Multilevel Data Assimilation moving towards realistic petroleum reservoir problems

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Throughout the presentation, the parameters random vector is denoted by Z; the model forecasts vector, being a non-linear function of Z, is denoted by Y, $Y = \mathcal{M}(Z)$; and the noisy data are denoted by D.



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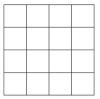
Multilevel data assimilation attempts to obtain a better balance Monte-Carlo and numerical errors by combining reservoir simulations with different fidelities



Multilevel Models



Finest Grid



Medium Coarse



Coarsest Grid

Most Accurate Model

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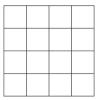
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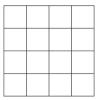
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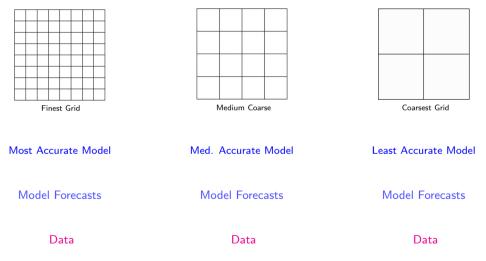
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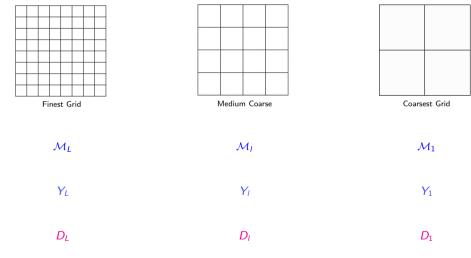


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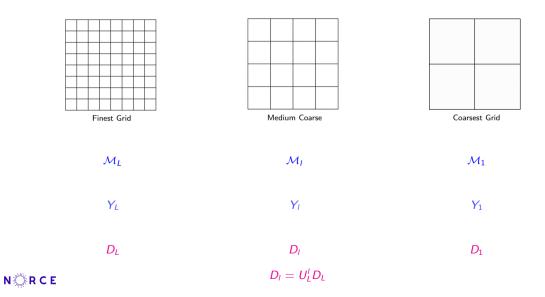


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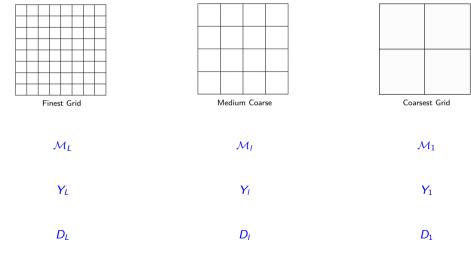
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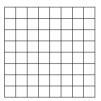
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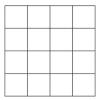
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 $D_I = U_L^I D_L$ $\zeta_I = U_L^I Y_L - Y_I$



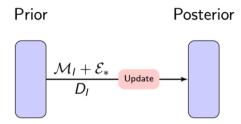
Coarsest Grid

 $\zeta = 0$

 $\varepsilon \approx \zeta$

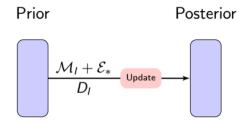


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 Y_1



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Medium Coarse

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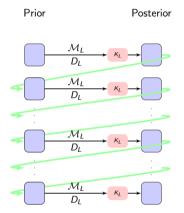
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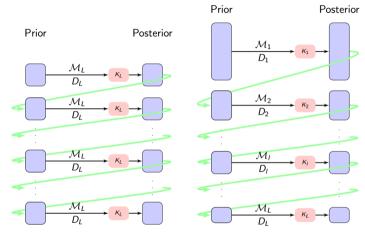
Sequential MLDA vs. ESMDA



ESMDA



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SMLES



Numerical Experiments

Two experiments pertaining to subsurface flow are presented.

Unknown parameter field: flow conductivity

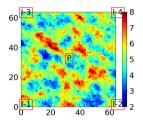
Observation data: grid data at three different times

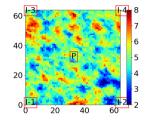
Each experiment has four algorithm runs: SMLES, IES-LOC, ESMDA-LOC, ESMDA-REF

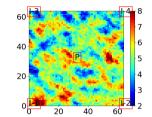
The gold standard for comparison will be vanilla ESMDA with an exceedingly large ensemble size (10000 members). This is run to obtain the best DA results that can be obtained by ESMDA (ESMDA-REF).



Case I Prior Model-flow conductivity







Prior Samples–log K

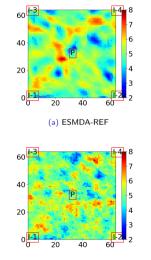
Π	variance	mean	range	aniso	angle	type
	1	5	10	0.7	-30	spherical

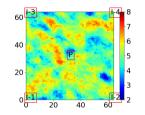
Variogram for prior draw



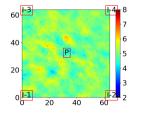
Case I–Posterior Parameters

Mean field





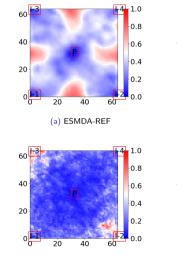
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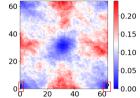




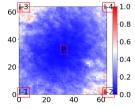
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Variance field





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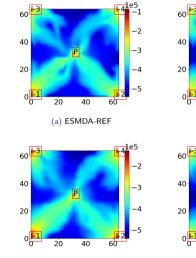


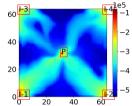
(c) ESMDA-LOC

(d) IES-LOC

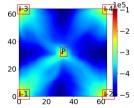
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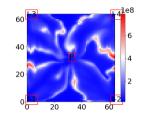
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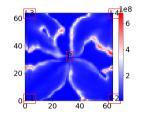


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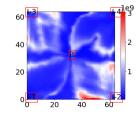
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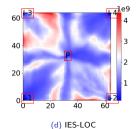


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(b) SMLES



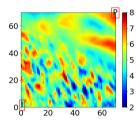


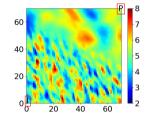


(c) ESMDA-LOC

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Case II Prior Model–Flow conductivity







The variograms of permeability zones for prior draw

	variance	mean	range	ratio	angle	type
Variogram 1	1	5	30	0.7	-30	cubic
Variogram 2	1	5	10	0.4	-70	cubic



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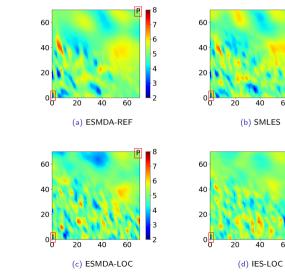
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Case II–Posterior Parameters

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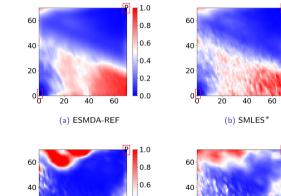


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Case II–Posterior Parameters

variance field

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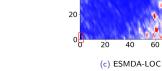


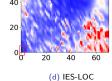
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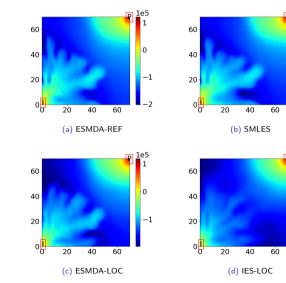
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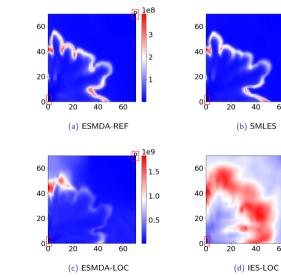
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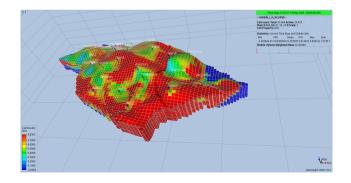


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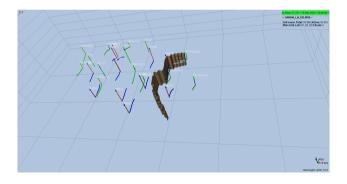


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