

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.

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This paper has been an interesting test case for Geoscientific Model Development, which seeks to publish modelling science in a more complete way than has previously been possible. As such it was not immediately clear whether a paper which explored various numerical approaches in a welcome level of detail, but provided no numerical calculations to underpin the approaches would be acceptable.

The paper submitted included an interesting proposal for how to solve the whole ice

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shelf system, but the reviewers were unconvinced due to a lack of any demonstration in the paper that the methods could produce good solutions in either idealised test-cases or real-world applications. Since it will take some time for the authors to revise their manuscript to include the required working illustrations of the method (at least including test-cases), I have asked them to make a fresh submission to GMDD at a later date.

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