

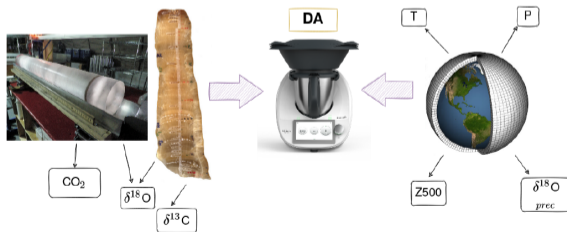
# Paleoclimate Data Assimilation for the LM with $\delta^{18}\text{O}$

Extended Update

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Following the Last Millennium Reanalysis Project [Hakim et al., 2016]

1. Get **proxy values**, their uncertainties and locations throughout time (can also be pseudoproxies)
  2. Prepare **model prior**: Yearly averaged variables of interest over time for every gridbox. Sample static background ensemble (Offline DA)
  3. Calculate **observations from model** (Proxy-System-Model, PSM)
  4. For each year apply **Kalman Filter Analysis equations**
  5. Evaluate results
- LMR code publicly available, but a bit cumbersome and slow ...

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→ Overview paper by [Vetra-Carvalho et al., 2018] provides unified notation and pseudocode

# Solutions for the square root formulation

following Vetra-Carvalho et al 2018



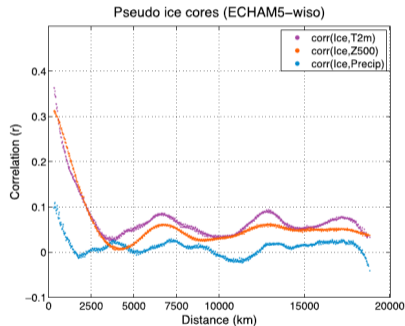
Applied to typical paleoclimate DA situation for reconstructing 1 year.

Method	~ Time [s]
Serialized Ensemble Square Root KF <small>as used in [Hakim et al., 2016]</small>	10
Direct Ensemble Square Root KF solver <small>[Steiger et al., 2018]</small>	0.5
Optimized EnSRF	0.12
Ensemble Transform KF	0.05
Error subspace Transform KF	0.05

- LMR Code inefficient
- Reconstruction over whole millennium + Monte Carlo techniques: Speed is relevant
- Fastest variants limited by inevitable large matrix multiplication



Recall that gridpoints not covered by measurements are reconstructed via correlations  
From [Steiger et al., 2017]



- How does this plot look like before and after DA for infiltration weighted  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ?
- Are there spurious long-range correlations in the static prior? ( $\rightarrow$  covariance localization)

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