

Supporting Information for “The composition of the deep continental crust inferred from geochemical and geophysical data”

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1. Deep Crustal Modeling

CrustMaker scripts/code - link here [Geochemical Dataset](#) - link here

USGS seismic dataset - please contact Walter Mooney at mooney@usgs.org. Global deep crust seismic data was compiled from a survey of 8000 literature based vertical seismic profiles (W. D. Mooney et al., 1998). Only profiles with both Vp and Vs were considered. The profiles were collected by various controlled and passive source methods, including refraction (reversed and unreversed), earthquake models, receiver functions, and ambient noise tomography. This data includes estimates of sediment thickness and elevation.

Global gravity anomalies from GRACE and GOCE - (Ries et al., 2016) Crustal thickness = (Pasyanos et al., 2014; Szwilus et al., 2019) Surface heat flow - (Lucazeau, 2019; Shen et al., 2020)

2. PerpleX Modeling Parameters

Parameter - *Value* - Justification

Thermodynamic data file - *Hpha02ver.dat: Holland and Powell thermodynamic database, augmented by Hacker and Abers (2004)* - Holland and Powell (2004) presents a self-consistent thermodynamic database. Hpha02ver is similar to hp02ver but is augmented by Hacker and Abers (2004) to be consistent with the α - β quartz transition. Another option, Hp11ver.dat, does not include shear moduli and thus cannot be used to calculate Vs. The Stx11ver.dat database uses the Stixrude and Lithgow-Bertelloni (2011) method for calculating elastic moduli, but only considers major mantle phases.

Solution models - *N/A* - No solution models were included. Including solution models increases the calculation time 13-fold. The difference between results when not including solution models vs. including Holland & Powell (HP) solution models averages to 0.1 km/s in V_p, <0.1 km/s in V_s, and <0.01 in V_p/V_s. Future tests including solution models can report on the accuracy of mineral endmember solutions, but this does not measurably change bulk rock and bulk crustal properties.

Amphibolite Volatiles - *1 wt.%* - The median amount of H₂O in amphibolite samples (N = 285) was found to be 1.2 ± 0.6 wt.%. 1 wt.% was chosen as a starting point calculation. Further calculations can be done with 0.5 wt.% and 1.5 wt.% water.

Pressure Range - *1,500 - 30,000 bars (0.15 - 3.0 GPa)* - This range translates to depths from about 5km to 100km, which encompasses the amphibolite and granulite stability fields and expected deep crustal depths up to Himalayan thickness.

Temperature Range - *300 - 1800 K (27 - 1,027°C)* - Temperatures below 770 K covers near-surface temperatures to the amphibolite stability field, in case amphibolites exist in the middle crust in disequilibrium. 800 - 1300 K encompasses the stability field for granulite. 300 - 800 covers all possibilities from near-surface temperatures to the granulite wet solidus. Granulites existing in this range would be at thermodynamic disequilibrium, but retrograde metamorphism is unlikely. Granulite facies metamorphosis is marked by the dehydration of hydrous minerals. Rehydration is difficult, making rehydration unlikely to occur (Semprich & Simon, 2014). 1800 K sets the (very hot) maximum temperature

cap to again account for possible temperatures in Himalayan crust and also to allow room for experimentation with temperature.

Granulite Volatiles - 0 wt.% - Granulite is characterized by the dehydration of hydrous minerals.

3. Major Oxide Maps

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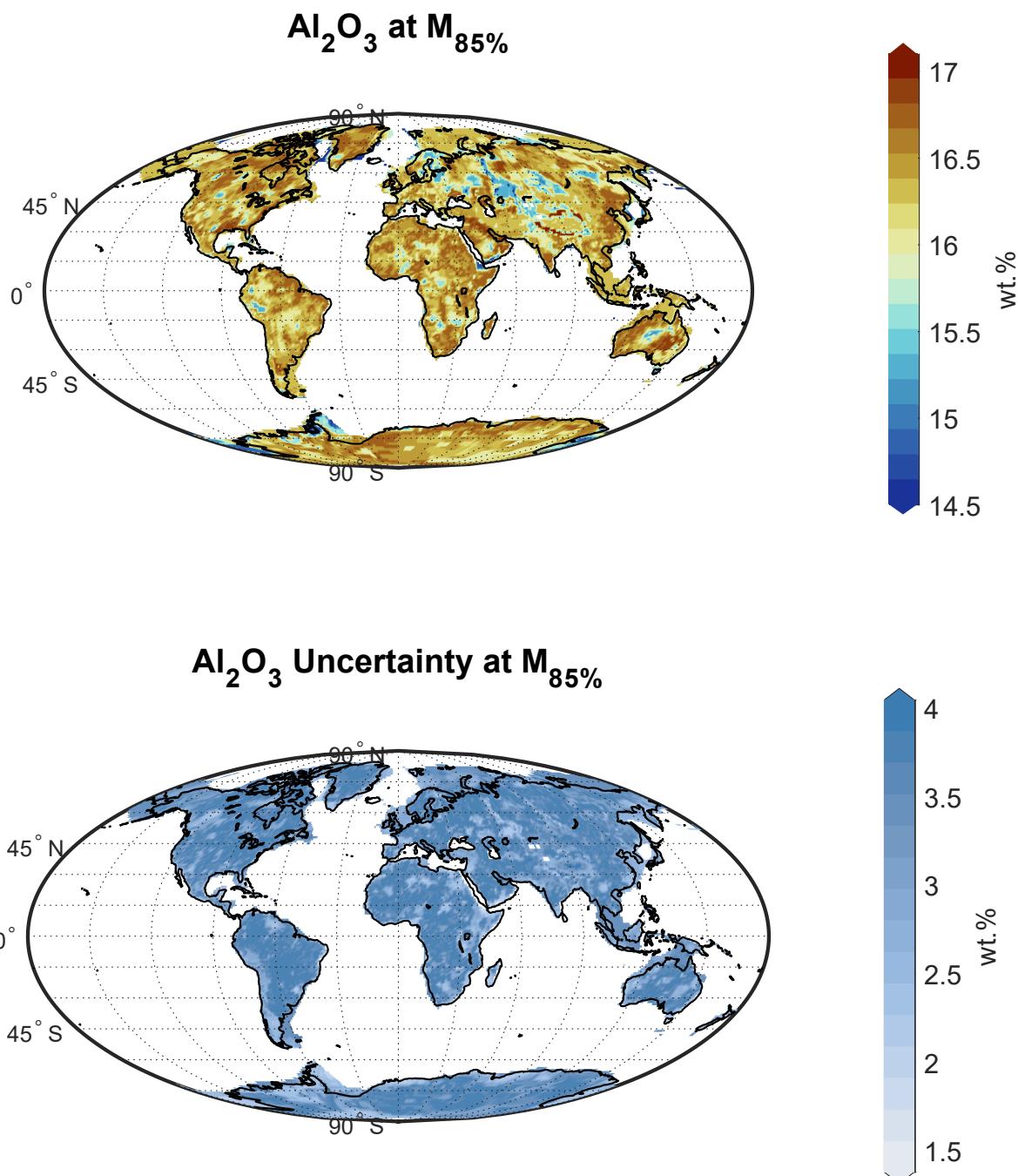


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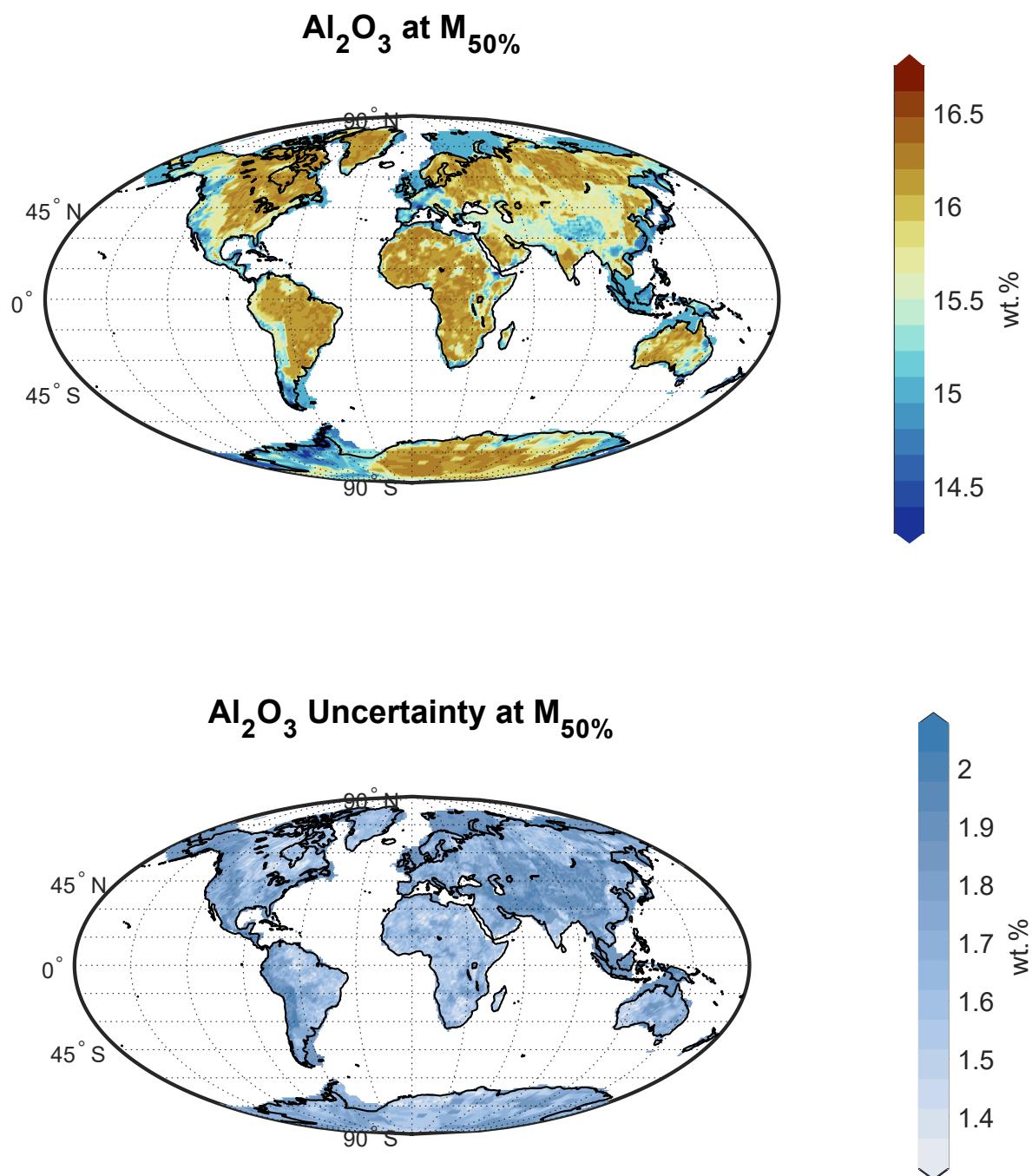


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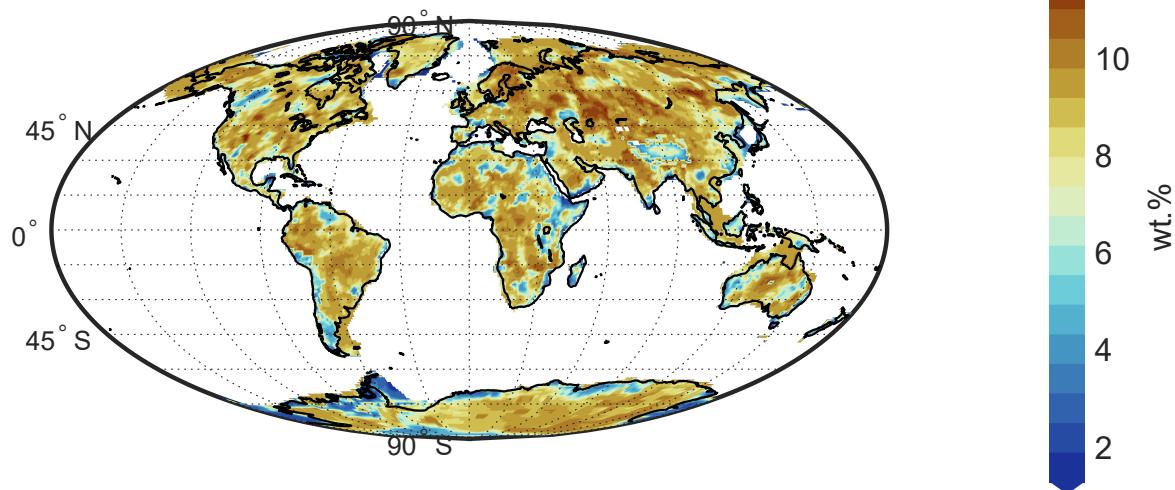
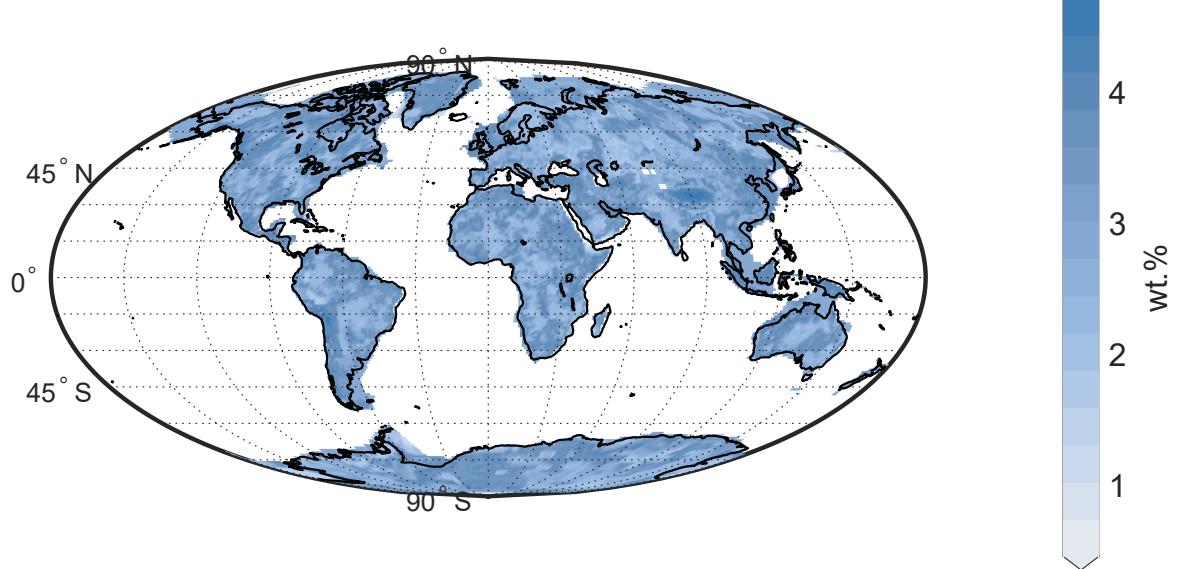
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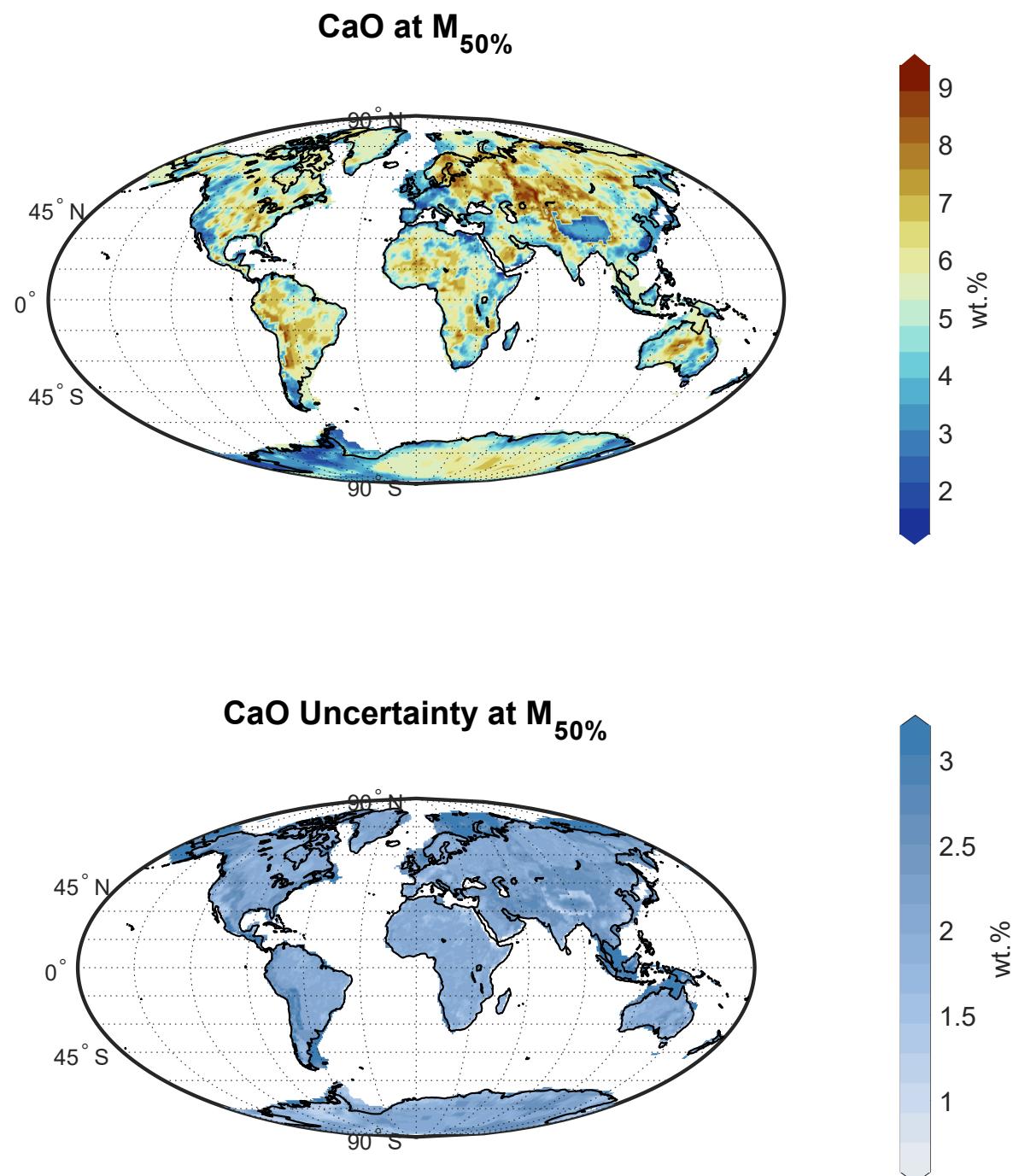


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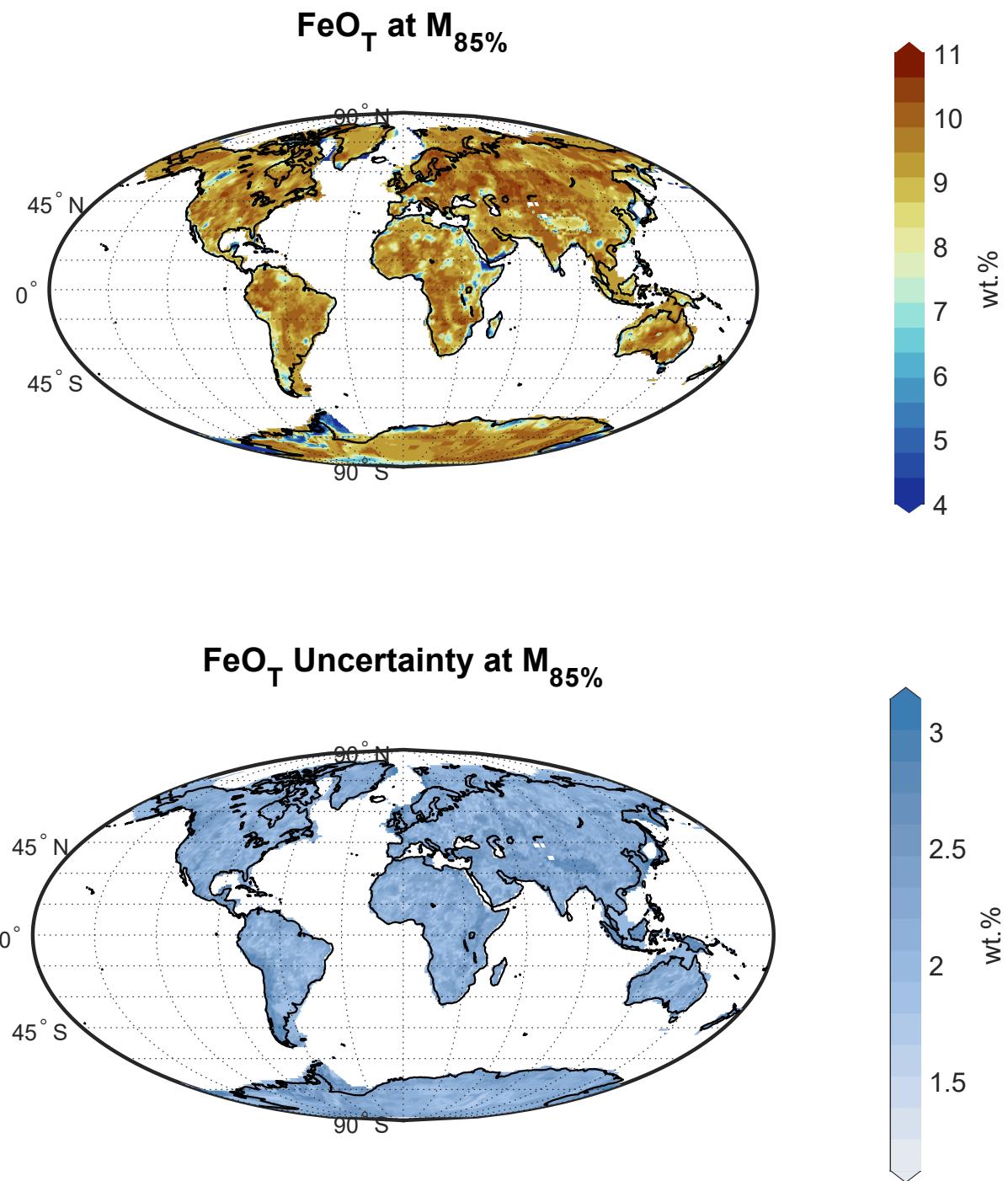


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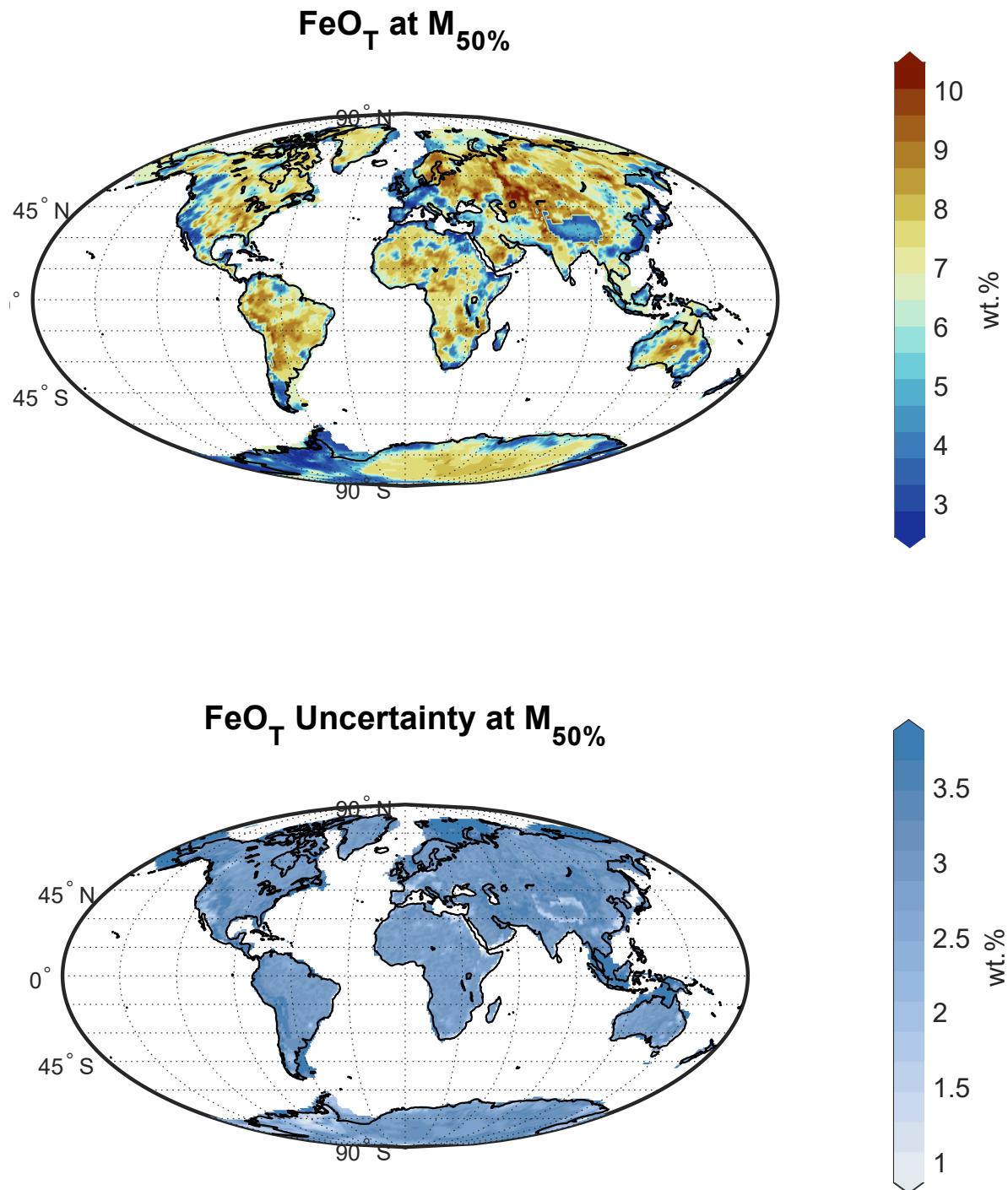


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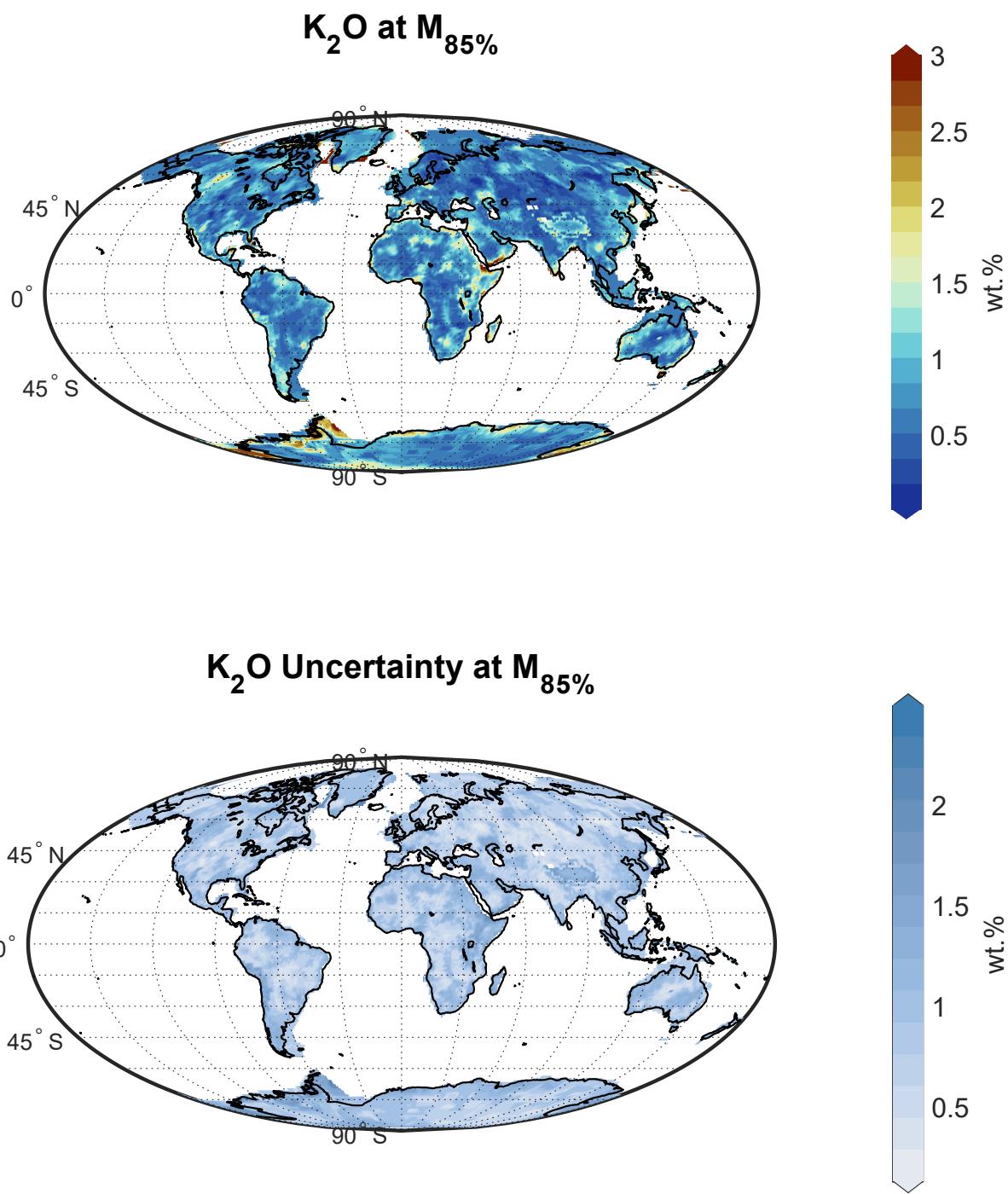


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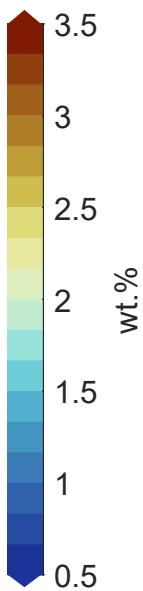
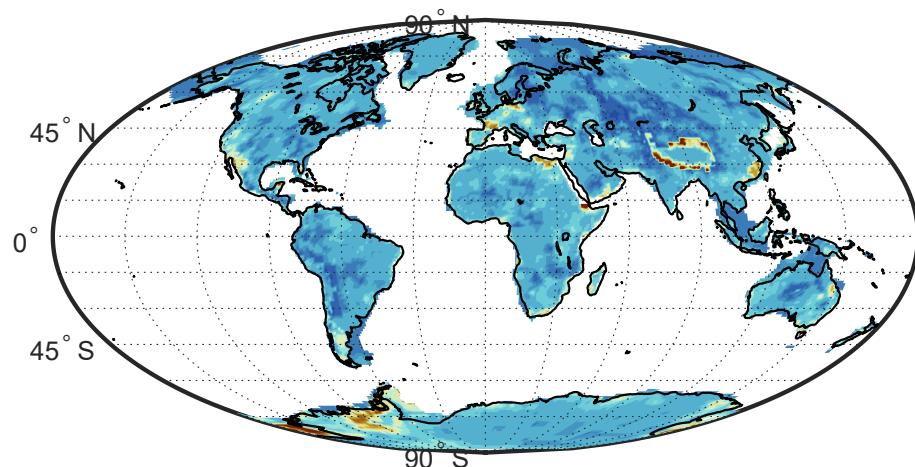
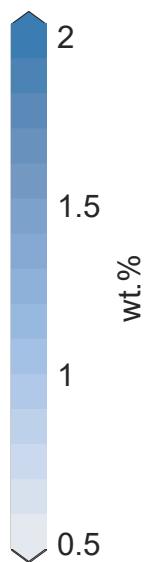
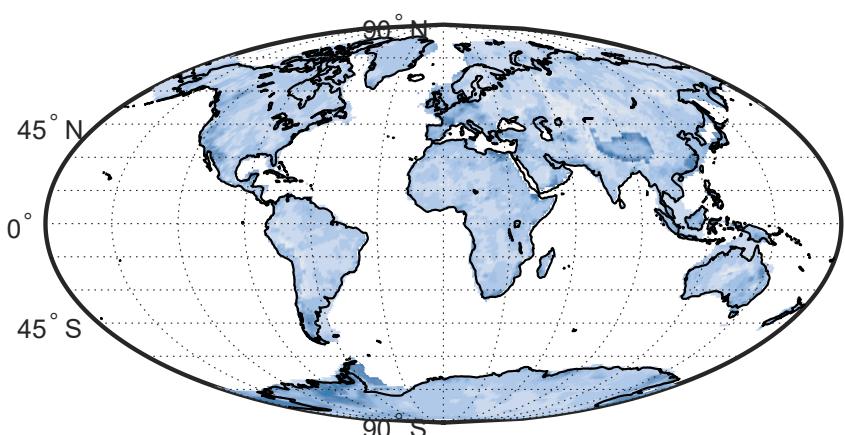
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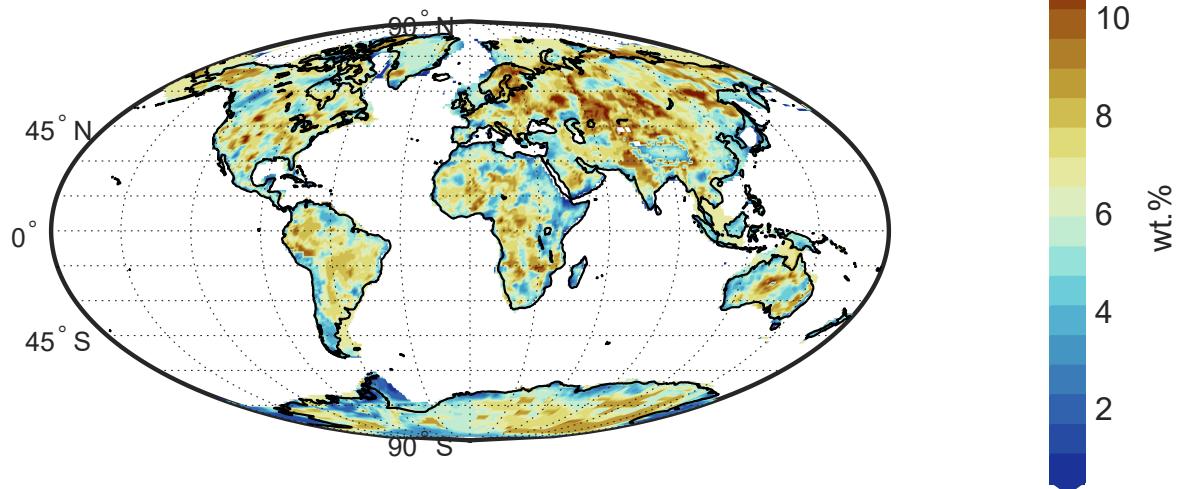
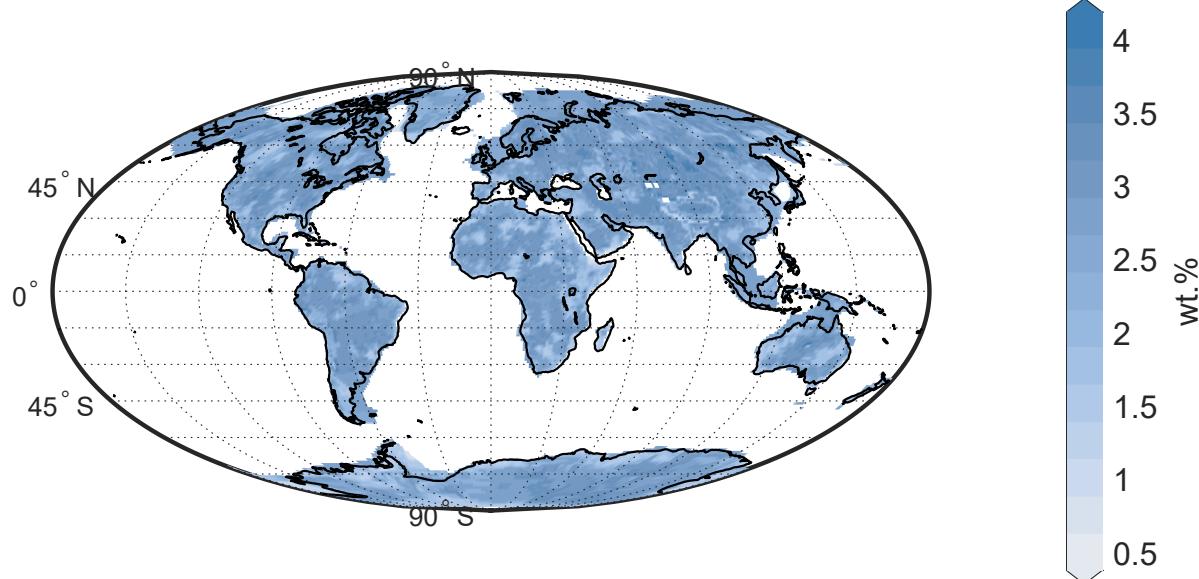
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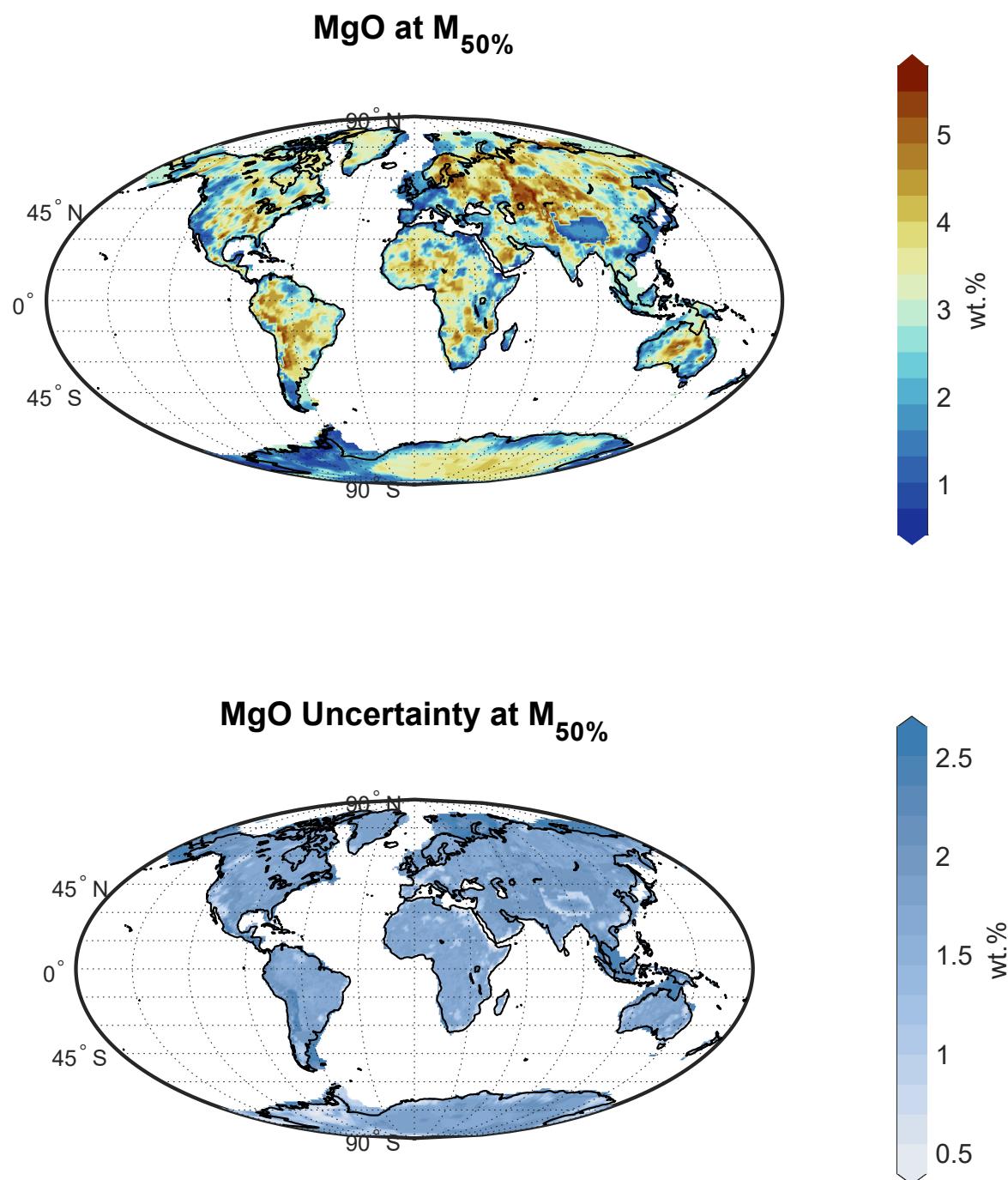


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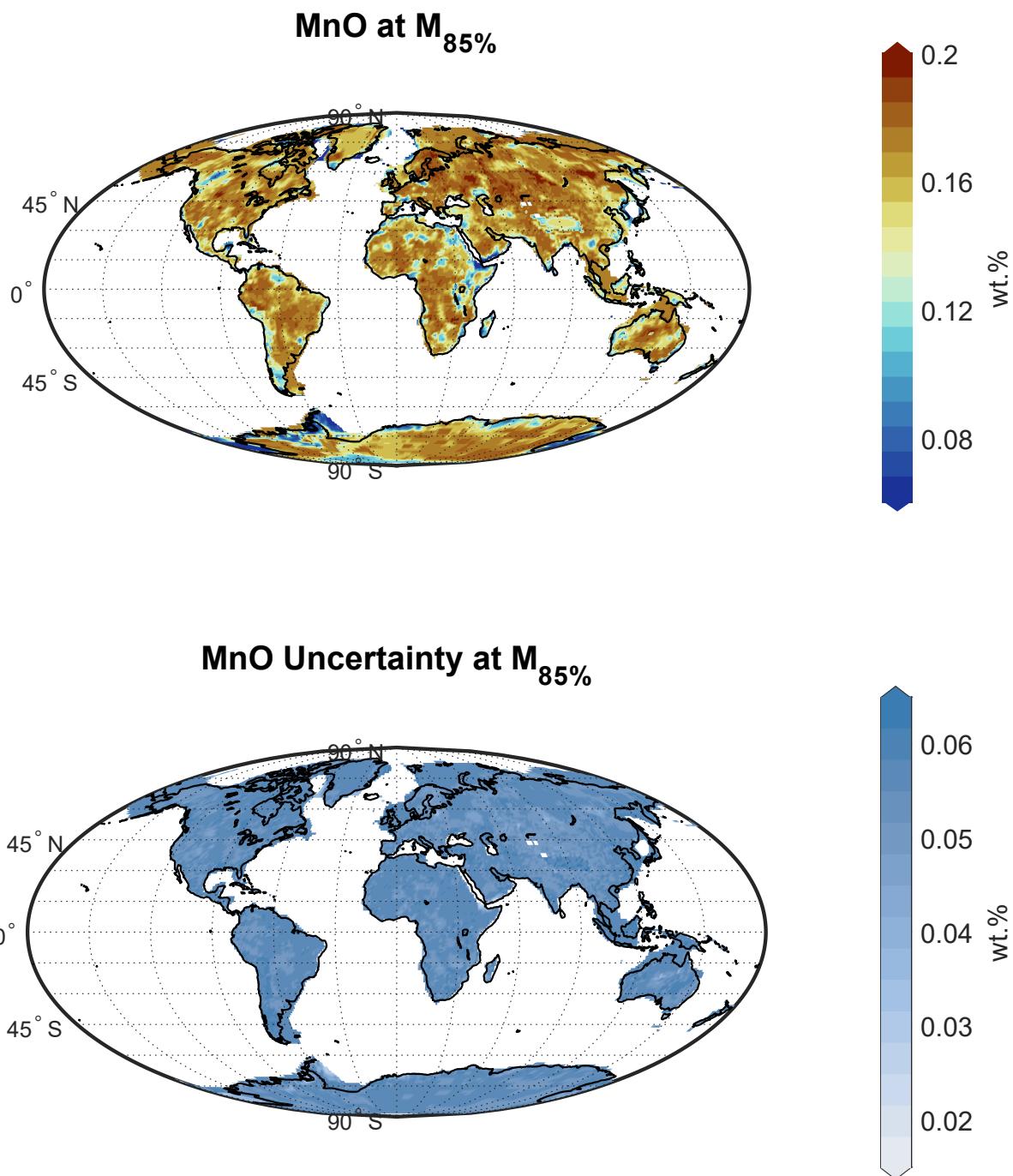


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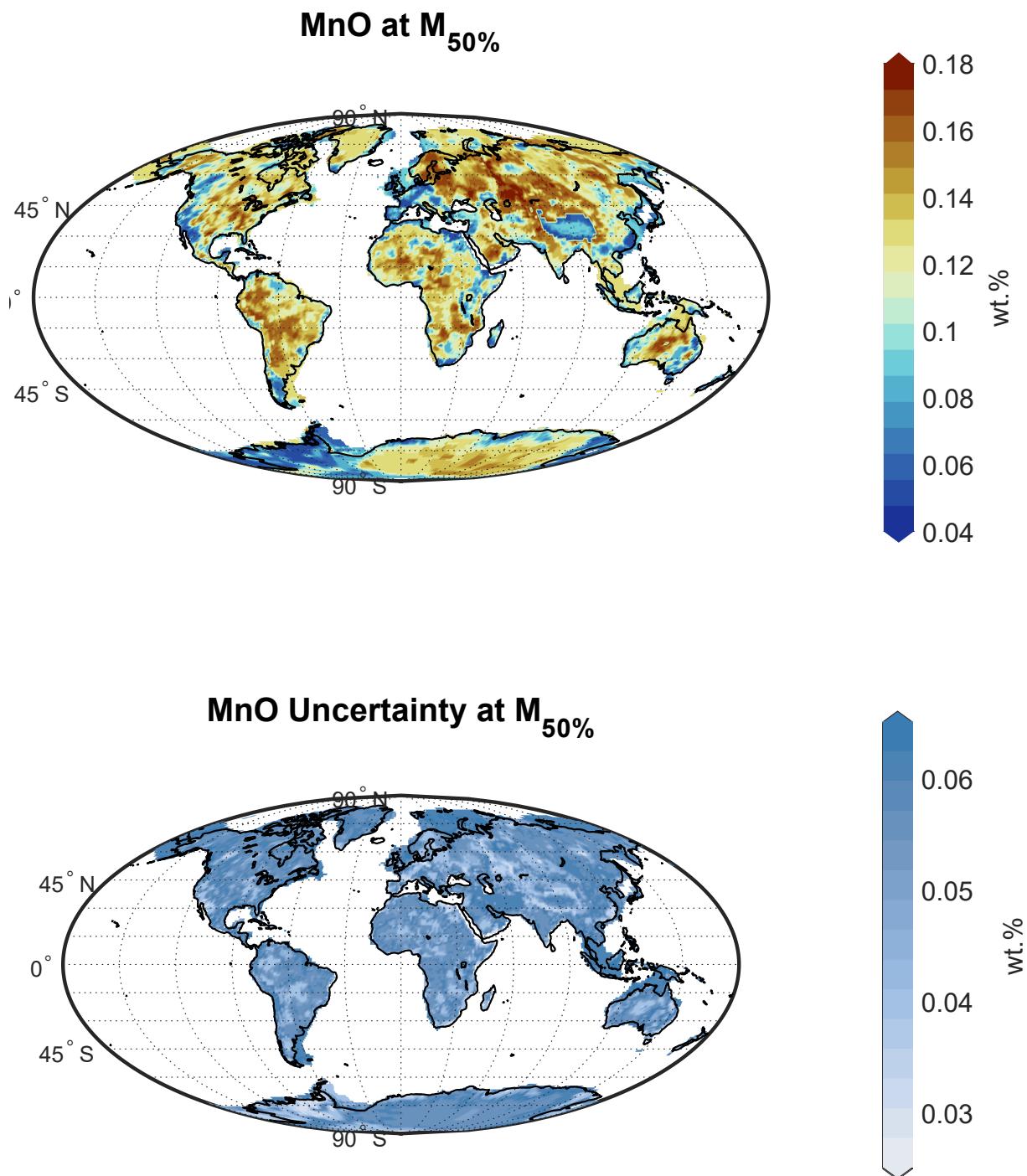


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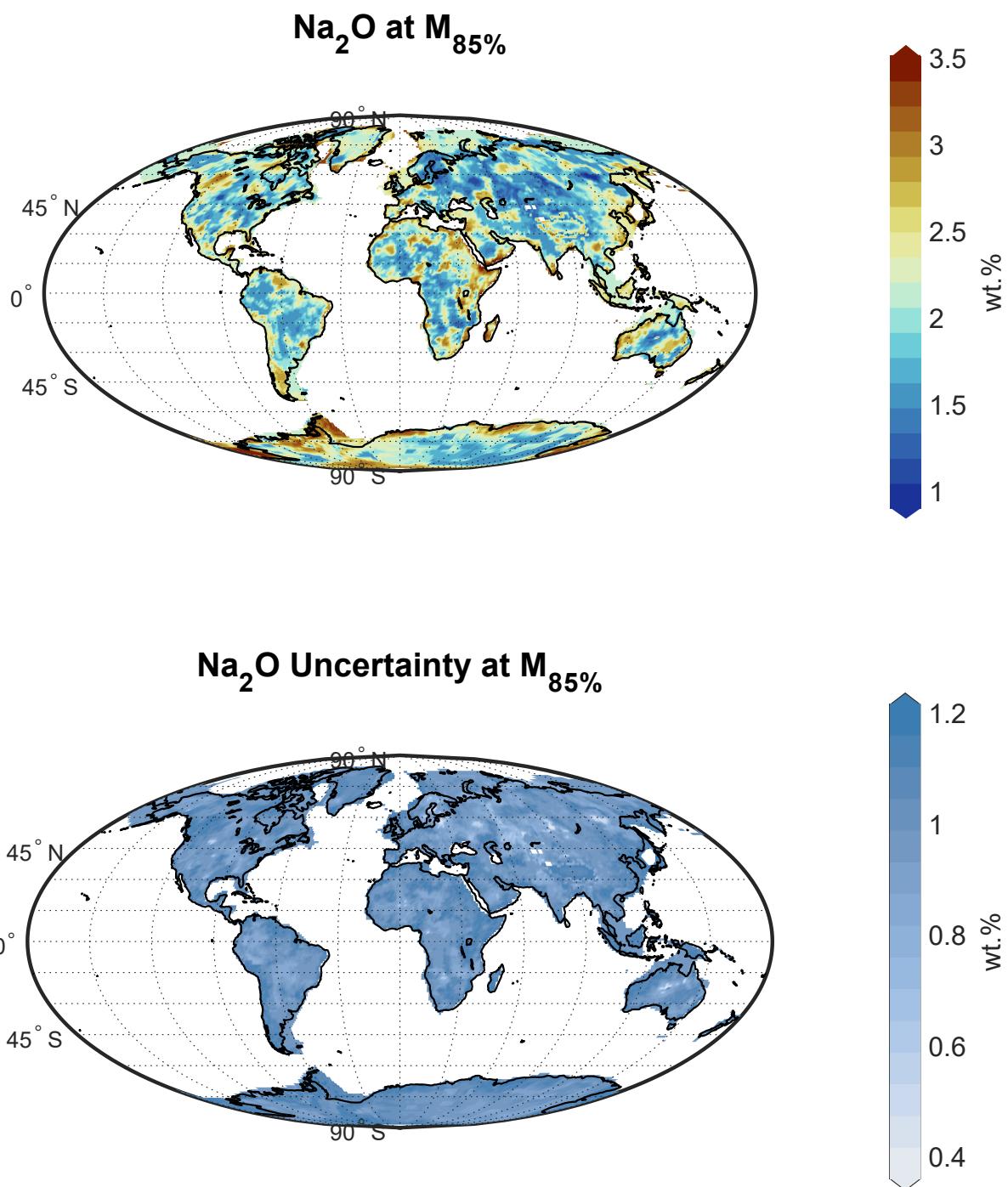


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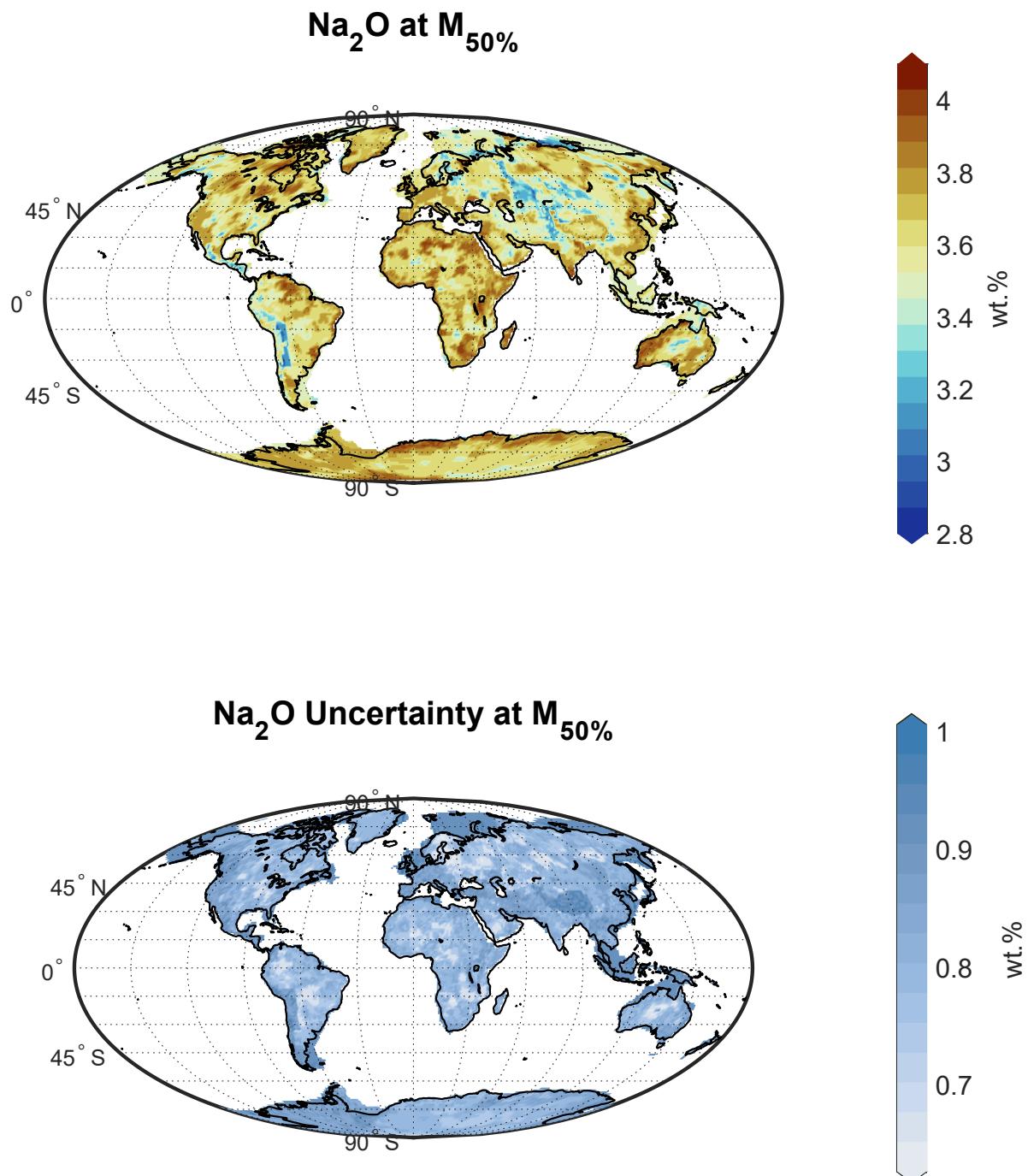


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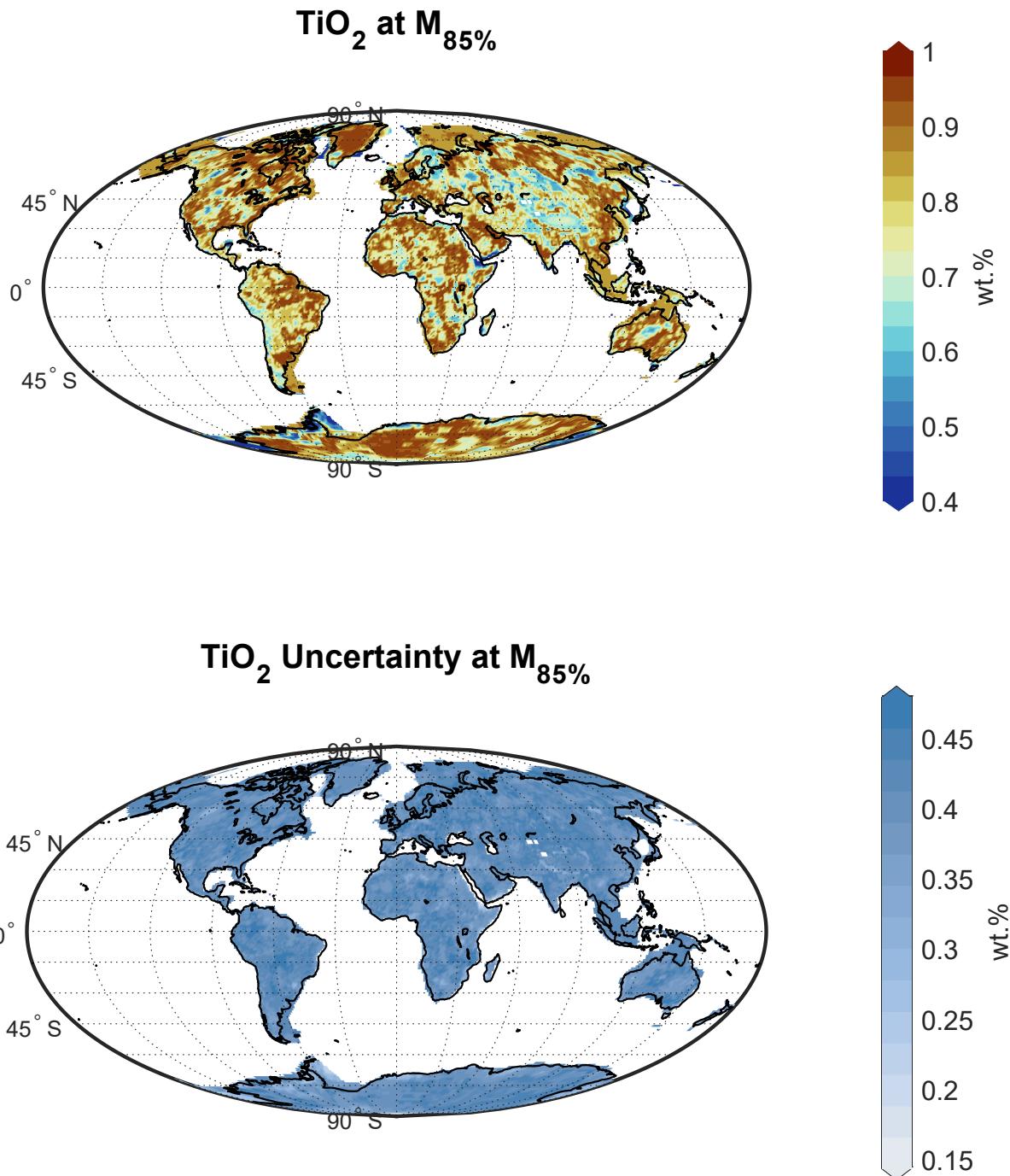


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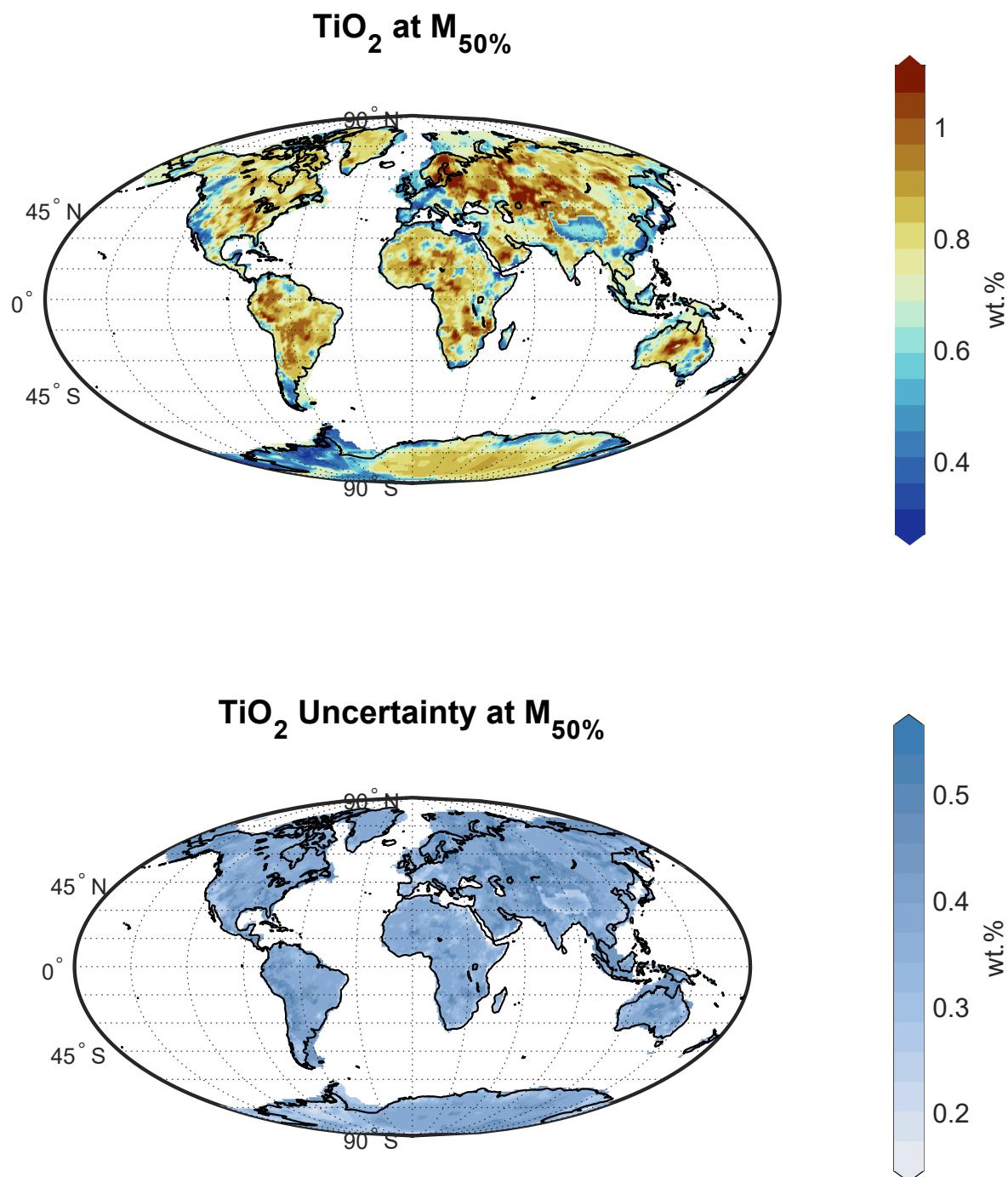


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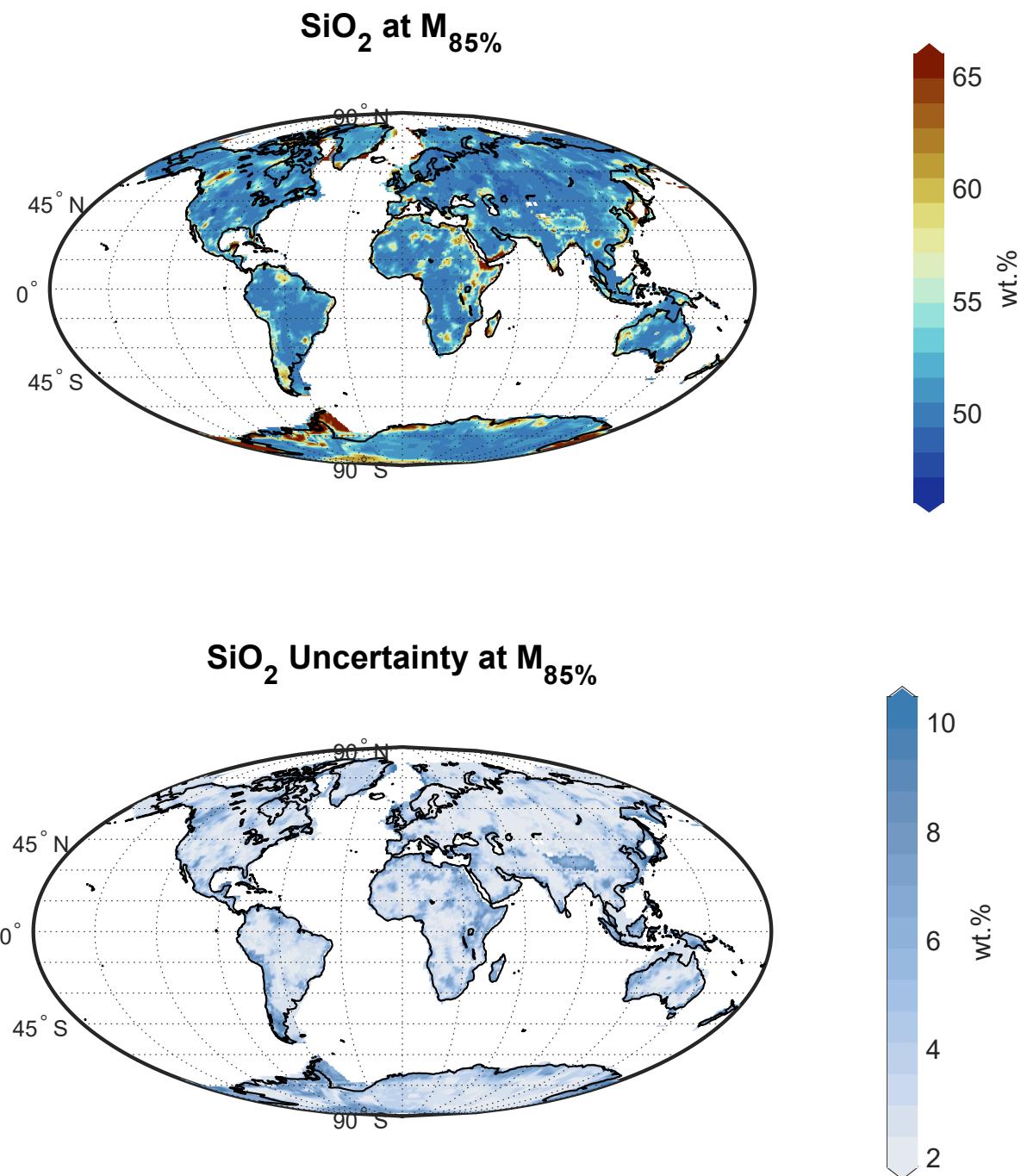


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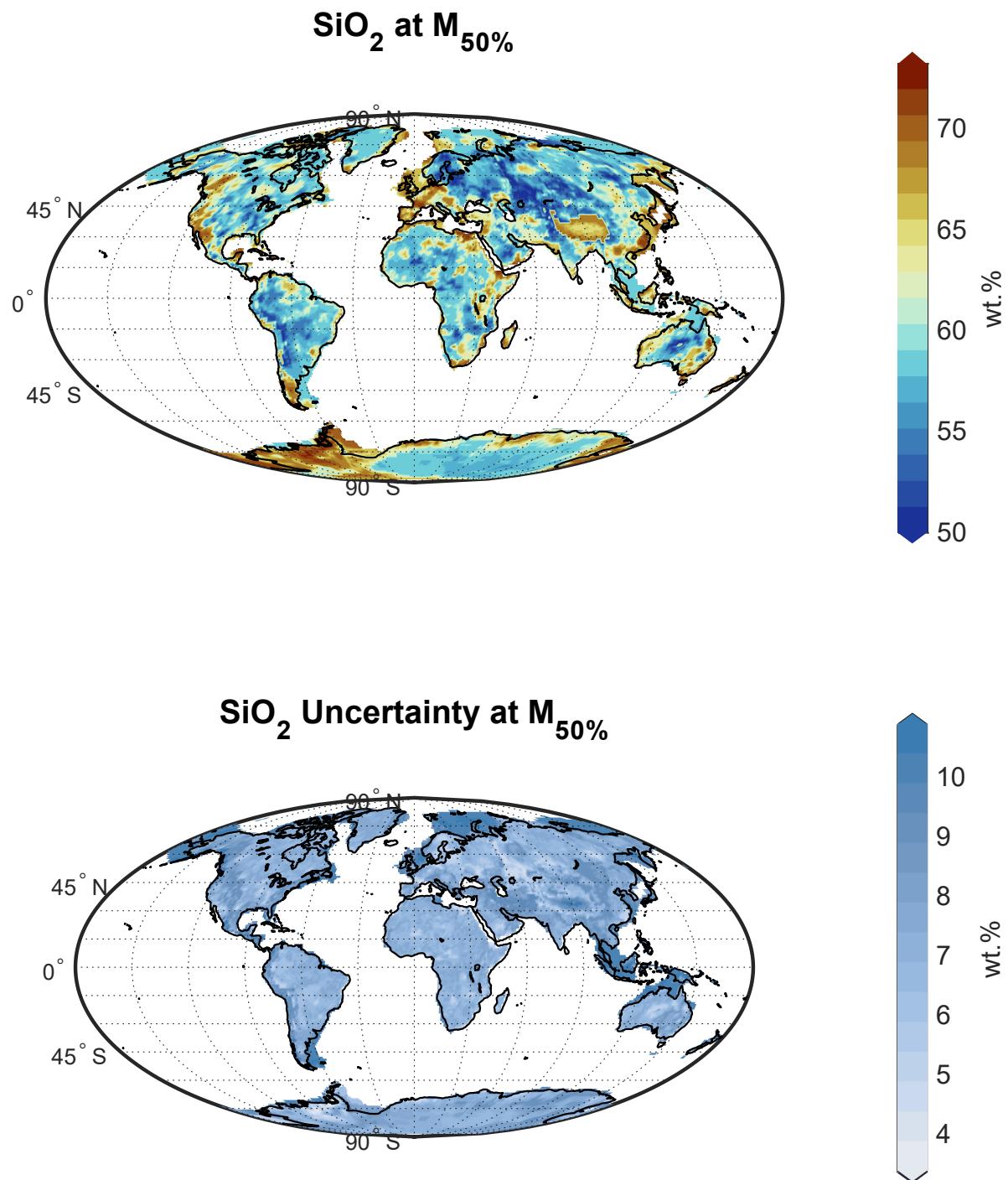


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