

***Interactive comment on “Derivation of a numerical solution of the 3D coupled velocity field for an ice sheet – ice shelf system, incorporating both full and approximate stress solutions” by T. J. Reerink et al.***

**J. Hargreaves (Editor)**

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Dear Thomas,

Your paper in GMDD has now entered final response. Both reviewers express serious reservations about the manuscript. My general impression is that they want to see evidence that the model framework will work in practice.

During this final response period, I hope you will post responses to the reviewers comments. I would like you to exercise this right to reply publicly, especially since the

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two reviews are not independent (one admits to reading the review of the other before posting their own review!). I encourage you to argue your case in your response to the reviewers, but at present I am assuming that you will not resubmit a revised manuscript, unless you can now provide evidence of a working model. If you decide not to resubmit a manuscript within the final response time-frame (4 weeks), GMDD will welcome a new submission from you once the work is further developed (hopefully including both first results from the model, and model code).

Regards,

jules

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