

# Program Day 1

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## Day 1 - 8th November 2021

09:00 - 10:30 Welcome and introduction to Elmer/Ice

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:30 Synth Glacier Step 1

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Synth Glacier Step 2

14:30 - 15:00 Break

15:00 - 16:00 Synth Glacier Step 3



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# A (nearly) real-world application

## Synth Glacier

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# Synth Glacier

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- ✓ **Context**
  - Glaciology: how, why, where?
- ✓ **Step 1**
  - Model initialisation
- ✓ **Step 2**
  - Growing Synth Glacier to a steady state
- ✓ **Step 3**
  - Perturbing Synth Glacier



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# Why do we study glaciers?

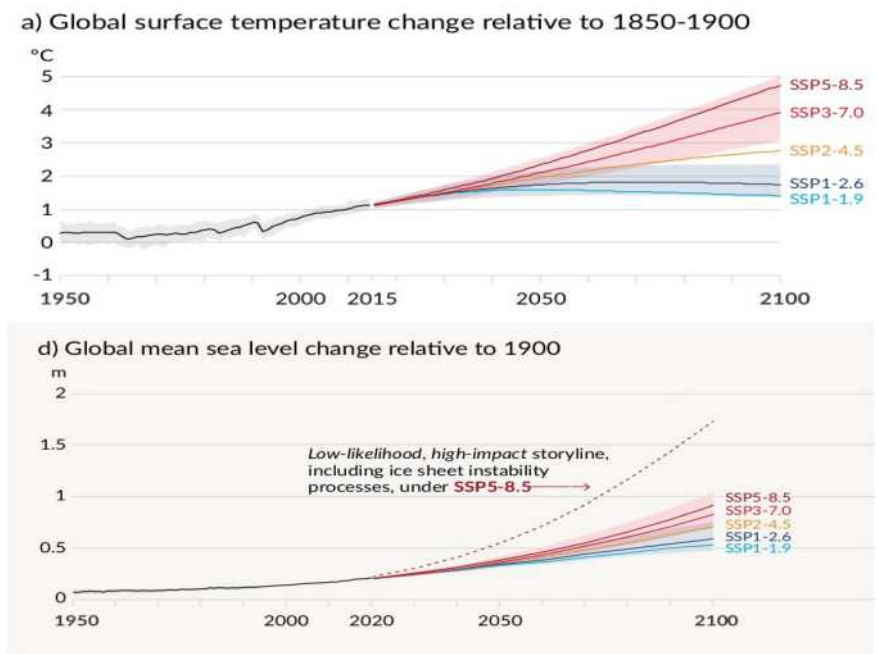
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- They contain lots of water
- They're changing fast
- Loss of water resources
- Sea-level rise



# Why do we study glaciers?

- So we want to know how they'll change
- Also useful to know what they did in the past
- Can tell us where we're going



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# How do we study glaciers?

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# How do we study glaciers?

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- Fieldwork
- Remote sensing
- Modelling



# Modelling ice

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- Very useful
- Stuff we can't observe
- Reaction to global warming
- Multiple scales



# Tête Rousse Glacier

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## ✓ Context

- The history of Tête Rousse Glacier
- The 2010 water filled-cavity
- Analysis of the cavity roof stability (Autumn 2010)



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# Location (Mont Blanc Area, France Alps)



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Tête Rousse glacier  
3100 to 3300 m  
0.08 km<sup>2</sup> (2007)



# Chronology

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**Past History** – The 1892 catastrophe

**Contemporary history:**

2007-10 - Studies to answer the question about the necessity to maintain the tunnel

07/2010 - A water filled cavity under pressure is discovered

- Crisis – Artificial drainage

2011 - Small research program to understand the formation of the cavity

- New crisis – Artificial drainage

2012 - New Artificial drainage needed

2016 - Building of an artificial spillway



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# The 1892 catastrophe

11 July 1892

175 fatalities

100 000 m<sup>3</sup> of water

Flood produced

800 000 m<sup>3</sup> of sediment

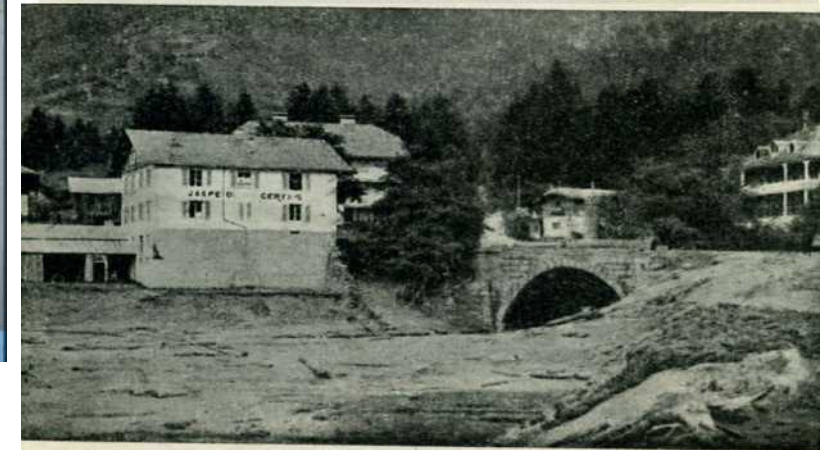
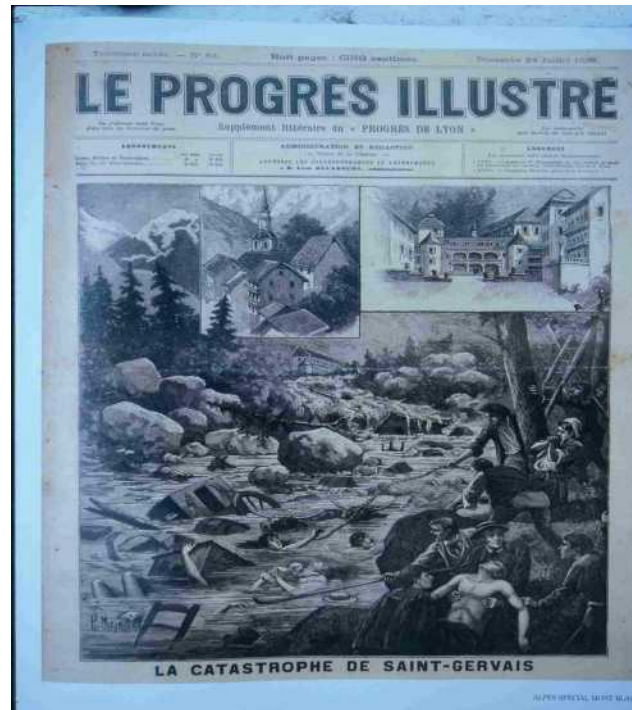


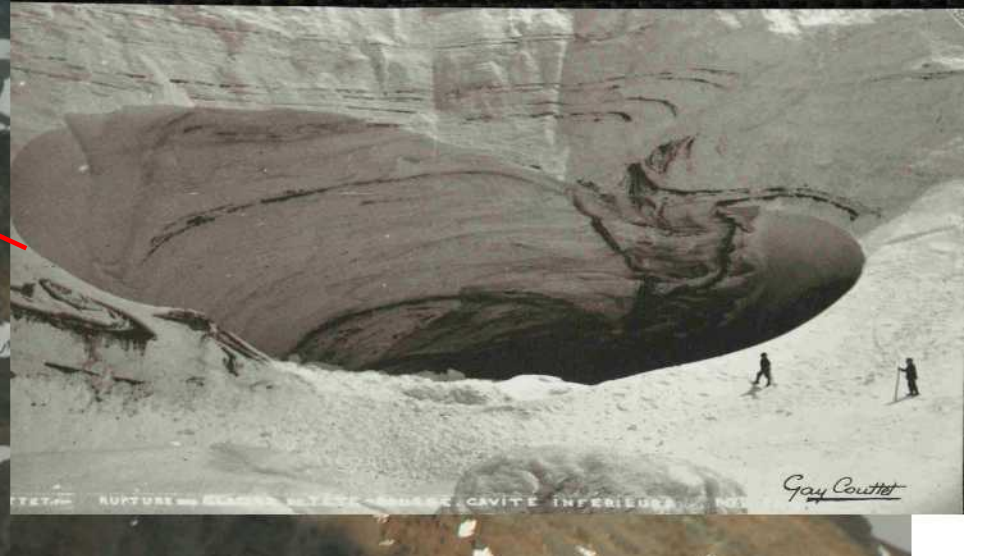
Fig. 22. — Le pont de la route départementale n° 4 tourné et submergé par la lave.  
13 juillet 1892. — Cliché Kuss.

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# The 1892 catastrophe



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# Is there still a risk at Tête Rousse ?

Question asked by authorities in 2007



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# Glaciological studies

- . Topographic measurements
- . Radar measurements
- . Temperature measurements
- . Mass balance measurements



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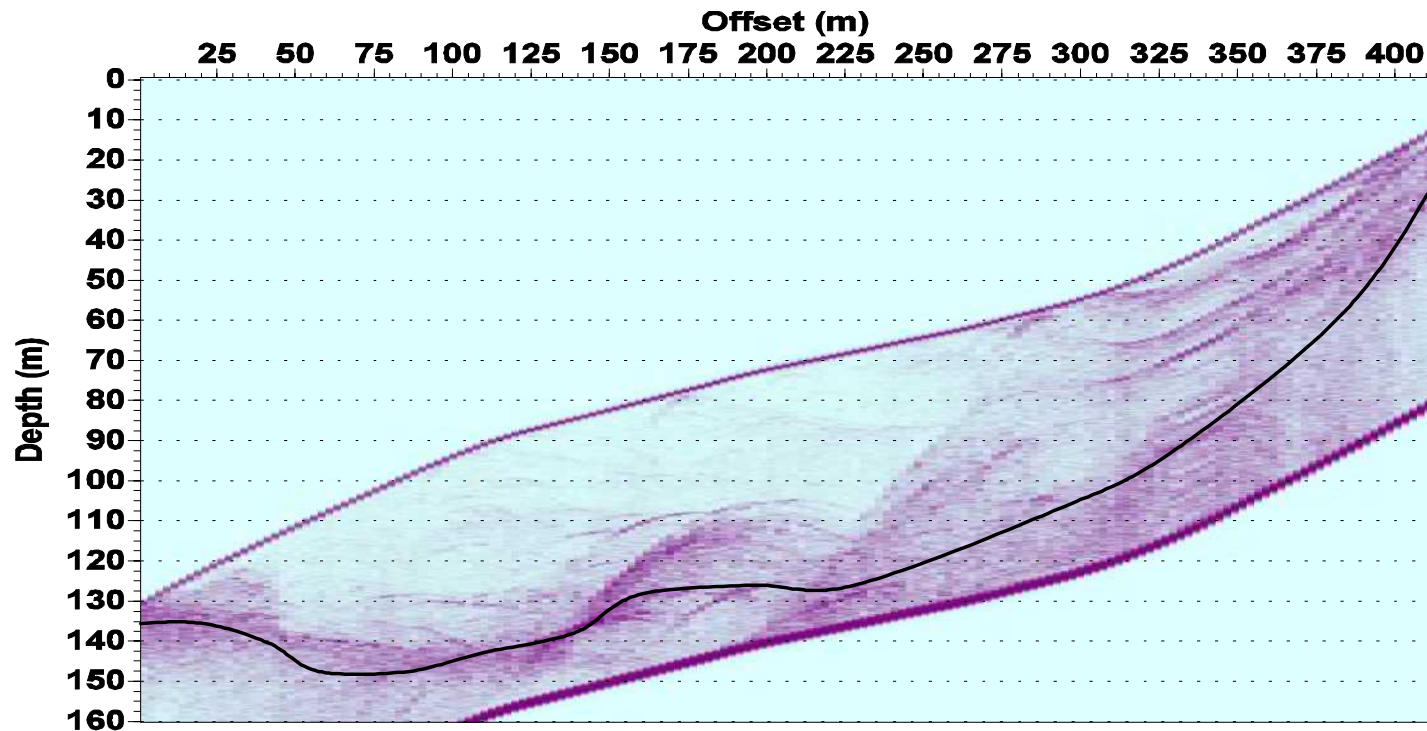
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# Glaciological studies



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The radar measurements showed a zone (volume ) with an anomaly.

# Glaciological studies

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In Sept 2009, geophysical survey using the  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (LTHE, Grenoble)



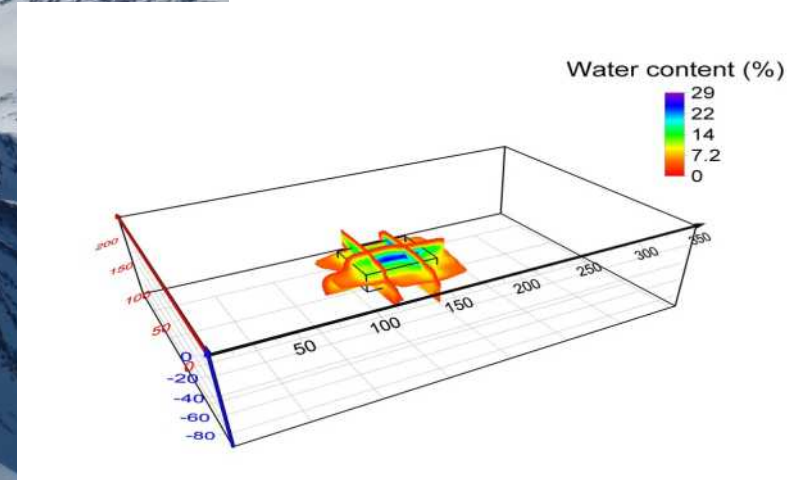
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# Glaciological studies



Water volume of 65 000 m<sup>3</sup>

Report presented to public authorities in March 2010

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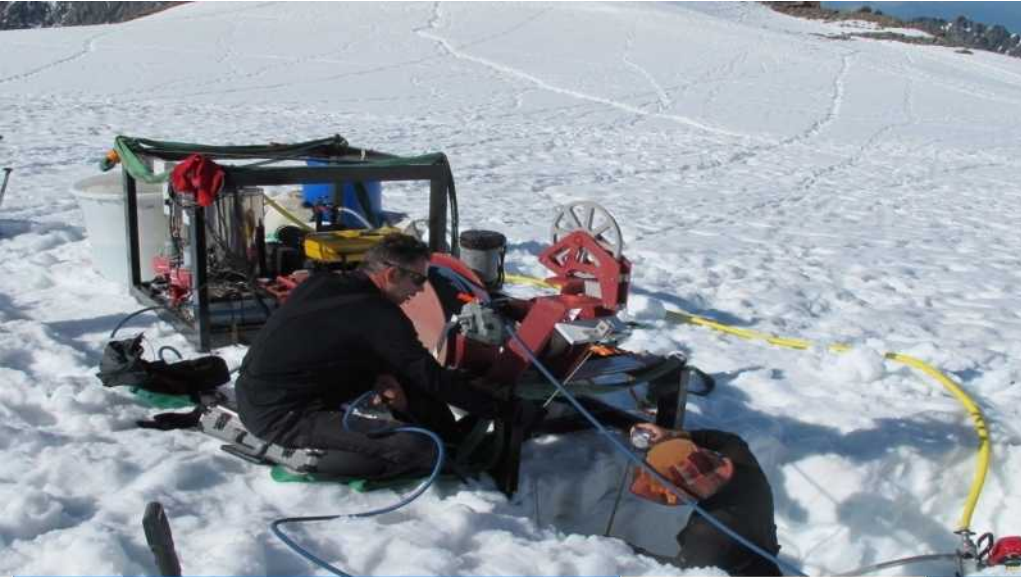


# Pressure measurements

20 hot-water drillings performed from 29 June to 8 July 2010

Confirm the presence of a cavity  
and that

**the cavity is under pressure!**



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# Decisions

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The hydrostatic pressure exceeded the ice pressure from the weight of the ice column

We could expect that the water contained in the glacier would be released suddenly

The public authorities were warned immediately (13 July, 2010)

It was decided to drain the subglacial lake as soon as possible, because 3000 people were threatened in the valley.

# A difficult field work



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# Drainage of the cavity

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The artificial drainage started the 26th August 2010



# A new risk ?

But was stopped on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September :

What was the risk of collapse of the cavity roof induced by the artificial drainage?



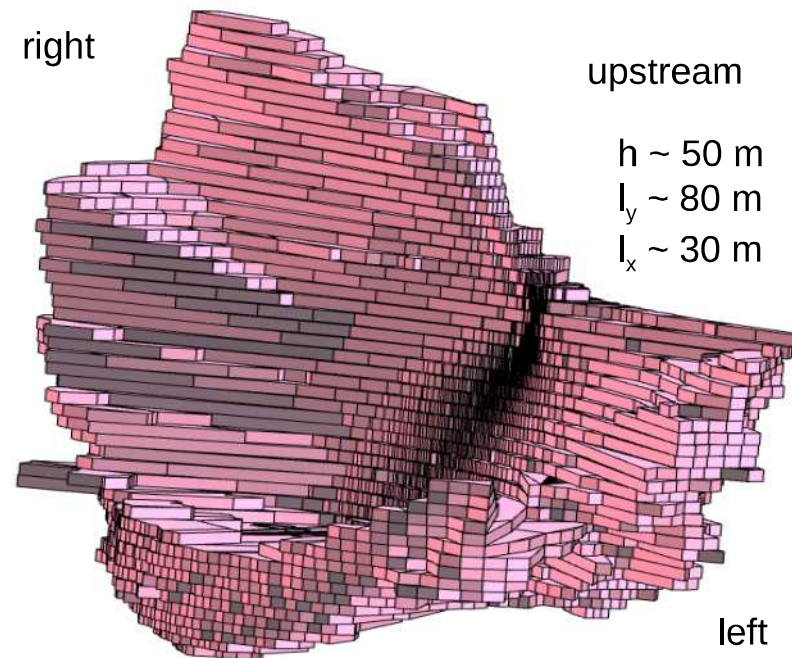


# The 2010 cavity

Pumping of 47 700 m<sup>3</sup> from 25 August to 8 October 2010

**Question** (addressed end of August 2010):

What is the risk of break-up during the pumping phase?



# Time-line for investigations

Sonar data

Septembre

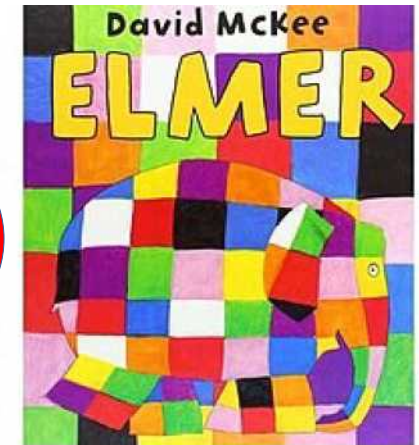
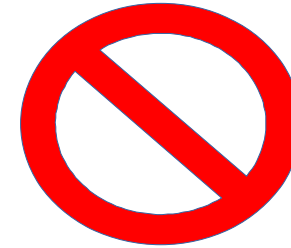
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26	27	28	29	30		

Meeting with the  
mayor of St  
Gervais

# After all that, Elmer/Ice!

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- Elmer
  - } Elmer/Ice
- Open source
- Can do a lot, but....
- UNITS



# Elmer Essentials

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- Elmer install
- SIF
- Mesh
- Other data
- Results

# Elmer Install

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- Should be already installed on your computers
- If want to install on your personal computers (Mac/Linux only), go to <http://elmerfem.org/elmerice/wiki/doku.php?id=compilation>

# Elmer Install

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- Lots of folders
- Important ones:
  - } DownloadDir/fem/src
  - } DownloadDir/elmerice/Solvers
  - } DownloadDir/elmerice/UserFunctions
  - } DownloadDir/elmerice/Tests

# SIF

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- Solver Input File
- The instructions that tell Elmer what to do for a given simulation
- Can be long and complicated, but doesn't need to be
- Mostly straightforward, but some syntax to learn

# Mesh

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- Elmer needs to be given a mesh to run on
  - } i.e. a digital representation of the glacier
- Various ways of doing this
- Need to think about resolution, dimensions....



## Other Data

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- Elmer can load all kinds of other data
- Generally, easiest is to provide it as a text file or raster (netCDF or an ASCII format)
- Make sure in right co-ordinate system and units

# Results

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- Elmer outputs (useful) results in vtu format
- Best viewed and analysed in Paraview
  - } Also open-source
  - } Built on python

# After all that, an example!

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Construct a model of a realistic synthetic glacier (Synth Glacier)

- Step 1: Initialise the model
- Step 2: Grow Synth Glacier to a steady state
- Step 3: Perturb Synth Glacier

# Data for ice-flow modelling

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- Basics:
  - Bedrock Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
  - Surface DEM
  - A mesh domain
- More complex model = more inputs needed (usually)

# Material:

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To be listed when I know what I'm doing

**Data:** All generated internally !

**SRC:** Compute2DNodalGradient.F90, SyntSMB.F90

**Step1:** Synthetical\_Glacier\_BedDEM.py, Contour2geo.py,  
initialise\_DEM.sif

**Step2:** steady\_climat.sif, steady\_climat\_Stokes.sif

**Step3:** All.sif, Slip.sif, SMB.sif, TempDiagnostic.sif

# Modelling Synth Glacier

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# Step 1: Work to do

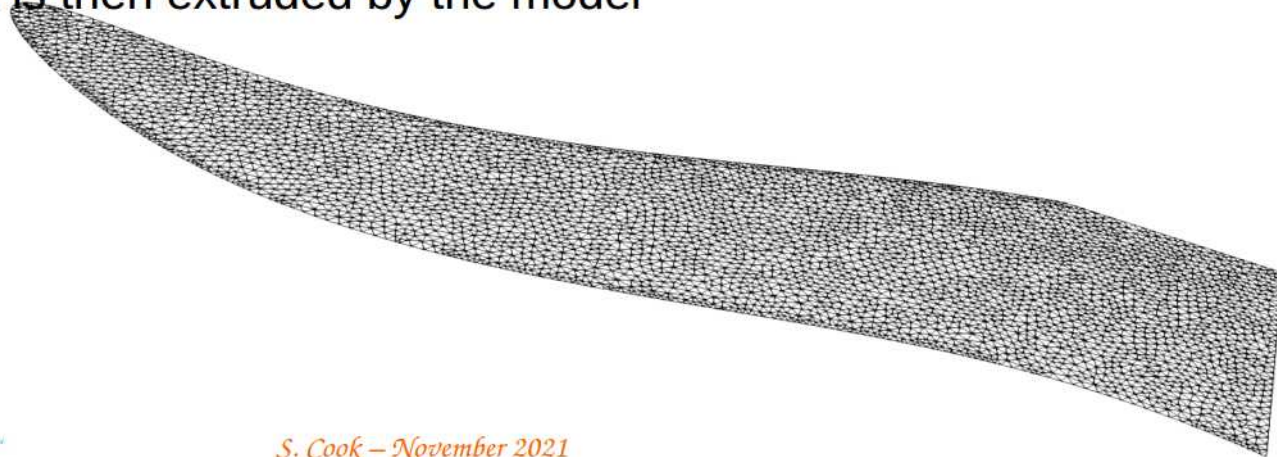
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- Create the mesh
- Import DEMs

# Step 1: Create the mesh

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- 1/ Use python to run **Synthetical\_Glacier\_BedDEM.py** to create a contour outline
- 2/ Run **Contour2geo.py** to turn this into a .geo file (glacier footprint)
- 3/ **gms** to turn this into a .msh file (still the footprint)
- 4/ **ElmerGrid** to convert to Elmer format mesh
- 5/ This 2D footprint is then extruded by the model





# Step 1: Synthetic Glacier BedDEM.py

The python script **Synthetic\_Glacier\_BedDEM.py** :

- Takes a load of modifiable parameters and uses them to construct a realistic bed DEM for a synthetic glacier
- Generates:
  1. A contour outline of the glacier footprint (SyntBed\_Contour\_bed1.dat)
  2. A bed DEM (SyntBed\_DEM\_bed1.nc)

Options :

- Open the script – lines 32-37 and 44-53 are all parameters you could modify
- We're not going to now, but you could

Run: **python Synthetic\_Glacier\_BedDEM.py**



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# Step 1: Contour2geo.py

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The python script **Contour2geo.py** :

- Reads the point coordinates in the contour file
- Creates the **Mesh2d.geo** file (input file for GMSH)

Options :

- The contour can be made of one spline or many lines in between points
- One can choose the size of the elements (the mesh resolution)

Run: **python Contour2geo.py -r 100.0 -i SyntBed\_Contour\_bed1.dat -o Mesh2d.geo**



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# Step 1: GMSH and ElmerGrid

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> **gmsht Mesh2d.geo -1 -2**

help: <http://www.geuz.org/gmsh/>

line commands:

"-2" performs 1D and 2D mesh generation and then exits

> **ElmerGrid 14 2 Mesh2d.msh -autoclean**

Converts a GMSH mesh (14) into an Elmer mesh (2)

> **ElmerGrid 14 5 Mesh2d.msh -autoclean**

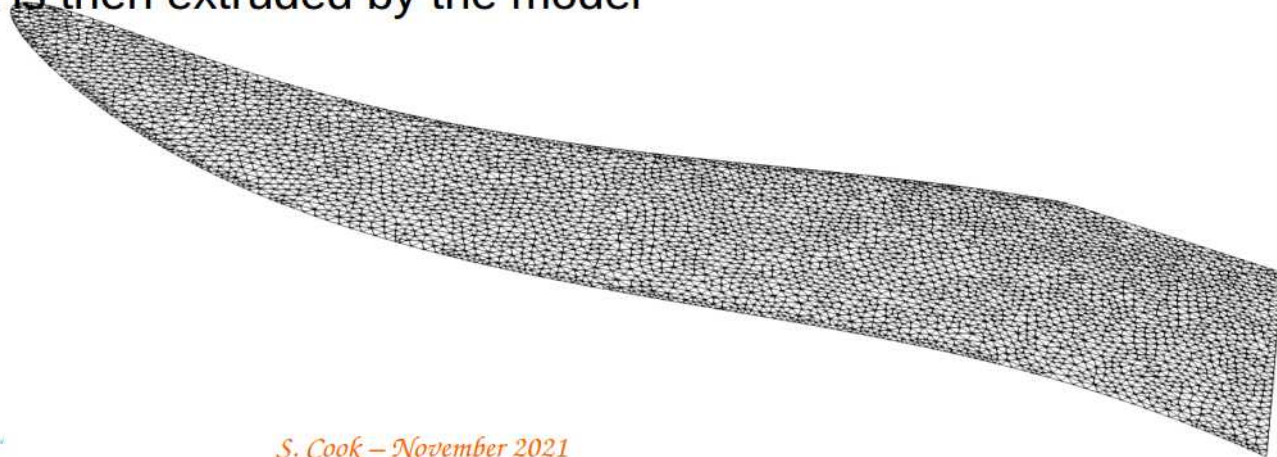
Converts a GMSH mesh (14) into a vtu file (5)

Use Paraview to visualise the mesh

# Step 1: Create the mesh

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# Step 1: Work to do

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- Create the mesh
- Import DEMs

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- A very simple SIF: **initialise\_DEM.sif**
- Internal extrusion

# Step 1: SIFs

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- Header and constants
  - Include files
- Simulation
- Bodies
- Solvers
- Equations
- Boundary conditions



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# Step 1: SIFs

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- Not in this SIF:
  - Material
  - Initial conditions
  - Body forces



# Step 1: Internal extrusion

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Define the number of vertical layers to make your mesh 3D (Simulation section; see **Extrusion.sif**):

Simulation

Coordinate System = Cartesian 3D

Simulation Type = Steady

**Extruded Mesh Levels = Integer 5**

...

End

The second solver to be executed is the StructuredMeshMapper

Solver 2

Equation = "MapCoordinate"

Procedure = "StructuredMeshMapper" "StructuredMeshMapper"

Active Coordinate = Integer 3

← 3D problem, so the mesh moves in the z direction

Displacement Mode = Logical False

Correct Surface = Logical True

Minimum Height = Real #MinH

←  $z_s = \min(z_s, \text{bed} + \#MinH)$

! Top and bottom surfaces defined from variables

Top Surface Variable Name = String "surfDEM"

Bottom Surface Variable Name = String "bedDEM"

} See next slide

End



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# Step 1: Internal extrusion

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bedDEM and surfDEM (variable) must be declared in a solver (GridDataReader for example)

```
Exported Variable 1 = -dofs 1 "bedDEM"  
Exported Variable 2 = -dofs 1 "surfDEM"
```

Keywords Bottom Surface and Top Surface (needed by the solver StructuredMeshMapper) are assigned the value of these two variables

```
!Bed rock BC  
Boundary Condition 2  
  Bottom Surface = Equals bedDEM
```

...

End

```
! Upper Surface BC  
Boundary Condition 3  
  Top Surface = Equals surfDEM
```

End



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# Modelling Synth Glacier

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## Step 2: Work to do

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- Grow the glacier
- Introduce Stokes
- Steady state?
- Parallelisation

# Step 2: Grow the glacier

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- Initial glacier geometry set up
- Now we need some ice
- And to do something with it....
- SIF gets a bit more complicated
  - New sections:
    - Initial Condition
    - Body Force
    - Material



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# Step 2: Grow the glacier

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## - Initial Condition

Initial Condition 1

End



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# Step 2: Grow the glacier

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## - Body Force

Body Force 1

```
Flow BodyForce 1 = Real 0.0
```

```
Flow BodyForce 2 = Real 0.0
```

```
Flow BodyForce 3 = Real #gravity
```

! This should be in Body Force 2 but not working

! for solver executed on a boundary

```
Zs = Variable bedDEM
```

```
Real LUA "tx[0]+ MinH"
```

! should make it also dependent on SMB, i.e. allow zs to change if SMB>0

```
Zs Condition = Variable "IcyMask","Mass Balance"
```

```
Real LUA "IfThenElse((tx[0]< -0.5) and (tx[1] <= 0.0), 1.0, -1.0)"
```



End

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# Step 2: Grow the glacier

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## - Material

Material 1

! For the ice flow

Density = Real #rhoi

Viscosity Model = String "Glen"

Viscosity = Real 1.0

Glen Exponent = Real 3.0

Critical Shear Rate = Real 1.0e-10

! properties with T

Rate Factor 1 = Real #A1

Rate Factor 2 = Real #A2

Activation Energy 1 = Real #Q1

Activation Energy 2 = Real #Q2

Glen Enhancement Factor = Real 1.0

Limit Temperature = Real -10.0

Relative Temperature = Real 0.0

! or provide A

!Set Arrhenius Factor = Logical True

!Arrhenius Factor = Real #A

Min Zs = Variable bedDEM

Real LUA "tx[0]+ MinH"

End

! Prefactor from Cuffey&Paterson (2010) in MPa<sup>{-3}</sup> a<sup>{-1}</sup>

#A1 = 2.89165e-13\*yearinsec\*1.0e18

#A2 = 2.42736e-2\*yearinsec\*1.0e18

#Q1 = 60.0e3

#Q2 = 115.0e3





# Step 2 – Grow the glacier

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1/ Need to restart...

Initial conditions are set before the first solver is executed  
Impossible then to initialize with another variable

This is then done by using a restart and specifying:

```
Restart Before Initial Conditions = Logical True
```

2/ (As an aside) Problem when a solver is called two time in the same sif...

Need to make a copy of the object file to avoid mixing the saved variables in the solver from two different calls:

```
cp $ELMER_HOME/share/elmersolver/lib/FreeSurfaceSolver.so  
MyFreeSurfaceSolver
```

```
Procedure = "./MyFreeSurfaceSolver" "FreeSurfaceSolver"
```

Use a different call in the sif file for Zb:



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## Step 2 – Grow the glacier

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- We currently have no ice
  - So cannot do a **diagnostic** simulation (unchanging geometry and boundary conditions)
  - We will run a **prognostic** simulation (changing geometry and boundary conditions)

In a **prognostic** simulation, need to:

- Add the FreeSurface solver
- Add one body per FS (new Initial Condition and Equation Sections)
- Modifications in the Simulation and Boundary Condition Sections



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# Step 2 – Grow the glacier

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The simulation Section has to be modified:

Simulation Type = Transient

—————> Backward Differences Formulae

Timestepping Method = "bdf"

BDF Order = 1

Output Intervals = 1

Timestep Intervals = 50

Timestep Sizes = #10.0/365.25

—————> To control the "implicit" of the solution over one time step (here 1 means explicit)

Steady State Min Iterations = 1

Steady State Max Iterations = 1

Restart File = "synt\_DEM.result"

Restart Position = 0 ———> We need a restart to have the Zs and bedDEM variables for the

Restart Time = Real 0.0 initial condition of Zs (and Zb, if we were setting one)

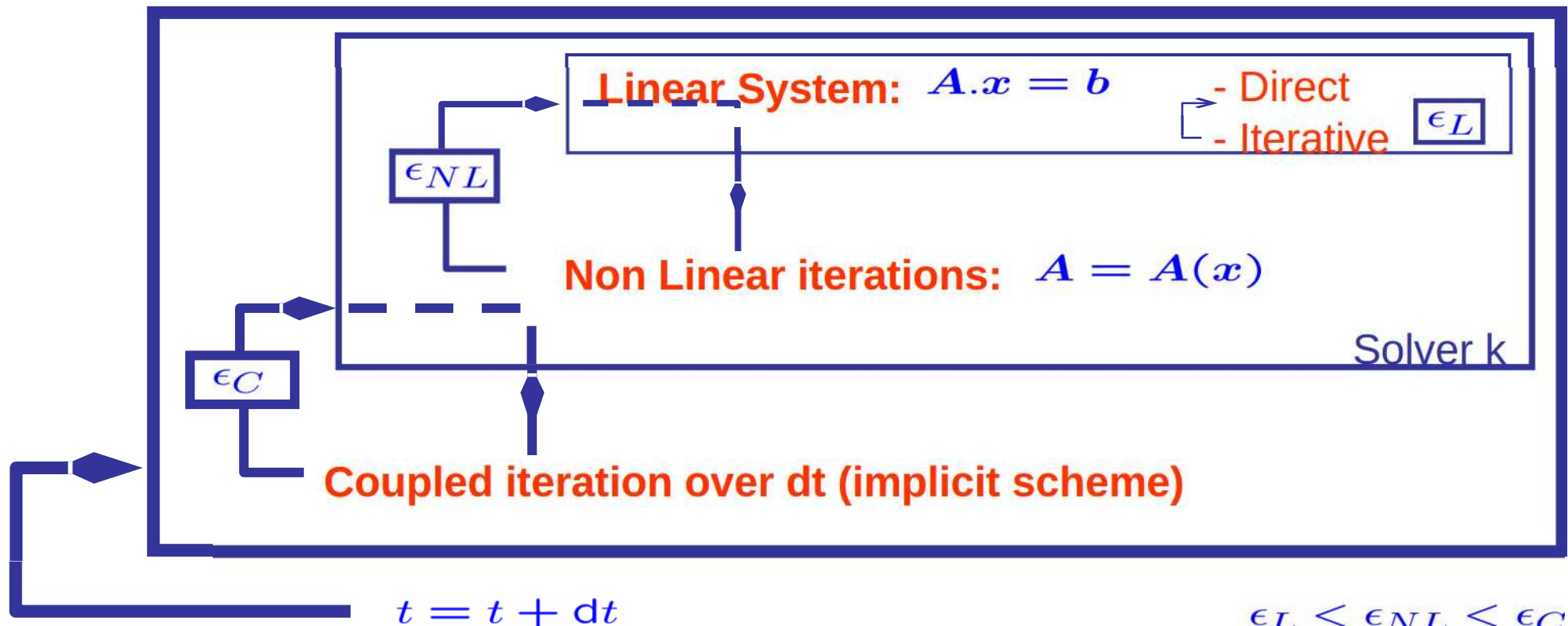
Restart Before Initial Conditions = Logical True

# Step 2 – Sketch of a transient simulation

Geometry + Mesh



Degrees of freedom



$$\epsilon_L < \epsilon_{NL} < \epsilon_C$$



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## Step 2 – Grow the glacier

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The free surface solver only applies to boundary 3 (upper surface)

→ Define a 2nd body which is on boundary 3.

Body 2

```
name = "surface"
```

```
Equation = 2
```

```
Body Force = 2
```

```
Material = 1
```

```
Initial Condition = 2
```

```
End
```

where Equation 2, Body Force 2 and Initial Condition 2 are defined for the free surface equation of the upper surface.

Need to say in BC3 that this is the location of Body 2:

```
Boundary Condition 3
```

```
Body Id = 2
```



End



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# Step 2 – Grow the glacier

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Equation 2:

Equation 2

```
Active Solvers(5) = 3 5 6 7 8
```

```
Flow Solution Name = String "Flow Solution"
```

```
Convection = String Computed
```

```
End
```

Initial Condition 2: (say that  $z_s(x, 0)$  is given by the surface DEM)

Initial Condition 2

```
Zs = Equals surfDEM
```

```
RefZs = Equals surfDEM
```

```
IcyMask = Real 1.0
```

```
End
```



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# Step 2 – Grow the glacier

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## Body Force 2:

Body Force 2

```
Zs Accumulation Flux 1 = Real 0.0e0  
Zs Accumulation Flux 2 = Real 0.0e0  
Zs Accumulation Flux 3 = Equals "Mass Balance"
```

```
! surface slope norm  
slope = Variable "dzs 1", "dzs 2"  
REAL LUA "math.sqrt(tx[0]*tx[0]+tx[1]*tx[1])"
```

```
! mask mass balance with surface slope  
Mass Balance = Variable "Mass Balance Ini", "slope"  
Real LUA "IfThenElse(tx[0]>0,IfThenElse(tx[1]< 1.2, tx[0], 0.0),tx[0])"
```

End



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# Step 2 – Grow the glacier

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```
Solver 7
Equation = String "Free Surface Evolution"
  Procedure = "FreeSurfaceSolver" "FreeSurfaceSolver"

  Variable = "Zs"
  Variable DOFs = 1

! calculate dz/dt (better than from mesh velocity in case of steady-state iterations)
Calculate Velocity = Logical True

! Apply internal limiters
Apply Dirichlet = Logical true

! Steb method
Stabilization Method = Stabilized

! linear settings
Linear System Solver = Iterative
Linear System Iterative Method = BiCGStab
Linear System Max Iterations = 1000
Linear System Preconditioning = ILU0
Linear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-10

! non-linear settings
Nonlinear System Max Iterations = 20 ! variational inequality needs more than one round
Nonlinear System Min Iterations = 2
Nonlinear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-8

Steady State Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-6

! loads also takes into account dirichlet conditions
! to compute residual flux
calculate loads = Logical True

Exported Variable 1 = -nooutput "Zs Residual"
Exported Variable 2 = "Ref Zs"
End
```





# Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

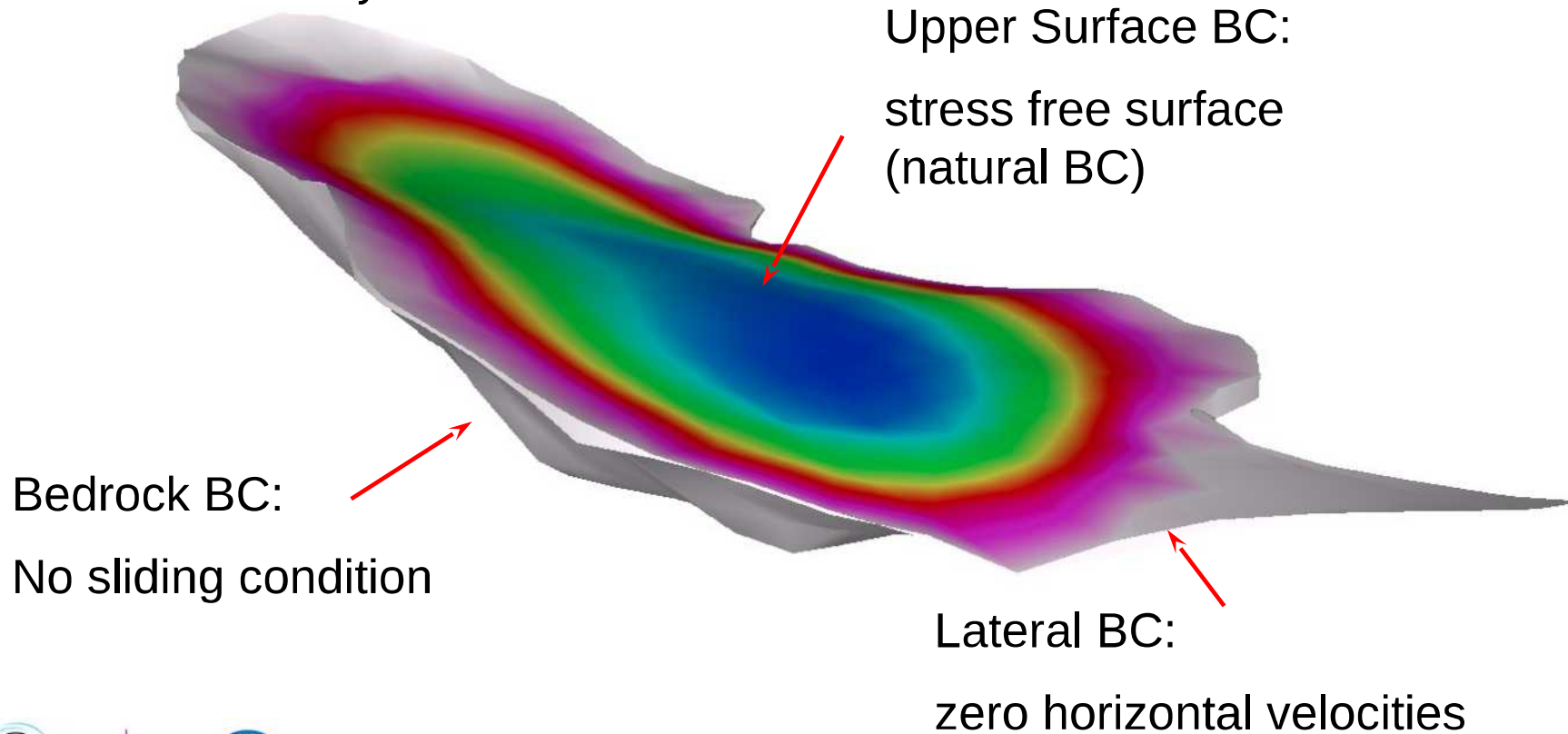
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- Next, we want to get that ice moving
- This means solving the Stokes equations

# Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

Solve only the Stokes equation in a diagnostic way

3 boundary conditions



# Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

! lateral side of the glacier

Boundary Condition 1

Target Boundaries = 1

Velocity 1 = real 0.0

Velocity 2 = real 0.0

End

Null horizontal velocities

! Bedrock

Boundary Condition 2

Bottom Surface = Equals BedDEM

Velocity 1 = Real 0.0

Velocity 2 = Real 0.0

Velocity 3 = Real 0.0

End

No sliding

! Upper Surface

Boundary Condition 3

Top Surface = Equals ZsDEM

End

Natural BC, nothing to do!

## Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

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```
! lateral side of the glacier  
Boundary Condition 1  
  Target Boundaries = 1  
End
```

Natural BC

```
! lateral side of the glacier  
Boundary Condition 1  
  Target Boundaries = 1  
  Velocity 1 = real 0.0  
  Velocity 2 = real 0.0  
  Velocity 3 = real 0.0  
End
```

zero velocity

Can make velocities normal-tangential, however....

# Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

$$D_{ij} = A \tau_e^{n-1} S_{ij} \quad ; \quad S_{ij} = A^{-1/n} I_{D_2}^{(1-n)/n} D_{ij}$$

$$A = A(T') = A_0 \exp^{-Q/RT'}$$

$$A = A_1 = 2.89 \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-3} \text{ if } T \leq -10^\circ \text{C}$$

$$A = A_2 = 2.43 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-3} \text{ if } T \geq -10^\circ \text{C}$$

$$Q = Q_1 = 60 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ if } T \leq -10^\circ \text{C}$$

$$Q = Q_2 = 115 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ if } T \geq -10^\circ \text{C}$$

Cuffey and Paterson (2010)

assume a constant temperature of  $-1^\circ \text{C}$

Paterson 2010		
A* =	3.50000E-25	s <sup>-1</sup> Pa <sup>-3</sup>
A1 =	2.89165E-13	s <sup>-1</sup> Pa <sup>-3</sup>
A2 =	2.42736E-02	s <sup>-1</sup> Pa <sup>-3</sup>
Q1 =	60000	J/mol
Q2 =	115000	J/mol
T [°C]	A [s <sup>-1</sup> Pa <sup>-3</sup> ]	A [a <sup>-1</sup> MPa <sup>-3</sup> ]
0	2.4029E-24	75.830
-1	1.9945E-24	62.942
-2	1.6533E-24	52.173
-3	1.3685E-24	43.186
-4	1.1312E-24	35.698
-5	9.3370E-25	29.465
-6	7.6958E-25	24.286
-7	6.3339E-25	19.988
-8	5.2054E-25	16.427
-9	4.2716E-25	13.480
-10	3.5000E-25	11.045
-10	3.5000E-25	11.045
-11	3.1520E-25	9.947
-12	2.8363E-25	8.951
-13	2.5501E-25	8.048
-14	2.2910E-25	7.230
-15	2.0564E-25	6.490
-16	1.8444E-25	5.820
-17	1.6528E-25	5.216
-18	1.4798E-25	4.670
-19	1.3238E-25	4.177
-20	1.1831E-25	3.734
-21	1.0565E-25	3.334
-22	9.4260E-26	2.975
-23	8.4019E-26	2.651
-24	7.4822E-26	2.361
-25	6.6570E-26	2.101
-30	3.6580E-26	1.154
-35	1.9601E-26	0.619
-40	1.0225E-26	0.323
-45	5.1843E-27	0.164
-50	2.5496E-27	0.080



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# Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

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Material 1

! For the ice flow

Density = Real #rhoi

Viscosity Model = String "Glen"

Viscosity = Real 1.0

Glen Exponent = Real 3.0

Critical Shear Rate = Real 1.0e-10

! properties with T

Rate Factor 1 = Real #A1

Rate Factor 2 = Real #A2

Activation Energy 1 = Real #Q1

Activation Energy 2 = Real #Q2

Glen Enhancement Factor = Real 1.0

Limit Temperature = Real -10.0

Relative Temperature = Real 0.0

! or provide A

!Set Arrhenius Factor = Logical True

!Arrhenius Factor = Real #A

Min Zs = Variable bedDEM

Real LUA "tx[0]+ MinH"

End

! Prefactor from Cuffey&Paterson (2010) in  
MPa<sup>{-3}</sup> a<sup>{-1}</sup>

#A1 = 2.89165e-13\*yearinsec\*1.0e18

#A2 = 2.42736e-2\*yearinsec\*1.0e18

#Q1 = 60.0e3

#Q2 = 115.0e3



# Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

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```
Solver 4
Equation = "Stokes-Vec"
Procedure = "IncompressibleNSVec"
"IncompressibleNSSolver"
Stokes Flow = logical true
!Exec Solver = "Never"

Div-Curl Discretization = Logical False

Stabilization Method = String Stabilized

!linear settings:
!-----
include linsys/BiCGStab.sif

!Non-linear iteration settings:
!-----
Nonlinear System Max Iterations = 20
Nonlinear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-5
Nonlinear System Newton After Iterations = 4
Nonlinear System Newton After Tolerance = 1.0e-4

Nonlinear System Reset Newton = Logical True
! make it safe abort if non-linear diverge
Nonlinear System Abort Not Converged = Logical True

! Convergence on timelevel (not required here)
!-----
Steady State Convergence Tolerance = Real 1.0e-3

Relative Integration Order = -1
!Number of Integration Points = Integer 44 ! 21, 28, 44,
64, ...

! 1st iteration viscosity is constant

Constant-Viscosity Start = Logical False
End
```



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# Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

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BiCGStab.sif:

Linear System Solver = Iterative

Linear System Iterative Method = BiCGStab

Linear System Max Iterations = 1000

Linear System Preconditioning = ILU0

Linear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-08

Linear System Residual Output = 100



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# Step 2 – Introduce Stokes

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If you want to use Newton linearisation for the non-linear iterations, don't forget to reset the conditions used to move from Picard to Newton at each time step, by adding:

```
Solver 3
```

```
Equation = "Navier-Stokes"
```

```
Nonlinear System Reset Newton = Logical True
```

```
End
```



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## Step 2 – Steady state?

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- Now we've got everything set up, we want to see what sort of glacier would exist in our conditions
  - Defined terrain
  - Defined SMB
  - But no ice yet
- This will be a pseudo-steady-state run, as the geometry will evolve (to start with), but the forcing and boundary conditions are fixed

## Step 2 – Steady state?

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- But, Stokes takes a **long** time to solve
- Run the two SIFs (steady\_climat.sif and steady\_climate\_Stokes.sif) for a few minutes each
- Notice anything?
- We can help here with **parallelisation**

# Step 2 – Parallelisation

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Parallelisation is easy (hooray!).

You just need a partitioned mesh (here 2 partitions):

```
> ElmerGrid 2 2 Mesh2d -autoclean -partdual -metisway 2
```

And to create a file (ELMERSOLVER\_STARTINFO) which contains the name of the sif file on its first line,

and then

```
> mpirun -n 2 ElmerSolver_mpi
```

But, to reach steady state, will still take (11ish) hours of runtime...

And we also need to go back and run `initialise_DEM.sif` in parallel so we can actually restart from it.

## Step 2 – Results

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- Elmer produces several kinds of results files:
  - .result files – used for restarts
  - .vtu files – used for visualisation and post-processing – view in Paraview
  - Various output solvers can also output additional formats and files
- Have provided a steady-state .result set and a .vtu example – open it in Paraview!

# Modelling Synth Glacier

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- ✓ **Step 1** – Model initialisation
- ✓ **Step 2**
  - Growing Synth Glacier to a steady state
- ✓ **Step 3**
  - Perturbing Synth Glacier



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# Step 3 – Work to do

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- Basal slip
- Changing SMB
- Temperature field
- All at once

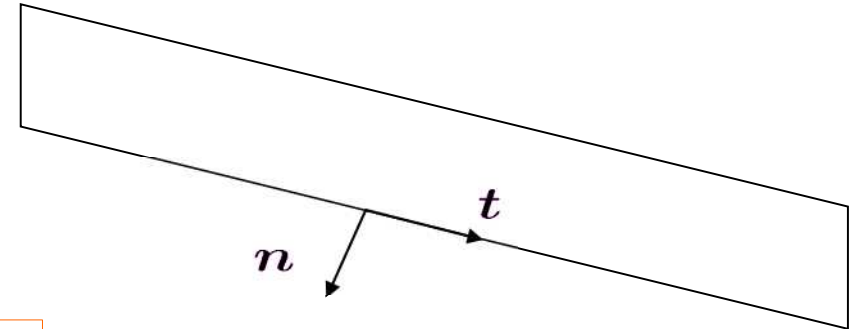
# Step 3 – Basal slip

Friction law in Elmer (2d case illustrated):

$$C_i u_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j \quad (i = 1, 2)$$

→  $C_t u_t = \sigma_{nt} ; C_n u_n = \sigma_{nn}$

where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the surface normal vector



```
! Bedrock BC
Boundary Condition 2
. . .
Normal-Tangential Velocity = Logical True

Velocity 1 = Real 0.0e0
Slip Coefficient 2 = Real 0.1
Slip Coefficient 3 = Real 0.1
End
```

How to evaluate the Slip Coefficient ?



# Step 3 – Basal slip

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- Need to change basal BC – replace 'no\_slip.sif' with 'slip\_linear.sif'

```
Normal-Tangential Velocity = Logical True  
Mass Consistent Normals = Logical True
```

```
Velocity 1 = Real 0.0e0  
Slip Coefficient 2 = Real #slc  
Slip Coefficient 3 = Real #slc
```

```
! set no sliding if H< 2m  
Velocity 2 = Real 0.0e0  
Velocity 3 = Real 0.0e0  
Velocity 2 Condition = Variable "thickness"  
  Real LUA "IfThenElse(tx[0]< 2.0, 1.0, -1.0)"  
Velocity 3 Condition = Variable "thickness"  
  Real LUA "IfThenElse(tx[0]< 2.0, 1.0, -1.0)"
```



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## Step 3 – Basal slip

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- This is a very simple linear slip law
- More complicated ones in USF\_Sliding.F90
- Even here, glacier starts to speed up
- Sliding is important for glacier motion, but still not fully understood
- Easy to implement in models, though



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# Step 3 – Basal slip

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- Which slip law to use?
  - Linear, Weertman, Budd, Tsai, Coulomb...?
  - Depends on what you're modelling
  - Scale, processes, timestep....

# Step 3 – Changing SMB

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- Need to change SMB parameters
- Physical\_Parameters\_New.IN
  - GlacierHead: SMB at top of glacier
  - GlacierHeadElevation: elevation of top of glacier
  - SMBExponent: how quickly SMB changes with altitude
  - SMBELA: the elevation of the equilibrium line altitude (ELA)
- Try increasing the ELA from 3700 to 3800 to start with



## Step 3 – Changing SMB

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- The glacier already retreats quite a long way
- Play around with the other parameters a bit to get a sense of how they matter
- **More generally, models often have several parameters – it's important to get them right**

## Step 3 – Temperature

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- Need to add quite a lot – temperature is a bit complicated
- Temperature solver is also quite **numerically unstable** (especially in transient)
  - Can go back to square one to set up a converged Stokes-temperature field
  - Or can cheat a bit

```
Temperature Passive = Variable "Thickness","slope"  
Real LUA "IfThenElse((tx[0] <= 50) or (tx[1] > 1.2), 1.0, -1.0)"
```

- Need to be careful with this, though
- But best idea is to restart a real steady-state, diagnostic simulation from our transient glacier-growing run



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# Step 3 – Temperature

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- New in the SIF:

```
Initial Condition 1
```

```
  !Temperature = Real 271.0  
End
```

Setting an initial condition can help  
Convergence (not needed here).

```
Body Force 1
```

```
  ...  
  Temperature Volume Source = Equals W ! The volumetric heat source  
End
```

```
Boundary Condition 2
```

```
  ...  
  !-----  
  ! geothermal heatflux  
  !-----  
  Temperature Flux BC = Logical True  
  Temperature Heat Flux = Real $56.05E-03*yearinsec*1.0E-6  
  !-----  
  ! frictional heat  
  !-----  
  Temperature Load = Variable Velocity 1  
    Real Procedure "ElmerIceUSF" "getFrictionLoads"  
End
```



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# Step 3 – Temperature

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Boundary Condition 3

```
...  
Temperature = Real 273.0  
End
```

Material 1

```
...  
! the heat capacity as a MATC function of temperature itself  
!-----  
Temperature Heat Capacity = Variable Temperature  
Real MATC "capacity(tx)*yearinsec^2"  
! the heat conductivity as a MATC function of temperature itself  
!-----  
Temperature Heat Conductivity = Variable Temperature  
Real MATC "conductivity(tx)*yearinsec*1.0E-06"  
! Upper limit - pressure melting point  
! as a MATC function of the pressure (what else?)  
!-----  
Temperature Upper Limit = Variable Pressure  
Real MATC "pressuremeltingpoint(tx)"  
! lower limit (to be save) as 0 K  
!-----  
Temperature Lower Limit = Real 0.0
```



End

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# Step 3 – Temperature

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```
Solver 5
  Equation = DeformationalHeat
  Variable = W
  Variable DOFs = 1
  procedure = "ElmerIceSolvers" "DeformationalHeatSolver"
  Linear System Solver = direct
  Linear System direct Method = umfpack
End
```



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# Step 3 – Temperature

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```
Solver 6
Equation = String "Homologous Temperature Equation"
Procedure = File "ElmerIceSolvers" "TemperateIceSolver"
!-----
Loop While Unconstrained Nodes = Logical True
Variable = String "Temperature"
Variable DOFs = 1
Linear System Solver = "Iterative"
Linear System Iterative Method = "BiCGStab"
Linear System Max Iterations = 1000
Linear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-07
Linear System Abort Not Converged = True
Linear System Preconditioning = "ILU4"
Linear System Residual Output = 1
Steady State Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-04
Nonlinear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-05
Nonlinear System Max Iterations = 50
Nonlinear System Relaxation Factor = Real 9.999E-01
! uses the contact algorithm (aka Dirichlet algorithm)
!-----
Apply Dirichlet = Logical True
Stabilize = True
! those two variables are needed in order to store
! the relative or homologous temperature as well
! as the residual
!-----
Exported Variable 1 = String "Temperature Homologous"
Exported Variable 1 DOFs = 1
Exported Variable 2 = String "Temperature Residual"
Exported Variable 2 DOFs = 1
End
```

← This is a really important option



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## Step 3 – Temperature

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- Solving for temperature can also **greatly** increase model runtime (hooray!)
- Try running All.sif, which includes everything this step
  - It's not fast....
  - Notice all the TemperatureIceSolver output....
  - Trying to do much at once tends to break things
  - What do you actually need from the simulation?



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# Next steps

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- There are loads of other solvers you can add
- Each should have an associated test in elmerice/Tests
  - The SIF for each test will show you how to set things up
  - There is also documentation for each Elmer/Ice solver and user function
    - [elmerice/Solvers/Documentation](#)
    - [elmerice/USFs/Documentation](#)

# Next steps

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- If you're interested in modelling mountain glaciers, this workflow is a really nice starting point:

<https://gricad-gitlab.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/maured/mountain-glacier-tutorial>

- This is the more detailed version if you're interested in the development side:

<https://gitlab.com/damien.maure/internship-workflow>



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# Next steps

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- Any questions, you've got this course
- And the Elmer/Ice forums
  - <https://elmerfem.org/forum/viewforum.php?f=21>
- If your problem is with a specific solver, try emailing whoever wrote it
- Good luck!