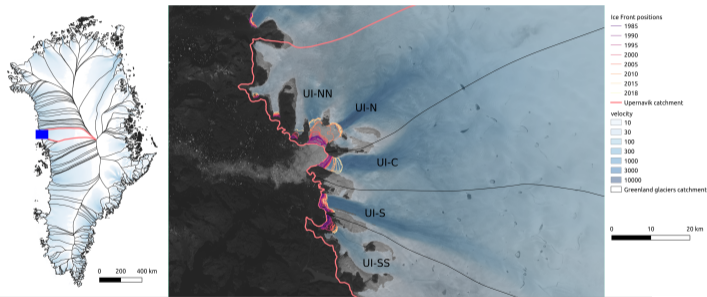


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## *Application to Upernavik Isstrøm*



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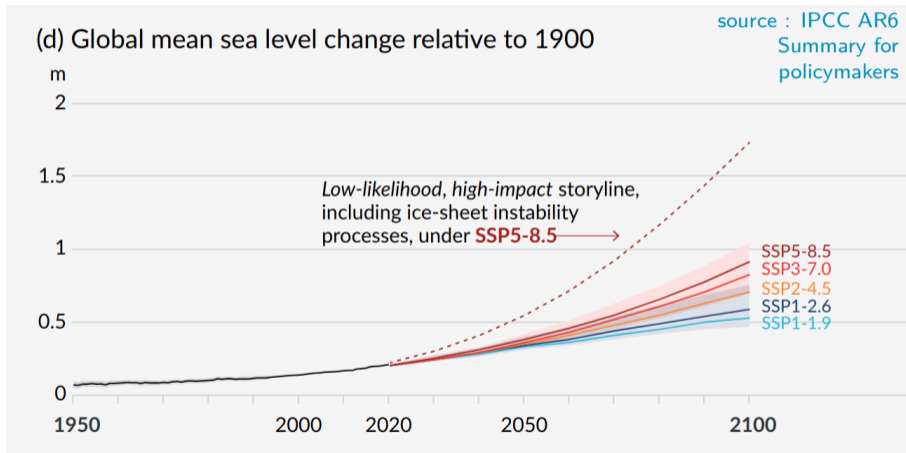
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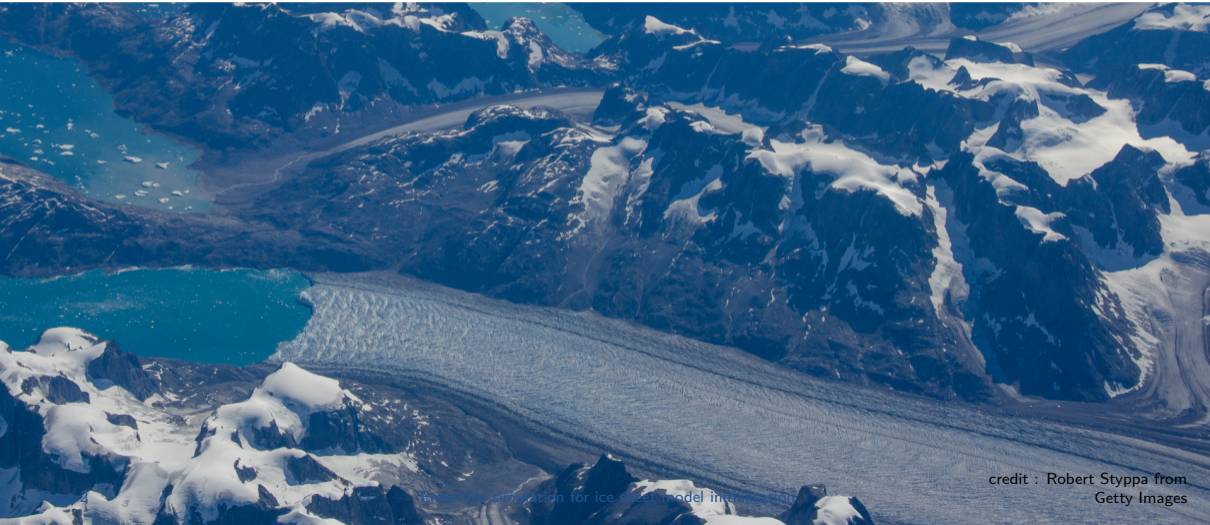
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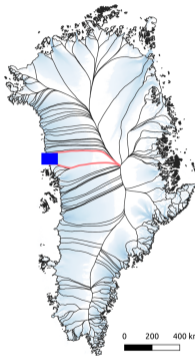
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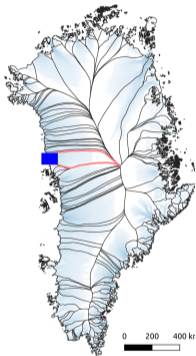
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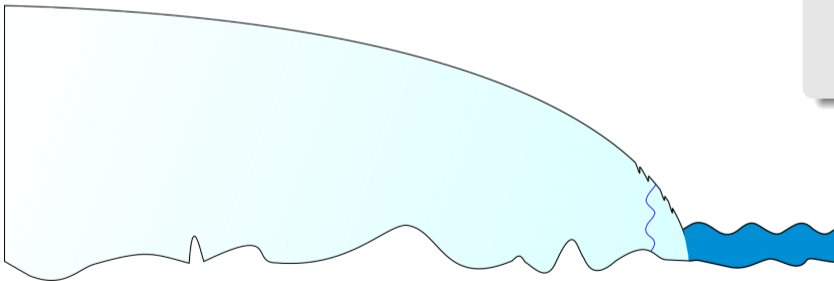


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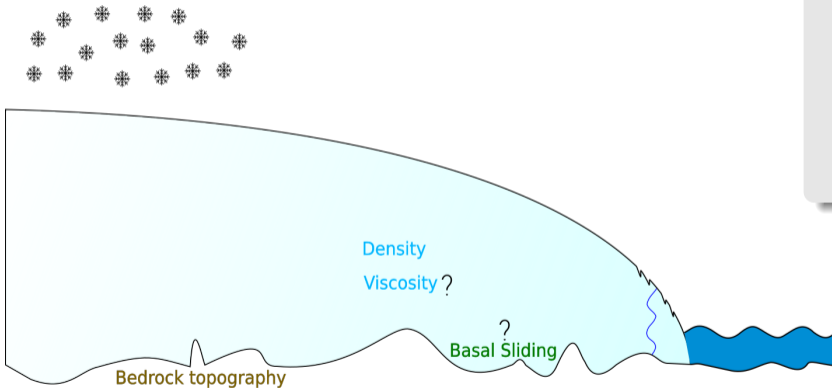


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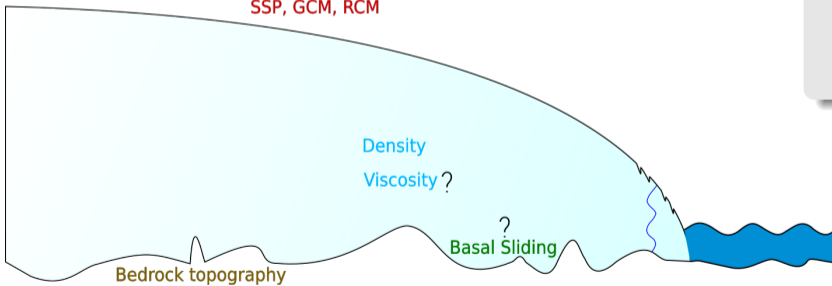
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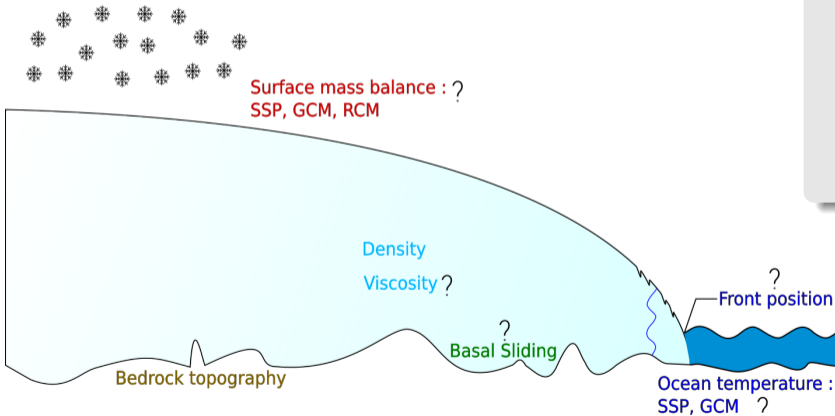


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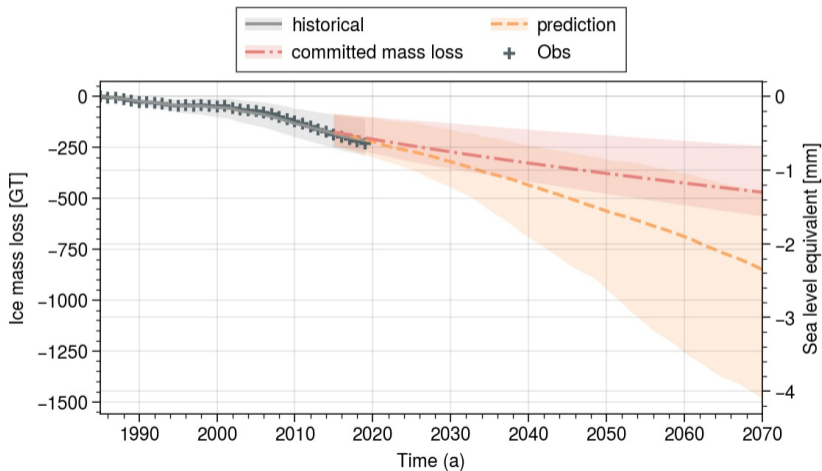
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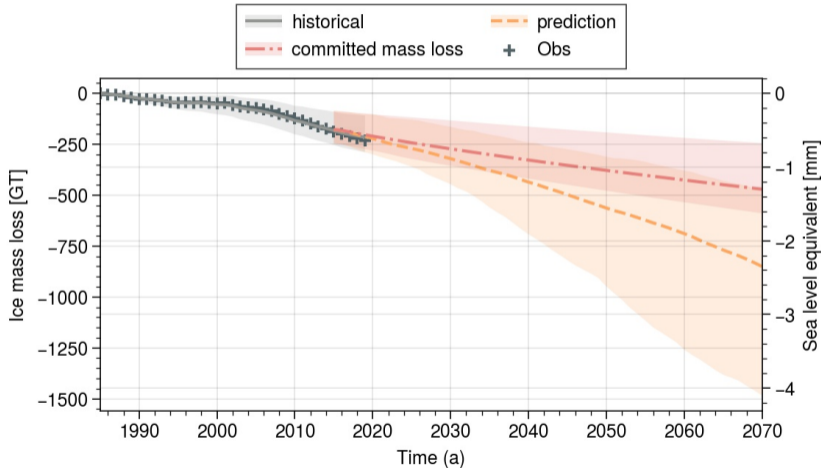
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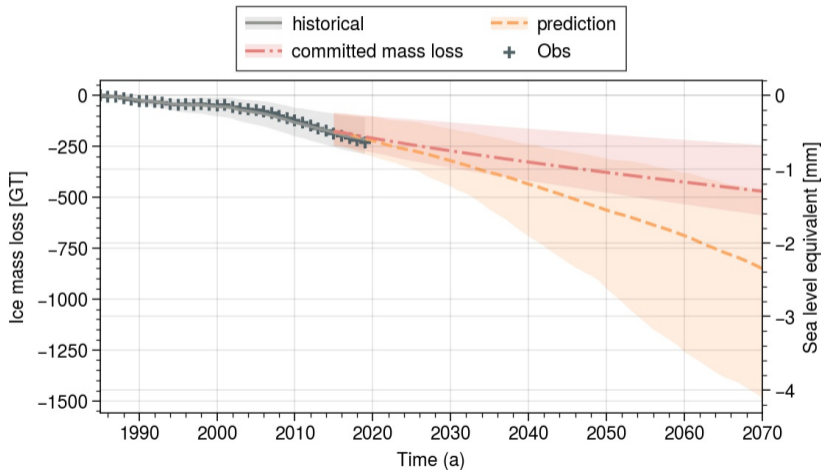


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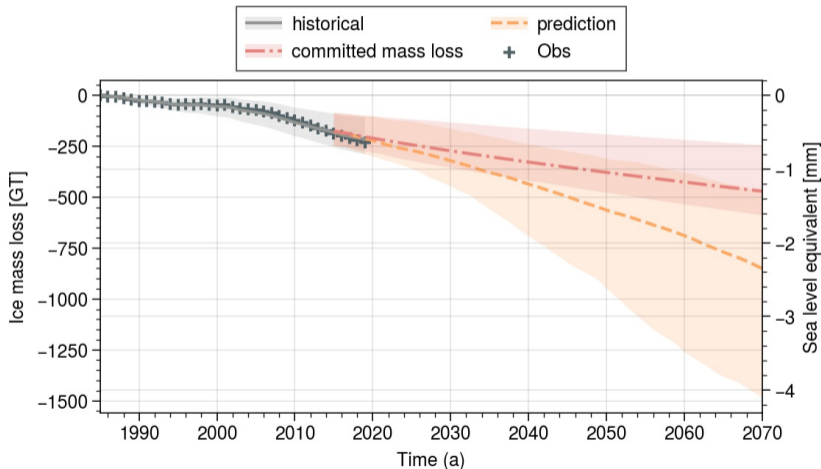
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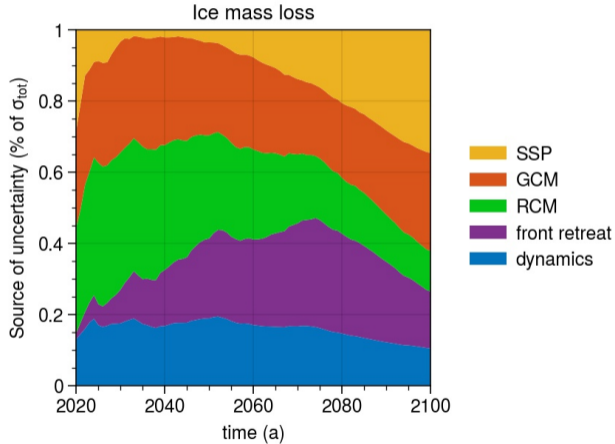
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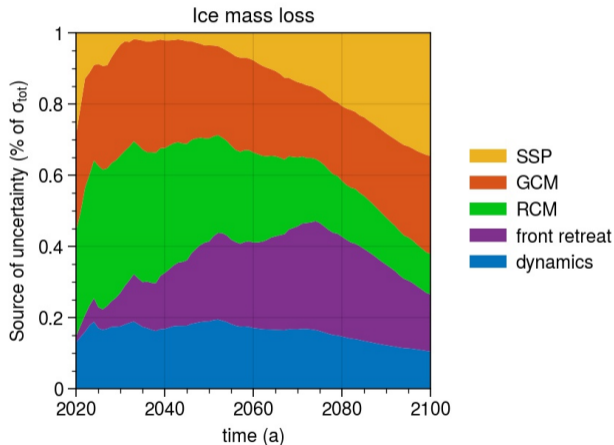


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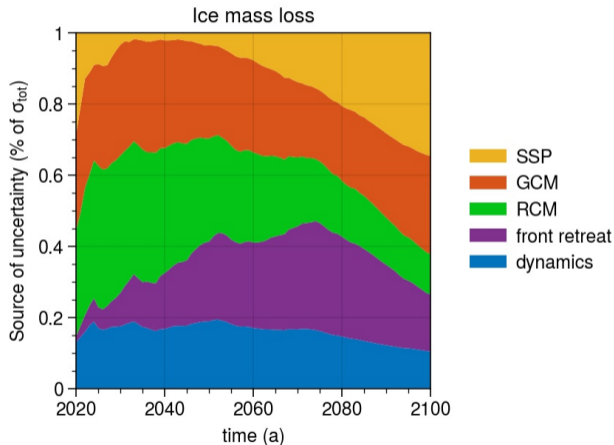


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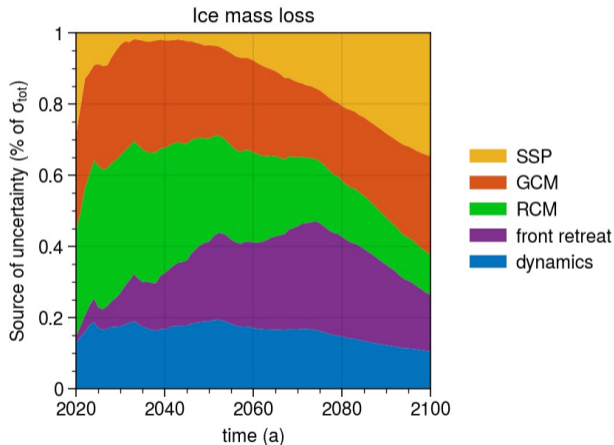
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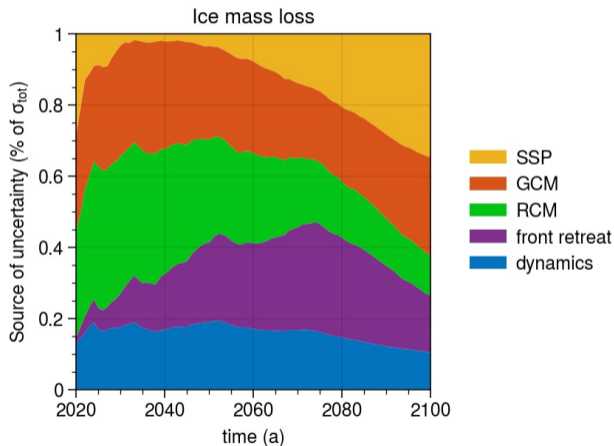
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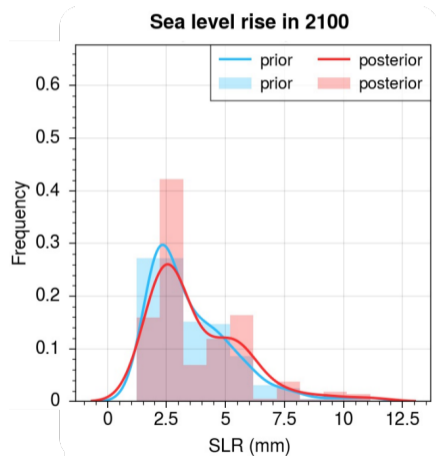
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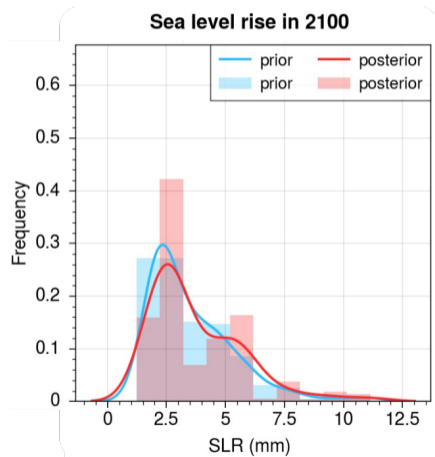
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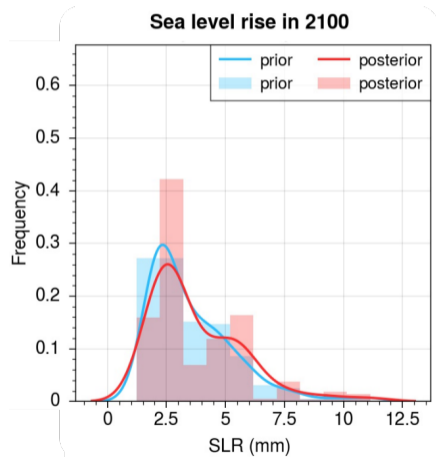


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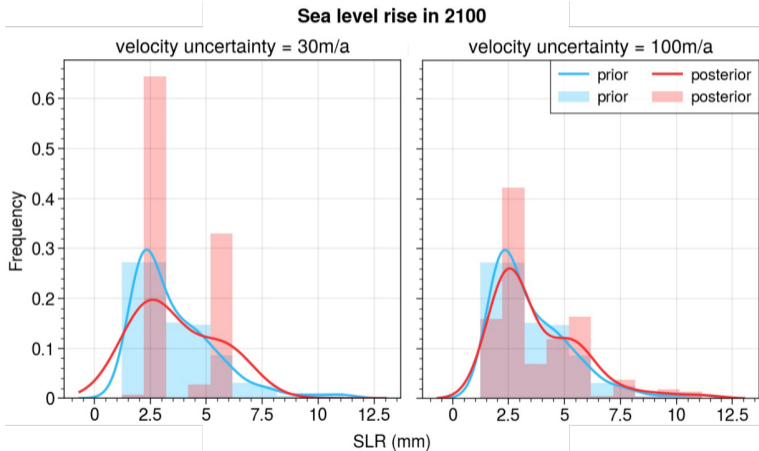
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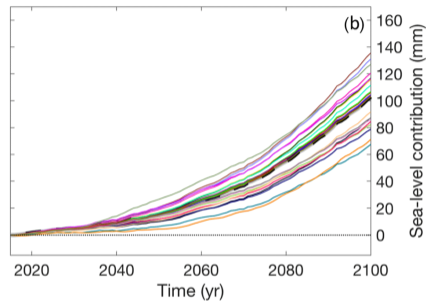
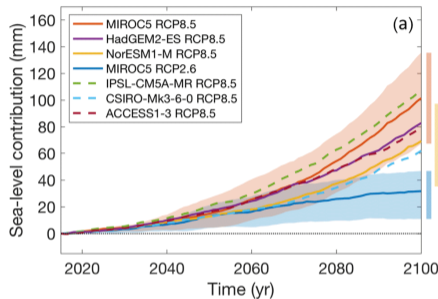


## Take-home messages

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Perspective : **Extend** the method to the **GRIS** scale.

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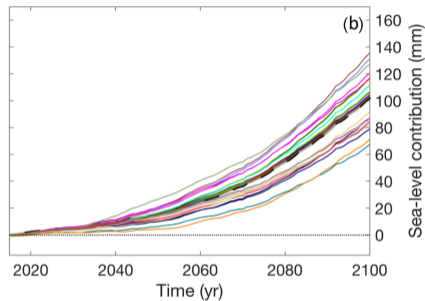
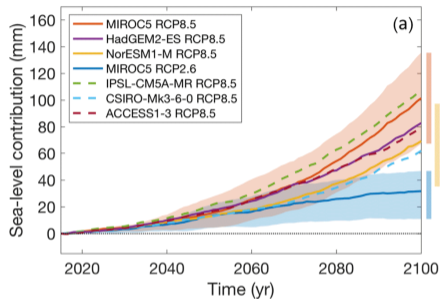
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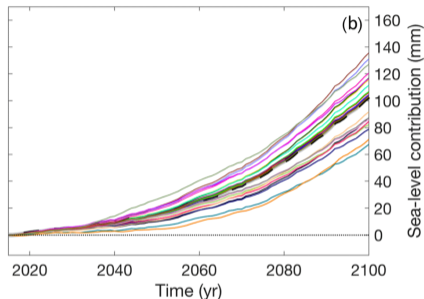
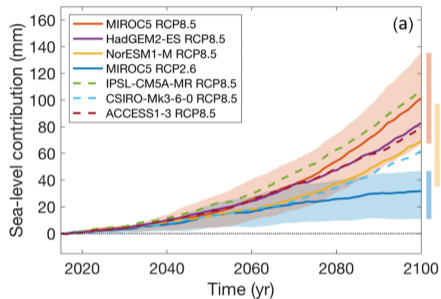
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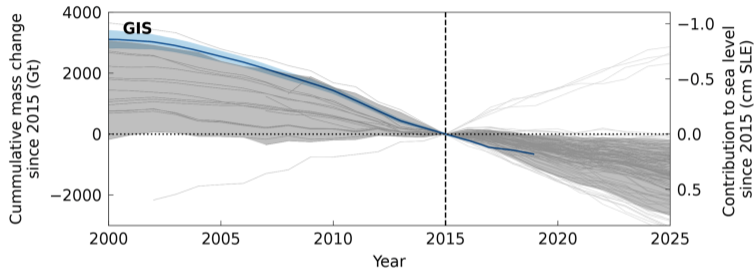
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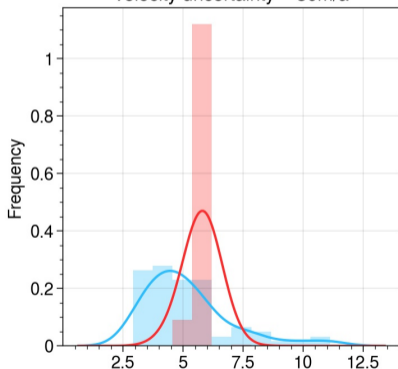
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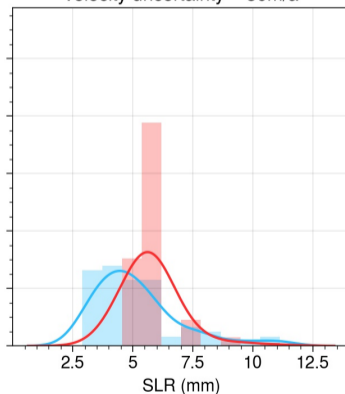
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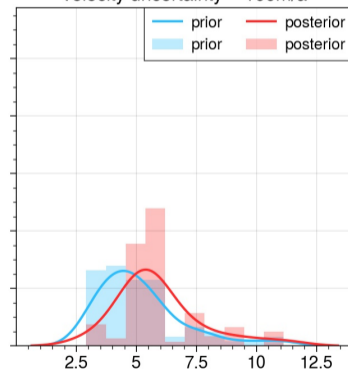
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# The future will be complicated, but not as bad as the SSP5-8.5

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