Towards Uncertainty Quantification in 21st Century Sea-Level Rise Predictions: Efficient Methods for Bayesian Calibration and Forward Propagation of Uncertainty for Land-Ice Models

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The First-Order Stokes Model for Ice Sheets & Glaciers

Ice sheet dynamics are given by the *"First-Order" Stokes PDEs*: approximation* to viscous incompressible *quasi-static* Stokes flow with power-law viscosity.

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_1) = -\rho g \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} \\ -\nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_2) = -\rho g \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} \end{cases}, \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

• Viscosity μ is nonlinear function given by "*Glen's law"*:

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2} A^{-\frac{1}{n}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{2} \right)^{\left(\frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{2}\right)} \qquad (n = 3)$$

- Relevant boundary conditions:
 - Stress-free BC: $2\mu \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = 0$, on Γ_s
 - Floating ice BC:

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$$2\mu \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = \begin{cases} \rho g z \boldsymbol{n}, \text{ if } z > 0\\ 0, \quad \text{if } z \le 0 \end{cases}, \text{ on } \Gamma_{l}$$

• **Basal sliding BC:** $2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_i \cdot n + \beta u_i = 0$, on Γ_β





 $\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{1}^{T} = (2\dot{\epsilon}_{11} + \dot{\epsilon}_{22}, \dot{\epsilon}_{12}, \dot{\epsilon}_{13})$ $\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{2}^{T} = (2\dot{\epsilon}_{12}, \dot{\epsilon}_{11} + 2\dot{\epsilon}_{22}, \dot{\epsilon}_{23})$

 $\dot{\epsilon}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$

Basal boundary Γ_{R}

Surface boundary Γ_s

*Assumption: aspect ratio δ is small and normals to upper/lower surfaces are almost vertical.

Implementation of Albany/FELIX using Trilinos



Use of **Trilinos** components has enabled the **rapid** development of the **Albany/FELIX** First Order Stokes dycore!

*FELIX = "Finite Elements for Land Ice eXperiments".



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Ice-covered ("active") cells shaded in white $(h > h_{min})$



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Interfaces to CISM and MPAS LI for Transient Simulations



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Albany/FELIX has been coupled to two land ice dycores: Community Ice Sheet Model (CISM) and Model for Prediction Across Scales for Land Ice (MPAS LI)



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 →can obtain MAP point and posterior distributions on KLE coefficients.

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- Mean $\bar{\beta}$ field obtained through spin-up over 100 years (cheaper than inversion, gives reasonable agreement with present-day velocity field).
- Correlation length L (L²=0.05) selected s.t. slow decay of KLE eigenvalues to enable refinement (*left*): 10 KLE modes capture 27.3% of covariance energy.



• Mismatch function (calculated in *Albany/FELIX*):

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• PCE emulator was formed for the mismatch $J(\beta)$ using uniform [-1,1] prior distributions and 286 high-fidelity runs on Hopper (286 points = 3rd degree polynomial in 10D).





- For calibration, MCMC (Delayed Rejection Adaptive Metropolis DRAM) was performed on the PCE with 2K samples.
- *Posterior distributions* for 10 KLE coefficients:





- Distributions are peaked rather than uniform \Rightarrow data informed the posteriors.
- **MAP point**: $\boldsymbol{\xi} = (0.372, -0.679, -0.420, -0.189, -7.38e-2, -0.255, 0.449, -0.757, 0.847, -0.447)$

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- Ice is too fast at MAP point. Possible explanations:
 - Surrogate error (based on cross-validation).
 - Mean field error.

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• Bad modes (modes lack fine scale features).

Mismatch $J(\beta)$ at MAP point: 1.87 × mismatch at $\overline{\beta}$



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Next Step: Improve Efficiency of MCMC Using Gradient/Hessian Information

MCMC with active subspaces using gradient information

- Gradients $\binom{d(mismatch)}{d\beta}$, $\frac{d(mismatch)}{dh}$ can be used to identify subspace that controls variation in likelihood function \rightarrow this info can improve MCMC performance by reducing correlation between samples.
- Surrogates (to reduce sampling cost) are feasible for high-dimensional parameter spaces with active subspaces.
- <u>Plan:</u> combine MCMC in active subspaces with surrogates that adaptively target regions of high probability.

Exploit Hessian structure

- Improve MCMC by informing proposal covariance by structure of Hessian → posterior Hessian-based proposal distribution properly balances likelihood and prior, performing better than either alone.
 Leverage analytic emulator gradients
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- Stochastic Newton: low rank approximation for prior-preconditioned misfit Hessian → multivariate normal proposal covariance for MCMC.

$$\boldsymbol{L_0^T H_M L_0} \approx \boldsymbol{V_r \Lambda_r V_r^T}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{F}} = H_{\mathrm{nlpost}}^{-1} \approx L_0 \left[I - V_r D_r V_r^T \right] L_0^T$$



Next Step: Better Reduced Bases for Bayesian Calibration using Hessian Info

 Hessian of the merit (mismatch) functional can provide a way to compute the covariance of a Gaussian posterior:

$$\boldsymbol{C}_{post} = (\boldsymbol{C}_{prior}\boldsymbol{H}_{misfit} + \boldsymbol{I})^{-1}\boldsymbol{C}_{prior}$$

• We want to limit only the most important directions (eigenvectors) of *C*_{post}.

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Right: log-linear plot of the spectra of a prior-preconditioned data misfit Hessian at the MAP point for two successively finer parameter/state meshes of the inverse ice sheet problem.



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Forward Propagation



- Parameter (β) distribution can either be assumed to be Gaussian (based on Hessian information) or can be the result of Bayesian calibration.
- Emulator is built using DAKOTA coupled with CISM-Albany for forward runs.



• MCMC (Delayed Rejection Adaptive Metropolis – DRAM) was used to perform uncertainty propagation (*QUESO*).





Initial Demonstration: Forward Propagation for 4km GIS Problem

Procedure:

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• We first ran 66* CISM-Albany high-fidelity simulations on Hopper with β sampled from a uniform [-1,1] distribution and **no forcing** for 50 years.



Left: SLR distribution from ensemble of 66 highfidelity simulations (differenced against control run using the $\bar{\beta}$ distribution). All 66 runs ran to completion out-ofthe-box on Hopper!



Above: β , velocity and thickness perturbations. Ice thickness changed > 500m in some places.

- We then used the results of these runs to create a PCE emulator for the SLR.
- Using emulator, propagated posterior distributions computed in Bayesian calibration (using KLE) through the model to get posteriors on SLR (MCMC on PCE emulator with 2K samples).



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Disclaimer: these results illustrate that we have in place all steps of our UQ workflow. *They are NOT yet actual uncertainty bounds for sea-level rise.*

Expected PDF of SLR: normal distribution centered around 0 SLR since no forcing.

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Prior informed (green): uniform distribution translates to distribution skewed w.r.t. model outputs.

- Larger fraction of the ice sheet currently has a β value that forces no (or slow) basal sliding.
- Areas with little sliding: not affected by increase in β , but greatly affected by decrease in β (velocity in these regions will change significantly from initial condition).
- Since we sample from a uniform distribution when perturbing β , we expect to see a disproportionately large signal when reducing β vs. increasing it.



PDF of SLR

Posterior informed (blue): centered on positive tail of prior – not consistent with observations.

- Could be due to "ad hoc" β used as mean field (spin-up over 100 years).
- May be that emulator was been built with a (non-physical) positive mass balance while calibration was done on present-day observations (consistent with ice losing mass).

Outline

- The PISCEES project, land-ice equations and relevant codes (*Albany/FELIX*, *CISM-Albany*, *MPAS-Albany*).
- Uncertainty Quantification Problem Definition.
- Bayesian Calibration.

- Methodology.
- Demonstrations.
- Forward Propagation of Uncertainty.
 - Methodology.
 - Demonstrations.
- Summary and Future Work.





Summary and Ongoing Work

- This talk described our *workflow* for quantifying uncertainties in expected aggregate ice sheet mass loss and its *demonstration* on some Greenland ice sheet problems.
- Our choice of prior is somewhat arbitrary; however it is possible to build an informed Gaussian distribution using the *Hessian of the deterministic inversion*.
- We plan to use *gradient information* to combine MCMC in *active subspaces* with surrogates.

- We might use techniques such as the *compressed sensing* technique to adaptively select significant modes and the basis for the parameter space. The hope is that only few modes affect the low dimensional QoI (e.g., sea level rise).
- We might use *cheap physical models* (e.g., the shallow ice model or SIA) or *low resolution solves* to reduce the cost of building the emulator.
- In future work, we plan to look at effects of *other sources of uncertainty*, e.g., surface mass balance.





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Thank you! Questions?





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- Length scale *L* and dimension size *K* can be fine-tuned by looking at reconstruction of β using the KLE modes.
- Larger L ⇒ smoother (too diffusive) reconstruction.
- High dimension *K* in plots due to omitting $\overline{\beta}$ from reconstruction:

$$\beta = \sum_{k=1}^{K} a_k \phi_k$$

Left: $\overline{\beta}$ for 16km GIS **Right:** $\overline{\beta}$ reconstructed with *K* KLE modes as a function of length scale *L* for 16km GIS



