



Large parallel problems

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Background

- **Motivation:** improving the ability of Elmer solver to handle large discrete partial differential equation models
- The **bottleneck** is typically associated with the performance of iterative solvers for linear systems $\mathbf{Kx} = \mathbf{b}$
- A **key challenge**: identify an efficient preconditioner \mathbf{P} which makes solving $\mathbf{KP}^{-1}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$, with $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Kx}$,
quick and which is also amenable for a parallel implementation
- A special **feature** of many challenging problems: strong (physical) coupling of constituent fields
- **Basic approaches** to design preconditioners: Fully **algebraic** or **physics-based/block** preconditioning

Background cntd.

- Traditionally in Elmer: the algebraic approach, like ILU
- Coupled multi-physic problems via segregation:

$$F_1(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \mathbf{0}$$

...

$$F_N(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \mathbf{0}$$

- Solved via Gauss-Seidel type of iteration:

$$F_1(\mathbf{x}_1^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(k)}, \mathbf{x}_3^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N^{(k)}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$F_2(\mathbf{x}_1^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{x}_3^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N^{(k)}) = \mathbf{0}$$

...

Background cntd.

- If you succeed with an algebraic preconditioner: smile, whistle and be happy
 - no other approach will usually outperform your current one
 - BUT: In difficult situations (= large parallel runs) you usually fail with purely algebraic preconditioning
- In such (difficult) cases: Physics-based/block preconditioning
 - Alternatively: monolithic discretization (=all variables in one sweep); direct solvers
 - Examples: Ice flow: (equation of motion + free surface + incompressibility); Acoustic wave propagation: (equation of motion + energy conservation + continuity); Coupled systems: utilize the block structure of the monolithic system to derive a preconditioner

Design of a new preconditioner

- Solution of: $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$
- Traditionally: produce iterates of $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}$
- New approach: minimize $\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|$ over $\mathcal{V}_k = \mathbf{x}^{(0)} + \text{span}\{\mathbf{s}^{(1)}, \mathbf{s}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{s}^{(k)}\}$
- Preconditioner = operator, which from previous iterate produces new search directions by solution of:

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{s}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} \quad \mathbf{P} \approx \mathbf{K}$$

Residual correction system

Algorithm (GCR)

- Implemented in the *ParStokes* solver
- Needs additional pseudo-solvers to provide the matrix space for velocity as well as pressure block
- Use only for large scale problems, where algebraic preconditioner + Krylov-subspace solvers don't work and direct solver (MUMPS) exceed sensible memory resources

```

k = 0
r(k) = f - Ku(k)
while (||r(k)|| < TOL||f|| and k < m)
  Generate the search direction s(k+1)
  v(k+1) = Ks(k+1)
  do j = 1, k
    v(k+1) = v(k+1) - ⟨v(j), v(k+1)⟩v(j)
    s(k+1) = s(k+1) - ⟨v(j), v(k+1)⟩s(j)
  end do
  v(k+1) = v(k+1) / ||v(k+1)||
  s(k+1) = s(k+1) / ||v(k+1)||
  u(k+1) = u(k) + ⟨v(k+1), r(k)⟩s(k+1)
  r(k+1) = r(k) - ⟨v(k+1), r(k)⟩v(k+1)
  k = k + 1
end while

```

Requirements

- **Robustness:**
 - Iteration counts do not depend on the problem size
 - Robust with respect to variations of essential model parameters
 - If robust, parallel scalability (weak) depends heavily on the scalability of the subsidiary computations
- **Efficiency:**
 - The subsidiary computations corresponding to the application of the preconditioner done efficiently by exploiting optimal complexity solvers.
 - Need preconditioners the action of which operations may be computed by solving elementary models
- We focus here on exploring to what extent the requirements of the robustness and efficiency are met in the case of the examples considered.

Full Stokes


- Solver for:
$$-\operatorname{div}[2\eta(\mathbf{D})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v})] + \nabla p = \rho\mathbf{g},$$
$$-\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

- Strain-rate tensor

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v}) = 1/2(\nabla\mathbf{v} + \nabla\mathbf{v}^T).$$

- Glen's flow law:

$$\eta = 1/2A^{-k}[I_2(\mathbf{D})]^{(k-1)/2}$$

 $= 1/2(\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{D})$

Weak formulation + linearization

- Find for any $(\mathbf{z}, q) \in \mathcal{V}$ a set of $(\mathbf{v}, p) \in \mathcal{U}$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} 2\mu(\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v}_k)) \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v}_{k+1}) \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z}) \, d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} p_{k+1} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{z} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{z} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_N} \hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \mathbf{v},$$
$$- \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_{k+1} q \, d\Omega = 0$$

Picard linearization

Stabilization

- Inf-Sup condition: stabilization by using different approximation spaces for velocity and pressure (saddle-point problem)

- Bubble stabilization: $V_h = S_h + B_h$

$$B_h = \{v_h \mid v_h|_K \in P_r(K) \text{ and } v_h|_{\partial K} = 0 \text{ for any element } K\}$$

- Recommended degrees of bubbles: brick 7, tetrahedron 5, wedge 6
- Bubbles are eliminated from matrix, but cost during assembly

The preconditioner

- The full linearized system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{P} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} \end{bmatrix}$$

Velocity block \sim Laplacian \swarrow
 \nwarrow grad p
 \swarrow continuity \nwarrow stabilization

- The preconditioner:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{Q} \end{bmatrix}$$

\swarrow Pressure-Schur complement

- Replacement of pressure-Schur complement:

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mu(\mathbf{D})^{-1} \mathbf{M}$$

Performance

- A thin domain \Rightarrow high element aspect ratios \Rightarrow weakened finite element
 - stability may have an effect on the effectiveness of the preconditioner
- The robustness of the preconditioner with respect to natural variations of the ice viscosity
- The solver performance for different linearization strategies
- The use of the stress-divergence form couples the solution of the components of the velocity, i.e. A is not block diagonal \Rightarrow ways to utilize component-wise linear solves?

Different linearization strategies

	Picard	Hybrid $\delta_{NL} = 10^{-1}/2$	Hybrid $\delta_{NL} = 10^{-2}$
Nonlin Step	Iters	Linearization/Iters	Linearization/Iters
0	24	Picard/24	Picard/24
1	20	Picard/20	Picard/20
2	19	Picard/19	Picard/19
3	18	Picard/18	Picard/18
4	17	Picard/17	Picard/17
5	15	Newton/20	Picard/15
6	14	Newton/19	Picard/14
7	13	Newton/15	Picard/13
8	13	Newton/7	Picard/13
9	12	Convergence	Newton/16
10	11		Newton/14
11	10		Newton/7
12	9		Convergence
13...24	4.5 (Aver.)		
25	Convergence		

Block diagonal approximation

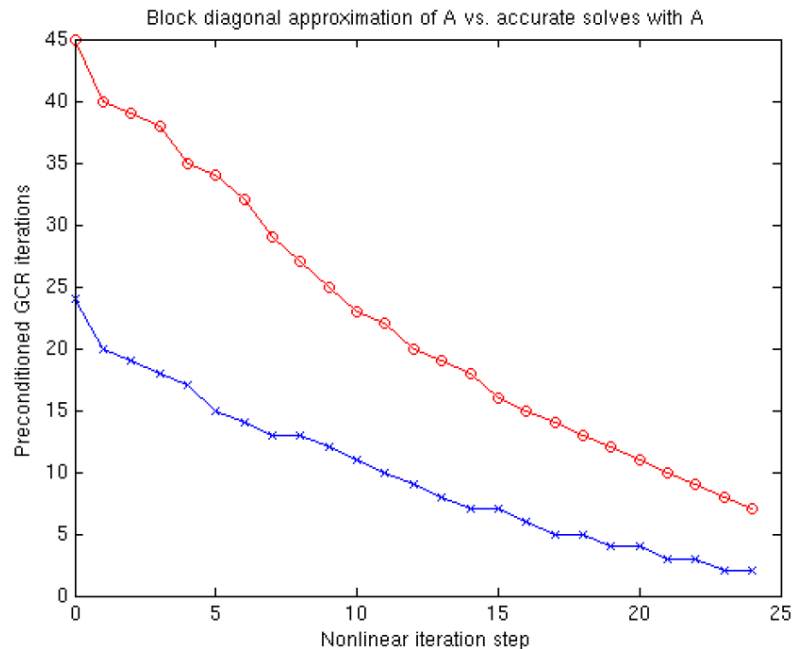
- For Picard linearization

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix}$$



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_A & B^T \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix}$$

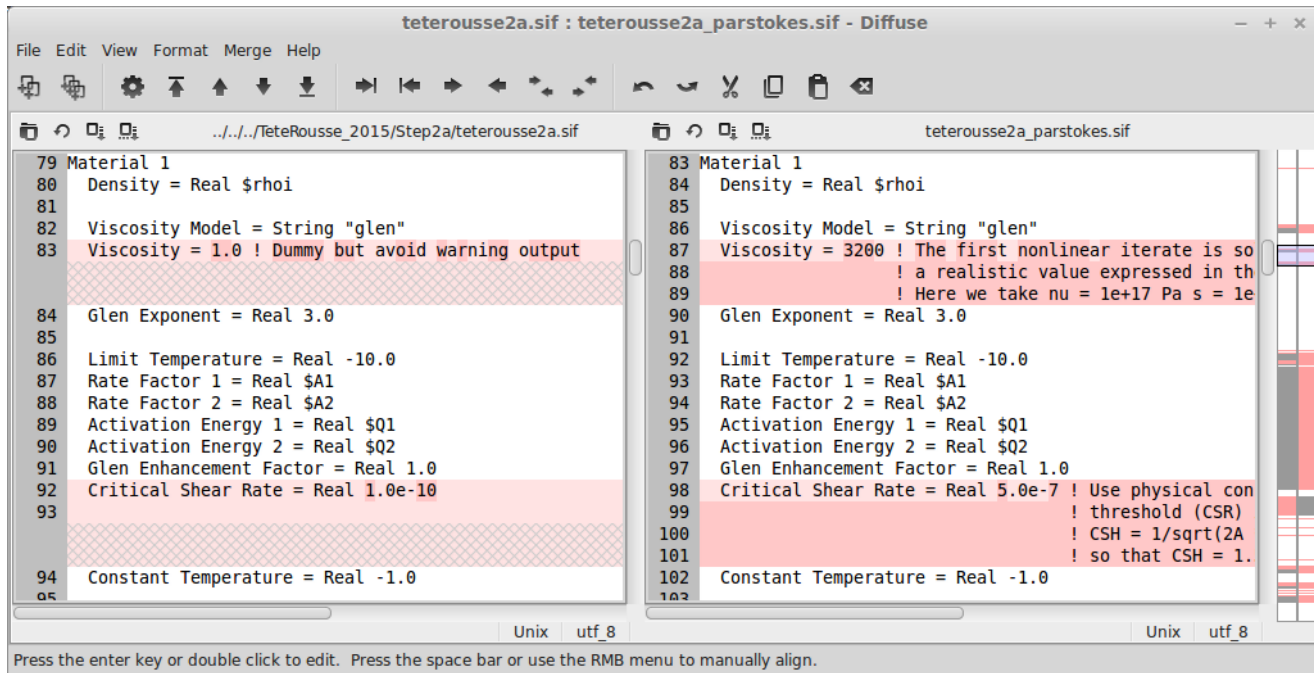
$$P_A \sim \text{diag}(\varepsilon \Delta \mathbf{v}_1, \varepsilon \Delta \mathbf{v}_2, \varepsilon \Delta \mathbf{v}_3)$$



Example: Tete-Rousse

- Replacing standard Navier-Stokes solver in `teterousse2a.sif` with `ParStokes`
- Warning: you will be disappointed in terms of performance, because:
 - This is a very small case
 - The aspect ratio of elements is very small
 - The original case works with algebraic pre-conditioner, which always is faster
- So, this is just a demo on how to set up the simulation
- Next slides show the side-by-side changes

Example: Tete-Rousse



teterousse2a.sif : teterousse2a_parstokes.sif - Diffuse

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../././TeteRousse_2015/Step2a/teterousse2a.sif teterousse2a_parstokes.sif

```

79 Material 1
80 Density = Real $rhoi
81
82 Viscosity Model = String "glen"
83 Viscosity = 1.0 ! Dummy but avoid warning output

84 Glen Exponent = Real 3.0
85
86 Limit Temperature = Real -10.0
87 Rate Factor 1 = Real $A1
88 Rate Factor 2 = Real $A2
89 Activation Energy 1 = Real $Q1
90 Activation Energy 2 = Real $Q2
91 Glen Enhancement Factor = Real 1.0
92 Critical Shear Rate = Real 1.0e-10
93

94 Constant Temperature = Real -1.0
95

```

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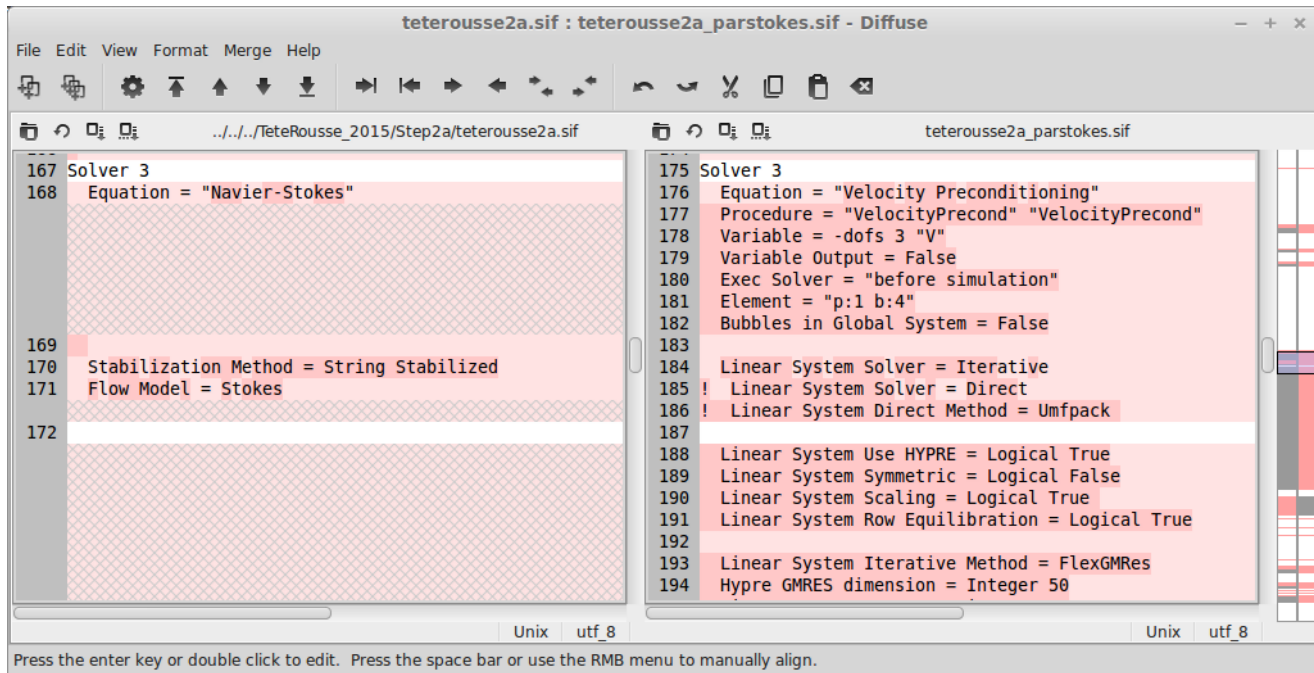
83 Material 1
84 Density = Real $rhoi
85
86 Viscosity Model = String "glen"
87 Viscosity = 3200 ! The first nonlinear iterate is so
88 ! a realistic value expressed in th
89 ! Here we take nu = 1e+17 Pa s = 1e
90 Glen Exponent = Real 3.0
91
92 Limit Temperature = Real -10.0
93 Rate Factor 1 = Real $A1
94 Rate Factor 2 = Real $A2
95 Activation Energy 1 = Real $Q1
96 Activation Energy 2 = Real $Q2
97 Glen Enhancement Factor = Real 1.0
98 Critical Shear Rate = Real 5.0e-7 ! Use physical con
99 ! threshold (CSR)
100 ! CSH = 1/sqrt(2A
101 ! so that CSH = 1.
102 Constant Temperature = Real -1.0
103

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The screenshot shows the Diffuse software interface with two panels side-by-side. The left panel is titled 'teterousse2a.sif : teterousse2a_parstokes.sif - Diffuse' and the right panel is titled 'teterousse2a_parstokes.sif'. Both panels show solver configuration for 'Solver 3'.

Left Panel (teterousse2a.sif):

```

167 Solver 3
168   Equation = "Navier-Stokes"

169
170   Stabilization Method = String Stabilized
171   Flow Model = Stokes

172

```

Right Panel (teterousse2a_parstokes.sif):

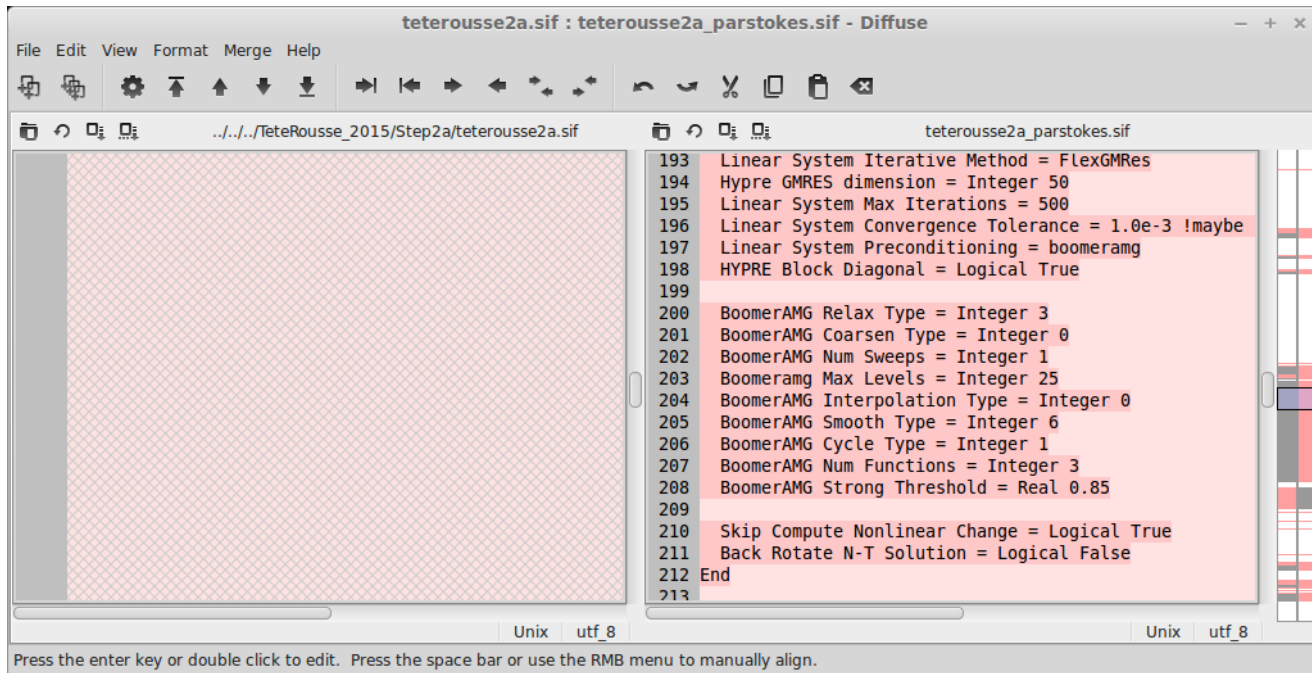
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175 Solver 3
176   Equation = "Velocity Preconditioning"
177   Procedure = "VelocityPrecond" "VelocityPrecond"
178   Variable = -dofs 3 "V"
179   Variable Output = False
180   Exec Solver = "before simulation"
181   Element = "p:1 b:4"
182   Bubbles in Global System = False
183
184   Linear System Solver = Iterative
185 ! Linear System Solver = Direct
186 ! Linear System Direct Method = Umfpack
187
188   Linear System Use HYPRE = Logical True
189   Linear System Symmetric = Logical False
190   Linear System Scaling = Logical True
191   Linear System Row Equilibration = Logical True
192
193   Linear System Iterative Method = FlexGMRES
194   Hypre GMRES dimension = Integer 50

```

At the bottom of the interface, there is a status bar with the text: "Press the enter key or double click to edit. Press the space bar or use the RMB menu to manually align."

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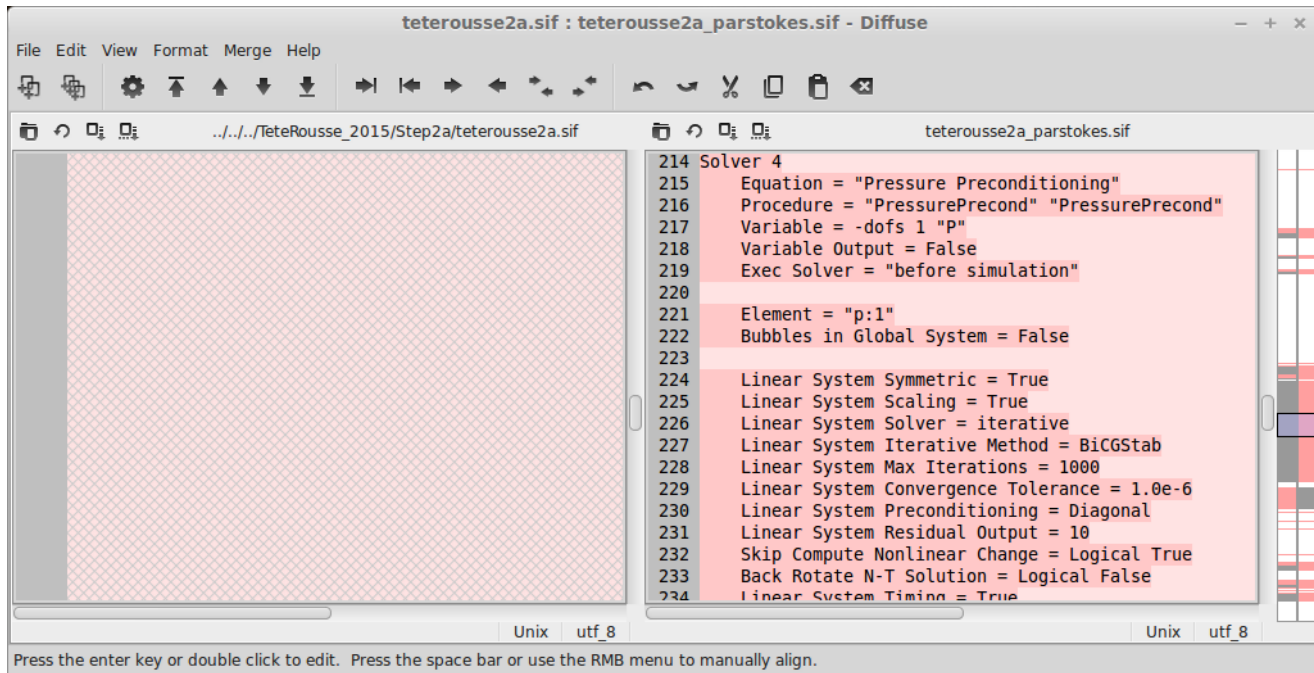
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193 Linear System Iterative Method = FlexGMRES
194 Hypr GMRES dimension = Integer 50
195 Linear System Max Iterations = 500
196 Linear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-3 !maybe
197 Linear System Preconditioning = boomeramg
198 HYPRE Block Diagonal = Logical True
199
200 BoomerAMG Relax Type = Integer 3
201 BoomerAMG Coarsen Type = Integer 0
202 BoomerAMG Num Sweeps = Integer 1
203 BoomerAMG Max Levels = Integer 25
204 BoomerAMG Interpolation Type = Integer 0
205 BoomerAMG Smooth Type = Integer 6
206 BoomerAMG Cycle Type = Integer 1
207 BoomerAMG Num Functions = Integer 3
208 BoomerAMG Strong Threshold = Real 0.85
209
210 Skip Compute Nonlinear Change = Logical True
211 Back Rotate N-T Solution = Logical False
212 End
213
  
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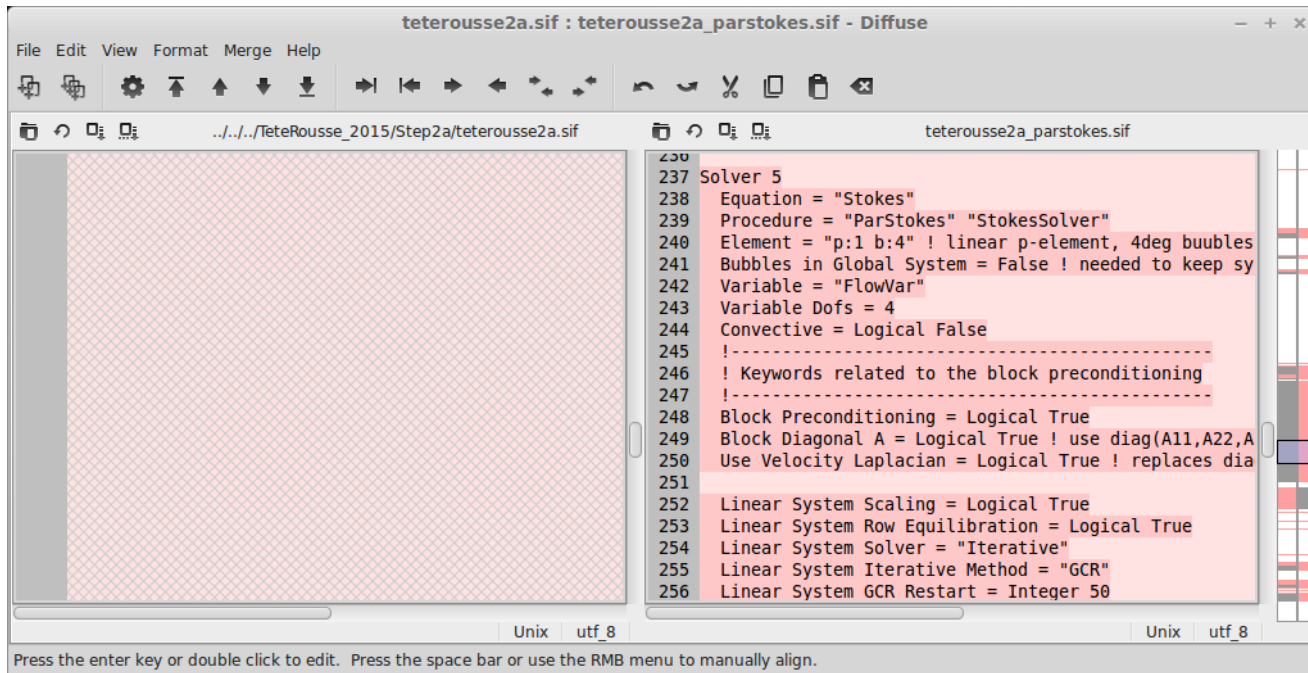
The screenshot shows the Elmer GUI interface. On the left, a mesh of a circular domain is visible. On the right, the solver settings for 'teterousse2a_parstokes.sif' are displayed in a text editor. The settings are as follows:

```

214 Solver 4
215   Equation = "Pressure Preconditioning"
216   Procedure = "PressurePrecond" "PressurePrecond"
217   Variable = -dofs 1 "P"
218   Variable Output = False
219   Exec Solver = "before simulation"
220
221   Element = "p:1"
222   Bubbles in Global System = False
223
224   Linear System Symmetric = True
225   Linear System Scaling = True
226   Linear System Solver = iterative
227   Linear System Iterative Method = BiCGStab
228   Linear System Max Iterations = 1000
229   Linear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-6
230   Linear System Preconditioning = Diagonal
231   Linear System Residual Output = 10
232   Skip Compute Nonlinear Change = Logical True
233   Back Rotate N-T Solution = Logical False
234   Linear System Timing = True
  
```

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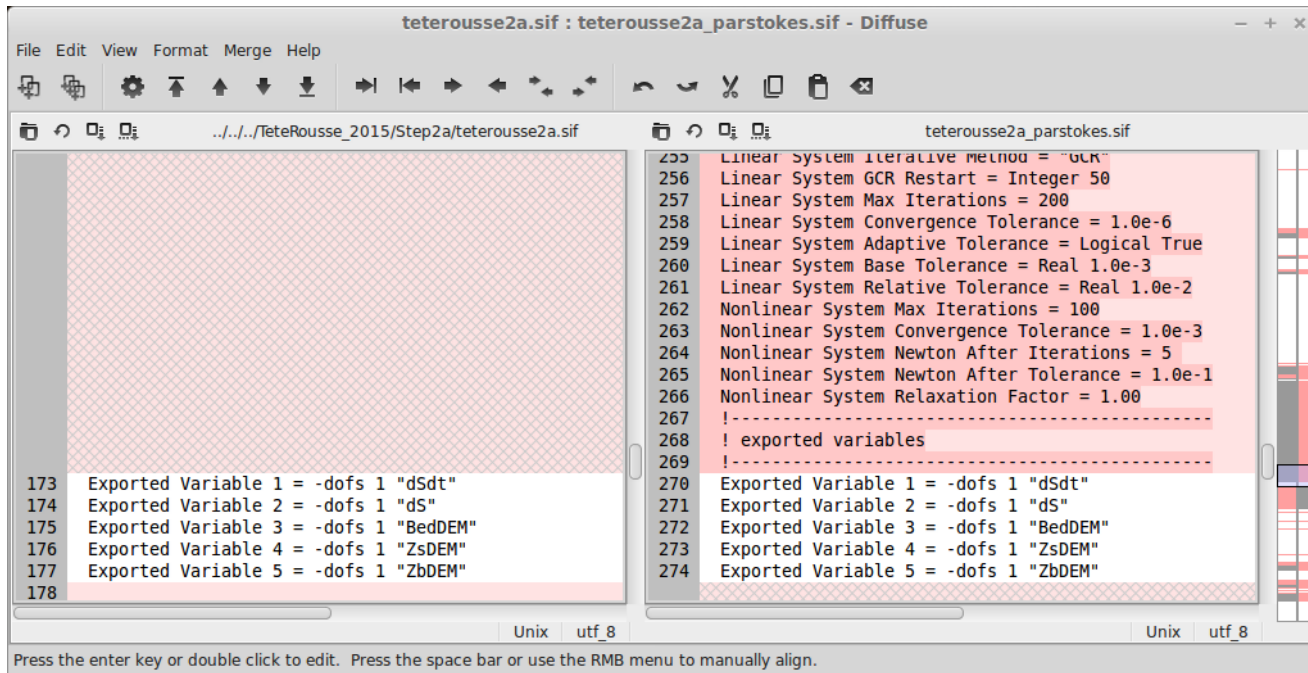
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230
237 Solver 5
238 Equation = "Stokes"
239 Procedure = "ParStokes" "StokesSolver"
240 Element = "p:1 b:4" ! linear p-element, 4deg bubbles
241 Bubbles in Global System = False ! needed to keep sy
242 Variable = "FlowVar"
243 Variable Dofs = 4
244 Convective = Logical False
245 !-----
246 ! Keywords related to the block preconditioning
247 !-----
248 Block Preconditioning = Logical True
249 Block Diagonal A = Logical True ! use diag(A11,A22,A
250 Use Velocity Laplacian = Logical True ! replaces dia
251
252 Linear System Scaling = Logical True
253 Linear System Row Equilibration = Logical True
254 Linear System Solver = "Iterative"
255 Linear System Iterative Method = "GCR"
256 Linear System GCR Restart = Integer 50
  
```

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255 Linear System iterative method = "GCR"
 256 Linear System GCR Restart = Integer 50
 257 Linear System Max Iterations = 200
 258 Linear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-6
 259 Linear System Adaptive Tolerance = Logical True
 260 Linear System Base Tolerance = Real 1.0e-3
 261 Linear System Relative Tolerance = Real 1.0e-2
 262 Nonlinear System Max Iterations = 100
 263 Nonlinear System Convergence Tolerance = 1.0e-3
 264 Nonlinear System Newton After Iterations = 5
 265 Nonlinear System Newton After Tolerance = 1.0e-1
 266 Nonlinear System Relaxation Factor = 1.00
 267 !-----
 268 ! exported variables
 269 !-----
 270 Exported Variable 1 = -dofs 1 "dSdt"
 271 Exported Variable 2 = -dofs 1 "dS"
 272 Exported Variable 3 = -dofs 1 "BedDEM"
 273 Exported Variable 4 = -dofs 1 "ZsDEM"
 274 Exported Variable 5 = -dofs 1 "ZbDEM"

173 Exported Variable 1 = -dofs 1 "dSdt"
 174 Exported Variable 2 = -dofs 1 "dS"
 175 Exported Variable 3 = -dofs 1 "BedDEM"
 176 Exported Variable 4 = -dofs 1 "ZsDEM"
 177 Exported Variable 5 = -dofs 1 "ZbDEM"
 178

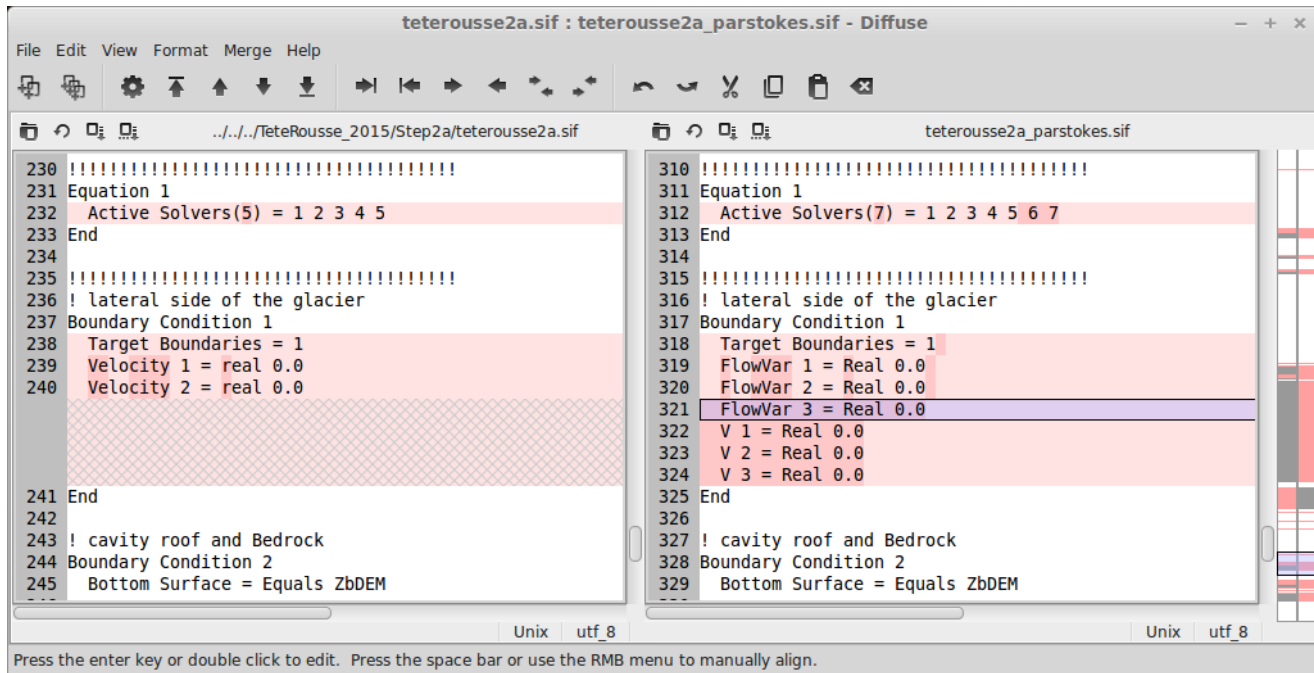
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- Change all occurrences of “Flow Solution” into “FlowVar”
- And add the Flow-Preconditioner Variable “V” to boundary conditions
- Also, don’t forget to increase numbers of solvers in “Equation 1”
- And to change name for output, in order to compare the results

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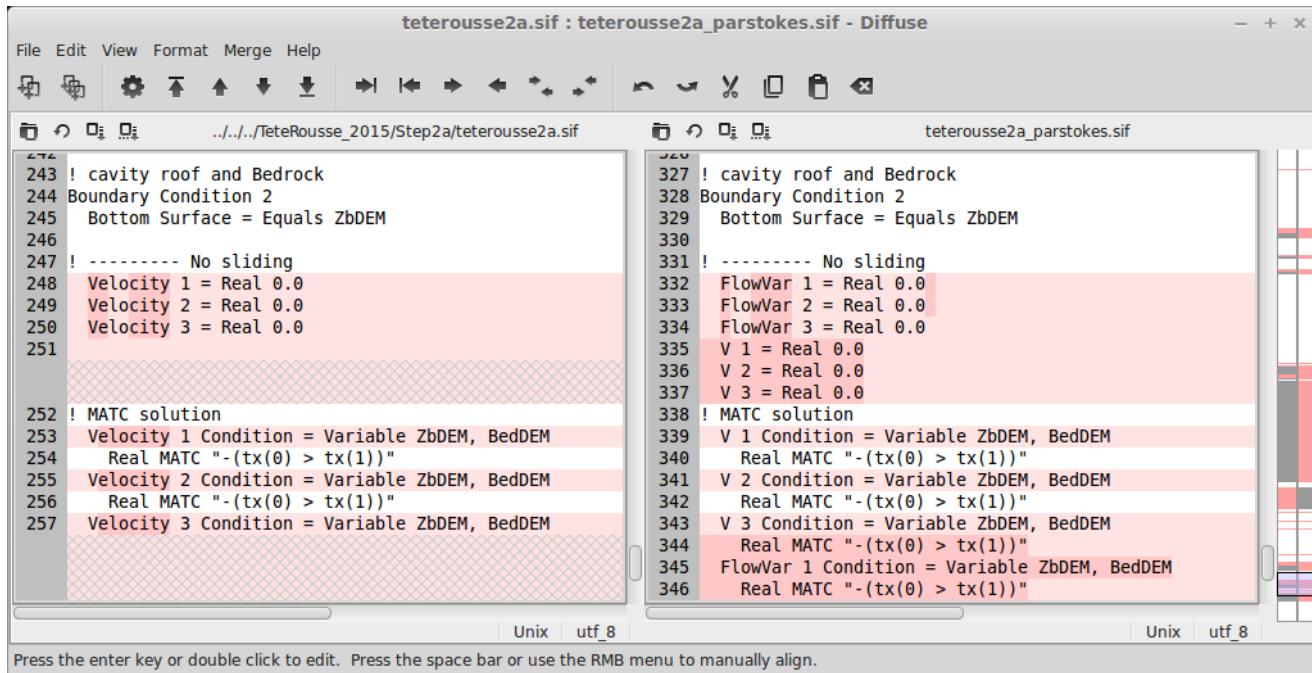


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230 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
231 Equation 1
232 Active Solvers(5) = 1 2 3 4 5
233 End
234
235 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
236 ! lateral side of the glacier
237 Boundary Condition 1
238 Target Boundaries = 1
239 Velocity 1 = real 0.0
240 Velocity 2 = real 0.0
241 End
242
243 ! cavity roof and Bedrock
244 Boundary Condition 2
245 Bottom Surface = Equals ZbDEM
teterousse2a_parstokes.sif
310 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
311 Equation 1
312 Active Solvers(7) = 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
313 End
314
315 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
316 ! lateral side of the glacier
317 Boundary Condition 1
318 Target Boundaries = 1
319 FlowVar 1 = Real 0.0
320 FlowVar 2 = Real 0.0
321 FlowVar 3 = Real 0.0
322 V 1 = Real 0.0
323 V 2 = Real 0.0
324 V 3 = Real 0.0
325 End
326
327 ! cavity roof and Bedrock
328 Boundary Condition 2
329 Bottom Surface = Equals ZbDEM
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320 ! cavity roof and Bedrock
328 Boundary Condition 2
329 Bottom Surface = Equals ZbDEM
330
331 ! ----- No sliding
332 FlowVar 1 = Real 0.0
333 FlowVar 2 = Real 0.0
334 FlowVar 3 = Real 0.0
335 V 1 = Real 0.0
336 V 2 = Real 0.0
337 V 3 = Real 0.0
338 ! MATC solution
339 V 1 Condition = Variable ZbDEM, BedDEM
340 Real MATC "-(tx(0) > tx(1))"
341 V 2 Condition = Variable ZbDEM, BedDEM
342 Real MATC "-(tx(0) > tx(1))"
343 V 3 Condition = Variable ZbDEM, BedDEM
344 Real MATC "-(tx(0) > tx(1))"
345 FlowVar 1 Condition = Variable ZbDEM, BedDEM
346 Real MATC "-(tx(0) > tx(1))"

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244 Boundary Condition 2
245 Bottom Surface = Equals ZbDEM
246
247 ! ----- No sliding
248 Velocity 1 = Real 0.0
249 Velocity 2 = Real 0.0
250 Velocity 3 = Real 0.0
251
252 ! MATC solution
253 Velocity 1 Condition = Variable ZbDEM, BedDEM
254 Real MATC "-(tx(0) > tx(1))"
255 Velocity 2 Condition = Variable ZbDEM, BedDEM
256 Real MATC "-(tx(0) > tx(1))"
257 Velocity 3 Condition = Variable ZbDEM, BedDEM
  
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