Adjoint-based deterministic Inversion for Ice Sheets

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Motivations

- Glaciers and ice sheets influence the global climate, and vice-versa
- Melting of land ice determines the **sea level rise** melting of the Greenland ice sheet: 7 m melting of the Antarctic ice sheet: 61 m



South Florida projection for a sea levels rise of 5m (dark blue) and 10m (light blue)

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with:

$$\sigma = 2\mu \mathbf{D} - \Phi I, \qquad \mathbf{D}_{ij}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$



Non linear viscosity:

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2} \alpha(T) |\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})|^{(p-2)}, \quad p \in (1,2] \quad \text{(tipically } p \simeq \frac{4}{3})$$

Viscosity is singular when ice is not deforming

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- Model for the evolution of the boundaries (thickness evolution equation)

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = H_{flux} - \nabla \cdot \int_{z} \mathbf{u} \, dz$$

- Temperature equation

$$\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) - \rho c \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T + 2 \dot{\varepsilon} \sigma$$

- Coupling with other climate components (e.g. ocean, atmosphere)



Stokes Approximations

"Reference" model: **STOKES**¹

- $O(\delta^2)$ **FO**, Blatter-Pattyn first order model² (3D PDE, in horizontal velocities)
- $O(\delta)$ Zeroth order, depth integrated models: **SIA**, Shallow Ice Approximation (slow sliding regimes), **SSA** Shallow Shelf Approximation (2D PDE) (fast sliding regimes)
- $\simeq O(\delta^2)$ Higher order, depth integrated (2D) models: *L1L2*³, (L1L1)...
 - $\delta:=$ ratio between ice thickness and ice horizontal extension

¹Gagliardini and Zwinger, 2008. The Cryosphere. ²Dukowicz, Price and Lipscomb, 2010. J. Glaciol. ³Schoof and Hindmarsh, 2010. Q. J. Mech. Appl. Math.

(Numerical) Modeling Issues

- Computationally challenging, due to complexity of models, of geometries and large domains
 - design of linear/nonlinear solvers, preconditioners, etc.
 - mesh adaptivity especially close to the grounding line.
- Boundary conditions / coupling (e.g. with ocean)
 - Floating/calving
 - Basal friction at the bedrock,
 - Subglacial hydrology,
 - Heat exchange / phase change.
- Initialization / parameter estimation.
- Uncertainty quantification.





Estimation of ice-sheet initial state*

(w/ G. Stadler, UT, and S. Price, LANL)

Problem: what is the initial thermo-mechanical state of the ice sheet?

Available data/measurements:

- ice extension and surface topography
- surface velocity
- Surface Mass Balance (SMB: accumulation/melt rate)
- ice thickness H (very noisy)

Fields to be estimated :

- ice thickness H
- basal friction β

Additional information:

- ice fulfills nonlinear Stokes equation
- ice is almost at thermo-mechanical equilibrium

Assumption (for now):

given temperature field



*Perego, Price, Stadler, JGR 2014

Inverse Problem Estimation of ice-sheet initial state

Steady State equations and basal sliding conditions



At equilibrium:
$$\operatorname{div}\left(\mathbf{U}H\right)$$

Boundary condition at ice-bedrock interface:

 $(\sigma \mathbf{n} + \beta \mathbf{u})_{\parallel} = \mathbf{0} \quad on \quad \Gamma_{\beta}$

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 $= \tau_{s}$

Inverse Problem Estimation of ice-sheet initial state

PDE-constraint optimization problem: cost functional

Problem: find initial conditions such that the ice is almost at thermo-mechanical equilibrium given the geometry and the SMB, and matches available observations.

Optimization Problem: find β and H that minimizes the functional $\mathcal J$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\boldsymbol{\beta},\boldsymbol{H}) &= \int_{\Sigma} \frac{1}{\sigma_{u}^{2}} |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{obs}|^{2} ds & \text{surface velocity} \\ &+ \int_{\Sigma} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\tau}^{2}} |\operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{H}) - \tau_{s}|^{2} ds & \text{SMB} \\ &+ \int_{\Sigma} \frac{1}{\sigma_{H}^{2}} |\boldsymbol{H} - \boldsymbol{H}^{obs}|^{2} ds & \text{thickness} \\ &+ \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\beta},\boldsymbol{H}) & \text{regularization terms.} \end{aligned} \right\} Common$$

subject to ice sheet model equations (FO or Stokes)

U: computed depth averaged velocity H: ice thickness β : basal sliding friction coefficient τ_s : SMB $\mathcal{R}(\beta)$ regularization term

Estimation of ice-sheet initial state of Greenland ice sheet

Grid and RMS of velocity and errors associated with velocity and thickness observations



Estimation of ice-sheet initial state of Greenland ice sheet

Inversion results: surface velocities



Estimation of ice-sheet initial state of Greenland ice sheet

Inversion results: surface mass balance (SMB)



Estimation of ice-sheet initial state of Greenland ice sheet

Estimated beta and change in topography.





Inverse Problem Estimation of ice-sheet initial state Algorithm and Software tools used

Algorithm	Software Tools	
Basal non-uniform triangular mesh	Triangle	
Linear Finite Elements on tetrahedra	LifeV	
Quasi-Newton optimization (L-BFGS)	Rol	SO S
Nonlinear solver (Newton method)	NOX	ilin
Krylov Linear Solvers	AztecOO/IfPack	H

Details: Regularization terms: Tikhonov. L-BFGS initialized with Hessian of the regularization terms.



Inverse Problem Estimation of ice-sheet initial state

PDE-constraint optimization problem: gradient computation

Find
$$(\beta)$$
 that minimize $\mathcal{J}(\beta, \mathbf{u})$
subject to $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{u}, \beta) = 0$.
How nodel
How to compute total derivatives of the fuctional w.r.t. the parameters?
Solve State System $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{u}, \beta) = 0$
Solve Adjoint System $\langle \mathcal{F}^*_{\mathbf{u}}(\lambda), \, \delta_{\mathbf{u}} \rangle = \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{u}}(\delta_{\mathbf{u}}), \quad \forall \delta_{\mathbf{u}}$
Total derivative $\mathcal{G}(\delta_{\beta}) = \mathcal{J}_{\beta}(\delta_{\beta}) - \langle \lambda, \mathcal{F}_{\beta}(\delta_{\beta}) \rangle$
Derivative w.r.t. β
 $\mathcal{G}_1(\delta_{\beta}) = \alpha_{\beta} \int_{\Sigma} \nabla \beta \cdot \nabla \delta_{\beta} \, ds - \int_{\Sigma} \delta_{\beta} \, \mathbf{u} \cdot \lambda \, ds$

Porting the inversion to Albany-FELIX

(w/ E. Phipps, A. Salinger, D. Ridzal and D. Kouri)

Why?

- to exploit Automatic Differentiation for computing derivatives
- to exploit Albany/Trilinos ecosystem (e.g. for UQ capabilities using Dakota)
- to extend Albany adjoint/inversion capabilities,
- to use in-house software (better maintainability)

Albany Development:

- implement distributed parameters, i.e. fields defined on the mesh or on parts of it.

- implement routines for computing derivatives of *residual* and *responses* w.r.t. the distributed parameters.

Trilinos Development:

- couple Piro to ROL using Thyra implementation of ROL::Vector and ROL::Objective. ROL needs reduced gradient and objective functional.

 $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{J}_{eta} - \mathcal{F}_{eta}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}$

*Matrix-free matrix vector produc*t

- \mathcal{G} : reduced gradient
- $\mathcal{J} {:}$ response or objective function
- \mathcal{F} : residual
- β : (distributed) parameter



Preliminary result using Albany-Piro-ROL

recovered basal friction



Objective functional:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}(\beta), \ \beta) &= \int_{\Sigma} \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{obs}|^2 \, ds \\ &+ \alpha \int_{\Sigma} |\nabla \beta|^2 \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

ROL algorithm: - Limited-Memory BFGS - Backtrack line-search Inverted 2000 parameters.

TODOs:

- clean/test Piro-ROL interface
- add bound-constraints

- implement Hessian computation in order to use Newton methods and for UQ

- invert for shape parameters (H)

Trilinos packages used in this calculation:

(thanks Andy)

