

# Elmer/Ice – New Generation Ice Sheet Model

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## 2D GLACIER TOY MODEL

These sessions shall introduce into the **basics of Elmer/Ice**. It follows the strategy of having a possibly **simple flow-line** setup, but **containing all elements** the user needs in real world examples, such as reading in DEM's, applying temperature and accumulation distributions, etc.

# DIAGNOSTIC RUN

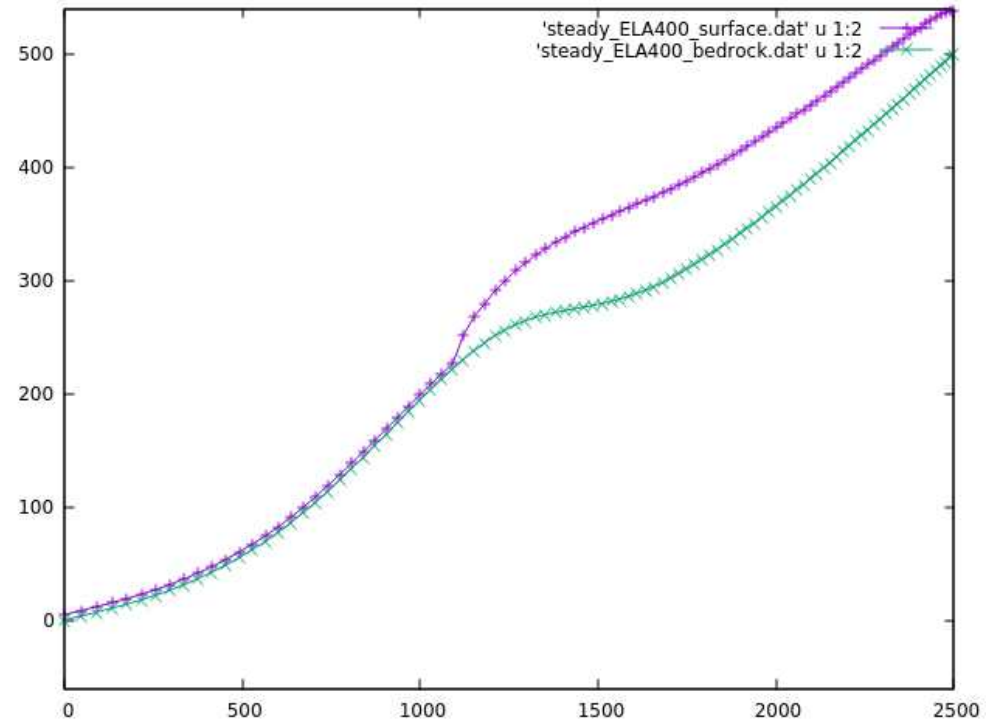


Starting from a given point-distribution (DEM) in 2D we show how to:

- Create the mesh
- Set up runs on fixed geometry (diagnostic)
- Introduce sliding
- Manipulate (structured) mesh shape inside Elmer
- Use tables to interpolate values
- Write a simple MATC function (interpreted functions)
- Post-process results

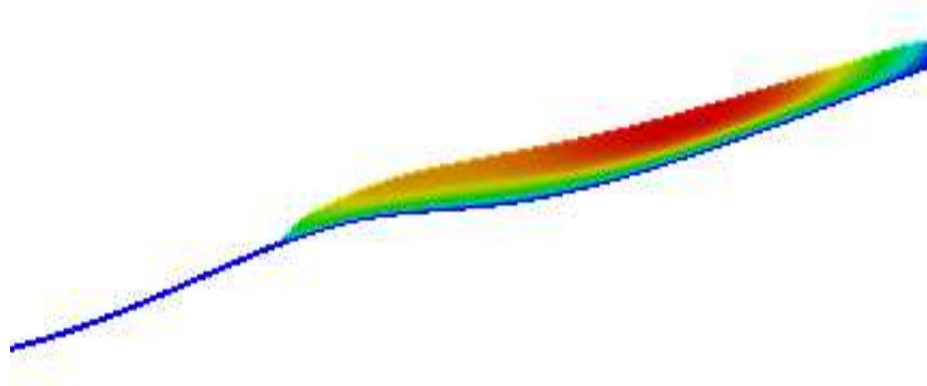
## The diagnostic problem

- We start from a distribution of surface and bedrock points that have been created driving a prognostic run into steady state
- The distributions are given in the files:  
`steady_ELA400_bedrock.dat`, `steady_ELA400_surface.dat`



## The diagnostic problem

- We will study a  $\sim 11$  deg inclined glacier
- We will start with a flat mesh (produced with Gmsh) of unit-height



## The diagnostic problem

- If you have not already saved the mesh from Gmsh, do the following (find Gmsh instructions at end of slides):

```
$ gmsh -2 testglacier.geo
```

- Use ElmerGrid to convert the mesh:

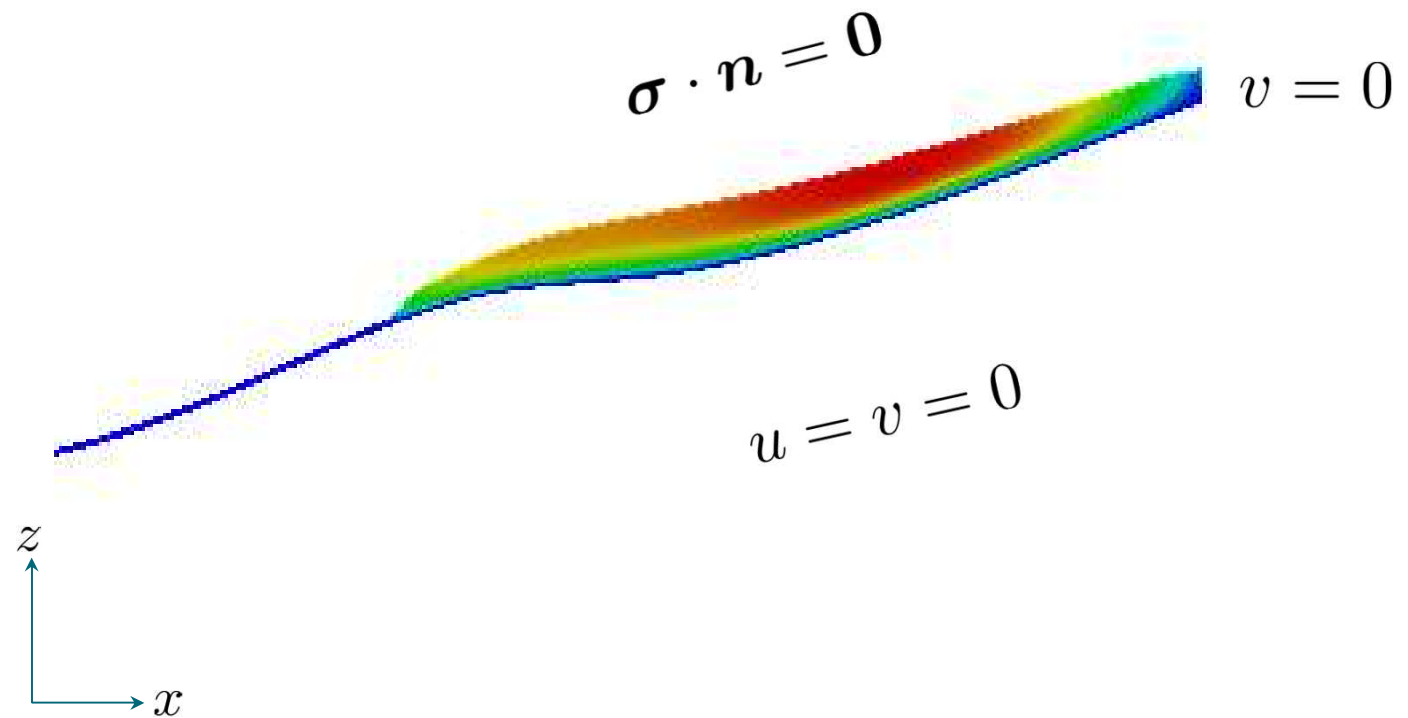
```
> ElmerGrid 14 2 testglacier.msh\
```

```
-autoclean -order 0.1 1.0 0.01
```

Needed to  
clean up  
geometry

Orders the numbering in x  
y z -directions (highest  
number fastest)

# The diagnostic problem



## The diagnostic problem

- We will do a diagnostic simulation, i.e., we ignore the time derivative in ANY equation
  - Stokes anyhow has no explicit time dependence
- $\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \rho \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0}$
- That also means, that the surface velocity distribution is a result of the given geometry and cannot be prescribed (no accumulation)
- Open the Solver Input File (SIF)

```
$ emacs Stokes_diagnostic.sif &
```



# The diagnostic problem

```
!echo on
Header
  !CHECK KEYWORDS Warn
  Mesh DB "." "testglacier"
  Include Path ""
  Results Directory ""
End

Simulation
  Max Output Level = 4
  Coordinate System = "Cartesian 2D"
  Coordinate Mapping(3) = 1 2 3
  Simulation Type = "Steady"
  Steady State Max Iterations = 1
  Output Intervals = 1
  Output File = "Stokes_ELA400_diagnostic.result"
  Post File = "Stokes_ELA400_diagnostic.vtu" ! use .ep suffix for legacy format
  Initialize Dirichlet Conditions = Logical False
End
```

This declares our mesh; capital/small letters matter

The coordinate system (incl. Dimension)

Steady State = diagnostic

# The diagnostic problem

```
Body 1
  Name = "Glacier"
  Body Force = 1
  Equation = 1
  Material = 1
  Initial Condition = 1
End
```

Assigns the Equation/Material/Body Force/and Initial condition to a body

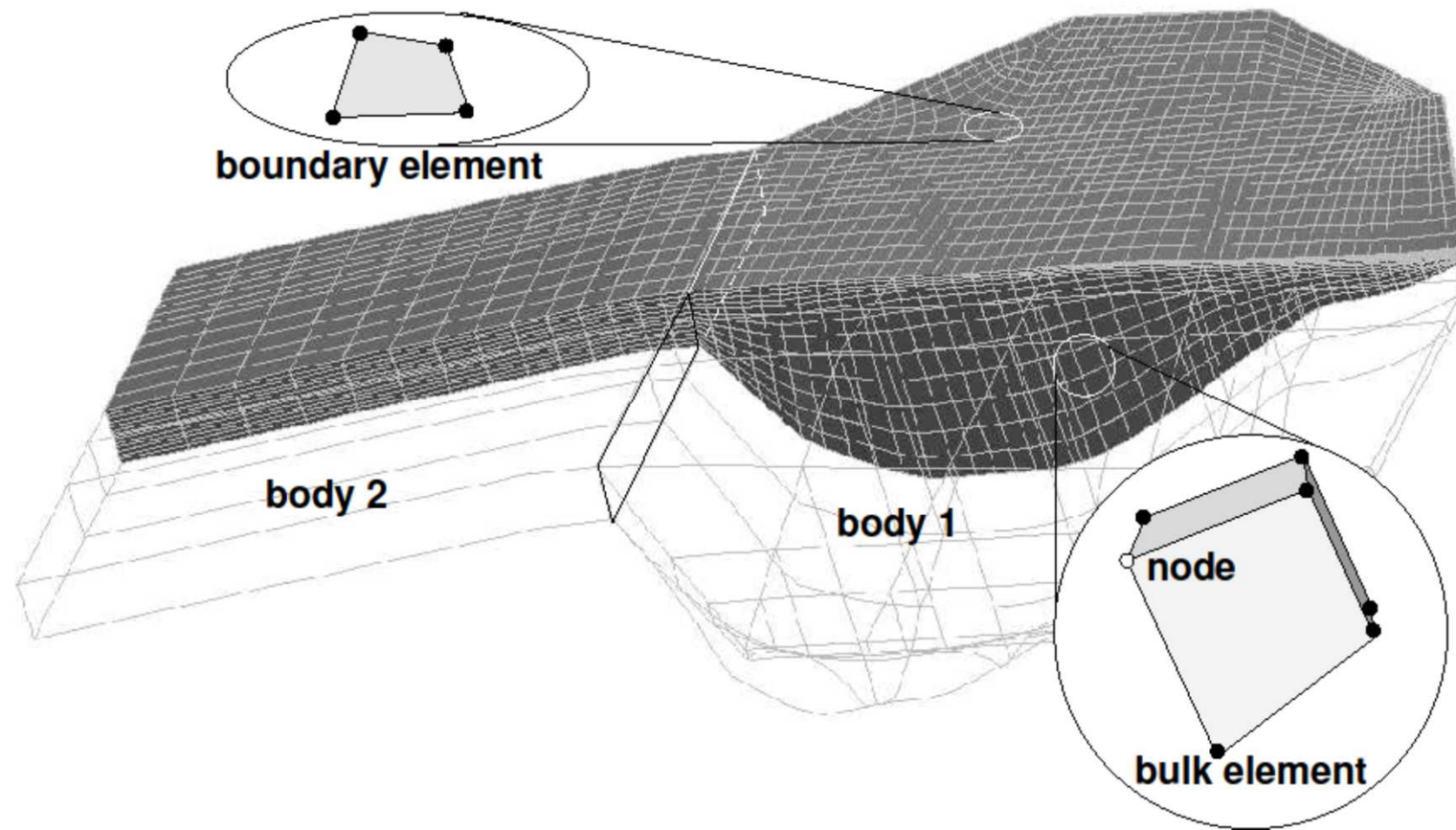
```
Equation 1
  Name = "Equation1"
  Convection = "computed"
  Flow Solution Name = String "Flow Solution"
  Active Solvers(3) = 1 2 3
End
```

The Equation for Body 1 (see above); declares set of Solvers

```
Initial Condition 1
  Velocity 1 = 0.0
  Velocity 2 = 0.0
  Pressure = 0.0
  Depth = Real 0.0
End
```

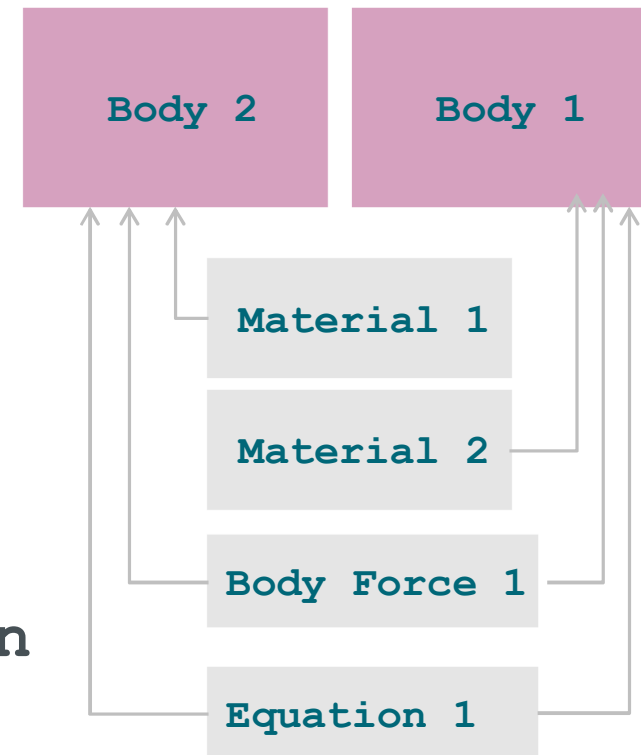
Well, as the name suggests: initial values for variables

## On Bodies and Boundaries



## On Bodies and Boundaries

- Each **Body** has to have an **Equation** and **Material** assigned  
**Body Force**, **Initial Condition** optional
- Two bodies can have the same **Material/Equation/Body Force/Initial Condition** section assigned



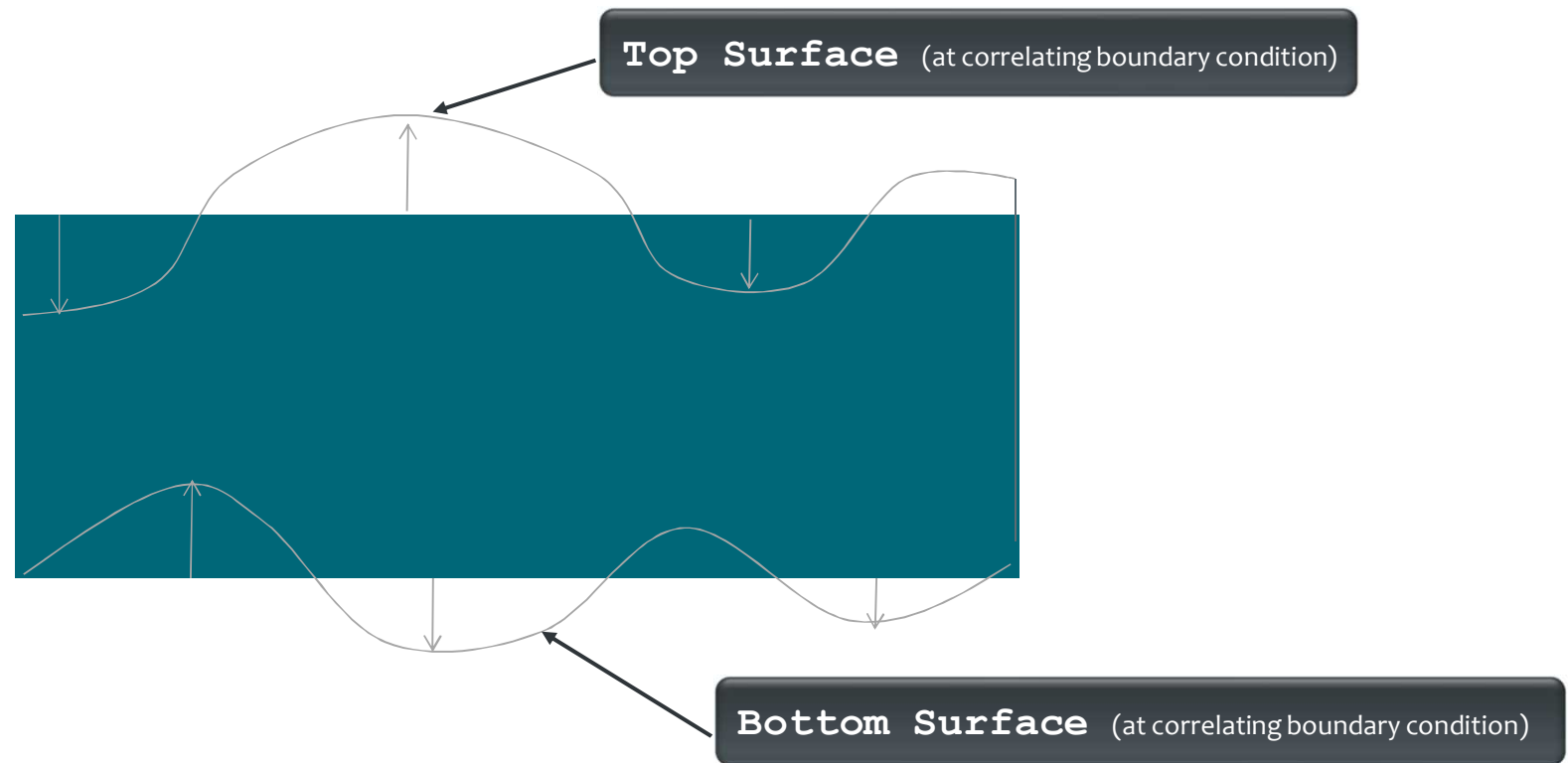
# The diagnostic problem

```
! maps DEM's at the very beginning
! to originally rectangular mesh
! see Top and Bottom Surface in BC's
Solver 1
  Exec Solver = "Before Simulation"
  Equation = "MapCoordinate"
  Procedure = "StructuredMeshMapper" "StructuredMeshMapper"
  Active Coordinate = Integer 2! the mesh-update is y-direction
! For time being this is currently externally allocated
  Mesh Velocity Variable = String "Mesh Velocity 2"
! The 1st value is special as the mesh velocity could be unrelistically high
  Mesh Velocity First Zero = Logical True
! The accuracy applied to vector-projections
  Dot Product Tolerance = Real 0.01
End
```

The primary criterion for order of execution is the **Exec Solver** keyword, thereafter the numbering

This solver simply projects the shape given in the input files before the run (see Exec Solver keyword) to the initially flat mesh; See **Top Surface** and **Bottom Surface** keywords later

# The diagnostic problem



# The diagnostic problem

```
Solver 2
  Equation = "HeightDepth"
  Procedure = "StructuredProjectToPlane" "StructuredProjectToPlane"
  Active Coordinate = Integer 2
  Operator 1 = depth
  Operator 2 = height
End
```

Computes flow depth and height based on vertically aligned ("structured") mesh

# The diagnostic problem

```
! the central part of the problem: the Stokes solver
Solver 3
! Exec Solver = "Never" # uncommenting would switch this off
Equation = "Navier-Stokes"
Optimize Bandwidth = Logical True
! direct solver
Linear System Solver = Direct
Linear System Direct Method = "UMFPACK"
! alternative to above - Krylov subspace iterative solution
! Linear System Solver = "Iterative"
! Linear System Iterative Method = "GCR" !or "BICGStab"
Linear System Max Iterations = 5000
Linear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-06
Linear System Abort Not Converged = False
Linear System Preconditioning = "ILU1"
Linear System Residual Output = 1

Steady State Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-05
! Stabilization Method can be [Stabilized,P2/P1,Bubbles]
Stabilization Method = Stabilized

Nonlinear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-04
Nonlinear System Convergence Measure = Solution
Nonlinear System Max Iterations = 50
Nonlinear System Newton After Iterations = 3
Nonlinear System Newton After Tolerance = 1.0E-01
! Nonlinear System Relaxation Factor = 0.75
End
```

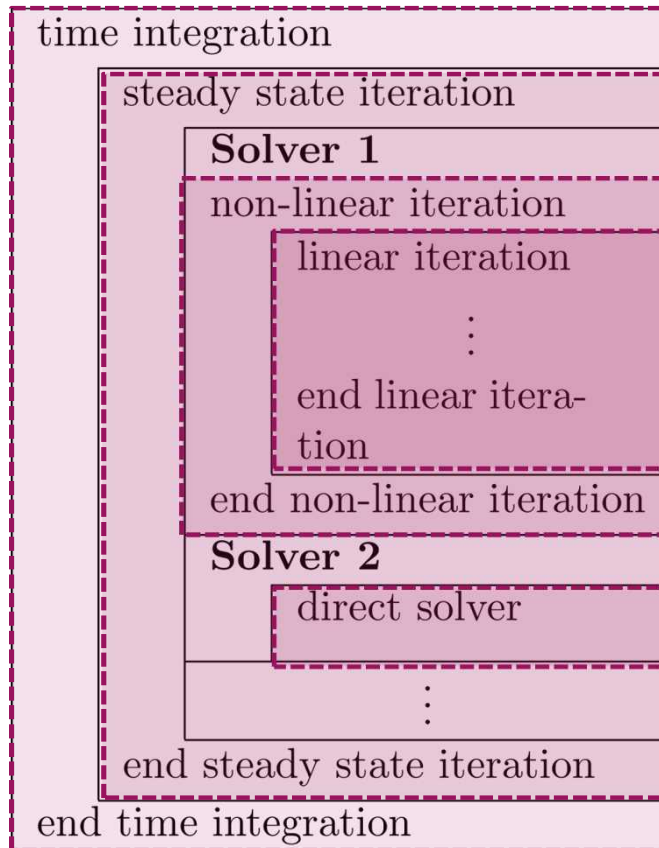
Linear System Solver keyword chooses type of solution of the linearized problem

You need that in Stokes and also in PDE's with significant amount of convection

Account for non-linearity of the rheology



## On iteration methods



1. Timestep Intervals
2. Steady State Max Iterations
3. Nonlinear Max Iterations
4. Linear System Max Iterations
4. Linear System Convergence Tolerance
3. Nonlinear System Convergence Tolerance
2. Steady State Convergence Tolerance
- 1.

# The diagnostic problem

```
! we use m-yr-MPa system 1 yr = 31556926.0 sec
Material 1
Name = "ice-ice-baby"
Density = Real $910.0*1.0E-06*(31556926.0)^(-2.0)
!-----
! viscosity stuff
!-----
Viscosity Model = String "Glen"
! Viscosity has to be set to a dummy value
! to avoid warning output from Elmer
Viscosity = Real 1.0
Glen Exponent = Real 3.0
Critical Shear Rate = Real 1.0e-10
! Rate factors (Paterson value in MPa^-3a^-1)
Rate Factor 1 = Real 1.258e13
Rate Factor 2 = Real 6.046e28
! these are in SI units - no problem, as long as
! the gas constant also is
Activation Energy 1 = Real 60e3
Activation Energy 2 = Real 139e3
Glen Enhancement Factor = Real 1.0
```

This is for scaling reasons (see next slide)

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

where  $I_{D_2}^2 = D_{ij}D_{ij}/2$  and  $D_{ij} = 1/2(\partial u_i/\partial x_j + \partial u_j/\partial x_i)$

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

## On the choice of units

Elmer(/Ice) does not assume any choice of units. This is on you, BUT, units have to be consistent amongst each other and with the mesh geometry units.

The order of magnitude in numbers do not change results, as matrix is pivoted

For the Stokes problem, one should give values for:

- the density:  $\rho$  ( $= 910 \text{ kg/m}^3$ )
- the gravity:  $g$  ( $= 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ )
- the viscosity:  $\eta_0$  ( $\text{Pa s}^{1/n}$ ) ( $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ kg s}^{-2} \text{ m}^{-1}$ )

kg – m – s [SI] : velocity in m/s and time-step in seconds



kg – m – a : velocity in m/a and timesteps in years



1 a = 31 557 600 s

MPa – m – a : velocity in m/a and Stress in MPa



(What we have in our SIF)

## On the choice of units

To give you an example: for ISMIP tests A-D, the value for the constants would be

- the density:  $\rho = 910 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- the gravity:  $g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
- the fluidity:  $A = 10^{-16} \text{ Pa}^{-3} \text{ a}^{-1}$

	USI kg - m - s		kg - m - a		MPa - m - a	
$g =$	9.81	$\text{m} / \text{s}^2$	9.7692E+15	$\text{m} / \text{a}^2$	9.7692E+15	$\text{m} / \text{a}^2$
$\rho =$	910	$\text{kg} / \text{m}^3$	910	$\text{kg} / \text{m}^3$	9.1380E-19	$\text{MPa m}^{-2} \text{a}^2$
$A =$	3.1689E-24	$\text{kg}^{-3} \text{m}^3 \text{s}^5$	1.0126E-61	$\text{kg}^{-3} \text{m}^3 \text{a}^5$	100	$\text{MPa}^{-3} \text{a}^{-1}$
$\eta =$	5.4037E+07	$\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-5/3}$	1.7029E+20	$\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{a}^{-5/3}$	0.1710	$\text{MPa a}^{1/3}$

# The diagnostic problem

```

! the variable taken to evaluate the Arrhenius law
! in general this should be the temperature relative
! to pressure melting point. The suggestion below plugs
! in the correct value obtained with TemperateIceSolver
! Temperature Field Variable = String "Temp Homologous"
! the temperature to switch between the
! two regimes in the flow law
Limit Temperature = Real -10.0
! In case there is no temperature variable (which here is the case)
Constant Temperature = Real -3.0

! Heat transfer stuff (will come later)
!Temp Heat Capacity = Variable Temp
! Real MATC "capacity(tx)*(31556926.0)^(2.0)"

!Temp Heat Conductivity = Variable Temp
! Real MATC "conductivity(tx)*31556926.0*1.0E-06"

!Temp Upper Limit = Variable Depth
! Real MATC "273.15 - 9.8E-08 * tx * 910.0 * 9.81" !-> this is the correct
! solution of the pressure melting point with respect to the hydrostatic overburden at the
! point
End

Body Force 1
Name = "BodyForce1"
Heat Source = 1
Flow BodyForce 1 = Real 0.0
Flow BodyForce 2 = Real -9.81 * (31556926.0)^(2.0) !MPa - a - m
End

```

We set our glacier to be at -3 C

Now commented, needed later

Gravity, scaled to deliver results  
in m/a and MPa

# The diagnostic problem

- Boundary conditions:
  - using array function for reading surfaces
  - **Real [cubic]** expects two columned row:
 
$$\begin{matrix} x_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & z_2 \\ \dots \end{matrix}$$
  - **include** just inserts external file (length)
  - Right values interpolated by matching interval of left values for input variable

```
Boundary Condition 1
  Name = "bedrock"
  Target Boundaries = 1
  Compute Normals = Logical True
  ! include the bedrock DEM, which has two columns
  Bottom Surface = Variable Coordinate 1
  Real cubic
    include "steady_ELA400_bedrock.dat"
  End
  Velocity 1 = Real 0.0e0
  Velocity 2 = Real 0.0e0
End

Boundary Condition 2
  Name = "sides"
  Target Boundaries(2) = 3 4 ! combine left and right boundary
  Velocity 1 = Real 0.0e0
End

Boundary Condition 3
  Name = "surface"
  Target Boundaries = 2
  ! include the surface DEM, which has two columns
  Top Surface = Variable Coordinate 1
  Real cubic
    include "steady_ELA400_surface.dat"
  End
  Depth = Real 0.0
End
```

## The diagnostic problem

- Now, run the case:

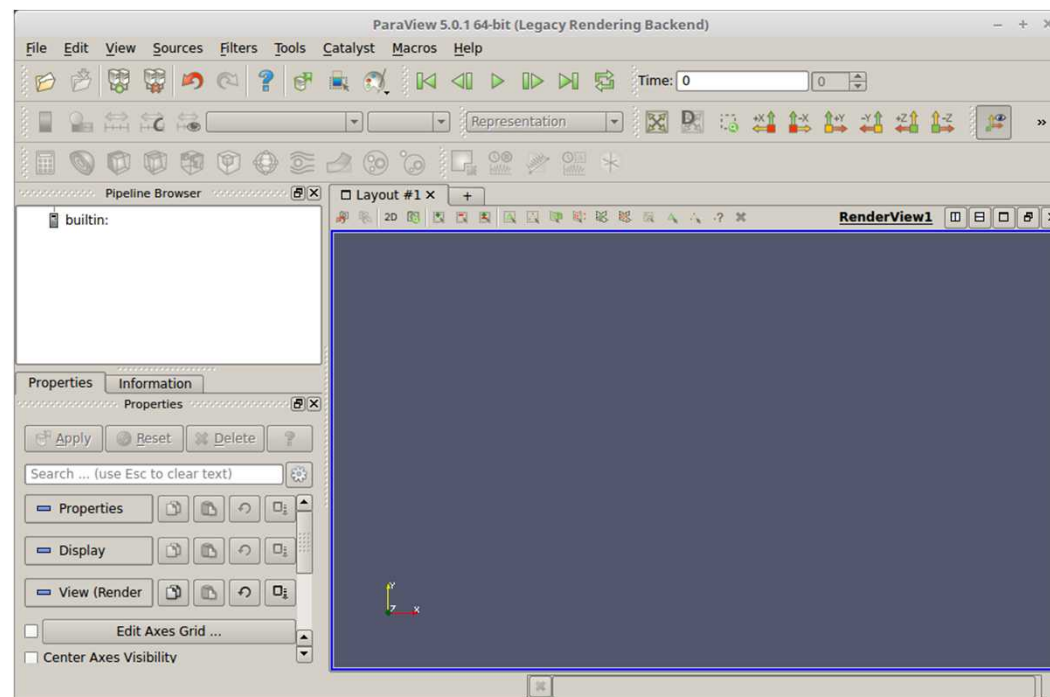
**\$ ElmerSolver Stokes\_diagnostic.sif**

- You will see the convergence history displayed:

```
FlowSolve: -----
FlowSolve:  NAVIER-STOKES ITERATION                23
FlowSolve: -----
FlowSolve:
FlowSolve: Starting Assembly...
FlowSolve: Assembly done
FlowSolve: Dirichlet conditions done
ComputeChange: NS (ITER=23) (NRM,RELC): (  1.6112696
0.90361030E-03 ) :: navier-stokes
FlowSolve: iter:   23 Assembly: (s)    0.26    6.04
FlowSolve: iter:   23 Solve:    (s)    0.11    2.62
FlowSolve: Result Norm      :    1.6112695610649261
FlowSolve: Relative Change  :    9.0361030224648782E-004
```

# The diagnostic problem

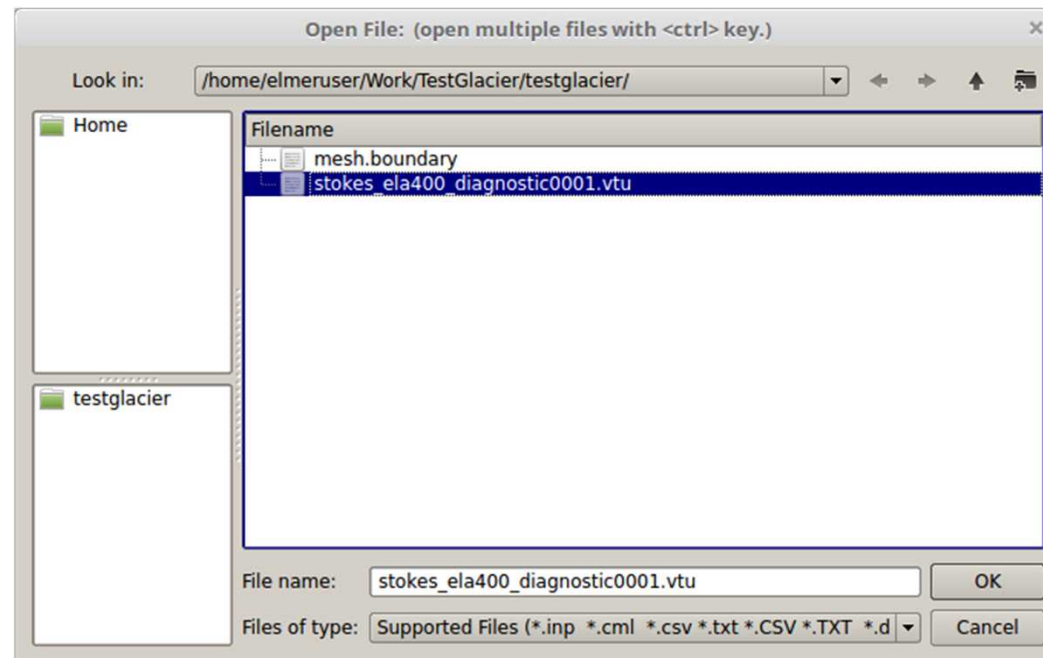
- Post-processing using ParaView: `$ paraview`





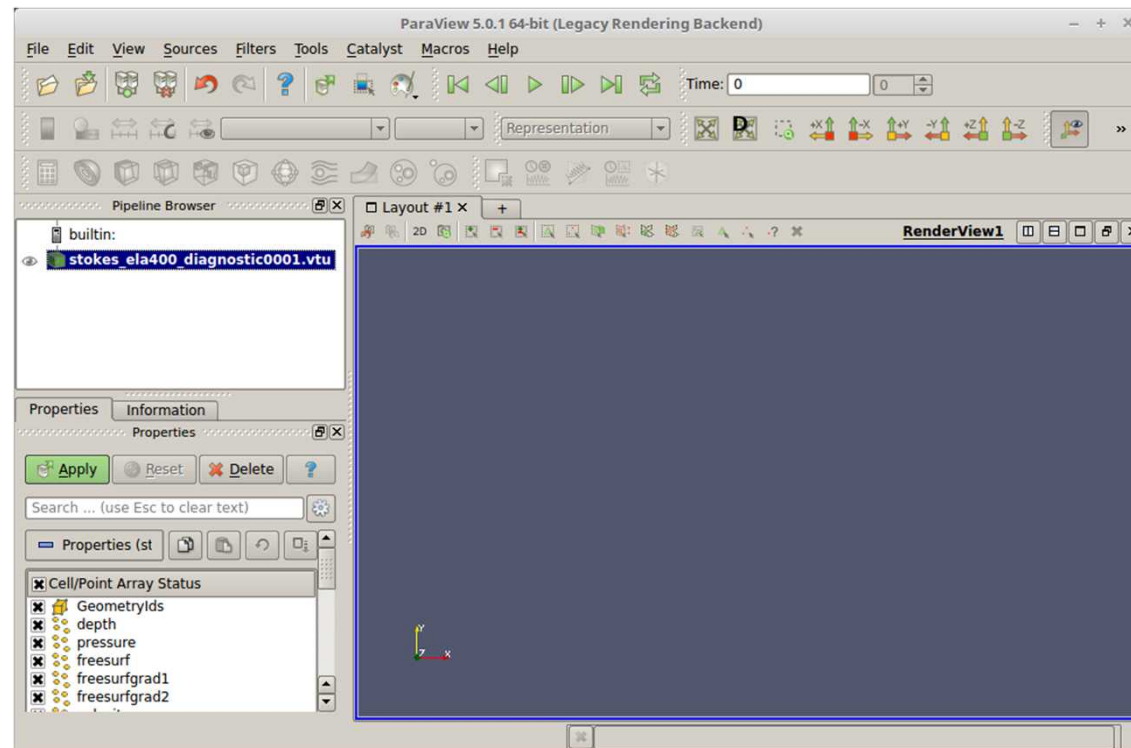
## The diagnostic problem

- File → Open `stokes_el400_diagnostic0001.vtu`



# The diagnostic problem

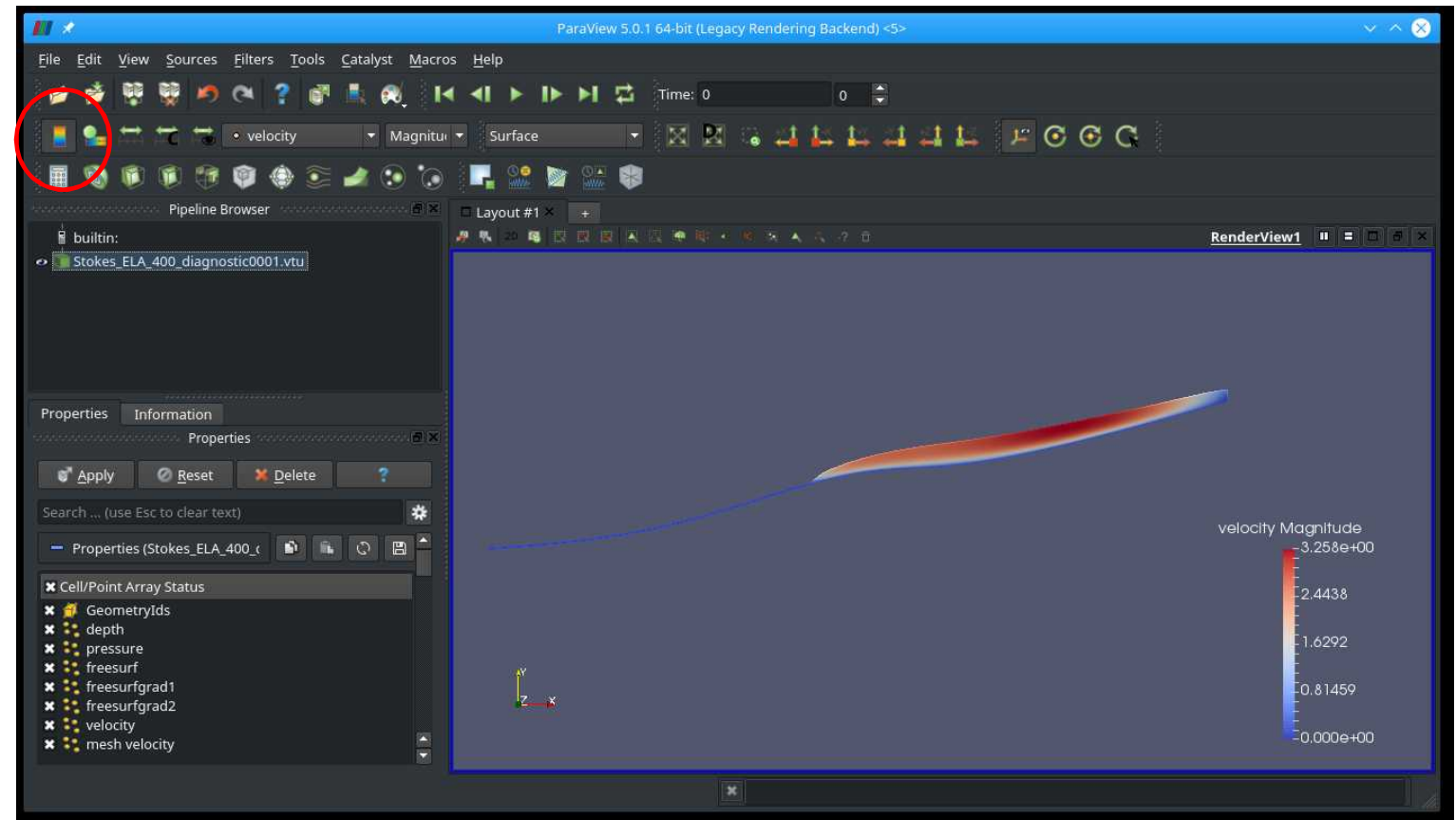
- Apply



# The diagnostic problem

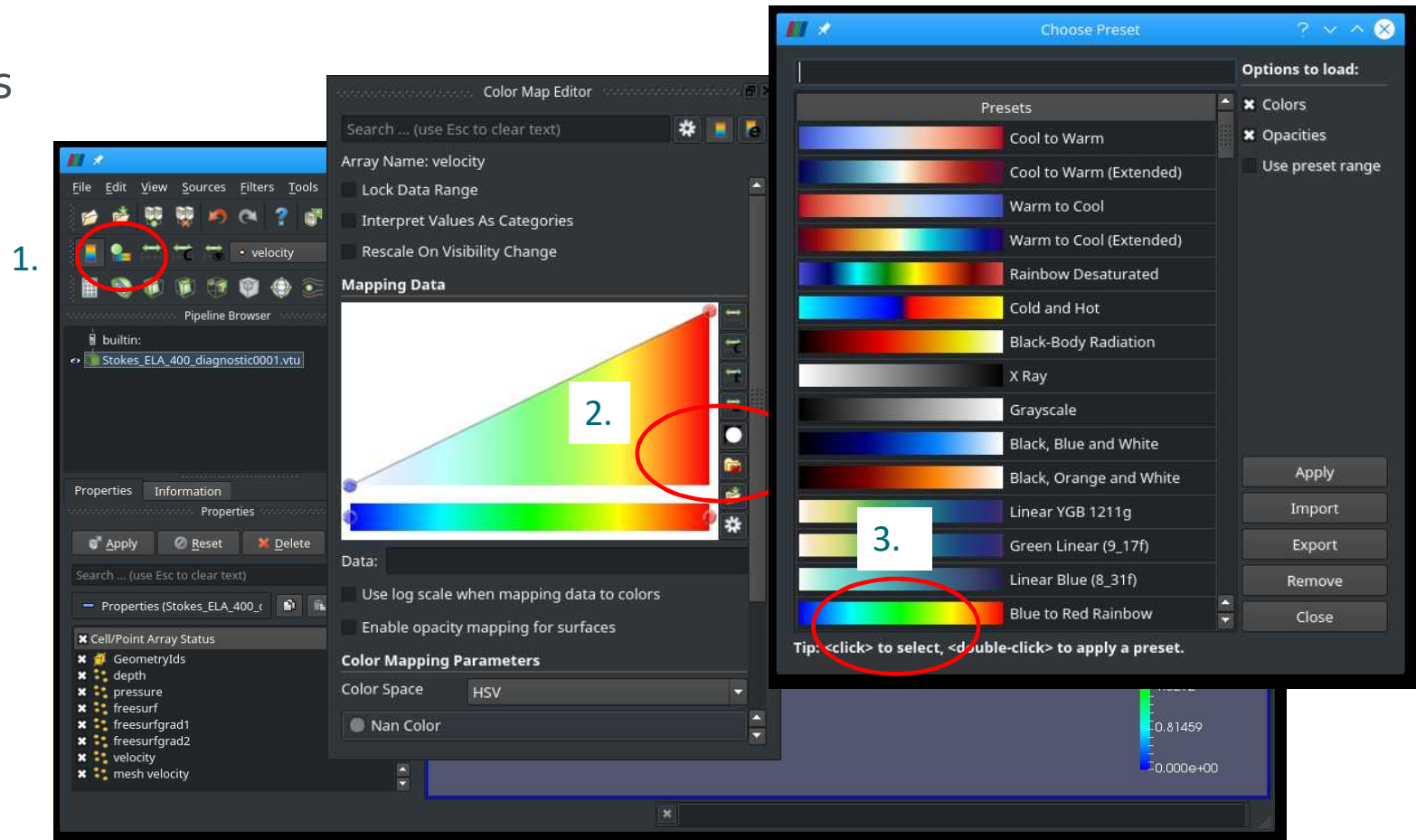
- Change to **velocity**

Press to  
activate  
colour  
bar



# The diagnostic problem

- Change colours





# Sliding

- Different sliding laws in Elmer
- Simplest: Linear Weertman  $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \beta^2 \boldsymbol{u}$ 
  - This is formulated for the traction  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  and velocity  $\boldsymbol{u}$  in tangential plane
- In order to define properties in normal-tangential coordinates:  
**Normal-Tangential Velocity = True**
- $\beta^{-2}$  is the **Slip Coefficient {2,3}** (for the tangential directions 2 and 3) (for 3D, in 2d only direction 2)
- Setting normal velocity to zero (no-penetration)

**Velocity 1 = 0.0**

# Sliding

- Now we introduce sliding
  - We deploy a sliding zone between z=300 and 400m

```
Boundary Condition 1
  Name = "bedrock"
  Target Boundaries = 1
  Compute Normals = Logical True
  ! include the bedrock DEM, which has two columns
  Bottom Surface = Variable Coordinate 1
  Real cubic
    include "steady_ELA400_bedrock.dat"
  End
  Normal-Tangential Velocity = True
  Velocity 1 = Real 0.0e0
  Slip Coefficient 2 = Variable Coordinate 2
  Real MATC "(1.0 - (tx > 300.0)*(tx < 400.0))*1000.0 + 1.0/100.0"
End
```

Use normal-tangential  
coordinate system

Definition of slip Coefficient

# Sliding



```
! Flow Depth still for postprocessing, only,  
! now replaced by structured version  
Solver 2  
  Equation = "HeightDepth"  
  Procedure = "StructuredProjectToPlane" "StructuredProjectToPlane"  
  Active Coordinate = Integer 2  
  Operator 1 = depth  
  Operator 2 = height  
End
```

Replace the **FlowDepth** Solver with this one. This solver simply uses the vertically structured mesh to inquire the Depth/Height without solving a PDE (much cheaper).



# Sliding

- Restart from previous run (improved initial guess)

```
Simulation
Max Output Level = 4
Coordinate System = "Cartesian 2D"
Coordinate Mapping(3) = 1 2 3
Simulation Type = "Steady"
Steady State Max Iterations = 1
Output Intervals = 1
Output File = "Stokes_ELA400_diagnostic_slide.result"
Post File = "Stokes_ELA400_diagnostic_slide.vtu"
Initialize Dirichlet Conditions = Logical False
! Restart from previous run
Restart File = "Stokes_ELA400_diagnostic.result"
Restart Position = 0
End
```

Load the last entry in file

# Sliding

- Now, run the case:

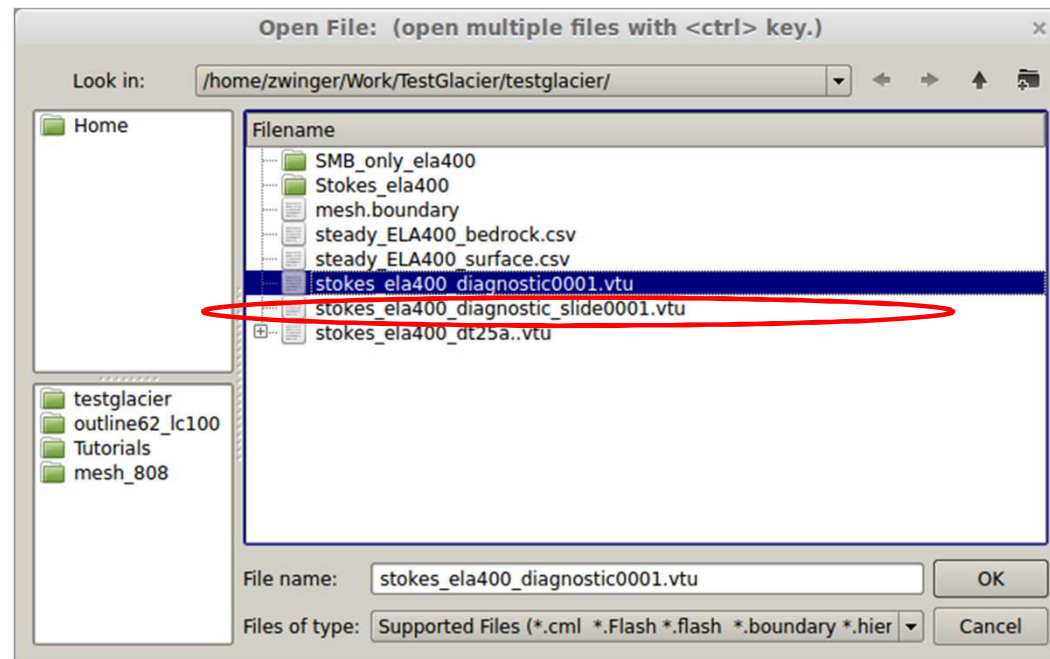
```
$ ElmerSolver Stokes_diagnostic_slide.sif
```

- Converged much earlier:

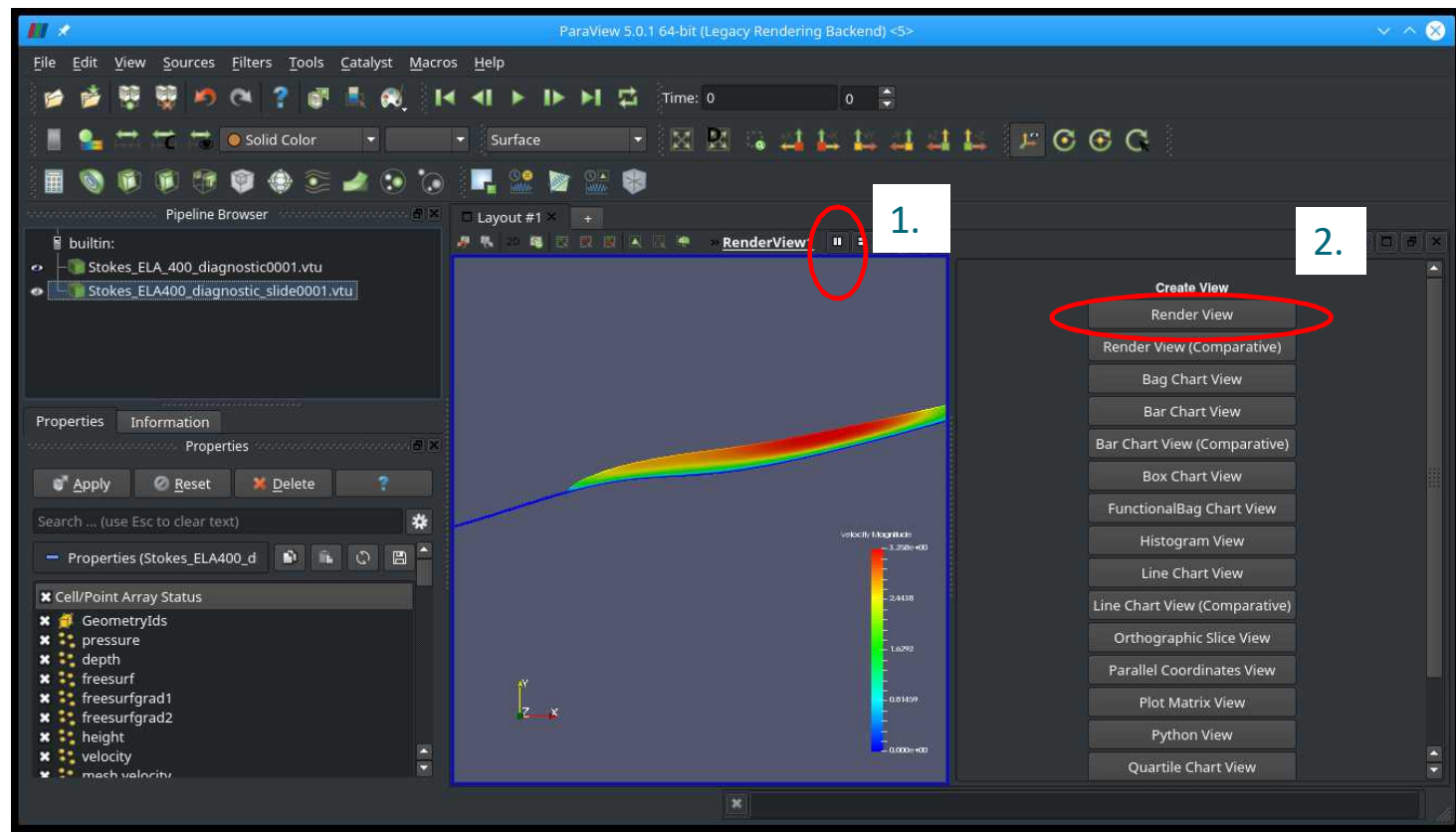
```
FlowSolve: -----  
FlowSolve:  NAVIER-STOKES ITERATION              12  
FlowSolve: -----  
FlowSolve:  
FlowSolve: Starting Assembly...  
FlowSolve: Assembly done  
FlowSolve: Dirichlet conditions done  
ComputeChange: NS (ITER=12) (NRM,RELC): (  3.4915753  
0.34732117E-05 ) :: navier-stokes  
FlowSolve: iter:   12 Assembly: (s)    0.32    3.53  
FlowSolve: iter:   12 Solve:   (s)    0.12    1.38  
FlowSolve: Result Norm      :    3.4915753430899730  
FlowSolve: Relative Change :    3.4732116934487441E-006  
ComputeChange: SS (ITER=1) (NRM,RELC): (  3.4915753  
2.0000000 ) :: navier-stokes
```

# Sliding

- Load parallel to previous file
- **File** → **Open** `stokes_el400_diagnostic_slide0001.vtu`



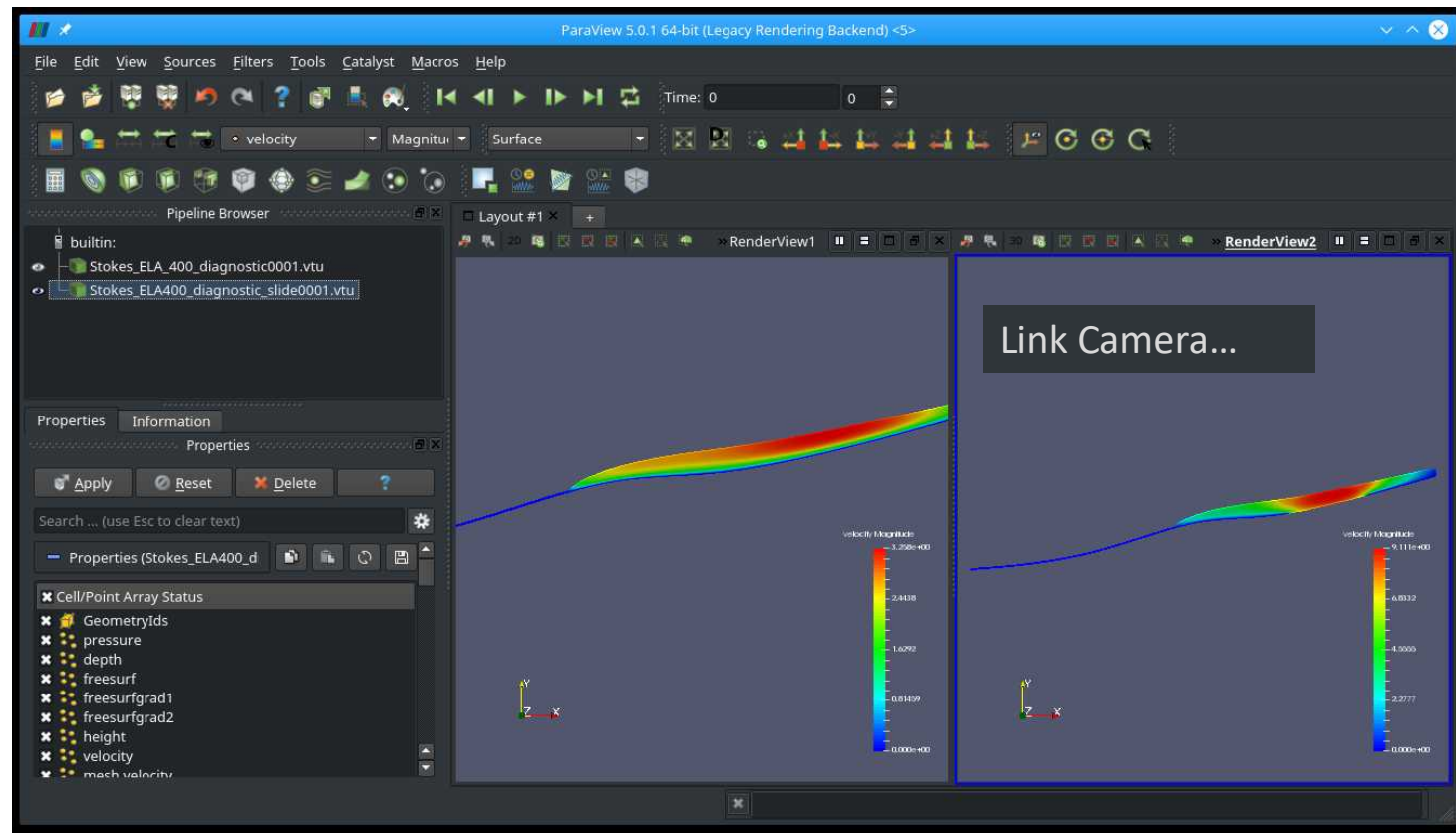
# Sliding



# Sliding

Right click right window

Left click on left window

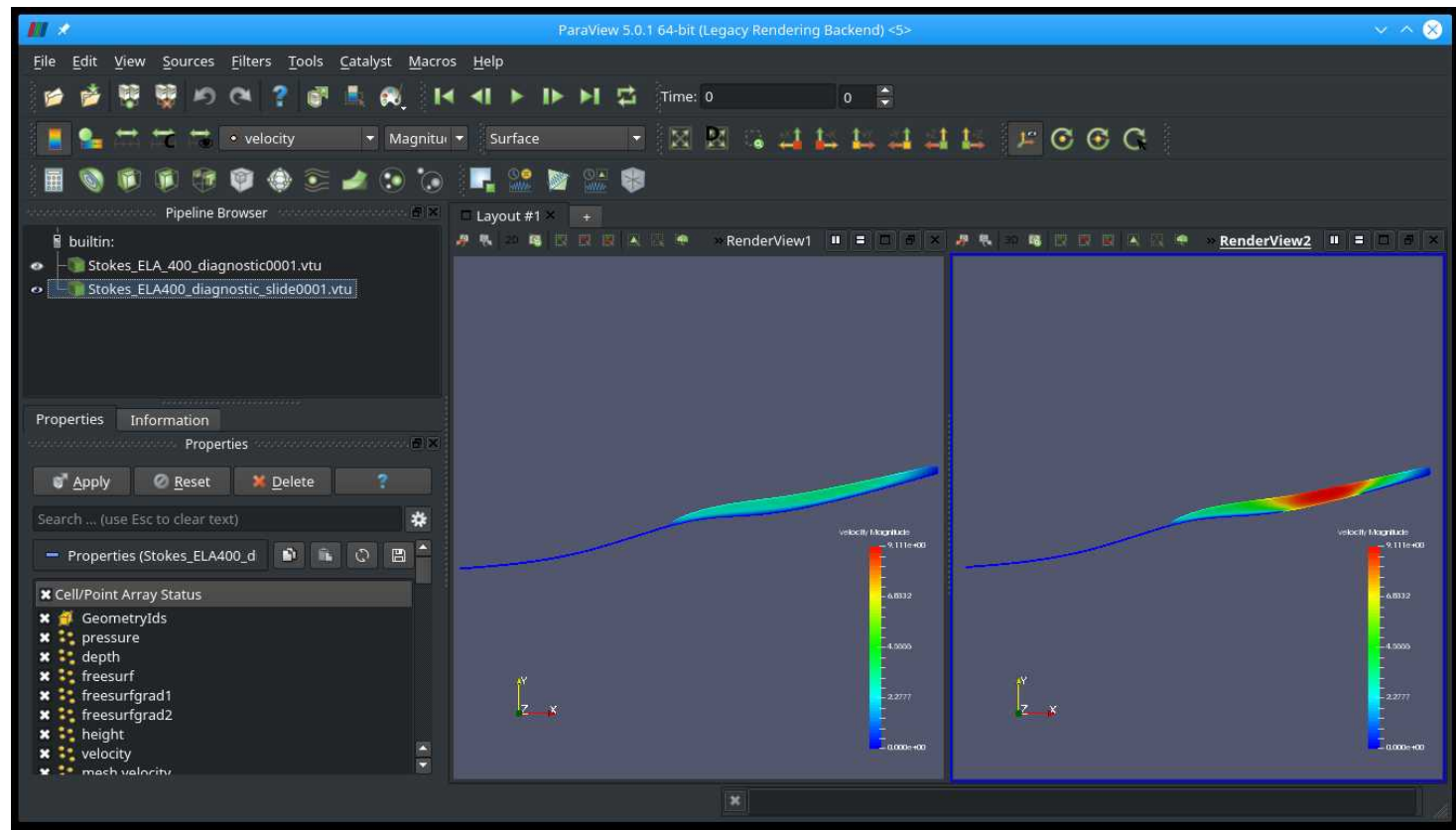


# Sliding

Right click right window

Left click on left window

Scales velocity and syncs behaviour between windows



## End of first session

### What you should know by now:

- Basic diagnostic (= steady state with prescribed geometry) iso-thermal simulation
- Linear system, Non-linear system solution
- Iterative/direct solver
- Read-in of simple DEM, manipulation of initial mesh (structured)
- Using tabulated value interpolation
- Writing interpreted MATC function
- Basic Paraview post-processing





# HEAT TRANSFER

Starting from the diagnostic setup of the previous session we:

- Compute the temperature for a given velocity field and boundary conditions
- Introduce heat transfer
- Account for pressure-melting point
- Add Thermo-mechanical coupling (viscosity-temperature)

## Heat transfer

- Adding heat transfer to

### **Stokes\_diagnostic\_slide.sif:**

- Add ElmerIceSolvers TemperateIceSolver with variable name Temp (see next slide)
- Surface temperature distribution: linear from 273.15 K at z=0m to 263.15 K at z=1000m

```
Temp = Variable Coordinate 2
Real
      0.0    273.15
     1000.0  263.15
End
```

- Geothermal heat flux of 200 mW m<sup>-2</sup> at bedrock
- Make sure you restart from  
Stokes\_ELA400\_diagnostic\_slide.result

# Heat transfer

```
Solver 5
Equation = String "Homologous Temperature Equation"
Procedure = File "ElmerIceSolvers" "TemperateIceSolver"
Variable = String "Temp"
Variable DOFs = 1
Stabilize = True
Optimize Bandwidth = Logical True
Linear System Solver = "Iterative"
Linear System Direct Method = UMFPACK
Linear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-06
Linear System Abort Not Converged = False
Linear System Preconditioning = "ILU1"
Linear System Residual Output = 0
Nonlinear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-05
Nonlinear System Max Iterations = 100
Nonlinear System Relaxation Factor = Real 9.999E-01
Steady State Convergence Tolerance = 1.0E-04
End
```

# Heat transfer

- Material parameters in Material section

```
Material 1
...
! Heat transfer stuff
Temp Heat Capacity = Variable Temp
  Real MATC "capacity(tx)*(31556926.0)^(2.0)"

Temp Heat Conductivity = Variable Temp
  Real MATC "conductivity(tx)*31556926.0*1.0E-06"
End
```

- Using defined MATC-functions for

○ Capacity:

$$c(T) = 146.3 + (7.253 \cdot T[\text{K}])$$

○ Conductivity:

$$\kappa(T) = 9.828 \exp(-5.7 \times 10^{-3} \cdot T[\text{K}])$$

# Heat transfer

- Material parameters in Material section

```
!! conductivity
$ function conductivity(T) { _conductivity=9.828*exp(-5.7E-03*T) }
!! capacity
$ function capacity(T) { _capacity=146.3+(7.253*T) }
```

- Using defined MATC-functions for

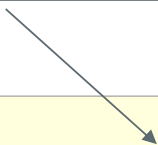
- Capacity:  $c(T) = 146.3 + (7.253 \cdot T[\text{K}])$
- Conductivity:  $\kappa(T) = 9.828 \exp(-5.7 \times 10^{-3} \cdot T[\text{K}])$

## Heat transfer

- Now, run the case:

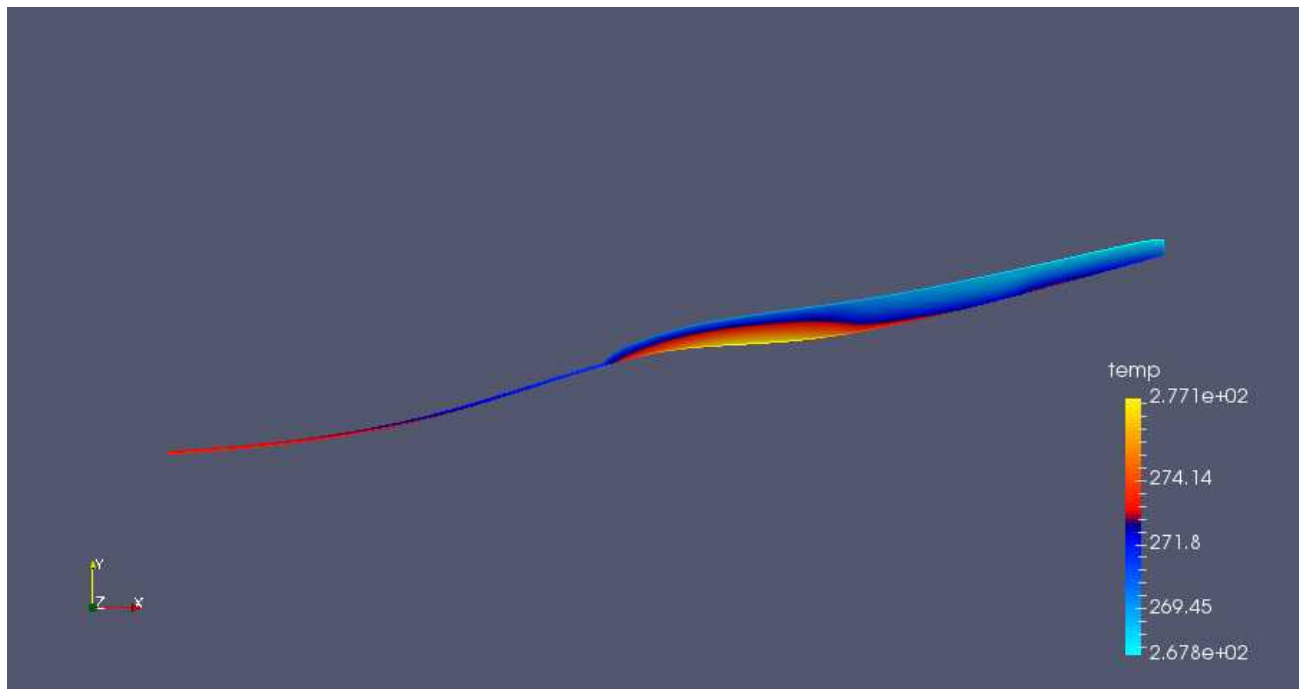
```
$ ElmerSolver Stokes_diagnostic_temp.sif
```

- It goes pretty quick, as we only have one-way coupling and hence don't even execute the Stokes solver



```
Solver 3  
  Exec Solver = "Never" ! we have a solution from previous case  
  Equation = "Navier-Stokes"
```

# Heat transfer



- Due to high geothermal heatflux we have areas above pressure melting point
- We have to account for this

# Heat transfer

- Constrained heat transfer:
  - Including following lines in Solver section of TemperateIceSolver

```
! the contact algorithm (aka Dirichlet algorithm)
!-----
Apply Dirichlet = Logical True
! those two variables are needed in order to store
! the relative or homologous temperature as well
! as the residual
!-----
Exported Variable 1 = String "Temp Homologous"
Exported Variable 1 DOFs = 1
Exported Variable 2 = String "Temp Residual"
Exported Variable 2 DOFs = 1
```



# Heat transfer

- Constrained heat transfer:
  - Also introduce the upper limit for the temperature (a.k.a. pressure melting point) in the Material section

```
Temp Upper Limit = Variable Depth
Real MATC "273.15 - clausclap * tx * 910.0 * 9.81"
```

$$T_{\text{pm}} = T_0 + \beta_c p$$

$$p \approx \rho_{\text{ice}} g d$$

## Heat transfer

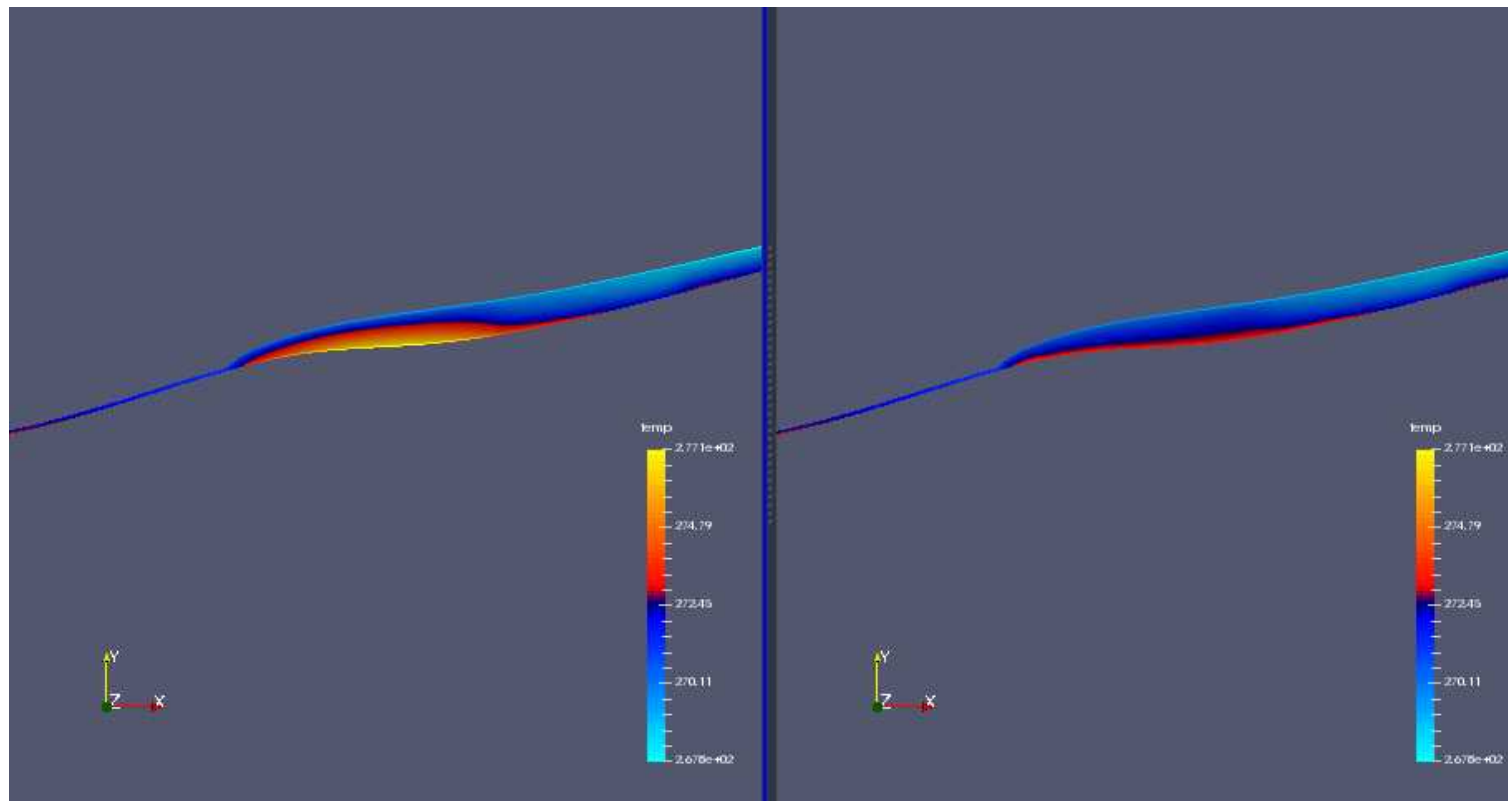
- Now, run the case:

```
$ ElmerSolver \
  Stokes_diagnostic_temp_constrained.sif
```

- Already from the norm (~ averaged nodal values) it comes clear that values are in general now lower

```
TemperateIceSolver (temp): iter:    5 Assembly: (s)    1.36    6.77
TemperateIceSolver (temp): iter:    5 Solve:    (s)    0.00    0.01
TemperateIceSolver (temp): Result Norm    :    271.78121462656480
TemperateIceSolver (temp): Relative Change :
5.0215061382786350E-006
ComputeChange: SS (ITER=1) (NRM,RELC): ( 271.78121    2.0000000
) :: homologous temperature equation
```

# Heat transfer



Unconstrained

Constrained

# Heat transfer

- **Thermo-mechanically coupled simulation:**

- We have to iterate between Stokes and HTEq.

```
Steady State Max Iterations = 20
```

- Coupling to viscosity in Material section

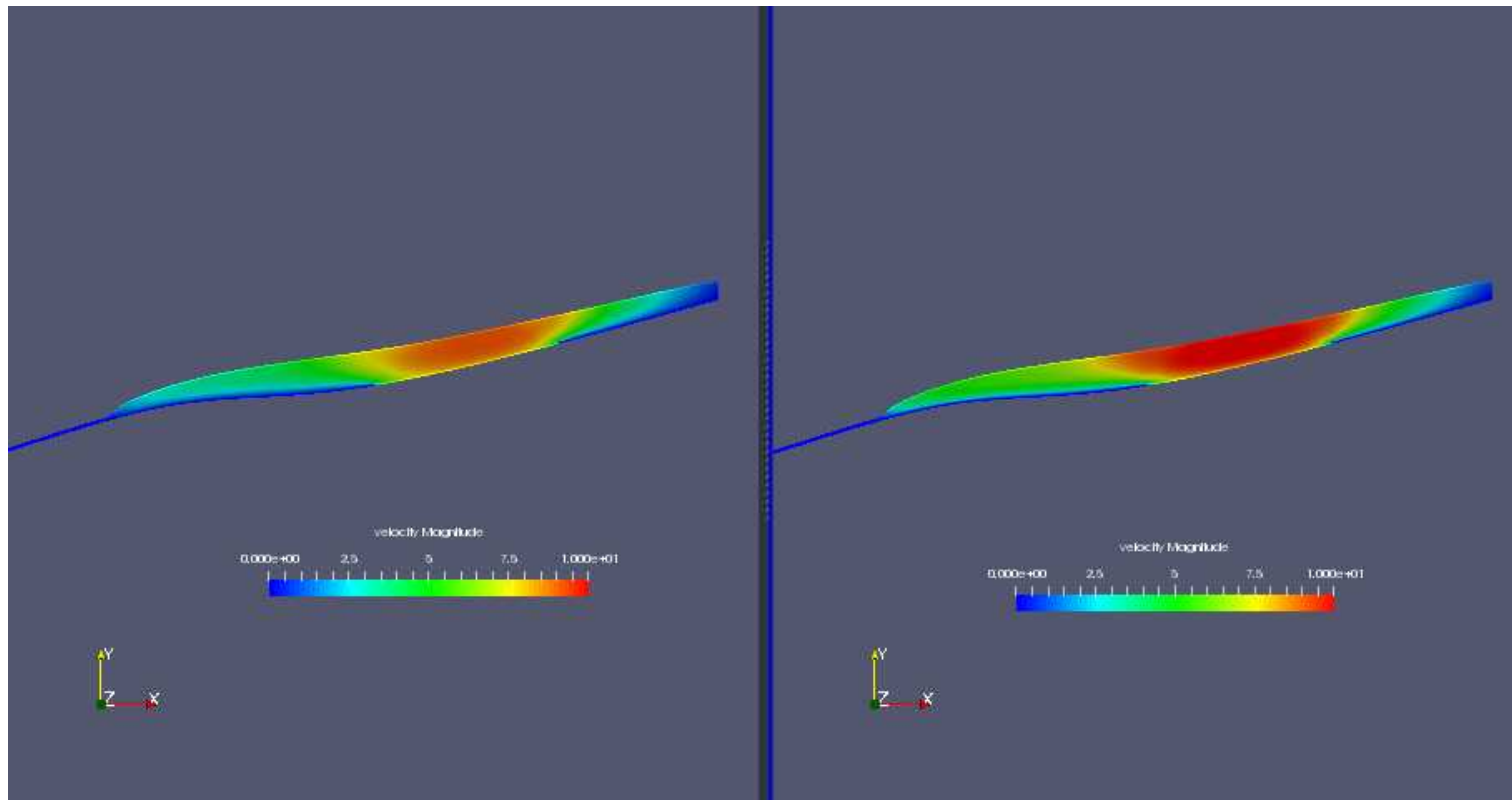
```
! the variable taken to evaluate the Arrhenius law  
! in general this should be the temperature relative  
! to pressure melting point. The suggestion below plugs  
! in the correct value obtained with TemperateIceSolver  
Temperature Field Variable = String "Temp Homologous"
```

## Newton Iterations

- We need Picard (=fixed-point) iterations instead of Newton iterations at the beginning of each new non-linear iteration loop

```
Solver 1
!  Exec Solver = "Never"
Equation = "Navier-Stokes"
...
Nonlinear System Reset Newton = Logical True
!Nonlinear System Relaxation Factor = 0.75
End
```

# Heat transfer



Uncoupled

Thermo-mechanically coupled

## End of third session

### What you should know on top of the previous session:

- Basic diagnostic (= steady state with prescribed geometry) simulation including heat transfer equation (HTEq)
- Introduction of constraint (pressure-melting) into HTEq
- Thermo-mechanically coupled system





# PROGNOSTIC RUN

- Starting from a deglaciaded situation we show
- How to move to a transient run, i.e., introduce the
  - Free surface solution
  - Including coupling to climate via prescribing an accumulation/ablation function
- How to write a less simple MATC function
- How to write a (faster than MATC) Lua function

## The prognostic problem

- Glacier with ~11 deg constant inclination
- Standard accumulation/ablation function

$$a(z) = \lambda z + a(z = 0)$$

- Or in terms of ELA (equilibrium line altitude):

$$a_{\text{ELA}} = \lambda z_{\text{ELA}} + a_0 = 0$$

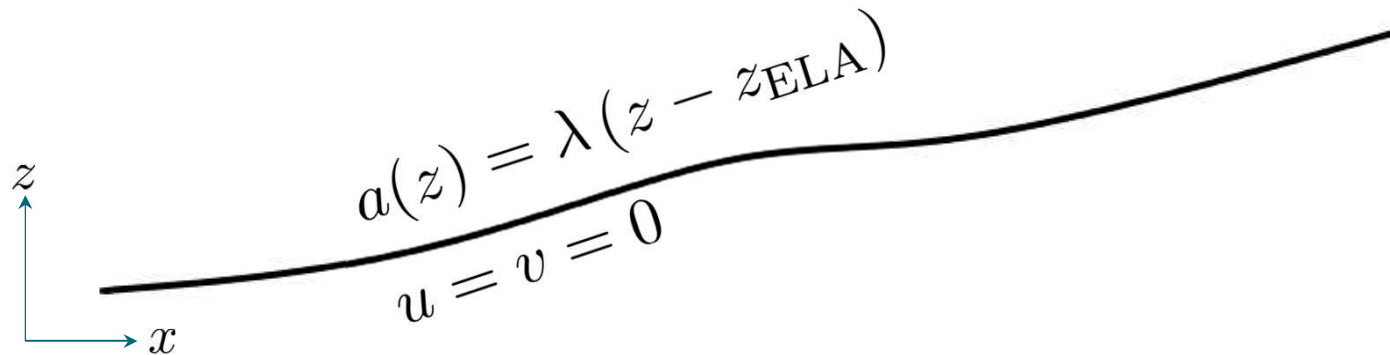
- We know lapserate,  $\lambda$ , and  $z_{\text{ELA}}$  and have to define  $a_0 = -\lambda z_{\text{ELA}}$

## The Problem

- From  $x=[0:2500]$ ,  $z=[0:500]$
- Setting mesh with 10 vertical levels with 5m flow depth

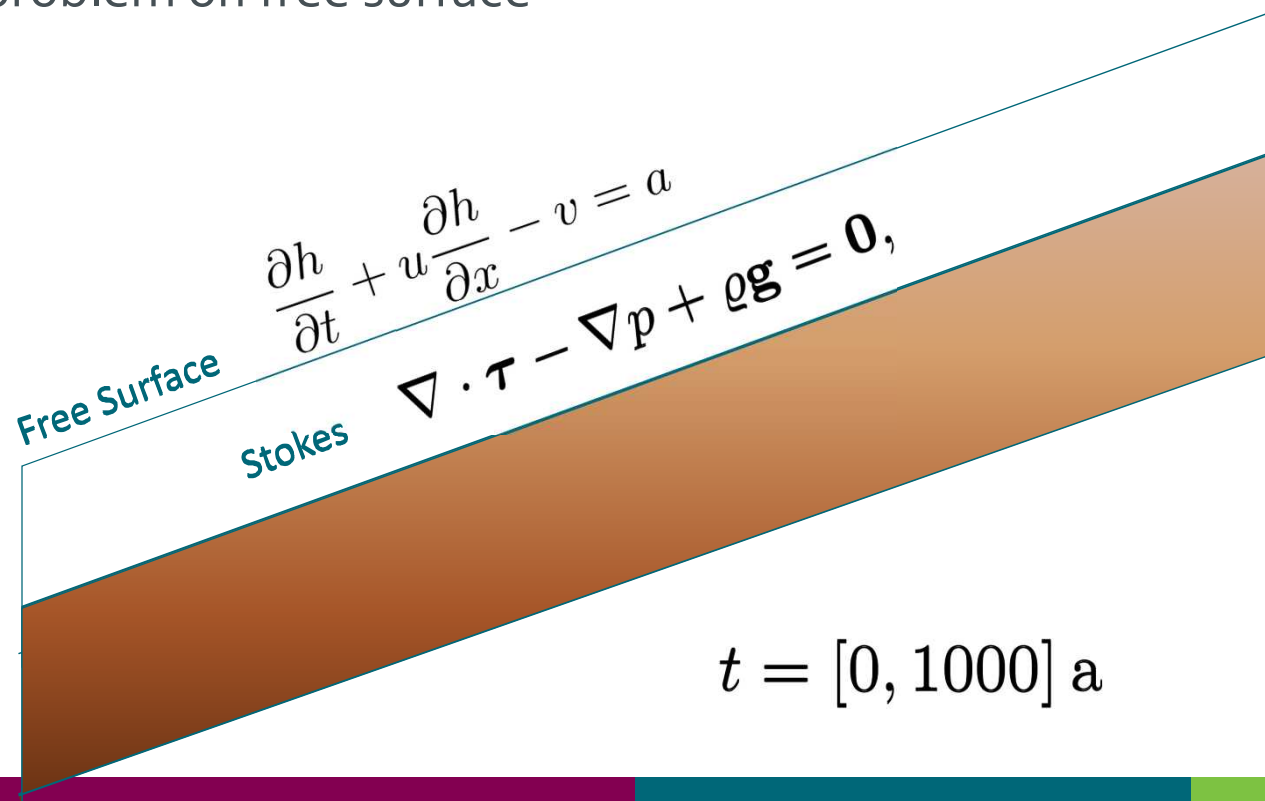
$$\lambda = 11/2500 \text{ (m/a) m}^{-1}$$

$$z_{\text{ELA}} = 400 \text{ m}$$



# The Problem

- Flow problem (Navier-Stokes) in ice
- Free-surface problem on free surface



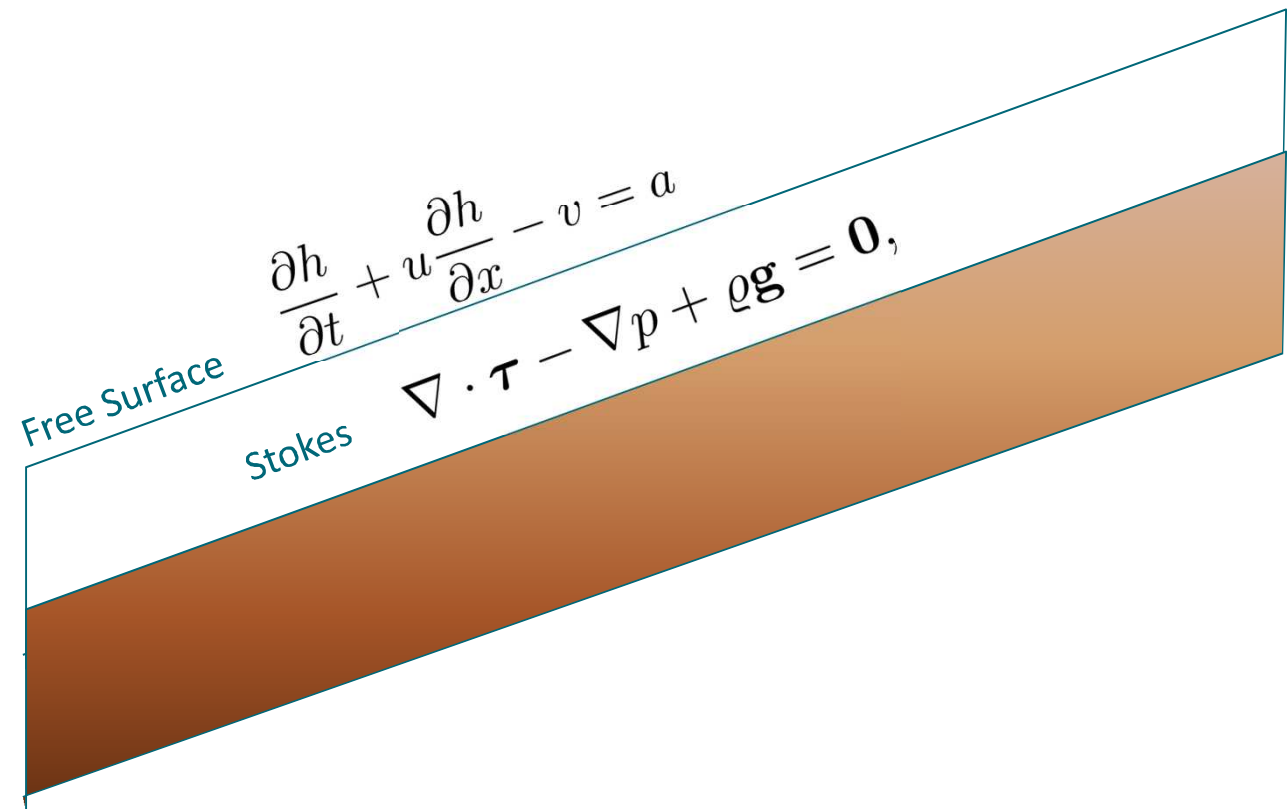
# Time Stepping

```
Simulation
Max Output Level = 4
Coordinate System = "Cartesian 2D"
Coordinate Mapping(3) = 1 2 3
Simulation Type = "Transient"
Steady State Max Iterations = 1
Timestepping Method = "BDF"
BDF Order = 1
Timestep Sizes = 10.0
Timestep Intervals = 200
Output Intervals = 10
!Output File = "Stokes_prognostic_ELA400_SMB.result"
!Post File = "Stokes_prognostic_ELA400_SMB_noflow.vtu"
Post File = "Stokes_prognostic_ELA400_SMB_flow.vtu"
Initialize Dirichlet Conditions = Logical False
End
```

# Free Surface Equation

- Free surface equation is only run on - surprise! – the free surface
- Which renders it a lower-dimensional problem
- We need to declare a new(2<sup>nd</sup>) body on this surface

```
Boundary Condition 3
  Name = "surface"
  Top Surface = Equals "Zs"
  Target Boundaries = 2
  Body ID = 2 !!! THIS IS ESSENTIAL
End
```



# Free Surface Equation

```
Body 1
  Name = "Glacier"
  Body Force = 1
  Equation = 1
  Material = 1
  Initial Condition = 1
End
```

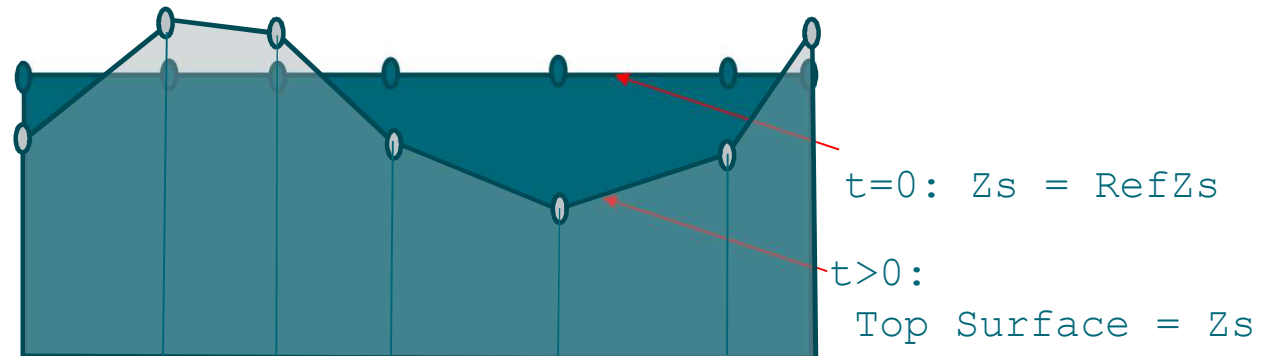
```
Body 2
  Name = "Surface"
  Body Force = 2
  Equation = 2
  Material = 2
  Initial Condition = 2
End
```

```
Equation 1
  Name = "Equation1"
  Convection = "computed"
  Flow Solution Name = String "Flow Solution"
  Active Solvers(2) = 1 2 3
End

Equation 2
  Name = "Equation2"
  !Convection = "none"
  Convection = "computed" !!! CHANGE TO THIS ONE
  Active Solvers(1) = 4
  Flow Solution Name = String "Flow Solution"
End
```

# Free Surface Equation

```
Boundary Condition 3
  Name = "surface"
  Top Surface = Equals "Zs"
  Target Boundaries = 2
  Body ID = 2 !!! THIS IS ESSENTIAL
End
```





## Free Surface Equation

- Starting with same values for both variables set to the bedrock shape of the diagnostic example
- Using the latter to keep minimal height ( in Material)

```
Initial Condition 2
  Zs = Variable Coordinate 1
  Real cubic
    include "steady_ELA400_bedrock.dat"
  End
  RefZs = Variable Coordinate 1
  Real cubic
    include "steady_ELA400_bedrock.dat"
  End
End
```

```
Material 2
  Min Zs = Variable RefZs
  Real MATC "tx - 0.1"
  Max Zs = Variable RefZs
  Real MATC "tx + 600.0"
End
```

## Free Surface Equation

- And here comes the coupling to climate (as a general MATC function)

```
Body Force 2
  Name = "Climate"
  Zs Accumulation Flux 1 = Real 0.0e0
  Zs Accumulation Flux 2 = Variable Coordinate 1, Coordinate 2
    Real MATC "accum(tx)"
End
```

```
$ function accum(X) {\
  lapserate = (11.0/2750.0);\
  ela = 400.0;\
  asl = -ela*lapserate;\
  if (X(0) > 2500)\
    { _accum = 0.0; }\
  else\
    { _accum = lapserate*X(1) + asl; }\
}
```

$$a(z) = \lambda (z - z_{\text{ELA}})$$

$$\lambda = 11/2500 \text{ (m/a) m}^{-1}$$

$$z_{\text{ELA}} = 400 \text{ m}$$

# Free Surface Equation

Solver 4

```

Exec Solver = always
Equation = "Free Surface"
Variable = String "Zs"
Variable DOFs = 1
! needed for evaluating the contact pressure
Exported Variable 1 = -dofs 1 "Zs Residual"
! needed for storing the initial shape (needed for updates)
Exported Variable 2 = -dofs 1 "RefZs"
Procedure = "FreeSurfaceSolver" "FreeSurfaceSolver"
! This would take the constrained points out of solution
! Use in serial run, only
! Before Linsolve = "EliminateDirichlet" "EliminateDirichlet"
Linear System Solver = Iterative
Linear System Max Iterations = 1500
Linear System Iterative Method = BiCGStab
Linear System Preconditioning = ILU0
Linear System Convergence Tolerance = Real 1.0e-7
Linear System Abort Not Converged = False
Linear System Residual Output = 1
Nonlinear System Max Iterations = 100
Nonlinear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-6
Nonlinear System Relaxation Factor = 0.60
Steady State Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-03
Stabilization Method = Bubbles
! Apply contact problem
Apply Dirichlet = Logical True

```

End

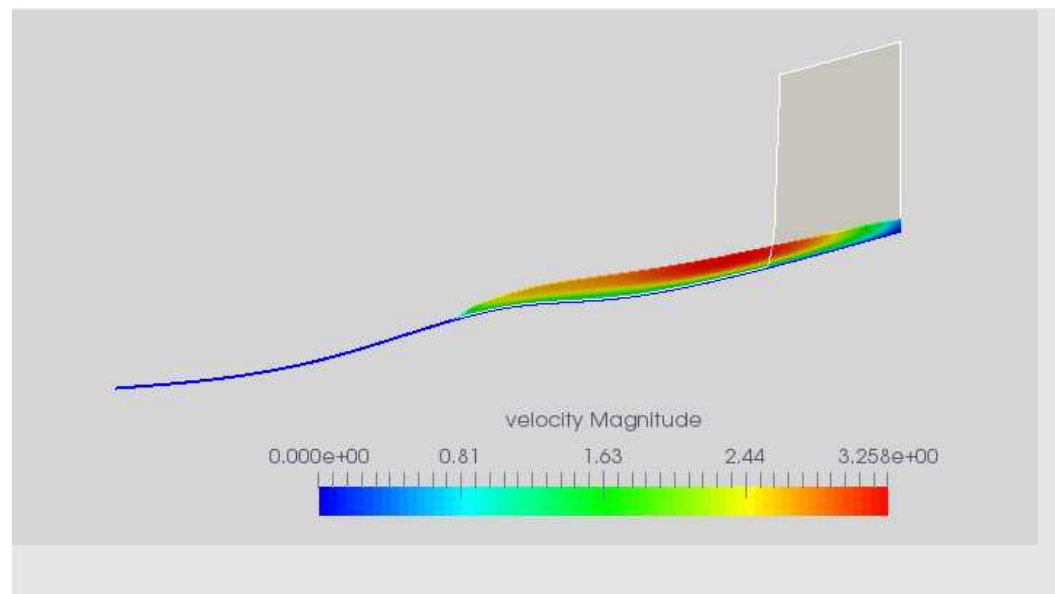
## Passive elements

- We further switch the (Navier-)Stokes solution to passive in regions with flow-depth below threshold
- This usually brings more stable ice-fronts (uncomment to see difference)

```
Body Force 2
  Name = "Climate"
  Zs Accumulation Flux 1 = Real 0.0e0
  Zs Accumulation Flux 2 = Variable Coordinate 1, Coordinate 2
    Real MATC "accum(tx)"
End
```

## The Solution

- Starting with no-flow problem, i.e., only surface mass balance, simply by setting Convection = “none” and (saves time) not executing Navier-Stokes, compare to run with coupled flow
- \$ **ElmerSolver Stokes\_prognostic.sif**



## LUA – the faster alternative to MATC

- Similar syntax than MATC, but much faster

```
Body Force 2
  Name = "Climate"
  Zs Accumulation Flux 1 = Real 0.0e0
  Zs Accumulation Flux 2 = Variable Coordinate 1, Coordinate 2
  Real lua "accum(tx[0],tx[1])"
End
```

```
!---LUA BEGIN
! -- this is our accumulation rate
! function accum(X,Z)
!   if (X > 2500) then
!     return 0.0
!   else
!     return 11.0*Z/2750 - 400.0*11.0/2750.0
!   end
!end
!---LUA END
```

## End of fourth session

### What you should know on top of previous sessions:

- Basic prognostic (= time dependent with prescribed surface mass balance) simulation
- Introduced passive elements
- Introduced general MATC function to prescribe accumulation/ablation function
- Introduced general LUA function to prescribe accumulation/ablation function





# USER DEFINED FUNCTION

In a follow-up session, by changing the previous setup we show:

- How to write, compile and include a self-written user defined function
- How to introduce time changing variables

# User Defined Function

- Replace the MATC/Lua function with a user defined function (UDF)

All UDF's have the same header in Elmer/Ice

```

FUNCTION getAccumulation( Model, Node, InputArray) RESULT(accum)
  ! provides you with most Elmer functionality
  USE DefUtils
  ! saves you from stupid errors
  IMPLICIT NONE
  ! the external variables
  !-----
  TYPE(Model_t) :: Model      ! the access point to everything about the model
  INTEGER :: Node             ! the current Node number
  REAL(KIND=dp) :: InputArray(2) ! Contains the arguments passed to the function
  REAL(KIND=dp) :: accum      ! the result

```

## User Defined Function

```
!-----
! internal variables
!-----
REAL(KIND=dp) :: lapserate, ela0, dElaDt, elaT, accumulationAtS1, &
    inittime, time, elevation, cutoff, offset
LOGICAL :: FirstTime=.TRUE.
! Remember this value
SAVE FirstTime, inittime

! lets hard-code our values (if we have time we can later make them being read from SIF)
lapserate = 11.0_dp/2750.0_dp
ela0 = 400.0_dp
dElaDt = -0.05_dp
cutoff = 600.0_dp
offset = 1500.0

! copy input (should match the arguments!)
elevation = InputArray(1)
time = InputArray(2)
WRITE (Message, '(A,E10.2,A,E10.2)') "elevation=", elevation, "time=", time
CALL INFO("getAccumulation", Message, Level=9)
```

## User Defined Function

```
! store the initial time, to be sure to have relative times
IF (FirstTime) THEN
    inittime = time
    FirstTime = .FALSE.
END IF

! get change of ELA with time
IF (time > offset) THEN
    elaT = ela0 - dElaDt * (time - offset)
ELSE
    elaT = ela0
END IF

! lets do the math
accumulationAtS1 = -elaT*lapserate
IF (elevation > cutoff) elevation = cutoff
accum = lapserate*elevation + accumulationAtS1

RETURN

END FUNCTION getAccumulation
```

## User Defined Function

The body-force section changes to:

```
Body Force 2
  Name = "Climate"
  Zs Accumulation Flux 1 = Real 0.0e0
  Zs Accumulation Flux 2 = Variable Coordinate 2, Time
    Real Procedure "accumulation" "getAccumulation"
End
```

Compilation is done with:

```
$ elmerf90 accumulation.f90 -o accumulation.so
```

## Speedup MATC-LUA-UDF

==> MATC.log <==

SOLVER TOTAL TIME(CPU,REAL): 1027.24 1080.45

ELMER SOLVER FINISHED AT: 2020/10/31 23:42:46

==> LUA.log <==

SOLVER TOTAL TIME(CPU,REAL): 458.81 471.08

ELMER SOLVER FINISHED AT: 2020/10/31 23:34:12

==> UDF.log <==

SOLVER TOTAL TIME(CPU,REAL): 434.00 446.95

ELMER SOLVER FINISHED AT: 2020/11/01 00:01:21

DON'T USE MATC in  
performance critical  
parts

Lua almost as fast as  
compiled code

## End of second session

What you should know on top of previous sessions:

- Replacing (usually slow) MATC function by a compiled Fortran User Defined Function (UDF)



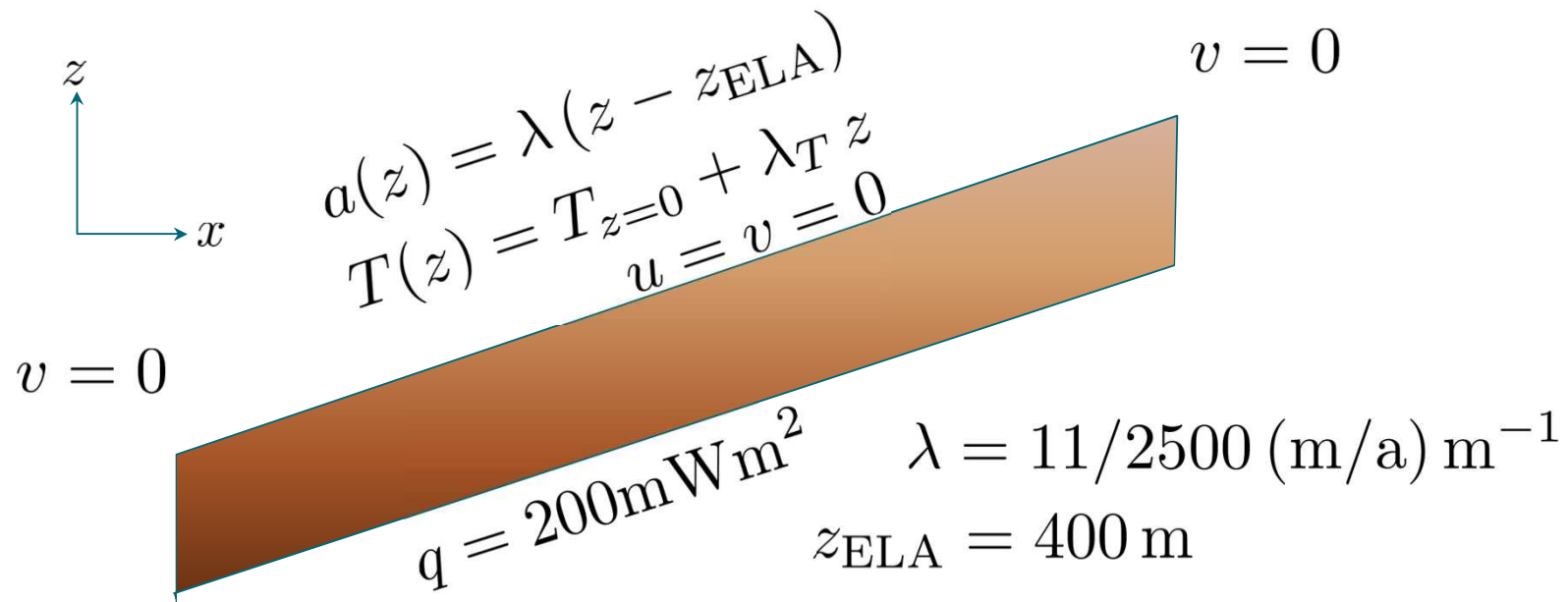


For those, who want to go continue ...

# EXERCISE

## Exercise

- If time permits, let's put all things together and make a thermo-mechanically coupled prognostic run. What do we need to add?





# Creating a mesh

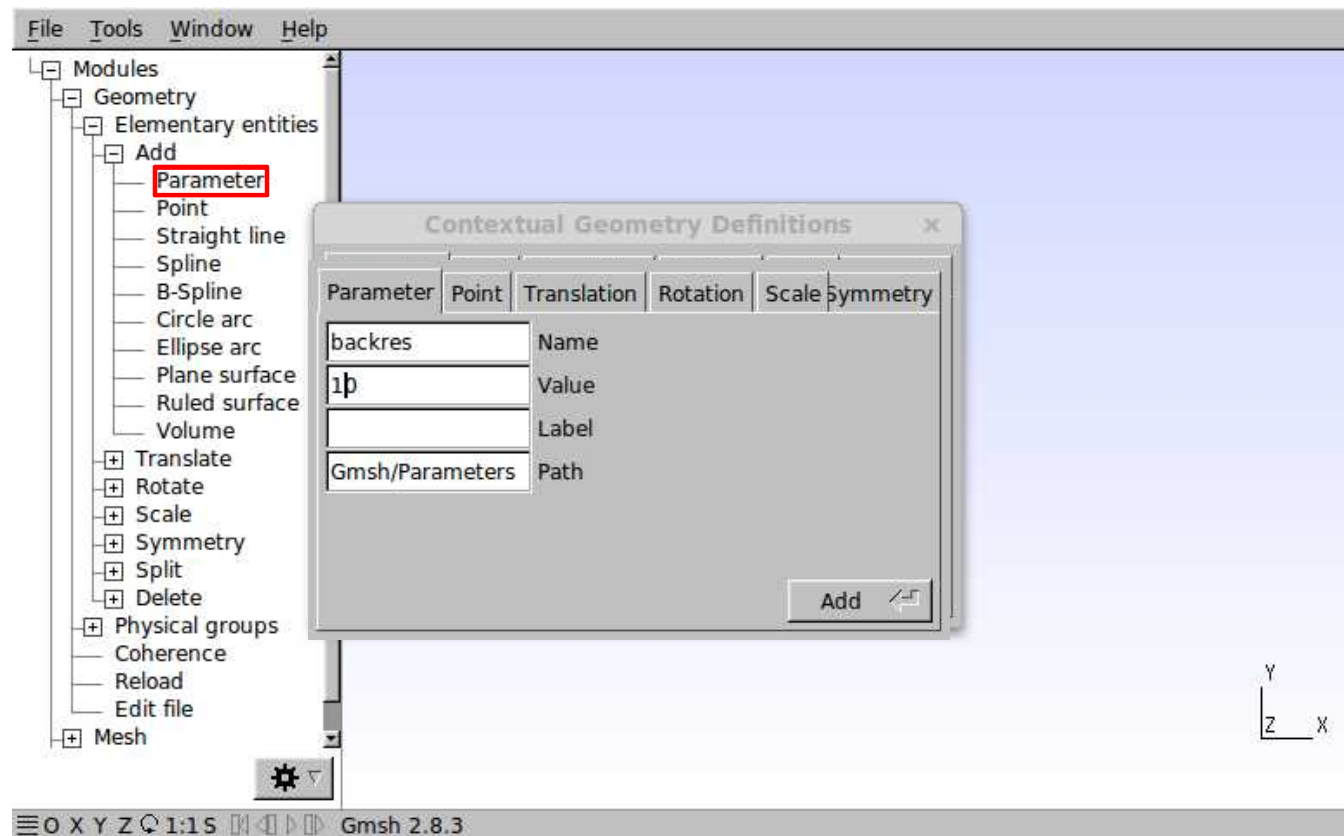
This is additional information on how to create the simple mesh for this run using Gmsh for people to try on their own

Be aware that in the previous example actually we chose a flat mesh which we morphed to the shape of the bedrock, here we are directly producing the bedrock shape in first instance

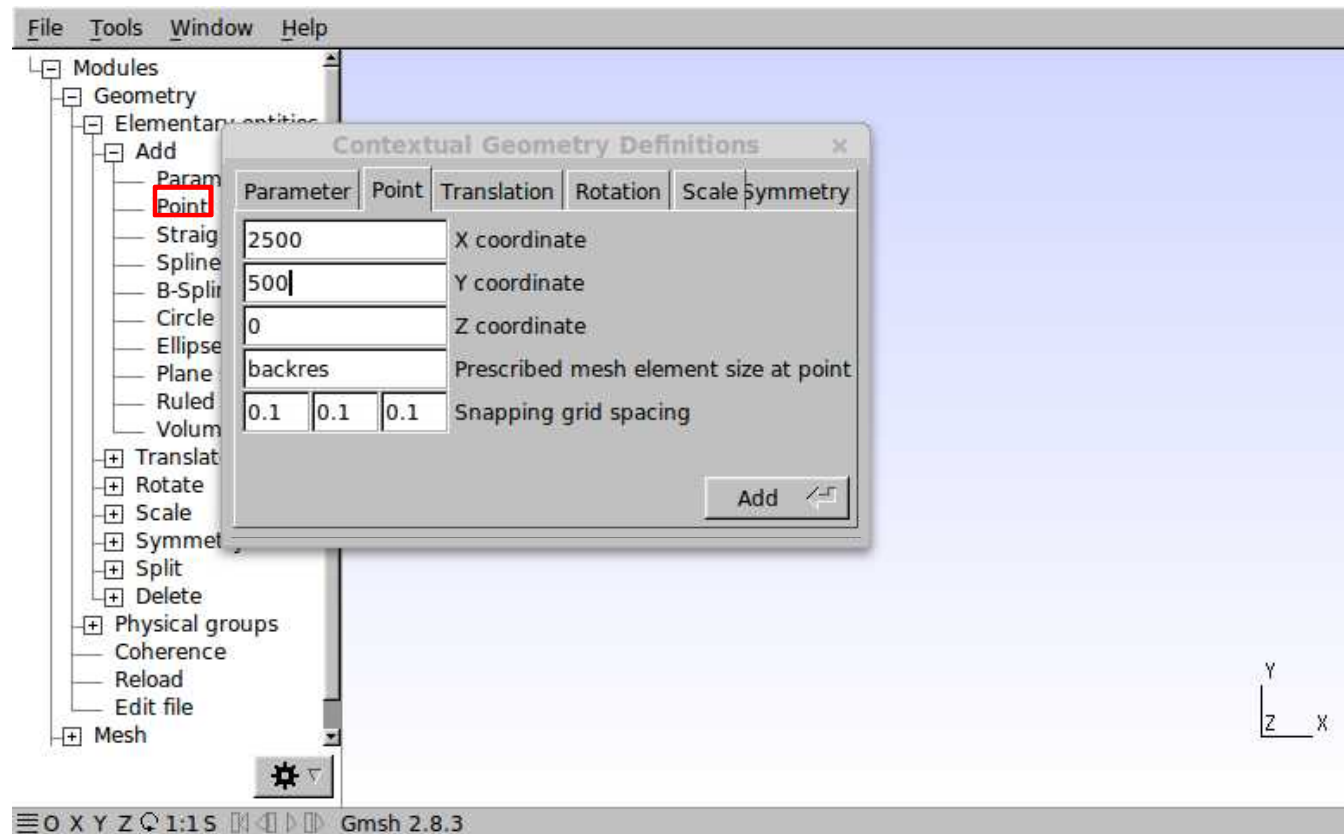
# The Mesh

- Using Gmsh
- Simply launch by:
  - `$ gmsh testglacier.geo &`
    - Don't use the existing one in the **Solution**-folder, since we want to keep it as a backup, should this one fail

# The Mesh




# The Mesh



## The Mesh

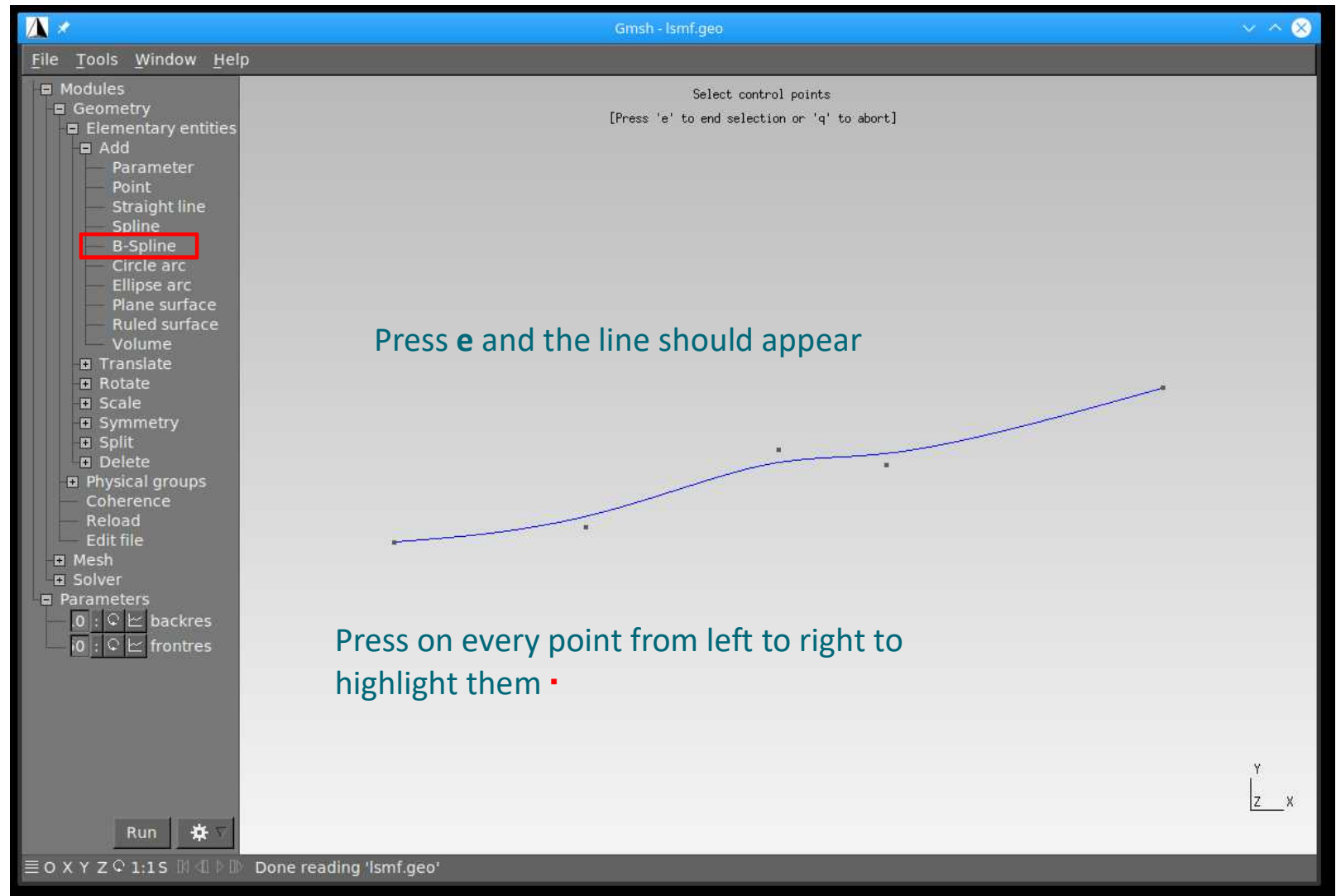
- Do that for any further points

```
Point(1) = {2500, 500, 0, backres};
Point(2) = {0, 0, 0, frontres};
Point(3) = {625, 50, 0, frontres};
Point(4) = {1250, 300, 0, backres};
Point(5) = {1600, 250, 0, backres};
```

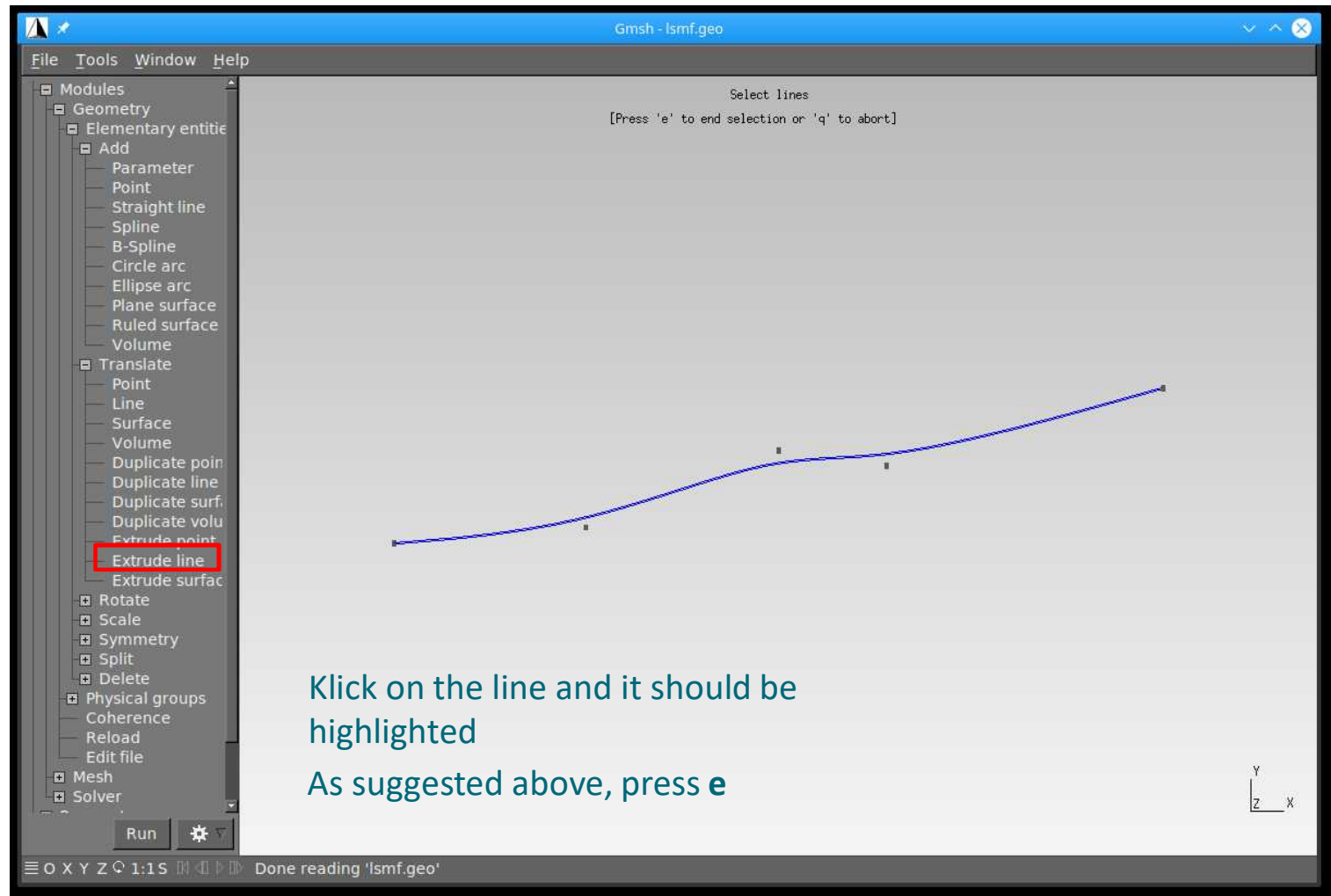
Parameter	Point	Translation	Rotation	Scale	Symmetry
2500		X coordinate			
500		Y coordinate			
0		Z coordinate			
backres		Prescribed mesh element size at point			
0.1	0.1	0.1	Snapping grid spacing		
					Add 



# The Mesh



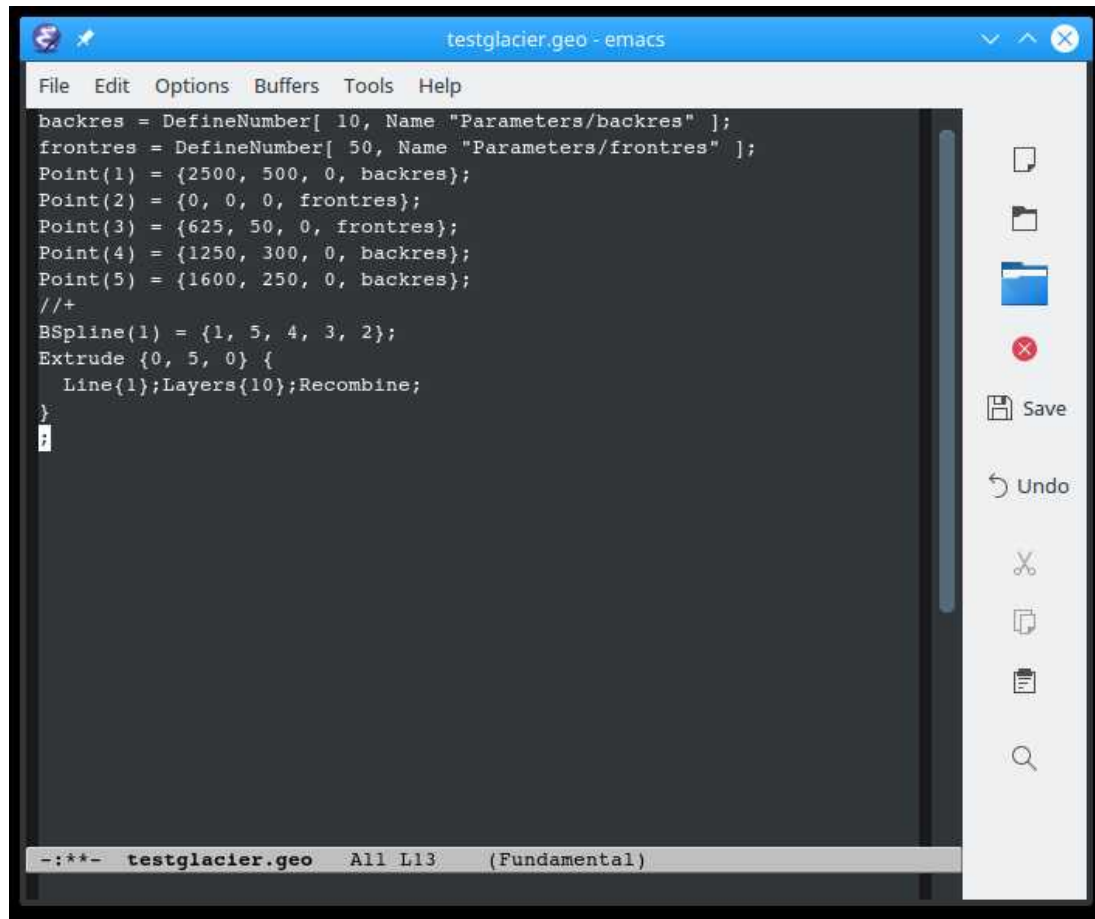
# The Mesh



# The Mesh

- Gmsh does journaling into the **geo**-file
  - it immediately writes out your entries
  - This means, that you can drive Gmsh also solely via script
  - It also means that you can make changes and reload
- Before you load:
  - **Tools** → **Options**: go to tab **Advanced**
  - Under **Text editor command**: **sensible-editor** to **emacs**
    - You should do a **File** → **Save Options As Default**
  - **Geometry** → **Edit file**

# The Mesh



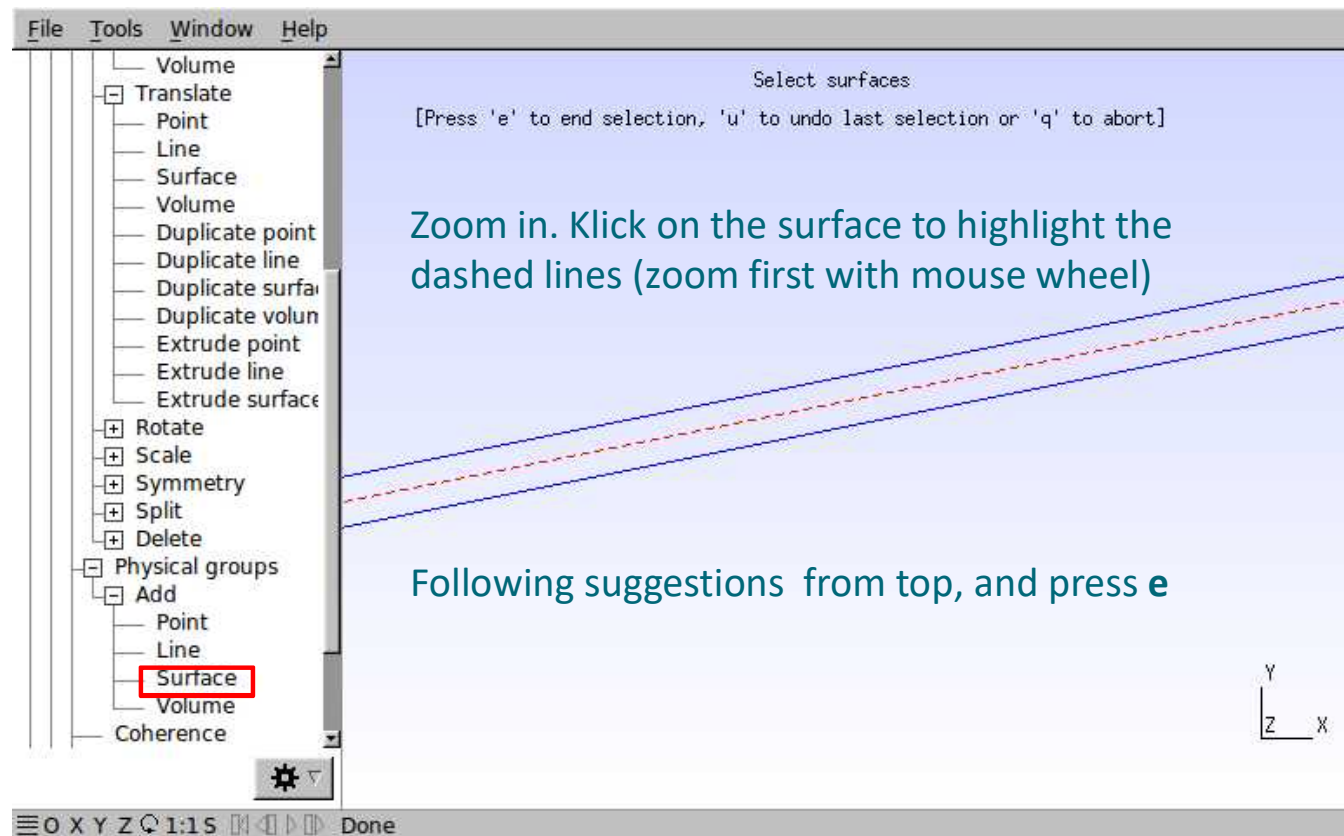
```

backres = DefineNumber[ 10, Name "Parameters/backres" ];
frontres = DefineNumber[ 50, Name "Parameters/frontres" ];
Point(1) = {2500, 500, 0, backres};
Point(2) = {0, 0, 0, frontres};
Point(3) = {625, 50, 0, frontres};
Point(4) = {1250, 300, 0, backres};
Point(5) = {1600, 250, 0, backres};
//+
BSpline(1) = {1, 5, 4, 3, 2};
Extrude {0, 5, 0} {
  Line{1};Layers{10};Recombine;
}

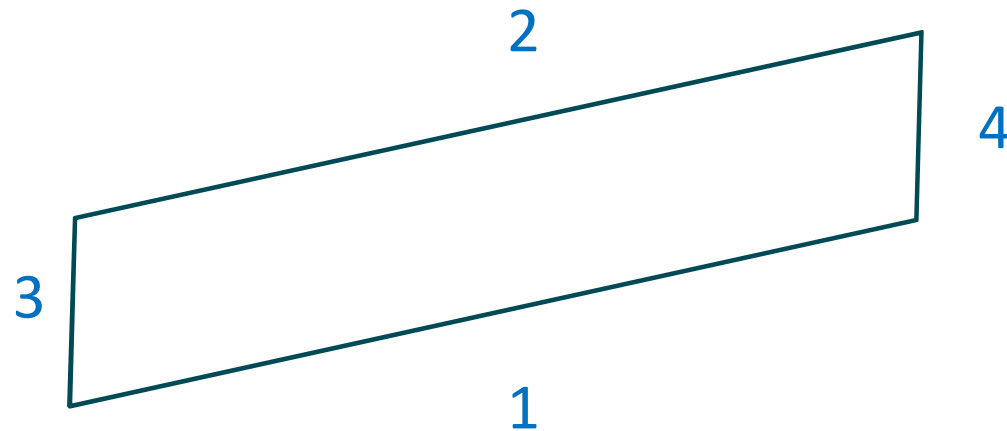
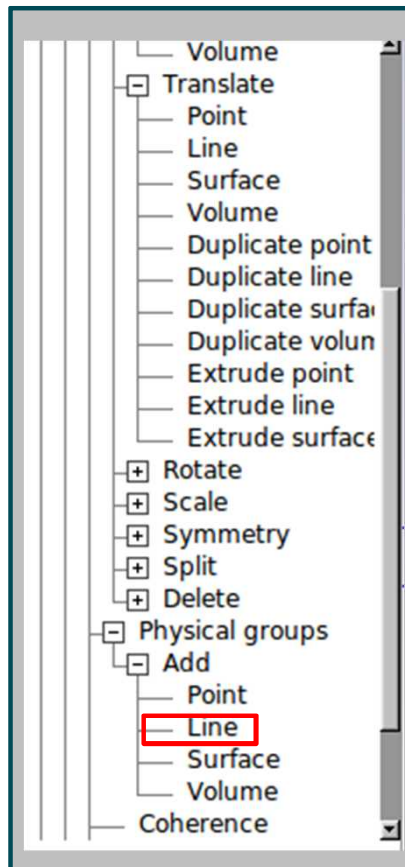
```

- Add:  
Layers{10};Recombine;
- Save the changes
- In Gmsh:  
Geometry →Reload

# The Mesh



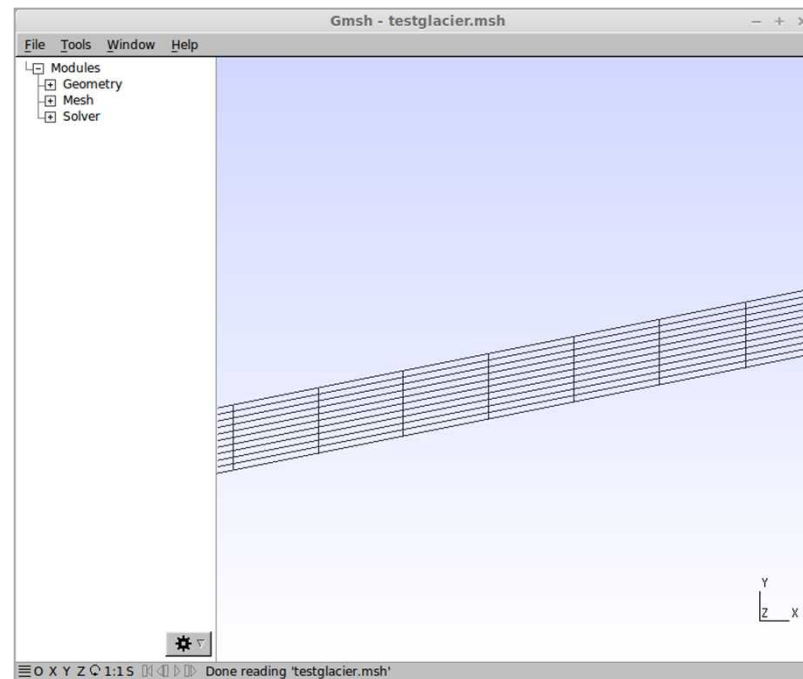
# The Mesh



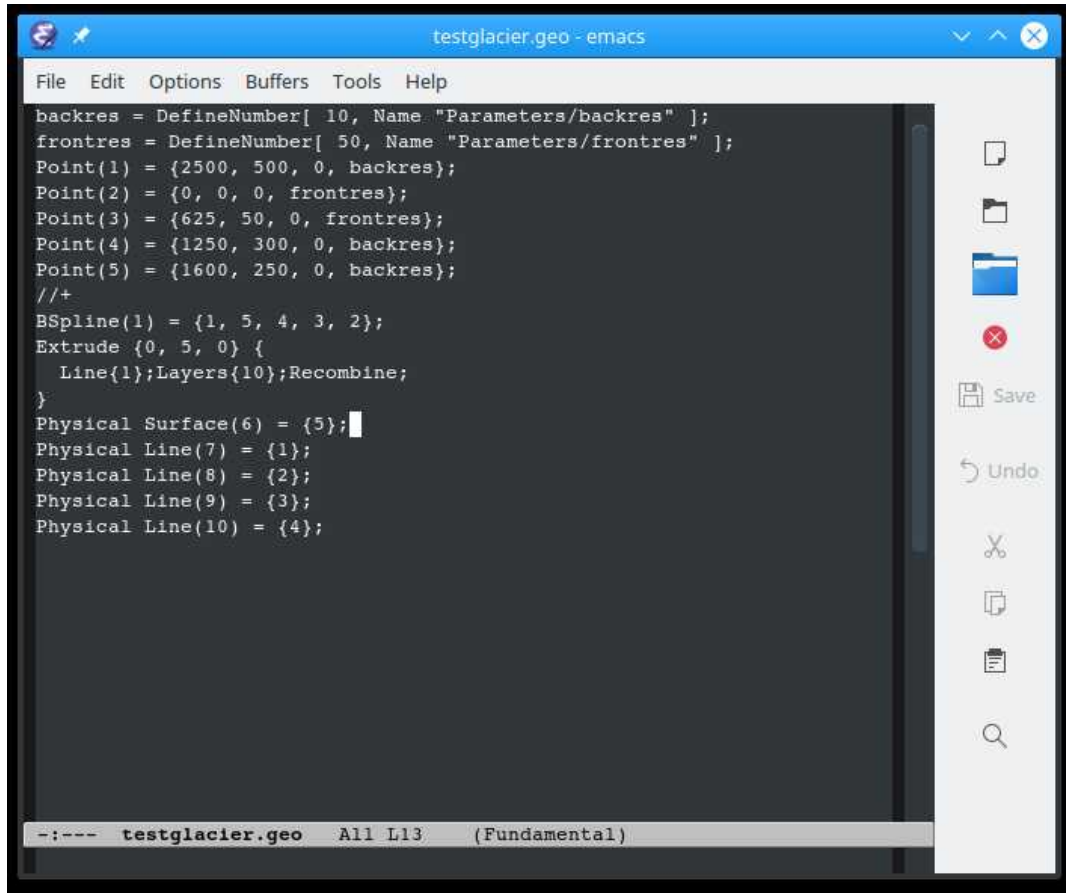
- You have to zoom (mouse wheel) in and out of the model
- and translate (right mouse button)
- Select boundary in the given order (highlights in red) and press “e” every time
  - If you selected the wrong boundary, use “u” to unselect

## The Mesh

- Finally, mesh the geometry: **Mesh**→**2D**
- And save the mesh: **Mesh**→**Save**



# The Mesh



```

testglacier.geo - emacs
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Help
backres = DefineNumber[ 10, Name "Parameters/backres" ];
frontres = DefineNumber[ 50, Name "Parameters/frontres" ];
Point(1) = {2500, 500, 0, backres};
Point(2) = {0, 0, 0, frontres};
Point(3) = {625, 50, 0, frontres};
Point(4) = {1250, 300, 0, backres};
Point(5) = {1600, 250, 0, backres};
//+
BSpline(1) = {1, 5, 4, 3, 2};
Extrude {0, 5, 0} {
  Line{1};Layers{10};Recombine;
}
Physical Surface(6) = {5};
Physical Line(7) = {1};
Physical Line(8) = {2};
Physical Line(9) = {3};
Physical Line(10) = {4};

-:--- testglacier.geo All L13 (Fundamental)

```

- The whole script looks like this and can be run via terminal:

\$ **gmsh -2 testglacier.geo**