



# Supplement for: A data-calibrated distribution of deglacial chronologies for the North American ice complex from glaciological modeling

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## 1. Ensemble parameters

We here briefly document the expansion and change in the set of ensemble parameters relative to Tarasov and Peltier (2004). The whole set of ensemble parameters is listed in Tables 1 and 2. The descriptions below refer to the parameter names in that table (which correspond primarily to the actual names used in the model Fortran code, except for those listed in italics which follow the usage set forth in Tarasov and Peltier (2004))

A key change in the climate forcing is that there is now explicit topographic control for climate re-organization. For maximum Keewatin ice surface elevation below 1 km, PMIP I mean fields for LGM (which used the ICE4-G ice load reconstruction that lacked a Keewatin ice-dome as a boundary condition) and the des0 desert-elevation factor are used. Above 2km, PMIP II fields (which used the ICE5-G reconstruction with large Keewatin ice dome) are used along with the suite of desert elevation parameters which we posit might crudely account for atmospheric reorganization due to the presence of the Keewatin ice dome. Between 1 and 2km, the relevant fields are interpolated according to a power law under the control of the *rtdes* parameter.

The set of regional desert elevation parameters has been expanded to provide more regional control in the calibration. These parameters set the threshold above which the vertical gradient in precipitation strongly decreases (*i.e.* strong increase in the rate of reduction with elevation). Furthermore, the threshold elevations are now relative to the surface elevation used for the PMIP boundary conditions (with interpolation between

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Table 1: Non-climate forcing ensemble parameters

Definition	Parameter	Range
linear Weertman parameter for till sliding parameter	rmu	$1.5 \times 10^{-2} \rightarrow 0.4 \text{ m/yr Pa}^{-1}$
marine till enhancement factor	fnslid	$0.4 \times 10^{-13} \rightarrow 18.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m/yr Pa}^{-3}$
ice shelf Weertman parameter	rmmf	1.0 $\rightarrow$ 3.0
pre-Heinrich till parameter reduction	dsb	50 $\rightarrow$ 740 $\text{m/yr Pa}^{-0.5}$
maximum calving velocity	rHEtillmn	1.0 $\rightarrow$ $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$
summer temperature calving cut-in	$U_{Cmx}$	0.05 $\rightarrow$ 2.5 $\text{km/yr}$
regional NW maximum calving velocity	$T_{mn}$	-6 $\rightarrow$ 0°C
lacustrine calving parameter	$U_{CNWmx}$	0.1 $\rightarrow$ 2.4 $\text{km/yr}$
margin chronology weighting	flac	0. $\rightarrow$ 0.4
margin forcing ablation threshold	wmargw	0 $\rightarrow$ 1.0
margin forcing accumulation threshold	margab	1.1 $\rightarrow$ 1.99
primary margin forcing accum. threshold	margac	margab +0. $\rightarrow$ 0.9
margin forcing calving reduction factor	faccut	400 $\rightarrow$ 800 m
margin forcing initiation time	margcalv	0. $\rightarrow$ 1.
	fmgpin	23.35 $\rightarrow$ 30ka

22 ICE4-G and ICE5-G as required if the maximum elevation of the Keewatin ice dome  
 23 is between 1 and 2 km).

24 The Keewatin precipitation factor (fnpreW) now controls a slope-dependent en-  
 25 hancement of precipitation to represent orographic forcing of precipitation.

26 The other major addition is that Heinrich events 1 and 2 are dynamically facilitated  
 27 by a reduction in the Weertman till parameter (by a factor equal to the “rHEtillmin”  
 28 ensemble calibration parameter) for Hudson strait during the 27.1 to 24.0 ka and 19.6  
 29 to 17.1 ka intervals preceding these events. A much weaker precursor reduction is also  
 30 applied during the 29.0 to 27.1 ka interval (again controlled by ‘rHEtillmin”).

31 The margin forcing threshold ensemble parameters indicate at what value of the  
 32 margin raster zone (interpolated between time-slices) the forcing should smoothly ac-  
 33 tivate. The primary margin forcing accumulation threshold (faccut) is the elevation  
 34 below which positive surface mass-balance is enforced for raster zone values above the  
 35 margin forcing accumulation threshold. The margin chronology weighting parameter  
 36 (wmargw) controls the weighting between a margin chronology with narrow error bars  
 37 (maximum  $\pm 500$  years) versus the standard set as described in the main text.

38 Those desiring additional details are welcome to contact the corresponding author.

Table 2: Climate forcing ensemble parameters

Definition	Parameter	Range
global LGM precipitation scale factor	fnpre	0.8 → 1.4
Keewatin precipitation factor	fnpreW	1.0 → 3.5
South central precipitation enhancement	fmpreSM	0. → 1.0
precipitation phase factor	$\Theta_P$	0.5 → 2.5
desert elevation control parameter	rtdes	0. → 1.
non-glacial desert-elevation cutoff	des0	0.4 → 2.2 km
western desert-elevation cutoff	desW	0.2 → 3.0 km
northwestern desert-elevation cutoff	desNW	0. → 2.0 km
north-central desert-elevation cutoff	desNC	0. → 1.5 km
central desert-elevation cutoff	desC	0. → 2.0 km
Foxe Basin/Baffin desert-elevation cutoff	desF	0. → 2.0 km
Quebec/Labrador desert-elevation cutoff	desQ	0. → 2.2 km
mid-south-central desert-elevation cutoff	desScN	0. → 2.4 km
south-central desert-elevation cutoff	desSC	0. → 1.0 km
remainder desert-elevation cutoff	des2	0. → 2. km
LGM Southern Hudson Bay precip. enhancement	fsHb	0. → 2.0°C
2 LGM precipitation EOF components	fPEOF[2]	150% of PMIP range
1 LGM evaporation EOF component	fEEOF[1]	150% of PMIP range
global LGM temperature scale factor	fnT	0.85 → 1.2
Environmental lapse rate	desC	4.0 → 8.0°C/ km
2 LGM temperature EOF components	fTEOF[2]	150% of PMIP range
LGM Southern Hudson Bay temperature enhancement	fsHbT	0. → 2.0°C

Table 3: GSM input data sets

component	data source	main direct impact
present day precipitation	observed climatology (Legates and Willmott, 1990)	
present day temperature	Reanalysis data set (Kalnay et al., 1996)	
LGM precipitation	PMIP I & II ensembles	ice geometry
LGM temperature	PMIP I & II ensembles	” ” and pre-LGM margin location
climate interpolation	glaciological inversion of GRIP $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (Tarasov and Peltier, 2002)	” ” and meltwater flux
sediment map for till deformation	derived from sediment map (Laske and Masters, 1997) and surficial geology map (Fulton, 1995)	ice geometry
deep geothermal heat flux	map of Pollack et al. (1993)	ice geometry and basal melt
earth radial viscosity	VM2 (Peltier, 1996; Peltier and Jiang, 1996)	ice geometry & surface drainage routing
earth radial elasticity	PREM model (Dziewonski and Anderson, 1981)	
eustatic sea level chronology	Fairbanks (1989); Peltier and Fairbanks (2006), Waelbroeck et al. (2002)	marine ice margin & coastal inundation

## 39 2. GSM input data sets

40 Table 3 provides a brief summary of the input data sets used in the GSM.

## 41 3. Mwp1a and 20ka ice volumes versus metric components

42 Comparisons between metric score components and 20 ka ice volumes are shown  
43 in Figs. 1 and 2. These plots show the general agreement in best-fit volume range under  
44 the cut3M data-sieve (with Rdot offering the weakest constraint on the upper bound).  
45 Also worth noting is the extent of probing over a large range of ice volumes as shown  
46 in the latter plot.

47 Similar comparisons with mwp1 contributions are shown in Figs. 3 and 4. 3 and 4.

## 48 4. Example fits to constraint data

49 Sample strandline elevation fits of model predictions are shown in Table 4. When  
50 evaluating the level of fit, one should consider the relatively coarse resolution of the  
51 model compared to the scale of strandline elevation variation. Strandlines for southern  
52 Lake Agassiz are controlled by imposed time-dependent changes to the elevation of  
53 the sill for the southern outlet as detailed in Tarasov and Peltier (2006). However, the  
54 sill elevation chronology has since been updated as follows. As before, it is initially  
55 set to 332 m. Upon overflow after 13.95 ka, sill elevation is reduced to 316 m. Upon

Table 4: Comparison of GSM strandline predictions (masl) against values inferred from observations. Run nn9927 has one of the best overall scores. nn9894 has a bit weaker overall score and deglaciates Hudson Bay too early (figure 12 in the tertiary supplement) but it has a better strandline score, while nn9390 has an even better strandline score but doesn't pass the 20 and 26 ka volume constraints (nn9390 has 67.9 mESL at 20ka). Sites are abbreviated as follows. Certain site locations were slightly adjusted from source values to better correspond to model grid-cell location. Equality of strandline values between different model runs indicate lake transgression of the site during the data-window and interpolated grid-cell elevation is provided instead. The first 3 sites are from southern Lake Agassiz: SRR (Red River, 96.39°W, 47.97°N), SA2 (Lower Campbell, 96.7°W, 46.1°N), SAw(92.9°W, 49.0°N) (Fisher, 2005; Fisher et al., 2008; Teller et al., 2000). The following sites are from Smith (1994): GS1 Great Slave (112°W, 62.42°N), GB1 Great Bear (118.3°W, 66.64°N), LA1 Lake Athabasca (110.3°W, 58.67°N), MR1 Mountain River (128.9°W, 65.65°N), SI1 Fort Simpson (123.2°W, 62.18°N), PD1/2 Peace River delta (113.0°W, 58.95°N), AD Athabasca delta (111.42°W, 58.25°N). The values for the following sites were the highest adjacent strandlines from Veillette (1994): VCh Chibougamau (74.35°W, 49.87°N), VMa Matagami (77.63°W, 49.75°N), VTe Lake Temiskaming (79.5°W, 47.33°N), VTm Timmins (81.33°W, 48.47°N), VAm Amos (78.12°W, 48.57°N). Site FS1 (107.95°W, 56.18°N) is below the Clearwater lower Athabasca Spillway (Fisher and Smith, 1994). The total logarithmic strandline score is given in the last column.

	SRR	SA2	SAw	GS1	GB1	LA1	MR1	SI1	PD1
obs.	302	298	362	320	298	315	87	122	235
nn9927	271	293	356	432	295	387	118	139	330
nn9894	271	293	356	450	295	374	118	133	315
nn9390	271	293	356	427	301	350	122	122	286
	PD2	AD1	VCh	VMa	VTe	VTm	VAm	FS1	score
obs.	215	228	445	462	330	365	409	490	
nn9927	269	343	393	462	342	398	463	603	1.826
nn9894	259	326	455	496	346	408	466	551	1.351
nn9390	245	304	445	468	336	381	441	581	1.228

56 overflow after 13.75 ka, it is reduced to 309 m. Subsequent reductions to 304 and 295  
57 m occur upon overflow after 13.55 ka and 10.82 ka respectively.

58 Sample present-day vertical velocity fits of model runs to observations for higher  
59 weighted sites are given in Table 5. Aside from Sch (Schefferville), the 3 sample runs  
60 fit the given observations within source uncertainties.

61 A table of summary characteristics and scores for runs nn9927 and nn9894 is pro-  
62 vided in the tertiary supplement. That supplement also includes a deglacial set of  
63 time-slice maps for those two runs.

Table 5: Sample of results for present day vertical velocities (mm/yr) for 8 of the top weighted sites. Site abbreviations follow convention from data source (Argus and Peltier, 2010). The total (ie for all 110 sites) logarithmic vertical velocity score is given in the last column. Runs nn9927 and nn9894 are described in Table 4. Run nn9627 has the best vertical velocity score but insufficient 20 and 26 ka ice volume (64.5 mESL at 20ka).

site	Yel	Chu	Fli	StJ	Alg	Kuu	Sch	Val	score
obs.	4.8	10.2	2.7	-1.1	1.8	10.0	9.8	5.2	
±	1.4	2.6	2.6	1.5	1.1	3.4	2.1	2.6	
nn9927	5.56	11.69	3.62	-0.89	1.47	12.67	13.80	4.84	0.337
nn9894	6.05	11.39	3.39	-0.21	1.65	11.98	13.55	5.10	0.329
nn9627	5.49	10.99	2.90	-0.73	1.68	14.59	10.92	3.93	0.239

## 64 5. Ensemble time-slices

65 Of perhaps particular interest is the regional pattern of mass-loss during mwp1-a  
 66 as can be discerned from comparison of Figs. .8 and .9. The majority of mass-loss is  
 67 from the western sector of the Laurentide ice sheet.

68 A feature in the set of displayed time-slices that may invoke reaction from the geo-  
 69 logical community is the large and persistent Patrician Dome over what is now Ontario.  
 70 The sequence leaves only a brief late interval for onshore transport of carbonate drift  
 71 from Hudson Bay/Lowlands onto the Canadian Shield (Dredge and Cowan, 1989) and  
 72 suggests bay-ward flow for a long interval, largely warm-based, for which we lack evi-  
 73 dence. This is a persistent feature in the GSM to due to the hard bed (Canadian Shield)  
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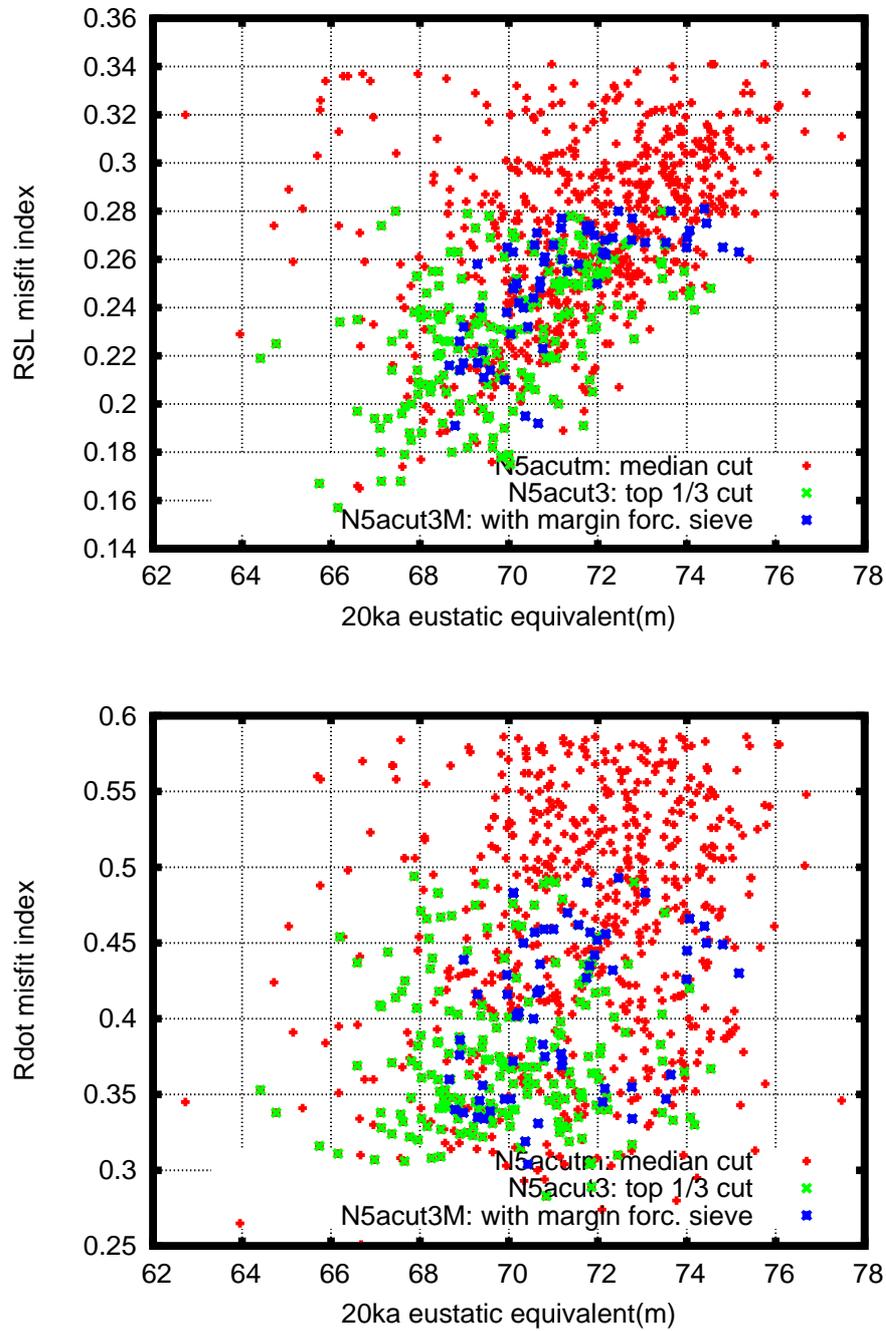


Figure 1: Ensemble member 20 ka eustatic equivalent ice volumes versus RSL and Rdot misfit indices (cost function values) for 3 sievings of the full ensemble. N5acutm only includes ensemble N5a runs that are better than median for each of the 4 main metric components (RSL, ML, Rdot, strandlines), that have final collapse of the Hudson Bay ice dome after 8.6 ka, and that have at least 0.5 dSv discharge of meltwater into the Gulf of Mexico during the 14.4 ka to 13.7 ka interval. The cut3 sieve is similar except that it only accepts runs in the top tertile for each main metric component. The cut3m sieve further imposes the filter of requiring below median margin forcing for each of the 6 margin forcing metric components. Neither filter imposes any ice volume or mwpl<sub>a</sub> contribution threshold.

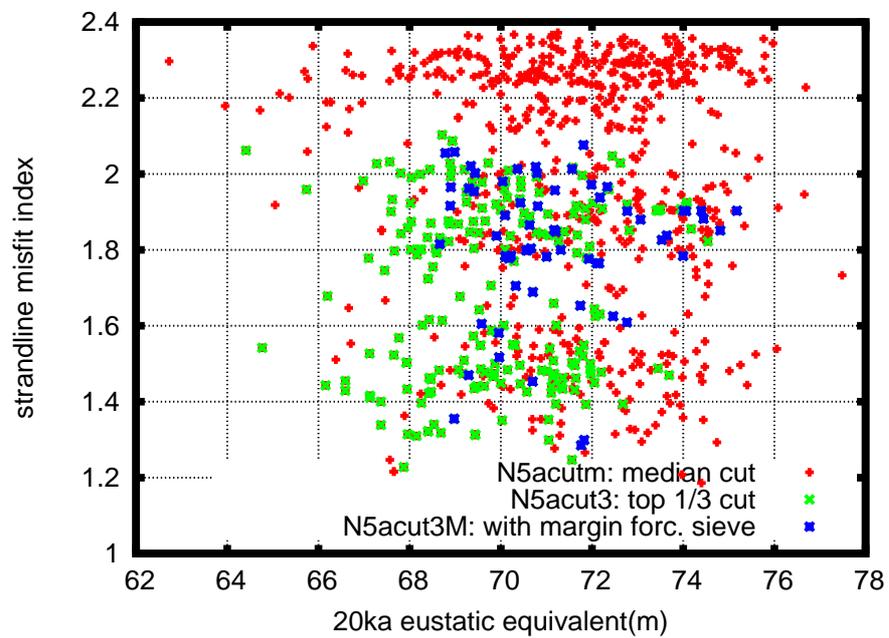
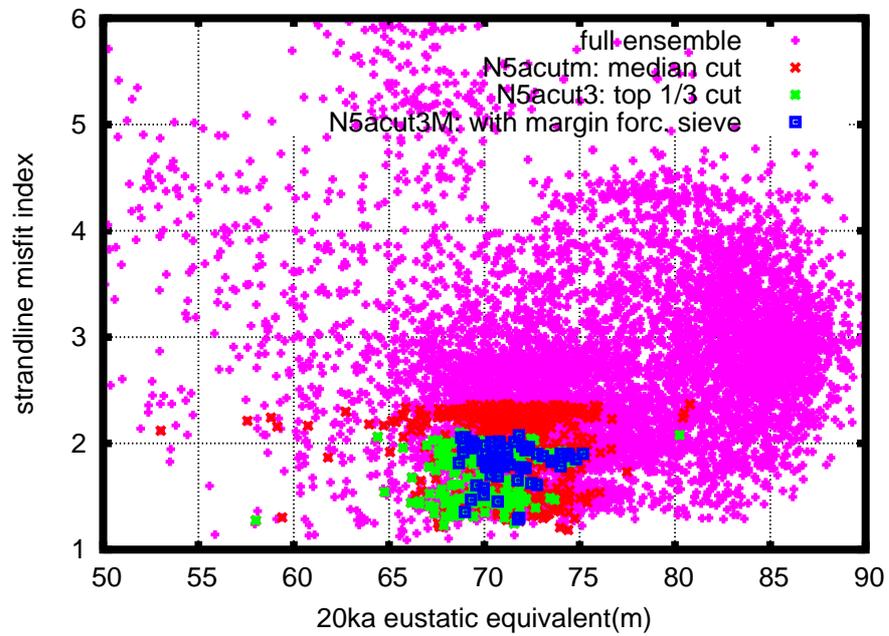


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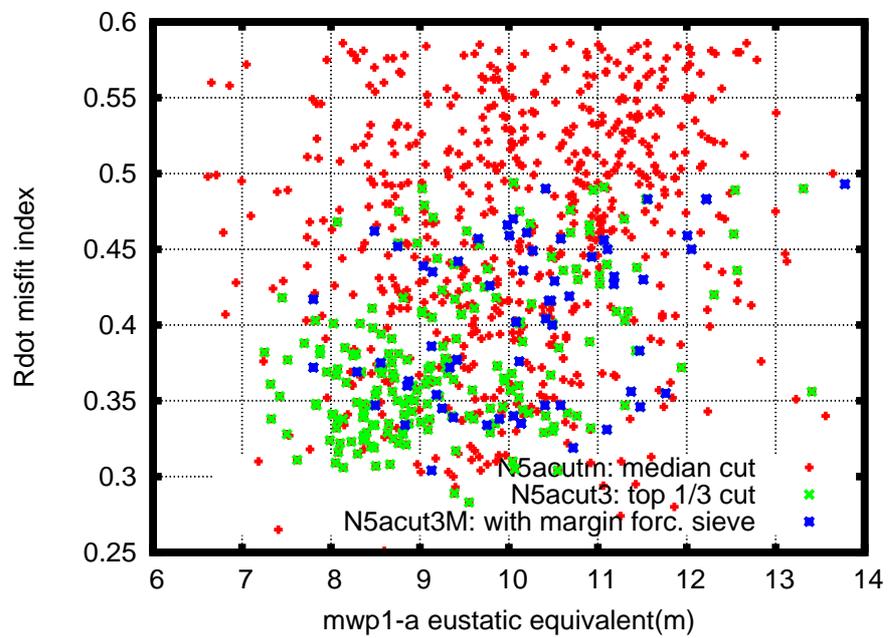
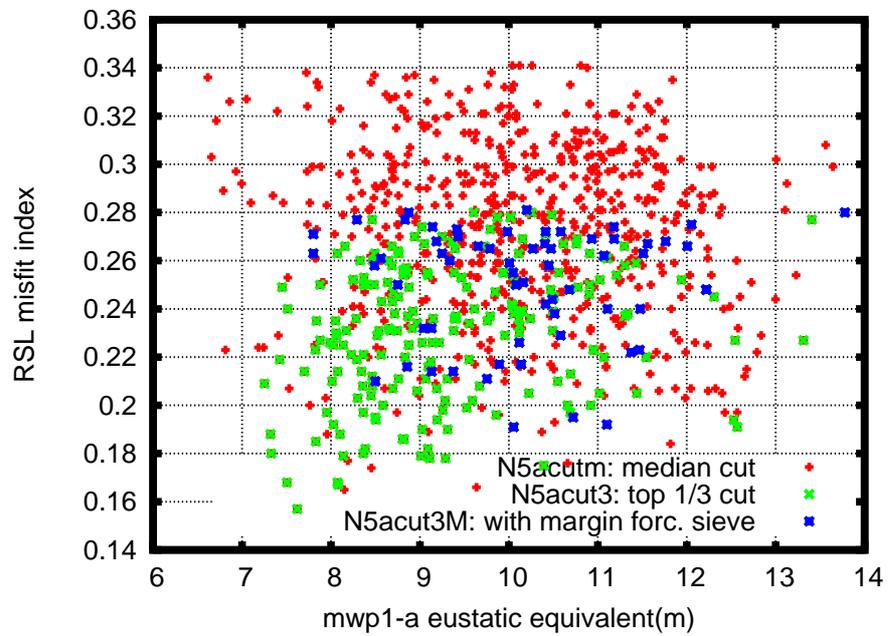


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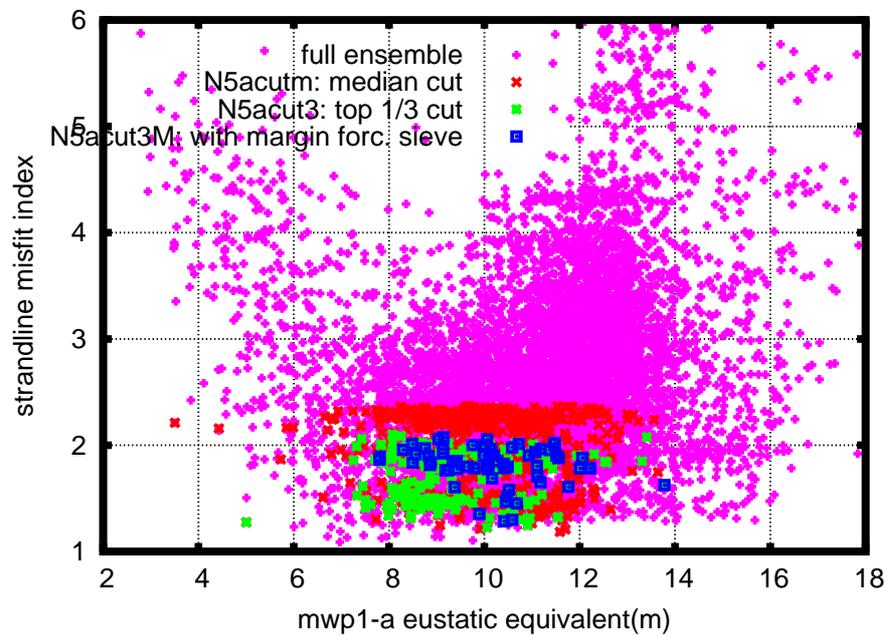
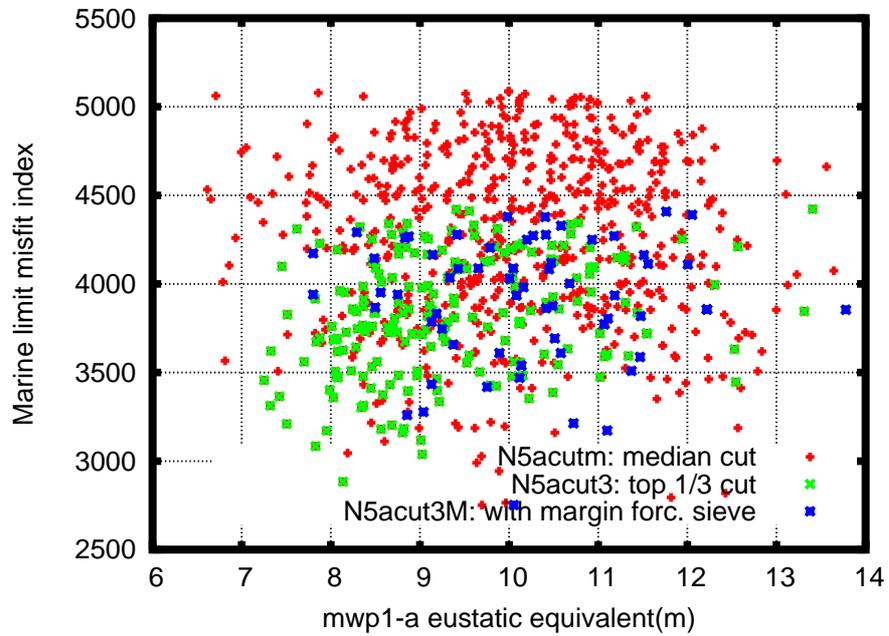


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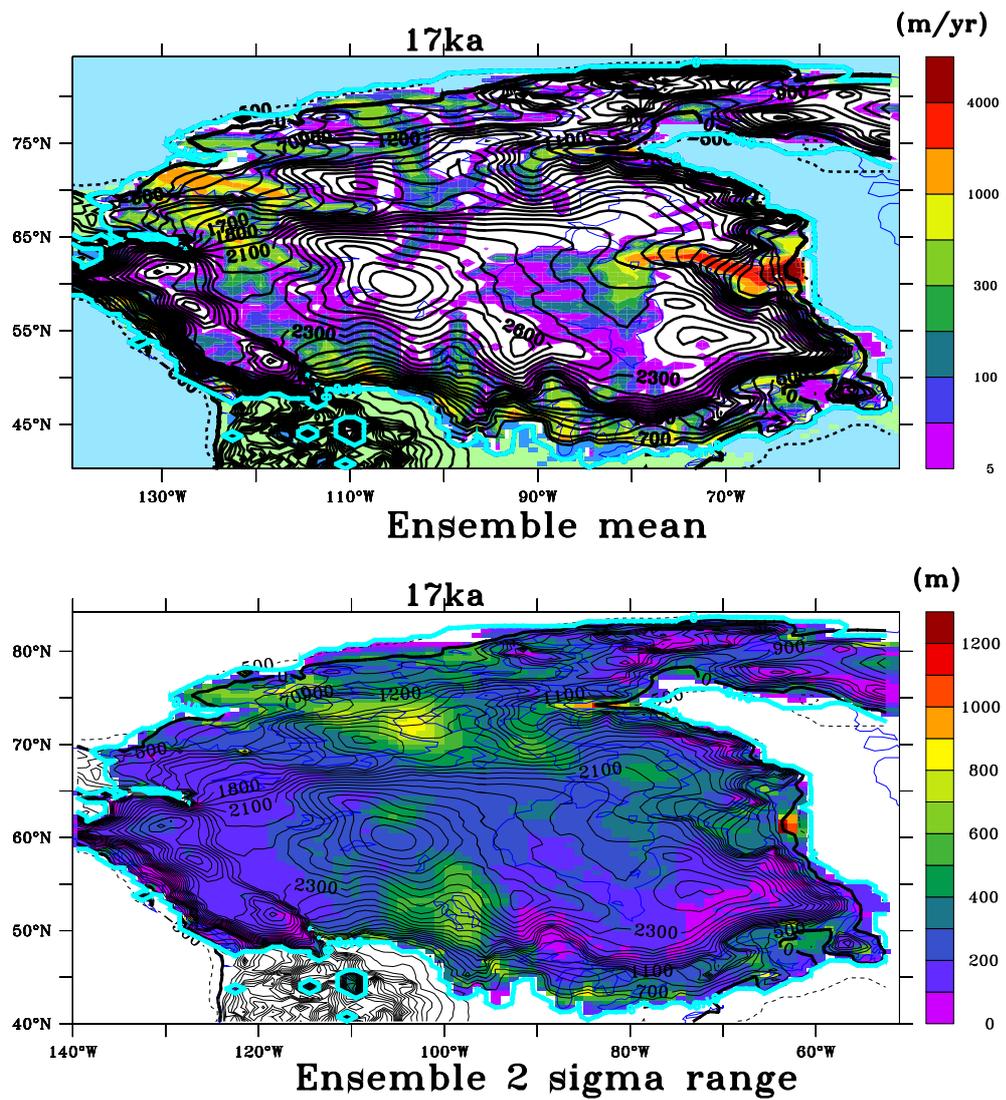
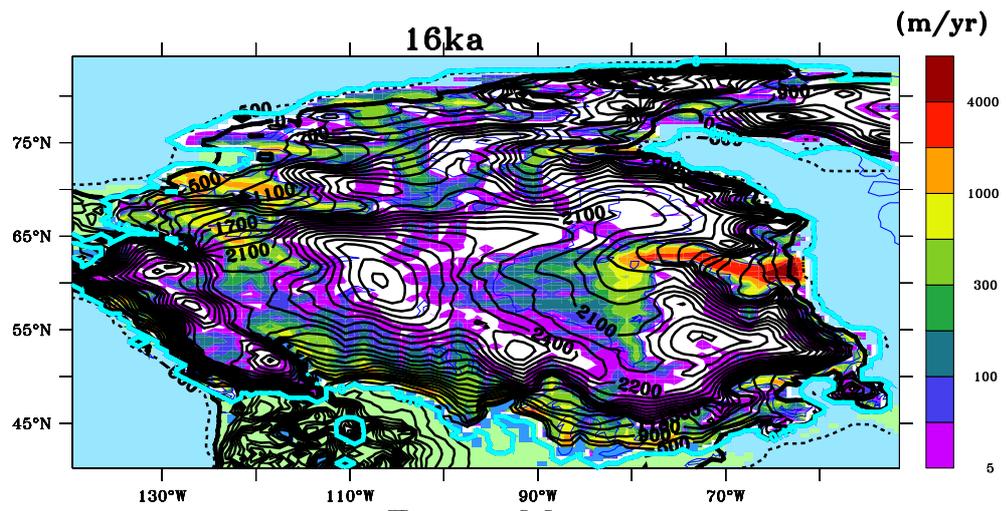
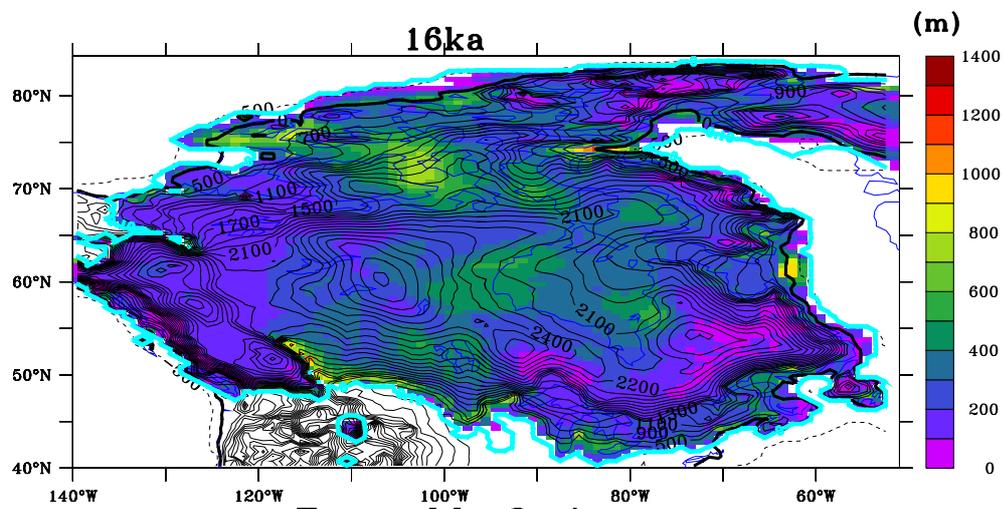


Figure .5: 17 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness. Only lakes of depth greater than 10 m are shown in this and subsequent time-slice plots. Furthermore shorelines are those from the GSM and therefore do not take into account geoidal deformation (which is taken into account for RSL calculations).



**Ensemble mean**



**Ensemble 2 sigma range**

Figure .6: 16 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.

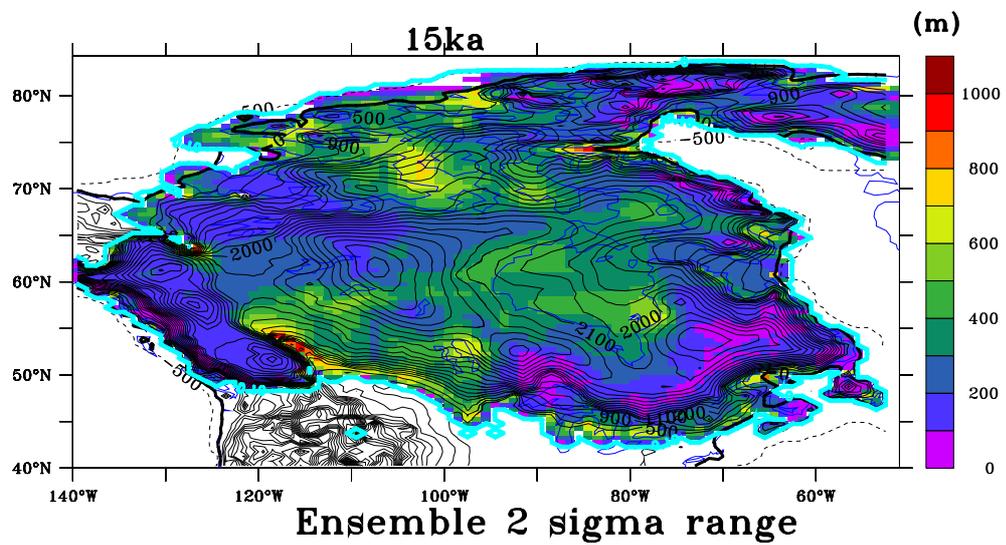
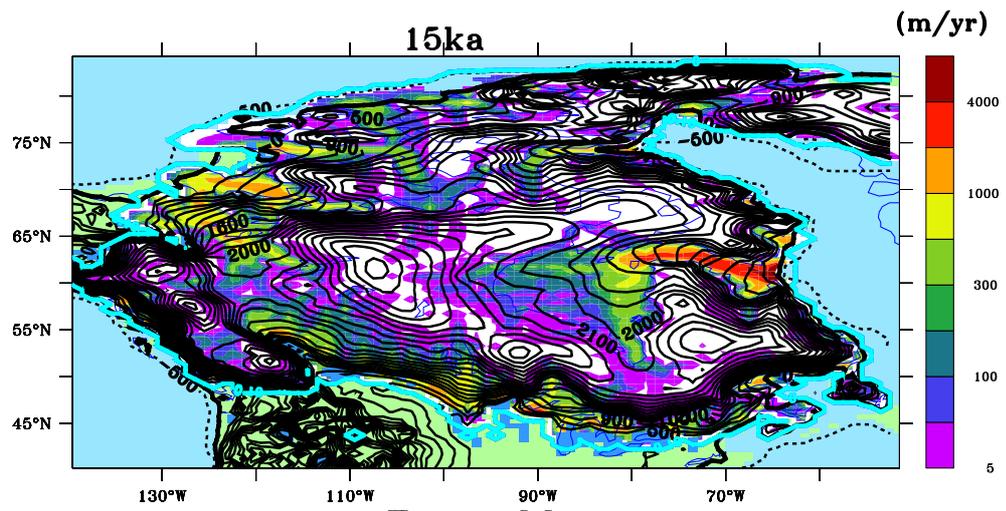


Figure .7: 15 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.

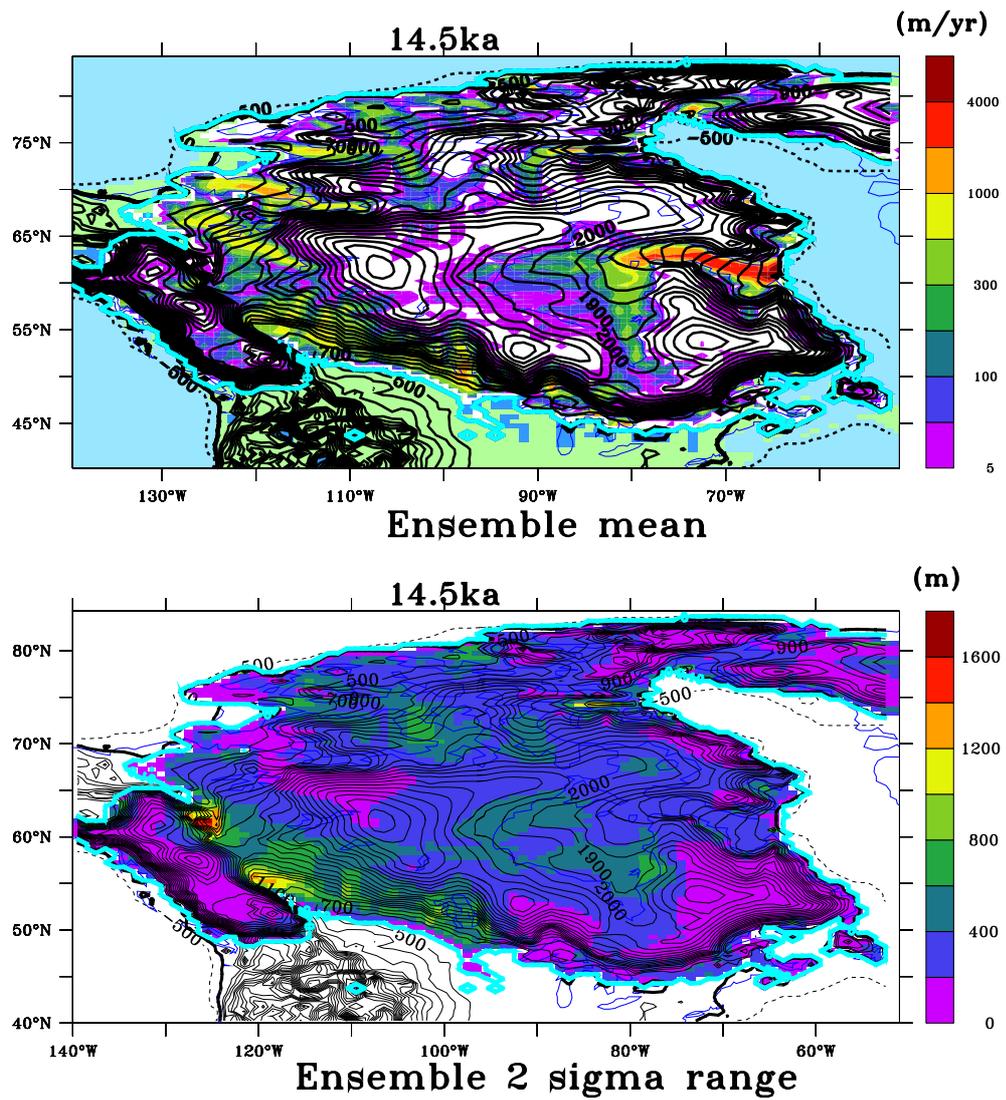


Figure .8: 14.5 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.

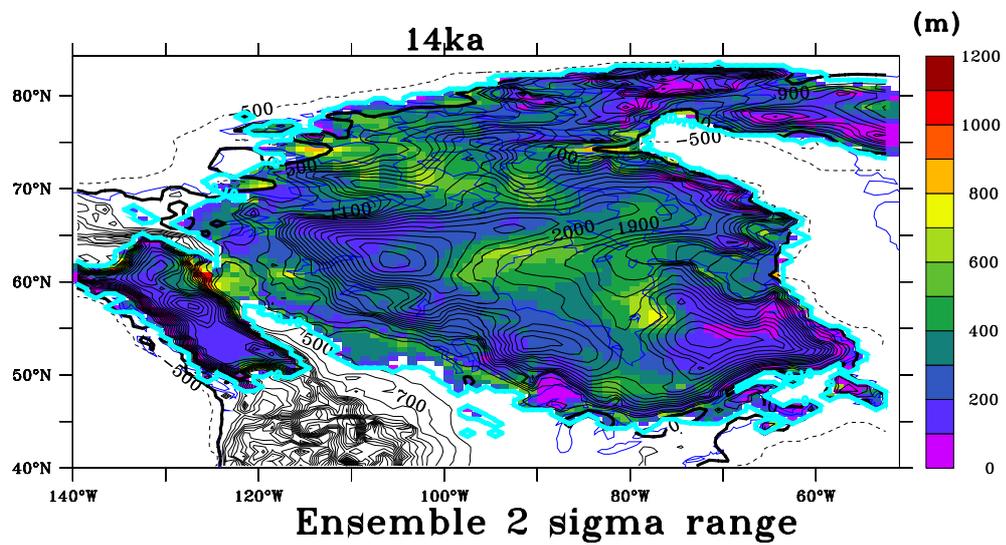
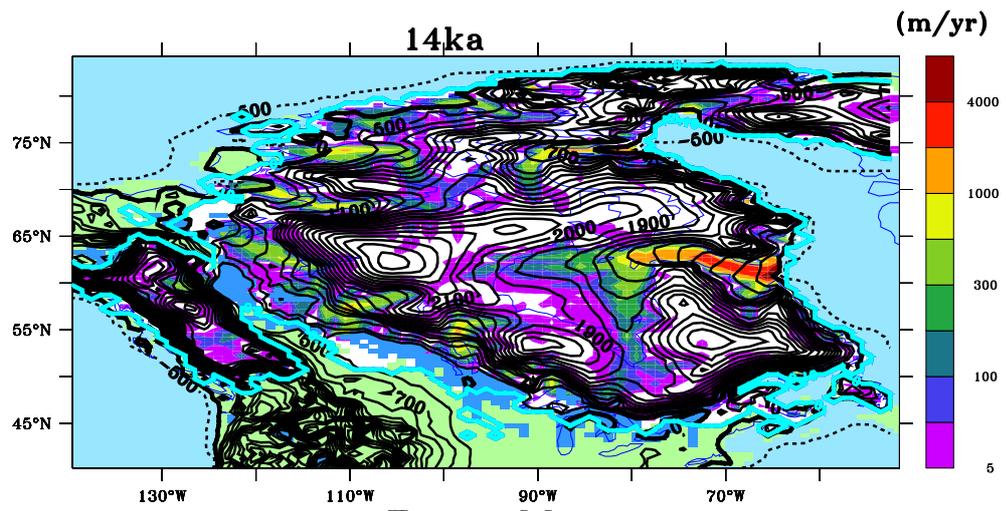


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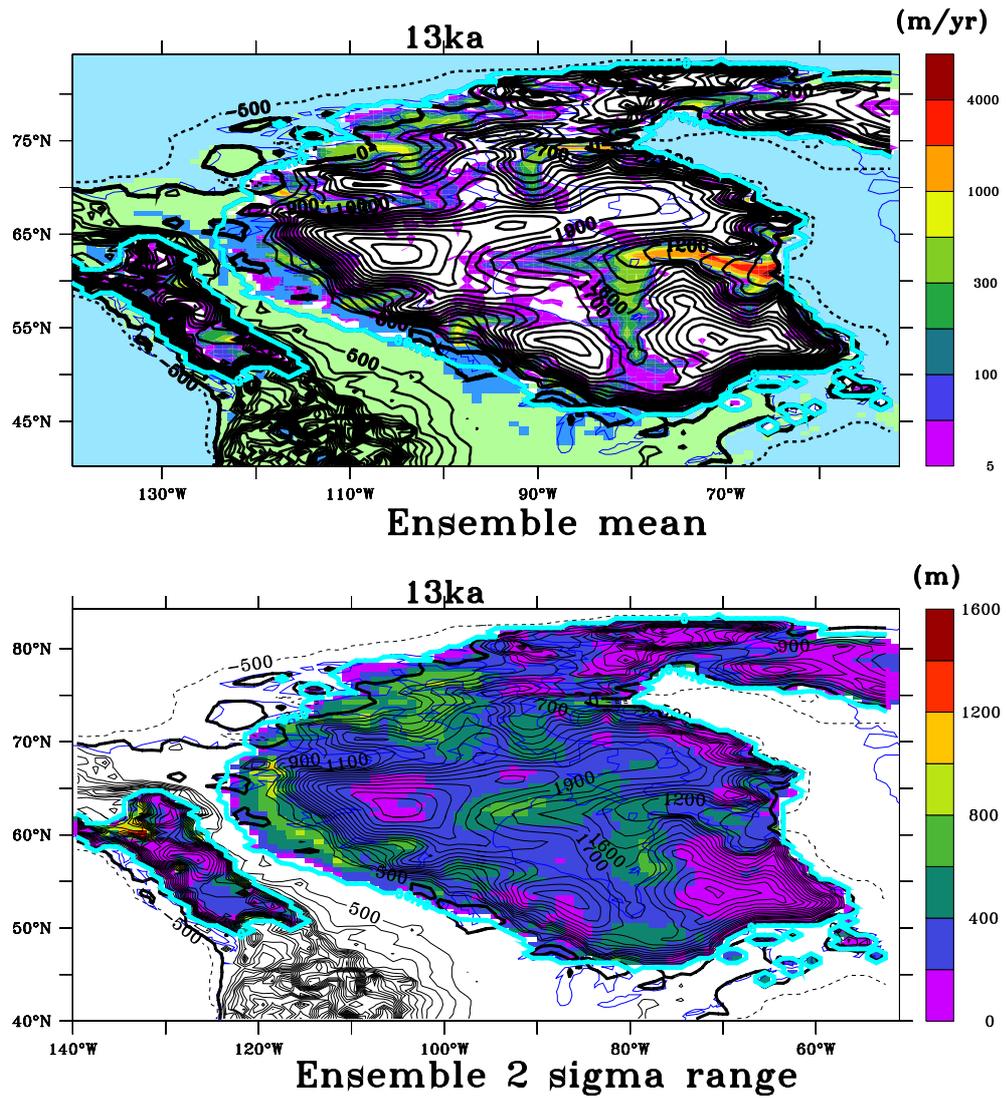


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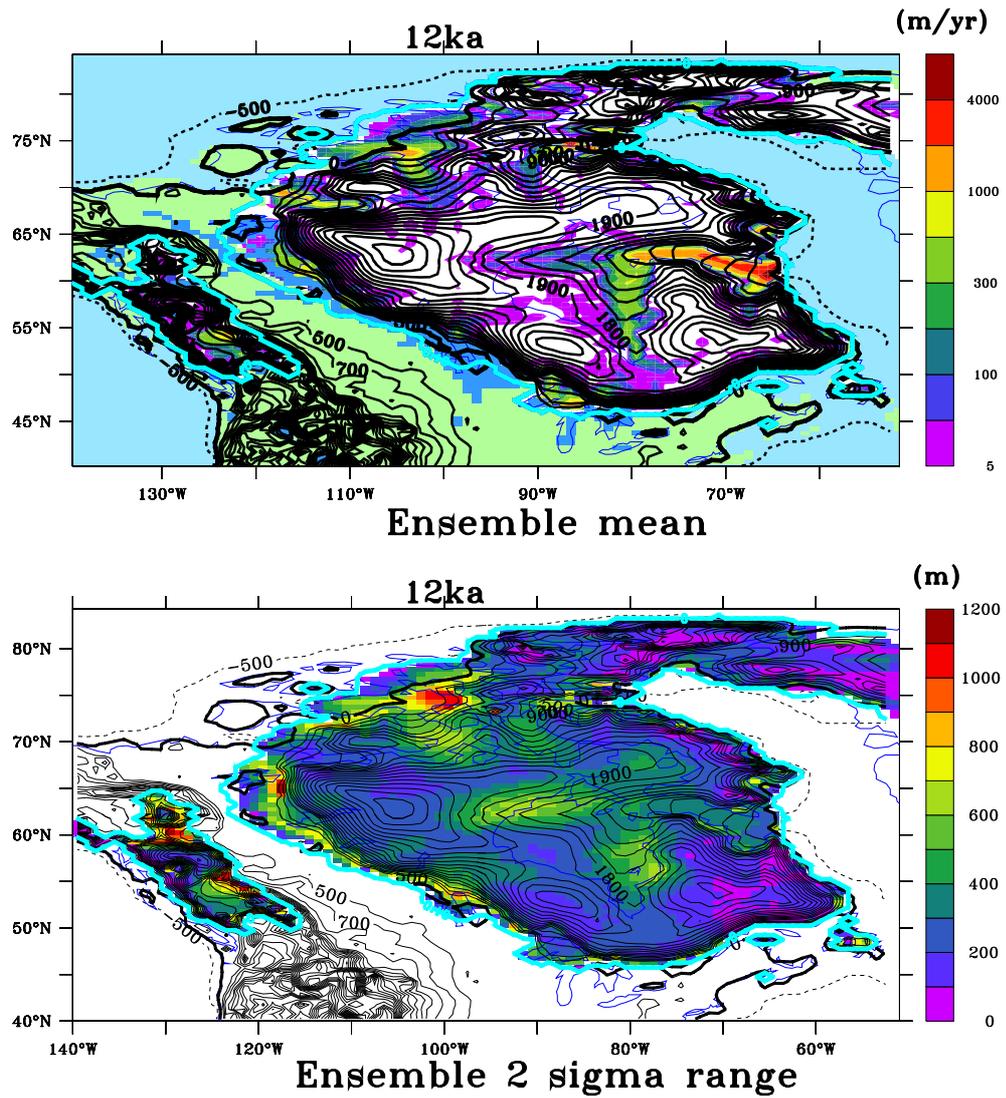
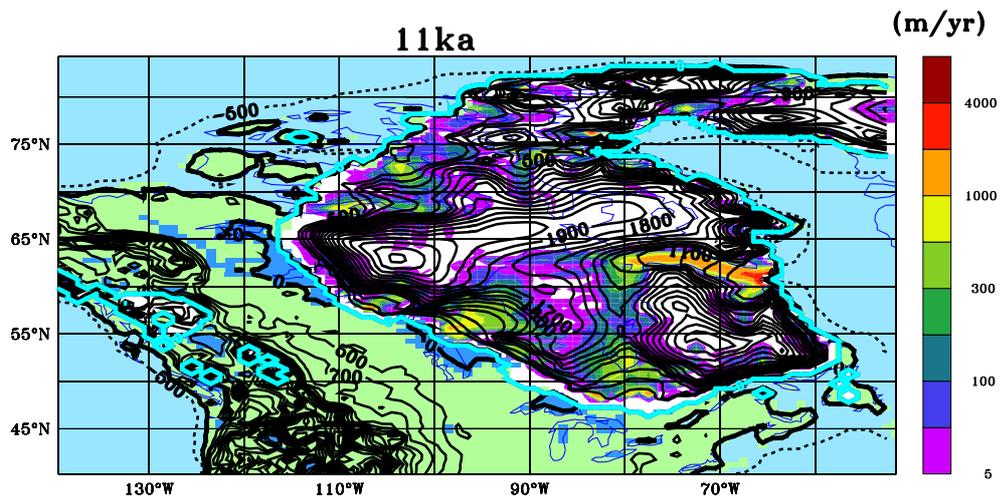
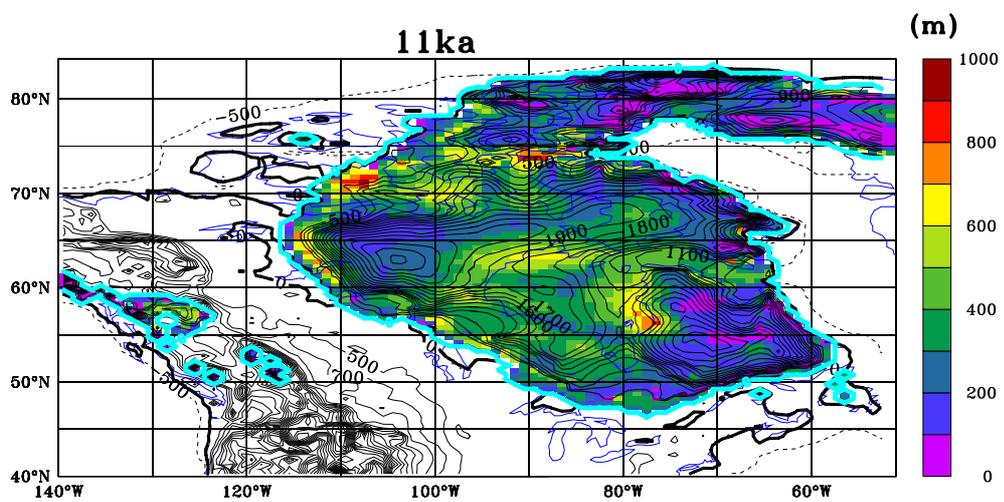


Figure .11: 12 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.



**Ensemble mean**



**Ensemble 2 sigma range**

Figure .12: 11 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.

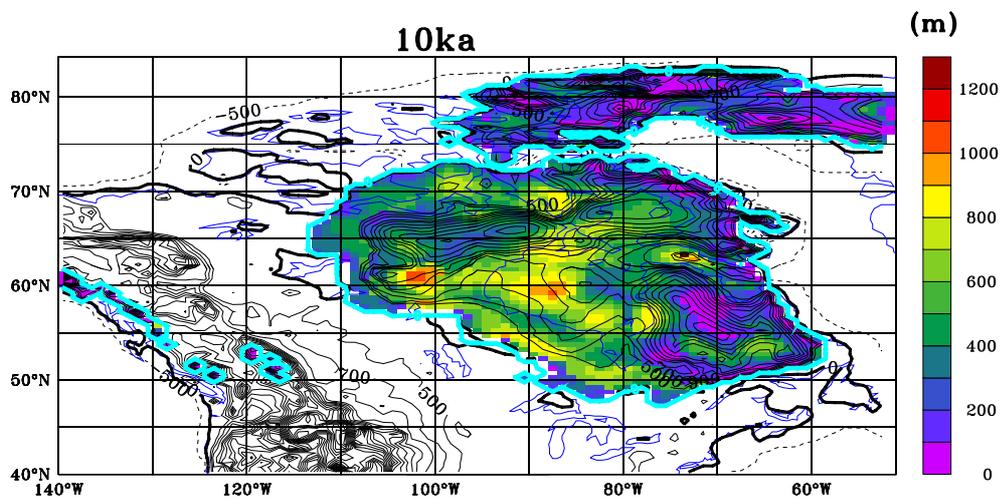
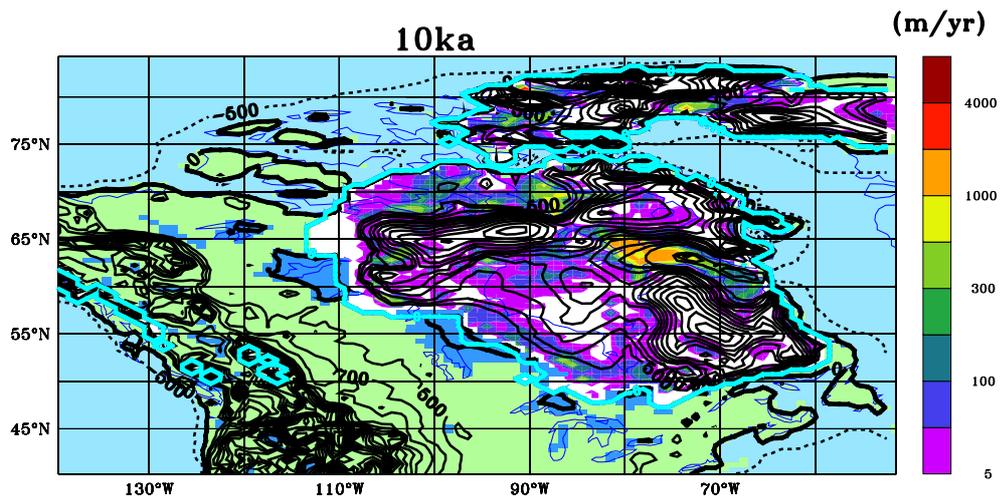


Figure .13: 10 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.

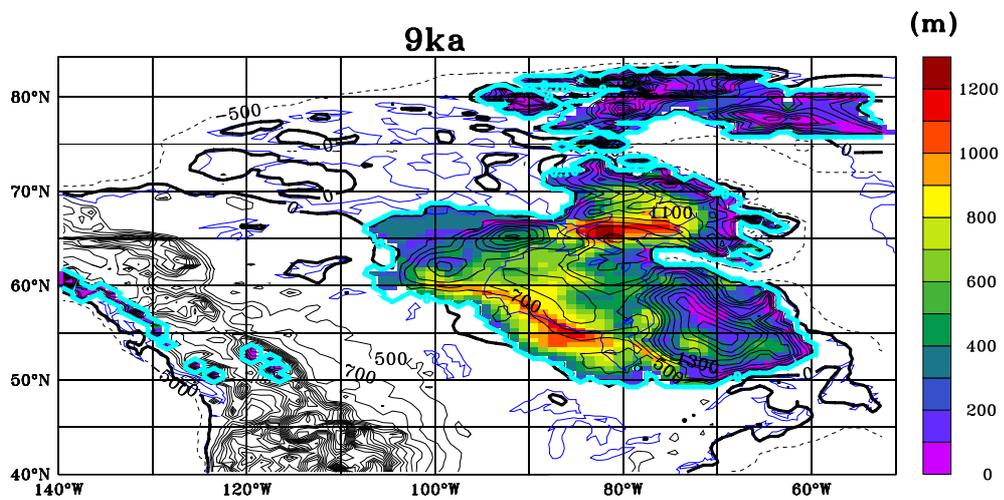
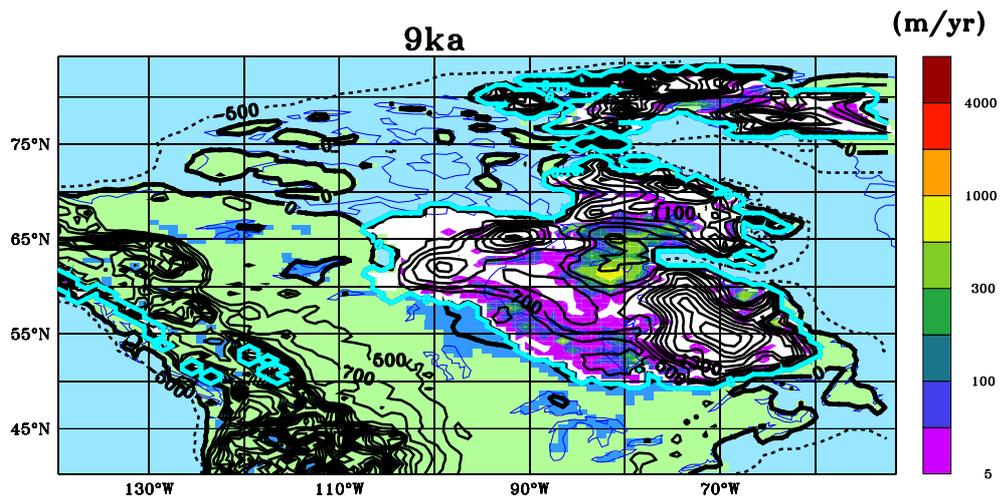


Figure .14: 9 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.

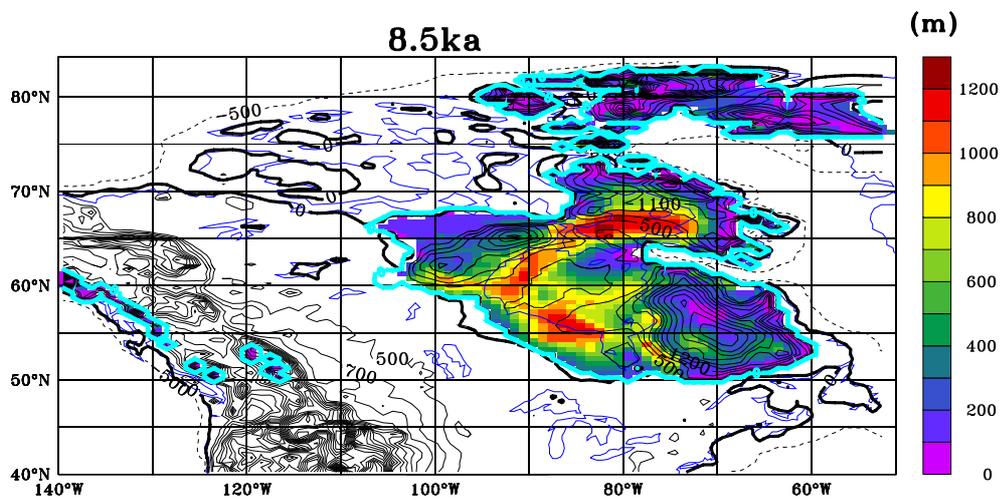
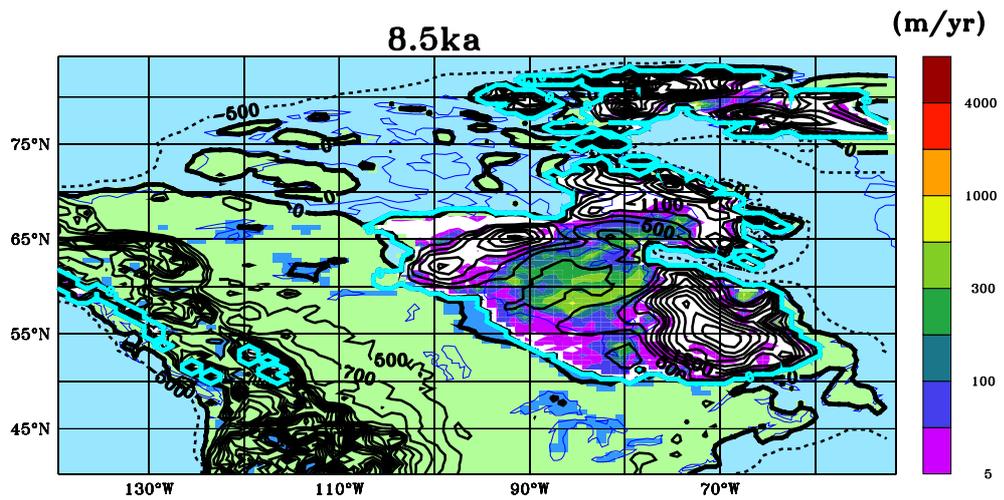


Figure .15: 8.5 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.

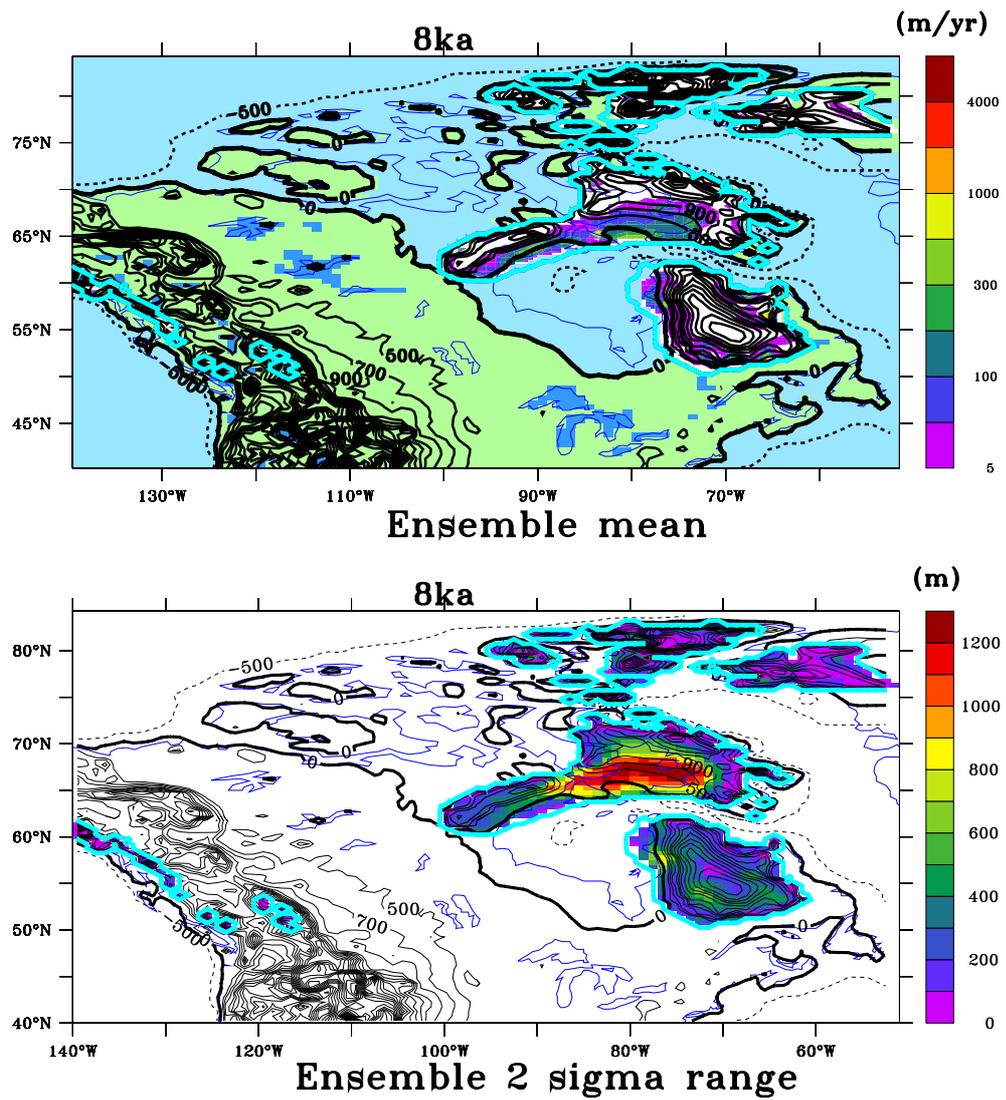
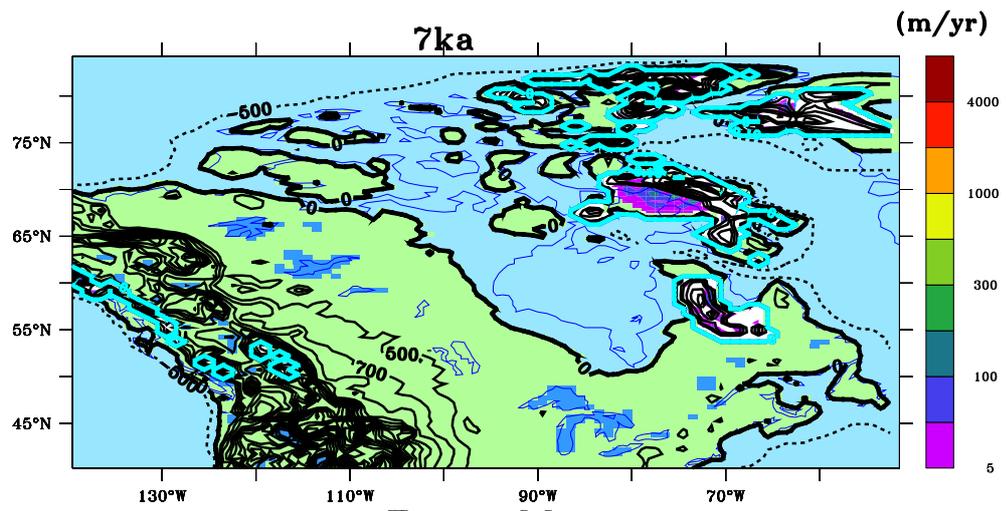
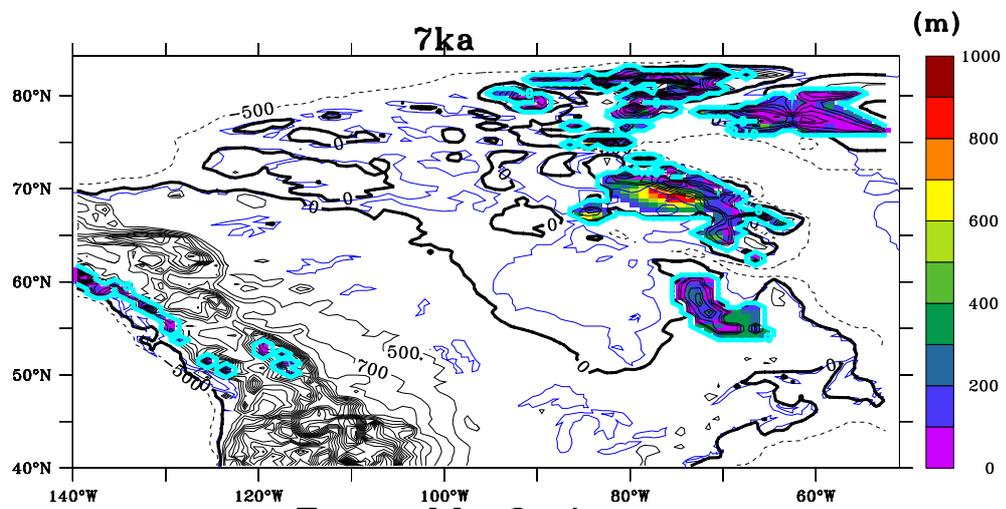


Figure .16: 8 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.



Ensemble mean



Ensemble 2 sigma range

Figure .17: 7 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.

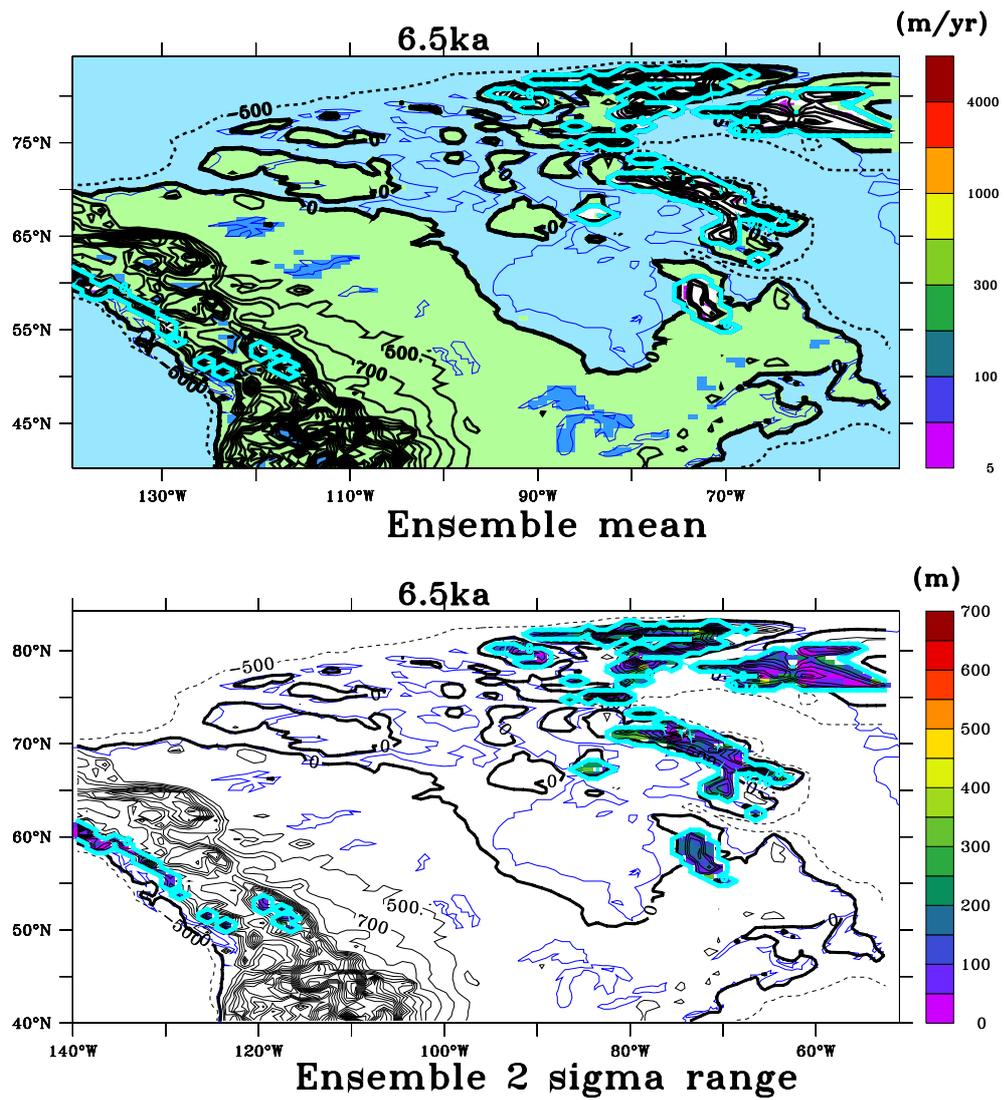


Figure .18: 6.5 ka weighted mean basal velocity and surface elevation for ensemble N5a and (one-way) two sigma range for ice thickness.