

COMPUTATIONAL  
SCIENTIST

Experienced with multi-institution open-source software development, high-performance computing, verification and validation of scientific models, and extensive experience with end-to-end data science projects incorporating machine learning and statistical analysis of Big Data using the scientific python ecosystem.

RESEARCH  
HIGHLIGHTS

Developed LIVVkit, an ice-sheet model verification and validation toolkit, to provide a wide range of validation analysis covering atmosphere-ice and land-ice interactions as well as ice sheet dynamics. These analysis incorporate everything from point measurements (e.g., weather stations and ablation stakes) to airborne radar altimetry (e.g., NASA IceBridge) and satellite observations (e.g., RADARSAT, NASA GRACE). These analyses exercise the entire data science pipeline, from data wrangling and cleaning to reporting.

Developed EVV, a python package to evaluate the climate statistics of an Earth system model test ensemble against that of a baseline ensemble, by using several modern non-parametric (distribution-free) two-sample statistical tests (e.g., K-S test) for multivariate data to determine the equality of distributions. The critical value for rejecting the null hypothesis is determined by using bootstrap resampling.

Developed a statistical model of ice-crystalline fabric evolution and (two-way) coupled it to a ice sheet flow model by using a Principle Component Analysis (PCA) of the fabric distribution to determine an ice-flow enhancement factor in situ.

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Oak Ridge National Laboratory**, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA

*Computational Scientist in Glaciology*

Climate Change Science Institute

**December 2016 – present**

Perform research tasks using DOE's Earth system model E3SM and ice sheet models (e.g., MPAS-LI, BISICLES, PISM, CISM); coordinate the verification and validation of E3SM, MPAS-LI, and BISICLES simulations; development of the Land Ice Verification and Validation toolkit (LIVVkit), a python-based toolkit for robust evaluation of ice-sheet models; and develop an extended V&V evaluation tool (EVE) for climate reproducibility testing of ESMs.

**Oak Ridge National Laboratory**, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA

*Postdoctoral Research Associate*

Climate Change Science Institute

**January 2015 – November 2016**

Perform research tasks using the Community Ice Sheet Model (CISM) and coordinate the development of the Land Ice Verification and Validation toolkit (LIVVkit) — a python-based toolkit for robust evaluation of ice-sheet models.

Advisor: Dr. Katherine J. Evans

## EDUCATION

**University of Alaska Fairbanks**, Department of Physics, Fairbanks, Alaska, USA

**Ph.D., 2015**, Dissertation Topic:

“Linking climate history and ice crystalline fabric evolution in polar ice sheets.”

Advisor: Dr. Erin C. Pettit

**Western Washington University**, Department of Physics, Bellingham, Washington, USA

**B.S., 2008**, Physics

Minors: Astronomy, The Study of Religion

SELECTED  
PUBLICATIONS

Evans, K.J., *J.H. Kennedy*, D. Lu, M.M. Forrester, S. Price, J. Fyke, A.R. Bennett, M. Hoffman, I. Tezaur, C.S. Zender, and M. Vizcaino. (2019). LIVVkit 2.1: Automated and extensible ice sheet model validation. *Geoscientific Model Development*, 12, 1067–1086.

[DOI:10.5194/gmd-12-1067-2019](https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-12-1067-2019)

Mahajan, S., K.J. Evans, *J.H. Kennedy*, M. Xu, M.R. Norman, M.L. Branstetter (2019) Ongoing solution reproducibility of Earth system models as they progress towards exascale computing. Special Issue for Computational Reproducibility at Exascale Workshop 2017, Super Computing 2017, Int. J. High Perf. Comp. Apps..

[DOI:10.1177/1094342019837341](https://doi.org/10.1177/1094342019837341)

Lipscomb, W.H., S.F. Price, M.J. Hoffman, G.R. Leguy, A.R. Bennett, S.L. Bradley, K.J. Evans, J.G. Fyke, *J.H. Kennedy*, M. Perego, D.M. Ranken, W.J. Sacks, A.G. Salinger, L.J. Vargo, and Patrick H. Worley. (2019). Description and evaluation of the community ice sheet model (CISM) v2.1. *Geoscientific Model Development*, 12, 387–424.

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Goelzer, H., S. Nowicki, T. Edwards, M. Beckley, A. Abe-Ouchi, A. Aschwanden, R. Calov, O. Gagliardini, F. Gillet-Chaulet, N. Golledge, J. Gregory, R. Greve, A. Humbert, P. Huybrechts, *J.H. Kennedy*, E. Larour, W. Lipscomb, S. Le clec'h, V. Lee, M. Morlighem, F. Pattyn, T. Payne, C. Rodehacke, M. Ruckamp, F. Saito, N. Schlegel, H. Seroussi, A. Shepherd, S. Sun, R. van de Wal, F. Ziemen. (2018). Design and results of the ice sheet model initialization experiments initMIP-Greenland: An ISMIP6 intercomparison. *The Cryosphere*, 12, 1433–1460.

[DOI:10.5194/tc-12-1433-2018](https://doi.org/10.5194/tc-12-1433-2018)

*Kennedy, J.H.*, A.R. Bennett, Evans, K.J., S. Price, M. Hoffman, W.H. Lipscomb, J. Fyke, L. Vargo, A. Boghazian, M. Norman, P.H. Worley. (2017). LIVVkit: An extensible, python-based, land ice verification and validation toolkit for ice sheet models. *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 9(2), 854–869.

[DOI:10.1002/2017MS000916](https://doi.org/10.1002/2017MS000916)

Price, S., M. Hoffman, J. Bonin, T. Neumann, I. Howat, J. Saba, J. Guerber, D. Chambers, K.J. Evans, *J.H. Kennedy*, J. Lenaerts, W.H. Lipscomb, M. Perego, A. Salinger, R. Tuminaro, M. van den Broeke, and S.M.J. Nowicki. (2017). An ice sheet model validation framework for the Greenland ice sheet. *Geoscientific Model Development*, 10, 255–270.

[DOI:10.5194/gmd-10-255-2017](https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-10-255-2017)

*Kennedy, J.H.*, and E.C. Pettit (2015). The response of climate induced fabric variations to simple shear and migration recrystallization. *Journal of Glaciology*, 61(227), 537–550.

[DOI:10.3189/2015JoG14J156](https://doi.org/10.3189/2015JoG14J156)

*Kennedy, J.H.*, E.C. Pettit, and C.L. Di Prinzio (2013). The evolution of crystal fabric in ice sheets and its link to climate history. *Journal of Glaciology*, 59(214), 357–373.

[DOI:10.3189/2013JoG12J159](https://doi.org/10.3189/2013JoG12J159)

Gusmeroli, A., E.C. Pettit, *J.H. Kennedy*, and C. Ritz (2012). The crystal fabric of ice from full-waveform borehole sonic logging. *J. Geophys. Res.*, 117, F03021.

[DOI:10.1029/2012JF002343](https://doi.org/10.1029/2012JF002343)

## GRANT PROPOSALS

DOE BER Snow Algae project (2019)

Co-PI, declined: *Snow Microbiome Interactions and Their Effect on Carbon Cycling*, \$2.5M total; \$545K over 3 years to ORNL

DOE E3SM phase II project (2018)

**Co-I, funded:** *The energy exascale Earth system modeling project scientific focus area renewal*, \$4.5M over 5 years to ORNL

DOE BER next-gen development project (2018)

**Co-I, funded:** *Climate reproducibility tests for E3SM model components and stand-alone kernels*, \$1.44M over 3 years to ORNL

DOE BER environmental system science project (2018)

Co-I, declined: *Red Snow, Dark Carbon: Improving Earth System Models With Alpine Glacier Bioalbedo Estimates*, \$72K over 3 years to ORNL

DOE BER/ASCR sea-level projections (2017)

**Co-I and V&V task lead, funded:** *Probabilistic sea-level projections from ice sheet and Earth system models*, \$1.33M over 5 years to ORNL

DOE BER ACME-SM project (2016)

**Co-I, funded:** *A Global climate model software modernization surge*, \$1.35M over 3 years to ORNL

ORNL/NOAA performance project (2016)

**Co-I, funded:** *Performance analysis of climate workflows*, \$336K over 1 year to ORNL

DOE BER RGCM-IAR Integration Framework for Climate Evaluation (2016)

Co-I, declined: *Biofuels, land-use change, and implications for the water-energy-food nexus: a multi-model systems approach*, \$1.8M over 3 years to ORNL

#### SIGNIFICANT REPORTS AND WHITE PAPERS

*Kennedy, J.H.*, B.W. Mayer, K.J. Evans, J. Durachta (2017). Performance analysis of large scale HPC workflows for Earth system models. ORNL Technical Memo, ORNL/TM-2017/540.

[doi:10.2172/1439154](https://doi.org/10.2172/1439154)

Allen, M.R., H.M.A. Aziz, M.A. Coletti, *J.H. Kennedy*, S.S. Nair, and O.A. Omitaomu (2017). Workshop on human activity at scale in Earth system models. ORNL Technical Memo, ORNL/TM-2017/24.

[doi:10.2172/1343540](https://doi.org/10.2172/1343540)

*Kennedy, J.H.*, B. Debusschere, K. Sargsyan, F.M. Hoffman, K.J. Evans (2016). Full-system evaluation of Earth system models. Ideas paper 51 in E. Ng, K.J. Evans, et al. (Authors), *Advancing Cross-Cutting Ideas for Computational Climate Science*, Workshop Report, Rockville, MD, September 12-13, 2016. ORNL/TM-2016/717.

[doi:10.2172/1341564](https://doi.org/10.2172/1341564).

Law, K., R. Archibald, *J.H. Kennedy* (2016). Data assimilation for ice-sheet models. Ideas paper 22 in E. Ng, K.J. Evans, et al. (Authors), *Advancing Cross-Cutting Ideas for Computational Climate Science*, Workshop Report, Rockville, MD, September 12-13, 2016. ORNL/TM-2016/717.

[doi:10.2172/1341564](https://doi.org/10.2172/1341564).

#### SOFTWARE

Technical and visionary lead of the Land Ice Verification and Validation toolkit (LIVVkit); a python-based, extensible verification and validation suite for land-ice models. Latest open-source release of LIVVkit, version 2.1.6, was on July 27, 2018.

<https://github.com/LIVVkit/LIVVkit>

Creator of the ISMIP6 Atlas submission validation tool; an extension to LIVVkit which checks submissions to ISMIP6 experiments for correct file names, paths, metadata, etc. and produces a large variety of diagnostic plots.

<https://github.com/LIVVkit/Atlas>

E3SM ([Energy Exascale Earth System Model](#)) core developer (infrastructure group) for phase 2; DOE's E3SM is a state-of-the-science Earth system model development and simulation project to investigate energy-relevant science using code optimized for DOE's advanced computers. Latest open-source release of E3SM, version 1.0.0, was on April 23, 2018.

<https://github.com/E3SM-Project/E3SM>

Developer on DOE's E3SM ecosystem projects

- ◇ MPAS-Analysis: Analysis for simulations produced with Model for Prediction Across Scales (MPAS) components and DOE's E3SM.

<https://github.com/MPAS-Dev/MPAS-Analysis>

- ◇ A-Prime: Python based scripts to generate coupled priority metrics for DOE's E3SM.

<https://github.com/ACME-Climate/a-prime>

- ◇ EVV: Extended verification and validation for Earth system models.

<https://github.com/LIVVkit/evv4esm>

Contributor to open-source software projects

- ◇ Conda-forge recipe maintainer for:

- ◇ [LIVVkit](#)

- ◇ [EVV](#)

- ◇ [JSON tricks](#)

- ◇ [ILAMB](#)

- ◇ [MPAS-Analysis](#)

- ◇ [MPAS-Tools](#)

- ◇ [TempestRemap](#)

- ◇ PR19 and PR27 to [sphinx-js](#) leading to release of (bugfix) v2.0.1 and contributing to v2.2.

- ◇ PR10 to [ILAMB](#) helping the python 2 to 3 conversion and allowing an editable install with pip.

*Past:* Developer and integrator for the joint DOE/NSF Community Ice Sheet Model (CISM); an open-source, next-generation ice sheet model used for predicting ice sheet evolution and sea level rise in a changing climate. Last contributed to CISM version 2.1.00, released on May 11, 2018.

<https://github.com/ESCOMP/cism>

ALLOCATION PROPOSALS	<p>Energy Research Computing Allocations Process (ERCAP) for NERSC (2016)  <b>Co-I, accepted</b>, <i>Predicting ice sheet and climate evolution at extreme scales</i>, 10M hours on Edison</p> <p>OLCF Directors Discretion Allocation (2015)  <b>Co-I, accepted</b>, <i>Earth system modeling collaborative</i>, 10M hours on Titan</p>
AWARDS	<p><b>2016 CCSI Professional Development Award</b>, \$100,000  Co-I: <i>Understanding the links between neighbourhood level human activity and global climate change by developing an integrative methodology using data analytics, agent-based modelling and Earth system modelling</i>. Project PI: Dr. Melissa R. Allen.  Climate Change Science Institute, Oak Ridge National Laboratory</p> <p><b>2013–2014 Thesis Completion Fellowship</b>, \$15,000 + tuition  University of Alaska Fairbanks Graduate School</p> <p><b>2011–2012 CASE GK-12 Fellow</b>, \$45,000  NSF Graduate STEM Fellow in K-12 Education, Changing Alaska Science Education</p>
SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES	<p>2016–present Referee for the Australian Antarctic Division, the Geophysical Journal International, and the Journal of Mountain Science</p> <p>2015–present Participating in the Ice Sheet Model Intercomparison Project 6 (ISMIP6)</p> <p>2015–present Conducting multiple experiments for the Initialization of Models Intercomparison Project (initMIP)</p> <p>2015–present Invited outreach talks, entitled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ The coolest science: Glaciers in the Earth system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ ORISE Summer Seminar Series, July 18, 2018</li> </ul> </li> <li>◊ Climate change today: An overview of the science, the observations, and a look toward the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ The Executive Network of Seattle, Washington, Jan. 16, 2017</li> <li>◊ with Dr. Allen, League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge, Feb. 16, 2016</li> </ul> </li> <li>◊ Using computational science to understand Earth's climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ UT Governor's School, June 18, 2018</li> <li>◊ APSU Governor's School, June 15, 2018; June 16, 2017; June 17, 2016; June 12, 2015</li> <li>◊ McCalie School (8th grade), May 9, 2018; May 10, 2017</li> <li>◊ Brevard College Tour, Sept. 20, 2017</li> <li>◊ UAH Joint Space Weather Summer Camp, June 30, 2017</li> <li>◊ University of Louisville's Society of Physics Students, March 15, 2017</li> <li>◊ White House High, April 7, 2016</li> <li>◊ Lipscomb Academy, Oct. 1, 2015</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning</b> at Roane State Community College, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA  <i>Co-lecturer with Dr. Melissa R. Allen (ORNL)</i>  Climate Change Science <span style="float: right;"><b>June 2016</b></span>  We presented four lectures, one and a quarter hours in length, on the topics: 1) global warming and the carbon cycle, 2) indicators of climate change, 3) impacts of climate change on human life and 4) global and regional climate modeling and uncertainty.</p> <p><b>University of Alaska Fairbanks</b>, Fairbanks, Alaska, USA  <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>  Geology &amp; Geophysics Department <span style="float: right;"><b>August 2014 – December 2014</b></span>  I taught the computational portion of the graduate level geophysics course Foundations of Geophysics and was responsible for lectures, homework assignments, and grades. Further duties included holding weekly office hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ GEOS 631/431 – Foundations of Geophysics, Fall 2014</li> </ul>

*Guest Lecturer*

GEOS 631/431 — Foundations of Geophysics (Oct. 25 and Oct. 30, 2012): I gave two lectures, one and a half hours in length, on general conservation laws, conservation of energy, and heat transfer. The first lecture started with the general form of the conservation laws, derived the conservation of momentum equation the students were familiar with, and then discussed the definition and forms of energy. The lecture concluded with a discussion on the first law of thermodynamics as well as a derivation of the conservation of energy equation. The second lecture discussed Fourier's law and solved practical heat flow problems; some of which were taken from Chapter 4 of Turcotte and Schubert's Geodynamics textbook.

*Guest Lecturer*

GEOS 636/436 — Beyond the Mouse: Computer Programming and Automation for Geosciences (Sept. 11 and Nov. 15, 2012): The September lecture was 1 hour in length and focused on an introduction to variables and data types. We discussed what a computer is, how a computer thinks, what a program is, and what a programming language is. The students were then taught how to create variables and store different types of data. The November lecture was a demonstration of live programming and was 2 hours in length. I demonstrated how to use common command line tools, a scripting language, and good file structure to create a manuscript preparation work-flow. I developed scripts to help create a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document and introduced tools such as a distributed version control system to keep track of changes and share work with collaborators.

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

Geology & Geophysics Department

**August 2012 – December 2012**

I taught the computational portion of graduate level geophysics courses and was responsible for lectures, homework assignments, and grades. Further duties included holding weekly office hours.

- ◊ GEOS 631/431 — Foundations of Geophysics, Fall 2012
- ◊ GEOS 636/436 — Beyond the Mouse: Computer Programming and Automation for Geosciences, Fall 2012

*NSF GK-12 Fellow*

Denali Elementary School

**May 2011 – May 2012**

I taught 4 science lessons a week in two first grade classrooms of 30 students (10 contact hours per week). We covered a variety of subjects, including: the scientific method, the five senses, plants, birds of prey, migratory birds, caribou, weather, glaciers, heat transfer, food science, rockets, pressure-volume-temperature, volcanoes and how to design a testable question. I primarily designed the lesson plans, homework, and experiments for the students. At the end of the year, the classes worked on a joint science fair project in which the students designed and conducted the entire experiment. The classes won a first place ribbon and a \$50.00 prize for *Exceptional Women in Science* at the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District Science Fair.

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

Physics Department

**August 2008 – May 2009**

I taught the laboratory portion of introductory physics courses and was responsible for lectures, homework assignments, and grades. Further duties included holding weekly office hours and staffing the homework help office.

- ◊ PHYS 103 – College Physics I, Fall 2008, 2 sections
- ◊ PHYS 104 – College Physics II, Spring 2009
- ◊ PHYS 115 – Physical Science I, Spring 2009

**Western Washington University**, Bellingham, Washington, USA

*Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*

**September 2006 – June 2008**

I taught the laboratory portion of the introductory physics courses and was responsible for lectures, homework assignments and grades.

- ◊ PHYS 131 — Physics with Calculus I Lab, Fall 2006, 2007
- ◊ PHYS 132 — Physics with Calculus II Lab, Winter 2007, 2008
- ◊ PHYS 133 — Electricity and Magnetism Lab, Spring 2007, 2008

INVITED TALKS  
(LAST 5 YRS)

(*Plenary*) Mahajan, S., K.J. Evans, *J.H. Kennedy*, M. Norman, M. Xu  
A Multivariate Approach to Ensure Statistical Reproducibility of Climate Model Simulations  
Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing (PASC) Conference, ETH Zurich, Switzerland,  
June 13, 2019

*Kennedy, J.H.*, K.J. Evans  
Reproducible verification and validation testing with LIVVkit 2.0+  
Climate, People and the Environment Seminar, University of Wisconsin–Madison, April 3, 2018

*Kennedy, J.H.*, K.J. Evans, A.R. Bennett, P. Worley, S. Price, M. Hoffman  
Evaluating the performance of ice sheet models using LIVVkit  
Minisymposium on numerical methods towards next generation ice sheet models SIAM Conference  
on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences Erlangen, Germany, Sept. 11, 2017

*Kennedy, J.H.*  
Glacier modeling in < 10 minutes  
CCSI Earth System Modeling Workshop, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, June 9, 2015

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS  
(LAST 5 YRS)

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
Automated verification of Earth system models with EVV  
SIAM conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences, March 14, 2019

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
LIVVkit: Now and into the future  
CESM land-Ice working Group Meeting, February 4, 2019

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
Efforts toward evaluation and reproducibility for ice sheet modeling  
SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Planet Earth, September 14, 2018

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
A Look at the challenges of, and some solutions to, evaluating next-generation Earth system models  
6th European Seminar on Computing (ESCO), June 6, 2018

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
A tour of ORNL's Earth system model assessment tools  
ORNL Software Expo, May 16, 2018

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
Exploring the validity of modeled surface mass balance Over Greenland With LIVVkit 2.1  
AGU Fall Meeting, Abstract C14B-02, December 11, 2017

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
Evaluating the performance of ice sheet models using LIVVkit  
SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences, September 12, 2017

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
Using the LIVVkit 2.0+ validation infrastructure  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual CESM Workshop, June 19, 2017

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
Climate reproducibility testing with EVE  
ACME all-hands meeting, June 5, 2017

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
PISM-FEvoR: a multi-scale ice flow model incorporating fabric evolution with recrystallization  
SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, MS243, March 2, 2017

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
LIVVkit 2: A robust and extensible python package for ice-sheet model verification and validation  
AMS Annual Meeting, Seventh Symposium on Advances in Modeling and Analysis Using Python,  
January 24, 2017

*Kennedy, J.H.*, et al.  
LIVVkit 2: An extensible land ice verification and validation toolkit for comparing observations  
and models  
AGU Fall Meeting, Abstract GC21A-1051, December 13, 2016

