
A New Unstructured Variable-Resolution Finite Element Ice Sheet Stress-Velocity Solver within the MPAS/Trilinos FELIX Dycore of PISCEES

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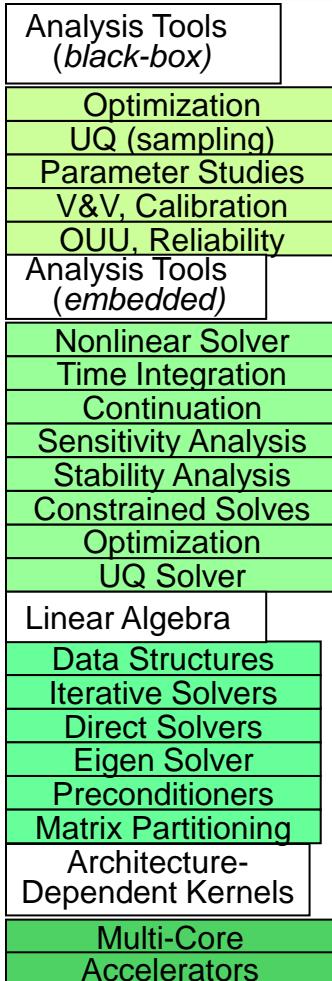
Objective: Develop Unstructured Grid Finite Element Code for Velocity-Stress Solves using MPAS/Trilinos
(MPAS/Trilinos "FELIX" Dycore)

- Implement ice sheet PDE flow models of varying fidelity (Stokes, Higher-Order, L1L2).
- Uses Trilinos very heavily (**FASTMath liaison**).
 - Close connection to Perego/Gunzberger at FSU.
- Interface to MPAS framework (LANL collaboration) for mesh, advection, temperature solve, topology data.
- Interface to DAKOTA software for UQ (**QUEST liaison**).
 - Collaboration on applications with Jackson at UT Austin.
- Work on scalability: particularly preconditioning (Tuminaro) and performance (Worley).
- Post-processing and V&V through LIVV (Kate Evans).

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Trilinos & Component-Based Software Development



Trilinos/Dakota have Greatly Expanded - Full Suite of Independent-yet-Interoperable Components

Composite Physics

MultiPhysics Coupling

System Models

System UQ

Mesh Tools

Mesh I/O

Inline Meshing

Partitioning

Load Balancing

Adaptivity

Grid Transfers

Quality Improvement

DOF map

Discretizations

Discretization Library

Field Manager

Derivative Tools

Sensitivities

Derivatives

Adjoints

UQ / PCE

Propagation

Local Fill

PostProcessing

Visualization

Verification

Model Reduction

Mesh Database

Mesh Database

Geometry Database

Solution Database

Checkpoint/Restart

Utilities

Input File Parser

Parameter List

Memory Management

I/O Management

Communicators

Runtime Compiler

MultiCore

Parallelization Tools

Software Quality

Version Control

Regression Testing

Build System

Backups

Verification Tests

Mailing Lists

Unit Testing

Bug Tracking

Performance Testing

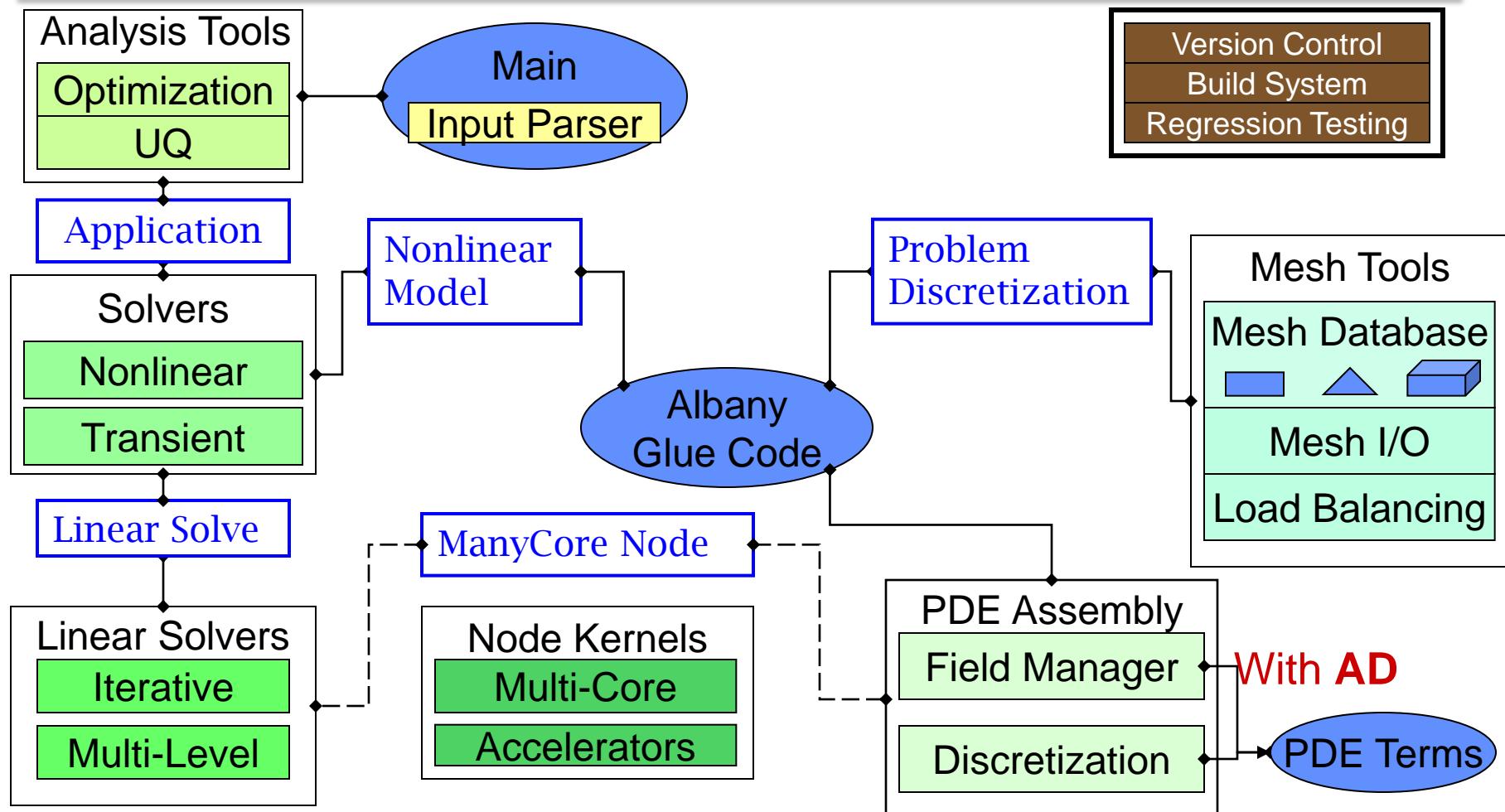
Code Coverage

Porting

Web Pages

Release Process

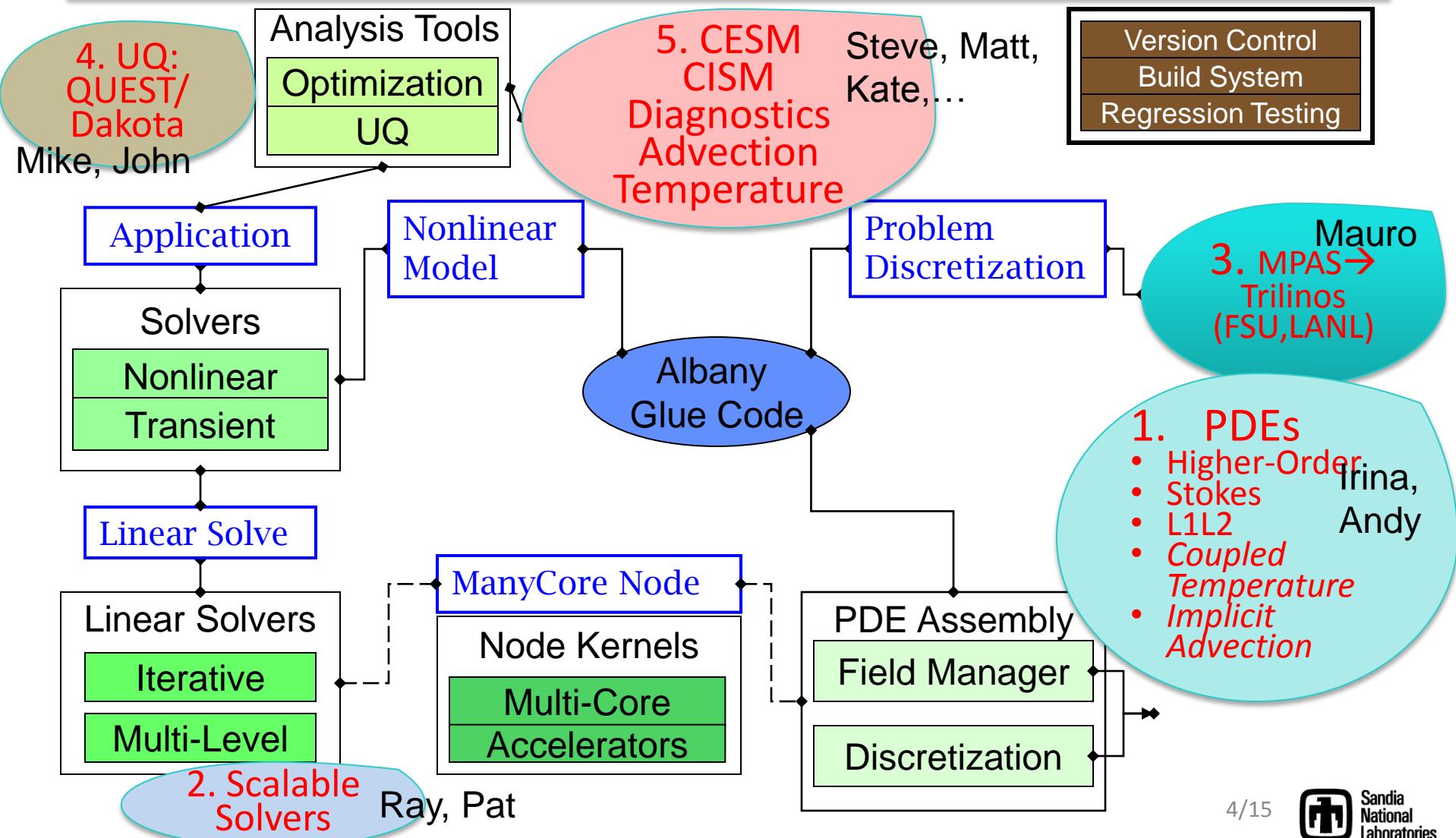
“Albany Code”: Component-Based Software Development in Action



Mechanics, quantum dots, fuel rod degradation, embedded UQ, MOR

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MPAS/Trilinos FELIX Dycore: Leveraging of Albany Code Base





Stress-Velocity Solver within the MPAS/Trilinos Dycore

- Stress-velocity finite element solver with three different fidelity ice flow models:
 - L1L2.
 - First order (a.k.a. higher-order) Stokes.
 - Nonlinear physics implemented, w/o and w/ basal sliding, and convergence verified.
 - Good agreement with published results for test cases (ISMIP-HOM, Dome).
 - Preliminary UQ studies.
 - Full Stokes.
 - Linear full Stokes physics with PSPG velocity/pressure finite elements implemented and convergence verified.
 - Nonlinear full Stokes physics with PSPG velocity/pressure finite elements implemented.
 - Accuracy limited by stabilization.

First Order (a.k.a. Higher-Order) Stokes Model

- Derived as approximation of the Stokes model under the assumption that the aspect ratio δ is small and normals to upper/lower surfaces are almost vertical.
- System of two coupled non-linear PDEs for u and v velocities of ice:

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_1) = -\rho g \frac{\partial s}{\partial x}, \\ -\nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_2) = -\rho g \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} \end{cases}$$

with Glen's law viscosity:

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2} A^{-\frac{1}{n}} (\dot{\epsilon}_{xx}^2 + \dot{\epsilon}_{yy}^2 + \dot{\epsilon}_{xx}\dot{\epsilon}_{yy} + \dot{\epsilon}_{xy}^2 + \dot{\epsilon}_{xz}^2 + \dot{\epsilon}_{yz}^2 + \gamma)^{\left(\frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

- Boundary conditions: $\dot{\epsilon}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \dot{\epsilon}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_s,$
 $u = 0, \quad v = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_0$
 $2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n} + \beta u = 0, \quad 2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n} + \beta v = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_\beta$
- Numerical Method:
 - Discretization: classical Galerkin FEM with structured or unstructured mesh.
 - Nonlinear solver: Newton's method
 - Automatic differentiation (AD) Jacobians using Sacado package of Trilinos.
 - Continuation in $\gamma \rightarrow 10^{-10}$ using LOCA package of Trilinos.
 - Linear solver: preconditioned GMRES with ILU or algebraic multigrid preconditioner.

$$\dot{\epsilon}_1^T = (2\dot{\epsilon}_{xx} + \dot{\epsilon}_{yy}, \quad \dot{\epsilon}_{xy}, \quad \dot{\epsilon}_{xz})$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}_2^T = (\dot{\epsilon}_{xy}, \quad \dot{\epsilon}_{xx} + 2\dot{\epsilon}_{yy}, \quad \dot{\epsilon}_{yz})$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

A = flow rate factor
 n = Glen's law exponent = 3
 γ = regularization parameter
 β = sliding coefficient ≥ 0

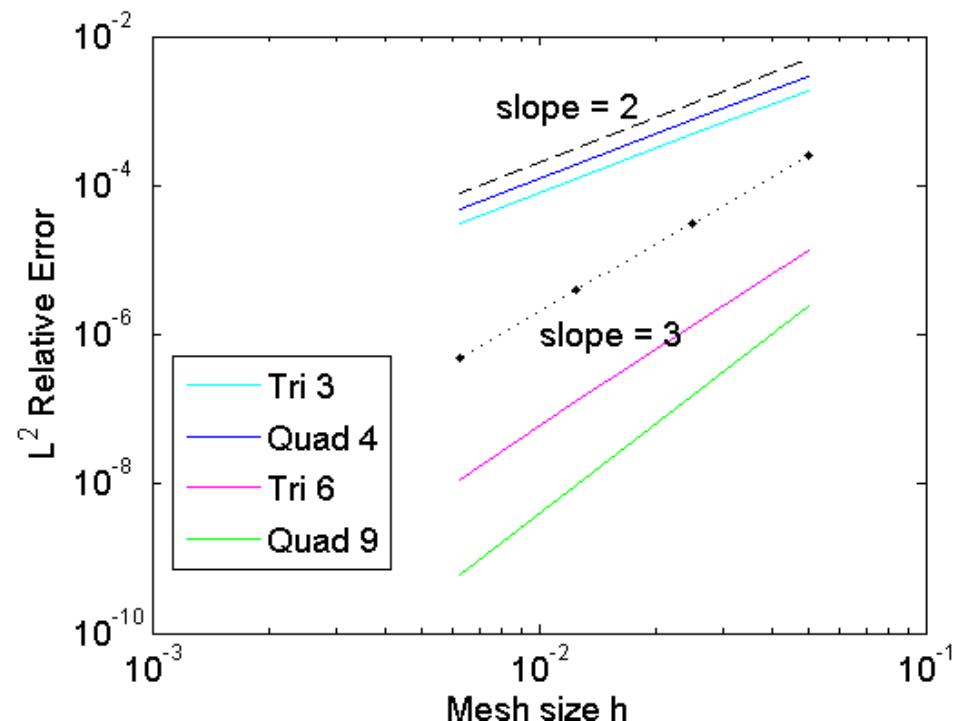
First Order (a.k.a. Higher-Order) Stokes Model: Convergence Study

- 2D Method of Manufactured Solutions (MMS) problem: source terms f_1 and f_2 are derived such that

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y) + 3\pi x, \\ v &= -\cos(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) - 3\pi y \end{aligned}$$

is the exact solution to

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_1) = f_1, \\ -\nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\epsilon}_2) = f_2 \end{cases}$$



- Low order elements attain expected convergence rates; super-convergence in higher-order elements observed (above).

First Order (a.k.a. Higher-Order) Stokes Model: ISMIP-HOM Test C

- Standard test case of Stokes models with basal sliding.

- Bedrock and top surfaces are given by:

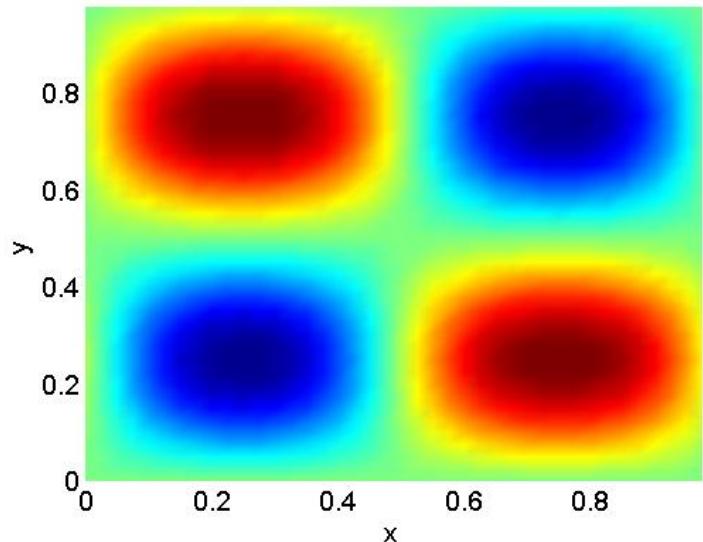
$$\begin{aligned}s(x, y) &= -x \tan \alpha, \\ b(x, y) &= s(x, y) - 1\end{aligned}$$

- Sliding boundary conditions prescribed on basal boundary with:

$$\beta(x, y) = 1 + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi y}{L}\right)$$

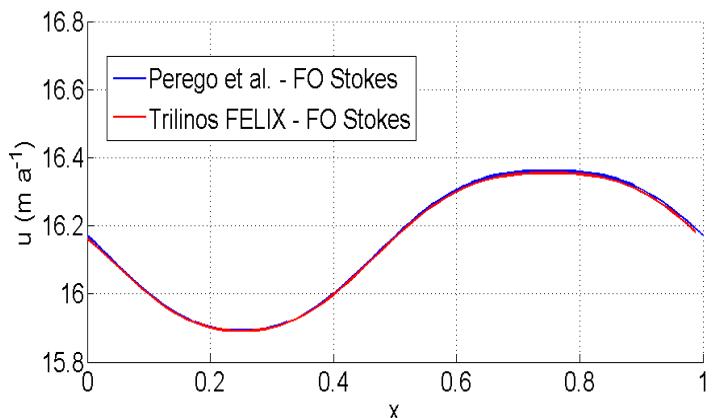
- Periodic boundary conditions in lateral directions x and y .

- Excellent agreement between results computed in Trilinos FELIX dycore and published results.

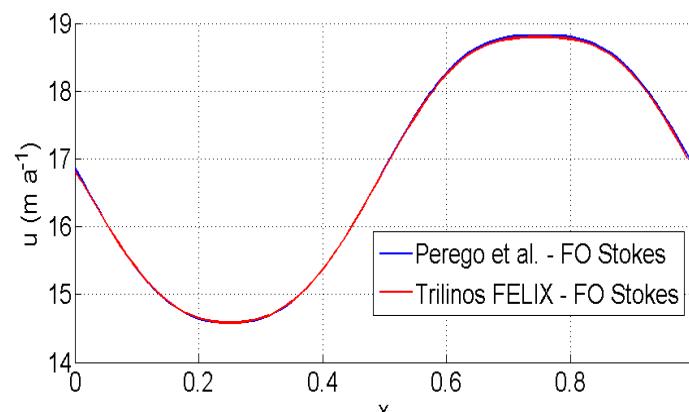


Velocity u at top surface
($L = 20$)

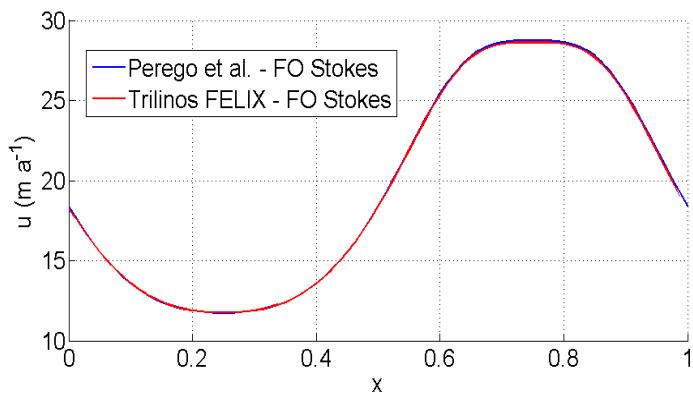
First Order (a.k.a. Higher-Order) Stokes Model: ISMIP-HOM Test C (continued)



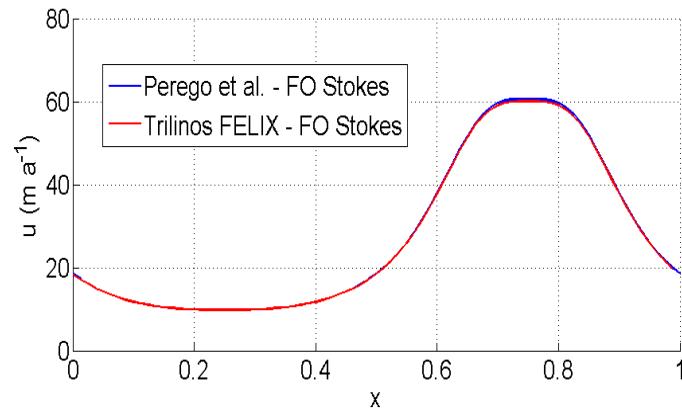
$L = 10$



$L = 20$



$L = 40$



$L = 80$

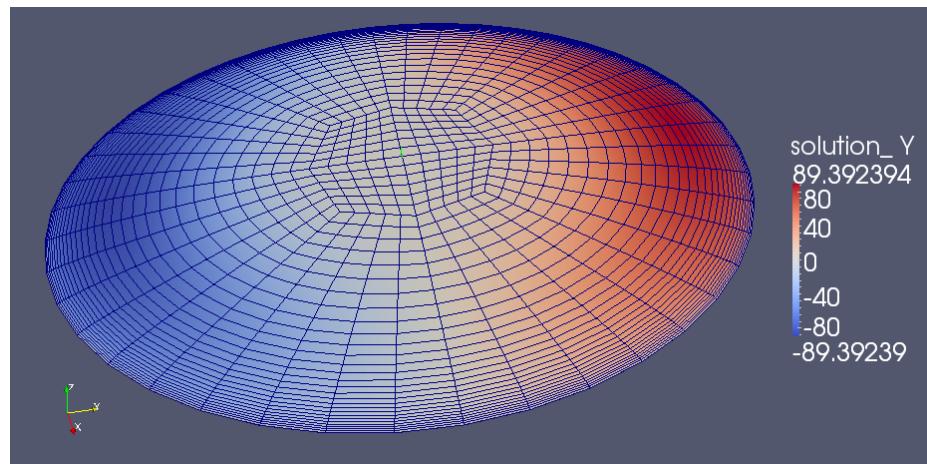
Surface velocity u as a function of x at $y = L/4$, $80x80x20$ mesh

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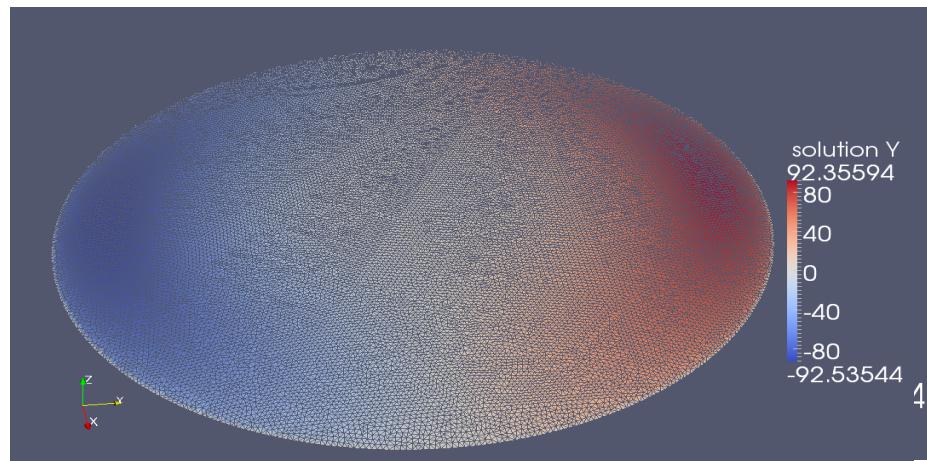


First Order (a.k.a. Higher-Order) Stokes Model: Dome Test Case

- Test case that simulates 3D flow field within an isothermal, parabolic shaped dome of ice with circular base.
- No-sliding (no-slip) boundary conditions at basal boundary.
- Stress-free boundary conditions at top surface.
- No-slip boundary conditions in lateral directions x and y .
- Robust unstructured mesh generation using Sandia in-house Cubit meshing package.
- Good agreement between results computed in Trilinos FELIX dycore and in Glimmer CISM and LifeV.



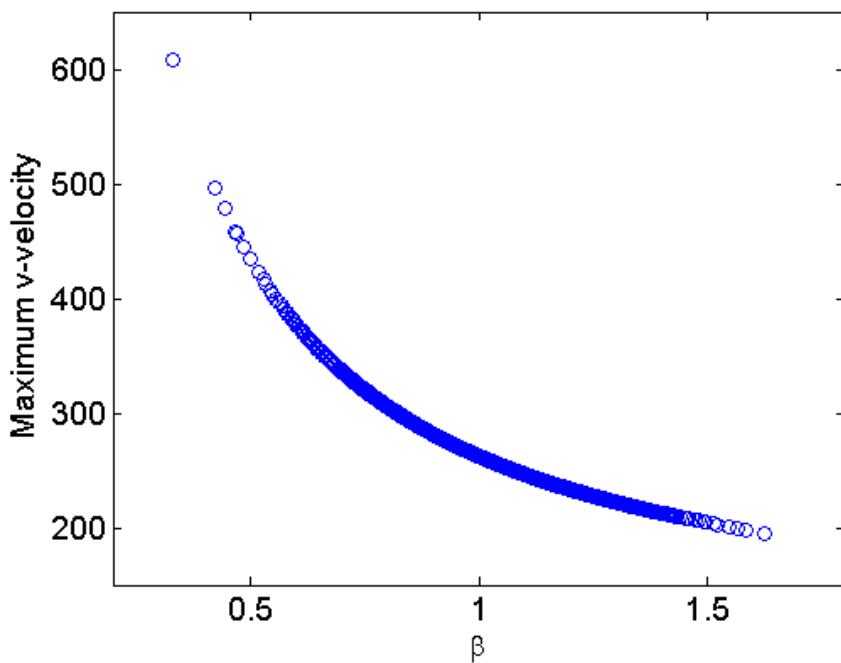
Trilinos FELIX



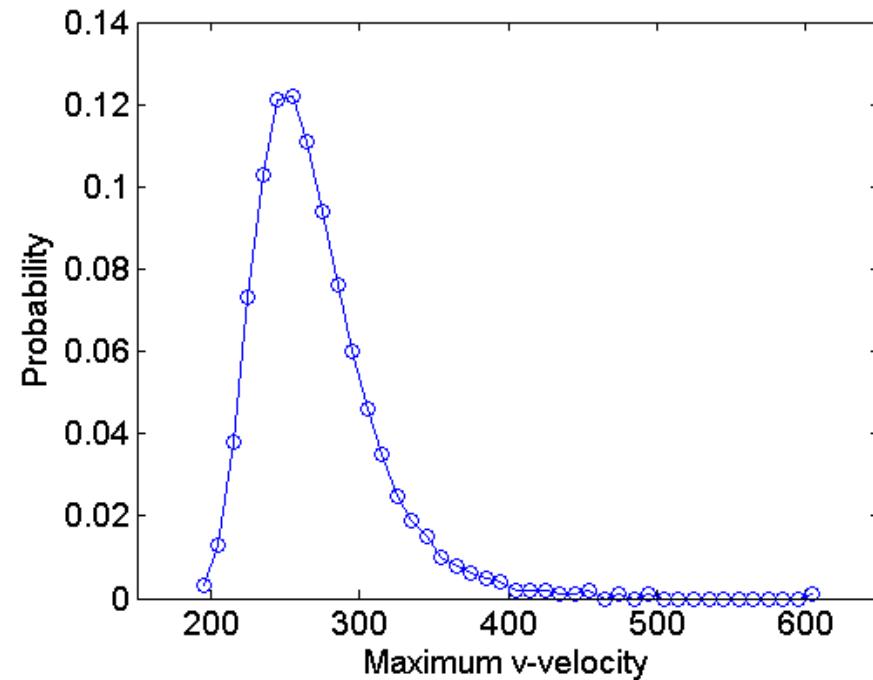
LifeV (Perego *et al.*)

First Order (a.k.a. Higher-Order) Stokes Model: UQ Study for Dome

- Modified dome test case to have basal sliding boundary condition at bedrock with:
 $\beta \sim \text{Normal}(\text{mean} = 1 \text{ kPa a/m}, \text{std. dev.} = 0.2 \text{ kPa a/m})$
- UQ study with 1000 samples of β .



β vs. max v -velocity



PDF of max v -velocity

Full Stokes Model

- Ice flow modeled as non-Newtonian incompressible fluid obeying Stokes' equations:

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (2\mu\dot{\epsilon} - p\mathbf{I}) = \rho\mathbf{g} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \end{cases}$$

with Glen's law viscosity:

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2}A^{-\frac{1}{n}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^2 + \gamma \right)^{\left(\frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

A = flow rate factor

n = Glen's law exponent = 3

γ = regularization parameter

β = sliding coefficient ≥ 0

- Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} (2\mu\dot{\epsilon} - p\mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{0}, & \text{on } \Gamma_s \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{0}, & \text{on } \Gamma_0 \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \text{ and } [(2\mu\dot{\epsilon} - p\mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{n} + \beta\mathbf{u}]_{||} = \mathbf{0}, & \text{on } \Gamma_\beta \end{aligned}$$

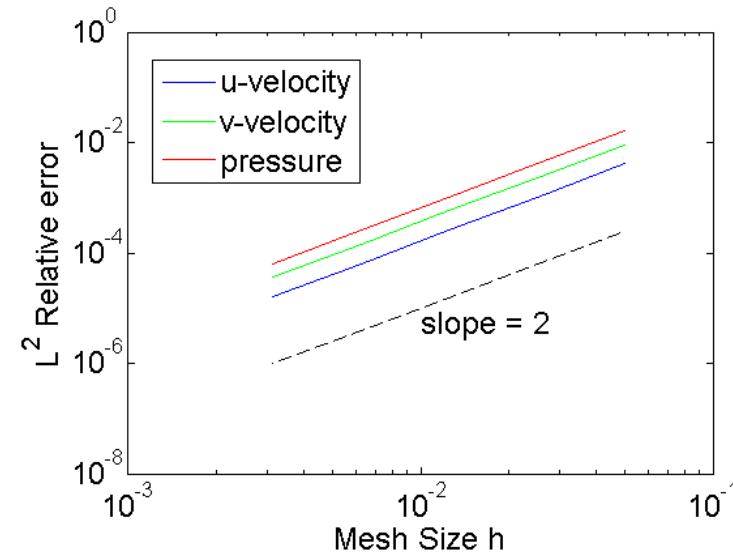
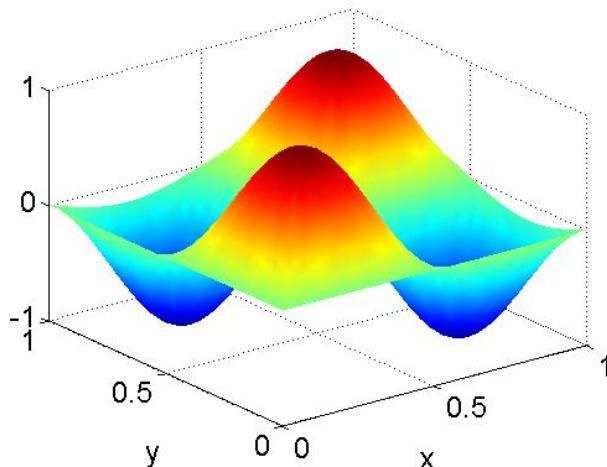
- Numerical Method:

- Discretization: classical Galerkin FEM with structured or unstructured mesh.
 - Currently, code only supports *equal-order* velocity/pressure finite elements with PSPG stabilization.
- Nonlinear solver: Newton's method
 - Automatic differentiation (AD) Jacobians using Sacado package of Trilinos.
 - Continuation in $\gamma \rightarrow 10^{-10}$ using LOCA package of Trilinos.
- Linear solver: preconditioned GMRES with ILU or algebraic multigrid preconditioner.

Full Stokes Model: Convergence Study for Linear and Non-linear Stokes

- Constant-coefficient Stokes flow physics with PSPG velocity/pressure finite elements verified on MMS problems, e.g., problem with the following exact solution:

$$\mathbf{u}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y), & \cos(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$p = 2\mu \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y)$$



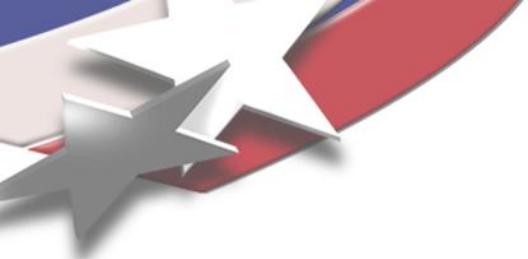
- For non-linear Stokes flow physics with Glen's law viscosity, accuracy of solution with PSPG velocity/pressure finite elements is limited by stabilization.
 - Future work: add capability to employ mixed velocity/pressure finite elements.



Summary and Future Work

- Development of stress-velocity solver within the MPAS/Trilinos FELIX Dycore of PISCEES is well underway.
 - Rapid code development due to leveraging of dozens of Trilinos capabilities.
 - First order (a.k.a. higher-order) Stokes physics implemented and verified.
 - Full Stokes nonlinear physics to be completed after addition of mixed pressure/velocity finite element capability into code (coming soon).
 - L1L2 physics coming soon.
- Also coming soon:
 - Interface to MPAS for mesh advection/temperature solve (Perego).
 - Interface to DAKOTA for UQ (Eldred, Jakeman).
 - Optimization algorithms for inversion/calibration (collaboration with C. Jackson).
 - Performance/scalability studies on larger problems/more realistic geometries (Worley/Tuminaro).
 - Post-processing and V&V using LIVV (Evans).

Thank you for your attention!
Questions?



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