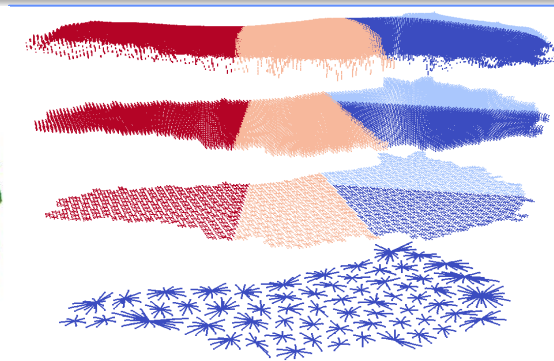
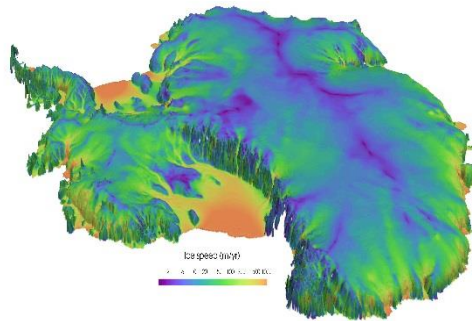


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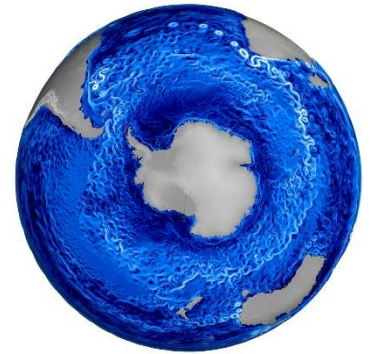
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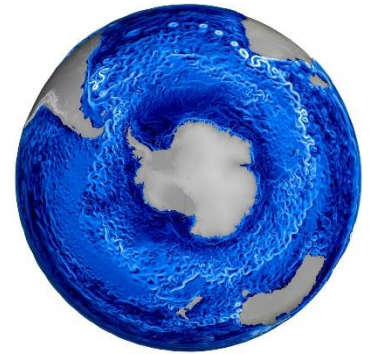
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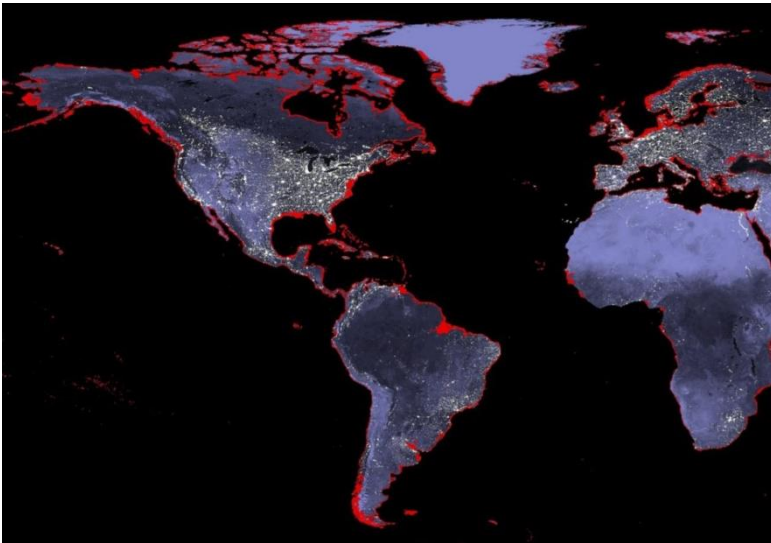
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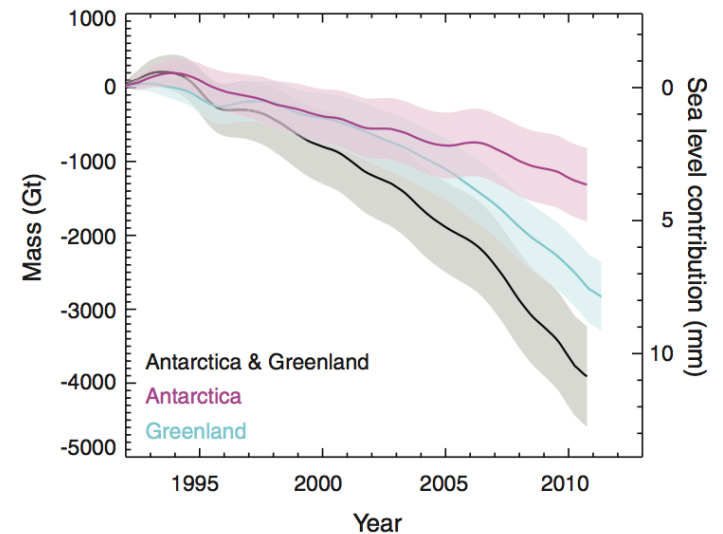


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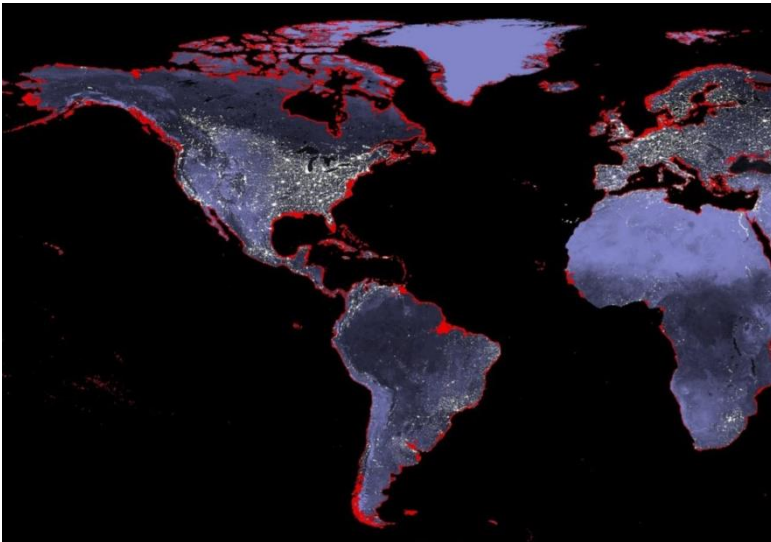


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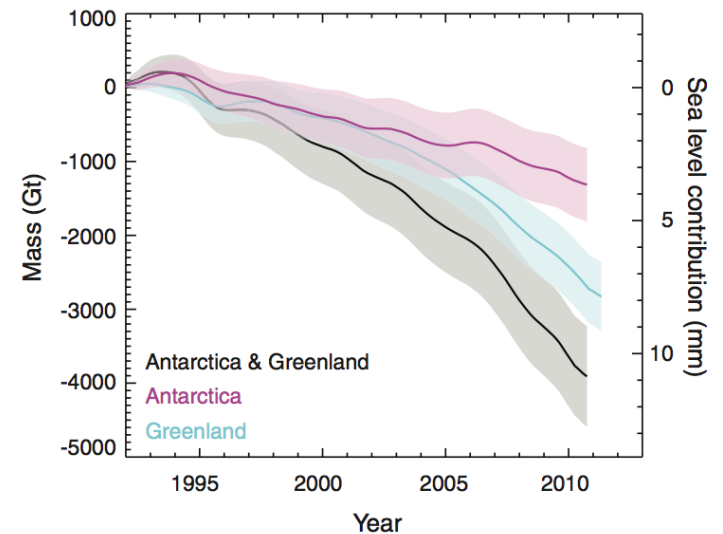
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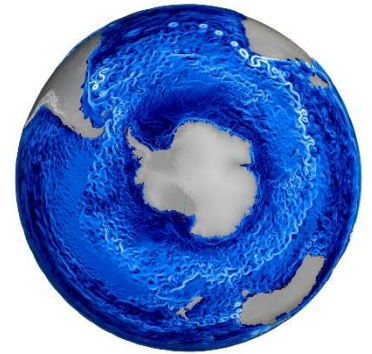
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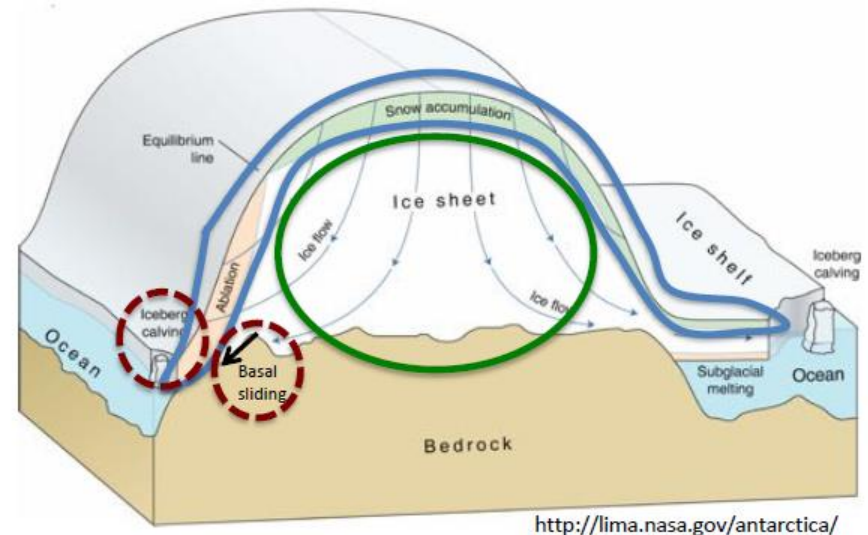
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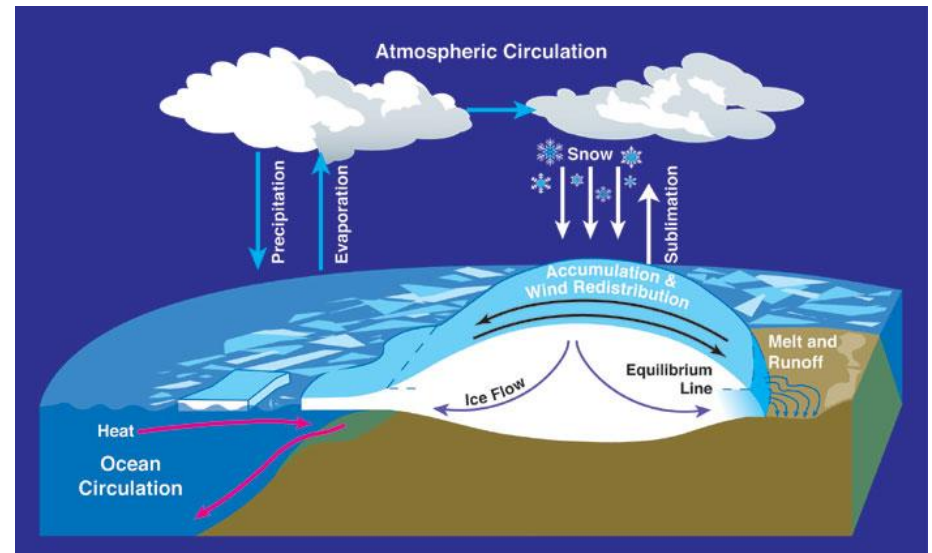
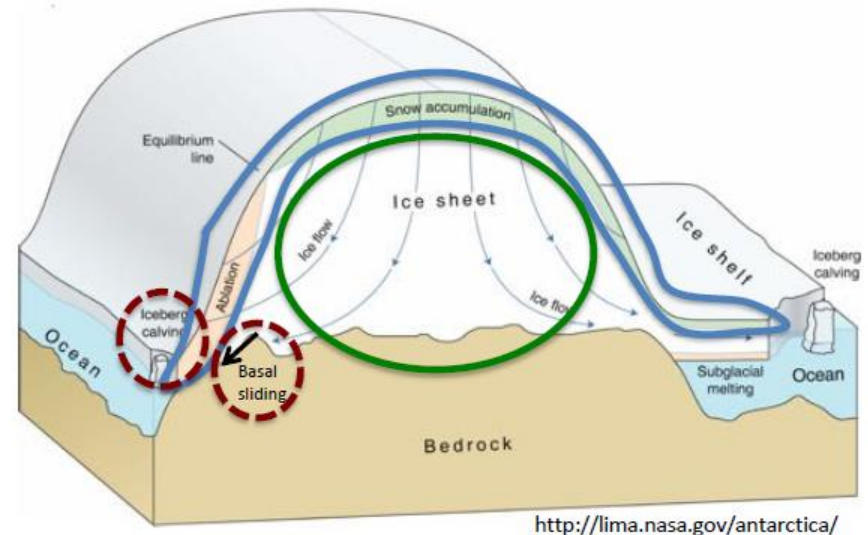
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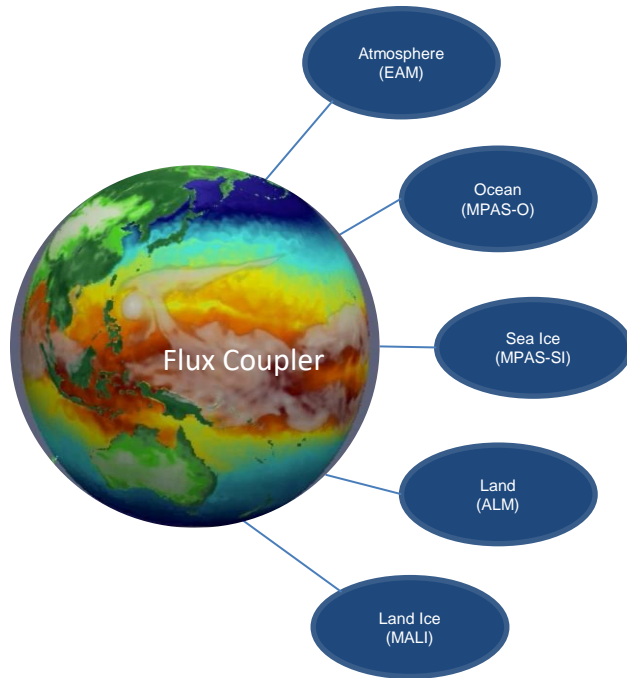
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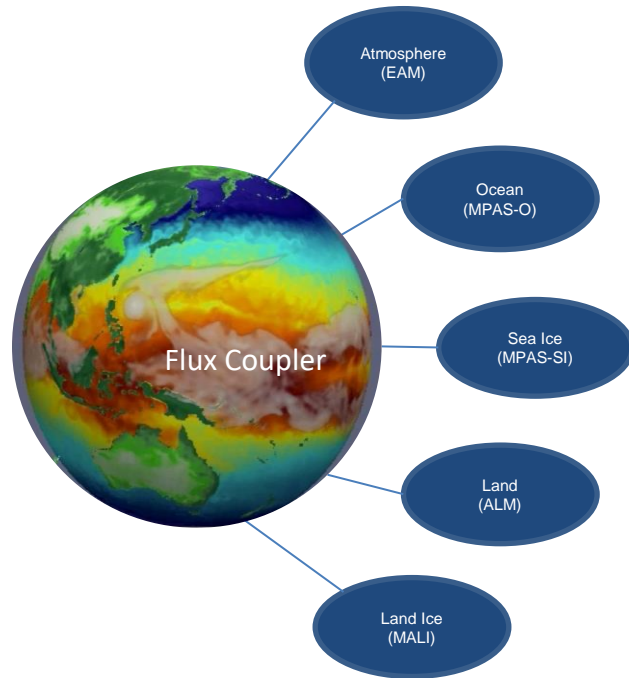
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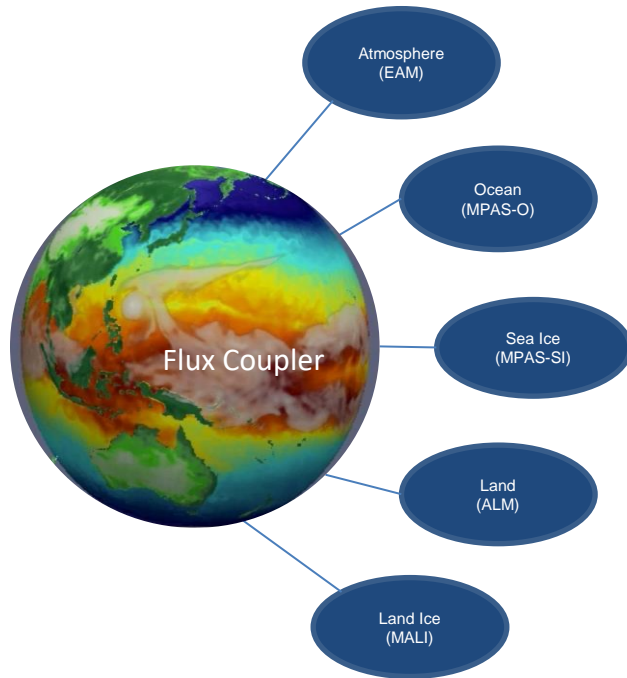
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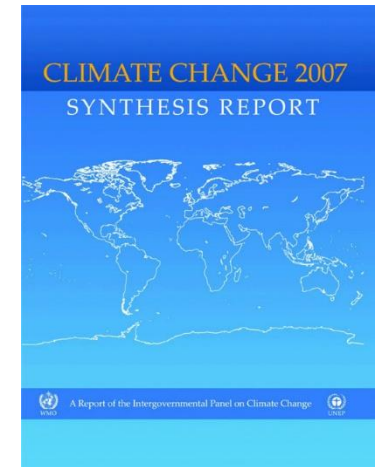
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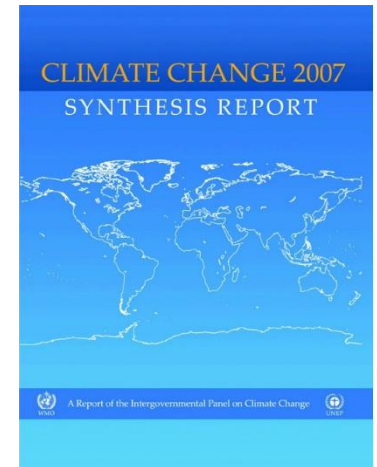
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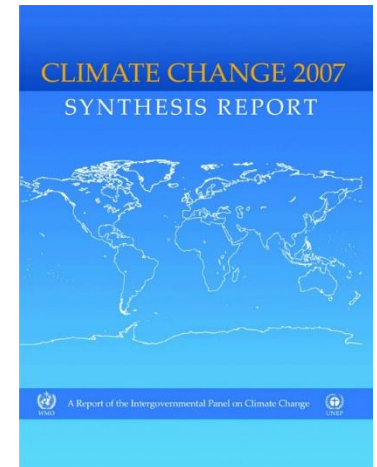
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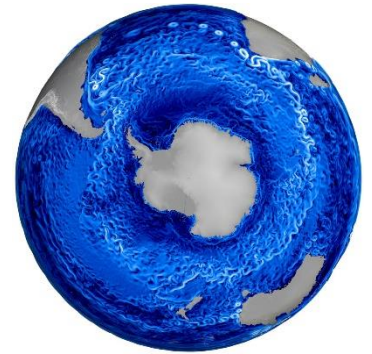
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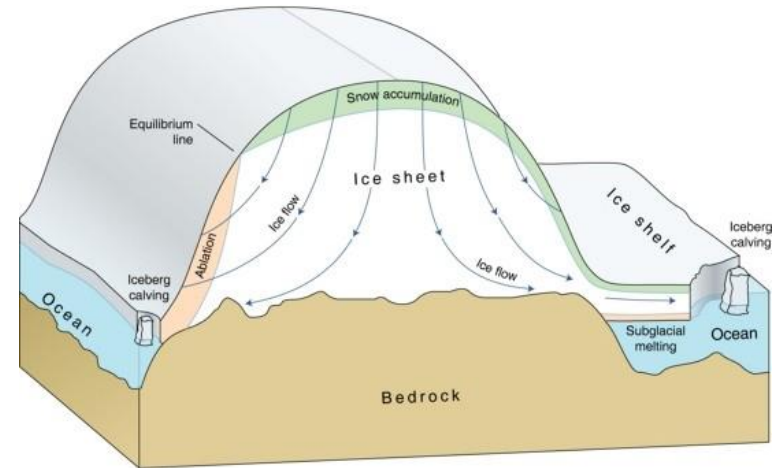
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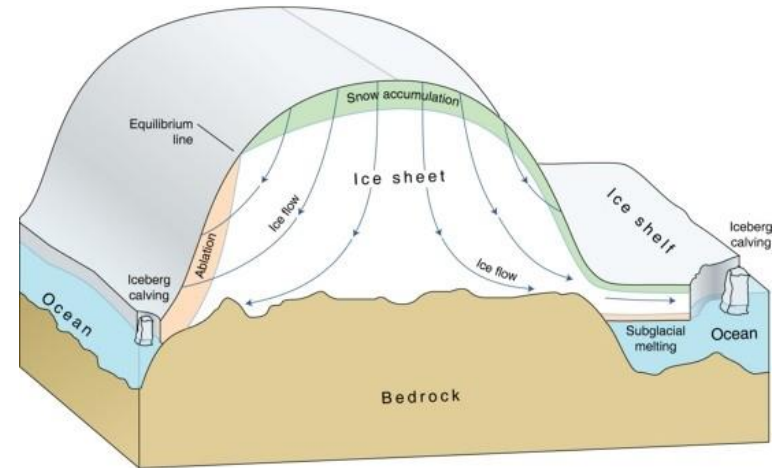
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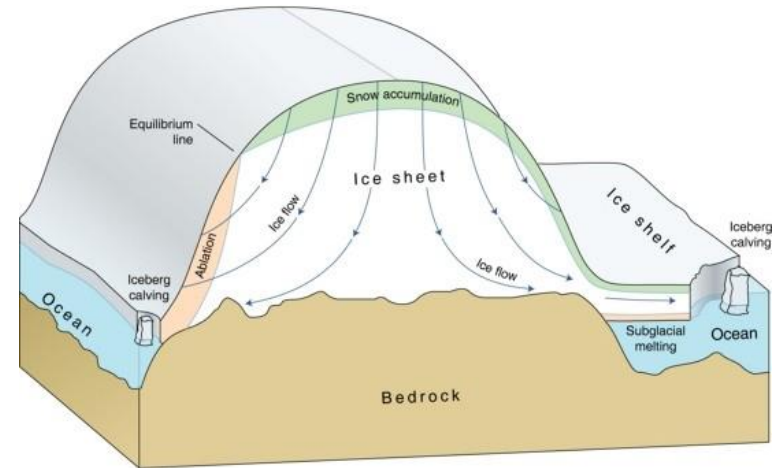
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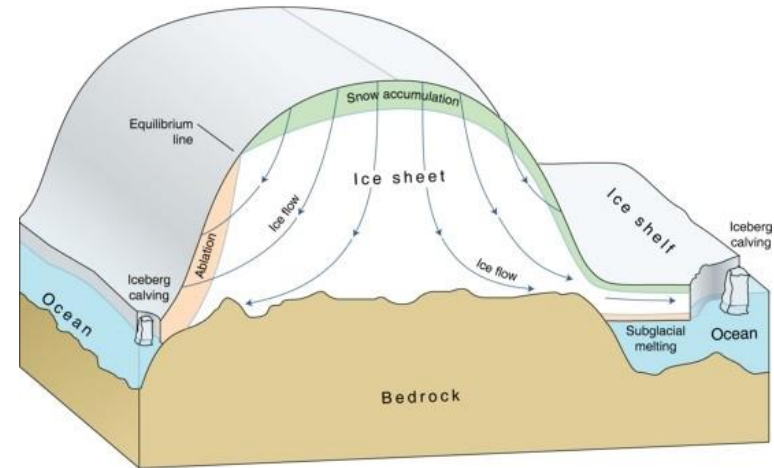
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- Valid for both **Greenland** and **Antarctica** and used in **continental scale** simulations.

# Boundary Conditions

Boundary conditions have **tremendous effect** on ice sheet behavior!

## Ice-Atmosphere Boundary:

- **Stress-free BC:**  $2\mu\dot{\epsilon}_i \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$  on  $\Gamma_s$

## Ice-Bedrock Boundary:

- **Basal sliding BC:**  $2\mu\dot{\epsilon}_i \cdot \mathbf{n} + \beta u_i = 0$  on  $\Gamma_\beta$

$\beta$  = basal sliding coefficient

$\beta = \beta(x, y)$  or  $\beta = \beta(x, y, \mathbf{u}, t)$

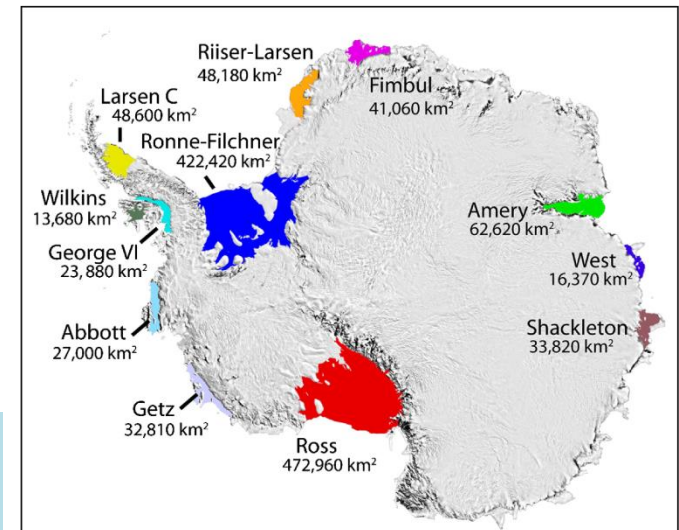
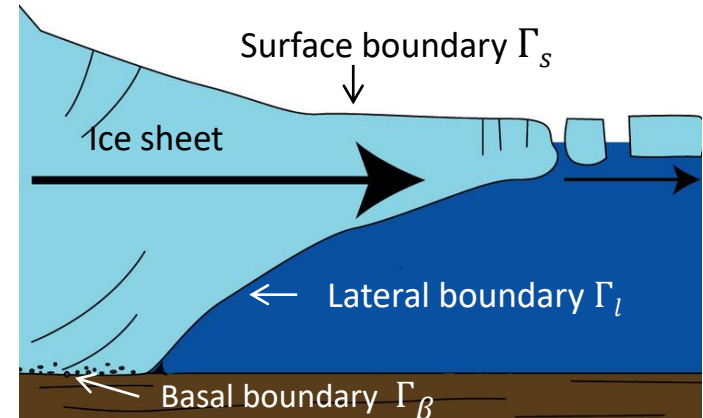
*Can't be measured – must be estimated from data!*

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Antarctica's ice shelves shown in color



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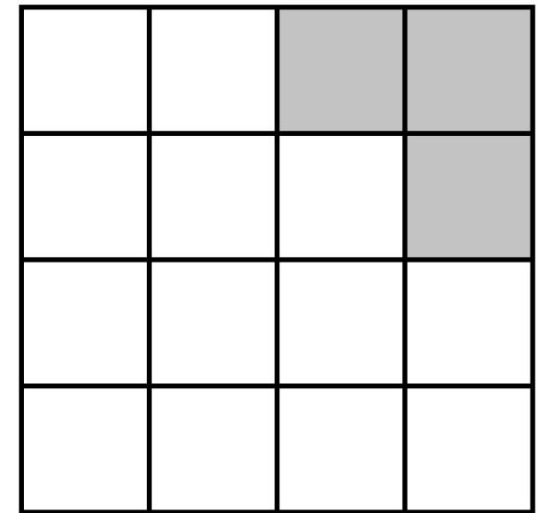
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$\bar{\mathbf{u}}$  = vertically averaged  $\mathbf{u}$

$\dot{b}$  = surface mass balance

(given accumulation-ablation function that accounts for e.g. accumulation due to snowfall)

$\Gamma$  = horizontal extent of the ice



time  $t_0$

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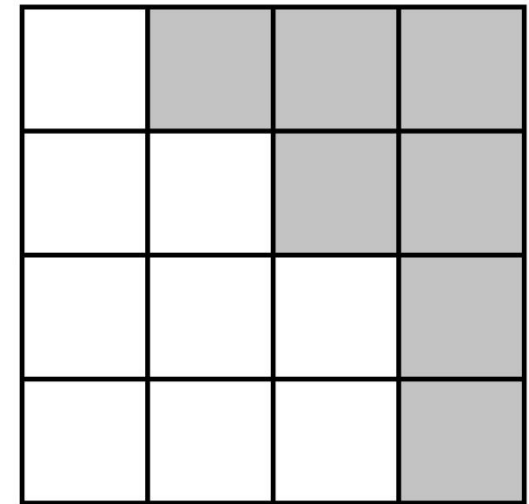
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time  $t_1$

Ice-covered ("active")  
cells shaded in white  
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# Ice Sheet Evolution

Ice velocity equations are **coupled** with equations for ice sheet evolution (thickness) and ice temperature.

- **Energy equation** for the temperature  $T$ :

$$\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho c \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + 2 \dot{\epsilon} \sigma, \quad \text{in } \Omega_H$$

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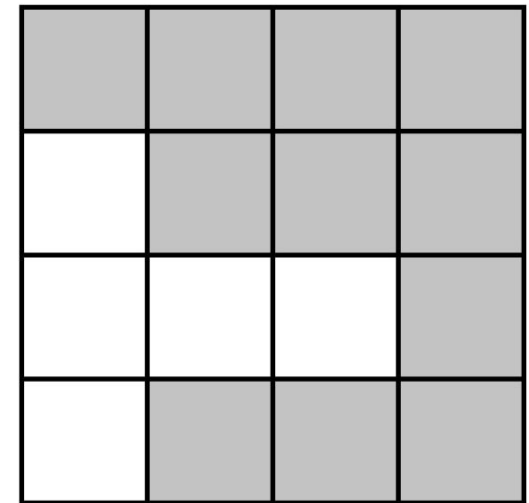
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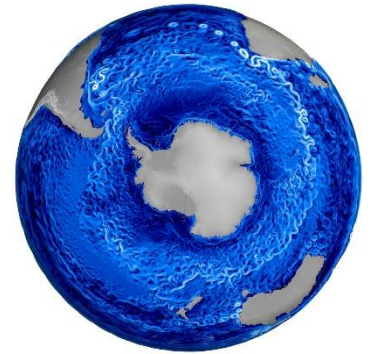
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# Our Codes

**Momentum Balance:** *First-Order Stokes* PDEs

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

with **Glen's law** viscosity  $\mu = \frac{1}{2} A(T)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^2 \right)^{\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)}$ .

**Energy Balance:** *temperature* advection-diffusion PDE

$$\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) - \rho c \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T + 2\dot{\epsilon} \sigma$$

**Conservation of Mass:** *thickness* evolution PDE

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\bar{\mathbf{u}} H) + \dot{b}$$

MAI = MPAS + ALI

**Codes:**



=multi-physics  
PDE code\*

*Albany Land-Ice (ALI)*



*Model for Prediction  
Across Scales*





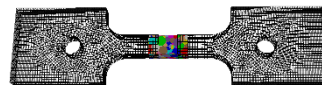
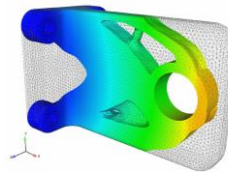
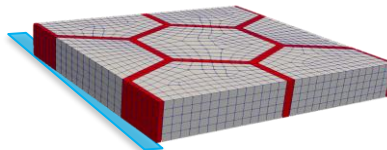
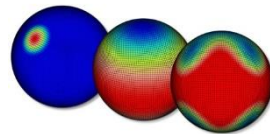
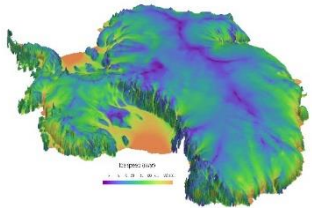
# Albany Land-Ice (ALI) FO Stokes Solver

The **Albany Land-Ice** First Order Stokes solver is implemented in a Sandia open-source parallel C++ multi-physics finite element code known as...



Land Ice Equation  
Set (**ALI**)

Other  
Equation Sets



Albany:  
<https://github.com/SNL/Computation/Albany>

## "Agile Components"

- Discretizations/meshes
  - Solver libraries
  - Preconditioners
  - Automatic differentiation
  - Performance portable kernels
  - Many others!
- Parameter estimation
  - Uncertainty quantification
  - Optimization
  - Bayesian inference



Trilinos: <https://github.com/trilinos/Trilinos>

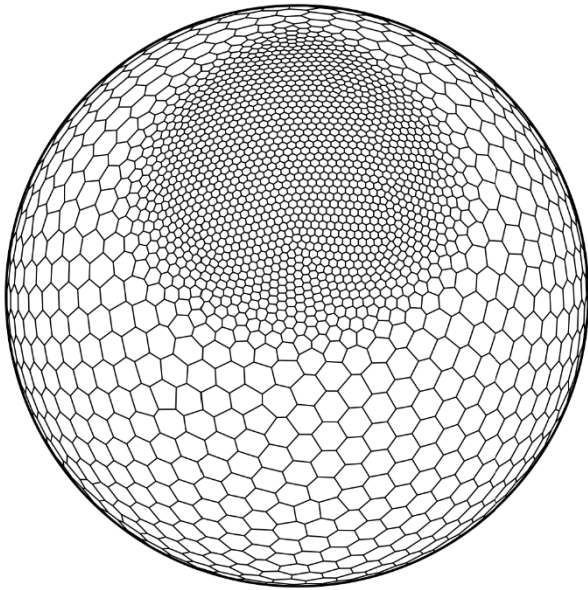
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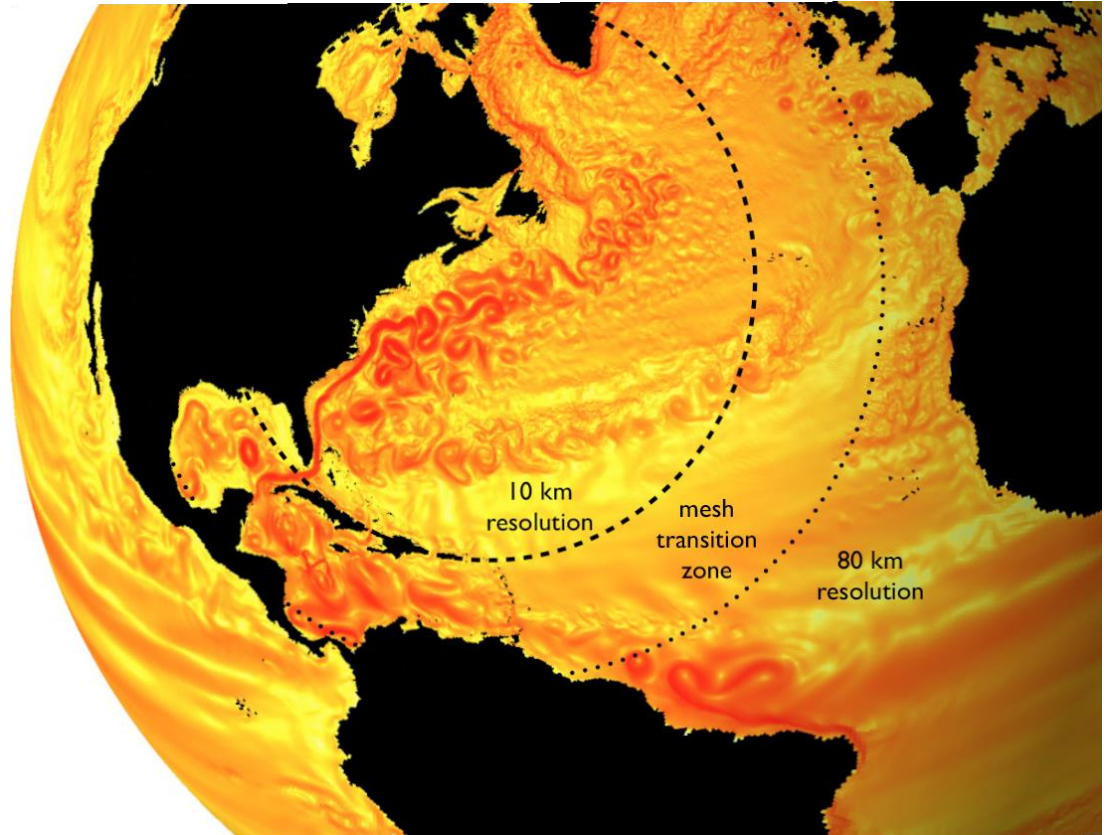


**Model for Prediction Across Scales (MPAS):**  
climate modeling framework built around  
SCVT\* meshes (LANL + NCAR collaboration)

\*SCVT = Spherical Centroidal Voronoi Tessellations

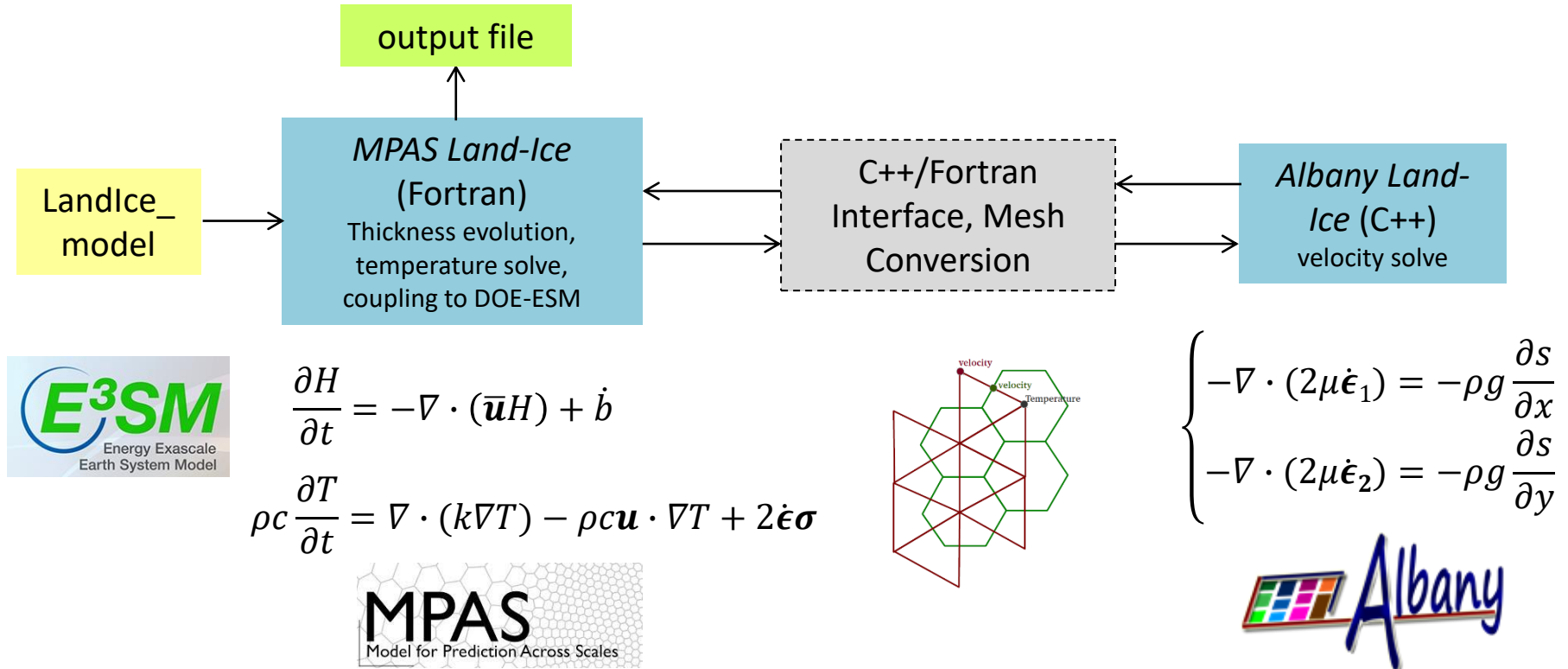


- Ocean<sup>1</sup>, sea ice<sup>2</sup>, and land ice<sup>3</sup> dynamical cores
- Built using shared software framework
- New capabilities added to one core benefit all others



<sup>1</sup> Ringler et al., 2013; <sup>2</sup> Turner et al. (in prep); <sup>3</sup> Hoffman et al. (in prep)

# MPAS + ALI Coupling (MALI)

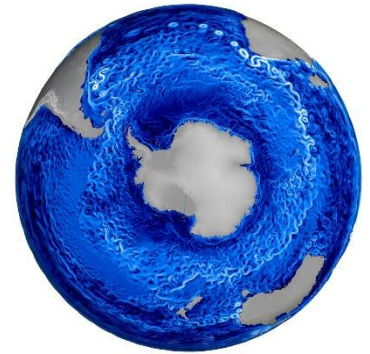


“Loose” **sequential/staggered** coupling between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $(T, H)$ .

- Making this coupling **tighter** by moving thickness and temperature evolution to Albany is WIP.

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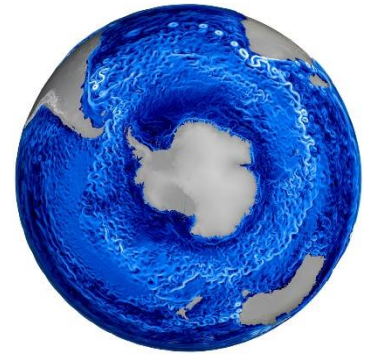
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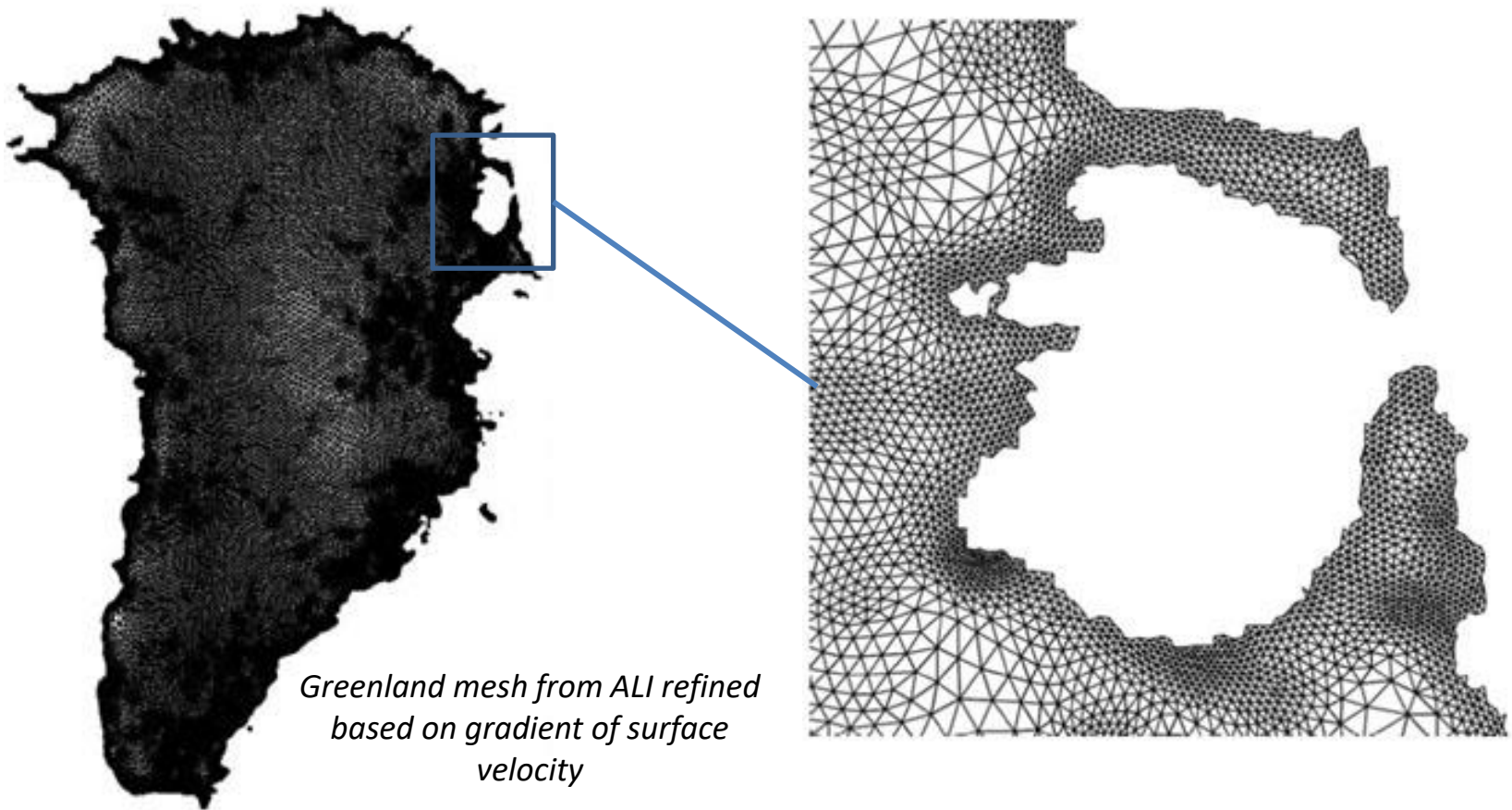
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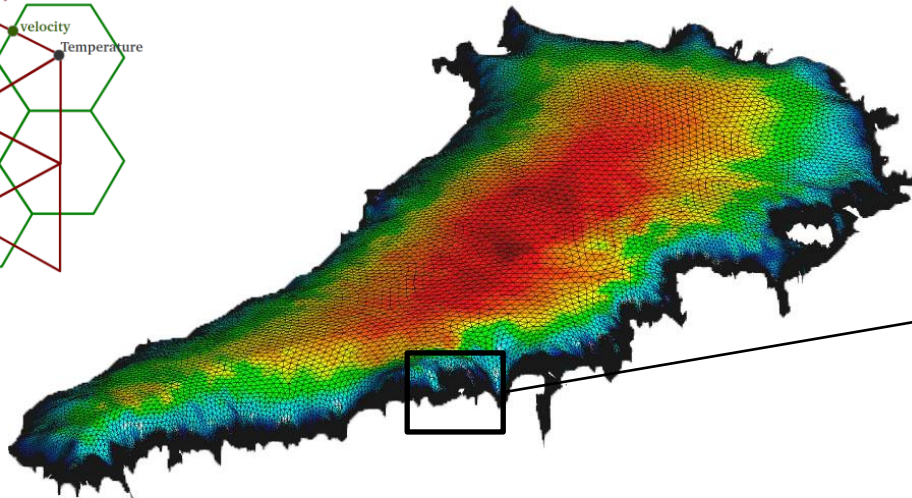
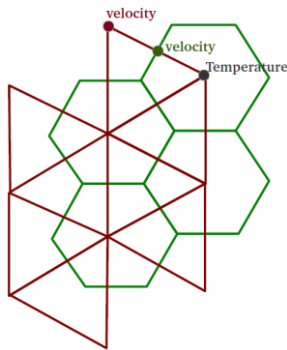
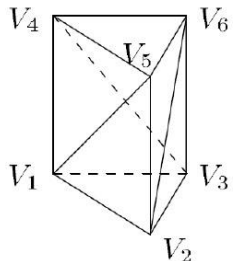
- Can handle well the ***boundary conditions*** arising in land ice modeling.
- Allow the use of ***unstructured meshes*** to concentrate the computational power where it is needed.



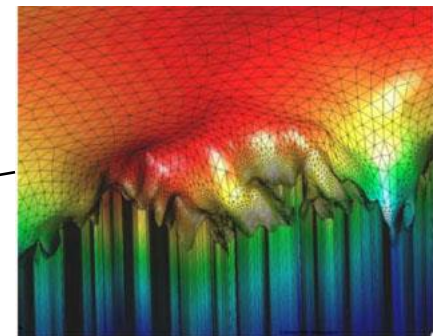
# Meshes

- All runs employ **dual of hexagonal mesh** from MPAS extruded to **tetrahedra** for the velocity solve in Albany.
- Meshes are **structured (extruded)** in the vertical dimension.
- Ice sheets are **thin** (thickness up to 4 km, horizontal extension of thousands km), meaning we typically have elements with bad aspect ratios.

*MALI uses dual of hexagonal mesh extruded to tetrahedra.*

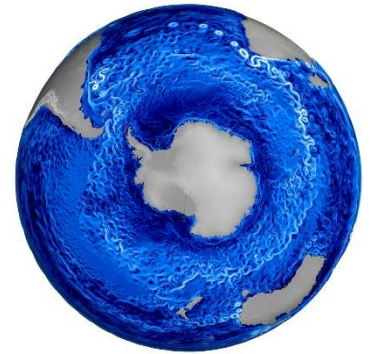


*Variable resolution triangular mesh extruded to a (thin) tetrahedral mesh.*



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Libraries (Sacado) provides new scalar types that **overload the math operators** to propagate embedded quantities via chain rule

- ❖ Derivatives: DFad<double>
- ❖ Hessians: DFad<SFad<double,N>>
- ❖ Stochastic Galerkin resid: PCE<double>
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DFad<PCE<double>
- ❖ Sensitivities: DFad<double>

**No finite difference truncation error!**

double	DFad<double>
Operation	Overloaded AD impl
$c = a \pm b$	$\dot{c} = \dot{a} \pm \dot{b}$
$c = ab$	$\dot{c} = a\dot{b} + \dot{a}b$
$c = a/b$	$\dot{c} = (\dot{a} - c\dot{b})/b$
$c = a^r$	$\dot{c} = ra^{r-1}\dot{a}$

```
template <typename ScalarT>
void computeF(ScalarT* x, ScalarT* f)
{
    f[0] = 2.0 * x[0] + x[1] * x[1];
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*Undefined for  $\mathbf{u} = \text{const!}$*

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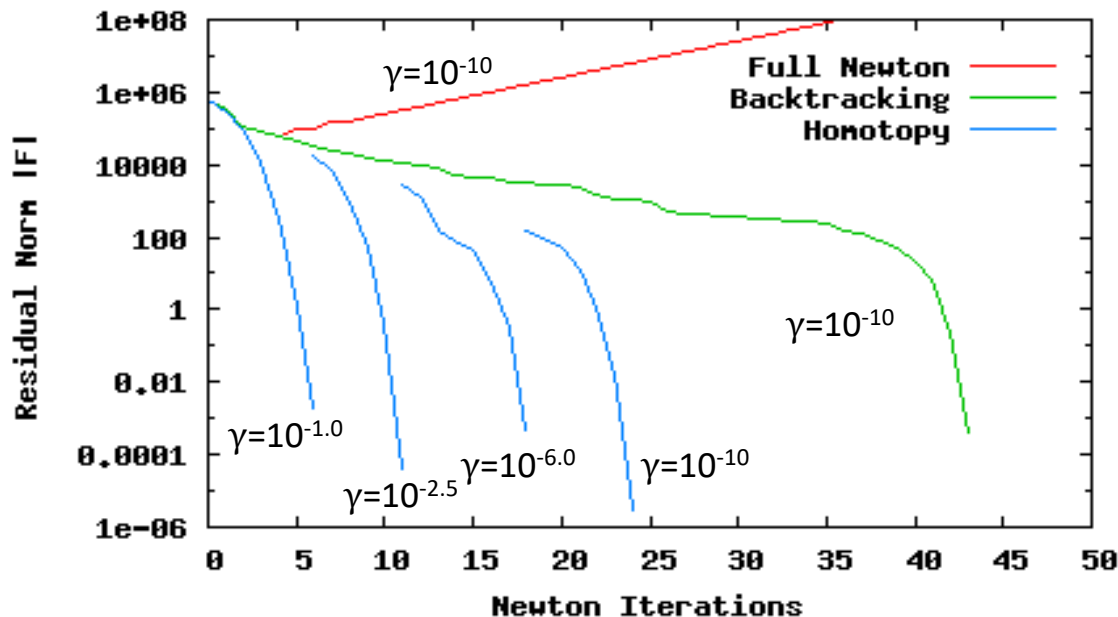
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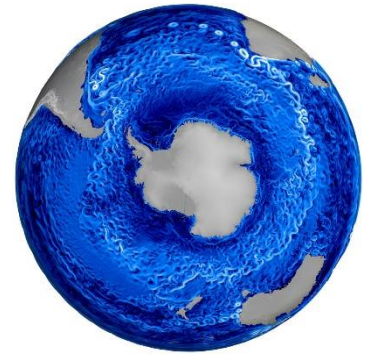
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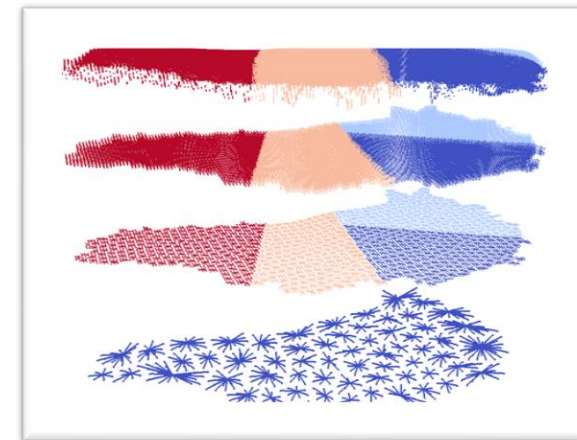


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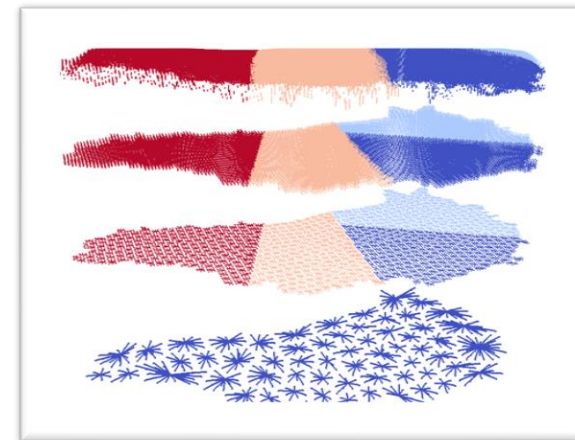
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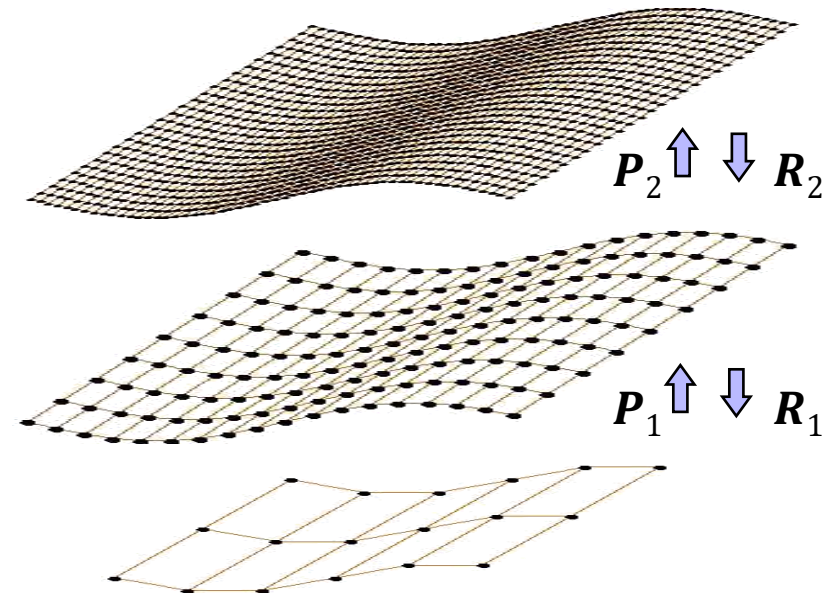


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# How Does Multi-Grid Work?

**Basic idea:** accelerate convergence of an iterative method on a given grid by solving a series of (cheaper) problems on coarser grids.

- Create set of **coarse approximations**.
- Apply **restriction operator**  $R_i$  to interpolate from fine to coarse grid.
- **Solve** problem on coarse grid.
- Apply **prolongation operator**  $P_i$  to get back to original (fine) grid.
- **Smoothers** are applied throughout procedure to reduce short wavelength errors.

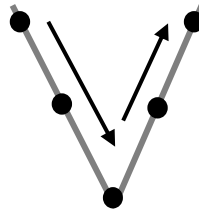


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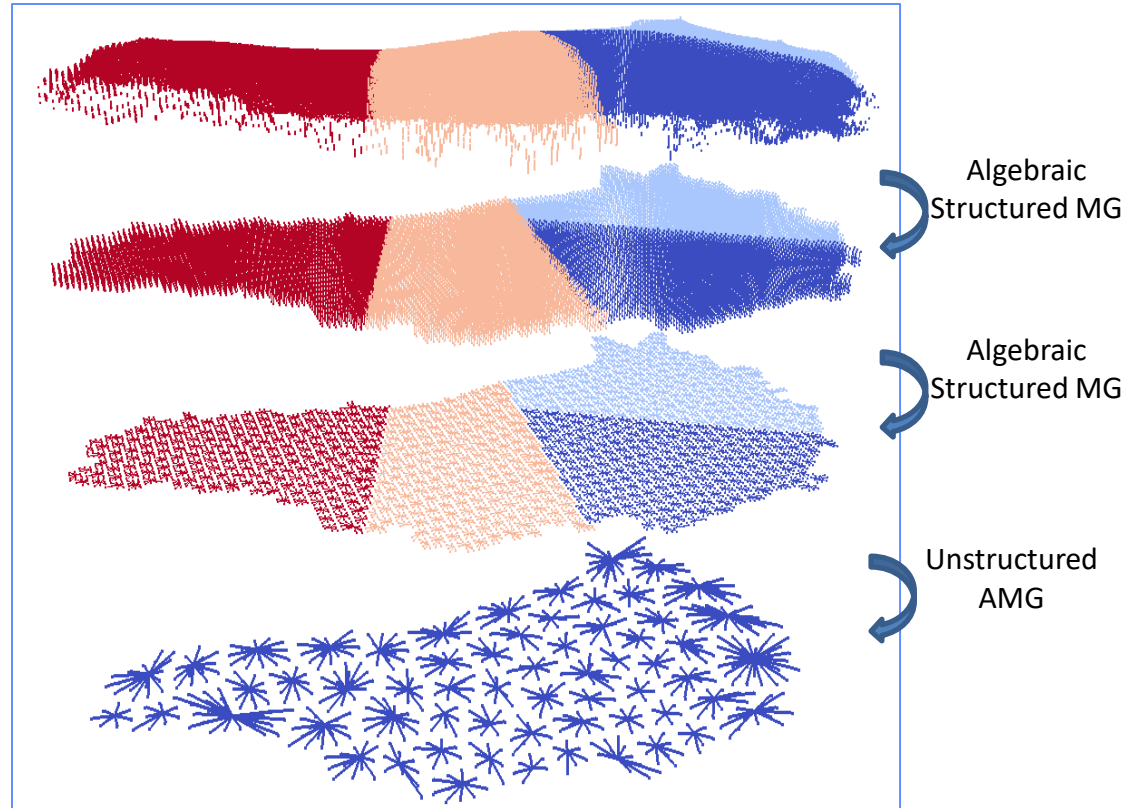
## Preconditioners

**Bad aspect ratios** ( $dx \gg dz$ ) ruin classical AMG convergence rates!

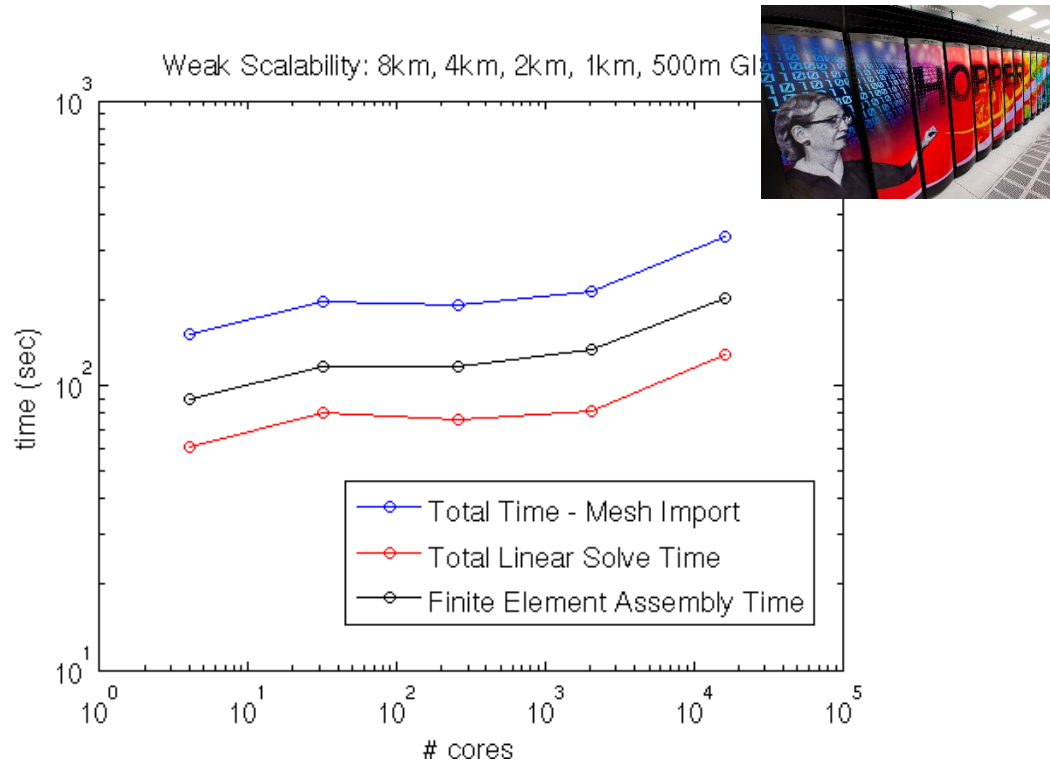
- relatively small horizontal coupling terms, hard to smooth horizontal errors
- ⇒ Solvers (AMG and ILU) must take **aspect ratios** into account!

We developed a **new AMG solver** based on aggressive **semi-coarsening** (available in *ML/MueLu* packages of *Trilinos*)

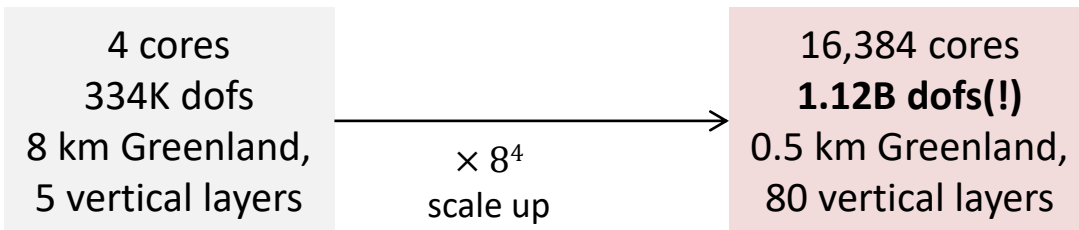
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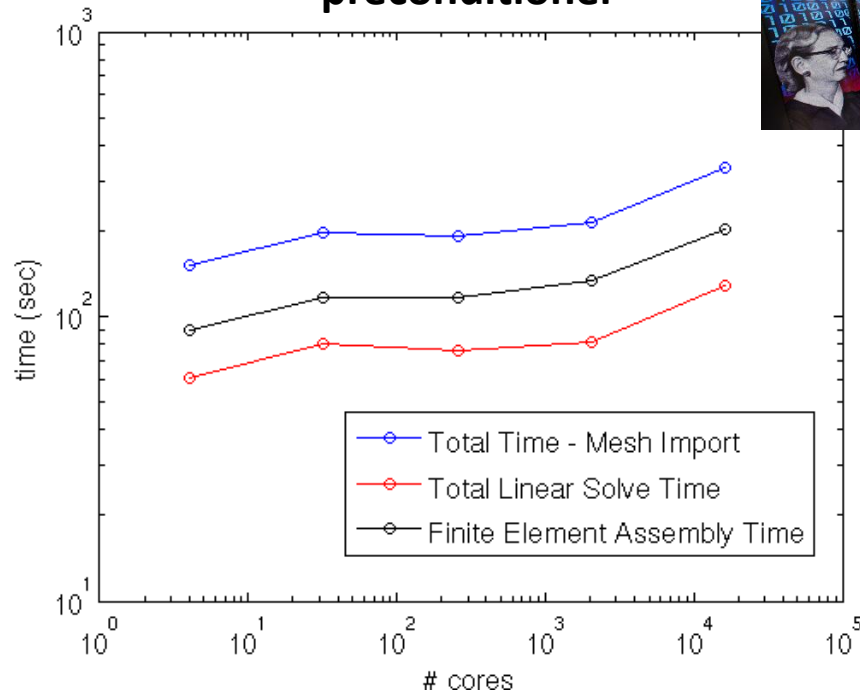
- Weak scaling study with fixed dataset, 4 mesh bisections.
- ~70-80K dofs/core.
- **Conjugate Gradient (CG) iterative method** for linear solves (faster convergence than GMRES).
- **New AMG preconditioner** developed by R. Tuminaro based on **semi-coarsening** (coarsening in z-direction only).
- **Significant improvement** in scalability with new AMG preconditioner over ILU preconditioner!



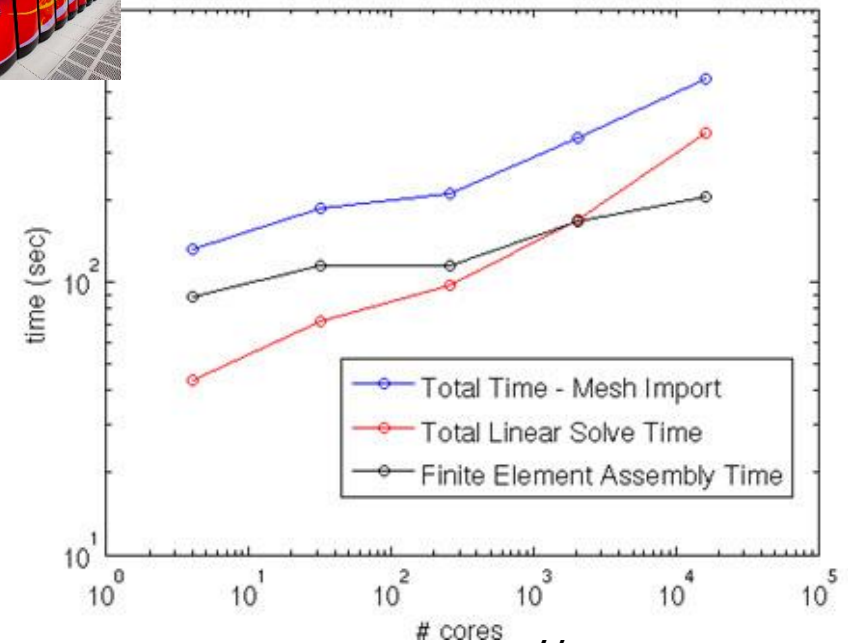


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New AMG preconditioner  
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ILU preconditioner



4 cores  
334K dofs  
8 km Greenland,  
5 vertical layers

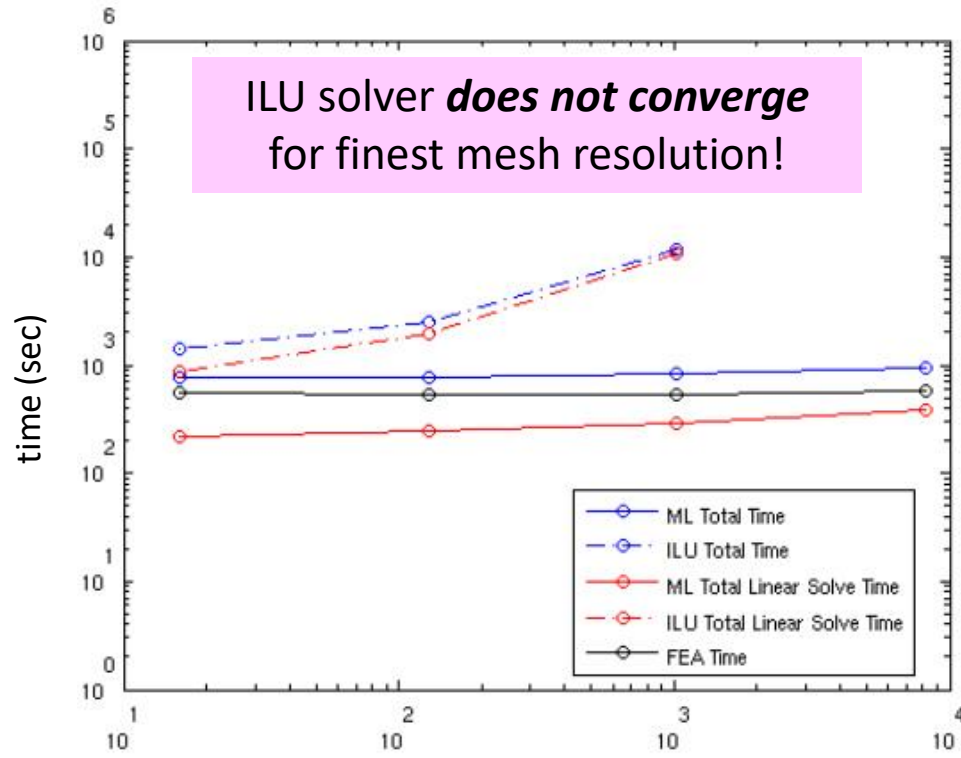
$\times 8^4$   
scale up

16,384 cores  
**1.12B dofs(!)**  
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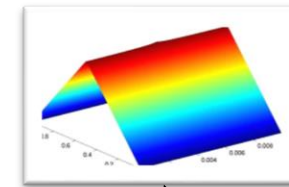


# Weak scalability: Antarctica

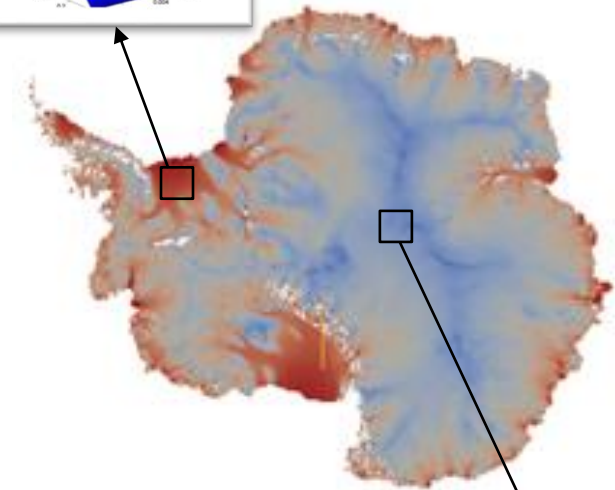


**Antarctica is fundamentally different than Greenland:**  
AIS contains large ice shelves (floating extensions of land ice).

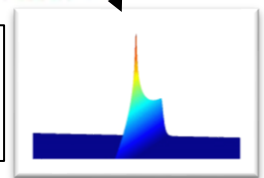
- **Weak scaling study:** 2.5M  $\rightarrow$  1.1B dofs, 16  $\rightarrow$  8192 cores
- Initialized with realistic basal friction and temperature field from BEDMAP2.
- **Iterative linear solver:** GMRES.
- **Preconditioner:** ILU vs. new AMG based on aggressive semi-coarsening.



**Thin floating ice:** ILU will not work well! Green's function  $\sim$  constant in thin direction\*



**Thin grounded ice:**  
ILU can work well w/  
proper ordering

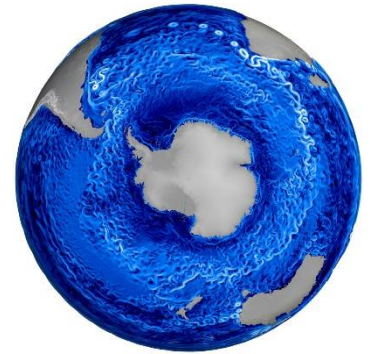


See (Tuminaro *et al.*, *SISC*, 2016).

\*  $A^{-1}$  will have large number of non-zeroes, so approximate inverse ILU preconditioner is ineffective.

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# Performance-Portability via *Kokkos*



We need to be able to run *Albany Land-Ice* on **new architecture machines** (hybrid systems) and **manycore devices** (multi-core CPU, GPUs, Intel Xeon Phi, etc.).

**MPI** (inter-node parallelism) + **X\*** (intra-node parallelism)

- **Kokkos\*\***: open-source C++ library that provides performance portability across diverse devices with different memory models.
  - A *programming model* as much as a software library.
  - Provides automatic access to OpenMP, CUDA, Pthreads, ...
  - Templated meta-programming: `parallel_for`, `parallel_reduce` (templated on an *execution space*).
  - Memory layout abstraction (“array of structs” vs. “struct of arrays”, locality).



With *Kokkos*, you write an algorithm **once**, and just change a template parameter to get the optimal data layout for your hardware (e.g., (i,j,k) vs. (k,i,j)).

- **Finite element assembly** in *Albany Land-Ice* has been rewritten using *Kokkos* functors.
- Performance portability for **linear solvers** is an ongoing research topic within Trilinos.

# Kokkos-ification of Finite Element Assembly (FEA)

MPI-only FEA



MPI+X FEA

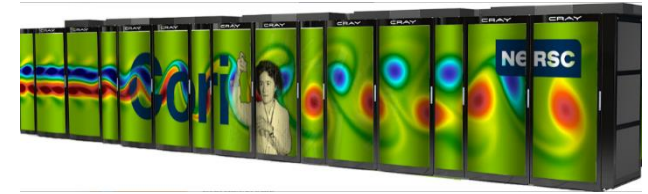
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}
*****
template<typename ScalarT>
void vectorGrad<ScalarT>::evaluateFields()
{
  Kokkos::parallel_for<ExecutionSpace> (numCells, *this);
}
*****
template<typename ScalarT>
KOKKOS_INLINE_FUNCTION
void vectorGrad<ScalarT>::operator() (const int cell) const
{
  for (int cell = 0; cell < numCells; cell++)
  for (int qp = 0; qp < numQP; qp++) {
    for (int dim = 0; dim < numVec; dim++) {
      for (int i = 0; i < numDim; i++) {
        for (int nd = 0; nd < numNode; nd++) {
          vecGrad(cell, qp, dim, i) += val(cell, nd, dim) * basisGrad(nd, qp, i);
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ExecutionSpace parameter  
tailors code for device (e.g.,  
OpenMP, CUDA, etc.)

# Targeted Computer Architectures/Results

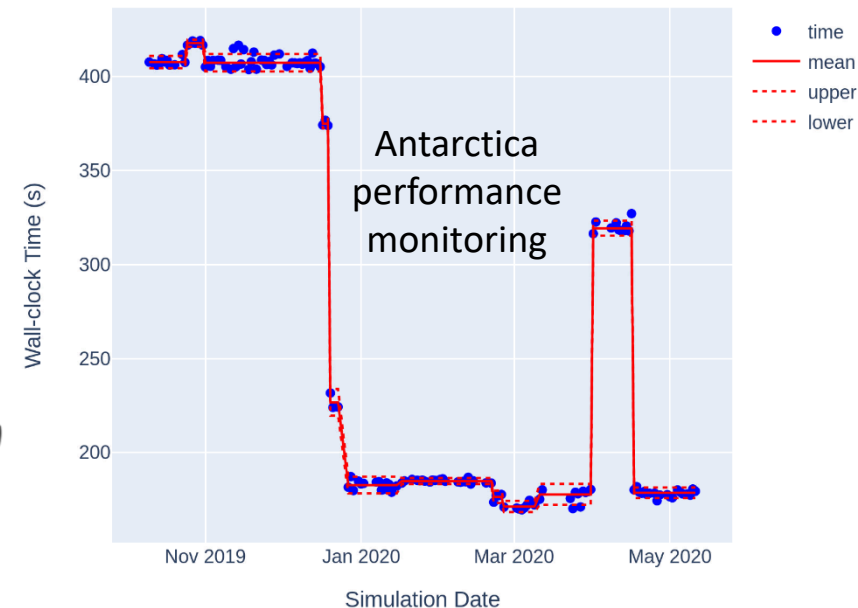
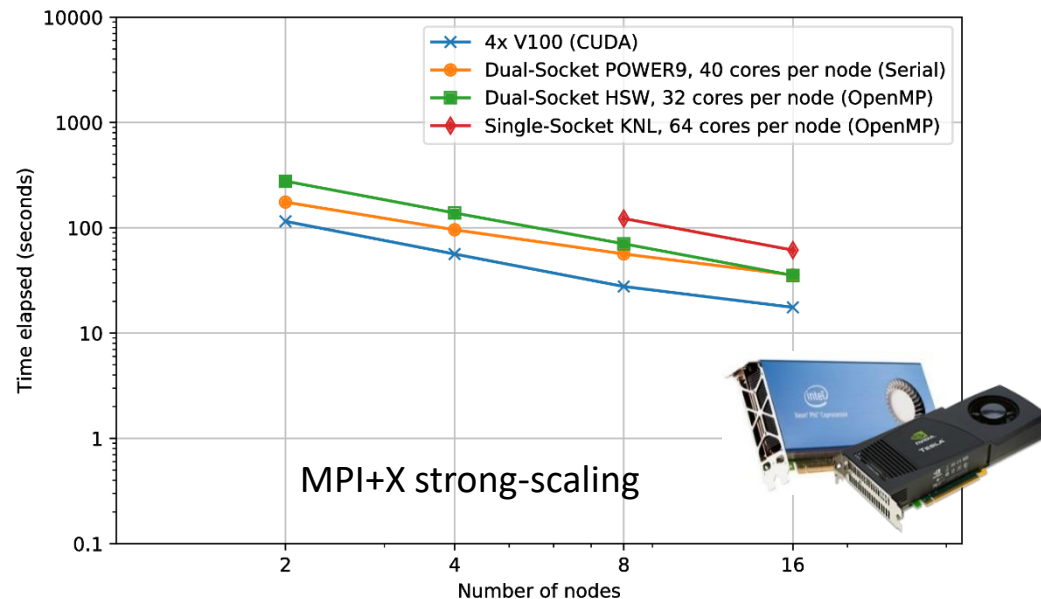
Performance-portability of FEA in ALI has been tested across **multiple architectures**: Intel Sandy Bridge, Intel Skylake, IBM POWER8, IBM POWER9, Kepler/Pascal/Volta/Ampere GPUs, KNL Xeon Phi



**Cori (NERSC)**: 2,388 Haswell nodes [2 Haswell (32 cores)]  
9,688 KNL nodes [1 Xeon Phi KNL (68 cores)]

**Summit (OLCF)**: 4600 nodes [2 P9 (22 cores) + V100 (6 GPUs)]

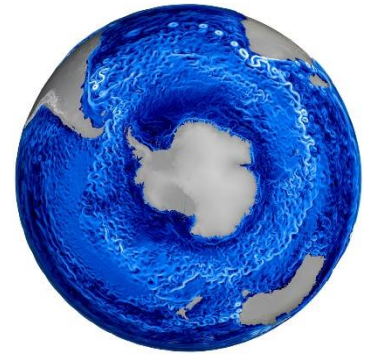
**Future targets**: Aurora Intel GPU (ALCF), Frontier AMD GPU (OLCF)





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# Inversion for Ice Sheet Initialization

**Goal:** find ice sheet initial state that:

- matches observations (e.g. surface velocity, temperature).
- matches present-day geometry (elevation, thickness).
- is in “equilibrium” with climate forcings (SMB).

## **Available data/measurements:**

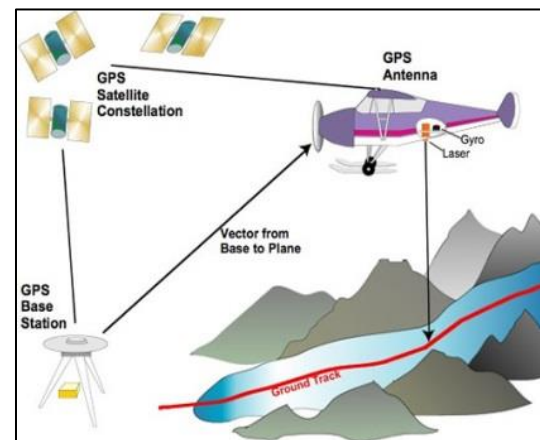
- Ice extent and surface topography.
- Surface velocity.
- Surface mass balance (SMB).
- Ice thickness  $H$  (sparse measurements).

## **Fields to be estimated:**

- Basal friction  $\beta$ , ice thickness  $H$

**“Spin-up” approach:** initialize model with (imperfect/unknown) present state and integrate forward until states consistent with observations are reached.

- Can require **a lot of CPU time** (“spin-up time”): long timescale adjustments to past BC forcing requires a model “spin-up” of order  $10^4$ - $10^5$  years\*.
- “Spun-up” initial conditions can result in **“shocks”**, which initiate large transients that can **derail** dynamic ice simulations\*.



**Sources of data:** satellite  
infrarometry, radar,  
altimetry, etc.

\* Perego, Stadler, Price, JGR, 2014.

# Deterministic Inversion

**First-Order Stokes PDE-Constrained optimization problem for initial condition\*:**

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$H$ : ice thickness

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$\tau_s$ : surface mass balance (SMB)

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$\sigma$ : standard deviation (weight of uncertainties)

**Modeling Assumptions:** ice described by FO Stokes equations; ice close to mechanical equilibrium.

$$\begin{aligned} m(\mathbf{u}, H) = & \int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{obs}|^2 ds && \text{surface velocity mismatch} \\ & + \int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\tau}^2} |\text{div}(\mathbf{u}H) - \tau_s|^2 ds && \text{SMB mismatch} \\ & + \int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{\sigma_H^2} |H - H^{obs}|^2 ds && \text{thickness mismatch} \\ & + \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{u}, H) && \text{regularization terms} \end{aligned}$$

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*Solving FO Stokes PDE-constrained optimization problem for initial condition significantly reduces non-physical model transients!*

# Deterministic Inversion Algorithm & Software

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Solved via embedded ***adjoint-based PDE-constrained optimization*** algorithm in Albany Land-Ice.

Approach efficiently computes ***gradients*** of  $m(\mathbf{u}, H)$  by solving ***linear adjoint PDEs***.

Algorithm	Software
Finite Element Method discretization	Albany
Quasi-Newton optimization (L-BFGS)	ROL
Nonlinear solver (Newton)	NOX
Krylov linear solvers	Belos+Ifpack2/Muelu

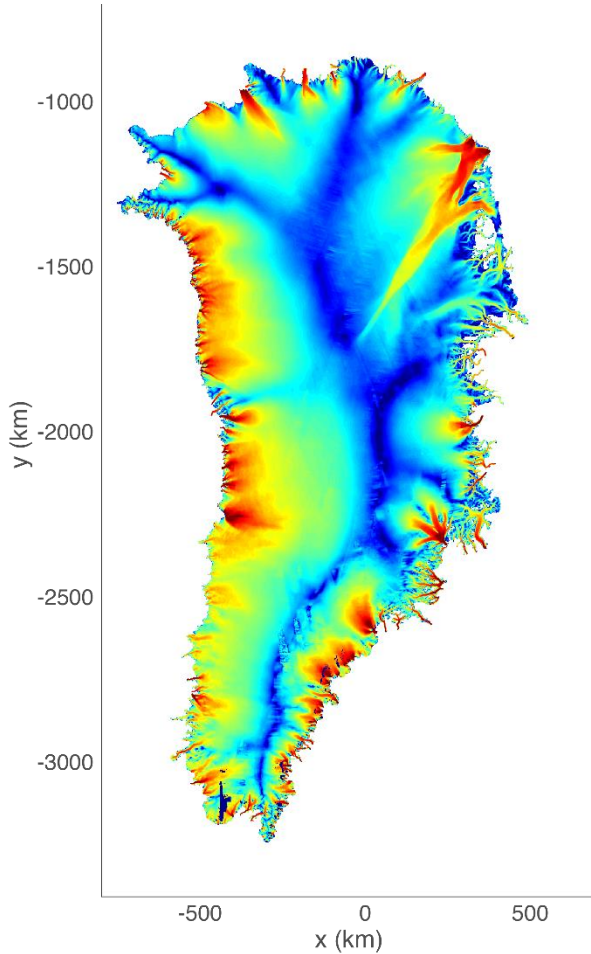


- Some details:

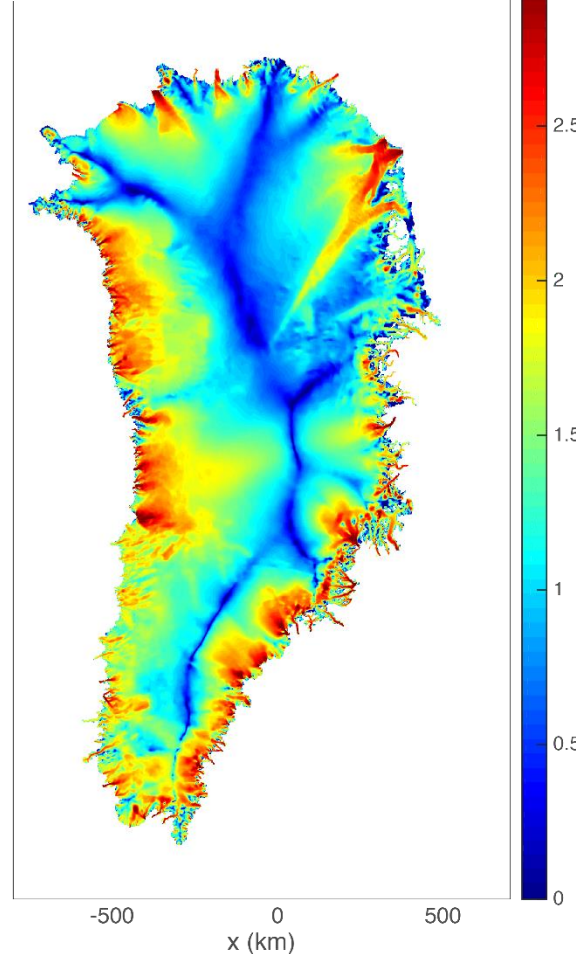
- ***Regularization:*** Tikhonov.
- Total derivatives of objective functional  $m(\mathbf{u}, H)$  computed using ***adjoints*** and ***automatic differentiation*** (Sacado package of Trilinos).
- ***Gradient-based optimization:*** limited memory BFGS initialized with Hessian of regularization terms (ROL) with backtrack linesearch.

# Deterministic Inversion: 1km Greenland Initial Condition\*

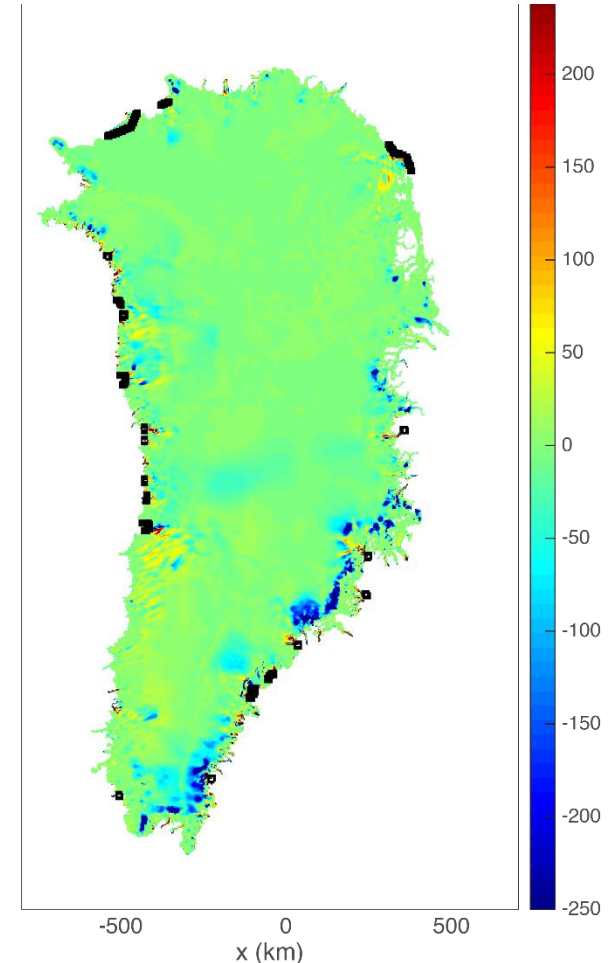
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$|u|$  computed



Error in  $|u|$  computed

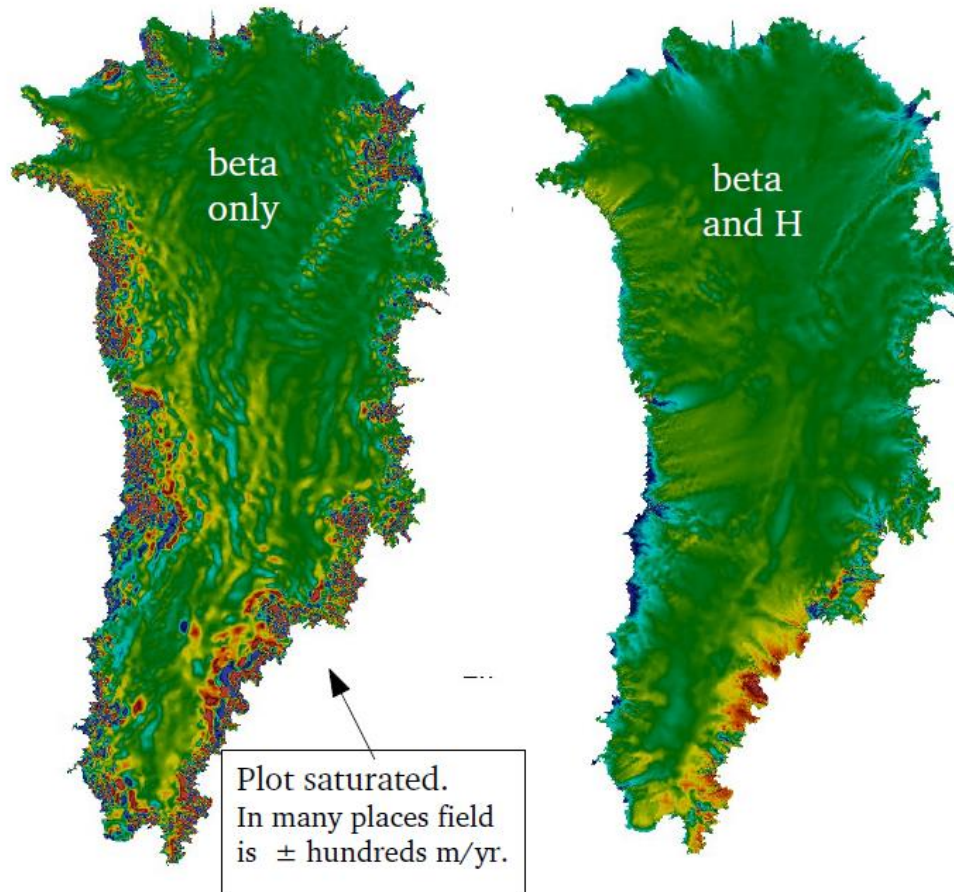


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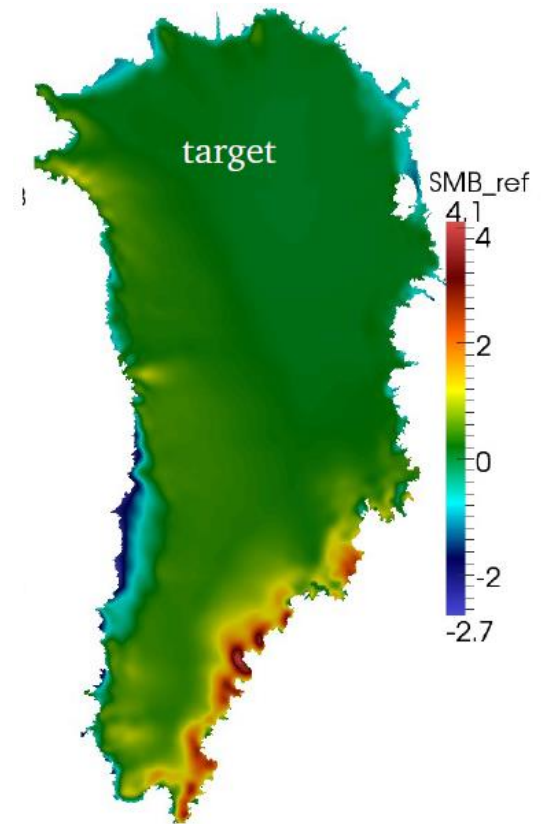


# Deterministic Inversion: Common vs. Novel Approach\*

SMB (m/yr) needed for equilibrium



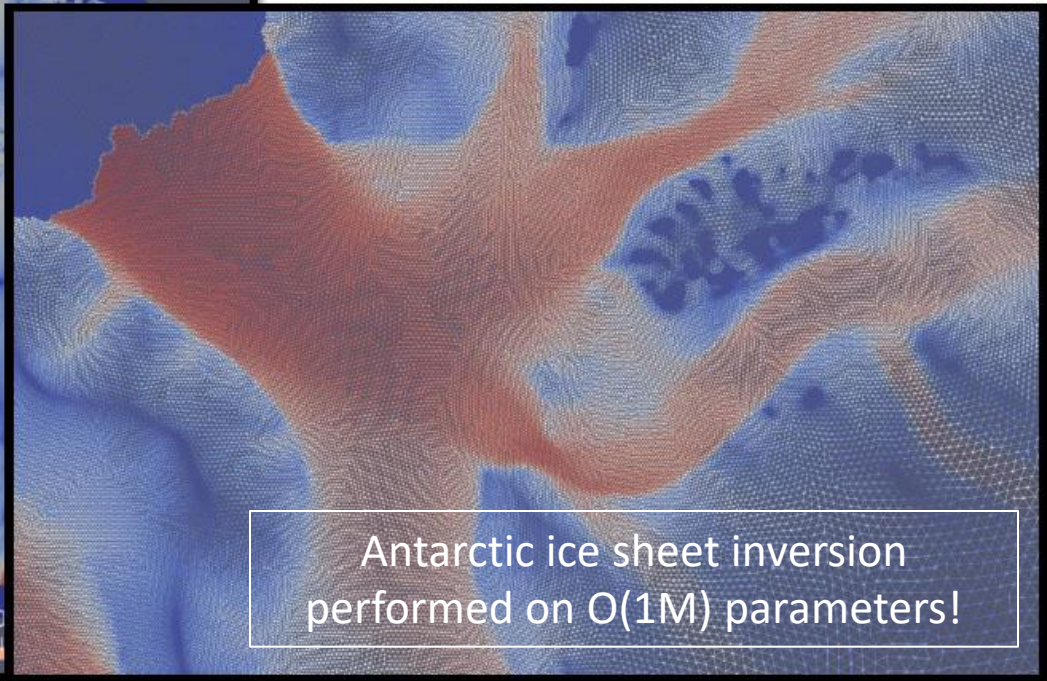
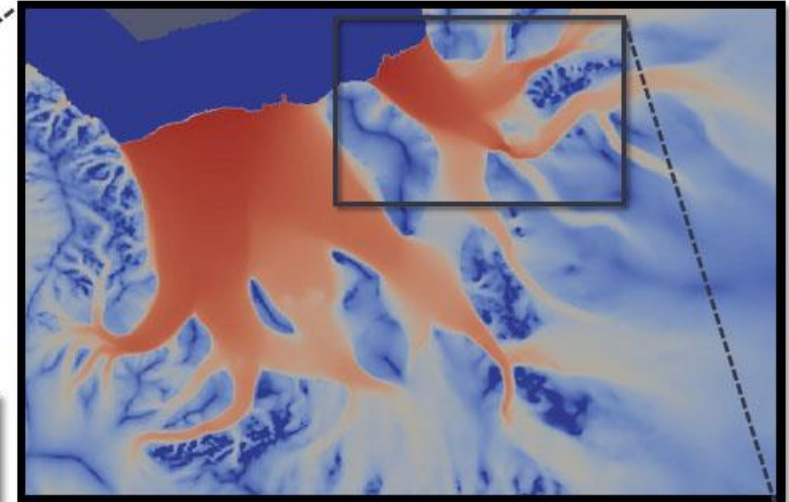
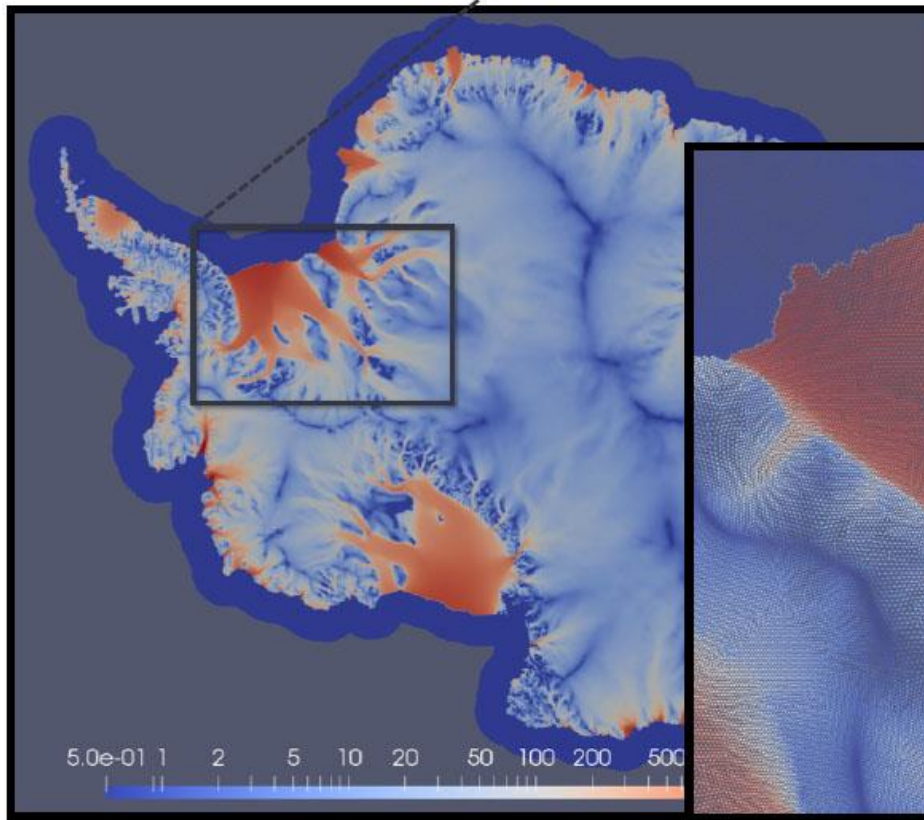
SMB (m/yr) from climate model  
(Ettema et al. 2009, RACMO2/GR)



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# High-Resolution Antarctica Optimal Initial Condition

Optimized surface speed for **variable-resolution Antarctic ice sheet initial condition**. Mesh resolution varies from  $\sim 40$  km in slow moving EAIS interior to  $\sim 1.5$  km in regions with ice shelves, ice streams, and below-sea level bedrock elevation.



# Velocity-Temperature Coupling

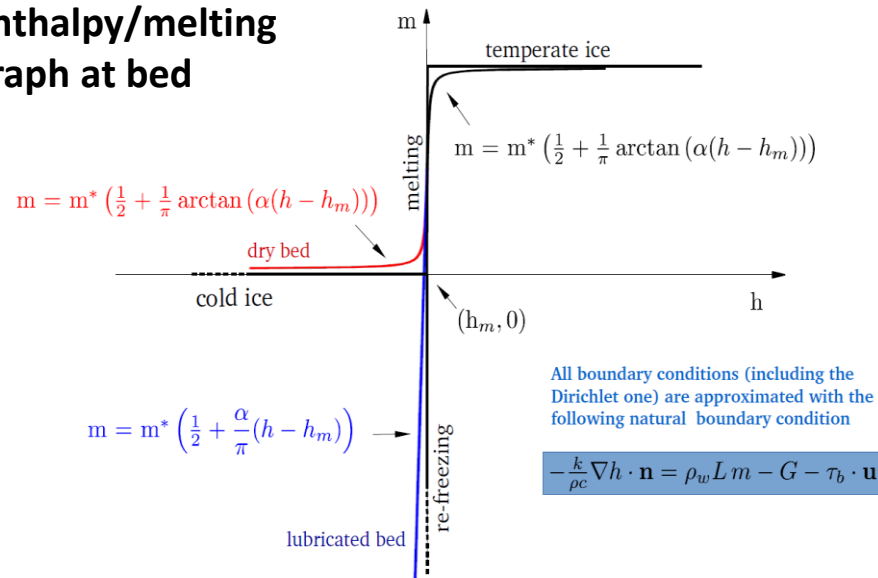
- MALI default coupling between FO Stokes and temperature is **sequential**
- We are working towards **fully-coupled flow + temperature** model
  - Enables computation of **self-consistent** ice sheet initial state (with ice temperature).
- Current implementation in Albany Land-Ice: steady-state **enthalpy equation** coupled monolithically with **FO Stokes equations**

$$\text{Enthalpy equation: } \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla h + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = \tau : \dot{\epsilon}$$

$h$  = enthalpy  
 $\tau$  = dissipation heat  
 $\mathbf{q}$  = total heat flux

- Challenges include **strong nonlinearity** of basal BC due to **phase changes** and **robust solvers**.

## Enthalpy/melting graph at bed



**Strategy:** approximate enthalpy/melting graph at bed by smooth function, perform parameter **continuation** to smoothly transition from cold to temperate ice (left).

*Developing **robust linear solvers** for coupled velocity-temperature equations is **WIP**.*



# Simultaneous Velocity-Temperature Initialization (Inversion)

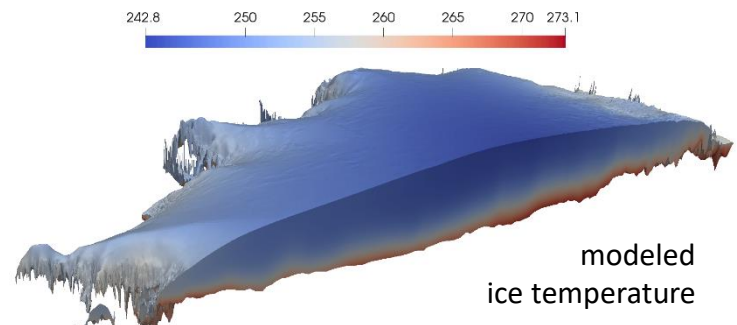
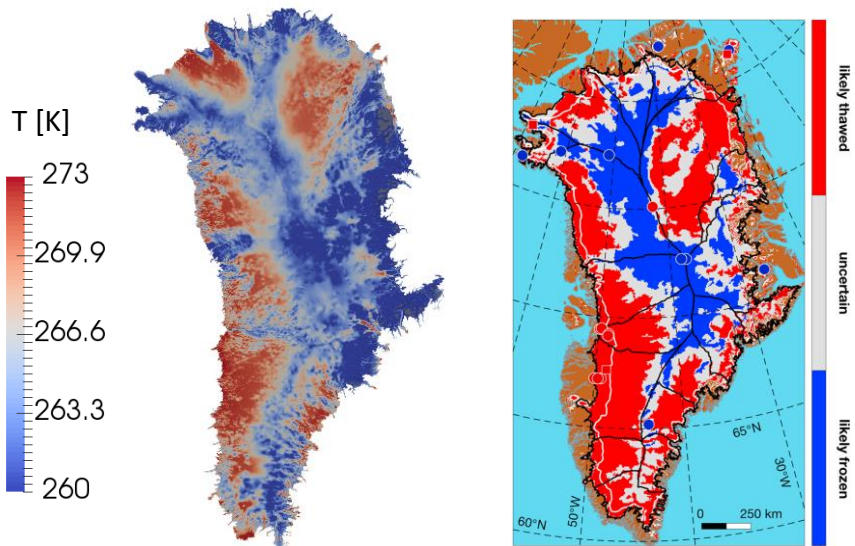
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- With an implicit steady-state coupled **temperature-velocity model**, one can obtain **self-consistent** state in **one shot**.
- Initialization capability is **unmatched** by other land-ice codes:
  - Typically **~10K years** are needed to equilibrate ice temperature
  - Our solver **robustly** computes the steady-state temperature coupled w/ velocity at every iteration of the optimization

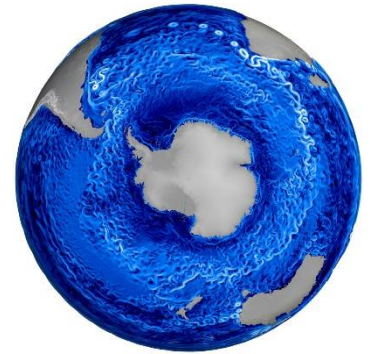
**Left:** Computed basal temperature

**Right:** Thawed/frozen map from MacGregor *et al.*, *JGR*, 2016

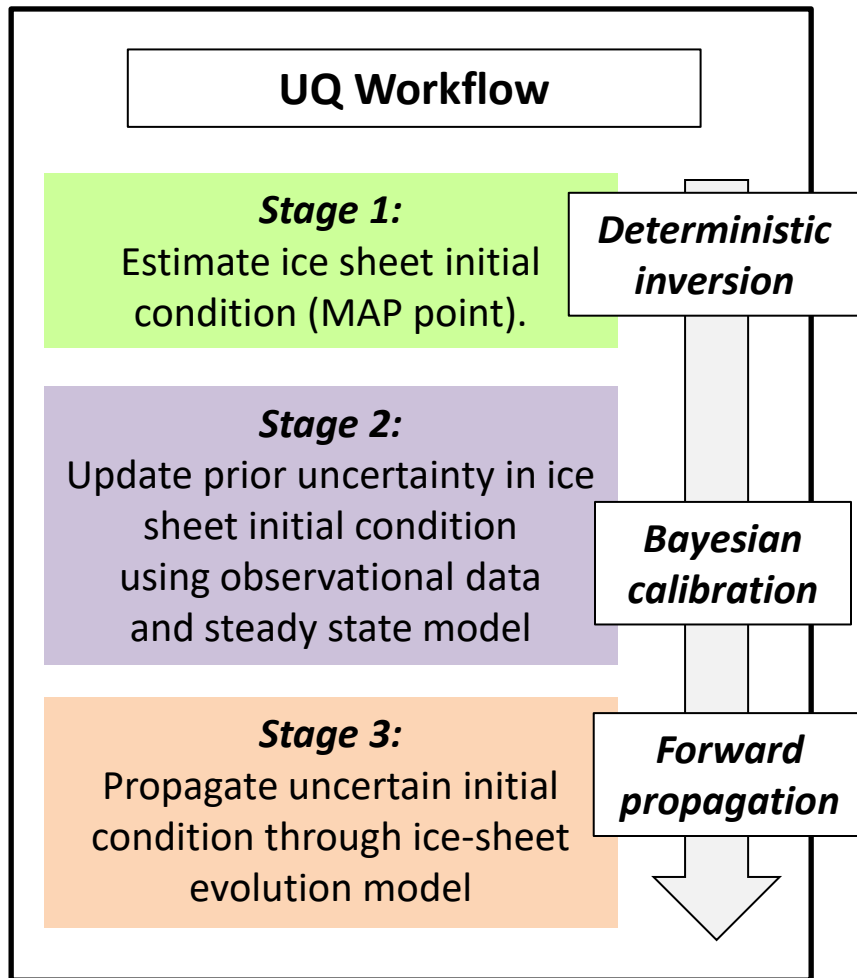


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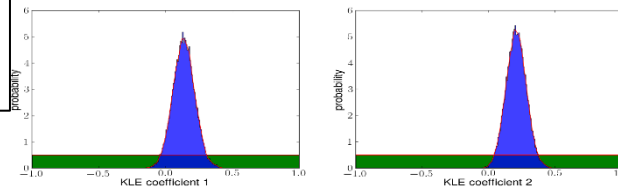
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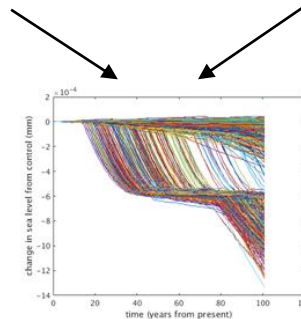
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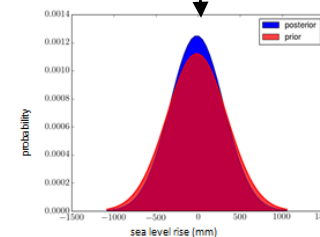
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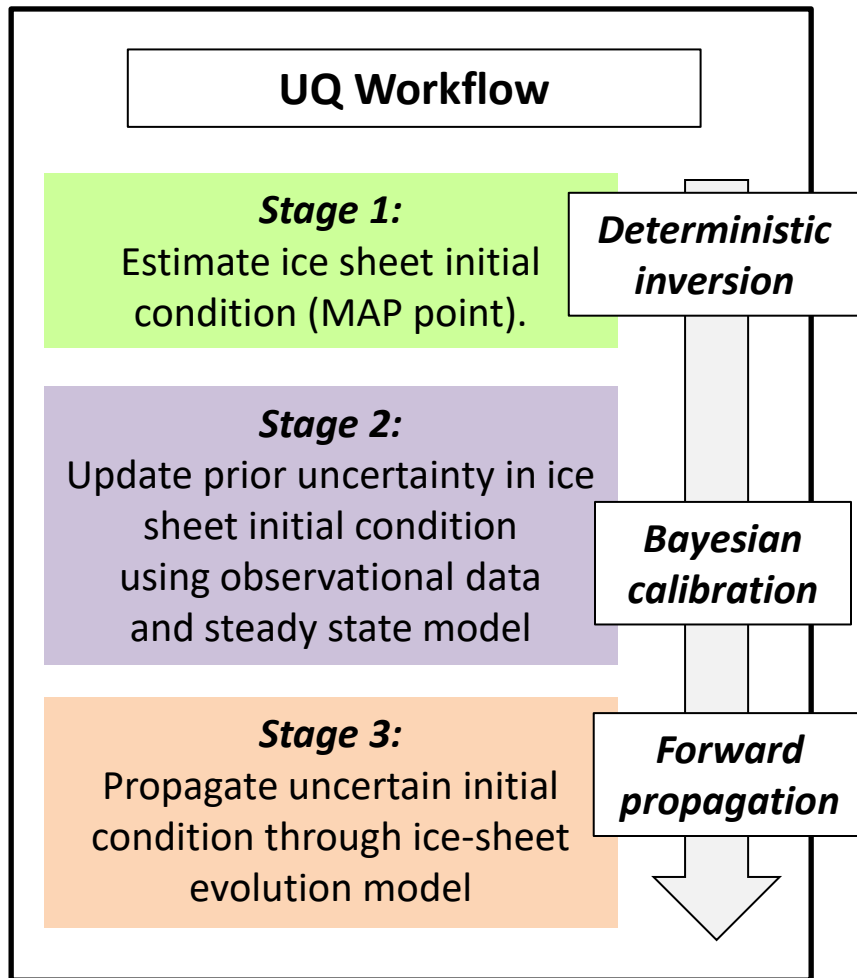


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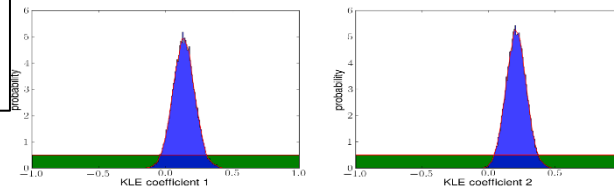
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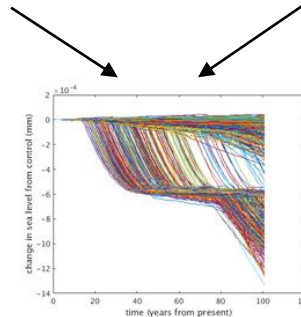
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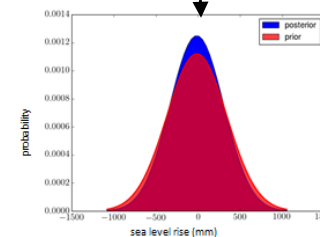
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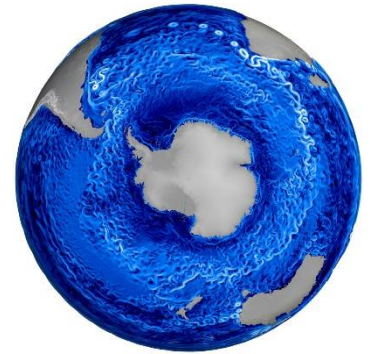
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**Very challenging!** Lots of obstacles, e.g., curse of dimensionality.

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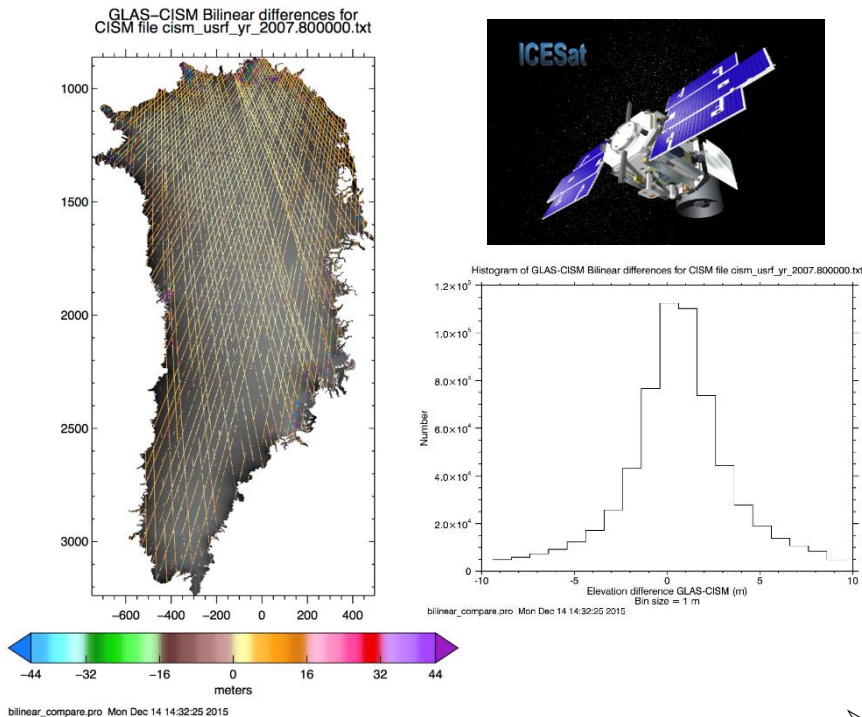
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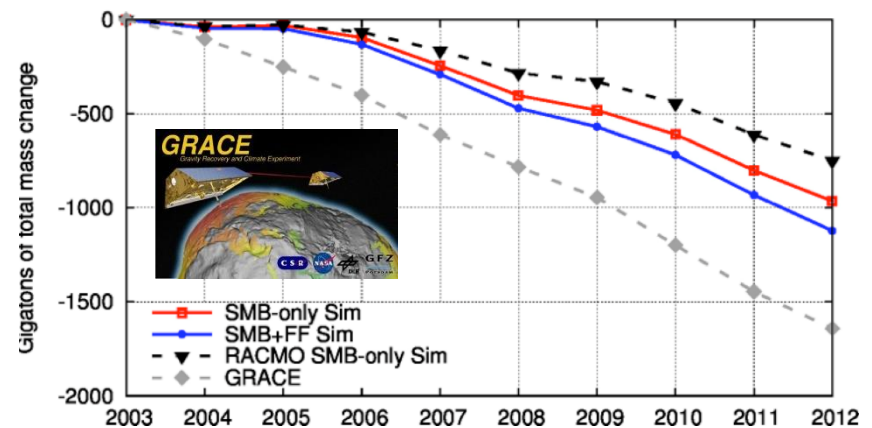


# Model Validation

Our model has been **validated\*** using data from two satellites: ICESat, GRACE.



ICESat1 [states]	2003 – 2009
GRACE [trends]	2002 – 201? (ongoing)



## Forcings\*\*:

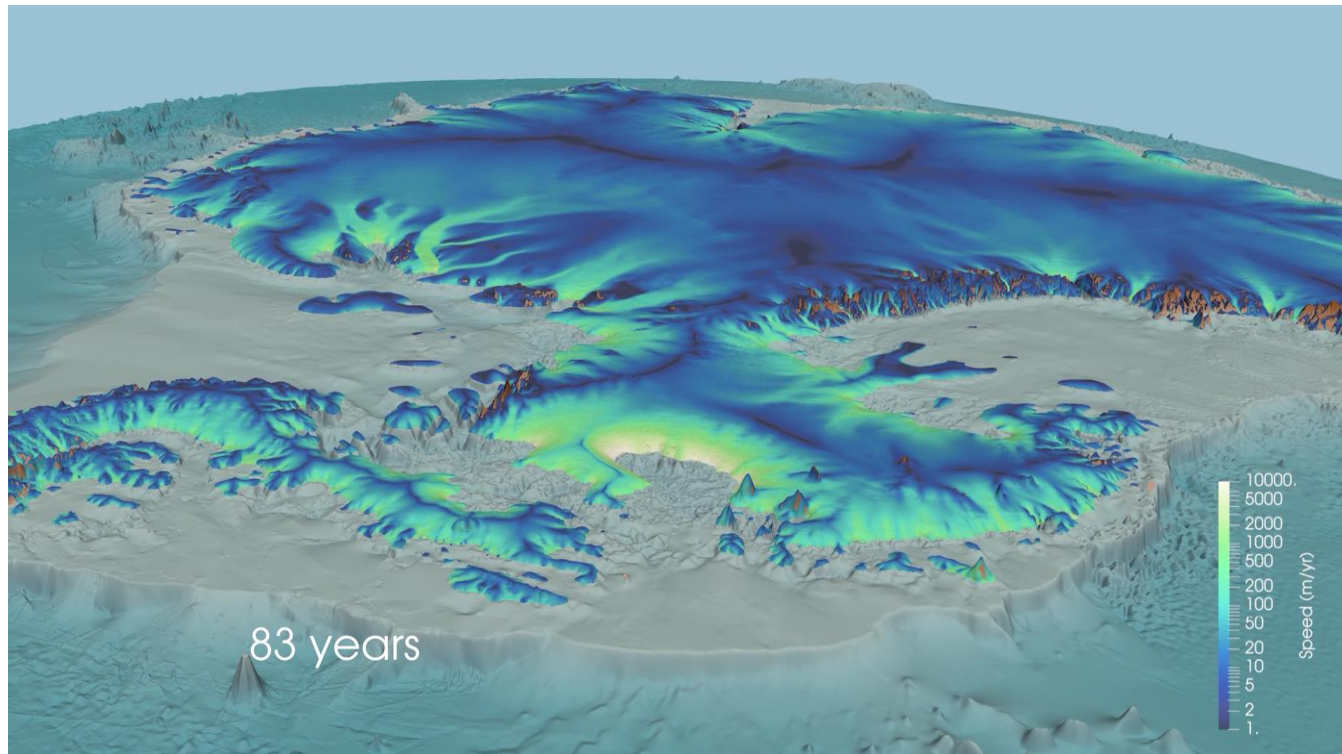
- *SMB-only*: Mass change computed by solving an ISM forced w/ RACMO SMB (2003-2012)
- *SMB+FF*: Mass change computed as in SMB-only with additional flux term on significant ice streams
- *RACMO*: mass change computed directly from SMB without using an ice sheet model

Surface elevation predictions (states) agree pretty well with **GLAS (Geoscience Laser Altimeter System) aboard ICESat**: **mean differences are <1 m**

\* S. Price *et al.* *GMD* (2017). \*\*van Angelen *et al.* (*Surv. Geophys.*, 2013), Enderlin *et al.* *GRL* (2014)

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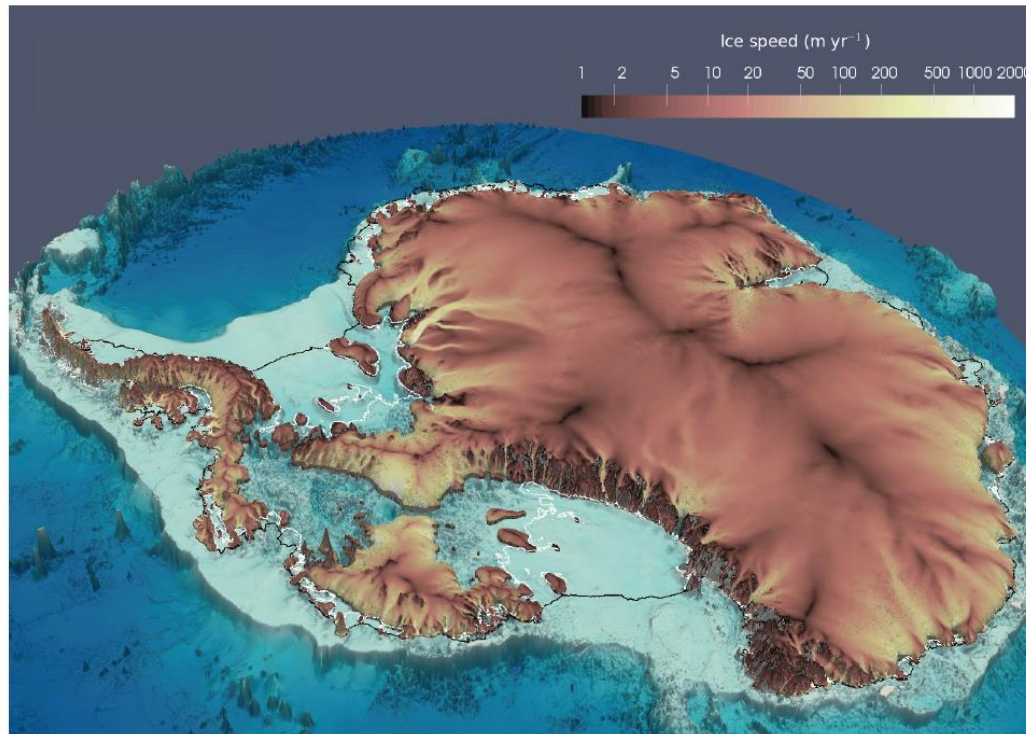
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**Movie Above:** 200 year MALI Antarctic ice sheet simulation  
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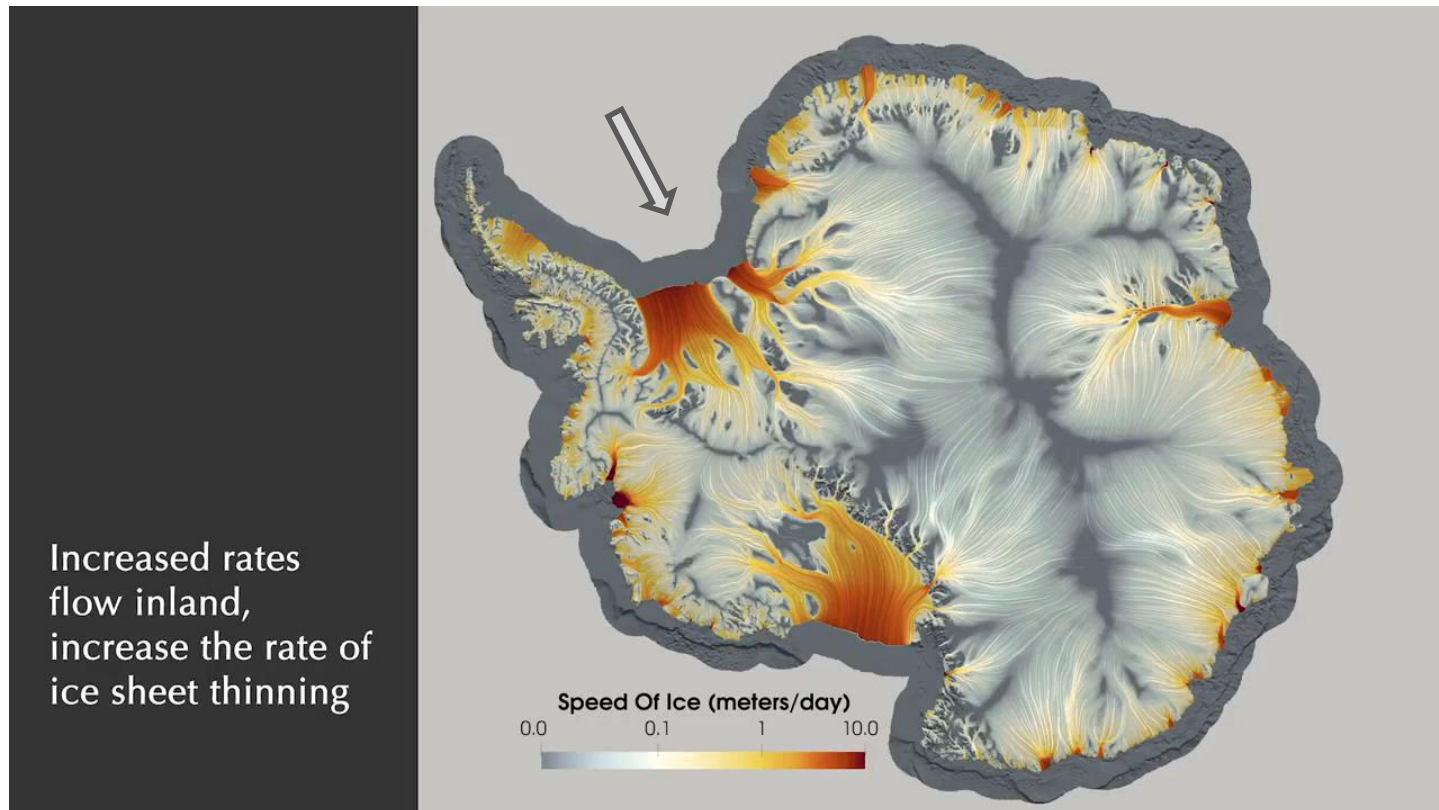
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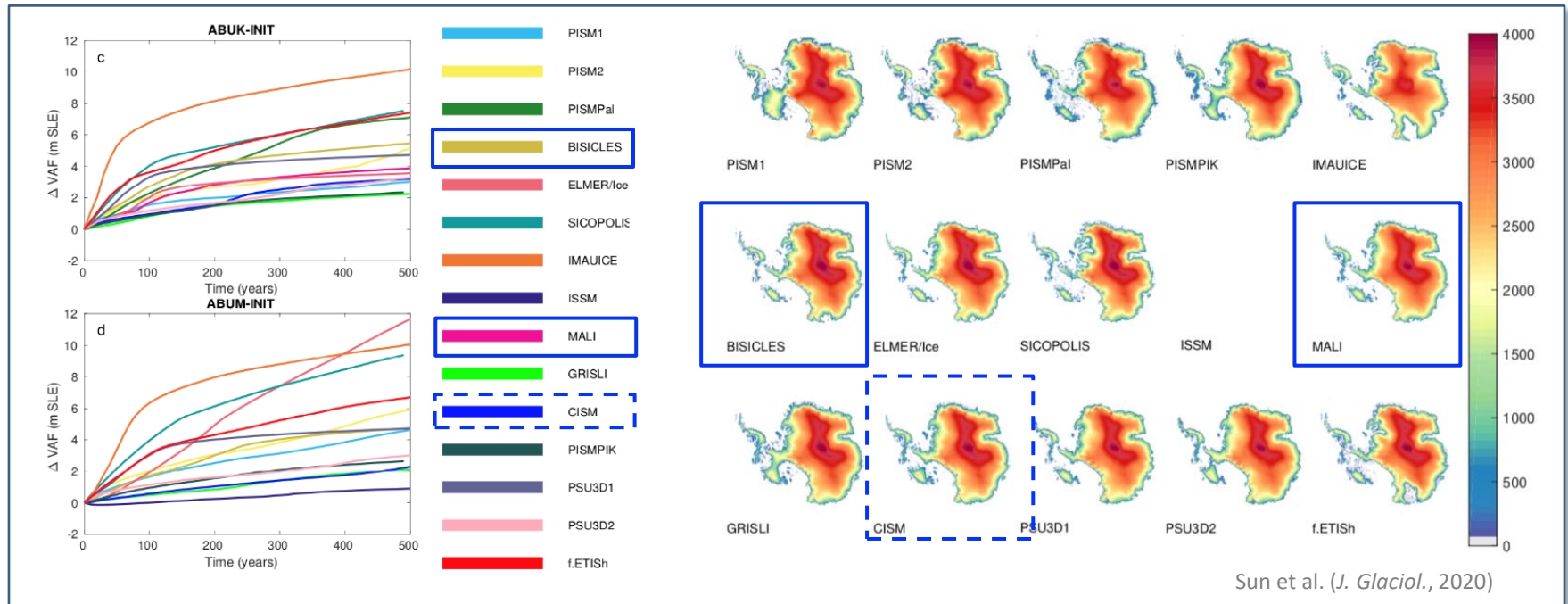
Similar to control run (forced with historical observations) in most parts of Antarctica, but includes **warmer ocean water** flowing into the cavity beneath the **Filchner-Ronne Ice Shelf**  
→ provides example of ice sheet's response to **aggressive melting and thinning**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt0TvNjYsOs&feature=youtu.be>





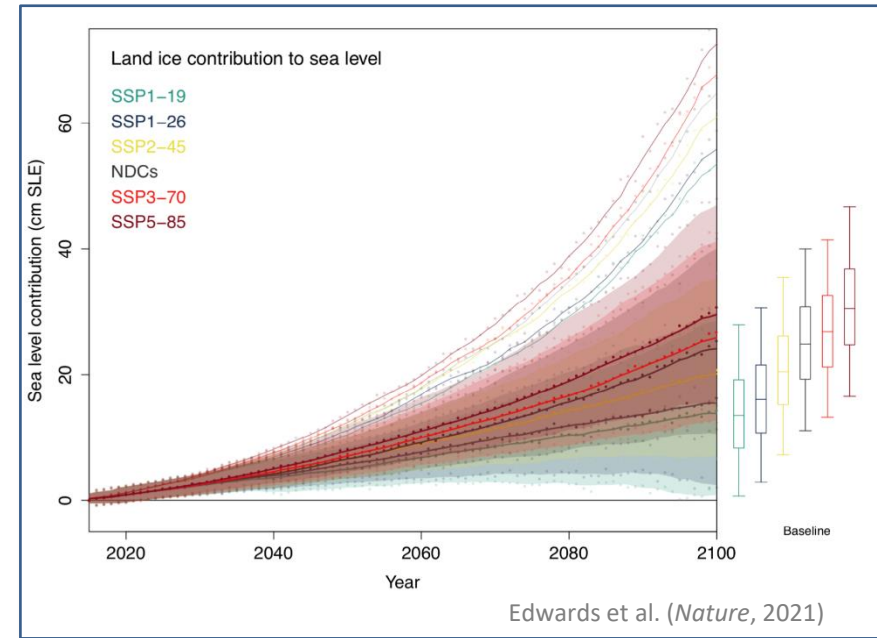
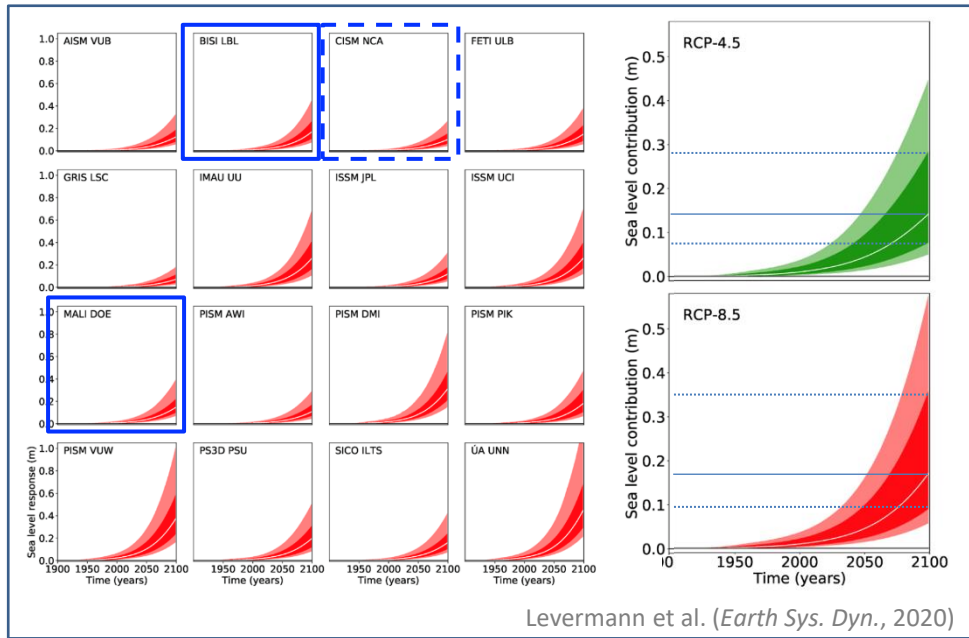
# Simulations: Ice Sheets & SLR under ISMIP6\*



**Above:** Future Antarctica sea level contribution under rapid ice shelf melting (LARMIP) and ice shelf collapse (ABUMIP) for ensemble of models.

- ~20% of ice sheet contributions from **U.S. DOE-developed models**
- Most non-DOE models are **2D *ad hoc* hybrids** or are run at **relatively coarse resolution**

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**Above:** Sea-level contributions from Antarctica under different emissions (RCP) scenarios

**nature**

Article | Published: 05 May 2021

**Projected land ice contributions to twenty-first-century sea level rise**

Tamsin L. Edwards, Sophie Nowicki, [...] Thomas Zwinger

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**Limit global warming to 1.5°C and halve the land ice contribution to sea level this century**

New research from a large international community of scientists predicts that sea level rise from the melting of ice could be halved this century if we meet the Paris Agreement target of limiting warming to 1.5°C.

**KING'S College LONDON**

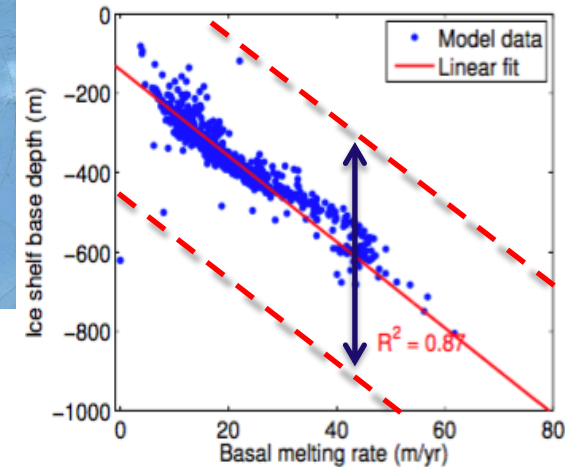
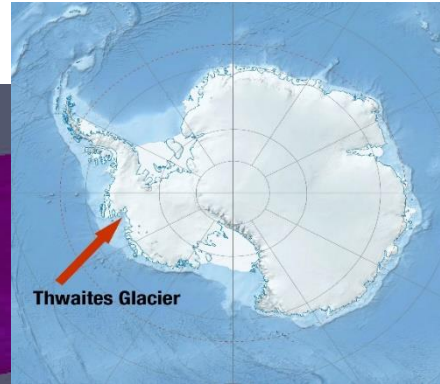
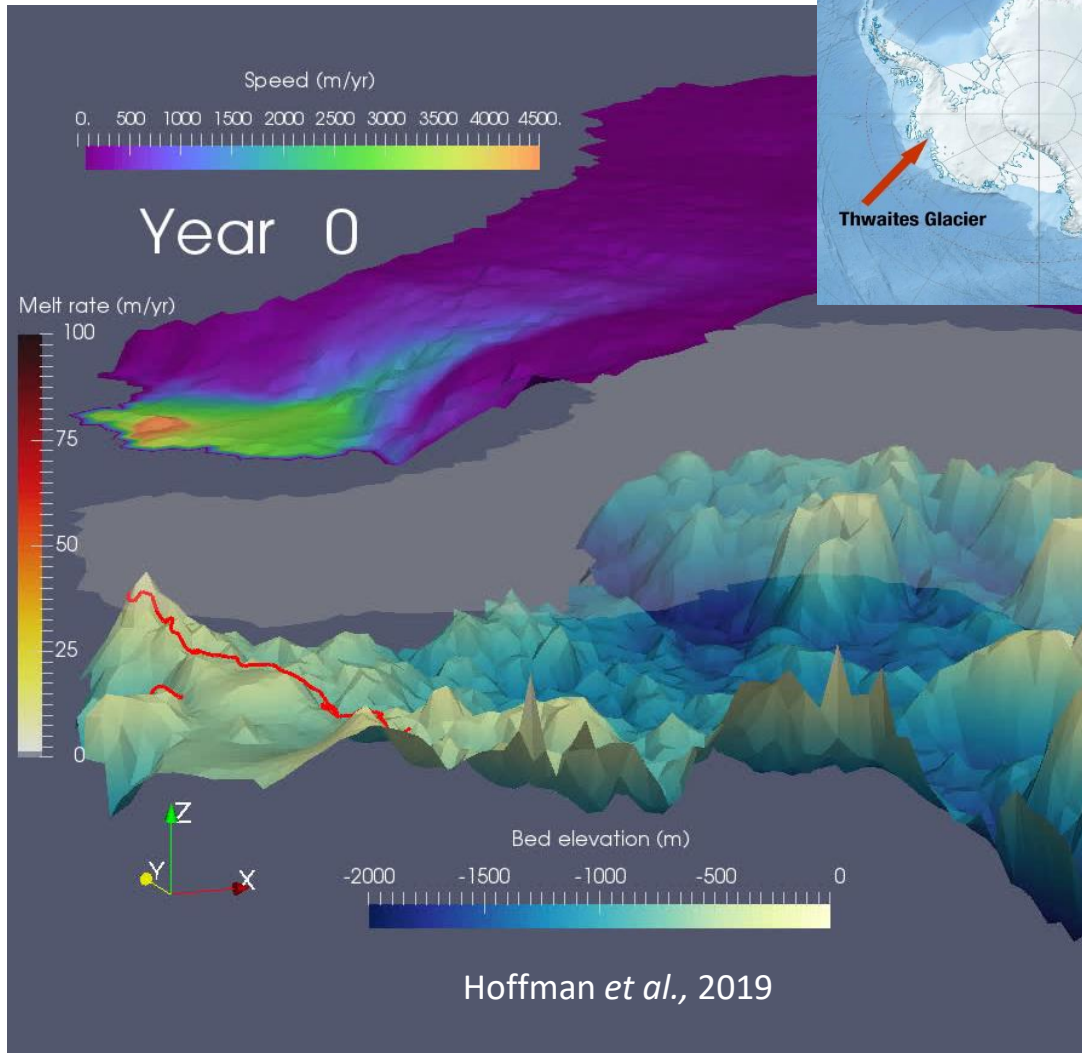
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**Emissions Cuts Could Drop the Impact of Melting Ice on Oceans by Half**

A new study said that limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius could reduce sea level rise from melting ice sheets from about 10 inches to about five by 2100.

\* Ice Sheet Model Intercomparison Project

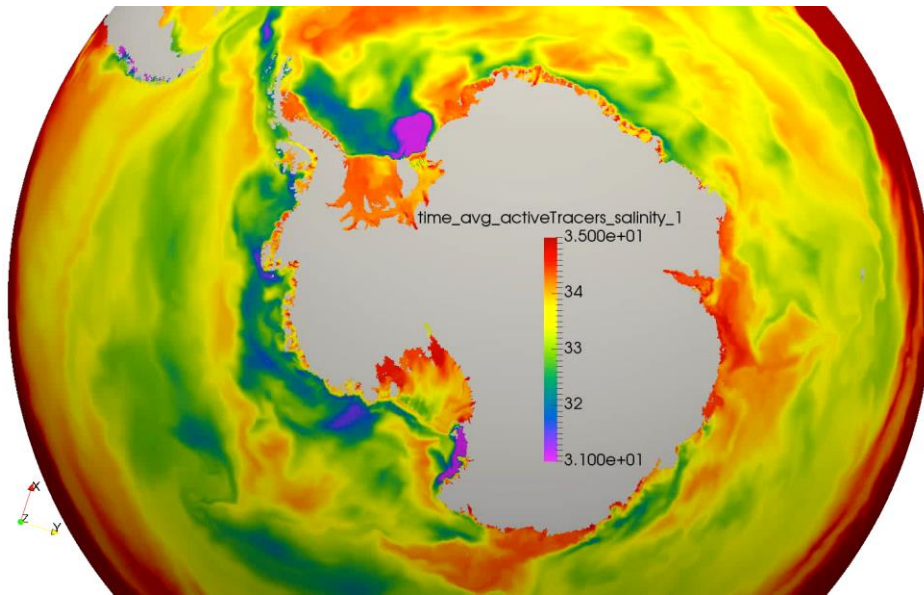
# MALI Thwaites Glacier Simulation



- Movie shows **Thwaites Glacier** retreat simulation under parameterized submarine melting.
- 250 year **regional simulation** with “present day” initial condition.
- Investigate importance of **CDW\* depth changes** due to climate variability.
- When **climate variability** in sub-shelf forcing is accounted for, we get a **distribution** of possible SLR curves.



# MALI & E3SM Coupling



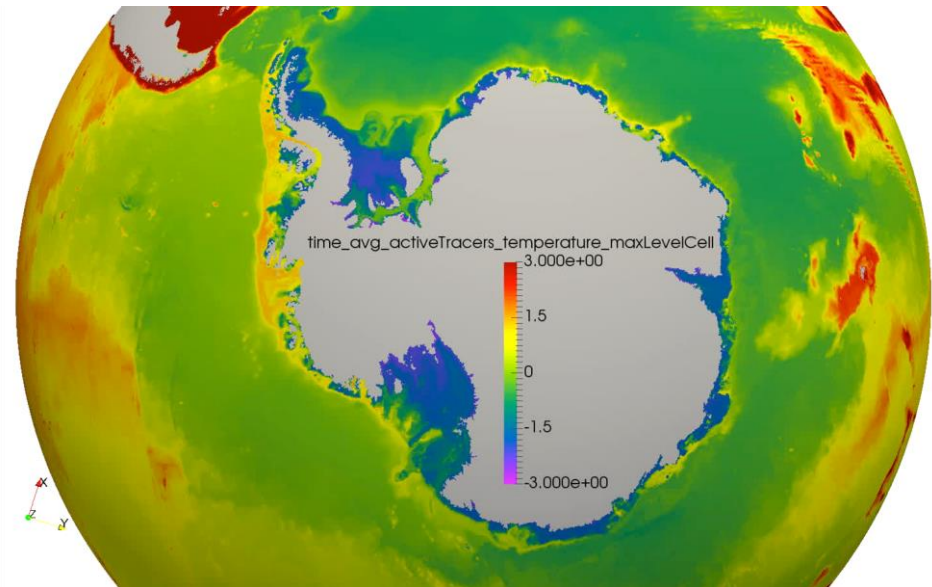
Sea Surface Salinity

MALI is (partially) coupled to E3SM and currently supports **static ice shelves** and **fixed grounding lines** (enabling dynamic ice shelves is WIP).

Top: sea-surface salinity

Right: ocean bottom temperature

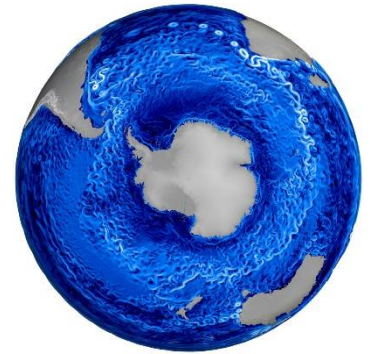
- **Global, coupled** E3SM simulation with sub-ice shelf circulation + pre-industrial forcing + static ice shelves (**illustration/spin-up over ~7 yrs**).
- RRS30to10km mesh (eddy permitting).



Ocean Bottom Temperature

# Outline

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  - Motivation for climate & land-ice modeling
  - ISMs, ESMs & projects
  - Land-ice equations
  - Our codes: ALI, MALI
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  - Nonlinear solvers
  - Linear solvers
  - Performance-portability
  - Ice sheet initialization
  - Towards UQ
3. Simulations
4. **Summary**



# Summary

- **Actionable projections of climate change** and **sea-level rise impacts** are important worldwide!
- A **mature ice-sheet modeling capability** (high-fidelity, high-performance) was developed as a part of the PISCEES & ProSPect SciDAC projects. This talk described the following aspects of creating this capability:
  - **Equations, algorithms, software** used in ice sheet modeling.
  - The development of a finite element land ice solver known as **Albany Land-Ice** written using the libraries of the *Trilinos* libraries.
  - **Coupling** of *Albany Land-Ice* to *MPAS LI* codes for transient simulations of ice sheet evolution.
  - Some **advanced concepts** in ice sheet modeling: ice sheet initialization/inversion.
- Related capabilities on the E3SM side are rapidly **maturing**.
- Ongoing projects are focusing on the remaining work (physics, coupling, uncertainty quantification frameworks) necessary to provide **sea-level rise projections and uncertainties**.



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# Sandia Land-Ice Work In-The-News!

## Ice sheet modeling of Greenland, Antarctica helps predict sea-level rise

Michael Padilla

The Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets will make a dominant contribution to 21st century sea-level rise if current climate trends continue. However, predicting the expected loss

Computing (SciDAC) program. PISCES is a multi-lab, multi-university endeavor that includes researchers from Sandia, Los Alamos, Lawrence Berkeley, and Oak Ridge national laboratories; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Florida State University; the University of Bristol; the University of

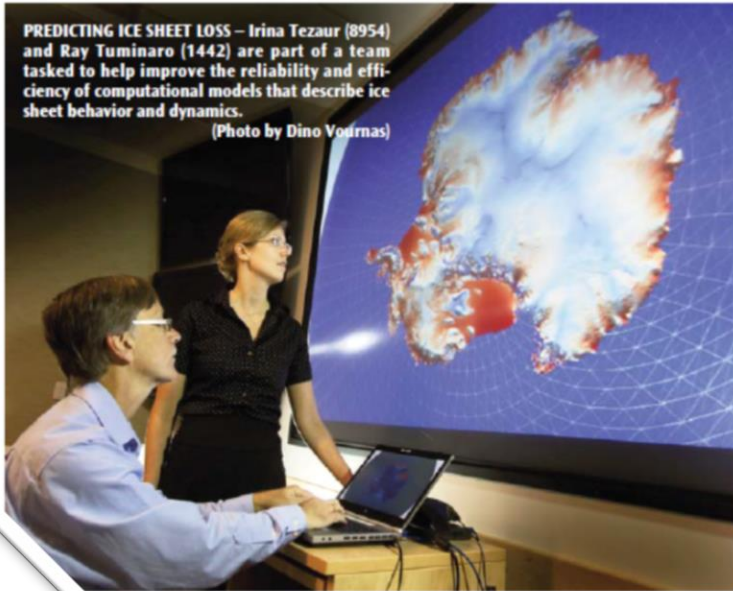
Texas Austin; the University of South Carolina; and New York University.

Sandia's biggest contribution to PISCES has been an analysis tool: a land-ice solver called Albany/FELIX (Finite Elements for Land Ice eXperiments). The tool is based on equations that simulate ice flow over the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets and is being coupled to Earth models through the Accelerated Climate for Energy (ACME) project.

"One of the goals of PISCES is to create a land-ice solver that is scalable, fast, and robust on continental scales," says computational scientist Irina Tezaur, a lead developer of Albany/FELIX. Not only did the new solver need to be reliable and efficient, but it was critical

that the team develop a solver capable of running on new and emerging computer architectures and equipped with advanced

**PREDICTING ICE SHEET LOSS** – Irina Tezaur (8954) and Ray Tuminaro (1442) are part of a team tasked to help improve the reliability and efficiency of computational models that describe ice sheet behavior and dynamics.  
(Photo by Dino Vourmas)



...pass is difficult due to the complexity of model-



## Forecasting, Not Fearing, Sea-Level Rise

August 28th, 2016 by [Robyn Purchia](#)

This week, the [Washington Post](#) reported a widening 80-mile crack threatening one of Antarctica's biggest ice shelves. A large chunk of Larsen C, the most northern major ice shelf, may break off in the coming years.

Of course, the probable loss of Larsen C is a terrifying reminder that climate change is real and happening now. But what consequence will it have on Antarctic glaciers and sea-level rise? Researchers know ice shelves have a buttressing effect on interior ice because they restrain the flow of glaciers from the land to the sea. However, researchers can't predict how the glaciers will behave once the shelf is gone.

*The New York Times*

## Emissions Cuts Could Drop the Impact of Melting Ice on Oceans by Half

A new study said that limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius could reduce sea level rise from melting ice sheets from about 10 inches to about five by 2100.



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# Backup Slides



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- Contractor for U.S. DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration (**NNSA**).
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  - Lots of **interesting** problems that require **fundamental research** in applied math/computational science and impact **mission-critical applications**.
  - Great **work/life balance**.
- **Opportunities** at/with Sandia:
  - Interns (including PSAAP)
  - Post docs
  - Several prestigious post doctoral fellowships (von Neumann, Truman, Hruby)
  - Staff



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# Motivation

## Department of Energy (DOE) interests in climate change and sea-level rise:

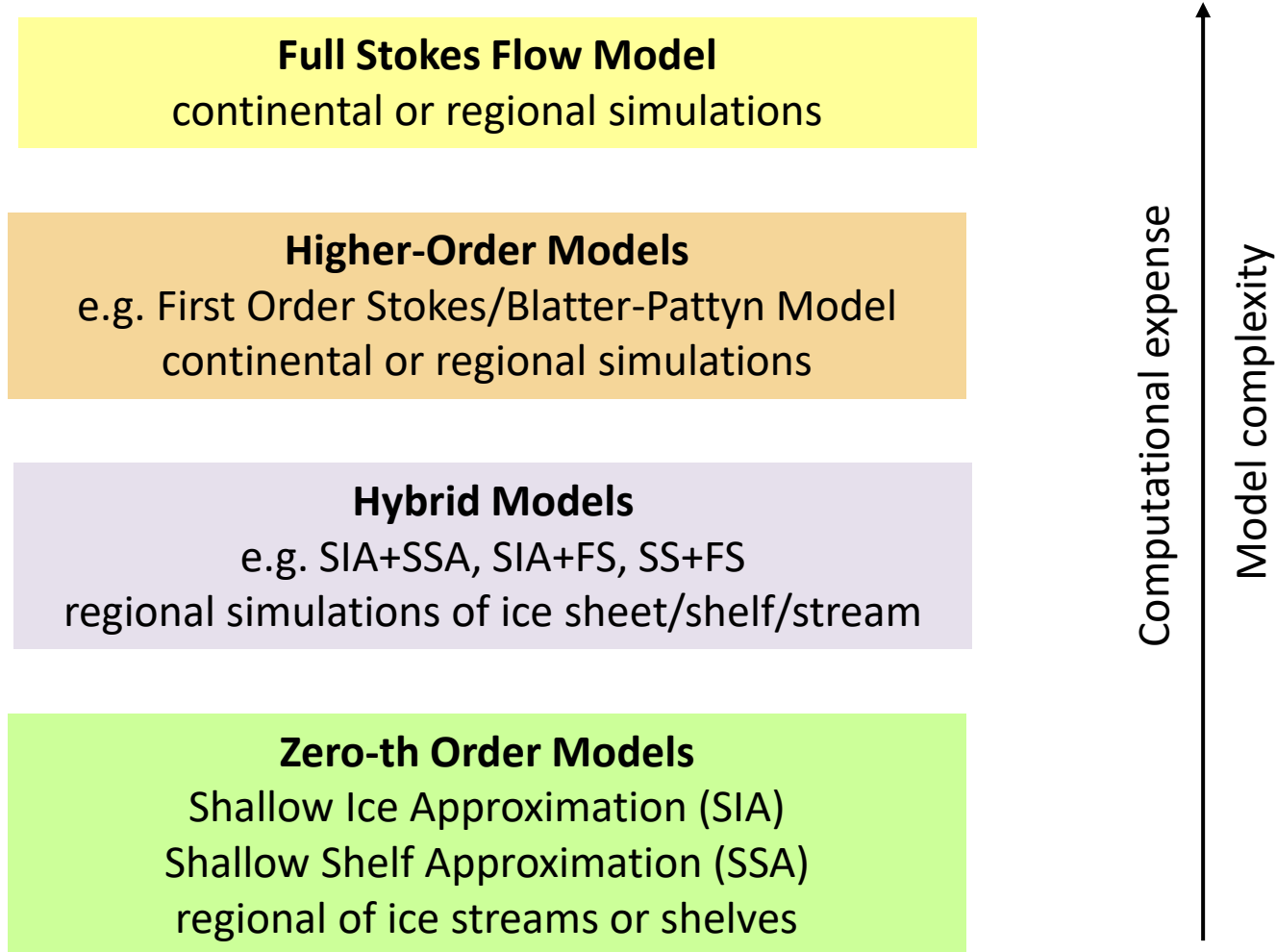
- *“Addressing the effects of climate change is a **top priority** of the DOE.”\**
- DOE report on energy sector vulnerabilities: “... **higher risks** to energy infrastructure located along the coasts thanks to sea level rise, the increasing intensity of storms, and higher storm surge and flooding.”\*\*

\*<http://energy.gov/science-innovation/climate-change>

\*\*<http://energy.gov/articles/climate-change-effects-our-energy>



# A Hierarchy of Ice Sheet Models



<http://www.antarcticglaciers.org/glaciers-and-climate/numerical-ice-sheet-models/hierarchy-ice-sheet-models-introduction/>

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L1L1, L1L2 <sup>2</sup>	$O(\delta)$	Depth integrated, 2D models for $(u_1, u_2)$	Antarctica
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Computational expense  
Model complexity

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- **Simplified models** are derived from full Stokes model and take advantage of the fact that ice sheets are **thin**:  $\delta \ll 1$ .

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# Shallow Shelf and Shallow Ice Approximation

FO Stokes( $u, v$ ) in  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$

**Ice regime:**  
grounded ice with  
frozen bed

$$\epsilon(u) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.5u_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5v_z \\ 0 & 0 & w_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p = \rho g(s - z)$$

**Ice regime:**  
shelves or fast sliding  
grounded ice

$$\epsilon(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & 0.5(u_y + v_x) & 0 \\ 0.5(u_y + v_x) & v_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p = \rho g(s - z) - 2\mu(u_x + v_y)$$

**Shallow Ice  
Approximation**

SIA( $u, v$ ) in  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$

SSA( $u, v$ ) in  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^2$

**Shallow Shelf  
Approximation**

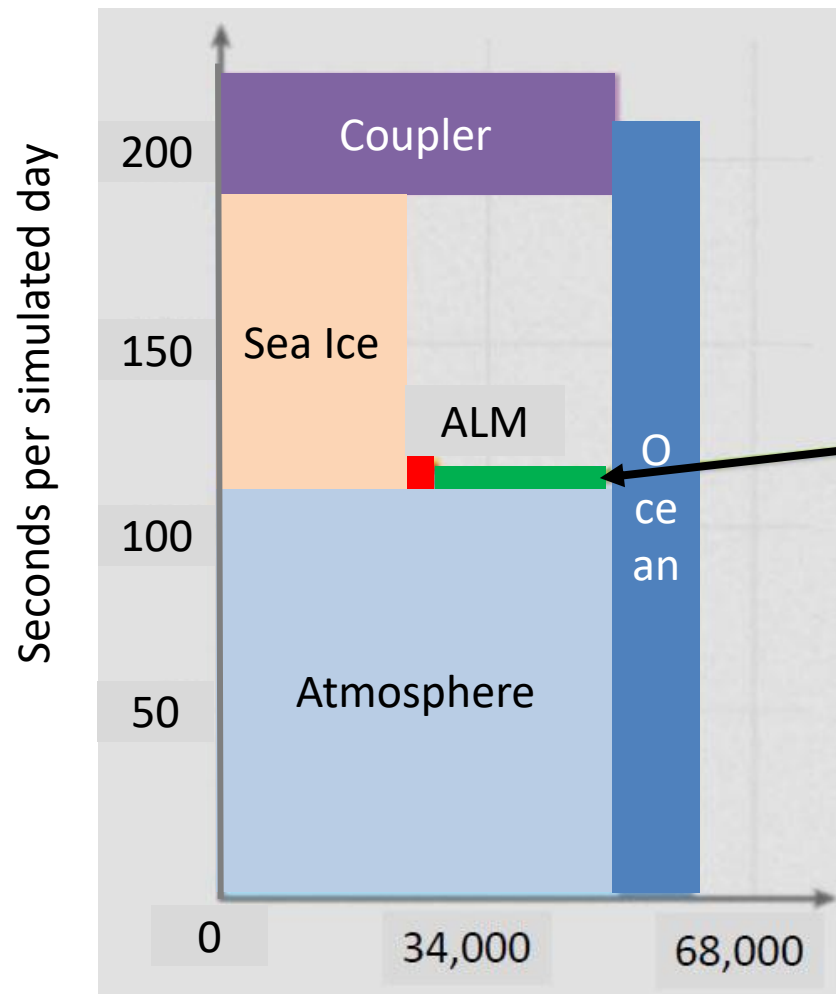
## Discussion:

- **Neither** SIA nor SSA applies at **continental scale**.
- SIA and SSA are referred to as “**zero-th order**” models
- Both models have **two unknowns** ( $u, v$ ).
- SSA is 2D model obtained by **vertically integrating** the equations.

# ISM Computation Cost in ESM



High-res climate model processor layout



DOE Energy Exascale Earth System  
Model (E3SM)

grid size	component	horizontal	vertical
25km	ATM/LND	0.8M	72
18-6km	OCN/ICE	3.7M	80
2-20km	AIS ISM	1.6M	10

- **ISM throughput:** 1 SYPD  
(simulated year per wallclock day)
- **ISM cost:** 4M core-hours per  
simulated year

# Numerical & Computational Challenges

- **Mesh adaptivity** close to the grounding line.
- FO Stokes equations are **highly nonlinear**.
- Large, **thin geometries** (thickness up to 4km, horizontal extension 1000s of kms).
  - Gives rise to meshes with **bad aspect ratios** and **poorly conditioned** linear systems.
- **Boundary conditions** pose challenges to solvers.
- **Porting** of software to **new architectures** (hybrid systems, GPUs, etc.).
- **Initialization**/estimation of unknown parameters (basal friction, thickness, etc.).
- **Uncertainty quantification**.
  - Curse of dimensionality!
- **Thickness evolution** (ice advancement/retreat)
  - Sequential coupling with FO Stokes equations gives rise to very small time-steps by CFL condition!
- **Phase changes** (temperature equation).
- **Coupling to climate components**.

# Mesh Adaptivity



Rensselaer

**PAALS** = Parallel Albany Adaptive Loop with SCOREC\*

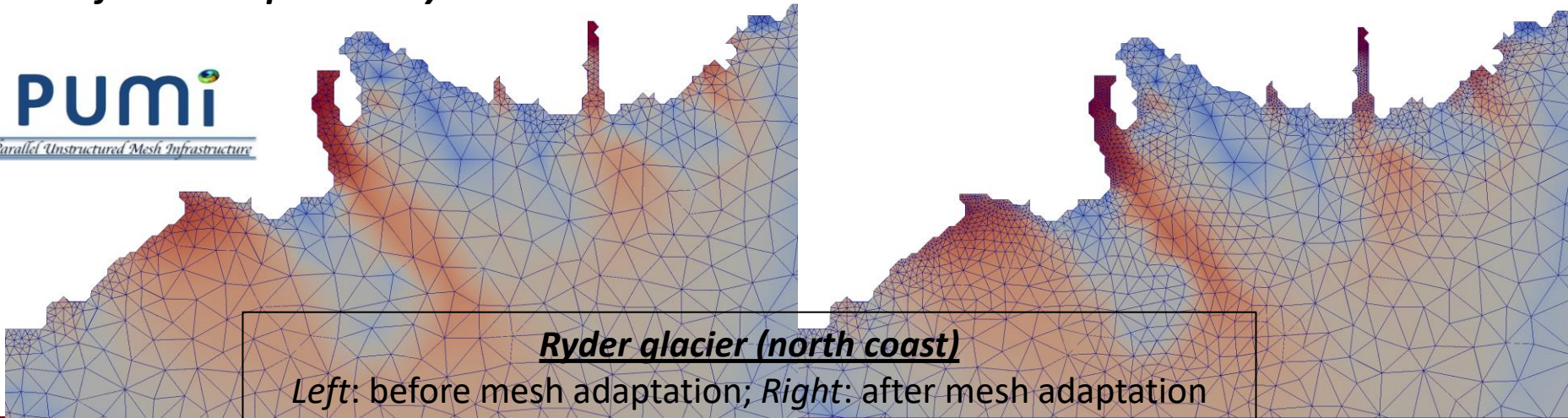
- In collaboration with **Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute** (M. Shephard, C. Smith, B. Granzow): added mesh adaptation capabilities (PAALS) to *Albany*.

\***SCOREC** = Scientific Computation Research Center at RPI: <https://github.com/SCOREC>

## PAALS provides:

- Fully-coupled, ***in-memory adaptation*** and solution transfer services.
- ***Parallel mesh infrastructure*** and services via **PUMI** (Parallel Unstructured Mesh Infrastructure): an efficient, distributed mesh data structure that supports adaptivity.
- Predictive ***dynamic load balancing*** via **ParMetis/Zoltan** + **ParMA**.
- SPR\*\*-based generalized ***error estimation*** of ***velocity gradient*** drives adaptation.
- ***Performance portability*** to GPUs via **Kokkos**.

**PUMI**  
Parallel Unstructured Mesh Infrastructure

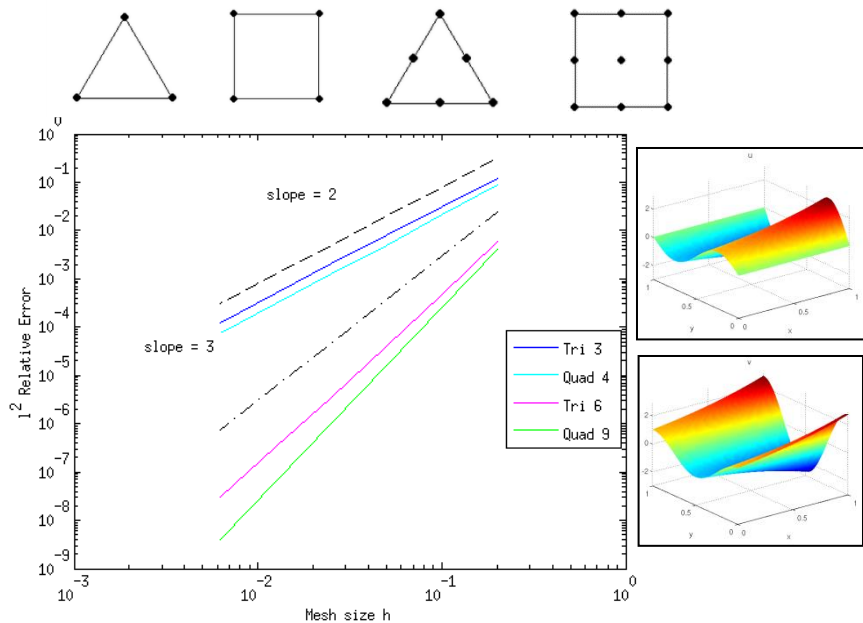


\*\*Super-convergent Patch Recovery: technique for estimating  $\nabla u$  using quadratic approximation within a patch of elements.

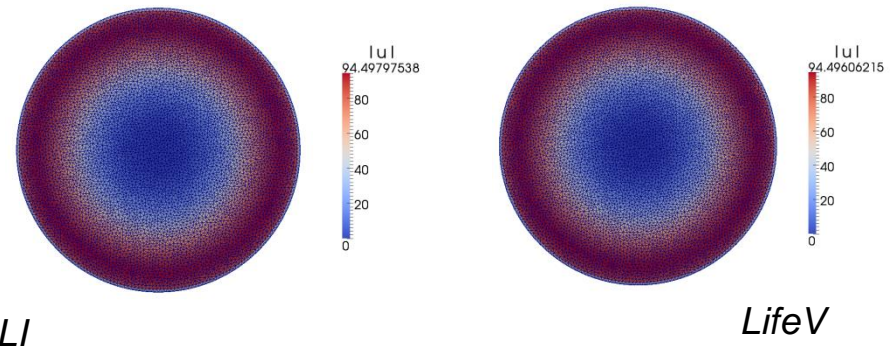


# Mesh Convergence Studies

**Stage 1:** solution verification on 2D MMS problems we derived.

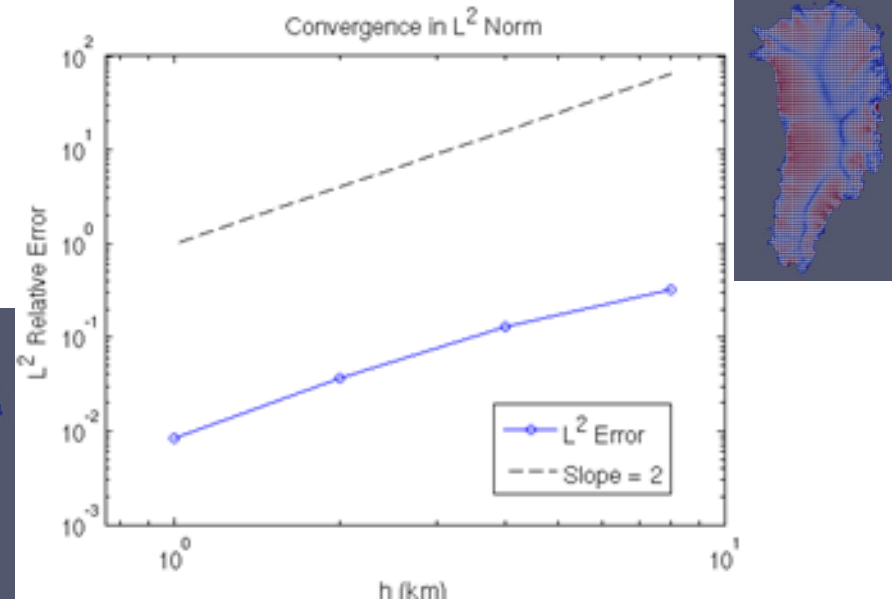
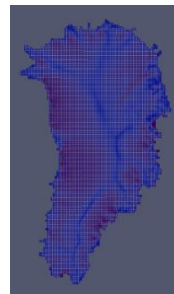


**Stage 2:** code-to-code comparisons on canonical ice sheet problems.



**Stage 3:** full 3D mesh convergence study on Greenland w.r.t. reference solution.

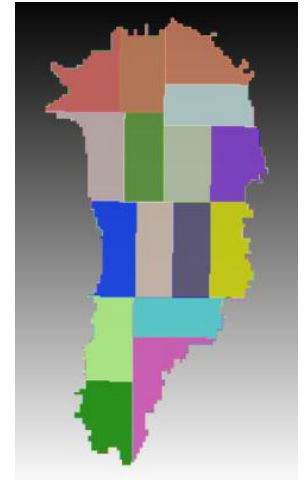
*Are the Greenland problems resolved?  
Is theoretical convergence rate achieved?*



# Mesh Partitioning & Vertical Refinement

Mesh convergence studies led to some useful practical recommendations  
(for ice sheet modelers *and* geo-scientists)!

- **Partitioning matters:** good solver performance obtained with 2D partition of mesh (all elements with same  $x, y$  coordinates on same processor - *right*).
- **Number of vertical layers matters:** more gained in refining # vertical layers than horizontal resolution (*below – relative errors for Greenland*).



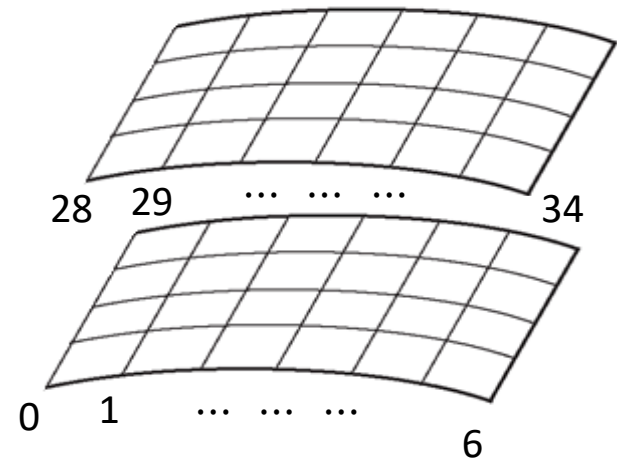
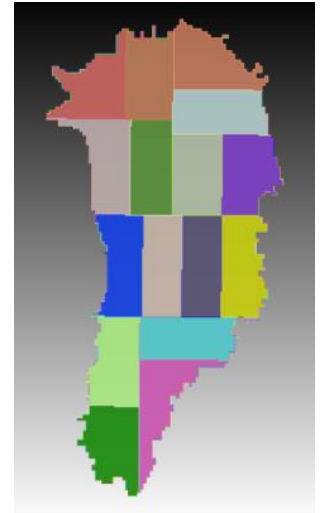
Horiz. res.\vert. layers	5	10	20	40	80
8km	2.0e-1				
4km	9.0e-2	7.8e-2			
2km	4.6e-2	2.4e-2	2.3e-2		
1km	3.8e-2	8.9e-3	5.5e-3	5.1e-3	
500m	3.7e-2	6.7e-3	1.7e-3	3.9e-4	8.1e-5

Vertical refinement  
to 20 layers  
recommended for  
1km resolution over  
horizontal  
refinement.

# Importance of Node Ordering & Mesh Partitioning

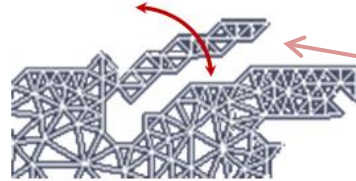
Our studies revealed that **node ordering** and **mesh partitioning** matters for linear solver performance, especially for the ILU preconditioner!

- It is essential that incomplete factorization accurately captures vertical coupling, which is dominant due to anisotropic mesh.
- This is accomplished by:
  - Ensuring all points along a vertically extruded grid line reside within a single processor (“**2D mesh partitioning**”; top right).
  - Ordering the equations such that grid layer  $k$ ’s nodes are ordered before all dofs associated with grid layer  $k + 1$  (“**row-wise ordering**”; bottom right).



# Improved Linear Solver Performance through Hinge Removal

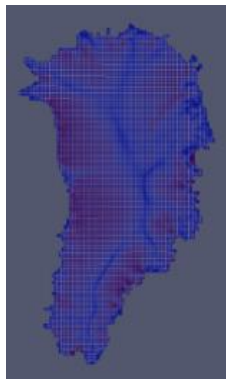
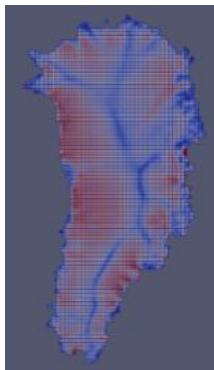
Islands and certain hinged peninsulas lead to **solver failures**



- We have developed an algorithm to detect/remove problematic **hinged peninsulas & islands** based on coloring and repeated use of connected component algorithms (Tuminaro *et al.*, 2016).
- Solves are **~2x faster** with hinges removed.
- Current implementation is MATLAB, but working on C++ implementation for integration into dycores.

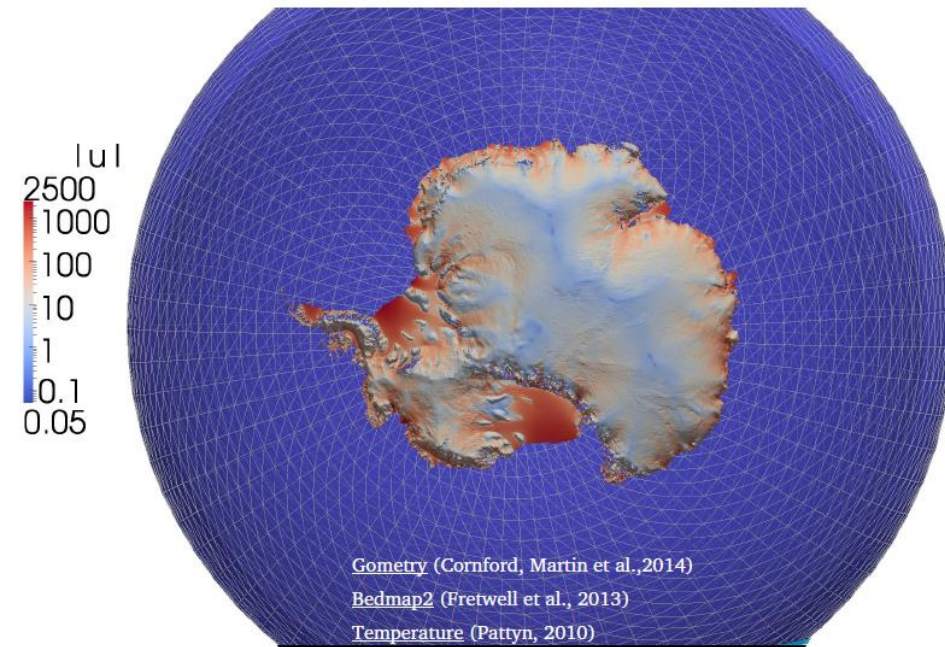
Greenland Problem

Resolution	ILU – hinges	ILU – no hinges	ML – hinges	ML – no hinges
8km/5 layers	878 sec, 84 iter/solve	693 sec, 71 iter/solve	254 sec, 11 iter/solve	220 sec, 9 iter/solve
4km/10 layers	1953 sec, 160 iter/solve	1969 sec, 160 iter/solve	285 sec, 13 iter/solve	245 sec, 12 iter/solve
2km/20 layers	10942 sec, 710 iter/solve	5576 sec, 426 iter/solve	482 sec, 24 iter/solve	294 sec, 15 iter/solve
1km/40 layers	--	15716 sec, 881 iter/solve	668 sec, 34 iter/solve	378 sec, 20 iter/solve



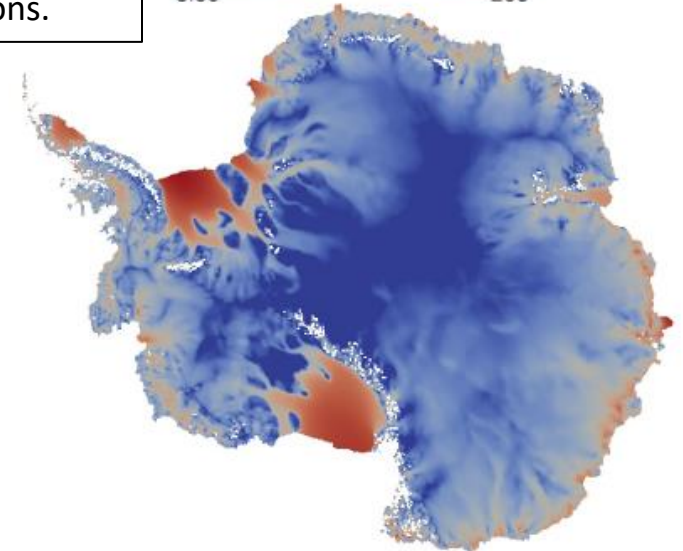
# Spherical Grids

Surface velocity magnitude [m/yr], ice sheet thickness not at scale (100 X)



Relative  
difference in  
surface velocity  
magnitude is  
10% in fast flow  
regions.

magnitude of surface velocity  
difference [m/yr]



- Current ice sheet models are derived using planar geometries – reasonable, especially for Greenland.
- The effect of Earth's curvature is largely unknown – may be nontrivial for Antarctica.
- We have derived a FO Stokes model on sphere using stereographic projection.



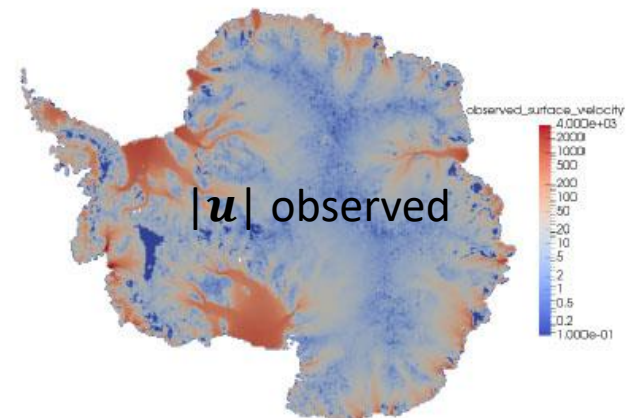
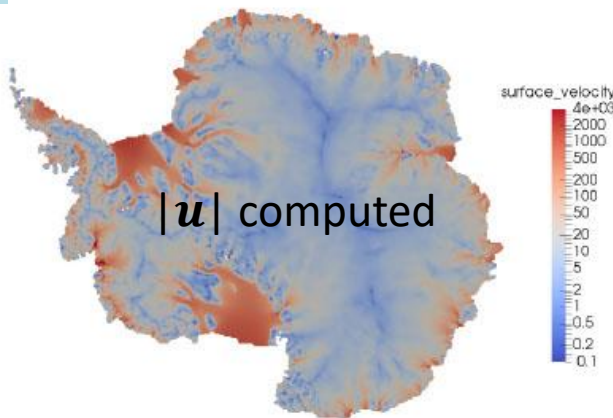
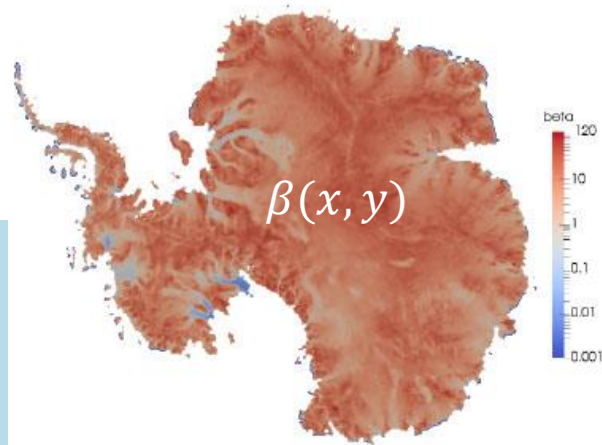
# Deterministic Inversion: Stiffening Factor

Glen's viscosity with ***stiffening/damage***:

$$\mu^*(x, y, z) = \phi(x, y)\mu(x, y, z)$$

where  $\phi(x, y)$  = stiffening/damage factor that accounts for modeling errors in rheology.

AIS inversion  
for  $\beta(x, y)$  and  
 $\phi(x, y)$   
**simultaneously.**



# UQ Problem Definition

**QoI in Ice Sheet Modeling:** total ice mass loss/gain during 21<sup>st</sup> century → *sea level change prediction*.

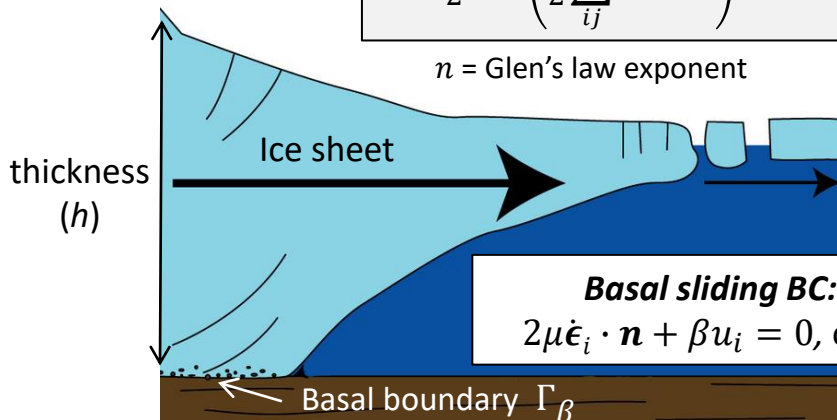
As a first step, we focus on effect of uncertainty in  $\beta$  only.

## Sources of uncertainty affecting this QoI include:

- Climate forcings (e.g., surface mass balance).
- **Basal friction ( $\beta$ ).**
- Ice sheet thickness ( $h$ ).
- Geothermal heat flux.
- Model parameters (e.g., Glen's flow law exponent).

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

$n$  = Glen's law exponent



**Deterministic inversion**

**Bayesian calibration**

**Forward propagation**

## UQ Workflow

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**Goal:** solve inverse problem for ice sheet initial state but in **Bayesian framework**

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# Bayesian Inference Assumptions

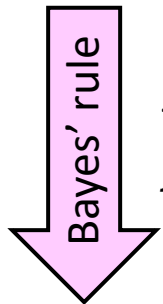
- Additive **Gaussian noise** model:  $\mathbf{y}^{\text{obs}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}) + \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{obs}})$

⇒ **Mismatch functional to be minimized:**

$$m(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{y}^{\text{obs}} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}) \right)^T \mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{obs}}^{-1} \left( \mathbf{y}^{\text{obs}} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}) \right)$$

Evaluation of misfit Hessian is **expensive!**  
⇒ further approximation required.

- Gaussian prior** with exponential covariance and mean  $\mathbf{z}_{\text{MAP}} = \bar{\beta}$ .



+ linearization of  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z})$  around  $\mathbf{z}_{\text{MAP}}$

Covariance of Gaussian posterior related to **inverse of misfit Hessian** at MAP point\*\*.

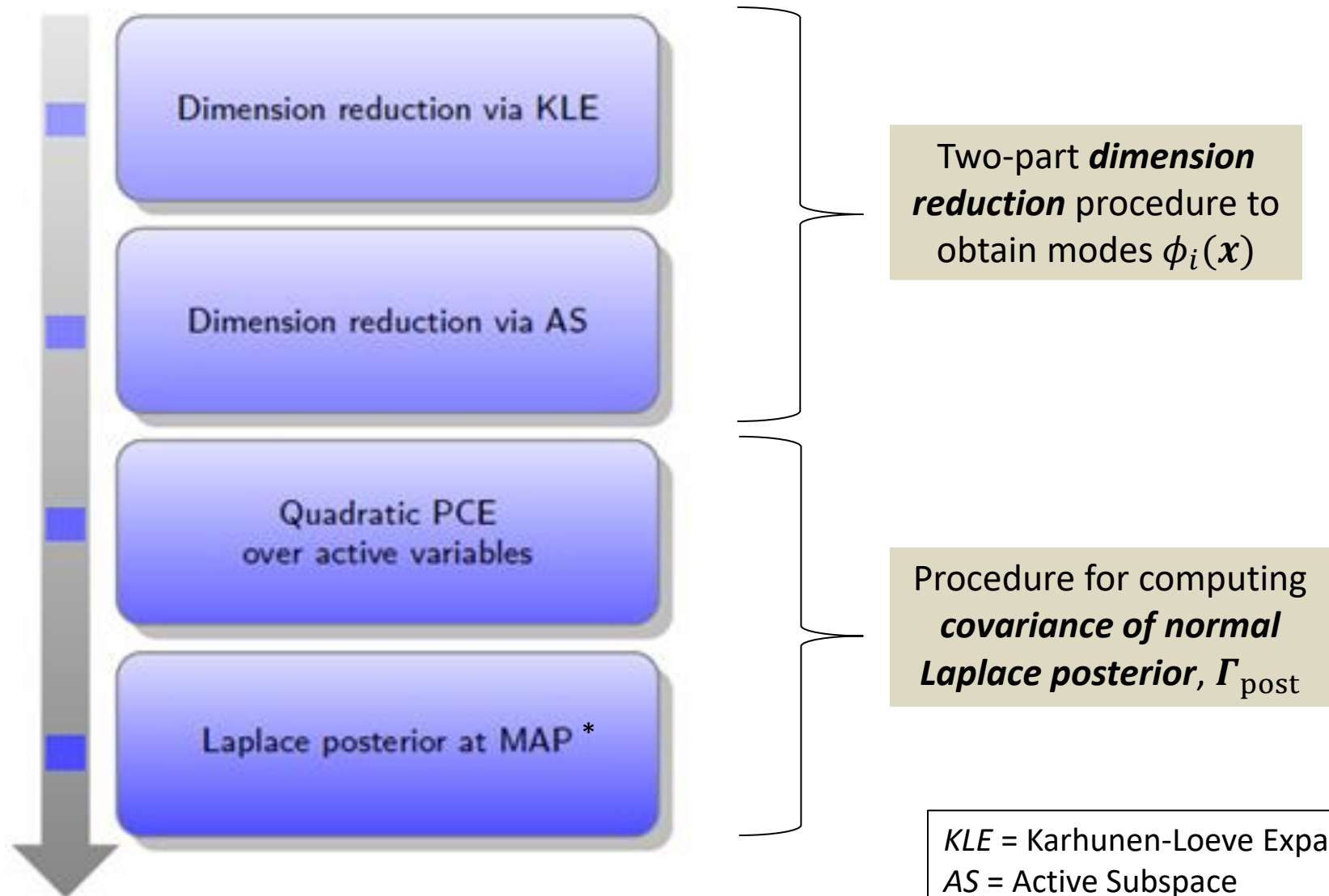
## Notation\*:

$\mathbf{y}^{\text{obs}}$  = observations  
 $\mathbf{z}$  = random params  
 $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z})$  = deterministic map from params to observables.

- Likelihood** is:  $\hat{\pi}_{\text{hood}}(\mathbf{z}) = e^{-m_{\text{lin}}(\mathbf{z})}$
- Normal Laplace posterior** given by:  
where  $C_{\text{evid}} = \int \hat{\pi}_{\text{hood}}(\mathbf{z}) \pi_{\text{pr}}(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$ .

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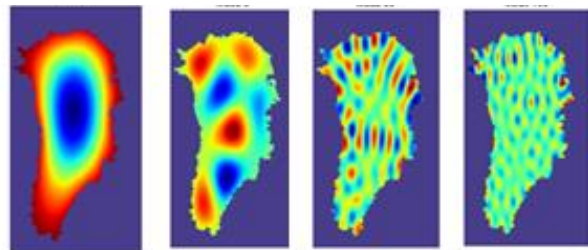


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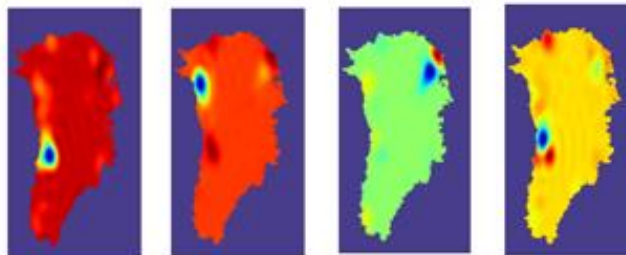


# GIS Bayesian Inference via KLE + AS

KLE modes

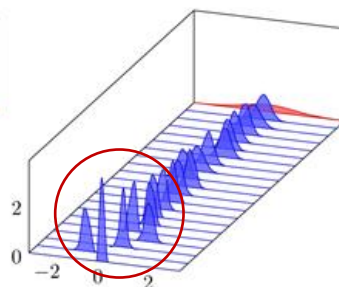
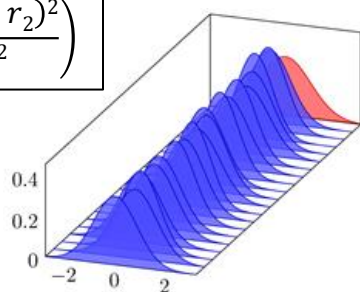


Data-informed (AS) directions ( $d=73^*$ )



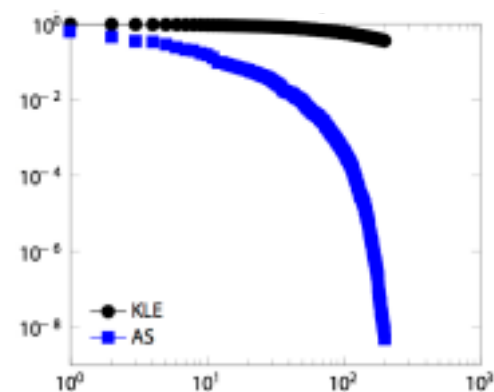
KLE modes = eigenvecs of exponential covariance kernel:

$$C(r_1, r_2) = \exp\left(-\frac{(r_1 - r_2)^2}{L^2}\right)$$

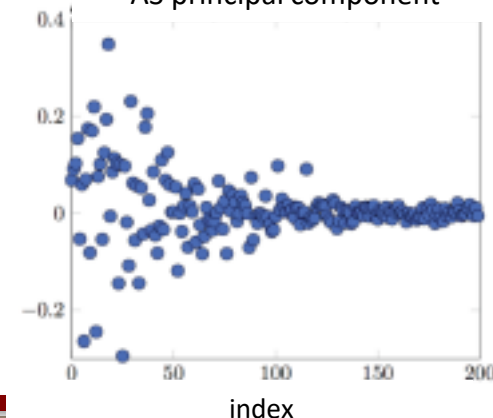


Gradients of mismatch function obtained via ***adjoint solve*** in ALI.

KLE and AS amplitudes



AS principal component



• **Above:** marginal distributions of Gaussian posterior computed using KLE vs. KLE+AS; **any shift from mean of 0 is due to observations.**

- KLE eigenvectors have variance and mean close to prior.
- Data-informed eigenvectors have smaller variance and are most shifted w.r.t. prior distribution (as expected).

\* Value of  $d$  was obtained via cross-validation.

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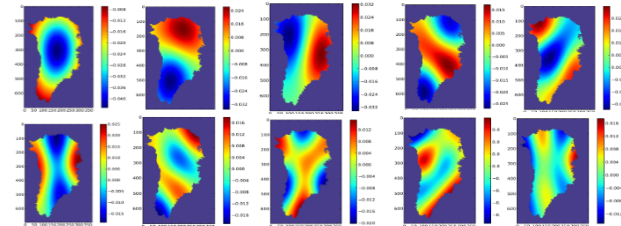


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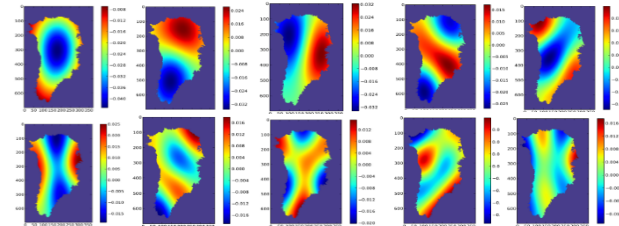


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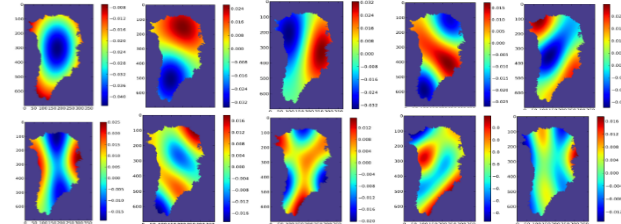


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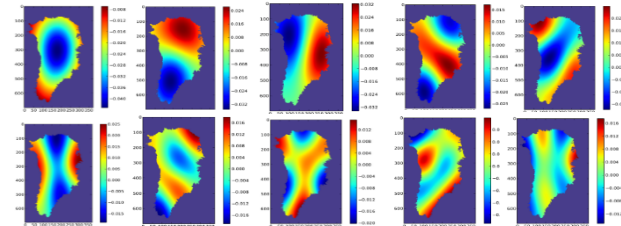


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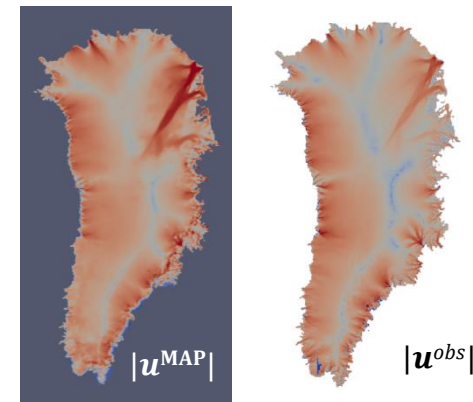
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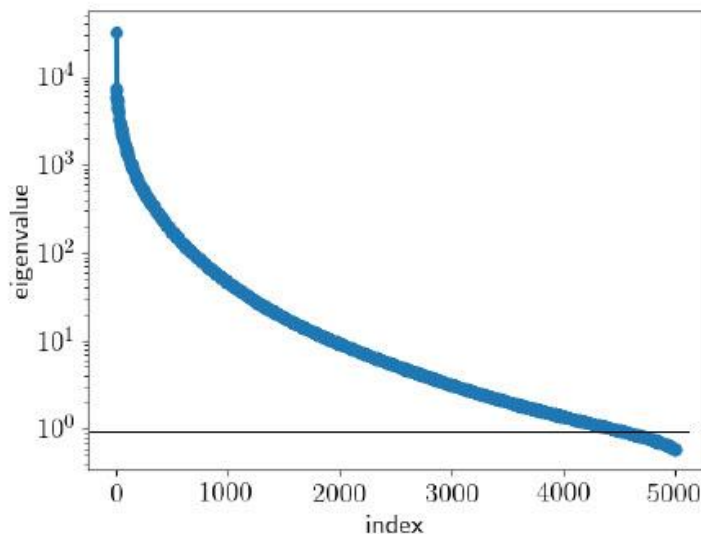
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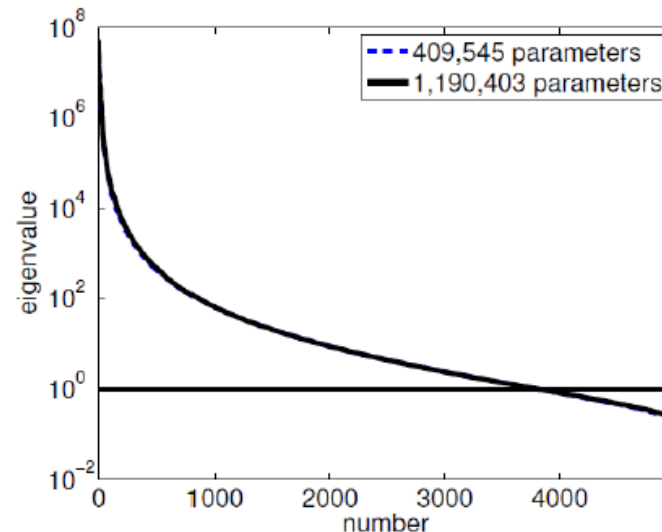
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Greenland



Antarctica\*



*Figures above: eigenvalue decay of prior preconditioned misfit Hessian*

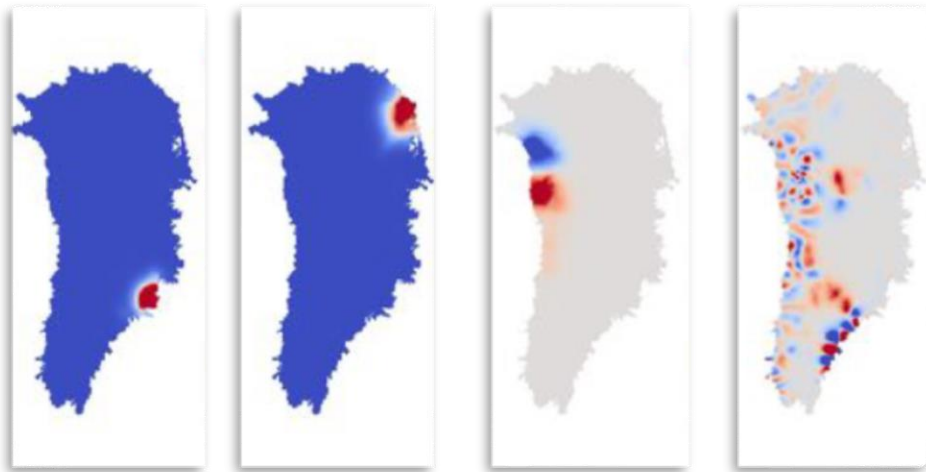
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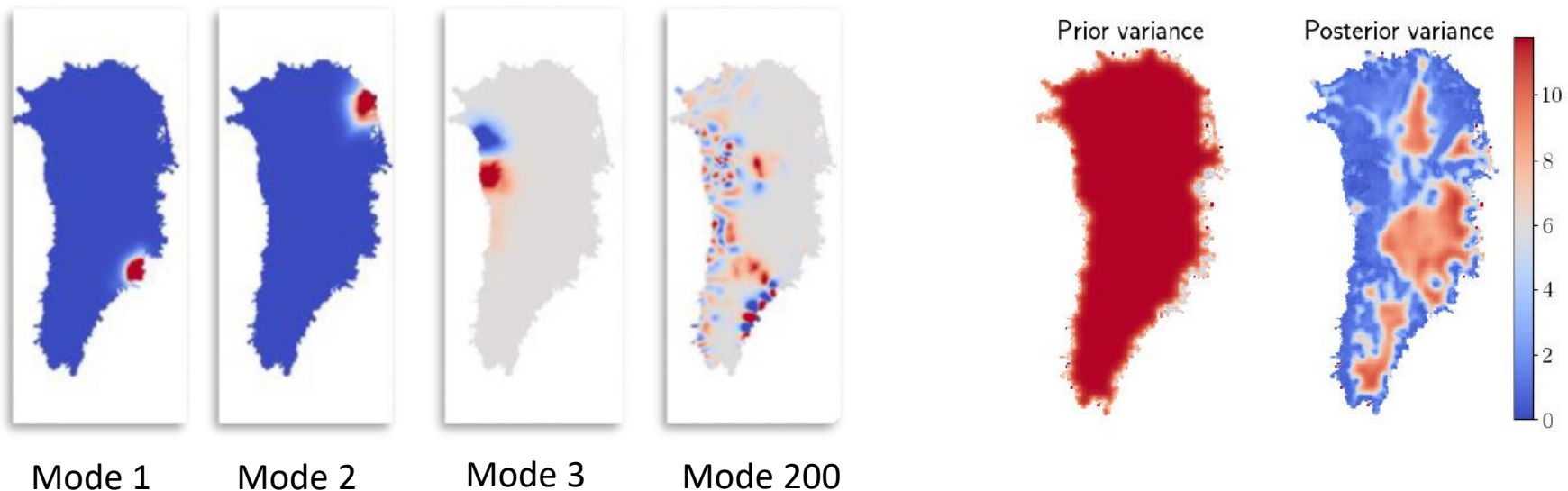
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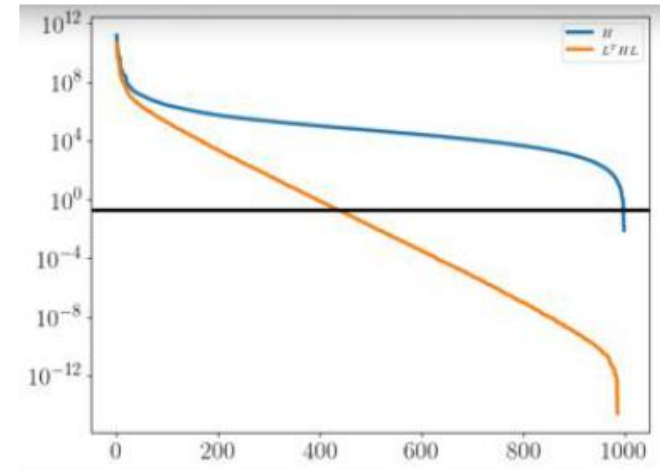
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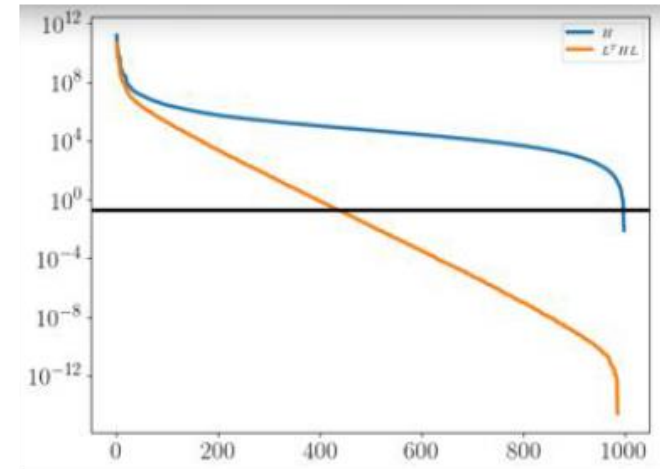


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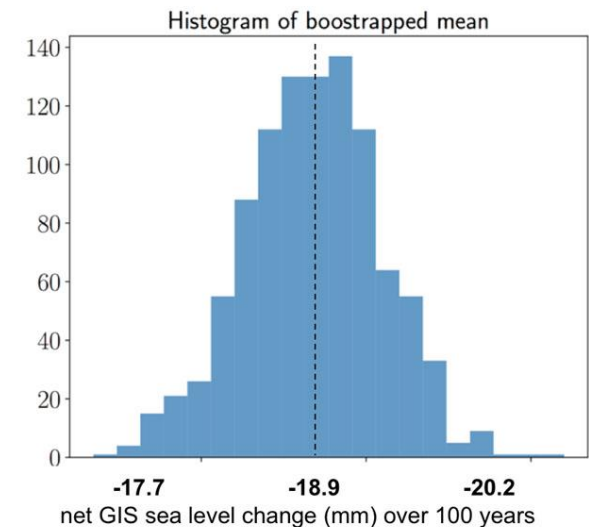
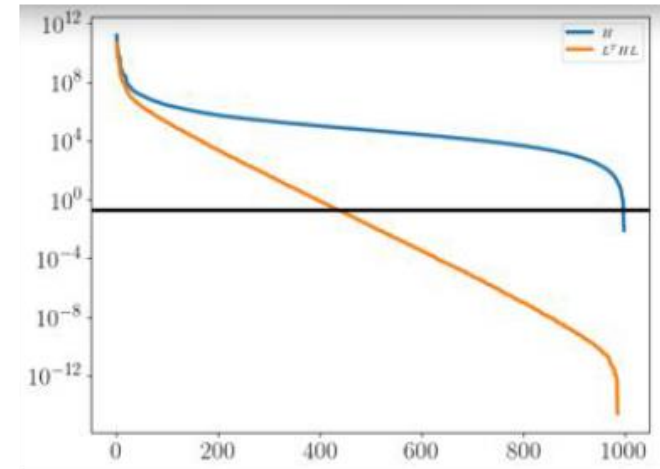


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## Ongoing work:

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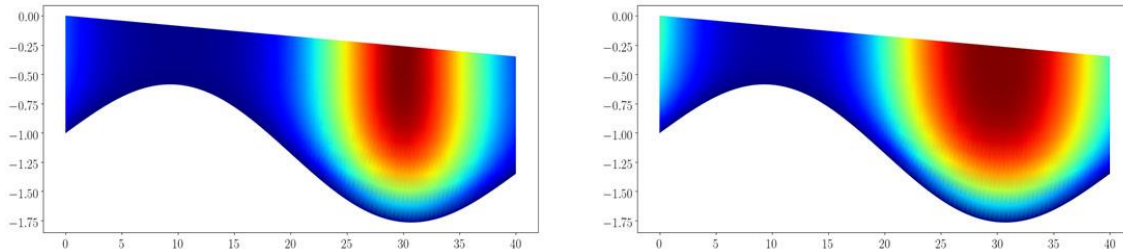


Figure 1: ISMIP-HOM B test + SIA and BP models is >1000× less than GIS.

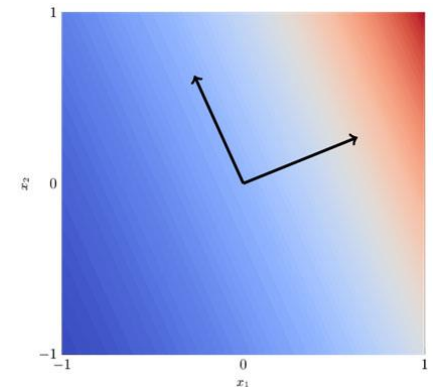


Figure 2: gradients can determine directions that significantly impact SLR.

- **Dimension reduction by adding physics:** subglacial hydrology models rely on only a handful of parameters that, to first approximation, can be considered uniform

$$\beta(\mathbf{u}) = \mu_f N \left( \frac{|\mathbf{u}|}{|\mathbf{u}| + \lambda A N^n} \right)^q \frac{1}{|\mathbf{u}|}$$

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Thickness equation  
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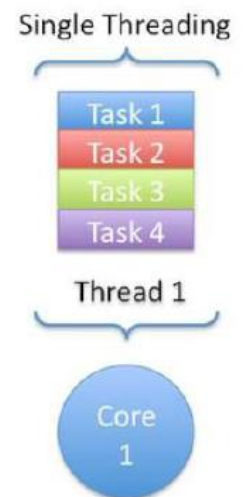
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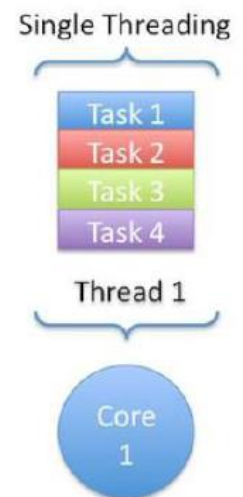
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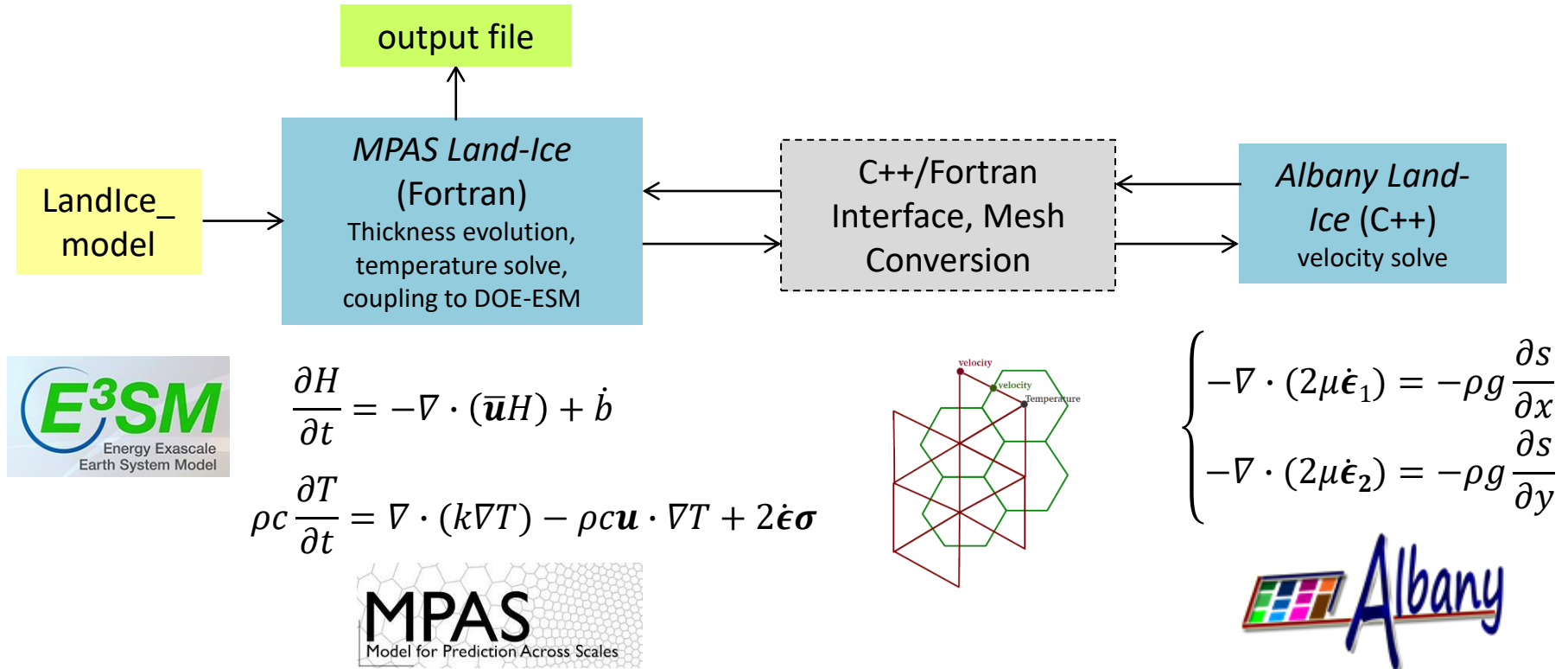
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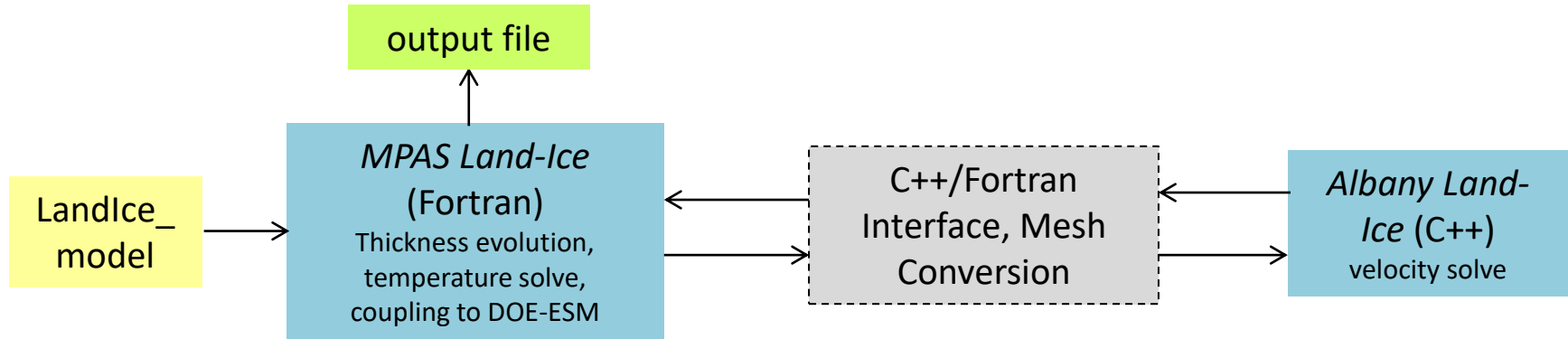


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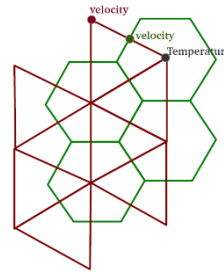
“Loose” sequential/staggered coupling between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $(T, H)$ .

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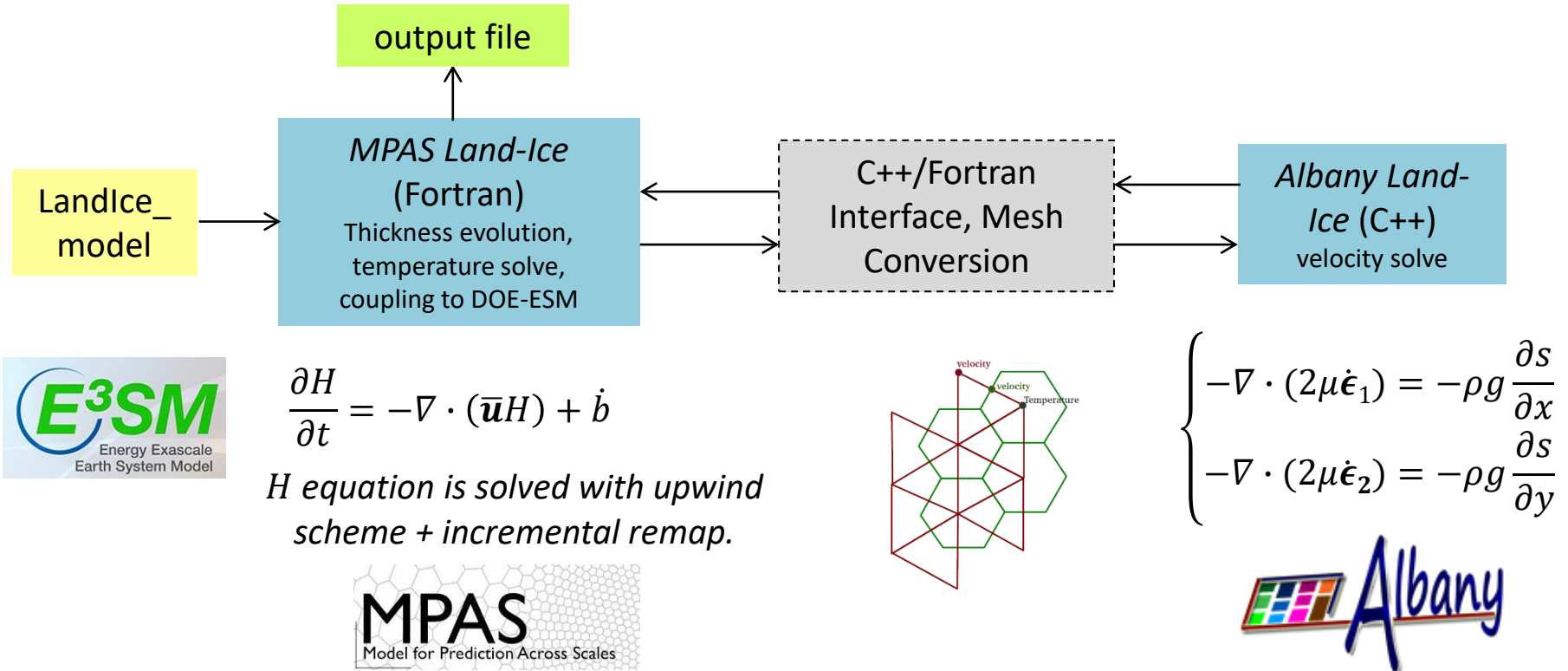
*H equation is solved with upwind scheme + incremental remap.*



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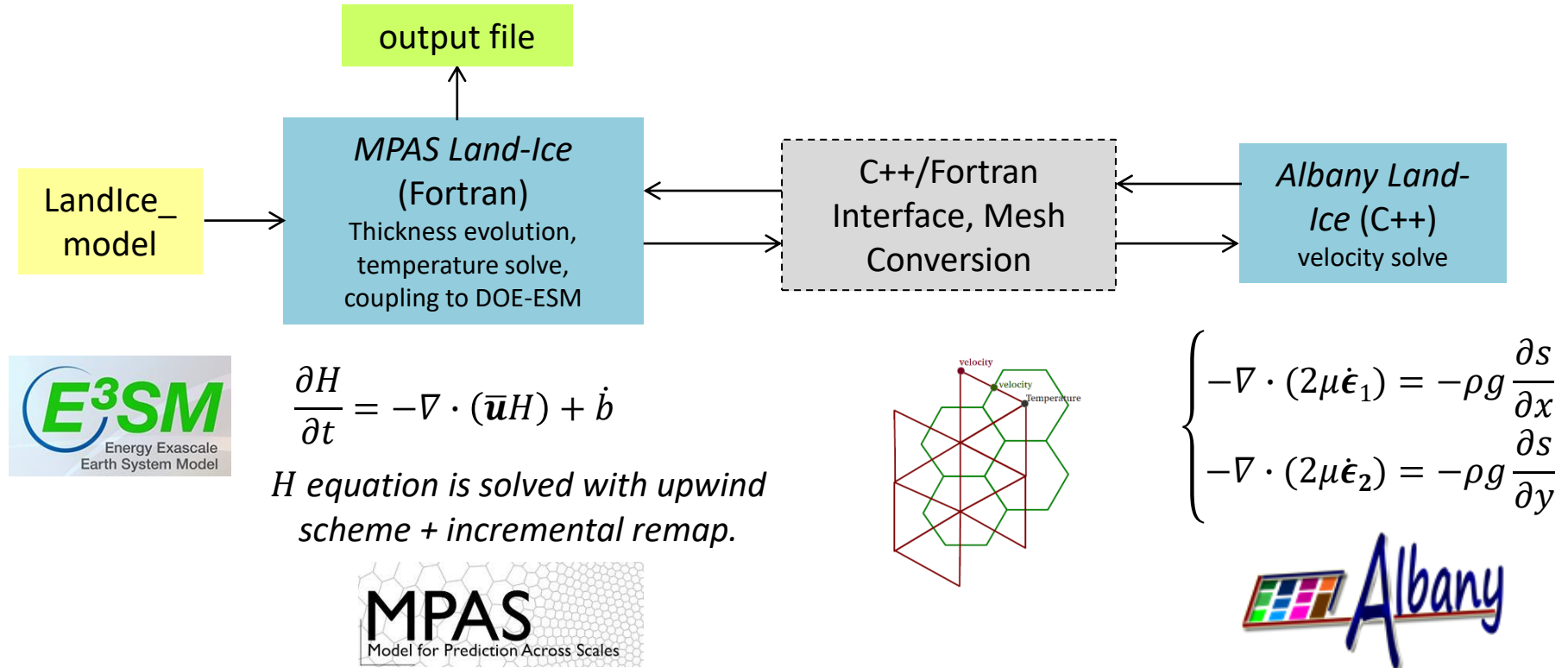


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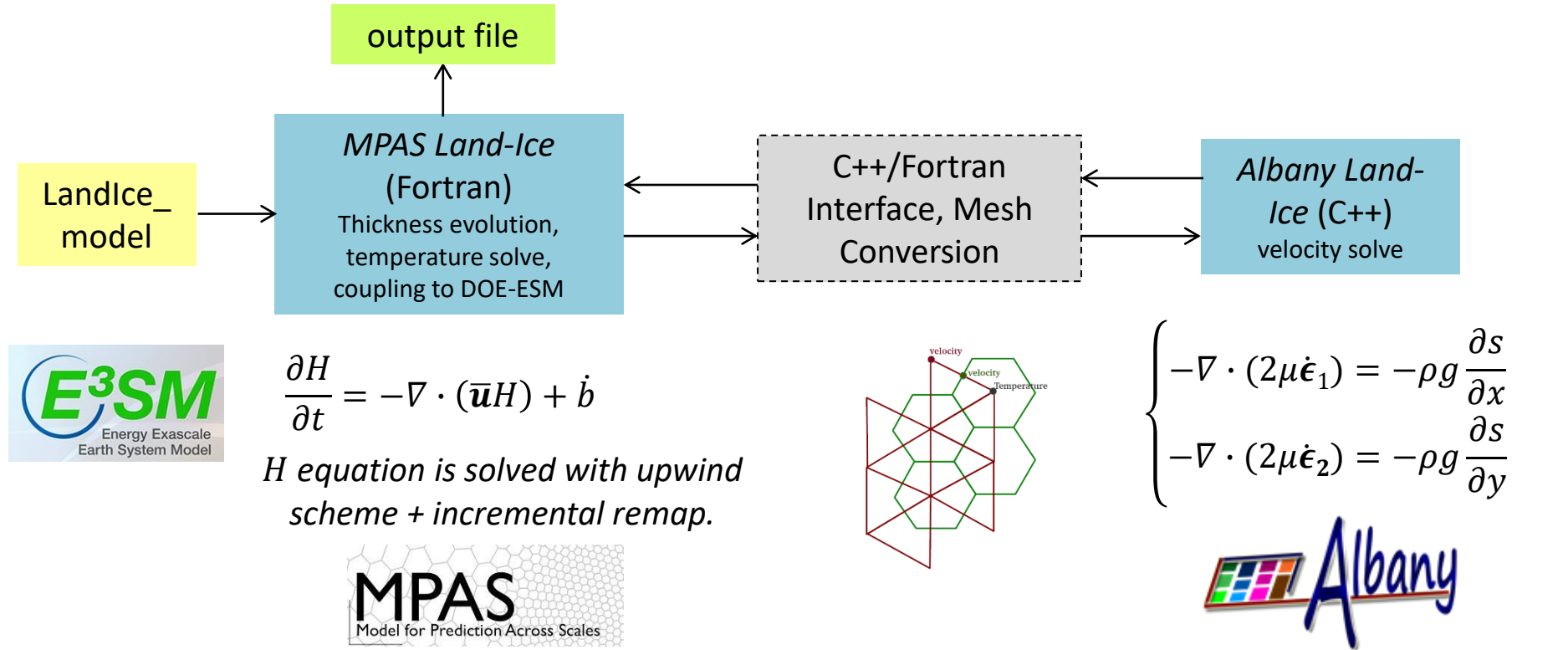
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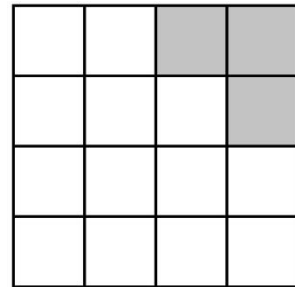
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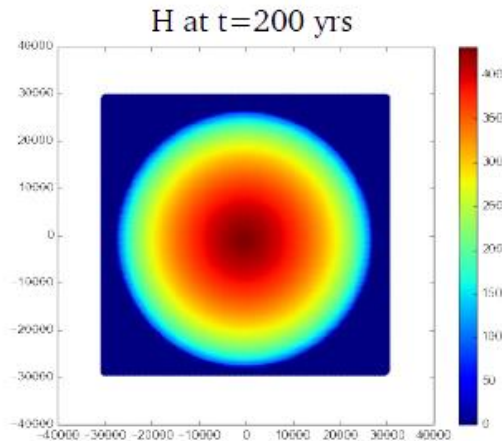
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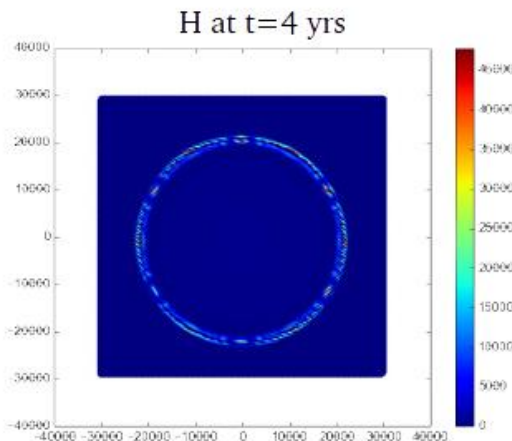
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# Semi-Implicit Approach: Dome Test Case

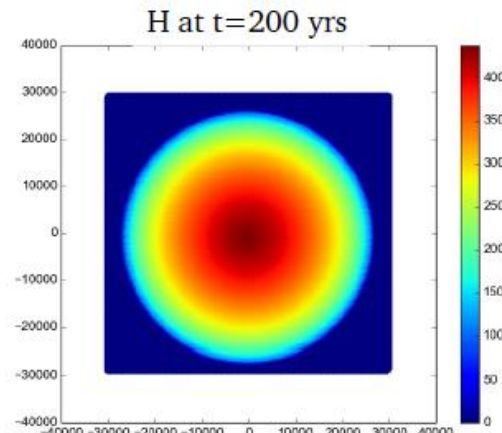


*Top left:* reference solution computed using sequential approach and time step of 5 months

Semi-implicit approach allows the use of **much larger time-steps** than sequential approach!



Solution obtained with sequential coupling,  $dt = 1$  yr



Solution obtained with semi-implicit coupling,  $dt = 5$  yrs

# Semi-Implicit Approach: Antarctica

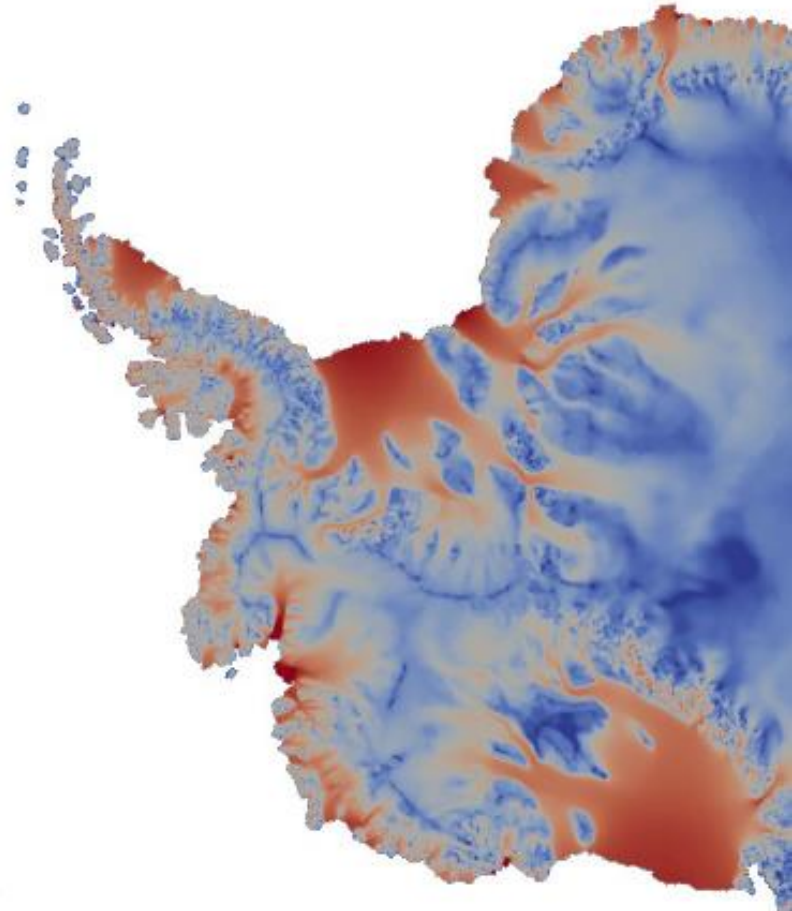
- Variable-resolution Antarctica grid with maximum resolution of 3km.
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- **Sequential approach:**  $\Delta t = O(\text{days})$
- **Semi-Implicit approach:**  $\Delta t = O(\text{months})$
- **Cost of iteration** is **larger** for semi-implicit scheme because of increased dimension of nonlinear system (more expensive assembly and solve).
- Nonetheless, with semi-implicit scheme, we obtained **speedup of  $4.5\times$**  ( $\sim 2$  year run).

*Basal friction:* obtained with inversion.

*Geometry:* Bedmap2 (Fretwell *et al.*, Cryosphere, 2013), managed by D. Martin and X. Asay-Davis.

*Temperature:* Cornford, Martin *et al.*, 2014; Pattyn *et al.*, 2010.

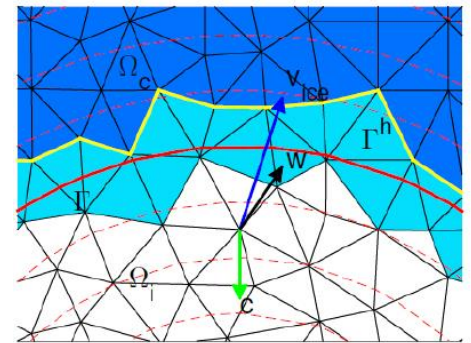
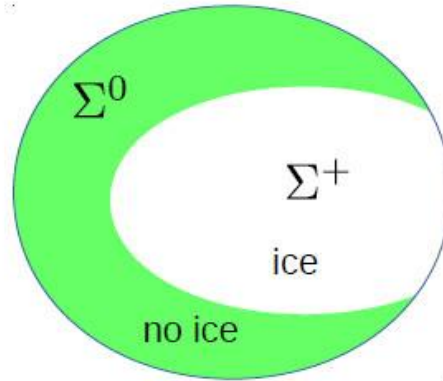
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# Towards Fully Implicit FO Stokes-Thickness Coupling

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# PISCEES & E3SM Coupling Validation

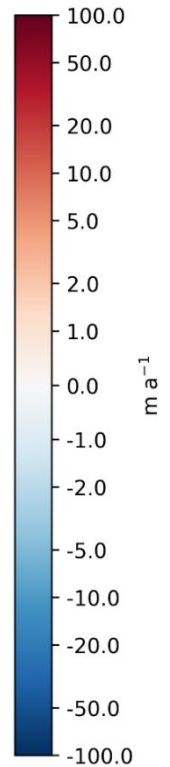
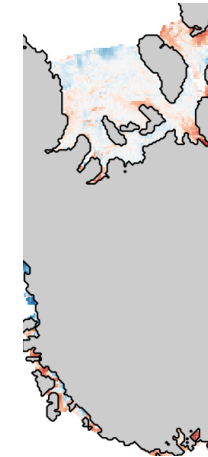
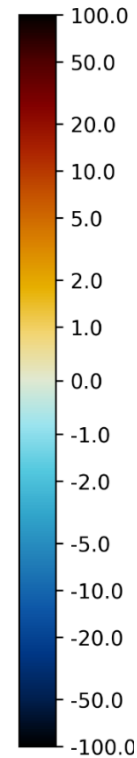
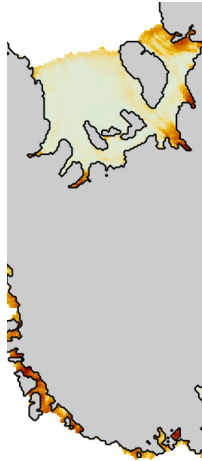
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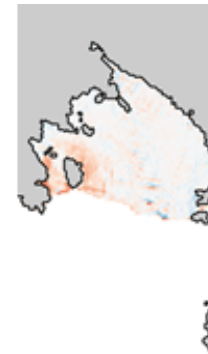
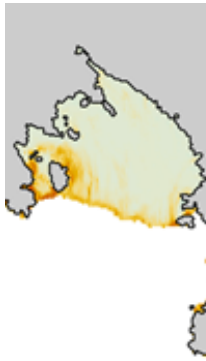
observations\*

model – obs.

*Filchner-Ronne  
Ice Shelf*



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\* Rignot et al., *Science*, 2013

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