

HGS-PDAF v1.0 (I)

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Introduction to a real-time DA framework for an integrated hydrological model: HGS-PDAF

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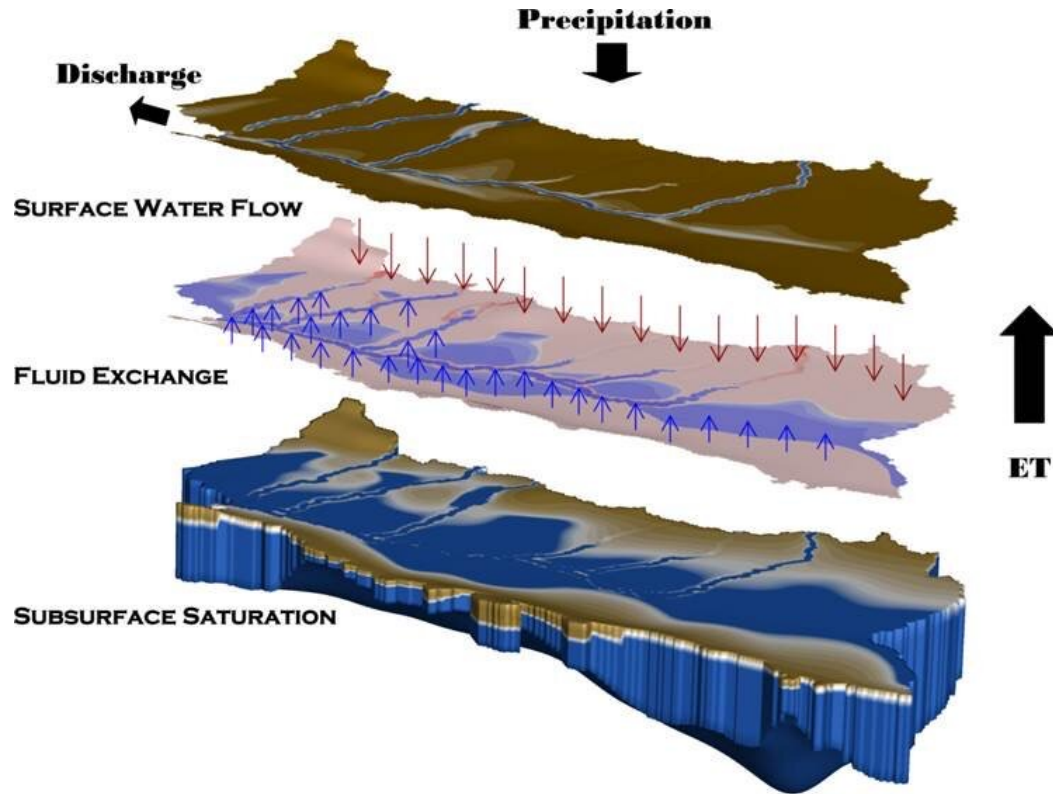
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Integrated hydrological model: HydroGeoSphere



- Unstructured finite-element grids
- Surface domain: 2-D overland flow, *diffusion-wave approximation*
- Subsurface domain: 3-D variably saturated flow, *Richards' equation*
- Flow coupling between surface and subsurface: common node approach/ dual node approach
- Two-way coupling
- Simulation of heat and solute transport

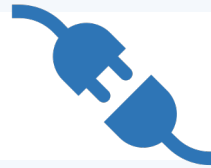
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Hydrological model and data assimilation software



- Physically based fully integrated hydrological model
- Agricultural infrastructures can be explicitly simulated
- Different soil and crop types are considered

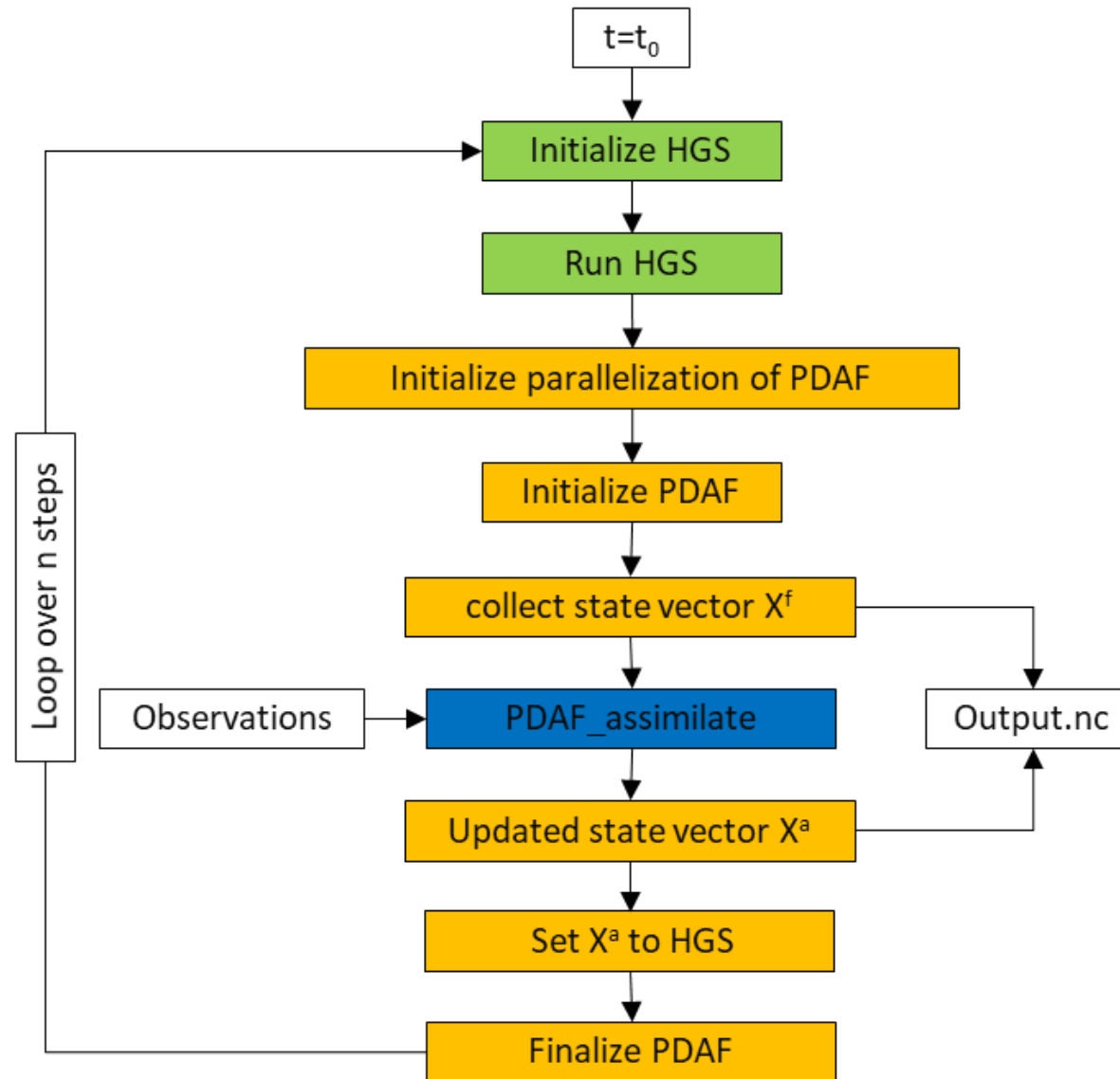


PDAF Parallel
Data Assimilation
Framework

- Ensemble and variational assimilation algorithms
- fully-implemented & parallelize
- Open source and model independent

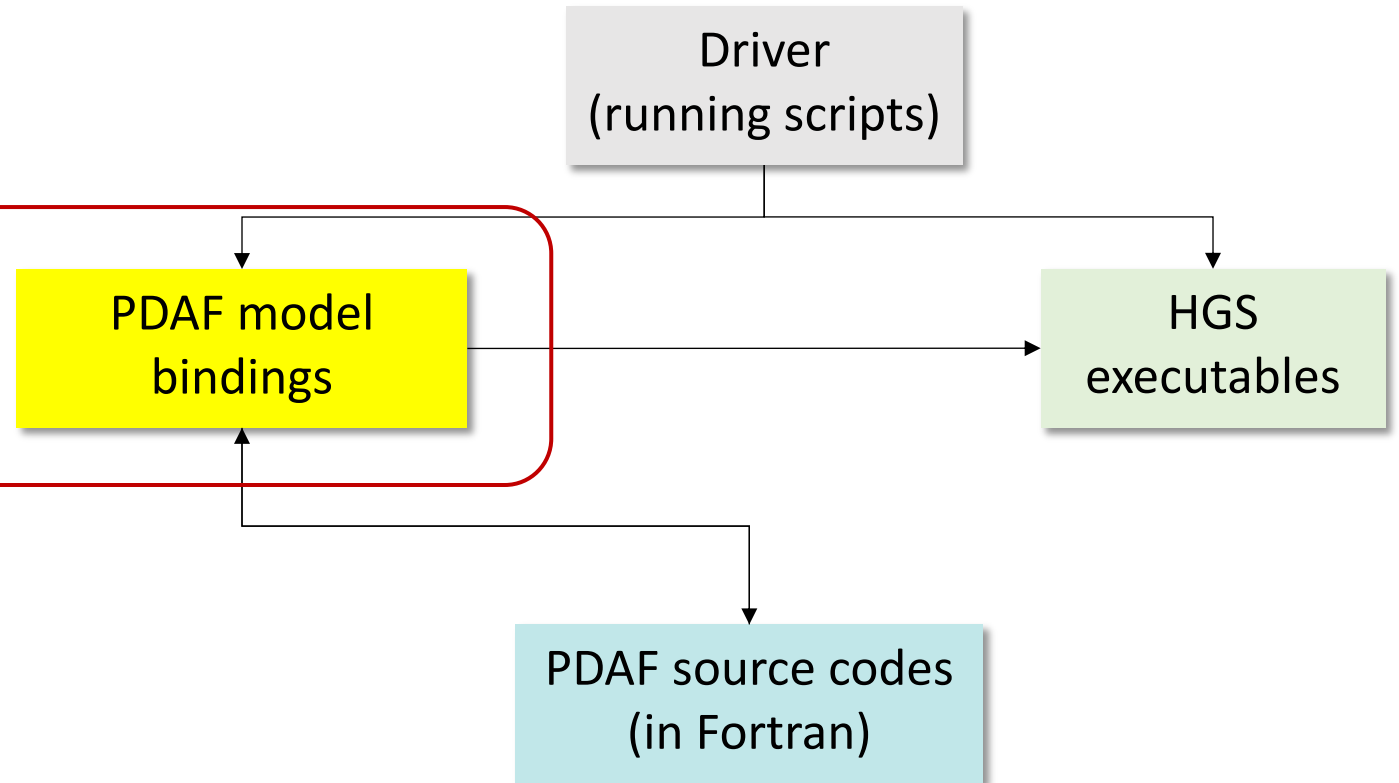


HGS-PDAF - Flowchart



HGS-PDAF

- Four components:
 - HGS executables
 - PDAF source code
 - Model bindings: a set of user-specified subroutines acting as an interface to the PDAF source code
 - Driver: run scripts to manage the data assimilation simulation runs, written in bash and python

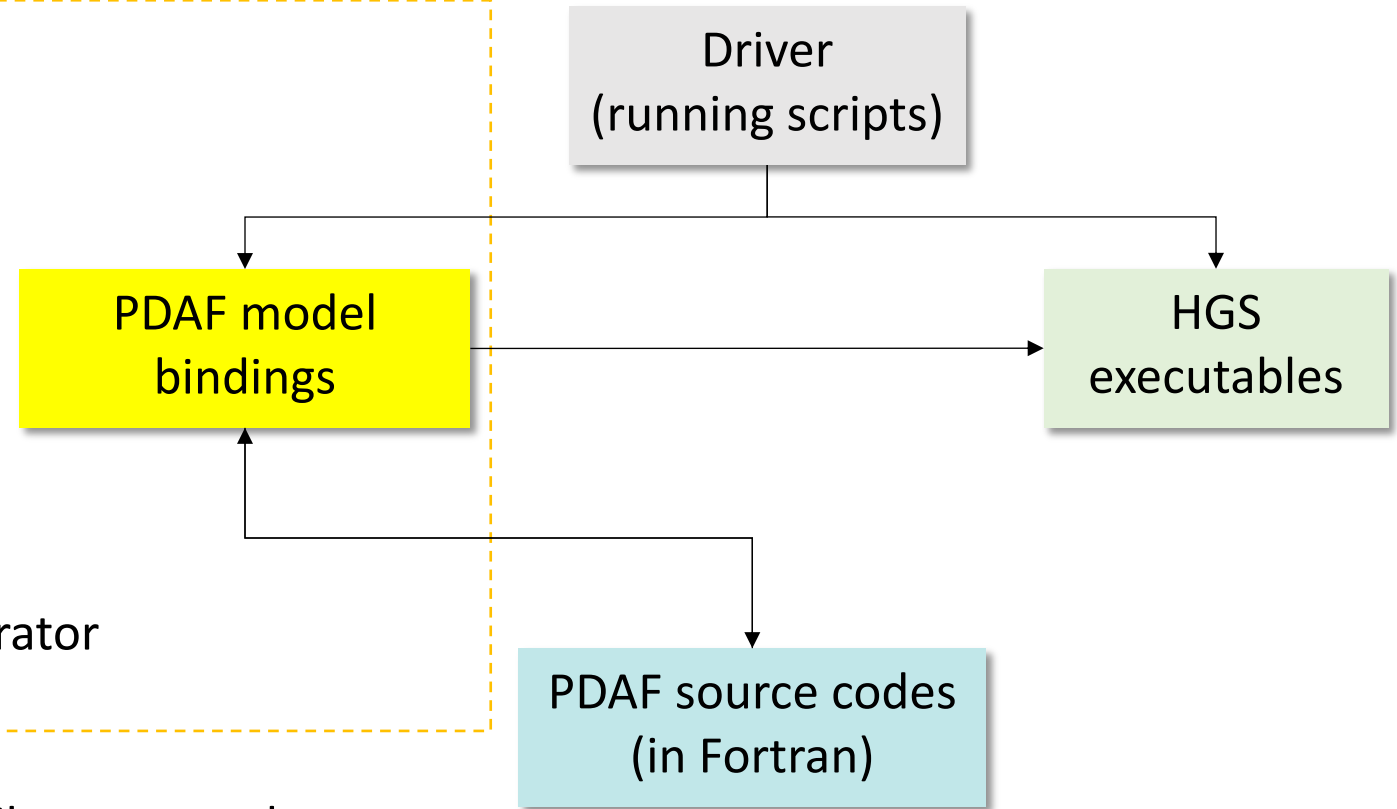


- HGS and model bindings are called by the Driver
- PDAF library is compiled independently
- PDAF is called within modeling bindings



HGS-PDAF

- For each ensemble state
 - Initialize from restart files
 - Integrate
 - Write restart files
 - Read restart files (ensemble)
 - Compute analysis step
 - Write new restart files
- For each observation type
 - Independent observation operator module



- DA results are stored in netCDF files separately
- Pre-/Post- processing tools for dealing with raw observation data and results analysis are also included in the package



HGS-PDAF

- State vector: updated directly through DA

- Hydraulic head
- Hydraulic conductivity (K)
- Water saturation
- Noble gas concentration (^{222}Rn , ^{37}Ar , and ^4He)

- Observations: used to assimilate

- Piezometric heads
- Water saturation
- Noble gas concentration (^{222}Rn , ^{37}Ar , and ^4He)

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- Multiple types of observations can be assimilated separately or jointly
- The combination of variables in the state vector can be flexible



HGS-PDAF

Github repository

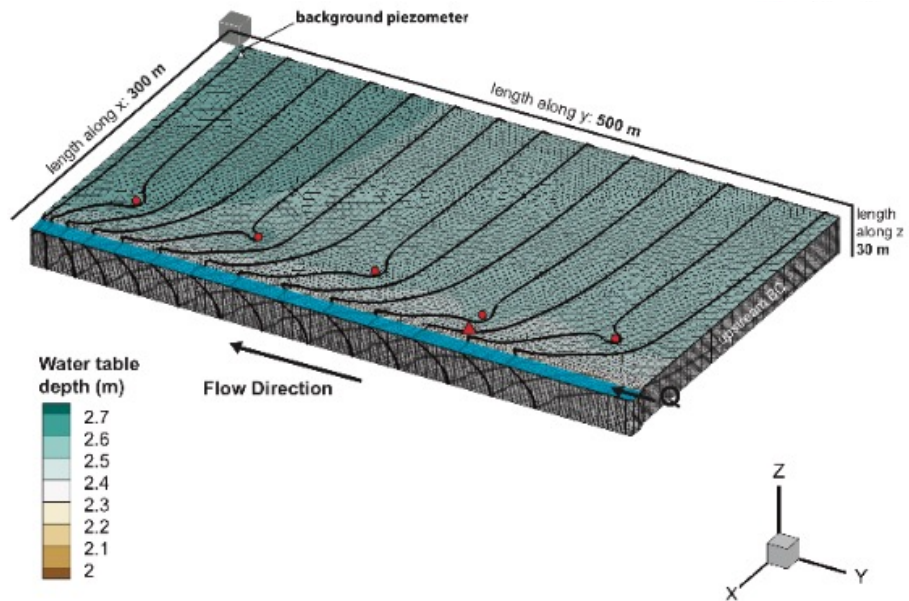
https://github.com/qiqi1023t/HGS-PDAF_v1.0_GMD

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- LICENSE
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- hgs-pdaf: model bindings, under development
- hgsiolib: routines to read and write HGS original output written in Fortran
- namelists file: namelist files where parameters used by PDAF & HGS are defined
- pdaf: PDAF source code
- Postprocessing: Python script to visualize DA output
- Preprocessing: routines to prepare the observation written in Fortran
- Run_scripts: bash script to manage the data assimilation simulation runs
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Example: simplified conceptual model



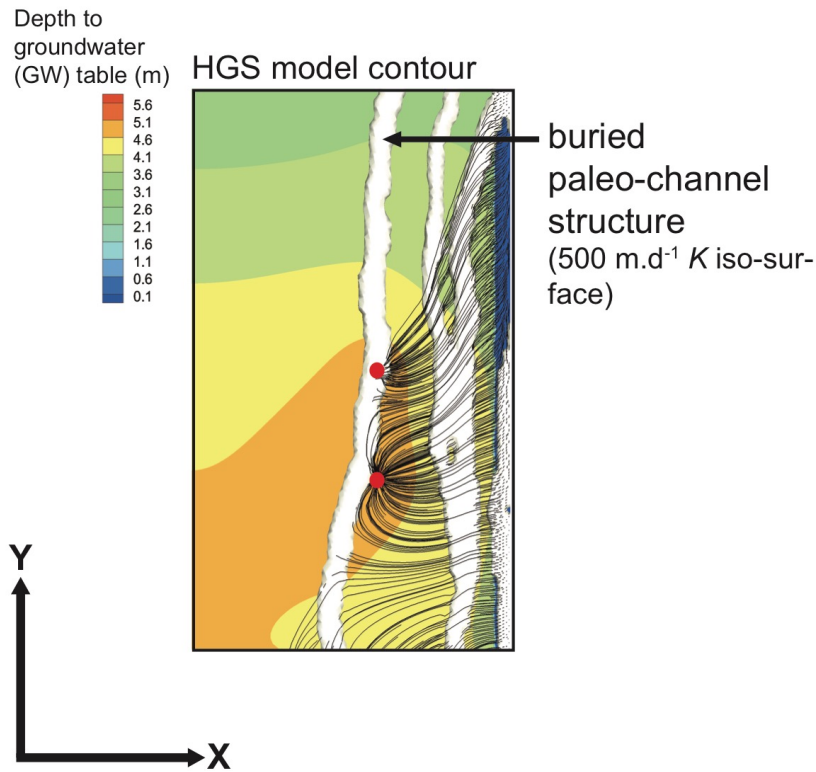
Delottier et al., 2022

- 3-D rectangular synthetic alluvial plain model
- Ideally suited to develop and test the integration of DA to HGS.
- 500 m length, 300 m width and 30m depth alluvial plain, discretized into 544,000 model elements in total.
- 20 m wide and 2 m deep stream
- A river is placed on top of the model layer

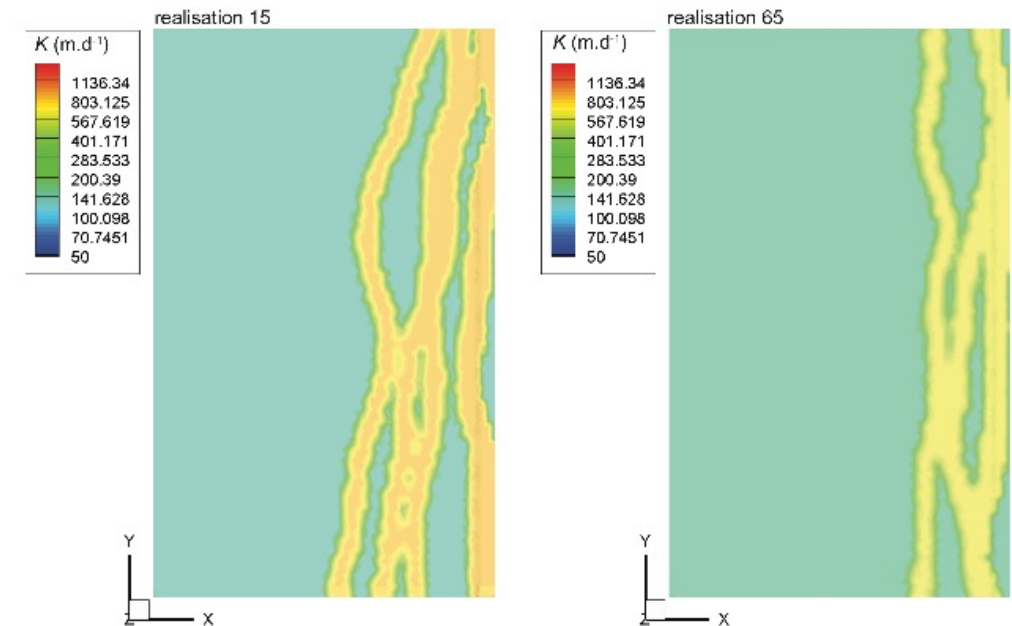


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- Heterogeneity of such systems in reality is characterized by continuous categorical structures
- parameter fields like the hydraulic conductivity (K) has been parameterized following these categorical features

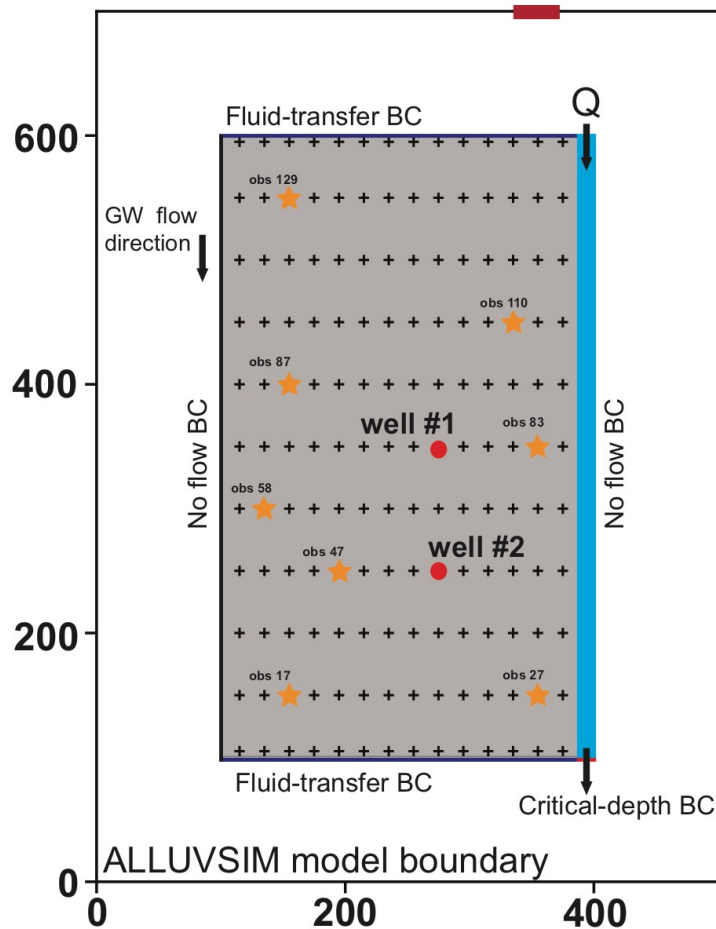


Two examples of the heterogeneous K fields used in the model



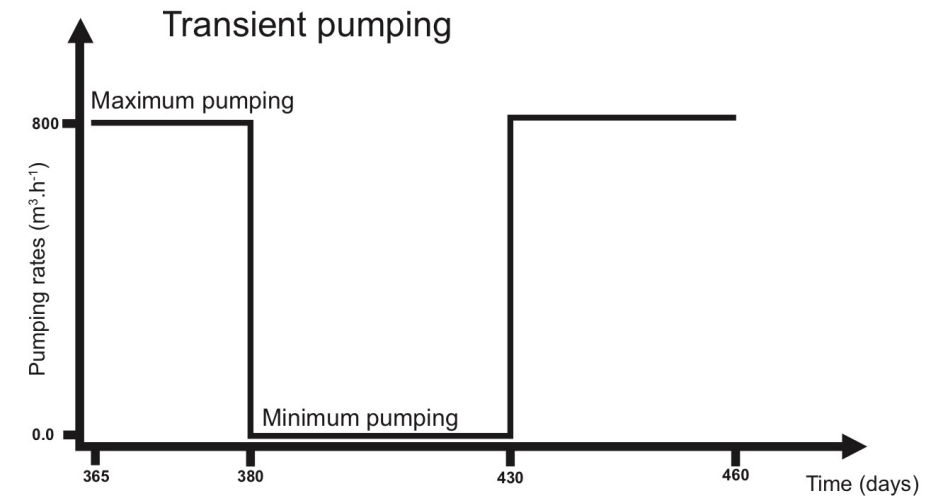
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Model boundary conditions



- At eight observation points synthetic hydraulic head measurements have been generated and assimilated

- Water production wells
- + Hypothetical new observatio
- ★ Existing observation wells
- Stream
- Alluvial plain

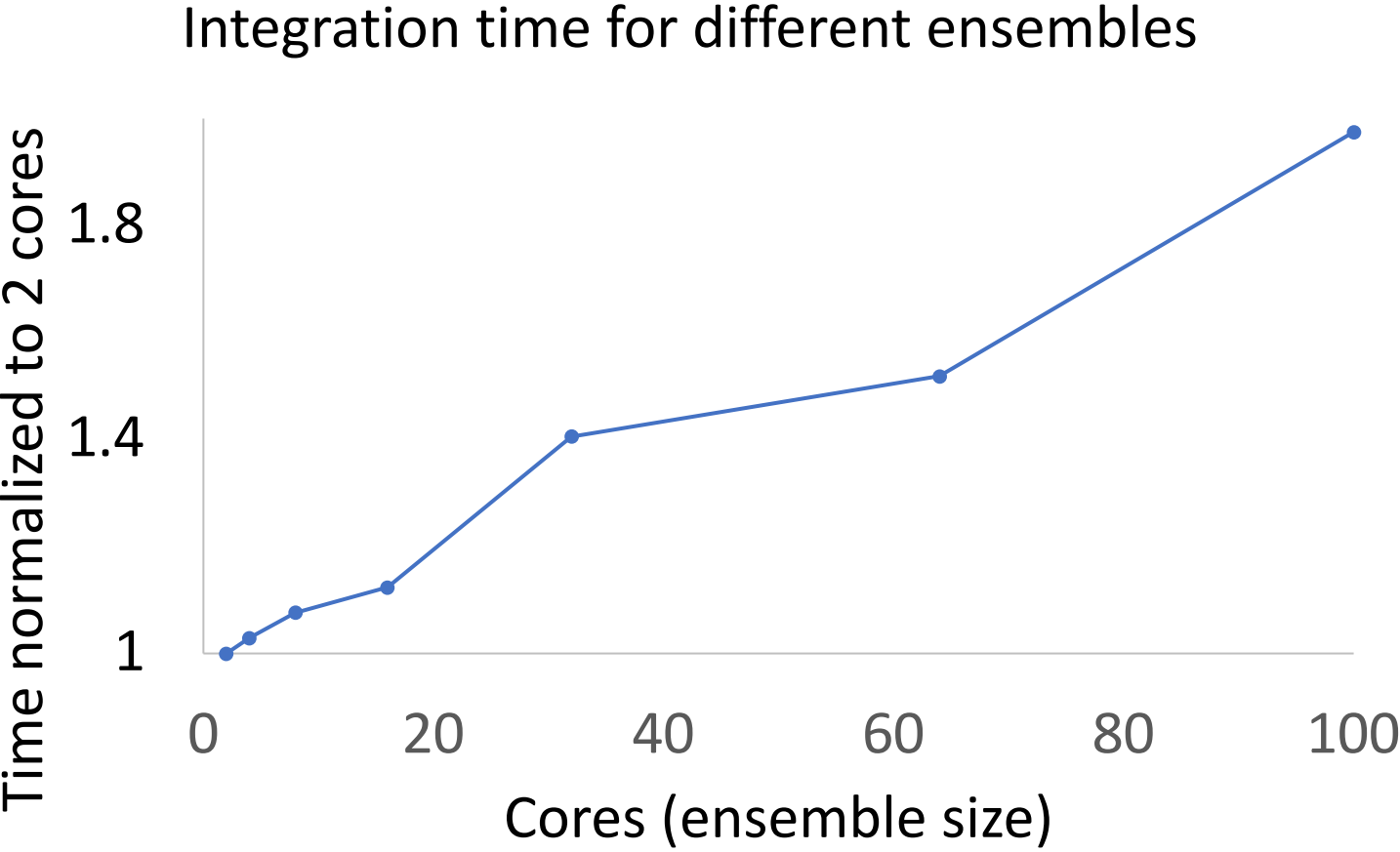


Example: data assimilation experiments

- Observation:
 - Heads
 - groundwater saturation
- Observation error
 - 5cm for heads
 - 1% for saturation
- Ensemble size: 100
- Assimilation method: EnKF, no localisation
- Simulation/Assimilation period: 96 days
- Assimilation frequency: 1 day
- Inflation: for parameter update



Scalability of HGS-PDAF

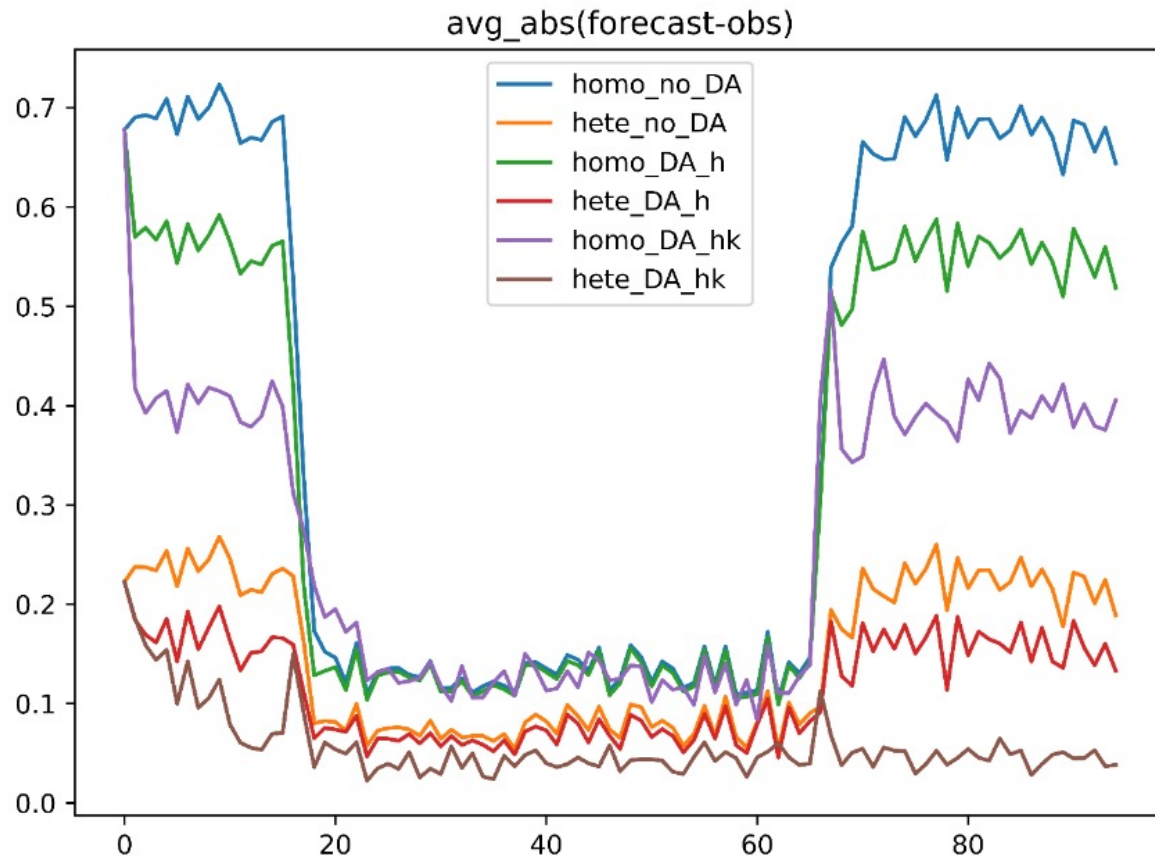


The execution time increases by about **50%**



Data assimilation experiments: results

average absolute difference between the simulated and observed heads (calculated over 8 observation points)



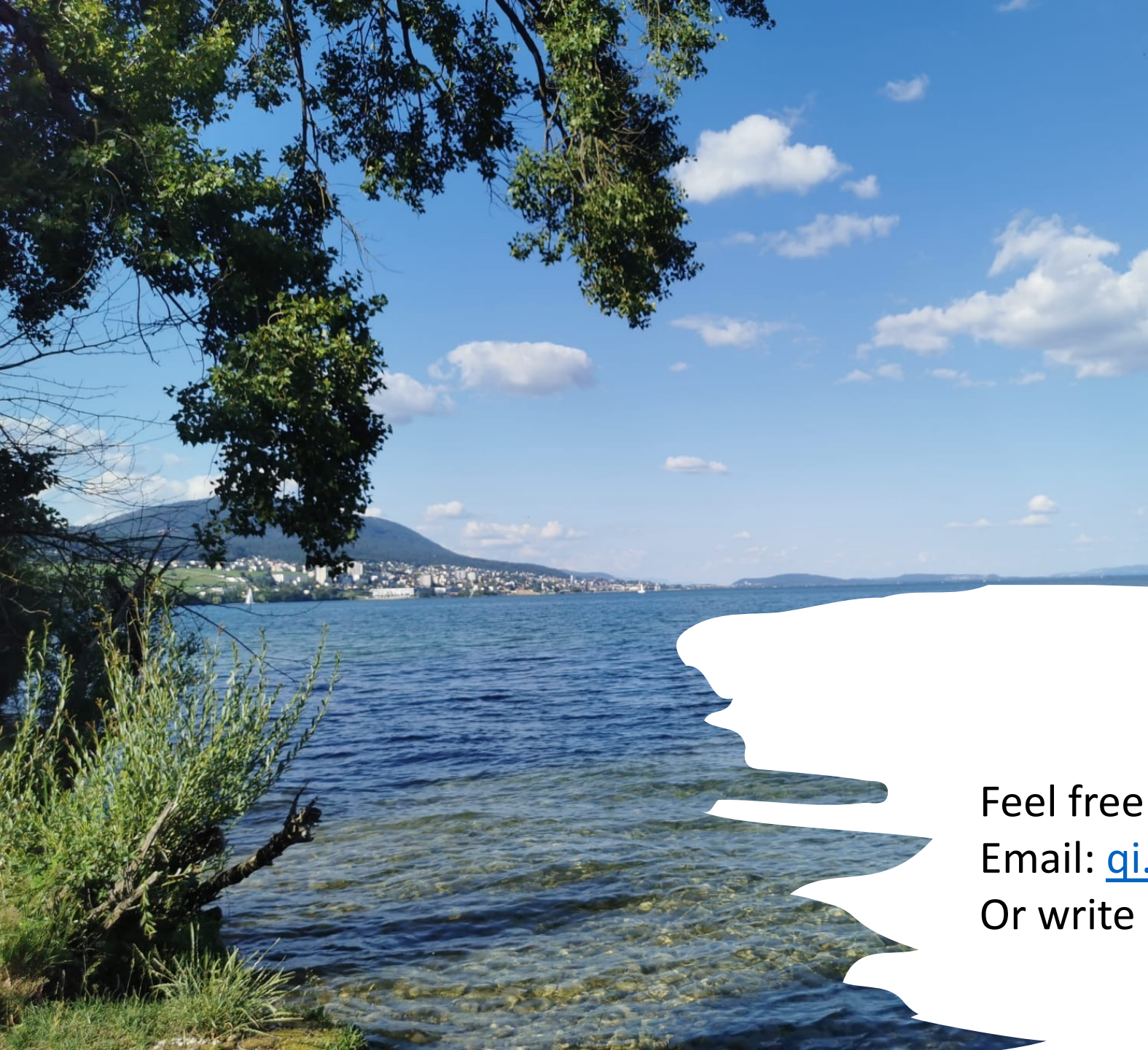
- Errors are higher for all simulation runs in the pumping period (first 15 days) than in the no-pumping period (after 15 days), especially for the free run with homogeneous parameter fields
- With DA, the errors are reduced by 40% for the homogeneous case in the pumping period
- The improvement is even larger for the heterogeneous case with a reduction of up to 90%
- In the non-pumping period, no improvement is observed for the homogeneous case while for the heterogeneous case the improvement is 60%.



Summary

- A coupled DA framework has been developed and tested for the ISSHM HGS which allows:
 - Assimilation of multiple type of observations
 - Joint state-parameter estimate
 - For both the flow and solution transport simulation
- The performance of HGS-PDAF has been tested with a synthetic alluvial plain model. The states of the model are reasonably well constrained by data assimilation, in particular during the pumping period.





Enjoy it!

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