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IMPACT OF NON-NEWTONIAN RHEOLOGY ON EARTH'S RESPONSE TO ANTARCTICA ICE MASS FLUX

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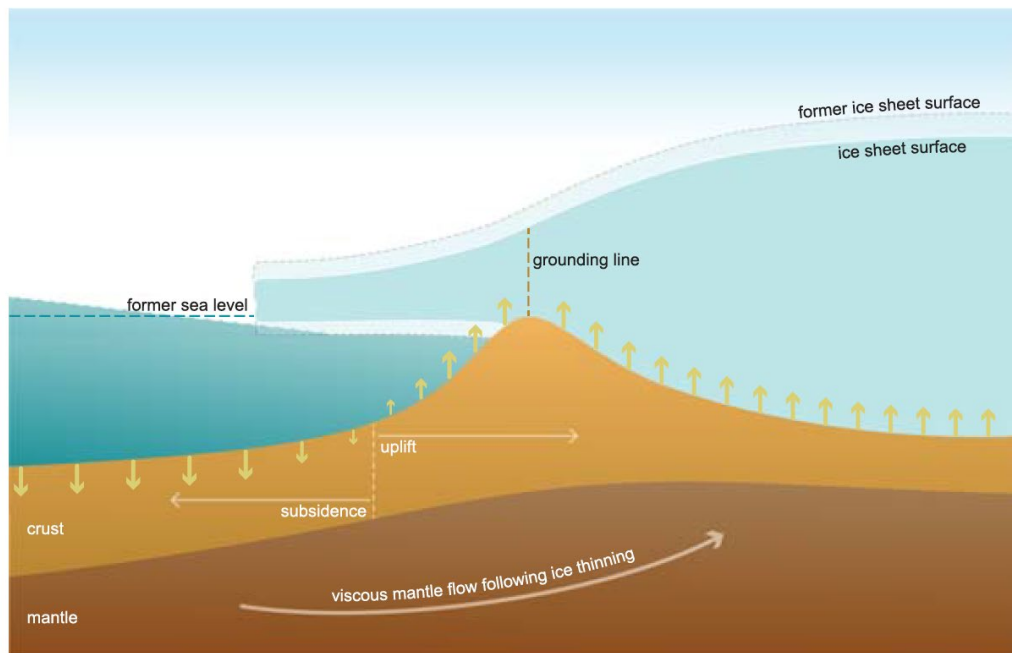
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GIA (Glacial Isostatic Adjustment): dynamical interplay among ice, ocean and solid Earth

Sea surface adjustment

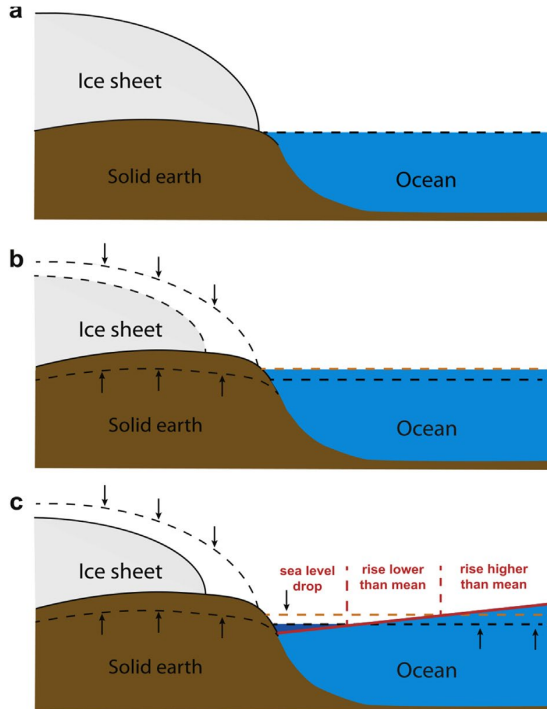


Ice shrinks

Bedrock uplift
Sea floor subsidence

Nobel et al. 2020

Gravitational self-consistent ocean



Sea Level Equation:

$$L_{\text{sea level}}(\theta, \varphi, t) = \underbrace{[N(\theta, \varphi, t) - U(\theta, \varphi, t) + c(t)]}_{\text{Sea surface}} \underbrace{O(\theta, \varphi, t)}_{\text{Ocean mask}}$$

Sea surface

Ocean mask

Bedrock topography

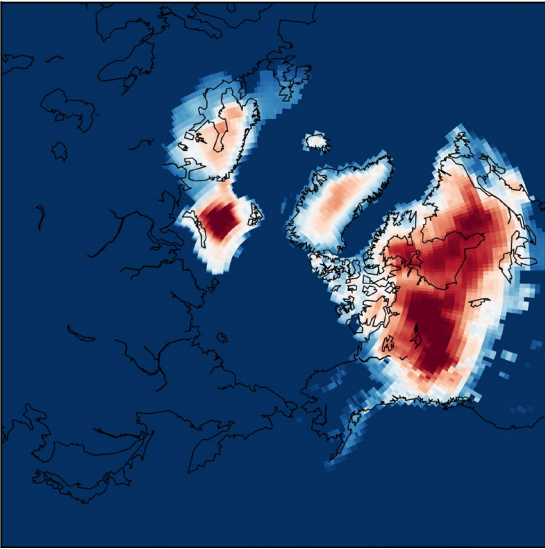
- Shoreline migration
- Ocean influx and outflux in the regions of retreating marine-based ice sheets

[e.g., Farrell and Clark. 1976 ; Milne et al., 1998; Mitrovica et al., 2003; Kendall et al., 2005]

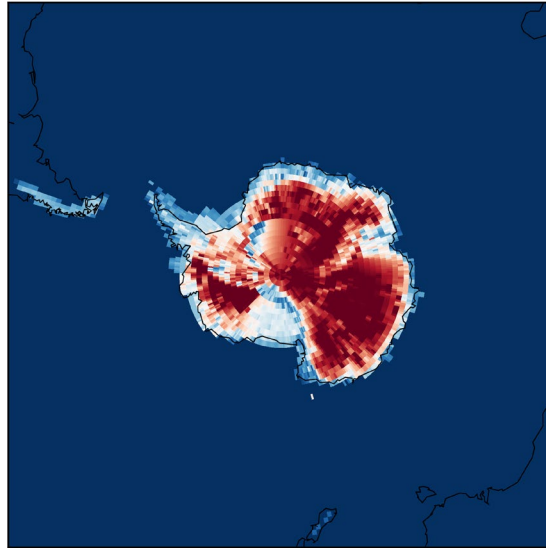
Model setup: ICE loads

The (de) glaciation history in ICE6G: (global model with 1-degree latitude/longitude grid)

Total ice height at 26.0 kybp



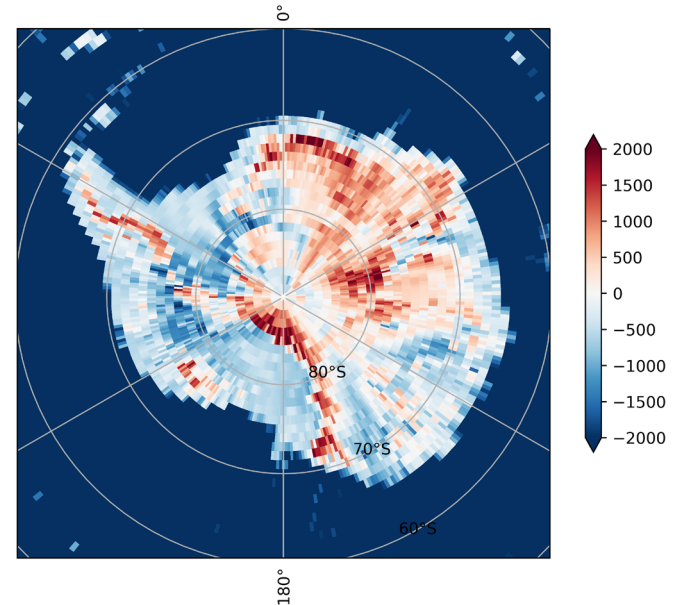
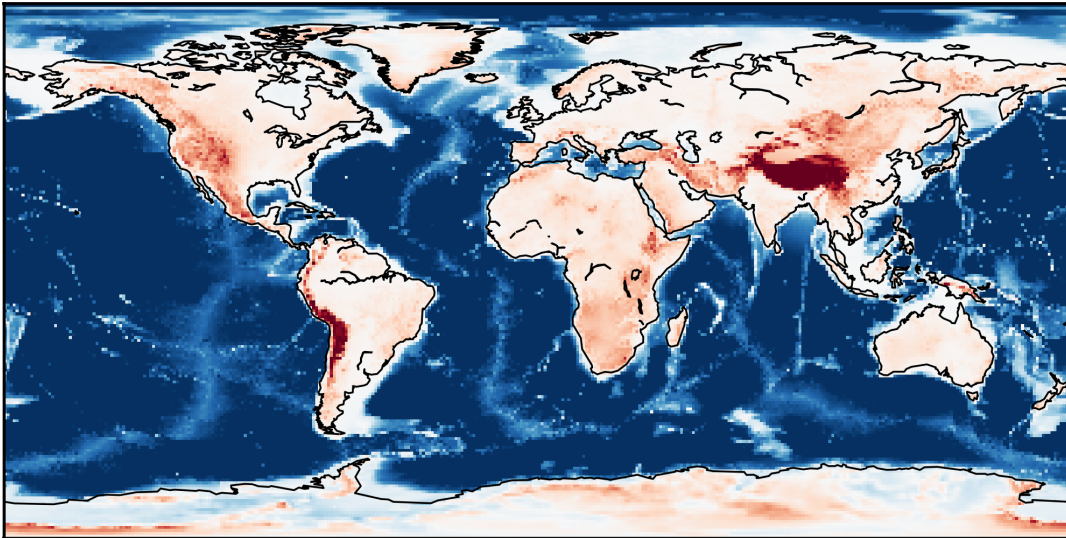
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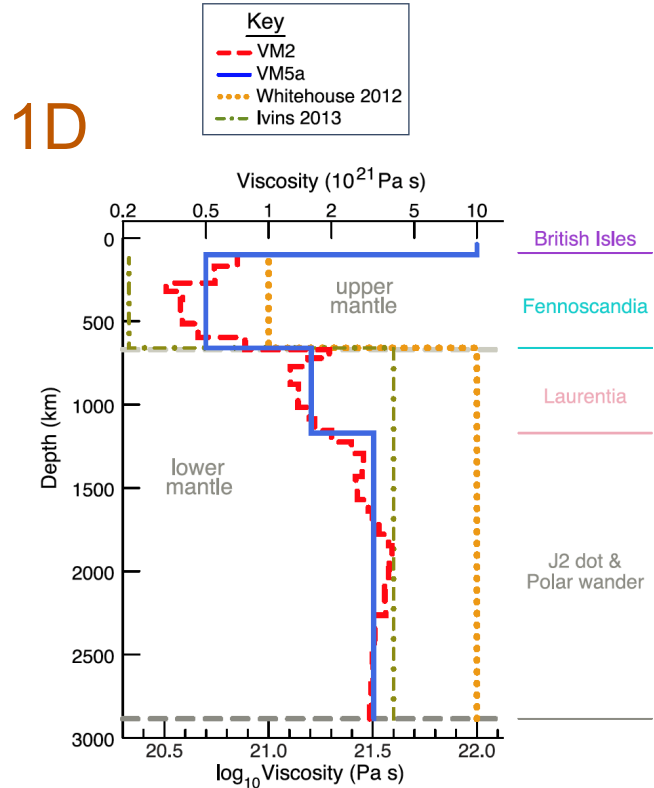
Model setup: Initial topography

ETOPO2: Topography and Bathymetry model (2-minute latitude/longitude grid $\sim 3\text{-}4\text{km}$)

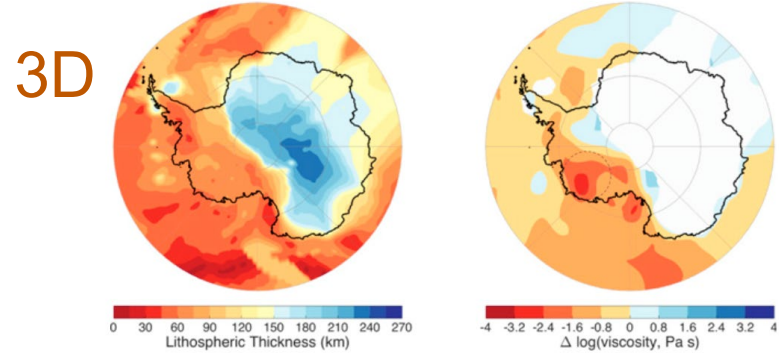
Bedmap2: Ice bed, surface and thickness datasets for Antarctica (1km grid spacing in Antarctic Polar Stereographic projection)



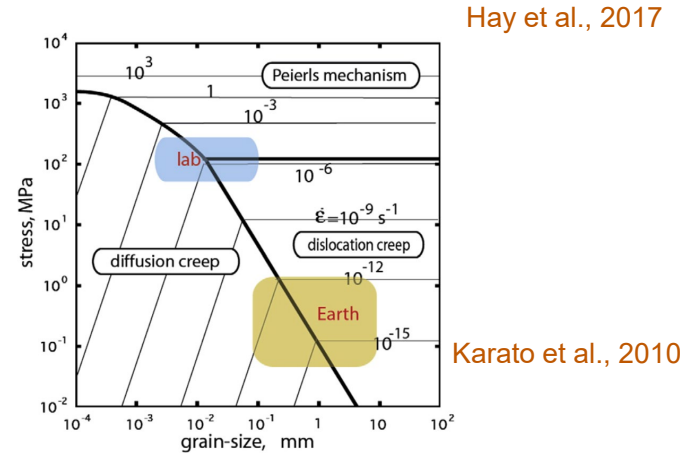
Model setup: Earth interior material properties



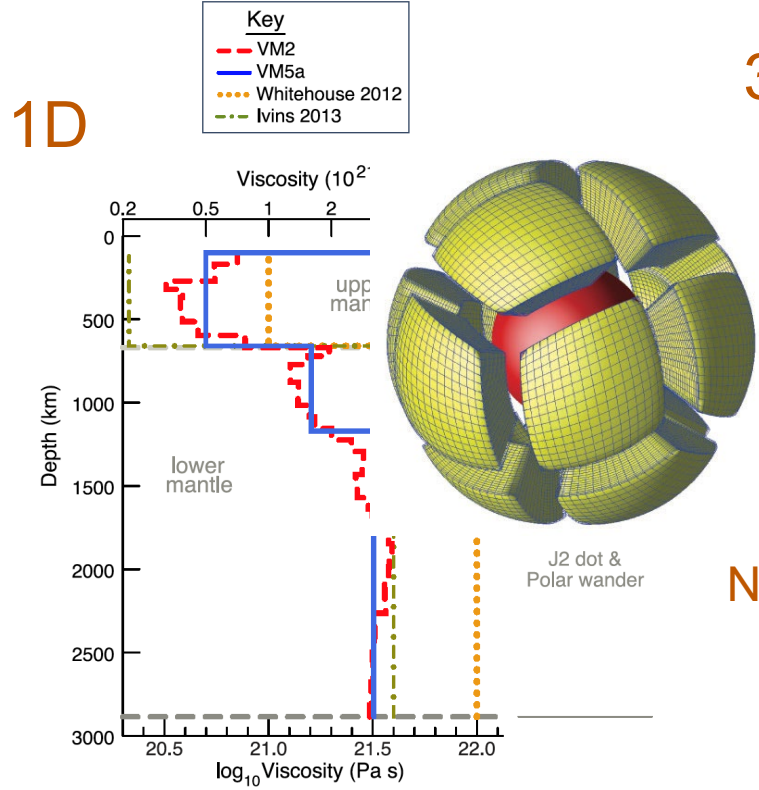
Argus et al., 2014



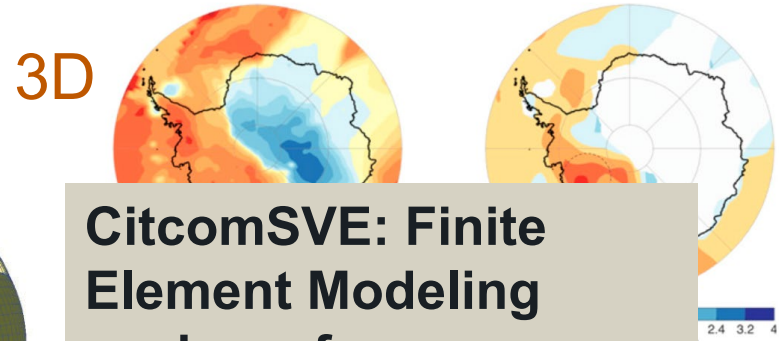
Newtonian
vs.
Non-Newtonian
rheology



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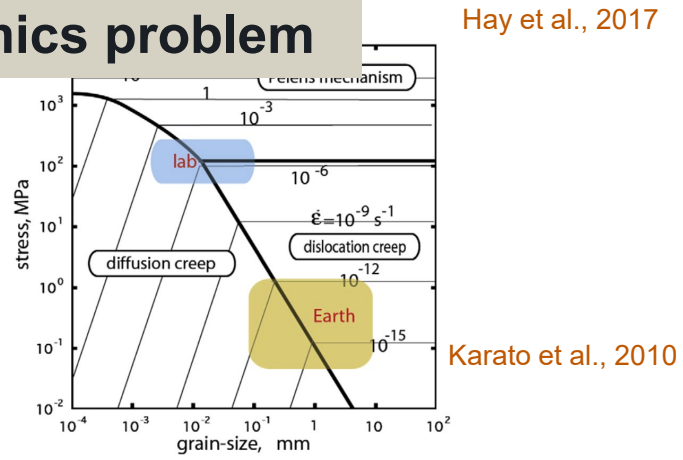


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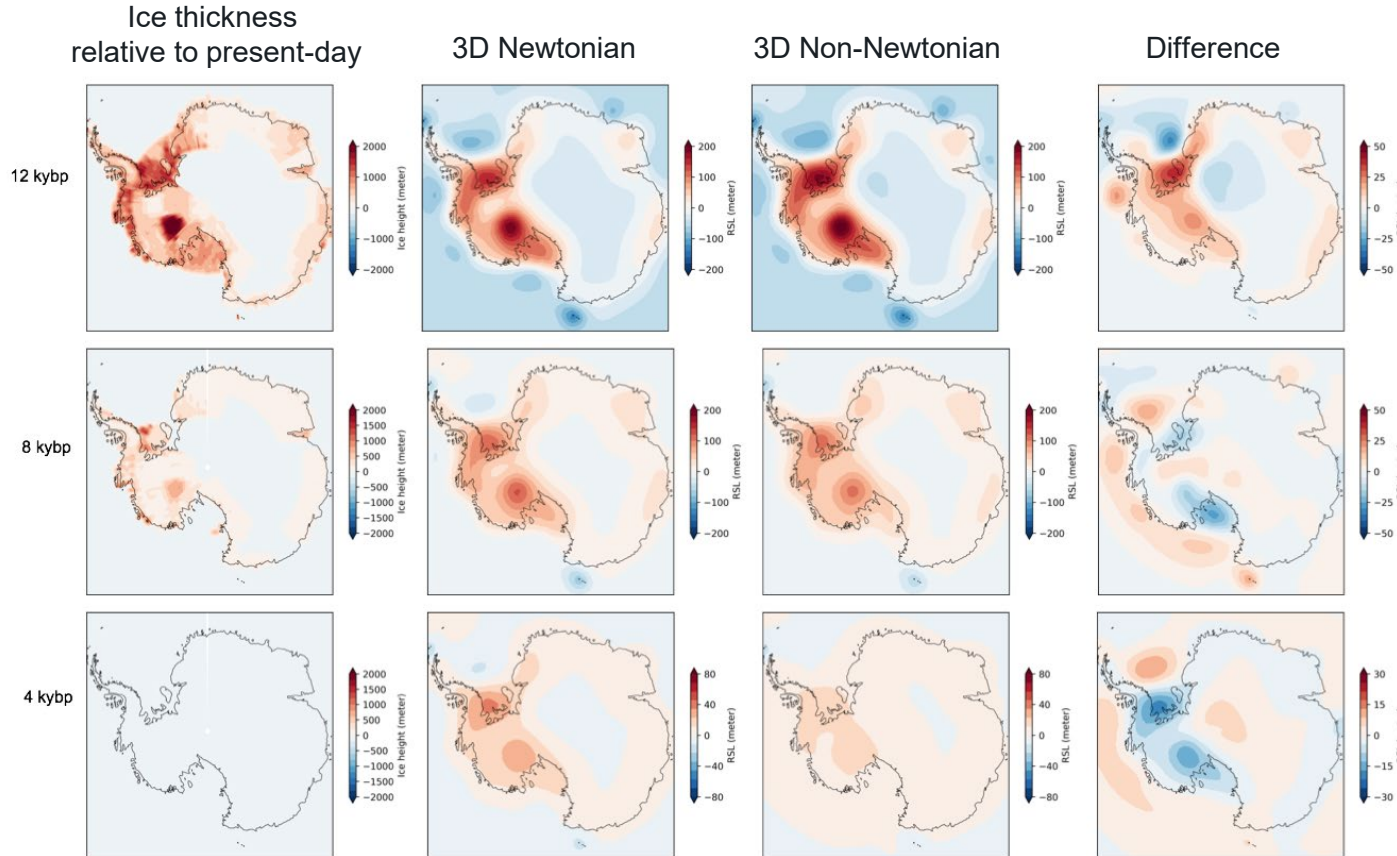


CitcomSVE: Finite Element Modeling package for geodynamics problem

Newtonian vs. Non-Newtonian rheology

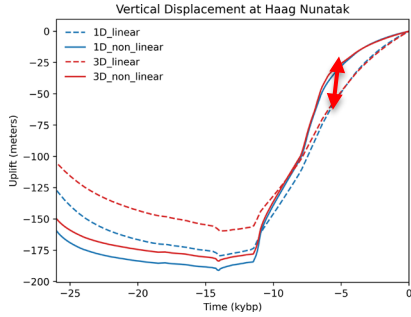


Relative Sea Level predictions by 3D Newtonian and Non-Newtonian GIA model

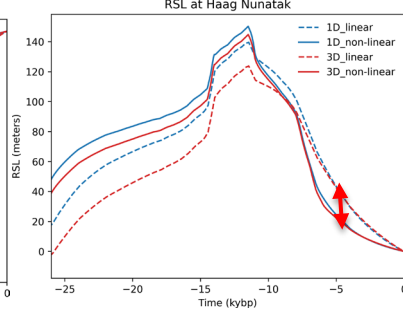


Time variations in bedrock motion and RSL change

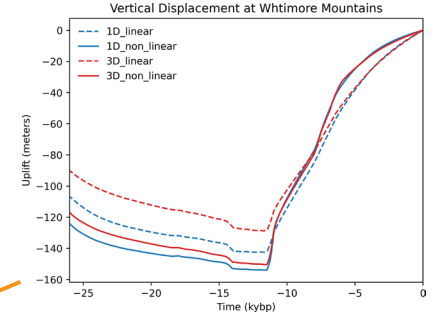
Bedrock motion



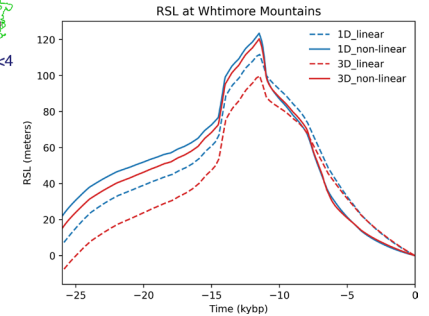
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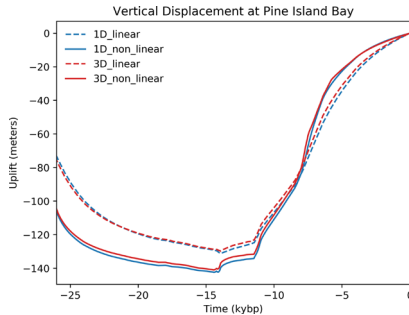
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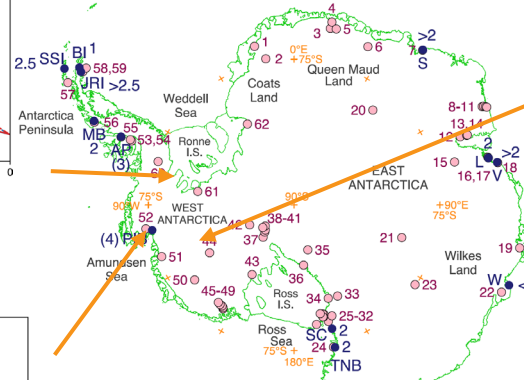
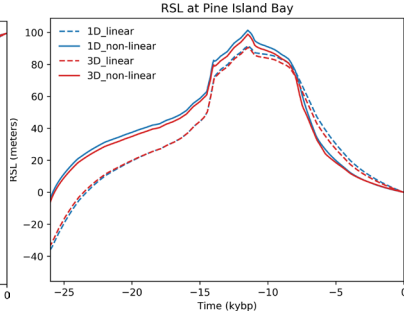
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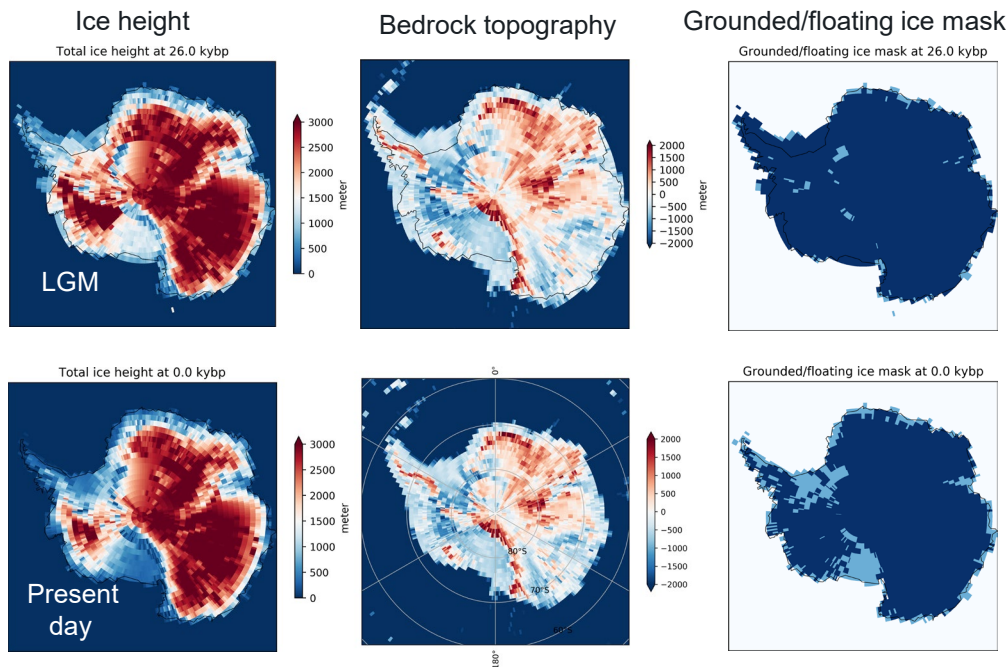


Model resolution

Low resolution (1°x1°) GIA modeling



High resolution (e.g., ~20km or less) GIA modeling and topography updating solution (e.g., ~ 5 km or less) experiment



Explore how predicted grounding line migration can affect Marine Ice Sheet Instability and sea level projection

