

Sea level tutorial CSDMS 2024 Annual meeting
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### (1) Fingerprinting ice sheet melt

Run the sea level code to calculate sea level fingerprints of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets to identify what locations are more / less sensitive to melt from these ice sheets.

- Check the 'ice sheet reconstruction' section and load 'fingerprint\_melt'. Choose the Greenland\_melt ice history by choosing ice = Greenland\_melt. This ice model melts 1m of ice everywhere on Greenland. Plot out the ice height at timestep 1 and 2 to check that ice is indeed 'melting' in this ice sheet input model.
- Run the sea level code. This should be very fast considering that we're only calculating the solution for 1 timestep.
- Use the fingerprint plotting script plot\_fingerprint.m to plot output. This script normalizes sea level change so that the average sea level change over the oceans is 1. Plot the spatial sea level pattern – does it make sense?
- Go back to the 'ice sheet reconstruction' section and choose the West Antarctic ice melt history (WAIS\_melt). This ice model melts 1m of ice everywhere on West Antarctica.
- Go through the same steps as above: Check the ice model, run the sea level code, plot the output, normalize the fingerprint.
- Calculate the sea level signal for both fingerprints in different location, e.g. New York (74°W, 40.7°N), Sydney (151.2°E, 33.9°S), Buenos Aires (58.4°W, 34.6°S) or anywhere else! What do these values tell you?

### (2) Sea level change over the past 40,000 years

Run the sea level code to calculate sea level changes over the last 40ka.

- Check the 'ice sheet reconstruction' section and load 'ice7g\_40ka\_GL256.mat'. This ice model is based on ICE-7G (<https://www.atmosp.physics.utoronto.ca/~peltier/data.php>) but adds a glaciation phase (see code for details). Look at the time vector and maybe plot a few ice slices (at different times) to get a sense for what this model is.
- Run the sea level code. This will take a little bit and screen output gives you information about run status.
- Use the plotting script plot\_RSL.m to plot output. Plot the spatial sea level pattern at different times (e.g. the last glacial maximum, 26 ka, and the mid Holocene, 5ka) – does it make sense?
- Plot time series for a few locations, e.g. Hudson Bay Canada (76.3°W, 56.2°N), North Carolina (77.9°W, 34.2°N), Sydney (151.2°E, 33.9°S) or anywhere else! Can you explain the patterns you see?
- Go to 'Set up love number input' and switch out the love number file that you load. Try loading a file with a higher or lower viscosity (in the lower mantle for example). Rerun the code and see how your predictions change.