

# **SICOPOLIS V5.3**

## **– Quick Start Manual –**

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# 1 Requirements

- Unix-like system (e.g., Linux).
- Fortran compiler.  
So far, the GNU GCC (gfortran) and Intel Fortran (ifort) compilers are supported. If you wish to use a different compiler, please contact <help@sicopolis.net>.
- SICOPOLIS writes output in NetCDF format (plus some ASCII). An installation of NetCDF version 3.6.x or newer (<https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/>) is therefore required. For installation support, see Appendix A.
- For the shallow-shelf/shelfy-stream solver, the Library of Iterative Solvers for Linear Systems (Lis, version 1.4.43 or newer) is required (<https://www.ssisc.org/lis/>). For installation support, see Appendix B.

# 2 Download

- **Option 1: Tarball from the Zenodo archive**

Download the gzipped tar archive `sicopolis_v53.tgz` from Zenodo (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6872648>).

Unpack the archive: `tar -x -v -z -f sicopolis_v53.tgz`

- **Option 2: Using Git**

```
git clone --depth 1 --branch v5.3 \  
https://gitlab.awi.de/sicopolis/sicopolis.git
```

Either way, you should have a new directory “sicopolis” that contains the entire program package.

# 3 Initial configuration

1. Go to the new directory “sicopolis” and execute the following bash scripts:

```
./copy_templates.sh  
./get_input_files.sh
```

The latter can be configured if you want to download only selected input files (default is downloading everything). To do so, open it with a text editor and change the flag variables before execution.

2. Locate the file `sico_configs.sh` in the directory `sicopolis/runs`, and open it with a text editor.

3. Set the flags

`LIS_FLAG`, `OPENMP_FLAG` and `LARGE_DATA_FLAG`

according to your needs.

Default is “true”/“true”/“false”, which works for all test simulations included in the SICOPOLIS package. `LIS_FLAG` and `OPENMP_FLAG` can be set to “false” for simulations with pure shallow-ice dynamics. However, “true” is required for simulations with shallow-shelf dynamics (for floating ice) or hybrid shallow-ice–shelvy-stream dynamics (for grounded ice). For high-resolution simulations (e.g., Greenland/5 km or Antarctica/8 km), `LARGE_DATA_FLAG` must be set to “true”.

4. Set `NETCDFHOME` to the correct path of your NetCDF installation.

If `LIS_FLAG` = “true”, set `LISHOME` to the correct path of your Lis installation.

5. Depending on your system, some additional settings might have to be added in `sico_configs.sh` (`module load` commands for dynamic loading etc.).

6. Locate the file `sico_environment.sh` in the directory `sicopolis/runs`, open it with a text editor, and replace the “Default” entry for `SICO_INSTITUTION` by the name of your institution (max. 256 characters).

## 4 Files and directories in “sicopolis”

- **runs:**

Configuration file `sico_configs.sh`.

Shell script (bash) `sico.sh` for running a single simulation.

Shell scripts (bash) `multi_sico_1.sh` and `multi_sico_2.sh` for running multiple simulations by repeated calls of `sico.sh`.

Subdirectory **headers**: specification files `sico_specs_run_name.h` (*run\_name*: name of run) for a number of computationally rather inexpensive test runs.

- Run `v5_vialov3d25`

- 3-d version of the 2-d “Vialov profile” (Vialov 1958),

- SIA, resolution 25 km,  $t = 0 \dots 100$  ka.

- Similar to the EISMINT Phase 1 fixed-margin experiment

(Huybrechts et al. 1996), but without thermodynamics. Instead, isothermal conditions with  $T = -10^\circ\text{C}$  everywhere are assumed.

- Run v5\_emtp2sge25\_expA
  - EISMINT Phase 2 Simplified Geometry Experiment A, SIA, resolution 25 km,  $t = 0 \dots 200$  ka (Payne et al. 2000). The thermodynamics solver for this run is the one-layer melting-CTS enthalpy scheme (ENTM), while all other runs employ the polythermal two-layer scheme (POLY) (Greve and Blatter 2016).
- Run v5\_grl16\_bm4\_ss25ka
  - Greenland ice sheet, SIA, resolution 16 km, short steady-state run ( $t = 0 \dots 25$  ka) for modern climate conditions (unpublished).
- Run v5\_ant40\_b2\_ss25ka
  - Antarctic ice sheet without ice shelves, SIA, resolution 40 km, short steady-state run ( $t = 0 \dots 25$  ka) for modern climate conditions (unpublished).
- Run v5\_grl20\_b2\_paleo21
  - Greenland ice sheet, SIA, resolution 20 km,  $t = -140 \dots 0$  ka, basal sliding ramped up during the first 5 ka [modified, low-resolution version of the spin-up for ISMIP6 InitMIP; Greve et al. (2017)].
- Runs v5\_grl10\_b2\_paleo21 and v5\_grl10\_b2\_future21\_ctrl/...\_asmb
  - Greenland ice sheet, SIA, resolution 10 km,  $t = -9 \dots 0$  ka for the paleo run,  $t = 0 \dots 100$  a for the future runs [10-km version of the spin-up and the schematic future climate runs for ISMIP6 InitMIP; Greve et al. (2017)].
- Runs v5\_ant64\_b2\_spinup09\_init100a, v5\_ant64\_b2\_spinup09\_fixtopo, v5\_ant64\_b2\_spinup09 and v5\_ant64\_b2\_future09\_ctrl
  - Antarctic ice sheet with hybrid shallow-ice–shelvy-stream dynamics (Bernales et al. 2017) and ice shelves (SSA), resolution 64 km,  $t = -140.1 \dots -140.0$  ka for the init run without basal sliding (...\_init100a),  $t = -140 \dots 0$  ka for the run with almost fixed topography (...\_fixtopo),

basal sliding ramped up during the first 5 ka,  
 $t = -0.5 \dots 0$  ka for the final, freely-evolving-topography part of the  
spin-up (...spinup09),  
 $t = 0 \dots 100$  a for the constant-climate control run (...future09\_ctrl)  
[64-km version of the spin-up and the constant-climate control run for  
ISMIP6 InitMIP; Greve and Galton-Fenzi (pers. comm. 2017)].

- Runs v5\_asf2\_steady and v5\_asf2\_surge  
→ Austfonna, SIA, resolution 2 km,  $t = 0 \dots 10$  ka  
[similar to Dunse et al.’s (2011) Exp. 2 (steady fast flow) and  
Exp. 5 (surging-type flow), respectively].
- Runs v5\_nmars10\_steady and v5\_smars10\_steady  
→ North-/south-polar cap of Mars, SIA, resolution 10 km,  $t = -10 \text{ Ma} \dots 0$   
[steady-state runs by Greve (2007)].
- Run v5\_nhem80\_nt012\_new  
→ northern hemisphere, SIA, resolution 80 km,  $t = -250 \dots 0$  ka  
[similar to run nt012 by Greve et al. (1999)].
- Run v5\_heino50\_st  
→ ISMIP HEINO standard run ST,  
SIA, resolution 50 km,  $t = 0 \dots 200$  ka (Calov et al. 2010).

- **src:**

Directory that contains the main program file sicopolis.F90.

- Subdirectory **subroutines/general**: general subroutines, for any modelled domain.
- Subdirectory **subroutines/ant**: subroutines specific for the Antarctic ice sheet.
- Subdirectory **subroutines/emtp2sge**: subroutines specific for the EISMINT Phase 2 Simplified Geometry Experiments.
- Subdirectory **subroutines/grl**: subroutines specific for the Greenland ice sheet.
- Accordingly subdirectories subroutines/asf, nhem, scand, tibet, nmars and smars for Austfonna, the northern hemisphere, Scandinavia, Tibet and the north and south polar caps of Mars, respectively.
- Subdirectory **subroutines/xyz**: see Appendix C.

- **sico\_in:**

Directory that contains input data files for SICOPOLIS.

- Subdirectory **general**: general input files, for any modelled domain.
- Subdirectory **ant**: input files specific for the Antarctic ice sheet.
- Subdirectory **empt2sge**: input files specific for the EISMINT Phase 2 Simplified Geometry Experiments.
- Subdirectory **grl**: input files specific for the Greenland ice sheet.
- Accordingly subdirectories `asf`, `nhem`, `scand`, `tibet`, `nmars` and `smars` for Austfonna, the northern hemisphere, Scandinavia, Tibet and the north and south polar caps of Mars, respectively.
- Subdirectory **xyz**: see Appendix C.

- **sico\_out**:

Empty directory into which output files of SICOPOLIS simulations are written.

- **docu**:

Directory that contains some documentation.

- Subdirectory **quick\_start**:  
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X source for this manual (PDF must be built with `make`).
- Subdirectory **doxygen**: documentation to be created by Doxygen (optional, see `doxygen-config/README.md`).
  - \* `html/index.html` → Source code browser.
  - \* `latex/refman.pdf` → Reference manual.

- **tools**:

See Sect. 8.

- **license**:

Directory that contains a copy of the GNU General Public License (version 3).

## 5 How to run a simulation

1. For example, to run simulation `v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka`, use the script `sico.sh`:  

```
(./sico.sh -m v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka) >out_001.dat 2>&1 &
```

(from directory `sicopolis/runs`, `bash` required). Accordingly for the other simulations. For further options, try `./sico.sh -h`.

\!/ Do not use `out_run_name.dat` for the redirected output of `sico.sh`.

This name is reserved for the runtime output of SICOPOLIS itself.

(Both are very useful in case of compilation or runtime errors!)

2. Alternatively, if you prefer to run all simulations consecutively, execute the script `multi_sico_1.sh`:

```
(./multi_sico_1.sh) >out_multi_100.dat 2>&1 &
```

For further options, try `./multi_sico_1.sh -h`.

## Computing times

The approximate computing times for the simulations are listed in Table 1 (Appendix D).

## 6 Output files

Output files are written by default to the directory `sicopolis/sico_out/run_name` (this can be changed with the `-d` option). Four types are produced:

- **run\_name.log:**

ASCII file that lists the main specifications of simulation *run\_name*.

- **run\_name.ser, run\_name\_ser.nc:**

Time-series files (ASCII, NetCDF) that contain scalar variables:

- Time, *t*
- Surface temperature anomaly, *D\_Ts*, or glacial index, *glac\_ind* (forcing)
- Sea level, *z\_sl* (forcing)
- Total ice volume, *V*
- Volume of grounded ice, *V\_g*
- Volume of floating ice, *V\_f*
- Total ice area, *A*
- Area of grounded ice, *A\_g*
- Area of floating ice, *A\_f*



- Ice volume above flotation in sea level equivalent,  $V_{sle}$
- Volume of temperate ice,  $V_t$
- Area of temperate-based grounded ice,  $A_t$
- Maximum ice thickness,  $H_{max}$
- Maximum thickness of temperate ice,  $H_{t,max}$
- Maximum surface elevation,  $zs_{max}$
- Maximum surface speed,  $vs_{max}$
- Maximum basal temperature (relative to pmp),  $Tbh_{max}$
- (Some more in the NetCDF file, try `ncdump -h run_name_ser.nc`)

- **run\_name.core, run\_name\_core.nc:**

Time-series files (ASCII, NetCDF) that contain for selected locations xxx:

- Time,  $t$
- Surface temperature anomaly,  $D_{Ts}$ , or glacial index,  $glac_{ind}$  (forcing)
- Sea level,  $z_{sl}$  (forcing)
- Thickness,  $H_{xxx}$
- Surface velocity,  $v_{xxx}$
- Basal temperature,  $T_{xxx}$
- (Some more in the NetCDF file, try `ncdump -h run_name_core.nc`)

For the Greenland ice sheet, these data are written for seven locations:

GRIP (xxx=GR), GISP2 (xxx=G2), Dye 3 (xxx=D3), Camp Century (xxx=CC), NorthGRIP (xxx=NG), NEEM (xxx=NE), EastGRIP (xxx=EG).

For the Antarctic ice sheet, these data are written for six locations:

Vostok (xxx=Vo), Dome A (xxx=DA), Dome C (xxx=DC), Dome F (xxx=DF), Kohlen (xxx=Ko), Byrd (xxx=By).

- **run\_name0001.nc, run\_name0002.nc, ...:**

Complete set of fields (topography, velocity, temperature etc., written in NetCDF (\*.nc) format) for selected time slices defined in specifications file.

For example, simulation `v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka` produces three files `v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka0001.nc`, `v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka0002.nc` and `v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka0003.nc`, which correspond to  $t = 0$ , 10 ka and 25 ka, respectively.

## 7 Plotting

The output described in Sect. 6 can be visualized with any plotting tool at the user's preference. Ncview ([http://meteora.ucsd.edu/~pierce/ncview\\_home\\_page.html](http://meteora.ucsd.edu/~pierce/ncview_home_page.html)) is a very nice browser for NetCDF files to get a quick and easy look. For more sophisticated plots, one possibility is to use MATLAB, which has an extensive library for NetCDF files (<https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/network-common-data-form.html>). For instance, the following script plots the final surface topography of the Greenland simulation `v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka` (credit: Mathieu Morlighem, University of California Irvine).

```
filename = 'v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka0003.nc';
x = ncread(filename,'x');
y = ncread(filename,'y');
surf = ncread(filename,'zs');
% Display surface elevation
% (transposition needed because MATLAB is column-oriented)
imagesc(x*1e-3,y*1e-3,surf'); axis xy equal; caxis([0 3200]); colorbar
```

## 8 Some useful tools

The directory `sicopolis/tools` contains some useful tools.

### 8.1 Program `make_ismip_output`

Generating ISMIP output (see <http://tinyurl.com/clic-ismip6>) from the NetCDF time-slice files produced by SICOPOLIS (see Sect. 6). For simulation `run_name`, to be executed by

```
./tools.sh -p make_ismip_output -m run_name
```

For further options, try `./tools.sh -h`.

### 8.2 Program `resolution_doubler`

Doubling the horizontal resolution of a NetCDF time-slice output file produced by SICOPOLIS (see Sect. 6). For simulation `run_name`, to be executed by

```
./tools.sh -p resolution_doubler -m run_name
```

For further options, try `./tools.sh -h`.

For example, run `v5_grl10_b2_paleo21` (10 km resolution) requires the resolution-doubled output of run `v5_grl20_b2_paleo21` (20 km resolution) for  $t = -9$  ka as initial condition. In order to create it, execute the resolution doubler for run `v5_grl20_b2_paleo21` (i.e., with the option `-m v5_grl20_b2_paleo21`) and enter

```
Number of time-slice file (with leading zeros, 4 digits) > 0004
```

This will convert the original time-slice file `v5_grl20_b2_paleo210004.nc` to the resolution-doubled file `v5_grl20_b2_paleo21-dbl.0004.nc` that serves as initial conditions for run `v5_grl10_b2_paleo21`.

## A Installation of NetCDF

NetCDF (Network Common Data Form) is a common format for scientific data (<https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/>) that is also used by SICOPOLIS. The NetCDF C and Fortran libraries are required.

For **GCC**, installation from a package manager is recommended. Under openSUSE Leap 15.2, install `netcdf`, `netcdf-devel`, `netcdf-devel-static`, `netcdf-fortran`, `netcdf-fortran-devel`, `netcdf-fortran-static`, `ncview`. This requires the repositories “Software for Scientists and Engineers” and “sebschub’s Home Project”. Details (especially the required repositories) will differ for other systems.

For the **Intel compiler**, manual installation is required. The C and Fortran libraries are available for download on the NetCDF website as zip or tar archives. Unzip them into temporary source directories.

- Prior to version 4.2, a single archive contained both the C and Fortran libraries. A minimal installation for version 4.1.3 (without NetCDF-4 support) can be done by changing to the source directory, then:

```
export NCDIR=/opt/netcdf
export CC=icc
export FC=ifort
export CFLAGS="-O2"
export CPPFLAGS=
export FCFLAGS="-O2"
export FFLAGS=${FCFLAGS}
./configure --prefix=${NCDIR} --libdir=${NCDIR}/lib \
            --disable-netcdf-4
make install
```

- Since version 4.2, the C and Fortran libraries must be installed separately. If NetCDF-4 support is dispensable, the following installation should work (tested under openSUSE Leap 15.2 and `icc/ifort` 19.1 with versions `netcdf-c-4.8.0` and `netcdf-fortran-4.5.3` as of January 25, 2021).

Step 1: Change to the source directory of the C library, then:

```
export NCDIR=/opt/netcdf
export CC=icc
export FC=ifort
```

```

export CFLAGS="-O2"
export CPPFLAGS=
export FCFLAGS="-O2"
export FFLAGS=${FCFLAGS}
./configure --prefix=${NCDIR} --libdir=${NCDIR}/lib \
            --disable-netcdf-4 --enable-logging
make install

```

Step 2: Change to the source directory of the Fortran library, then:

```

export NFDIR=/opt/netcdf
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${NCDIR}/lib:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
export CPPFLAGS=-I${NCDIR}/include
export LDFLAGS=-L${NCDIR}/lib
./configure --prefix=${NFDIR} --libdir=${NFDIR}/lib \
            --disable-netcdf-4 --enable-logging
make install

```

- For a complete build with NetCDF-4 support, additional libraries are required. See the NetCDF website for further instructions.

Installation under `/opt` usually requires admin rights. The same holds for the common alternative `/usr/local`. For a local installation, replace it by `'/home/<my_user_name>/local'`.

## B Installation of Lis

Lis (Library of Iterative Solvers for linear systems) is a software library for solving discretized linear equations (Nishida 2010).

Download the latest version of Lis as a zip archive from <https://www.ssisc.org/lis/> (as of January 23, 2021: `lis-2.0.30.zip`). Unzip the archive into a temporary directory.

For **GCC**, install `lis` by executing:

```

export LISDIR=/opt/lis
./configure --prefix=${LISDIR} --libdir=${LISDIR}/lib \
            --enable-fortran --enable-f90 \
            --enable-omp --enable-saamg --enable-fma \
            CC=gcc FC=gfortran F77=gfortran \
            CFLAGS="-mmodel=medium" CPPFLAGS="-mmodel=medium" \
            FCFLAGS="-mmodel=medium" FFLAGS="-mmodel=medium"

```

```
make install
```

This has been tested under openSUSE Leap 15.2 and Linux Mint 20.1 (some modifications might be needed under different systems).

For the **Intel compiler**, replace ‘gcc’ and ‘gfortran’ by ‘icc’ and ‘ifort’, respectively.

Installation under /opt usually requires admin rights. The same holds for the common alternative /usr/local. For a local installation, replace it by ‘/home/<my\_user\_name>/local’.

## C Domain XYZ

This framework allows creating new domains (Laurentide ice sheet, simple testing geometry etc.). The directory sicopolis/src/subroutines/xyz, which hosts the domain-specific subroutines, is by default empty. If you want to create a new domain, copy the subroutines from the most similar existing domain (northern hemisphere, EISMINT etc.), e.g.:

```
cp sicopolis/src/subroutines/nhem/*.F90 \  
   sicopolis/src/subroutines/xyz/
```

Then modify the routines according to your needs. Input files (topography etc.) must be placed in sicopolis/sico\_in/xyz and specified in the run-specification header file \*.h as usual. The domain must be defined by the domain code ‘#define XYZ’ in the header file. For flexible testing, it is recommended to set the parameter CHECK\_RES\_IMAX\_JMAX (compatibility check between horizontal resolution and number of grid points) to 0. If the new domain requires new global variables, they can be defined in the module sicopolis/src/subroutines/xyz/sico\_vars.F90.

The subroutines for ISMIP HEINO are available in sicopolis/src/subroutines/xyz/heino, and the input files are in sicopolis/sico\_in/xyz. If you copy the subroutines from sicopolis/src/subroutines/xyz/heino to sicopolis/src/subroutines/xyz, you can run ISMIP HEINO experiments (e.g., the run v5\_heino50\_st for which a header file is available).

## D Table: Simulations and computing times

Run	Model time	Time step <sup>†</sup>	CPU time <sup>‡</sup>
v5_vialov3d25	100 ka	20 a	1.0 min
v5_emtp2sge25_expA	200 ka	20 a	3.9 min
v5_grl16_bm4_ss25ka	25 ka	5 a	9.7 min
v5_ant40_b2_ss25ka	25 ka	10 a	5.0 min
v5_grl20_b2_paleo21	140 ka	5 a	0.8 hrs
v5_grl10_b2_paleo21*	9 ka	1 a	1.0 hrs
v5_grl10_b2_future21_ctrl	100 a	1 a	0.9 min
v5_grl10_b2_future21_asmb	100 a	1 a	0.9 min
v5_ant64_b2_spinup09_init100a	100 a	2 / 10 a <sup>†</sup>	4.1 sec
v5_ant64_b2_spinup09_fixtopo	140 ka	5 / 10 a <sup>†</sup>	0.7 hrs
v5_ant64_b2_spinup09	500 a	2 / 10 a <sup>†</sup>	0.5 min
v5_ant64_b2_future09_ctrl	100 a	2 / 10 a <sup>†</sup>	6.1 sec

Table 1: Model times, time steps and computing (CPU) times for the EISMINT, Greenland and Antarctica simulations contained in the script `multi_sico_1.sh`, run with SICOPOLIS V5.3 and the Intel Fortran Compiler 19.1 for Linux (optimization options `-xHOST -O3 -no-prec-div`) on a 12-Core Intel Xeon Gold 6256 (3.6 GHz) PC under openSUSE Leap 15.4.

<sup>†</sup>: If one value is given, this is the common dynamic (velocity, ice thickness) and thermodynamic (temperature, water content, age) time step. If two values are given (marked by the dagger (<sup>†</sup>) symbol), the first one is the dynamic, the second one the thermodynamic time step.

<sup>‡</sup>: All runs were done on a single core only. The `v5_ant64_b2_xxx` runs that include ice shelves can be done on multiple cores using OpenMP for the SSA solver. However, at the employed, low resolution of 64 km the solver does not scale well, and the gain in wall clock time by using multiple cores is very small.

\*: For this run, see the remark in Sect. 8.2 on the tool `resolution_doubler`.

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