



Inverse methods within Elmer/Ice

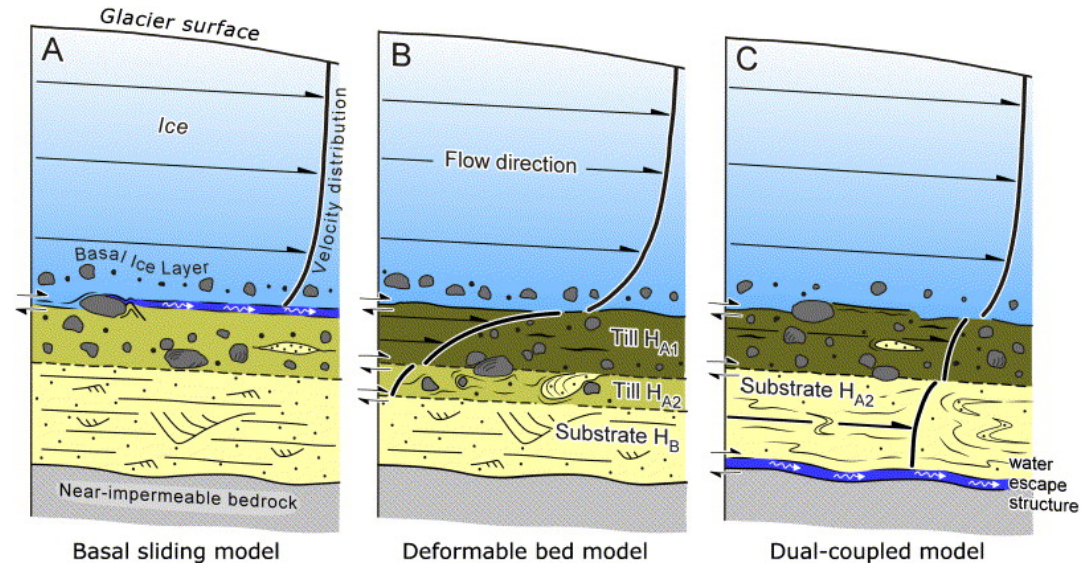
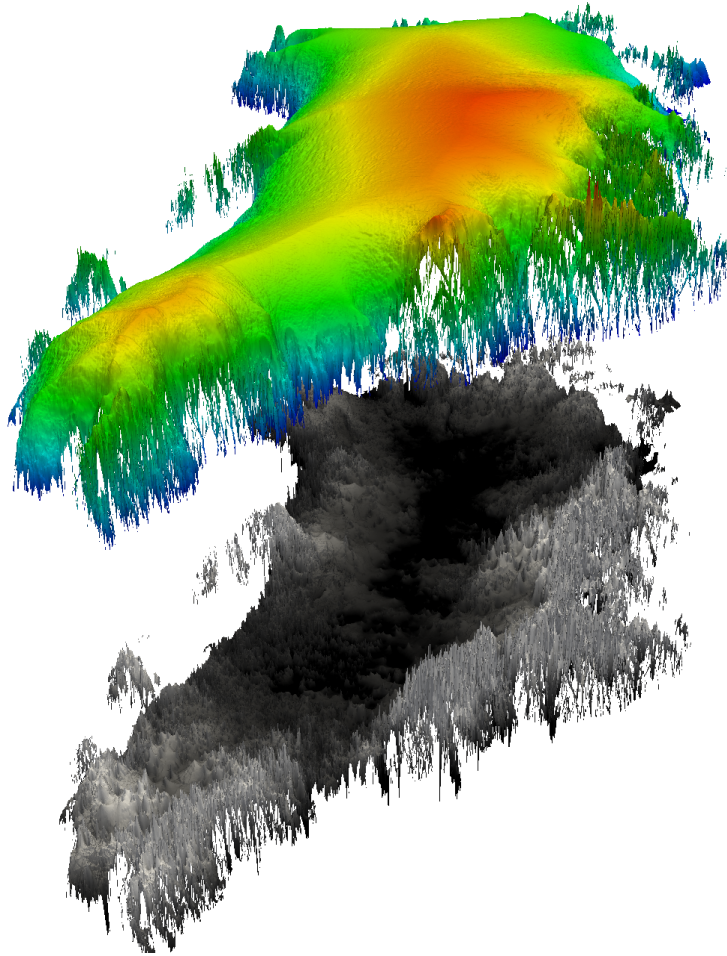
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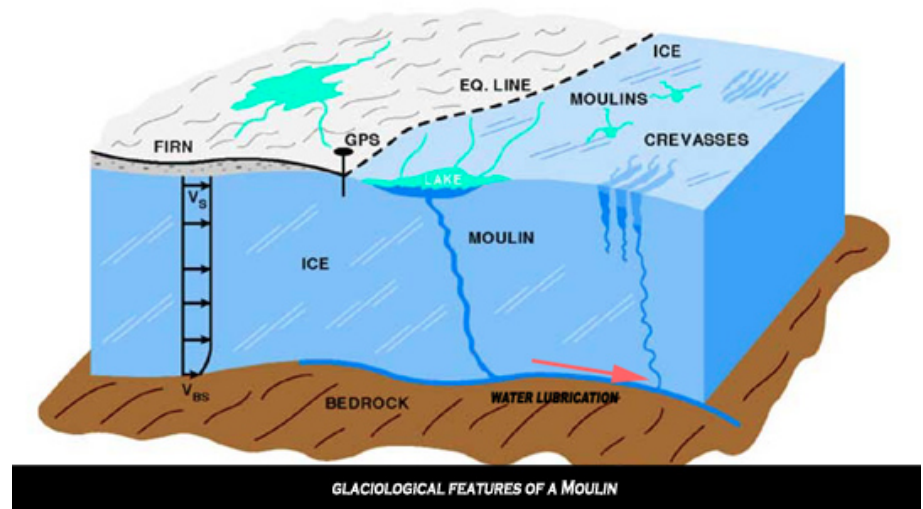
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Uncertain parameterisations

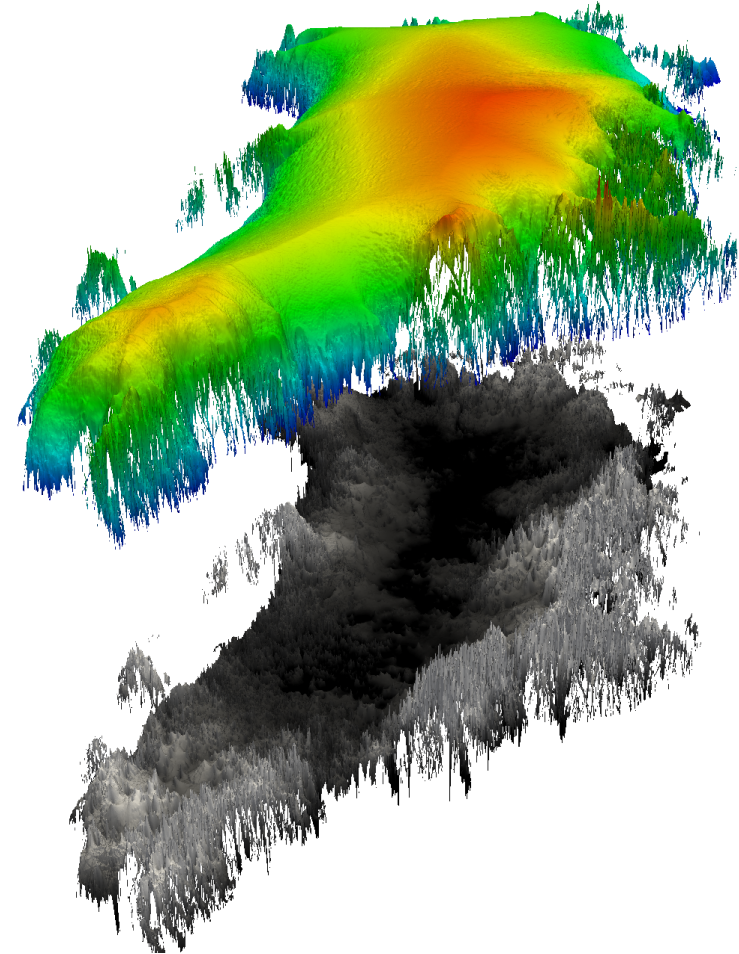
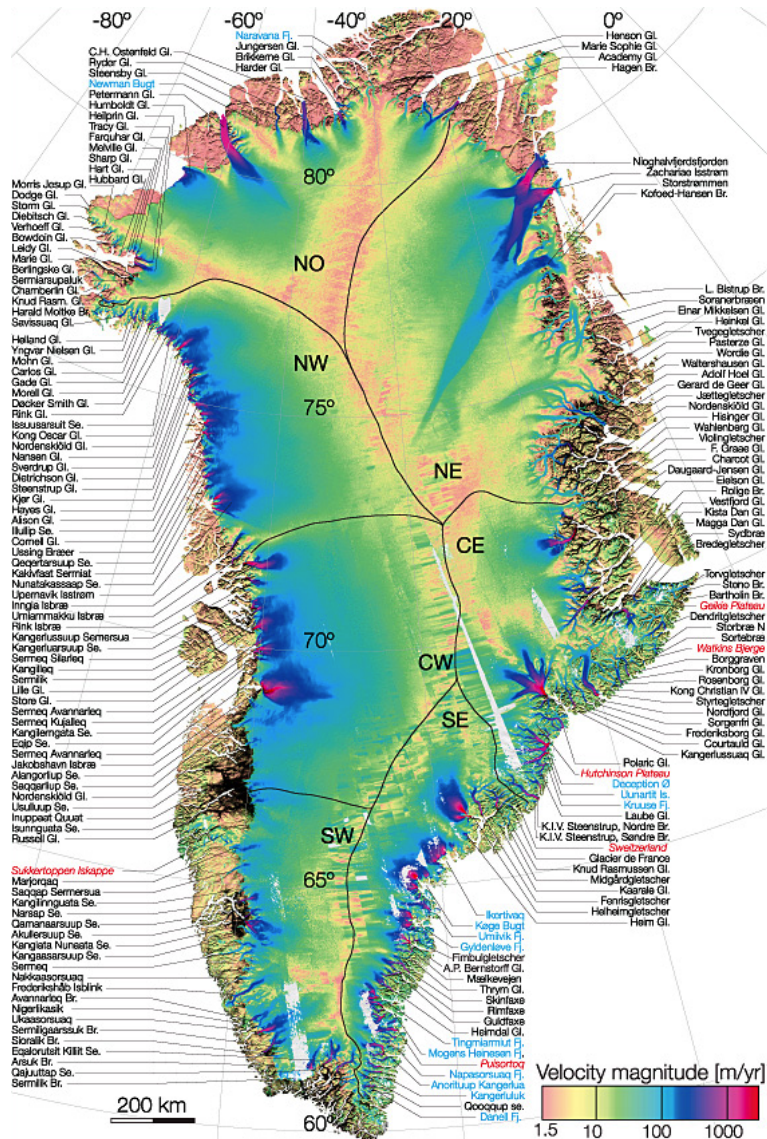
e.g. friction of the ice on the bedrock highly variable in space and time
Usually prescribed as a friction law $\tau = f(u)$



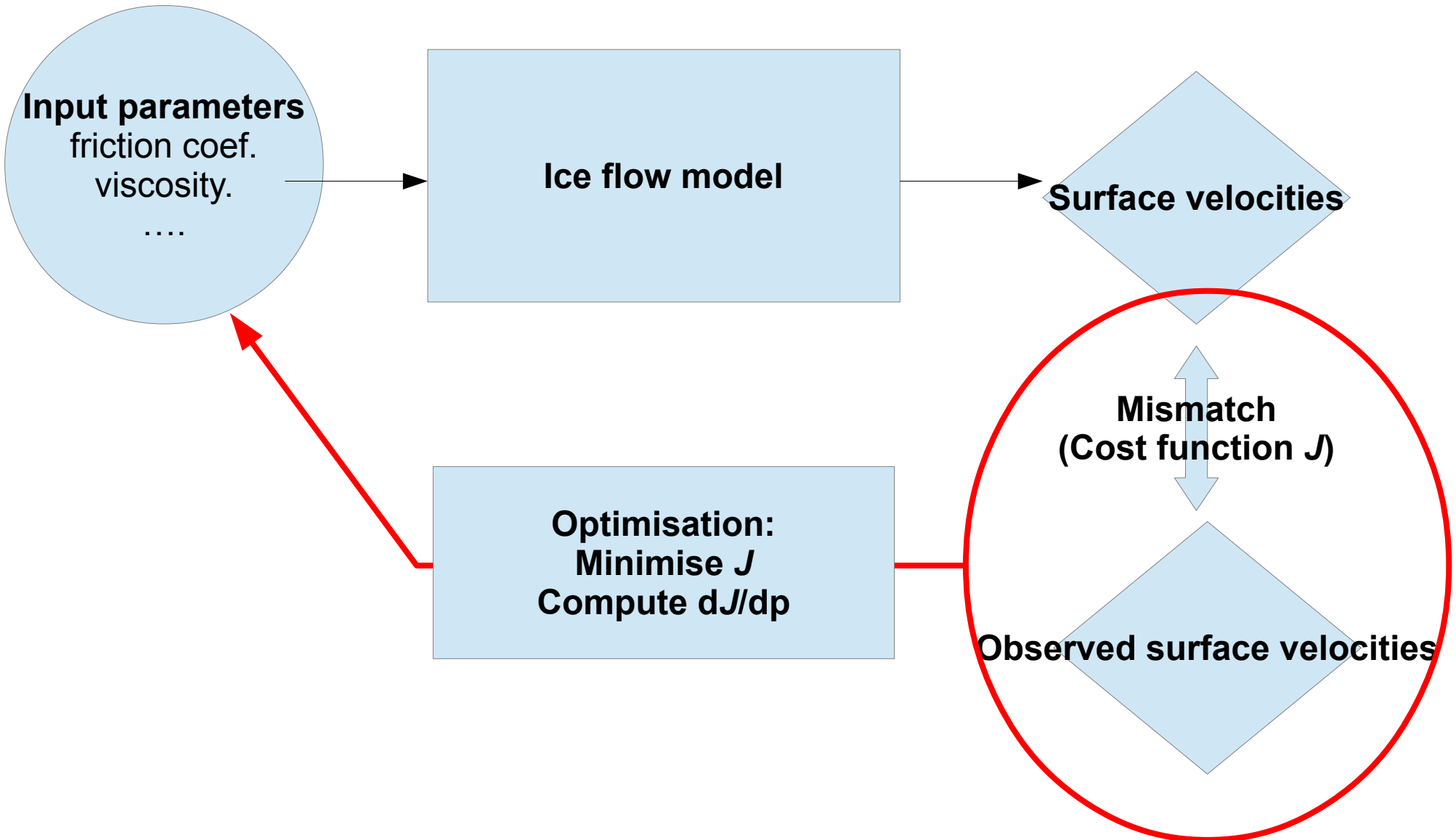
Zone of high water pressure and de-coupling



More and more available observations



Inverse modelling: variational data assimilation



Inverse methods in Elmer/Ice

- **2 inverse methods** implemented in **Elmer/Ice**:
 - **Robin inverse method** (arthern and Gudmundsson, 2010)
 - **Adjoint method** (Mac Ayeal, 1993; Morlighem et al., 2010; Petra et al., 2012)

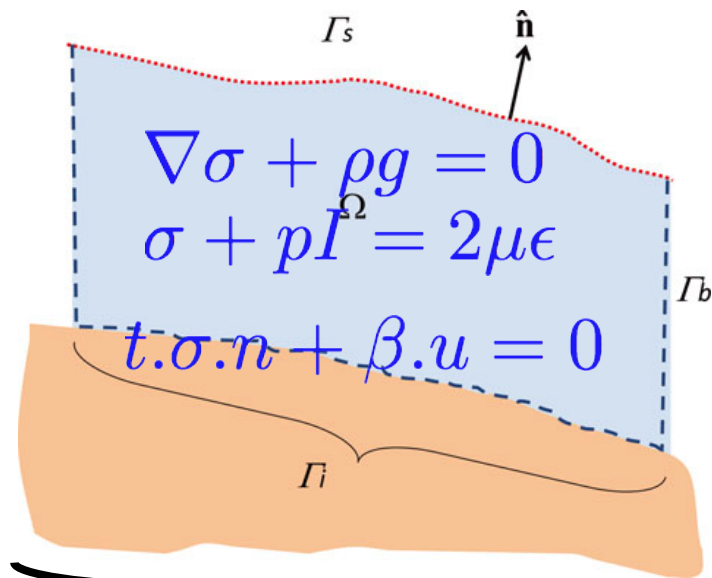
Characteristics:

- => restricted to **diagnostic** (no time evolution)
- => **slip coefficient** (Linear sliding law)
- => **ice viscosity**
- => could also do Neumann and Dirichlet BC (Adjoint method)

- **Efficient minimisation library** (quasi-Newton algorithm)

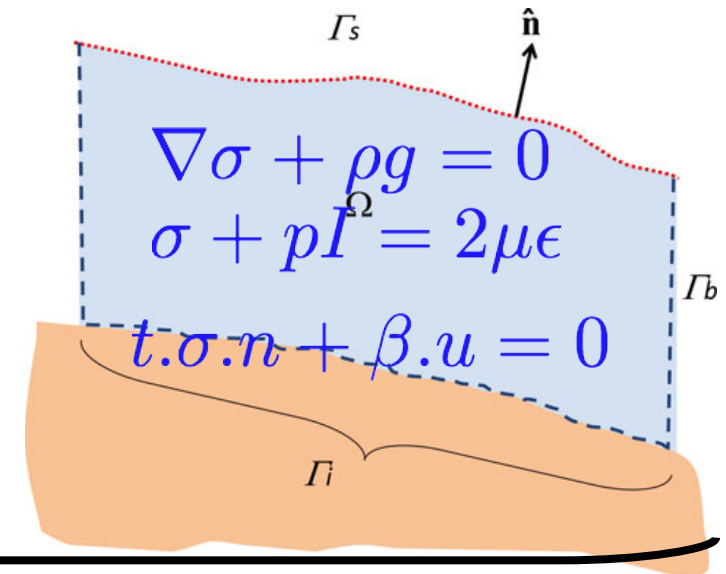
Neumann problem

$$\sigma \cdot n = 0$$



Dirichlet problem

$$u = u^{obs}$$

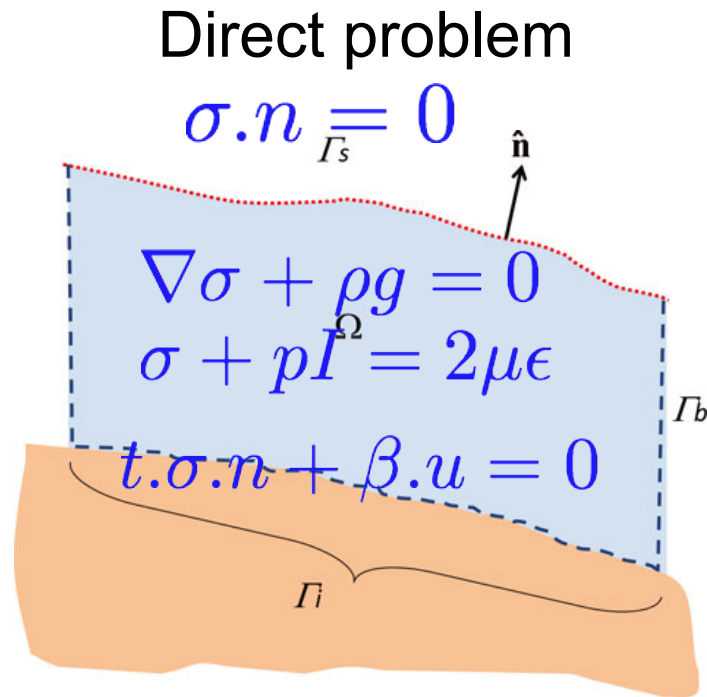


$$J = \int_{\Gamma_s} (u^N - u^D) \cdot (\sigma^N - \sigma^D) \cdot n d\Gamma$$

$$d_\beta J = \int_{\Gamma_b} \beta' (\|u^D\|^2 - \|u^N\|^2) d\Gamma$$

$$d_\mu J = \int_{\Omega} 2\mu' (\|\epsilon^D\|^2 - \|\epsilon^N\|^2) d\Omega$$

Adjoint method (Mac Ayeal, 1993)



1. Define a cost function

$$J = f(u)$$

e.g.
$$J = \int_{\Gamma_S} \frac{1}{2} (u - u^{obs})^2 d\Gamma$$

2. Insure that u is solution of your problem

$$J' = J(u) + \Lambda(\nabla \sigma + \rho g)$$

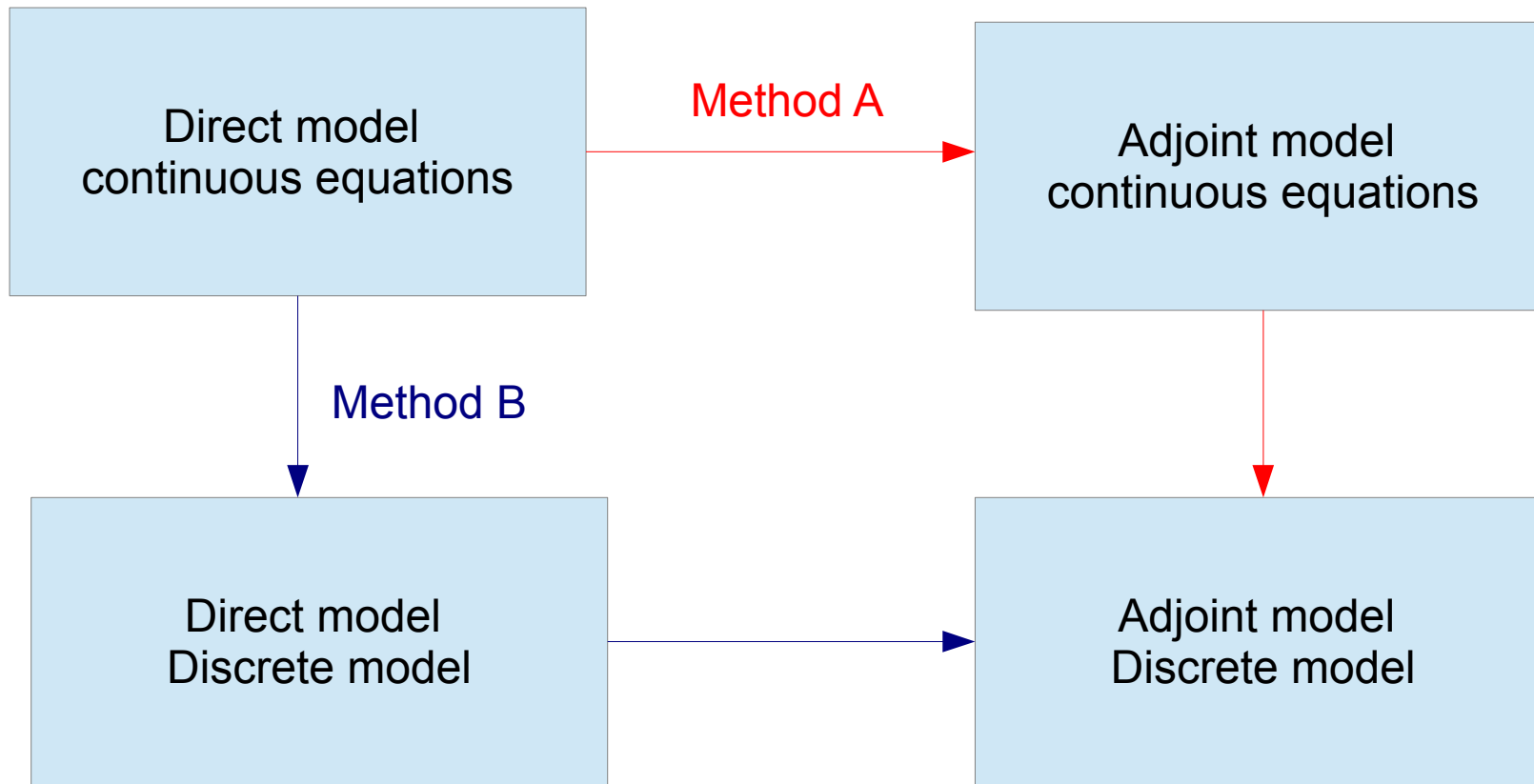
3. Minimisation of J' requires that all variations are 0

$$d_{\Lambda} J' = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{direct problem equation is satisfied}$$

$$d_u J' = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{adjoint equations}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gradient of } J \text{ w.r. To input parameters } p \quad d_p J = f(\Lambda, u)$$

Getting the adjoint model



Usually **Method A** \neq **Method B**

Method B should be preferred

Can be done using automatic differentiation



Pointer arrays
not yet supported

=> crucial parts have been derived by hand (from Rev 6366)

Inverse method comparison

Robin Inverse method

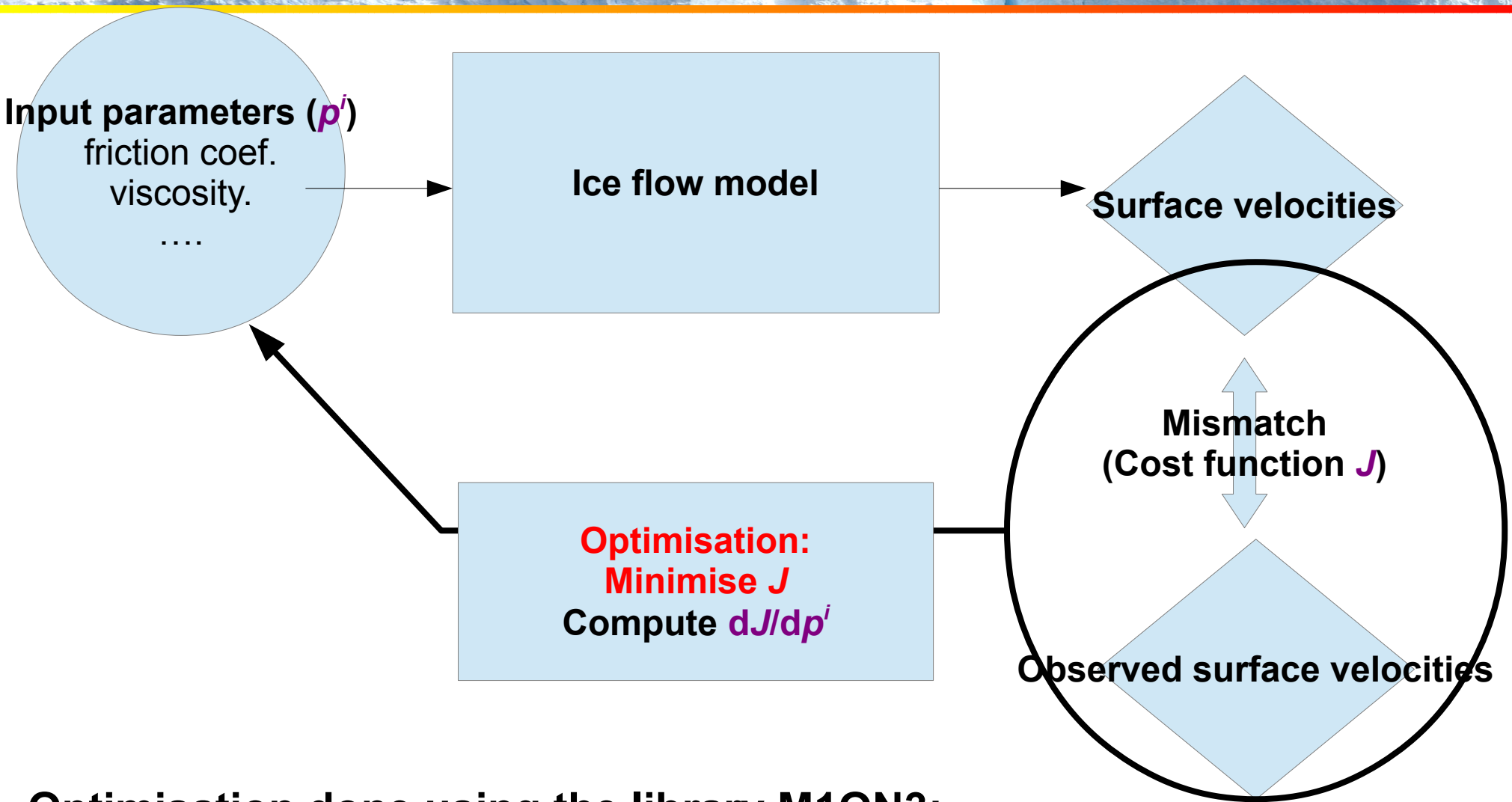
- Easy to understand/implement
- Only exact for linear viscosity
- Cost function given

Adjoint method

- Implementation issues
- Remain self-adjoint with non-linear viscosity if solver use newton linearisation (Petra et al.; 2012)
- Cost function can be user-defined

- Some work has been done recently (Rev 6366) to improve the adjoint method.
- When compared with finite differences, gradients obtained with the adjoint method are now more accurate
=> **I advise to use the adjoint method from now**

Optimisation algorithm: M1QN3



Optimisation done using the library M1QN3:

- Limited memory quasi-newton algorithm
- Implemented in reverse communication (i.e. called by Elmer within a solver)
- Iterative procedure: **Input:** p^i , J^i , dJ/dp^i – **Output** p^{i+1}
- <https://who.rocq.inria.fr/Jean-Charles.Gilbert/modulopt/optimization-routines/m1qn3/m1qn3.html>

Setting up the adjoint method

- Here we will see how to set-up the adjoint method by constructing a “twin” experiment, step by step
- Set-up of the experiment based on Mac Ayeal, 1993
- Finally we will apply it to infer the slip coefficient under the Jacobshavn Isbrae drainage basin

Step 0: Create a reference solution

Domain Geometry

```
$ function zs(tx) {\
Lx = 200.0e3;\
Ly = 50.0e03;\
_zs=500.0-1.0e-03*tx(0)+20.0*(sin(3.0*pi*tx(0)/Lx)*sin(2.0*pi*tx(1)/Ly));\
}\
$ function zb(tx) {\
_zb=zs(tx)-1500.0+2.0e-3*tx(0);\
}
```

Material properties

```
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!\
Material 1\
Density = Real $rhoi\
\
Viscosity Model = String "power law"\
Viscosity = Real $ 1.8e8*1.0e-6*(2.0*yearinsec)^(-1.0/3.0)\
Viscosity Exponent = Real $1.0e00/3.0e00\
Critical Shear Rate = Real 1.0e-10\
End\
□
```

Boundary Conditions

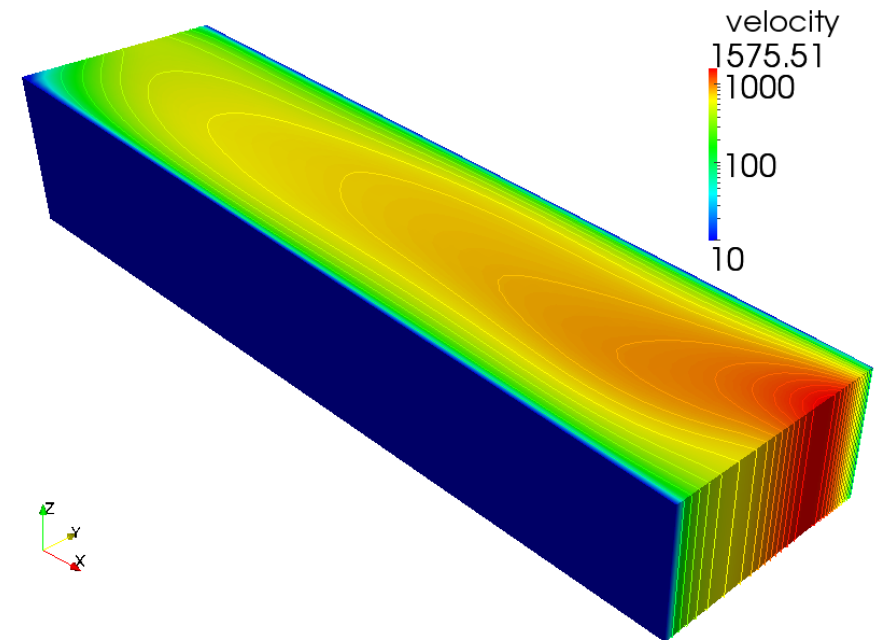
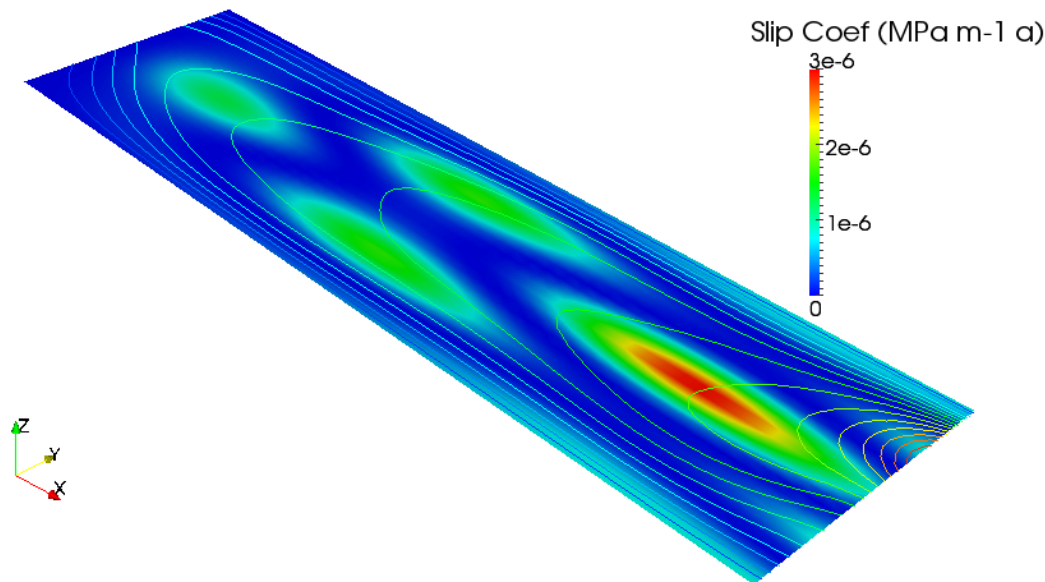
```
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!\
Boundary Condition 1\
Name = "Side Walls"\
Target Boundaries(2) = 1 3\
\
Velocity 1 = Real 0.0\
Velocity 2 = Real 0.0\
End\
Boundary Condition 2\
Name = "Inflow"\
Target Boundaries = 4\
\
Velocity 1 = Variable Coordinate 2\
REAL MATC "4.753e-6*yearinsec*(sin(2.0*pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly)+2.5*sin(pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly))"\
Velocity 2 = Real 0.0\
End\
Boundary Condition 3\
Name = "Front"\
Target Boundaries = 2\
\
Velocity 1 = Variable Coordinate 2\
REAL MATC "1.584e-5*yearinsec*(sin(2.0*pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly)+2.5*sin(pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly)+0.5*sin(3.0*pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly))"\
Velocity 2 = Real 0.0\
End\
□
```


Step 0: Create a reference solution

Reference slip coefficient

```
!Reference Slip Coefficient used to construct surface velocities
$ function betaSquare(tx) {\
  Lx = 200.0e3;\
  Ly = 50.0e03;\
  yearinsec = 365.25*24*60*60;\
  F1=sin(3.0*pi*tx(0)/Lx)*sin(pi*tx(1)/Ly);\
  F2=sin(pi*tx(0)/(2.0*Lx))*cos(4.0*pi*tx(1)/Ly);\
  beta=5.0e3*F1+5.0e03*F2;\
  _betaSquare=beta*beta/(1.0e06*yearinsec);\
}
```

Ideal observed surface velocities



Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

1. Take an initial guess for the slip coefficient

```
! initial guess for (square root) slip coeff.  
Beta = REAL $ 1.0e3/sqrt(1.0e06*yearinsec)
```

2. Compute the cost function: Cost Solver

```
!!! Compute Cost function  
!!!!!!! Has to be run before the Adjoint Solver as adjoint forcing is computed here !!!!!  
Solver 3  
  
Equation = "Cost"  
  
!! Solver need to be associated => Define dummy variable  
Variable = -nooutput "CostV"  
Variable DOFs = 1  
  
procedure = "ElmerIceSolvers" "CostSolver_Adjoint"  
  
Cost Variable Name = String "CostValue" ! Name of Cost Variable  
  
Optimized Variable Name = String "Beta" ! Name of Beta for Regularization  
Lambda = Real $Lambda ! Regularization Coef  
! save the cost as a function of iterations  
Cost Filename = File "Cost_$name".dat"  
end
```


Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

2. Compute the cost function: Boundary conditions

```
! Upper Surface
Boundary Condition 5
!Name= "Surface" mandatory to compute cost function
Name = "Surface"

Save Line = Logical True

! Used by StructuredMeshMapper for initial surface topography
! here interpolated from a regular DEM
Top Surface = Variable Coordinate 1
  REAL procedure "Executables/USF_Init" "zsIni"

! Definition of the Cost function
Adjoint Cost = Variable Velocity 1 , Vsurfini 1 , Velocity 2 , Vsurfini 2
  Real MATC "0.5*((tx(0)-tx(1))*(tx(0)-tx(1))+(tx(2)-tx(3))*(tx(2)-tx(3)))"

! derivative of the cost function wr u and v
Adjoint Cost der 1 = Variable Velocity 1 , Vsurfini 1
  Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"
Adjoint Cost der 2 = Variable Velocity 2 , Vsurfini 2
  Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"

End
```

Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

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Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"
Adjoint Cost der 2 = Variable Velocity 2 , Vsurfini 2
Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"

End
```

$$J = \int_{\Gamma_S} \frac{1}{2} (u - u^{obs})^2 d\Gamma + \lambda \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_b} \left(\frac{d\beta}{dx} \right)^2 d\Gamma$$

Hard coded inside the solver,
May be changed to allow
more flexible regularisation,
e.g. *a-priori* estimate

Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

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  Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"
Adjoint Cost der 2 = Variable Velocity 2 , Vsurfini 2
  Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"

End
```

Used to compute the **forcing term of the adjoint system** (part differentiated by hand)

Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

3. Compute the Adjoint solution

```
!!!! Adjoint Solution
Solver 4

Equation = "Adjoint"
Variable = Adjoint
Variable Dofs = 4

procedure = "ElmerIceSolvers" "AdjointSolver"

!Name of the flow solution solver
Flow Solution Equation Name = string "Navier-Stokes"

Linear System Solver = Iterative
Linear System Iterative Method = GMRES
Linear System GMRES Restart = 100
Linear System Preconditioning= ILU0
Linear System Convergence Tolerance= 1.0e-12
Linear System Max Iterations = 1000
End
```

- Take the last NS bulk matrix
- Apply BC
- Solve

This part has not been differentiated

Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

```
.....
Boundary Condition 1
Name = "Side Walls"
Target Boundaries(2) = 1 3

!Dirichlet BC

Velocity 1 = Real 0.0
Velocity 2 = Real 0.0

!Dirichlet BC => Dirichlet = 0 for Adjoint
Adjoint 1 = Real 0.0
Adjoint 2 = Real 0.0
End

Boundary Condition 2
Name = "Inflow"
Target Boundaries = 4

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Velocity 2 = Real 0.0

!Dirichlet BC => Dirichlet = 0 for Adjoint
Adjoint 1 = Real 0.0
Adjoint 2 = Real 0.0
End

Boundary Condition 3
Name = "Front"
Target Boundaries = 2

Velocity 1 = Variable Coordinate 2
REAL MATC "1.584e-5*yearinsec*(sin(2.0*pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly)+2.5*sin(pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly)+0.5*sin(3.0*pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly))"
Velocity 2 = Real 0.0

!Dirichlet BC => Dirichlet = 0 for Adjoint
Adjoint 1 = Real 0.0
Adjoint 2 = Real 0.0
End
```


Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

```
Boundary Condition 4
!Name= "bed" mandatory to compute regularistaion term of the cost function (int (dbeta/dx) 2)
Name = "bed"
!Body Id used to solve
Body ID = Integer 2

Save Line = Logical True

Bottom Surface = Variable Coordinate 1
  REAL  procedure "Executables/USF_Init" "zbIni"

Normal-Tangential Velocity = Logical True
Normal-Tangential Adjoint = Logical True

Adjoint Force BC = Logical True

Velocity 1 = Real 0.0e0
Adjoint 1 = Real 0.0e0

Slip Coefficient 2 = Variable Beta
  REAL MATC "tx*tx"

Slip Coefficient 3 = Variable Beta
  REAL MATC "tx*tx"

End
```

Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

4. Compute the gradient of the cost function

```
!!!! Compute Derivative of Cost function / Beta
Solver 5
Equation = "DJDBeta"

!! Solver need to be associated => Define dummy variable
Variable = -nooutput "DJDB"
Variable DOFs = 1

procedure = "ElmerIceSolvers" "DJDBeta_Adjoint"

Flow Solution Name = String "Flow Solution"
Adjoint Solution Name = String "Adjoint"
Optimized Variable Name = String "Beta" ! Name of Beta variable
Gradient Variable Name = String "DJDBeta" ! Name of gradient variable
PowerFormulation = Logical False
Beta2Formulation = Logical True ! SlipCoef define as Beta^2

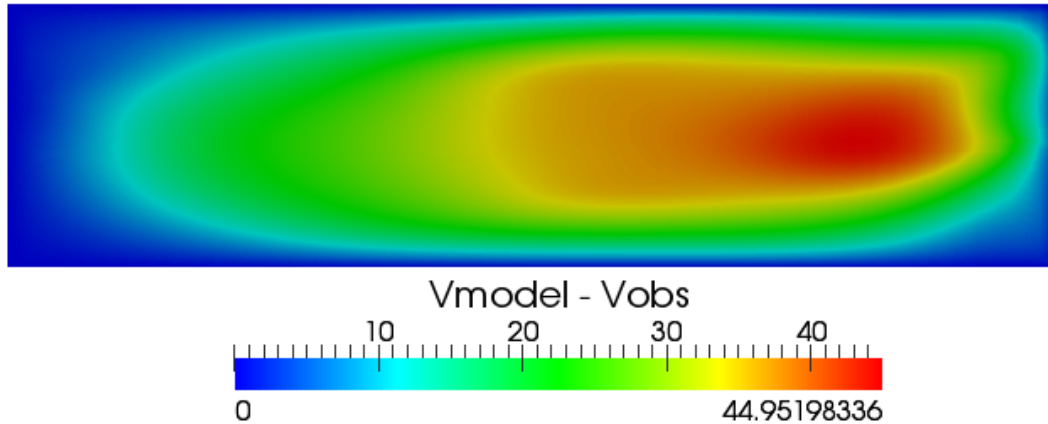
Lambda = Real $Lambda ! Regularization Coef
end
```

Compute the **gradient of the cost function** with respect to the **Beta** variable (~slip coef.) from the **direct and adjoint solutions**

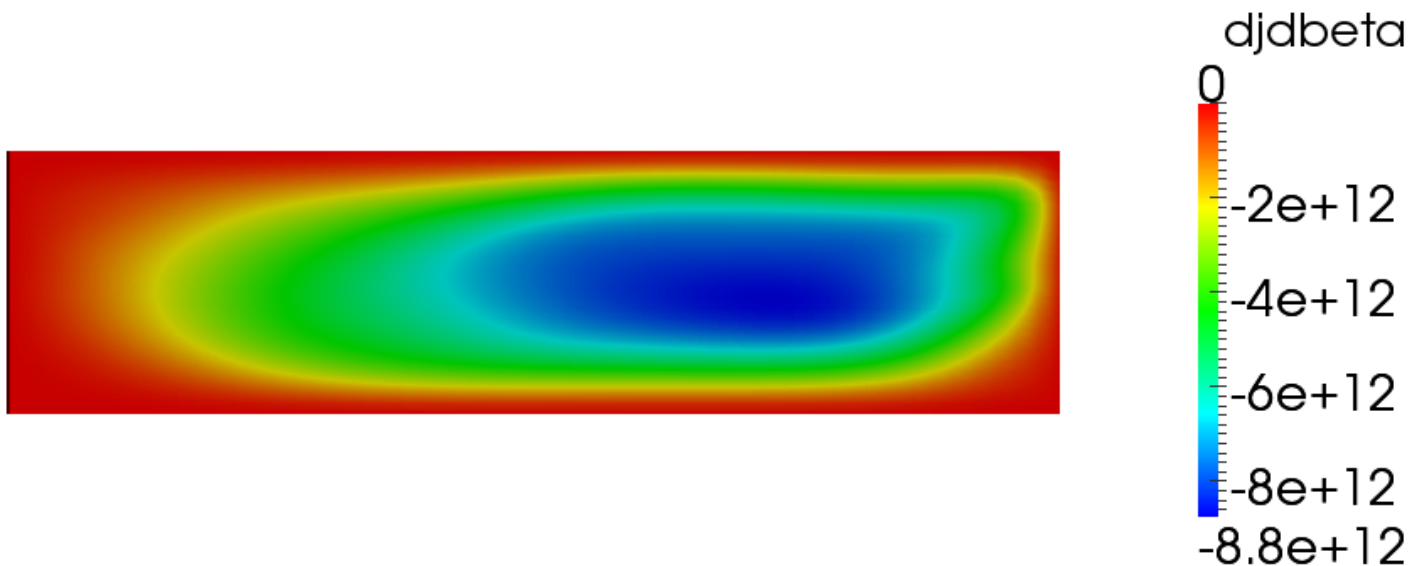
This part has been differentiated by hand

Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

Visualise the difference between model and “observed” surface velocities



Visualise the gradient of the cost function with respect to the slip coefficient



Step 2: Check the accuracy of your gradient

Validate the computation of the gradient with a finite difference scheme

```
!!!!!! Gradient Validation
!!!!!! Compute total derivative and update the step size for the finite difference computation
Solver 6
Equation = "GradientValidation"

!! Solver need to be associated => Define dummy variable
Variable = -nooutput "UB"
Variable DOFs = 1

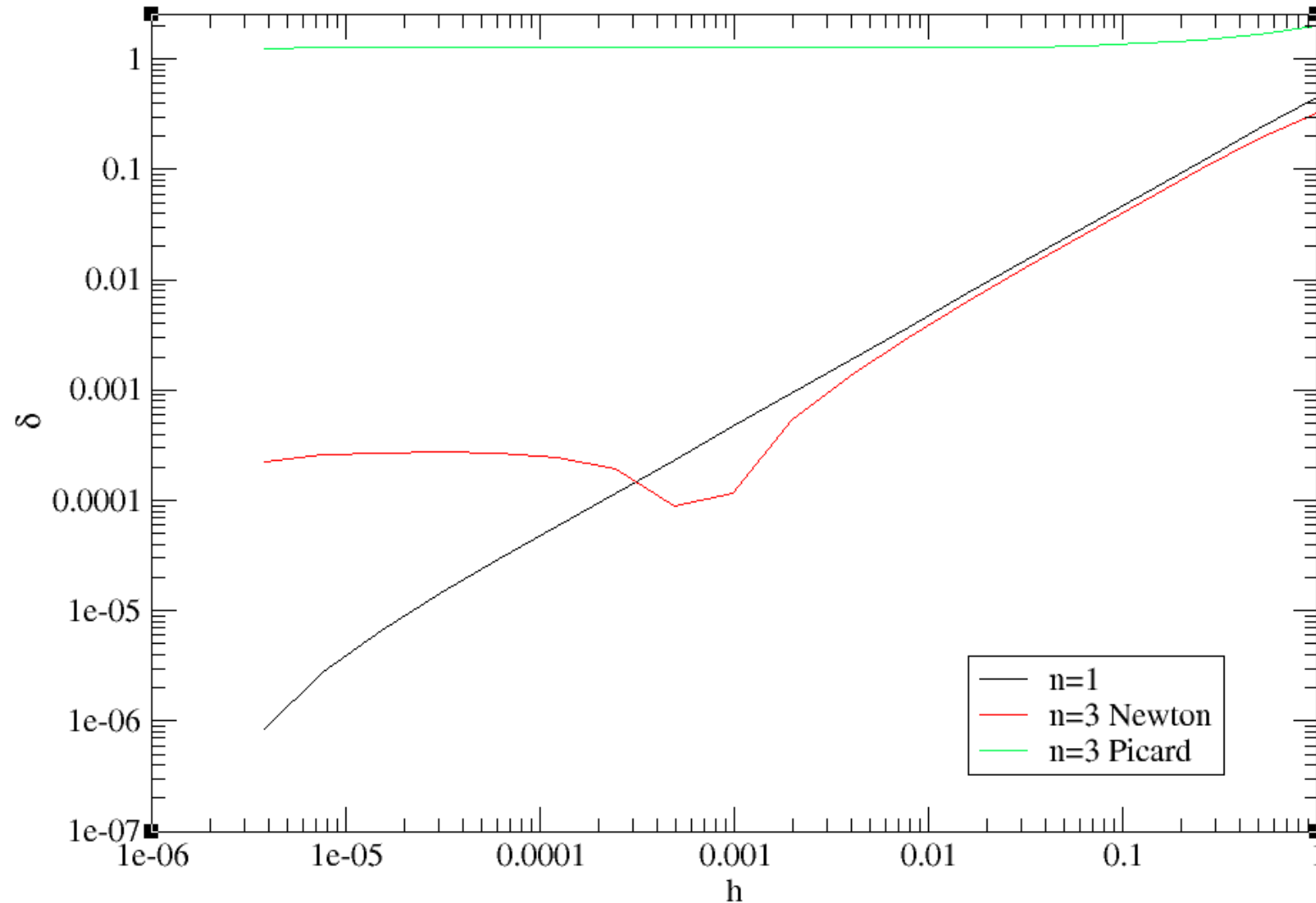
procedure = "./Executables/GradientValidation" "GradientValidation"

Cost Variable Name = String "CostValue"
Optimized Variable Name = String "Beta"
Perturbed Variable Name = String "BetaP"
Gradient Variable Name = String "DJDBeta"
Result File = File "GradientValidation_$name".dat"

end
```

$$\left. \begin{aligned} dJ^{adj} &= \frac{dJ}{dp} \cdot p' \\ dJ^{FD} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{J(p + hp') - J(p)}{h} \end{aligned} \right\} \delta(h) = \text{abs}\left(\frac{dJ^{adj} - dJ^{FD}}{dJ^{adj}}\right)$$

Step 2: Check the accuracy of your gradient



Check with the improvement by comparing with the gradient test in Gagliardini et al. 2012

Step 3: Minimise your cost function

Retrieve the original nodal slip coefficients by minimising the cost function using M1QN3

```
!!!! Optimization procedure
Solver 6
Equation = "Optimize_m1qn3"

!! Solver need to be associated => Define dummy variable
Variable = -nooutput "UB"
Variable DOFs = 1

procedure = "ElmerIceSolvers" "Optimize_m1qn3Parallel"

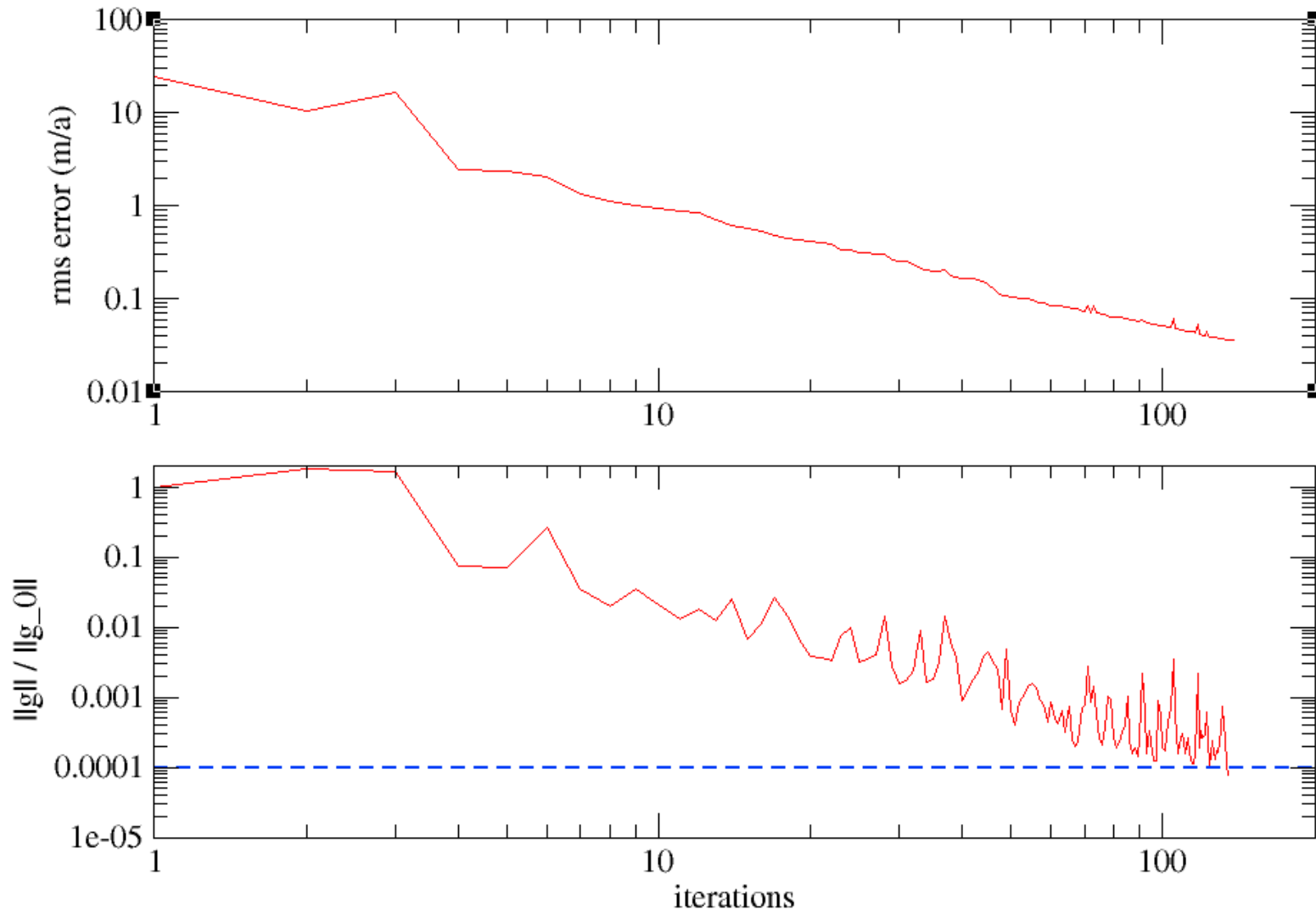
Cost Variable Name = String "CostValue"
Optimized Variable Name = String "Beta"
Gradient Variable Name = String "DJDBeta"
gradient Norm File = String "GradientNormAdjoint_$name".dat

! M1QN3 Parameters
M1QN3 dxmin = Real 1.0e-10
M1QN3 epsg = Real 1.e-4
M1QN3 niter = Integer 400
M1QN3 nsim = Integer 400
M1QN3 impres = Integer 5
M1QN3 DIS Mode = Logical False
M1QN3 df1 = Real 0.5
M1QN3 normtype = String "dfn"
M1QN3 OutputFile = File "M1QN3_$name".out"
M1QN3 ndz = Integer 20

end
□
```

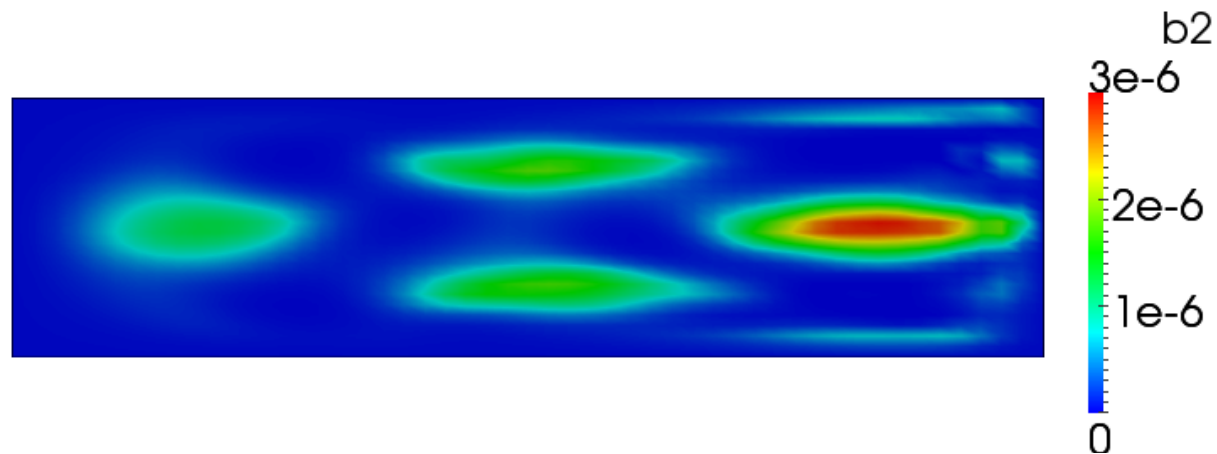

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Check the evolution of the cost function and gradient norm as a function of the number of iterations

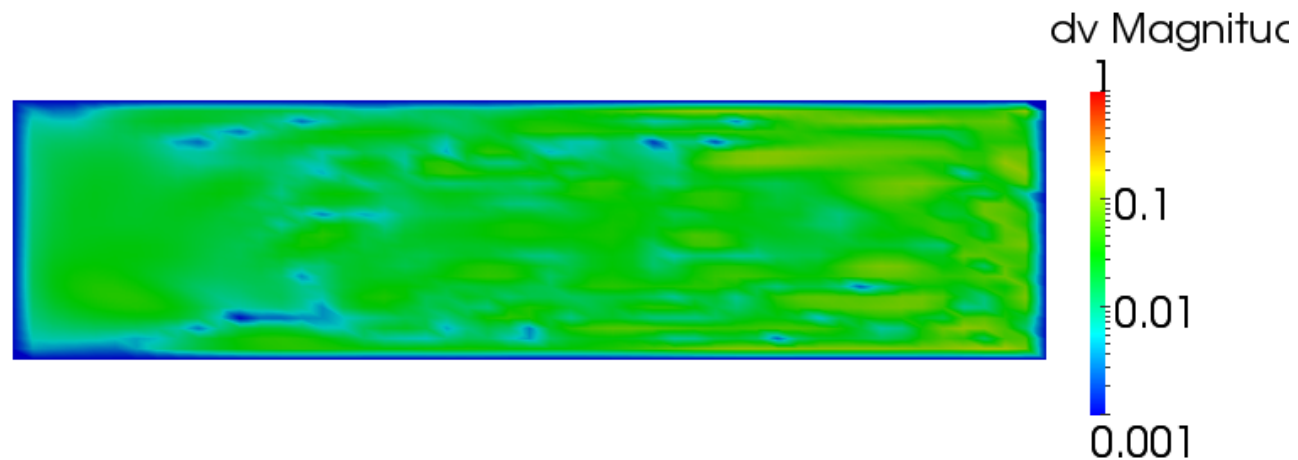


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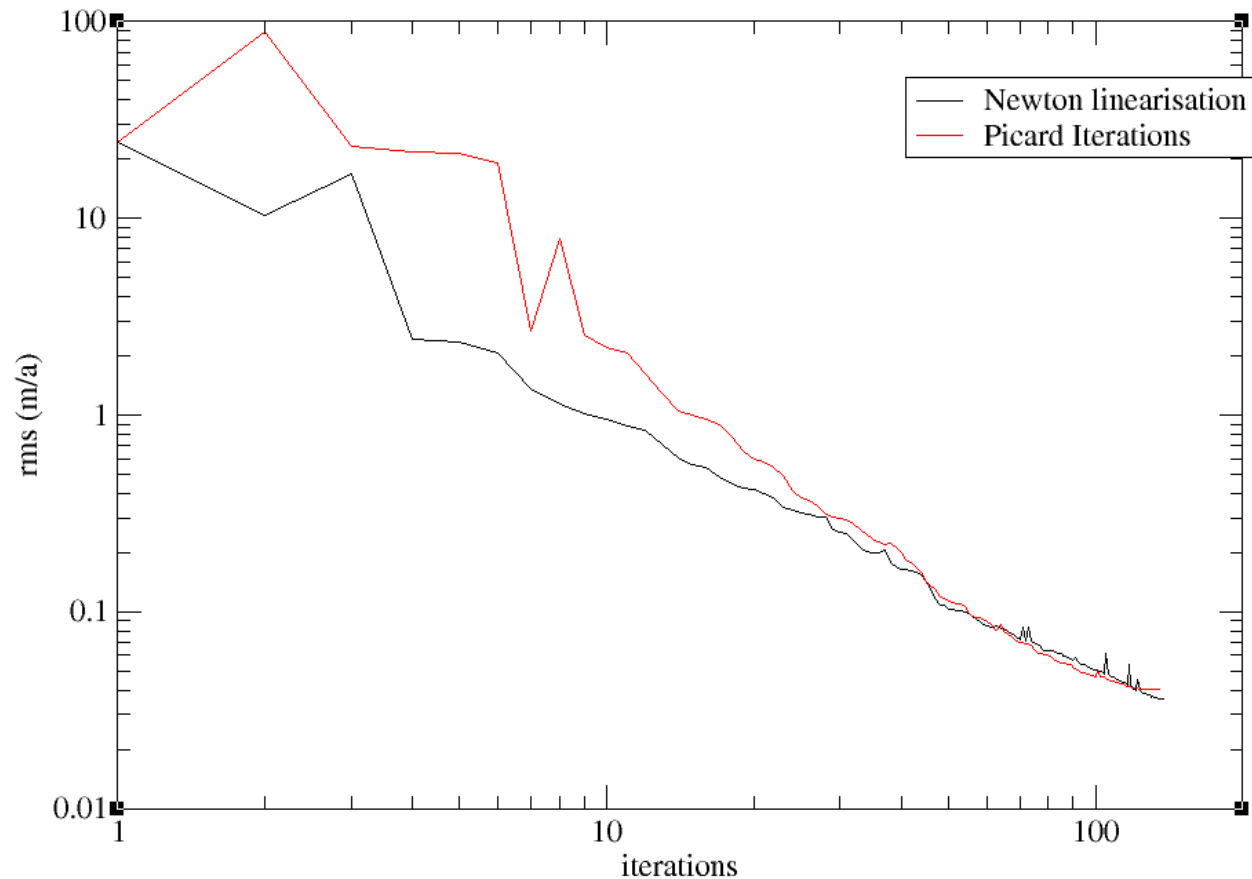
Visualise the final slip coefficient distribution



Visualise the mismatch between model and observed velocities



Step 3: try with the “inexact” adjoint

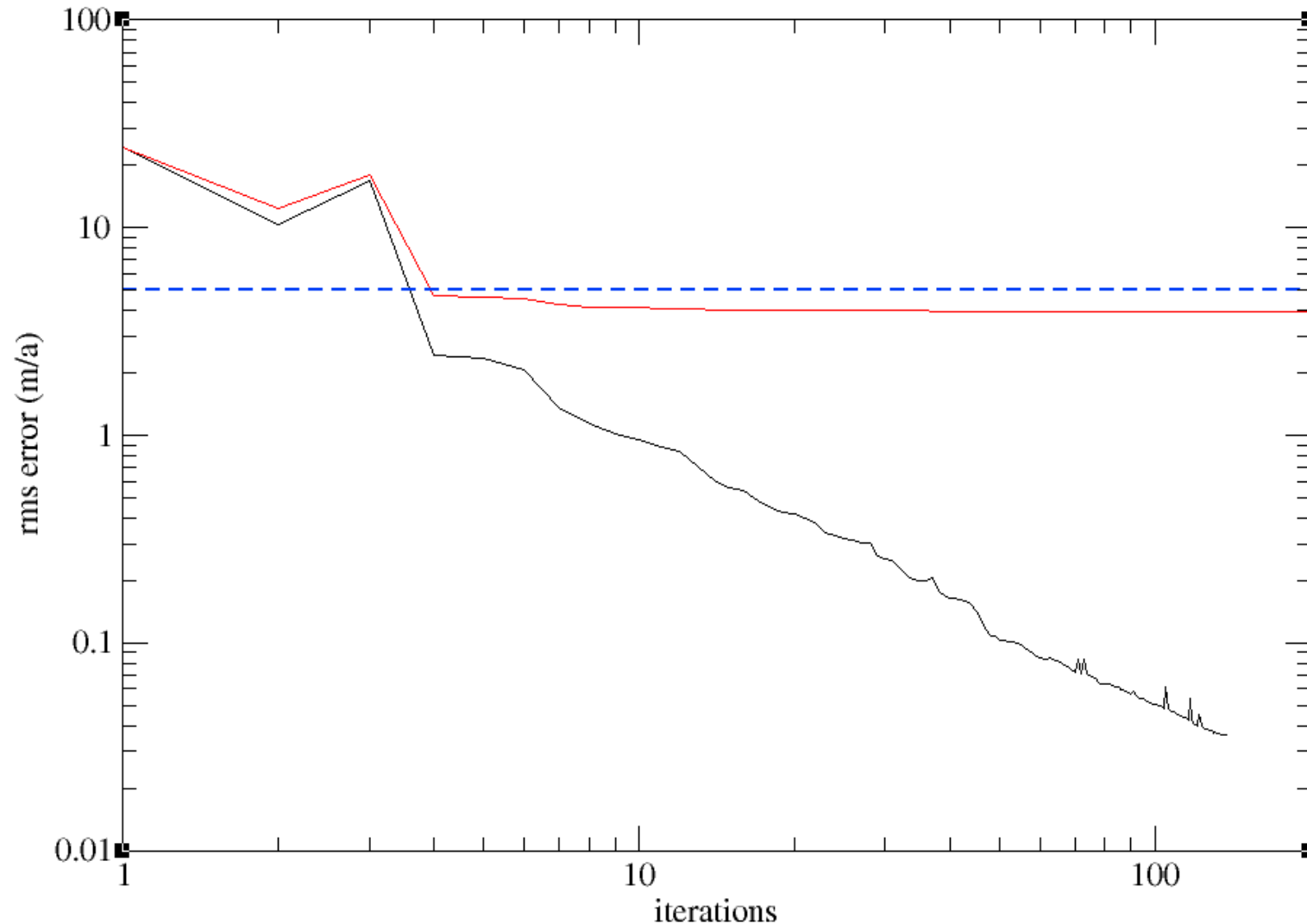


Even with an **inaccurate gradient** computation (i.e. neglecting the non-linearity due to the viscosity) you **may** be able to **minimise your cost function**....

But you have more chance to get lost in real applications

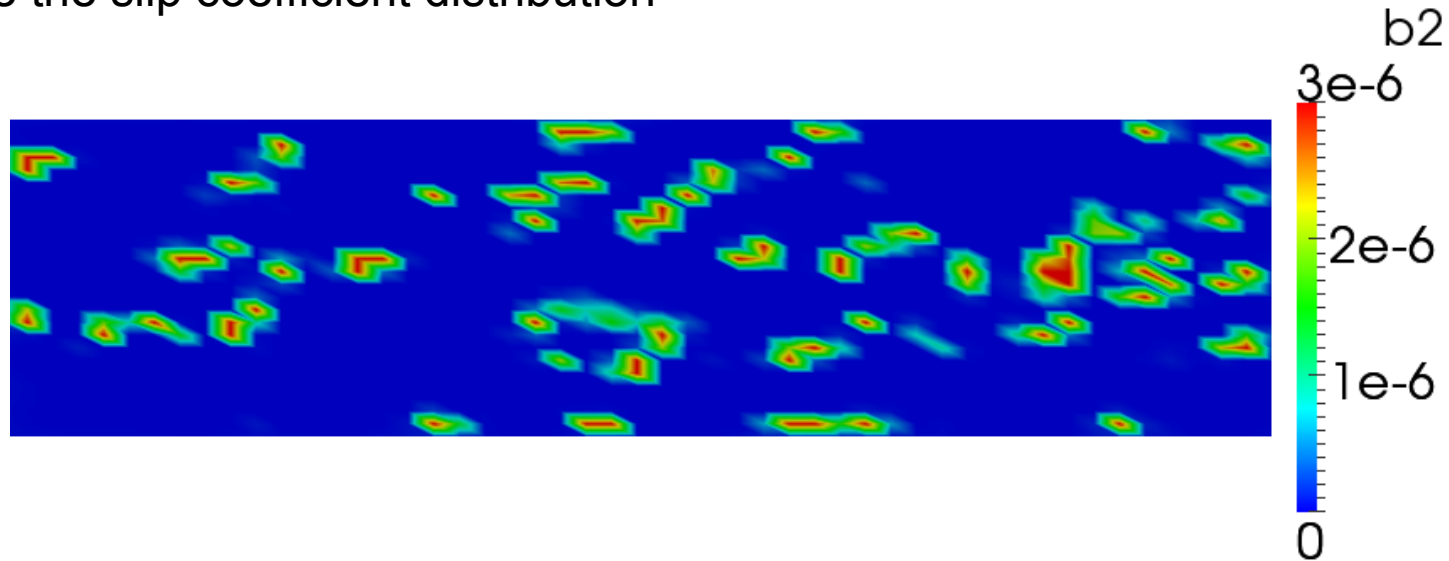
Step 4: Add noise to your “observations”

- Use the script **AddNoise.sh** to add random noise to your perfect observations
- Check the evolution of the cost function and gradient norm as a function of the number of iterations

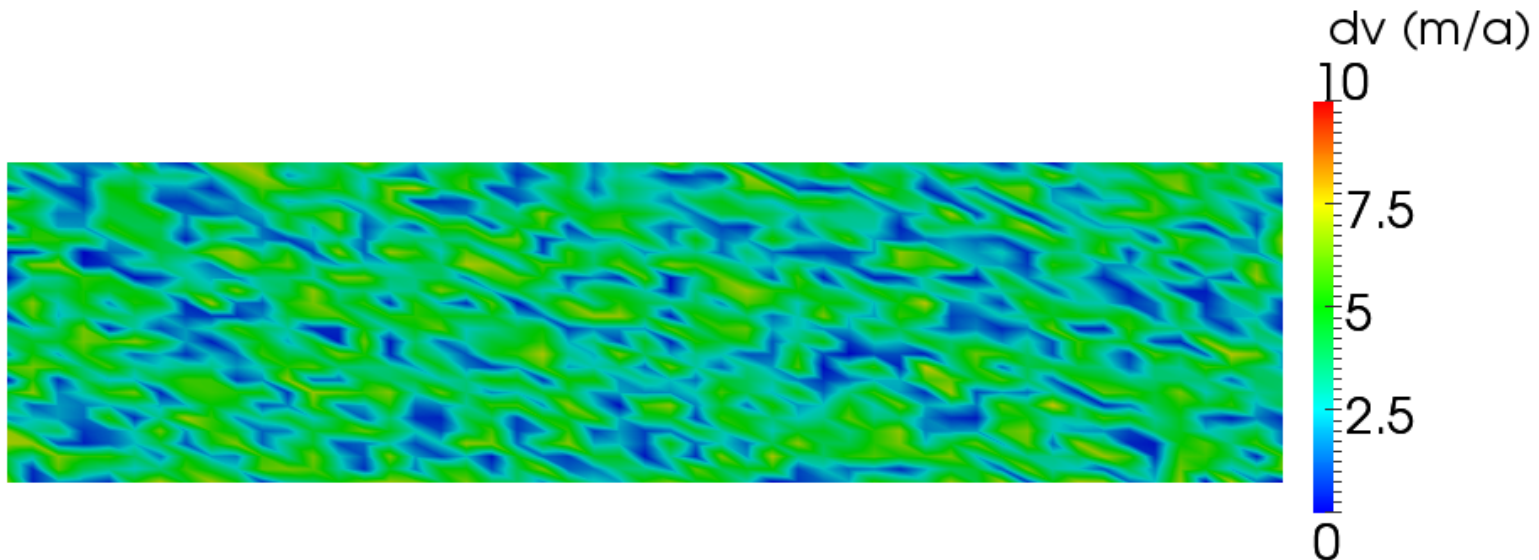


Step 4: Add noise to your “observations”

Visualise the slip coefficient distribution



Visualise the mismatch between model and observed velocities



Step 4: Add noise to your “observations”

Remedies :

1. Stop when you reach your rms error (i.e. avoid over-fitting)
(cf e.g. Arthern and Gudmundsson, 2010)

2. Add a regularisation term to the cost function

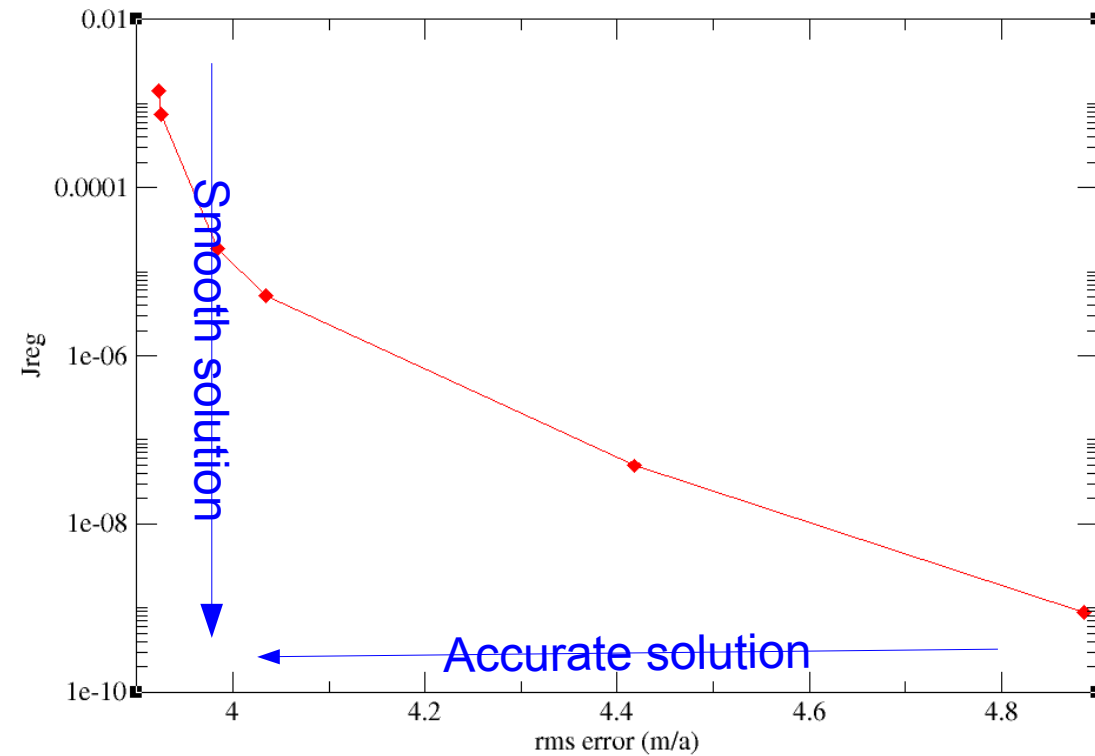
$$J_{tot} = J_0 + \lambda J_{reg}$$

Here, penalise spatial derivatives of the input parameter:

$$J_{reg} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_b} \left(\frac{d\beta}{dx} \right)^2$$

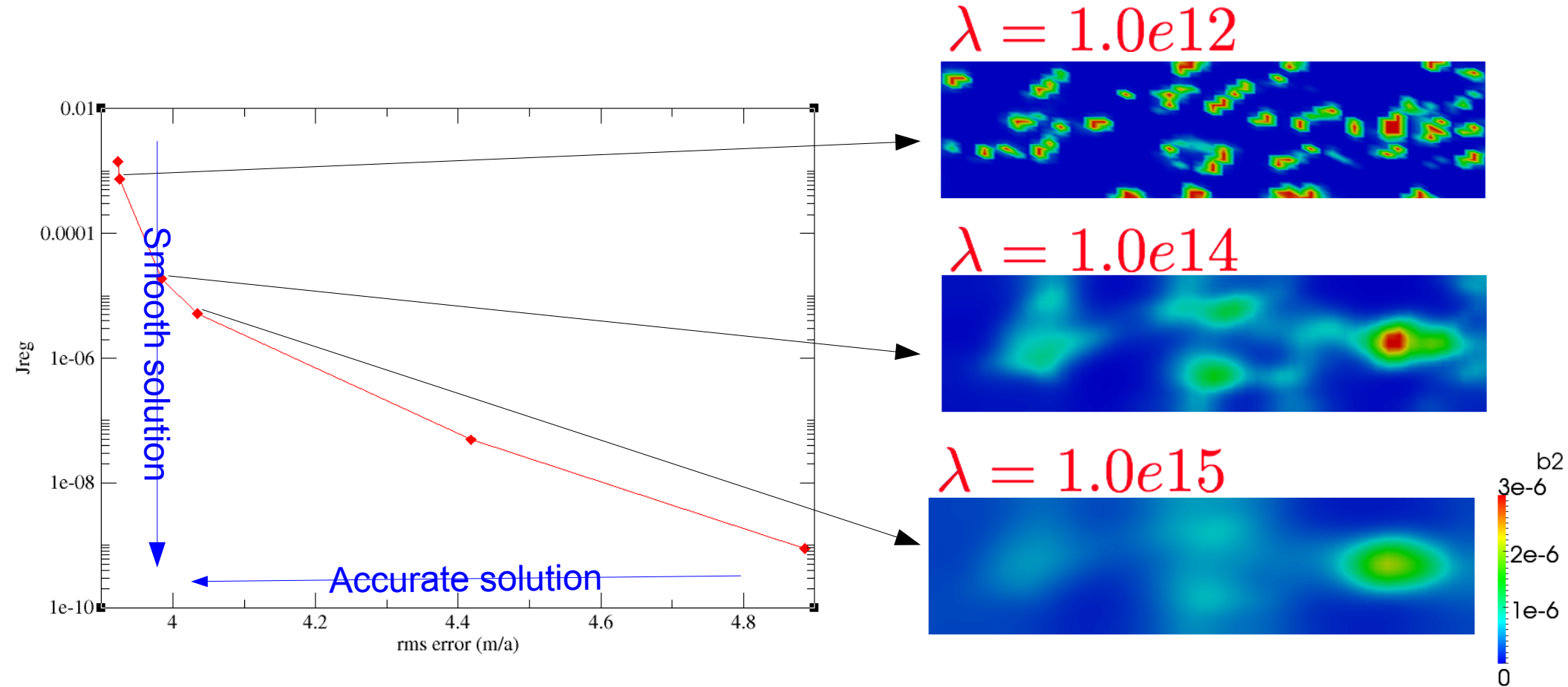
Step 5: Add regularisation

Change the value of the regularisation weight, observe the final results and plot the L_Curve

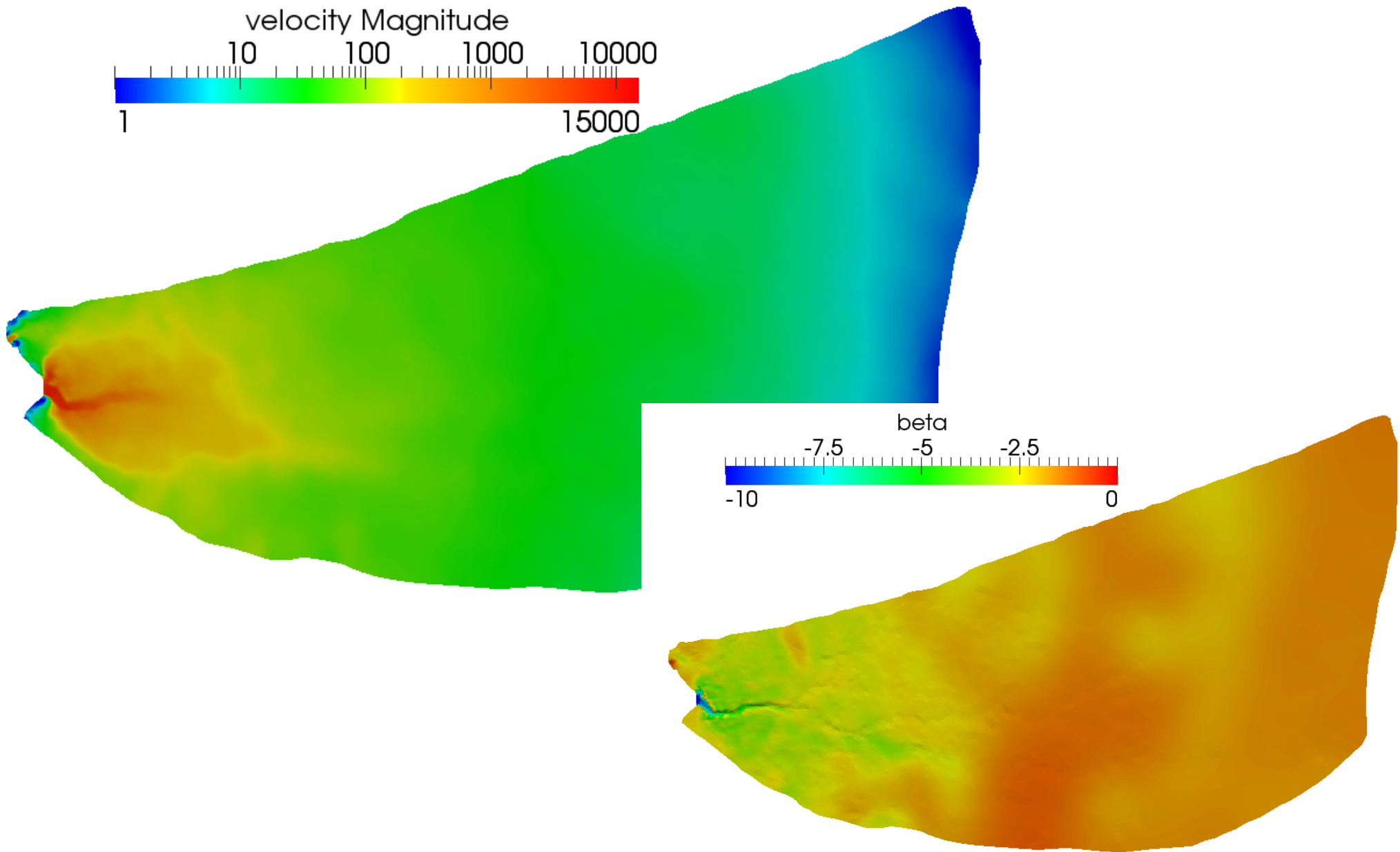


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Step 6: A Real case application **Jacobshavn Isbrae**



Conclusion/Perspectives

- Should be relatively easy to use for your own applications
- Ask me for help if needed; I will be very happy to collaborate on this
- Please refer to the Elmer/Ice capabilities paper (Gagliardini et al, 2013) if you use these solvers
- Next steps:
 - Easy: assimilation of boundary conditions; use inverse methods with SSA;SIA solvers
 - Not easy: move to transient data assimilation. Shape optimisation (bedrock topography)