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Major differences from Flocco et al. 2010:

- use delta-Eddington radiation scheme
- ice lid growth not added to ITD until  $V_p = 0$
- retained melt water fraction
- reduction by ridging
- transport ap
- transport  $V_p$  and  $V_{ip}$  on each category

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