



Beginner's Course 2021

Introduction

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- **You** for being here



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Program

Day 1, Nov. 8th - Introduction + Synthetic Glacier

- **09:00** – 10:30 Welcome and introduction to Elmer/Ice + SIF crash course
- 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

Day 2, Nov. 9th - Midtre Lovénbreen (MLB)

- **09:00** – 10:30 Diagnostic runs
- 10:30 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 Numerical optimization
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 – 14:30 SMB and Relaxation
- 14:30 – 15:00 Break
- 15:00 – **16:00** Discussion and wrap-up

Elmer and Elmer/Ice



- **Elmer** (= multi-physics package) with additional routines for Glaciology
- Maintained and supported by **CSC**
- **Open Source** (GPL2 or later)
 - Transparency (you co-own the code)
 - Sustainability (no license fees)
 - Viral effect of GPL (new code also GPL)
 - Linking to library allowed under LGPL
- Large international user community
 - Knowhow of well-established institutions
- Good level of support/documentation
<http://elmerice.elmerfem.org>

- Elmer/Ice builds on Elmer and includes developments related to glaciological problems. Elmer/Ice includes a variety of dedicated solvers and user functions for glaciological applications and their development is supported by various groups and funding...



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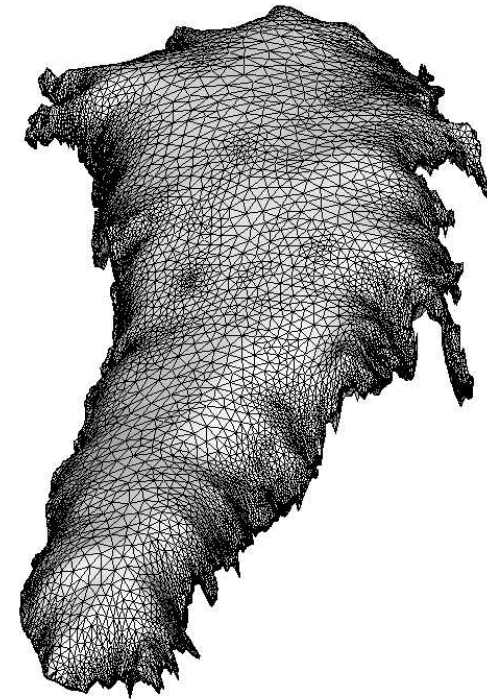
Tipping Points in Antarctic
Climate Components



Elmer/Ice



- **Full-Stokes** (also SIA and SSA) with post processing for stress/strain
- **Mesh:** Unstructured, vertically extruded, deforming and moving meshes
- **Temperature** solver accounting for pressure melting point or Enthalpy solver
- **Rheology:** Glen, anisotropy, firn densification, damage mechanics
- Special **sliding laws:** Weertman, Coulomb, Budd, Tsai
- Basal **hydrology** models (2): GlaDS and double continuum
- **NetCDF**-readers (for geometry as well as coupling to climate)
- Simple SMB (**PDD**)
- **Calving** models (3 approaches)
- **Inverse methods** for data assimilation
- Methods for **tracer transport/dating**



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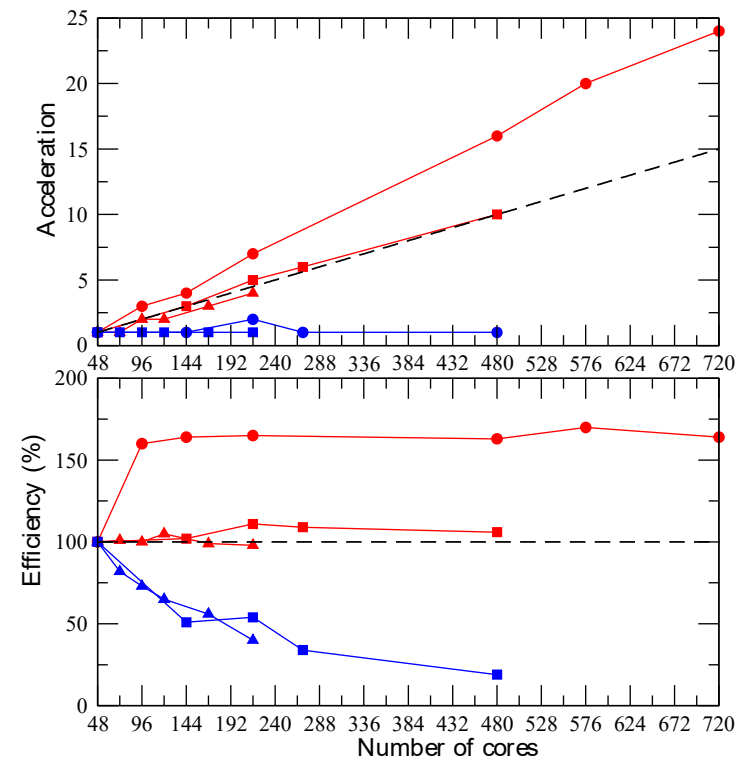


	Flow equations	Stokes	SSA	SSA*	SIA	ISCAL
Rheology	Glen	X, Inv Adj + Rob	X, Inv Adj	X	X	X
	GOLF	X				
	CAFFE	X				
	POROUS	X				
	Damage	X	X	X	X	X
Basal friction	Linear	X, Inv Adj + Rob	X, Inv Adj	X		
	Weertman	X	X	X		
	Coulomb	X	X	X		
	Budd	X	X	X		
	Tsai		X	X		
Free surface	dS/dt	X	X	X	X	X
	dH/dt	X, Inv	X, Inv	X, Inv	X, Inv	X, Inv
Grounding line	Contact	X				
	Hydrostatic	X	X	X	X	
Calving	Fracture+Damage	2D				
	crevasse depth	X				
Temperature	Temperate	X	X	X	X	X
	Enthalpy	X	X	X	X	X
Hydrology	Two layers	X	X	X		
	<i>GlaDS</i>	X	X	X		

Elmer/Ice

- Finite element method (FEM)
 - Using linear elements and standard Galerkin with Stabilized Finite Elements or residual free bubbles
- Flow law → viscosity changes by order of magnitudes → bad conditioned system:
 - Direct parallel or tuned block-preconditioned iterative Solver
- (Large scale) parallel computing
 - MPI
 - OpenMP multi-threading and vectorization (SIMD)
 - Currently working towards GPUs (AMGX)

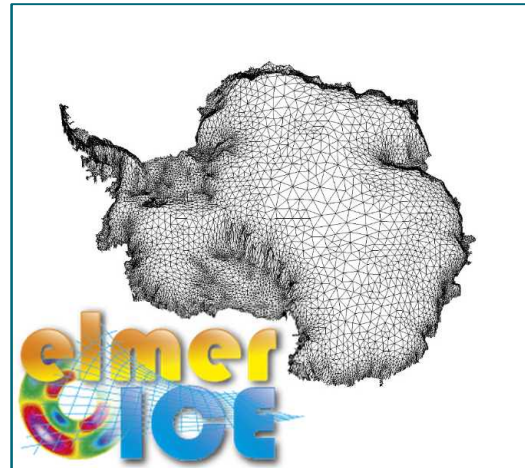
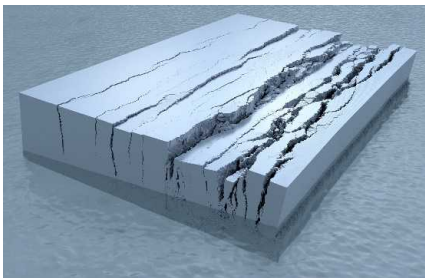
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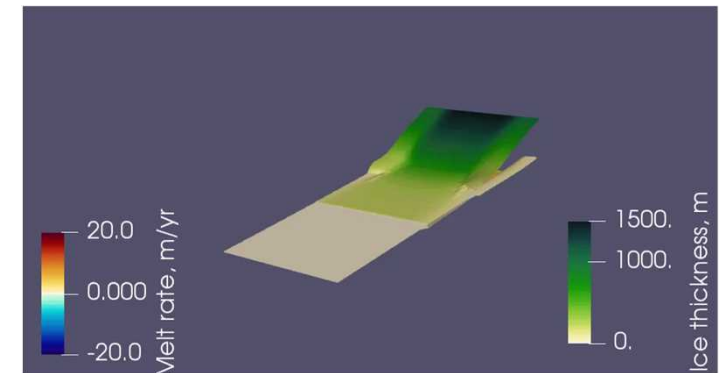
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Elmer/Ice – coupling to other (Elmer) components

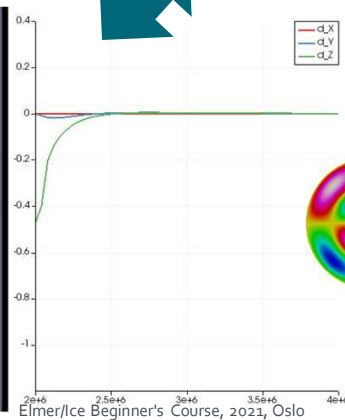
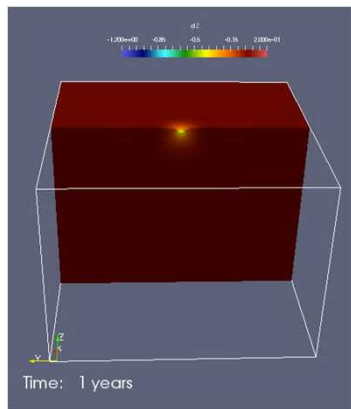
Calving - DEM (HiDEM)



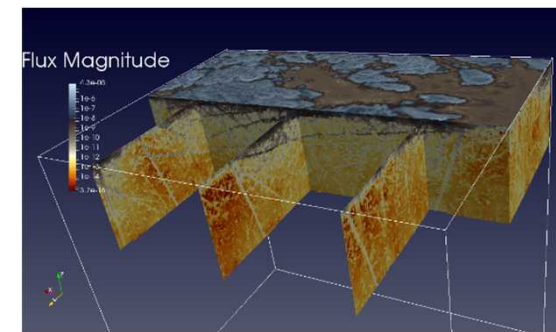
Ice-ocean coupler (FISOC)



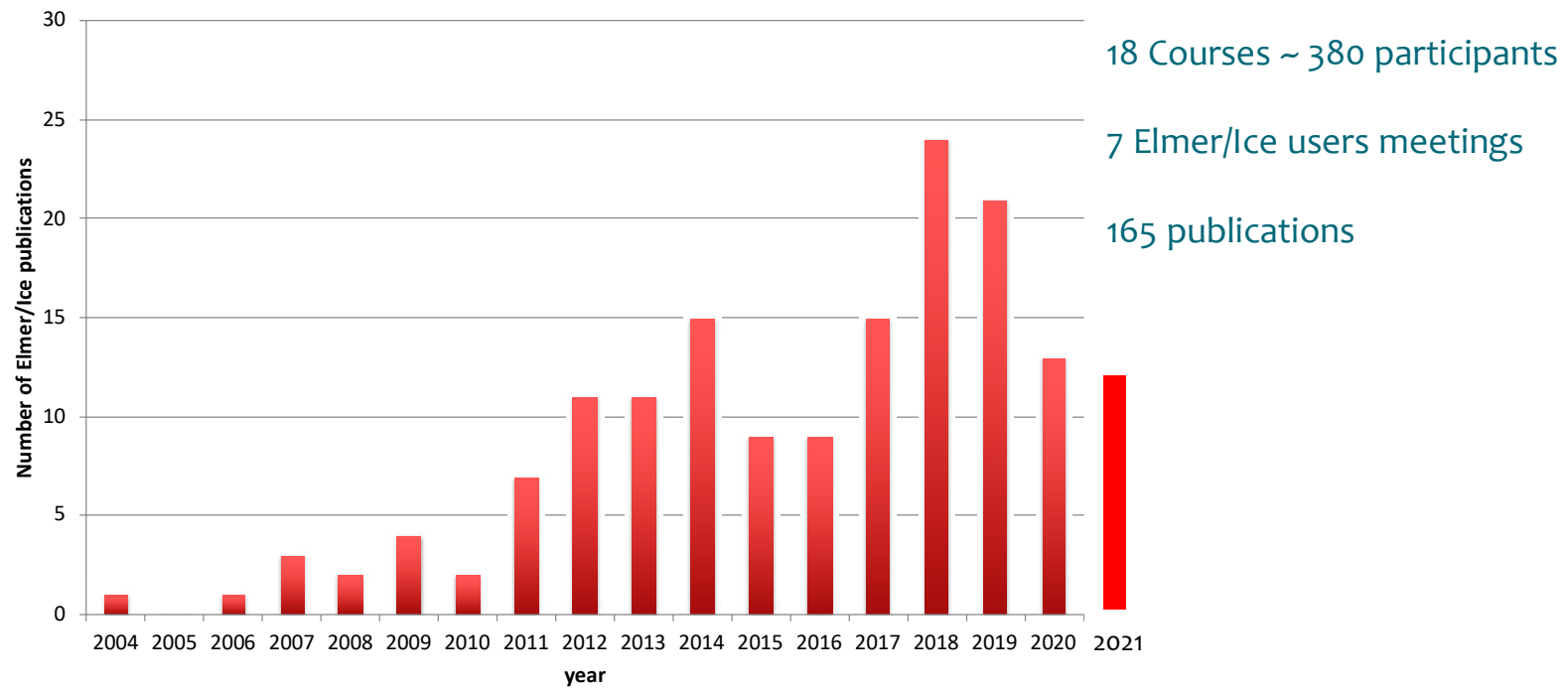
Glacial isostasy – VE model



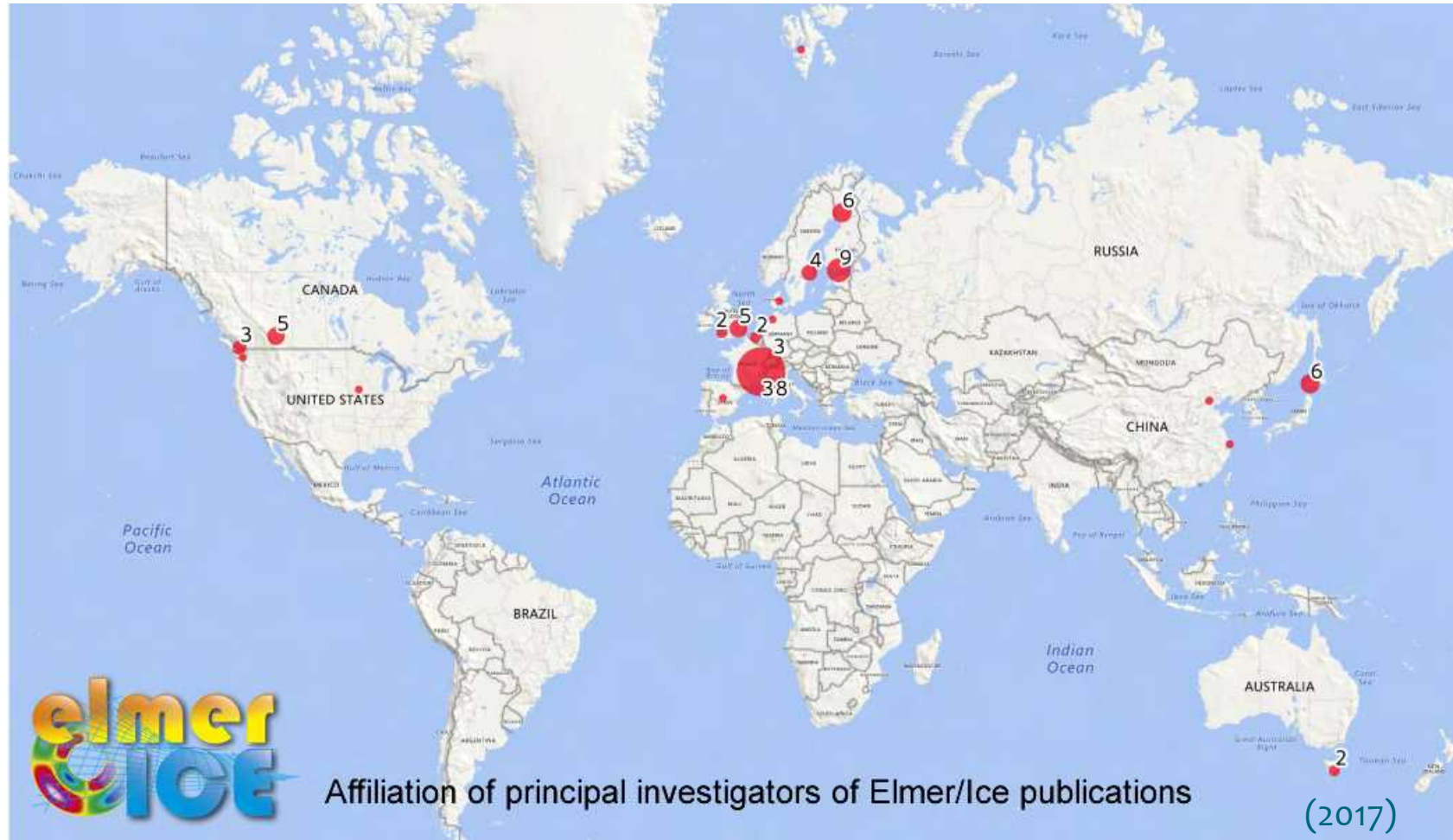
Groundwater and Permafrost model



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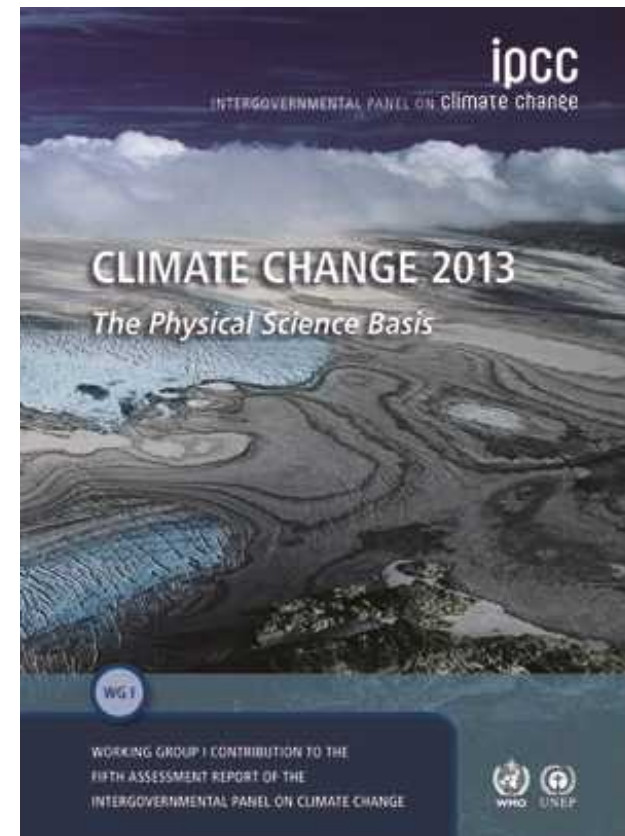


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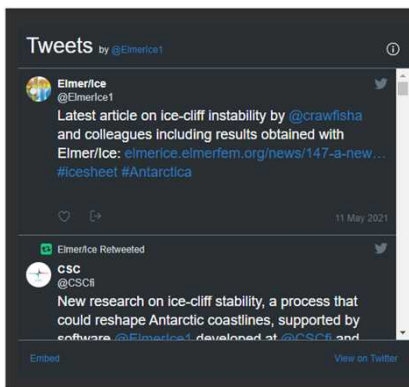
Elmer/Ice -Community

- Used in many applications
 - Antarctica, Greenland, ice-caps and glaciers
 - Used by institutions all over the planet
- 164 peer reviewed articles:
<https://elmerice.elmerfem.org/publications>
- Elmer/Ice contributed with cited articles in the IPCC AR5 (2013) and IPCC AR6 /WG1 (2021)



Elmer/Ice - Community

- Community web-portal: <http://elmerice.elmerfem.org>
 - Latest news
 - List of publications
 - Forum (see later)
 - Courses (indirect link to Wiki)
 - Direct link to Wiki
- Some integration with social media (Twitter)



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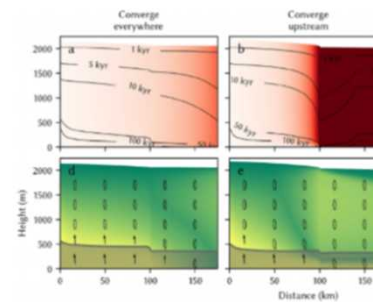
Open Source Finite Element Software for Ice Sheet, Glaciers and Ice Flow Modelling

Elmer/Ice is a full-Stokes, finite element, ice sheet / ice flow model. The aim of this website is to present the capabilities of Elmer/Ice and to distribute course materials and tutorials.

Elmer/Ice is an add-on package to **Elmer**, which is a multi-physics FEM suite mainly developed by CSC-IT Center for Science Ltd., Espoo, Finland. Initially started by CSC, IGE and ILTS, currently multiple institutions and individuals contribute to the development of Elmer/Ice.

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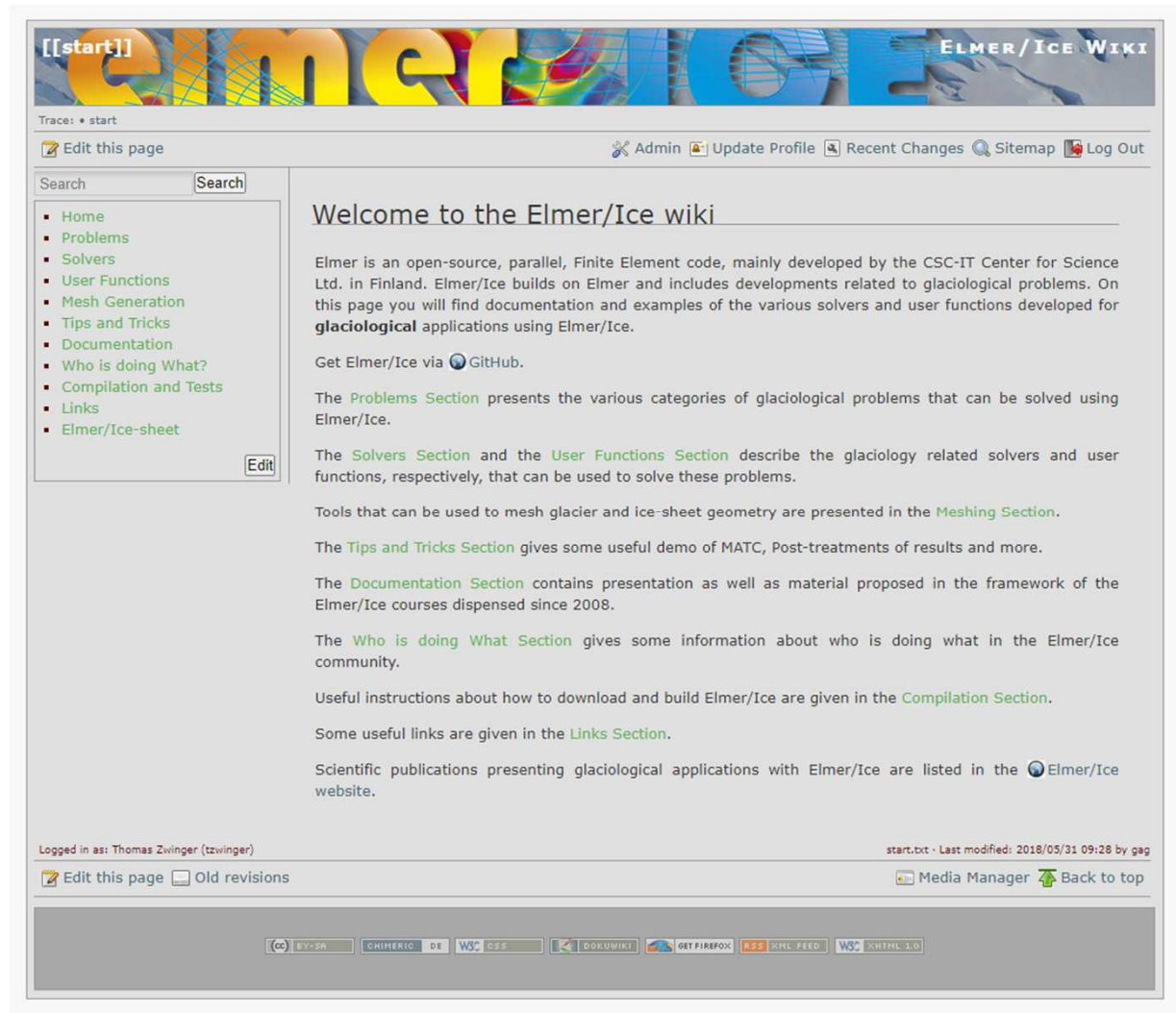
Modeling Ice-Crystal Fabric as a Proxy for Ice-Stream Stability



Glacier ice is composed of individual grains, or crystals. These grains can have different orientations, similar to how a pile of snow has many flakes all pointing in different directions. When ice accumulates as snowfall, the grains point in approximately random directions. However, as glaciers move, the orientation of the grains is changed, leading to characteristic "fabrics," where the grains tend to point in distinctive directions. Here, we try to understand how one could work backwards, from the orientation of the grains, to determine how the ice flowed in the past. We use an ice-flow model to understand whether instabilities in ice streams, "rivers" of fast flowing ice in Greenland and Antarctica, would be recorded in the fabric. We find that changes in ice-stream flow could indeed be seen in the fabric for thousands or tens of thousands of years, depending on the exact type of change. We then show that these changes to fabric are large enough that they could be measured in ice cores or with specialized ice-penetrating radars. This helps lay the groundwork for better understanding of long-term

Elmer/Ice -Community

- Elmer/Ice wiki:
 - <http://elmerfem.org/elmerice/wiki>
 - Or use link indicated at previous slide
- Contains documentation on Solvers, Userfunctions and also methods
 - We are porting documentation of software to GitHub (see following slides)
- Contains also material of courses



The screenshot shows the Elmer/Ice Wiki homepage. At the top, there is a banner with the text "[[start]]" and "ELMER/ICE WIKI". Below the banner, there is a navigation bar with links for "Admin", "Update Profile", "Recent Changes", "Sitemap", and "Log Out". A search box is located on the left side of the page. The main content area is titled "Welcome to the Elmer/Ice wiki" and contains the following text:

Elmer is an open-source, parallel, Finite Element code, mainly developed by the CSC-IT Center for Science Ltd. in Finland. Elmer/Ice builds on Elmer and includes developments related to glaciological problems. On this page you will find documentation and examples of the various solvers and user functions developed for **glaciological** applications using Elmer/Ice.

Get Elmer/Ice via [GitHub](#).

The **Problems Section** presents the various categories of glaciological problems that can be solved using Elmer/Ice.

The **Solvers Section** and the **User Functions Section** describe the glaciology related solvers and user functions, respectively, that can be used to solve these problems.

Tools that can be used to mesh glacier and ice-sheet geometry are presented in the **Meshing Section**.

The **Tips and Tricks Section** gives some useful demo of MATC, Post-treatments of results and more.

The **Documentation Section** contains presentation as well as material proposed in the framework of the Elmer/Ice courses dispensed since 2008.

The **Who is doing What Section** gives some information about who is doing what in the Elmer/Ice community.

Useful instructions about how to download and build Elmer/Ice are given in the **Compilation Section**.

Some useful links are given in the **Links Section**.

Scientific publications presenting glaciological applications with Elmer/Ice are listed in the [Elmer/Ice website](#).

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "Logged in as: Thomas Zwinger (tzwinger)" and "start.txt · Last modified: 2018/05/31 09:28 by gag". There are also links for "Edit this page", "Old revisions", "Media Manager", and "Back to top".

Elmer/Ice Forum



Either via previous link or

<http://www.elmerfem.org> :

- Go to **Elmer Forum**: find answers on all aspects of Elmer
- Click on **Elmer/Ice** link: find answers specific to Elmer/Ice
- To get access: **Register** in upper right corner

FORUMS	TOPICS	POSTS	LAST POST
General General discussion about Elmer	682	2967	Derivation magnetic co-energy by Itnschlgr Yesterday, 23:51
Installation & compilation Discussion about building and installing Elmer	359	1909	Re: ubuntu packages on lounch... by raback 30 Oct 2020, 16:51
ElmerSolver Numerical methods and mathematical models of Elmer	1943	9714	Re: Anisotropic electric cond... by raback Yesterday, 12:54
ElmerGUI The graphical user interface of Elmer	399	1970	Re: FreeCAD .step file doesn'... by Gary R 31 Oct 2020, 02:35
ElmerPost Post processing utility for Elmer	125	528	Re: Some artefacts (nodal for... by mabor 08 Jul 2020, 00:33
Elmer/Ice Extension of Elmer in computational glaciology	96	426	Re: Adding a Thermally Active... by alden Yesterday, 01:12
External tools Mesh generators, CAD programs, and other tools	190	926	Re: Meshing the flow but not ... by Gary R 31 Oct 2020, 20:33
Software development Discussion about coding and new developments	72	309	Re: Setting values to specifi... by hisham.noaman 19 Oct 2020, 17:42
Bug reports Clearly defined bug reports and their fixes	164	519	Re: Simple Hexahedral Mesh No... by gschrnk Yesterday, 06:02
Contributed Cases Elmer cases by the users for the users	37	128	Re: Modelling Acoustics with ... by CrocoDuck 19 Jun 2020, 21:40
HPC High Performance Computing with Elmer	11	32	Pointer to -> HPC Europa3 cal... by raback 30 Jan 2020, 21:47
Commerical services A forum for commercial service requests and offerings	9	11	rdw.fi - when ever you are re... by joni 12 Feb 2019, 11:08

Elmer/Ice -Community

- Elmer source code:
- Elmer/Ice specific files in subdirectory `elmerice`
- Elmer/Ice specific developments in branch `elmerice`
 - We merge frequently between the main branch (`devel`) and `elmerice`-branch
- Porting documentation to GitHub
 - `elmerice/Solvers/Documentation`
 - `elmerice/UserFunctions/Documentation`

<https://github.com/ElmerCSC/elmerfem>

A screenshot of the GitHub repository page for ElmerCSC/elmerfem. The page shows the repository name, public status, and statistics (96 Unwatch, 607 Unstar, 204 Fork). The current branch is 'elmerice', which is 12 commits ahead and 44 commits behind the 'devel' branch. A commit by 'fgillet' titled 'Update Optimize_m1qn3Parallel.F90' is shown, dated 16 hours ago. Below the commit, a list of files and folders is displayed with their respective update dates:

File/Folder	Description	Last Update
IceSheet	Elmerice inverse methods	12 months ago
Meshers	Update MeshToShp.py	3 months ago
ReleaseNotes	Update release_elmerice_9.0.md	12 months ago
Solvers	Update Optimize_m1qn3Parallel.F90	16 hours ago
Tests	Update Thickness solver documentation	6 days ago
UserFunctions	Added routine for interpretation of lin. Weertman in terms of regular...	5 months ago
cmake	Fix misc. typos in ./elmerice, ./utils, and ./cmake	2 years ago
examples	Move SaveGridDataNetCDF test case to examples for now	4 months ago
CMakeLists.txt	added permafrost functionality from permafrost-merge branch	2 years ago

Elmer/Ice -Community

- Subscribe to the **Elmer/Ice mailing list**:
- Low activity list, but important information
 - Bug reports
 - version updates
 - new publications
- Currently 71 members

http://mail.elmerfem.org/mailman/listinfo/elmerice_elmerfem.org

Elmerice -- Elmer/Ice mailing list

About Elmerice English (USA)

Official mailing list for news on Elmer/Ice

To see the collection of prior postings to the list, visit the [Elmerice Archives](#). *(The current archive is only available to the list members.)*

Using Elmerice

To post a message to all the list members, send email to elmerice@elmerfem.org.

You can subscribe to the list, or change your existing subscription, in the sections below.

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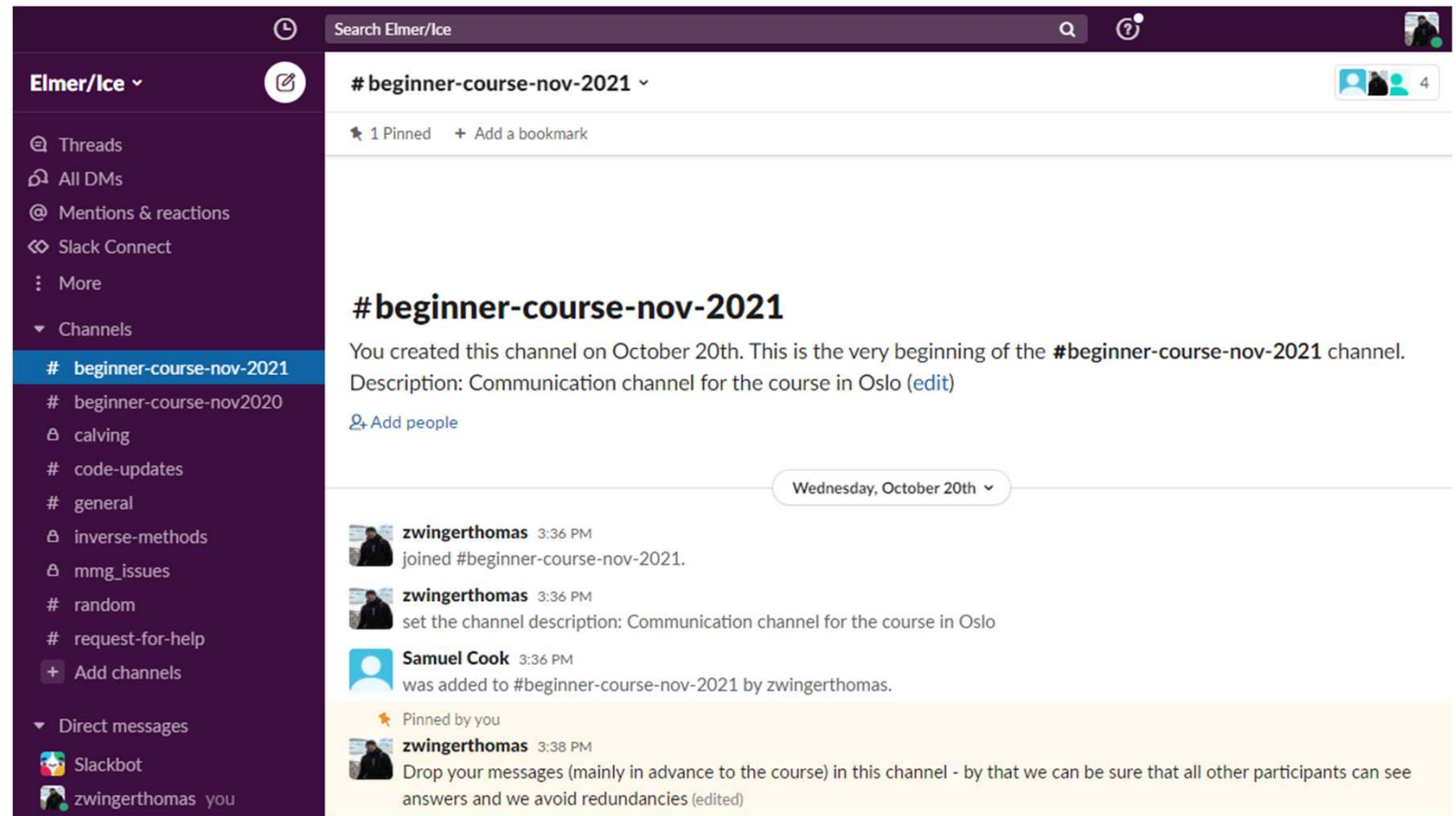
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If you leave the field blank, you will be prompted for your email address

Elmer/Ice -Community

- **Elmer/Ice slack space**

- You should have received an invitation to join
- Can be used to ad-hoc communicate, particularly, in advance and during courses
- Is used by some members afterwards
- Main technical questions: please put them to the Forum, rather than in Slack! Thereby they can be looked up by a wider range of users.



The screenshot shows a Slack interface for the workspace 'Elmer/Ice'. The left sidebar lists various channels, with '# beginner-course-nov-2021' selected. The main content area shows the channel header, a description, and a list of messages. A pinned message is visible at the bottom.

beginner-course-nov-2021

You created this channel on October 20th. This is the very beginning of the **#beginner-course-nov-2021** channel.
Description: Communication channel for the course in Oslo ([edit](#))

[Add people](#)

Wednesday, October 20th

zwingertomas 3:36 PM
joined #beginner-course-nov-2021.

zwingertomas 3:36 PM
set the channel description: Communication channel for the course in Oslo

Samuel Cook 3:36 PM
was added to #beginner-course-nov-2021 by zwingertomas.

Pinned by you

zwingertomas 3:38 PM
Drop your messages (mainly in advance to the course) in this channel - by that we can be sure that all other participants can see answers and we avoid redundancies ([edited](#))

Useful Links

- Elmer at CSC (documentation, how to install, ...)

<http://www.elmerfem.org/>

<https://www.csc.fi/web/elmer>

- Elmer (and thereby Elmer/Ice) source code

<https://github.com/ElmerCSC/elmerfem>

- Elmer Forum

<http://elmerfem.org/forum/>

- Elmer/Ice webpage

<http://elmerice.elmerfem.org/>

- Elmer/Ice wiki

<http://elmerfem.org/elmerice/wiki/doku.php?id=start>

About this course

- We will not teach finite element method (can give references)
- We will focus on some technical aspects of using Elmer for glaciological applications
- Expected outcome of this course :
 - giving you a kick-start with Elmer/Ice
 - some possible fruitful collaborations to begin
- **Conduct:**
 - We understand that the last 1 ½ years have changed a lot and people have different approaches to the pandemic situation – **we want you to be comfortable at the course!**
 - Besides basic common-sense (like washing hands, not sneezing and coughing into other people's faces) lets agree to also value individual requests (like keeping distance and eventually wearing masks in certain situations)
 - Please, express eventual concerns and wishes