

EPSC510 Module 2

Lecture 4: Ice

Disko Bay, Greenland

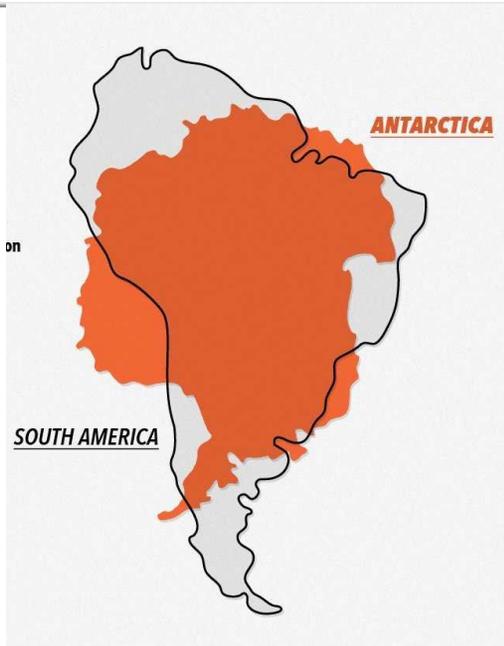
Today's Ice Sheets



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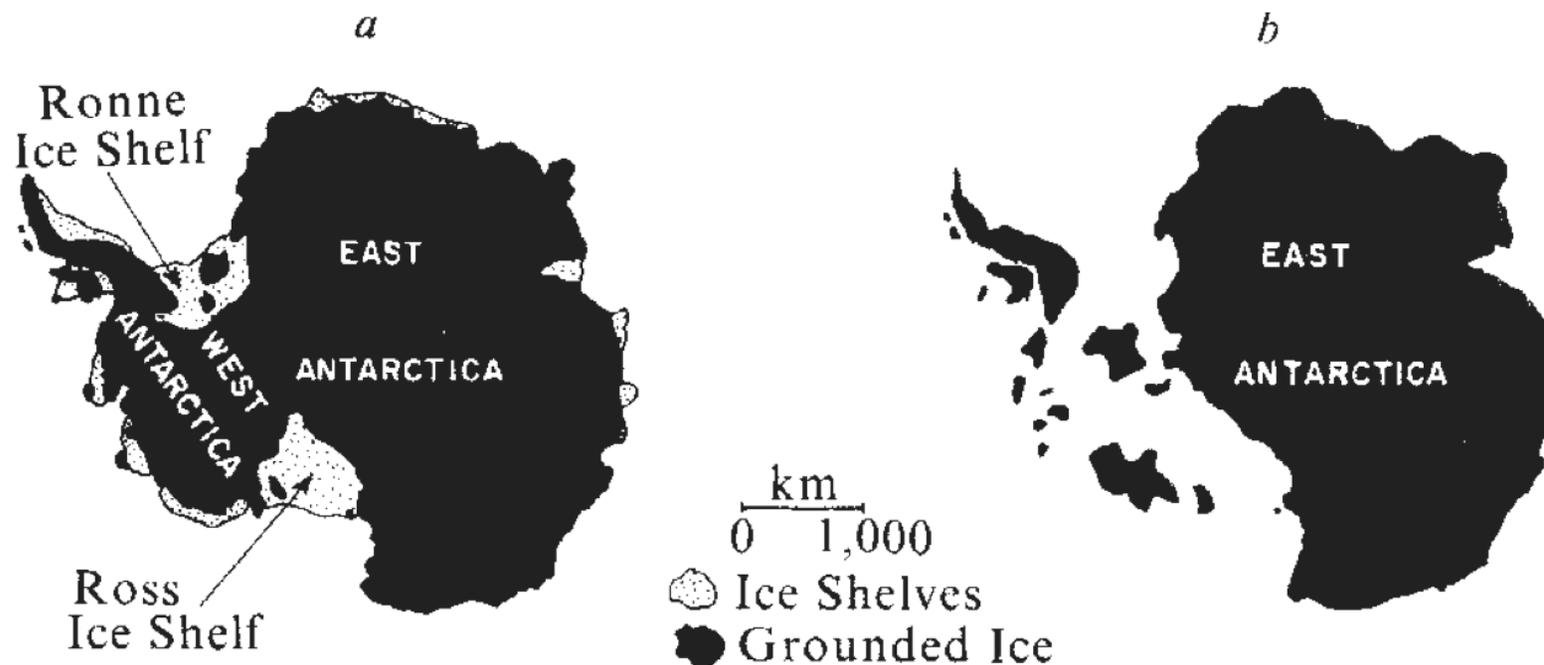


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West Antarctic ice sheet and CO₂ greenhouse effect: a threat of disaster

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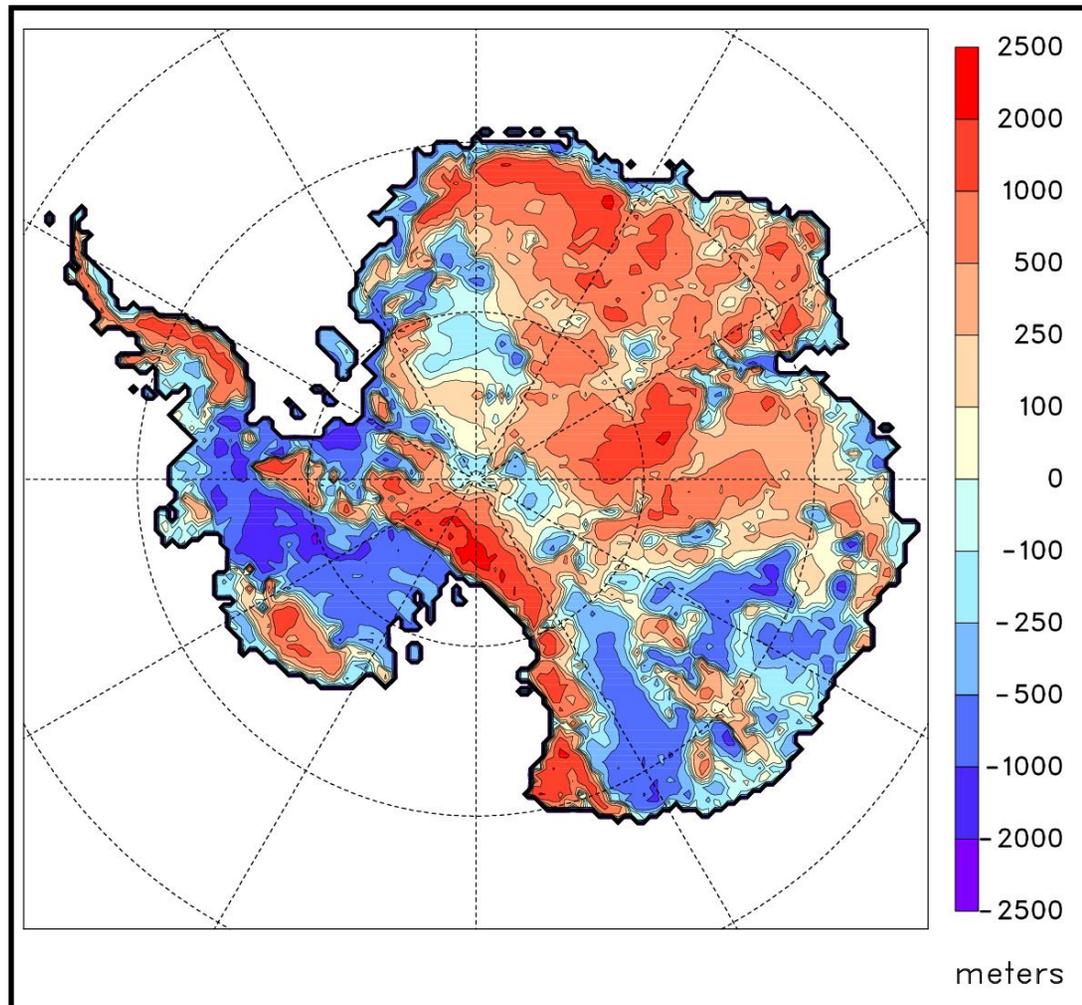


Stability of Antarctic ice

from J. Weertman

Today's Ice Sheets: Marine Ice Instability

Marine-based sectors of the Antarctic Ice Sheet (blue) are potentially unstable and could retreat rapidly in a warming climate.



Elevation of the Bedrock beneath the ice sheet
marine-based regions (blue)

Uncertainty in Future Sea Level Change

Marine Ice Sheet Collapse Potentially Under Way for the Thwaites Glacier Basin, West Antarctica

Ian Joughin, Benjamin E. Smith, Brooke Medley

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Key Points:

- Fast grounding line retreat of the entire Amundsen Sea sector of West Antarctica
- Observations are a signature of a marine ice sheet instability in Antarctica

Widespread, rapid grounding line retreat of Pine Island, Thwaites, Smith, and Kohler glaciers, West Antarctica, from 1992 to 2011

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Projecting Antarctic ice discharge using response functions from SeaRISE ice-sheet models

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Earth Syst. Dynam., 5, 271-293, 2014

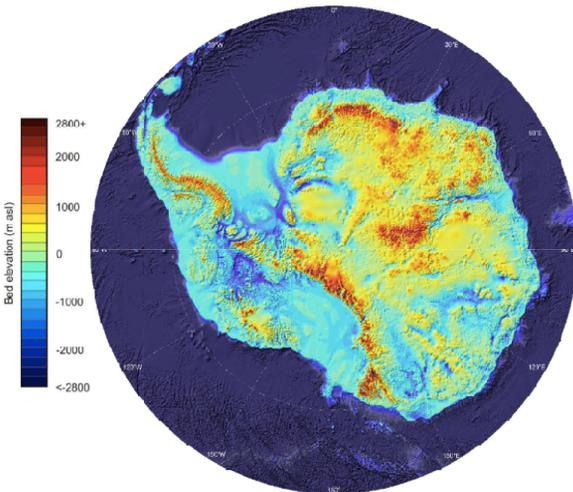
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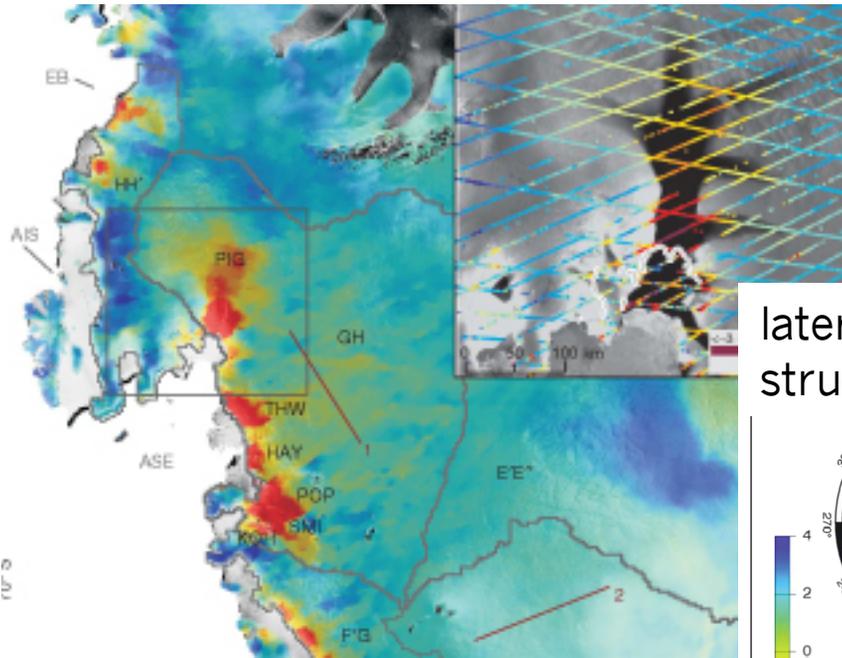
Antarctica's Response to Climate Warming is complicated

IPCC 5th Assessment Report: “Only the collapse of the marine-based sectors of the Antarctic ice sheet, if initiated, could cause GMSL to rise substantially above the likely range during the 21st century.”

marine-based regions

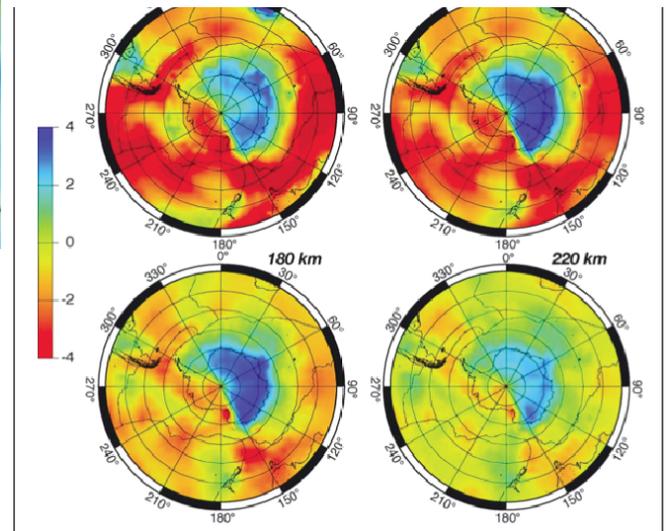


BEDMAP2



Past and ongoing ice mass changes contributing to Earth deformation

lateral variations in Earth structure



Seismic Tomography, Morelli & Danesi (2004)

Marine Ice In Antarctica is Vulnerable



- **Antarctic Ice has responded rapidly to climate change in the past.**



Working in Antarctica



Getting there....



Living there...



Ice Sheet Dynamics Overview

Much of the following overview of ice dynamics and ice sheet modeling comes from the introductory website:

www.antarcticglaciers.org

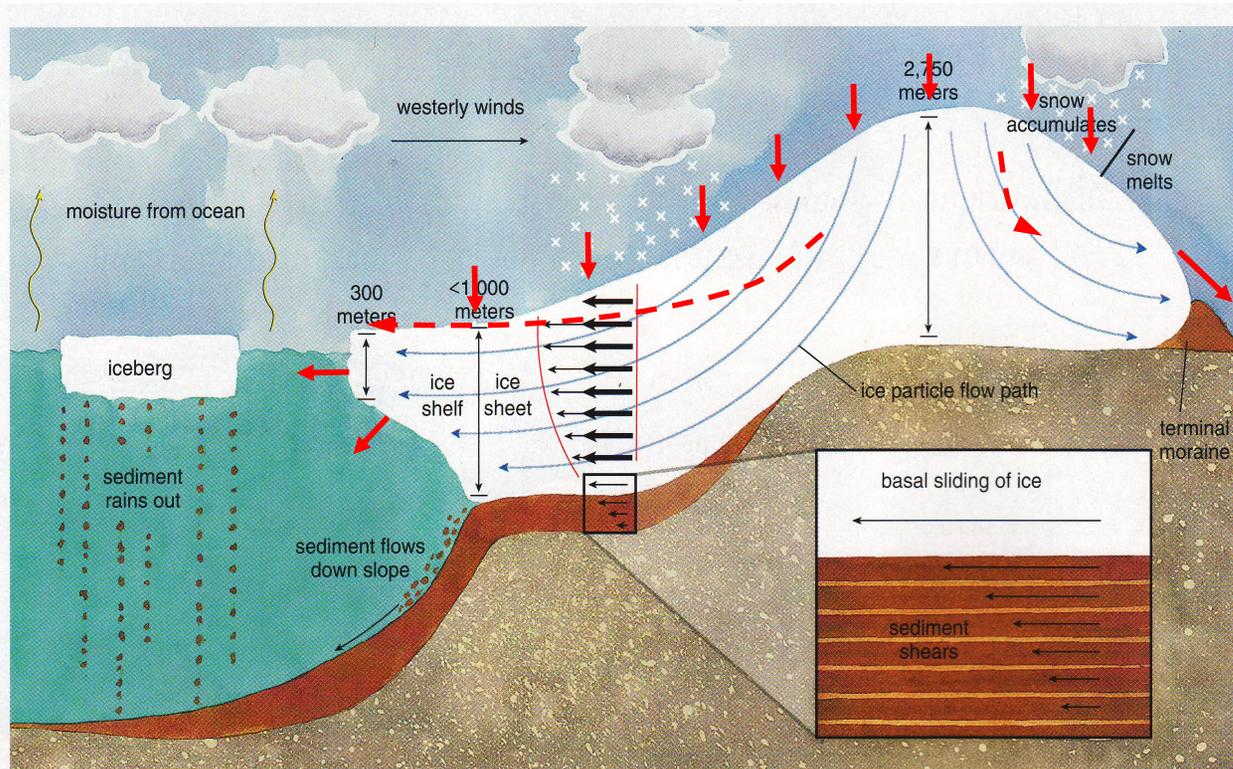
And from notes, slides and discussions with David Pollard at Pennsylvania State University.

Ice Sheet Dynamics

- Glacier flow (velocity and motion) is controlled by several factors including:
 - ice geometry (thickness, steepness)
 - Ice properties (temperature, density)
 - Valley geometry
 - Bedrock conditions (hard, soft, frozen bed...)
 - Subglacial hydrology (water at the bed)
 - Terminal environment (land, sea, ice shelf, sea ice)
 - Mass balance (rate of accumulation and ablation)

Siegert, 2002, Amer. Sci.

~3000 km



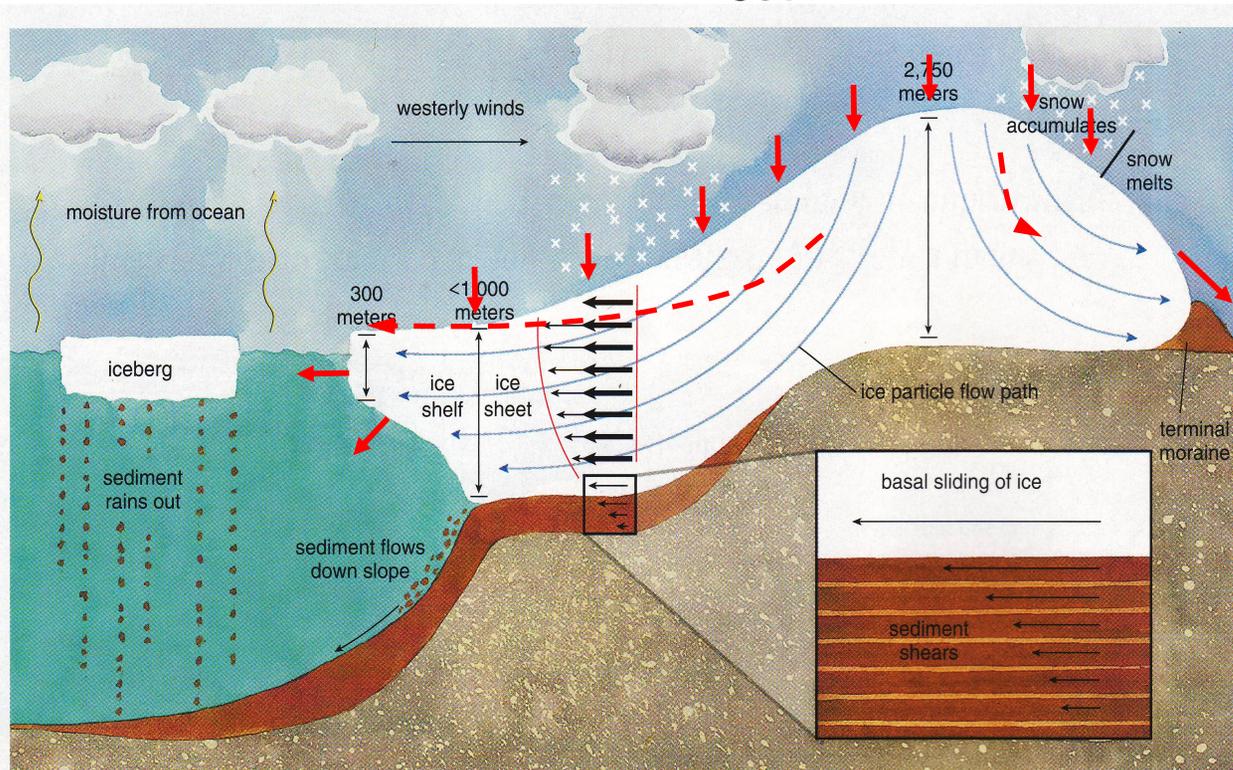
~3 km

Ice Sheet Dynamics

- Glaciers flow by creep under gravitational driving stress, through the processes of:
 - internal deformation (creep)
 - basal sliding (ice sliding on bed below)
 - soft bed subglacial deformation (bed deforming, transporting overlying ice)
- Driving Stress controlled by gravity, ice density and temperature, ice thickness and ice surface slope.
- Resistive stresses include basal drag, lateral drag against valley walls, or buttressing of ice shelves (which themselves are experiencing drag from below or their sides)

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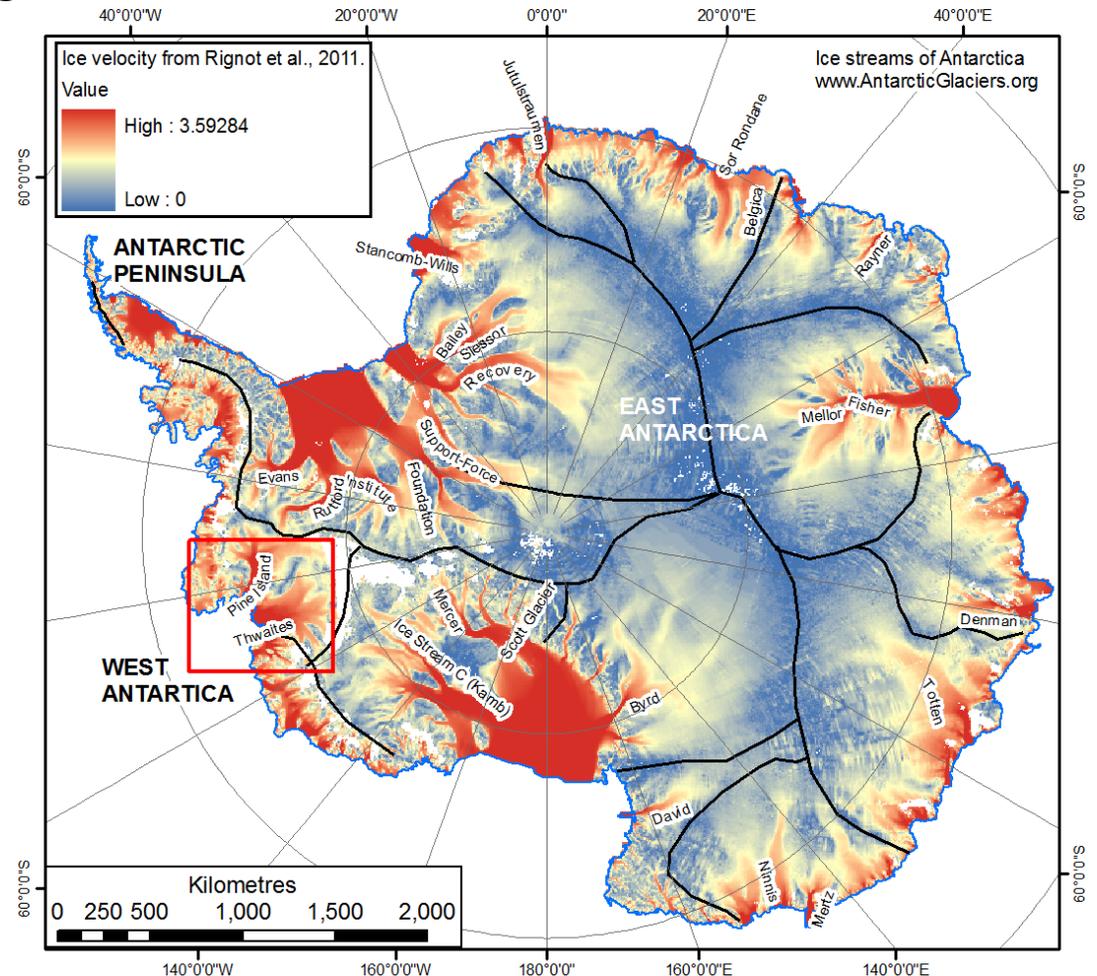
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- **Ice Streams:** corridors of fast ice flow on wet, slippery bed that drain the ice sheet
 - 90% of discharge occurs through ice streams in Antarctica.

[NASA Animation of Rignot et al. \(2011\) ice velocity](#)

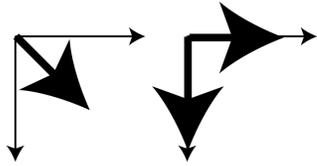
Ice stream scale:

- > 20 km in width
- > 150 km in length
- 100s m/y (where surrounding ice flows at <10s m/y)

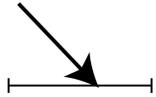


Force and Stress for glaciers

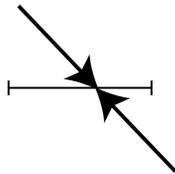
www.AntarcticGlaciers.org. Modified from Benn and Evans (1998)



FORCE
A push or a pull.



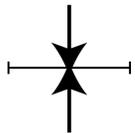
TRACTION
Force per unit area on a surface of a specified orientation



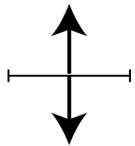
SURFACE STRESS
A pair of equal and opposite tractions acting across a surface at a particular orientation



SHEAR STRESS
A pair of tractions acting parallel to a surface



NORMAL STRESS - compressive
A pair of tractions acting at right angles



NORMAL STRESS - tensile
A pair of tractions acting at right angles

Ice Sheet Dynamics: Stress

Driving and resisting stresses operating on a block of ice on an inclined slope.

www.antarcticglaciers.org

Longitudinal (compressional and extensional) stresses

Gravitational driving stress

Vertical stress gradients

Lateral drag

Basal drag

Lateral drag

Longitudinal (compressional and extensional) stresses

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Ice Sheet Model Ingredients

1) Ice Conservation (Continuity) Equation

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial(uH)}{\partial x} + B$$

2) Glen's Law – non-Newtonian fluid

$$\epsilon_{ij} = A |\tau|^{n-1} \tau_{ij} \quad (\text{Glen's Law})$$

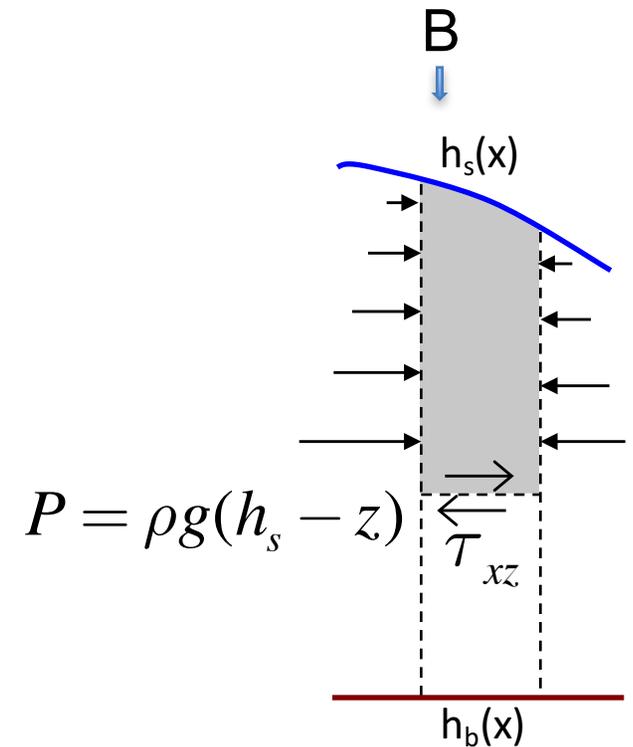
3) Flow Equations

E.g. The shallow-ice approximation

- Valid for $H \ll L$, sticky base
- Asserts that (a) hydrostatic pressures are the dominant driving force, and (b) vertical shear is the dominant mode of deformation.

$$\epsilon_{xz} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \quad \tau_{xz} \approx -\rho g (h_s - z) \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial x}$$

4) Interactions with ocean, bed and climate



h_s = ice surface elevation
 h_b = ice base elevation
 H = ice thickness $h_s - h_b$

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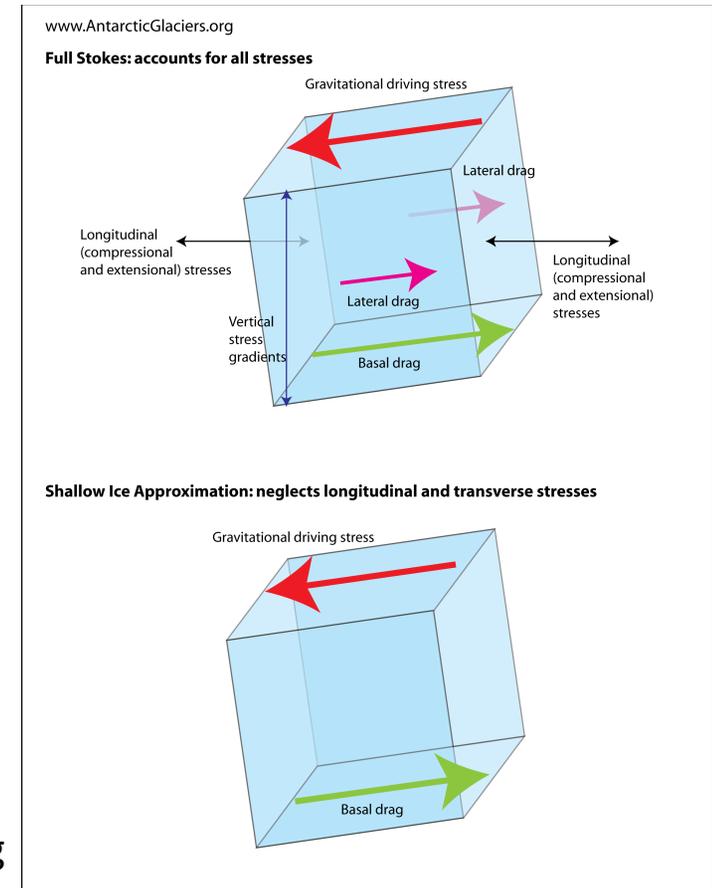
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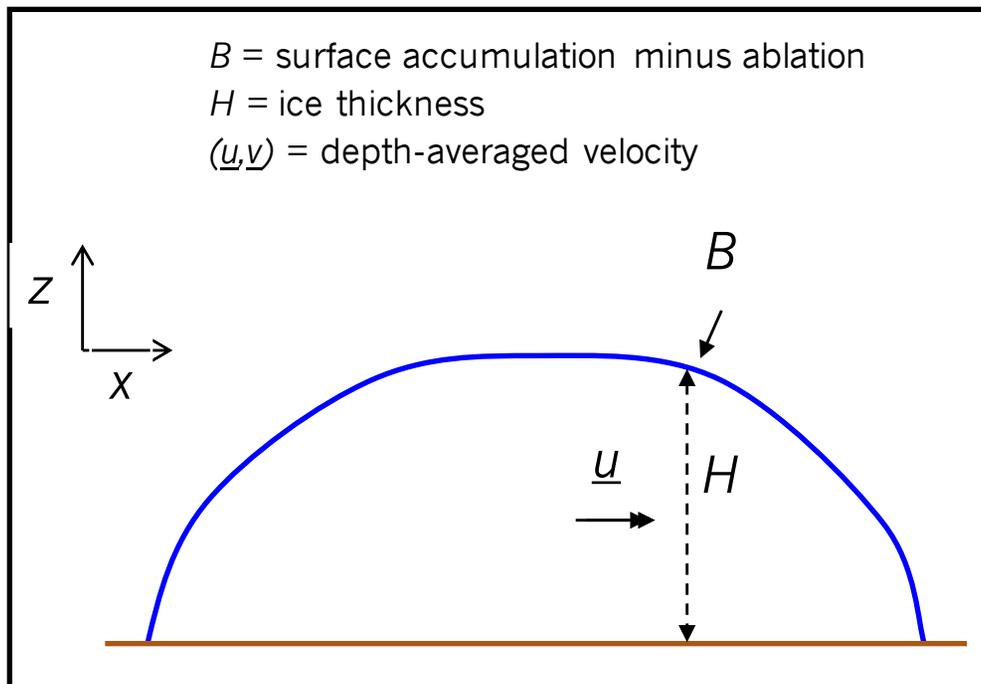
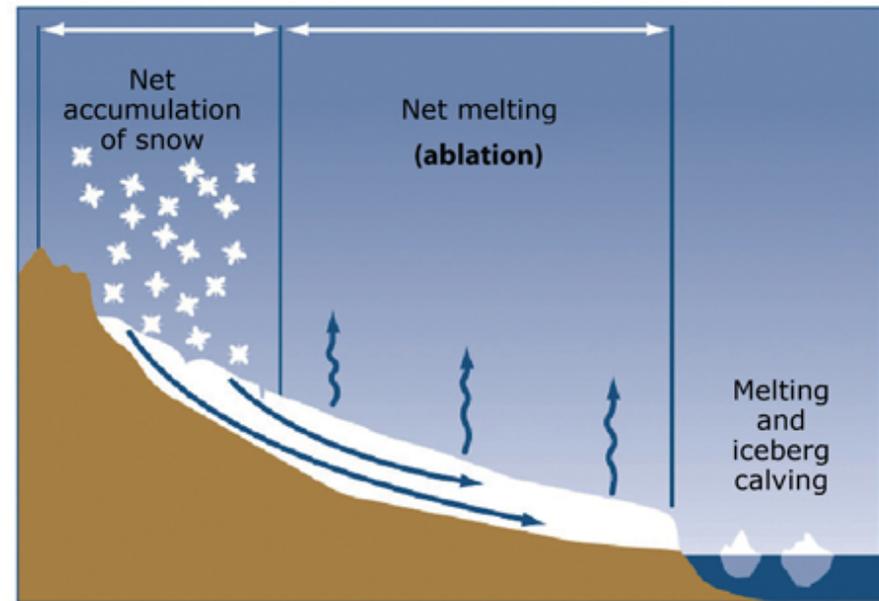
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Ice Sheet Model Ingredients: Continuity Equation

Surface snowfall accumulates on interior, is compacted to ice (upper ~100 m) and is transported by ice flow to lower marginal regions (taking $\sim 10^4$ to 10^5 years).

Grounded ice is lost as surface melt, or discharged to floating ice shelves or bergs.



Ice Conservation (Continuity) Equation:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(\bar{u}H)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(\bar{v}H)}{\partial y} + B$$

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Glacier Deformation

Glaciers flow because permanent deformation occurs as a result of strain in response to stress. Strain may include deformation of the ice or the sediments at the ice-bed interface, or sliding at the ice-bed interface. Resistance to strain depends on ice temperature, crystal structure, bed roughness, debris content, water pressure and other factors.

Creep is the deformation of ice crystals. Movement can occur between or within ice crystals (Cuffey & Paterson 2010). The relationship between creep and stress can be given by **Glen's Flow Law**:

$$\varepsilon = A\tau^n$$

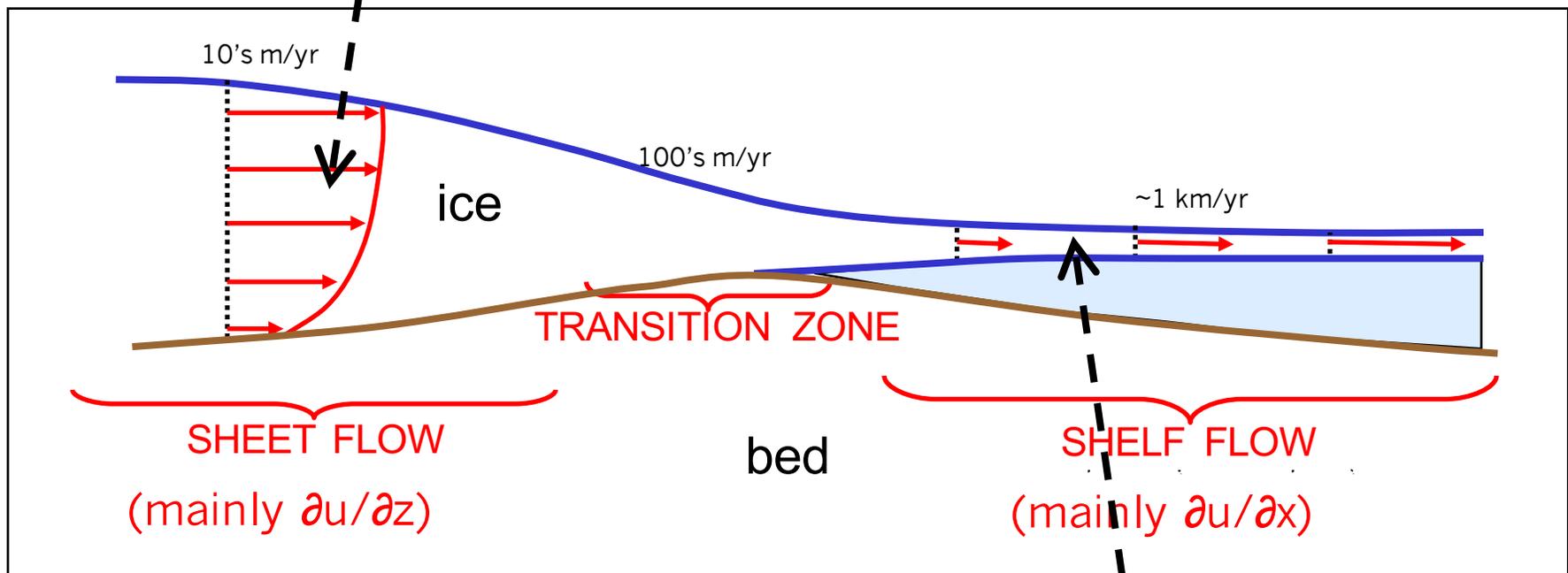
Where ε is the strain rate, A and n are constants, and τ is the basal shear stress. The constant $n = 3$, and the value of A is dependent on ice temperature, crystal orientation, debris content and other factors. Glacier ice may form beautiful [folds](#) or structures in response to creep.

Ice Sheet Model Ingredients: Flow Equations

Two different modes of flow, two different scaled equations:

Sheet flow (grounded, sticky or frozen base), shearing:

$$\bar{u} = -\frac{2A(\rho g)^n}{n+2} H^{n+1} |\nabla h_s|^{n-1} \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial x}$$



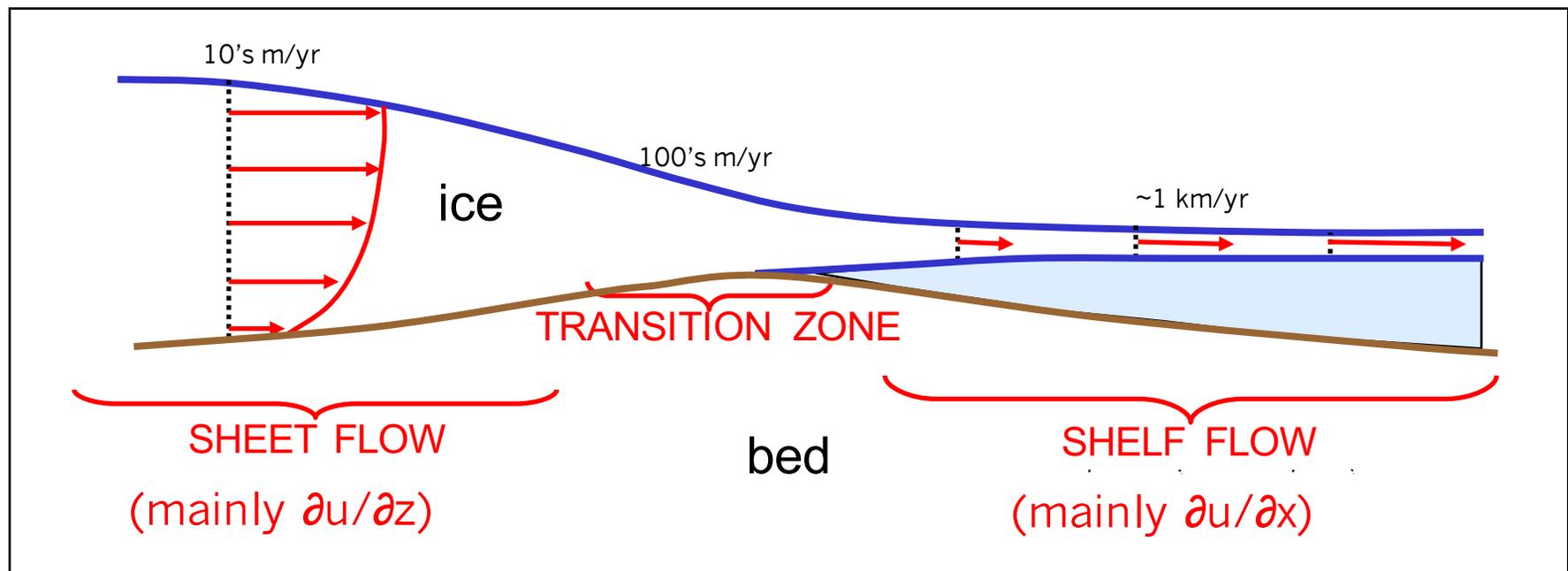
Shelf (floating) or stream (slippery base) flow, stretching:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{2\mu H}{A^{1/n}} \left(2\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{\mu H}{A^{1/n}} \left(2\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial x} \right) \right] = \rho g H \frac{\partial h_s}{\partial x} + \frac{k}{B^{1/m}} |u_b^2 + v_b^2|^{\frac{1-m}{2m}} u_b$$

Ice Sheet Model Ingredients: Flow Equations

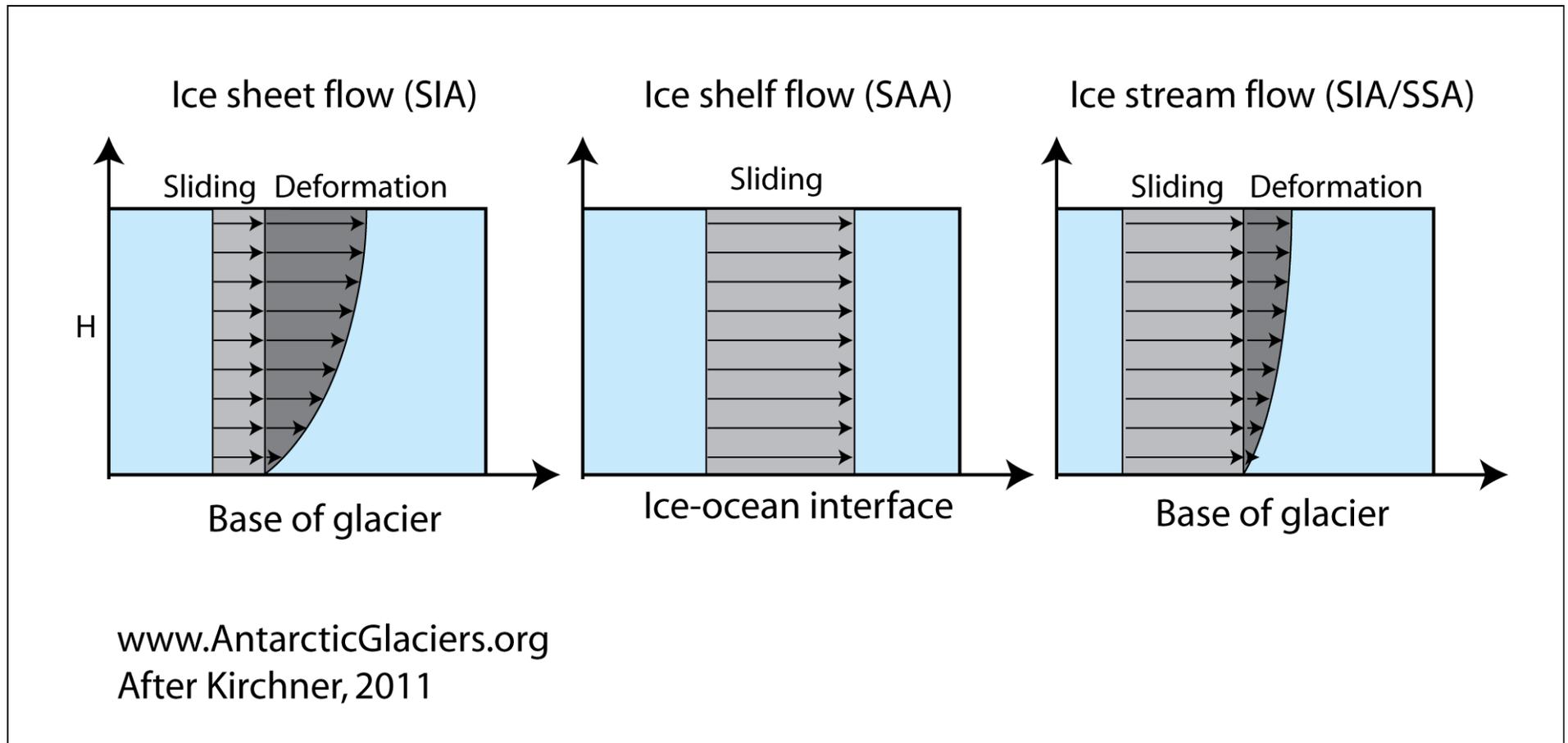
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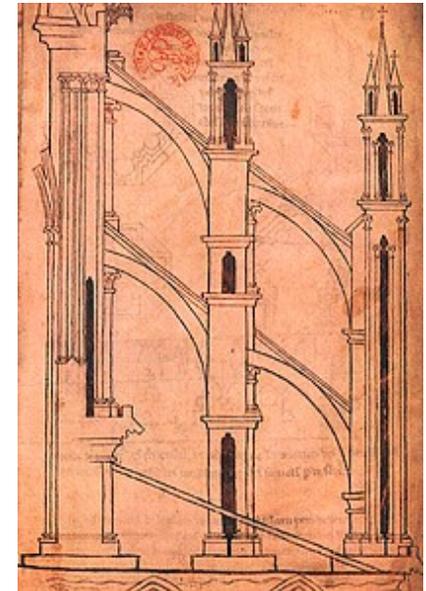
Ice Sheet Model Ingredients: Grounding Zone

Schoof's (2007, JGR) parameterization of flux across grounding lines, and buttressing:

$$q_B(x_g) = \left(\frac{\bar{A}(\rho_i g)^{n+1} (1 - \rho_i/\rho_w)^n}{4^n C} \right)^{\frac{1}{m+1}} \theta_{m+1}^{\frac{n}{m+1}} h_{m+1}^{\frac{m+n+3}{m+1}}$$

Ice thickness at grounding line

Flying buttress schematic
Riems Cathedral,
France, 1320-1335 AD

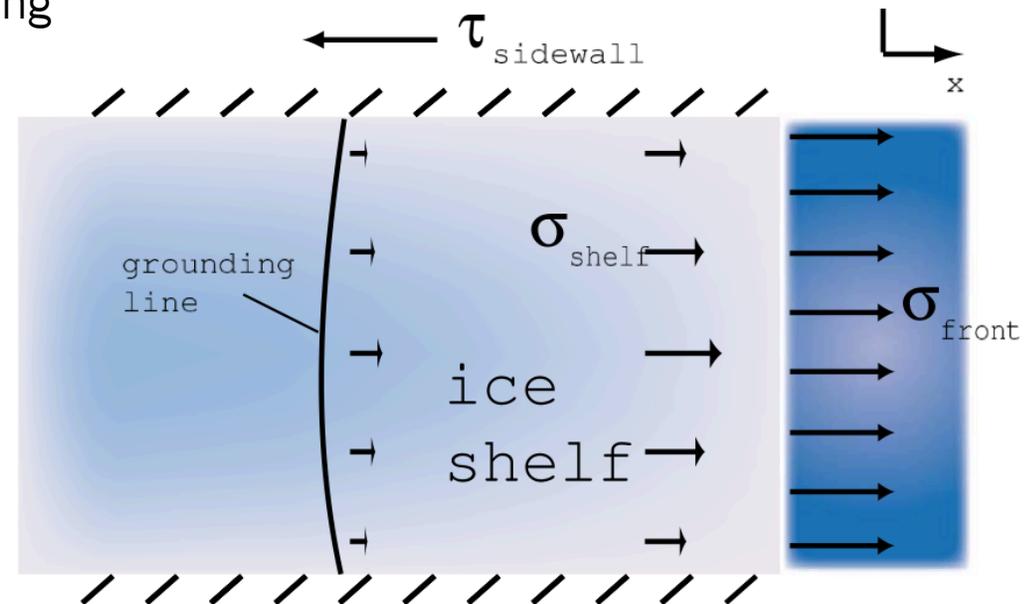


Ice shelf buttressing

Table 1. List of the Parameter Values Used^a

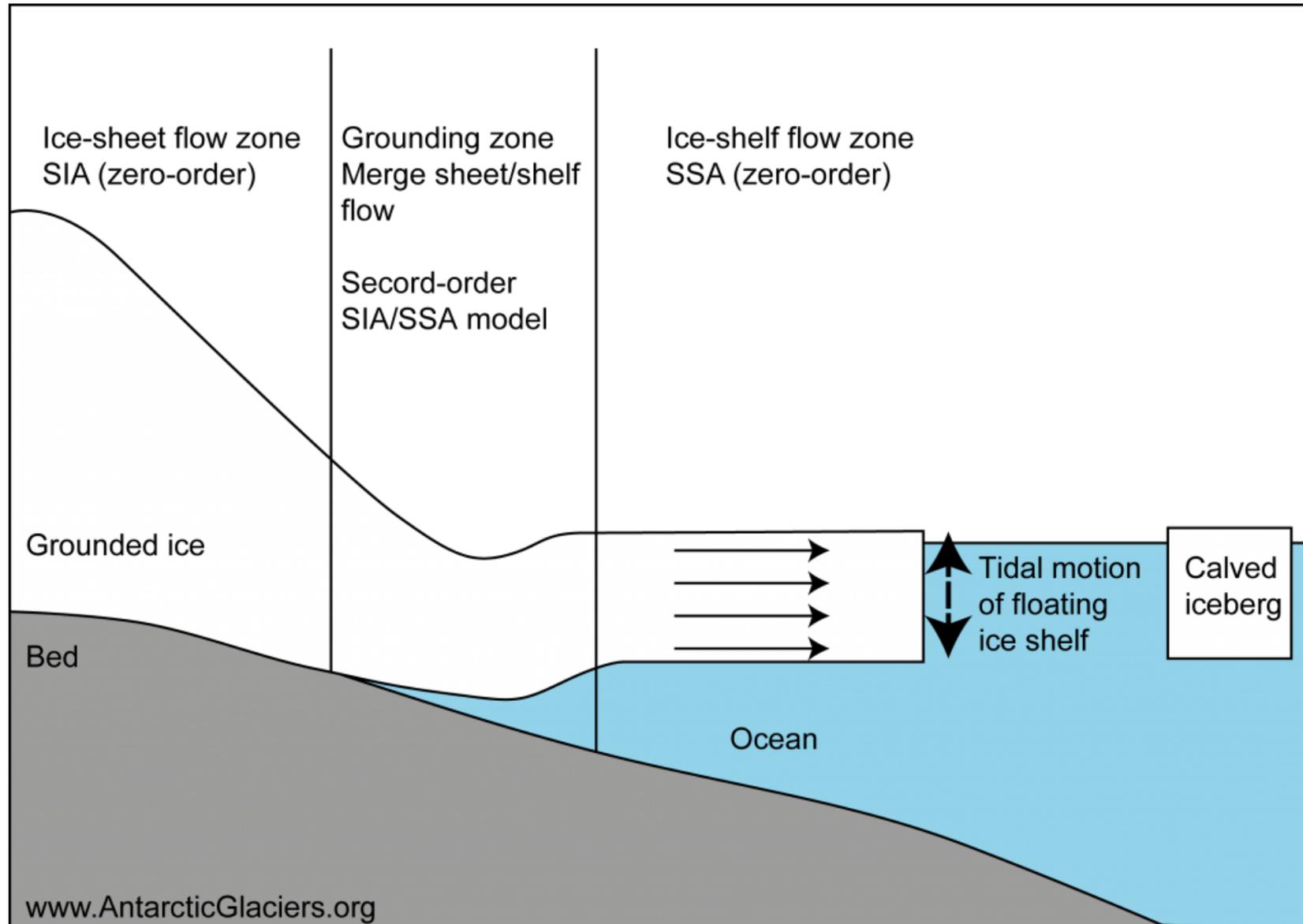
Parameter	Value
ρ_i	900 kg m ⁻³
ρ_w	1000 kg m ⁻³
g	9.8 m s ⁻²
n	3
m	1/3
C	$7.624 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa m}^{-1/3} \text{ s}^{1/3}$
a	0.3 m a ⁻¹

^aValues for \bar{A} are given in Table 2. With the chosen value of C , a basal shear stress of 80 kPa corresponds to a sliding velocity of about 35 m a⁻¹.



Ice Sheet Model Ingredients: Flow Equations

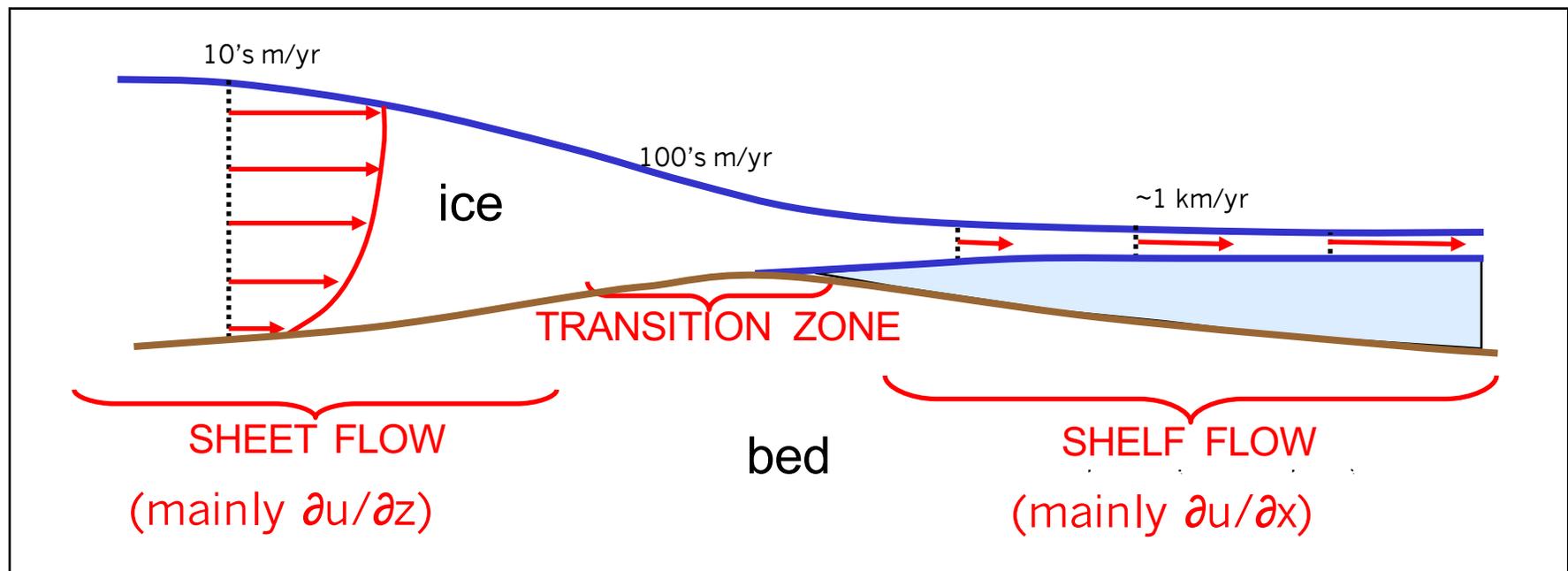
Hybrid Model example



Ice Sheet Model Ingredients: Flow Equations

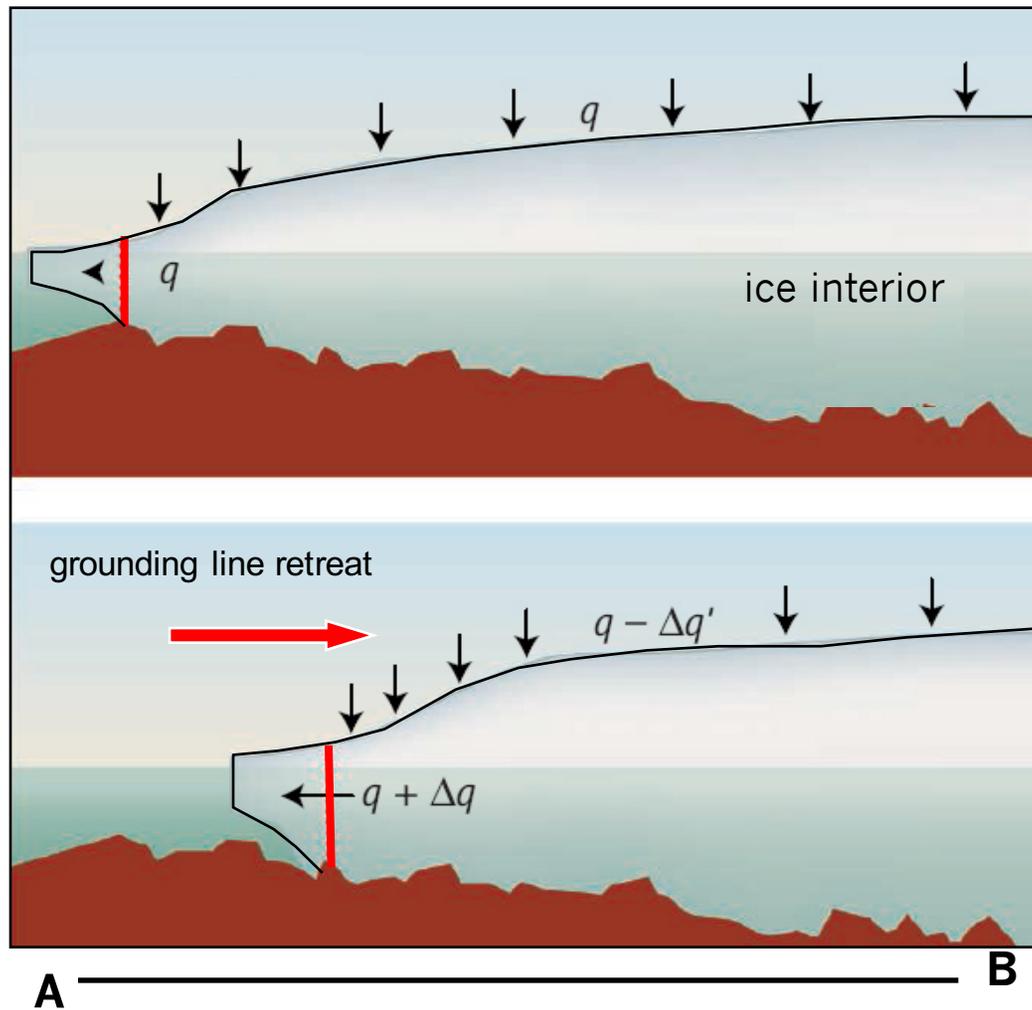
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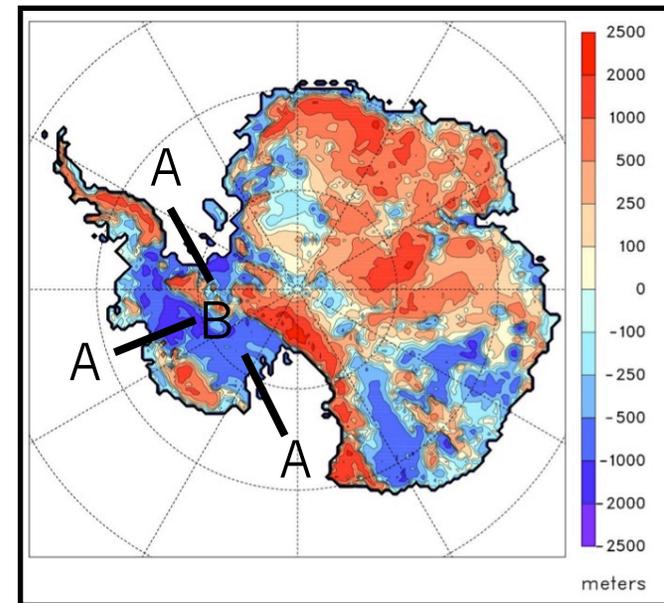
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Marine Ice Sheet Stability and Dynamics



Vaughan and Arthern (2007)

If the bed of a marine ice sheet deepens upstream from the grounding line, then there is a possibility of runaway retreat.



BEDMAP

****BUT!** This implies viscoelastic deformation of the solid Earth and sea level changes at the grounding line influence ice sheet stability.

Ice Sheet Model Ingredients

Known inputs

Temperature data
Precipitation data
Annual temperature range
Sea level
Sea surface temperature
P/T lapse rate
Geothermal heat flux

Model constants

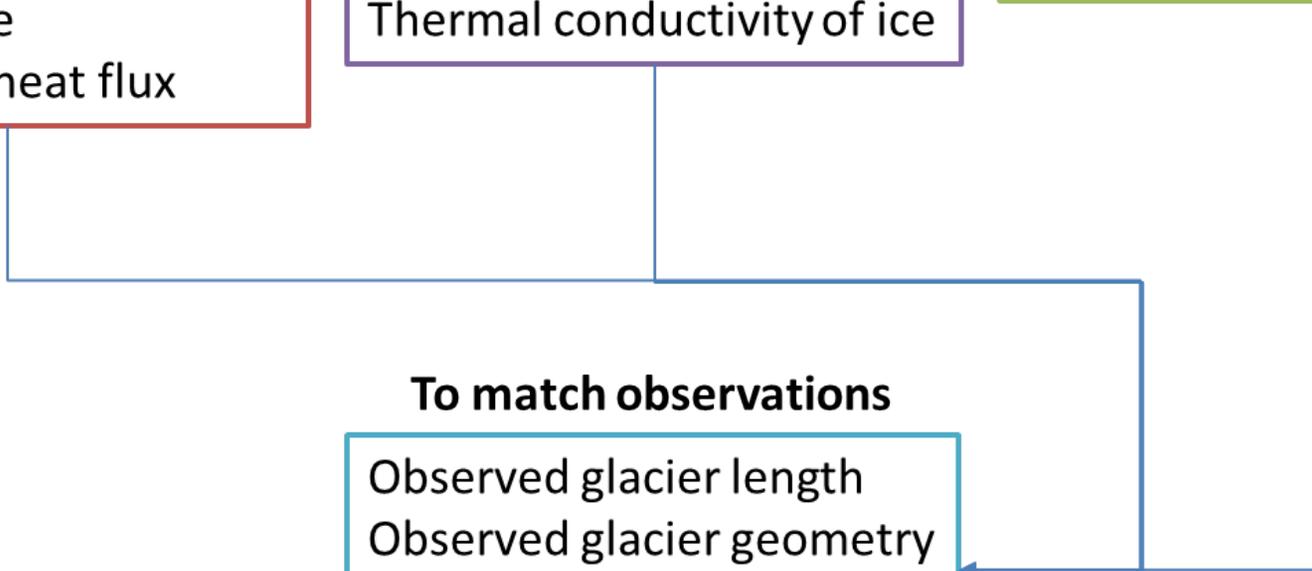
Ice density
Sea water density
Gravitational acceleration
Sliding exponent
Density of mantle
Thermal conductivity of ice

Tuned parameters

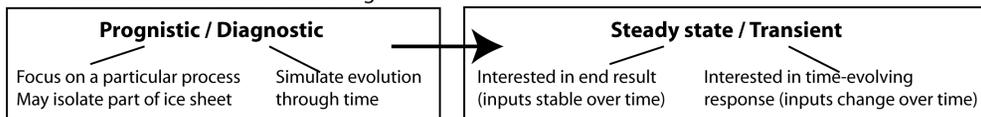
Degree day factors snow/ice
Sliding exponent
Calving rate coefficient
Deformation coefficient
Refreezing

To match observations

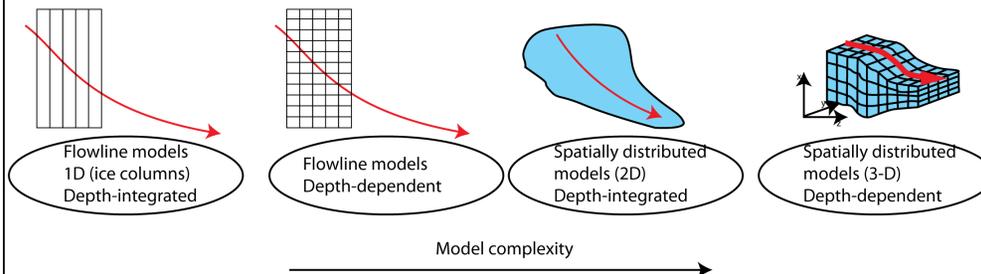
Observed glacier length
Observed glacier geometry
Observed glacier volume
Observed glacier velocity



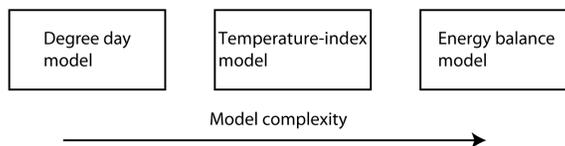
1. Models are used for different things



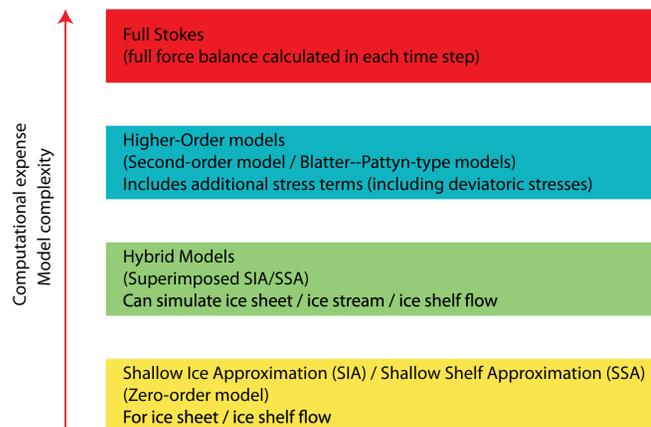
2. Models have different dimensions



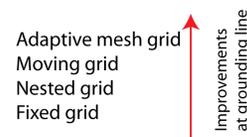
3. Models calculate surface mass balance differently



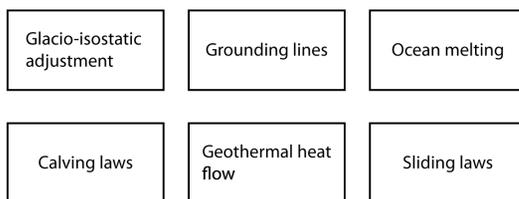
4. Models use different ice-flow physics



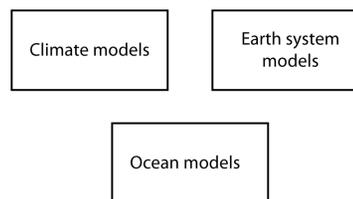
5. Models may use different resolutions and grids



6. Models may include different modules



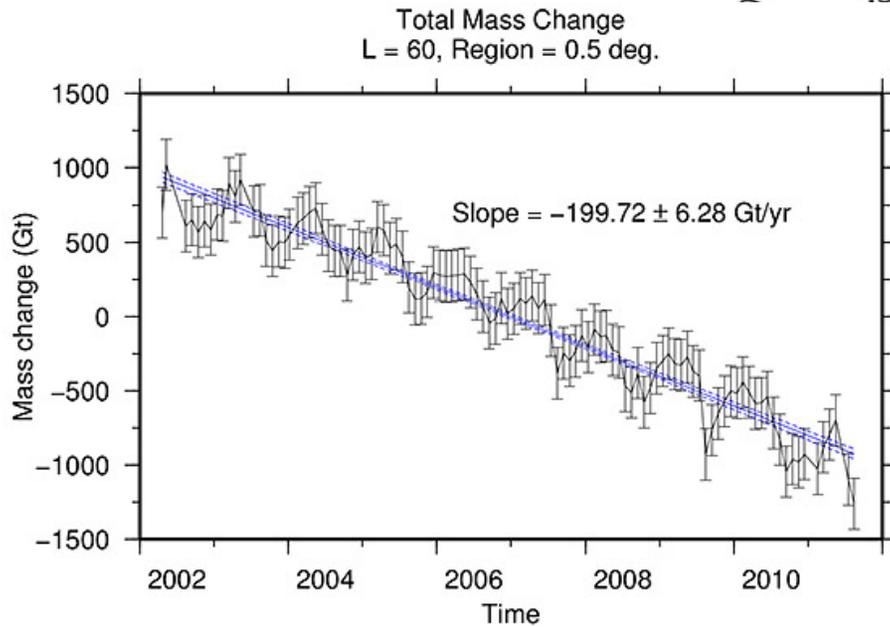
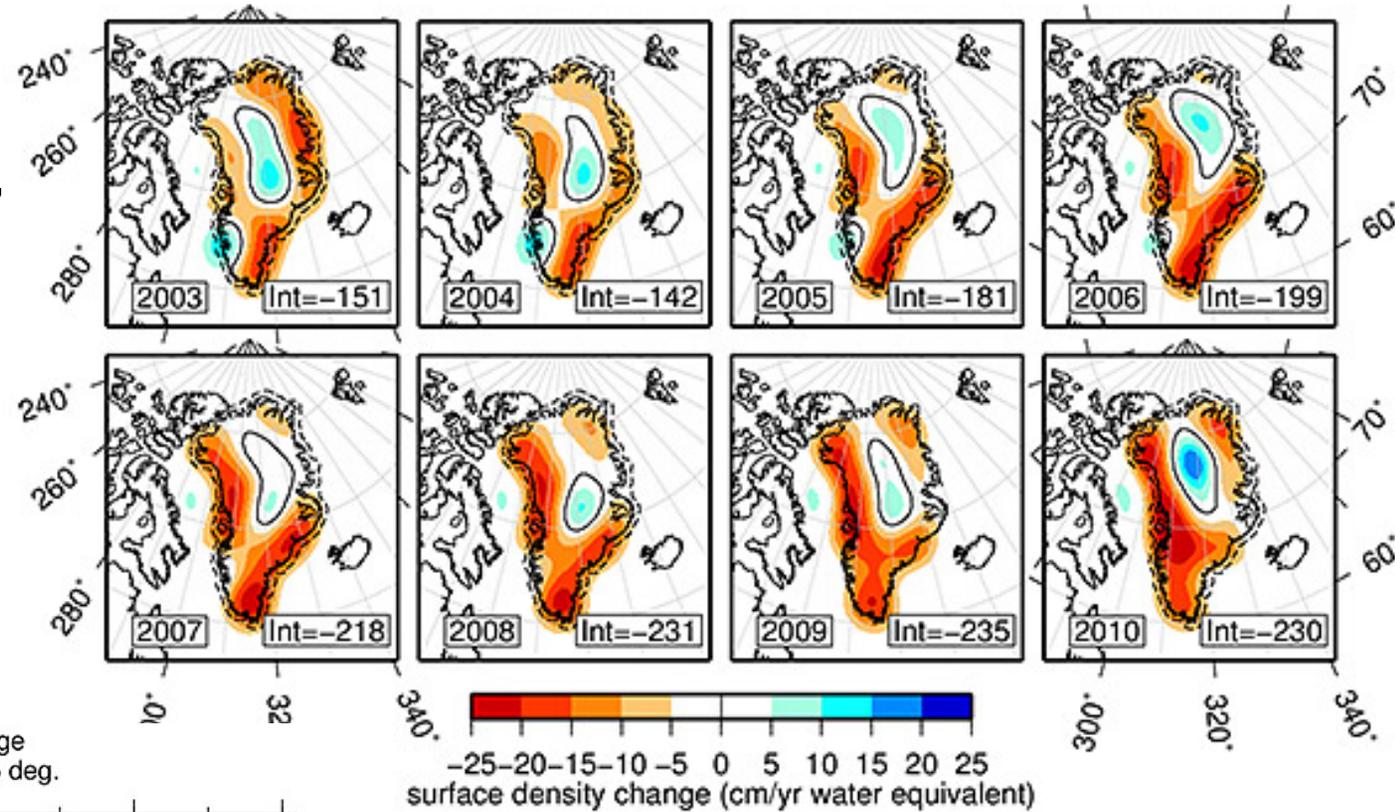
7. Models may be coupled to other numerical models



Other Ice

Greenland Ice Sheet:

Strong seasonal variations,
Surface Melting
Topography driven flow
... and more!

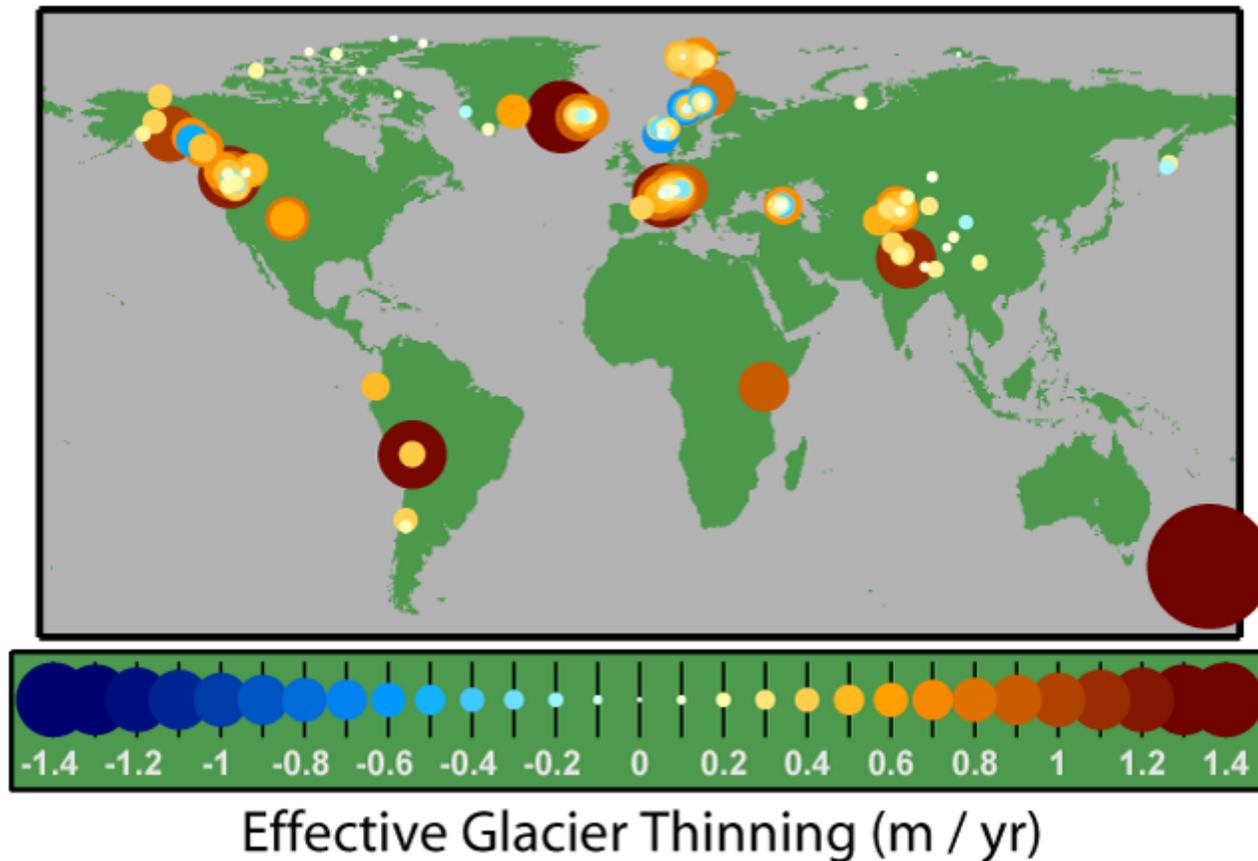


Other Ice

Mountain Glaciers: Mountain glaciers have been thinning and receding significantly in recent decades

- see the movie “Chasing Ice” for visually impactful demonstration of climate change.

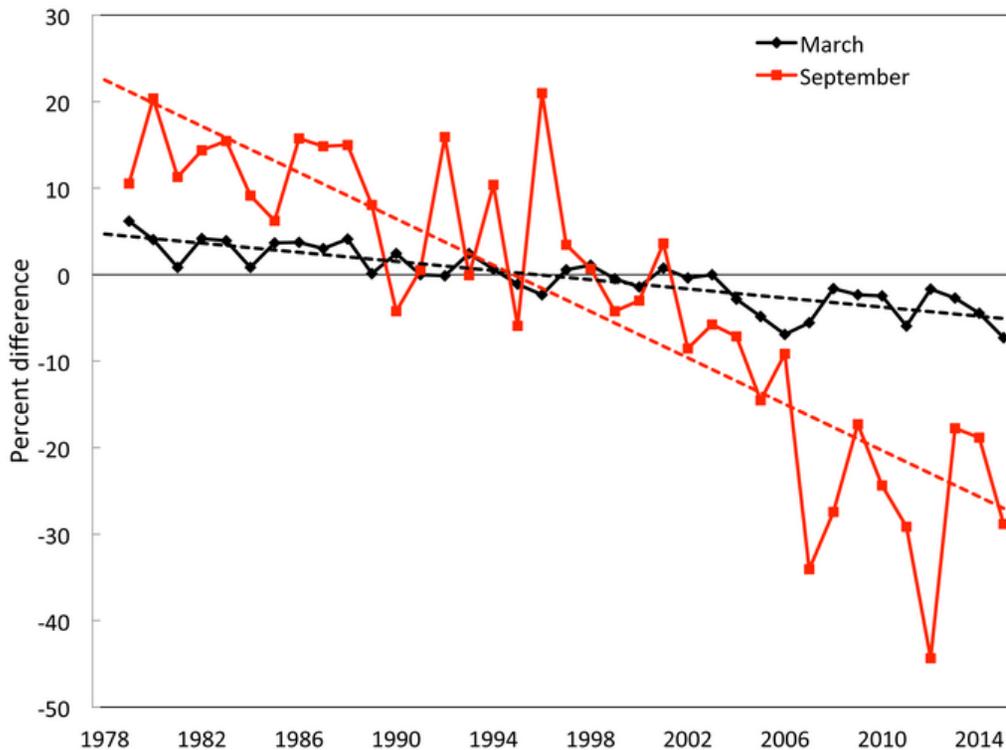
Mountain Glacier Changes Since 1970



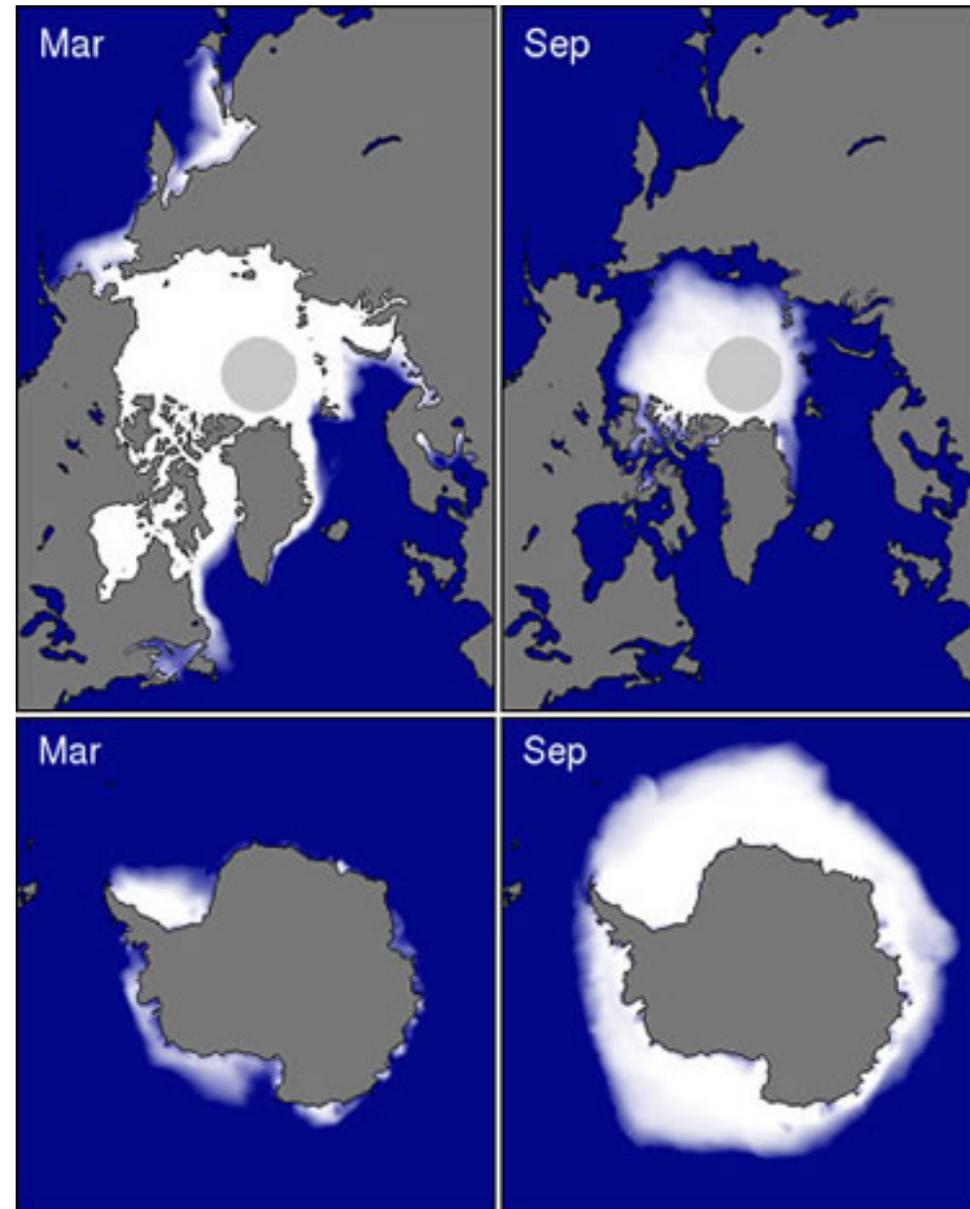
Other Ice

Sea Ice: Frozen water that forms, grows and melts in the ocean. Impacts climate and ocean circulation.

Northern Hemisphere sea ice extent anomalies in March (max) and September (min) relative to the mean values for the period 1981-2010.



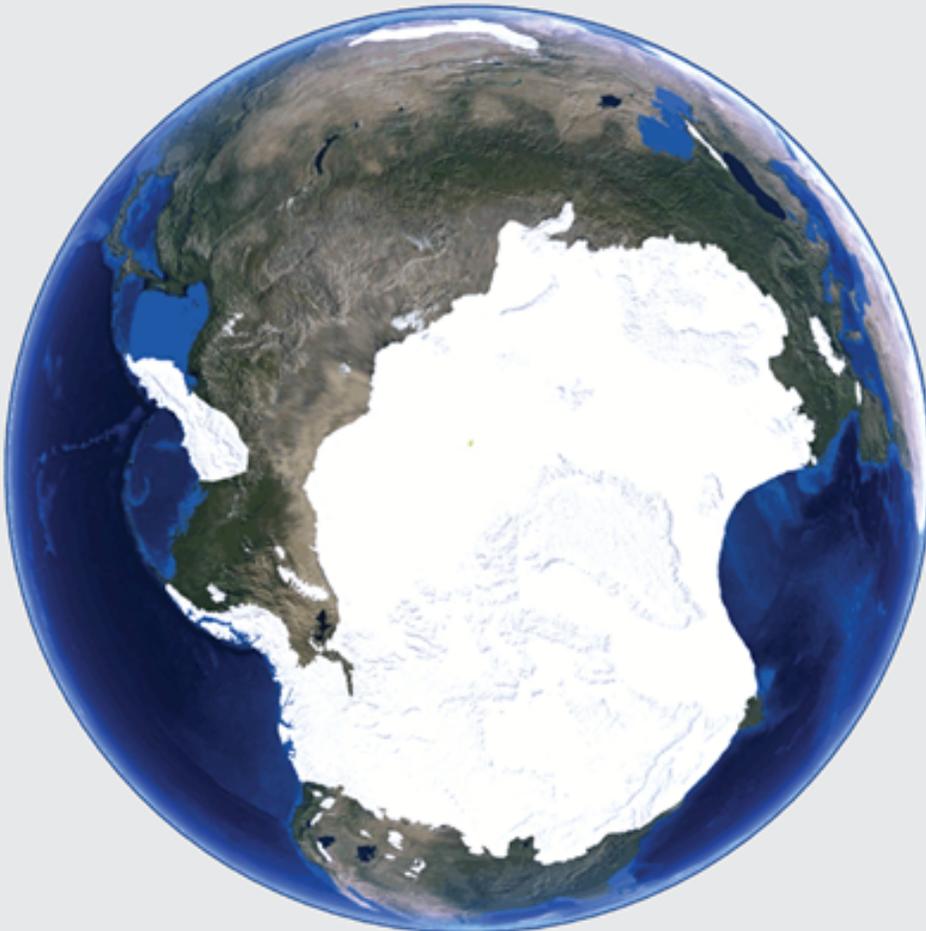
Average sea ice extent in 2015.



Other Ice

Past Ice Sheets:

Last Glacial Maximum



Source: Zurich University of Applied Sciences

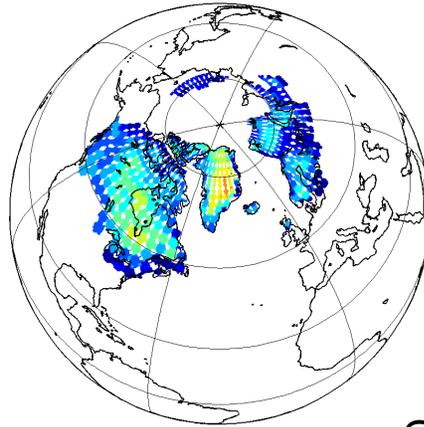
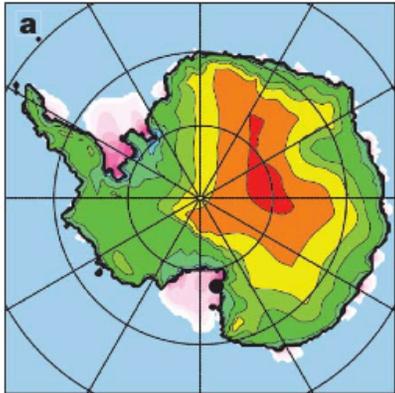
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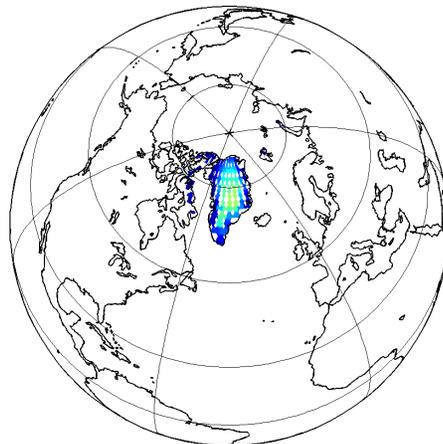
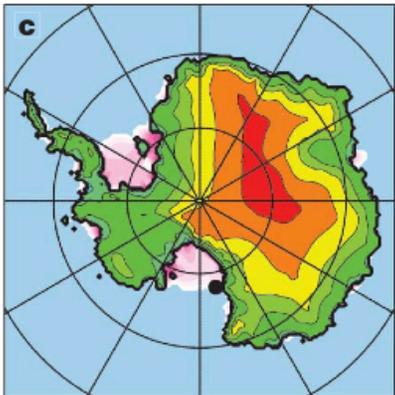
Source: NASA

Sea Level Physics: Ice-Age Timescales

Last Glacial Maximum



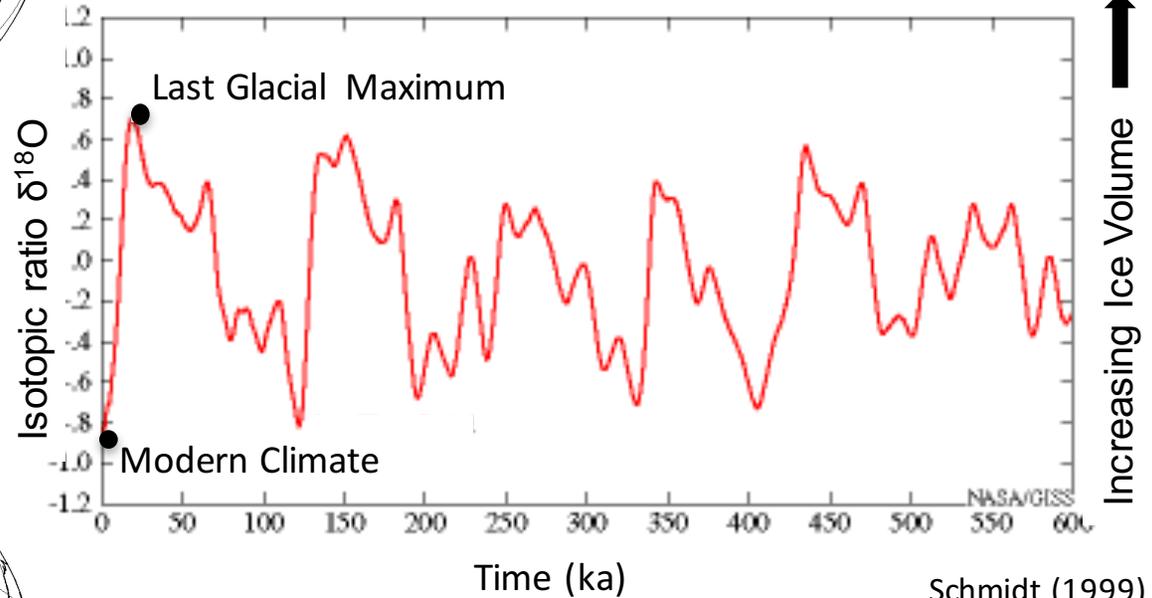
Modern Climate



Pollard & DeConto (2009)

Peltier (2004) ICE5G

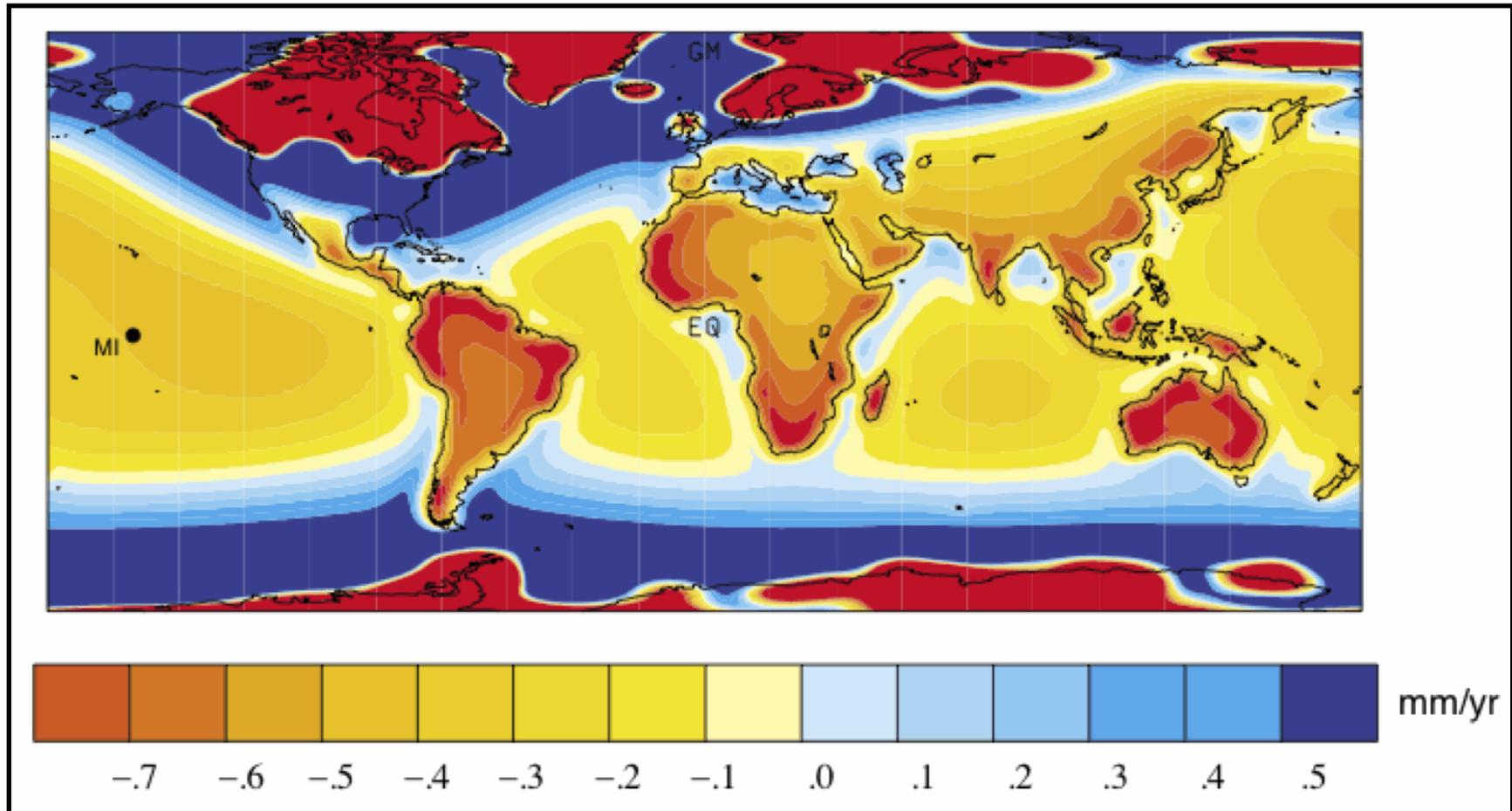
Averaged $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in deep sea sediment carbonate



Schmidt (1999)

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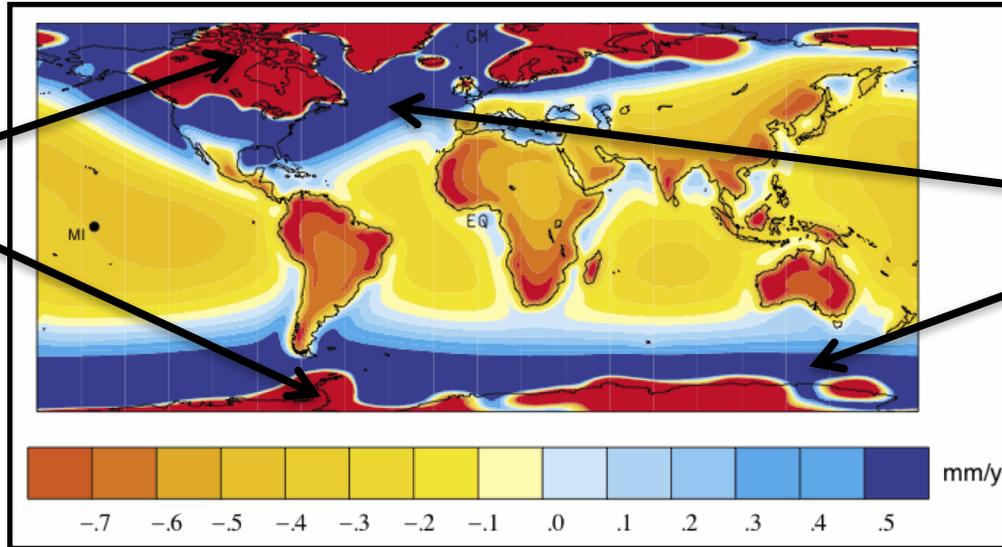
Numerical prediction of the present-day rate of change of global sea level due to ongoing GIA effects from the last ice age



Mitrovica and Milne (2002)

Sea Level Physics: Ice-Age Timescales

Sea level fall



Sea level rise

Mitrovica and Milne (2002)

CONTINENT → | ← NEAR-FIELD OCEAN →

The diagram shows two stages of land deformation. In the top stage, an 'ICE COMPLEX' is shown on the left, causing 'SUBSIDENCE' of the land and 'UPLIFT' of the 'NEAR-FIELD OCEAN' floor. The time is labeled t_1 . In the bottom stage, the ice complex has melted, causing 'UPLIFT' of the land and 'SUBSIDENCE' of the near-field ocean floor. The time is labeled $t_2 > t_1$.

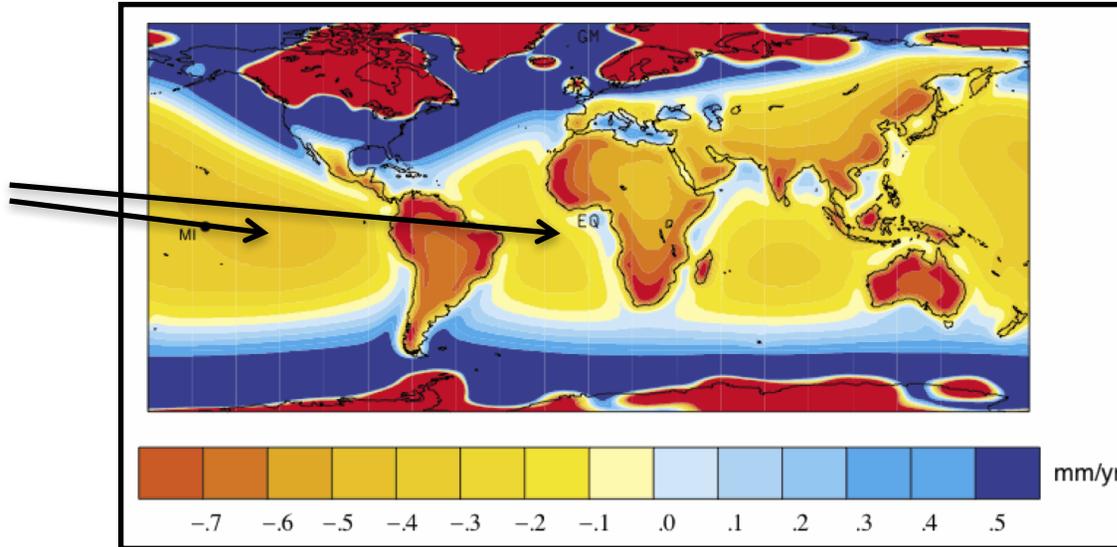
Exposed beach lines in Hudson Bay

An aerial photograph of Hudson Bay, Canada, showing numerous exposed beach lines and a complex network of channels and wetlands, illustrating the effects of sea level rise and land subsidence.

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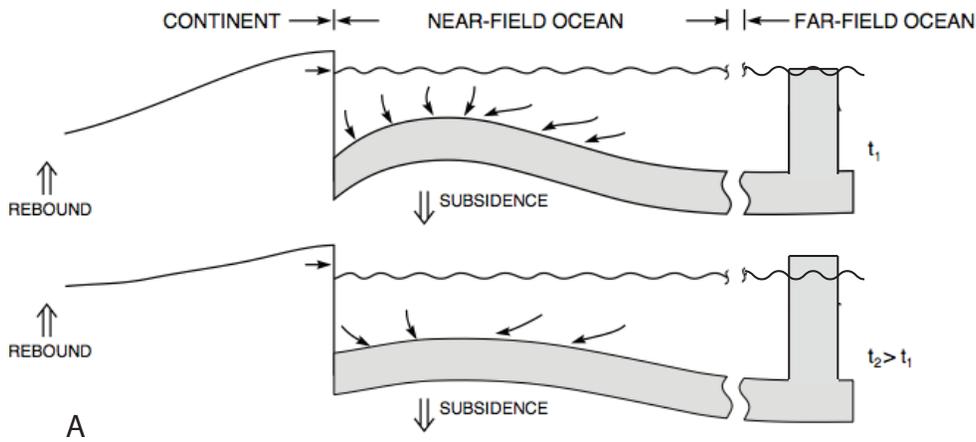
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Ocean Syphoning

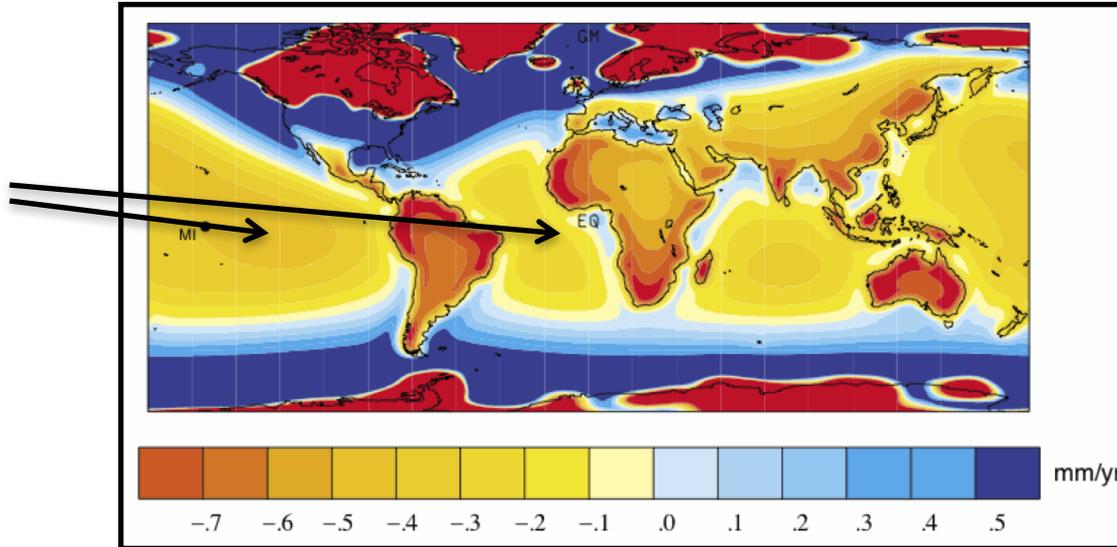


Exposed coral reef in equatorial regions



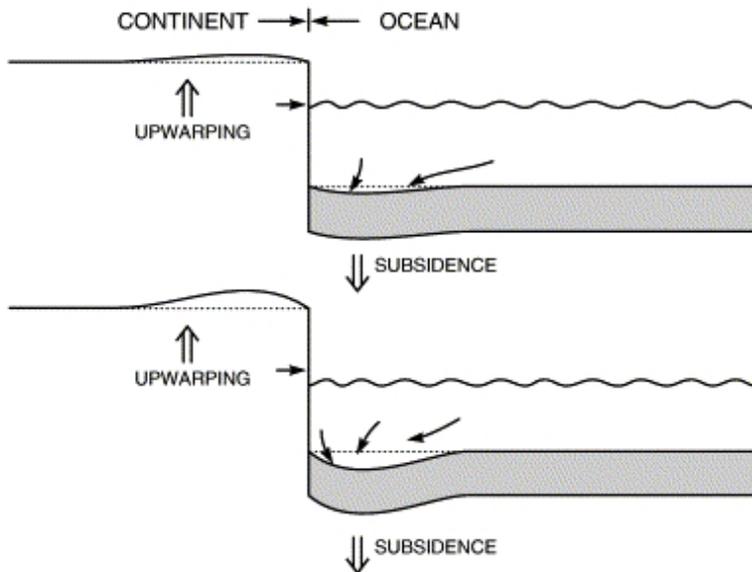
Sea Level Physics: Ice-Age Timescales

Sea level fall



Mitrovica and Milne (2002)

Continental Levering

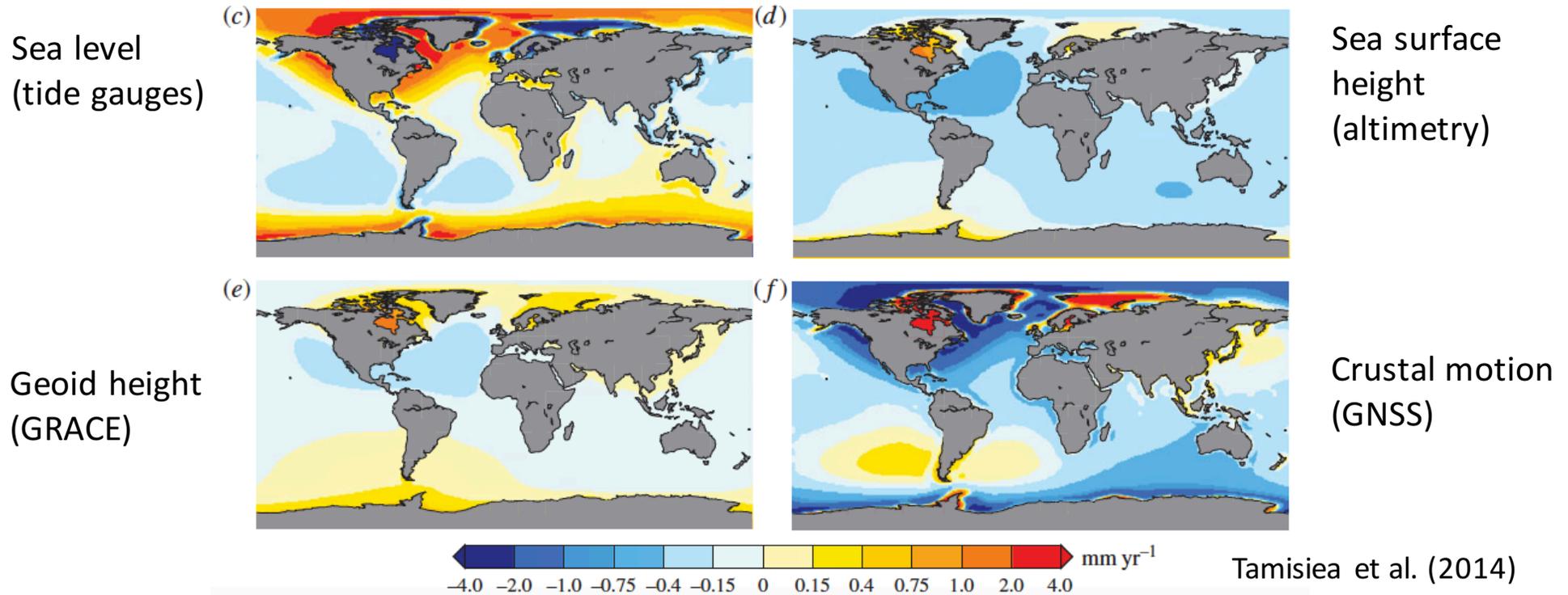


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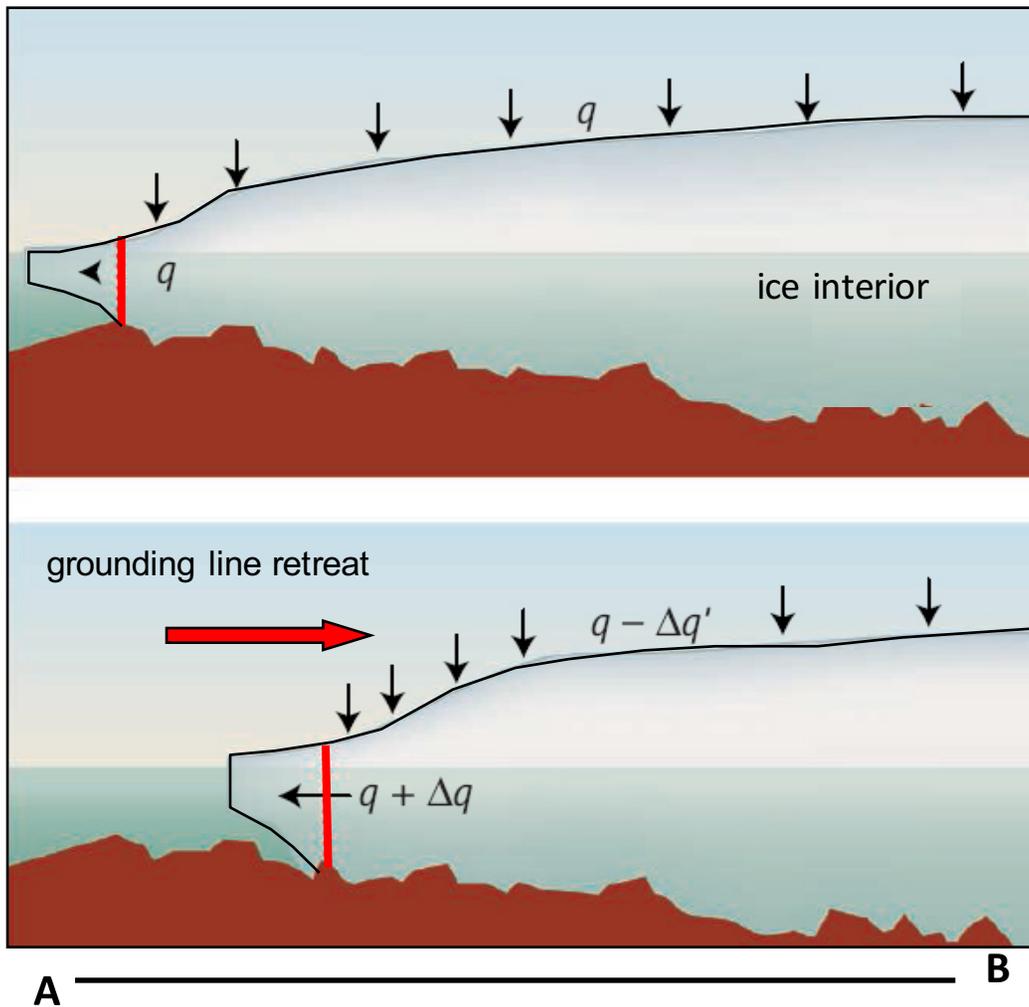
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Expressions of GIA in modern sea-level records



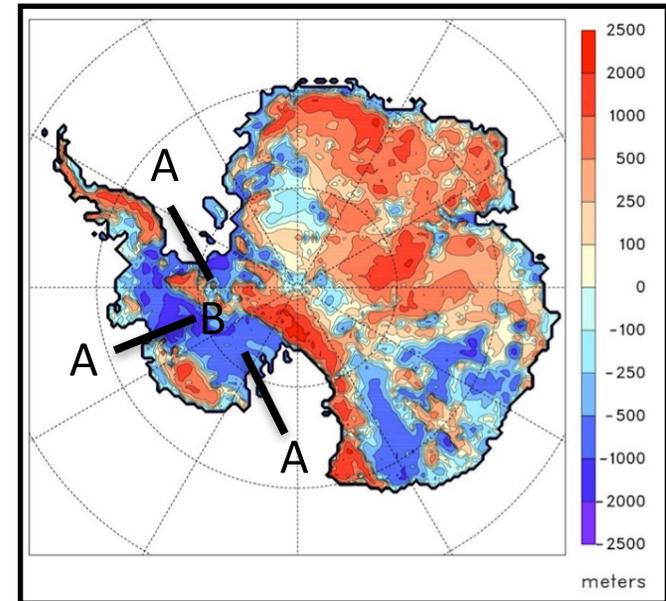
All modern observations of sea-level-related quantities are impacted by past ice and ocean loading changes!

Marine Ice Sheet Stability and Dynamics



Vaughan and Arthern (2007)

If the bed of a marine ice sheet deepens upstream from the grounding line, then there is a possibility of runaway retreat.



BEDMAP

****BUT!** This implies viscoelastic deformation of the solid Earth and sea level changes at the grounding line influence ice sheet stability.

Outline

This Class: Sea Level Change Continued...

1. Sea level change and GIA on ice age timescales.

1. An Example Calculations

2. Applications

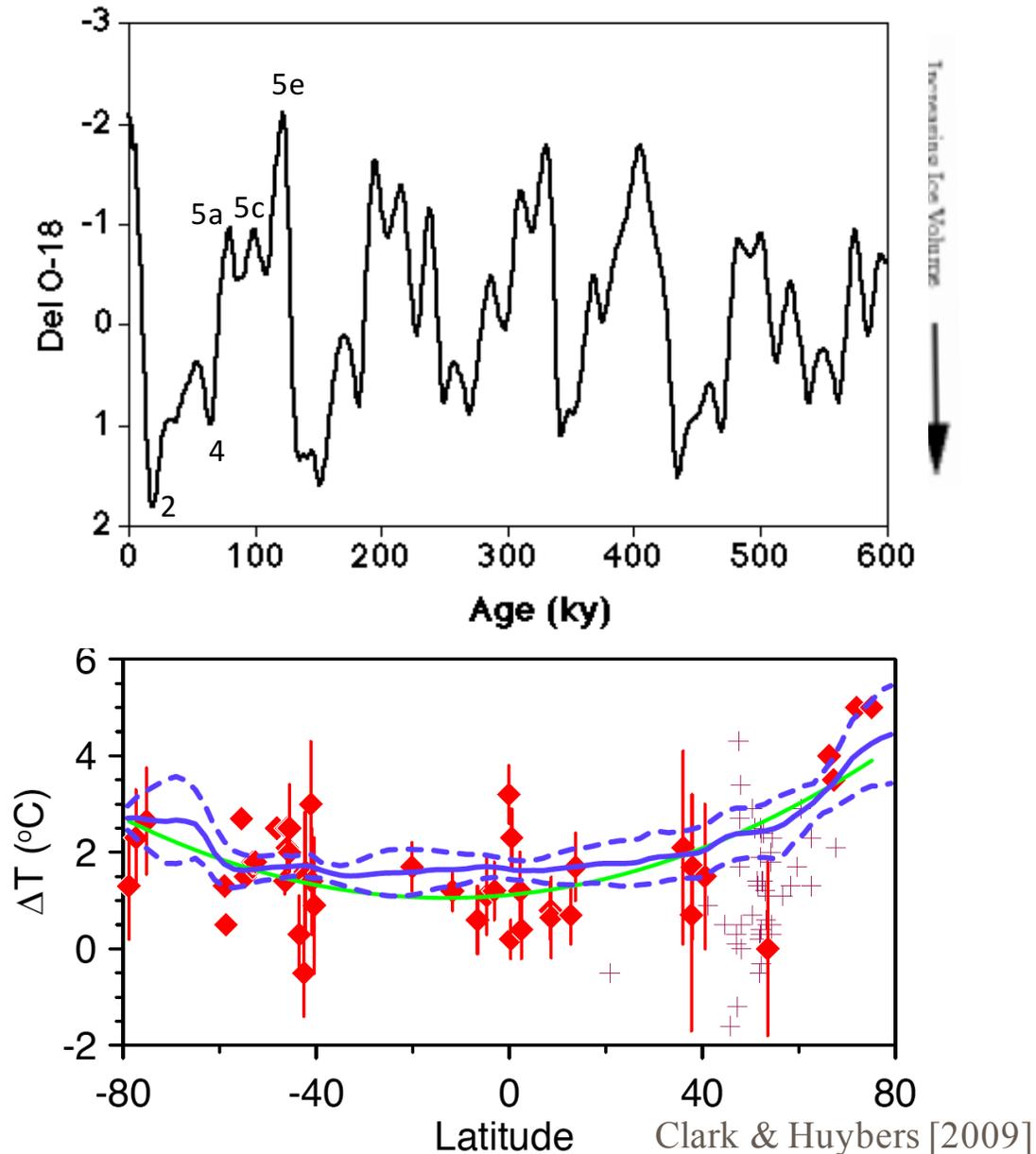
1. Short timescale modern: 20th Century Tide Gauge Analysis

2. Short timescale paleo: Meltwater Pulse 1A (~14ky ago)

3. GIA: Archaeological evidence for recent acceleration in sea level rise (Holocene – last 2 ky)

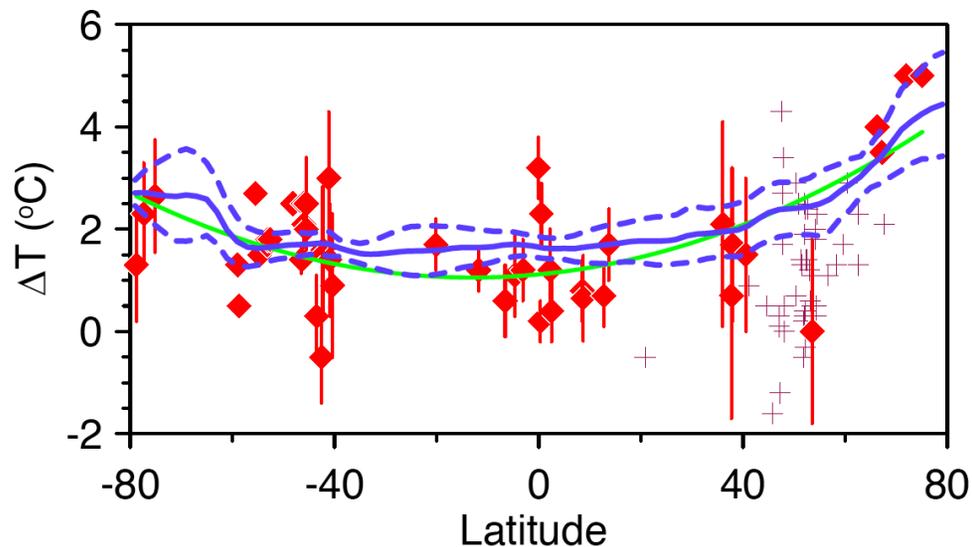
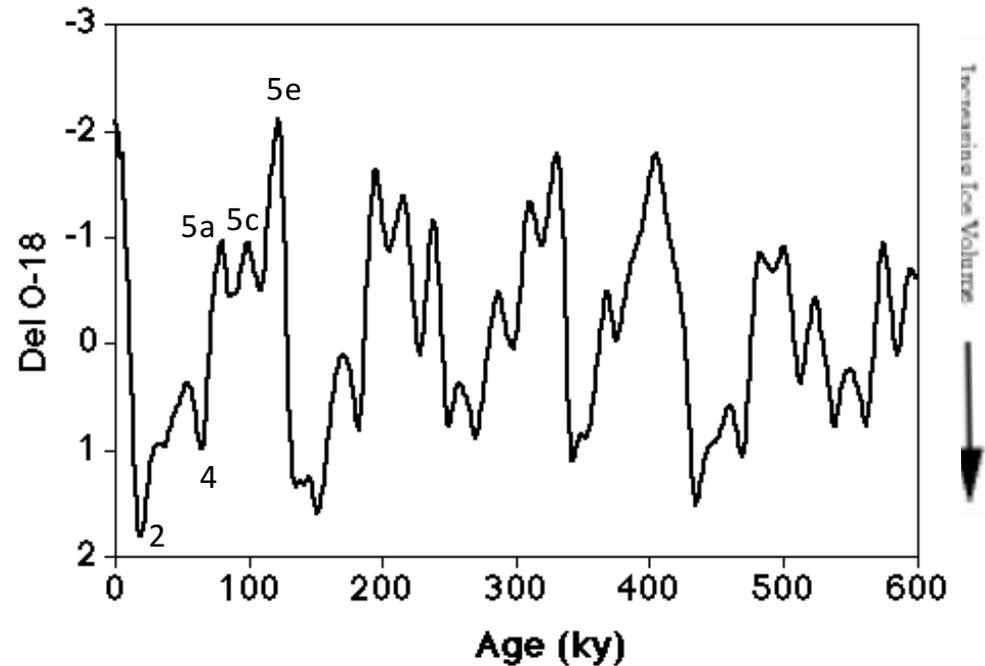
4. Ice age timescale: Sea Level during the Last Interglacial (~125 ky ago)

Ice Age Sea Level: The Last Interglacial



- Marine Isotope Stage 5e (or the Eemian stage)
- ~125 kyr B.P.
- Polar temperatures were 3-5 $^{\circ}$ higher than present (consistent with 1-2 $^{\circ}$ of global warming)
- Current greenhouse gas concentrations are sufficient to raise global temperatures 1.4-3.2 $^{\circ}$
- Thus, LIG may be a good analogue for reasonable global warming scenarios

Ice Age Sea Level: The Last Interglacial



Interglacial outcrop Exmouth, W. Australia, *courtesy Bill Thompson (WHOI)*

Local LIG sea level markers ~4-6 m above present sea-level. What was globally averaged sea level at LIG?

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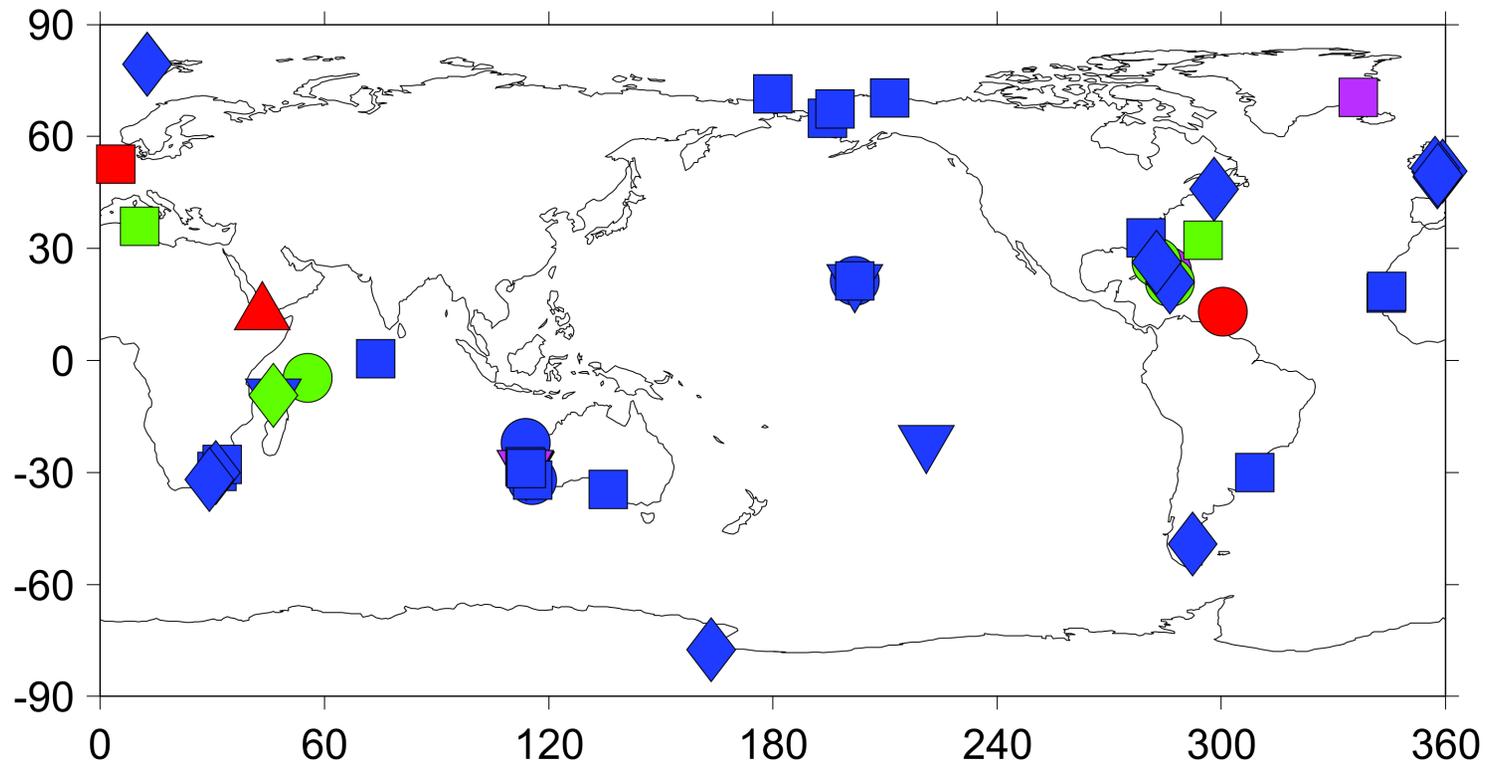


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Ice Age Sea Level: The Last Interglacial

Statistical Method (Complicated)

SEA LEVEL DATABASE
(isotopic, coral, etc.)
Noisy (uncertainties in
dates, tectonics), sparse

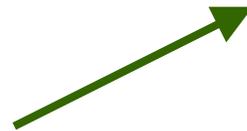
Empirical “data
covariance”



BAYESIAN
FRAMEWORK

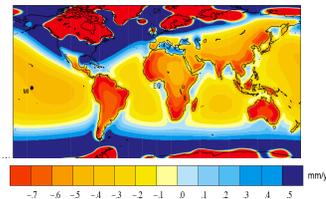


Posterior
Probability Density
Function of $GSL(t)$

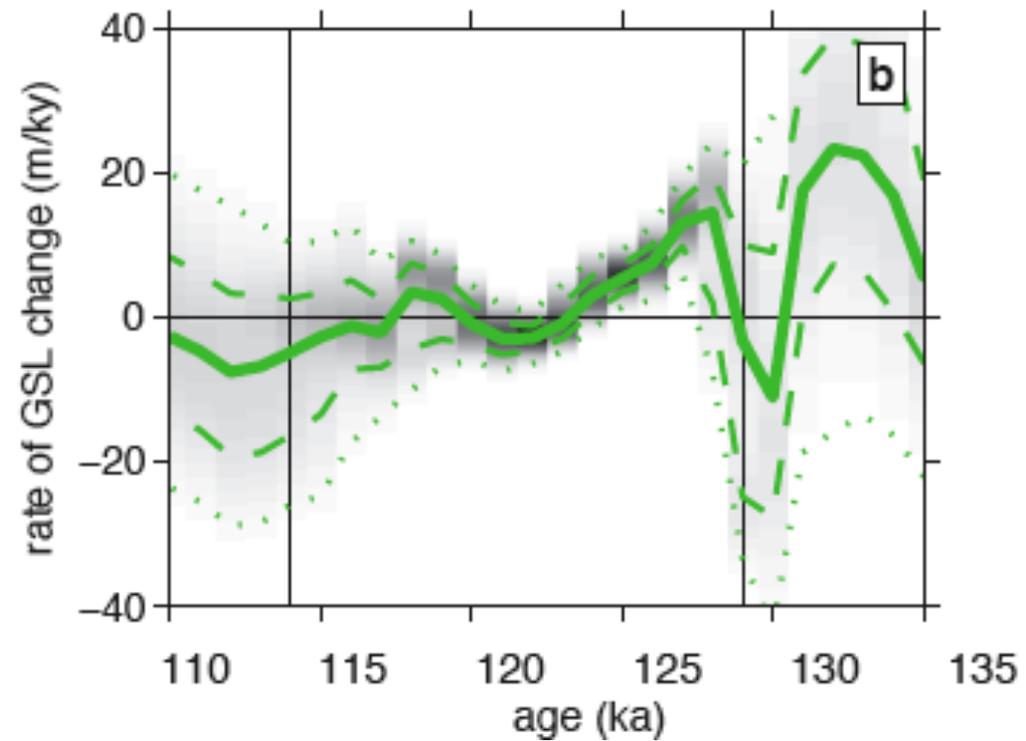
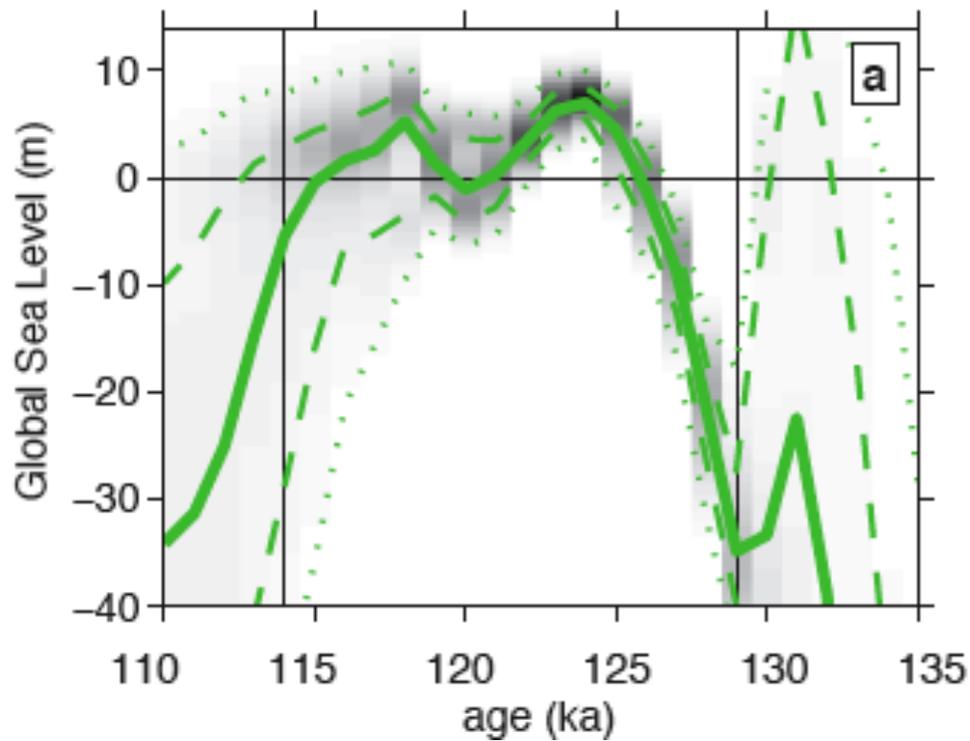


MANY ICE AGE
SEA LEVEL MODELS

Covariance between
LSL and GSL



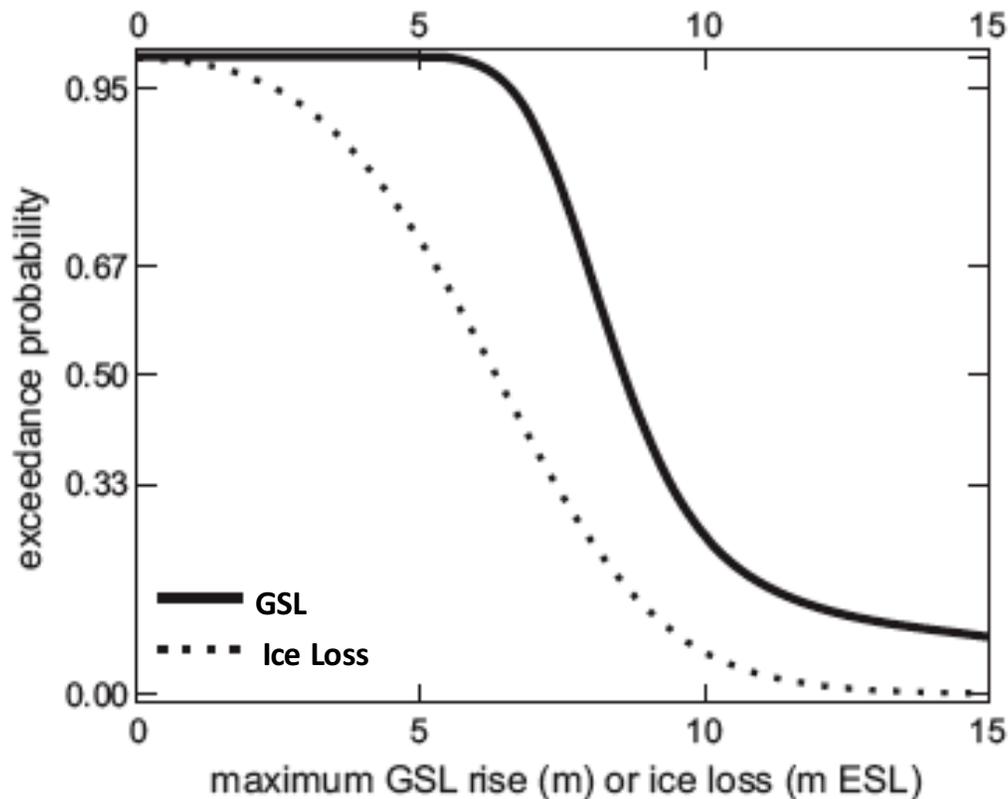
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Posterior Probability Densities

Use these to set up hypothesis tests and confidence intervals

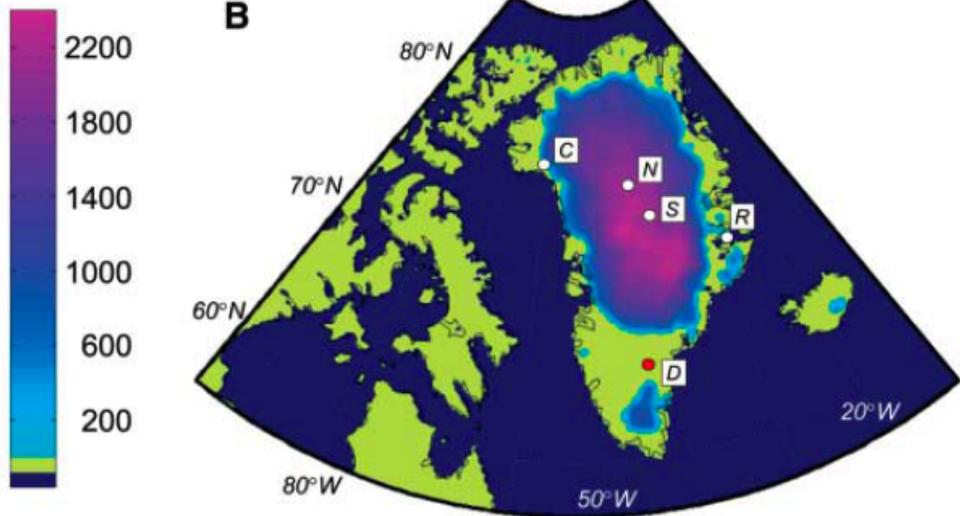
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- 95% likely that globally averaged sea level at LIG peaked > 6.6 m above present level (67% likely that it exceeded 8.0 m; only 33% likely that it exceeded 9.4 m)
- 95% likely that both Antarctica and Greenland ice loss at LIG exceeded 2.5 m (equivalent sea level units) relative to present day (not necessarily at the same time)

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Ice thickness (m)



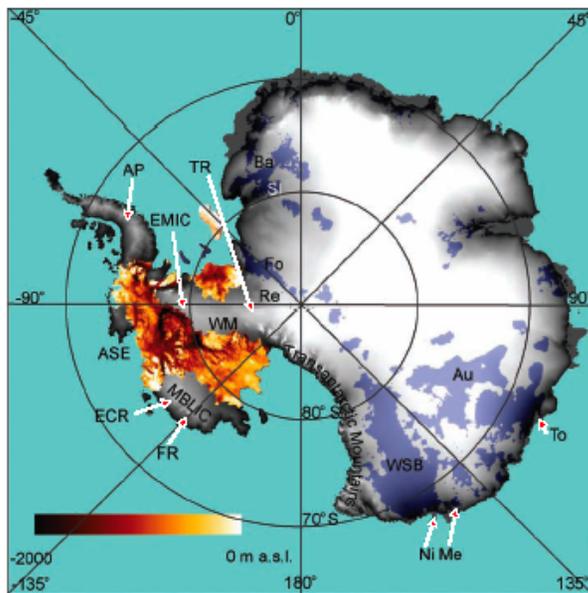
The Greenland Ice Sheet

- Climate models (Otto-Bliesner et al., *Science*, 2006) suggest a maximum ice loss in the GIS and circum-Arctic ice fields at LIG = 3.4 m GSLR.

Thermal expansion ~ 1 m GSLR

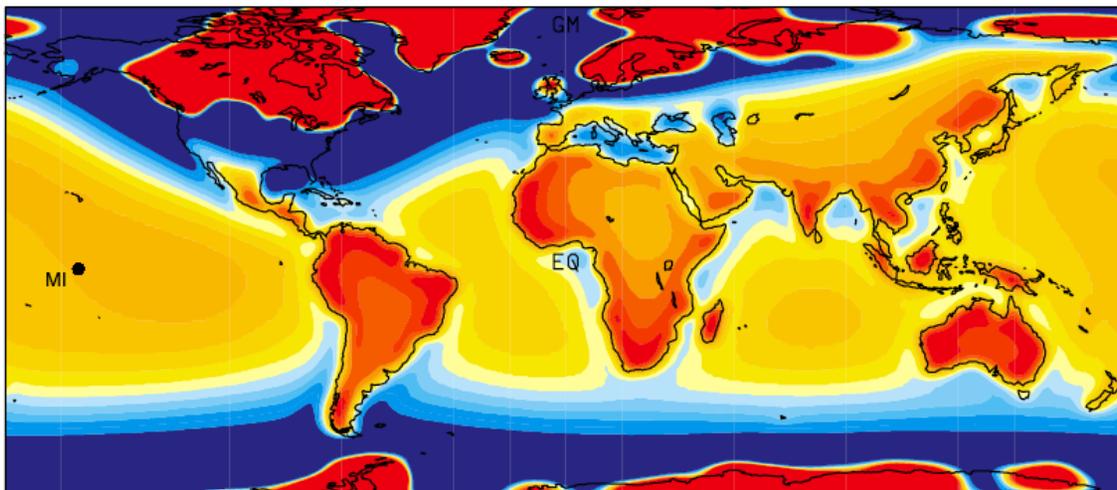
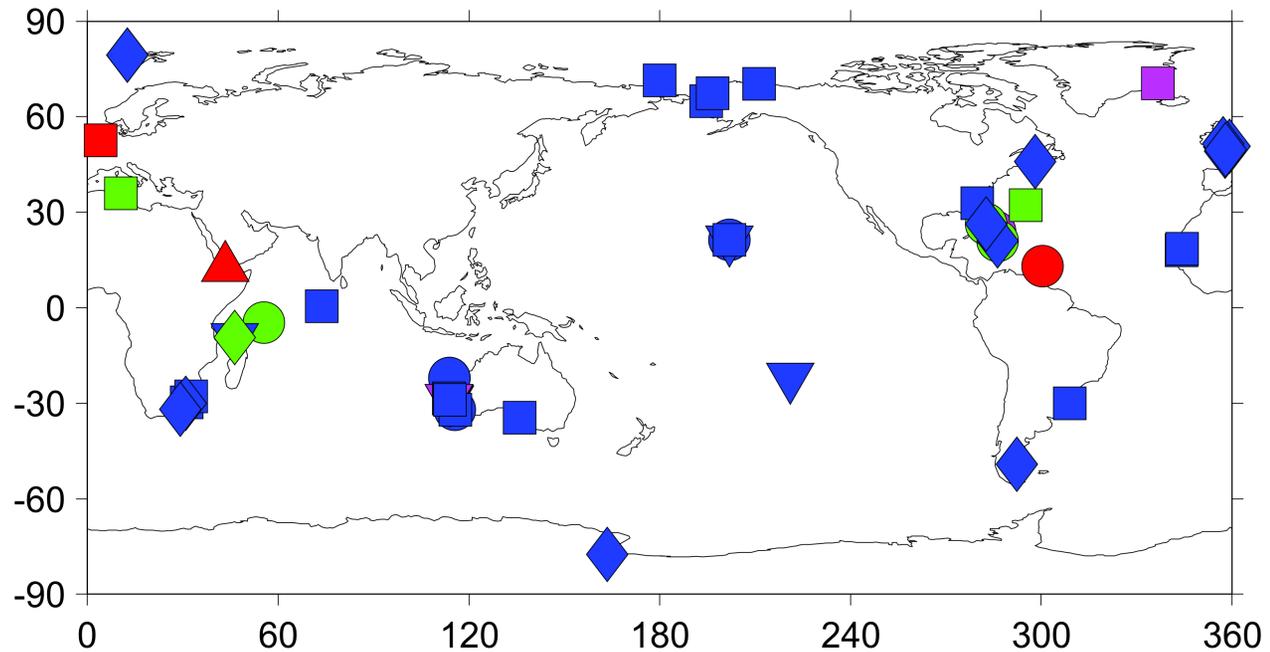
The West Antarctic Ice Sheet

- Collapse of marine-sectors = 3.2m GSLR (Bamber et al., *Science*, 2009)



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Physics of this result?

Mean prediction of sea-level change at these sites (weighted by number of data points)?



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Barbados-based estimate of ice volume at Last Glacial Maximum affected by subducted plate

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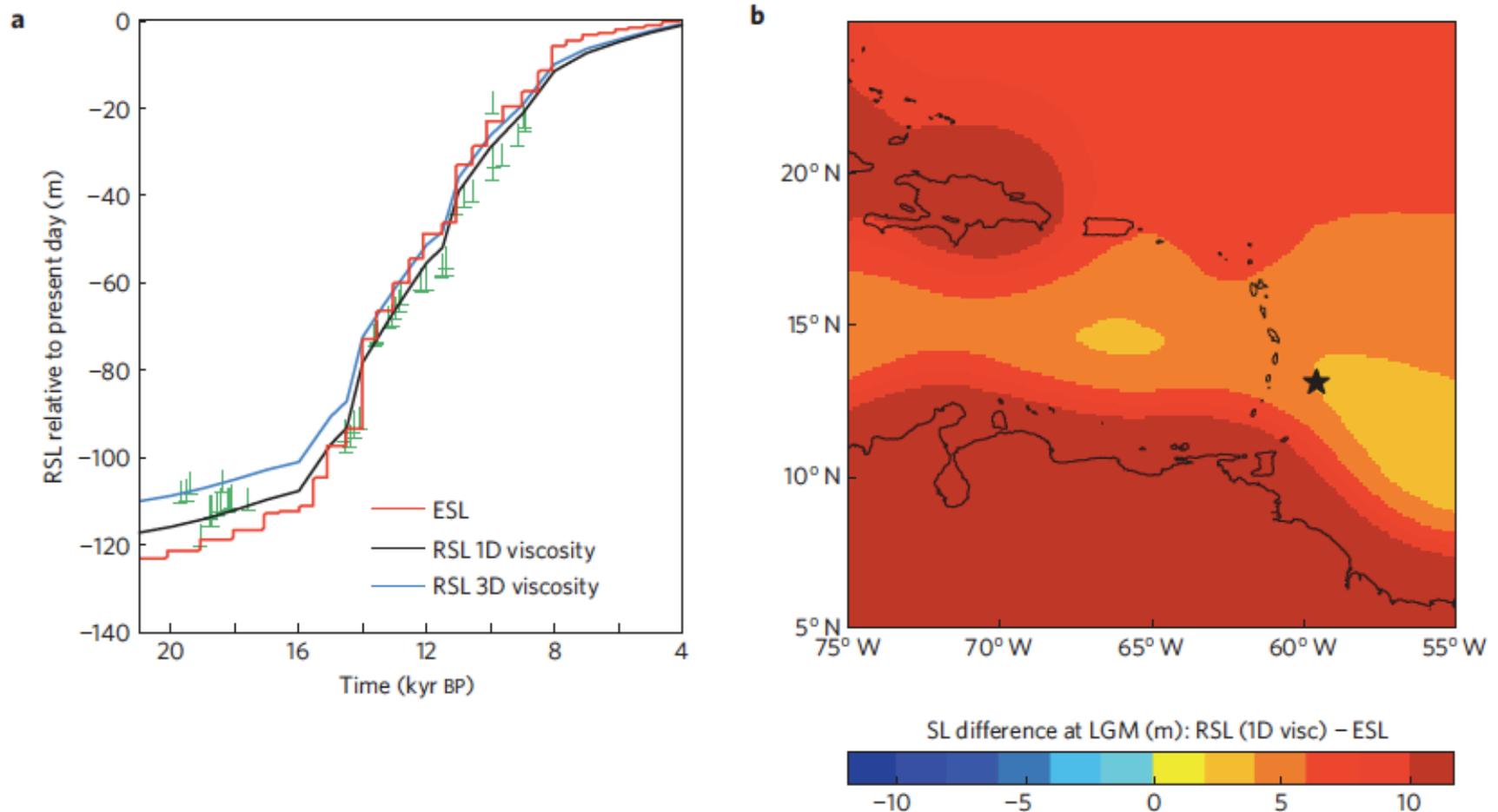


Figure 1 | RSL at Barbados from LGM to present. **a**, Black line: RSL prediction at Barbados (reproduced from ref. 3) computed using the X version of the ICE-5G/VM2 GIA model^{3,13} (henceforth, called the ICE-5G model). Red line: ESL variation associated with the ICE-5G model, also from ref. 3. Blue line: analogous to black line, except that 3D variations in viscoelastic structure are incorporated (see text). The green symbols are U/Th-dated *A. palmata* samples¹⁻³ corrected for tectonic uplift³. **b**, Difference between predicted RSL and ESL at 21 kyr ago over the Caribbean region computed²⁰ using the ICE-5G/VM2 GIA model (star denotes Barbados).

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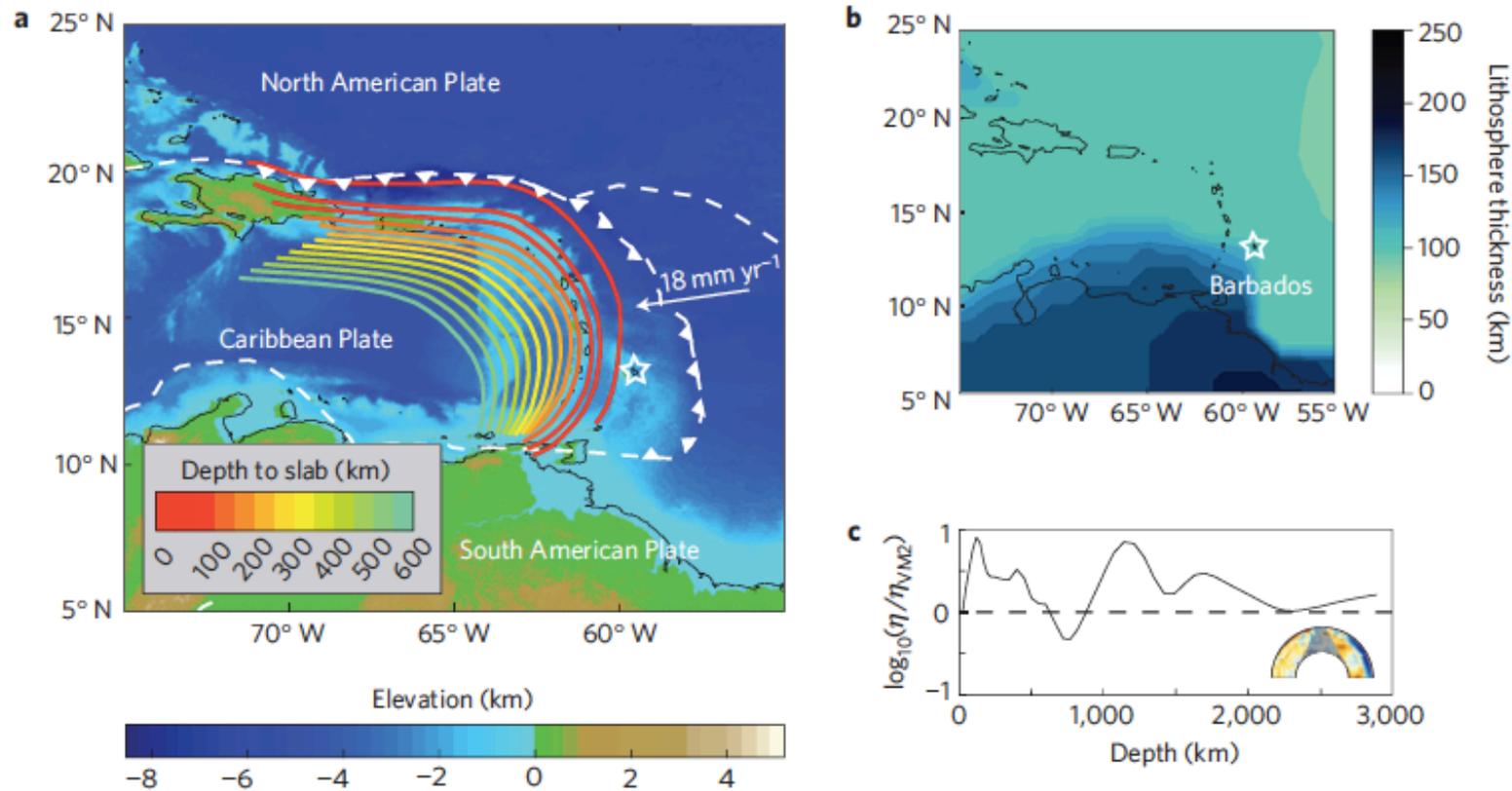


Figure 2 | Tectonic setting of the Caribbean and 3D Earth model. **a**, Crustal elevation with coastlines outlined in black. White dashed lines denote plate boundaries²². Red to green lines parallel to the trench are contours of depth (inset) from the surface down to the subducted slab²⁴. **b,c**, The 3D viscoelastic Earth model adopted in GIA predictions. **b**, Thickness of elastic lithosphere²¹. **c**, Depth dependence of average logarithm of viscosity below Barbados, relative to the 1D VM2 profile, where the average is computed within a cone of diameter ranging from 300 km at the surface to 3,300 km at the core-mantle boundary (see inset).

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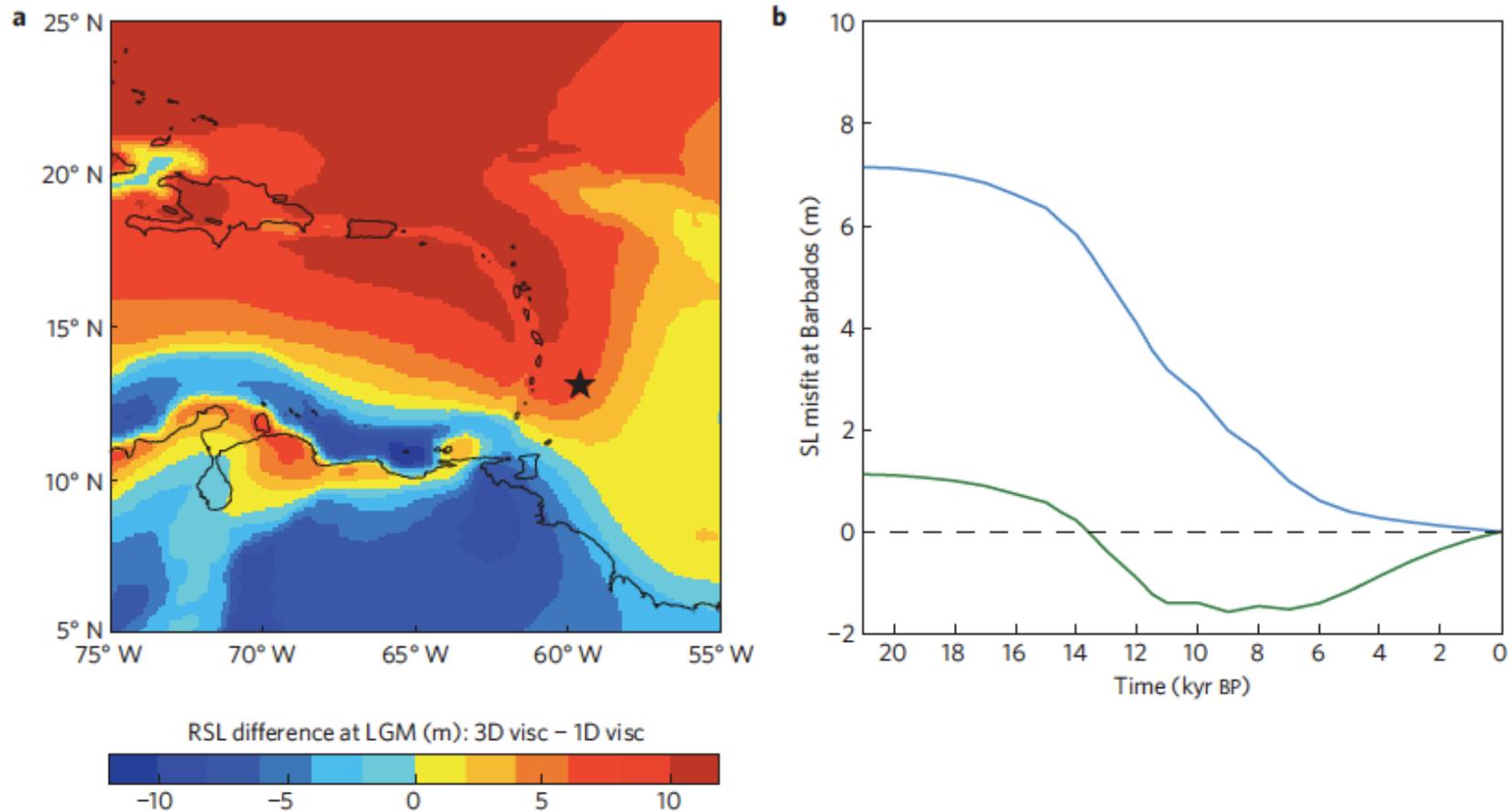


Figure 3 | Impact of lateral variations in mantle viscoelastic structure on predictions of RSL at Barbados. **a**, Perturbation in RSL at 21 kyr in the Caribbean due to 3D mantle viscoelastic structure (Fig. 2 and Supplementary Fig S1). The numerical prediction²⁰ adopts the ICE-5G model of ice geometry^{3,13}. **b**, Blue line: perturbation in the predicted RSL at Barbados, as a function of time, associated with 3D mantle viscoelastic structure. Green line: same as blue, except the high viscosity slab in the upper mantle, associated with subduction under the Caribbean plate, is removed from the viscosity model.

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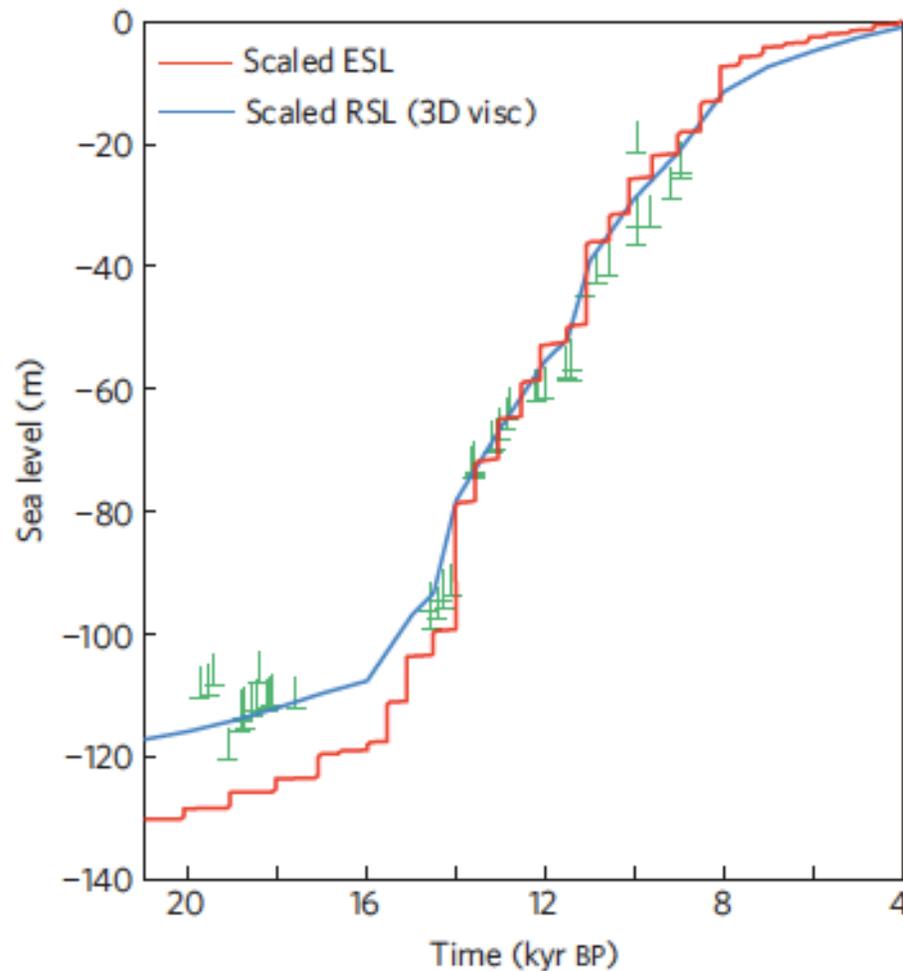


Figure 4 | Prediction of RSL at Barbados based on a 3D viscoelastic model. Blue line: RSL prediction at Barbados that accounts for 3D viscoelastic Earth structure (Fig. 1a, blue line), but scaled upwards to maintain a fit to the observations. Red line: ESL variation associated with the scaled ICE-5G model. Symbols are plotted as in Fig. 1a.