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# SeaRISE: Modelling the present-day state and future evolution of the Greenland Ice Sheet with the models SICOPOLIS and IcIES



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# SeaRISE

= **Sea**-level **R**esponse to **I**ce **S**heet **E**volution

- Multi-ice-sheet model community effort (> 10 models).
- Objective:  
To predict the likely range of contributions of the Greenland and Antarctic Ice Sheets to sea level rise over the next 100's of years under global warming conditions.
- Possible ice-dynamic acceleration or destabilisation mechanisms will be investigated.

## Japanese contribution to SeaRISE

### Model SICOPOLIS

= **S**imulation **C**ode for **POL**ythermal **I**ce **S**heets

(Greve for GrIS, Sato for AIS → yesterday's poster C21C-0548)

### Model IcIES

= **I**ce sheet model for **I**ntegrated **E**arth system **S**tudies

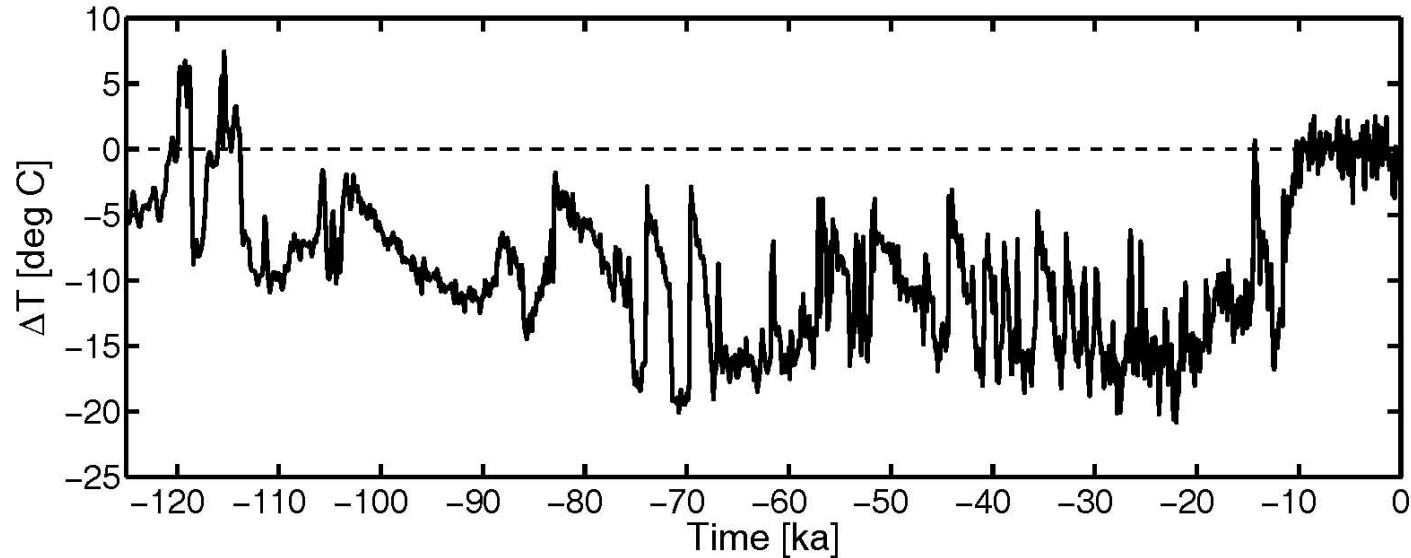
(Saito, Abe-Ouchi)

### Model Elmer/Ice

→ Yesterday's poster C21C-0552 by Seddik et al.

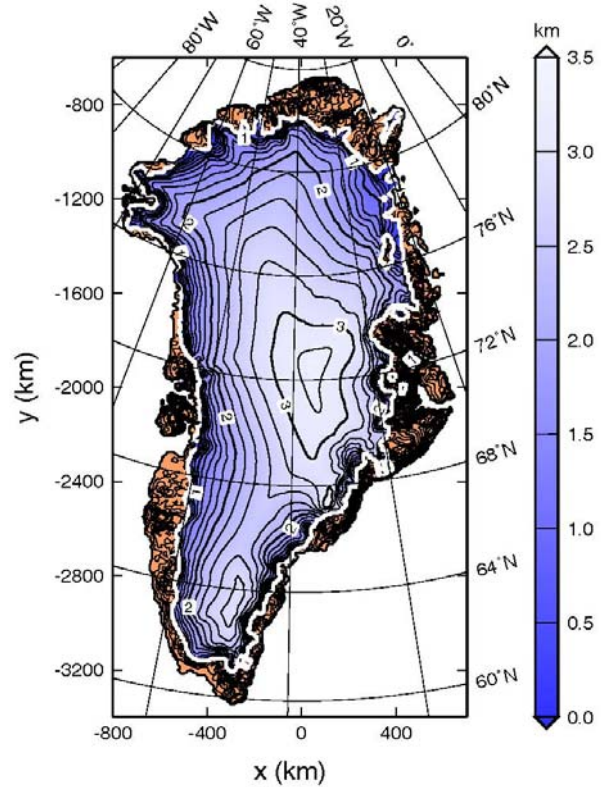
## Paleoclimatic spin-up

- Grid spacing:  $\Delta x = 10$  km (SICOPOLIS, IcIES).
- Model time:  $t = -125$  ka ... 0 ka (one glacial cycle).
- Climate forcing based on surface temperature anomaly (from GRIP  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  record):

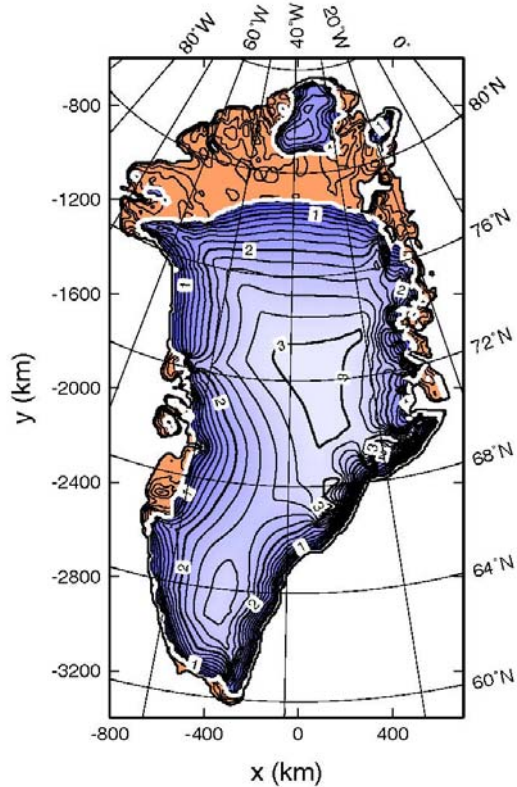


# Spin-ups presented @ IGS Sapporo

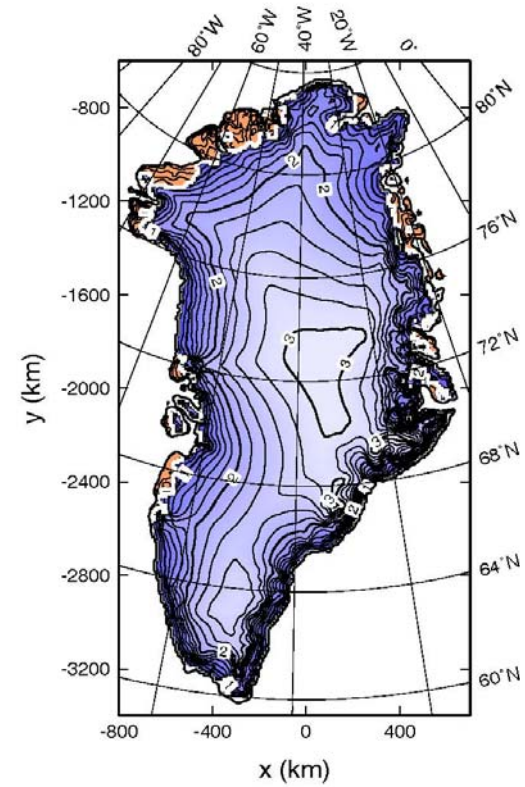
Observed  
present-day ice sheet  
(Bamber et al. 2001)



SICOPOLIS “off the shelf”  
(PDD by  
Tarasov and Peltier 2002)

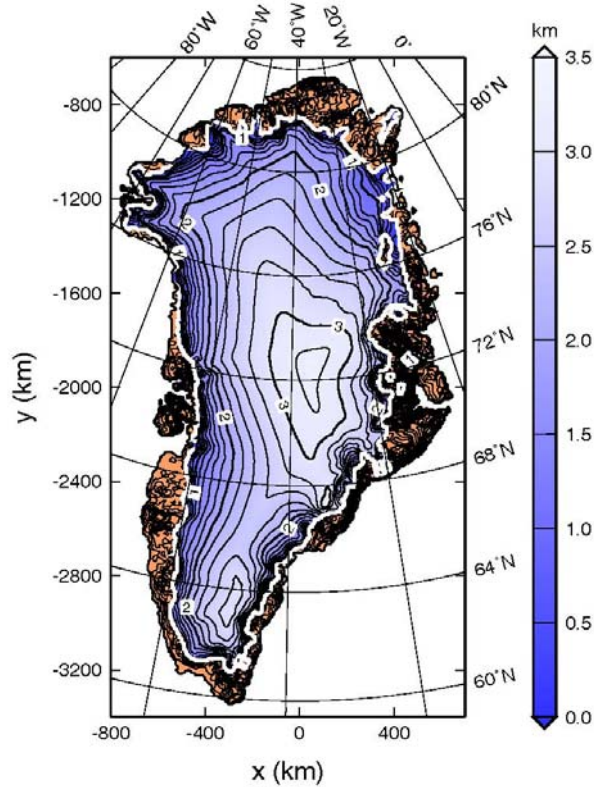


IcIES  
“off the shelf”  
(PDD by Reeh 1991)

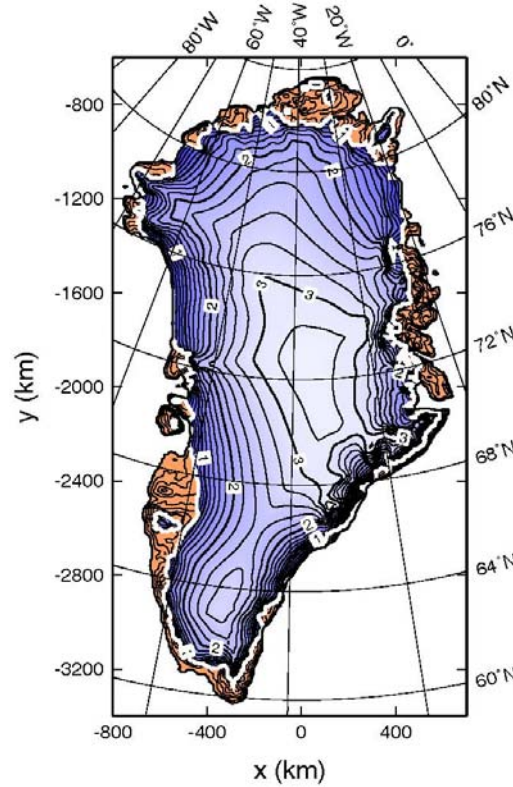


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SICOPOLIS with PDD tuning (latitude-dependent PDD factors)



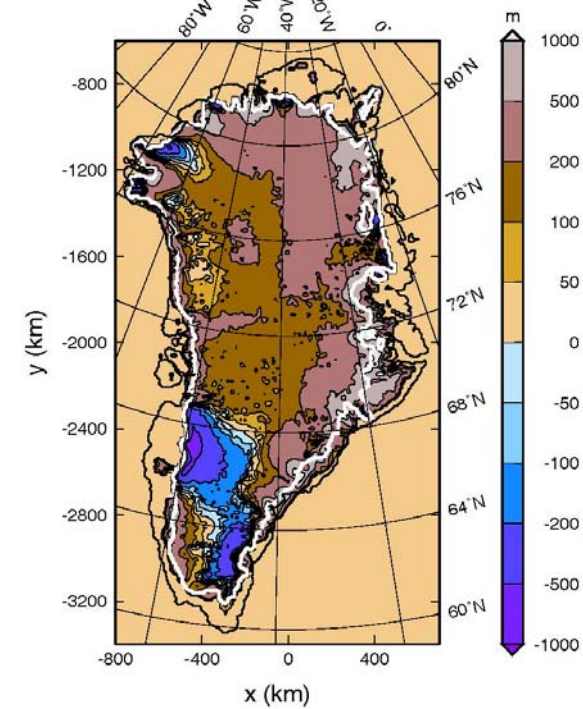
$$V_{\text{sim}} = 8.26 \text{ m SLE}$$

vs.

$$V_{\text{obs}} = 7.2 \text{ m SLE}$$



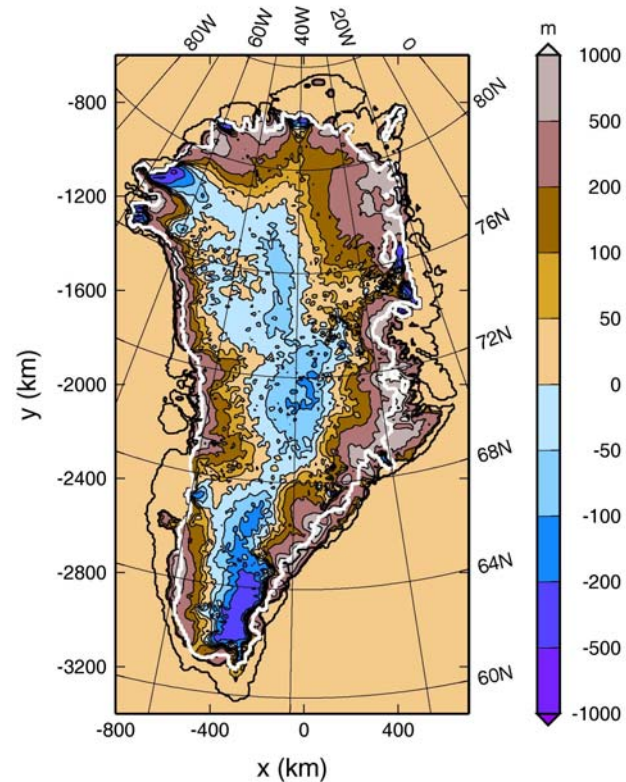
Thickness misfit (sim. – obs.)



## Changed enhancement factor improves the fit

SICOPOLIS,  $E = 3$  (like IcIES) instead of  $E_{\text{interglac}} = 1 / E_{\text{glac}} = 3$ .

Thickness misfit (sim. – obs.)



$$V_{\text{sim}} = 7.89 \text{ m SLE}$$

vs.

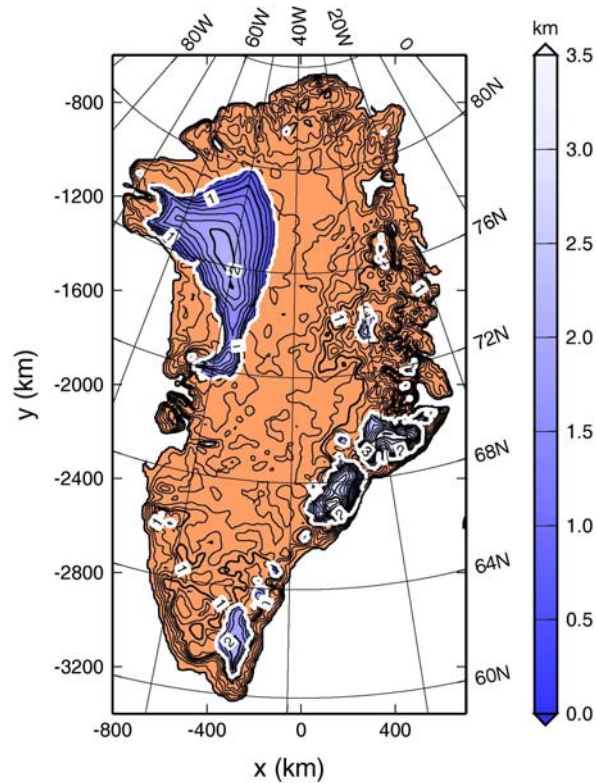
$$V_{\text{obs}} = 7.2 \text{ m SLE}$$

So far, so good, but...



# Brute-force PDD tuning kills too much ice in the Eemian

114 ka BP,  
 $V_{\text{sim}} = 0.68 \text{ m SLE}$



GRIP, GISP2, Dye 3 and  
NGRIP ice-free

→ apparently not realistic!

## Alternative strategy: Spin-up with fixed topography

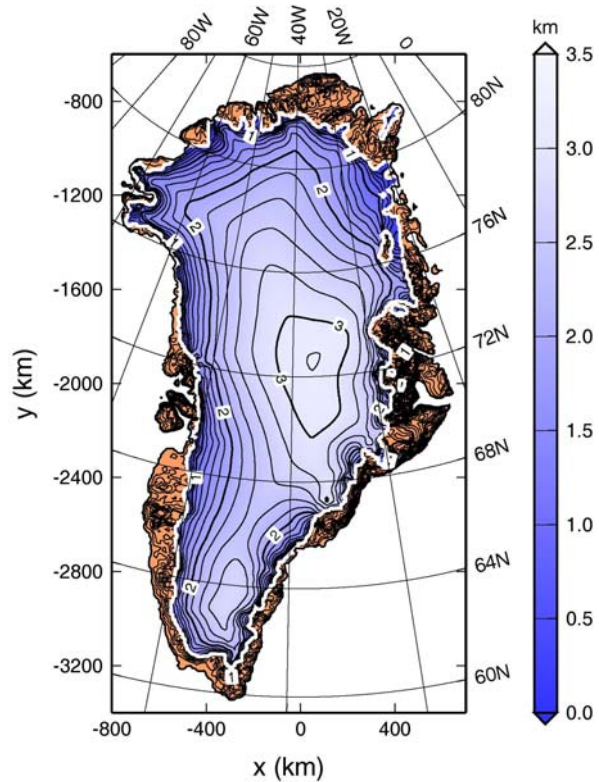
Initial relaxation over 100 years (with evolving topography), then topography kept fixed.

Some changes in order to account for the recommendations by Cuffey and Paterson, “The Physics of Glaciers” (4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2010):

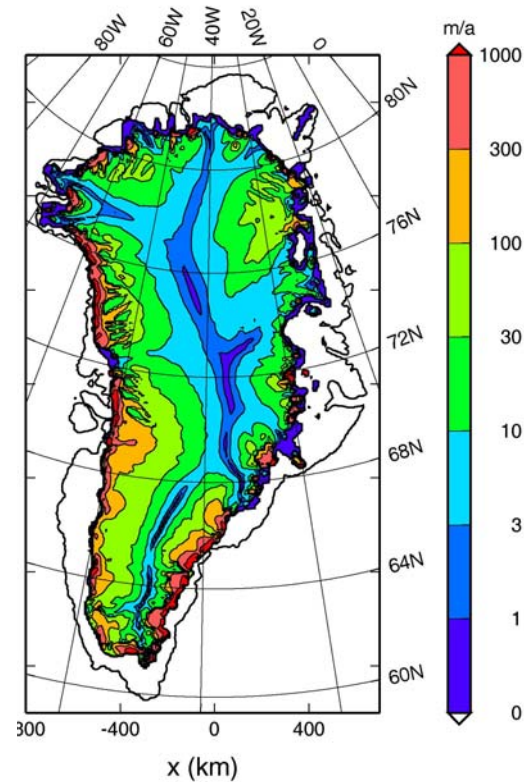
- Rate factor:  $A(-10^{\circ}\text{C}) = 3.5 \times 10^{-25} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-3}$ .
- Enhancement factor:  $E_{\text{interglac}} = 2$ ,  $E_{\text{glac}} = 5$ .
- Creep function:  $f(\sigma_e) = \sigma_e^{n-1} + \sigma_0^{n-1}$   
with  $n = 3$  and  $\sigma_0 = 10 \text{ kPa}$   
(finite-viscosity flow law; Greve and Blatter 2009).

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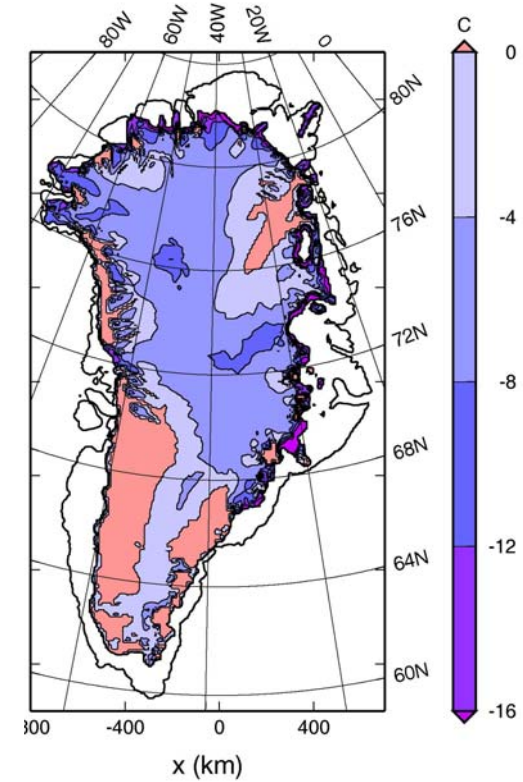
Surface topography



Surface velocity



Basal temperature  
(relative to PMP)



## Alternative strategy: Spin-up with fixed topography

Basal temperature of ice core locations:

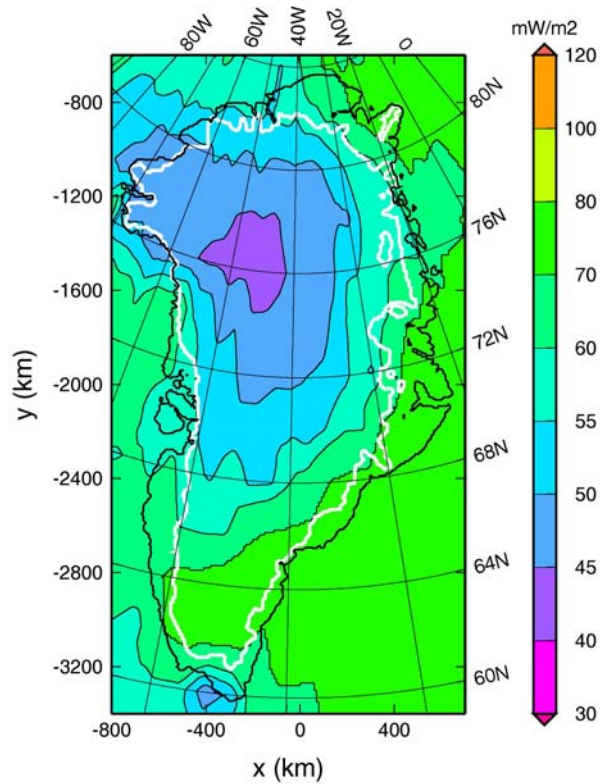
	GRIP	NGRIP	CC	Dye 3
Sim. $T_b$ [°C]	-10.76	-9.91	-9.94	-2.73
Obs. $T_b$ [°C]	-8.56	-2.4*	-13.0	-13.22

\*: pressure melting point

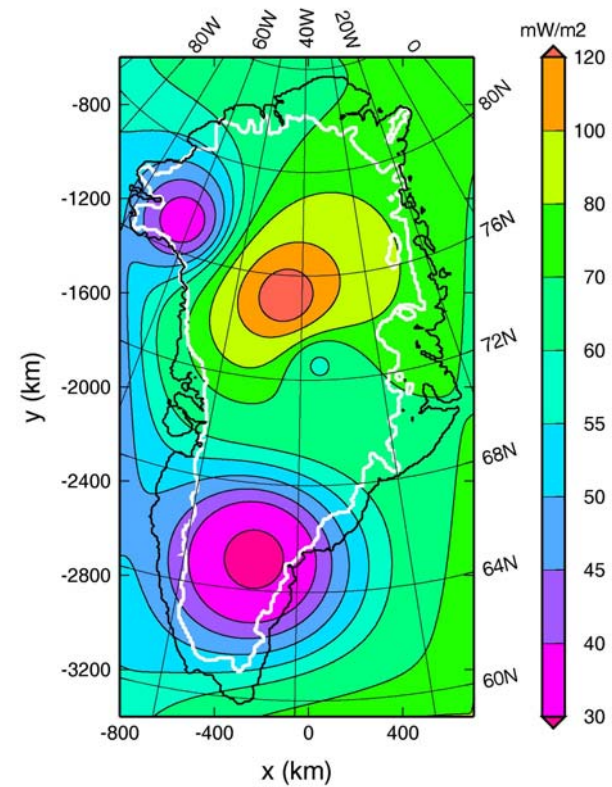
Quite bad → geothermal heat flux?

# Geothermal heat flux

SeaRISE  
(Shapiro and Ritzwoller 2004)

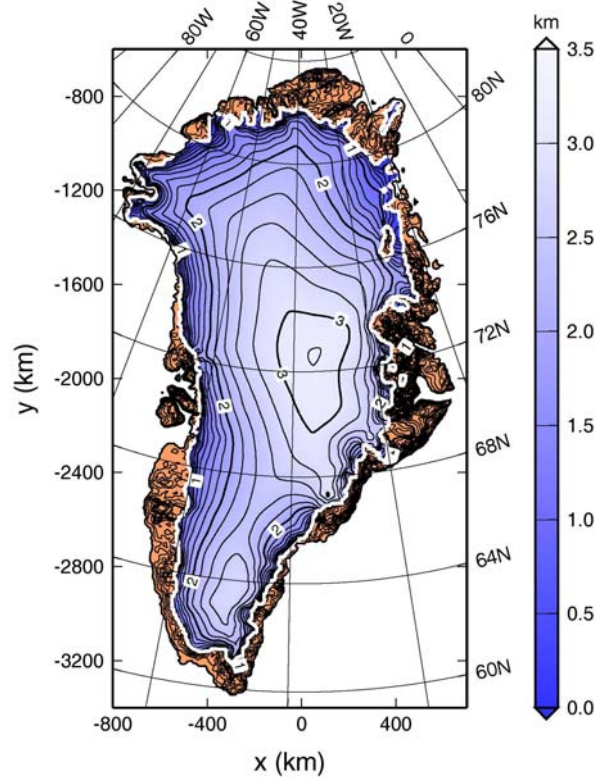


Greve (2005):  
Pollack et al. (1993) plus  
ice core temperatures

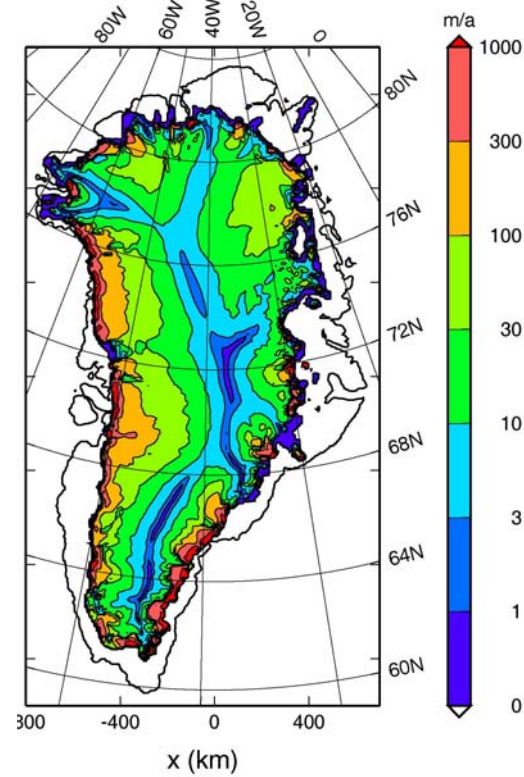


# Fixed-topography spin-up with the geothermal heat flux based on Greve (2005)

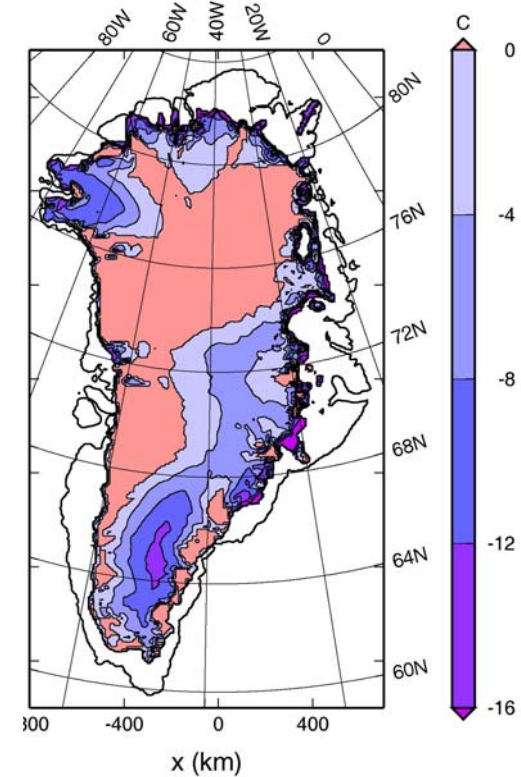
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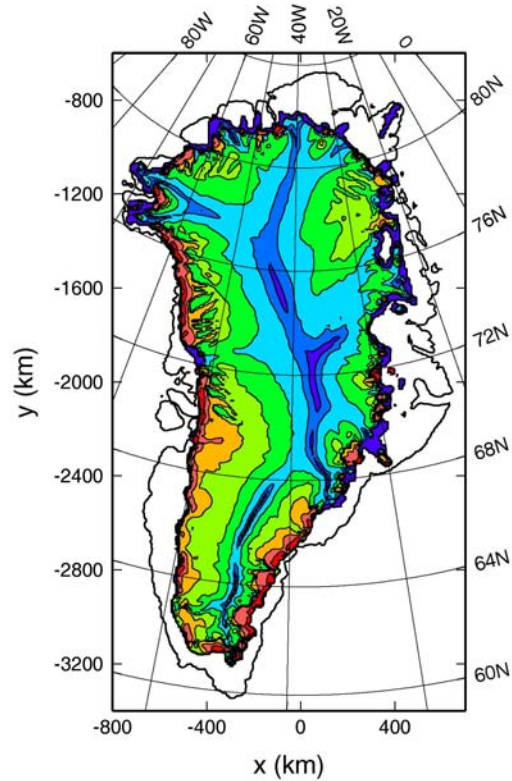
	GRIP	NGRIP	CC	Dye 3	
Sim. $T_b$ [°C]	-10.76	-9.91	-9.94	-2.73	(S&R04)
	-8.47	-2.65*	-13.01	-13.22	(Gr05)
Obs. $T_b$ [°C]	-8.56	-2.4*	-13.0	-13.22	

\*: pressure melting point

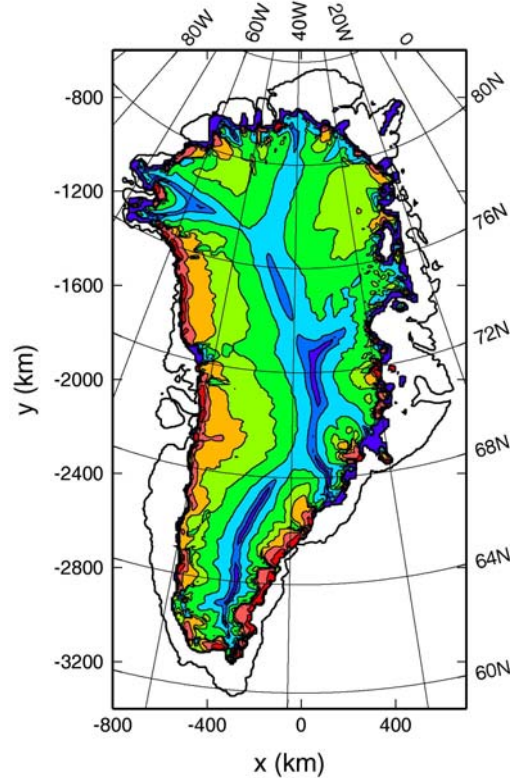
Excellent agreement was achieved!

# Comparison of surface velocities

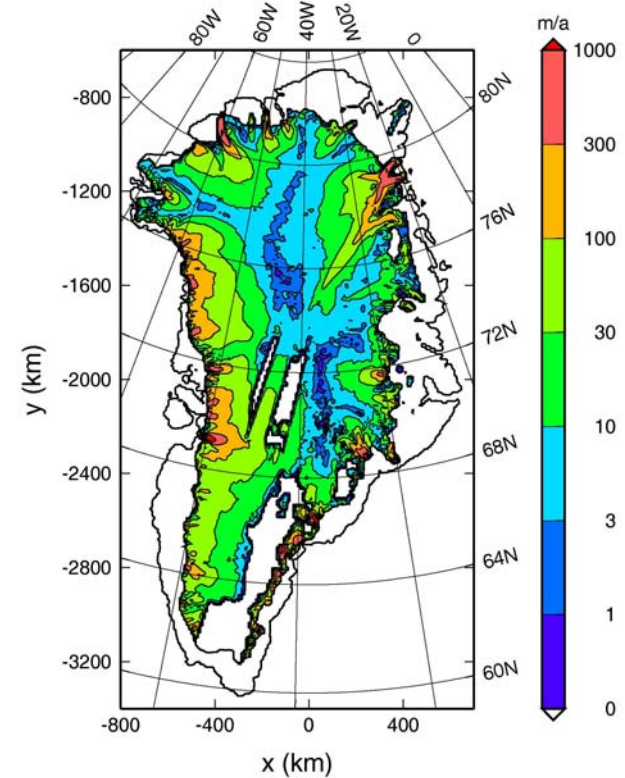
Fixed-topography  
spin-up, S&R04



Fixed-topography  
spin-up, Gr05



Obs. (Joughin et al.,  
SeaRISE website)



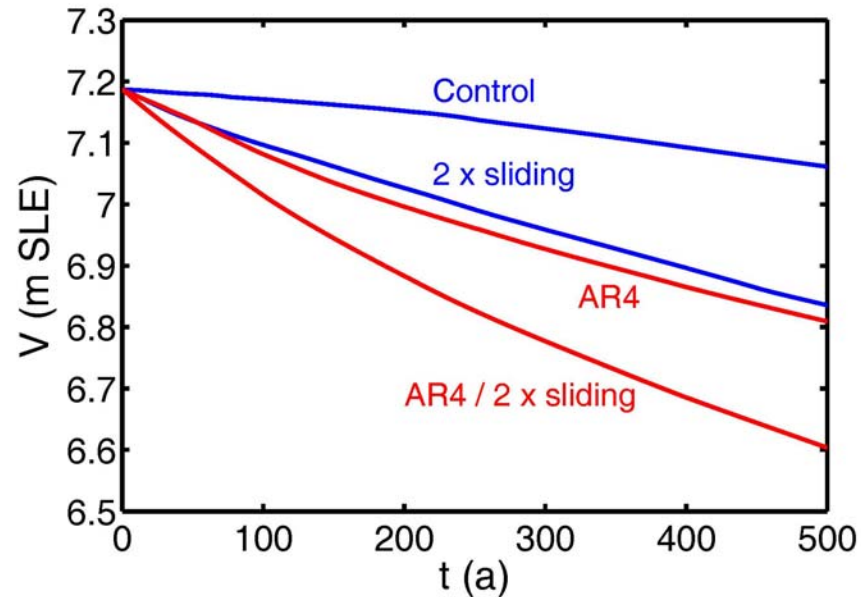


## Future climate experiments

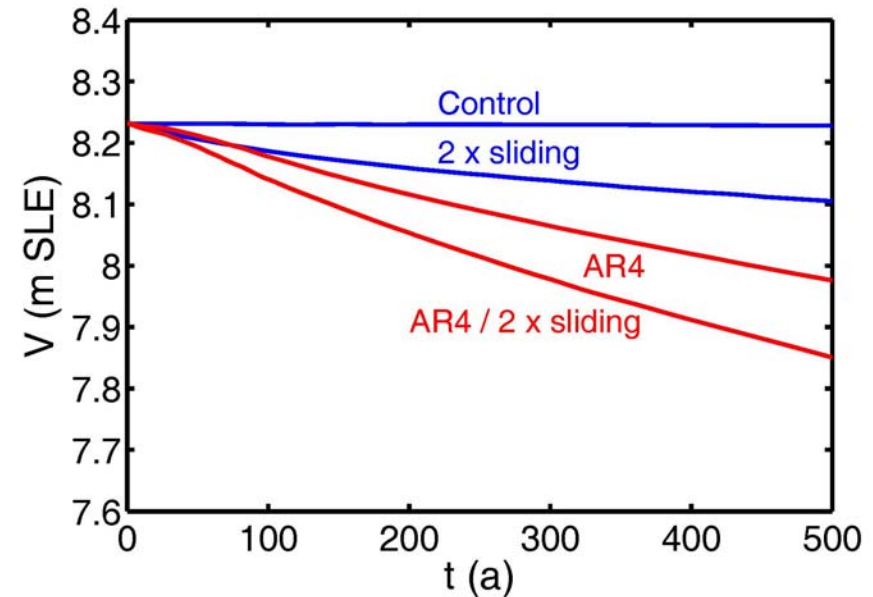
- Grid spacing:  $\Delta x = 10$  km (SICOPOLIS, IcIES).
- Model time:  $t = 0$  a ... 500 a.
  
- C1\_E0: Constant climate control run.
- C1\_E1: Constant climate forcing + doubled basal sliding.
  
- C2\_E0: AR4 climate control run (A1B scenario).
- C2\_E1: AR4 climate forcing + doubled basal sliding.

## Future climate experiments

### SICOPOLIS



### IcIES



Sensitivities are very similar for (AR4 – Control) [climatic forcing],  
but  
significantly different for (2 x sliding – Control) [ice dynamics].

## Lessons to learn

- Quite difficult to get a reasonable spin-up without strong constraints.
- Ice-dynamic effects are of concern, but let's not forget about surface mass balance issues.
- Sensitivity between models can vary significantly  
→ model ensemble reasonable for predictions.

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