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Inverse methods within Elmer/Ice

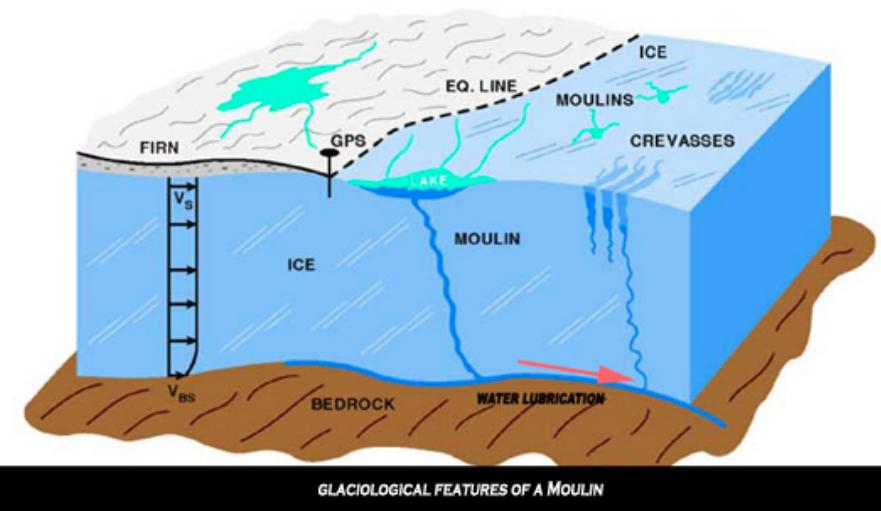
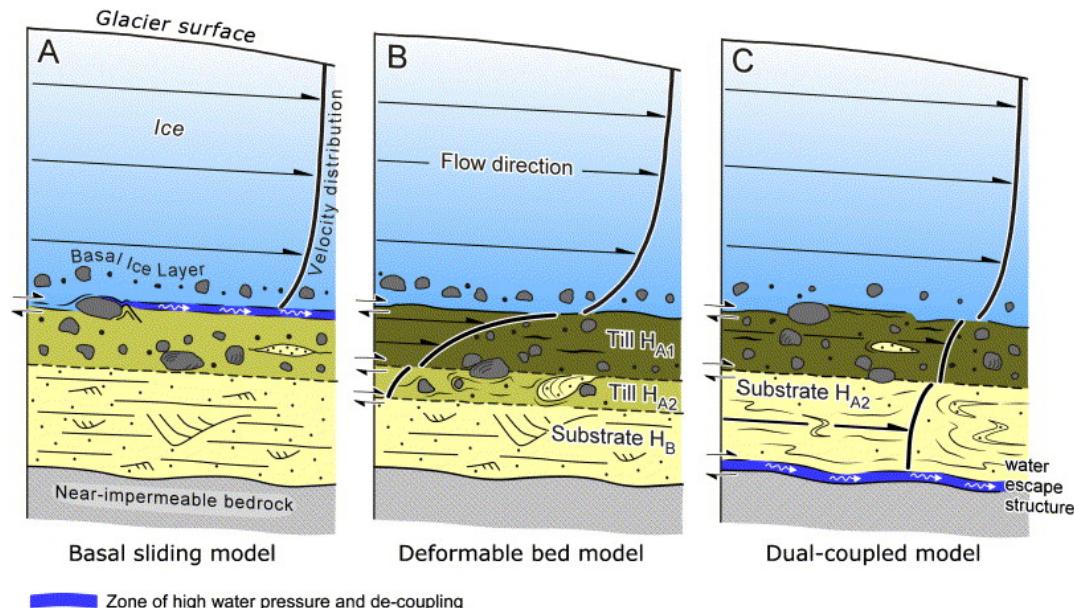
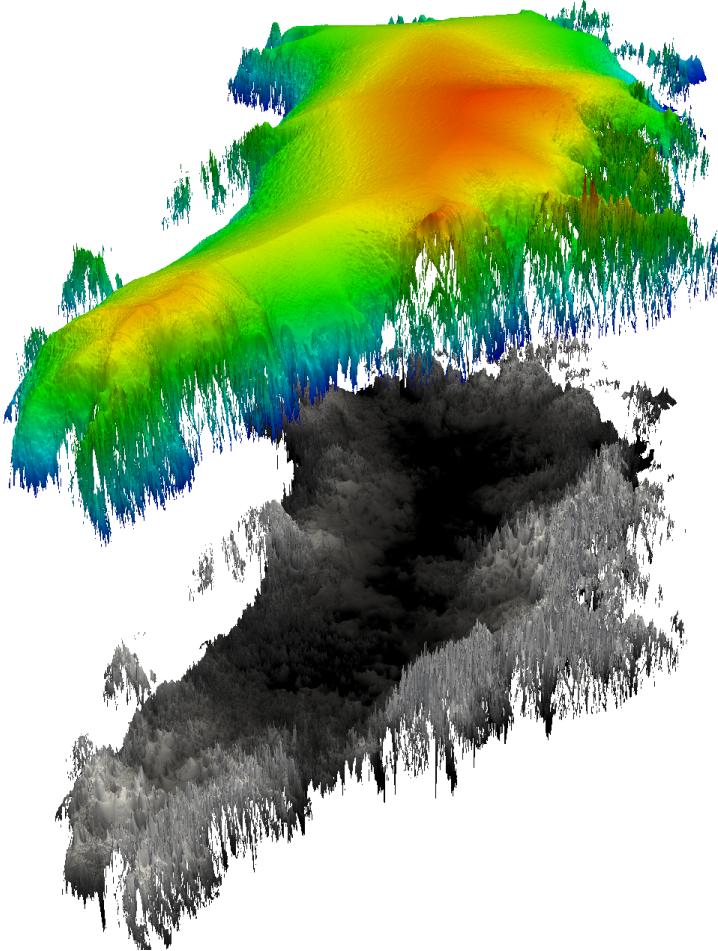
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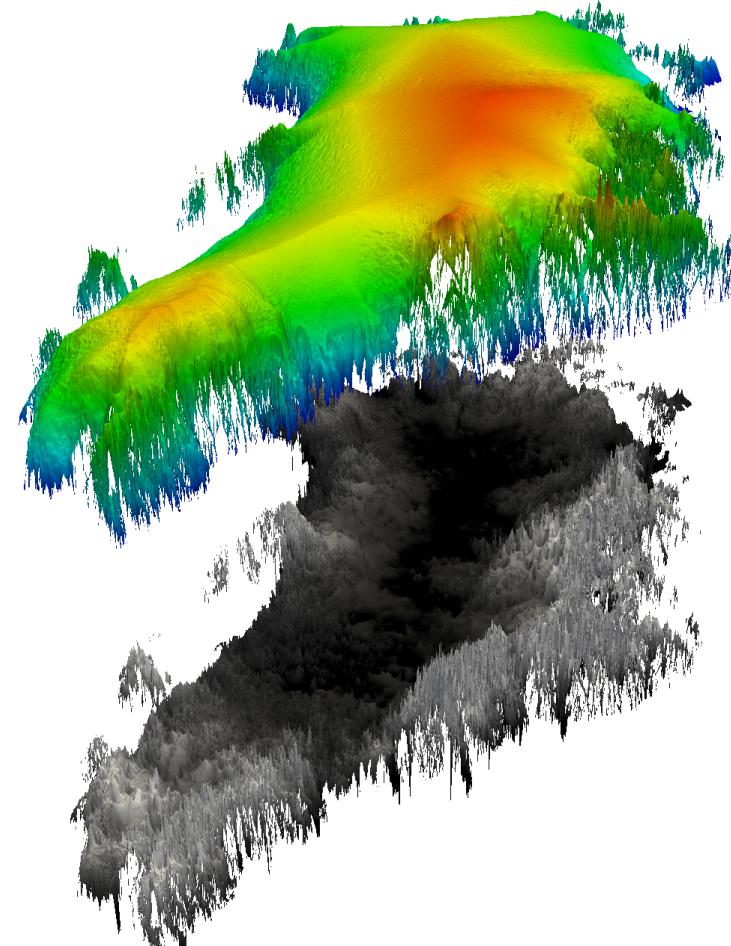
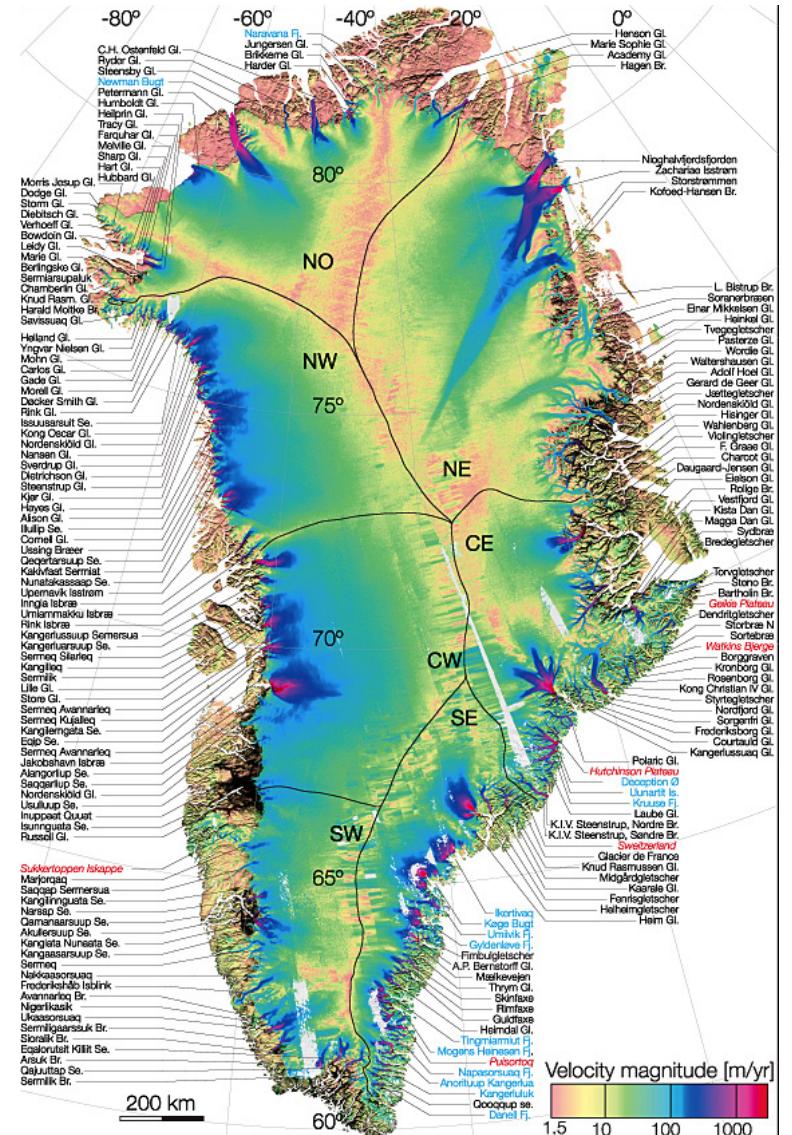
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Uncertain parameterisations

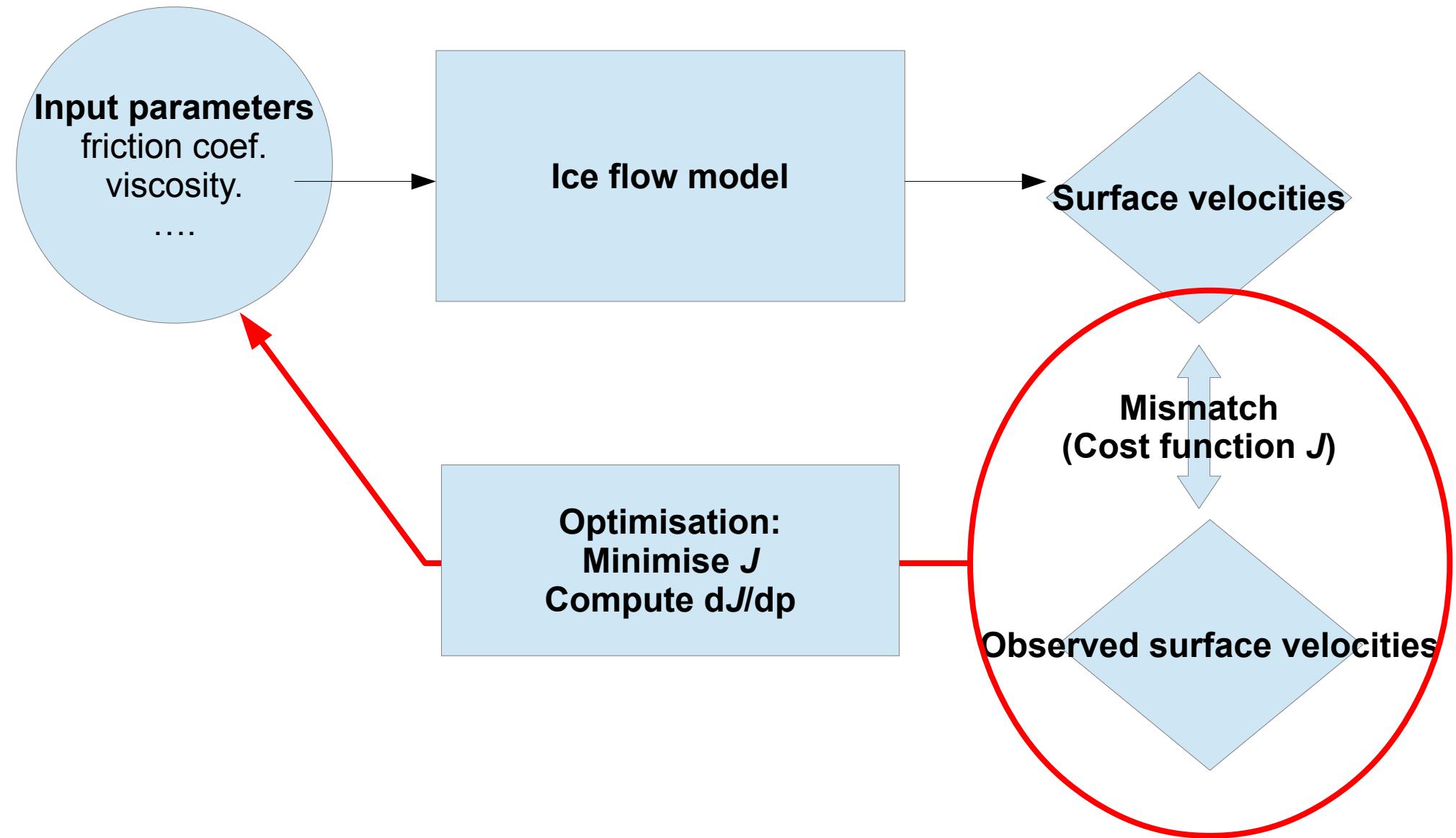
e.g. friction of the ice on the bedrock highly variable in space and time
Usually prescribed as a friction law $\tau = f(u)$



More and more available observations



Inverse modelling: variational data assimilation



Inverse methods in Elmer/Ice

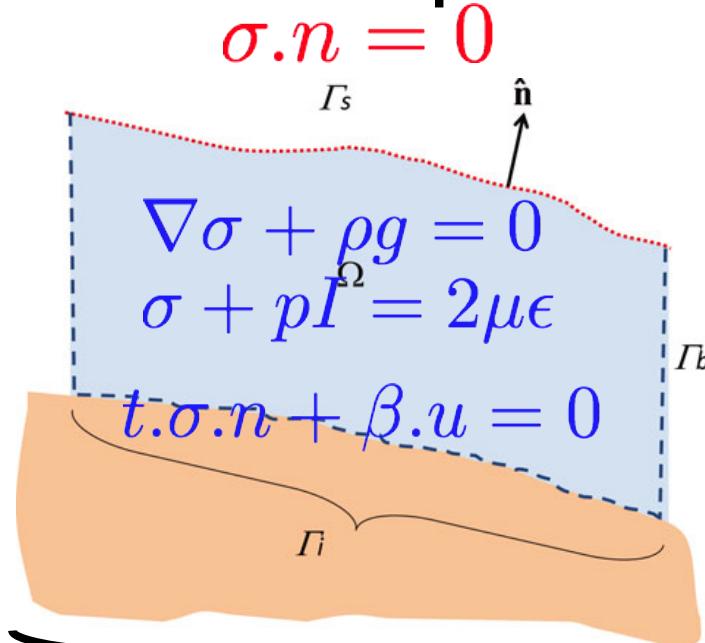
- 2 inverse methods implemented in **Elmer/Ice**:
 - **Robin inverse method** (arthern and Gudmundsson, 2010)
 - **Adjoint method** (Mac Ayeal, 1993; Morlighem et al., 2010; Petra et al., 2012)

Characteristics:

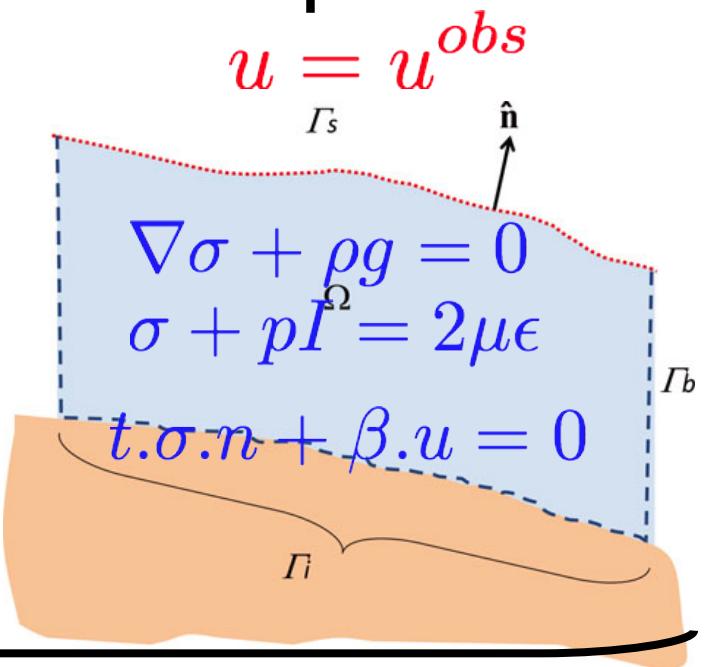
- => restricted to **diagnostic** (no time evolution)
- => **slip coefficient** (Linear sliding law)
- => **ice viscosity**
- => could also do Neumann and Dirichlet BC (Adjoint method)

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

Neumann problem



Dirichlet problem



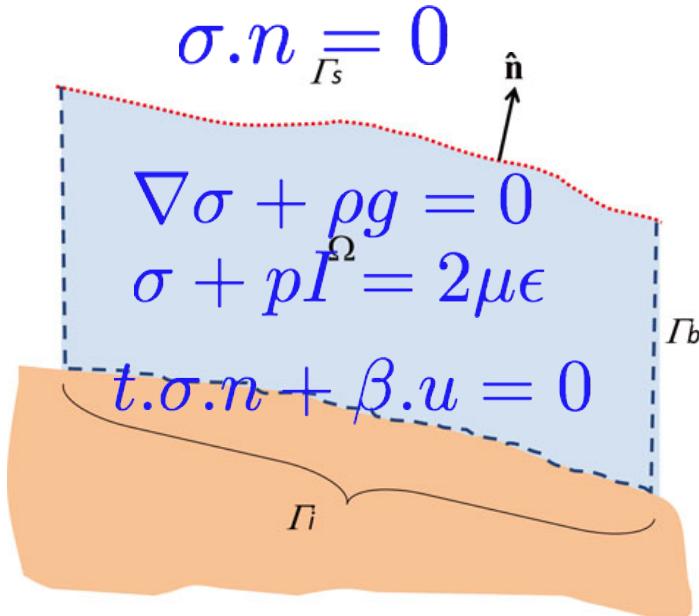
$$J = \int_{\Gamma_s} (u^N - u^D) \cdot (\sigma^N - \sigma^D) \cdot n d\Gamma$$

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

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

Adjoint method (Mac Ayeal, 1993)

Direct problem



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

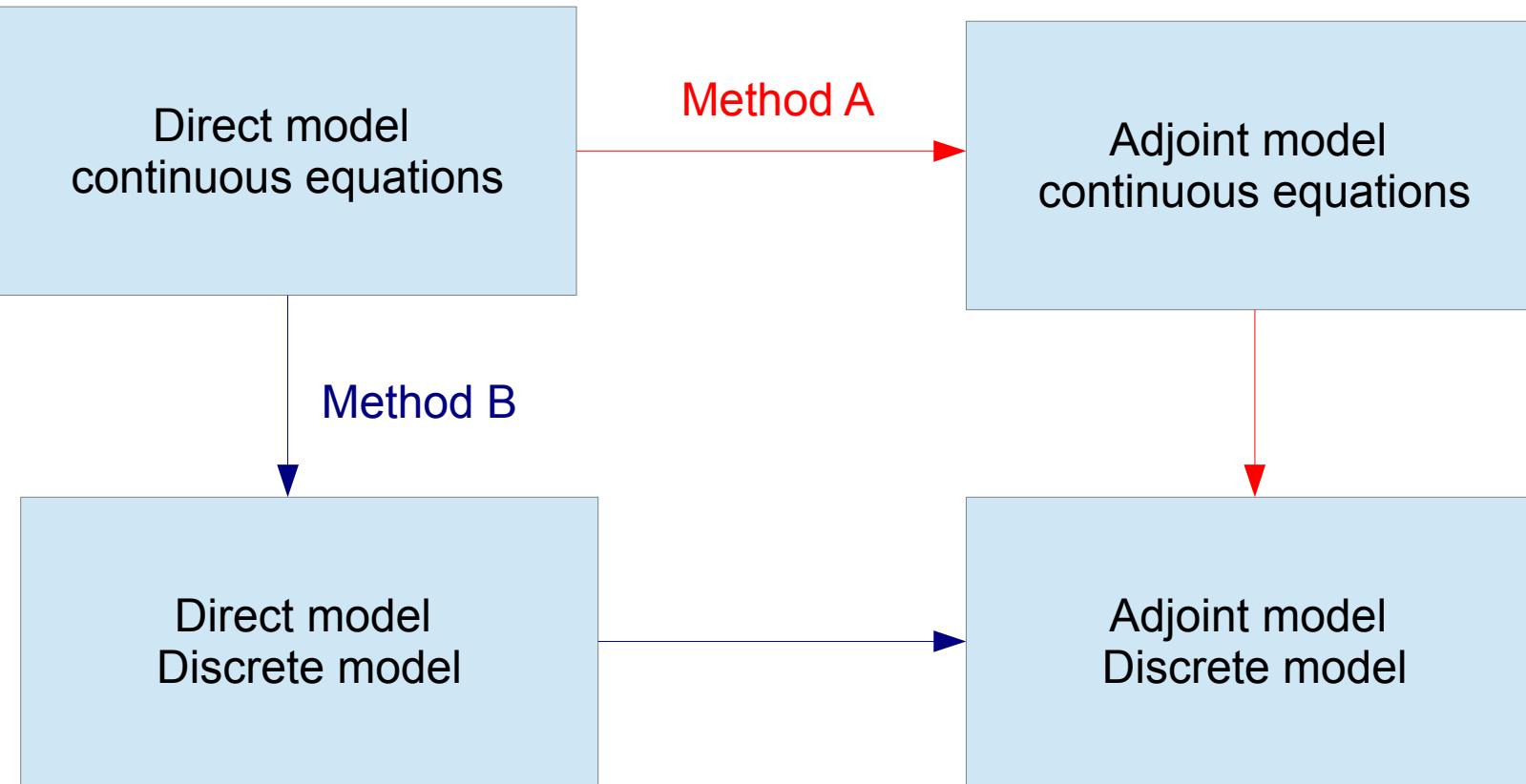
$$d_\Lambda J' = 0 \Rightarrow \text{direct problem equation is satisfied}$$

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

\Rightarrow gradient of J w.r. To input parameters p

$$d_p J = f(\Lambda, u)$$

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

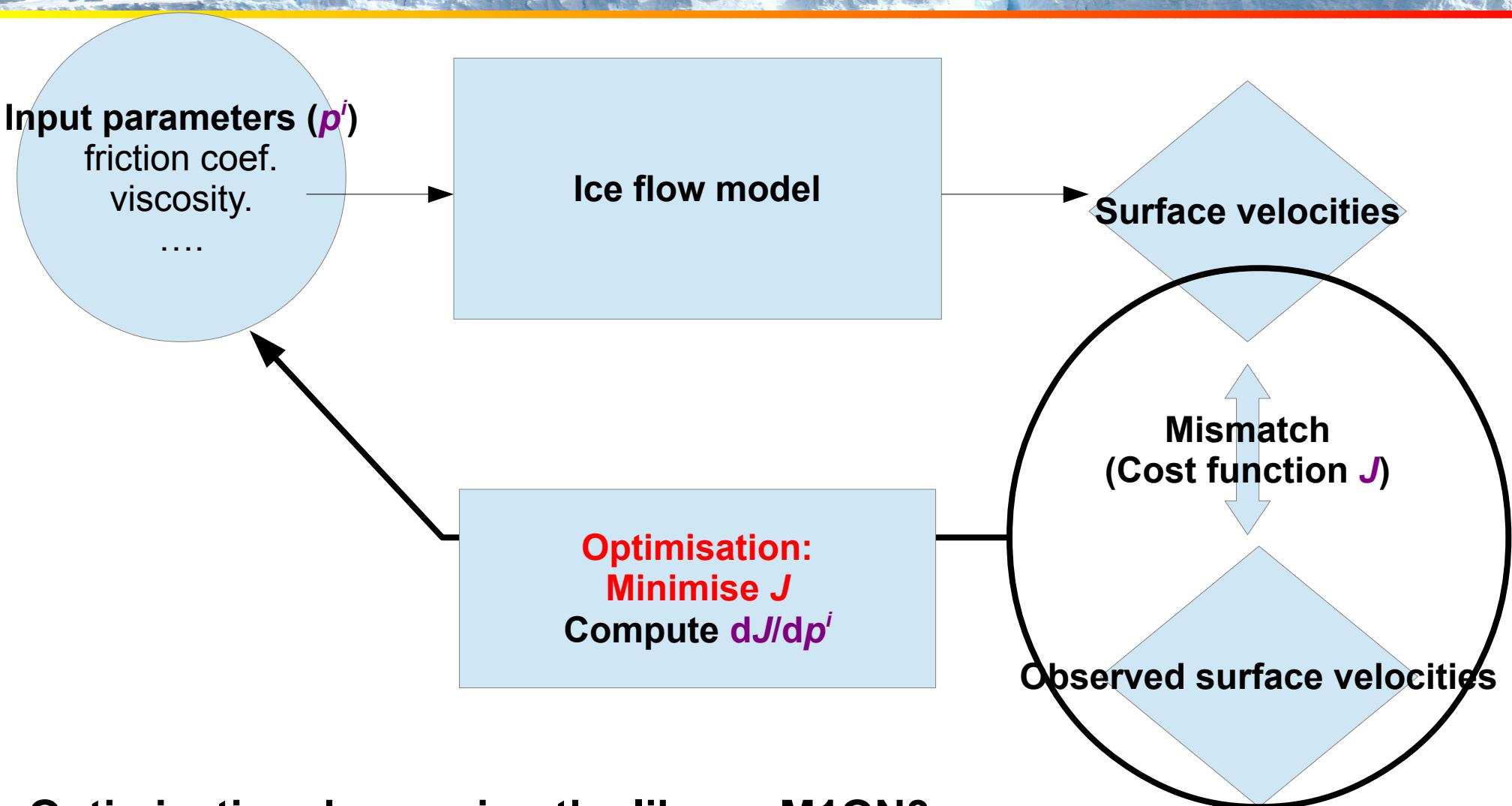
- Easy to understand/implement
- Only exact for linear viscosity
- Cost function given

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

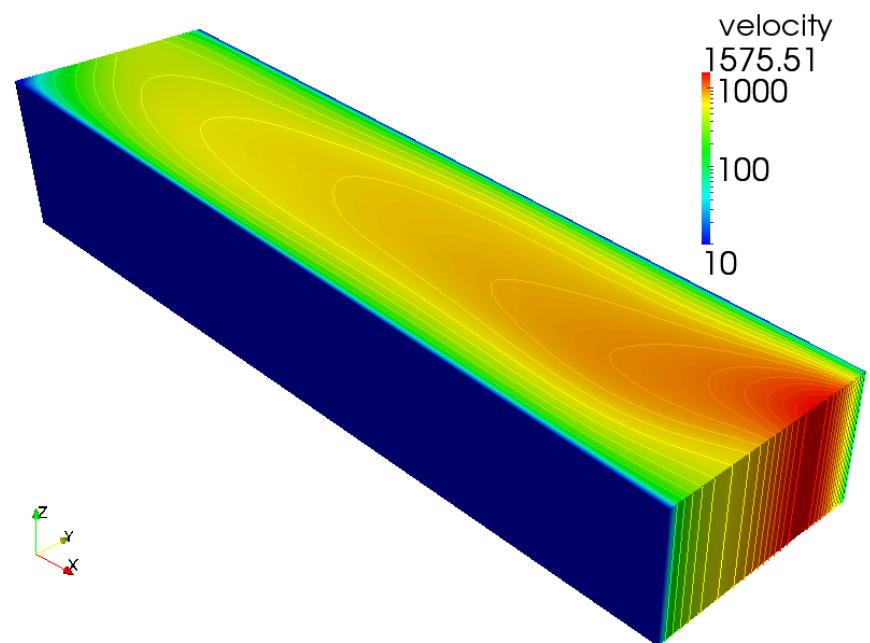
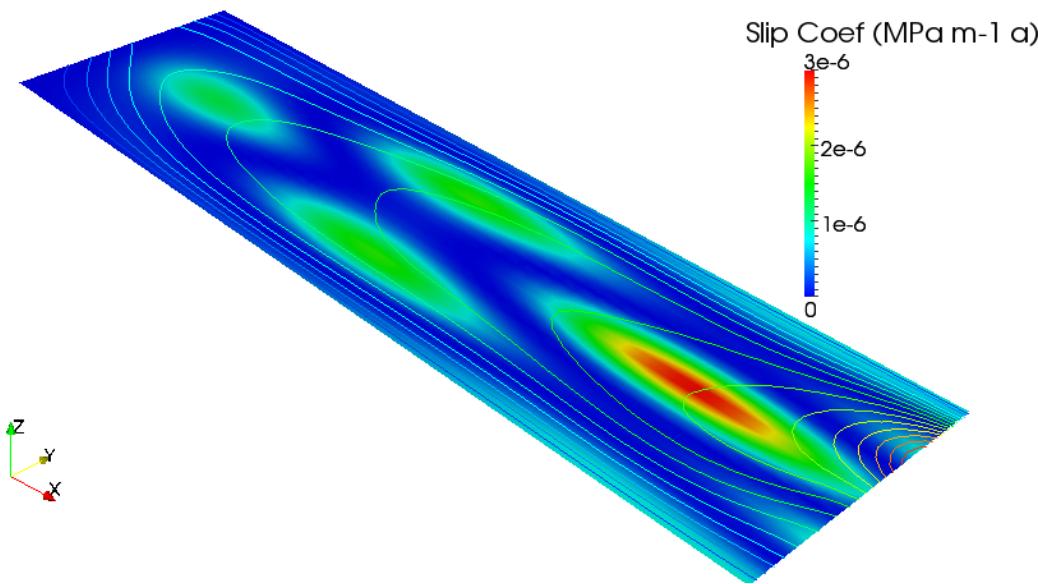
```
!!!!!!  
Boundary Condition 1  
Name = "Side Walls"  
Target Boundaries(2) = 1 3  
  
Velocity 1 = Real 0.0  
Velocity 2 = Real 0.0  
End  
  
Boundary Condition 2  
Name = "Inflow"  
Target Boundaries = 4  
  
Velocity 1 = Variable Coordinate 2  
REAL MATC "4.753e-6*yearinsec*(sin(2.0*pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly)+2.5*sin(pi*(Ly-tx)/Ly))"  
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 dumy 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 , Vsurfiniti 1 , Velocity 2 , Vsurfiniti 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 , Vsurfiniti 1
    Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"
  Adjoint Cost der 2 = Variable Velocity 2 , Vsurfiniti 2
    Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"

End
```

Step 1: Compute the cost function and the gradient

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

2. Compute the cost function: Boundary conditions

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  Top Surface = Variable Coordinate 1
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  ! Definition of the Cost function
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    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 , Vsurfiniti 1
    Real MATC "tx(0)-tx(1)"
  Adjoint Cost der 2 = Variable Velocity 2 , Vsurfiniti 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  
  
Velocity 1 = Variable Coordinate 2  
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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 dumy 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

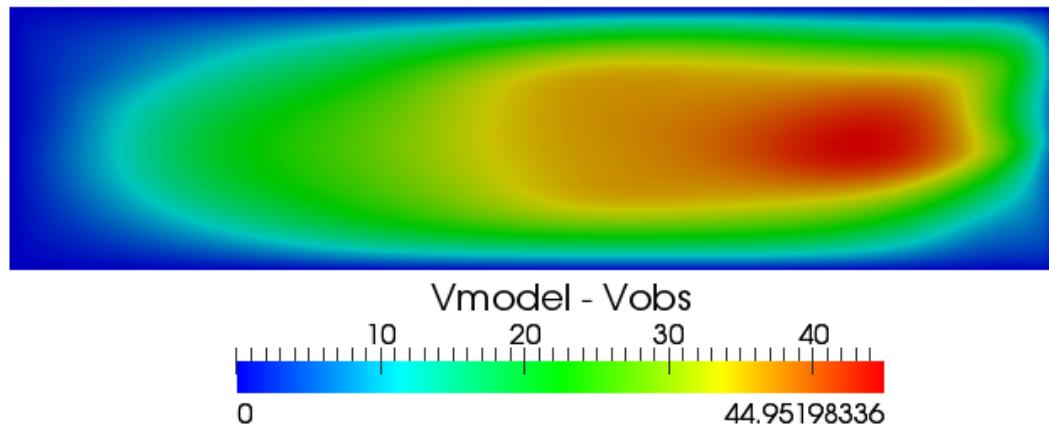
Lambda = Real $Lambda                      ! Regularization Coef
end
```

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

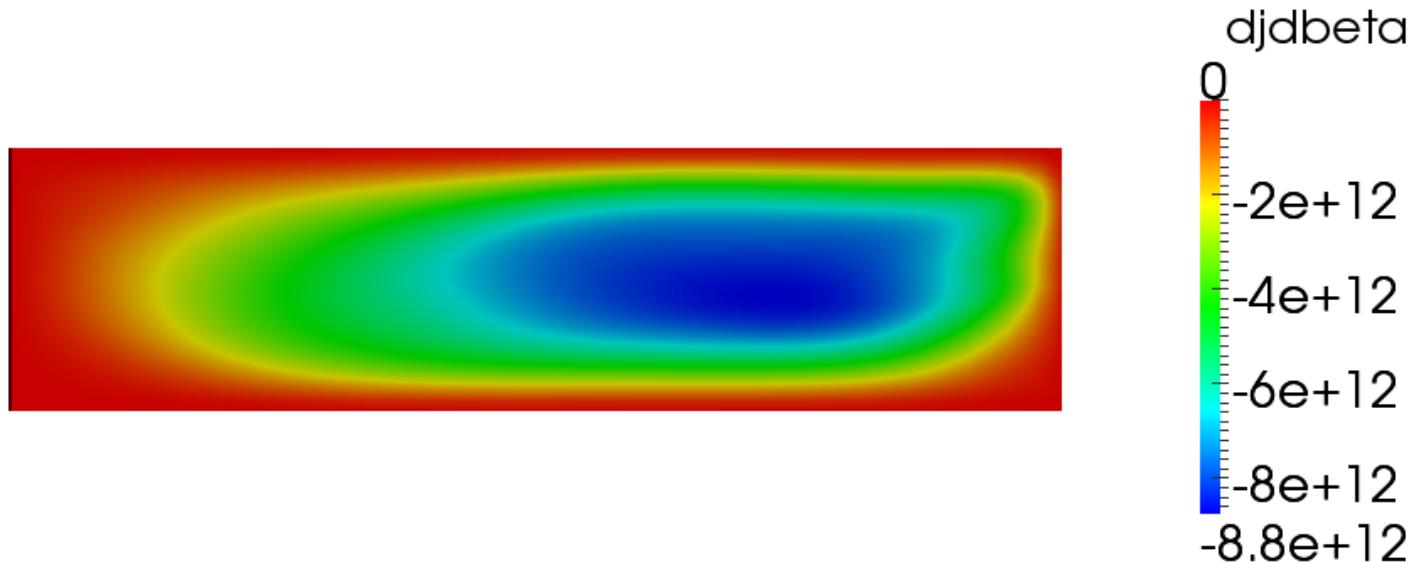
This part has been differentiated by hand

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

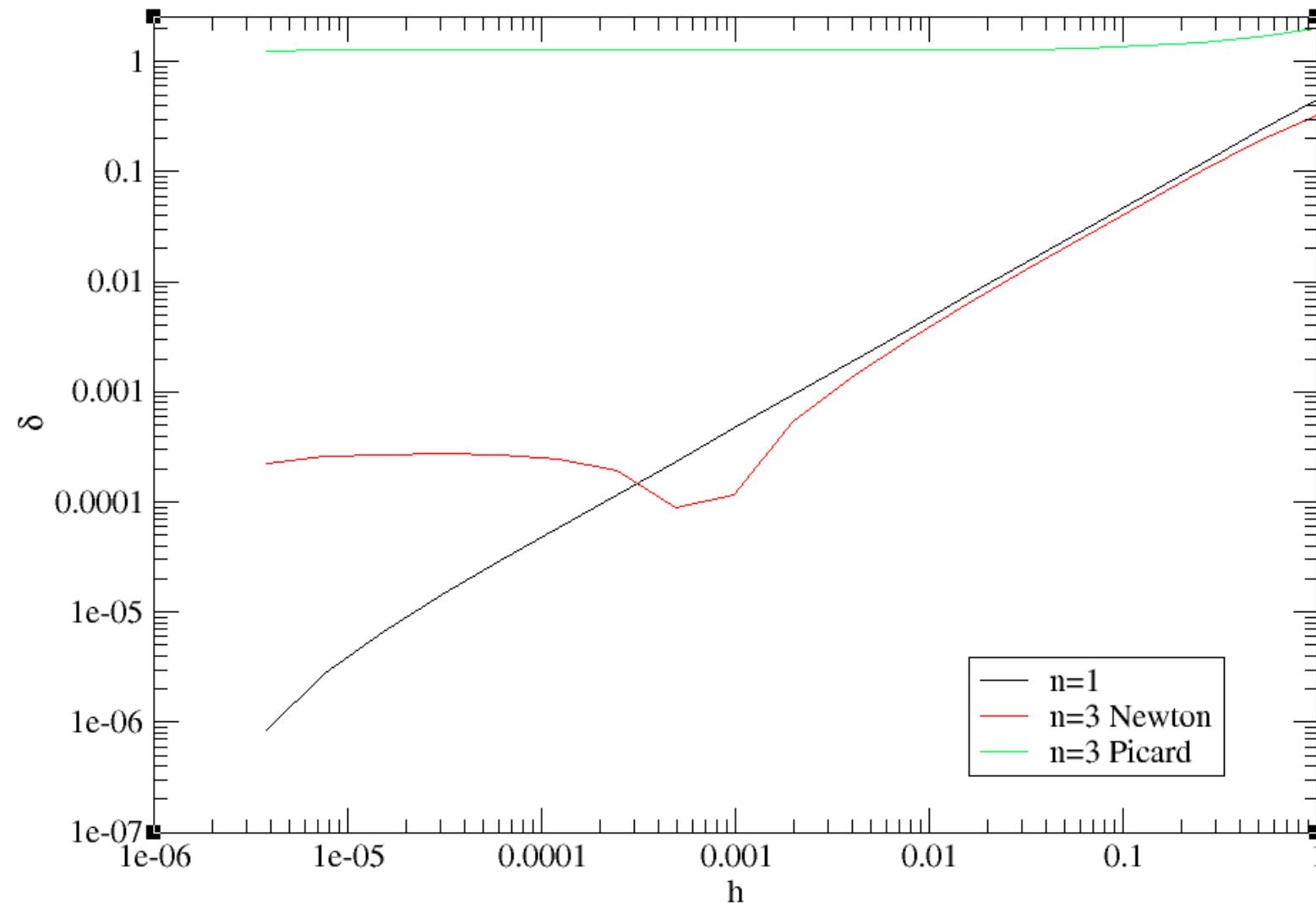
procedure = "./Executables/GradientValidation" "GradientValidation"

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
```

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

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"

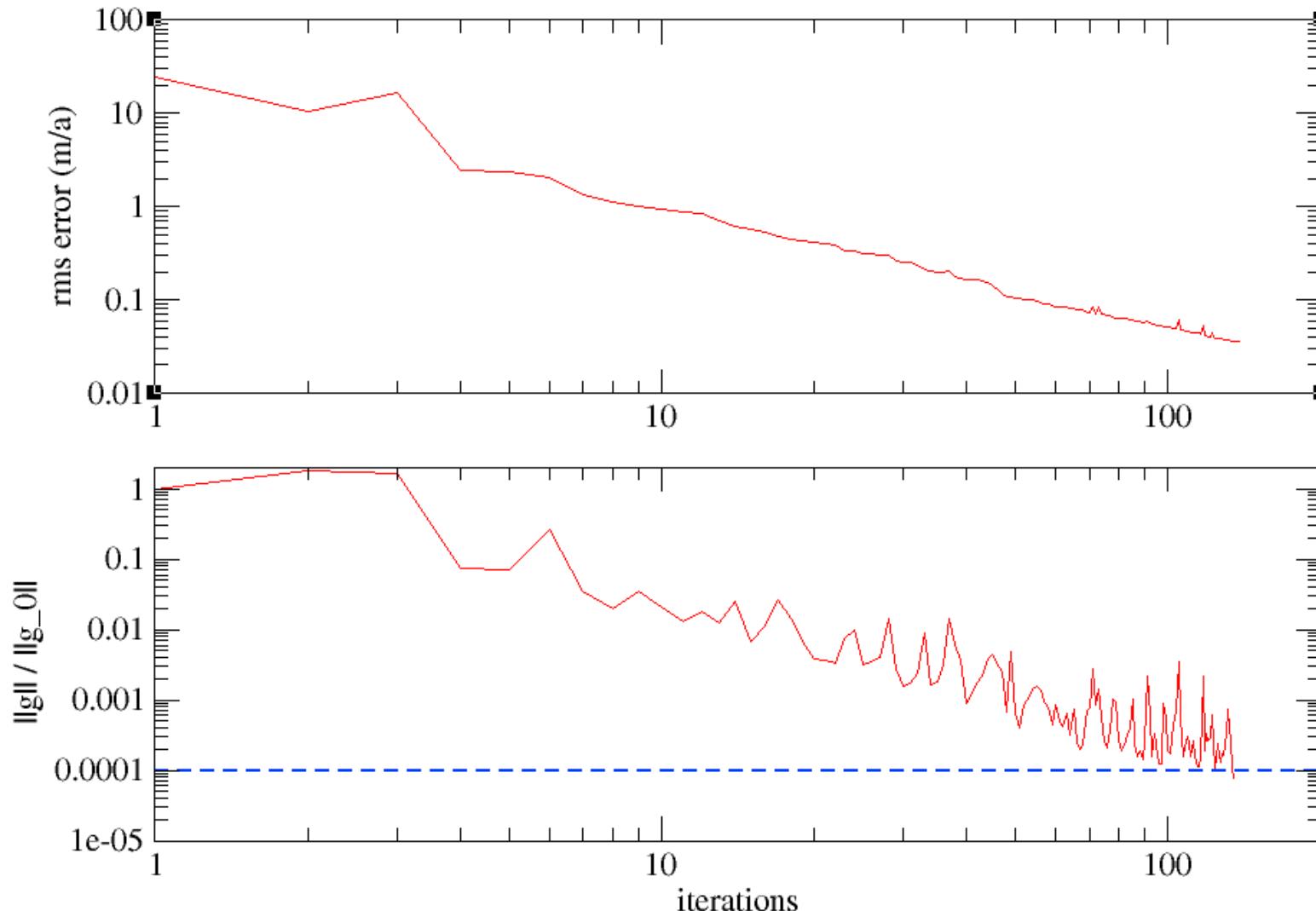
Cost Variable Name = String "CostValue"
Optimized Variable Name = String "Beta"
Gradient Variable Name = String "DJDBeta"
gradient Norm File = String "GradientNormAdjoint_$name".dat

! 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
```

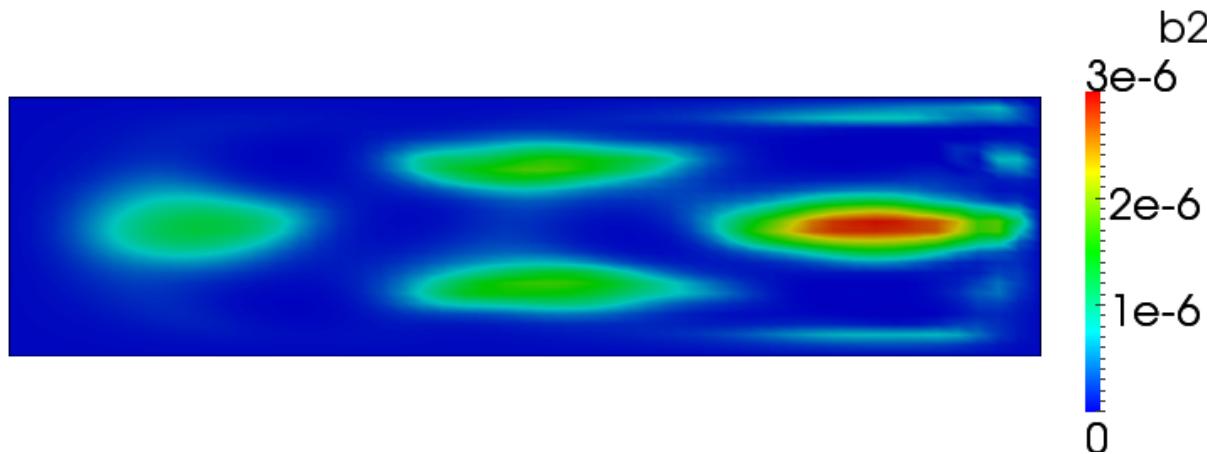
Step 3: Minimise your cost function

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

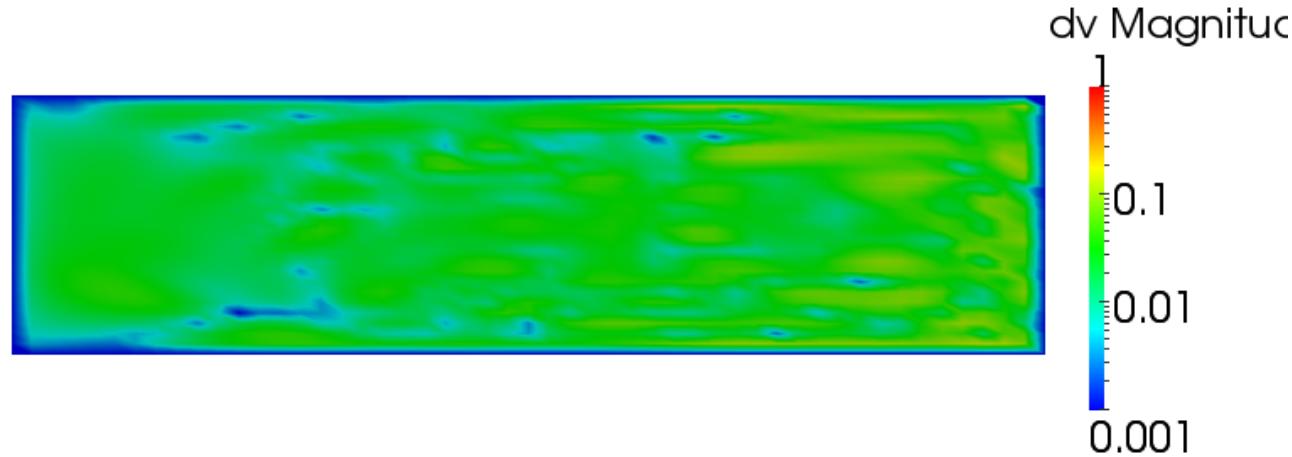


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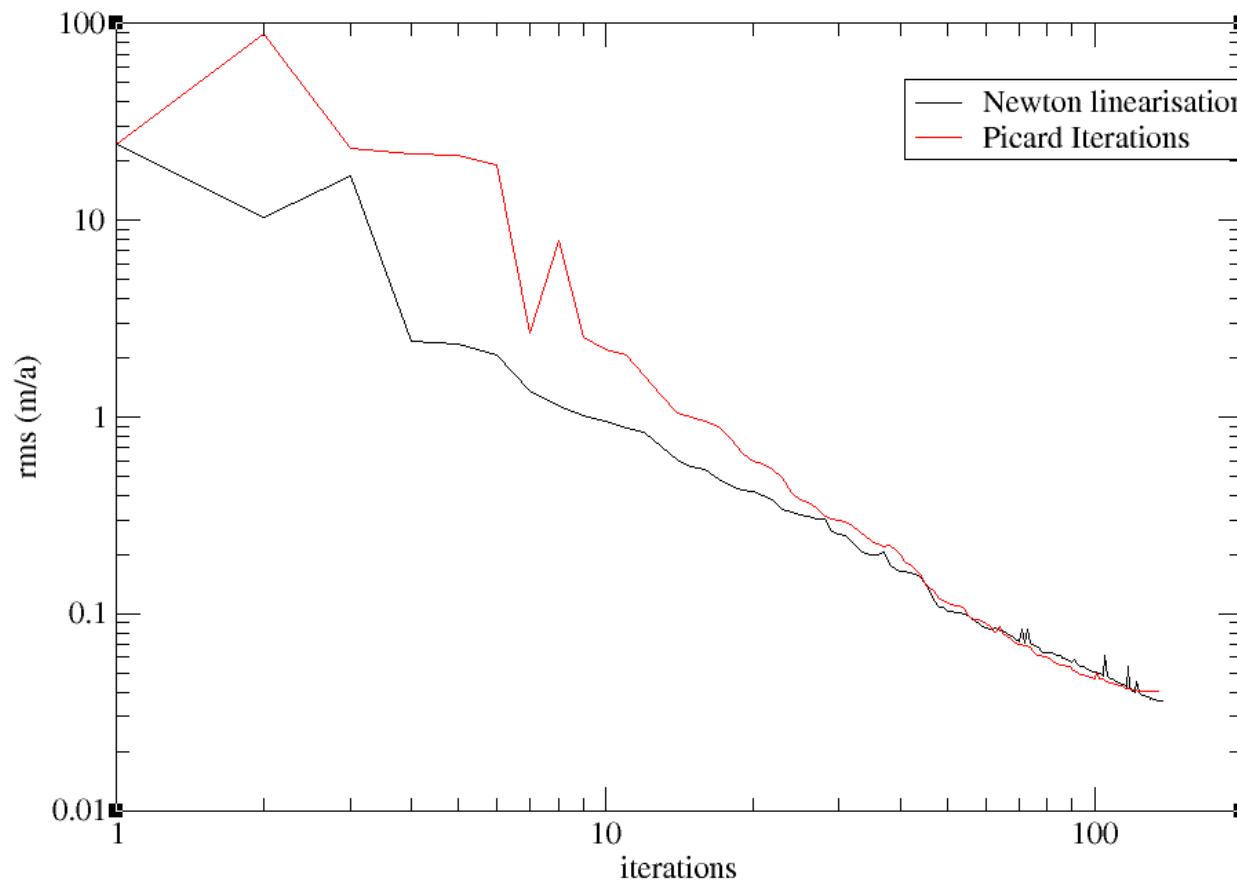
Visualise the final slip coefficient distribution



Visualise the mismatch between model and observed velocities



Step 3: try with the “inexact” adjoint

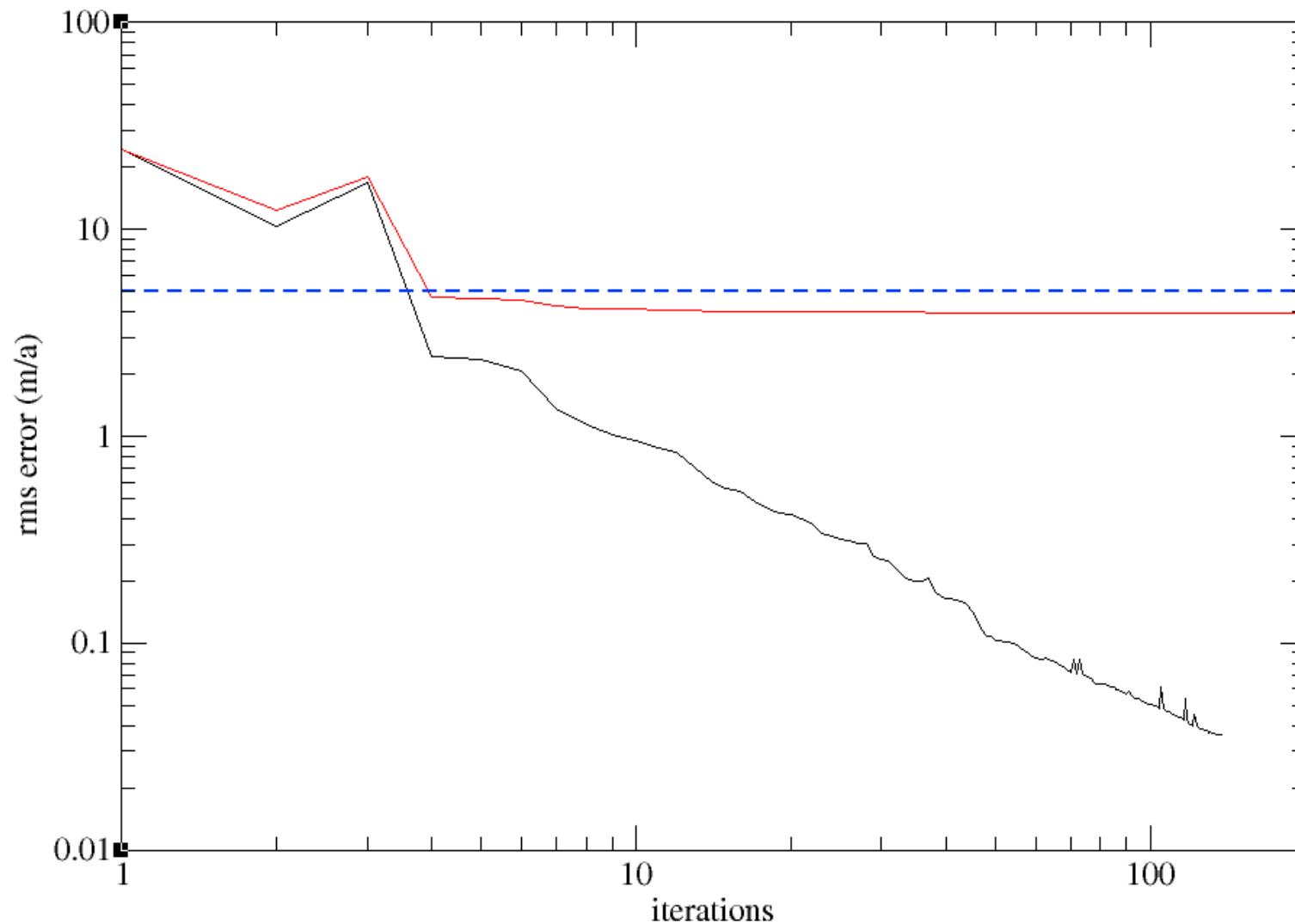


Even with an **inaccurate gradient** computation (i.e. neglecting the non-linearity due to the viscosity) you **may** be able to **minimise your cost function**....

But you have more chance to get lost in real applications

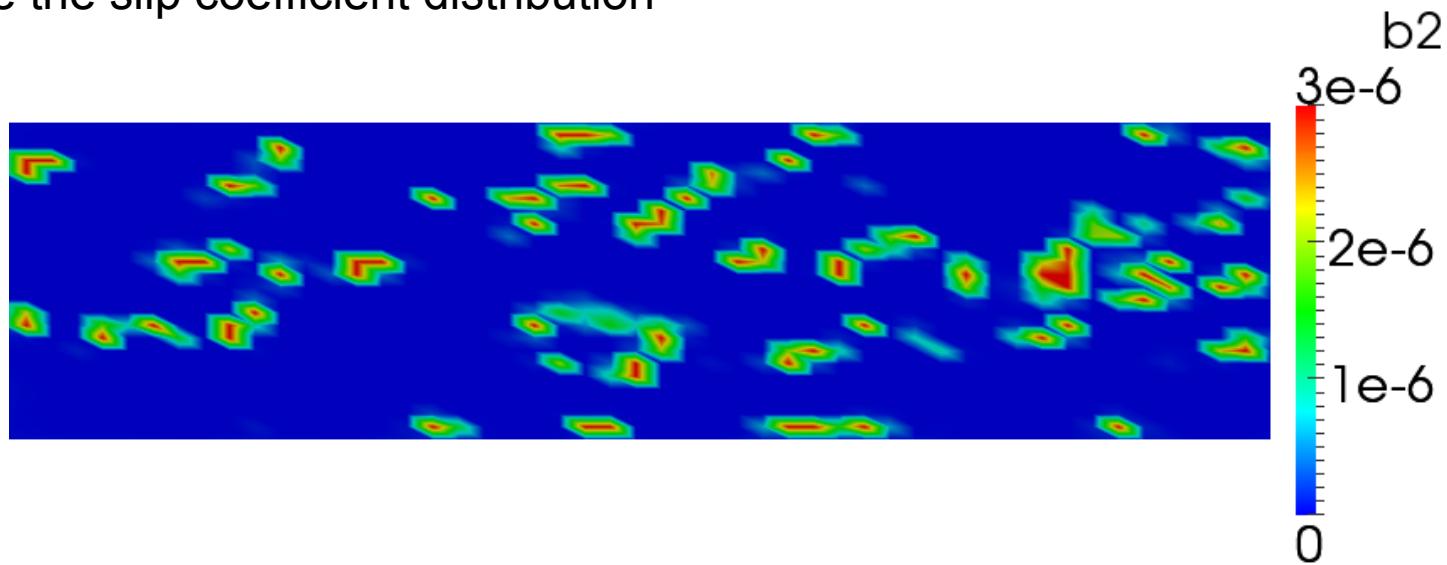
Step 4: Add noise to your “observations”

- 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

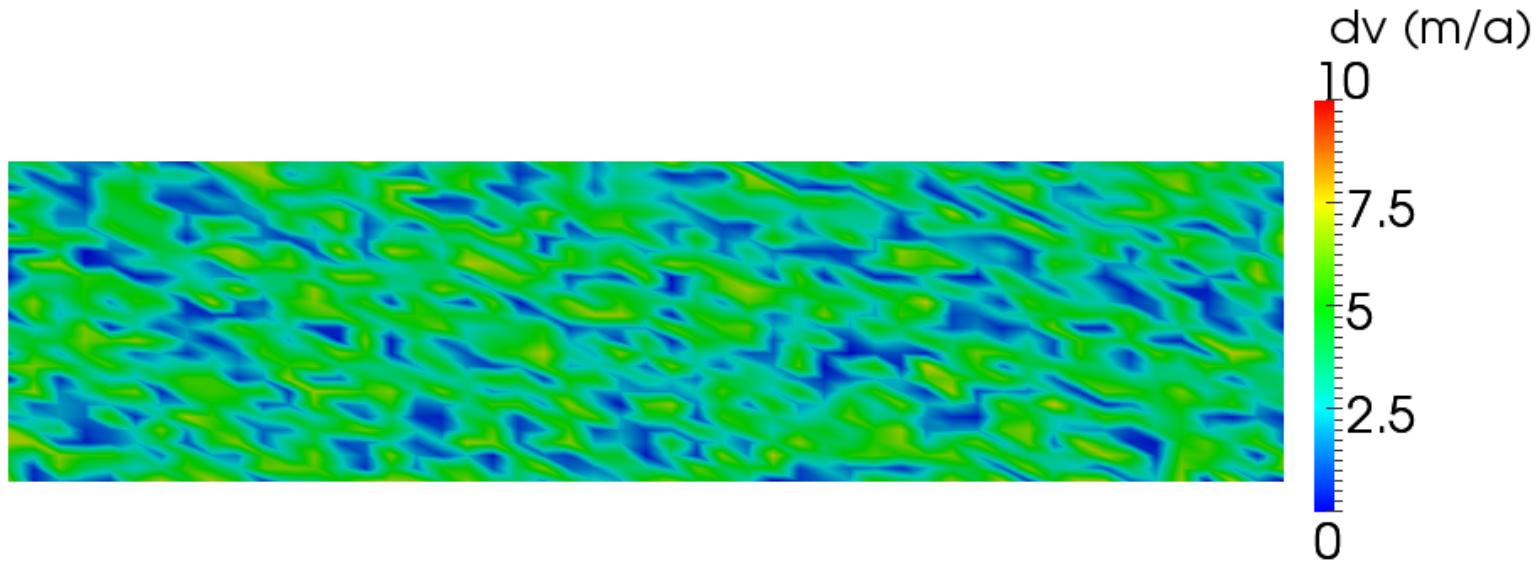


Step 4: Add noise to your “observations”

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

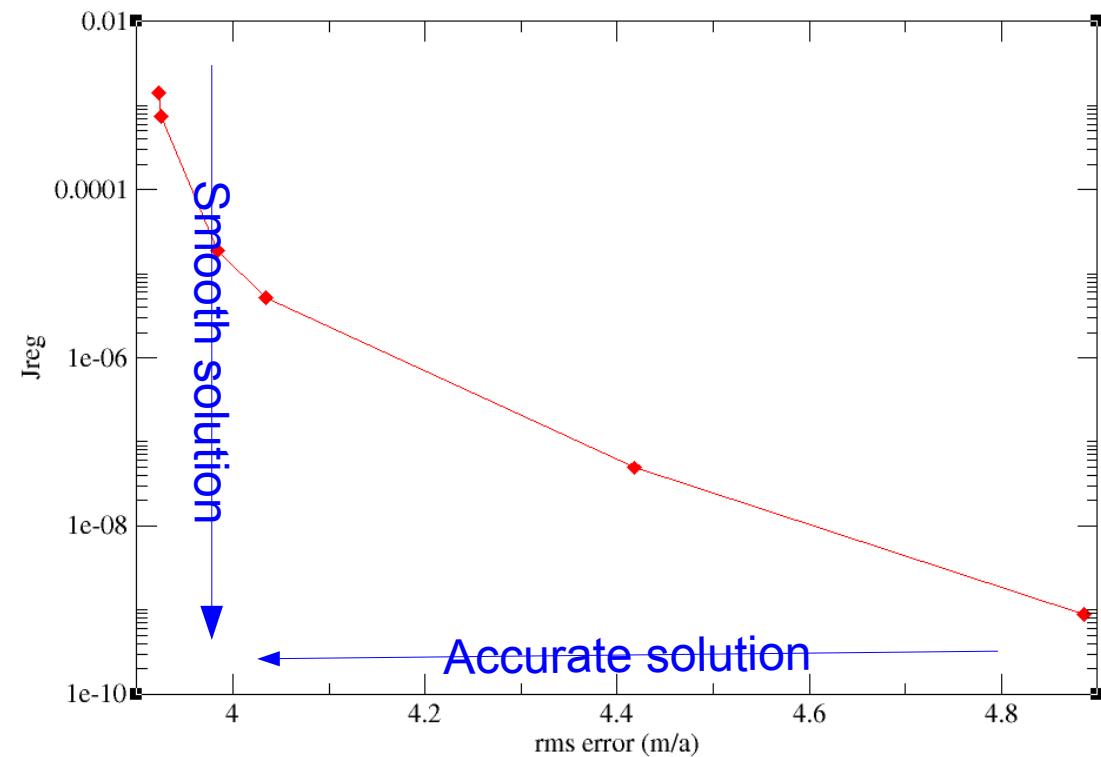
$$J_{tot} = J_0 + \lambda J_{reg}$$

Here, penalise spatial derivatives of the input parameter:

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

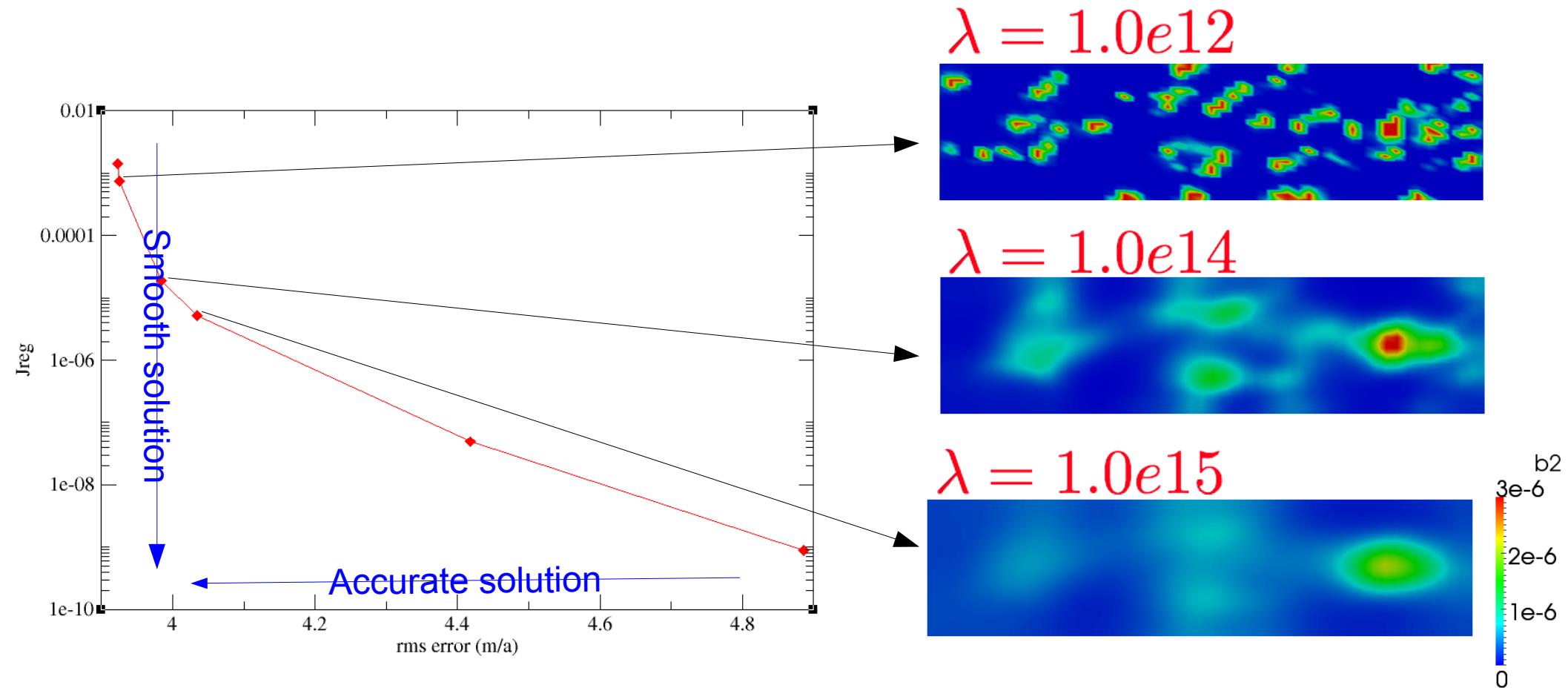
Step 5: Add regularisation

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

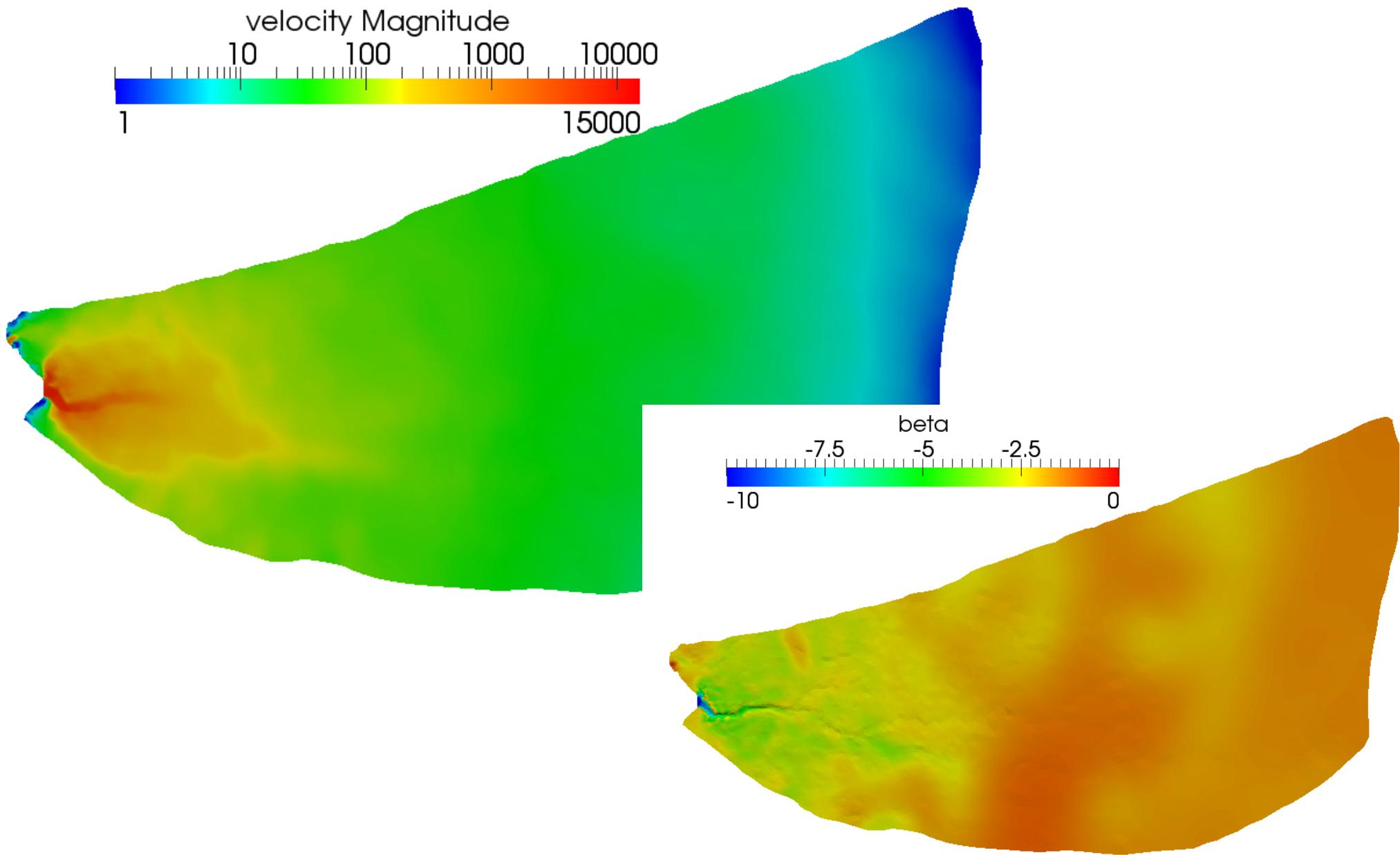


Step 5: Add regularisation

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



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)