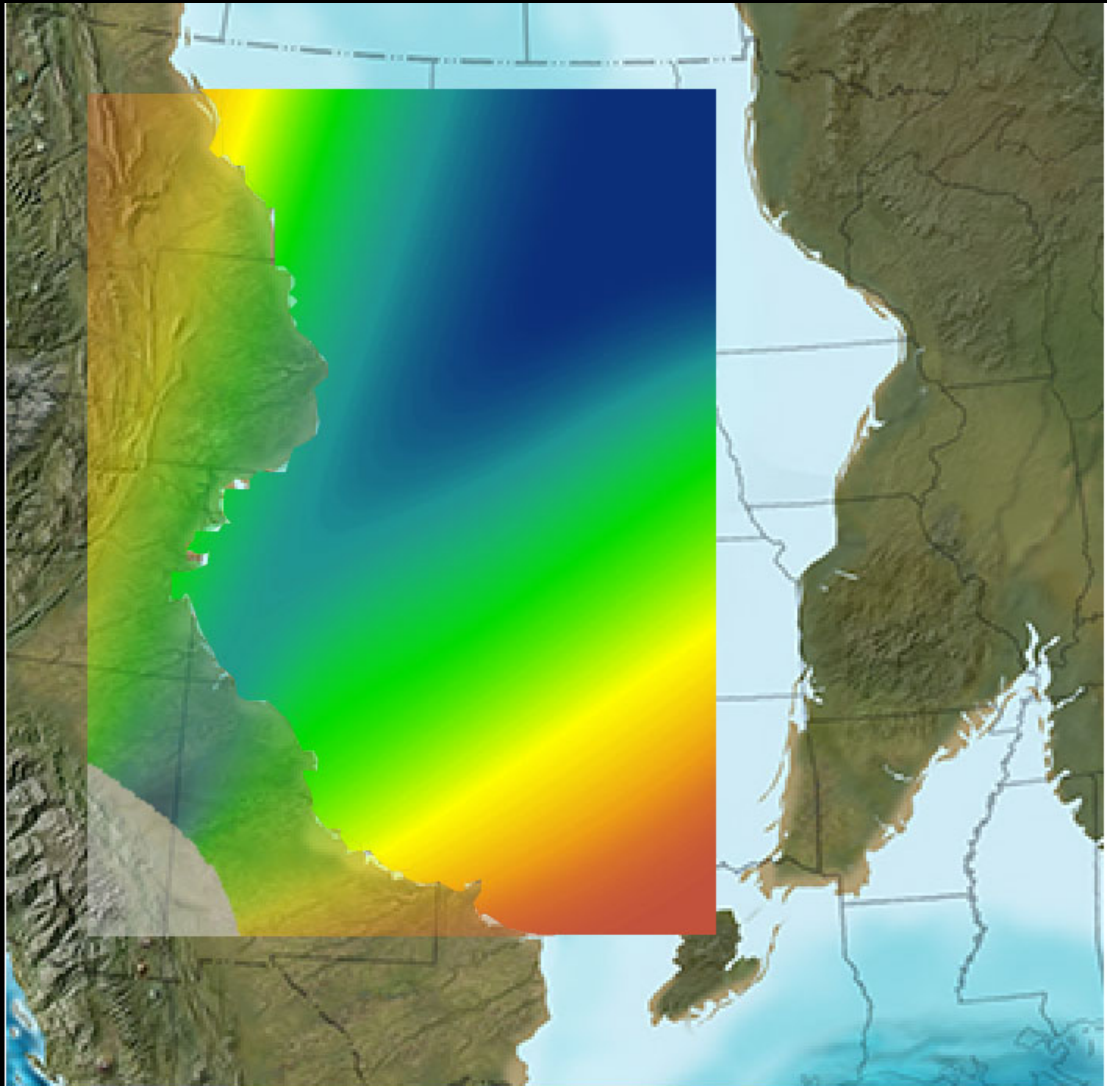


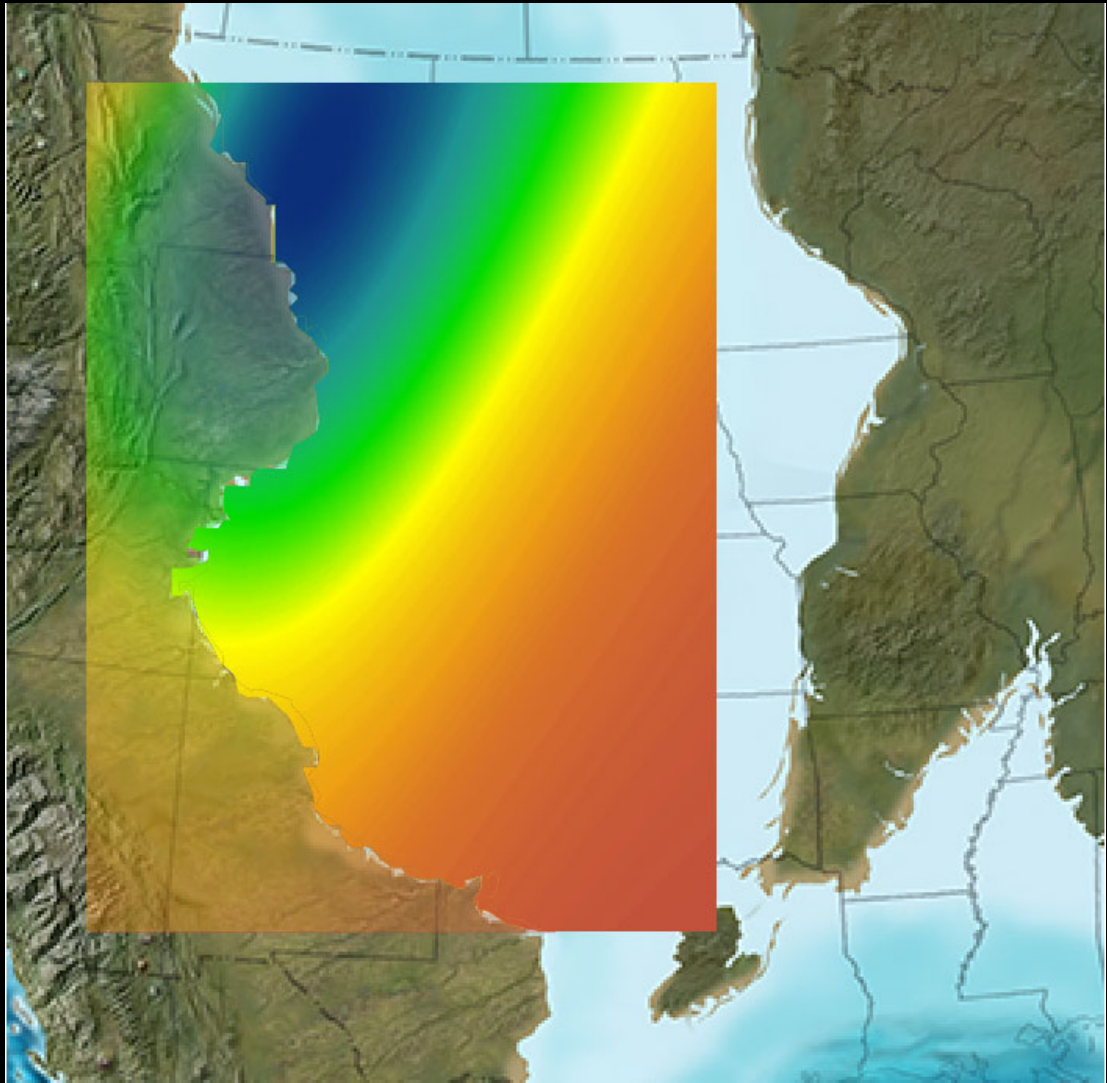


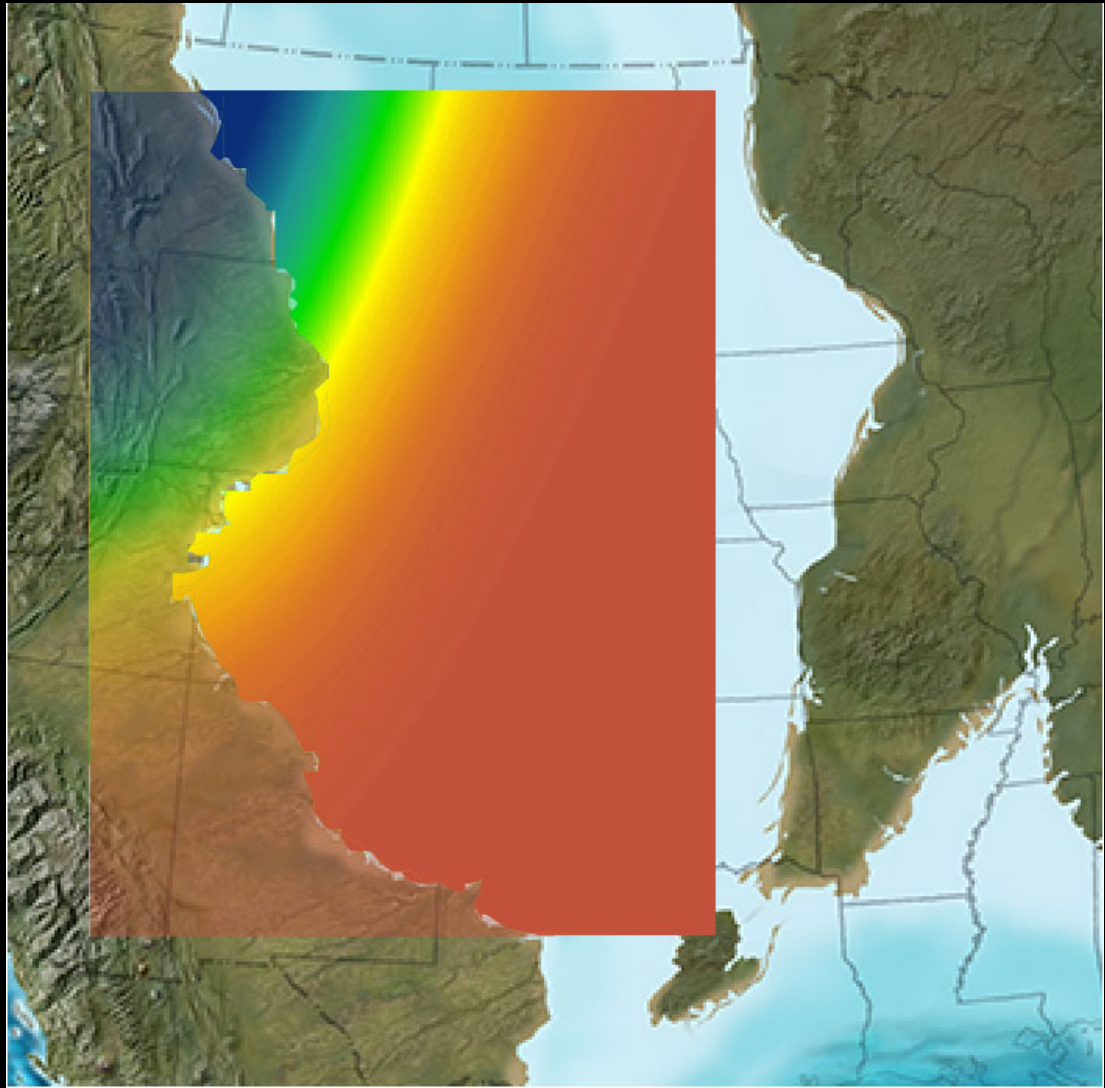




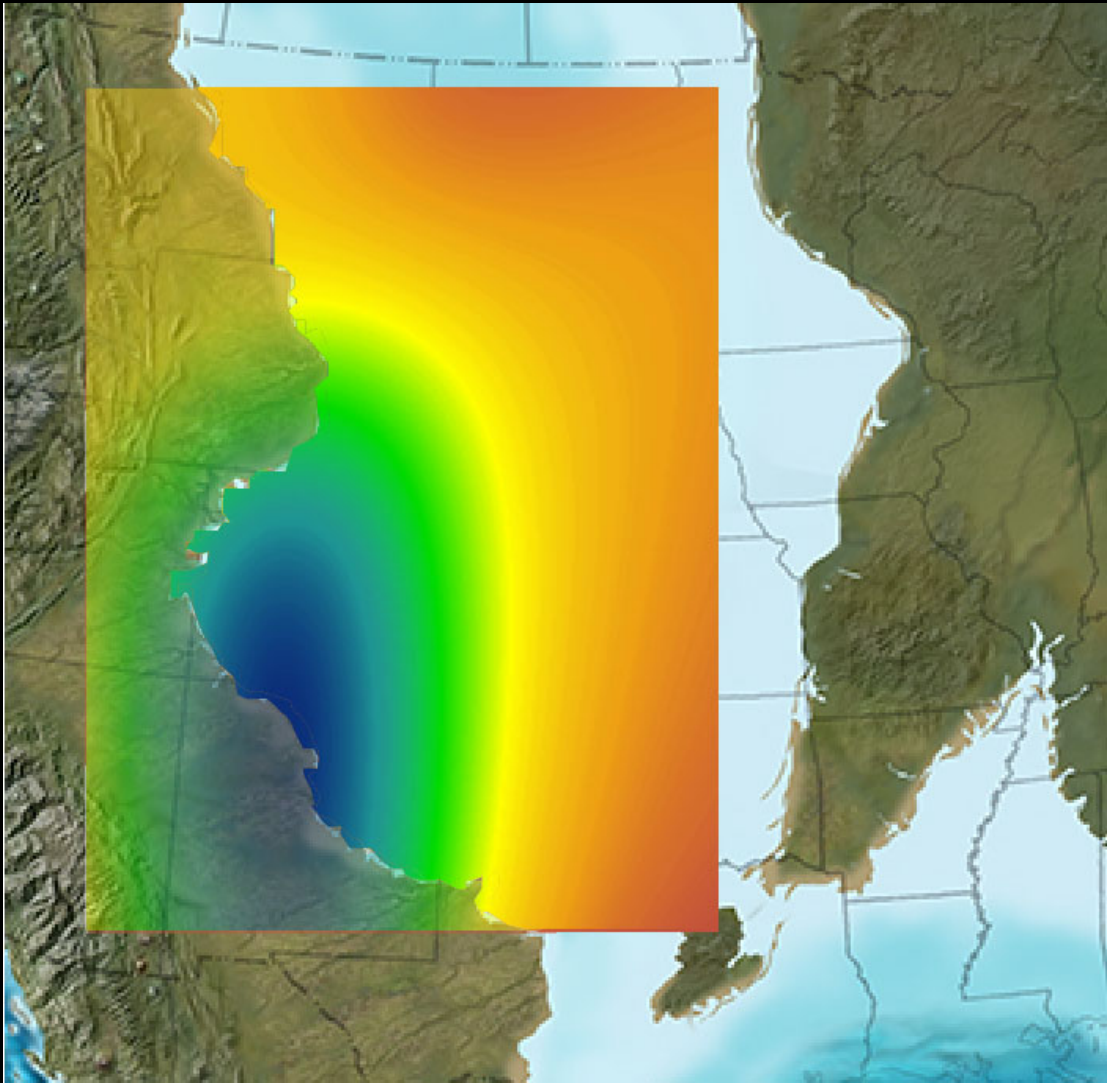


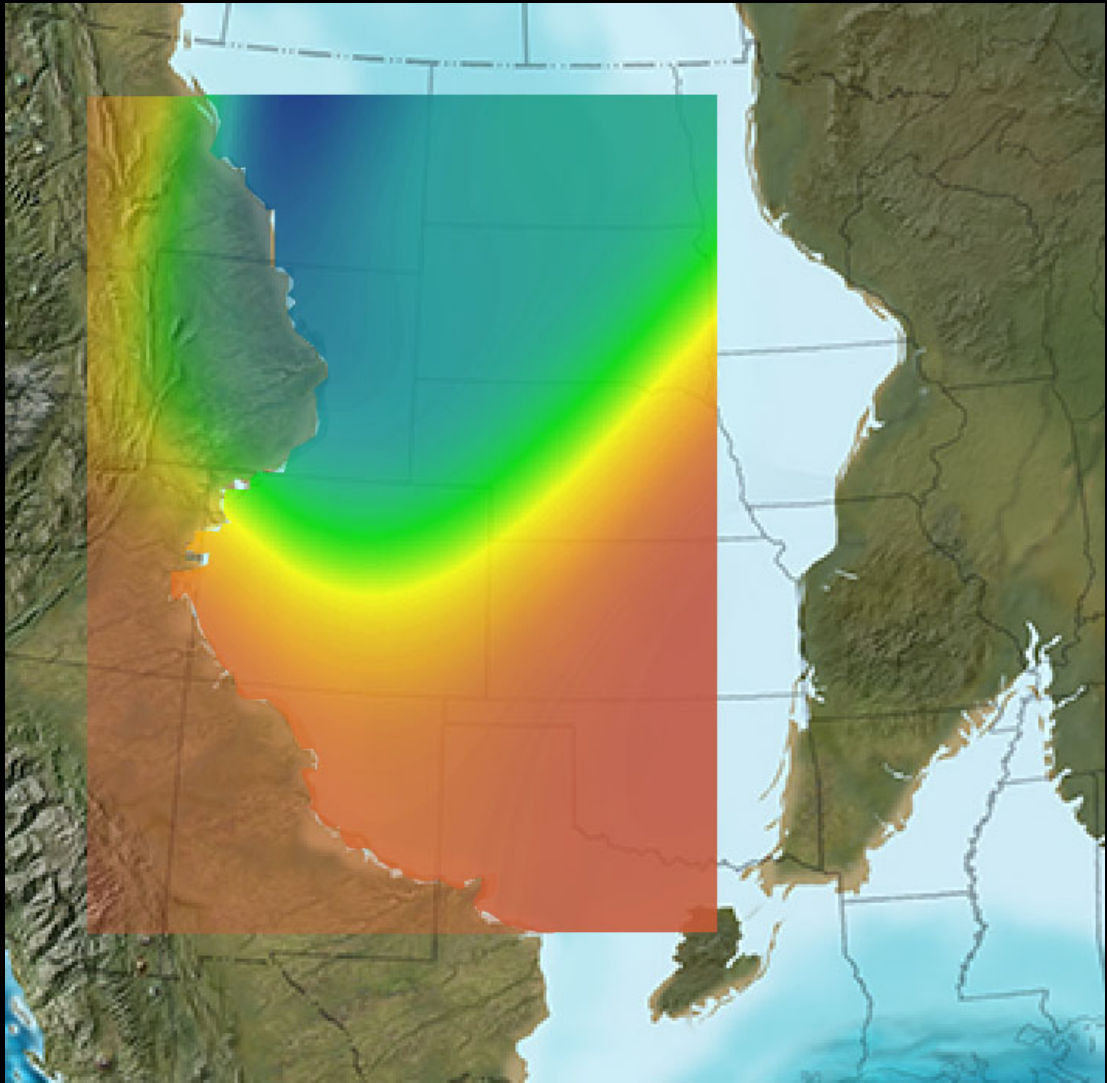


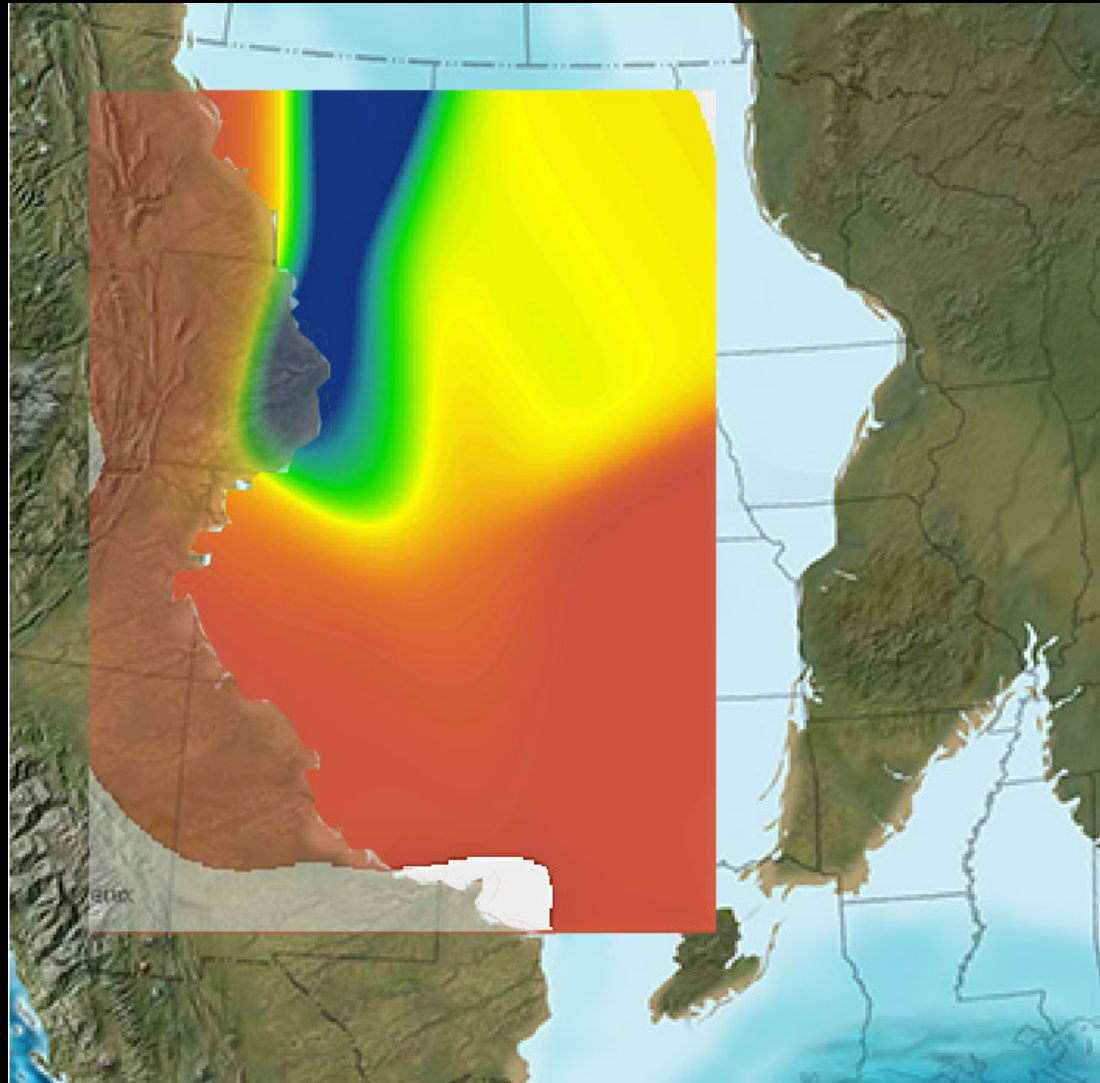








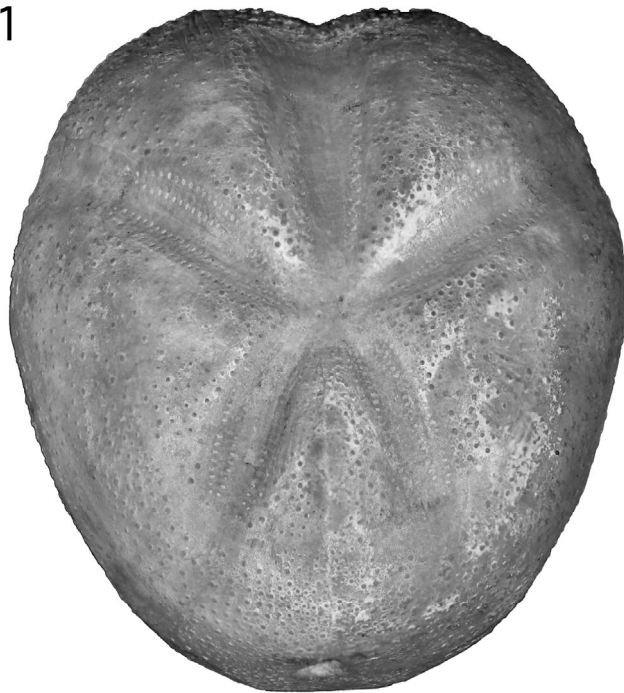




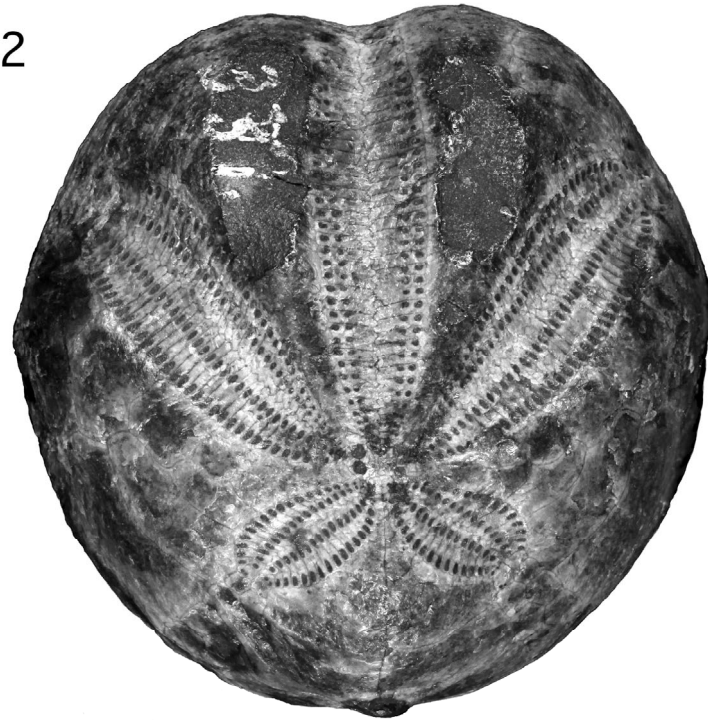


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More than 675 species represented

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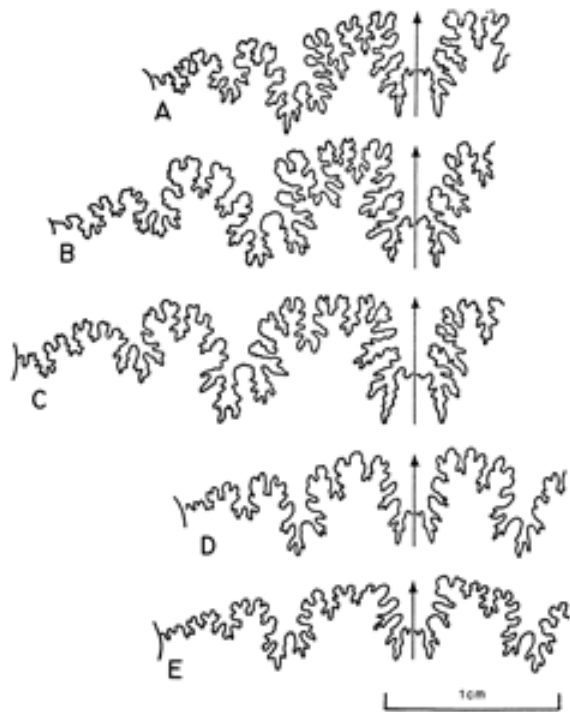


Fig. 61. Sutures of *Hoploscaphites nicolleti* (Morton) macroconchs and microconchs. A. Seventh from last suture of an adult macroconch, YPM 34692, loc. 21, LNAZ. B. Fifth from last suture of an adult macroconch, YPM 34693, loc. 44, LNAZ. C. Third from last suture of an adult macroconch, YPM 23742, loc. 25, LGAZ. D. Fifth from last suture of an adult microconch, YPM 34694, loc. 302, UNAZ. E. Third from last suture of an adult microconch, YPM 34695, loc. 50, LGAZ.

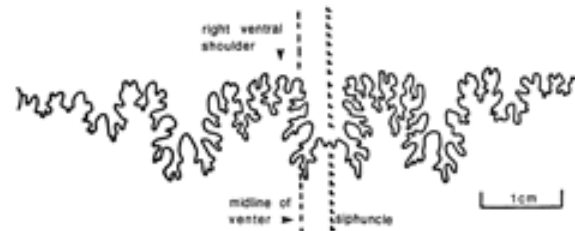


Fig. 62. Fourth from last suture of an adult macroconch of *Hoploscaphites nicolleti* (Morton), YPM 23751, loc. 44, LNAZ, showing asymmetry.

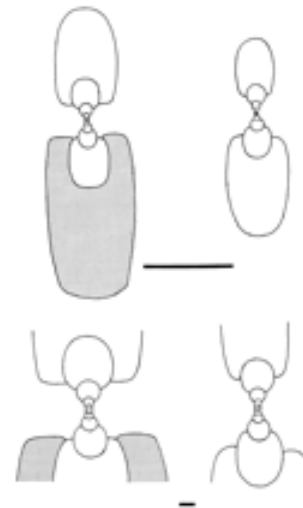


Fig. 63. Dorsoventral, intercostal cross sections through adult dimorphs of *Hoploscaphites nicolleti* (Morton). Left. Macroconch, YPM 23053, loc. 44, LNAZ. Right. Microconch, AMNH 44226, loc. 3157, TCM. Shaded area demarcates mature body chamber. Upper scale bar = 1 cm, lower scale bar = 1 mm.

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Open Access textbook on History of Life  
Chapters on “Geological Time”;  
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Contributions to museum exhibits

Creating collections for K-12 classrooms

Outreach to K-12 students

Undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral  
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- 20 undergraduate students



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# Conclusions

Digitizing museum collections provides insights into macroevolution and biogeography

Approach digitization of fossils same way as digitization of extant taxa





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