

## Large-scale Deterministic Inversion and Bayesian Calibration in Land-Ice Modeling

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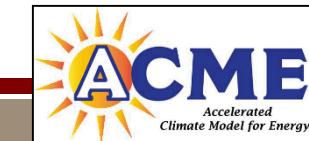
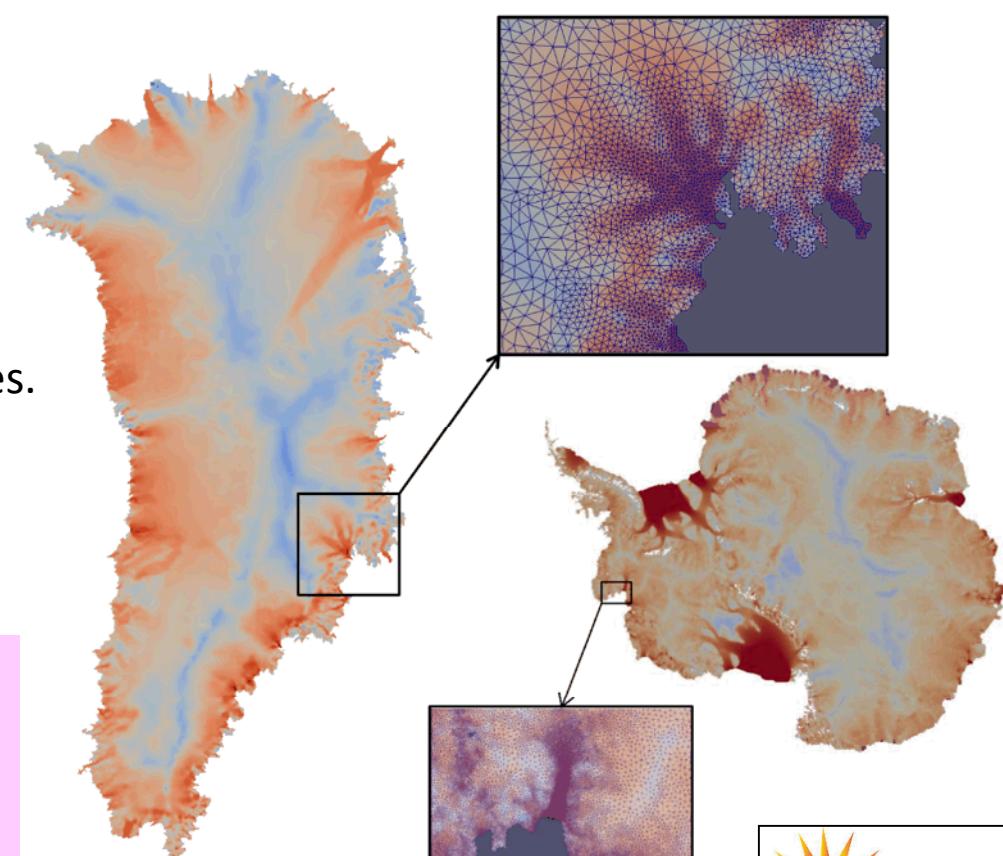
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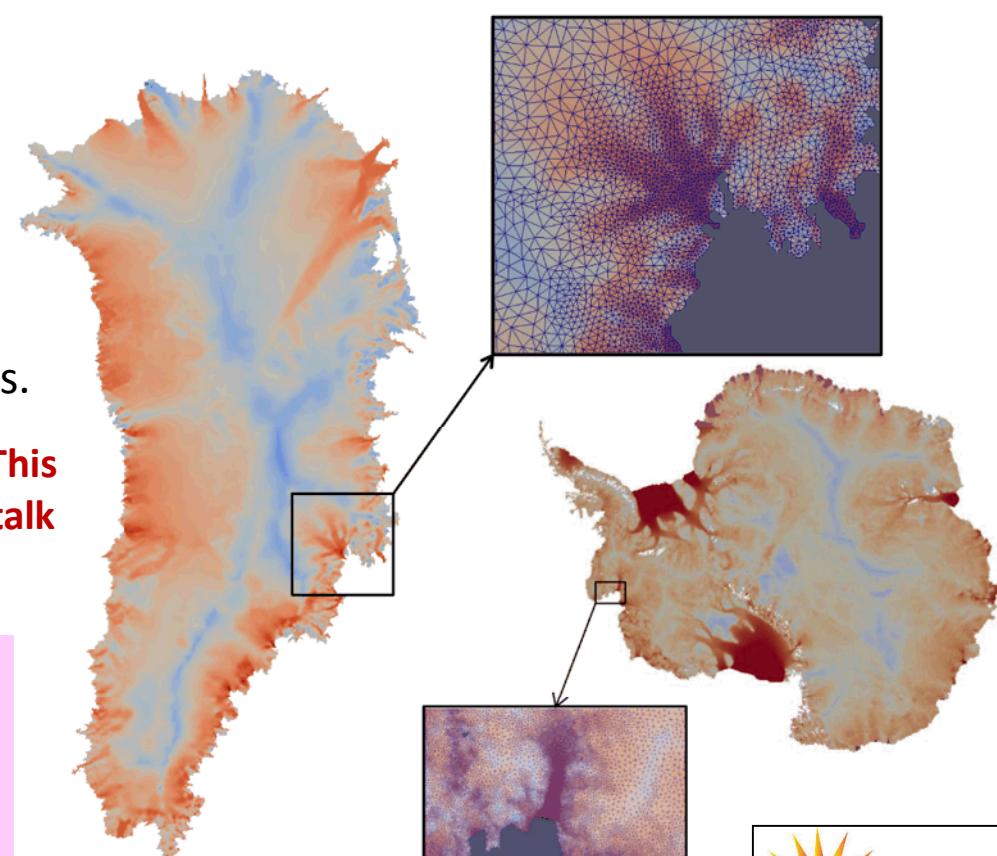
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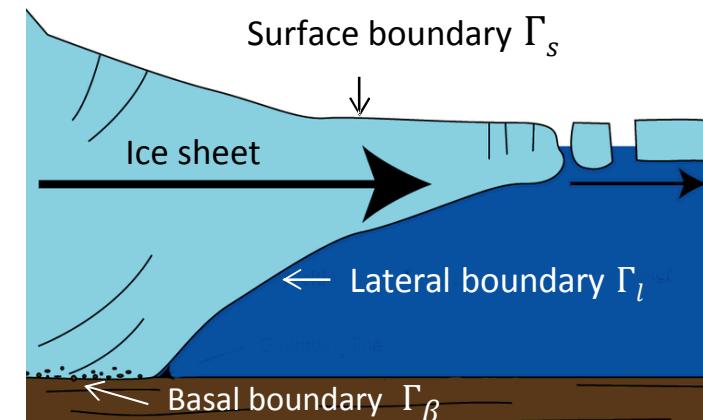
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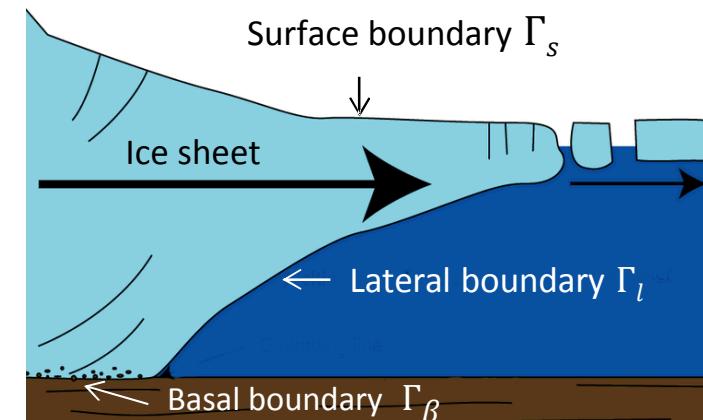
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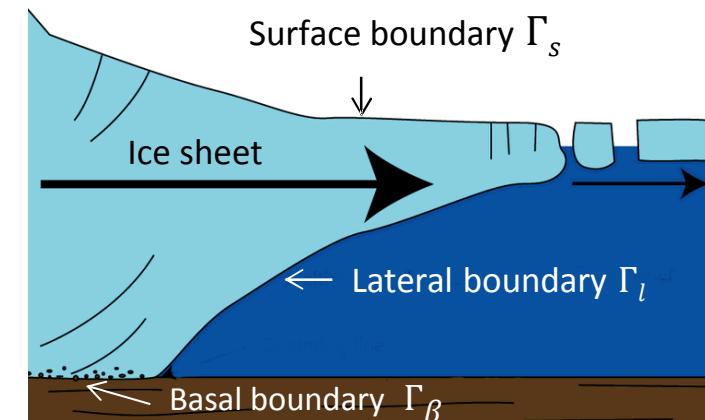
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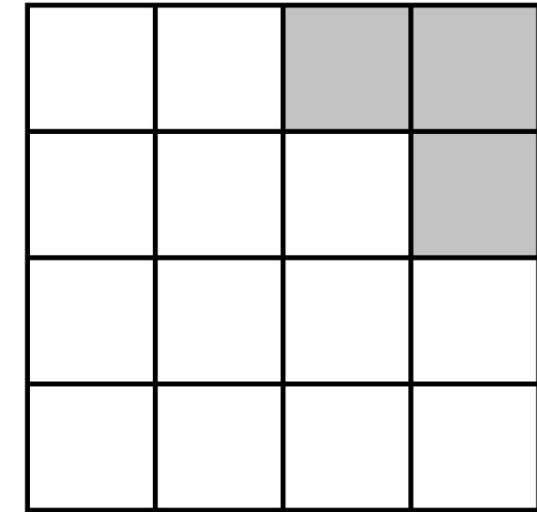
where  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$  = vertically averaged velocity,  $\dot{b}$  = surface mass balance (conservation of mass).

- ***Temperature equation*** (advection-diffusion):

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

(energy balance).

- ***Flow factor***  $A$  in Glen's law depends on temperature  $T$ :  
 $A = A(T)$ .
- Ice sheet ***grows/retreats*** depending on thickness  $H$ .



Ice-covered (“active”)  
cells shaded in white  
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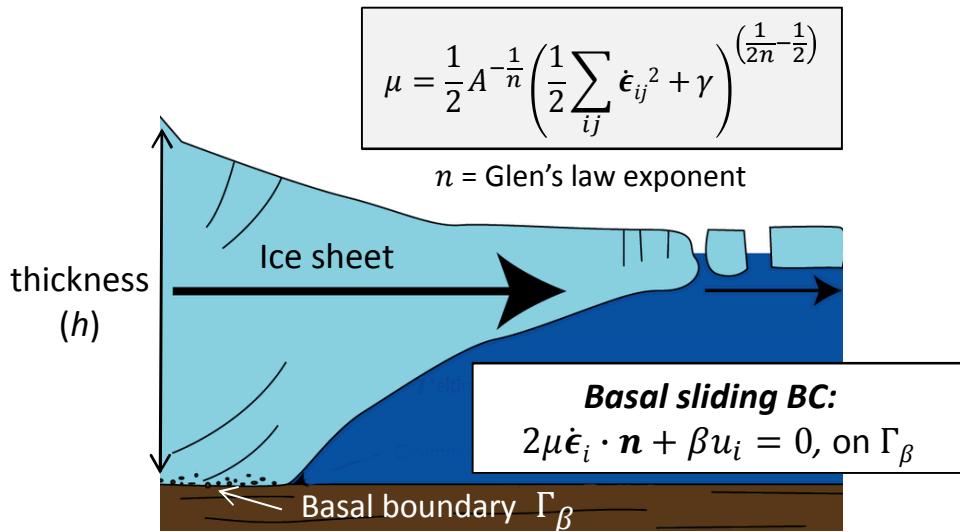
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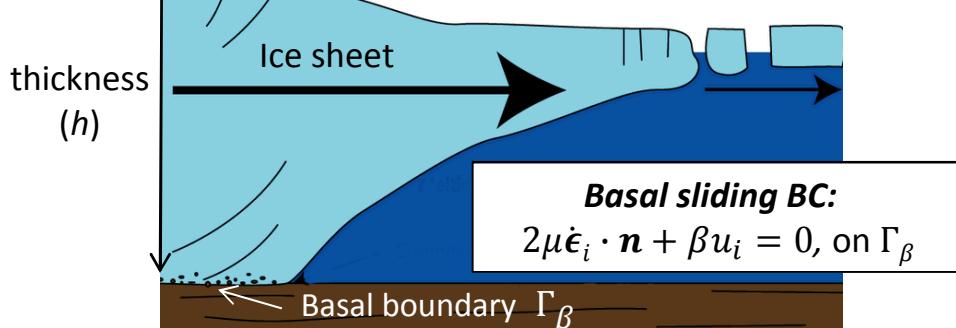
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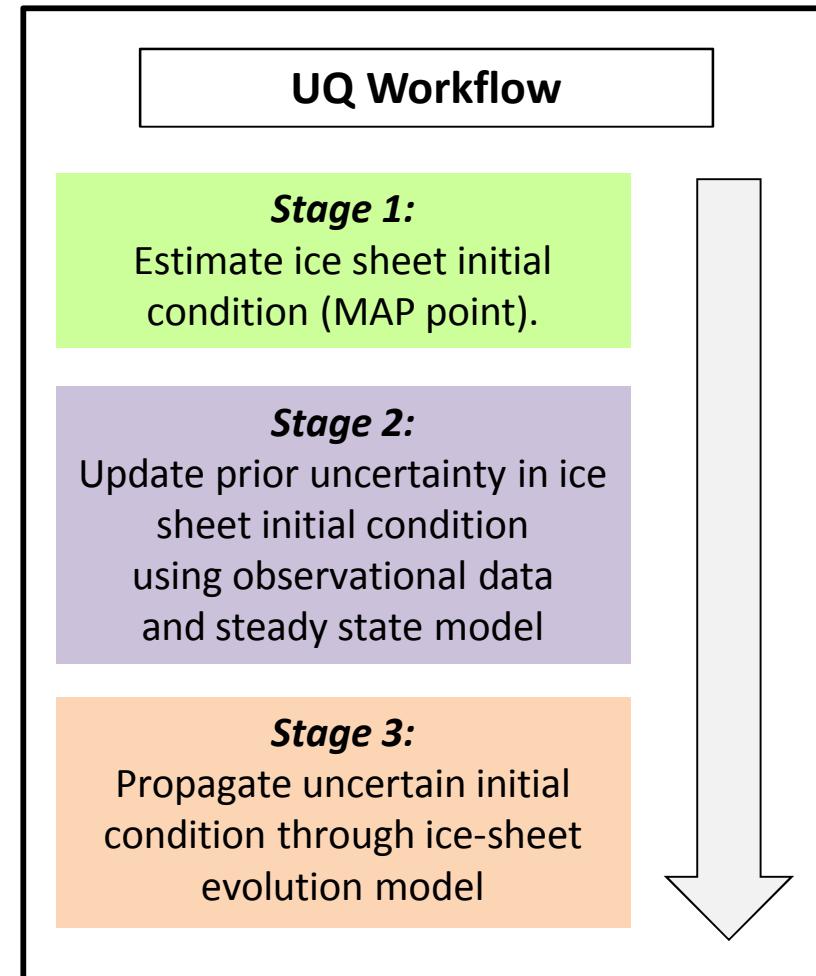
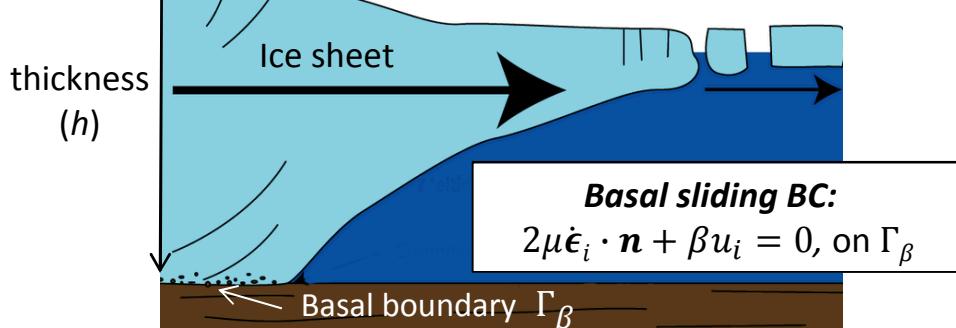
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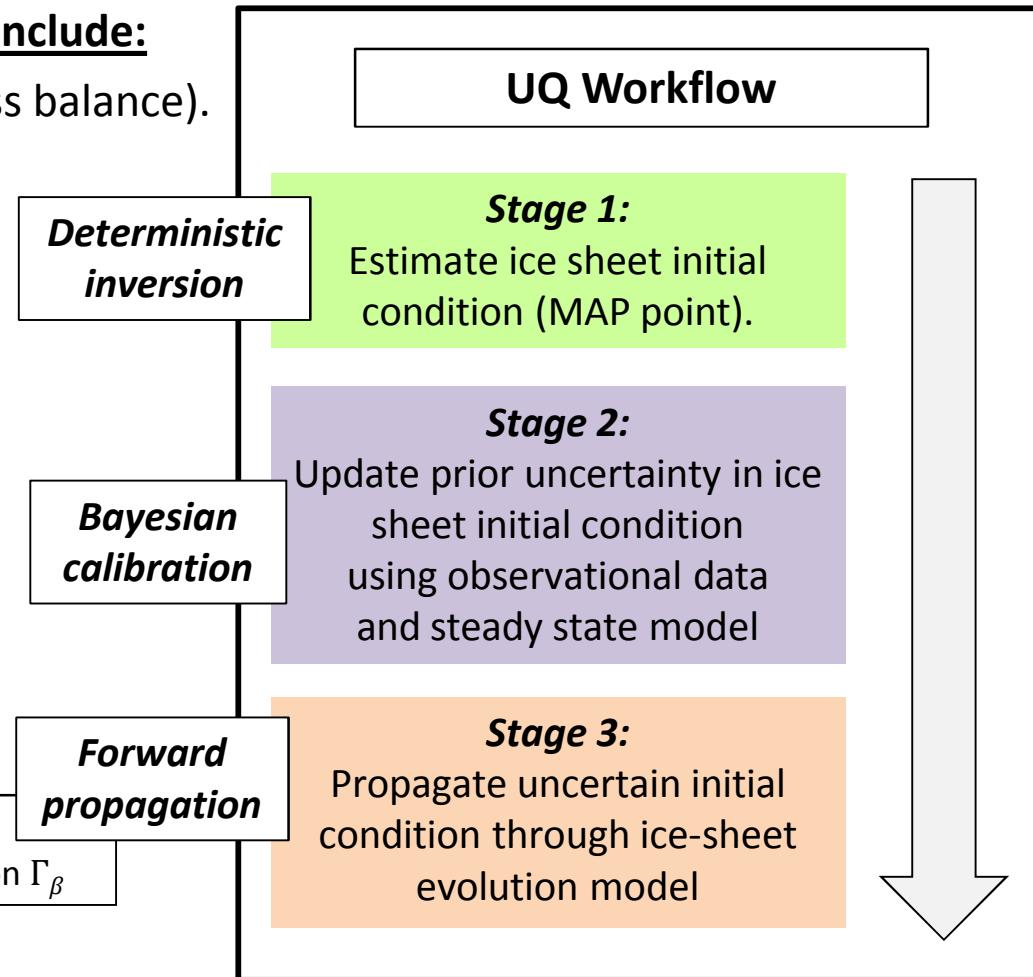
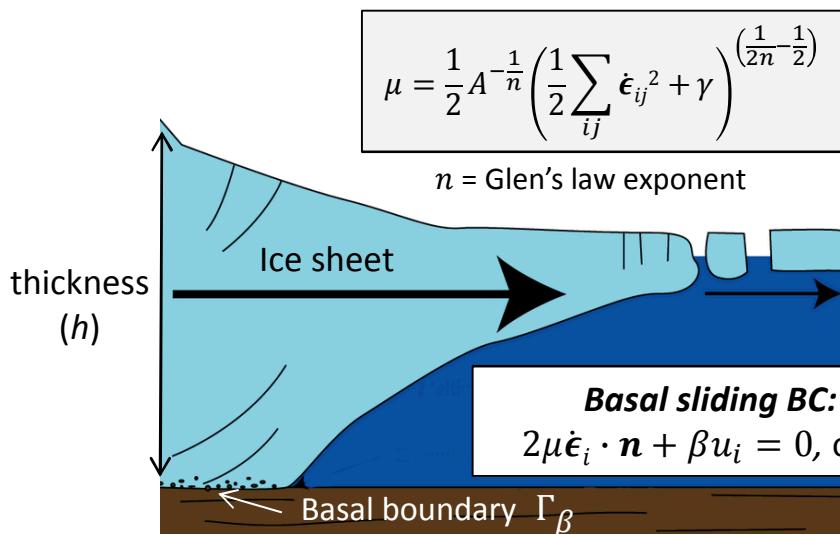
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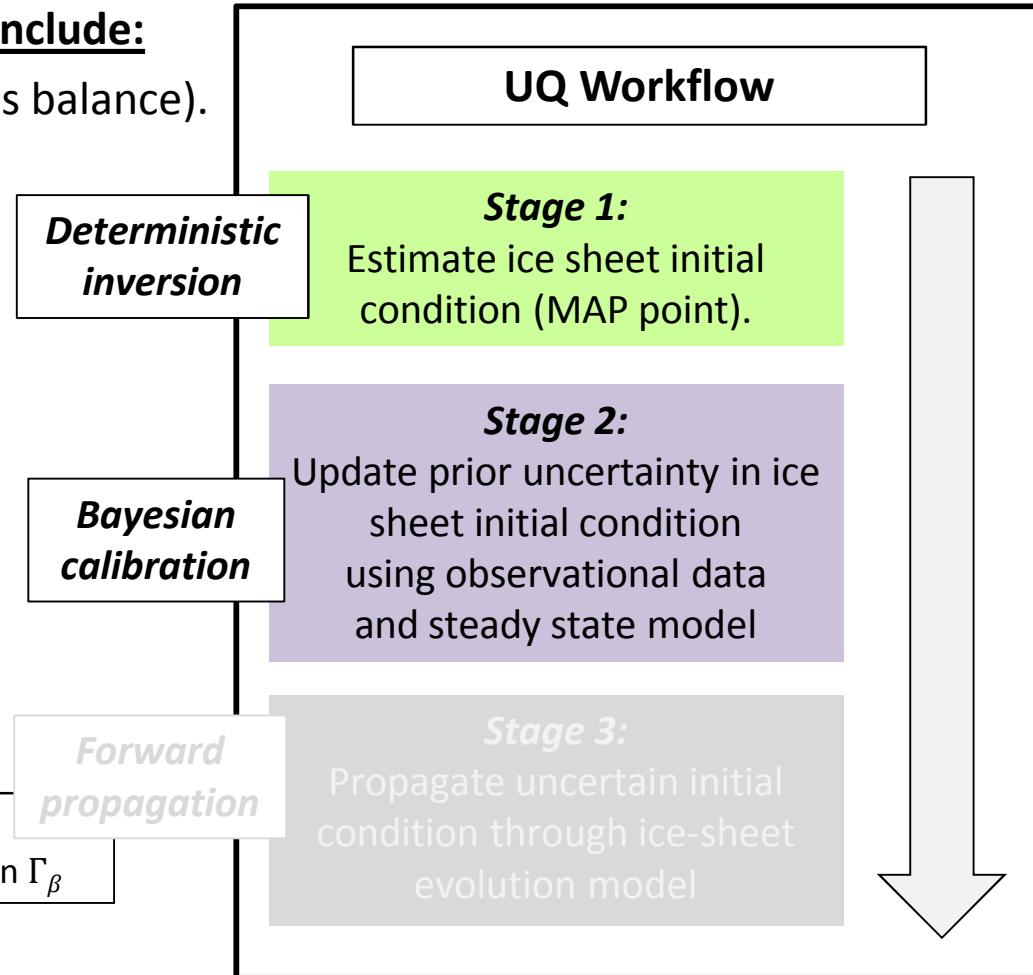
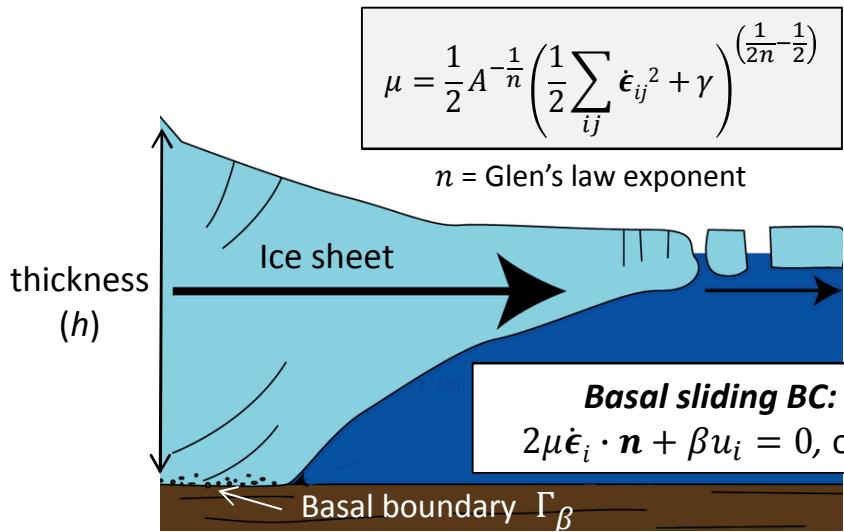
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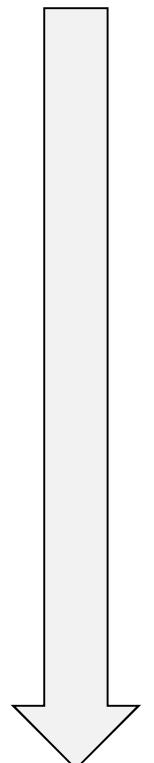
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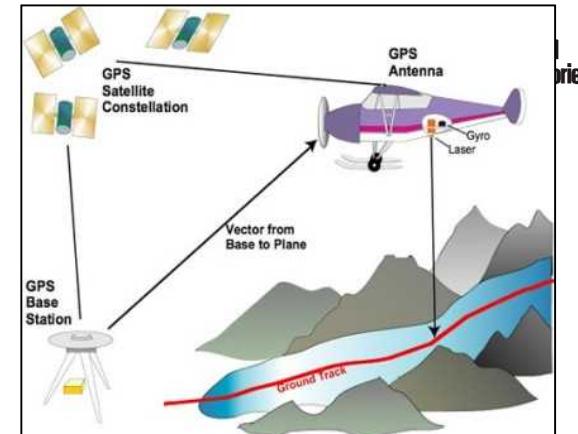
- matches observations (e.g. surface velocity, temperature, etc.).
- matches present-day geometry (elevation, thickness).
- is in “equilibrium” with climate forcings (SMB).



# Available Data & Assumptions

## *Available data/measurements:*

- ice extent and surface topography.
- surface velocity.
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- ice thickness  $h$  (sparse measurements).



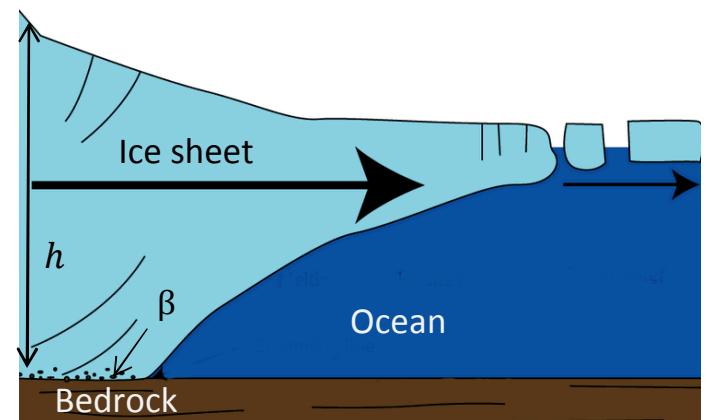
## *Fields to be estimated:*

- ice thickness  $h$  (allowed to vary but weighted by observational uncertainties).
- basal friction  $\beta$  (spatially variable proxy for all basal processes).

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

## *Modeling Assumptions:*

- ice flow described by nonlinear first-order Stokes equations.
- ice close to mechanical equilibrium.



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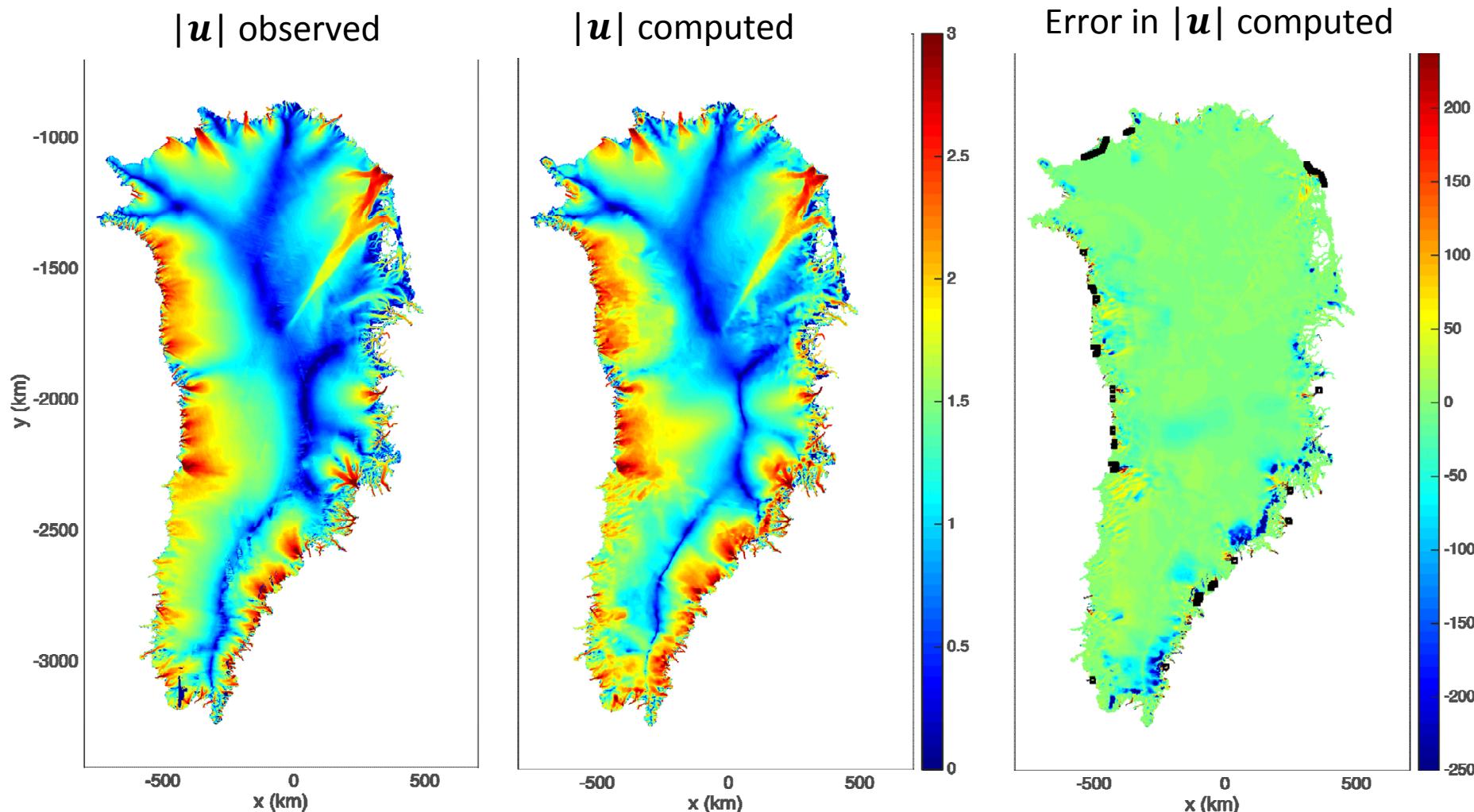
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Finite Element Method discretization	Albany
Quasi-Newton optimization (L-BFGS)	ROL
Nonlinear solver (Newton)	NOX
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- Some details:

- **Regularization:** Tikhonov.
- Total derivatives of objective functional  $m(\beta, h)$  computed using **adjoints** and **automatic differentiation** (Sacado package of Trilinos).
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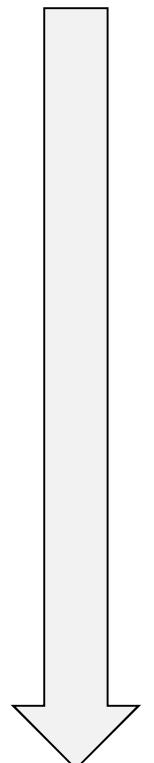
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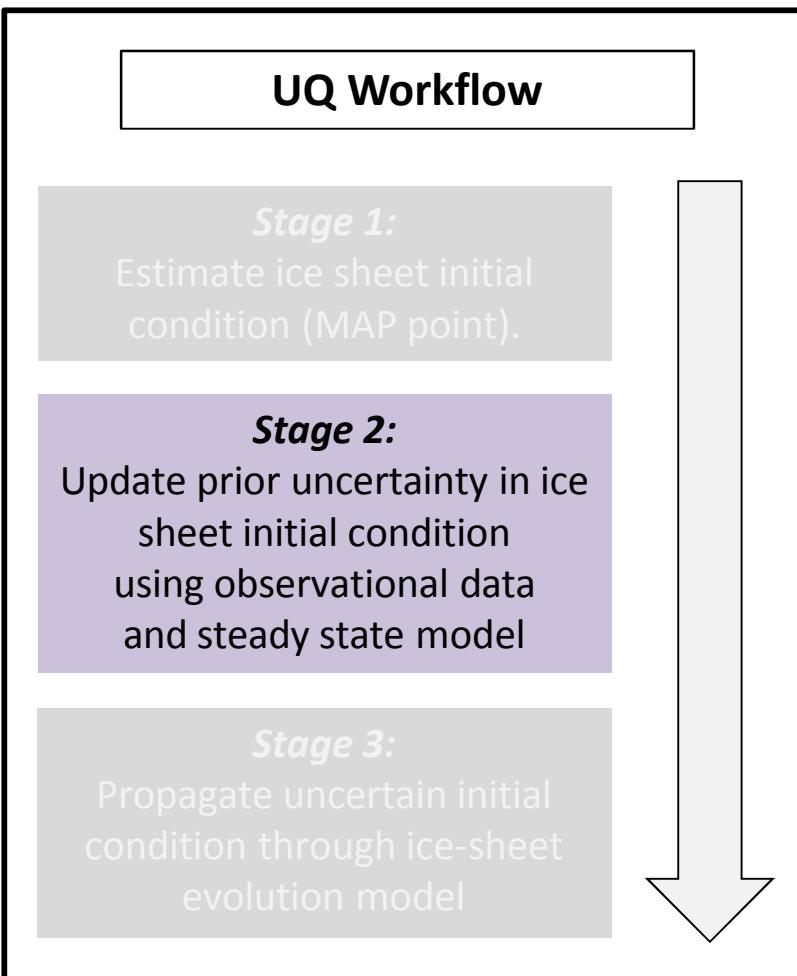
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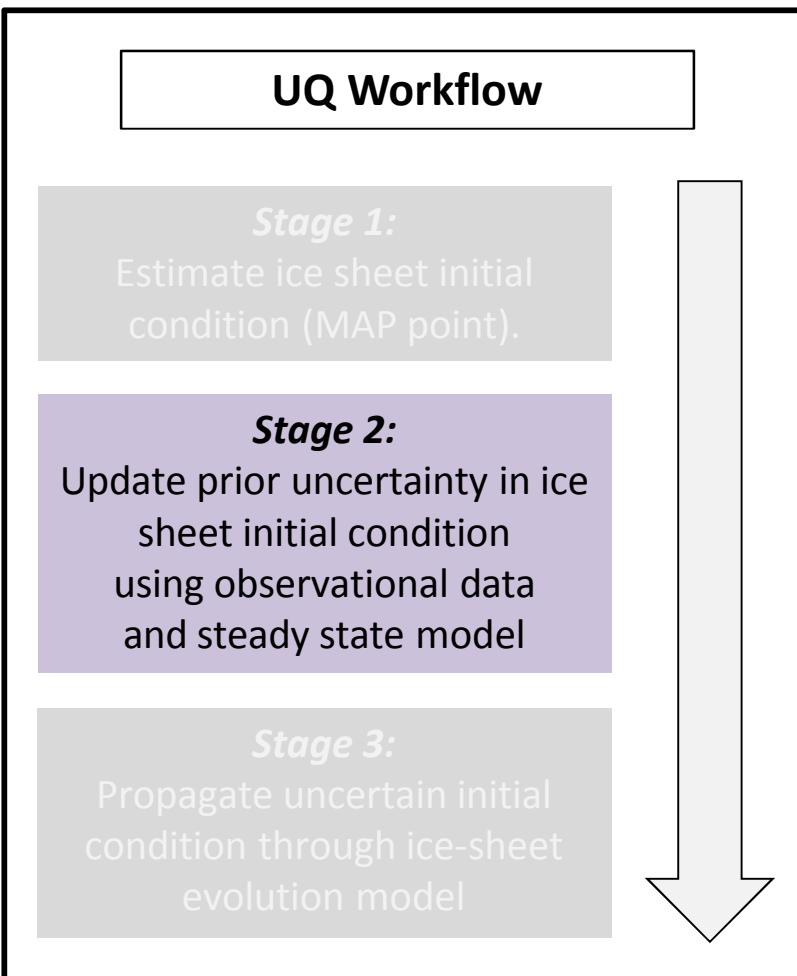


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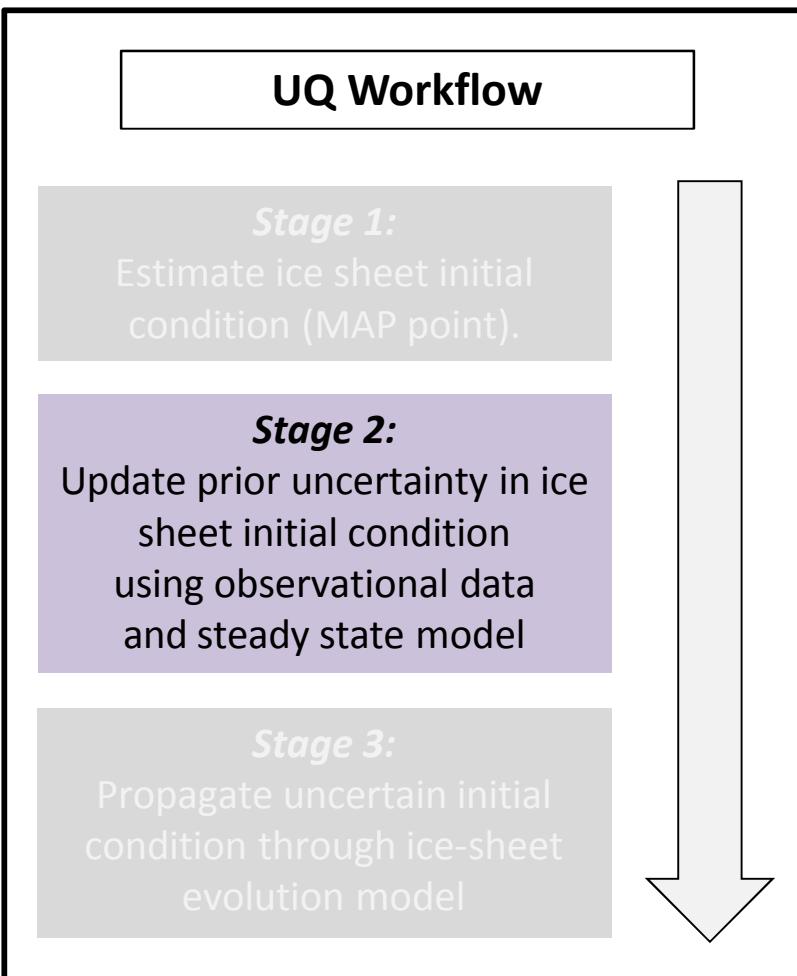
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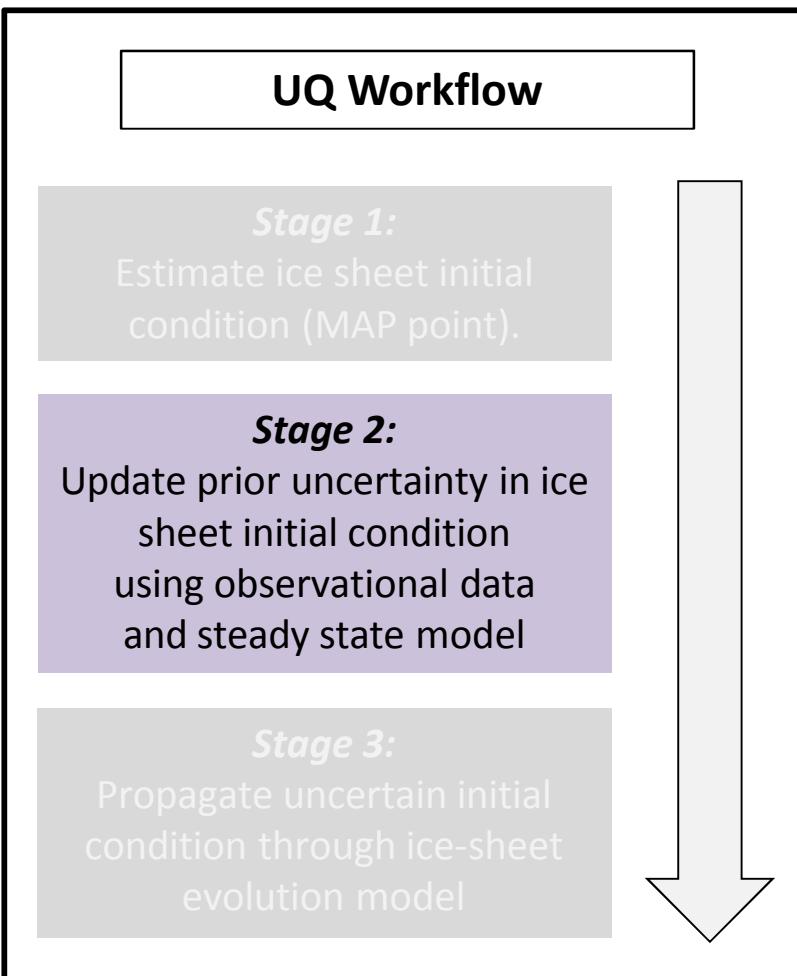
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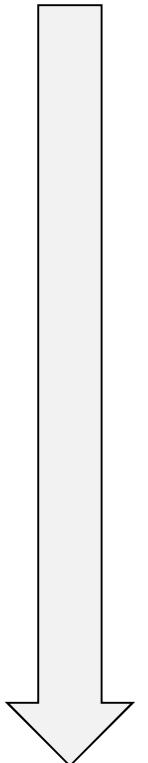
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**Deterministic inversion is consistent with Bayesian analog:** it is used to find the MAP point of posterior.

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\* Isaac, Petra, Stadler, Ghattas, *JCP*, 2015.

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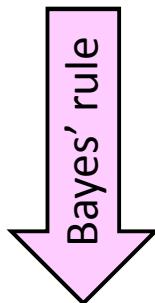
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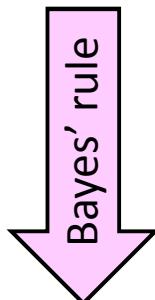
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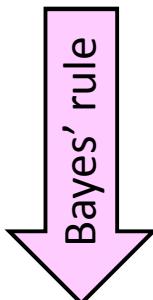
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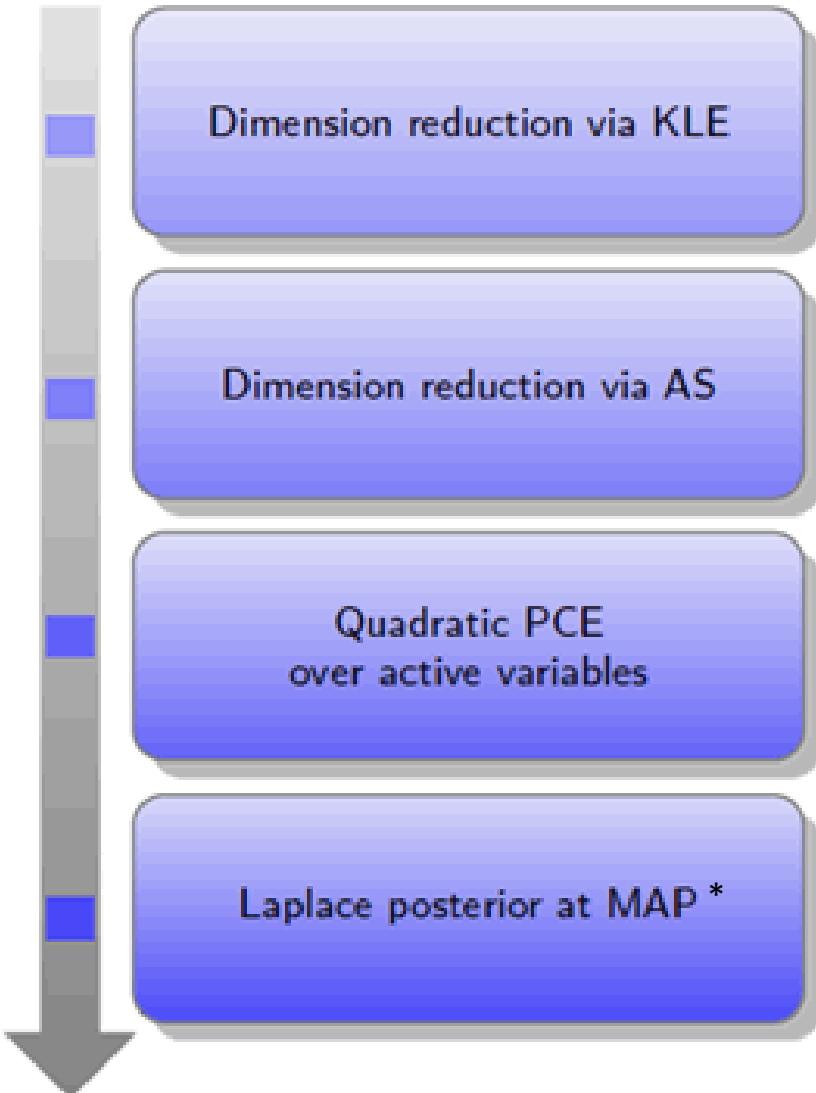
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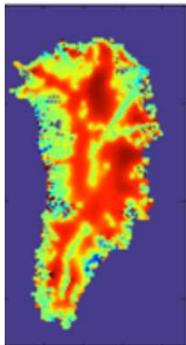


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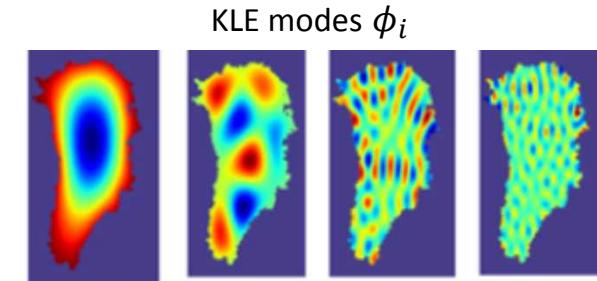
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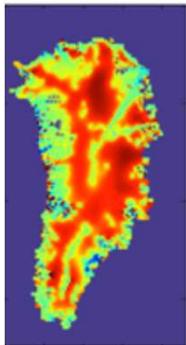
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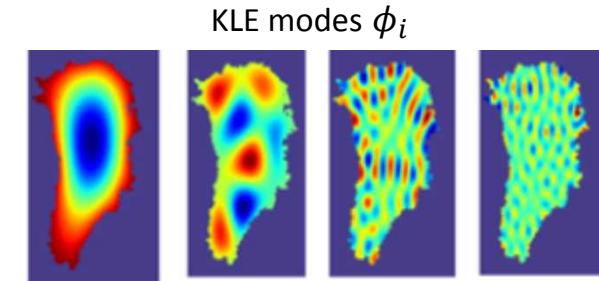
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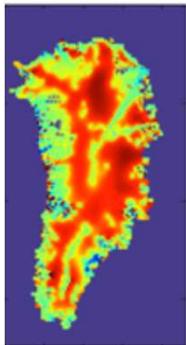


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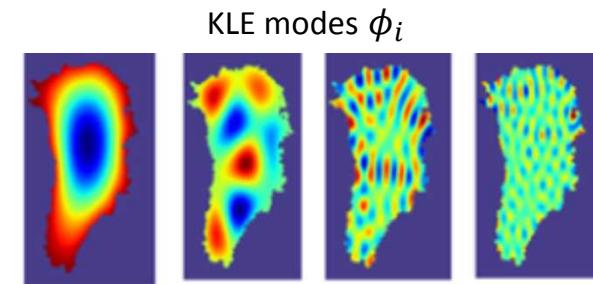
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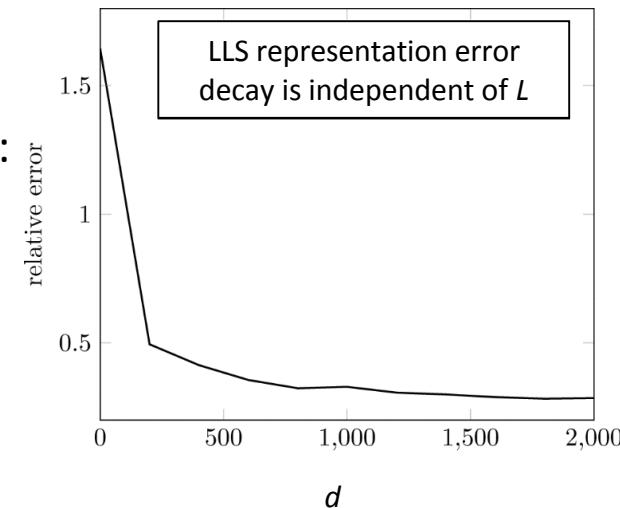


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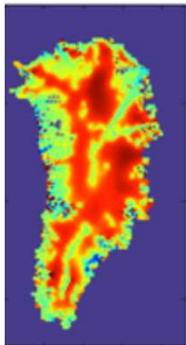
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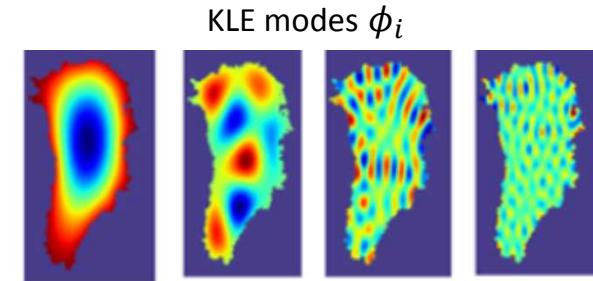
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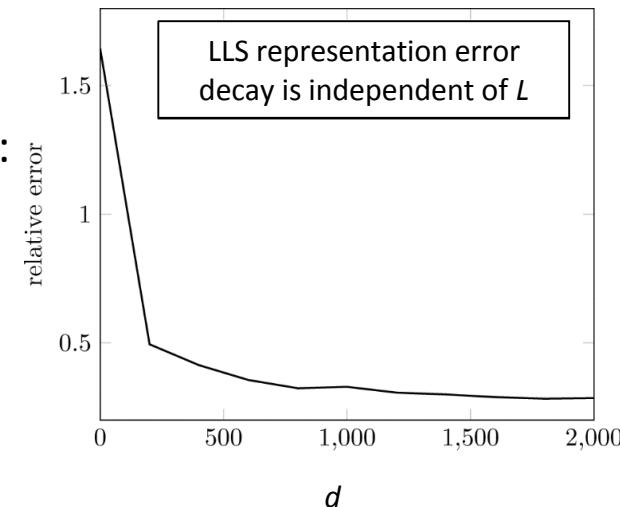
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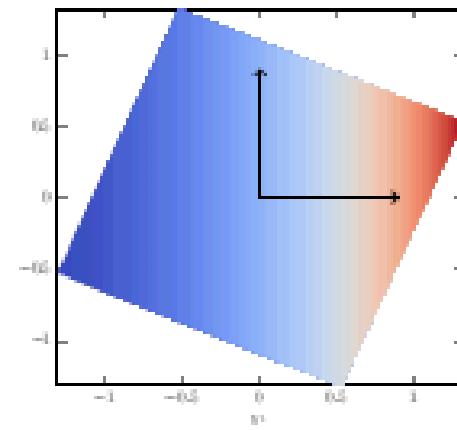
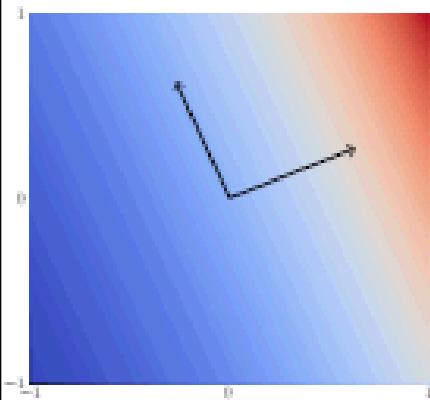
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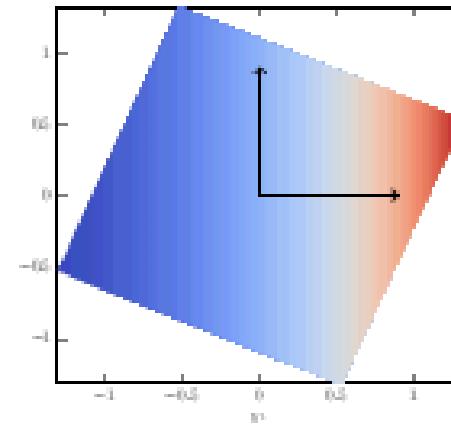
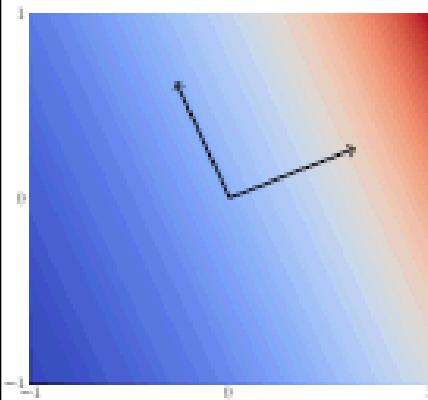
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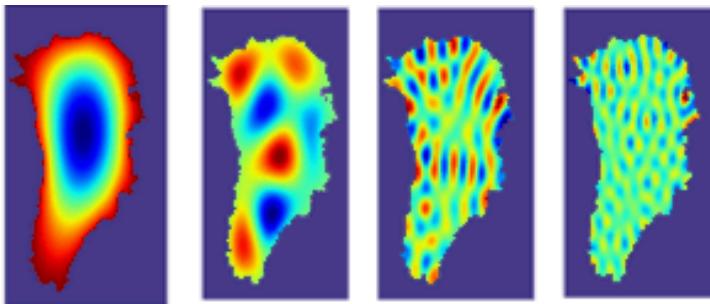
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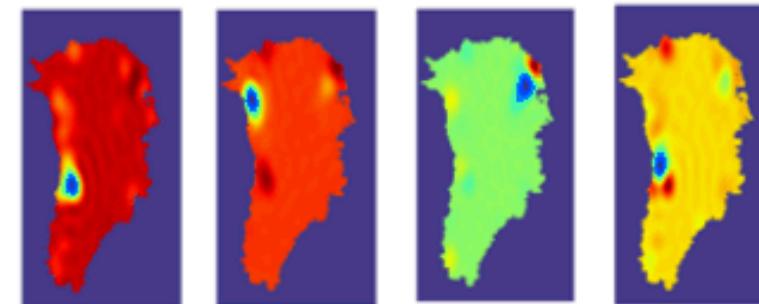
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# Greenland Bayesian Inference via KLE + AS

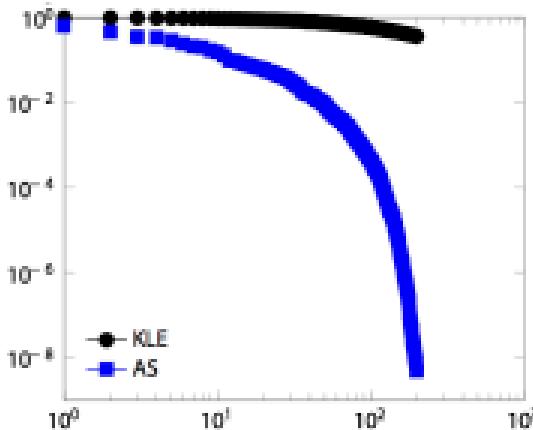
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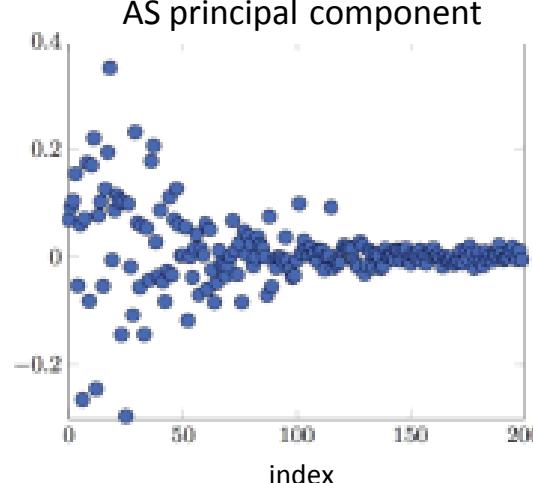
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KLE and AS amplitudes



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Gradients of mismatch function obtained via ***adjoint solve*** in Albany/FELIX.

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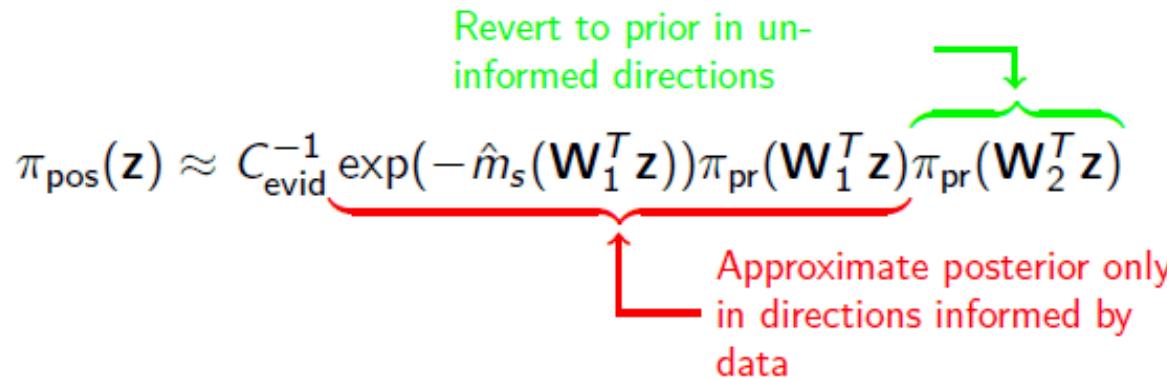
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Revert to prior in un-informed directions

Approximate posterior only in directions informed by data



*Various levels of approximation can be employed:*

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  - Perform MCMC in active subspace to improve mixing
- Surrogate of misfit with rotation but no dimension reduction
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  - **Combine MCMC in active subspaces with surrogates that adaptively target regions of high probability**

# Quadratic PCE over Active Variables

**Idea:** approximate misfit  $m(\mathbf{z})$  using quadratic PCE for efficient computation of misfit Hessian.

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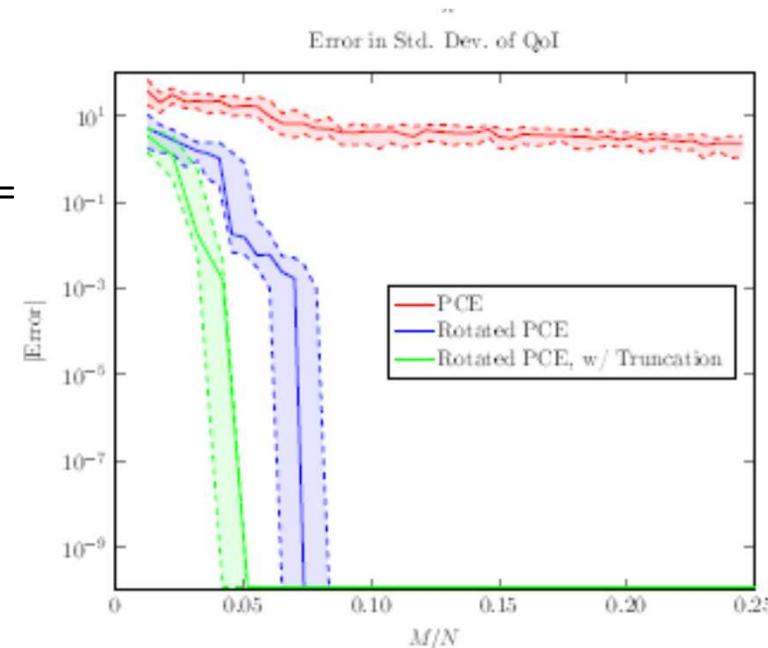
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$$\text{rank}(A) = 5, d = 15, z_i \sim N(1/2, 1/5)$$

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- $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_{\text{misfit}}$  and its EV decomposition can be computed efficiently using a parallel **matrix-free Lanczos method**.
- **Rank of  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\text{post}}$**  = # of directions that informed directions of posterior.

## Symbols\*:

$\mathbf{V}_r, \mathbf{D}_r$ : eigenvecs, eigenvals of  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_{\text{misfit}}$

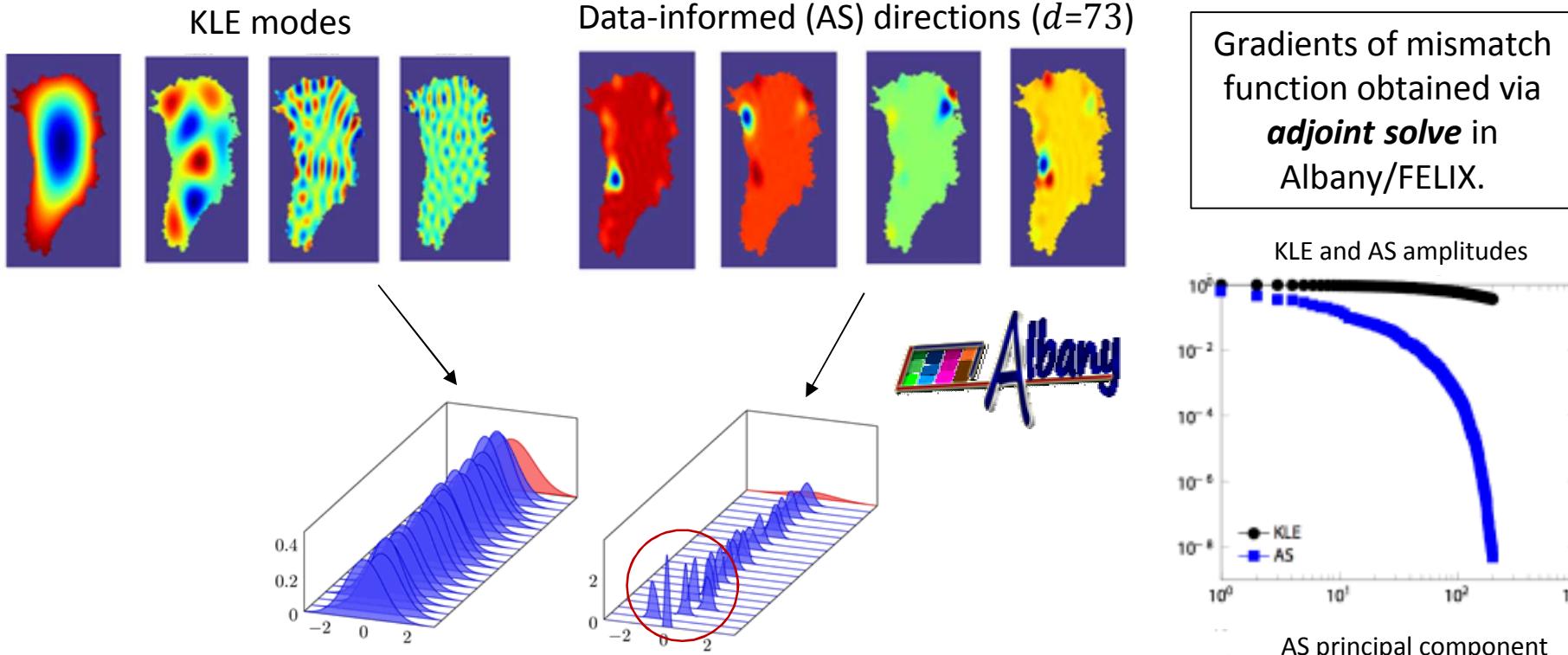
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- **Above:** marginal distributions of Gaussian posterior computed using KLE vs. KLE+AS.
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# Summary & future work

This talk described our ***workflow*** for quantifying uncertainties in expected aggregate ice sheet mass change and its ***demonstration*** on some Greenland ice sheet problems, focusing on ***inversion***.

- **Future work:**

We are well-positioned to  
do these efforts in parallel!

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# Multiphysics Code



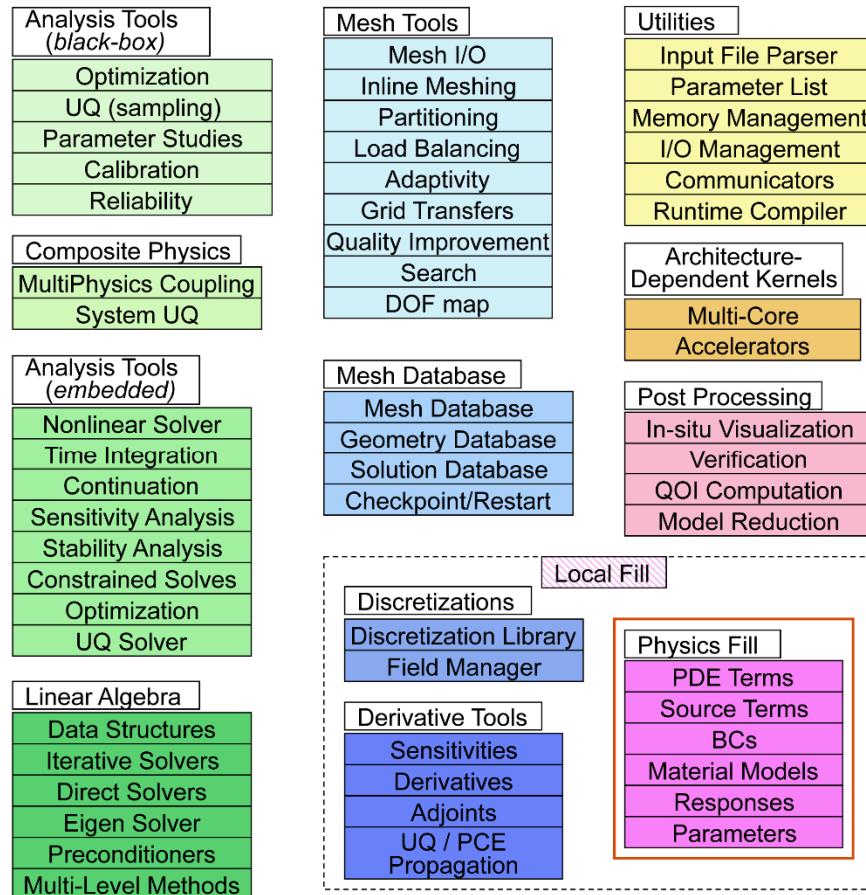
The *Albany/FELIX land-ice solver* is implemented within the *Albany multi-physics code*.

**Albany** = Sandia open-source\* parallel, C++, multi-physics finite element code.

- **Component-based** design for rapid development of new physics & capabilities.
- Extensive use of libraries from the open-source **Trilinos** project:
  - Automatic differentiation.
  - Discretizations/meshes, mesh adaptivity.
  - Solvers, time-integration schemes.
  - Performance-portable kernels.
- **Advanced analysis** capabilities:
  - Parameter estimation.
  - Uncertainty quantification (DAKOTA).
  - Optimization (DAKOTA, ROL).
  - Sensitivity analysis.



40+ packages; 120+ libraries



\* <https://github.com/gahansen/Albany>.

# Computing the Active Subspace

**Gradients of mismatch**  $\nabla_{\beta} m$  can be used to identify subspace that controls variation in likelihood function (active subspace)

- Mismatch **approximated** by related function of fewer variables  $g$ :

$$m(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}))^T \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\text{obs}}^{-1}(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z})) \approx g(\underbrace{\mathbf{W}_1^T \mathbf{z}}_{\text{Linear transformation (rotation) of coords}})$$

$\mathbf{W}_1^T \mathbf{z}$  = “active variables”

- Active subspace computed using  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \nabla m(z) \nabla m(z)^T d\rho(z) = \mathbf{W} \Lambda \mathbf{W}^T$ 
  - Sample gradient using MC:  $[\nabla m(z^{(1)}), \dots, \nabla m(z^{(M)})]$ .
  - Form Gauss-Newton approx. of Hessian averaged over prior:

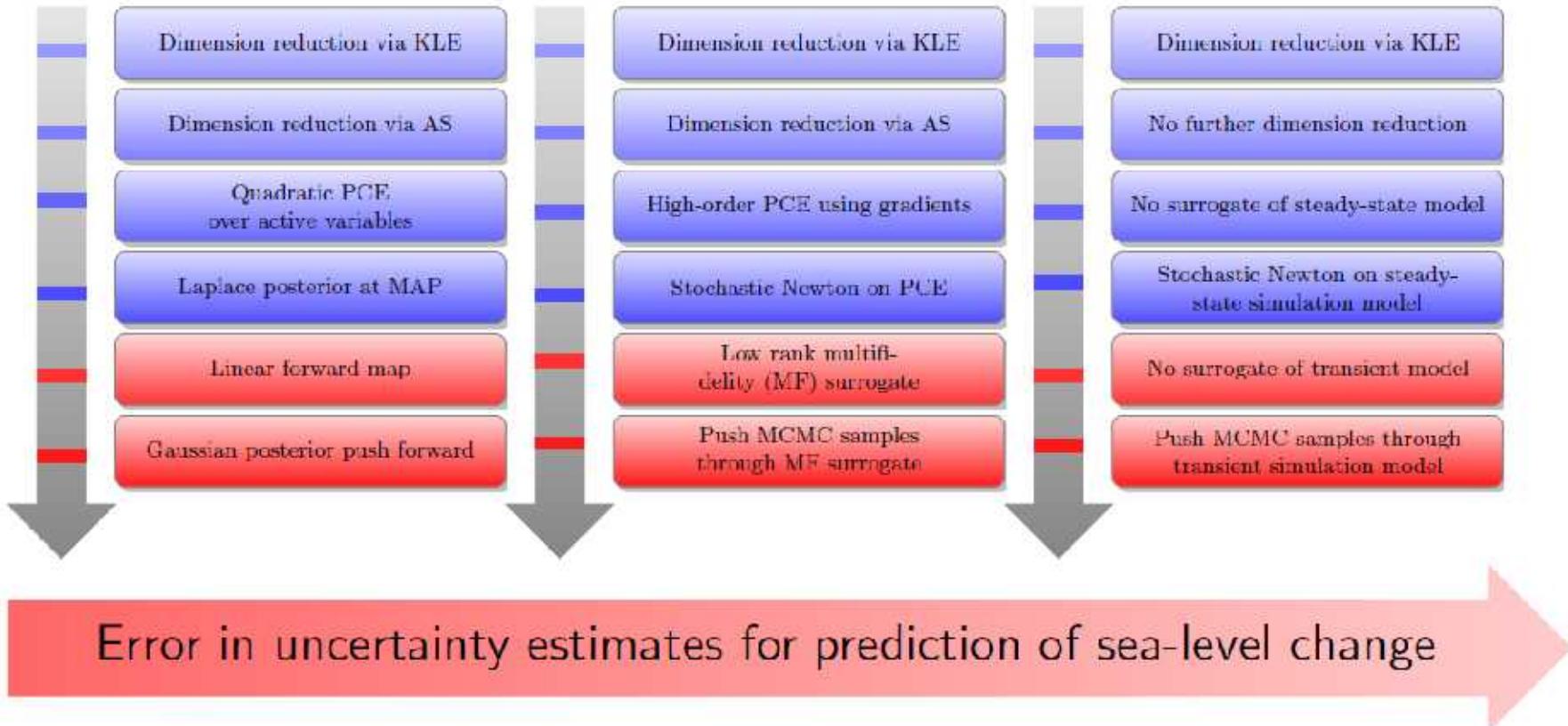
$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \nabla m(z^{(i)}) \nabla m(z^{(i)})^T$$

- Compute eigenvalue decomposition:  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{W} \Lambda \mathbf{W}^T$   
 $\rightarrow$  eigenvectors  $\mathbf{W}$  define rotation of  $\mathbb{R}^M$ .
- Partition  $\mathbf{z}$  into **active** and **inactive** variables:

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}_1^T \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{W}_2^T \mathbf{z}, \quad \mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{W}_1 \quad \mathbf{W}_2]$$

Perturbing  $m(\mathbf{z})$  along columns of  $\mathbf{W}_1$  changes  $m(\mathbf{z})$  more.

# Full UQ Workflow: Varying Levels of Approx.



## As with Bayesian inference:

- **Future work:** compare errors as accuracy of approximation is increased to gain insight into viability of lower-dimensional approximations.
- Lessons can be learned by avoiding use of highest fidelity model.