

# VERS UNE ASSIMILATION DES DONNÉES DE DEFORMATION EN VOLCANOLOGIE

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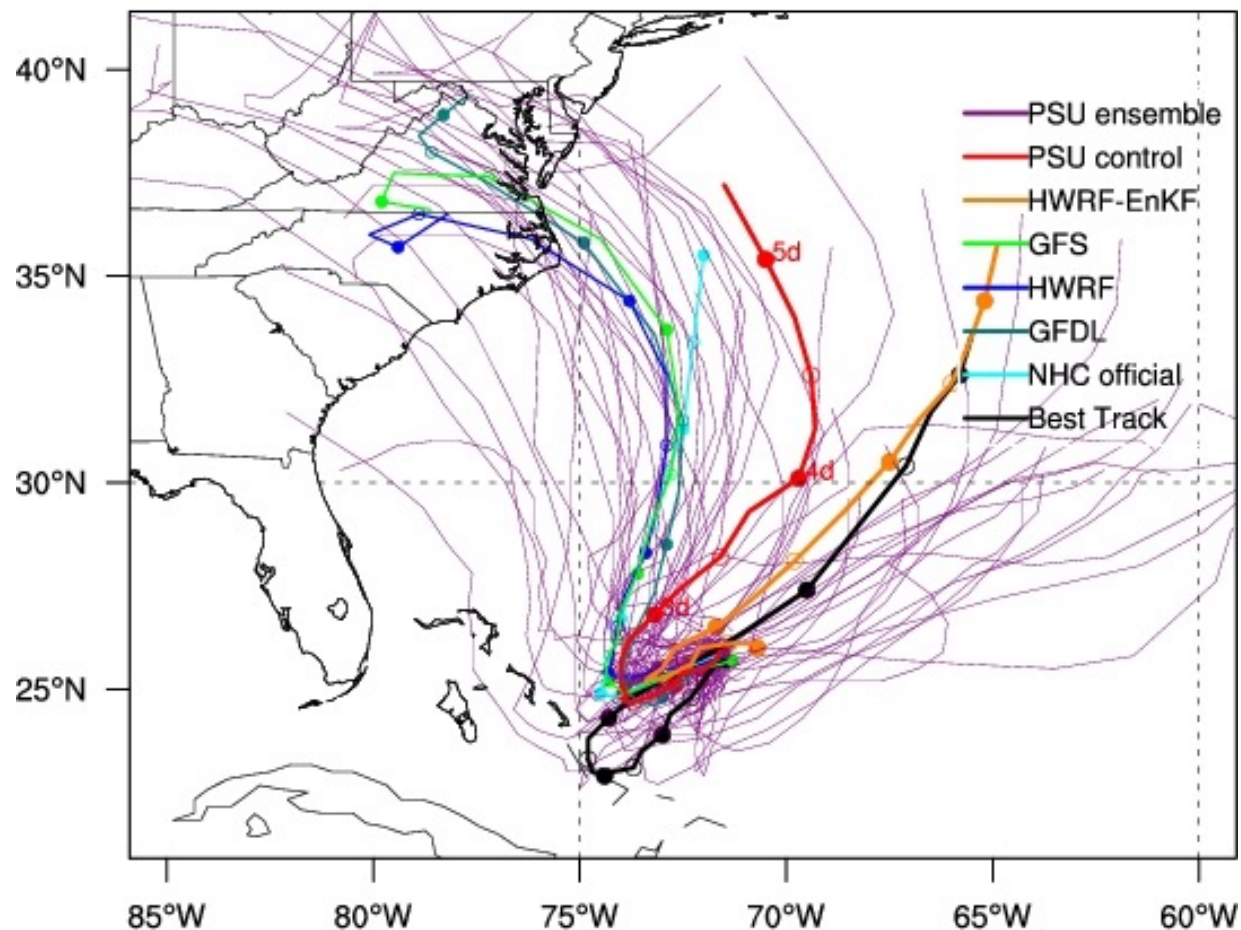
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# OVERVIEW: WHAT IS DATA ASSIMILATION (DA)?

Track Forecasts: al11@2015093000



Example of data assimilation: Forecasting the path of Hurricane Joaquin

Data assimilation is a time-stepping process that combines **models**, **observations** and *a priori* information based on error statistics **to predict the state of a dynamical system**

- ☑ Common approach used in numerical weather prediction (NWP)
- ☑ Gained popularity in other fields of geosciences:
  - vegetation and soil moisture
  - natural resource exploration
  - geomagnetism



# OVERVIEW: BASIC CONCEPT OF DATA ASSIMILATION

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*Everyone wants the “truth”, but the truth is,  
we can only infer the “truth”*



- Models ( $M$ ) are incorporated with errors ( $q$ )

$\mathcal{M}$ : Model operator

$$\boxed{\checkmark} x_{t+1}^f = \mathcal{M}(x_t^a) + q$$

- Observations ( $D$ ) are not free of noise ( $\epsilon$ )

$\mathcal{H}$ : Observation operator; link between  $x$  and  $D$

$$\boxed{\checkmark} D_{t+1} = \mathcal{H}(x_{t+1}^f) + \epsilon$$

- Efficient model + data technique

$*f$ : forecast  
 $a$ : analysis



# OVERVIEW: INGREDIENTS OF DATA ASSIMILATION

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- Observations / data

- ☒ Deformation data (e.g. InSAR/  
GNSS time-series)

- Dynamical model

- ☒ Two-chamber model (Reverso et.  
al. 2014)

- *A priori* information (Gaussian PDF)



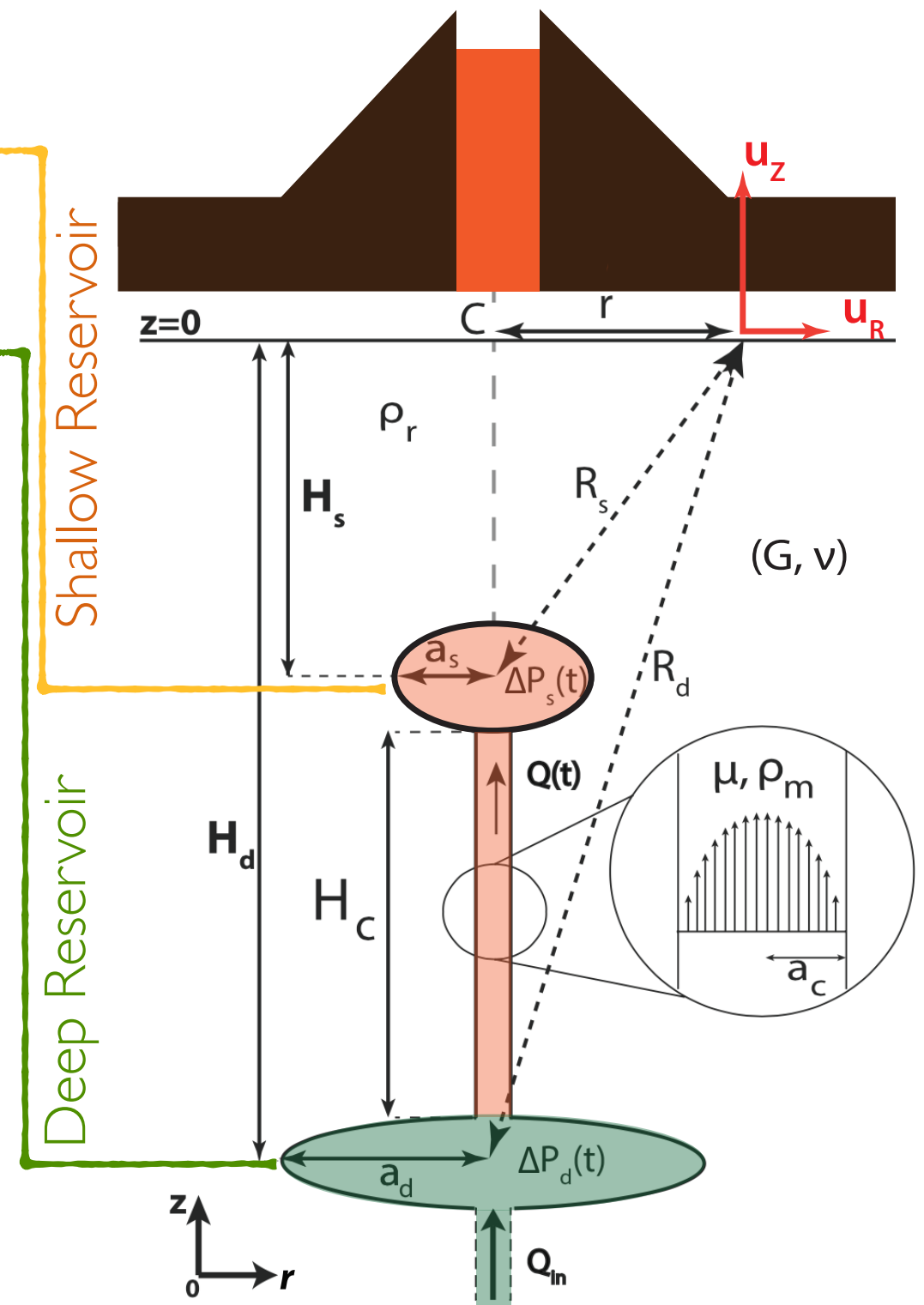
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$$\frac{\Delta P_{st_{i+1}} - \Delta P_{st_i}}{t_{i+1} - t_i} = \frac{Ga_c^4}{8\mu\gamma_s H_c a_s^3} ((\rho_r - \rho_m)gH_c + \Delta P_{d_{t_i}} - \Delta P_{st_i})$$

$$\frac{\Delta P_{d_{t_{i+1}}} - \Delta P_{d_{t_i}}}{t_{i+1} - t_i} = \frac{G}{\gamma_d \pi a_d^3} Q_{in} - \frac{\gamma_s a_s^3}{\gamma_d a_d^3} \frac{\Delta P_{s_{t_{i+1}}} - \Delta P_{s_{t_i}}}{t_{i+1} - t_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_R(r, t_i) &= \frac{(1-v)}{G} r \left( \alpha_s \frac{a_s^3}{R_s^3} \Delta P_{s_{t_i}} + \alpha_d \frac{a_d^3}{R_d^3} \Delta P_{d_{t_i}} \right) \\ u_z(r, t_i) &= \frac{(1-v)}{G} \left( H_s \alpha_s \frac{a_s^3}{R_s^3} \Delta P_{s_{t_i}} + H_d \alpha_d \frac{a_d^3}{R_d^3} \Delta P_{d_{t_i}} \right) \end{aligned}$$


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Initial Guess ?



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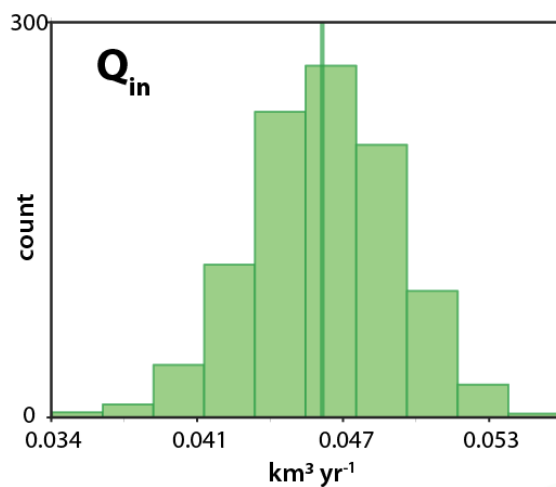
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state variables  
(have link to data)

uncertain model  
parameter/s  
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A priori  
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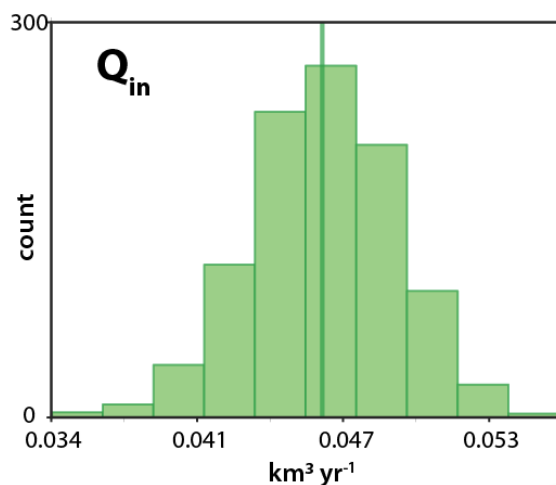
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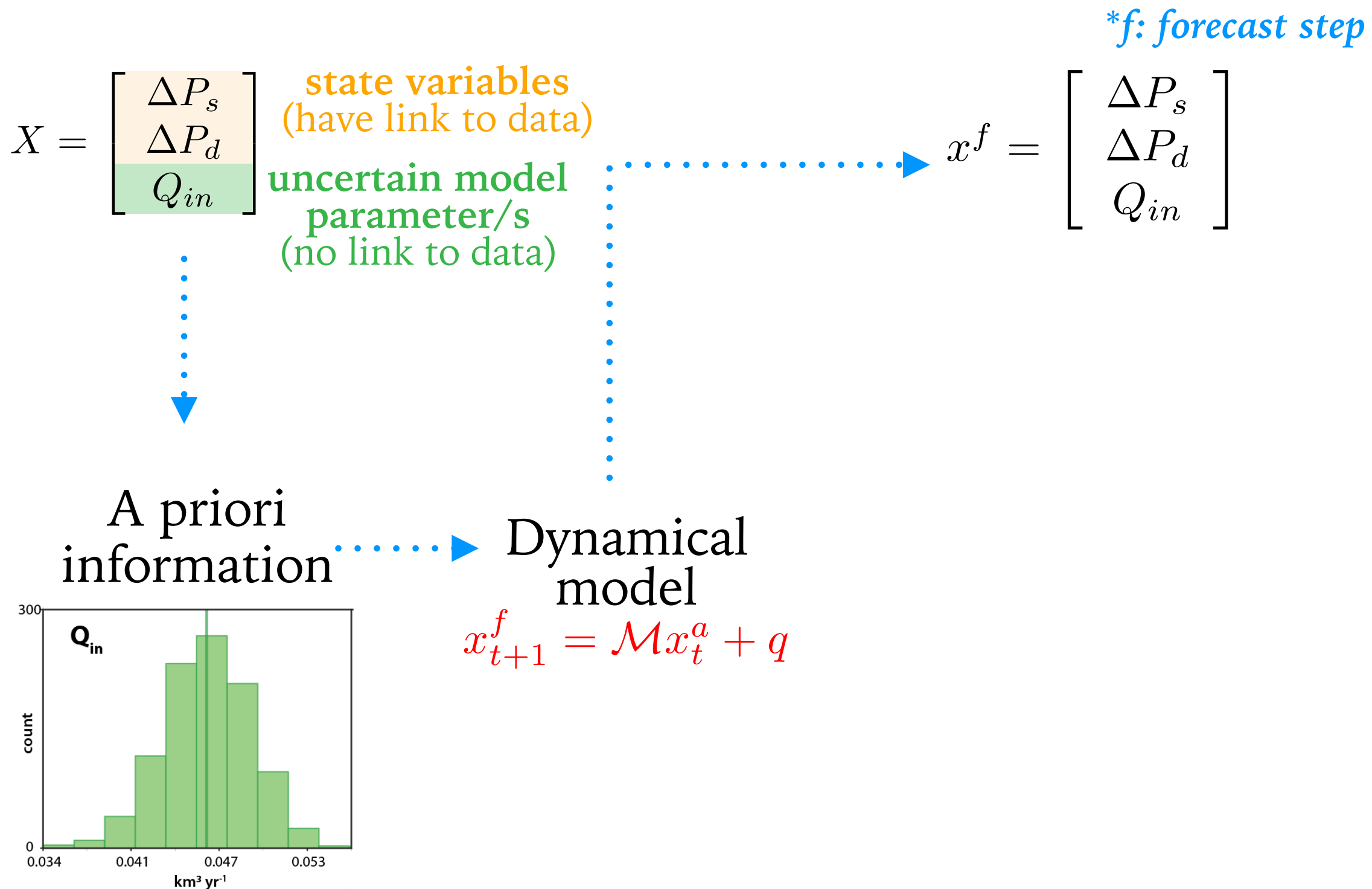
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.....► Dynamical  
model

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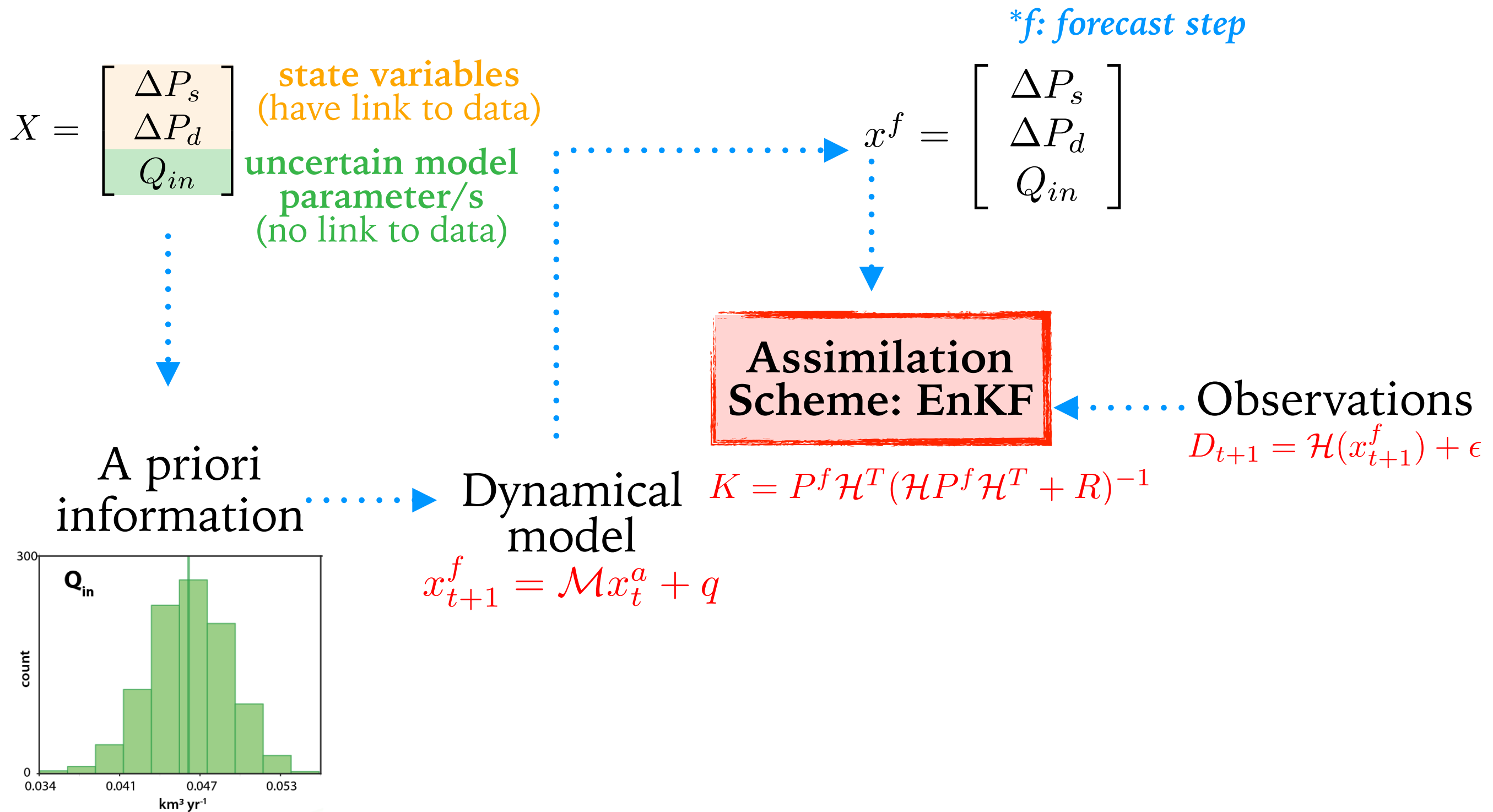


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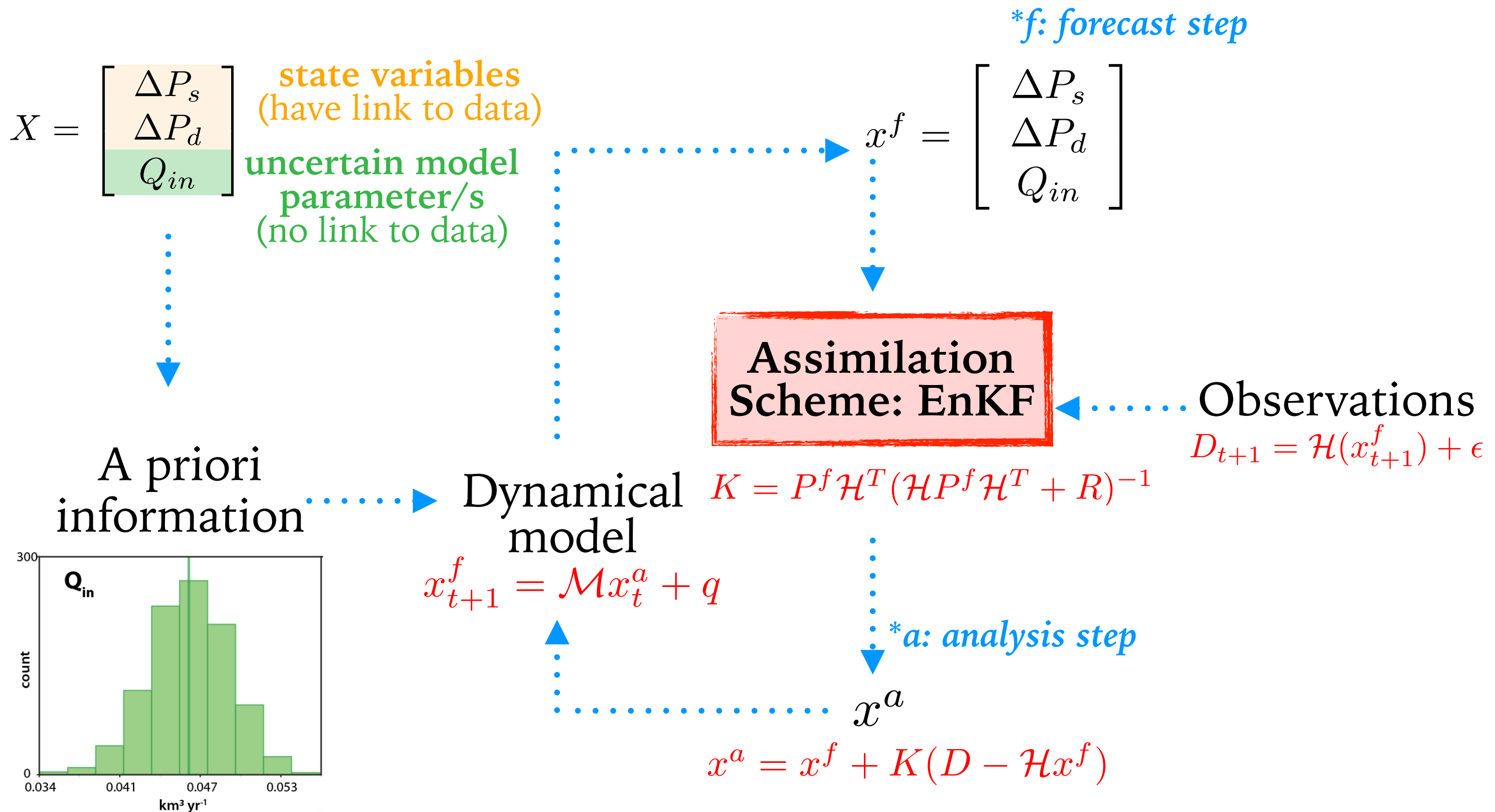




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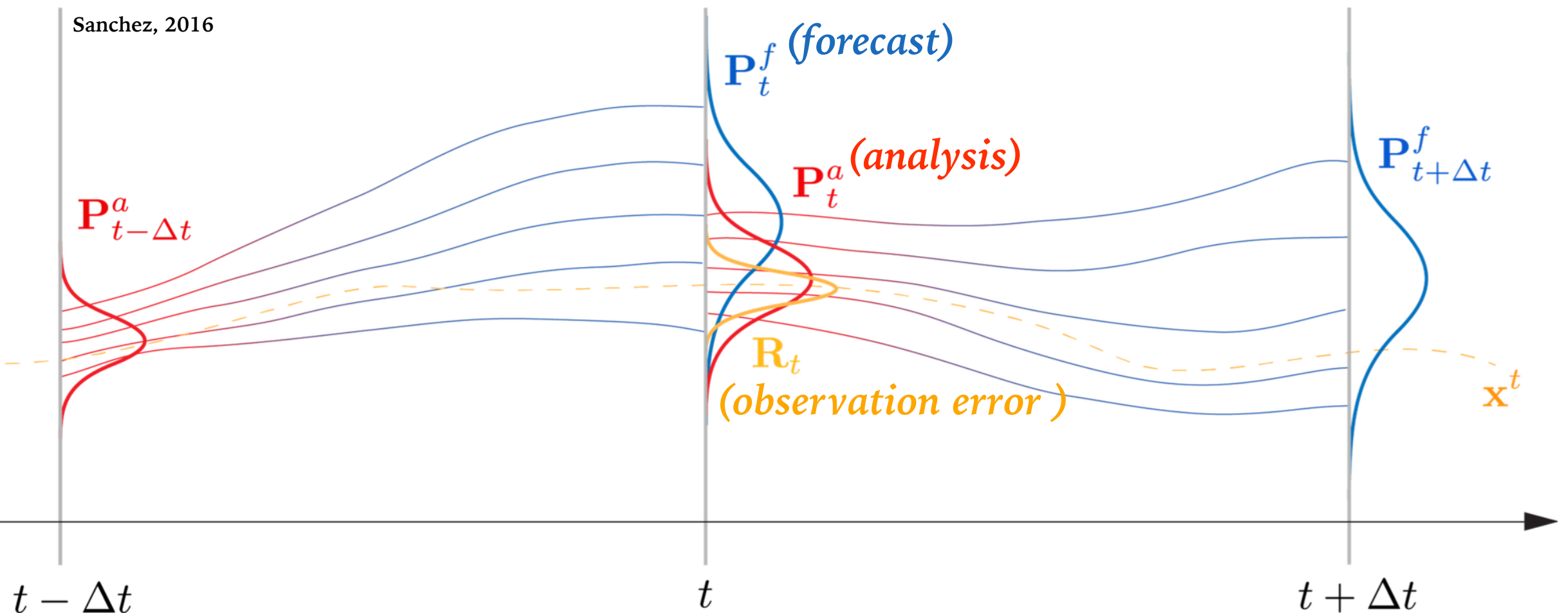
# OVERVIEW: THE ENSEMBLE KALMAN FILTER (EnKF)

## *Model Error Covariance*

$$P^f = \overline{(x^f - \overline{x^f})(x^f - \overline{x^f})^T}$$

$$P^a = \overline{(x^a - \overline{x^a})(x^a - \overline{x^a})^T}$$

Sanchez, 2016



*Can we apply data assimilation to volcanology  
to forecast volcanic unrest?*

# VOLCANIC DATA ASSIMILATION: HOW TO?

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Key parameter: **Overpressure**

The magma chamber can rupture if it surpasses a failure overpressure value.

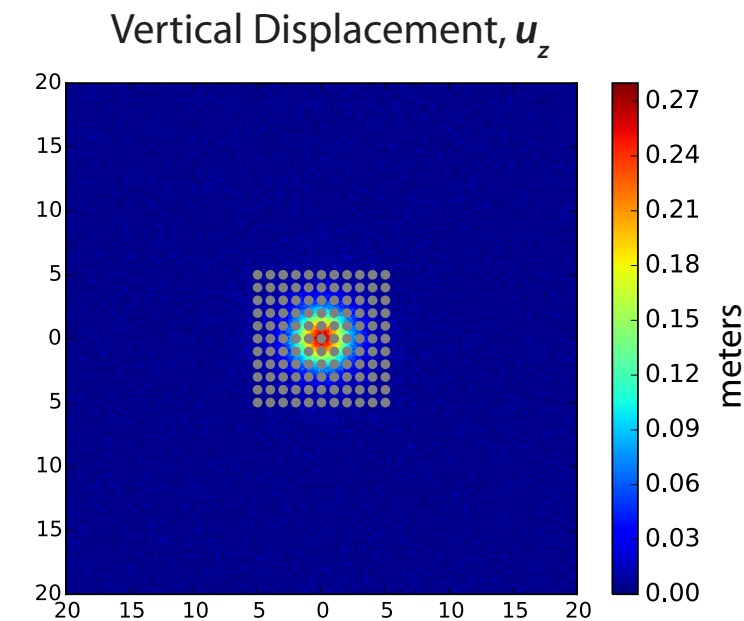
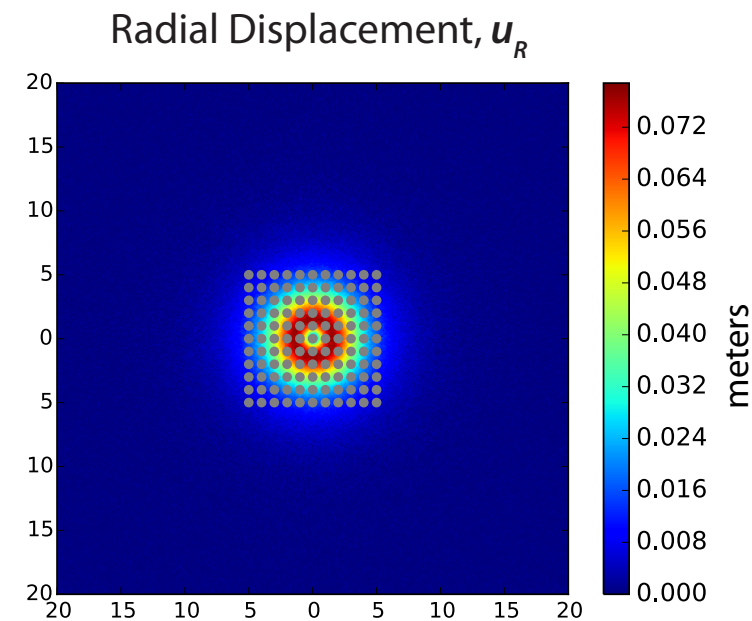
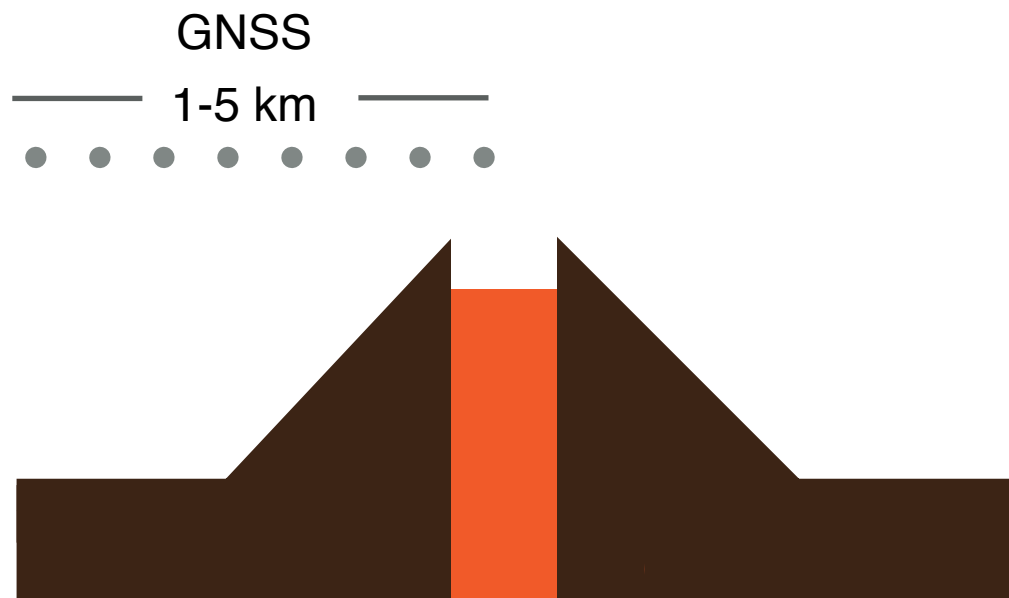


**Objective: Find out when the magma chamber will rupture**



# JOINT ASSIMILATION OF GNSS AND INSAR: SYNTHETIC CASES

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## GNSS dataset:

The assimilation interval,  $\Delta t = 2$  days

The frequency of available observation **every 2 days.**

**10 observations** are used for the synthetic cases.

- ☑ 5 radial and 5 vertical

## InSAR dataset:

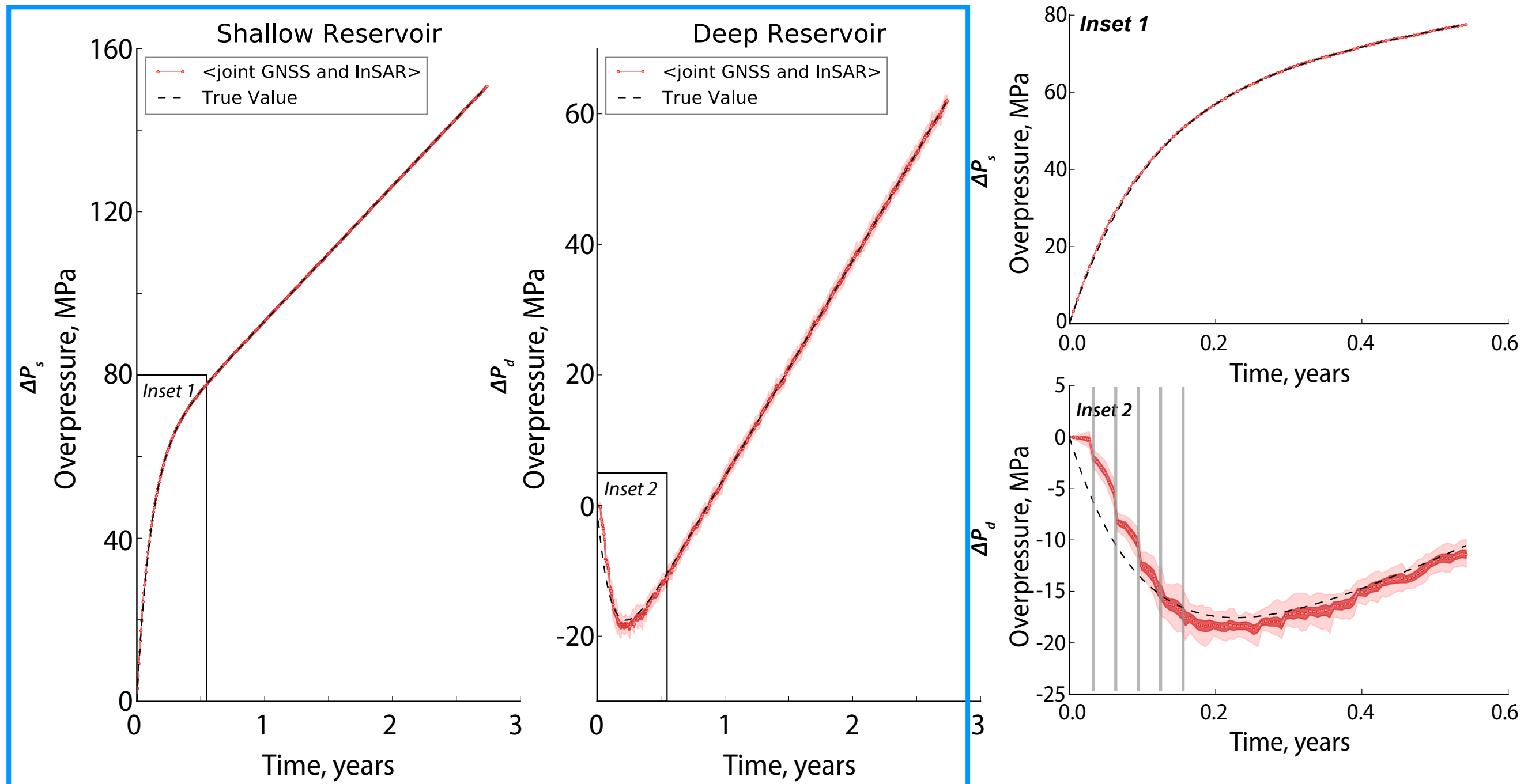
The assimilation interval,  $\Delta t = 2$  days

The frequency of available observation is **every 12 days.**

**242 observations** are used for the synthetic cases.

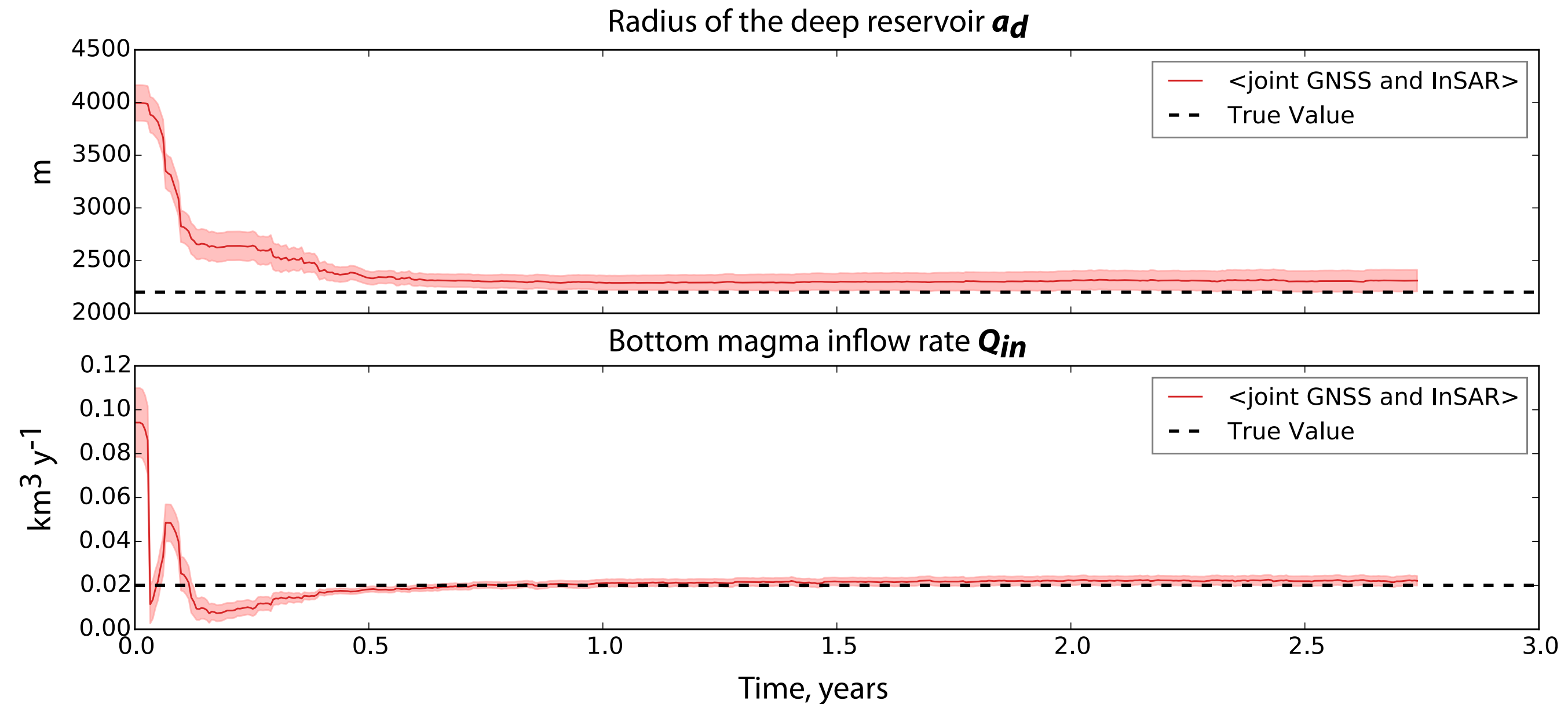
- ☑ 11x11 radial and 11x11 vertical

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Every time InSAR is introduced, the trajectory of the estimation is forced towards its true behaviour.

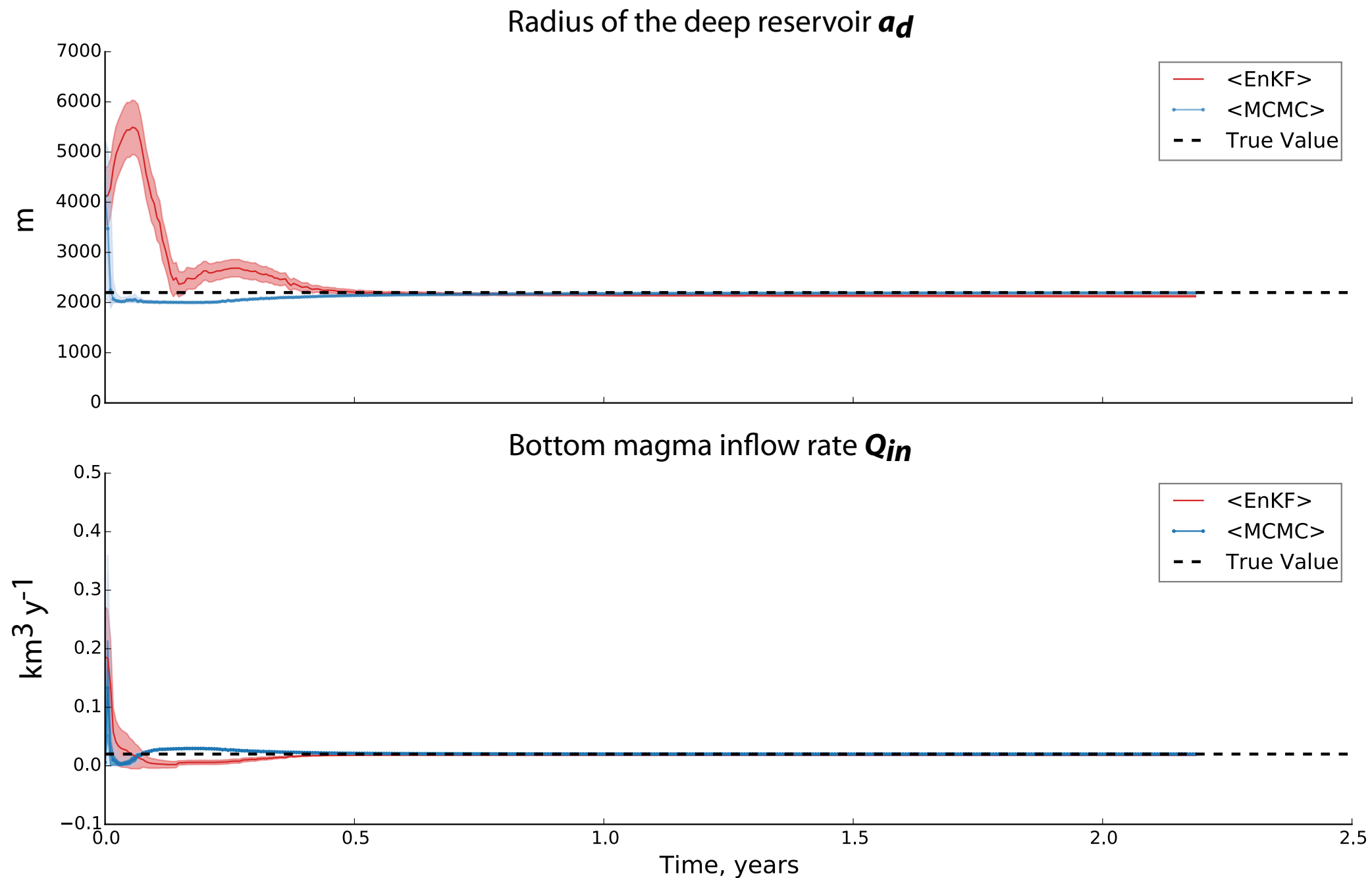
# JOINT ASSIMILATION OF GNSS AND INSAR: SYNTHETIC CASES



**EnKF** works as well with parameter estimation using joint assimilation of GNSS and InSAR!



# DATA ASSIMILATION VS BAYESIAN INVERSION: SYNTHETIC CASES



**MCMC allows faster convergence to true values assuming that the parameters remained constant in time**

If inversion (like MCMC) is super awesome, then  
why do we need data assimilation?

Inversion still has some limitations which include:

1. inefficiency to incorporate data in real time,
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3. difficulty in estimating time-dependent parameters

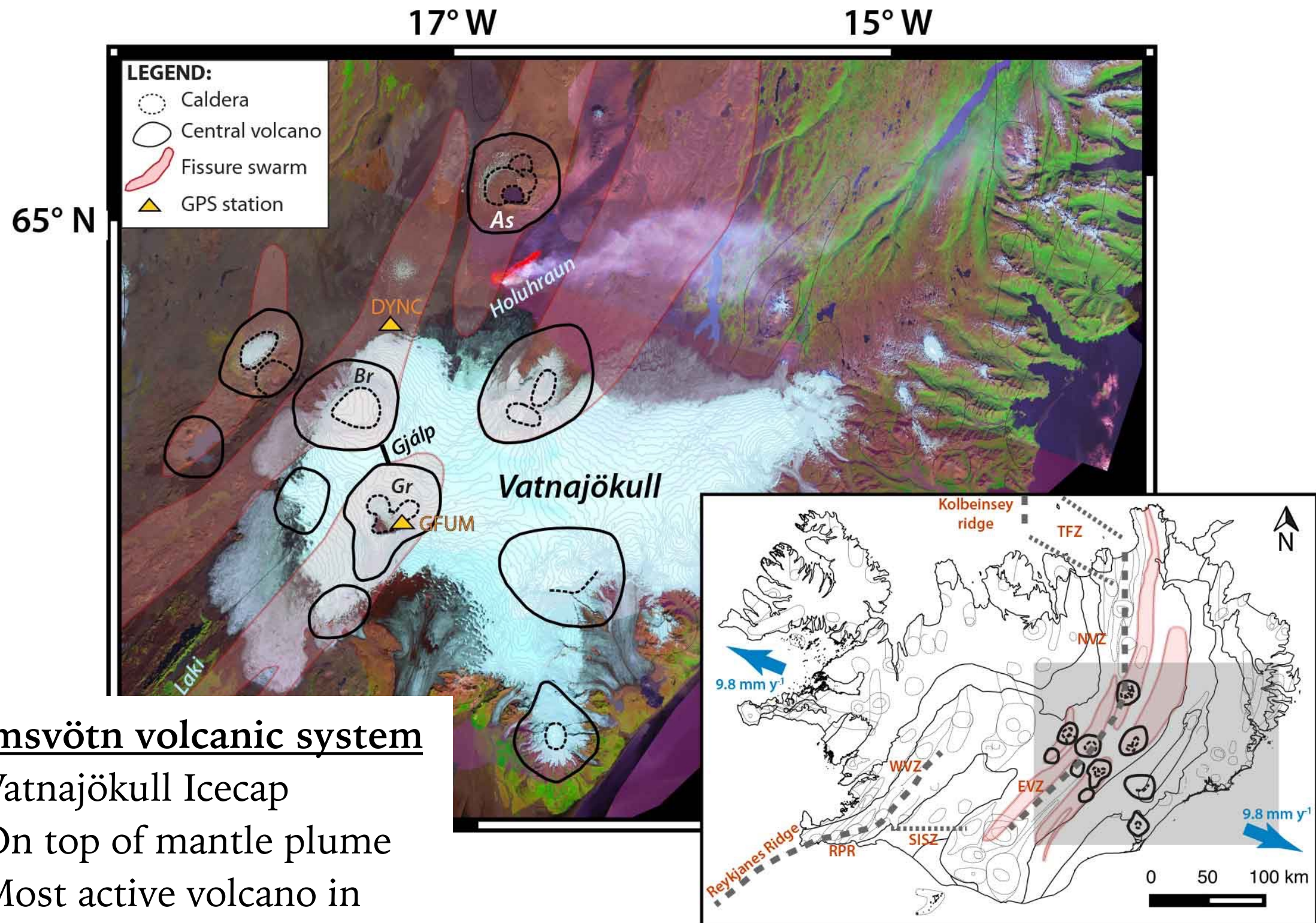


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I propose data assimilation as a complimentary tool to inversion in order to address these problems

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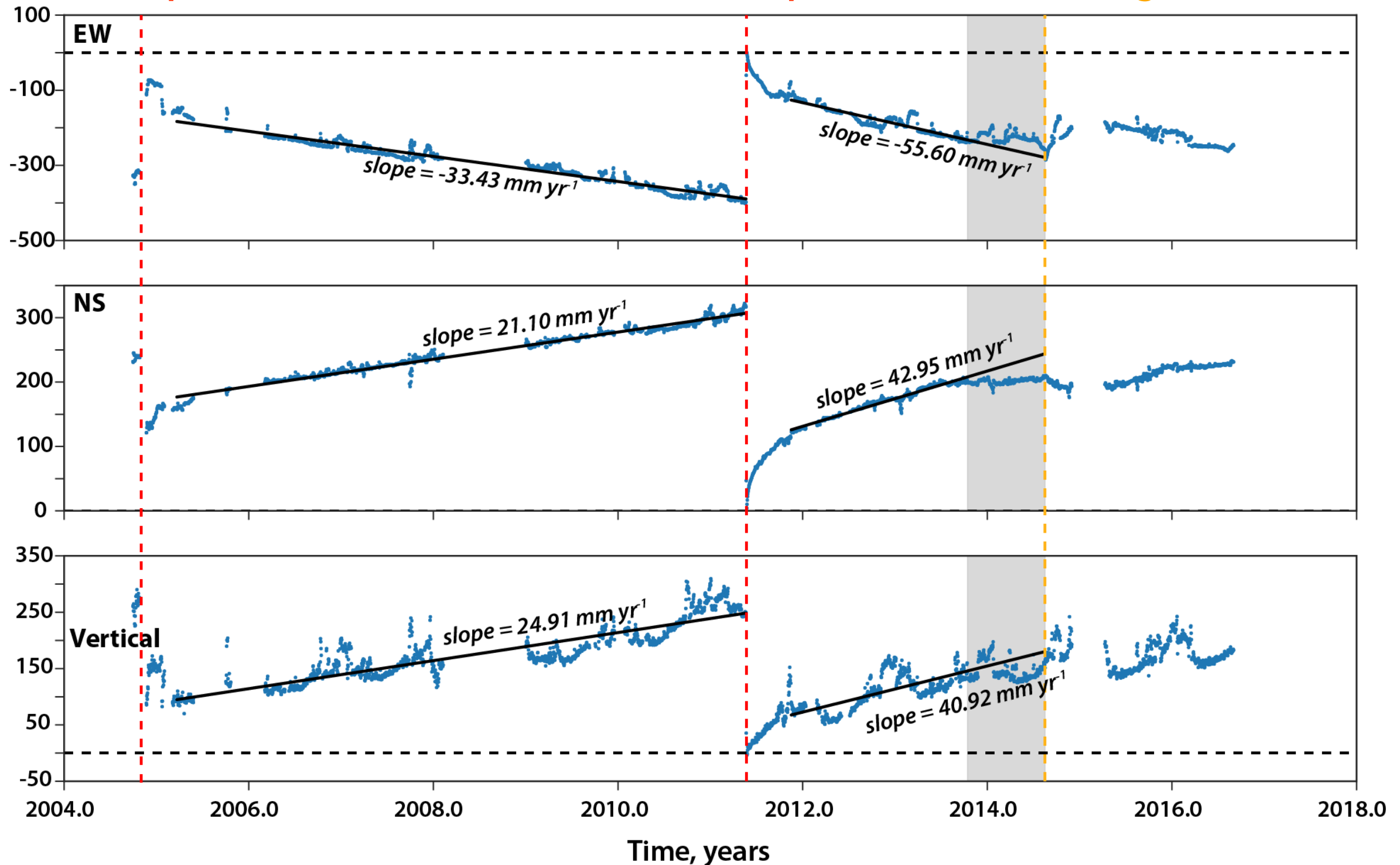


# TOWARDS [NEAR] REAL-TIME ERUPTION FORECASTING

2004 Eruption

2011 Eruption

2014 Rifting Event

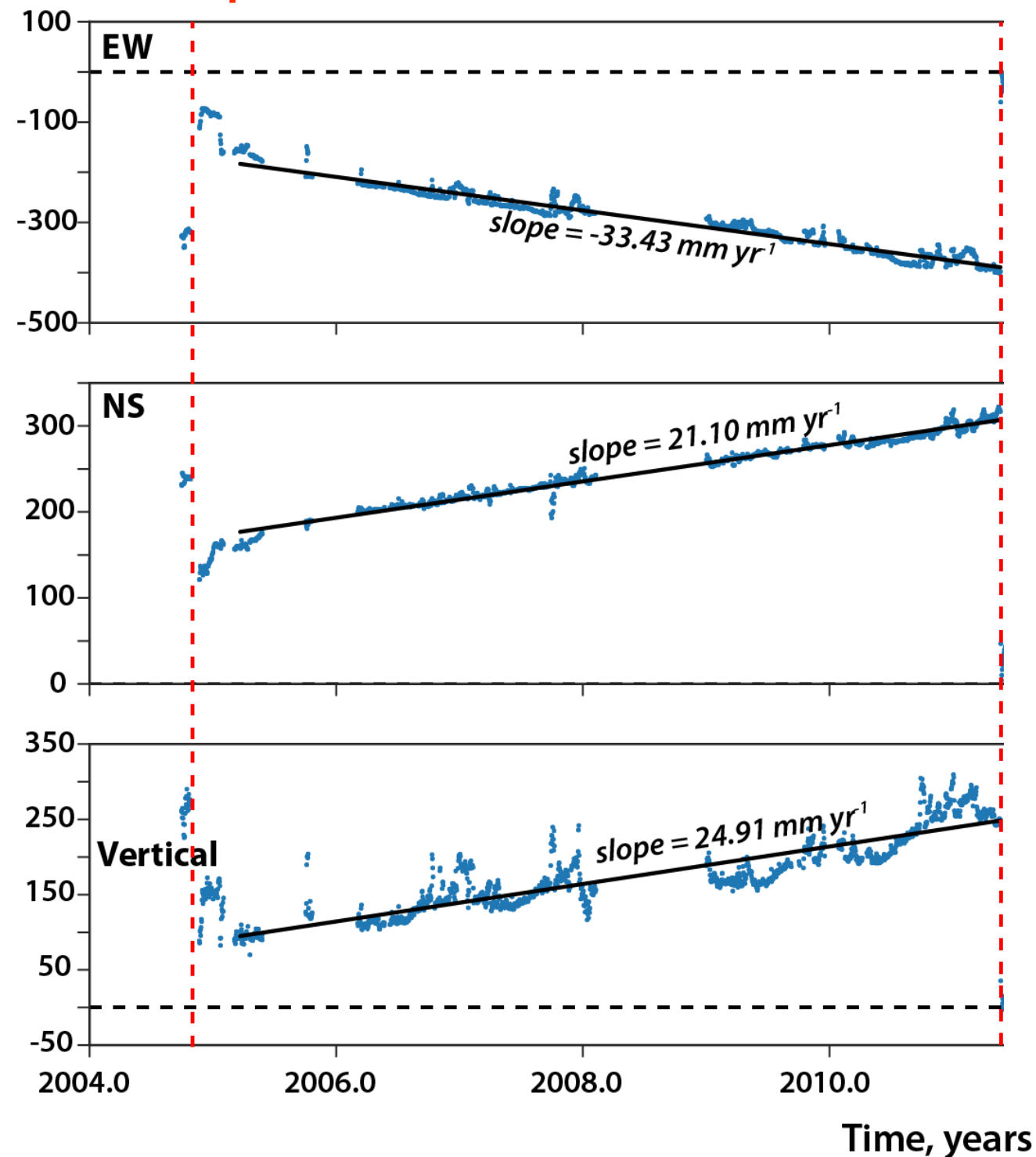




## LET'S DO SOME "FORECASTING" WITH THE 2004–2011 INTER-ERUPTIVE DATASET

2004 Eruption

2011 Eruption

*Remember:*

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta P_s \\ \Delta P_d \\ Q_{in} \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{state variables} \\ \text{uncertain parameter/s} \end{array} \right.$$

Daily GNSS data is assimilated into the two-chamber model to get  $X$ .

**NO** data, **NO** update.



# TOWARDS [NEAR] REAL-TIME ERUPTION FORECASTING

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When will the [shallow] magma chamber rupture?

*Step-1: Define a failure overpressure,  $P_f$*

*Step-2: Calculate probability of rupture*

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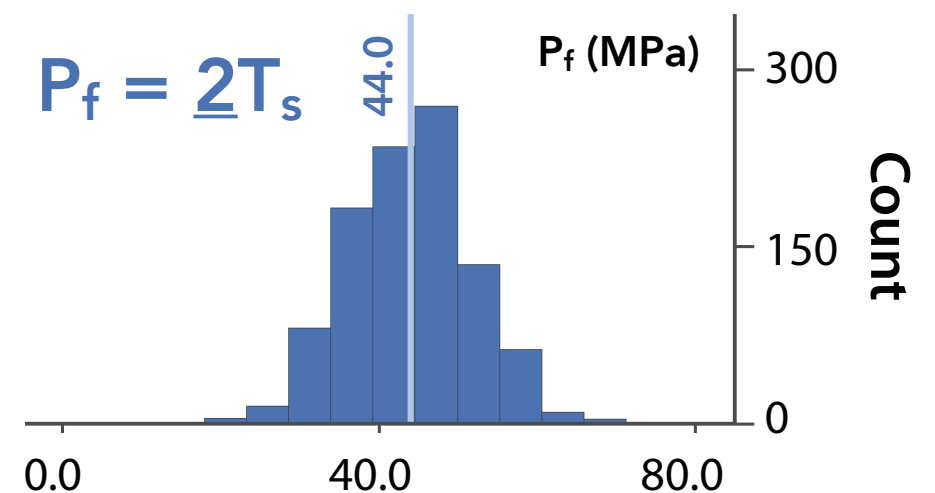
## Step-1: Define a failure overpressure, $P_f$

In forecasting the rupture of a magma chamber, we can define a **failure overpressure for the shallow magma chamber**.

BUT  $P_f$  has a **large uncertainty**. It can vary depending on:

- ☑ the geometry of the reservoir
- ☑ local stress field

It must be defined carefully per specific volcano.



Failure overpressure  $\leftarrow P_f = k T_s \rightarrow$  Tensile Strength

constant  $\uparrow$

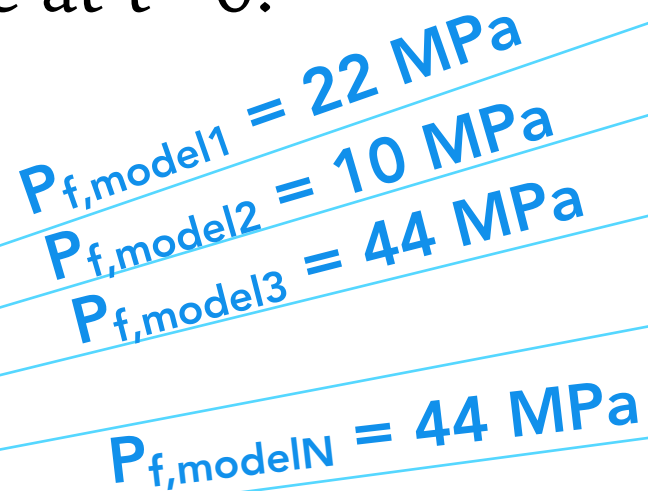
at Grímsvötn:  $T_s = 22$  MPa  
(Albino et al, 2010)

But *in situ* data are much lower  
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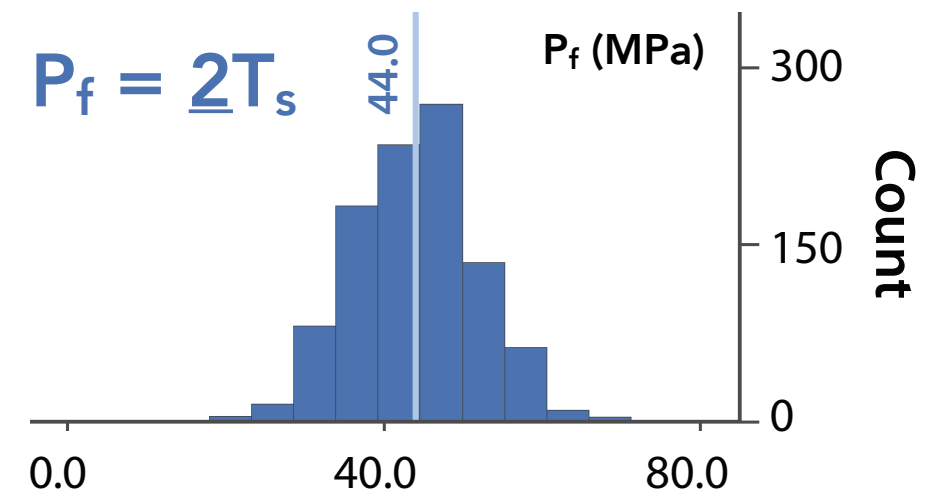
i. Assigned  $P_f$  value at  $t=0$ :



ii. Check at each step how many models exceeded the initially assigned  $P_f$  value:

iii. Compute for the probability of rupture

$$\text{Probability of rupture} = \frac{\# \text{ of models that exceeded } P_f}{\text{Total \# of ensemble}}$$



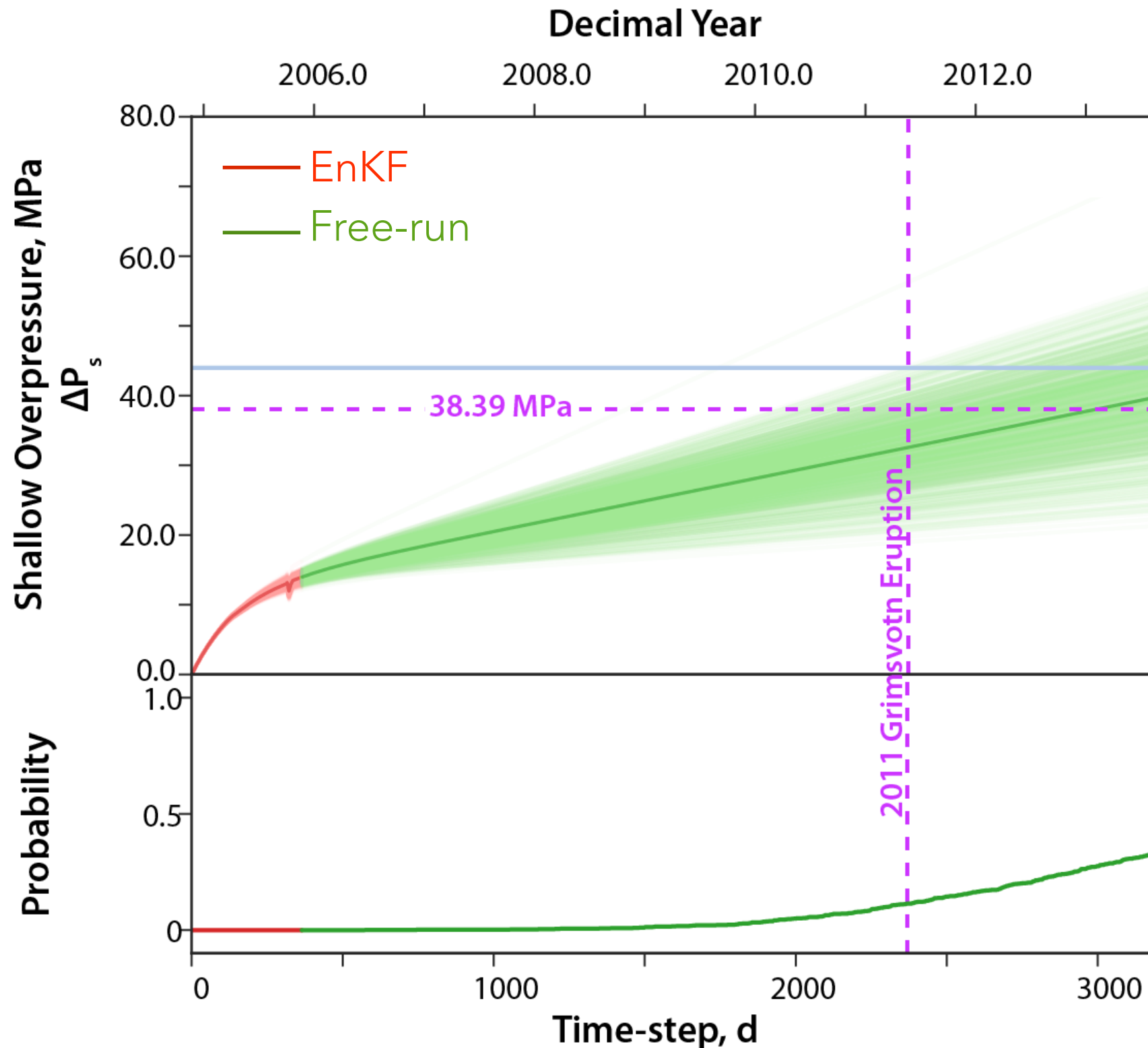
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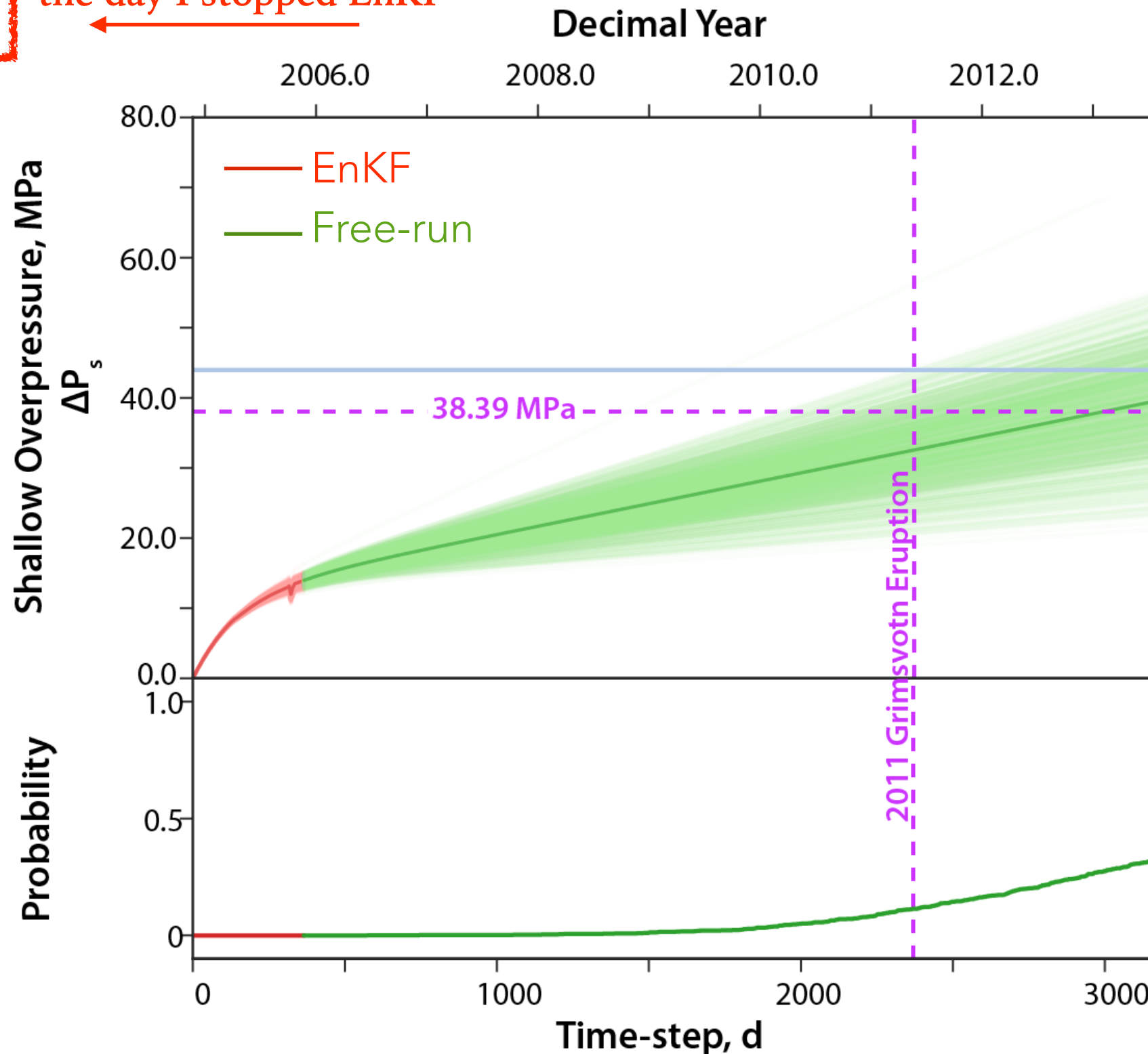




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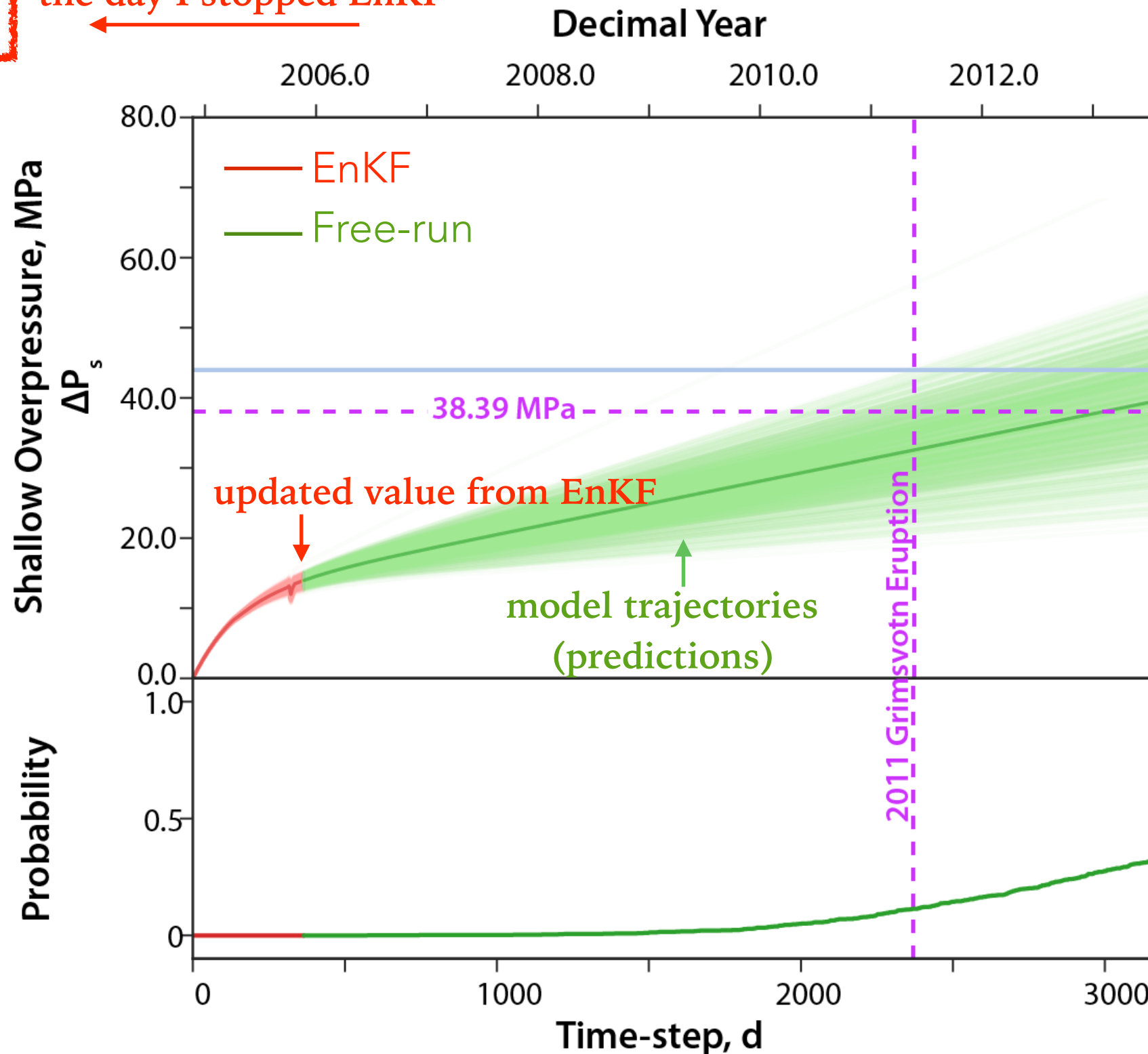
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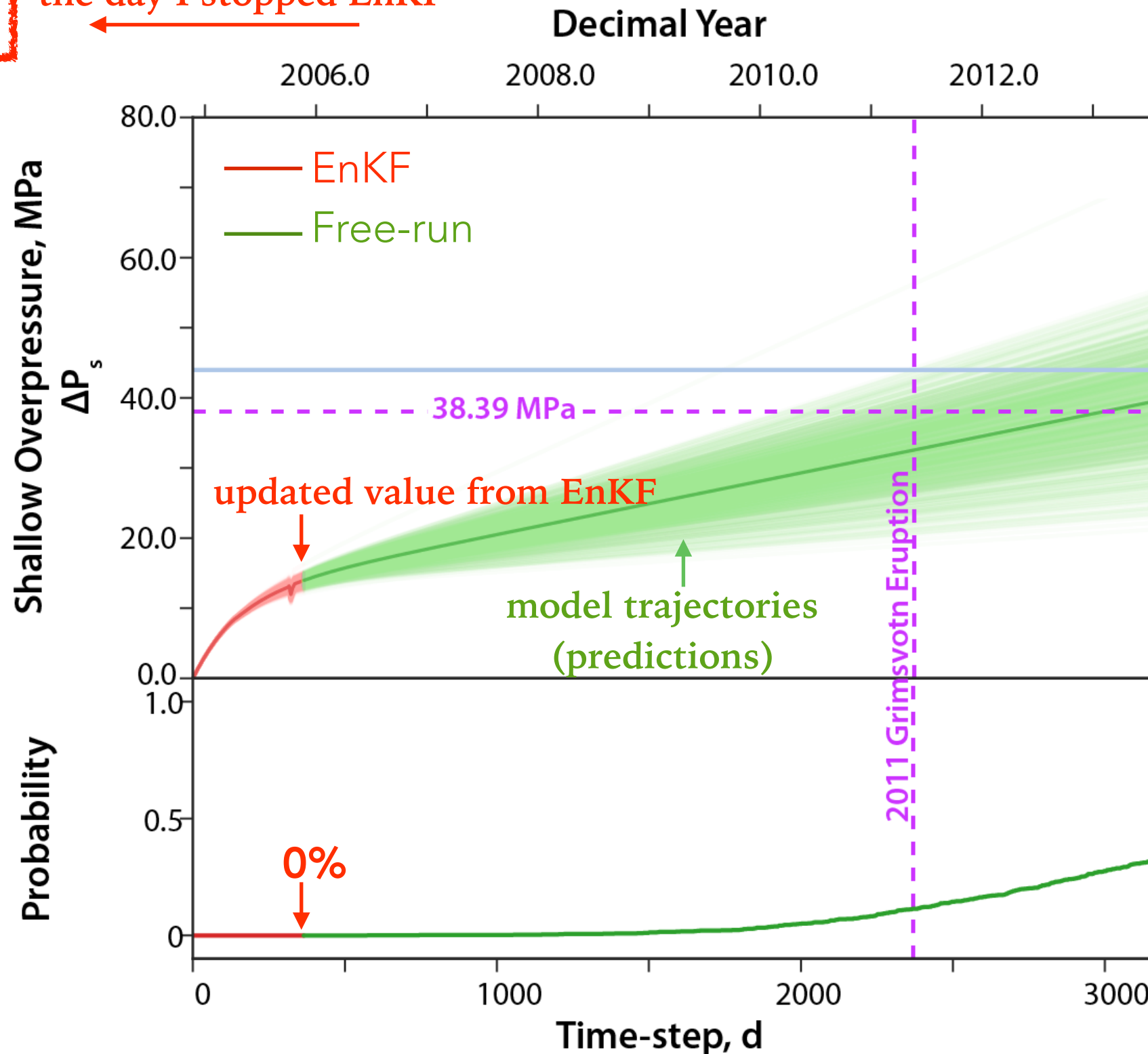
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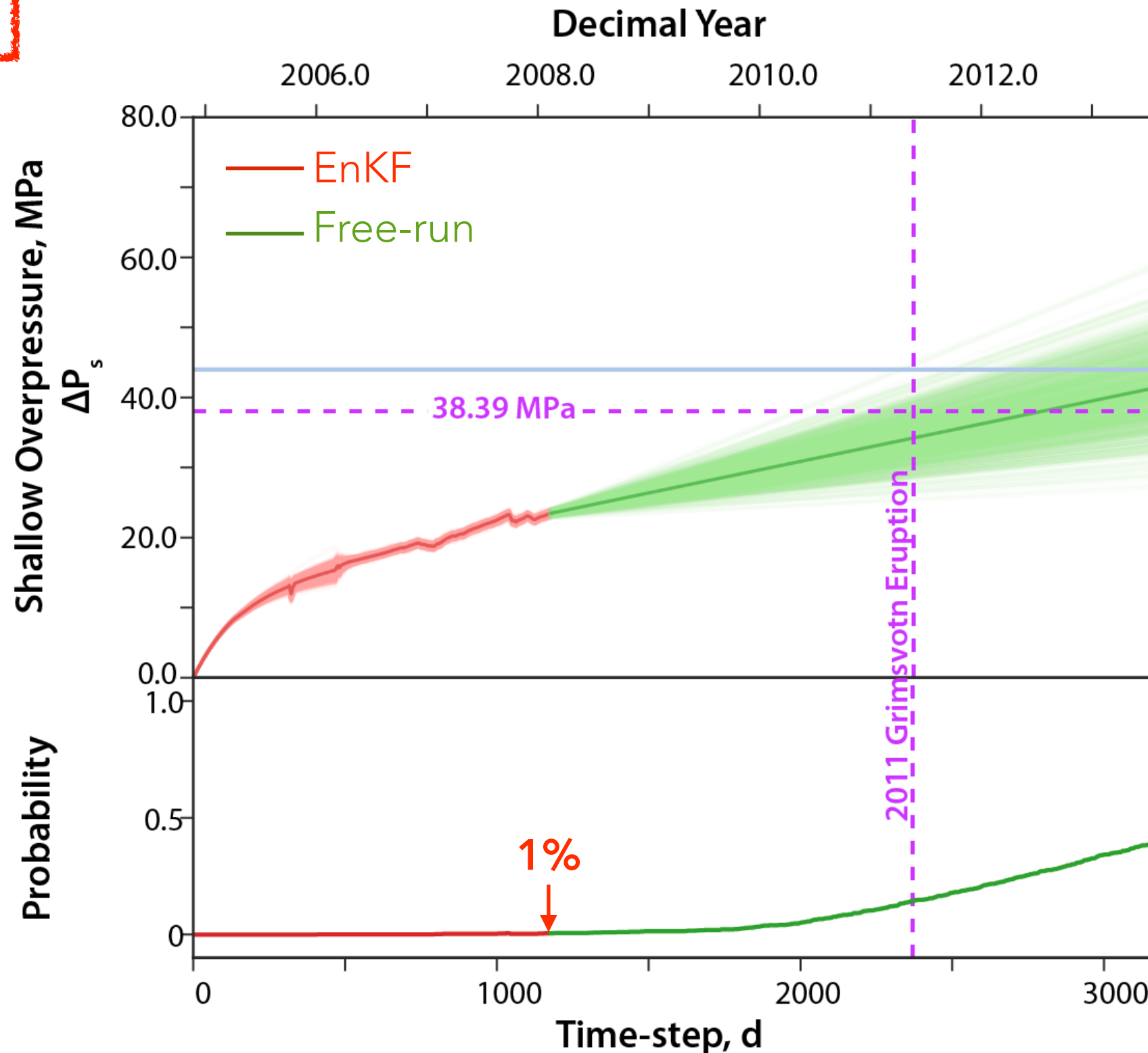
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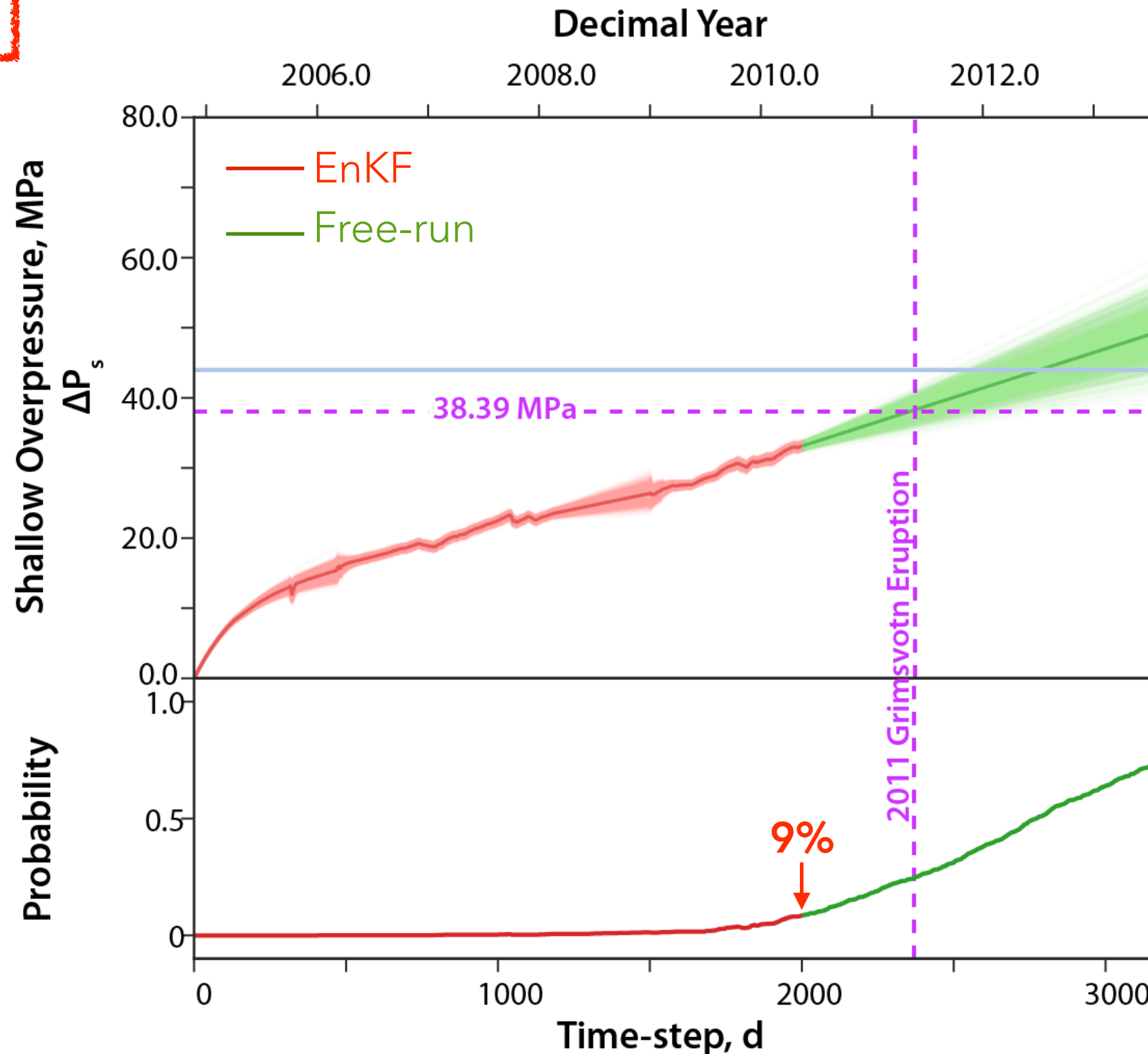
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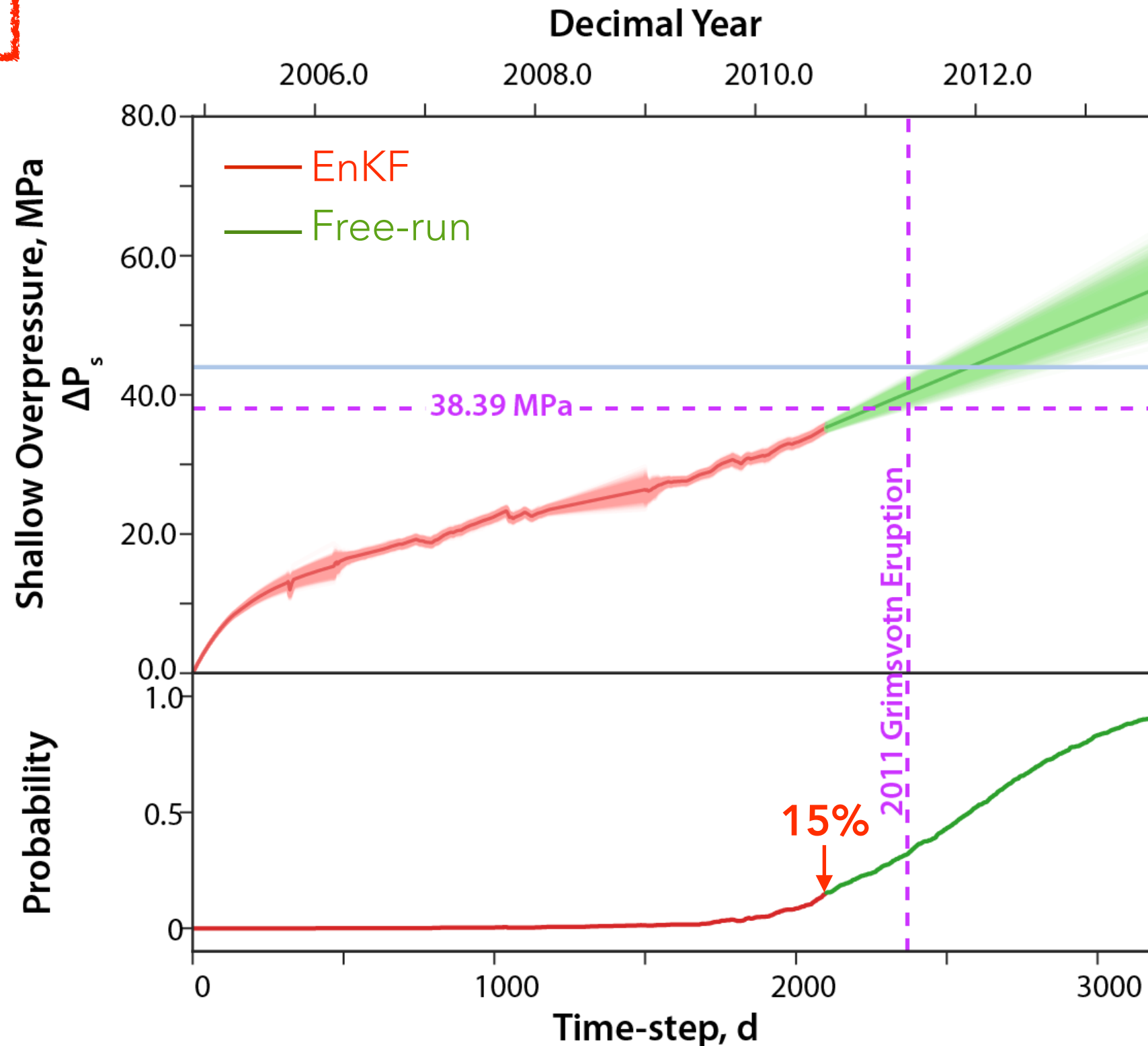
At day = 2006





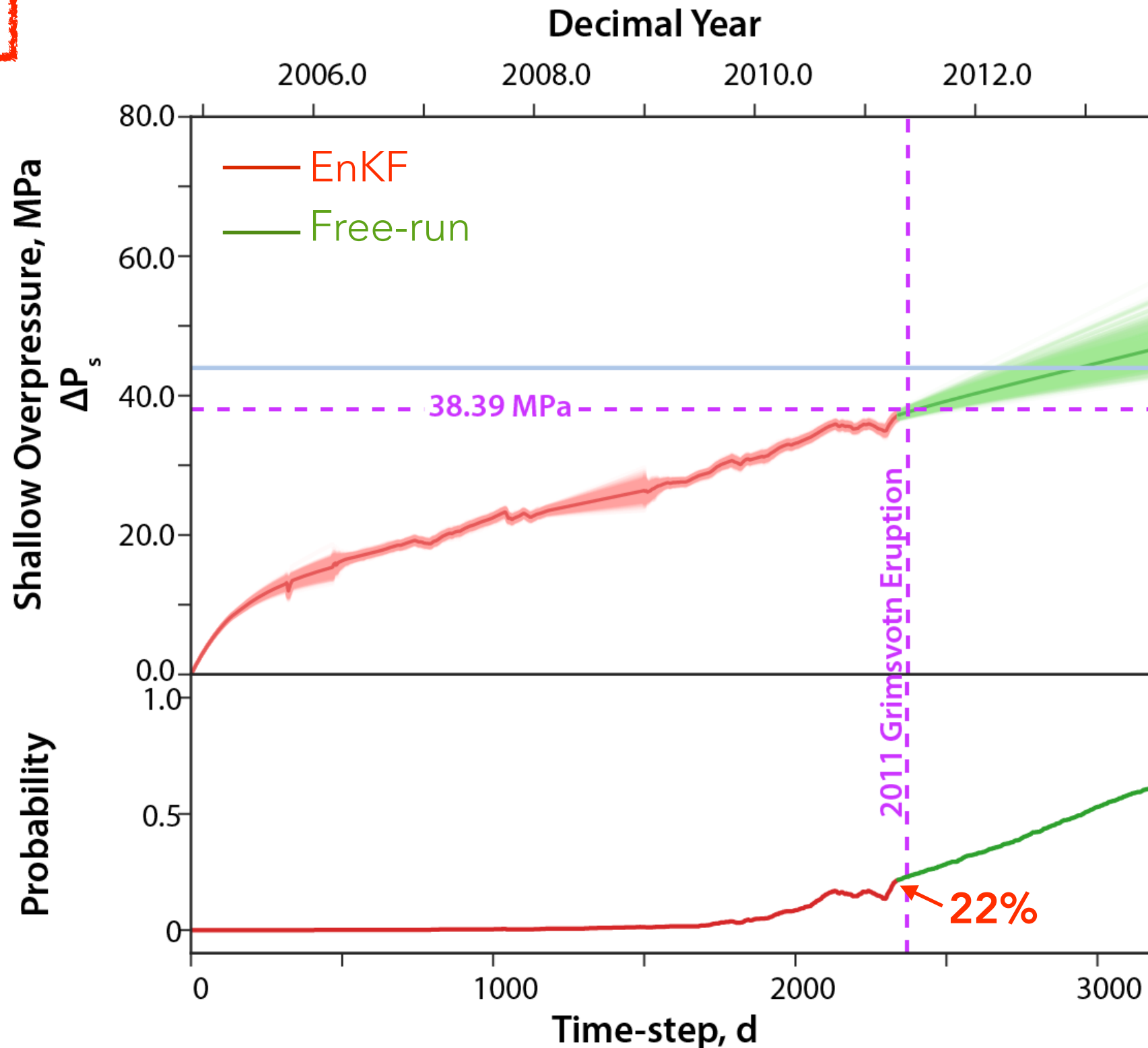
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At day = 2100



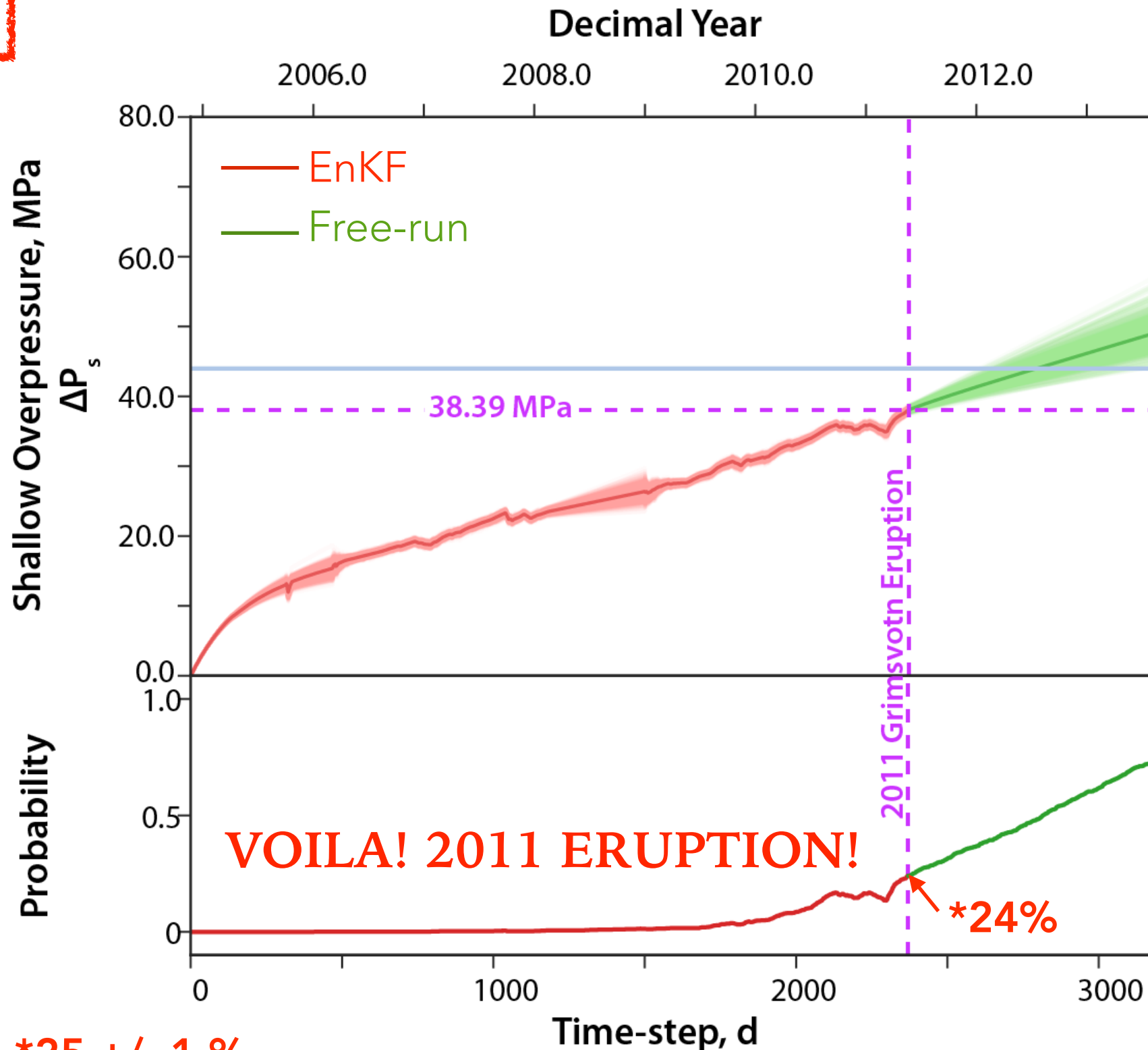
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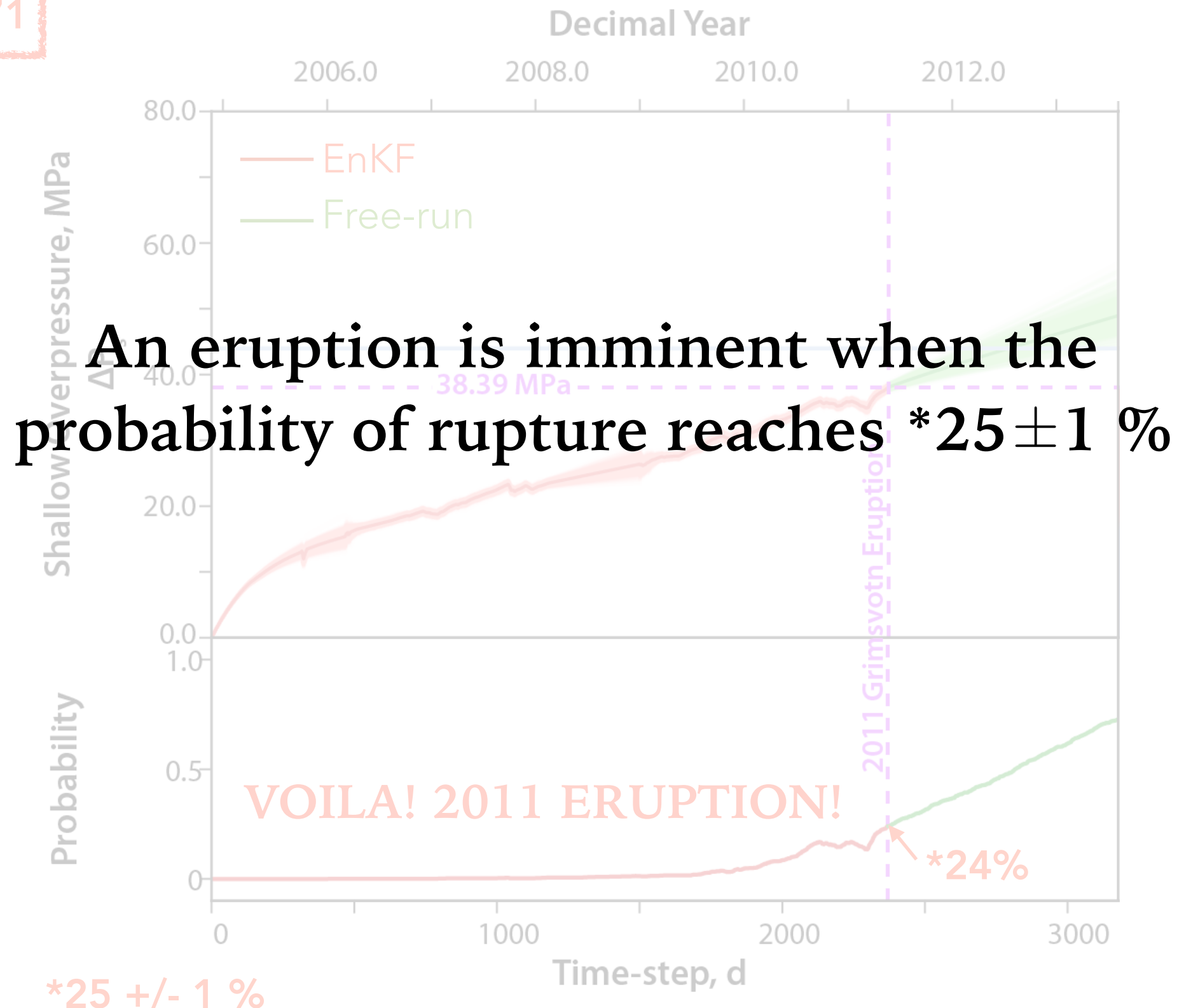
At day = 2371



\*25 +/- 1 %

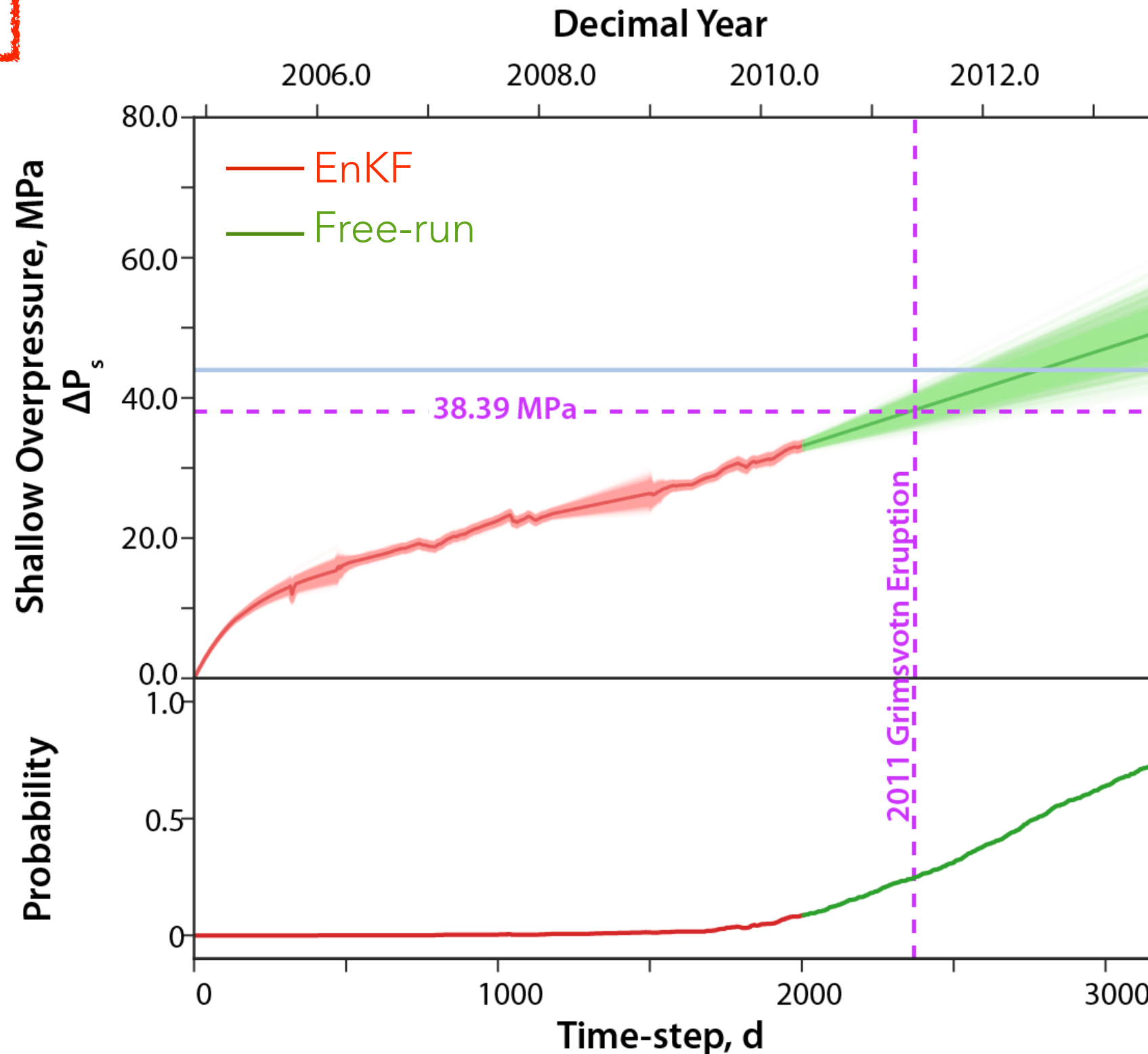
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At day = 2371



# LET'S GO BACK IN TIME AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS...

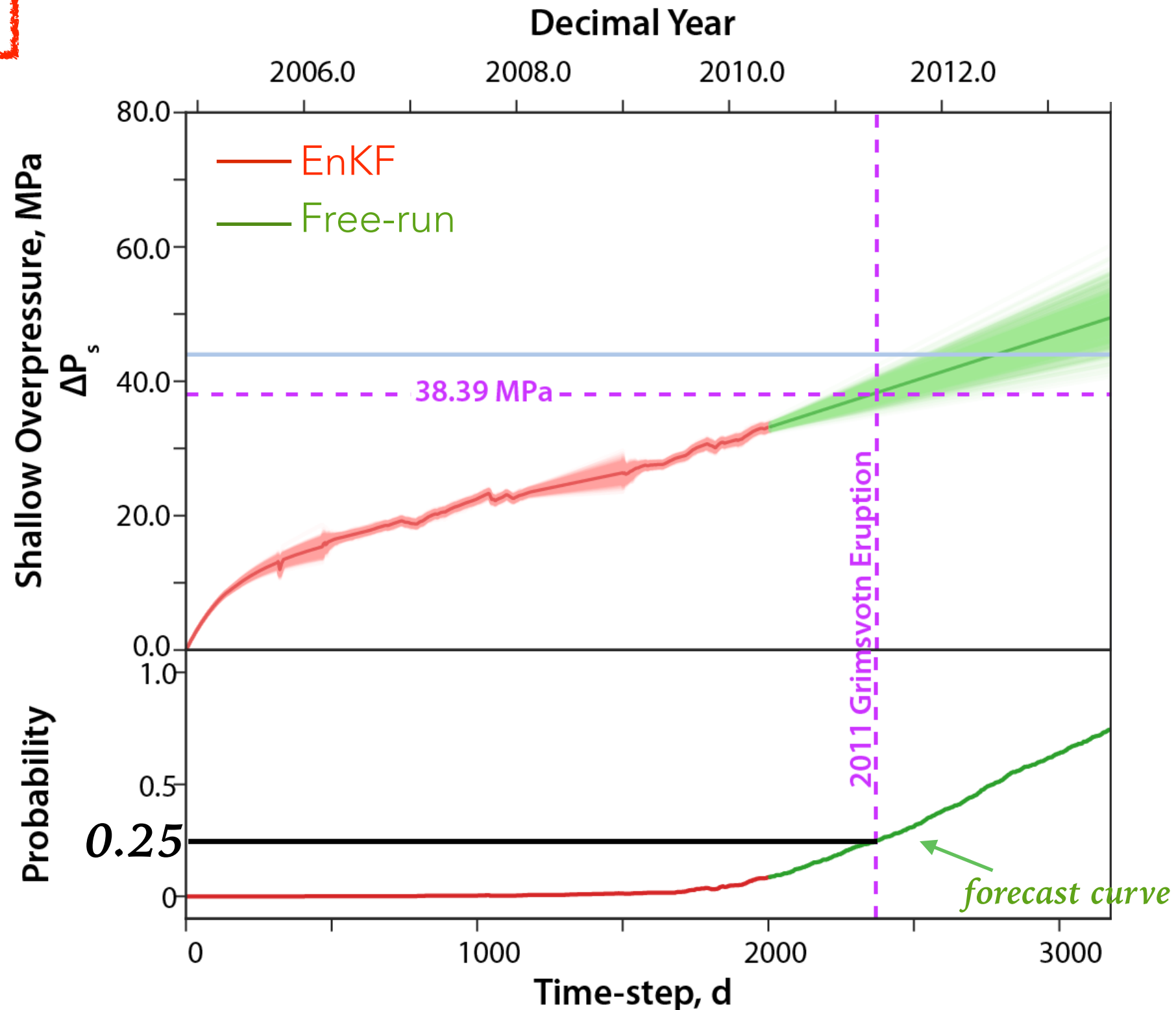
At day = 2006





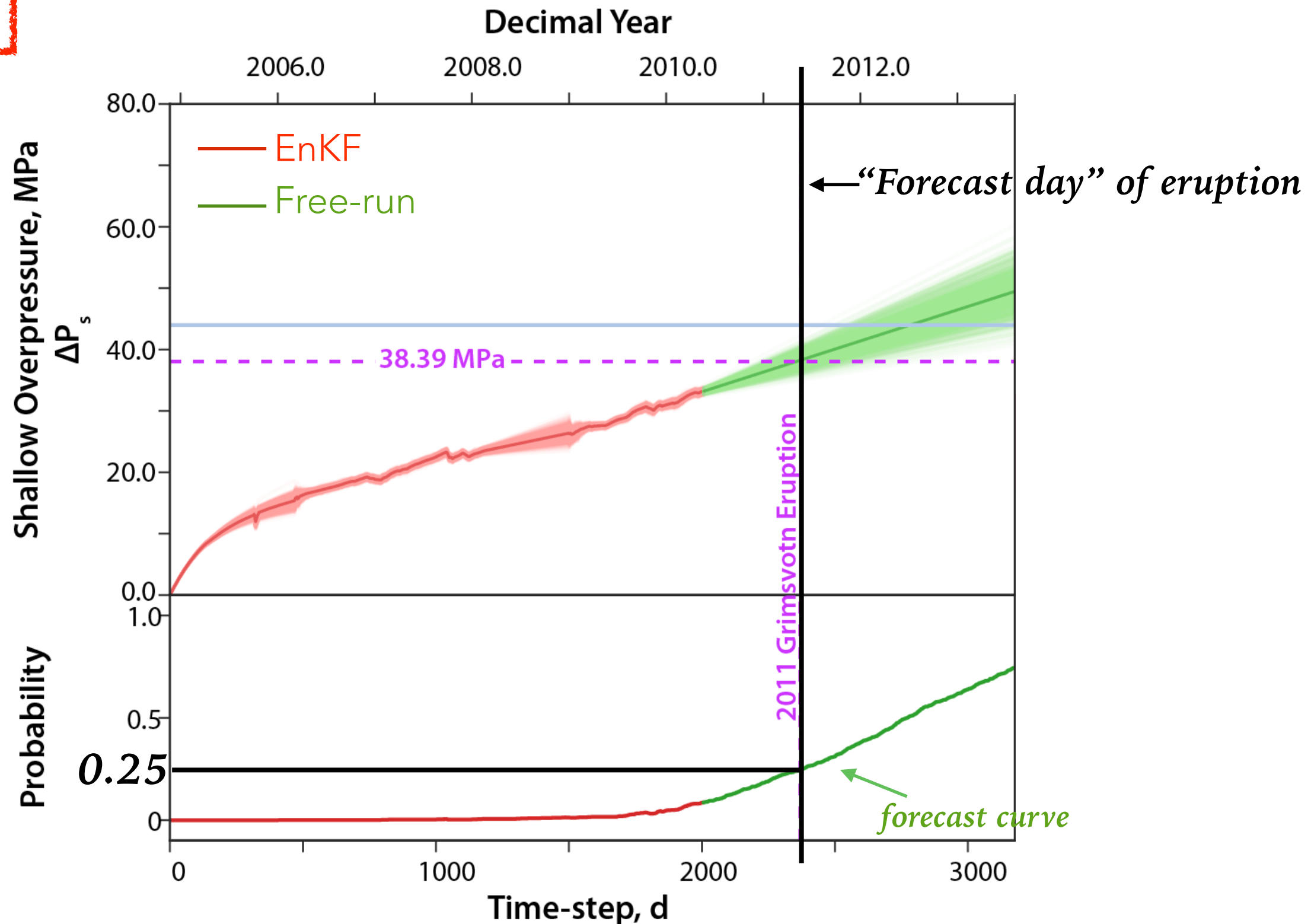
# LET'S FIND WHERE THE 0.25 PROBABILITY FALLS....

At day = 2006

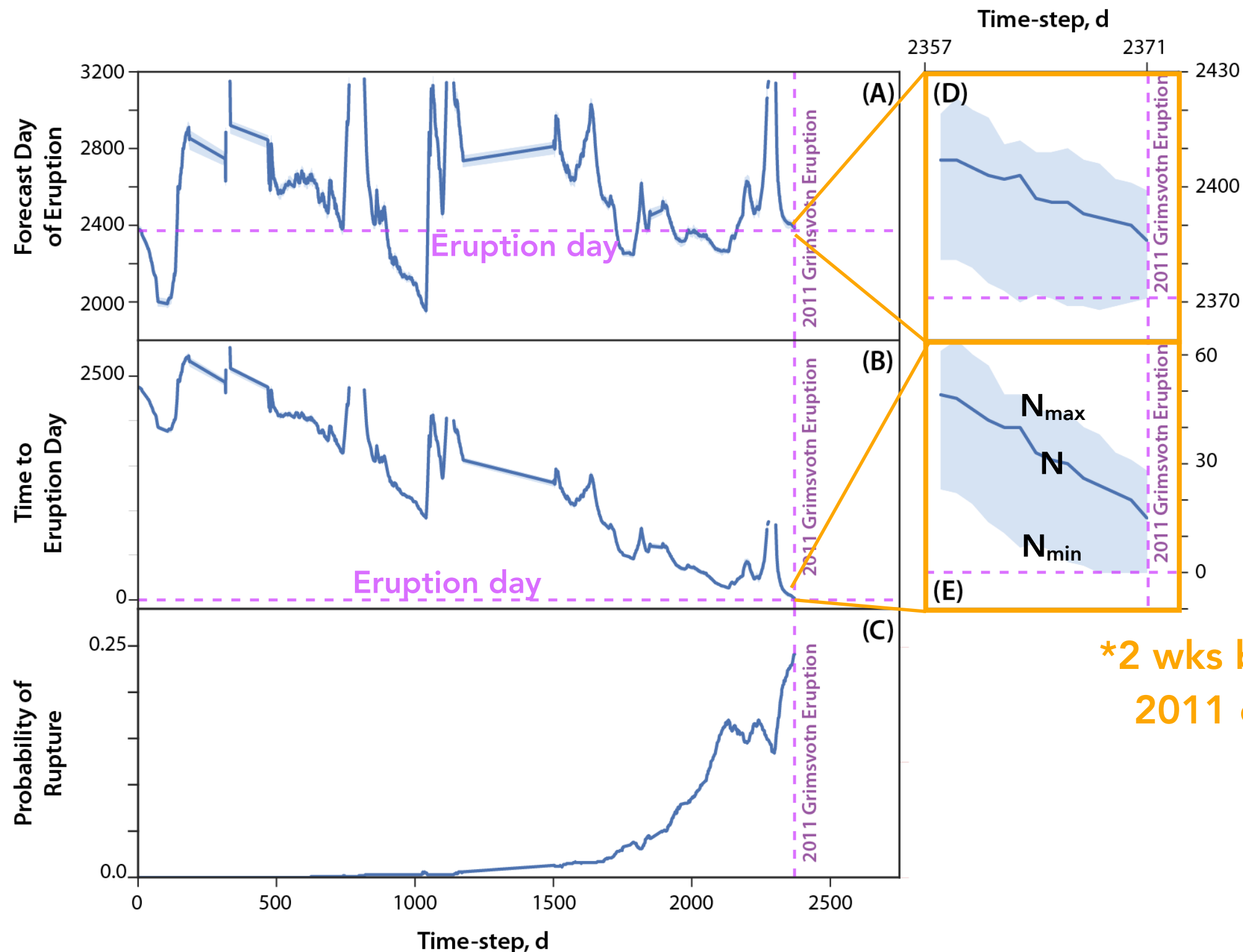


# LET'S FIND WHERE THE 0.25 PROBABILITY FALLS.... ET VOILA!

At day = 2006



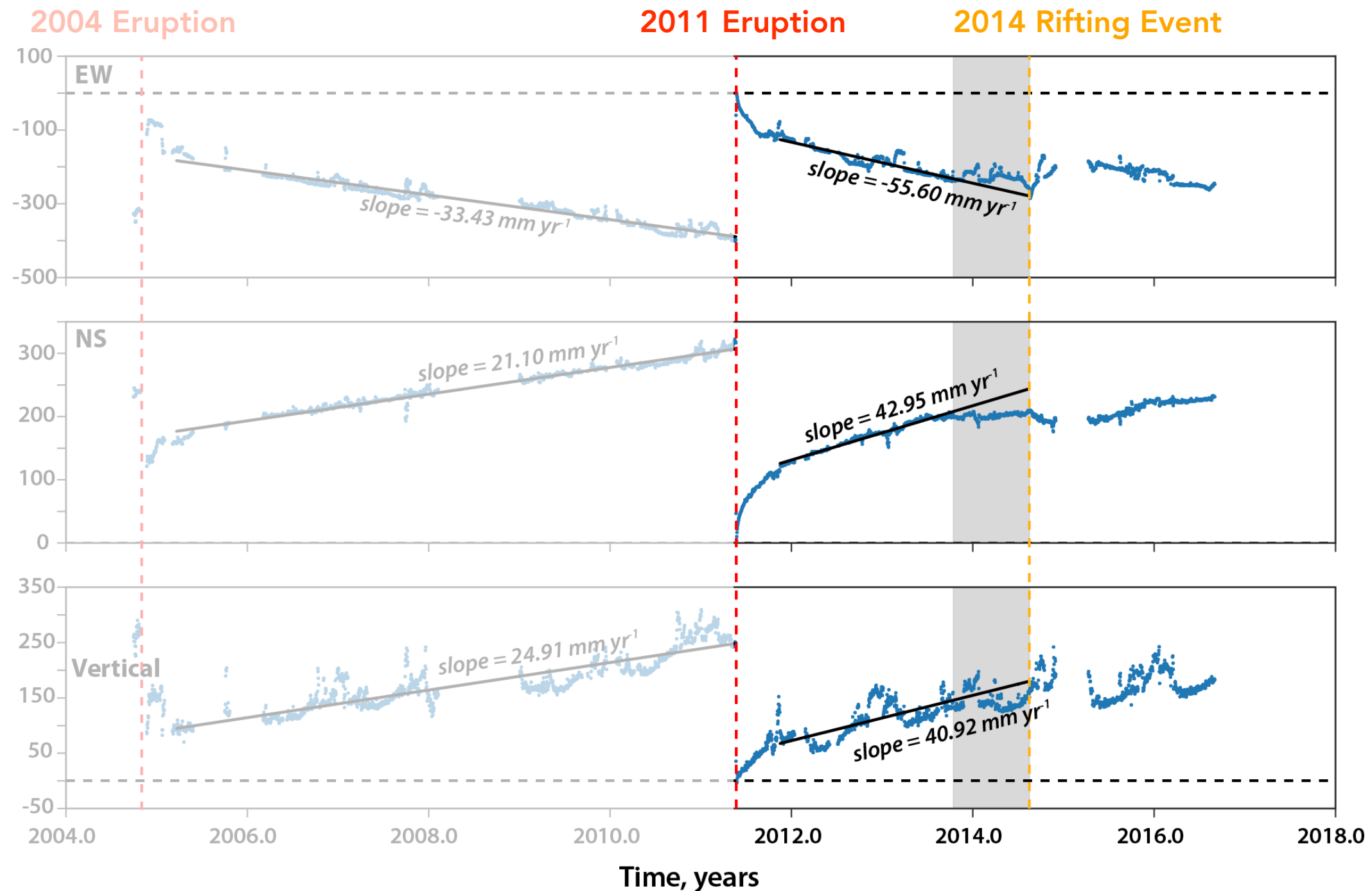
# PREDICTED TIMING OF THE ERUPTION AS A FUNCTION OF TIME



\*2 wks before the  
2011 eruption

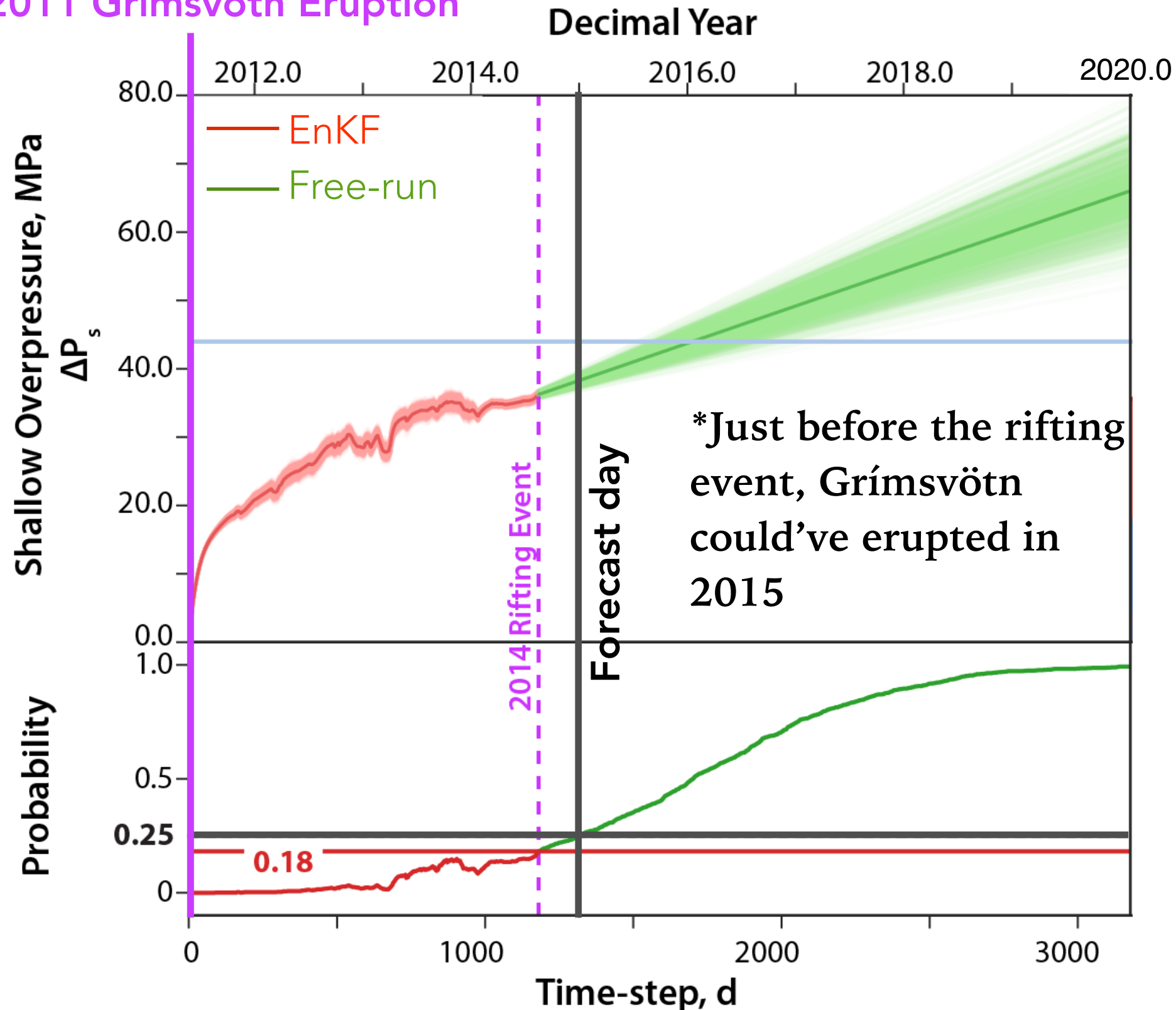
# I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING... IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

“Can the  $25 \pm 1\%$  criterion work for the next eruptive cycle (2011 post-eruptive dataset)?”



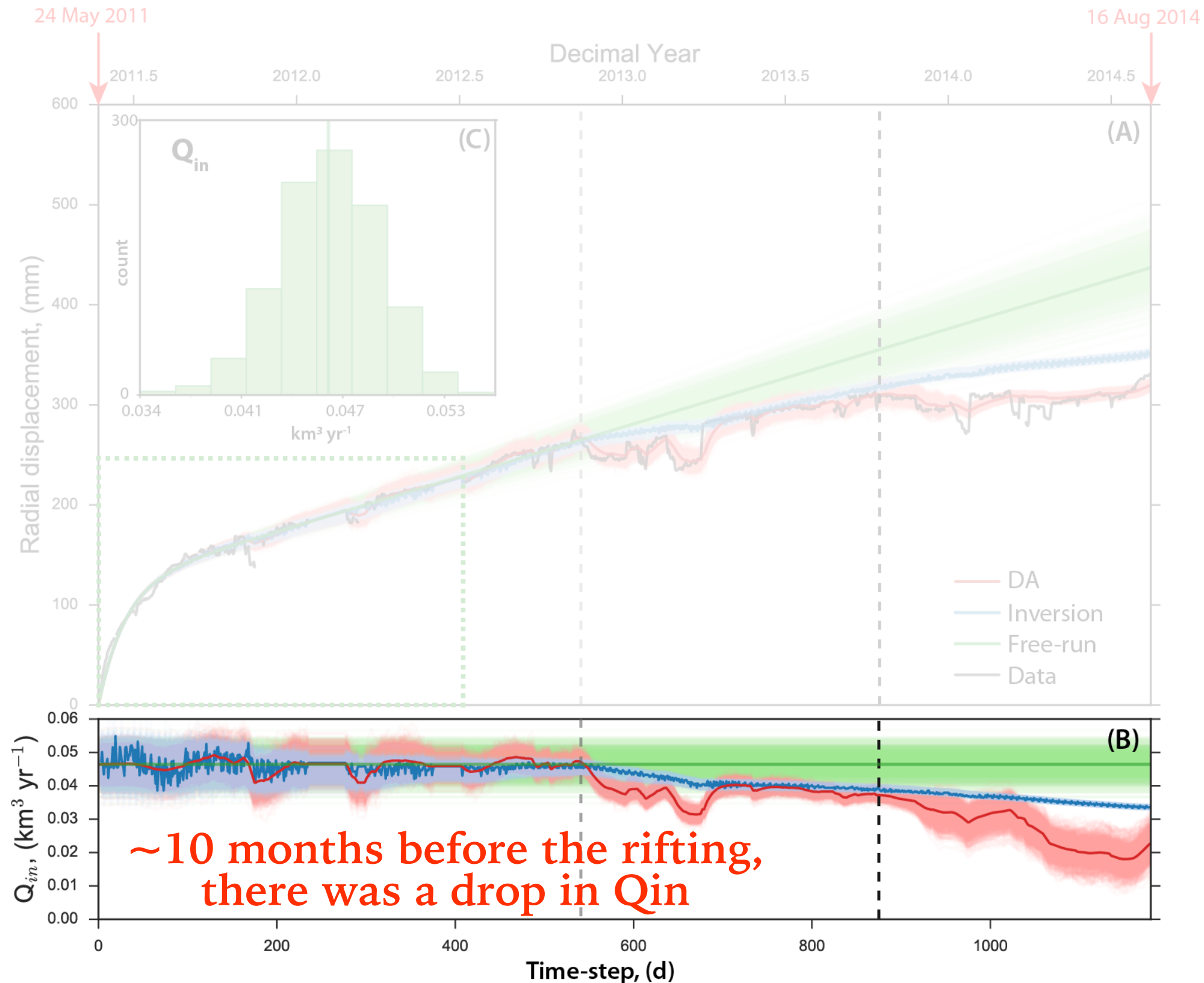
# DARN! THE ANSWER IS NO...

## 2011 Grímsvötn Eruption

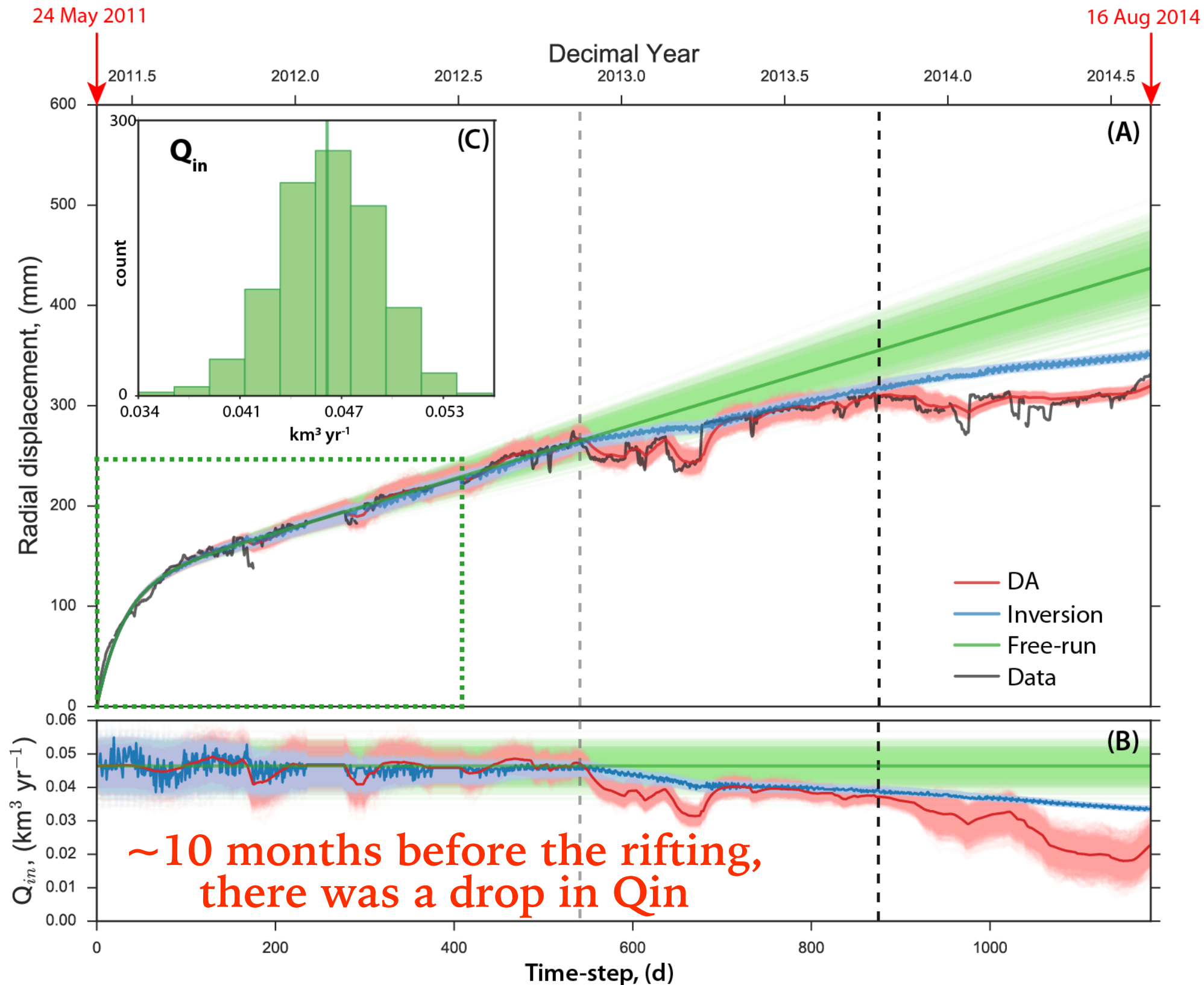




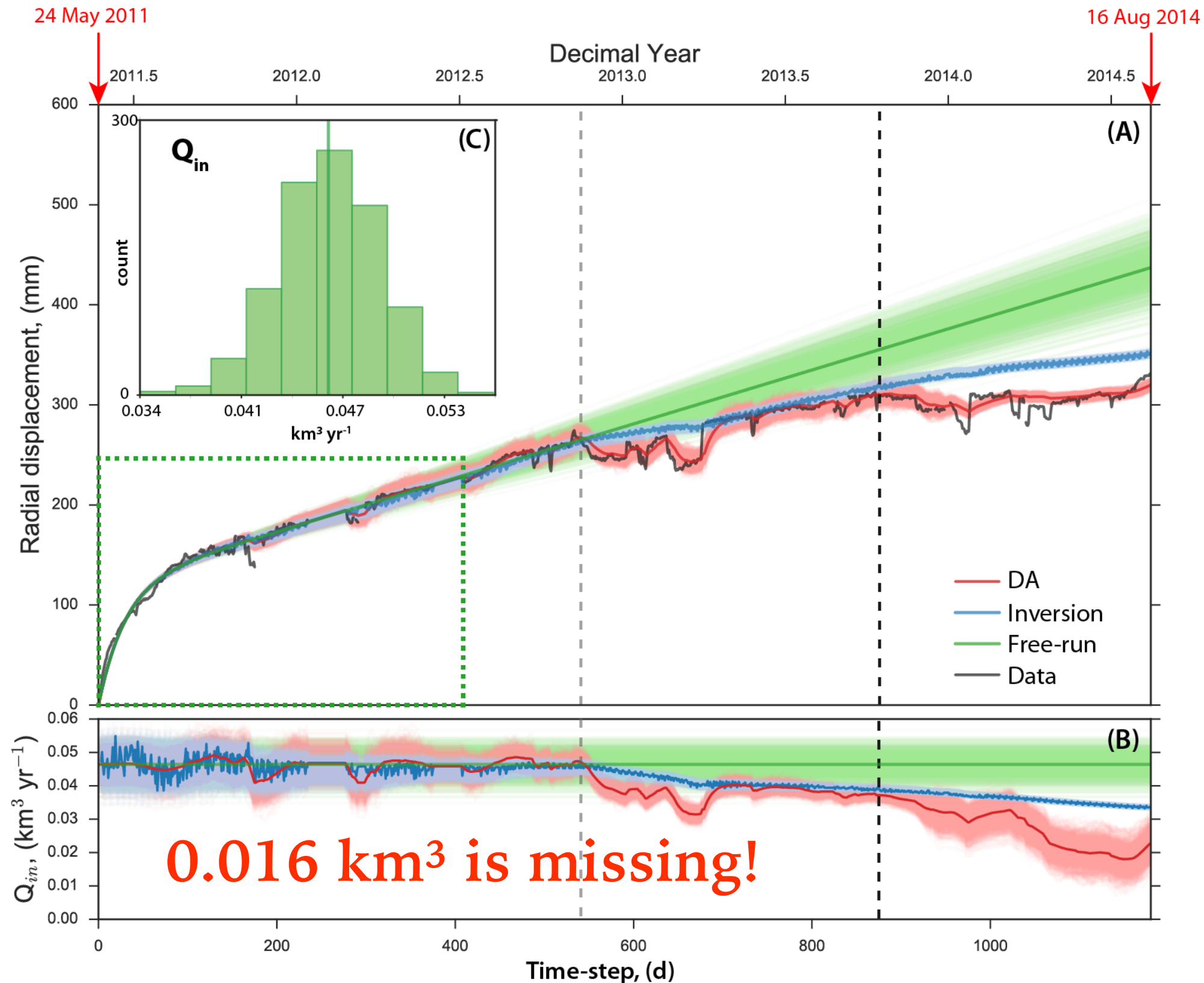
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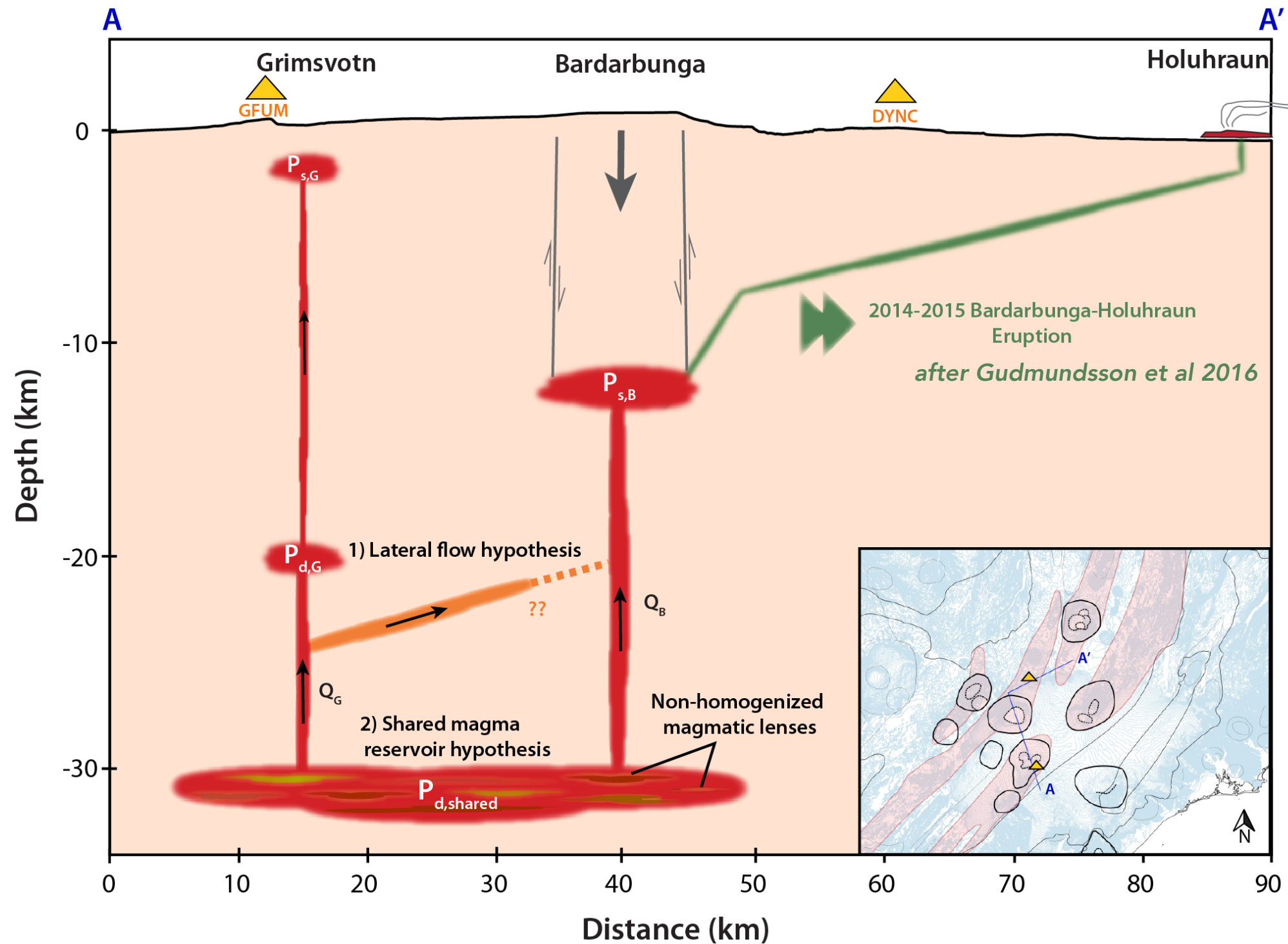
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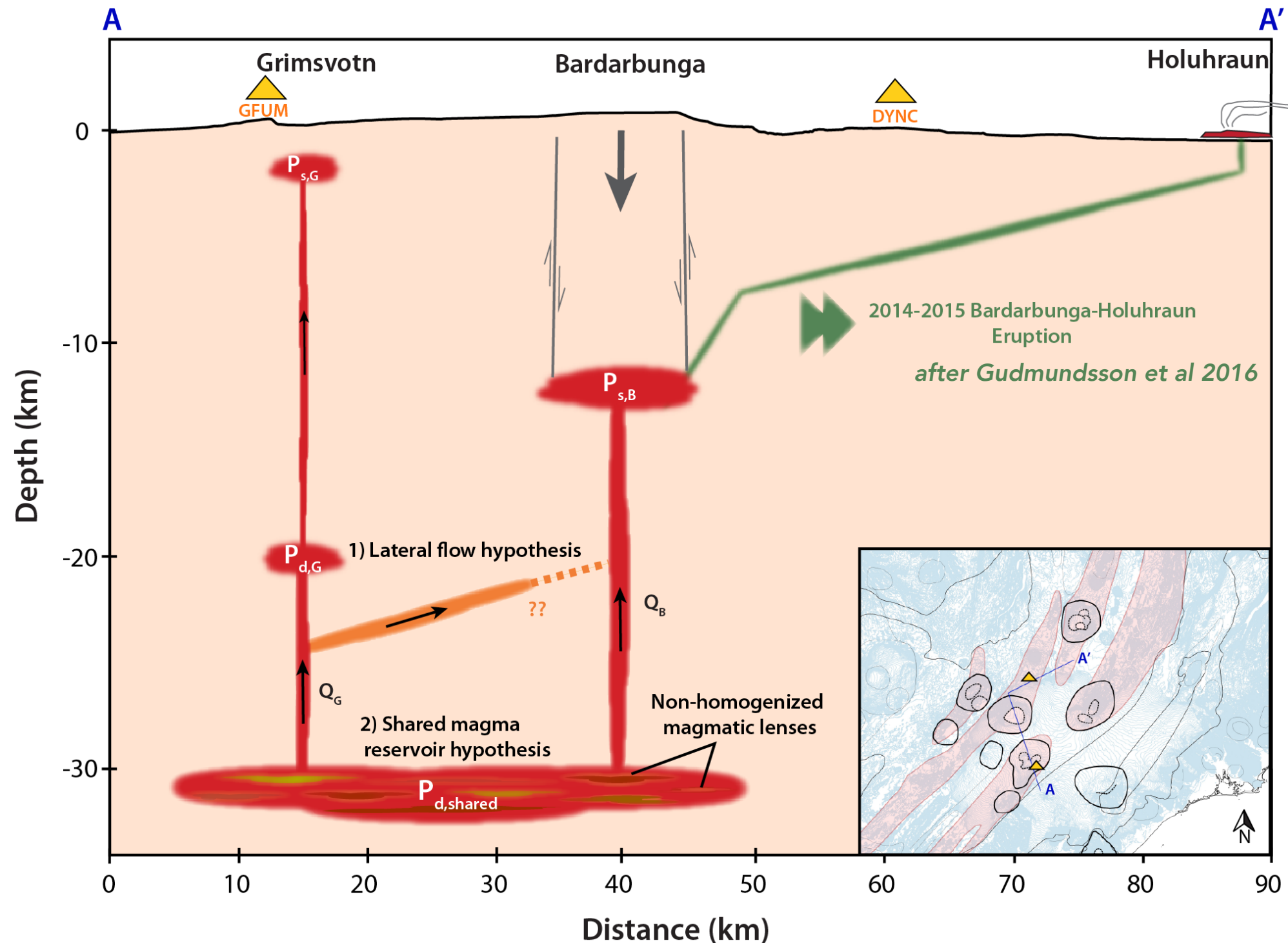


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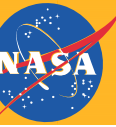
Surge in magma supply at Bárðarbunga + rifting event + gradual caldera collapse  
= 6-month long eruption



# TO SUMMARIZE ALL MY “BLA BLAS” . . .

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- ☑ **Data assimilation shows great promise** in addressing problems in volcanology.
- ☑ We can have a **dynamic information on the volcanic system** (e.g. overpressures, magma inflow rate).
- ☑ We can **predict the timing of eruption** given some assumptions on threshold overpressure.
- ☑ In addition to predicting volcanic eruptions, sequential assimilation of geodetic data has a unique potential to **give insights into volcanic system roots**.
  - ▶ We are able to **track the variation of magma supply rate** and evidence subsurface processes that occur between neighbouring volcanoes—**which have never been done before**.



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*“What is more likely to happen in the next decades is the development of ensemble models, which make volcanic forecasts that take account of both uncertainties and nonlinear dynamics”*

*- Steve Sparks [2003]*



# Guatemala volcano alert too late to save lives, officials admit

Sofia Menchu

6 MIN READ



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# Merci !

