

Appendix

Variable/ constant	Description	Value	Dimensionality
A	Flow-law rate factor		$\text{Pa}^{-n} \text{a}^{-1}$
b	Glacier width along a flow line		m
F	Smoothing functional		
g	Gravitational acceleration	9.8	m s^{-2}
h_s	Ice cap surface elevation		m
h_b	Bed elevation		m
H	Ice thickness		m
K_{fr}	Friction coefficient		$\text{Pa m}^{-1} \text{a}$
L	Length of a glacier flow line domain		m
m	Exponent in the friction law	1: linear friction law; 3: non-linear friction law	
n	Exponent in Glen's flow law	3	
T	Ice temperature		K
t	Time		a
u	Horizontal ice flow velocity		m a^{-1}
w	Vertical ice flow velocity		m a^{-1}
x	Horizontal axis along a flow line		m
z	Vertical axis pointing upward ($z = 0$ at sea level)		m
β	Regularization parameter		

γ	Parameter of the gradient minimization procedure		
$\dot{\epsilon}_{ik}$	Strain-rate tensor components		a^{-1}
$\dot{\epsilon}$	Second strain-rate tensor invariant		a^{-1}
η	Ice effective viscosity		Pa a
ρ	Ice density	900	kg m^{-3}
σ_{ik}	Stress tensor components		Pa
σ'_{ik}	Stress deviator components		Pa
Φ	Squared discrepancy functional		
Ω	Stabilizing functional		

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